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Survey 22 Results Healthy Neighbourhoods

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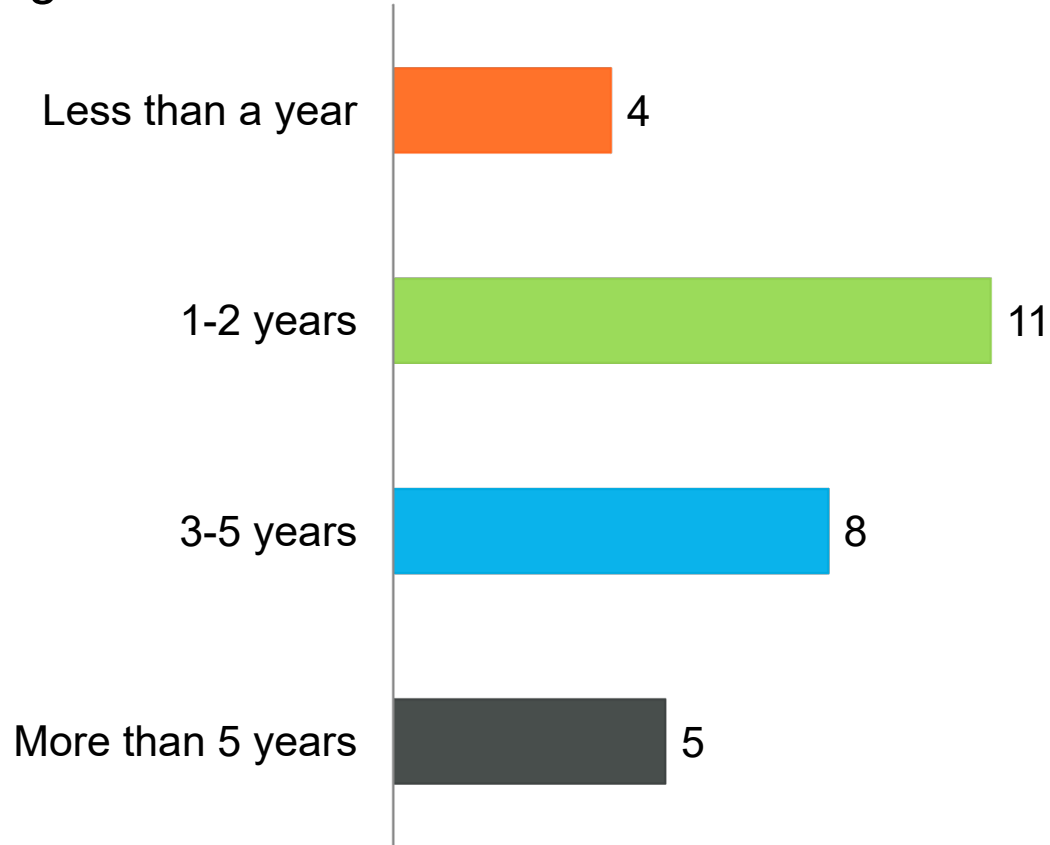


Healthy Neighbourhoods

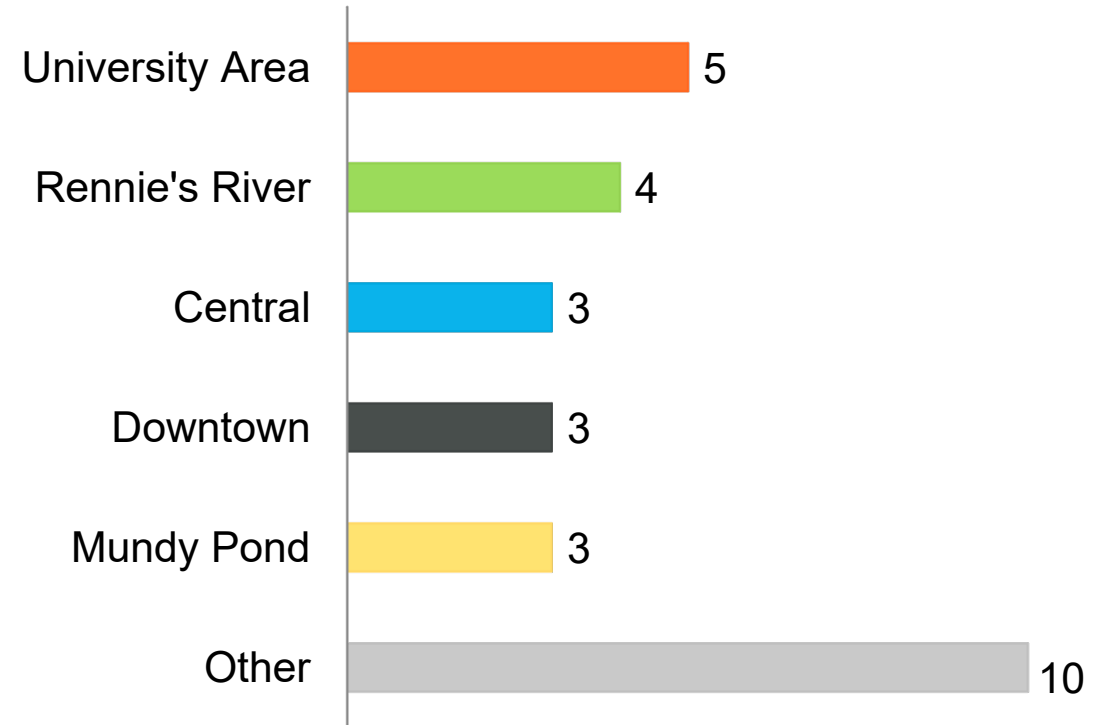
- The City of St. John's released its [Healthy City Strategy](#) in 2021, with one of the focus areas being Healthy Neighbourhoods and People.
- The goal of this focus area is to have a city of complete neighbourhoods where residents feel safe, healthy, and connected to each other – neighbourhoods where people want to live, learn, work and play.

Results

How long have you lived in your current neighbourhood?



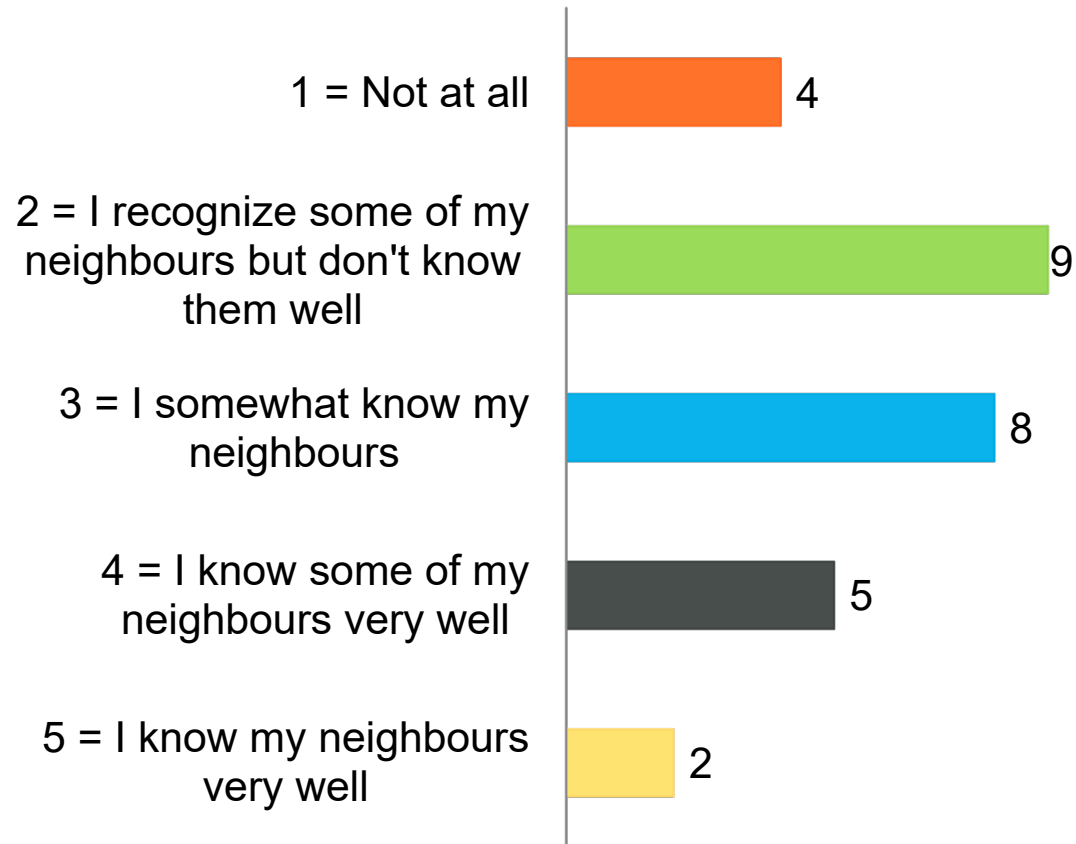
What neighbourhood do you currently live in?



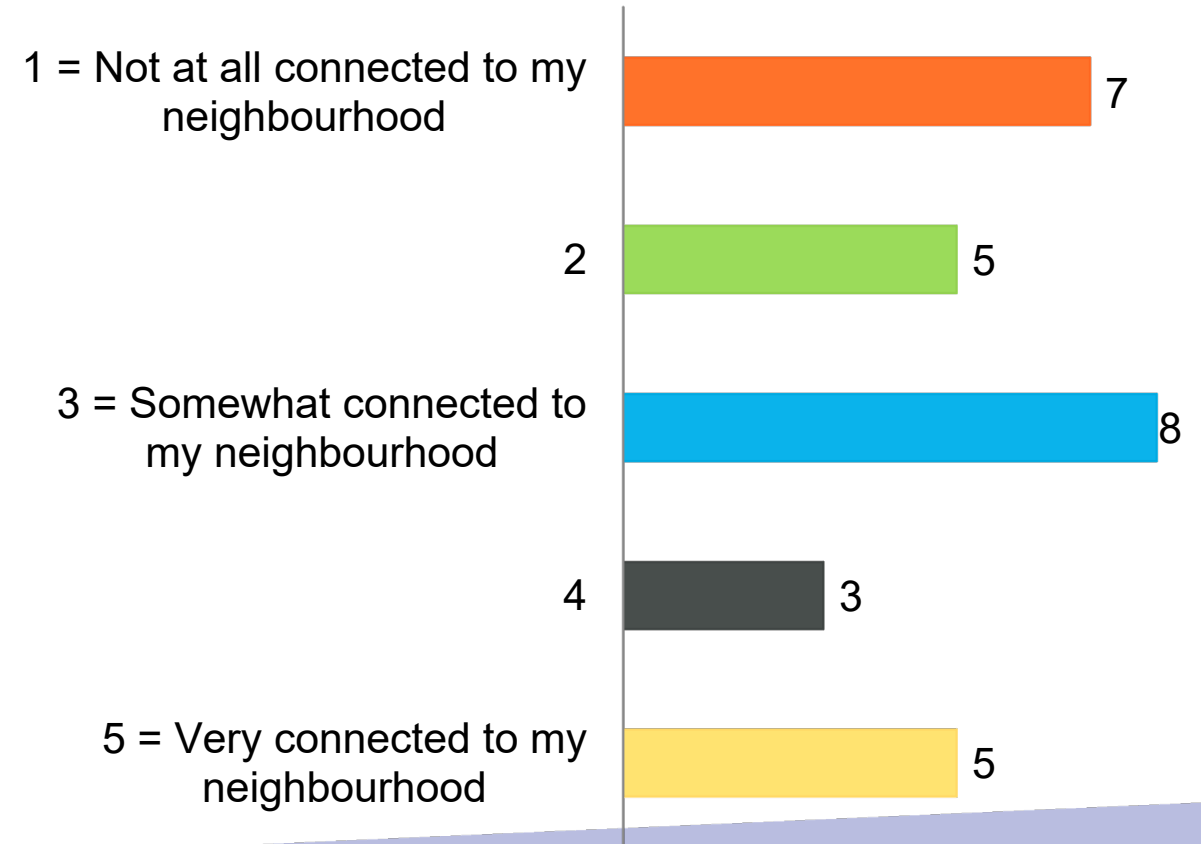
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Results

How well do you know your neighbours?



Do you feel connected and feel you belong in your neighbourhood?



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Results

What would increase your feeling of being connected and belonging in your neighbourhood? (1/5)

- Online community groups and forums for regulated discussion/social media space for events Neighbourhood activities and events to get to know each other
 - E.g. block party, BBQ in Bowring Park, neighbourhood pick-up sports league, garage sales, markets in the park, information about events from community association
- Neighbourhood-level community engagement
- To better connect with neighbours who are not in the same demographic and life experiences.

Results

What would increase your feeling of being connected and belonging in your neighbourhood? (2/5)

- Improved pedestrian safety
 - More pedestrian friendly infrastructure that encouraged everyone to get out. Neighbourhood walkability, including to amenities such as grocery stores, can provide many benefits such as improving community ties, safety, connectivity, and health.
 - Narrower roads, and small parks and businesses mixed within the residential area.
 - Sidewalks should be groomed before streets; it's inequitable. People walking are much more in danger than people in cars and walking is energy efficient and how poor people get around and use busses.
 - Grooming trails year-round. It's difficult walking/biking in winter season
 - A divider or bump [between road and bike lane]; people use the bike lane as a parking space

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Results

What would increase your feeling of being connected and belonging in your neighbourhood? (3/5)

- More frequent bus stops and more bus shelters
- Maybe we could have a bus zip service that goes right to MUN because going through village takes several hours compared to a 10-minute car ride.
- Improve green spaces (outside of sports fields) in public parks for use.
- Bigger community pantry, community fridge, our own food bank

Results

What would increase your feeling of being connected and belonging in your neighbourhood? (4/5)

- Home ownership; landlords taking better care of the property
- Clearer parking rules/norms so I don't feel like I am infringing on my neighbour's space
- More dense housing; we need apartments. Density means more people could live next to the grocery store. Our grocery store is down hill so it's really hard to carry things up hill and super ableist.

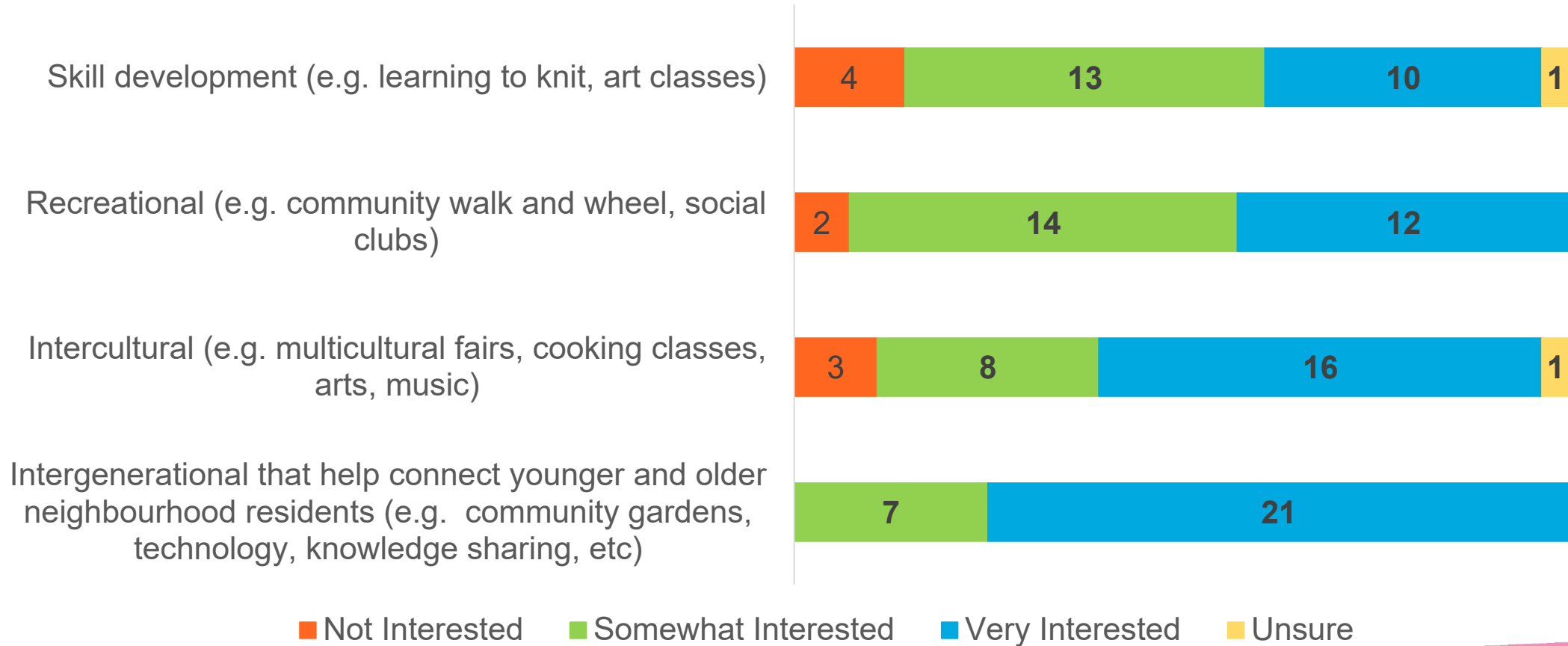
Results

What would increase your feeling of being connected and belonging in your neighbourhood? (5/5)

- Residents of downtown should receive some proof of residency and discount for the businesses in the area to promote more regular business
- Everyone feeling safe enough to be outside/safe neighbours
- If I actually introduced myself to them/knowing more people
- Not having to move houses every couple of months
- Less complaining or ranting

Results

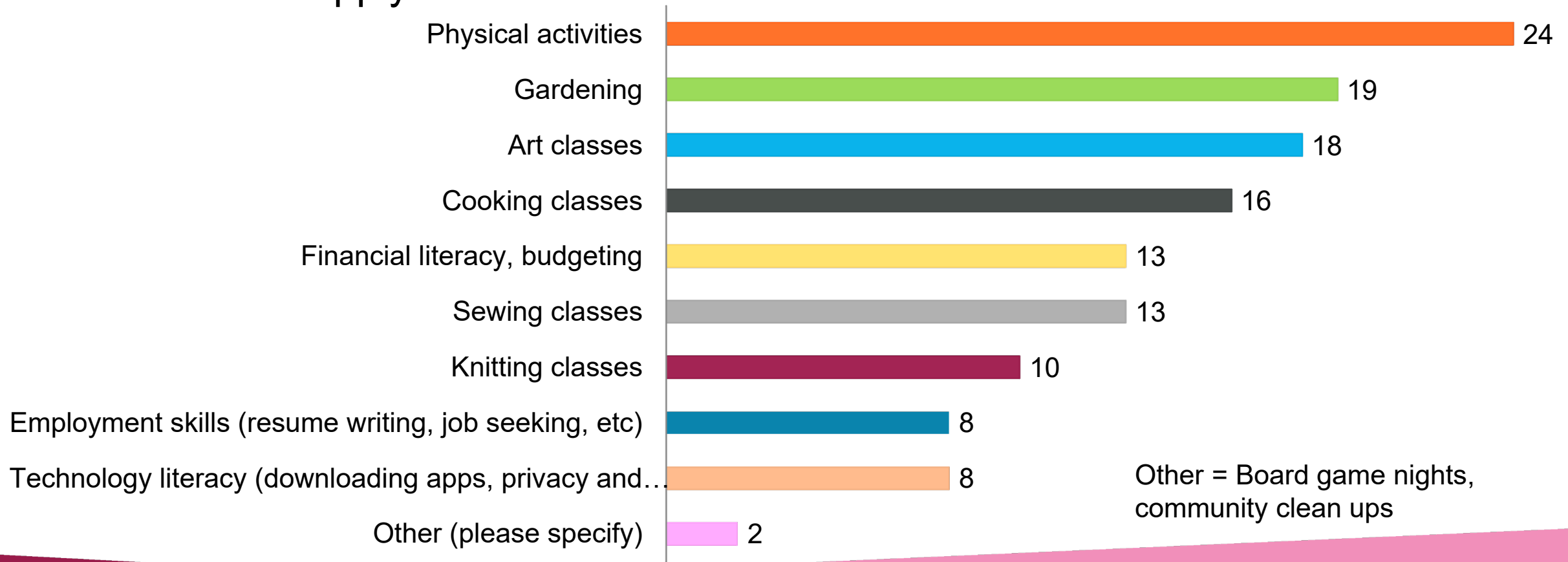
How interested are you in these potential neighbourhood opportunities?



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Results

What types of skill development opportunities would you be interested in?
Check all that apply



Results

Is there anything else you'd like to see happening in your neighbourhood? (1/2)

- Community garage sale or item swap; all homes could pledge a portion of proceeds to go to a local charity (2)
- Downtown community garden. Areas where residents without yard space can avail of. Young people want to garden and grow their own food but can't afford the land.
- More small community bars/cafes that people can gather to meet each other.
- Increased population density while having the services and necessities available to them without need for increased car use.

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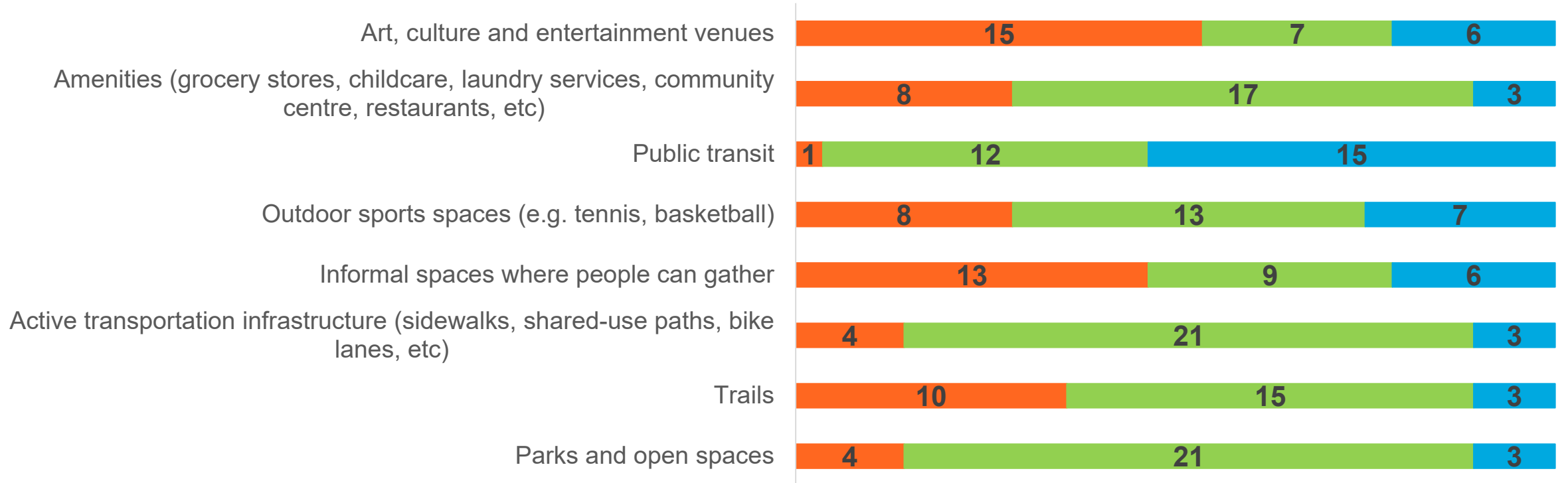
Is there anything else you'd like to see happening in your neighbourhood? (2/2)

- Bike safety events! The children in my neighbourhood are very active on their bikes and most don't wear helmets and a large number aren't street smart. Bike safety events for kids could make a huge difference.
- Skateboarding lessons
- Block parties
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Ride-sharing group
- Better snow clearing operations and assistance in clearing snow for seniors

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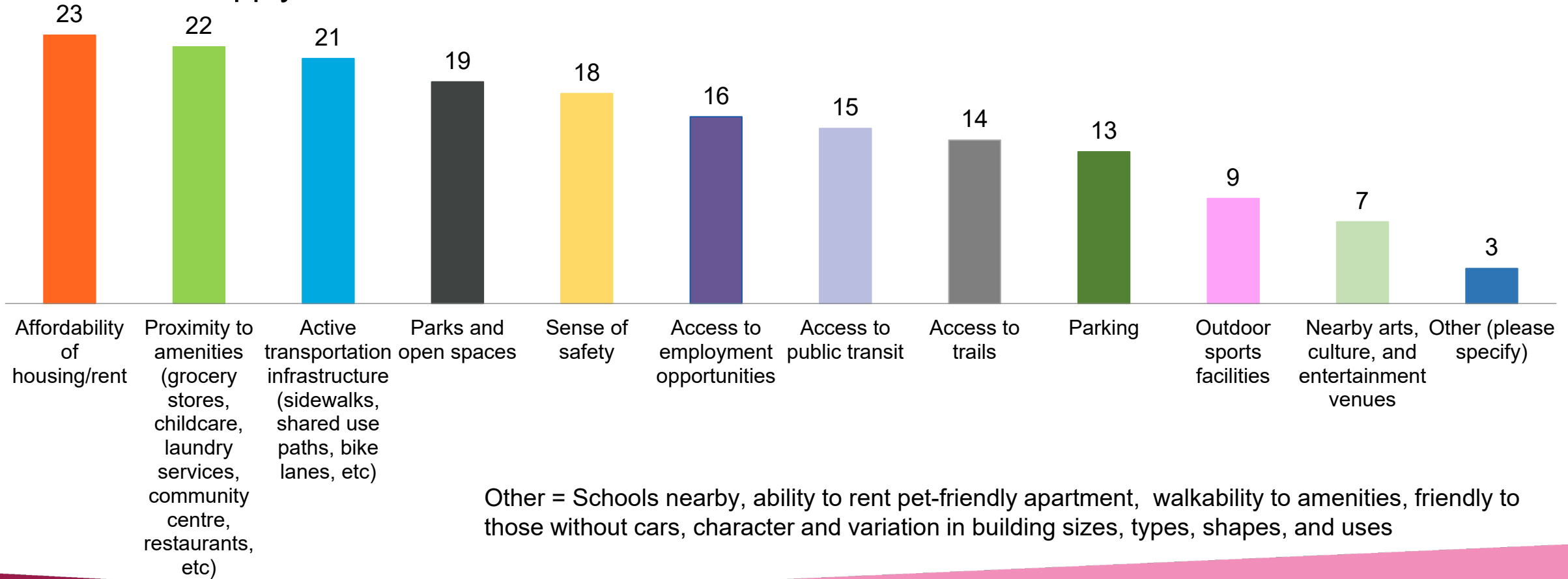
Which of the following best describes these City services in your neighbourhood?
Check all that apply



■ This is not currently available in my neighbourhood ■ I use this in my neighbourhood ■ This is available in my neighbourhood but I don't use it

Results

Which of the following do you feel is missing from your neighbourhood or could be enhanced?
Check all that apply



Results

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about healthy neighbourhoods? (1/4)

- We need more urban planning.
- Active transportation suggestion: widen sidewalks and permit bicycles to use them; I am afraid of riding my bike on the road (which I only do in non-peak traffic times, in broad daylight, and only in areas where there is ample passing lane space - I have almost been hit by a truck and a car).

Results

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about healthy neighbourhoods? (2/4)

- Keep improving active transportation infrastructure. I'm pleased to see a new-this-summer street crossing with curb bump-outs. It drastically improves children's safety and has not hindered cars. I want more pedestrian crossing safety and convenience, e.g. more bilateral crosswalks at intersections (it's infuriating to be forced to cross 3 times at 1 intersection because my footpath doesn't have a crosswalk on the side I need).
- Paint more pickleball lines on tennis courts. Doesn't have to be converted completely, just paint the lines and everyone can share the courts.

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Results

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about healthy neighbourhoods? (3/4)

- More mixed-use areas, particularly on the corners of residential streets, traffic calming (reduced road width), bike lanes on Lemarchant Rd specifically (the road is very wide, if the road was appropriately sized you could fit bike lanes in the existing footprint and it's very flat and used by many cyclists).
- More maintenance and upkeep.

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Results

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about healthy neighbourhoods? (4/4)

- Downtown is crumbling and trust is dwindling.
- Councillors and people in charge of infrastructure, etc. actually helping neighbourhoods out.
- Sense of safety is incredibly important and in many ways I don't think that's there.
- There's bullying going on in schools, mostly cyber and violence and we are not equipped to deal with it

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