

44th Ward Community Survey

Full Results

Spring 2023

Office of Alderman Bennett Lawson | 44th Ward

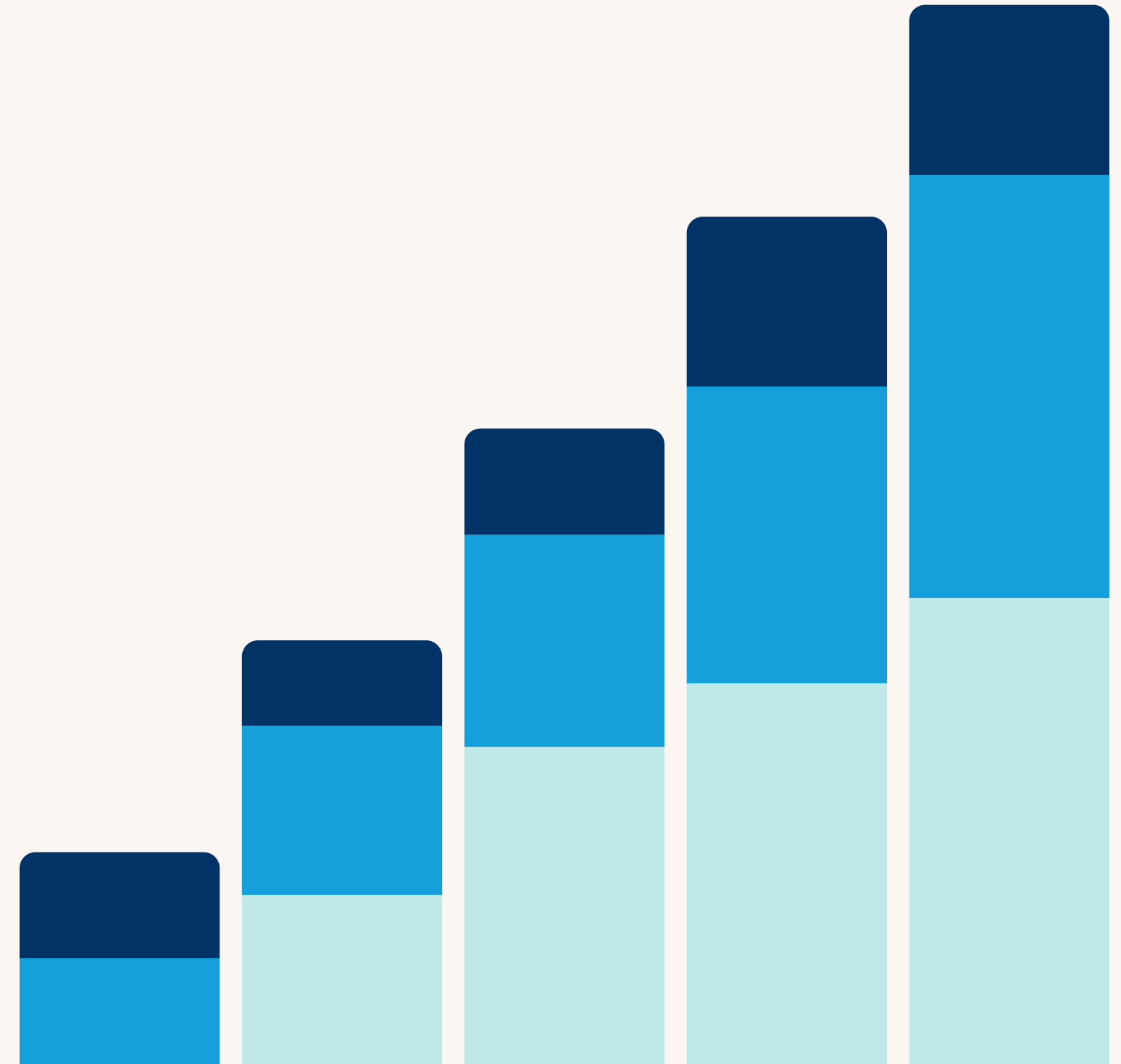
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Survey Overview

Then-Alderman-Elect Bennett Lawson conducted the 44th Ward Community Survey in the spring of 2023 prior to being inaugurated. He undertook this task to hear directly from residents about the issues most important to them and their families, what they love about our community, and what improvements should be made. **More than 2,000 people responded** to the survey to make their voices heard, and we are excited to share what we learned.



Question:

What brought you to Lakeview?

Total respondents: 2,022

70% (1,415) Neighborhood atmosphere

66% (1,339) Neighborhood amenities

32% (654) Housing availability

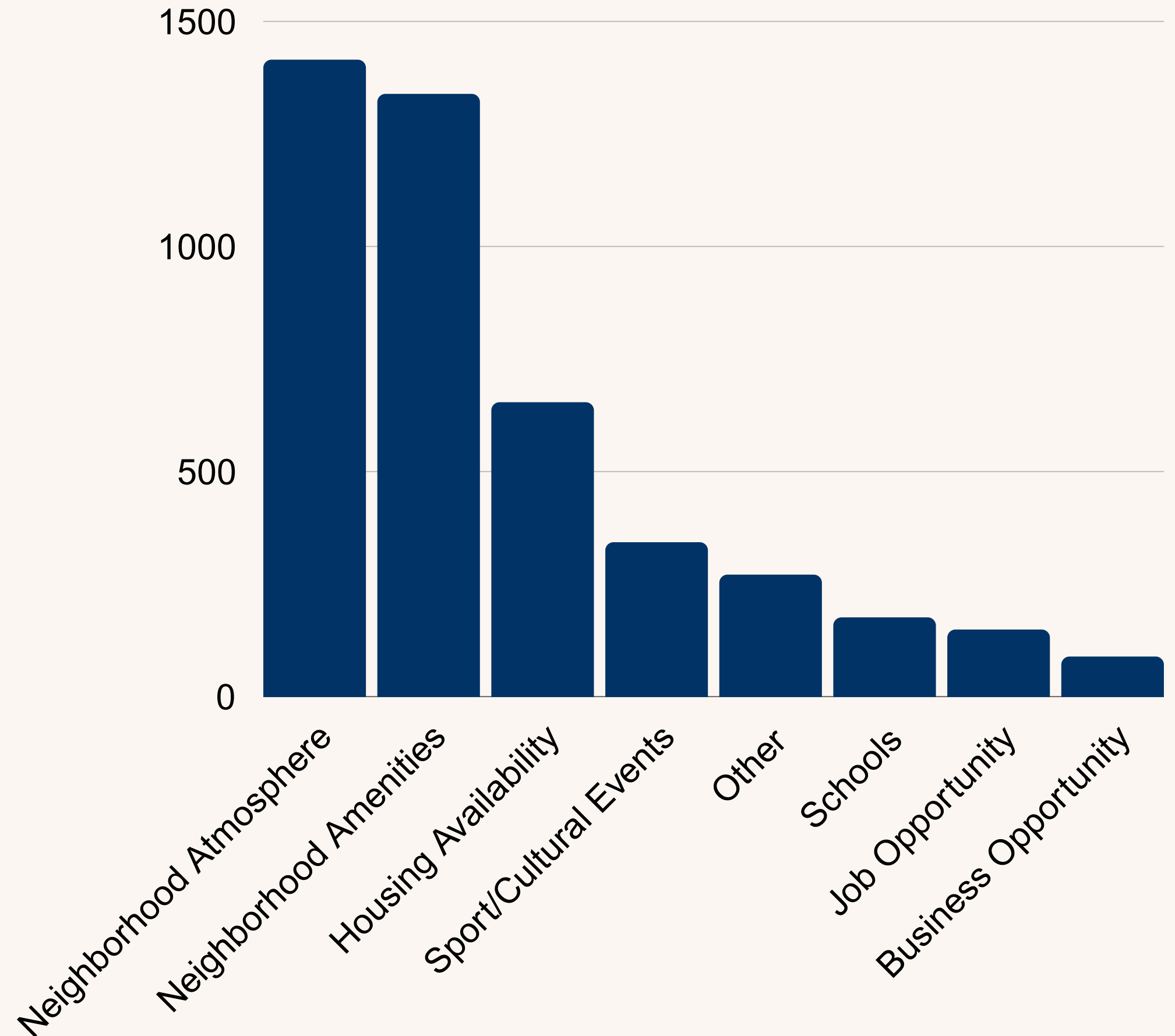
17% (343) Sport/cultural events

13% (271) Other

9% (176) Schools

7% (149) Job opportunity

4% (89) Business opportunity



Question:

What do you like most about Lakeview?

Total respondents: 2,014

85% (1,717) Walkability

65% (1,306) Neighborhood amenities

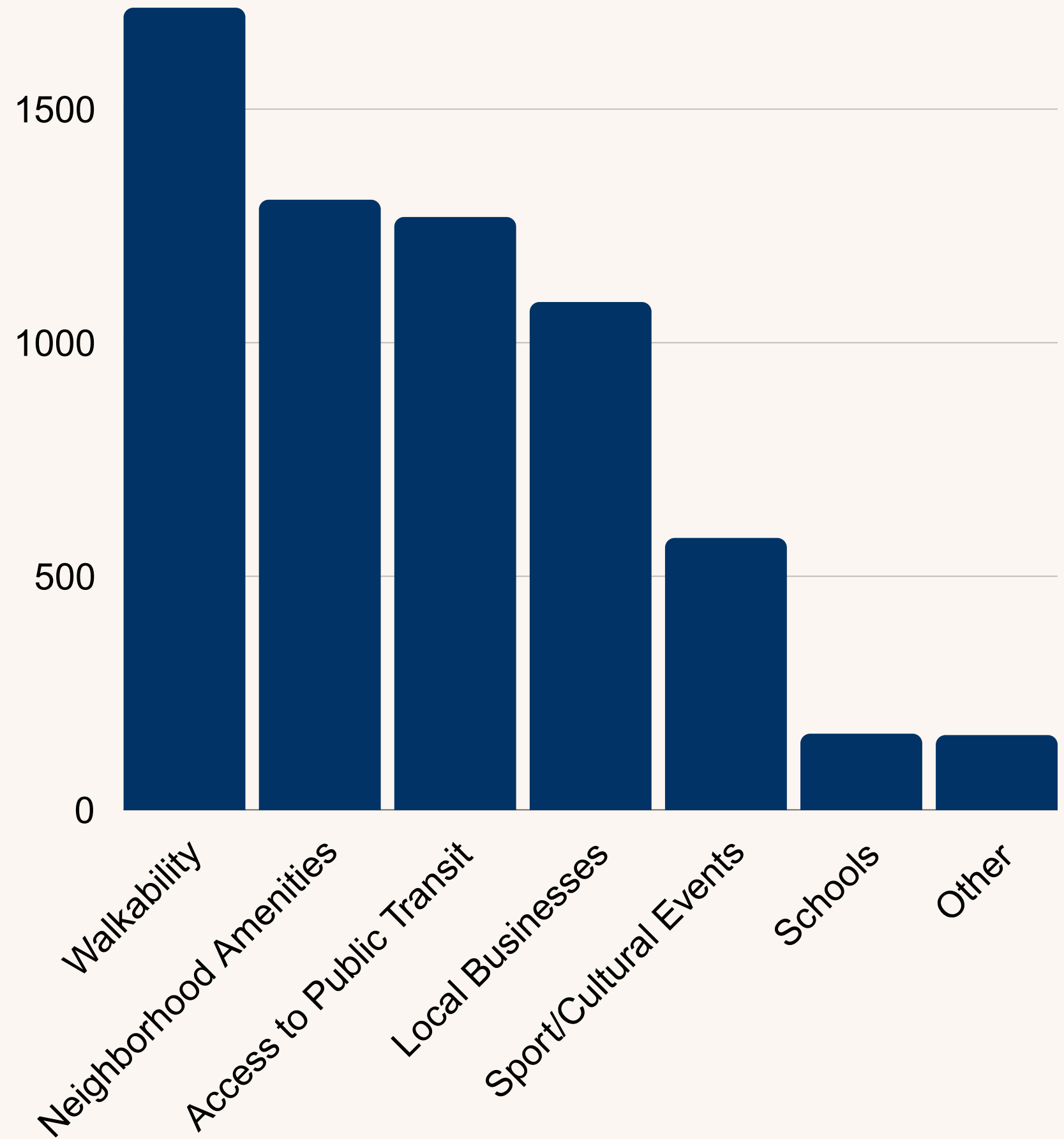
63% (1,269) Access to public transit

54% (1,087) Local businesses

29% (582) Sport/cultural events

8% (163) Schools

8% (160) Other



Question:

Which issues do you feel are most pressing in Lakeview?

Total respondents: 2,037

1

Public Safety

T3

Infrastructure

7

Police Reform

2

Small Business
Attraction & Retention

5

Public Transit
Access/Reliability

8

Recycling/
Sustainability/Climate

T3

Housing Affordability/
Property Taxes

6

Pedestrian &
Bike Safety

9

School
Improvement

Question:

What is your primary mode of transportation?

Total respondents: 2,014

39% (779) Car

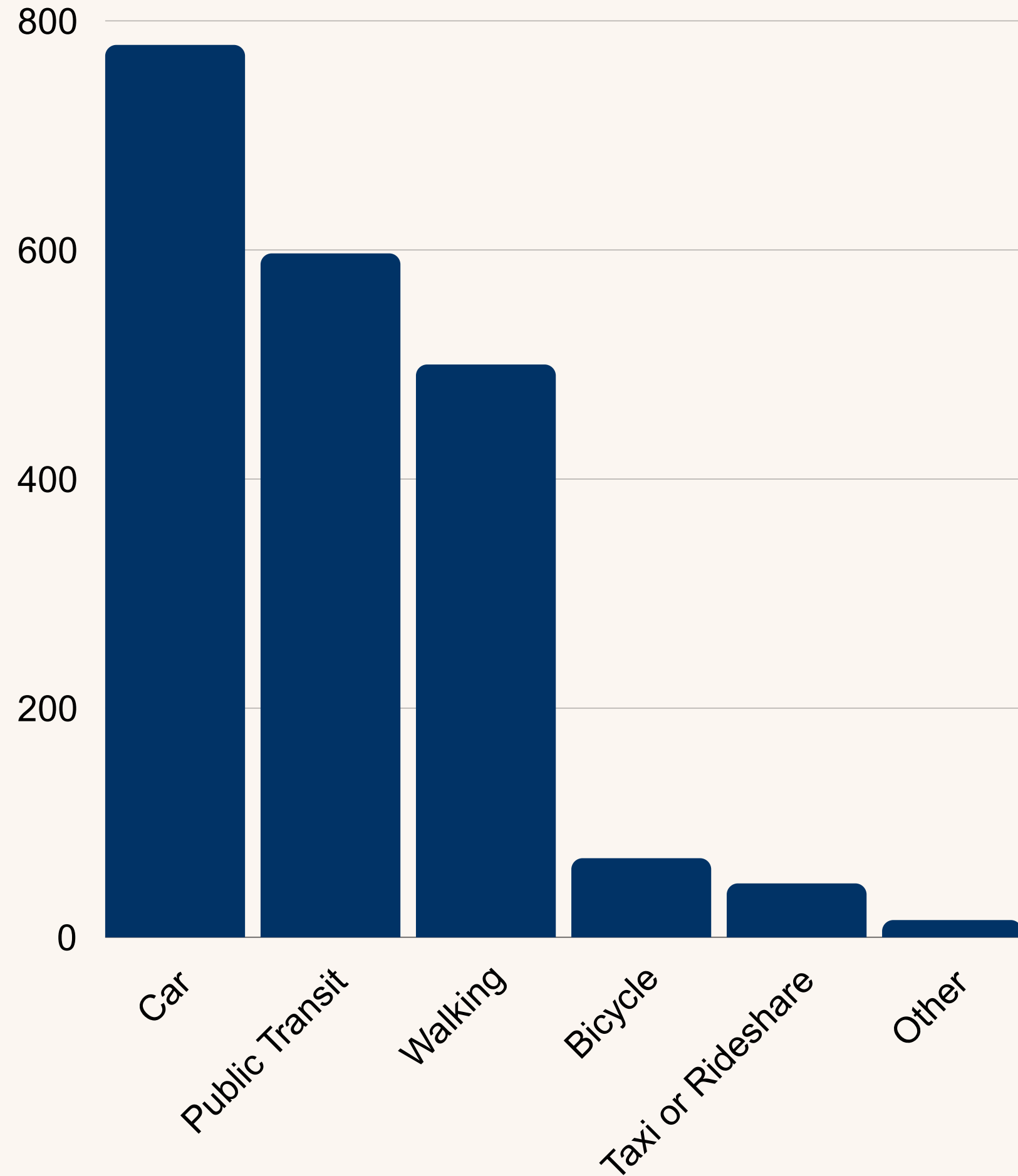
30% (597) Public transit

25% (500) Walking

3% (69) Bicycle

2% (47) Taxi or rideshare

1% (15) Other



Question:

What is your secondary mode of transportation?

Total respondents: 1,993

29% (583) Walking

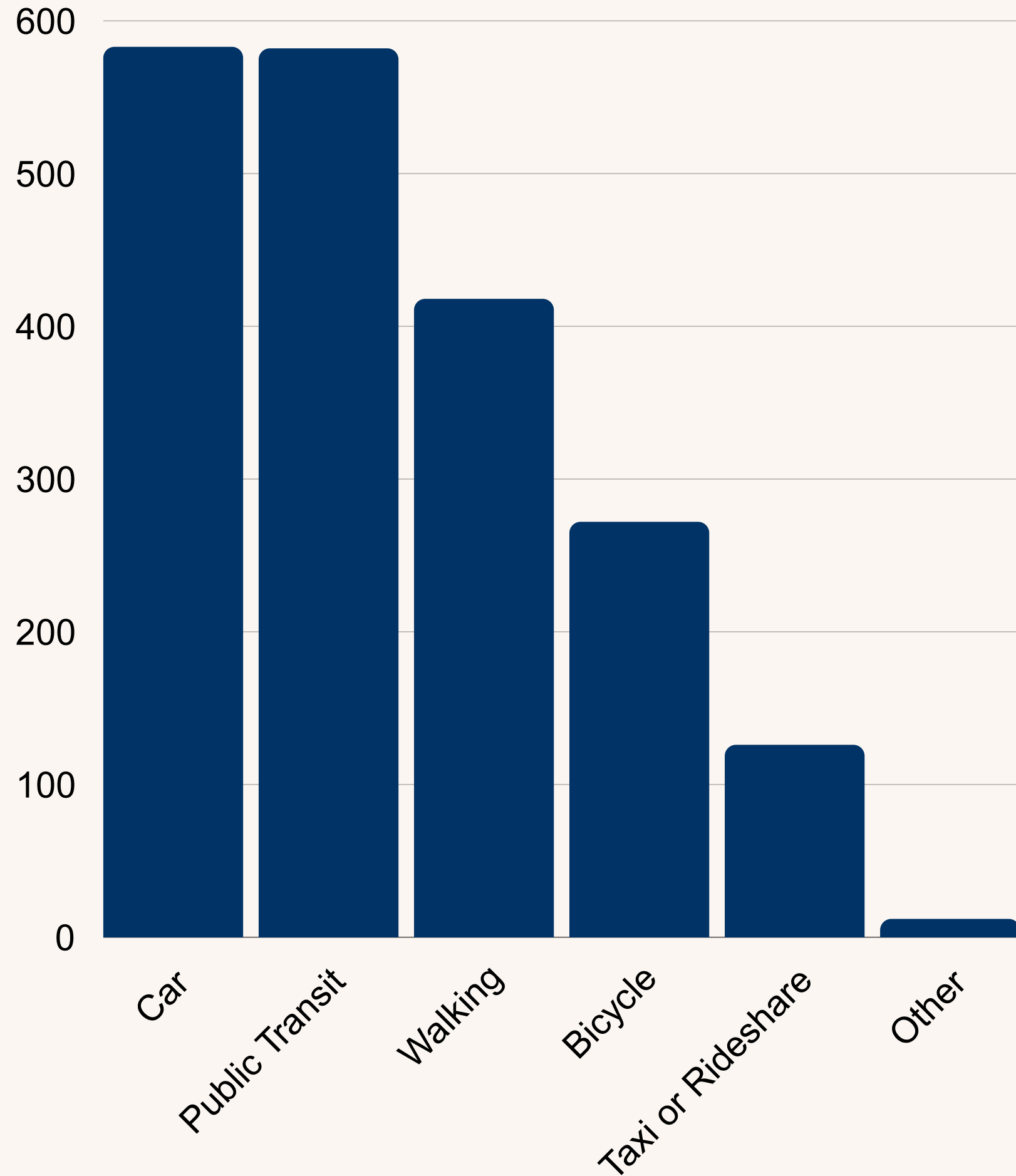
29% (582) Public transit

21% (418) Car

14% (272) Taxi or rideshare

6% (126) Bicycle

1% (12) Other



Question:

Do you own a car?

Total respondents: 2,006

74% (1,481)



26% (525)



Question:

How often do you use CTA?

Total respondents: 2,001

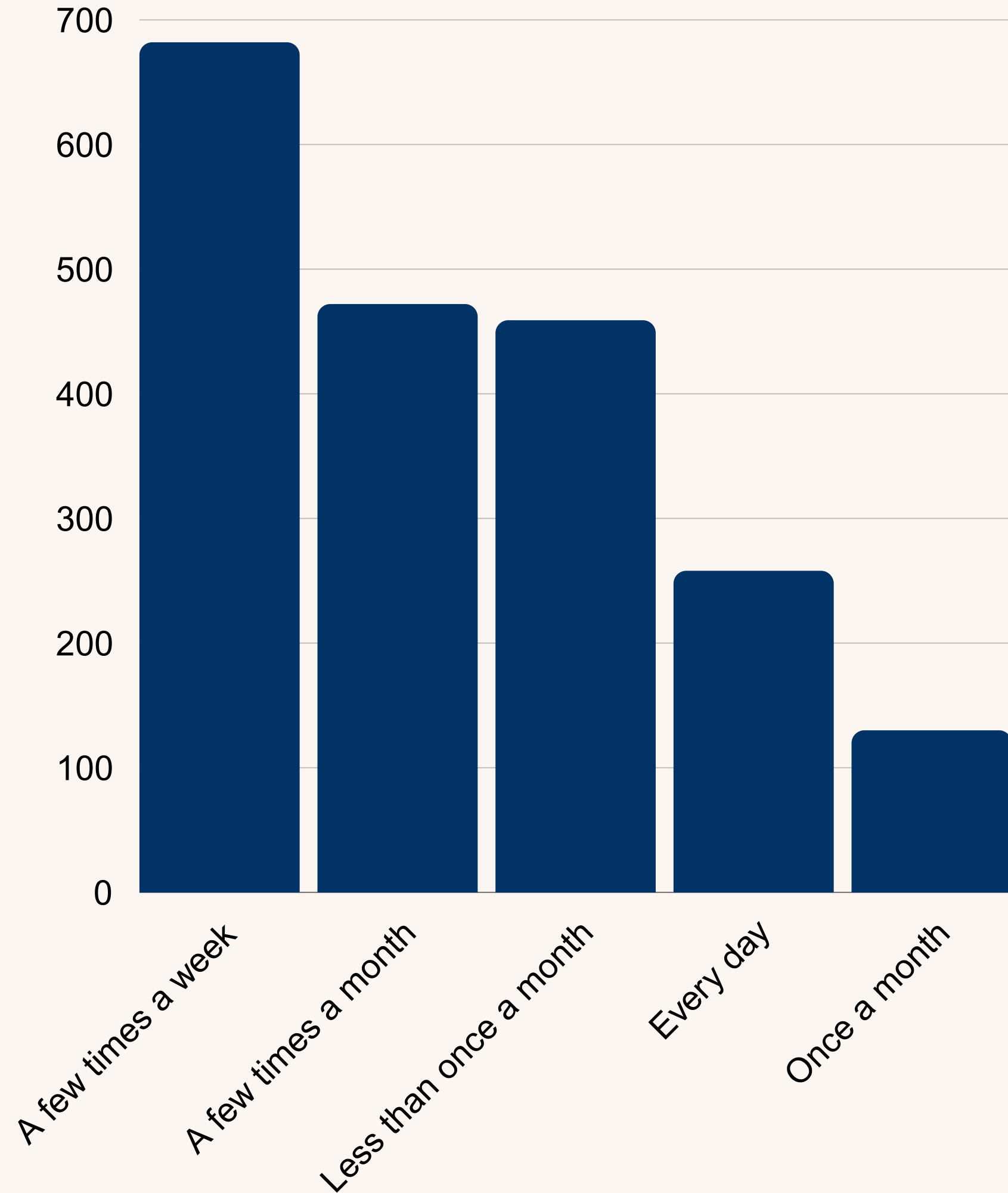
34% (682) A few times a week

24% (472) A few times a month

23% (459) Less than once a month

13% (258) Every day

6% (130) Once a month



Question:

Do you have any suggestions for improving transit/transportation in the neighborhood?

Total respondents: 1,119

73% (821) Improve public transit

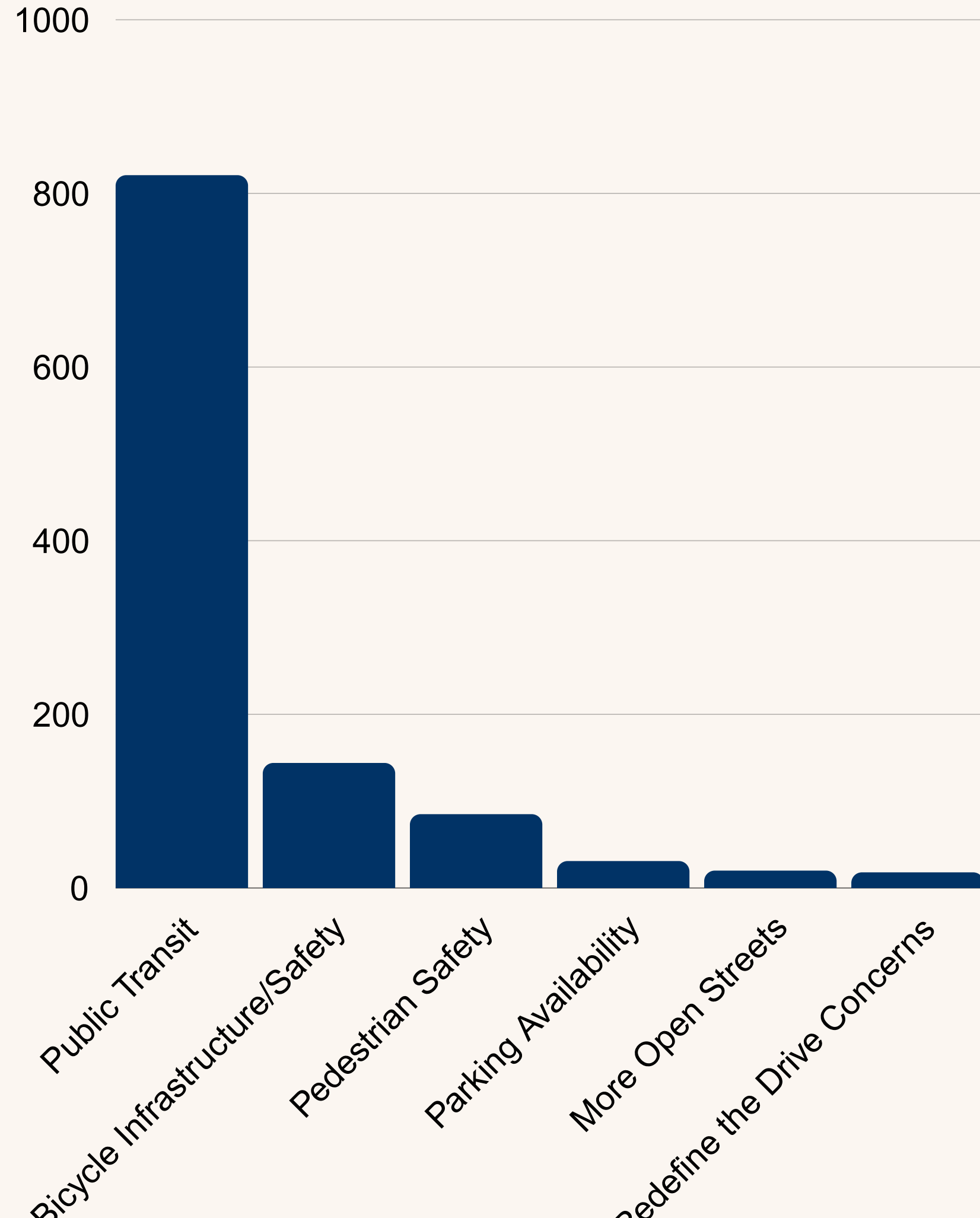
42% (472) Bicycle infrastructure/safety

41% (459) Pedestrian safety

23% (258) Parking availability

12% (130) More open streets

2% (18) Redefine the drive concerns



Question:

Do you have any suggestions for improving transit/transportation in the neighborhood? (Con't)

Within 'Public Transit' (821):

- 1) Safety on Transit (343)**
- 2) Reliability of Transit (302)**
- 3) Cleanliness of Transit (170)**
- 4) Frequency of Transit (142)**
- 5) Improve Transit Tracking (85)**
- 6) Expand Public Transit (50)**
- 7) Create Dedicated Bus Lanes (41)**
- 8) Improve Bus/Train Stations (37)**
- 9) Homeless on Transit (35)**
- 10) More Transit Operators (20)**
- 11) Transit Accessibility (11)**

Question:

What types of businesses do you frequent most in the 44th Ward?

Total respondents: 1,910

1

Restaurants

2

Retail (grocery, clothing, housewares, etc)

3

Bars

4

Personal Services (salons, dry cleaning, etc)

5

Theater/Live Music

6

Experiences

Question:

How often do you visit businesses in the 44th Ward?

Total respondents: 1,932

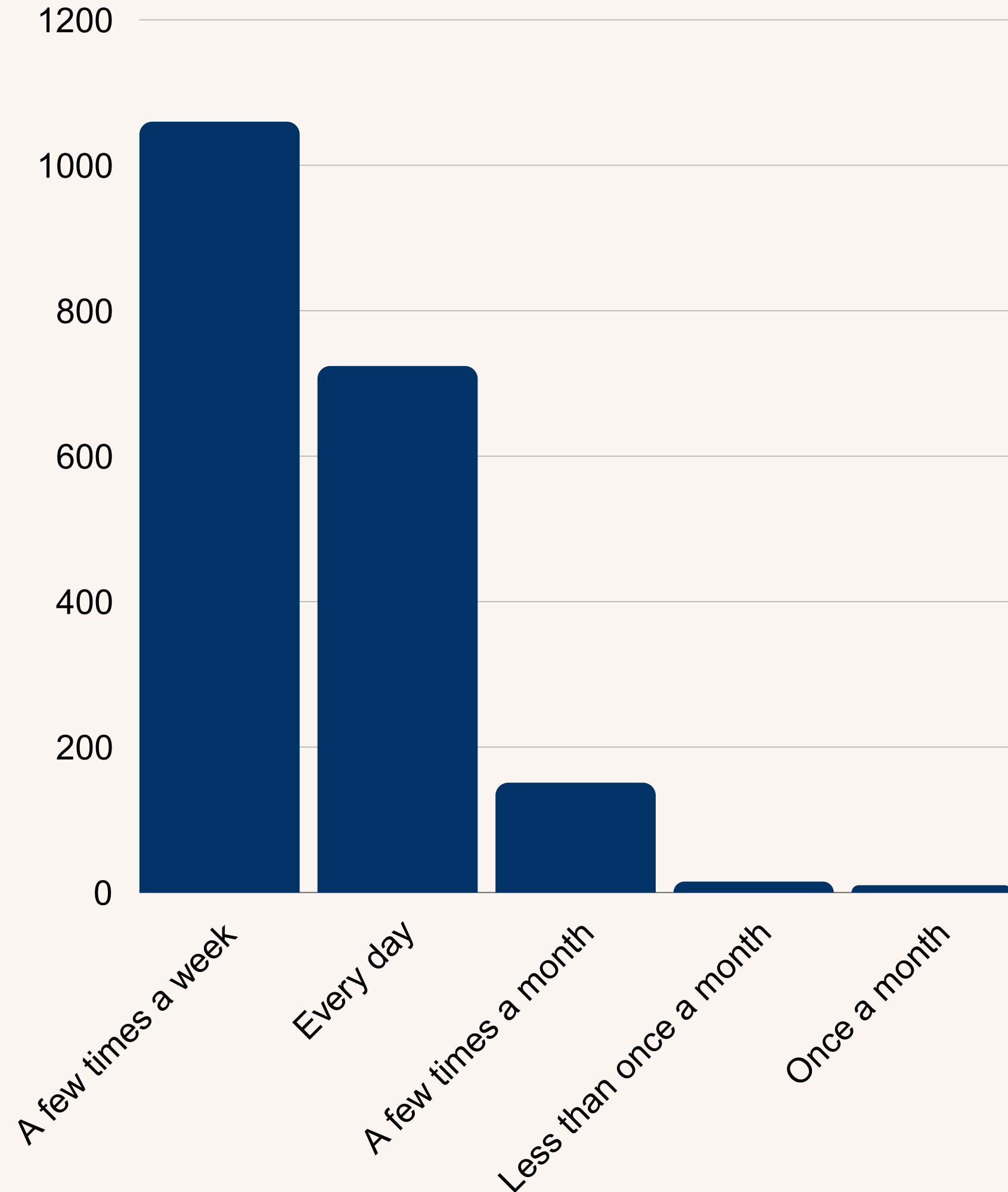
54% (1,060) A few times a week

37% (724) Every day

8% (151) A few times a month

1% (15) Less than once a month

1% (10) Once a month



Question:

What do you leave the 44th Ward for now?

Total respondents: 1,827

62% (1,148) Entertainment

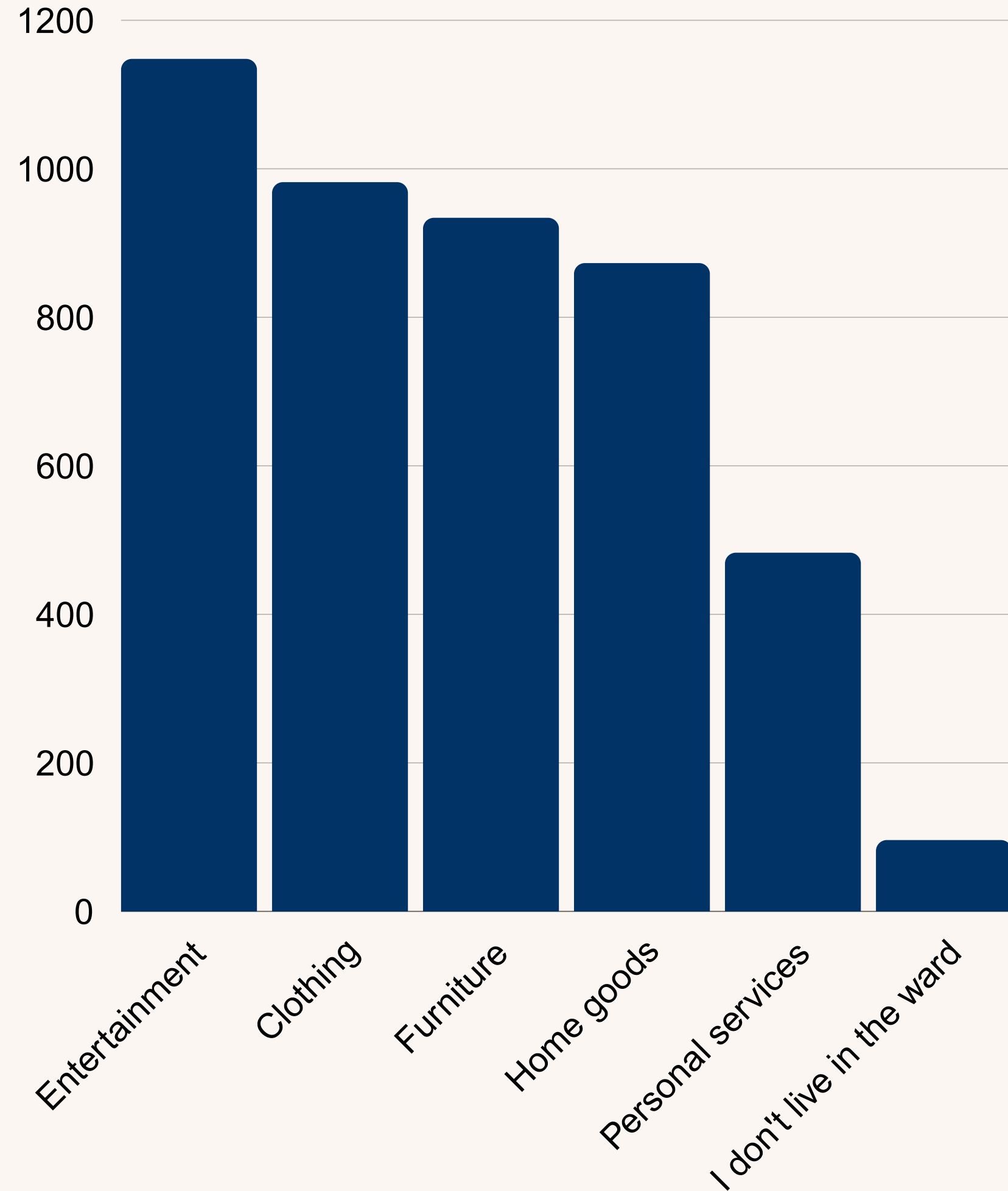
53% (982) Clothing

50% (934) Furniture

47% (873) Home goods

26% (483) Personal services (salons, spas, dry cleaning, etc.)

5% (96) I don't live in the ward



Question:

What types of businesses would you like more of in 44?

Total respondents: 1,809

60% (1,102) Retail

59% (1,091) Restaurants

32% (592) Experiences (bowling, golf, etc.)

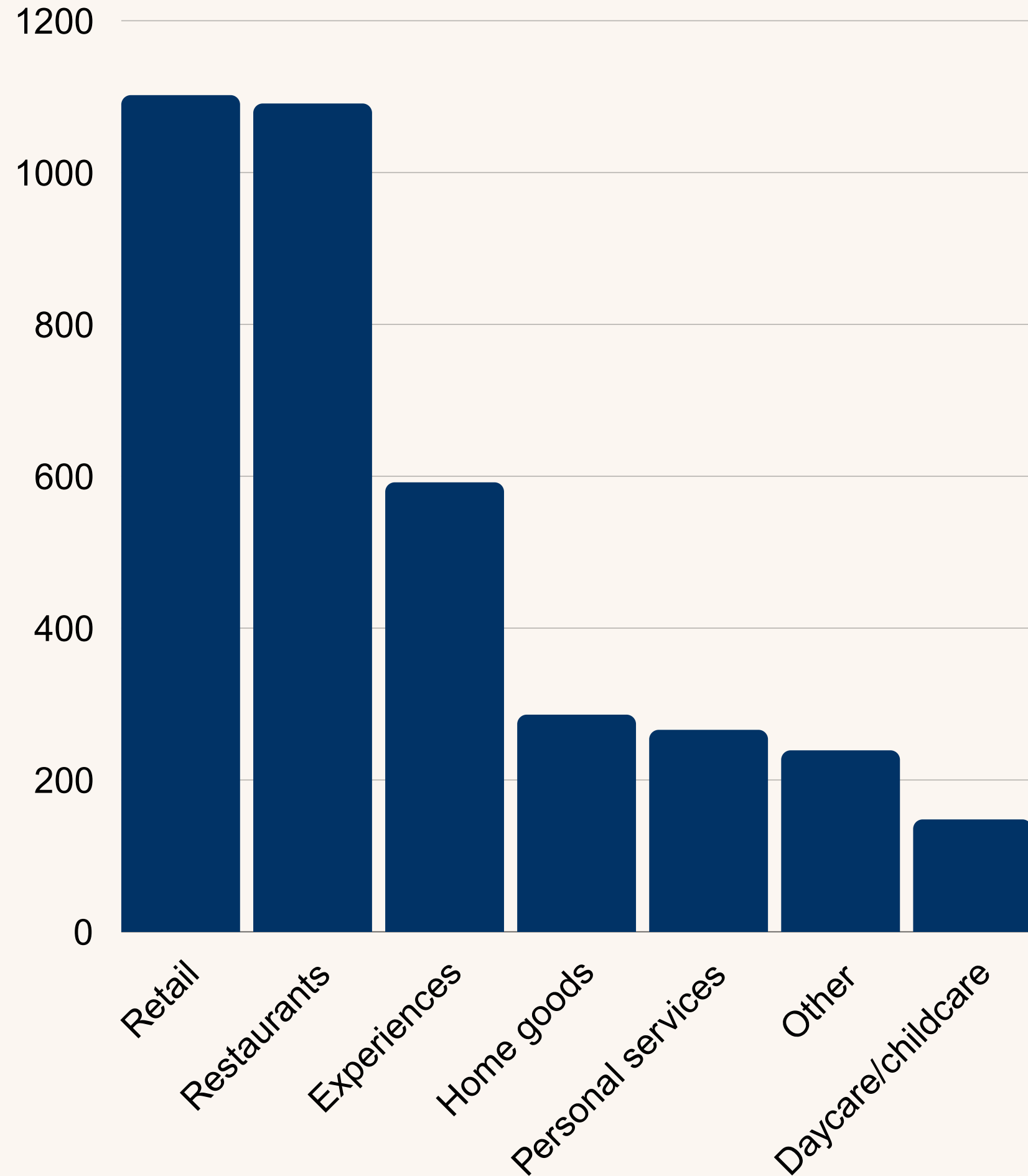
31% (564) Theater/live music

16% (286) Bars

14% (266) Personal services (salons, spas, dry cleaning, etc)

13% (239) Other

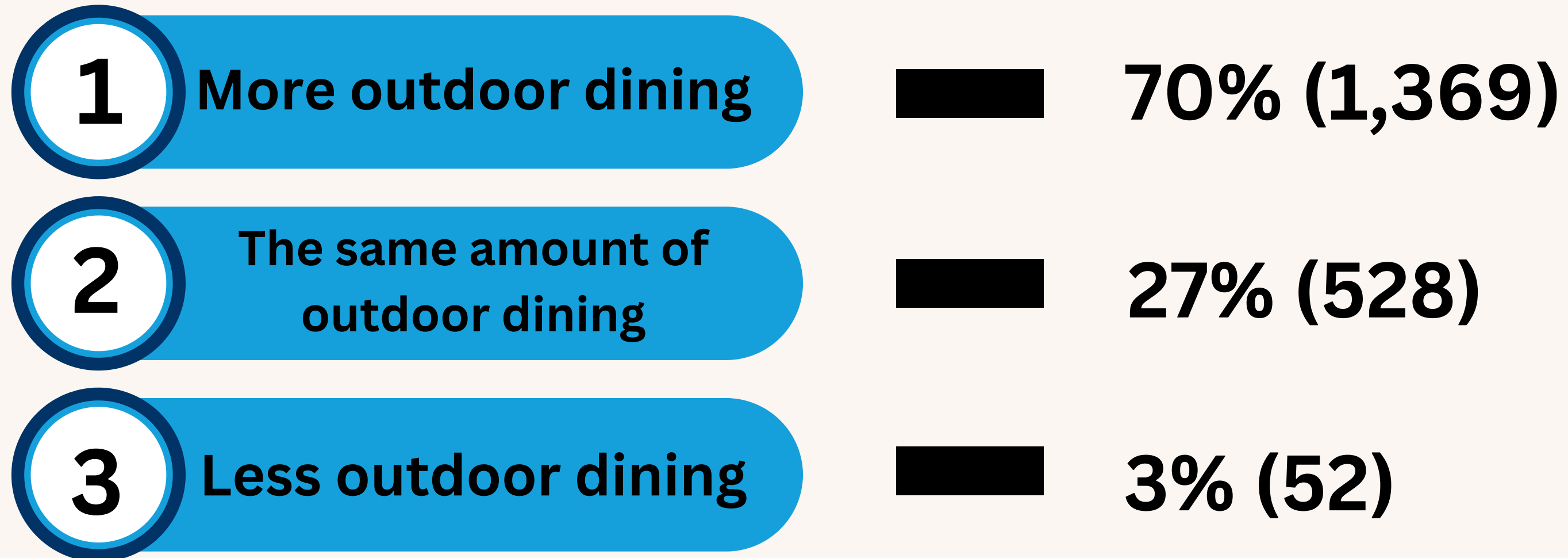
8% (148) Daycare/childcare



Question:

In Lakeview, would you like there to be...

Total respondents: 1,949



Question:

What events at Wrigley have you attended in the past year?

Total respondents: 1,948

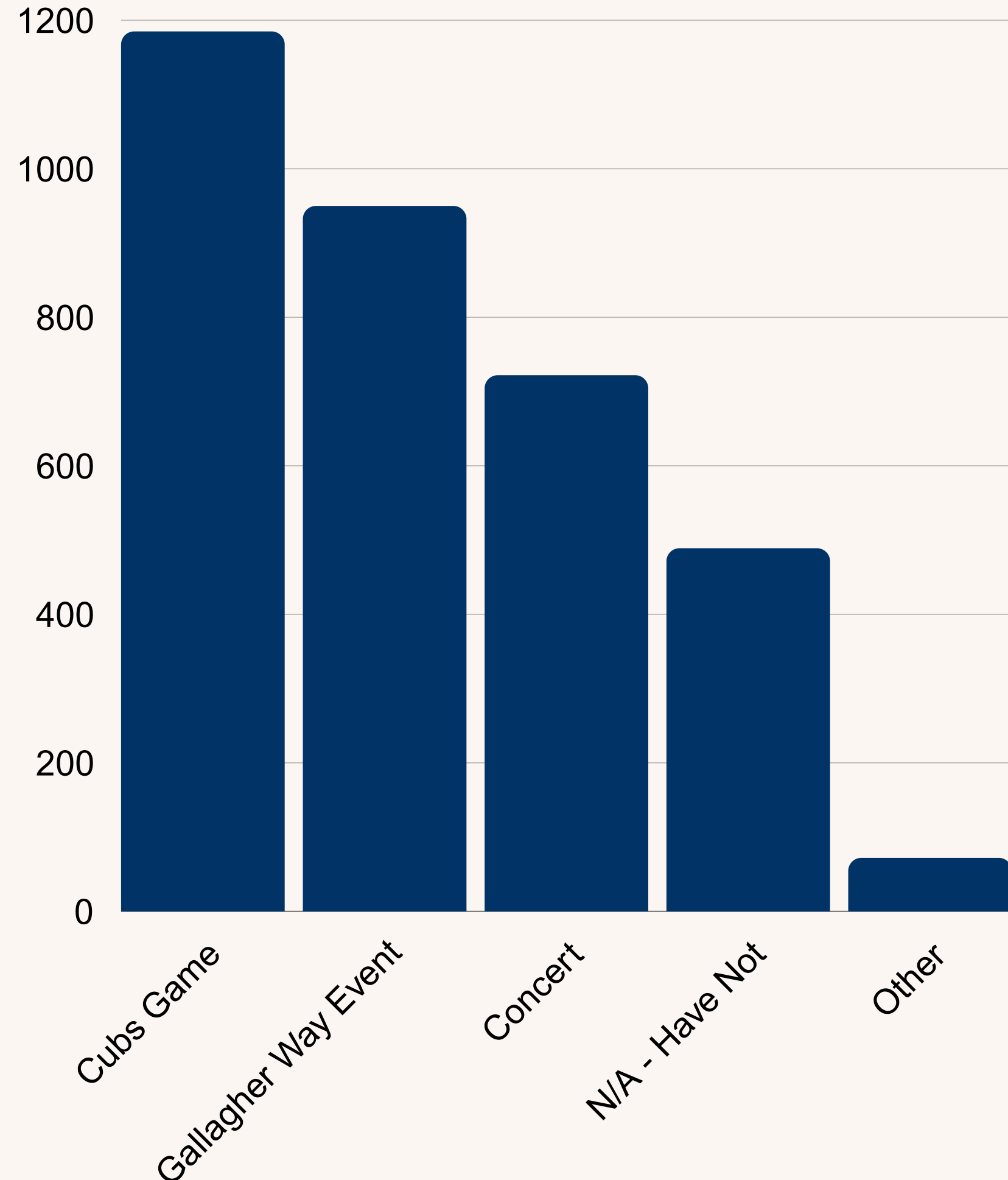
61% (1,185) Cubs game

49% (950) Gallagher Way event

37% (722) Concert

25% (489) N/A - have not attended one

4% (75) Other



Question:

How often do you visit the businesses/restaurants near Wrigley Field?

Total respondents: 1,936

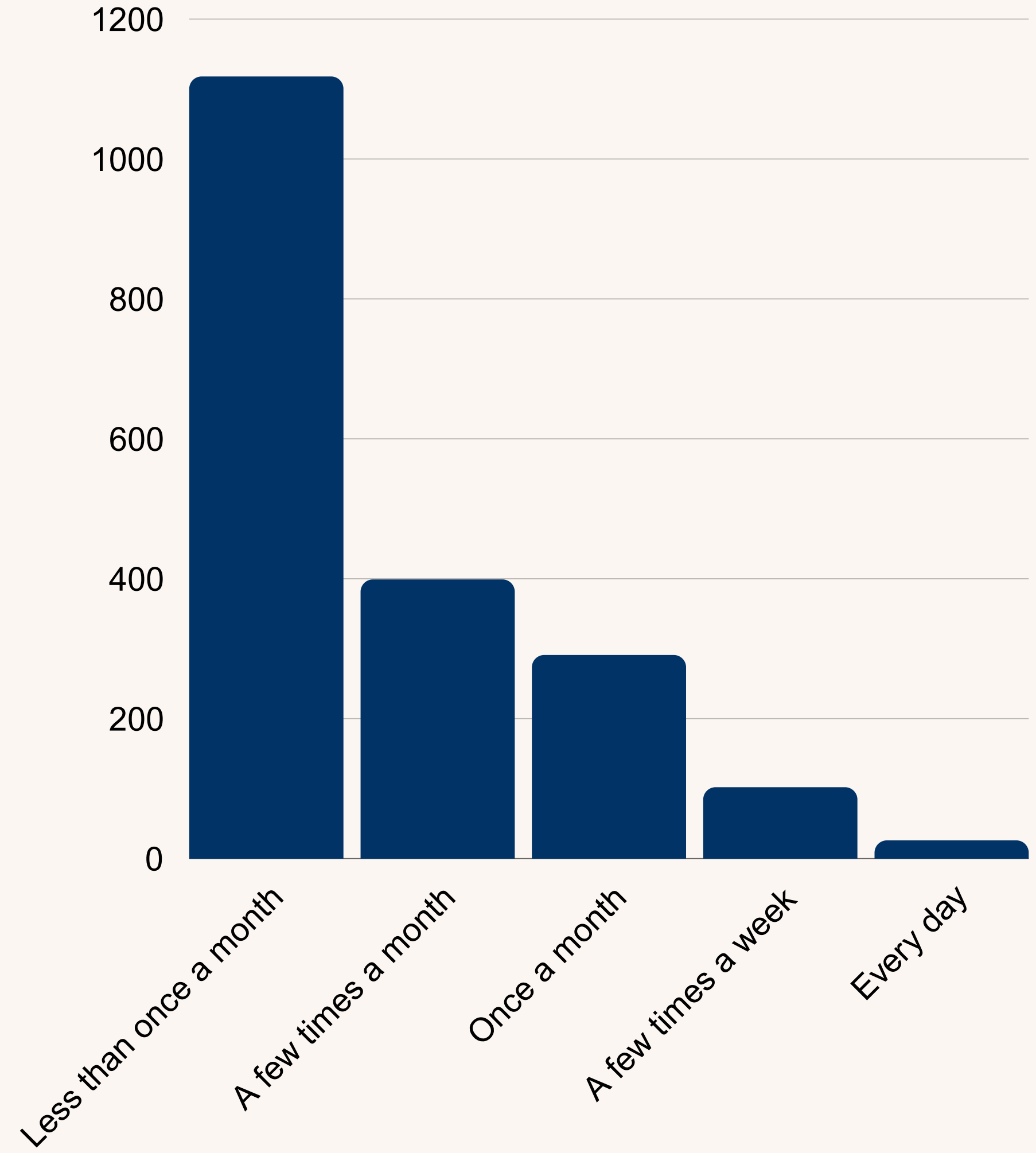
58% (1,118) Less than once a month

21% (399) A few times a month

15% (291) Once a month

5% (102) A few times a week

1% (26) Every day



Question:

Have you attended any Lakeview special events or parades in the past year?

Total respondents: 1,926

71% (1,358)



29% (568)



Question:

Which festivals/events have you attended in the past year?

Total respondents: 1,266

52% (647) Pride

38% (471) Art festivals

19% (239) Market Days

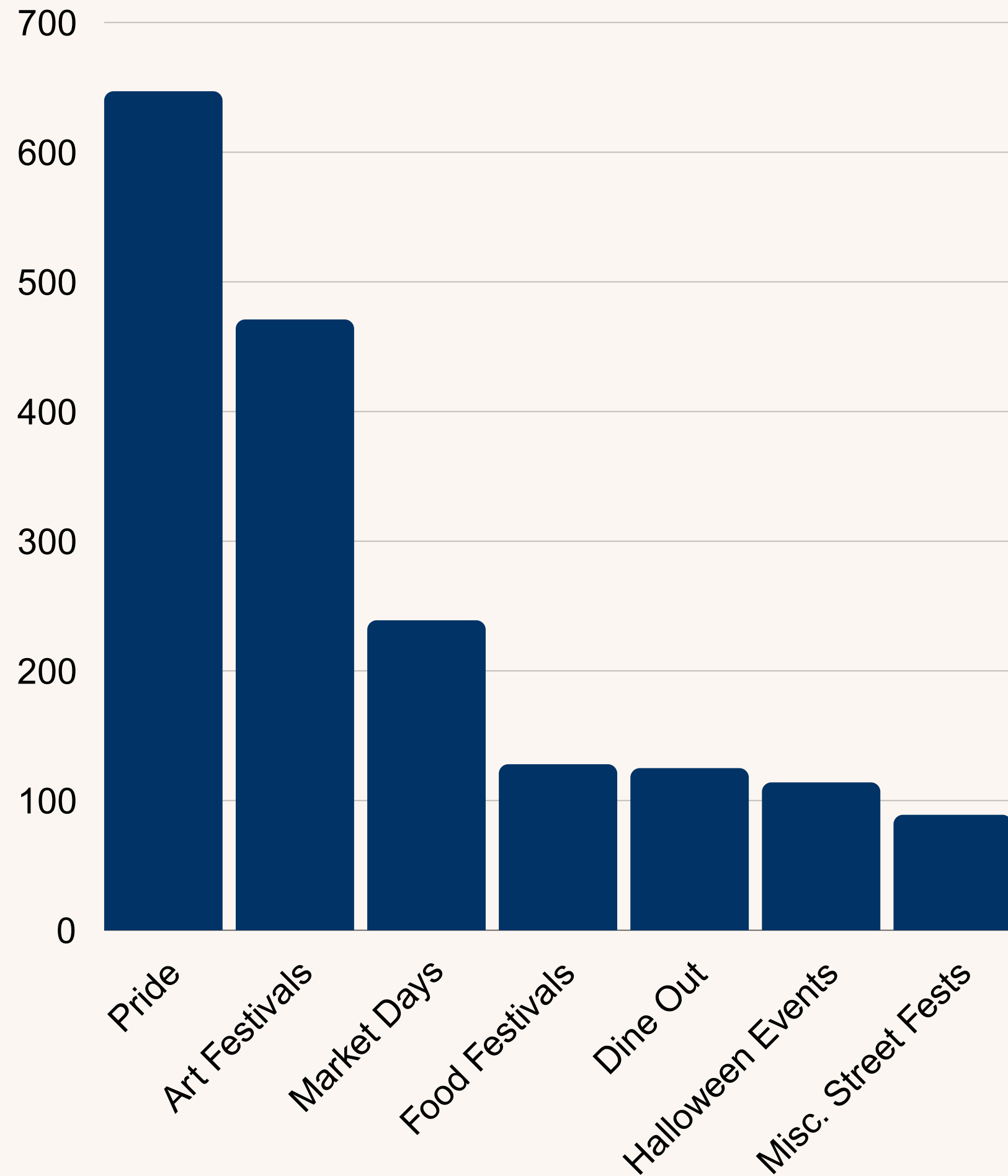
10% (128) Food festivals

10% (125) Dine out

9% (114) Halloween events

7% (89) Misc. street fests

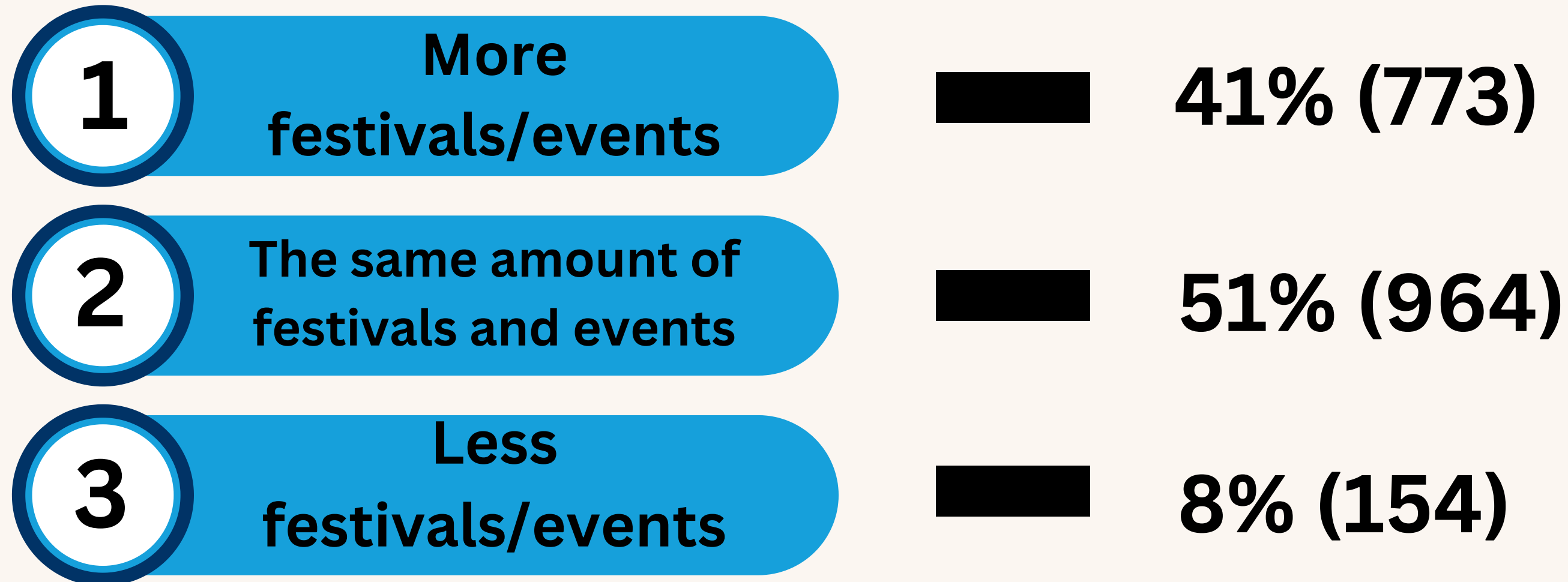
6% (71) Marathon



Question:

In Lakeview, would you like there to be...

Total respondents: 1,949



Question:

How would you feel about extending festivals to include Friday nights?

Total respondents: 1,931

Strongly Support



31% (591)

Support



27% (523)

Indifferent



24% (463)

Oppose



11% (207)

Strongly Oppose



8% (147)

Question:

Do you have children enrolled in
school?

Total respondents: 1,954

14% (269)



86% (1,685)



Question:

How many children do you have?

Total respondents: 264

1 Child

■ 29% (77)

2 Children

■ 53% (139)

3 Children

■ 15% (40)

4 or More Children

■ 3% (8)

Question:

If your children attend public school, do they attend a...

Total respondents: 202

44% (89) Neighborhood school

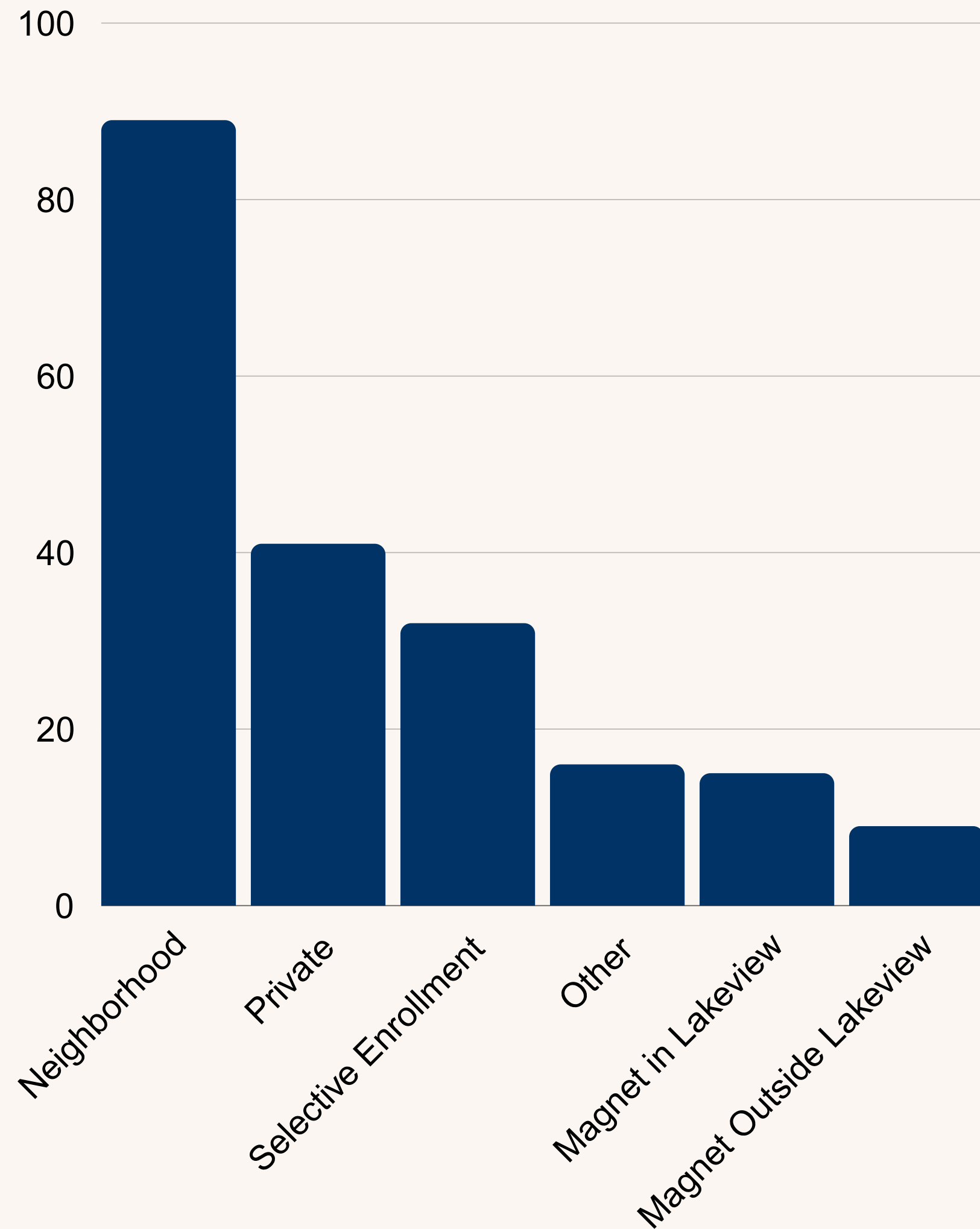
20% (41) Private school

16% (32) Selective Enrollment outside Lakeview

8% (16) Other

7% (15) Magnet school in Lakeview

4% (9) Magnet school outside Lakeview



Question:

Do your children attend public
or private school?

Total respondents: 264

Public School



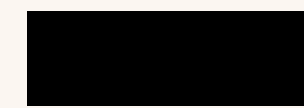
51% (133)

Private School



40% (104)

Both



9% (23)

Question:

What do you feel are the most pressing needs in the school community?

Total respondents: 239

1

More teachers/smaller class size

T3

Increased access to technology

7

Pedestrian safety around schools

2

More school support staff

5

Improved arts programs

8

Improved sports programs

T3

More support/improved working conditions for teachers

6

Increased safety in schools

Question:

Are you currently involved in any
arts organizations?

Total respondents: 419

58% (242)



42% (177)



Question:

What park amenities do you use most?

Total respondents: 1,774

78% (1,390) Jogging/bike paths

53% (947) Passive park spaces

24% (422) Sports facilities

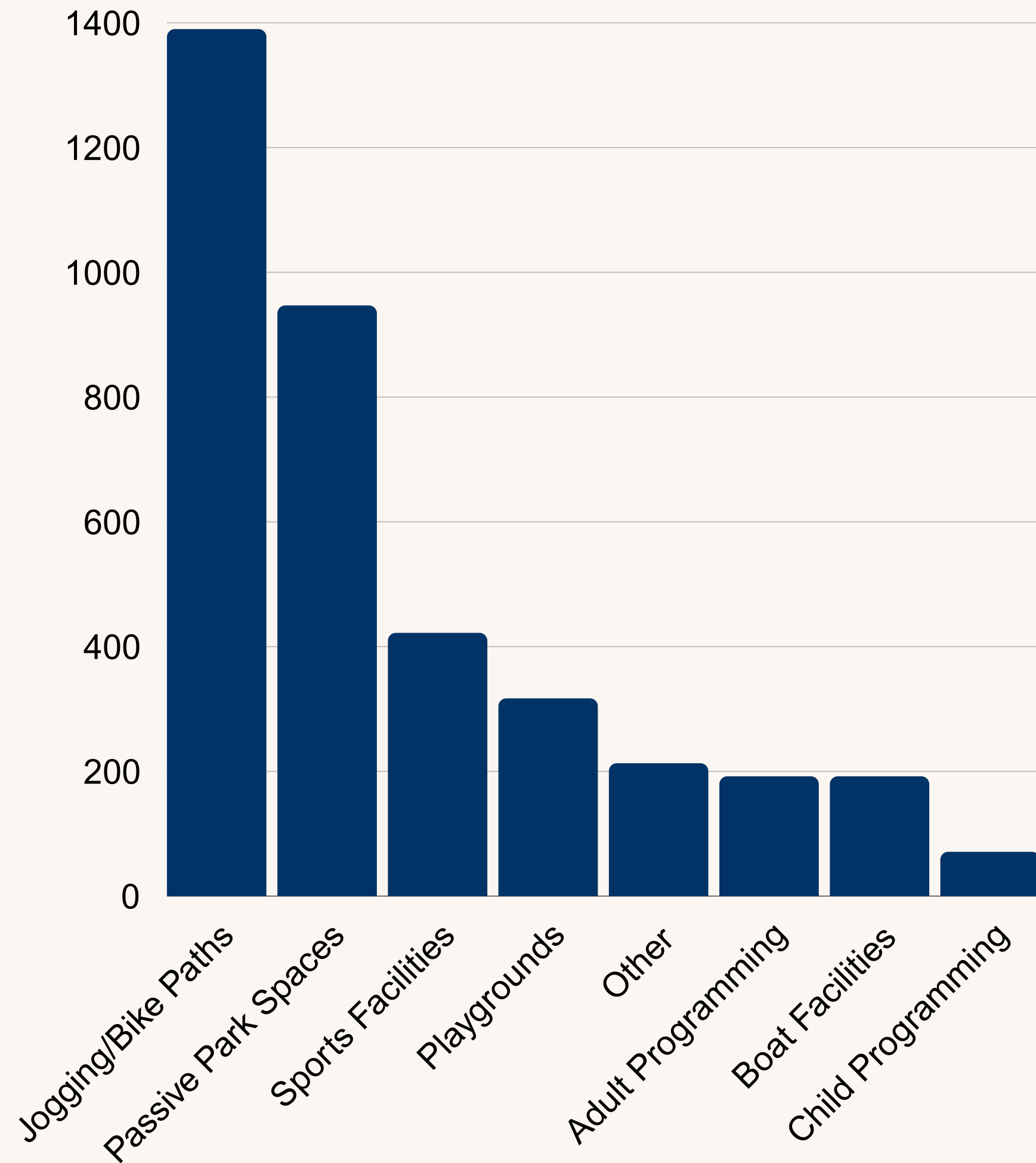
18% (317) Playgrounds

12% (213) Other

11% (192) Adult programming

11% (192) Boat facilities

4% (71) Child programming



Question:

What programs or spaces do you feel should be enhanced or expanded?

Total respondents: 896

41% (367) Dog parks

16% (139) Green spaces/parks

8% (74) More programming

7% (69) Sports facilities

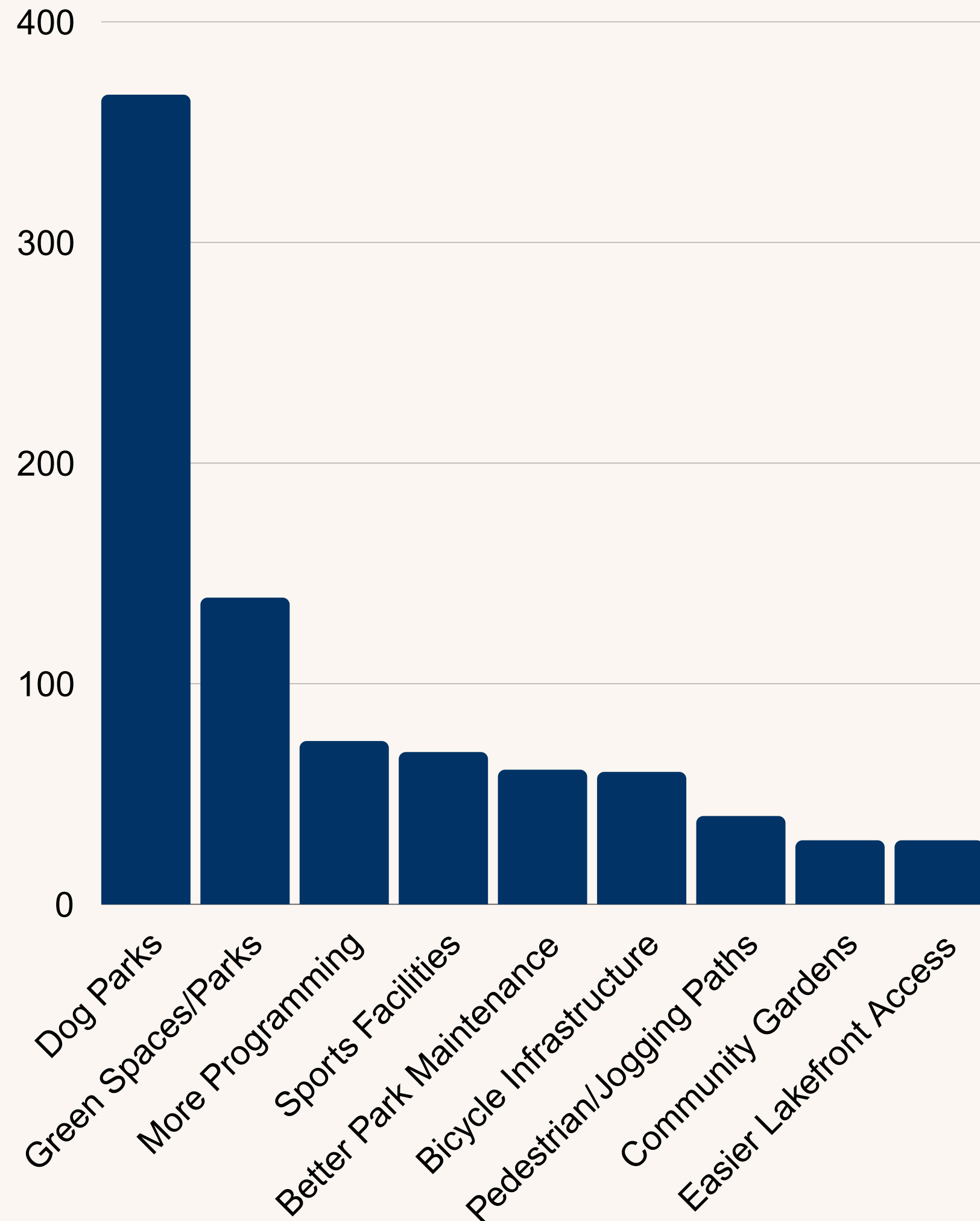
7% (61) Better park maintenance

7% (60) Bicycle infrastructure

4% (40) Pedestrian/jogging paths

3% (29) Community gardens

3% (29) Easier lakefront access



Question:

Do you own a dog?

Total respondents: 1,931

45% (861)



55% (1,070)



Question:

How important is off-leash space
to you?

Total respondents: 863

Very Important



70% (602)

Somewhat Important



16% (137)

Not Important



14% (124)

Question:

Have you ever interacted with
the 44th Ward Alderman's office?

Total respondents: 1,931

63% (1,210)



37% (721)



Question:

How would you feel about extending festivals to include Friday nights?

Total respondents: 1,206

Very Satisfied

■ **37% (441)**

Satisfied

■ **37% (449)**

Indifferent

■ **12% (146)**

Dissatisfied

■ **9% (114)**

Very Dissatisfied

■ **5% (56)**

Question:

What do you think the 44th Ward Alderman's office does well now?

Total respondents: 689

35% (241) Responsiveness

21% (147) Communication

16% (111) Basic ward services

12% (83) Newsletter

10% (70) RPPs

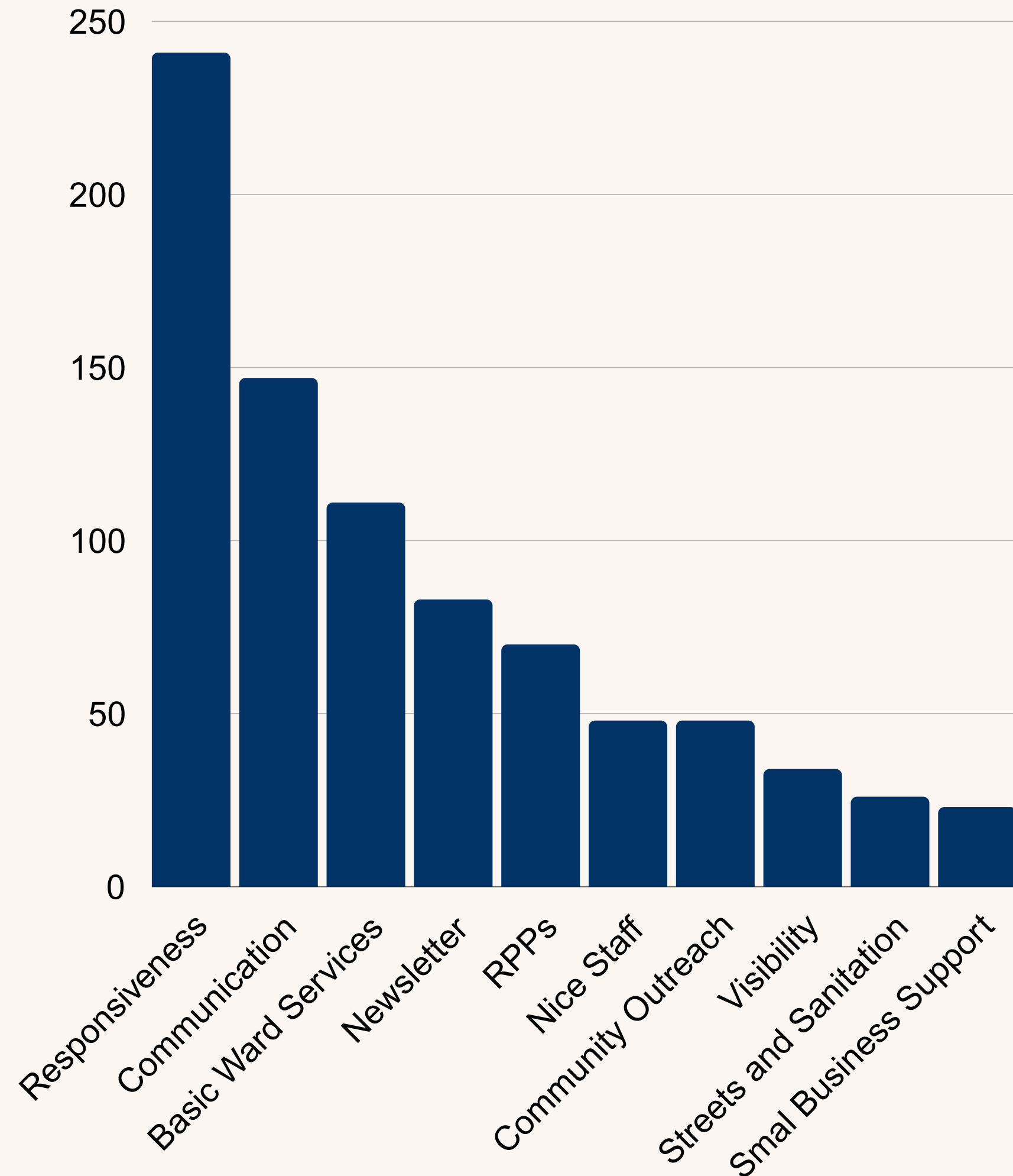
7% (48) Nice staff

7% (48) Community outreach

5% (34) Visibility/presence in neighborhood

4% (26) Streets and Sanitation

3% (23) Small business support



Question:

What improvements/additional services would you like to see from the Alderman's office?

Total respondents: 583

15% (87) Crime/Safety Concerns

13% (77) Communication

9% (54) Sanitation

8% (44) Responsiveness

7% (42) Misc. infrastructure concerns

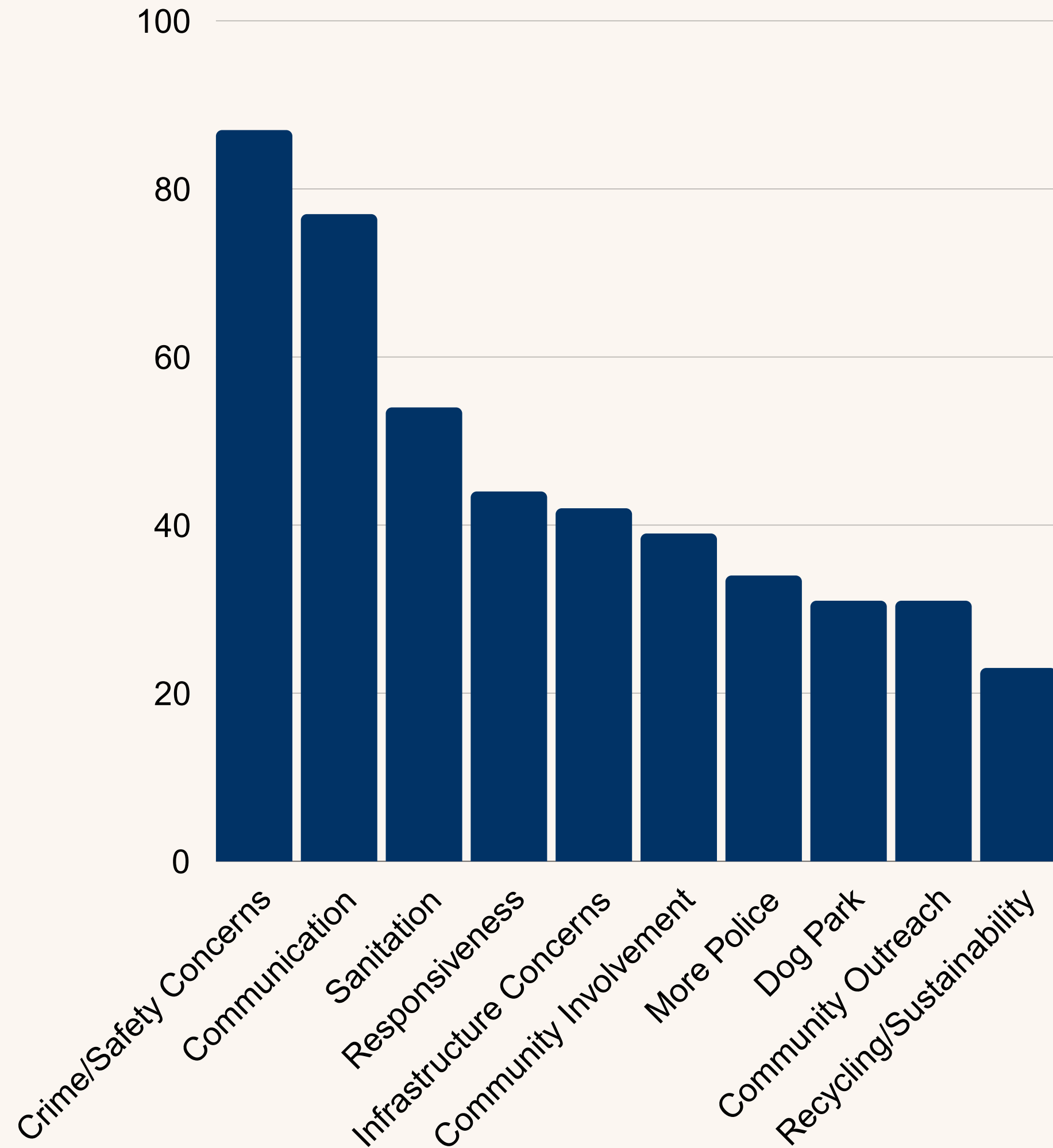
7% (39) Community involvement in decisions

7% (34) More police

5% (31) Dog park

4% (31) Community outreach

3% (30) Recycling/sustainability



Question:

What community activities are you currently involved in?

Total respondents: 1,273

34% (435) Neighborhood group

34% (433) Non-profit volunteering

27% (342) Community festivals/events

25% (316) Religious organizations

23% (289) Sports clubs/leagues

13% (171) Book clubs

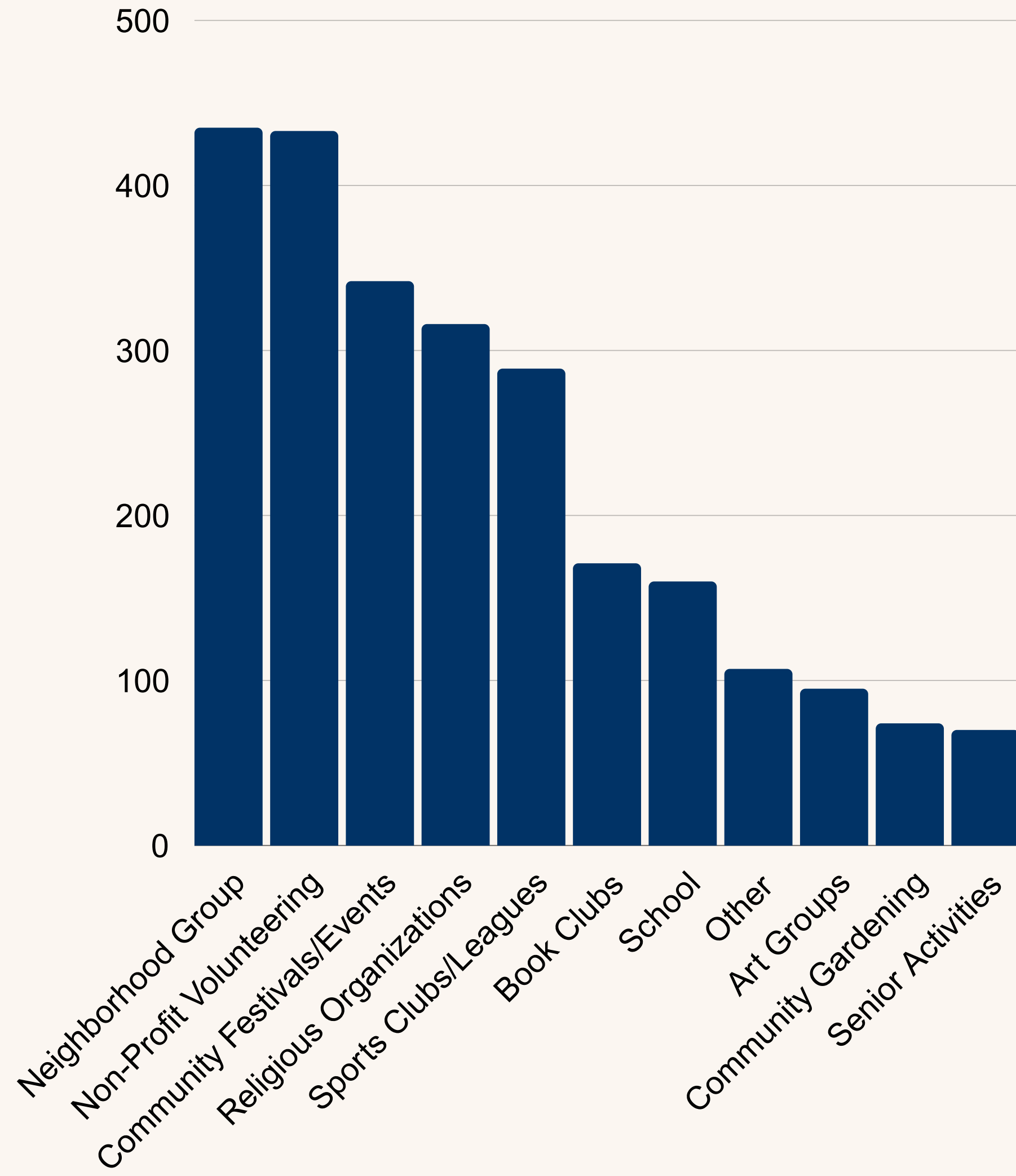
13% (160) School

8% (107) Other

7% (95) Art groups

6% (74) Community gardening

6% (70) Senior activities



Question:

Are there any community activities you would like to be more involved in?

Total respondents: 302

13% (39) Community gardening

10% (30) No

8% (24) Community events

8% (24) General volunteering

7% (21) Neighborhood groups

6% (18) Art groups

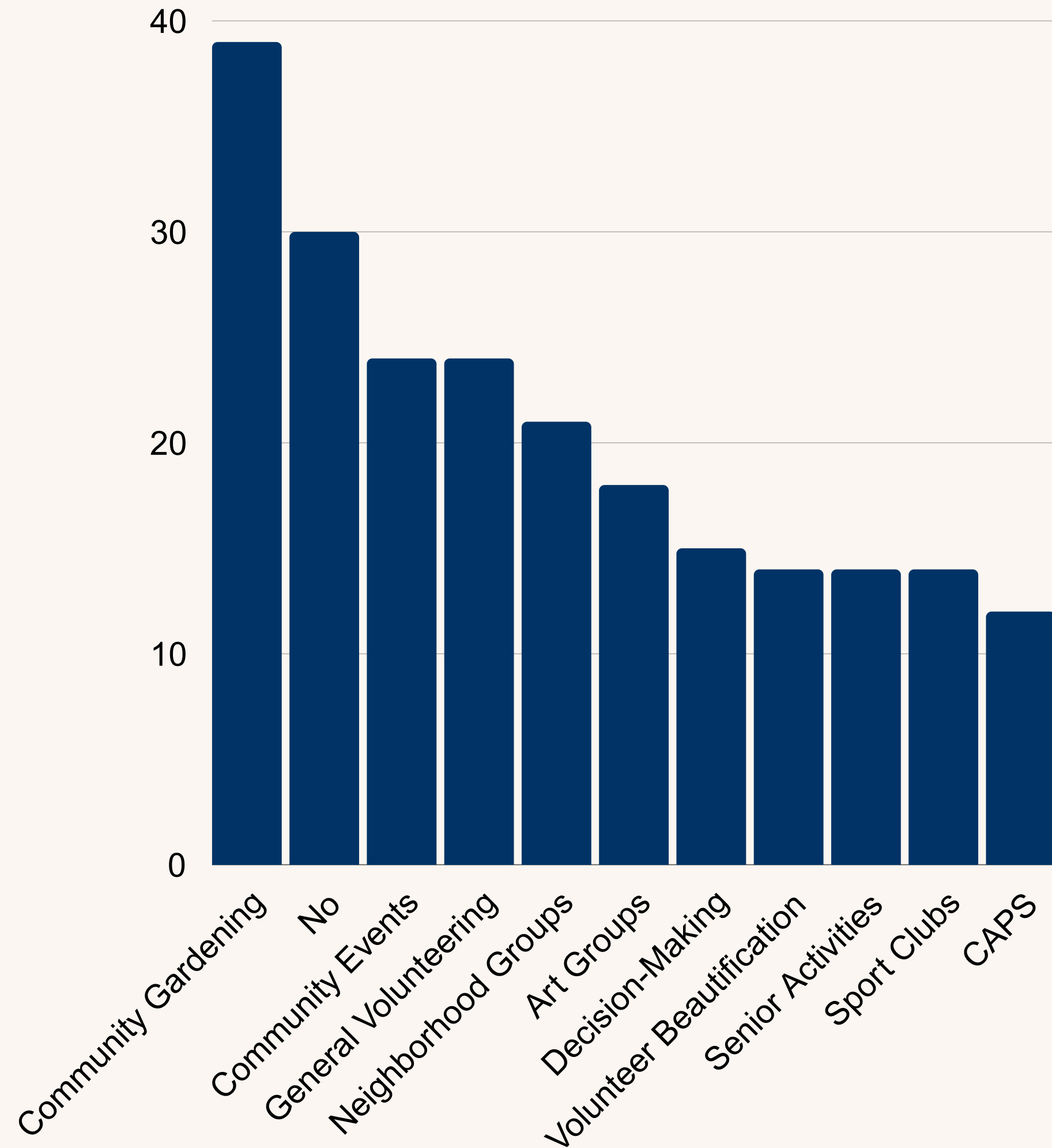
5% (15) Decision-making

5% (14) Volunteer beautification

5% (14) Senior activities

5% (14) Sport clubs

4% (12) CAPS



Question:

Would you like to be contacted about opportunities for community involvement?

Total respondents: 1,903

35% (672)



65% (1,231)



Question:

Would you be interested in getting more involved with any of these organizations?

Total respondents: 863

Local Community Group



76% (357)

Local Chamber of Commerce



42% (196)

CAPS/Police Events



37% (175)

Other



11% (53)

Question:

Alderman Lawson is creating three advisory councils to involve the community in decision making. Please select any of the following councils you would be interested in serving on:

Total respondents: 489

Development Council



58% (283)

Arts Parks & Green Council



55% (271)

Safe Streets Council



46% (225)

