



# John Hendry Park Master Plan Questionnaire Summary of Findings



# Topline Findings

- The questionnaire ran from April 15 to May 7, 2014.
- A total of 1,035 respondents completed the questionnaire. The questionnaire was accessed in the following ways:
  - Talk Vancouver members were targeted by postal code to include only those who live within the surrounding neighbourhoods of John Hendry Park (the list of postal codes matched those used in the previous online questionnaires about the John Hendry Park Master Plan).
  - A link to the questionnaire was also available on the John Hendry Park Master Plan page on the City of Vancouver website.
  - a paper survey was made available at a public consultation event April 15.

## Who did we talk to?

- The strongest representation geographically is among Vancouver residents who live nearby Trout Lake Park (within a roughly 5km radius).
- There is smaller geographical representation from residents who live farther away from Trout Lake Park (more than approximately 5km from the park).
- All age groups are represented in this study, with respondents aged 30 to 39 accounting for the largest share (34%), followed by those aged 40 to 49 (25%), those aged 50 to 59 (15%) and those aged 20 to 29 (11%).
- There is representation of individuals who have children in their household, with one-in-seven respondents (14%) who have at least one child aged 0 to 4 years and one-in-seven (14%) with at least one child aged 5 to 14 years. There is a smaller representation (4%) of individuals with at least one child aged 15-18 years old.

## Agreement with draft vision:

- Vancouver residents are divided in their support for the John Hendry Park Master Plan.
  - Less than half (46%) of residents agree with the Draft Vision for the park, while only a slightly smaller proportion (42%) disagree with the vision and 9% are unsure if they agree or disagree.

## Support for recommendations:

- For most recommendations put forth in the John Hendry Park Master Plan, a majority of residents say they support each.
  - The exceptions are for the proposed enclosed dog off-leash area, building a paved multi-use Lake Loop Trail, and maintaining the number of parking spaces, where only 34%, 40% and 43% respectively support these proposed initiatives.

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- Roughly six-in-ten (58%) residents say they do not support an enclosed dog off-leash area.
  - While there are no significant geographical differences in terms of the likelihood to support the proposed dog off-leash area (those who live within a roughly 5km radius of the park are no more or less likely to support or oppose the proposal than those living farther away from the park), there are differences across age groups:
    - Those aged 20 to 29 (76%) and 30 to 39 (68%) are more likely to oppose the proposed dog off-leash area than are those aged 50 to 59 (51%) and those aged 60 to 69 (45%).
- For the proposed multi-use Lake Loop Trail (46% do not support this proposal) and the proposal to maintain the number of parking spaces (33% do not support this) there are no significant differences in the likelihood to support or oppose these proposals across geographic location (home residence) or by age.

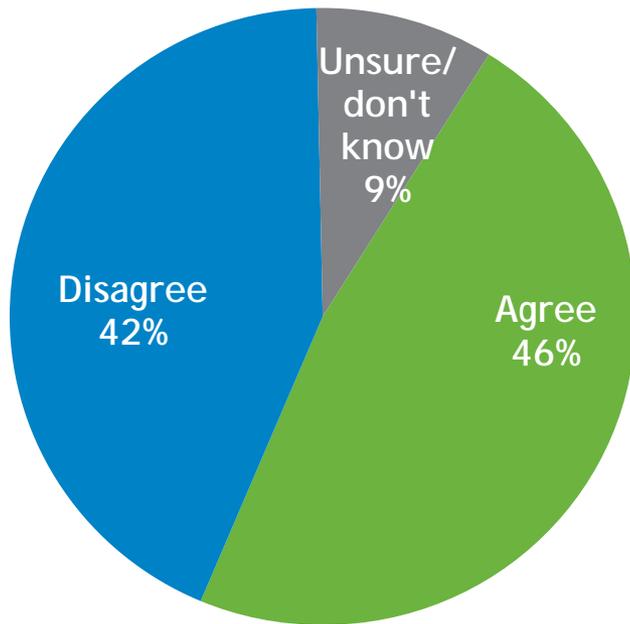
## Ranking initiatives:

- When asked to rank top three priorities from among the list of proposed initiatives, no one stands out as a top priority.
  - Residents are most likely to rank the enclosed dog off-leash area as their number one priority, although it is only approximately one-in-ten residents (12%) who ranked this as their number one priority.
  - Following closely behind the dog off-leash area proposal, just under one-in-ten rank pathway lighting (7%) and monitoring storm water and lake water quality (7%) as their top priority.

## What does this mean?

- The most debated aspects of the John Hendry Park Master Plan are:
  - Proposed dog off-leash area in the park; and,
  - Proposed multi-use Lake Loop Trail.
- Most comments from those opposed to the proposed dog off-leash area centre on the reduction in size of the proposed off-leash area from the current off-leash area.
- Many comments on the proposed multi-use Lake Loop Trail relate to the perceived need to separate cyclists from non-cyclists (primarily pedestrians) as currently many respondents note conflicts or 'near misses' between commuter cyclists and pedestrians in the park.

## Sample comments about John Hendry Park Draft Vision



*"Protecting and sustaining the ecology of the lake and the park area should be the priority."*

*"It is not a place for everyone. It is a nice natural environment and should stay that way. It is a place for those who want to enjoy a natural environment and green space. Less additional structures and fences keeps it more natural."*

*"The off-leash area for the dogs is great. I love dogs but also appreciate having the loop for walking my little one without the fear of a big dog running up to her as has happened in the past. I am sure you will get opposition to the reduction in the off-leash area. please maintain the loop as a leashed area it is critical."*

*"I strongly agree with the vision in regard to moving the Farmer's Market and the new off-leash dog area plans."*

Base: All respondents (n=1,035)

*Do you agree with the proposed Draft Vision?*

*Do you have any comments or suggested revisions for the Draft Vision?*

# Support for Master Plan Draft Recommendations: Park Features & Amenities

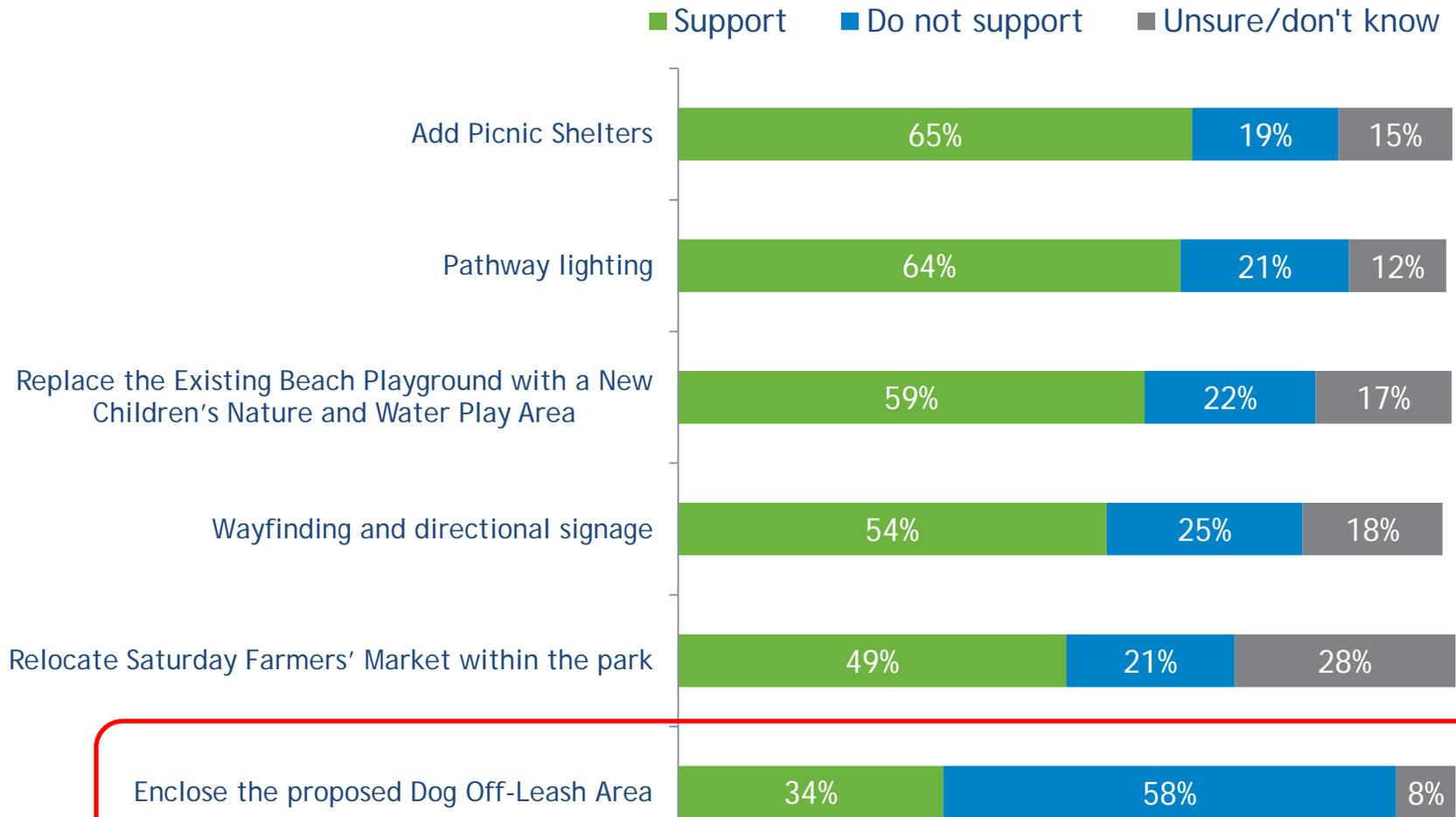
■ Support   ■ Do not support   ■ Unsure/don't know



Base: All respondents (n=1,035)

Please tell us your level of support for each recommendation in the table below.

# Support for Master Plan Draft Recommendations: Park Features & Amenities



Enclose the proposed Dog Off-Leash Area

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*"New toilets should be unisex, lighting solar and benches be memorial and built gradually, as paid for by donating families."*

*"In general, all the ideas for increased amenities in the park seem okay. However, I am worried that the net effect might be to over-develop the park and lose the sense of a natural retreat within the city. Please don't go too far."*

*"I would like to see canoe/kayak access in trout lake."*

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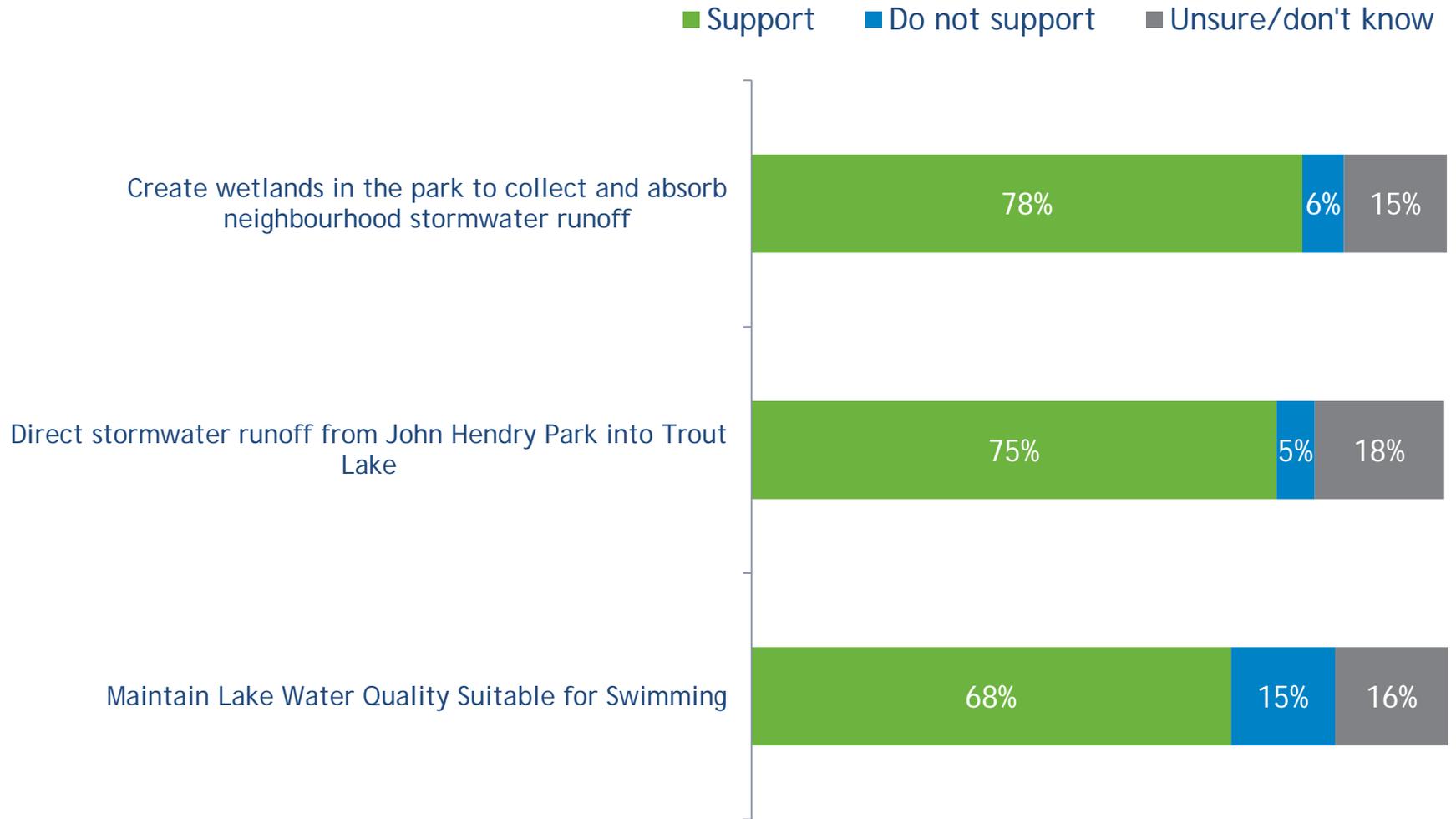
*"Improve public knowledge of water quality for swimming."*

*"I feel if there is going to be any children's play area that is in the water/beach area, the water quality should be improved first."*

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*Do you have any comments about any of the proposed recommendations relating to park features and amenities?*

# Support for Master Plan Draft Recommendations: Stormwater Management and Lake Water Quality



Base: All respondents (n=1,035)

Please tell us your level of support for each recommendation in the table below.

*"Kudos for fixing the lake. Kudos! This needs to be addressed more than any of the other facilities."*

*"Lot level storm water controls are a great idea but not if it will cost a lot of money."*

*"Improve park drainage overall; the entire park is a mud pit for 10 months a year."*

*"Storm water will need filtering and cleaning before entering the lake and MONITORING and POSTING in real time the results of all testing will be important. As it sits, I would never swim in that water. I will need proof of how clean it is. So yes I love any attempts to clean it up!"*

*"Makes sense to capture park stormwater within the park, as it will be reasonably clean. But, treatment facilities for off-site stormwater will take up too much space (I know what I am talking about here)."*

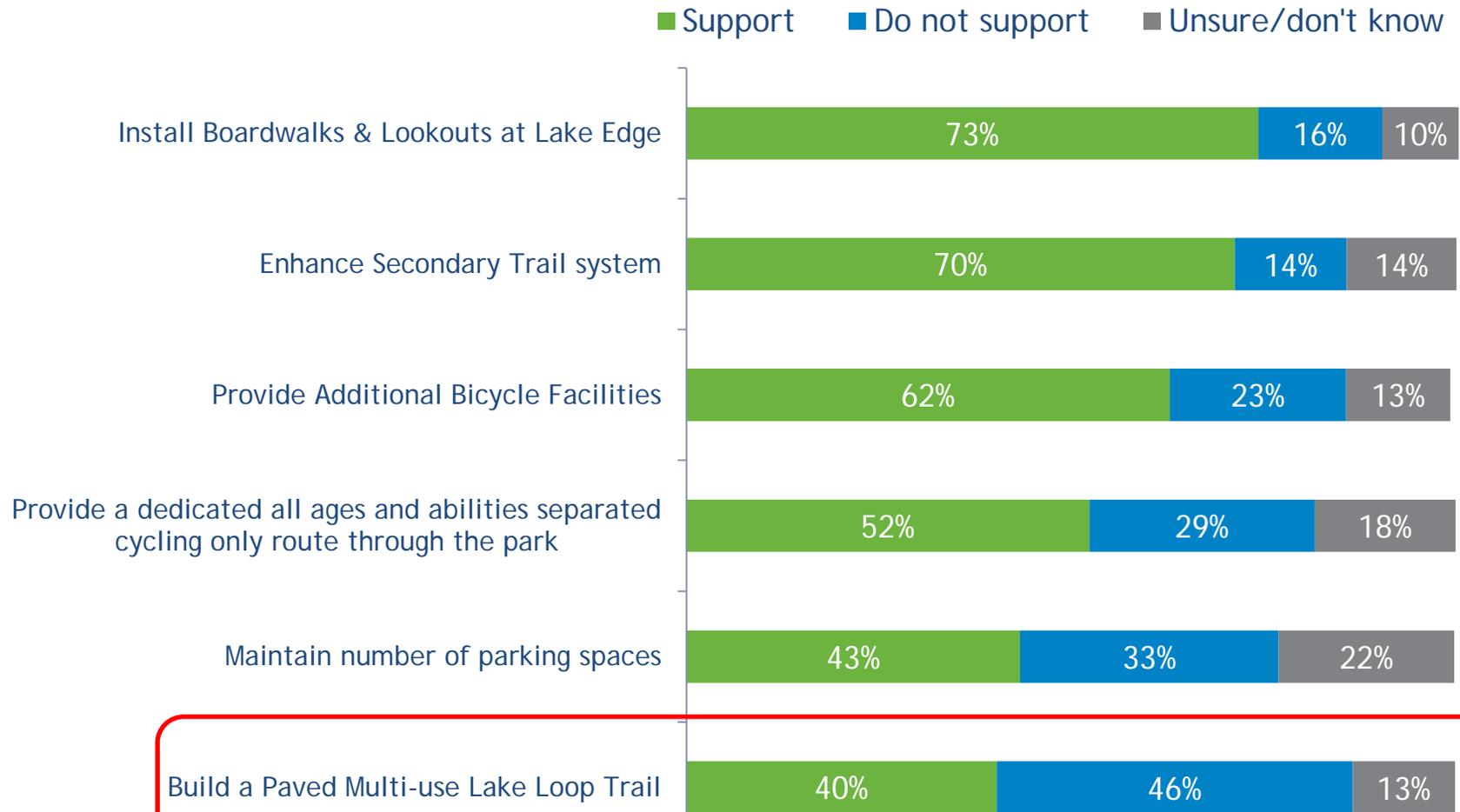
*"If you wanted to be a natural park, it should not be available for the public to swim in. There will be parasites from the birds that you cannot control and pumping more potable water I it will not solve it."*

*"I like that the area is a natural draw for water fowl and other birds. I don't think people need to be able to swim in this lake, if it would mean reducing the natural wildlife refuge."*

Base: All respondents (n=1,035)

*Do you have any comments about any of the proposed recommendations relating to storm water management and lake water quality?*

# Support for Master Plan Draft Recommendations: Pathways & Circulation



Base: All respondents (n=1,035)

Please tell us your level of support for each recommendation in the table below.

*"Taking parking away will only make parking and traffic on residential streets more of an issue than it already is."*

*"Even out secondary trails where required."*

*"Would love to see a paved or wooden walkway around the lake for pedestrians only, maybe a separate bike trail."*

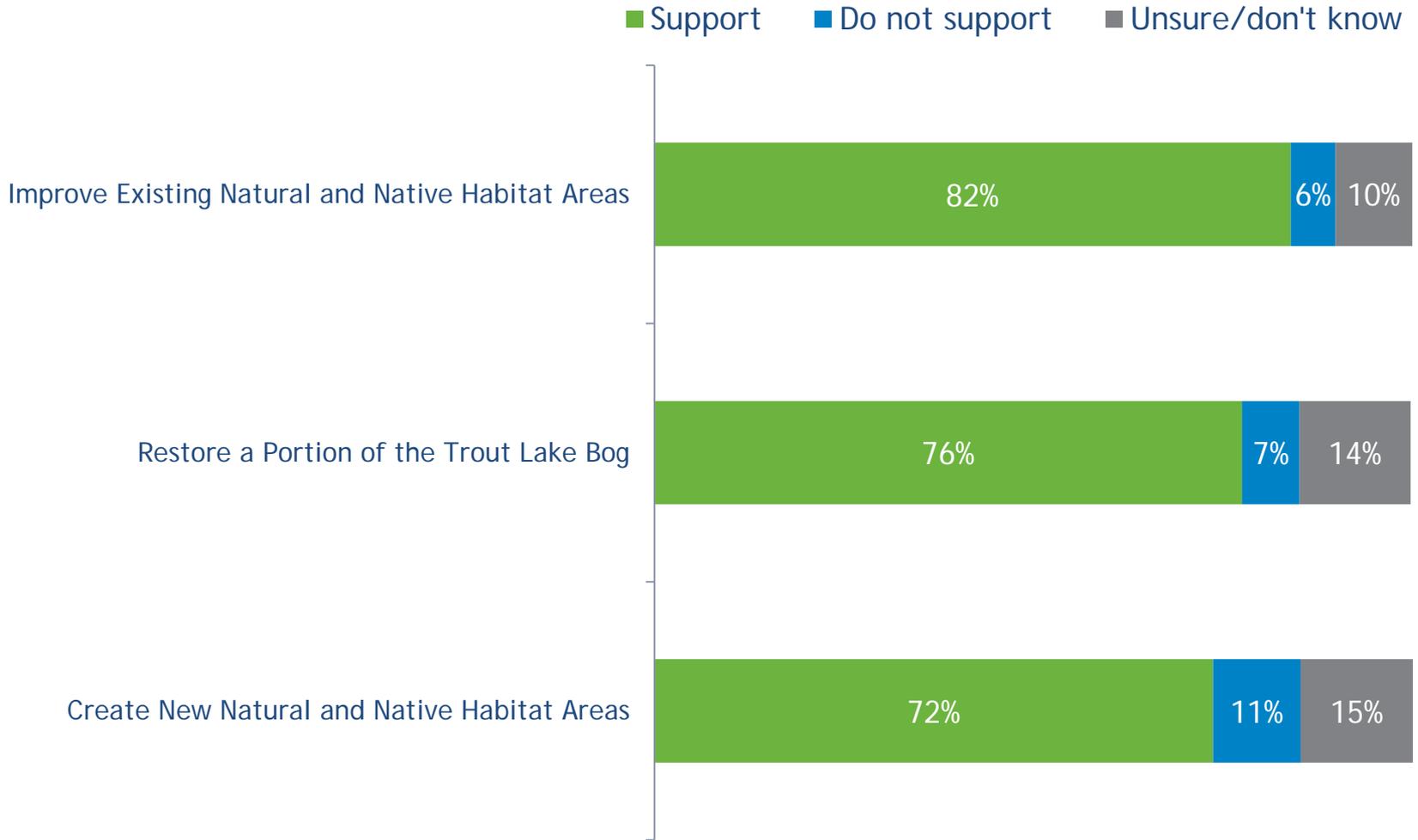
*"I am all for bike pumps and tools but doubt that the cycling community, of which I am part of, will use the storage or racks much."*

*"I think it's more important for the Lake Loop Trail to be accessible for pedestrians than cyclists. I support providing a cycling route through the park but I don't think it makes sense to try to mix cyclists and pedestrians on the Lake Loop."*

*"I am particularly excited about improved and additional boardwalks and lookouts."*

*"I like the current dirt multiuse loop trail. If a paved trail is added, I hope there can also be a softer trail alongside which would be better for running and walking on. Many people run around the lake and a softer trail is better for that."*

# Support for Master Plan Draft Recommendations: Natural Areas



Base: All respondents (n=1,035)

Please tell us your level of support for each recommendation in the table below.

*"This should be prioritized over more active recreation and built facilities. We have too little in the way of natural areas in East Van. This is what makes John Hendry Park special."*

*"A mix of wild and tended green spaces sounds wonderful. Something for everyone."*

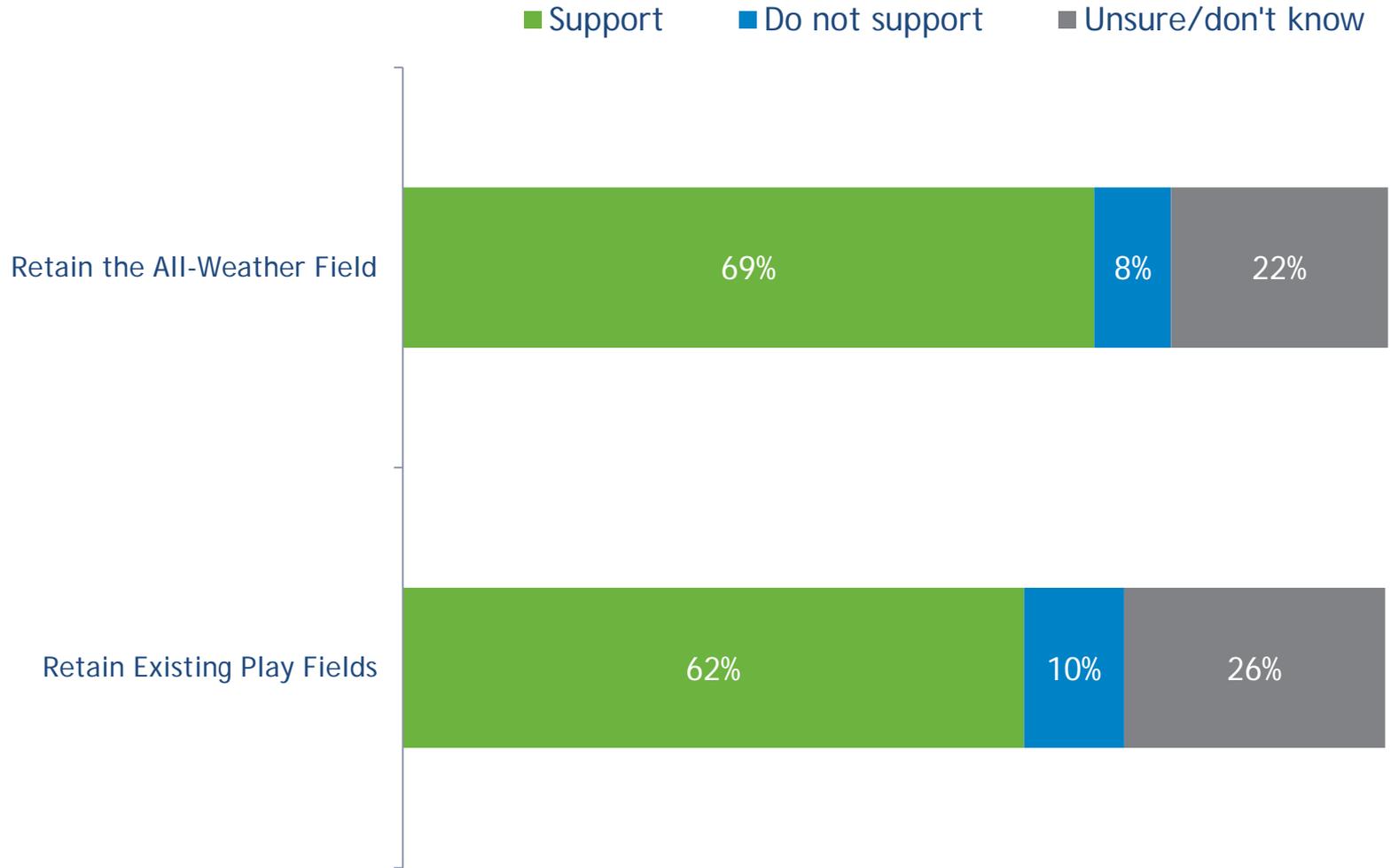
*"Does not sound like the park would have the same feel for casual everyday use if it became some sort of nature preserve. I want to be able to play with my dog or have a picnic with friends and not have to see a lot of "do not enter" signs and tons of blocked off areas."*

*"Community involvement projects for both restoration and maintenance. Love the native area to the NE. Could be more in SE or a community garden area?"*

*"The natural ecology of the lake, needs to be forefront of the plan."*

*"I think this is asking too much. Trout lake is one of the most gorgeous parks in Vancouver due to its bird population. Adding a whole area of soooo many more bio diversities is just too complicated and just makes everything way too busy. If people want a different landscape they can go to another park. Too many eggs in one basket."*

# Support for Master Plan Draft Recommendations: Playing Fields



Base: All respondents (n=1,035)

*Please tell us your level of support for each recommendation in the table below.*

## Comments About Playing Fields

*"I would like to see the lighting of the all-weather field redesigned so the lights only illuminate the field. The existing lights shine glare throughout the entire park. This actually makes it harder for people walking through the park to see what's around them."*

*"Several fields are rarely used and could be converted to gardens, picnic areas, trails, etc."*

*"The fields all seem to be set apart from the rest of the park. Make them more attractive with hedges or park benches. And open for use in the off season."*

*"Is it feasible to import fill to raise some of the playing fields as a way to manage the issues of having a park on peat deposits?"*

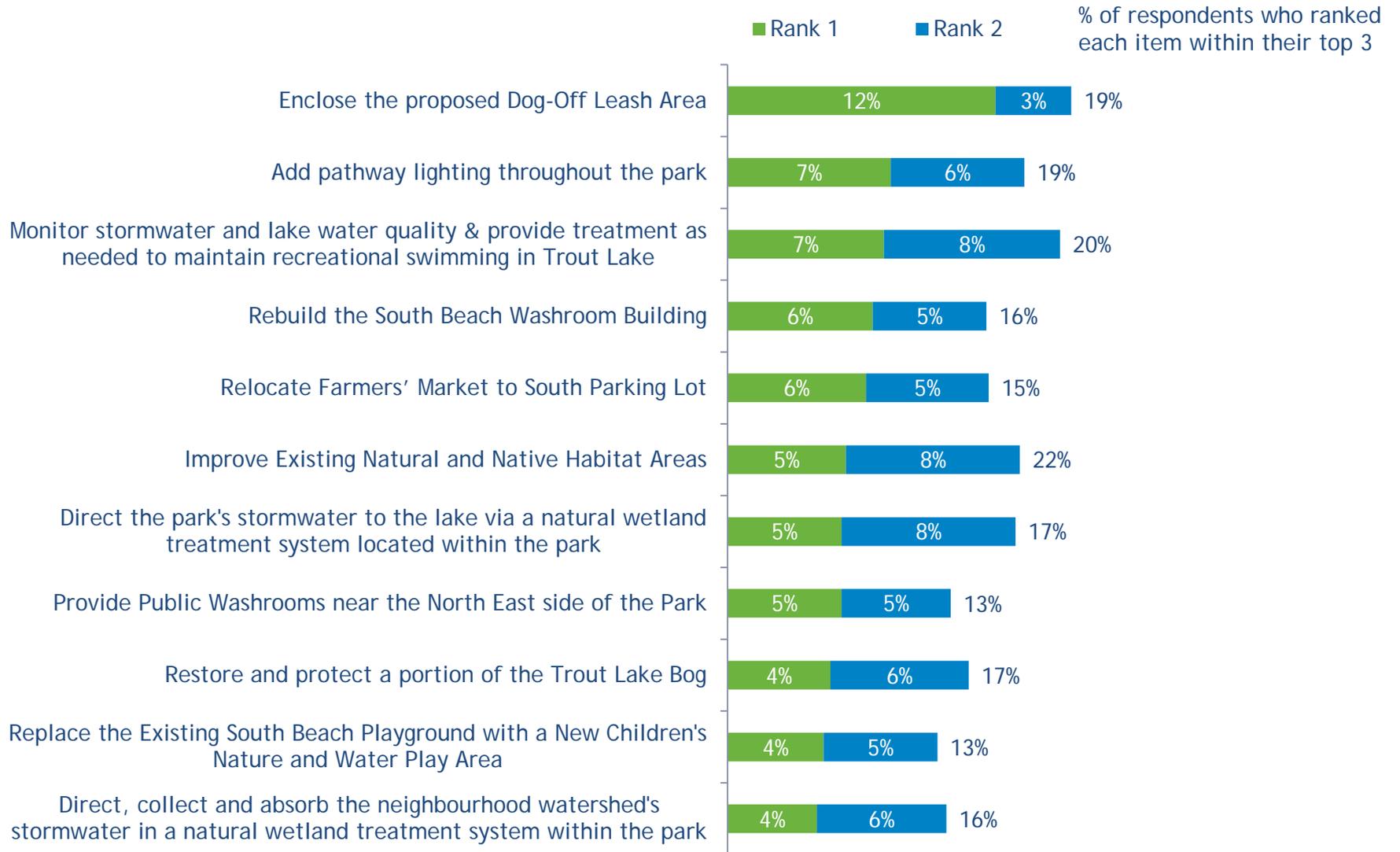
*"Don't want playing fields to be prioritized over natural spaces."*

*"The existing all-weather field should be relocated away from the parking lot. The north play field is always soggy and often flooded. Maybe this play field should go?"*

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Do you have any comments about any of the proposed recommendations relating to playing fields?

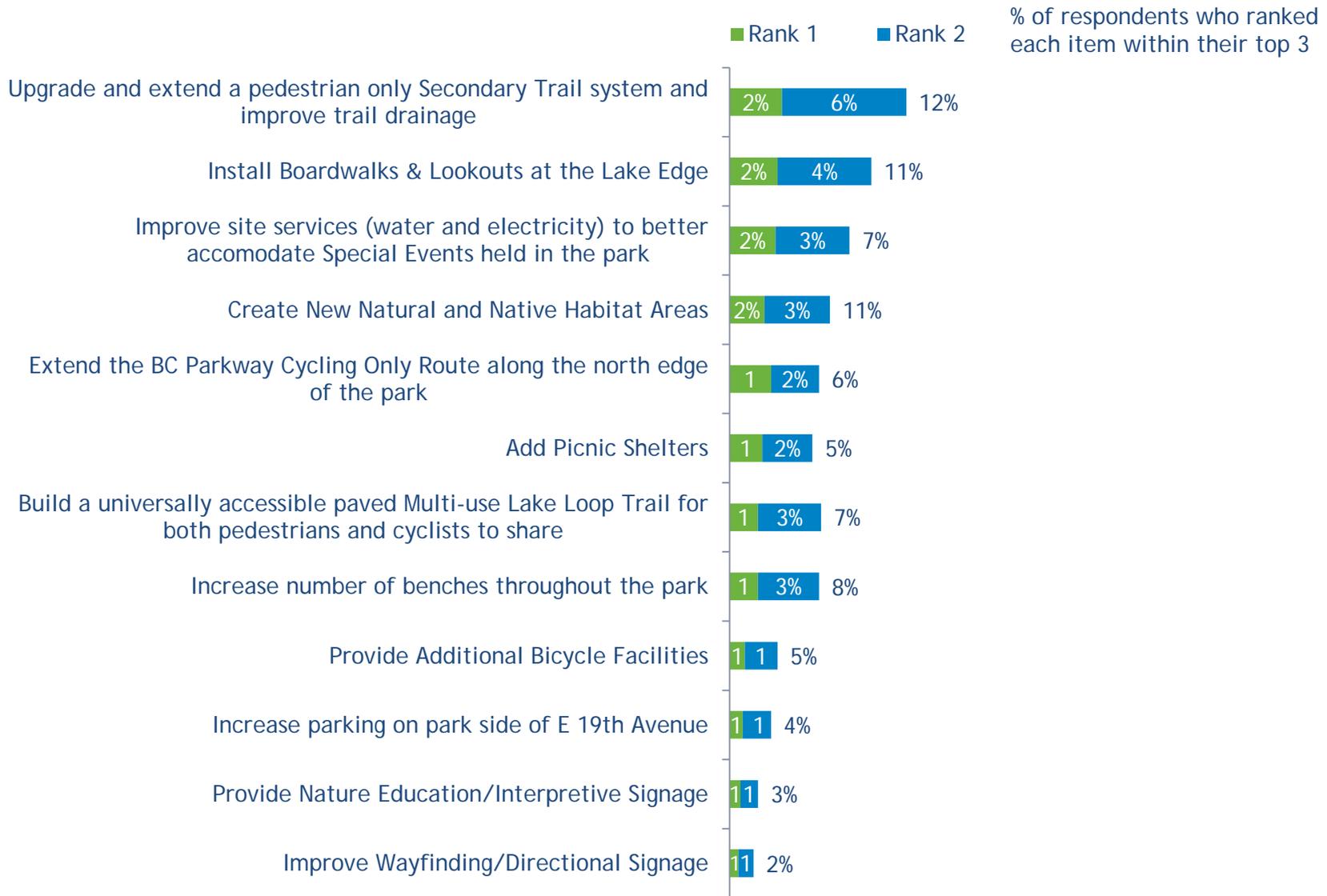
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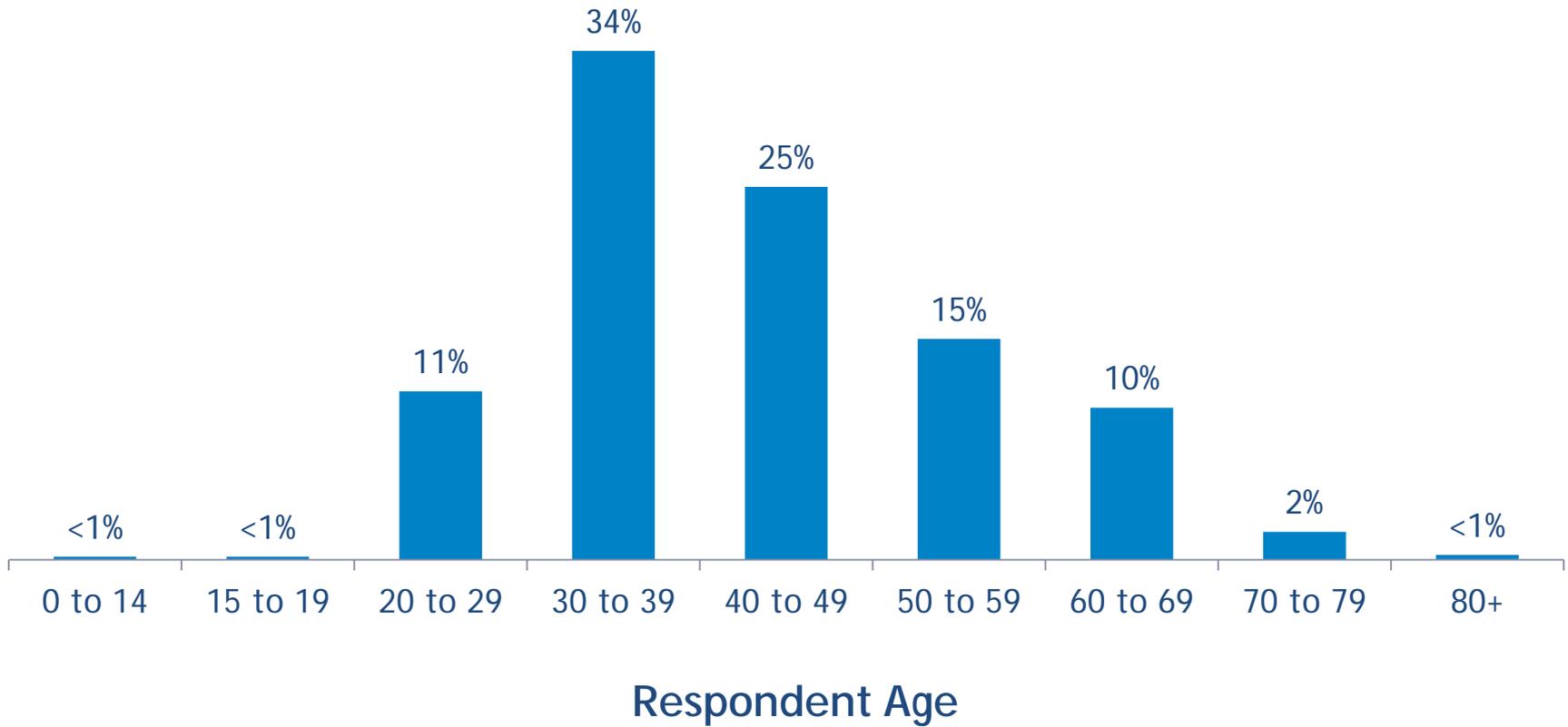
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# Demographics: Children in Household

% of respondents with children in household  
in the following age categories

