

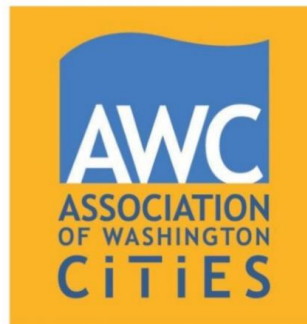
Landing Page

Welcome to the Parks & Recreation Statewide Survey!

The focus of the survey is to gather data on service demand and operational challenges, both preceding and as a result of COVID-19. Since all agencies are different, the goal is not to compare or benchmark between agencies. The intent is to see the degree of change between increasing demand and declining resources that all park and recreation agencies have experienced.

Please carefully review the instructions on the following page before you begin the survey.

This project is a collaboration between the Washington Recreation & Park Association, the Washington State Association of Counties, the Association of Washington Cities, and Metro Parks Tacoma.



Instructions

For this survey, consider your **entire park system**, including all **operations** (non-capital) budgets that are managed by your department/agency. This includes your parks, recreation facilities and programs, enterprise funds, and any unique attractions and services.

We strongly encourage you to review the survey questions posted [here](#) before you begin. If necessary, have various personnel review and contribute to the PDF. This will enable you to compile the information necessary to complete the survey in one sitting. Please direct any questions, comments, or concerns to WRPA Legislative Chair Roxanne Miles (by [work email](#) or phone: 253.798.4007) or intergovernmental relations lobbyist Doug Levy (by [work email](#) or phone: 425.922.3999).

Please submit your response by close of business **Friday, September 18**.

Contact

Contact Information

Please enter the following **personal** contact information:

First name	<input type="text"/>
Last name	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>
Title/position	<input type="text"/>

Please enter the following **agency** contact information:

Name of agency

Street address

City

Zip code

Agency Data

Agency Information

Which type of jurisdiction manages your park system?

- City
- County
- Metropolitan Park District (as defined in RCW [35.61](#))
- Park and Recreation District (as defined in RCW [36.69](#))
- Park and Recreation Service Area (as defined in RCW [36.68.400](#))
- Joint Park and Recreation District (as defined in RCW [36.69.420](#))

How many total acres are in your park system?

What was your authorized full-time equivalent (FTE) count as of January 1st, 2020?

What was your 2020 operations funding profile?

Note: Please enter the percentage as a whole number without any decimals or symbols. For instance, enter 25% as "25", not "25%" or "0.25". These three fields must total 100.

General fund tax subsidy - *made up of property, sales, and other taxes received and allocated to the department by your agency.* %

Dedicated tax funds - *those that can only be used for park purposes and are directly assigned to your agency/department.* %

Earned & contributed revenues - *all non-tax funding sources.* %

Total %

Overall Funding Questions

Funding & Use

This section will help us get a sense of overall funding stability, and need for maintenance and operations in general; it will help with our local funding options case.

Maintenance and operations funding for park and recreation systems can be challenging even in the absence of a crisis.

How stable was your 2020-2021 outlook (confidence and adequacy of funding) **as of January 1st, 2020, and prior to COVID-19?**

Very strong and stable (5) <input type="radio"/>	Moderately strong and stable (4) <input type="radio"/>	Level (3) <input type="radio"/>	Moderately underfunded and unstable (2) <input type="radio"/>	Significantly unstable, requiring reductions (1) <input type="radio"/>
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As of August 1st, 2020, how stable is your 2020-2021 outlook (confidence and adequacy of funding)?

Very strong and stable (5) <input type="radio"/>	Moderately strong and stable (4) <input type="radio"/>	Level (3) <input type="radio"/>	Moderately underfunded and unstable (2) <input type="radio"/>	Significantly unstable, requiring reductions (1) <input type="radio"/>
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Funding & Use

In order to analyze trends, please report the following:

Actual **annual operating (non-capital) expenditures** for your entire park and recreation system, including all enterprise funds, each of the five prior years (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019).

Note: Please enter the amount as a whole number, rounded to the nearest dollar, without any decimals or symbols. For instance, enter \$750,000.01 as "750000".

2015

2016	<input type="text"/>
2017	<input type="text"/>
2018	<input type="text"/>
2019	<input type="text"/>

Estimated number of users (duplicated) of your entire park and recreation system for each of the five prior years (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019) based on your tracking system of all passive, active and registered uses.

2015	<input type="text"/>
2016	<input type="text"/>
2017	<input type="text"/>
2018	<input type="text"/>
2019	<input type="text"/>

Funding & Use

Please estimate the change in demand in the following specific programming areas from your **2015** to **2019** use levels:

	% Decrease	Neutral	% Increase	Not Applicable	
	-100 -80 -60 -40	-20 0	40 60 80 100	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sports fields & pools		<input checked="" type="radio"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Special events		<input checked="" type="radio"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Trail use		<input checked="" type="radio"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Picnic & facility rentals		<input checked="" type="radio"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Specialized facilities (golf, dog parks, bmx, etc.)		<input checked="" type="radio"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

COVID Impact Data

COVID-19 Impact

We want to be equipped with a sense of impact as the legislature deals with COVID-19 budget issues in the upcoming session. Be as accurate in your estimates as possible, using whatever data you have available.

Compared to average use over the last two years, how did **use** change April-July, 2020?

	Decreased	Did not Change	Increased
Park system scheduled/reserved indoor and outdoor facility and program use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park system passive, unscheduled outdoor facility use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

By how much did park system **scheduled/reserved** indoor and outdoor facility and program use *increase*?

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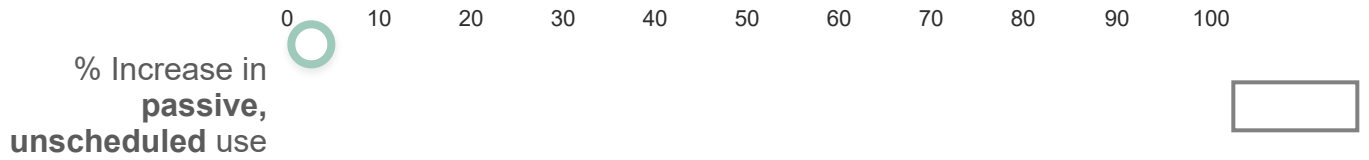
% Increase in **scheduled/reserved** use

By how much did park system **scheduled/reserved** indoor and outdoor facility and program use *decrease*?

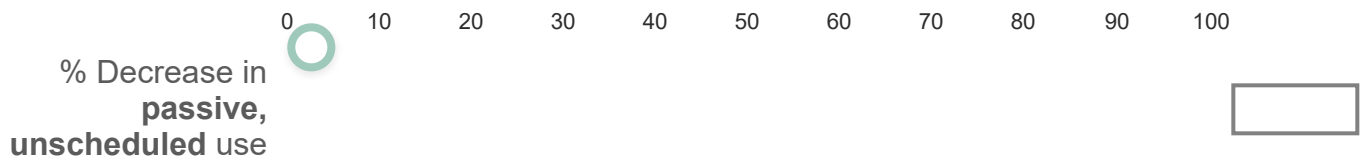
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% Decrease in **scheduled/reserved** use

By how much did park system **passive, unscheduled** outdoor facility use *increase*?



By how much did park system **passive, unscheduled** outdoor facility use *decrease*?

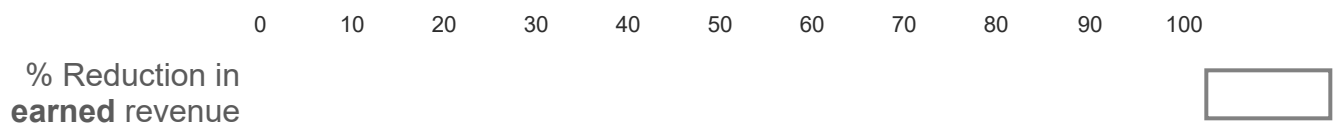


COVID-19 Impact

Compared to your department/agency's approved 2020 budget, what best represents your overall **budget reduction expectation for 2020**?



Compared to your 2020 budget, **how much EARNED revenue was lost** due to closures of facilities and cancellations of services March-July, 2020?



Challenges

COVID-19 Impact

Which challenges have you experienced in managing your park system due to COVID-19? Check all that apply:

- Reduced ability to manage maintain, operate and secure passive parks to safety standards and control access.
- Public use and behaviors that put community at risk (tearing down caution tape, using fields).
- Cancellation of special events and tourism campaigns that support local employment and drives the local economy.
- Inability to operate critical community programs, pools, attractions and community facilities, including services for vulnerable populations.
- Lack of ability to hire or maintain seasonal employees and offer programs and services allowable under the Safe Start Phases due to economic loss and subsequent staff reductions.
- Disruption of capital program including renovation, safety improvements or new development of needed facilities.
- Disruption of planning and other professional requirements, such as outreach and grant submittals, due to loss of human or financial resources.
- Reallocation of human and financial resources to COVID-19 response services, such as childcare, serving the homeless, and emergency management; pausing planning and investments that will impact delivery of parks and recreation services in the future.

Is there anything else that you would like for us to know regarding service demand or operational challenges your department/agency has faced, both preceding and as a result of COVID-19?

Submission Warning

End of Survey

You have reached the end of the WRPA, WSAC, AWC, and MPT Parks & Recreation Statewide Survey. If you are satisfied with your response, **click "Submit" below to complete the survey**. If you need to make any changes to the information you have entered, use the back arrows at the bottom left hand side of the screen to navigate to the appropriate question. Please contact WRPA Legislative Chair Roxanne Miles (by [work email](#) or phone: 253.798.4007) or intergovernmental relations lobbyist Doug Levy (by [work email](#) or phone: 425.922.3999) with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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