

Toronto Resident Survey #1 Results Summary

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A. Survey Questions

OVERVIEW

Background

The City of Toronto hosted an online survey between December 1, 2015 and January 24, 2016 as part of its Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan consultation process. The online survey was available on the Master Plan website, www.toronto.ca/parks/facilitiesplan. In the nearly two months that the survey was available, 3,320 people responded to the survey, with approximately 60% completing the 36 question survey.

Highlights of Who Participated in the Survey

A few important notes highlighting what we know about who responded to the survey (with additional details provided on page 30):

- 1,878 of the 3,320 respondents (57%) provided the first three characters of their postal code. Of these, over 60% live in Toronto East York, 14% live in North York, 13% live in Etobicoke York, 11% live in Scarborough, and 1% live outside of the City of Toronto.
- Respondents were predominantly female (61% female and 35% male).
- Participation in both indoor and outdoor recreation activities was high among respondents over 80%.
- Four in ten respondents reported that they were a member of a group or league that regularly permits or relies on City of Toronto parks and recreation facilities.
- 70% of respondents were born in Canada and very few (2%) indicated that they had lived in Canada less than 10 years.
- Nearly all respondents (94%) listed English as at least one of the languages they usually spoke at home. The second most common language spoken at home was French (2%). 37 other languages were identified by respondents however, all spoken by less than 1% of respondents.
- Seven percent of respondents self-identified as a person living with a disability.
- 39% of respondents heard about the survey through a personal social network or a group that they are a member of (e.g. recreation/sports group, resident/neighbourhood group). 30% respondents heard about the survey through a councillor notice. 21% indicated that they heard about the survey through 'other' means that included write-in responses being City emails and news releases, and non-City websites (e.g. reddit/com/r/toronto).

Based on the profile respondents, it is important to recognize that the survey (which was not designed or intended to ensure a statistically significant sample of Toronto), is one of multiple public/stakeholder engagement activities - this multi-pronged approach was used to enhance access to engagement and promote broad representation. Additional activities included four public town hall meetings, six stakeholder focus groups, an online discussion guide and questions and a Stakeholder Advisory Group. Each activity provided a different type of opportunity for the public and stakeholders to receive information, interact with the project team and express their views.

The purpose of the survey was to help establish a broad picture of recreation facility needs and preferences by focusing on facility usage, gaps and principles. The survey results will help the City:

- Learn more about how, when and where people participate in indoor and outdoor recreational activities, to identify facility types used most often, get feedback on facility access, condition and experience, and to explore facility preferences; and
- Create a preliminary profile of parks and recreation facility users across Toronto.

The survey results, along with feedback from other consultation activities, will be used alongside research and analysis undertaken by the Master Plan team to inform the assessment of facility needs and the development of the draft Master Plan. Feedback will be sought on the draft Master Plan in Fall 2016.

About the Survey

The survey featured questions related to three categories: indoor facilities, outdoor facilities, and demographics (see Attachment A for a full list of survey questions). The survey included both quantitative and qualitative questions including multiple choice, scale and demographic, with one open-ended question. Analysis in this report is based on the frequency of responses, supplemented by qualitative information provided to open ended questions. For the quantitative feedback, there are some cases where response categories are combined into one measure as below:

- "Agree" ("Somewhat Agree" and "Strongly Agree")
- "Most Often" ("Frequently" and "Very Frequently")
- "Least Often" ("Never" and "Rarely")
- "Dissatisfied" ("Very Unsatisfied and Somewhat Unsatisfied")
- "Satisfied" ("Somewhat Satisfied" and "Very Satisfied")

In order to facilitate alignment with results from other consultation activities, survey questions and results are categorized according to the six main challenges that the Facilities Master Plan will respond to. This report provides both a high-level and detailed summary of survey results. As survey respondents were self-selecting, the results presented in this report should not be interpreted as a statistically significant representation of public opinion on the questions asked in the survey.

This Report

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HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The high-level summary in this section provides a synthesis of the survey results, organizing these results according to the six challenges that the Master Plan will contemplate and seek to respond to. These challenges are:

- 1. Responding to a Changing City
- 2. Reshaping Facilities to Fit Evolving Needs
- 3. Providing Quality Facilities
- 4. Working with Others to Meet Needs
- 5. Improving Accessibility for Everyone
- 6. The Funding Challenge

Responding to a Changing City

Respondents generally felt that there are the right number of parks and recreation facilities within their neighbourhoods, with two-thirds indicating that there are just the right number of parks and recreation facilities in their neighbourhood. Slightly more felt this way about outdoor facilities (67%) than indoor facilities (63%).

Reshaping Facilities to Fit Evolving Needs

Respondents generally felt that the City's indoor recreation facilities are doing a good job of meeting their needs, with four in five (81%) agreeing that the facility they use most often meets the needs of their community and three in five participants (63%) agreeing that indoor facilities overall have the features they are looking for.

When asked about their preferences for recreation facility size and number of features, a majority of respondents (58%) expressed a preference for small recreation facilities that are closer to their homes instead of large recreation facilities with more features that are farther from them.

According to survey respondents the three most frequently used types of indoor facilities include indoor swimming pools (67%), community centres (51%), and indoor arenas (36%), and the three most frequently used outdoor facilities were open green space/multipurpose fields (49%); outdoor skating rinks (34%); and outdoor swimming pools (32%). There was some alignment with the activities participated in most frequently, with lane/leisure swimming (36%) and instructional swimming (36%) as the top two indoor recreational activities that respondents most frequently participated in and leisure skating (34%) as one of the top three outdoor recreational activities.

Providing Quality Facilities

Three-quarters of respondents indicated that overall, the City's community centres (77%), arenas (75%) and indoor swimming pools (72%) are in good condition, and slightly more than two-thirds indicated they liked these facilities the way they are, but that some updates are needed. Similarly, three in five (62%) indicated that there were satisfied with the quality of outdoor parks and recreation facilities. Respondents were more likely to agree that indoor pools were too crowded and busy (40%) than disagree (30%). In contrast, respondents were less likely to agree that community centres (28%) and arenas (23%) were too crowded and busy than disagree (38% and 43% respectively). Amongst those who have not used an indoor facility in the last 12 months, one-quarter said it was because they had found facilities to be too crowded. In comparison, crowded facilities were cited by just over one in ten (13%) respondents as the reason that they had not used an outdoor recreational facility in the last 12 months

Working with Others to Meet Needs

Nearly 7 in 10 respondents (69%) felt that the City should work with other service providers to provide parks and recreation facilities, with slightly more supporting partnerships with service providers like schools, libraries and non-profit agencies (80%) than with the private sector (58%). Three-quarters of respondents supported the co-location of community centres together with other types of spaces and services (e.g. child care centres, libraries, social services, cultural facilities or retail shops).

Respondents are already using non-City facilities just as much as they are using City facilities. In the last 12 months, 90% of respondents had used a non-City indoor facility compared with 83% who had used a City indoor facility. Similarly, 76% of respondents had used a non-City outdoor facility compared with 81% who had used a City outdoor facility.

Improving Accessibility for Everyone

Survey respondents generally felt that the City's recreation facilities are geographically accessible, with approximately three-quarters (73%) saying that the City's indoor facilities are conveniently located and just over three-quarters (77%) feeling the same about outdoor facilities. Furthermore, most respondents felt that it takes them a reasonable amount of time to travel to community centres (89%), arenas (85%) and indoor pools (87%) specifically.

At the most frequently used community centres, indoor arenas and pools, respondents generally felt that conditions are good, with nine in ten reporting that these facilities feel safe, and eight in ten reporting that they are welcoming to all members of the community. A slim majority agreed that the support spaces (change rooms, washrooms, seating) are adequate at community centres (56%), arenas (57%) and indoor pools (54%), and a similar proportion felt that facilities are accessible for persons with disabilities (57% for community centres, 55% for arenas and 50% for indoor pools). However, less than 1 in 10 respondents (7%) self-identified as a person living with a disability and very few (2%) indicated that they had lived in Canada less than 10 years.

The Funding Challenge

When given a choice between renovating older community centres, pools and arenas or completely rebuilding them, even if it means moving them to another location, two-thirds of respondents (66%) expressed a preference for renovations while just under one in five expressed a preference for rebuilding (18%). Almost as many did not express a preference, with 16% indicating they could not decide / did not know.

DETAILED RESULTS SUMMARY

This section provides a detailed summary of the survey results. As in the previous section, the detailed summary is organized to correspond with the six challenges that inform and frame the development of the Facilities Master Plan. The survey respondent demographic profile follows the six challenges. A brief description of each challenge is provided, followed by the associated survey questions and results.

Responding to a Changing City

Toronto's growth and changing population affect the need for and use of facilities. Some areas of the city are growing faster than others, and more seniors and newcomers require facilities to meet their needs. As the city changes, so too must our facilities.

Facility importance

'Please share your thoughts about City parks and recreation facilities. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

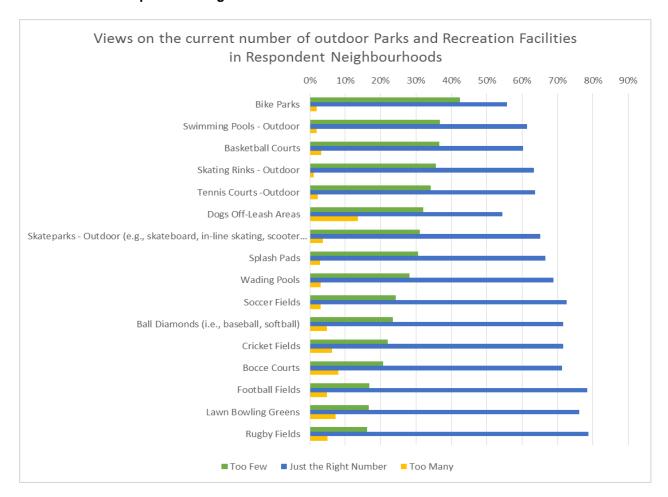
- a) Parks and recreation facilities improve quality of life in the City of Toronto.
- b) Parks and recreation facilities play an important role in building communities.
- c) I know about the parks and recreation facilities in my community.'
- Approximately 9 in 10 respondents agreed that parks and recreation facilities improve quality of life in Toronto (93%), that these facilities play an important role in building communities (93%), and that they know about the parks and recreation facilities in their communities (87%).

Number of facilities

How do you feel about the current number of Parks and Recreation Facilities in your neighborhood?'

- Overall, two-thirds of survey respondents indicated that there are just the right number of facilities in their neighbourhood, with slightly more feeling this way about outdoor facilities (67%) than indoor facilities (63%). One-third (30%) felt that there were too few facilities in their neighbourhood, with slightly more feeling this way about indoor facilities (35%) than outdoor facilities (28%).
- The top three outdoor facilities that respondents felt there are too few of were: bike parks (42%); outdoor swimming pools (37%); and basketball courts (37%).
- The top three types of outdoor facilities that respondents felt there are just the right amount of were: rugby fields (79%), football fields (78%); and lawn bowling greens (76%).
- Fourteen percent of respondents felt that there are too many dog off-leash areas. This was the only type of facility, outdoor or indoor, that more than one in ten respondents felt there are too many of.
- The top three indoor facilities that respondents felt there are too few of were: indoor swimming pools (38%); arenas (37%); and fitness and weight rooms (37%).
- The top three types of indoor facilities that respondents felt there are just the right amount of were: sports pads (71%); gymnasiums (66%); and community centres (62%).

Figure 1. Views on the current number of outdoor Parks and Recreation Facilities in Respondent Neighbourhoods



Use of community centres, arenas, indoor pools

'What indoor recreation facility type do you and members of your household use most often? (Please choose only one from the 3 listed below – community centres, arenas, indoor swimming pools.)'

'Please select the name of the community centre/arena/indoor swimming pool you use most often from the dropdown list.'

Of the 1,435 respondents that answered this question:

- o 529 (37%) reported using City community centres most often
- o 261 (18%) reported using City arenas most often
- 645 (55%) reported using City indoor swimming pools most often
- The five most frequently selected community centres were Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre, East York Community Centre, North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, Beaches Recreation Centre and Matty Eckler Recreation Centre.
- The five most frequently selected arenas were Leaside Memorial Community Gardens, Ted Reeve Community Arena, East York Memorial Arena, Moss Park Arena, and North Toronto Memorial Arena.

 The five most frequently selected indoor pools were Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre, Regent Park Aquatic Centre, Matty Eckler Recreation Centre, Birchmount Community Centre and Main Square Community Centre.

There was one survey question that asked for "other comments or suggestions". These are open-ended qualitative responses. The following comments are some of the key themes or messages that fall under the challenge heading of "Responding to a Changing City". Note that these comments represent multiple opinions and are not organized by frequency or priority, but rather are intended to highlight a few common themes received in the feedback.

Many participants flagged a need for more of the following types of facilities, city-wide:

- Baseball diamonds for both adult and youth leagues
- Outdoor and indoor tennis courts
- Several types of sports fields, including soccer, lacrosse, rugby and cricket pitches, and frisbee
- Outdoor fitness equipment and locations including biking and jogging paths
- Bubbles/domes to increase access to sports fields during the fall, winter and spring
- Wading pools and splash pads

One key message shared several times is that the City's parks and recreation facilities need to keep pace with its growing population. Participants felt that the location of new and upgraded facilities should reflect the level of growth in different areas of the City.

Changing City Demographics

- Adjust planning to neighbourhoods as they develop and to support sports that reflect the ages and ethnic diversity of the populations that use the facility.
- Use business cases to evaluate the appropriate size of a new centre, proximity, and whether to renovate or build new.
- Prioritize neighbourhoods with fewer facilities for attention first when deciding how/where to modernize.
- It's not a question of large or small use a 2-tier model that works best, similar to the library, to find the right balance based on a number of factors, including location, demographics, etc.
- Better to have more small facilities than a few gigantic ones, need to keep them in more neighbourhoods to make it easier to access by public transit.
- The suburbs are in need of more facilities.

Reshaping Facilities to Fit Evolving Needs

Some activities like swimming and skating have been popular for a long time. Others like cricket and off-leash dog walking have grown in popularity. Our facilities need to reflect these and other changes, such as new laws on accessibility for people with disabilities.

Indoor Facility Features

'Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement:

- a) The City's indoor recreation facilities have the features I am looking for (e.g., gymnasiums, program rooms, pools).'
- Roughly two-thirds of respondents (63%) agreed (with 26% strongly agreeing and 37% somewhat agreeing).

Preference for large vs small facilities

'If you had to choose, what would you prefer?

- a) A small recreation facility that is closer to your home.
- b) A large recreation facility with more features that is farther from your home.
- c) I can't decide / don't know.'
- Three in five respondents (58%) reported a preference for smaller facilities that are closer to home,
- One-quarter (23%) of respondents reported a preference for larger facilities with more features that are father from their homes.
- One in five (19%) respondents could not decide or did not know.

Condition of community centres, arenas, indoor pools

'Please share your thoughts about the condition of the [community centre, arena, indoor pool] facility you use <u>most often</u>. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements:'

The following tables present the agree/disagree dichotomy and do not include the neutral position on the response scale (i.e. neither agree nor disagree).

a) This facility meets the needs of the community.

	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	79%	12%
Arena	85%	9%
Indoor Swimming Pool	81%	12%

b) This facility has the features and amenities I need.

	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	78%	12%
Arena	84%	9%
Indoor Swimming Pool	82%	11%

Indoor facility use

'Over the past 12 months, what types of City indoor recreation facilities have you or members of your household used most often? (From the list, please check up to 3).'

- The three most used indoor facility types identified by respondents were:
 - o Indoor swimming pools (67%)
 - o Community centres (51%)
 - o Arenas (36%)
- The three least used indoor facility types identified were:
 - o Indoor bocce courts (0.3%)
 - Youth spaces (3%)
 - o Curling rinks (4%)

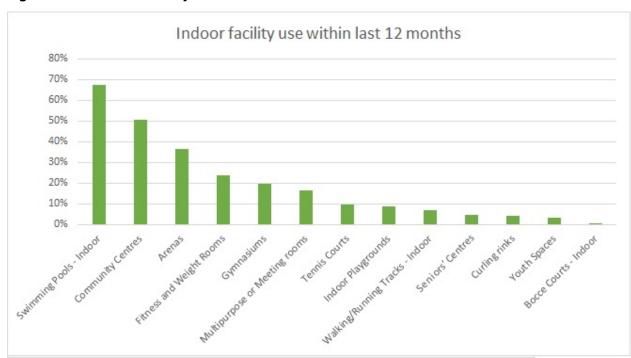


Figure 2. Indoor facility use within last 12 months

Four in five respondents (81%) agreed that the indoor facilities they use most often meet the needs of their communities. The same proportion of respondents indicated that these facilities had the features and amenities they need.

Indoor activity participation

'What indoor activities do you and members of your household do, and how often? (Select all that apply.)'

Most often - The three indoor activities that respondents reported participating in "most often" were:

- Lane/leisure swimming (36%)
- Instructional swimming (36%)
- Fitness programs (36%)

Least often - The three indoor activities that respondents reported participating in "least often" were:

- o Pickleball (97%)
- o Lacrosse (94%)
- o Bocce (94%)
 - Note: Adapted programs for people with disabilities (95%)
- Indoor activities not included on the activities list that some respondents identified as "other activities" that they participate in included indoor lawn/carpet bowling, gymnastics, and table tennis.

Figure 3. Indoor activities – respondent participation 'most often' over past 12 months

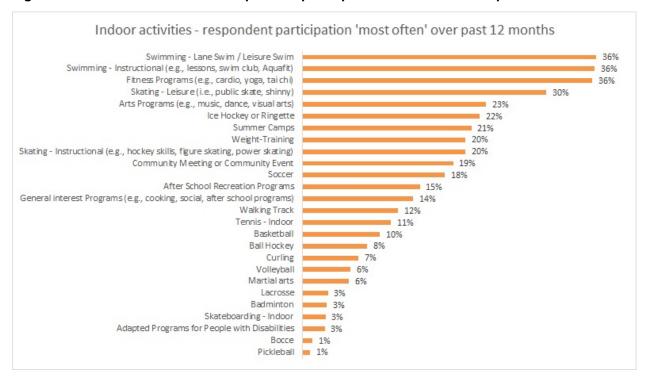
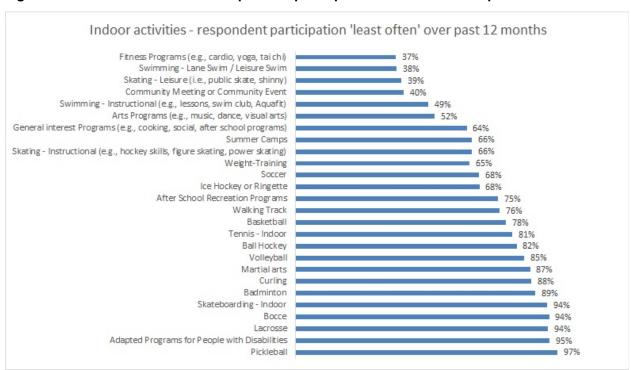


Figure 4. Indoor activities – respondent participation 'least often' over past 12 months

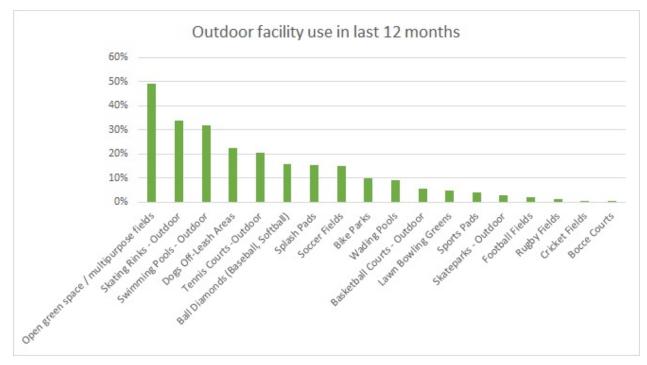


Outdoor Facility Use

'Over the past 12 months, what types of City outdoor recreation facilities have you or members of your household used most often? (From the list, please check up to 3).'

- The three most used facility types identified by respondents were:
 - o Open green space/multi-purpose fields (49%)
 - Outdoor skating rinks (34%)
 - Outdoor swimming pools (32%)
- The three least used facility types identified by respondents were:
 - Bocce courts (0.5%)
 - o Cricket fields (0.5%)
 - o Rugby fields (1%)

Figure 5. Outdoor facility use in last 12 months



Outdoor activity participation

'What outdoor activities do you and members of your household do and how often?'

Most often - The three activities that respondents had participated in "most often" were:

- Walking for exercise (67%)
- Dog walking (34%)
- Leisure skating (34%)

Least often - The three activities that respondents participated in "least often" were:

- o Pickleball (98%)
- o Cricket (98%)
- o Bocce (94%)

 Outdoor activities not included on the activities list that some respondents identified as "other activities" that they participate in included cycling, running, hiking, skiing, sailing and kayaking.

Figure 6. Outdoor activities – respondent participation 'most often' over past 12 months

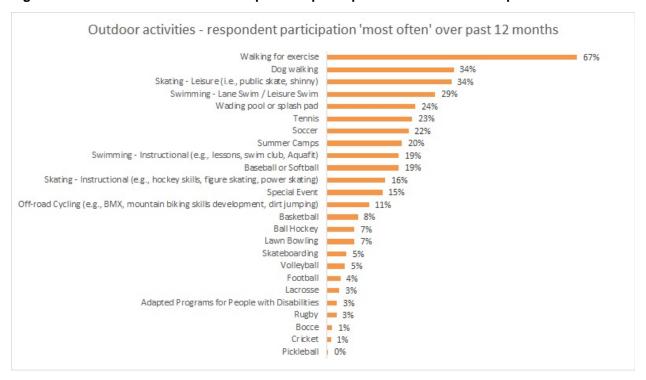
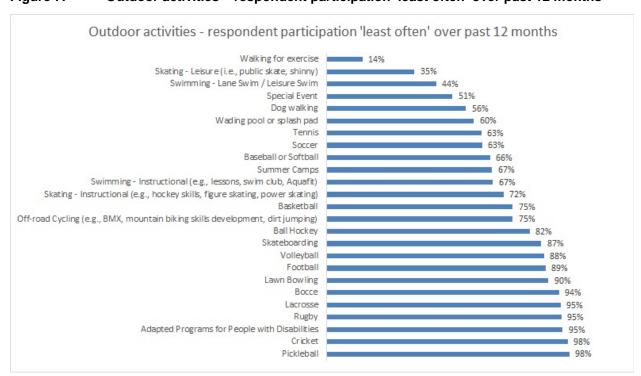


Figure 7. Outdoor activities – respondent participation 'least often' over past 12 months



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Seniors

- Facilities and programs must evolve to meet the needs of a growing population of seniors.
 Locations aren't always accessible for seniors, especially for those that rely on public transit to access facilities.
- Dedicate certain facilities or sections of facilities for senior focused activities.

Pools

- Rethink use of outdoor pools as they can't be used year-round.
- Increase water temperature at pools to ensure they are comfortable for all users, especially young children and seniors.

Dogs

- Some participants requested the addition of off-leash hours in regular local parks while others
 raised off-leash dogs in regular parks as a problem and wanted to discourage more of this type of
 use.
- Consider fencing designated dog parks that have not been fenced and add dog-watering stations at every facility.

Community Hubs & Multi-use facilities

- Combine multiple uses and services (e.g. gym, pool, library, etc.) in shared facilities.
- Better utilize current facilities by allowing a variety of uses where possible, e.g. ball hockey, basketball and roller blading on tennis courts when they are not being used for tennis.
- Create more unscripted space for use even it means having people sign a waiver, this is needed all-year round and for both indoor and outdoor spaces.
- Community centres should be used to build community places where people can make friends and hang out, not just do a program and have to go home.
- Provide more small meeting rooms that can be booked by community members.
- Include Wi-Fi and youth centres.
- Youth program rooms are uninspiring with limited activities.

Several participants also shared feedback relevant to this challenge that falls outside of the scope of the consultation and planning process. This feedback included:

Programming

- Train facility staff to work better with the community to understand and adapt to community needs.
- Use membership and participation numbers to identify which activities/sports require additional programming time and facility space.
- After-school youth programs are vital for those who cannot afford daycare.

Providing Quality Facilities

The average community centre is over 40 years old. Old facilities cost more to operate and may not offer the features that people expect today. The Plan will identify strategies to improve existing facilities and recommend standards for new and re-purposed facilities.

Satisfaction with indoor vs outdoor facilities

'How satisfied are you with [listed types of] parks and recreation facilities?'

	"Satisfied"	"Dissatisfied"
Indoor facilities (6 facility types)	57%	13%
Outdoor facilities (17 facility types)	46%	11%

Satisfaction - The top three indoor facilities where respondents reported satisfaction were:

- o Community centres (67%)
- o Indoor swimming pools (67%)
- o Arenas (64%)

Dissatisfaction - The top three indoor facilities where respondents reported dissatisfaction were:

- Fitness and weight rooms (18%)
- o Indoor swimming pools (15%)
- o Indoor sports fields (13%)

Importance of indoor facilities

'How important are [listed types of] parks and recreation facilities to you?'

Important - The top three indoor facilities that respondents reported as being "Important" were:

- o Indoor swimming pools (74%)
- o Community centre (73%)
- o Arenas (57%)

Not important - The top three indoor facilities that respondents reported as being "not Important" were:

- o Indoor sports fields (40%)
- Fitness and weight rooms (31%)
- o Gymnasiums (27%)

Condition of community centres, arenas, indoor pools

'Please share your thoughts about the condition of the facility you use most often (i.e., the community centre, arena or indoor pool you use).'

The following tables present the agree/disagree dichotomy and do not include the neutral position on the response scale (i.e. neither agree nor disagree).

a) Overall, this facility is in good condition.

	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	77%	12%
Arena	75%	13%
Indoor Swimming Pool	72%	18%

b) I like this facility the way it is, but some updates are needed.

	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	69%	15%
Arena	68%	19%
Indoor Swimming Pool	71%	16%

Experience at community centres, arenas, indoor pools

'In thinking about the facility you use most often [community centre, arena, indoor pool] please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:'

a) This facility is clean and well maintained.

	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	85%	7%
Arena	82%	9%
Indoor Swimming Pool	77%	15%

b) This facility is too crowded and busy.

	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	28%	38%
Arena	23%	43%
Indoor Swimming Pool	40%	30%

 Amongst those who indicated they or members of their household had not used a City of Toronto indoor facility in the past 12 months, one-quarter indicated it was because these facilities are too crowded, while 15% indicated it was because they are not satisfied with the quality of these facilities.

Satisfaction with outdoor vs indoor facilities

'How satisfied are you with [various types of] parks and recreation facilities?'

	"Satisfied"	"Dissatisfied"
Outdoor facilities (17 facility types)	46%	11%
Indoor facilities (6 facility types)	57%	13%

Satisfaction - The top three outdoor facilities where respondents reported satisfaction were:

- Outdoor skating rinks (54%)
- o Outdoor swimming pools (49%)
- o Splash pads (37%)

Dissatisfaction - The top three outdoor facilities where respondents reported dissatisfaction were:

- o Dog off-leash areas (11%)
- Outdoor swimming pools (11%)
- o Outdoor tennis courts (9%)

Importance of outdoor vs. indoor facilities

'How important are [various types of] parks and recreation facilities to you?'

	"Important"	"Not Important"
Outdoor facilities (17 facility types)	37%	41%
Indoor facilities (6 facility types)	57%	26%

Most important - The three most important outdoor facility types identified by respondents were:

- Outdoor skating rinks (68%)
- Outdoor swimming pools (68%)
- o Splash pads (49%)

Least important - The three least important identified by respondents were:

- o Cricket fields (64%)
- o Bocce courts (62%)
- o Rugby fields (61%)

Location and quality of outdoor facilities

'Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:

- a) The City's outdoor parks facilities are conveniently located for me and the members of my household (e.g., sports fields, splash pads, and skating rinks).
- b) I am satisfied with the quality of outdoor parks and recreation facilities such as sports fields, splash pads and ice rinks.'
- Three-quarters of respondents (77%) agreed that the City's outdoor park facilities are conveniently located
- Three in five respondents (62%) agreed that they are satisfied with the quality of outdoor parks and recreation facilities, and one in five (20%) disagreed.

Non-use of outdoor facilities

'[Please indicate] if you do not use any of the [listed] City of Toronto outdoor facilities.'

 Only 92 people reported that they or the members of their household had not used a City of Toronto outdoor recreation facility in the last 12 months.

There was one survey question that asked for "other comments or suggestions". These are open-ended qualitative responses. The following comments are some of the key themes or messages that fall under the challenge heading of "Providing Quality Facilities". Note that they represent multiple opinions and are not organized by frequency or priority, but rather are intended to highlight a few common themes received in the feedback.

What's working well

 Facilities and programs are excellent and are a big part of what makes Toronto great. They add tremendous value to the quality of life for people in Toronto.

Fostering a sense of community

 Create smaller facilities – the mega-facilities are overwhelming and don't foster a sense of familiarity and community connection.

Several participants also shared feedback relevant to this challenge that falls outside of the scope of the consultation and planning process. This feedback included:

Technology

- Add Wi-Fi in parks and include larger, potentially digital, signage in parks to help inform people about activities and programs.
- Create an app that allows people quickly find the location of facilities and their operating hours.

Staffing

 Some participants said the City should provide more services and staff at existing facilities and improve the quality and friendliness of staff while some participants shared that staff are wonderful and doing a good job in times of limited budget.

Working with Others to Meet Needs

Many groups offer recreation facilities such as non-profits, schools, and businesses. The City must consider all facilities, their accessibility to residents, and opportunities for partnerships and new funding sources so that the right facilities are provided at the right time in the right places.

Indoor facility use by provider

'Within the past 12 months, have you or a member of your household used any of the following [listed] facilities to participate in an indoor recreation activity?'

90% of respondents indicated that they had used a non-City of Toronto facility compared to 83% who had used a City of Toronto facility (these proportions are not mutually exclusive – people who indicated they used a non-City facility may have also used a City facility and vice versa).

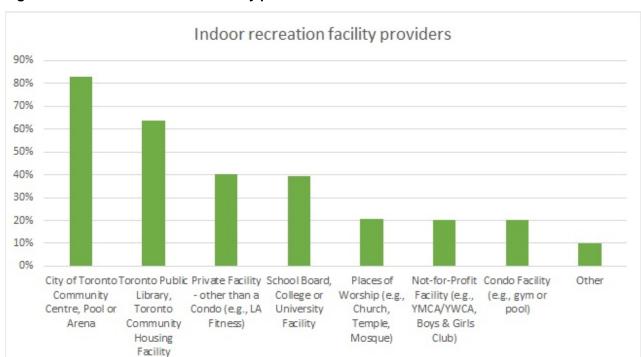


Figure 8. Indoor recreation facility providers

- The non-City facilities that respondents used were Toronto Public Library and Toronto Community
 Housing facilities (64%); private, non-condo facilities (40%); school board, college or university
 facilities (39%); places of worship (21%); not-for-profit facilities (20%); and condo facilities (20%).
- One in ten respondents indicated that they had used facilities other than those listed in the survey.
 These included private facilities, not-for-profit facilities, and club-based facilities like curling clubs.
- Amongst those who indicated they or members of their household had not used a City of Toronto indoor facility at all in the past 12 months, almost 1 in 5 (18%) indicated a preference for facilities operated by other providers as a reason.

Outdoor facility use by provider

'Within the past 12 months, have you or a member of your household used any of the following [listed] facilities to participate in an outdoor recreation activity?'

 76% of respondents indicated that they had used a non-City of Toronto facility compared to 81% who had used a City of Toronto facility.

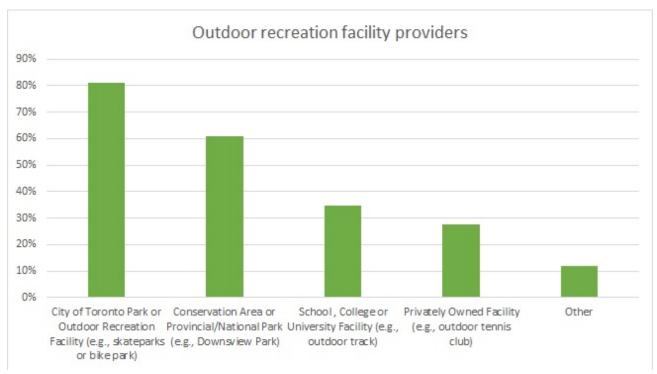


Figure 9. Outdoor recreation facility providers

- The non-City facilities that respondents had used were: conservation areas and provincial/national parks (61%); school, college or university facilities (35%); and privately owned facilities (28%).
- One in ten (12%) respondents indicated that they had used facilities other than those listed in the survey. These included City parks, trails, and club-based facilities like lawn bowling and tennis clubs.
- Amongst those who indicated they or members of their household had not used a City of Toronto
 outdoor facility at all in the past 12 months, roughly 1 in 10 (8%) indicated a preference for facilities
 operated by other providers as a reason.

Working with others and co-location

'Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

- a) The City should work with other service providers such as schools, libraries, and non-profit agencies to provide facilities such as community centres, swimming pools, and sports fields.
- b) The City should work with the private sector to provide parks and recreation facilities.
- c) The City should have community centres that are located together with other types of spaces and services (e.g., child care centres, libraries, social services, cultural facilities or retail shops).'
- Seven in ten respondents (69%) agreed (i.e. indicated that they either strongly agreed or somewhat agreed) that the City should work with other service providers to provide parks and recreation facilities.
- Eight in ten respondents (80%) agreed that the City should work with other service providers like schools, libraries and non-profit agencies to provide parks and recreation facilities (with 58% strongly agreeing and 22% somewhat agreeing with this idea).
- Six in ten respondents (58%) agreed that the City should work with the private sector to provide facilities (with 37% strongly agreeing and 21% somewhat agreeing). 14% of respondents strongly disagreed with this idea, and 16% neither agreed nor disagreed.

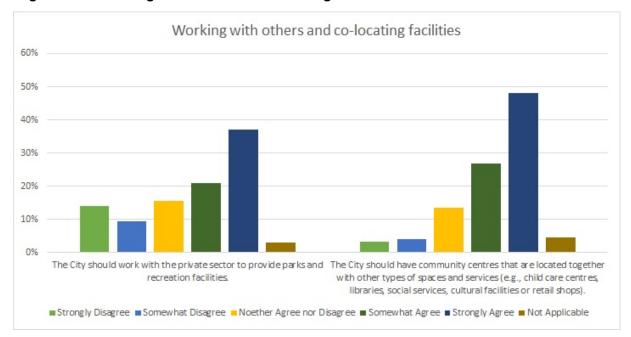


Figure 10. Working with others and co-locating facilities

 Three-quarters of respondents agreed that the City should have community centres that are located together with other types of spaces and services (e.g., child care centres, libraries, social services, cultural facilities or retail shops). Almost half (48%) strongly agreed with this idea and just over onequarter (27%) somewhat agreed.

A final question on the survey asked for "other comments or suggestions". These are open-ended qualitative responses. The following comments are some of the key themes or messages that fall under the challenge heading of "Working with Others to Meet Needs". Note that they represent multiple opinions and are not organized by frequency or priority, but rather are intended to highlight a few common themes received in the feedback.

Partnering with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board

- Partner with the TDSB to improve community access to gym space at a lowered cost.
- Consider creating a service agreement between the City and the TDSB and TCDSB to provide governance for this agreement.

Working with the private sector

- Create more private ventures, such as restaurants, within the parks.
- Partner with local businesses to leverage additional financial support.
- Partner with corporate or academic institutions to offer the public more options for sports activities that require more real estate
- Keep parks and recreation facilities publically run and operated. Partnering with schools and non-profits may be a good idea, but not with private corporations.

Working with community groups and partners

- Find more ways to partner with local sports associations that are willing to play a larger role in maintaining facilities.
- Consult individuals and groups that volunteer their time, more often.

Several participants also shared feedback relevant to this theme that falls outside of the scope of the consultation and planning process. This feedback included:

Partnering with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board

 Partner with the TDSB to lower the cost for community use of and access to gym space and work to improve the permitting system for school facilities.

Working with other levels of government and agencies

 Work with Toronto Region Conservation Authority, Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, and other stakeholders to improve the quality of fishing experiences in the City.

Improving Accessibility for Everyone

We strive to offer facilities that can be used by all but physical, financial, cultural, and other barriers still exist. This Plan will include strategies for facilities that are accessible to all ages, backgrounds, and abilities so that everyone can benefit from them.

Indoor facility locations and features

'Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

- a) The City's indoor recreation facilities are conveniently located for me and the members of my household.
- b) The City's indoor recreation facilities have the features I am looking for (e.g., gymnasiums, program rooms, pools).'
- Three-quarters of respondents (73%) agreed (i.e. indicated that they either strongly agreed or somewhat agreed) that the City's indoor recreation facilities are conveniently located for them and members of their household.
- Two-thirds of respondents (67%) agreed that the City's indoor recreation facilities have the features they are looking for.

Accessibility of community centres, arenas and indoor pools

'Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements in relation to your access to the facility you use most often (community centre, arena or indoor pool):'

The following tables present the agree/disagree dichotomy and do not include the neutral position on the response scale (i.e. neither agree nor disagree).

a)	The hours	of operation	at this facility	are acceptable.
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	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	74%	12%
Arena	78%	10%
Indoor Swimming Pool	67%	21%

b) The time it takes for me to travel to this facility is reasonable.

	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	89%	6%
Arena	85%	9%
Indoor Swimming Pool	87%	6%

c) This facility is accessible for persons with disabilities.

	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	57%	4%
Arena	55%	7%
Indoor Swimming Pool	50%	8%

d) This facility is welcoming to all members of the community.'

	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	83%	4%
Arena	82%	4%
Indoor Swimming Pool	82%	4%

Support spaces and safety at community centres, arenas, indoor pools

'In thinking about the facility you use most often [community centre, arena, indoor pool], please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:'

a) I feel safe at this facility.

	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	92%	3%
Arena	91%	5%
Indoor Swimming Pool	91%	4%

b) The support spaces (such as change rooms, washrooms, seating) are adequate.

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Community Centre	56%	21%
Arena	57%	27%

Reasons for non-participation in indoor recreation activities

'Within the past 12 months, have you or members of your household participated in any indoor recreation activities?'

- 483 people reported that they or the members of their household had not participated in an indoor recreation activity in the last 12 months. The reasons reported for this were:
 - o No time, too busy (34%)
 - Not convenient (31%)
 - Not interested (29%)
 - o Too expensive (15%)
 - Not physically able to (8%)
 - o Barriers due to physical disability (4%)
 - Barriers due to culture, language, etc.. (0.4%)
 - Three in ten (32%) of these respondents indicated that they had not participated for other reasons
 that included a lack of awareness of what activities are available, a lack of facilities available in
 close proximity, and a preference for indoor activities.

Reasons for not using a City indoor recreation facility

• 310 people reported that they or the members of their household had not used a City of Toronto indoor recreation facility in the last 12 months. The reasons for this are shown in the table below.

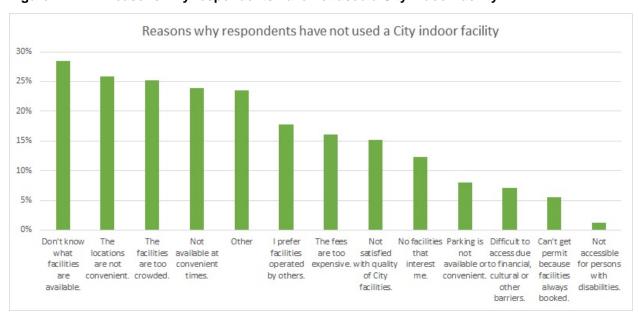


Figure 11. Reasons why respondents have not used a City indoor facility

- Amongst those who indicated they or members of their household had not used a City of Toronto indoor recreation facility in the last 12 months, the top five reasons reported were that:
 - o They do not know what facilities are available (28%)
 - Locations are not convenient (26%)
 - Facilities are too crowded (25%)

- o Facilities are not available at convenient times (24%)
- They prefer facilities operated by other providers (18%)
- One quarter (24%) of these respondents indicated that they had not used a City facility for other reasons including lack of awareness of facilities / programs, lack of facilities in close proximity, and barriers due to age / health.

Outdoor facility locations

'Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement:

- a) The City's outdoor parks facilities are conveniently located for me and the members of my household (e.g., sports fields, splash pads, and skating rinks).'
- Three-quarters of respondents (77%) agreed that the City's outdoor park facilities are conveniently located for them and members of their household. Again, similar proportions strongly agreed and somewhat agreed with this statement (44% and 33% respectively).

Reasons for non-participation in outdoor recreation activities

'Within the past 12 months, have you or members of your household participated in any outdoor recreation activities?'

- 795 people reported that they or the members of their household had not participated in an outdoor recreation activity in the last 12 months. The reasons reported for this were:
 - o No time, too busy (47%)
 - o Not interested (29%)
 - Not convenient (28%)
 - o Too expensive (11%)
 - Not physically able to (9%)
 - o Barriers due to physical disability (4%)
 - o Barriers due to culture, language, etc.. (1%)
- One half (47%) of these respondents indicated that they had not participated for other reasons that
 included a lack of awareness of what activities are available, a lack of facilities available in close
 proximity, and a preference for indoor activities.

Non-use of outdoor facilities

'If you do not use any of these [listed] City outdoor recreation facilities please tell us why not. (Select any of the reasons listed that apply to you or members of your household).'

• Only 92 people reported that they or the members of their household had not used a City of Toronto outdoor recreation facility in the last 12 months. The reasons for this are shown in the table below.

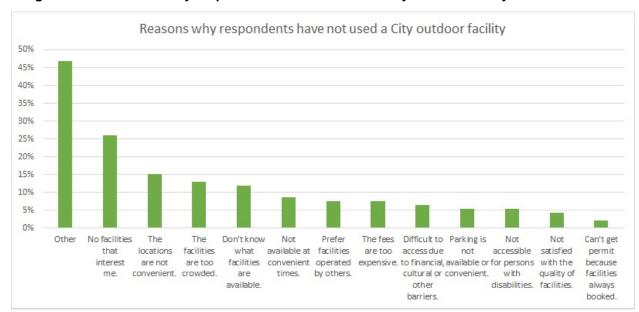


Figure 12. Reasons why respondents have not used a City outdoor facility

Half (47%) of those who had not used a City of Toronto outdoor facility in the last 12 months
indicated it was for a reason other than those listed in the survey. These included a preference for
passive outdoor recreation, participation in outdoor activities other than those identified in the
survey, and barriers due to age / health.

There was one survey question that asked for "other comments or suggestions". These are open-ended qualitative responses. The following comments are some of the key themes or messages that fall under the challenge heading of "Improving Accessibility for Everyone". Note that they represent multiple opinions and are not organized by frequency or priority, but rather are intended to highlight a few common themes received in the feedback.

General operating hours

- Increase operating hours at facilities.
- Provide more evening and weekend programs, especially important for working parents.
- Reduce the extended closures for cleaning (fall/holidays etc.)
- Extend operating hours for tennis courts and make private courts in public parks available to the general public when courts are not being used by private clubs.

Accessibility

- Make facilities more accessible by transit.
- Add accessibility signage to change rooms in facilities.
- Make everything wheelchair accessible, including parks. Add ramps to pools for people with disabilities.
- Add lighting facilities to increase access and use in the evenings, particularly for tennis courts.
- The City needs to take into consideration gender identity, it's not considered enough particularly for outdoor facilities (change rooms and bathrooms).
- Some participants liked the mixed-gender washrooms and change rooms while others requested gender-sorted facilities and change rooms.

Several participants also shared feedback relevant to this challenge that falls outside of the scope of the consultation and planning process. This feedback included:

Program Specific Requests

Youth and child programming

- Provide more workshops for children and youth and more programs for children aged 13-15 (this age group has nothing in terms of Summer/March Break camp).
- Increase the early-year child programs offered on the weekends.
- Add more programs for babies.
- Add more programs during evenings and weekends to accommodate working parents.

Hockey & skating hours

- Increase adult and youth shinny hours on the outdoor rinks and the enforcement of age restrictions when ice is overcrowded.
- Consider more weekend hours for family leisure skating.

Pools hours

• Consider more weekend hours for family swim times.

Services provided - what's working well

• Older Adult Recreation and Fitness programs that are offered to seniors.

Services provided – what's not working well

- Many participants said there is inadequate capacity for programs.
- Provide more indoor unprogrammed time for Fall/Winter activities are great but so is unstructured play.
- Expand access for middle-aged adults, most programming is for kids and seniors. This includes weight rooms, general fitness programming.

Online Registration & Website

- The online registration system is broken and functions poorly. Suggestions to resolve this problem included changing the system to a lottery system or a queue.
- Finding information on the Parks Forestry and Recreation website is very frustrating, especially for individuals that use screen readers.

Accessibility

- Allow members of one facility to use their membership city-wide.
- Create more programs for people with severe developmental disabilities.

Accessibility for families

- Access is about strollers too and how to make playgrounds accessible for strollers.
- Allow Kindergarten kids to join after-school programs.
- Make playgrounds accessible.

Affordability

- Reduce the cost of programs, where possible, at public facilities, e.g. aquafit, tai chi, yoga, gymnastics etc.
- Membership fees can be a barrier for some, especially when they are charged on top of property taxes.

The Funding Challenge

Most new facilities are built with funds from growth and new development, while tax dollars are used to run and maintain facilities. Current planning processes and growth patterns can make it challenging to provide high quality facilities across the whole city. The City cannot afford to simply replace old facilities nor can new facilities be built without adequate land and funding.

Condition of community centres, arenas, indoor pools most used by respondents

'Please share your thoughts about the condition of the facility you use most often (i.e., the community centre, arena or indoor pool you use).

a) This facility should be completely rebuilt, even if it means it has to be moved to another location.'

	Agree	Disagree
Community Centre	76%	69%
Arena	79%	68%
Indoor Swimming Pool	80%	71%

Replacement of community centres, arenas, indoor pools

'If you had to choose, what would you prefer?

- a) Renovating older community centres, pools and arenas.
- b) Completely rebuilding older community centres and arenas, even if it means moving them to another location.
- c) I can't decide / don't know.'
- Two-thirds of respondents (66%) expressed a preference for renovations while just under one in five
 expressed a preference for rebuilding (18%). Almost as many did not express a preference, with 16%
 indicating they could not decide / did not know.

There was one survey question that asked for "other comments or suggestions". These are open-ended qualitative responses. The following comments are some of the key themes or messages that fall under the heading of "The Funding Challenge". Note that they represent multiple opinions and are not organized by frequency or priority, but rather are intended to highlight a few common themes received in the feedback.

Fees

Apply user fees, even if only very modest where circumstances and/or location indicate. Small
fees discourage casual registrations, which quickly fill the quotas but are later wildly variable in
terms of attendance.

Working with community

• Enable residents to directly fund improvements to the park. Need to make it easy to earmark private monies for dedicated projects at specific parks.

Several participants also shared feedback relevant to this theme that falls outside of the scope of the consultation and planning process. This feedback included:

Fees

 Many participants said that sports fees and user fees must be kept low or should be removed to keep programs accessible while some said that user fees should be increased.

Renovate or Rebuild

Renovate older community centres, pools and arenas. 66%

Completely rebuild older community centres and arenas, even if it means moving them to another location. 18%

Can't decide/don't know. 16%

Figure 13. Preferences to renovate or rebuild

Summary of Additional Comments and Suggestions

There was one survey question that asked for "other comments or suggestions". These are open-ended qualitative responses. The following comments are some of the key themes or messages that do not fall under the six challenge headings of the survey, but are related and warrant a mention. Note that they represent multiple opinions and are not organized by frequency or priority, but rather are intended to highlight a few common themes received in the feedback.

What was not included in the consultation:

Many of the amenities that participants consider part of parks and recreation were not included in
the scope of the project. For example, some participants provided feedback on parks and multiuse trails and were disappointed that they aren't being considered in the context of facilities
planning, particularly trails and green space. Some were also disappointed to see farmers'
markets and other community use of space types of programming such as arts and theatre also
left out of the discussion.

Communications

 When doing maintenance or other improvement projects keep people informed about the plans, progress and especially impacts. Provide other viable options during down times. Several participants also shared "Other" feedback that falls outside of the scope of the consultation and planning process. This feedback included:

Communications

- Share more information about parks processes so the community can manage expectations on when and how issues will be addressed.
- Improve the website technology and marketing to promote the use of underutilized facilities.
- The City's parks and recreation facilities management personnel should make themselves more available to learn about any issues/concerns coming from the community.
- Provide better descriptions of classes.

Art

- Encourage artists and crafts people to use the park, have a rental depot where they can store their materials.
- Outdoor recreational facilities are also used for such activities as painting and sketching.

Governance

 The Parks, Forestry and Recreation division needs to learn how to work better and in collaboration with the communities they serve, the facilities are great, the organization needs to change.

By-laws

Many people said that by-law enforcement for dogs off-leash is a big problem.

WHO PARTICIPATED - RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Participation in recreation

- Participation in both indoor and outdoor recreation activities was high among respondents, with 8 in 10 (81%) indicating participation in an indoor recreation activity in the past 12 months and 9 in 10 (87%) indicating participation in an outdoor recreation activity in the same timeframe.
- Four in ten respondents reported that they were a member of a group or league that regularly permits or relies on City of Toronto parks and recreation facilities.

Gender

• Respondents were predominantly female (61% female and 35% male).

Age

- Eight in ten (79%) of respondents were between the ages of 25 and 64.
- 26% were between the ages of 45 and 54.
- 24% were between the ages of 35 to 44.
- 14% of respondents were aged 65 and older.

Location of residence

• 1,878 respondents answered this question, of which 1,725 (92%) provided the first three characters of their postal code. Of these, 61% live in Toronto East York, 14% live in North York, 13% live in Etobicoke York, 11% live in Scarborough, and 1% live outside of the City of Toronto.

Location of Residence by District

Toronto East York 61%

Non-Toronto 1%

Scarborough 11%

Figure 14. Location of Residence by District

Length of time in Canada and language spoken

- Seven in ten respondents (70%) were born in Canada and very few (2%) indicated that they had lived in Canada less than 10 years.
- Nearly all respondents (94%) listed English as at least one of the languages they usually spoke at home. The second most common language spoken at home was French (2%). 37 other languages were identified by respondents however, all spoken by less than 1% of respondents.

Living with a disability

• Seven percent of respondents self-identified as a person living with a disability.

Household composition

- 40% indicated that they lived in a household as a couple with children.
- 24% indicated that they lived in a household as a couple with children.
- 16% indicated that they are an adult living alone.
- Few respondents indicated that they lived in a household as a single parent with children (5%) or with an extended family (4%).
- One-third (35%) of all respondent households had a member under the age of 25, and one in ten (10%) had a member over the age of 65.

Communication preference

 When asked how best the City can connect with them, respondents largely favoured email messages (46%), the City website (39%), and City e-newsletters (28%).

Heard about survey

- Four in ten (39%) of respondents heard about the survey through a personal social network or a group that they are a member of (e.g. recreation/sports group, resident/neighbourhood group). Three in ten (30%) respondents heard about the survey through a councillor notice.
- Two in ten (21%) indicated that they heard about the survey through 'other' means that included write-in responses being City emails and news releases, and non-City websites (e.g. reddit/com/r/toronto).

ATTACHMENT A. SURVEY QUESTIONS

Please share your thoughts about the importance of City parks and recreation facilities.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Please use this 5-point scale where 1 means 'Strongly Disagree' and 5 means 'Strongly Agree'.

	#1 Strongly Disagree	#2 Somewhat Disagree	#3 Neither Agree nor Disagree	#4 Somewhat Agree	#5 Strongly Agree	Not applicable to me
Parks and recreation facilities improve quality of life in the City of Toronto.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parks and recreation facilities play an important role in building communities.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parks and recreation facilities are important to my quality of life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I know about the parks and recreation facilities in my community.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Indoor Recreation Activities

What <u>indoor</u> activities do you and members of your household do, and how often? *Select only the activities that apply to you and members of your household.*

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Very Frequently
Arts Programs (e.g., music, dance, visual arts)	0	0	0	0	0
After School Recreation Programs	0	0	0	0	0
Adapted Programs for People with Disabilities (e.g., wheelchair basketball, sledge hockey)	0	0	0	0	0
Badminton	0	0	0	0	0
Ball Hockey	0	0	0	0	0
Basketball	0	0	0	0	0
Bocce	0	0	0	0	0
Community Meeting or Community Event	0	0	0	0	0
Curling	0	0	0	0	0
Fitness Programs (e.g., cardio, yoga, tai chi)	0	0	0	0	0
General interest Programs (e.g., cooking, social, after school programs)	0	0	0	0	0
Ice Hockey or Ringette	0	0	0	0	0
Lacrosse	0	0	0	0	0
Martial arts	0	0	0	0	0
Pickleball	0	0	0	0	0
Skateboarding - Indoor	0	0	0	0	0
Skating - Instructional (e.g., hockey skills, figure skating, power skating)	0	0	0	0	0
Skating - Leisure (i.e., public skate, shinny)	0	0	0	0	0
Soccer	0	0	Ô	0	Ô
Summer Camps	0	0	0	0	0
Swimming - Lane Swim / Leisure Swim	0	0	0	0	0
Swimming - Instructional (e.g., lessons, swim club, Aquafit)	0	0	0	0	0
Tennis - Indoor	0	0	0	0	0
Volleyball	0	0	0	0	0

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Very Frequently
Walking Track	0	0	0	0	0
Weight-Training	0	0	0	0	0

II yc	ou nave participated in any other types of <u>indoor</u> recreational activities please specify.
Wit	hin the past 12 months, have you or a member of your household used any of the following <u>facilities</u> to
part	ticipate in an indoor recreation activity?
Sele	ct all facility types that apply.
	City of Toronto Community Centre, Pool or Arena
	Toronto Public Library, Toronto Community Housing
	Facility Not-for-Profit Facility (e.g., YMCA/YWCA, Boys & Girls
	Club)
	Condo Facility (e.g., gym or pool)
	Private Facility - other than a Condo (e.g., LA Fitness)
	Places of Worship (e.g., Church, Temple, Mosque)
	School Board, College or University Facility
	Other, please specify
City	/ Indoor Recreation Facilities
Ove	r the past 12 months, what types of City indoor recreation facilities have you or members of your household
	d most often?
Froi	m the list, please check up to 3 of the most often used facilities.
П	Arenas
Н	Bocce Courts - Indoor

Community Centres (e.g., , art and dance studios, preschool rooms, public meeting rooms, kitchens)

Curling rinks

Gymnasiums

Indoor Playgrounds

Seniors' Centres

Tennis Courts
Youth Spaces

Fitness and Weight Rooms

Swimming Pools - Indoor

Multipurpose or Meeting rooms
Walking/Running Tracks - Indoor

I do not use any of these City facilities.

-	u or members of your household are not using City indo		
Liste	ed below are some possible reasons why you or the membe	ers of y	your household may not have used City indoor
recr	eational facilities in the past year. Select any of the reason	is liste	ed that apply to you or members of your household.
П	I don't know what indoor recreation facilities are avail-	able.	
	The locations are not convenient.		
	I prefer facilities operated by other providers.		
	Facilities are not available at convenient times.		
	The facilities are too crowded.		
	The fees are too expensive.		
	Parking is not available or convenient.		
	There aren't any facilities that interest me.		
	I can't get a permit because the facilities are always boo	oked.	
	I am not satisfied with the quality of City recreation fac		
	The City's recreation facilities are not accessible for per	rsons	with disabilities.
	I find it difficult to access recreation facilities due to fin	ancia	l, cultural or other
	barriers.		
	Other, please specify		
one <i>City</i>	It indoor recreation facility type do you and members of from the 3 listed below. of Toronto indoor pools are most often located in communi- se select 'Indoor Swimming Pools' as the facility type you	nity ce	entres. If using pools is most important to you,
0	Community Centres		,
0	Arenas		
0	Indoor Swimming Pools		
\circ	Not Applicable to Me/ Do Not Use These Facilities		
	nmunity Centres Location Names se select the name of the community centre you use mos	st ofte	
0	Adam Beck Community Centre	0	The 519 Community Centre
0	Agincourt Recreation Centre	0	The Elms Community School
0	Albion Pool And Health Club	0	Thistletown Community Centre
0	Amesbury Community Centre	0	Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre
0	Ancaster Community Centre	0	Trace Manes Park Community Centre
0	Annette Community Recreation Centre	0	Trinity Community Recreation Centre
0	Antibes Community Centre	0	Wallace-Emerson Community Centre
0	Applegrove Community Centre	0	Warden Hilltop Community Centre
0	Armour Heights Community Centre	0	Wellesley Community Centre
0	Balmy Beach Community Recreation Centre	0	West Rouge Community Centre
	110 additional choices hidden		
Unal	ble to find community centre name.		
	u are unable to find the location name of the community o	rentro	you use most often nlease write the name in the
	box below.		y an and most of tony product write the name in the
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City Arena Location Names

Please select the name of the arena you and members of your household use most often from the drop-down list.

	<u> </u>
0	Agincourt Recreation Centre
0	Albion Arena
0	Angela James Arena
0	Baycrest Arena
0	Bayview Arena
0	Centennial Park Arena
0	Centennial Recreation Centre - Scarborough
0	Central Arena
0	Chris Tonks Arena
0	Commander Recreation Centre
	29 additional choices hidden

0	Phil White Arena
0	Pine Point Arena
0	Pleasant View Community Centre
0	Roding Community Centre
0	Scarborough Gardens Arena
0	Scarborough Village Recreation Centre
0	Ted Reeve Community Arena
0	Victoria Village Arena
0	Weston Arena
0	William H. Bolton Arena

Unable to find arena name.

If you are unable to find the location name of the arena you use most often, please write the name in the text	t box
below.	

City Indoor Pool Location Names

Please select the name of the indoor pool you and members of your household use most often from the drop-down list.

0	Agincourt Recreation Centre
0	Albert Campbell Collegiate Institute
0	Albion Pool And Health Club
0	Alderwood Centre
0	Annette Community Recreation Centre
0	Antibes Community Centre
0	Beaches Recreation Centre
0	Bedford Park Community Centre
	44 additional choices hidden
0	Vaughan Road Academy
0	Victoria Park Collegiate Institute
0	Wallace Emerson Community Centre
0	West Hill Collegiate Institute
0	Weston Collegiate Institute
0	Wexford Collegiate Institute
0	York Mills Collegiate Institute

Unable to find pool name.
If you are unable to find the location name of the indoor pool you use most often, please write the
name in the text box below.

Please share your thoughts about the <u>condition</u> of the facility you use <u>most often</u> (i.e., the community centre, arena or indoor pool you use).

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Please use this 5-point scale where 1 means 'Strongly Disagree' and 5 means 'Strongly Agree'.

	#1 Strongly Disagree	#2 Somewhat Disagree	#3 Neither Agree nor Disagree	#4 Somewhat Agree	#5 Strongly Agree	Not applicable to me
This facility meets the needs of the community.	0	0	0	0	0	0
This facility has the features and amenities I need.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overall, this facility is in good condition.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I like this facility the way it is, but some updates are needed.	0	0	0	0	0	0
This facility should be completely rebuilt, even if it means it has to be moved to another location.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Experience as a Facility User of a Community Centre, Arena, or Indoor Pool

In thinking about the facility you use <u>most often</u>, please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	#1	#2	#3 Neither	#4	#5	Not
	Strongly	Somewhat	Agree nor	Somewhat	Strongly	applicable
	Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Agree	to me
This facility is clean and well	0	0	0	0	0	0
maintained.						

	#1 Strongly	#2 Somewhat	#3 Neither Agree nor	#4 Somewhat	#5 Strongly	Not applicable
	Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Agree	to me
I feel safe at this facility.	0	0	0	0	0	0
This facility is too crowded and busy.	0	0	0	0	0	0
The support spaces (such as change rooms, washrooms, seating) are adequate.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Access to Facility

Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements in relation to your access to the facility you use <u>most often</u> (i.e., the community centre, arena or indoor pool).

	#1 Strongly Disagree	#2 Somewhat Disagree	#3 Neither Agree nor Disagree	#4 Somewhat Agree	#5 Strongly Agree	Not applicable to me
The hours of operation at this facility are acceptable.	0	0	0	0	0	0
The time it takes for me to travel to this facility is reasonable.	0	0	0	0	0	0
This facility is accessible for persons with disabilities.	0	0	0	0	0	0
This facility is welcoming to all members of the community.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Outdoor Recreation Activities

What outdoor activities do you and members of your household do and how often? *Select only the activities that apply to you and members of your household.*

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Very Frequently
Adapted Programs for People with Disabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Ball Hockey	0	0	0	0	0
Baseball or Softball	0	0	0	0	0
Basketball	0	0	0	0	0
Bocce	0	0	0	0	0
Cricket	0	0	0	0	0
Dog walking	0	0	0	0	0
Football	0	0	0	0	0
Lacrosse	0	0	0	0	0
Lawn Bowling	0	0	0	0	0
Off-road Cycling (e.g., BMX, mountain biking skills development, dirt jumping)	0	0	0	0	0
Pickleball	0	0	0	0	0
Rugby	0	0	0	0	0
Skateboarding	0	0	0	0	0
Skating - Instructional (e.g., hockey skills, figure skating, power skating)	0	0	0	0	0
Skating - Leisure (i.e., public skate, shinny)	0	0	0	0	0
Soccer	0	0	0	0	0
Special Event	0	0	0	0	0
Summer Camps	0	0	0	0	0
Swimming - Instructional (e.g., lessons, swim club, Aquafit)	0	0	0	0	0
Swimming - Lane Swim / Leisure Swim	0	0	0	0	0
Tennis	0	0	0	0	0
Volleyball	0	0	0	0	0
Wading pool or splash pad	0	0	0	0	0
Walking for exercise	0	0	0	0	0

If yo	u have participated in any other types of <u>outdoor</u> recreational activities please specify.
	nin the past 12 months, have you or a member of your household used any of the following s of facilities for outdoor recreation?
Selec	ct all that apply.
	City of Toronto Park or Outdoor Recreation Facility (e.g., skateparks or bike park)
	Conservation Area or Provincial/National Park (e.g., Downsview Park)

Privately Owned Facility (e.g., outdoor tennis club)

	School Board, College or University Facility (e.g., outdoor track)				
	Other, please specify				
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City Outdoor Recreation Facilities

Over the past 12 months, what types of City outdoor recreation facilities have you or members of your household used most often?

From the list, please check up to 3 you use most often.

Ball Diamonds (Baseball, Softball)
Basketball Courts - Outdoor
Bike Parks
Bocce Courts
Cricket Fields
Dogs Off-Leash Areas
Football Fields
Lawn Bowling Greens
Open green space / multipurpose fields
Rugby Fields
Skateparks - Outdoor (e.g., skateboard, in-line skating, scooter riding)
Skating Rinks - Outdoor
Soccer Fields
Sports Pad (i.e.,summer use of rinks for ball hockey, basketball)
Splash Pads
Swimming Pools - Outdoor
Tennis Courts -Outdoor
Wading Pools
I do not use any of these City facilities.

If you or members of your household are <u>not using</u> City outdoor recreation facilities please tell us why. Listed below are some possible reasons why you or the members of your household may not have used City of Toronto <u>outdoor</u> recreational facilities in the last year.

Select any of the reasons listed that apply to you or members of your household.

I don't know what outdoor parks and recreation facilities are available.
The locations are not convenient.
I prefer facilities operated by other providers.
Facilities are not available at convenient times.
The facilities are too crowded.
The fees are too expensive.
There aren't any facilities that interest me.
I can't get a permit because the facilities are always booked.
Parking is not available or convenient.
I am not satisfied with the quality of City recreation facilities.
The City's outdoor parks and recreation facilities are not accessible for persons with
disabilities.
I find it difficult to access recreation facilities due to financial, cultural or other barriers.
Other, please specify

How Important are Parks and Recreation Facilities to You?

Use this 5-point scale to rate how important the following parks and recreation facilities are to you and the members of your household.

J	#1 Not at all Important	#2 Slightly Important	#3 Neither Important nor Unimportant	#4 Important	#5 Very Important
Arenas - Indoor	0	0	0	0	0
Ball Diamonds (i.e., baseball, softball)	0	0	0	0	0
Basketball Courts	0	0	0	0	0
Bike Parks	0	0	0	0	0
Bocce Courts	0	0	0	0	0
Community Centres (e.g., art and dance studios, preschool rooms, public meeting rooms, kitchens)	0	0	0	0	0
Cricket Fields	0	0	0	0	0
Dogs Off-Leash Areas	0	0	0	0	0
Fitness and Weight Rooms	0	0	0	0	0
Gymnasiums	0	0	0	0	0
Football Fields	0	0	0	0	0
Indoor Sports Fields (i.e., bubbled sports fields)	0	0	0	0	0
Lawn Bowling Greens	0	0	0	0	0
Rugby Fields	0	0	0	0	0
Skateparks - Outdoor (e.g., skateboard, in- line skating, scooter riding)	0	0	0	0	0
Skating Rinks - Outdoor	0	0	0	0	0
Soccer Fields	0	0	0	0	0
Sports Pad (i.e., summer use of rinks for ball hockey, basketball, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
Splash Pads	0	0	0	0	0
Swimming Pools - Indoor	0	0	0	0	0
Swimming Pools - Outdoor	0	0	0	0	0
Tennis Courts -Outdoor	0	0	0	0	0
Wading Pools	0	0	0	0	0

How Satisfied are You with Parks and Recreation Facilities?

Use this 5-point scale to rate how satisfied you are with the following parks and recreation facilities.

	#1 Very Unsatisfied	#2 Somewhat Unsatisfied	#3 Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied	#4 Somewhat Satisfied	#5 Very Satisfied
Arenas - Indoor	0	0	0	0	0
Ball Diamonds (i.e.,					
baseball, softball)	0	0	0	0	0
Basketball Courts	0	0	0	0	0
Bike Parks	0	0	0	0	0
Bocce Courts	0	0	0	0	0
Community Centres					
(e.g., art and dance					
studios, preschool	0	0	0	0	0
rooms, public meeting					
rooms, kitchens)					
Cricket Fields	0	0	0	0	0
Dogs Off-Leash Areas	0	0	0	0	0
Fitness and Weight	0	0	0	0	0
Rooms					
Football Fields	0	0	0	0	0
Gymnasiums	0	0	0	0	0
Indoor Sports Fields					
(i.e., bubbled sports	0	0	0	0	0
fields)					
Lawn Bowling Greens	0	0	0	0	0
Rugby Fields	0	0	0	0	0
Skateparks - Outdoor					
(e.g., skateboard, in-line	0	0	0	0	0
skating, scooter riding,					
BMX riding)					
Skating Rinks - Outdoor	0	0	0	0	0
Soccer Fields	0	0	0	0	0
Sports Pad (i.e.,					
summer use of rinks for	0	0	0	0	0
ball hockey, basketball,					Ŭ
etc.)					
Splash Pads	0	0	0	0	0
Swimming Pools -	0	0	0	0	0
Indoor					
Swimming Pools -	0	0	0	0	0
Outdoor					
Tennis Courts -Outdoor	0	0	0	0	0
Wading Pools	0	0	0	0	0

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

Please use this 5-point scale where 1 means 'Strongly Disagree' and 5 means 'Strongly Agree'.

	#1 Strongly Disagree	#2 Somewhat Disagree	#3 Neither Agree nor Disagree	#4 Somewhat Agree	#5 Strongly Agree	Not applicable to me
The City's indoor recreation facilities are conveniently located for me and the members of my household.	0	0	0	0	0	0
The City's indoor recreation facilities have the features I am looking for (e.g., gymnasiums, program rooms, pools).	0	0	0	0	0	0
The City's outdoor parks facilities are conveniently located for me and the members of my household (e.g., sports fields, splash pads, and skating rinks).	0	0	0	0	0	0
I am satisfied with the quality of outdoor parks and recreation facilities such as sports fields, splash pads and ice rinks.	0	0	0	0	0	0
The City should work with other service providers such as schools, libraries, and non-profit agencies to provide facilities such as community centres, swimming pools, and sports fields.	0	0	0	0	0	0

The City should work with the private sector to provide parks and recreation facilities.	0	0	0	0	0	0
The City should have community centres that are located together with other types of spaces and services (e.g., child care centres, libraries, social services, cultural facilities or retail shops).	0	0	0	0	0	0

If you had to choose, what would you prefer? (Chose one option only).

	0	#1	A small recreation facility that is closer to your home.
	0	#2	A large recreation facility with more features that is farther from your home.
Ī	0	I car	n't decide / don't know.

If you had to choose, what would you prefer? (Chose one option only).

0	#1 Renovating older community centres, pools and arenas.
0	#2 Completely rebuilding older community centres and arenas, even if it means moving
	them to another location .
0	I can't decide / don't know.

How do you feel about the current number of Parks and Recreation Facilities in your neighborhood right now?

Use this 3-point scale to rate how you feel about the $\underline{\text{number}}$ of these facilities in your neighborhood.

	Too	Just the Right	Too
	Few	Number	Many
Arenas - Indoor	0	0	0
Ball Diamonds (i.e., baseball, softball)	0	0	0
Basketball Courts	0	0	0
Bike Parks	0	0	0
Bocce Courts	0	0	0
Community Centres (e.g., art and dance studios, preschool rooms, public meeting rooms, Kitchens)	0	0	0
Cricket Fields	0	0	0
Dogs Off-Leash Areas	0	0	0
Fitness and Weight Rooms	0	0	0
Football Fields	0	0	0

Gymnasiums	0	0	0
Lawn Bowling Greens	0	0	0
Rugby Fields	0	0	0
Skateparks - Outdoor (e.g., skateboard, in-line skating, scooter riding)	0	0	0
Skating Rinks - Outdoor	0	0	0
Soccer Fields	0	0	0
Sports Pad (i.e., summer use of rinks for ball hockey, basketball, etc.)	0	0	0
Splash Pads	0	0	0
Swimming Pools - Indoor	0	0	0
Swimming Pools - Outdoor	0	0	0
Tennis Courts -Outdoor	0	0	0
Wading Pools	0	0	0

riease provide any additional comments of suggestions you may have about the city's parks and						

Best Way to Connect

What is the best way to inform you about the Facilities Master Plan?

	City website
	City e-newsletter
	Email message
	City of Toronto Social Media (Twitter, Facebook)
	Media campaign and news releases
	Direct mail information
П	Other, please specify

Contact Permission

If you'd like to be on our list to receive notifications regarding the City of Toronto's Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan via email, please provide your email address below. Your email address will not be used for any other purposes.

						
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How did you hear about this survey?

	City of Toronto Website
	City of Toronto Twitter Message
П	City of Toronto Facebook Page

City Councillor Notice	
Recreation/Sports Group	
Residential Neighborhood Group	
□ Urban Planning Group	
Personal Social Network	
Other, please specify	

Tell us a bit about yourself.

This information will help us to analyze the research data from this survey and better understand the priorities of residents across the City of Toronto. All of these questions are optional.

Are you a member of a group or league that regularly permits or relies on City of Toronto parks and recreation facilities?

0	Yes
0	No

Please provide the first 3 digits of your postal code (for example M5A).

Prefer not to answer	0

Which choice best describes your household?

0	Couple with no children
0	Couple with children
0	Single parent with children
0	Extended family
0	Adult living alone
0	Prefer not to answer
0	Other, please specify

What is your gender?

0	Female
0	Male
0	Other
0	Prefer not to answer

What is your age?

	, ,
0	Under 15
0	15-24
0	25-34
0	35-44
0	45-54

0	55-64
0	65-74
0	75-84
0	85+
0	Prefer Not to Answer

How long have you lived in Canada?

0	Less than 10 years
0	11 to 20 years
0	21 to 30 years
0	More than 30 years
0	Born in Canada
0	Prefer not to answer

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Do you identify as a person living with a disability?

Disability is defined as a long term physical, mental, emotional/psychiatric or learning disability, which may result in a person experiencing disadvantage or encountering barriers to employment, public appointment or other opportunities for full participation in society.

0	Yes
0	No

Please tell us more about the members of your household. For each member please use the drop-down menu to identify their age.

	Age Categories		
Household Member	0	Under 15	
	0	15-24	
	0	25-34	
	0	35-44	
	0	45-54	
	0	55-64	
	0	65-74	
	0	75-84	
	0	85+	
	0	Prefer Not to Answer	