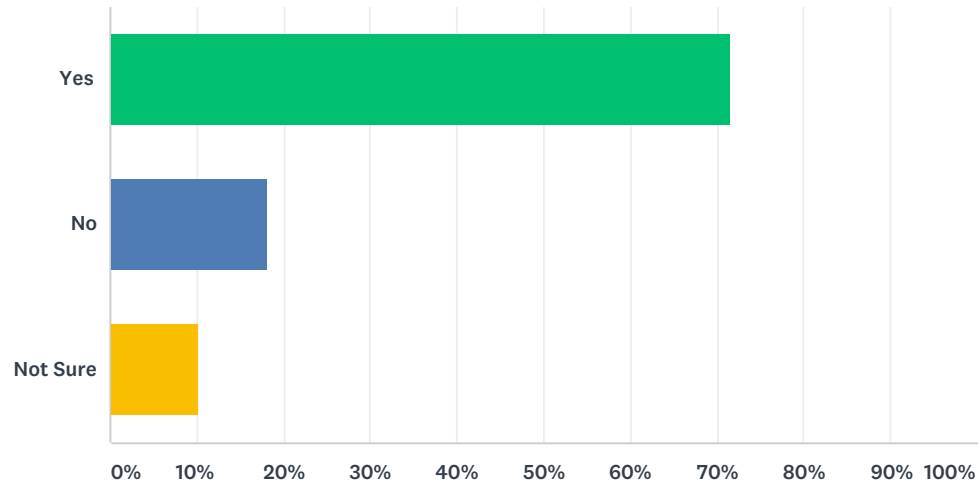


Q1 In your opinion, should municipal governments continue to provide discounts to seniors regardless of income?

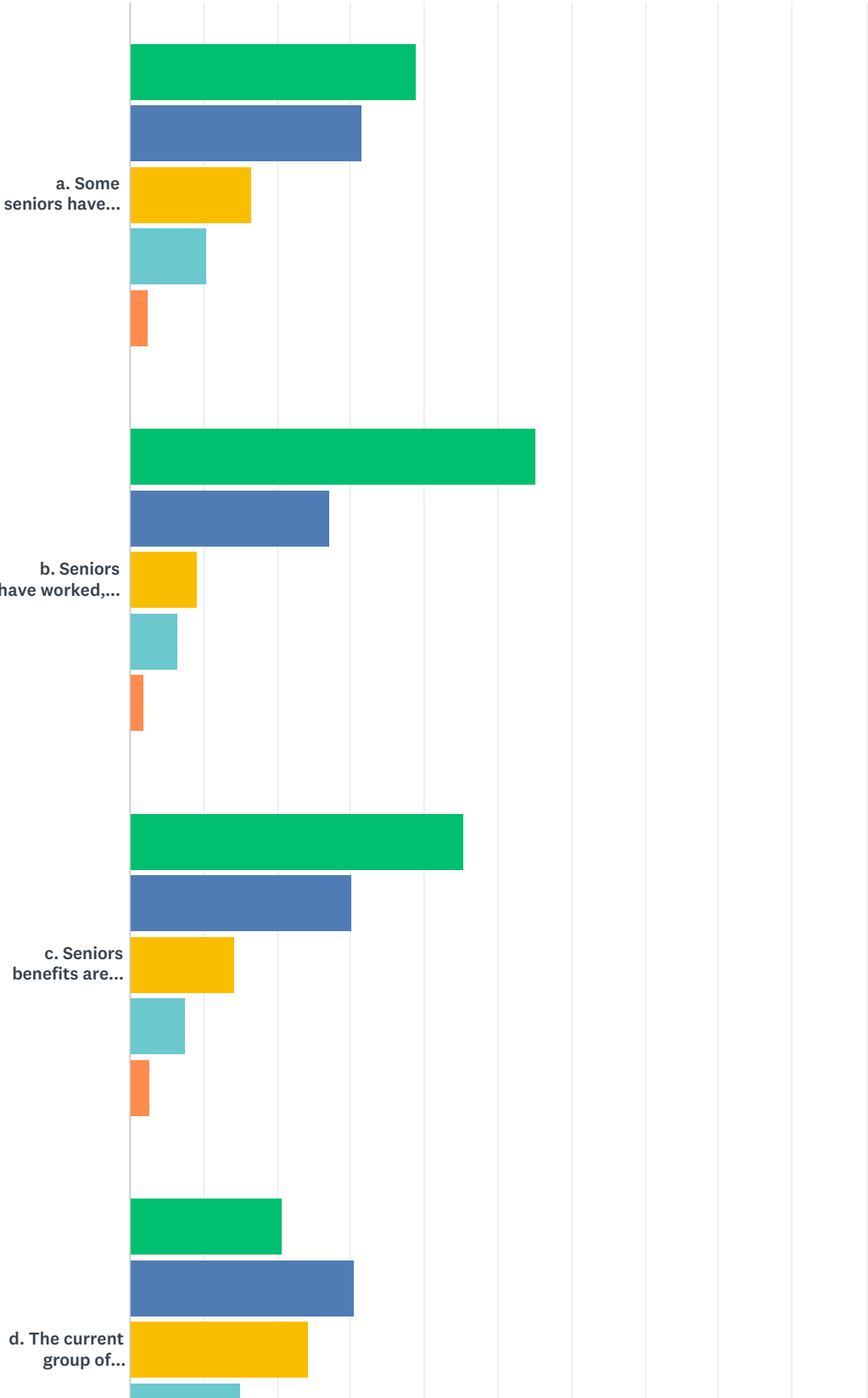
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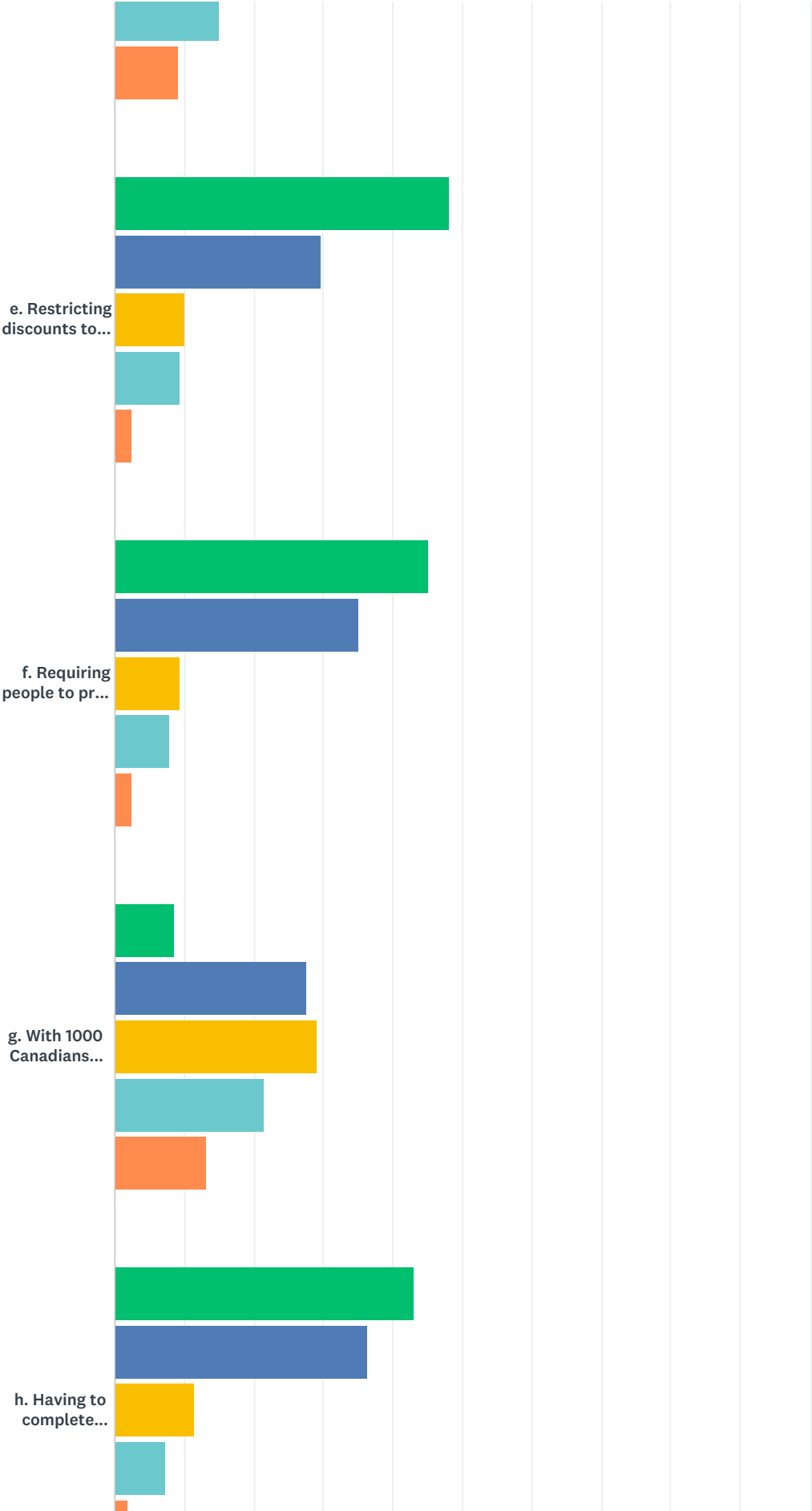
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		71.57%	4,662
No		18.27%	1,190
Not Sure		10.16%	662
TOTAL			6,514

Q2 Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:

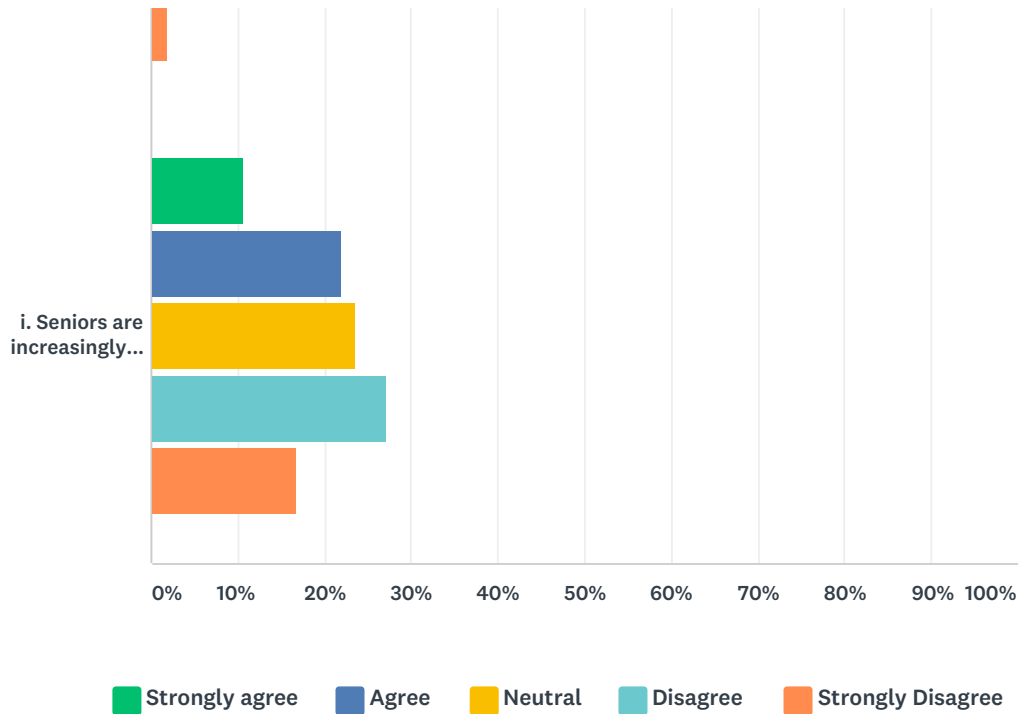
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Seniors Discounts Poll



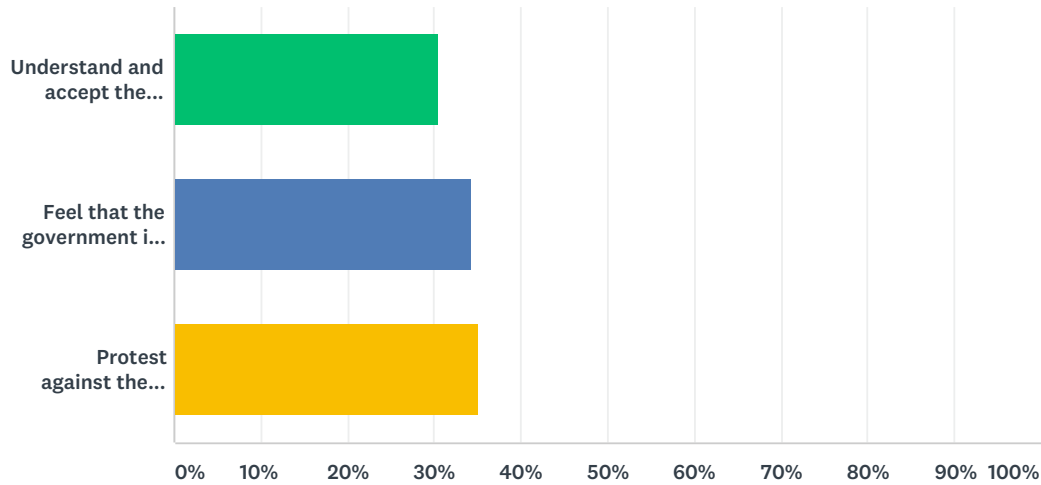
Seniors Discounts Poll



	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
a. Some seniors have planned and budgeted for retirement with the expectation of receiving a discount, it's not ok to change the rules.	38.87% 2,524	31.54% 2,048	16.63% 1,080	10.39% 675	2.57% 167	6,494
b. Seniors have worked, paid taxes and supported their communities for years, it's time for them to get a benefit.	55.14% 3,580	27.26% 1,770	9.15% 594	6.47% 420	1.99% 129	6,493
c. Seniors benefits are a means of showing respect for seniors.	45.34% 2,930	30.21% 1,952	14.21% 918	7.43% 480	2.82% 182	6,462
d. The current group of seniors includes the wealthiest generation of seniors ever - it's ok for seniors who can afford to do so to pay their fair share.	20.81% 1,346	30.50% 1,973	24.30% 1,572	15.15% 980	9.24% 598	6,469
e. Restricting discounts to low income seniors could lead to reduced use of services and social isolation for those who don't qualify.	48.11% 3,110	29.81% 1,927	10.13% 655	9.34% 604	2.61% 169	6,465
f. Requiring people to prove that they have low income may keep some from applying for discounts out of embarrassment.	45.16% 2,924	35.14% 2,275	9.41% 609	7.88% 510	2.42% 157	6,475
g. With 1000 Canadians turning 65 every day, seniors' discounts are becoming increasingly expensive and governments are struggling to afford them.	8.50% 548	27.59% 1,778	29.15% 1,879	21.63% 1,394	13.13% 846	6,445
h. Having to complete electronic forms will be difficult for the many seniors who do not regularly use the internet making it hard for them to prove their (low) income and access benefits.	43.06% 2,778	36.40% 2,348	11.46% 739	7.25% 468	1.83% 118	6,451
i. Seniors are increasingly working past 65. Keep the discount, but increase the age of eligibility.	10.62% 684	21.96% 1,415	23.64% 1,523	27.11% 1,747	16.67% 1,074	6,443

Q3 If a municipal government moved to implement a 'means test' to qualify for seniors discounts, would you:

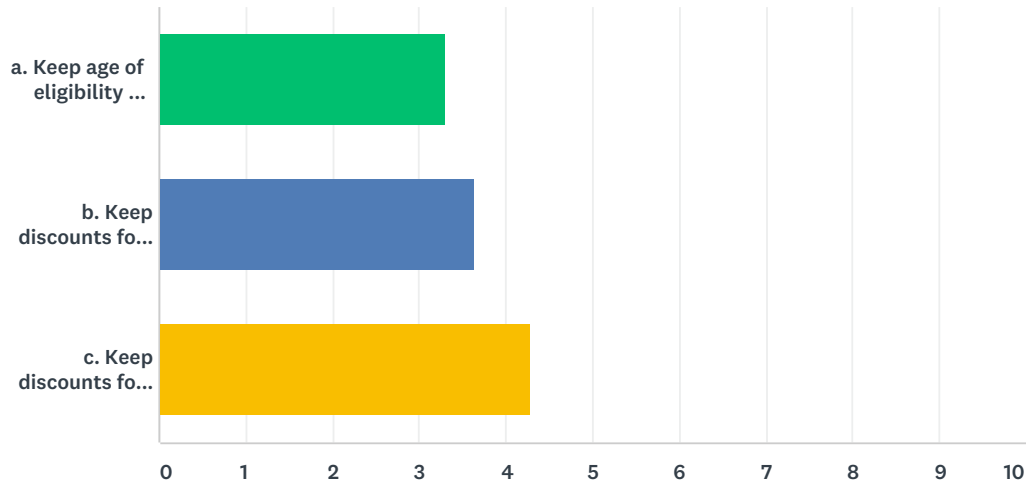
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Understand and accept the decision	30.64%	1,934
Feel that the government is making a mistake	34.25%	2,162
Protest against the decision	35.11%	2,216
TOTAL		6,312

Q4 Do you agree or disagree with the following changes to seniors' discounts

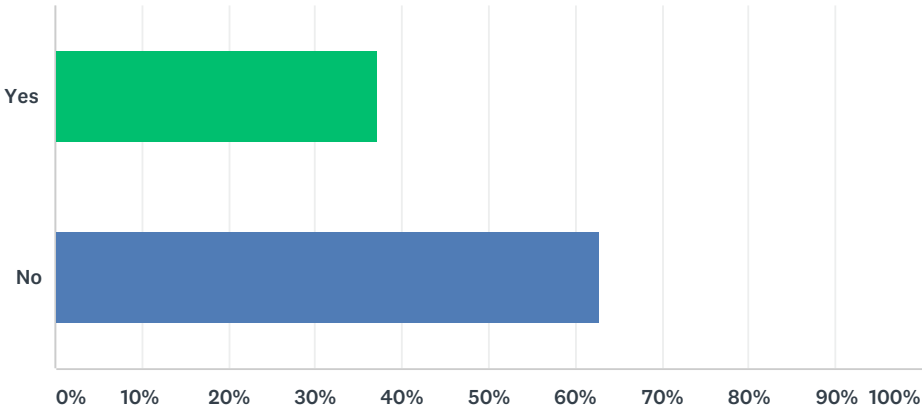
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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
a. Keep age of eligibility at 65, but provide discounts only for to low income seniors	8.50% 531	22.61% 1,412	17.05% 1,065	33.43% 2,088	18.40% 1,149	6,245	3.31
b. Keep discounts for all seniors, but increase age of eligibility to 70 years and older	5.03% 315	14.46% 906	16.21% 1,016	40.06% 2,510	24.24% 1,519	6,266	3.64
c. Keep discounts for all seniors, but increase age of eligibility to 75 years and older	2.20% 137	2.92% 182	8.92% 556	35.82% 2,233	50.14% 3,126	6,234	4.29

Q5 Do you use public transportation?

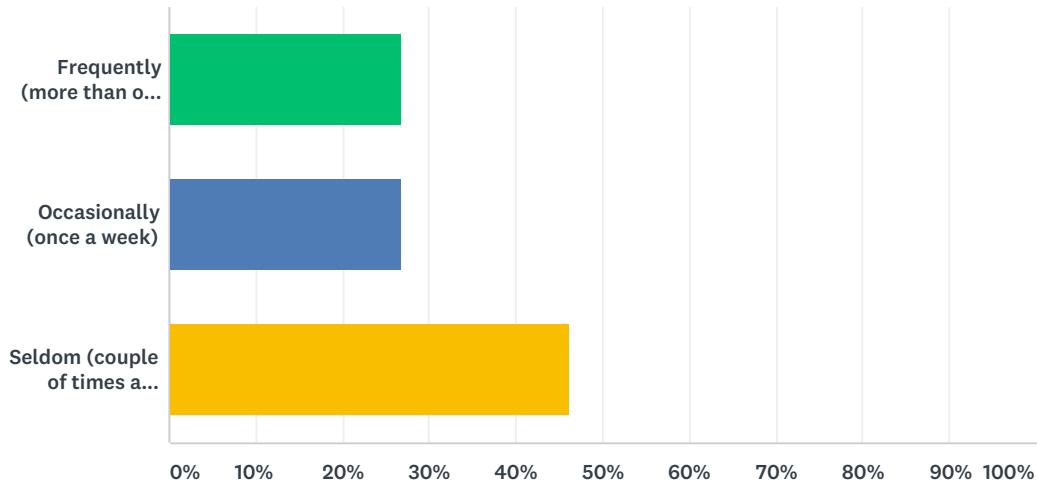
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		37.19%	2,348
No		62.81%	3,966
TOTAL			6,314

Q6 If you answered yes to using public transportation, how often do you do so?

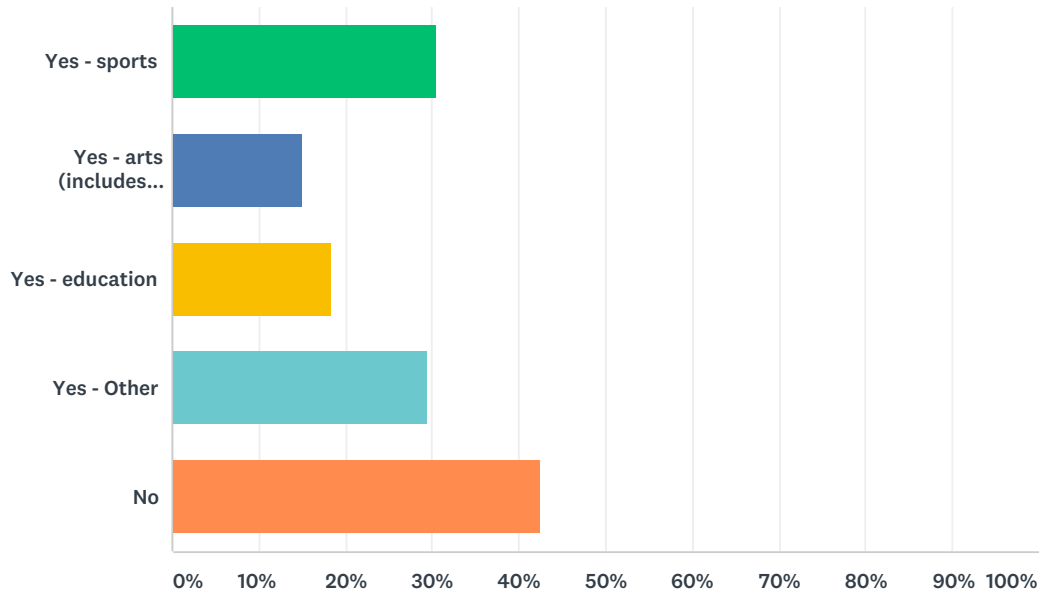
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Frequently (more than once a week)	26.84%	633
Occasionally (once a week)	26.84%	633
Seldom (couple of times a month)	46.31%	1,092
TOTAL		2,358

Q7 Do you use Parks and Recreation services or programs? Please check all that apply.

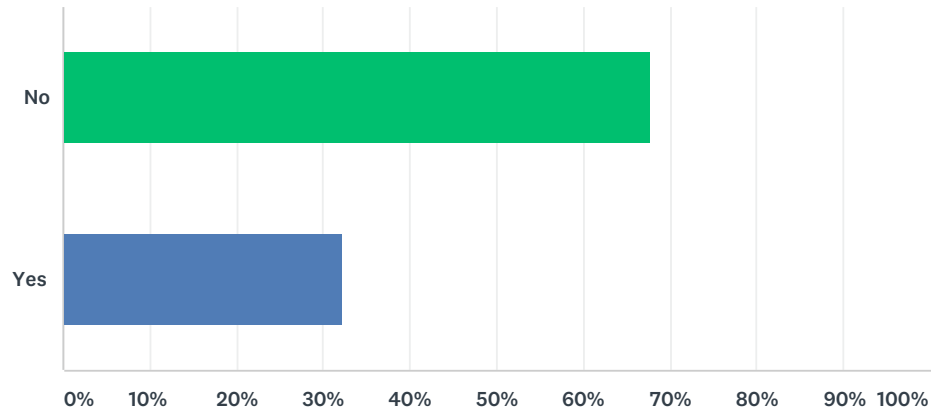
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes - sports	30.57%	1,931
Yes - arts (includes cooking)	15.01%	948
Yes - education	18.39%	1,162
Yes - Other	29.48%	1,862
No	42.38%	2,677
Total Respondents: 6,317		

Q8 Would losing a municipal seniors discount cause you to change activities and outings?

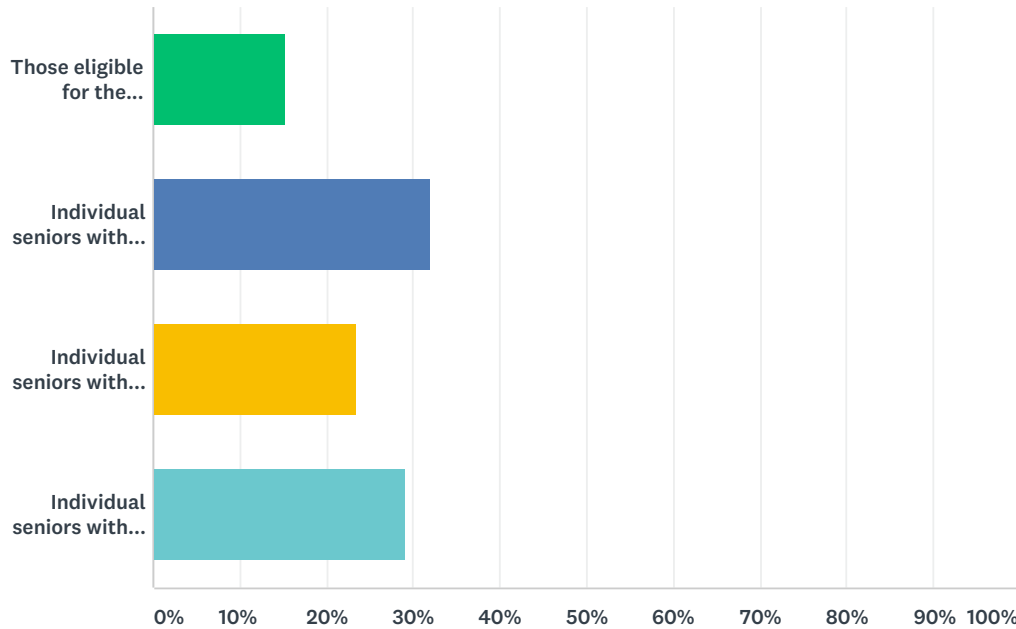
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	67.69%	4,215
Yes	32.31%	2,012
TOTAL		6,227

Q9 If discounts were only provided to low-income seniors, how would you classify low-income:

Answered: 6,144 Skipped: 436



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Those eligible for the Guaranteed Income Supplement, total annual income of \$17,760 or less per individual, not including Old Age Security pension.	15.33% 942
Individual seniors with a total annual income of \$30,000 or less	32.11% 1,973
Individual seniors with a total annual income of \$40,000 or less	23.37% 1,436
Individual seniors with a total annual of \$50,000 or less	29.18% 1,793
TOTAL	6,144