
Open Space Plan 2008-2014

Section 6
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Section 6.1: Description of the Process

INTRODUCTION

This Open Space Plan Update comes out of the ideas and information provided by the residents of Boston through surveys and public meetings, along with input from agency officials, field work, and review of past information. The planning and public participation process has been described in Part 2, the Introduction to this plan.

The Planning Process and Public Participation portion of Section 2 (Introduction) described the use of a standardized questionnaire to survey public opinion on open space in Boston as the major means of providing input into the plan. The results of the survey are presented here.

A brief statement of community goals and priorities will be presented in Section 6.2, Statement of Open Space and Recreation Community Goals.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE AND RESULTS

Questionnaire Development, Distribution, and Coding

The Design and Construction Unit of the Parks Department devised a survey questionnaire with the goal of learning the needs of a cross section of the public. Given limited staff and budgetary resources, the questionnaire was used to elicit a large amount of information by providing a broad range of standardized response categories that could be easily coded in a short period of time. In fact, most of the completed surveys were submitted via an internet-based survey firm known as Zoomerang. This process enabled the coding of the standardized responses to be limited to the surveys submitted by paper versions (in both English and Spanish) distributed to the neighborhood branches of the public library, and the Boston Community Centers located in most neighborhoods.

Notices about the survey, and the opportunity for public input and comment, were provided via press releases to citywide and local newspapers, and via the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services e-mail "blast list." This blast list is sent to anyone wishing to be

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included, and typically includes neighborhood associations, non-profit groups such as community development corporations, activist citizens, and elected officials. It was also noticed via e-mails sent to a list of community groups concerned with open space in Boston, as well as a list of permit holders for athletic facilities and special events in the city's parks. It was noticed on the first page of the city's own home web page for a limited time, and was noticed on the Parks Department's home web page, with a direct portal to the survey hosted by the Zoomerang web site. The survey period was January 1 to March 15, 2007.

A total of 1,202 surveys were submitted, though some were incomplete: 218 of these surveys were submitted on paper versions of the questionnaire, either by mail, or collected at the public library branches or the branches of the Boston Community Centers. Almost 100 surveys were eliminated from consideration, as the respondents were either persons residing outside of Boston city limits and used parks outside Boston city limits, or persons who had submitted specious responses to the online survey. As a result, a total of 1,105 surveys were analyzed (versus only 298 surveys in the 2002-2006 plan's survey sample).

The new questionnaire had some questions based on the questionnaire used for the survey done for the 2002-2006 plan, such as age, neighborhood, length of residency, size of household, name of the park used most often and the nearest park, changes sought in that park, and changes sought in the general neighborhood's open space.

We then added questions that sought to obtain more information about actual use of the parks by the respondents. We asked about general activities undertaken in the park used most often, what sports, if any, the respondents used the park for now, and what sports they anticipated using the park for five years hence. We also asked what time of day and the week they use the park in addition to demographic information such as age, gender, race/ethnic origin, household size, and availability of motor vehicles to their household, and the disability status of any members of their household.

A copy of the questionnaire is shown at the end of Section 6.1, before the collection of Tables and Figures for this section.

The 218 paper questionnaires were coded, then added to the results for the online survey submissions. The Microsoft Access database software was used for the coding of the paper surveys.

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The output was then converted to the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet software for analysis and presentation along with the online results.

Survey Results

Note: For all tables and figures, wherever N (the number of responses or frequency of choice) is greater than 0, but the percent figure is 0%, “0%” should be taken to mean “less than 1%.”

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

Neighborhood Residency

While the proportional distribution of survey respondents across city neighborhoods is generally comparable to the actual distribution as found in the 2000 Census, 8 out of the 15 BRA-designated neighborhood planning districts have a variance of 3% or more between the population of the census versus the survey sample (see Table 6-1). Table 6-1 also shows the sample population distribution by neighborhood for the survey done for the 2002-2006 plan.

There appears to be no systematic bias toward one neighborhood or another to account for the variability in the new sample versus the 2000 census. Dorchester and East Boston both have diverse populations, yet Dorchester is underrepresented while East Boston is overrepresented. West Roxbury is an affluent community, while poverty is more prevalent in Roxbury, yet both communities are underrepresented.

While the 2000 census population of Jamaica Plain is 6% of the city's population, the new sample's percent is 17%, a difference of 11 percentage points. As we mentioned in the discussion in the 2002-2006 plan, one likely explanation is that Jamaica Plain, with its considerable acreage of public open space and its good public transit access to downtown, is a popular location for residents in the city with a stronger than average appreciation of the role of open space in daily life. This neighborhood has a history of organizing to protect existing open space resources and create new open spaces, such as the Southwest Corridor Park. Therefore, it has a considerable number of long-term stakeholders with an acute awareness of the need for open space in daily life. Many of these stakeholders have a history of organizing and activism at the local level on land use and environmental issues. Therefore, they would be likely to complete and return the survey questionnaire, and consequently be overrepresented in the new survey sample.

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The neighborhood distribution comparison between the survey sample population and the census-derived population did not include the respondents who were not residents of Boston. The Residence Location of Respondents table (see Table 6-2 and Figure 6-1) shows the residence distribution for the entire sample, including the non-Boston residents who use Boston parks (Boston residents who most often used parks outside of Boston were also included in the sample).

Age

The age distribution of survey respondents compared to the general population (2000 census) is quite different, yet understandable (see Table 6-3 and Figure 6-2). While 17% of city residents are 14 years or younger, only 1% of the survey respondents were in that age group. However, it would be expected that caregivers such as parents or guardians would represent their interests through participation in the survey.

The phenomenon of under-representation reappears for ages 18 to 20, likely due to the general orientation of this age group on education and the establishment of careers. We find instead that respondents aged 25 to 59 are overrepresented as compared to the population as a whole. This would be the age group that are or aim to be long-term stakeholders in the community with the greatest interest in local land use and environmental issues that could affect their families and their homes, usually their most significant investment. The older age groups, 75 and older, are somewhat underrepresented in the sample as compared to the city's general population.

Given the sample distribution, it is expected that while the 17 and under age group is underrepresented, its interests are considered in the responses of the overrepresented 25 to 59 age group. The group that is most vulnerable to under-representation is the 18 to 20 age group. The 25 to 59 age group may not adequately consider their needs, especially given rapid changes in recreation trends. However, given the goal of the Department toward broadly serving all users to the maximum extent feasible, and the recreation trend toward continuing recreation pursuits begun at younger ages for the long-term health benefits, it can be assumed that despite the different shape of the sample's age distribution curve, the sample can be relied upon to generally reflect the concerns and needs of the city's overall population. Another factor to consider is that many of the 18 to 20-year-old residents are students at college: the trend for many colleges is to provide on-campus health/fitness facilities,

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both indoors and outdoors, as a means to promote health, relieve stress, and provide social opportunities for its students. Yet oftentimes, colleges and their students do resort to off-campus open spaces for a variety of reasons.

Gender

A small percent of the sample, 8%, left this question blank. Those 92% of respondents who answered were comparable to the Census 2000 population in terms of gender distribution: 52% of respondents, like the City of Boston population in 1999, were female, while 48% were male (Table 6-4 and Figure 6-3).

Latino Status

Ninety percent (90%) of the sample indicated their Latino status. In comparison to the Census 2000 SF1 count of Latino status, the sample shows a slight under-representation: 10% of the sample identified themselves as Latino, versus 14% of the citywide population (Table 6-5 and Figure 6-4). The distribution among Latino groups shows some differences between the sample and the citywide population. While the Puerto Rican and Dominican groups are underrepresented, the Cuban and Mexican groups are overrepresented. The category "Other Latino," was the modal category (most frequent response) among the Latino groups in the sample, and matched the citywide percentage at 7%.

Race or Ethnic Origin

Most (88%) of the respondents provided their racial characterization or ethnic origin. The large majority, 97%, identified themselves with only one race/ethnic origin characterization, while 3% identified themselves with two or more race/ethnic origin characterizations (Table 6-6 and Figure 6-5). The modal category (most frequent response) was White, with 82% of respondents; the next most frequent category was "Some Other Race" alone, at 6%, then Black alone with 5%, and Asian alone with 3%. Those who selected two or more race/ethnic origin characterizations also represented 3% of the sample.

Comparison to the Boston figures from the 2000 Census shows a notable difference between the sample figures and the citywide figures in the Black and Asian categories. The most likely explanation for this phenomenon may be that many persons in the Black or Asian race/ethnic origin categories may not have ready access to computers. While public library branches and Boston

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Community Center branches do have computers available, the online survey was set up to not allow more than one submission per computer to avoid/reduce the chance of a single respondent submitting multiple surveys. Newspaper notices that indicated the availability of paper surveys in local distribution were supplied throughout the city, but the need to visit a local library or community center branch may have been an obstacle to some. Another reason may be that the sample includes non-residents; many areas around Boston have a far lower share of non-White residents than does Boston.

Years as Boston Resident

Because of the presence of non-residents in the sample, we interpreted the responses to this to mean either living within Boston city limits or in the Boston metropolitan area. Most of the respondents, 87%, offered a response to this question. More than half, 58%, have lived in Boston 16 years or less, and 36% have lived eight years or less in Boston (Table 6-7 and Figure 6-6). Yet 33% of the sample are long-term residents of Boston, 17-45 years, while 6% were very long term residents, in the 56 years and above range.

Table 6-8 and Figure 6-7 show an interesting comparison between the length of residency in Boston distribution. In the sample for the survey done for the 2002-06 plan, the distribution is weighed more toward the longer-term residents than in the sample for the 2007-11 plan.

Size of Household

The 2007-11 plan survey asked the question about household size (Table 6-9 and Figure 6-8). The modal category (most frequent response) was a two-person household, at 35% of respondents. The next largest category was one-person households at 20%, with three- and four person households at 17% each.

Comparing the sample distribution to the citywide Census 2000 distribution yields interesting results (Table 6-10 and Figure 6-9). Most notable is the 17 percent difference between the Census and the sample results for 1-person households, 37% versus 20% respectively. In the 2- to 4-person household size range, the sample shows a larger share than the census: 69% of the sample stated they were in 2- to 4-person households, versus 53% of the citywide population described by the Census.

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Number of Vehicles Available

As motor vehicles can help individuals gain access to a broader range of recreational opportunities beyond reasonable walking distance, the survey sought information on the number of cars available to the respondent's household: 91% of respondents provided a response to this question (Table 6-11). Of those who provided a response, the modal category (most frequent response) was one car per household at 46% of respondent households, followed by two cars per household at 31% (Table 6-11 and Figure 6-10). The third most frequent category was no cars per household at 17% of respondent households.

When a comparison was made to the citywide figures from the 2000 Census, a notable difference was seen (Table 6-12 and Figure 6-11): while the percent share of the number of households with one car and with three or more cars was similar, the percent share for the households with no cars and with two cars available were "mirror images." Where 31% of the sample households had two cars per household, 35 % of Boston households had no cars per households; on the other hand, where 17% of the sample had no cars per household, 17% of Boston households had two cars per households. Put another way, while over one-third of Boston households have no car available, a bit less than one-fifth of the sample households have no car available.

Disability Status

The survey desired to obtain information on disability status of household members of the respondent's household. The question was similar to one used in the 1999 US Census questionnaire. It sought the type of disabilities experienced by household members: sensory, such as blindness, deafness, or other severe sensory impairment; substantial physical limitations; mental difficulties with learning, memory, or concentration; difficulties with self-care or going outside the home, or employment-related disabilities. Respondents could select one or more such disability categories to describe the disability status of household members. Certain persons may have more than one disability; for example, employment disability would likely overlap with one of the other disability categories.

Out of 1,105 respondents in the sample (Table 6-13), 82% either left these items blank, or answered all six questions "No." Eighteen percent (18%) provided a "Yes" response to at least one of the six disability status questions: 18% of respondents said they were members of a household that had at least one member with a

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disability. In 1999, 24% of persons 16 and over in Boston (non-institutionalized civilians) had a disability.

Looking at the distribution of disability types or status, we see by looking at Figures 6-12 and 6-13 that both distributions have a similar shape: difficulties going outside the home and employment disability are the two most frequent categories for both the sample and the citywide population; the next most frequent categories are physical limitations and mental difficulties; and the two least frequent are sensory and self-care-related disabilities.

PARKS USED BY RESPONDENTS & THEIR HOUSEHOLDS

Park Used Most Often

We wanted to find out what park the respondents and their household members used most often. We first asked them to report what park they lived nearest, and then asked them if they used that park the most often. If not, we asked them to report which park they did use most often. We then developed the response list for the parks respondents and their household members used most often from the results from these three questions.

Nearest Park We found that 70% of the respondents most often used the park they reported as nearest their home, while 25% said they used another park, and 3% did not use any park (2% left this question blank) (Table 6-14 and Figure 6-14).

Park Used Most Often It comes as no surprise that the top nine parks cited by respondents most frequently as being used most often by themselves or their household members were generally larger, regional scale parks (Table 6-15 and Figure 6-15). Five of the top nine are parks in the Emerald Necklace system: the Arnold Arboretum (6%), Boston Common (6%), the Back Bay Fens (4%), Franklin Park (4%), and Jamaica Pond (4%), totaling 24% or nearly one-quarter of responses to this question. After the Arnold Arboretum, the second most frequently cited park was the Charles River Reservation (6%), which straddles Beacon Hill, Back Bay, the Fenway/Kenmore neighborhood, and Allston-Brighton. Other regional parks in the top nine were Joe Moakley Park (formerly Columbus Park) at 5%, and East Boston Piers Park at 4%.

The next 11 most often used parks are a more varied lot (Table 6-15 and Figure 6-16). Three are South End parks, two of which are

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small in acreage, Titus Sparrow Park (1%) and Ringgold Park (3%). Peters Parks is a larger South End park with an athletic field. Two are parks in Jamaica Plain, which are larger sub-regional parks: Olmsted Park (1%) and the English High School Athletic Fields (2%). Another two are larger parks in Allston-Brighton with athletic facilities, Ringer (2%) and Rogers (1%). East Boston has one park in this “next 11” tier, American Legion Playground (2%). The Public Garden, an Emerald Necklace park which serves several neighborhood is also in this second tier (1%). The Southwest Corridor Park, a regional greenway park, serves many neighborhoods in Boston (3%). Millennium Park is a regional park with athletic fields, grasslands, woodlands, and striking views that attracts many users (2%) despite its isolated location in low-density southwest Boston.

The remainder of the parks cited by respondents as the one they or their household members use most often are scattered throughout the city.

Interestingly, 4% of respondents, who were city residents, cited a park outside of the city limits. This response, the eighth most frequently provided, puts it into the upper tier or top nine response categories for park used most often. Questionnaires by respondents who were non-residents and cited a park outside of the city of Boston as the park they used most often were excluded from the 1,105 surveys analyzed for the sample.

Frequency of Park Visitation and Time of Visitation

Table 6-16 presents the results of the question regarding park visitation: i.e., the number of days per month, during the season the park used most often is most frequently visited, the respondents or his/her household’s other members visited the park used most often. The modal response categories, in the aggregated ranges, were four to six days, and nine to 12 days per month (20% each). The next most frequent categories were 20 to 22 days, and 30 to 31 days per month (12% each).

Overall, it can be seen that a further grouping of the range categories is possible: 33% are in the 20- to 31-day “higher frequency” range, 30% in the 9- to 19-day “moderate frequency” range, and 38% are in the 1- to 8-day “lower frequency” range of visitation.

Based on Table 6-17 and Figure 6-18, it appears that the time of week for visiting the park they use most often occurs both on

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weekends and weekdays by 85% of respondents, versus weekends only by 10%, and weekdays only by 5%.

The results for the question on what time of day the park is used (Table 6-18 and Figure 6-19) shows that most respondents, 65%, used the park both in the daytime and evenings. The next most frequent choice, by 27% of the respondents, was daytime only. Evenings only was chosen by 8% of the respondents.

Means of Travel to and from the Park

The question was asked about what means of travel the respondent or members of his/her family usually used to travel to the park. The modal category (most frequent response) by far was walking at 73% with the second most frequent category private motor vehicle at 13% (Table 6-19 and Figure 6-20). Bicycling and running/jogging came in tied for third, both at 5%, and public transportation at 4%.

ACTIVITIES PURSUED IN THE PARK

General Activity Type Park Used For

We asked survey participants what general types of activities they or members of their household pursued in the park. We found that the top three activities were ones that were the most basic. “Exercise/Fitness” had the most responses, 454 (as respondents were allowed to pick up to three choices, a percent of the whole reporting of results is not possible) (Table 6-20 and Figure 6-21). “Simple Relaxation/Passive Recreation” was second at 437, while “Enjoy Nature” was third at 421. Activities with more social contexts involved were the next most popular, from “Spending Time with Family/Friends” at 318 responses (almost 100 fewer responses than “Enjoy Nature”), “Take Child for Free Play” (260), “Organized (Team) Sports” (232), “Walk Your Dog” (211), and “Attend Special Events” (206). “Taking Child for Organized Sports” was, surprisingly, the least chosen activity, at 49 responses.

Current Sports/Activities Played in Park

We asked survey participants what sports they or their household members pursued in the park. An extensive list of responses occurred, so we ordered the sports activities by descending frequency of response (Table 6-21 and Figures 6-22 and 6-23). Walking was the most frequent choice, at 401 responses. Figure 6-22 shows the top 10 most frequent choices, and Figure 6-23 shows

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the next 10 most frequent choices. In the top 10, the most notable result was the 217 responses for Ultimate Frisbee, a football-style game played with a flying disc, often organized in league play.

Desired Sports/Activities 5 Years Hence

We asked survey participants what sports they saw themselves or members of their household playing over the next five years. We saw some change occurring, with Bicycling getting more responses to become the second most frequently chosen sports activity (230) (Table 6-22 and Figures 6-24 and 6-25). Two sports that were not in the top 20 in the current sports pursued responses are now in the top 20 of anticipated sports to be pursued responses.

Canoeing/Kayaking and Bouldering/Climbing are respectively the 13th (56 responses) and 20th (42 responses) most frequently cited sports projected to be undertaken over the next five years.

Change in Sports/Activity Participation

In Table 6-23, we see a comparison between what respondents cited as the current sports or activities pursued in the park and what they projected over the next five years. The column “% Change” represents the relative change anticipated. As can be seen, small changes in sports or activities with small absolute participation numbers can yield a large percent change. For example, a 300% increase in participation is seen in Fishing, but the absolute increase in numbers of participants as seen in this survey is only 12: that is, currently four persons cited Fishing as a current pursuit, while 16 persons projected participation in it over the next five years.

By performing a descending sort by the frequency of current sports/activity participation, the phenomenon for which the respondent has the most knowledge about actual behavior, the most popular sports/ activities in absolute numbers are at the top of the order. This enables a potential understanding of anticipated behavior patterns for the largest number of park users. Among the top 20 sports/activities currently undertaken by respondents (see also Figures 6-26 and 6-27), the largest participation increases are in Softball (75%), Tennis (68%), Inline/Roller Skating (56%), Little League Baseball (50%), Baseball (43%), and Ice Skating (43%). Other notable increases include Flag Football (42%), Skateboard (39%), Football (36%), and Soccer (24%). Walking (1%) and Track & Field (0%) remain stable with little or no change projected in participation, but Bicycling (16%) and Running (11%) show moderate increases. Among the sports/activities with less

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participation, Bouldering/Climbing (163%), Canoeing/Kayaking (115%), and Sailing/Boating (115%) are ones with modest current participation but sizable increases projected by the respondents over the next five years.

Nature-Oriented Activities Pursued in Park

The survey asked respondents to choose from an array of activities which they pursued, if any, to enjoy nature in the park. By far the modal activity (most frequent response) was “View Scenery without Aid of Guides or Guidebooks while Walking, Running, Bicycling, Riding Wheelchair, Sitting, Boating, Etc.” at 596 responses. The next most frequent activity response was “Participate in Natural Area Clean-Up or Improvement Projects” at 287 responses, and the third most frequent activity response was “Nature Photography” at 212 responses. Of the two nature-oriented activities that involve a substantial science-based knowledge of nature, “Birding” and “Plant or Animal Identification Using Guidebook (Non-Birding),” Birding was more frequently chosen (191 responses), versus Plant or Animal Identification (76 responses). Nature interpretation categories, such as Self-Guided Nature Walks with Brochures or Signs (89 responses), Guided Nature Walks (80 responses), or Boston Park Ranger Guided Tours (51 responses), were on the low end of the frequency of choices for this question.

CHANGES DESIRED IN OPEN SPACE

Changes Desired in the Park Most Used

The questionnaire asked respondents what changes they and their household members would like to see in the park they used most often. They were presented with an array of choices, which were originally developed from the coding of the open-ended versions of this question in the survey done for the 2002-2006 plan. Not surprisingly, the modal category (most frequent response) was “Improve Maintenance” (421 responses), followed by “Improve Vegetation/Landscape” (307 responses), and “Improve Existing Facilities” (266 responses) (Table 6-5 and Figure 6-29).

In a second tier of response frequency are the following changes, in order of descending frequency: “Improve Public Safety” (231 responses), “Improve Dog Control” (218 responses), “More Active Facilities (Sports-Oriented)” (187 responses), “Address Dog Owners’ Needs” (178 responses), and “Improve or Add Programs & Special Events” (176 responses).

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Perceived Neighborhood Open Space Needs

The questionnaire asked respondents what they and their household members believed are their neighborhood's open space needs. They were presented with an array of choices, which were originally developed from the coding of the open-ended versions of this question in the survey done for the 2002-2006 plan. Not surprisingly, the modal category (most frequent response) was "Improve Maintenance" (337 responses), followed by "Protect Open Space from Conversion to Non-Open Space Uses" (289 responses), and "Improve Existing Park Facilities" (262 responses) (Table 6-26 and Figures 6-30 and 6-31).

In a second tier of response frequency are the following needs, in order of descending frequency: "Improve Vegetation (Landscape)" (221 responses), "Improve Public Safety" (219 responses), "Improve Dog Control" (196 responses), "More Sports Facilities (Ball Fields, Courts, Etc.)" (194 responses), "More Open Space in The Neighborhood" (188 responses), "Address Dog Owners' Needs" (176 responses), and "Improve Natural Areas (Woods, Wetlands, Marshes, Etc.)" (169 responses). Figure 6-31 presents graphically the distribution of choices among the next ten most frequently perceived neighborhood open space needs.

PARK SUPPORT GROUP PARTICIPATION

Participation in Park Support Group

The questionnaire asked respondents whether they volunteered for or participated in a park-related support group. Table 6-27 and Figure 6-32 illustrates the results: One-third of the sample (33%) said they did volunteer for or participate in a park-related support group. This may seem like a surprisingly high positive response rate. However, as the notification of the survey was made to community improvement groups, park support groups, and sports leagues, this response result is not very surprising. It also indicates that many respondents are familiar with conditions in the parks and open space they use and know in their neighborhood, and the survey responses better reflect knowledgeable public opinion on this subject.

Type of Support Group Participation

The questionnaire then asked those who said they did participate in park-related support groups what type of group it was: the results are found in Table 6-28 and Figure 6-33. The most frequent choice was Friends Group (a name typically used for an interest group that

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advocates and works for the improvement of a specific park or set of parks) at 167 responses; the next most frequent choice was the Open Space Committee of a Neighborhood Association at 127 responses. Community Garden or Beautification Groups, Other Groups, and Youth Sports Leagues were in the second tier of response frequency. The least frequent response was Adult Sports League.

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Section 6.2: Statement of Open Space and Recreation Community Vision and Goals

INTRODUCTION

Based on community input through the new Open Space Plan Update Survey, and through correspondence, the City of Boston through its Parks and Recreation Department prepared a set of community goals that will be integrated with a subsequent analysis of needs to develop the plan's Goals and Objectives presented in Section 8.

COMMUNITY VISION: Visioning the Future of Open Space

The vision or endpoint for our efforts to plan for open space in Boston can be as vast as the dreams of the over half a million residents of Boston. But we can certainly outline a set of commonly held images that can inspire, and have been inspired by, the imaginations of residents and professionals alike throughout the discussions that have lead up to this plan.

- Parks that are cleaner than ever with well-maintained play equipment, courts, and fields;
- Parks with programming by the Boston Park Rangers, arts groups, and sports, fitness, and recreation providers;
- Play lots that are safe, widely available, that stimulate child development, and provide meeting places for parents and other caregivers;
- Recreational facilities that respond to changing demographics and provide youth and adults alike with opportunities for healthy activity, team building, and bolstering self-esteem;
- Youth programming that encourages leadership, accomplishment, and productive activity;
- Greenways, trails, and bikeways between parks and along the seashore and riverbanks linking neighborhoods as well as open spaces;
- Burying grounds maintained as attractive, historical assets for their neighborhoods;
- Community gardens protected and designed with community enhancement in mind;

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- Urban wilds and natural areas protected, maintained, and interpreted through community/non-profit/government partnerships;
- Improved access to open space through public transit and non-motorized travel, as well as improved vehicular routes and well-designed streetscapes;
- Acquisition of key open space parcels to protect viewsheds, watersheds, and habitats, buffer existing open spaces, and provide needed recreational facilities;
- Continual improvement and innovation in park and open space design, maintenance, and programming;
- Corporate and business involvement in open space creation, funding, and enhancement;
- Community empowerment through involvement in decision making about the design and care of parks and open spaces; and
- Stable and enhanced funding for the citywide system of open spaces.

COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION GOALS

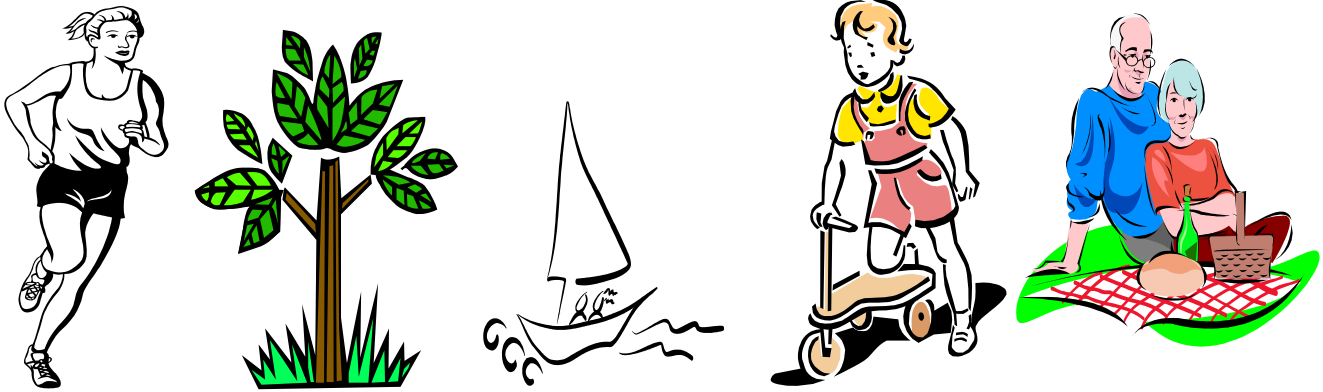
The Community Setting section of this plan (Section 3) has indicated that Boston's population includes a variety of ages in a community where density varies from the urban to the suburban. The Environmental Inventory and Analysis section (Section 4) has indicated that Boston is blessed with resources that give it a special sense of place, such as Boston Harbor and Dorchester Bay, and the rivers tributary to them – the Charles, the Muddy, the Mystic, Chelsea Creek, and the Neponset. The Open Space Inventory section (Section 5) arrays the various open spaces that are used to fulfill current open space needs, or have the potential to fulfill future needs. Based on a review of previous goals and policies, the current community setting, current assessment of environmental conditions, and a review of public input (especially Section 6.1's open space opinion survey), three primary goals emerged:

- Protect and improve the existing system of open spaces throughout the city through capital rehabilitation (planning, design, and engineering), maintenance, programming, and other system operations to meet existing and new challenges placed on them as the city changes and grows.
- Create new opportunities for meeting open space needs through the city-building and neighborhood development processes.

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- Protect the environmental resources of the open space system to enable the restoration and maintenance of their high quality and to reduce the costs of mitigating adverse consequences.

City of Boston OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE



Making the Connection – **A SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

In our constantly changing city, we need to be sure our parks, recreation facilities and other open space resources are able to handle our needs. To find out what our needs are, the Parks and Recreation Department is launching a survey specific to the objectives of the updating of the City Open Space Plan: what parks do we use, what do we do there, what do we think are the local open space needs, and so on.

Please take a few minutes to complete our survey and share your suggestions for the next Open Space Plan.



Thomas M. Menino, Mayor
Antonia M. Pollak, Commissioner

Parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces are a part of our city. To help make them serve you better, we are updating our five-year plan: therefore we want to hear from you so we can set goals and then achieve them throughout the City.

For each question below, please choose or enter the **best possible answer** that most closely reflects your actual response. If your answer is "I don't know," "not applicable," or "no answer," then leave the question blank. There is additional space for thoughts, comments, or explanations at the end of the questionnaire (please be sure to reference the question number if you are expanding on your answer to a particular question).

Please mark "X" in the box for your choice of the best possible answer.

1. What is the name of the park nearest your home?

2. Is this the park that you and members of your household use most often?

☐ YES (PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION 4)

☐ NO

☐ DON'T USE ANY PARKS (PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION 13, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 16)

3. If you answered Question 2 "NO," what is the name of the park you and members of your household use most often?

Questions 4 to 12 refer to the park that you and members of your household use *most often*.

4. Think of the season you use this park most often.

How often do you and your household use this park at that time?

Insert number of days in the indicated space.

Leave space blank if you don't know or can't remember.

____ DAYS PER MONTH

5. What do you and members of your household use the park for most often?

(Check off up to three (3) choices)

☐ ORGANIZED (TEAM) SPORTS

☐ INDIVIDUAL (NON-TEAM) SPORTS

☐ CASUAL PICK-UP GAMES

☐ EXERCISE/FITNESS

☐ SIMPLE RELAXATION/PASSIVE RECREATION

☐ ENJOY NATURE

☐ WALK YOUR DOG

☐ SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS

☐ ATTEND SPECIAL EVENTS

☐ TAKE CHILD(REN) TO ORGANIZED SPORTS (PRACTICES/GAMES)

☐ TAKE CHILD(REN) TO PARK FOR FREE PLAY, PICK-UP GAME, OR PLAYGROUND

☐ GARDENING/BEAUTIFICATION

☐ OTHER _____

6. Which sports, if any, do you and members of your household play in the park?**(Check off up to three (3) choices)**

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOCCER | <input type="checkbox"/> FOOTBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> FLAG FOOTBALL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CRICKET | <input type="checkbox"/> LACROSSE | <input type="checkbox"/> RUGBY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRISH FOOTBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> ULTIMATE FRISBEE | <input type="checkbox"/> BASEBALL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOFTBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> FIELD HOCKEY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BASKETBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> TENNIS | <input type="checkbox"/> HANDBALL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RACQUETBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> STREET HOCKEY | <input type="checkbox"/> VOLLEYBALL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRACK & FIELD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUNNING | <input type="checkbox"/> RACE WALKING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WALKING | <input type="checkbox"/> BICYCLING | <input type="checkbox"/> SKATEBOARDING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ICE SKATING | <input type="checkbox"/> INLINE/ROLLER SKATING | <input type="checkbox"/> CROSS COUNTRY SKIING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HORSESHOES | <input type="checkbox"/> BOCCE | <input type="checkbox"/> NETBALL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAILING/BOATING | <input type="checkbox"/> CANOEING/KAYAKING | <input type="checkbox"/> BOULDERING/CLIMBING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOLF | <input type="checkbox"/> FISHING | <input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT PLAY ANY SPORTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____ | |

7. Which sports, if any, do you see you and members of your household playing in the park over the next five years?**(Check off up to three (3) choices)**

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOCCER | <input type="checkbox"/> FOOTBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> FLAG FOOTBALL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CRICKET | <input type="checkbox"/> LACROSSE | <input type="checkbox"/> RUGBY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRISH FOOTBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> ULTIMATE FRISBEE | <input type="checkbox"/> BASEBALL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOFTBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> FIELD HOCKEY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BASKETBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> TENNIS | <input type="checkbox"/> HANDBALL |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> WALKING | <input type="checkbox"/> BICYCLING | <input type="checkbox"/> SKATEBOARDING |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> HORSESHOES | <input type="checkbox"/> BOCCE | <input type="checkbox"/> NETBALL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAILING/BOATING | <input type="checkbox"/> CANOEING/KAYAKING | <input type="checkbox"/> BOULDERING/CLIMBING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOLF | <input type="checkbox"/> FISHING | <input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT PLAY ANY SPORTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____ | |

8. What activities do you and members of your household pursue to enjoy nature in the park?**(Check off up to three (3) choices)**

- ☐ PLANT OR ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION USING GUIDEBOOK (NON-BIRDING)
☐ BIRDING (BIRD WATCHING)
☐ NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
☐ TAKE GUIDED NATURE WALKS
☐ TAKE BOSTON PARK RANGER GUIDED TOURS
☐ USE SELF-GUIDED TOURS WITH AID OF BROCHURE OR SIGNS
☐ VIEW SCENERY WITHOUT AID OF GUIDES OR GUIDEBOOKS WHILE WALKING, RUNNING, BICYCLING, RIDING WHEELCHAIR, SITTING, BOATING, ETC.
☐ PARTICIPATE IN NATURAL AREA CLEAN-UP OR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
☐ DO NOT PURSUE ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES
☐ NOT APPLICABLE
☐ OTHER: _____

9. What way do you usually travel to and from the park?

- ☐ WALK
- ☐ RUN/JOG
- ☐ SKATEBOARD
- ☐ INLINE/ROLLER SKATE
- ☐ WHEELCHAIR
- ☐ BICYCLE
- ☐ PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (BUS, SUBWAY, TROLLEY)
- ☐ TAXICAB/LIVERY
- ☐ ZIPCAR
- ☐ PRIVATELY-HELD MOTOR VEHICLE (SUCH AS CAR, TRUCK, VAN, MOTORCYCLE, MOTOR SCOOTER)
- ☐ NOT APPLICABLE

10. Thinking of the season you most often use the park, what time of the week do you and members of your household typically use the park?

- ☐ WEEKDAYS ONLY
- ☐ WEEKENDS ONLY
- ☐ BOTH WEEKDAYS AND WEEKENDS

11. Thinking of the season you most often use the park, what time of the day do you and members of your household typically use the park?

- ☐ DAY TIME ONLY
- ☐ EVENINGS ONLY
- ☐ BOTH DAY TIME AND EVENINGS

12. What changes, if any, would you and members of your household like to see in the park? (Check off up to three (3) choices)

- ☐ IMPROVE MAINTENANCE
- ☐ IMPROVE VEGETATION (LANDSCAPE)
- ☐ IMPROVE EXISTING PARK FACILITIES
- ☐ IMPROVE OR ADD PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS
- ☐ IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY
- ☐ IMPROVE ACCESS
- ☐ ADDRESS DOG OWNERS' NEEDS
- ☐ IMPROVE DOG CONTROL
- ☐ MORE ACTIVE FACILITIES (SPORTS-ORIENTED)
- ☐ MORE PASSIVE FACILITIES (RELAXATION-ORIENTED)
- ☐ MORE LINEAR FACILITIES (PATHS/TRAILS)
- ☐ NO CHANGE NEEDED
- ☐ OTHER _____
- ☐ UNDECIDED/NO ANSWER

13. In your neighborhood, what do you believe are the park, recreation, and open space needs?**(Check off up to three (3) choices)**

- ☐ IMPROVE OR ADD PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS
- ☐ IMPROVE VEGETATION (LANDSCAPE)
- ☐ PROTECT OPEN SPACE FROM CONVERSION TO NON-OPEN SPACE USES
- ☐ MORE OPEN SPACE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
- ☐ MORE REGIONAL OPEN SPACE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
- ☐ IMPROVE ACCESS
- ☐ IMPROVE MAINTENANCE
- ☐ IMPROVE EXISTING PARK FACILITIES
- ☐ IMPROVE NATURAL AREAS (WOODS, WETLANDS, MARSHES, ETC.)
- ☐ MORE SPORTS FACILITIES (BALL FIELDS, COURTS, ETC.)
- ☐ MORE LINEAR OPEN SPACE (WALKING/BIKING PATHS, TRAILS, ETC.)
- ☐ MORE PASSIVE OPEN SPACE (GREEN SPACE PARKS)
- ☐ MORE CHILDREN'S PLAY LOTS
- ☐ ADDRESS DOG OWNERS' NEEDS
- ☐ IMPROVE DOG CONTROL
- ☐ IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY
- ☐ IMPROVE OR ADD COMMUNITY GARDENS
- ☐ NOTHING NEEDED
- ☐ OTHER _____
- ☐ UNDECIDED/NO ANSWER

If you answered Question 2 , “DON'T USE ANY PARKS,” please skip to Question 16.

14. Do you or a member of your household volunteer or participate in a park-related support group?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

15. Answer this question only if you answered YES to question 14:

What park-related support groups do you or a member of your household volunteer for or participate in?

(Check off up to three (3) choices)

- ☐ FRIENDS GROUP
- ☐ YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE
- ☐ ADULT SPORTS LEAGUE
- ☐ PARK, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
- ☐ COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
- ☐ OTHER GROUP _____

Finally, we would like to ask a few questions about you for statistical purposes.

16. In which neighborhood do you live?

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALLSTON-BRIGHTON | <input type="checkbox"/> BACK BAY/BEACON HILL | <input type="checkbox"/> BAY VILLAGE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHARLESTOWN | <input type="checkbox"/> CHINATOWN | <input type="checkbox"/> DORCHESTER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNTOWN | <input type="checkbox"/> EAST BOSTON | <input type="checkbox"/> FENWAY/KENMORE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HYDE PARK | <input type="checkbox"/> JAMAICA PLAIN | <input type="checkbox"/> LEATHER DISTRICT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MATTAPAN | <input type="checkbox"/> MISSION HILL | <input type="checkbox"/> ROSLINDALE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ROXBURY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOUTH BOSTON | <input type="checkbox"/> SOUTH END |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEST ROXBURY | <input type="checkbox"/> NOT A BOSTON RESIDENT | |

17. What is your age?

_____ YEARS

18. What is your sex (gender)?

- ☐ FEMALE
☐ MALE

19. Are you Latino?

- ☐ NO, NOT LATINO
☐ YES, PUERTO RICAN
☐ YES, DOMINICAN
☐ YES, CUBAN
☐ YES, MEXICAN, MEXICAN-AMERICAN, CHICANO
☐ YES, OTHER LATINO

20. What is your race or ethnic origin?

(Mark up to three races as needed to indicate what you consider yourself to be.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE | <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, OR NEGRO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE | <input type="checkbox"/> CHINESE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JAPANESE | <input type="checkbox"/> KOREAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VIETNAMESE | <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN INDIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FILIPINO | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER ASIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN | <input type="checkbox"/> GUAMANIAN OR CHAMORRO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAMOAN | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOME OTHER RACE | |

21. How many years have you lived in Boston?

_____ YEARS

22. How many members are in your household (including yourself)?

- ☐ 1 (JUST YOURSELF)
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5
☐ 6
☐ 7
☐ 8 AND OVER

23. How many automobiles, vans, or trucks are kept at or near home for use by you or members of your household?

- ☐ NONE
☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3 OR MORE

Do you or a member of your household have any of the following long-lasting conditions:

24. Blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment?

☐ YES ☐ NO

25. A condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, do you or a member of your household have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities:

26. Learning, remembering, or concentrating?

☐ YES ☐ NO

27. Dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home?

☐ YES ☐ NO

28. (Answer if this household member is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER.) Going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office?

☐ YES ☐ NO

29. (Answer if this household member is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER.) Working at a job or business?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Thanks so much for completing the survey. The next page has space for your own words.

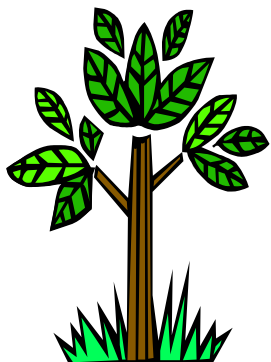
IN YOUR OWN WORDS. Please feel free to use the following space to provide additional thoughts, comments, or further explanations. If responding to a specific question, please reference the question number.

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Open Space Questionnaire
Boston Parks and Recreation Department
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Boston, MA 02118-2600

Ciudad de Boston

ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL PLAN PARA ESPACIOS ABIERTOS



Haciendo la conexión –

CUESTIONARIO DE ENCUESTA

En nuestra ciudad de constante cambio, necesitamos estar seguros de que los parques, instalaciones recreativas y otros recursos de espacios abiertos puedan manejar nuestras necesidades. Para descubrir cuáles son éstas, el Parks and Recreation Department (Departamento de parques y recreación) lanzará una encuesta específica para los objetivos del Plan para espacios abiertos de la ciudad: saber qué parques utilizamos, qué hacemos ahí, cuáles consideramos que son las necesidades de los espacios abiertos, entre otras cosas.

Tome unos minutos para responder nuestro cuestionario y comparta sus sugerencias para el siguiente Plan para espacios abiertos.



Thomas M. Menino, Mayor
Antonia M. Pollak, Commissioner

Los parques, instalaciones recreativas y espacios abiertos forman parte de nuestra ciudad. Para ayudar a que sirvan de mejor manera, estamos actualizando nuestro plan a cinco años. Por lo tanto, queremos saber la información de usted para poder establecer objetivos y luego llevarlos a cabo en toda la ciudad.

Para cada pregunta a continuación, escoja o ingrese **la mejor respuesta posible** que refleje la mayor cercanía con su respuesta real. Si su respuesta es “No sé”, “No aplica” o “No hay respuesta”, entonces deje la pregunta en blanco. Al final del cuestionario hay un espacio adicional para ideas, comentarios o explicaciones (en caso de que esté ampliando su respuesta a una pregunta en particular, asegúrese de hacer referencia al número de la pregunta).

Marque con una “X” en el recuadro para elegir la mejor respuesta posible.

1. ¿Cómo se llama el parque que se encuentra más cerca de su casa?

2. ¿Es éste el parque que usan más a menudo usted y los miembros de su hogar?

☐ SÍ (PASE A LA PREGUNTA 4)

☐ NO

☐ NO USA NINGÚN PARQUE (PASE A LA PREGUNTA 13, LUEGO, A LA PREGUNTA 16)

3. Si respondió con un “NO” a la pregunta 2, ¿cómo se llama el parque que usan mas a menudo los miembros de su hogar?

Las preguntas 4 a 12 se refieren al parque que utilizan *más a menudo* usted y los miembros de su hogar.

4. Piense en la estación en que usa más seguido este parque.

¿Con qué frecuencia usan este parque en ese período usted y los miembros de su hogar?

Coloque la cantidad de días en el espacio indicado.

Deje el espacio en blanco si lo no sabe o no puede recordarlo.

____ DÍAS AL MES

5. ¿Para qué usan el parque con mayor frecuencia usted y los miembros de su hogar?

(Marque hasta tres (3) opciones)

☐ DEPORTES ORGANIZADOS (EN EQUIPO)

☐ DEPORTES INDIVIDUALES (NO EN EQUIPO)

☐ JUEGOS CASUALES ESPORÁDICOS CON EXTRAÑOS

☐ EJERCICIO/PONERSE EN FORMA

☐ SIMPLE RELAJO/RECREACIÓN PASIVA

☐ DISFRUTAR DE LA NATURALEZA

☐ SACAR A PASEAR AL PERRO

☐ PASAR TIEMPO CON LA FAMILIA O AMIGOS

☐ ASISTIR A EVENTOS ESPECIALES

☐ LLEVAR A EL O LOS HIJOS A DEPORTES ORGANIZADOS (PRÁCTICAS/JUEGOS)

☐ LLEVAR A EL O LOS HIJOS AL PARQUE PARA JUEGOS GRATUITOS, JUEGOS ESPORÁDICOS
CON OTROS NIÑOS O JUEGOS DE RECREO

☐ JARDINERÍA/HERMOSEAMIENTO

☐ OTRO _____

6. ¿Qué deportes, de hacerlos, practican en el parque usted y los miembros de su hogar?**(Marque hasta tres (3) opciones)**

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOCCER | <input type="checkbox"/> FÚTBOL | <input type="checkbox"/> FÚTBOL DE BANDERA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CRÍQUET | <input type="checkbox"/> LACROSSE | <input type="checkbox"/> RUGBY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRISH FOOTBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> PLATILLO VOLADOR | <input type="checkbox"/> BÉISBOL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOFTBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> PEQUEÑA LIGA DE BÉISBOL | <input type="checkbox"/> HOCKEY SOBRE CÉSPED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BALONCESTO | <input type="checkbox"/> TENIS | <input type="checkbox"/> BALONMANO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RACQUETBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> STREET HOCKEY | <input type="checkbox"/> VOLEIBOL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATLETISMO | <input type="checkbox"/> CORRER | <input type="checkbox"/> MARCHA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAMINAR | <input type="checkbox"/> ANDAR EN BICICLETA | <input type="checkbox"/> ANDAR EN PATINETA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PATINAJE EN HIELO | <input type="checkbox"/> PATINAJE EN LÍNEA/RUEDAS | <input type="checkbox"/> ESQUÍ DE FONDO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LANZAR HERRADURAS | <input type="checkbox"/> BOCHAS | <input type="checkbox"/> NETBALL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NAVEGAR/PASEAR EN BOTE | <input type="checkbox"/> ANDAR EN CANOA O KAYAC | <input type="checkbox"/> ESCALADA/MONTAÑISMO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOLF | <input type="checkbox"/> PESCA | <input type="checkbox"/> NO HACE DEPORTES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO APLICA | <input type="checkbox"/> OTRO: _____ | |

7. ¿Qué deportes, de haberlos, considera que usted y los miembros de su hogar**estarán practicando en el parque durante los *próximos cinco años*?****(Marque hasta tres (3) opciones)**

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOCCER | <input type="checkbox"/> FÚTBOL | <input type="checkbox"/> FÚTBOL DE BANDERA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CRÍQUET | <input type="checkbox"/> LACROSSE | <input type="checkbox"/> RUGBY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRISH FOOTBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> PLATILLO VOLADOR | <input type="checkbox"/> BÉISBOL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOFTBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> PEQUEÑA LIGA DE BÉISBOL | <input type="checkbox"/> HOCKEY SOBRE CÉSPED |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> GOLF | <input type="checkbox"/> PESCA | <input type="checkbox"/> NO HACE DEPORTES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO APLICA | <input type="checkbox"/> OTRO: _____ | |

8. ¿Qué actividades siguen usted y los miembros de su hogar para disfrutar de la naturaleza en el parque?**(Marque hasta tres (3) opciones)**

- ☐ IDENTIFICACIÓN DE PLANTAS O ANIMALES USANDO UNA GUÍA (NO OBSERVACIÓN DE AVES)
- ☐ OBSERVACIÓN DE AVES
- ☐ FOTOGRAFÍAR LA NATURALEZA
- ☐ TOMAR CAMINATAS GUIADAS POR LA NATURALEZA
- ☐ TOMAR RECORRIDOS GUIADOS POR GUARDABOSQUES
- ☐ UTILIZAR RECORRIDOS AUTOGUIADOS CON AYUDA DE ALGÚN FOLLETO O INDICACIÓN
- ☐ CONTEMPLAR EL PAISAJE SIN AYUDA DE GUÍAS O LIBROS MIENTRAS CAMINA, CORRE, ANDA EN BICICLETA, ANDA EN SILLA DE RUEDAS, ESTÁ SENTADO, ANDA EN BOTE, ETC.
- ☐ PARTICIPAR EN LIMPIEZA O PROYECTOS DE MEJORA DEL ÁREA NATURAL
- ☐ NO SIGUE NINGUNA DE ESAS ACTIVIDADES
- ☐ NO APLICA
- ☐ OTRA _____

9. ¿Qué medio emplea normalmente para ir y volver del parque?

- ☐ CAMINAR
- ☐ CORRER/TROTAR
- ☐ ANDAR EN PATINETA
- ☐ PATINES EN LÍNEA O SOBRE RUEDAS
- ☐ SILLA DE RUEDAS
- ☐ BICICLETA
- ☐ TRANSPORTE PÚBLICO (BUS, METRO, TROLE)
- ☐ TAXI/VEHÍCULO DE ALQUILER
- ☐ AUTO COMPARTIDO
- ☐ VEHÍCULO DE MOTOR PRIVADO (COMO AUTOMÓVIL, CAMIONETA, FURGÓN, MOTOCICLETA, SCOOTER A MOTOR)
- ☐ NO APLICA

10. Considerando la estación en que utiliza con mayor frecuencia el parque, ¿en qué momento de la semana usan comúnmente el parque usted y los miembros de su hogar?

- ☐ SÓLO DÍAS DE LA SEMANA
- ☐ SÓLO FINES DE SEMANA
- ☐ TANTO DÍAS DE LA SEMANA COMO FINES DE SEMANA

11. Considerando la estación en que utiliza con mayor frecuencia el parque, ¿a qué hora del día usan comúnmente el parque usted y los miembros de su hogar?

- ☐ SÓLO DE DÍA
- ☐ SÓLO EN LA NOCHE
- ☐ TANTO EN EL DÍA COMO EN LA NOCHE

12. ¿Qué cambios, de haberlos, les gustaría ver en el parque a usted y los miembros de su hogar?

(Marque hasta tres (3) opciones)

- ☐ MEJORAR EL MANTENIMIENTO
- ☐ MEJORAR LA VEGETACIÓN (EL PAISAJE)
- ☐ MEJORAR LAS INSTALACIONES EXISTENTES EN EL PARQUE
- ☐ MEJORAR O AGREGAR PROGRAMAS Y EVENTOS ESPECIALES
- ☐ MEJORAR LA SEGURIDAD PÚBLICA
- ☐ MEJORAR EL ACCESO
- ☐ ENFRENTAR LAS NECESIDADES DE LOS DUEÑOS DE PERROS
- ☐ MEJORAR EL CONTROL DE PERROS
- ☐ MEJORAR LAS INSTALACIONES ACTIVAS (ORIENTADAS A DEPORTES)
- ☐ MEJORAR LAS INSTALACIONES PASIVAS (ORIENTADAS A RELAJACIÓN)
- ☐ MÁS INSTALACIONES LINEALES (CAMINOS/SENDEROS)
- ☐ NO SE NECESITAN CAMBIOS
- ☐ OTRO _____
- ☐ NO SE DECIDE/NO RESPONDE

13. En su vecindario, ¿cuáles cree que son las necesidades de parques, recreación y espacios abiertos?

(Marque hasta tres (3) opciones)

- ☐ MEJORAR O AGREGAR PROGRAMAS Y EVENTOS ESPECIALES
- ☐ MEJORAR LA VEGETACIÓN (EL PAISAJE)
- ☐ PROTEGER EL ESPACIO ABIERTO PARA QUE SUS USOS NO SE CAMBIEN A ESPACIO NO ABIERTOS
- ☐ MÁS ESPACIO ABIERTO EN EL VECINDARIO
- ☐ MÁS ESPACIO ABIERTO REGIONAL EN EL VECINDARIO
- ☐ MEJORAR EL ACCESO
- ☐ MEJORAR EL MANTENIMIENTO
- ☐ MEJORAR LAS INSTALACIONES EXISTENTES EN EL PARQUE
- ☐ MEJORAR LAS ÁREAS NATURALES (BOSQUES, PANTANOS, CIÉNAGAS, ETC.)
- ☐ MÁS INSTALACIONES DEPORTIVAS (CAMPOS PARA JUEGOS, CANCHAS, ETC.)
- ☐ MÁS ESPACIO ABIERTO LINEAL (CAMINOS, SENDEROS, ETC. PARA CAMINAR O ANDAR EN BICICLETA)
- ☐ MÁS ESPACIO ABIERTO PASIVO (PARQUES CON ESPACIOS VERDES)
- ☐ MÁS TERRENO CON JUEGOS PARA NIÑOS
- ☐ ENFRENTAR LAS NECESIDADES DE LOS DUEÑOS DE PERROS
- ☐ MEJORAR EL CONTROL DE PERROS
- ☐ MEJORAR LA SEGURIDAD PÚBLICA
- ☐ MEJORAR O AGREGAR JARDINES COMUNITARIOS
- ☐ NO SE NECESITA NADA
- ☐ OTRO _____
- ☐ NO SE DECIDE/NO RESPONDE

Si respondió a la pregunta 2, “NO USA NINGÚN PARQUE”, pase a la pregunta 16.

14. ¿Usted o algún miembro de su hogar es voluntario(a) o participa en algún grupo de apoyo relacionado con el parque?

- ☐ SÍ
- ☐ NO

15. Responda esta pregunta sólo si contestó Sí a la pregunta 14:

¿En qué grupos de apoyo relacionados con el parque es voluntario(a) o participa usted o algún miembro de su hogar?

(Marque hasta tres (3) opciones)

- ☐ GRUPO DE AMIGOS
- ☐ LIGA JUVENIL DE DEPORTES
- ☐ LIGA ADULTA DE DEPORTES
- ☐ COMITÉ DEL PARQUE, RECREACIÓN Y ESPACIO ABIERTO DE UNA ASOCIACIÓN DE VECINOS
- ☐ GRUPO DE JARDINERÍA DE LA COMUNIDAD/COMITÉ DE HERMOSEAMIENTO
- ☐ OTRO GRUPO _____

Finalmente, nos gustaría hacerle algunas preguntas sobre usted para propósitos estadísticos.

16. ¿En qué vecindario vive?

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALLSTON-BRIGHTON | <input type="checkbox"/> BACK BAY/BEACON HILL | <input type="checkbox"/> BAY VILLAGE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHARLESTOWN | <input type="checkbox"/> BARRIO CHINO | <input type="checkbox"/> DORCHESTER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EL CENTRO | <input type="checkbox"/> EAST BOSTON | <input type="checkbox"/> FENWAY/KENMORE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HYDE PARK | <input type="checkbox"/> JAMAICA PLAIN | <input type="checkbox"/> LEATHER DISTRICT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MATTAPAN | <input type="checkbox"/> MISSION HILL | <input type="checkbox"/> ROSLINDALE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ROXBURY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOUTH BOSTON | <input type="checkbox"/> SOUTH END |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEST ROXBURY | <input type="checkbox"/> NO SOY RESIDENTE DE BOSTON | |

17. ¿Qué edad tiene?

_____ AÑOS

18. ¿Cuál es su sexo (género)?

- ☐ FEMENINO
☐ MASCULINO

19. ¿Es latino(a)?

- ☐ NO, NO SOY LATINO(A)
☐ SÍ, PUERTORRIQUEÑO(A)
☐ SÍ, DOMINICANO(A)
☐ SÍ, CUBANO(A)
☐ SÍ, MEXICANO(A), MEXICANO(A)-AMERICANO(A), CHICANO(A)
☐ SÍ, OTRO(A) LATINO(A)

20. ¿Cuál es su raza u origen étnico?

(Marque hasta tres razas según sea necesario para indicar la que usted considera que es.)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLANCO(A) | <input type="checkbox"/> NEGRO(A)/AFROAMERICANO(A)/DE COLOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIO(A) AMERICANO(A)/NATIVO(A) DE ALASKA | <input type="checkbox"/> CHINO(A) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JAPONÉS(A) | <input type="checkbox"/> COREANO(A) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VIETNAMITA | <input type="checkbox"/> INDIO(A) ASIÁTICO(A) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FILIPINO(A) | <input type="checkbox"/> OTRO(A) ASIÁTICO(A) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NATICO DE HAWÁI | <input type="checkbox"/> GUAMEÑO(A) O CHAMORRO(A) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAMOANO(A) | <input type="checkbox"/> DE OTRA ISLA DEL PACÍFICO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALGUNA OTRA RAZA | |

21. ¿Cuántos años ha vivido en Boston?

_____ AÑOS

22. ¿Cuántos miembros hay en su hogar (incluyéndose usted)?

- ☐ 1 (SÓLO USTED)
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5
☐ 6
☐ 7
☐ 8 Y MÁS

23. ¿Cuántos automóviles, furgones o camionetas se guardan en la casa o cerca de ella para ser usados por usted o los miembros de su hogar?

- ☐ NINGUNO
☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3 O MÁS

¿Usted o algún miembro de su hogar tiene alguna de las siguientes condiciones duraderas:

24. Ceguera, sordera o una severa alteración a la vista o la audición?

☐ SÍ ☐ NO

25. Una condición que limite sustancialmente una o más actividades físicas básicas como caminar, subir escaleras, coger algo, levantarse o transportar algo?

☐ SÍ ☐ NO

Debido a una enfermedad física, mental o emocional que se prolongue por 6 meses o más, ¿usted o algún miembro de su hogar tiene alguna dificultad para realizar alguna de las siguientes actividades?:

26. ¿Aprender, recordar o concentrarse?

☐ SÍ ☐ NO

27. ¿Vestirse, bañarse o caminar dentro de la casa?

☐ SÍ ☐ NO

28. (Responda si este miembro del hogar tiene MÁS DE 16 AÑOS.) ¿Salir de la casa solo(a) para ir de compras o visitar la consulta de un médico?

☐ SÍ ☐ NO

29. (Responda si este miembro del hogar tiene MÁS DE 16 AÑOS.) ¿Trabajar en algún empleo o negocio?

☐ SÍ ☐ NO

Muchas gracias por responder esta encuesta. En la página siguiente hay espacio para que escriba lo que desee.

CON SUS PROPIAS PALABRAS. Si lo desea, puede usar el espacio siguiente para entregar ideas adicionales, comentarios o más explicaciones. En caso de que esté respondiendo a una pregunta específica, haga referencia al número de ésta.

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Si va a devolver este cuestionario por correo postal, envíelo a:

Open Space Questionnaire

Boston Parks and Recreation Department

1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor

Boston, MA 02118-2600



Table 6-1

Neighborhood Residency: Comparison						
	Boston		02-06 Plan		07-11Plan	
	Population (2000 Census)		Sample		Sample	
BRA Planning Districts	N	%	N	%	N	%
Allston/Brighton	69,648	12%	20	7%	114	12%
Back Bay/Beacon Hill	26,721	5%	16	6%	64	7%
Central	25,173	4%	13	5%	32	3%
Charlestown	15,195	3%	5	2%	41	4%
Dorchester	92,115	16%	50	18%	63	7%
East Boston	38,413	7%	18	6%	142	15%
Fenway/Kenmore	35,602	6%	24	8%	48	5%
Hyde Park	31,719	5%	5	2%	18	2%
Jamaica Plain	38,196	6%	36	13%	162	17%
Mattapan	37,486	6%	7	2%	14	1%
Roslindale	34,618	6%	19	7%	35	4%
Roxbury	56,658	10%	24	8%	31	3%
South Boston	29,965	5%	7	2%	62	7%
South End	28,239	5%	22	8%	94	10%
West Roxbury	28,753	5%	19	7%	23	2%
City Resident Total	588,501	100%	285	100%	943	100%

A% = 3 or more percentage points below the Census percentage

B% = 3 or more percentage points above the Census percentage

Table 6-2

Residence Location	N	%
Jamaica Plain	162	16%
East Boston	142	14%
Allston/Brighton	114	11%
South End	94	9%
Back Bay/Beacon Hill	64	6%
Dorchester	63	6%
South Boston	62	6%
Fenway/Kenmore	48	5%
Charlestown	41	4%
Roslindale	35	3%
Central	32	3%
Roxbury	31	3%
West Roxbury	23	2%
Hyde Park	18	2%
Mattapan	14	1%
City Resident Total	943	92%
Non-Residents	78	8%
Total, All Respondents*	1021	100%

Figure 6-1

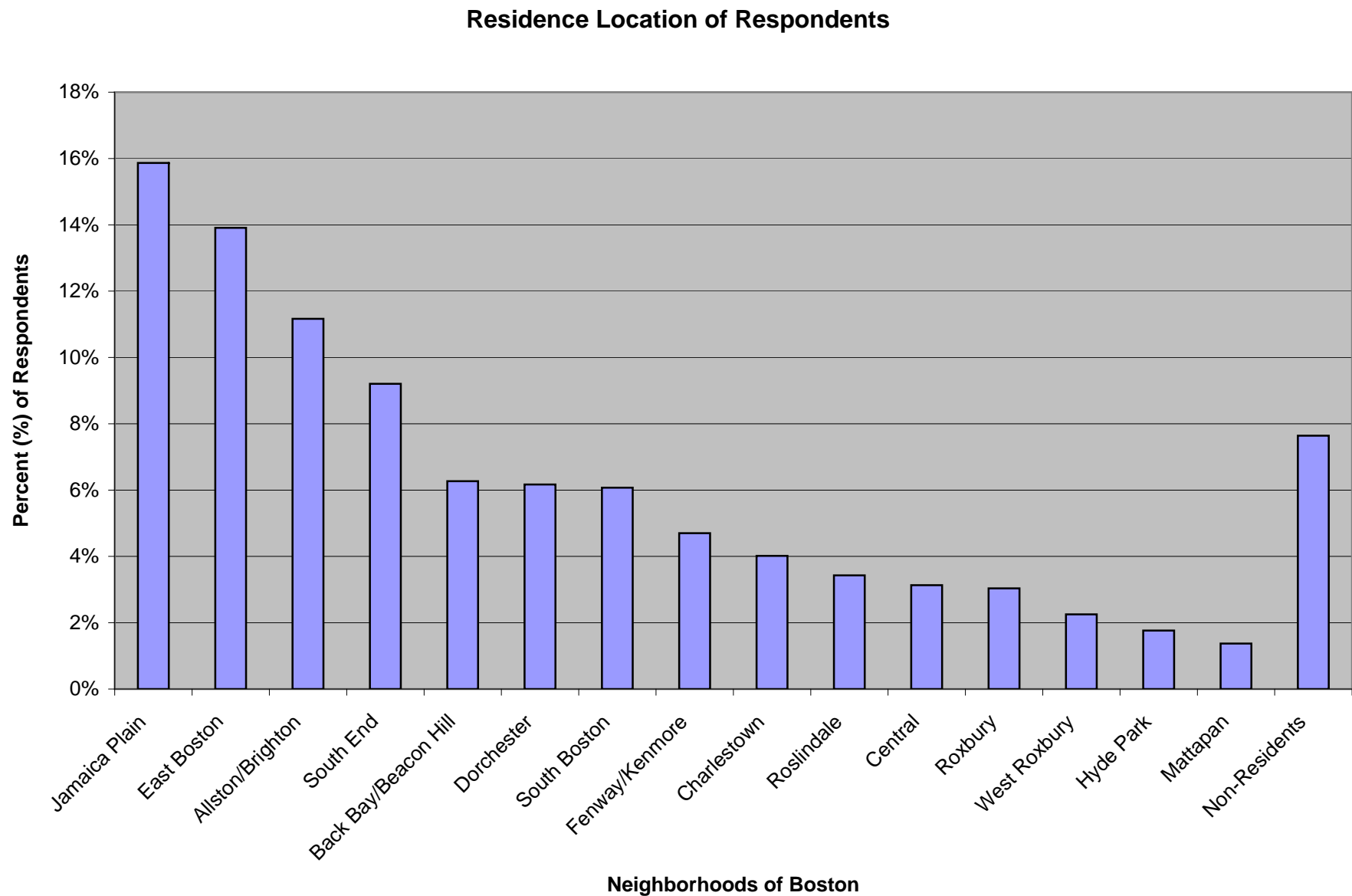


Table 6-3

Age Range	Survey Respondents		Census 2000 Population	
	N	%	N	%
14 years and under	11	1%	98,392	17%
15 to 17 years	11	1%	17,482	3%
18 to 20 years	23	2%	39,154	7%
21 to 24 years	76	8%	56,539	10%
25 to 29 years	168	17%	67,360	11%
30 to 34 years	137	14%	56,162	10%
35 to 44 years	259	26%	88,041	15%
45 to 54 years	153	15%	63,691	11%
55 to 59 years	71	7%	22,511	4%
60 to 64 years	47	5%	18,208	3%
65 to 74 years	33	3%	31,357	5%
75 to 84 years	7	1%	22,139	4%
85 years and over	1	0%	8,105	1%
Total (w/o Blanks)	997	100%	589,141	100%

Figure 6-2

Age Comparison, Survey vs. Boston Population

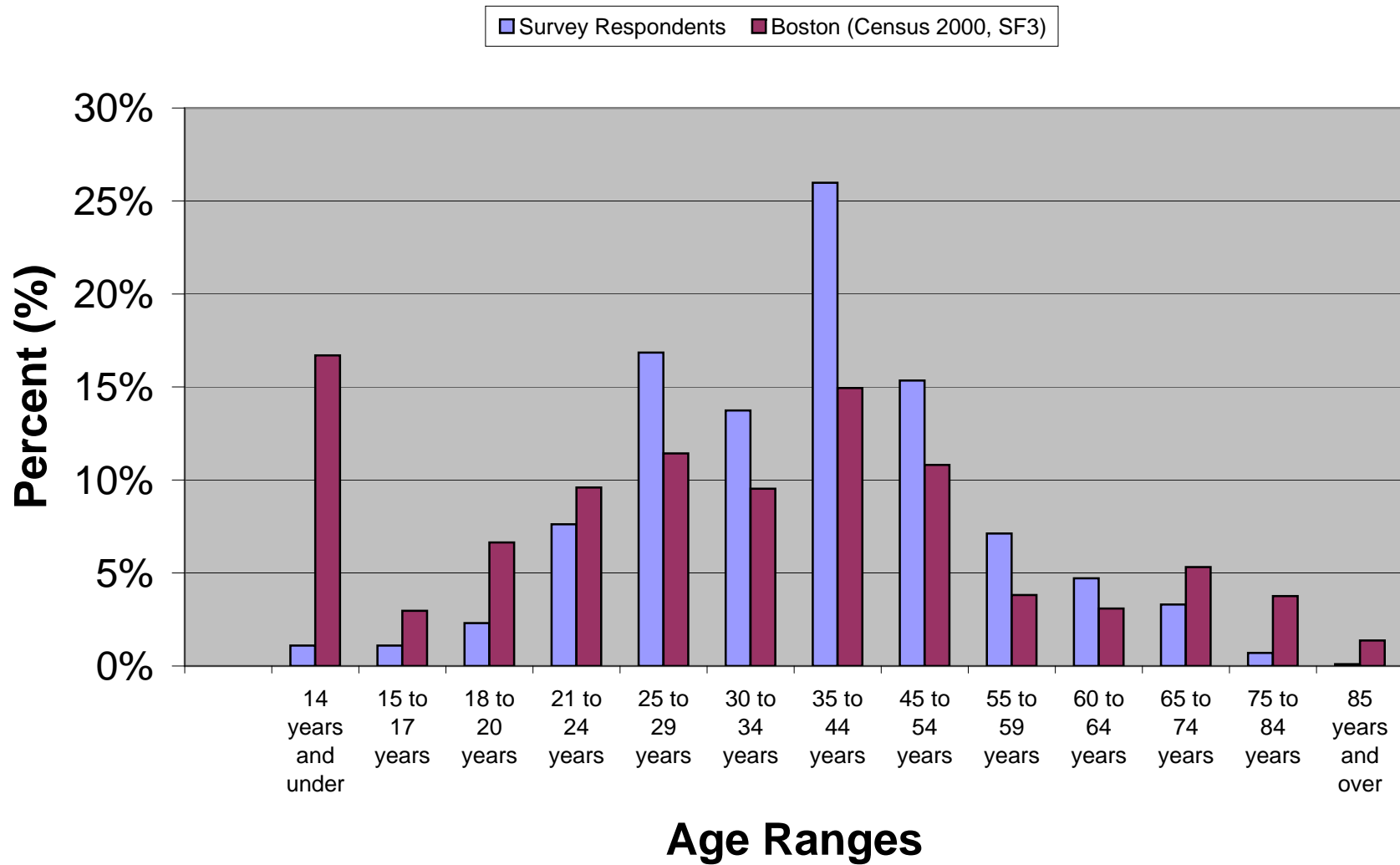


Table 6-4

Gender	Survey Respondents		City of Boston Census 2000 (SF3)	
	N	%	N	%
Female	528	52%	305,593	52%
Male	484	48%	283,548	48%
Total	1012	100%	589,141	100%

Figure 6-3

Comparison of Gender, Respondents versus City of Boston

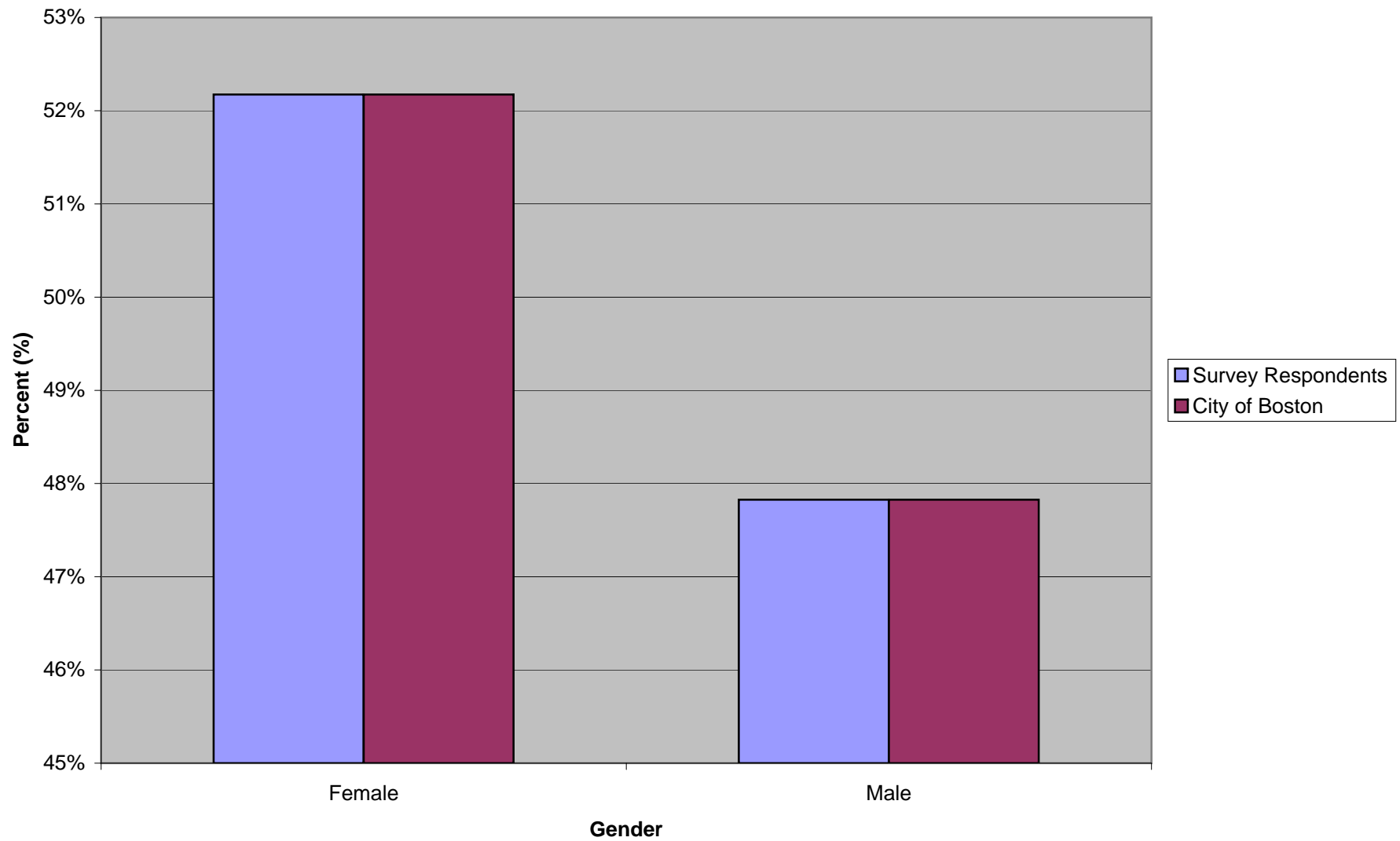


Table 6-5

Latino Status	Sample		Boston Census 2000 (SF1)	
	N	%	N	%
Not Latino	903	90%	503,942	86%
Puerto Rican	8	1%	27,442	5%
Dominican	5	1%	12,981	2%
Cuban	8	1%	2,221	0%
Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano	9	1%	4,126	1%
Other Latino	65	7%	38,319	7%
Total	998	100%	589,141	100%

Figure 6-4

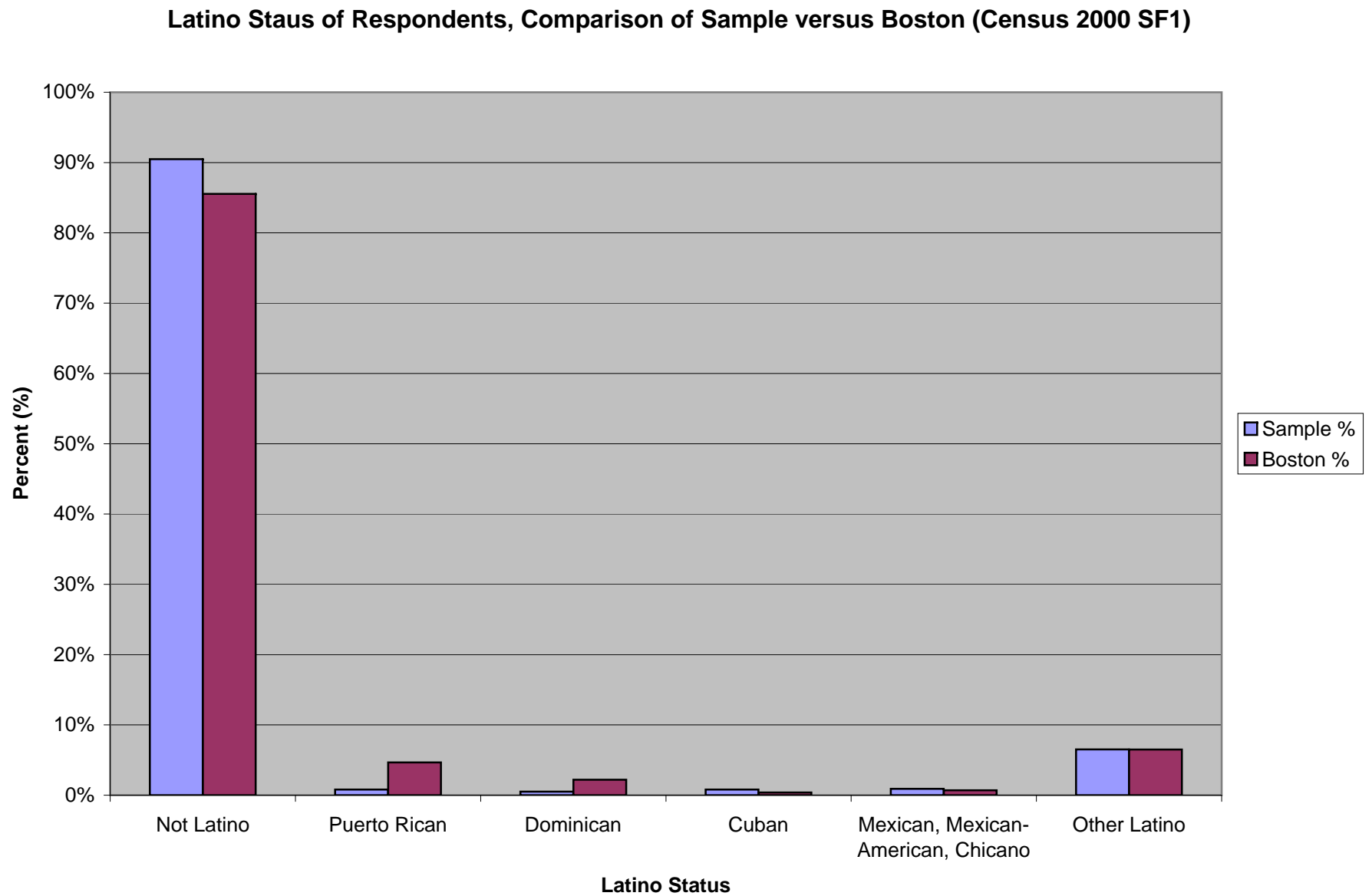


Table 6-6

Race or Ethnic Origin	Sample		Boston	
	N	%	N	%
Only One Race/Ethnic Origin Response Selected:				
White alone	799	82%	320,699	54%
Black or African American alone	44	5%	146,958	25%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	4	0%	2,581	0%
Asian alone	28	3%	44,345	8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	3	0%	218	0%
Some Other Race alone	62	6%	46,709	8%
Two or More Race/Ethnic Origin Responses Selected:	33	3%	27,631	5%
Total	973	100%	589,141	100%

Figure 6-5

Comparison, Respondents to Boston, on Race/Ethnic Origin

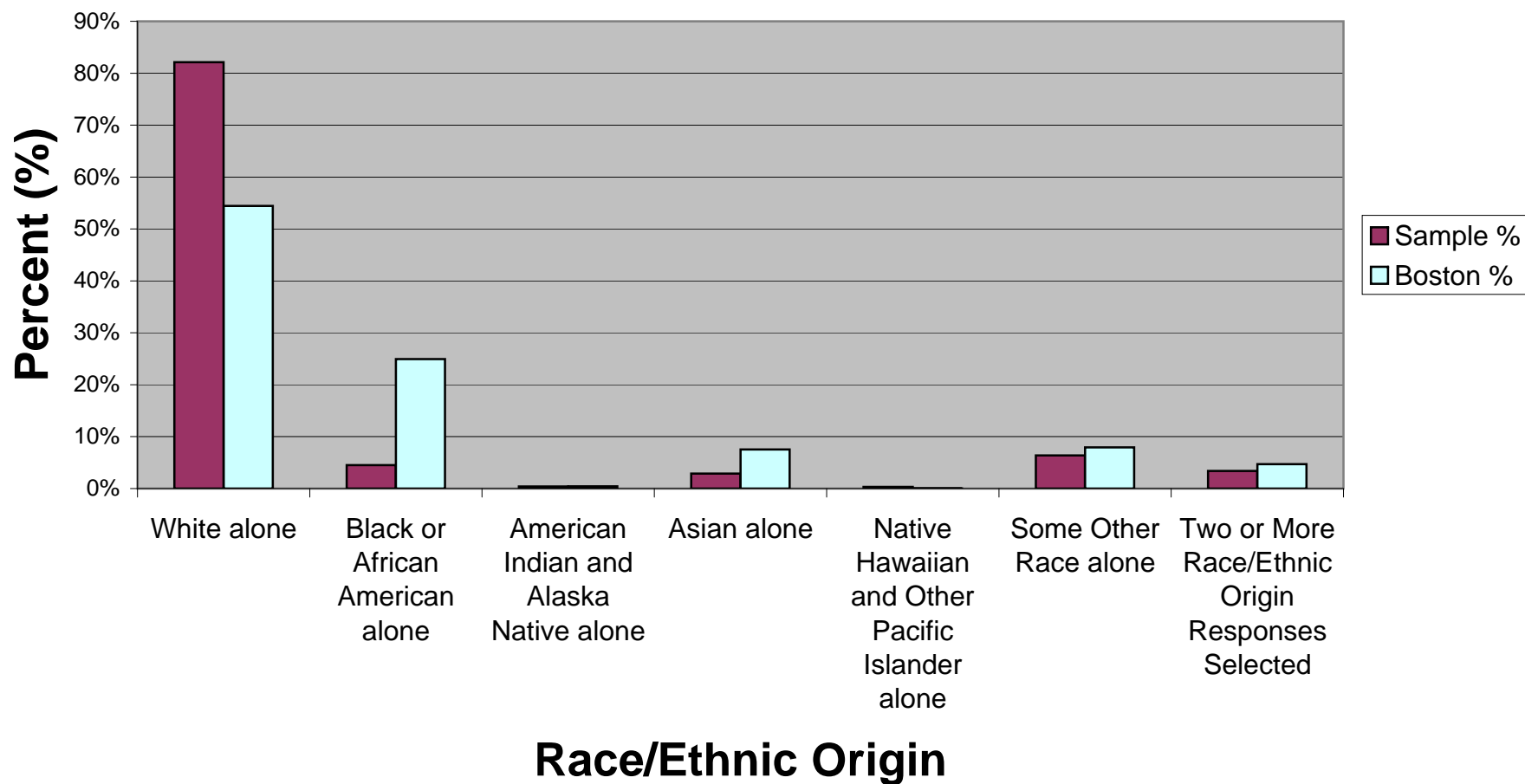


Table 6-7

Years Lived in Boston	N	%
2 or less	72	7%
3 to 5	145	15%
6 to 8	137	14%
9 to 11	114	12%
12 to 16	101	10%
17 to 20	82	8%
21 to 25	78	8%
26 to 35	91	9%
36 to 45	78	8%
46 to 55	41	4%
56 to 65	20	2%
66 to 75	4	0%
76 and over	3	0%
Total	966	100%

Figure 6-6

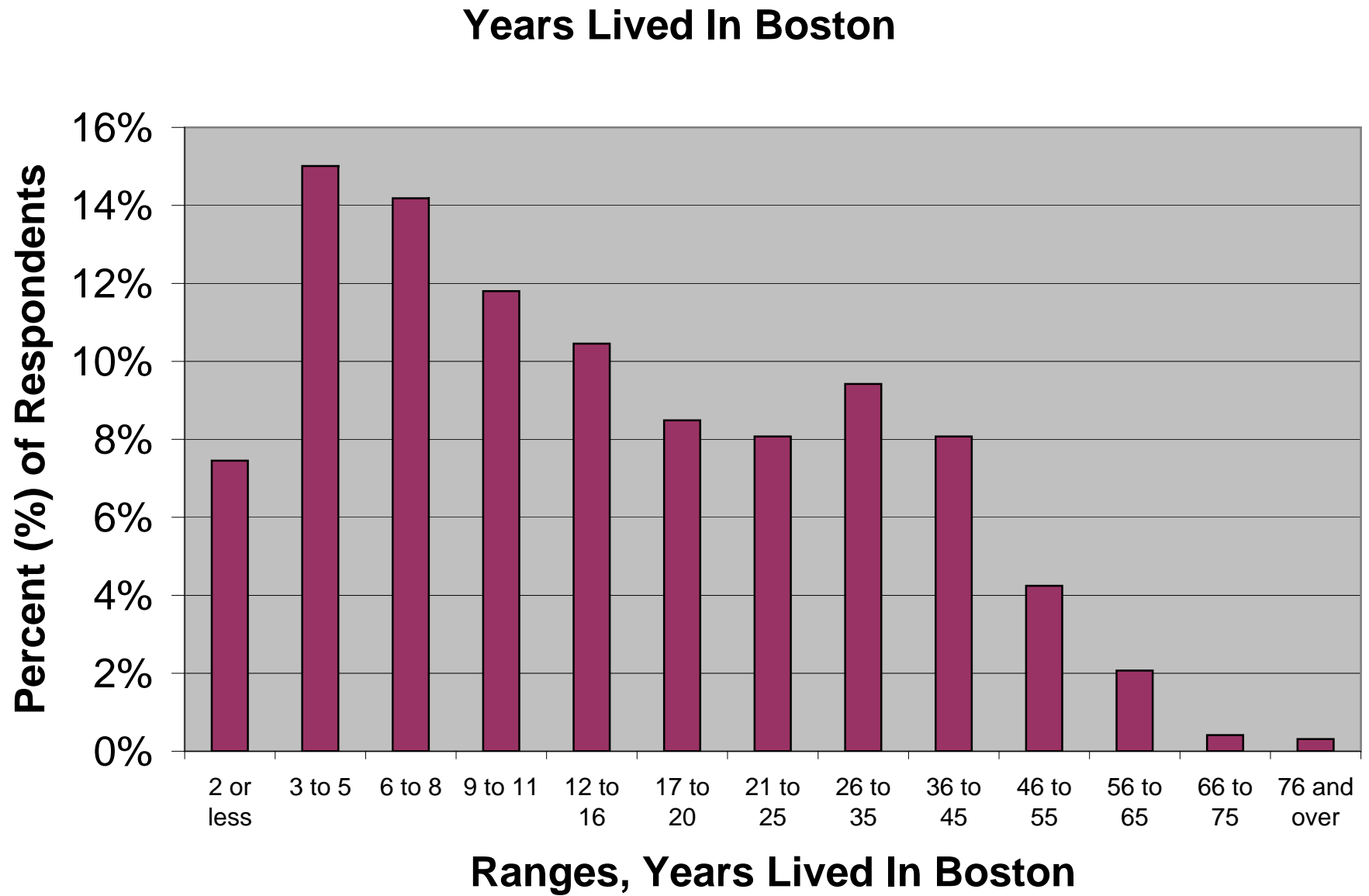


Table 6-8

Years Lived In Boston	Sample 02-06 Plan		Sample 07-11 Plan	
	N	%	N	%
0-2	10	4%	72	7%
3-6	26	9%	186	19%
7-12	37	13%	234	24%
13-18	37	13%	112	12%
19-25	62	22%	125	13%
26-35	43	15%	91	9%
36-45	26	9%	78	8%
46-55	21	7%	41	4%
56-65	13	5%	20	2%
66-72	6	2%	4	0%
73 and over	3	1%	3	0%
Total	284	100%	966	100%

Figure 6-7

Comparison, Years Lived in Boston, 02-06 Plan Survey vs. 07-11 Plan Survey

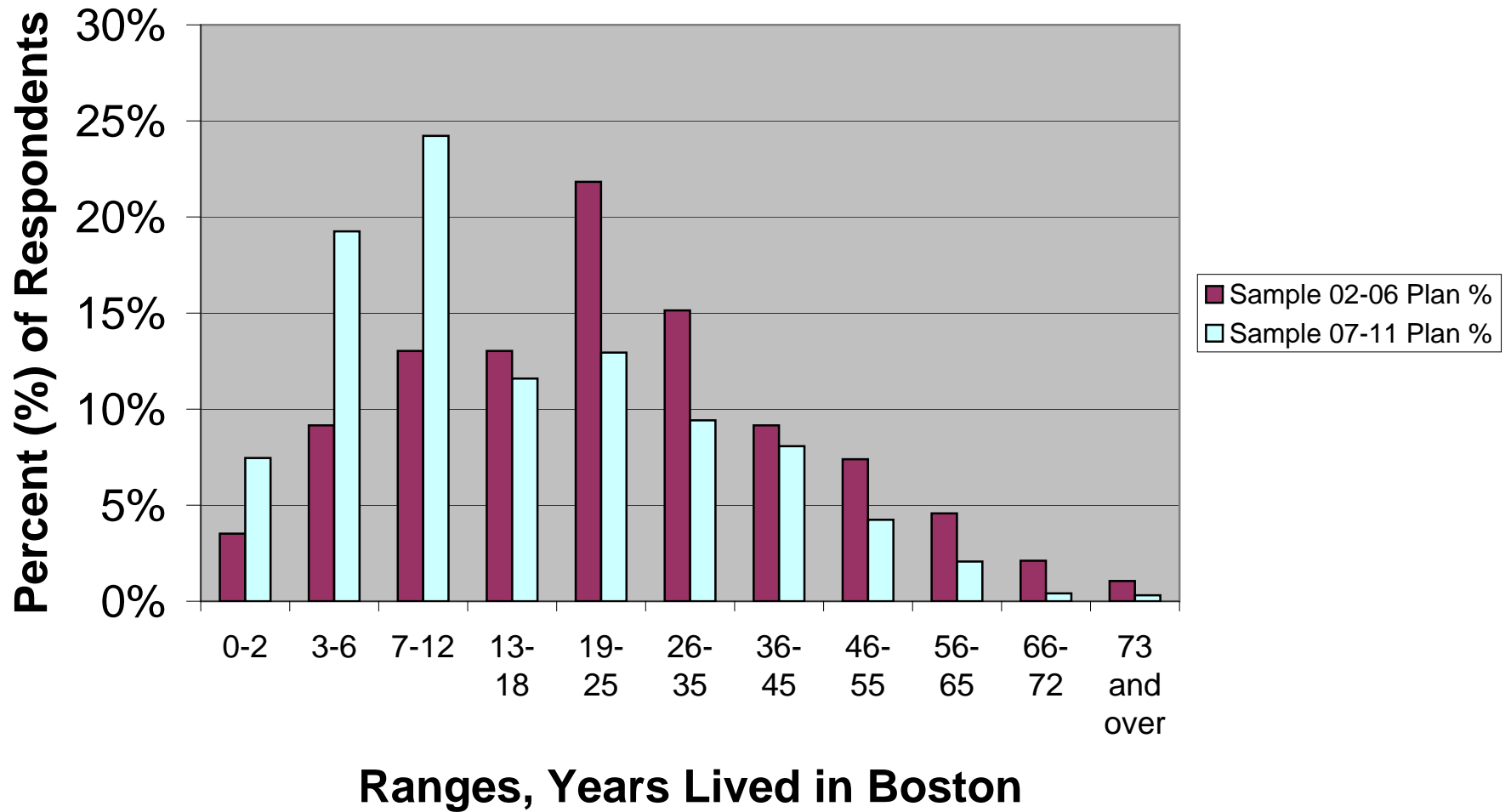


Table 6-9

Size of Household	N	%
1	201	20%
2	352	35%
3	167	17%
4	169	17%
5	75	7%
6	27	3%
7	7	1%
8 or more	13	1%
Total		100%

Figure 6-8

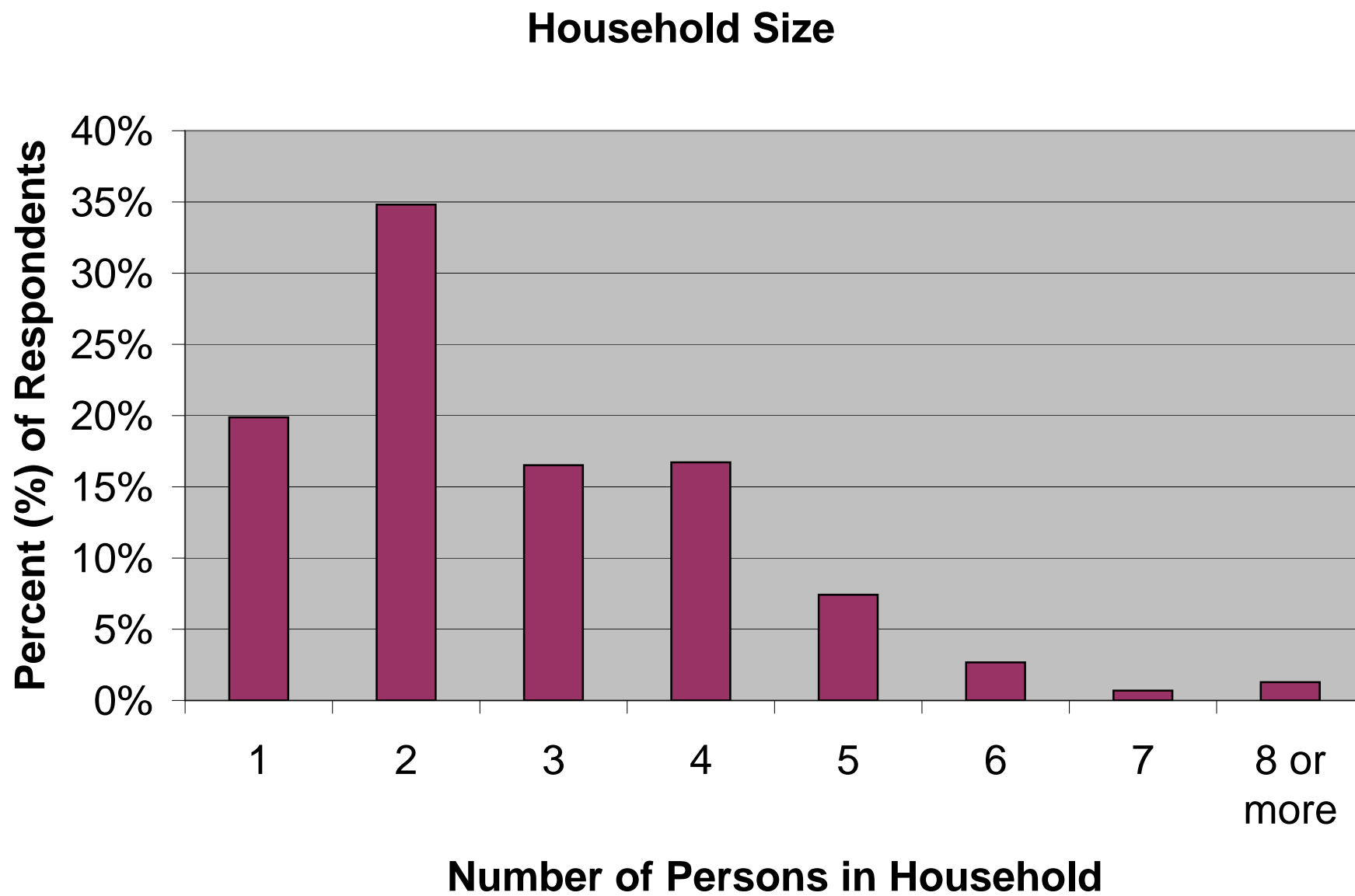


Table 6-10

Size of Household	Boston			
	Sample			
	N	%	N	%
1	201	20%	88,863	37%
2	352	35%	70,383	29%
3	167	17%	34,185	14%
4	169	17%	23,743	10%
5	75	7%	12,978	5%
6	27	3%	5,565	2%
7 or more	20	2%	3,886	2%
Total	1011	100%	239,603	100%

Figure 6-9

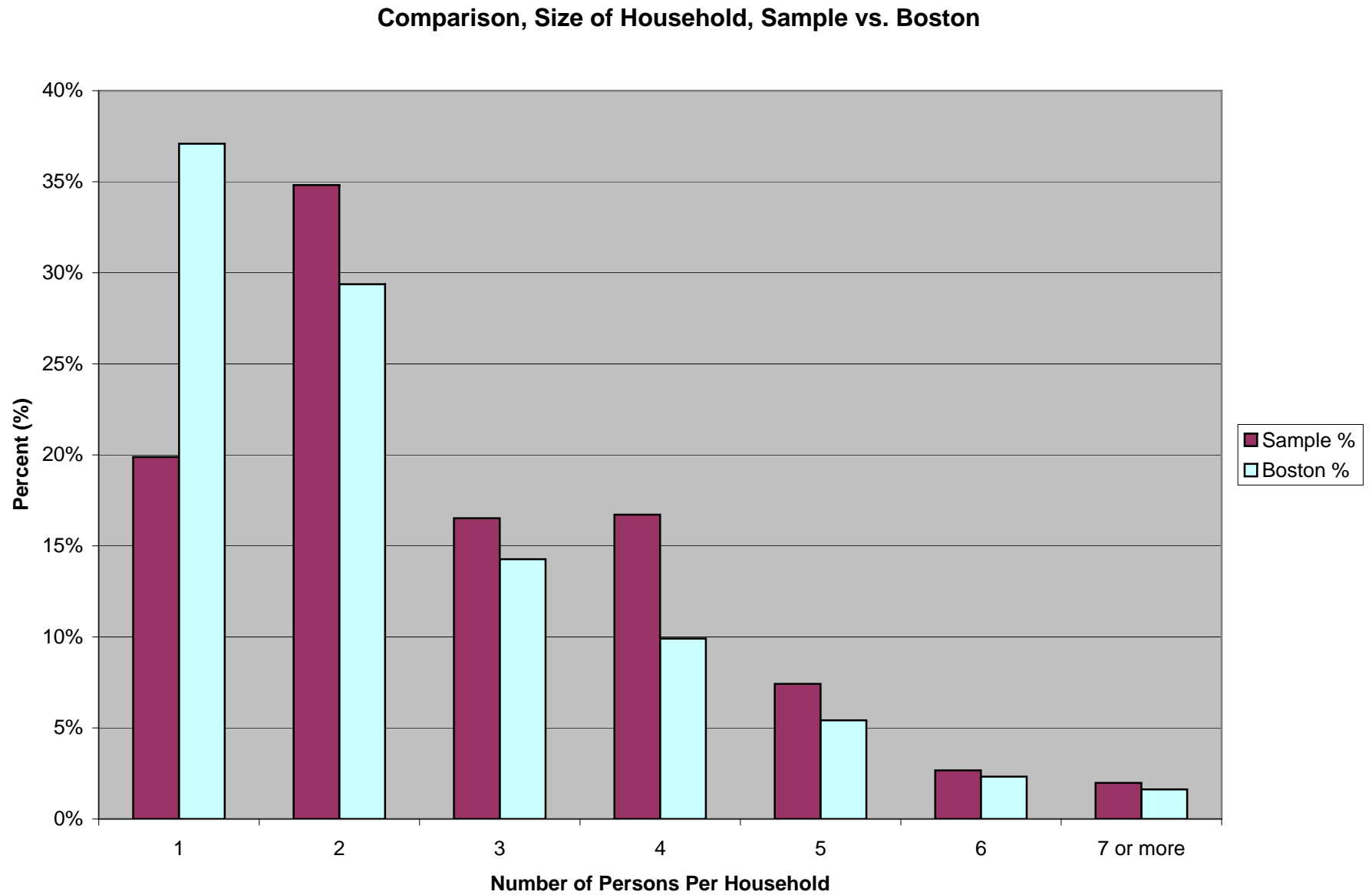


Table 6-11

Number of Vehicles Available Per Household	N	%
None	169	17%
1	466	46%
2	313	31%
3 or more	59	6%
Total	1007	100%

Figure 6-10

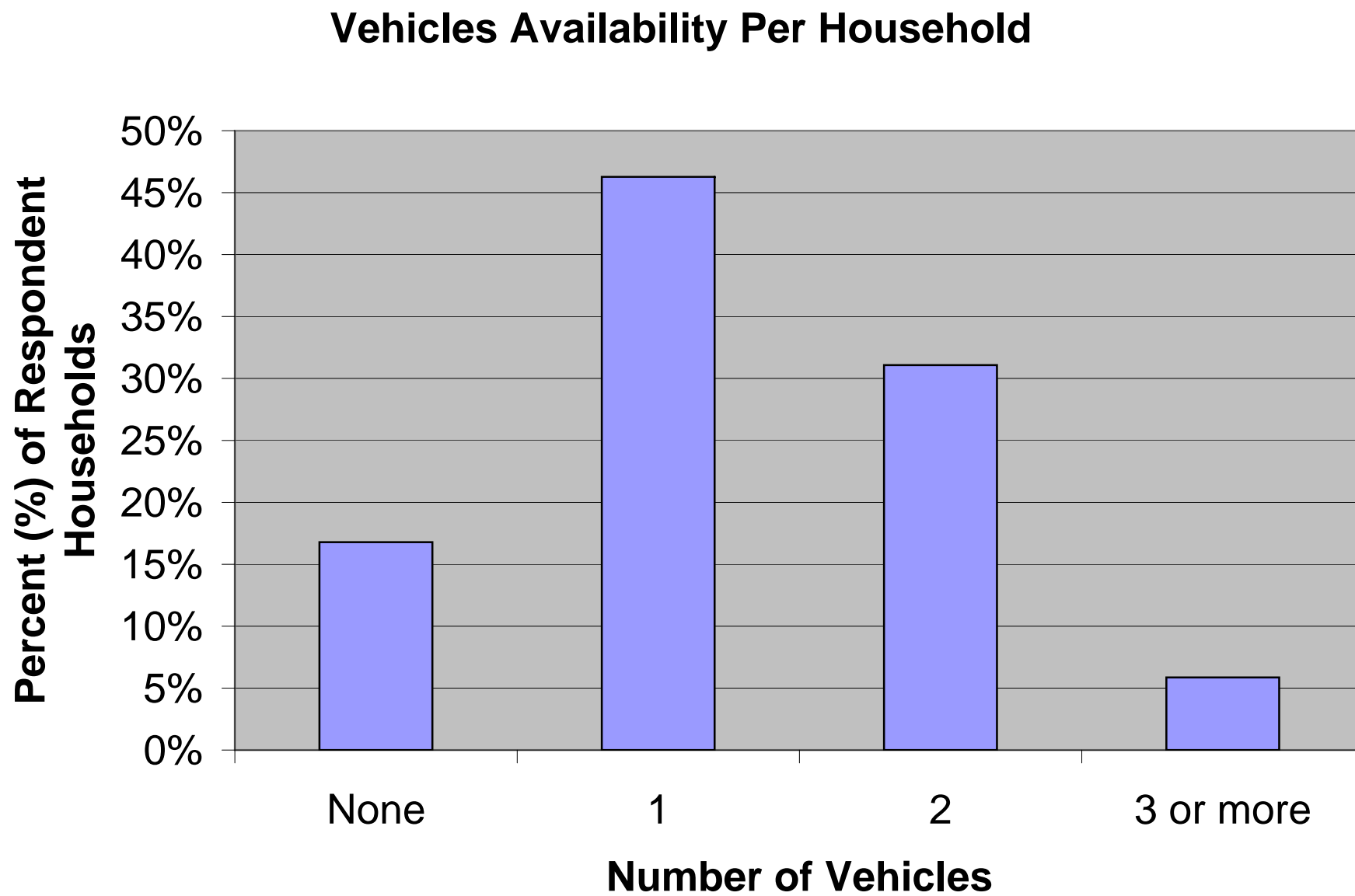


Table 6-12

Number of Vehicles Available Per Household	Sample		Boston	
	N	%	N	%
None	169	17%	83,608	35%
1	466	46%	106,269	44%
2	313	31%	40,115	17%
3 or more	59	6%	9,536	4%
Total	1007	100%	239,528	100%

Figure 6-11

Comparison, Vehicles Available Per Household, Sample vs. Boston

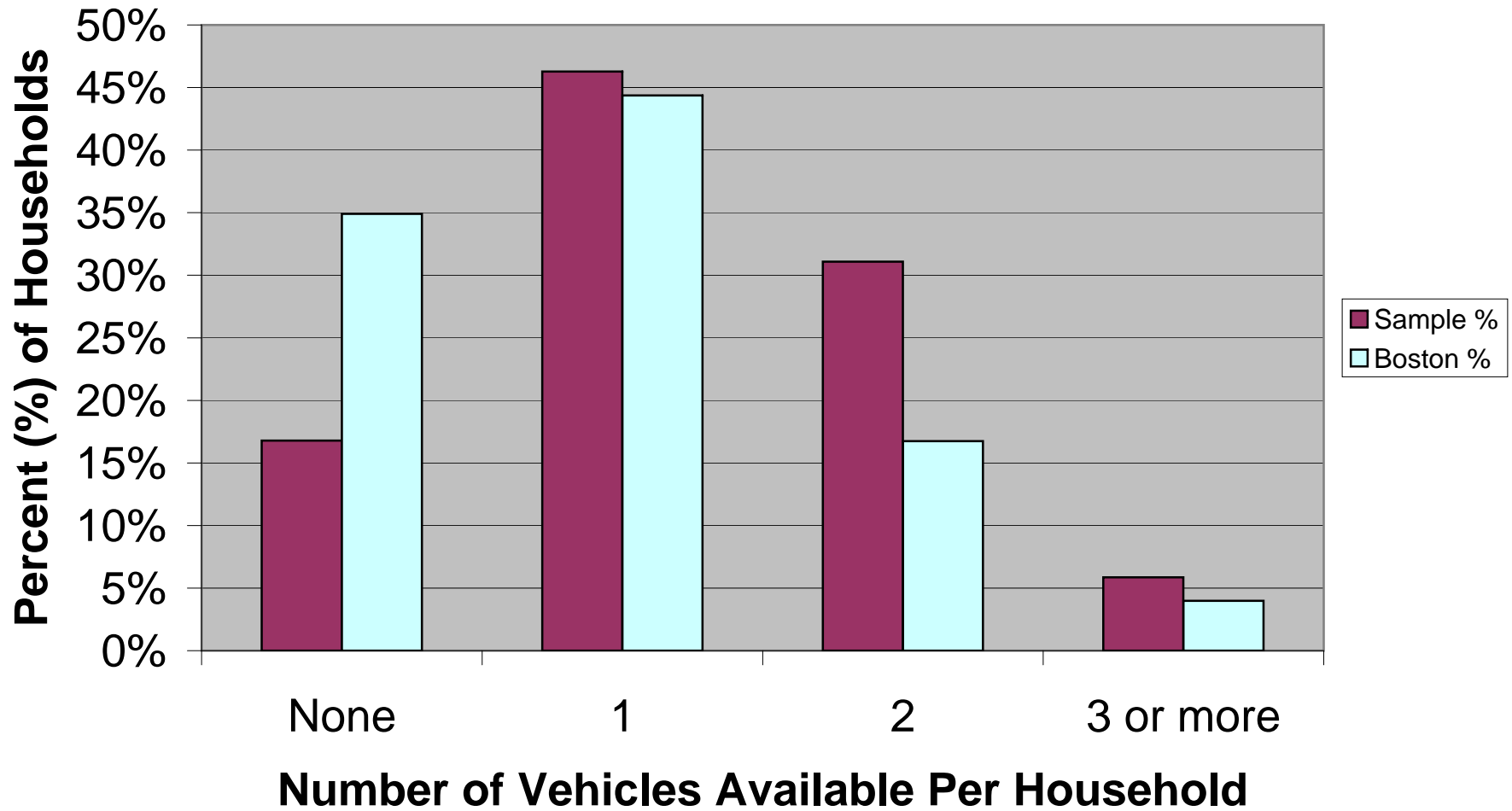


Table 6-13

Disability Status: Respondents with Household Members who have at least one disability		
Total Respondents	1,105	100%
Blank (includes "No" responses)	906	82%
Respondents who checked "Yes" to at least one of the disability status questions	199	18%

Disability status of civilian noninstitutional population, City of Boston, Census 2000 (SF3)		
Population 16 years and over	476,617	
With a disability	115,228	
Percent (%) with a disability	24%	

Disability Type	Sample N
Sensory	28
Physical	53
Mental	46
Self-care	18
Going outside the home	81
Employment disability	118
Total Respondents w/Household Members w/Disability	199

Disability Type	Boston N
Sensory	15,786
Physical	38,694
Mental	24,735
Self-care	14,660
Going outside the home	53,029
Employment disability	59,452
Population 16 years and over	
With a disability	115,228

Figure 6-12

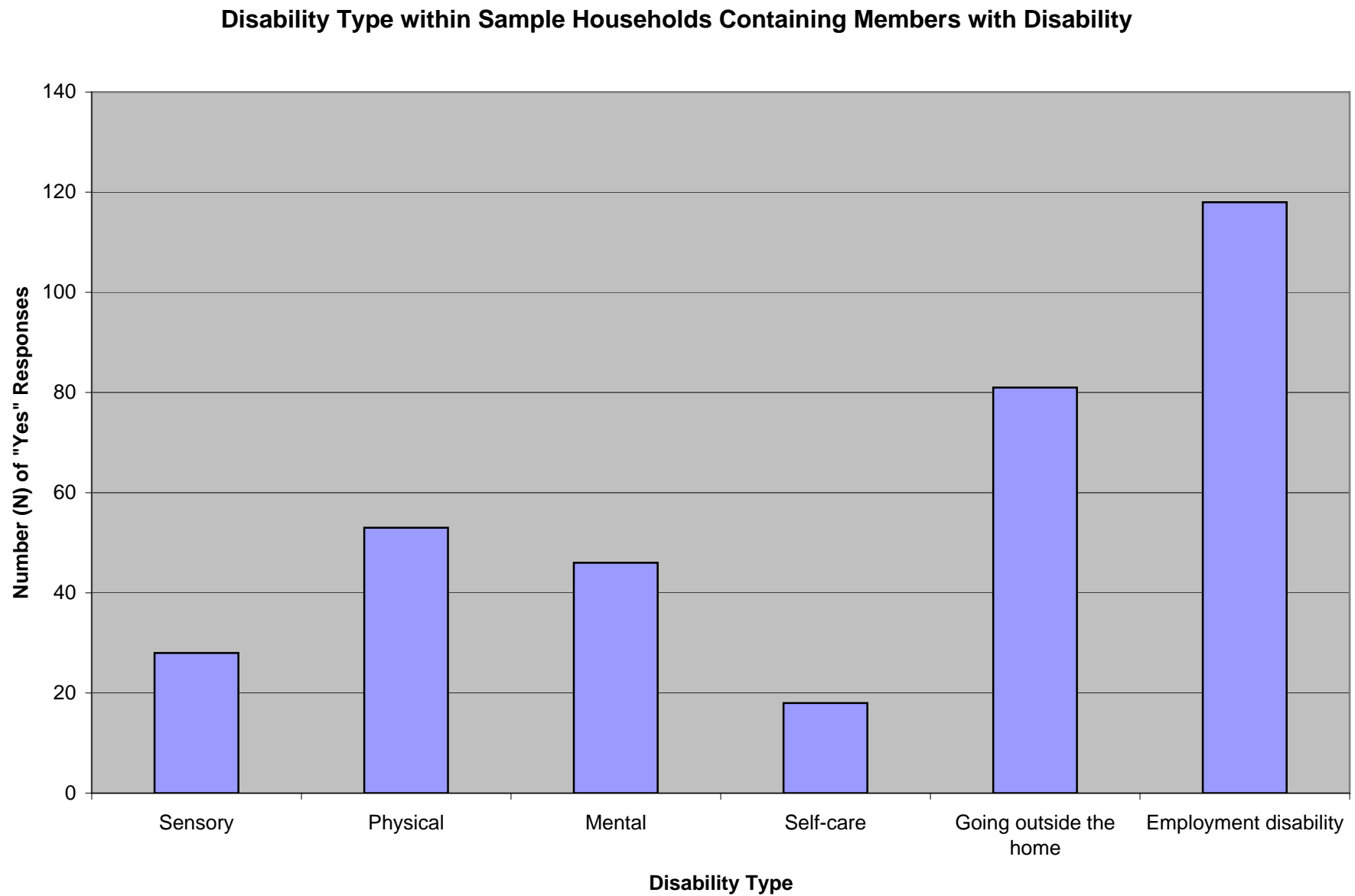


Figure 6-13

Disability Type among Persons 16 Years and over in Boston

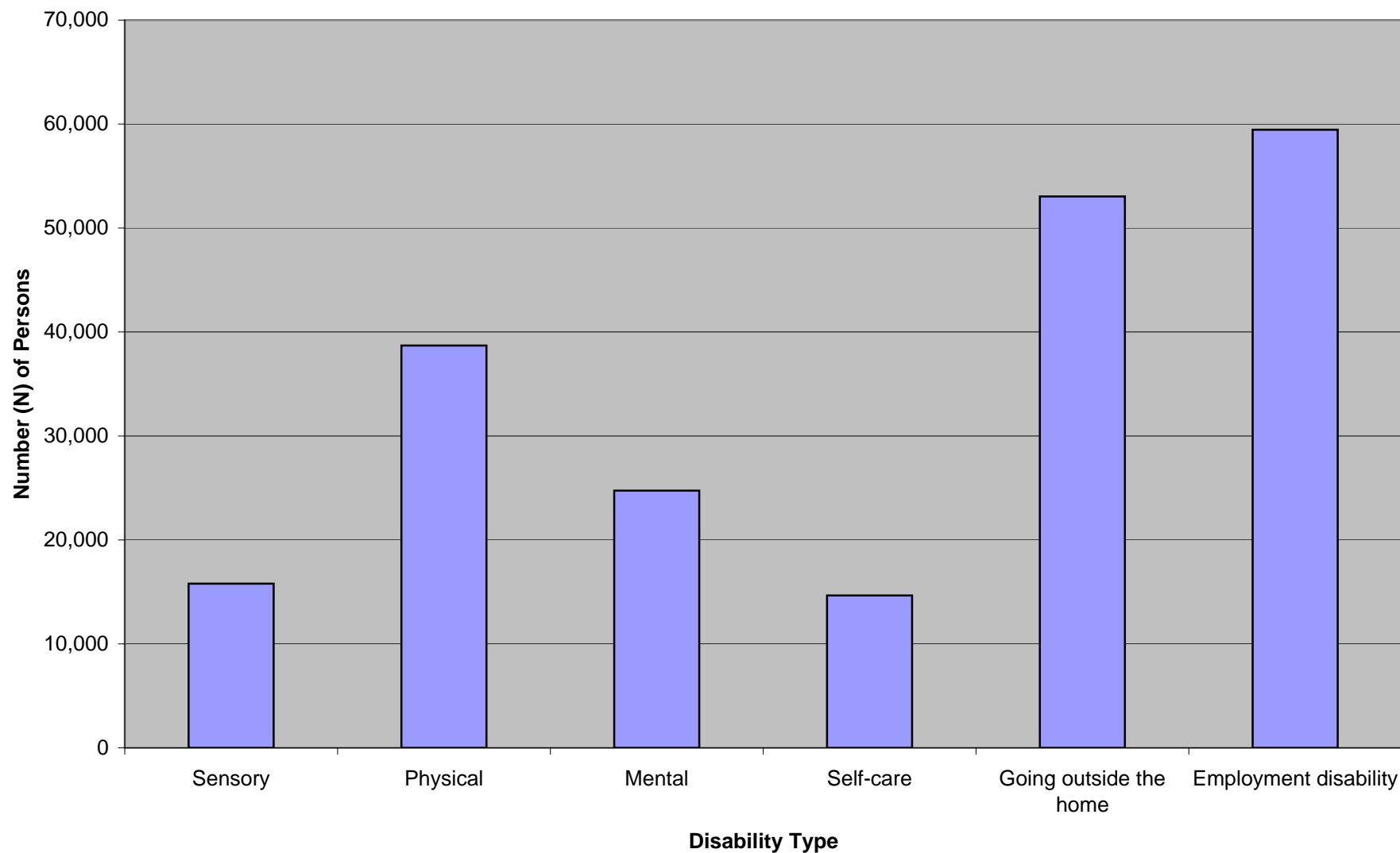


Table 6-14

Nearest Park Used Most Often		
	N	%
Yes	777	72%
No	274	25%
Don't Use Any Parks	31	3%
Total	1082	100%

Figure 6-14

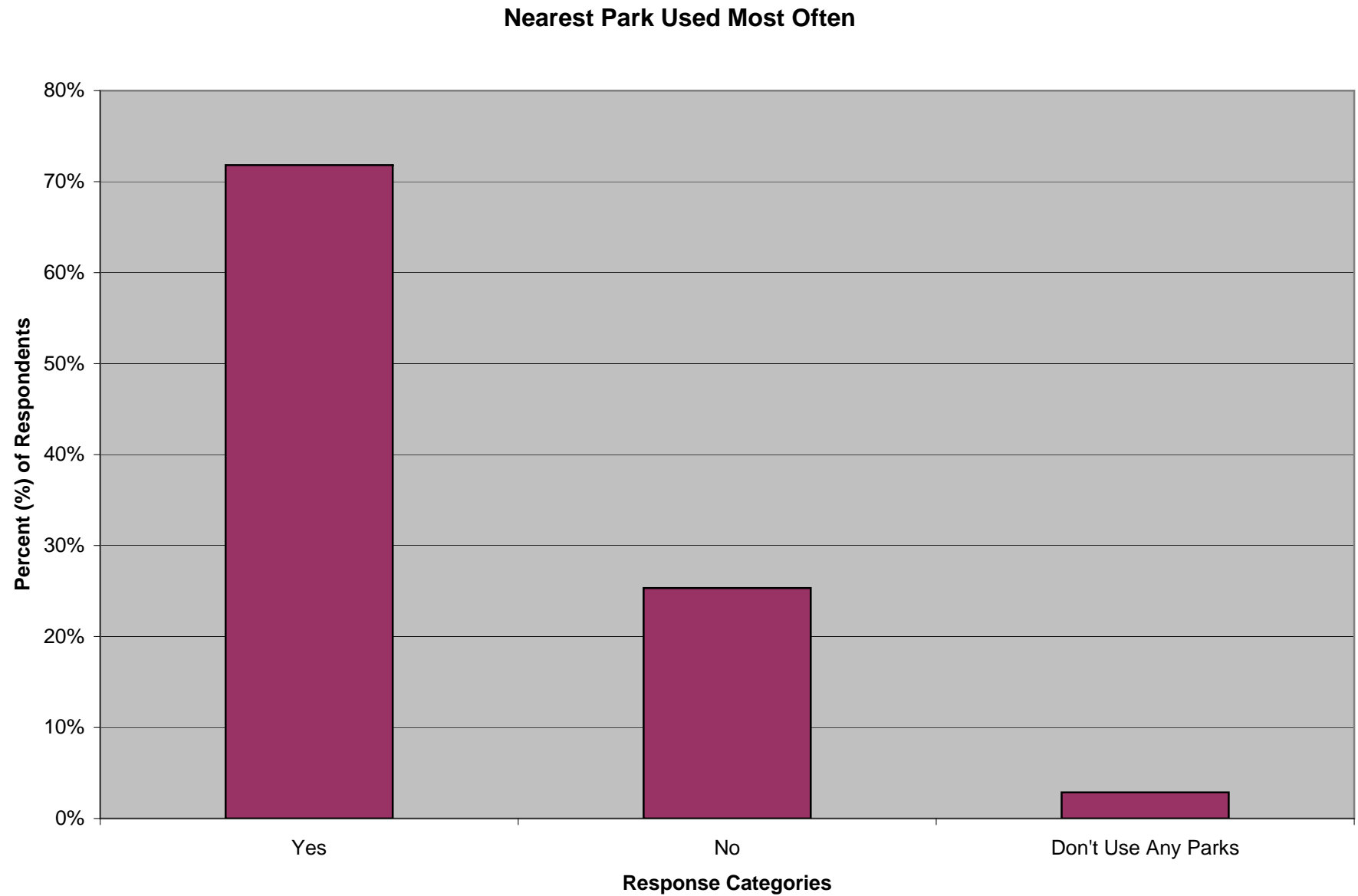


Table 6-15

Park Used Most Often		
Park Name	N	%
Arnold Arboretum	62	6%
Boston Common	60	6%
Charles River Reservation	56	5%
Joe Moakley Park	50	5%
Back Bay Fens	47	4%
East Boston Piers Park	45	4%
Franklin Park	45	4%
OutsideCOB	42	4%
Jamaica Pond	41	4%
Ringgold Park	36	3%
Southwest Corridor Park	27	3%
American Legion Playground	24	2%
Millennium Park	23	2%
Ringer Playground	20	2%
English H.S. Athletic Fields	19	2%
Peters Park	14	1%
Public Garden	14	1%
Rogers Park	14	1%
Titus Sparrow Park	14	1%
Olmsted Park	13	1%
Christopher Lee Playground	11	1%
Dorchester Park	11	1%
Blackstone Square	10	1%
Christopher Columbus Park	9	1%
Medal of Honor Park	9	1%
Noyes Playground	9	1%
Paul Revere Park	9	1%
Smith Playground	8	1%
Almont Park/Hunt Playground	7	1%
Charlestown Naval Shipyard Park	7	1%
Highland Park	7	1%
Parkman Playground	7	1%
Pope John Paul II Park	7	1%
Strandway/Castle Island	7	1%
Chestnut Hill Reservoir	6	1%
Constitution Beach	6	1%
Emerald Necklace	6	1%
Ronan Park	6	1%
Savin Hill Park	6	1%
East Boston Greenway	5	0%
Iacono/Readville Playground	5	0%
John Harvard Mall	5	0%
LoPresti Park	5	0%
McLaughlin Playground	5	0%
VariousUnspecified	5	0%
Billings Field	4	0%
Bremen Street Park	4	0%
Brophy Park	4	0%
Chandler Pond	4	0%

Table 6-15

Condor Street Marsh	4	0%
East Boston Memorial Park	4	0%
Fallon Field	4	0%
Forest Hills Cemetery	4	0%
Hynes Playground	4	0%
Stony Brook Reservation	4	0%
Belle Isle Marsh Reservation	3	0%
Carter Playground	3	0%
Cronin/Wainwright Park	3	0%
Dennis Street Park	3	0%
Edwards Playground	3	0%
Hayes Park	3	0%
Hobart Park	3	0%
Malcolm X Park	3	0%
Marine Park	3	0%
Puopolo Playground	3	0%
Riverway	3	0%
Ross Playground	3	0%
Rutherford Avenue Playground	3	0%
Ryan Playground	3	0%
Bunker Hill Monument	2	0%
Doherty Playground	2	0%
Franklin Square	2	0%
Hiscock Park	2	0%
Hooker Street Playground	2	0%
Jefferson Playground	2	0%
Joseph Lee Playground	2	0%
Langone Park	2	0%
Marcella Playground	2	0%
Moynihan Playground	2	0%
Oak Square	2	0%
Portsmouth Street Playground	2	0%
Walsh Playground	2	0%
Winthrop Square	2	0%
Arborway	1	0%
Belle Isle Coastal Preserve	1	0%
Boston Harbor & Islands	1	0%
Boston Nature Center	1	0%
Carson Beach	1	0%
Cassidy Playground	1	0%
Central Square	1	0%
Charlestown H.S. Athletic Fields	1	0%
Clarendon Street Totlot	1	0%
Clifford Playground	1	0%
Commonwealth Avenue Mall	1	0%
Deer Island	1	0%
DeFilippo Playground	1	0%
Downer Avenue Playground	1	0%
Edgerly Road Playground	1	0%
Eliot Norton Park	1	0%
Evans Way Park	1	0%

Table 6-15

George Wright Golf Course	1	0%
Gibbons Playground	1	0%
Granada Park Garden	1	0%
Harambee Park	1	0%
Hardiman Playground	1	0%
Harvard Business Schl Athlct Fclts	1	0%
Hemenway Playground	1	0%
Johnson Park	1	0%
Kelly Playground	1	0%
Kevin Fitzgerald Park	1	0%
Malibu Beach	1	0%
Martin/Hilltop Playground	1	0%
Maverick Landing Park	1	0%
McConnell Park	1	0%
McGann Park	1	0%
McKinney Playground	1	0%
Mission Hill Playground	1	0%
Mother's Rest at Four Corners	1	0%
Murphy Playground	1	0%
Myrtle Street Playground	1	0%
Orchard Park	1	0%
Pagel Playground	1	0%
Paris Street Playground	1	0%
Phillips Street Park	1	0%
Polcari Park	1	0%
Porzio Park	1	0%
Post Office Square Park	1	0%
Ramler Park	1	0%
Ramsay Park	1	0%
Reservation Road Park	1	0%
Roberts Playground	1	0%
Ryan Play Area	1	0%
Savin Hill Beach	1	0%
Scarmella/Maverick Square	1	0%
Symphony Road Garden	1	0%
Thomas Park/Telegraph Hill	1	0%
Titus Sparrow Garden	1	0%
Toohig Playground	1	0%
Tynan Schoolyard	1	0%
UMass Boston Athletic Fields	1	0%
Walter Street Tract	1	0%
Wilson Park	1	0%
IndeterminateResponse	24	2%
Don'tKnowDon'tRemember	16	2%
Total	1053	100%

Figure 6-15

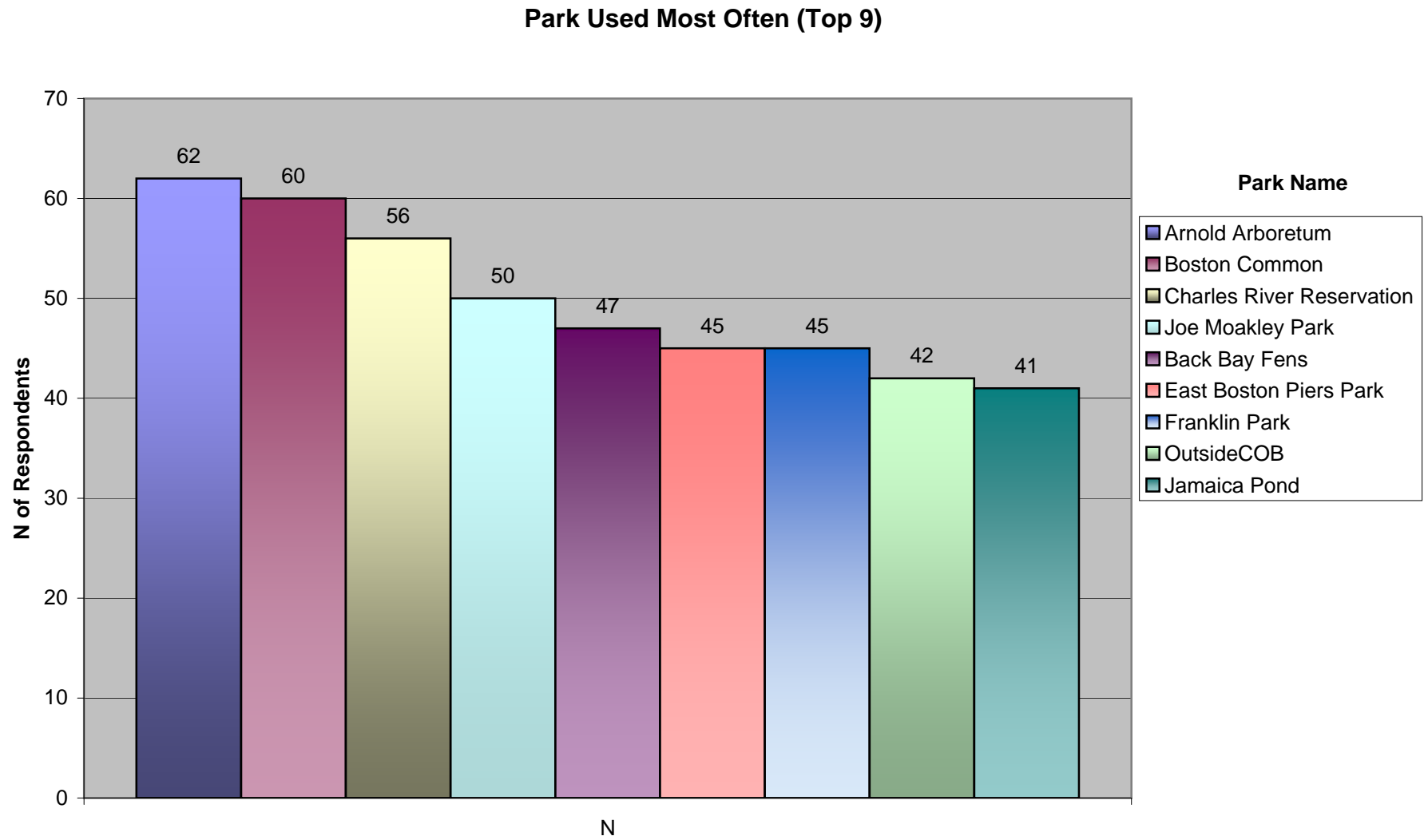


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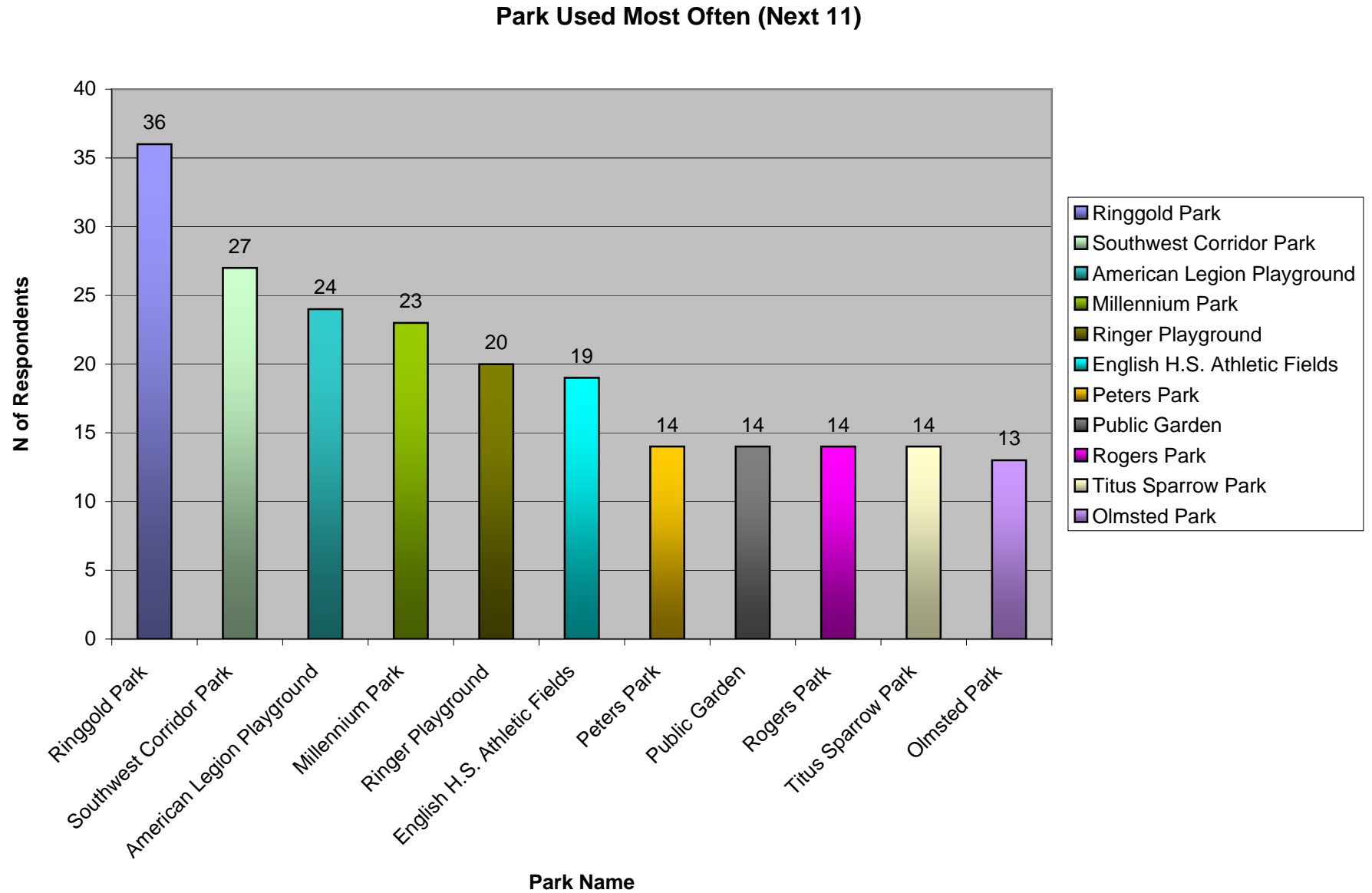


Table 6-16

Visitation: Days Per Month		
Range	N	%
1 to 3	86	9%
4 to 6	190	20%
7 to 8	86	9%
9 to 12	194	20%
13 to 16	92	9%
17 to 19	11	1%
20 to 22	113	12%
23 to 25	65	7%
26 to 29	23	2%
30 to 31	113	12%
Total	973	100%

Figure 6-17

Days Per Month Visited Park

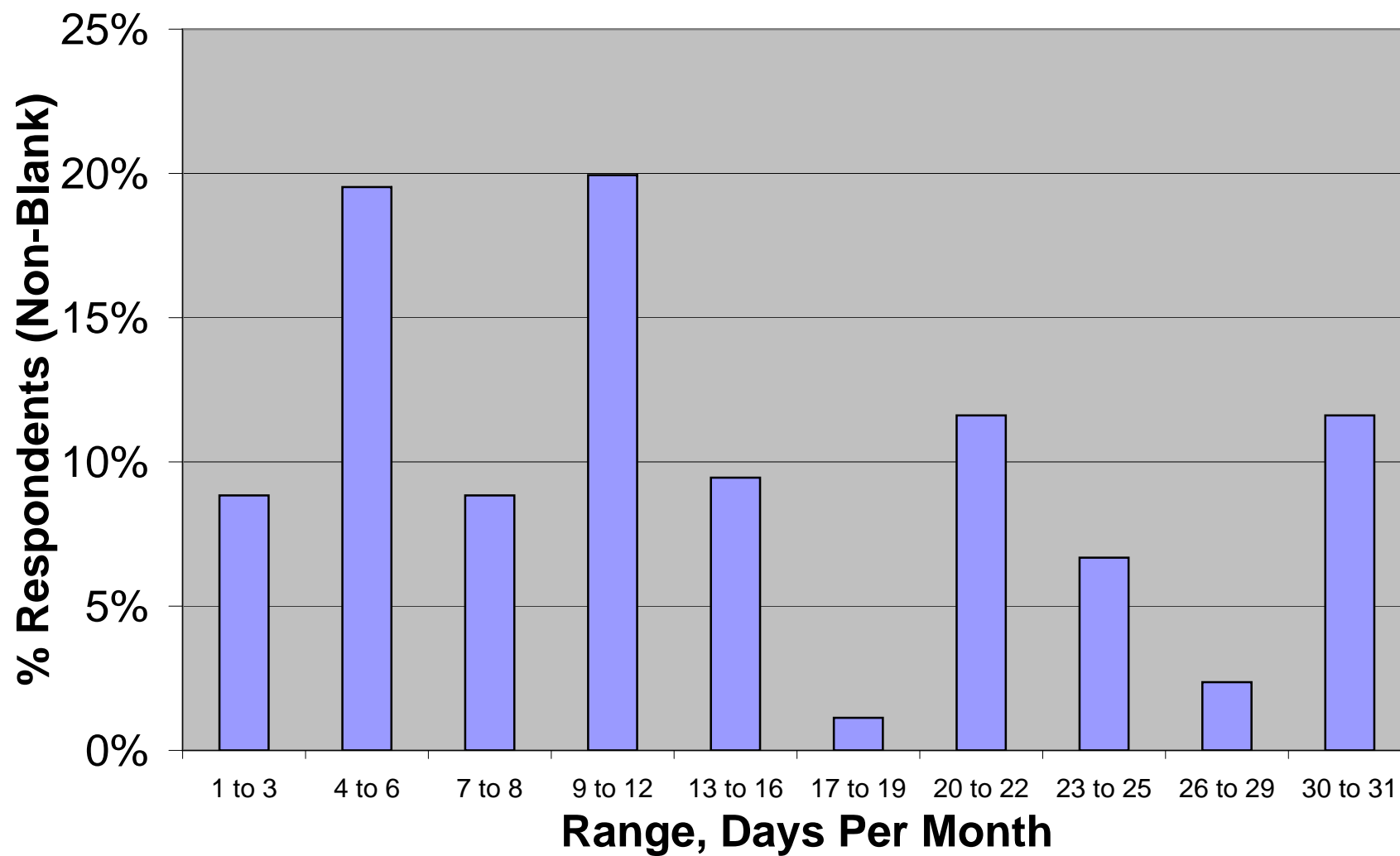


Table 6-17

Time of Week Park Used	N	%
Weekdays Only	55	5%
Weekends Only	96	10%
Both Weekdays & Weekends	853	85%
Total	1004	100%

Figure 6-18

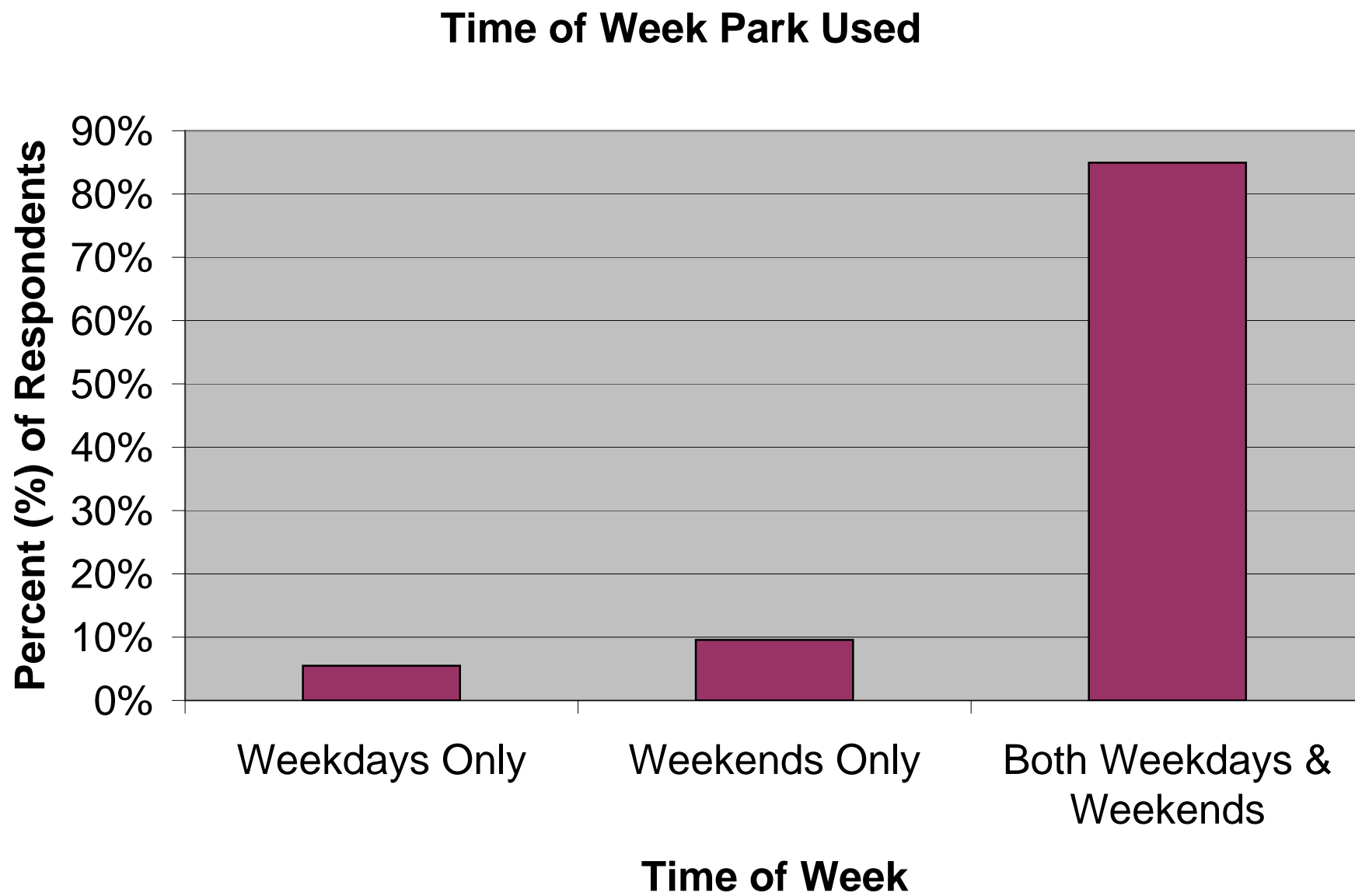


Table 6-19

Means of Travel to/From Park	N	%
Walk	734	73%
Run/Jog	49	5%
Skateboard	0	0%
Inline/Roller Skate	3	0%
Wheelchair	1	0%
Bicycle	46	5%
Public Transportation	41	4%
Taxicab/Livery	0	0%
Zipcar	0	0%
Private Motor Vehicle	128	13%
N/A	0	0%
Total	1002	100%

Figure 6-20

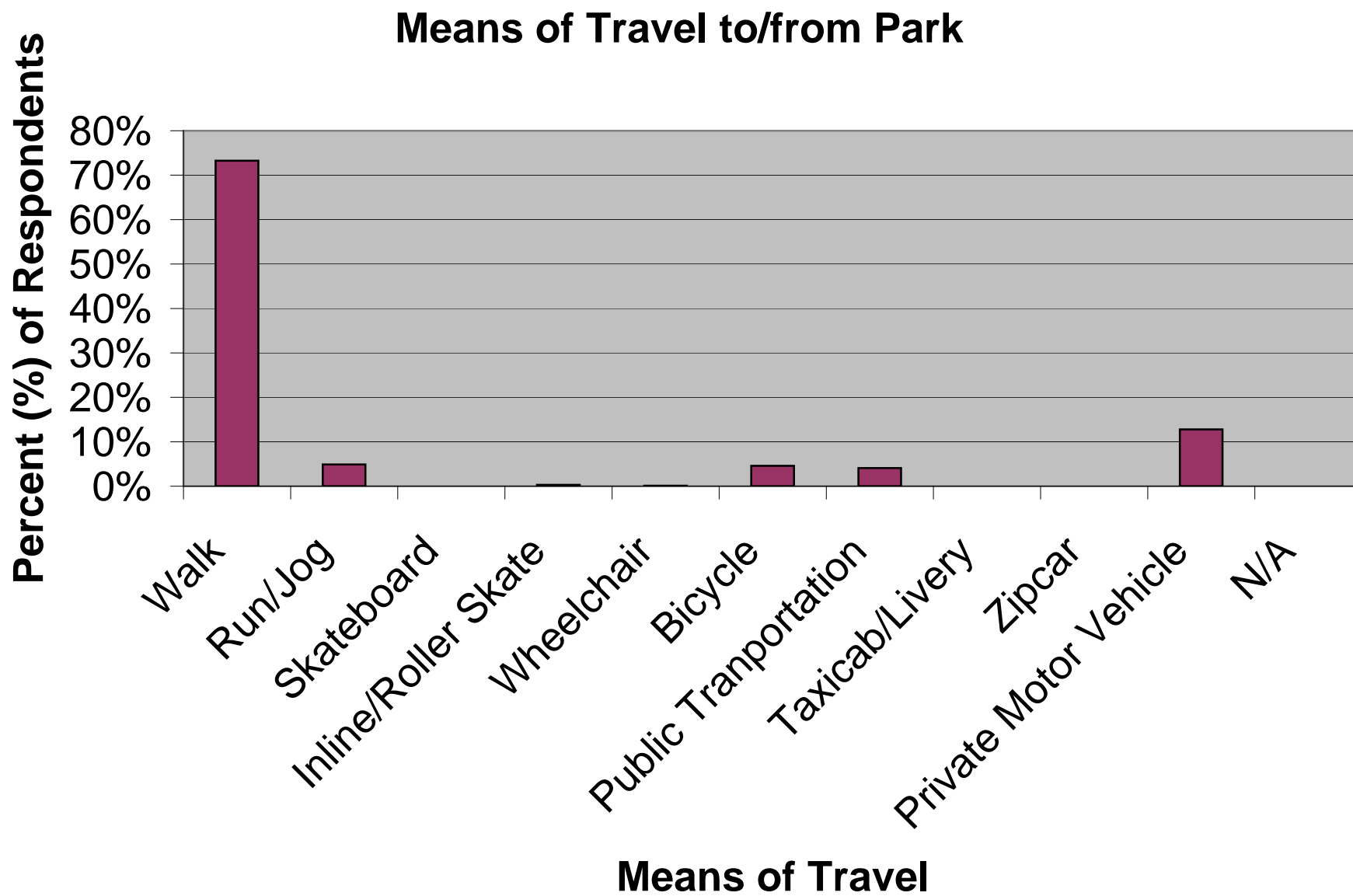


Table 6-20

General Activity Park Used For	N
Exercise/Fitness	454
Simple Relaxation/Passive Recreation	437
Enjoy Nature	421
Spend Time with Family/Friends	318
Take Child for Free Play/Playground/Pick-up Game	260
Organized (Team) Sports	232
Walk Your Dog	211
Attend Special Events	206
Casual Pick-up Games	164
Other	129
Individual (Non-Team) Sports	115
Gardening/Beautification	55
Take Child for Organized Sports (Practices/Games)	49

Figure 6-21

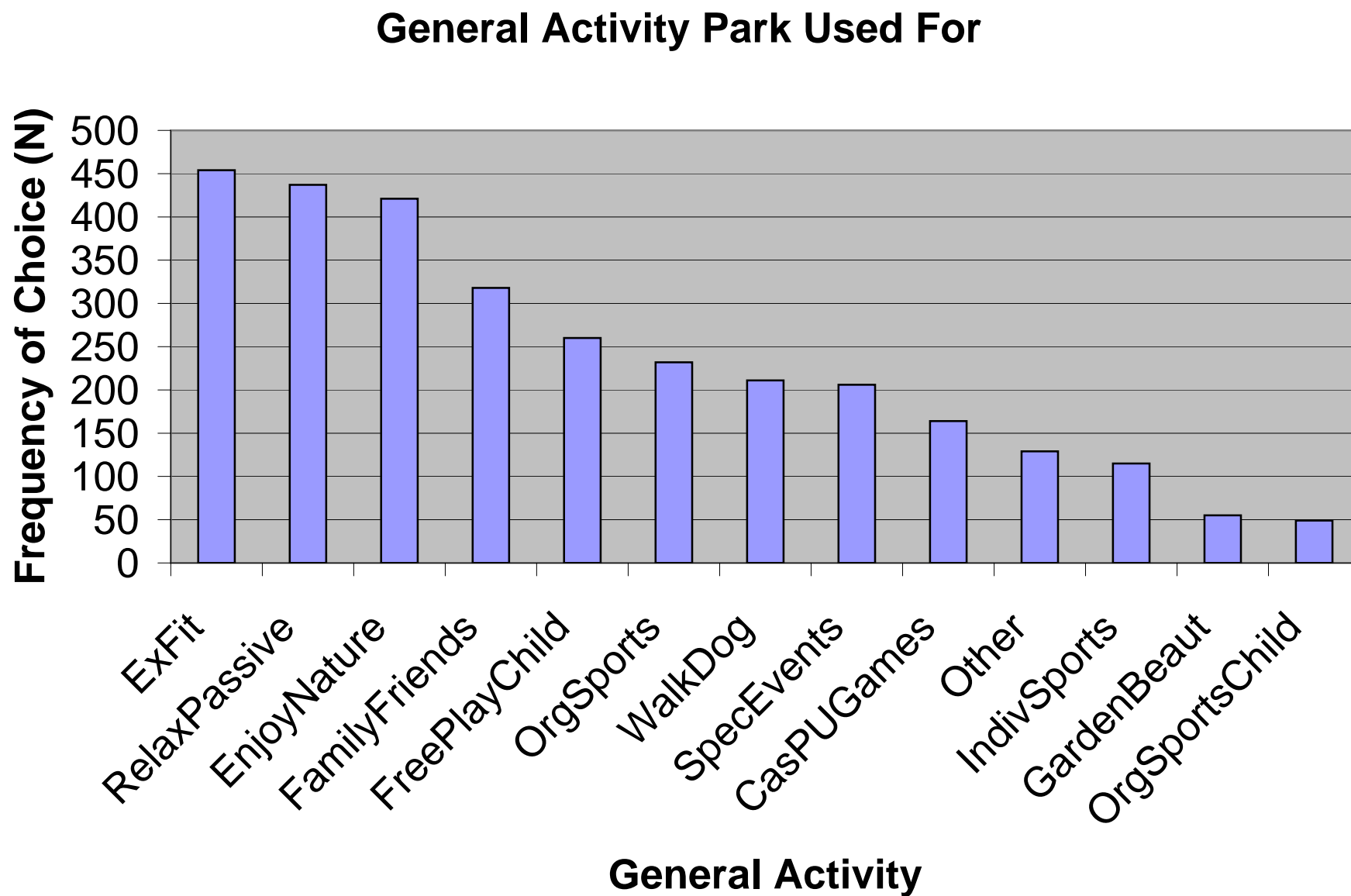


Table 6-21

Current Sports/Activities Played in Park	
Sport/Activity	N
Walking	401
Ultimate Frisbee	217
Running	203
Bicycling	199
Soccer	161
Do Not Play Any Sports	121
Basketball	110
Other	88
Tennis	77
NA	55
Baseball	54
Softball	51
Skateboard	51
Football	42
Ice Skating	42
Rugby	40
Inline/Roller Skating	34
Little League Baseball	32
Flag Football	31
Track & Field	28
Canoeing/Kayaking	26
Cross Country Skiing	23
Bouldering/Climbing	16
Lacrosse	15
Sailing/Boating	13
Golf	13
Race Walking	12
Street Hockey	11
Bocce	11
Netball	10
Horseshoes	8
Irish Football	5
Cricket	4
Handball	4
Volleyball	4
Fishing	4
Field Hockey	2
Racquetball	0

Figure 6-22

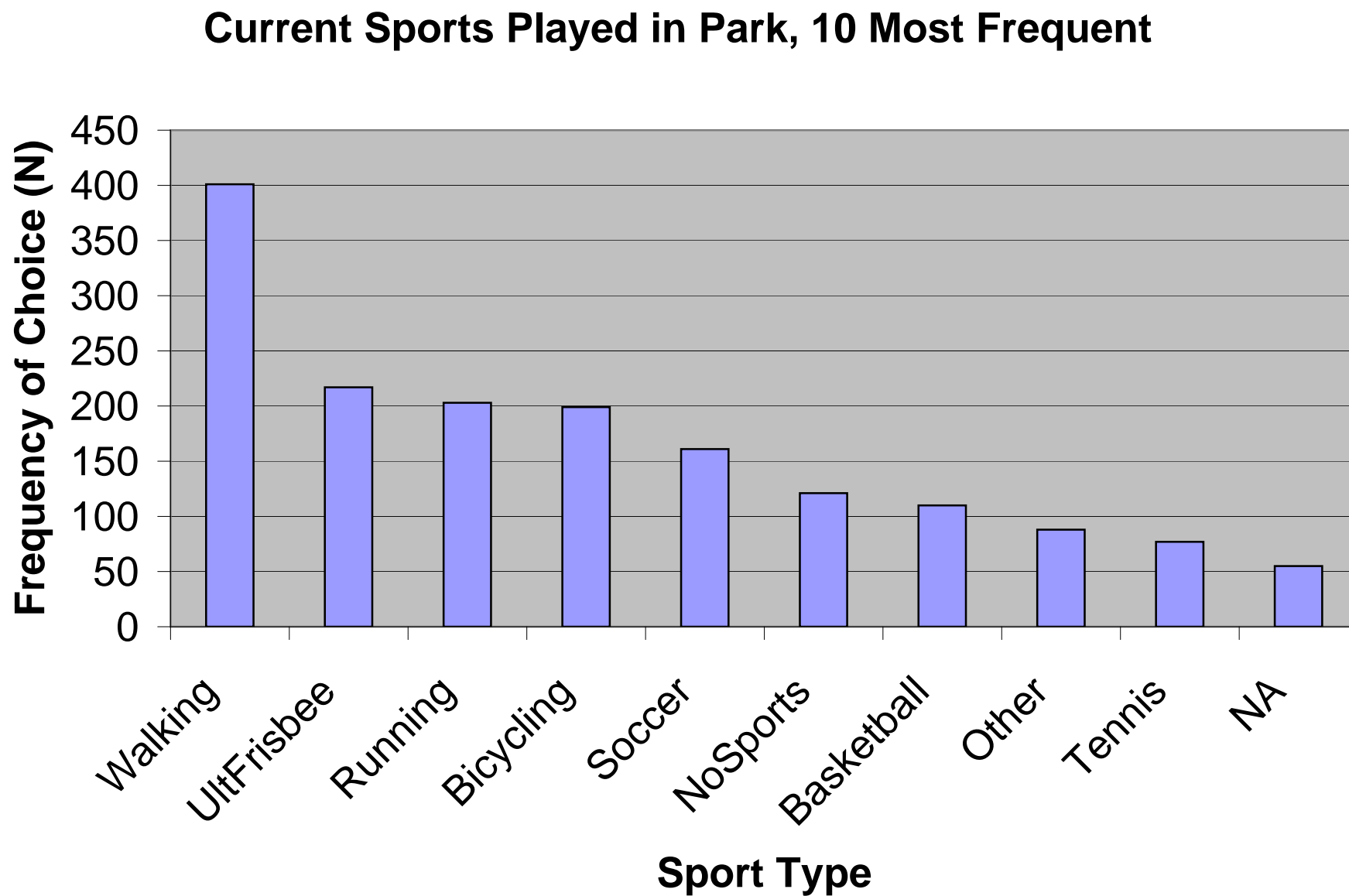


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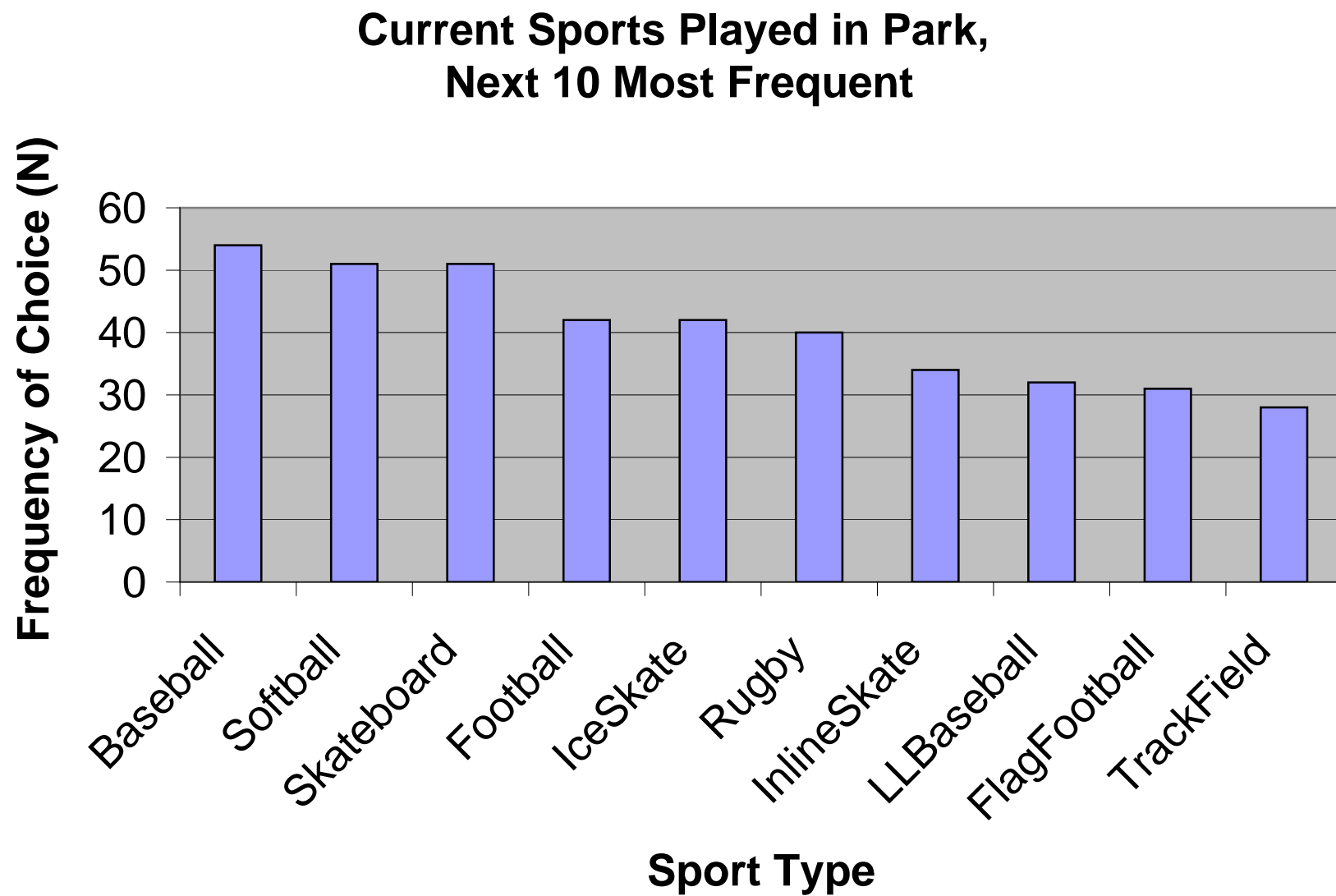


Table 6-22

Desired Sport 5 Years Hence	
Sport/Activity	N
Walking	404
Bicycling	230
Ultimate Frisbee	226
Running	226
Soccer	200
Basketball	148
Tennis	129
Softball	89
Baseball	77
Skateboard	71
Do Not Play Any Sports	66
Ice Skating	60
Football	57
Canoeing/Kayaking	56
Inline/Roller Skating	53
NA	52
Other	52
Little League Baseball	48
Flag Football	44
Bouldering/Climbing	42
Rugby	39
Cross Country Skiing	30
Track & Field	28
Sailing/Boating	28
Lacrosse	21
Golf	20
Street Hockey	18
Race Walking	17
Bocce	17
Netball	17
Fishing	16
Horseshoes	15
Cricket	9
Volleyball	8
Irish Football	6
Handball	6
Racquetball	5
Field Hockey	3

Figure 6-24

Sports Five Years Hence, 10 Most Frequent

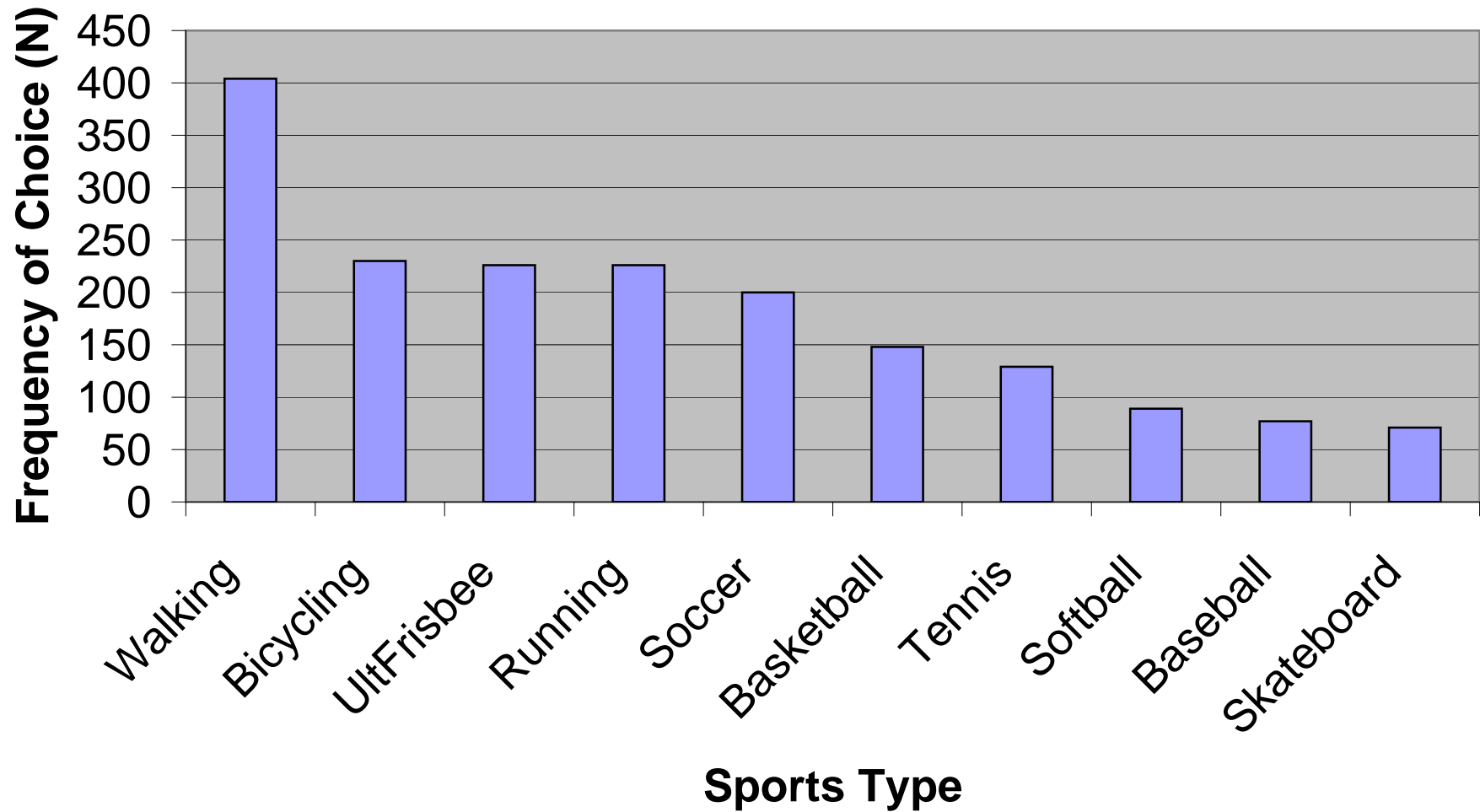


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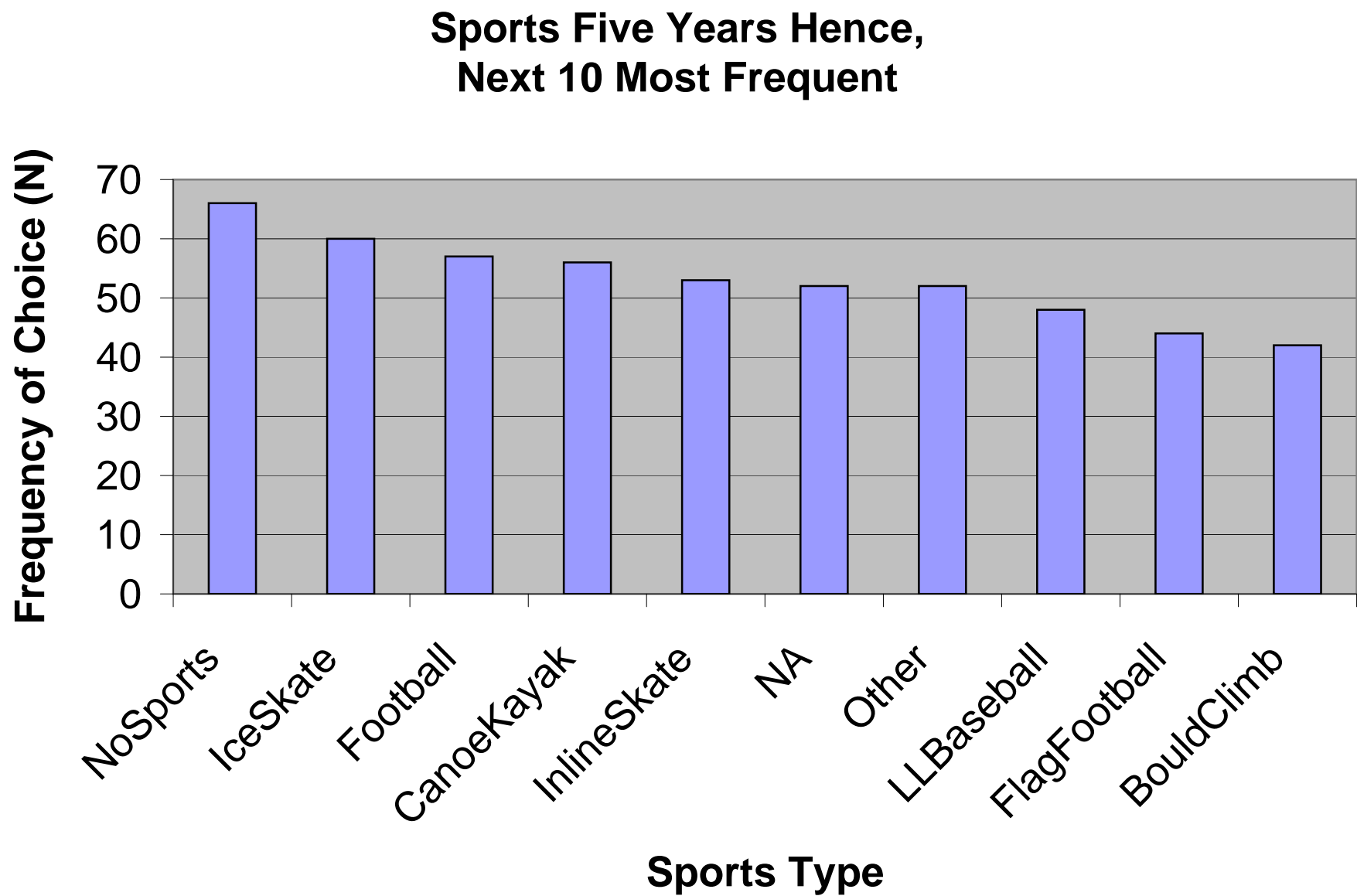


Table 6-23

Percent (%) Change between Current Sport/Activity vs. Five Years Hence			
Sport/Activity	Current Sport/Activity: N	Five Year Hence Sport/Activity: N	% Change
Walking	401	404	1
Ultimate Frisbee	217	226	4
Running	203	226	11
Bicycling	199	230	16
Soccer	161	200	24
Do Not Play Any Sports	121	66	-45
Basketball	110	148	35
Other	88	52	-41
Tennis	77	129	68
NA	55	52	-5
Baseball	54	77	43
Softball	51	89	75
Skateboard	51	71	39
Football	42	60	43
Ice Skating	42	57	36
Rugby	40	39	-3
Inline/Roller Skating	34	53	56
Little League Baseball	32	48	50
Flag Football	31	44	42
Track & Field	28	28	0
Canoeing/Kayaking	26	56	115
Cross Country Skiing	23	30	30
Bouldering/Climbing	16	42	163
Lacrosse	15	21	40
Sailing/Boating	13	28	115
Golf	13	20	54
Race Walking	12	17	42
Street Hockey	11	18	64
Bocce	11	17	55
Netball	10	17	70
Horseshoes	8	15	88
Irish Football	5	6	20
Cricket	4	16	300
Handball	4	9	125
Volleyball	4	8	100
Fishing	4	6	50
Field Hockey	2	3	50
Racquetball	0	5	N/A

Figure 6-26

Top 10 Current Sports Type, Percent (%) Change btwn Current vs. Five Years Hence

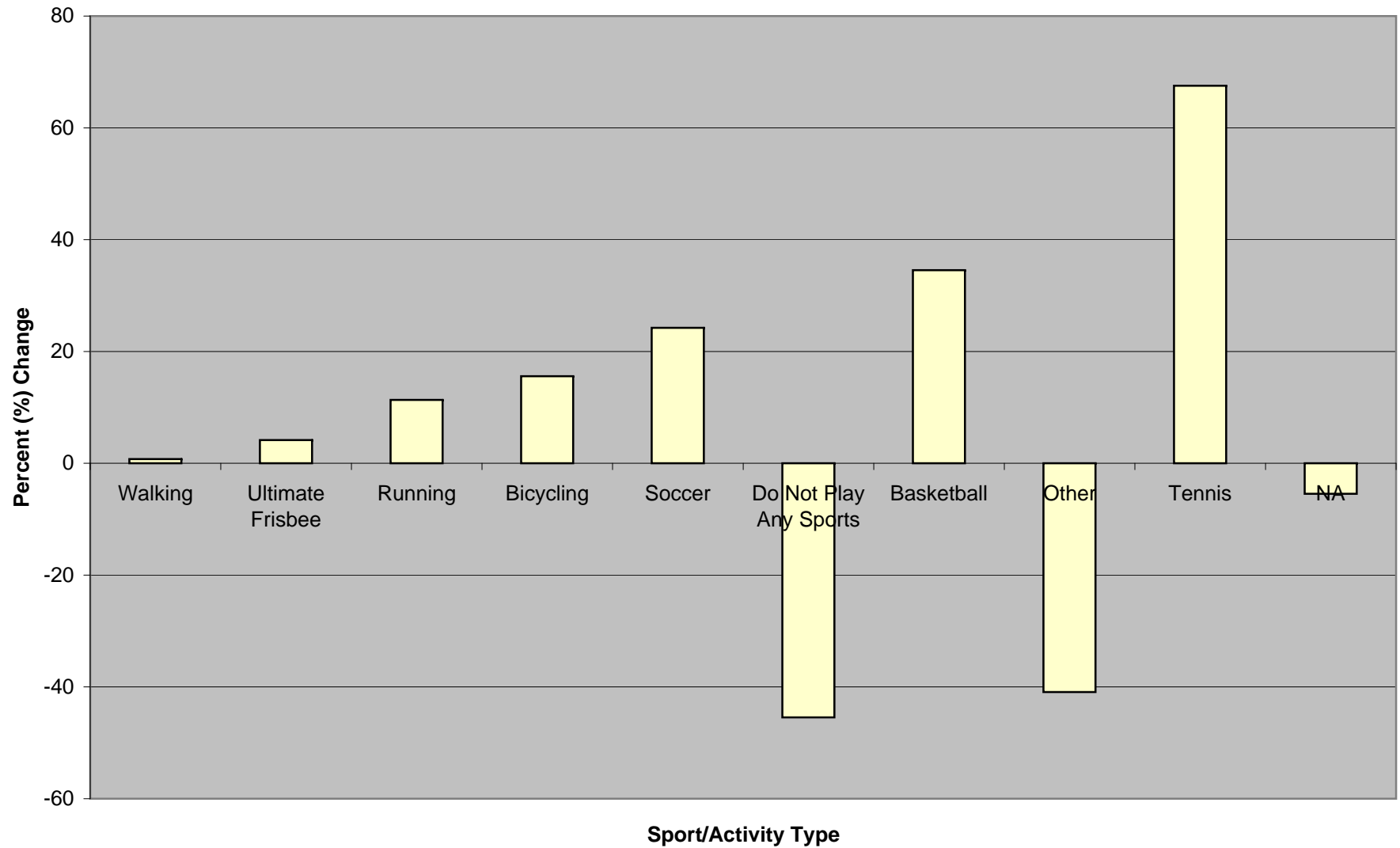


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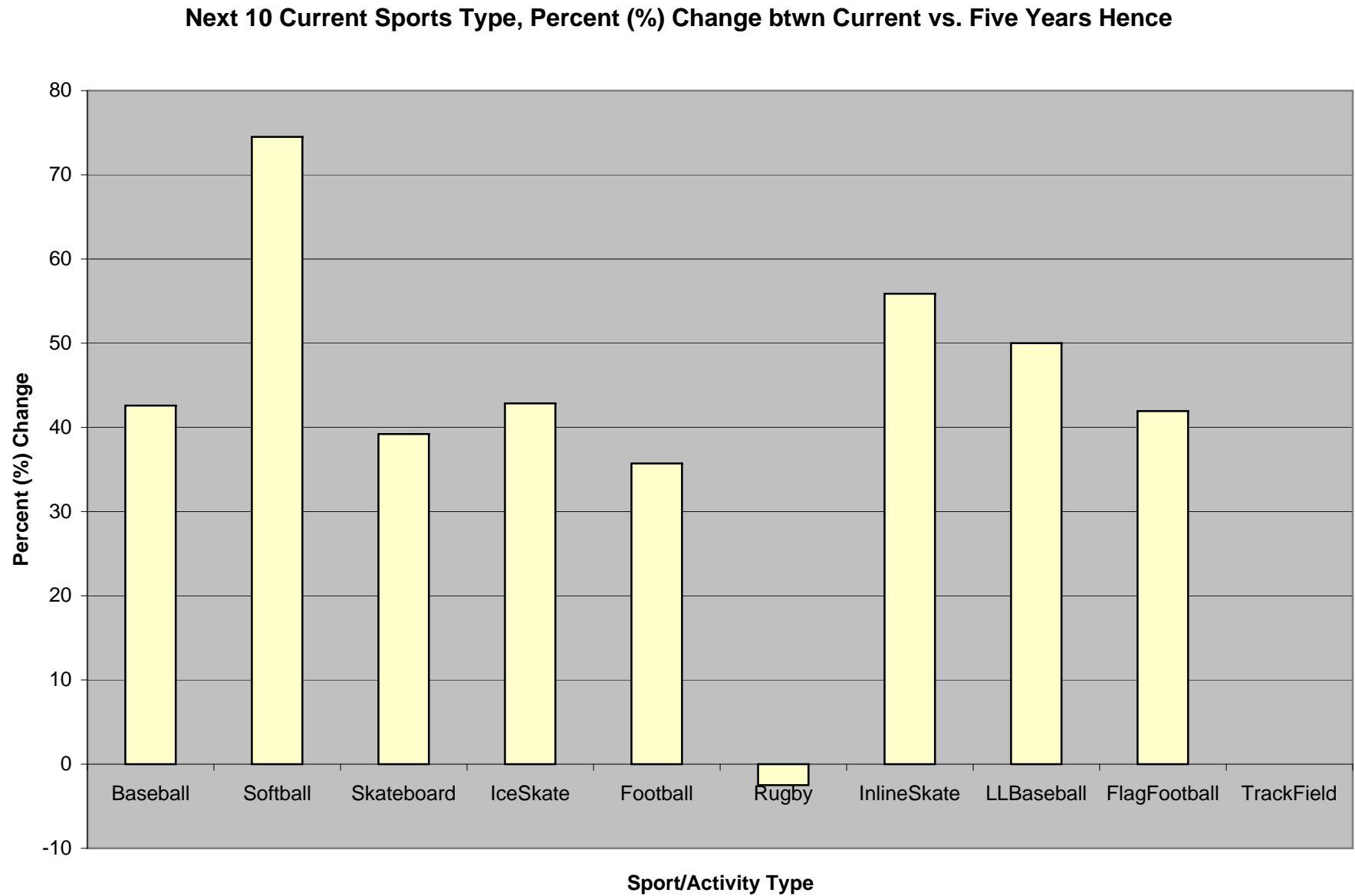


Table 6-24

Nature-Oriented Activities	N
View Scenery w/o Guide/books while in Park	596
Natural Area Clean-up or Improvement Projects	287
Nature Photography	212
Birding (Bird Watching)	191
Do Not Pursue Any Nature-Oriented Activities	120
NA	97
Self-Guided Walks	89
Guided Nature Walks	80
Plant or Animal Identification	76
Other	56
Boston Park Ranger Tours	51

Figure 6-28

Nature-Oriented Activities Pursued in Park

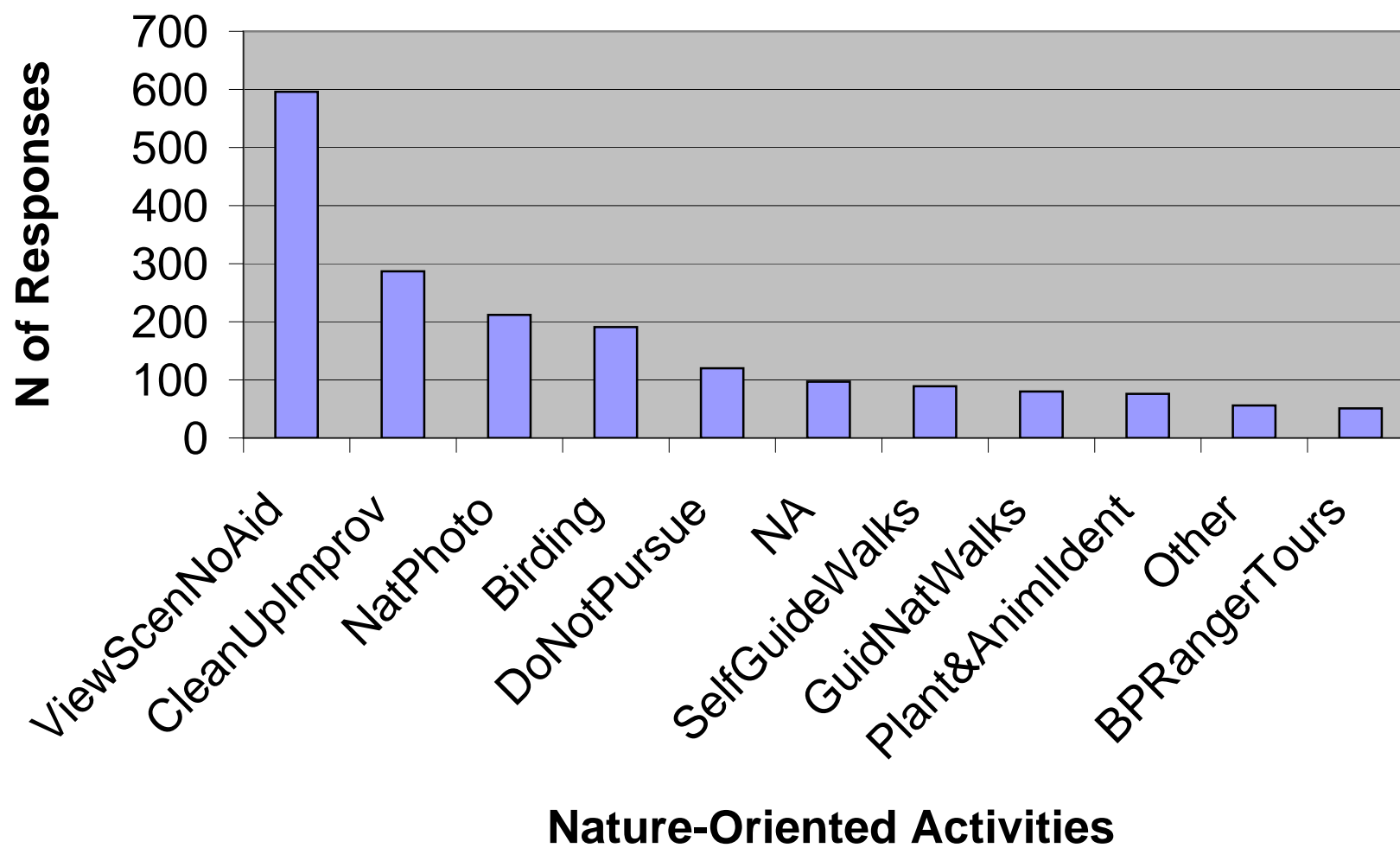


Table 6-25

Changes Desired in Park	N
Improve Maintenance	421
Improve Vegetation (Landscape)	307
Improve Existing Park Facilities	266
Improve Public Safety	231
Improve Dog Control	218
More Active Facilities (Sports-Oriented)	187
Address Dog Owners' Needs	178
Improve or Add Programs & Special Events	176
More Passive Facilities (Relaxation-Oriented)	90
Improve Access	85
More Linear Facilities (Paths/Trails)	60
No Change Needed	45
Other	36
Undecided/No Answer	2

Figure 6-29

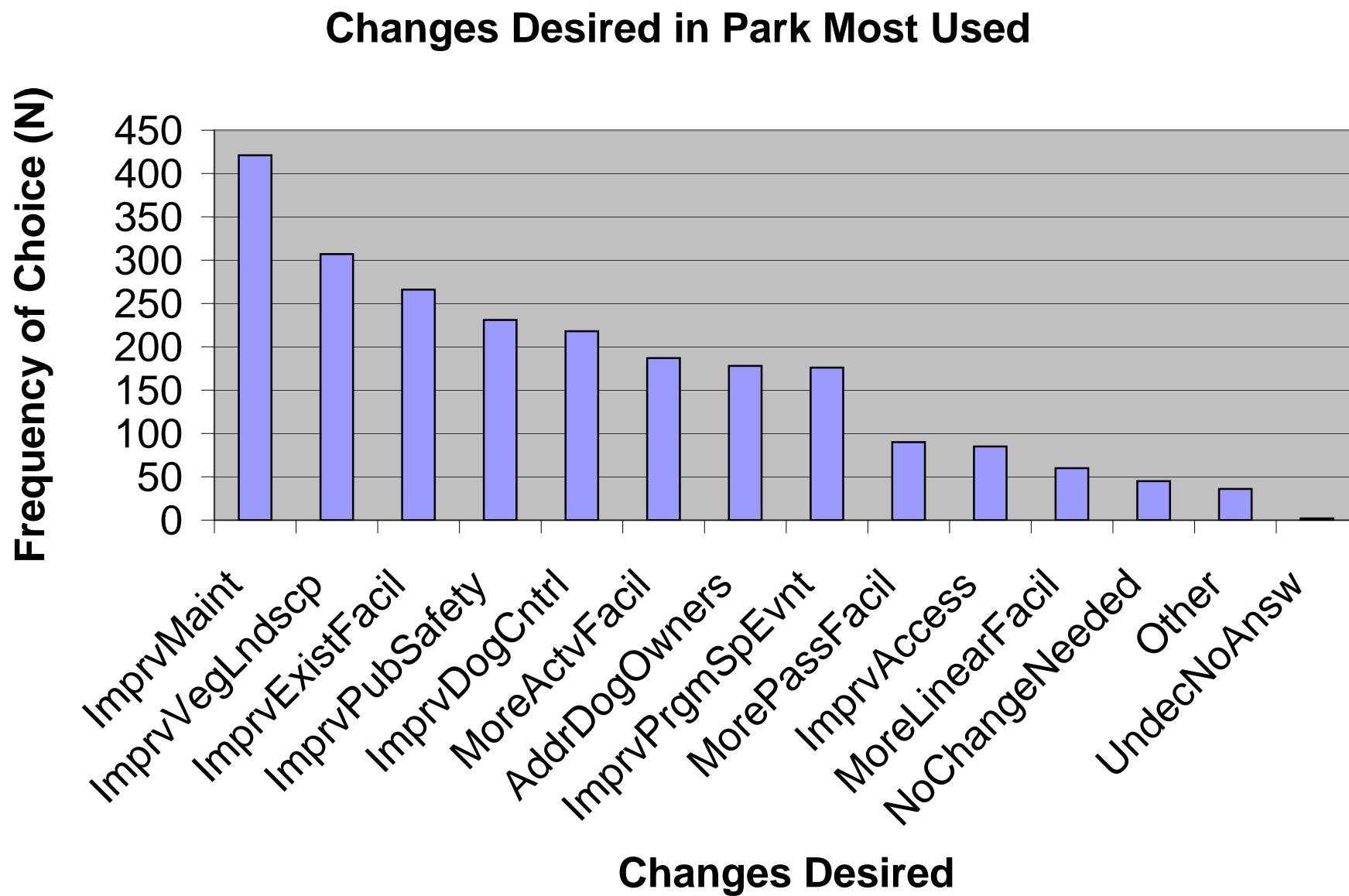


Table 6-26

Perceived Neighborhood Open Space Needs	N
Improve Maintenance	337
Protect Open Space from Conversion to Non-Open Space Uses	289
Improve Existing Park Facilities	262
Improve Vegetation (Landscape)	221
Improve Public Safety	219
Improve Dog Control	196
More Sports Facilities (Ball Fields, Courts, Etc.)	194
More Open Space in The Neighborhood	188
Address Dog Owners' Needs	176
Improve Natural Areas (Woods, Wetlands, Marshes, Etc.)	169
More Passive Open Space (Green Space Parks)	155
Improve or Add Programs & Special Events	147
More Linear Open Space (Walking/Biking Paths, Trails, Etc.)	139
Improve or Add Community Gardens	136
Other	115
More Children's Play Lots	108
More Regional Open Space In The Neighborhood	96
Improve Access	74
Nothing Needed	20
Undecided/No Answer	4

Figure 6-30

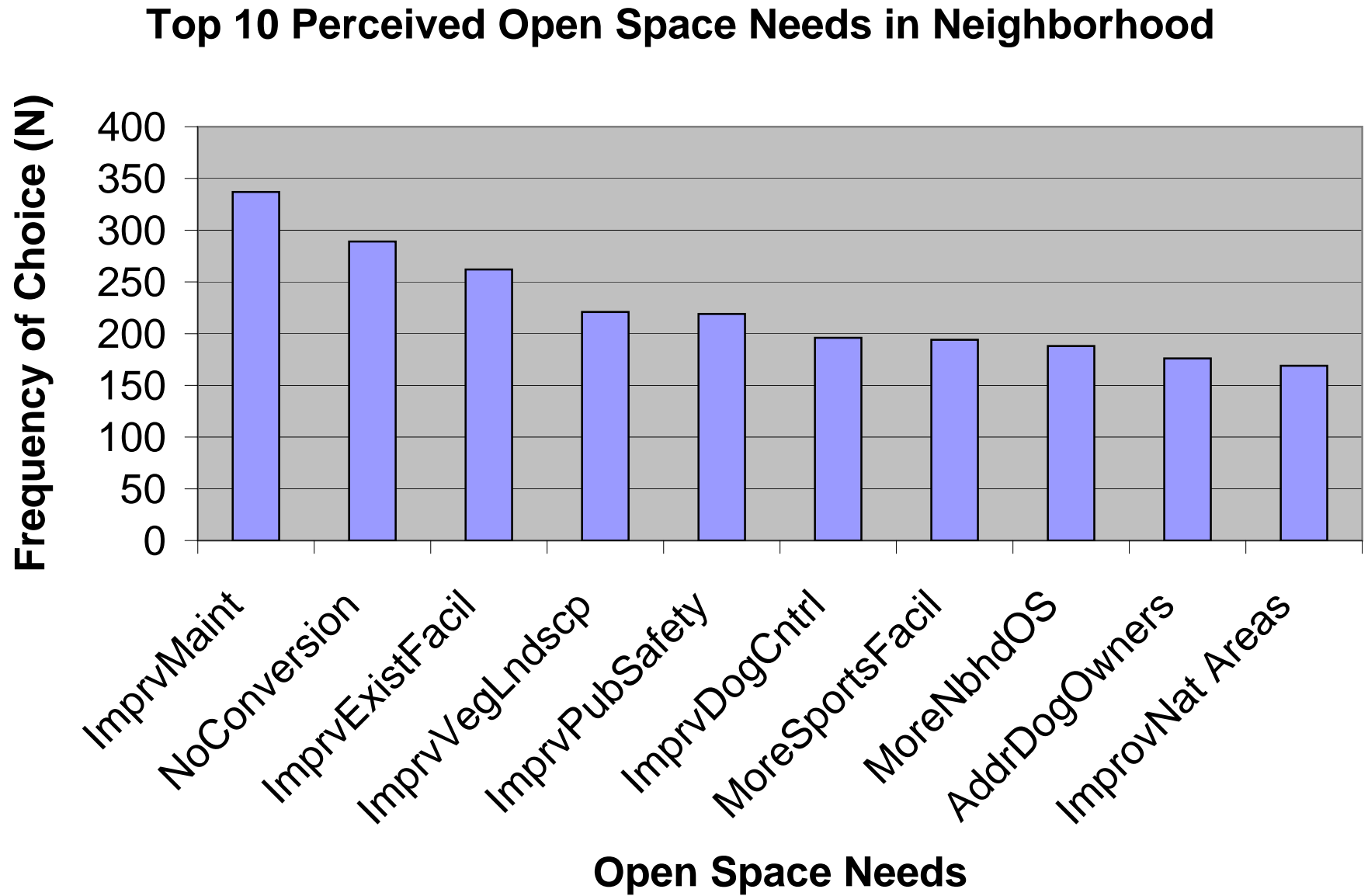


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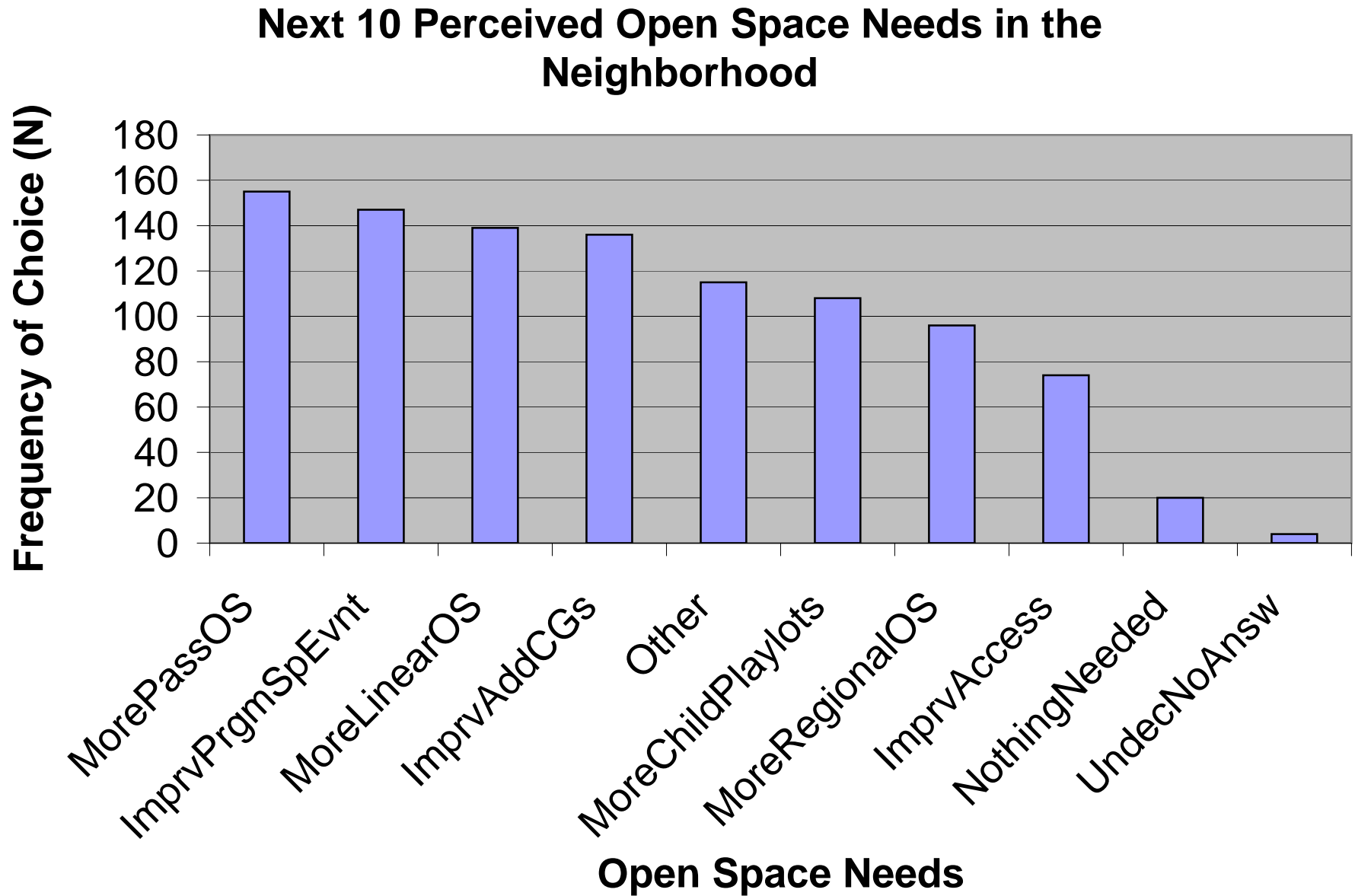


Table 6-27

Participation in Park Support Group	N	%
No or Blank	738	67%
Yes	367	33%
Total	1105	100%

Figure 6-32

Household Participation in Park Support Group

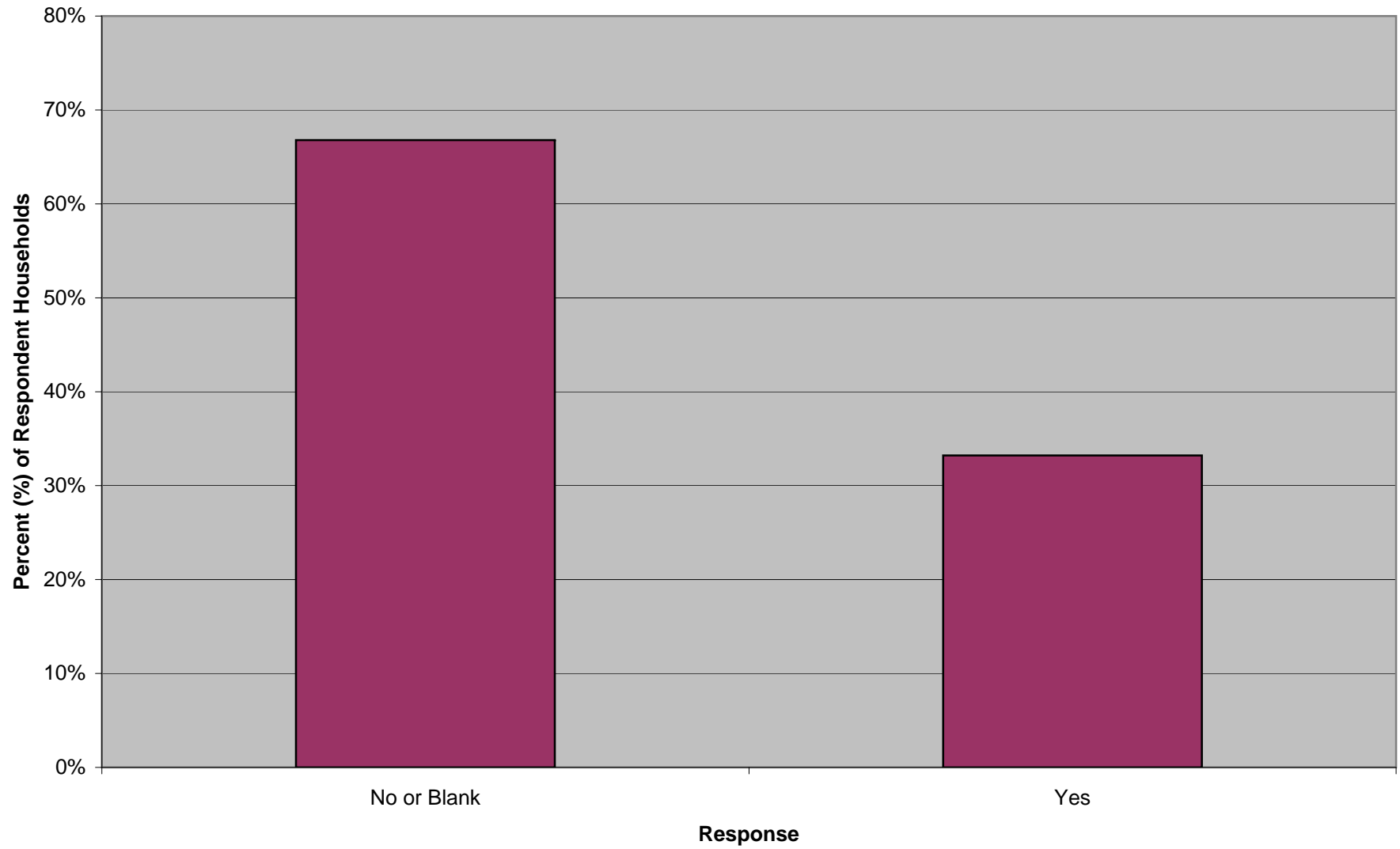


Table 6-28

Type of Support Group Participated In	N
Friends Group	167
Open Space Committee of Neighborhood Association	127
Community Garden Group/Beautification Committee	86
Other Group	79
Youth Sports League	61
Adult Sports League	26

Figure 6-33

