



Overview

To help shape the future of parks and recreation in Aledo, an online community survey was conducted to gather input from residents. The survey was available from March 13 to July 31, 2026, and was promoted through the City's website, newsletter, social media platforms, and by word of mouth through the Steering Committee.

A total of 199 responses were received. Respondents represented a broad cross-section of the community. Approximately 68% of respondents live in Aledo, with the majority in the northern sector (see Figure 1). The majority of respondents were between the ages of 35 and 44, and approximately 72% of the total respondents indicated they have children under the age of 18.

The following pages present the most notable takeaways from the survey. The full survey results report will be included in an appendix of the final plan.

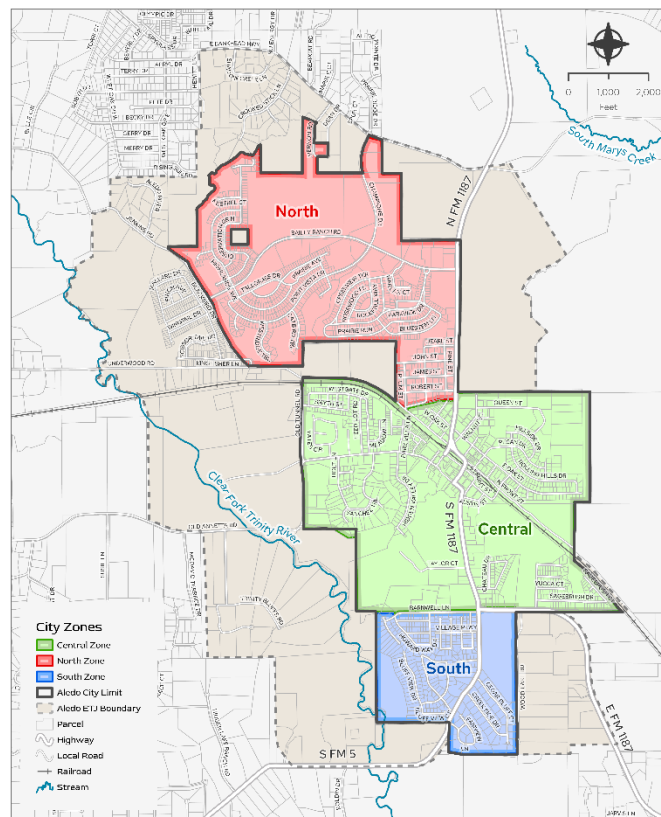


Figure 1. Aledo Community Survey Areas

Overall Rating of the Parks and Recreation System

Overall Satisfaction with Parks and Recreational Opportunities

Many factors influence a community's satisfaction with, use of, and perception of a parks and recreation system, as reflected in the mixed responses from Aledo residents. When asked about their overall satisfaction with parks and recreational opportunities in Aledo, responses were generally mixed, with the majority indicating "neutral" satisfaction, followed by "dissatisfied" (28%), and "satisfied" (23%). These results suggest that while some residents are satisfied with existing opportunities, there is room to enhance the parks and recreation system to better meet the community's needs and expectations.

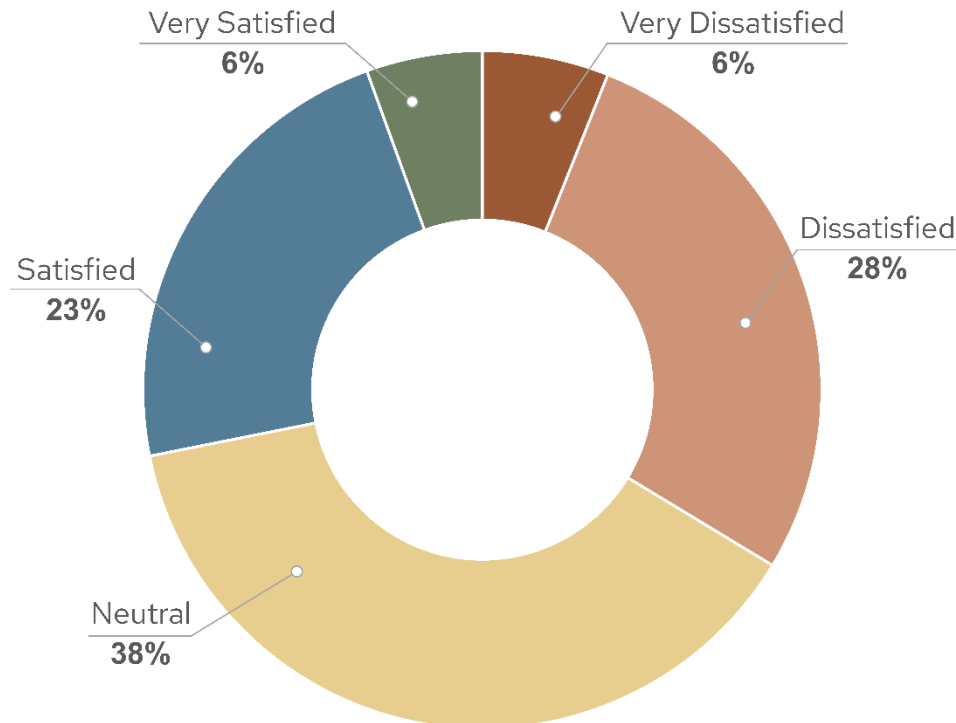


Figure 2. Overall, how satisfied are you with the parks and recreational opportunities in Aledo?

Rating the Quality of Parks and Recreation Opportunities in Aledo

When evaluating the specific amenities offered, respondents noted the overall safety, maintenance, and appearance of parks as key strengths. On the other hand, respondents expressed greater dissatisfaction with the geographic distribution of parks, access to natural areas, and the quality of athletic amenities. The variety of amenities offered within parks received the least favorable response, with approximately two-thirds of respondents indicating they were either “dissatisfied” or “very dissatisfied.” These results suggest that residents generally view the condition and upkeep of existing parks positively, while identifying a need for a wider variety of amenities, improved athletic facilities, expanded access to parks and natural areas, and greater connectivity through trails.

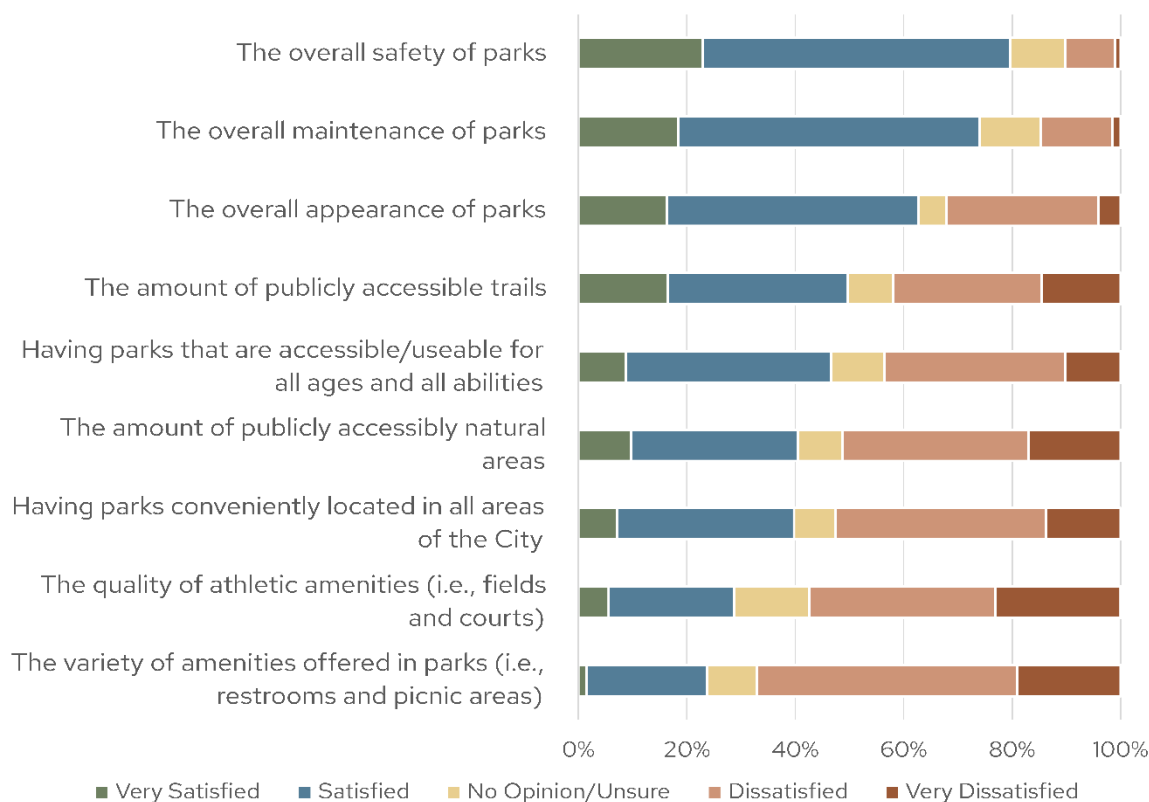


Figure 3. How would you rate the City in the following categories?

Greatest Parks and Recreation Assets

Identifying Aledo's greatest assets is an important step in determining which existing features should be preserved or enhanced.

Figure 4 illustrates responses received when participants were asked what they believe to be the strongest parks and recreation assets in Aledo, with larger words

representing the most frequently mentioned responses. Notably, Parks of Aledo trails, Bearcat Park, and bike trails emerged as the most prominent assets. Respondents also identified existing hiking and BMX trails, playgrounds, baseball fields, open spaces, and the Community Center among the community's strengths.



Figure 4. What is the City's greatest parks and recreation asset?

Greatest Parks and Recreation Challenges

No matter the size or quality of a park and recreation system, there are always opportunities to improve and better meet the needs of the community. Respondents identified several areas where Aledo's system could be strengthened, particularly through more parks, walking trails, and connections between neighborhoods and community destinations. Many responses also focused on expanding the variety of recreational opportunities available, with a community pool, splash pad, and community or recreation center emerging as prominent needs. Other

commonly mentioned improvements included additional restrooms, playgrounds, athletic facilities, shade, and parking. Alongside these additions, residents expressed a desire to maintain existing parks and preserve green space as Aledo grows, highlighting the importance of improving current assets while planning for future recreational needs.



Figure 5. What is the City's greatest parks and recreation challenge?

Frequency of Use of Aledo's Parks and Recreation Facilities

Frequency of Use of Parks and Facilities

Among respondents, Bearcat Park and Aledo Community Center Park stand out as the most frequently visited parks, with greater levels of weekly and monthly use than other facilities. Aledo Commons and Aledo Veterans Plaza receive more occasional use, with most respondents visiting yearly or rarely. Howard Way Park, Mockingbird Park, and Elm Street Park see the least frequent use, with a large majority of respondents reporting rare or no visits. These differences in visitation may reflect the types of amenities available, park location and accessibility, or residents' familiarity with each facility.

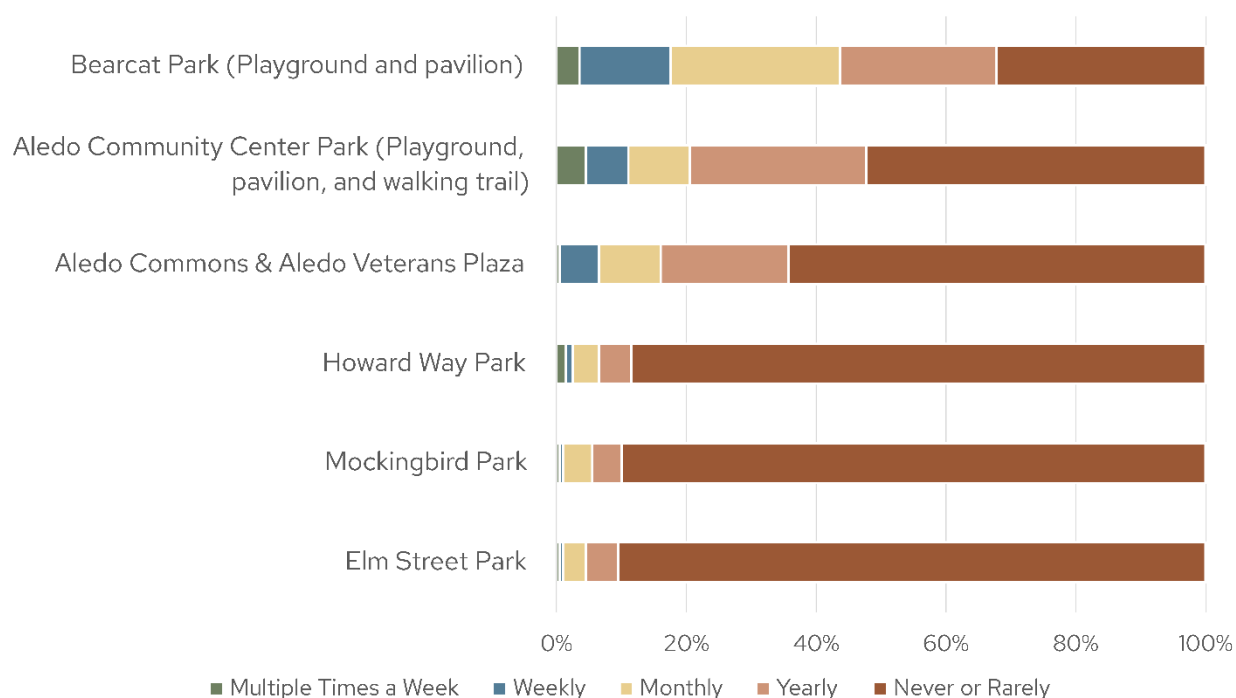


Figure 6. How often do you visit each of the following parks/facilities?

Parks and Recreation System Priorities

Most Important Parks & Recreation Functions Performed by the City of Aledo

Aledo has many opportunities to continue improving its parks and recreation offerings. When asked about the importance of potential future investments, respondents placed the greatest emphasis on supporting recreational programs for children and youth, developing new parks, adding amenities to existing parks, and building trails that connect neighborhoods, parks, schools, and retail areas, with approximately 80% or more rating each as important or very important. Support was also relatively strong for additional special events and festivals and renovations to improve the condition, lighting, and accessibility of existing park amenities. Recreational programming for seniors and adults and additional athletic fields received more moderate levels of support, while an amphitheater or outdoor event space ranked lowest among the options presented.

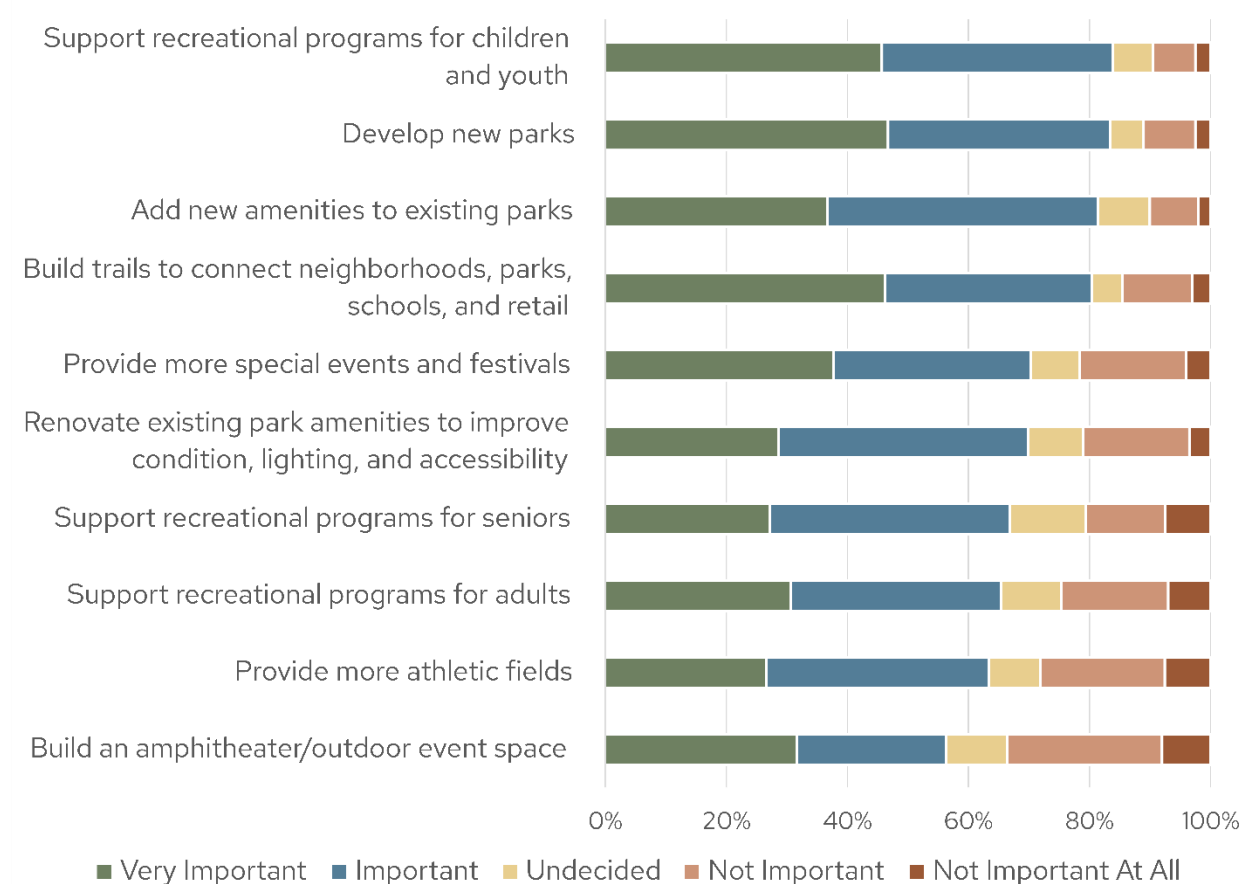


Figure 7. How important do you consider each of the following potential actions the City could take?

Parks and Recreation Programming

Recreational Programming Priorities

Understanding the recreational activities residents enjoy most provides insight into how Aledo's parks, facilities, and programs can better support the ways people want to spend their leisure time. Hiking or walking on nature trails and running, jogging, or walking on paths were the most popular activities among respondents, demonstrating a strong interest in accessible opportunities for walking and outdoor recreation.

Swimming for leisure and playground use also ranked highly, followed by concerts and music events and splash pad use. Beyond these leading activities, responses reflected interest across a broad range of passive and active recreation, including bicycling, gardening, fitness activities, youth athletics, arts and crafts, and pickleball. For the City, these preferences can help inform where future investments may have the broadest community benefit, while also illustrating the importance of providing a diverse mix of recreational spaces and programs that can serve different ages, interests, and levels of activity.

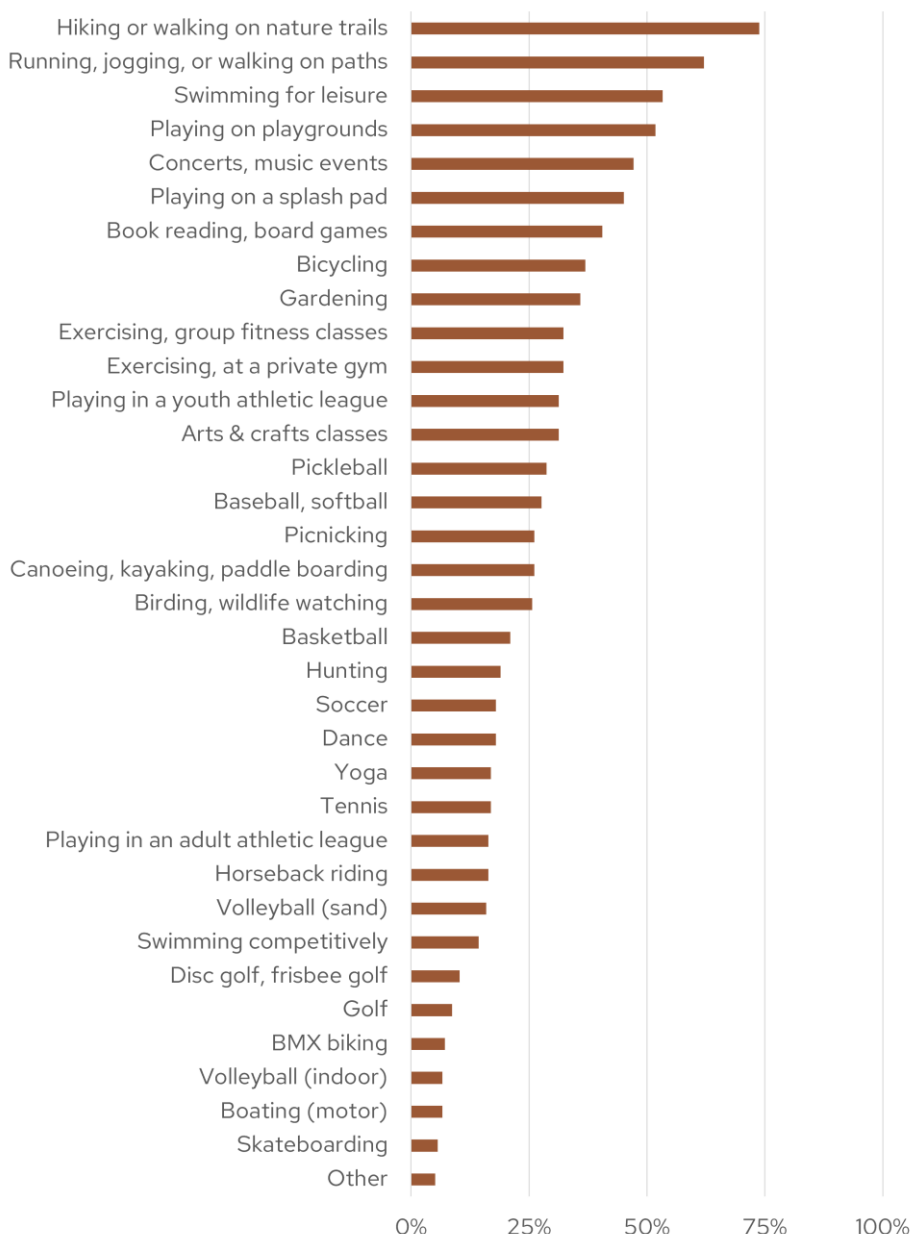


Figure 8. What are you and your family's favorite recreation activities? (Please select all that apply)

Recreation Programming Amongst Age Groups

Understanding satisfaction with recreational programming across age groups can help the City identify which segments of the community may be better served by existing opportunities and where programming gaps may exist. Survey responses show relatively low levels of satisfaction across all age groups, although satisfaction is somewhat higher for young children and children ages 5–12 than for teens, young adults, adults, and seniors. Adults ages 31–59 reported the greatest levels of dissatisfaction, while responses for teens, young adults, and seniors were more frequently neutral or unsure, which may reflect limited awareness of available programs as well as limited programming options.

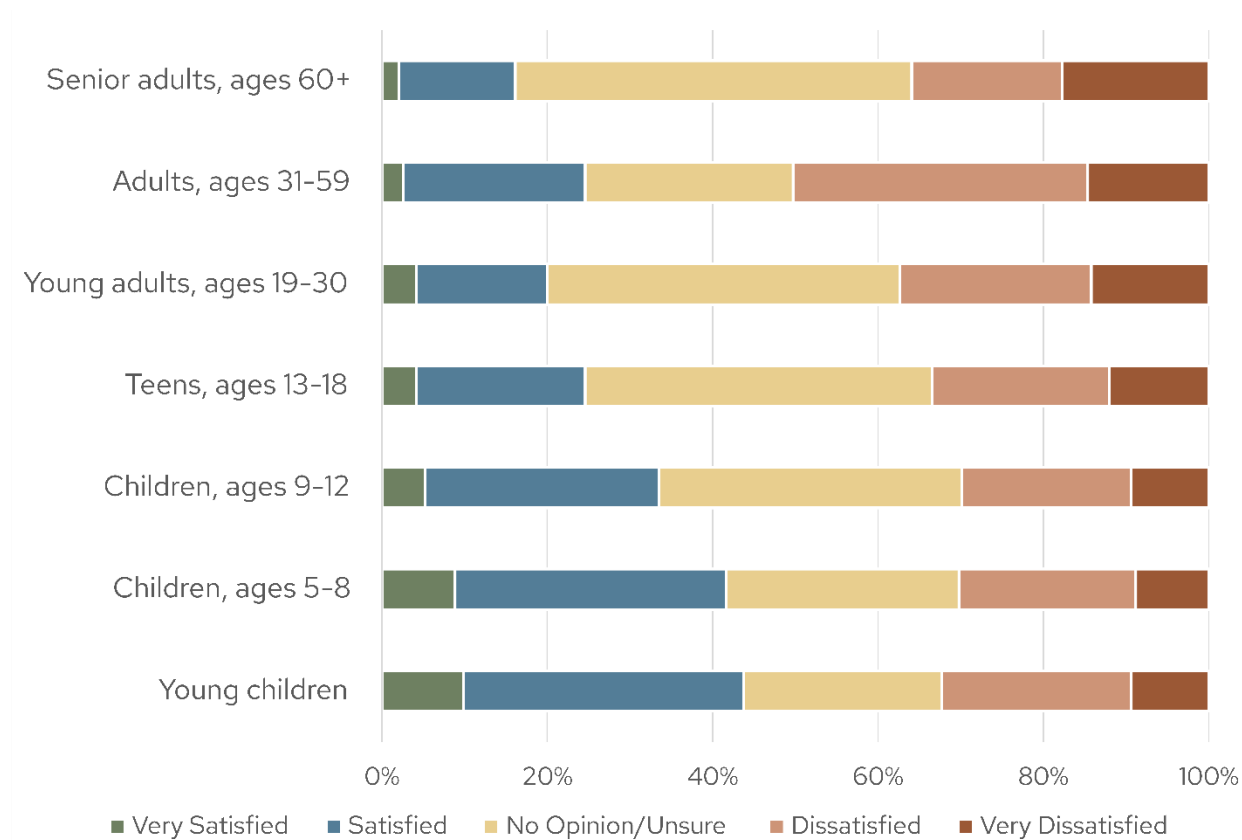


Figure 9. How satisfied with recreational programming opportunities in Aledo for people in the following age groups?

Demographics

The following pages detail the demographics of survey respondents.

Relationship to Aledo

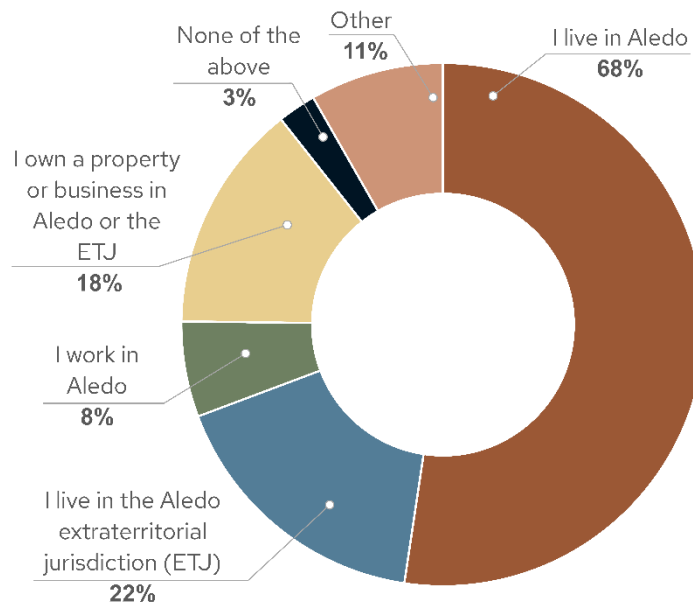


Figure 10. Which best describes you? (Please select all that apply)

Location in Aledo

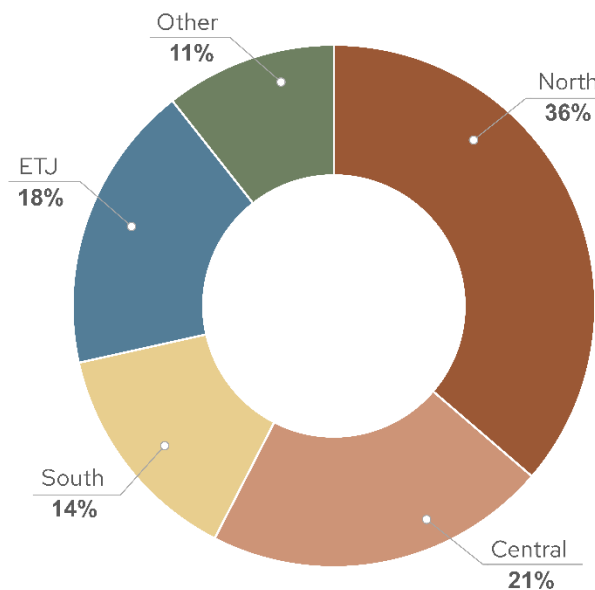


Figure 11. If you are a resident, in which area of Aledo do you live?

Likelihood to Stay in Aledo

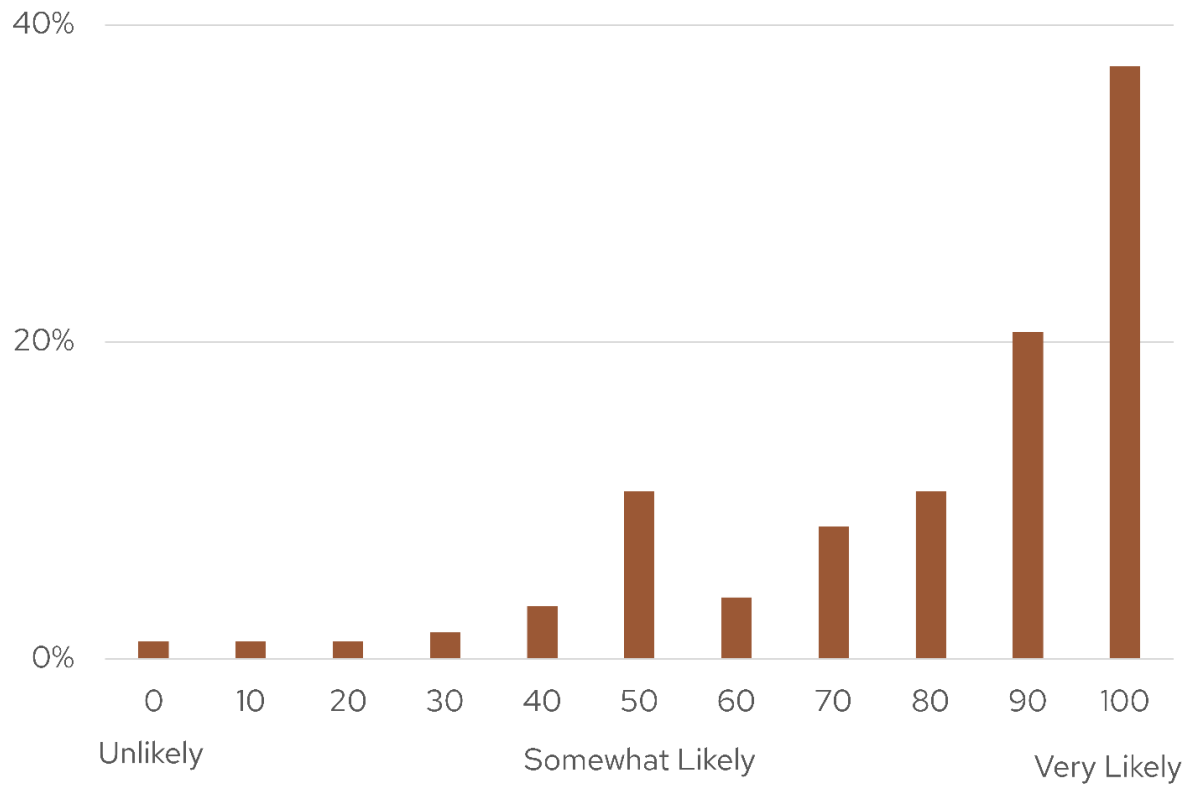


Figure 12. How likely are you to stay in Aledo (if you live here now) or move to Aledo (if you do not) within the next 5-10 years?

Housing Situation

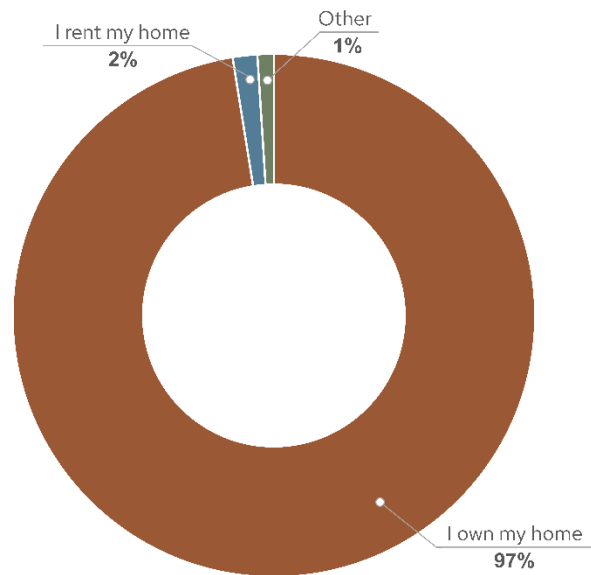


Figure 13. What is your current housing situation?

Employment Situation

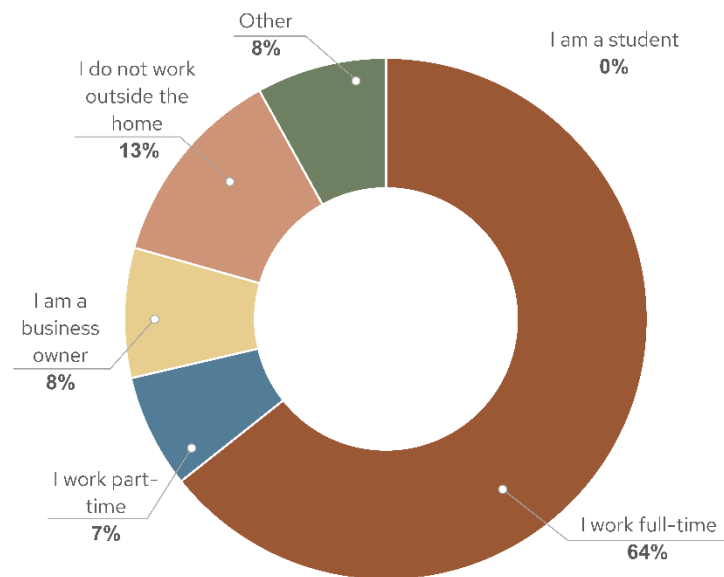


Figure 14. What best describes your employment situation? (Please select one)

**No responses received from students*

Age

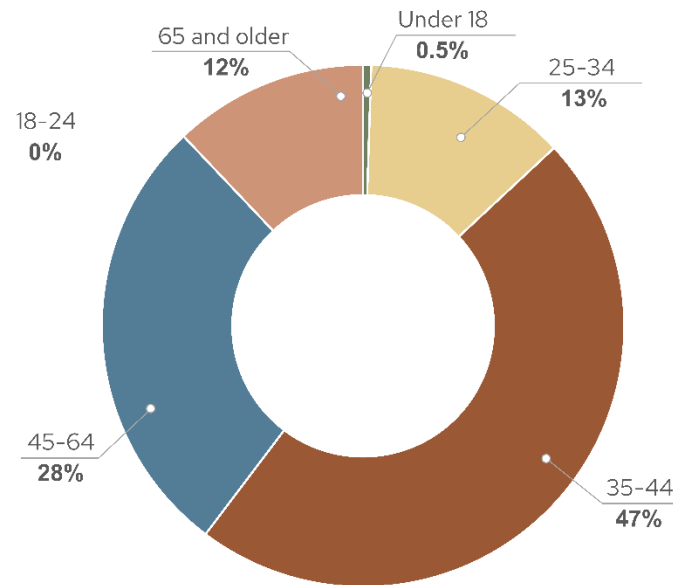


Figure 15. Which of these age groups includes your age? (Please select one)

*No responses received from the 18-24 age group

Children at Home

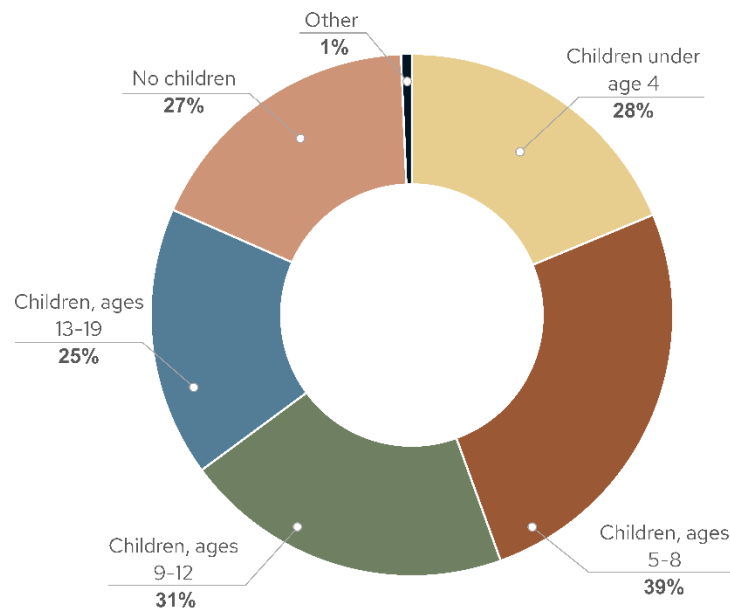


Figure 16. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living in your home? (Please select all that apply)

Race and Ethnicity

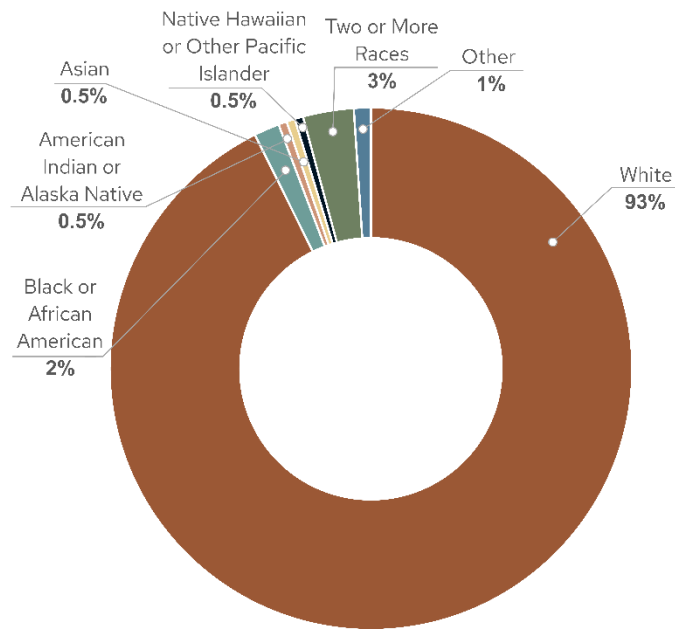


Figure 17. Which best describes your race?

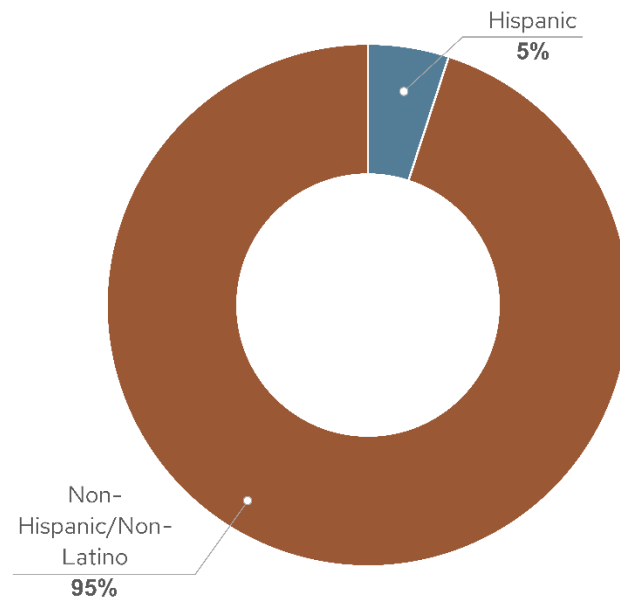


Figure 18. Which best describes your ethnicity?

Gender

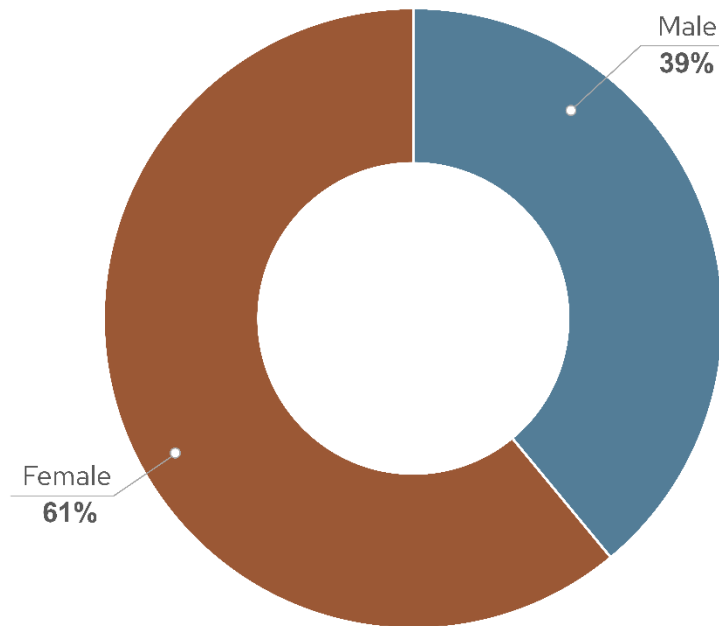


Figure 19. What is your gender?