

SCOOP

Community Gardens, Winter Programming at the Wilderness Centre and 9-1-1 Service

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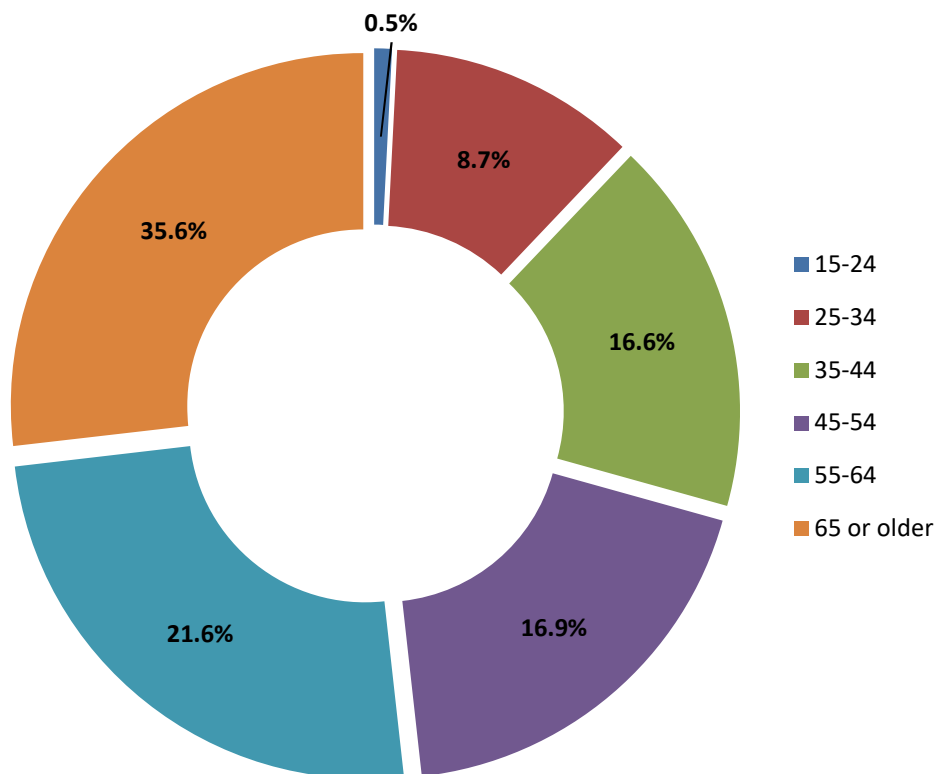
In Summer 2021, Strathcona County conducted a regular online survey as part of its Strathcona County Online Opinion Panel (SCOOP) initiative. This project consisted of different survey topics with a number of questions asked within each topic area. This survey was exclusive to residents who signed up to be part of SCOOP.

Survey Highlights

The Summer mixed-topic survey consisted of questions on community gardens, 9-1-1 service and winter programming at the Wilderness Centre. There were 412 responses to the mixed-topic survey.

WHO RESPONDED?

- 74% of the participants lived in Sherwood Park, 23.5% came from rural parts of Strathcona County, and the remaining 2.4% worked in Strathcona County but did not live there.
- 60.3% of the participants were female while 39.7% were male.
- The age group breakdown of the survey respondents is shown below.

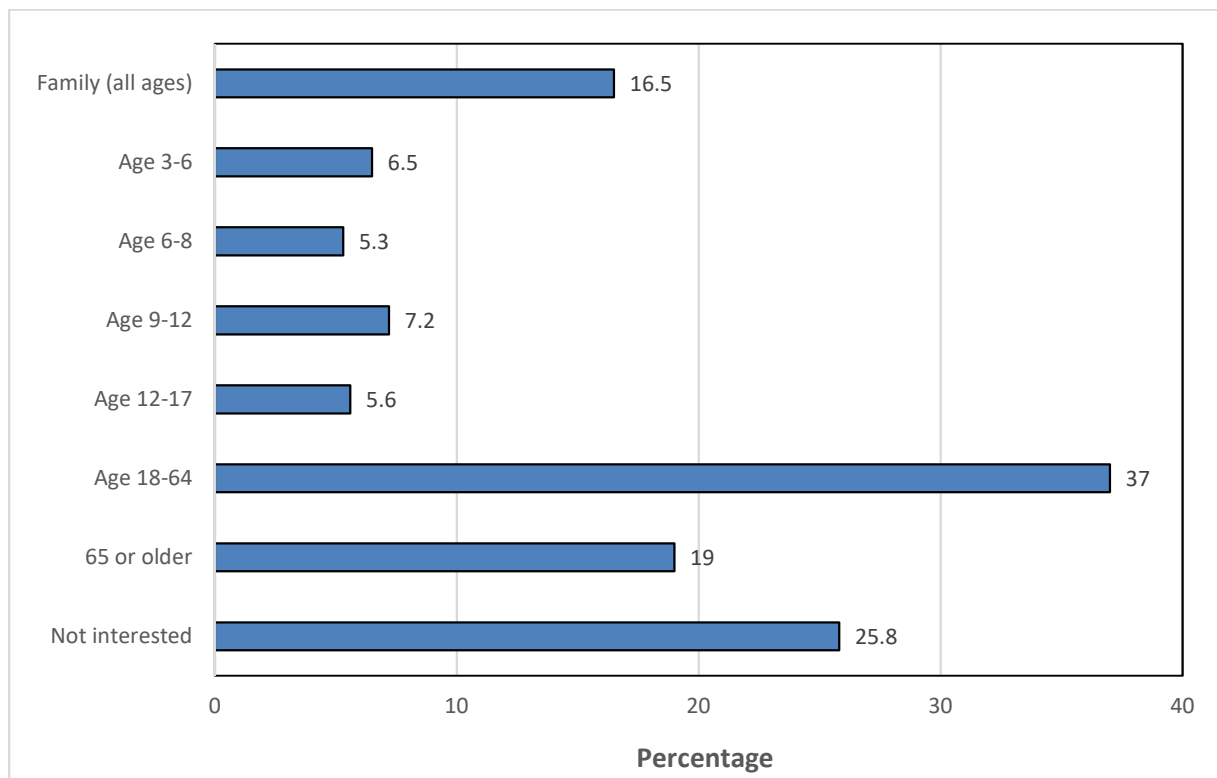


Community Gardens

- A series of questions were asked about the community gardens in Strathcona County. Overall, 61.8% indicated that they were trying to grow more food at home compared to what they did in previous years, while 20.2% said they were not, but were interested in doing so. The remaining 18% were not and had no interest in doing so. This pattern was almost identical when this question was asked in last year's survey.
- The majority of respondents were not interested in joining a community garden (51.6%). However, 17.2% were interested in doing so, while the remaining 31.2% were not sure. Again, these findings were almost identical when this question was asked in last year's survey.
- Respondents were also asked if they knew where to find information about joining a community garden in Strathcona County. Overall, 41.8% said yes, 34.3% said no, while the remaining 23.9% were not sure as they had not looked into this.

Winter programming at the Wilderness Centre

- Interest in programs was highest for family groupings, adults and seniors.



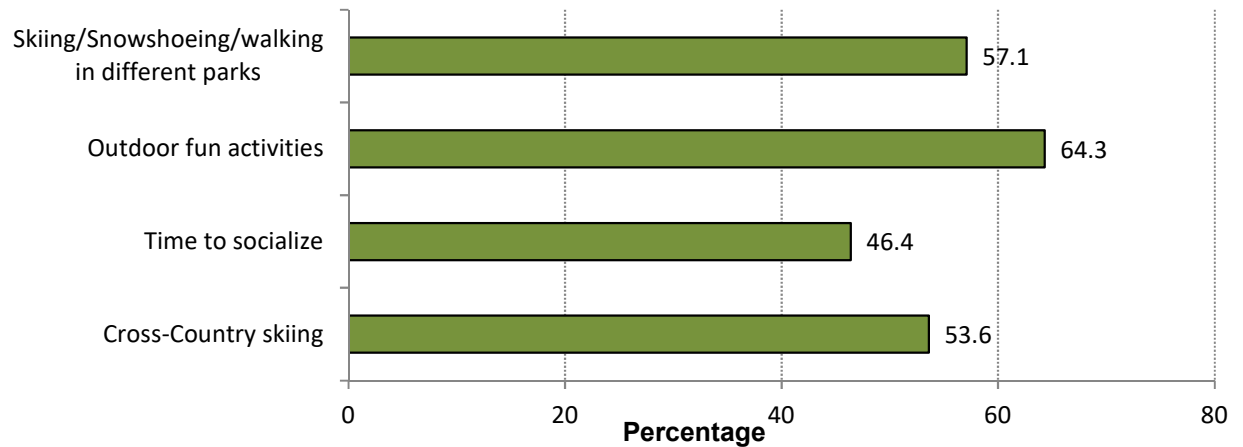
- A breakdown of preferred times for classes based on the type of registration can be found in Table 1. *For the family category, weekend time slots were preferred, particularly in the afternoons. This was also the case for most of the other age categories, with the exception of seniors, who favored weekday mornings and afternoons over other options.*

TABLE 1
Time preferred for programs based on age categories

	Family	Age 3-6	Age 6-8	Age 9-12	Age 12-17	Adults	Seniors (age 65+)
Weekday mornings	18.9%	4.8%	---	4.3%	11.1%	19.3%	31.1%
Weekday afternoons	13.2%	14.3%	5.9%	---	5.6%	17.6%	47.5%
Weekday evenings	17.0%	23.8%	35.3%	43.5%	27.8%	26.1%	1.6%
Saturday mornings	41.5%	66.7%	58.8%	26.1%	22.2%	35.3%	8.2%
Saturday afternoons	56.6%	66.7%	64.7%	69.6%	50.0%	51.3%	16.7%
Sunday mornings	41.5%	66.7%	35.3%	39.1%	22.2%	37.0%	6.6%
Sunday afternoons	50.9%	57.1%	64.7%	60.9%	50.0%	50.4%	18.0%
Not sure	26.4%	9.5%	23.5%	8.7%	33.3%	13.4%	23.0%

- With respect to frequency of classes, a strong majority favored once a week (82.2%) rather than twice a week (13.7%).
- Respondents who had children registered in cross-country ski classes varied on what they would like to do while the class was in session – 33.6% would take a personal ski lesson; 32.7% would do a ski/snowshoe recreational time and 33.6% would take time for themselves during that time or do other things.
- Respondents were also asked if they would be interested in adult only and/or family events with opportunities for skiing, wine, beer, and food trucks at Strathcona Wilderness Centre or at the Broadmoor Public Golf Course. Support for this idea decreased as the age of the individual increased – 88% of those aged 15-34 liked this, compared to 75.5% in the 35-64 age bracket and 54.3% of seniors.

- Interest in tween/teen programs were minimal, though those who were interested favored co-ed opportunities. A breakdown of preferred options is shown below.



9-1-1 Service

- Respondents were initially asked what they would do if they dialed 911 by mistake. Most (81.4%) would stay on the line until it was answered by a dispatcher to tell them they dialed it by accident; 10.8% didn't know what to do; 7.6% would just hang up when they realized they had done this (before talking to a dispatcher), while a very small percentage (0.8%) would call 911 again to tell them they accidentally called the number just before.
- Respondents were also asked if there was a difference between calling 911 on a cellphone compared to doing this on a landline phone. Overall, 37.5% said yes; 33% said no and 29.6% didn't know.

What's Next?

The SCOOP Mixed Topic Surveys usually run monthly and cover a variety of topics. Our next Mixed Topic Survey results will feature topics covered in our September 2021 release.