

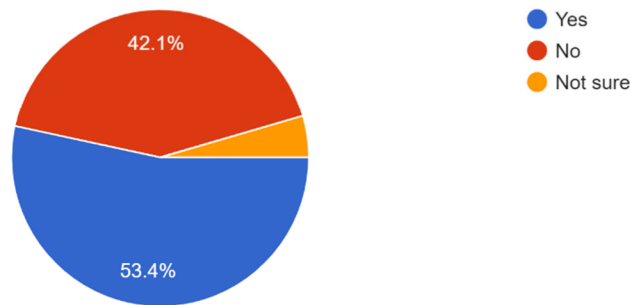
New Brunswick Climbing Survey Results

Total Responses to the New Brunswick Climbing Survey: 133

1.

Are you a member of Ascent NB?

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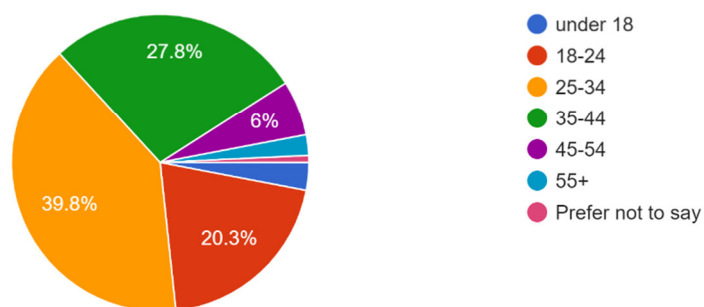


Yes (71), No (56), Not sure (6)

2.

What age group do you belong to?

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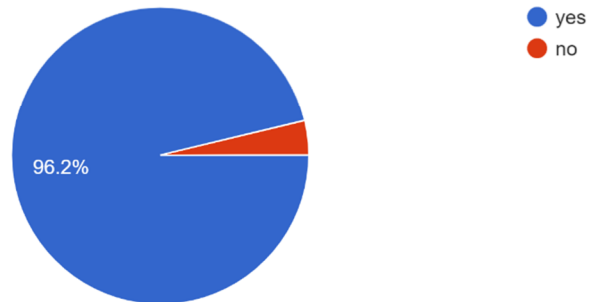


Under 18 (4), 18-24 (27), 25-34 (53), 35-44 (37), 45-54 (8), 55+ (3), Prefer not to say (1)

3.

I currently reside in NB

133 responses

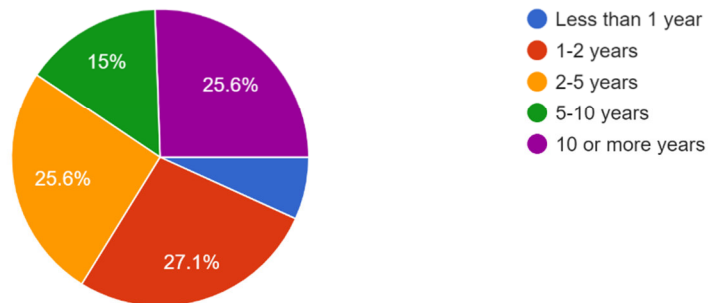


Yes (128), No (5)

4.

What is your level of climbing experience?

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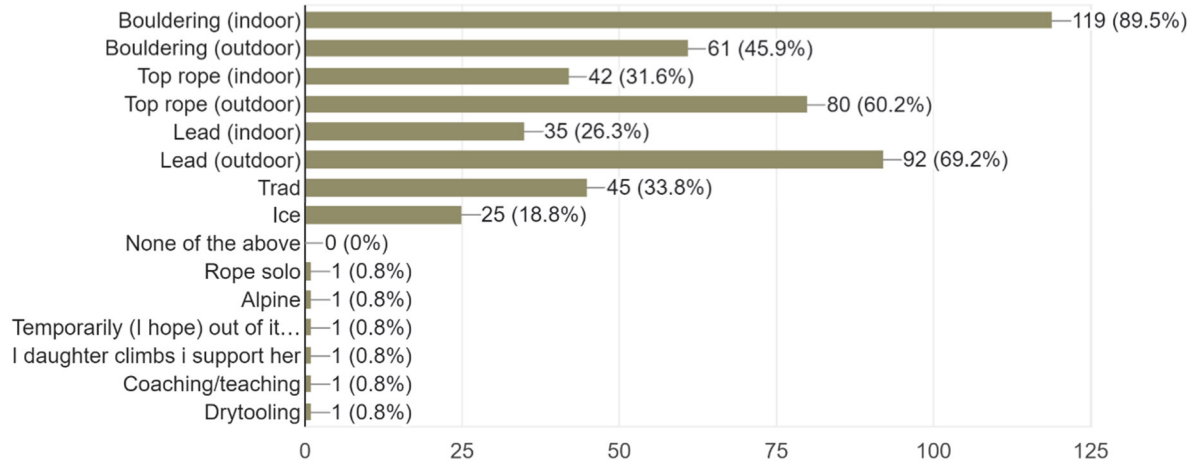


Less than 1 year (9), 1-2 years (36), 2-5 years (34), 5-10 years (20), 10 or more years (34)

5.

What type(s) of climbing do you currently participate in?

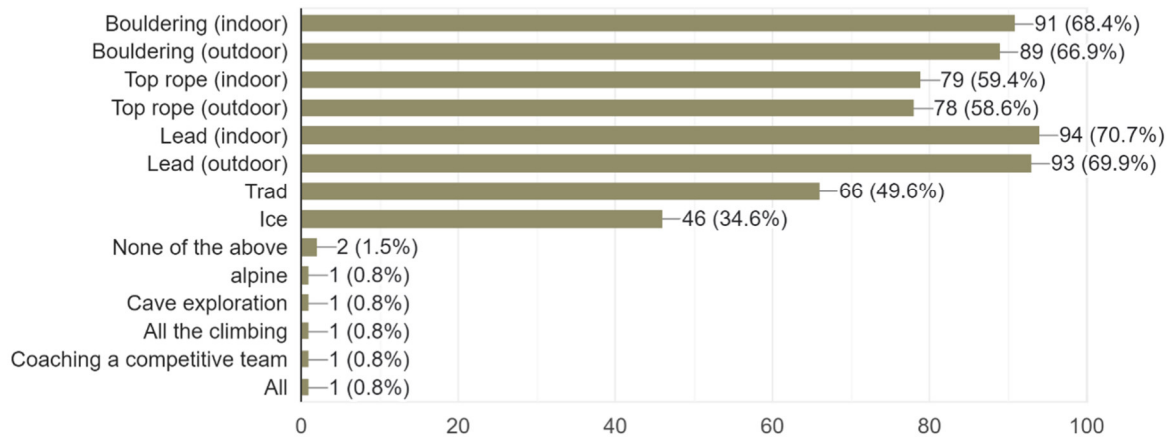
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6.

What type(s) of climbing would you like to participate in?

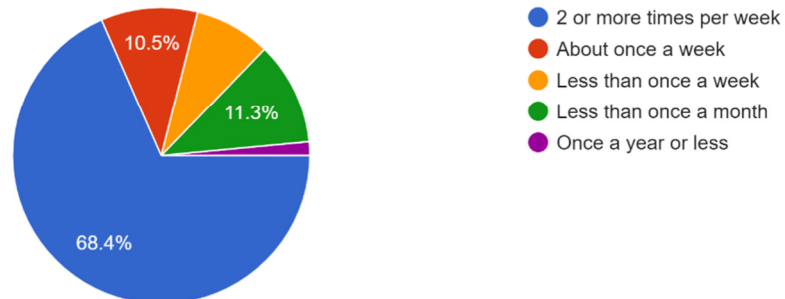
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7.

How often do you currently engage in climbing activities?

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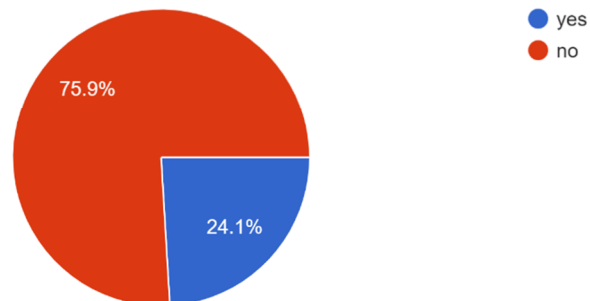


2 or more times per week (91), about once a week (14), less than once a week (11), less than once a month (15), once a year or less (2)

8.

I have children or dependents who would like to be involved in climbing

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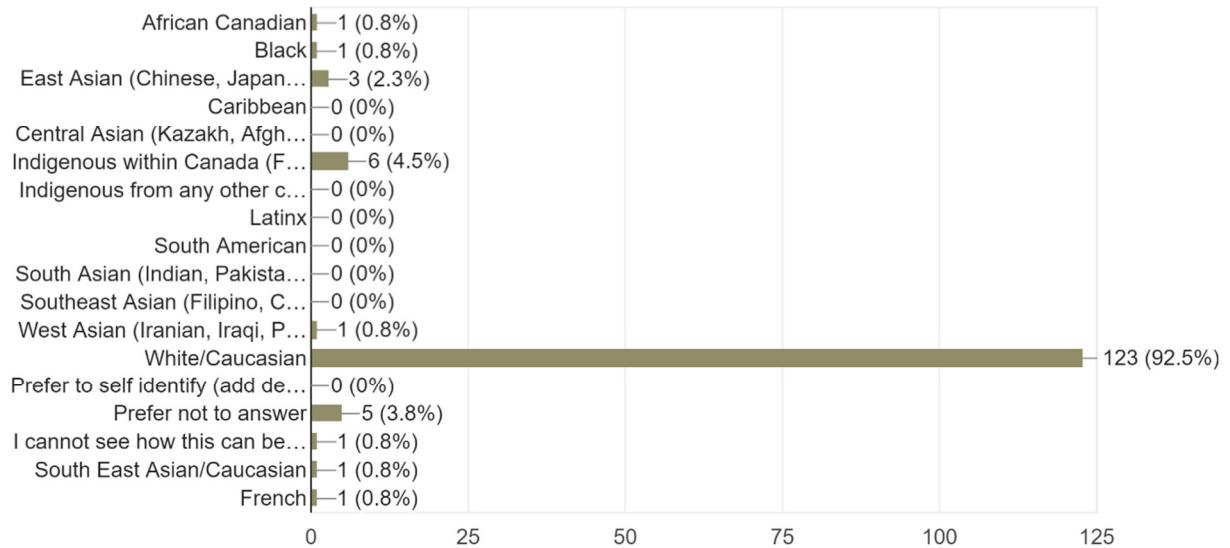


Yes (32), No (101)

9.

Which of the following best describes you? (select all that apply)

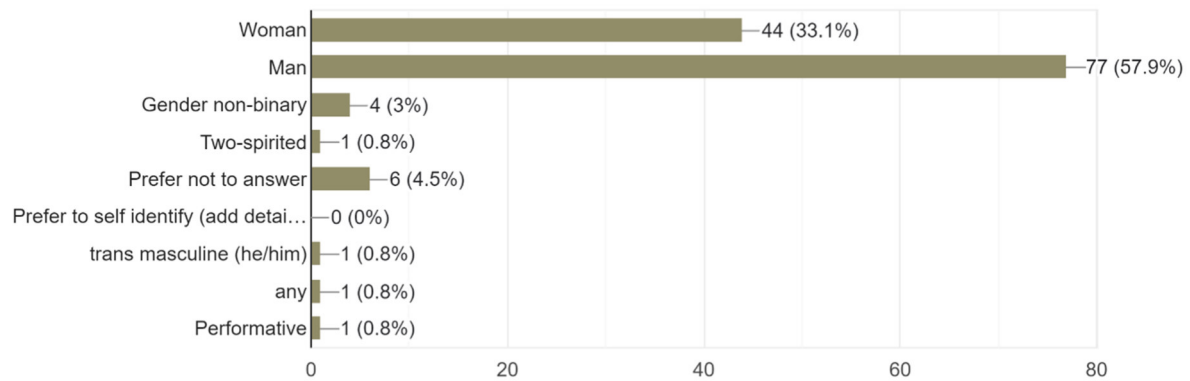
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10.

What best describes your gender identity?

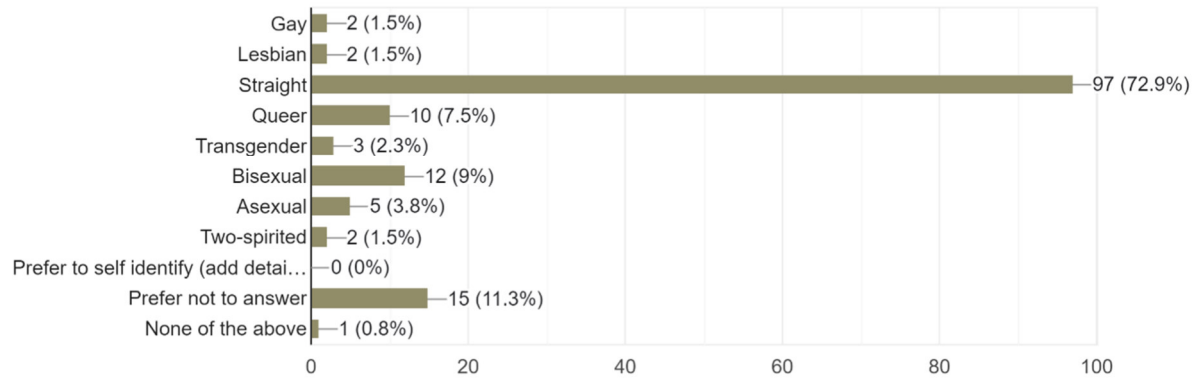
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11.

Do you identify with any of the following? (you may select more than one)

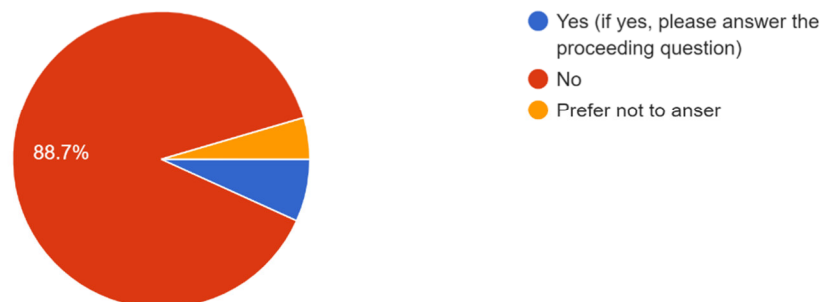
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12.

Do you personally identify as having a disability?

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Yes (9), No, (118), Prefer not to answer (6)

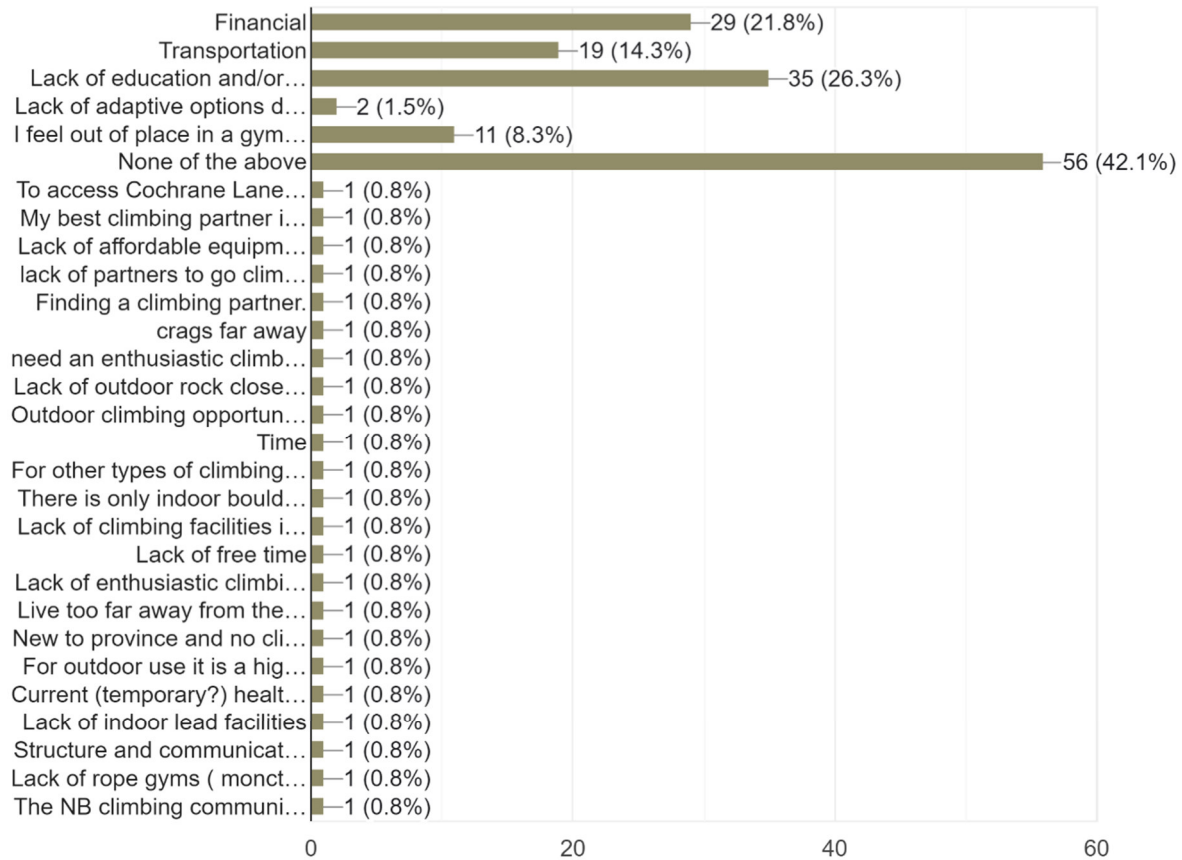
13. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, and would like to specify your disability please do so here:

- ADHD and neurodivergence
- Medical and chronic illnesses
- Visual impairment
- Injury related illness

14.

What barriers do you face in accessing climbing in NB? (indoors or outdoors)

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Additional Problems identified:

- Cochrane Lane Access complicated because of need for Ascent NB membership
- Lack of partners
- Lack of affordable equipment
- Access to crags (distance, esp. from Moncton,
- Lack of safe, consistent, and reliable learning/training opportunities
- Time
- Lack of rope gym
- Distance to gyms
- Health problems
- Lack of structure and communication within the community
- Gatekeeping

15. What options or opportunities would help alleviate these barriers?

Learning opportunities and social events:

- Organised learning opportunities for lead climbing (indoor and outdoor), e.g. guided trips, clinics, courses, drop-in sessions
- Social events for climbers (groups, parties, organisations, peer mentorship, match-ups)
- Advertisement of such opportunities and social events well ahead of time

Gym climbing:

- Larger gyms/ more gyms /rope gym
- Cheaper access to gyms/competitions
- Designated hours in gyms for underrepresented groups/beginners
- Reduce toxic gym culture
- Provincial climbing organisation

Outdoor climbing:

- Call-in option for occasional climbers
- Fewer rules
- Gear rental opportunities
- Development of crags and boulders near Moncton

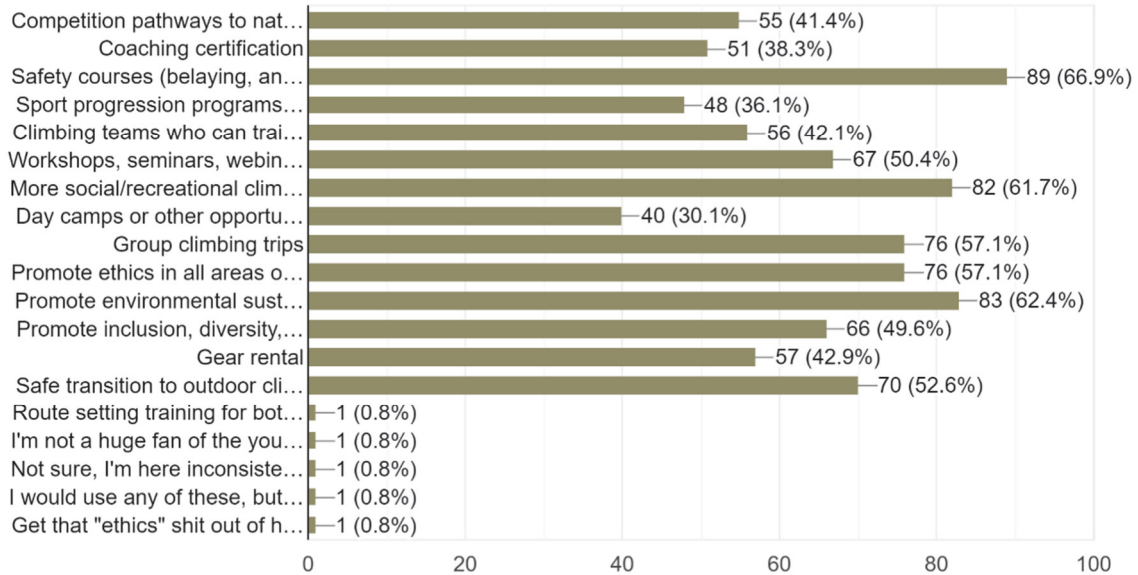
General:

- Friendly and welcoming environment, patience, community
- Increase diversity
- Cheap climbing education
- Other: show up, ship boulders to New Brunswick, summer, better paying jobs, no student loans
- More focus on joy in climbing

16.

In the future I would like to see the NB climbing community evolve to offer the following:

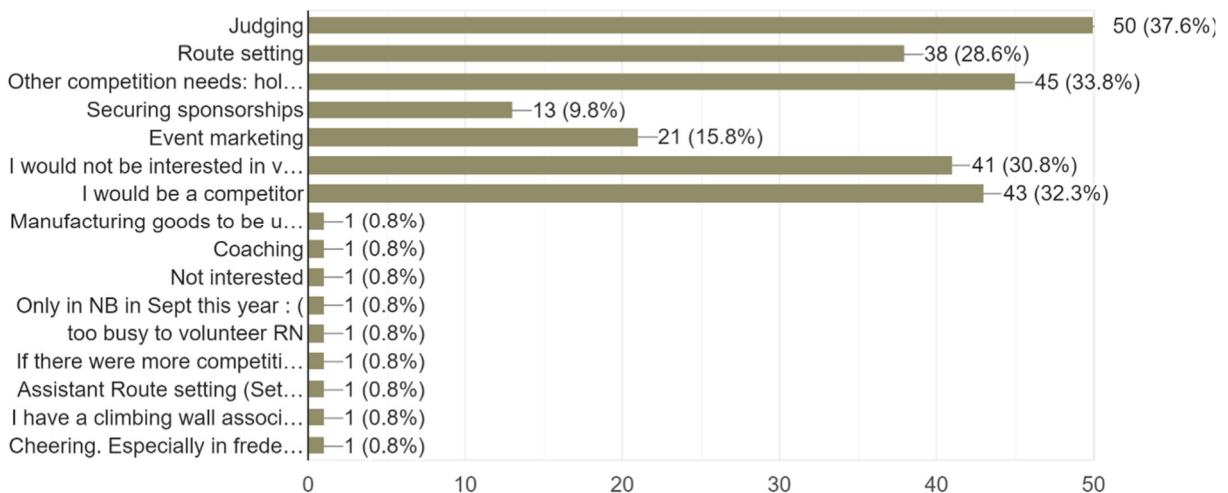
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17.

I would be interested in volunteering at sanctioned competitions by:

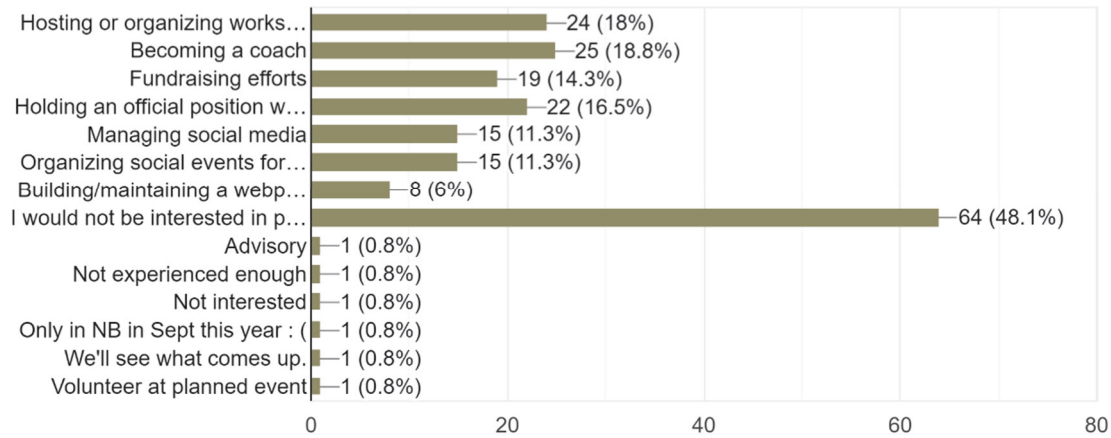
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18.

I would be interested in participating in the organization by:

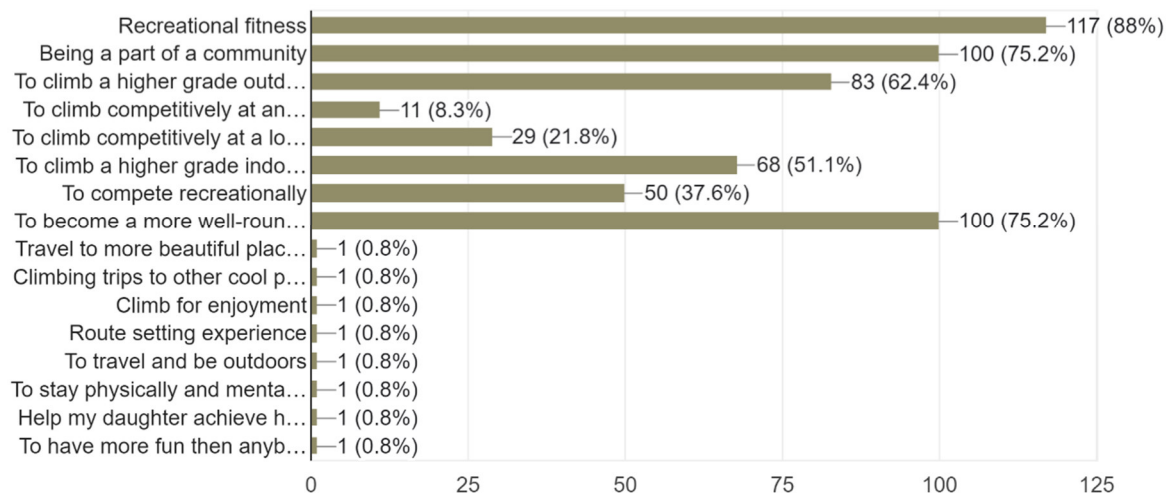
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19.

My goals as a climber include

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Additional Goals: fun, enjoyment, physical and mental fitness and health, route setting, climbing trips, be a supporter

20. Please add anything that may be helpful as we work to develop a provincial sports organization for Sports Climbing in NB

- **Outdoors:**

- Additional opportunities to get established in outdoor climbing/ alleviate gatekeeping
- Shoutout to Greg and supportive women in climbing
- Luck as a factor in whether you have access to climbing (location, meeting the right people, access to gear)
- Rental opportunities for outdoor gear
- Development of a bouldering guide
- Education around real and perceived dangers

- **Comps and gyms:**

- Easier access to comp climbing for families with children
- Competitions for all abilities
- Organised competition teams
- Shoutout to FBC for pride flags and body-positivity
- Setting workshops
- Additional bouldering and lead climbing gyms
- Promotion of the sport

- **Geneal:**

- Promotion of inclusion is appreciated
- Proactive management of climbing to establish a positive and supportive culture and appreciation for outdoor spaces
- Share knowledge in the community
- Create a space whether people of all abilities can feel safe and confident
- Connect with indigenous knowledge keepers