

2023

# Renville County Parks Survey



351 Respondents

# Which Renville County Parks do you visit?

• Anderson Lake	9
• Beaver Falls	172
• Birch Coulee	112
• Lake Allie	76
• Mack Lake	25
• Skalbekken	128
• Vicksburg	121
• None	36



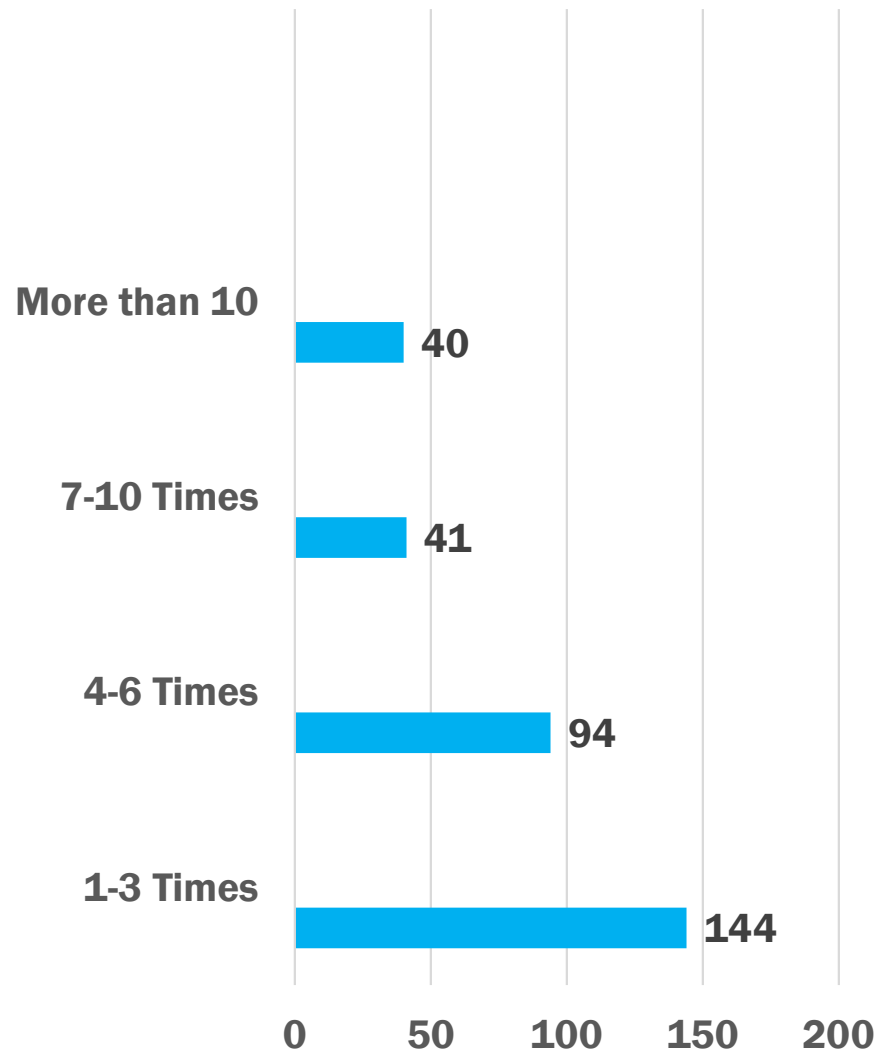
# How did you hear about Renville County Parks?



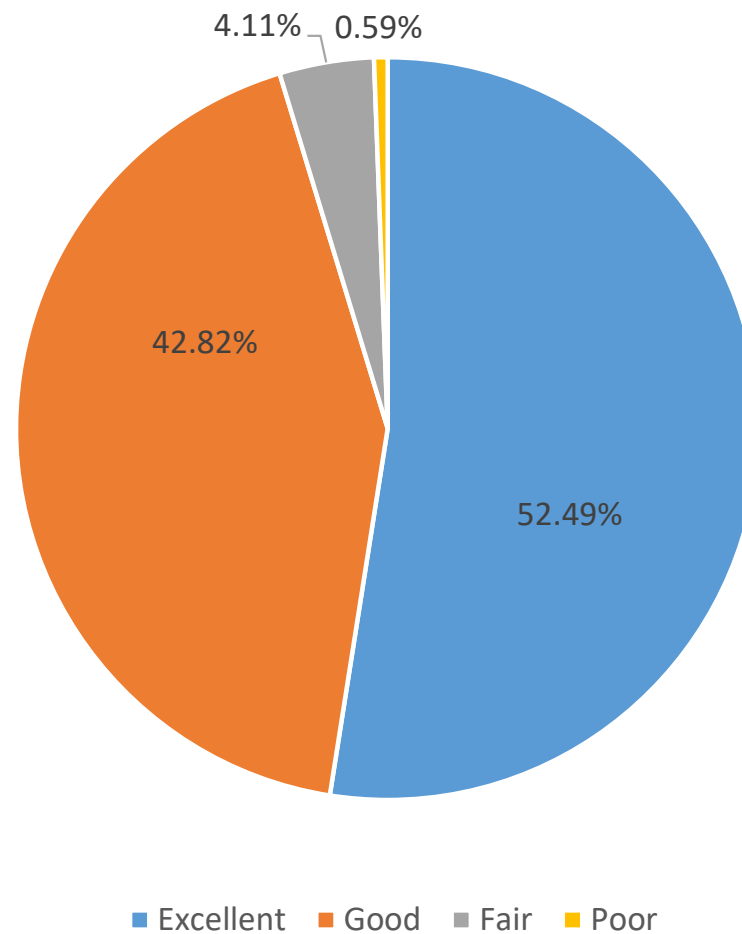
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| • Word of Mouth         | 198 people |
| • Internet/Social Media | 60 people  |
| • Event Booth           | 11 people  |
| • Live in the Area      | 44 people  |



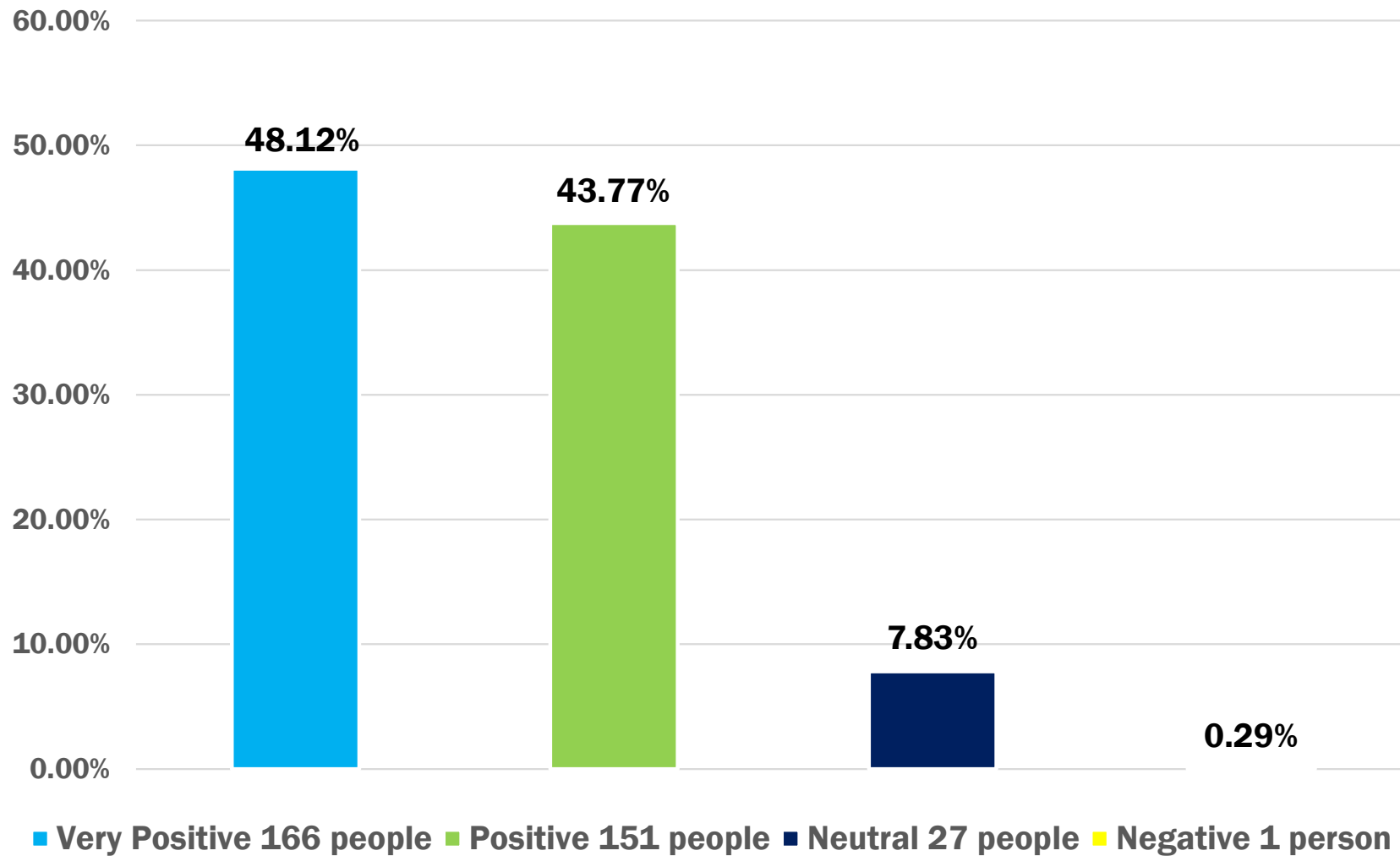
# How many times a year do you visit?



# Overall opinion of the condition and maintenance of the Parks you visit?



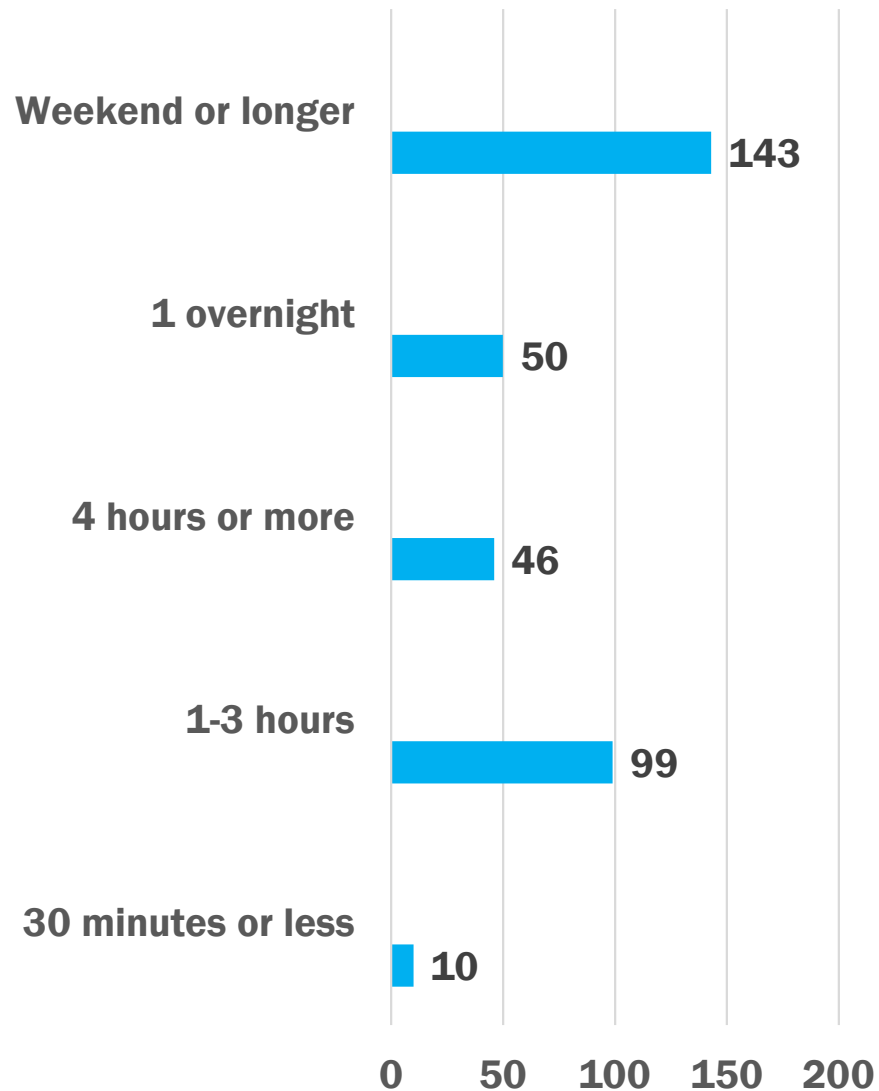
# Overall opinion of the Renville County Parks System?



# What brings you to visit Renville County Parks?

• Biking	16	• Archery Hunt	7
• Boating	27	• Snowmobiling	5
• Camping	222	• Swimming/Tubing	61
• Canoeing/Kayaking	46	• Walking/Hiking Trails	176
• Fishing	123	• Winter Trails	16
• Horseback Riding	92	• Woodcutting	1
• Nature/Wildlife	133	• ATV Riding	10
		• Shelter/Picnic	3

# How much time do you spend when you visit?





# Daytime user or Camper?

- Daytime 84 people
- Camper 121 People
- Both 142 people



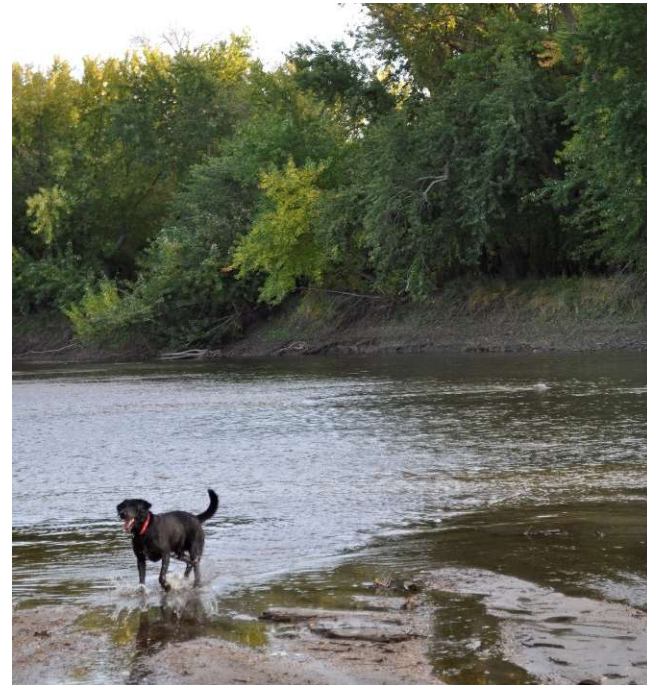
# Park improvements you'd like?

• ATV Trails	56	• Remote walk in tenting	2
• Better Security	14	• More or improved trails	13
• Electricity/Water	123	• Dump stations	2
• More Designated Fishing Areas	55	• Improved camping spots	15
• More Shelters	43	• Sewer hookups	2
• More Trash Cans	43	• Water at Skalbekken HC	8
• Playground Equipment	76		
• Restroom/Showers	116		
• Sleeper Cabins	64		

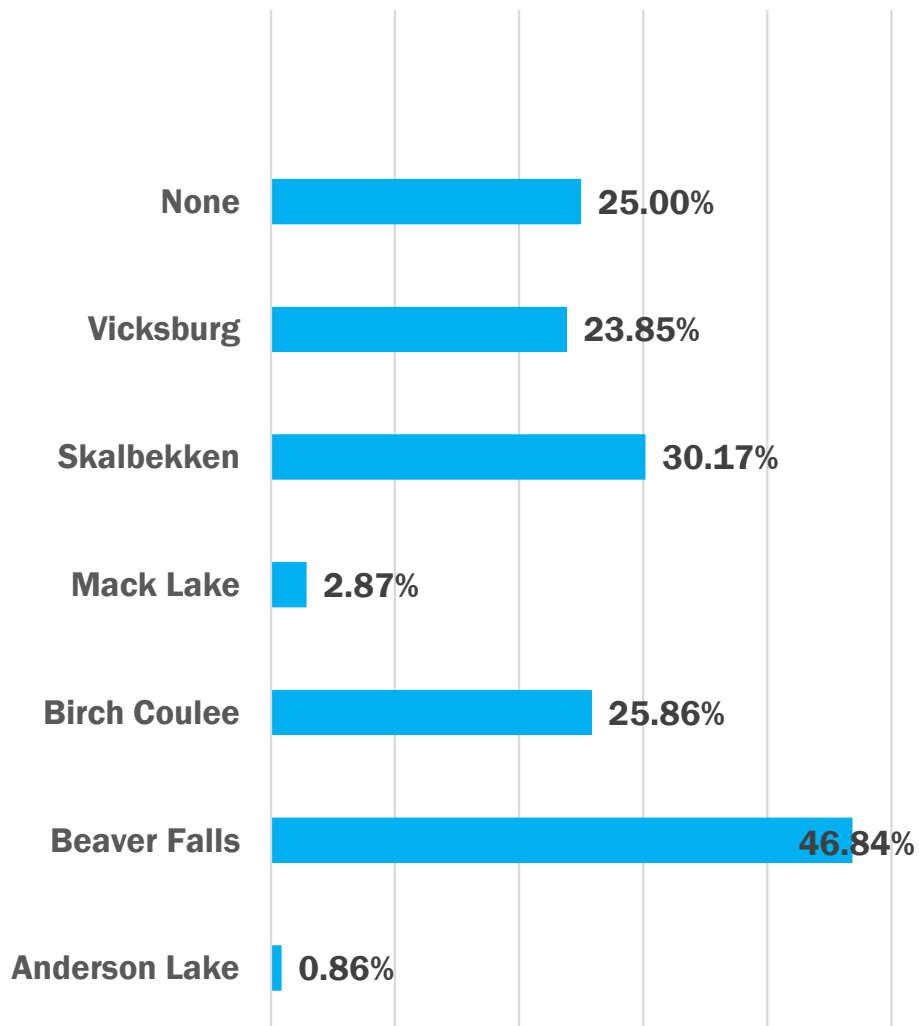
# What activities would you like?

## 169 people said:

- Community Events 96
- Educational Events 102
- Frisbee Golf 35
- Geocaching 64
- Guided Trail Tours 42
- Music in the Parks 31
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- Park Tours 19
- Scavenger Hunts 71
- Volleyball Nets 44
- Nothing 17

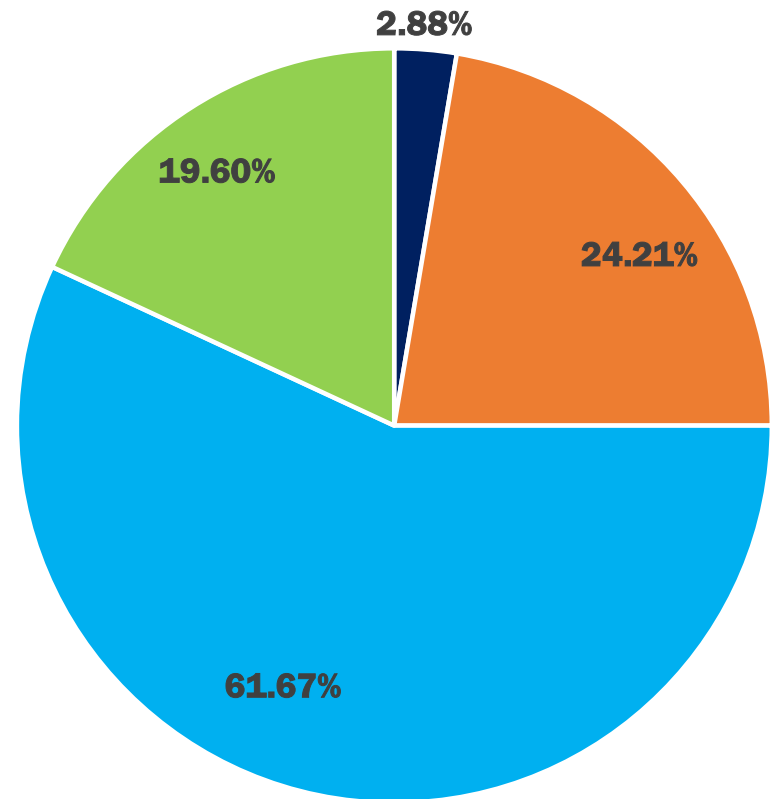


# What Parks do you use the trails?





# How do you use the trails?





# Have you used the winter groomed trails in Beaver Falls or Skalbekken?

- Beaver Falls 14 people
- Skalbekken 14 people
- Both 6 people
- I have not but plan to 162 people
- I do not plan on using them 193 people



## Where do you live?

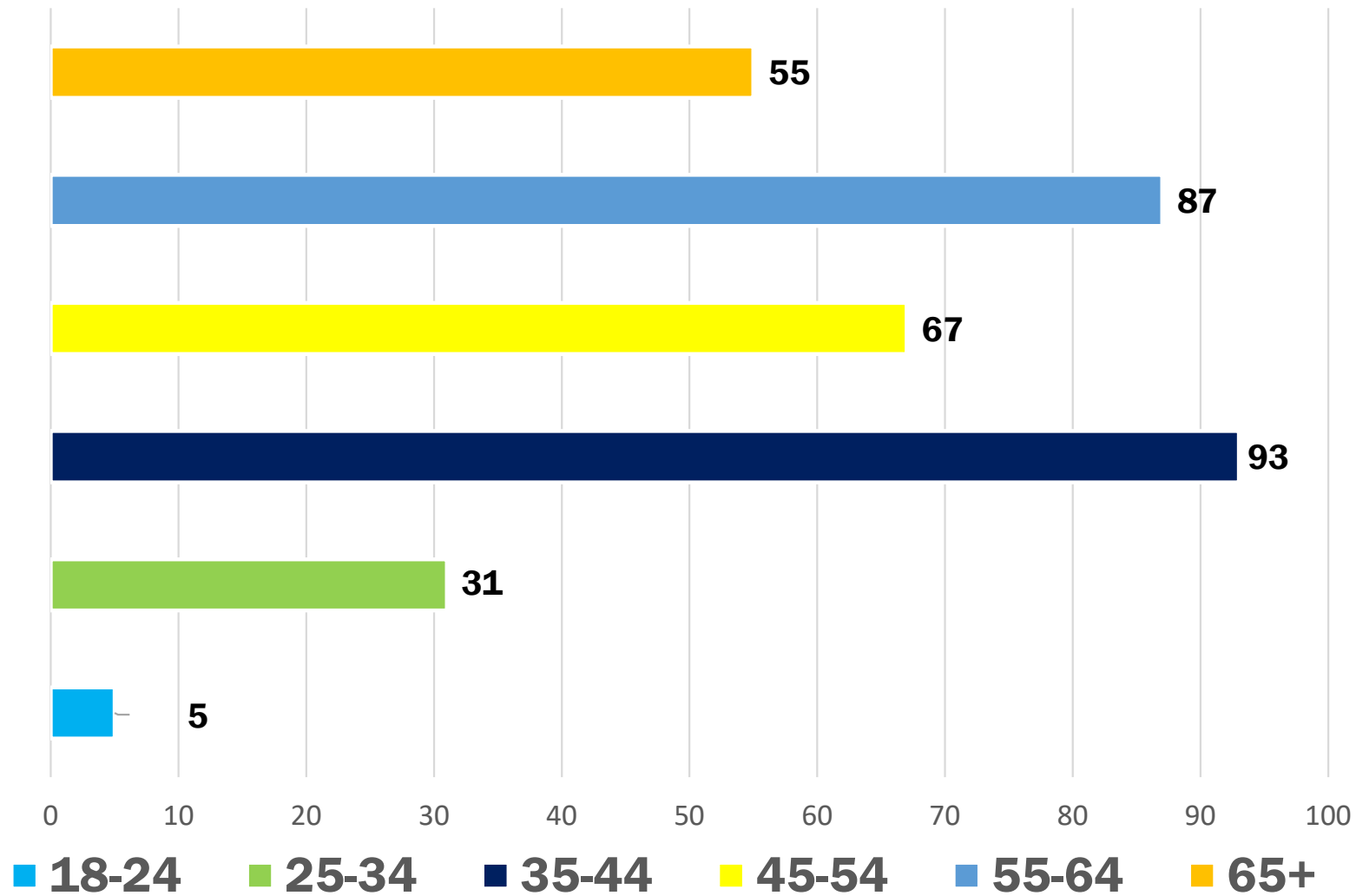
- Renville County 143
- Out of County 190
- Out of State 13



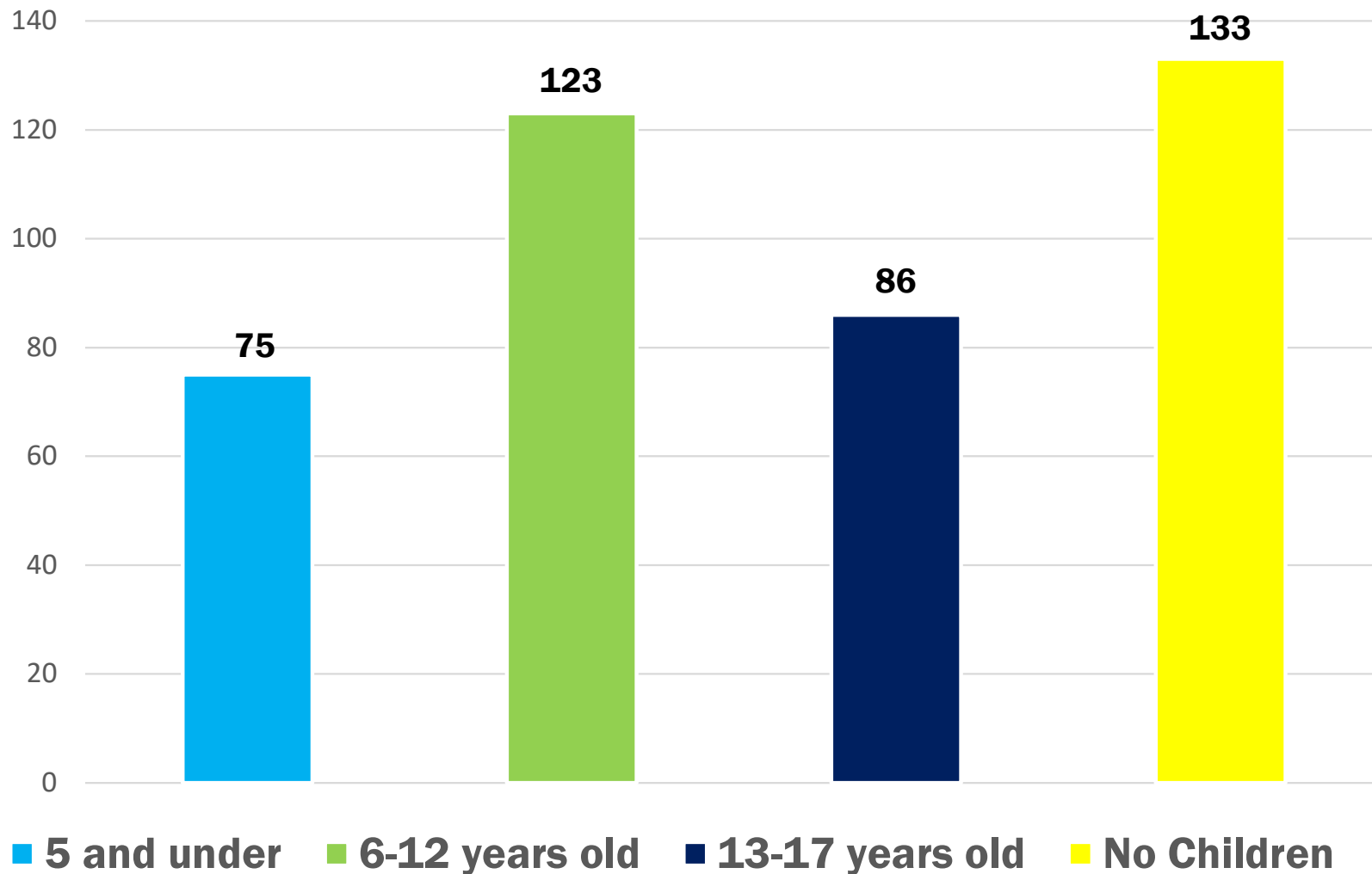
## How far do you travel?

- 30 Minutes or less - 172
- 30 Minutes to an Hour - 49
- 1 Hour or more - 125

# What is your age?



# Do you bring children with you? If so, what is their age range?



# Camping Reservations

## Have you made reservations?

- 168 Have made Reservations
- 169 Have not



## Preferred method to make reservations?

- 255 people prefer online
- 66 people prefer phone



# Comments and Suggestions

- I would love to see a few camper cabins added to at least two parks. I would definitely utilize them!
- I wish there were a way to expand Skalbekken Park and more room for camping with trailers. We love having a local park like this. Thank you!! Bring on summer of 2024!!
- Let's get our county parks updated with water, electric, and showers since we are losing the state park in Granite Falls. Our county parks are a hidden gem.
- Love the parks and what they offer for horse camping and trail systems. Water crossings are a favorite. We have brought friends from out of state and northern MN to introduce them to these parks. No complaints! Always nice!

# Comments and Suggestions

- Keep up the great work. Renville County parks are some of our favorites. We love riding horse in Skalbekken and Beaver Falls. Vicksburg is a favorite camping park. A playground would be great. We also overnight occasionally in the horse parks.
- Very impressed with the groundskeeping and all the work the park staff does to keep these parks open. My family and I love the closeness and variety of the parks. We spend many weekends camping or just hanging out when we need to get back to nature for a few hours. Keep up the good work.
- The parks look nice compared to 20 plus years ago, I went there then also.

# Comments and Suggestions

- We have used both Birch Coulee and Beaver Falls for personnel camping and youth groups. We found both to be a great atmosphere for both the youth and family. All the staff have been great to work with in arranging camp site and some service projects for our youth. Jesse has always done his best to accommodate our needs. We always have a great positive experience.
- Improvements that have been made to parks don't go unnoticed. Thank you for putting time and ideas into our parks. Seeing more activity on social media and displays at fairs and town celebrations are great ways to get the word out! Thank you!