

SCOOP

Community gardens, youth spaces and parent resources

DATE: **Summer 2019**



During the Summer 2019, Strathcona County conducted another 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.

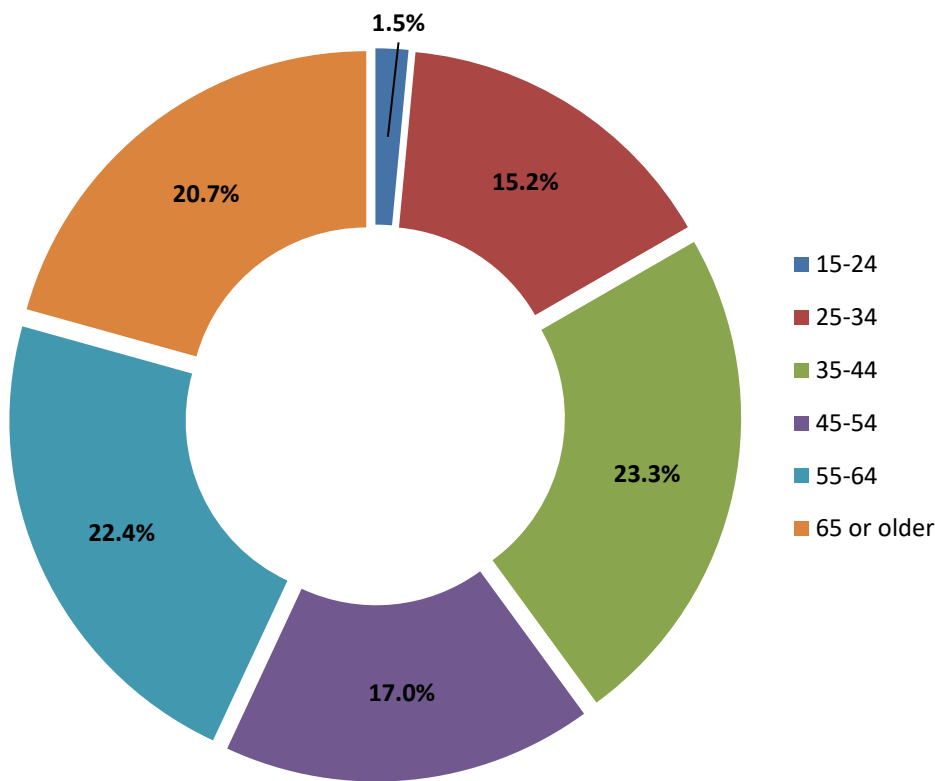
This survey was exclusive to residents who signed up to be part of SCOOP.

Survey Highlights

The summer 2019 mixed-topic survey consisted of questions on community gardens, youth spaces and parent resources. There were 336 responses to the mixed-topic survey.

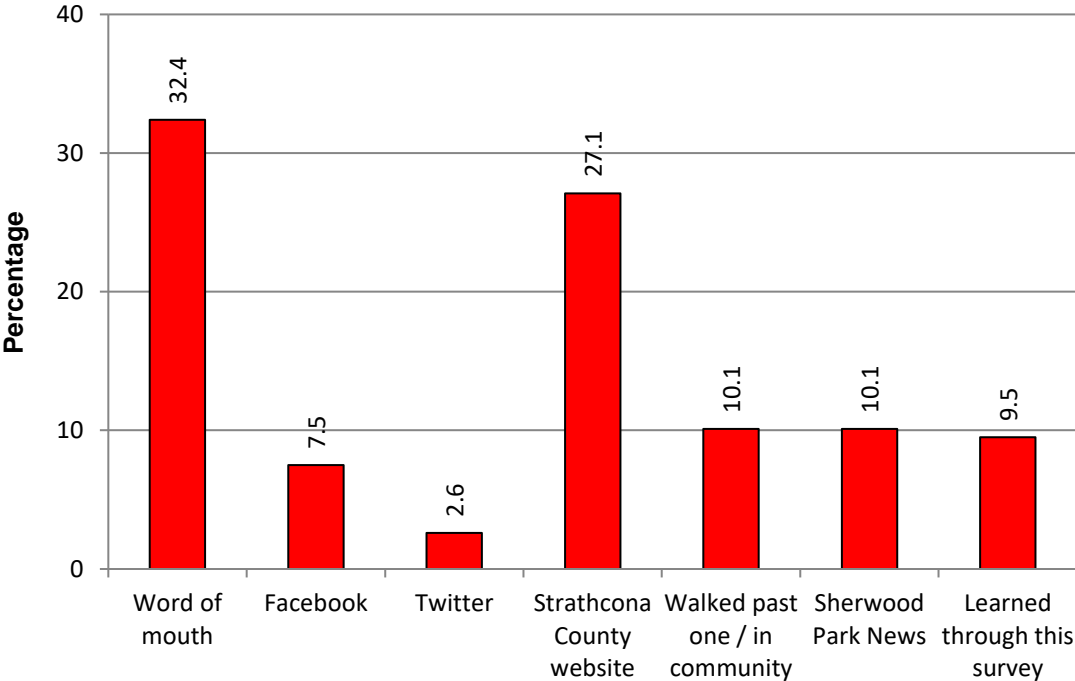
WHO RESPONDED?

- 77.1% of the participants lived in the Sherwood Park, 17.6% came from rural parts of Strathcona County, and the remaining 5.4% worked in Strathcona County but did not live there.
- The age group breakdown of the survey respondents is shown below.



COMMUNITY GARDENS

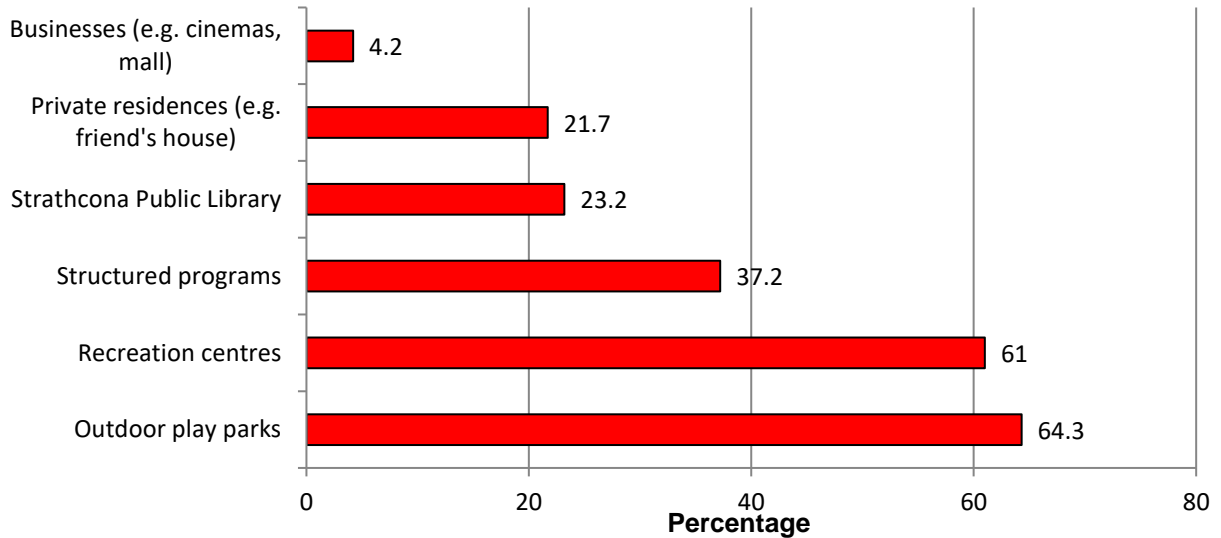
- 65.4% were aware that Strathcona County had a community garden program.
- The way that people heard about the program is depicted below.



- 4.3% indicated that they would be interested in joining an existing community garden. Most (60.9%) were not, while 32.5% would consider it after receiving additional information. The other 2.3% of respondents indicated that they were already members of a community garden.
- 4.3% indicated that they would be interested in starting a new community garden. Most (79.7%) were not, while 15.9% would consider it after receiving additional information.

YOUTH SPACES

- There were a variety of places that youth could potentially go to spend their time during the summer months. The places that respondents thought that youth should go is depicted below.



- “The Slab,” a County initiative started in 2018 and run in 2019 by the Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County was also specifically mentioned by a handful of people.

PARENT RESOURCES

- One question was asked about awareness of a parent resource workshop called Junior High Journey, aimed at supporting children’s transition from elementary to junior high school. Overall:
 - 5.2% knew about the program because they had attended the workshop in the past;
 - 2.8% were planning to attend the workshop;
 - 10.7% did not know about the workshop, but would like more information about it; and
 - 81.3% were either not interested in the workshop or felt it was not applicable to them.

What’s Next?

The SCOOP Mixed Topic Surveys usually run monthly and cover a variety of topics. The results from the September 2019 survey will be released shortly.