

Supplemental Studies

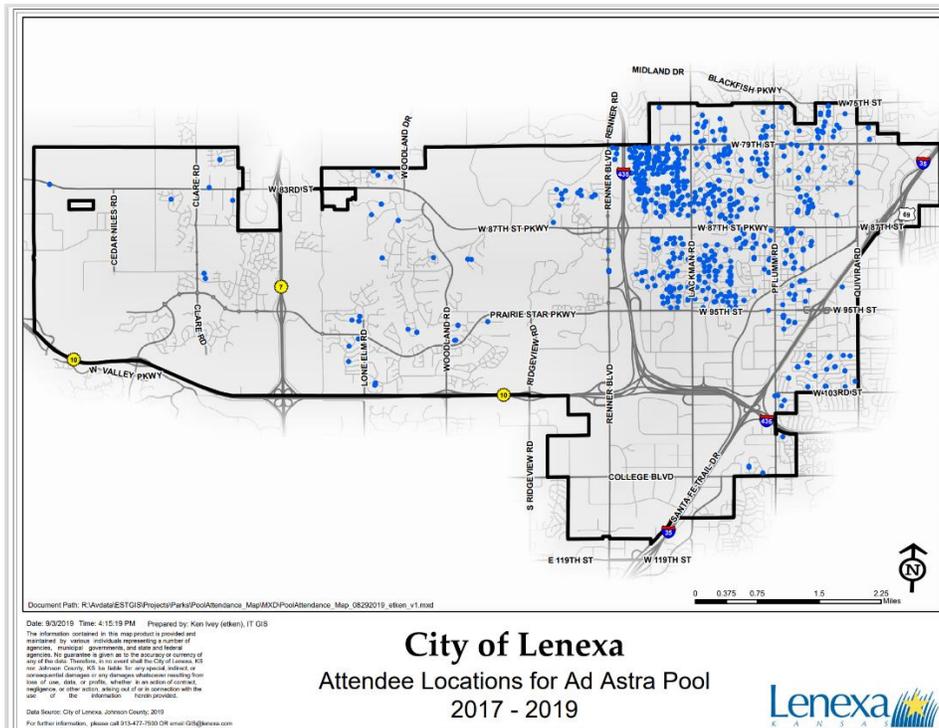
Several additional studies were conducted to understand more about specific points of interest regarding the Aquatics Study and are cumulative to findings in Phase 1. Those studies include pool pass origination points, accident rates along 87th Street, traffic counts near major intersections in the area of Ad Astra Pool and Indian Trails Aquatic Center, and the impact of a pool conversion to a park on residential property values.

Pool Pass Origination

To further understand pool use, maps were generated using the location of households who purchased a pool pass in 2017 – 2019 and where those passes were scanned in at Flat Rock Creek Pool does not have data available for 2017). This exercise was completed for Ad Astra Pool, Flat Rock Creek Pool, and Indian Trails Aquatic Center. The maps below demonstrate geographically where in the city pool pass holders scan in at (or swim).

The three pools each showcase usage from households across the City, each showing slightly denser usage from households closer in proximity to the respective pool. Comparing the three pools, Indian Trails Aquatic Center shows more equal distribution of participation across the city, specifically east of 435.

Ad Astra Pool



Traffic Accident Analysis

As identified in Phase 1 of the Aquatic Study, it is an option to close Ad Astra Pool. Supporters of the Ad Astra Pool expressed concern over the safety of crossing 87th Street to get to Indian Trails Pool. To understand more about accident rates along 87th Street, information for traffic/pedestrian incidents, including bicycles, was collected for 87th Street between Greenway Lane and Maurer Road, and the intersection of 83rd and Lackman Road, from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019.

In the three (3) year time span there were three (3) incidents:

- 87th Street/Gallery
- Private drive
- McDonalds at 87th Street and Maurer

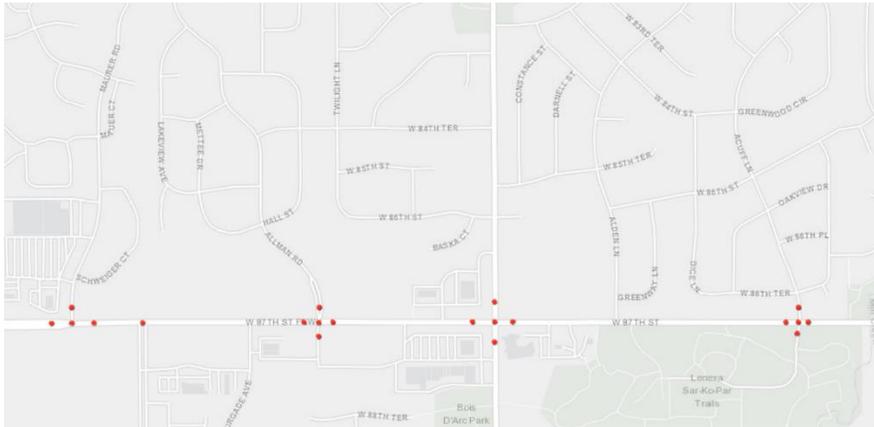
Traffic Count

To further understand the expressed concern about safety regarding crossing 87th street, we wanted to understand more about traffic counts in the area.

According to the Traffic Counts Viewer through the City of Lenexa’s GIS Maps and Apps gallery, the following intersections have an average tragic count per 24-hour period on a typical weekday (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) as demonstrated below.

1. 87 th & Nieman	64,485
2. 87 th & Maurer	58,187
3. 87 th & Loiret	57,205
4. 87 th & Acuff	51,897
5. Pflumm & 79 th	28,959
6. Pflumm & W. 83 rd	24,847
7. Lackman & 83 rd	20,973
8. Lackman & 90 th St	10,879

Traffic Count – City of Lenexa Counts Viewer



Lenexa, KS – Aquatic Study

Case Study: Roe Park – City of Overland Park, KS

10400 Roe Overland Park, KS 66207

- 1969 – Roe Pool opened
- 2015 – Last season (46 years)
 - Oldest in the system at the time of decommissioning
 - Busy in the 1980's but declined use over time due to larger pools and pools with more amenities
- 2017 – Roe Park opened with improvements

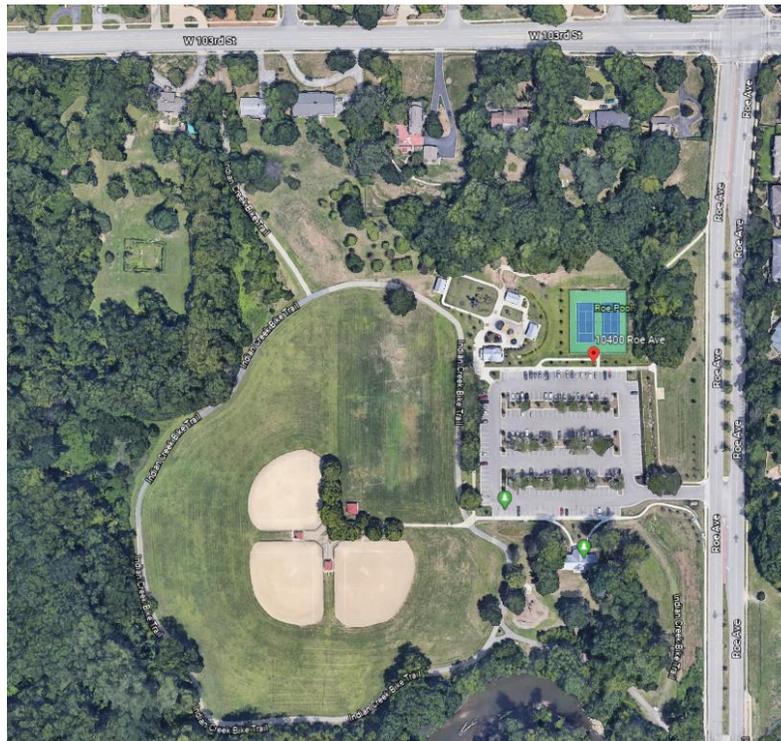
Roe Pool (decommissioned)

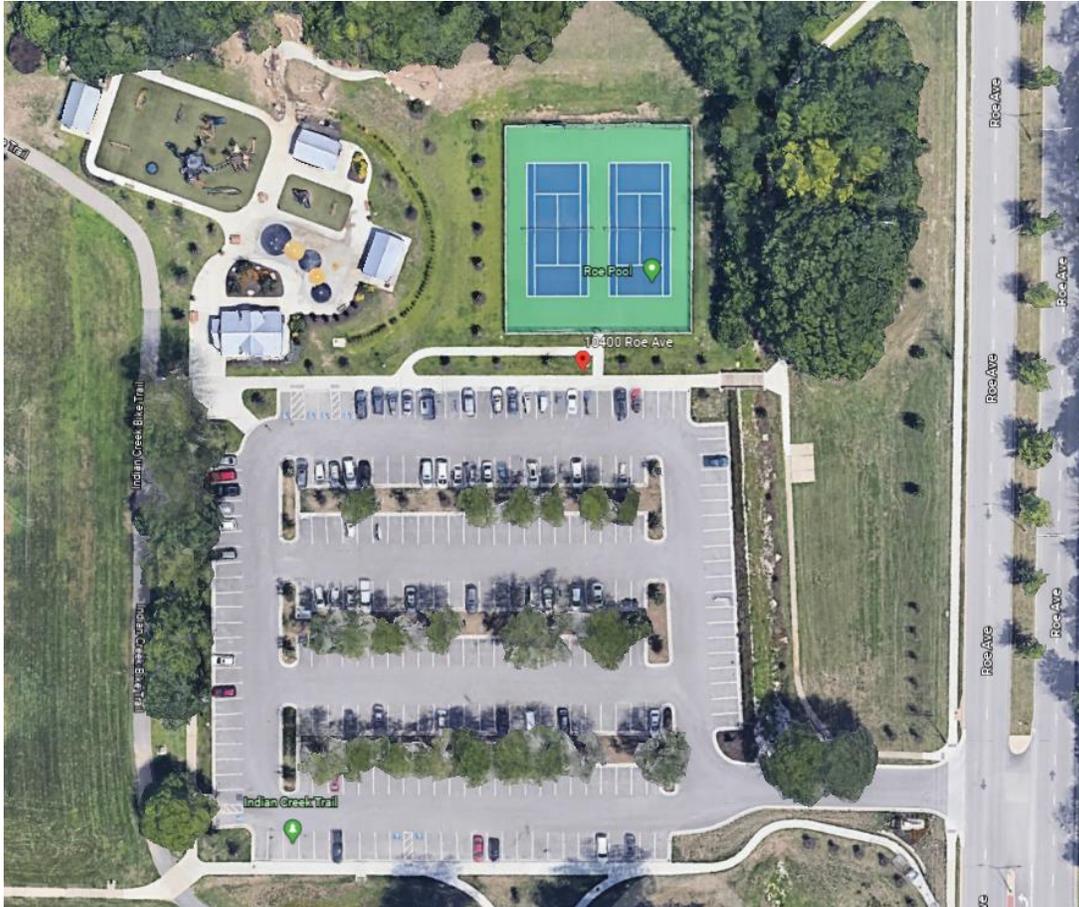




Roe Park (current)

Roe Pool used to be located where the current tennis courts are now located.









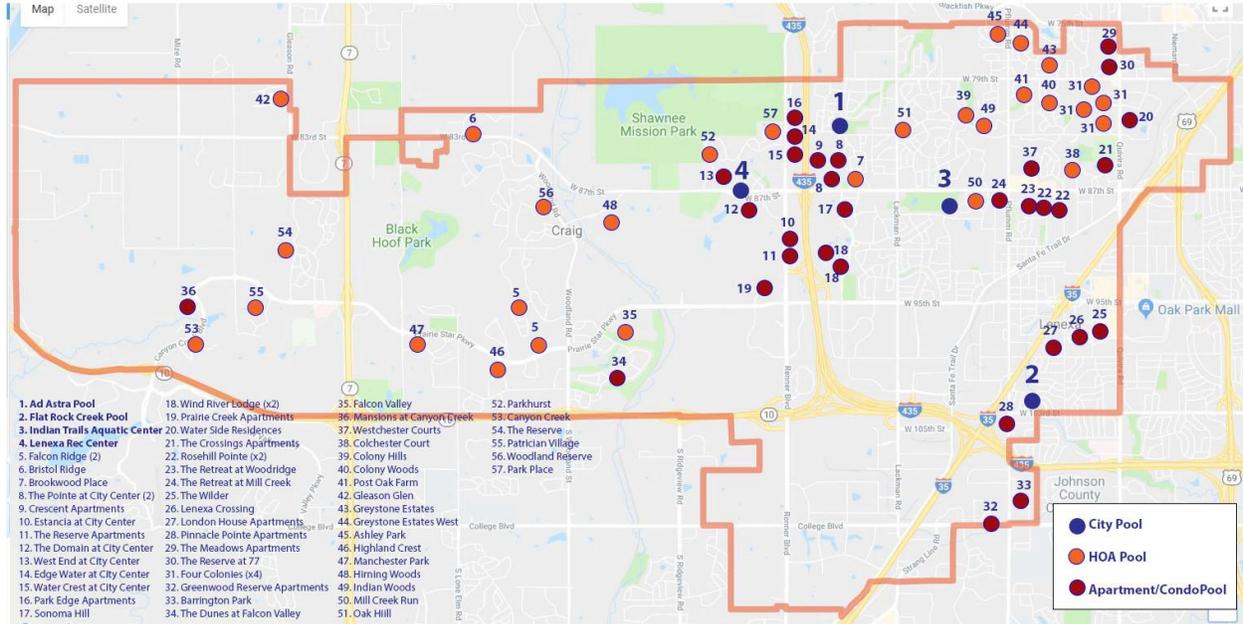
Housing Statistics

In February of 2020, Waters Edge Aquatic Design requested housing sales analytics from a local real estate agent as a high-level study of the market within a 1-mile radius of Roe Park. The intent was to see if there was a noticeable difference in home values before Roe Pool closed and after redevelopment of Roe Park.

<i>1-mile radius of Roe Park</i>	1,000 – 2,000 Days <i>(fall 2014 – mid-2017)</i>	Past 1,000 Days <i>(mid-2017 - February 2020)</i>	Difference
Median Price	\$235,500	\$270,000	+ 15%
Average Price	\$261,269	\$299,080	+ 14%
Average List Price	\$263,463	\$308,643	+ 17%
Total # Listings	24	20	- 17%
Average DOM	39	50	+ 28%
Average \$ Per S.F.	\$128	\$129	+ 1%

Home Owners Association (HOA) Pools

City of Lenexa – Aquatics Study



Summary

The City of Lenexa has approximately 53 different communities that offer a total of 60 pools as a part of an HOA or rental complex. This number is up 24% from 2012, according to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Comprehensive Plan Community Outdoor Pool analysis. For the purpose of this report, HOA Pools include both owned/neighborhoods and rentable complexes, such as apartments. *See the attached 2019 Lenexa HOA list for detailed information.*

HOA Community Breakdown

The following breakdowns demonstrate the totals of each data set based on the total number pools (60) in the HOA market area.

Location	Number of Pools	% of Total	% Change from 2012
East of 35	6	10%	+33%
East of 435/West of 35	30	50%	+ 13%
West of 435/East of K7	19	32%	+ 32%
West of K7	5	8%	+ 60%

Type	Number of Communities	Number of Pools	% of Total
HOA	23	25	42%
Apartment/Condo (Rental)	30	35	58%

Population

This increase in HOA pool facilities is compatible with the population growth seen in both the overall city’s population and the growth in the regions throughout the city. The largest increase in population is currently in Western Lenexa at Black Hoof Park, which is near the K7 corridor. The area west of 435 and east of K7, represented by Lenexa Rec Center, also shows population growth. Currently, the population is most dense East of 435 and West of 35, and also has the highest concentration of HOA pool facilities; this same area shows the lowest increase in HOA pool facility growth.

It is estimated that approximately 80% of the city’s population reside in housing with access to an HOA affiliated pool. Additionally, approximately 83% of the total city population visits the outdoor pools per season. This suggests that although there is access to HOA pools, the community utilizes the outdoor pools for those elements that are not available via their HOA pool. It is of note that this calculation includes utilization by day camps and unique visits.

HOA Pool Notes

- Interesting elements
 - Several pools have shallow water designed to have chairs in the water – adult oriented, “sun shelf”
- Features observed

- Shallow water
- Seating
- Shade
- Some pools have separate wading pools for children
- Features not observed
 - Minimal deep water
 - Play or fun features
- Specific facilities of note
 - Four Colonies
 - 4 outdoor pools
 - 3 pools have separate wading pools
 - 1 pool adults only
 - Wind River Lodge
 - 25 meter length

Best Practices / Facility Tours

City of Lenexa – Aquatics Study

Midwest Health Aquatic Center- Topeka, Kansas



City Pop.	Total Water Area	Water per capita	Facility Area	Attendance	Facility Expenses	Expenses / sf water	Facility Revenue	Revenue / attendee	Cost Recovery
126,800	56,900	0.45		25,675	\$246,900		\$246,700	\$9.61	100%

This facility is the newest of the five outdoor aquatic centers operated by the Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Topeka and surrounding communities. It has an interesting community water park design that includes the following amenities:

- Wave pool – in a bow tie configuration
- Water slide complex with a 35-foot tower and five water slides
- Leisure pool with interactive play structure

Observations include:

- The configuration is interesting with three separate pools with each on the smaller side, with a significant amount of space between and surrounding each pool.
- The facility operates a breakeven point, with revenue offsetting expenses.
- The revenue per attendee is very positive at \$9.61 per visit.
- While being brand new and having water park amenities, the seasonal attendance at 25,675 is approximately the same as Indian Trails Aquatic Center-

which seems a little light. This could be due to the number of other city-operated facilities and potentially being perceived as a remote location on the west side of the city.

Gardner, Kansas Aquatic Center



City Pop.	Total Water Area	Water per capita	Facility Area	Attendance	Facility Expenses	Expenses / sf water	Facility Revenue	Revenue / attendee	Cost Recovery
21,100	21,500 sf	1.02	21,500 sf	65,000	\$525,000	\$24.42	\$413,000	\$6.35	79%

This facility contrasts the Midwest Health Aquatic Center in that it includes a large water surface area fit into a confined space, with lesser space in and around the pools. The facility is located in a far southwest corner of the Kansas City metro, with little or no competing facilities in the area. Amenities within the facility include:

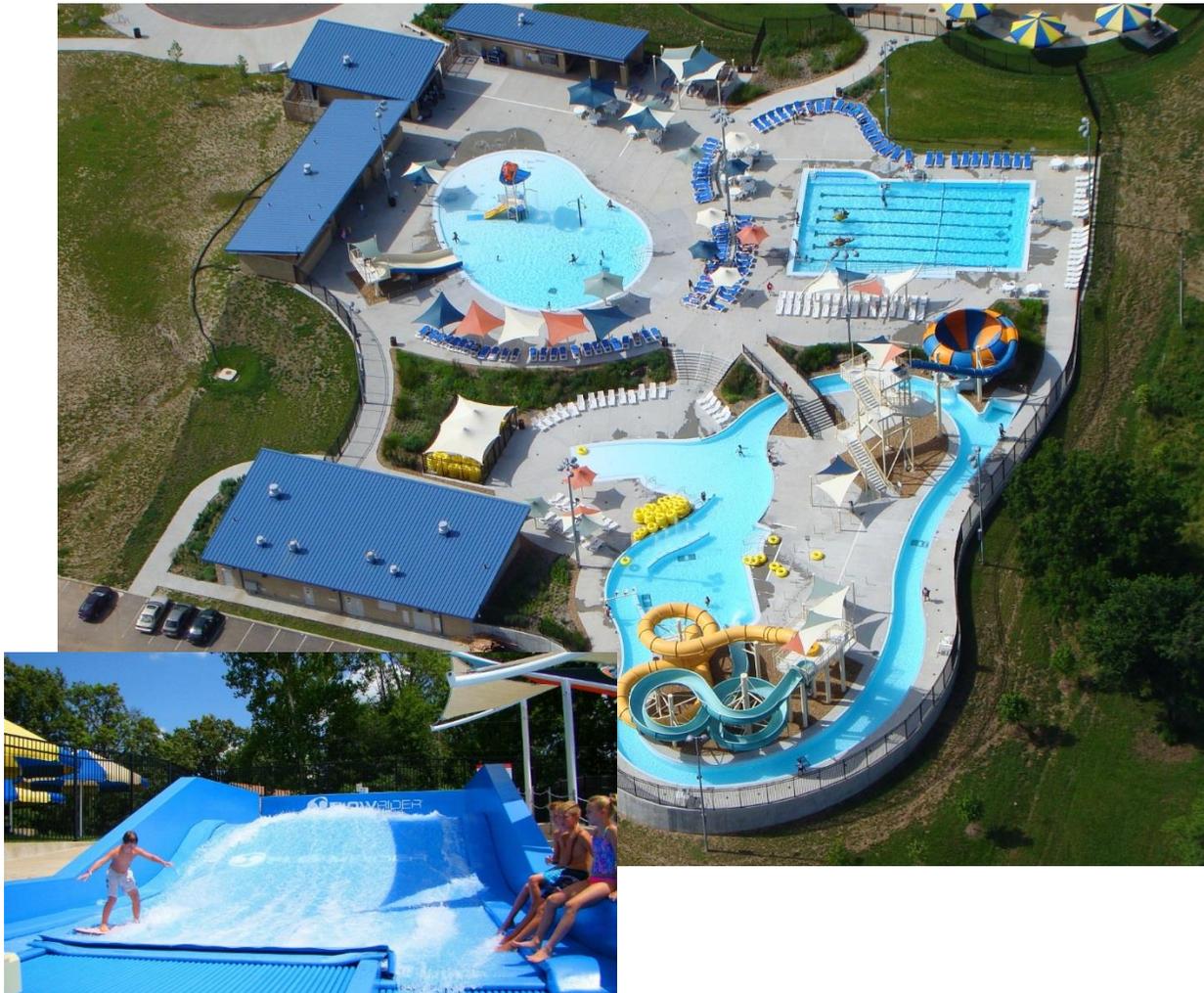
- Long lazy river
- Large shallow area with interactive play structure
- Water slide tower with three slides
- Separate toddler pool
- Separate lap pool with diving

Observations include:

- Facility includes large water surface area and many features in compact footprint. Some like configuration due to connectivity and intimacy of pools. Others find it too busy and difficult to scan the facility, particularly staff and lifeguards.
- Due to the popularity of the facility, and limited nearby choices, the season attendance of 65,000 is three times Gardner’s population of 21,000.

- Despite the high attendance, the facility is not able to operate at 100% cost recovery. The facility design requires more staffing and maintenance efforts, making it more expensive to operate.

The Bay Aquatic Center – Kansas City, Missouri



The Bay Aquatic Center is an interesting community water park with many amenities. The water surface area is 16,300 s.f. and includes the following amenities:

- Separate leisure pool, lap pool, and lazy river
- Interactive play structure with dumping water feature
- Water slide tower with body flumes and tubes
- Swirl slide with catch pool
- Lazy river with waves
- Flowrider surf machine
- Adjacent splash pad

While the facility is very interesting, its attendance suffers greatly from the location and demographics of surrounding community. The result is that it does not perform similarly as typical community water parks.

Summit Waves – Lee’s Summit, Missouri



City Pop.	Total Water Area	Water per capita	Facility Area	Attendance	Facility Expenses	Expenses / sf water	Facility Revenue	Revenue / attendee	Cost Recovery
96,076	19,500 sf <i>(25,500 sf with expansion)</i>	0.20 <i>(0.27 with expansion)</i>	19,500 sf	87,500	\$615,000	\$31.54	\$650,000	\$7.43	106%

Summit Waves is a successful facility that experiences large attendance and positive financial operations. The signature amenity for the water park is the lazy river, which is one of the largest in the metro area. It is the only facility for a city population of nearly 100,000. Because of this, the season attendance is substantial at 87,500 visitors during the summer. The water surface area is currently 19,500 s.f., not including an estimated 6,000 s.f. wave pool addition by 2020, and includes the following amenities:

- Large lazy river
- Toddler pool with an interactive play structure
- Two water slides with a plunge pool
- Six-lane lap pool with one-meter diving boards

Observations include:

- Summit Waves benefits from the closing of Super Splash in Raytown, and from the lack of interest and attendance for The Bay Water Park nearby in Kansas City, Missouri.

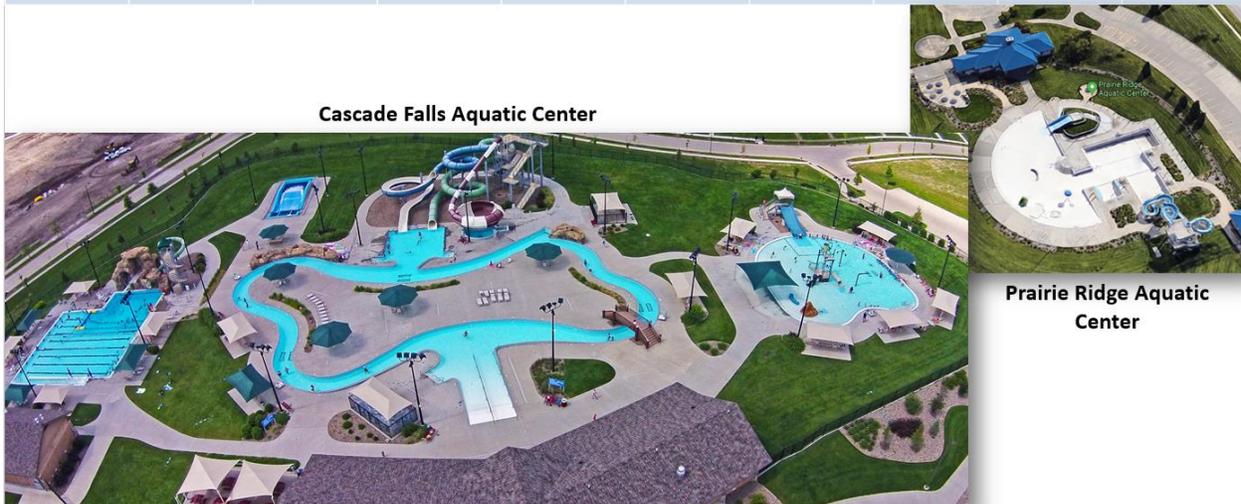
- The facility seems to be missing 3 ft. deep water that kids can just hang out and swim
- The could use more shade and chairs based upon the large amount of visitors
- Patrons complain about the lengthy distance from the lounge spaces and shallow water to the concessions and restrooms
- The City of Lee’s Summit is in process of expanding the facility to add more amenities and accommodate more visitors

Cascade Falls/Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center – Ankeny, IA

In addition to the facilities toured by Waters Edge and the Lenexa Staff, we identified a community with a similar population and geographic circumstance as Lenexa. The City of Ankeny operates two outdoor aquatics facilities, which operate at a positive cost recovery. The similar community characteristics include:

- Similar city population of 58,000
- The City of Ankeny is rapidly growing suburb on the outskirts of a metro area, although the Des Moines metro area population is approximately 1/3 of the Kansas City metro population base
- The city of Ankeny operates more than one aquatic center

City Pop.	Total Water Area	Water per capita	Facility Area	Attendance	Facility Expenses	Expenses / sf water	Facility Revenue	Revenue / attendee	Cost Recovery
58,300	34,334 sf	0.59	21,400 sf	160,000	\$905,148	\$42.30	\$1,249,771	\$7.81	138%



Positive Attributes/Best Practices for the Ankeny Aquatics Facilities include:

- The facilities include a wide variety of modern aquatic center and water park features

- There are competing facilities in the metro area, but most are located inward toward the center of the metro population. Fewer are located outward where new growth and development is occurring. This is similar to conditions for Lenexa.
- The overall water surface area per capita at 0.59 square feet of water per capita is less than for Lenexa's current condition of 0.82 square feet of water per capita.

Special User Groups Meetings

Individual, in-person meetings were conducted in January 2020 for each of the identified special user groups. Meetings were led by Waters Edge Aquatic Design, and representatives from the City of Lenexa were present for all meetings. Topics of conversation included:

- Expectations of an aquatic facility
- Scheduling needs
- Identify how needs are currently being met
- Benefits and challenges of City of Lenexa outdoor pools
- Benefits and challenges at other outdoor pools
- Needs and preferences for outdoor pools in Lenexa

Representatives from the following user groups were represented during the special user group meetings:

<u>Group Name:</u>	<u># of Participants:</u>	<u>Meeting Date, Time, Location:</u>
Lenexa Lazars Swim and Dive Team	6	1/20/2020, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. @ Lenexa City Hall
Ad Astra Coalition Leadership	8	1/20/2020, 6 – 8:15 p.m. @ Lenexa City Hall
Kansas City Blazers	2	1/23/2020, 9 – 10 a.m. @ Lenexa Rec Center
Day Camps/Daycare Providers	3	1/23/2020, 10 – 11 a.m. @ Lenexa Rec Center

The following themes and takeaways emerged from the comments collected at the special user group meetings.

Lenexa Lazars Swim and Dive Team

- Having pool with necessary setup priority over location
- Expectation to offer swim and dive team in the summer
- Better changing facilities
 - Example: privacy for changing, not an entry way
- Advantage to offer swim and dive at same location
 - Example: ease to participate in both teams, team morale/cohesiveness
- Program good for cross training, socialization, community building
- Some athletes compete year-round, some only participate in swimming/diving during the summer on the Lenexa Lazars

- Participants satisfied with program
- Make the team fun
- Fees reasonable now and a good bargain
 - Like the discounts for multiple family members and registration in both swim and dive team
- Lenexa team is more competitive than Overland Park but less than Olathe
- Ad Astra:
 - Like the relaxed environment
 - Fewer people
- Swimming Specific:
 - Want enough lanes so don't have 20 kids per lane
 - Need starting blocks
 - 6 feet on one end to start (off blocks)
 - 25-yard/short course needed for competition
 - Masters swimmers prefer 50-meter/long course lanes and year-round swimmers like the change of pace from short course indoor swimming
 - More lanes available equates to shorter meets
 - 6-lanes may be too few, too tight
 - Indian Trails could fit many lanes if ran the short length of the pool (versus long way)
 - No preference on type of lane line, just prefer tight lines
- Diving Specific:
 - Better seating and shade for diving spectators
 - Better boards
 - Example: adjustable (currently locked in place at fulcrum)
 - 3-meter diving board – desired but NOT needed for competition
 - 2, 1-meter boards speed up practice but would not impact meet length
 - 2, 1-meter boards preferred over 1, 1-meter board and 1, 3-meter board
 - 2, 1-meter boards and 1, 3-meter board is preferred
 - Prefer the same board if have multiple boards
 - Diving would like to be able to practice dives outside of practice time
 - Some dives allowed for competition no allowed during regular open swim
- Barriers – obstacles to participating
 - Concern over losing program if Ad Astra closes
 - Concern over program moving too far west
 - If swim and dive team were at different locations
 - Pre-competitive area for practice
 - Currently there is not a great area for dry land training, concrete not good

- Grass, turf, mats, etc. are preferred
- Cold water early in the season
- Switching coaches is hard
- Ways to Improve:
 - Push season later in the summer season to allow for water to warm up
 - Communication with athletes, changes to schedule, announcements
 - Pace clock and regular clock
 - Sound system/PA
 - 8:30 a.m. start time (in lieu of 8 a.m.)
- Lenexa Lazars Swim and Dive team need a home and what will happen in place of Ad Astra
- Lenexa pools have different draws and that is good
- Ad Astra always has 1 lane open for lap swimming, and that is good

Summary for Lenexa Lazars Swim and Dive Team:

- Expectation to offer swim and dive team in the summer
- Lazars need a home pool
- Having a pool with proper setup is a priority over location
- Fees are reasonable now
- Need swim and dive team at same location
- Need better changing facilities
- Swimming:
 - Want enough lanes to don't have too many kids per lane
 - Diving blocks
 - 6' on one end for starts
 - 25-yards needed, 50-meter just a preference
- Diving:
 - 3-meter diving not needed for competition, just a preference
 - Would like better seating for spectating and shade

Ad Astra Coalition

- What does Ad Astra mean to you?
 - Neighborhood gathering/neighborhood pool
 - Community building
 - Walkability
 - Safe place
 - Home values
 - Swim and dive team home
 - Ease of use

- Size
- Not busy
- Swimming pool
- Zero-depth entry
- Day care/day camp use
- Teenage employment
- 1 outside activity in the area, hang out comfortably
- What do pools/swimming mean?
 - Life skills, activity
 - Exercise
 - Economical
- What are barriers?
 - Concern about crossing 87th St.
 - Indian Trails is crowded
 - Ad Astra doesn't have wayfinding, neither does Flat Rock Creek, Indian Trails does
 - Not enough lap lanes
- Ad Astra
 - Walkable
 - Like the zero-depth/ADA access to pool
 - Full 50-meters
 - Lap lanes always available
 - Would be interested in a smaller, new pool at Ad Astra location (not necessarily exactly on the same spot, but on that parcel)
 - Recognize poor state of Ad Astra pool
 - Don't want to lose neighborhood pool, regardless if City builds a larger/regional pool
 - Concern over separating swim and dive team if Ad Astra closes
 - When it was announced the Ad Astra was going to close:
 - Thought would be empty concrete, vacant area
 - Already have playground and a park, don't necessarily need more in that area
 - Splashpad would be a compromise, better than nothing
 - Desired amenities:
 - Large enough to keep at a serviceable level
 - Zero-depth
 - Splash area for kids
 - Current channel/lazy river
 - Serve all ages, Entertain ages 8 – 16 years
 - Shade

- Nicer concession area
- Waterslide
- 1-meter diving board
- Rock wall
- Need to have more amenities than it has now
- Mentioned a preference for making Indian Trails smaller/neighborhood pool and making Ad Astra swim and dive focused
- Indian Trails
 - Some participants go to Ad Astra and Indian Trails
 - After 6 pm quiets down some
 - Perception that Indian Trails is always busy, believe families stay for day
 - Believe non-residents go to Indian Trails
 - Crowding, weekends are busy
 - Not a lot of deck space available
 - Lack of chairs on sides and none on ends
 - Parking an issue
- Some families go to Shawnee, especially for those with little kids
- Pools should be a service, should be subsidized – not a revenue source
- Bought house because of pool
- Ad Astra coalition – represents 948 homes
- School system – build multiple, walkable elementary schools, equated pools to the same philosophy

Summary for Ad Astra Coalition:

- What does Ad Astra mean to you?
 - Neighborhood pool, community, walkability, safe, home values, swim and dive team, not busy
- Barriers of use?
 - Concern about crossing 87th street
 - Indian Trails is crowded
 - Not enough lap lanes (during open swim)
 - Ad Astra and Flat Rock Creek do not have wayfinding
- Ad Astra
 - Walkable
 - 50-meters
 - Lap lanes available
 - Don't want to lose neighborhood pool
 - Interested in smaller, new pool in same location
 - Already have playground in park, don't need more

- Splashpad is a compromise, better than nothing
- Indian Trails
 - Some participants go to Ad Astra and Indian Trails
 - Perception that Indian Trail is too busy, crowded
 - Lack of deck space and seating
 - Parking an issue
 - Believe non-residents go to Indian Trails
- Other
 - Some participants go to Shawnee, especially those with little kids
 - Pools should be a service/subsidized, not a revenue source
 - Bought house because of the pools
 - Coalition represents 948 homes

Kansas City Blazers

- Use 7 pools during the year
- About 350 kids registered (range: 200's – 500)
 - Most from Johnson County
 - 5 years – high school age
 - Estimated 70% of participants from the Blue Valley School District, some from the east, minimal from Lenexa (however Lenexa is a growth spot, working to accomplish that)
 - Have swimmers from the Mission area due to having Mission Marlines coaches
- Largest competitive program in the area
 - Quality of program and convenience
 - Collection of talent
- Need the right space at the right time of the day
- Kids of like ability practice together
- Lenexa is a good location because it is convenient location
 - Highway access/435
 - Near “home base of SMSD”
 - Streamlined location
- Schedule as-is now works for the team
 - Morning at Lenexa (Indian Trails and Ad Astra), Shawnee (Thomas A. Soetaert), and Roeland Park (previously)

- Afternoon: 2 – 3 high school pools in Shawnee Mission and Blue Valley (not Olathe)
- Also practice at new Shawnee Mission School District indoor pool (will replace Roeland Park)
 - May not need high school pools as much, utilize for swim meets, will try to offer big summer meet here
 - Outdoor meets have uncertain conditions
- If Ad Astra closed:
 - Have too much pool space now as-is
 - May have had too much long course pool time anyway
 - Send more kids to Shawnee and combine with Indian Trails
 - Unsure if need 2 Lenexa pools anyway
 - Put more kids per lane
- If there was no long course in Lenexa, team would still use short-course
 - Would use 25-yards or 25-meters
- Need clocks, storage, flags, lane lines, early morning schedule
- Don't necessarily need starting blocks
- Like staff to take care of lane lines
- Both Lenexa and Shawnee have staff present, at least 1 lifeguard in a scanning position
- Blazers coaches are coach certified, have required concussion protocol, first aid/CPR/AED, and water safety, high school pools do not require a lifeguard
- Water depths:
 - 4-feet minimum
 - Younger kids need 4 – 4 ½ feet
 - Older kids need 7-feet
 - Different depths in a pool is ok
- Lanes:
 - If have long course, 4-lanes may be the minimum to still be able to utilize the space, 6-lanes preferred minimum
 - Could operate the program with 8-lanes at 50-meters and 6-lanes at 25-yards (2 pools)
 - Loosing long course could hurt the
 - If only have a 25-yard pool/pools option:
 - Need 14 – 16 total lanes between two pools
 - Need at least 8-lanes if there was only 1 pool and would need to find another pool space
- Swimming is going to grow
- Fees are ok now, but understand fees may change if pool improvements are made

- Too high of fees could be an issue for continued use
- Would use a new pool location in Lenexa
- Water Temperature:
 - 77 degrees – can compete but is cold
 - 76 degrees – will swim
 - < 75 degrees – will not swim
 - Air temperature matters
 - Don't work off water and air temperature differential
- Ways to Improve:
 - Ad Astra bathrooms
 - Cold
 - Old
 - Need to be nicer
 - Need more space to put stuff down/change
 - Access through bathrooms
 - US Safe Sports – USA Swimming implemented policy that USA coaches must abide by MAAPP (Fall 2019)
 - Family changing rooms would be a solution
 - Coaches/staff cannot share changing areas
 - About site lines without ambiguity
 - All conversations with coaches and athletes need to be observable and interruptible
 - Signage for “coaches only” and “athletes only” during competition

Summary for Kansas City Blazers:

- Estimated that 70% of athletes are from the Blue Valley School District
 - Minimal participation from Lenexa, hoping to grow
 - Lenexa is a convenient location
 - May have too much pool space as-is, may not need all the long course lanes they currently are utilizing
 - Prefer water depths 4 – 7 feet
 - Prefer long course but can practice short course
 - Ideally have 14 – 16 lanes total if have 25-yard lanes
- OR
- 8, 50-meter lanes + 6, 25-yard lanes
- US Safe Sports – all interactions, conversations need to be observable and interruptible

Day Camps/Daycare Providers

- Agencies in attendance
 - Johnson County Parks and Recreation District (JCPRD): about 300 total kids and 5 camps
 - Typically allows use of concession stand, kids handle own money
 - Special Beginnings: About 90 kids
 - 2 age groups: K – 1st grade, 2nd – 6th grade
 - Younger kids do not utilize concession stand, older kids occasionally utilize the concession stand
- Locations
 - Ad Astra: JCPRD
 - Flat Rock Creek: JCPRD, Special Beginnings
 - Indian Trails: JCPRD, Special Beginnings
- Difficult to utilize concession stand because it takes a long time and hard to staff pool, bathrooms and snacks
- Expectations:
 - Smaller area for smaller/younger kids/non-swimmers and areas for swimmers
 - Fun
 - Would like a barrier to indicate a boundary, sections (e.g., buoy line/rope, physical, visual barrier)
 - Gardner's zero-depth separate pool, defined area
 - More shade areas (e.g., Flat Rock Creek in the grass)
- 1st month is fun, 2nd month kids start to get bored
- Select the pool to go based on who can take the group
 - JCPRD chooses facilities also based on location of camps/schools
- Buses:
 - JCPRD: stays on site
 - Special Beginnings: sometimes stays and sometimes drops off
- Pools/Features:
 - Slides
 - Lazy river (this scares special beginnings, would need to schedule a time to use the feature and have staff stationed there)
 - Special Beginnings
 - Younger kids – want shallow, simple pool, cheap
 - Older Kids – rotate pools because get bored, want features, willing to pay more
 - Ad Astra

- Ad Astra needs more features
- It is simple and needs to improve
- Like that people are not there
- Like that an see the people/kids
- Flat Rock Creek
 - Double booking daycamps is hard, feels unsafe
- Indian Trails
 - Indian Trails has better amenities and zero-depth entry to deeper water
 - Certain days are very busy
 - Thursdays are busy
 - Grass areas and areas where camps are together are very busy
 - 3' – 4' lots of jumping, especially near the 3' area
 - 2'/transition area very busy
 - Zero-depth area not too busy
 - Used to be worse than it is now
- Willing to go out to K7/K10 area
 - If a pool was located west, would take groups together and would need separate areas within the pool
- Security:
 - Space/area for the group to be counted and lay down
 - Lifeguards
 - See kids in pool and not so many people that kids cannot be seen
 - Like bus to be at the curb to allow kids to get on/off the bus close to the entrance
 - Consistency of pools staff (e.g., pool rules)
- Need:
 - Lifeguards
 - Parking
 - Bathrooms
 - Ad Astra: if don't have a male staff, boys have to go on their own
 - Want family changing rooms
 - Flat Rock Creek setup is perfect
 - Admissions
 - Currently hard to get checked in and have patron's check-in, waiting is hard for the kids, group check-in would be better
 - Would be nice to have a large/long sidewalk in the front to line kids up to do roll call
- Fees:

- JCPRD: Outdoor camps invoiced daily; indoor camps required to get pool pass (by JCPRD)
 - JCPRD has Lenexa schools and Lenexa family can purchase a resident pass
- Special Beginnings: Choose to pay daily or have a pass, invoice leftover attendees
 - Users buy a pass many times (season after season) – many residents
- Fees matter
- If have a pass, features are a priority over the cost
- If pay a daily admission, fees are a priority over features
- Non-residents would like a resident rate for pool passes
- Opinions on large and small pools:
 - If Lenexa has smaller pools, need to work on how many groups are at the pool at one time
 - May use for smaller kids, not necessarily attractive for older kids
 - Would utilize smaller pools but day camps will still get busy because younger kids with day camps will need it
 - If Lenexa had a larger pool may use it less and rotate with smaller pool, but still of interest
- Splashpads
 - Usually near a park
 - Normally little kids utilize
 - Would be more of a field trip option and wouldn't replace the use of a pool (JCPRD)
 - May use splashpad located next to a pool
 - Like fenced in

Summary for Day Camps/Daycare Providers:

- Expectations
 - Fun
 - Separate areas for different ages and abilities
 - Family changing room
 - Be able to see kids, safety
- Would utilize large and small pools:
 - If large pool had separate areas and fees were reasonable may just use one pool
 - Concern over having multiple small pools and overcrowding, kids getting bored
 - Would consider paying more for more features (within reason)

- Would not replace pool use with a splashpad, but would consider going for field trips
- Desired features:
 - Slides, lazy river, shallow water

Online Survey (Non-Statistically Valid)

In addition to the statistically valid survey, an online survey was offered and available to the community. The online survey was available mid-February 2021 through March 28, 2021. The goal for the survey was between 500 and 600 respondents, and 791 respondents submitted their feedback. Full survey data can be found in Appendix G.

Findings can be summarized into one of three categories:

1. Respondent Information
2. History of Use
3. Aquatics Support
4. Emerging Themes

Respondent Information

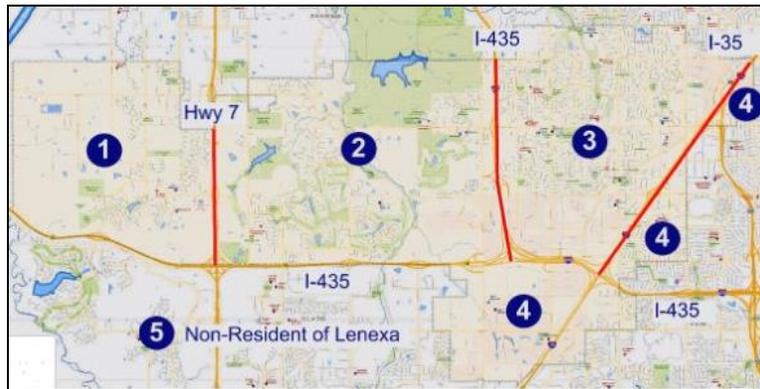
Overall, respondent demographics indicate that households with families, from around the city, submitted feedback through the Online Survey.

Nearly 97% of respondents noted that they lived within city limits. In the survey, the city was divided into 5 sections as demonstrated in the City Section Map below. Findings vary from section to section and details of those differences can be found in Appendix D.

The total percentage of responses per section broke down in the following ways (in descending order):

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| 1. Section 3 | 56% | 440 Respondents (4 reported living outside of city limits) |
| 2. Section 2 | 21% | 169 respondents (1 reported living outside of city limits) |
| 3. Section 4 | 11% | 88 respondents (3 reported living outside of city limits) |
| 4. Section 1 | 8% | 66 respondents (3 reported living outside of city limits) |
| 5. Section 5 | 2% | |

City Section Map



Most households have multiple people residing in the household (in descending order).

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| 1. 4 people | 29% |
| 2. 2 people | 28% |
| 3. 3 people | 17% |
| 4. 5 people | 15% |
| 5. 6 people or more | 7% |
| 6. 1 person | 3% |

Most respondents do not live in a community with an HOA pool (71%). 28% do live in a community with an HOA pool.

City Section Details: HOA Pools

Sections west of 435 are more likely to have access to an HOA pool in their community, whereas sections east of 435 do not.

	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
Have access	71%	50%	16%	14%
Do not have access	29%	50%	84%	86%

History of Use

According to how frequently respondents reported visiting the outdoor pools in 2018, 2019, and 2020, Indian Trails Aquatic Center narrowly outranked Ad Astra Pool. When looking at the frequency rate of Daily and Weekly, Ad Astra Pool narrowly outranked Indian Trails Aquatic Center; however, a higher percentage of respondents report not visiting Ad Astra Pool, leading to Indian Trails Aquatic Center narrowly outranking it. Flat Rock Creek Pool was visited less frequently than the other two. These ranking scores were established by developing a weighted average, which is calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses

A breakdown of how frequently respondents reported visiting each pool is shown below.

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally	Did Not Visit
Ad Astra	12%	22%	8%	16%	39%
Flat Rock Creek	3%	12%	7%	11%	65%
Indian Trails	8%	25%	13%	17%	34%

City Section Details: Pool Use

Use of each pool and frequently varies by section. To understand pool utilization per section, the overall percentage breakdown was reviewed for of Daily and Weekly use.

Overall, when taking the quantity of respondents per section into account and the percentages of use, Ad Astra received 268 responses for Daily or Weekly use and Indian Trails received 261. Conversely, when looking at Did Not Visit, 311 respondents indicated they did not visit Ad Astra and 266 indicated they did not visit Indian Trails.

Section 1 (8% of the total): 18.9% use Indian Trails, 10.8% use Ad Astra, and 6.9% use Flat Rock Creek. Flat Rock Creek is least likely to have a visit at all.

Section 2 (21% of the total): 26% use Indian Trails and 26% use Ad Astra, and 10.2% use Flat Rock Creek. Flat Rock Creek is least likely to have a visit at all.

Section 3 (56% of the total): 39.9% use Indian Trails, 45.9% use Ad Astra, and 10.3% use Flat Rock Creek. Flat Rock Creek is least likely to have a visit at all.

Section 4 (11% of the total): 33.4% use Indian Trails, 16.9% use Ad Astra, and 53.2% use Flat Rock Creek. Ad Astra is least likely to have a visit at all.

Section 1	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally	Did Not Visit
Ad Astra	5.4%	5.4%	8.9%	14.3%	66.1%
Flat Rock Creek	1.7%	5.2%	3.4%	12.1%	77.6%
Indian Trails	1.7%	17.2%	5.2%	12.1%	63.8%

Section 2	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally	Did Not Visit
Ad Astra	4.9%	21.1%	7.7%	11.3%	54.9%
Flat Rock Creek	1.6%	8.6%	3.1%	9.4%	77.3%
Indian Trails	4.2%	21.8%	8.5%	22.5%	43%

Section 3	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally	Did Not Visit
Ad Astra	17.9%	28%	10.1%	18.6%	25.4%
Flat Rock Creek	1.4%	8.9%	9.5%	12.4%	67.8%
Indian Trails	12.4%	27.5%	15.4%	16.7%	28%

Section 4	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally	Did Not Visit
Ad Astra	4.6%	12.3%	3.1%	9.2%	70.8%
Flat Rock Creek	19%	34.2%	7.6%	7.6%	31.6%
Indian Trails	4.2%	29.2%	16.7%	18.1%	31.9%

The primary reasons respondents use Lenexa’s outdoor pools are (in descending order):

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| 1. Location | 77% |
| 2. Quality of the facility | 37% |
| 3. Friends participate | 29% |
| 4. Fees that are charged | 26% |
| 5. Quality of staff | 20% |
| 6. Only option for this service | 15% |
| 7. Quality of programs | 14% |
| 8. Dates/times programs offered | 11% |
| 9. I do not use Lenexa’s outdoor pools | 12% |
| 10. I do not use outdoor pools | 2% |

City Section Details: Reasons for Using Lenexa Pools

Location and Quality of Facility were consistently marked the first and second area of importance, respectively across all sections. This is followed by the third and fourth ranking of Friends Participate and Fees Charged across all sections.

Aquatics Support

Most respondents feel it is valuable to offer outdoor pools to the community (89.5%).

City Section Details: Are Pools Valued

Most respondents in all sections report that pools are valued.

	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
Yes	82%	85%	94%	87%

Respondents vary in how far they are willing to drive for quality outdoor pool facilities. However, the highest percentage of respondents are willing to drive up to 10 minutes (62%).

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| 1. Up to 10 minutes | 37% |
| 2. Up to 5 minutes | 28% |
| 3. Up to 15 minutes | 19.5% |
| 4. More than 15 minutes | 5% |
| 5. I do not use outdoor pools | 3% |

City Section Details: Drive Time

Sections west of 435 are slightly more willing to drive for a longer period of time.

	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
Up to 5 minutes	4.5%	16%	38%	24%
Up to 10 minutes	35%	37%	38%	42%
Up to 15 minutes	32%	27%	15%	17%

Proximity to a residence, fees/costs to use, and fun features and amenities are areas of high importance to respondents when thinking about outdoor pools in Lenexa. The areas that are the most important when thinking about outdoor pools in Lenexa are ranked below in descending order, utilizing a scale of Not at All Important (1) to Very Important (5). These ranking scores were established by developing a weighted average, which is calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses

1. Proximity to your residence
2. Fees/costs to use
3. Fun features and amenities
4. Location fits with and enhances economic development in the surrounding area (very closely followed by classes and/pr programs offered)
5. Classes and/or programs offered
6. Available space to grow or expand in the future
7. TIE: Operate to maximize cost recovery and minimize subsidy AND other park amenities near the swimming pool

City Section Details: Importance

The areas of importance vary slightly from section to section, however overall, there are four areas that are consistently in the top 4:

1. Proximity to residence (#1 for sections 3 and 4, #2 for section 2, and #3 for section 1)
2. Fun features and amenities (#1 for sections 1 and 2, and #3 for sections 3 and 4)
3. Fees/cost to use (#2 for sections 1, 3 and 4, and #3 for section 2)
4. Location fits with and enhances economic development in the area (#4 for all sections)

A variety of pool features and amenities were identified as being of interest by respondents, with deep water (5+ feet) being the highest ranked item. The features and amenities that have the most interest are ranked below in descending order, utilizing a scale of Not at All Interested (1) to Very Interested (5). These ranking scores were established by developing a weighted average, which is calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

1. Deep water (5+ feet)
2. TIE: Lazy river, shallow water (2-4 feet), water slide(s), zero-depth/beach entry
3. TIE: Active water features (e.g., climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pay walk, zip lines, etc.) and diving board(s)
4. Lap lanes
5. Wave pool/surf simulation
6. Water sports (e.g., basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)

City Section Details: Features and Amenities

The features and amenities vary from section to section, however overall, there are several areas that were commonly at the top of the list (several times ranking as a tie between multiple):

1. Deep water (5+ feet)
2. Lazy river
3. Water slide(s)
4. Diving board(s)
5. Active water features
6. Shallow water (2-4 feet)
7. Zero-depth/beach entry

Across all sections, the lap lanes were in the middle, just above the wave pool/surf simulation and water sports, which were ranked the lowest.

Overall, respondents reported that Splash pads are important to offer in Lenexa. 50% of respondents feel it would be Important or Very Important to offer a splashpad, and additional 20% feel neutral about them.

1. Important 25%
2. Neutral 25%
3. Very Important 20%
4. Not Important 14%
5. Not at All Important 13%

City Section Details: Splash pads

Splash pads have varying levels of importance cross the sections, with sections further from a current outdoor pool nearby ranking them as more important than a section that contains an existing outdoor pool (section 3). Across all sections, 22 – 31% find splashpads Not Important or Not at All Important.

	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
Very Important	22%	23.5%	18%	28%
Important	31%	27%	24%	25%
Neutral	25%	23.5%	27%	24%
Not Important	9%	12%	17%	13%
Not at All Important	13%	14%	14%	10%

A variety of programs and activities were identified as being of interest by respondents, with swim lessons being the highest ranked program. The programs and activities that have the most interest are ranked below in descending order, utilizing a scale of Not at All Interested (1) to Very Interested (5). These ranking scores were established by developing a weighted average, which is calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

1. Swim lessons
2. TIE: Lap swimming, adult hours/programming, and special aquatic events (e.g., dive-in movie, night swim)
3. Water fitness classes/water aerobics
4. Pool rentals/birthday parties
5. TIE: Toddler time/Splash with Me/baby pool hours AND swim team
6. Senior aquatic programs
7. Dive team/diving programs

	SVS	Non-SVS (All Responses)	West of 435		East of 435	
			Non-SVS (Map: Section 1)	Non-SVS (Map: Section 2)	Non-SVS (Map: Section 3)	Non-SVS (Map: Section 4)
Responses	506	791	66	169	440	88
Are pools valued	94% - Yes	89.5% - Yes	82% - Yes	85% - Yes	94% - Yes	87% - Yes
HOA pool offered	1. No – 57% 2. Yes – 43%	1. No – 71% 2. Yes – 28%	1. No – 29% 2. Yes – 71%	1. No – 50% 2. Yes – 50%	1. No – 84% 2. Yes – 16%	1. No – 86% 2. Yes – 14%
Reasons for using Lenexa pools (top 4 reasons)	1. Location – 59% 2. Quality of facility – 27% 3. Friends participate – 20% 4. Fees charged – 17% 5. <i>Don't use Lenexa's outdoor pools</i> – 25% 6. <i>I don't use outdoor pools</i> – 10%	1. Location – 77% 2. Quality of facility – 37% 3. Friends participate – 29% 4. Fees charged - 26% <i>Don't use Lenexa's outdoor pools</i> – 12% <i>I don't use outdoor pools</i> – 2%	1. Location – 45% 2. Quality of facility – 34% 3. Friends participate – 24% 4. Fees charged – 14.5% <i>Don't use Lenexa's outdoor pools</i> – 29% <i>I don't use outdoor pools</i> – 2%	1. Location – 59% 2. Quality of facility – 38% 3. Friends participate – 31% 4. TIE: Fees charged and quality of staff – 22% (each) <i>Don't use Lenexa's outdoor pools</i> – 18% <i>I don't use outdoor pools</i> – 3%	1. Location – 87% 2. Quality of facility – 36% 3. Friends participate – 30% 4. Fees charged - 27% <i>Don't use Lenexa's outdoor pools</i> – 7% <i>I don't use outdoor pools</i> – 2%	1. Location – 81% 2. Quality of facility – 38% 3. Fees charged - 36% 4. Friends participate – 22% <i>Don't use Lenexa's outdoor pools</i> – 10% <i>I don't use outdoor pools</i> – 1%
How far are you willing to drive?	1. Up to 10 minutes – 36% 2. Up to 15 minutes – 21% 3. Up to 5 minutes – 18%	1. Up to 10 minutes – 37% 2. Up to 5 minutes – 28% 3. Up to 15 minutes – 19.5%	1. Up to 10 minutes – 35% 2. Up to 15 minutes – 32% 3. More than 15 minutes – 11% 4. Up to 5 minutes – 4.5%	1. Up to 10 minutes – 37% 2. Up to 15 minutes – 27% 3. Up to 5 minutes – 16%	1. Up to 10 minutes – 38% 2. Up to 5 minutes – 38% 3. Up to 15 minutes – 15%	1. Up to 10 minutes – 42% 2. Up to 5 minutes – 24% 3. Up to 15 minutes – 17%
How important are the following	N/A	1. Proximity to residence 2. Fees/cost to use 3. Fun features and amenities 4. Location fits with and enhances economic development in the area 5. Classes and/or programs offered 6. Available space to grow or expand in the future 7. TIE: Operate to maximize cost recovery AND Other park amenities near the swimming pool	1. Fun features and amenities 2. Fees/cost to use 3. Proximity to residence 4. Location fits with and enhances economic development in the area 5. Classes and/or programs offered 6. Operate to maximize cost recovery 7. Available space to grow or expand in the future 8. Other park amenities near the swimming pool and	1. Fun features and amenities 2. Proximity to residence 3. Fees/cost to use 4. Location fits with and enhances economic development in the area 5. TIE: Classes and/or programs offered and available space to grow or expand in the future 6. Operate to maximize cost recovery 7. Other park amenities near the swimming pool and	1. Proximity to residence 2. Fees/cost to use 3. Fun features and amenities 4. Location fits with and enhances economic development in the area 5. Classes and/or programs offered 6. TIE: Other park amenities near the swimming pool and available space to grow or expand in the future Operate to maximize cost recovery	1. Proximity to residence 2. Fees/cost to use 3. Fun features and amenities 4. TIE: Classes and/or programs offered and location fits with and enhances economic development in the area 5. TIE: Operate to maximize cost recovery and other park amenities near the swimming pool 6. Available space to grow or expand in the future
How interested are you in the following: <i>Amenity Priorities for Investment - based on importance and how many residents have unmet needs</i>	1. Shade areas 2. Lazy river 3. Deck chairs 4. Active water features 5. Deck space for lounge seating/observation 6. Lap lanes 7. Lowest Priority (in ranking order): Shallow water, water sports, inclusive features and amenities, rentable areas, splash pad/sprag ground, lawn and landscaping	1. Deep water (5+ feet) 2. TIE: Lazy river, shallow water (2 – 4 feet), water slide(s), and zero-depth/beach entry 3. TIE: Active water features and diving board(s) 4. Lap lanes 5. Wave pool/surf simulation 6. Water sports	1. Deep water (5+ feet) 2. Lazy river 3. Water slide (s) 4. Active water features 5. Diving board(s) 6. TIE: Shallow water (2 – 4 feet), lap lanes, and wave pool/surf simulation 7. Zero-depth/beach entry 8. Water sports	1. TIE: Deep water (5+ feet), lazy river, and water slide(s) 2. TIE: Active water features, diving board(s), shallow water (2-4 feet), zero-depth/beach entry 3. Lap lanes 4. Wave pool/surf simulation 5. Water sports	1. Deep water (5+ feet) 2. TIE: Shallow water (2 – 4 feet) and zero-depth/beach entry 3. TIE: Diving board(s), lazy river, water slide(s) 4. Lap lanes 5. Active water features 6. TIE: Wave pool/surf simulation, and water sports	1. Shallow water (2-4 feet) 2. TIE: Deep water (5+ feet), water slide(s), and zero-depth/beach entry 3. TIE: Active water features and lazy river 4. Diving board(s) 5. Lap lanes 6. Wave pool/surf simulation 7. Water sports
How important is a splash pad	Ranked in lower priority category for Amenities	1. Neutral – 25% 2. Important – 25% 3. Very Important – 20% 4. Not Important – 14% 5. Not at All Important - 13%	1. Important – 31% 2. Neutral – 25% 3. Very Important – 22% 4. Not Important – 9% 5. Not at All Important - 13%	1. Important – 27% 2. Neutral – 23.5% 3. Very Important – 23.5% 4. Not Important – 12% 5. Not at All Important - 14%	1. Neutral – 27% 2. Important – 24% 3. Very Important – 18% 4. Not Important – 17% 5. Not at All Important - 14%	1. Very Important – 28% 2. Important – 25% 3. Neutral – 24% 4. Not Important – 13% 5. Not at All Important - 10%

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Summary and Comparison of Statistically Valid and Online Surveys

Public engagement included feedback and reporting from across the City of Lenexa, with a large reporting from the area between I-435 and I-35. The process engaged more respondents than was originally expected, with 506 respondents for the Statistically Valid Survey and 791 respondents for the Online Survey. Below is a summary of the findings from each survey and how they compare to each other. More details can be found in the Statistically Valid Survey and Online Survey sections later in this report and in the Appendix.

The makeup of respondents for the Statistically Valid Survey and Online Survey are believed to be slightly different, although demographic questions asked in the Statistically Valid Survey were not asked in the Online Survey. However, the reporting of pool utilization is known. In the Statistically Valid Survey, 10% report they do not use outdoor pools and 25% report not using Lenexa's outdoor pools; 44% of respondents report being 55 years of age and older. In the Online Survey, 2% report that they do not use outdoor pools and 12% report they do not use Lenexa's outdoor pools; this indicates that pool usership is slightly different and possibly the demographics of the respondents are slightly different. These differences are likely to produce slightly different priorities and interests, as needs of differing user types and demographics will vary. Consistencies between the two surveys will indicate areas of consensus and priority, and areas of difference can be seen with the lens of the respondent makeup.

These variations are to be expected, as it is the goal of an Online Survey to be accessible to everyone and anyone who wants to participate; these surveys are often completed by those who are invested and interested in, strongly oppose, and have thoughts on pools and swimming. The goal of the Statistically Valid Survey is to have a cross-section of residents provide feedback, which does include those who do and do not have an interest in pools and swimming. Both perspectives are important and should be taken into consideration when planning and decision making.

Respondents reported that it is valuable to offer outdoor pools to the community, as evidenced by 94% on the Statistically Valid Survey and 90% on the Online Survey indicating that outdoor pools are valuable, along with the participation and feedback through other public engagement methods.

Most respondents do not have access to a community HOA pool (57% on the Statistically Valid Survey and 71% on the Online Survey). This does vary by area, with



those living west of K-7 reporting having more access (71%) and only 14-16% living east of I-435 have access, according to the Online Survey.

Ad Astra Pool and Indian Trails Aquatic Center were both reported as being the most utilized outdoor pool facilities on the Statistically Valid Survey. Flat Rock Creek Pool had a slightly higher frequency of use on a Daily or Weekly basis than other facilities (38%), while Ad Astra Pool had 34% and Indian Trails Aquatic Center had 31%. There is slight variation on this in the Online Survey, where Flat Rock Creek Pool had only 15% for Daily or Weekly use, Ad Astra Pool had 34%, and Indian Trails Aquatic Center had 33%.

According to the Statistically Valid Survey, Indian Trails Aquatic Center and the Lenexa Rec Center were the highest-ranking facilities in relation to importance (31% respectively), followed by Ad Astra Pool (27%) and HOA pools (23%). This was not asked in the Online Survey.

The primary reasons respondents utilize outdoor pools in Lenexa were consistent in both surveys. Those reasons are (in ranking order): location (59%/77%), quality of the facility (27%/37%), friends participate (20%/29%), and fees/costs to use (17%/26%).

Respondents were asked to rate the overall experience they had at the swim facilities they had used. The swimming facilities with the highest ratings, based on the sum of "excellent" and "good" responses among residents who had an opinion, were: Black Bob Bay of Olathe (100%), Bluejacket Pool of Overland Park (100%), Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center of Shawnee (98%), and the Lenexa Rec Center (96%). The ratings for Lenexa's outdoor pools are Indian Trails (94%), Flat Rock Creek (94%), and Ad Astra (87%). Based off this reporting, along with written feedback submitted in the Online Survey, the character and offerings available at these facilities should be considered when planning for the future of outdoor pools.

Also consistent between the two surveys is that the highest percentage of respondents are willing to drive up to 10 minutes for a quality outdoor pool facility (61.5 - 63%). 67% of respondents report traveling to outdoor pools by a personal vehicle, 30% report walking, and 11% report using a bicycle.

There are four areas of consistent importance when it comes to thinking about outdoor pools in Lenexa. When asked how important these areas were, in both surveys, the top responses were: fees/cost to use (81%/#2 in Online Survey), proximity to residence (78%/#1 in Online Survey), fun features and amenities (74%/#3 in Online Survey),



Location fits with and enhances economic development in the

surrounding area (53%/#4 in Online Survey), classes and/or programs offered (59%/#5 in Online Survey).

When asked in the Statistically Valid Survey where the city should place the greatest emphasis when planning for the future of outdoor pools and swimming, the sum of the top four responses were (in ranking order): fees/cost to use (62%), fun features and amenities (48%), proximity to your residence (39%), and classes and/or programs offered (38%). This was not asked in the Online Survey.

Splashpads are divided on the level of interest. In the Online Survey, 50% of respondents indicated that they were Interested or Very Interested in a splash pad, with an additional 20% indicating they were neutral about them. 27% indicated they were Not Interested or Not at All Interested. In the Statistically Valid Survey, however, splash pads were identified as a Low Priority on ETC's Priority Investment Rating.

Reporting for features and amenities varies between the surveys, as the makeup of the question varied between the two; details of those findings can be found later in this report under Online Survey and in the Appendix. However, there are consistencies between the two. A lazy river was identified as a High Priority in ETC's Priority Investment Rating (coming in after the #1 ranked shade areas) and came in second on the Online Survey (among several other features). Water slide(s), zero-depth/beach entry, and diving boards were higher ranking on the Online Survey were in the Medium Priority for ETC's Priority Investment Rating. Wave pool/surf simulation ranked last in the Online Survey and in the Medium Priority for ETC's Priority Investment rating. It was consistent between the two surveys that water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.) were low ranking.

Areas that were not as consistent in rankings were: deep water (5+ feet), shallow water (2 – 4 feet), active water features (e.g., climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pay walk, zip lines, etc.), and lap lanes. In the Statistically Valid Survey, and in written comments in the Online Survey and feedback through meetings, seating, shade, and guest comfort amenities are very important and should be highly considered for future development.

Programs and activities that are of interest according to the Statistically Valid and Online Surveys respectively are: water fitness (37%/#3), swim lessons (33%/#1), lap swimming (31%/#2 tie), senior aquatic programs (27%/#6), pool rentals/birthday parties (20%/#4), special aquatic events (17%/#2 tie), swim team (10%/#5 tie), dive team/diving

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programs (6%/#7). The Online Survey ranked additional programs, which included adult hours/programming (#2), and toddler time/splash with me/baby pool hour (#5).

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Comparisons – Pool Users Versus All Respondents

A cross-tabulation was completed for those who reported attending using Ad Astra Pool, Flat Rock Creek Pool, and/or Indian Trails Aquatic Center in 2018, 2019, and/or 2020, referred to as “Pool Users”. Tabular results for this cross tabulation can be found in Appendix K.

Pool Users reported that it is valuable to offer outdoor pools to the community at a slightly higher percentage rate than All Respondents (99% versus 94%).

Pool Users have less access to HOA pools than All Respondents. 70% of Pool Users do not have access to an HOA pool, and 57% of All Respondents do not have access.

Pool Users had a higher percentage reporting having visited a City of Lenexa outdoor pool in 2018, 2019, and/or 2020 than All Respondents. 70% of Pool Users visited Ad Astra Pool (versus 36%), 33% visited Flat Rock Creek (versus 17%), and 70% visited Indian Trails (versus 36%). Additionally, Pool Users reported visiting a neighborhood HOA pool slightly more (34% versus 32%).

The frequency in which Pool Users reported visiting a City of Lenexa outdoor pool either Daily or Weekly was consistent with All Respondents, however the frequency of visiting a neighborhood HOA pool was slightly higher (57% versus 52%).

Pool Users were consistent with their rankings of how important the outdoor pools were with All Respondents, but with a higher percentage of importance. 45% of Pool Users reported that Ad Astra was important to them (versus 27%), Flat Rock Creek Pool was important to 21% (versus 12%), and Indian Trails Aquatic Center was the most important at 53% (versus 31%).

Primary reasons for Pool Users utilizing outdoor pools in Lenexa are consistent with All Respondents, but with higher percentages. Location is a primary reason to 85% of Pool users (versus 59%), quality of facility to 42% (versus 27%), friends participate to 32% (versus 20%), and fees that are charged to 28% (versus 17%). A significant difference is that Pool Users are more likely to utilize an outdoor pool; only .4% report not using outdoor pools (versus 10%), and 1.5% report not using Lenexa’s outdoor pools (versus 25%).

Pool Users are consistent with All Respondents on how far they are willing to drive for quality outdoor pool facilities, with 74% reporting they are willing to drive up to 10 minutes (versus 63%).

Methods for traveling to outdoor pools are consistent with All Respondents, but with higher percentages. Traveling via vehicle is the most common method, with 89% (versus 67%). 37% walk (versus 30%), and 17% ride a bicycle (versus 11%).

When thinking about areas of importance when it comes to outdoor pools in Lenexa, Pool Users were consistent with the areas in ranking order but with higher percentages and slight variation. Proximity to residence was the highest reported area of importance, with 87% (versus 78%). Fee/cost to use was second, with 85% (versus 81%). Fun features/amenities was third, with 79% (versus 74%), and classes/programs offered was fourth with 55% (versus 59%).

Pool Users are consistent with All Respondents when asked where the city should place the greatest emphasis when planning for the future of outdoor pool and summing. However, proximity to your residence was more important to Pool Users by over 10%. The top four responses were (in ranking order): fees/cost to use (67% versus 62%), fun features and amenities (55% versus 48%), proximity to your residence (51% versus 39%), and classes and/or programs offered (37% versus 38%).

Pool Users were consistent with All Respondents when reporting areas of importance for various amenities. There are two groupings of amenities that were reviewed: comfort and support amenities and pool features. Comfort and support amenities can positively increase the visitors experience and apply to both swimmers and non-swimmers and help support the usage of pool features; pool features draw the interest and are a driver for attendance and continued interest.

- Comfort and Support Amenities (in ranking order of reported importance, All Users/All Respondents):
 1. Deck chairs (39%/29%)
 2. Shade areas (31%/25%)
 3. Deck space for lounge seating/observation (27%/24%)
 4. Pool house/bathhouse (19%/17%)
 5. Concessions and concession area (16%/12%)
 6. Parking (14%/13%)
 7. Rentable areas (4%/3%)

8. Lawn and landscaping (3%/4%)
- Pool Features (in ranking order of reported importance, All Users/All Respondents):
 1. Active features (31%/21%)
 2. Open recreational swimming area (27%/21%)
 3. Lap lanes (26%)
 4. TIE: Water slides (20%/13%) and zero-depth/beach entry (20%/15%) and lazy river (20%/18%)
 5. Diving boards (17%/10%)
 6. Deep water (15%/13%)
 7. Shallow water (12%/11%)
 8. Toddler features (9%/11%)
 9. Inclusive features (7%/7%)
 10. TIE: splash pad/spray ground (4%/5%) and water sports (4%/3%)
 11. Wave pool/surf simulation (2%/2%)

When respondents were asked how they would allocate \$100 for outdoor pools and services, Pool Users were consistent with All Respondents, however allocated more towards upgrading/improving existing facilities (55% versus 52%). Pool Users allocated \$25 to build/add new facilities, which was the same as All Respondents, and allocated slightly less towards enhancing and/or adding new programming (\$20 versus \$23).

When Pool Users were asked about the two Options and which Option best fits the needs of their household and community, there were variations in reporting from All Respondents; most notably, there is a wider difference between Option 1 and Option 2 for both the household and the community for Pool Users.

Needs of the household: Responses for which Option would fit the needs of the household were 39% indicating Option 1 (versus 39%) and 49% indicating Option 2 (versus 39%). 5% indicated neither Option (versus 9%), and 7% didn't know (versus 13%).

Needs of the community: Responses for which Option would fit the needs of the community were 32% indicating Option 1 (versus 34%) and 47% indicating Option 2 (versus 40%). 4% indicated neither Option (versus 5%), and 17% didn't know (versus 21%).

Reporting for which programs are most important are consistent between Pool Users and All Responses, with some variations in several areas. The ranking order of programs are: Swim lessons (42%/33%), lap swimming (39%/31%), water fitness (37%/37%), pool rentals/birthday parties (25%/20%), senior aquatic programs (24%/27%), special aquatic events (21%/17%), swim team (16%/10%), dive team/diving programs (10%/6%).

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City of Lenexa Aquatic Study Survey Executive Summary

Overview

ETC Institute administered an aquatic study survey in January 2021 for Lenexa, Kansas. This assessment was administered as part of City leader's efforts to gather information about the City's outdoor aquatic programs, services, and amenities. Data compiled from this study will be used in the ongoing process of planning future outdoor aquatic needs and offerings.

Methodology

ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to a random sample of households in Lenexa, KS. Each survey packet contained a cover letter, a copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. Residents who received the survey were given the option of returning the survey by mail or completing it online at www.LenexaAquaticSurvey.org.

Ten days after the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute sent emails to the households that received the survey to encourage participation. The emails contained a link to the online version of the survey to make it easy for residents to complete the survey. To prevent people who were not residents of the City from participating, everyone who completed the survey online was required to enter their home address prior to submitting the survey. ETC Institute then matched the addresses that were entered online with the addresses that were originally selected for the random sample. If the address from a survey completed online did not match one of the addresses selected for the sample, the online survey was not counted.

The goal was to obtain completed surveys from at least 400 residents. The goal was exceeded with a total of 506 residents completing the survey. The overall results for the sample of 506 households have a precision of at least +/-4.3% at the 95% level of confidence.

This report contains the following:

- Charts showing the overall results of the survey (Section 1)
- Priority Investment Rating (PIR) that identifies priorities for facilities and programs in the City (Section 2)
- Tabular data showing the overall results for all questions on the survey (Section 3)
- A copy of the survey instrument (Section 4)

The major findings of the survey are summarized on the following pages.

Swimming Facilities Used and Ratings

Usage of Specific Facilities During Swim Season. Residents surveyed were asked to indicate whether they or a member of their household had visited various pool facilities during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020. The facilities used by the most respondents were: the Lenexa Rec Center (46%), the Ad Astra Pool of Lenexa (36%), the Indian Trails Aquatic Center of Lenexa (36%), and neighborhood homeowners association (HOA) pools (32%).

Residents surveyed were asked to indicate how frequent they used each facility during the swim season of 2018, 2019, or 2020. The facilities used most frequently, based on the sum of “daily” and “weekly” responses among residents *who had an opinion*, were: neighborhood HOA pools (52%), Flat Rock Creek Pool of Lenexa (38%), and the Ad Astra Pool of Lenexa (34%).

- Based on the overall results, swimming facilities that are used more on a **daily** basis are: neighborhood HOA pools (16%), Flat Rock Creek Pool of Lenexa (14%), and Young’s Pool of Overland Park (12%).
- Swimming facilities that are used more on a **weekly** basis, as indicated by respondent households, are: neighborhood HOA pools (36%), Bluejacket Pool of Overland Park (27%), and the Indian Trails Aquatic Center of Lenexa (27%).
- Aquatic facilities that residents use more on a **monthly** basis are: the De Soto Aquatic Center of De Soto (33%), the Tomahawk Ride Aquatic Center of Overland Park (31%), and the Lenexa Rec Center (25%).
- Swimming facilities that residents surveyed indicated they use more on a **seasonal** basis are: Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center of Shawnee (92%), Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center of Shawnee (85%), and Black Bob Bay of Olathe (81%).

The outdoor pools that respondent households indicated are most important to them, based on the sum of respondents’ top two choices, were: the Indian Trails Aquatic Center of Lenexa (31%), the Lenexa Rec Center (31%), the Ad Astra Pool of Lenexa (27%), and neighborhood HOA pools (23%).

Ratings. Respondents were asked to rate the overall experience they had at the swim facilities they had used. The swimming facilities with the highest ratings, based on the sum of “excellent” and “good” responses among residents *who had an opinion*, were: Black Bob Bay of Olathe (100%), Bluejacket Pool of Overland Park (100%), Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center of Shawnee (98%), and the Lenexa Rec Center (96%).

Outdoor Swimming Pool Facilities

Majority of residents (94%) believe it is valuable for the City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pools to the community as a whole.

Use. Respondents were given a list of ten (10) potential reasons that influence their/their household’s choice in using outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa. These households were asked to indicate what their primary reasons are for using outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa and the top three responses were: location (59%), quality of the facility (27%), and friends participate (20%).

Respondents were asked if they visit outdoor pools, that are not provided by the City of Lenexa, why they visit those pools instead. The top two answers were: to be with friends and/or family (44%) and because of the proximity to their residence (39%).

Important Items Regarding Outdoor Pools. Residents surveyed, when thinking about outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa, were asked to indicate how important various items are to them. The items with the highest ratings of importance, based on the sum of “very important” and “important” responses among residents *who had an opinion*, were: fees/costs to use (81%), proximity to residence (78%), and fun features and amenities (74%).

Items that households feel the City should place the greatest emphasis on, regarding planning the future of outdoor pools and swimming in the City, based on the sum of respondents’ top three choices, were: fees/costs to use (62%), fun features and amenities (48%), proximity to residence (39%), and classes and/or programs offered (38%).

Traveling to Outdoor Pool Facilities. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of respondents indicated that they most travel to outdoor pools by their own personal vehicle; 30% walk, 11% bicycle, and 0.2% use public transportation.

Respondent households were asked how far they would be willing to travel for quality outdoor pool facilities.

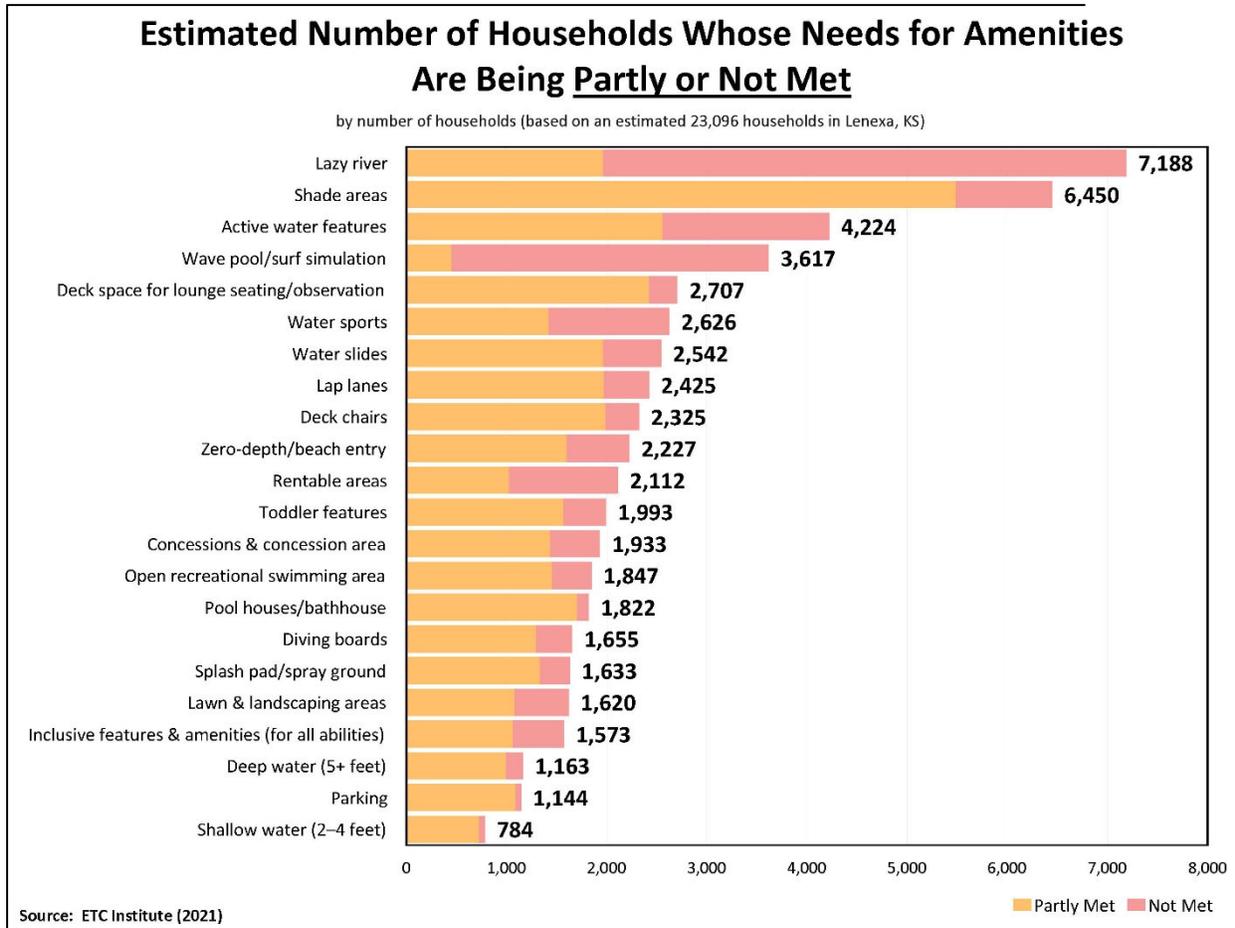
- Eighteen percent (18%) would be willing to travel up to 5-minutes,
- 36% would be willing to travel up to 10-minutes,
- 21% would be willing to travel up to 15-minutes,
- 6% would be willing to travel further than 15-minutes, and
- 18% indicated that they do not use outdoor pools.

Amenity Needs and Priorities

Amenity Needs. Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 22 amenities and rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various amenities. The four amenities with the highest percentage of households that have an unmet need were:

1. lazy river – 7,188 households (or 31.1%),
2. shade areas – 6,450 households (or 27.9%),
3. active water features – 4,224 households (or 18.2%), and
4. wave pool/surf simulation – 3,617 households (15.6%).

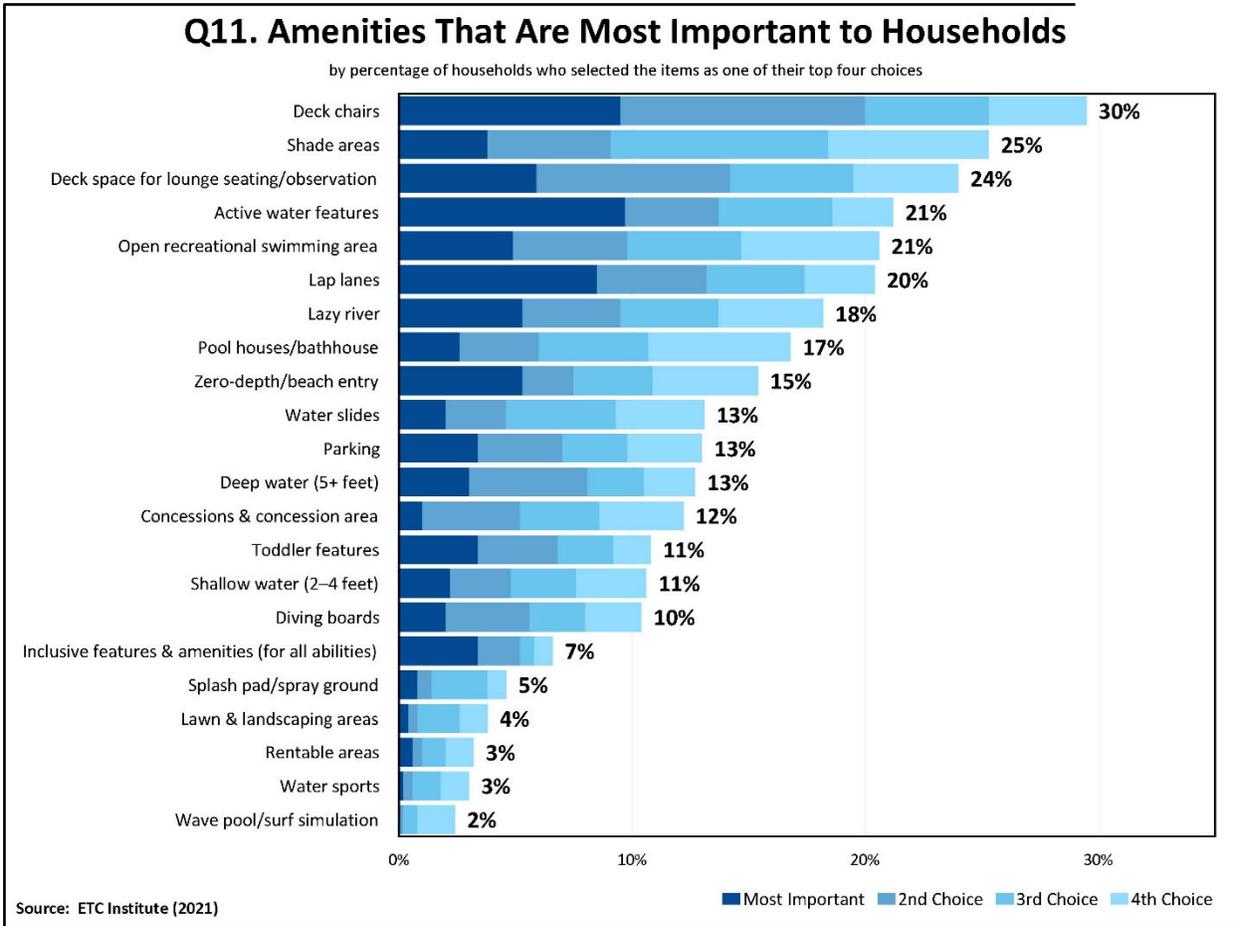
The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 22 amenities that were assessed is shown in the chart at the top of the next page.



Amenity Importance: In addition to assessing the needs for each amenity, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each amenity. Based on the sum of respondents’ top four choices, the four most important amenities to residents were:

1. deck chairs (30%),
2. shade areas (25%),
3. deck space for lounge seating/observation (24%), and
4. active water features (21%).

The percentage of residents who selected each amenity as one of their top four choices is show in the chart at the top of the next page.

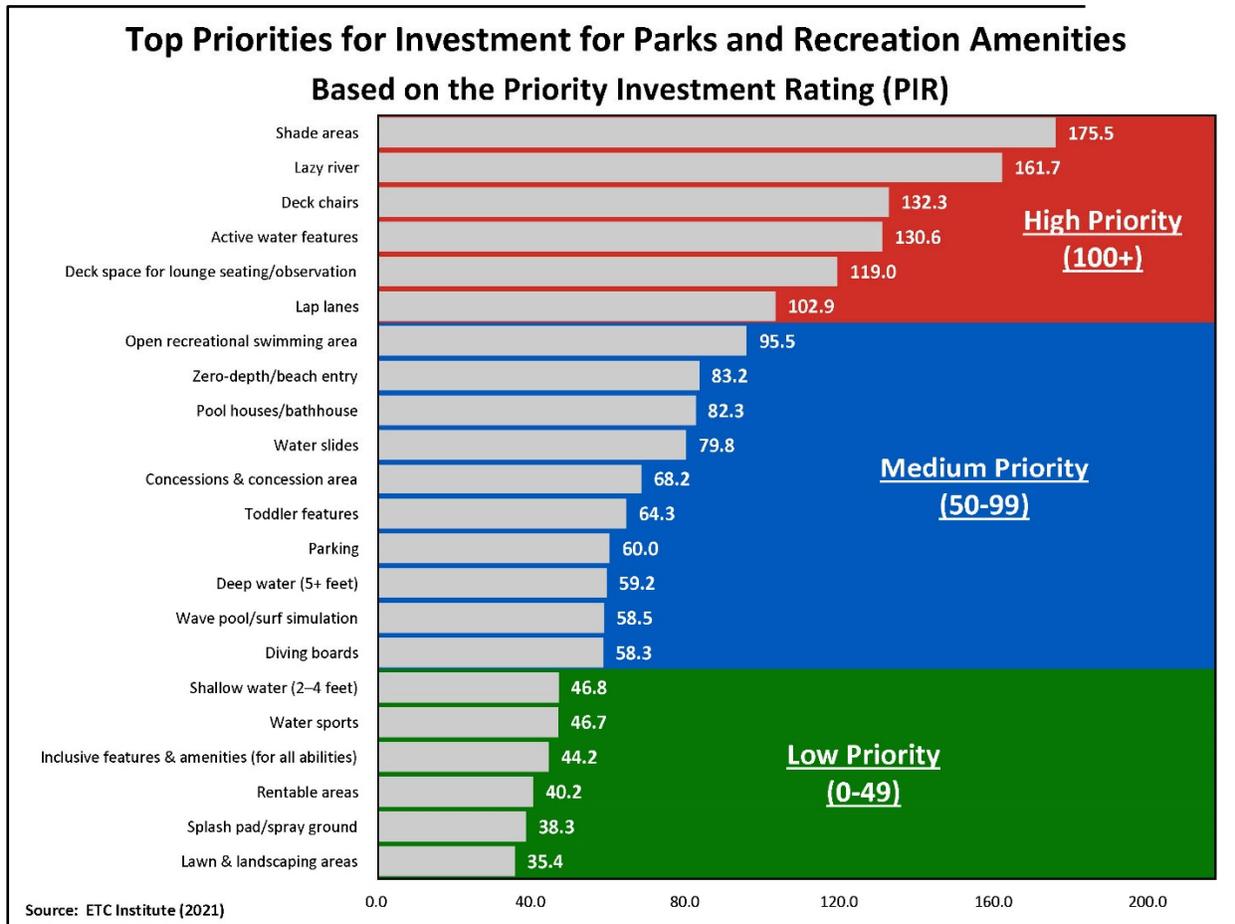


Priorities for Amenity Investments: The **Priority Investment Rating (PIR)** was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on Parks and Recreation investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weighs (1) the importance that residents place on each facility/program and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the facility/program. *Details regarding the methodology for this analysis are provided in Section 2 of this report.*

The table to the right shows the following six amenities that were rated as high priorities of investment, based on the amenity’s PIR rating.

The chart at the top of the following page shows the Priority Investment Rating (PIR) for each of the 22 amenities that were rated.

Amenity	PIR
Shade areas	175.5
Lazy river	161.7
Deck chairs	132.3
Active water features	130.6
Deck space for lounge seating/observation	119.0
Lap lanes	102.9



Outdoor Pool Programs

Participation. Over a quarter (26%) of respondents indicated they or members of their household participated in outdoor pool programs, offered by the City of Lenexa, during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020.

Ratings. Of the residents surveyed that have participated in City of Lenexa outdoor pool programs (26%), 38% rated the overall quality of outdoor pool programs as excellent, 59% rated the quality of pool programs as good, and 3% rated the overall quality of pool programs as fair.

Swimming Program Needs and Priorities

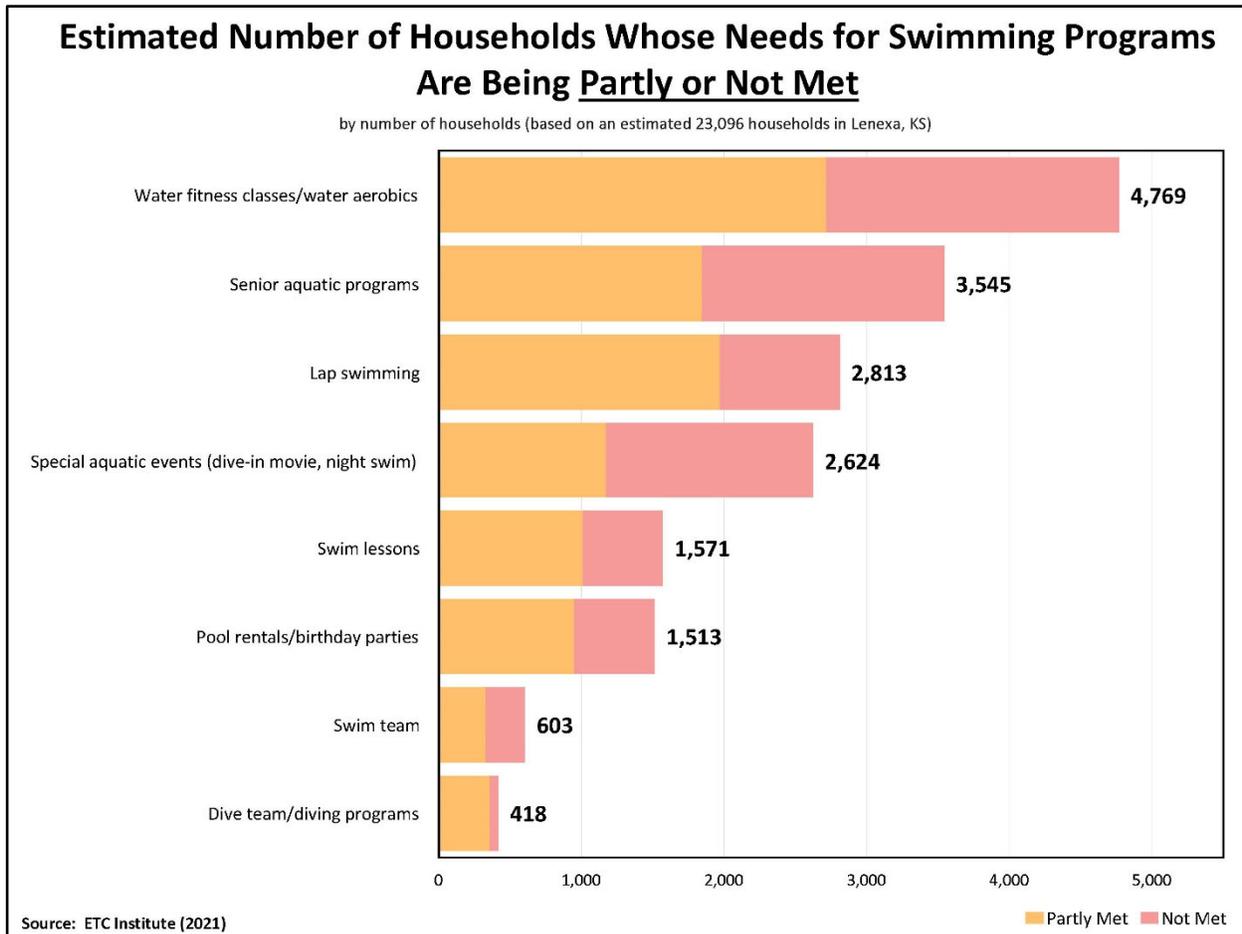
Swimming Program Needs. Respondents were also asked to identify if their household had a need for 8 swimming programs and rate how well their needs for each program were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had “unmet” needs for each program.

The four swimming programs with the highest percentage of households that have an unmet need were:

1. water fitness classes/water aerobics – 4,769 households (or 20.6%),

2. senior aquatic programs – 3,545 households (or 15.3%),
3. lap swimming – 2,813 households (or 12.1%), and
4. special aquatic events – 2,624 households (or 11.3%).

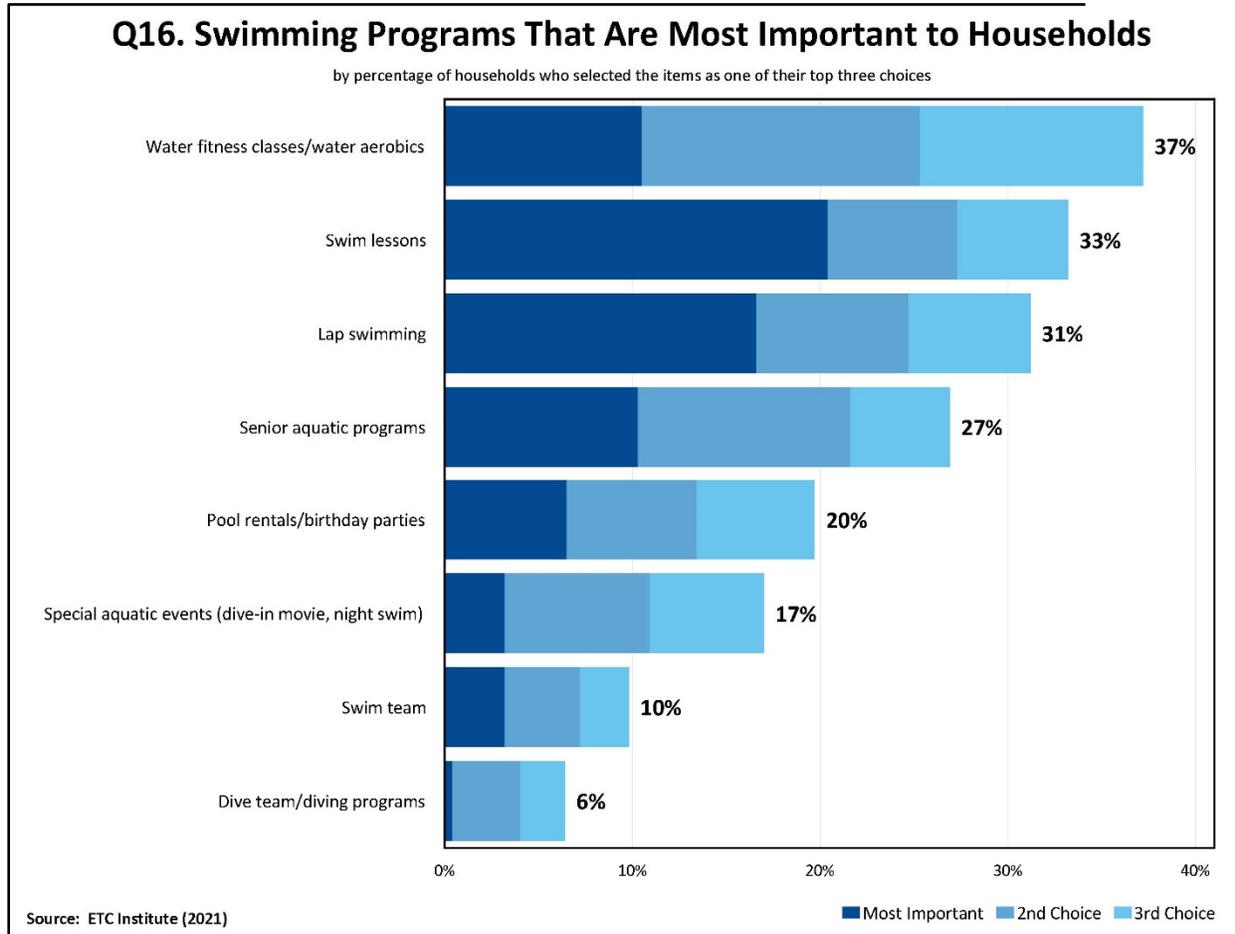
The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 8 programs that were assessed is shown in the chart below.



Program Importance. In addition to assessing the needs for each program, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each program. Based on the sum of respondents’ top three choices, the four most important programs to residents were:

1. water fitness classes/water aerobics (37%),
2. swim lessons (33%),
3. lap swimming (31%), and
4. senior aquatic programs (27%).

The percentage of residents who selected each program as one of their top three choices is shown in the chart at the top of the following page.

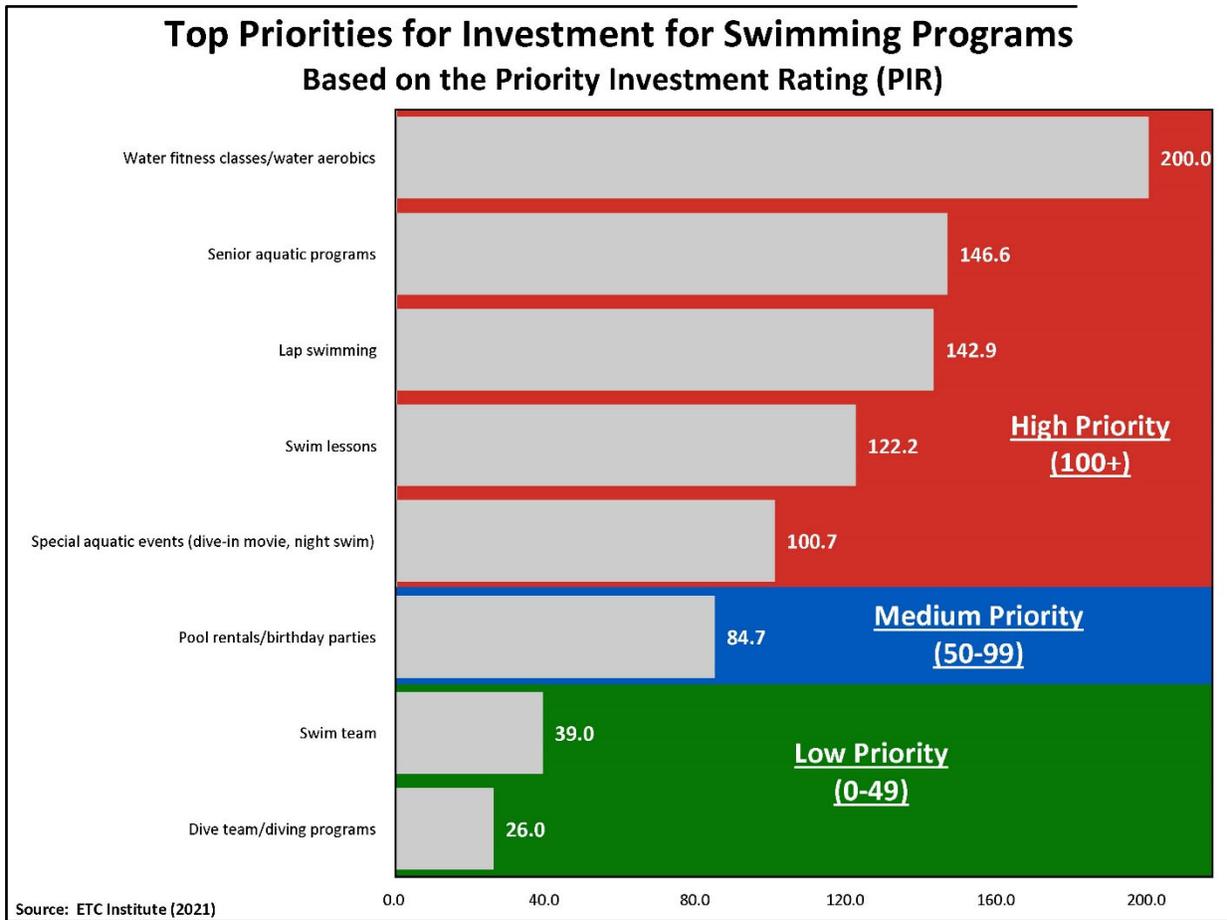


Program	PIR
Water fitness classes/water aerobics	200.0
Senior aquatic programs	146.6
Lap swimming	142.9
Swim lessons	122.2
Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	100.7

Priorities for Program Investments. Based on the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), which was described briefly on Page v of this Executive Summary and is described in more detail in Section 2 of this report.

The chart to the left shows the following five programs that were rated as “high priorities” for investment.

The graph at the top of the following page shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 8 programs that were rated.



Additional Findings

Barriers to Using Pools and Programs. Residents surveyed were asked what reasons they had that prevent them/their household from using outdoor pools and programs offered by the City of Lenexa more often. The top responses were: use private club/neighborhood/HOA pools (31%), pools are too crowded (23%), fees are too high (17%), and we are too busy (16%).

Method(s) of Learning. Residents were asked to indicate all of the methods they use to learn about City of Lenexa’s outdoor pool programs or activities. The top methods used are listed below.

- TownTalk resident magazine (85%)
- Word of mouth (38%)
- Lenexa.com (36%)
- Social media (27%)
- Parks and Recreation electronic newsletter (25%)

The methods of communication that residents most prefer the City to use to learn about outdoor pool programs and activities, based on the sum of respondents’ top three choices, are: TownTalk resident magazine (74%), Lenexa.com (38%), Parks and Recreation electronic newsletter (25%), and the Rec Center electronic newsletter (24%).

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Funding. Residents surveyed were asked how they would prioritize allocating funds, for outdoor pools and aquatic services, with a budget of \$100. Respondent households would allocate 52% of funds (\$51.76) for the upgrading/improving existing facilities, 25% of funds (\$25.06) to build/add new facilities, and 23% of funds (\$23.18) to enhance and/or add new programming.

The issue of outdoor pools having aging systems and structures was brought up in the study. Residents surveyed were given two options and to indicate which option best fits the needs of them/their household and which option best fits the needs of the community as a whole. The two options are:

- Option 1: The City of Lenexa should offer fewer larger pools with more modern amenities that appeal to a larger demographic. This would mean there would be less location options.
- Option 2: The City of Lenexa should offer multiple smaller pools with fewer amenities and focus on traditional swimming offerings and more location options.

In regard to respondents' opinion which option would best fit their and their household's needs; 39% indicated Option 1 would best fit their household's needs, 39% indicated Option 2 would best fit their household's needs, 9% indicated neither option fit their household's needs, and 13% responded that they do not know.

When thinking of the community as a whole, 40% of residents surveyed believe Option 2 (smaller pools with fewer amenities, but proximity to residence is closer) is the best fit. Thirty-four percent (34%) of respondent households believe Option 1 is the best fit for the community as a whole, 5% believe neither option is the best fit for the community, and 21% indicated that they do not know.

Conclusions

To ensure that the City of Lenexa continues to meet the needs and expectations of the community, ETC Institute recommends that the City sustain and/or improve the performance in areas that were identified as "high priorities" by the Priority Investment Rating (PIR). The amenities and programs with the highest PIR ratings are listed below.

Amenity Priorities

- Shade areas (PIR=175.5)
- Lazy river (PIR=161.7)
- Deck chairs (PIR=132.3)
- Active water features (PIR=130.6)
- Deck space for lounge seating/observation (PIR=119.0)
- Lap lanes (PIR=102.9)

Swimming Program Priorities

- Water fitness classes/water aerobics (PIR=200.0)
- Senior aquatic programs (PIR=146.6)
- Lap swimming (PIR=142.9)
- Swim lessons (PIR=122.2)
- Special aquatic events (PIR=100.7)

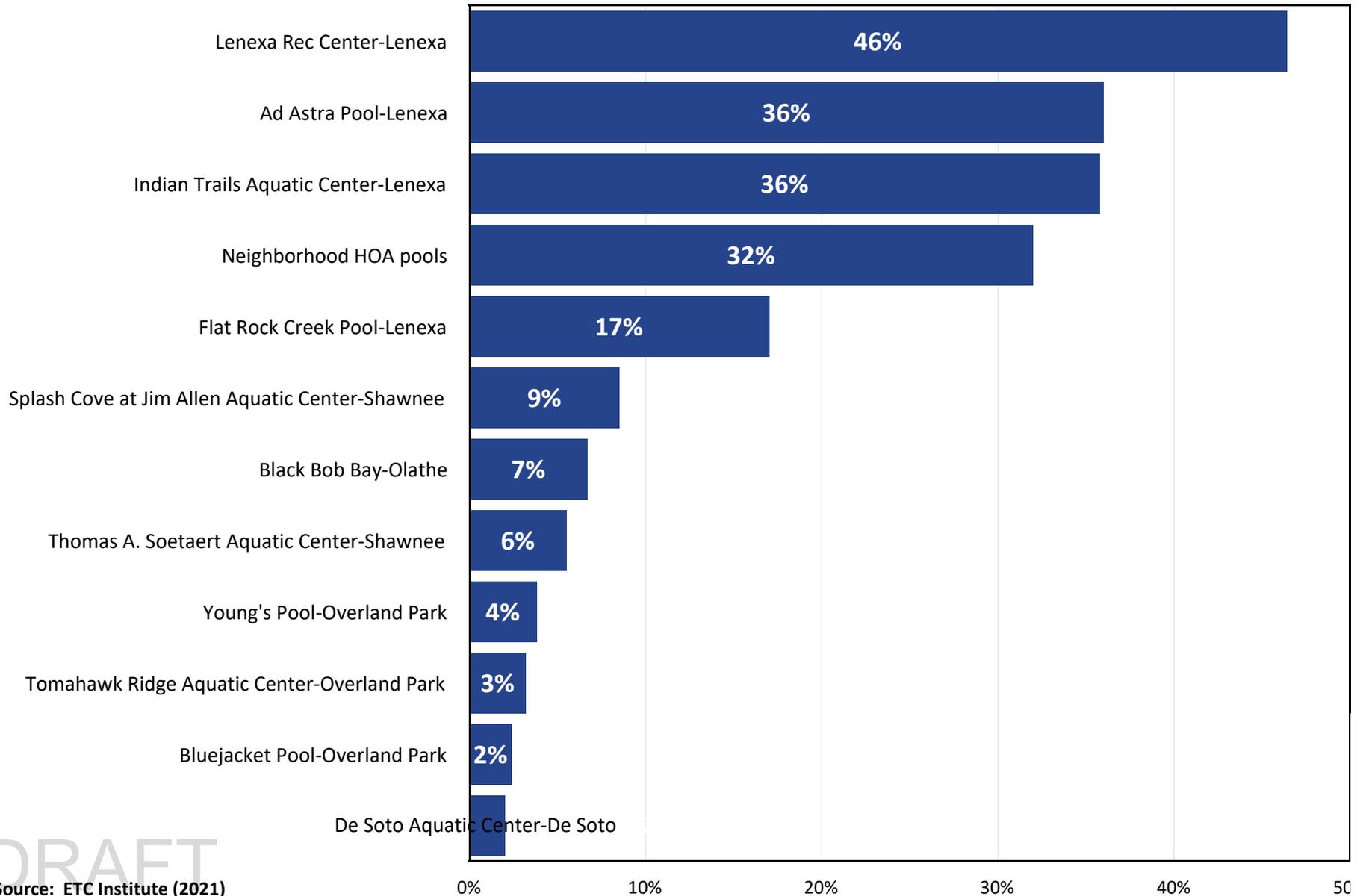
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Charts and Graphs: Overall Results

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Q1. Please indicate whether you or a member of your household has visited each of the following pools during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020.

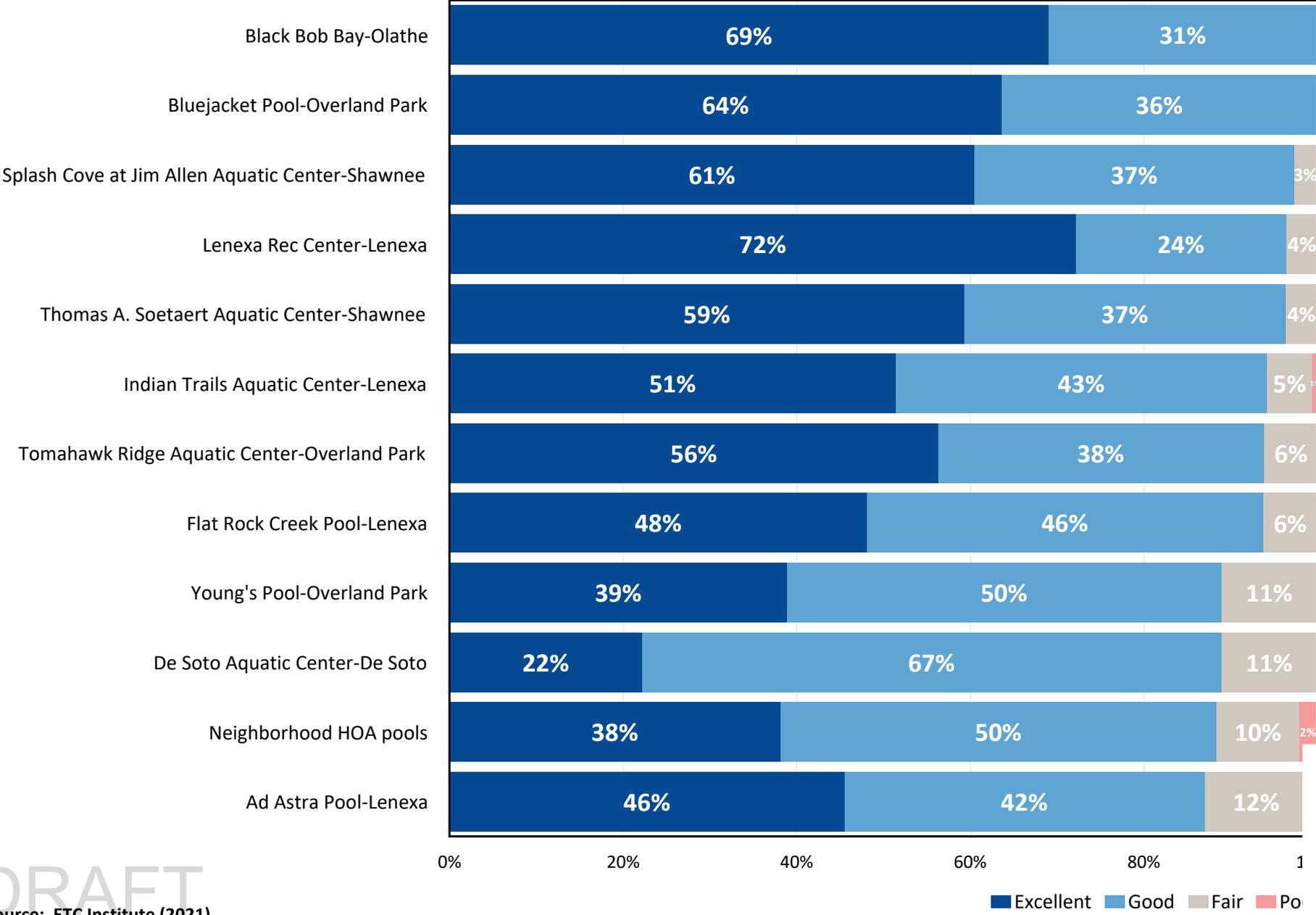
by percentage of respondents who responded "yes" (multiple choices could be selected)



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Source: ETC Institute (2021)

Q1. Ratings of the Overall Experience at Swim Facilities Visited by Residents

by percentage of respondents who used the respective swim facility, using a 4-point scale, where 4 means "excellent" and 1 means "poor"

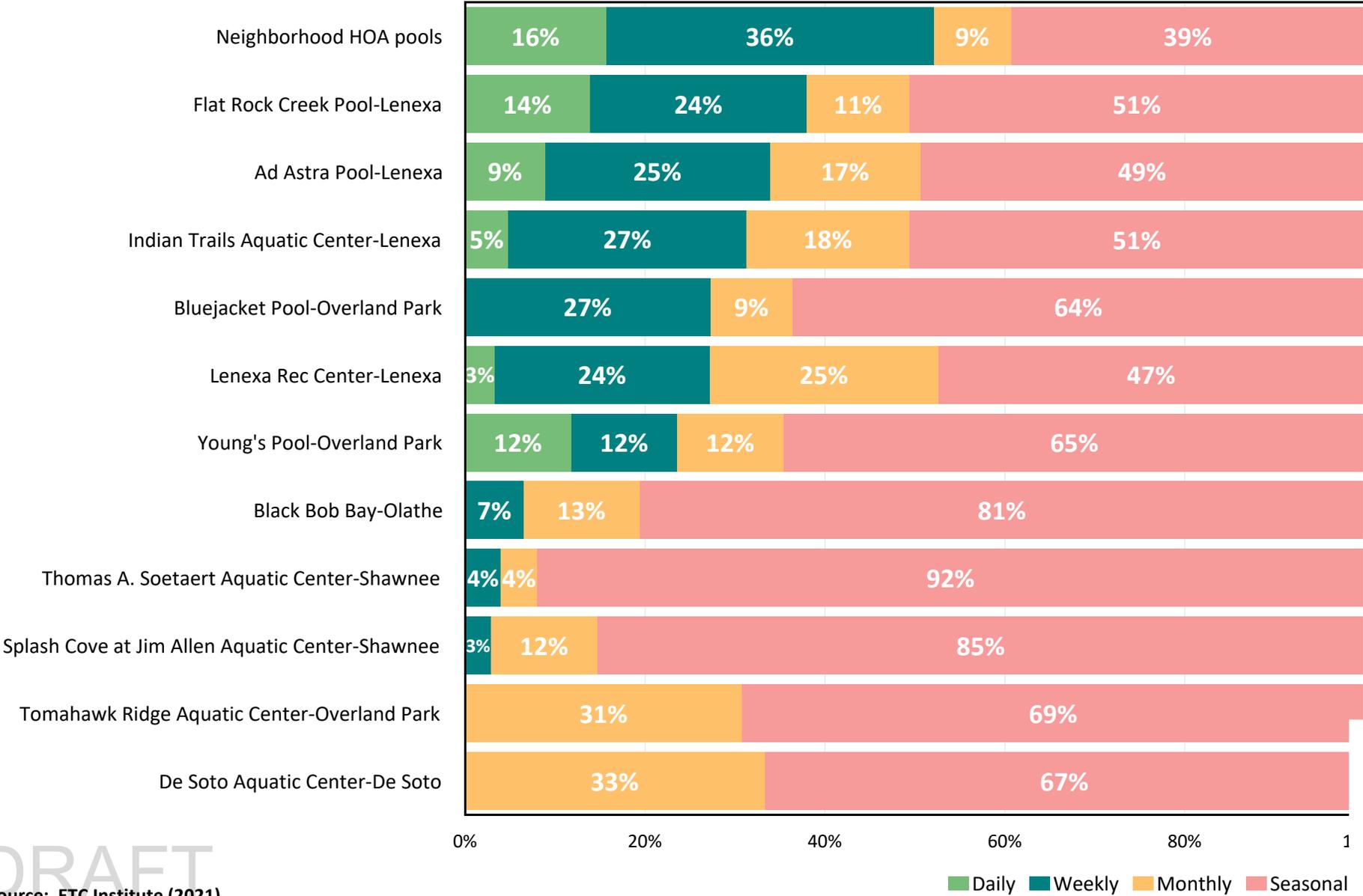


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Q1. Frequency Households Used the Facility During the Swim Season of 2018, 2019, or 2020

by percentage of respondents who used the respective swim facility, using a 4-point scale, where 4 means "daily" and 1 means "seasonally"

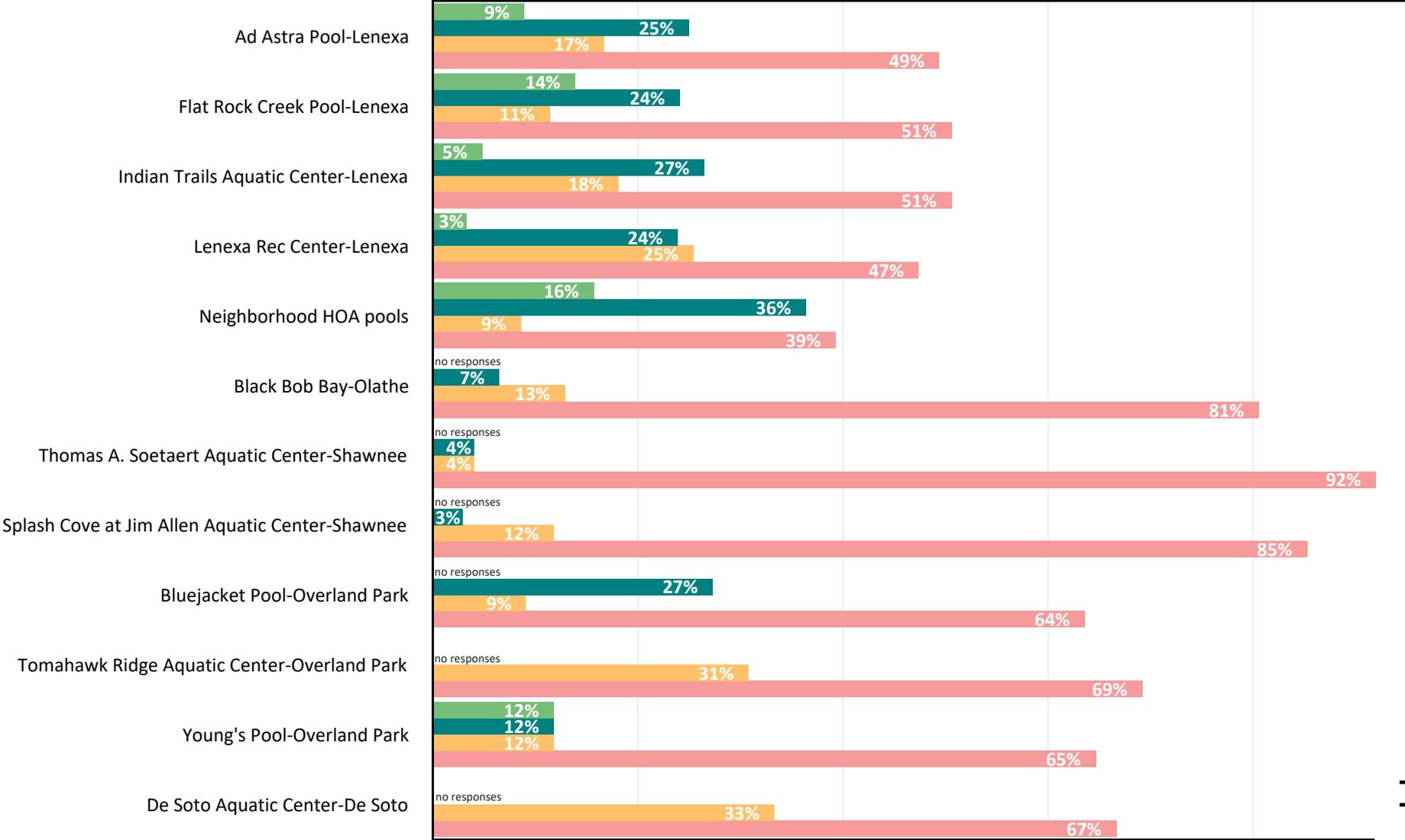


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Q1. Frequency Households Used the Facility During the Swim Season During 2018-2020

by percentage of respondents who used the respective swim facility, using a 4-point scale, where 4 means "daily" and 1 means "seasonally"

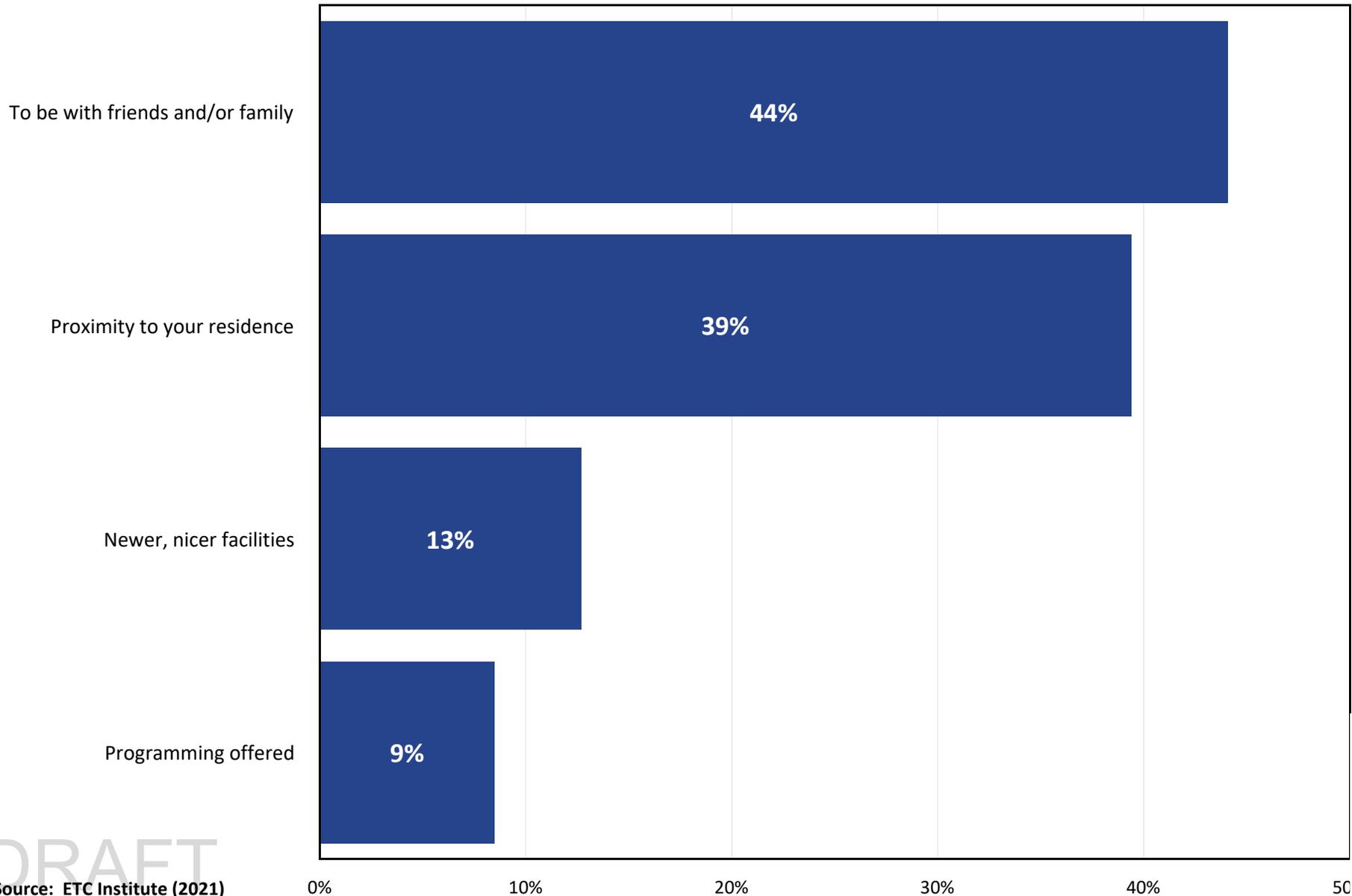


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Daily Weekly Monthly Seasonally

Q1a. If you visit outdoor pools that are not provided by the City of Lenexa, why do you visit those pools?

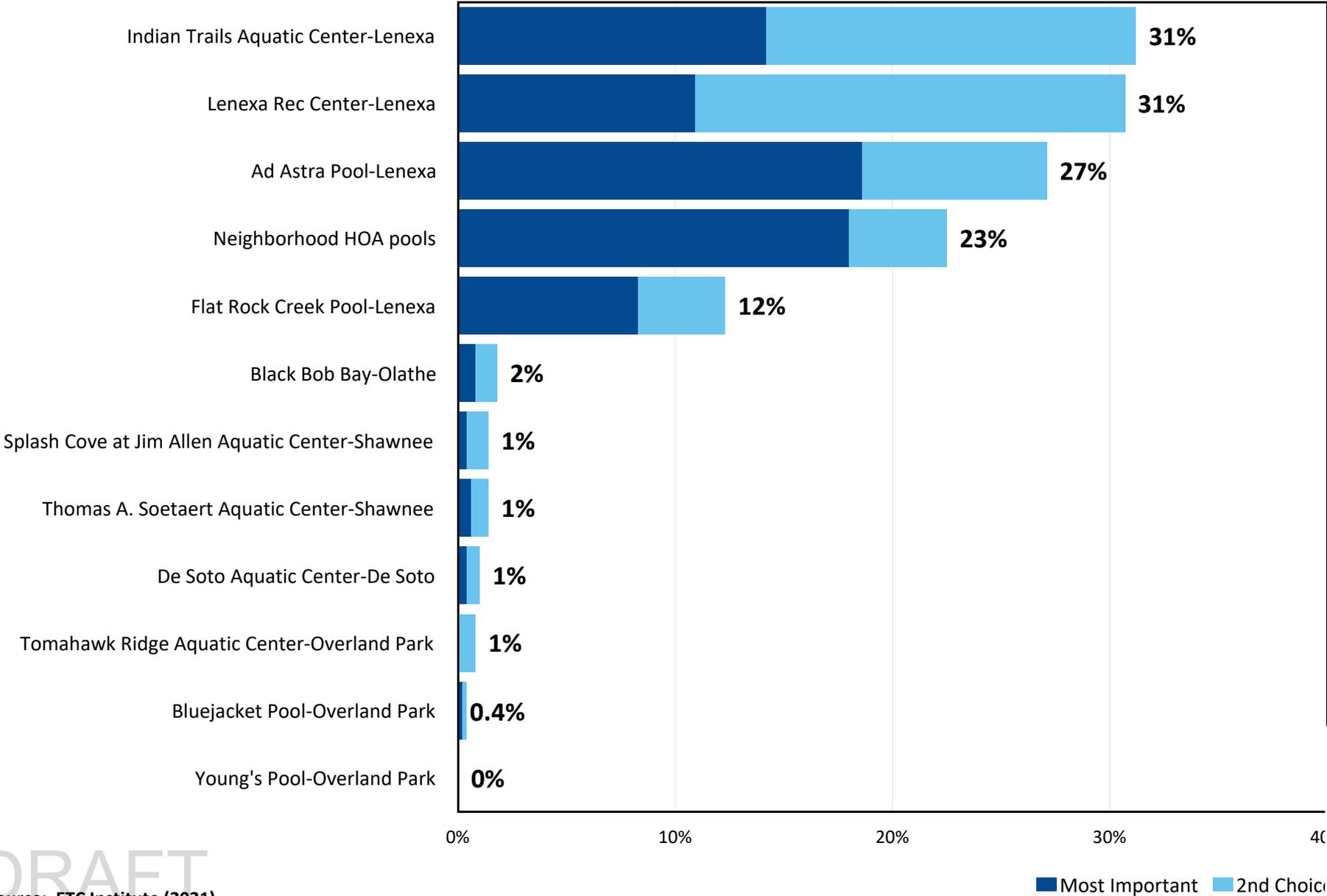
by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be selected)



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Q2. Outdoor Pools Most Important to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top two choices



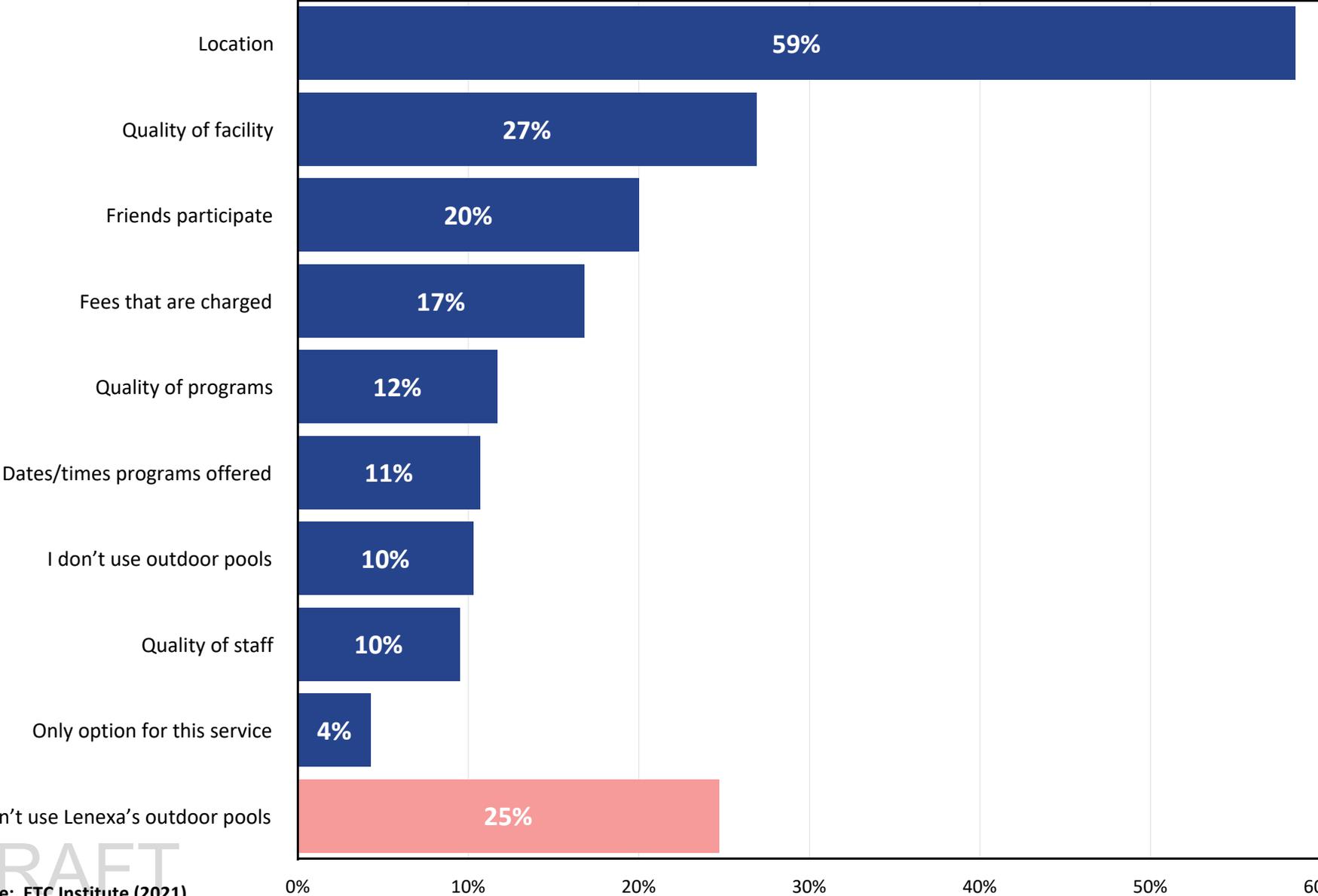
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■ Most Important ■ 2nd Choice

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Q3. Primary Reasons Households Choose to Use Outdoor Pools in the City of Lenexa?

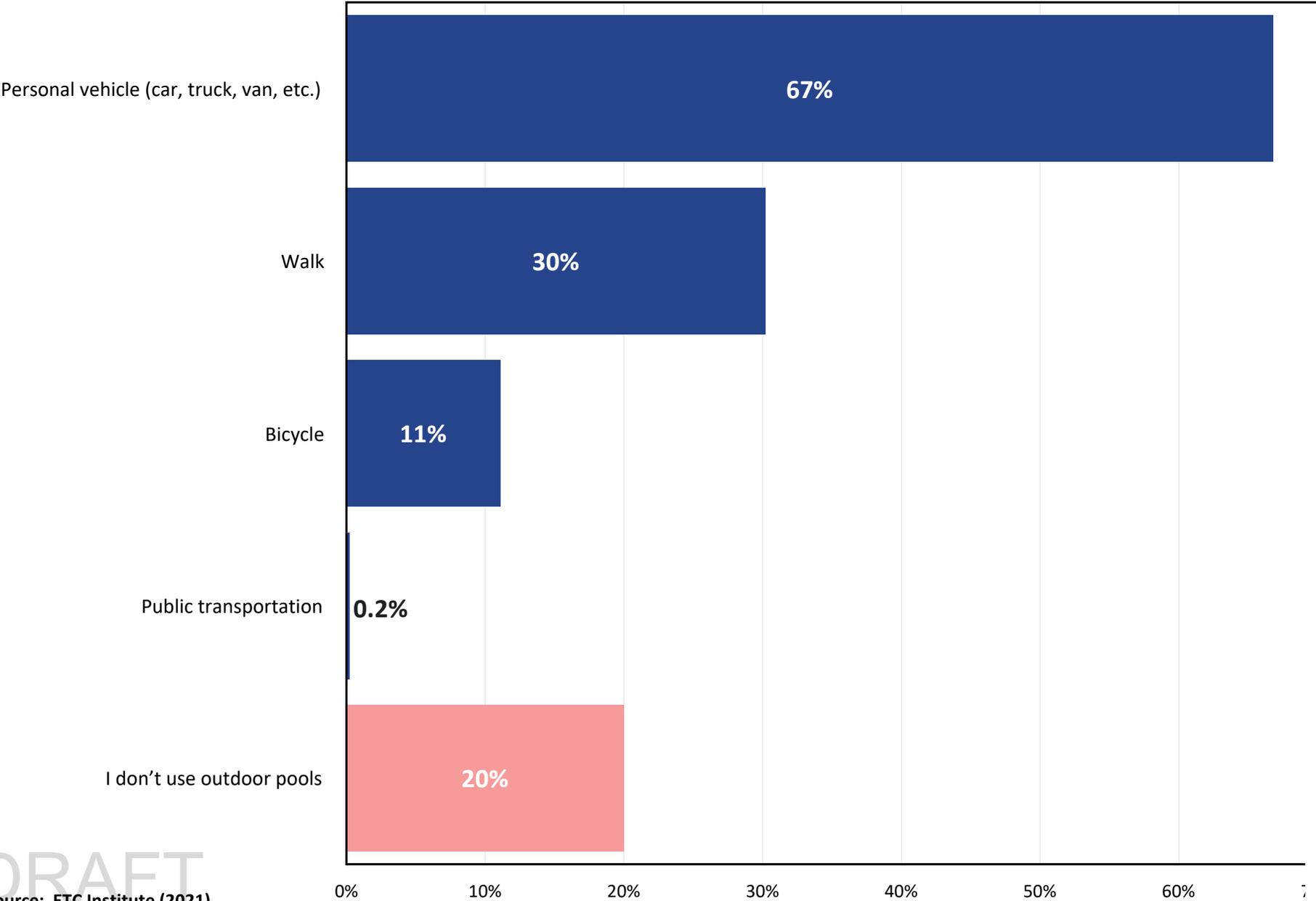
by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be selected)



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Q4. How Households Most Often Travel to Outdoor Pools

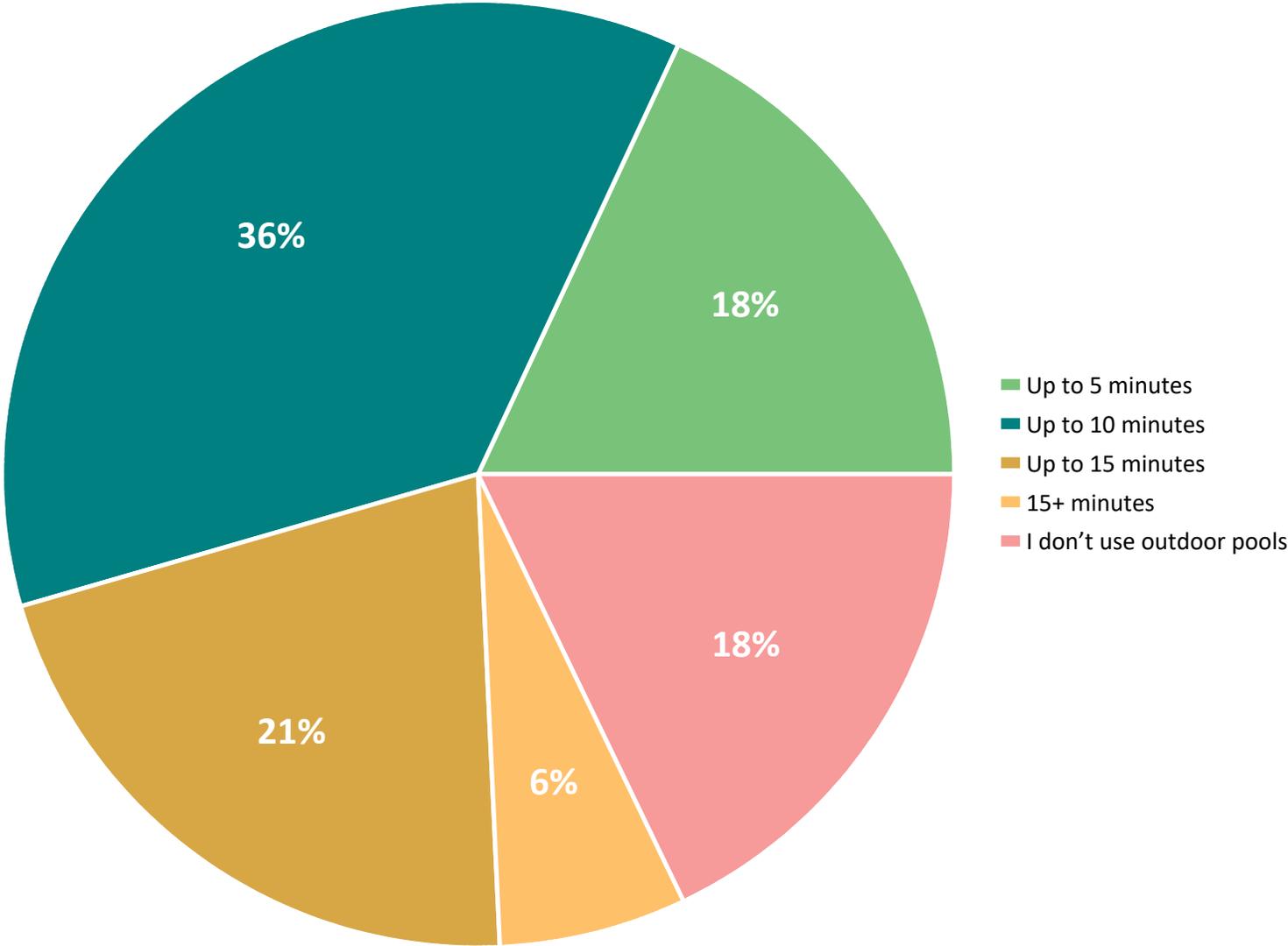
by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be selected)



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Q5. How Far Households Are Willing to Travel for Quality Outdoor Pool Facilities

by percentage of respondents (without "not provided")

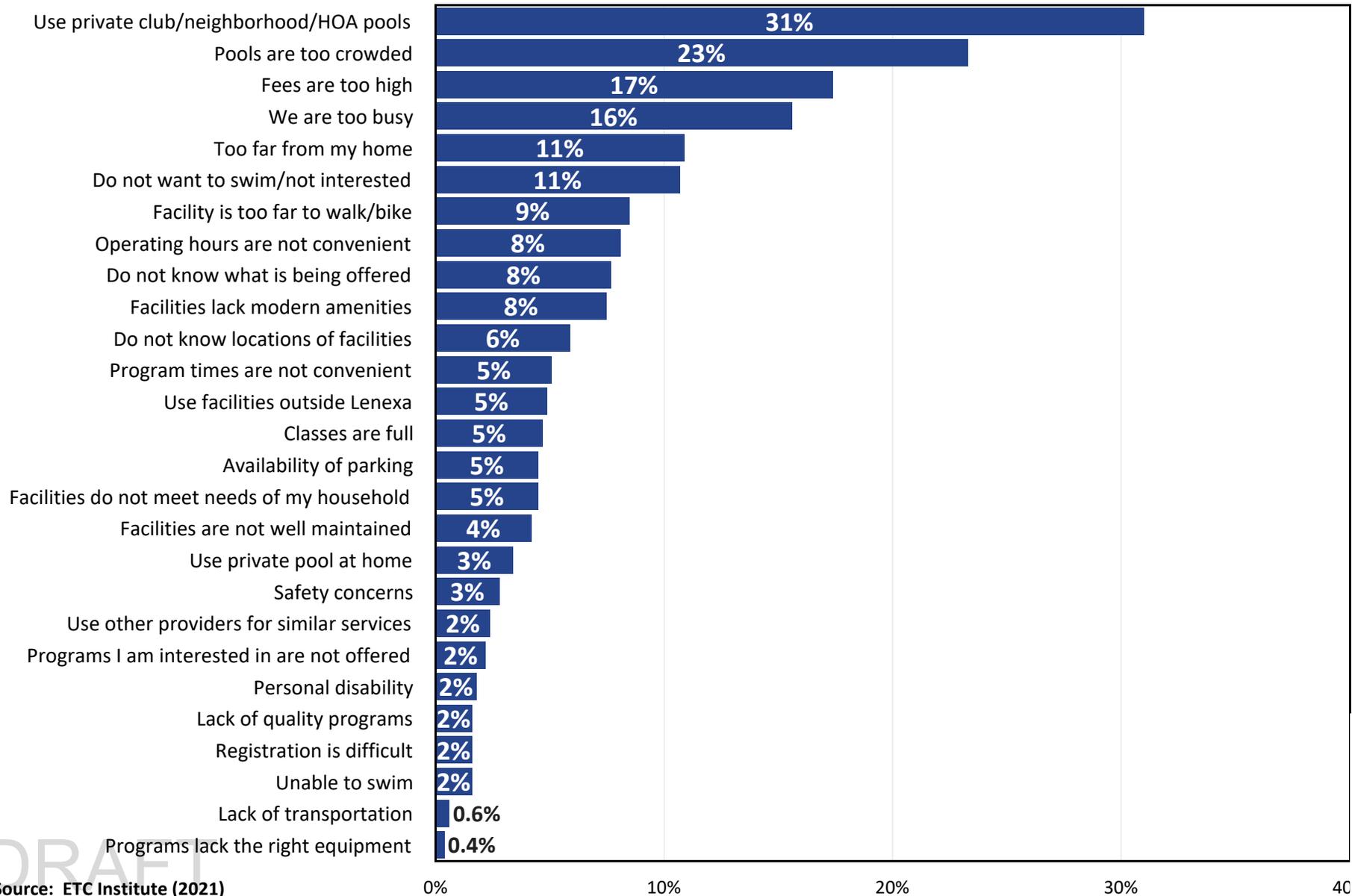


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Q6. Reasons That Prevent Households From Using Outdoor Pools and Programs Offered by the City of Lenexa More Often

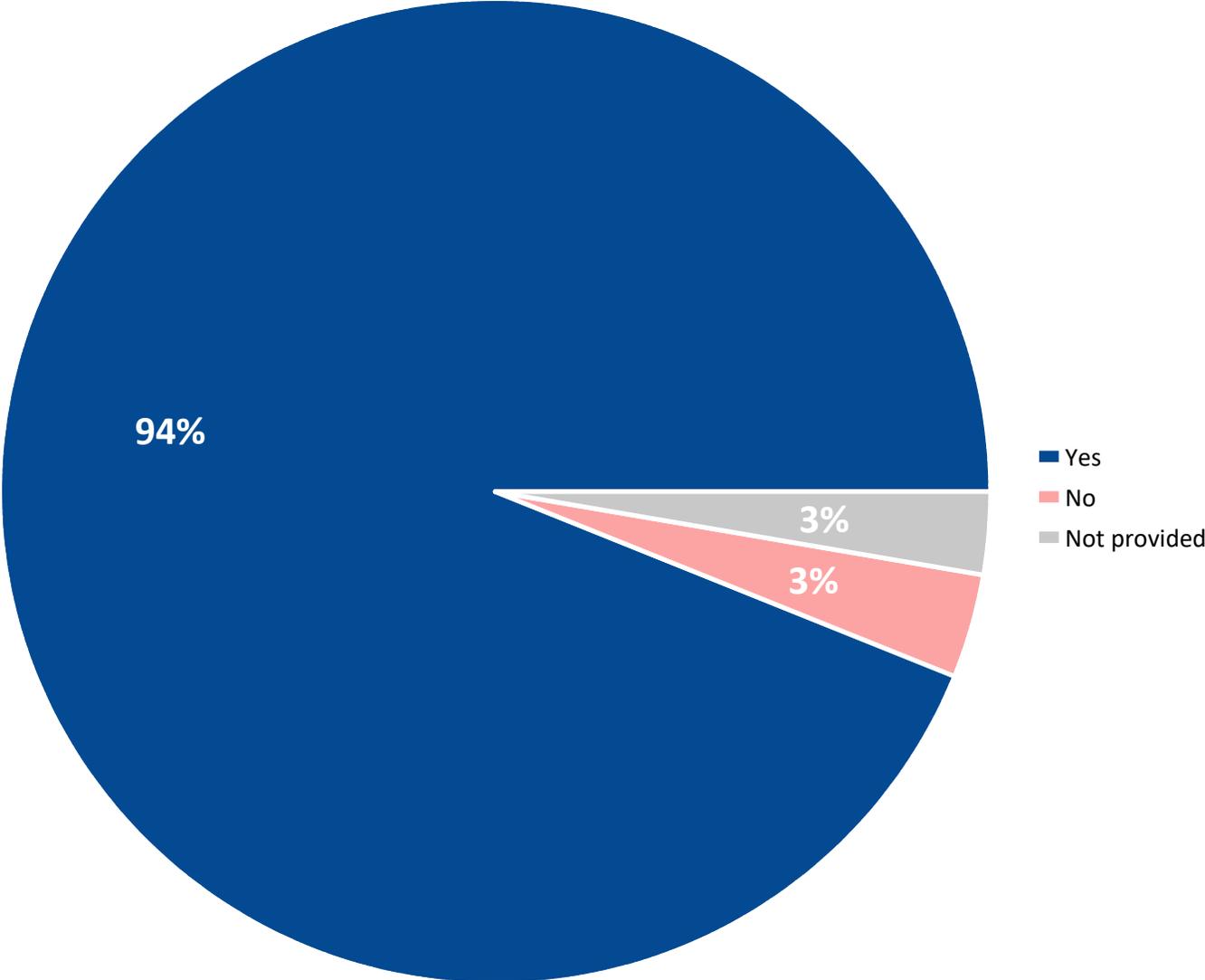
by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be selected)



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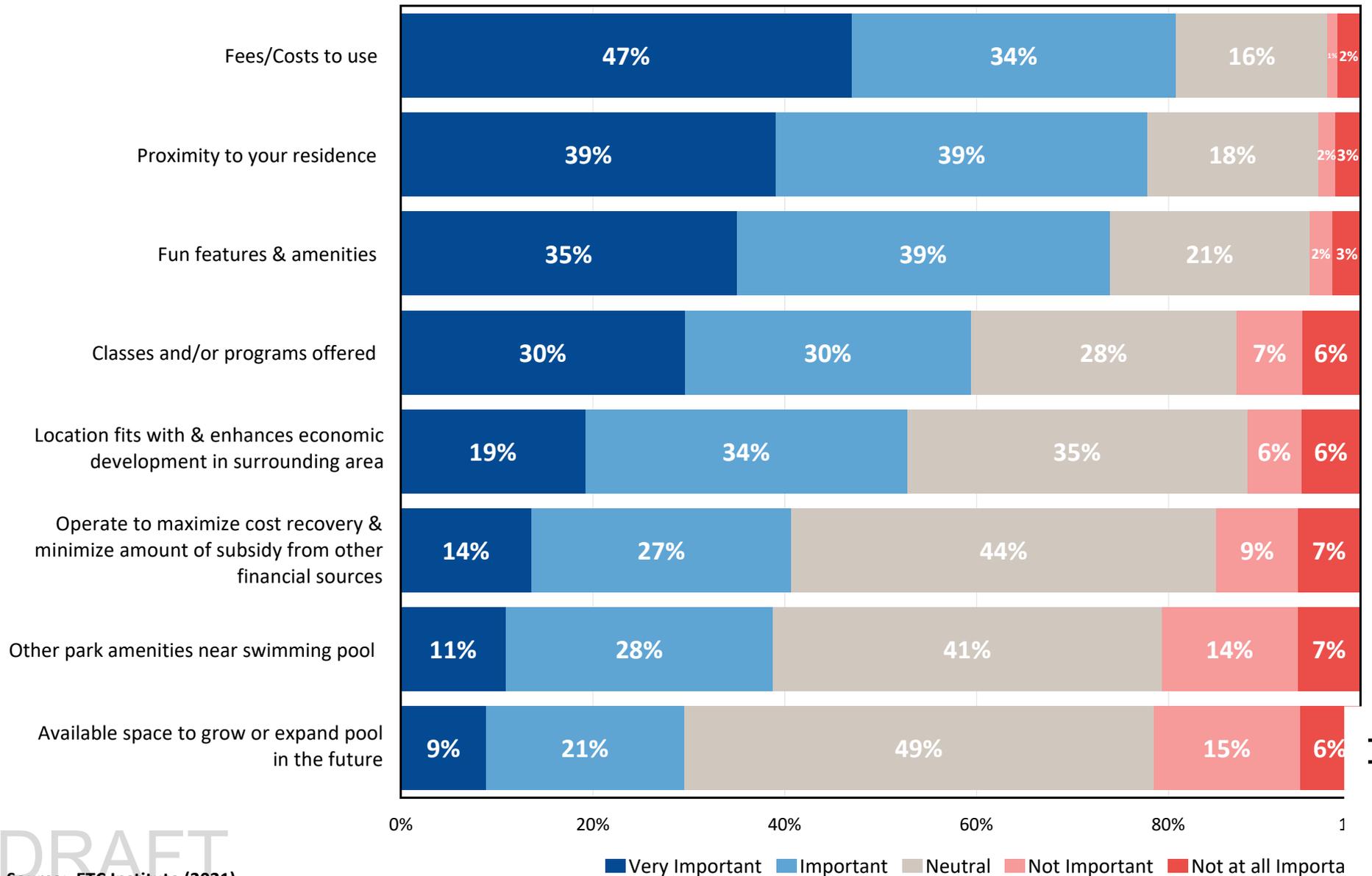
Q7. Is it valuable for the City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pool(s) to the community as a whole?

by percentage of respondents



Q8. Please indicate how important each of the following are when thinking about outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa.

by percentage of respondents, using a 5-point scale, where 5 means "very important" and 1 means "not at all important" (without "don't know")

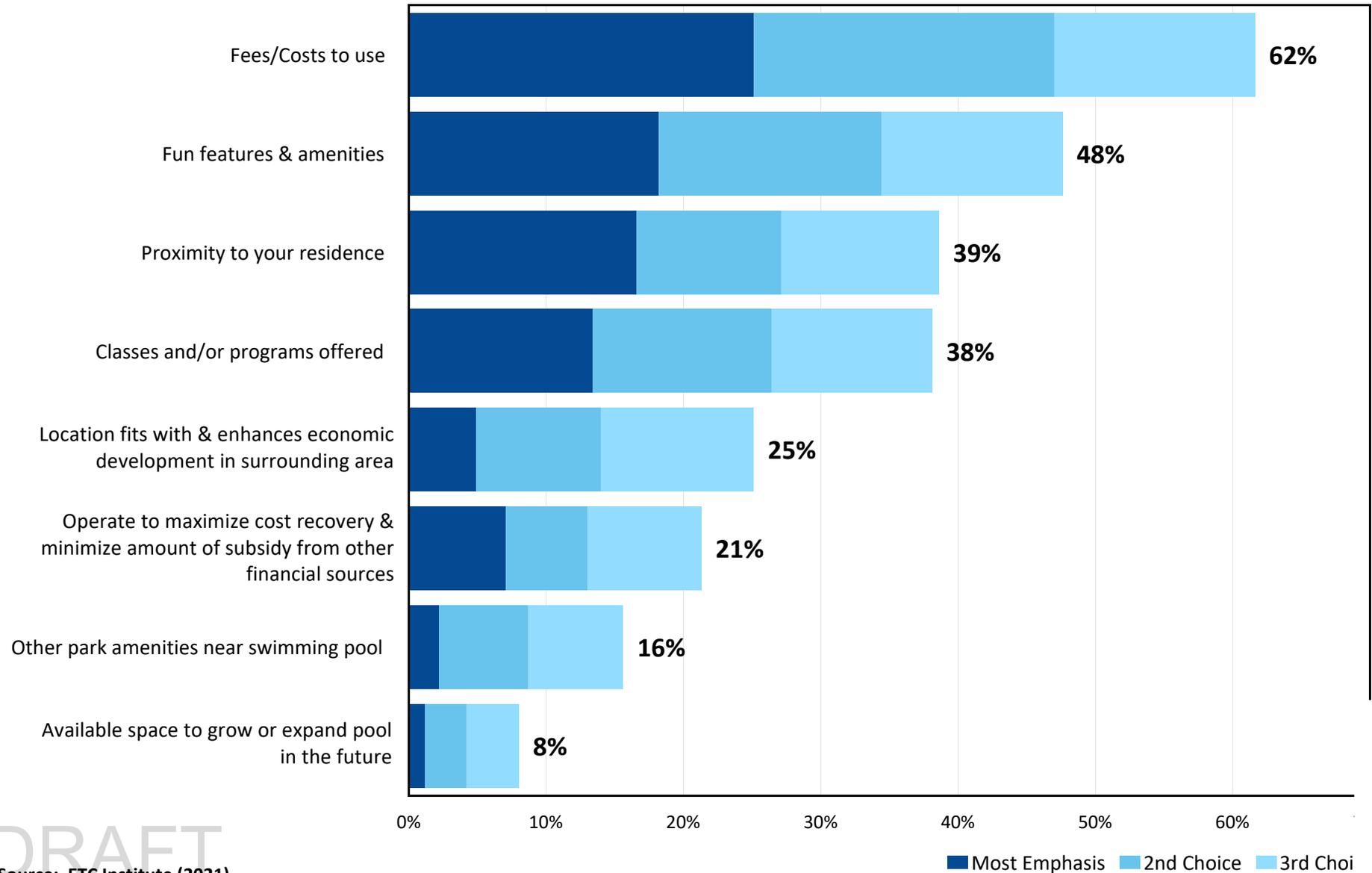


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Q9. Items Regarding Planning the Future of Outdoor Pools and Swimming in the City Households Feel the City of Lenexa Should Place the Greatest Emphasis On

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top three choices

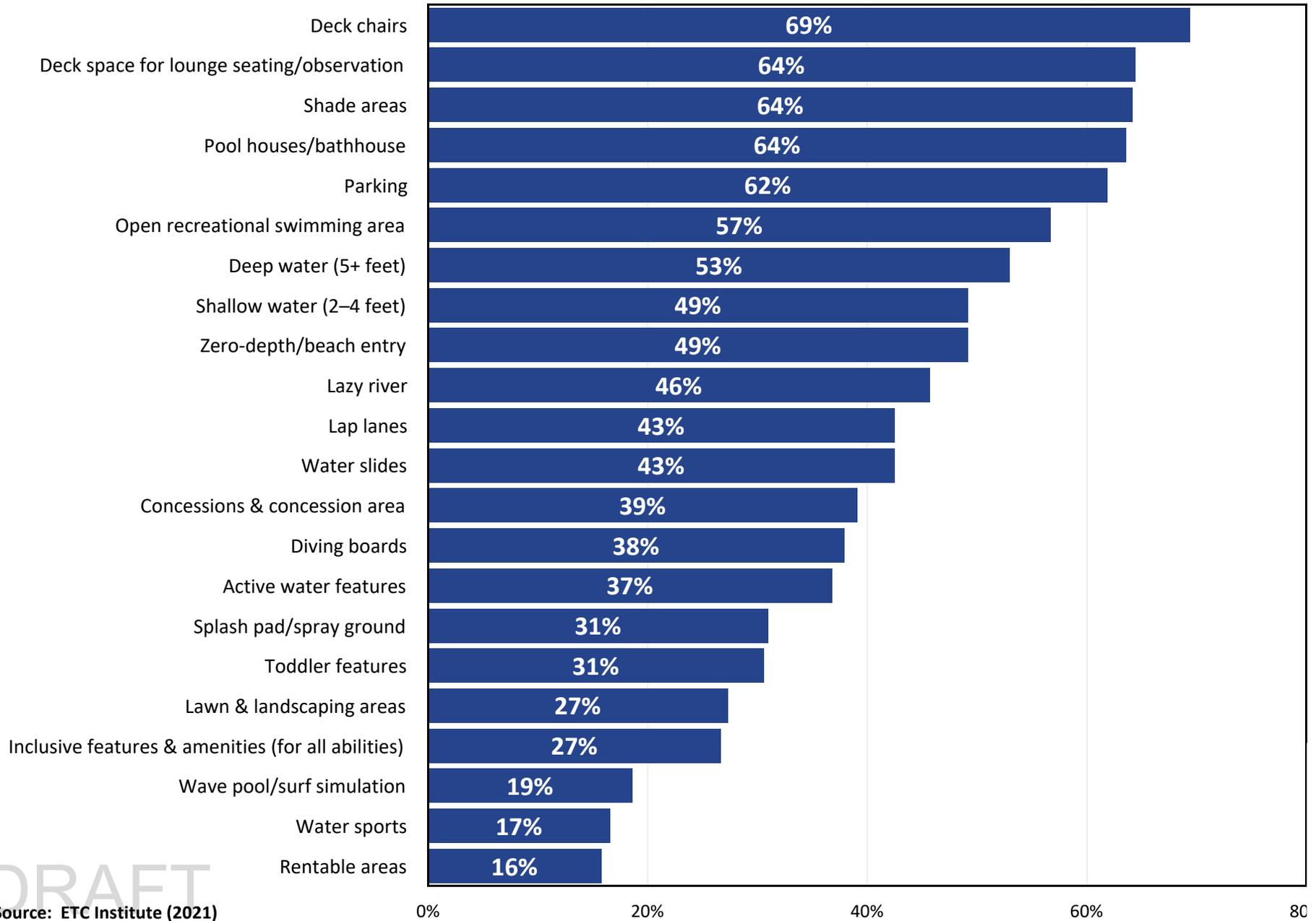


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■ Most Emphasis ■ 2nd Choice ■ 3rd Choice

Q10. Households' Amenity Needs

by percentage of respondents that responded "yes" to having a need (multiple choices could be selected)

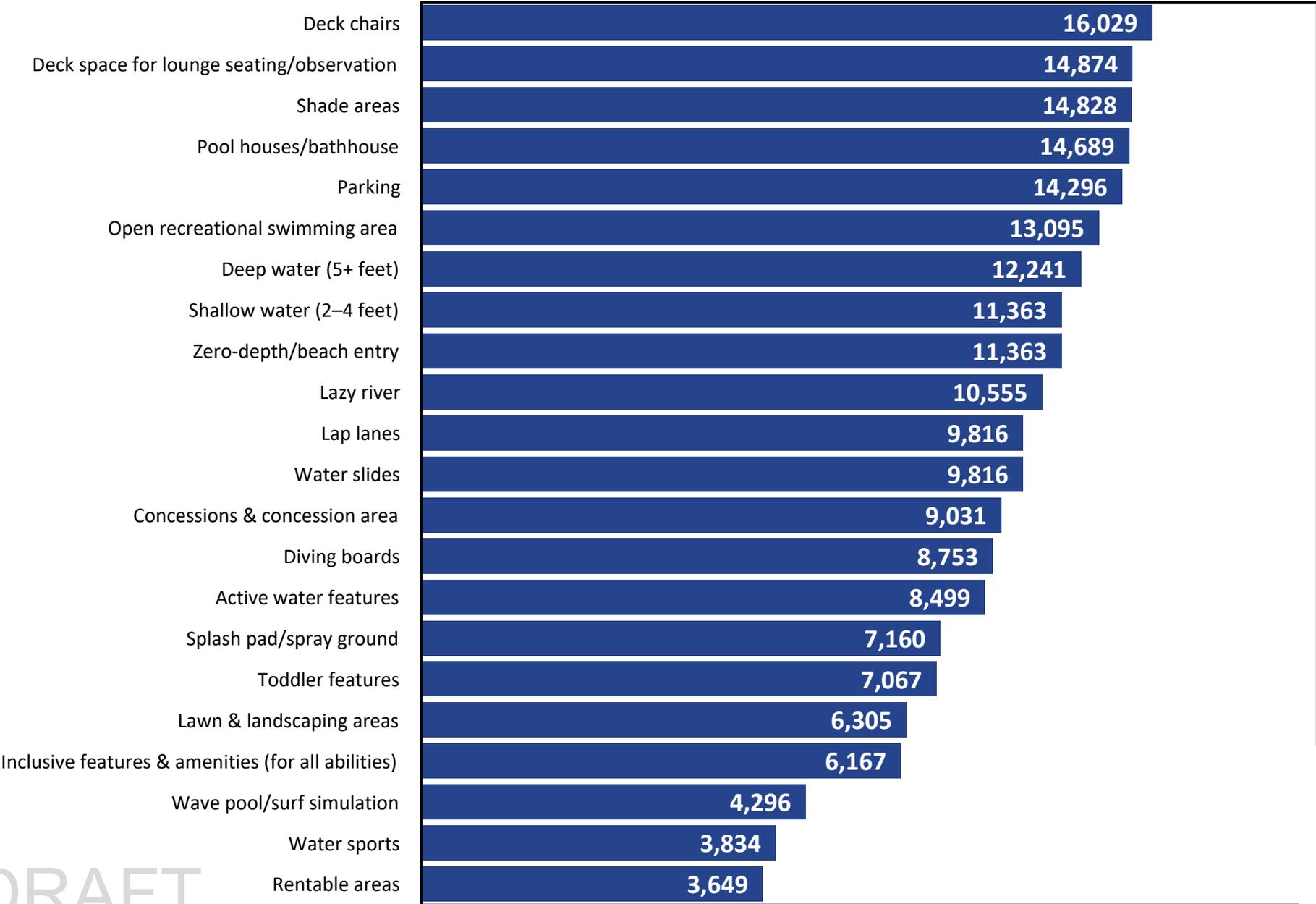


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Estimated Number of Households That Have a Need for Amenities

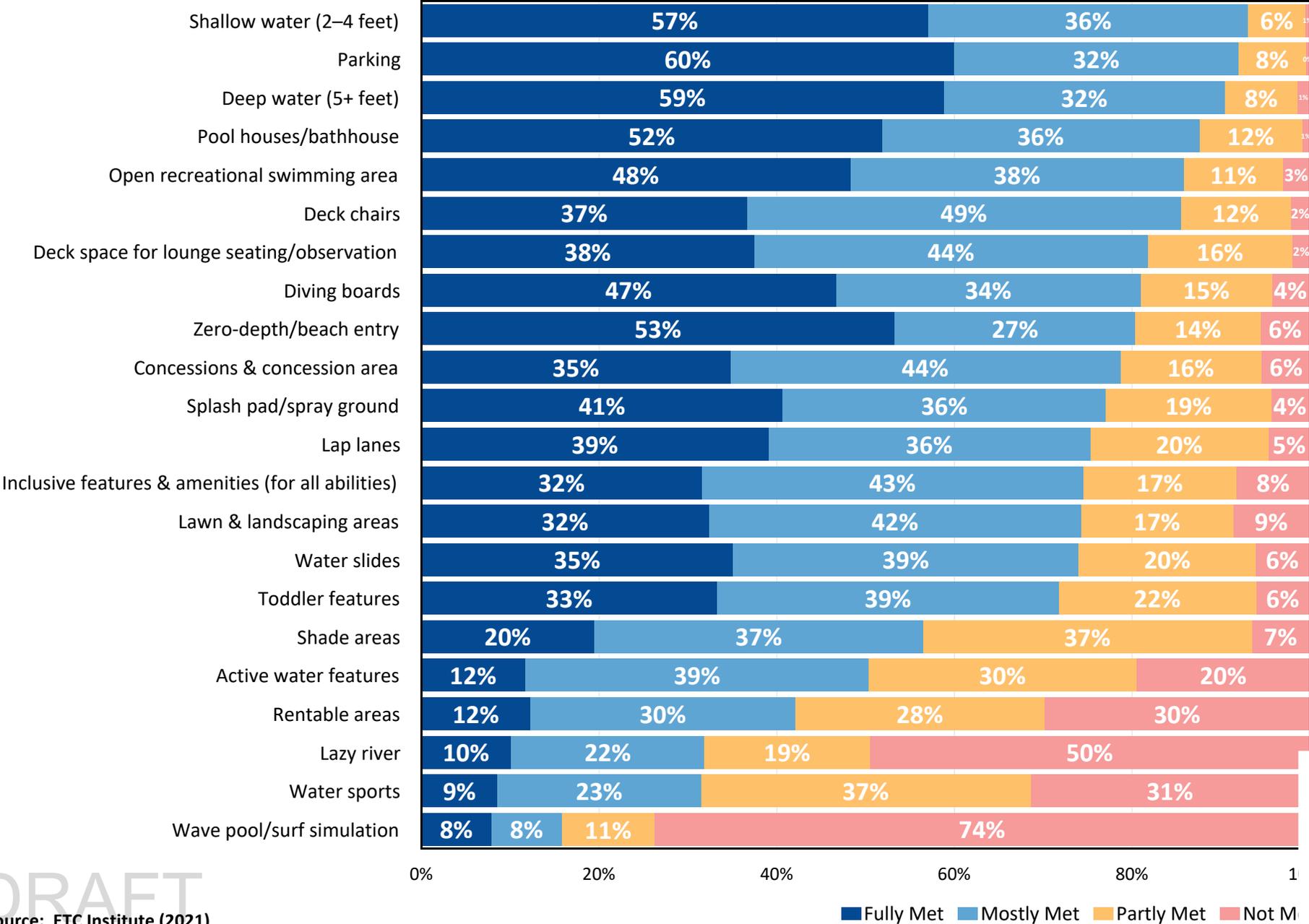
by number of households (based on an estimated 23,096 households in Lenexa, KS)



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Source: ETC Institute (2021)

Q10. How Well Households' Amenity Needs Are Being Met

by percentage of respondents, using a 4-point scale, where 4 means "Fully Met" and 1 means "Not Met"

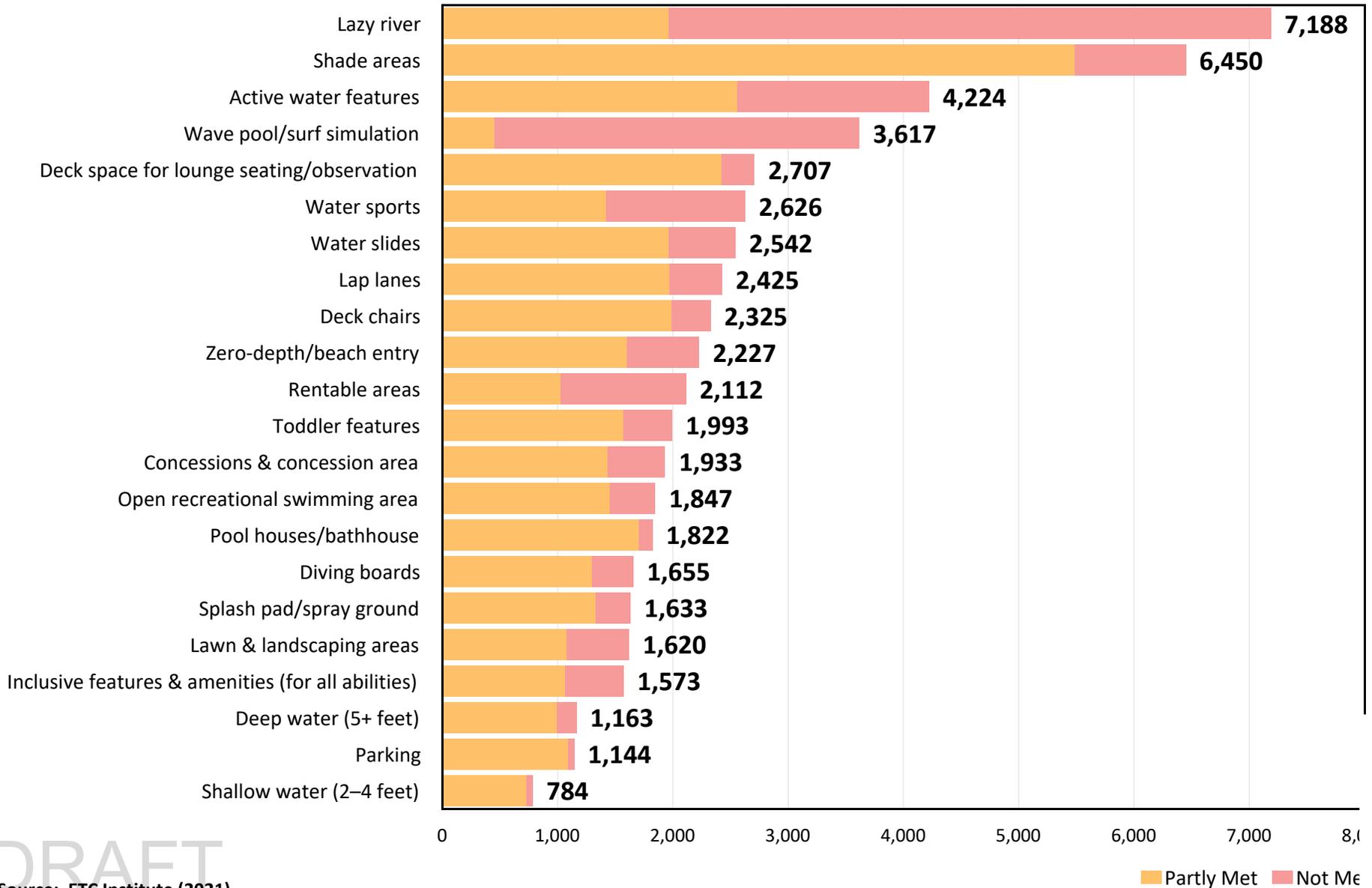


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Estimated Number of Households Whose Needs for Amenities Are Being Partly or Not Met

by number of households (based on an estimated 23,096 households in Lenexa, KS)

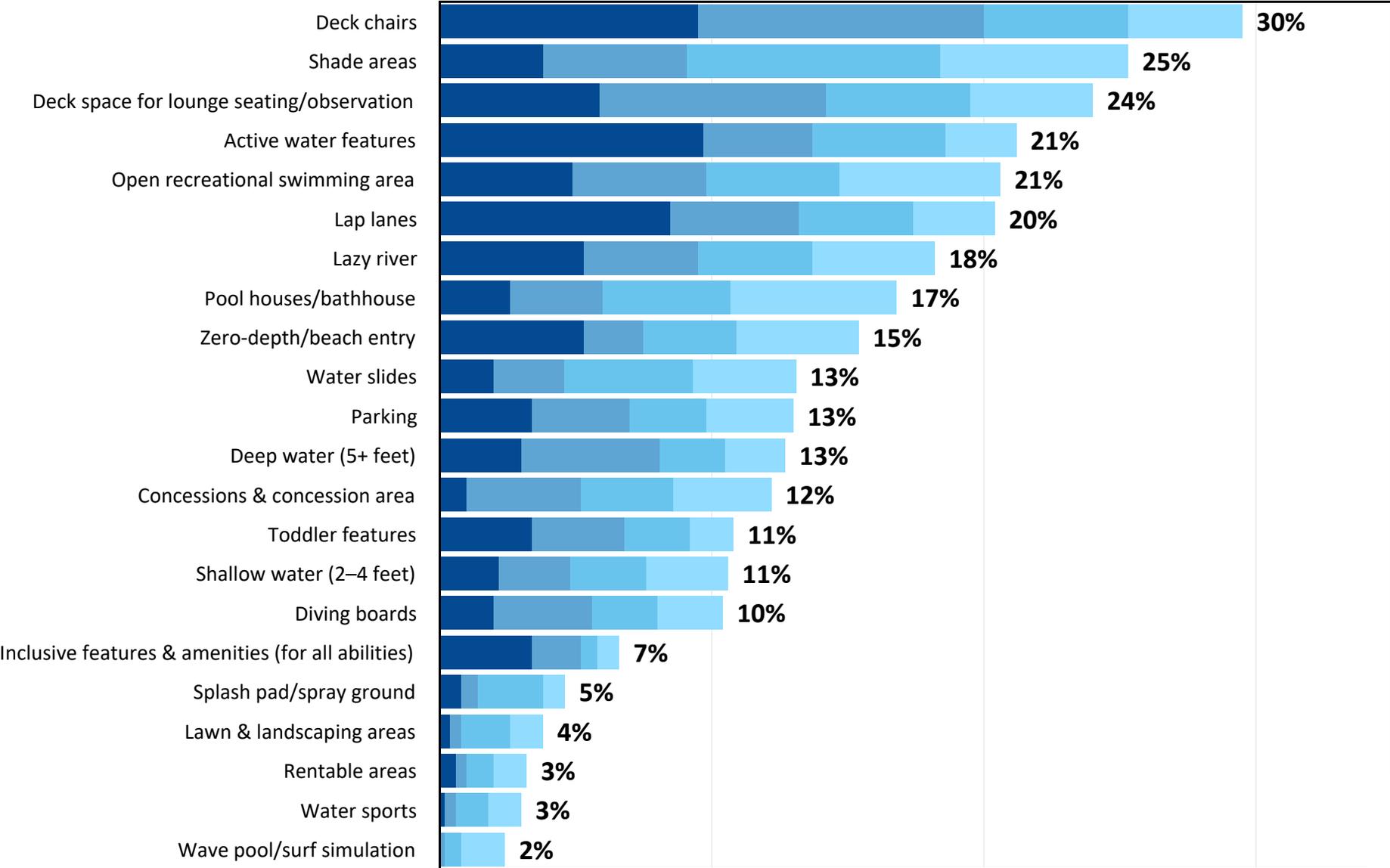


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Partly Met Not Met

Q11. Amenities That Are Most Important to Households

by percentage of households who selected the items as one of their top four choices



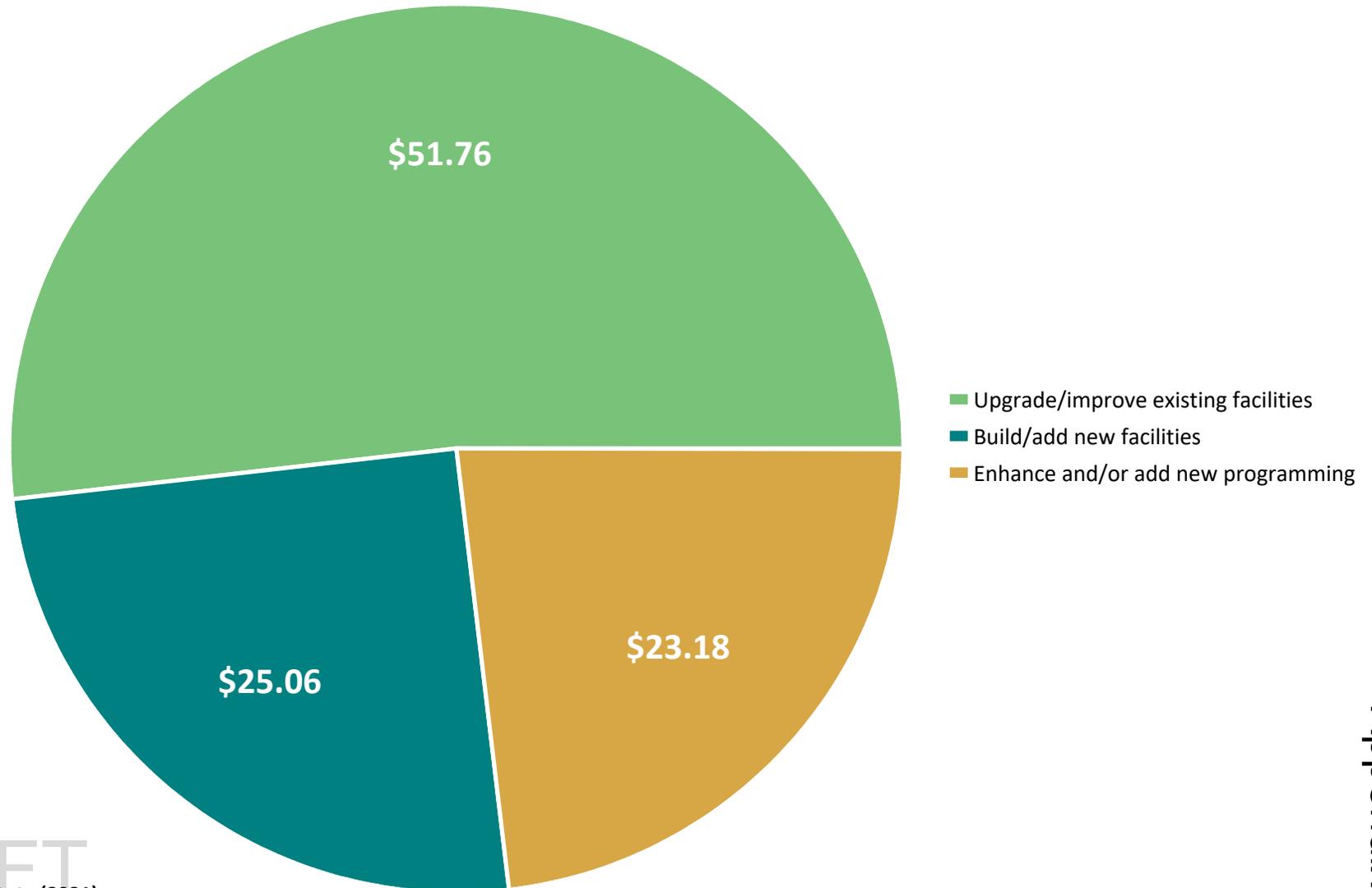
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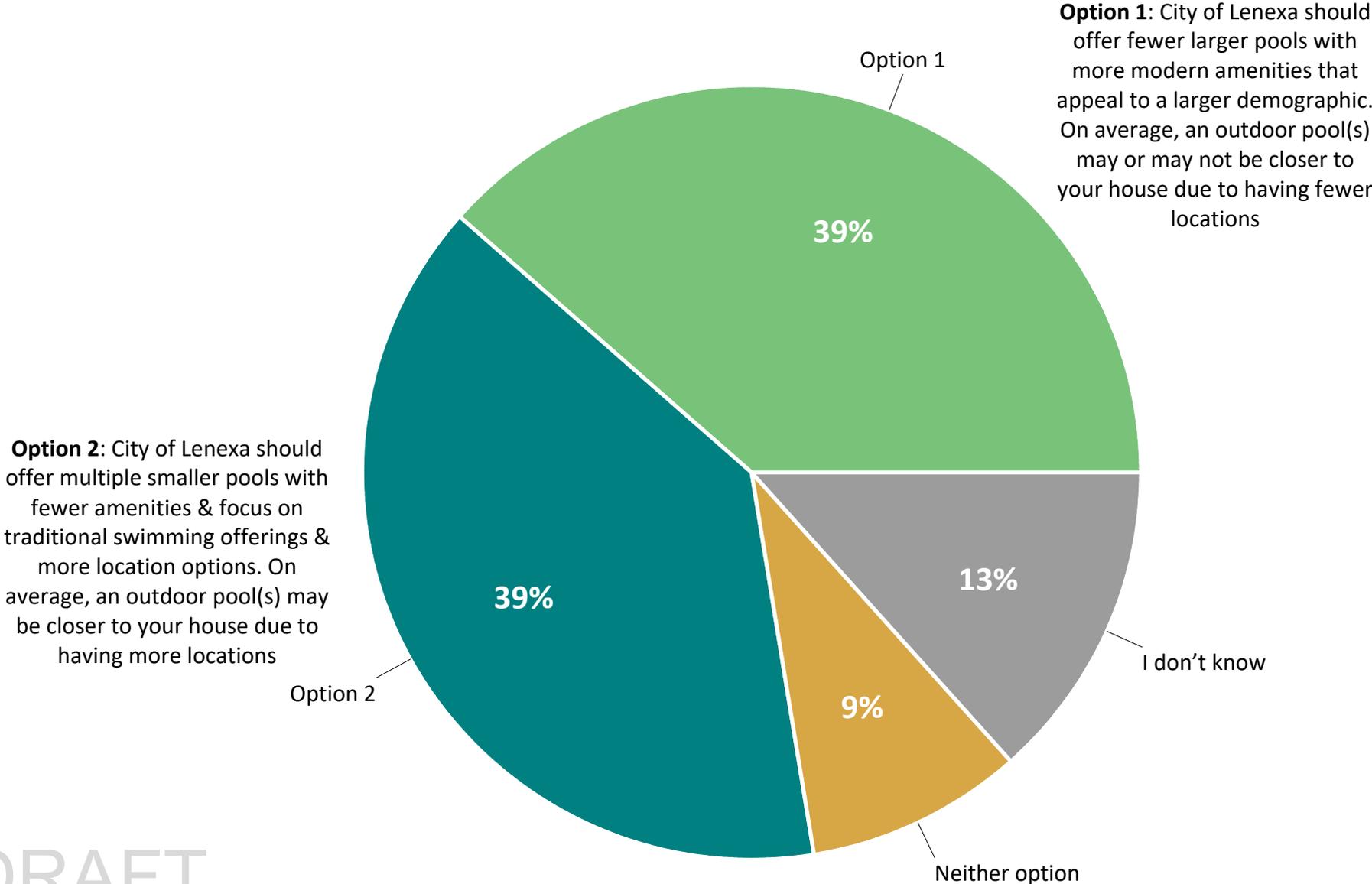
Q12. If you had a budget of \$100 for aquatic services provided by the City of Lenexa, how would you allocate the funds for outdoor pools among the categories listed below?

by percentage of respondents



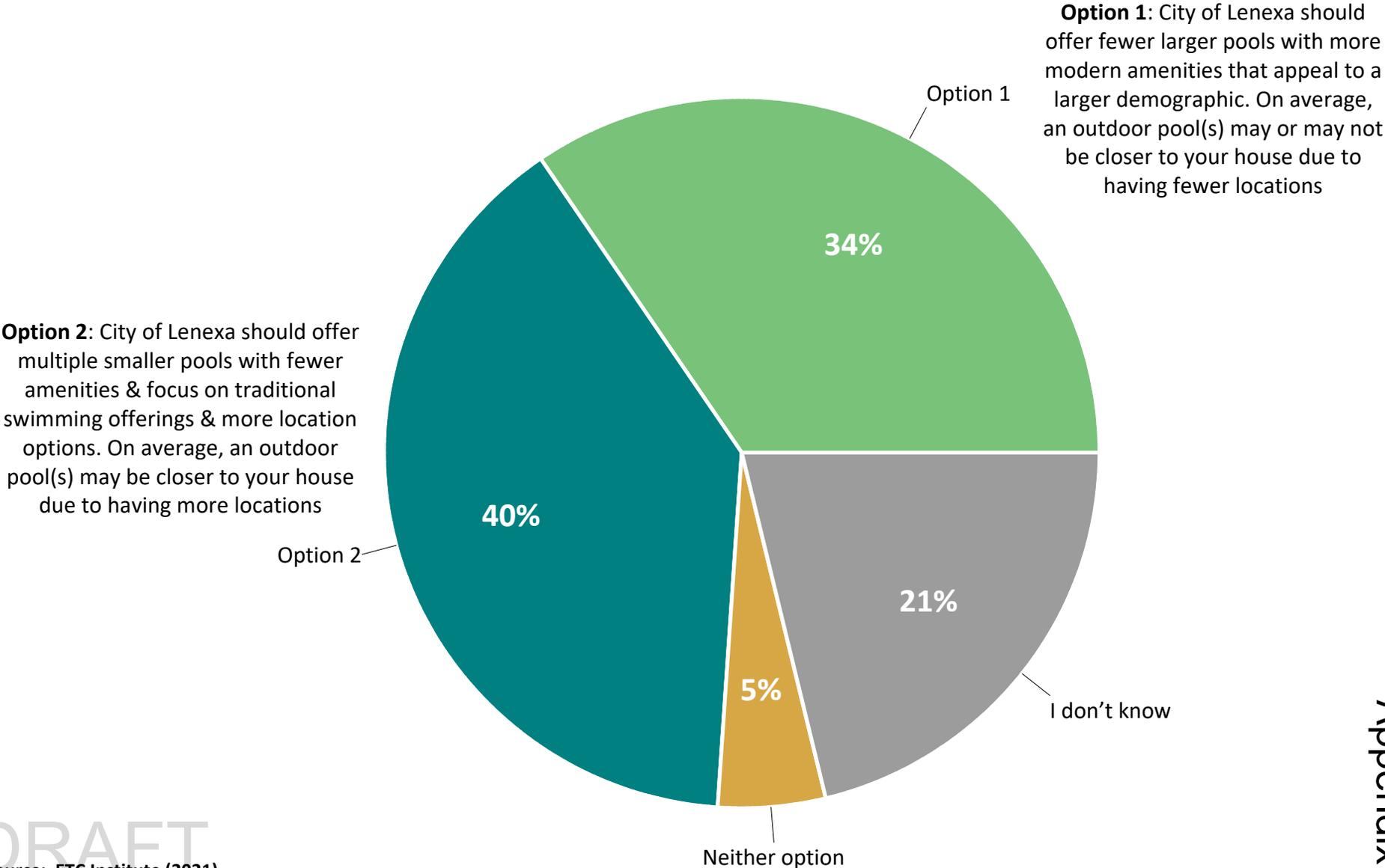
Q13a. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of you and your household?

by percentage of respondents



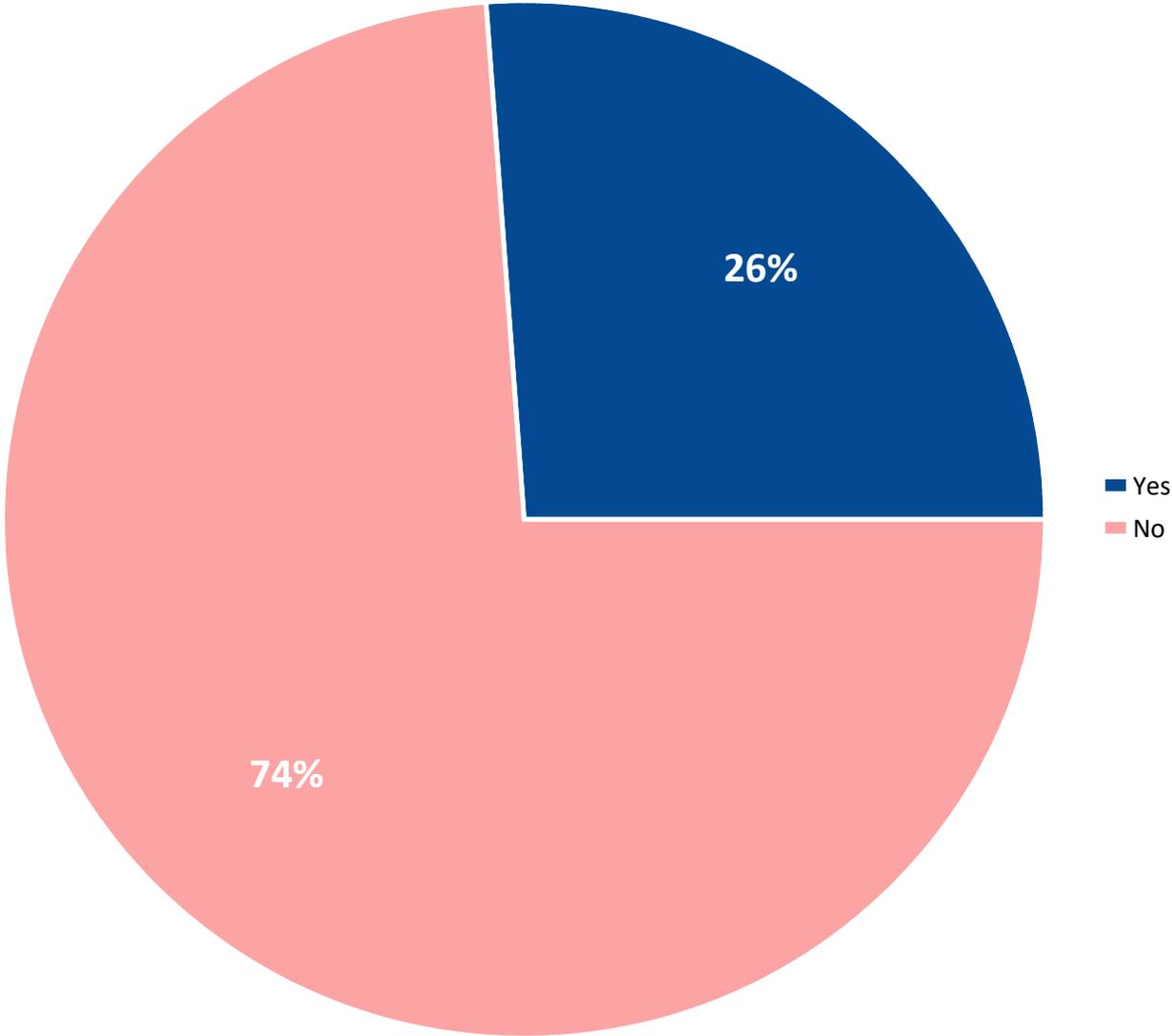
Q13b. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of the community as a whole?

by percentage of respondents



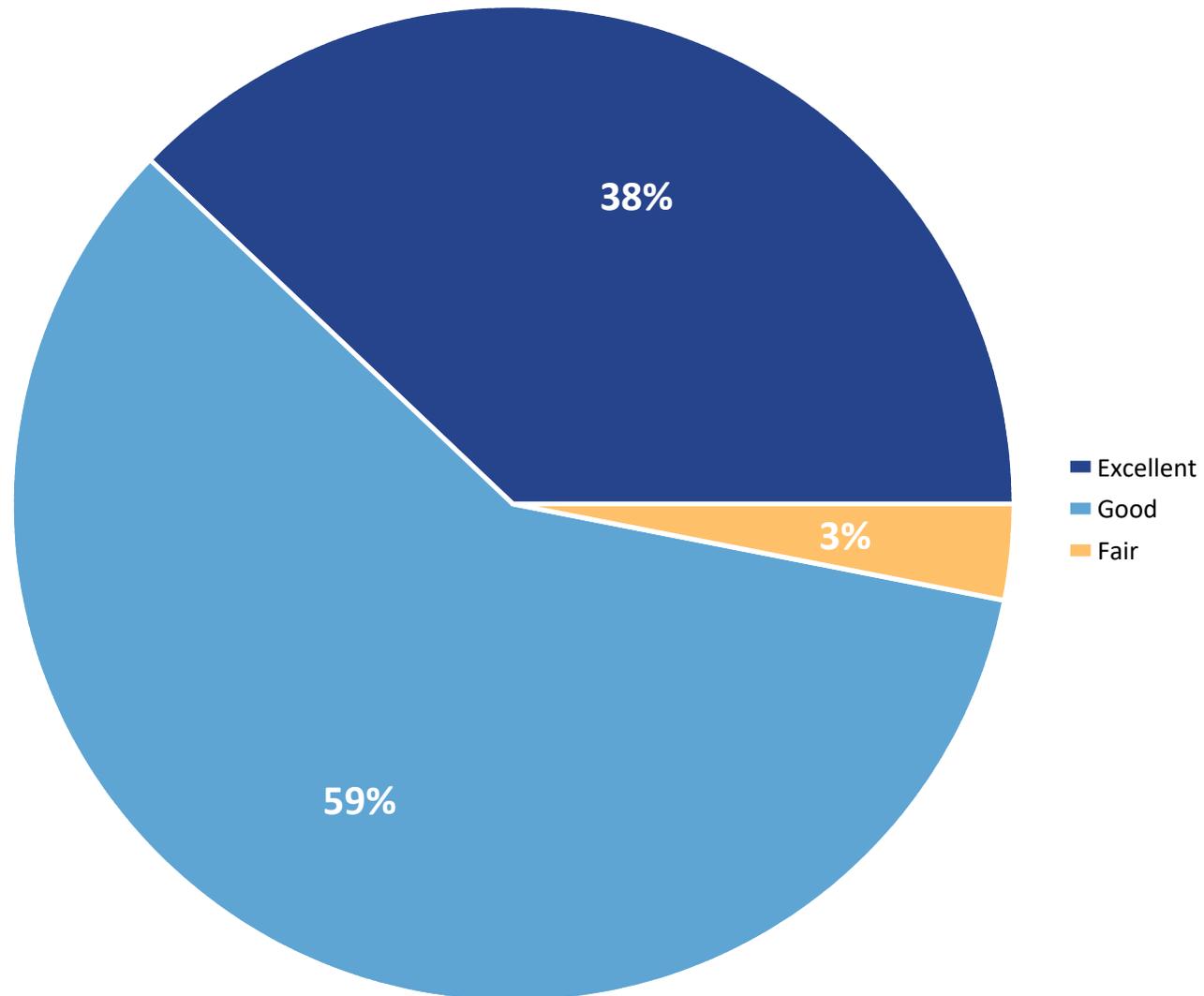
Q14. Have you or members of your household participated in any outdoor pool programs offered by the City of Lenexa during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020?

by percentage of respondents



Q14a. How would you rate the overall quality of all the outdoor pool programs?

by percentage of respondents who have participated in outdoor pool programs offered by the City of Lenexa

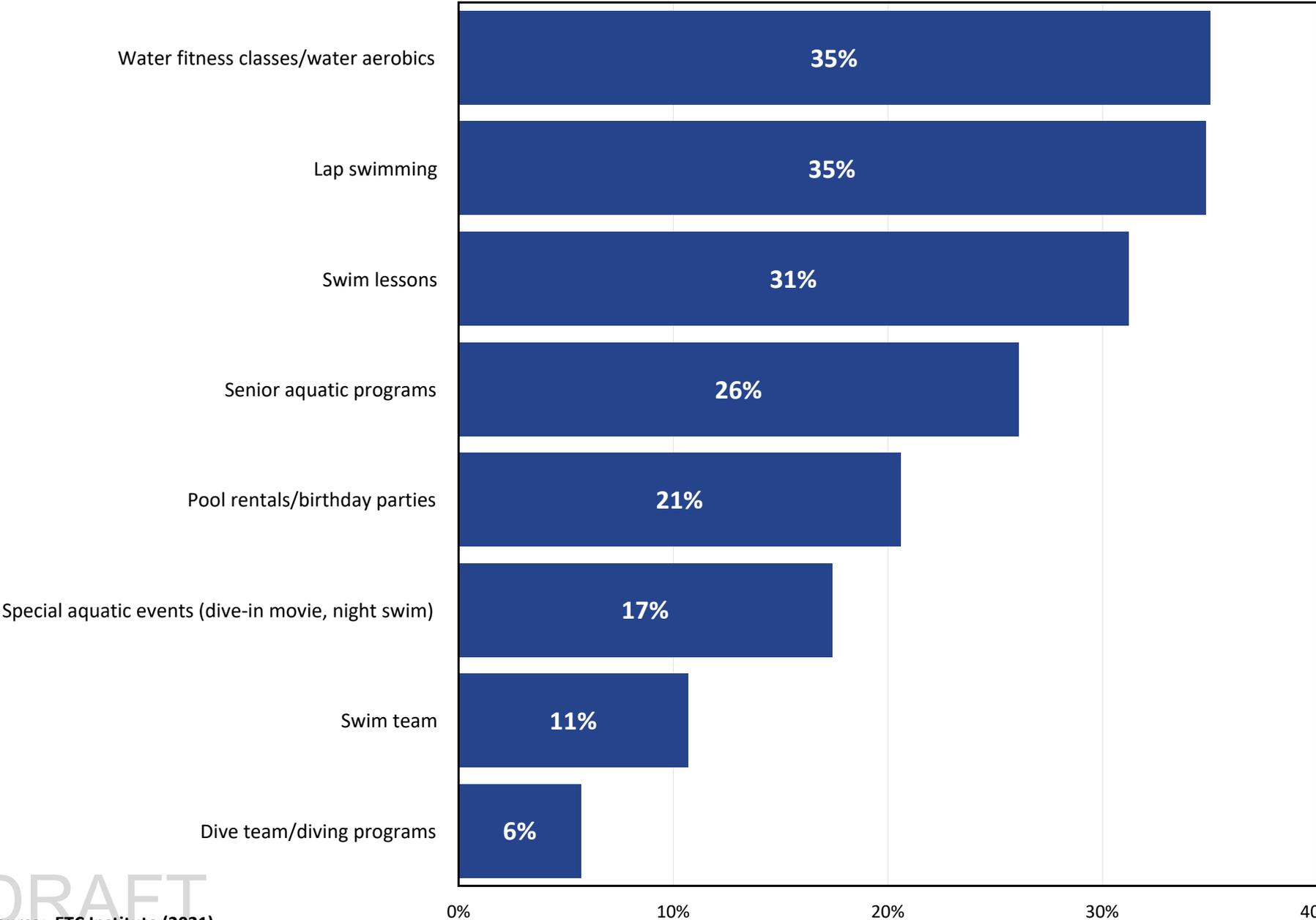


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Q15. Households' Swimming Program Needs

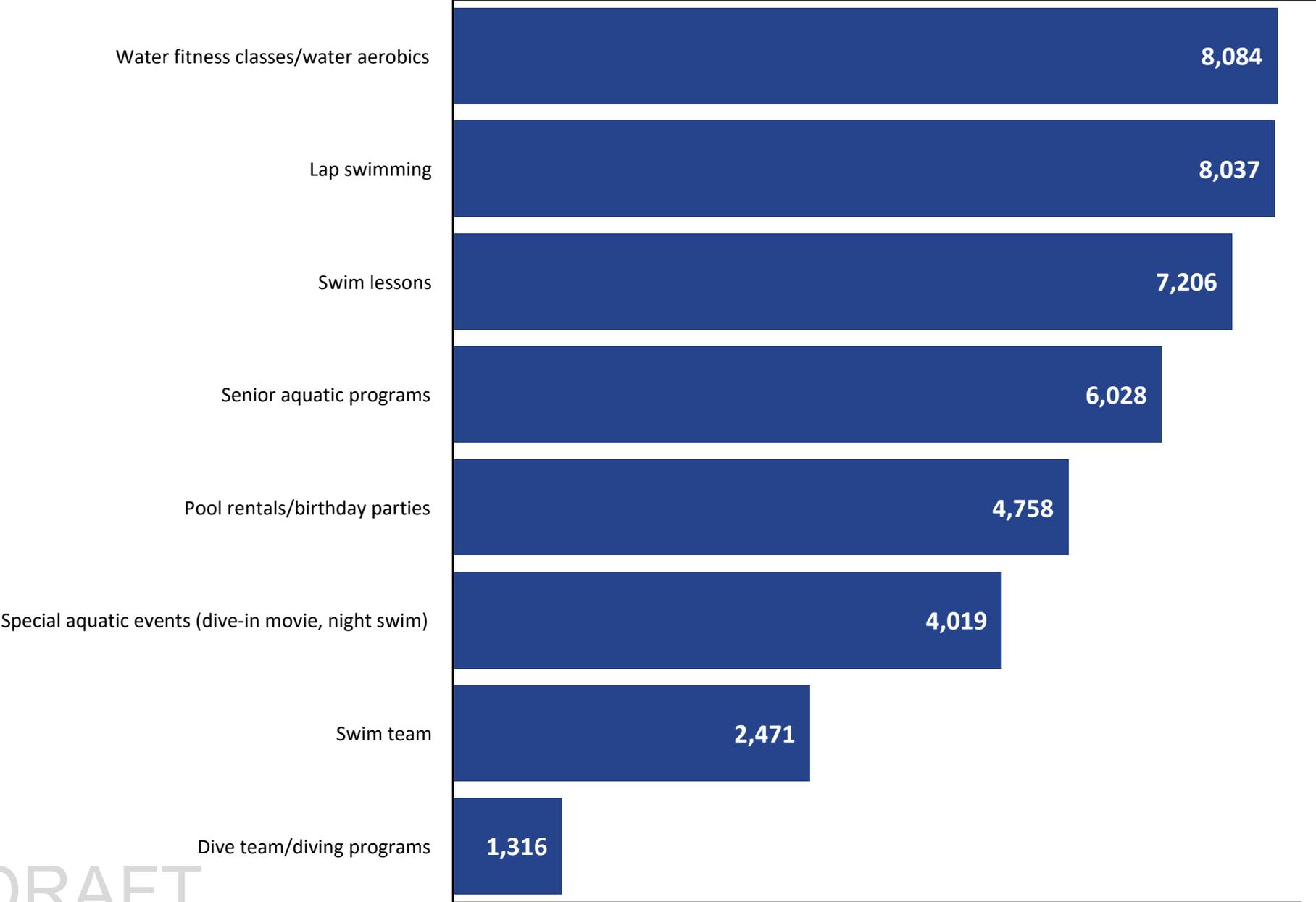
by percentage of respondents that responded "yes" to having a need (multiple choices could be selected)



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Estimated Number of Households That Have a Need for Swimming Programs

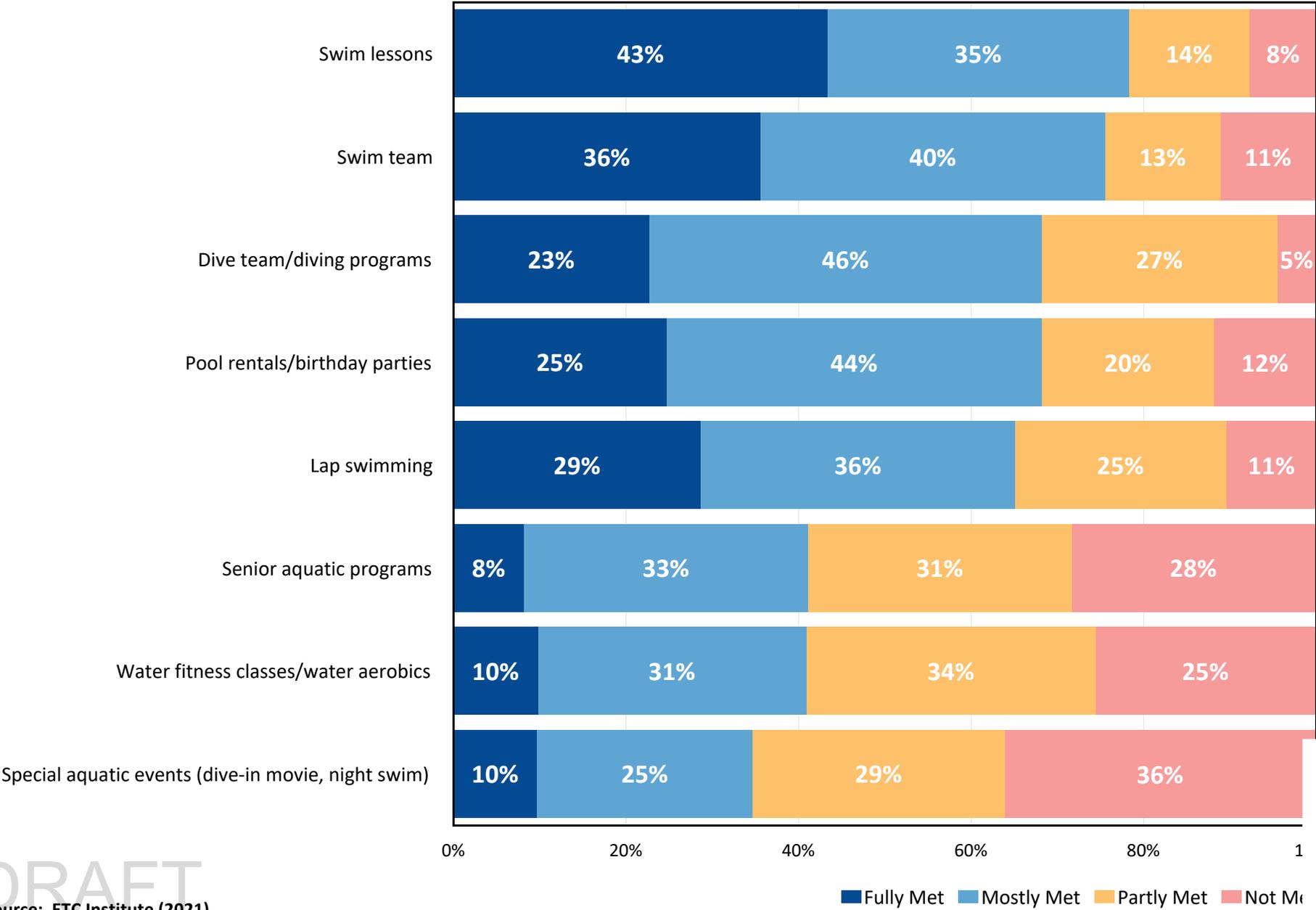
by number of households (based on an estimated 23,096 households in Lenexa, KS)



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Q15. How Well Households' Swimming Program Needs Are Being Met

by percentage of respondents, using a 4-point scale, where 4 means "Fully Met" and 1 means "Not Met"



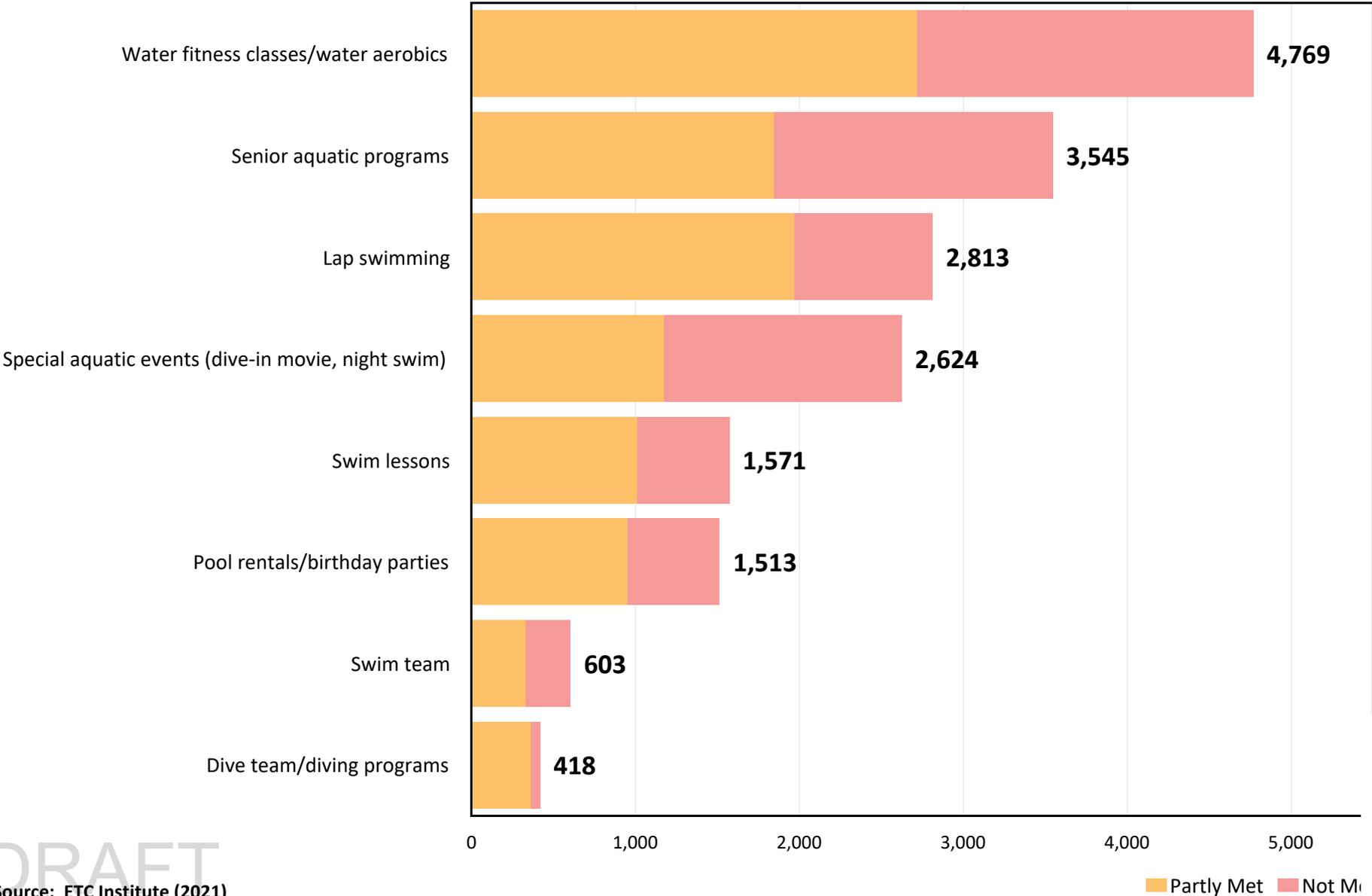
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Fully Met Mostly Met Partly Met Not Met

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Estimated Number of Households Whose Needs for Swimming Programs Are Being Partly or Not Met

by number of households (based on an estimated 23,096 households in Lenexa, KS)

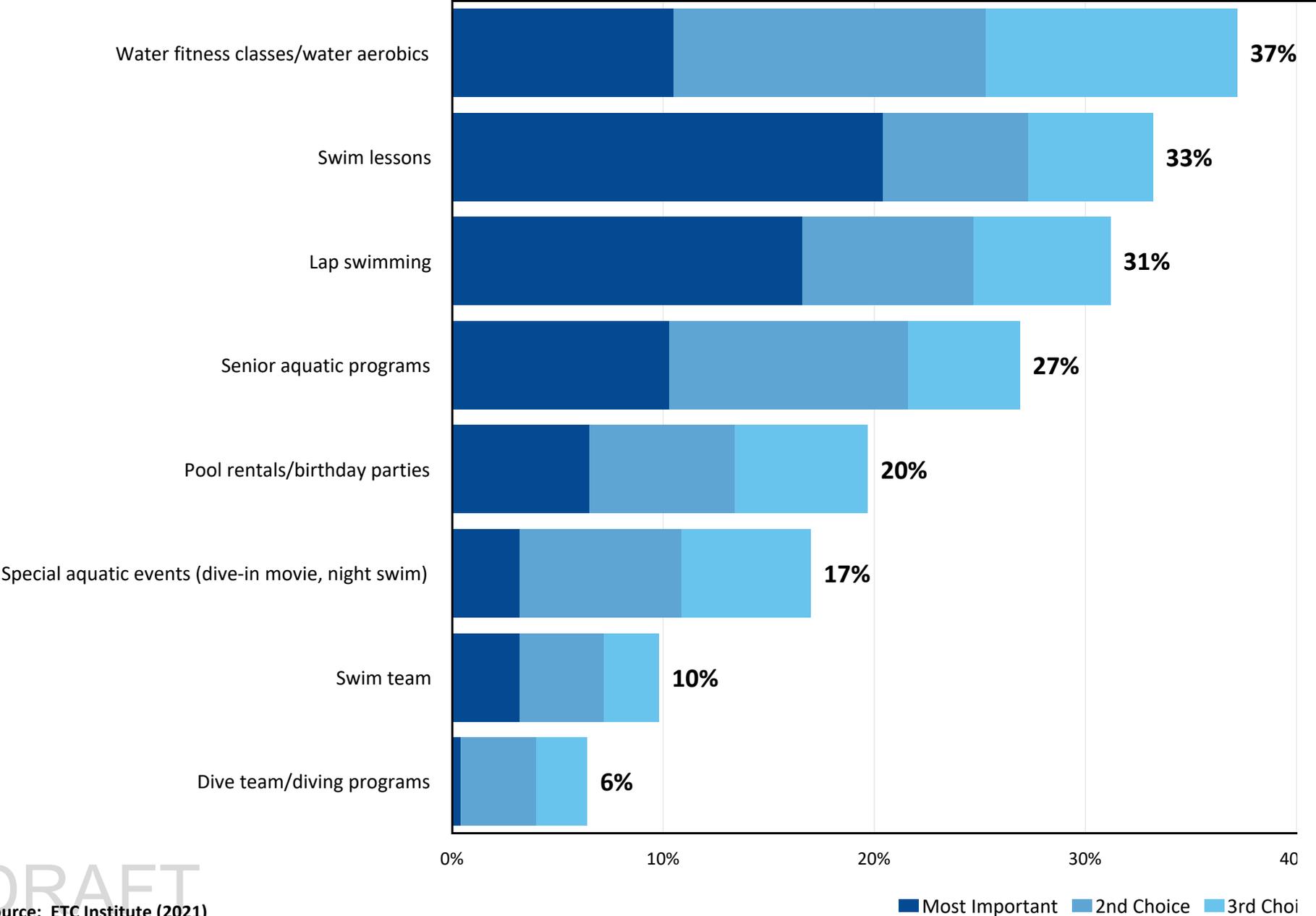


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Partly Met Not Met

Q16. Swimming Programs That Are Most Important to Households

by percentage of households who selected the items as one of their top three choices

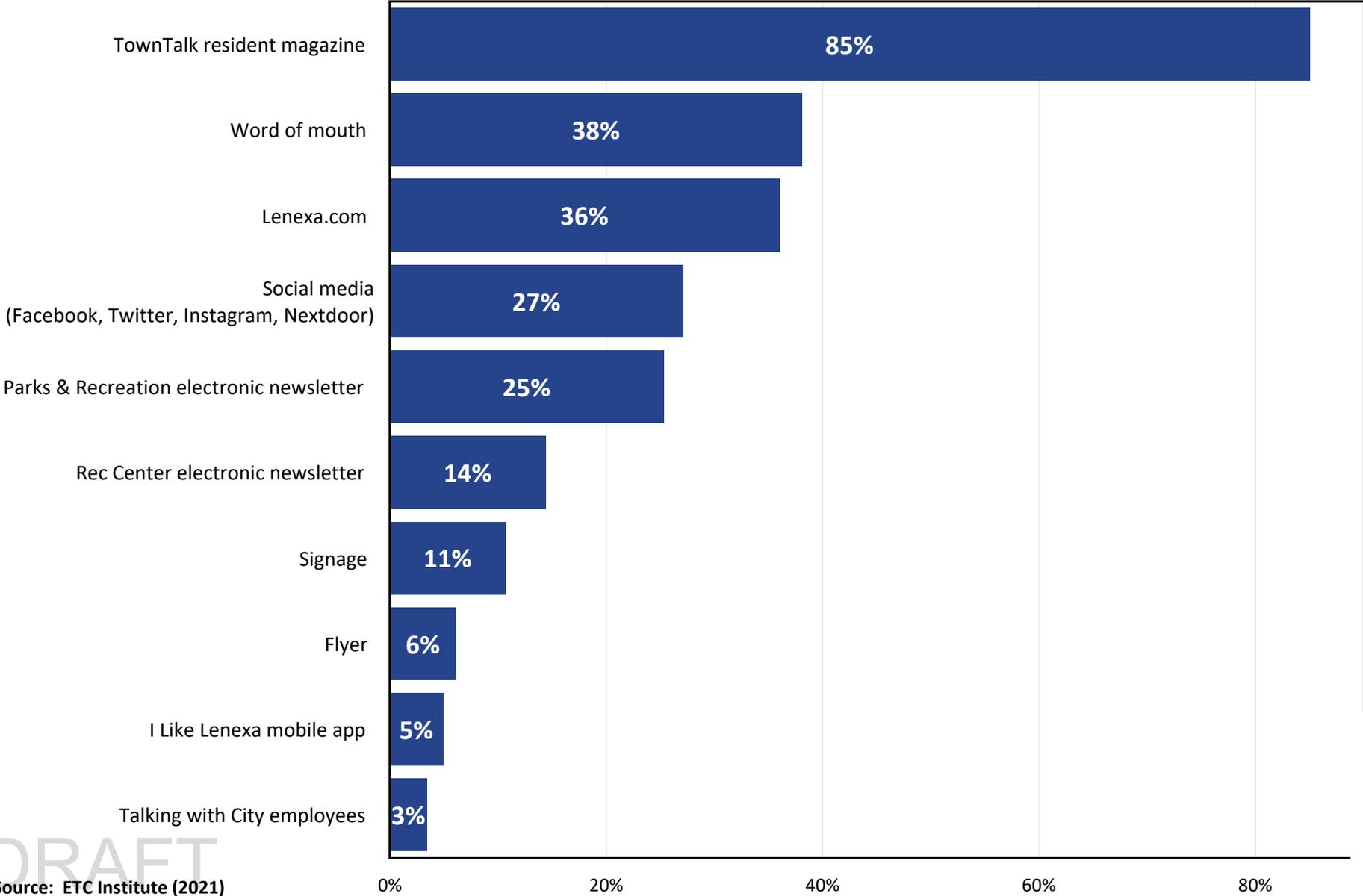


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Most Important 2nd Choice 3rd Choice

Q17. Methods Households Use to Learn About the City of Lenexa’s Outdoor Pool Programs or Activities

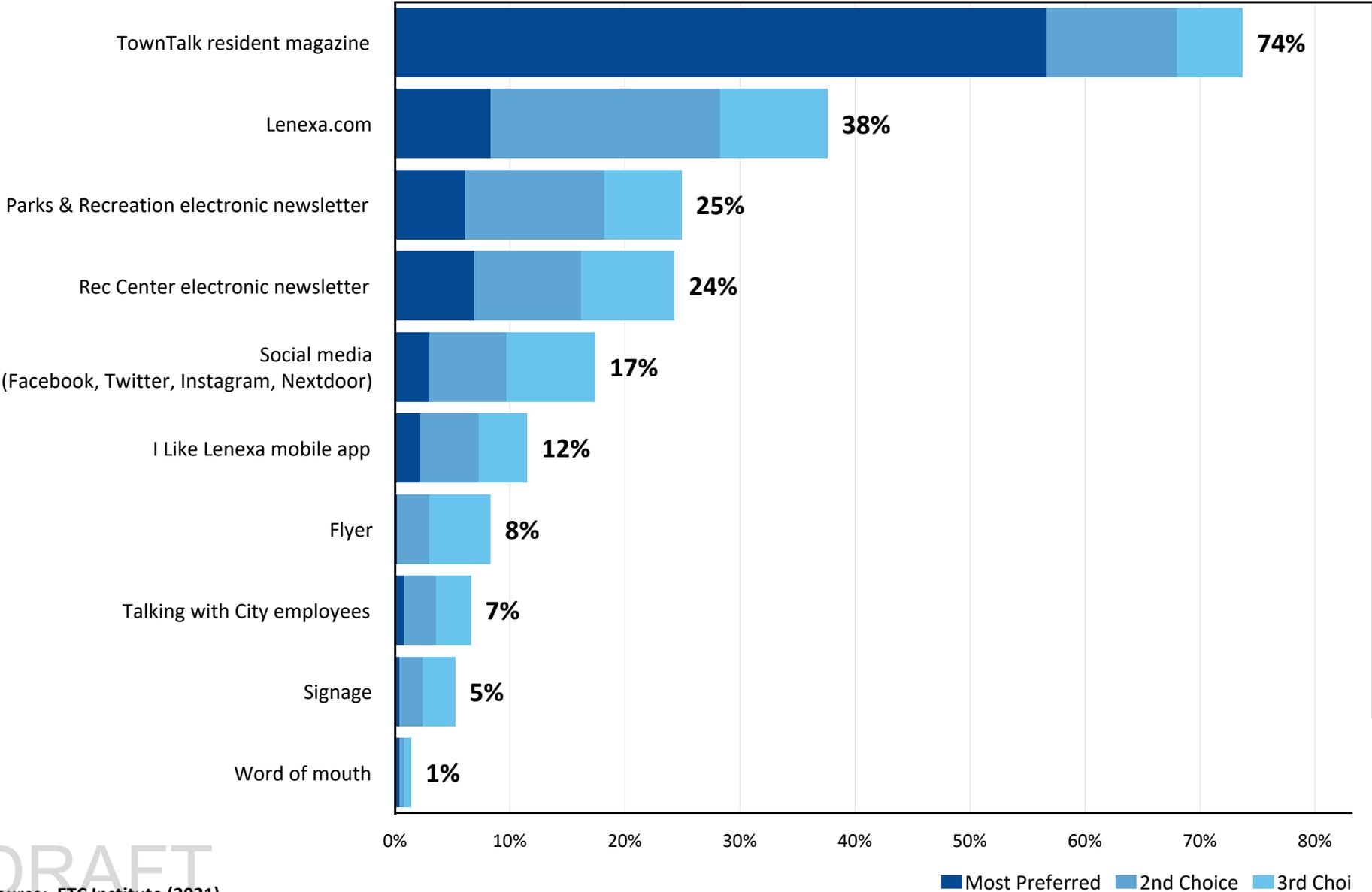
by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be selected)



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Q18. Sources of Information Households Most Prefer to Use to Learn About City of Lenexa’s Outdoor Pool Programs/Activities

by percentage of households who selected the items as one of their top three choices

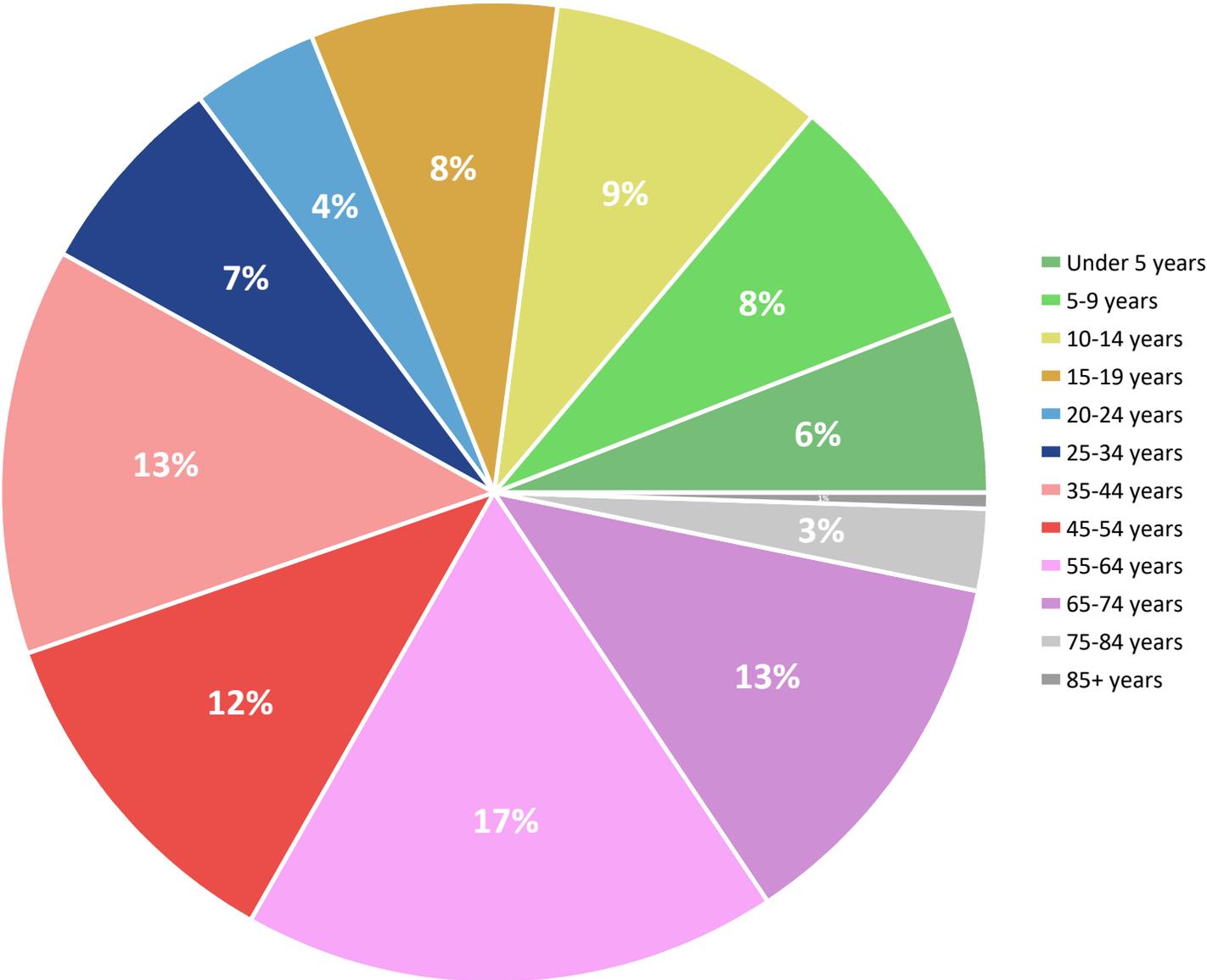


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■ Most Preferred ■ 2nd Choice ■ 3rd Choice

Demographics: Q20. Including yourself, how many people in your household are...

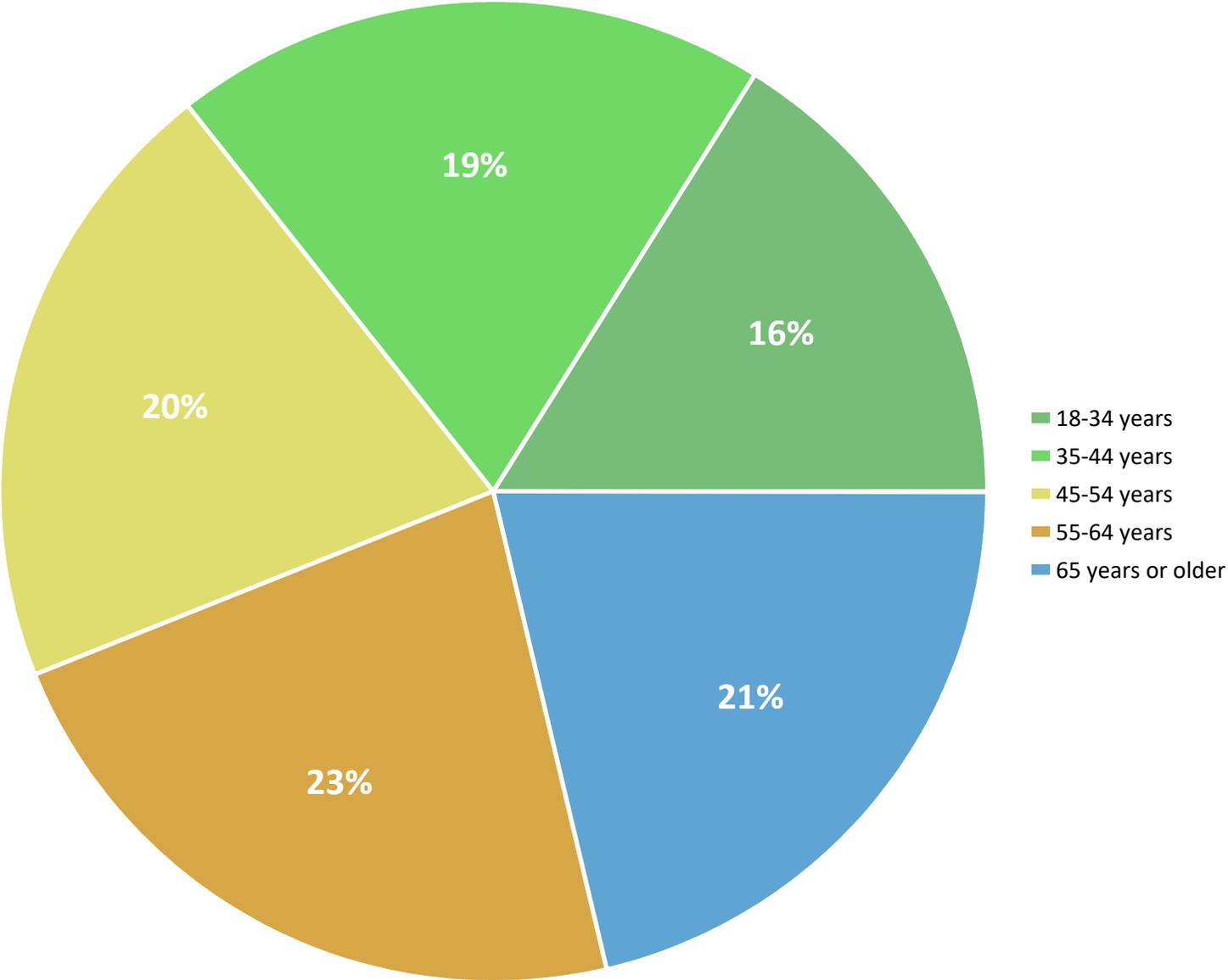
by percentage of respondents



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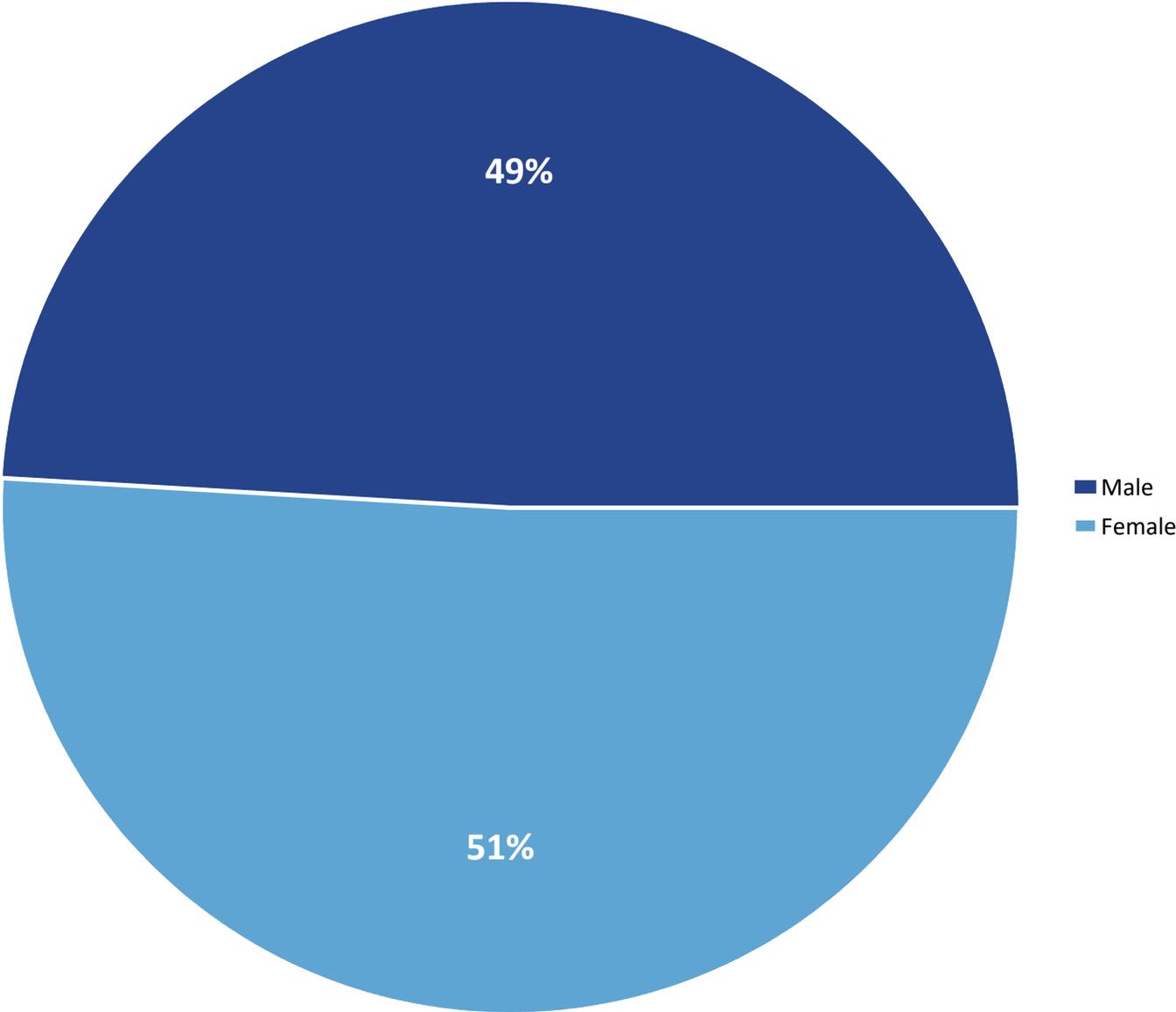
Demographics: Q21. Age of Respondent

by percentage of respondents (without "not provided")



Demographics: Q22. Gender of Respondent

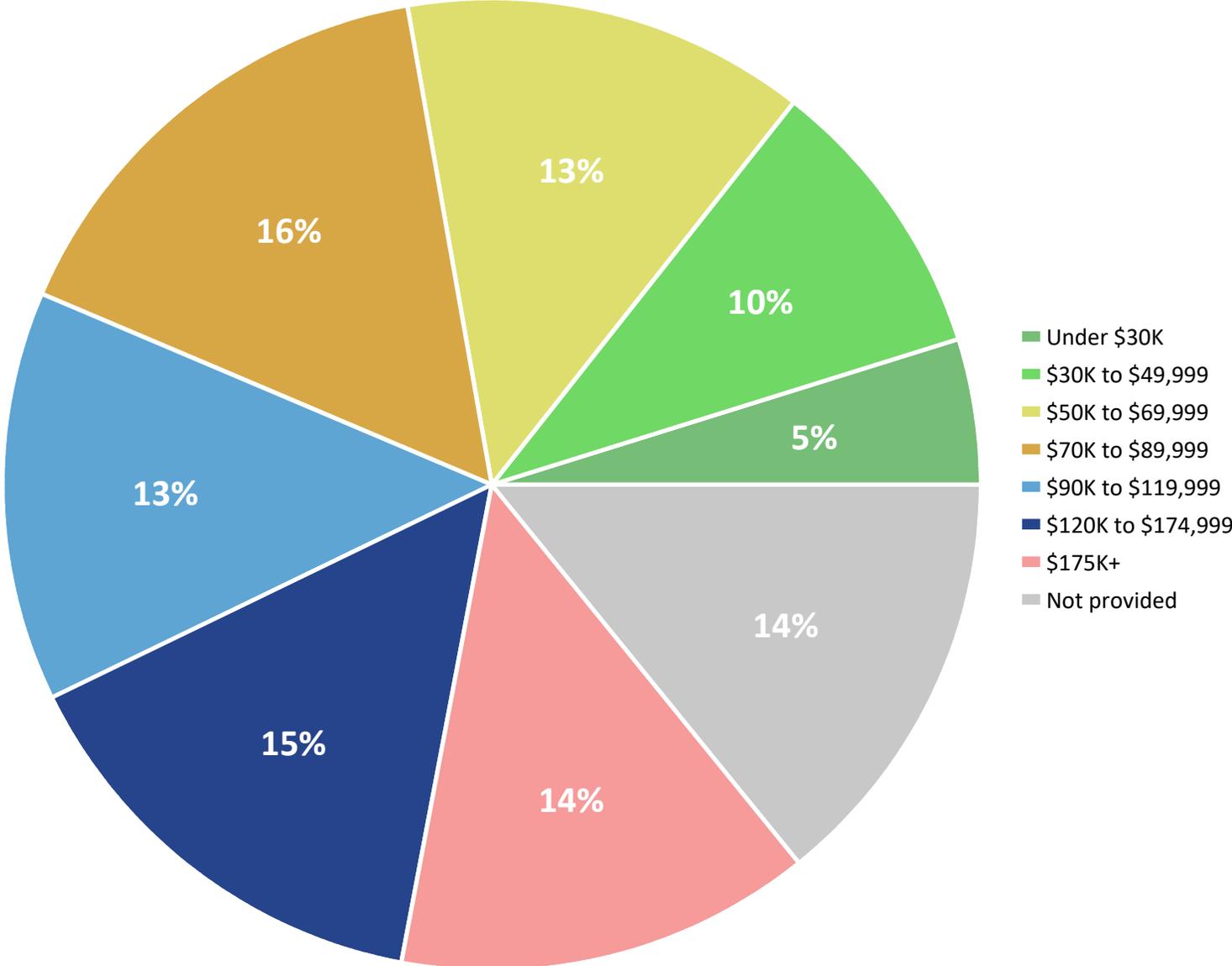
by percentage of respondents (without "not provided")



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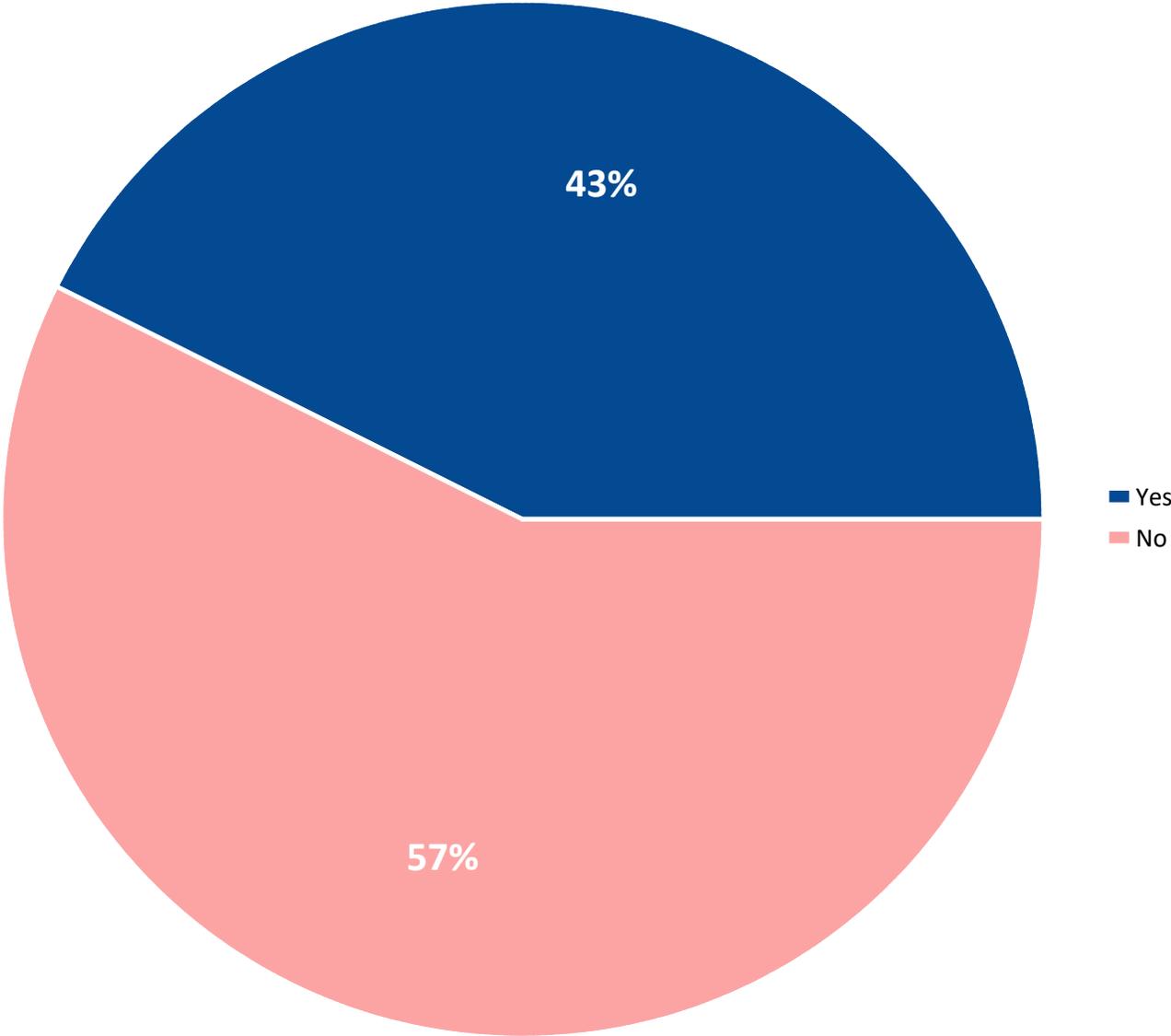
Demographics: Q23. Total Annual Household Income

by percentage of respondents



Demographics: Q24. Do you live in a community that offers an HOA pool?

by percentage of respondents (without "not provided")



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Section 2

Priority Investment Rating (PIR)

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Priority Investment Rating

City of Lenexa, Kansas

The **Priority Investment Rating (PIR)** was developed by ETC Institute to provide governments with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on parks and recreation investments. The Priority Investment Rating was developed by ETC Institute to identify the facilities/amenities and programs residents think should receive the highest priority for investment. The priority investment rating reflects the importance residents place on items (sum of top 4 choices) and the unmet needs (needs that are only being met 50% or less). Since decisions related to future investments should consider both the level of unmet need and the importance of facilities/amenities and programs, the PIR weights each of these components equally.

The PIR reflects the sum of the Unmet Needs Rating (UNR) and the Importance Rating (IR) as shown in the equation below:

$$\text{PIR} = \text{UNR} + \text{IR}$$

For example, suppose the Unmet Needs Rating for diving boards is 23.0 (out of 100) and the Importance Rating for diving boards is 35.3 (out of 100), the Priority Investment Rating for diving boards is 58.3 (out of 200).

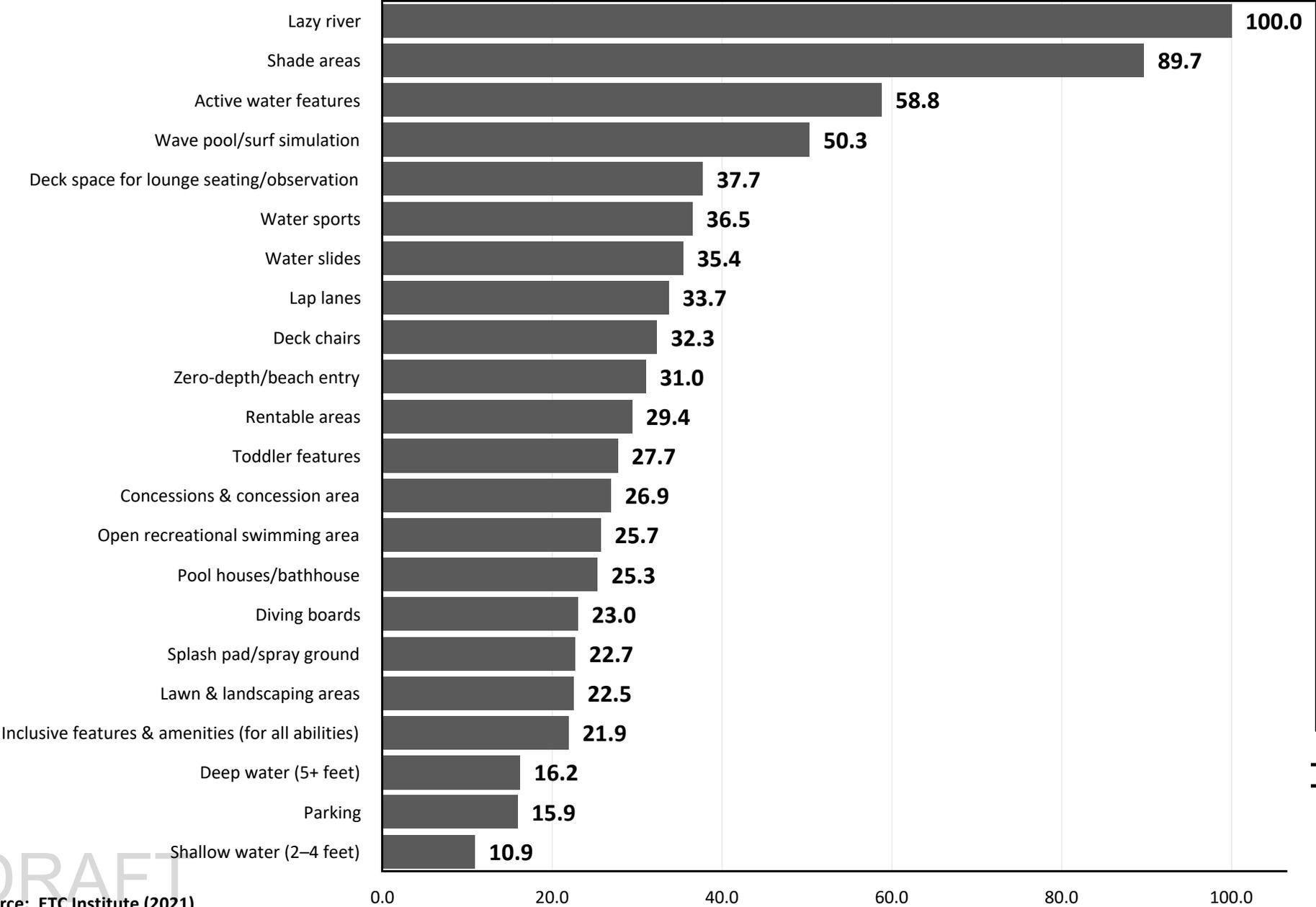
How to Analyze the Charts:

- **High Priority Areas** are those with a PIR of at least 100. A rating of 100 or above generally indicates there is a relatively high level of unmet need and residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas. Improvements in this area are likely to have a positive impact on the greatest number of households.
- **Medium Priority Areas** are those with a PIR of 50-99. A rating in this range generally indicates there is a medium to high level of unmet need or a significant percentage of residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas.
- **Low Priority Areas** are those with a PIR below 50. A rating in this range generally indicates there is a relatively low level of unmet need and residents do not think it is important to fund improvements in these areas. Improvements may be warranted if the needs of very specialized populations are being targeted.

The following pages show the Unmet Needs Rating, Importance Rating, and Priority Investment Rating (PIR) for amenities and swimming programs.

Unmet Needs Rating for Amenities

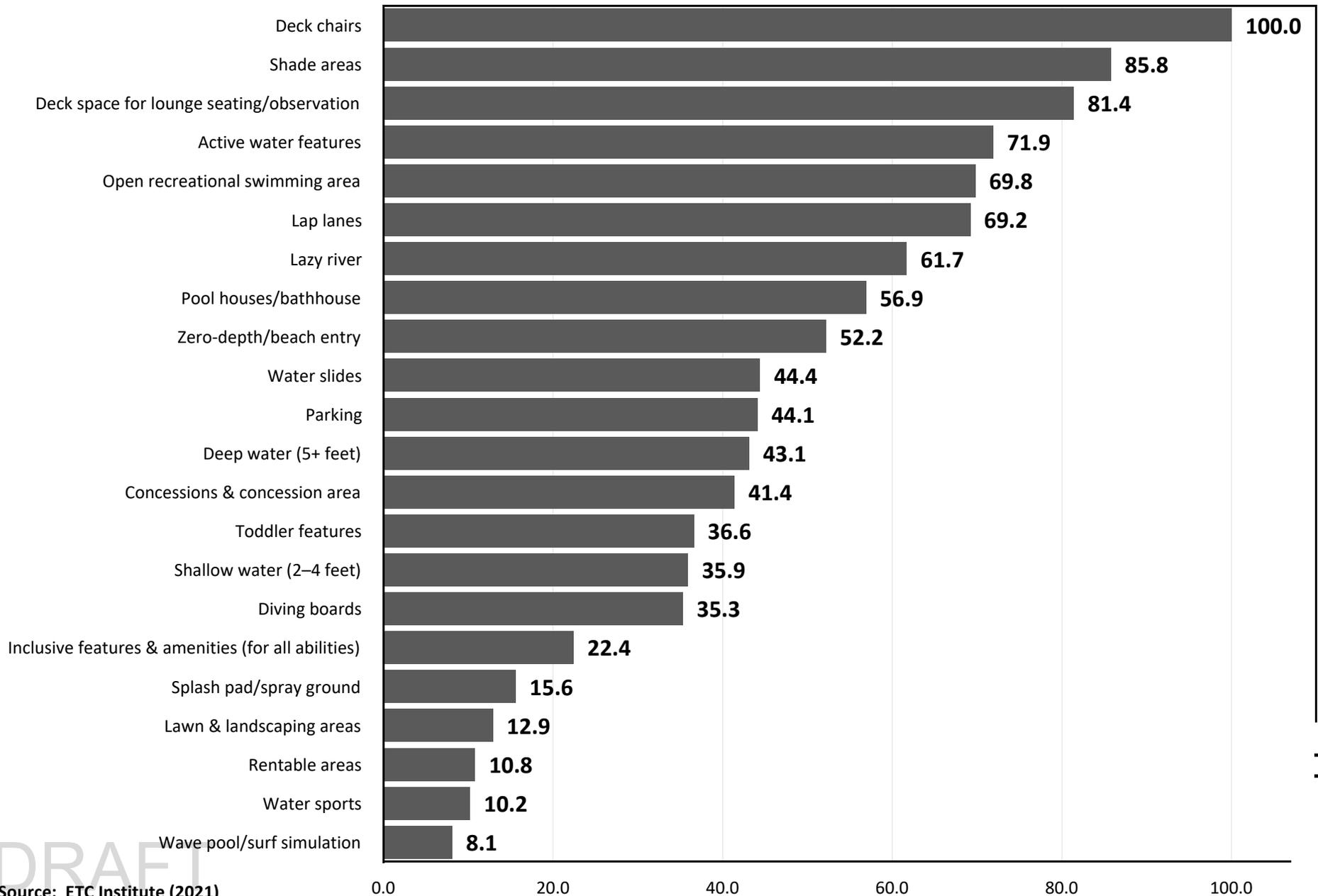
the rating for the item with the most unmet need=100
the rating of all other items reflects the relative amount of unmet need for each item compared to the item with the most unmet need



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Importance Rating for Amenities

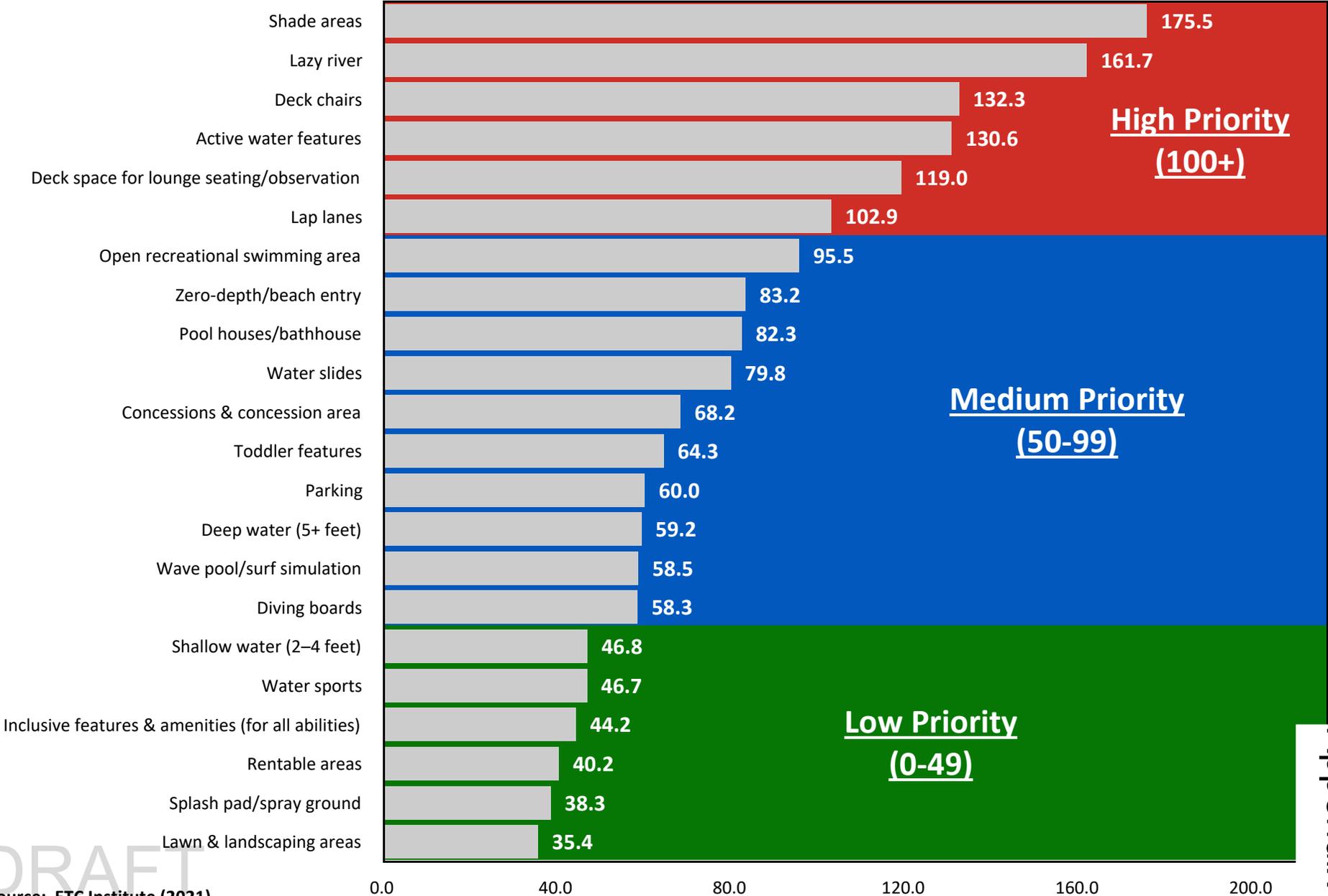
the rating for the item rated as the most important=100
 the rating of all other items reflects the relative level of importance for each item compared to the item rated as the most important



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Top Priorities for Investment for Parks and Recreation Amenities

Based on the Priority Investment Rating (PIR)



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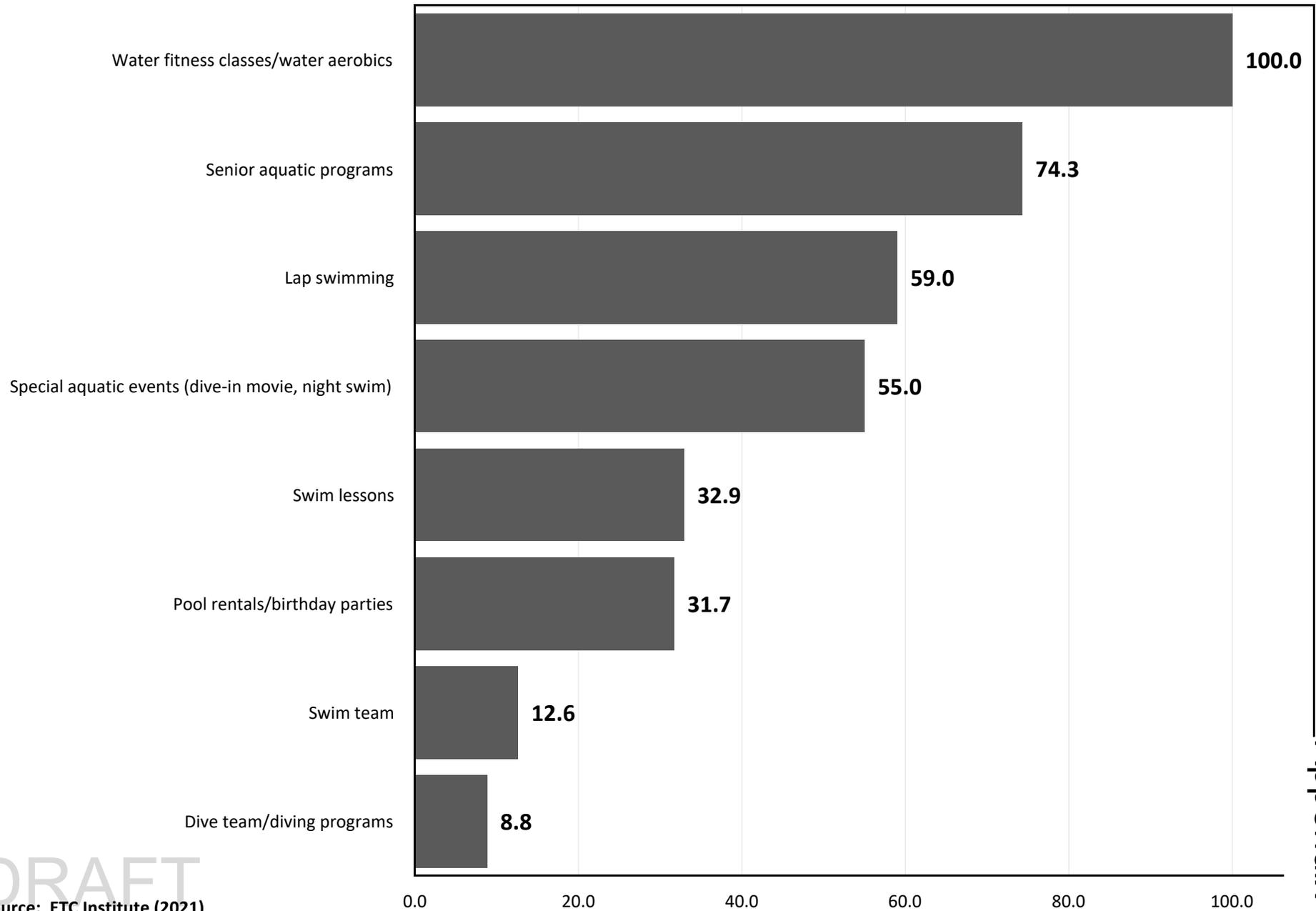
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Unmet Needs Rating for Swimming Programs

the rating for the item with the most unmet need=100

the rating of all other items reflects the relative amount of unmet need for each item compared to the item with the most unmet need

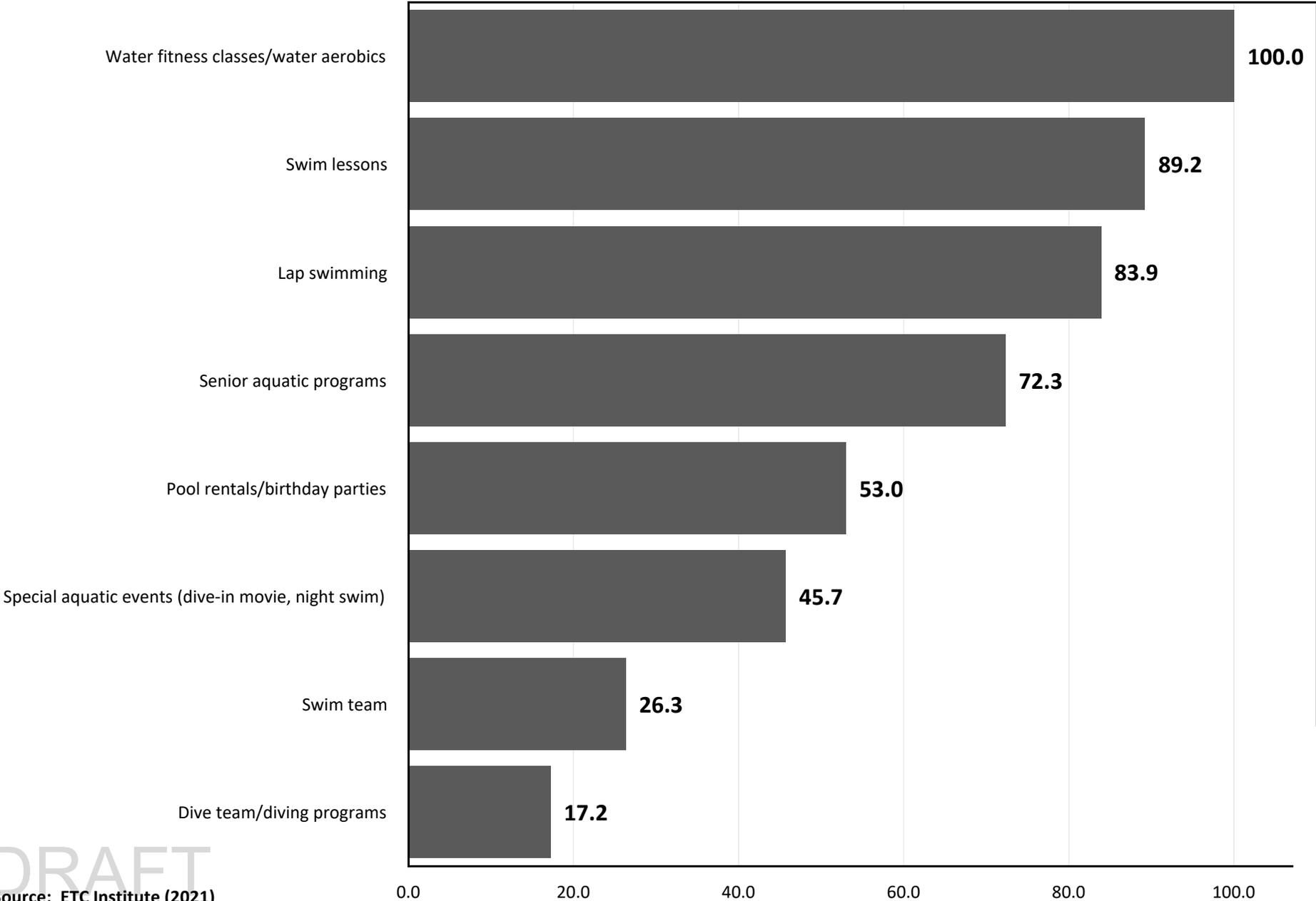


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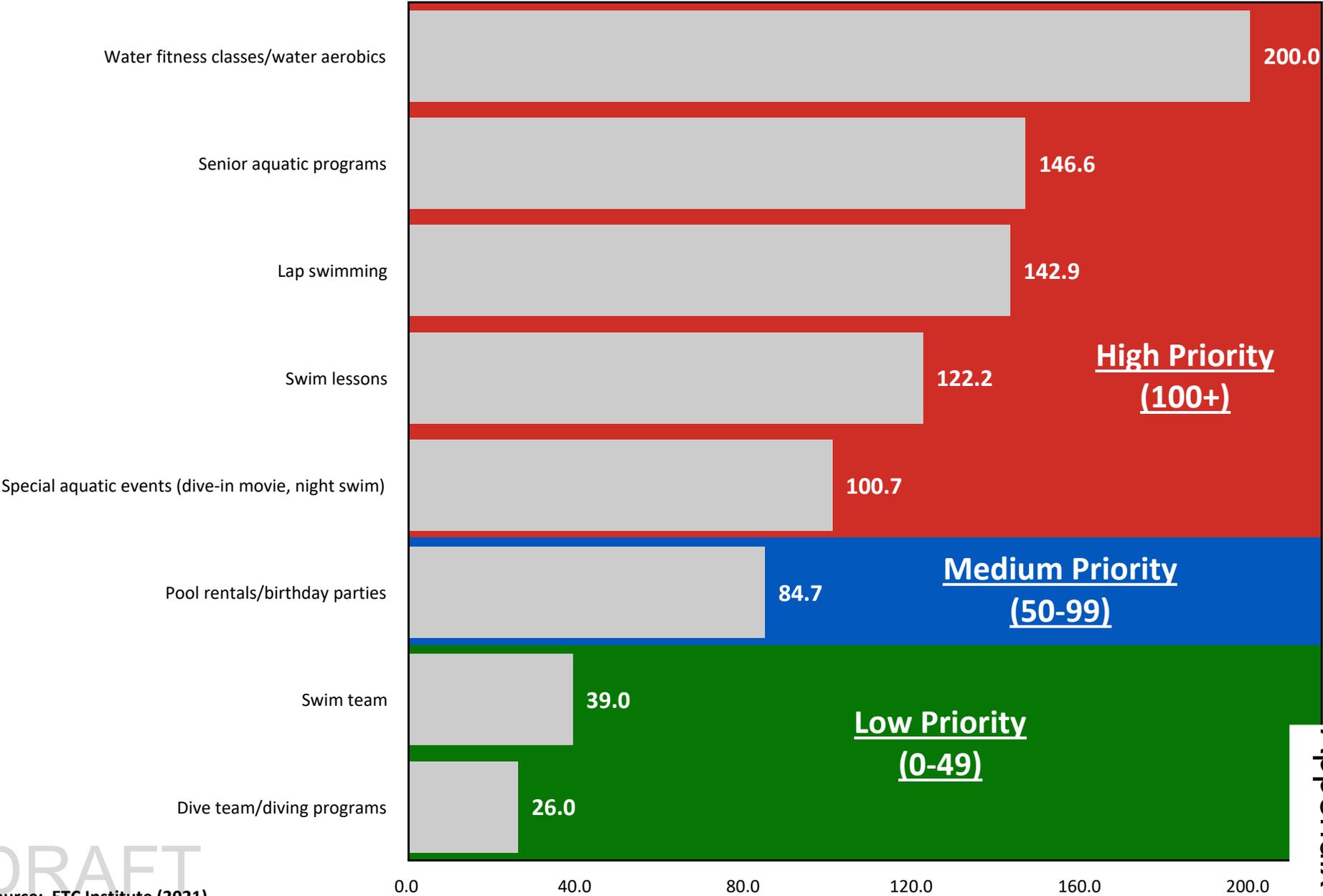
Importance Rating for Swimming Programs

the rating for the item rated as the most important=100
the rating of all other items reflects the relative level of importance for each item compared to the item rated as the most important



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Top Priorities for Investment for Swimming Programs Based on the Priority Investment Rating (PIR)



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Section 3

Tabular Data

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Q1. Please indicate whether you or a member of your household has visited each of the following pools during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020.

(N=506)

	Yes	No
Q1-1. Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	36.0%	64.0%
Q1-2. Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	17.0%	83.0%
Q1-3. Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	35.8%	64.2%
Q1-4. Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	46.4%	53.6%
Q1-5. Neighborhood HOA pools	32.0%	68.0%
Q1-6. Black Bob Bay-Olathe	6.7%	93.3%
Q1-7. Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	5.5%	94.5%
Q1-8. Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center-Shawnee	8.5%	91.5%
Q1-9. Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	2.4%	97.6%
Q1-10. Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center-Overland Park	3.2%	96.8%
Q1-11. Young's Pool-Overland Park	3.8%	96.2%
Q1-12. De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	2.0%	98.0%
Q1-13. Other	6.1%	93.9%

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Q1. For each facility you have visited, please rate your overall experience at the facility.

(N=388)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Q1-1. Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	45.5%	41.5%	11.9%	1.1%
Q1-2. Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	48.1%	45.6%	6.3%	0.0%
Q1-3. Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	51.4%	42.8%	5.2%	0.6%
Q1-4. Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	72.2%	24.2%	3.6%	0.0%
Q1-5. Neighborhood HOA pools	38.1%	50.3%	9.5%	2.0%
Q1-6. Black Bob Bay-Olathe	69.0%	31.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Q1-7. Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	59.3%	37.0%	3.7%	0.0%
Q1-8. Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center-Shawnee	60.5%	36.8%	2.6%	0.0%
Q1-9. Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	63.6%	36.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Q1-10. Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center-Overland Park	56.3%	37.5%	6.3%	0.0%
Q1-11. Young's Pool-Overland Park	38.9%	50.0%	11.1%	0.0%
Q1-12. De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	22.2%	66.7%	11.1%	0.0%
Q1-13. Other	72.4%	27.6%	0.0%	0.0%

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Q1. For each facility you have visited, please indicate how frequently you or members of your household have used the facility during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020.

(N=388)

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally
Q1-1. Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	8.9%	25.0%	16.7%	49.4%
Q1-2. Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	13.9%	24.1%	11.4%	50.6%
Q1-3. Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	4.8%	26.5%	18.1%	50.6%
Q1-4. Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	3.3%	23.9%	25.4%	47.4%
Q1-5. Neighborhood HOA pools	15.7%	36.4%	8.6%	39.3%
Q1-6. Black Bob Bay-Olathe	0.0%	6.5%	12.9%	80.6%
Q1-7. Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	0.0%	4.0%	4.0%	92.0%
Q1-8. Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center-Shawnee	0.0%	2.9%	11.8%	85.3%
Q1-9. Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	0.0%	27.3%	9.1%	63.6%
Q1-10. Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center-Overland Park	0.0%	0.0%	30.8%	69.2%
Q1-11. Young's Pool-Overland Park	11.8%	11.8%	11.8%	64.7%
Q1-12. De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%
Q1-13. Other	12.9%	41.9%	16.1%	29.0%

Q1-13. Other

Q1-13. Other	Number	Percent
Lifetime Fitness	6	19.4%
POOL AT MY APARTMENT COMPLEX	1	3.2%
Mission Pool	1	3.2%
Matt Ross Community Center	1	3.2%
Olathe Community Center	1	3.2%
Lifetime Fitness Center	1	3.2%
FAMILY POOL	1	3.2%
SYLVESTER POWELL	1	3.2%
Marty-OP	1	3.2%
Eudora City Pool	1	3.2%
Life Time Lenexa	1	3.2%
STONEGATE OP	1	3.2%
LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL	1	3.2%
GARDNER POOL	1	3.2%
YOUNG PARK	1	3.2%
NEIGHBORHOOD POOL	1	3.2%
The Element	1	3.2%
Brookridge Golf and Fitness	1	3.2%
Sar Ko Par	1	3.2%
We have a backyard pool	1	3.2%
Marty Pool on 95th and Antioch	1	3.2%
HOA pool	1	3.2%
LEAWOOD	1	3.2%
My subdivision pool	1	3.2%
Stonegate	1	3.2%
Matt Ross	1	3.2%
Total	31	100.0%

Q1a. If you visit outdoor pools that are not provided by the City of Lenexa, why do you visit those pools?

Q1a. Why do you visit outdoor pools not provided by City of Lenexa

	Number	Percent
Programming offered	20	8.5%
Proximity to your residence	93	39.4%
Newer, nicer facilities	30	12.7%
To be with friends and/or family	104	44.1%
Other	30	12.7%
Total	277	

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Q2. Which TWO of the outdoor pools from the list in Question 1 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q2. Top choice	Number	Percent
Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	94	18.6%
Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	42	8.3%
Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	72	14.2%
Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	55	10.9%
Neighborhood HOA pools	91	18.0%
Black Bob Bay-Olathe	4	0.8%
Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	3	0.6%
Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center-Shawnee	2	0.4%
Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	1	0.2%
De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	2	0.4%
Other	13	2.6%
None chosen	127	25.1%
Total	506	100.0%

Q2. Which TWO of the outdoor pools from the list in Question 1 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q2. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	43	8.5%
Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	20	4.0%
Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	86	17.0%
Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	100	19.8%
Neighborhood HOA pools	23	4.5%
Black Bob Bay-Olathe	5	1.0%
Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	4	0.8%
Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center-Shawnee	5	1.0%
Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	1	0.2%
Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center-Overland Park	4	0.8%
De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	3	0.6%
Other	9	1.8%
None chosen	203	40.1%
Total	506	100.0%

SUM OF THE TOP TWO CHOICES

Q2. Which TWO of the outdoor pools from the list in Question 1 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 2)

Q2. Sum of the top two choices	Number	Percent
Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	137	27.1%
Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	62	12.3%
Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	158	31.2%
Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	155	30.6%
Neighborhood HOA pools	114	22.5%
Black Bob Bay-Olathe	9	1.8%
Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	7	1.4%
Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center-Shawnee	7	1.4%
Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	2	0.4%
Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center-Overland Park	4	0.8%
De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	5	1.0%
Other	22	4.3%
None chosen	127	25.1%
Total	809	

Q3. What are the PRIMARY reasons you choose to use outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa?

Q3. What are primary reasons you choose to use outdoor pools

in City of Lenexa	Number	Percent
Quality of staff	48	9.5%
Location	296	58.5%
Quality of programs	59	11.7%
Fees that are charged	85	16.8%
Only option for this service	22	4.3%
Friends participate	101	20.0%
Quality of facility	136	26.9%
Dates/times programs offered	54	10.7%
I don't use outdoor pools	52	10.3%
I don't use Lenexa's outdoor pools	125	24.7%
Total	978	

Q4. How do you or the members of your household travel to outdoor pools most often?

Q4. How do you travel to outdoor pools most often	Number	Percent
Personal vehicle (car, truck, van, etc.)	338	66.8%
Bicycle	56	11.1%
Walk	153	30.2%
Public transportation	1	0.2%
Other	4	0.8%
I don't use outdoor pools	101	20.0%
Total	653	

Q4-5. Other

Q4-5. Other	Number	Percent
GOLF CART	1	25.0%
APARTMENT COMMUNITY POOL	1	25.0%
My daughter visited with her summer camp	1	25.0%
Kids go with summer camp programs	1	25.0%
Total	4	100.0%

Q5. Please indicate how far you are willing to travel for quality outdoor pool facilities.

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	Number	Percent
Up to 5 minutes	90	17.8%
Up to 10 minutes	179	35.4%
Up to 15 minutes	105	20.8%
15+ minutes	31	6.1%
I don't use outdoor pools	89	17.6%
Not provided	12	2.4%
Total	506	100.0%

WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED"

Q5. Please indicate how far you are willing to travel for quality outdoor pool facilities. (without "not provided")

Q5. How far are you willing to travel for quality outdoor pool facilities

	Number	Percent
Up to 5 minutes	90	18.2%
Up to 10 minutes	179	36.2%
Up to 15 minutes	105	21.3%
15+ minutes	31	6.3%
I don't use outdoor pools	89	18.0%
Total	494	100.0%

Q6. Please CHECK ALL the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using outdoor pools and programs offered by the City of Lenexa more often.

Q6. All the reasons that prevent you from using outdoor pools & programs offered by City more often

Number	Percent
Availability of parking	23 4.5%
Classes are full	24 4.7%
Do not know locations of facilities	30 5.9%
Do not know what is being offered	39 7.7%
Do not want to swim/not interested	54 10.7%
Facilities are not well maintained	21 4.2%
Facilities do not meet needs of my household	23 4.5%
Facilities lack modern amenities	38 7.5%
Facility is too far to walk/bike	43 8.5%
Fees are too high	88 17.4%
Lack of quality programs	8 1.6%
Programs lack the right equipment	2 0.4%
Lack of transportation	3 0.6%
Operating hours are not convenient	41 8.1%
Personal disability	9 1.8%
Pools are too crowded	118 23.3%
Program times are not convenient	26 5.1%
Programs I am interested in are not offered	11 2.2%
Registration is difficult	8 1.6%
Safety concerns	14 2.8%
Too far from my home	55 10.9%
Unable to swim	8 1.6%
Use facilities outside Lenexa	25 4.9%
Use other providers for similar services	12 2.4%
Use private club/neighborhood/HOA pools	157 31.0%
Use private pool at home	17 3.4%
We are too busy	79 15.6%
Other	42 8.3%
Total	1018

Q7. Is it valuable for the City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pool(s) to the community as a whole?

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	Number	Percent
Yes	476	94.1%
No	17	3.4%
Not provided	13	2.6%
Total	506	100.0%

WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED"

Q7. Is it valuable for the City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pool(s) to the community as a whole? (without "not provided")

Q7. Is it valuable for City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pools to the community as a whole

	Number	Percent
Yes	476	96.6%
No	17	3.4%
Total	493	100.0%

Q8. Please indicate how important each of the following are when thinking about outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa.

(N=506)

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not Important	Not at all Important
Q8-1. Classes and/or programs offered	29.6%	29.8%	27.7%	6.9%	5.9%
Q8-2. Fees/Costs to use	47.0%	33.8%	15.8%	1.0%	2.4%
Q8-3. Fun features & amenities	35.0%	38.9%	20.8%	2.4%	3.0%
Q8-4. Operate to maximize cost recovery & minimize amount of subsidy from other financial sources (e.g., City's financial general fund)	13.6%	27.1%	44.3%	8.5%	6.5%
Q8-5. Other park amenities near swimming pool	10.9%	27.9%	40.5%	14.2%	6.5%
Q8-6. Proximity to your residence	39.1%	38.7%	17.8%	1.8%	2.6%
Q8-7. Available space to grow or expand pool in the future	8.9%	20.6%	49.0%	15.2%	6.3%
Q8-8. Location fits with & enhances economic development in surrounding area	19.2%	33.6%	35.4%	5.7%	6.1%
Q8-9. Other	70.0%	15.0%	5.0%	2.5%	7.5%

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Q9. Which THREE of the items from the list in Question 8 should the City of Lenexa place the greatest emphasis on when planning for the future of outdoor pools and swimming in the City?

Q9. Top choice	Number	Percent
Classes and/or programs offered	68	13.4%
Fees/Costs to use	127	25.1%
Fun features & amenities	92	18.2%
Operate to maximize cost recovery & minimize amount of subsidy from other financial sources (e.g., City's financial general fund)	36	7.1%
Other park amenities near swimming pool	11	2.2%
Proximity to your residence	84	16.6%
Available space to grow or expand pool in the future	6	1.2%
Location fits with & enhances economic development in surrounding area	25	4.9%
Other	11	2.2%
None chosen	46	9.1%
Total	506	100.0%

Q9. Which THREE of the items from the list in Question 8 should the City of Lenexa place the greatest emphasis on when planning for the future of outdoor pools and swimming in the City?

Q9. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Classes and/or programs offered	66	13.0%
Fees/Costs to use	111	21.9%
Fun features & amenities	82	16.2%
Operate to maximize cost recovery & minimize amount of subsidy from other financial sources (e.g., City's financial general fund)	30	5.9%
Other park amenities near swimming pool	33	6.5%
Proximity to your residence	53	10.5%
Available space to grow or expand pool in the future	15	3.0%
Location fits with & enhances economic development in surrounding area	46	9.1%
Other	9	1.8%
None chosen	61	12.1%
Total	506	100.0%

Q9. Which THREE of the items from the list in Question 8 should the City of Lenexa place the greatest emphasis on when planning for the future of outdoor pools and swimming in the City?

Q9. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Classes and/or programs offered	59	11.7%
Fees/Costs to use	74	14.6%
Fun features & amenities	67	13.2%
Operate to maximize cost recovery & minimize amount of subsidy from other financial sources (e.g., City's financial general fund)	42	8.3%
Other park amenities near swimming pool	35	6.9%
Proximity to your residence	58	11.5%
Available space to grow or expand pool in the future	19	3.8%
Location fits with & enhances economic development in surrounding area	56	11.1%
Other	3	0.6%
None chosen	93	18.4%
Total	506	100.0%

SUM OF THE TOP THREE CHOICES

Q9. Which THREE of the items from the list in Question 8 should the City of Lenexa place the greatest emphasis on when planning for the future of outdoor pools and swimming in the City? (top 3)

Q9. Sum of the top three choices	Number	Percent
Classes and/or programs offered	193	38.1%
Fees/Costs to use	312	61.7%
Fun features & amenities	241	47.6%
Operate to maximize cost recovery & minimize amount of subsidy from other financial sources (e.g., City's financial general fund)	108	21.3%
Other park amenities near swimming pool	79	15.6%
Proximity to your residence	195	38.5%
Available space to grow or expand pool in the future	40	7.9%
Location fits with & enhances economic development in surrounding area	127	25.1%
Other	23	4.5%
None chosen	46	9.1%
Total	1364	

Q10. Amenity Needs. Please indicate if YOU or any member of your household has a need for each type of amenity listed below.

(N=506)

	Yes	No
Q10-1. Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	36.8%	63.2%
Q10-2. Concessions & concession area	39.1%	60.9%
Q10-3. Deck chairs	69.4%	30.6%
Q10-4. Deck space for lounge seating/observation	64.4%	35.6%
Q10-5. Deep water (5+ feet)	53.0%	47.0%
Q10-6. Diving boards	37.9%	62.1%
Q10-7. Lap lanes	42.5%	57.5%
Q10-8. Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	26.7%	73.3%
Q10-9. Lawn & landscaping areas	27.3%	72.7%
Q10-10. Lazy river	45.7%	54.3%
Q10-11. Open recreational swimming area	56.7%	43.3%
Q10-12. Parking	61.9%	38.1%
Q10-13. Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	63.6%	36.4%
Q10-14. Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	15.8%	84.2%

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Q10. Amenity Needs. Please indicate if YOU or any member of your household has a need for each type of amenity listed below.

(N=506)

	Yes	No
Q10-15. Shade areas	64.2%	35.8%
Q10-16. Shallow water (2–4 feet)	49.2%	50.8%
Q10-17. Splash pad/spray ground	31.0%	69.0%
Q10-18. Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	30.6%	69.4%
Q10-19. Water slides	42.5%	57.5%
Q10-20. Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	16.6%	83.4%
Q10-21. Wave pool/surf simulation	18.6%	81.4%
Q10-22. Zero-depth/beach entry	49.2%	50.8%

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Q10. If "Yes," how well are your needs met at Lenexa's outdoor pools?

(N=425)

	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met
Q10-1. Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	11.7%	38.7%	30.1%	19.6%
Q10-2. Concessions & concession area	34.8%	43.9%	15.9%	5.5%
Q10-3. Deck chairs	36.7%	48.8%	12.4%	2.1%
Q10-4. Deck space for lounge seating/observation	37.5%	44.3%	16.3%	1.9%
Q10-5. Deep water (5+ feet)	58.8%	31.7%	8.1%	1.4%
Q10-6. Diving boards	46.7%	34.3%	14.8%	4.1%
Q10-7. Lap lanes	39.1%	36.2%	20.1%	4.6%
Q10-8. Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	31.6%	42.9%	17.3%	8.2%
Q10-9. Lawn & landscaping areas	32.4%	41.9%	17.1%	8.6%
Q10-10. Lazy river	10.1%	21.8%	18.6%	49.5%
Q10-11. Open recreational swimming area	48.3%	37.6%	11.1%	3.0%
Q10-12. Parking	60.0%	32.0%	7.6%	0.4%
Q10-13. Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	51.9%	35.7%	11.6%	0.8%
Q10-14. Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	12.3%	29.8%	28.1%	29.8%

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Q10. If "Yes," how well are your needs met at Lenexa's outdoor pools?

(N=425)

	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met
Q10-15. Shade areas	19.5%	37.0%	37.0%	6.5%
Q10-16. Shallow water (2-4 feet)	57.1%	36.0%	6.4%	0.5%
Q10-17. Splash pad/spray ground	40.7%	36.4%	18.6%	4.2%
Q10-18. Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	33.3%	38.5%	22.2%	6.0%
Q10-19. Water slides	35.1%	38.9%	20.0%	5.9%
Q10-20. Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	8.6%	22.9%	37.1%	31.4%
Q10-21. Wave pool/surf simulation	7.9%	7.9%	10.5%	73.7%
Q10-22. Zero-depth/beach entry	53.3%	27.1%	14.1%	5.5%

Q11. Which FOUR of the amenities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household to include in the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools?

Q11. Top choice	Number	Percent
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	49	9.7%
Concessions & concession area	5	1.0%
Deck chairs	48	9.5%
Deck space for lounge seating/observation	30	5.9%
Deep water (5+ feet)	15	3.0%
Diving boards	10	2.0%
Lap lanes	43	8.5%
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	17	3.4%
Lawn & landscaping areas	2	0.4%
Lazy river	27	5.3%
Open recreational swimming area	25	4.9%
Parking	17	3.4%
Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	13	2.6%
Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	3	0.6%
Shade areas	19	3.8%
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	11	2.2%
Splash pad/spray ground	4	0.8%
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	17	3.4%
Water slides	10	2.0%
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	1	0.2%
Zero-depth/beach entry	27	5.3%
None chosen	113	22.3%
Total	506	100.0%

Q11. Which FOUR of the amenities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household to include in the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools?

Q11. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	20	4.0%
Concessions & concession area	21	4.2%
Deck chairs	53	10.5%
Deck space for lounge seating/observation	42	8.3%
Deep water (5+ feet)	26	5.1%
Diving boards	18	3.6%
Lap lanes	24	4.7%
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	9	1.8%
Lawn & landscaping areas	2	0.4%
Lazy river	21	4.2%
Open recreational swimming area	25	4.9%
Parking	18	3.6%
Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	17	3.4%
Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	2	0.4%
Shade areas	27	5.3%
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	13	2.6%
Splash pad/spray ground	3	0.6%
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	17	3.4%
Water slides	13	2.6%
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	2	0.4%
Wave pool/surf simulation	1	0.2%
Zero-depth/beach entry	11	2.2%
None chosen	121	23.9%
Total	506	100.0%

Q11. Which FOUR of the amenities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household to include in the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools?

Q11. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	25	4.9%
Concessions & concession area	17	3.4%
Deck chairs	27	5.3%
Deck space for lounge seating/observation	27	5.3%
Deep water (5+ feet)	12	2.4%
Diving boards	12	2.4%
Lap lanes	21	4.2%
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	3	0.6%
Lawn & landscaping areas	9	1.8%
Lazy river	21	4.2%
Open recreational swimming area	25	4.9%
Parking	14	2.8%
Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	24	4.7%
Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	5	1.0%
Shade areas	47	9.3%
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	14	2.8%
Splash pad/spray ground	12	2.4%
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	12	2.4%
Water slides	24	4.7%
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	6	1.2%
Wave pool/surf simulation	3	0.6%
Zero-depth/beach entry	17	3.4%
None chosen	129	25.5%
Total	506	100.0%

Q11. Which FOUR of the amenities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household to include in the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools?

Q11. 4th choice	Number	Percent
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	13	2.6%
Concessions & concession area	18	3.6%
Deck chairs	21	4.2%
Deck space for lounge seating/observation	23	4.5%
Deep water (5+ feet)	11	2.2%
Diving boards	12	2.4%
Lap lanes	15	3.0%
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	4	0.8%
Lawn & landscaping areas	6	1.2%
Lazy river	23	4.5%
Open recreational swimming area	30	5.9%
Parking	16	3.2%
Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	31	6.1%
Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	6	1.2%
Shade areas	35	6.9%
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	15	3.0%
Splash pad/spray ground	4	0.8%
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	8	1.6%
Water slides	19	3.8%
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	6	1.2%
Wave pool/surf simulation	8	1.6%
Zero-depth/beach entry	23	4.5%
None chosen	159	31.4%
Total	506	100.0%

SUM OF THE TOP FOUR CHOICES

Q11. Which FOUR of the amenities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household to include in the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools? (top 4)

Q11. Sum of the top four choices	Number	Percent
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	107	21.1%
Concessions & concession area	61	12.1%
Deck chairs	149	29.4%
Deck space for lounge seating/observation	122	24.1%
Deep water (5+ feet)	64	12.6%
Diving boards	52	10.3%
Lap lanes	103	20.4%
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	33	6.5%
Lawn & landscaping areas	19	3.8%
Lazy river	92	18.2%
Open recreational swimming area	105	20.8%
Parking	65	12.8%
Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	85	16.8%
Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	16	3.2%
Shade areas	128	25.3%
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	53	10.5%
Splash pad/spray ground	23	4.5%
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	54	10.7%
Water slides	66	13.0%
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	15	3.0%
Wave pool/surf simulation	12	2.4%
Zero-depth/beach entry	78	15.4%
None chosen	113	22.3%
Total	1615	

Q12. If you had a budget of \$100 for aquatic services provided by the City of Lenexa, how would you allocate the funds for outdoor pools among the categories listed below?

	Mean	Amount	
Upgrade/improve existing facilities	65.82	\$	51.76
Build/add new facilities	31.86	\$	25.06
Enhance and/or add new programming	29.48	\$	23.18
Total	127.16	\$	100.00

Q13a. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of you and your household?

Q13a. What option listed above best fits the needs of your household

Number Percent

	Number	Percent
Option 1: City of Lenexa should offer fewer larger pools with more modern amenities that appeal to a larger demographic. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may or may not be closer to your house due to having fewer locations	195	38.5%
Option 2: City of Lenexa should offer multiple smaller pools with fewer amenities & focus on traditional swimming offerings & more location options. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may be closer to your house due to having more locations	197	38.9%
Neither option	46	9.1%
I don't know	68	13.4%
Total	506	100.0%

WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW"**Q13a. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of you and your household? (without "don't know")**

Q13a. What option listed above best fits the needs of your household

Number Percent

	Number	Percent
Option 1: City of Lenexa should offer fewer larger pools with more modern amenities that appeal to a larger demographic. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may or may not be closer to your house due to having fewer locations	195	44.5%
Option 2: City of Lenexa should offer multiple smaller pools with fewer amenities & focus on traditional swimming offerings & more location options. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may be closer to your house due to having more locations	197	45.0%
Neither option	46	10.5%
Total	438	100.0%

Q13b. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of the community as a whole?

Q13b. What option listed above best fits the needs of the community as a whole

	Number	Percent
Option 1: City of Lenexa should offer fewer larger pools with more modern amenities that appeal to a larger demographic. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may or may not be closer to your house due to having fewer locations	174	34.4%
Option 2: City of Lenexa should offer multiple smaller pools with fewer amenities & focus on traditional swimming offerings & more location options. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may be closer to your house due to having more locations	200	39.5%
Neither option	24	4.7%
I don't know	108	21.3%
Total	506	100.0%

WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW"

Q13b. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of the community as a whole? (without "don't know")

Q13b. What option listed above best fits the needs of the community as a whole

	Number	Percent
Option 1: City of Lenexa should offer fewer larger pools with more modern amenities that appeal to a larger demographic. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may or may not be closer to your house due to having fewer locations	174	43.7%
Option 2: City of Lenexa should offer multiple smaller pools with fewer amenities & focus on traditional swimming offerings & more location options. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may be closer to your house due to having more locations	200	50.3%
Neither option	24	6.0%
Total	398	100.0%

Q14. Have you or members of your household participated in any outdoor pool programs offered by the City of Lenexa during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020?

Q14. Have you participated in any outdoor pool programs offered by City of Lenexa during swim season in 2018, 2019, or

	2020	Number	Percent
Yes		132	26.1%
No		374	73.9%
Total		506	100.0%

Q14a. How would you rate the overall quality of all the outdoor pool programs?

Q14a. How would you rate overall quality of all outdoor pool programs

	Number	Percent
Excellent	50	37.9%
Good	78	59.1%
Fair	4	3.0%
Total	132	100.0%

Q15. Program Needs. Please indicate if YOU or any member of your household has a need for each type of swimming program listed below.

(N=506)

	Yes	No
Q15-1. Dive team/diving programs	5.7%	94.3%
Q15-2. Lap swimming	34.8%	65.2%
Q15-3. Pool rentals/birthday parties	20.6%	79.4%
Q15-4. Senior aquatic programs	26.1%	73.9%
Q15-5. Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	17.4%	82.6%
Q15-6. Swim lessons	31.2%	68.8%
Q15-7. Swim team	10.7%	89.3%
Q15-8. Water fitness classes/water aerobics	35.0%	65.0%

Q15. If "Yes," how well are your needs met at Lenexa's outdoor pools?

(N=363)

	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met
Q15-1. Dive team/diving programs	22.7%	45.5%	27.3%	4.5%
Q15-2. Lap swimming	28.7%	36.4%	24.5%	10.5%
Q15-3. Pool rentals/birthday parties	24.7%	43.5%	20.0%	11.8%
Q15-4. Senior aquatic programs	8.2%	32.9%	30.6%	28.2%
Q15-5. Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	9.7%	25.0%	29.2%	36.1%
Q15-6. Swim lessons	43.4%	34.9%	14.0%	7.8%
Q15-7. Swim team	35.6%	40.0%	13.3%	11.1%
Q15-8. Water fitness classes/water aerobics	9.8%	31.1%	33.6%	25.4%

Q16. Which THREE of the programs from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household?

Q16. Top choice	Number	Percent
Dive team/diving programs	2	0.4%
Lap swimming	84	16.6%
Pool rentals/birthday parties	33	6.5%
Senior aquatic programs	52	10.3%
Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	16	3.2%
Swim lessons	103	20.4%
Swim team	16	3.2%
Water fitness classes/water aerobics	53	10.5%
None chosen	147	29.1%
Total	506	100.0%

Q16. Which THREE of the programs from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household?

Q16. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Dive team/diving programs	18	3.6%
Lap swimming	41	8.1%
Pool rentals/birthday parties	35	6.9%
Senior aquatic programs	57	11.3%
Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	39	7.7%
Swim lessons	35	6.9%
Swim team	20	4.0%
Water fitness classes/water aerobics	75	14.8%
None chosen	186	36.8%
Total	506	100.0%

Q16. Which THREE of the programs from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household?

Q16. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Dive team/diving programs	12	2.4%
Lap swimming	33	6.5%
Pool rentals/birthday parties	32	6.3%
Senior aquatic programs	27	5.3%
Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	31	6.1%
Swim lessons	30	5.9%
Swim team	13	2.6%
Water fitness classes/water aerobics	60	11.9%
None chosen	268	53.0%
Total	506	100.0%

SUM OF THE TOP THREE CHOICES

Q16. Which THREE of the programs from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household? (top 3)

Q16. Sum of the top three choices	Number	Percent
Dive team/diving programs	32	6.3%
Lap swimming	158	31.2%
Pool rentals/birthday parties	100	19.8%
Senior aquatic programs	136	26.9%
Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	86	17.0%
Swim lessons	168	33.2%
Swim team	49	9.7%
Water fitness classes/water aerobics	188	37.2%
None chosen	147	29.1%
Total	1064	

Q17. Please CHECK ALL the ways you learn about the City of Lenexa's outdoor pool programs or activities.

Q17. All the ways you learn about City's outdoor pool programs or activities

	Number	Percent
TownTalk resident magazine	430	85.0%
Lenexa.com	182	36.0%
Parks & Recreation electronic newsletter	128	25.3%
Rec Center electronic newsletter	73	14.4%
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor)	137	27.1%
I Like Lenexa mobile app	25	4.9%
Flyer	31	6.1%
Talking with City employees	17	3.4%
Signage	54	10.7%
Word of mouth	193	38.1%
Other	9	1.8%
Total	1279	

Q17-11. Other

Q17-11. Other	Number	Percent
NEIGHBORS WHO BECAME INFORMED AND CARED	1	11.1%
LOCATION AND DRIVE BY EVERY DAY	1	11.1%
As I travel through Lenexa I notice the neighborhood pools	1	11.1%
We have not learned about these at all	1	11.1%
VISIT PARKS WITH POOLS	1	11.1%
Email	1	11.1%
NEXTDOOR APP	1	11.1%
Walk in at the Rec Center	1	11.1%
Mailings	1	11.1%
Total	9	100.0%

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Q18. Which THREE of the sources from the list in Question 17 do you MOST PREFER to use to learn about the City of Lenexa's outdoor pool programs or activities?

Q18. Top choice	Number	Percent
TownTalk resident magazine	287	56.7%
Lenexa.com	42	8.3%
Parks & Recreation electronic newsletter	35	6.9%
Rec Center electronic newsletter	11	2.2%
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor)	31	6.1%
I Like Lenexa mobile app	2	0.4%
Flyer	4	0.8%
Talking with City employees	2	0.4%
Signage	1	0.2%
Word of mouth	15	3.0%
Other	1	0.2%
None chosen	75	14.8%
Total	506	100.0%

Q18. Which THREE of the sources from the list in Question 17 do you MOST PREFER to use to learn about the City of Lenexa's outdoor pool programs or activities?

Q18. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
TownTalk resident magazine	57	11.3%
Lenexa.com	101	20.0%
Parks & Recreation electronic newsletter	47	9.3%
Rec Center electronic newsletter	26	5.1%
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor)	61	12.1%
I Like Lenexa mobile app	10	2.0%
Flyer	14	2.8%
Talking with City employees	2	0.4%
Signage	14	2.8%
Word of mouth	34	6.7%
Other	1	0.2%
None chosen	139	27.5%
Total	506	100.0%

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Q18. Which THREE of the sources from the list in Question 17 do you MOST PREFER to use to learn about the City of Lenexa's outdoor pool programs or activities?

Q18. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
TownTalk resident magazine	29	5.7%
Lenexa.com	47	9.3%
Parks & Recreation electronic newsletter	41	8.1%
Rec Center electronic newsletter	21	4.2%
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor)	34	6.7%
I Like Lenexa mobile app	14	2.8%
Flyer	15	3.0%
Talking with City employees	3	0.6%
Signage	27	5.3%
Word of mouth	39	7.7%
Other	2	0.4%
None chosen	234	46.2%
Total	506	100.0%

SUM OF THE TOP THREE CHOICES

Q18. Which THREE of the sources from the list in Question 17 do you MOST PREFER to use to learn about the City of Lenexa's outdoor pool programs or activities? (top 3)

Q18. Top choice	Number	Percent
TownTalk resident magazine	373	73.7%
Lenexa.com	190	37.5%
Parks & Recreation electronic newsletter	123	24.3%
Rec Center electronic newsletter	58	11.5%
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor)	126	24.9%
I Like Lenexa mobile app	26	5.1%
Flyer	33	6.5%
Talking with City employees	7	1.4%
Signage	42	8.3%
Word of mouth	88	17.4%
Other	4	0.8%
None chosen	75	14.8%
Total	1145	

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Q20. Including yourself, how many people in your household are...

	Mean	Sum	Percentage
number	3	1497	100.0%
Under 5 years	0.2	87	5.8%
5-9 years	0.2	121	8.1%
10-14 years	0.3	136	9.1%
15-19 years	0.2	118	7.9%
20-24 years	0.1	63	4.2%
25-34 years	0.2	104	6.9%
35-44 years	0.4	198	13.2%
45-54 years	0.4	175	11.7%
55-64 years	0.5	261	17.4%
65-74 years	0.4	188	12.6%
75-84 years	0.1	39	2.6%
85+ years	0	7	0.5%

Q21. What is your age?

Q21. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34 years	80	15.8%
35-44 years	96	19.0%
45-54 years	101	20.0%
55-64 years	112	22.1%
65 years or older	106	20.9%
Not provided	11	2.2%
Total	506	100.0%

WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED"**Q21. What is your age? (without "not provided")**

Q21. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34 years	80	16.2%
35-44 years	96	19.4%
45-54 years	101	20.4%
55-64 years	112	22.6%
65 years or older	106	21.4%
Total	495	100.0%

Q22. Your gender:

Q22. Your gender	Number	Percent
Male	247	48.8%
Female	256	50.6%
Not provided	3	0.6%
Total	506	100.0%

WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED"**Q22. Your gender: (without "not provided")**

Q22. Your gender	Number	Percent
Male	247	49.1%
Female	256	50.9%
Total	503	100.0%

Q23. What is your total annual household income?

Q23. Your total annual household income	Number	Percent
Under \$30K	24	4.7%
\$30K to \$49,999	49	9.7%
\$50K to \$69,999	67	13.2%
\$70K to \$89,999	81	16.0%
\$90K to \$119,999	68	13.4%
\$120K to \$174,999	76	15.0%
\$175K+	69	13.6%
Not provided	72	14.2%
Total	506	100.0%

WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED"**Q23. What is your total annual household income? (without "not provided")**

Q23. Your total annual household income	Number	Percent
Under \$30K	24	5.5%
\$30K to \$49,999	49	11.3%
\$50K to \$69,999	67	15.4%
\$70K to \$89,999	81	18.7%
\$90K to \$119,999	68	15.7%
\$120K to \$174,999	76	17.5%
\$175K+	69	15.9%
Total	434	100.0%

Q24. Do you live in a community that offers an HOA pool?

Q24. Do you live in a community that offers an HOA pool	Number	Percent
Yes	215	42.50%
No	288	56.90%
Not provided	3	0.60%
Total	506	100.00%

WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED"

Q24. Do you live in a community that offers an HOA pool? (without "not provided")

Q24. Do you live in a community that offers an HOA pool	Number	Percent
Yes	215	42.7%
No	288	57.3%
Total	503	100.0%

Section 4

Survey Instrument

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January 4, 2021

Dear Lenexa Resident,

The City of Lenexa is conducting a survey of randomly chosen residents to gather information about the City's outdoor aquatics programs, services, and amenities. While 2020 looked very different due to COVID-19, we ask that when answering the questions you reference your experience and feedback from not only 2020 but previous years as well. The survey is part of our ongoing process designed to provide a roadmap for the future of outdoor aquatic offerings.

Please complete and return your survey within the next two weeks.

ETC Institute, a national research firm based in Olathe, will compile the survey data and present results in Spring 2021. **Your responses will remain confidential.** We encourage you to complete the survey online at [LenexaAquaticSurvey.org](https://www.LenexaAquaticSurvey.org). You may also complete the printed version and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope if you prefer. We ask that you do not share or repost the survey link, as it is meant for your household.

The data collected will be a valuable resource as we plan for the future of aquatics in Lenexa. A summary of the survey results will be posted on the City's website [Lenexa.com](https://www.Lenexa.com) in Spring 2021. You can also read more about the Aquatics Study on the website.

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Parks and Recreation Logan Wagler at (913) 477-7140 or lwagler@lenexa.com.

Thank you for your participation in this important process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Boehm", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Michael A. Boehm

Mayor

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2021 Lenexa Aquatic Study Survey

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The City of Lenexa would like your input to help determine aquatic priorities for our community. This survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid, return-reply envelope, or fill it out online at LenexaAquaticSurvey.org. We greatly appreciate your time!

1. Please indicate whether you or a member of your household has visited each of the following pools during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020. For each facility you have visited, please rate your overall experience at the facility and how frequently you or the members of your household have used the facility during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020. If you have visited a pool facility not listed, please write it in the blank spaces provided.

Facility	Have you visited this facility?		How would you rate your experience?				How frequently do you and members of your household use the facility?			
	Yes	No	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally
01. Ad Astra Pool - Lenexa	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
02. Flat Rock Creek Pool - Lenexa	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
03. Indian Trails Aquatic Center - Lenexa	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
04. Lenexa Rec Center - Lenexa	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
05. Neighborhood HOA pools	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
06. Black Bob Bay - Olathe	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
07. Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center - Shawnee	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
08. Splash Cove at the Jim Allen Aquatic Center - Shawnee	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
09. Bluejacket Pool - Overland Park	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
10. Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center - Overland Park	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
11. Young's Pool - Overland Park	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
12. De Soto Aquatic Center - De Soto	Yes	No	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1

1a. If you visit outdoor pools that are not provided by the City of Lenexa, why do you visit those pools? [Check all that apply.]

- (1) Programming offered
- (2) Proximity to your residence
- (3) Newer, nicer facilities
- (4) To be with friends and/or family
- (5) Other: _____

2. Which TWO of the outdoor pools from the list in Question 1 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 1, or circle "NONE".]

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ NONE

3. What are the PRIMARY reasons you choose to use outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa? [Check all that apply.]

- (01) Quality of staff
- (02) Location
- (03) Quality of programs
- (04) Fees that are charged
- (05) Only option for this service
- (06) Friends participate
- (07) Quality of the facility
- (08) Dates/times programs offered
- (09) I don't use outdoor pools
- (10) I don't use Lenexa's outdoor pools

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4. How do you or the members of your household travel to outdoor pools most often? [Check all that apply.]

- (1) Personal vehicle (car, truck, van, etc.)
- (2) Bicycle
- (3) Walk
- (4) Public transportation
- (5) Other: _____
- (6) I don't use outdoor pools

5. Please indicate how far you are willing to travel for quality outdoor pool facilities.

- (1) Up to 5 minutes
- (2) Up to 10 minutes
- (3) Up to 15 minutes
- (4) More than 15 minutes
- (5) I don't use outdoor pools

6. Please CHECK ALL reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using outdoor pools and programs offered by the City of Lenexa more often.

- (01) Availability of parking
- (02) Classes are full
- (03) Do not know locations of facilities
- (04) Do not know what is being offered
- (05) Do not want to swim/not interested
- (06) Facilities are not well maintained
- (07) Facilities do not meet the needs of my household
- (08) Facilities lack modern amenities
- (09) Facility is too far to walk/bike
- (10) Fees are too high
- (11) Lack of quality programs
- (12) Programs lack the right equipment
- (13) Lack of transportation
- (14) Operating hours are not convenient
- (15) Personal disability
- (16) Pools are too crowded
- (17) Program times are not convenient
- (18) Programs I am interested in are not offered
- (19) Registration is difficult
- (20) Safety concerns
- (21) Too far from my home
- (22) Unable to swim
- (23) Use facilities outside Lenexa
- (24) Use other providers for similar services
- (25) Use private club/neighborhood/HOA pools
- (26) Use private pool at home
- (27) We are too busy
- (28) Other: _____

7. Is it valuable for the City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pool(s) to the community as a whole?

- (1) Yes [Skip to Q8.]
- (2) No [Answer Q7a.]

7a. Why is it not valuable? _____

8. Please indicate how important each of the following are when thinking about outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa.

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not Important	Not at All Important
1. Classes and/or programs offered	5	4	3	2	1
2. Fees/Costs to use	5	4	3	2	1
3. Fun features and amenities	5	4	3	2	1
4. Operate to maximize cost recovery and minimize the amount of subsidy from other financial sources (e.g., City's financial general fund)	5	4	3	2	1
5. Other park amenities near the swimming pool	5	4	3	2	1
6. Proximity to your residence	5	4	3	2	1
7. Available space to grow or expand the pool in the future	5	4	3	2	1
8. Location fits with and enhances economic development in the surrounding area	5	4	3	2	1
9. Other (please write it in): _____	5	4	3	2	1

9. Which THREE of the items from the list in Question 8 should the City of Lenexa place the greatest emphasis on when planning for the future of outdoor pools and swimming in the City? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 8, or circle "NONE".]

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ NONE

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10. Amenity Needs. Please indicate if YOU or any member of your household has a need for each type of amenity listed below by circling either "Yes" or "No" to the right of each type of amenity. If "Yes," please answer the question to the right of the amenity regarding "How well are your needs being met" at the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools?

Type of Amenities	Do you have a need for this amenity?		If "Yes," how well are your needs met at Lenexa's outdoor pools?			
	Yes	No	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met
01. Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line etc.)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
02. Concessions and concession area	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
03. Deck chairs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
04. Deck space for lounge seating/observation	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
05. Deep water (5+ feet)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
06. Diving boards	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
07. Lap lanes	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
08. Inclusive features and amenities (for all abilities)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
09. Lawn and landscaping areas	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
10. Lazy river	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
11. Open recreational swimming area	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
12. Parking	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
13. Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
14. Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
15. Shade areas	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
16. Shallow water (2-4 feet)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
17. Splash pad/spray ground	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
18. Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
19. Water slides	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
20. Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
21. Wave pool/surf simulation	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
22. Zero-depth/beach entry	Yes	No	4	3	2	1

11. Which FOUR of the amenities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household to include in the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 10, or circle "NONE".]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ NONE

12. If you had a budget of \$100 for aquatic services provided by the City of Lenexa, how would you allocate the funds for outdoor pools among the categories listed below? [Please be sure your total adds up to \$100]

\$_____ Upgrade/improve existing facilities

\$_____ Build/add new facilities

\$_____ Enhance and/or add new programming (see examples in Question 15)

\$100 total

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The City of Lenexa currently has three outdoor pools. Two of the three outdoor pools have aging systems and structures with increasing maintenance costs, while overall attendance at outdoor pools is declining. The demand for staff and resources needed to cover the existing three outdoor pools will continue to grow. The City of Lenexa will need to make decisions to address aging pools and meet the future needs of the community. Two possible options are listed below.

Option 1: The City of Lenexa should offer fewer larger pools with more modern amenities that appeal to a larger demographic. In Option 1, on average, an outdoor pool(s) may or may not be closer to your house due to having fewer locations.

Option 2: The City of Lenexa should offer multiple smaller pools with fewer amenities and focus on traditional swimming offerings and more location options. In Option 2, on average, an outdoor pool(s) may be closer to your house due to having more locations.

13a. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of you and your household?

___(1) Option 1 ___(2) Option 2 ___(3) Neither option ___(9) I don't know

13b. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of the community as a whole?

___(1) Option 1 ___(2) Option 2 ___(3) Neither option ___(9) I don't know

14. Have you or members of your household participated in any outdoor pool programs offered by the City of Lenexa during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020?

___(1) Yes [Answer Q14a.] ___(2) No [Skip to Q15.]

14a. How would you rate the overall quality of all the outdoor pool programs?

___(1) Excellent ___(2) Good ___(3) Fair ___(4) Poor

15. Program Needs. Please indicate if YOU or any member of your household has a need for each type of swimming program listed below by circling "Yes" or "No" to the right of each type of program. If "Yes," please answer the question to the right of the program regarding "How well are your needs being met" at the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools?

Type of Programs	Do you have a need for this program?		If "Yes," how well are your needs met at Lenexa's outdoor pools?			
	Yes	No	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met
1. Dive team/diving programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
2. Lap swimming	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
3. Pool rentals/birthday parties	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
4. Senior aquatic programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
5. Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
6. Swim lessons	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
7. Swim team	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
8. Water fitness classes/water aerobics	Yes	No	4	3	2	1

16. Which THREE of the programs from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 15, or circle "NONE".]

1st: ___ 2nd: ___ 3rd: ___ NONE

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17. Please CHECK ALL the ways you learn about the City of Lenexa’s outdoor pool programs or activities.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) TownTalk resident magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Flyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Lenexa.com | <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Talking with City employees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Parks & Recreation electronic newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Signage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Rec Center electronic newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor) | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (06) I Like Lenexa mobile app | |

18. Which THREE of the sources from the list in Question 17 do you MOST PREFER to use to learn about the City of Lenexa’s outdoor pool programs or activities? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 17, or circle "NONE".]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ NONE

19. Please share any additional comments that could assist the City of Lenexa in improving its outdoor pools and services.

Demographics

20. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are...

- | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Under 5 years: ____ | 15-19 years: ____ | 35-44 years: ____ | 65-74 years: ____ |
| 5-9 years: ____ | 20-24 years: ____ | 45-54 years: ____ | 75-84 years: ____ |
| 10-14 years: ____ | 25-34 years: ____ | 55-64 years: ____ | 85+ years: ____ |

21. What is your age? _____ years

22. Your gender: ____ (1) Male ____ (2) Female ____ (3) Prefer to self-describe: _____

23. What is your total annual household income?

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Under \$30,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) \$70,000 to \$89,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) \$175,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) \$30,000 to \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) \$90,000 to \$119,999 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) \$50,000 to \$69,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) \$120,000 to \$174,999 | |

24. Do you live in a community that offers an HOA pool? ____ (1) Yes ____ (2) No

This concludes the survey. Thank you for your time!
 Please return your completed survey in the enclosed return-reply envelope addressed to:
 ETC Institute, 725 W. Frontier Circle, Olathe, Kansas 66061

Your responses will remain completely confidential. The address information printed to the right will ONLY be used to help identify geographic areas with special interests. Thank you.

Lenexa, KS Statistically Valid Survey – Pool Users Only Cross-Tabulation

Q1. Please indicate whether you or a member of your household has visited each of the following pools during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020.

(N=260)

	Yes	No
Q1-1. Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	70.0%	30.0%
Q1-2. Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	33.1%	66.9%
Q1-3. Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	69.6%	30.4%
Q1-4. Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	64.2%	35.8%
Q1-5. Neighborhood HOA pools	33.8%	66.2%
Q1-6. Black Bob Bay-Olathe	10.0%	90.0%
Q1-7. Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	10.0%	90.0%
Q1-8. Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center-Shawnee	12.7%	87.3%
Q1-9. Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	4.2%	95.8%
Q1-10. Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center-Overland Park	5.0%	95.0%
Q1-11. Young's Pool-Overland Park	6.9%	93.1%
Q1-12. De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	3.1%	96.9%
Q1-13. Other	7.3%	92.7%

Commented [LO1]: Users of Ad Astra, Flat Rock, and Indian Trails on the full SVS.

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Q1. For each facility you have visited, please rate your overall experience at the facility.

(N=260)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Q1-1. Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	45.5%	41.5%	11.9%	1.1%
Q1-2. Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	48.1%	45.6%	6.3%	0.0%
Q1-3. Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	51.4%	42.8%	5.2%	0.6%
Q1-4. Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	70.1%	25.5%	4.5%	0.0%
Q1-5. Neighborhood HOA pools	36.3%	50.0%	12.5%	1.3%
Q1-6. Black Bob Bay-Olathe	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Q1-7. Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	64.0%	32.0%	4.0%	0.0%
Q1-8. Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center-Shawnee	55.2%	41.4%	3.4%	0.0%
Q1-9. Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	70.0%	30.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Q1-10. Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center-Overland Park	61.5%	30.8%	7.7%	0.0%
Q1-11. Young's Pool-Overland Park	41.2%	47.1%	11.8%	0.0%
Q1-12. De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	14.3%	71.4%	14.3%	0.0%
Q1-13. Other	78.9%	21.1%	0.0%	0.0%

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Q1. For each facility you have visited, please indicate how frequently you or members of your household have used the facility during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020.

(N=260)

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally
Q1-1. Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	8.9%	25.0%	16.7%	49.4%
Q1-2. Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	13.9%	24.1%	11.4%	50.6%
Q1-3. Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	4.8%	26.5%	18.1%	50.6%
Q1-4. Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	4.0%	18.0%	32.7%	45.3%
Q1-5. Neighborhood HOA pools	19.0%	38.0%	10.1%	32.9%
Q1-6. Black Bob Bay-Olathe	0.0%	4.2%	12.5%	83.3%
Q1-7. Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	95.7%
Q1-8. Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center-Shawnee	0.0%	4.0%	12.0%	84.0%
Q1-9. Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	0.0%	20.0%	10.0%	70.0%
Q1-10. Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center-Overland Park	0.0%	0.0%	18.2%	81.8%
Q1-11. Young's Pool-Overland Park	12.5%	6.3%	12.5%	68.8%
Q1-12. De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	0.0%	0.0%	37.5%	62.5%
Q1-13. Other	21.1%	42.1%	10.5%	26.3%

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Q1-13. Other

<u>Q1-13. Other</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Lifetime Fitness	2	10.5 %
Mission Pool	1	5.3 %
Matt Ross Community Center	1	5.3 %
Olathe Community Center	1	5.3 %
SYLVESTER POWELL	1	5.3 %
Marty-OP	1	5.3 %
Life Time Lenexa	1	5.3 %
STONEGATE OP	1	5.3 %
LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL	1	5.3 %
GARDNER POOL	1	5.3 %
YOUNG PARK	1	5.3 %
The Element	1	5.3 %
Brookridge Golf and Fitness	1	5.3 %
Sar Ko Par	1	5.3 %
We have a backyard pool	1	5.3 %
Marty Pool on 95th and Antioch	1	5.3 %
LEAWOOD	1	5.3 %
Stonegate	1	5.3 %
Total	19	100.0 %

Q1a. If you visit outdoor pools that are not provided by the City of Lenexa, why do you visit those pools?

<u>Q1a. Why do you visit outdoor pools not provided by City of Lenexa</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Programming offered	13	9.2 %
Proximity to your residence	44	31.2 %
Newer, nicer facilities	20	14.2 %
To be with friends and/or family	62	44.0 %
Other	18	12.8 %
Total	157	

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Q2. Which TWO of the outdoor pools from the list in Question 1 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q2. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	80	30.8 %
Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	39	15.0 %
Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	62	23.8 %
Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	28	10.8 %
Neighborhood HOA pools	29	11.2 %
Black Bob Bay-Olathe	3	1.2 %
Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	2	0.8 %
Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	1	0.4 %
De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	1	0.4 %
Other	6	2.3 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3.5 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

Q2. Which TWO of the outdoor pools from the list in Question 1 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q2. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	37	14.2 %
Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	15	5.8 %
Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	76	29.2 %
Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	58	22.3 %
Neighborhood HOA pools	17	6.5 %
Black Bob Bay-Olathe	1	0.4 %
Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	3	1.2 %
Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center-Shawnee	3	1.2 %
Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	1	0.4 %
Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center-Overland Park	2	0.8 %
De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	2	0.8 %
Other	3	1.2 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>16.2 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

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Q2. Which TWO of the outdoor pools from the list in Question 1 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 2)

<u>Q2. Sum of top 2 choices</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Ad Astra Pool-Lenexa	117	45.0 %
Flat Rock Creek Pool-Lenexa	54	20.8 %
Indian Trails Aquatic Center-Lenexa	138	53.1 %
Lenexa Rec Center-Lenexa	86	33.1 %
Neighborhood HOA pools	46	17.7 %
Black Bob Bay-Olathe	4	1.5 %
Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center-Shawnee	5	1.9 %
Splash Cove at Jim Allen Aquatic Center-Shawnee	3	1.2 %
Bluejacket Pool-Overland Park	2	0.8 %
Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center-Overland Park	2	0.8 %
De Soto Aquatic Center-De Soto	3	1.2 %
Other	9	3.5 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3.5 %</u>
Total	478	

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Q3. What are the PRIMARY reasons you choose to use outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa?

Q3. What are primary reasons you choose to use outdoor pools in City of Lenexa	Number	Percent
Quality of staff	42	16.2 %
Location	222	85.4 %
Quality of programs	51	19.6 %
Fees that are charged	73	28.1 %
Only option for this service	18	6.9 %
Friends participate	82	31.5 %
Quality of facility	109	41.9 %
Dates/times programs offered	42	16.2 %
I don't use outdoor pools	1	0.4 %
I don't use Lenexa's outdoor pools	4	1.5 %
Total	644	

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Q4. How do you or the members of your household travel to outdoor pools most often?

<u>Q4. How do you travel to outdoor pools most often</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Personal vehicle (car, truck, van, etc.)	231	88.8 %
Bicycle	44	16.9 %
Walk	95	36.5 %
Public transportation	1	0.4 %
Other	2	0.8 %
Total	373	

Q4-5. Other

<u>Q4-5. Other</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
My daughter visited with her summer camp	1	50.0 %
Kids go with summer camp programs	1	50.0 %
Total	2	100.0 %

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Q5. Please indicate how far you are willing to travel for quality outdoor pool facilities.

Q5. How far are you willing to travel for quality outdoor pool facilities		
	Number	Percent
Up to 5 minutes	66	25.4 %
Up to 10 minutes	113	43.5 %
Up to 15 minutes	61	23.5 %
15+ minutes	18	6.9 %
I don't use outdoor pools	1	0.4 %
Not provided	1	0.4 %
Total	260	100.0 %

WITHOUT 'NOT PROVIDED'

Q5. Please indicate how far you are willing to travel for quality outdoor pool facilities. (without "not provided")

Q5. How far are you willing to travel for quality outdoor pool facilities		
	Number	Percent
Up to 5 minutes	66	25.5 %
Up to 10 minutes	113	43.6 %
Up to 15 minutes	61	23.6 %
15+ minutes	18	6.9 %
I don't use outdoor pools	1	0.4 %
Total	259	100.0 %

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Q6. Please CHECK ALL the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using outdoor pools and programs offered by the City of Lenexa more often.

Q6. All the reasons that prevent you from using outdoor pools & programs offered by City more often

	Number	Percent
Availability of parking	15	5.8 %
Classes are full	18	6.9 %
Do not know locations of facilities	12	4.6 %
Do not know what is being offered	18	6.9 %
Do not want to swim/not interested	16	6.2 %
Facilities are not well maintained	14	5.4 %
Facilities do not meet needs of my household	12	4.6 %
Facilities lack modern amenities	27	10.4 %
Facility is too far to walk/bike	33	12.7 %
Fees are too high	50	19.2 %
Lack of quality programs	4	1.5 %
Programs lack the right equipment	1	0.4 %
Lack of transportation	2	0.8 %
Operating hours are not convenient	29	11.2 %
Personal disability	2	0.8 %
Pools are too crowded	71	27.3 %
Program times are not convenient	14	5.4 %
Programs I am interested in are not offered	5	1.9 %
Registration is difficult	4	1.5 %
Safety concerns	1	0.4 %
Too far from my home	40	15.4 %
Unable to swim	3	1.2 %
Use facilities outside Lenexa	7	2.7 %
Use other providers for similar services	5	1.9 %
Use private club/neighborhood/HOA pools	57	21.9 %
Use private pool at home	5	1.9 %
We are too busy	39	15.0 %
Other	16	6.2 %
Total	520	

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Q7. Is it valuable for the City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pool(s) to the community as a whole?

Q7. Is it valuable for City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pools to the community as a whole	Number	Percent
Yes	257	98.8 %
No	1	0.4 %
Not provided	2	0.8 %
Total	260	100.0 %

WITHOUT 'NOT PROVIDED'

Q7. Is it valuable for the City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pool(s) to the community as a whole? (without "not provided")

Q7. Is it valuable for City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pools to the community as a whole	Number	Percent
Yes	257	99.6 %
No	1	0.4 %
Total	258	100.0 %

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Q8. Please indicate how important each of the following are when thinking about outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa.

(N=260)

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Not important	Not at all important
Q8-1. Classes and/or programs offered	28.5%	26.9%	31.5%	7.3%	5.8%
Q8-2. Fees/Costs to use	47.3%	38.1%	12.3%	1.5%	0.8%
Q8-3. Fun features & amenities	38.5%	40.8%	16.2%	3.1%	1.5%
Q8-4. Operate to maximize cost recovery & minimize amount of subsidy from other financial sources (e.g., City's financial general fund)	8.5%	26.2%	48.1%	11.2%	6.2%
Q8-5. Other park amenities near swimming pool	8.1%	23.8%	42.3%	18.8%	6.9%
Q8-6. Proximity to your residence	48.5%	38.8%	11.9%	0.8%	0.0%
Q8-7. Available space to grow or expand pool in the future	9.2%	19.6%	50.4%	15.8%	5.0%
Q8-8. Location fits with & enhances economic development in surrounding area	19.2%	31.2%	35.0%	8.1%	6.5%
Q8-9. Other	70.0%	15.0%	5.0%	0.0%	10.0%

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Q9. Which THREE of the items from the list in Question 8 should the City of Lenexa place the greatest emphasis on when planning for the future of outdoor pools and swimming in the City?

<u>Q9. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Classes and/or programs offered	34	13.1 %
Fees/Costs to use	56	21.5 %
Fun features & amenities	64	24.6 %
Operate to maximize cost recovery & minimize amount of subsidy from other financial sources (e.g., City's financial general fund)	11	4.2 %
Other park amenities near swimming pool	3	1.2 %
Proximity to your residence	66	25.4 %
Available space to grow or expand pool in the future	4	1.5 %
Location fits with & enhances economic development in surrounding area	9	3.5 %
Other	6	2.3 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2.7 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

Q9. Which THREE of the items from the list in Question 8 should the City of Lenexa place the greatest emphasis on when planning for the future of outdoor pools and swimming in the City?

<u>Q9. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Classes and/or programs offered	37	14.2 %
Fees/Costs to use	67	25.8 %
Fun features & amenities	40	15.4 %
Operate to maximize cost recovery & minimize amount of subsidy from other financial sources (e.g., City's financial general fund)	15	5.8 %
Other park amenities near swimming pool	13	5.0 %
Proximity to your residence	36	13.8 %
Available space to grow or expand pool in the future	10	3.8 %
Location fits with & enhances economic development in surrounding area	22	8.5 %
Other	6	2.3 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5.4 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

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Q9. Which THREE of the items from the list in Question 8 should the City of Lenexa place the greatest emphasis on when planning for the future of outdoor pools and swimming in the City?

<u>Q9. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Classes and/or programs offered	25	9.6 %
Fees/Costs to use	51	19.6 %
Fun features & amenities	40	15.4 %
Operate to maximize cost recovery & minimize amount of subsidy from other financial sources (e.g., City's financial general fund)	17	6.5 %
Other park amenities near swimming pool	16	6.2 %
Proximity to your residence	30	11.5 %
Available space to grow or expand pool in the future	12	4.6 %
Location fits with & enhances economic development in surrounding area	32	12.3 %
Other	3	1.2 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>13.1 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

Q9. Which THREE of the items from the list in Question 8 should the City of Lenexa place the greatest emphasis on when planning for the future of outdoor pools and swimming in the City? (top 3)

<u>Q9. Sum of top 3 choices</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Classes and/or programs offered	96	36.9 %
Fees/Costs to use	174	66.9 %
Fun features & amenities	144	55.4 %
Operate to maximize cost recovery & minimize amount of subsidy from other financial sources (e.g., City's financial general fund)	43	16.5 %
Other park amenities near swimming pool	32	12.3 %
Proximity to your residence	132	50.8 %
Available space to grow or expand pool in the future	26	10.0 %
Location fits with & enhances economic development in surrounding area	63	24.2 %
Other	15	5.8 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2.7 %</u>
Total	732	

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Q10. Amenity Needs. Please indicate if YOU or any member of your household has a need for each type of amenity listed below.

(N=260)

	Yes	No
Q10-1. Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	49.2%	50.8%
Q10-2. Concessions & concession area	52.3%	47.7%
Q10-3. Deck chairs	84.2%	15.8%
Q10-4. Deck space for lounge seating/ observation	80.0%	20.0%
Q10-5. Deep water (5+ feet)	68.8%	31.2%
Q10-6. Diving boards	54.6%	45.4%
Q10-7. Lap lanes	54.2%	45.8%
Q10-8. Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	24.2%	75.8%
Q10-9. Lawn & landscaping areas	32.7%	67.3%
Q10-10. Lazy river	51.5%	48.5%
Q10-11. Open recreational swimming area	70.8%	29.2%
Q10-12. Parking	74.2%	25.8%
Q10-13. Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	76.9%	23.1%
Q10-14. Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	16.2%	83.8%
Q10-15. Shade areas	76.5%	23.5%
Q10-16. Shallow water (2–4 feet)	59.6%	40.4%
Q10-17. Splash pad/spray ground	36.2%	63.8%
Q10-18. Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	32.7%	67.3%

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Q10. Amenity Needs. Please indicate if YOU or any member of your household has a need for each type of amenity listed below.

	Yes	No
Q10-19. Water slides	55.8%	44.2%
Q10-20. Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	21.5%	78.5%
Q10-21. Wave pool/surf simulation	20.8%	79.2%
Q10-22. Zero-depth/beach entry	62.7%	37.3%

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Q10. If "Yes," how well are your needs met at Lenexa's outdoor pools?

(N=256)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q10-1. Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	13.8%	41.5%	30.1%	14.6%
Q10-2. Concessions & concession area	38.8%	43.0%	14.0%	4.1%
Q10-3. Deck chairs	39.2%	47.9%	10.8%	2.1%
Q10-4. Deck space for lounge seating/ observation	42.2%	40.1%	16.0%	1.6%
Q10-5. Deep water (5+ feet)	62.2%	30.5%	6.7%	0.6%
Q10-6. Diving boards	53.4%	27.8%	15.0%	3.8%
Q10-7. Lap lanes	39.8%	36.7%	21.1%	2.3%
Q10-8. Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	36.2%	44.8%	15.5%	3.4%
Q10-9. Lawn & landscaping areas	38.7%	40.0%	18.7%	2.7%
Q10-10. Lazy river	9.1%	20.7%	19.0%	51.2%
Q10-11. Open recreational swimming area	52.1%	38.3%	8.4%	1.2%
Q10-12. Parking	66.3%	28.6%	5.1%	0.0%
Q10-13. Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	56.0%	34.6%	8.8%	0.5%
Q10-14. Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	8.6%	31.4%	20.0%	40.0%
Q10-15. Shade areas	20.7%	39.1%	34.6%	5.6%
Q10-16. Shallow water (2-4 feet)	62.9%	32.2%	4.2%	0.7%
Q10-17. Splash pad/spray ground	47.7%	34.9%	14.0%	3.5%
Q10-18. Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	37.7%	37.7%	19.5%	5.2%

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Q10. If "Yes," how well are your needs met at Lenexa's outdoor pools?

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q10-19. Water slides	40.3%	38.1%	16.5%	5.0%
Q10-20. Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	9.6%	21.2%	40.4%	28.8%
Q10-21. Wave pool/surf simulation	8.3%	6.3%	6.3%	79.2%
Q10-22. Zero-depth/beach entry	62.4%	25.5%	9.4%	2.7%

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Q11. Which FOUR of the amenities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household to include in the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools?

<u>Q11. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	38	14.6 %
Concessions & concession area	3	1.2 %
Deck chairs	32	12.3 %
Deck space for lounge seating/observation	15	5.8 %
Deep water (5+ feet)	8	3.1 %
Diving boards	9	3.5 %
Lap lanes	31	11.9 %
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	9	3.5 %
Lawn & landscaping areas	1	0.4 %
Lazy river	18	6.9 %
Open recreational swimming area	15	5.8 %
Parking	7	2.7 %
Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	7	2.7 %
Shade areas	10	3.8 %
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	8	3.1 %
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	8	3.1 %
Water slides	8	3.1 %
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	1	0.4 %
Zero-depth/beach entry	18	6.9 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5.4 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

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Q11. Which FOUR of the amenities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household to include in the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools?

<u>Q11. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	16	6.2 %
Concessions & concession area	14	5.4 %
Deck chairs	38	14.6 %
Deck space for lounge seating/observation	26	10.0 %
Deep water (5+ feet)	18	6.9 %
Diving boards	12	4.6 %
Lap lanes	16	6.2 %
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	5	1.9 %
Lazy river	12	4.6 %
Open recreational swimming area	15	5.8 %
Parking	9	3.5 %
Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	8	3.1 %
Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	1	0.4 %
Shade areas	16	6.2 %
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	6	2.3 %
Splash pad/spray ground	1	0.4 %
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	8	3.1 %
Water slides	12	4.6 %
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	2	0.8 %
Zero-depth/beach entry	8	3.1 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6.5 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

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Q11. Which FOUR of the amenities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household to include in the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools?

<u>Q11. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	18	6.9 %
Concessions & concession area	13	5.0 %
Deck chairs	19	7.3 %
Deck space for lounge seating/observation	15	5.8 %
Deep water (5+ feet)	5	1.9 %
Diving boards	11	4.2 %
Lap lanes	14	5.4 %
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	2	0.8 %
Lawn & landscaping areas	6	2.3 %
Lazy river	8	3.1 %
Open recreational swimming area	18	6.9 %
Parking	10	3.8 %
Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	16	6.2 %
Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	4	1.5 %
Shade areas	31	11.9 %
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	6	2.3 %
Splash pad/spray ground	8	3.1 %
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	4	1.5 %
Water slides	18	6.9 %
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	4	1.5 %
Wave pool/surf simulation	1	0.4 %
Zero-depth/beach entry	9	3.5 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>7.7 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

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Q11. Which FOUR of the amenities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household to include in the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools?

<u>Q11. 4th choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	8	3.1 %
Concessions & concession area	11	4.2 %
Deck chairs	11	4.2 %
Deck space for lounge seating/observation	15	5.8 %
Deep water (5+ feet)	9	3.5 %
Diving boards	12	4.6 %
Lap lanes	6	2.3 %
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	1	0.4 %
Lawn & landscaping areas	1	0.4 %
Lazy river	13	5.0 %
Open recreational swimming area	22	8.5 %
Parking	11	4.2 %
Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	19	7.3 %
Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	4	1.5 %
Shade areas	23	8.8 %
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	12	4.6 %
Splash pad/spray ground	2	0.8 %
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	4	1.5 %
Water slides	14	5.4 %
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	4	1.5 %
Wave pool/surf simulation	3	1.2 %
Zero-depth/beach entry	18	6.9 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>14.2 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

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Q11. Which FOUR of the amenities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household to include in the City of Lenexa's outdoor pools? (top 4)

<u>Q11. Sum of top 4 choices</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	80	30.8 %
Concessions & concession area	41	15.8 %
Deck chairs	100	38.5 %
Deck space for lounge seating/observation	71	27.3 %
Deep water (5+ feet)	40	15.4 %
Diving boards	44	16.9 %
Lap lanes	67	25.8 %
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	17	6.5 %
Lawn & landscaping areas	8	3.1 %
Lazy river	51	19.6 %
Open recreational swimming area	70	26.9 %
Parking	37	14.2 %
Pool houses/bathhouse (admissions, restrooms, etc.)	50	19.2 %
Rentable areas (cabana, rentable party space)	9	3.5 %
Shade areas	80	30.8 %
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	32	12.3 %
Splash pad/spray ground	11	4.2 %
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	24	9.2 %
Water slides	52	20.0 %
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	11	4.2 %
Wave pool/surf simulation	4	1.5 %
Zero-depth/beach entry	53	20.4 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5.4 %</u>
Total	966	

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Q12. If you had a budget of \$100 for aquatic services provided by the City of Lenexa, how would you allocate the funds for outdoor pools among the categories listed below?

	<u>Mean</u>
Upgrade/improve existing facilities	\$55.23
Build/add new facilities	\$24.72
Enhance and/or add new programming	\$20.05

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Q13a. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of you and your household?

Q13a. What option listed above best fits the needs of your household	Number	Percent
Option 1: City of Lenexa should offer fewer larger pools with more modern amenities that appeal to a larger demographic. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may or may not be closer to your house due to having fewer locations	101	38.8 %
Option 2: City of Lenexa should offer multiple smaller pools with fewer amenities & focus on traditional swimming offerings & more location options. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may be closer to your house due to having more locations	128	49.2 %
Neither option	13	5.0 %
I don't know	18	6.9 %
Total	260	100.0 %

WITHOUT 'DON'T KNOW'**Q13a. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of you and your household? (without "don't know")**

Q13a. What option listed above best fits the needs of your household	Number	Percent
Option 1: City of Lenexa should offer fewer larger pools with more modern amenities that appeal to a larger demographic. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may or may not be closer to your house due to having fewer locations	101	41.7 %
Option 2: City of Lenexa should offer multiple smaller pools with fewer amenities & focus on traditional swimming offerings & more location options. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may be closer to your house due to having more locations	128	52.9 %
Neither option	13	5.4 %
Total	242	100.0 %

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Q13b. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of the community as a whole?

Q13b. What option listed above best fits the needs of the community as a whole	Number	Percent
Option 1: City of Lenexa should offer fewer larger pools with more modern amenities that appeal to a larger demographic. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may or may not be closer to your house due to having fewer locations	84	32.3 %
Option 2: City of Lenexa should offer multiple smaller pools with fewer amenities & focus on traditional swimming offerings & more location options. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may be closer to your house due to having more locations	121	46.5 %
Neither option	10	3.8 %
I don't know	45	17.3 %
Total	260	100.0 %

WITHOUT 'DON'T KNOW'**Q13b. Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of the community as a whole? (without "don't know")**

Q13b. What option listed above best fits the needs of the community as a whole	Number	Percent
Option 1: City of Lenexa should offer fewer larger pools with more modern amenities that appeal to a larger demographic. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may or may not be closer to your house due to having fewer locations	84	39.1 %
Option 2: City of Lenexa should offer multiple smaller pools with fewer amenities & focus on traditional swimming offerings & more location options. On average, an outdoor pool(s) may be closer to your house due to having more locations	121	56.3 %
Neither option	10	4.7 %
Total	215	100.0 %

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Q14. Have you or members of your household participated in any outdoor pool programs offered by the City of Lenexa during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020?

Q14. Have you participated in any outdoor pool programs offered by City of Lenexa during swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020

	Number	Percent
Yes	119	45.8 %
No	141	54.2 %
Total	260	100.0 %

Q14a. How would you rate the overall quality of all the outdoor pool programs?

Q14a. How would you rate overall quality of all outdoor pool programs

	Number	Percent
Excellent	48	40.3 %
Good	68	57.1 %
Fair	3	2.5 %
Total	119	100.0 %

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Q15. Program Needs. Please indicate if YOU or any member of your household has a need for each type of swimming program listed below.

(N=260)

	Yes	No
Q15-1. Dive team/diving programs	8.5%	91.5%
Q15-2. Lap swimming	43.8%	56.2%
Q15-3. Pool rentals/birthday parties	25.4%	74.6%
Q15-4. Senior aquatic programs	23.5%	76.5%
Q15-5. Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	20.8%	79.2%
Q15-6. Swim lessons	40.0%	60.0%
Q15-7. Swim team	15.0%	85.0%
Q15-8. Water fitness classes/water aerobics	34.6%	65.4%

Q15. If "Yes," how well are your needs met at Lenexa's outdoor pools?

(N=222)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q15-1. Dive team/diving programs	26.3%	47.4%	21.1%	5.3%
Q15-2. Lap swimming	27.6%	36.2%	24.8%	11.4%
Q15-3. Pool rentals/birthday parties	27.9%	36.1%	21.3%	14.8%
Q15-4. Senior aquatic programs	6.7%	35.6%	33.3%	24.4%
Q15-5. Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	12.5%	27.1%	31.3%	29.2%
Q15-6. Swim lessons	48.5%	34.0%	10.3%	7.2%
Q15-7. Swim team	40.5%	32.4%	16.2%	10.8%
Q15-8. Water fitness classes/water aerobics	9.6%	26.0%	37.0%	27.4%

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Q16. Which THREE of the programs from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household?

<u>Q16. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Dive team/diving programs	1	0.4 %
Lap swimming	55	21.2 %
Pool rentals/birthday parties	22	8.5 %
Senior aquatic programs	19	7.3 %
Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	11	4.2 %
Swim lessons	68	26.2 %
Swim team	14	5.4 %
Water fitness classes/water aerobics	24	9.2 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>17.7 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

Q16. Which THREE of the programs from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household?

<u>Q16. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Dive team/diving programs	16	6.2 %
Lap swimming	28	10.8 %
Pool rentals/birthday parties	22	8.5 %
Senior aquatic programs	29	11.2 %
Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	20	7.7 %
Swim lessons	28	10.8 %
Swim team	18	6.9 %
Water fitness classes/water aerobics	35	13.5 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>24.6 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

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Q16. Which THREE of the programs from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household?

<u>Q16. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Dive team/diving programs	10	3.8 %
Lap swimming	18	6.9 %
Pool rentals/birthday parties	21	8.1 %
Senior aquatic programs	13	5.0 %
Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	23	8.8 %
Swim lessons	14	5.4 %
Swim team	9	3.5 %
Water fitness classes/water aerobics	38	14.6 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>43.8 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

Q16. Which THREE of the programs from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household? (top 3)

<u>Q16. Sum of top 3 choices</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Dive team/diving programs	27	10.4 %
Lap swimming	101	38.8 %
Pool rentals/birthday parties	65	25.0 %
Senior aquatic programs	61	23.5 %
Special aquatic events (dive-in movie, night swim)	54	20.8 %
Swim lessons	110	42.3 %
Swim team	41	15.8 %
Water fitness classes/water aerobics	97	37.3 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>17.7 %</u>
Total	602	

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Q17. Please CHECK ALL the ways you learn about the City of Lenexa's outdoor pool programs or activities.

Q17. All the ways you learn about City's outdoor pool programs or activities	Number	Percent
TownTalk resident magazine	229	88.1 %
Lenexa.com	118	45.4 %
Parks & Recreation electronic newsletter	80	30.8 %
Rec Center electronic newsletter	46	17.7 %
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor)	85	32.7 %
I Like Lenexa mobile app	17	6.5 %
Flyer	16	6.2 %
Talking with City employees	13	5.0 %
Signage	27	10.4 %
Word of mouth	101	38.8 %
Other	1	0.4 %
Total	733	

Q17-11. Other

Q17-11. Other	Number	Percent
NEIGHBORS WHO BECAME INFORMED AND CARED	1	100.0 %
Total	1	100.0 %

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Q18. Which THREE of the sources from the list in Question 17 do you MOST PREFER to use to learn about the City of Lenexa's outdoor pool programs or activities?

Q18. Top choice	Number	Percent
TownTalk resident magazine	146	56.2 %
Lenexa.com	29	11.2 %
Parks & Recreation electronic newsletter	29	11.2 %
Rec Center electronic newsletter	6	2.3 %
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor)	17	6.5 %
I Like Lenexa mobile app	2	0.8 %
Flyer	2	0.8 %
Talking with City employees	2	0.8 %
Word of mouth	6	2.3 %
None chosen	21	8.1 %
Total	260	100.0 %

Q18. Which THREE of the sources from the list in Question 17 do you MOST PREFER to use to learn about the City of Lenexa's outdoor pool programs or activities?

Q18. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
TownTalk resident magazine	42	16.2 %
Lenexa.com	52	20.0 %
Parks & Recreation electronic newsletter	28	10.8 %
Rec Center electronic newsletter	18	6.9 %
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor)	35	13.5 %
I Like Lenexa mobile app	4	1.5 %
Flyer	6	2.3 %
Signage	6	2.3 %
Word of mouth	16	6.2 %
None chosen	53	20.4 %
Total	260	100.0 %

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Q18. Which THREE of the sources from the list in Question 17 do you MOST PREFER to use to learn about the City of Lenexa's outdoor pool programs or activities?

<u>Q18. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
TownTalk resident magazine	19	7.3 %
Lenexa.com	32	12.3 %
Parks & Recreation electronic newsletter	23	8.8 %
Rec Center electronic newsletter	13	5.0 %
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor)	20	7.7 %
I Like Lenexa mobile app	6	2.3 %
Flyer	6	2.3 %
Talking with City employees	3	1.2 %
Signage	9	3.5 %
Word of mouth	23	8.8 %
Other	1	0.4 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>40.4 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

Q18. Which THREE of the sources from the list in Question 17 do you MOST PREFER to use to learn about the City of Lenexa's outdoor pool programs or activities? (top 3)

<u>Q18. Sum of top 3 choices</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
TownTalk resident magazine	207	79.6 %
Lenexa.com	113	43.5 %
Parks & Recreation electronic newsletter	80	30.8 %
Rec Center electronic newsletter	37	14.2 %
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor)	72	27.7 %
I Like Lenexa mobile app	12	4.6 %
Flyer	14	5.4 %
Talking with City employees	5	1.9 %
Signage	15	5.8 %
Word of mouth	45	17.3 %
Other	1	0.4 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>8.1 %</u>
Total	622	

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Q20. Including yourself, how many people in your household are...

	Mean	Sum
Under 5 years	0.2	55
5-9 years	0.4	101
10-14 years	0.4	114
15-19 years	0.3	89
20-24 years	0.2	39
25-34 years	0.2	57
35-44 years	0.5	134
45-54 years	0.5	117
55-64 years	0.5	125
65-74 years	0.3	77
75-84 years	0.0	9
85+ years	0.0	2

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Q21. What is your age?

<u>Q21. Your age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18-34	39	15.0 %
35-44	68	26.2 %
45-54	65	25.0 %
55-64	50	19.2 %
65+	36	13.8 %
Not provided	2	0.8 %
Total	260	100.0 %

WITHOUT 'NOT PROVIDED'

Q21. What is your age? (without "not provided")

<u>Q21. Your age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18-34	39	15.1 %
35-44	68	26.4 %
45-54	65	25.2 %
55-64	50	19.4 %
65+	36	14.0 %
Total	258	100.0 %

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Q22. Your gender:

<u>Q22. Your gender</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	126	48.5 %
Female	133	51.2 %
Not provided	1	0.4 %
Total	260	100.0 %

WITHOUT 'NOT PROVIDED'

Q22. Your gender: (without "not provided")

<u>Q22. Your gender</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	126	48.6 %
Female	133	51.4 %
Total	259	100.0 %

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Q23. What is your total annual household income?

<u>Q23. Your total annual household income</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under \$30K	8	3.1 %
\$30K to \$49,999	22	8.5 %
\$50K to \$69,999	35	13.5 %
\$70K to \$89,999	52	20.0 %
\$90K to \$119,999	32	12.3 %
\$120K to \$174,999	38	14.6 %
\$175K+	40	15.4 %
<u>Not provided</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>12.7 %</u>
Total	260	100.0 %

WITHOUT 'NOT PROVIDED'

Q23. What is your total annual household income? (without "not provided")

<u>Q23. Your total annual household income</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under \$30K	8	3.5 %
\$30K to \$49,999	22	9.7 %
\$50K to \$69,999	35	15.4 %
\$70K to \$89,999	52	22.9 %
\$90K to \$119,999	32	14.1 %
\$120K to \$174,999	38	16.7 %
\$175K+	40	17.6 %
Total	227	100.0 %

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Q24. Do you live in a community that offers an HOA pool?

Q24. Do you live in a community that offers an HOA pool	Number	Percent
Yes	77	29.6 %
No	182	70.0 %
Not provided	1	0.4 %
Total	260	100.0 %

WITHOUT 'NOT PROVIDED'

Q24. Do you live in a community that offers an HOA pool? (without "not provided")

Q24. Do you live in a community that offers an HOA pool	Number	Percent
Yes	77	29.7 %
No	182	70.3 %
Total	259	100.0 %

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Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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1. Please select where you live.

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Within Lenexa city limits	760	96.6%
Outside of Lenexa city limits	26	3.3%
Total	786	100%

2. Based off the map below, please select which section of the city you live in.

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
1	66	8.3%
2	169	21.3%
3	440	55.6%
4	88	11.1%
5 - I live outside of Lenexa city limits/non-resident of Lenexa	15	1.8%
No Responses	13	1.6%
Total	791	100%



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3. How many people reside in your household?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
1	23	2.9%
2	223	28.1%
3	137	17.3%
4	232	29.3%
5	118	14.9%
6 or more	53	6.7%
No Responses	5	<1%
Total	791	100%

4. Do you live in a community that offers a pool through a homeowner's association, apartment, etc.?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	223	28.1%
No	564	71.3%
No Responses	4	<1%
Total	791	100%

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5. How frequently have you or someone in your household used a City of Lenexa outdoor swimming pool during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally	Did Not Visit
Ad Astra Pool	84 12%	154 23%	61 9%	112 16%	269 40%
Flat Rock Pool	23 4%	76 12%	45 7%	71 11%	417 66%
Indian Trails Aquatic Center	61 9%	177 26%	90 13%	123 18%	238 35%
189 Comment(s)					

6. What are the primary reasons you choose to use a City of Lenexa outdoor swimming pool(s)?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Quality of staff	147	19.6%
Location	576	76.8%
Quality of programs	105	14.0%
Fees that are charged	193	25.7%
Only option for this service	112	14.9%
Friends participate	216	28.7%
Quality of the facility	277	36.9%
Dates/times programs offered	85	11.3%
I do not use outdoor pools	17	2.2%
I do not use Lenexa's outdoor pools	88	11.7%
Total	750	100%
122 Comment(s)		

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7. Is it valuable for the City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pool(s) to the community as a whole? Please feel free to provide your thoughts in the comments section.

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	708	89.5%
No	23	2.9%
No Responses	60	7.5%
Total	791	100%
217 Comment(s)		

8. Please indicate how far you willing to travel for quality outdoor pool facilities.

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Up to 5 minutes	219	27.6%
Up to 10 minutes	295	37.2%
Up to 15 minutes	155	19.5%
More than 15 minutes	41	5.1%
I do not use outdoor pools	24	3.0%
No Responses	57	7.2%
Total	791	100%
97 Comment(s)		

9. Please indicate how important each of the following are when thinking about outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	Not at All Important	Not Important	Neutral	Important	Very Important
Classes and/or programs offered	92 13%	83 12%	191 27%	225 32%	120 17%
Fees/costs to use	26 4%	17 2%	112 16%	349 49%	211 30%
Fun features and amenities	29 4%	27 4%	124 18%	293 42%	225 32%
Operate to maximize cost recovery and minimize the amount of subsidy from	80 11%	105 15%	298 42%	155 22%	65 9%
Other park amenities near the swimming pool	66 9%	150 21%	231 32%	225 32%	42 6%
Proximity to your residence	16 2%	15 2%	81 11%	249 35%	357 50%
Available space to grow or expand the pool in the future	50 7%	121 17%	328 46%	160 23%	49 7%
Location fits with and enhances economic development in the surrounding area	49 7%	74 10%	213 30%	266 37%	111 16%
100 Comment(s)					

10. Please rank how interested someone in your household would be to use the following POOL AMENITIES. Example photos are shown below. If this question does not apply to you, please skip it; otherwise, all options must be filled in with your interest level.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	Not at All Interested	Not Interested	Neutral	Interested	Very Interested
Active water features (e.g., climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line,	59 9%	63 9%	105 16%	201 30%	241 36%
Deep water (5+ feet)	26 4%	24 3%	77 11%	265 39%	295 43%
Diving board(s)	38 6%	45 7%	137 20%	234 35%	224 33%
Lap lanes	59 9%	78 11%	145 21%	190 28%	213 31%
Lazy river	44 6%	53 8%	97 14%	234 34%	257 38%
Shallow water (2 - 4 feet)	36 5%	45 7%	124 18%	242 35%	240 35%
Water slide(s)	41 6%	42 6%	100 15%	243 36%	254 37%
Water sports (e.g., basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	90 13%	130 19%	215 32%	150 22%	87 13%
Wave pool/surf simulation	119 18%	129 19%	142 21%	157 23%	129 19%
Zero-depth/beach entry with toddler features and sprays	49 7%	55 8%	115 17%	194 28%	271 40%
54 Comment(s)					

11. How important is it to offer a splash pad/spray ground in Lenexa? An example photo is shown below.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	Not at All Important	Not Important	Neutral	Important	Very Important
	93	99	178	178	140
	14%	14%	26%	26%	20%

102 Comment(s)

12. Please indicate if you or anyone in your household has an interest or need for each type of program listed below. Additional ideas may be posted in the comment section.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	Not at All Interested	Not Interested	Neutral	Interested	Very Interested
Dive team/diving programs	164	184	174	98	56
	24%	27%	26%	14%	8%
Lap swimming	79	83	144	221	154
	12%	12%	21%	32%	23%
Pool rentals/birthday parties	89	99	173	236	80
	13%	15%	26%	35%	12%
Senior aquatic programs	161	137	157	137	80
	24%	20%	23%	20%	12%
Special aquatic events (e.g., dive-in movie, night swim)	83	67	138	273	112
	12%	10%	21%	41%	17%
Swim lessons	76	77	128	222	176
	11%	11%	19%	33%	26%
Swim team	116	134	190	148	78
	17%	20%	29%	22%	12%
Water fitness classes/water aerobics	72	100	147	259	98
	11%	15%	22%	38%	14%
Toddler time/Splash with Me/baby pool	146	134	164	121	111

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hours	22%	20%	24%	18%	16%
Adult hours/programming	71	89	167	226	128
	10%	13%	25%	33%	19%

41 Comment(s)

13. Please share any additional comments that could assist the City of Lenexa in improving its outdoor pools and services.

272 Response(s)

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Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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5. How frequently have you or someone in your household used a City of Lenexa outdoor swimming pool during the swim season in 2018, 2019, or 2020? - Comments
Answer
We would have visited more pools in 2020 but they were closed and since we are not residents of Lenexa we were unable to swim except for swim lessons.
Visited Indian Trails on 6/10/18.
we were at either ad astra or indian creek each week, 1-3x/week in 2019. We went weekly to ad astra and it would have been more if there wasn't a pandemic (3-4x/week)
2020 isnât a good year to judge by. Ad astra was closed due to Covid.
We live nearest to Ad Astra, but traveled to Indian creek only because of amenities.
My daughter took swimming lessons at both Ad Astra + Indian Trails. We had pool passes + enjoyed using the pools. We live within walking distance of Ad Astra + love it.
We love Ad Astra pool & want it to stay open or see it replaced with a new pool, not a splash pad.
We only went to a Indian Trails last year because Ad Astra was closed. As Astra is out favorite though.
Ad Astra pool is in walking distance from our home. We have lived here for 24 years. Our children use the pool, as they live close to it and our grandchildren use it now. It is so convenient for us.
We live closest to Indian Trials and prefer it for its amenities. We only go to the others ones if we have swim lessons.
Only used Indian Trails because Ad Astra was closed in 2020
Moved here in 2019...then covid
We love the different areas of ITAC including the slides and aqua wall. It's a great change of pace from our HOA pool.
Indian Trails had more amenities but was usually very busy so we spent more time at Ad Astra pool. Flat Rock was not a convenient pool for us.
Our kids have all swam on the Lenexa Lasers team and we can walk to Ad Astra so we go there the most. We do go to Indian Trails sometimes.
My husband and I love going to this pool in the summer time. It is very close and a good size for our neighborhood.
Ad Astra was not open by the time we bought a pass and last summer 2020, only Indian Trails was oper
I did not visit any of the pools, but have pondered getting into more lap swimming in the summer, and Ad Astra provides that possibility at much more affordable rate than either a gym or the Lenexa Community Center. I also used it a lot when I lived closer by. I believe strongly all three pools should be used, as they are vitally important to the neighborhoods near them.
Ad Astra is a longer trip for me but that is the only pool that has regular lap lanes...

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My wife and I are 71. We haven't used any of the public. These pools are important to the young people of Lenexa. We need to make sure that are clean, safe and kid friendly. We have to make sure the kids will want to go to the pool. I don't mind additional taxes if it means kids have a place to go. I have lived in Lenexa for over 30 years make things great for kids.
Ad Astra has everything that we need and it's not overly crowded, which is nice. Even when it hosts daycares, it is still a lovely place to enjoy the sun and the pool.
Did not visit due to the fact we just moved to Lenexa in 2020. Ad Astra pool is right by our new house so we'd love to use it this summer if it opens.
Please keep Ad Astra, Indian Trails is too crowded!
We moved to Lenexa last year, and with COVID did not attend any pools last year. We would likely use the Indian Trails Aquatic Center the most (only?).
Have enjoyed every Lenexa Pool..love AdAstra because of safe location. We do not have to cross 87th St to attend. It needs upgrades like were finally done to Flat Rock. All 3 pools need to remain open!
2-3 times a week at Ad Astra & Indian Trails
Ad Astra is in my neighborhood and I can walk there. That's very convenient having children. I also feel safe. I don't want that pool closed!
Our kids visited each pool weekly with JCPRD Summer camps. As a family, we visited monthly
Lenexa public pools tend to be oriented towards children. This is off putting to adults who want to exercise.
Ad Astra is effectively our neighborhood pool, as the Stone Ridge manor subdivision doesn't have a pool and is right next to this pool. It is a huge asset to our neighborhood and should stay active!!!
Rarely Flat Rock now but this was particularly nice for little kids. Mainly attend Indian Trails. Kids went to Ad Astra for camp.
multiple times per week
We used Indian Trails Aquatic Center most frequently, but occasionally visited Flat Rock as well. As our kids have become teenagers and needed to get summer jobs, we have reduced the frequency of our visits to the pool. When they were young we would go almost daily. in 2019, we probably went weekly.
I like to swim regularly for exercise and to recline in the sun for a while.
We live within walking distance The little flat flat rock Creek pool. And we love it's small size and tiny neighborhood feel. The lifeguards frequently let the kids swim in the deep pool and close off the diving board. Then they open it back up for a while and let them dive.
When my kids were younger we went to the pool 4-5 times per week in summer.
To far away and not appealing. My kids are 17 and older.
Our kids do swim and dive at Ad Astra. It is very close to our house. In 2020 we used Indian Trails because Ad Astra was closed
In 2020, we went to Indian Trails nearly everyday. In 2019, we alternated between Indian Trails and Ad Astra, going several times a week. In 2018, we didn't go much at all bc we had a new baby born June 4th. We've also gone to Flat Rock in the past for Splash with Me and even just for a different pool to visit. Ad Astra is nearest to our home.
Ad Astra pool was actually a big reason why we bought our home. My kids enjoy walking there every day during the summer.
Usage in 2020 was greatly reduced due to restrictions. In all previous years we have used all three of the out door pools on regular basis rotating which one we attend based on what is convenient for all the friends that we are meeting.
Attended Indian Trails for swim lessons for 3 kids.
New Lenexa residents in late 2019

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Appendix L

Just moved here in December 2020
Just moved to Lenexa but am interested in trying all the pools to see which one fits our family best. It would also be nice to go to a different pool to try out different features and also avoid crowds.
We live in OP but the Lenexa pools are closest to us
Sometimes went twice a week to Ad Astra in the past. I would have used the pool more in general last year had the kids morning open swim time been available.
My kids tend to go to India Trails while my wife and I go to Ad Astra because it's less busy and we can lay out and are able to get into the pool and it not be just packed with people.
Children are grown and out of the house now. Grandchildren will be coming over to use in the next couple of years.
I now have a young child that's old enough to enjoy these pools. If the pandemic calms down, I think we would visit the pools in the future even though we haven't in the past.
Can walk to Indian Trails.
Lessons at Flat Rock, meet friends who live in OP there.
We are new to the community
We do not have children so it seems creepy to go without them.
We used Ad Astra mostly when it was open weekly. Indian Trails was used several times a week the summer of 2020 as our apartment pool was closed and Ad Astra was closed.
We prefer Ad Astra pool to the other options in the summer as my kids are able to walk up during the day independently to visit.
Usually Saturday and Sunday and a couple weeknights as well
Ad Astra is in our neighborhood and provides the best laplanes experience for us
We live by Indian trails and just had a baby so we plan to use this pool going forward
Now having a child that would swim, pool access is important. Before, not so much.
Ability to swim laps is important as well as longer hrs at end of summer. Maybe reduced staffing for adult swimming
Our daughter's previous summer program took the kids swimming at Flat Rock. We reside close to Ad Astra. Our HOA has a pool, but it's small and can get crowded. Ad Astra is a great option for us. Our daughter is a young teen, but parents of older teens tell us that Ad Astra is a great place for teens to meet up with their friends and not overwhelm the HOA pool.
Ad Astra was once per week through daycare.
Flat Rock was once per week for swim lessons.
Indian Trails daycare, swim lessons, family outings
My little ones love the amenities at Indian Trail!
My daughter attended twice a week for daycare and we went 1-2 times per week as a family. We love flat rock creek pool.
Up until last year, which was hampered by COVID, our littles either weren't born yet or were small enough we weren't hitting the pool with them. We also use(d) the pool facilities very regularly at the Rec Center with them.
Went to ad Astra for swim team and usually indian trails for afternoon swimming
We specifically go to At astra to have more space, and enjoy our time better there. The other two are always so packed, thereâs not enough room to even have a chair most of the time. Also, daycares frequent them. They can get very rowdy.

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Due to the pandemic and the birth of our daughter we did not get a pool pass last summer, but do intend to have a Lenexa pool membership in the future.
We just moved to Lenexa. We also use the Lifetime gym pool.
Keep all 3 pools open to limit overcrowding and so kids can safely walk to a nearby pool.
As astra pool is most convenient for us.
Love Indian Trails!
Swim lessons at Indian trails because they were during the morning
Indian Trails is closest to us and is where I'd most likely go, we just haven't visited yet.
Moved to Lenexa in August 2019 from Lee's Summit. Therefore, have not had an opportunity to visit any outdoor pools yet due to timing and Covid but part of the appeal of the neighborhood we chose was it being walking distance to Flat Rock Creek pool.
2018 and 2019 daily attendance at Ad Astra.
2020 daily attendance at Indian Trails.
We did go to Thomas soetart pool as a family 3 or so times. It is a facility that's has something for all age groups
We participate in Swim Team - Ad Astra is a great pool for this purpose. It is also closest to us and my teenagers can easily bike/drive there.
Ad Astra is closest to our house and less crowded, but it needs to have the same amenities as Indian Trails. We went there daily in 2019 for swim team.
Though we personally do not swim in the city pools we do take our grandchildren to Ad Astra.
My address is OP but I'm 3 blocks from Flat Rock pool on Noland. We've bought Lenexa pool passes for many years. We've lived here for 28 years. Currently great grandkids live here so I take them swimming almost daily in the summer.
Swimmer for Lenexa lasers, enjoyed being at Indian trails for practice last year because of shade and seating.
However, I had planned to use Flat Rock (closest) or the aquatic center (laps) regularly in 2020 due to having more available time during the
The only reason we visited Indian Trails was due to the pandemic closing Flat Rock
As Astra pool is a staple of the community. It provides a wonderful neighborhood pool that offers a variety of space for various activities. Please SAVE AD ASTRA!
We buy a family outdoor pool pass every year. We attend Indian Trails on weekends, but very much enjoy Ad Astra on weekdays when we need to stay closer to home. The Ad Astra pool is a great amenity for our neighborhood and increases the value we get from living in this area. As our kids have grown past the toddler stage and now have some basic swimming skills, we hope to have the opportunity to take them to Ad Astra regularly over the next 10 years.
My family loves having access to a pool in the summer, it is our main source of recreation in the warmer months. We also like having different options open for the kids. Lastly, we use all three pools because if one is hosting a swim meet it makes it inaccessible for the evening
I water walk 4-5 times a week in the summer at Flat Rock Creek.
We live less than a block from Flat Rock Creek Pool and have used it almost weekly every year we have lived here, which is 32 years last September. We raised our 4 boys here, with the youngest moving out last year. We consider Flat Rock Creek Pool our neighborhood / community pool.
Ad astra daily in 2018 2019
Mostly flat rock pool.
We prefer flat rock creek, but used Indian trails in 2020 due to covid.

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Ad Astra June & July Indian Trails in August
We buy a seasonal pass to Indian Trails every year. My children are 6 years apart and Indian Trails provides a large enough variety that they are both happy when we go. We are there every sing day of the summer.
We did not live in Lenexa until 2019 and then the pandemic hit.
I have three children, all three attend one pool or another almost every day. We're closest to Ad Astra and have been counting down the years, 16 to be exact, just waiting for Ad Astra to get it's facelift like the other two. It's beyond comprehension why this pool would be removed instead of rebuilt or updated. This pool is used my so many families.
I like to take my grandson to go on the slides. It's expensive to take him but very reasonable for me (senior rate).
Ad Astra for swim team
We use Ad Astra Pool to take our grandkids swimming. But we take them to Indian Trails for swim lessons.
Weekly during the summer.
This location is way easier.
We like Ad Astra for swim team.
We got our first pool pass for the 2020 season
Would take grand daughter for swimming lessons.
Flat Rock is geared toward little kids Ad Astra we were there every day for swim team. It was amazing and we loved it Indian Trails was great for my kids to meet up with friends and hang out.
Indian Trails is constantly crowded so I never visit it. Ad Astra has and will always be my top choice of how to spend my money in Lenexa
Children need access to swimming pools in the summer.
I have a 18 month old son and plan on visiting outdoor pools in the very near future. But I'm a supporter of having pools for the public.
Would visit Ad Astra pool moving forward.
This pool is located where most people using it do not have to cross a major roadway. Mom's taking children to this pool can more easily, and safely, control the children in their care. That is more important than the "cost recovery" in running a public pool. It is the responsibility of the city to use our tax revenue it receives to the benefit of the city residents. Missing in your presentation are the City Center pools and Aquatics center which IS west of I-435, so the survey is not right.
Please donât close flat rock. It meets the needs of lower income citizens
Need just one nice one for all
When Ad Astra was open, it was our preferred pool since we could walk or ride our bikes to it.
2-3 times a week at Indian Trails
Lenexa Recreation center member
It's hard to find lap lanes in Lenexa. Even with the new aquatic center open, it doesn't really seem to be open often to the public (or else I might consider membership to there). I've long been a guest at Ad Astra, and will be a member this year, should it remain open. If it closes, I can't justify becoming a member, unfortunately.

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This is mostly and adult pool where I can go and swim laps without the chaos experienced at other pools.
We liked the ad Astra pool and as a family with young children it is easy to view at Ad Astra. We also enjoyed lap lanes there. My elementary aged kiddos love the diving well at Ad Astra. It's a very good pool for young families who aren't quite ready for the more adventurous Indian Trails. I suspect once my youngest is a more confident swimmer we will shift to Indian Trails.
We moved here 30 yrs ago because the pool was so close by.
Flat rock pool is the only pool we use
Flat rock is wonderful for grand kids and senior time before pool opens. Great neighborhood pool.
Ad Astera was closed in 2020. We moved to the area December 2019. The lap lanes were closed at Indian Trails so I did not visit for that
We do swim lessons at Indian Trails each summer.
We joined the Shawnee pools because their amenities were a better fit for our family.
Did not visit in 2020 due to covid
Please keep all of our city pools open. Please donât shut down Ad Astra! If you have to, please replace it with a new city pool. Our neighborhood children need these outlets in the hot summer months. Cities without pools have struggled to keep kids entertained. Stay at home parents need places to take their children. Adults need the exercise too! Our Lenexa families need our city pools.
Our children are grown and we work full time. When are children were living with us, we visited an average of 4-5 days a week during the summer.
I took my grandson (Lenexa resident) was on the dive team during that time frame. I took him daily for diving and also for recreational
We moved to the area in spring 2020 and refrained from visiting pools due to Covid.
Just moved here last year. Didnât use pools due to covid. I plan to use them in the future
Not at all in 2020 :(
2020 was the first season we've had a pool pass. I would have preferred to take my two small children to Ad Astra but it was not open. I hope it opens for the 2021 season. Indian Trails was overwhelming.
What is the "seasonally " category supposed to be?
did not use the AdAstra pool because it wasn't available at the time my grandchild was visiting. Would prefer to use the AdAstra pool. It is much better for lap swimming than Indian Trails, and that is more of what we will be doing by the time we will be able to swim without being worried about Covid. Also the parking is easier and configuration of zero entry better for beginning swimmers
We LOVE the Flat Rock Creek pool!
We love Flat Rock Pool because we can walk there and it's not too big or crowded. My kids love everything at Flat Rock and go there almost every day in the summer.
Predominately Ad Astra
We also took swim lessons there.
Visited Multiple times weekly at Indian Trails.
We only go to Ad Astra
Our family loves Flat Rock pool. Very family friendly pool.
First of all I have to say thank you to Lenexa for keeping a pool open during the summer of 2020. My kids are 5 and 7 and love going to the pool. The pool down the street from my house was closed and we used the Ad Astra pool almost everyday.
We recently moved closer to Ad Astra instead of Flat Rock Creek

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We live across from Ad Astra and love our pool! When it was open in ~18 & ~19, we were there every day. Last season (~20) when it was closed we would go to Indian Trails 1-2x a week, but it never felt like OUR pool. There's something special about being able to walk across the street and be at your pool. Seeing your neighbors all the time gives us a sense of community. You don't get that when the pool is farther
Go to Indian Trails after Ad Astra closes; otherwise attend Ad Astra daily for zero entry availability.
I live within walking distance of Ad Astra. It's one of the reasons we bought our home 25 years ago. As more young families with kids move into these neighborhoods without home owners association pools, the city needs to keep a pool at 83rd & Mauer. I understand the current pool is failing. Let's replace with a new pool! It can be a smaller pool but still lots of pooldeck for playing & sunning.
Do not close ad astra
You need to do whatever maintenance is needed on the Ad Astra Pool, it is needed where it is. You have enough stuff jammed into the area of 87th Street and I-435. Keep the pool and take care of it.
We haven't been to Ad Astra in years. No shade, no kiddie pool or amenities.
Did not visit because I didn't live close prior to 2019 (and then they were closed for 2020 of course) but we would have if we lived as close to AD Astra as we do now!
Typically use a pool once to twice per week.
What does "seasonally" mean for pools open only in the summer? When we use a pool, it is Ad Astra or Indian Trails. We go a public pool 1-2 times each month in summer.
Ad astra only for swimming lessons
I am the director of Holy Trinity Early Education Center so am speaking on behalf of our summer program
My dog attended the Tails on Trails! :D
2020 was the first year we live in Lenexa. We got season passes, but never used them due to the pandemic. We had intended to go to the Indian Trails Aquatic Center weekly.
We just moved to the city of Lenexa
We have two children and would at least one of us would attend at astra nearly daily in the summer
Visited for an out door swim class for my daughter. She will visit again this year as part of jcprd after school summer program
Lenexa pools are terrible so we go to Shawnee pool.
Would love if the city would put one in western Lenexa for all the residents out here. It's definitely a growing community out west and we are in need of these things for our families.
It's too crowded
We love going to the pool multiple times during the week and visiting in the weekends.
Swim team a couple years ago
Ad Astra is within walking distance so it was visited most frequently by non-driving kids.
Moved to Lenexa in fall 2019 so have not had the chance to visit yet.
Swim lessons
Locations not very convenient to me and/or are crowded.
Mostly Ad Astra before last year.
We only got to ad astra

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Not convenient to our home for the amenities offered. Since we have to drive 12-15 mins we end up going to Black Bob Bay or Shawnee pool with more activities for the family.
We moved here in 2019
Even though I don't visit it, I did when I was a child when I didn't have access to the HOA pool
I moved to Lenexa earlier this year.
Not every day, but I swim laps there (at Ad Astra Pool). It is the best pool for lap swimming, by far.
We are brand new to neighborhood and close to where we live
I donât know which pools are available to me
We love the earlier Splash with Me time at Flat Rock before the sun gets too hot. The way Flat Rock was set up with zero entry and the smaller size made it very easy to watch young kids. Indian Trails is now closer to our home. How sectioned off and large it is makes it difficult to keep an eye on children.
Our kids went all the time when they were younger, but now our children are older and do not live at home.
We haven't visited any of the pools yet, but we've only lived in Lenexa for 1 year. As our 2 year old grows up, I expect that we'll use these pools frequently.
Prior to 2020, we lived in a neighborhood in Lenexa without a pool and rarely visited these pools due to location
my kids love to play at Ad Astra due to its location
I enjoy the lap swimming there
Ad astra especially for swim and dive team!!
I live right by Indian Trails and I have grown up visiting that pool.
My family enjoys the many different activities available at IT, AA is to plain no fun for kids why are Lenexaâ s pools also close together how about something in the center or west side of Lenexa so everyone can use not just convince for people on the east side of town AA and IT are too close together
we have used this pool for many years. My children had their swim lessons and many hours of fun in the sun.
Sometimes multiple times within a week. We love going to the pool!
Also use Lenexa Rec Center facilities (prior to Covid-19)
Split our time between Flat Rock and Indian Trails To to
6. What are the primary reasons you choose to use a City of Lenexa outdoor swimming pool(s)? - Comments
Answer
I am a huge fan of aquatic centers, waterparks, and water slides! Because no two facilities are exactly alike, I like to visit as many aquatic centers across the metro as I can over the course of a given summer.
Because Iâm always looking for new places to go down slides and cool off on a hot day, I am very interested to find out more about any new aquatic centers that are going in, anywhere in the KC metro. If Lenexa opens a new facility in the coming years, I promise that I will be there!
our kiddos are just getting old enough to start swim lessons and really enjoy the pools. we hope there stay open
We are also close to the Community Center, but do not visit even yearly due to high costs.

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We really like to just go + experience being outside where the bugs don't bother us.
Keep Ad Astra open!
features of the pool - such as lazy river
Amenities
We live in a neighborhood that does not have a neighborhood pool (or a home owners association - no option to start one even if we wanted one). Having one city pool in walking distance was a factor in the purchase of our home.
kid friendly. We have a pool through our HOA, but the most shallow part is 3ft and we have a 3yo and 1yo so it's not that great for us right now.
Size of the pool!
I would use a Lenexa pool because I live in Lenexa--- I haven't used one yet, but if the quality is not there, I would probably just drive farther and pay more to go to a different pool.
Location is the number one reason. Facility design is second reason.
Staff wonderful at each pool..appreciate cleanliness and having a 3 pool option. We have a growing city and many of us do not have a neighborhood pool in our homes assn. Even friends that do have these small subdivision pools do not necessarily like them and use the larger 3 pools Lenexa offers.
Ad Astra is relaxing where Indians Trails is too packed to even find a chair.
We keep a Lifetime membership to use their pool for the summer. Their facilities are nicer than lenexa pools. Would love to use lenexa pools if upgraded.
Lenexa public pools tend to be oriented towards children. This is off putting to adults who want to exercise.
Love the kid areas!
A new pool with a lazy river would be awesome.
Flat Rock pool is just a few blocks from where I live but is too small and too crowded to swim laps. Indian Trails is the next closest and is never too crowded.
We love the fact that the pool is so close to us and many people in our neighborhood walk to it. It has a wonderful little community feel. We like the fact that it's a place that they can swim and dive. Lazy rivers are nice but some kids just want to swim and dive. There aren't enough of those kind of pools left. They like the Rockwall too.
LENEXA POOLS ARE CLEAN & FUN!
Live really close to Ad Astra and see how busy (mostly NOT busy) it is most of the time. I go to the rev center daily but have not used the pool.
My pool in my neighborhood is a joke if you are older than about five - no diving board, no slide, no life guards. I quit using it years ago and joined Lifetime Fitness.
My kids love swim and dive team, and I also love that they have a safe place to meet up with friends during the summer.
Even though I don't use outdoor pools, there are many children in this area who count on them, as they are within walking distance to their homes..We need to maintain our sense of community which has been sorely lost due to certain financial decisions by those who might be out of touch with their community's needs..
Many people have access to private pools, there is no need to spend a small fortune on multiple public pools
Just moved to Lenexa
My kids were on swim teams

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My neighborhood doesn't have a pool and I enjoy having a pool close by to attend. As an adult going to the pool by myself, I really enjoy that Ad Astra is uncrowded and I am able to relax and read and cool off in the pool. I also now have 2 little kids, and I look forward to taking them to the morning kids swim time hopefully as well as with my husband and I just general open swim hours.
I only go to the rec center and to my neighborhood pool.
I need access to lap swimming
Part of the community
The pools are wonderful! It is such an advantage to live in a city with large outdoor aquatic facilities. While many communities now feature neighborhood pools, they are significantly smaller, often with limited amenities, no features geared towards babies/toddlers/new-swimmers, no lifeguards, and no learn-to-swim programs
We prefer Ad Astra for the location convenience. We also like that it's a small pool.
We would be users of Ad Astra as my wife used it growing up and it's a community anchor.
It is upsetting that the city is decided to focus only on the new area and leave old Town behind.
I would prefer to use the indoor pool, but it is both too expensive and its location is not convenient. Although I understand all the development west of 435- it seems it has been at the expense of the east side which has paid for much of the development. Expanded sidewalks and (closing my street for months) to fix drainage which should never have gotten that bad dose not cut it. It is time to refresh the east side of town.
Keep all 3 pools open to limit overcrowding and so kids can safely walk to a nearby pool.
We tend to visit the lake where we have access to a beach area for our toddler
Time to go ahead and close Ad Astra. It's a money pit.
Other options
Location, swim team opportunities.
The size of the pool and facilities offered (e.g. slides, diving board) make Lenexa pools a better offer than our HOA pool.
Walking distance from house . Grandkids friends from Rosehill Elementary are there most days. Grandkids love this pool!
Would prefer using Indian trails for Lenexa laps again.
It has been a while since we checked, but we didn't think outdoor pools were for slow moving senior citizens.
Location and the lap lanes
We love the outdoor Lenexa pools. We have always visited as patrons when our kids were young. And as teens both my children worked as life guards there. I often wonder what we would have done all Summer without the pools.
I like that the lanes are reserved for laps so there is no interference from the Splash With Me crowd.
Location is number 1. Quality is number 2. After the remodel the quality of the pool was greatly improved. It still should have several more years off service before it begins to decline and require additional costly repairs. Fees are number 3. Annual swim pass for family is reasonably
We do not have access to any other pool. Than a Lenexa pool and ad astra is our closest.
Swimming lessons were held at the pool
We go to the public pools for amenities especially the large slide at Indian Trails
I use Ad Astra Pool to swim laps in the lap lanes. We as a family also use it for family use since we can walk to it.
The quality isn't solely based on the gizmos and gadgets offered. I can actually move around in the pool at Ad Astra

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Ad Astra Pool serves a large population of Lenexa north of the 87th Street Speedway, er, Parkway. Maybe better more effective marketing of the pool in the Lenexa Magazine the city spends thousands of dollars on to publicize the pool and adding some of the missing amenities would get the use and revenue in line.
We also used Shawnee pools. The main one has diving boards which the kids love. A couple years we did Shawnee pool over Lenexa because the main offers so much more. If u looking to re-schedule pools, I would try to incorporate something similar like the main SHawnee pool
Bring our grandkids - but also like the senior time too.
Lenexa's pools are well maintained and the facilities are clean.
Dedicated lap swimming lane
Ad Astra is the only real location that has access to 50m lap lanes. The other outdoor pools may have lap lanes, but access is extremely limited (it is not uncommon for me to arrive at one, and casual swimmers are just in the lanes -- not even lap swimming -- it's frustrating).
The costs at the new civic center pool are outrageous.
I enjoy the large quantities of lifeguards at the pool. But we also prefer a pool that is within walking/biking distance especially for after dinner swimming, or if we just have an hour or so and not an all day swimming thing.
I would love to go swimming, but all I want to do is swim laps. I don't want to deal with children running around, goofing off and getting in the way. So, I don't ever visit the pools. If there was a guarantee that no kids would be there, I'd go to the pool.
I use outdoor pool only when the weather is very warm. I used to use the pool in the rec center and will again when COVID is better under
Toddler swim time at Flat Rock pool!
We joined the Shawnee pools because their amenities were a better fit for our family.
It is calming
Just moved here. Want to swim this summer!
Ad Astra has the only diving well. It also had quality boards. Lenexa has a long tradition of a quality swim and dive program . Two of my children were also on the Lazars.
Pools are overrated for the money required to maintain
The Oak Hill pool takes an overwhelming amount of HOA dues and so I assume these 3 city pools are magnified
Maybe it is a time for better resources
The parking lot at Bois d'arc is already too small for the pickle ball demand
My wife & I have only been able to play a couple times in the new courts due to constant use
I didnât use them, but I plan to use them due to their convenient location
easy for kids to walk to on their own
Its a pool. Shouldn't that be reason enough?
The lifeguards are excellent at the outdoor pools and the indoor pool at the Lenexa Community Center. I feel very safe with my grandchildren there because the guards are friendly but PAYING ATTENTION and control what is going on in the pool. Also cleanliness is usually very good. I do not like it when the pools are so full of day cares or camps that regular people like me get crowded out. Do not want it to get so that the hours are significantly limited by swim team meets and practices.
I need to swim for exercise. I swim where I can swim. Affordability and cleanliness, and true lap lanes available.
I enjoy the diving boards
Our neighborhood has no pools. The Flat Rock Creek pool IS our neighborhood pool!

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I don't think we'd belong to an outdoor swimming pool if it wasn't in our neighborhood.
Our neighborhood does not have a pool (and never will). We greatly enjoy the amenities at Indian Trails, and the comfort of having trained life guards on staff. (Having amazing life guards is a huge dealâ"they do an amazing job!). We can meet friends from all over Lenexa. The pool provides a strong community gathering space.
We feel most comfortable having our family swim at a pool with life guards.
Swim and dive team.
zero entry availability.
I live in Lenexa & our neighborhood does not have a pool. One of the jobs of a city is to provide services. The pools are a service. They don't need to make money. They are a service.
I like this pool, it is large and has zero entry. This pool is well used and is a wonderful addition to the community and Lenexa.
We prefer the pool at the city center.
One of the main reasons we moved into our house 24 years ago was so that we would be within walking distance of a grade school and a swimming pool. We've raised our kids here and the neighborhood needs a pool for kids. We want the pool for our grandkids now too.
I like to swim laps and Ad Astra is the best pool for that.
Subdivision pool gets very crowded and public pool provides more room to swim. Also, kids enjoy the diving board.
Grandchildren use pool almost daily..Rock Creek. Wonderful to have this and they are able to walk there. It enhances quality of life for those in Lenexa. Many cars go by on 103rd and it is highly visible and makes Lenexa look very good. Please do not close. It is good for our home
Ad Astra is a neighborhood pool we can walk to and that is why we visit it
I appreciate having affordable public pools both for myself and visiting grandchildren.
amenities
Our subdivision pool was added in 2020. I have no need now to visit Lenexa City pools.
We didnât use it so far because of its crowded
We have our own pool, but for future years we may visit an outdoor pool at some point.
Even though this pool is almost 20 minutes away, we like the resident discount. Makes it affordable for us. It would be wonderful if we had a pool in western lenexa.
I would use an outdoor pool in West Lenexa.
We have 3 toddlers and like the kid friendly areas/swim lessons.
Please keep Ad Astra open! We love that pool soooooo much!
We just moved to Lenexa July 2019. We didn't use any public pools here that year because we were too busy getting settled, then didn't last year because of covid. We fully intend to use them this summer.
Ad astra is our favorite pool and we like everything about it
We are Master Swimmers and would love an outdoor pool opportunity in the summer.
I have been using this pool for 32 years!
I swim laps at Ad Astra Pool regularly. Ad Astra is the best pool for lap swimming.
Indian Trails has 2 ropes to swim under, and a lot of people to dodge.
If yellow buses at Indian Trails I have another less crowded pool option.. Take grand kids to swim. Swimming lessons.

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Can't beat the Senior Price. I've lived in Lenexa 43 years, paid real estate property tax all those years. Figure I've paid my dues and appreciate the \$1.00 fee.
We use our pool pass 5x a week in the summer. Indian Trails is in a convenient location for us. We do not have access to an HOA pool.
Kids could walk to pools.
We do not currently use the pools - the answers I submitted are what I would typically look for.
Lenexa swim and dive really got us started on the Lenexa pools
I have worked for Lenexa Parks and Rec and it has been one of my most fulfilling jobs.
We use our gym and apartment pools
None close to me.
We did not use during 2019 as our kids were much younger but hoped to get to them this year.
Has many activities
Indian Trails is a great place to join family and young kids have lots to do. More to offer than neighborhood pools.
the primary reason to use the pool is getting exercise out doors. Our family has enjoyed this pool for many years.
I HAVE NOT USED POOLS RECENTLY, BUT WOULD LIKE TO
Convenience-Closeness to home
Especially quality of pool. Would pay a significantly higher fee to continue to use our two primary pools.8
The "Friendly feel" of a community/city pool
7. Is it valuable for the City of Lenexa to offer outdoor pool(s) to the community as a whole? Please feel free to provide your thoughts in the comments section. - Comments
Answer
recreation
swim and water safety lessons
job opportunities for young people
For communities and HOAs with no other option, the outdoor pools are a huge need.
Indian Hills is the reason we purchased our home in this particular location. If this pool was no longer available we would be likely to look for a home in West Shawnee that offers a community pool.
The Lenexa pool at Sar Ko Par was a major reason we decided to buy the house we have. It is walking distance from our house and our neighborhood does not have a pool. It is a good sized pool and it's a wonderful evening activity after work with the kids in the summer. Good exercise as well. We go to this pool for outdoor swim lessons for the kids too.
We used them a lot when we had young children living at home.
Although our neighborhood has a pool- my children like to visit with friends from other neighborhoods. They can all meet at the public pool.
Safely accessibly outdoor pools are an important part of the neighborhood feel of Lenexa. To remain a place for families to live, work, and play Lenexa should attend to the neighborhood needs if all areas of the city.
We don't have access to a neighborhood home association pool. There are no beaches to go to here. This is an important summer space. We don't like going to indoor pools- it's a whole different experience- no sunshine or fresh air.
We do not want a splash pad to replace Ad Astra.

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Yes, we'd like a splash pad instead of Ad Astra!!
I would expect any legitimate city to offer a pool. It is an expectation of any quality locale.
I would much prefer to see open areas where all can come any time of day to cool off at a splash playground. Hours are not always great, especially with young children out in the heat of the day.
It provides an outlet for kids and daycares and attracts people to community. We moved to our location due to proximity of pool and school. As we have aged we continue to use the outdoor pool for exercise as we don't belong to a gym.
Many old neighborhoods don't have neighborhood pools. We would have no options for swimming if there was no community pool
Swimming lessons Lap lanes
Outdoor pools are similar to park spaces. They are an amenity to residents that help property values and offer a sense of community. Having a city pool within walking distance is one of the main reasons my husband and I bought our Lenexa home. We have enjoyed walking and riding bikes to the pool since it is so close. Now my oldest is old enough to get a summer job and jobs at the pool are convenient because she can get herself there without relying on parent transportation.
Pools are part of summer. They allow children to be outdoors, away from electronics, getting exercise and seeing friends in a safe environment.
We know that city pools do not make a profit for the city but consider it a service the city provides to us with our taxes.
One facility (the Rec Center) can't accommodate every family that has no other access to a pool. Neither our neighborhood (Stoneridge Manor) nor the ones nearby have access to a neighborhood/HOA pool. We've frequented Lenexa pools regularly since we moved here with our sons in 1993 and continue to use them now that our children are grown and gone. It's important to give all ages outdoor activities, especially during the summer months.
City pools are a great way to improve the community by providing spaces for residents to gather, cool-off, and neighborhood kids to gather when school is out for summer. Having pools open to residents (and non) allows kids/families to get together without restrictions of private pools.
Yes, it is more important than the Lenexa Rec Center as it offers affordable outdoor exercise for families. Also, the Ad Astra pool, given its size, allows for both casual users as well as lap swimmers.
Yes, We are a remarkable community, we are Kansas City, we have more than enough tax dollars to support outdoor pools
Pools give the kids a place to go that is healthy. Better than the mall.
City pools that are within walking distance bring immeasurable value to their communities. With summers getting even hotter, the options for outdoor exercise, social gatherings for kids/teens, and family fun are limited to water activities.
Outdoor pools have a limited time open basically 90 days and the demographic that attend is younger adults with children. It would seem beneficial to have indoor pools which are available year round.
I want my children to learn to swim and this is the most convenient and affordable option available to me.
It is part of what makes Lenexa's overall parks and rec program such a good one. I have lived in Lenexa since 2002, and my family has had a pool membership for roughly 15 years, and has had intermittent membership at the new Rec Center. We find the pools to have been quite
Great opportunity for community building. See friends, neighbors, families of kids's classmates
I love in Brookwood, no neighborhood pool. Resale will go down with no pool in walking distance like Ad Astra is.

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Swimming as skill & sport is linked to higher levels of overall physical and mental health, even having been proven to have positive impacts on development & academic performance in children. Open swimming space that is free of obstruction & can support open/free-form play in water, whether for laps or simple swimming around for novice swimmers of all ages, is proven to be important for humans. Ad Astra location, universal, minimalistic & natural design are all priceless!
Absolutely, Folks moving to âQualityâ communities EXPECT outdoor pools to be conveniently available and conveniently located. No one wants one or two pools which are overcrowded and therefore not available at all times...such as access being rationed. We need to spend our healthy tax resources for community amenities...especially pools.
I view these as valuable for families with young children.
Without community outdoor pools in our neighborhood that are walking distance from childrenâs houses it will cause families to move and not bring in new you get families to our area
I hope you find a way to restore or repair Ad Astra Pool as it is our favorite to visit and use as a family. Plus we have friends who use the pool in the summer with their swim team.
Not all neighborhoods have pools
I love ad Astra. Most of my neighbors love it too. It's great seeing them there. It would be nice to see it reopen and updated as a pool, not a splash pad! Also offer events and the city will make more money. Don't neglect our area because we aren't rich.
Love having multiple pools to choose from so that we are not always forced to fight for space at Indian Trails
If there is no demand for public pools, I think it is because of their current design and more importantly, a trend away from exercise in general. Lenexa should try encouraging and marketing what it has. Splash pools seem like a waste of public money. We can do that in our backyard. But, most cities follow rather than lead anyway.
Our neighborhood did not put in a pool because of the convenient location of AdAstra.
This is a very important amenity for kids in the summer!
I have enjoyed the Lenexa pools every summer for many years. Outdoor pools are the best! The only other option is to join a club, which I would prefer not to do.
Yes itâs highly valuable. For the last 10 years that weâve lived here we have bought a pool pass every year and utilize the pool. Because we live in an older neighborhood there is no homes Association pool. Anybody can run their sprinkler and let the kids run around in it. But not everybody can have a pool Where itâs deep enough kids can actually swim and practice the skills they learned at swimming lessons.
YES! CITY OF LENEXA NEEDS TO OFFER OUTDOOR POOLS
We used the pools almost daily when kids were younger and it was a great social place as well as a nice break for parents and kids to get out of the house. We definitely got our moneyâs worth out of our Season passes..
Yes but the key word is to the community as a whole not just old Lenexa. However you canÃ¢Ât get rid of the old Lenexa pools. ThatÃ¢Âs what makes it charming. Bite the bullet, keep them for now and build something big out west. It will resolve itself but you canÃ¢Ât isolate west Lenexa. ThatÃ¢Âs a big tax base. Community pools are a joke. This isnÃ¢Ât an old Lenexa versus new Lenexa issue, fair is fair, times change.
Pools are a great summer activity. They allow families to spend together or with others for a very reasonable cost, especially if everyone is a season pass holder. Itâs also a great, safe way to allow kids to see friends during the summer and is a non-screen activity.

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We love having the community pools, it lets kiddos and families get together. I prefer community pools that are larger, have better amenities and I feel as though they are safer. I don't mind paying the fees or taxes to support them.
Leisure activities like pools and parks are a big part of what makes Lenexa a community of choice.
Having a neighborhood pool gives children living in the neighborhood somewhere to go in the summer. Keeping them out of trouble and active with their community. Pools give teens and young adults a place to work while on break from school.
Absolutely. Splash Pads are useful and have a place, but nothing can replace an outdoor pool. Many neighborhoods offer pools but not all. They talk about how all three Lenexa pools are east of 435. Most newer neighborhoods west of 435 have neighborhood pools and don't have a need for a community pool. I would like to see the numbers on that"comparing the areas with neighborhood pools to those without.
Having options for outdoor entertainment that is convenient for everyone is a huge draw. It is one of the reasons we selected Lenexa and the location of our house when purchasing our home years ago.
We need to maintain our sense of community, allowing people from their neighborhoods to meet in their immediate areas..
Great place to go with other families
This is a waste of my money. There are plenty of cheap, private pools available all over the city. We need to stop providing this kind of
Many people have access to private pools, there is no need to spend a small fortune on multiple public pools
I moved from Merriam. They removed their outdoor pool and the result had more affect on our family than I thought. It was a bad decision. I would argue that it was part of the reason we left Merriam. They removed such a nice amenity and changed the whole plan to put in a pool. I felt deceived as a resident and felt the city did not consider how valuable and important city features like pools are to residents who pay taxes.
Absolutely. My kids love spending time at the pool with friends during the summer time. My wife and I enjoy going to relax and get some sun.
Kids and adults need the exercise. Keeps home values high.
Everyone should have the opportunity to learn to swim simply for safety reasons. It is a great way to entertain the kids and cool off in the waste of time and tax dollars for something you can only use a few months a year. But the City still has to maintain and secure the property the rest of the year
Even though we do not frequent the pools, my concern about closing them is abandoning the old part of Lenexa and only focusing on the new.
It is important to stop the decline in quality of life, especially east of City Center
We need inexpensive entertainment for our families preferably outside. The more options we can provide the more interest for our neighborhoods to stay attractive to potential buyers. We have a beautiful sleepy neighborhood with attractive amenities close by. Ad Astra pool
Pools are an important amenity for our community, help build community with our residents by encouraging them to come together during the summer months, and help stabilize/increase home property values.
Yes! It's a place where community members from different neighborhoods can mingle, and a wonderful place where children can be active for hours. Most neighborhood pools are small, and have limits on guests/occupants. They also offer limited amenities (no baby pools/zero depth entry/slides) and do not have lifeguards
I have two young children and going to the pool is a frequent activity of ours.
Outdoor recreation facilities should be accessible to all members of our community
With so many neighborhoods and families here, people need an outdoor pool they can conveniently access. For years, real estate listings have often referenced the convenient access to a city pool ... "Within walking distance of XYZ" or "Ad Astra park less than 1 mile or a 2 minute drive from this property" etc.

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Subdivisions have been built around these pools. The families buying houses there did so with the intent to use the pool. If you close Ad Astra, you're going to decimate the value of the surrounding homes. I've lived in Lenexa for 7 years now, and haven't seen any efforts put into maintaining and improving Ad Astra.
I know several people from other cities who pay to use our pools as well.
I see significant value in this, particularly in/near older neighborhoods where HOAs (if extant) may not offer these amenities. Further, these are the neighborhoods where residents are less likely to be of means or land/space to have their own pool(s) and aquatic amenities.
The pools definitely increase the livability and give kids in Lenexa a place to go in the summer. Some neighborhoods do not have a neighborhood pool, so city pools provide a real service to the area.
This is the best exercise for my kids in the summer
As the Property Manager of the community my family resides in, we do not feel comfortable using the pool where we live. We love swimming and being outdoors so having a city pool is an incredible amenity the city affords us!
We have family that live in Shawnee but bought Lenexa pool passes in the past because they enjoyed the amenities.
Keep all 3 pools open to limit overcrowding and so kids can safely walk to a nearby pool.
Yes, especially for those of us who do not have access to pools through a homeowners association. It is important to me to have a pool that we can walk to without crossing a busy street.
Yes, The majority of the new subdivisions in West Lenexa have neighborhood pools. Those of us who live on the East side don't have a lot of options when it comes to outdoor pools.
There are many communities that do not have neighborhood pools so having city pools for families to enjoy is very important. It gives families the opportunity to enjoy physical activity while cooling off. It offers swim lessons, a place for families to meet and socialize and so much more!
I don't think there need to be a lot of them but there is value in having a quality community pool available
Provides outdoor recreation for families, relaxing spot for adults, and employment for teenagers. Facilities that offer swim lessons also provide a life saving skill to those that participate.
My children are able to play/swim daily and it keeps them out of boredom which could have led to problems
needed to build community and teach important life skills to youth
Not everyone has a private pool in their development and not everyone wants to pay the price for a membership to a gym. The city should provide these opportunities. Also, Lenexa is already lacking in activities for children.
I love outdoor community pools. It's a good way to spend a bit summer afternoon.
Very important. Swimming is the kids summer socializing.
It's why I moved to Lenexa.
Yes the swimming lessons and swim team are invaluable to our children.
However, for the size of the community, it probably doesn't need 3 pools.
If outdoor pools are not kept open in Lenexa there will be money spent in other communities for their pool facility. Lenexa needs various outdoor pools!
Would also love a splash pad for the little kids
YES! We use the pools regularly during the summer. We don't have access to any other outdoor pools and our kids very much enjoy the family time we spend at the pool during the hot Kansas summers. This is one of the top perks of living where we do - a primary way we feel we very directly benefit from the taxes we pay.

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As a community that wants to have a "family centered" type of environment a city pool is crucial for that. We moved to Lenexa because of it's proximity to such community amenities.
Swimming is a wonderful skill to have and is an excellent form of exercise!
If we as a community are serious about having a walkable bikable thriving place to live, having pools spread out across the community is critical. I don't have an HOA or a pool. If you close Ad Astra forever, my family will have to cross 87th to get to Indian Trails.
Yes it is! With the new Lenexa Recreation Facility and SMSD Aquatic Center being built in City Center, the City has new options for swimming. Flat Rock Creek Pool is in the far south & east part of the City and offers an outdoor pool for those who still enjoy it. Itâs in a location that sometimes feels the City has forgotten. I believe it helps keep our property values stable along with the Park & Creek & Path.
The local pool is one of the main reasons we purchased our home.
Please, especially in this time of homebound need, these outdoor options (and keeping them all up and running) are more important than ever!
Great source of community building in a relaxed setting.
I feel it is very important to be outside with fresh air as opposed to being indoors. Also, the cost of the indoor pools is outrageous.
Where costs and attendance dictate.
Not all neighborhoods have private pools. As such a family, with children, we enjoy having the opportunity to go to the pool on a regular basis. We are thankful for the Lenexa public pools. And to have it as close to our house as it is, it's even better. We can go on a whim and be there in just a few minutes.
Of course, it's valuable and attractive for our city to use our tax dollars to provide amenities for all of us who live in Lenexa. While I understand "West Lenexa" is growing those of us who live east and north of 435 are still here. Removing a staple for several families, jobs for teens, essential outdoor exercise for adults and kids, is unfair. Using the Rec Center as a justifying factor to remove Ad Astra isn't fair either. It's indoors, it's small and many of us can't afford the \$90 a month.
Absolutely! One of the main reasons we bought our house was because of the proximity to Ad Astra Pool. As a taxpayer having close outdoor neighborhood pools is one of the amenities I expect from Lenexa.
Valuable for the health and safety of Lenexa residents.
Yes, with the amount we pay in taxes, this is something lenexa needs and we appreciate having pools
Many neighborhoods directly surrounding Ad Astra pool do not have neighborhood pools as part of their HOA. Many families moving to the area look for these types of amenities either through the city or their HOA.
Donât need the old pool. The two you have working are fine and expensive enough.
Growing up it is important to have pools that kids can get to without having to cross major highways
Pools are something that are much safer with communities where there are gaurds. When people start illegally putting in pools it kills people.
I am looking forward to visiting the ad astra pool this summer as it is in walking distance to my house and my kids are finally to the age to enjoy the pool.
We have no neighborhood pool option. The pool is a great place for my kids to go play with friends from school.
Many HOA do not offer a neighborhood pool.
There should be a fee,
It is important for everyone to have access to this amenity in the summer.
Yes, we should not have to go to Shawnee to use an outdoor pool. My daughter is looking forward to outdoor pool use this summer

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Most people don't have pools in their yards or even in their neighborhoods. Quit thinking of these amenities as needing to pay for themselves. We pay over \$4000 a year in property taxes, a lot goes to Lenexa.
Meet all areas
We would use if we didn't have a homeowners association pool
A first class city such as Lenexa must have outdoor pools.
Yes because those who don't have a neighborhood pool need this outlet. Unless you were going to team up with Shawnee and offer the same rate as a Shawnee resident, that might be something to consider. And even those with a neighborhood pool, the neighborhood pools do not provide slides and diving boards
Wasted resources due to short season and costs. Put in something that is used year around yet is open space/ natural green area. Less concrete and metal fences would be nice.
Some neighborhoods do not have an HOA pool, so a Lenexa community pool might be the only option for some residents.
This is important to our community. Everyone does not have access to a neighborhood or personal pool. All children should have access to go to the community pool in the summer for fun, exercise, and time with friends in a safe environment.
It was a favorite thing for my boys to do each summer and something they looked forward to every year. It keeps kids active and socially
Older neighborhoods do not offer pools.
When the kids were little it was nice to have but we only went occasionally.
Indoor pool options are limited. I am a member of the rec center, but the lap lane availability is fairly poor (has been a bit better over the winter, but I know that's going to change with programming in the spring). Even when there are designated lap swim times for the Rec Center, it's not uncommon to see kids and other casual swimmers use it for something other than lap swimming. So during the summer, I like to try to go to the outdoor options instead.
If you want to draw in families pools are an easy way. It's great that my elementary aged kids can make plans to meet up at a pool to play for an afternoon and everyone is welcome. Also I enjoy that it employs teenagers in the summer.
We use Indian trail the most because of what it offers. However, we would use Ad Astra daily if it had the same amenities.
Great for neighborhood recreation. Adds to property value and city amenities for eastern lenexa. Glad city is growing but we all dont live west of 435.
I think the pools are a good community resource. I would use lap lanes.
I want it as an option. We use outside pools in the summer with our grandchildren. I cannot imagine a community without at least one outdoor pool. Which is selfish, I realize.
My family goes to the pool more days than not during a typical summer, and we prefer a community pool over a health club / country club pool.
I think the pools are a good community offering to families and activity for kids
I don't use the outdoor pool.
Absolutely! Many of our subdivisions didn't build a pool because they were in proximity to our city pools. Our city pools help so many Lenexa residents.
The pools offer young families an inexpensive way to enjoy the summer and the city. When properly maintained and staffed, the city pools were a beautiful amenity in Lenexa.
Absolutely! Who wants to swim in an indoor pool in the summer.? Kids need the experience being outside at a pool.
Pools are a great activity to get outside and move around. Our children love to swim and it is a fun activity to get them away from their screens.

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City pools are fantastic for families during the. Especially those who lack resources to stay cool and comfortable in the summer.
I see it as a family event for those with younger kids (my family when our kids were younger) and then a safe activity for tweens and teens to meet up with friends at during the summer
Yes because kids need somewhere to swim and have fun. Not everyone can afford a pool in their backyard and not every subdivision has a community pool.
many of the older neighborhoods do not have nor could have pools so it is very important.
At least one, yes.
Yes...again, because its a pool. For those with no neighborhood pool, and those whose neighborhood pools are quite small, it provides a much needed recreational service.
Outdoor pools are great community builders and a safe place for kids and tweens to hang out in the summer. It is an important city service and does not need to generate income - cost analysis should NOT be the highest consideration. Having all the outdoor pools E of 435 not a bad thing, since almost all the new houses/apartments W of 435 have their own pools. The need for city pools is much greater E of 435, and you already took our library and city hall. We are Lenexa too!
Why is this being asked? We live in KS. It gets super hot here. For myself, I need it for exercise, it is one of the last exercises I can do. Kids love pools, whether you are 5 years old or in your golden years. That is what we did all summer growing up in Kansas. We live in a nice home and they do not offer a pool in our HOA. We need the city pools. Don't take them away please. My grown kids live in Lenexa, they want the
This is extremely important and is something a lot of people look for when choosing a community to live in
If itâs an issue to run these pools, build a nice fully staffed, year around indoor pool in the middle of the city instead.
We moved to Lenexa from Florida 4 years ago. We chose this area in part due to the proximity to a nice city pool. We NEED the outdoor pool in the summer!
Absolutely! People need pools to exercise and have fun at a reasonable price!
It is valuable for the city to offer outdoor pools. There were many factors to why we chose to live in Lenexa and honestly one of the biggest factors was based on the location of the pool. It is that important.
It is important that Ad Astra stays and if it operates at a loss then so be it because that is the part of being a town the size of Lenexa. We will pay whatever extra taxes it takes to keep the pool functional
Offering local pools to neighborhoods is vital for lenexa. Without it we would have moved to Shawnee or Olathe. However location of pools was very important
Helps bring the community together in a safe and family friendly environment.
Memberships to Lenexa residents, with the option to bring a non-resident gues!
Itâs very important to me!
As I stated above, it gives us a sense of community. Youâre able to get to know your neighbors better.
I believe it is one of the best ways to connect with our neighbors.
Having access to outdoor pools promotes healthy, active activities, children to learn social skills and less screen-time.
many sub divisions do not have pools
Pools bring community together. They give kids a place to learn to be independent.

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Outdoor pools offer a great deal to the people of Lenexa. They are especially needed since the only indoor pool the city has tried to be all things to all people so ends up being not very good as a whole.
Yes, as long as they are up to date and offer shade from the sun.
Many well established neighborhoods withing the heart of Lenexa do not have a community pool. We chose our neighborhood based on the location of these community pools.
It prevents over crowding of other pools such as Blackbob park, Leawood, and Kingâs Cove In Shawnee
I don't know a single City that doesn't offer an outdoor pool. It adds to the long list of why we love Lenexa!
Having access to a pool. Walking distance is very important to the livability of a neighborhood. The neighborhood pool increases the value of the neighborhood.
Cities need aquatic options for its citizens.
Absolutely .. families need the option of city pools
definitely enhances the neighborhood and becomes a place to meet your neighbors
They offer a place for families and the community as a whole to have fun!
We generally spend 1-2 days there each weekend
People who do not have access to an apartment pool or homes association pool should have a place to have fun in the summer.
I think it's especially valuable when co-located with other facilities.
For example, I already go to Sar-ko-par park 3-5 times a week. So the Indian Trails Aquatics Center is perfectly located for me.
Absolutely. The pools give kids who donât have many opportunities a place to get exercise and outdoor time for cheap.
Even if local pools operate at a loss it is still important because it increases property values and builds a sense of community. Our kids can go to the pool with neighborhood kids and make new friends. This is incredibly important because it's hard to get kids away from the internet these days
I feel like most HOA or apartment communities offer this amenity.
Yes! If the city doesnât offer it we have no place to swim.
Great exercise for young and old.
Not sure we need 3 pools so close together though
Place for kids to meet.
Itâs the most important thing Lenexa offers for my family.
Absolutely! My kids love going to the pool each summer!
The nature of an outdoor pool that the city can offer is vastly different than the nature of a neighborhood pool even if we had one.
My kids have enjoyed Lazors swim team for years and we hope to come back this year
No outdoor pools should not cost residents who donât care to use them or whose HOAâs or complexes offer them.
Many of us donât have neighborhood pools, so the city pools are our only option.
It's necessary for community building
Lenexa needs to provide state of the art pools that they cannot get through an HOA.
Swim lessons swim team and diving you canât do at a neighborhood pool
Please bring an outdoor pool near Area #1 on the map.

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I look forward to the exercise and the sun. Now that I am older , low impact is much better for me.
Excellent activity for kids and families. Also great exercise for adults. My family often goes to the pool also.
Think of it as a wellness benefit
The city cannot assume every homeowner lives in a subdivision that provides a pool.
Pools are important for kids and adults for social interaction and quality time with friends and family. It's also great for exercise and your
This is what our children will grow up with
I believe it is important for all residents to have access to a swimming facility to allow individuals to be exposed to water and swimming.
The city for years have put a lot of time and effort into the aquatics department with its choice of staffing and seasonal options that other cities choose not to do. I take great pride in Lenexa knowing that it offers outdoor pool options
It is a place for kids to play in the summer.
Need to stay current, competitive with other cities.
Absolutely. This is one of the things that has drawn us to Lenexa is the commitment to its parks and especially its pools.
Valuable.
Lenexa must offer affordable amenities not a valuable
I believe it is an essential avenue for families to do something together involving pools as well as give teens safe and exciting events to attend.
Absolutely!!Pools are the epitome of summer time. Being outdoors at the pool is very important for young kids and teens. Pools are fun places to meet new friends, have fun and enjoy the simple things in life.
Because some people don't like to be inside.
Not all neighborhoods have a pool.
Our grandchildren will be using the new +
During the summer, more people want to swim, indoor or outdoor. With the facilities that are available indoor, the pools are constantly crowded, and it's hard to find availability for lap swimming. Having outdoor pools help "spread the load," particularly during the summer. I can't imagine what the indoor pools would be like if there were no outdoor pools available. It would likely keep me from
Yes. I believe there are a number of our children who don't have access to pools without the City of Lenexa pools. I also believe it's important to have pools available around the city.
It helps our home values and it is a nice community service.
This is a must, but we hope the quality will be improved to equal that of neighboring cities (i.e. Shawnee).
it is very important to have out door pools in the summer. Children need to go swimming when the weather is hot.
Yes. A good community needs good swimming pools. We moved to Lenexa because we like all of the outdoor activities it provides. Lenexa has such nice clean outdoor parks and facilities. That's hard to find around KC Metro area.
For elderly and handicap persons not able to travel distances to other facilities.
A much used amenity for those of us without an HOA. We have no other alternative.
Keeps home values up
8. Please indicate how far you willing to travel for quality outdoor pool facilities. - Comments
Answer
One of the reasons we choose to live where we do is for the location of our local pool (Flat Rock Creek).

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Close proximity so that my kids can walk/bike safely to meet their friends
An accessible pool should be older kids should be able to safely walk to in the summer. The travel times listed arenât reflective of whether a tween can walk or requires a car ride.
It's not so much about how far we would be willing to travel- it's more about the pool. Ad Astra doesn't have all the bells + whistles + hustle + bustle + fight for a chair that the other pools have. We like the size + atmosphere there. I don't think I'd use the other pools much + definately don't feel like the Rec Center offers an alternative. We had a membership there until Covid, but never used the pool. We go to Ad Astra several times per week in the summer.
Once again, any serious city will provide quality, healthy and fun entertainment such as a pool with 5-10 mins max of its residents.
It has been convenient to have the Ad Astra pool nearby. We used to live in old town Lenexa and we drove to the pool by Sar Ko Par. When we moved to our current location and had one in walking distance, we loved it.
Do not replace Ad Astra with a splash pool in western Lenexa. I won't travel to a splash pool only.
My family likes some of the things, like a lazy river, that are offered at outdoor pools in Shawnee and Olathe. If Lenexa had an outdoor pool with more of the extras, like a lazy river, I'd probably be more inclined to purchase a family pool pass each year. There have been many years when I haven't purchased a pool pass because I know we will split our pool time between Lenexa, Olathe and Shawnee so I don't get my money's worth out of the Lenexa pool pass.
We would not use a pool that is far away regardless of amenities. We only want to swim
Right now we can walk to Ad Astra and Indian Trails is very close. Now that my kids are older and some can drive, we might drive 15 minutes, but I liked being close. We never use our neighborhood pool. It is small and crowded with no amenities.
The closer the pool, the more likely we are to use it. I would drive for amenities, and decent bathroom/locker room facilities. However, hyper-local pools will provide ease of community/neighborhood and more gatherings/density.
I think nearby pools are important, and of course, Lenexa's main three pools are located in the eastern part of the city. So though I would travel 10 minutes I think it's important to keep all three pools open.
I put up to 5 minutes, but Ad Astra is within safe walking distance eliminating busy intersections for my kids who are old enough to go to the pool alone with friends while Iâm working. Also it isnât packed to the point of being uncomfortable.
Itâs not a matter of willingness to travel, itâs more a matter of walkability (or bike ride ability) for kids and young families. My husband and I like to do long walks and end them with a dip in the pool on our way home and our kids grew up walking to Ad Astra every day in the summer.
Ad Astra location is best and able to serve an extremely high number of Lenexa residents.
Thatâs a reasonable time frame...5 minutes means walking to to the pool for many, and therefore eliminating the need for cars and parking issues.
Not all parents stay at home so children need pools they can walk too and Ad Astra is that pool for so many families
I love being able to walk to the pool with my kids. It's safe & convenient. There's not too much car traffic so we feel safe walking.
Ad Astra is out favorite, so close it is practically a neighborhood pool. We love it's size and the space outside the pool as well, it is the best of the three.
Within safe walking distance
I want one within walking, but for larger facilities, I would also drive to a second location. However, if it means losing my closest pool, I donât want something âbigger and betterâ. Convenient location for our family is priority.
We prefer Ad Astra because the kids can walk there. We would go a lot less often if we had to drive.

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If I had to drive too far, I would probably visit the pool less frequently.
We do not want to travel. One of the reasons we bought this house is because it was right around the corner from the pool and we could walk to it with the kids.
At my stage in life, 5 minutes. When I had little kids, 10.
If we have to get into a car and drive rather than walk, our attendance will go down drastically. We purposely bought a house within walking distance to a city pool.
If I have to travel to the neighborhood pool, it wouldn't be a NEIGHBORHOOD pool in my community.
I am willing to drive, but it is important to offer options that are within that travel time for those that can not drive. Like kids who use the pools during the summer. They should not need to rely on someone requiring them to drive to a location. Again a reason we selected Lenexa as our city.
We live in a neighborhood that does not have a neighborhood pool. We split our pool trips between ad astra and Indian trails for variety. We chose to live where we do largely in part to our very close location to both pools. It's a huge part in our quality of life bc the summers are so hot and the pool is a relief to our household. We have 9 people in our household, most of use the pools daily in the summer.
Willing to go 15, but really love that Ad Astra and Indian Trails are 5 min from me!
I feel they are necessary for kids to be accessible for healthy exercise.
We would prefer to walk to the pool instead of messing with a vehicle. Also, my family doesn't like the giant parks. I lived in OP for 20 years and never have gone to Tomahawk. We did go to Stonegate.
It's not about the distance ... it is the location that is important. Who does it serve?
I'd prefer a smaller facility & closer to home so my kids can visit while I work during the summer.
Having a pool in the general vicinity makes it more of a neighborhood pool than traveling further where you might not even see people from your same school district. It's the summers at the pool that often help form deeper bonds, mend tense friendships, or make new ones.
Neighborhood pools are important. Kids should be able to walk / bike and not rely on autos!
For regular use, it would need to be 10 min or less. More than that, it would get used maybe monthly.
You will be doing the city of the service if you focus only on the new city center.
If it's not convenient, it becomes an infrequent thing. We'd like to get/maintain pool passes and use one that's as near as possible; better still if it's close enough that the kids can walk or ride their bike as they get older.
I would use the pool that is close to me, but will not travel too far to go to a pool. I also would not want my young grandchildren to cross busy streets to go to a pool.
What we like about Lenexa current pools are their very convenient locations. We can walk to ad astra and drive to Indian trails within 5 min. Having a family of 5 with small children, if we had to pack the car every time we probably would not use the pools nearly as often. We usually have only used as astra until it closes for the season, and then use Indian trails.
The location of Flat Rock Creek pool was one of the factors in choosing our house. We love being within walking distance of our community
Keep all 3 pools open to limit overcrowding and so kids can safely walk to a nearby pool.
If a pool offers variety, safety, food and beverage and is reasonably priced, we would enjoy taking the kids and making a day of it.
Occasionally more than 15 but for routine visits less than 15 is ideal. I would be a pass holder to whichever facility we chose to frequent.
10 minutes walking without crossing major roads. We want to keep Ad Astra pool!
But I'd rather walk down the street. I would like to see Flat Rock stay open. Make Ad Astra into a splash park.

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We never use flat rock creek. Indian trails is great. Ad astra has no shade.
Up to 10 miles if really good, otherwise up to 5
If it's too far, it's hard to fit in a visit. On weekdays, we don't have much time after the workday ends, so we may visit the pool for 25-30 min. If the travel time takes just as long, we can't avail ourselves of the amenities as much. We can quickly walk to Ad Astra and our kids enjoy even the brief sessions we can get in.
How are people traveling? bike, walking, or car?
I would probably not travel very far to swim outdoors. I have gone to the Recreation Center a few times (I probably should be going much more often) and it takes about 15 minutes from our house to City Center to park. Not very long, but further than walking down the path about a block.
Iâd rather not travel even 5 minutes. As astra is right across 87th from home.
We walk to Ad Astra but have to drive to Indian Trails. Loading and unloading a wheelchair into and out of the van is tougher than walking.
The location of Indian Trails is ideal for my family. We would be devastated to see it close.
My family likes being able to walk to Ad Astra pool.
I have a daughter getting to the age where she can ride her bike or walk to the pool to meet friends. I am not comfortable with her crossing 87th St. to get to Indian Trails pool.
It seems crazy that with so much growth West of 435 all the pool facilities are East. Yes I know that "neighborhoods have pools" but in reality the neighborhood pools are 20 yards or smaller squares that anyone with kids over the age of 8 does not want to spend time at. Their options compared to the lap swimming, slides, diving boards, and other attractions of City Pools are lacking for anyone with active older elementary school kids and up. Including adults looking for lap swimming outdoors.
This time is by bicycle, not by automobile
We donât need any more parks or green spaces. We need public pools for the families and residents of the area to enjoy and utilize. Spend the money to fix Ad Astra.
Pools need to be within a bicycle ride (without crossing major highways) for children.
I believe the ad areas pool should be closed like originally was proposed
It is usually a planned event when we tell grandchildren "come see grandma and grandpa and we'll take you to the pool".
In Lenexa, this should be centralized for access from all residences.
The travel time is less important that the ability to have a good place to swim laps.
I don't think Lenexa needs a water park- if we wanted that we will drive to one in a nearby city for an occasional weekend. We prefer the neighborhood model that allows for kids to meet friends.
I like having the pool nearby, convenient and therefore more likely to use.
My subdivision didnât put in a pool because of its proximity to two public pools.
I wouldnât bother traveling too far for a pool as I already have an apartment pool, however, all the Lenexa pools are within a few minutes from me, so id surely try them out.
we are fortunate to live in the area where the kids can walk to ad astra or ride bikes to indian trails. For our current usage, we would probably not drive to use one more than 1-2 times in a season, and would pay the daily rate rather than many of previous years with pool passes for the whole family
The more options right near me, the better. I truly do not want to drive far for a pool.

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<p>We want neighborhood pools E of 435! We don't want to drive our kids to the western part of the city! The indoor pool and aquatic center are already more to the W. The city services we have always enjoyed (and part of why we bought our houses in Lenexa) should not be diminished to build city services in the new luxury developments in the western area. Losing our neighborhood city features diminishes our quality of life, and our property values. We feel like 2nd class Lenexa citizens.</p>
<p>The pool should absolutely be close, a part of the community, that is what it is all about. Why do people use a pool if it is in their apartment or HOA,... convenience. We need a community pool. It does not have to be fancy please. Great full lap lanes and a common swimming area and a kid pool area please. Cost low, so affordable, please free for older adults.</p>
<p>We live in walking distance to the the Flat Rock creek pool and we use every day in the summer. We drove to the Indian Trails pool the summer of 2020 but were only able to use it once or twice a week due to the distance.</p>
<p>The ability for kids to walk to their public pool without having to cross a major thoroughfare such as 87th St. is a big plus. It is difficult for an adult to get across 87th St. in the amount of time allotted since the increase of traffic due to the buildup in the area of 435 & 87th. I consider this a point of safety for our kids.</p>
<p>Walking only</p>
<p>My family likes to be able to ride our bikes to the pool.</p>
<p>For everyday use, no more than 5 minutes. If it's 1-2x a week, then up to 10.</p>
<p>Lenexa is well-enough financially to offer out-door pools to its residents--especially to take care of the pools it already had. Don't short-change the public on their pools because you have spent too much money on the kingdom you have tried to create at 87th & I-435--many of which, are very disappointing, especially the library and the hike that must be made to use it. Shame on you!</p>
<p>Every child should be able to walk or ride their bike to a pool. Just like a grade school.</p>
<p>I would say 10-15 minutes of walking time.</p>
<p>I like being able to walk to the neighborhood pool rather than drive and seeing the families doing the same</p>
<p>I live near ad astra pool and it is the only one I go to. There is another one within 5 minutes but we would need to drive so we do not go to it</p>
<p>I would travel 1-3 times per year</p>
<p>I would prefer somewhere closer but going to the pool is important to our family - it's fun to make new friends and the kids are off screens.</p>
<p>Please do not move the location to the areas where everyone already has a homeowner pool available to them. So many Lenexa residents rely on the three current locations. Flat rock is the smallest and the most like a home owner pool, so that the one that's not as accessible to residents. Ad Astra is a good location.</p>
<p>Don't care to leave my neighborhood</p>
<p>We prefer the neighborhood aspect of a pool</p>
<p>Please continue to have lap lanes available for those whom rely on swimming for fitness.</p>
<p>Please bring a pool to Area 1 on map!</p>
<p>Thank you!</p>
<p>I often don't have a lot of time, so I can get to Ad Astra quickly, which is a great benefit to me.</p>

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This is driving time. Could walk to 2 of the 3 in 20 minutes.
On a hot summer day after swimming, with a wet suit, a short drive is preferred.
The Indian Trails location is convenient because it is already located in a park. I could see how some families would drop part of their family off at the pool and then enjoy another park amenity.
Why do all the pools have to be so concentrated within a small area just on the east side of town I know when they were built Lenexa was smaller but it's time to make an attraction pool not just a large pool serving a neighborhood .
My family appreciates an easy in/out.
We prefer it close and convenient. It makes it easier to pop in and out. You don't have to make an entire day out of just going to the pool.
I like Ad Astra because it is more of a neighborhood pool. I will probably not go to a bigger facility. Travel time is not the deal breaker here.
Why I bought where I did
9. Please indicate how important each of the following are when thinking about outdoor pools in the City of Lenexa. - Comments
Answer
We would utilize city pools if they offered splash pads/more interesting aquatic offerings than a basic pool since our HOA already offers a basic pool.
We value the low cost to use the pools, but we would be willing to pay more to help offset the costs.
I do think that our tax dollars should be used wisely, but they should also pay for things that provide a good life for residents. We need well-maintained roads + responsible policing...but also beautiful parks + libraries. It shouldn't be only those who can afford to maintain their own pools who get to use them. I'd vote for more small neighborhood pools rather than one amusement park style pool.
Pools are vitally important to the true communities and neighborhoods of Lenexa. I hope that truth is remembered by the leadership of Lenexa and the almighty apartment should not be the primary focus.
Enhanced economic development in an area near a public pool would indicate a high amount of auto/truck traffic. Not a great idea for neighborhood kids to walk or bike to. The pool is part of the parks and recreation, not economic development.
One thing to remember is that the subdivisions in western Lenexa are more likely to have nice pools they can go to that are close to their homes. It is too late for older subdivisions to get their own pool(or in our case a bigger pool) so the pools should be located closer to 435 to make it easy on residents east of 435.
Parking is very important, too. Being able to park in a lot and be in the pool in a few steps is preferred.
Good bathrooms/locker rooms - a must. Some amenities for all age groups - preferred: Space to just jump in and swim. Everything doesn't have to be an amenity - like at the rec Center. The Rec Center pool is too divided to be able to just swim around (and watch all the kiddos swim in one point of view).
Pools have clearly shown to be important to attracting residents to move into a neighborhood. So all three pools preserve the neighborhoods that are 30-40+ years old. I would also say the size of the pool is important...the problem with the small subdivision pools is that you can't actually SWIM in them. You can in Ad Astra!
We made Ad Astra our pool home. It feels like a neighborhood pool, which we don't have. It is in a good location and there isn't a lot of troublemakers that frequent this pool. It feels safe and that is why we love it.

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I grew up going to the Prairie Village pool. I went back and forth between the tennis courts, participating in JTL, and then the pools, doing lessons there as well as synchronized swimming. There was also a park right there that we used often or would picnic at in between tennis and pool time. It was a great memory of my childhood and would love for my kids to have something similar.
All outdoor pools should be able to support swim team practice and meets. This is very important to the integrity of any outdoor pool. As humans, we are meant to connect with nature, & swimming outdoors for sport or leisure is unmatched in any other experience. It has tremendous benefits to humans, benefits beyond what can & has been measured and proven.
The pools just need to be available . Keep the ones we already have and build a new one if necessary west.
Ad Astra is in a great location and has a great size. It has major potential to attract more people as our area is growing.
We like a pool for the pool, and the availability of deck chairs. We don't like to be overly crowded in or out of the water. Ad Astra is perfect for both the size of the pool and the size of the surrounding area including both grassy areas and concrete, and shade as well as full sun options.
Lenexa is not a poor community. If residents want facilities, the city should be able to find the revenue through taxes or another public fee structure. The city should be able to explain the need.
My kids grew up going to the Lenexa pools all summer, but now that they are grown, I use the pools for exercise and enjoying the outdoors by the pool. My primary concern is a pool with plenty of room to swim in, and one that I can easily afford to visit several times a week.
We donât need a lot of amenities. We just want a pool where the kids can dive and swim. Thatâs what the pool is for.
I would spend more or drive farther for a pool with sustainability features and a cleanliness program that was well defined.
Why donât you buy the piece of land for sale next to Falcon Ridge Golf Course and build a pool and shut down the pool by 435. The solution is so obvious. You donât need 3 pools right next to each other. Community pools are tiny and lack amenities and life guards. Iâm sorry people have to be so upset about the obvious.
Please stop moving everything to 87th and 435, the parking and driving out there is awful. The big library is beautiful but I really miss the ease of the old library. I dread going out to the public market and dealing with the parking headaches and the millions of roundabouts.
I would be more likely to travel further distances for the classes and programs if I needed them. For daily pool trips with my children, the closer the better.
Really do not want a massive water park style pool with big crowds. I much prefer the neighborhood style pools to help build community and keep the home values up.
City of Lenexa seems pretty infatuated with going west of 435. There are lots of families east of 435 that donât have neighborhood pools. The neighborhoods west of 435 almost all have private pools. Why would you put a public pool in the middle of high end neighborhoods that already have private pools? Those residents are not going to go to the city pool. Please keep the pools east of 435.
Many people have access to private pools, there is no need to spend a small fortune on multiple public pools
Prefer smaller neighborhood pools with a regional one like Indian Creek. We don't want the mega-pools with a giant parking lot. Don't see much economic development near Indian Creek happening. Seems it might be better to do food trucks with event planning.
I doubt that if the City closed all the outdoor pools that anyone would move out of the city or decide not to move into the city because the pools don't exist. They are a waste of tax money
I'd also add that the amount of people at the pool is important. It's not enjoyable when a pool/chairs are overcrowded
Quality of life over economic development
I do not believe community pools are a money-maker for any city, but they are an important community good

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Neighborhood pools grow a sense of community and belonging.
Maintain current pools.
Keep all 3 pools open to limit overcrowding and so kids can safely walk to a nearby pool.
A community pool is a benefit of living here. Enhancing economic development has nothing to do with kids having a great neighborhood pool during their youth.
The most important things to me are that the pool is cheap and close to me. Ad Astra pool is in the perfect location because it is surrounded by neighborhoods without their own pools. I don't find the need for additional economic development near the pool important. I go to the pool to swim, not shop!
I don't know what that last item means
The ad astra pool was a deciding factor when we purchased our home
I think Lenexa needs to improve the pools they have and not try to build new. Also, replacing a pool with a splash pad greatly reduces the age range of people who would be interested in using it. No one but toddlers want to use a splash pad. Better give the teenagers somewhere fun to go to keep them out of trouble.
Having a good pool with good swimming programs for our youth is the most important aspect for our household.
Would love to have water aerobic classes offered and "adult only" swim times
The value to me is all about my ability to enjoy the amenities with my family. If it's too far away, too expensive, or not clean, we will lose this great perk of our neighborhood. Features/amenities and programs are helpful, but not necessary. All three outdoor pools currently meet these expectations, though Ad Astra is by far the most accessible for us location-wise.
In my opinion, it is not the purpose of a city to run at a profit. I will pay pool fees and I anticipate that taxes will go towards maintaining it as well. I don't need the pools to expand either, rather the pools that are open to stay open. Merriam had a BIG problem with promising residents that it was going to get a "new and improved" pool and the pool they ended up with was a fraction of the size and has left many feeling duped.
Some recreation services just aren't money makers, and pools are one of them. It's acceptable to subsidize them.
I think it has to be important or otherwise not worth having the outside pool. It just end up being a cash drain on the city's budget.
I think ad astra is the perfect pool for my families needs. The other pools don't offer enough space to lay out so you aren't on top of each
We are within walking distance of Indian Trails. This is something that we have cherished as a family. We can walk to the park and play at the pool.
The pool is a community resource that adds to the quality of life for everyone who lives here. I don't mind paying taxes to support it. And people should not be priced out of it.
Lenexa is known for its family-friendly amenities. Removing a much-desired outdoor activity from thousands of users in smaller neighborhoods who don't have the luxury of an HOA pool is unfair and feels as though you are abandoning the ones that have been here and supported Lenexa for many years.
The City should not take amenities (library, pool, etc.) away from established areas to enhance economic development in other areas.
I think in general, people are more willing to pay higher fees if the features and amenities warrant the cost.
The pool should be readily accessible to those in greatest need, especially those who live in areas that do not have HO Association pools as an option. Even then most HO Association pools are too small for lessons or true swimming, more just there for play.

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The attempt to get the result you are looking for in this survey is not well served when you have to add "(e.g., City's financial general fund). Pools are an amenity that probably will never pay for themselves. I'll bet if you look at city center pool that it doesn't pay for itself either. So close it down.
The kids just want to swim and hang out with their friends and eat junk food
Not applicable
And, as previously noted, lap lanes.
Proximity is of utmost importance. When I go to the pool, I go to the pool, NOT to a park for other amenities.
Ad Astra has the best location but needs to be updated. Please make consideration for our families and update at that location.
I'd like good lap swimming facilities, as lap swimming is the primary reason I use a pool.
Always good to see tax dollars at work where you can take advantage.
Letâs not forgot about the old part of the city please
I am a silver snacker person
Donât raise taxes to build more pools.
The nearest pool to our home, Ad Adstra, has been painted really unpleasant colors for some years. I've been in for events (Tails on Trails) and think it is definitely still a viable location for young families in our area. Please repaint!!
Donât kill diving. We have many local kids get scholarships.
Maybe Sar ko Par park could rework the space for the festivals instead of turning your well kept lawn into a mud drive course
My folks bought one of the first 40 houses in Country Hill circa 1975 Lackman Rd & Pflumm Rd were a thrilling attraction at the time My wife & I have been happy to move home to Lenexa since 1990
I am past president of the Rotary Club & we would help with projects if you were to ask
Please stop trying to close our pool!!!!
I really canât say enough about how great community programs are. Alllllll the classes and programs!!
Please do not close Ad Astra. As my children grow and become more independent in Lenexa, Ad Astra is likely the only pool I'd allow them to ride their bikes to.
"Operate to maximize cost recovery..." Kind of a bogus question, no? Isn't using tax dollars for THIS type of service as important, or more so, than an overly ostentatious city hall building, or outrageous piece of art? I think our children, and their parents, definitely think so.
Economic development is important only as it relates to any decrease in property value to neighborhoods that caused when a neighborhood pool closes. Economic development should NOT be a factor as it relates to encouraging development in the W part of Lenexa. Most new developments have their own pools, free to their residents anyway, so a city pool isn't much of a selling point. The city subsidizes other functions, it should also subsidize pools as a priority-community enhancement is THE priority
Don't make this so fancy that we cannot afford a pool. Don't charge a lot. Simple quality pool for lap swimming, general swimming and a children's pool close to our homes.

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The residents in our neighborhood LOVE the proximity and family feel of the Flat Rock Creek Pool. It is perfect for families with young children. We can see all of the pool area at once and its easy to keep an eye on our children.
Proximity is really the only concern. Costs don't matter since we use it regularly in the summer
Having the pool in a park area promotes community gathering and the idea of âsomething for everyone.â We often picnic later after swimming. Having an entrance fee makes sure that the pool is not an over-crowded babysitting area for kids, but helps going to the pool be a family
Ad Astra pool enhances development and property values of the houses around it. A "Splash Pad" would not and we do not want tha
The trend seems to be that traditional community pools of the past are now turning into community based water parks. Our family loves the indoor Lenexa rec center pool because of the fun lazy river, the exciting slides, the rock climbing wall, large diving board, and the fountains & mini slides for the little ones. We have hours of fun for our whole family.
Swim and dive team.
can walk to ad astra
The pools do not need to be money makers. They are a city service.
Don't try to get rid of the Ad Astra pool because you have squandered all our resources on your I-435 kingdom that isn't as good as some of the things you replace!
It is an enhancement that should be provided by the city with tax dollars. The daily fees should be kept reasonable so that all kids can enjoy the pool.
Would gladly give up tax incentives to developers so that the tax dollars could be used for the residents instead of outside developers.
Here at Stoneridge Manor the Ad Astra Pool is the only one that residents and their children can walk to. It serves a valuable purpose in out community.
Our HOA doesn't have a pool, accessing Lenexa pools are our only option.
I view public swimming pools like I do parks. The goal of a park isn't to recoup costs to maintain the park.
Ad Astra pool enhances property values and builds community. The increase in property values easily makes up for any "loss" that some claim it operates at
We have a neighborhood pool for basic swimming so amenities are important. If we are going to pay at city pool, lâm looking forward diving board, slides, etc
Lap swimming important
Please please please keep the current locations open.
We love Ad Astra. The location is great. My kids can walk to the pool.
Cities should not be offering pools since so many HOAâs do Parks and recreational places yes. Maybe an aquatic location like the rec center but not just pools. If pools are provided they should be funded by those that use it not the entire community. Everyone uses roads, police, fire but not pools so doesnât waste my tax dollars on things not everyone uses. Especially since outdoor pools are limited to the number of days they can be used.
our pool is incredibly important to us and o ur young family
Our children took swimming lessons at the Lenexa pools quite a few years ago. It was a great place for lessons
Prefer swimming to wading or passing a football.
Families/Individuals can take classes at the big indoor pool on 87th Street or the Pool right across the street.

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All pools need to have a variety of attractions. Many families choose to goto the rec center because it has water slides, a kiddie structure, lazy river, and deep water attractions. These are a lot of things kids enjoy which would help attract more patrons and could possibly be something outdoor pools could have!
I think a pool/park area that is designed more like a country club would be ideal in Lenexa. Many residents in west Lenexa have the income and desire to enjoy more country club like facilities, that are fun & family friendly. I think the pool needs to have a mix to attract kids, parents and grandparents. I think higher quality food & a bar could help generate more money. Many parents choose to go to neighborhood pools so they bring their own alcohol. Pools like Lifetime have bars. Mini vacation
Makes sense to combine splash pad feature with open swimming facility, not fond of splash pad solo.
I THINK SPACE IS VERY IMPORTANT. I LIKE TO HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR LOUNGERS AND TO SPREAD OUT AS WELL AS GREEN SPACE FOR KIDS TO PLAY IN
Our kids are teenagers now, so a lot of the little kid stuff is not as important anymore. It used to be very important. Now we like pools with adult areas or space to get away from the little kids. Most important is that the pool and surrounding area is clean and well kept. And we will always go to the one that is closest to our house.
Sounds like you want to close an existing pool and build a new one in western Lenexa, as population shifts. I understand that
10. Please rank how interested someone in your household would be to use the following POOL AMENITIES. Example photos are shown below. If this question does not apply to you, please skip it; otherwise, all options must be filled in with your interest level. -
Comments
Answer
Water slides are the most important part of a good aquatic facility! Also, while not as important, a lazy river is a bonus.
I think the new aquatic center should have a lazy river because Indian Trails does not - while Soetaert Aquatic Center in nearby Shawnee does.
We have small children and value water activities they can easily access. It would be nice if Lenexa had a spray park next to a playgroup (no pool! just spray features near other playground equipment). I know there is a park in PV that has this set up, I believe it's Roe Park.
I'd much prefer smaller neighborhood pools that could provide opportunities for kids who don't have parents at home to drive them across town to the single pool. Swimming lessons + dive teams + jobs are opportunities that everyone should have access to.
It is easy to say there are so many apartments and HOAs that offer pools that you don't need a local, walkable pool. But a pool offers a sense of community and a place to congress in the summertime. It allows people from multiple apartments, HOA's and neighborhoods to come together in a healthy and fun way. It also offers teen employment the others don't. Local city, outdoor pools offers a safer community, a stronger and more supportive community.
In terms of amenities, Lenexa is a little lacking. Indian Trails is the only aquatic center that includes water slides and they are pretty old. This would cause my family to come a lot more often
Wave pool/surf simulation sounds awesome but too expensive
Amenities are great - but you don't need them all. Make sure you can see the whole pool from the sides. The Rec Center pool makes this difficult. Zero-depth is a MUST and some spray features. A few amenities above that would be great. I think diving boards and laps (for teams or exercise) are too limited these days. Don't take up all the swimming area with fancy games.

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I think you have a nice array of features suggested here. I don't think things like climbing walls or obstacle courses are necessary, but diving boards (both low and high) as well as multiple depth levels are important. I think basic features such as slides are a good idea, as young kids love those, and I do think having water sports as a component could be something to consider, at least during portions of the day.
Lap lanes are important, Fun stuff is important too!
Kid- friendly amenities are much appreciated. Also a nice big deck for families.
Current pools (all 3) can be enhanced.
I might use the pools if a lazy River were added.
An updated pool in my neighborhood would be nice. Just upgrade ad Astra.
add a hot tub! If you added a slide and a couple cool activity-type features for school-age kids, I bet a lot more people would use Ad Astra. Add a hot tub for the grown ups!
Flat rock creek already has zero depth entry, shallow water, diving board, deep water,. Indian trails already has zero depth entry, toddler features and sprays, waterslide, diving board, shallow water. These are fine pools and they do the job well.
As a mother of four children, the cost of upgrades including water features such as rock climbing walls, lazy river and wave pools do not match the extended interest level in children. They take up a great deal of space, obviously a great deal of money and for my children, the interest does not last beyond two trips. Children want a pool to play in with space to swim and play with friends.
Many people have access to private pools, there is no need to spend a small fortune on multiple public pools
My grandson is here with us in the summer& would love all those amenities. I would go with him & I would enjoy the lap lanes and lazy river.
Need fun play features for assorted ages.
For visiting family members, any of these could apply
The zero entry at Indian trails is why we love it so much
Our littles will be 1 and 3 this summer, so toddler oriented activities and amentias are of high value to us, but we recognize and look forward to more advanced features or open water oppportunities as they grow.
I look forward to lap swimming, ideally without competing with a lot of splashing horseplay :)
Keep all 3 pools open to limit overcrowding and so kids can safely walk to a nearby pool. Iâd rather have limited extras and just basic swim facilities in 3 areas vs. 1 big fancy pool with all of the bells and whistles.
Would love a spray ground! We travel to olathe for their new amazing spray ground as well as Leawood.
keep Ad Astra open it has many of the most important features for us.
Anything that makes the pools accessible and fun for families of all ages is desirable. We very much appreciated the zero-depth beach entries at Ad Astra and Indian Trails when we had toddlers. Now that our kids are getting older, deeper water and other features are good for us.
An outdoor neighborhood pool does not need to like Worlds of Fun Water Park, with lazy rivers, giant slides and wave pool. Itâs a community / neighborhood pool for families to play and have a good time at a reasonable cost.
Sometimes itâs just nice to have a regular pool to go to. Just for adults who donât want to deal with a crowd of kids. A peaceful nice sized pool from 3-8 ft deep. I donât have a neighborhood pool in my duplex community and Iâm not one to use all these fancy amenities I just want access to a regular pool.
Without children in our household, these features are not important now but will become more important as the grandchildren arrive.

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Ad Astra has many of these features and others can easily be added. Activity wall can be added to the deep end with the diving board. Obstacle course can be added to the east or west side of "T", lap lane is already there, water slide could be added to the opposite side of the "T". A splash pad could be enhanced where the kiddie pool used to be. It already has zero entry for toddlers.
N/a
Splash pad for little ones and small slides - like at rec center
Would like the ability to bring inner tubes or floats to the pool.
Kids need an outlet to get exercise and stay cool. Kids and parents love having somewhere to meet friends and spend time together. the better the quality of the swim area, the more we will go but we already go about twice a week. This is an important recreation to have for home value.
Toddler freindly at flat rock with beach entry Nd the mushroom are importNt in a neighborhood that is turning into youngerfamilies with kids more everyday.
I think our pools should definitely have something for all ages, from toddlers to our elders.
Wave pools scream "drowning kids" to me, please no wave pools!
I like beach entry for the sake of children as well as those with disabilities!
I hate it at the indoor pool when volleyball takes up half the water and makes it so the rest of us can't really use the pool for just a few to play volleyball. Also when daycares crowd so much we can't use the pool. You should limit their days, make their fees really high so they could pay for the needed pool repairs. Lenexa shouldn't subsidize these for profit businesses. I don't like not being able to use facilities during spring break/school vacations because of the daycares and camps.
Quality lap lanes, place for kids. Don't make the lap lanes too small or too few.
Truth be told, our family drives to Olathe or Shawnee for pool amenities and pay the extra non resident price
Lap lanes and dive wells for competitive swim teams are essential.
Take care of the Ad Astra pool, you already have it, take care of it. Quite trying to rationalize it away, get your financial house in order and take care of what we have. I have zero interest in a new pool that is built at the I-435 & 87th St. area, there is already too much there.
I like deep water but we frequently have grandkids visiting who are of the ages that would enjoy the other amenities.
N/A to us.
our son isn't young anymore so many things don't apply but would be important for younger families
The lap lanes at Indian Creek and Flat Rock are not typically available. Ad Adstra however consistently allows for swimmers to do laps.
How about an adult only area?
Deeper Outdoor swim lap lanes are important because it is easier to swim and breathe then indoors
The "beach" areas are so nice. We don't need to be splash cove or Oceans or Fun. A nice city pool like Indian Trails is perfect.
Zero entry is absolutely important to me with an easy way to watch and access children (the biggest issue we have with Indian Trails is how segmented the pool is). We would love to not only continue to see zero entry, but also possibly a small pool that is gated off for toddlers only (similar to Oak Park pool or Tomahawk).
Waves pools are for water parks not community pools, many of Lenexa's outdoor pools attract people of all ages. I think the city pools need to stick to the basics and have water slides, a lazy river, lap lanes, Zero-Depth Entry (for kids), and deep water attractions! We need to have just have a bigger version of the rec center with more space for lap lanes, diving, and zero depth entry's!

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A minimum 6 lane 25 yd lap pool is an extremely important feature to me and my family.
The days of municipal pools just being a large a large body of water are out dated. Options for all should be considered.
Balance features and amenities among teenagers, families with young children and seniors.
11. How important is it to offer a splash pad/spray ground in Lenexa? An example photo is shown below. - Comments
Answer
We would use this more than a pool.
This would be fantastic!!! Especially if it was near other playground equipment (I made another comment in a different section before I got to this question).
A splash pad is Not a substitute for a pool. Hygiene issues are also of concern with a splash pad vs. a properly maintained poo
It could be fun, but I don't think it's a necessity or should replace an existing pool. I would definately not place it at city center which is overly crowded already.
Stop trying to replace Ad Astra.
Yes!!!!!!!
I said neutral, because I would only want it if it was added as an extra feature and NOT in place of one of the current pools, I think it would be great! I donât want to lose one of the current pools, for a splash pad.
I think that these should be offered as options free of cost outside of pool areas.
Not important as a free standing facility, but I believe a good idea to add to an existing facility.
This should be open to the community at no cost and not set on pool hours for 12-8. I prefer to take my child out in the morning time frame before it gets too hot. Also cost is a factor, not everyone can afford a pool pass but they shouldn't be left out of the fun.
As an adult I would not use it and I have no young kids in my household
Although we wonât utilize it can be very important for children who canât get into Fully submersible pools and be able to still get cool and have
That would be a question for parents with young children. Mine are too old. However, I can see the benefits for the right family.
Lenexa doesn't currently have one, and people love them in Olathe and PV. A splash pad near a playground (with accessible lockers rooms for changing) would be great!
I think these things are overrated.
This is only good for Families with young children, we used to go to Shawnee for this when our daughter was a toddler, never went back after she was 6+
Great for kids on a hot day!
We are past this time in our kids' ages, but I think it's still important to offer to attract young families to Lenexa.
A splash pad should never replace a current pool. Can be an additional attraction in Lenexa.
As an adult this doesn't interest me
I think Splash pads are great for young families but are definitely not replacement of a pool. Especially since we are a family with teens, we use the pool not for toys but swimming.
Also, if you make a splash pad, it should be FREE and open (see Kearney, NE Tanney Park for example)
I feel something like this would be a cheaper option and could serve many communities in the area. This appears to be a no brainer to me!

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This would be great IF it was a new location, but it would be dumb next to or near an exit I sting pool - ie it would be silly to put it at Sarkopar when Indian Trails is right there.
It is only important if you take Ad Astra pool away, to add some kind of pool/water feature for kid in the area whose older neighborhoods don't have association pools.
Splash pads are just glorified giant sprinklers. That would be a complete huge waste of money and resources. We can run the sprinklers in our own lawn. We cannot however dig our own swimming pool. There are plenty of splash pads around the city.
They are fun, but so wasteful!!
SPLAH PADS ARE FUN but draw unattended children. We have been to many neighboring parks that have splash pads/spray ground but leave when unattended children and/or teens come - inappropriate behavior and language. Who is responsible for these kids?
Toddlers and under 5 kids are probably 50% of the people at the pool.
While I think it would be nice to have a splash pad, it is designed for a very specific age level and a pool will serve a much larger age range. I would also be concerned with a larger amount of traffic for a longer time of day with a splash pad over a pool. A pool and splash pad should not be mutually exclusive, both should be offered. If I had to choose one or the other, I would choose a pool no question.
A pool us better to space out people of all ages in the family.
Looks fun and probably is for about five minutes.
We would go to it. There arenât many and none nearby. It wouldnât replace the pool but would be fun nonetheless.
Iâm concerned the older kids and teens would overwhelm the smaller kids that might come.
If it was part of a entire pool area great. Not as a stand alone option. Older people would not use.
My daughter would love a splash pad in Lenexa, but I personally donât think it should replace one of the current pools since that would limit my ability to go to the pool to layout/relax/swim. So if thereâs a way to add one without removing the Ad Astra pool I would really prefer that.
Lots of small children would love it!
It would attract younger family fun.
I think there's already one at Indian trails
I think one would be well received in addition to a pool, but not replacing a pool. It is a good feature for small children, but once they out grow it, many families would not utilize if it were stand alone and would look for true pool options.
This would be an excellent investment!
Keep all 3 pools open to limit overcrowding and so kids can safely walk to a nearby pool.
If you must get rid of ad astra pool you should replace it with a splash pad. There are lots of young kids in Lenexa (east and west) that would enjoy something like this. Please donât take away our pool and give us nothing in return.
Lake olathe new spray ground and water area is so incredible
We have a toddler, this would be an attractive feature
If separate from a pool then yes, important. If a shallow water or 0-depth entry water pool is available then not very important.
There are no splash pads in the area. A new one would only be good if it is big enough to handle the guaranteed crowds
Living in Leeâs summit briefly - that playground splash pad was such an easy way to have some summer fun
This would be fine if it was a feature at a pool or added to a park, but not okay to remove a pool and replace with this.
YES!!!! Why has Lenexa not installed a splash pad? We travel to Overland Park to use their splash pad facilities. This would be HUGE for Lenexa.

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I think people would get bored with this very quickly and soon it would hardly be used
Again, anything that makes the pools accessible and fun for families of all ages is desirable.
I think they make sense when woven into a larger park amenity, but not when they're dropped on a sterile pad site.
This would be a good idea to have. They are popular now and I would think cheaper to build and operate than a pool.
I think the "baby pool" was great for our children when they were younger. It was nice to have them close so the older kids could be in the big pool while we were with the younger kids. A splash pad/spray could be incorporated with a baby pool.
Not at the expense of Indian Trails. However, if that location was changed into a splash pad or something similar we would be happy with that.
Only if it's free.
Splash pads are not replacements for pools.
There is plenty of room where the kiddie pool used to be to ad a splash pad.
If a splash pad/spray ground can be incorporated into a pool setting it would be great. A stand alone feature like this seems wasteful to me.
Not as a stand alone feature
Itâs a physical hazard for children to injure themselves
Would love to have one but itâs not that big of deal that thereâs not one in town.
As a mom of four, NONE of my kids has ever truly used a spray ground for longer than a few minutes. Kids generally donât love water spraying in their faces. But my kids love the pool. Spray grounds sound great in theory, but donât deliver. Plus they are truly only fun during toddler yearsâ"itâs not far reaching in itsâ value.
If available near an existing pool we'd probably take the kids to it.
N/A
Like the one at the rec center
If there is a centralized pool facility in the city, then perhaps a few splash pads in other areas would be great too!
this could be a separate park amenity but it is not necessary at a pool location.
This is nice to have separate from pools so that it can be free. Overland Park has a few that we go to. Free and separate from the pool allows you to go for a shorter period of time without wasting money and you can go before the pool opens. Splash pads in OP stay open until
I have 3 young children, 5 yr & under but I donât want a splash pad to replace a pool! My children can splash in our driveway. We need our city pools! A splash area would be a nice addition to a large City pool.
While this is not something the people in our household would necessarily use, it is a wonderful option for people with disabilities or do not have the skills to swim safely
that looks like a low risk / staff way to cool off
Speaking as a child-free adult, Iâd prefer to be at a pool without this, because Iâm a salty old curmudgeon and children are loud.
Alternatively, speaking as someone whoâs best friend has an adorable toddler, I would really love a place like this. Not even necessarily at a full pool site, but just a place for the little little ones to safely splash around and cool off.
Would love to see this feature!
For young children it is nice to have. I wouldn't want it at the expense of the Flat Rock Creek Pool:)
If it's not included with a pool it's unnecessary.
I splash pad should only be used in conjunction with a pool. They are eyesores and useless otherwis

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My kids love visiting splash pads in the city. Having one closer to home would be so great.
Unless it's part of a larger pool complex, I believe this is a waste of real estate. A lot of time, Parents of kids want to be able to sit and relax in a pool, not get splashed in order to cool off. If this was our only option, we would very rarely, if ever, use it.
old fashioned just pool and diving board sufficient.
A splash pad is great as long as it is by a real pool.
It depends on where it is located. If it is to be crammed in that already over crowded I-435 location, I have zero interest. If you want to do that to Ad Astra, great.
I don't have direct experience but would expect that people with access issues would enjoy the splash pad type of area very much.
Splash Parks are not a substitute for real swimming pools
Use a sprinkler in your own yard
not interested unless a "splash pad" is built in the same facility as an actual pool. On it's own the splash pad is a limiting and ill thought out idea that would cater to a small group, not entire families
Would be good for little kids, but my kids are no longer little. I cannot speak for others.
Super fun!
Indian Trails slash area is perfect. We don't need the one pictured.
Kids - summer - swimming....It all goes together.
We would love this!
One can have a sprinkler at home!
Maybe in a park but I don't see the point if it's in a pool area. Unless it's one of those playground water parks
I would say it's kind of important! A splash pad here and there would be okay but is not sufficient enough to replace a community pool!
More is better.
Not necessarily at a pool but part of another park without a pool. No guard etc
I think they are very cost effective alternatives for children adults that just want to swim laps normally drive cars so driving further for this activity shouldn't be a factor.
only as part of an aquatic facility
This is important for our home values.
It's a nice alternative to the pools
this is important for the children, they enjoy getting sprayed
If our kids were younger, then yes. But our kids are teenagers and not as interestec
12. Please indicate if you or anyone in your household has an interest or need for each type of program listed below. Additional ideas may be posted in the comment section. - Comments
Answer
Dive-in movies might be the best idea ever. I will absolutely go watch Jaws while swimming.
I think all of these programs are important. I just don't have seniors or little children in my home right now. When I did have small children I loved having access to all of the children's activities.

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We have grand kids that would also be interested in many of the children programs.
My kids are past swim team but swam with the Lazars for many years. It was a huge part of our summer for about 9 years. So, I marked not important to me, but I think super important for the community. We also no longer need swim lessons, but my kids took swim lessons at Ad Astra when they were young. My kids now lifeguard and have taught swim lessons all because of their positive experiences at the pool.
Programing for other Lenexa activities has been great, and I think more can be done for the pools (i.e. aquatic classes, dive in movies, and baby splash time)
All great ideas!! I think it's very important to MARKET the pools to residents so they're aware.
Diving boards are a thing of the past, insurance is problematic and kids don't listen enough to the lifeguards and create a hazard
Ad Astra allows me to hang out with my teenage children without them getting too rough because itâs not crowded. It also allows us to move away from other people who are splashing and playing rough or using inappropriate language. You NEED to have a space where people who are introverts have a place to go. Iâm extroverted, but other people in my family arenât. We tried the other pools and didnât like them because they were too crowded. Not enough parking.
Movie / swim nights works for everyone! It's a great way to spend time with friends and family. It can even work with covid precautions!
We are out of the Toddler time age group right now, but looking to the future, it might become important again when we are looking at grandchildren in 5 - 10 years.
Would love to see more dedicated lap time
Very interested in more options for toddlers and young children
I would use the rec center for adult activities. I don't want to get out in the sun as I'm very fair-skinned.
I would utilize the pool more often if there were times and activities set aside for seniors.
Keep all 3 pools open to limit overcrowding and so kids can safely walk to a nearby pool.
Ad Astra is great for these important programs and keeps crowd away from other pools
We go for the youth programs and amenities.
We are aging out of the need for toddler time, but appreciated that just a few years ago. Since swimming is a lifetime sport and an important life skill, we are very interested in opportunities for our kids to get (more) lessons and be on swim teams. My husband and I would also like to do more with lap swimming for fitness purposes.
No other ideas.
I support most of these programs even if I don't have children in the household right now.
We are always interested in the swimming lessons and swim/dive team that Lenexa has always offered. We would hope that we would continue these programs with appropriate facilities.
As the average age of Lenexa increases, I think offering some adult only events are very necessary to building support for the pool. I also think marketing with through schools with a Mill Creek night at the pool would be a good thing too.
N/A
I'm sure when grandchildren arrive the answers will change but you have access to almost all of this at Lenexa Rec Ctr.
My children are still in school and enjoy the pool for fun and entertainment with friends. I am 54 years old and will be looking for fitness and water classes. Each family might have individual needs that differ within the family.
Adult hours would be great for lap swimming. would like more lanes (Rec Center) for adult lap swimming. Perhaps the single lanes marked off as double lane with rope.

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With the new aquatic center in the area, I don't think we need team programs.
Although I'm not interested in them, I think these are all great! Those adult hours are what I dream of though hahaha
Competitive swim team is an essential activity in our household.
My interest is in keeping the Ad Astra pool, if you want to add these new bells and whistles, fine.
These all would be great
Even though our kids are older now so we aren't interested in toddler splash time, I think it's great for the community
We wouldn't use some of the items listed, but they are important for the community. It is a bit aggravating when the water classes take over a large part of the pool during our evening swim, which may be the only time we can go some days.
A Masters Swim Group would be excellent.
Dedicated lap swimming times would be great, but hard to know the best times to have them. Like 4:30-5:30 seems like a good time. At least have the lap lanes off limits unless you're swimming.
Our children are 6 and under. As they get older, some of the additional programs may be of interest, but this represents what we would like to see right now.
As a lifeguard, I would say some of the best parts of it is seeing kids learn how to swim and watching the elderly do aerobic classes and walk against the current in the lazy river. I would say Lenexa does a fantastic job with swim lessons and needs to keep doing them. The classes Lenexa currently offers is fantastic but one change they could make is offering water aerobic classes outside!
We have a baby, so our household is not ready for swim/dive. Although these things were very important to me as a kid growing up in Lenexa. Swim lessons are wonderful! I can personally just teach my daughter to swim since I was a lifeguard and taught swim lessons for years ;)
I feel all youth programs are important for growth although personally for me, not all options apply.
splash pad- park equipment
WOULD LIKE SOME ADULT ONLY EVENINGS
I am very interested in adult programs, classes, events (not just for seniors) and workout classes. Plus lap lanes and adult pools.
13. Please share any additional comments that could assist the City of Lenexa in improving its outdoor pools and services. -
Answer
Please keep Indian Trails open.
Indian Trails could use a lazy river, if there is room for one.
Also - assuming it's not closed in the near future - I think Ad Astra and/or Flat Rock Pools should have a slide. (This would bring Lenexa in line with nearby Olathe, where Oregon Trail and Frontier Pools both have slides.)
Location is key, and trusting my children can walk to the pool safely is of the utmost importance.
It would be great if there was a pool west of 435. Currently there are zero options, and it would be nice to not have to drive so far to get to a
Indian Hills is very important to our family. The staff is amazing and it offers a variety of options for kids of all ages.
We would be very unhappy with a "centralized" water park for all of Lenexa. We don't need it. Please maintain the nice pools you already have in place.

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I hope that Lenexa understands the value that a city pool brings to our community. It's a great place to see your neighbors and for kids to see their school friends. We don't all live in neighborhoods with a pool (most of those are fairly small anyway). I think anything that gets kids outside and exercising is a good investment for our community.
Please offer some morning hours at all pool locations!
Definitely think a splash pad would make a lot of sense in the Western part of Lenexa, considering most of our neighborhoods in this area offer community pools. Would be great to have something like Roe Park where there is a splash pad + park facility combo.
Thank you!
Need good facilities for young families with young children. Ar a reasonable cost to that market.
Raiding my family near Ad Astra, this was a definite selling point when deciding to buy our house and has been a great family attraction. The parking lot is rarely full. I would like to see the pool renovated, expanded to add amenities, and remain a family-friendly attraction for the surrounding neighborhoods and for many in east Lenexa.
My family + I love Ad Astra pool + want it to stay. We don't have any desire for a big amusement park style pool at all. I would vote for more small, neighborhood pools like Ad Astra in Lenexa over a big pool complex.
Do not turn Ad Astra into a splash pad.
Thank you, Lenexa!! :)
Thank you for sending the survey. I hope your citizens who should be positively impacted by your work matter than the aquatic studies. There is a way to keep all pools open while also meeting the needs of newer Lenexa residents and those who have moved west of 435.
We love visiting local pools, but as a family with children, we find ourselves driving to other cities (Black Bob Bay in Olathe, Splash Cove in Shawnee) to take advantage of more engaging pool environments. We also visit the splash pad at Roe Park and even Dagg Park in KCMO. I would love to have similar options in Lenexa!
Swap Ad Astra current pool area with the current parking lot on more stable ground and USE an architect and general contractor who has lots of experience building public pools!
Thank you for having one of the pools open last summer, even with Covid! I felt like it was successful and the children and adults in Lenexa really got to enjoy it. It was great to have something normal to do and have so much fun with! Many other cities hopefully took note of Lenexa and will open their city pools in 2021!
We love all of the pools! Please keep them all
Flat rock creek is our favorite pool. It compliments our neighborhood. We know several families from other cities that frequently come to swim over other community pools. Please keep it operating.
Please keep Indian Trails Aquatic Center open!
Keep Ad Astra.
It's ok to not spend a lot of money trying to add lazy rivers, splash pads, etc. Sometimes just a nice basic neighborhood city pool is all that we need. The local subdivision pools are too small to lap swim in and are way too crowded with kids.
Please remember to provide this valuable accommodation and services to the adult population and senior population that have been a part of this community and are also still a large segment of the community. We would enjoy a pool to visit without interfering or vise versa with the enjoyment of a pool for younger adults and their children.
We are very interested in participating in the swim and dive teams.

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It would be extremely disappointing and a major hit to our neighborhood property values to no longer have a pool at Ad Astra. I really hope the city puts a plan in place that keeps a pool at Ad Astra park!
I appreciate there is an effort for public feedback before closing pools. I understand the need for change but critical to involve community input. I am excited for a new, larger pool and perhaps splash pads and a park at Ad Astra but I do want it noted that more residents in eastern Lenexa need the public pool.
Keep Ad Astra open!!
The city has always been good at offering programming residents want to participate in. In order to provide a variety of programming, having multiple locations to offer programming and free swim would be necessary to avoid overbooking. I personally would prefer the option for multiple smaller designed pools in the city vs one single central pool.
Lenexa is known for its community. In this age when the tendency of many - and recently the health and safety of everybody - is to stay inside and focus on screens, whatever the city can do to promote community, outdoor activity and family traditions should be prioritized.
The locker rooms at Indian trails are terrible and must be updated. A splash pad would be great, but don't replace Ad Astra pool with only a splash pad. Don't gunk-up the pool with so many amenities that it's hard to actually swim. Keep the whole pool visible so that you can see the swim area (current outdoor pools are fine- Rec Ctr does not).
I think it is essential to keep all three outdoors pools. Not doing so, particularly given the gobs of money Lenexa has spent on City Center and bike paths and the rest, would be a profound mistake with long term consequences to our neighborhoods. As a lifelong resident of Lenexa, please keep - and market - all three pools!
Do what is right for kids. Make the pools a place they want to go. Donât forget the LMI people they deserve pools just like the people in the wealthy part of town
We would love to see Ad Astra remain open (or another pool in its place). We have no community pool in Hoehn Park and bought our last two homes based on proximity of that pool.
Outdoor pools should be limited and more indoor or Rex center should be added for year round benefit
We value the city of Lenexa pools and look forward to using them this summer!
I answered neutral about the financing questions because I donât know how all that works. But I would hate to see pools move away from older neighborhoods and prices increase significantly. Itâs important to me that public pools be accessible to all of my neighbors.
Outdoor pools are important - simply having the indoor pool at the Rec Center is not a substitute for being outside, in the sun, during the summer. I could understand if the city did away with Ad Astra - even though my family used it the most since it was only blocks away. But they should retain two outdoor facilities.
I have said everything that I need to say, other than the fact that we love Ad Astra and if you guys need to tear it out and rebuild, that is fine, but it is in a nice area not too far from home. It feels like a vacation there, the other pools do not because they are crowded. Thank you.
Ad Astra is so important to our family and community! Also need to keep for resale on surrounding homes.
Nothing else to add. Thanks
Hopefully further feedback from residents will continue to be obtained throughout the planning process & details of ideas are voted on by residents before decisions are made. We need to retain the integrity of what swimming offers people of all ages, not just ages 4-14. Lenexa needs to continue a competitive outdoor swimming program & team.
Please keep ad astra pool!

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Simply this, closing any pool should not even have been on the table. As our community grows, our reputation does as well. People move here because of what we have to offer, not for what we intend to remove. Maintaining and improving what we have now, and building more amenities as growth demands, should be our wonderful city's only future goal!
Taking away Ad Astra is such a disservice to our community. I believe with a few modern updates it would be a worthy investment for our city
Please do not close Ad Astra.
A way to add to revenue is to offer additional items for purchase, especially during events such as glow items, grilled food and smoothies. I don't know if you can sell beer/ alcohol on events but adults will buy!
Please keep Ad Astra!!!
Please maintain Ad Astra as a POOL. We literally avoid Indian Trails BECAUSE of the amenities geared towards toddlers and the lack of chairs and deck space. Even when my kids were younger, they still preferred Ad Astra for daily swim and only wanted Indian Trails for occasional trips.
More chaise loungers
Lenexa is state of the art in almost every aspect, but has fallen behind every community when it comes to aquatics. Lenexa needs an aquatic center with all the amenities in modern pools, not just big pools like ones designed in the 80s and 90s.
I love that the ad astra pool is just a simple pool with deep water and lap swimming areas. My family thinks it is wonderful.
Please keep AdAstra Pool. It is so convenient for the neighborhoods like Brookwood, StoneRidge Manor and Lackman since we do not have neighborhood pools.
Please don't forget the people who don't have a subdivision pool and purchased their home due to the proximity of the city pool. The city pool is a valuable amenity, and adds value to the neighborhood. Thank you!
I would love to see smaller, simpler facilities, like existing pools and additional splash parks, versus one larger, fancier facility. Lenexa is spread out, so having more, easy access would be ideal. Moving to a single or even two larger facilities would limit access for a lot of residents, including kids on summer break.
Having quality outdoor swimming pools is extremely important for cities to be competitive in retaining young active families in the community. Swimming is one of the best ways to exercise and relax for people of all ages. If Lenexa considers closing Ad Astra Pool without a replacement in the immediate area, citizens will leave Lenexa for Olathe
There seems to be neverending money to pour into the area west of 435, there should be equal consideration put into rehabilitation of the Ad Astra pool, especially with the continued growth in this area.
The pictures looked fun and exciting!
I certainly hope that you will open flat rock creek again this year. I don't know how long pool lifetimes are. But this pool was recently upgraded around the time we moved here. It's been a great pool and we have really liked it. Because it's so close we go multiple times a week sometimes on a daily basis. Thank you for asking our opinions.
Need to have adult swim lessons.
LENEXA HAS THE BEST POOLS! PLEASE MAINTAIN THE PROGRAM
I'm probably not your target audience for this survey. My family used pools heavily when kids were younger but now that my kids are grown we don't really use them. I do believe they are an important community asset. We don't have a pool as part of a home association but honestly I would prefer those to public pools..
Common sense. Sometimes the squeaky wheel does not need all of the grease.

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I have been extremely disappointed with the city and their upkeep and treatment of Ad Astra pool over the years (specifically the awfulness of the bathrooms); it's as if the city has been trying to shut it for years not realizing that the walking distance to a fantastic city pool was a big reason why many of us bought homes near the pool.
Thanks for asking for community support.
Please keep Ad Astra open.
I hope you keep Ad Astra. Flat Rock is always so crowded. Have you considered adding a pool in western Lenexa?
If the city decides to go ahead with community pool closures, there has to be an alternative plan for the space that benefits the community directly and that plan must be enacted immediately upon closure. Tax payers within the community must have the ultimate say in what goes in to the space where a community pool is being removed.
The neighborhood we are in is turning over, lots of new families are moving into homes where original owners were. There is lots of room for improvement with the pools to meet the needs and wants of these young families, ours included.
There has been a lot of turnover in the Ad Astra neighborhood. I have no doubt if the pool was rebuilt, it would draw many people in. Ad Astra pool is a wonderful asset to our community.
I'd be ok with adding additional pool options to the newer areas of Lenexa but do not remove the facilities that we already have. The availability of them is what makes Lenexa great!
Going to the pool in the summer is a great family activity. It would be helpful for cost to stay low for those that like to go for a couple hours as a family (example in the evening after work). Or offer a separate rate for such occasion for those Lenexa residents without a pool pass.
Please keep Ad Astra Swimming Pool open for this area..I see children walking there from my area who need this as a place to spend time and be with others in their neighborhood..Thank you..
The summers here in KC are perfect for a long pool season. My family uses a city pool 3-4 times a week. The kids love the pool. The opportunity to maintain the current facilities should be the priority. Merriam made a big mistake taking out their outdoor pool. I would encourage you to reach out to them to see how much they messed up that decision.
I think it's important to offer pools for all in the community. I also feel increasing taxes substantially is another blow to affordable housing in this city. Affordable housing should be more important, if not as important as this.
I have really loved attending Ad Astra as an adult to lay out, read, relax in the 0 depth area, and cool off/swim. I look forward to taking my young kids there because it's not busy or crowded. I also hope to utilize the toddler swim time in the future at some pool. If you remove the Ad Astra pool, the other pools will become even more crowded.
I hate to see Ad Astra go away but in all honesty, the swim meets that were held there were unsightly for the neighborhood. Now that those have been moved to the new facility, I'm not sure its economically feasible to keep it open. As long as Indian Trails stays available long into the future for this neighborhood perhaps it could be a nice park
I love the pools and wish they were kept as they are just updated.
Important for Lenexa Lazers swim and dive team to continue. Ad Astra is currently the only pool in Lenexa that can accommodate diving.
Please don't only focus on the new city center. Many of us feel we have been left behind.
All of your ideas are great ones! Families will love these. Even though the younger kids use our neighborhood pool a lot..the older ones want diving boards and rock walls...more to do.
Please reopen Flat Rock!

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SarKoPar pool is extremely important to keep high risk teens out of trouble in the summer. Teens enjoy the amenities as do younger children. This is the most important pool to keep open and updated due to it's location.
close them all. they are a waste of tax money
People apparently want Ad Astra to stay ... we do too. We do not need another vacancy east of city center, and we are not very hopeful in the city's decision making process if they were to build there. City's argument seems to come to money. Seems shallow with the excess expenses we've undertaken from City ctr and west. Invest in qual. of life.
We must not forget the East side of 435 while building the WEST side. There would be no West without the EAST. Our property values to continue to grow or at very least sustain as we keep our amenities that attracted us to start with over 31 years ago.
Please find a way to keep Ad Astra pool open!
I love the Lenexa pools. I have been using them since I was a child and now bring my child to the pools. Keeping them open is very important to the community.
Keep all pools open and updated and maintained
Keep the vision that ALL citizens will be able to access outdoor pools in Lenexa. Please don't cater to the wealthy few who may prefer private neighborhood pools anyway.
Treat resident's amenities better than all the subsidies to these corporations and apartment communities that are tearing up every bit of free ground. It is clear priorities are screwed up in this city and investing in those that are here already should be the priority since they are paying the taxes.
Longer hours for adult lap swimming
The fact that Ad Astra pool is in such bad shape is not the fault of the nearby residents. The city decided to let the pool go into disrepair. If Lenexa closes that pool, they'll be doing damage to the values of all the homes nearby, and the city as a whole.
I love the community pools. One of the great benefits of living in Lenexa.
We love the pools, and love the convenience of getting to them loading and unloading kids at city center is such a hassle, and if the pool was to move there, I doubt weâd use it
Living in a neighborhood with a pool close by is very important to us and we love having a small pool available to us easily. We love flat rock creek pool and would like for it to stay! We would travel sometimes to a bigger pool if time allows a couple times during summer.
Chairs (when they come back) should be for adults only.
Keep us old town folk in mind in this process - we don't have the HOAs with pools the same as they do out west!
Please open pools this summer! And keep the As Astra Pool!
The Ad Astra pool near where I live was a very busy place when we first moved to Lenexa. I know that as the kids grew up the pool saw less usage, but the homes in our area are seeing a lot of turnover now with younger people moving in and more children in the area. I believe the city should consider that in deciding the fate of the city pools.
Location is important. Closing of ad astra means my kids can't go to the pool as often because Indian trails is too far away
We love the convenience of ad astra to our home in brookwood. While it is very basic, it fits our needs. Simple upgrades to the building and amenities could bring in more people. We were disappointed when the baby pool was closed and filled in several years ago. We have seen many young families move in recently and assume use would continue to grow
I really hope the Flat Rock Creek pool will be able to be open this summer. We really missed it last year!!

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We would love a pool with new features for our growing family!
Keep all 3 pools open to limit overcrowding and so kids can safely walk to a nearby pool. I'd rather have 3 pools open with basic facilities vs. 1 pool open with all the fancy bells and whistles.
We would be very upset if Ad Astra pool were removed and not replaced with another pool. We purchased our house because we could walk the kids to the pool. It is not feasible to walk to Indian Trails, and would require the kids to cross a very busy street.
Why not replace Ad Astra with a splash pad and put an awesome modern pool complex at Indian Trails. There is plenty of room and it is central to the city. Public transportation could help with accessibility for all Lenexans.
A splash pad would be an excellent addition to East Lenexa. Not everything needs to be built/added in West Lenexa. Again, if you get rid of Ad Astra pool, replace with a splash pad so residence have somewhere to take their children for fun in the summer months.
Financially it makes sense to close Ad Astra and build a fun new spray ground !
The pools shouldn't be a huge burden on the city's budget, but they don't necessarily need to be profitable. If people genuinely aren't using them, doesn't seem worth it to operate them. Better to spend those funds elsewhere.
Don't close any pools.
Community swimming pools are an important part of property values. Not all subdivisions have pools.
I support the closing of Ad Astra. Vocal community groups that want it to remain open don't appreciate that the cost of maintaining it is not justified for how little it is used and there are other pools nearby.
Now when will we be able to complete a survey on pedestrian and bicycle safety related to infrastructure and laws?
Please don't abandon the Ad Astra pool! We need a swimming facility in this region of the city!
We want to keep Ad Astra pool. Other pools are too far away to make a difference. Neighborhoods around Ad Astra don't have HOA pools, likely because Ad Astra exists, taking it away will take away access. Please keep this pool. Kids need a place to walk to. Crossing 87th street is not age appropriate for most and will prevent pool usage.
Not all the pools have to have all the amenities offered. It's good to have a mix of amenities at different locations
I'd like to keep Ad Astra open if it is safe - at least until another replacement pool is planned and started. Our community deserves this.
Seems anymore, the focus of Lenexa is to invest on moving west- neglecting the roots of Lenexa- E.g.-area of "Old Lenexa",- around Pflumm and Santa Fe Trail. Closing Ad Astra is a mistake. It services so many neighborhoods. Neighborhood pools don't allow many guests. Kids need to be with friends and city pools provide that opportunity.
My only issue with pools from having worked at one in the past is that people use them as government funded babysitting in the summer. BUT! That's also the nice thing. They are a safe place, full of people, constant surveillance and vigilance of the water. It's a good place to send children to get them out of the house. Double edge sword.
If there's a way to expand Flat Rock pool that would be great. Younger families are moving in the surrounding neighborhood and a nice pool is a big plus. We go to Indian Trails maybe 1 or 2 times a season but never to Ad Astra
Lenexa lasers swim and dive is our main priority. Having this at Indian trails pool was great last year.
I don't think the city needs 3 pools. Since Ad Astra needs so many repairs and is so close to the aquatic center, I would choose Ad Astra to be the one that is closed.
Please SAVE OUR AD ASTRA pool!!

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It would be great to have an area for toddlers. We really don't have anything like that right now.
Lenexa's outdoor pools have become a key part of our family's summer experience. We have emphasized swimming with our kids from the beginning of their lives because of the health and life skill benefits. Since we don't have access to any other outdoor pools, this amenity in Lenexa is of great importance to us.
Please consider that in a time when people are having to sacrifice SO MUCH of what is normal and makes for a good quality of life that being outdoors and enjoying family time at a swimming pool is a large part of that. I am really looking forward to taking my family to ALL of our Lenexa public pools this summer.
I would like to see senior activities at all the pools.
Eastern Lenexa has lost city hall and soon the police station. Resources continue to be spent west of 435 and there's little investment in the dense parts of the community. Losing Ad Astra is another example of the city turning it's back on older areas of town. There's been no money thrown into the old town master plan either. Reinvest!
Thank you for including Lenexa citizens comments and input in your outdoor pool analysis.
I know a few years ago it was slated to closed ad astra because it wasn't as fancy as the other pools. But why not market that pool to adults?? Make it adults only a peaceful pool no crowds of families.
Keep flat rock pool open longer for the season.
Lenexa is behind the times with the pool amenities they offer!
Please don't close Ad Astra. I'd still rather pay to leave it where it is than close it and build something new. It's a nice adult pool, and some peace you don't find at the others with more flashy amenities.
Don't take Ad Astra pool away please! It's a great part of the neighborhood.
We love Lenexa's small town community. The neighborhood pools have long provided gathering places in summer months when residents have more time to get to know each other. Twelve neighborhoods around Ad Astra do not have swimming pools and many of those children walk to the pool. Many homes are just turning over to younger families. Save Ad Astra
My biggest concern is that if we eliminate the deeper water my kids won't effectively learn to swim. This poses an unnecessary threat. Indian Trails is the reason we purchased a home in the location we did. There are many other cities that offer more community pools and amenities that we may likely consider if Indian Trails is closed.
flat Rock Creek Pool should close if any.
Humans need to be outside. Having only indoor pools is terrible for mental and overall health. Splash parks are only fun for small kids.... and there are already plenty around.
Don't get too fancy. Just keep the cost down and the value up.
We enjoy using the public pool and hope you plan to keep them. I do have a concern that if the smaller pools are closed then Indian will be more busy. And overly busy pools are no fun.
Should Lenexa plan to build a water park in western Lenexa I hope that you would keep at least one of the pools on the eastern side.
I grew up at 79th and Lackman and then moved to 83rd and Lackman after getting married and having children. The pool was a huge draw as a child, teen and now mother. We stayed in this area because of the activities Ad Astra offers our kids in the summer. Jobs, outdoor exercise, in person socialization. Please do not remove our pool. Make updates!!
Thanks for asking!

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We have been using Ad Astra pool since moving here in 1992. It's one of the major reasons we bought here. Yes, it needs updating. It is so nice to have a pool with great lap lanes & enough space to really play with our grandkids without bumping into people like at Indian Trails. Please don't get rid of Ad Astra pool.
We need to keep this pool. The amount of families that live here have created so so many memories. It's a great location and not in a busy area. It's near the elementary school.
Closing the ad astra pool doesn't make sense unless there is vision and plan in place to make better use of the space. A splash ground may not add much value to the community unless it is done really well and kept in good operations. There are other options and alternatives to consider such as a kids creek with more natural features, trees, etc.
Keep Ad Astra available for swim team!
Access to public pools enhance quality of life & property values in lenexa
If you are going to get rid of Ad Astra (and I get it, it's old) Please consider a minimum 25 yrd 6-8 lane outdoor pool for both physical fitness and swim team usage. Preferably close to 435. In an ideal world would LOVE to see something similar to what Prairie Village has: Water slides, diving well, 8 lane lap pool, liesure/wading pool, green spac
Don't close pools in the older parts of the city, just to build in the newer areas
Please find a way to keep Ad Astra open. This entire section of Lenexa would be left without access to a public pool. We don't have HOA's. No ability to create a space for a public pool.
We don't have to have the most fabulous amenities. We need pools where children can swim and play in the heat of summer.
City pools keep people safe. Please support pools even if it means raising taxes. Maybe add hot tub or adult only small pools to attract more people. Or do adult nights with single mingle sessions.
Pools need to be fun for kids and not solely focused on the senior population or lap swimmers. Obviously there is a need for senior activities and lap swimming, etc. but those two needs should not be the primary focus for a community pool, they should be a mere portion of it.
Three pools within a few miles is silly. Why not just put one good facility (8 lane lap pool, kiddie pool, slides, features) in a central location?
Keep flat rock b/c so new but get rid of the other two and put in something good.
We are very jealous of the water parks in Shawnee, why not Lenexa?
I think in all this, I fear that we will end up with one pool by city center. It will be flashy and pricey similar to the rec center. It will be farther from our community and probably too expensive for our family. Please leave our simple pool be. Our kids love it and have a blast just being kids and swimming.
I realize that the way this survey is written and presented the city would like to close at least one outdoor pool. Why not focus more on what families in Lenexa want instead of trying to push your agenda through, you've been doing this for at least two years and you have significant push back. It is time to stop and accept we want our pools.
Please don't close flat rock
Thanks for asking.
Most residents don't use or care for pools. I suspect the vocal few will prevail. Is there a way to subcontract to the HOA pools?
More shade everywhere. You could instal poles and hook up shade tarps even Especially knowing the cancer risks and how very hot it is. Have morning pool hours - toddlers take naps in the afternoon plus seniors prefer the cooler mornings than the hot afternoons.
Great time when you have visiting family with kids in the hot summer or to take your grandkids for fun outings. Upkeep is important for safety and how our community looks to visitors who may want to move to Lenexa. All age groups can benefit from public pools.

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The Lenexa neighborhood pools provide a vital service to those living east of 435. Removing these pools would be a detriment to the overall good of the city. The city must realize that not all residents live west of 435 and support them with services. The pool is a major reason we selected our neighborhood.
Do not want public outdoor pool in Bristol Ridge.
Access to pools is nice but I'm not sure it's a decision point for folks when looking for a place to live. Seems like having 2 great facilities would be enough for our community. Curious what would replace Ad Astra if you closed it, though.
We love having public pools. My kids have grown up in OP and Lenexa and we have always used the pools.
Keep them open. Thanks for all you do.
Flat Rock was greatly missed this past summer. If anything I would like it to stay open longer in the summer, even if it's just weekend and evenings.
Please do not get rid of Ad Astra pool. Our family has been using it since we moved here. It is convenient & we have room to play without bumping in to others.
We would love to use the Lenexa pools if they were updated to better fit our needs.
We have a neighborhood pool but I think for the community it is important for our property values to have a community pool. But I think 2 is plenty. Thank you.
I don't think pools are important as civic necessities
I love Ad Astra dearly and would not be getting a membership if it were not for that pool. It is safe, accessible, and loved by the community.
I think it is very important to update and maintain all three pools for the city
Having options for all. Whether lap swimmers, rentals, teams(diving and swimming) and fun activities
Pools are great, but don't raise taxes.
Please do not close any of our city pools! I would love to see an additional city pool, west of 435. Please keep Ad Astra open! If you decided to tear it down, please replace it with a new pool, not a splash pad.
Our pool, Ad Adstra, was an exciting place our family truly enjoyed. Staffing has suffered and removing the diving boards hurt. The current paint job is horribly unattractive. Honestly, our daughters quit visiting when some creepers were there and when they reported them, nothing happened. We would love to see it kept and improved.
We need to spend money for kids. We moved to Lenexa because of its pools and small town feel. The focus has shifted to see how many apartments can be built. I have also noted that pickle ball has reduced open gym time for kids. We want to make sure the kids get plenty of opportunity to get exercise.
My family would use the pool ten times more if we were able to go before noon. I understand that pools open later due to swim lessons, but with younger kids that nap after lunch, we don't get there until later in the day and then we have other plans. If at least one pool was open earlier, we would always go before lunch and naps.
I understand due to lifeguard staffing, the pools usually close for the season when school starts. It would be nice if they could stay open through part of September because the weather is still very warm then. Even if it is just for the evenings or weekends.
Please don't close our pools!
Splash parks. Splash parks everywhere.
thank you for taking the time to try to make the best decisions

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I work for an apartment complex in Lenexa and feel the area needs a pool that has some fun/different things to offer than pools offer at apartment complexes. I was sad when it was announced that Ad Astra would be closing as that is in walking distance from my complex. I would recommend adding the splash pad, etc and upgrading that pool.
I would like to see the 3 current pools remain and spend the money for any repairs that may be needed. Neighborhood pools are important.
Please do not close Ad Astra.
if you remodel pool houses, make them so you can access the pool without going through either the M or F changing areas. So you can escort a child of the opposite sex in without going through the changing area. need more water entrances that are steps, not just ladders. Need diving boards, not just platforms. Would like adult swim time/area
Keep all pools open
Simple quality neighborhood pools that are affordable.
I would much rather see updates to Indian Trails pool than for Ad Astra to stay open
Just don't close the Flat Rock creek pool. It is our neighborhood go-to place in the summer. We all love it. Anything you want to add in addition to it would be great!
Ad Astra pool is important to my family and surrounding neighborhoods that do not have a HOA pool. It is walking distance, we love it in the summer, and would be sad if it closed. One of the beautiful traits about Lenexa is having parks and pools integrated with the neighborhoods. Closing Ad Astra would make families inside 435 feel abandoned.
Please keep Flat Rock pool open! All my neighbors and friends love going there and my family enjoys it so much!
Not supporting our pools is on the same level as not supporting our schools. Kids as well as adults need to have neighborhood pools to participate in a healthy outdoor activity and just have fun.
Keeping Ad Astra open should be a priority
The city needs a spray ground at black hoof park. I think that would be ideal.
Ad Astra needs to stay a pool
Having an outdoor aquatic facility that were more like a water park and right in our community would be so amazing. It would continue to draw families to this area of KC as a wonderful place to live and raise a family even during those hot summer days!
Too many communities are losing sight of the importance of lap lanes and dive wells for competitive swim and dive teams and focusing too much on splash and play structures.
Please keep Ad Astra open!
I hope the city will continue to offer several lap lanes for residents.
Do not close Ad Astra it is a mainstay city pool , not fancy and state of art.
Please just keep the pools open!!! A new one will be great at 8rd & Mauer.
Our family has really enjoyed using and will continue to use Flat Rock Creek and Indian Trails over the years. They are a huge part of why we love Lenexa and hope they can continue to be a part of this community or something like them.
Again do not close ad astra
Keep Ad Astra pool, take care of it. If you want to add extras like lily pads, etc. do it. DO NOT ADD any more things at I-435 & 87th street, too much there already.
Please consider the needs of all residents within the community and respect those who do not have neighborhood pools. Moving the facilities further west only creates further distance to those neighborhoods within close proximity to AD Astra, Indian Trails and Rock Creek.

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Cannot wait for Ad Astra pool to open back up!
Access to a summer time use pool is important for the quality of life in neighborhoods. It's important to have amenities that maintain the value of the neighborhoods.
Do not close Ad Astra!!!
Please keep Tails on the Trail. It's a wonderful event
Have used Ad astra pool for the last 15 years and very much enjoyed it . Hope the city can continue to have it open .
The City of Lenexa is able to financially support the city pools without closing certain pools. The pools need upgrades to meet safety codes, and the city should not close any pool because it has to pay for the necessary changes. The City of Lenexa prioritized the City Center and areas west of I-435, but it seems to have forgotten about the east.
Trained lifeguards and security.
I think these types of facilities are best provided by private entities or HOAs.
Please don't shut down the Ad Astra pool. It is the only Lenexa pool that can consistently allow for lap swimming.
I would really love if Flat Rock Creek could open this year as a safe, fun way to do an activity during the pandemic.
Lenexa does a wonderful job providing outdoor programs and I hope the feedback is helpful
Thank you for asking for our input! :D
I would place less emphasis on lap pools
The main reason my family would use a city pool instead of our HOA pool are space (such as lap lanes) and areas suitable for small children. Our HOA pool is not built to accommodate children who are not proficient swimmers.
we have really enjoyed the couple times we were able to make it to the lenexa pool. we also love the swim classes that are offered!
I think keeping the pools are such a benefit to our community! I would be VERY open to higher pricing, especially if there was a tier set up for Lower income households that could pay less. Those families NEED community programs to help them grow into successful members of our community. Please keep the pools!
I very much like the idea of localized pools while being fiscally responsible with how they are distributed across Lenexa.
Had a little trouble with survey. Please keep Rock Creek open.
Keep ad astra. It is worth the cost even if it operates at a "loss". When the increase in property values from a community pool are taken into account, it does not operate at a loss for residents. The neighborhood it is in has a new generation of kids and families moving in. It's imperative to keep the pool operational. No splash pad replacement
Thank you for offering a pool in 2020. The opportunity to get out w/friends when so many venues were closed was immeasurable.
we really need a more modern pool with more amenities that make it worth traveling outside the community/neighborhood standard pool
Do it with reasonable fees
Having pools in Lenexa is very important to our family and I prefer to support our city when choosing a pool to go to. Living in west Lenexa is wonderful but it would be great if a community pool was built in the area as well. However, I am willing to travel to make sure our family gets to swim.
Need outdoor pool in West Lenexa.
I'd like to see our current amenities stay about the same, but be upgraded as needed. We don't need a fancy water park type pool. The amenities at the Rec Center aren't open if there isn't enough staff and then it's just wasted space. I'd rather have places to hang out than a cramped specialty pool.

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I love the indoor pool at the Rec Center but it is lacking in lap lanes and larger open space and unfortunately, I haven't figured out what the point of the Aquatic Center is across the street. It doesn't appear to be available to the general public at any time.
Thank you for asking for community input.
Would love to see the Ad Astra Pool revamped to be more family friendly and stay open. Lots of kids in the surrounding neighborhoods now, including my two under the age of 6. Within two blocks, our neighborhood (80th and Hall) has 5 kids in kindergarten all with multiple siblings.
I understand the need for pools but the burden should not be left to all of the Lenexa residence to pay for especially when only a fraction of the community uses the pools but the cost is carried by all of us.
Keep Ad Astra open
Lenexa should have a state of the art pool with all the features. None of the other cities really have anything like that. I would prefer if it were in west Lenexa.
Love Indian Trails pool. Pools improve property values.
Provide a close lap pool to Area 1!
We should not spend millions of dollars to build these things and raise the taxes on Lenexa residents. Anything we can minimize tax will be appreciated
Please keep our pools! One problem I do have is getting into the water at the large pool. I don't dive and it's inconvenient going under all those ropes to get to the section where I can swim. Thank you.
Better trained personnel. It happened a couple of times that we were given/charged different prices for members of our family to get in.
If the city can build 2 pools side by side and have all the development building up in City Center, use some of the taxes and improve Ad Astra for another 5 years. Pay guards if difficult to hire. Stop the focus on the new City Center conglomerate. It's too crowded.
We love the community, how close the pool is to us. We have a toddler and these programs are extremely important to us
Would love to continue to see zero entry, splash pad, lazy river, and easier access to pool so it is easier to watch kids... Indian Trails is so segmented and big it is hard to watch children there. The seating is also so far away from the pool. It would also be nice to have a gated area for 5 and under children similar to Oak Park in OP.
Pools need to focus on adults who would like swim for fitness. This would include hours after work (6-9pm) that allow for laps and fitness programs not in lap lanes. It is very difficult to find a place to swim laps.
I think Lenexa should invest in its pools and make them a community feature with fun new amenities. Swimming lessons have been important to us. Please keep the diving boards. A lazy river and water slide would be great additions!
I've always wondered why the Lenexa pools don't stay open later in the evenings. For working people it doesn't allow enough time through the week to swim in the evening. It seems the hours are quite short. Where I am from the pools are open from 10 AM until 10 PM.
I would hate to lose the pools to Western Lenexa where it seems most homeowners have an HOA pool for their use already!
I think a big part of kids going to the pools often is that it isn't too expensive. If there are a lot of amenities I would be afraid the prices would go significantly up and children's bi-daily pool visit might not be a thing anymore.
A refillable water bottle fountain
These pools are what has made my summers the most fun. The community of people that visit these pools are amazing and I love the time spent there. I do not have a neighborhood pool so I consider this to be mine. I hope the city of Lenexa continues to provide these pools for there are so many benefits.

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Please note that our city in the past years has done a quite amazing job making its aquatic department top notch. Whether it is the lifeguard experiences it offers or the opportunity for younger kids to learn how to swim. These things are what helps kids and teenagers have an awesome childhood. Nothing like a splash pad could ever replace that.
We really liked the sand area that used to be at the Indian Trails pool. Swimming pools are a great gathering place for communities in the summer. However, compared to the pools of surrounding communities, ours definitely need updating.
Central large pool, expandable over time as interests change with lots of splash parks dotted across the city.
I think you should open all your pools this summer and all at the beginning of summer! have only one open last year and it's opening starting late made it hard for me to get my kids out of the house early in the summer! thank you
Lenexa needs to continue to address the western half of its population which will undoubtedly grow over the next 50 years. That growth requires, at a minimum, a 6 lane 25 yd lap pool to be constructed somewhere west of I-435 and preferably near the K-7 corridor.
You cannot win on the decision concerning Ad Aster pool. Therefore I would request the decision be made on budget concerns. Do not reduce funding for current operations or future plans such as the senior center project.
As I mentioned before, I think a country club appeal would be more luring for people. I think there could be 2 pools, maybe one that is more of the traditional city pool - like Indian Trails, maybe not cost as much to visit, and then a more country club type of pool with a bar - maybe even more expensive to visit.
I would like to see Indian Trails upgraded. Ad Astra- revamped to a smaller facility including a splash pad. New facility located out west- freedom fields area
An obstacle course would be really fun, and a high dive, along with a log roll.
Make it more entertaining for high schoolers.
Having at least one Lenexa pool with more amenities would enhance the city and home values.
Open Ad Astra please.
There's been a lot of talk of Ad Astra closing. We'd prefer it be renovated so that when the day care buses have an option and not overload Indian Trails. The lack of amenities at Ad Astra and Indian Trails keeps diminishing over the years. Simple things like volleyball or basketball in the pool would be of interest to the teenage population. provide more space to eat snacks, and provide more lawn chairs
PLEASE ALLOW PLENTY OF SPACE FOR LOUNGERS. ALSO WOULD LIKE GREEN SPACE WITH PICNIC TABLES WITH SHADE.
Pools are great for kids of all ages. They are also great for ADULTS of all ages. We will spend just as much money for good amenities too. Lap lanes, water fitness, lazy river, adult pool area, etc. Prairie village has an Adult Pool and Lap lanes and they are always busy.
Lenexa has always maintained high standards regarding all of its's facilities, especially aquatic.
I hope you decide to keep Ad Astra open.

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I would like to give input as I personally have interest and experience in Aquatics.
Flat Rock-Do a better job of keeping swim lanes off limits to Splash With Me participants. Life guards do nothing when they get in water walkersâ€™ way.
Why not modernize or update Ad Astra to make it more attractive, rather than closing it? Parking at Indian Trails is inadequate and lots of kids from our neighborhood can walk to Ad Astra but would not be able to walk to Indian Trails without supervision. A decision to close Ad Astra disadvantages long-time Lenexa residents in favor of residents with more money and private pools in their yards or neighborhoods.
Adults should have priority to pool chairs. I've seen kids put towels on a chair, only to use it during breaks. In my opinion, they can spread out their towels on the grass, and leave chairs for adults 18 and over. Also, this past year I noticed that the female lifeguards are wearing swimsuits that are cut really high, showing their rear ends. I don't think that the city wants their employees showing off more than necessary. I have been going to Indian Trails for over 20 years and have seen a lack of enthusiasm from pool managers and lifeguards. They seem to ignore so much behavior that is against their own rules. The positive is that Indian Trails is a good value and I am glad that it will remain open. Thank you.
I understand the reasoning but I'm not happy about closing Ad Astra Pool. I have always enjoyed being able to walk just a half mile to the pool and now I won't have that option. I thought swimming laps was great exercise since I have had back surgery and after this summer will need to find something else to do since I don't like driving to pools.
I would love for Ad Astra to stay open. My girls are teenagers + we have no desire to go to pools full of slides + such. We love the simplicity of Ad Astra, + it is our favorite pool. We like it, because it is different + not so chaotic. This new plan sounds incredibly expensive + unnecessary. We will not renew our pool passes, if the only options big, noisy, chaotic play pools. Not everyone who enjoys the pools has little kids who like all the bells + whistles. I hope the committee is taking into account all Lenexa residents.
We live just behind the Ad Astra pool parking lot (since before it was built) and would certainly like to talk to your staff about their plans for the property. You can email me to get a discussion started or call and set up a time to sit down and visit. Bob Hawkins 15809 W. 81st St.

Thank you for asking for resident feedback on the aquatic plan. I've really thought about this a lot over the last month because we are a family that will be directly affected by the closing of Ad Astra. While I can't say I am surprised there is a proposal to close Ad Astra, I am extremely disappointed. We purposely bought our house because of all the great amenities within walking distance - school, pool and library. With Ad Astra and Lackman Library closing, it's very frustrating that the things that drew us to this neighborhood are no longer here. We do not live in a subdivision with a subdivision pool so we would be required to go somewhere else for swimming. Even though Indian Trails is not very far, it is not within walking or bike riding distance. I would not allow my child to go there on their own for many years. And because the pool would not be within walking distance, we would not go to the pool nearly as often as we currently do. We currently buy a membership each year but I would not buy it in future years because I do not know if it would be cost effective for my family. Because we live so close now, we often will run up to the pool for an hour in the evenings after work and hang out with our neighbors and watch the kids swim. If that would require me to drive somewhere, I would not go nearly as often and have more time to make it worthwhile to drive there. In my opinion, it would be wonderful to see Lenexa rebuild Ad Astra pool in a smaller format. I agree that it is outdated, but a smaller pool with modern amenities (a new bathhouse for sure) would still be used. It does not need to be as large as it is to be loved and used by community members. For example, Rock Creek is much smaller pool than Ad Astra; that would be a good size pool to build at the Ad Astra site. That being said, if Ad Astra closes, I do believe that you will run into problems at Indian Trails with summer programs using the pool. Currently they can split their attendance between three pools (although my understanding is that most summer programs do not go to Rock Creek); to have all of the summer programs in the area go to Indian Trail would create an environment for families that would not be enjoyable during summer afternoons. To be honest, I don't particularly even like Indian Trails on a weekend afternoon due to the number of people there. It is hard to find a place to put your things and it is extremely rare that I can find more than one lawn chair close to each other for several family members to relax on. I would hope that the committee thinks about what draws residents to Lenexa - the close knit communities are a big draw. With moving so many amenities to one central location, it is no longer a positive for many residents. I hope that if Ad Astra is closed, the city does NOT combine all pools into one central pool. I do not want to fight crowds to go to the pool. I do not want to drive a long way to go to a pool. I hope that the people looking into the study really think about what amenities residents enjoy and what they like to have in their neighborhoods when making these decisions.

Why not add slide and fountains to Ad Astra to make more appealing. Indian Trails is too crowded and Flat Rock is too small and too far. I am not sure why Flat Rock was redone, its use had to be less than Ad Astra. It will take too long to determine funding and location for a new aquatic center while leaving 2 overcrowded pools that will end up forcing folks to head to Shawnee or Olathe.

I live in Brookwood subdivision. I am so sad to hear this is closing. It has been a great neighborhood pool. If the space is repurposed, I would love to be contacted if patrons will be given a voice. Lenexa is a great city to live in and trust the space will be put to good use.

Hello, I'm interested to see if there are any updates regarding the closure of the Ad Astra pool following the 2019 season. As a family in the neighborhood, we're very concerned that this site will just be left to rot, which is unfortunate considering how much money the city is spending on development in city center just down the road. Some neighbors are also concerned how this will impact the school and our property values. Thank you.

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Me and my family live within walking distance of Ad Astra and will be heartbroken if it closes. We do not have close access to another pool and this one is our favorite for many functional and leisure reasons. Purchasing a season pass has become an annual necessity for our household with use of this pool for at least 95% of our visits, and we would be interested in funding a way to keep Ad Astra in its location and with an open, simple design that is perfect for real swimming, rather than sliding around, squirting water toys or walking in water too shallow for swimming. This pool is excellently located near 87th and I-435. I remember when it was first built and enjoyed transitioning from having swim meets at Indian Trails to Ad Astra. Outdoor lap swimming in the summer is far more enjoyable than indoor swimming, and this is a great pool for that. Words can't even describe the difference, where we don't have a wide open beach on the ocean in Kansas. We have enjoyed watching swim practices/meets on walks or driving by for years and I have had hopes for my children to be able to swim competitively there once they are old enough. I would be willing to pay an increase in rates to accommodate repairs and consider some renovations that enhance the design without detracting from the natural character Ad Astra has always been able to provide. Maybe a fundraiser could be held as well. Words cannot express how great of a pool this is and how important it is to this geographic location in Lenexa. We would be very disappointed if even a dollar was spent on destroying it. Please consider alternatives to preserve this important architectural landmark in our community!

Very sad to hear that Ad Astra will probably be closed. It seems that Lenexa has shifted their thought process over the past several years that bigger is better. Lenexa no longer has the "hometown" feeling that it had. Perhaps it would have been wiser if the city had invested some of the money that was spent erecting "excessive" decor at newly redesigned intersections, park signs, etc. into the Ad Astra pool before it began to degrade. Neighborhood pools, parks, sidewalks and more are important to the families that choose to settle here. I hope you listen to the people of your town.

I can see no reason not to put a new water park at the existing Indian Creek facility. Centralized around the most populated part of the city of Lenexa other than wanting to put it near more affluent members of the city of Lenexa. As a homeowner in Lenexa I already feel like I am being deemed less than important with you having the Community Center and now library moved to the other side of 435.

I am wondering what the plans are after closing Ad Astra pool? I feel like we -as residents - didn't get a say on what should happen with it. I have lived down the street from the pool for 10 years and think the closing is ridiculous.

I think it is a shame to close this pool. Why not rehab it so it is geared toward the general public, instead of it being geared for competition? Why was it built with special interest in the first place, why was it not built for general use? You need to read nextdoor.com to see what your constituents think instead paying taxpayer money to hear the opinion of outsiders in the form of study group. Do you even know what we think? It is said you only care about the new things you are building and developing. This situation appears to support that. Very disappointed in you!

We would really love a free splash pad incorporated into a park like Roe park or the two splash pads in Lee's Summit. Splash pads are perfect for us because we have several young kids which makes watching them all at a pool difficult.

I hope that the City and Park board truly ask the surrounding neighborhoods for input.

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While I understand that there are great costs associated with the operation of the outdoor pools, I question whether Indian Trails and Flat Rock will be able to accommodate pool traffic. Ad astra is our pool of choice. If we go between 12 and 3, busloads of kids from summer camps are in attendance making it quite crowded. We buy an outdoor pool pass at the beginning of each summer. I know that we will probably be forced to look for a private pool to join because based on personal experience, it will just be too crowded for us at the remaining two pools especially when summer camps with busloads of kids get dropped off. We would much rather support our wonderful city especially given the cost of joining a private pool, but an overcrowded pool is not enjoyable. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Indian hills is already incredibly crowded, with the many daycare centers bringing in kids by the bus load. Which is the main reason my family uses Ad Astra, even with the day care centers that use Ad Astra it is still only a fraction of the insanity. What is your plan when all off the daycare centers and JCPRD programs show up at Indian hillls at the same time? Flat rock is not nearly big enough to accommodate the over flow.

My opinion won't change a thing. So there's not sense in going into it. Cause I could go in and on on how the loss of our pool will affect me.. my neighbors.. and our community. I shall say I'm beyond disappointed in this decision. And this has been the saddest summer in our neighborhood. From speaking to people at the pool. Employees.. knowing no longer will I hear the music and sounds of families enjoying their time together there. No longer seeing Michaels family push his wheelchair down the street so he can float and smile and enjoy the water. It's been wonderful that they are so close for him to enjoy what he loves so much. In any case. It was a huge reason/ plus for moving to this area and I'm beyond sad. It's always been such a short season and the only plus to that was the dog swim. Flat Rock can't compare to Ad Astra and the larger pool is always a pain due to being so cluttered.. with people and activities. It's just plain depressing..

As a homeowner in the neighborhood near Ad Astra, I would like to see some kind of water facility in the space, like a splash pad park. Lenexa has wonderful parks. We have been visiting all of them this summer through the Park Passport, but haven't seen a splash pad.

I think it's absolutely unacceptable to abandon those that Ad Astra Serves. Removing this pool and putting it closer to the richer part of this city is turning your backs on those of us that have been here for a long time. Not to mention all of the new neighborhoods have HOA pools! Flat Rock and Indian Trails were renovaded and now have good attendance, renovate Ad Astra and the results would be the same, more attendance. We always though because Ad Astra was the newest of the three it would be the last to be renovaded... There is so much wrong with closing this pool. Very disappointed in the city leaders. I've lived in Lenexa since 1986 and have loved it until the last few years. Very very disappointed.

Changes need to happen. My family does not go to Ad Astra. I am not alone, many in Western Lenexa do not go. It only serves the neighborhoods around the pool. The rest of us don't want our children who are not driving cars yet at that pool alone because it is a large facility run by teenagers with a remote parking lot that is often empty and there are no other amenities around it. It was built 30 years ago? We have West Lenexa now. I am 5 miles from Ad Astra and there are many much further West than me. It is high time for change. These pools do not serve the greater community of Lenexa any longer and it is not going to get any better. Change has been needed for a long, long time. Anyone that lives in the neighborhoods by that pool are going to complain but the needs of all of Lenexa should be considered. Design safe community pools that all of Lenexa can use.

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<p>Splash parks are for toddlers. No one over the age of 5 will be able to use them. Our teen, adult, and elderly Lenexans love the pools and would certainly be willing to support tax dollars being used to fund improvements to Ad Astra. It seems that you're trying to move everything West, where the money is, and you're leaving those East of 435 in the dust.</p>
<p>My family has lived in Lenexa for almost 29 years. We live 1 block from Ad Astra pool & we've used this pool every summer since moving here. We also sometimes go to Indian Trails pool. We were just there last Thursday & it was so very crowded with kids from 2 buses of daycare kids that we couldn't play without bumping into people. At Ad Astra there is still room even when daycare buses are there. I am so upset that you are closing Ad Astra pool. It makes no sense to me to close this pool then build a new pool elsewhere. It sounds to me like you are just pandering to the newer homes to the west. Well, we pay taxes here too!! We voted for the new recreation center but I wouldn't have if I had known that the cost to use that pool was going to be too high for retired people to take their grandkids to swim there. City of Lenexa, you are very disappointing! !</p>
<p>The citizens of Lenexa love our pools! We don't care that they are expensive to maintain. City streets are expensive yet they get maintained. Ad Astra needs an update not a closure. This is my 24th summer attending Lenexa pools. In that time Ad Astra hasn't had much updating at all; the blue umbrellas, the fountain/sprinkler, painted once in 24 years (a hideous color scheme as well). The high dive was removed as was the baby pool. The pool house needs an upgrade as well. The pools are a city amenity, they do not need to be money makers. Most neighborhoods east of 435 do not have pools. We need Ad Astra and Indian Trails. It doesn't matter that they are close together. They serve the city well. Please don't let some outside vendor decide our pools should be closed. They don't live here.</p>
<p>Very disappointed this is occurring without prior input from surrounding neighborhoods. Attendance would go up if it was updated. But expecting kids to go to Indian trails is unrealistic because they have to cross a busy street. The pool should remain open, have a longer season and be updated</p>
<p>We have lived in the Lenexa area for the last 20 years. We purchase a pool pass every year to help keep the city pools open. We have been to all 3 pools over the years and enjoy all of them for different reasons. I am not a fan of the indoor pool so we haven't used it. I think it is sad that when you look at the population and say that 75% of those who use the pool are in Eastern Lenexa and then say that you are moving the pools to Western Lenexa. The majority of the neighborhood in western Lenexa have their own neighborhood pools and wouldn't use the facility anyway. Splash parks are great for kids but I like to go to the pool to swim laps and splash parks aren't great for that. Please consider all options when you make these decisions and not just catering to the Western Lenexa population. If you have information that provides more clarity on what the city intends to do or if you have a strategic committee for the pools please let me know. I would be interested in participating.</p>
<p>Great idea closing the pool, it's in bad shape. There are multiple pools close, including the one in City Center which we love.</p>
<p>Just very sad to see Ad Astra close. My family and I have been enjoying this very relaxing pool for years. We think it is a sad and disappointing decision to close this wonderful pool. That's just our 2 cents worth.</p>
<p>If Ad Astra pool is closed and demolished, what exactly is planned for the property ? Please no more apartments ! Why not just upgrade the existing pool ? Why did you erect the big fancy new sign out in front of it just a year or two ago ? I personally do not agree with the closing and demolition of Ad Astra Aquatic Center</p>

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My family has enjoyed the Ad Astra Pool from the day it opened through 08-04-19. Both of my daughters had their first jobs there. I think it is a shame that with a city of our size that the money to subsidize the continuation of this fine pool cannot be found. Some things that took away from the full utilization of this pool were the frequent swim closing for competition, on top of an already reduced summer swim schedule. If the parks and rec's advisory committee would spend some additional funds on making more like Shawnee's Splash Cove, people would drive to Ad Astra for this type of activity and pay more to do so. It goes without saying that the frequent closings need to be reviewed or the season lengthened.

I think it is a big mistake to abandon the Ad Astra pool. The neighborhood has a lot of new, young families who can soon enjoy this facility. Why not increase the fees a bit to help defray the costs? Swimming pools are amenities that make for great neighborhoods and increase the value and attractiveness of living areas. The city needs to invest in maintaining the older areas that originally made it a great small city.

This is a big mistake and will reduce the value of my house. Studies can be wrong if the city influences what they want the results to be.

Glad you are doing this, many HOA's have pools and all outdoor pools are seeing less use and more maintenance for such a short time.

I realize that there are more people moving to Lenexa, and the city is growing westward. However, many of us are still living in the eastern portion of Lenexa and enjoy the amenities the eastern portion offers. IF you feel it necessary to build a fourth pool in the western area, great! But don't take away the ones in the eastern portion. WE all still live here too. My neighborhood and many around me don't have a neighborhood pool, BECAUSE, we live in walking distance to Ad Astra. Ad Astra - within the fenced area and parking lot has LOTS of space that can be used for updates and fixing the pool itself. Please take that into consideration. WE don't want to have to drive to Indian Creek or Flat Rock to swim and enjoy the pool. Around Maurer and 83rd to 79th street there aren't any neighborhoods pools that we have permission/access to use. Ad Astra is our neighborhood pool. WE have lived in Lenexa since 1984, and in our current home by the Ad Astra pool since 1997.

I attended the meeting on the future of the Lazars swim and dive team but could not stay for the meeting about Ad Astra. During the meeting one of the reps from Water's Edge mentioned an idea of closing both IT and Ad Astra to build one large pool that would be used for the swim team and for it's attractions. The PV pool is similar to that and it is a great space. I could certainly support one large pool to the east of 435 (or at least close to the current pools) that replaces both. If that would happen, perhaps the competitive pool could be finished first, allowing Ad Astra to close and then the recreation pools could follow, allowing Indian Trails to close. This would enable Lenexa to still offer morning and evening swim lessons and a place for the Blazers to swim (all of which currently occur at Ad Astra). Indian Trails is already too crowded. There is never enough space for parents there with children. I can not imagine how much more crowded it would be if Ad Astra were to close. The PV pool has a lot of space in the grass for parents to watch the swim meets and it has several other pools to fit needs for everyone in the community. I wanted to mention that I would support the idea of closing both pools if there is a stated plan of how to keep the program running and provide on large area for all residents' needs.

Ad Astra Aquatic Center is in a neighborhood that does not have a home owners' association, Stoneridge Manor. I believe it is vital to include those residents in the first round of Phase 2 (winter-spring 2020) focus groups. We can be reached on Nextdoor, Facebook, postal mail, door to door, or through email addresses or phone numbers provided on previously purchased activities and passes.

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<p>I would love to see ad astra stay open and perhaps receive improvements</p>
<p>Thank you for the consideration of residents. PLEASE keep AdAstra open after the 2020 season, this was one of the main reasons we purchased our home in Brookwood. Indian Trails is already very busy and do not feel it can handle the overflow if AdAstra is shut down. I am also concerned about young families wanting to come to our amazing neighborhoods surrounding AdAstra, since most do not have neighborhood pools.</p>
<p>Please keep Ad Astra operating. It's a neighborhood pool. Demographics are changing---younger families moving in---and younger families will greatly benefit from wholesome outdoor activities. Also please continue offering lap swimming!</p>
<p>We are in desperate need of bringing our pools up to modern times!!! For such an up and coming city we are definitely behind the times.</p>
<p>TEST</p>
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<p>TEST 2</p>
<p>I am strongly in favor of keeping a pool at the Ad Astra location. Most subdivisions bordering this pool do not have access to a neighborhood pool. There needs to be room to swim (more than just stand) in water deeper than 4 feet. We left Lifetime several years ago because their pool was more of a wading pool. Amenities are needed but should not get in the way of actual swim space. There needs to be deck space and some shade provided. Young families are moving in all the time and need sprayers and shallow water area for small children. Keeping swim and dive at the same location is important for convenience and allowing kids to participate in both. Walkability is important because my children are teens and tweens who want a little independence (getting to and from the pool) without me all the time. My oldest was hoping to have her first job at Ad Astra once she was old enough. The bath house is gross and needs to be completely redone.</p>
<p>Please stop underestimating the value of convenience in regards to city amenities. We want a pool that our kids and families can walk or ride bikes to. A place where kids from neighboring communities can meet up to swim and develop friendships, even when both of their parents are at work to pay for the expensive homes and taxes we assume are going to these very such amenities. Crowded city-wide facilities with parking garages that are located across major highways are nice to visit on a lazy weekend, but they do not replace our beloved, walk there almost everyday in the summer, never have to fight for a chair, beautiful Ad Astra pool. Please consider rebuilding our pool in the same location!</p>
<p>Looking forward to seeing a rebuilt, new & improved Ad Astra. A swimming pool, not a splash park, is very much needed at 83rd & Mauer. It is understandable that the new pool does not need to be as large as the current pool. However, an actual pool with a large pool deck for lounge chairs is what the city needs. The pool decks at the other two pools are much too small. Room for lounge chairs at Indian Trails is non-existent. The new pool needs to have fun attractions to attract young families with small children & be big enough that those small children want to come back as teenagers.</p>

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Hi. Can you tell me what kind of system the rec center pools have. Is it a salt system or something else? Thanks in advance.
Hi, Its saying I have already taken the survey, but I don't recall doing so? I would love to take the survey if someone can help. Thanks so much!
Hi, Its saying I have already taken the survey, but I don't recall doing so? I would love to take the survey if someone can help. Thanks so much!
I enjoy using the Lenexa city pool near 87th and Sprouts Store. I usually just swim laps in the lap section. I enjoy using the outdoor pool and would like to continue using the lap pool at that location.
I will be sorry to see Ad Astra close, as we have lived nearby that pool for years, and my sons have enjoyed biking to the Lenexa Lazars practices...my youngest, 13, may miss out on doing this for another year or two...and it is such a healthy summer activity! I heard there was "limited" Lazer activity at Indian Trails pool last summer, but my work limits me from dropping him off and picking him up from there. We liked the "quiet" of Ad Astra, the zero entry, the lifeguards....Indian Trails can get so crazy!
I'm asking you to keep ad Astra open. It would be nice to get upgraded but please keep it a pool. Maybe add a water slide or a lazy river. I feel safe that my kids can walk down the street to the pool. It's great having it in our neighborhood.
I understand the need to reduce costs and possibly close one or more of the outdoor pools. If the conclusion remains to close Ad Astra, it would be nice to have another lap swimming option at one of the other pools.
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I really love how calm and uncrowded Ad Astra pool is, and how close it is to my house since I don't have a neighborhood pool. I like to be able to go by myself and enjoy a relaxing afternoon reading, sunbathing, and cooling off in the pool. If you turn it into a splash pad, adults would not be able to use it. I would be ok with that location turning into a splash pad though if another new similar pool was built further west. I would be willing to drive a little farther to still have that experience of a not busy outdoor pool in the summer. And my young kids would love a splash pad somewhere in the area! I just want to still be able to attend a non-crowded pool by myself also. Before I had kids, I attended Ad Astra 2-3 times a week. I also would really like a Splash with Me morning time to open back up this summer, ideally 9-11/11:30.

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Former lifeguard and pool manager with Lenexa here. I have lived in Lenexa my whole life, and have attended Indian Trails since I was a baby. That being said, I have many memories at Indian Trails, both as a patron and working there for a few years. Love the pool a lot, but couldn't help but notice in the last few years, it is in need of some TLC. Same goes with Ad Astra, but focusing on Indian Trails here, some minor improvements could go a long ways. Things like repainting the slides, adding more amenities, updating the concession stand, fixing infrastructure problems, etc. I have really enjoyed the small town feel to all our pools, and would oppose a central water park pool being built as proposed in the study. I'd also like to give some feedback on Ad Astra. Downsizing the pool, and turning it into something similar to Flat Rock Creek would be awesome. The community around the pool is great, and strong enough to support a pool, however with the size of AA currently, and all the problems with the facility, it's probably best to downsize the pool, and a build a new one that has enough amenities in the facility to compensate for the downsize. I look forward to seeing the future of Lenexa Aquatic facilities, and hope all three of the outdoor facilities have many years of operation to come.

The Indian Trails pool was a life saver for us (5 grandkids) last summer when theaters and other entertainment options were closed. Even with limits on attendance, we were rarely unable to get in the pool for at least a couple of hours on hot afternoons. As far as I know, there were no serious problems related to the pools operation. As far as the long term study goes, we understand that resources are limited and growth is to the west. However, the west now has the City Center amenities and our fear is that the resources will flow heavily in that direction. We do appreciate the tennis/pickle court upgrades.

Please keep Ad Astra Pool open - most importantly for the Lazars Swim Team to practice and compete . Also to reduce crowding from Sar Kar for day care and other population segments and nearby neighborhoods.

I never use the outdoor pools. If I want to do that I use the one at my apartment. My grandchildren are the same - they have a subdivision pool. I personally like the lanes at LRC but there are not enough in busy times. I am a walker in the pool. I would also like a deep place to tread water. Wondering if the money spent on the outdoor pools could be resourced to LRC for more classes/different pool classes and may use the lanes at the SM pools.

I think the quality of life in Lenexa REQUIRES that we have pools open outside in the summertime. We need to make this happen.

The pools are very important to Lenexa residents, families and young children. It will help attract young families to Lenexa as it provides a wonderful amenity. Indian Trails pool was one of the first places we took our babies. Swimming in the summer at Indian Trails has been a wonderful fond memory. One of the best experiences our 3 young sons had growing up was being part of the Lenexa swim team. Being a lifeguard also served as a wonderful first job for our sons. Indian Trails is centrally located in Lenexa and a wonderful feature at Sar-Ko Par park. Please do not close Indian Trails Aquatics Center!!!! It was one of the best attractions for young families to this area.

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The pool thing has been a bit of a debacle. Start listening to your residents on this and stop hiding behind the report. You will see in most of the public forums (FB, Nextdoor, community chats, etc) that they want something more than indecision and tear down of Ad Astra. There are a lot of young families that frequented this pool prior to the shut down. This is a neighborhood anchor and as Lenexa continues to put a focus on westward expansion, many feel the neighborhoods on the east side of 435 get neglected. Quit putting money into fixing something in poor repair and rebuild there. Build an anchor to keep and attract younger families to that area. The tax payers and public overwhelmingly support this type of move. We are strongly considering selling in the next year or two and the location of the pool has a very strong deciding factor for us and I know in speaking with neighbors, many others. In the time since the infamous city council meeting, there has been more turnover in the neighborhoods served by Ad Astra - the younger community continues to populate this area. Don't just stay the course of removing it without a plan to back it up.

We are seniors and would like to be able to swim laps in lanes solely dedicated to that.

Since our neighborhood has it's own pool, I don't have an opinion about the Lenexa pools

Let's close Ad Astra Pool. Kids can swim competitively, get lessons, etc at the new aquatic center or the Lenexa Rec Center. Keeping this pool open is a waste of money. Join Life Time as another alternative. I went to the meeting last year and I thought this issue was solved?

Please keep/update Ad Astra. We don't need a splash pad in its place, we need a pool for all the neighborhoods that don't have pool access.

please keep ad astra open. The neighborhood does not have a pool and the ad astra city pool is much more accessible than indian trails. It is a much safer walk for everyone, especially children that walk to the pool in the summer.

I would love to see a couple of slides at the Ad Astra pool. I think this would make it more kid friendly, as there is currently not a lot for kids. I would also like to keep the laps designated for lap swimming.

Please keep Ad Astra open!

I have lived close to ad astra pool since 1996. All our kids grew up using the pool and my daughter was on the Lazars swim team. I think the right to do is to close the pool, especially considering there's another a short distance away. To me the question is what to do with the pool location. I think whatever the replacement, it should be a feature that would be a magnet for families. In particular, I would recommend enlarging ad astra park to include all of the current pool and parking lot. To make it more attractive, I'd recommend adding any of a variety of features, which could include: Expanded play area Fountain/splash area - sort of like the pool has for kids Implementations of various environmental themes, such as xeriscaping, terracing etc Native trees in groves Frisbee golf course

Open House

March 18, 2021

5 – 7 p.m.

Lenexa Community Forum

The following comments were collected at the Open House on March 18, 2021. These are key notes and overall takeaways and are not quantified regarding how many times the comment was made or by whom.

- Those who are familiar with Ad Astra Pool understand that there are significant challenges with the existing pool and pool site
- There is a desire to keep Ad Astra Pool, and possibly relocate it to the north side of the parking lot
- Walking to Indian Trails from the Ad Astra area is not supported and there are concerns over safety
- There is split feedback on if increased traffic to the Ad Astra neighborhood would be supported
- There is a desire to include a pool in the west part of the City
- There is an awareness of, and utilization at, Indian Trails Aquatic Center
- There is a desire to open and maintain Flat Rock Creek Pool
- There is a desire for upgraded amenities and features within Lenexa (although there were several comments that smaller pools without big features are also of interest, largely centered around maintaining Ad Astra Pool)
- There is concern that a splash pad would not serve older children, teens, and adults (one adult did say that having shade, water spray misters, and accessible restrooms would be attractive as an adult)