

# Sheffield NW District Park Community Survey #4

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

03 August 2021 - 24 August 2021

### **PROJECT NAME:**

Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park Vision Plan



SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1 | What do you like most about the draft final vision plan?**

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 11:07 AM  
increase in park space by reclaiming some of the concrete- a new pool! new playground area - it looks great!

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 04:04 PM  
Inclusion of the pickle ball courts, enlarged pond, additional paved sidewalks, less pavement

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 04:25 PM  
addition of pickleball courts

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 04:59 PM  
I think the bike playground is a great idea. In the past, various parts of the park have been made into improvised bike areas so there is obviously a desire for one..

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 06:56 PM  
It supports multiple sports and activities without appearing too commercialized.

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 07:11 PM  
The pool has s still there

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 08:16 PM  
Better car entrance from Shoal Creek near baseball park

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 08:18 PM  
that you moved the bike playground inside the park this is safer for kids

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 08:23 PM  
Better car entrance from Shoal Creek near baseball park

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 08:29 PM  
Better car entrance from Shoal Creek near baseball park

Anonymous  
8/05/2021 09:50 AM  
I like it. Are we keeping the wildflower area on the shoal creek side?

Anonymous 8/05/2021 06:46 PM	Decreased parking spaces and impervious cover. Reclaimed green space.
Anonymous 8/05/2021 07:32 PM	A swimming pool that is open
Anonymous 8/06/2021 10:56 AM	less parking, more landscaping
Anonymous 8/06/2021 12:51 PM	Better pedestrian paths
Anonymous 8/07/2021 09:18 AM	Paved walkways, improved pond
Anonymous 8/07/2021 10:41 AM	I love the addition of the bike playground, the large platform and stairs on the other side of the bridge, and the path created along the pool parking connecting the west and east sides of the park.
Anonymous 8/07/2021 11:52 AM	Can't find anything I think is an improvement.
hmilller 8/07/2021 12:01 PM	I love the paved paths, more green and less parking lot, pickle ball, larger pond, more picnic areas, better restrooms and new playground
Anonymous 8/08/2021 02:25 PM	Thank you for including REAL pickleball courts!
Anonymous 8/09/2021 07:37 AM	It looks great. We love the expanded pond, new picnic areas with shade and the bike playground. Also like less parking. The parking is never an issue and more park space is great.
Anonymous 8/10/2021 08:48 AM	The trees and natural areas that it leaves in place and/or enhances.
Anonymous 8/10/2021 08:33 PM	There are many things, but I especially like the pond and habitat expansion, overlook and boardwalk. I also like the stairs, that's it's an accessible route, and bridge. The limestone retaining wall and

bike playground are also great additions.and bi

Anonymous

8/11/2021 02:45 PM

1. Where are the Tennis courts? 2. highly used Picnic area must be by playgrounds 3.restroom at BB field please. 4. rest looks OK. 5.Add more trees

Anonymous

8/11/2021 06:55 PM

rightsizing the parking (among several other good things)

Anonymous

8/11/2021 08:34 PM

Overlook; pond & habitat expansion; boardwalk; stairs; accessible route; bike playground; limestone retaining wall

Anonymous

8/12/2021 01:18 PM

Bike playground, boardwalk, expanded pond area

Anonymous

8/13/2021 01:13 AM

Replacing vegetation with riparian vegetation to restore the creek and increasing shade in the park.

Anonymous

8/16/2021 02:04 PM

Pond & habitat expansion & boardwalk, stairs down the hill from the bridge, accessible route throughout the park, expanded bridge, bike playground, limestone retaining wall.

Anonymous

8/18/2021 04:57 PM

I like the "bike playground". just hope the design is cool. Im also happy about the parking lot changes. And i like that "entry monument" is #1 on the list. Fingers crossed for the monument.

Anonymous

8/18/2021 06:14 PM

Removal of some parking ; boardwalk

Anonymous

8/18/2021 08:55 PM

Leaving the tennis and picnic spaces

Anonymous

8/19/2021 12:11 PM

Does not appear to dramatically change the existing park.

Anonymous

8/19/2021 12:21 PM

Reduction in parking spaces to maximize open space

Anonymous

8/19/2021 12:38 PM

More green space

Anonymous

8/19/2021 12:40 PM

Proposed pond and habitat expansion

Anonymous

8/19/2021 07:03 PM

expansion of the pond

Anonymous

8/19/2021 07:26 PM

Plan for the area around the pond.

Anonymous

8/19/2021 11:58 PM

The dedicated pickleball courts. I hope that these will have good quality permanent nets and lighting, and fenced in to contain balls. Transparent screens to separate the courts would be ideal to prevent balls interrupting play in adjacent courts.

Anonymous

8/20/2021 06:36 AM

bike park

Anonymous

8/20/2021 07:17 PM

Larger healthy pond

Anonymous

8/20/2021 07:20 PM

expansion of pond

Anonymous

8/21/2021 06:17 AM

enlarged pond

Anonymous

8/21/2021 06:56 PM

I appreciate that you are trying to improve the park like improving the bridge over Shoal Creek and updating the playground itself.

Anonymous

8/21/2021 07:16 PM

Pond expansion + boardwalk, bridge expansion, bike playground, bike/ped connections throughout

Anonymous

8/21/2021 09:26 PM

Stairs in multiple areas

Anonymous

8/21/2021 10:08 PM

Improved mobility around the park.

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Anonymous

8/22/2021 10:12 AM

The bridge.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 10:54 AM

It seems to have some added picnic areas that somewhat "expand" the park into what's been unused land. And it appears that real trails are being added for walking, biking, etc. vs. just

Anonymous

8/22/2021 11:53 AM

NW still stay a park. However, it is disturbing to allow Watershed Protection to take over a major a part of design. Moreover, not one at PARD or WPD totally owns the current "mish-mash" of ideas. AND it is not fully funded -- S

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:19 PM

It mostly leaves the park alone

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:38 PM

Renovated playscape

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:43 PM

I love the refresh, and that the pool is staying and getting redeveloped

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:53 PM

Playscape and pickle ball courts!

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:55 PM

The new pool, addition of pickle ball courts

Anonymous

8/22/2021 02:22 PM

Replacement of asphalt parking spaces with grass

Anonymous

8/22/2021 06:06 PM

I like that you kept the duck pond in the plan - but it does need better care to keep the wildlife and children safe

Anonymous

8/22/2021 06:24 PM

pool and addition of pickle ball courts

Anonymous

8/22/2021 08:55 PM

Expanded green spaces and reduction of parking for cars

Anonymous

8/23/2021 10:42 AM

Getting new play scapes

Anonymous

8/23/2021 01:25 PM

additional multi-purpose open spaces, new improved pedestrian bridge at current location, reduced asphalt, improved more central location for comfort station.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 01:35 PM

Good flow among the parts, attention to natural spaces

Anonymous

8/23/2021 02:09 PM

Adding pickleball courts, improving playscape, adding shade

Anonymous

8/23/2021 02:52 PM

Keeping the present bridge and improving it. Stairs on the Ardath berm leading into the park. Reduced parking. Fewer trails.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 08:47 PM

Its emphasis on native plants. And its removal of parking spots in favor of more green space. Additionally, its commitment to keeping the island and enlarging and deepening the pond.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 09:16 PM

Bigger pond

Anonymous

8/24/2021 05:24 AM

Increasing the pond size

**Optional question** (67 response(s), 13 skipped)

**Question type:** Single Line Question

## Q2 | What do you dislike about the draft final vision plan?

Anonymous

8/04/2021 11:07 AM

the space on the west side of Shoal Creek could use a little more pizzazz - maybe some walking trails amongst the wildflowers to walk and enjoy that area more.

Anonymous

8/04/2021 04:04 PM

removed the second entry point along shoal creek/great northern dam, little investment in the southern out parcel (it is so overgrown with invasive trees under hardwoods and long the creek)

Anonymous

8/04/2021 04:25 PM

like it

Anonymous

8/04/2021 04:59 PM

I was hoping the dirt trails along the west edge of the park would be paved.

Anonymous

8/04/2021 06:56 PM

It appears that removal of large trees may be required to provide 2 large open green spaces.

Anonymous

8/04/2021 07:11 PM

Does Austin need so many pickle ball courts?

Anonymous

8/04/2021 08:18 PM

concerned about grills in the pocket park off the main Northwest Park, across from Shoal Creek. There are currently no trashcans in that area.

Anonymous

8/04/2021 08:23 PM

The elliptical multi-use field is not appropriate for sports. Its shape does not lend itself to sports and is not shaded.

Anonymous

8/04/2021 08:29 PM

The elliptical multi-use field is not appropriate for sports. Its shape does not lend itself to sports and is not shaded. It also appears you have reduced the number of tennis courts to add pickleball courts. Pickleball players take over tennis courts.

Anonymous

8/05/2021 09:45 AM

There's still only one pedestrian/bike bridge! This plan lacks a more direct connection to the trail from Great Northern Dam/Far West Blvd. Too much parking - let's remove as many spaces as possible to actively promote alternative modes of arrival.

Anonymous

8/06/2021 10:56 AM

Reduced number of tennis courts & toilets. Currently pickleball players compete with tennis players for use of the courts, but at least, when the pickleball players leave, the courts can again be used by the waiting tennis players.

Anonymous

8/07/2021 09:18 AM

I live on Albata Ave and worry about more cars parking on our street when parking in the park is reduced.

Anonymous

8/07/2021 10:41 AM

I don't really dislike anything! It's a great plan.

Anonymous

8/07/2021 11:52 AM

1. Entrance "monuments" what a waste of money!

hmilller

8/07/2021 12:01 PM

Would love a staircase from Ellise into Ardath (already used by neighborhood but needs to not be dirt)

Anonymous

8/08/2021 02:25 PM

Did the bridge over the creek get changed - the metal bridge is not friendly to dogs.

Anonymous

8/09/2021 07:37 AM

Nothing. It's great.

Anonymous

8/10/2021 08:48 AM

The removal of the large cypress trees on the edge of the pond. We HAVE to stop killing trees when they're inconvenient or get in the way. We need to plan around them instead. Any pond plan should leave them in place.

Anonymous

8/10/2021 08:33 PM

There is no dedicated bike connection to Shoal Creek Blvd.

Anonymous

8/11/2021 02:45 PM

1. Picnic areas, used a lot, moved into hot sun, far away from playscape, bad move. 2. use crushed granet for paths not concrete. 3. overlook#2 at BB fields looks down into peoples back yards 4. put water fountians back in at BB field, and tennis courts

Anonymous

8/11/2021 06:55 PM

from plan, can't tell if the proposed trails/walkways will adequately join the south part of the park (around baseball field) to the main park area. I think that disconnection has limited the park's use.

Anonymous

8/11/2021 08:34 PM

Would like to see more hike & bike access points into the park & signs pointing the way in

Anonymous

8/12/2021 01:43 PM

The entry monument. Unless it's commissioned art by a local artist.

Anonymous

8/13/2021 01:13 AM

Does not include an amenity for performing arts

Anonymous

8/16/2021 02:04 PM

You dropped access to the great northern hike & bike trail.

Anonymous

8/18/2021 04:57 PM

I feel like the southern tip and the NW picnic areas with small shade structures seem kinda random. I think these spots would be great spaces for public art. Sad that there is no mention of "splash pad", ever park needs free access to water fun- TX HEAT!

Anonymous

8/18/2021 06:14 PM

Liked the idea of orchard trees and wonder if this could be included amongst the picnic area

Anonymous

8/18/2021 08:55 PM

Mucking with the pond. It seems poorly thought out, given that this is an established wild life area. There is no reason to disturb the trees; there was too little thought given to the problem. It sounds more like an engineer's mechanical solution.

Anonymous

8/19/2021 12:21 PM

There should be more of a reduction in parking to provide for more open space. Parking is almost never utilized, most users are local and walk or bike to the park.

Anonymous

8/19/2021 12:38 PM

Are there multiple places to park and lock bicycles?

Anonymous

8/19/2021 12:40 PM

The reduction in parking numbers don't add up. How often is parking filled? What impact will reducing those spaces have?

Anonymous

8/19/2021 07:03 PM

no access to the creek

Anonymous

8/19/2021 07:26 PM

I liked the additional entry concepts from Shoal Creek Boulevard that are not on this version.

Anonymous

8/19/2021 11:58 PM

I see no plans for providing shade over the pickleball courts, which could significantly expand the playable hours and the number of people using the courts. Clay Madsen Rec Ctr (Round Rock) and Dreamland (Dripping Springs) have successfully done this.

Anonymous

8/20/2021 06:36 AM

more parking spaces?

Anonymous

8/20/2021 07:17 PM

No splash pad

Anonymous

8/20/2021 07:20 PM

#13 picnic area. This area is heavily used by dog walkers as a dog bathroom.

Anonymous

8/21/2021 06:17 AM

lose of bald cypress trees around pond. They CAN be saved if the island is enlarged on the south side and tree islands or peninsulas created to allow them to remain. They are established tall trees that provide shade. Algae does not like shade. Save em.

Anonymous

8/21/2021 06:56 PM

Adding too many things to one park! You don't have to cram it all in the same place. More cars, less parking spaces - they will park on our narrow streets! No pickle ball or bike track. Keep all trees and plant more. Keep pond natural!

Anonymous

8/21/2021 07:16 PM

Needs a bike path from shoal creek blvd around the baseball area into the park

Anonymous

8/21/2021 09:26 PM

Looks like one walking trail is replaced by a retaining wall

Anonymous

8/21/2021 10:08 PM

Expansion of the pond that will remove large trees. Don't do it!

Anonymous

8/22/2021 10:12 AM

Picnic areas are almost out of the park, and far from the restrooms. A larger pond would likely make it harder to enjoy, and the survival of the cypresses could be in jeopardy. EVERY tree in the park should be kept.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 10:54 AM

I'm disappointed that the baseball field continues to use so much space for so few people's use - same with pickle ball. It doesn't seem like there is a continuous walking path. Parking may be unnecessarily \$\$ vs. other changes.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 11:53 AM

Staff has ignored NW park for decades and they continue by making the park 'theirs' and then asking for our comments. It should have been the other way around -- USERS first.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:19 PM

Details of Pond enlargement. Picnic areas seem removed from the main park area, none near kids play features. Too much of the park is 'planned', dedicated places.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:38 PM

Would like to see more picnic areas

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:43 PM

Nothing really new. An area for live music might have been fun

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:53 PM

N/A

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:55 PM

It would be nice to incorporate a soccer field. It seems like the Baseball Diamond isnt used that much: if that area were converted into 2 soccer fields zoned into the local soccer leagues then maybe it would get more use

Anonymous

8/22/2021 02:22 PM

plans to remove mature cypress trees on the south side of the pond for the supposed purpose of flood control water retention. Also, removing trees on the eastern bank of Shoal Creek to supposedly reduce erosion on that slope, which makes no logical sense

Anonymous

8/22/2021 06:24 PM

Removing large bald cypress trees around pond . Doesn't seem advantageous to inject another dept of which the sold purpose is flood management (not pond maintenance) into the Park to care for pond.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 08:55 PM

Wish there were more space allocated for restoration of wild grasses.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 10:42 AM

The bike park will not be used. It will be a combination of too difficult for young riders, or too easy/boring for advanced riders, so it will end up being nothing for anyone. It will have a high initial use, but then nobody will use it.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 01:25 PM

overly destructive pond enlargement, bicycle park( really bad idea at park entance and impactful to neighbors

Anonymous

8/23/2021 01:35 PM

The removal of 8 mature bald cypress around the pond. That means removing 1/3 of these established trees to expand the pond? That is not a good tradeoff for shade or wildlife-- it is way too many.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 02:09 PM

No information about pool improvements

Anonymous

8/23/2021 02:52 PM

A disaster pond plan that impacts the wildlife and birds and destroys 8 or more trees. The community wants to keep and improve the pond. Save the rookery and wetlands.create a solution that will make the pond and water improved.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 08:47 PM

I do not like the plan to cut down mature cypress trees to build the boardwalk. I also do not like the addition of extra parking spaces at the section of greenbelt to the south of the park. This spectacular migratory bird habitat near the creek.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 09:16 PM

Too much development on the small tract sw of shoal creek blvd. also, we really should get rid of as many invasive plants as possible.

Anonymous

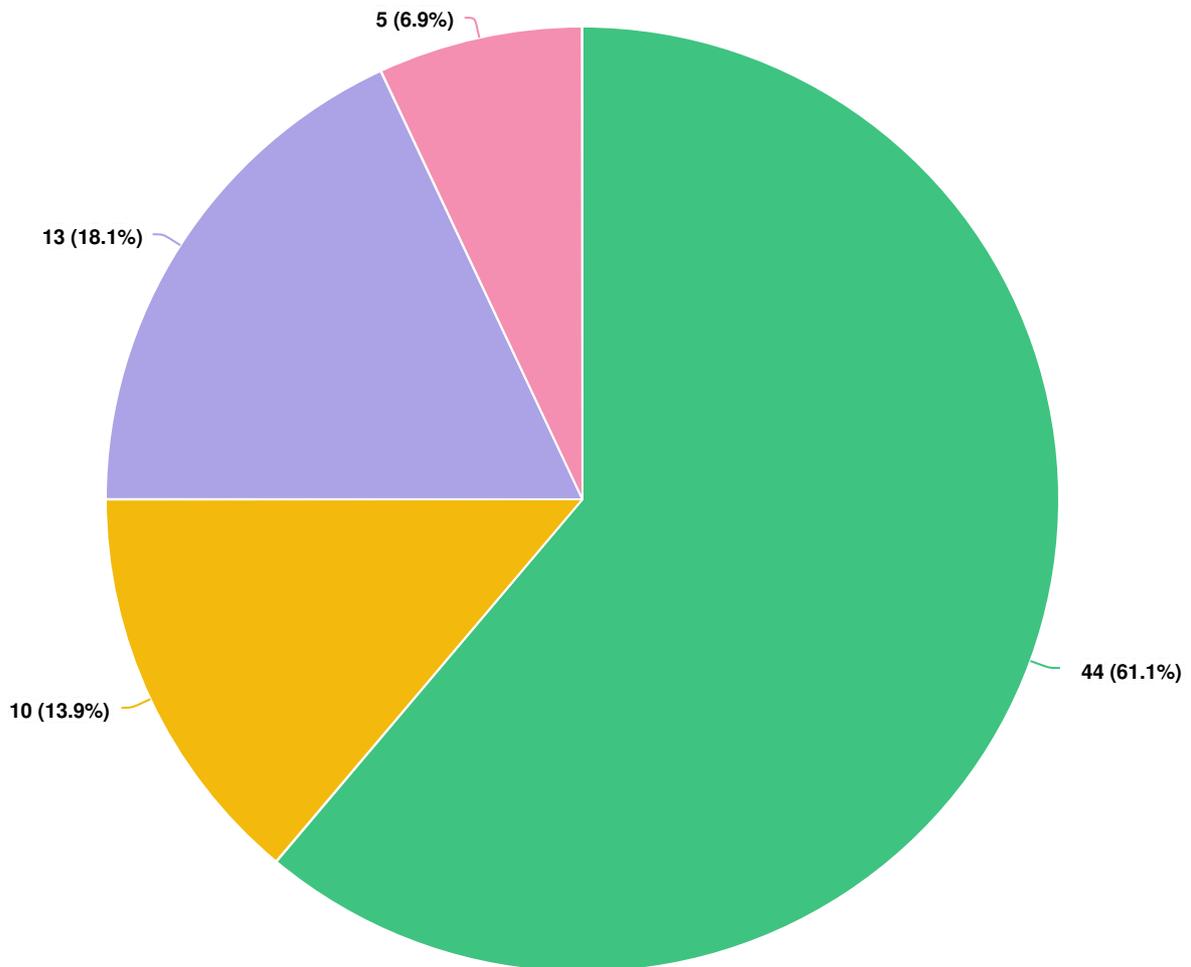
8/24/2021 05:24 AM

Nothing, it all looks really good

**Optional question** (61 response(s), 19 skipped)

**Question type:** Single Line Question

**Q3** Which of these playscape themes do you prefer?

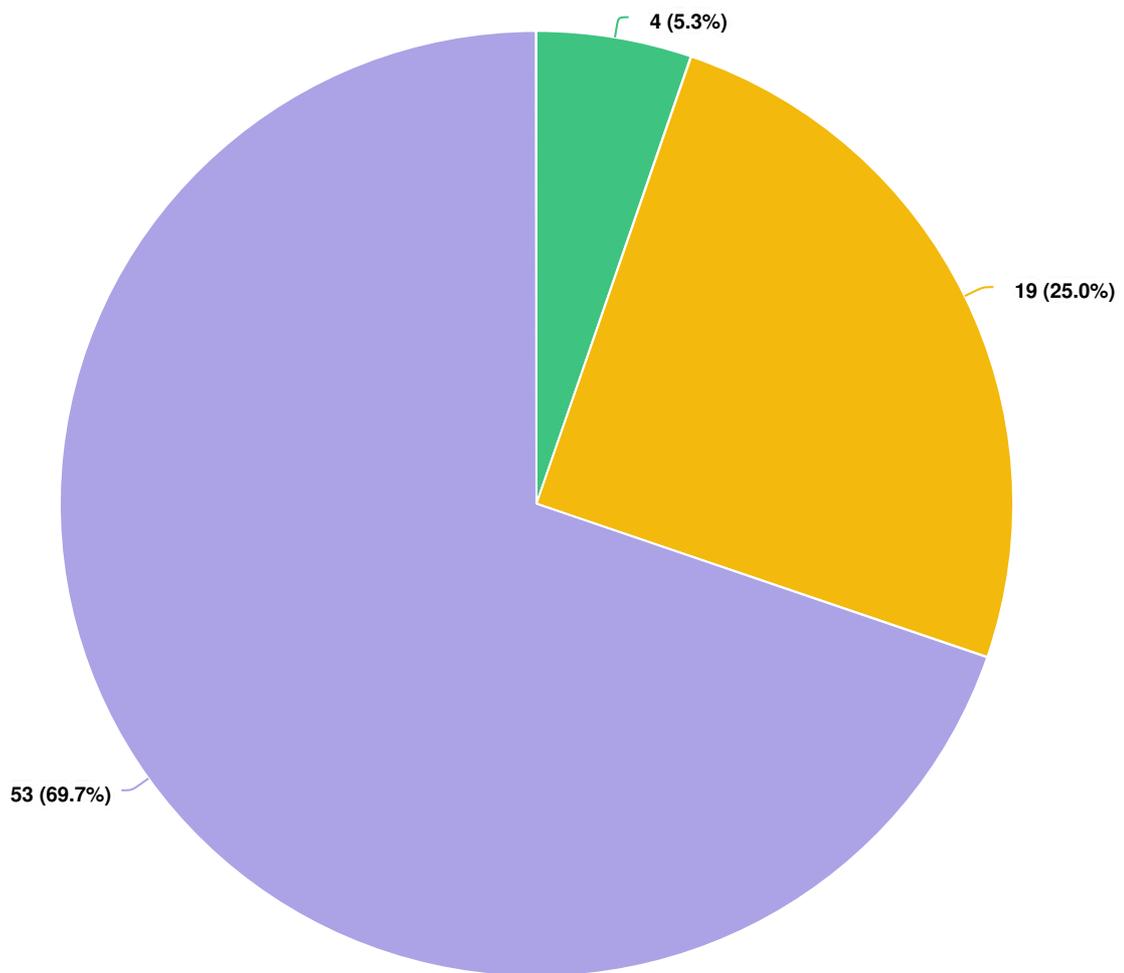


**Question options**

- Nature-based playscape
- Plants and animals found in the park
- Colorful component-based play structures
- Other (please share in comment question below)

*Optional question (72 response(s), 8 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q4** Do you prefer the park's open spaces to be:

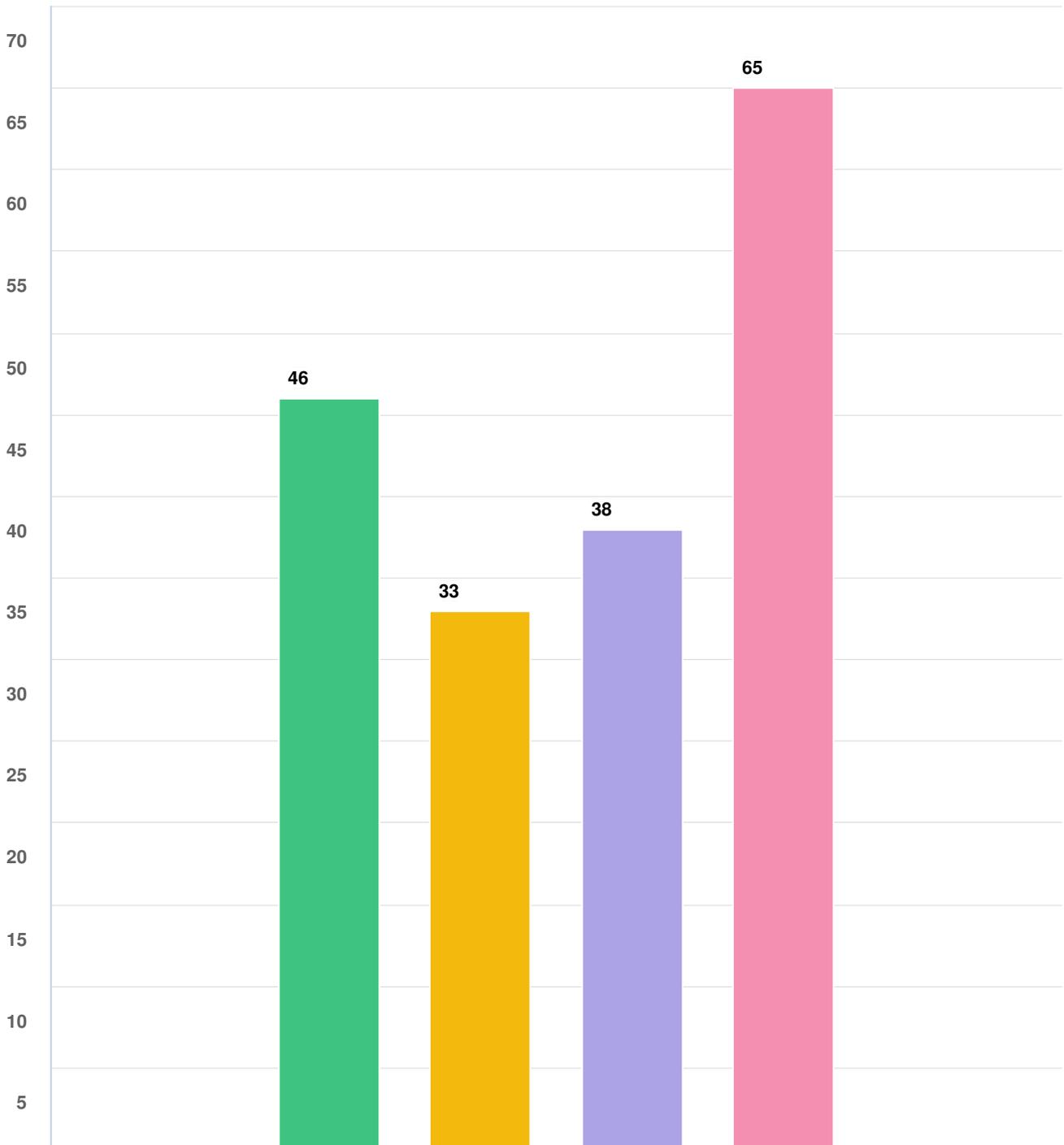


**Question options**

- Maintained turf grass
- Native tallgrass and wildflowers ("grow zones")
- A mixture of both

Optional question (76 response(s), 4 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q5** There are several opportunities for interpretive storytelling or signage in the Park. Please mark the ones you would like to see.



**Question options**

- Hydrology: How water, floods, and drainage work in and around the park
- Beverly S. Sheffield: Who was he?
- Historical and cultural resources of the park
- Flora and fauna: Habitat and inhabitants of the park

*Optional question (74 response(s), 6 skipped)*  
*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q6 | What other stories would you like to see told about Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park?**

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 11:07 AM  
the sign saying how the granite was mined here for the first capital building is pretty interesting.

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 04:06 PM  
Any historical events that happened around there, like who gave the land to the city originally.

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 07:11 PM  
Stories about the swim lessons and the patches! We have one from the '60s

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 08:23 PM  
Who was Beverly Sheffield

Anonymous  
8/04/2021 08:29 PM  
Hydrology

Anonymous  
8/05/2021 09:50 AM  
History and contributions

Anonymous  
8/05/2021 06:46 PM  
The flood mitigation components of the park are a fascinating, little-known-secret. I would love to see the function of the park brought to the forefront for visitors to learn more about the parks' role and Shoal Creek.

Anonymous  
8/07/2021 10:41 AM  
I would love a story about Austin's municipal pools and the planners that had a vision. Austin is so unique because of all the pools that we offer - not many towns (like Waco) have this.

Anonymous  
8/07/2021 11:52 AM  
NONE I don't go to the park for a history or natural science lesson. It will just become a target for graffiti. I am old enough to know who Sheffield was, but money can better be used for other things in the park, not glorifying who it's named after.

Anonymous  
8/07/2021 08:55 PM  
Some months ago, someone on the Allandale list serve said she and her brothers and their friends carved their names in a rock

somewhere along the eastern border of the park, although as I recall, this occurred before it was a park. Not sure if it was still a quarry at that time. It would be nice to preserve that rock.

Anonymous

8/09/2021 07:37 AM

Fossils and prehistoric information about the area.

Anonymous

8/10/2021 08:33 PM

Hydrology and the history of the park.

Anonymous

8/11/2021 02:45 PM

How the pool was spring fed

Anonymous

8/11/2021 08:34 PM

High dive days

Anonymous

8/12/2021 01:43 PM

Birding information

Anonymous

8/18/2021 04:57 PM

The Dazed and confused baseball scene! Architectural design of the swimming pool building (its a cool building)

Anonymous

8/18/2021 08:55 PM

First, it is hydrology ! Stories are quickly dated unless they are directly related to the specific space. Don't be "cutsie".

Anonymous

8/19/2021 07:26 PM

History of the neighborhood/indigenous peoples through original land grant family to city of Austin/modern development.

Anonymous

8/20/2021 07:20 PM

the shoal creek pliosaur

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:43 PM

N/A

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:55 PM

Historical information about North Central Austin

Anonymous

8/22/2021 02:22 PM

Regarding playscapes, I would like to see a mixture of both "nature-based" elements and "colorful-components". I think the

durability and maintenance requirements of any components should be taken into consideration, (i.e., metal versus plastic, through-colored concrete versus surface-painted fiberglass, etc.).

Anonymous

8/22/2021 02:46 PM

Anonymous

8/22/2021 08:55 PM

Pre-Austin stories about how the creek was used; local American Indian interaction with the creek; common fossils found in the creek area; description of how the creek was formed and Texas natural history for this area.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 01:25 PM

story of the quarry and small associated community need better more culturally appropriate name for park. Bev Sheff is not relevant. some discussion of function of detention facility and story as to how it evolved. This was a neighborhood initiative in large measure

Anonymous

8/23/2021 02:09 PM

What has this park meant to the community over the years? What events have been hosted in the park, for example?

Anonymous

8/23/2021 02:52 PM

Shoal creek prehistory

Anonymous

8/23/2021 08:47 PM

Historical stories about indigenous life in the area.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 09:16 PM

Migratory bird display.

Anonymous

8/24/2021 05:24 AM

History of North Austin. Importance of parks/greenbelt as wildlife corridors

**Optional question** (30 response(s), 50 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q7** | **What other comments or questions do you have for the planning team?**

Anonymous

8/04/2021 04:04 PM

Is there an opportunity to add another set of restrooms?

Anonymous

8/04/2021 06:56 PM

Please leave the park as natural as possible. Will the reduced parking be adequate for the number of users projected for the renovated park?

Anonymous

8/04/2021 08:18 PM

Will an email blast be sent out announcing the final plans that will be presented to the Parks Board?

Anonymous

8/04/2021 08:23 PM

Where are the picnic tables?

Anonymous

8/04/2021 08:29 PM

Please do not add a lot of signage. It is visual clutter. I recall when a sign that said "Pond below" was installed at the children's playscape. It was removed within a week. . . But, many of us early morning walkers got a good laugh out of it.

Anonymous

8/05/2021 09:50 AM

Add a splash pad. Please!!!!!!

Anonymous

8/05/2021 06:46 PM

I'm very interested in the commitment to riparian buffer zones for the pond and Shoal Creek and designing the boardwalk in a way that decreases foot traffic around the pond. Signage to explain the function of the riparian zones and vegetation would also be great to see. Thanks for this great plan!

Anonymous

8/06/2021 10:56 AM

are there enough toilets?

Anonymous

8/06/2021 12:51 PM

I hope the larger pond does not become an algae-infested eyesore

Anonymous

8/07/2021 10:41 AM

For the the bike playground, I HIGHLY suggest an asphalt pump track (visit Paris, TX!) and contracting Clark & Kent or Velosolutions or going to Bentonville and using their design teams. You want to make it progressive enough for lots of ages to enjoy (including adults heehee)

Anonymous

8/07/2021 11:52 AM

Having a shade pavilion #14 in the middle of the trail is a really stupid idea. As it is,\* I often have to stand in the sun & wait while families, dogs, or bicyclists cross the bridge or gather to cross the bridge - blocking the path. Add a shelter will just congest the path more. \*I live 3 houses from the park & walk my dog 2 time every day, rain or shine. I circle inside the park 1-2 times every day, plus I lead a kids bird walk in the park every Saturday. So I know each area very well.

Anonymous

8/07/2021 08:55 PM

My wife is sensitive to the sun, has very fair skin, and has had several skin cancers. It's important for her and no doubt for others that the shade structures you install really do provide complete shade, not just filtered shade. On the topic of shade structures, I don't understand the purpose of the shade structure proposed for behind the tennis and basketball courts. Is it intended for those just walking past, or is it a place to hang out, with seating and maybe even tables? If it's just to shade those walking past for a minute or two, I suggest it's not worth the cost. I'd put the money into something else. I made this comment before, but I'll try to be more cogent this time. It's very good that people come from some distance to use the park. One such use is basketball. Before the pandemic, during all but the coldest times, substantial groups would come to the area around the basketball court. There would be a big group on the court, and a similar-sized group socializing in the parking lot, playing music from car stereos, and hanging out with family including children. I think the parking lot next to the basketball court should be larger, and the oval lawn should be smaller, to be sure this type of activity is still accommodated.

Anonymous

8/08/2021 02:25 PM

Please line all the tennis courts for pickleball. By the time the park is finished pickleball will only be more popular and the 2-3 courts will not be enough. Currently 8 people can play pickleball in the space that 2 people play tennis. On weekday mornings pickleball players way outnumber the tennis players. It's nice to have a place to play free pickleball. Too many businesses are opening courts and charging \$30-\$40/hr. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD WORK!

Anonymous

8/09/2021 07:37 AM

A 30 min timer button with clear markings on the tennis courts. To cut down on light pollution/save electricity from the bright lights when the courts are not in use. Also proper alignment of the light so they point down and away from the houses facing the park. Ramsey park is a great example of lights that are less obnoxious for the houses close to the courts.

Anonymous

8/10/2021 08:48 AM

At a recent briefing, the planner said "In order to have the pond we want, those cypress trees have to come out." I want to reiterate that for many of us, the "pond we want" isn't a pond without those trees. Planting new ones and waiting 20 years just isn't a reasonable option. Cypress trees grow just fine in water. Plan around them, not over them.

Anonymous

8/11/2021 02:45 PM

1. Please avoid using concrete on pathways, it makes it hot, we need the relief from concrete, and invites bicycles to speed on primarily pedestrian pathways causing conflicts, use crushed granet, wood chips,..... 2. Move the picnic area back over to the playgrounds. The picnic area is highly used, every weekend, by many families while the kids play at the playgrounds, birthdays etc. Major Mistake.

Anonymous

8/11/2021 06:55 PM

I like many elements of the plan - the picnic areas dispersed around the park including across Shoal Creek Blvd., the boardwalk feature to better define the pond/walkway interface, keeping a good amount of parking (I hope!) while reducing the amount of asphalt that is almost always empty

Anonymous

8/12/2021 01:43 PM

Outdoor yoga and creative arts for social gathering opportunities.

Anonymous

8/13/2021 01:13 AM

Would like to see innovative uses of diverting runoff/sewage water

Anonymous

8/18/2021 04:57 PM

I like "nature based" the most out of the playscape options given, but Im yet to be impressed by any of the nature based playscapes that I've seen. The new Peas Park play area looks nice, but honestly seems kinda boring. They dont even have a slide! Kids like to climb, and slide, spin, bounce, run, and make forts- I hope the NW Park playscape is more than a bunch of nicely sanded, imported logs stuck together. The other trendy playscape equipment i've been seeing is the "spider web" playscapes- they seem more visually interesting than physically interesting (my kid is still to young to enjoy them)

Anonymous

8/18/2021 08:55 PM

Please take your cues from residents, not from passing fads that you heard about at the last planners conference. People feel

patronized when you do some thing "cutsie" in their park. We don't want to be Disney World. Tradition is fine.

Anonymous

8/19/2021 12:38 PM

Make sure there a several places to park and lock bikes! Each different play zone (pool, playscape, ball field, pond) needs its own bike rack. Make sure bikes can access all of them from the neighborhood streets.

Anonymous

8/19/2021 11:58 PM

Please continue to have lines for two pickleball courts on each tennis court and expand it to all four tennis courts. This will allow pickleballers to set up their own nets and maximize tennis court usage when the dedicated pickleball courts are full. Based on current trends, I expect pickleballers to far outnumber tennis players.

Anonymous

8/20/2021 07:20 PM

need to do something about the dog bathroom at #13 before it will be a viable picnic area. Also proximity to nearby houses could cause noise issues.

Anonymous

8/20/2021 09:52 PM

I like the idea of a nature-based playscape only if it has no treated wood. Otherwise, I'd want a playscape with a variety of play possibilities not made of wood. Also, whatever playscape goes in, the ground material needs to be non-toxic. That is essential. Please, please, have all picnic tables have 100% full shade structures, not dappled shade. It will allow more use during the hottest time of the year. Please propose alternative designs that will protect the pond habitat and wildlife, improve water quality, and not remove trees. Please preserve park trees. Avoid cutting down any tree for a pickle ball court, for example.

Anonymous

8/21/2021 06:17 AM

Save the bald cypress !!!

Anonymous

8/21/2021 06:56 PM

Please do not crowd the park with everything! Leave lots of open natural space. Some fun things can go in other nearby parks; it doesn't all have to go here. Do not create parking issue for the neighborhood. Keep the pond natural although improved. Your plan will hurt pond habitat and nature.

Anonymous

8/21/2021 07:16 PM

When you expand the pond, be sure to replant decent-sized cypress trees.

Anonymous

8/21/2021 10:08 PM

Please don't tear down any big trees!

Anonymous

8/22/2021 10:54 AM

I know it doesn't snow here often, but there are GREAT hills for sledding in the park and it looks like one is being changed to stairs. My biggest comment is that too much space is being set aside for the benefit of too few people. (Baseball, pickle ball.) You don't see this at places like Mueller or Butler where all of the spaces can be used by just about anyone. The baseball field is a huge swath of land used by a small number of (mostly) teenage boys. Seems like such a loss to the community in terms of open green space and all the other ways it could be used. Why is that remaining a priority? Also we were really hoping with all of the space a nice walking loop/paths would be incorporated but it's hard to tell from the map if that is happening.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:19 PM

Playscapes - simpler is better Open space care - suited to 'use' No wild flowers under picnic tables.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:38 PM

Splash pad please!

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:43 PM

Is there a way to introduce something to keep the water clean. The pond always has algae and smells making it unappealing

Anonymous

8/22/2021 12:55 PM

It would be nice to incorporate a splash pad

Anonymous

8/22/2021 02:22 PM

Shade is very important -- the more trees the better. Ideally, create mostly a natural, "urban woodland" for kids to explore, native plants & animals to inhabit, and adults to quietly contemplate. Provide more and easier access to the creek, (as a potentially perfect "natural playscape"), including making a serious effort to restore the creek's natural state and habitats in the areas bordering the park, to the greatest extent possible.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 02:46 PM

Like Zilker Park, Northwest Park is a mecca for graffiti felons. NWP hosts tags dated as far back as 2016 , and up to 12 square feet in size. Graffiti that was reported via the 311 app on June 12, (Its My Park Day), is still there today on August 22. Three tags in plain

sight that were pointed out to volunteers on June 12 are also still there. One of the tags is MORBID, another is ALL ME. Some of the aging graffiti is slowly going away because the old paint underneath it is peeling away. Please install new signs sparingly because they are graffiti magnets, just like the signs along Austin trails and bikeways. The 311 app has a failure rate of over 90 percent when used to request graffiti removal in NW Park, but Austin 311 has shown no interest in investigating or fixing that. It is a too-well-kept secret that there is a 311 mobile app, and that it is a tool to report graffiti. This Sept 2014 YouTube demo of the 311 app does not even speak of using the app to report graffiti: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwG8CyYV-OM> PARD urgently needs anti-graffiti volunteers to scout the parks and trails weekly to find and report graffiti. Please remind PARD Director Kimberly McNeeley about our meeting on his subject about 4 years ago. Thank You, George Yanker > Citizen member of Austin's 2016 Graffiti Task Force. > Photographer with about 18,000 photos of Austin graffiti vandalism.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 02:58 PM

I do not want any trees taken out! We need them for shade and coolness. I do not want concrete brought in. We need coolness and not added heat. I like the idea of Parks and Wildlife managing the pond with native fish species and plants so that children can see the beauty that Mother Nature provides us now.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 06:06 PM

Regular upkeep of the park, parking lots, pavement and equipment at least once a month fall, winter & spring and then the park, parking lots, pavement, equipment, ballpark, pool, tennis and basketball courts weekly during the summer would be great.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 06:24 PM

I am concerned that the current plan will likely seriously impact the existing wetland pond habitat, displace wildlife, and remove 8 bald cypress. Please revisit this part of the plan.

Anonymous

8/22/2021 08:55 PM

Really appreciate your work and efforts here.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 01:25 PM

Tall grass is an inappropriate model for native grass/wildflower/low maintenance areas. Mid-grass is more appropriate - except along Shoal Creek and other wetlands upland was a little bluestem- live oak savannah.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 01:35 PM

Please reconsider the plans for the pond. Removing 8 of 23 mature bald cypress is a terrible idea.

Anonymous

8/23/2021 02:09 PM

I'm most interested in the pool upgrades, so I'll look for information on that online. Is there a separate survey for that?

Anonymous

8/23/2021 02:52 PM

Plant more long lived native shade trees. Create undesignated park space. Save existing pond wetlands, animals, and birds!

Anonymous

8/23/2021 07:22 PM

My neighborhood park for over 25 years, Beverly Sheffield Park, is near and dear to my heart! Please take long-standing community members concerns and suggestions into consideration. I believe that: PARD should propose alternative designs that will protect the pond --habitat and wildlife --improve water quality --not remove trees! No pond plan should adversely impact habitat and wildlife!! PARD could sensitively integrate the existing pond/habitat into a new downsized wet pond while utilizing the ECM guidelines. The NWPark Vision Plan is community driven. Survey feedback concerning the duck pond was to: --maintain the pond and improve it. --keep the pond Please improve and enhance shade within the park and preserve park trees. Thank you, Donna Rose

Anonymous

8/23/2021 08:47 PM

Please leave cattails and brush in place for pondside wildlife. There's been a lot of cutting recently, which has diminished the heron and egret population this summer. This park provides a remarkable environment for migratory warblers, flycatchers, Orioles, thrushes, wrens, sparrows, and many others. Native grasses, flowers, and fruit trees (especially mulberry trees) attract an abundance of animals.

Anonymous

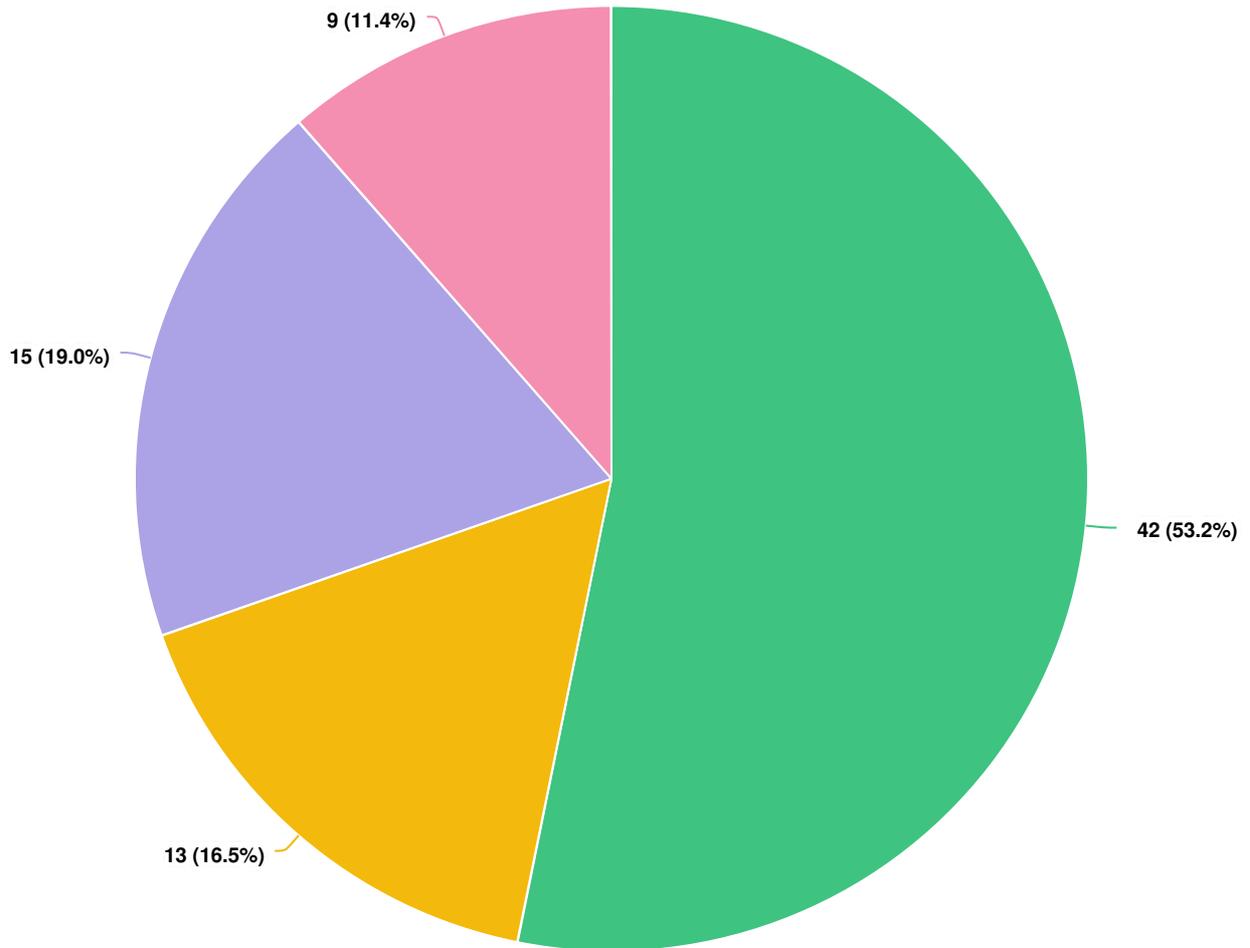
8/23/2021 09:16 PM

The shoal creek corridor is largely inaccessible. It could be the biggest asset.

**Optional question** (47 response(s), 33 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q8** How close do you live to the park?

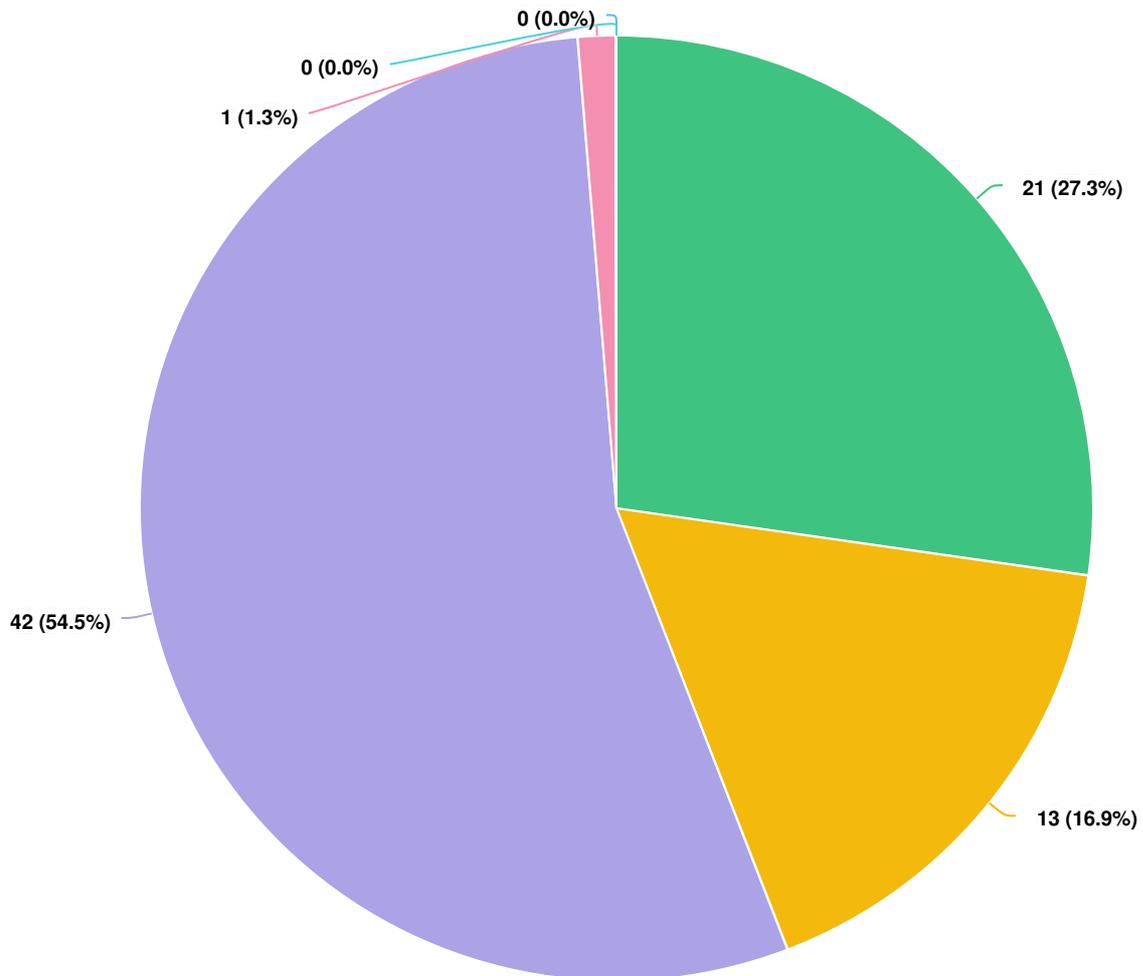


**Question options**

- 1/4 mile or closer
- 1/4 to 1/2 mile
- 1 to 2 miles
- More than 2 miles

Optional question (79 response(s), 1 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q9** What mode or modes of transportation do you use to get to the park?

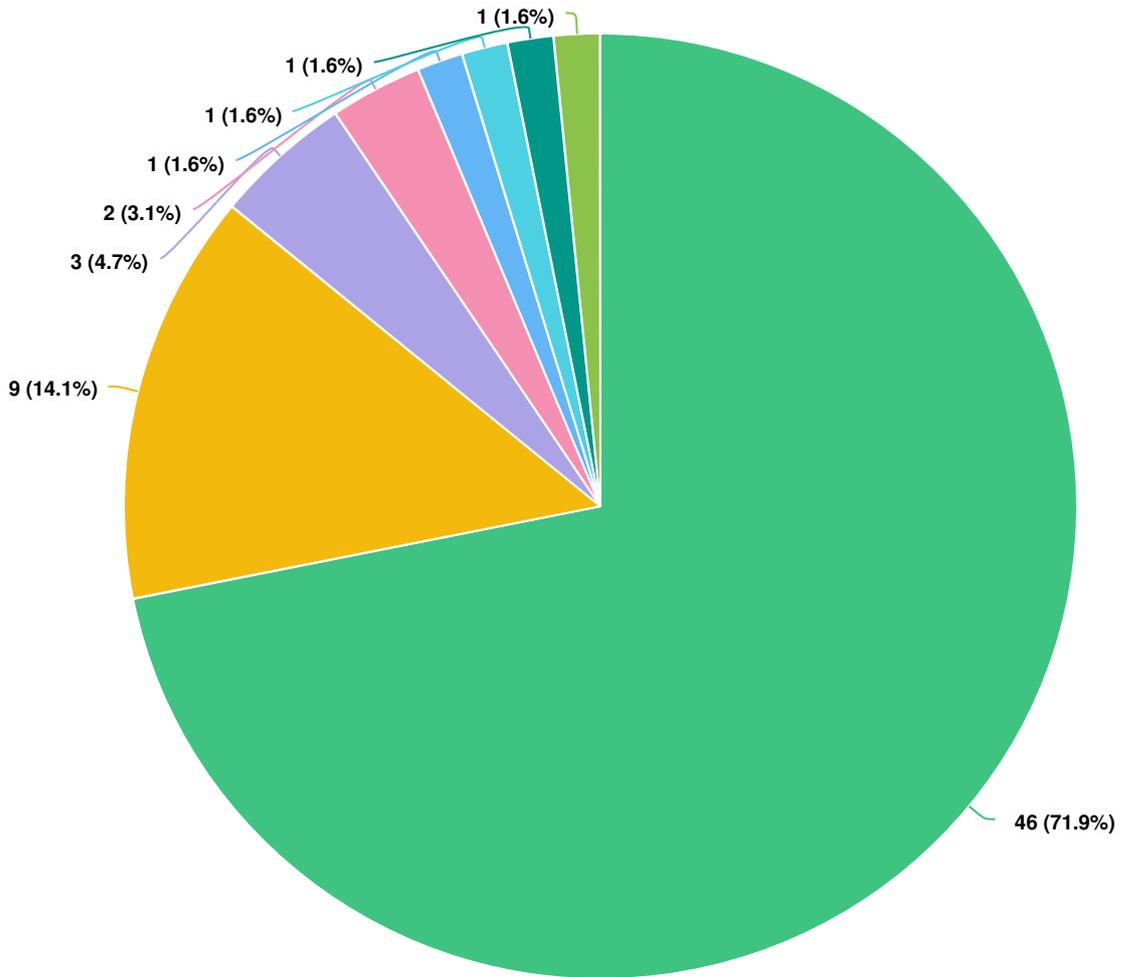


**Question options**

- Personal vehicle
- Bicycle
- Walk or wheelchair
- Other
- Public transit
- Personal Electric Vehicle (scooter, one-wheel, etc.)

Optional question (77 response(s), 3 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q10** What is your zip code?

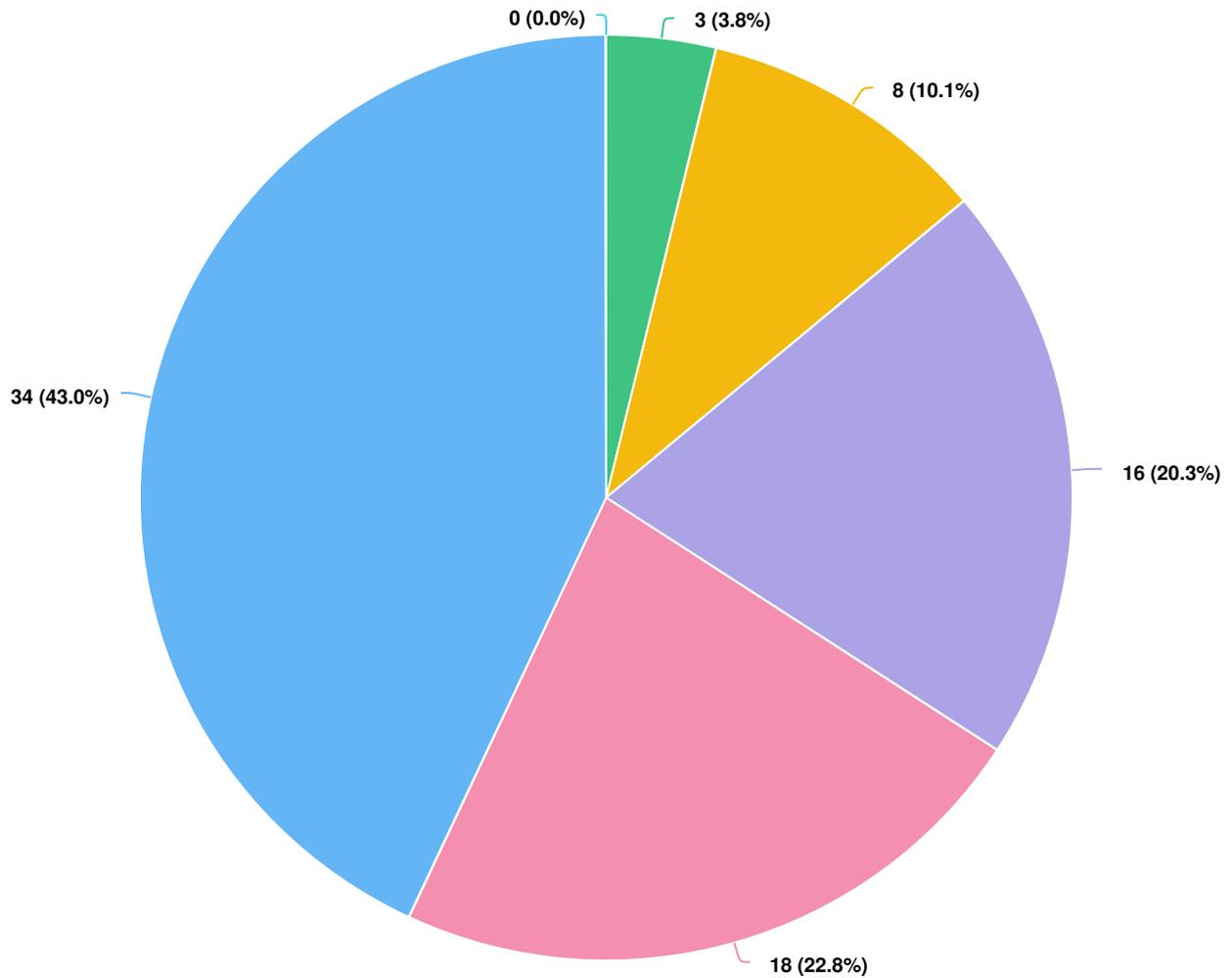


**Question options**

- Austin, TX 78757
- Austin, TX 78731
- Austin, TX 78756
- Austin, TX 78703
- Austin, TX 78758
- Austin, TX 78704
- Dale, TX 78616
- Austin, TX 78745

Optional question (64 response(s), 16 skipped)  
Question type: Region Question

**Q11** How long have you lived in Austin? If you do not currently live in Austin, please mark how long you lived in Austin previously if at all.

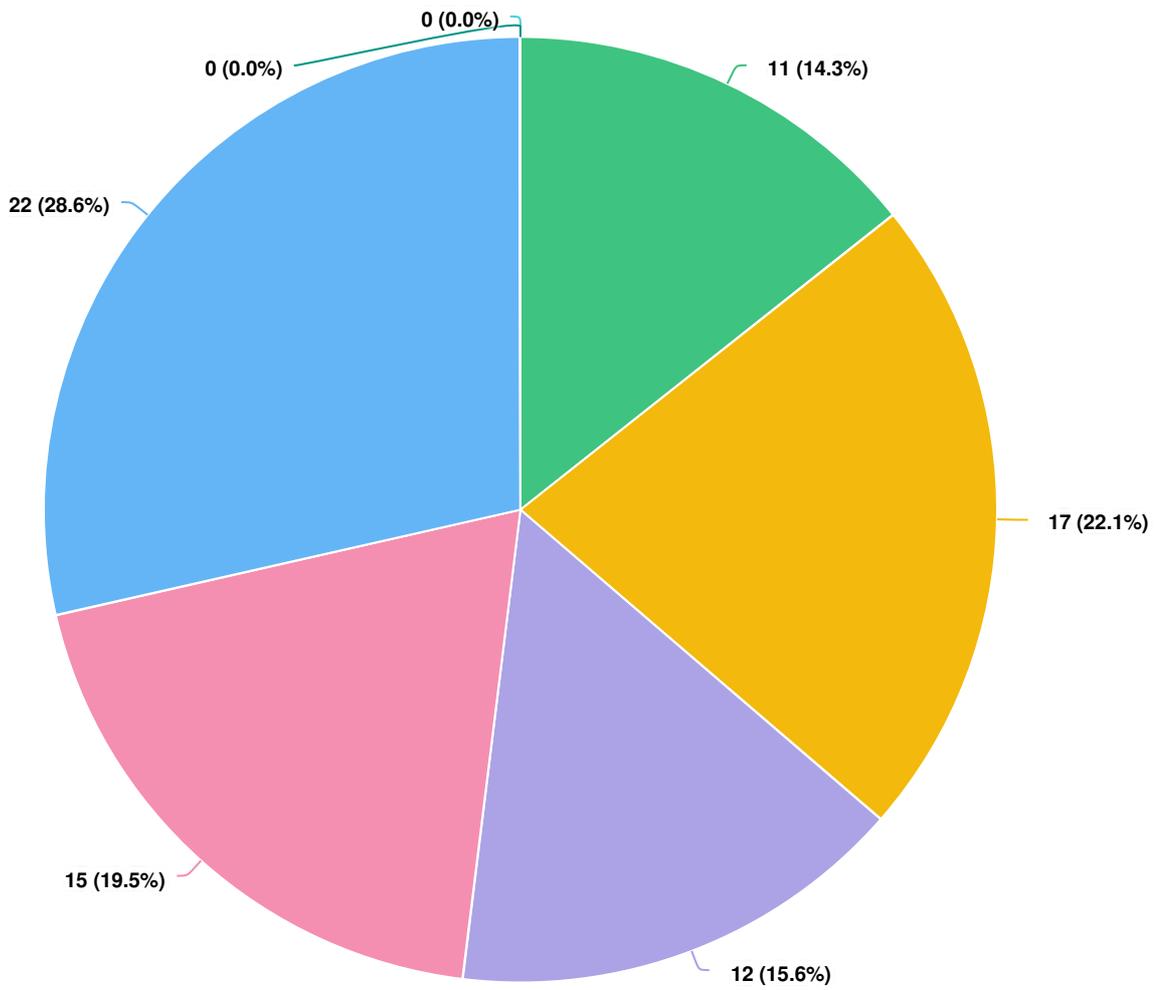


**Question options**

- Less than 5 years
- 5-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 21-30 years
- More than 30 years
- I have never lived in Austin

Optional question (79 response(s), 1 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q12 What is your age range?

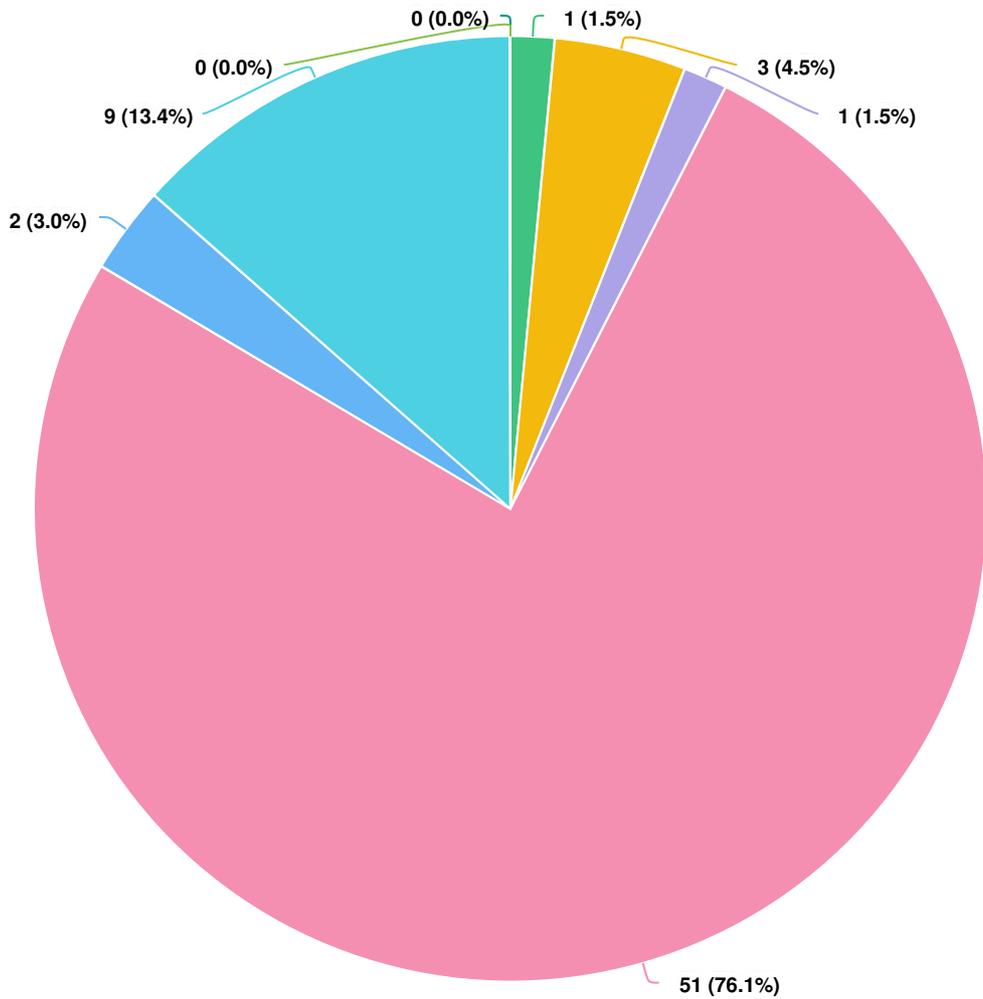


Question options

- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+
- 17 or under
- 18-24

Optional question (77 response(s), 3 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q13** What is your race/ethnicity?

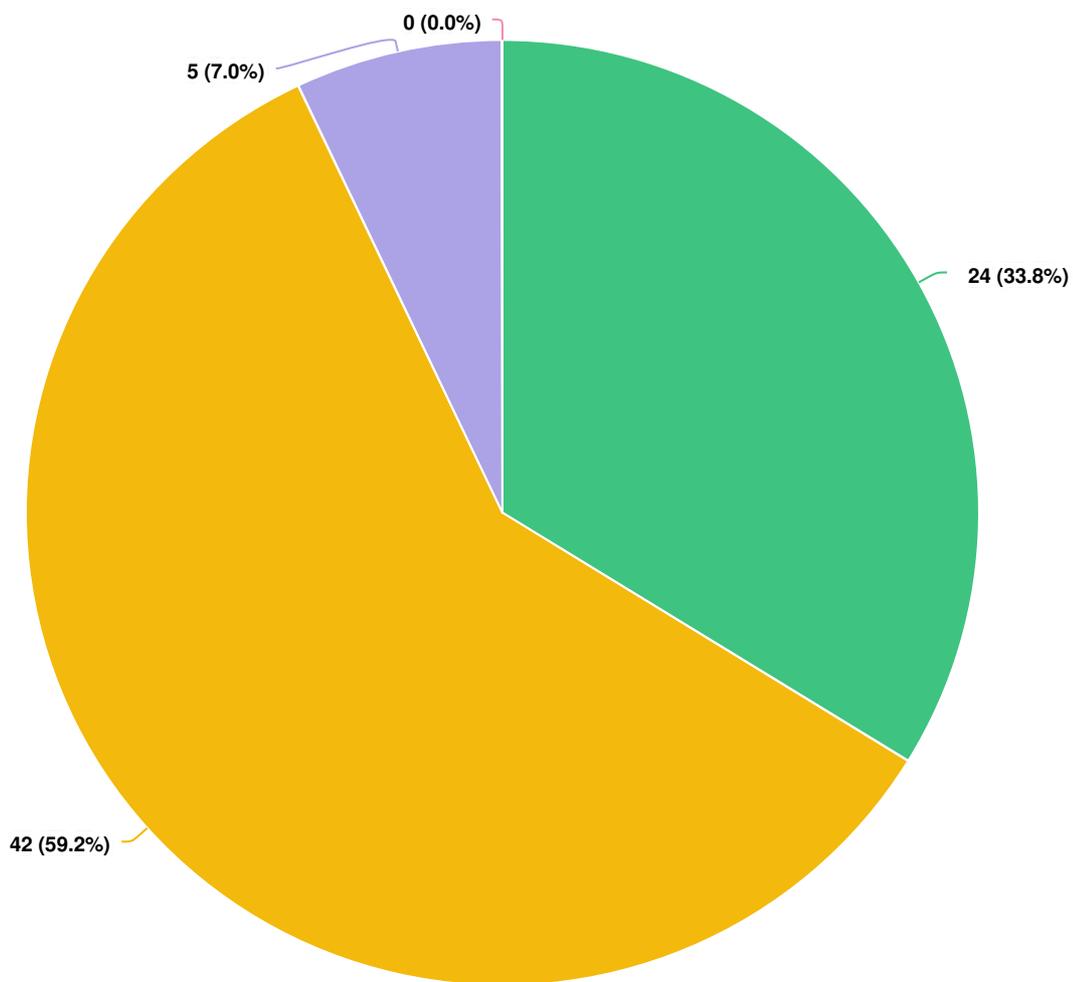


**Question options**

- Black or African-American
- Hispanic or Latinx
- Asian or Asian American
- White
- Biracial, Multiracial, or not listed
- I prefer not to answer
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Optional question (67 response(s), 13 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q14** What is your gender?

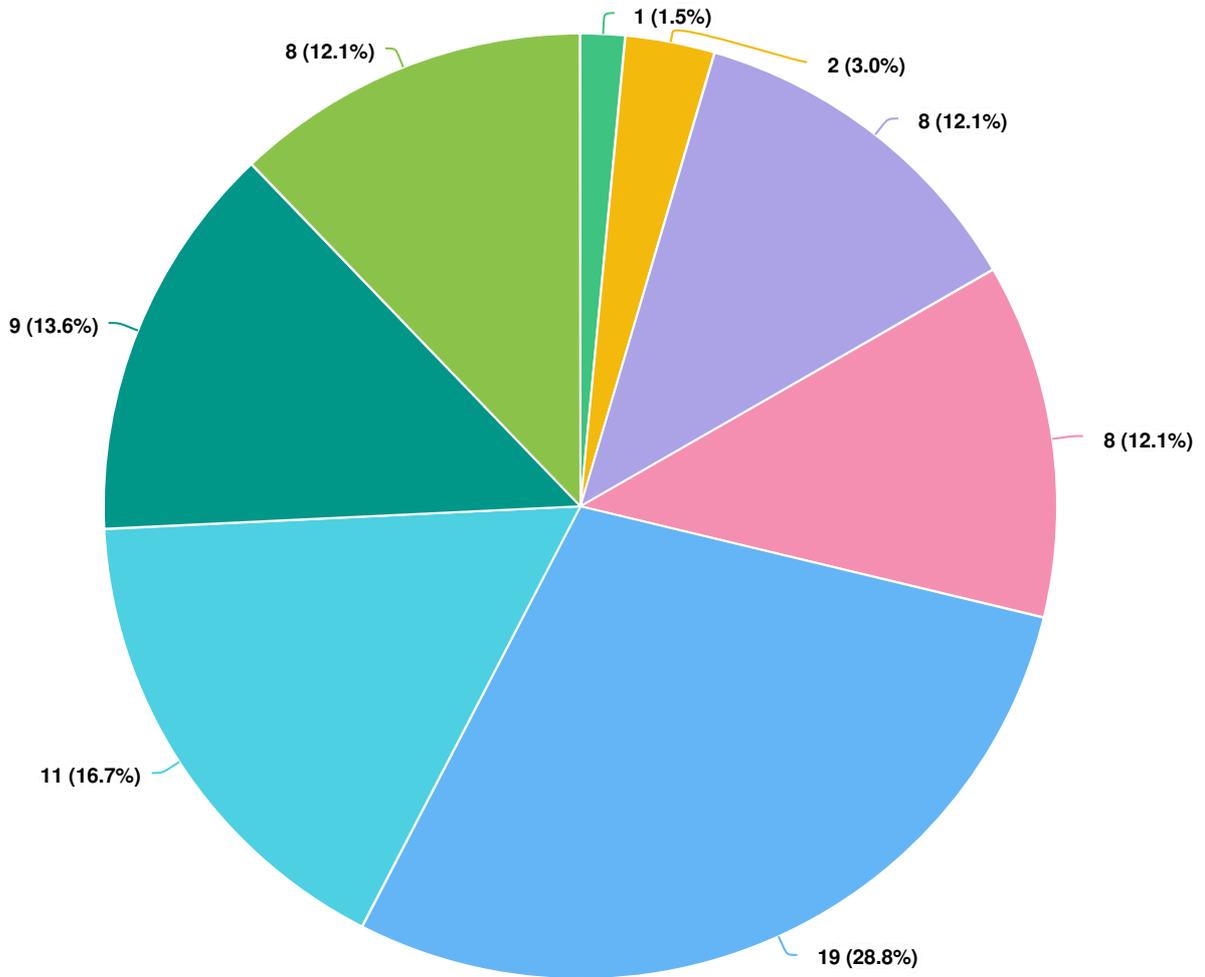


**Question options**

- Man
- Woman
- I prefer not to answer
- Non-binary

*Optional question (71 response(s), 9 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question*

**Q15** What is your approximate household income?



**Question options**

- Under \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$49,000
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 to \$250,000
- More than \$250,000
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (66 response(s), 14 skipped)  
Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q16** | **What language or languages are spoken at home?**

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Anonymous English  
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Anonymous english  
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Anonymous english  
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Anonymous English  
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Anonymous English, dog  
8/04/2021 07:11 PM

Anonymous English and Spanish  
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Anonymous English  
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english

Anonymous

8/18/2021 06:14 PM

English and Spanish

Anonymous

8/18/2021 08:55 PM

My great grandfather was the financial manager for the railroad to Bastrop and Houston. My granddather attended the German boy's school on Castle Hill. They lived in Waterloo, across from City Hall and watched as the new Capitol was built.

Anonymous

8/19/2021 12:21 PM

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English and Spanish

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English, Spanish, German and 30 computer languages

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**Optional question** (66 response(s), 14 skipped)

**Question type:** Single Line Question