

Table A6-1 Neighborhood Residency: Comparison				
BRA Planning Districts	Population (2000 Census)		Sample Population	
	N	%	N	%
Allston/Brighton	69,648	12%	20	7%
Back Bay/Beacon Hill	26,721	5%	16	6%
Central	25,173	4%	13	5%
Charlestown	15,195	3%	5	2%
Dorchester	92,115	16%	50	18%
East Boston	38,413	7%	18	6%
Fenway/Kenmore	35,602	6%	24	8%
Hyde Park	31,719	5%	5	2%
Jamaica Plain	38,196	6%	36	13%
Mattapan	37,486	6%	7	2%
Roslindale	34,618	6%	19	7%
Roxbury	56,658	10%	24	8%
South Boston	29,965	5%	7	2%
South End	28,239	5%	22	8%
West Roxbury	28,753	5%	19	7%
City Resident Total	588,501	100%	285	100%

Questionnaire item: "In which neighborhood do you live?"

Figure A6-1 Neighborhood of Residence: Comparison

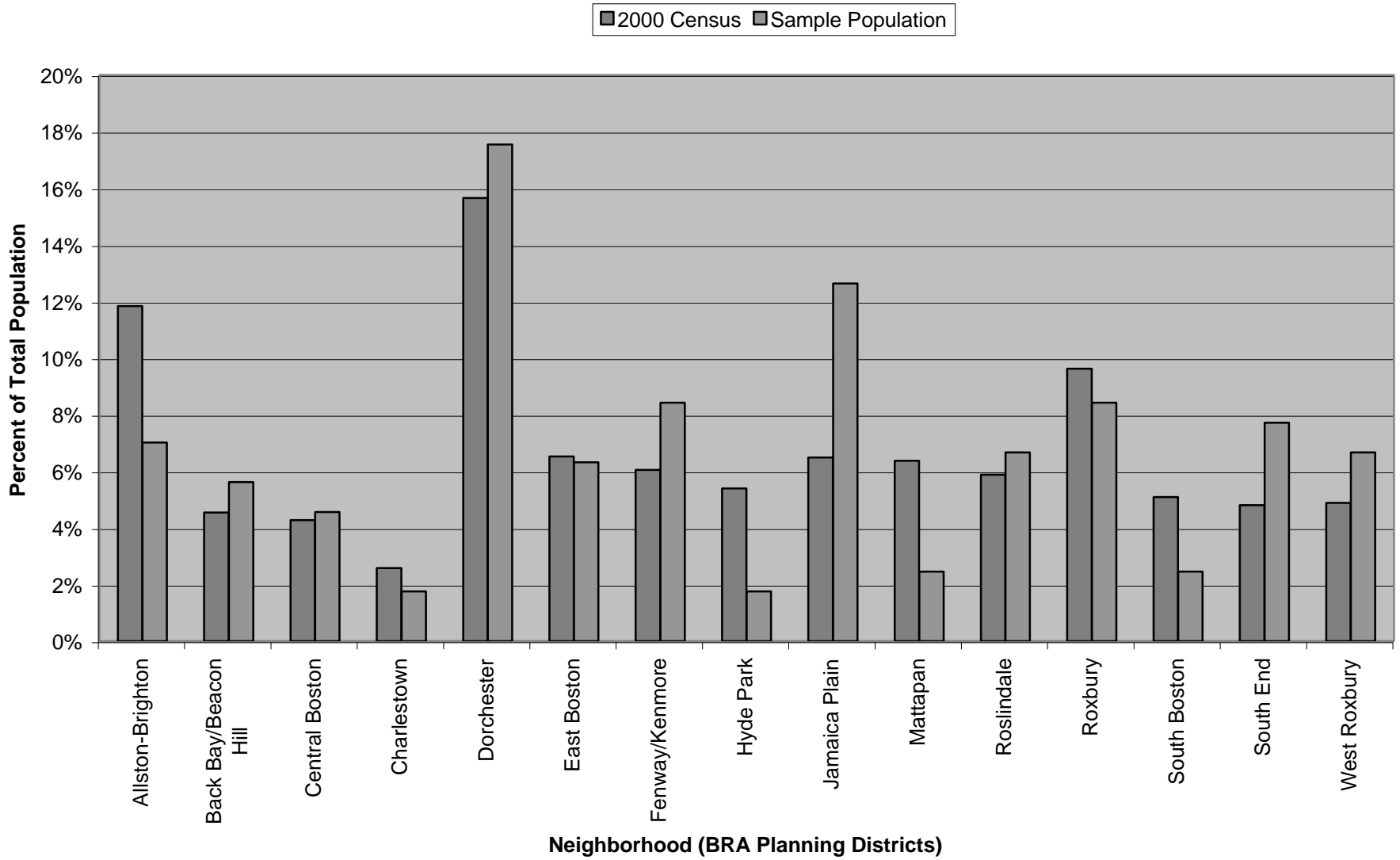


Table A6-2

Neighborhood Residency: Sample

BRA Planning Districts	N	%
Allston/Brighton	20	7%
Back Bay/Beacon Hill	16	6%
Central	13	4%
Charlestown	5	2%
Dorchester	50	17%
East Boston	18	6%
Fenway/Kenmore	24	8%
Hyde Park	5	2%
Jamaica Plain	36	12%
Mattapan	7	2%
Roslindale	19	7%
Roxbury	24	8%
South Boston	7	2%
South End	22	8%
West Roxbury	19	7%
City Resident Subtotal	285	99%
Non-City Resident	4	1%
Total Respondents	289	100%

Questionnaire item: "In which neighborhood do you live?"

Age Groups	Population (1990 Census)		Sample Population	
	N	%	N	%
0-4 years	36,601	6%	0	0%
5-9 years	30,084	5%	1	0%
10-14 years	26,626	5%	1	0%
15-17 years	16,522	3%	6	2%
18-20 years	39,780	7%	4	1%
21-24 years	60,668	11%	5	2%
25-29 years	73,477	13%	14	5%
30-34 years	58,887	10%	18	6%
35-44 years	78,159	14%	76	27%
45-54 years	46,916	8%	95	34%
55-59 years	19,638	3%	19	7%
60-64 years	20,975	4%	19	7%
65-74 years	35,832	6%	16	6%
75-84 years	21,899	4%	5	2%
85 years and over	8,219	1%	0	0%
Total	574,283	100%	279	100%

Questionnaire item: "What is your age?"

Figure A6-2 Age: Comparison

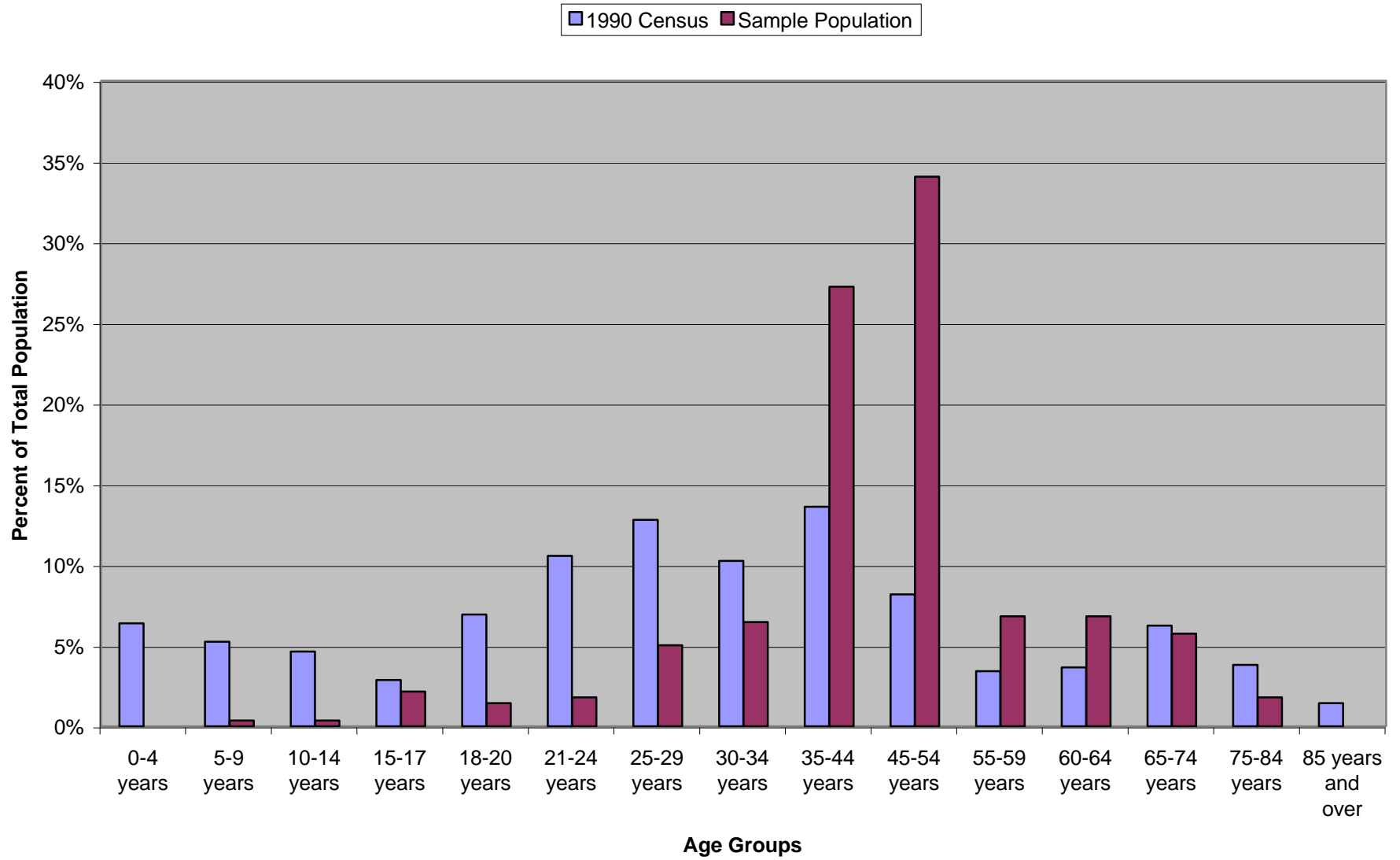


Table A6-4

Age: Sample

Age Groups	N	%
0-4 years	0	0%
5-9 years	1	0%
10-14 years	1	0%
15-17 years	6	2%
18-20 years	4	1%
21-24 years	5	2%
25-29 years	14	5%
30-34 years	18	6%
35-44 years	76	26%
45-54 years	95	33%
55-59 years	19	7%
60-64 years	19	7%
65-74 years	16	6%
75-84 years	5	2%
85 years and over	0	0%
N/A	10	3%
Total	289	100%

Questionnaire item: "What is your age?"

Table A6-5

Years as Boston Resident

Years	N	%
0-2	10	3%
3-6	26	9%
7-12	37	13%
13-18	37	13%
19-25	62	21%
26-35	43	15%
36-45	26	9%
46-55	21	7%
55-65	13	4%
66-72	6	2%
73 and over	3	1%
N/A	5	2%
Total	289	100%

Questionnaire item: "How long have you lived in Boston?"

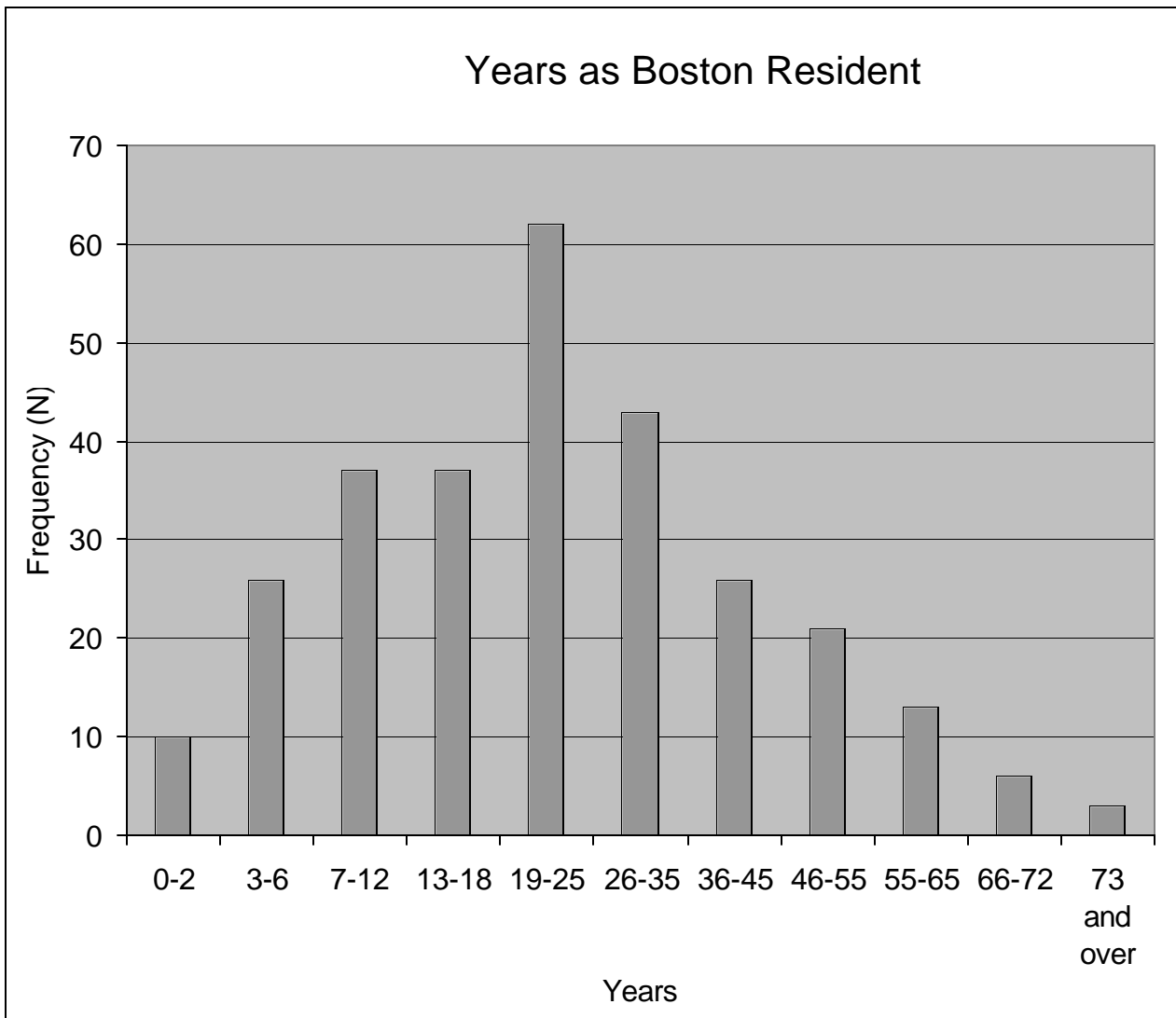


Table A6-6		
Family Size		
Number of Individuals	N	%
1	62	21%
2	76	26%
3	48	17%
4	35	12%
5	29	10%
6	17	6%
7	9	3%
8 and over	7	2%
N/A	6	2%
Total	289	100%

Questionnaire item: "How many members are in your immediate family?"

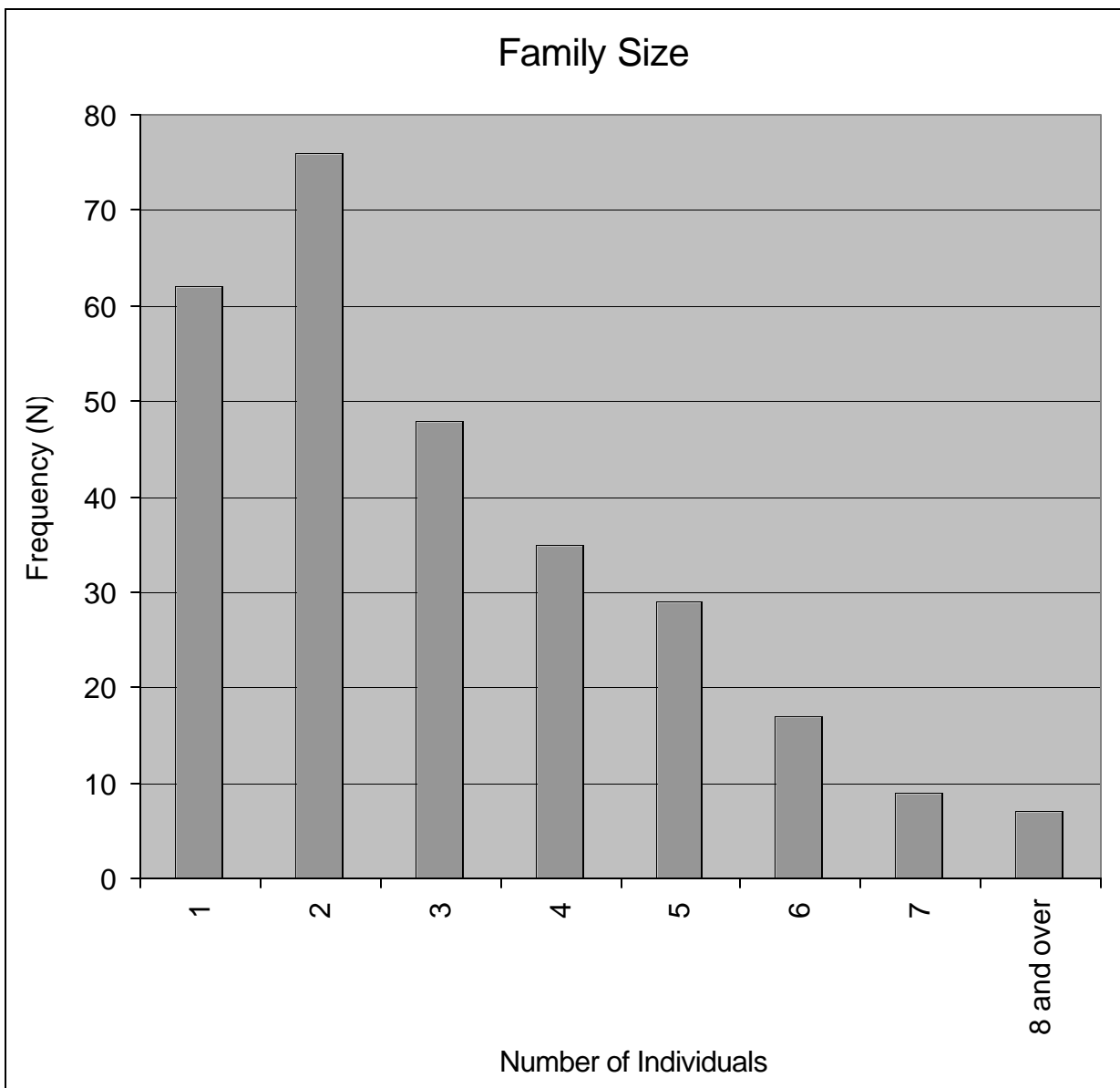


Table A6-7		
Nearest Park		
Park Name	N	%
Jamaica Pond Park	16	5.54%
Franklin Park	15	5.19%
Back Bay Fens	14	4.84%
Hynes Playground	10	3.46%
Dorchester Park	9	3.11%
Southwest Corridor Park	9	3.11%
Arnold Arboretum	8	2.77%
Joe Moakley Park	6	2.08%
Fallon Field	6	2.08%
Peters Park	6	2.08%
Riverway	6	2.08%
Billings Field	5	1.73%
Brophy Park	5	1.73%
Charles River Reservation	5	1.73%
Doherty/Gibson Playground	5	1.73%
Rogers Park	5	1.73%
Blackstone Square	4	1.38%
Christopher Columbus Park	4	1.38%
Clifford Playground	4	1.38%
Commonwealth Ave Mall	4	1.38%
Harambee Park	4	1.38%
Healy Playground	4	1.38%
Titus Sparrow Park	4	1.38%
Toohig Playground	4	1.38%
Bay Village Neighborhood Park	3	1.04%
Boston Common	3	1.04%
Chandler Pond	3	1.04%
Cronin/Wainwright Park	3	1.04%
East Boston Piers Park	3	1.04%
Hobart Park	3	1.04%
Malcom X Park	3	1.04%
Msgr. Francis A. Ryan Park	3	1.04%
Noyes Playground	3	1.04%
Public Garden	3	1.04%

Nearest Park		
Park Name	N	%
Roberts Playground	3	1.04%
Stony Brook Reservation	3	1.04%
American Legion Playground	2	0.69%
Caldwell St. Play Area	2	0.69%
Charlestown Naval Shipyard Park	2	0.69%
East Boston Memorial Park	2	0.69%
Garvey Playground	2	0.69%
Hayes Park	2	0.69%
Martin/Hilltop Playground	2	0.69%
Oak Square	2	0.69%
Puopolo Playground	2	0.69%
Ramsay Park	2	0.69%
Ringer Playground	2	0.69%
Ross Playground	2	0.69%
Allen Park	1	0.35%
Brewer/Burroughs Tot Lot	1	0.35%
Brookline Arts Center Park	1	0.35%
Brookline Park	1	0.35%
Carson Beach	1	0.35%
Ceylon Park	1	0.35%
Chester Park	1	0.35%
Chestnut Hill Reservoir	1	0.35%
Christopher Lee Playground	1	0.35%
Copley Square	1	0.35%
Corbett Park	1	0.35%
DeFilippo Playground	1	0.35%
Delano Park	1	0.35%
Dennis St. Park	1	0.35%
Edwards Playground	1	0.35%
Eliot Norton Park	1	0.35%
Hancock Woods	1	0.35%
Hannon Playground	1	0.35%
Highland Park	1	0.35%
Horatio Harris Park	1	0.35%

Nearest Park		
Park Name	N	%
Howes Playground	1	0.35%
Iacono/Readville Playground	1	0.35%
Jeep Jones Park	1	0.35%
Kelly Playground	1	0.35%
Lee Playground	1	0.35%
LoPresti Park	1	0.35%
Madison Park H.S. Fields	1	0.35%
Marcella Playground	1	0.35%
McKinney Playground	1	0.35%
McMorrow Playground	1	0.35%
Mission Hill Playground	1	0.35%
Myrtle St. Playground	1	0.35%
Neponset River Reservation	1	0.35%
Olmsted Park	1	0.35%
Pagel Playground	1	0.35%
Putnam Square	1	0.35%
Richardson Square	1	0.35%
Richmond & North Streets Park	1	0.35%
Ripley Playground	1	0.35%
Ronan Park	1	0.35%
Ryan Play Area	1	0.35%
Savin Hill Park	1	0.35%
South End Library Park	1	0.35%
South St. Mall	1	0.35%
St. James St. Park	1	0.35%
Strandway/Castle Island	1	0.35%
Thomas Park/Telegraph Hill	1	0.35%
Trotter School Playground	1	0.35%
Ventura Playground	1	0.35%
Walnut Park Play Area	1	0.35%
Walter Street Tract	1	0.35%
Weider Park	1	0.35%
blank	5	1.73%
don't know	9	3.11%
N/A	1	0.35%
Total	289	100.00%

Questionnaire item: " What is the name of the park nearest you?"

(103 respondents indicated that the nearest park was not the one they used most often.)

Table A6-8		
Frequency of Park Use		
Days Per Year	N	%
365	29	10.03%
363	1	0.35%
360	5	1.73%
350	5	1.73%
340	1	0.35%
320	1	0.35%
312	1	0.35%
300	10	3.46%
275	1	0.35%
260	5	1.73%
250	4	1.38%
200	14	4.84%
185	1	0.35%
182	2	0.69%
180	1	0.35%
175	1	0.35%
165	1	0.35%
156	4	1.38%
150	10	3.46%
104	2	0.69%
100	14	4.84%
90	1	0.35%
85	1	0.35%
80	1	0.35%
75	1	0.35%
73	1	0.35%
70	1	0.35%
69	1	0.35%
60	3	1.04%
52	5	1.73%
50	15	5.19%
40	3	1.04%
35	1	0.35%
30	16	5.54%
25	3	1.04%
24	1	0.35%
20	9	3.11%
15	6	2.08%
12	5	1.73%
10	9	3.11%
8	2	0.69%
7	7	2.42%
6	2	0.69%
5	9	3.11%
4	6	2.08%
3	5	1.73%
2	6	2.08%
1	5	1.73%
0	26	9.00%
blank	25	8.65%
Total	289	100.00%

Table A6-9	
Central Tendency Measure	Days Per Year
Mode	365
Median	50
Mean (Average)	120

* based on Table A4-8

Table A6-10		
Frequency of Park Use		
Aggregated Days Per Year	N	%
0	26	9.00%
1-6	33	11.42%
7-15	29	10.03%
20-40	33	11.42%
50-90	30	10.38%
100-185	36	12.46%
200-275	24	8.30%
300-365	53	18.34%
blank	25	8.65%
Total	289	100.00%

Questionnaire item:

"How often do you and your family use this park? _____ (days per year)"

Figure A6-3 Frequency of Park Use

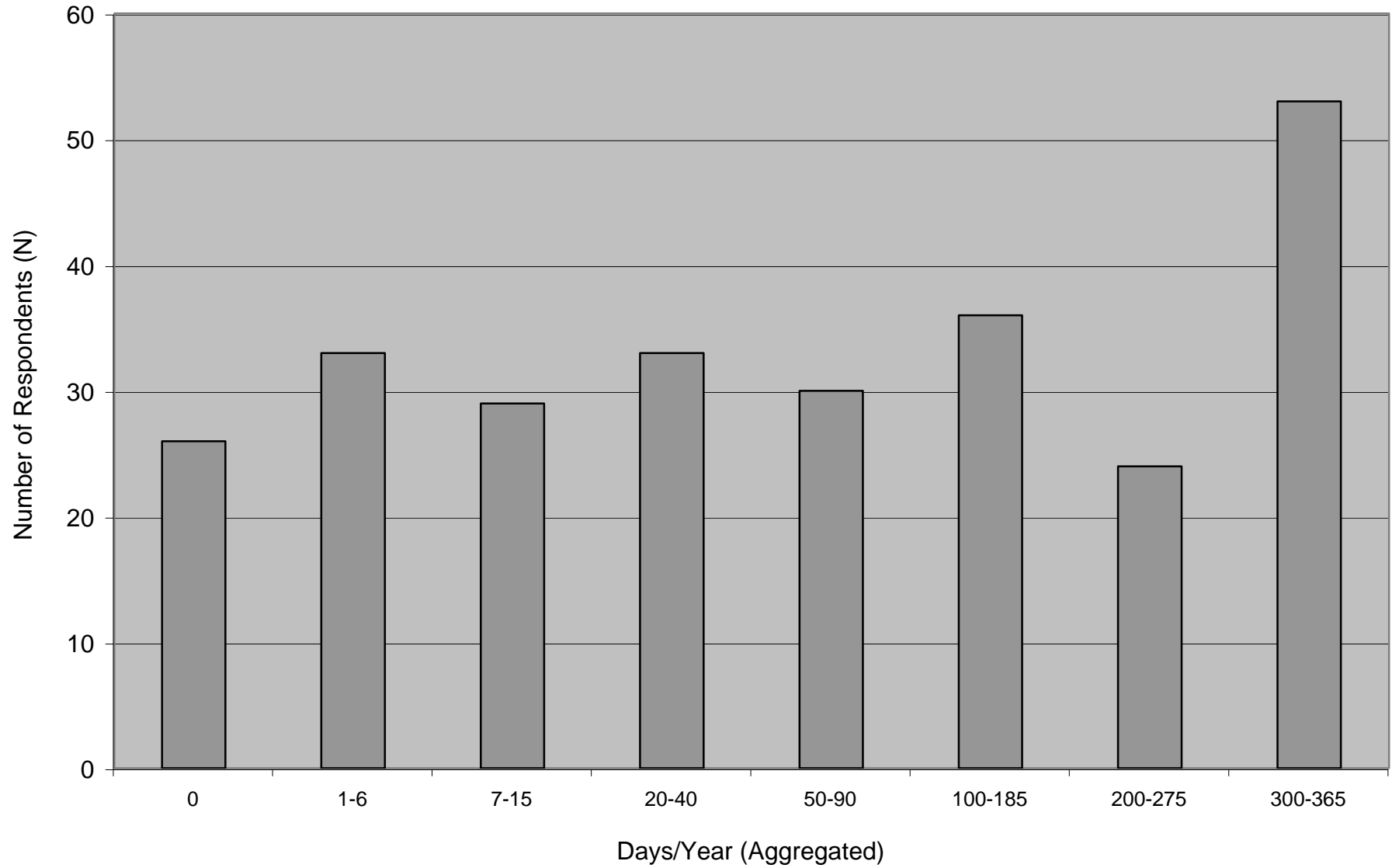


Table A6-11	
General Activity in Nearest Park	
General Activity Category	Frequency of Choice
Relaxation	143
Enjoy Nature	130
Exercise/Fitness	120
Time with Family/Friends	109
Special Events	94
Walk Dog	62
Individual Sports	59
Organized Sports	54

Questionnaire item: "What do you do in this park? (Check off all that apply)"
 (Standard categories provided with check-off boxes.)

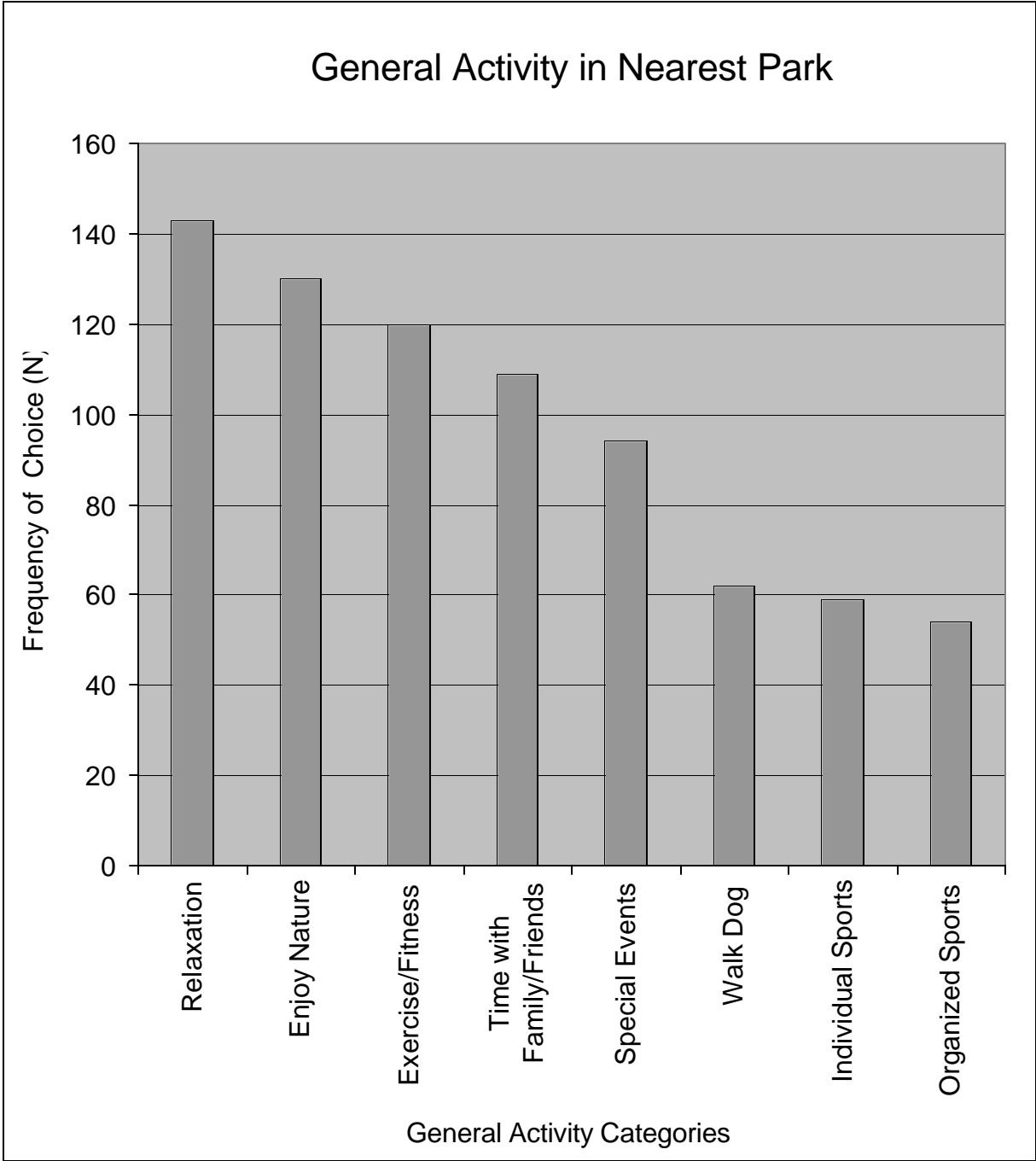


Table A6-12	
General Activity in Nearest Park: Other Activity	
Suggested Other Activity Category	Frequency of Response
Linear Aerobic Activities*	16
Relaxation/Passive Pastimes	14
Art	5
Court Sports	5
Ball Diamond Sports	1
Water-Oriented Activities	1
Winter Activities	1
Field Sports**	0
Other	16

Questionnaire item: "What do you do in this park? (Check off all that apply)"
 [After standard categories provided with check-off boxes:]
 "Other _____"

* Running, bicycling, in-line skating, etc.
 ** Soccer, football, lacrosse, etc.

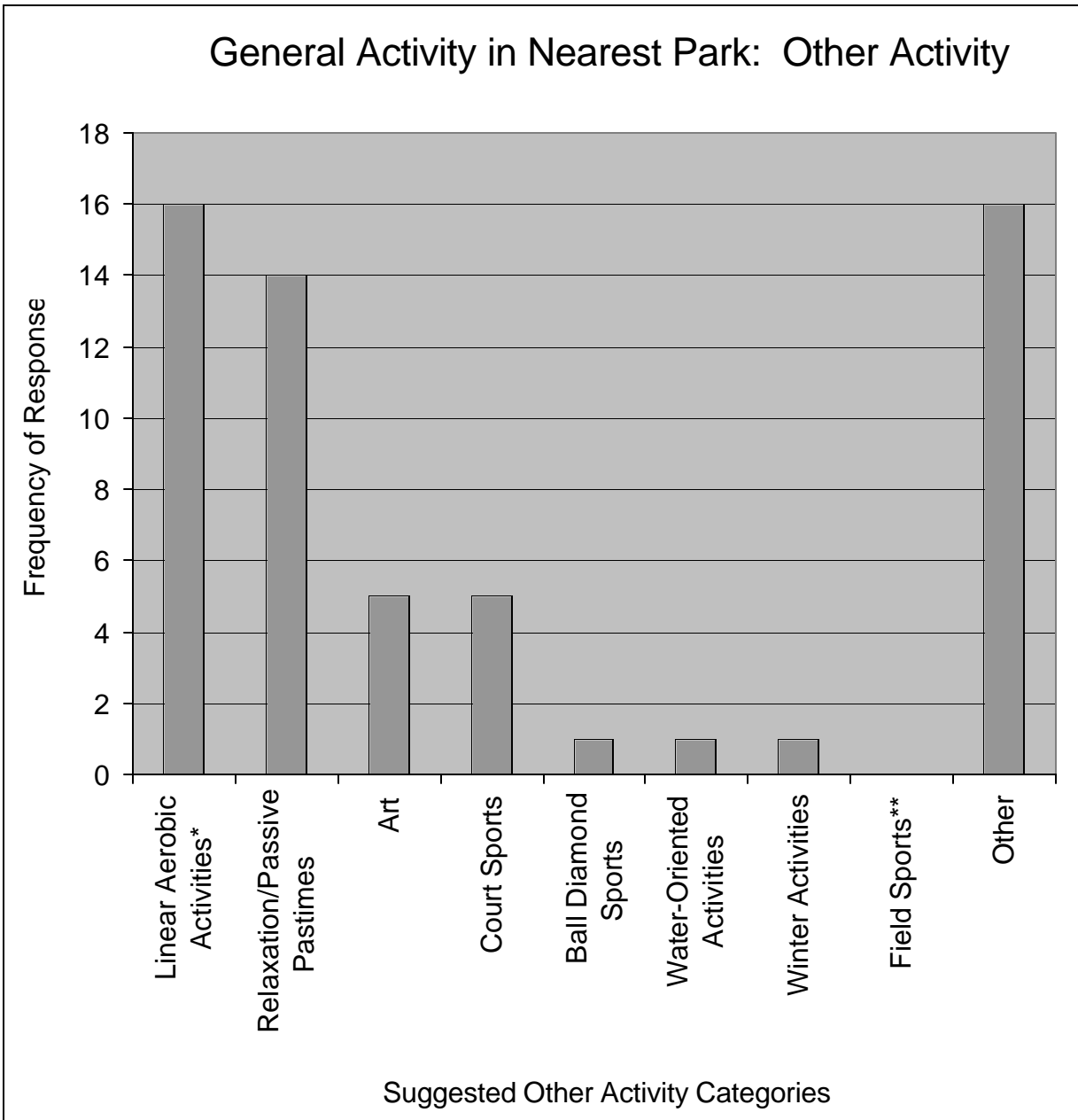


Table A6-13		
Other Park Used		
Park Name	N	%
Arnold Arboretum	19	9.27%
Franklin Park	16	7.80%
Charles River Reservation	13	6.34%
Jamaica Pond	13	6.34%
Boston Common	10	4.88%
Back Bay Fens	9	4.39%
Strandway/Castle Island	9	4.39%
Public Garden	8	3.90%
East Boston Piers Park	6	2.93%
Billings Field	5	2.44%
Carter Playground	4	1.95%
Larz Anderson Park	4	1.95%
Toohig Playground	4	1.95%
Dorchester Park	3	1.46%
Malcom X Park	3	1.46%
Olmsted Park	3	1.46%
Riverway	3	1.46%
Southwest Corridor Park	3	1.46%
Titus Sparrow Park	3	1.46%
Adams Park	2	0.98%
Belle Isle Marsh Reservation	2	0.98%
Chandler Pond	2	0.98%
Columbus Park	2	0.98%
Commonwealth Ave Mall	2	0.98%
East Boston Memorial Park	2	0.98%
Eliot Norton Park	2	0.98%
Fallon Field	2	0.98%
Hardiman Playground	2	0.98%
Healy Playground	2	0.98%
Hynes Playground	2	0.98%
Marcella Playground	2	0.98%
Ronan Park	2	0.98%
Rotch Playground	2	0.98%
Ryan Playground	2	0.98%

Other Park Used		
Park Name	N	%
Stony Brook Reservation	2	0.98%
Ventura Playground	2	0.98%
Walsh Playground	2	0.98%
Almont Park/Hunt Playground	1	0.49%
American Legion Playground	1	0.49%
Arsenal Park	1	0.49%
Blue Hills Reservation	1	0.49%
Carson Beach	1	0.49%
Cassidy Playground	1	0.49%
Christopher Columbus Park	1	0.49%
Codman Square	1	0.49%
DeFilippo Playground	1	0.49%
Doherty Playground	1	0.49%
Foster St. Hill (UW)	1	0.49%
Franklin Square	1	0.49%
Georges Island	1	0.49%
Hannon Playground	1	0.49%
Harambee Park	1	0.49%
Johnson Park	1	0.49%
Lawrence School Playground	1	0.49%
Malibu Beach	1	0.49%
Martin/Hilltop Playground	1	0.49%
McLaughlin Playground	1	0.49%
Middlesex Fells Reservation	1	0.49%
Oak Square	1	0.49%
Peters Park	1	0.49%
Port Norfolk Park	1	0.49%
Post Office Square	1	0.49%
Roberts Playground	1	0.49%
Rossieter Park	1	0.49%
The Cenacles (UW)	1	0.49%
Titus Sparrow Garden	1	0.49%
Walnut Park Play Area	1	0.49%
Wellington Green	1	0.49%
Total	205	100.00%

Questionnaire item: "If you also use another park [than the one nearest you], what is the name of this park ...?" (List above may include up to two self-suggested responses; e.g., the respondent may live near the Southwest Corridor Park, which is recorded in the "Nearest Park" Table; the same respondent may list another park in response to the above question, such as the Arnold Arboretum or Jamaica Pond Park. Those would be listed in this table.)

Table A6-14

General Activity in Other Park

General Activity Category	Frequency of Choice
Enjoy Nature	54
Relaxation	45
Exercise/Fitness	42
Time with Family/Friends	33
Walk Dog	26
Special Events	21
Organized Sports	17
Individual Sports	14

Questionnaire item: "...[P]lease use the [standard] categories from question 8 for what you do in this park."

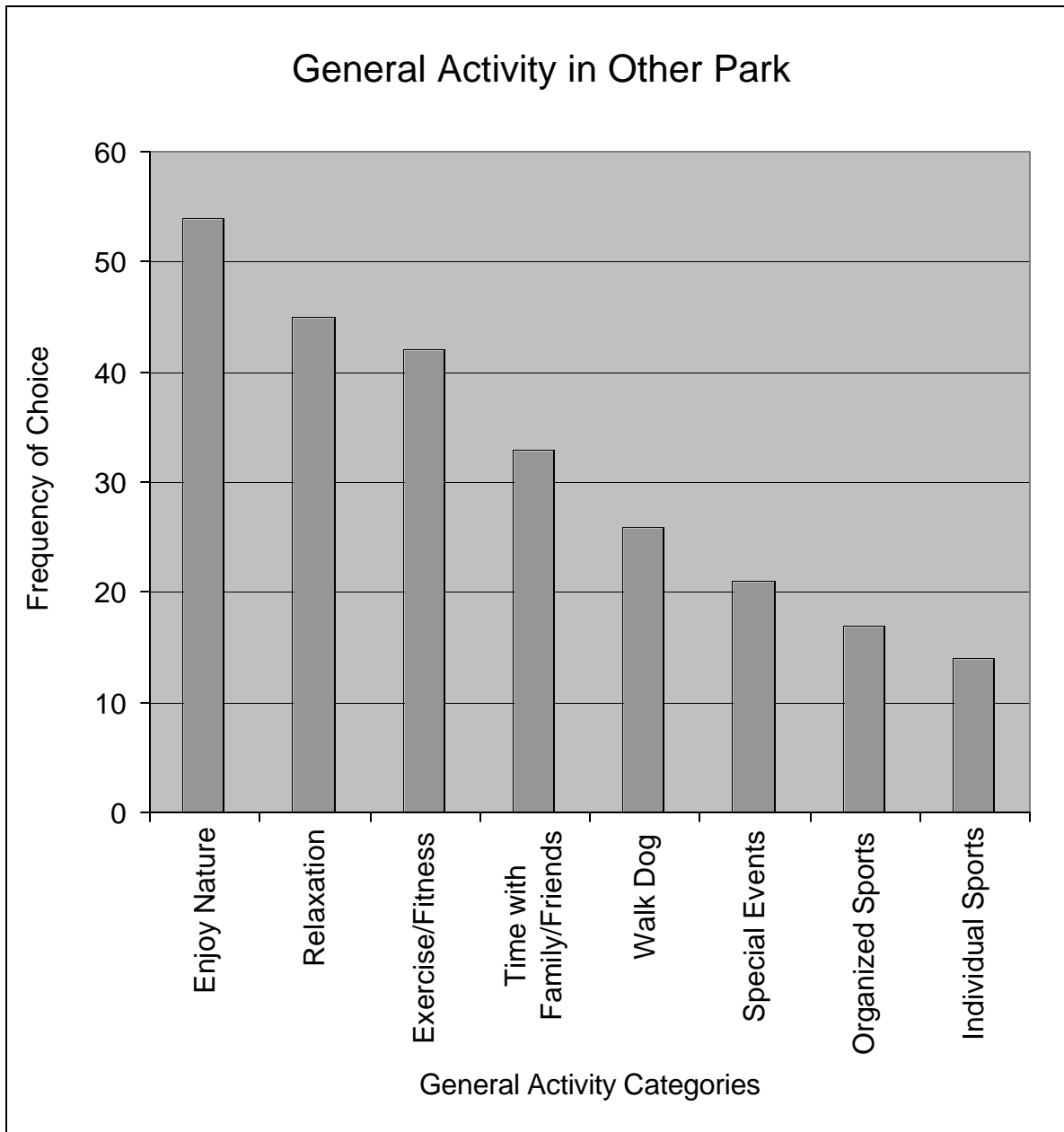


Table A6-12	
General Activity in Nearest Park: Other Activity	
Suggested Other Activity Category	Frequency of Response
Linear Aerobic Activities*	16
Relaxation/Passive Pastimes	14
Art	5
Court Sports	5
Ball Diamond Sports	1
Water-Oriented Activities	1
Winter Activities	1
Field Sports**	0
Other	16

Questionnaire item: "What do you do in this park? (Check off all that apply)"
 [After standard categories provided with check-off boxes:]
 "Other _____"

* Running, bicycling, in-line skating, etc.
 ** Soccer, football, lacrosse, etc.

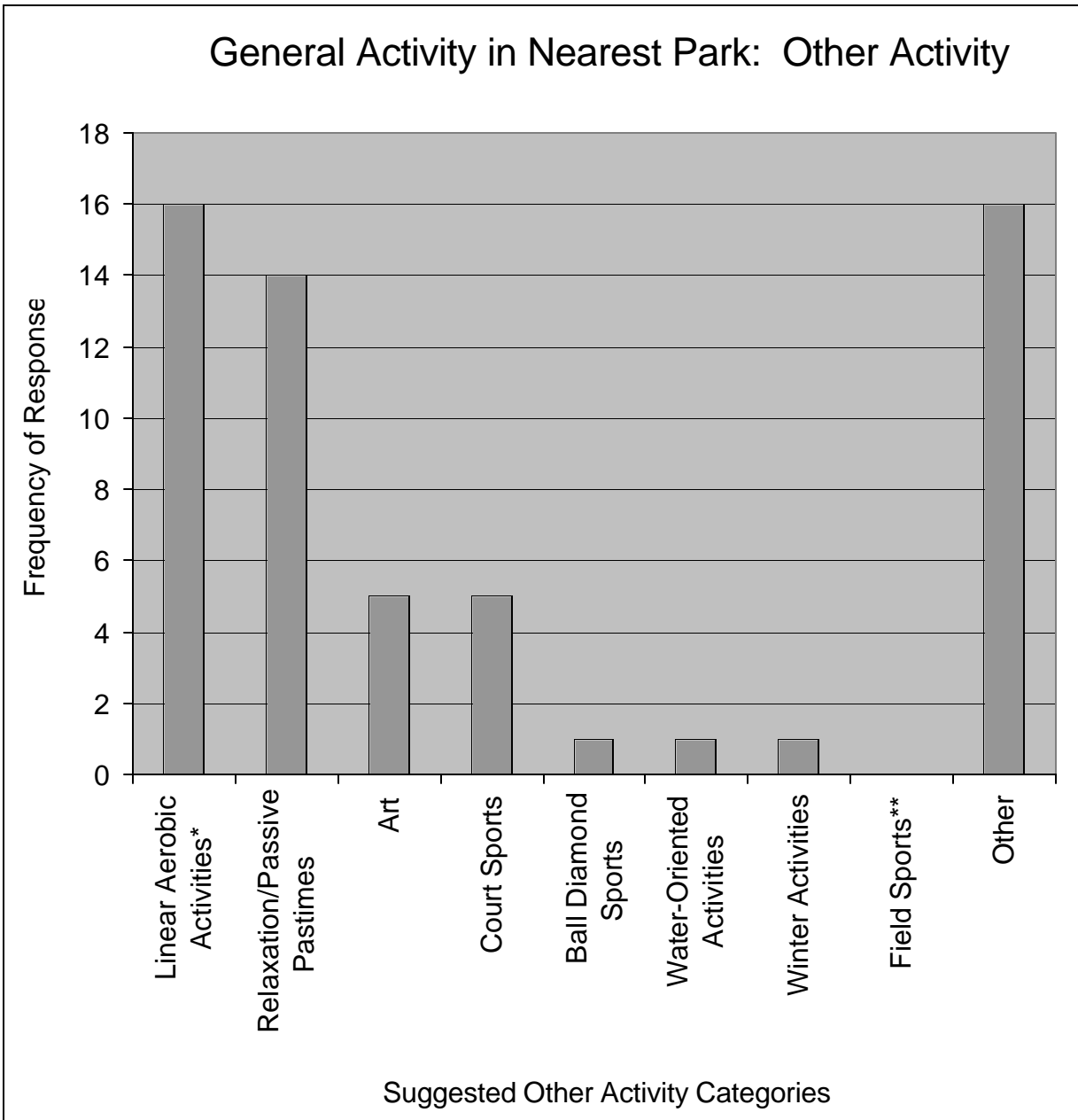


Table A6-16

Like Most about Park Used

General Categories	N	%
Has Scenic Beauty	117	40%
Proximity to Residence	39	13%
Has Desired Facility	38	13%
Provides Safety/Cleanliness	19	7%
Provides Relaxation	18	6%
Neighborhood Asset	11	4%
Provides Social Contact	11	4%
Ease of Access	5	2%
Proximity to Work	2	1%
Has Social Diversity	2	1%
Has Desired Recreation Programs	1	0%
Other	7	2%
N/A	2	1%
Blank	17	6%
Total	289	100%

Questionnaire item: "What do you like the most about the park you use?"

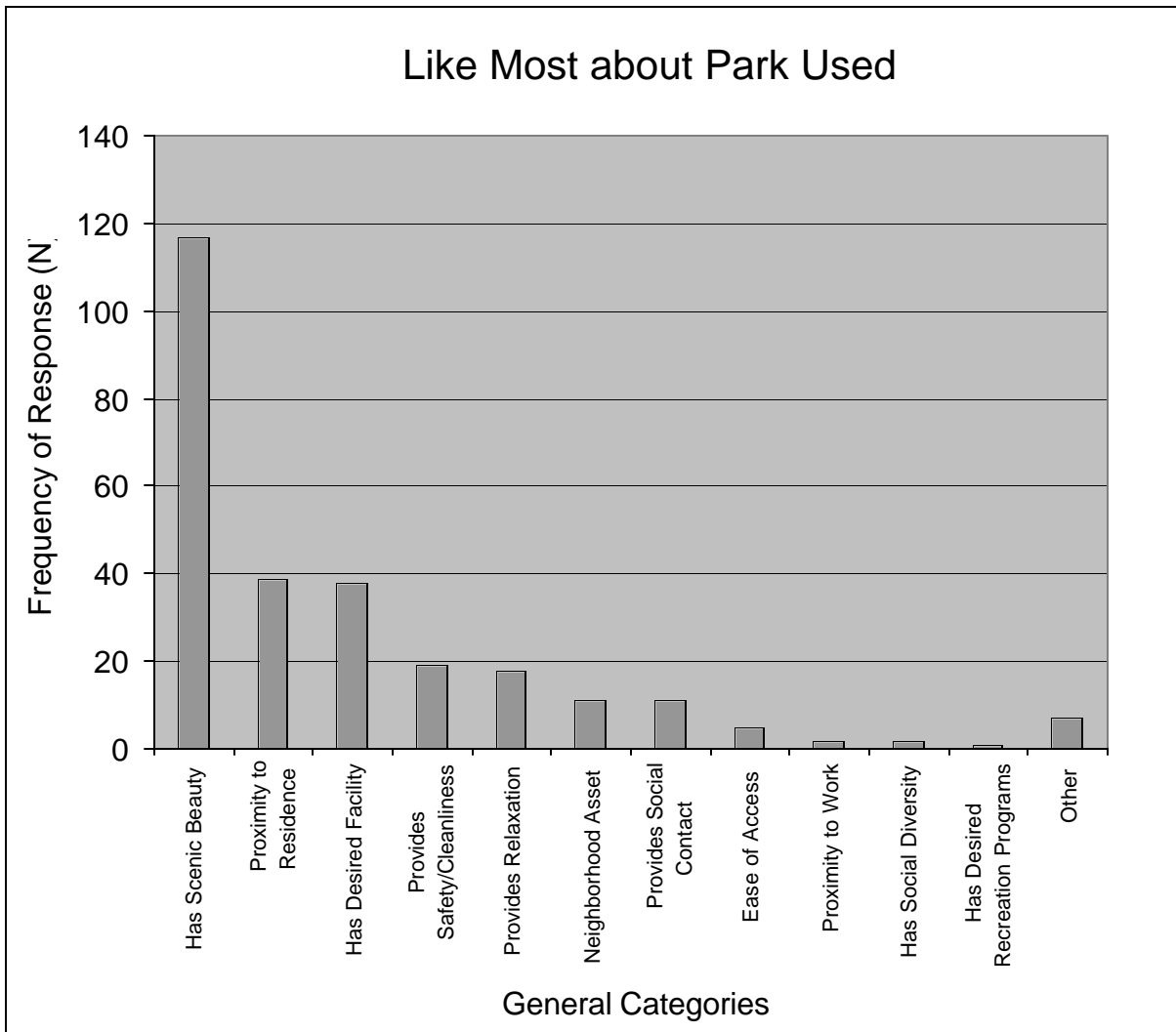


Table A6-17

Like Least About Park Used

General Categories	N	%
Poor Safety/Cleanliness	77	27%
Lacks Desired Facility	28	10%
Difficult to Access	19	7%
Neighborhood Detriment	7	2%
Far from Residence	4	1%
Little Relaxation Available	4	1%
Lacks Desired Recreation Programs	3	1%
Lacks Scenic Beauty	3	1%
Lacks Special Events	2	1%
Little Social Contact Available	1	0%
Other	107	37%
N/A	13	4%
Blank	21	7%
Total	289	100%

Questionnaire item: "What do you like the least about the park you use?"

Like Least About Park Used

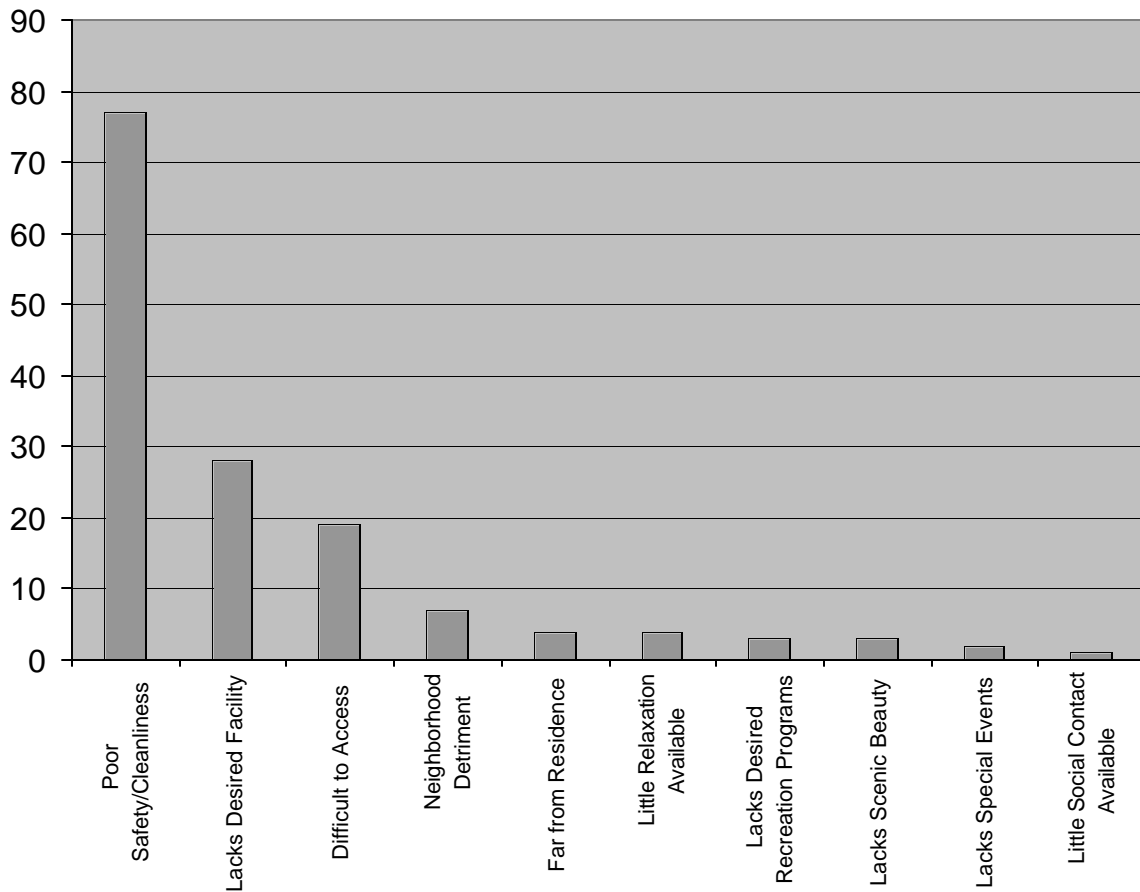


Table A6-18		
Facilities/Activities Would Add to Park Used		
General Categories	N	%
Physical Features	108	37.4%
Programs & Special Events	23	8.0%
Maintenance	17	5.9%
Active Sports	11	3.8%
Linear Aerobic	9	3.1%
Passive Recreation	8	2.8%
Dog Run	7	2.4%
Dog Control	4	1.4%
Parking	2	0.7%
Access	1	0.3%
Other	16	5.5%
N/A	33	11.4%
Blank	50	17.3%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "What facilities/activities would you add to the park you use?"

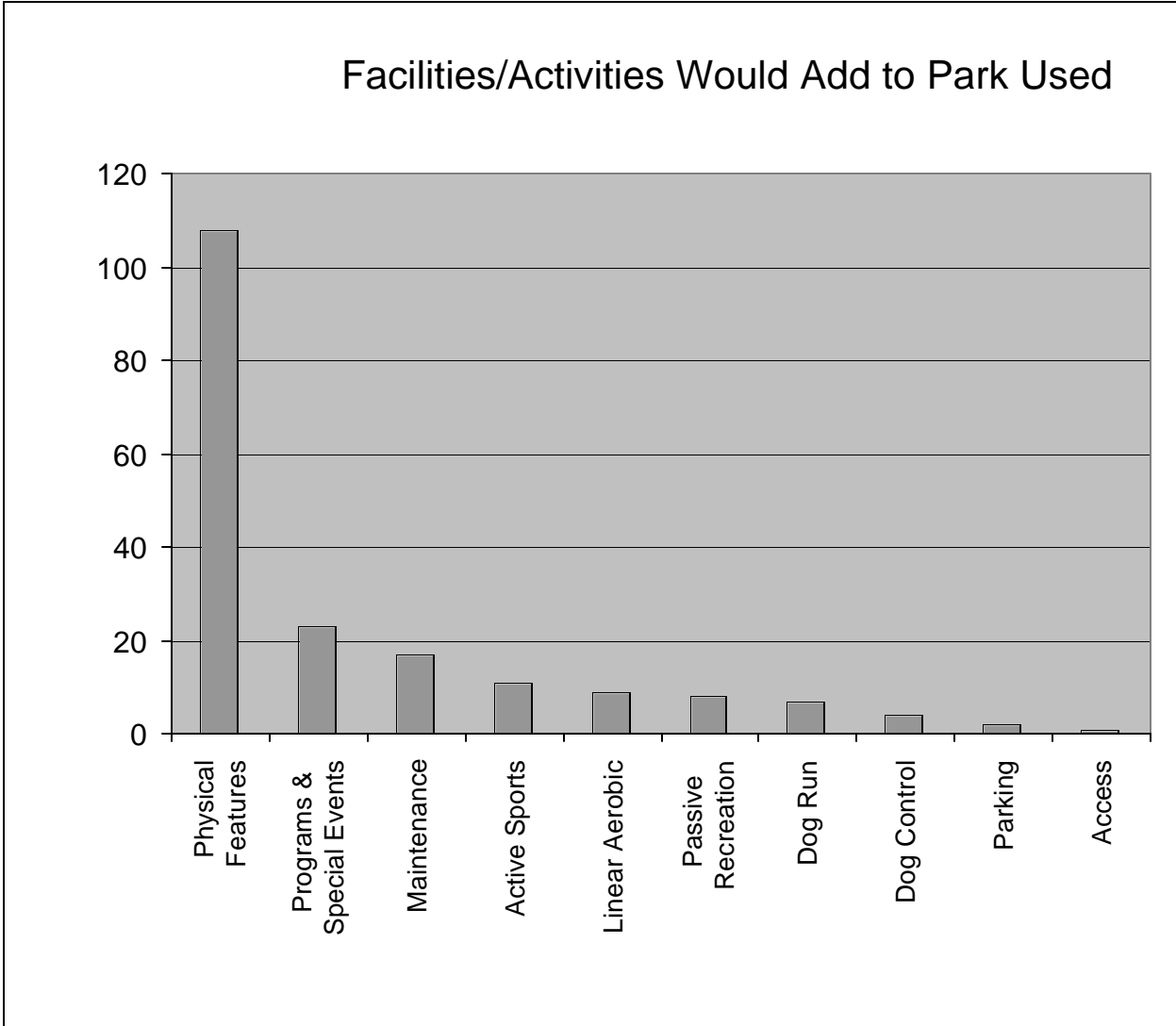


Table A6-19
Perceived Open Space Needs for Own Neighborhood

General Categories	N	%
More Neighborhood Open Space	44	15.2%
Improve Landscape/Trees	29	10.0%
Improve Maintenance	29	10.0%
Improve/Add Park Facilities	25	8.7%
More Sports Open Space	22	7.6%
More Linear Open Space	19	6.6%
Improve/Add Programs & Special Events	16	5.5%
Protect Open Space from Conversion	10	3.5%
Address Dog Owners' Needs	9	3.1%
Improve Public Safety	9	3.1%
Improve Dog Control	6	2.1%
Improve Access	4	1.4%
More Regional Open Space	3	1.0%
Other	11	3.8%
N/A	14	4.8%
Blank	39	13.5%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "In your neighborhood, what do you believe are the park, recreation, and open space needs?"

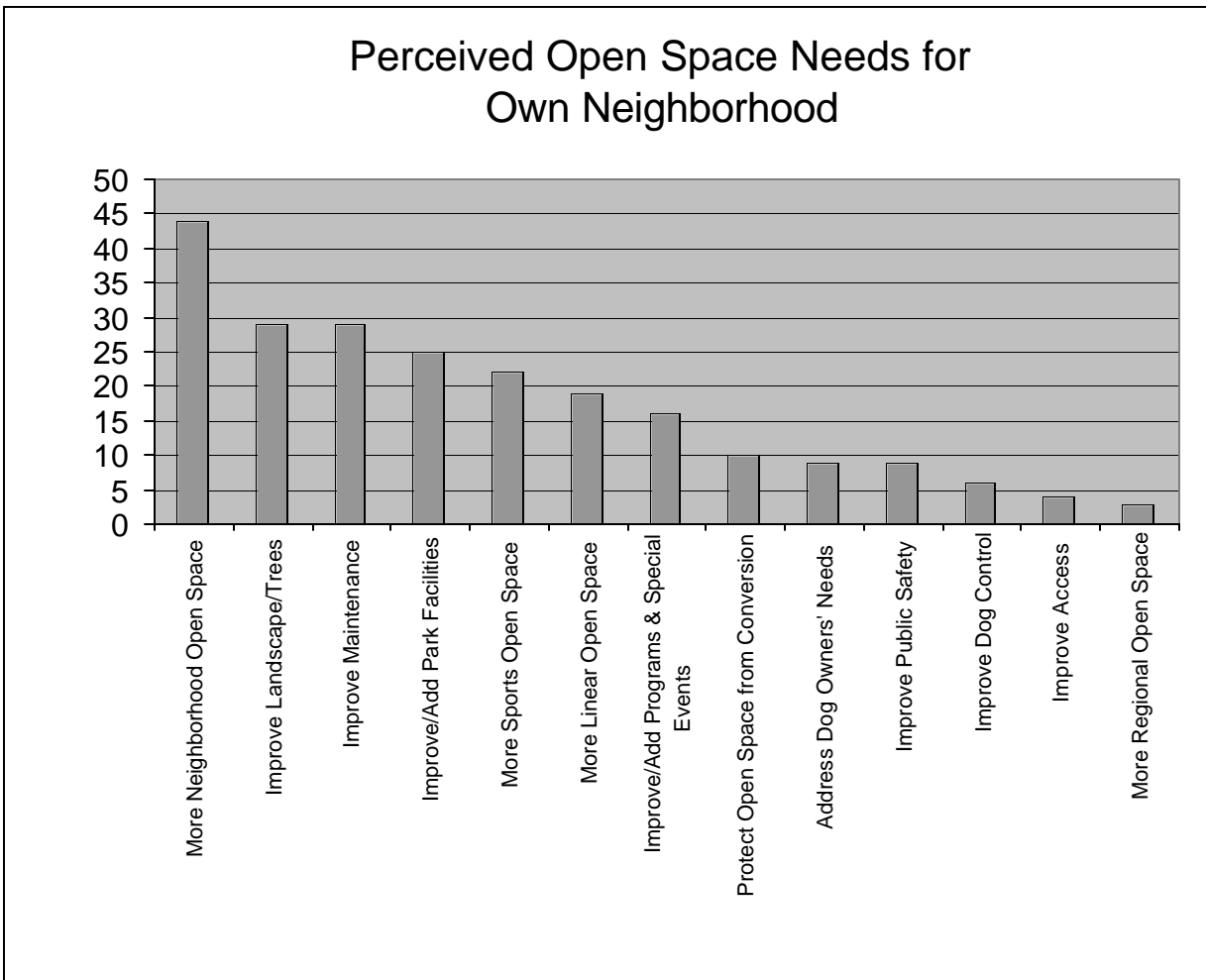


Table A6-20

Desired Changes in Parks Used Five Years Hence

General Categories	N	%
Improve Maintenance	51	17.6%
Improve Landscape/Trees	43	14.9%
Improve/Add Park Facilities	36	12.5%
Improve/Add Programs & Special Events	31	10.7%
More Neighborhood Open Space	16	5.5%
More Linear Open Space	12	4.2%
Protect Open Space from Conversion	9	3.1%
Improve Public Safety	9	3.1%
Improve Access	8	2.8%
More Sports Open Space	7	2.4%
Address Dog Owners' Needs	3	1.0%
More Regional Open Space	3	1.0%
Improve Dog Control	2	0.7%
Other	16	5.5%
N/A	8	2.8%
Blank	35	12.1%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "Five years from now, what changes would you like to see in the parks you use?"

Desired Changes in Parks Used Five Years Hence

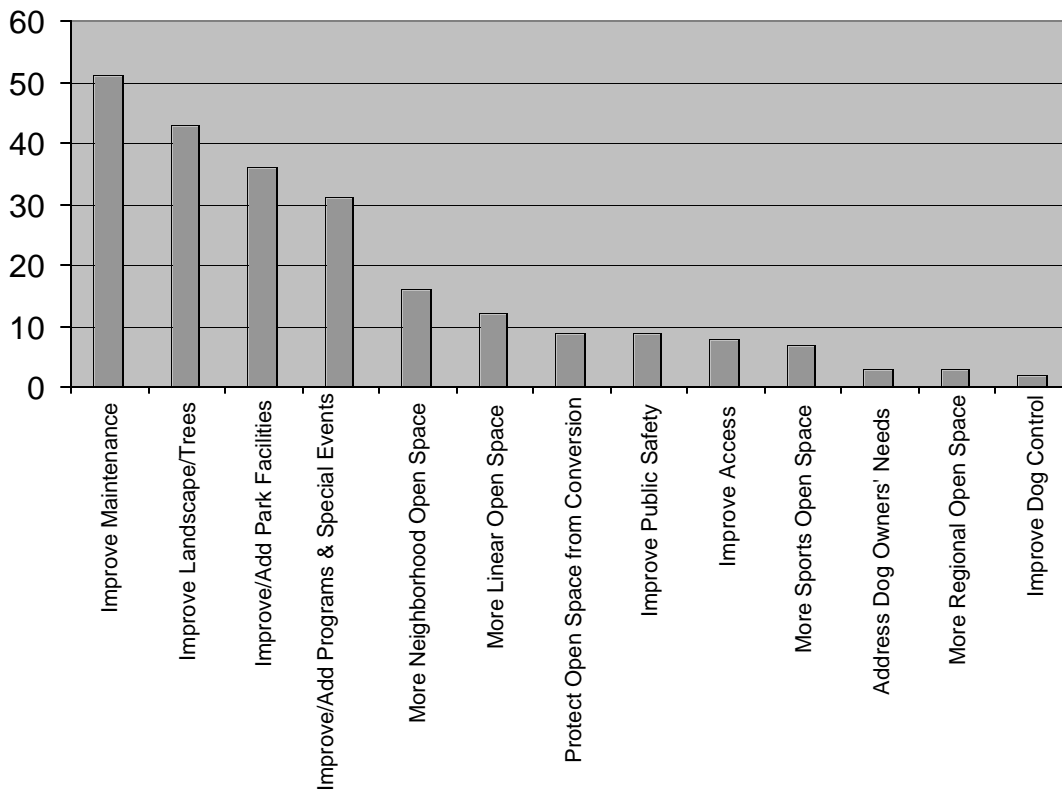


Table A6-21 Parks as Important Residential Location Reason		
Degree of Agreement	N	%
Strongly Agree	124	42.9%
Somewhat Agree	73	25.3%
Somewhat Disagree	20	6.9%
Strongly Disagree	20	6.9%
N/A	37	12.8%
Other	14	4.8%
Blank	1	0.3%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "The parks in my neighborhood are a very important reason why I chose to live there in the first place."

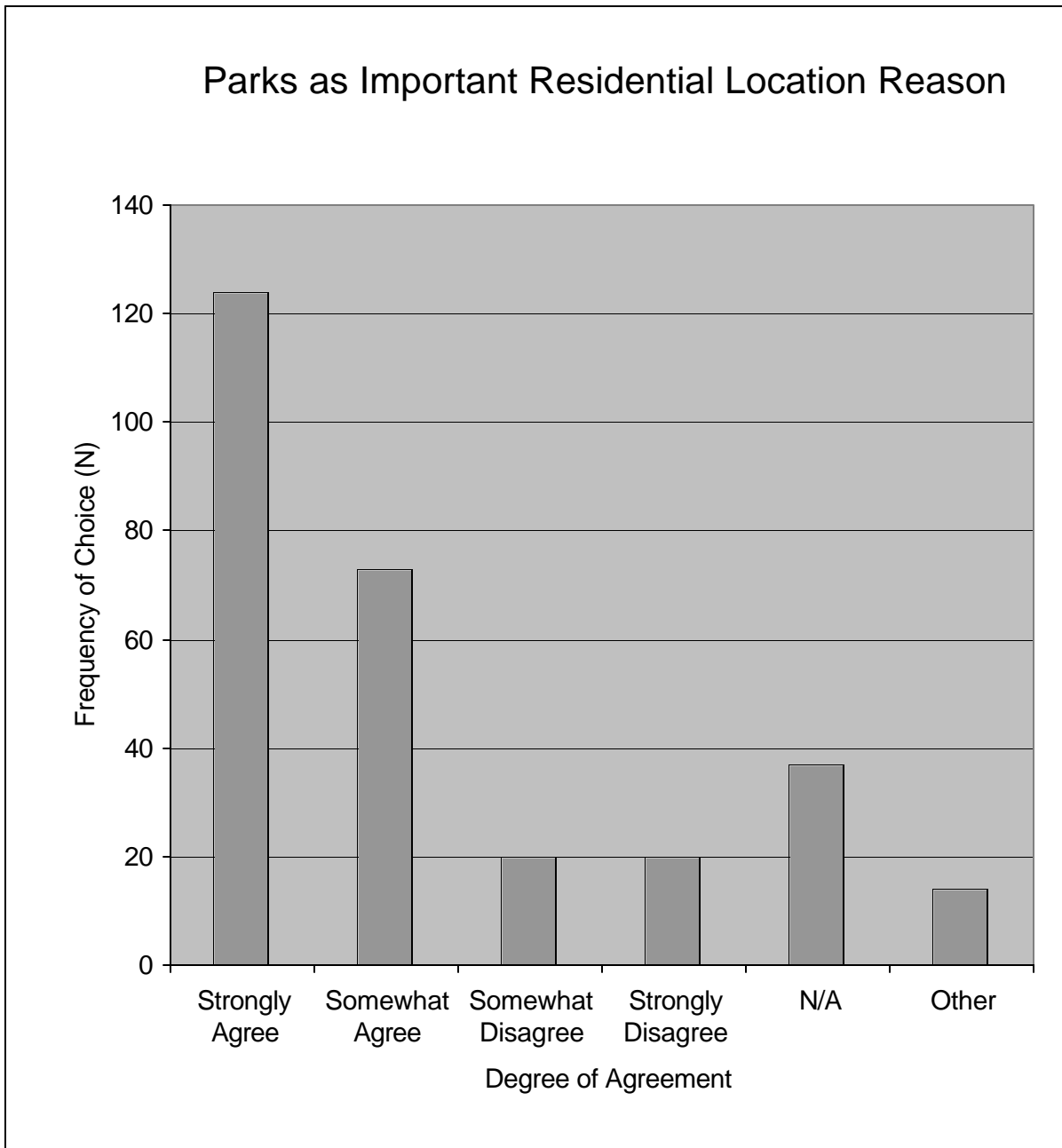


Table A6-22 Parks as Important Neighborhood Attraction		
Degree of Agreement	N	%
Strongly Agree	55	19.0%
Somewhat Agree	69	23.9%
Somewhat Disagree	36	12.5%
Strongly Disagree	50	17.3%
N/A	61	21.1%
Other	17	5.9%
Blank	1	0.3%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "I knew nothing about the parks in my neighborhood when I moved there, but now they are a very important reason why I continue to live there."

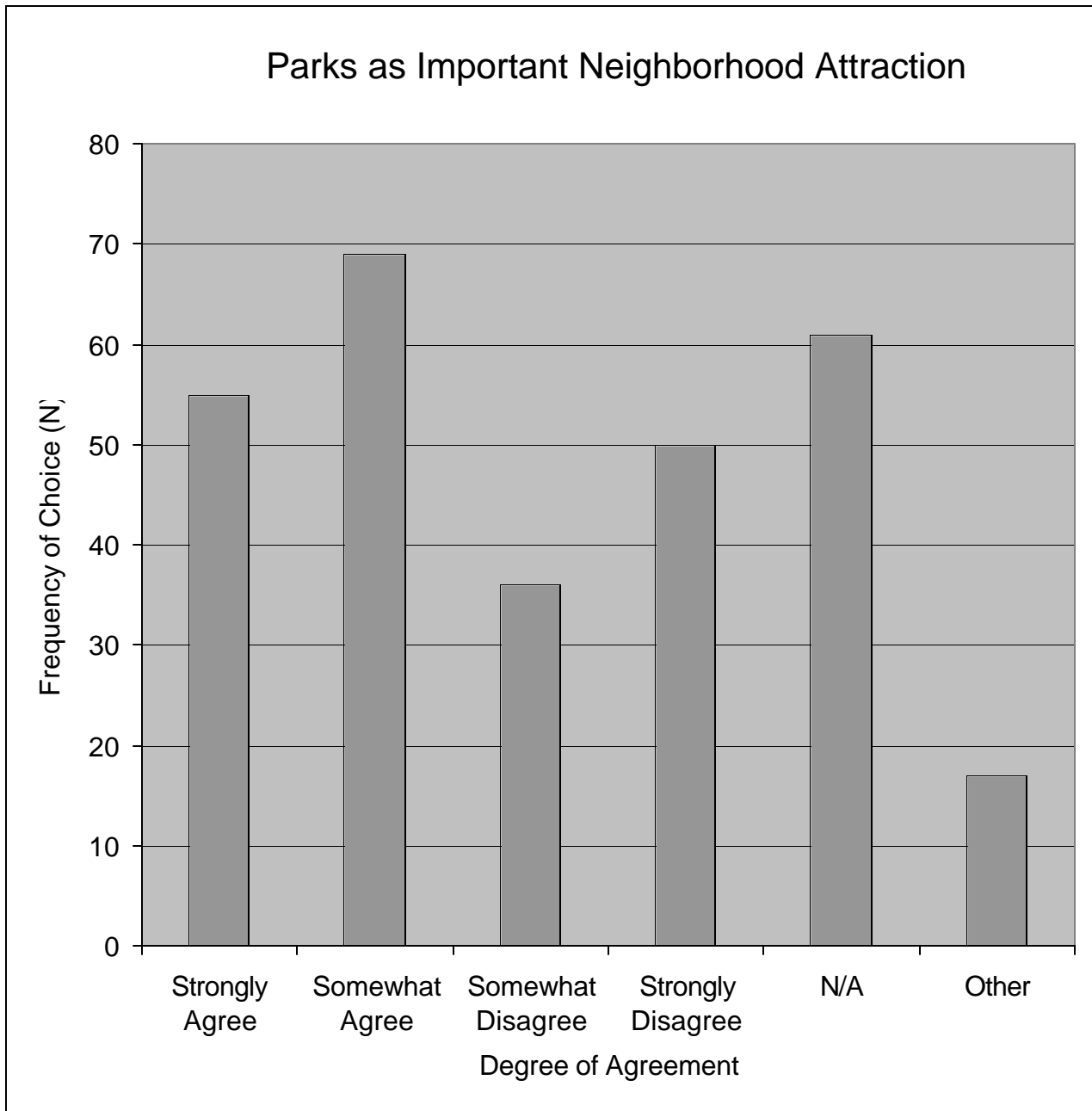


Table A6-23

Perceived Need for Street Trees

Degree of Agreement	N	%
Strongly Agree	61	21.1%
Somewhat Agree	71	24.6%
Somewhat Disagree	65	22.5%
Strongly Disagree	68	23.5%
N/A	10	3.5%
Blank	14	4.8%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "There are many trees on my street. They meet my street's need for shade and beauty."

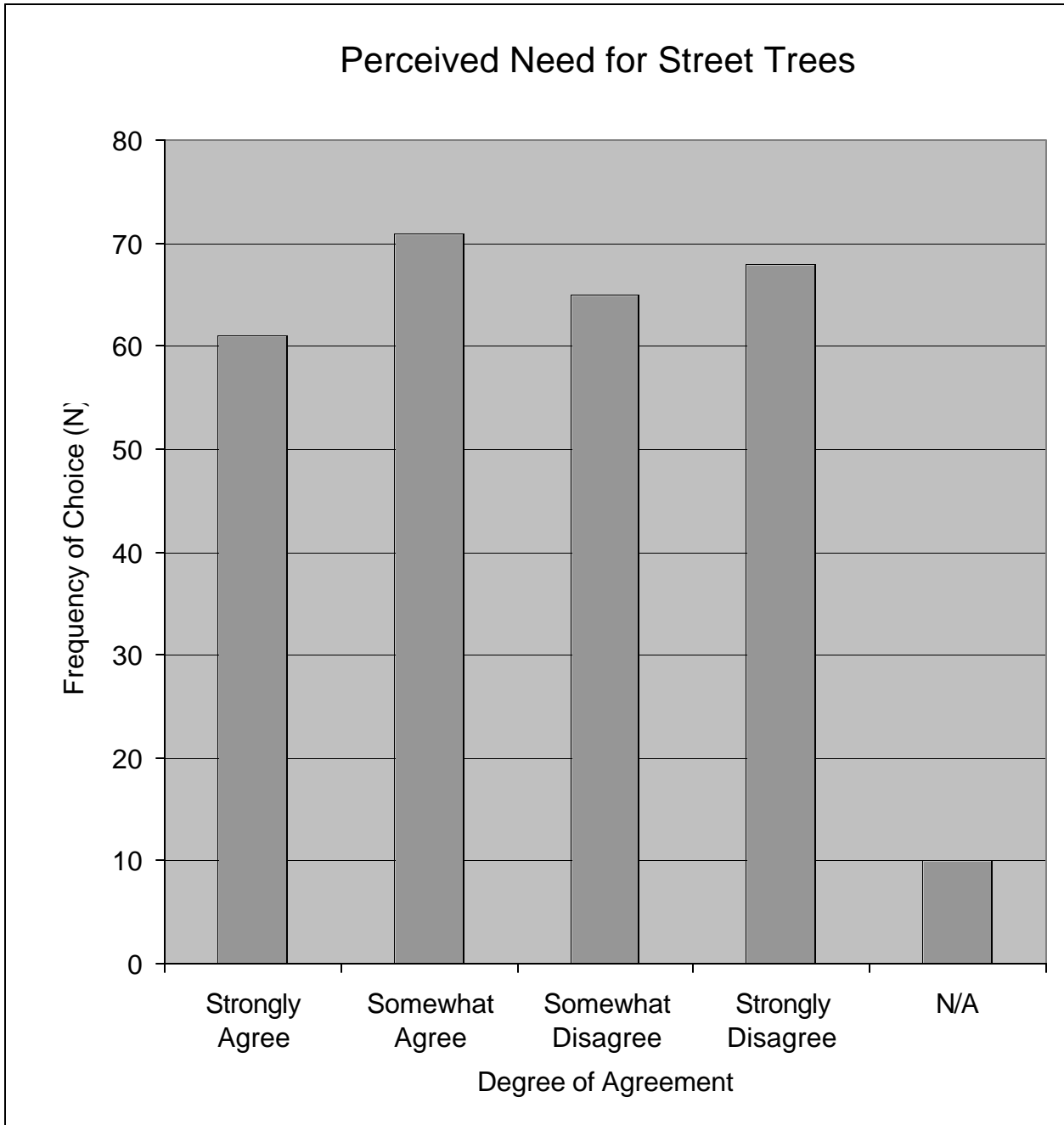


Table A6-24

Perceived Need for Access to Nature

Degree of Agreement	N	%
Strongly Agree	113	39.1%
Somewhat Agree	82	28.4%
Somewhat Disagree	30	10.4%
Strongly Disagree	42	14.5%
N/A	11	3.8%
Blank	11	3.8%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "There is a natural area in my neighborhood that provides me with good access to nature."

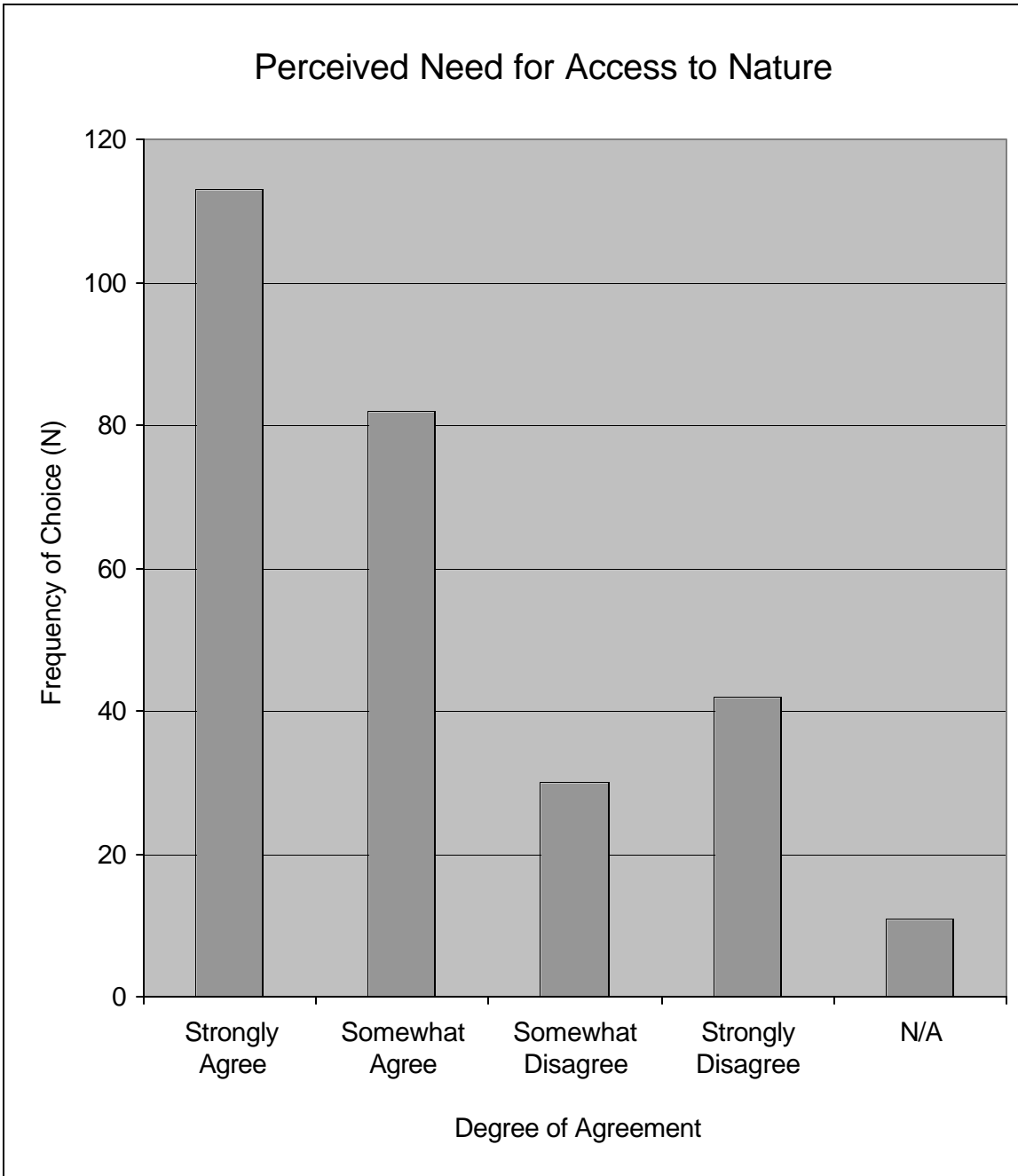


Table A6-25

Perceived Need for Community Garden

Degree of Agreement	N	%
Strongly Agree	34	11.8%
Somewhat Agree	17	5.9%
Somewhat Disagree	15	5.2%
Strongly Disagree	52	18.0%
N/A	154	53.3%
Blank	17	5.9%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "I live in an apartment and want to garden, and I can, thanks to a community garden nearby."

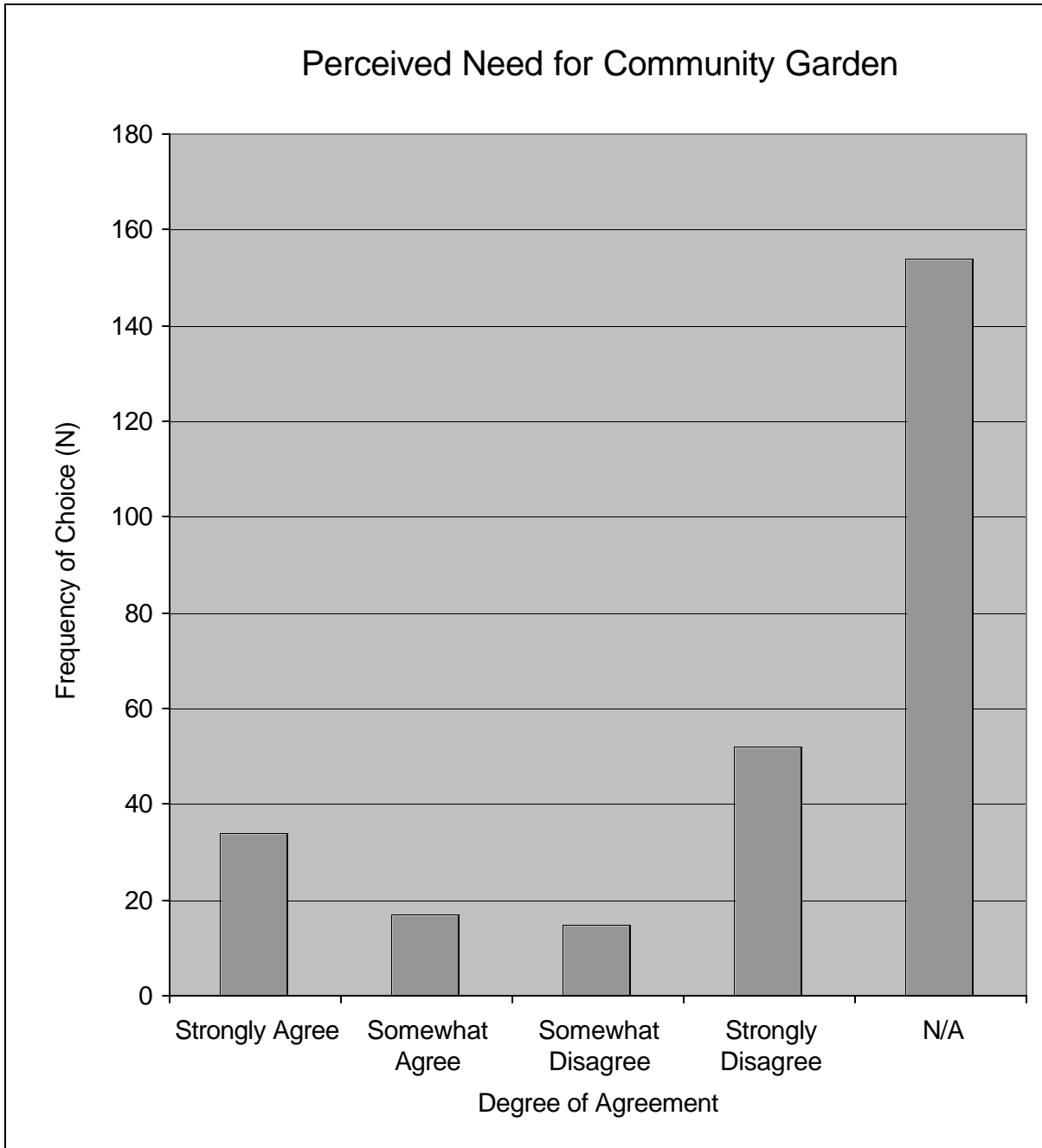


Table A6-26
Perceived Need for Youth Sports Fields

Degree of Agreement	N	%
Strongly Agree	39	13.5%
Somewhat Agree	37	12.8%
Somewhat Disagree	24	8.3%
Strongly Disagree	32	11.1%
N/A	149	51.6%
Blank	8	2.8%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "My park provides my child's sports league with the space needed to practice and play."

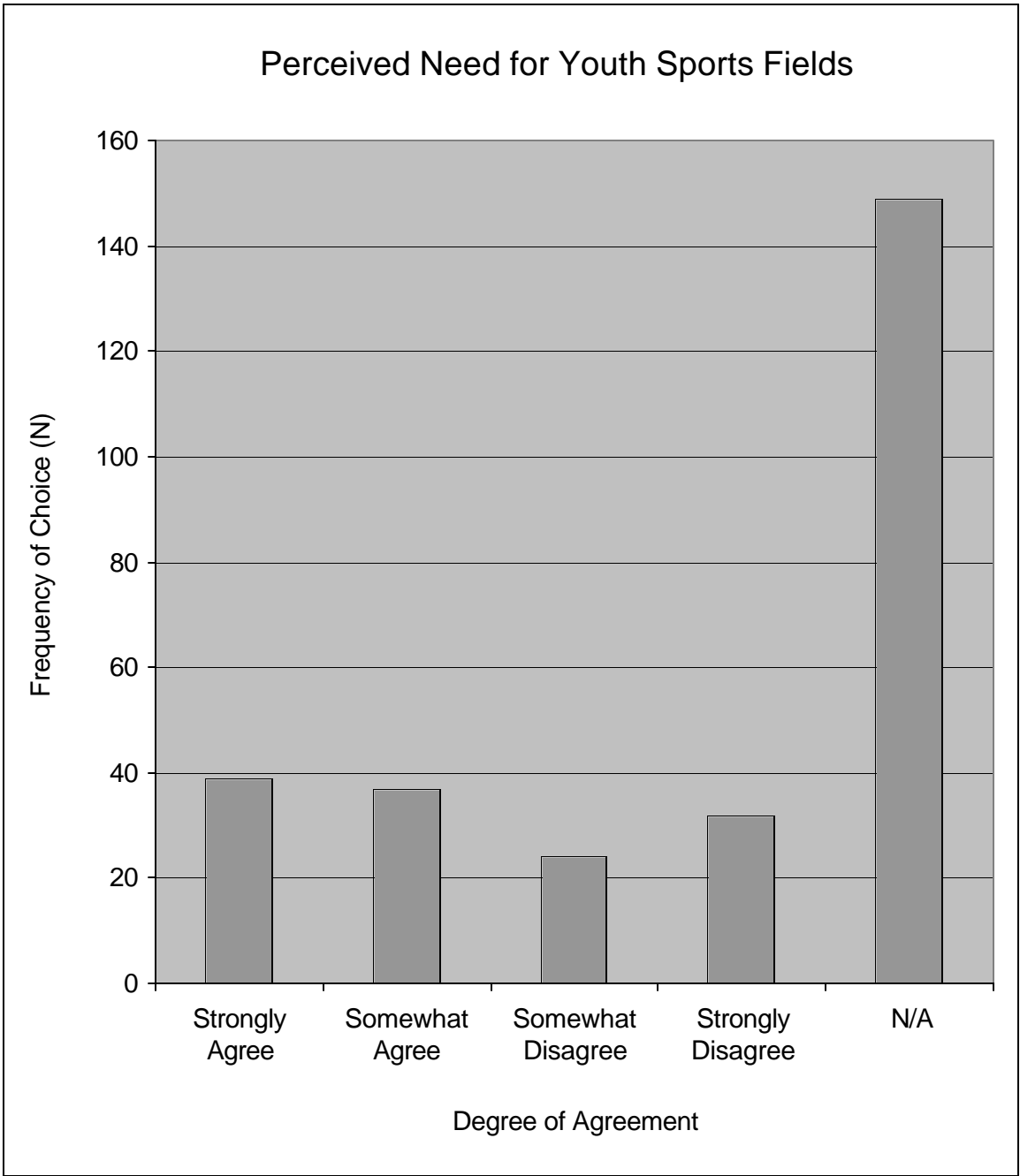


Table A6-27		
Park within Walking Distance of Residence		
Degree of Agreement	N	%
Agree	266	92.0%
Disagree	11	3.8%
N/A	2	0.7%
Blank	10	3.5%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "I am within easy walking distance of my closest local park (10-15 minutes)."

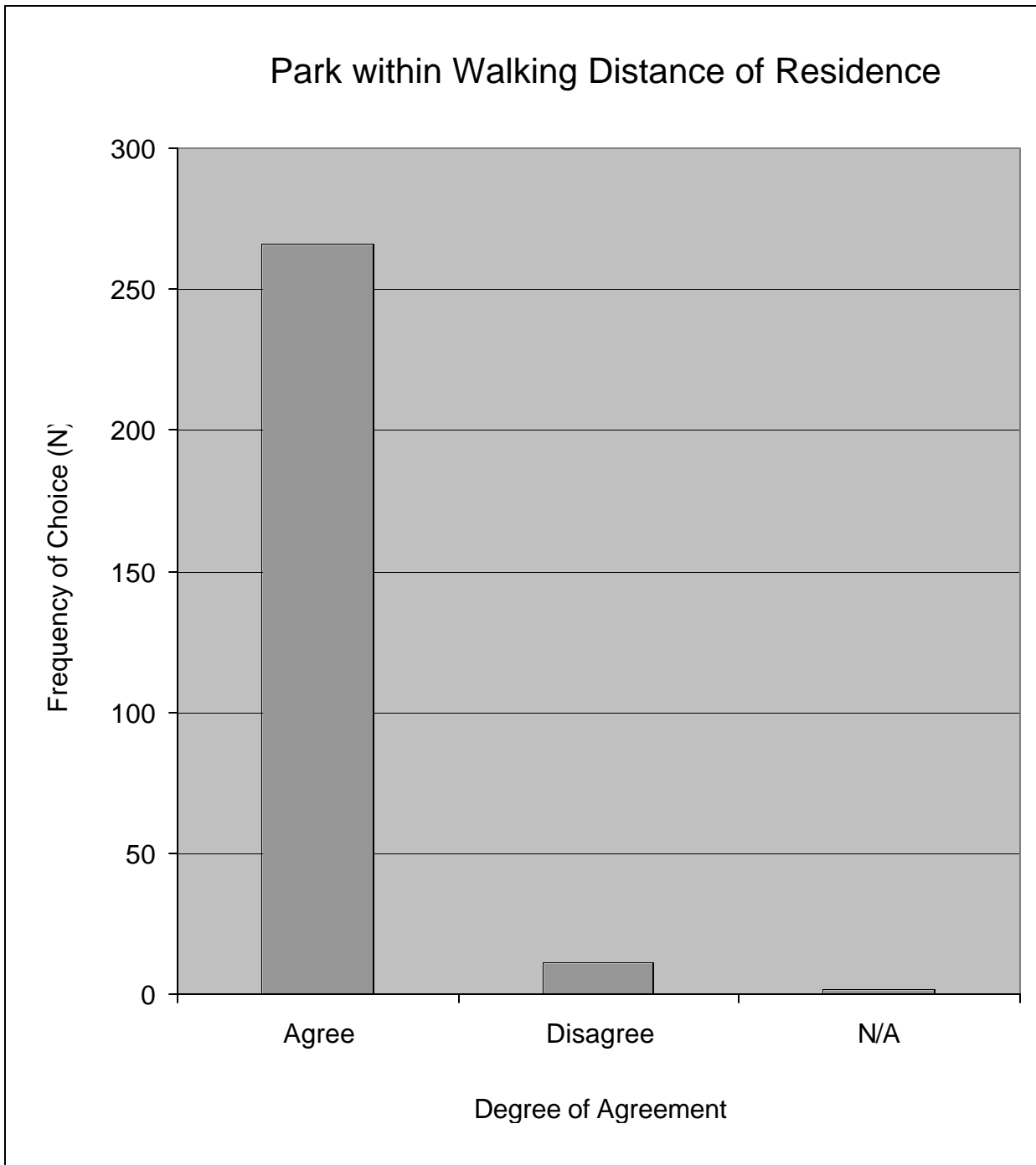


Table A6-28		
Perceived Need for Children's Play Lot		
Degree of Agreement	N	%
Agree	189	65.4%
Disagree	53	18.3%
N/A	38	13.1%
Blank	9	3.1%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "My closest local park contains children's play equipment for pre-school and pre-teen children."

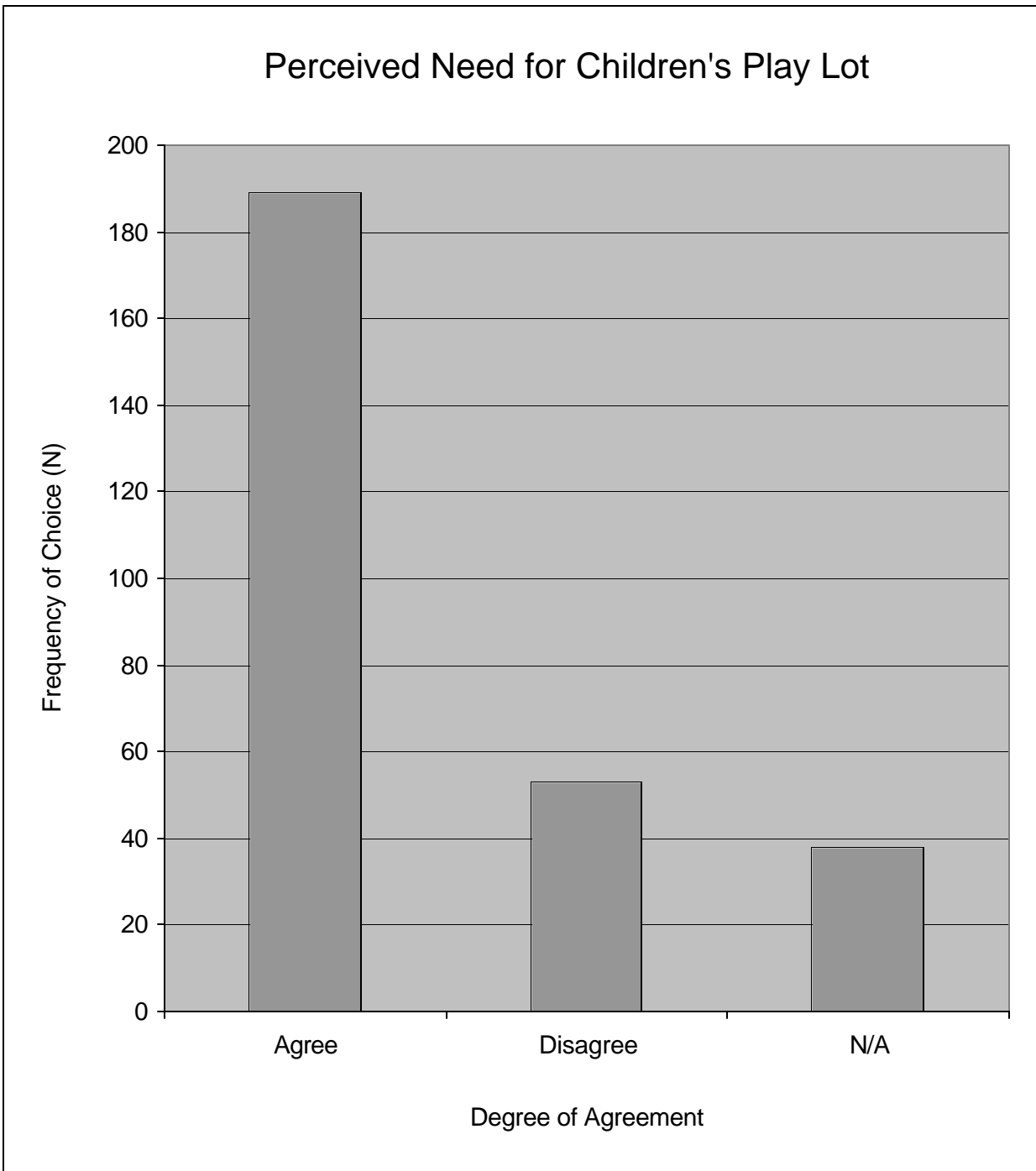


Table A6-29 Perceived Accessibility of Boston Harbor Islands		
Degree of Agreement	N	%
Strongly Agree	50	17.3%
Somewhat Agree	68	23.5%
Somewhat Disagree	67	23.2%
Strongly Disagree	56	19.4%
N/A	32	11.1%
Blank	16	5.5%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "The Boston Harbor Islands are easy to get to – just hop on a ferry and go!"

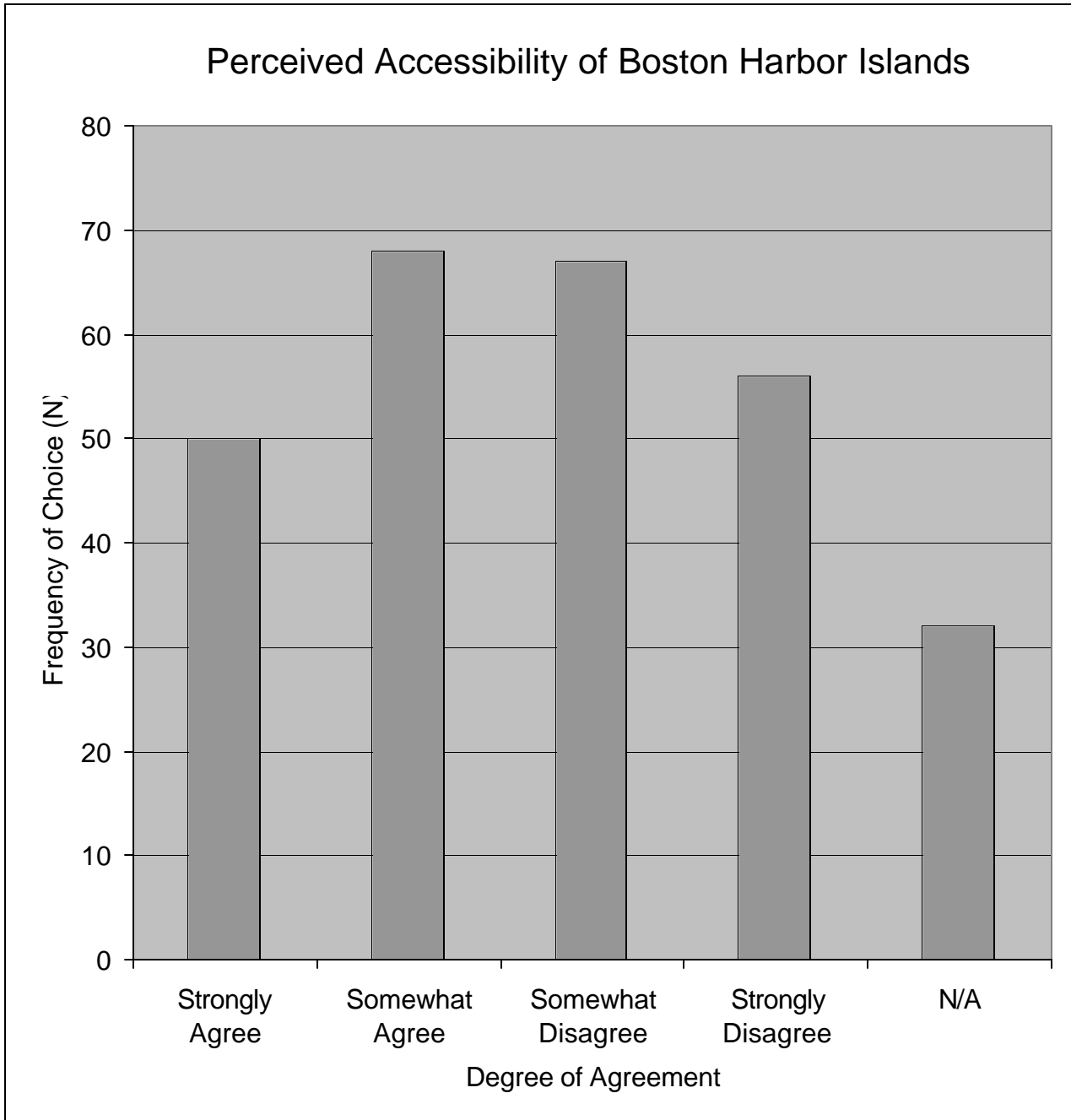


Table A6-30		
Perceived Accessibility of Waterfront/Riverfront Open Space		
Degree of Agreement	N	%
Strongly Agree	69	23.9%
Somewhat Agree	80	27.7%
Somewhat Disagree	48	16.6%
Strongly Disagree	59	20.4%
N/A	23	8.0%
Blank	10	3.5%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "I can get to the harbor/riverfront walk or park easily given how far I live/I don't live far from the water's edge."

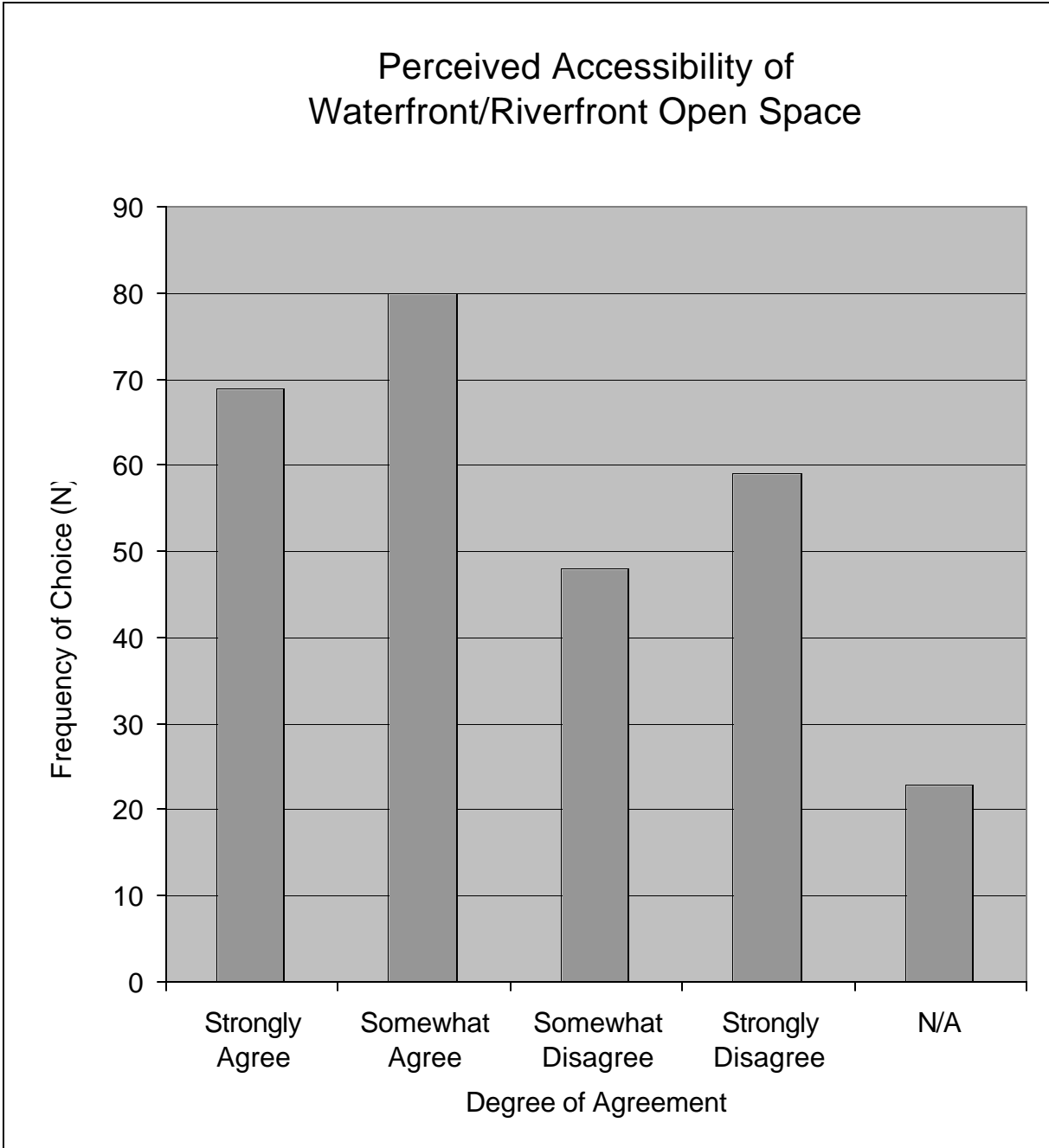


Table A6-31		
Perceived Availability of Bike Path in Boston		
Degree of Agreement	N	%
Strongly Agree	105	36.3%
Somewhat Agree	61	21.1%
Somewhat Disagree	36	12.5%
Strongly Disagree	41	14.2%
N/A	36	12.5%
Blank	10	3.5%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "I can bicycle on a bike path without going outside of Boston to do so."

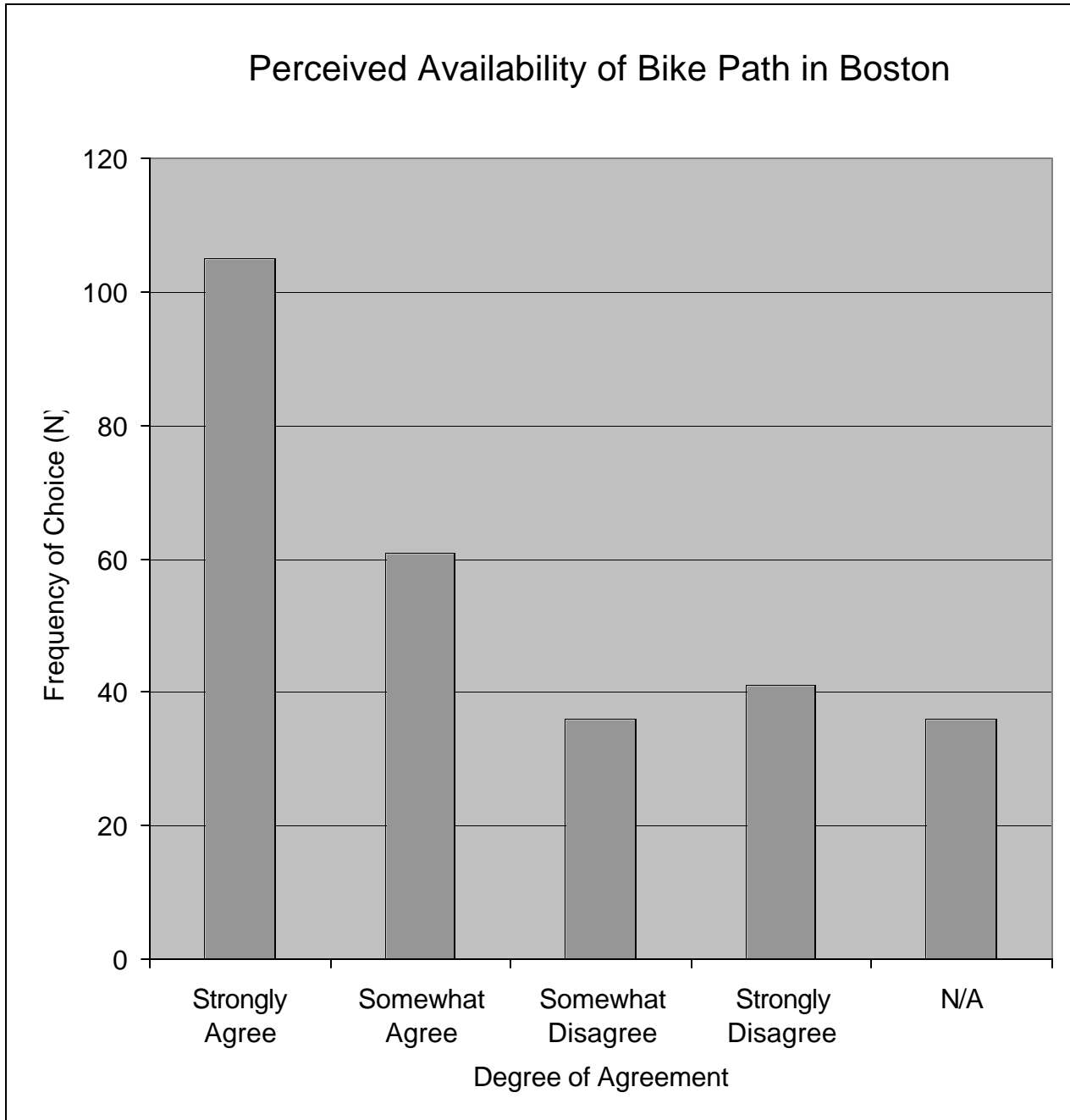


Table A6-32		
Attitude toward Use of Federal & State Taxes for Local Parks		
Degree of Agreement	N	%
Strongly Agree	234	81.0%
Somewhat Agree	37	12.8%
Somewhat Disagree	2	0.7%
Strongly Disagree	2	0.7%
N/A	5	1.7%
Blank	9	3.1%
Total	289	100.0%

Questionnaire item: "Local parks are important – I want a fair portion of my federal and state tax dollars used for local parks as well as for highways and boulevards."

