

Kenmore Field Conversion Project

Engagement #1 Summary: July 11, 2024 – August 2, 2024



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Who Participated?

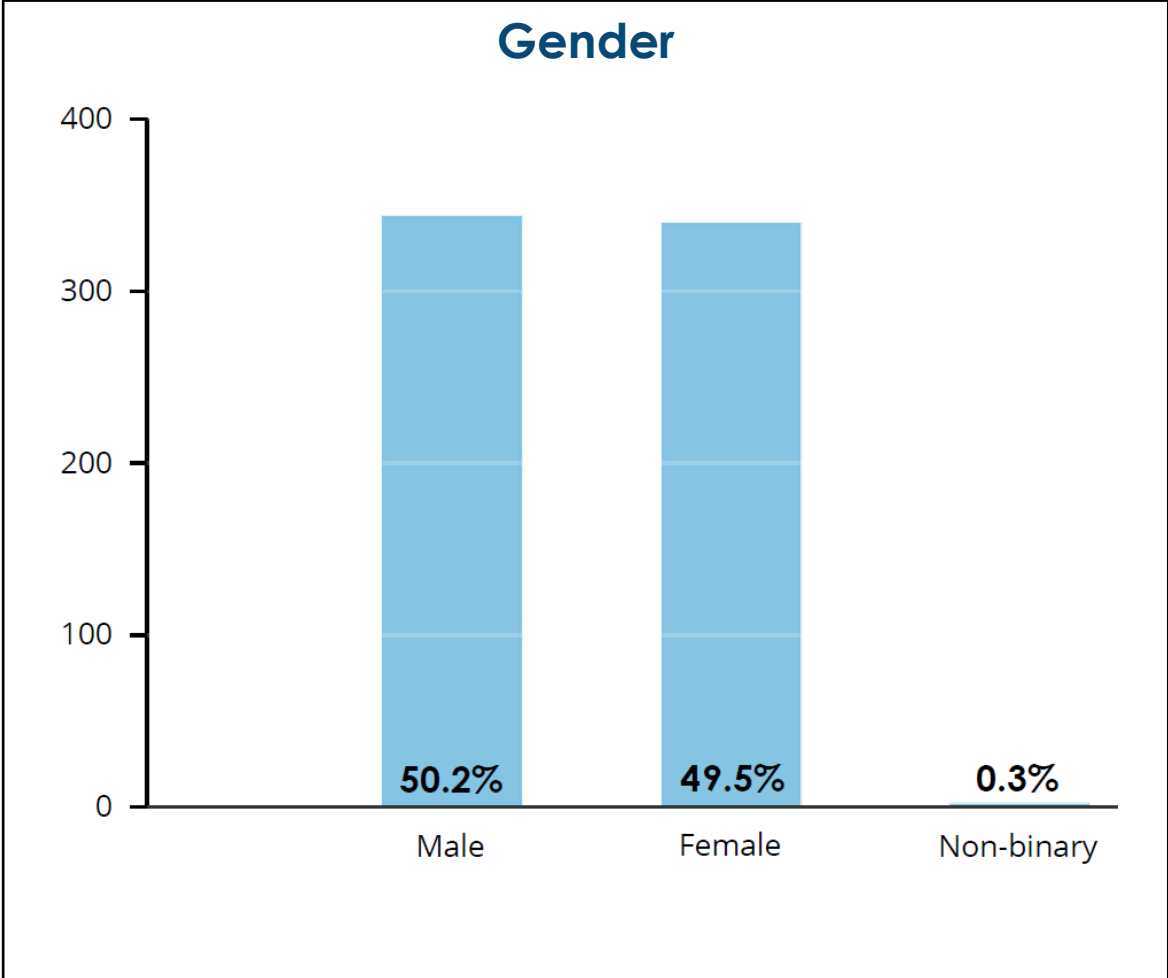
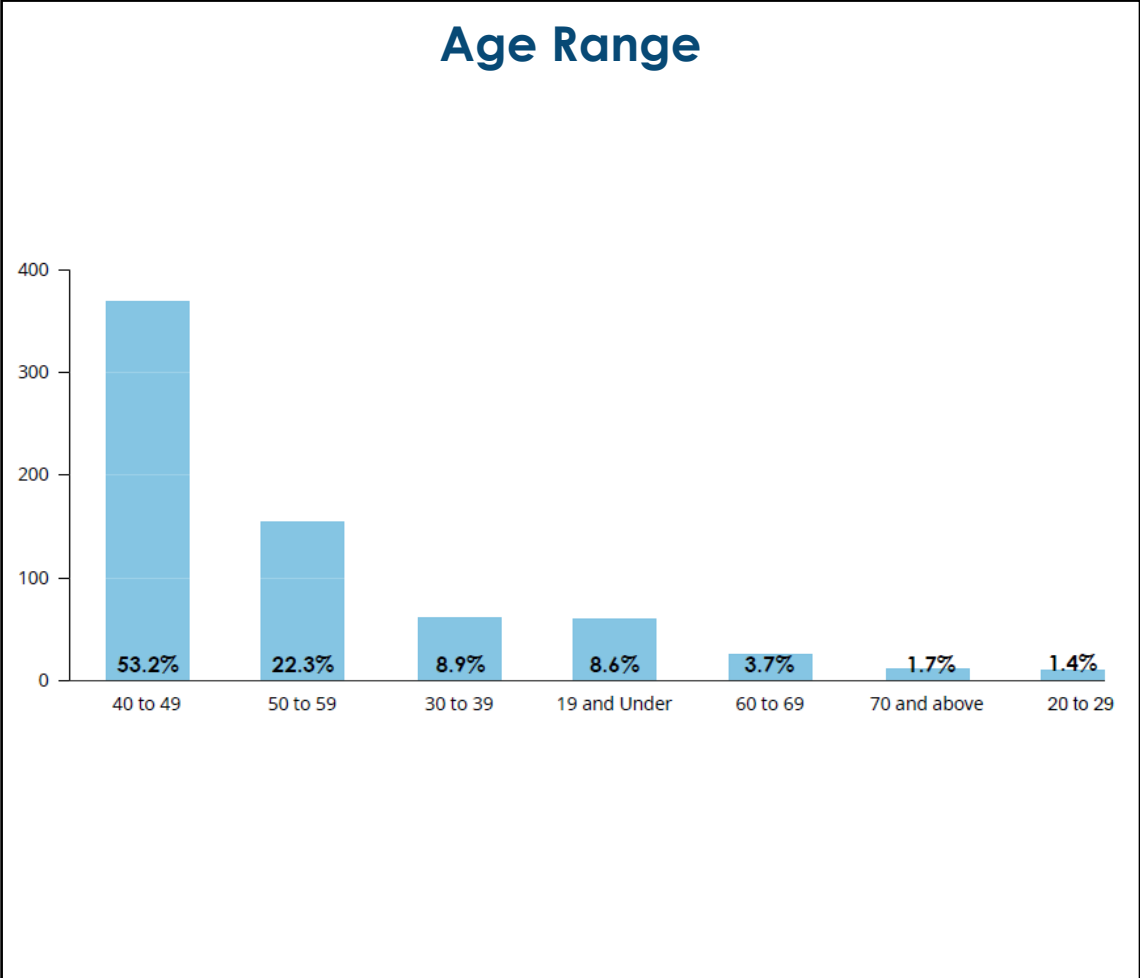
779 Participants



ONLINE FEEDBACK FORM

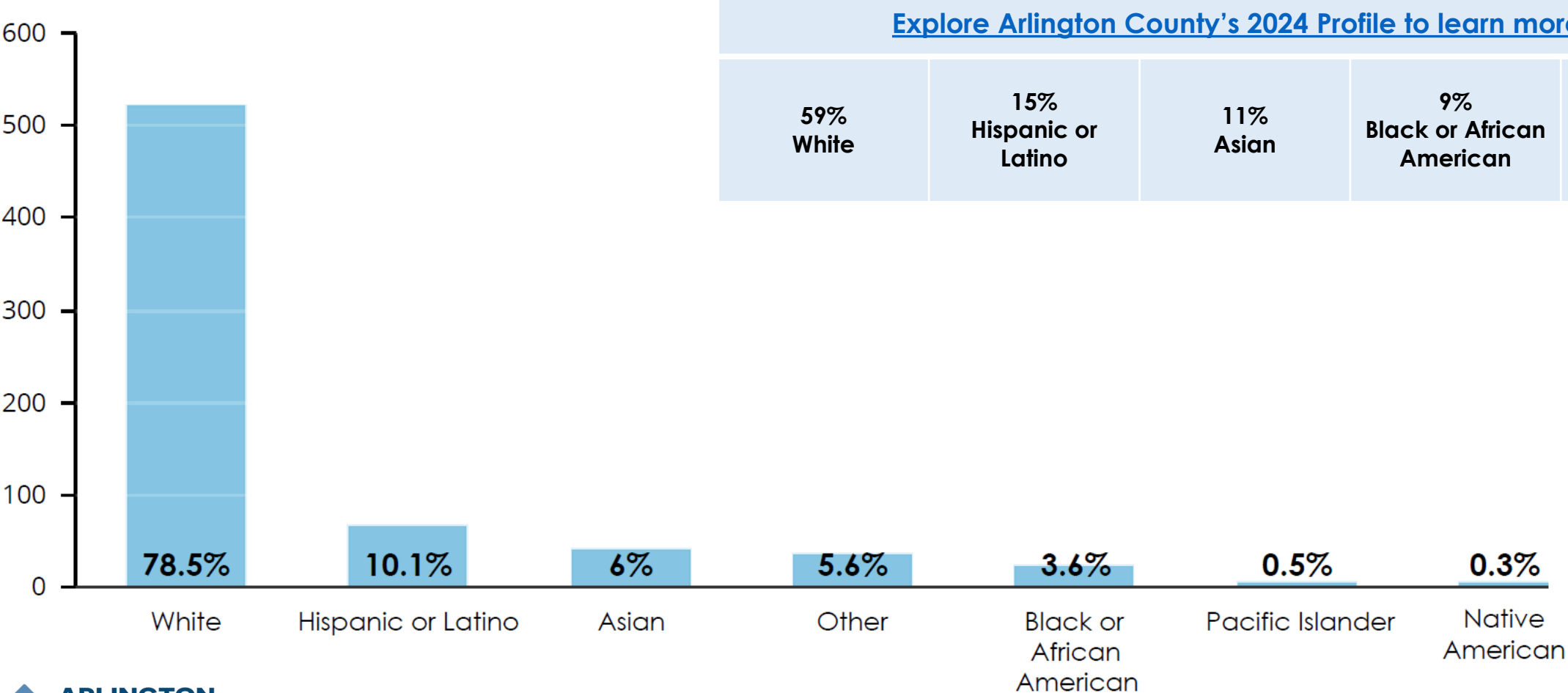
Through these responses, we received 573 comments

Who Participated: Online



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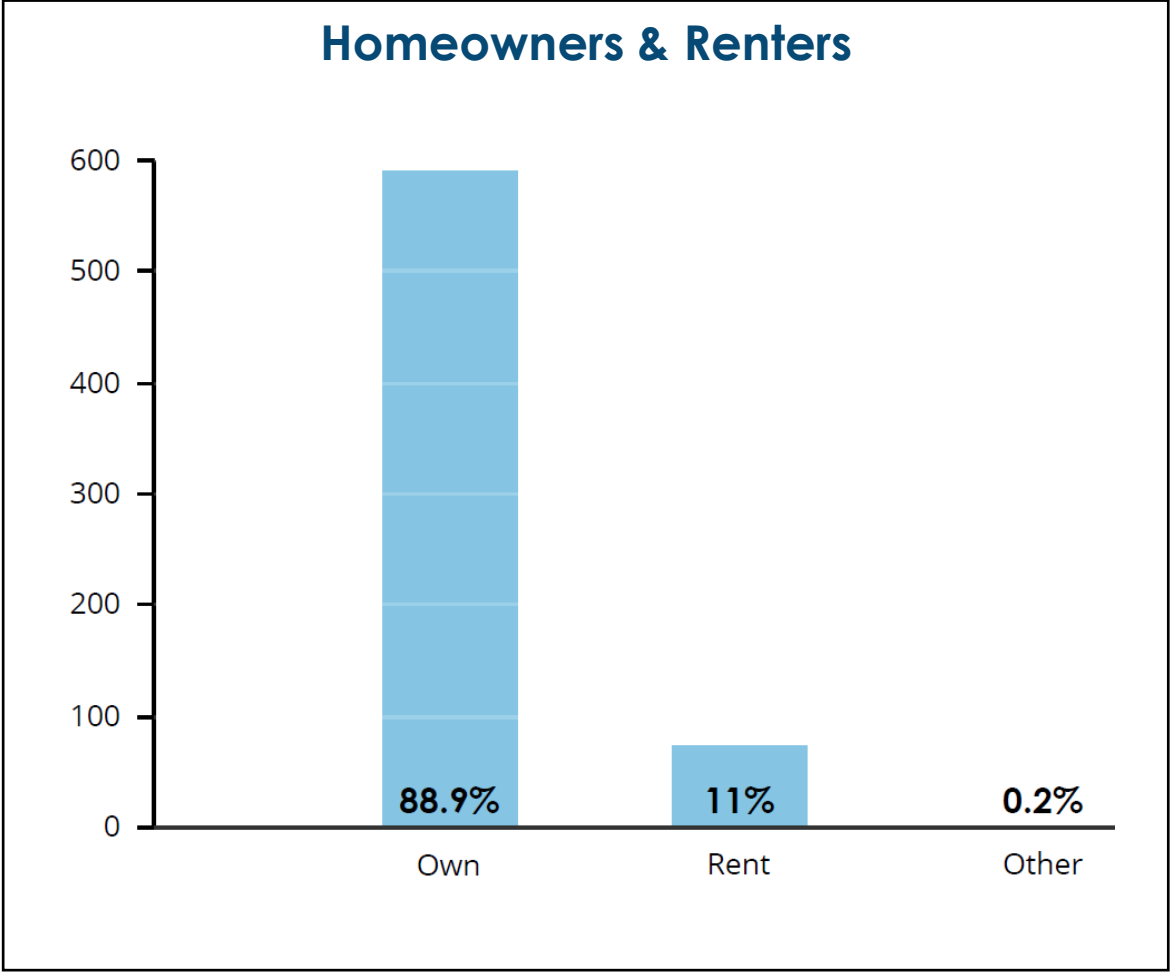
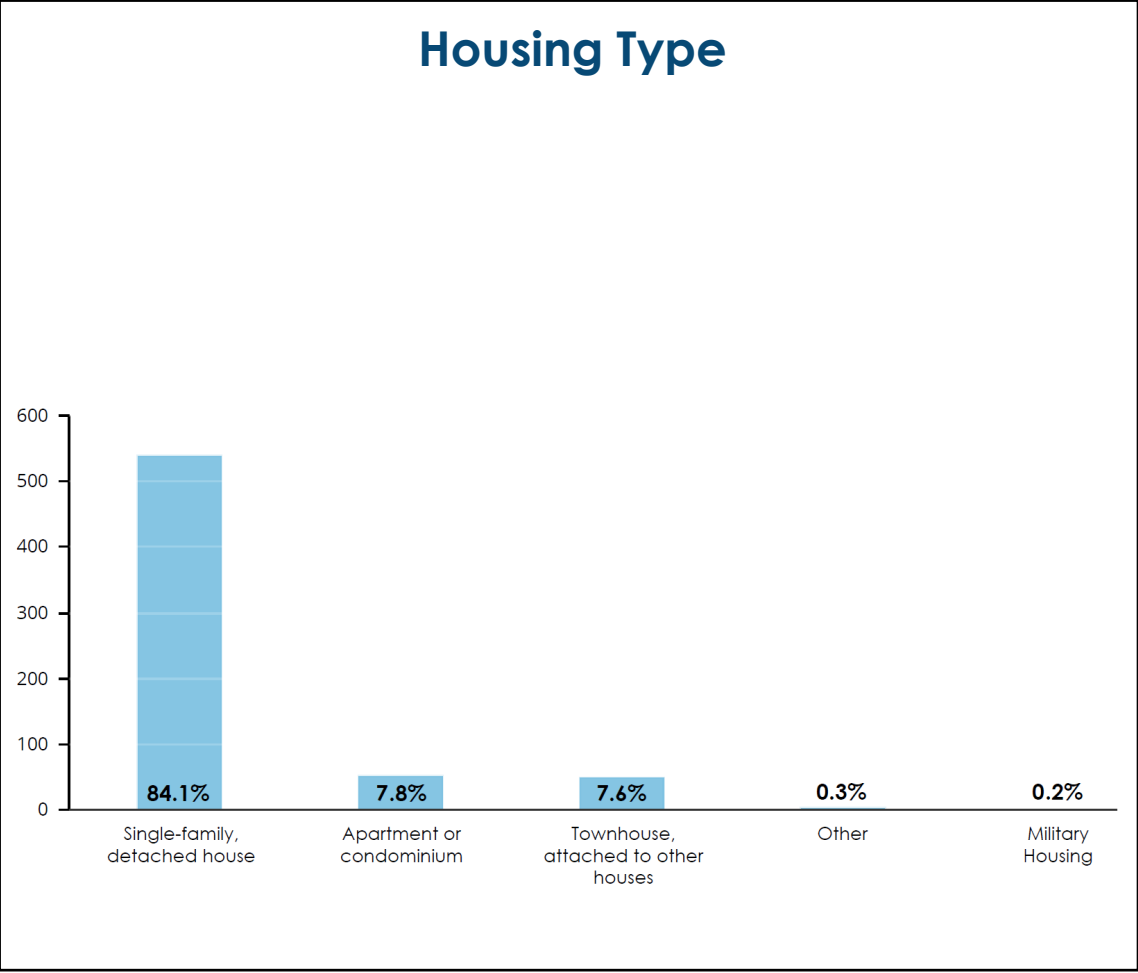
Race/Ethnicity



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59% White	15% Hispanic or Latino	11% Asian	9% Black or African American	0.1% Pacific Islander
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Neighborhoods

Respondents live in 57 out of 62 Arlington neighborhoods.

Top Neighborhood Responses

9% Glencarlyn

6% Arlington East Falls Church

6% Bluemont

ZIP Code

Respondents live in all Arlington ZIP Codes and some ZIP Codes from neighboring jurisdictions.

Top ZIP Code Responses

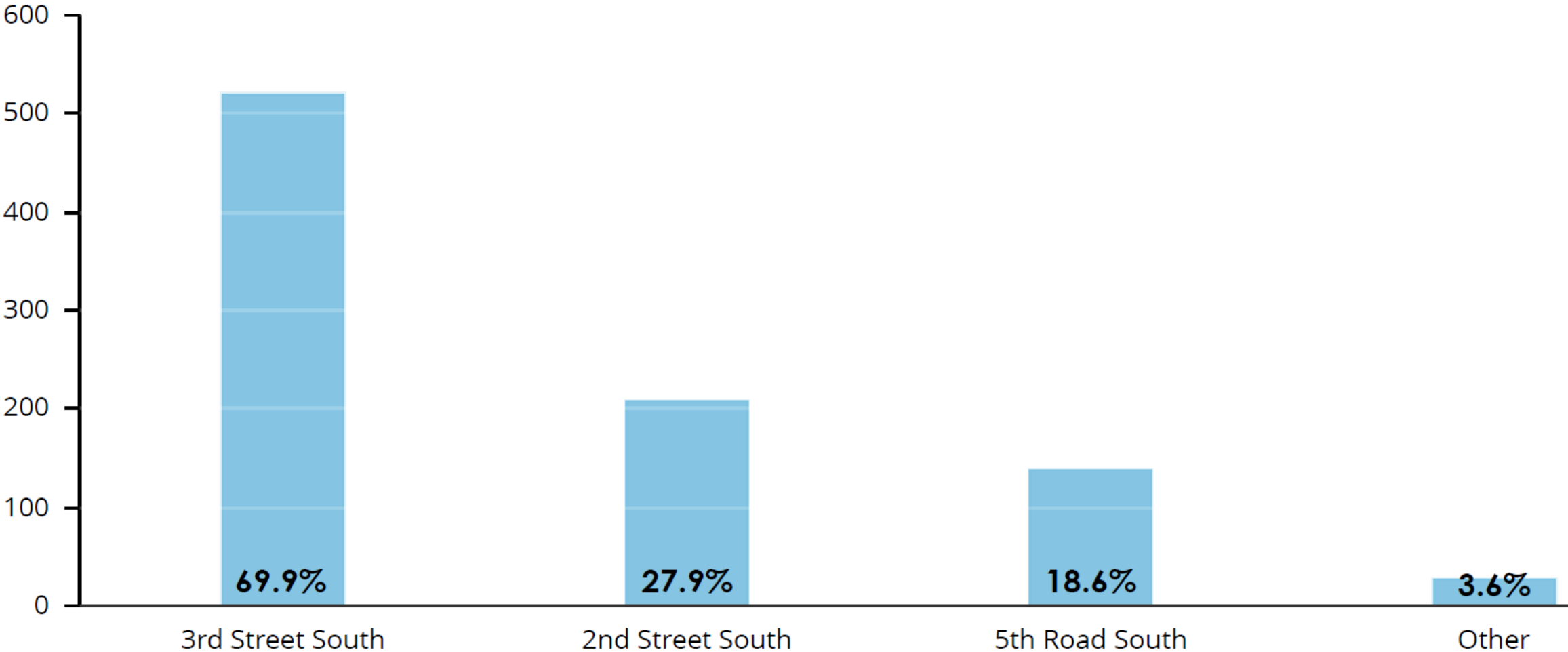
28% 22207

25% 22204

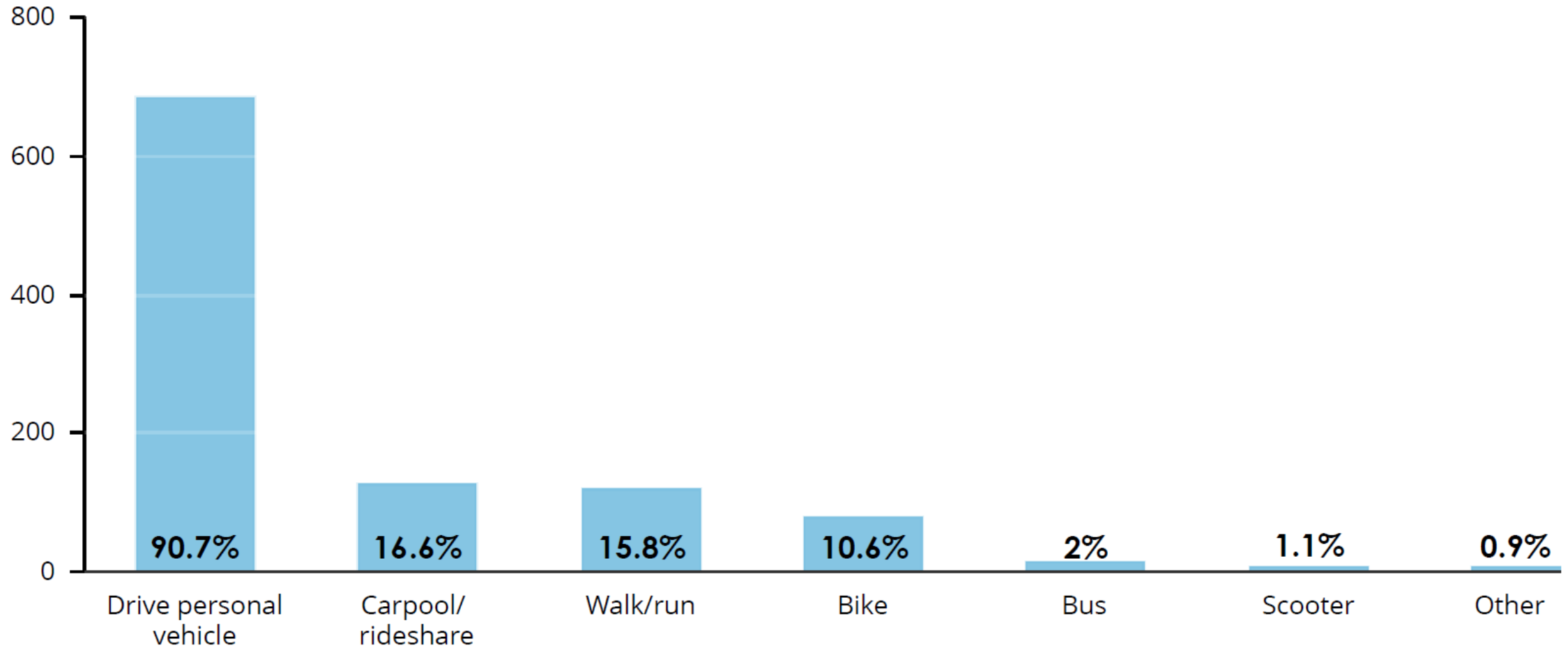
17% 22205

What entry point do you currently use to access the site?

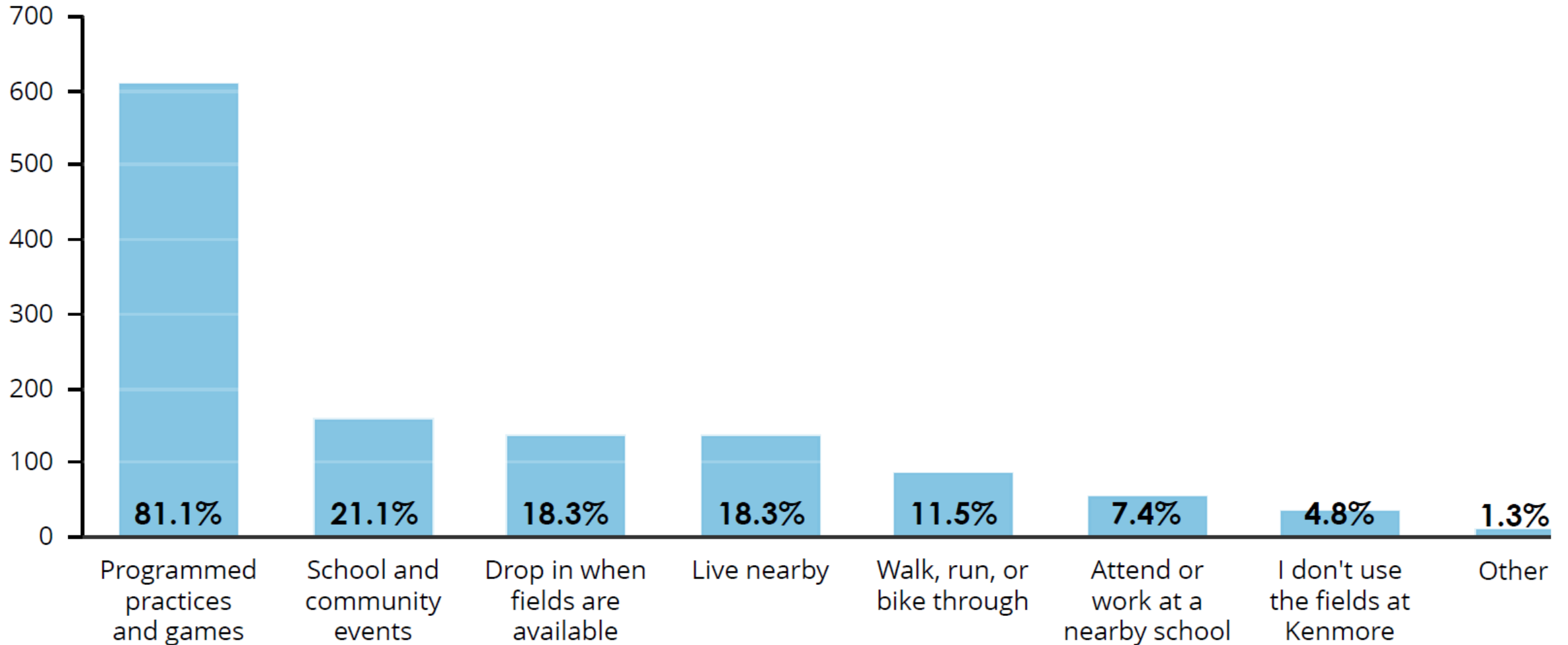
(select all that apply)



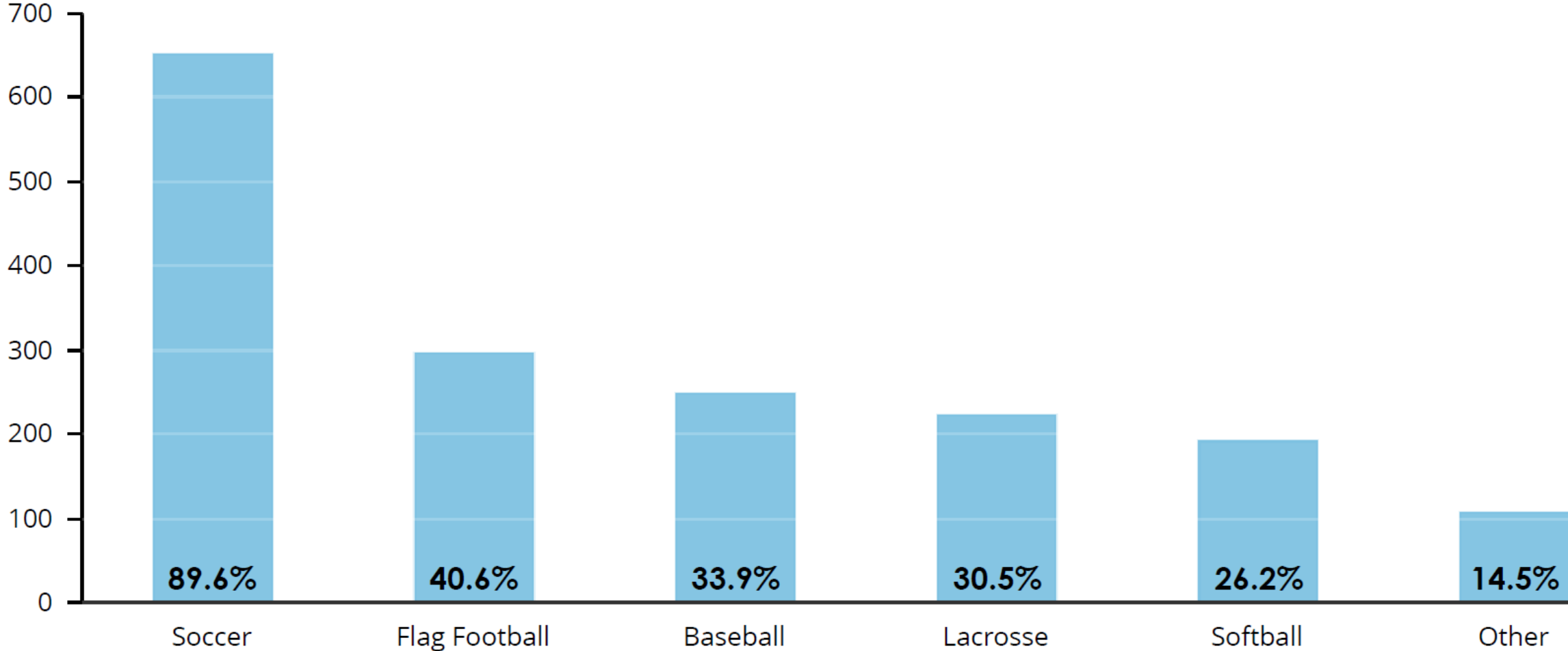
What mode of transportation do you use to get to the Kenmore fields? (select all that apply)



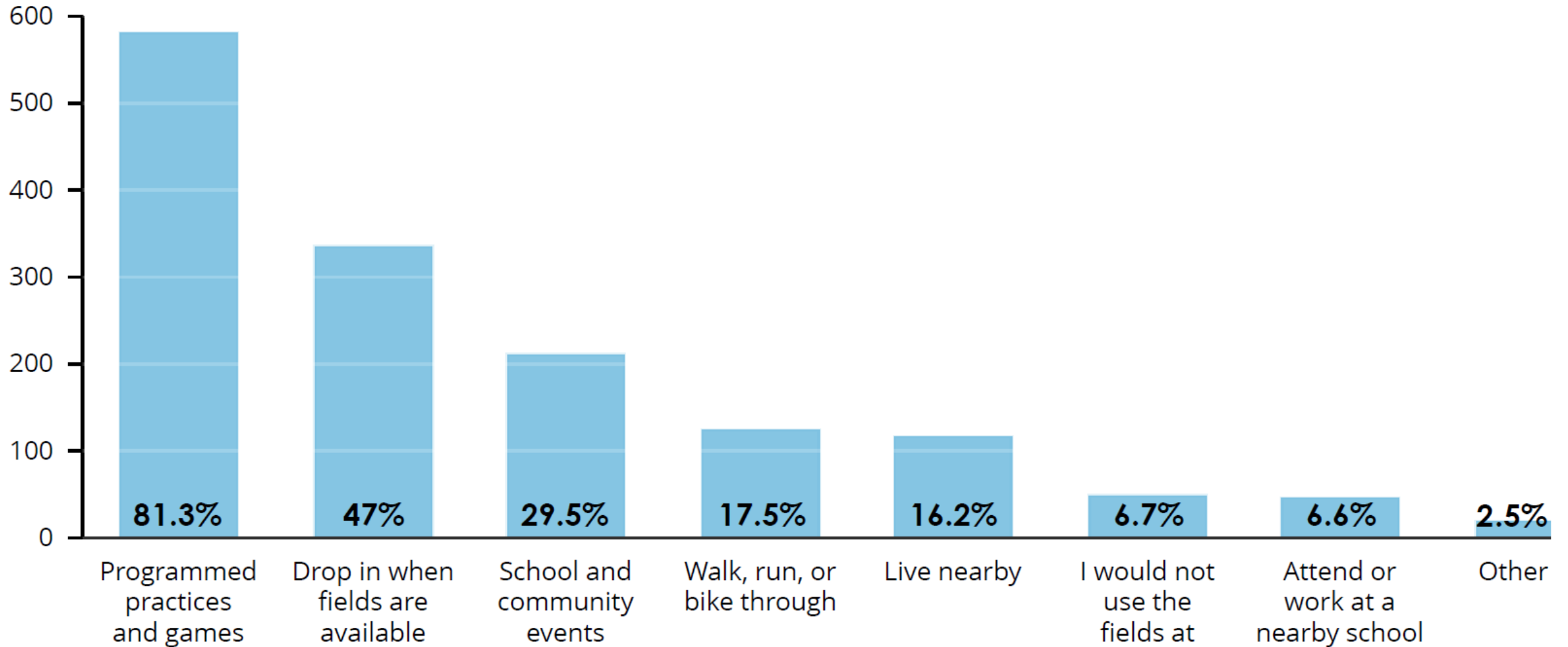
How do you or your family members currently use Kenmore fields? (select all that apply)



Once the Kenmore fields are converted to synthetic turf, what sports do you envision being played at the site? (select all that apply)



Once the Kenmore fields are converted to synthetic turf, how else do you and your family members hope to use this site? (select all that apply)



Please use the space below to expand on any thoughts or share any additional considerations that were not reflected in your responses above.

All 290 open-ended comments were quantified by tagging each with themes. The most common themes are included in the table below. You can also [read all comments](#) online.

Theme	Support for the Project	Concerns about Synthetic Turf	Confusion about “Dirt” on the Rectangular Field
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many commenters shared their support for the Kenmore Field Conversion Project.• Comments cited synthetic turf as a solution for cancellations or postponements, additional field opportunities for practices and games, and reduced maintenance costs as reasons for support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many respondents expressed concerns over the conversion from natural grass to turf.• Most concerns were about potential health impacts focused on athlete safety, sustainable materials, and playing surface temperature during warmer months.• A few comments noted the messiness of turf as a negative impact.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Several responses asked why a dirt infield for the baseball field would be included in the middle of the rectangular fields. These commenters felt like the dirt infield would lead to cancellations in rainy conditions or create safety issues for athletes.

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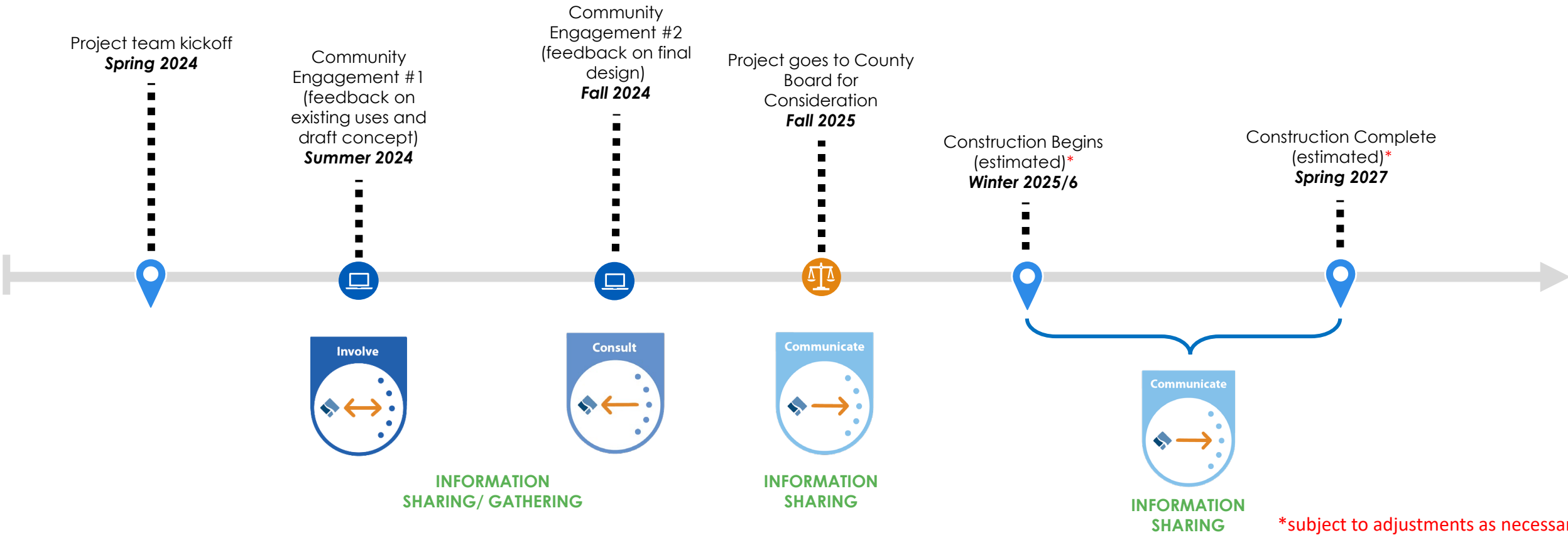
Theme	Traffic and Parking Concerns	Ultimate Frisbee Should be Included in Kenmore Planning	Other Themes
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several responses identified arrival and departure at Kenmore as key issues that the project should address. Many current users struggle to exit the Kenmore site as the traffic light at 3rd Street S / Carlin Springs Rd. makes it very difficult to turn left towards Route 50. Parking was also a key consideration for commenters. Maximizing event parking so that spillover does not impact neighbors on 2nd Street or other nearby roads is critical. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A few comments expressed concern that ultimate frisbee was not included as an option on an engagement question. These comments explained that field space is difficult to find in Arlington and that ultimate frisbee players rely on the Kenmore field for play opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some commenters requested that new materials are used to reduce the temperature on the Kenmore turf fields. A few respondents felt like mixing baseball and soccer into “hybrid” fields lessens the benefit for both user groups. A few requests for extended fencing and netting to protect crowd members and cars in nearby parking lots.


Kenmore Conversion Project

Origin:


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 **Online Feedback**
(e.g. questionnaire, feedback form, etc.)

 **In-Person Engagement and Pop-Ups**
(e.g. community meeting, roundtable, tabling, walking/bus tour, deliberative dialogue, etc.)

 **Virtual Meeting**
(e.g., TEAMS, TEAMS live, Zoom, etc.)

 **County Board Engagement**
(e.g. public hearing, Board work session, open door Monday, commission meeting, etc.)

 **Key Milestone**