

# All Abilities Playground at Onion Creek Metropolitan Park Community Input Survey

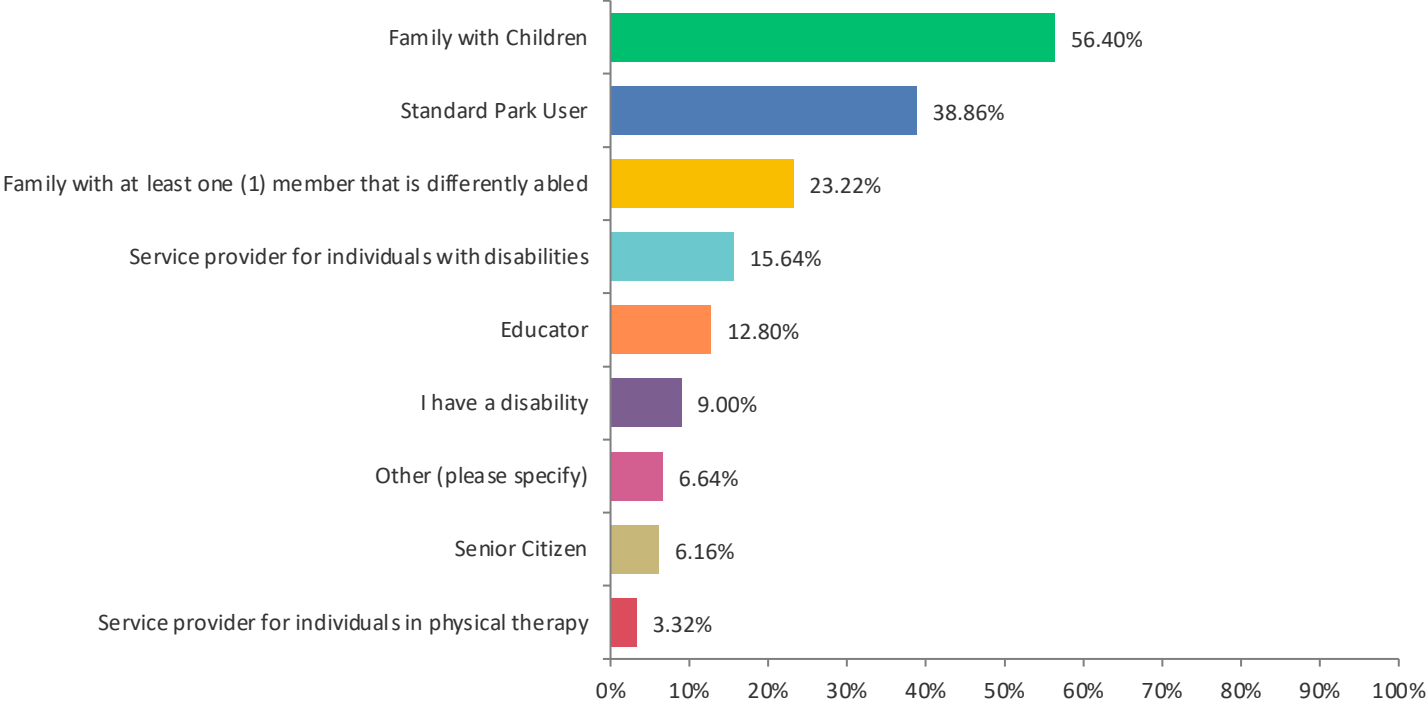
January 18 through February 11, 2024

**211**

Total and Completed Responses

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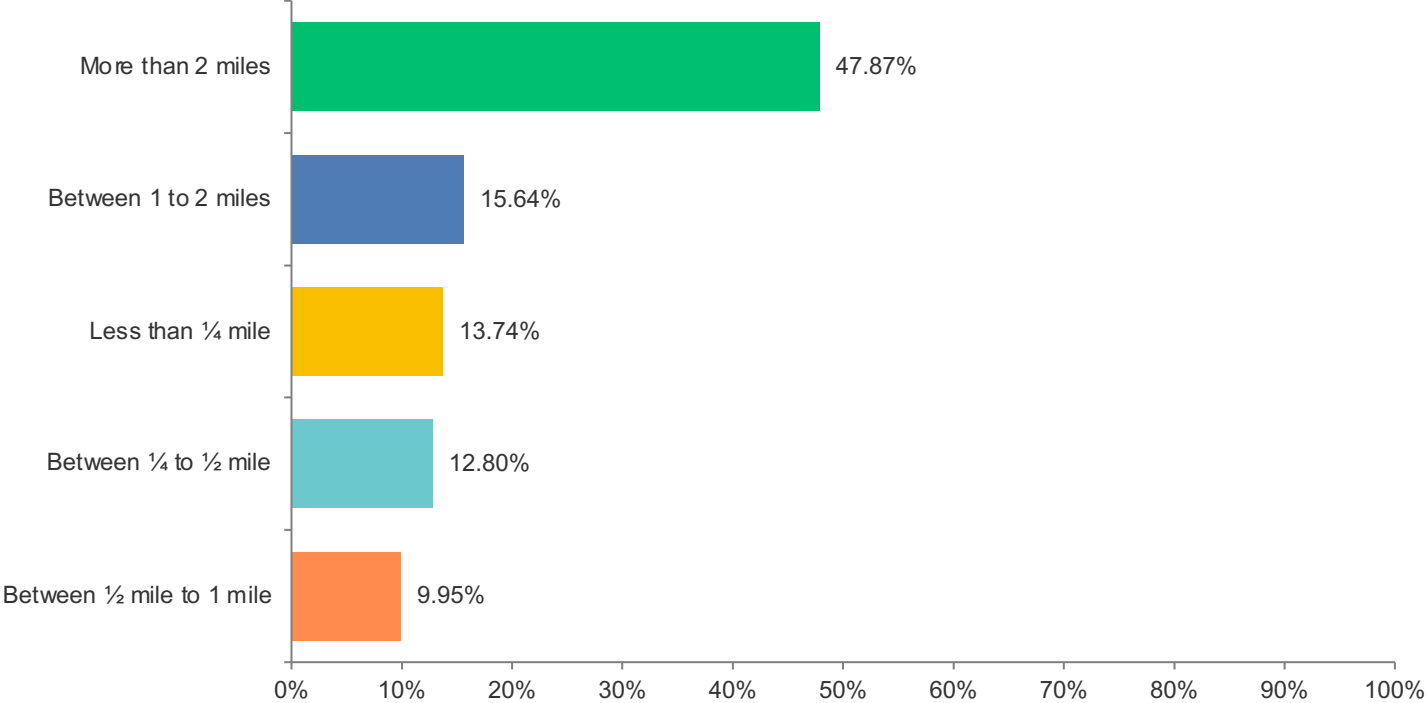
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## Comments

- Other (please specify)
- Senior with grandchildren
- Nanny
- "Mentor for a little through Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- Would like to eventually adopt a child in the future too"
- Mentor
- Child with disability
- Aunt to a disabled individual
- Family with child and dog. I was also an SPED teacher and took my students to the AAP in Round Rock once. We would have loved having one closer but I am so excited for future children to enjoy this park!
- Patient Advocate
- service provider for individuals in occupational therapy
- full time caregiver of an autistic teen
- Avid birder
- Wheelchair user
- Dog owner
- Service provider for individuals in occupational therapy

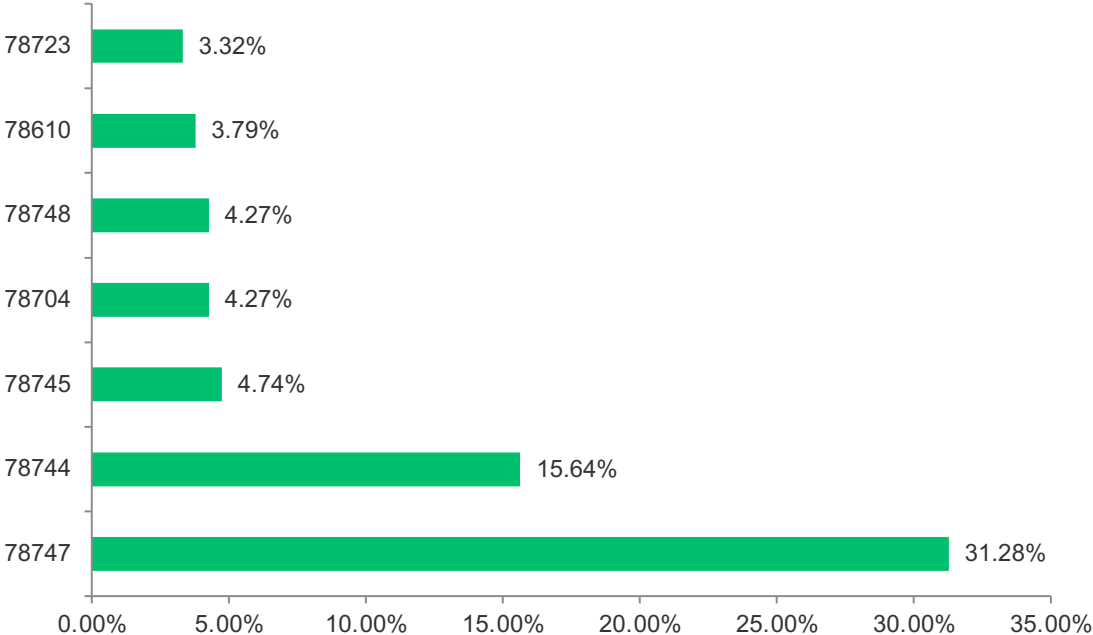
## Q2: How far do you live from the site?

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### Q3: What is your Zip Code?

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*A complete list of the Zip Codes is provided as an attachment.*

## Q4: What do you like most about the All Abilities parks and playspaces that you have visited?

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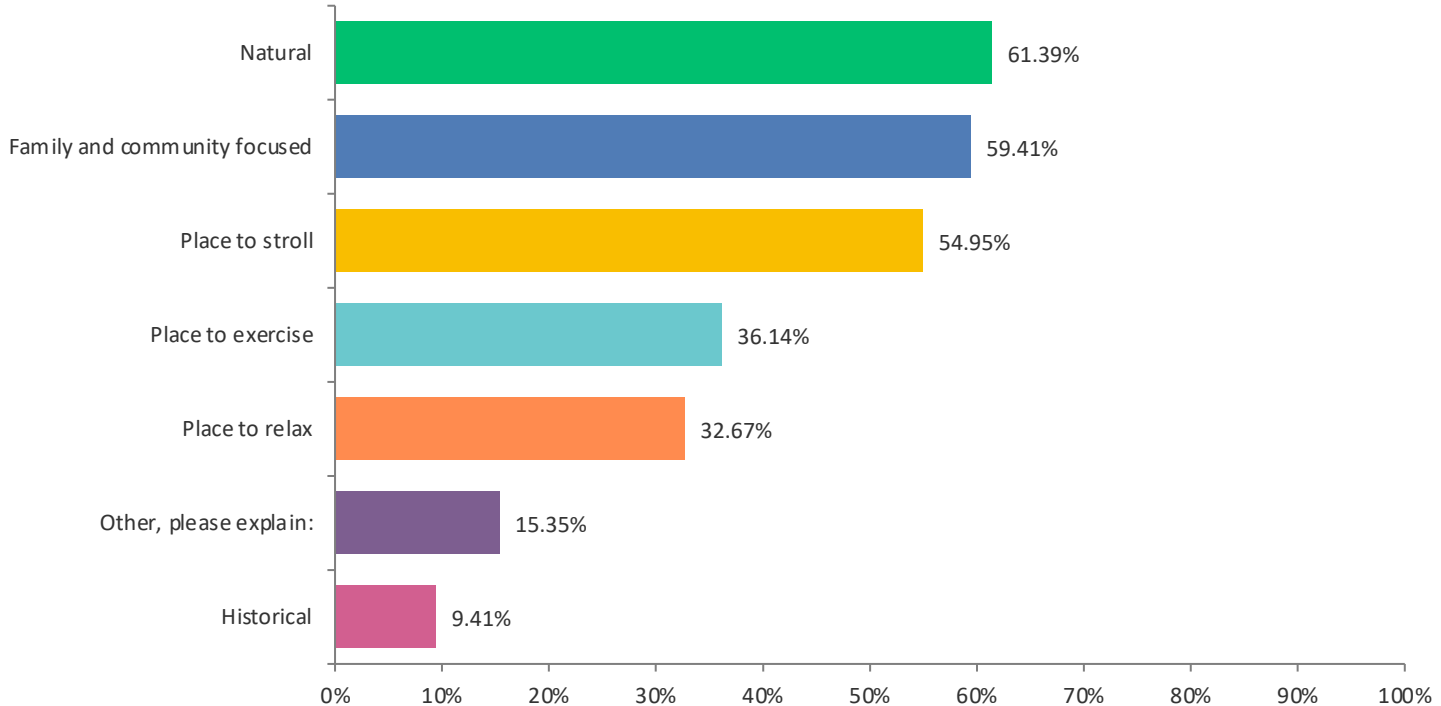
### Summary of the Comments Received

- **Accessibility Features:** Respondents liked the inclusion of equipment accessible to children with various disabilities, mentioning wheelchair-accessible swings and sensory-friendly areas that cater to children with sensory processing disorders.
- **Diverse Play Options:** People liked that the playgrounds offered a broad spectrum of play equipment, such as tactile panels for sensory play, auditory games, and visually stimulating elements, ensuring that children with different interests and abilities have suitable options.
- **Safety and Comfort:** Feedback highlights the implementation of safety measures like soft flooring to prevent injuries, shaded areas to protect against sun exposure, and fencing to ensure children's safety within the playground area.
- **Community and Social Inclusion:** Respondents appreciate the playground's role in fostering community spirit and social inclusion, facilitating interactions among children with and without disabilities, and providing a space where parents and caregivers can connect.
- **Educational Value:** Some comments point out the educational benefits of the playground, where children can learn about empathy, diversity, and inclusion through play.

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- Dog friendly
- Great place to fly a kite and just let the little ones run. Also great for the breeze and fresh air. Which is beneficial in keeping kids temps cool. Especially for those individuals who are unable to regulate their temps.
- No experience so far
- A location to introduce people to nature and to restore a damaged or destroyed natural area.
- My husband plays soccer at the soccer fields nearby. It would be fun to bring my daughter to watch some of his game and then go to the playground.
- Great place for walking or hiking with children and pets.
- Great place to walk dogs and ride horses in the midst of a city.
- Walk the dog
- Dog friendly
- Right now there's not a lot to do there and much of it is overgrown
- hopefully a non-flooding park
- I have not yet been to Onion Creek Park.
- Under developed
- Nothing for my kids to play
- A wonderful asset for those in South Austin
- Never been
- Dog playground



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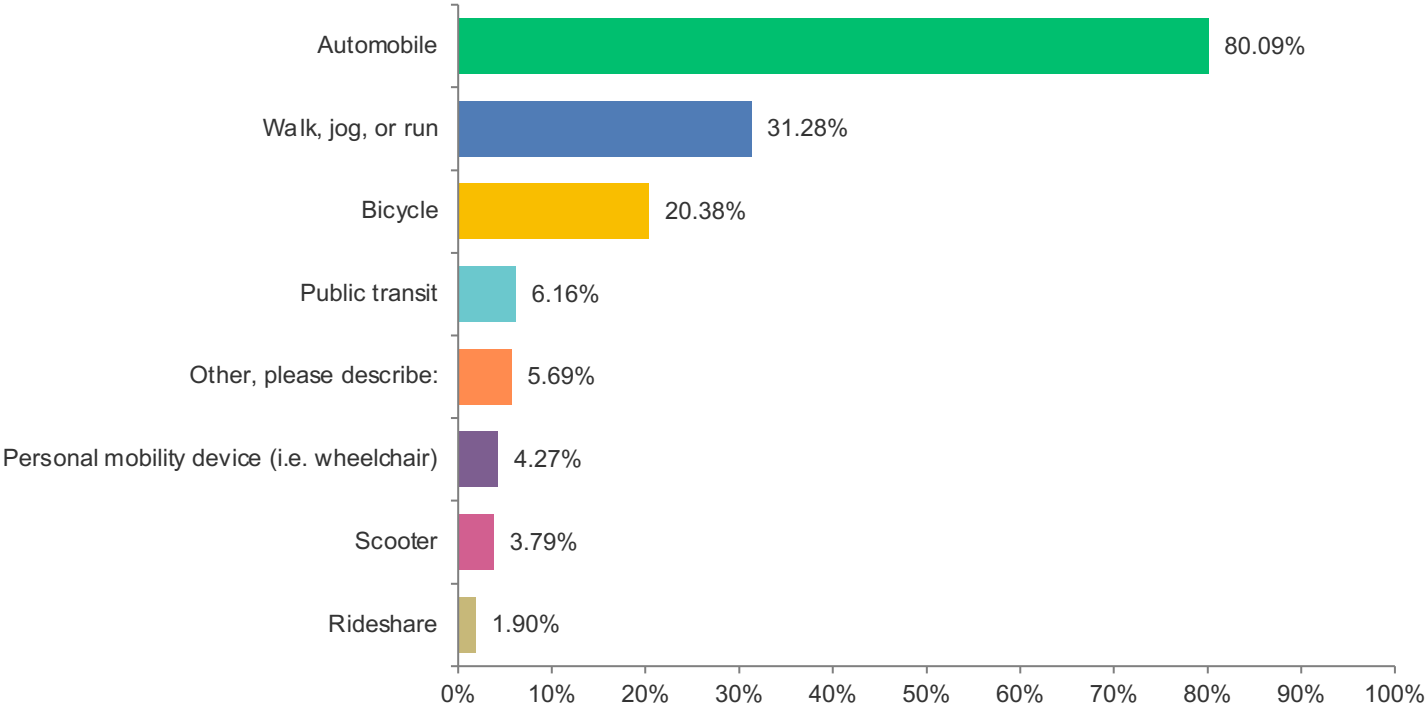
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## Comments

- A place to engage the senses, learn from nature, and get lost in your own backyard.
- Needs to be trauma informed to honor people's whose lives and homes were lost to flooding. This spaces needs to respect and honor the power of water
- connected to nearby trails and paths
- Never been
- We have held several beep baseball practices out there.
- inclusive
- place for everyone to have fun
- fun for adults too
- Play with my dogs in the field
- "Place to have fun; place for littles;
- Place to explore; "
- Scary because the homeless are allowed to camp all over the place
- Onion Creek Metropolitan Park is a walk in pure nature with Mother Earth and Father Sky! Mother will ground your body brushing you as you pass her native grasses, flowers and shrubs if your quiet and observant enough you may find many of her hidden treasures. Father Sky beams upon you through the canopy of the native walnut, pecan, oak, and multitude of different species of trees he offers shade and shelter with out encumbrances. Onion Creek Park is wonder and freedom.
- Photography opportunities

# Q6: How would you get to the All Abilities Playground? (Select all that apply)

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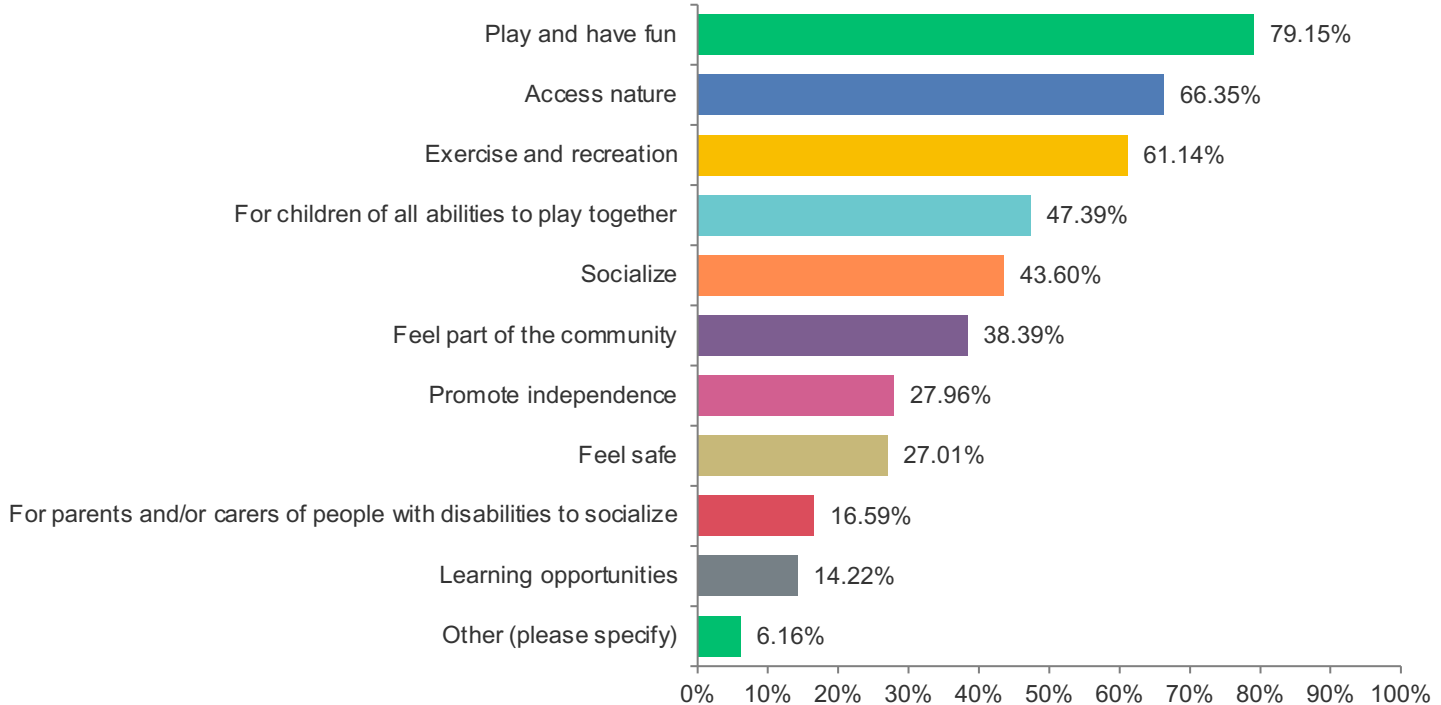
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### Comments

- We need sidewalks to access the park. We live in the Springfield Village Neighborhood on Cats Eye Lane. Specifically sidewalks connecting salt springs to thaxton and the park.
- Just bought an E1 bicycle would like to start using it from my home have already but would like to use it more
- Electric car plugs are needed 🙏
- Live on the buyout side so have to cross the creek
- Could walk or bike but there are no sidewalks or bike lanes connecting my neighborhood to the park
- Special accessible van
- I live at the Goodnight Ranch so I can walk
- metro would be awesome
- "I would walk if we had sidewalks on Thaxton all the way to the park. Otherwise it feels dangerous. When biking with my son we go the long way there on Baythorne.
- Even a maintained trail from Salt Springs across from Texaco through to the trailhead would be a huge improvement. "
- uber
- If they finished building a sidewalk on Thaxton from Salt Springs we could safely walk there.
- Organizational Van or Bus

## Q7: Why do you go to a park or playspace? (Select the top three)

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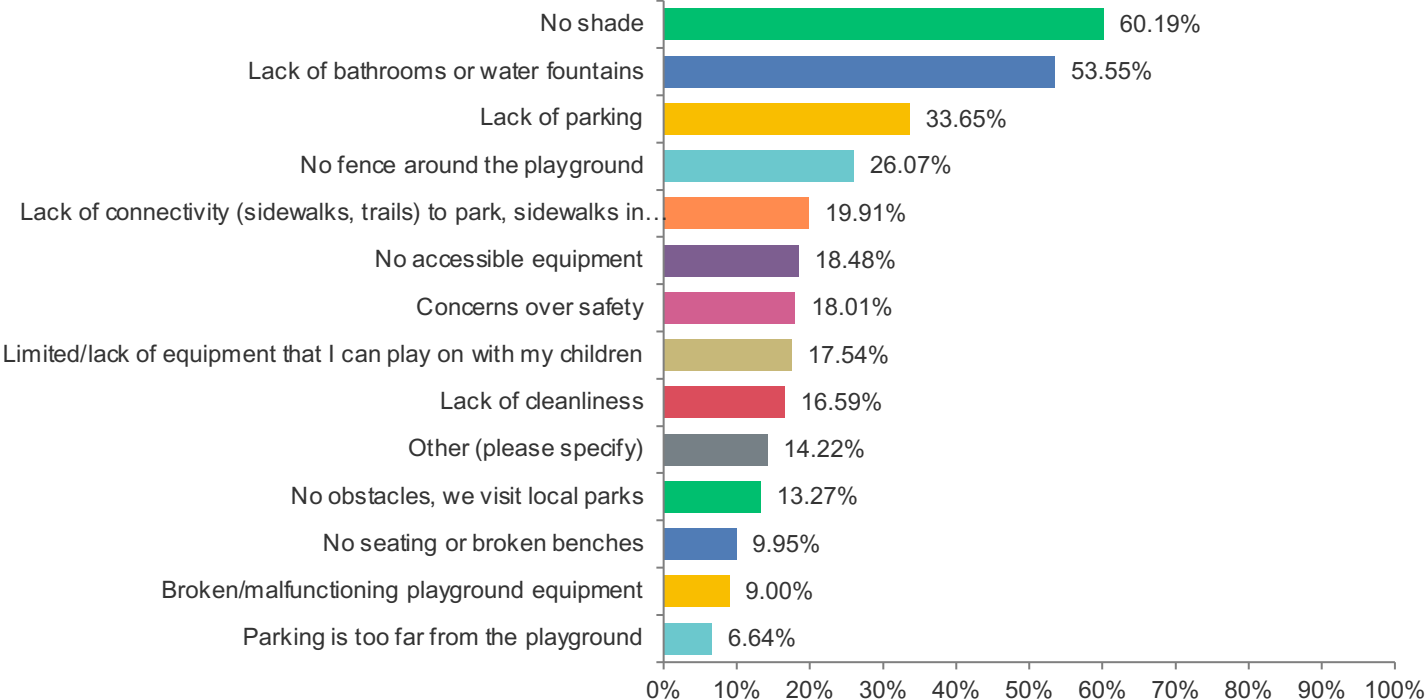
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### Comments

- Great place for my four year old to learn to ride her bike
- Release energy.
- Walk or enjoy natural surroundings
- Protect it from vandalism and theft control at night and report lights being out on the president of my neighborhood association
- Play Pickleball
- No other but survey will not close without three
- Walk our dog- include animals
- it's the only recreational opportunity for my autistic teen
- developmental development
- Play with my dogs and other dog owners
- Nature access
- Photography and birding

# Q8: Are there any obstacles that keep you (as a caregiver) from visiting local parks? If so, please choose four options that are most applicable to you.

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### Comments

- No Changing tables for adults
- Whether it is accessible by bicycle
- Dogs running loose on the playground (by the dog park); bee hives inside of play equipment
- Heat and lack of shade
- Alot are outdated.
- Crowded
- Lack of public transit to those locations
- Dirty bathroom
- Again just getting to four
- Lack of trails
- I know the homelessness issue is challenging and complicated, but it is hard to enjoy our playgrounds when people are sleeping on the playscapes. I personally witnessed a homeless couple begin having sex on a playscape while my kids were playing nearby. I wonder if police could come by in the mornings and ask the homeless people to please move off the playscapes. Not to leave the parks, but just to make the playscapes accessible and safe for kids.
- homeless people living in the woods next to park, or homeless people sleeping on the benches in the park, or homeless sleeping on the kids toys/tubes on playscape, also we have had disfficulty with homeless people sleeping in the restrooms with their dogs. the bums at the parks needs to be illegal and enforced. possibly adding cameras and police that routinely monitor the safety of the parks.
- Space for dog owners. And enforced dog regulations.
- Too crowded, play space not welcoming for all abilities
- Unhoused adults engaged in illicit activities - Heritage Oaks



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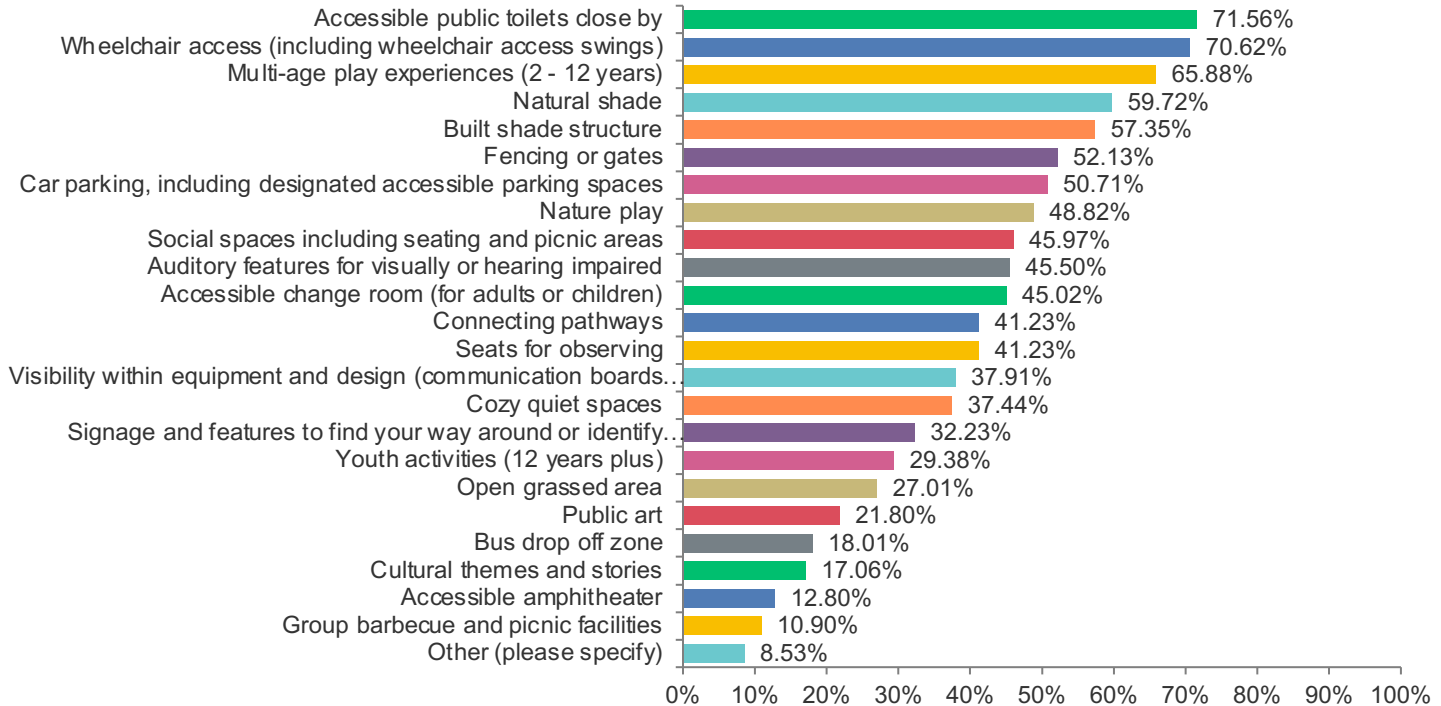
### Comments

- Walkability is our largest concern. Don't take away more of the park for parking spaces - arrange the neighborhoods surrounding the park to be walkable and accessible by foot/bicycle/stroller anything other than an automobile. Not the easiest solution, but the best.
- signage in the trails of paths so I dont feel like i'm going to get lost.
- Lack of changing facility for older children -- I have to take him back to our van to have space to change his diaper. An adult-size changing table in one of the bathrooms would be great!
- no water play or natural shallow bodies of water
- lack of accessible trails for people with mobility issues.
- Ground material not accessible
- Lack of accessible sidewalks & trails
- I'm not a caregiver
- lack of public transit; lack of challenge for adults
- paths not kept up
- Crowded
- Homeless & dumping.
- I have never experienced any of these issues at parks in Austin. I am a 30 year resident.
- Lack of park police. Would love to see park police back on the beat! Enforcement of camping ban in our parks and greenbelts. Having safe parks will get me out there more often!



## Q9: What features do you think are essential for an All Abilities playground? (Select at least five)

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- Emergency box equipment, cooling station, filtered water station, sanitizing wipes for swings, slides, equipment, etc. Seats for parents/caregivers to watch close by without hovering children at play.
- Make sure that it is safe for all
- A lot of the all abilities parks aren't built for smaller children so the adaptive swings are too large and don't have enough support in the straps for say a child with less head control strength. So perhaps thinking through how to accommodate for the 2-4 year olds would be nice :) Maybe just considering more how there can be a range of supportive measures for kids with greater mobility concerns? Ie alternative straps available if necessary for additional support.
- Without shade and elements to keep the space cooler it will be unusable for many part of the day/year
- Splash pad or water feature is vital for enjoyment of parks in summer heat.
- Safe-for-all play structures with no sudden drop offs (like a fireman's pole)
- Pickle ball court
- The staggering heat of Summer 2023 has made it clear that shade, water fountains, and misting/splash areas are vitally important for kids to be able to access playgrounds during the hot months. Shade for play structures and shaded seating areas for parent supervision, please.
- Signage that gives priority to people with disabilities. Often the parks are full of people with typically developing children and they can crowd out the children that truly need the resource when they could easily play anywhere on any playground without need for accommodations
- Again, walkability. Ability to access the park via NOT an automobile.

## Q9: What features do you think are essential for an All Abilities playground? (Select at least five)

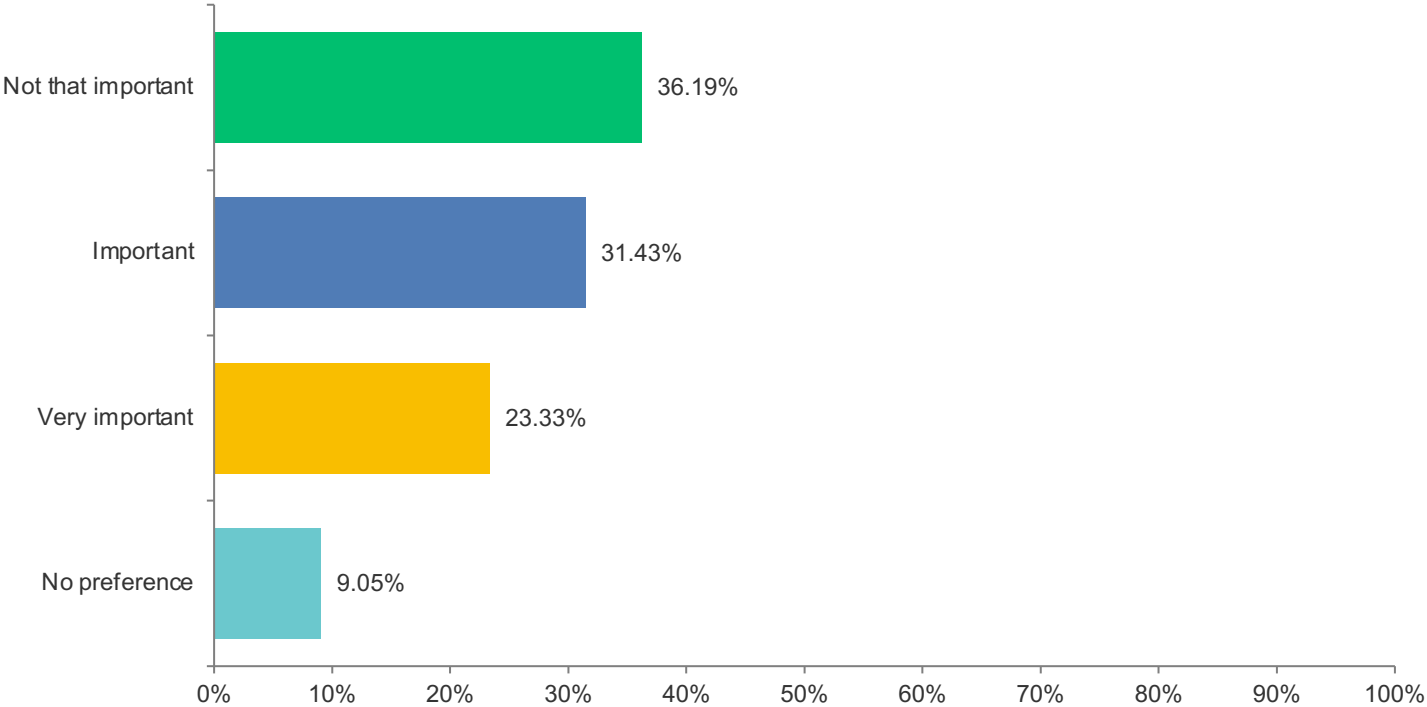
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- Separate spaces for older children/young adults with disabilities to play. They want to play in the sandbox and it is not appropriate for them to play in the sandbox with the young neurotypical children.
- water play features such water fountains, splash pads, spray park, tables of water play, etc . Sensory seeking surfaces as rocks, pebbles, mosh
- Accessible water play for summer such as splash pad
- Sensory equipment including: splash pad, adaptive swings of varying types (and more than one per park), ADA compliant playgrounds for wheelchairs to have ramps to be able to traverse across.
- Ok
- wayfinding for everyone
- "Multi-sensory zones; other mobility accessibility access outside of wheelchairs (leg braces, walkers, scooters, standing wheelchairs, crutches, etc); pretend play; space for caregivers to accompany as needed on equipment
- Children with asthma or airborne allergies need a filtered air indoor space, NO parks have this.

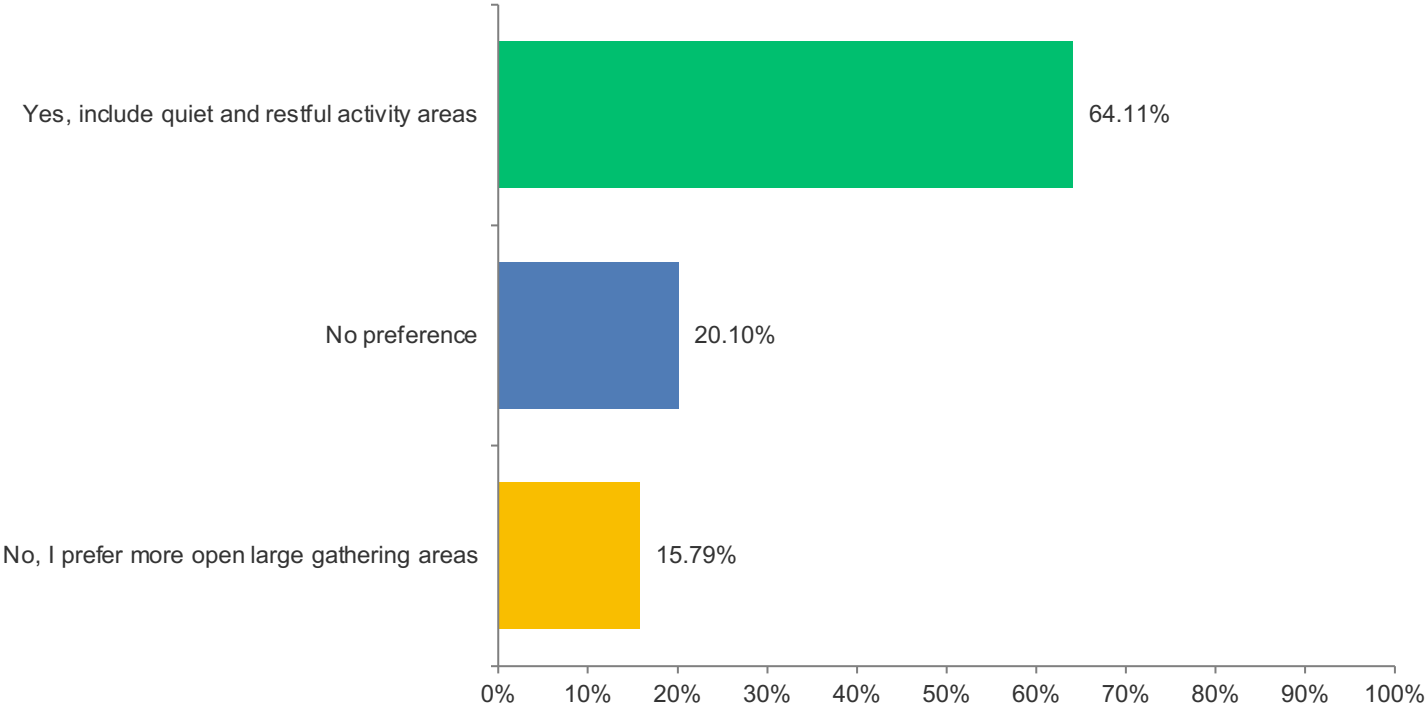
# Q10: How important is it for you to have the playground include educational and learning elements or features? (i.e., science, history, math, communication and language, music, etc...)

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### Comments

- There need to be quiet space when folks get overstimulated or need a cool down spot
- Maybe a calming “cave” with running water sounds
- Parks are essential places for community gatherings, from birthday parties to family reunions and many other celebrations.
- It depends on what the definition of quiet and restful areas mean.
- Some kids and adults get overwhelmed with too much activity. This park should be soothing.
- Helps everyone - children who get overstimulated, and anyone who needs a quiet break.
- Make it accessible for handicap blind people or death have a right to be there with Braille and emergency sirens in case of emergency
- Kids with sensory needs benefit from a place to calm down and regulate.
- Some kids even adults have sensory issues or certain types of disabilities like Autism. And most younger kids would be tired and cranky after one hour play. All of those above need a quiet space to calm down
- Mixture is good but could be among parks rather than all in one park
- Imagination can be quiet and solitary
- Speaking from my teaching experience, I had students that needed breaks from the noise and overstimulation. A designated quiet area that is still on the park grounds would have helped a ton. I could have told/showed my students as we arrived “this is the quiet area, if you feel like you need to take a break, let me know and we can go there together.” Or even for my students who would run away unexpectedly, I could let them know that the quiet area is a safe place to run to.
- To help children who have a hard time focusing and who are easily distractable to be able to sit down and eat snack without running far away
- Please include areas for children with sensory differences to retreat to. Quieter but also more visually peaceful.
- One of our children has sensory processing issues. Retreating to a quiet place instead of lashing out is a healthy coping skill for them.

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### Comments

- Many neurodivergent children and children in general become easily overstimulated and need quiet spaces to retreat to.
- Neurodivergent kids may need safe spaces to be separate from crowds/noises/overstimulation
- A space for those with sensory sensitivity to decompress. That way there is not a negative connotation with the area. This will allow more people to access the space. Restful activity areas help promote mindfulness.
- In order to access public spaces, many neurodiverse kiddos need quiet spaces to regulate themselves before returning to regular activities
- if the playground gets too crowded and busy it may be a good spot to wait until my child adapts
- especially for autistic people who have sensory considerations, stimming, etc
- I think it would be difficult to fully sound-segregate any part of a park really, sound travels quite far and kids are loud!
- I'm not sure it's realistic to request a quiet playground area unless it is very separated from other children which might defeat the purpose (as it would create isolation)
- People with autism may become overstimulated and need space to rest and recharge, away from the central play area
- If you are having an overstimulation moment with a client, it is hard to redirect them if there isn't a place to be able to calm down and sometimes results in cutting short a session whereas the client could benefit from staying longer if there was a designated area (preferably quiet) to reframe/regroup.
- To be inclusive, the park should accommodate those with sensory issues and places where they can decompress.
- De-escalate areas
- Our family doesn't go to a playground for rest/quiet. We would be more likely to use the large grassy expanse for that or go for a walk on the neighboring trail

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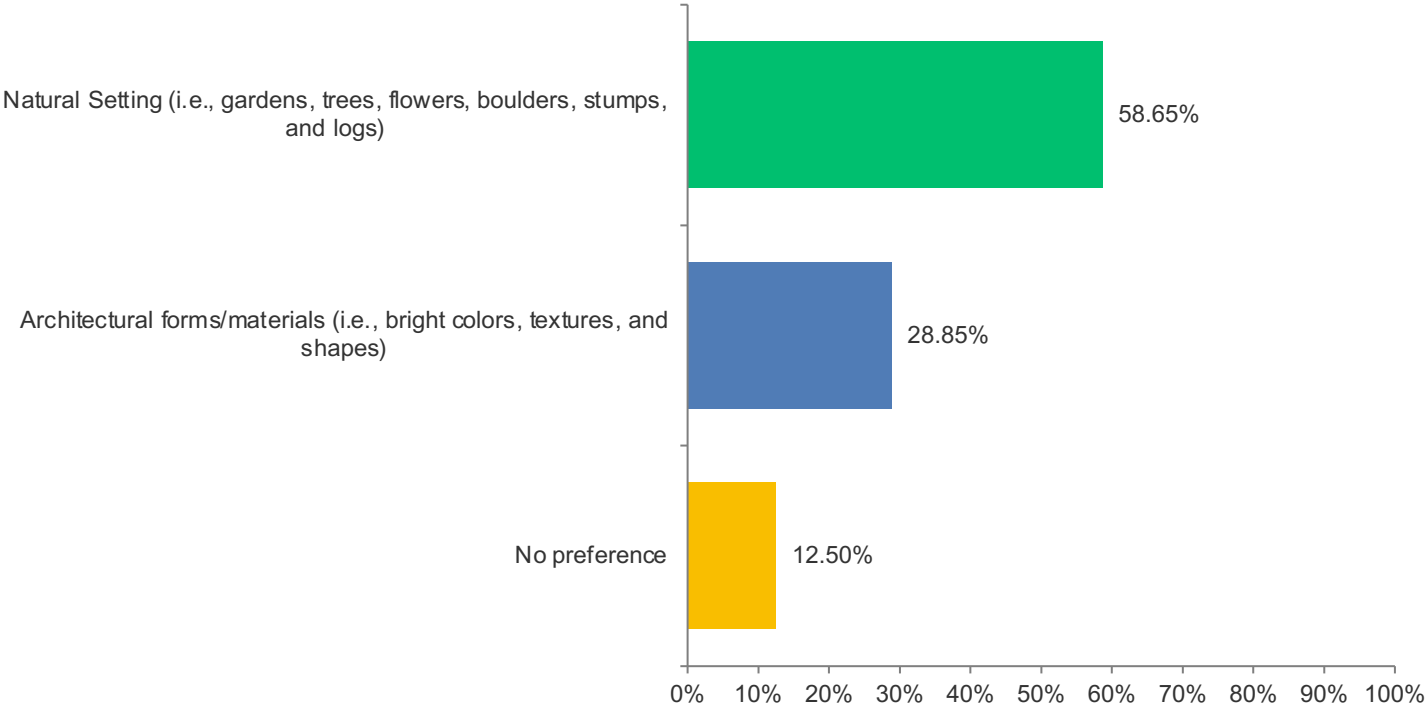
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- There are large open areas next to this area, so quiet areas would be a new amenity at the park
- This would be helpful for people with sensory needs. Or even to let caregivers trade off playing and resting. Or for a picnic where the kids aren't so distracted by play features.
- nif there is need for quiet then make your own space
- Quiet areas are essential for many ASD (Autism spectrum disorder) persons that still get a park atmosphere without being in the thick of it, which could be overstimulating for them. Also these areas provide places for kids to rest and regroup on their own that isn't a large lawn/open space.
- My children get overwhelmed and overstimulated. They don't want to leave yet but they want to hide for a while.
- Maybe an area for music or a nice sensory area.
- I like both
- We live super close to the all abilities playground in Round Rock and almost never visit because our son (11, ASD) gets overwhelmed. A safe, gated, shady area with tables, swings, or something calming would be an amazing step in making outings more feasible.



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- I personally love natural elements, but have found that it is less accessible (terrain is typically uneven, often there isn't enough color differentiation for equipment- for visually impaired, materials are not uniform making it unpredictable)
- Bright colors and shapes are easier for the visually impaired
- Some of both
- I think natural play is fantastic but I am also drawn to bold colorful spaces in public.
- I feel like "natural" settings wouldn't give kids with different abilities to have an hands on experience thus catering more to able bodied individuals.
- I think a mix of both is best
- If there's a way to merge both concepts it would give an amazing result. Maybe incorporate shapes and textures found in nature in the playground.
- "This is a tough question for me. I like both natural and architectural.
- My main concern about either design is for it to be usable in the summer time. We live in Texas where it gets exactly hot and it be best to use materials that do not absorb a lot of heat . I went to a really nice place scape during the summer and it was really hot to the touch. It felt like i could have burned my hand If I continued to touch it. My child could not play on it.
- Shade too. Some of these parks don't have seating areas that are shaded or the shade is poorly placed. "
- The best parks I have seen incorporate architectural forms with lots of trees - combining nature.
- Create a community garden I love to garden and I also like to help other people garden herbs flowers perennials annuals also zeroscaping that uses less water collects rainwater for future growth replanting of trees once they fall and remove trees there's so many trees damage from the recent storms by Yuri and flooding that still have not been cleared away and fix the lights I have reported them in the past and they still have never fixed them

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### Comments

- Nature vs plastic for our climate
- I see the benefits of both. No personal preference.
- Use of native plants
- Functionality and accessible for all ages seems most critical for our family :)
- Still some play elements and structures where necessary but integrated with nature as much as possible.
- Natural settings are more calming and research demonstrates benefits for mental health
- the natural setting and features can be easily accessed on nearby hiking trails. This park would add to the area by including built play areas and ways of exploring being outside that can't be found on the trails.
- A combination of both structured and open play would be great — similar to Children's Alliance Garden at Auditorium Shores
- A lot of the architectural forms could cause heat absorption from the sun, plus potential chemical leaks.
- Kids need outdoor time so do we. That's why we go to the park to play. Keep kids off screens.
- There can be a mix of both
- Again would like a mixture among parks with each park having its specialty
- With spider web climbing structure. Accessible needs kids also need challenging terrain and spaces to be a normal kid
- It would be nice to keep more natural elements to the park, makes it feel like a magical treehouse or fairy land for the younger ones and a nice escape for older people as well.
- Onion creek needs to stay a place where people can feel disconnected from the hustle and bustle of the city. A get away to nature.
- Both!
- EXCEPT that the foam building blocks at Auditorium Shores have been locked away every time we have been there. If supplies will be locked away, then why bother?

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- I would like a combination of a natural setting and natural shade, but for artistic, colorful, interactive, interpretive pieces to be woven throughout.
- love the alliance garden near Palmer, mix of both is wonderful!
- The area is gorgeous, with trails, trees, and plants. It should stay a space to enjoy nature.
- Natural settings will improve flora and fauna in the area contributing to better quality air. Incorporating learning exchanges with the community to learn more about nature.
- natural settings are more common and encourage more play
- Since Austin is majority renters living in multi-family housing it is crucial that children have access to nature
- We live in an urban area. We need more natural parks. We have enough architecture and man-made structures.
- Safer & accessible for all abilities
- nature provides a sensory experience of leafs moving with the wind, rough and soft textures from plants and trees and generate shade and breeze
- Both are good, but I expect the kids to need play structures more than natural ones, as we can find natural play spaces elsewhere. But honestly some of both is ideal.
- I always like the idea of natural but have never seen a natural playground that engages my typical child the way a built play structure does
- Natural but colorful elements! Not too architectural
- I really like the natural character of the Waterloo park downtown. A smaller version of the amphitheater would be great for the all abilities park. The slide being incorporated into nature is a nice feature as well. They also have a large deck with a giant tree to provide shade over a large seating area. They have food trucks there as well, another option to consider to add as well.



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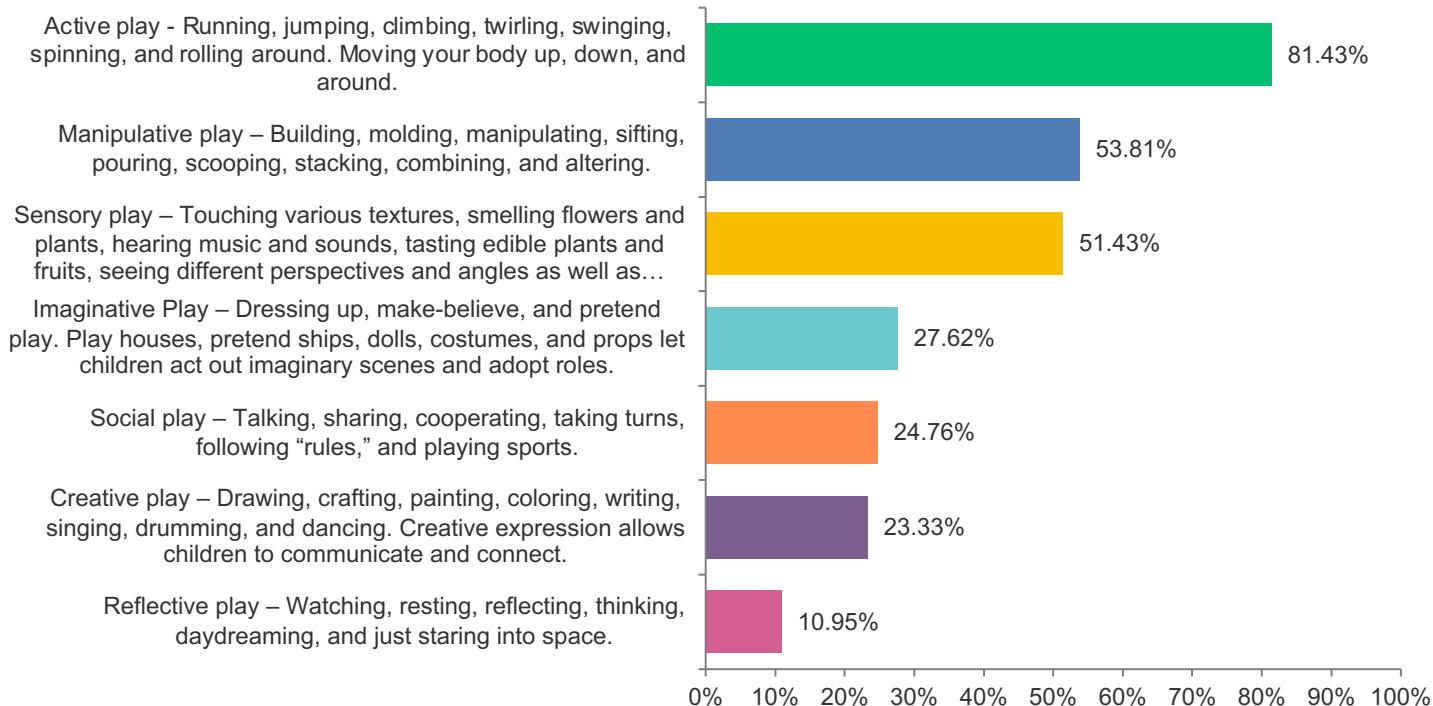
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- As a self proclaimed naturalist, I would love to see more flowers trees and logs. But as someone who works with modern day clients, they sometimes need simpler things to look at in order to grasp what they are seeing in order to be more motivated to participate. Colors are also key in the sight for some disabilities to be able to understand what is going on or what they are looking at. SO, there should be flowers because they are beautiful but the more advantageous route for more participation in the longevity of the park, in my opinion, would be more architectural.
- Why not both?
- a mix of both is nice
- Prefer parks like Pease Park with natural setting, personal preference
- I think this would fit in with the natural character of the park
- I absolutely would love more natural features! It would make it more of a seamless transition into the forest. The history of the land is being part of the El Camino Real de Tejas and later there were many cattle ranches in the area. And then lately having the two floods there is more attention to the land again. I would like to honor that with the parks with helping folks be more connected to nature.
- Kids need to be around natural settings. They spend so much time indoors.
- Rubber surfacing is the safest for ALL ABILITIES!!!
- I like both and think they each have merit. Is there a way to combine the two through different zones?
- I think there should be a connection to nature but I don't think it should be stumps.
- "That area is big enough for both.
- The surrounding neighborhood has been experiencing extreme flooding in the past five years since development has increased around Onion Creek. We are not against a park, but please keep impervious cover to a minimum as there is already a city project trying to combat this flooding problem.

**Q13: What kinds of experiences or activities have your children enjoyed that you would like to see prioritized into the design? Of course these aren't the only ways children play, but these categories help us to broaden our understanding of play. (Please select up to three)**

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- My daughter loves to swing and observe. My boys like to get dirty and sweaty
- I think all are important, but again, inclusivity is what's most important. Giving focus to kids with disabilities is and should be the first priority. Meaning all playscapes should be built with their needs first then putting in thought as to how to include able body individuals and their ways of playing. I hope that makes sense.
- Nature is the greatest teacher.
- Have 2 grandchildren with different abilities, that is the reason for different opinions selected
- When they can get together and make friends and learn with one another to share for people in their future.
- I think all of these things are important. Personally, I take my child to a park for the activity and play more than reflective play.
- My kids love shapes and colors. They love to Name all shapes and colors.
- All others are better done outside parkd
- All sound good but, these 3 sound best
- All of these would be great ideas to incorporate into the park.
- All of these would address various needs for child development.
- Many neurodiverse kiddos like to engage in sensory play. Active play is great for all kiddos, some of those big movements can also be regulating.
- "Incorporating shade and naturally covered areas from the sun for our hot summers and the ability to be outdoors during the summer.
- my children are very active, love to climb & discover.
- autistic children not only think differently they play differently, their games and leisure may not be "typical" as in creative and imaginative play and they tend to cherish solitary play
- I think including all of these is what will truly give it the meaning of an all abilities. People are all different and enjoy different activities and it's important that there is a little bit of something for everyone.



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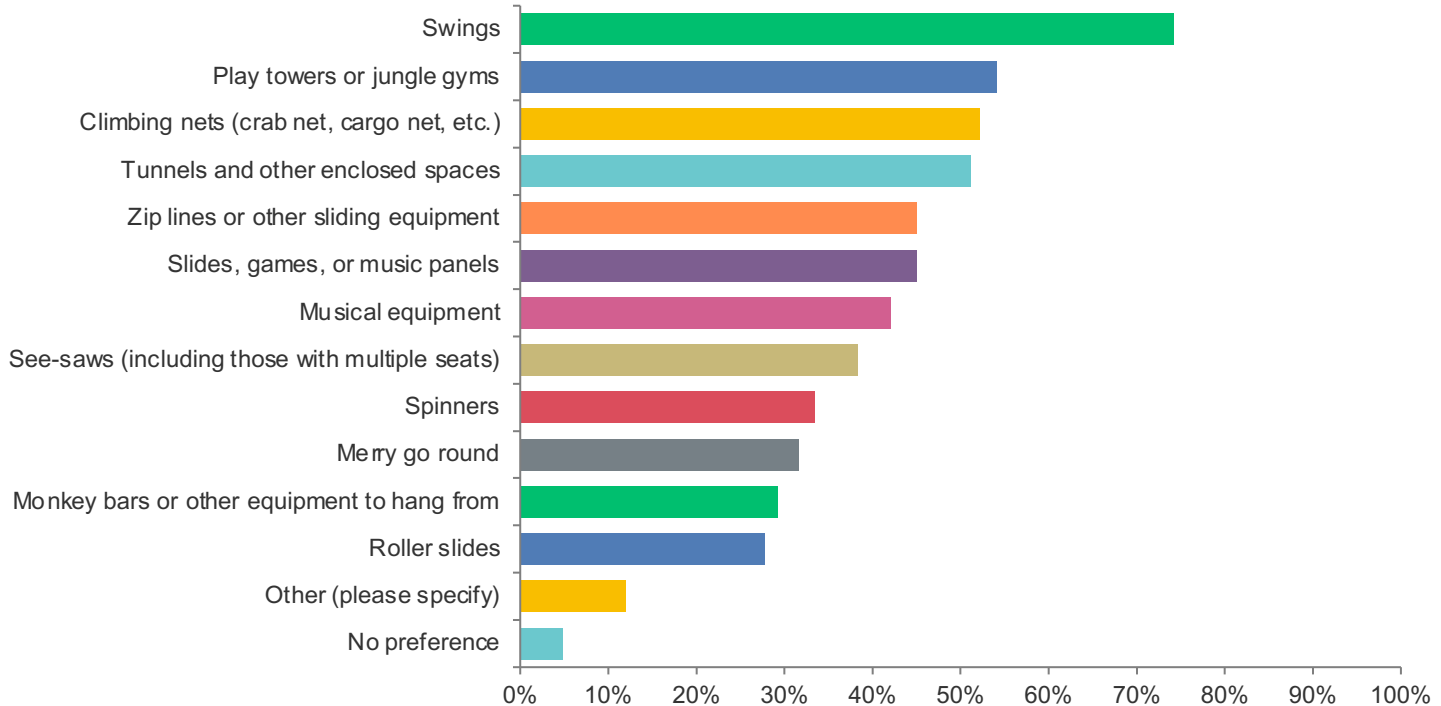
- It was hard to choose only three because ACTIVITY is so important in the older adults with disabilities but by heading to a park, naturally they will be participating in some movement. I think a park where people can be who they are, project the energy they have to give that day and being allowed to act how they are in a tolerant space is why I chose SENSORY, MANIPULATIVE and SOCIAL.
- Maybe not a full blown splash pad but some sensory what features throughout the park would be nice.
- Thinking of my children here, ages 6 and 7, with ADHD and autism diagnosis. We enjoy other types of play but the playground is where we go for them to run wild, be social and explore the outdoors.
- Note: I do not have any children.
- Hands down my kids favorite thing to do at the Wildflower Center is play in the loose parts area. I see kids cooperating to build projects they come up with!
- I teach parkour, so things that allow them to learn all about movement is what I would love to see and my kids love sensory play.
- Active, sensory and social would be easier in a park setting.
- I have a toddler, so currently it is a lot of sensory, manipulative and active play as he figures out how to move his body. He's in a stage where we plays next to other kids rather than with them yet. This will change as he gets older.
- Please consider a connection to nature or some way to view wildlife. There are many cool water birds, nutria, etc. across the road at the goodnight ranch pond. Something like that would be great for people who want to observe wildlife or connect with the wooded trails nearby.
- We go to parks to run off energy! For our family, park time usually lasts an hour or less before we have to move on to something else, and that entire hour is usually spent on the move. Running, swinging, rolling, dancing, jumping, all of the -ings. :-)
- (1)tasting edible plants & fruits? how do you plan on keeping the edible ones from the non-edible ones? (2)Creative & social play require a someone in charge to be present - is that possible?
- Not everyone has children; consider making the questions read more broadly than just for parents. Or don't make the parent specific ones required. I'm unsure if answering this without kids will skew data so I'm not answering.





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### Comments

- Water play/water feature! Love the racetrack/pretend town at the play for all abilities in Round Rock
- None of these things.
- Make sure openings in towers tunnels have padding when I was a kid at zilker I hit my head so hard I almost blacked out
- Splash pad
- Not many of these options seem disability-friendly.
- Stepping stones or other materials that a child would jump or step from one to the other
- Pickleball court
- Along time since had children; yield to those with ore current experience
- Zip line for sure (there are almost no parks with zip lines in Austin!), animal play features that represent the Onion Creek area
- Some artistic/interpretive sculpture that they can climb on and helps to create a sense of place for to this playground
- Slides
- Sand box
- "The equipment will be too hot to play on if there is no shade covering.
- ramps for those with mobility issue (wheelchairs, etc) to have access to multiple levels.
- All accessible
- water play features, nature exploration, sensory surfaces on the ground
- fort, treehouse, cave, ship
- Rubber mats or paved walkways (no mulch as a wheelchair cannot navigate it); any equipment I can use with my disabled child (swings or spinners we both sit in that I can operate); bathrooms with adult size changing tables are a godsend

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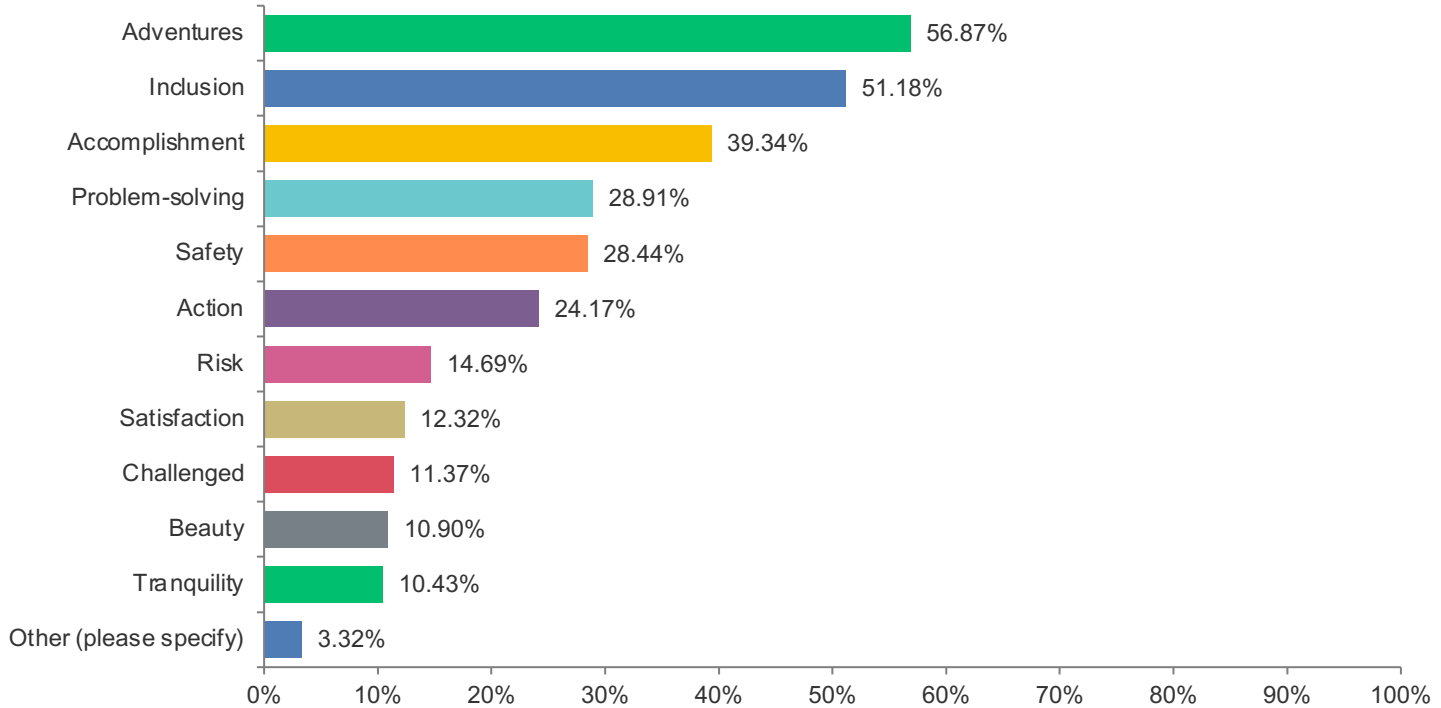
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### Comments

- Tunnels large enough for wheelchairs to interact
- sensory wall with wheelchair insert ability
- Sand pit
- water fountains (like at Parmer) splash pad that spews water in different patterns
- Extra wide tunnels and slides to allow caregivers to access it with disabled child. Rubber surfacing too!!!
- Maybe water play area for the brutal heat in the summer
- Bike Pump Track

# Q15: What types of emotions or experiences should a playground provide or stimulate for kids? (Select up to 3)

Answered: 211 Skipped: 0



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### Comments

- Again...focus on playscapes for disabled individuals and then customize to include able bodied individuals and not the other way around.
- See #14; no current experience
- Fun
- joy
- JOY
- service animal friendly
- Freedom

## Q16: How can the playground encourage social interaction and inclusion for individuals with diverse abilities?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 81

### Summary of the Comments Received

- **Tailored Accessibility:** Implementation of universally accessible features, such as sensory gardens for tactile stimulation and Braille signs for the visually impaired, ensuring all children can navigate and enjoy the playground.
- **Interactive Play Equipment:** Introduction of innovative play structures that support various types of engagement, like musical instruments for auditory stimulation and interactive, digital play panels that can be used by children with different mobility levels.
- **Community Engagement Programs:** Development of programs and events specifically designed to promote interaction among children of various abilities, like inclusive play days or educational workshops focused on teaching children about diversity and inclusion.
- **Awareness and Education:** Placement of informational signage throughout the playground to educate visitors on the importance of inclusivity and how to engage in supportive play, alongside workshops for parents and caregivers on fostering inclusive play environments.

*A list of the comments is provided as an attachment.*

## Q17: Optional: Are there any significant historical or cultural events you would like to see reflected in this space?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 157

### Summary of the Comments Received

- **Local History:** Interest in commemorating the Onion Creek floods and the area's agricultural past through educational plaques or art installations.
- **Environmental Conservation:** Suggestions for areas dedicated to the Blackland Prairie restoration, interactive exhibits on local flora and fauna, and perhaps a butterfly garden to highlight native species.
- **Cultural Diversity:** Suggestions for incorporating elements that reflect the contributions of Mexican American communities, indigenous history, and tributes to notable local figures who have advanced disability rights.
- **Natural Science Education:** Initiatives to create features that teach visitors about the region's geological features, biodiversity, and the importance of conservation efforts.

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## Q18: Optional: Please use this space to tell us of any additional considerations the All Abilities Playground team should consider for development of conceptual designs.

Answered: 63 Skipped: 148

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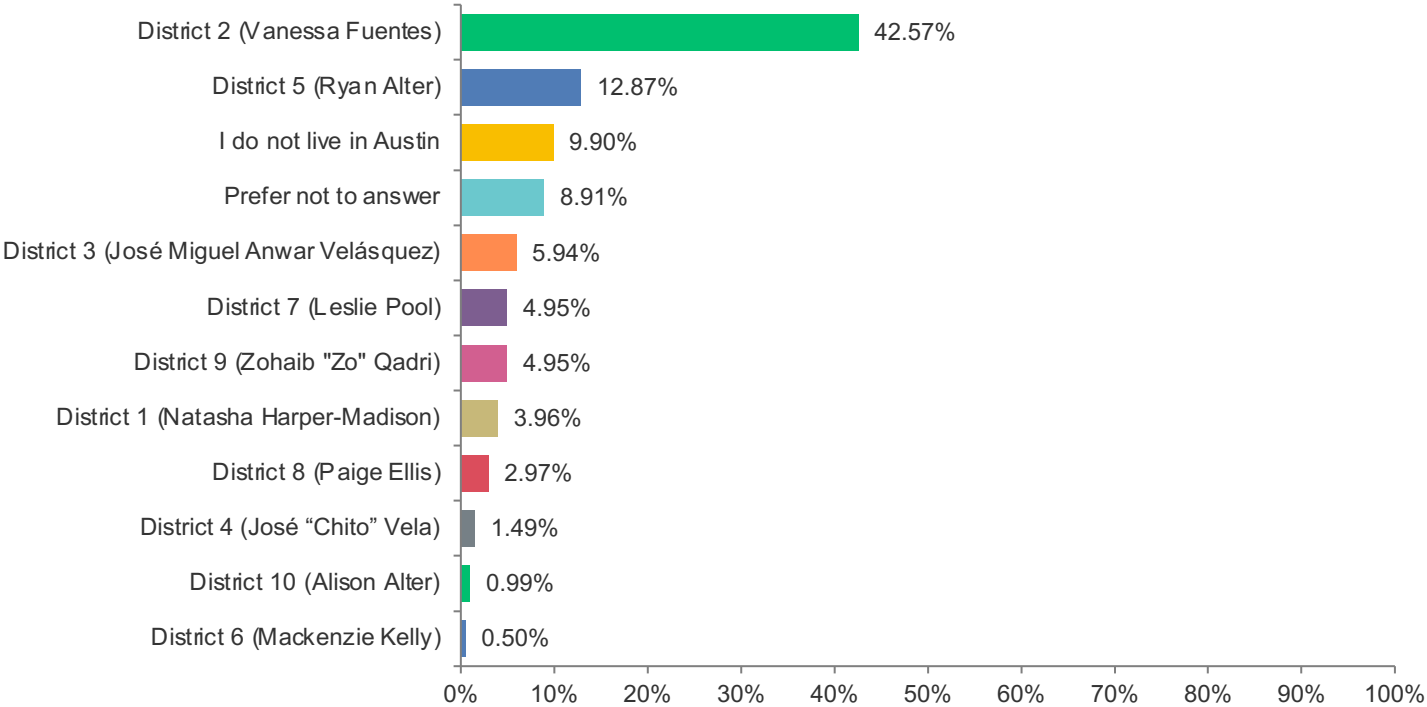
- Interactive water features for play and cooling.
- Extensive shade throughout the park for comfort.
- High cleanliness standards with ample waste disposal options.
- Direct engagement with parents and caregivers for inclusive design input.
- Inclusive designs considering the needs of older adults.
- Diverse play elements such as splash pads, sand pits, and educational sculptures.
- Emphasis on accessibility for all abilities.
- Preservation of natural elements for environmental education.
- Security measures to ensure a safe environment.
- Connectivity enhancements with surrounding neighborhoods for easy access.

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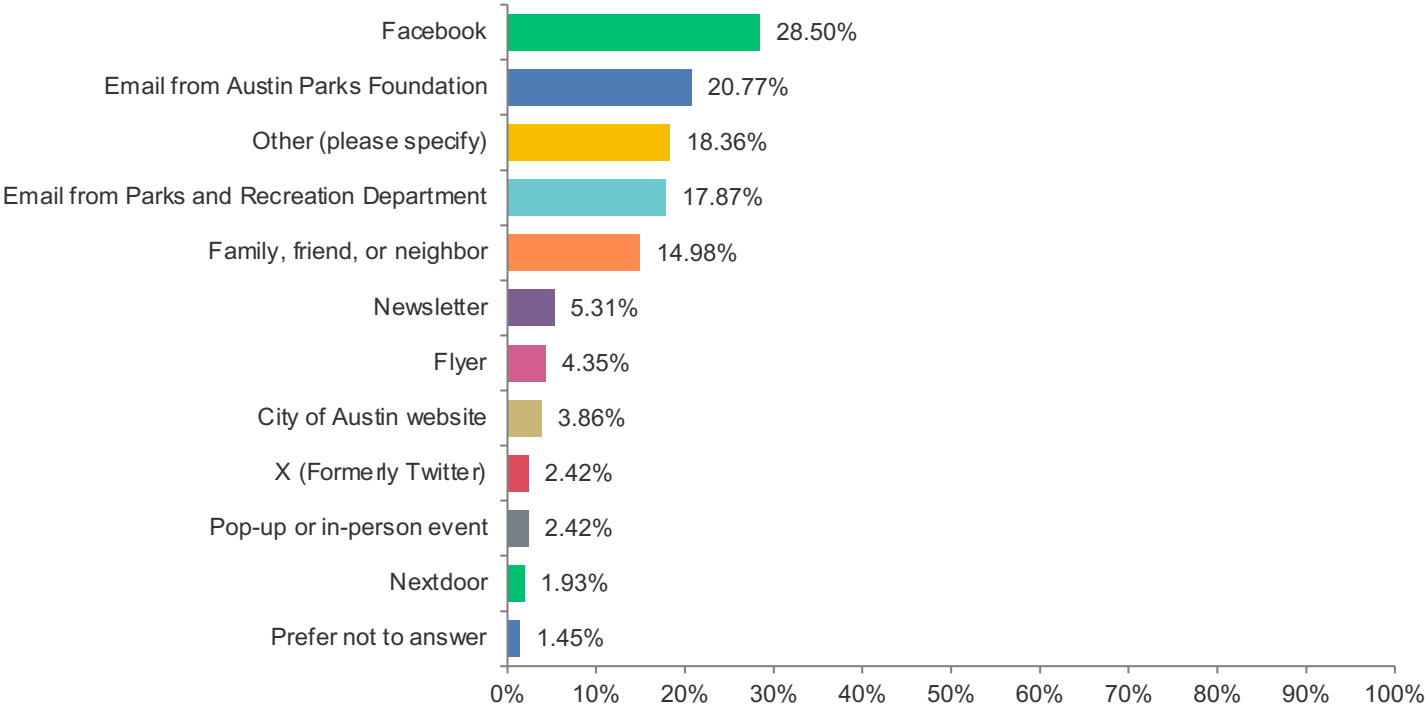
# Q19: What City Council District do you live in? If you are unsure, you can use the Council District Map.

Answered: 202 Skipped: 9



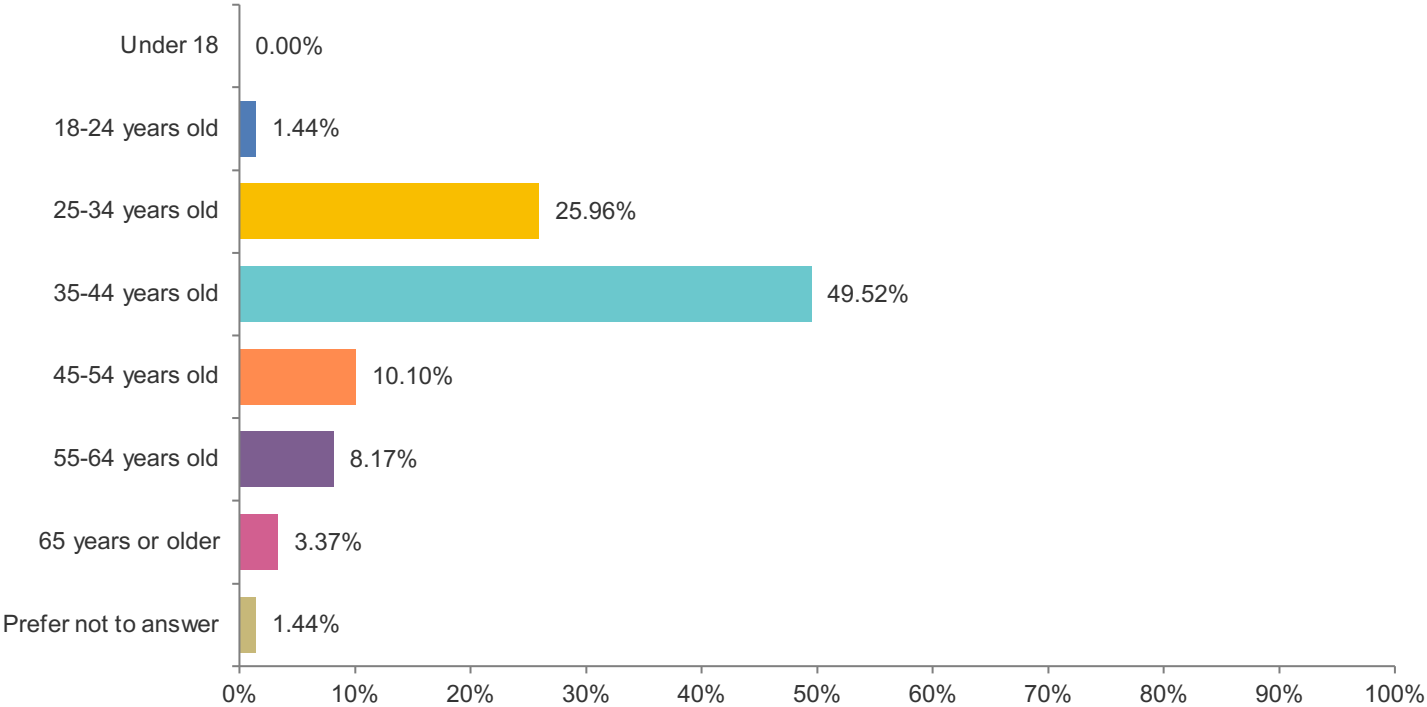
# Q20: How did you learn or hear about the project?

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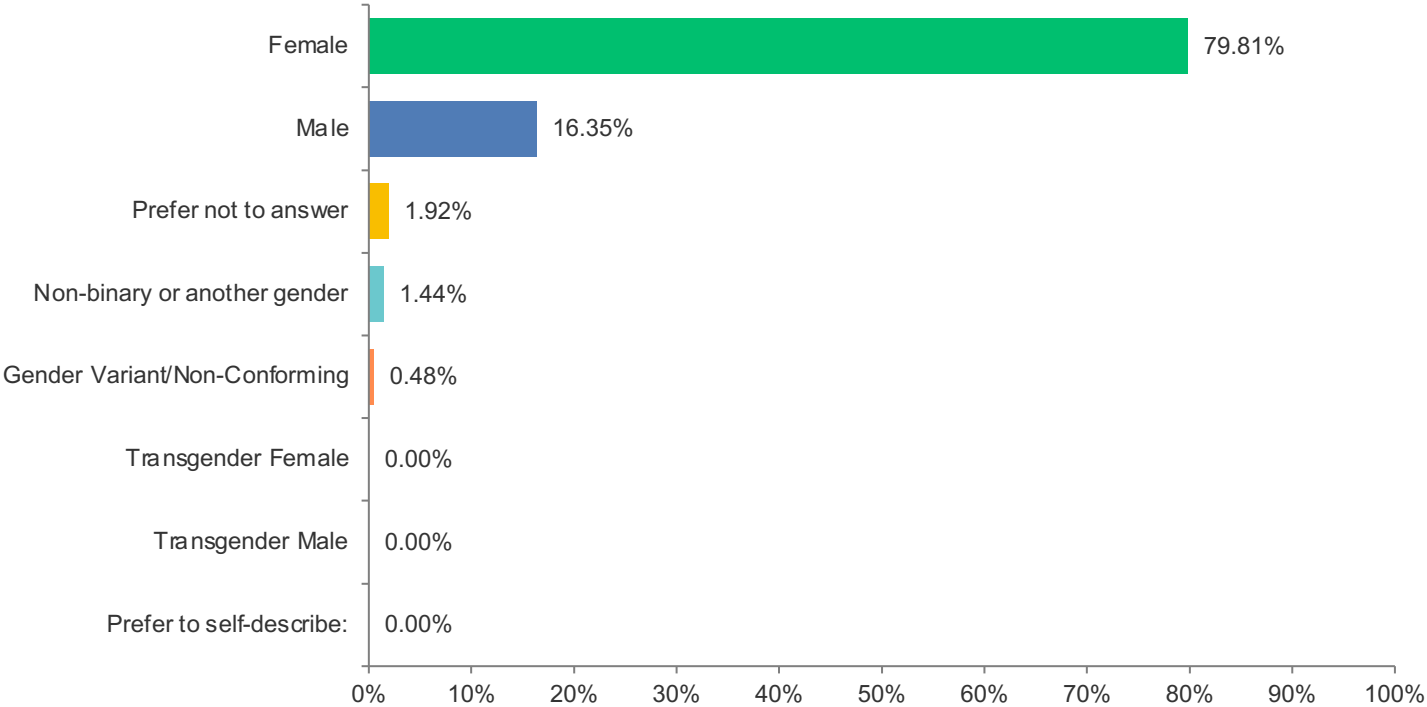
# Q21: Age

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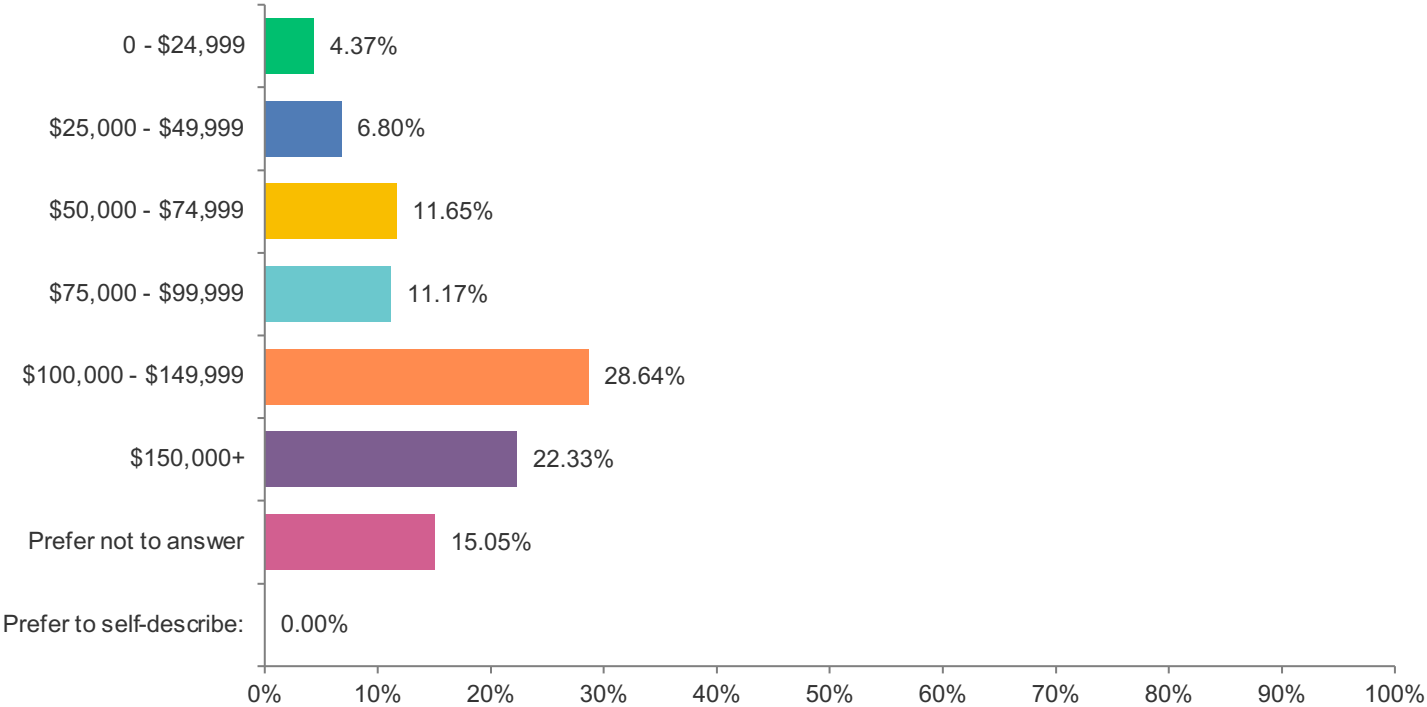
# Q22: Gender

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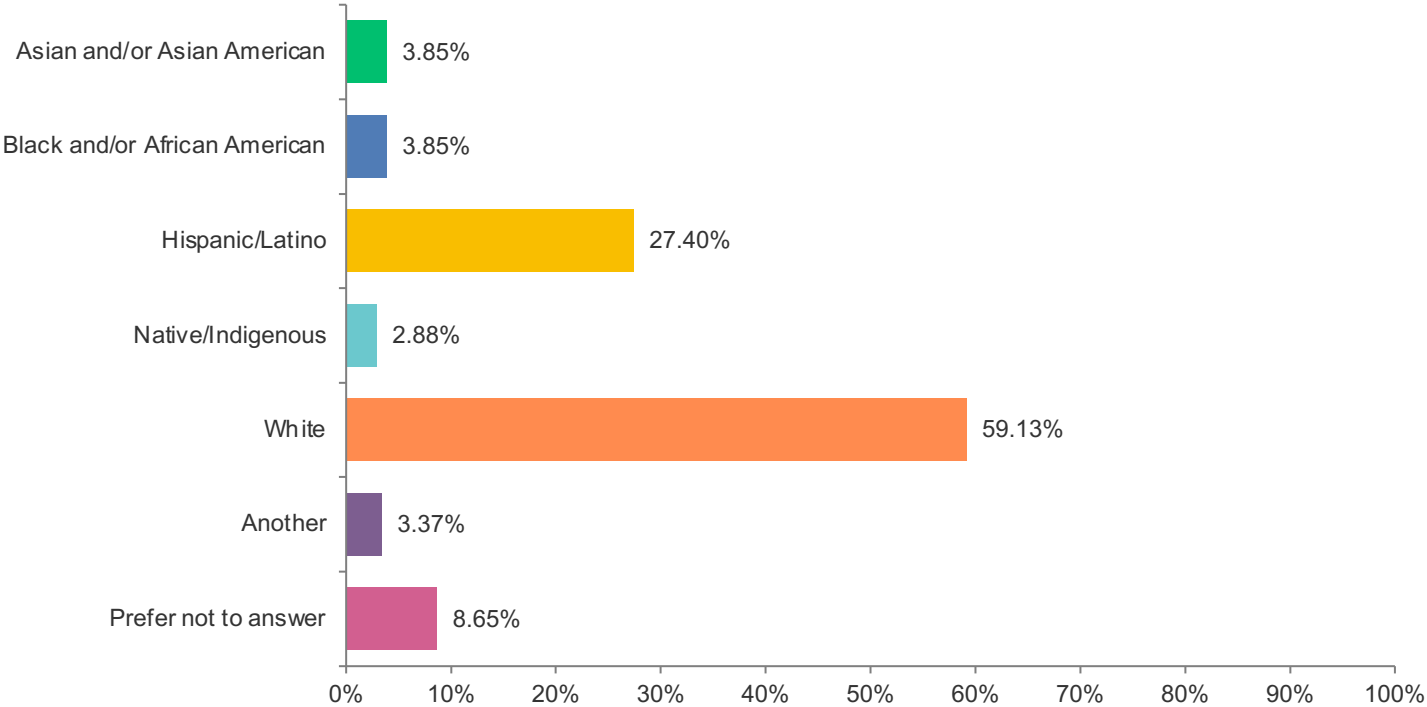
# Q23: What is your yearly household income?

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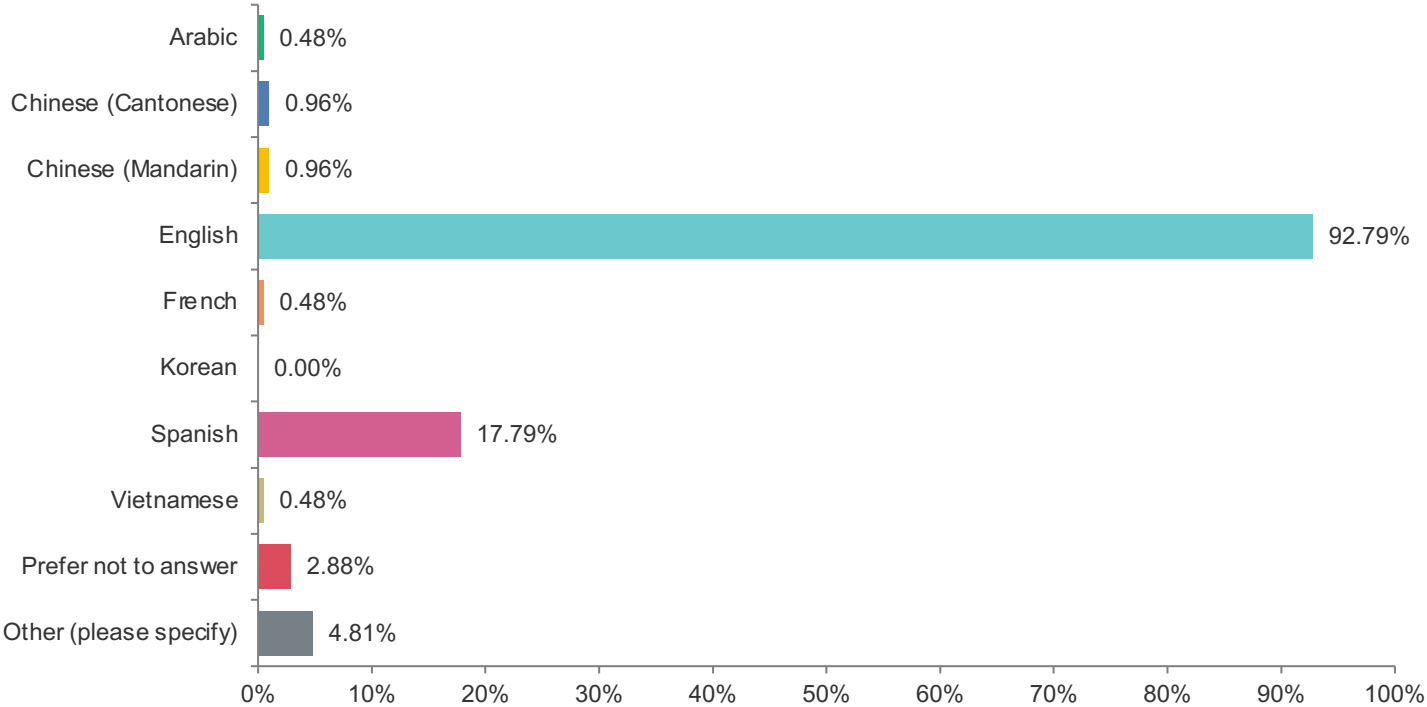
# Q24: How would you describe yourself? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 208 Skipped: 3



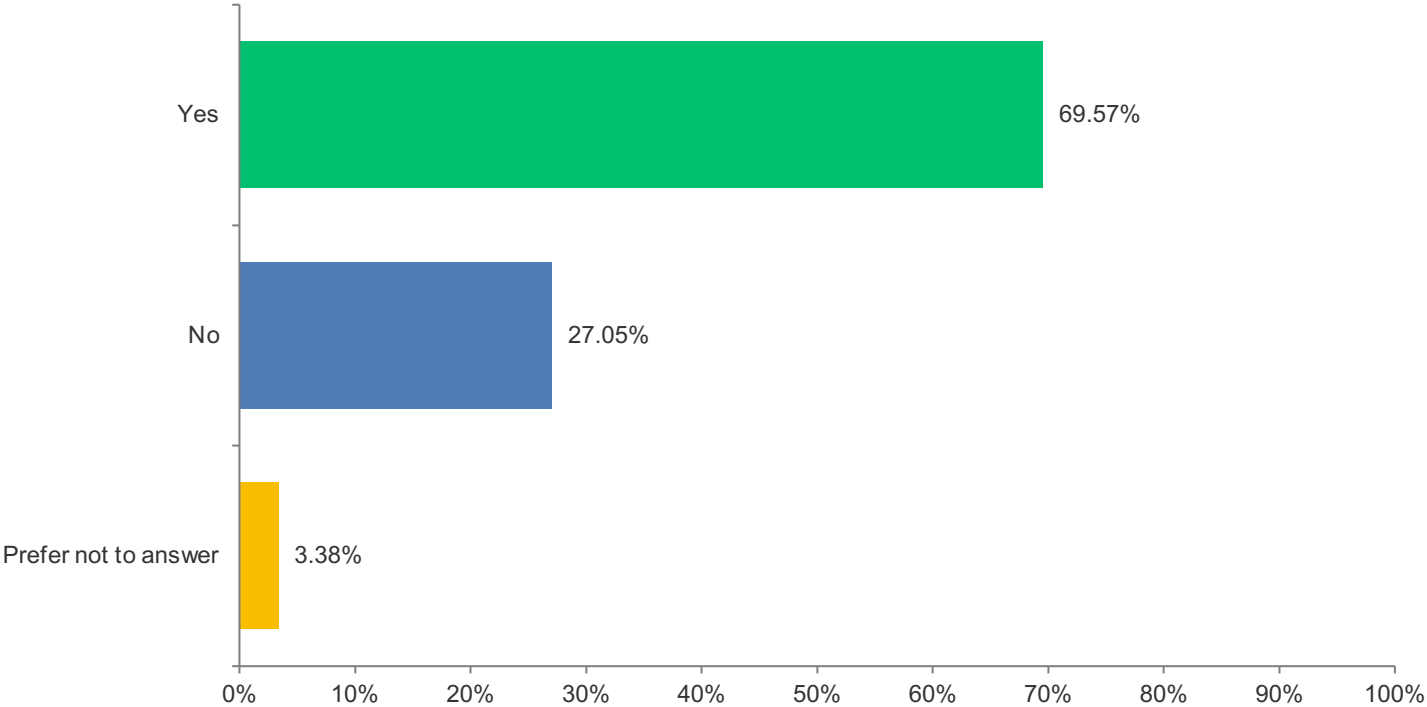
# Q25: What language is spoken at home (Select all that apply)

Answered: 208 Skipped: 3



# Q26: Do you have children under the age of 18 who live with you?

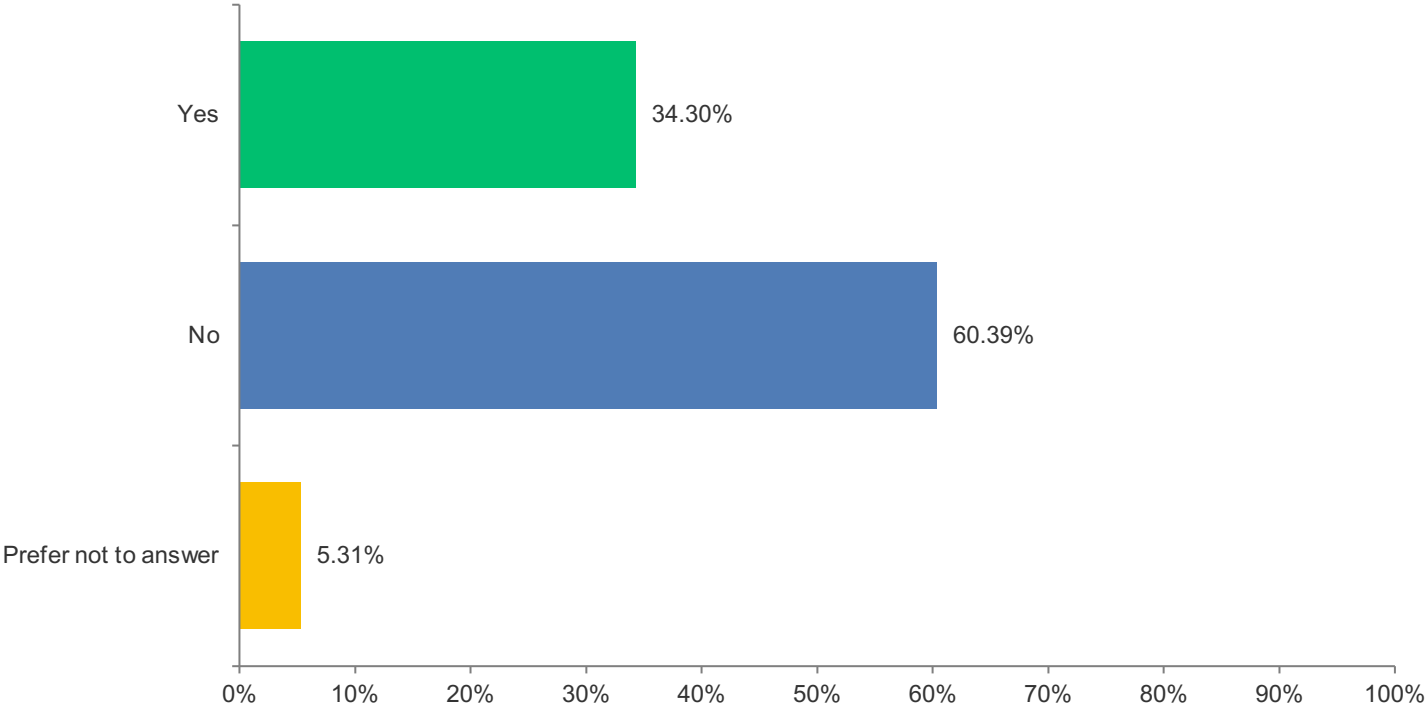
Answered: 207 Skipped: 4





# Q27: Do you or does someone in your home have a disability?

Answered: 207 Skipped: 4



# Q28: Would you like to receive project updates for the All Abilities Playground through our newsletter?

Answered: 200 Skipped: 11

