

# Needs Survey Results

Spring 2015



*Bowman*

PARK AND  
RECREATION

# Survey Distribution:

Surveys Returned: 122

City – 81

County - 41

Mailed to City of Bowman Households: 720

Total County Households not in City Limits: 359

Distribution:

Mail to City of Bowman Households

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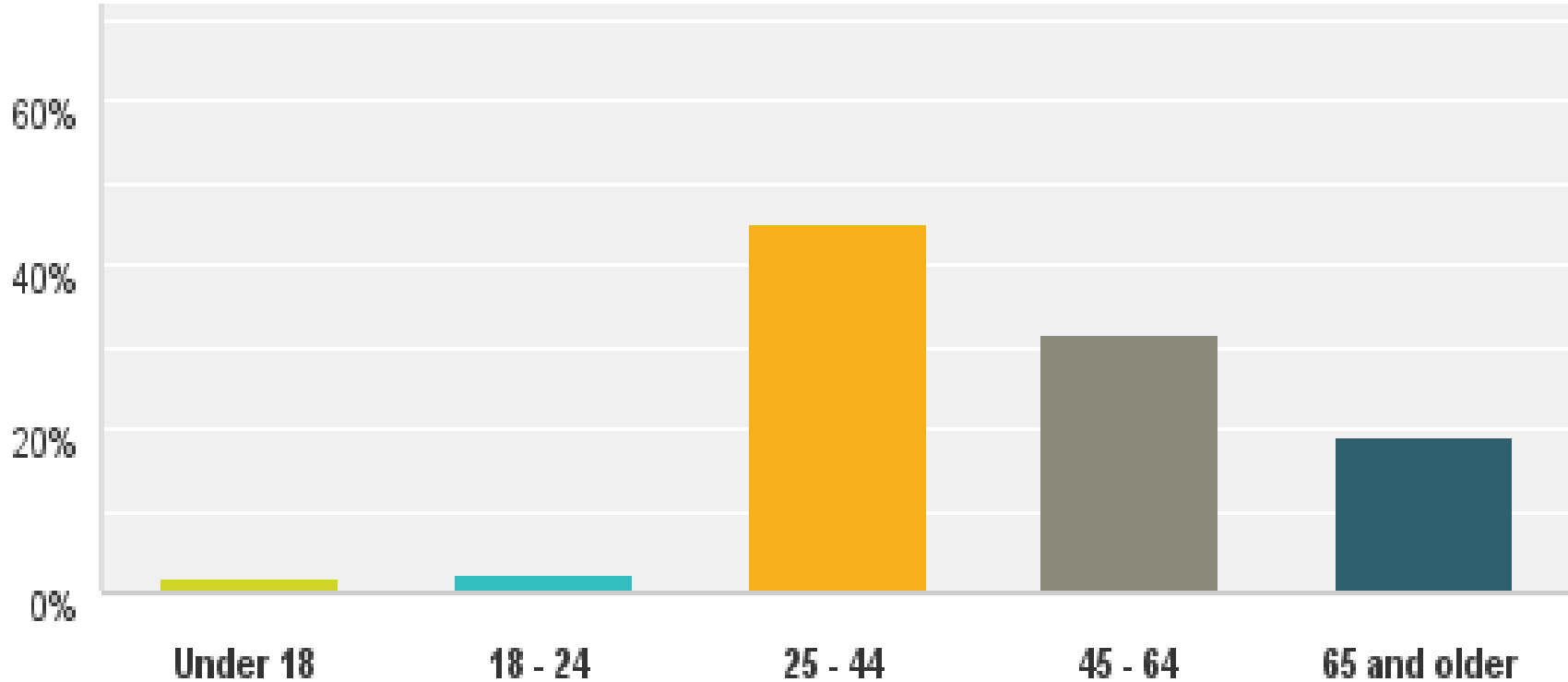
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Percent of Return:      City - 11.25% of City Residents Completed the Survey  
                                    Other – 11.4% of County Residents Completed the Survey

# Which of the following categories describes your age?

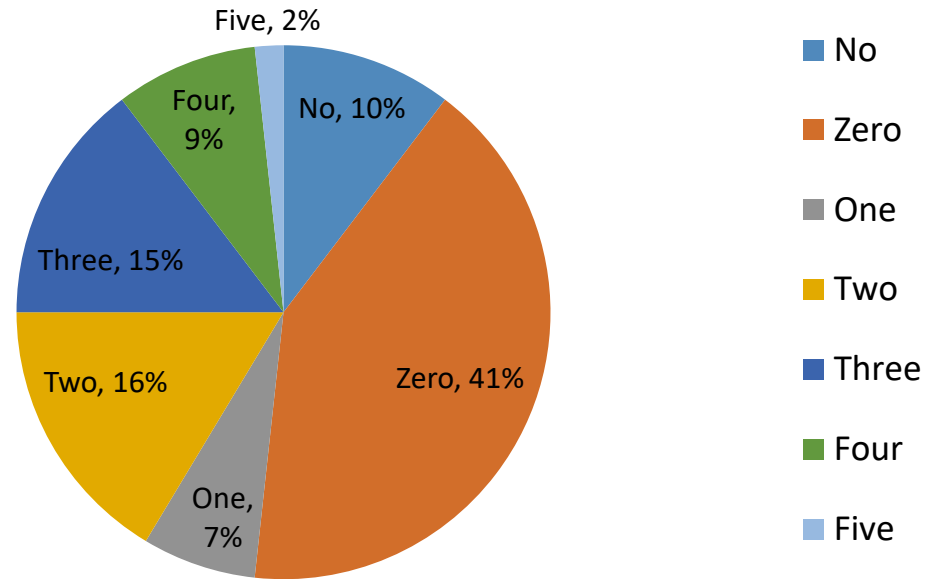
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# How many children/dependants under the age of 18 live at home?

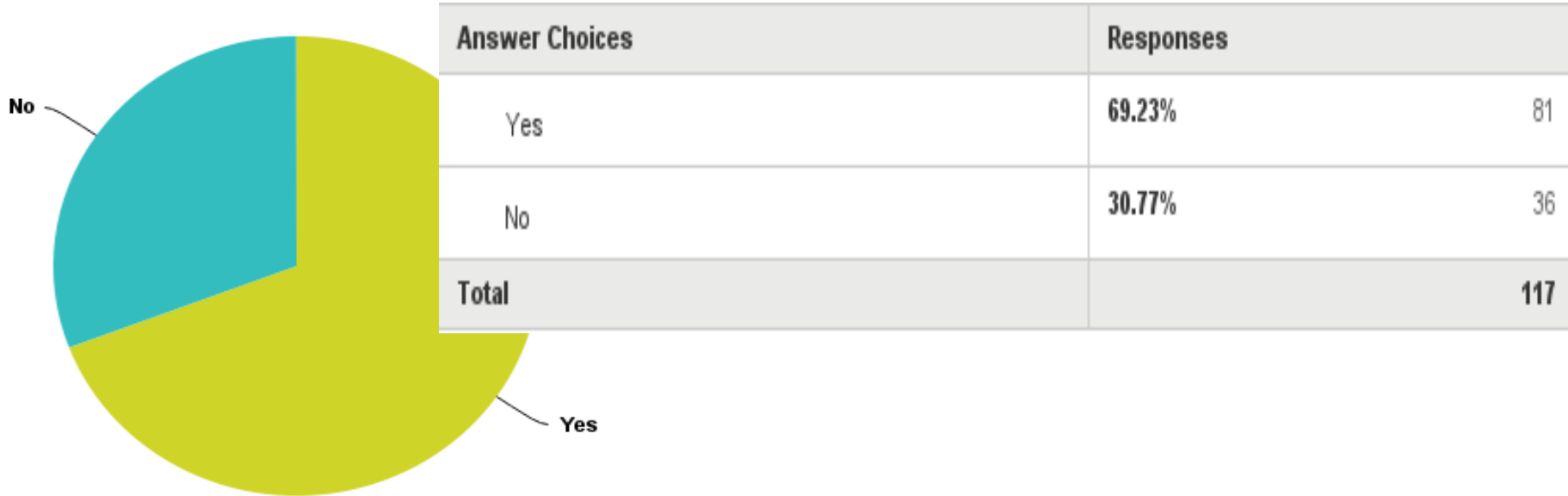
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## Children at Home



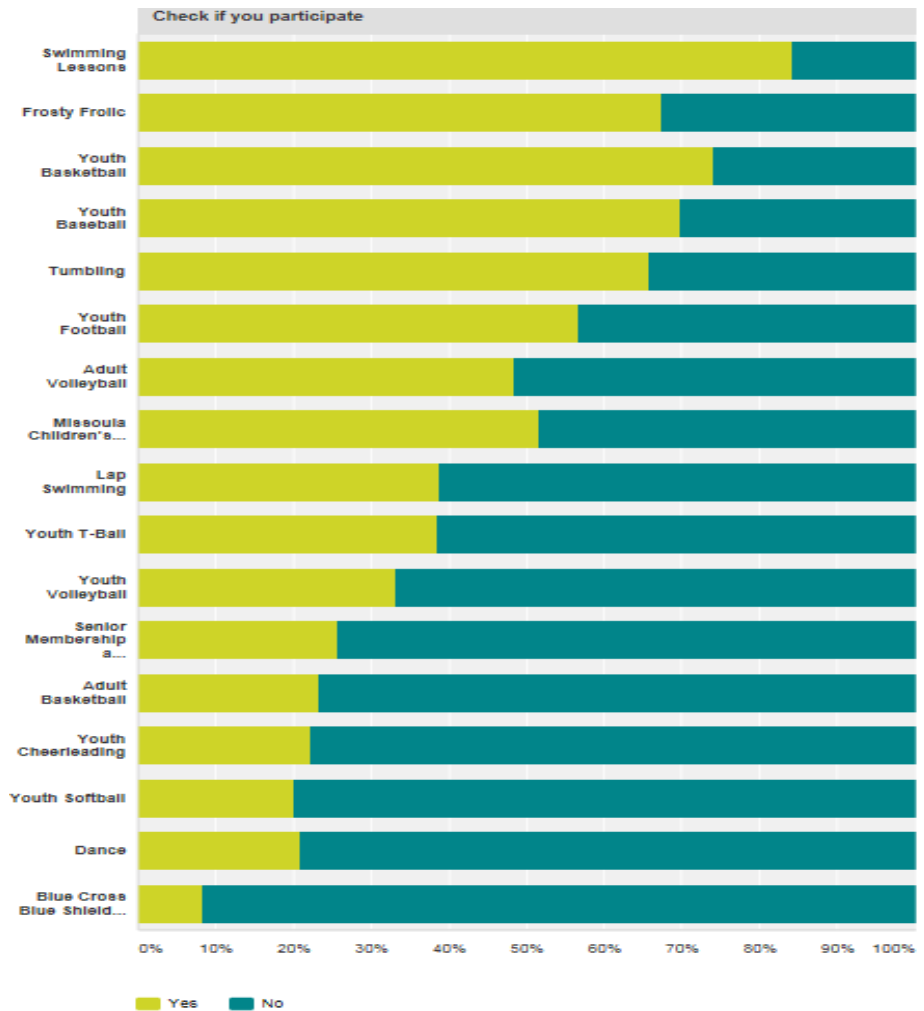
# Do you live in Bowman City Limits?

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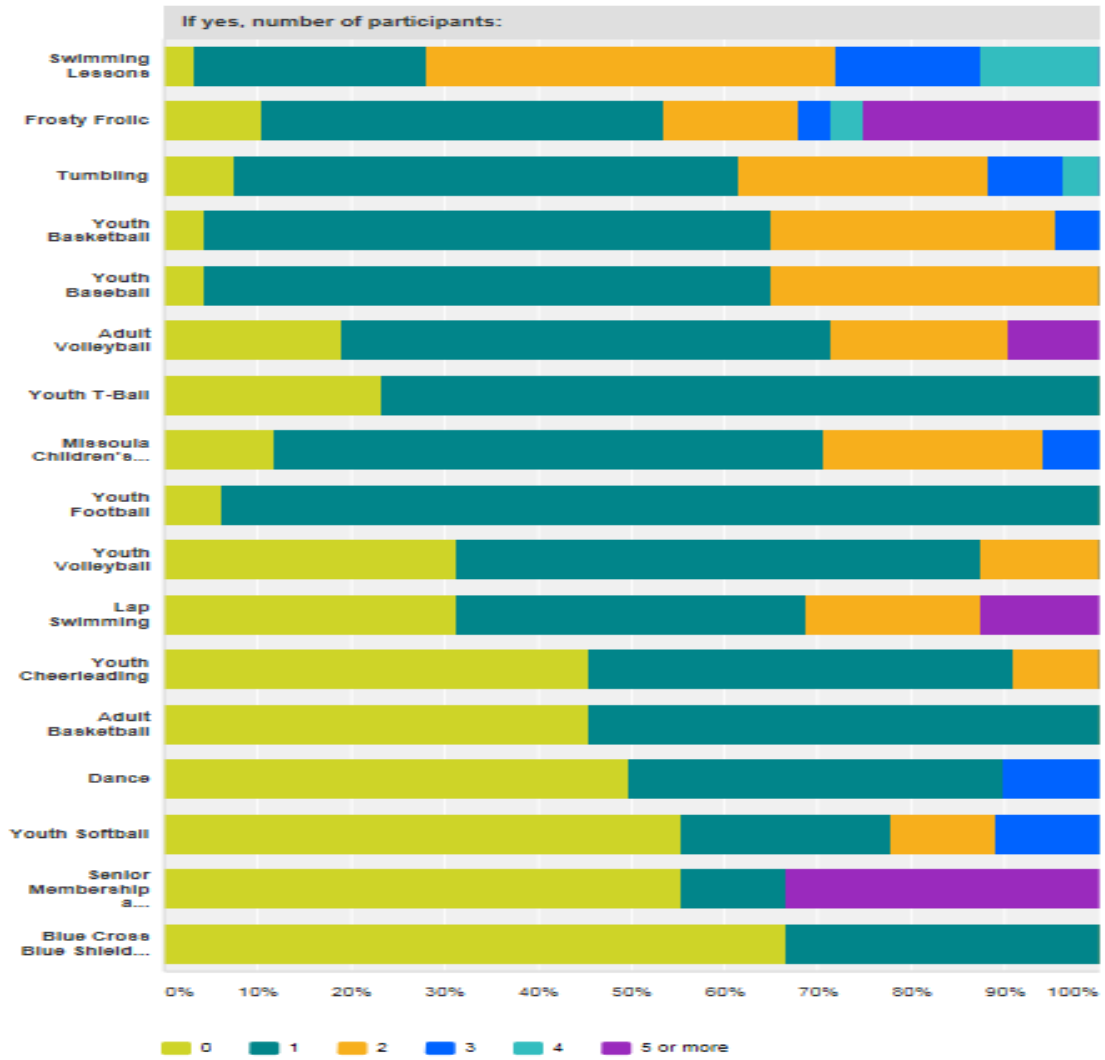
# In which Bowman Parks and Recreation (BP&R) PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES do you or any member of your family actively participate?

- Answered: 86    Skipped: 36



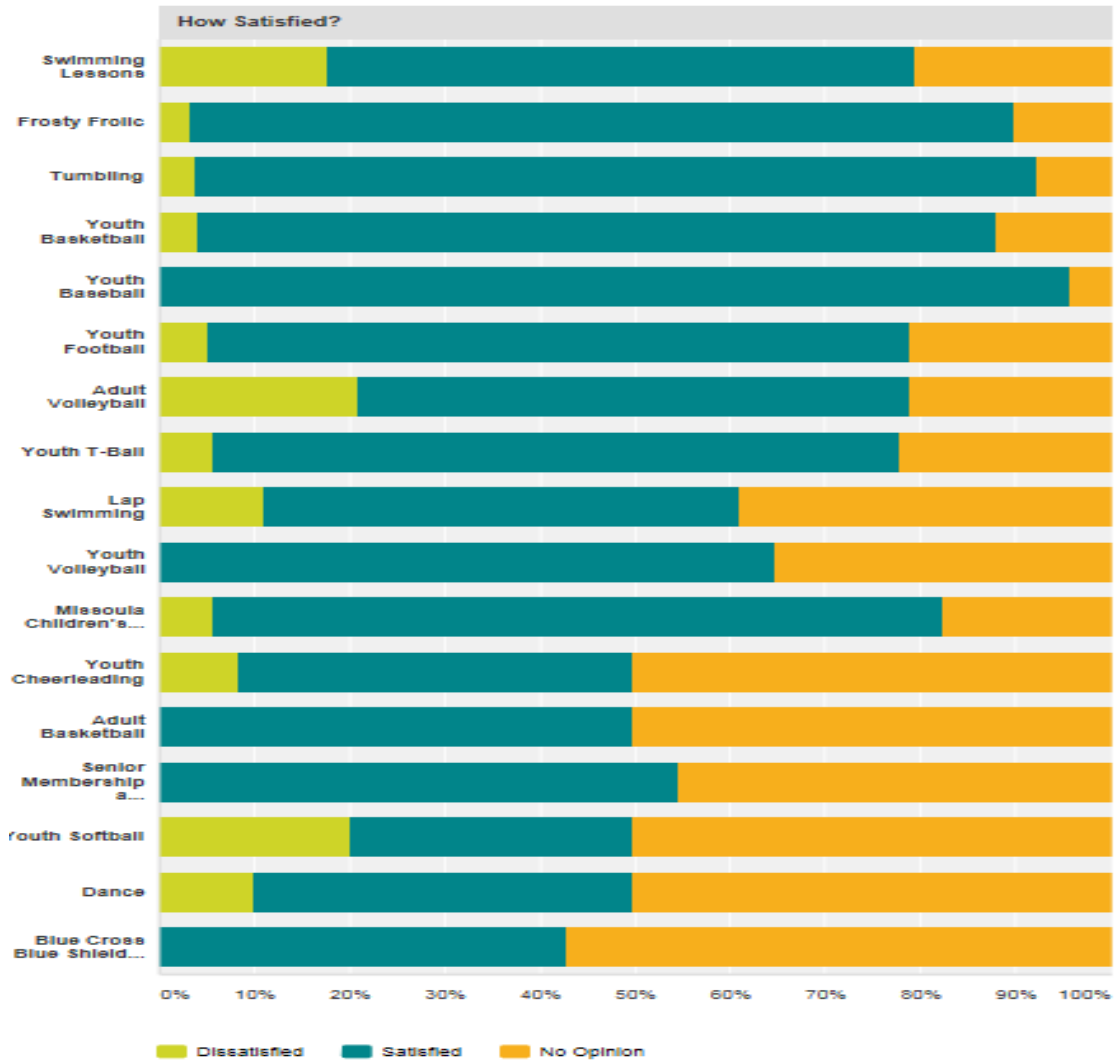
# If Yes, # Of Participants?

- Answered: 103 Skipped: 19



# If Yes, How Satisfied?

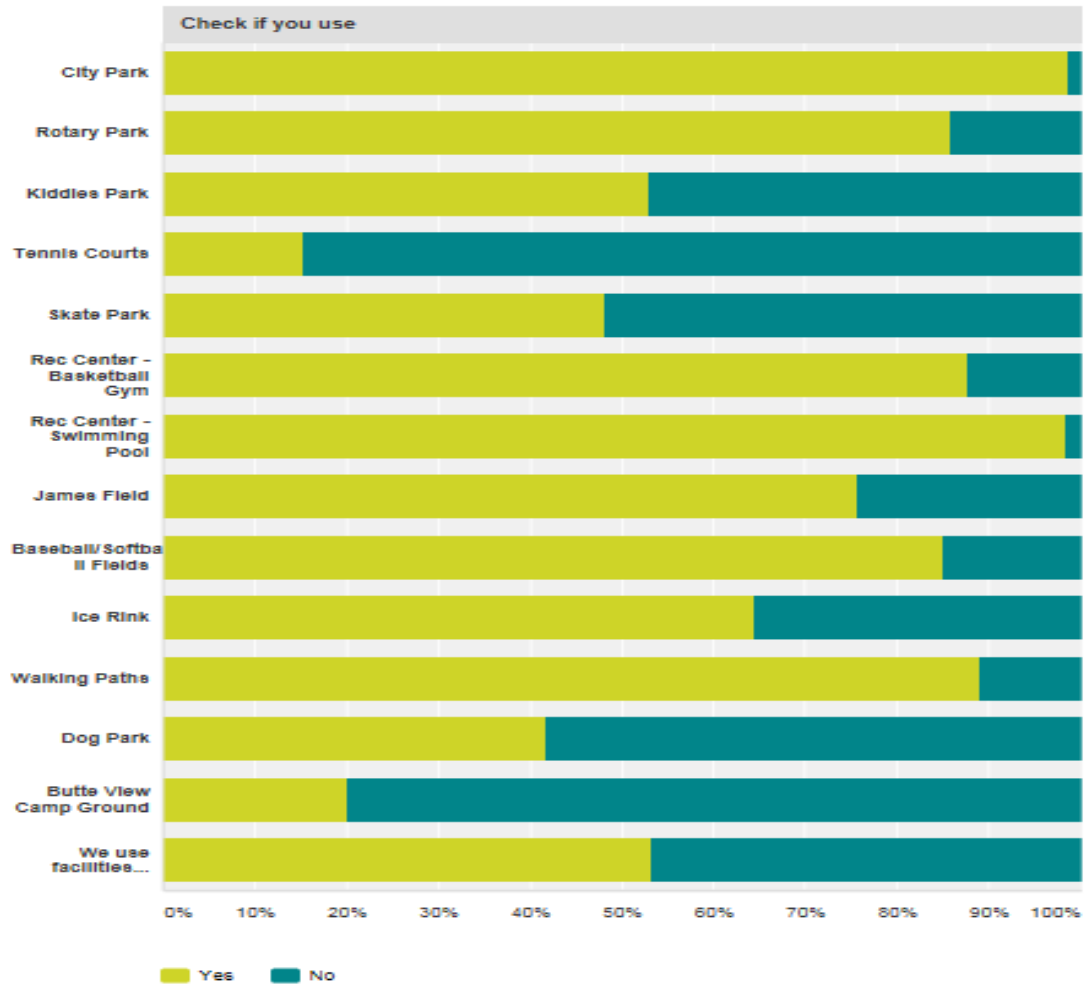
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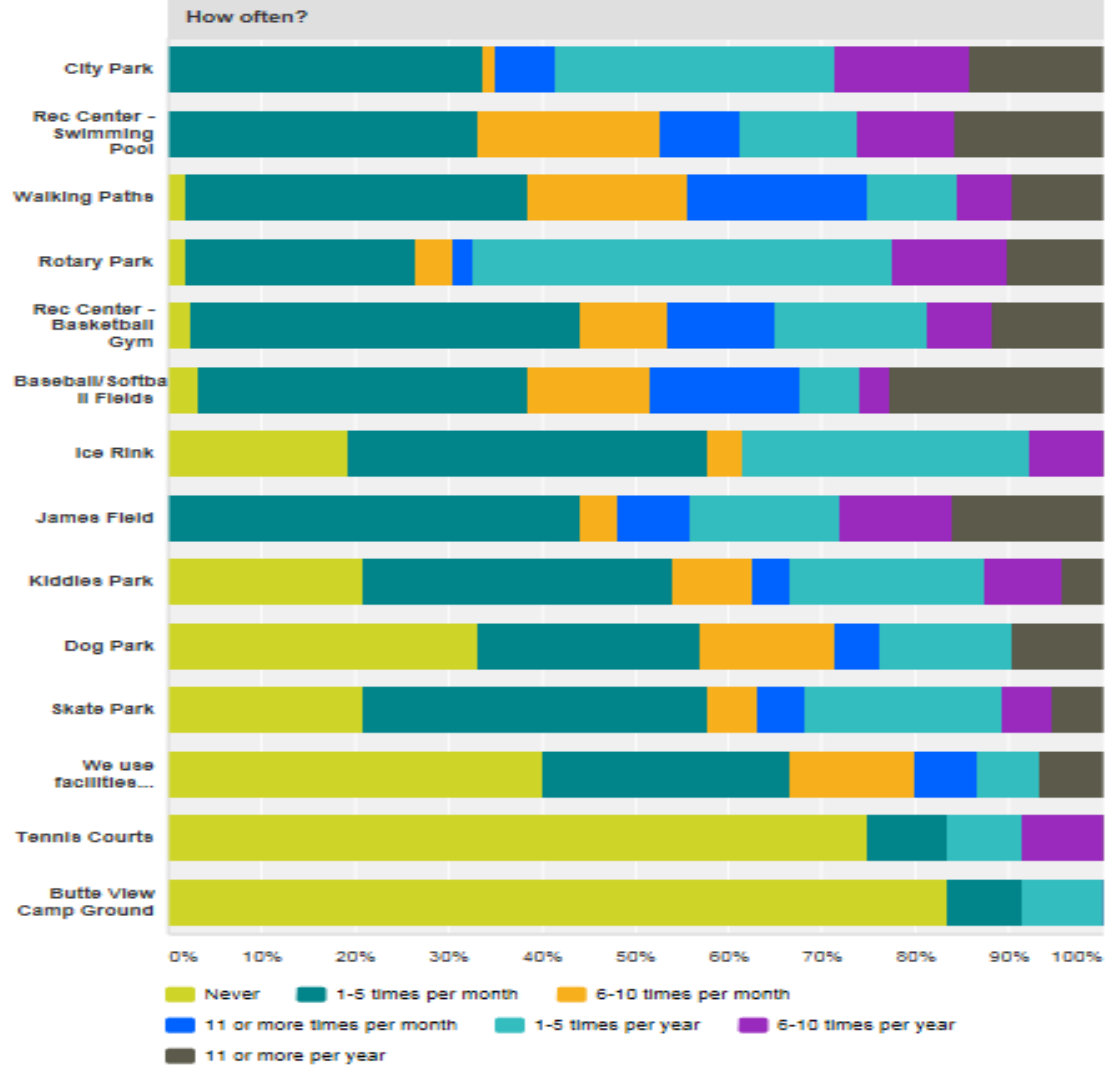
# In which Bowman Parks and Recreation (BP&R) FACILITIES do you or any member of your family actively participate?

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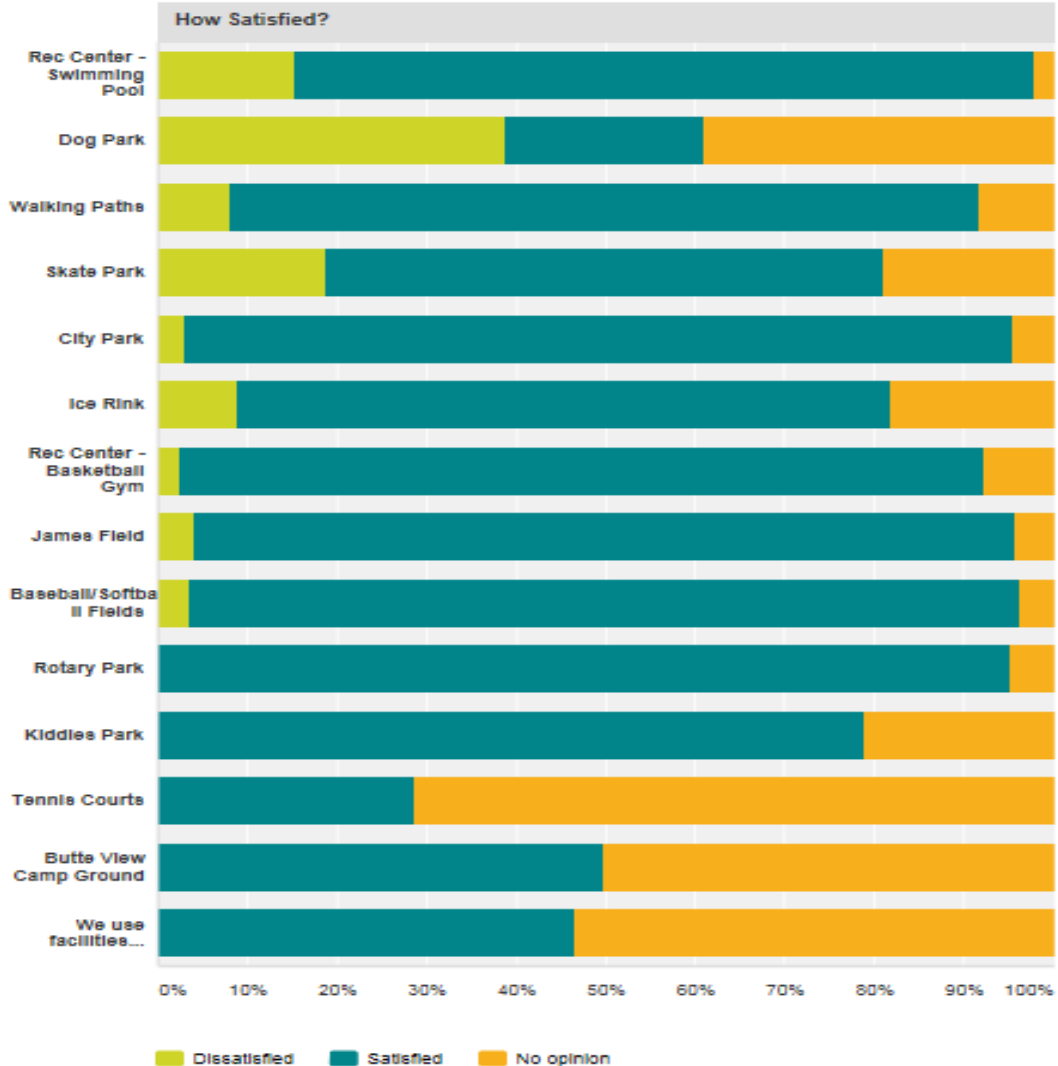


# How Often?

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# How satisfied are you with these facilities?



If dissatisfied, please explain.

James Field bleachers are in need of repair and updates

Either your satisfied or not? There's no in between? I'm dissatisfied with the gym at the rec because you never know if it's being occupied, (which it usually is) and you can't get in there for the kids to use. No opinion on the swim lessons, I don't like that the teenagers are in charge of lessons, I think an adult should be in charge.

For swim lessons, I just fill the kids hardly have time to learn in the time they are in session with all the kids in each group. The life guards just go with the flow and sometimes seem so overwhelmed with all the kids they are teaching. It's frustrating as a parent to watch it.

I wish there was more available for tumbling/gymnastics. The equipment available is nice just wish there was more. I drive my daughter to dickinson for gymnastics.

Facilities need to be updated.

Dog park wasn't mowed the times we were there.

Swings at the park by the high school are very worn and need replaced.

More gym space



## If dissatisfied, please explain.

Too muddy, no grass, too much dog poop, need more activities for the dogs, benches on the inside for owners to be able to sit down. Update the Weight Room with new equipment and the overall look, as well as the necessary materials such as towels and etc.

I used to use the dog park nearly every day and am please that it is offered in our community. I have concerns with the fencing (my dogs have been injured by the exposed tines on the bottom of the fence) and the amount of dog poop. I am willing to pick up other's dog's poop and would love to be part of a solution to finding a fix to the fence. I would love to use the dog park again.

I cannot really say dissatisfied is how I feel, however, I have a few suggestions. As a family who pays for a swimming membership it is very disheartening to take days off work to take the kids swimming and be told there are not enough lifeguards working so they have met their capacity. I could understand this happening once or twice a summer however, unfortunately it happens more frequent than that. Otherwise I couldn't be more happy about how the rec is evolving and serving the community!

Wish there were more paths/longer distance

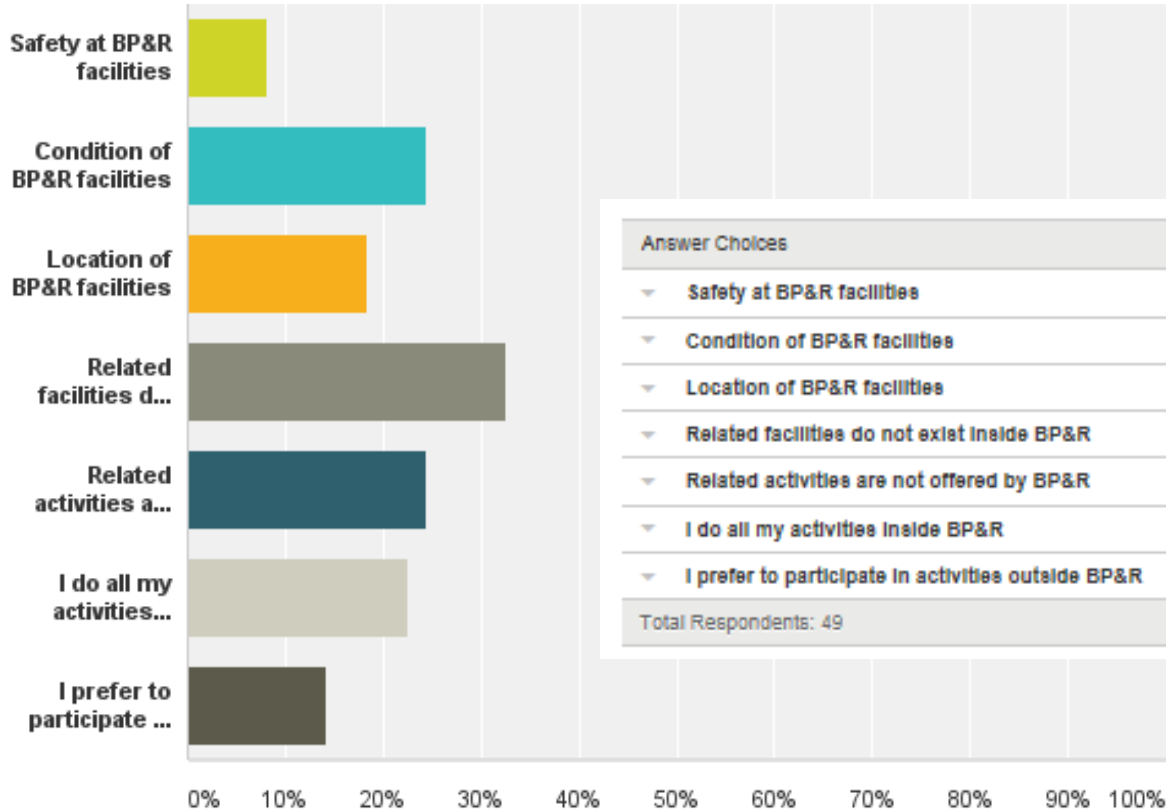
all areas could use some updates but we are satisfied because we have the facilities to use.

Stopped going because people don't pick up after their gods made me sick. Used to go once a day before.

The pool is not as clean as it used to be. Most lifeguards are not attentive and only there for tan.

# Do you participate in recreation programs and ACTIVITIES or use FACILITIES OUTSIDE of Bowman Parks and Recreation? Why?

• Answered: 49 Skipped: 73



Answer Choices	Responses
▼ Safety at BP&R facilities	8.16% 4
▼ Condition of BP&R facilities	24.49% 12
▼ Location of BP&R facilities	18.37% 9
▼ Related facilities do not exist inside BP&R	32.65% 16
▼ Related activities are not offered by BP&R	24.49% 12
▼ I do all my activities inside BP&R	22.45% 11
▼ I prefer to participate in activities outside BP&R	14.29% 7
Total Respondents: 49	

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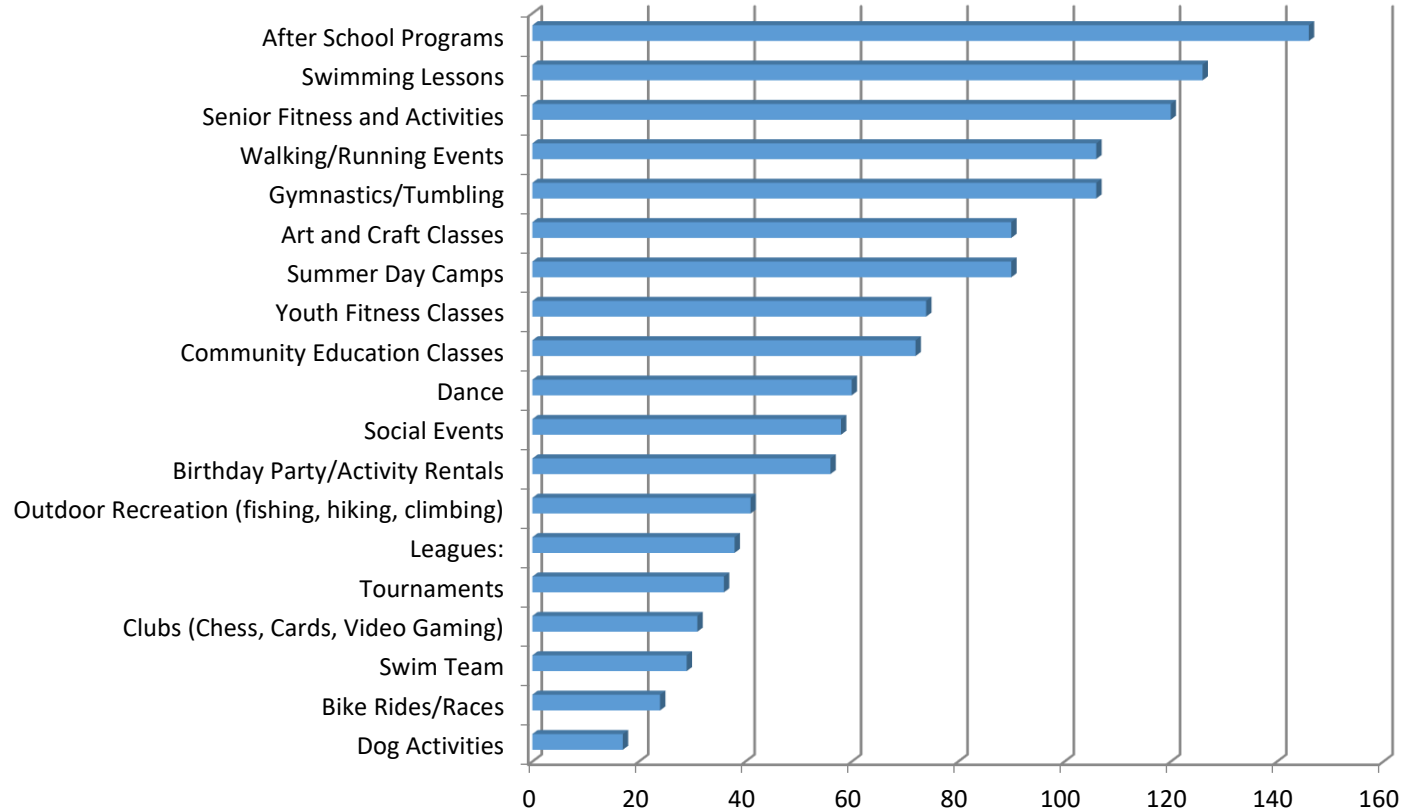
COMMENTS:

• Answered: 49 Skipped: 73

- I would use BP&R if wanted to add something
- Nobody's business
- We have no need to go anywhere else at all
- too busy working
- I just don't think about it when I am in town
- Live outside of BP&R
- times available
- Safety at BP&R facilities-poor; Condition of BP&R facilities-poor; Side walk in the winter isn't shoveled
- Out of town = easier access
- indoor pool, several times a month in the winter we go to Dickinson to swim indoors at rec there...we usually spend quite a bit of money up there...many people have birthday parties there and spend a lot also...money that could be spent in Bowman if we had an indoor pool. Even in the summer we are unable to use the outdoor pool many days because of poor weather...sad.
- Would love a nice place to use a treadmill - especially in the winter months. Love that the BCBS Incentive program exists and would do more at the Rec Center if the facilities and equipment was more inspiring. The Rec Board has done a great job with the facilities that are available!
- We have used the Dickinson facility just because of the indoor and outdoor pool options.
- Golf Course
- I would like to see a better weight room with an available fitness trainer.
- I use a different gym which has more equipment
- Jennifer Wade
- Hours of operation
- I did not know dance was provided. Allot of time I call the Rec for information and the person working has no idea what I'm talking about.

# Prioritize the top five (ranking 1 through 5) ACTIVITIES you would like to see offered in Bowman Parks and Recreation?

• Answered: 89 Skipped: 33





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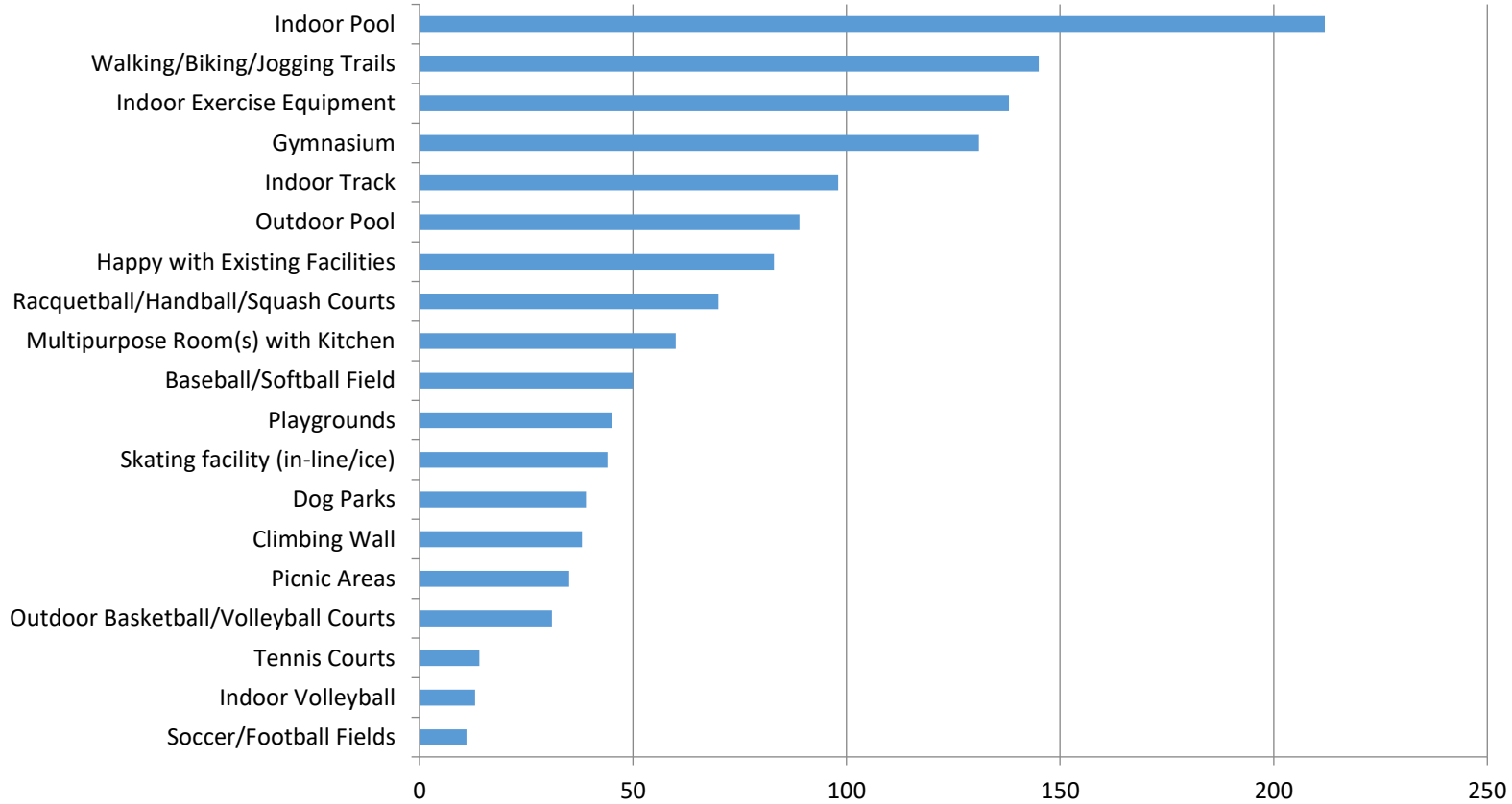
## Comments:

- 4. Adult Fitness Classes
- Don't need , taxes high enough!
- NONE
- More time for Lap Swimming (5 days a week)
- Most of these don't apply to seniors
- Group fitness classes #1 ranking
- soccer
- Swimming classes
- Training/weight lifting programs

# Prioritize the top five (ranking 1 through 5) most needed FACILITIES or updates for the Bowman Parks and Recreation Board to consider?

(This graph was generated from a point system based on ranking)

• Answered: 99 Skipped: 23



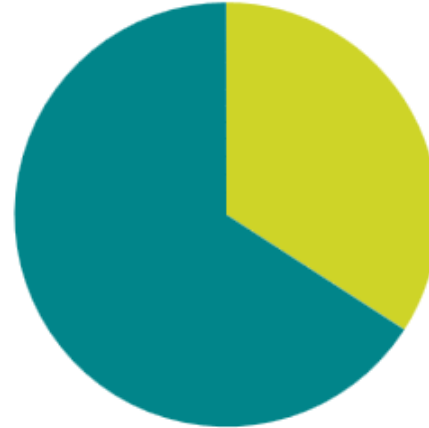
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- Don't need anything new as taxes are high enough
- NONE
- Trap Range
- Happy with Existing Facilities
- Group Fitness classes for multi purpose room
  - Exercise rooms for classes
  - Fix Sauna; Wood Floor in the gym would be nice
- 5. Elderly Exercise Class
- in-line skating indoor preferred
- Indoor walking path I would use daily, wrestling room if school doesn't build one
- Why are we taking this survey again!!?

Did you know a sales tax in other ND communities has lowered property taxes and increased recreational opportunities?

- Answered: 85 Skipped: 37



Yes No

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	34.12% 29
No	65.88% 56
Total	85

Would you vote yes on a City Sales Tax of up to 1% to improve current Bowman Parks and Recreation Facilities and programs if your Park Board Mill Levies were decreased?

- Answered: 86 Skipped: 36

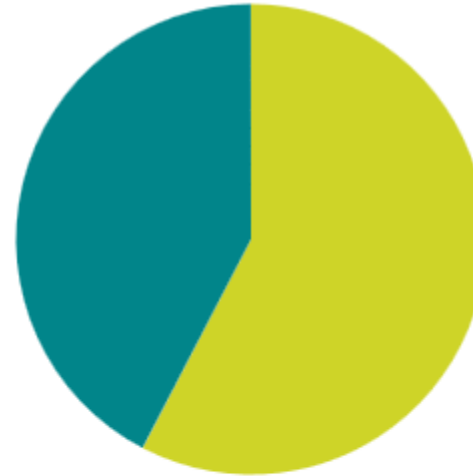


Yes No

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	56.98%	49
No	43.02%	37
Total		86

Would you support a City Sales Tax of up to 1% to improve current Bowman Parks and Recreation Facilities and programs?

Answered: 85 Skipped: 37



Yes No

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	57.65%	49
No	42.35%	36
Total		85

# Additional Comments

Have you looked at the size/population of Bowman? We are NOT showing steady growth, or really growth of any kind, not matter how much the "Major" spouts off that we are. Has anyone kept up with oilfield trends, as long as some in this city believe that oil will solve all our problems? Our family alone, 75% of the man involved as workers in the oil field have lost their jobs in that past 6 months-due completely to the shutdown. The salaries they get at present jobs will never finance any fancy expansion plans that you have. Raising the sales tax 1%? Miles City has a Walmart with no sales tax. Not any harder to get there than Dickinson or Spearfish, which is still where most residents do "mass purchasing" or tons of everyday items. Just sit and watch all the Bowman residents flock in there any given day of the week. What's left to shop here is our Seniors-who can least afford any tax hike. Speaking of tax hikes, when people decide they will look for ways to save \$, how much of your rec expansion plan will find its way to our property tax? I'm biting on a good check of it. How much of our Mexican population pays property tax? Lots of renters, from what I see. And the homeowners? Well, they live 20 to a home. Pretty good # of people for the little dab of taxes collected. But they pod is loaded with them. Speaking of the pool... how will you staff it? Last year my grandkids came to use the pool, and were turned away because there wasn't adequate staff. Now they go to Hettinger to swim a few X each month. Too many people think our kids (and ourselves) have to be entertained every single second of every day, no matter what the cost. Last, how much of any dissenting opinions, such as mine, will see anything but the garbage can? The only opinions we will see published from the "survey" are the big spending yuppie 3-b somethings that don't want to teach their kids to depend on themselves for entertainment.

Regarding question 10: Not true-once enacted taxes never go down. This is a total falsehood propaganda by big spenders. Regarding question 11: Never, not ever. Period. We already voted on this 3-1, in case you've forgotten. Regarding question 12: See above-NEVER.

No More Taxes!

We Don't Need a New Rec Center



# Additional Comments

I would vote for the sales tax if it included a modern facility. Not inclined to vote for plans that include the old High School gym. I would love to see a new facility built on the site of James field to integrate the walking paths, the skating rink and softball fields along with easier parking. Plus a view of the new facility to all who drive into Bowman! Thank you for all you do.

We have a need to improve our athletic programs( basketball, football, volleyball) in the area. Could we create programs that are enjoyable by the children, beneficial to these programs, and needed by our schools?

Show that new facilities can be manned with sufficient personnel and be maintained properly without more demand of the tax payer and I would support new facilities.

You guys are doing a great job with what you have. Thank you for your dedication.

When the current facilities are managed appropriately then maybe you could get the support of the higher tax revenue.

Just my personal opinion, if you would raise the city tax by 1% or raise it at all the city will be taking a risk in losing business in Bowman. Out of town people don't want to pay an extra tax for something they don't use. We should consider sticking our money into what we already have.

Director is doing an excellent job!!!