



Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Agenda
5:30pm – August 12, 2026
Council Conference Room & Remotely

Join Zoom Meeting

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Call to Order

- I. Approval of June 10, 2026, meeting minutes
- II. Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- III. New Business
 - a. Review of Ellensburg Aquatics Online Community Questionnaire & Pop-Ups Summary
 - b. Preliminary Discussion about Amending Rotary Park Master Plan
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Pool Facility Assessment Scope of Work Review
- V. Commission Member Reports / Other Business
- VI. Staff Reports
- VII. Adjournment

Guidelines for Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Public Comments:

Purpose: Allow the public to address the Commission on subjects not on the regular Agenda at this particular meeting. Comments must concern the City's business or a matter over which the commission has control.

Procedure for Public Participation:

- When recognized, please state your name, and the subject to be discussed.
- 3 minute time limit for citizen comment on non-agenda items (without interruption). Commission will not act on issue. 5 minute time limit for the introduction of new business items, unless extended by a by a majority of Commission members present.
- Submit written comments to Staff representative.
- Speakers are cautioned not to make comments of a personal, impertinent or derogatory nature.
- The Commission does not take action at the meeting at which a subject is first introduced during the public comment period. You may wish to concisely state your concern and request placement of your matter on a future agenda.
- On agenda items each speaker's comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frana Milan, Nikki Pollock, Charlie Smith, Ron Parga
OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director Case, Council Liaison
Goodloe, one member of the public
LOCATION: Council Conference Room and Virtually

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

MEETING MINUTES – Minutes from the May 13, 2026 meeting were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Partnership Program Review – Staff reviewed the application for the Park Partnership Program and solicited feedback and comments from the Commission members. The following recommendations were made by the Commission:

- Include language in the application asking if the project/applicant has received program funding in previous years
- Add language asking if the project is scalable
- Add language pointing to the 2026-32 PROS Plan goals and priorities and how this project helps meet those goals

A motion was made and seconded to include these recommendations in the Park Partnership Program application - motion passed all in favor.

Old Business

Recreation Facility Update – Staff provided an update on the recreation facility project and shared very preliminary visual graphics of project

Pool Questionnaire – Staff shared a copy of the pool survey that went live June 5, 2026. The focus of the survey is for the city to better understand what the community would like to see in a new or renovated pool. There are pop up boards at the City pool that community members can also use to provide their feedback. The survey will be open until June 26, 2026.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff provided an update on 1. The water feature at Unity Park which is activated from 11am-6pm daily. Staff have received very positive feedback on the water features and have already seen an increase in park use. 2. On May 20, 2026 the city held a ribbon cutting for the new playground at West Ellensburg Park. The playground was installed in mid-April and was made possible through a grant and volunteer work by the Ellensburg Morning Rotary Club. The playground has been extremely popular, getting great reviews from kids and parents.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm



ELLENSBURG AQUATICS

Park and Recreation Commission Discussion Draft August 12, 2026

Online Community Questionnaire & Pop-Ups Summary



Looking Forward

- **The future of aquatics in Ellensburg**
- **Physical space preferences**
- **Building a shared understanding of what a future facility could look like**
- **Informs potential Operations and Maintenance (O&M) needs of a new facility**
- **Does not override maintenance of the existing Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool and Fitness Center (KVMP)**

Shared Understanding of Spaces



Shared Understanding of Spaces



Engagement Purpose

A new or renovated pool facility was a clear priority from the community while developing the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Sustainable Funding Plan (PROS Plan). The City of Ellensburg is continuing to explore that idea by asking for more specific ideas about what that project might include.

The City is NOT considering closing KVMP, but the existing facility needs ongoing investment. At the same time, Ellensburg is studying both the future of the current facility and the possibility of a future aquatic center.

As part of the planning process the City launched an **online community questionnaire** and displayed **pop-up boards** at KVMP to help identify a clearer understanding of what a future facility should include.

Pop-Up Boards



- Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool and Fitness Center (KVMP)

Online Community Questionnaire



- June 5 – June 26, 2026

Summary Contents

1. Key Findings and Themes

2. Who Responded?

3. Current Pool Uses

4. Aquatic Activity Interest

5. Facility Priorities

6. Phasing and Planning

Some of the same questions were asked both in the questionnaire and on the pop-up boards. Look for the following icons to see what results are being shared:



Pop-Ups

Two questions were asked at the pop-ups (Q2 & 8).



Online Community Questionnaire

16 questions were asked in the online questionnaire.

KEY FINDINGS AND THEMES

Key Themes

- Families, children, and teens are a clear priority – respondents placed strong emphasis on **swim lessons, shallow-water play, and other family-oriented amenities.**
- The current **pool and fitness center is popular**, but future needs are broader than the current facility can serve.
- **Open Swim, lessons, lap swimming, and youth recreation** area all part of current demand.

Key Themes

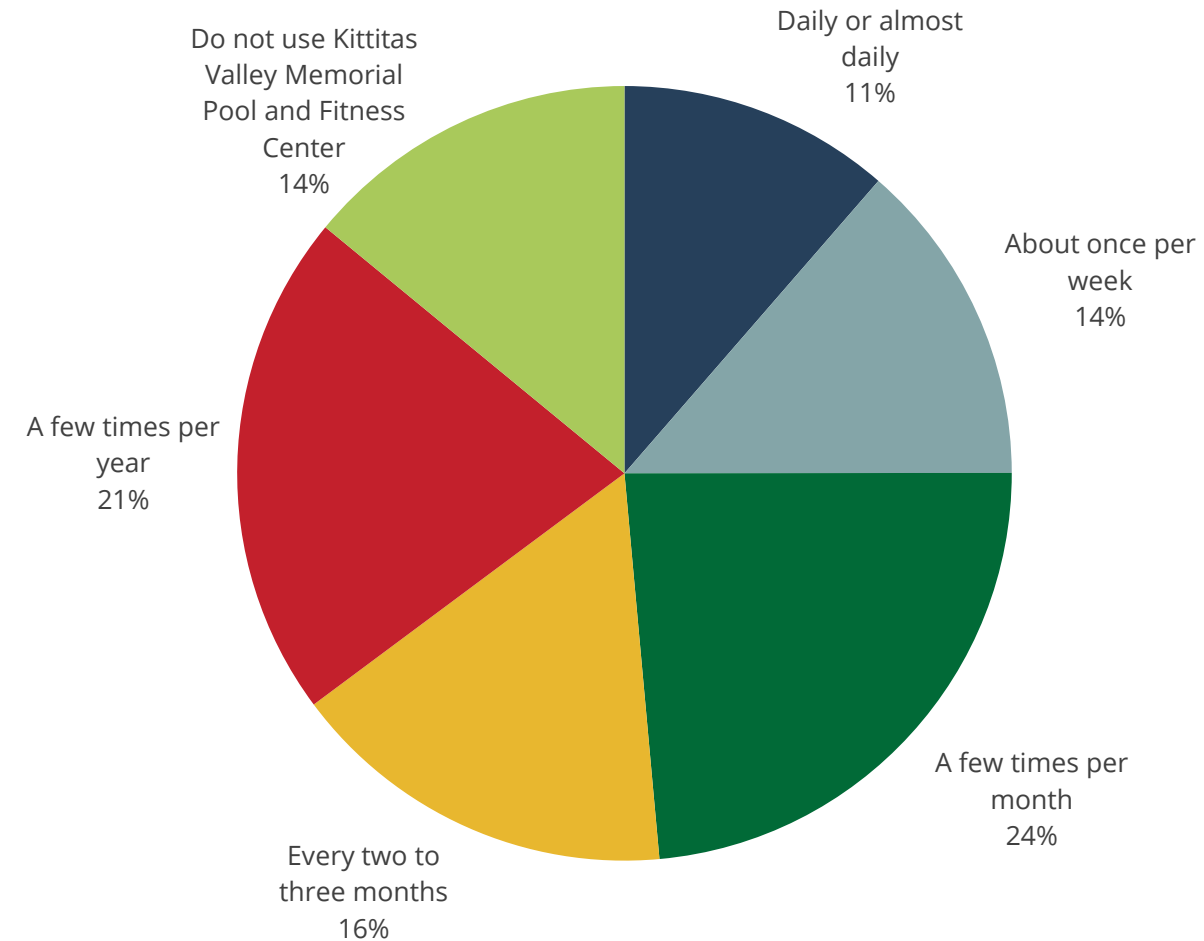
- **Leisure amenities have broad appeal**, but **lane swimming remains important**. Respondents who indicated visiting daily or almost daily prioritized lane/lap pool space above everything.
- A future facility should serve multiple generations, but many respondents prioritized the need for **spaces that support children and teens**.
- Wellness amenities beyond pool space, particularly **hot tub** add to the appeal and were highly ranked by respondents.



Current Pool Use

Respondents represent a range of current pool users:

- **25% use KVMP at least once per week**
- **24% visit a few times per month**
- **16% visit every two to three months**
- **21% visit a few times per year**
- **14% responded they did not currently use KVMP**





Current Use and Future Demand

The most common current uses (in descending order) are:

- **Open swim & recreation**
- Sauna / hot tub
- Swim lessons
- Lap swimming
- Teen and youth recreation
- Parties and group rentals

Interest in future amenities also extends beyond current users, suggesting that an improved facility could attract people who do not regularly use the existing pool.

Vision for the Future

A future Ellensburg aquatic facility would be:



Family Oriented

With opportunities for lessons, shallow-water play, recreation, and family time



Active

With lane swimming, exercise, team training, and competitive use



Multi-Generational

With programs and amenities for children, teens, adults, older adults, and people with disabilities



Community Destination

With wellness, fitness, social, and indoor/outdoor amenities that encourage year-round use



A Balanced Facility

Several different amenities and types of pool spaces received similar levels of support when respondents were limited to their three most important choices:

**A hot tub
or spa
pool**

**Slides
and play
features**

**A lane, lap,
fitness, or
competition
pool**

**A shallow
warm-
water
recreation
pool**

**Indoor /
outdoor
access or
future
expansion**



Prioritization Among Different Users

The strongest difference in the results is not between people who use the pool and those who do not, but between the types of regular users.

- **Daily users** are more likely to prioritize:
 - Lane swimming
 - Fitness and training
 - Competitive and team uses
 - A lane-first construction phase
- **Weekly users** are more likely to prioritize:
 - Slides and play features
 - Shallow warm-water recreation
 - Family and youth activities
 - A leisure-first construction phase

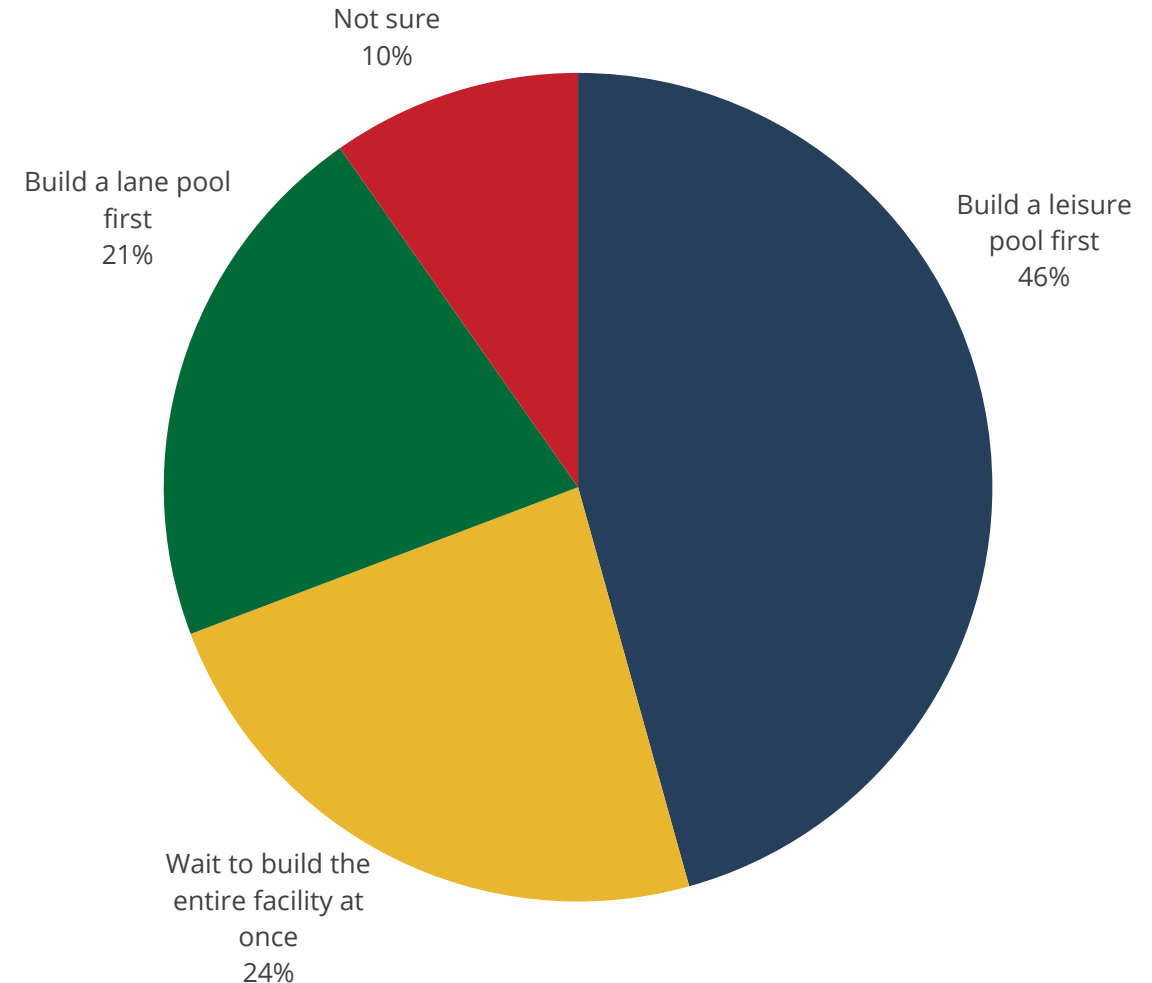


Construction Phasing

If a facility were constructed in phases, the largest share of respondents preferred building a leisure pool first.

However, preferences varied substantially by household type and pool use frequency:

- Families with young children strongly favored leisure-first construction
- Weekly users also leaned towards a leisure-first phase
- Daily users strongly favored building lane capacity first
- Nearly a quarter preferred waiting until the full facility could be constructed





Overall Takeaway

The responses do not point toward either a stand-alone competition pool or a stand-alone leisure community space.

It points toward a **multi-purpose community aquatic and wellness facility** that combines:

- Lane swimming and training capacity
- Warm-water recreation, lessons, and therapy
- Youth and family play features
- Spa, sauna, fitness, and outdoor amenities
- Accessible and welcoming support spaces
- Affordable admission and sustainable operations

The central question moving forward is how to provide this range of uses in a financially realistic way

WHO RESPONDED?

Pop-Ups

Who responded?

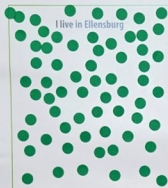
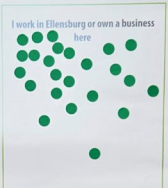
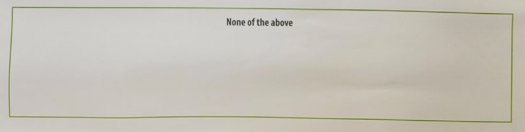


~120 Total Participants

Pop-up boards were displayed at
Memorial Pool and Fitness Center

KITTIAS VALLEY MEMORIAL POOL PRIORITIES

How are you connected to Ellensburg? (Select all that apply)

 I live in Ellensburg	 I work in Ellensburg or own a business here	 I go to school/college in Ellensburg
 I live nearby, in lower Kittitas County	 I visit Ellensburg periodically (from farther away)	 I have children or family members who participate in activities in Ellensburg
 None of the above		

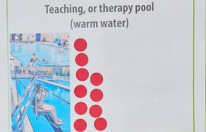
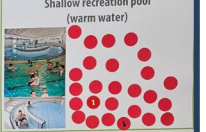
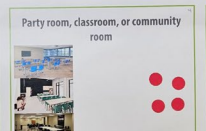
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TAKE OUR QUESTIONNAIRE!
Scan the QR code to provide your feedback.
<https://bit.ly/Ellensburgaquatics>

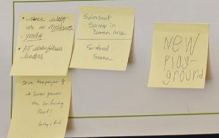


KITTIAS VALLEY MEMORIAL POOL PRIORITIES

What types of pool spaces and features are **MOST** important for a future aquatic facility? (Place a dot for each of your top 3)

 Lane, lap, fitness, or competition pool (pool water)	 Teaching, or therapy pool (warm water)	 Shallow recreation pool (warm water)
 Slide(s), splash play features	 Party room, classroom, or community room	 Hot tub or spa pool
 Sauna or steam room	 Indoor/outdoor access or future outdoor expansion	 Fitness space within the same building

Other (write on sticky note)





Community Online Questionnaire

Who responded?



**1,426 Questionnaire
respondents in 4 weeks**

City Residents

81% of respondents live in Ellensburg

County Residents

16% of respondents live nearby in lower Kittitas County

Family Users

46% of respondents have children or family members who participate in activities in Ellensburg

70% of respondents indicate they have children living in their household

Frequent Users

25% of respondents use the current KVMP at least once per week

Younger Demographic Base

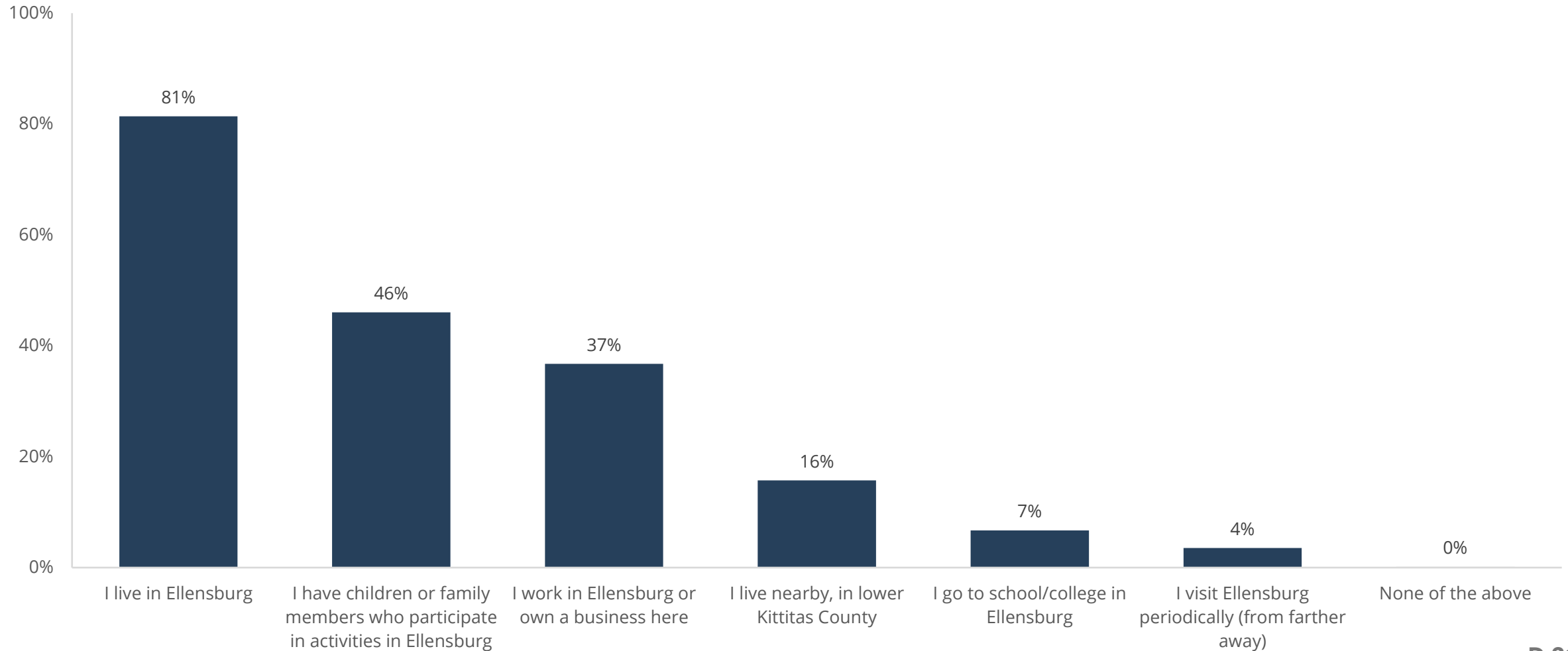
61% of respondents were 44 or younger



Q1. How are you connected to Ellensburg

Select all that apply.

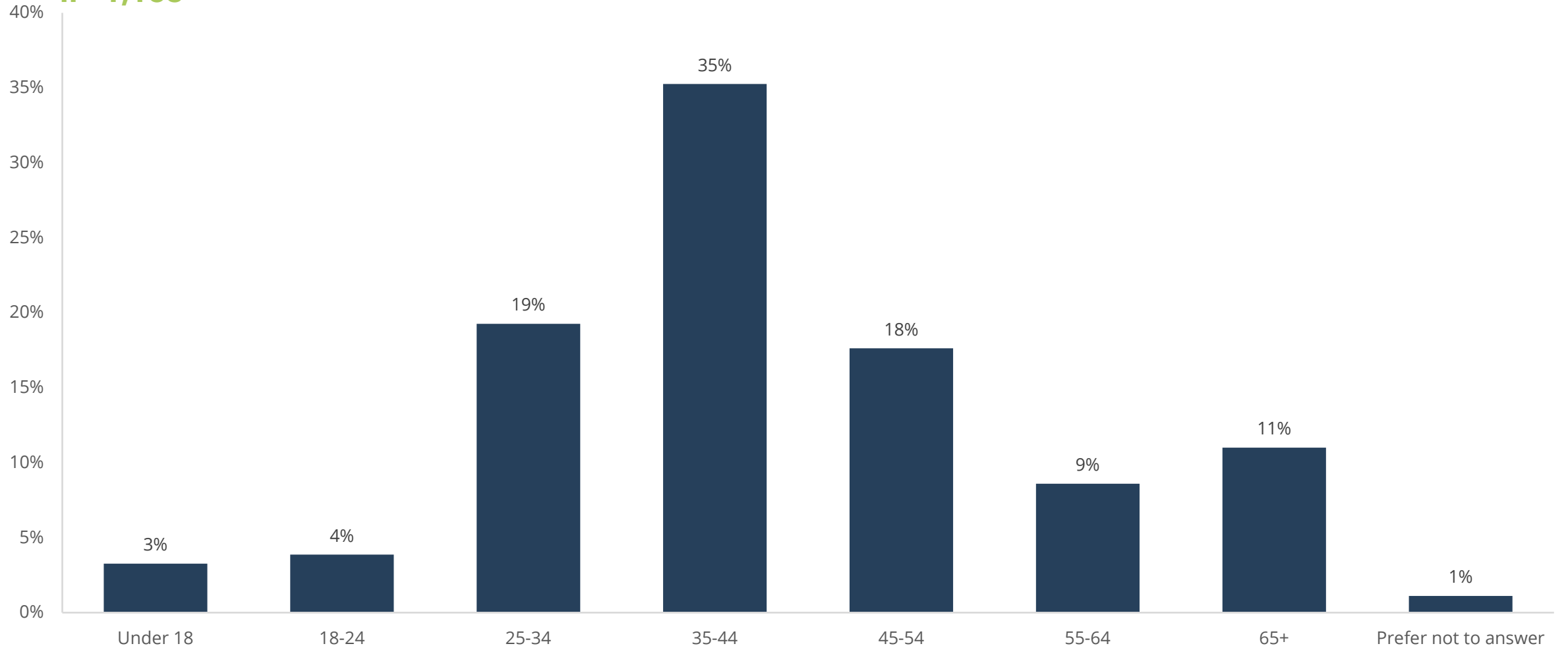
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Q13. What is your age?

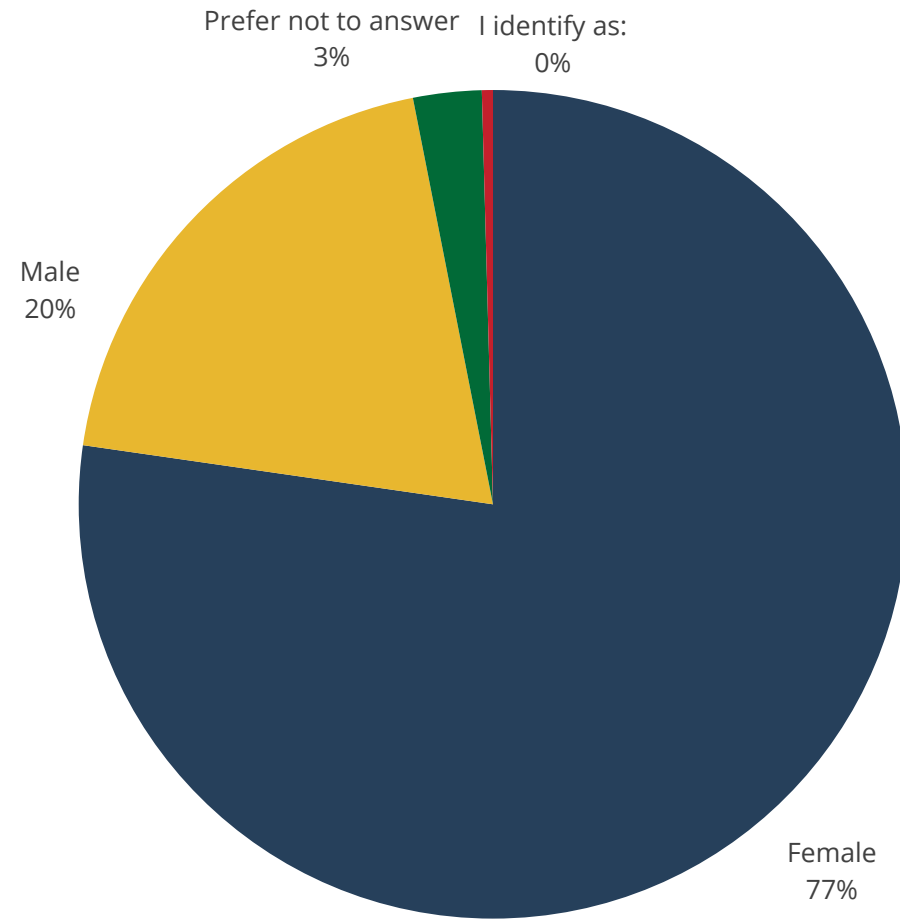
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Q14. What best describes your gender?

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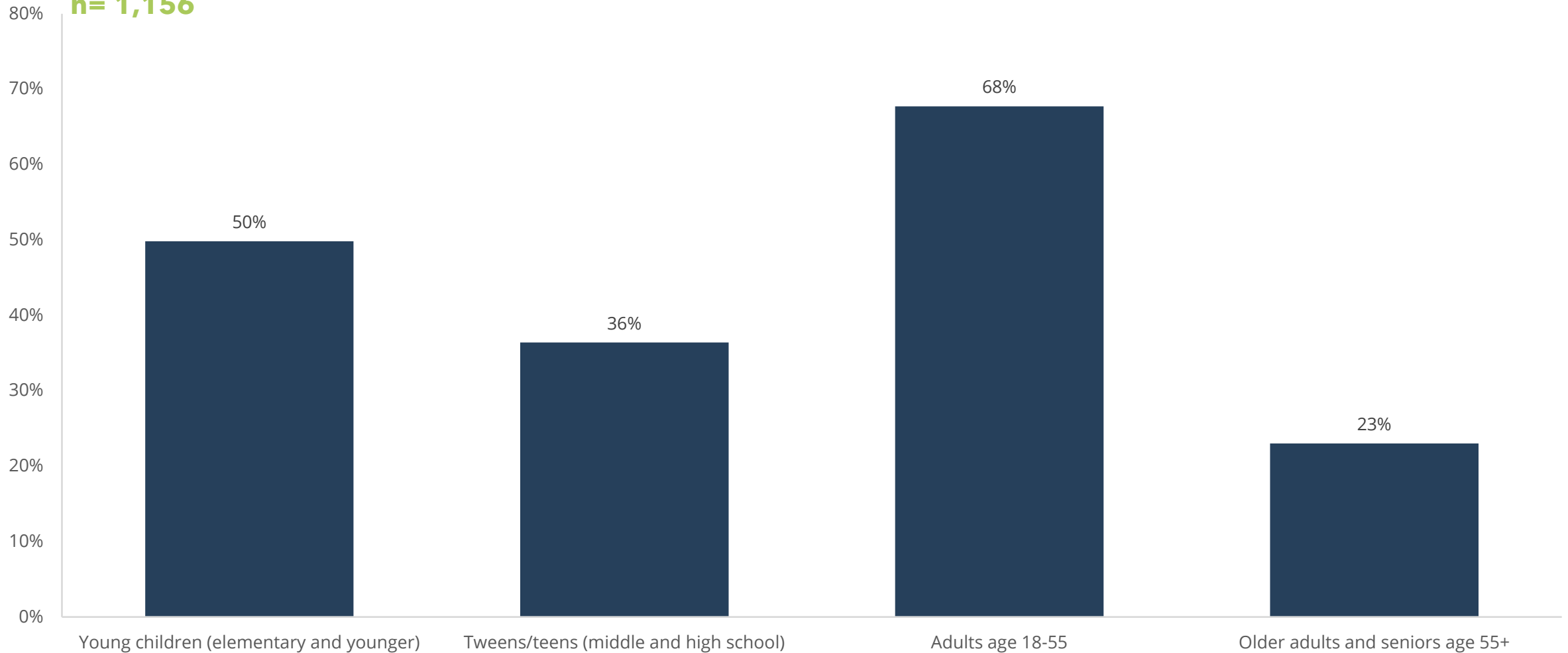




Q15. Which of the following age groups live in your home?

Select all that apply.

n= 1,156

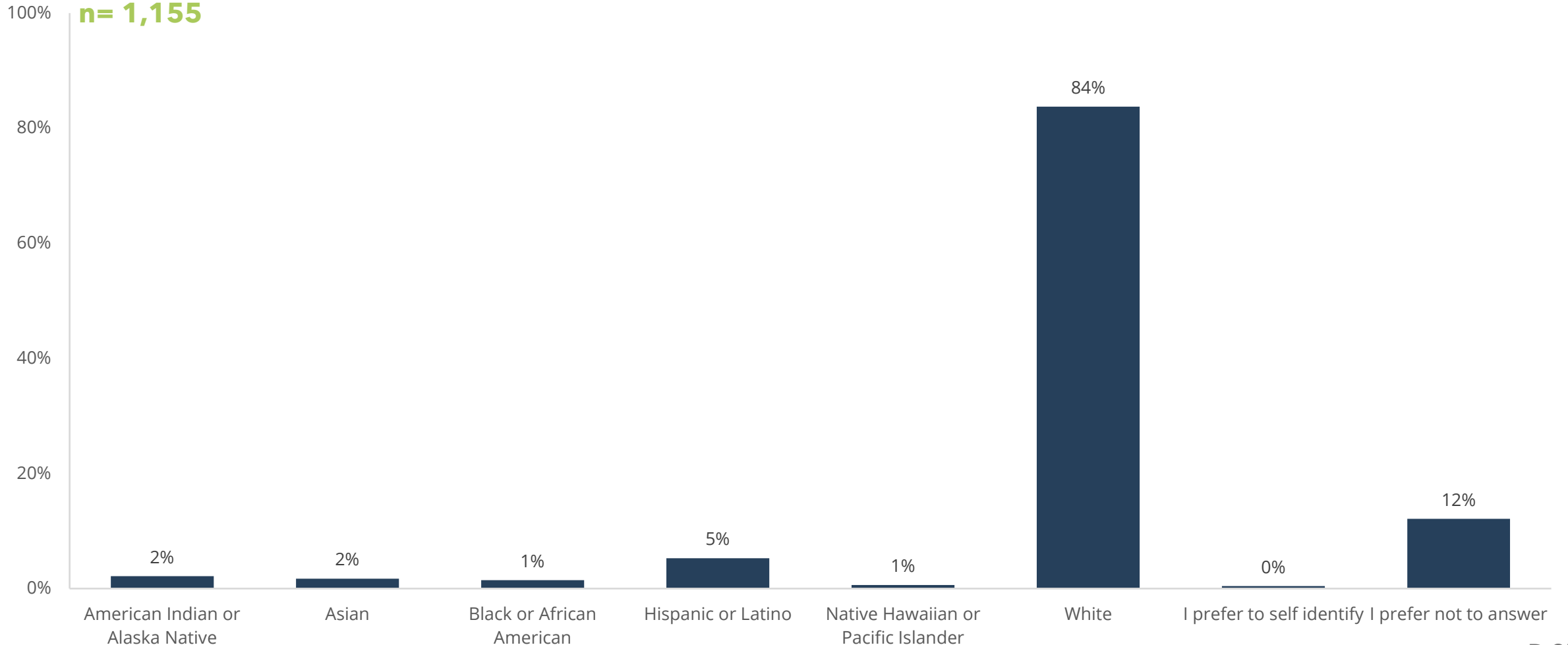




Q16. Which of the following most accurately describes your race and ethnic identities?

If you are of a multi-racial/multi-ethnic/multi-cultural identity, please select all that apply.

n= 1,155

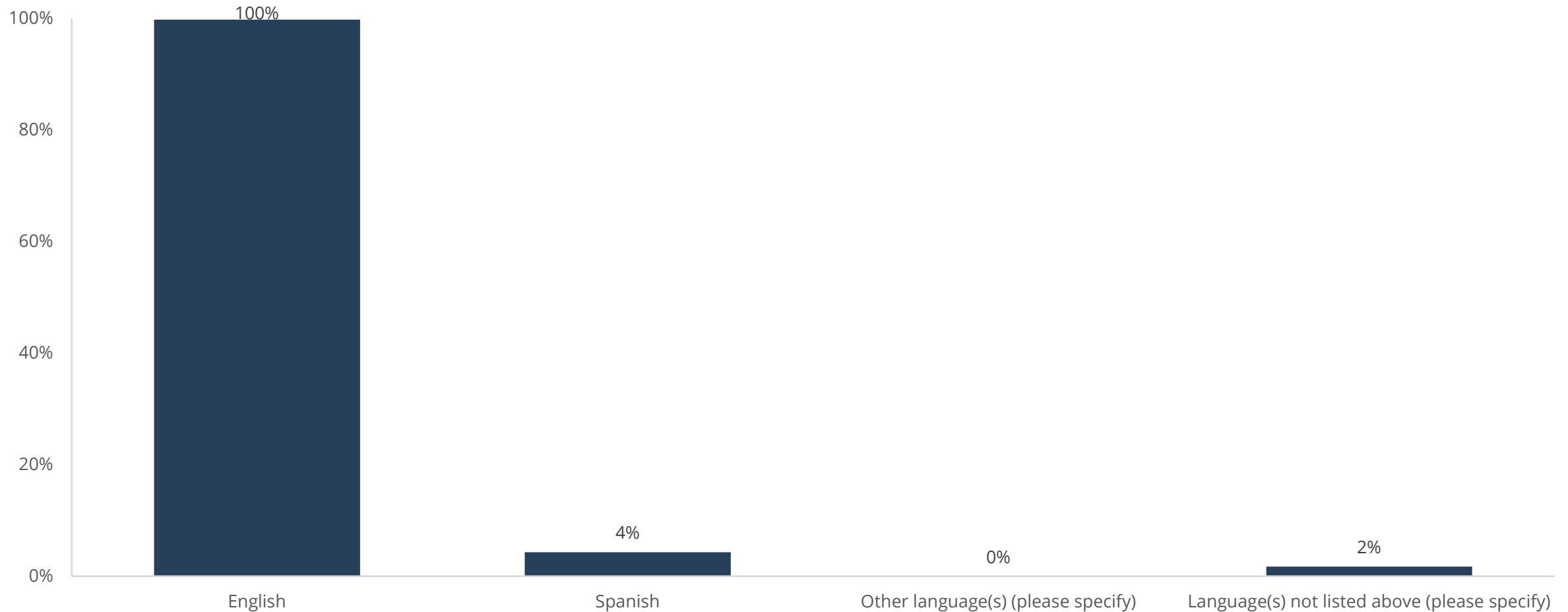




Q17. What language(s) do you speak in your household?

Select all that apply.

n= 1,157



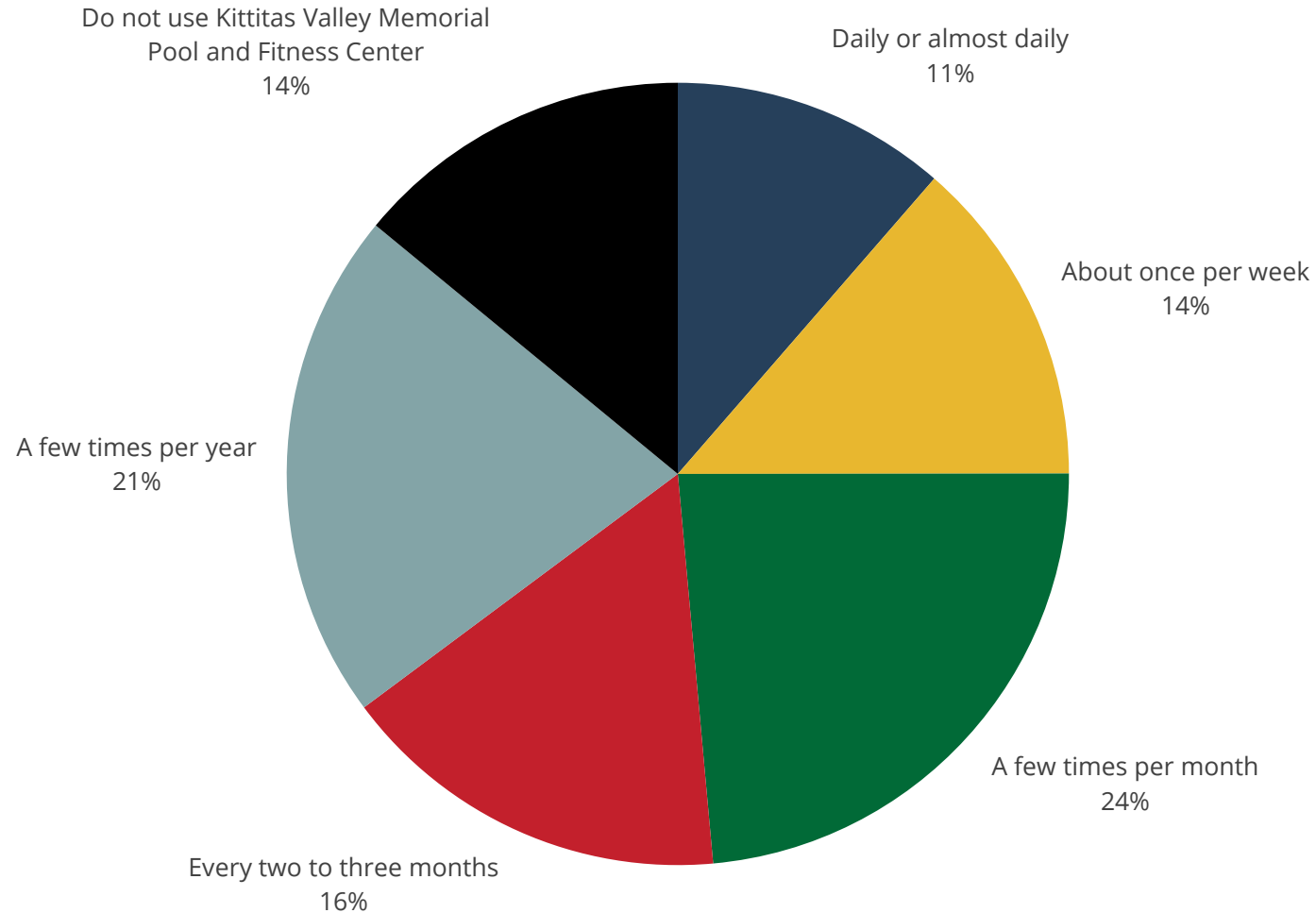
CURRENT POOL USES



Q4. How do you or members of your household currently use the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool and Fitness Center?

Select all that apply.

n= 1,348

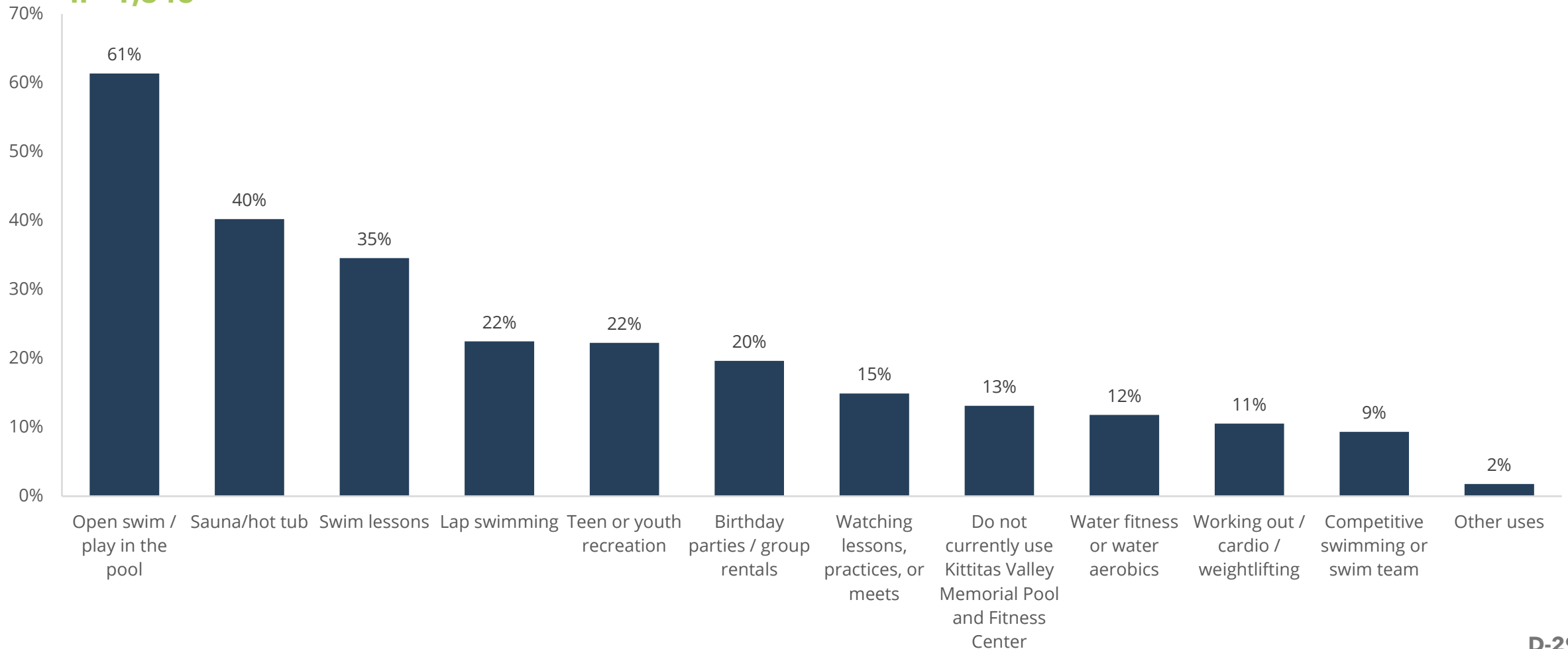




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Select all that apply.

n= 1,348



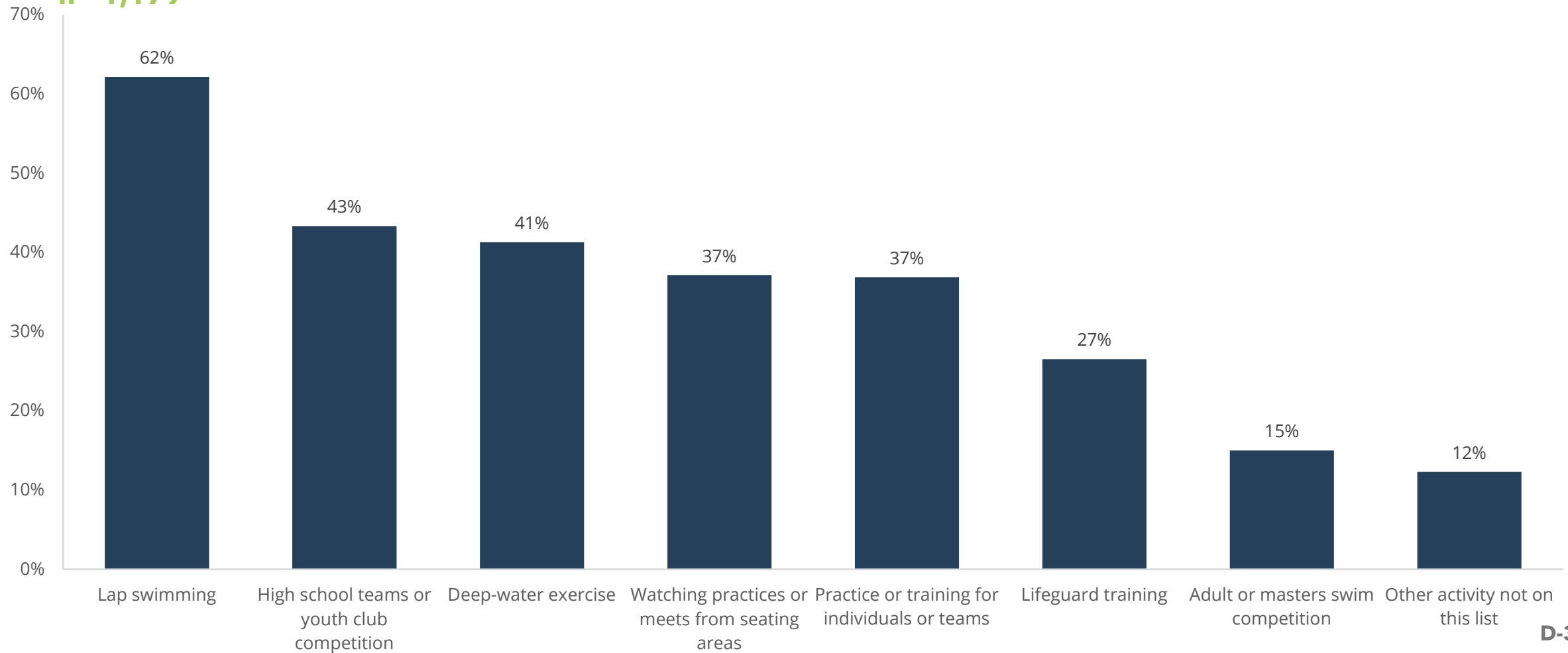
AQUATIC ACTIVITY INTEREST



Q5. Which of the following lane pool activities interest you or members of your household?

Select all that apply.

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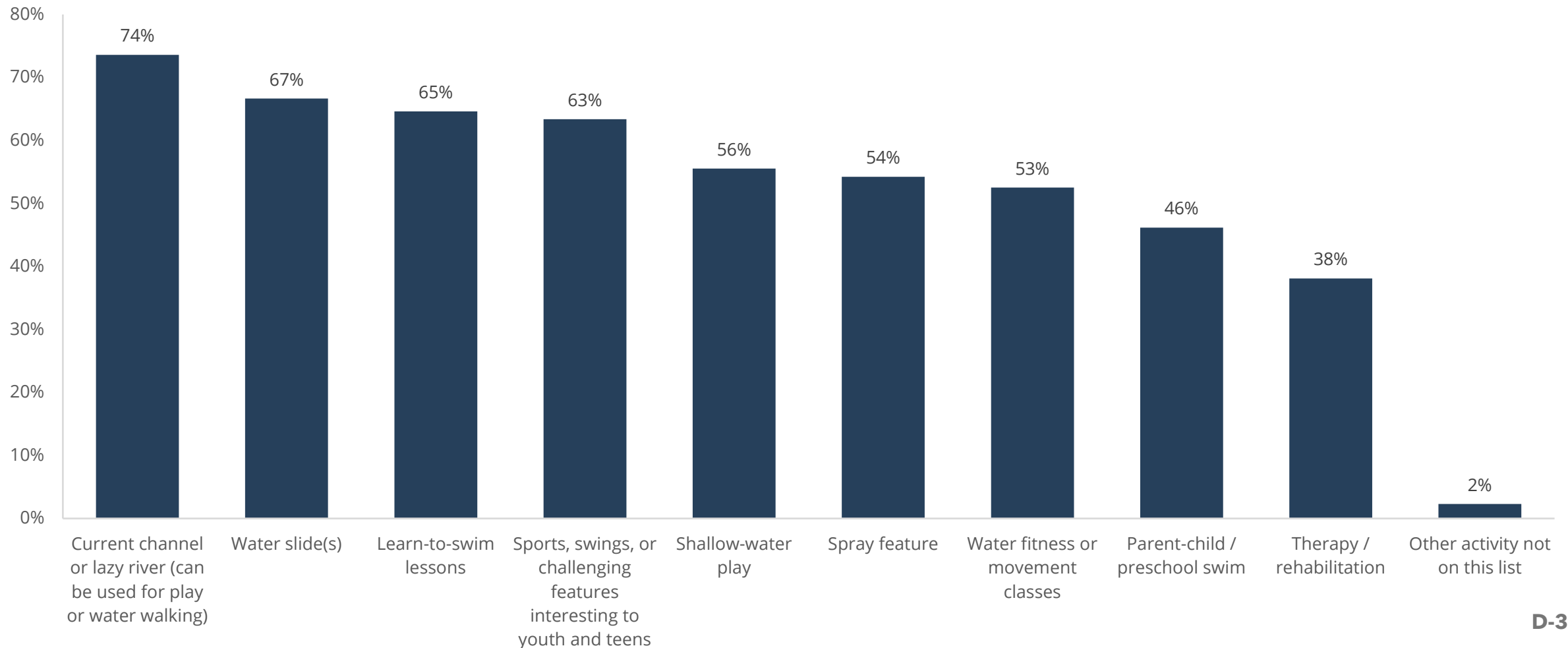




Q6. Which of the following leisure pool activities interest you or members of your household?

Select all that apply.

n= 1,1215



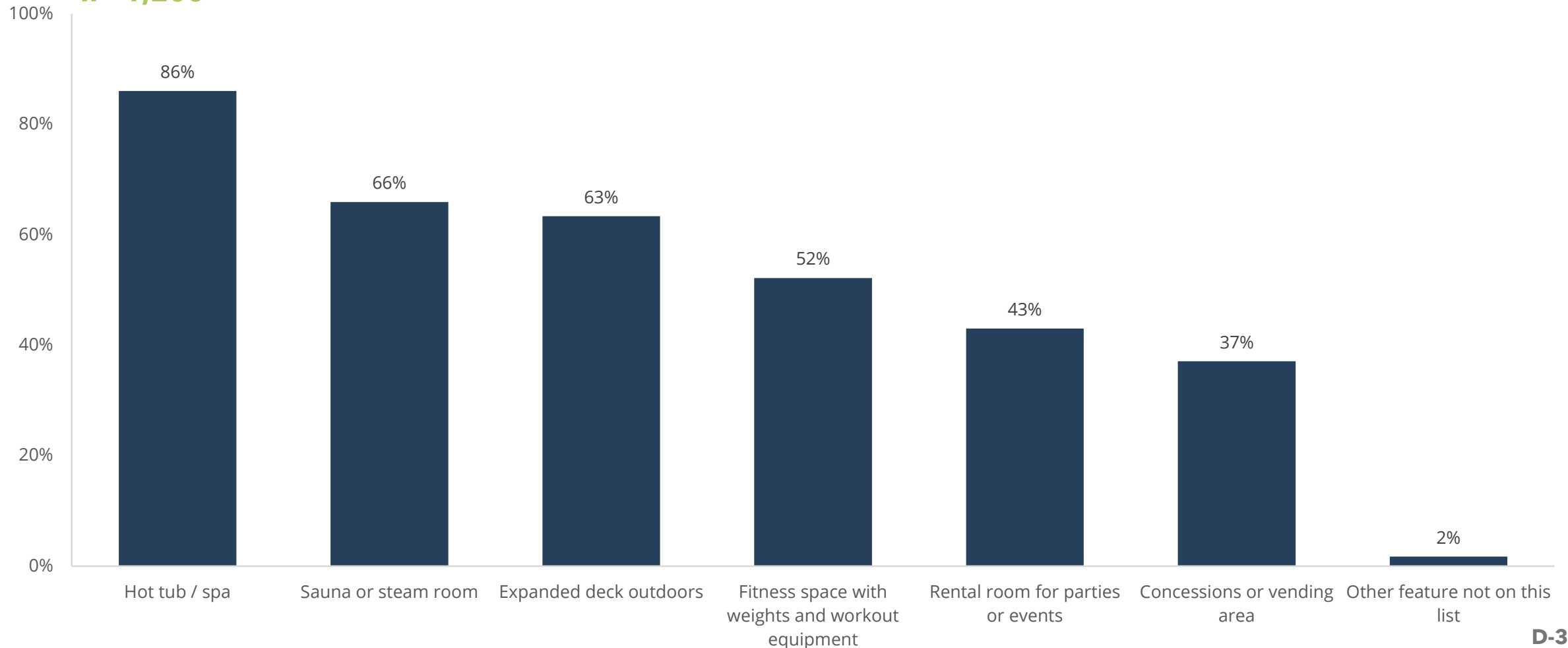
FACILITY PRIORITIES



Q7. Which of the following features outside of a pool interest you or members of your household?

Select all that apply

n= 1,200

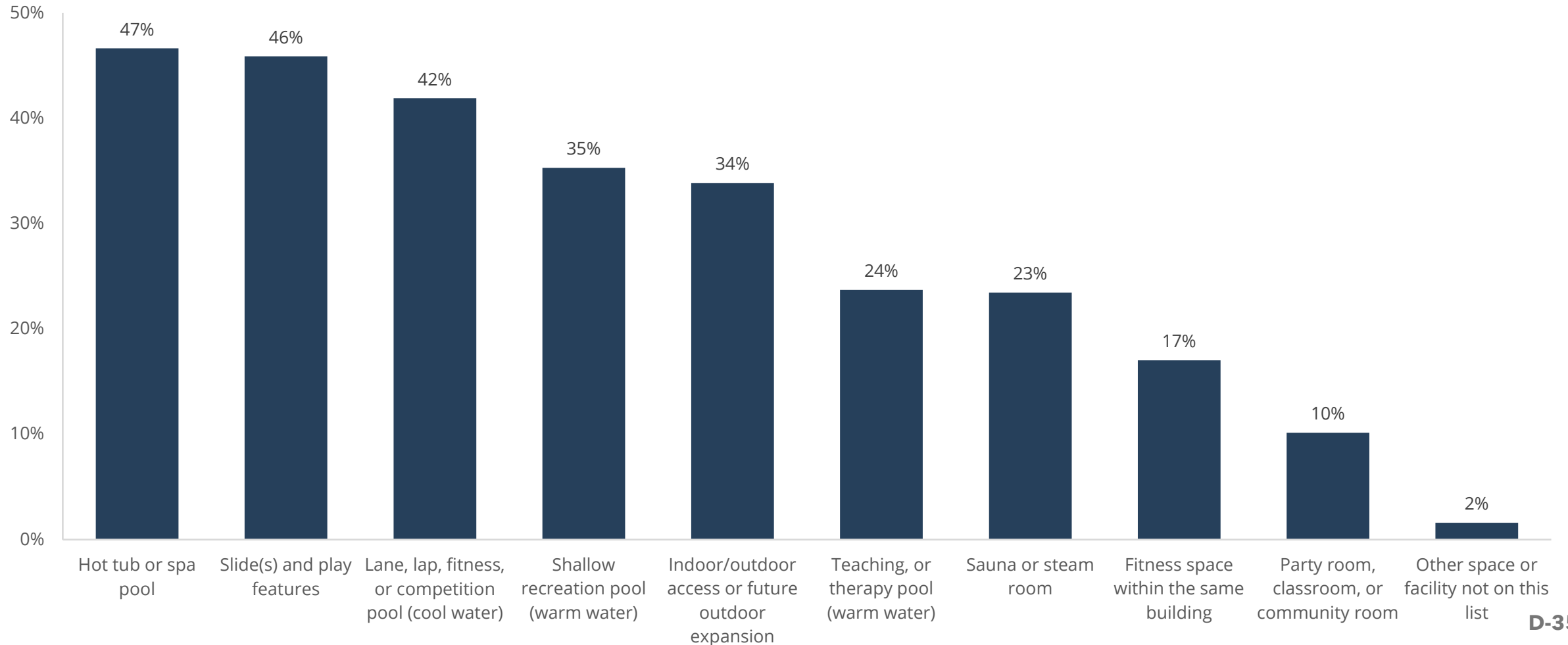




Q8. What types of pool spaces and features are **MOST** important to you or members of your household?

Select up to three

n= 1,181



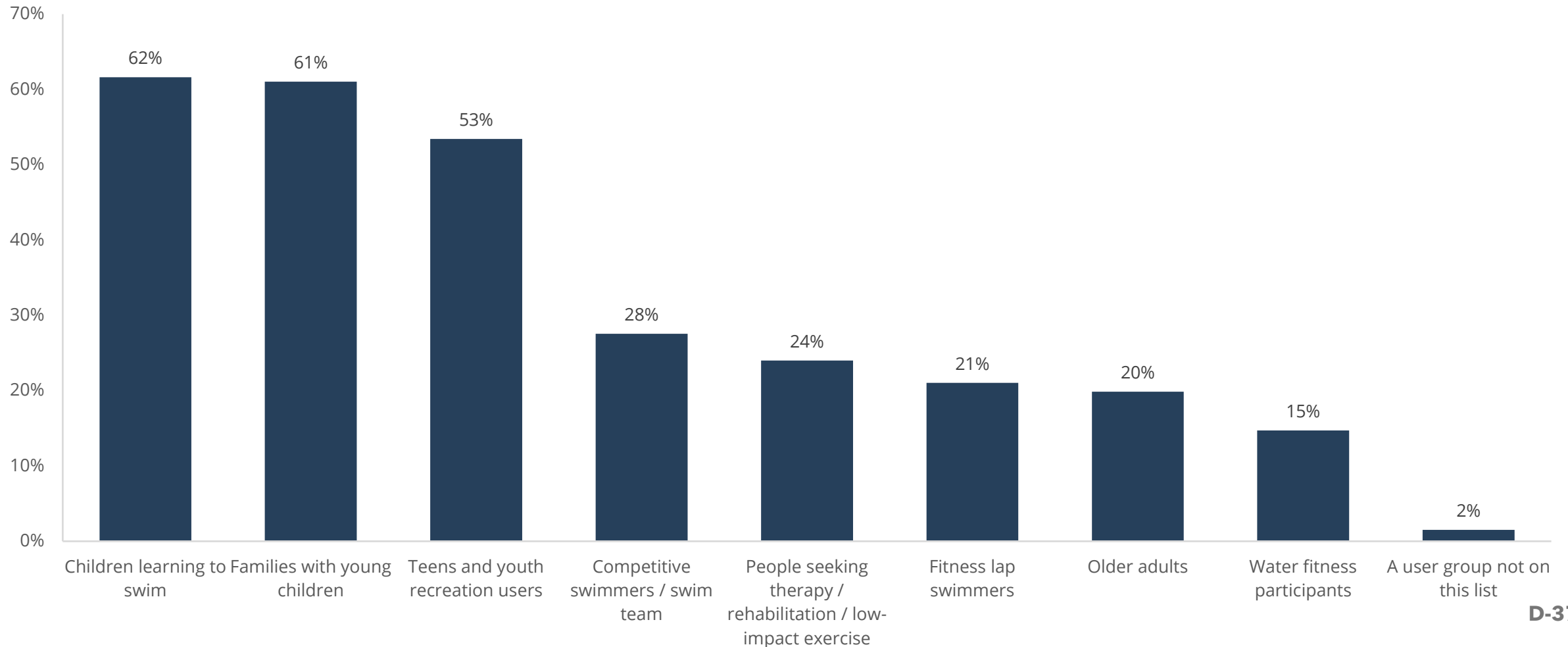
PHASING AND PLANNING



Q10. Which user groups are most important for a future facility to serve?

Select up to three

n= 1,183

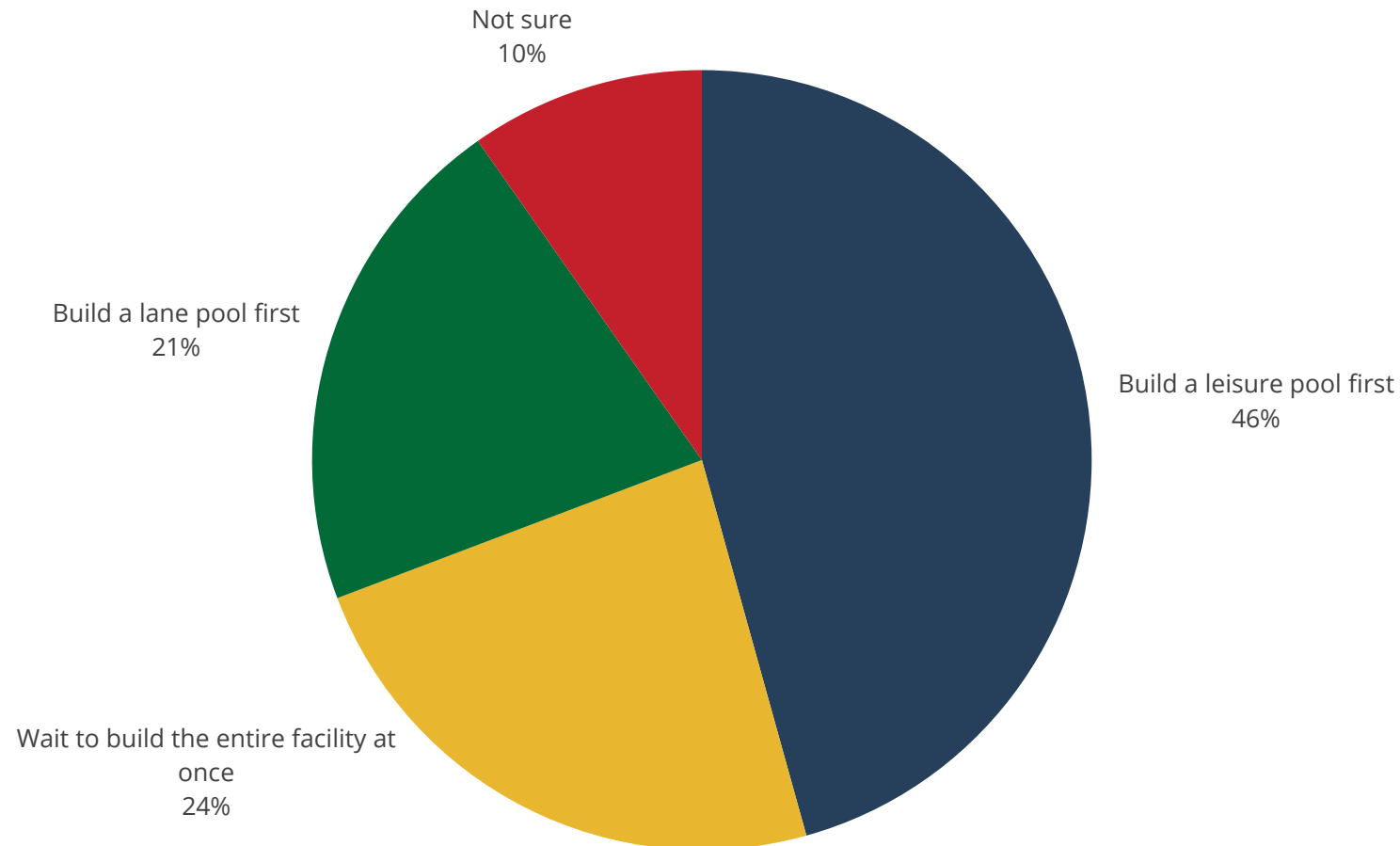




Q11. Some communities choose to build facilities in pieces, recognizing the cost of larger facilities. If Ellensburg decided to do this, which of the options below do you prefer?

Select one

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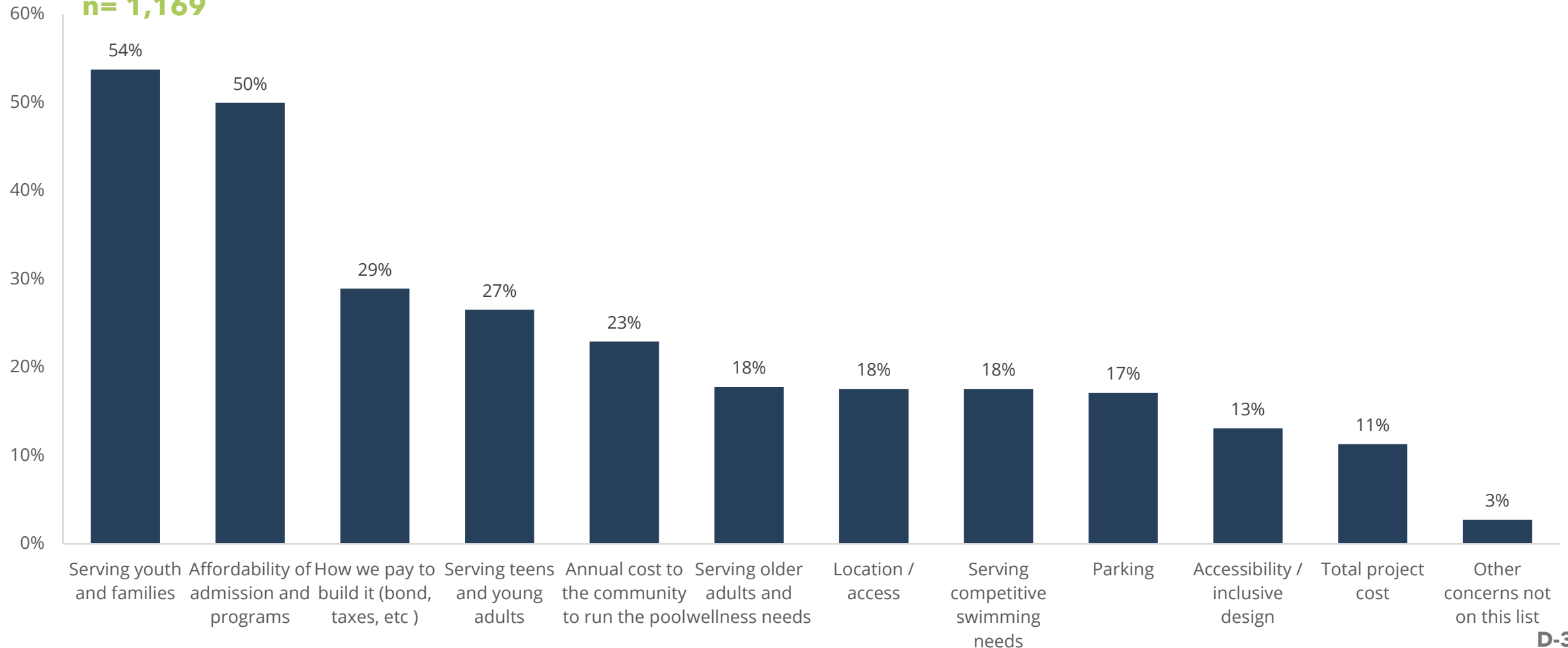




Q11. What concerns, if any, are most important for the City to consider as it plans for a future aquatic facility?

Select up to three.

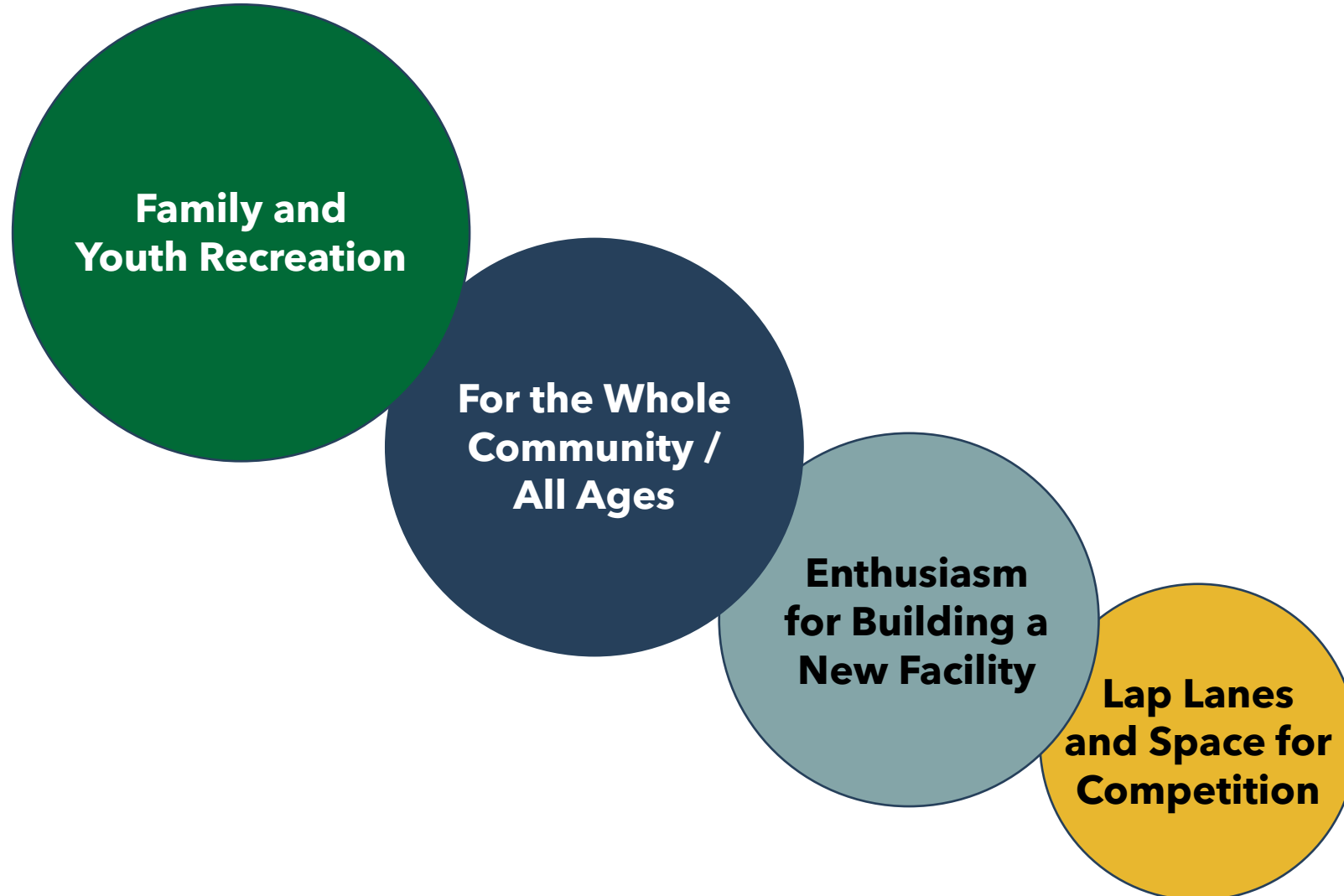
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Additional Comments

n= 377





ELLENSBURG AQUATICS

Park and Recreation Commission Discussion Draft August 3, 2026

Online Community Questionnaire & Pop-Ups Summary



October 25, 2023



Parking Totals

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| • Existing Parking Stalls | 383 |
| • NEW Parking Stalls | 1,110 |
| Possible Total Stalls | = 1,493 |

Existing Multi-Use Fields

- * Open grass lawn area - Irrigated
- * Can be striped for multiple sports field options/quantities

- * NEW Concessions & Restroom Building
- * Existing Flag Pole & Donor Plaza
- * NEW Equipment Storage Building

NEW Multi-Use Field

- * Lighted Synthetic Turf Surface
- * Striped for 225' x 336' Soccer Field
- * Can be striped for multiple other field options/quantities

Baseball / Softball Field

- Existing Backstop with NEW Paved Plaza
- NEW Lighted Synthetic Turf Infield ('Baselines to 90')
- 300' Outfield size can be varied w/portable, temporary fencing

Softball Complex

- * 4 Softball Fields (Fenced 300' outfields)
- * Fields 1 & 2 are Existing, Fields 3 & 4 are N(EW)
- * N(EW) Field Lighting (Irrigated Outfields)
- * N(EW) Synth. Turf Infields (Baselines to 30')
- * N(EW) Restroom / Concessions Building

- * ~~NEW Soft-Surface Perimeter Loop Trail (1.72 miles)~~

Disc Golf Area

- * 18 Holes on Varied Terrain

Existing Mountain Bike Skills Course

West Ellensburg Park

- Existing Picnic Shelter
- Existing Playground
- Existing Pickleball Courts (4) with NEW Court Lighting
- NEW Pickleball Courts (8) with Court Lighting

Existing Sigler Field

- * NEW Synth. Turf Infield (90' Baselines)
- * NEW Field Lighting

- * *NEW Restroom / Concessions Building*
- * *NEW Passenger Drop-Off Lane Area*

—Existing Rugby Field

—Existing Greear Field

- * NEW Synth. Turf Infield (90' Baselines)
- * NEW Field Lighting

- * Emergency Access
(Secondary Gated
Entrance)

- NEW Picnic
Shelter (typical)**

- NEW Parking

- * NEW Parking

- (E/W 688 stalls)

- * NEW Soft-Surface
Perimeter Loop
Trail (1.72 miles)

NEW Youth Baseball Fields

- 3 Fields (Fenced 250' outfields)
- Field Lighting (Irrigated Outfields)
- Synth. Turf Infields (Baselines to 70')
- Restroom / Concessions Building

NEW Riding Railroad Area

- Approximately 4.03 Acre Space
- 7.5' Gauge Railroad Track
- 1/8 Scale Historic Buildings

NEW Grasscrete Area

- Farmer's Market Space
- Tournament Host RV Space
- Temporary Overflow Parking

Existing Youth Baseball Fields

- 4 Lighted Fields (Fenced 200' outfields)
- Existing Field Lighting (Irrigated Outfields)
- NEW Synth. Turf Infields (Baselines to 70')
- Existing Restroom / Concessions Building

NEW Field House

- * Multi-sport capable
- * 100,000 to 150,000 square feet
- * Passenger Drop-Off Lane Areas

Primary Park Entrance

- Via Anderson Road
- 30' road width
- Pedestrian Access



EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF WORK

June 4, 2026

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Project: Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool facility
Subject: *Facility Condition Assessment (FCA)*

1. Overview of Project Scope and Purpose

The natatorium steep-sloped roof at the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool and Fitness Center (KVMP) is in need of replacement due to its age and condition. The City performed a competitive consultant selection from the MRSC roster and selected Innova Architecture due to their qualifications and experience with aquatic facilities.

Parallel to this effort, the City planned to release a consultant RFQ for site feasibility and adaptive reuse of the KVMP. It was realized there would be efficiencies in expanding the scope of Innova's work to include components of the feasibility and adaptive reuse plan to prevent duplicative work.

In order to consolidate efforts, the City requested Innova to provide an updated fee proposal for three task items:

- Task 1. Comprehensive Facility Condition Assessment
- Task 2. Conceptual Designs of Future Alterations
- Task. 3. Steep-Sloped Roof Replacement Design and Bidding/Construction Assistance

Innova submitted a proposal to the City dated May 7, 2026 for Tasks 1 through 3. Upon reviewing Innova's May 7, 2026 proposal, the City elected to first move forward with Task 1 — Facility Condition Assessment. At its June 1, 2026 Council Meeting, Council approved for the City Manager to sign a Professional Services Agreement for Task 1, Facility Condition Assessment.

Task 1 is expected to be completed in 2026 and once complete, City staff will return to City Council with updated information and a potential request for approval of additional items of the original proposal.

2. Cost Components

1. Facility Condition Assessment (Comprehensive)	\$124,729
TOTAL	\$124,729

Description of Services:

3. Task 1 – Condition Assessment of existing Facility

- a. Assess the condition of the following Architectural Structures:
 - i. Interior finishes, flooring, walls ceilings
 - ii. Roofing, Flashing, gutters and downspouts
 - iii. Siding, Windows, Doors
 - iv. lobby space and entry
 - v. Accessibility throughout space including toilet rooms, change areas, locker rooms and shower areas
 - vi. Pool area, Deck, equipment, Accessibility, safety area
 - vii. Produce a report of findings
- b. Assess the condition of the following Mechanical Systems and HVAC Systems:
 - i. Pool equipment, pumps, filters,
 - ii. HVAC and air pressure assessment between natatorium and other spaces
 - iii. Energy Life Cycle Costs Analysis to aid in making decisions about type and efficiency of HVAC equipment for future.
- c. Assess the condition of the following Electrical Systems:
 - i. Service to Building, Transformer capacity and electrical panel and switch gear to understand capacity for current and future needs
 - ii. Consideration for Energy source Full electric Vs Gas
 - iii. Evaluate lighting in building
 - iv. Evaluate lighting outside in parking areas
 - v. Life Cycle Costs Analysis
- d. Assess the condition of the following Structures:
 - i. Assessment of roof structure
 - ii. Assessment of structure around natatorium
- e. Assess for Hazardous Material as follows:
 - i. Assessment for lead and asbestos
 - ii. Selective testing
 - iii. Produce a report of findings and plan for dealing with in construction
- f. Evaluate and or asses the following Civil Sites:
 - i. Evaluate KVMP's parking lot condition of paving
 - ii. Evaluate KVMP Site accessibility

4. Deliverables and Due Date(s)

Innova shall submit a single comprehensive report of findings to the City which will include all items of Section 3 Task 1 under Description of Services. This will be performed according to the attached schedule.

Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool FCA

INNOVA Architects

Project Start Date Display Week
Project Lead

WBS	TASK	DAYS This Task - Following Prior Task
Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool		
	Notice to Proceed	1
	Kick-off meeting <i>- Anticipate kick-off meeting to be held via online meeting platform (MS Teams or Zoom)</i>	5
	Review available site information <i>- As-built documentation, known issues list, maintenance and inspection records, etc</i>	10
	Site Analysis <i>- Seven days allocated, actual site visit will be one day within allocation of seven days - Will need facility maintenance staff present for questions</i>	7
	Submit Draft Assessment	42
	Owner Review Period	14
	Design team responses to Review Comments	7
	Draft Assessment review meeting <i>- A-E team, Owner and project stakeholders</i>	1
	Submit Final Report	31
	Total days after Notice to Proceed	118