

# Covington Central Park Community Survey

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

# 1079

Total Responses

Date Created: Friday, April 09, 2021

Complete Responses: 1079

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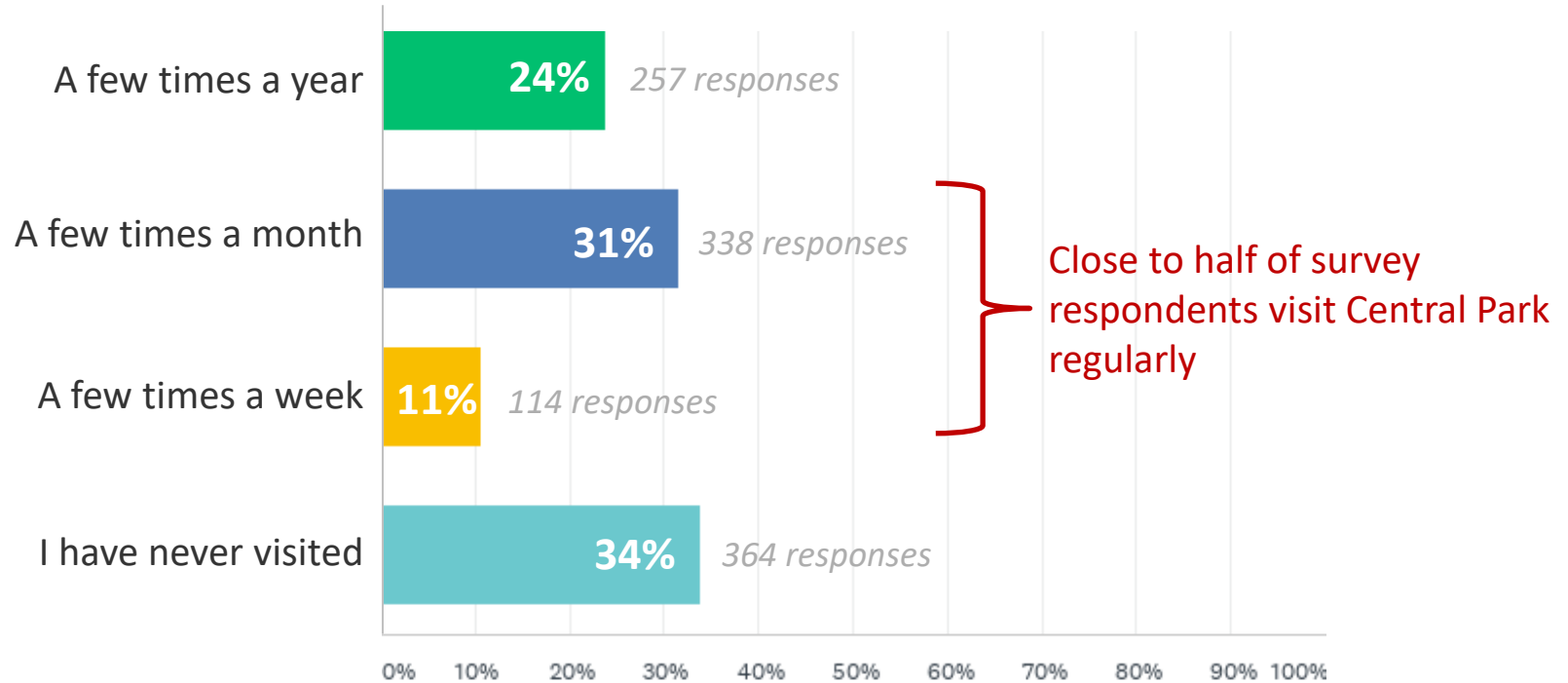
**PART I**

# **Survey Respondents / Basic Information**

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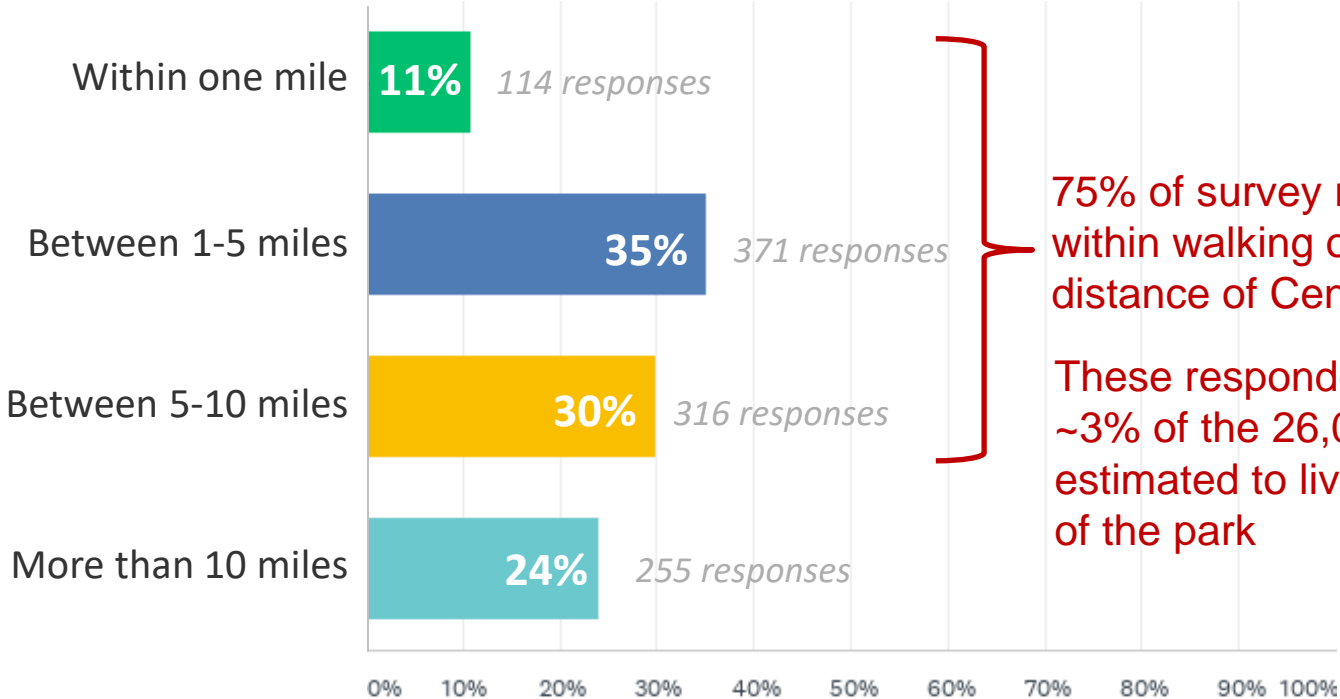
# Q1: How often do you visit Central Park?

Answered: 1,073 Skipped: 6



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

Answered: 1,056 Skipped: 23



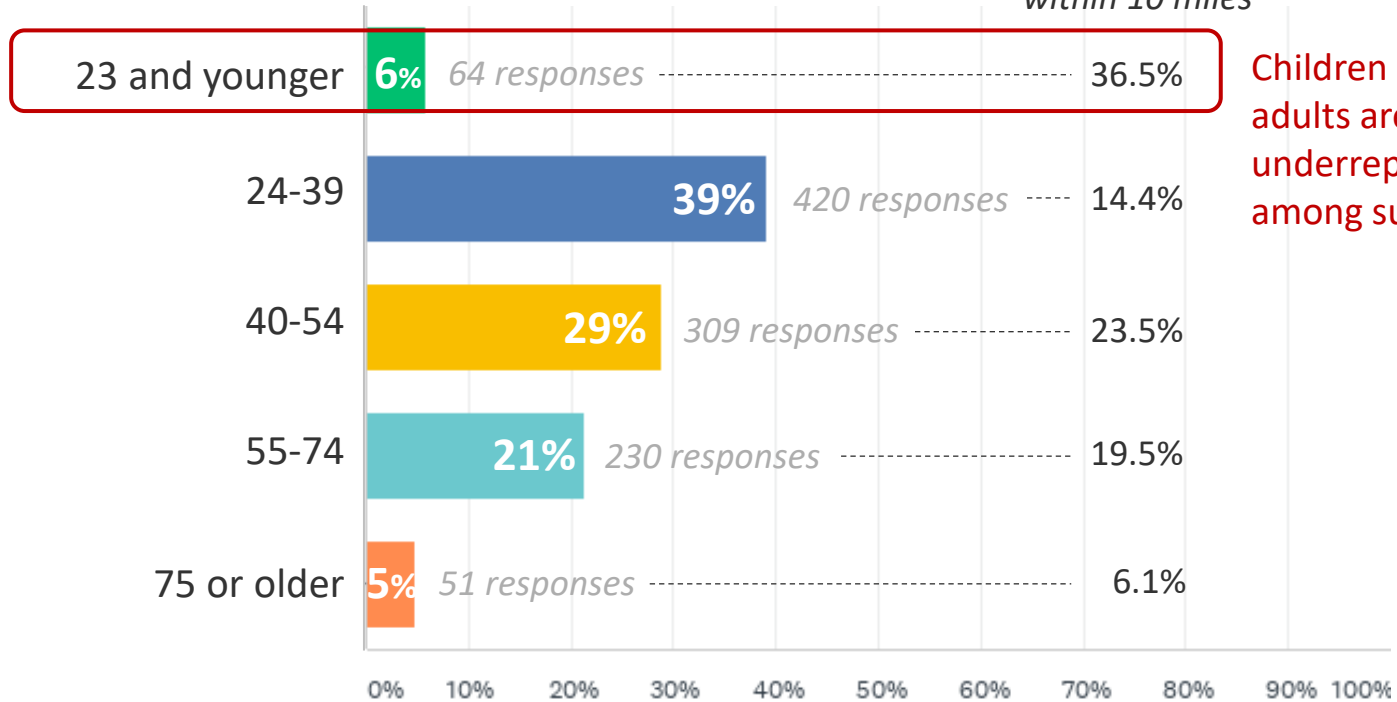
75% of survey respondents live within walking or easy driving distance of Central Park

These respondents comprise ~3% of the 26,088 who are estimated to live within 10 miles of the park

### Q3: What is your age?

Answered: 1,074 Skipped: 5

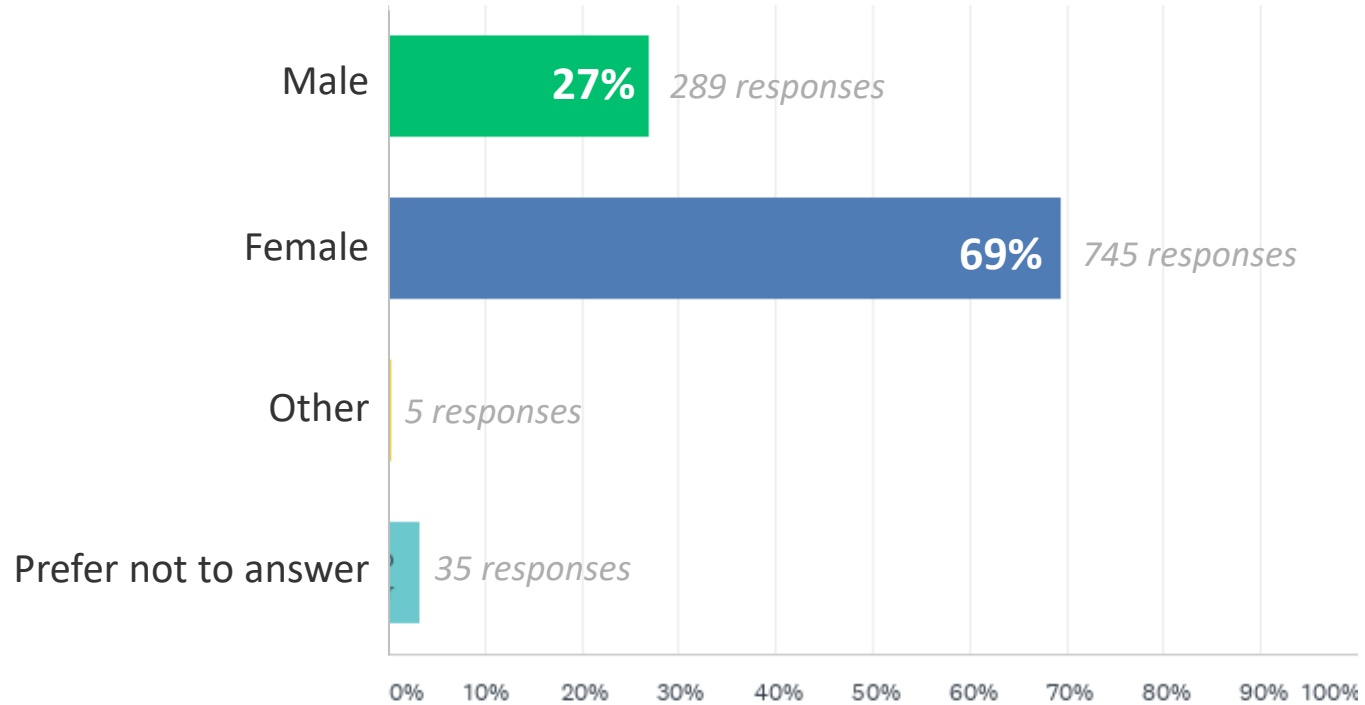
*Actual % of age group  
within 10 miles*



Children and young adults are underrepresented among survey takers.

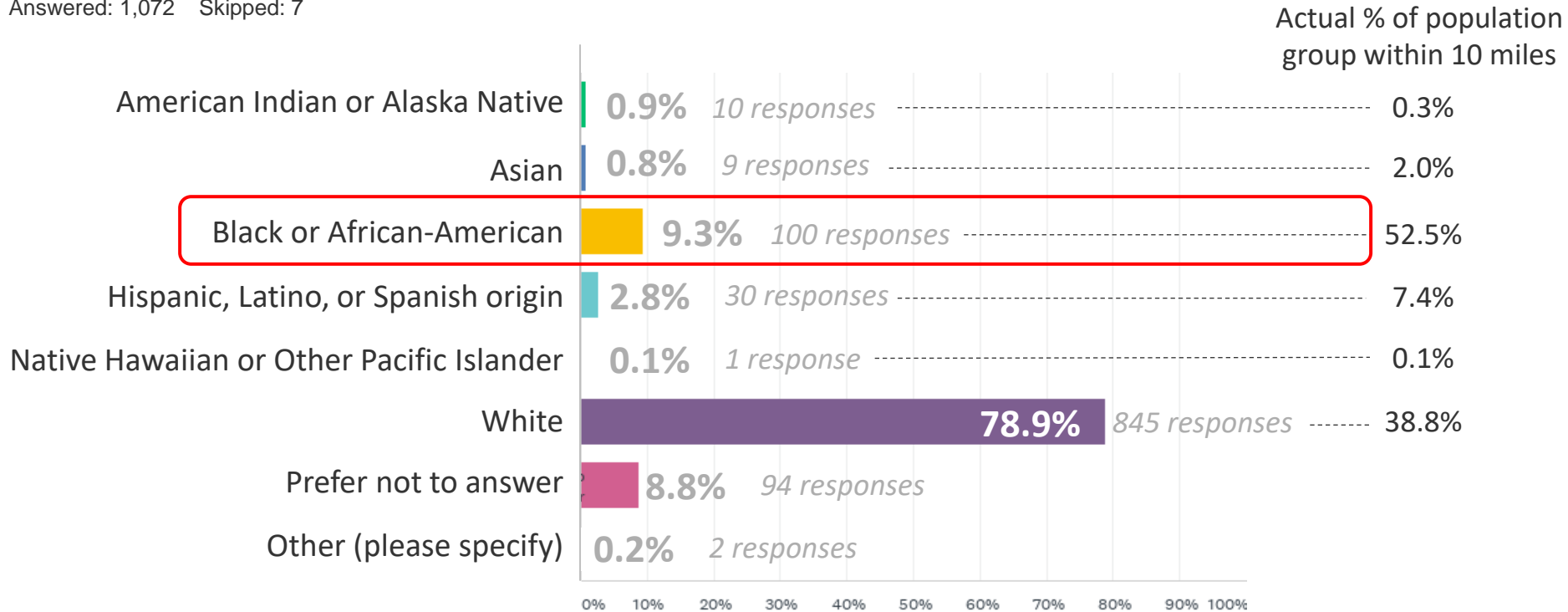
## Q4: How do you self identify?

Answered: 1,074 Skipped: 5



## Q5: What is your race/ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 1,072 Skipped: 7

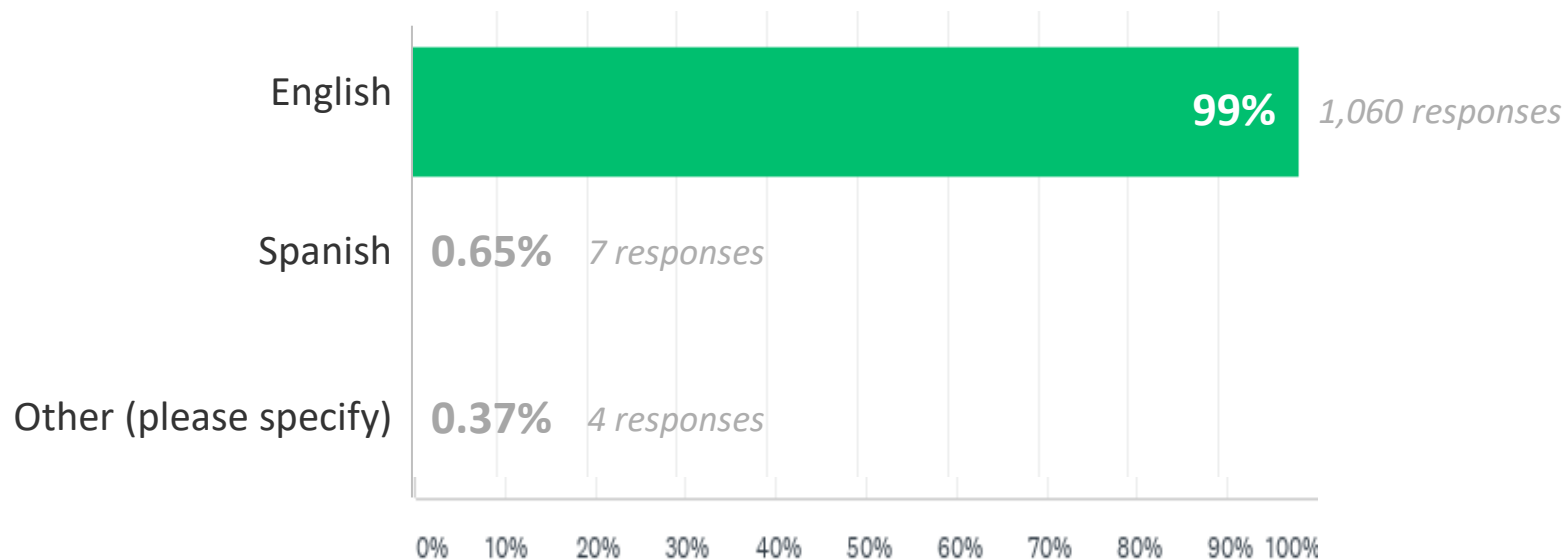


Black or African-American residents are significantly underrepresented among survey takers.



## Q6: What language do you speak at home?

Answered: 1,071 Skipped: 8



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**PART II**

**How would you prioritize any additional park amenities in Covington?**

*(Please rank each amenity from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest priority for you)*

## Summary: How would you prioritize any additional park amenities in Covington?

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	Amenity	Weighted Average
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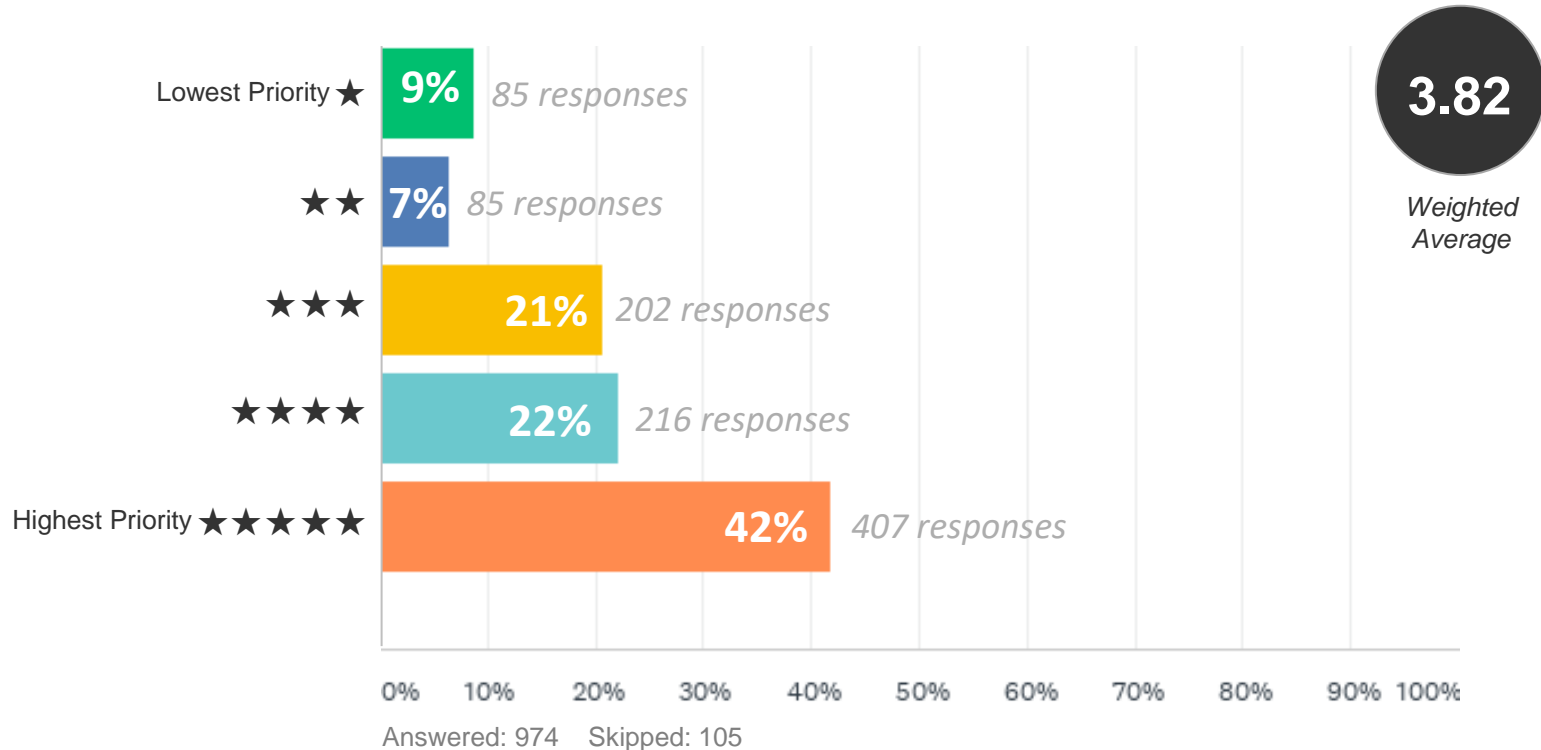
1	<b>Restroom</b>	<b>4.64</b>
2	<b>Parking</b>	<b>4.27</b>
3	<b>Playground</b>	<b>4.09</b>
4	<b>Paved Walking Trail</b>	<b>3.82</b>
5	<b>Picnic Pavilion</b>	<b>3.70</b>
6	Small Multi-use Field	3.08
7	Dog Park	3.03
8	Tree Obstacle Course	3.00
9	Fitness Stations	2.93
10	Disc Golf	2.83

	Amenity	Weighted Average
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11	Tennis Court	2.57
12	Unpaved Walking Trail	2.55
13	Sand Volleyball Court	2.55
14	Skate Park	2.54
15	Basketball Court	2.48
16	Mountain Bike Trail	2.44
17	Horseshoes	2.34
18	Pickleball Court	2.14
19	Bocce Court	2.04

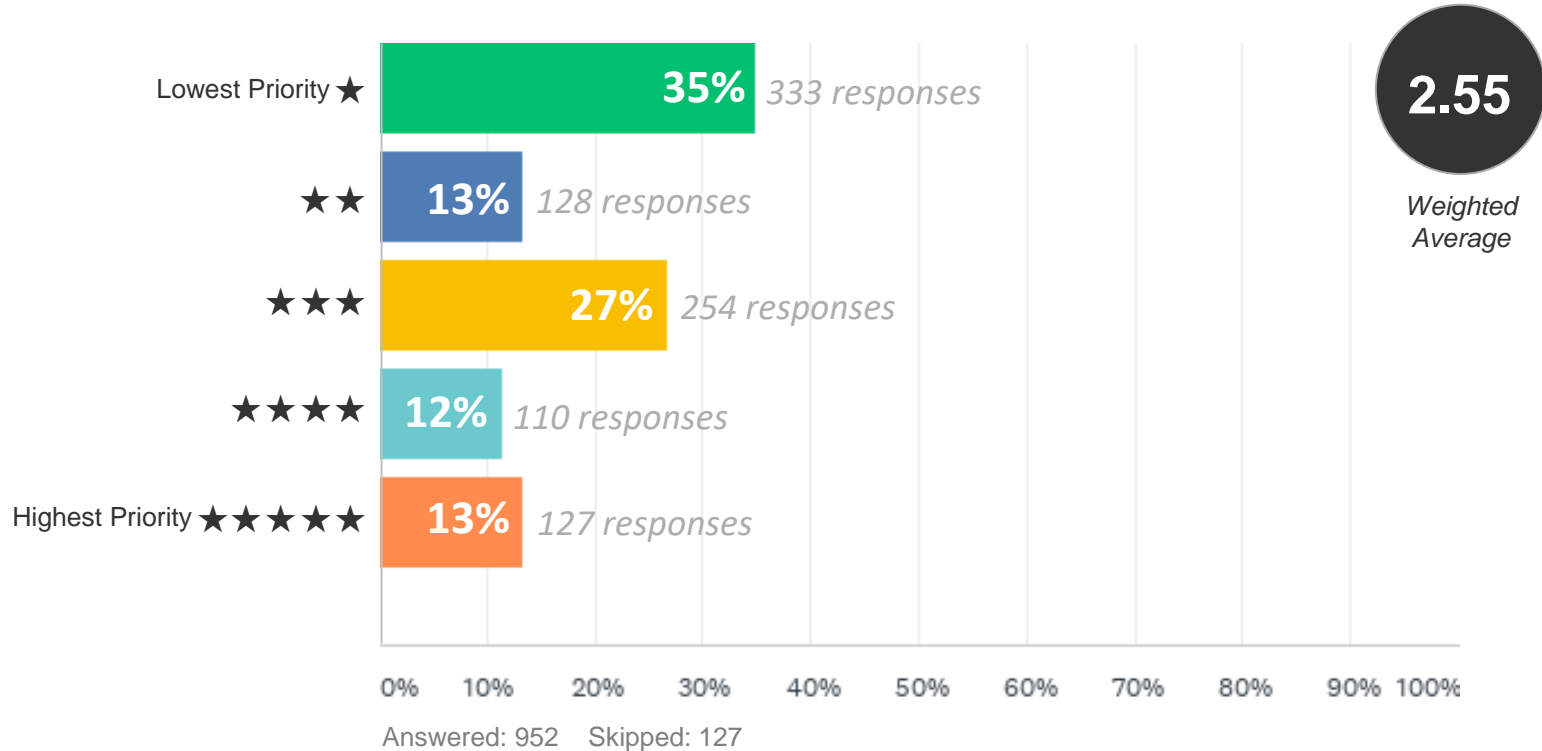
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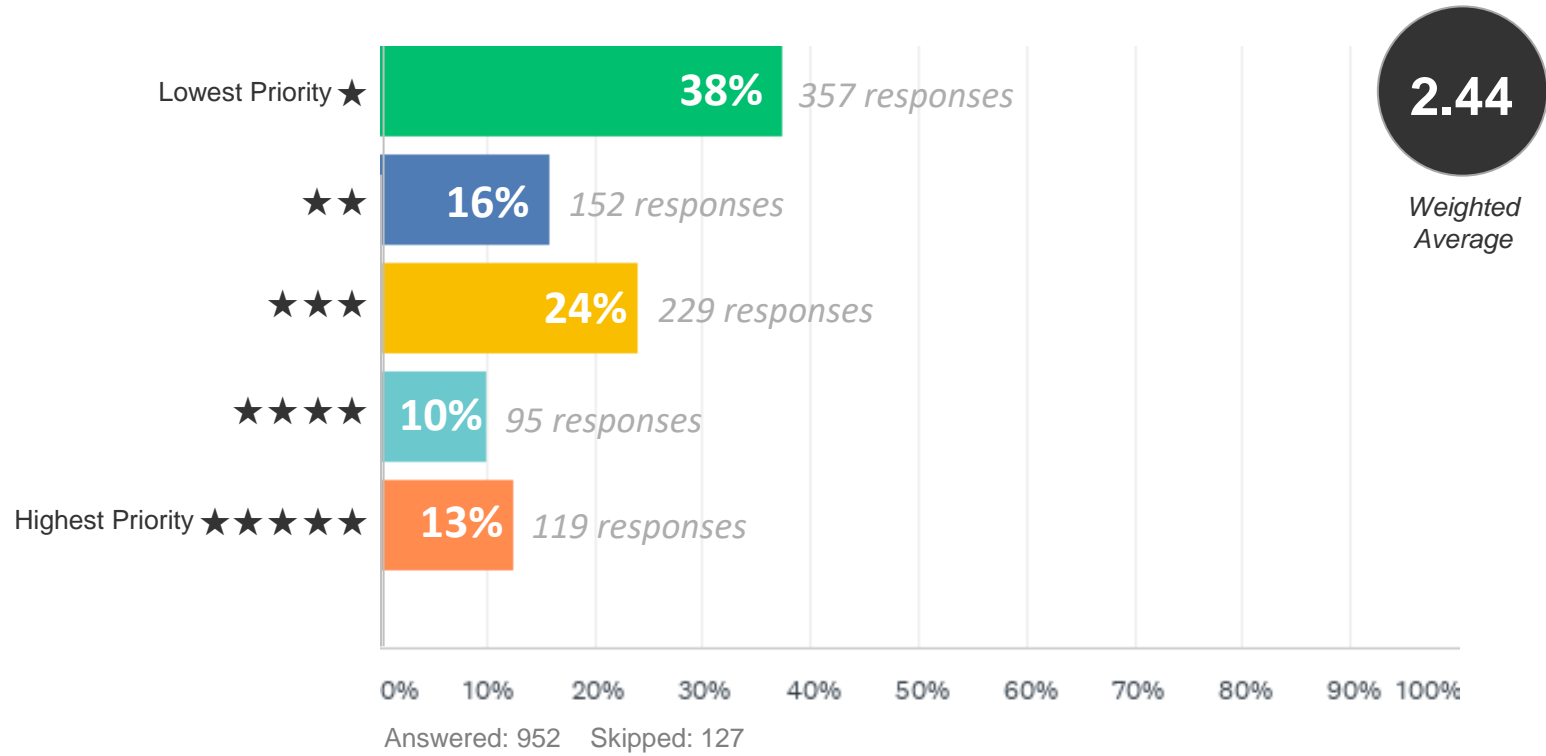
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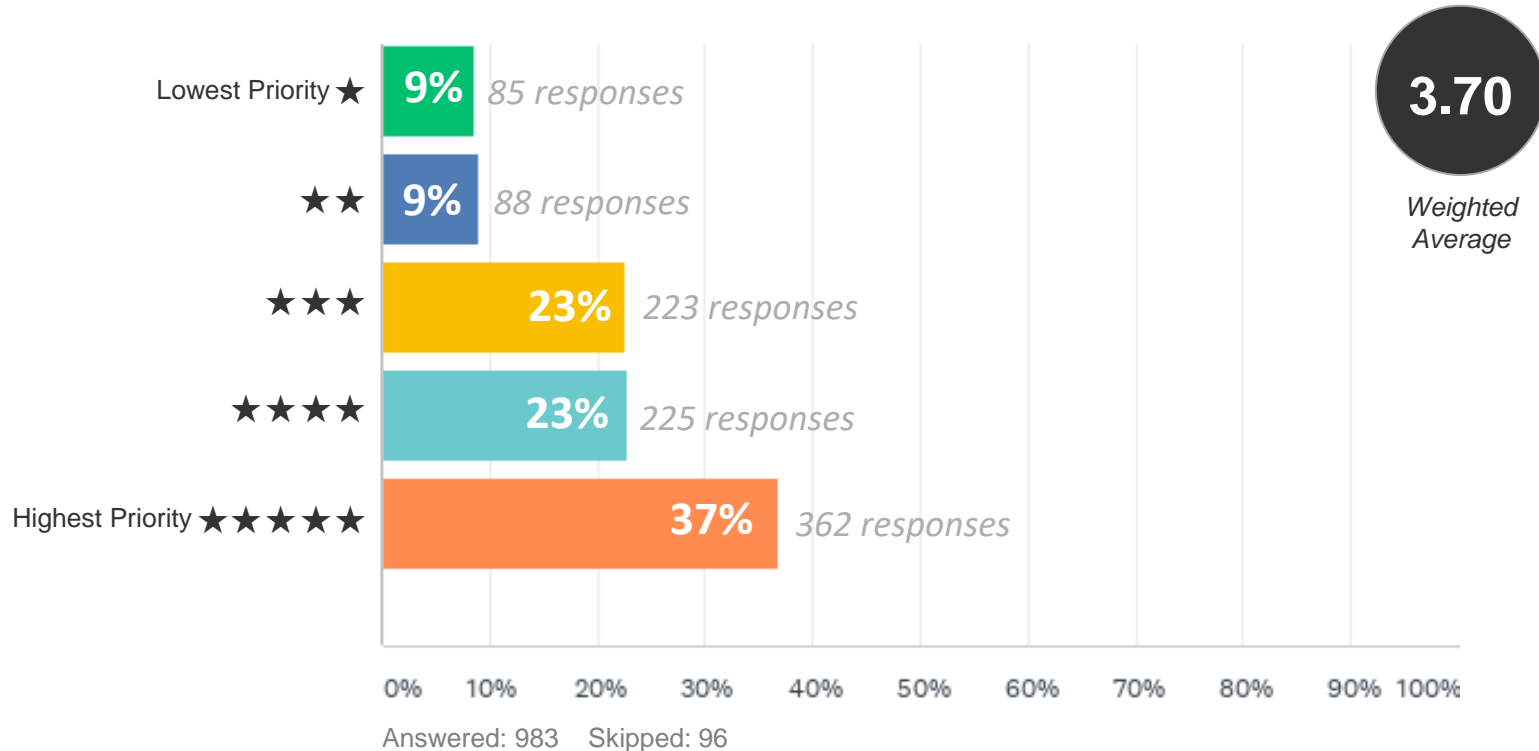
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### 3. MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL



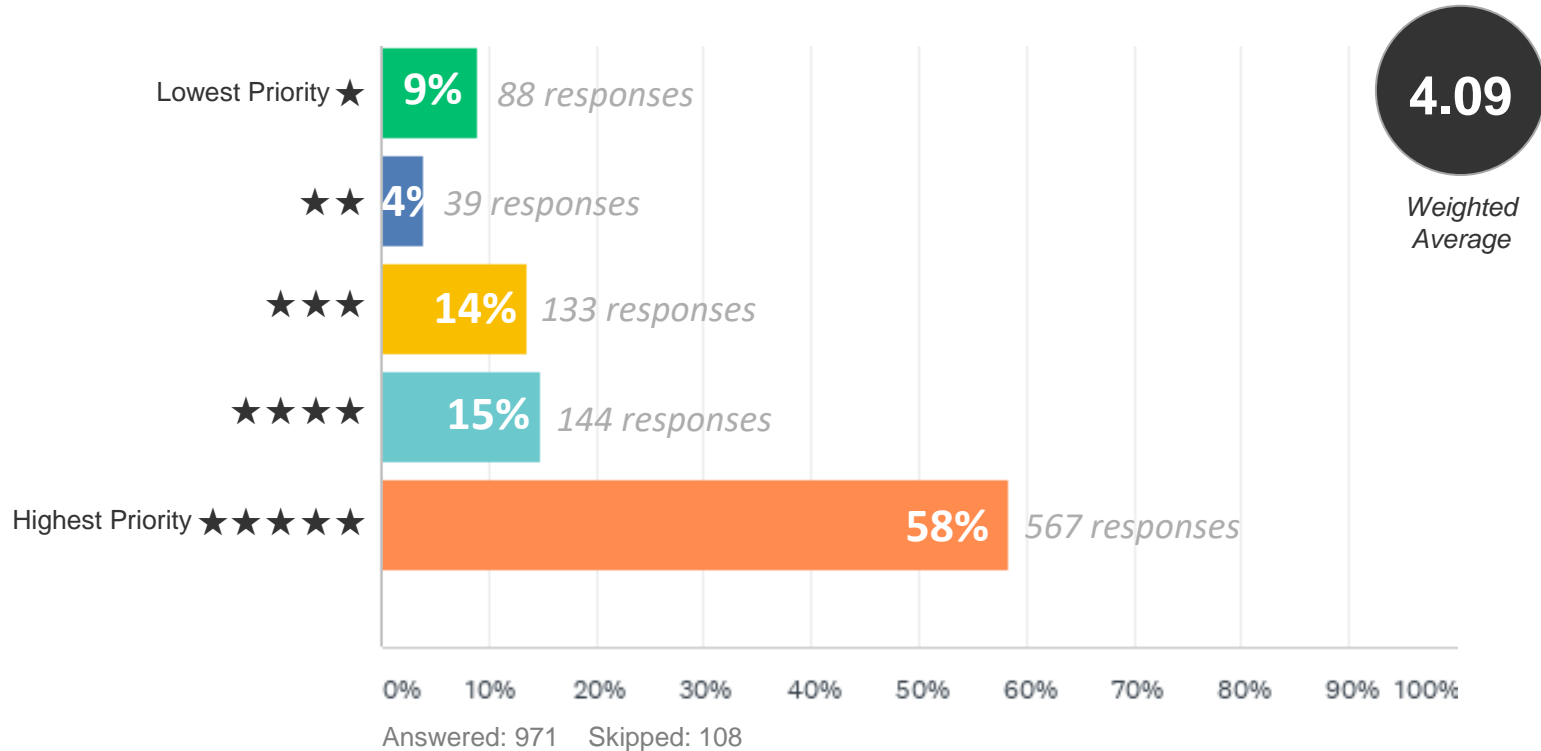
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## 4. PICNIC PAVILION



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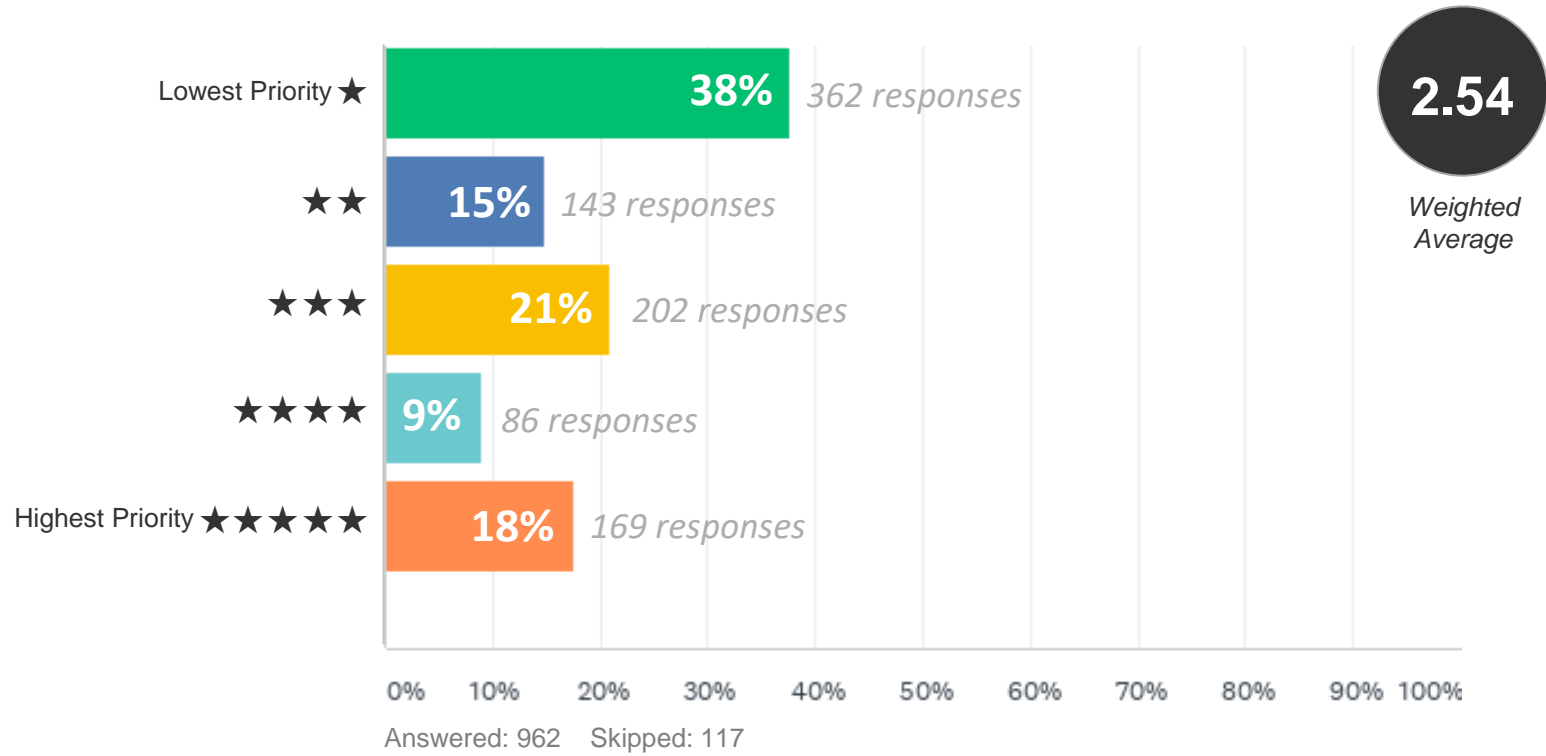
## 5. PLAYGROUND





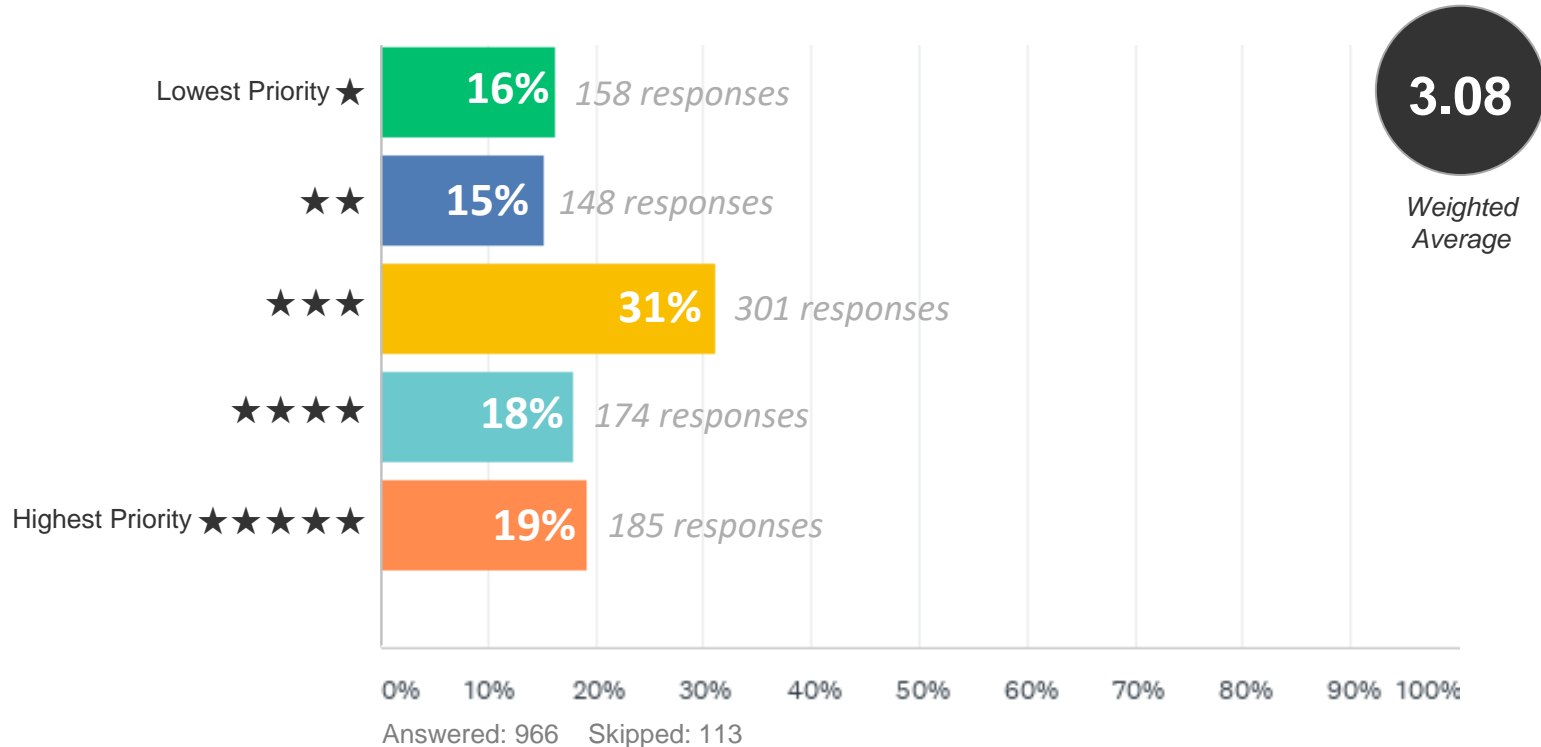
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## 6. SKATE PARK



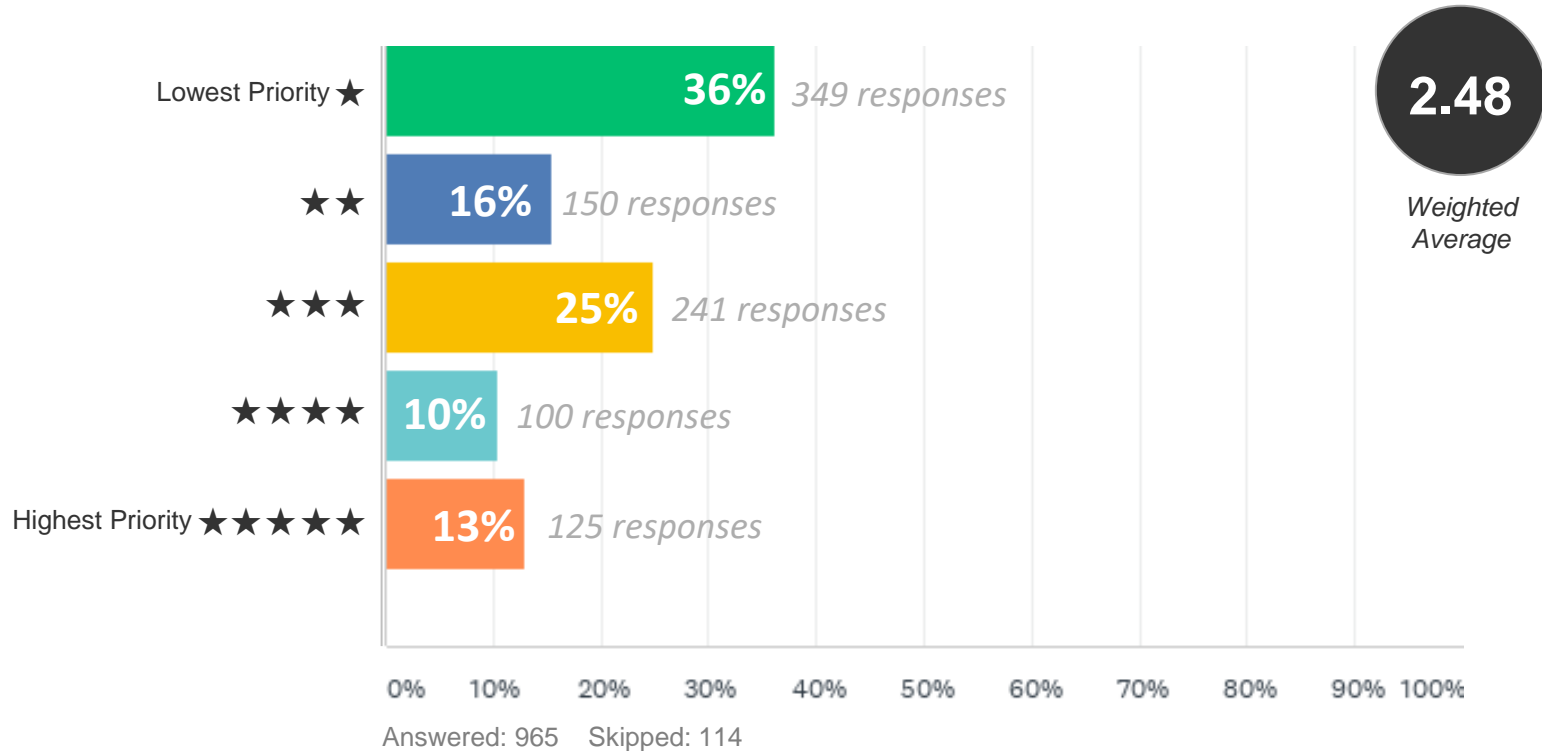
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## 7. SMALL MULTI-USE FIELD



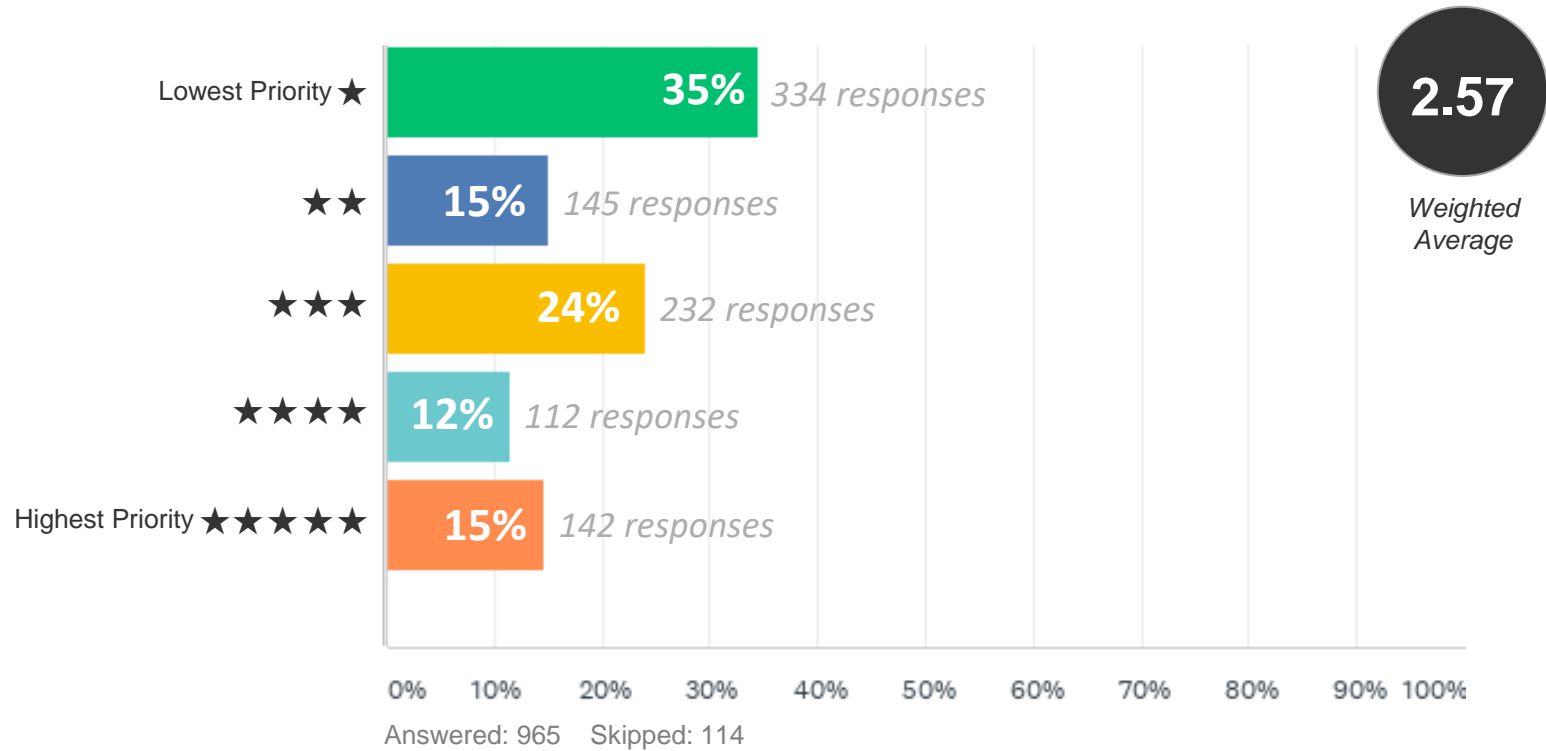
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## 8. BASKETBALL COURT



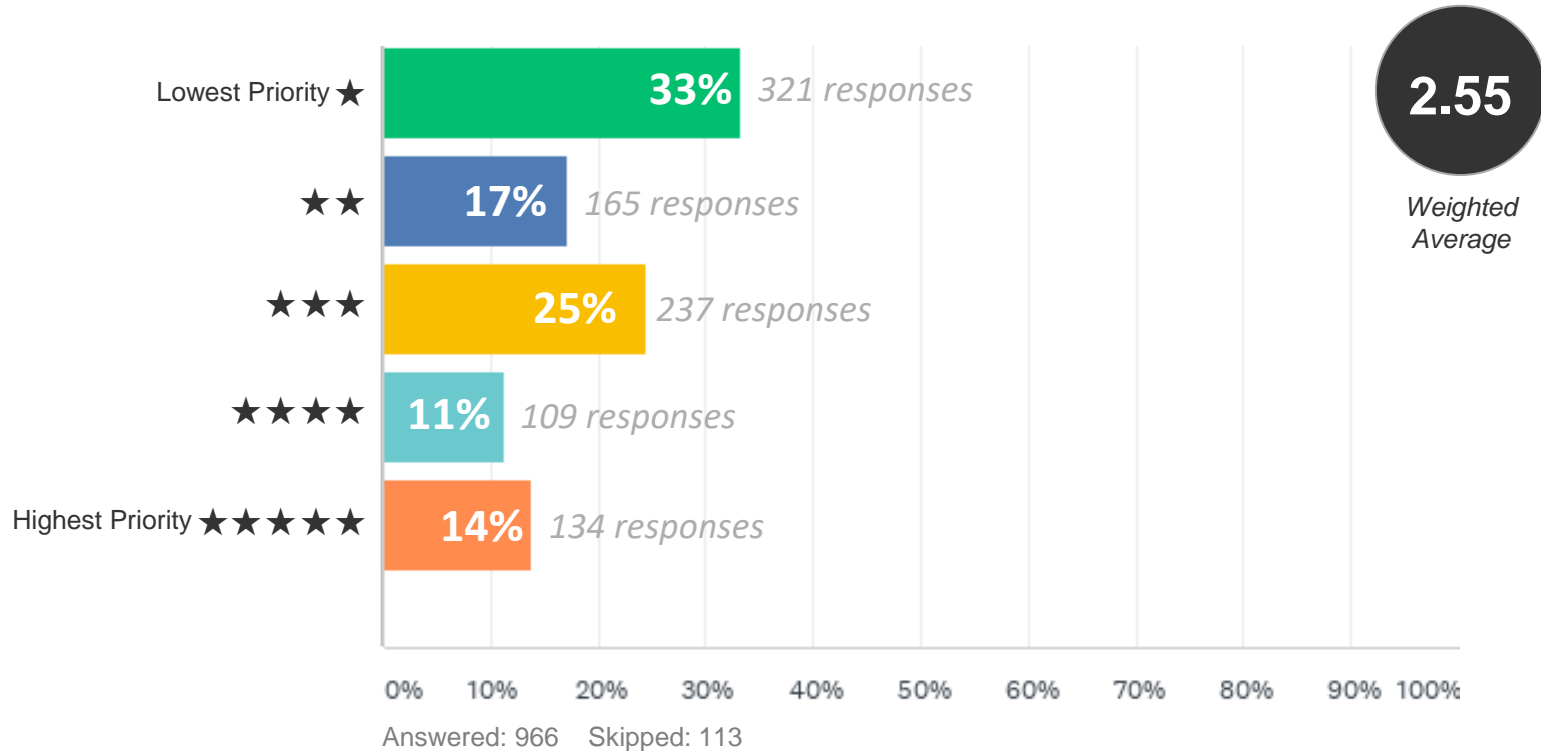
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# 9. TENNIS COURTS



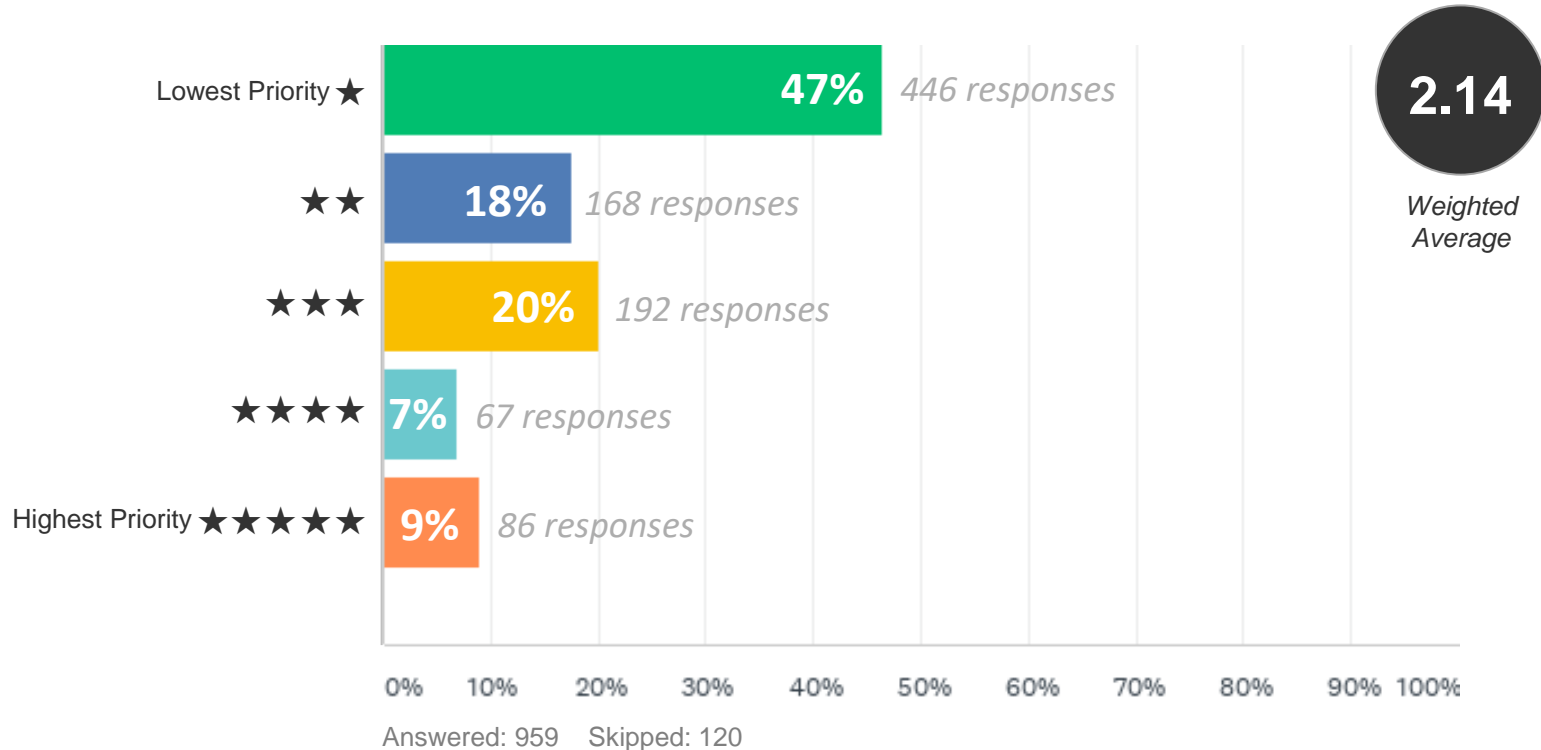
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## 10. SAND VOLLEYBALL



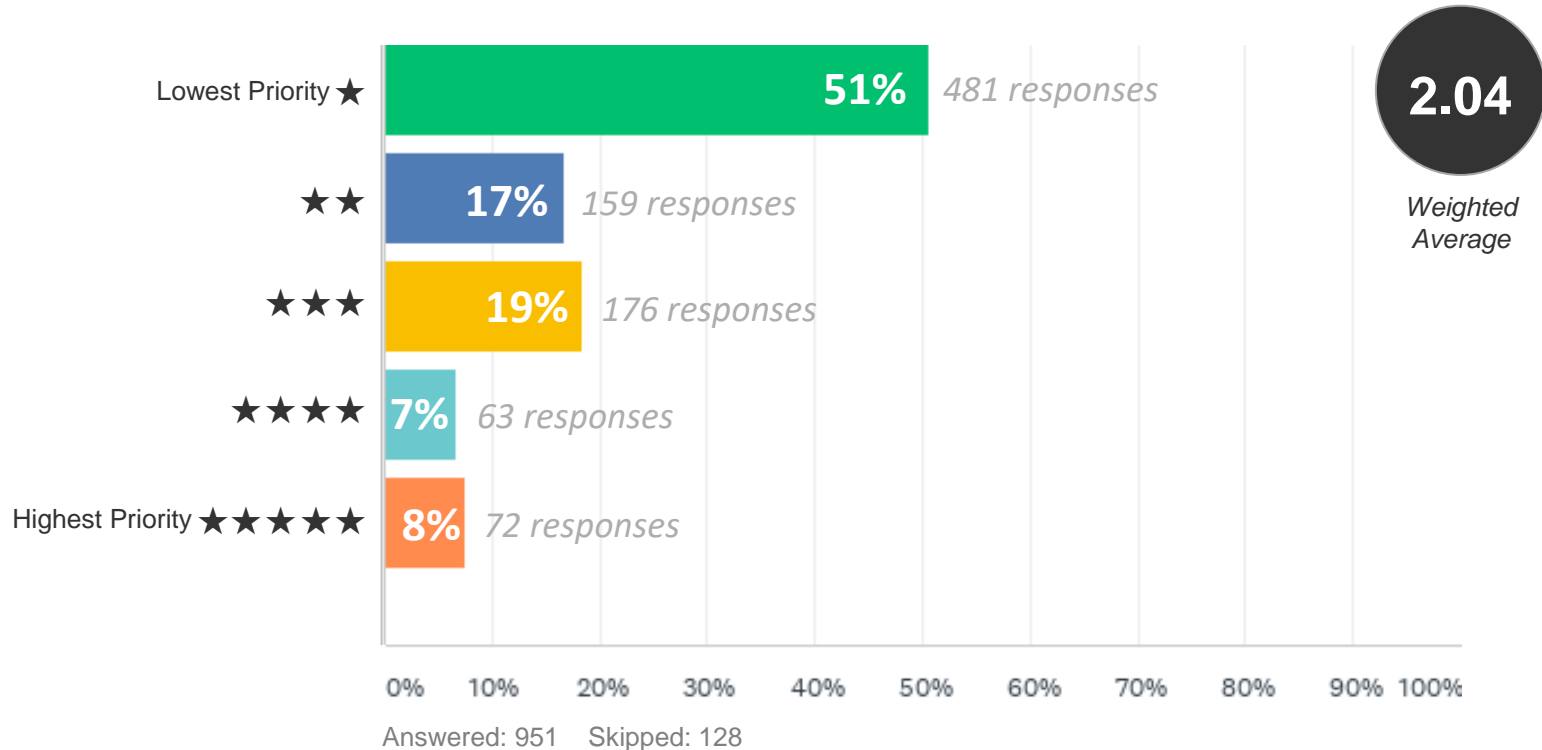
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## 11. PICKLEBALL COURT



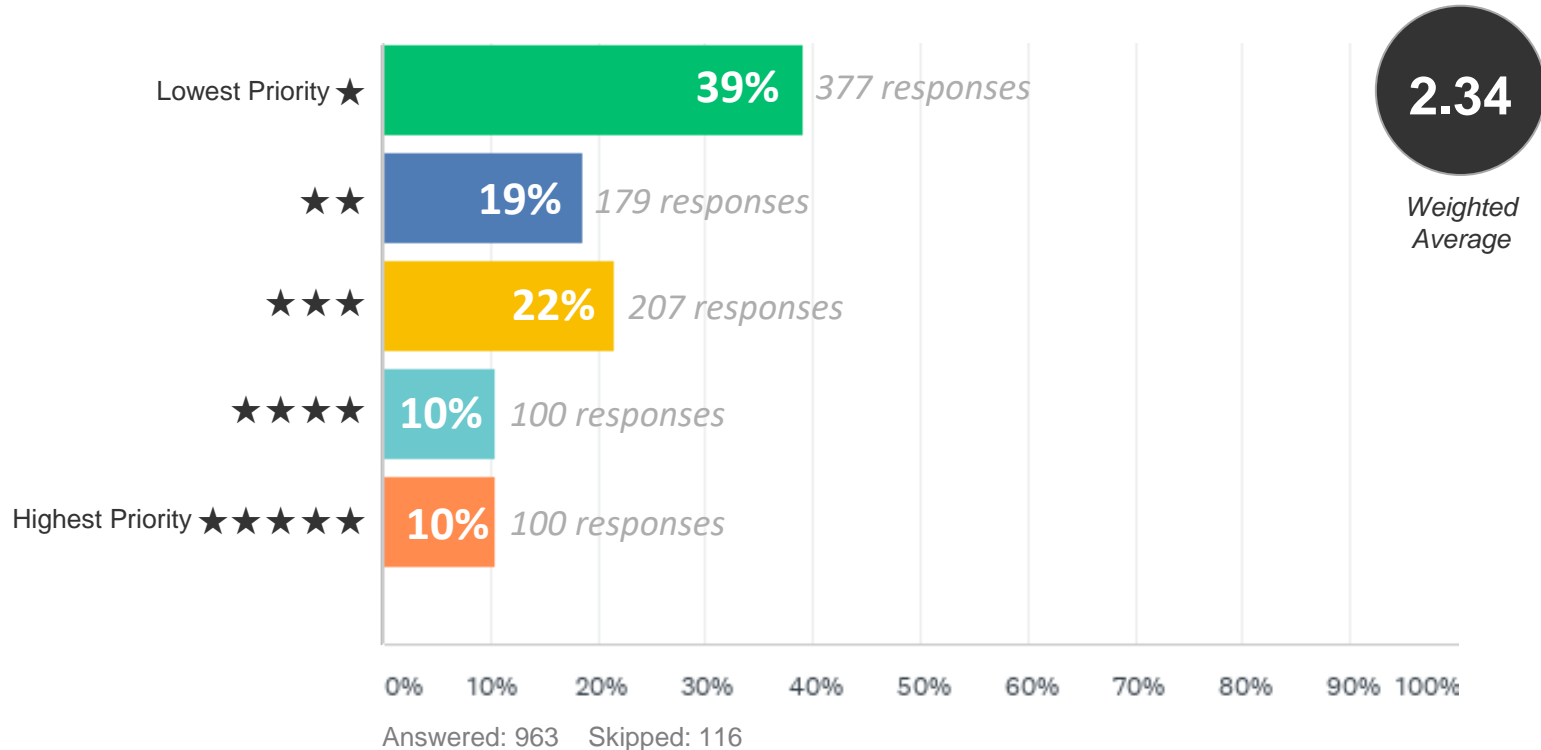
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## 12. BOCCE COURT



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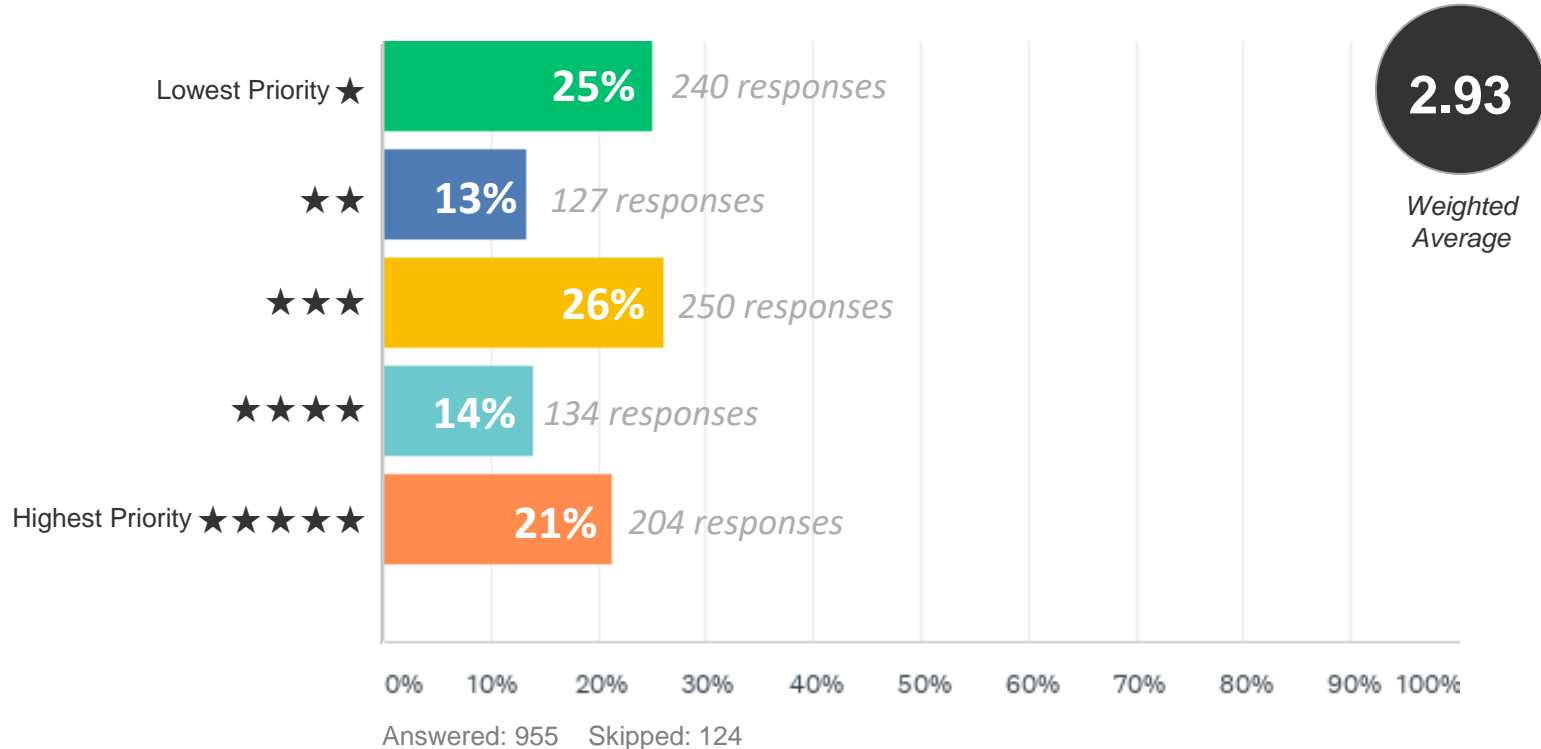
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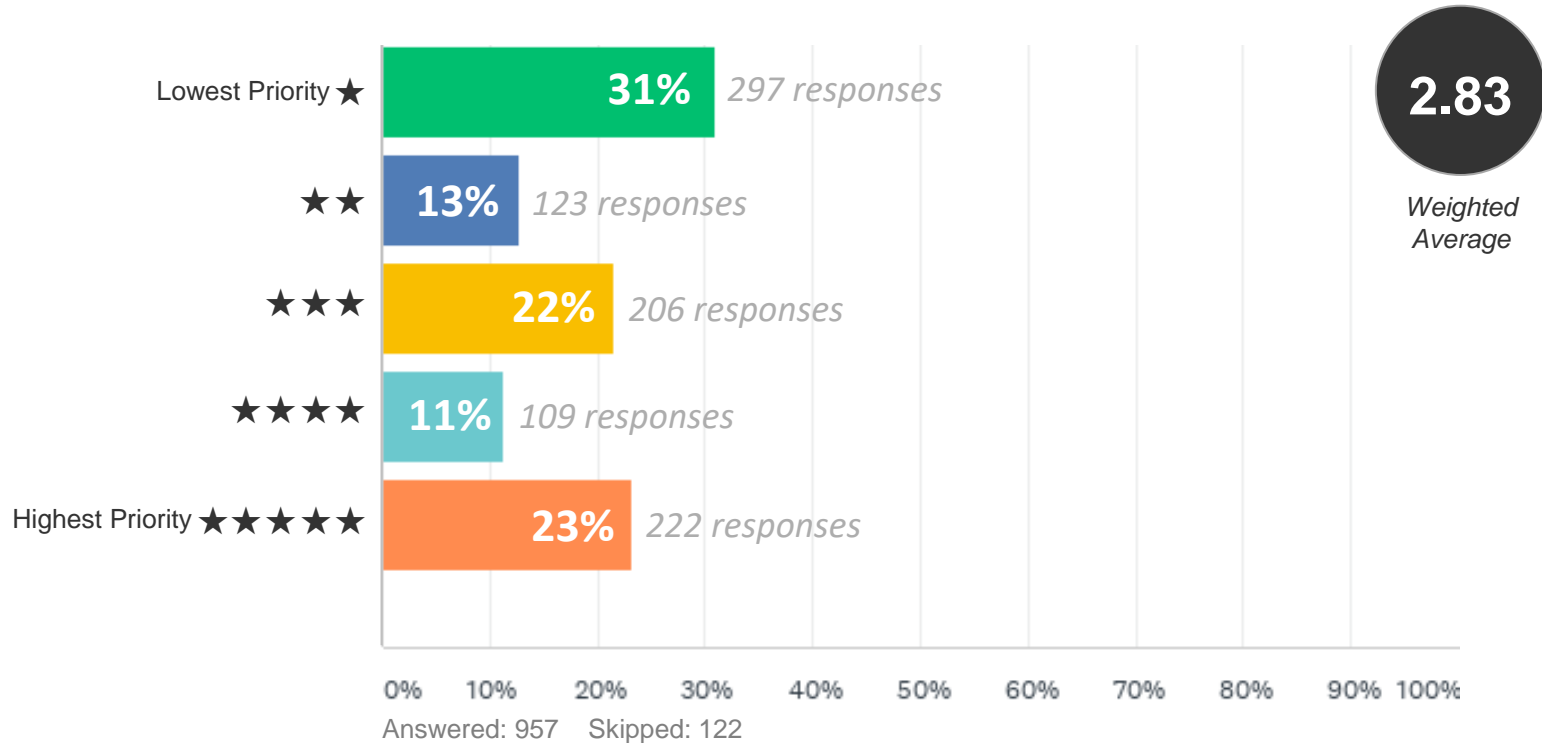
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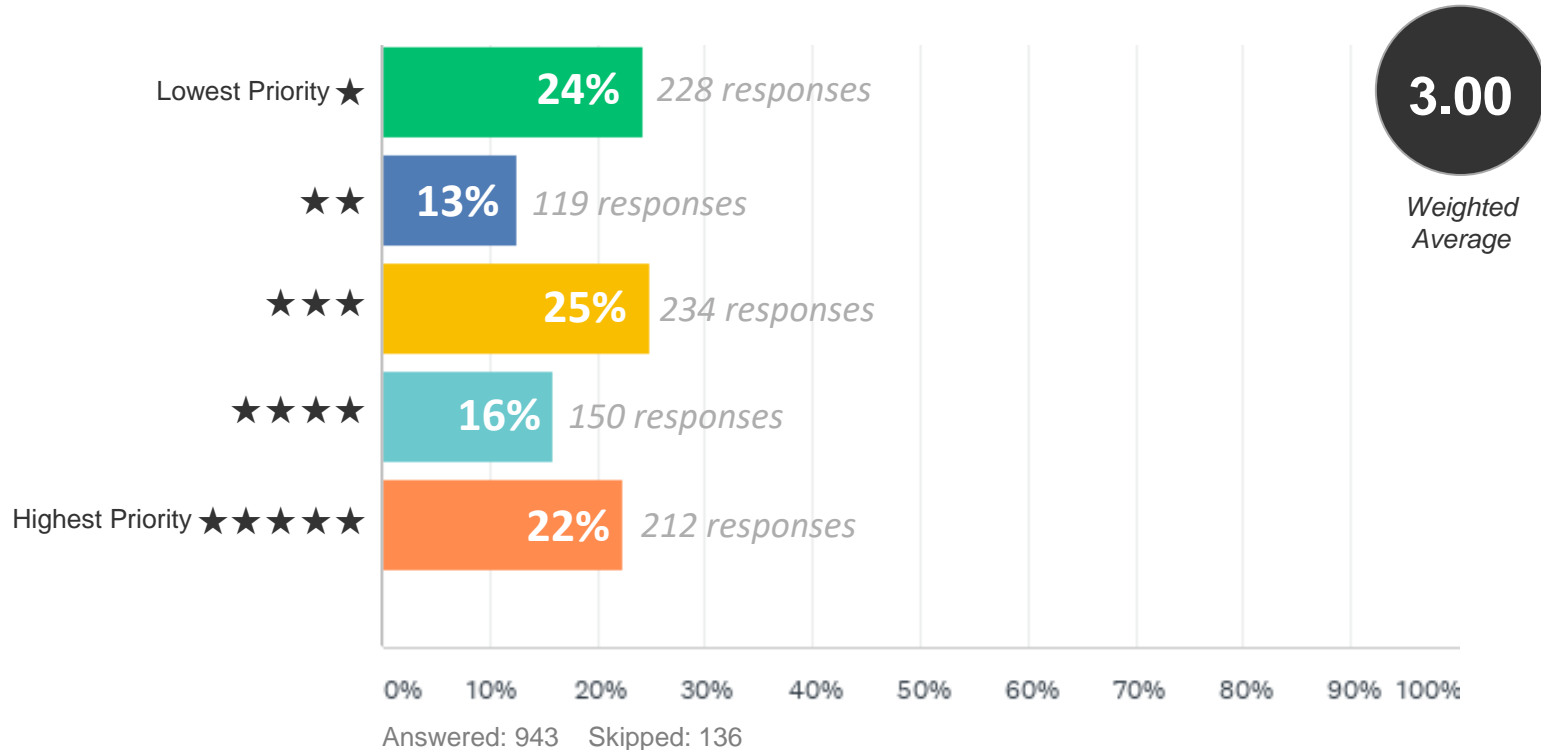
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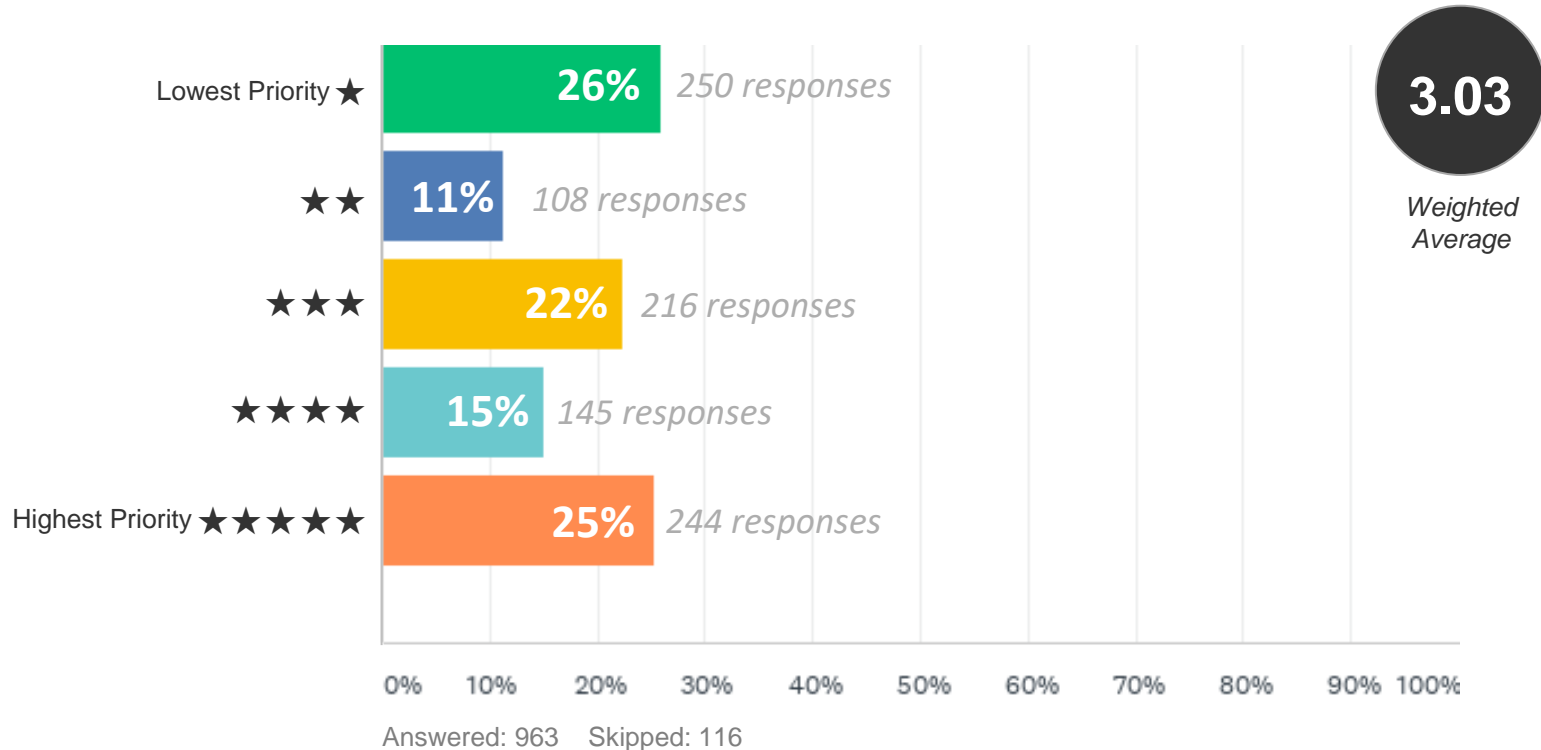
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## 16. TREE OBSTACLE COURSE



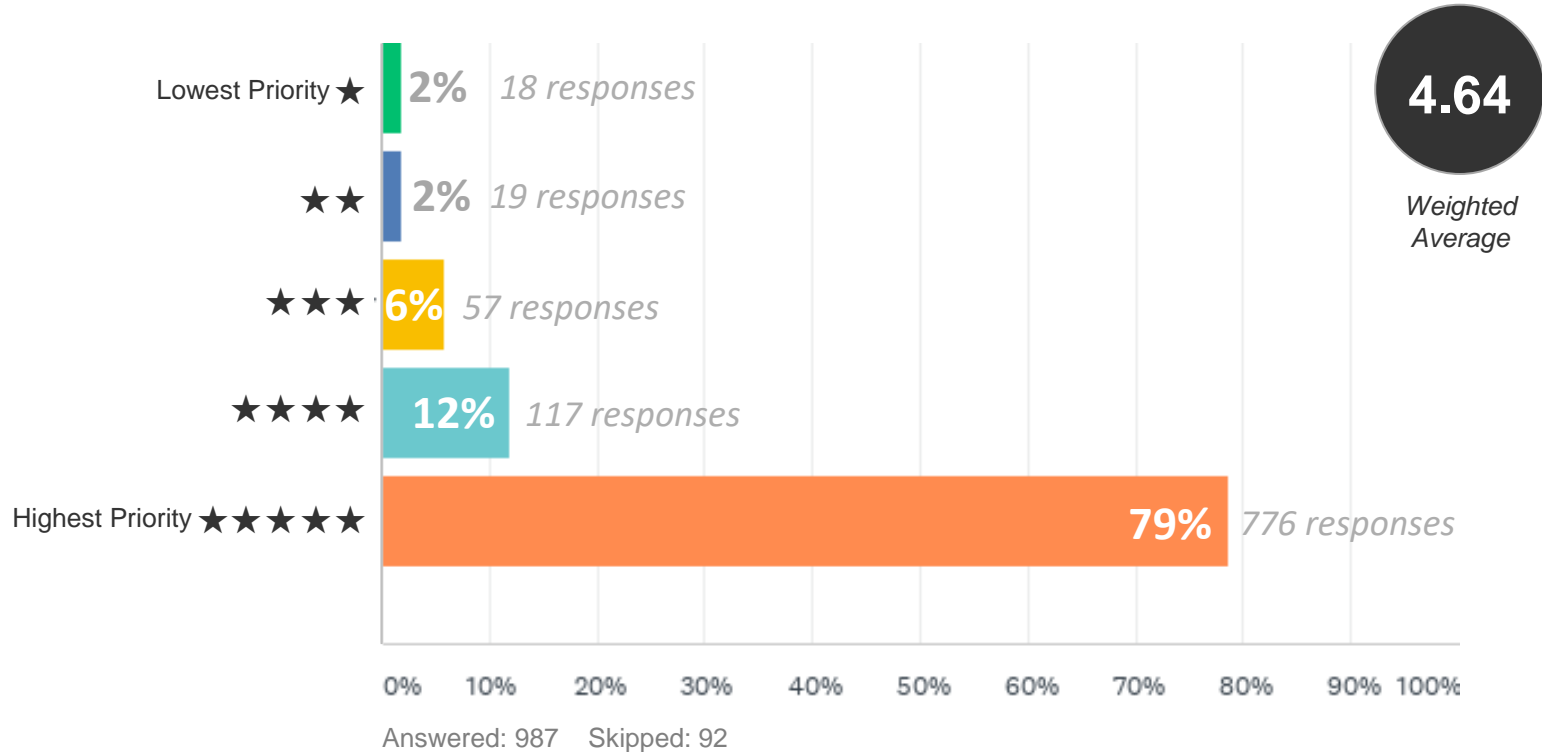
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## 17. DOG PARK



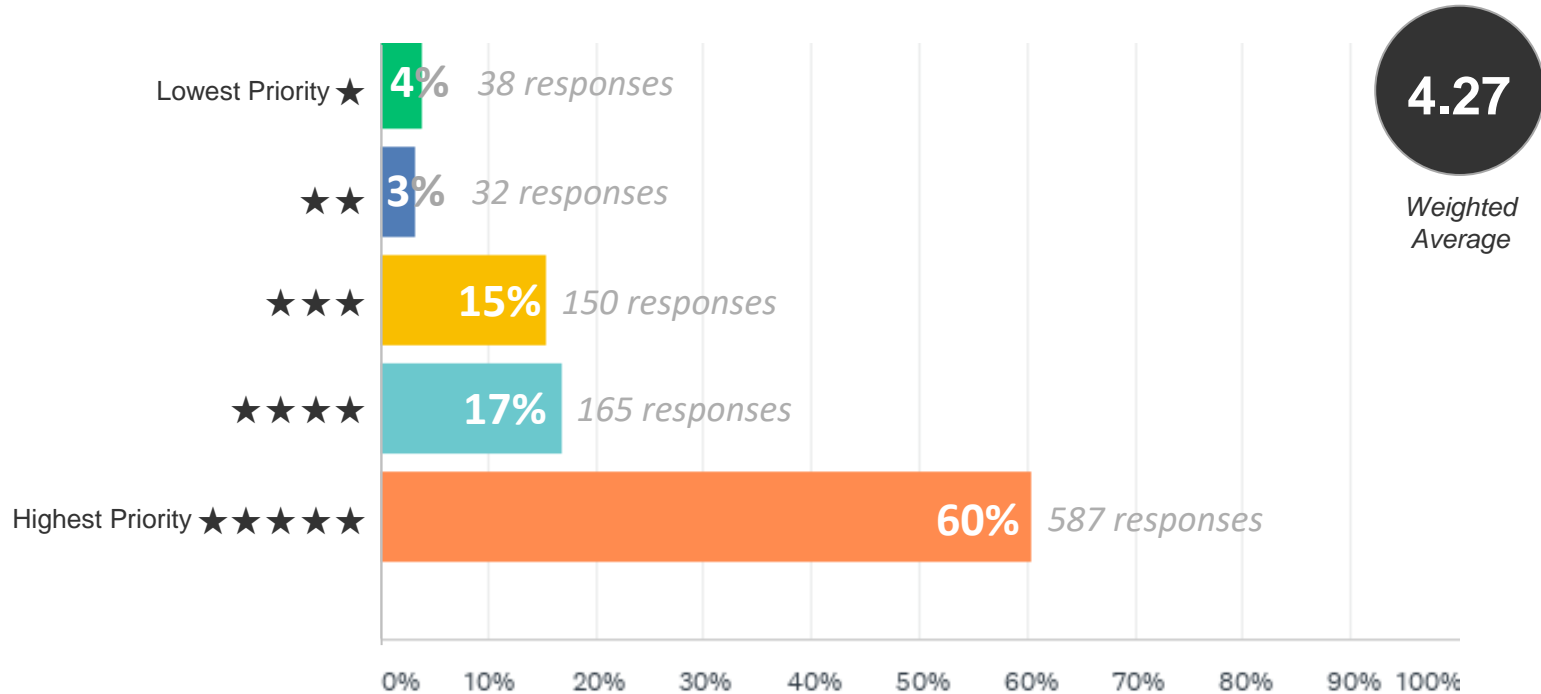
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## 18. RESTROOM



How would you prioritize any additional park amenities in Covington?

## 19. PARKING



4.27

Weighted Average

Answered: 972 Skipped: 107

How would you prioritize any additional park amenities in Covington?

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## OTHER

**50 Splash pad**

**28 Swimming pool / water park**

**16 Benches around playground**

**21 Shaded seating**

11 security (including cameras and patrols)

8 picnic tables

8 water stations

7 pavilion

7 special needs play equipment

7 landscaped gardens

6 handicapped accessibility

6 lighting

6 shade over playground

5 soccer field

4 signage

3 food truck

3 water feature

3 playground for smaller children

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## OTHER

adult swings  
amphitheater  
basketball courts  
butterfly garden  
clean  
community garden  
curfew  
fences  
futsal court  
grills  
mini golf  
nature preservation  
pet waste stations  
shade  
vending machines

aquatic center  
badminton court  
bandstand  
baseball field  
bench swings  
bike trail  
bird sanctuary  
bowling alley  
camping area  
canoeing  
climbing wall  
clock  
cornhole  
covered bridge  
dancing waterfalls

dog obstacle course  
equestrian access to trails  
farmers market  
fishing pond  
handball court  
large field  
lockers  
meditation area  
more slides and swings  
nature education  
open lawn  
outdoor yoga area  
picnic lawn  
ponds  
racquetball courts

running track  
senior exercise stations  
shower facilities for the  
homeless  
shuffleboard  
small loop around the  
playground  
small outdoor  
amphitheater  
trail maps  
volleyball court  
walking trails  
wi-fi  
sandbox  
separated bike lane



WRITE-IN QUESTIONS

**What park improvement(s) would encourage you to visit Central Park?**

*462 RESPONSES*

**What ideas would you like to share about Central Park?**

*209 RESPONSES*

## THE AMENITIES

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- 89 Restrooms
- 85 Trails
- 64 Benches (over 20 responses mentioned shaded seating)
- 39 Playground
- 31 Disc golf
- 25 Picnic pavilion
- 24 Dog park
- 19 Splash pad
- 17 Skatepark
- 16 Water feature
- 12 Picnic tables
- 10 Tennis courts
  - 9 Connectivity to other trails / sidewalks
  - 5 Fitness stations
  - 4 Basketball courts
  - 4 Toddler-friendly activities
  - 4 Volleyball courts

## THEME 1 / PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS

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“**Benches** at the playground for parents to sit on. No park in Covington has them.”

“**Restroom** by the playground. **Smaller playground** for younger kids.”

“Fix the **zip line** swing so it’s smooth and fast”

“Easier **access** to the playground”

“A **fence** to keep my kids from running into traffic and into the back neighborhood.”

“A **walking trail** that is paved. Went to bring my daughter for a walk in her stroller and then play on the playground but there was nowhere to safely walk.”

“It would be nice to have some **shade at the playground**. Possibly using **shade sails**. The equipment gets very hot when it is a sunny day.”

“I'd like to see the large pile of rocks removed from beside the playground.”

## THEME 2 / SAFETY AND SECURITY

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“I need to **feel safe**”

“**Lights and security cameras** for safety”

“Growing up the park was known for unlawful activities at night”

“**Police/Sheriff presence** or station on location. **911 call boxes** throughout the park.

“Lights, curfews for minors”

“Give residents some privacy and peace”

“**Gates** to close park at night”

“Safe walking trail”

“It is a little scary with kids not having a clear trail in order to spot snakes.”

“Safer landscaping around playground i.e. no piles of rocks or steep slopes.”

### THEME 3 / CLEANLINESS AND MAINTENANCE

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“Keep the park clean and free of trash and vandalism. **Keep the park manicured and landscaped so as to avoid the neglected look.**”

“Taking care of the park. The main **roller coaster swing is broken**”

“Signs to encourage people to keep the park clean and to pick up trash.”

“Pavilion with **daily cleaned restrooms**”

“**More trash cans**”

“Grass-clean area for shoes. Planned groomed tree area for safety and beauty.”

“**Restrooms**...old folks need restrooms.”

“**Well-maintained trails**”

“Please please please **just keep the park clean and in working order.** We don't need anything super fancy JUST CLEAN. Like the way Oxford's Asbury Park is always in impeccable order when we go weekly.”

## THEME 4 / UNIVERSAL ACCESS

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“Physically **unable to participate**”

“Paved walking trails. Also **wheelchair accessibility for all aged.**”

“**Accessible** to those physically challenged.”

“**Stroller access**”

“Better play area for children and handicapped adults.”

“**Special needs** things”

“A **walking trail that is paved**. Went to bring my daughter for a walk in her stroller and then play on the playground but there was nowhere to safely walk. “

“**More features for toddlers**. Mostly it is for older kids now”

“Handicapped Accessible, it may be there I **just didn't see a ramp.**”

## THEME 5 / WHAT / WHERE IS IT???

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“Tell me where it is :)”

“I live less than a mile away and I **didn't know it existed!**”

“I haven't seen the park, **nobody knows about it!**”

“Make it very clear where it is. I've heard about Central Park, but **never been able to find it.**”

“I am not sure where it is and had to look it up on Google. I have lived in Newton Co. for 20 years. Perhaps **trails connecting the park to other areas in Covington**”

“Some **directions (visible signage)** on how to find it would be VERY helpful as I live close to it (supposedly) but have no clue how to get to it. Also it would be **nice to know what is offered** there for residents to use.

“The one entrance by **Lunsford Circle is extremely sketchy and not to mention tight.**”

**More advertising!** Food trucks, farmers market weekly.





## Q33. What is your favorite park to visit and why?

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### TOP TIER

- 25 Academy Springs Park
- 25 Asbury Park in Oxford
- 22 Turner Lake Park
- 22 Denny Dobbs
- 20 Central Park
- 18 Chimney Park
- 17 Legion Field

### SECOND TIER

- 6 Johnson Park in Conyers
- 6 Cricket Frog Trail
- 4 City Pond Park
- 4 Lake Varner
- 3 Bay Creek Park
- 3 Beaver Park
- 3 Glendale Park, Decatur
- 3 Lenora Church Park, Snellville

## Q33. What is your favorite park to visit and why?

### Academy Springs Park

- “Kids love playground, nice walking path”
- “Lots of swings, **other things to do besides just the playground** (butterfly garden, pond, rocks to climb, picnic tables)”
- “Academy springs because the play set is longer which makes it **not as crowded**. With the play set at Parkers Pasture it tends to get a little crowded and the littles have a hard time.”
- “My kids like Academy Springs best for the **playground, butterfly garden, and pond.**”
- “it has ponds with fish and turtles, plenty of seating and picnic areas, garden for hummingbirds, **plenty of shade from trees.**”
- “**Peaceful place to sit and read.**”
- “Feels **safe, very clean**”



## Q33. What is your favorite park to visit and why?

### Asbury Street Park (Oxford, GA)

- “It is clean and **spacious** and then playground is **perfect for young toddlers and older kids.**”
- “**Open, lots of amenities** close together. Feels safer.”
- “**Multi-use**, grass area, walking path, open, some shade, **pavilion** for groups and picnics and sun/rain coverage.”
- “**Clean and well-maintained**”
- “**New equipment**”
- “A walking area, a play area, and actual **restrooms.**”
- “Benches, walking trail and **shady places to sit and walk.**”



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### Turner Lake Park

- “Walking trails and the pond”
- “**Paved** trail around lake and indoor restrooms”
- “Beautiful **woodland trails**, a spectacular **pavilion** and **seating areas with a view.**”
- “Fishing, baseball, beautiful surroundings (trees), walking trail paved, playground”

### Denny Dobbs Park

- “It is family friendly and it has lots for all ages.”
- “My child is very excited about the skate park there.”
- “the workout equipment”
- “Nice playground”
- “Splash Pad”





## Q33. What is your favorite park to visit and why?

### Central Park

- “Central Park is our favorite especially the zip line”
- “My kids always ask to go to central first! The zip line swing is a huge hit.”
- “It’s kid friendly for my littles without being too mature, but still enough they can grow into”
- “Central Park has the best equipment, Chimney the best trail, Asbury has a pavilion, and the other one next to the lions club has some shade.”
- “At the moment Central Park is, due to the disc golf”
- “Because it is in town”
- “Close to home”
- “Love it!! Thankful and proud to have such a nice park in our community!”



## Program elements to be considered in Concept plans\*

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### Top priority

- Restrooms
- Parking
- Playground (new and/or enhanced)
- Paved walking Trail
- Picnic pavilion(s)

### Second tier

- Small Multi-Use field
- Dog Park
- Fitness stations
- Tree Top Obstacle Course
- Tennis Court(s)
- Unpaved walking trail
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Skate Park
- Basketball Court(s)
- Mountain Bike Trail

*\*Assumes existing playground and disc golf course are maintained.*