

Survey Results

Kenmare Community

City of Kenmare 
Kenmare Park District 
Kenmare School District 

Summer 2021

COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS

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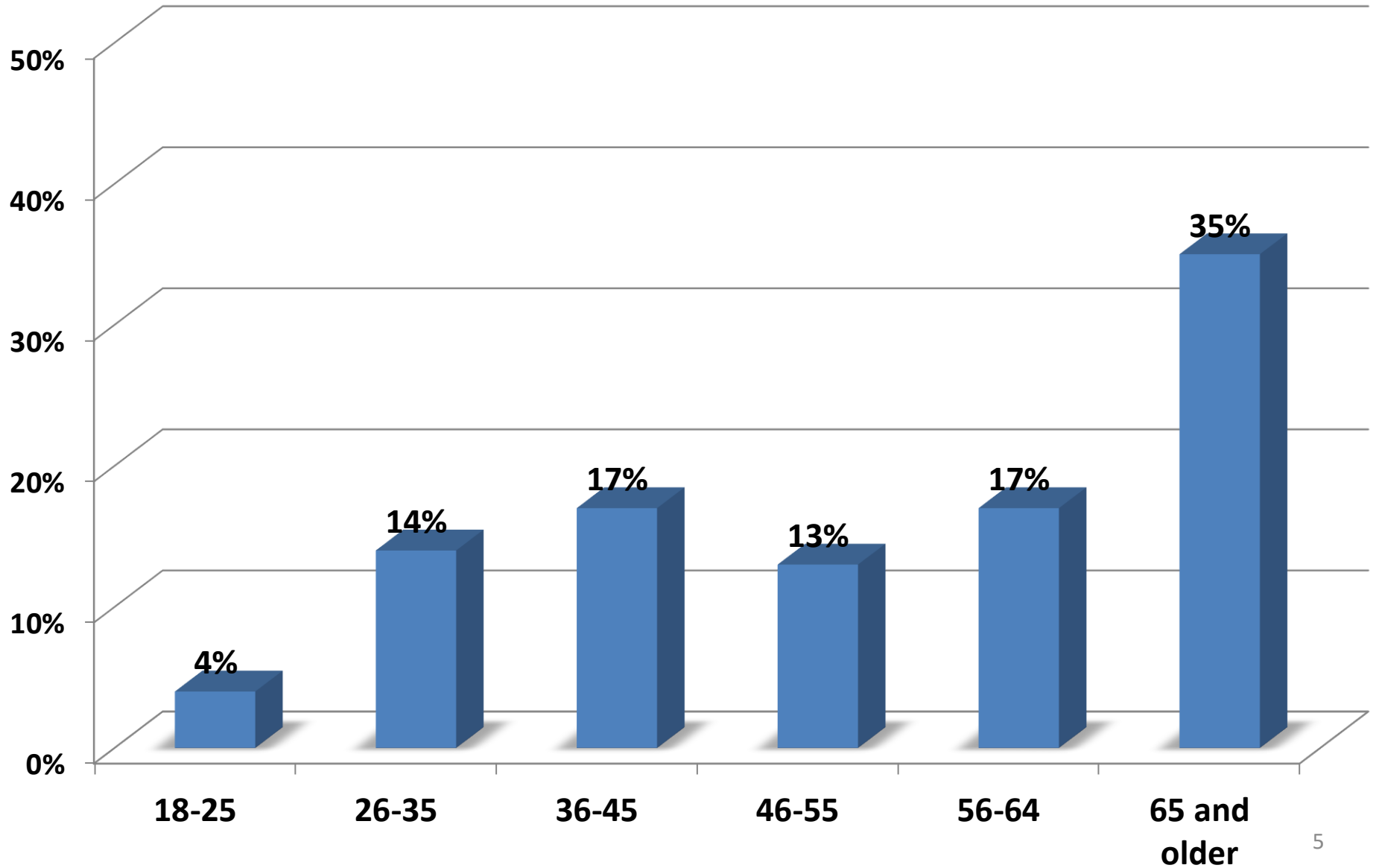
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- Conducted more than 10,000 staff, parent, student, and community surveys for school improvement
- Helped more than 800 communities navigate the strategic planning and referendum planning process

Survey Summary

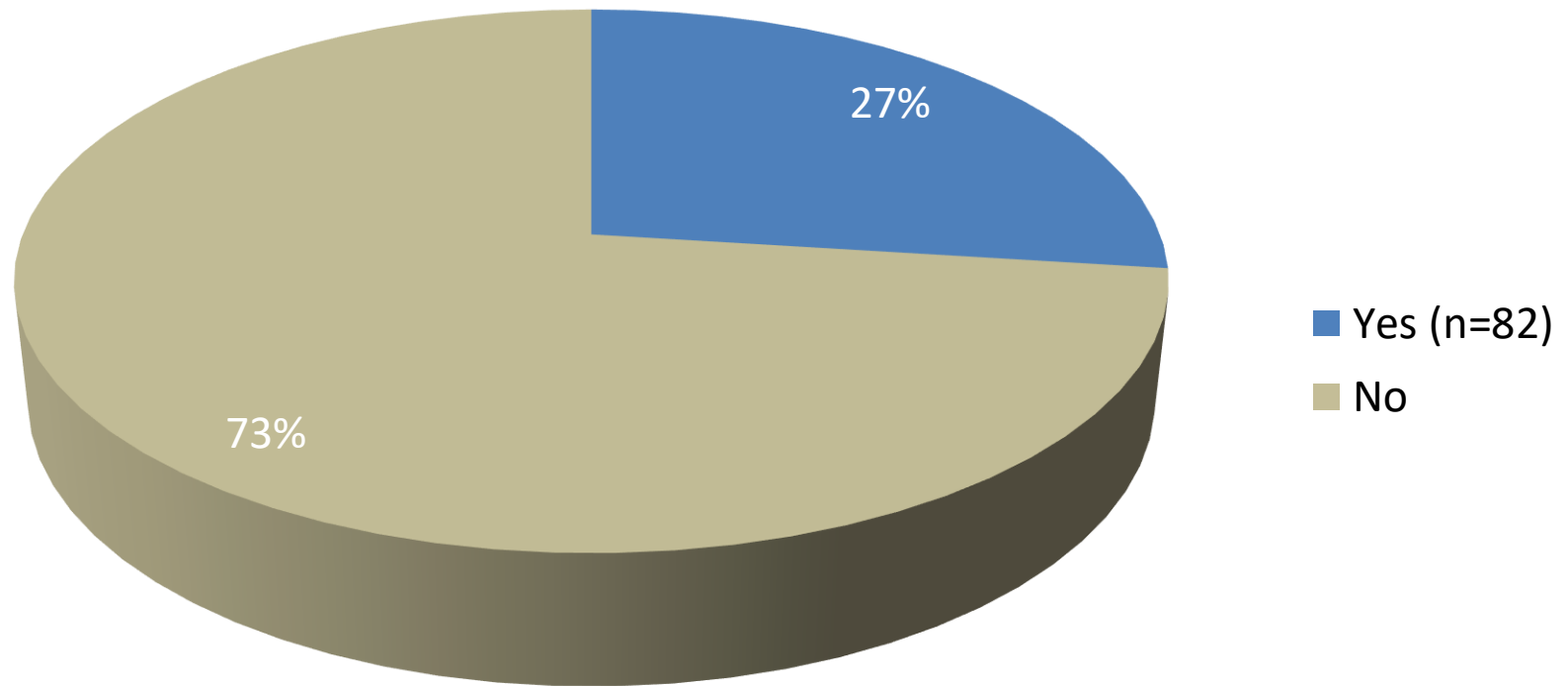
- The survey was conducted in July of 2021.
- Residents within the District were mailed a paper survey. Each survey included a unique survey access code for those who preferred to take the survey online.
- Total responses = 306 (203 paper)
- Participation rate = 17%

Respondent Information

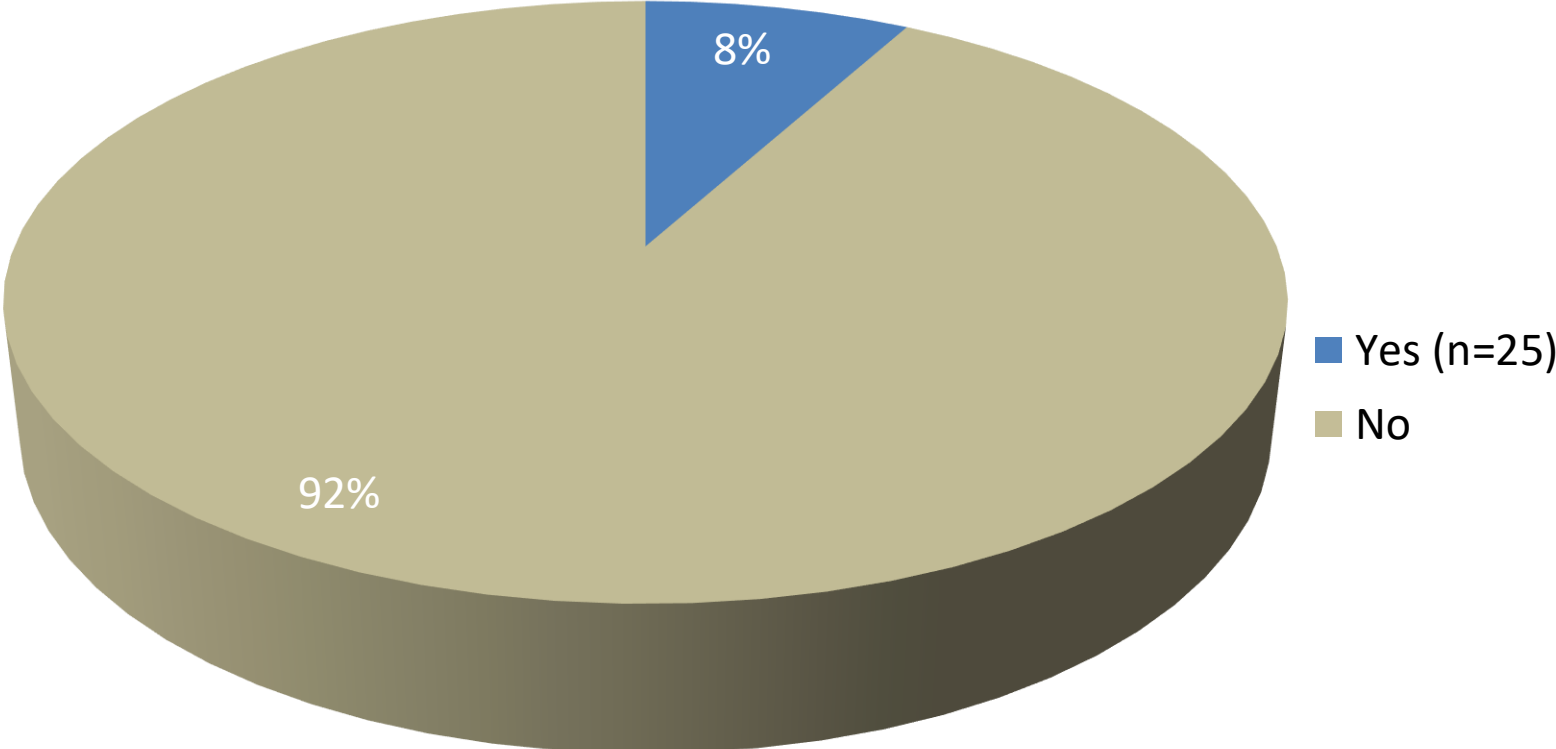
What is your age?



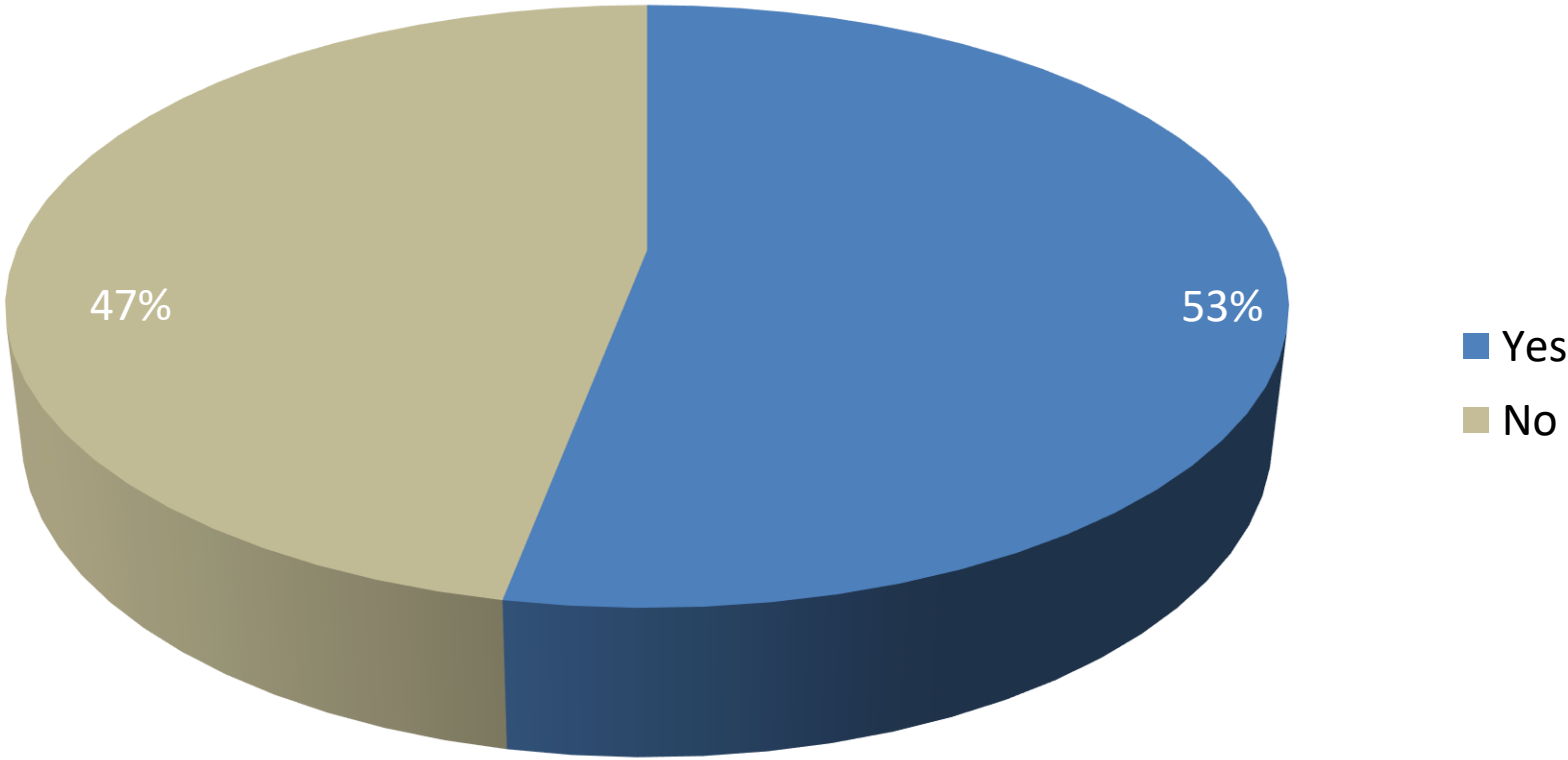
Do you have children attending school in the Kenmare School District?



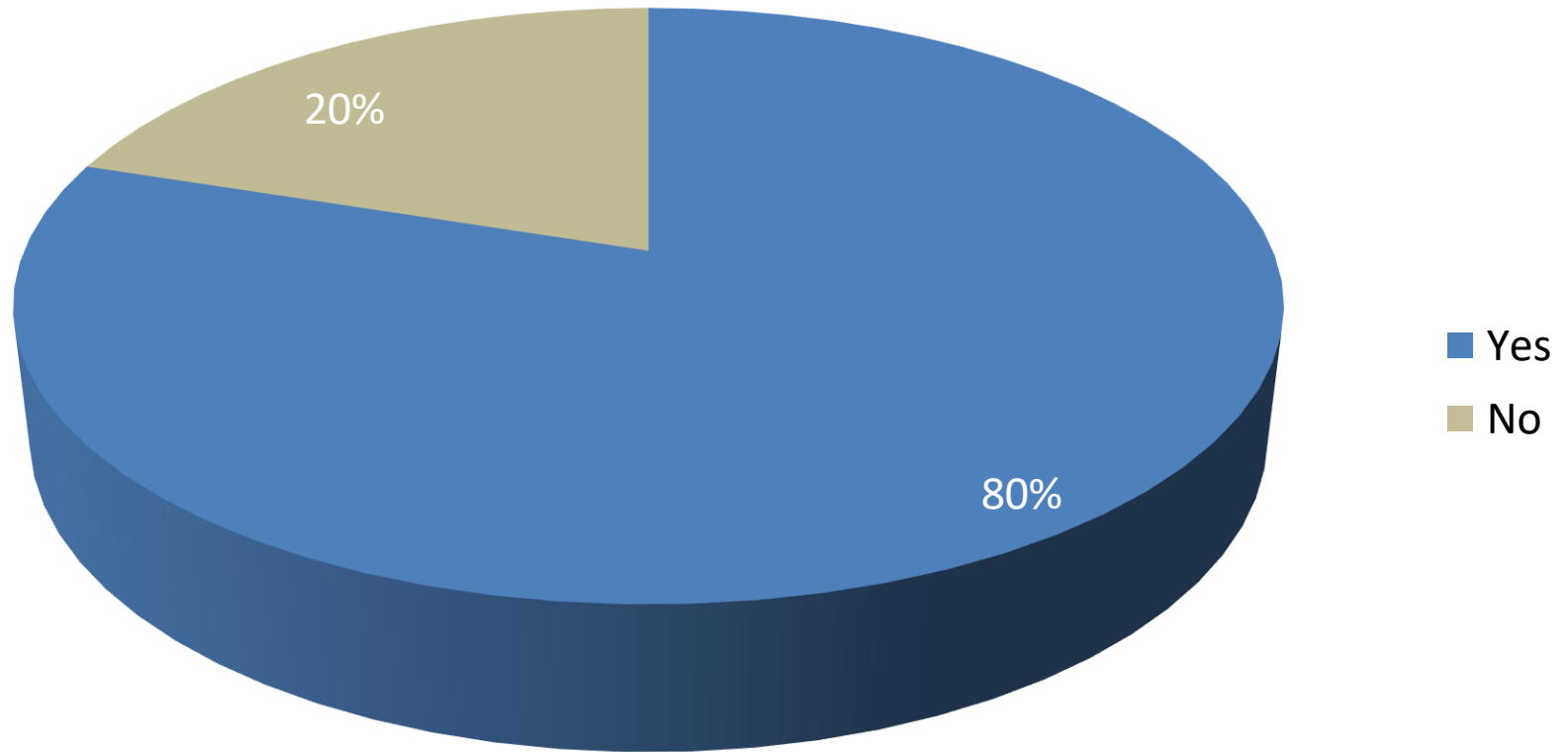
Are you an employee of the Kenmare School District, Kenmare Park District, or the City of Kenmare?



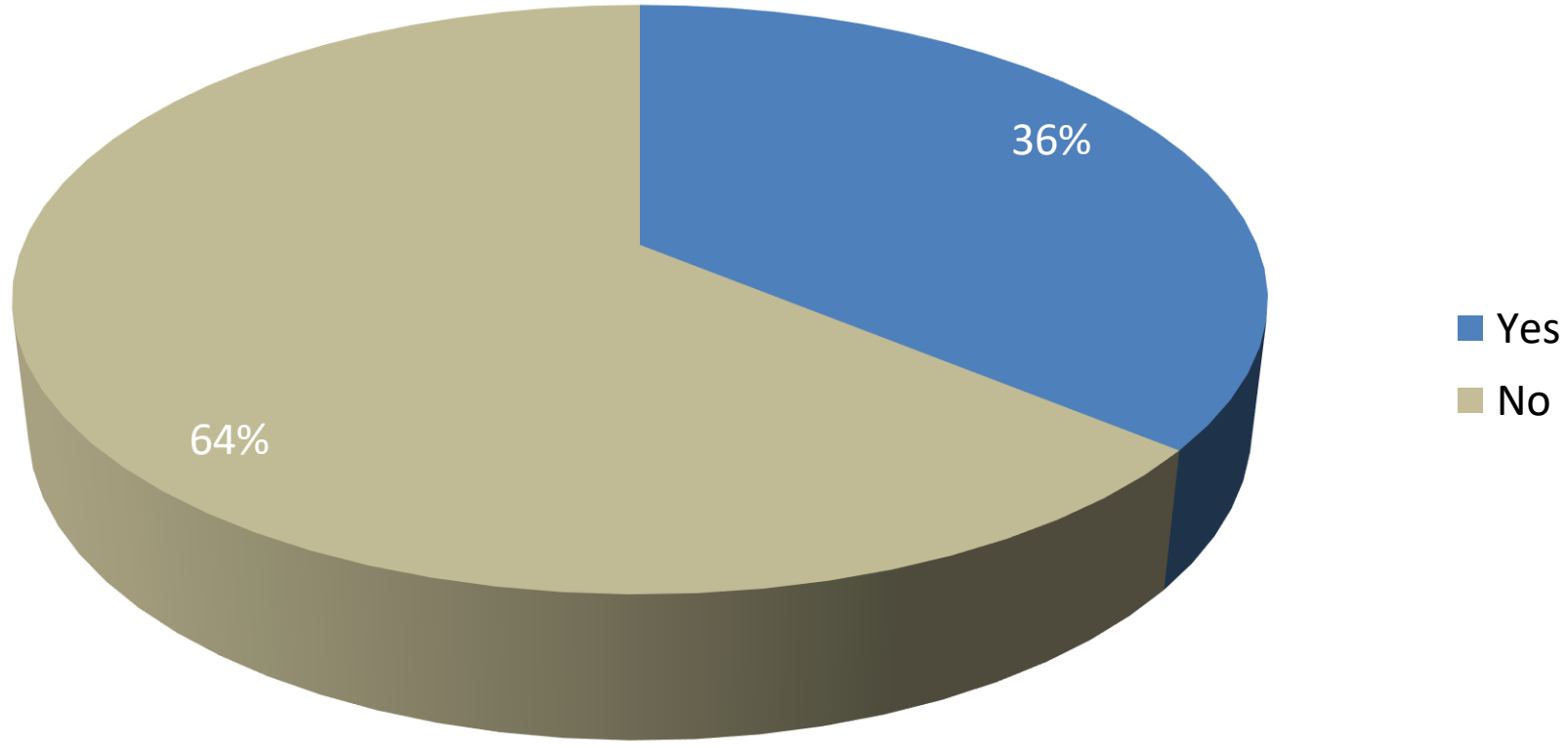
Are you a resident of the City of Kenmare?



Are you a resident of the Kenmare School District?



Do you live outside the City of Kenmare and/or the Kenmare School District?



Challenges

In a community like Kenmare, partnerships can turn ideas into reality. In early 2021, elected officials from the City of Kenmare, the Kenmare Park District, and the Kenmare School District began to discuss how these three entities could combine resources to serve the residents of the Kenmare area better.

At the heart of these discussions are three primary issues:

1. **The Memorial Hall**

This building continues to age and deteriorate. It is cost-prohibitive to maintain, requires extensive repairs, and cannot be expanded or appropriately renovated on its current site. Alternative spaces need to be explored.

2. **There is no swimming pool.**

The pool has reached the end of its functional lifespan. Last year, the community's pool was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When considering reopening for the 2021 season, city officials and community members toured the facility. Given the age, as well as the condition and repair costs of the existing pool complex, renovation is no longer a financially feasible option.

3. **The Kenmare School District requires additional educational and extracurricular space.**

School board officials have been exploring a variety of options to serve students and the District better. Many of our students use the Memorial Hall for fitness and recreational purposes. Due to its location, this is inconvenient for students and their families.

Potential Opportunities

The city-park-school partnership explored a preliminary concept to build a community center. This center could be designed to be:

- ✓ Easily accessible by the community during the school day, evenings, and weekends.
- ✓ Designed to meet the needs of our community both today and into the future.
- ✓ Utilized by the school district to fulfill facility and educational requirements.

Community Center Planning

Community Center Planning

Before any planning occurs, we want to be sure our community members have input into if and how a new community center could be designed.

The design options for a new community center are:

- **Gym space:** Used for group classes, pickleball, basketball, volleyball, recreational leagues, and other indoor sports/rec activities.
- **Banquet hall & group community space:** Used for parties, reunions, weddings, conferences, and business meetings.
- **Indoor pool:** Available year-round for physical therapy, swimming lessons, exercise classes, and recreation/fitness activities.
- **Outdoor pool:** Available seasonally for swimming lessons, exercise classes, and recreation/fitness activities.
- **Locker rooms:** Family-friendly changing areas.
- **Kitchen:** Available for food preparation, concessions, serving for events, and cooking classes.
- **Indoor walking/running track:** A track available for walking and jogging.
- **Fitness area:** Weightlifting and cardio workout equipment, such as free weights, treadmills, elliptical machines, etc.
- **Group instructional spaces:** Used for various classes, such as yoga, Pilates, dance, and spinning.

What priority would you place on the following attributes if a new community center is built?

(High = 3, Medium = 2, Low = 1)

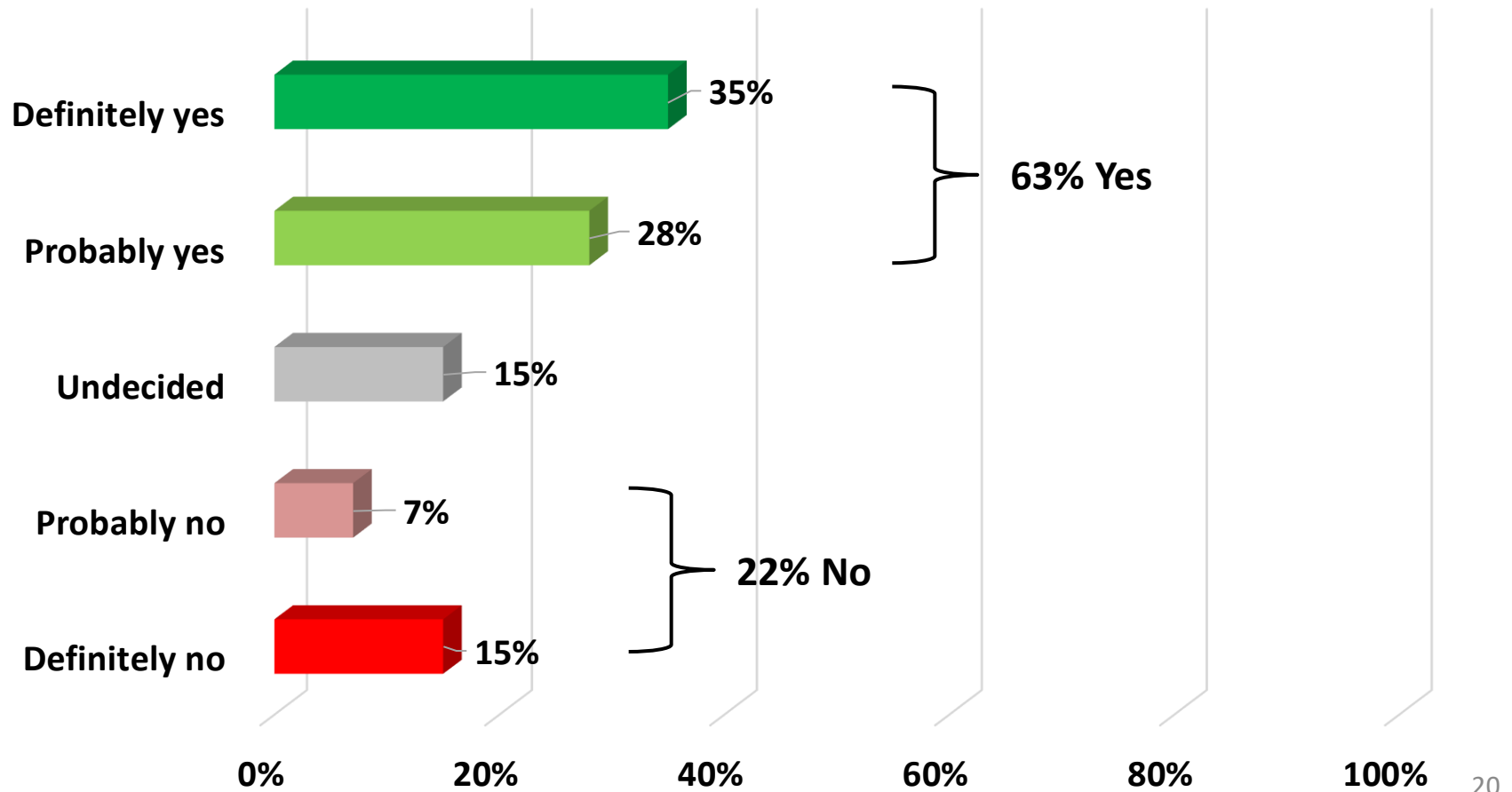
Item	All Respondents	Staff (District, Park, or City)	Parents (Non-Staff)	City of Kenmare Residents	School District of Kenmare Residents
Gym space:	2.33	2.92	2.66	2.34	2.23
Banquet hall & group community space:	2.19	2.60	2.17	2.21	2.19
Outdoor pool:	2.14	2.48	2.28	2.25	2.18
Kitchen:	2.09	2.48	2.00	2.14	2.08
Locker rooms:	2.05	2.28	2.16	2.06	2.05
Indoor pool:	2.00	2.00	2.14	2.03	1.99
Indoor walking/running track:	1.94	2.28	1.92	1.96	1.94
Fitness area:	1.66	1.60	1.70	1.65	1.63
Group instructional spaces:	1.62	1.56	1.66	1.63	1.63

Facility Support

Funding for this project is being researched. Grants, private donations, fundraising, membership dues, as well as other options are all being considered.

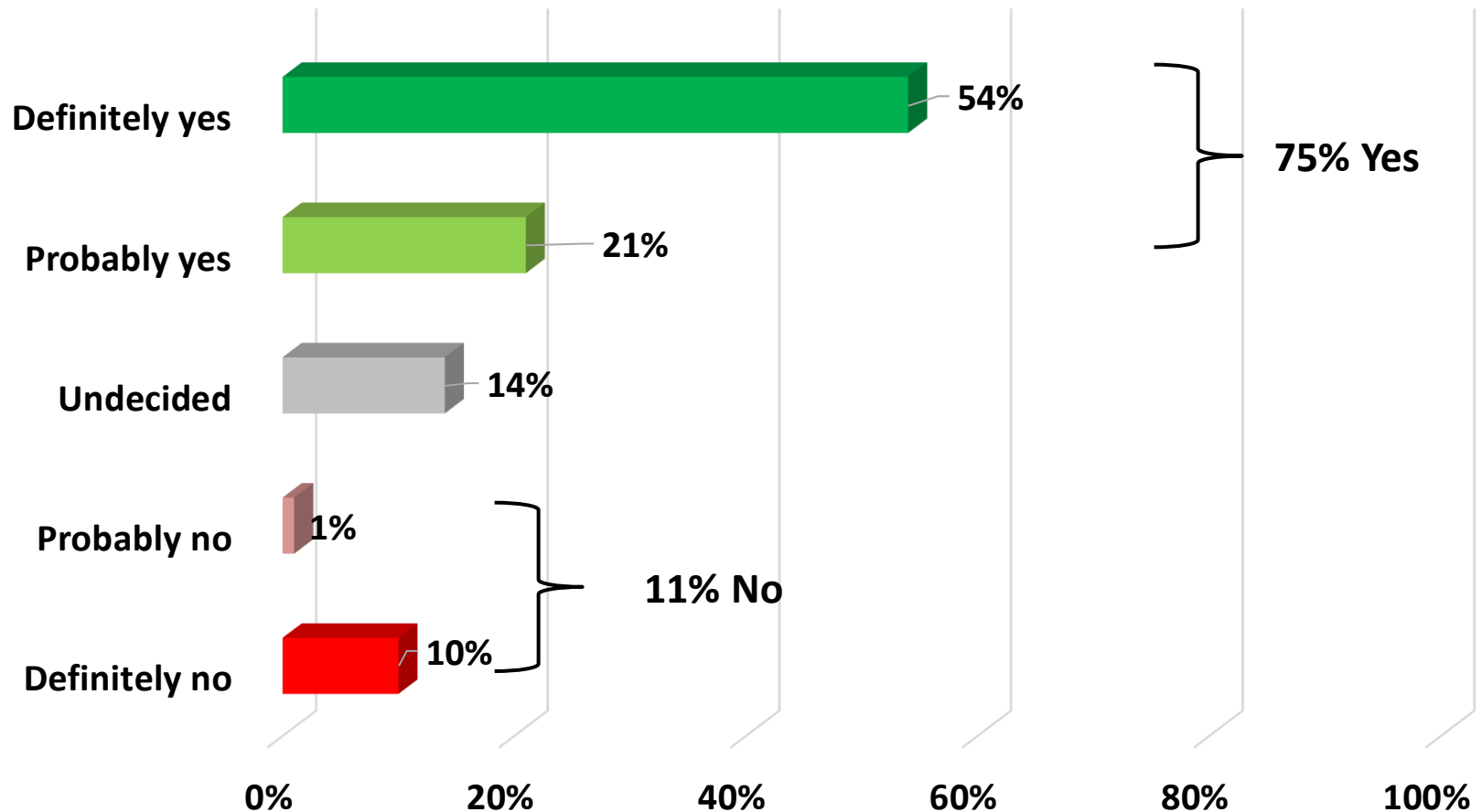
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All Respondents



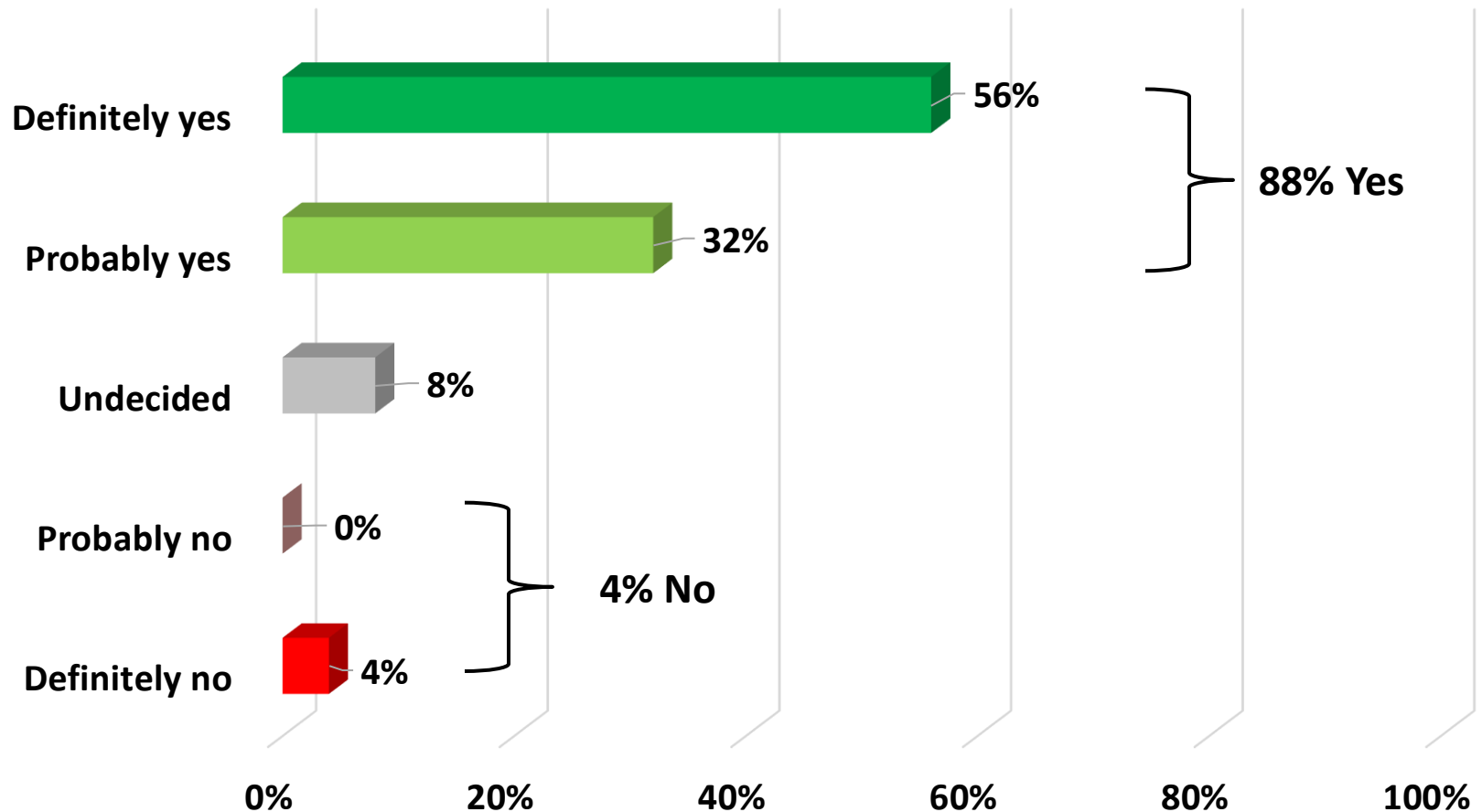
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Parent (Non-Staff) Respondents



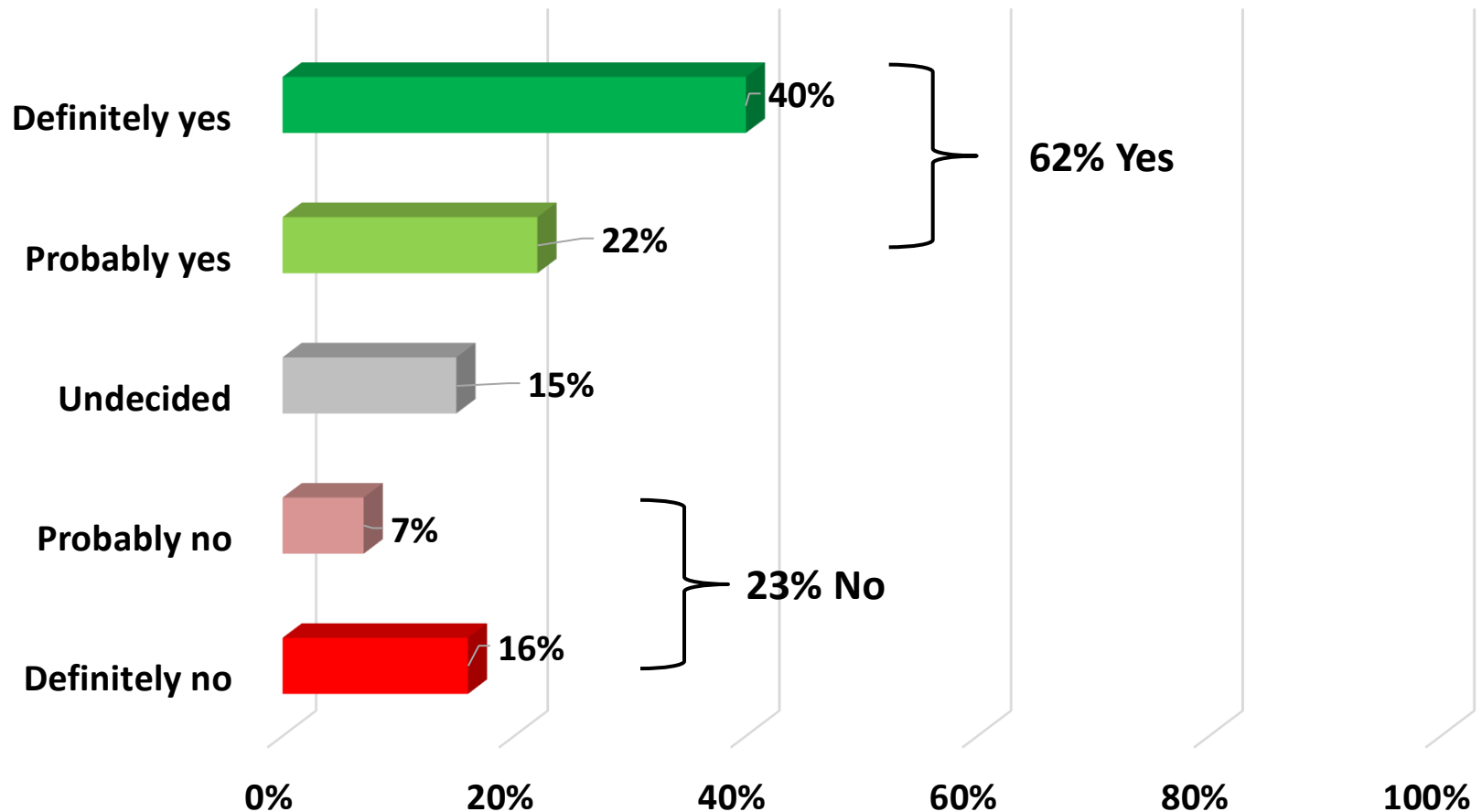
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Staff of the District, Park, and City Respondents



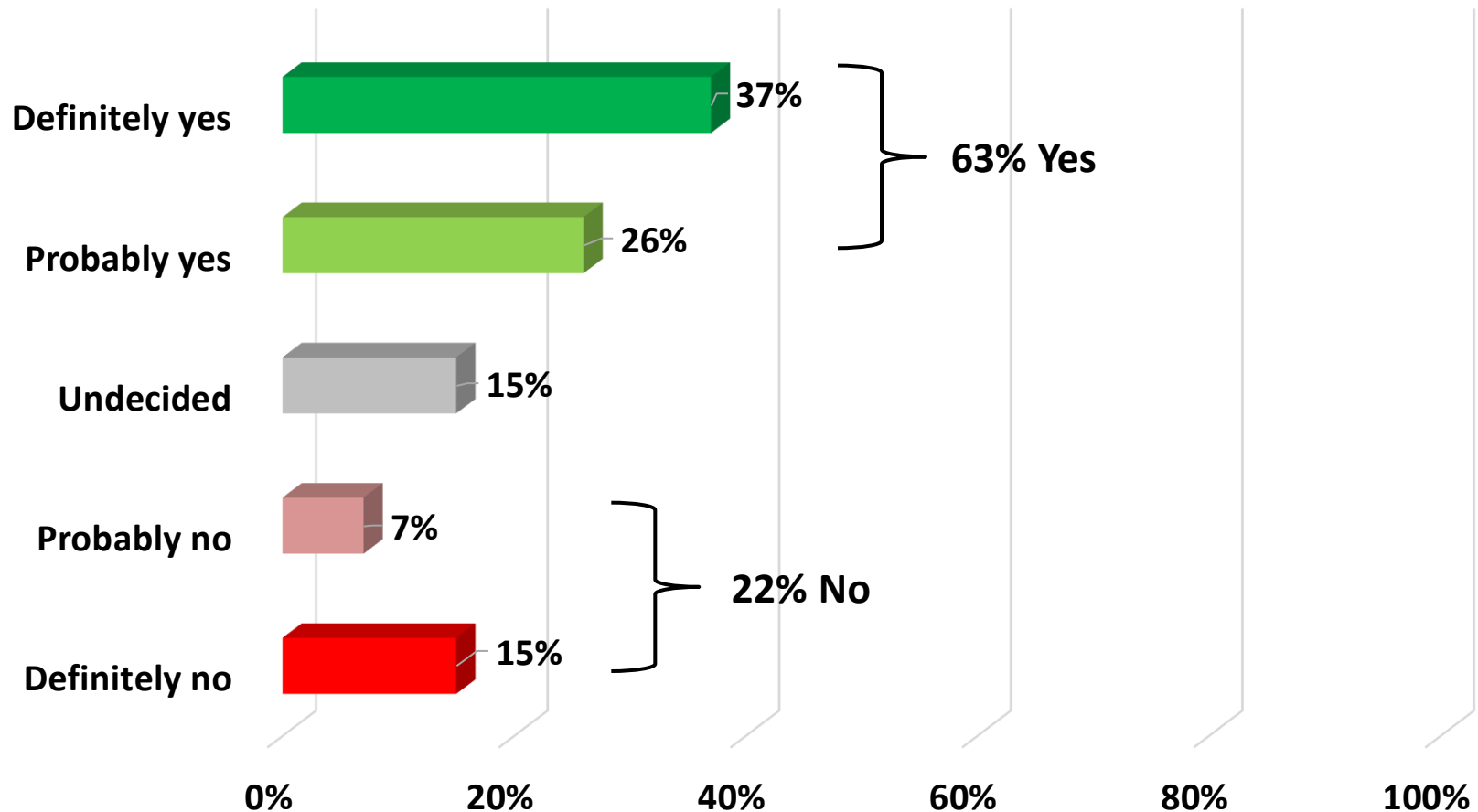
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City of Kenmare (Resident) Respondents



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School District of Kenmare (Resident) Responses



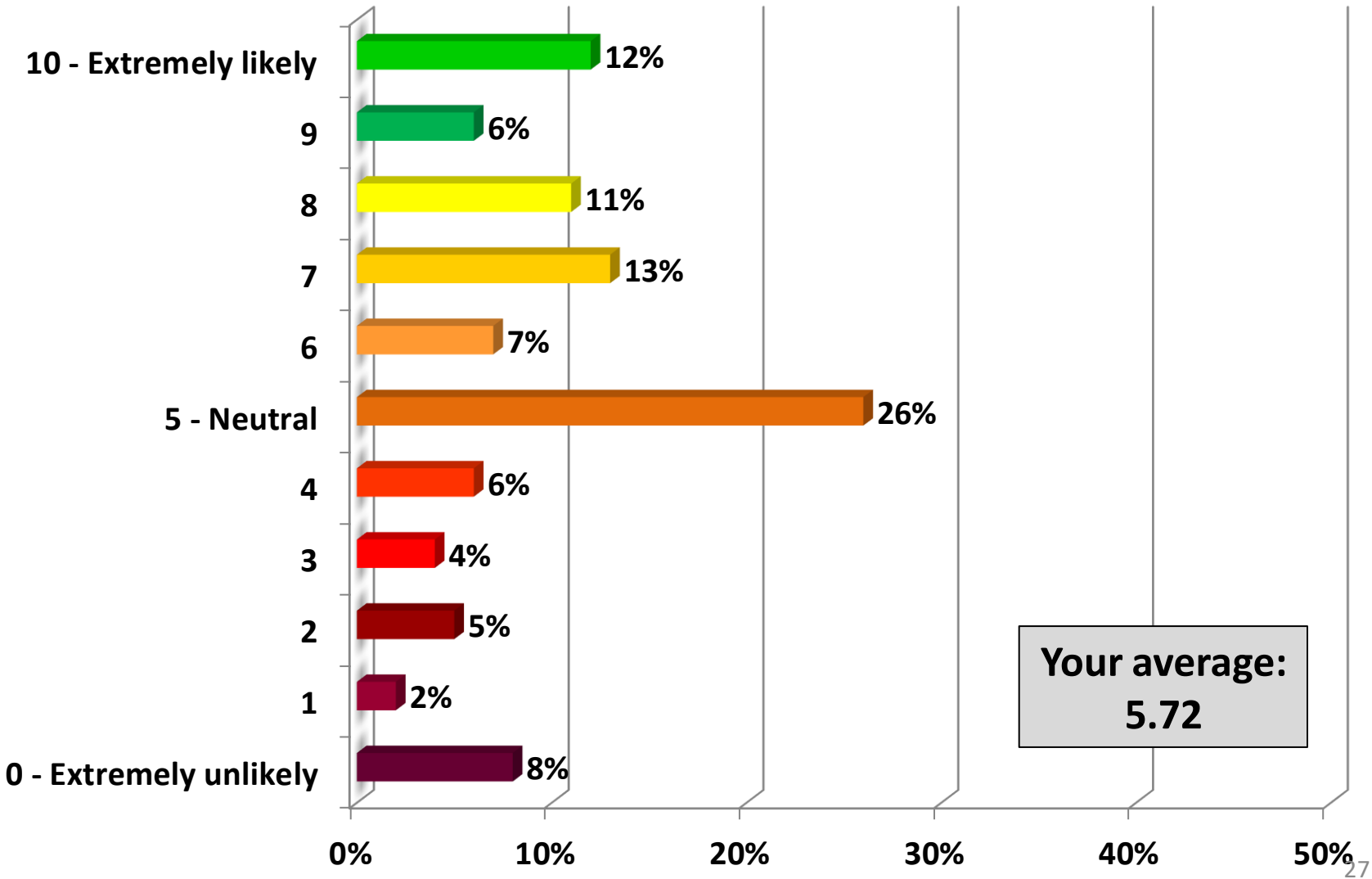
When you view your overall comment analysis, you may see some respondents feel their final decision for the Kenmare community center rests of how it will be paid for:

- “Membership dues to utilize the facility would encourage those using the facility to take more pride in keeping the areas clean updated. Keeping in mind that the costs cannot be prohibitive for individuals and/or families - but it does encourage a sense of responsibility.”
- “Depends how much it would cost now and maintenance long term for the amount of use it gets. If can get grants and other donations would definately help towards a Yes vote.”
- “We believe that a center is not a priority for the community of Kenmare, and it is Not up to the people of Kenmare and surrounding community members to pay for it, Kenmare's school class sizes are continuously getting smaller every year and with that happening, their is not a need for funds to be spent on unneeded facilities that will not be utilized - we are Not in favor for a community center in Kenmare.”
- “If there is an indoor pool, would it also include a splash park / water slide / water park? That would be the only way I would support an indoor pool. Otherwise, would an outdoor pool also include a splash pad? Also, how much would all of this cost taxpayers / renters?”

Overall Satisfaction

On a scale of 0–10, how likely would you be to recommend the Kenmare community to a friend or family member?

(All Respondents)



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Thank you!