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Youth Engagement Panel

Survey Ten Results
Winter Activities

February 2023



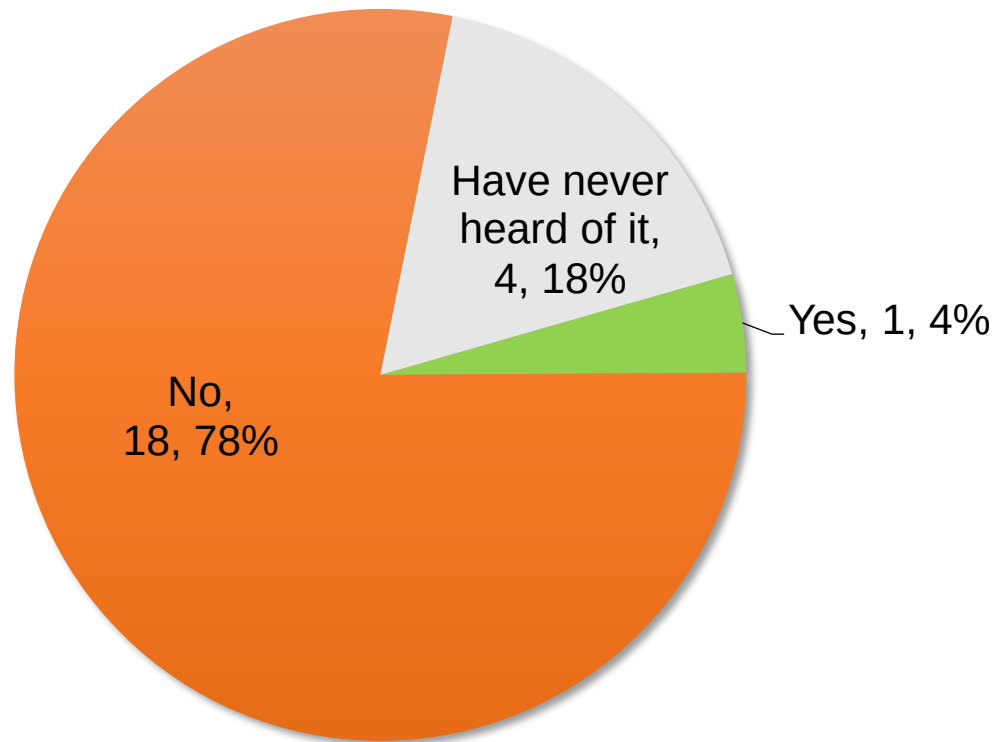
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Winter Activities

The City developed a survey to gather feedback from the Youth Panel on their winter activity preferences and experiences. Results will be shared with the City's Parks and Recreation teams.

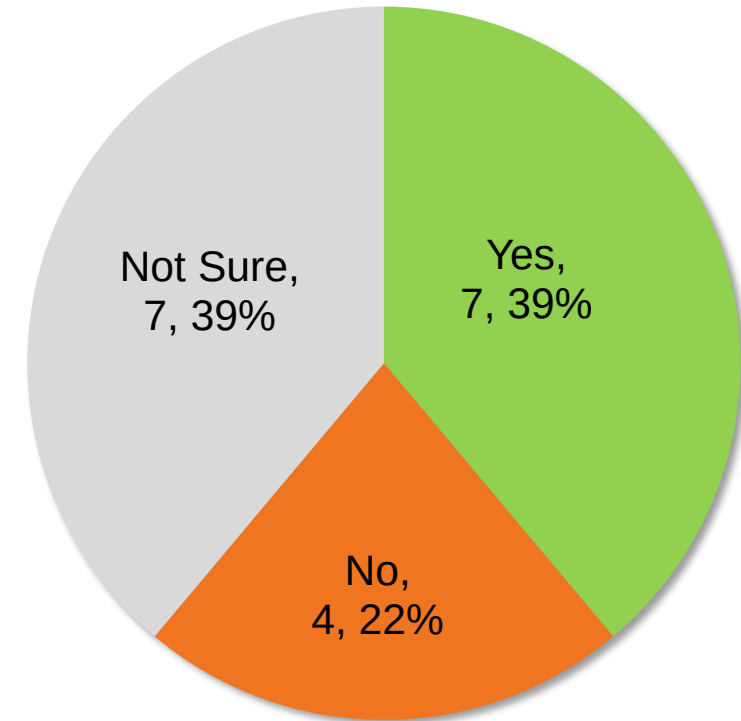
Winter Activities – Survey Results

Have you visited the City of St. John's Winter Activity Centre in Pippy Park this year?



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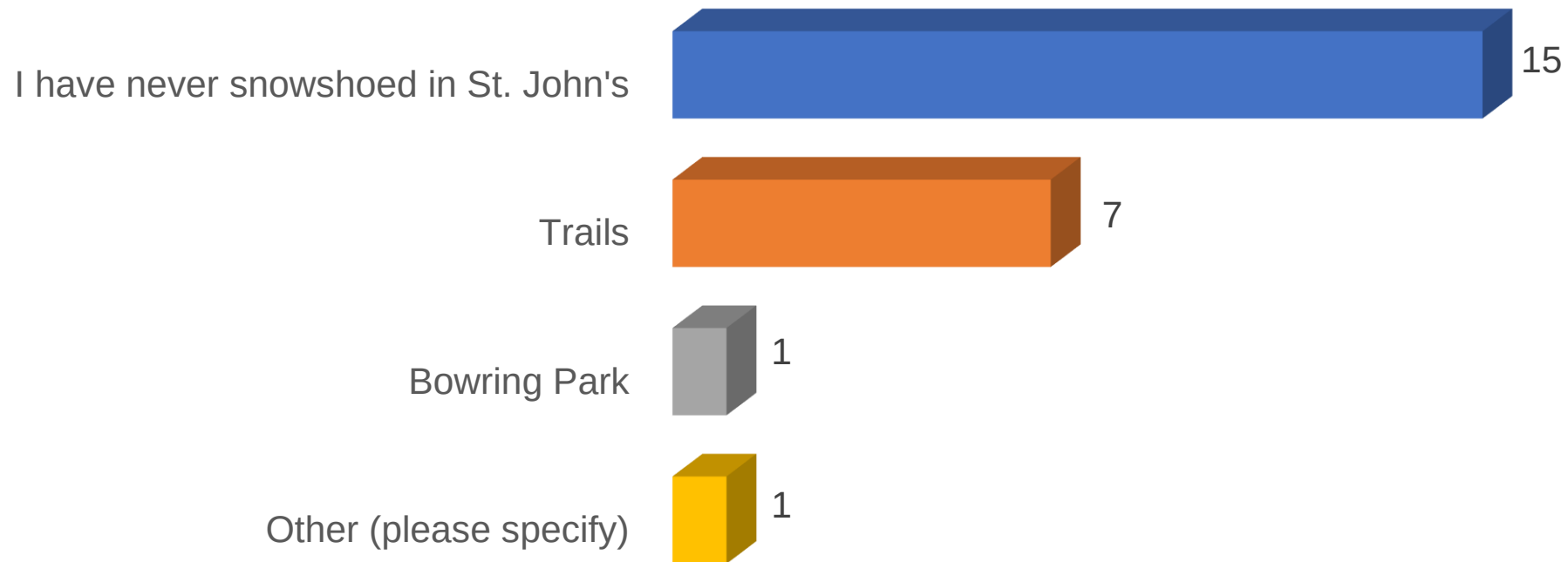
If you did not visit, do you plan to?



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Have you snowshoed in any of the following locations? (Select all that apply)

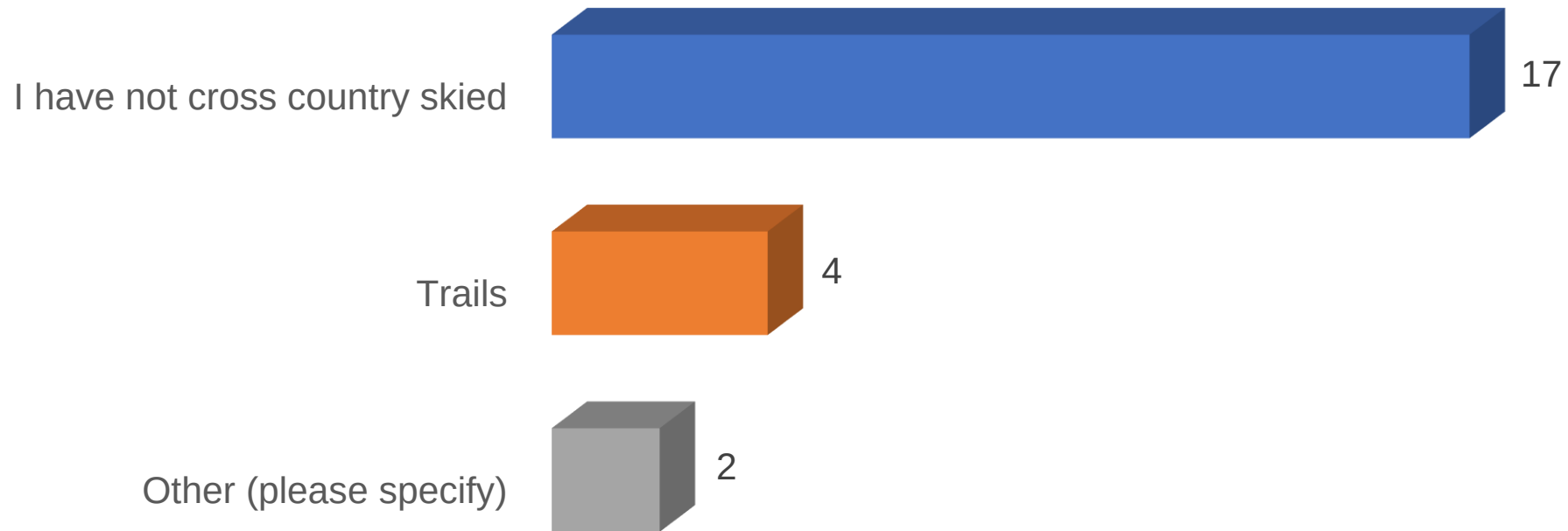


Other = Pippy Park

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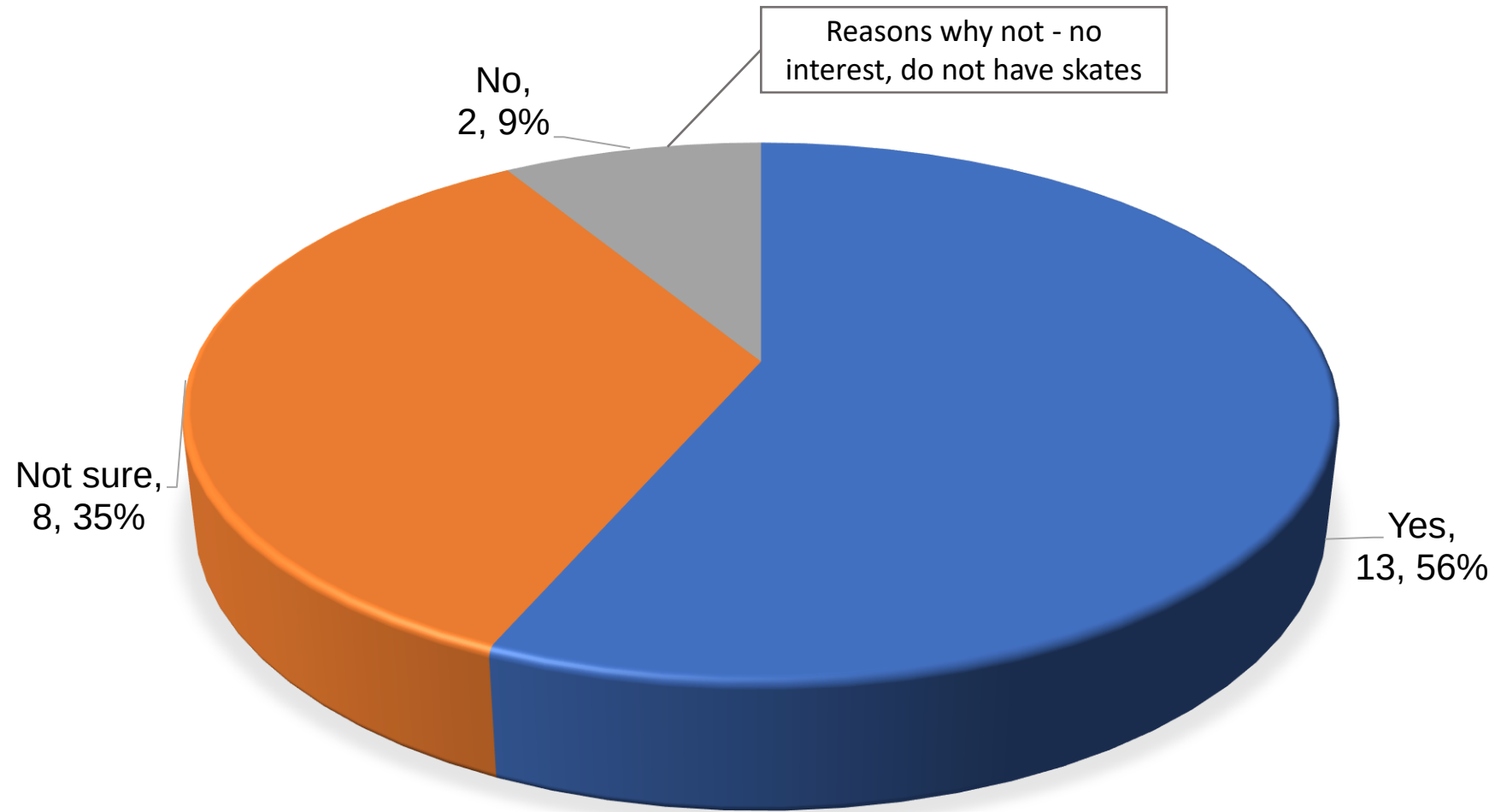
Have you cross country skied in any of these City locations? (Check all that apply)



Other = Pippy Park, White Hills Resort

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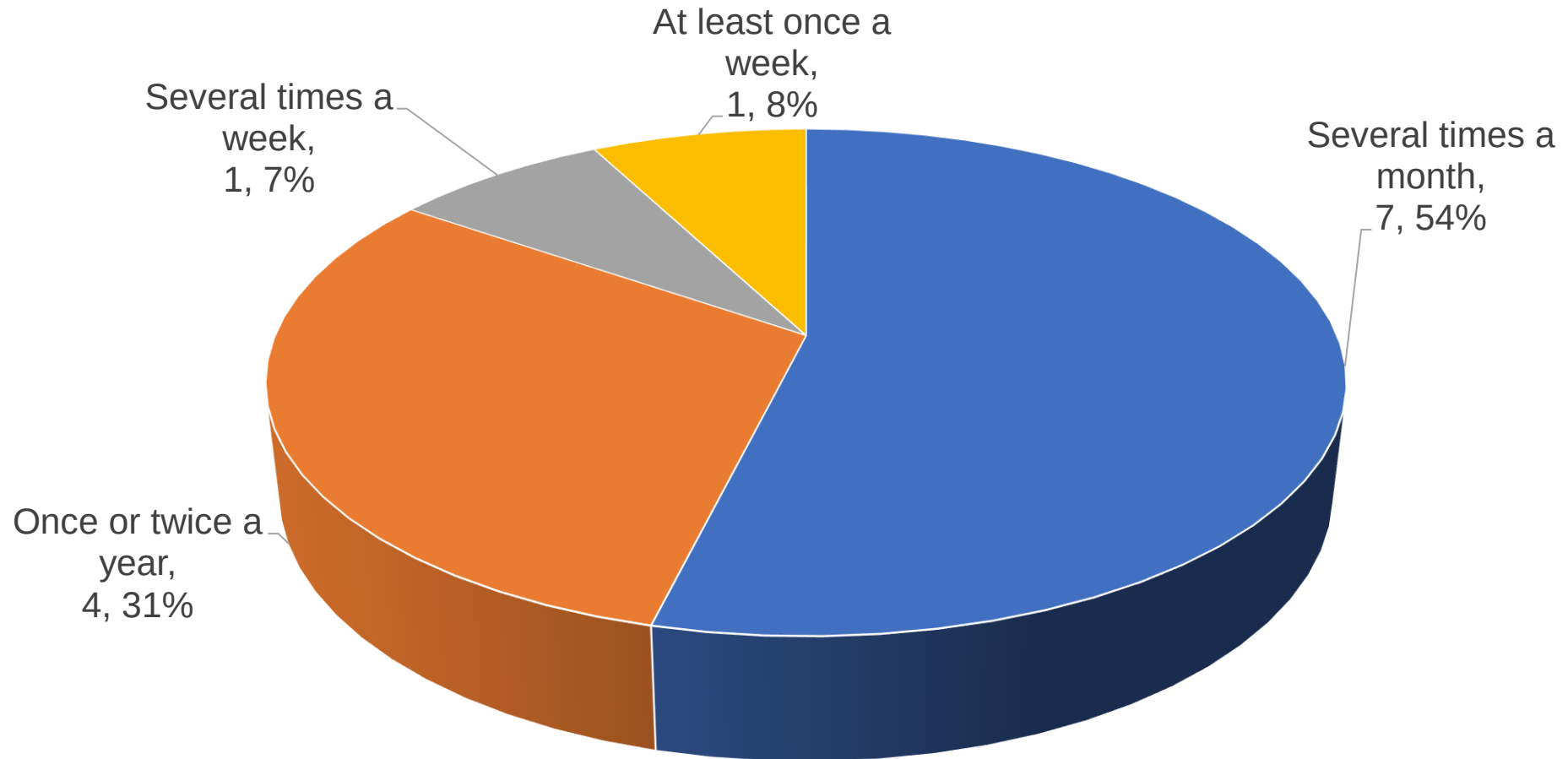
Will you ice skate at the Loop in Bannerman Park this year?



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Which best describes how often you would skate at the Loop in general?

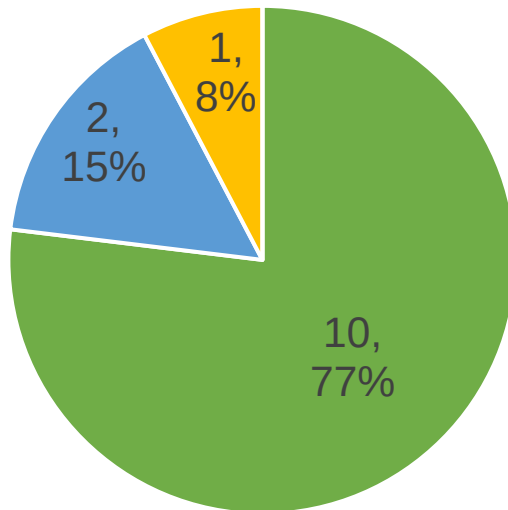


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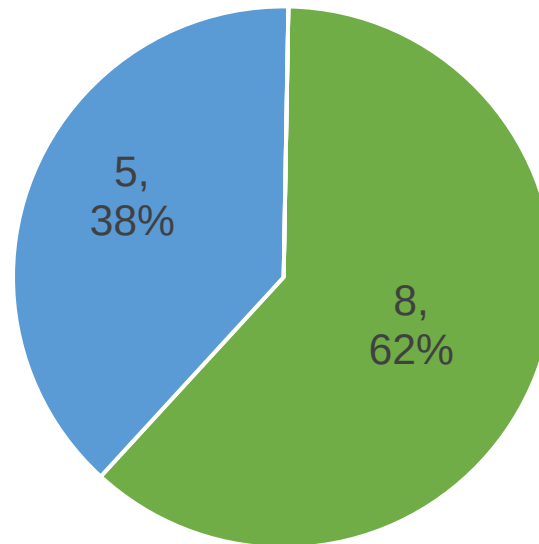
When you skate at the Loop, how would you describe the following:

Ice Conditions



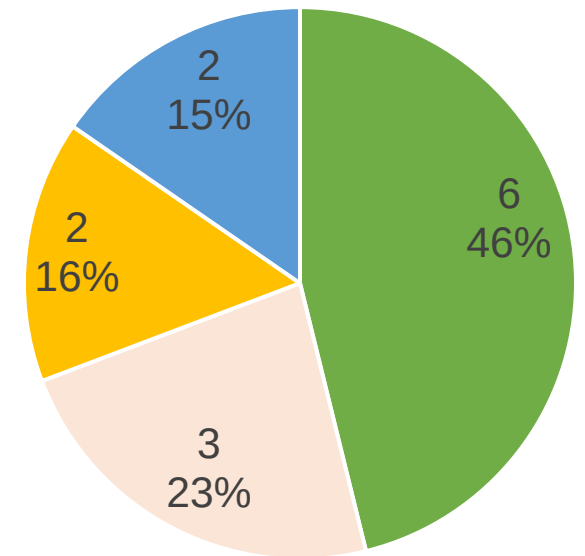
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Overall vibe or
ambience



■ Mostly Good ■ Awesome ■ Poor ■ Fair

Amenities

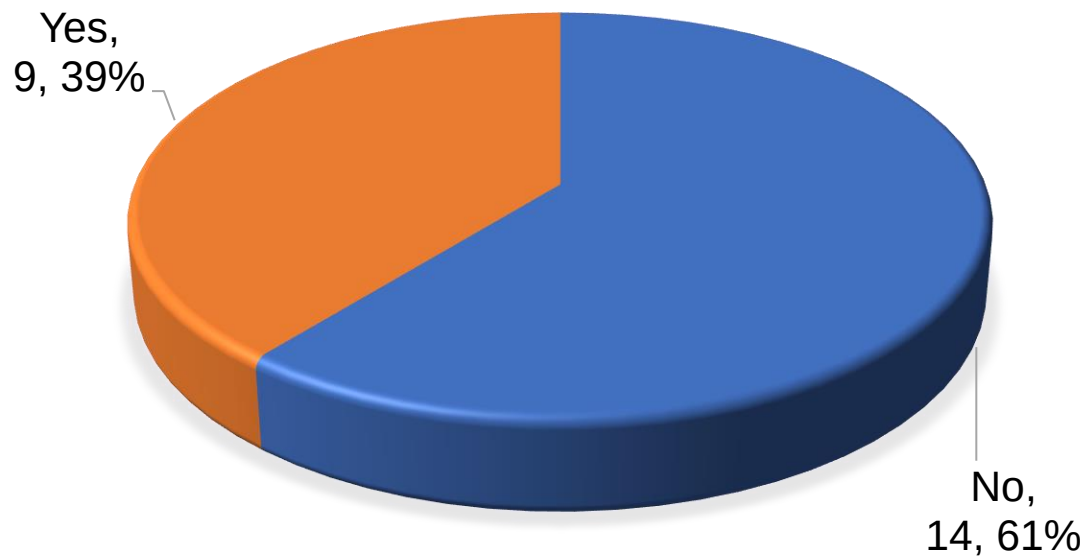


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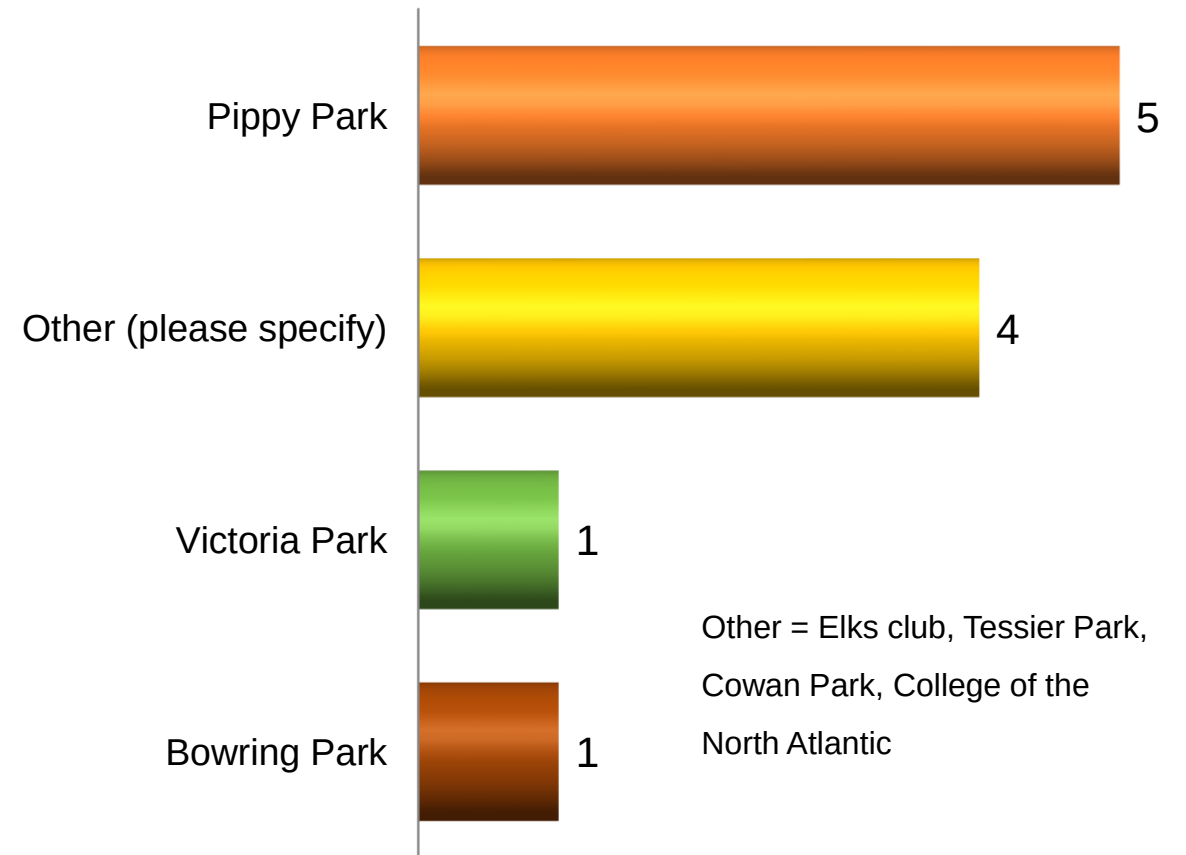
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Do you go sledding/sliding in the City?



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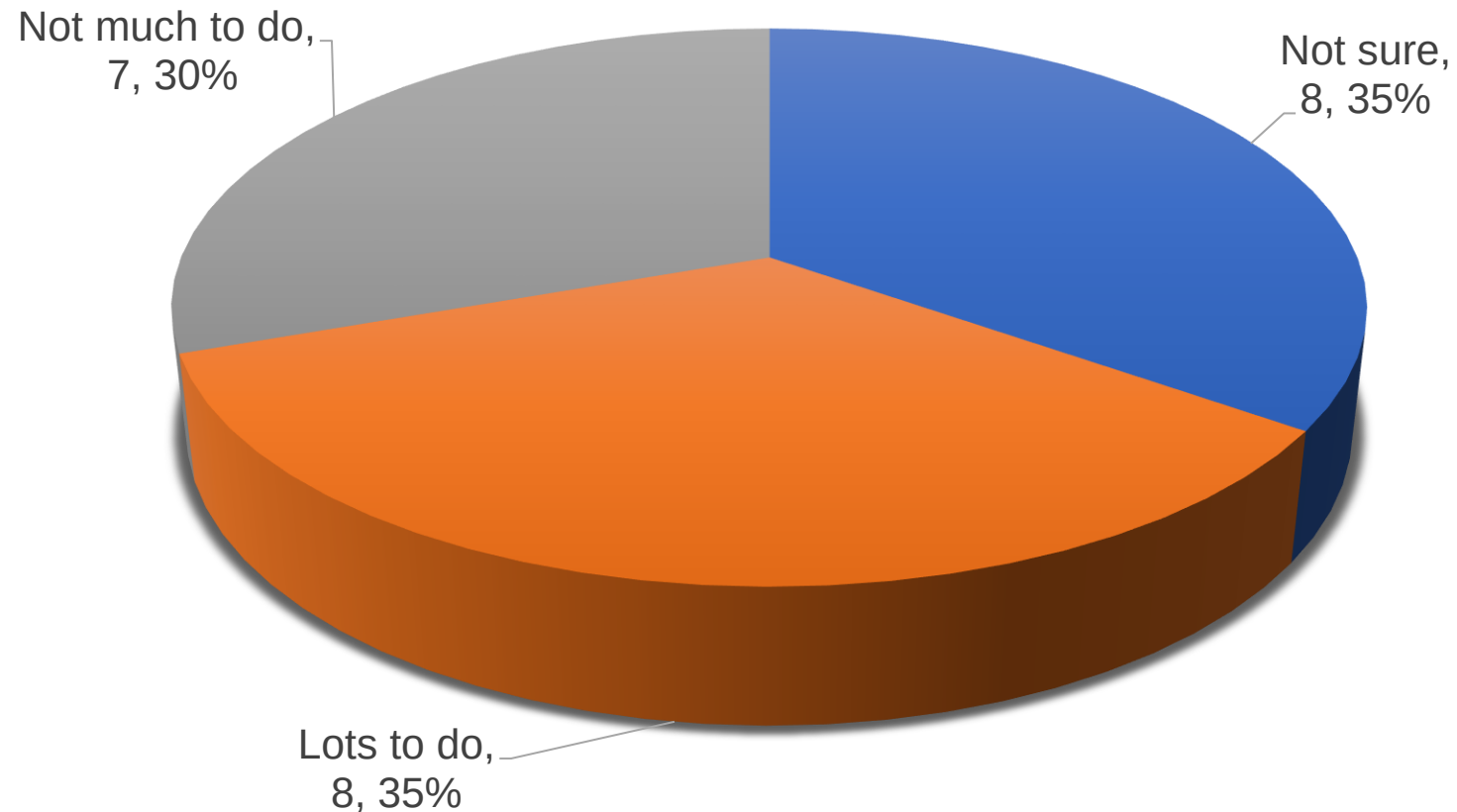
When you go sliding/sledding, where do you go? Tick all that apply.



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Which best represents St. John's for winter activities?



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Why did you provide the last response about winter activities in St. John's?

For those who answered "Lots to Do" in previous question (n=8)

Lots of fun outdoor activities available!

While I cannot access most activities, I am aware of some options. Plus, the weather here is well-suited to winter sports.

A variety of activities for everyone

Plenty of activities if you know where to go. Parks to hike, places to visit, no excuse to not find an activity outdoors to do

We get a lot of snow

I like winter fun. I want to remember the good, not just the shoveling.

A lot of it is outside

Lots of options and a long winter to enjoy it all

For those who answered "Not Sure" in previous question (n=8)

Newcomer

As a newcomer, we did not go out much in the winter

Weather makes short window of outside activities

Many outdoor options however unreliable weather makes it difficult to do these things often.

I have not personally explored the options

There are some things to do, such as snowshoeing/nordic skiing in Pippy & Bowring Parks, and skating at Bannerman, but there could be more. The nixed pedestrian market on Water Street could have been great, but the almighty car had to come first.

I am not a very outdoor person in winter.

There are plenty of things around town, but since the bus isn't very efficient it's hard to participate in some of them that I can't walk to..

For those who answered "Not Much to Do" in previous question (n=7)

There isn't much to do, the things there are to do are weather pending or inaccessible if you don't have a vehicle

I only know of activities that require a lot of energy/physical activity, but I'm drained after work, some friends have limited mobility, and I don't necessarily see some activities as disability or sensory friendly

There really isn't much to do and some of what is available is not advertised well

Equipment is expensive! I was hoping to go ice skating this winter but I can't afford to buy even secondhand skates and pay to get them sharpened. Plus snowshoes are pricey too!

City transportation is so prohibitive that it's hard to do any winter activities.

I am a person who would prefer outdoor activities during winters to plan with my friends but its very hard to find activities here and we always end up going for some site seeing

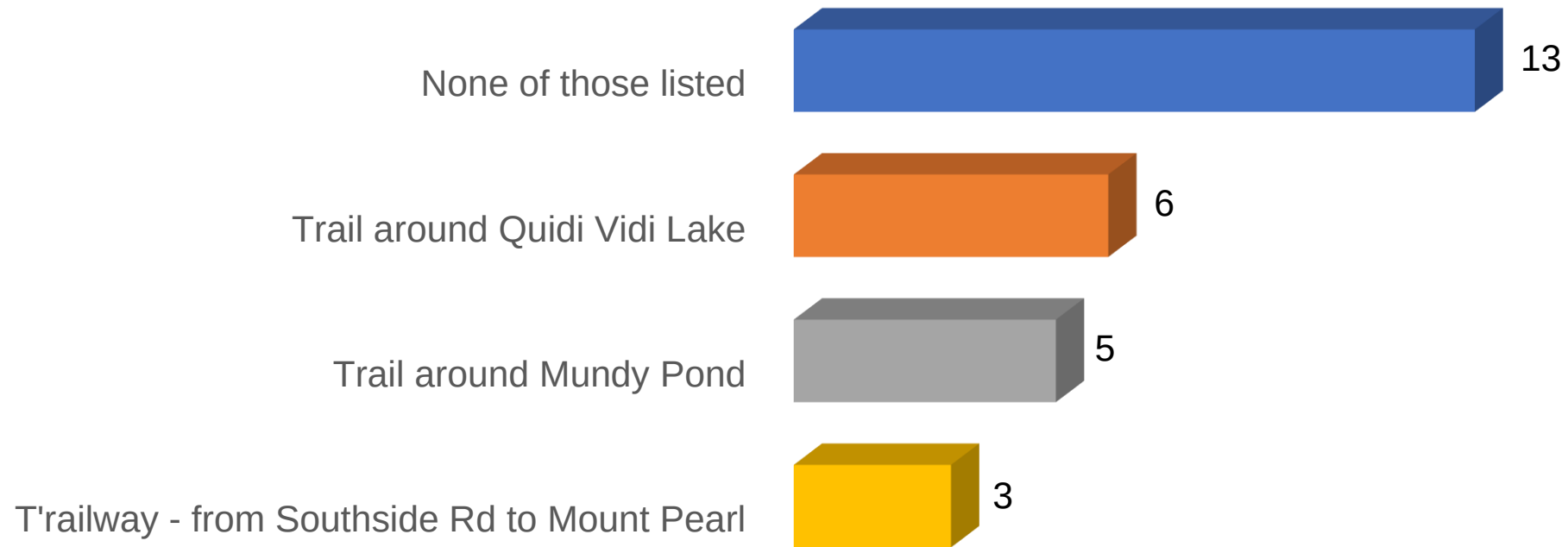
The only available activities are for able-bodied people who can afford the equipment and clothing needed

What existing winter activities would you like to see more of in St. John's?

- Skating/free skating/outdoor skating (5). Skating rinks in local areas like soccer or baseball diamonds.
- Skiing (3)
- Sledding (2)
- Ice or snow sculptures (3)
- Events similar to the Holiday Fair; Downtown Holiday Shop and Stroll
- Hockey rink
- Rentable skates and snow equipment
- Snowshoeing
- Sidewalk clearing
- More safety-oriented activities

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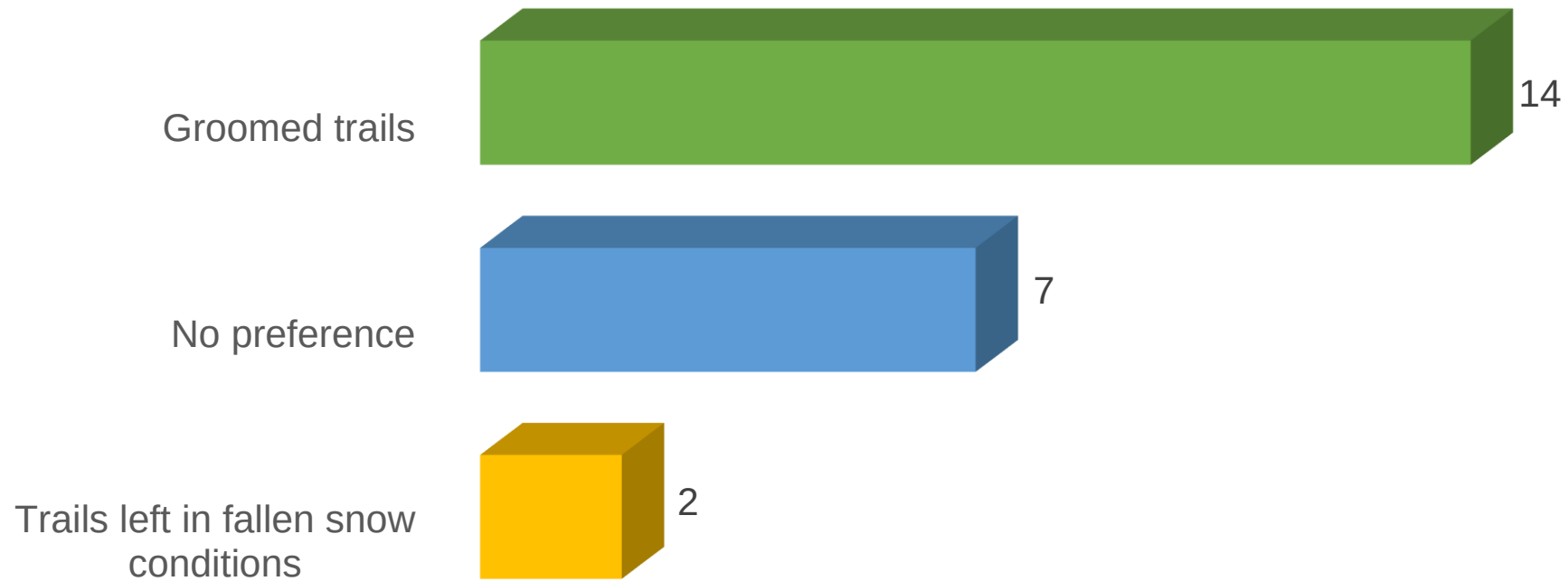
The City grooms several trails in Winter. Which of the following do you use? Tick all that apply.



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Which of the following do you prefer?



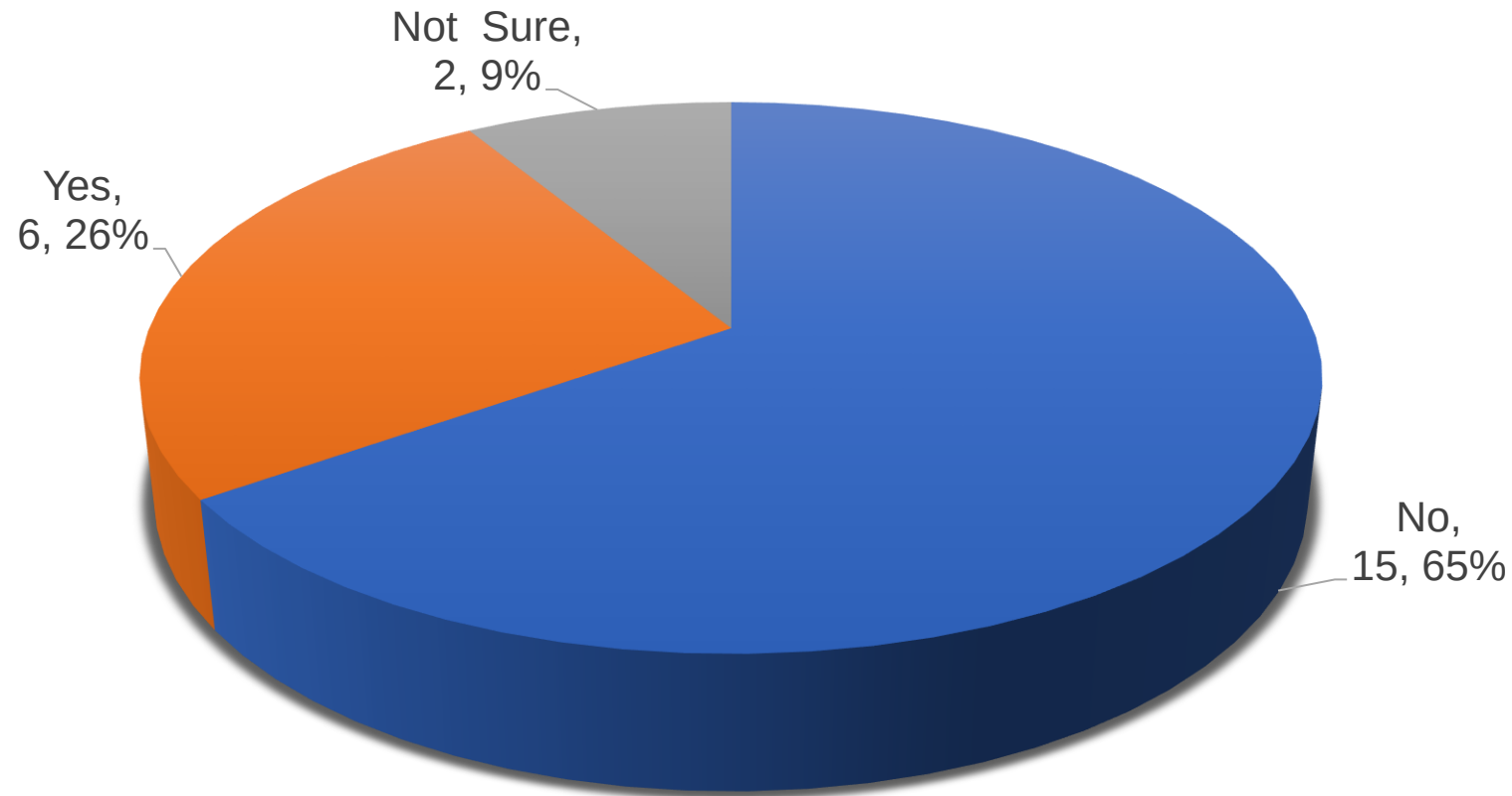
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Are there winter activities not currently available that you would like to see in St. John's?

- "Snobus" shuttles for people who can't afford to take a bus to activities.
Discounted bus services on routes that take people to these winter activities
- Design competitions (decorate a tree or cake; design an outfit or temporary installation, like Winter Stations in TO), classes (ex cooking, candle-making), Mug Ups, Outdoor Movies, socials (ex, non-alcoholic (hot?) drink tasting)
- Ice fishing, bonfires
- Better winter running trails
- Street hockey/ice hockey space. Greenbelt have abandoned their outdoor courts for a couple years now and Riverdale can't use them in the winter, prime street hockey surfaces
- Snowboarding
- Jet skiing, zip lining
- No/don't know (3)

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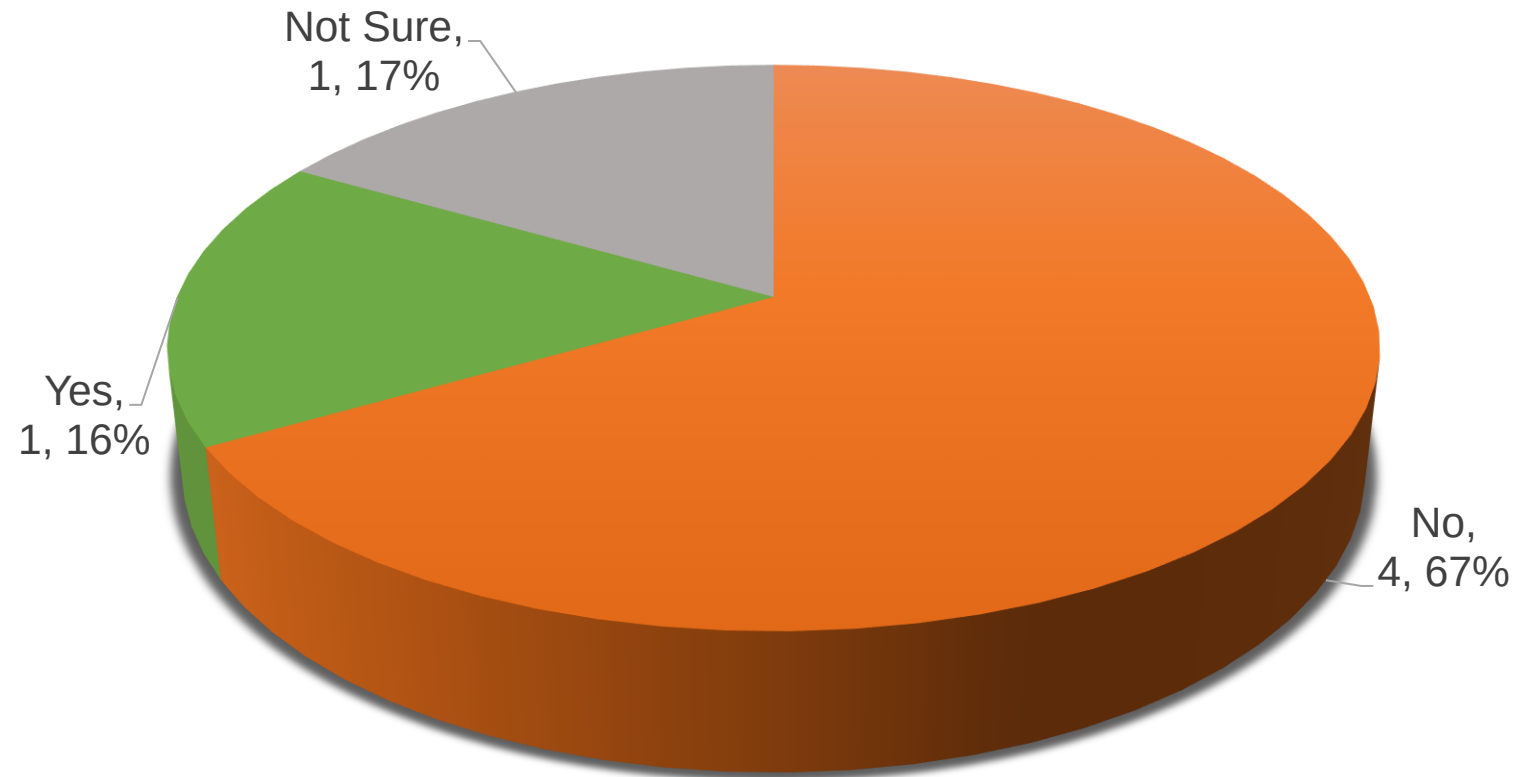
The City organizes an annual winter multi-day event called ChillFest.
Have you heard of ChillFest?



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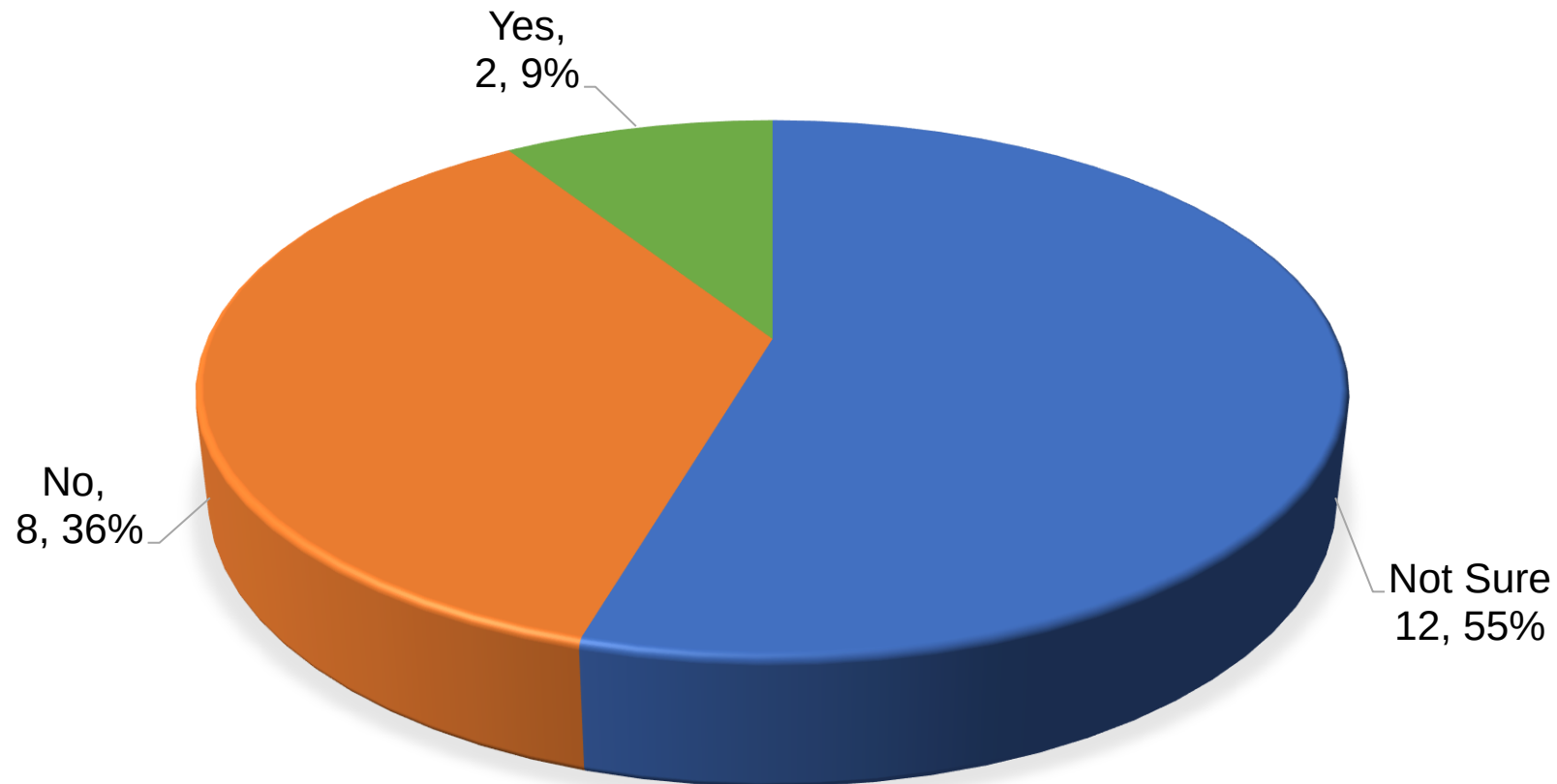
Have you participated in ChillFest activities in the past?



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ChillFest is planned for Feb 11-14, 2023.
Do you plan to take in any of the activities?



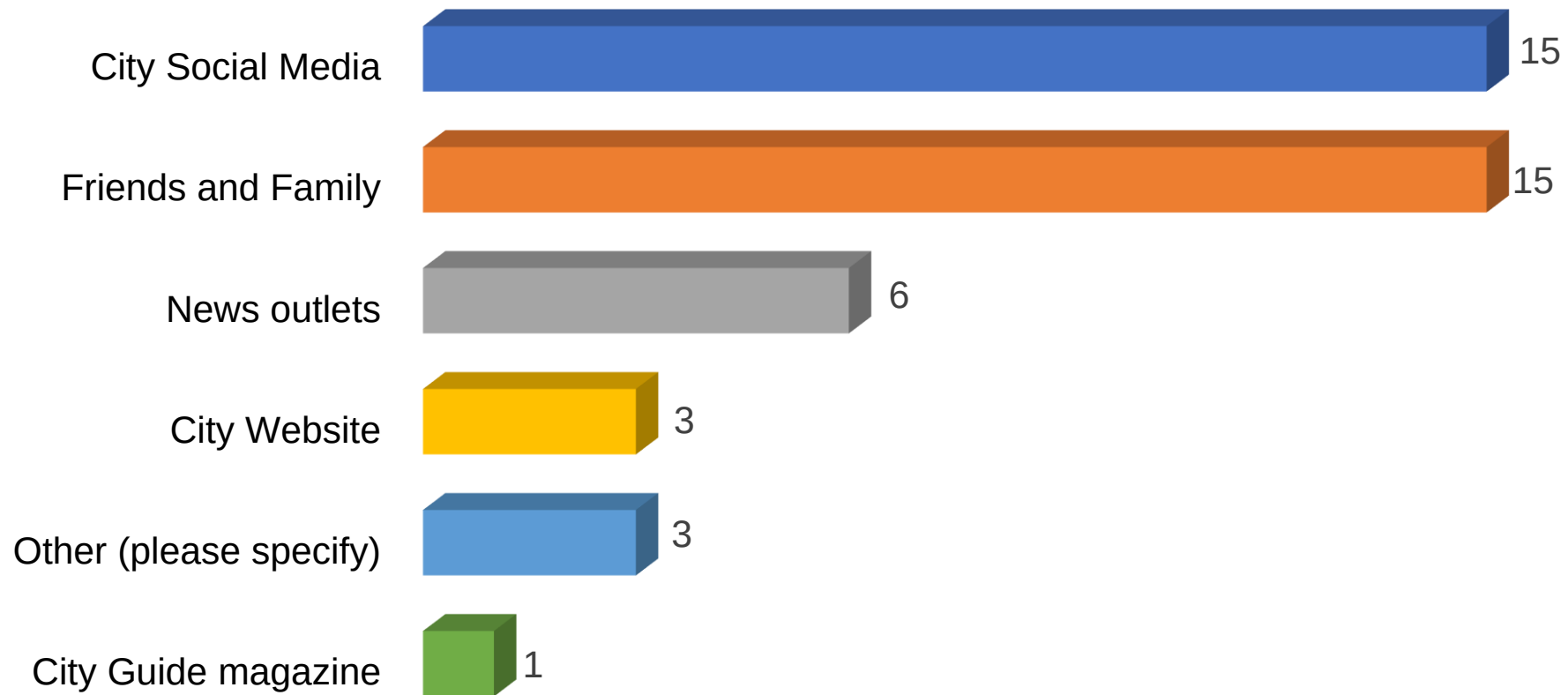
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Anything else you want to share about winter activities in the City?

- "Snobus" shuttles for people afford to take a bus to one of these activities. Discounted bus services on routes that take people to winter activities. I don't have the means to drive to Pippy or Bannerman park, and if I walked then I wouldn't have energy to try the activities.
- The Logy Bay Lump (aka St. John's Ski Club) was/is a fantastic hill for downhill skiing (and possibly snowboarding), and I would be thrilled to see it revived somehow, some way
- A lot of it happens outside and we had some warm days this winter melting our snow
- Little point in putting money into these things when they are inaccessible to the average person. fund better transportation and safe snow clearing.

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Where do you typically learn more about winter activities happening in the City? Tick all that apply

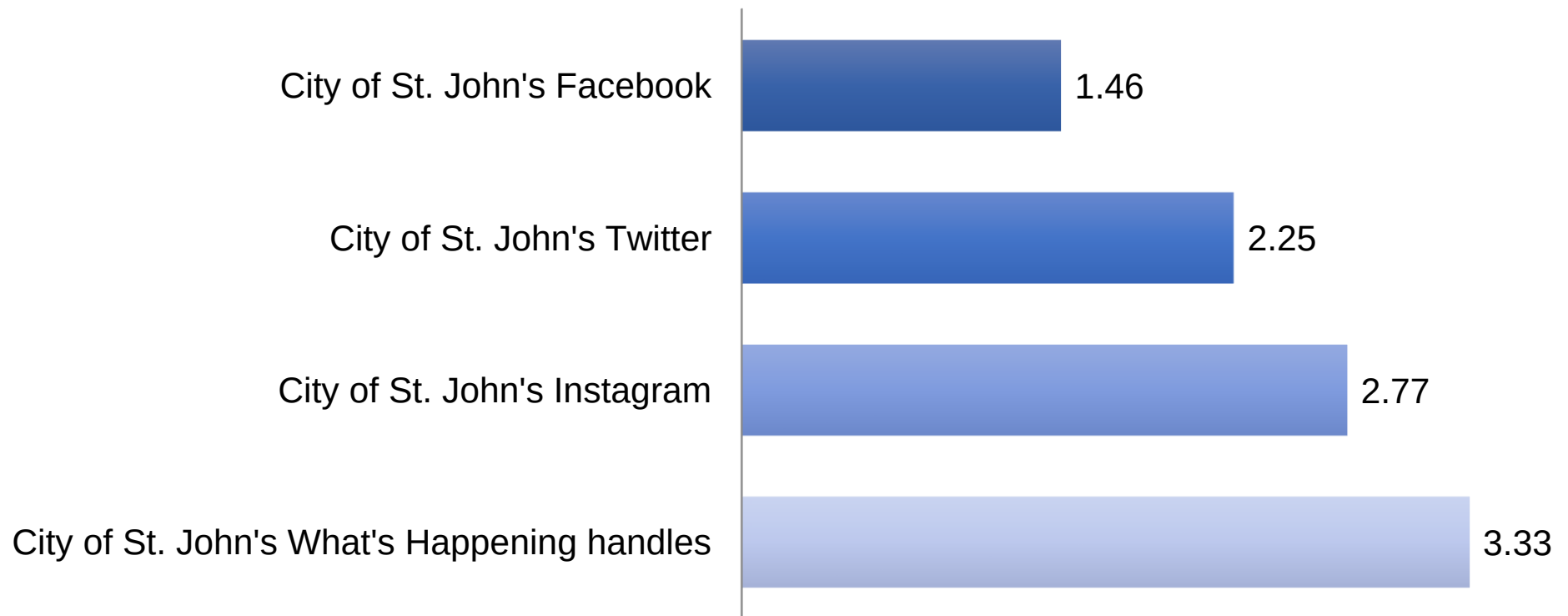


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Other = parent, no where/am not aware (2)

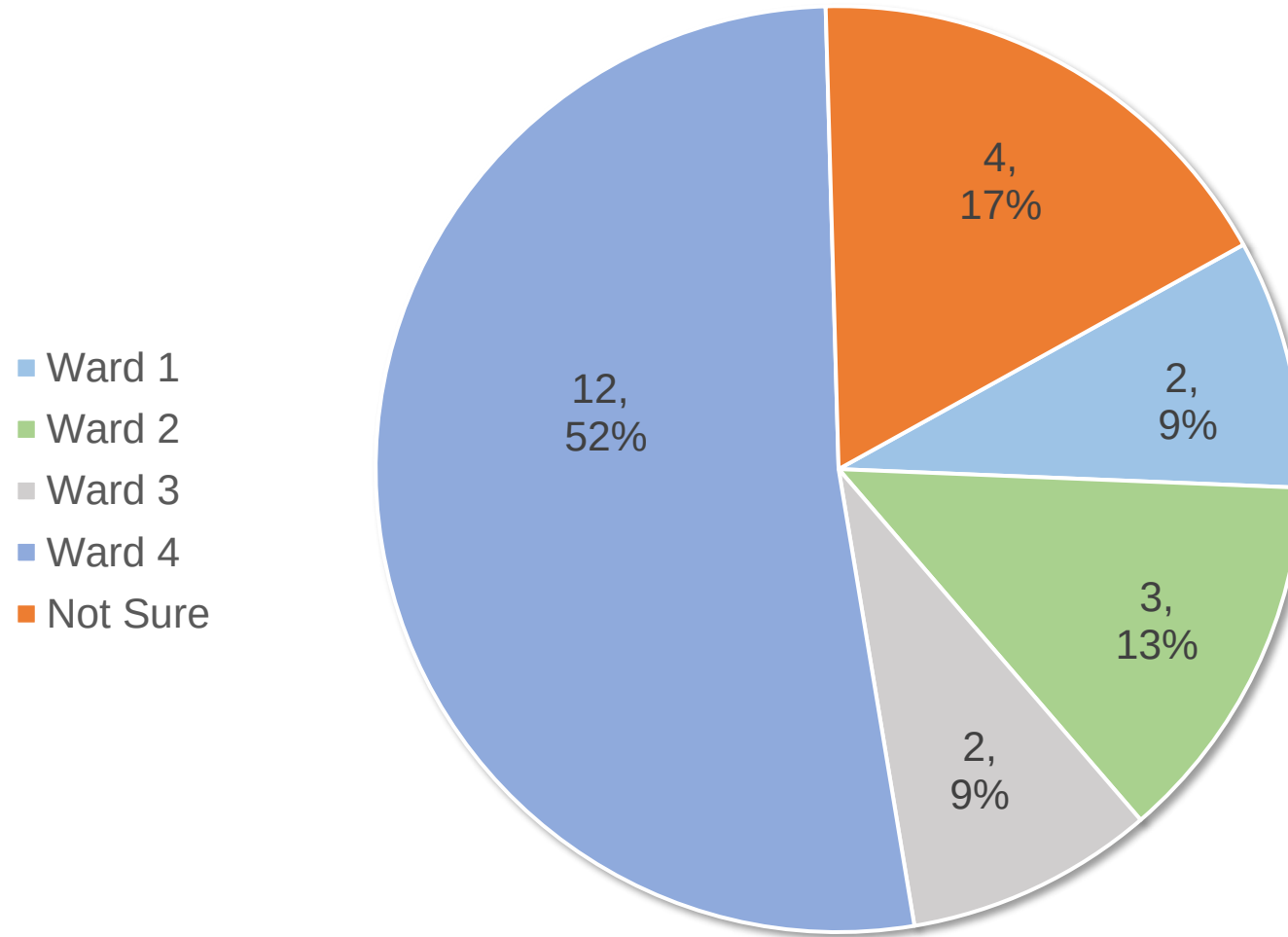
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You said you hear about winter activities on the City's social media channels. Please rank them with 1 being the source you would most likely use and 4 being the least likely.



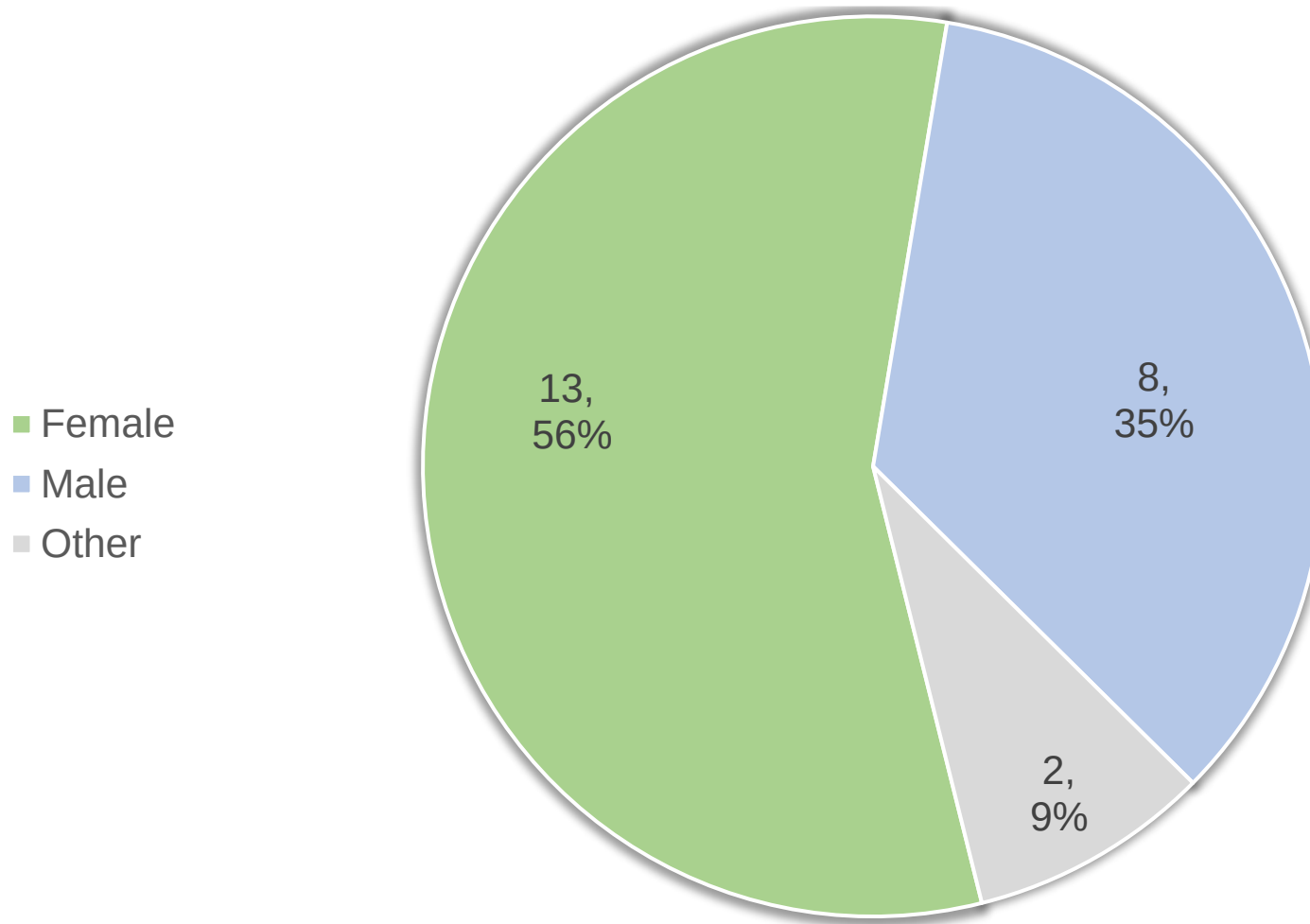
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Survey respondents by city ward



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Survey respondents by gender identity



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