

# SURVEY RESULTS: Avon Community Needs

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and the  
Avon Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee



# Overview

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has established a \$150,000 Greater Together Community Fund for the benefit of the Avon residents. To help identify areas of greatest need for our town, we asked residents to take a few minutes to complete a brief survey. The responses will help to inform the Avon Greater Together Advisory Committee on how to best allocate funding.

This survey was open to all Avon residents. Deadline for responses was April 30, 2022.

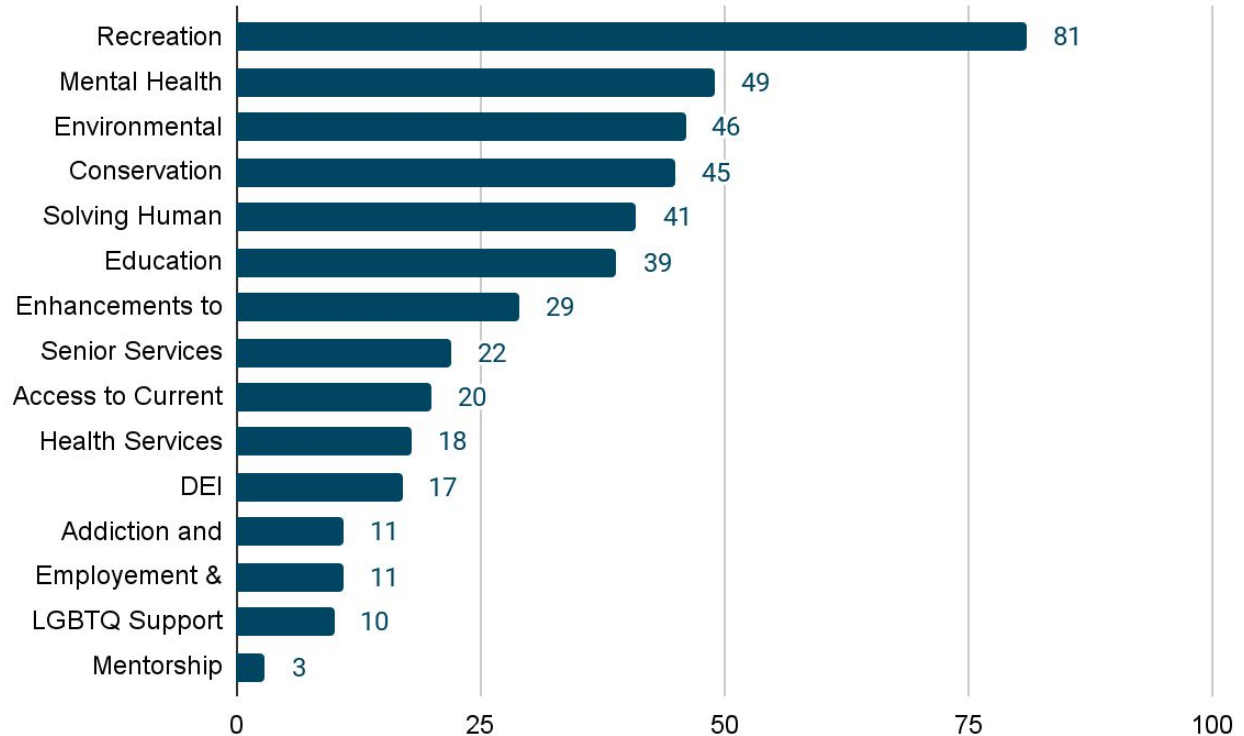
The Greater Together Community Funds program aims to inspire broad and inclusive civic engagement, anchor the Hartford Foundation in our town, and support projects that directly serve the Avon community.

**131 RESPONSES**

# Which areas in Avon do you feel need improvement?

(select all that apply)

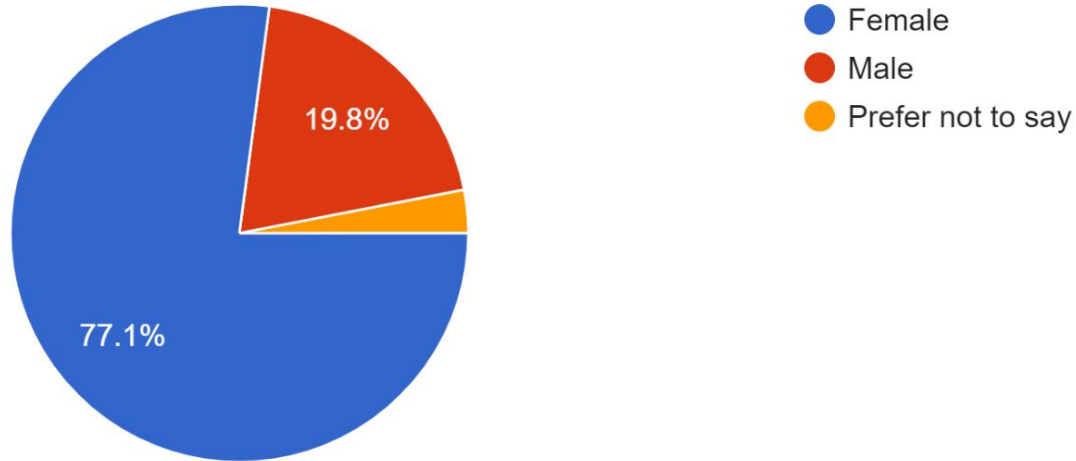
- Similar to 2021, **Recreation** remains the biggest area of focus along with **Environmental** and **Conservation**
- **Mental Health** and **Human Needs** are also critical
- New this year as an added focus on **DEI**, **Addiction**, **LGBTQ support** and **Career Assistance**



# Demographics:

## Majority female respondents

Your gender  
131 responses

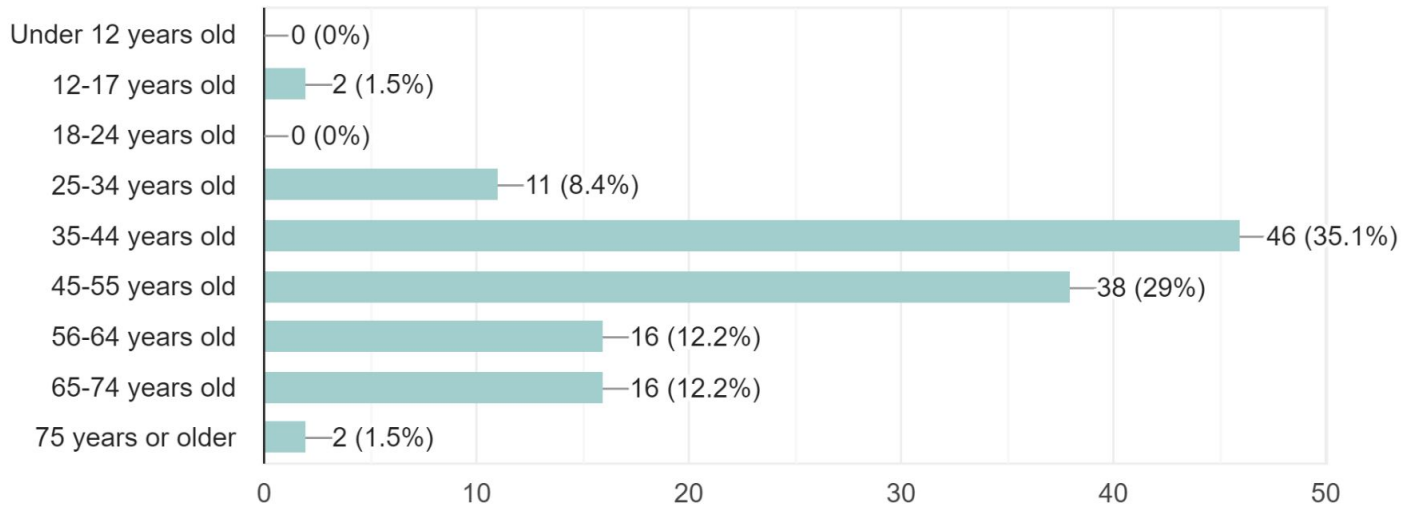


# Demographics:

Biggest group is 35-44 range, compared to 2021 when the the 45-55 age bracket led the way. This speaks to the changing demographic in Avon. There remains solid representation from ages 45-74.

Your age

131 responses

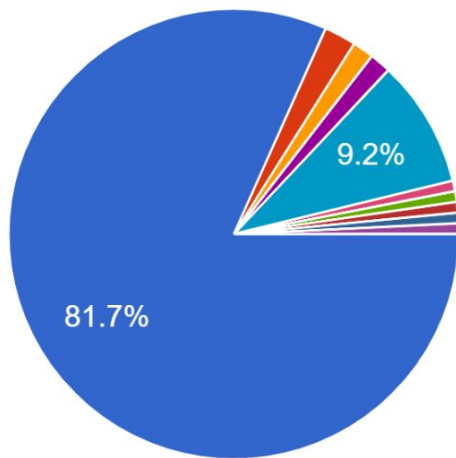


# Demographics:

## Majority white representation

Your race

131 responses



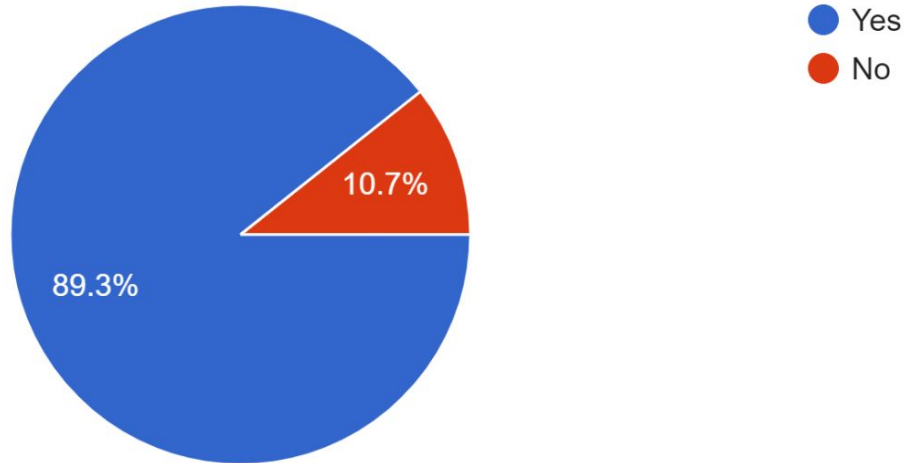
- White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Black or African American
- Native American or American Indian
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Prefer not to say
- Middle Eastern
- south asian

# Demographics:

89% of respondents do or did raise children in Avon – up from 81%

Do you or did you raise children in Avon?

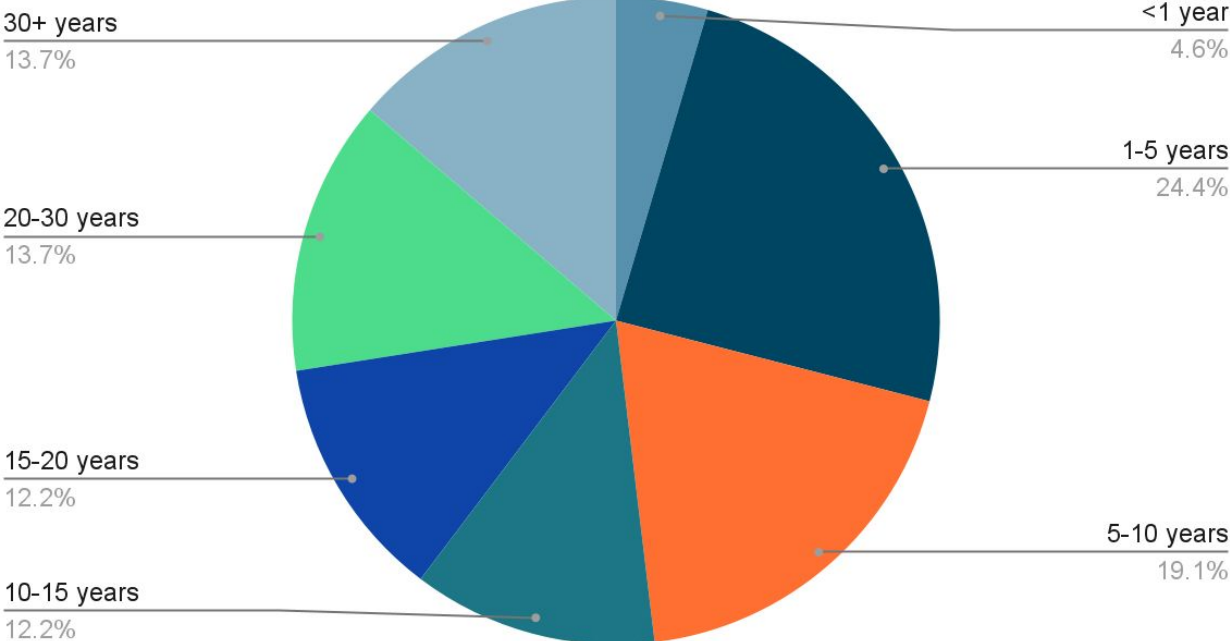
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# Demographics:

Even distribution among respondents

Length of Avon Residency





# Verbatims

If you have a close relationship with any nonprofits in Avon that have a need, please identify them and briefly describe their needs.

Avon Food Pantry, the need for basic staples is higher than ever before in Avon. Food instability for children and seniors is becoming a true crisis in town.

Avon Little League - they are trying to build a field that would allow softball players facilities to match their baseball counterparts.

The rail trails are crumbling, fencing that has been replaced is inadequate in some key areas with steep drops, some of the plastic fencing is in disrepair and dangerous, parking areas are not separated...

Friends for Equity in Avon Schools (FFE) is a group of dedicated parents and residents advocating to make sure ALL students (particularly BIPOC students) feel loved and included in our community.

Avon Land Trust- greatly supports the surrounding community and has significant number of projects of varying costs (small and large) to further drive its initiatives.

FAME does a lot of great work to support the arts in Avon schools. I am sure they have needs.

# Verbatims

Please provide any additional input for the Committee's consideration.

There is a mental health crisis exploding right now, and the current system is very broken when you try to get a loved one help. Does Avon even have any mental health resources in our town, has any awareness campaign been conducted about looking for the signs, where to go for help, how to help a loved one?

Avon needs more low income housing. Not more of what is called "affordable" housing which is a misnomer.

Charging stations for electric vehicles for those living in apartments

Avon needs better communication of programs, events and services. There are too many separate sources; some are private, some governmental; The Patch is inadequate for many reasons.

You need a more diverse committee. Also, politically you are for the most part party aligned which drives crowd psychology and conformity.

Avon lacks a sense of community involvement and togetherness.