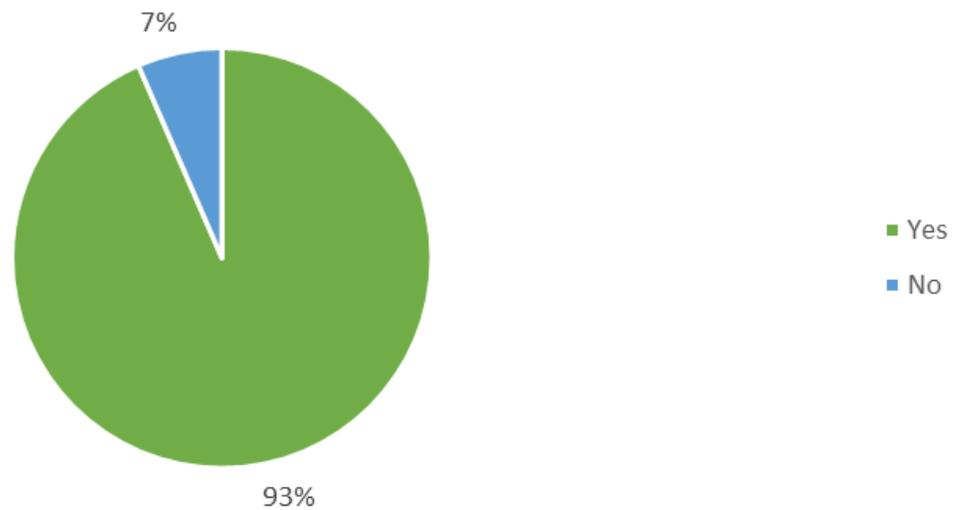


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Conifer Area Council has sponsored a series of surveys since 2006 to inform our government officials, such as the Jeffco Commissioners and Jeffco Library Trustees about the needs and desires of our community. We want your feedback about the Conifer Library!

With no additional taxes, do you support the idea of a full-service Jeffco Public Library in Conifer in its own facility?

552 responses

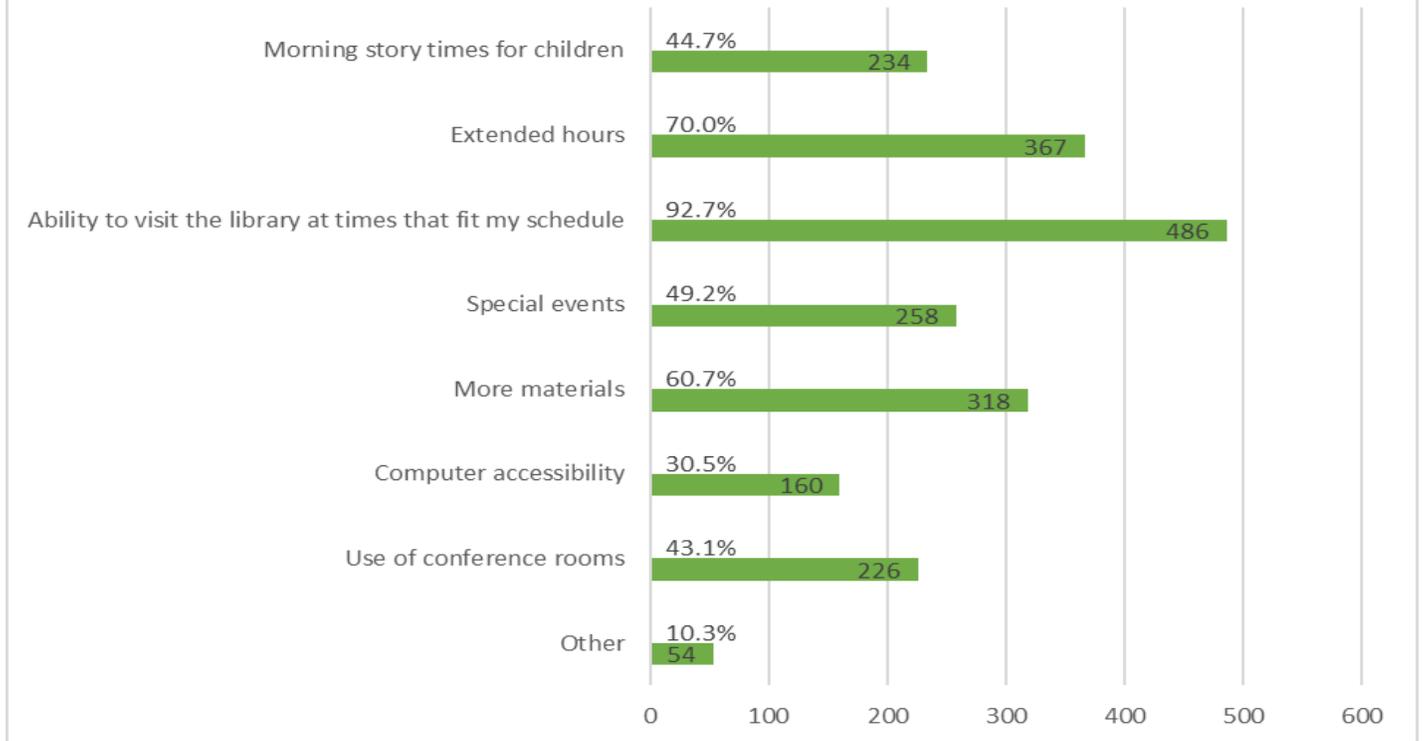


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What are your reasons for supporting a full service library?

Check all that apply:

524 responses



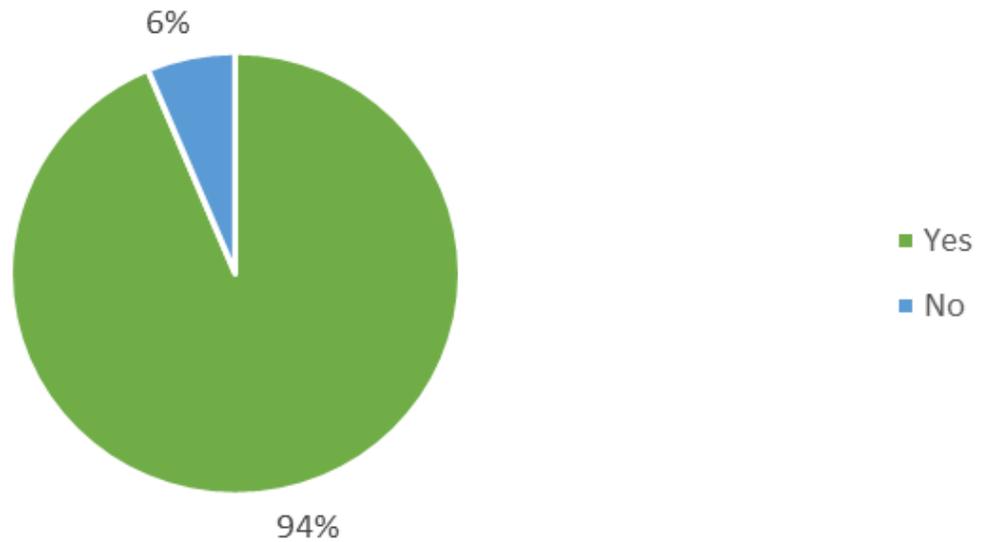
Responses given for "Other":

- Parking
- We need an educated public
- SS
- PARKING!!
- Proximity
- Removing it from the high school, it is...
- I don't support this
- Available for community
- I don not think there needs to be a sepa...
- Closer location
- easier physical access
- Limited stairs
- study rooms to meet with students/people...
- More kids activities
- Puzzle, relaxing area
- School safety
- Less travel
- Maker/Hacker Space!
- improved school safety with fewer visit...
- A place to take my children to socializ...
- research & printer
- more accessible to the community
- A place for our community that is not g...

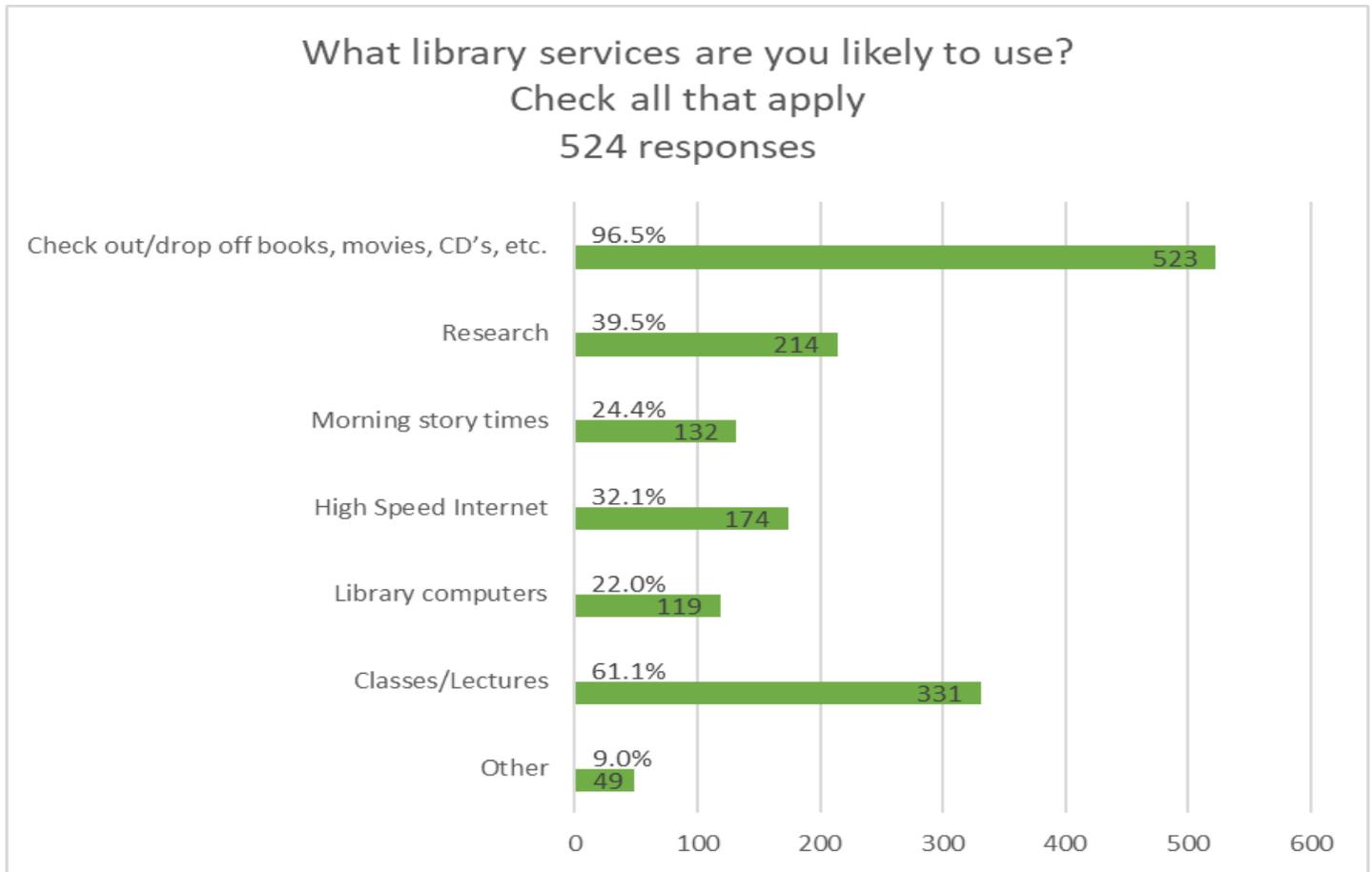
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Before the pandemic, due to the necessity of accommodating Conifer High students, the Conifer Library public hours were limited to weekends, and late afternoon and evening hours on weekdays.

If Conifer had its own library building and could be open from 9:00am to 8:00pm, would you be more likely to use the Conifer Library?



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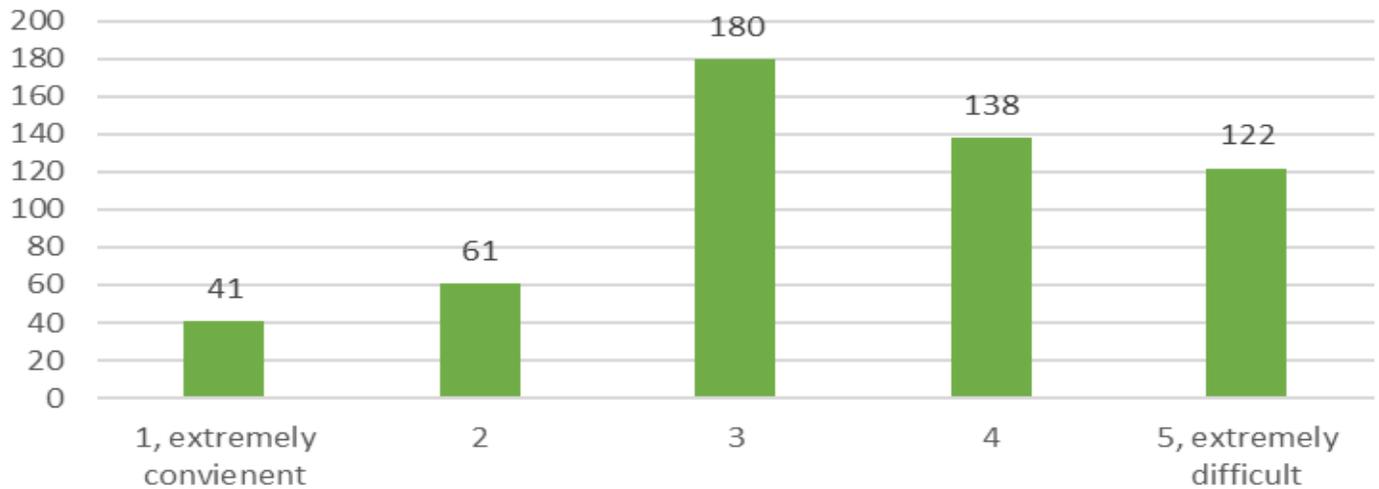
Responses given for "Other":

- Community info, since we don't have a c...
- Book group meetings
- None
- Use of the meeting rooms
- Arts and craft activities
- Meeting room
- Classes and Events
- none
- e books
- Makes copies of emails and rese...
- Programs of Interest
- Conference room
- Anything for children
- Conference rooms for tutoring
- Safe place for kids to hang out
- Book clubs
- Research librarian svc.
- study/meeting rooms
- Makerspace!
- Great place for community to gather
- Place to wander the offerings & sit dow...
- Bookclubs
- access to meeting rooms
- Children's programs
- Hold community meetings
- ask a libraian
- Study rooms

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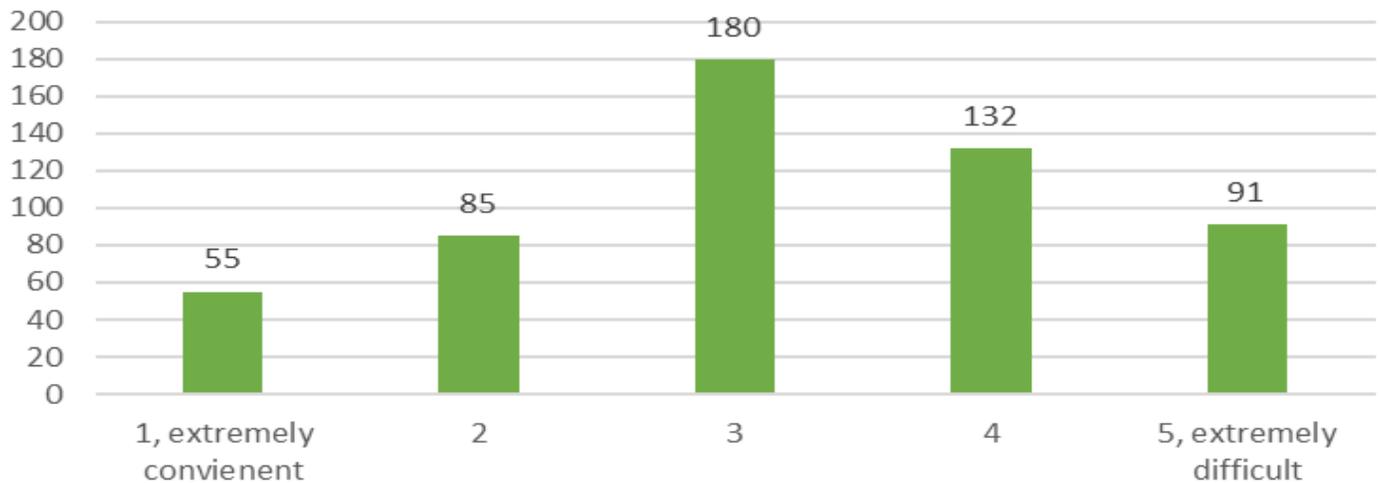
At the Conifer Library's current location how would you rate the ease of access to the facility?

542 responses



At the Conifer Library's current location how would you rate the ease of parking at the facility?

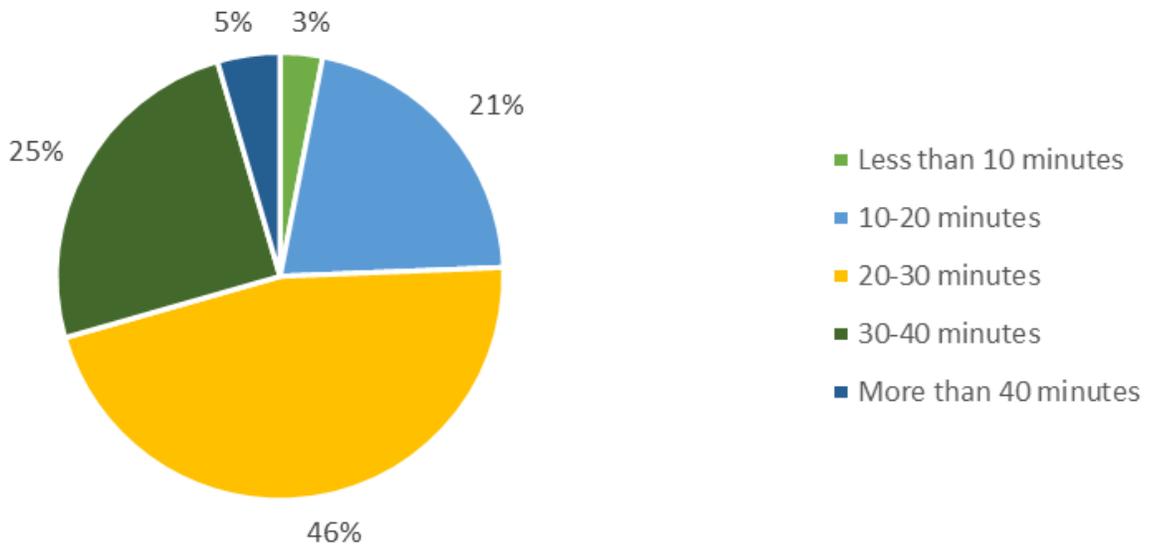
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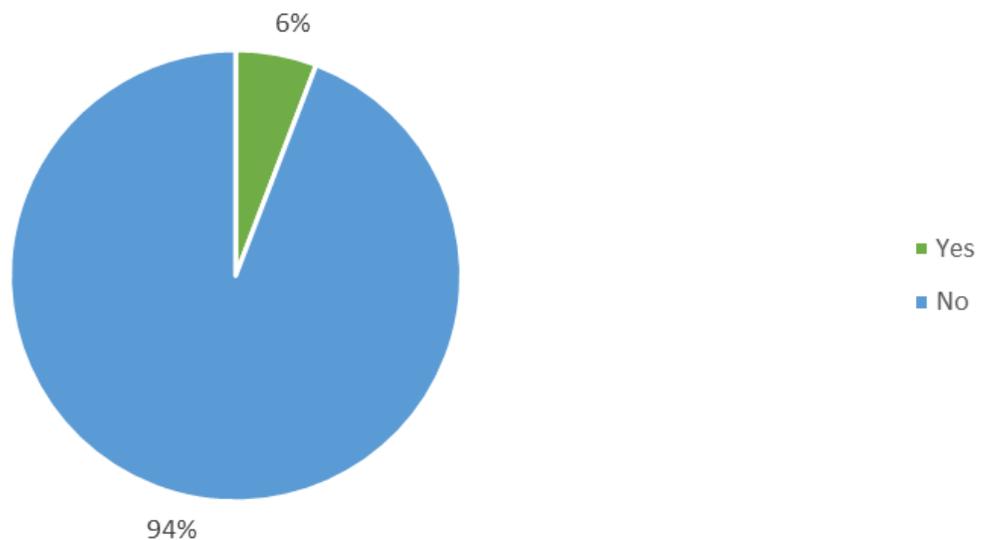
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Due to the Pandemic, the Conifer Public Library has had no or limited public hours since March 2020. Conifer Library patrons were directed to the Evergreen Library during Conifer's closures.

How long does it take you to get to the Evergreen library?
554 responses

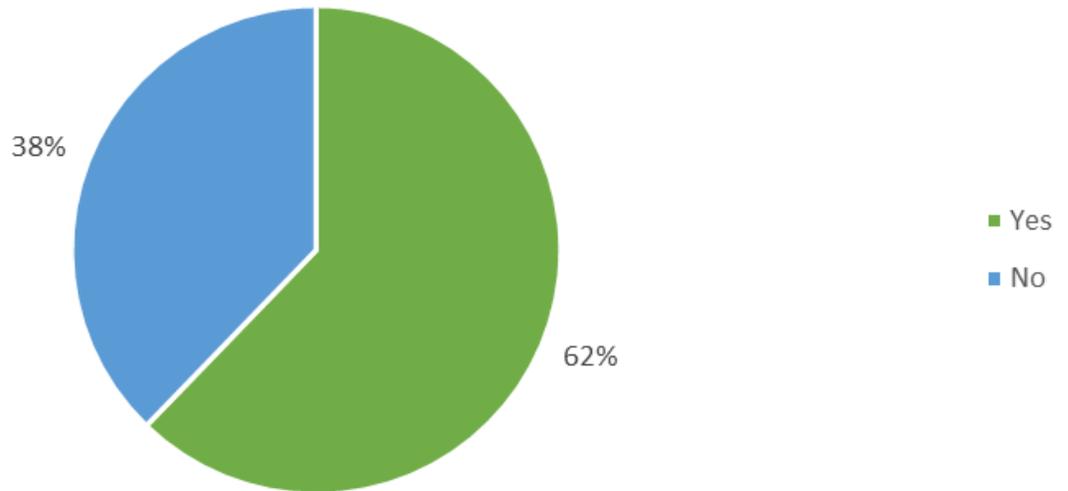


Is the Evergreen library on your normal travel route?
551 responses

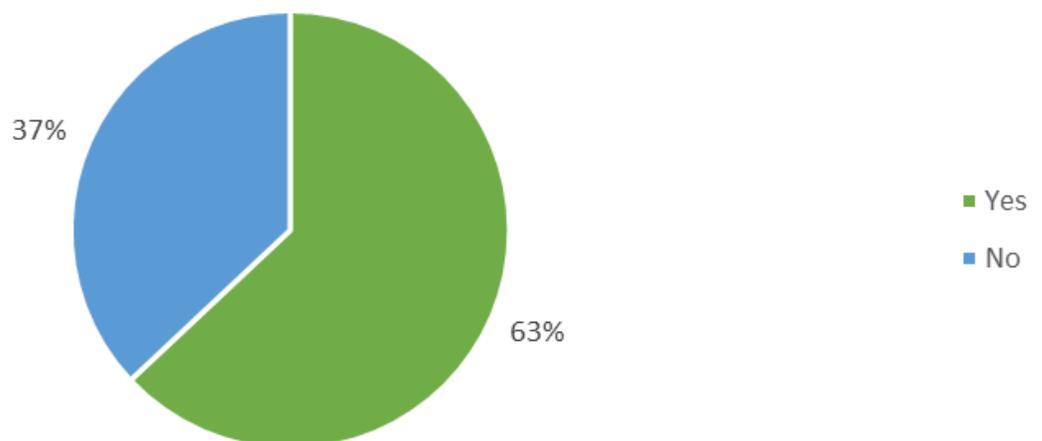


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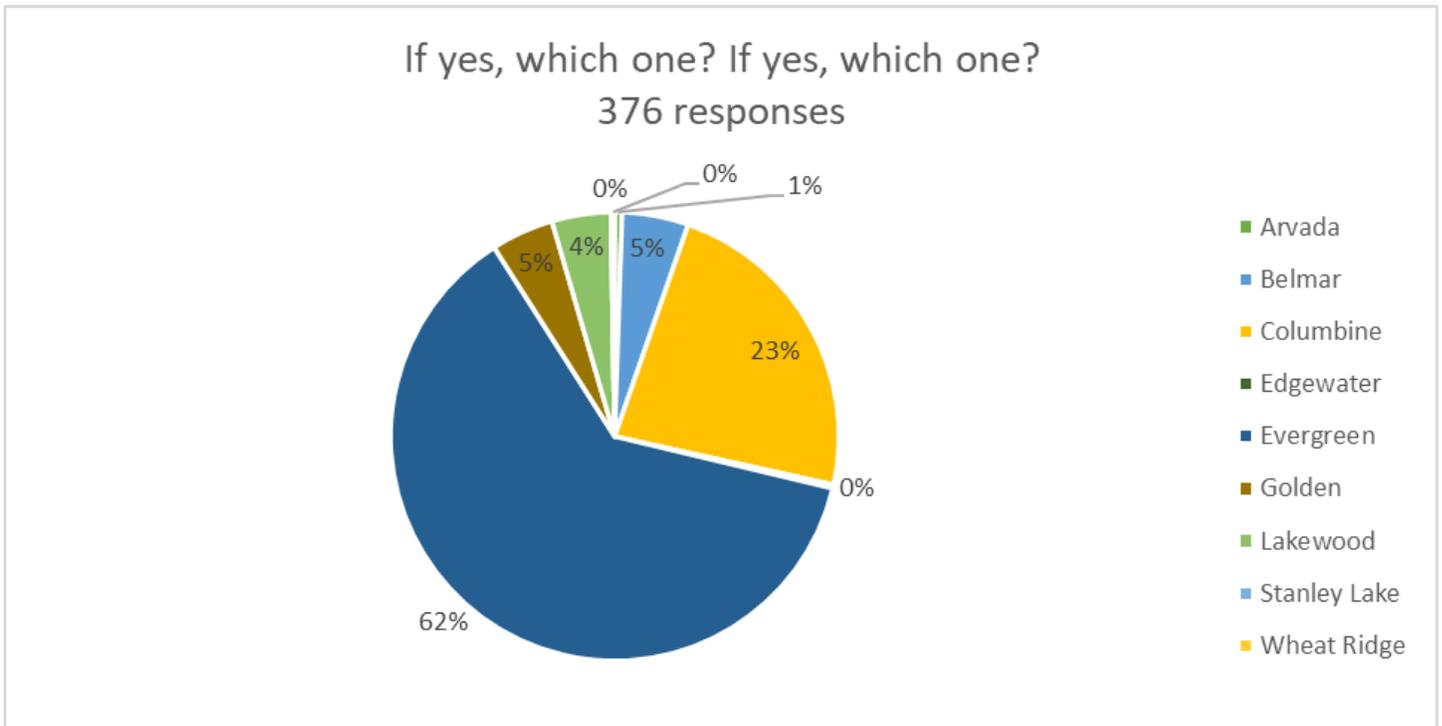
Is the Evergreen library your alternate library of choice?
548 responses



When Conifer is closed are you likely to visit one of the other libraries?
554 responses



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Comments:

1. The partnership with Conifer high school has never been fully realized. With higher security for students and staff I don't believe it ever will. We need a new facility.
2. Move the library downstairs in CHS. Do not take the library away from the school. This will have long lasting consequences for the school & community. Please talk to Principal Paxton.
3. Conifer is oriented to 285 (Lakewood & Littleton) for easy access to urban resources.
4. We have enough services
5. I see no need for a separate building for Conifer Library: in my opinion, it's the best use of space to share the one in Conifer High. If I need more than is offered, it's just a few minutes to Evergreen (so again, too close to justify another separate library in Conifer)
6. Since the library opened almost 25 yrs ago the upper parking lot is ALWAYS full during library hours with non-library users. The long flight of stairs to the entrance is also a deterrent. During Conifers closure we've been using the Evergreen location. Finally Conifer has gotten a pickup & return location so a patron doesn't have to deal with the school traffic - buses, students & parents picking up kids & the long flight of stairs often with many students occupying them. We've loved to have a separate location for the Conifer Library.
7. The Conifer library is difficult to get to, especially after school when there is a long long line for student pick up. The parking is terrible and the stairs up to the front of the building is a challenge for young children, mother's carrying a baby, some one with bags of research, and people with knee issues, elderly, etc. High Schools in general can spark anxiety and intimidation especially when there is rarely a time when there aren't teenagers hanging around the outside of the school, the common area, or taking up all the tables and computers inside the library. I'm all for sharing, but it is a much different experience when you go to other libraries. It is so calm and peaceful at the other Jeffco libraries like Evergreen or Columbine where there is so much more space - and different areas for different types of people so everyone can feel comfortable using the library. Please build a Conifer free standing library.
8. I don't think we need the expense of having the library in its own building. As long as the library is open on weekends I think it is fine.

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9. Current location in the Conifer High School is very nice. Large open area with great lighting.
10. I think an easily accessible library is an important part of a community
11. I hardly ever use the Conifer Lib unless I am there as a substitute. I occasionally use the Evergreen Library mainly to return materials. If I want to check out something especially CD's I like the larger assortment available at Columbine if I can schedule it a day I will also be in town. It is only 12 min. longer commute.
12. These have been difficult times and not having the library was hard.
13. Your survey is not a TRUE survey, very bias. I answered #1, NO, no need for a seperate building. Then the following question is: What are your reasons for supporting a full service library? You're asking me to answer a question that does NOT correspond with my first response.
14. We would definitely use a Conifer library if it had regular hours! The current library is hard since it is only open on weekends and evenings.
15. If my kids were still little, I would use story time as well- had to go to Golden or Evergreen for it their whole childhoods. Conifer is less than 10 minutes vs. 20-30 for me.
16. Even if a new library is small it would be a valuable asset.
17. none
18. The library has been an important part of our lives for years. We use the wonderful services it has provided for us from children services to adult. We are happy that we finally have a Conifer library, but the hours of operation have been an issue along with the steps to the High School.
19. Thank you for taking this survey!
20. Housing the public library in a school facility makes me feel I should not be on school property unless I have a child attending the school.
21. The Conifer library not only has difficult access the parking is awful. Many, many weekends of frustration looking for a fairly close parking lot or even the handicapped parking on top. As I've gotten older and arthritic is just too difficult to manipulate those stairs and the frustration of no parking available. The school does nothing to enforce library patron parking. Usually there is always an activity going on which I understand since it is a school. But, some of the kids are disrespectful and rude. I have felt intimidated on occasion. Nobody likes to be laughed at behind their backs...
22. Considering how much the 285 Corridor is growing having our own library makes as much sense as having one in Evergreen for Evergreen residents.
23. If I visit another library because of inaccessibility at Conifer, usually the trip is postponed
24. I'm grateful for the Conifer branch, but I believe it's long past due that the Conifer community have its own location. Since the pandemic I've utilized the Evergreen library extensively and will continue to do so.
25. Thank you for considering a new venue for the library. The hours are the main problem during the school year as I'm an elementary school teacher.
26. Our taxes pay for a community library that is non-existent in Conifer. The high school also deserves it's own library for students - a school library should be focused on it's student population. The split of the hours is not convenient for either Conifer High students or the citizens of Conifer. Conifer is a large enough community that it can support a full service public library! I fully support a new building and would also be willing to pay extra taxes for this access.
27. I don't travel to Evergreen for anything but the library, so not that convenient
28. evergreen is still closer than columbine (next choice) but i don't go to town a lot. Also, parking at Conifer when they are having sport events is almost non-existent
29. A full service library in Conifer would be amazing!
30. Conifer library hours being closed to the public during high school hours are an obstacle to usage. Also, parking is often limited to unavailable due to sharing with the high school students/parents who are there after school.
31. We also use Golden and Edgewater libraries quite a bit.

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32. I find the parking extremely irritating. I was there this past Saturday, the 30th, and there was absolutely no parking for library patrons! I find this rude that students? or even staff park there like the signs don't exist. Not to mention how difficult it is to manage the stairs as I get older. :-)
33. How can a country yak taxpayer money and not provide a library that is open? Free access to books and learning materials is a fundamental principal of our society.
34. Conifer needs a stand alone library. The area is growing and services like this are critical for supporting the local community. I would support a bond to fund building a library.
35. This is a great idea! I've been wondering why the location in Conifer doesn't have its own building. Thank you for doing this!
36. Having the library in the school makes the library useless most of the time. It also increases traffic in the school, which is additional risk to the school. They should be separate.
37. Thanks for considering! I have been using Columbine and going to grocery stores near there. I'd happily visit a Conifer library and stores instead!
38. Would really be helpful for a lot if people, special older and kids, to be able to go to a library close by
39. The parking has become a problem. The stairs aren't exactly friendly access
40. My first and only disappointment when I moved my family of 11 to conifer was to find no local library morning hours or weekday child programs. I used to raise my kids with weekly library story times and library time, and filled holidays and summers with library programs. This is an integral part of raising my children with a love of reading and cultural and artistic education gained through library programs. I would LOVE for this to be available in conifer, closer to the conifer area than conifer high school which is closer to evergreen. I'm hopeful about this survey making headway! Please incorporate an interactive children's center if a new library is built, evergreen library doesn't have baby and kid themed areas and manipulatives to keep littles entertained and engaged during family library time.
41. Being handicapped, Conifer High School Library does NOT accommodate for wheelchair bound patrons!!!!!!
42. It would be so wonderful to have a library here in Conifer. It would enrich our whole community.
43. Because of the restricted hours I don't/can't visit the conifer library. Even before covid I had to drive all the way to evergreen.
44. Short distance to library for the older population
45. Current Conifer Library use is constrained by the High School schedule.
46. WE LOVE LIBRARIES and are grateful for the library Conifer has now> It would be great to have a stand alone library though. Thank you!!
47. Thank you for considering this! It would be such a blessing to our community.
48. Having a library closer would be so much nicer than driving all the way downtown to get to the library!
49. This isn't the first time we've been asked about a permanent library here but I hope it's the last we need a library. The lockers have been great!
50. A stand alone Conifer library would be great!
51. Our family would love more access to a library in the mountains.
52. I believe a library is a wonderful idea!! I use the library weekly.
53. I actually go to the Bailey library more often now that Conifer has been closed but there selection is Much smaller. I would love to have a stand alone library in Conifer but I would highly suggest it be close to 285. So Aspen Park area or something like that. 285 is easier for most patrons to access since we are so spread out over here. I live in Pine Junction but would easily be able to run to Aspen Park.
54. Stair are too hard to climb. Easier entrance, ground level.
55. I love the Conifer library and wish is its hours were more user friendly. I like the Evergreen library's hours. A children's program would be appreciated here too. I worry that the slope and stairs to get to the library is not friendly for those with mobility issues.

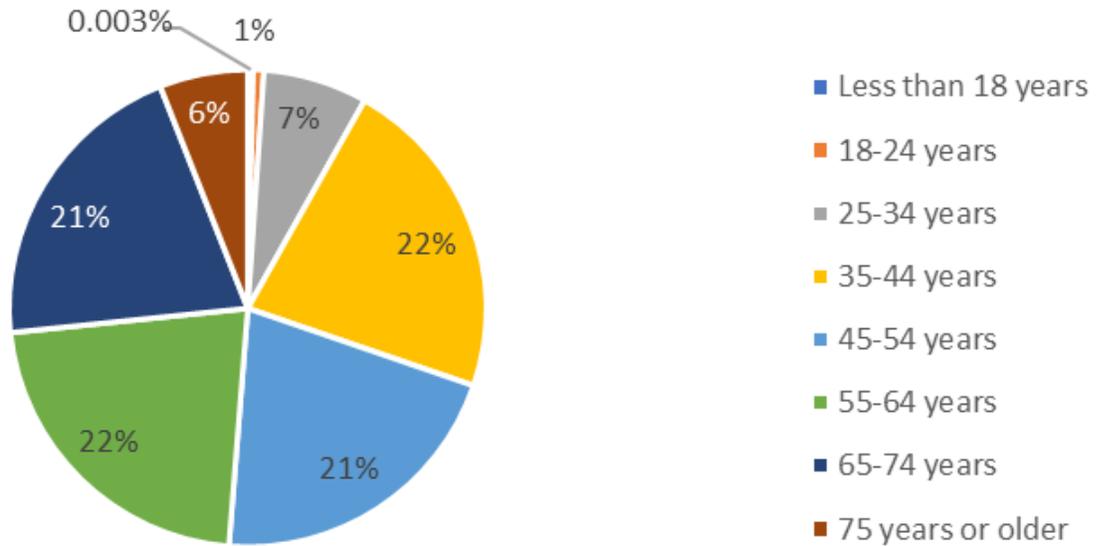
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56. Since conifer has no other community centers with events, a library that is accessible during school hours would be a wonderful resource for families with preschool aged children
57. Would be a great benefit to the community to have a free standing library building, including meeting rooms the community can use to schedule for meetings. Also, the parking situation at the limited library hours at Conifer High is less than acceptable, having to walk up 2 flights of steps. There is only 1 handicapped parking spot next the dumpster as an afterthought. When school is in session the "library parking only" spots are never available. Teachers & students park there.
58. Today is the perfect answer for the parking situation! THERE IS NONE! Why is there no enforcement or at least polite people who can read?
59. I need closer handicapped parking than the current Conifer library has.
60. A public library should not be in a school.
61. I go to bear valley since conifer isn't as accessible.
62. We absolutely support a Library building in Conifer.
63. Ridiculous access and sharing parking is horrendous.
64. Park county library
65. The library lockers at the Mountain resource center has really helped with getting holds since it has been difficult to access the Conifer Library.
66. A new building would be nice but honestly I am satisfied with Conifer library where it is even though hours are curtailed. I am in the Conifer library book club and would like better facilities to meet and more comfortable temperatures to meet in. It is often very hot in summer and winter in those meeting rooms.
67. Conifer really needs their own library locally. We love the staff there and the programs
68. So no tax increase but paying librarians for more time, expenses of a new building etc. Money has to come from somewhere so what programs would be cut to find this? I do not feel this survey is being fully transparent. Plus, the how accessible questions are flipped for how they should be presented for standard 1-5 questions.
69. If there is a school event during Conifer library hours, it is usually impossible to find a parking place - designated library parking spaces are all taken and nothing else close is available.
70. We love our library pretty much the way it is, and the people who work there.
71. Likely to use Bailey Library
72. I could deal with Conifers present location if a separate outside entrance was provided and access was allowed during school hours. Still, a separate, full size location would be best.
73. Parking is extremely difficult at the Conifer high school for library use especially when there's sport events or other things going on at the high school. No parking signs don't help.
74. Today was the perfect example of the parking issue! (February 13th) They are giving covid vaccinations. I think that's great but no damn place for the library patrons to park. This is getting really old and frustrating!!
75. I would 100% support our own freestanding library in Conifer!
76. Why can't you enforce the parking? I was there this weekend and there was no place to park, not even in the circle. It's becoming ridiculous.
77. Your access for the handicapped is abysmal. One has to walk a very long distance or take the extensive set of stairs. There is only ONE parking place that is reasonable, but still a long walk with a cane. This is why I go to the Evergreen library, inconvenient though it is. It has close in parking for the handicapped and NO STAIRS. During the COVID crisis, the employees will deliver your ordered books to your car. Terrific service! I go to the library weekly.

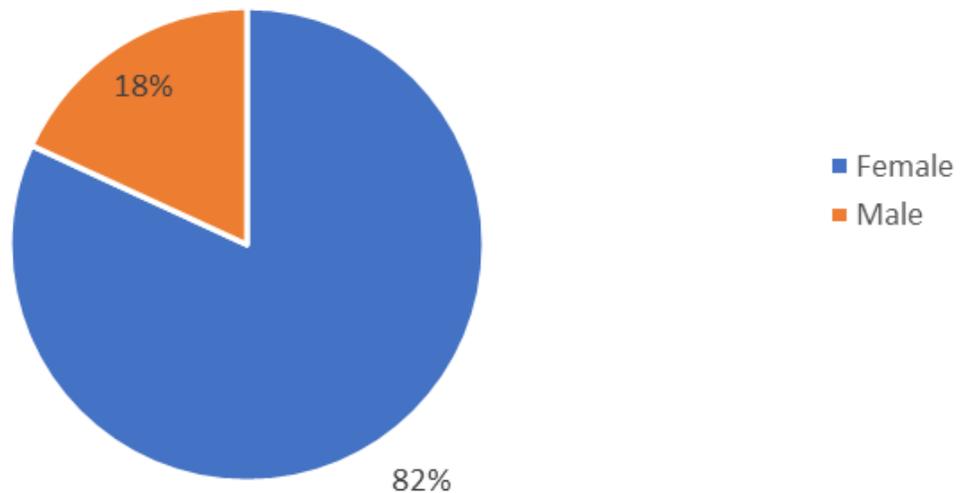
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Demographics

What is your AGE?
552 Responses

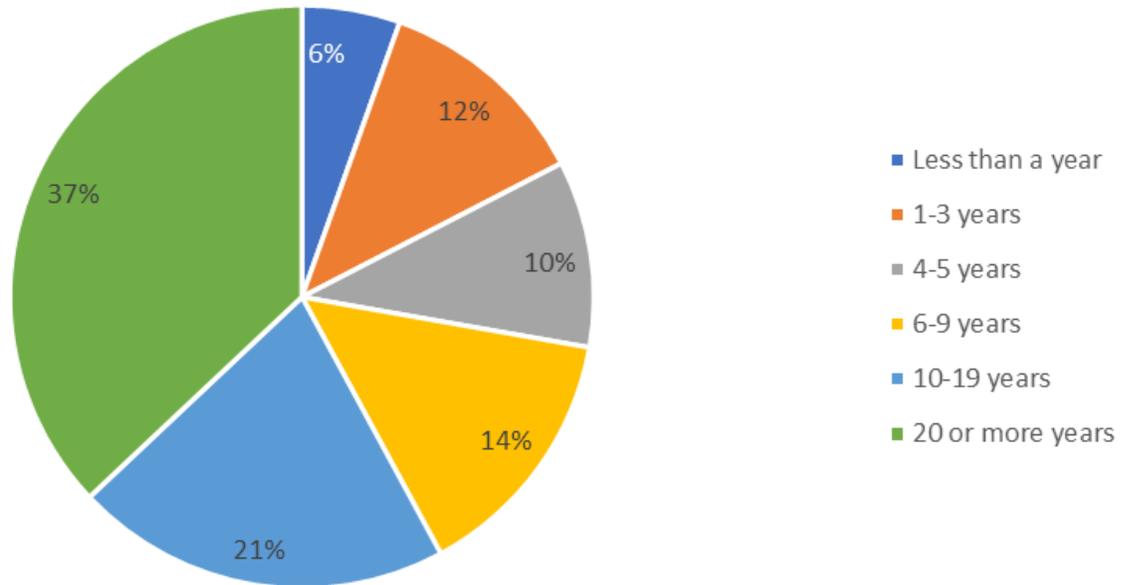


What is your GENDER?
535 Responses

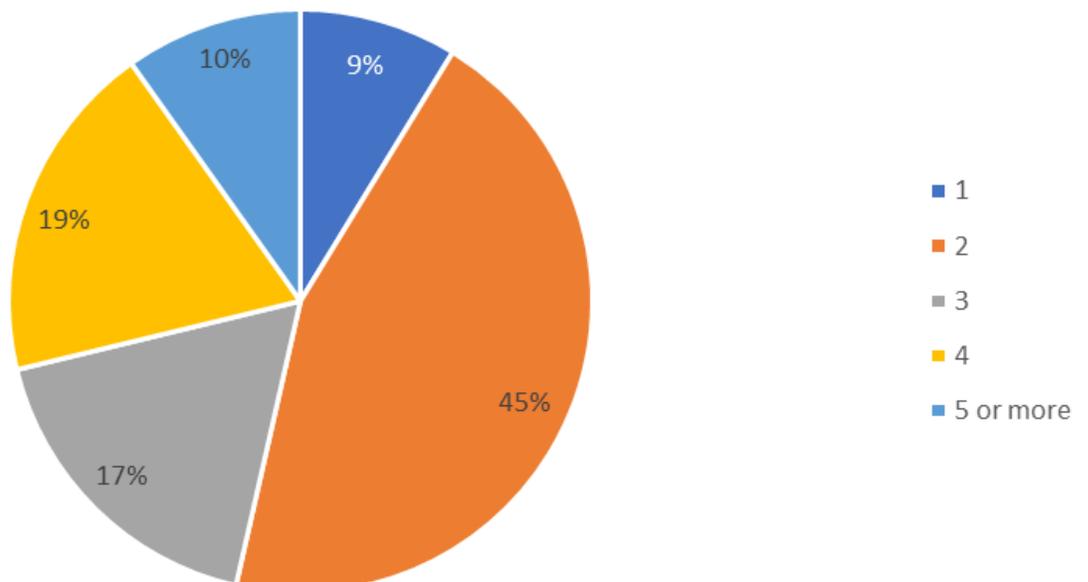


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How long have you LIVED in the CONIFER area?
551 Responses



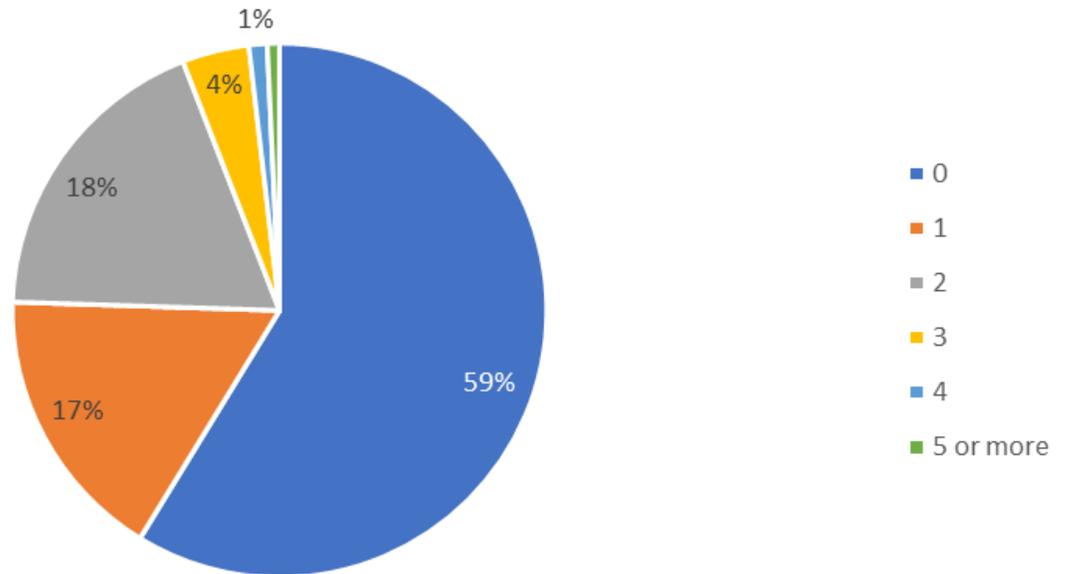
How many people live in your HOUSEHOLD?
549 Responses



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How many CHILDREN under the age of 18 live in your household?

543 Responses



What AREA do you live in?

543 Responses

