Boston Harbor Association

Annual Survey November 1, 2024



Executive Summary of Survey Findings

102 total qualified participants answered 14 questions in September/October of 2024. Invitations to participate were sent via email (to community members that registered on the Boston Harbor Association email list) and over 696 postcards were sent via US Mail. All participants that responded to the survey remained anonymous.

- 105 people responded to the invitation. As required, all participants live or own in the Boston Harbor Community. 3 non-resident/non-owners were excluded from participation.
- 78% of participants have lived in or owned property in Boston Harbor for more than 5 years, and 48% have lived or owned for more than 15 years.
- 70% of participants have visited the Boston Harbor Association website, 57% have visited the Boston Harbor Nextdoor website, and 48% have visited the Boston Harbor Facebook Page. Of the 73 participants that have visited the Boston Harbor Association website, 85% have done so in 2024.
- 66% of all participants have read the Boston Harbor Association Newsletter in 2024.
- Awareness, participation, and opinions of eleven community activities were evaluated and the findings are summarized in the table below. See detailed Findings.

Activity	Aware of Activity	Have Participated	Feel Positive About Activity*	Have Concerns About Activity
Annual Meeting	93%	43%	59%	1%
Annual Garage Sale	96%	52%	54%	1%
Garden Tour	94%	52%	50%	0%
Green Bag Project	72%	34%	50%	0%
Picnic/Potluck	93%	49%	63%	0%
Roadside Trash Pickup	54%	13%	44%	0%
lvy Be Gone	81%	31%	67%	2%
July 3rd Bike Parade	95%	54%	71%	2%
July 3rd Fireworks	99%	84%	60%	24%
National Night Out	67%	11%	31%	2%
Sewer Sisters	80%	30%	56%	0%

* Feel Positive About Activity

This column shows the % of *all* survey participants who felt positive about an activity, whether they were aware of the activity or not. For most activities, the rest of the participants felt neutral about it.

In the detail later in this report, the % of participants who felt positive about an activity will be higher than you see here. This is because the pie charts in the detail show the % of participants who felt positive about an activity *only if they were aware of* the activity.

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- 21 participants were interested in learning more about the Boston Harbor Neighborhood Association.

Detailed Findings

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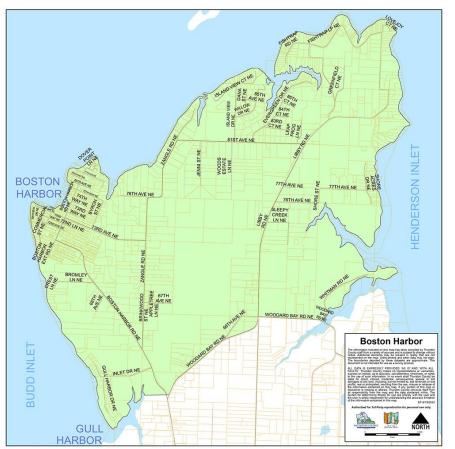
Qualifying Requirements – Living or Owning in Boston Harbor Community

Participants were shown the following map and the introductory statement and asked to answer the qualifying question

Thank you for participating in the Boston Harbor Community survey. This survey has been organized by the Boston Harbor Association to gather anonymous and unbiased input from the community. We plan to make the findings available to the community once complete.

PLEASE NOTE – while this survey does address various community activities, groups, and events, this is an information gathering activity only, and not a "vote" for or against anything.

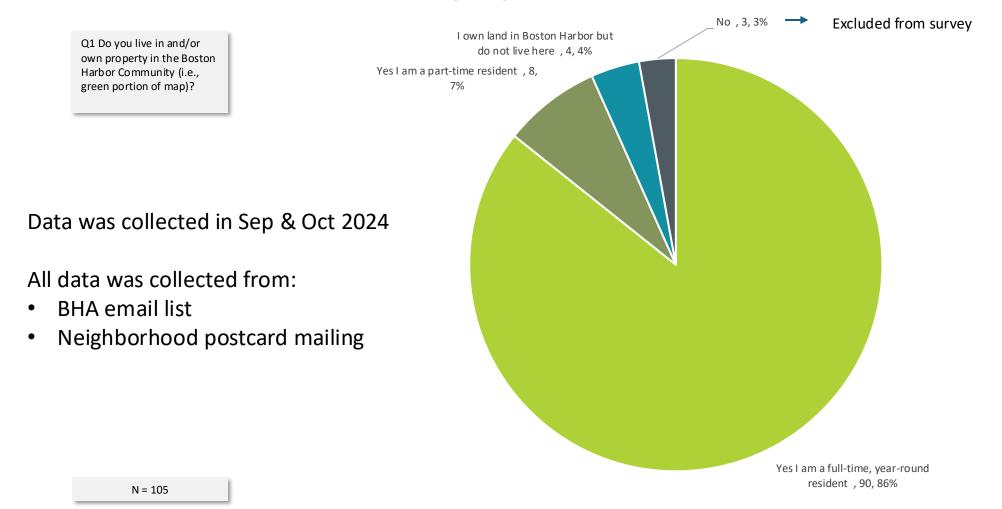
All participant's answers will remain anonymous. Please refer to the map shown here when answering the next question. For the purposes of this survey, please consider the green portion of the map below to be the "Boston Harbor Community".



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Qualifying Requirements – Living or Owning in Boston Harbor Community

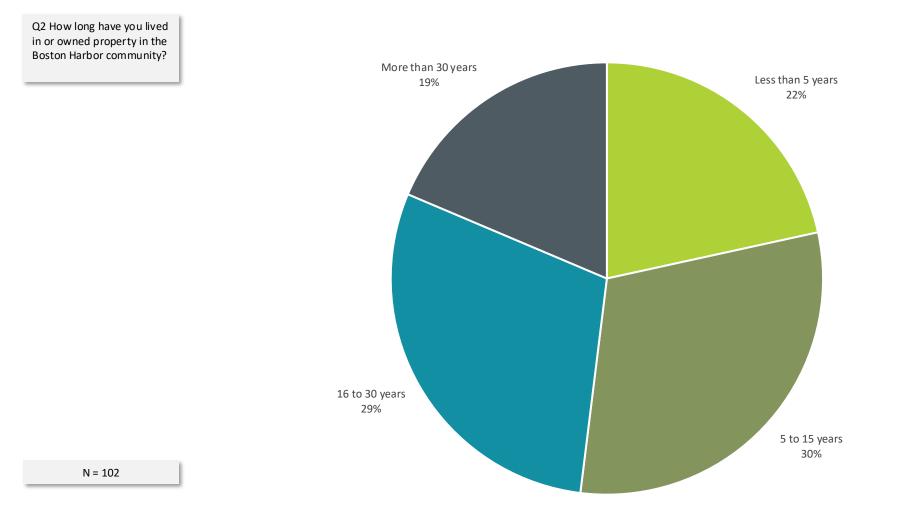
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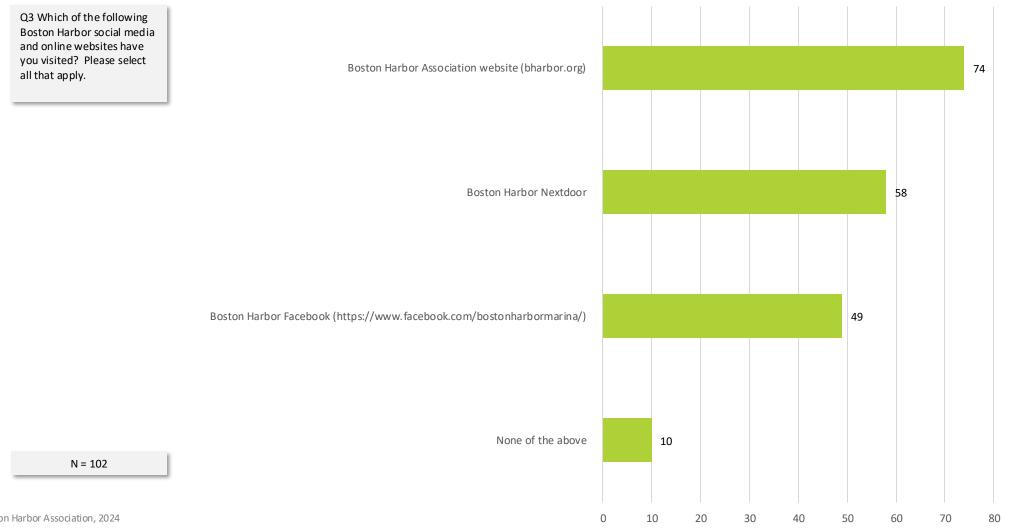
Time Living or Owning in Boston Harbor Community

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Use of On-line Community Information Sources

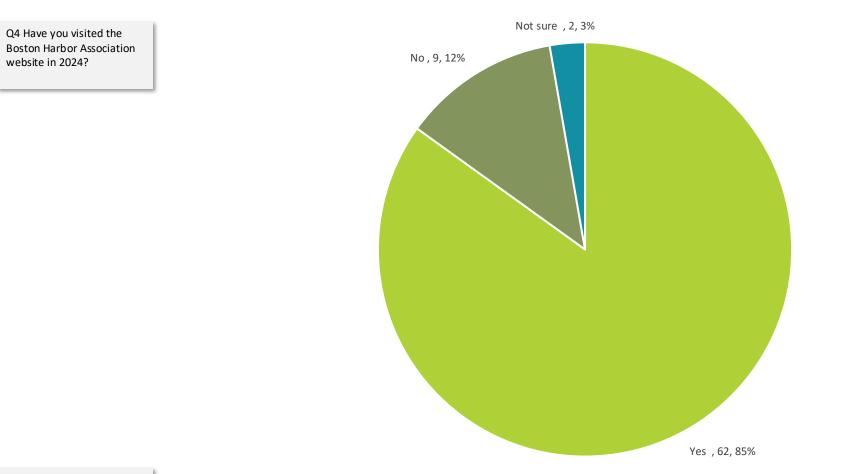
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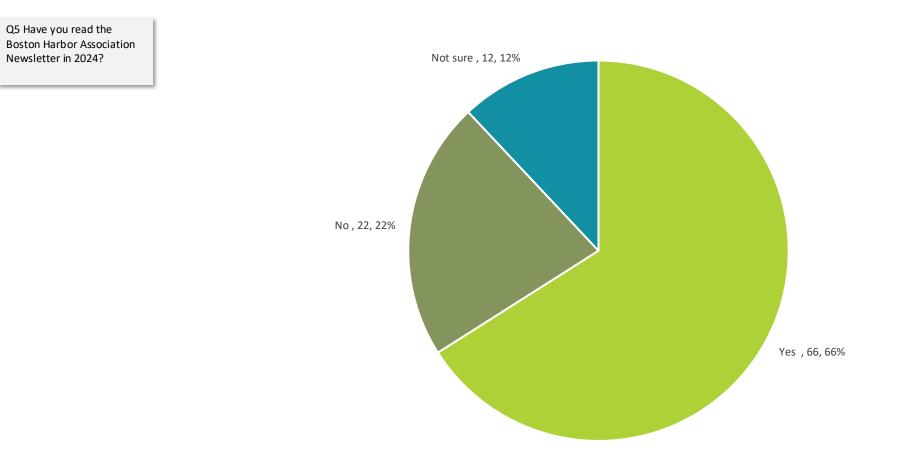
Users of Boston Harbor Association Website in 2024

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Readers of Boston Harbor Association Newsletter in 2024

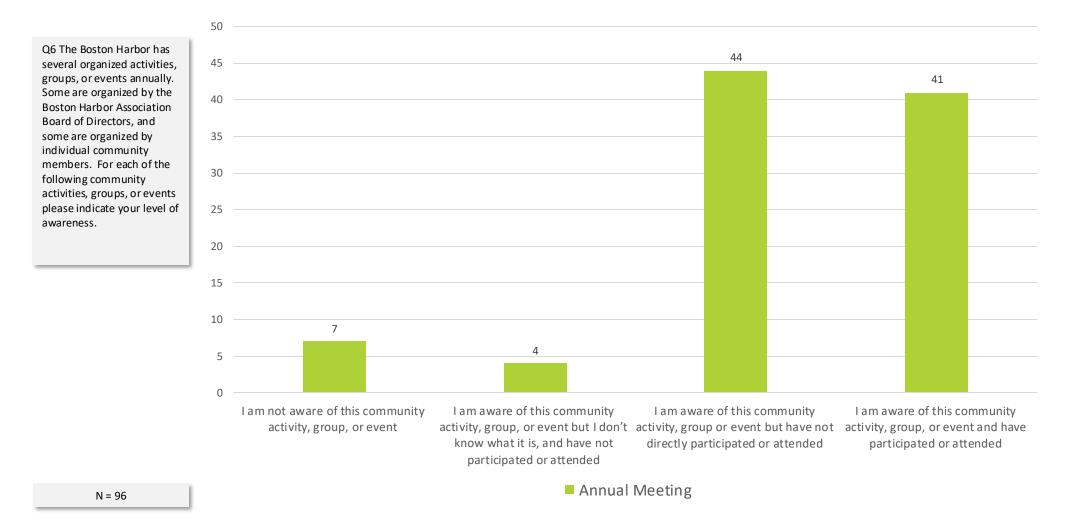
66% of all participants have read the Boston Harbor Association Newsletter in 2024.



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Awareness of Boston Harbor Community Activities – Annual Meeting



92% or participants are aware of the Annual Meeting and 43% have participated.

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Feelings/Opinions Regarding Boston Harbor Community Activities – Annual Meeting

I feel neutral about this activity,

group, or event, 31, 35%

I feel moderately or strongly negative about this activity, group, or event, 1, 1%

Q7 For each of the following activities, groups, or events, which of the following statements best capture your feelings/opinion?

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Positive

Activity	Annual Meeting
Great fun	2
Good for the environment	0
I like the community feeling	40
It adds to the beauty of the community	2
Opportunity to socialize	21
Publicservice	26
Helps support local businesses	3
Other reason	4

Negative

I feel moderately or strongly

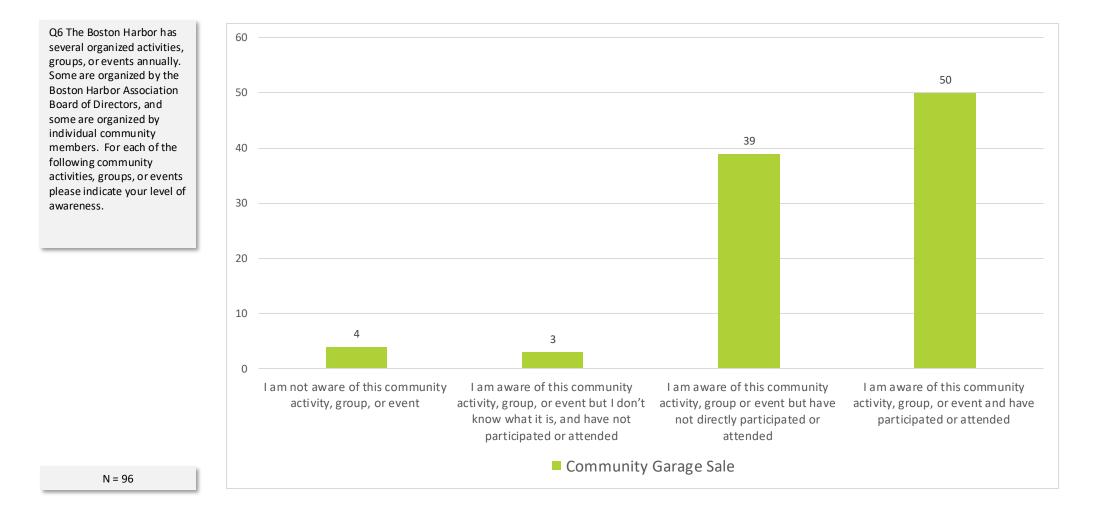
positive about this activity, group,

or event, 57, 64%

Activity	Annual Meeting
Too much noise	0
Too much traffic	0
Not enough appropriate parking	0
Seems dangerous	0
Needs better organization	0
Don't like being asked to participate	0
Don't like being asked to donate	0
It's not at a convenient time of day	0
It causes anxiety for my family members or my pets	0
Environmental concerns	0
Seems expensive	0
Other reason	1

Awareness of Boston Harbor Community Activities – Community Garage Sale





Feelings/Opinions Regarding Boston Harbor Community Activities – Community Garage Sale

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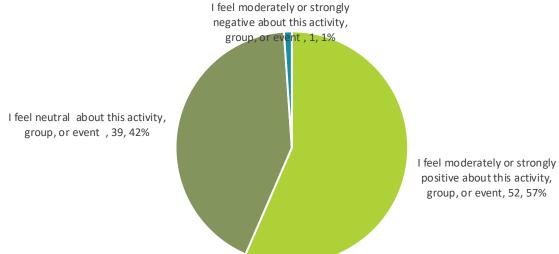
group, or event, 39, 42%

Positive

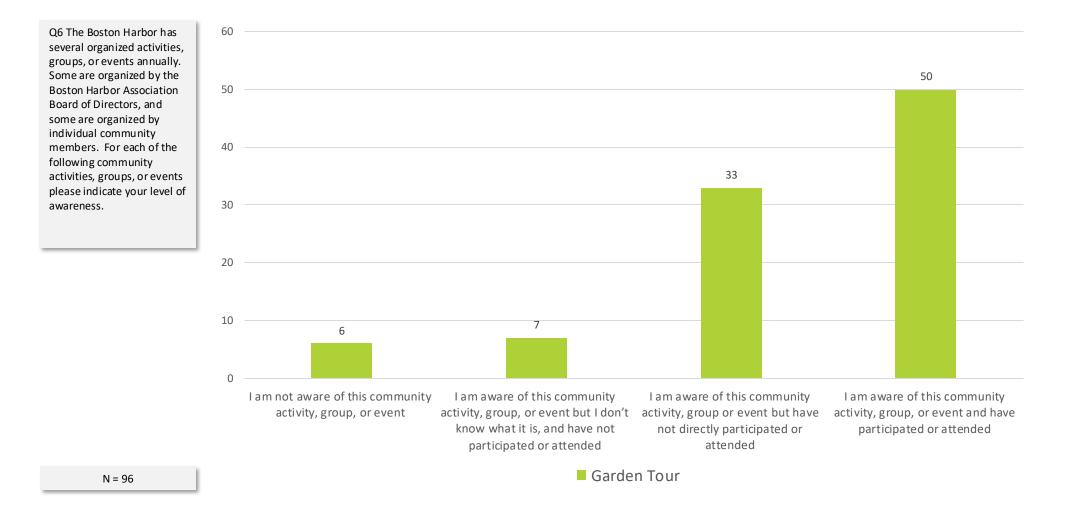
Activity	Garage
-	Sale
Great fun	17
Good for the environment	5
l like the community feeling	34
It adds to the beauty of the community	1
Opportunity to socialize	23
Publicservice	9
Helps support local businesses	1
Other reason	3

Negative

Activity	Garage Sale
Too much noise	0
Too much traffic	1
Not enough appropriate parking	0
Seems dangerous	0
Needs better organization	0
Don't like being asked to participate	0
Don't like being asked to donate	0
It's not at a convenient time of day	0
It causes anxiety for my family members or my pets	0
Environmental concerns	0
Seems expensive	0
Other reason	0

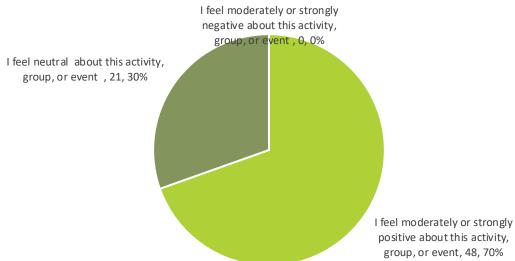


Awareness of Boston Harbor Community Activities – Garden Tour



94% or participants are aware of the Garden Tour and 52% have participated.

Feelings/Opinions Regarding Boston Harbor Community Activities – Garden Tour



Positive

Activity	Garden Tour
Great fun	28
Good for the environment	14
I like the community feeling	44
It adds to the beauty of the community	44
Opportunity to socialize	36
Publicservice	7
Helps support local businesses	3
Other reason	4

up, or event, 48, 70%

Negative

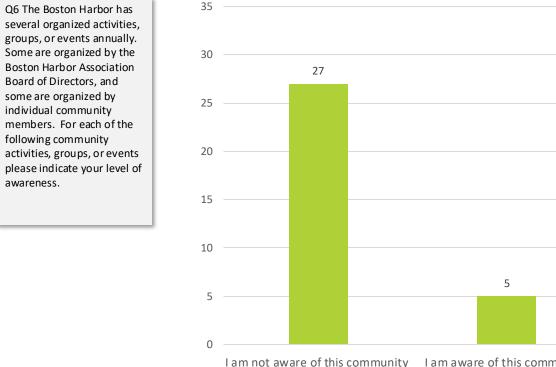
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Activity	Tour
Too much noise	0
Too much traffic	0
Not enough appropriate parking	0
Seems dangerous	0
Needs better organization	0
Don't like being asked to participate	0
Don't like being asked to donate	0
It's not at a convenient time of day	0
It causes anxiety for my family members or my pets	0
Environmental concerns	0
Seems expensive	0
Other reason	0

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Awareness of Boston Harbor Community Activities – Green Bag Project



activity, group, or event

72% or participants are aware of the Green Bag Project and 34% have participated.

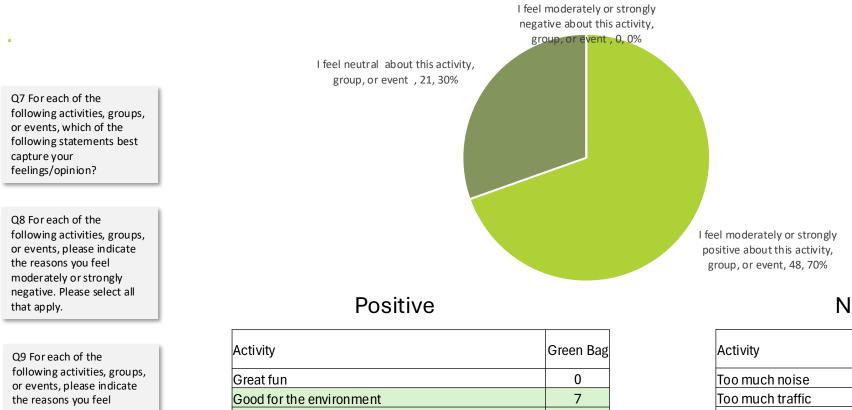


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Green Bag Project

Feelings/Opinions Regarding Boston Harbor Community Activities – Green Bag Project



I like the community feeling

Helps support local businesses

Opportunity to socialize

Public service

Other reason

It adds to the beauty of the community

20

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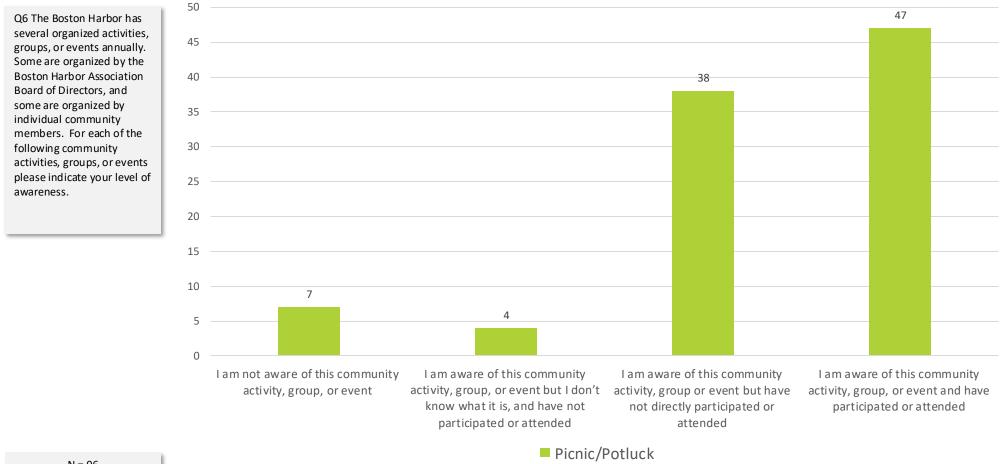
Negative

Activity	Green Bag
Too much noise	0
Too much traffic	0
Not enough appropriate parking	0
Seems dangerous	0
Needs better organization	0
Don't like being asked to participate	0
Don't like being asked to donate	0
It's not at a convenient time of day	0
It causes anxiety for my family members or my pets	0
Environmental concerns	0
Seems expensive	0
Other reason	0

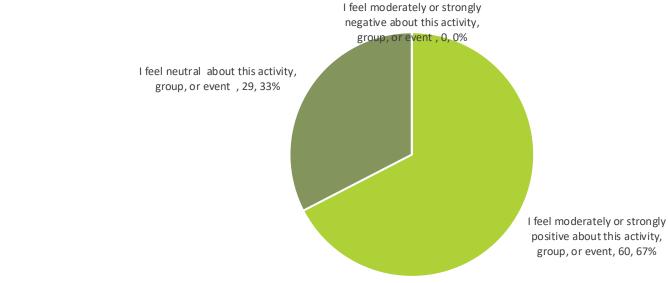
moderately or strongly positive. Please select all that apply.

Awareness of Boston Harbor Community Activities – Picnic/Potluck

93% or participants are aware of the Picnic/Potluck and 49% have participated.



Feelings/Opinions Regarding Boston Harbor Community Activities – Picnic/Potluck



Positive

Activity	Picnic/ Potluck
Great fun	33
Good for the environment	0
I like the community feeling	46
It adds to the beauty of the community	1
Opportunity to socialize	42
Publicservice	3
Helps support local businesses	6
Other reason	1

group, or event, 60, 67%

Negative

A ativity	Picnic/
Activity	Potluck
Too much noise	0
Too much traffic	0
Not enough appropriate parking	0
Seems dangerous	0
Needs better organization	0
Don't like being asked to participate	0
Don't like being asked to donate	0
It's not at a convenient time of day	0
It causes anxiety for my family members or my pets	0
Environmental concerns	0
Seems expensive	0
Other reason	0

N = 89

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Q9 For each of the following activities, groups, or events, please indicate the reasons you feel moderately or strongly positive. Please select all

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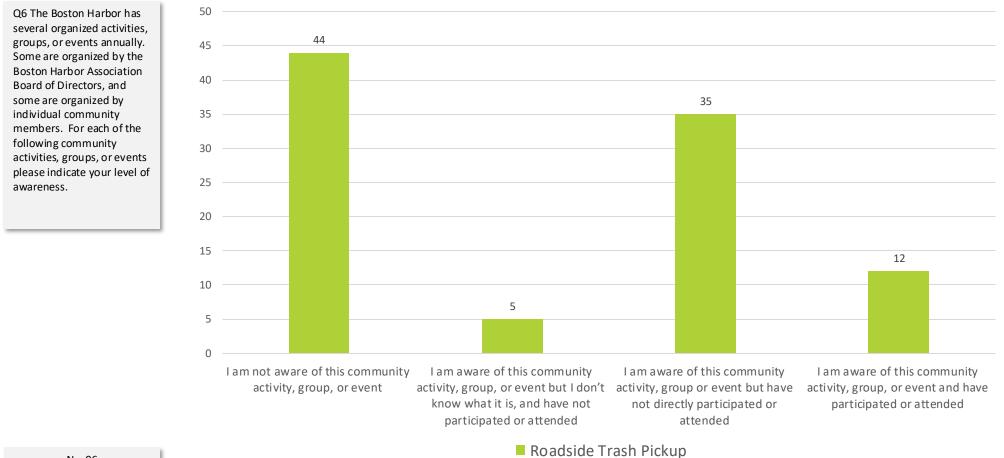
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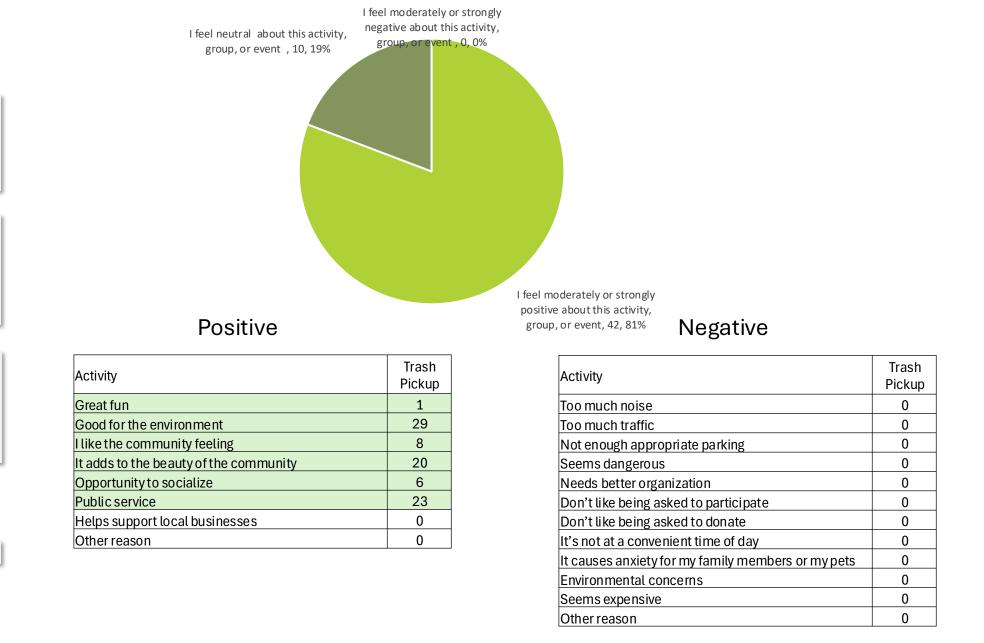
capture your feelings/opinion?

Awareness of Boston Harbor Community Activities – Roadside Trash Pickup



54% or participants are aware of the Roadside Trash Pickup and 13% have participated.

Feelings/Opinions Regarding Boston Harbor Community Activities – Roadside Trash Pickup



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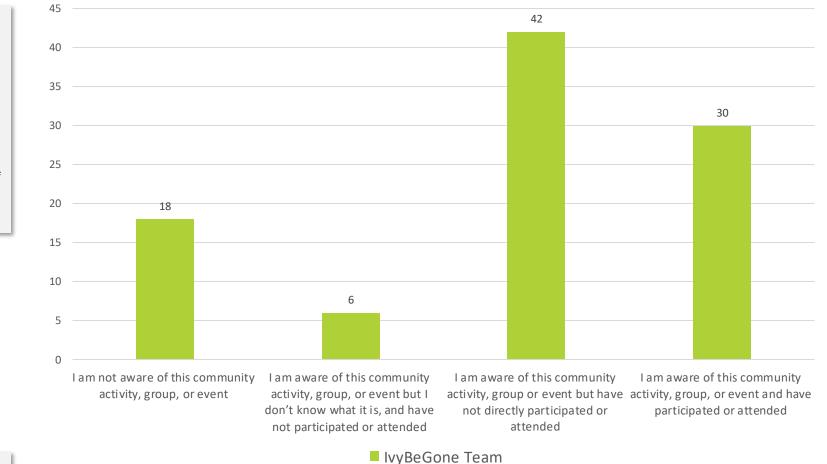
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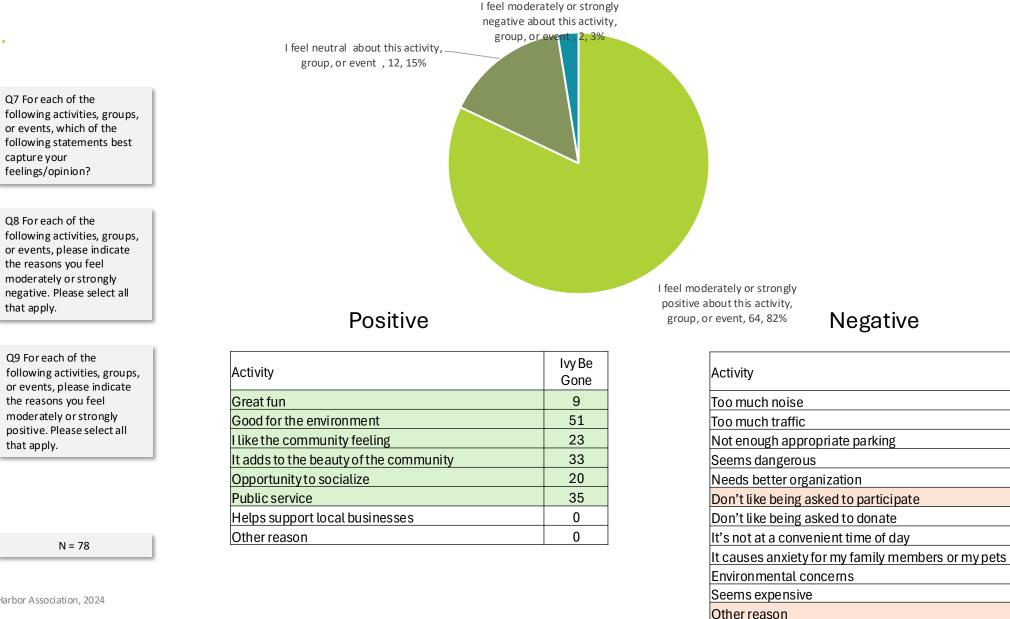
Awareness of Boston Harbor Community Activities – IvyBeGone Team

81% or participants are aware of the Ivy-Be-Gone and 31% have participated.

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Feelings/Opinions Regarding Boston Harbor Community Activities – IvyBeGone Team



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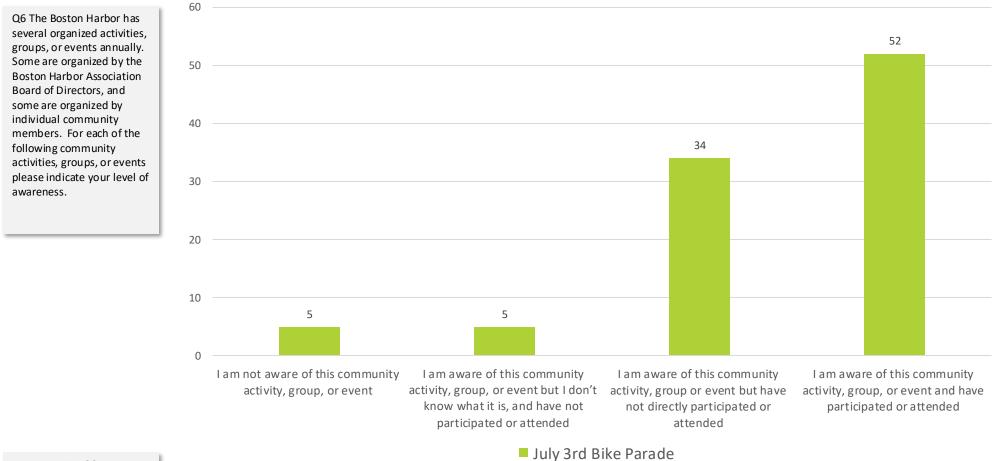
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that apply.

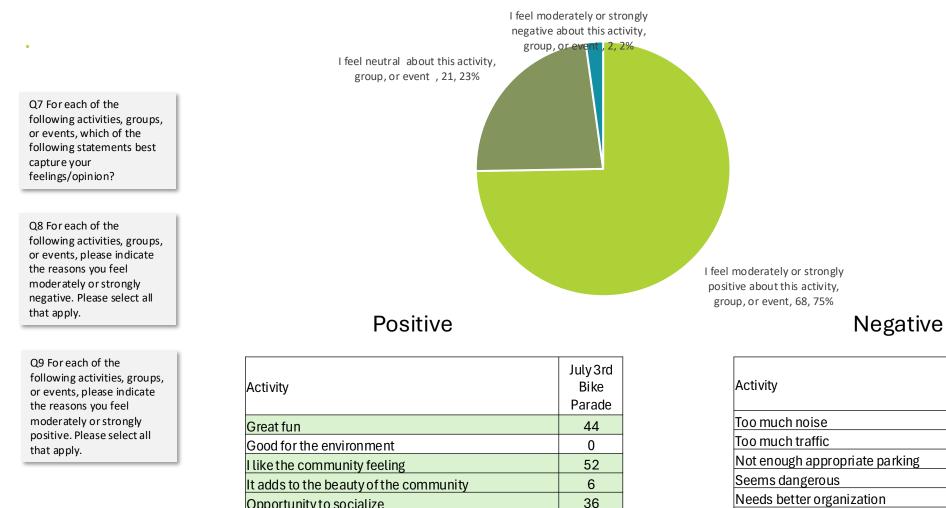
that apply.

Awareness of Boston Harbor Community Activities – July 3rd Bike Parade





Feelings/Opinions Regarding Boston Harbor Community Activities – July 3rd Bike Parade



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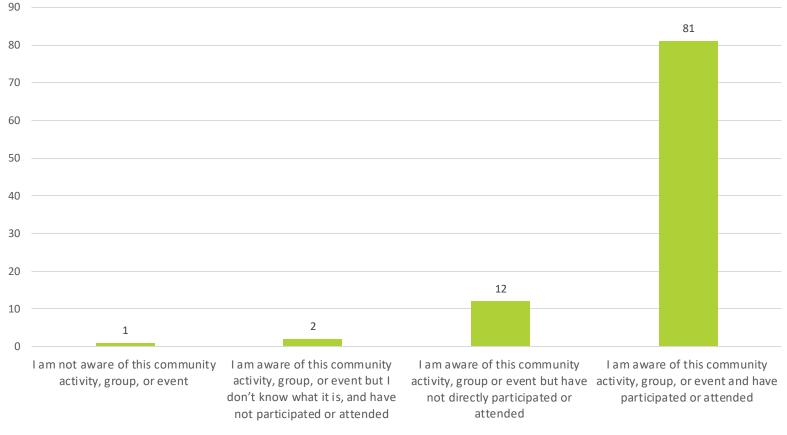
Activity	July 3rd Bike Parade
Great fun	44
Good for the environment	0
l like the community feeling	52
It adds to the beauty of the community	6
Opportunity to socialize	36
Publicservice	8
Helps support local businesses	9
Other reason	2

	July 3 rd
Activity	Bike
	Parade
Too much noise	0
Too much traffic	0
Not enough appropriate parking	0
Seems dangerous	0
Needs better organization	0
Don't like being asked to participate	0
Don't like being asked to donate	0
It's not at a convenient time of day	0
It causes anxiety for my family members or my pets	0
Environmental concerns	0
Seems expensive	0
Other reason	2

Awareness of Boston Harbor Community Activities – July 3rd Fireworks

99% or participants are aware of the July 3rd Fireworks and 84% have participated.

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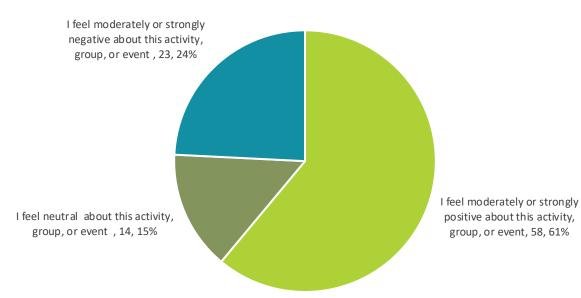
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Positive

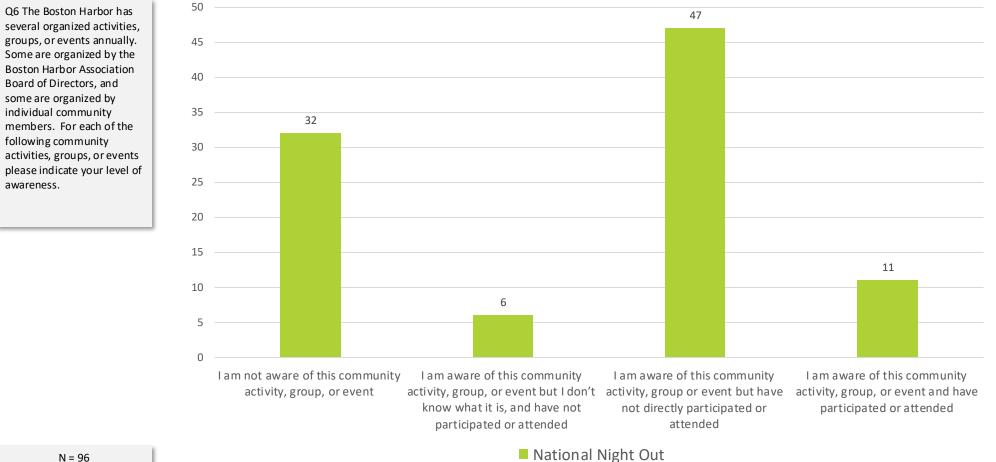
Activity	July 3rd Fireworks
Great fun	42
Good for the environment	0
I like the community feeling	37
It adds to the beauty of the community	7
Opportunity to socialize	30
Publicservice	9
Helps support local businesses	25
Other reason	6

Negative

Activity	July 3rd Fireworks
Too much noise	17
Too much traffic	17
Not enough appropriate parking	10
Seems dangerous	8
Needs better organization	1
Don't like being asked to participate	1
Don't like being asked to donate	4
It's not at a convenient time of day	1
It causes anxiety for my family members or my pets	19
Environmental concerns	16
Seems expensive	8
Other reason	3

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Awareness of Boston Harbor Community Activities – National Night Out

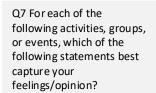


67% or participants are aware of the National Night Out and 11% have participated.

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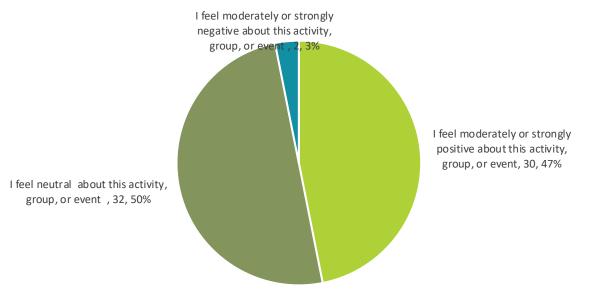
Feelings/Opinions Regarding Boston Harbor Community Activities – National Night Out



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Positive

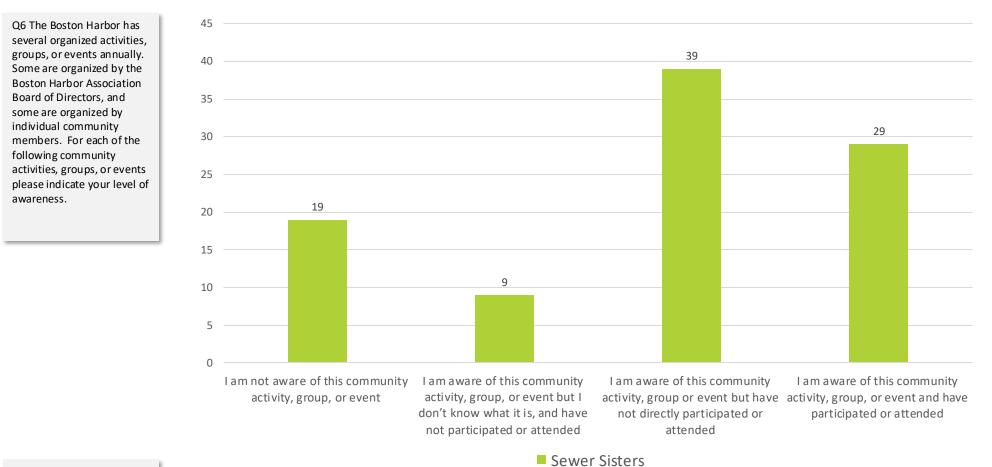
Activity	National Night Out
Great fun	13
Good for the environment	0
I like the community feeling	18
It adds to the beauty of the community	2
Opportunity to socialize	20
Publicservice	4
Helps support local businesses	1
Other reason	1

Negative

A ativity	National
Activity	Night Out
Too much noise	0
Too much traffic	0
Not enough appropriate parking	0
Seems dangerous	0
Needs better organization	0
Don't like being asked to participate	0
Don't like being asked to donate	0
It's not at a convenient time of day	0
It causes anxiety for my family members or my pets	0
Environmental concerns	0
Seems expensive	0
Other reason	1

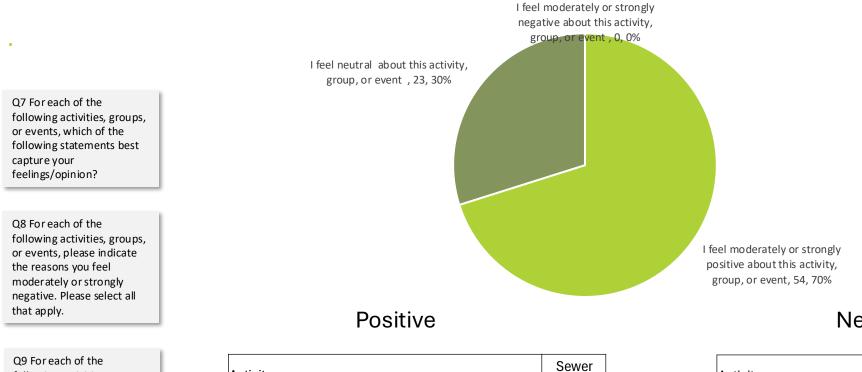
Awareness of Boston Harbor Community Activities – Sewer Sisters





80% or participants are aware of the Sewer Sisters and 30% have participated.

Feelings/Opinions Regarding Boston Harbor Community Activities – Sewer Sisters



Sisters

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25

33

31

24

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Q9 For each of the following activities, groups, or events, please indicate the reasons you feel moderately or strongly positive. Please select all that apply.

N = 96

Activity
Great fun
Good for the environment
l like the community feeling
It adds to the beauty of the community
Opportunity to socialize

Helps support local businesses

Public service

Other reason

Negative

A ativity	Trash
Activity	Pickup
Too much noise	0
Too much traffic	0
Not enough appropriate parking	0
Seems dangerous	0
Needs better organization	0
Don't like being asked to participate	0
Don't like being asked to donate	0
It's not at a convenient time of day	0
It causes anxiety for my family members or my pets	0
Environmental concerns	0
Seems expensive	0
Other reason	0

Boston Harbor Community Activities – Suggested Future Activities

Participants also suggested other community activities and opinions as shown here:

Q10 What other activities, groups, or events would you like to see in the Boston Harbor Community?

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 Bring back the cider press gathering
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I think that the Community should support the elementary school
Neighborhood watch

Facilities and Infrastructure

- Pickleball courts
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Community Preferences and Feedback

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Definitely need categories of slow, med, fast

- •We have the right amount of activities
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Concerns and Suggestions

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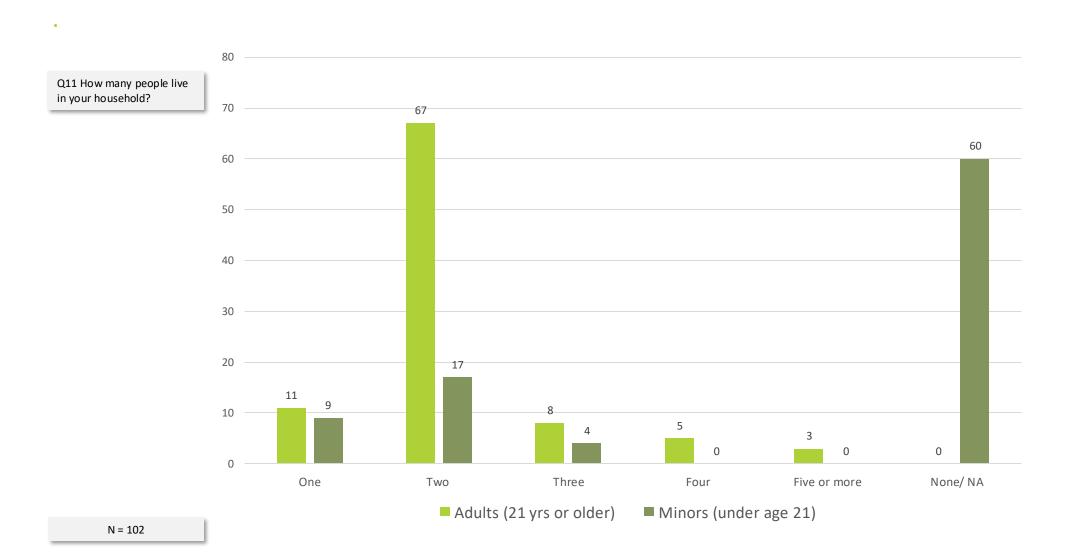
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Participant Demographics

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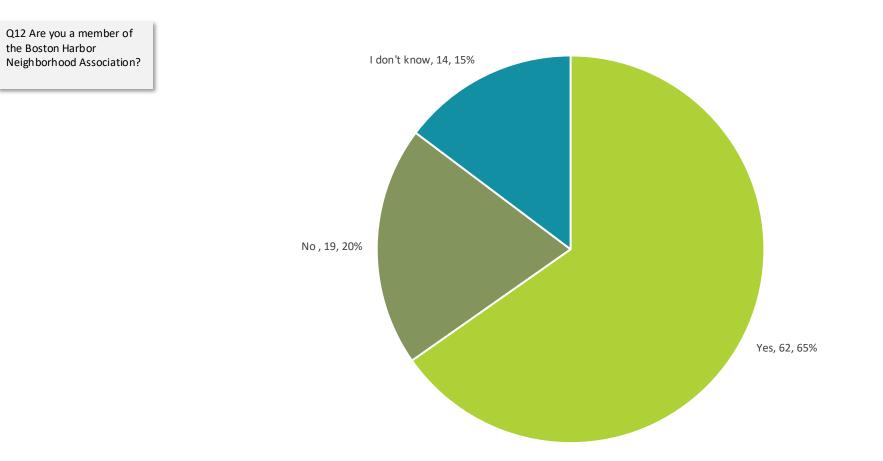
Household Demographics



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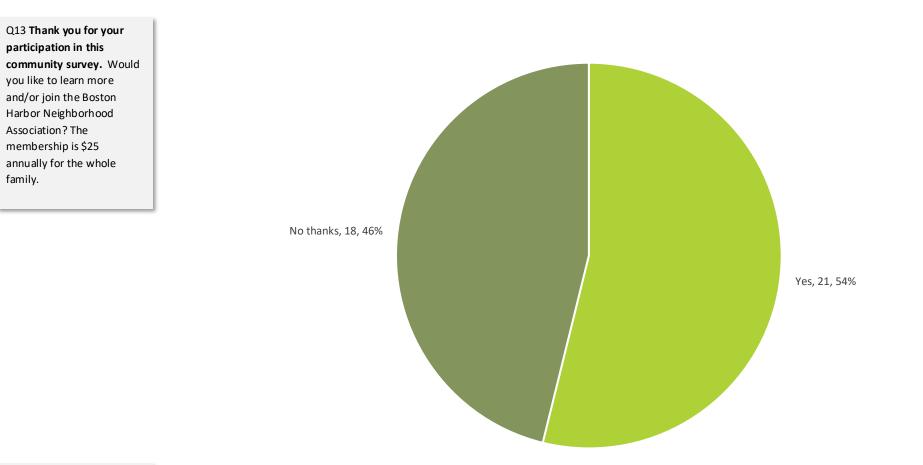
Membership in Boston Harbor Association

65% of participants are also members of the Boston Harbor Neighborhood Association.



Membership in Boston Harbor Association – Interest in Learning More?

21 participants were interested in learning more about the Boston Harbor Neighborhood Association.



N = 39

family.

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Make a Donation?

Q14 Thank you for your participation in this community survey, and for being a member of the Boston Harbor Neighborhood Association. This is the last question.

Would you like to make a donation to the Boston Harbor Association for any of the following: July 3rd Fireworks, Burfoot Park Maintenance, IvyBeGone Team, Annual Potluck/BBQ, and/or Annual Community Garage Sale?

