

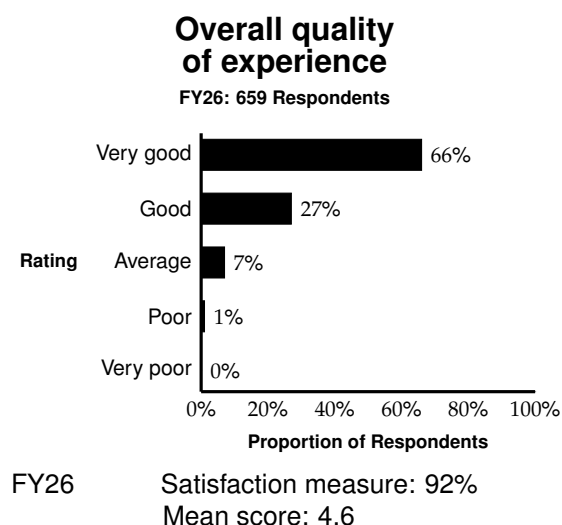
Bureau of Land Management 2026 National Report

Introduction

In order for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to comply with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and better meet the needs of the public, a visitor satisfaction survey was conducted at 12 BLM recreation sites in 12 states during fiscal year 2026 (FY26). Of the 12 units conducting the survey this year, 5 units successfully administered the survey in 5 states. The survey was developed to measure each site's performance related to Mission Area 3, Goal 2, Strategy 1 (as specified in the DOI 2025/2026 Annual Performance Plan) - *Enhance Public Satisfaction at DOI Sites by enhancing the enjoyment and appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage*. The information collected during the survey will also help the BLM better serve the public. The survey collected visitor satisfaction data regarding visitor information (i.e., use of maps, signs, brochures), developed facilities, recreation use management, resource management, BLM staff and service, programs, commercial recreation operations, educational and interpretive materials, fees, accessibility for visitors with disabilities, activities, and demographics.

The combined results of the visitor satisfaction surveys conducted in FY26 are summarized in this data report. A description of the research methods and limitations can be found on page two. Below (left) is a graph summarizing visitor opinions regarding the overall quality of their experience at this site. The satisfaction measure below (right) is a combined proportion of "good" and "very good" responses. This is the primary performance measure for GPRA Mission Area 3, Goal 2.1 and should be used when reporting performance for this goal. (NOTE: the satisfaction measure may not equal the sum of "very good" and "good" proportions due to rounding.)

The response rates for the BLM units surveyed ranged from 40% to 95%.



FY26 GPRA Satisfaction Measure

Proportion of site visitors satisfied overall with visitor information, facilities, management, interpretation/education, staff services, and programs:

92%

2026

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2026 BLM Visitor Survey Research Methods

Understanding the Results

Inside this report are graphs that illustrate the survey results. The report contains ten categories of data regarding BLM amenities, staff, and services plus selected demographics. Within these categories are graphs for each indicator evaluated by site visitors. For example, the Visitor Information category includes indicators such as "providing useful maps and brochures," "providing useful information on the internet," and so forth. In each category there is a graph entitled "Everything Considered." This graph is the basis for determining visitor satisfaction for each category and GPRA reporting numbers.

All graphs include the following information:

- The number of visitor responses for the indicator;
- The proportion of responses for each answer choice;

Graphs for quality indicators also include:

- A "satisfaction measure" that combines the proportion of total responses which were "Very good/well" or "Good/Well;"
- An average (mean) evaluation score where a number closer to five reflects a more positive visitor response;
- Quality indicators are based on the following scale:

"Very poor/poorly" = 1, "Poor/Poorly" = 2, "Average" = 3, "Good/Well" = 4, "Very good/well" = 5;

Very | | | | Very
Poor(ly) 1 2 3 4 5 Good/Well

NOTE Graph proportions may not equal 100% due to rounding.

Procedure

Visitors were surveyed at 5 units in FY26. The data reflect visitor opinions about these sites's facilities, management, services, educational opportunities, and fees during the survey period. Visitor activities and selected demographics were also captured.

Visitors were given a choice between a paper version to be completed on-site, and an online option to be completed on-site or at a later date. Those visitors who chose the online option were given a postcard containing the access information needed for completing the survey online.

The results in this report are the combined responses from 619 paper versions of the survey that were electronically scanned and 66 responses that were completed online. Frequency distributions were calculated for each indicator and category using the combined data. The number of respondents for each indicator is reported at the top of each figure. All proportions are reported as whole percentages

while averages are rounded to the nearest tenth.

Caution is advised when interpreting any data with fewer than 30 responses. When this occurs, the word "CAUTION!" is included above the graph. This report excludes any graphs or calculations for questions with fewer than 10 responses. "NA" has been inserted in place of excluded satisfaction and evaluation calculations.

NOTE: Because of the different sample sizes obtained at each BLM Unit, the overall margin of error for this study cannot be determined. Please refer to the individual unit reports for specific margins of error. However, For most indicators, with a full sample size of 350 to 400 at each unit, the survey data are expected to be accurate within $\pm 6\%$ of the population with 95% confidence. This means that if different samples had been drawn, the results would have been similar ($\pm 6\%$) 95 out of 100 times.

For more information about this survey, contact the
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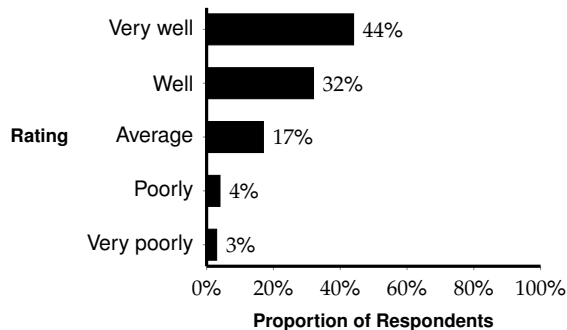
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Visitor Information



Providing useful maps and brochures

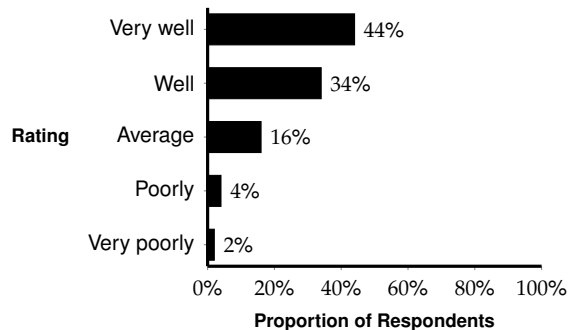
FY26: 554 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 76%
Mean score: 4.1

Providing useful information on the Internet

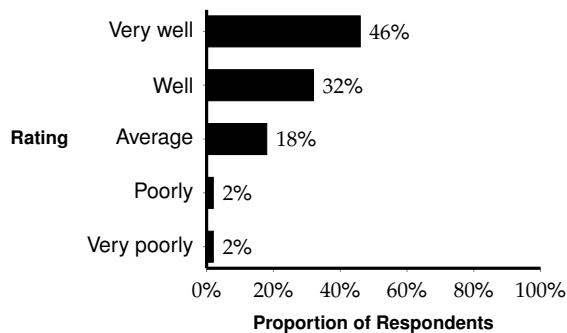
FY26: 534 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 78%
Mean score: 4.2

Ensuring public awareness of rules and regulations

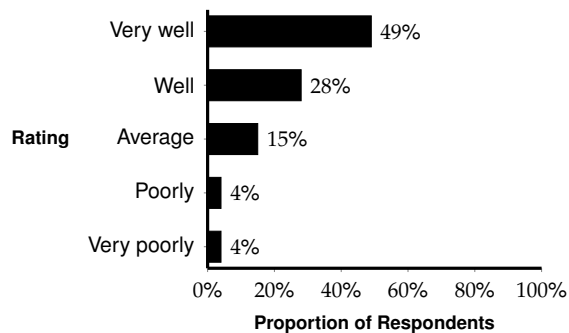
FY26: 622 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 78%
Mean score: 4.2

Providing adequate signs on-site for direction and orientation

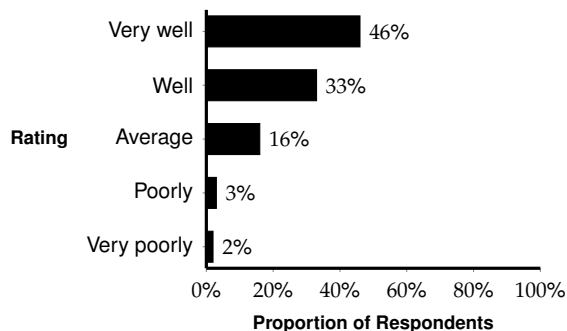
FY26: 645 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 77%
Mean score: 4.1

Everything considered: How well the BLM provides visitor information

FY26: 644 Respondents



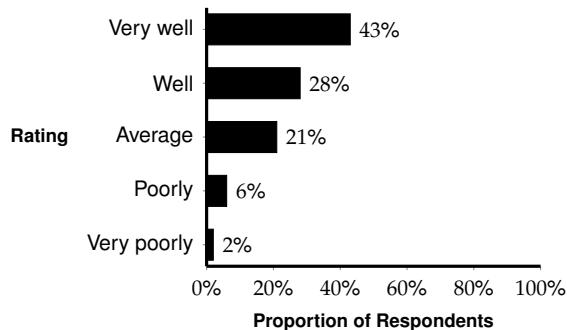
FY26 Satisfaction measure: 79%
Mean score: 4.2



2026 BLM Visitor Survey Developed Facilities

Condition of roads for motorized vehicles

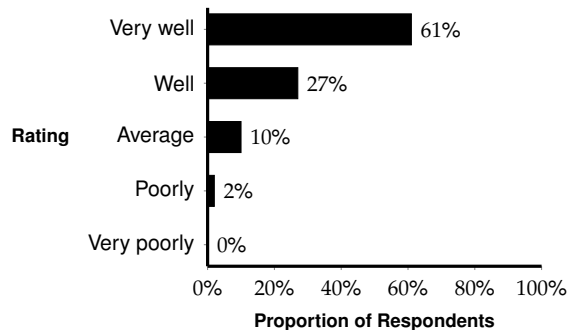
FY26: 646 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 71%
Mean score: 4

Cleanliness of site

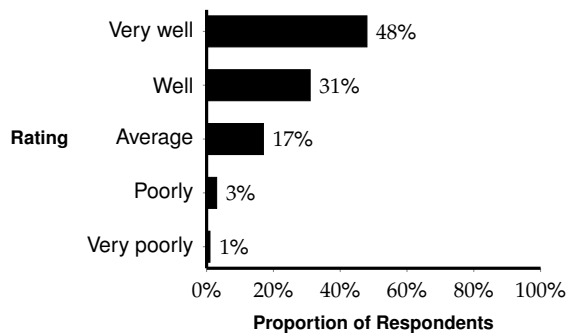
FY26: 651 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 88%
Mean score: 4.5

Condition of trails for non-motorized use

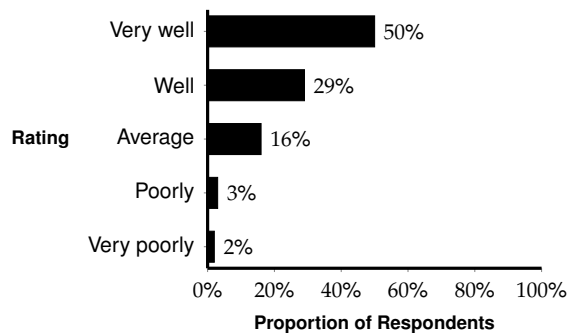
FY26: 527 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 80%
Mean score: 4.2

Cleanliness of restrooms and other physical facilities

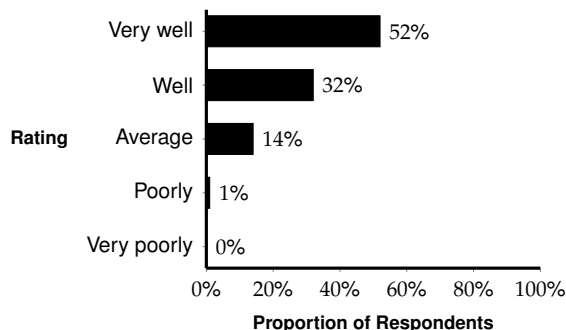
FY26: 527 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 79%
Mean score: 4.2

Everything considered: How well the BLM maintains the condition of physical facilities

FY26: 656 Respondents



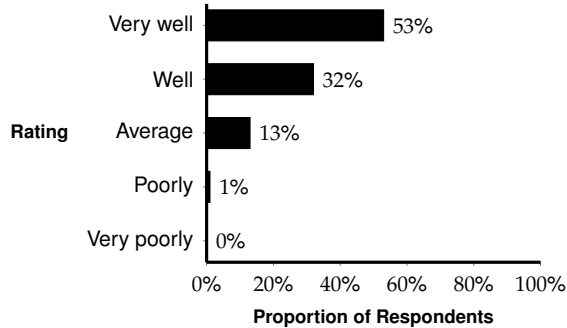
FY26 Satisfaction measure: 84%
Mean score: 4.3

2026 BLM Visitor Survey Recreation Use Management



Managing the appropriate use of vehicles

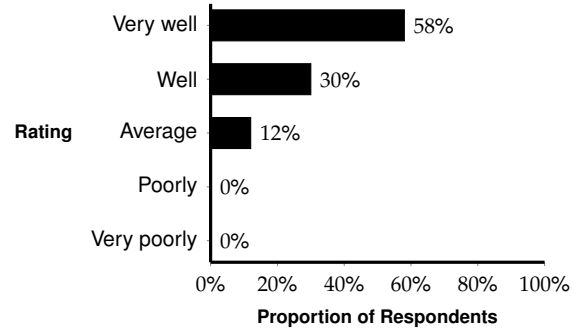
FY26: 587 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 85%
Mean score: 4.4

Managing the number of people

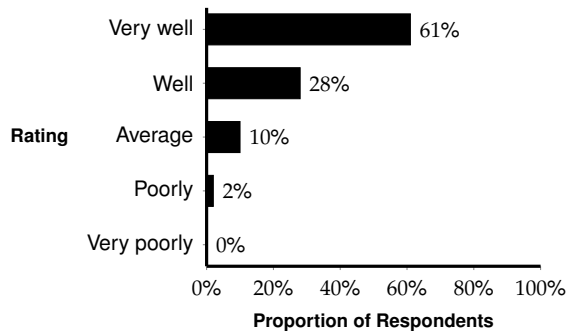
FY26: 587 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 88%
Mean score: 4.5

Keeping noise at appropriate levels

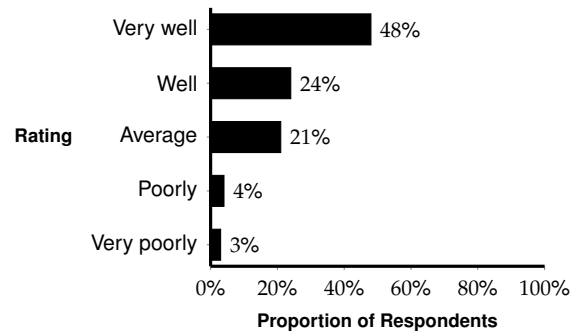
FY26: 599 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 88%
Mean score: 4.5

Providing a sufficient law enforcement presence to prevent crime

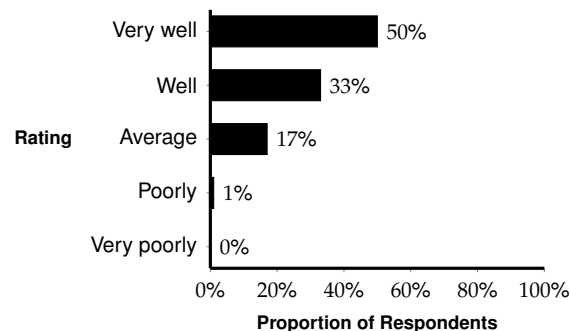
FY26: 402 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 72%
Mean score: 4.1

Everything considered: How well the BLM manages recreation use management

FY26: 634 Respondents



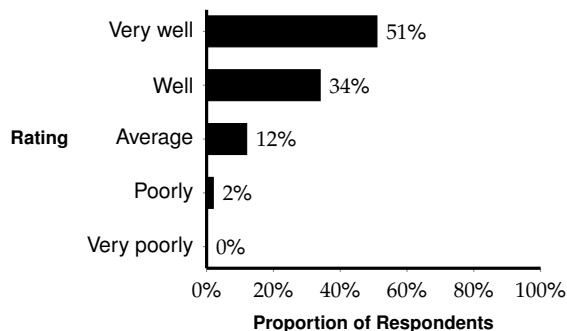
FY26 Satisfaction measure: 83%
Mean score: 4.3



2026 BLM Visitor Survey Resource Management

Adequately protecting the natural resources

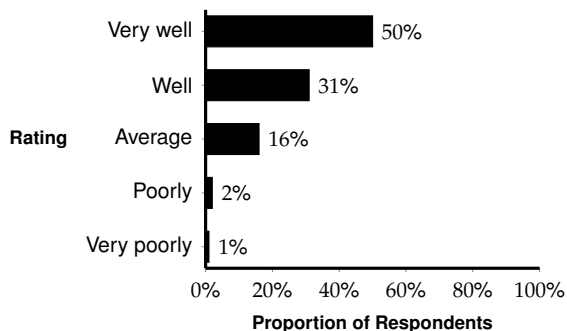
FY26: 641 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 85%
Mean score: 4.3

Ensuring that visitor activities do not interfere with resource protection

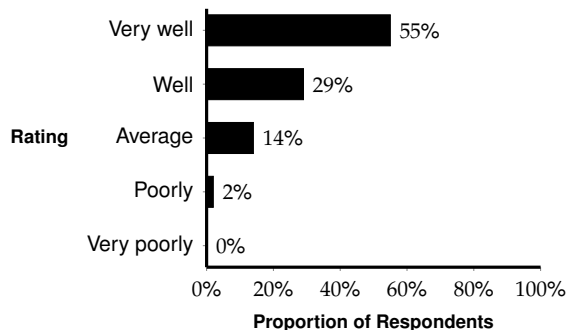
FY26: 580 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 81%
Mean score: 4.3

Adequately protecting the cultural resources

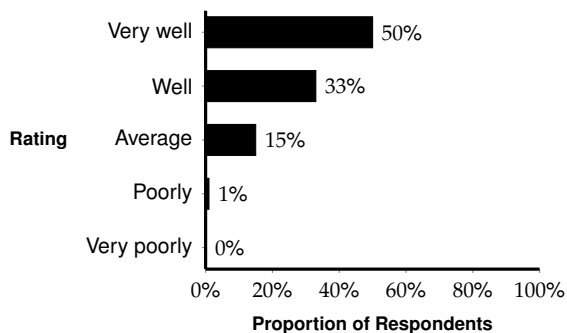
FY26: 566 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 84%
Mean score: 4.4

Everything considered: How well the BLM protects the natural and cultural resources

FY26: 636 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 83%
Mean score: 4.3

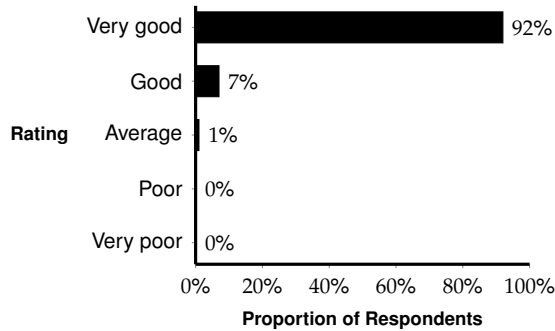
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BLM Staff and Service



Staff's level of courteousness

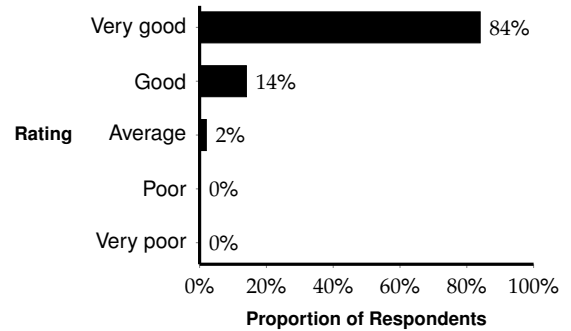
FY26: 617 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 99%
Mean score: 4.9

Staff's knowledge about natural and cultural resources

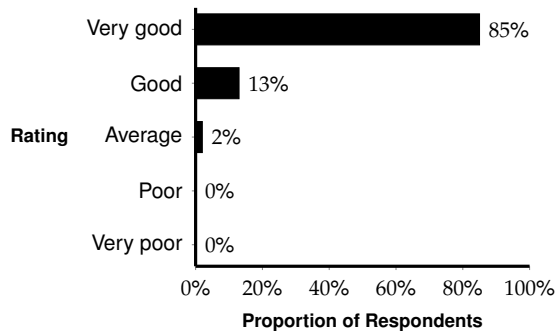
FY26: 506 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 98%
Mean score: 4.8

Staff's knowledge about recreational opportunities

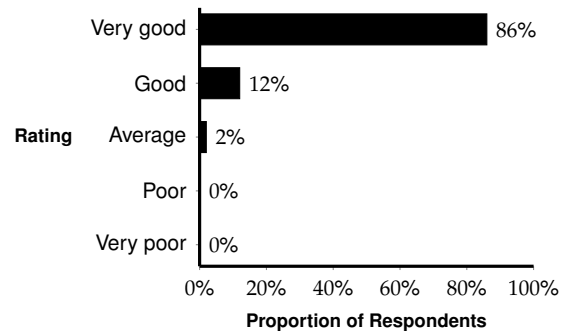
FY26: 524 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 98%
Mean score: 4.8

Everything considered: Performance of BLM staff

FY26: 600 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 98%
Mean score: 4.8

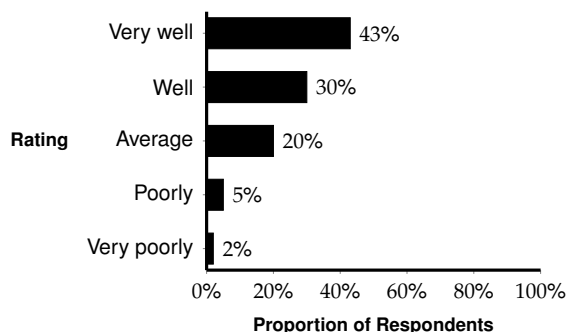


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Providing Educational and Interpretive Material

Providing quality educational and interpretive material about the resources

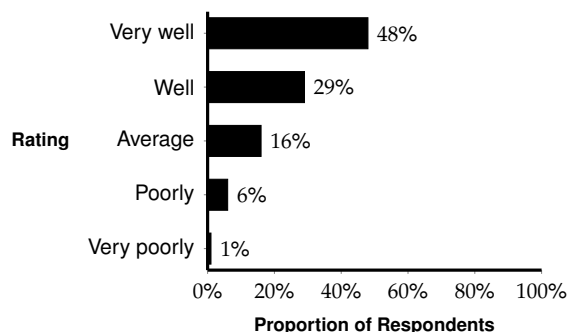
FY26: 459 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 73%
Mean score: 4.1

Providing stewardship information on protecting cultural and natural resources

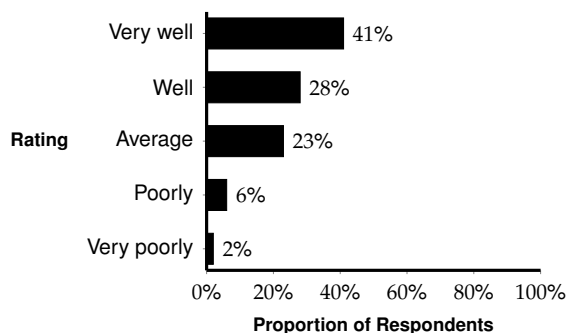
FY26: 493 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 76%
Mean score: 4.2

Providing sufficient quantity of educational and interpretive materials about the resources

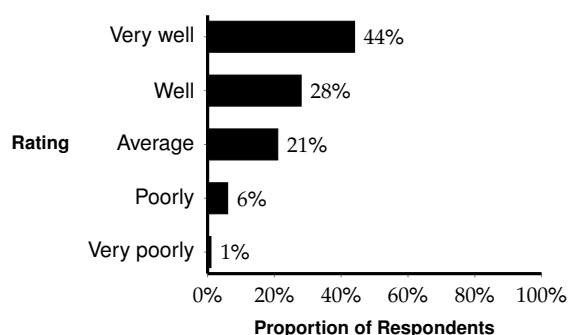
FY26: 456 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 69%
Mean score: 4

Everything considered: How well the BLM provides interpretive and educational materials

FY26: 512 Respondents



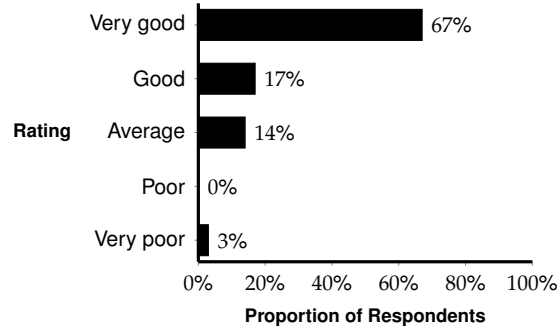
FY26 Satisfaction measure: 72%
Mean score: 4.1

2026 BLM Visitor Survey Programs & Fees



Quality of program(s) attended

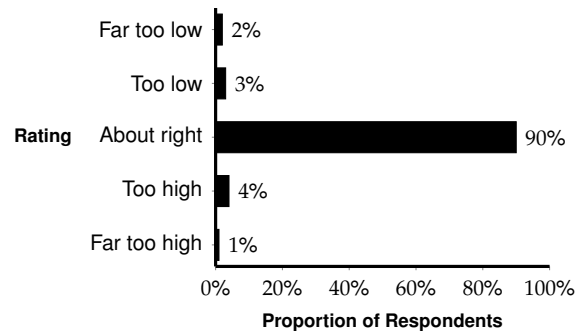
FY26: 72 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 83%
Mean score: 4.4

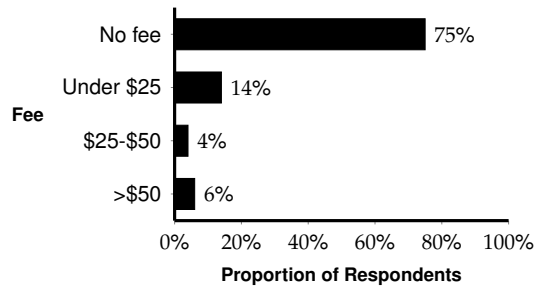
How appropriate was the fee charged for this site/area?

FY26: 181 Respondent(s)



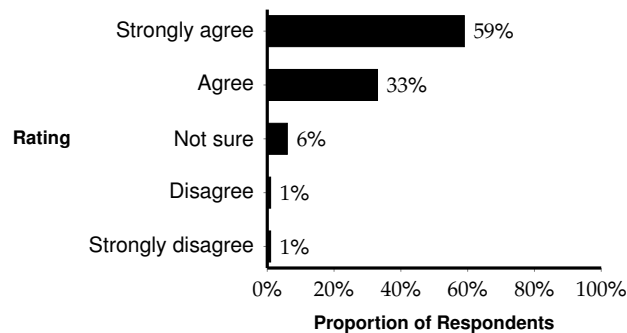
Total fees paid

FY26: 685 Respondents



The value of recreation opportunity and services was at least equal to the fee asked to pay

FY26: 177 Respondent(s)



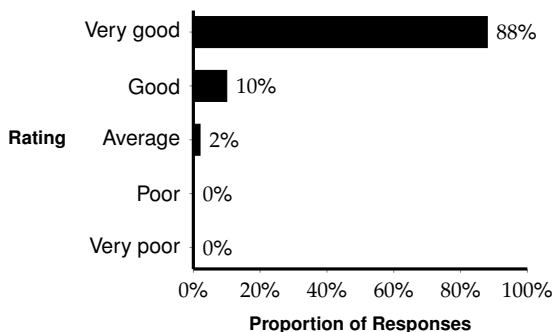


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Commercial Recreation Operations & Activities

Quality of Commercial Services

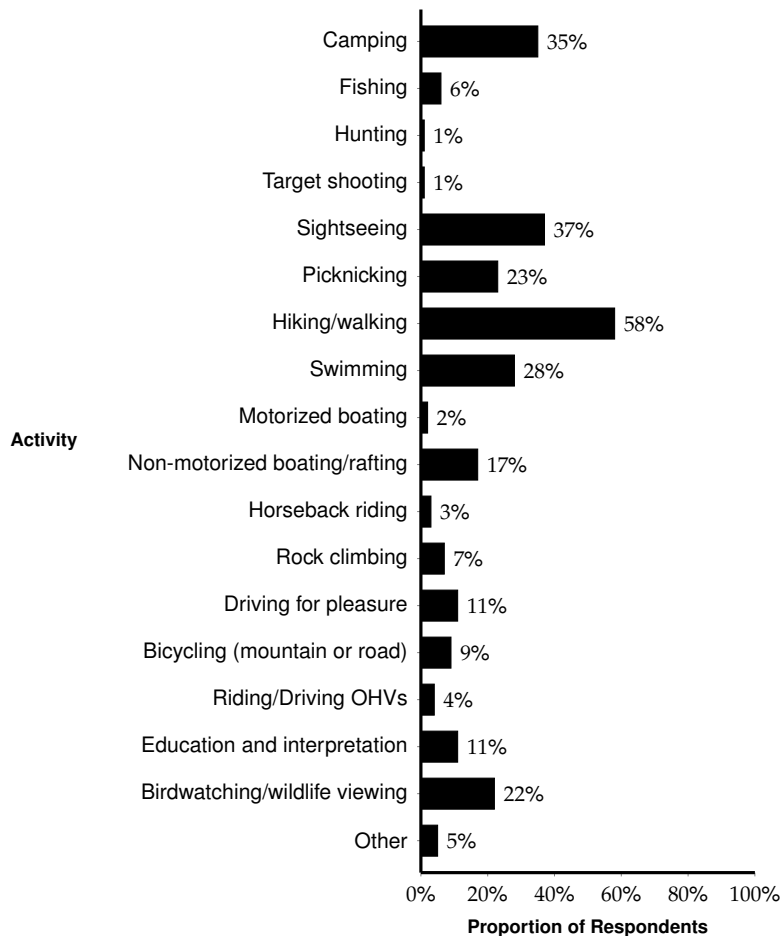
FY26: 89 Responses*



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 98%
Mean score: 4.8

Activities

FY26: 647 Respondents**



*Each respondent could rate up to three services.

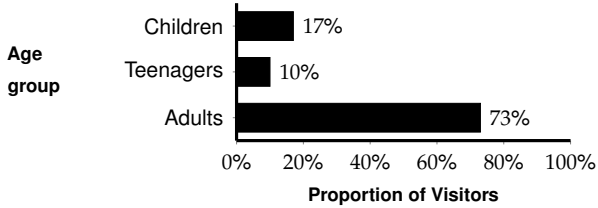
**Percentages do not sum to 100 because respondents could select more than one activity.

2026 BLM Visitor Survey Demographics



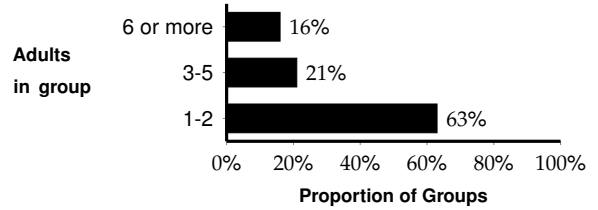
Visitor age groups

FY26: 3085 Visitors



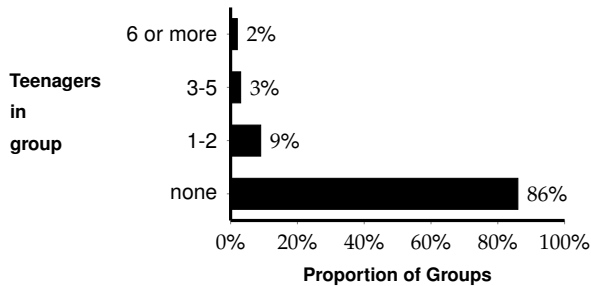
Number of Adults (18 and over) in group

FY26: 656 Groups



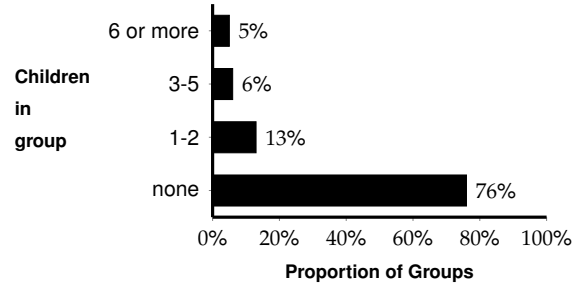
Number of teenagers (13-17) in group

FY26: 656 Groups



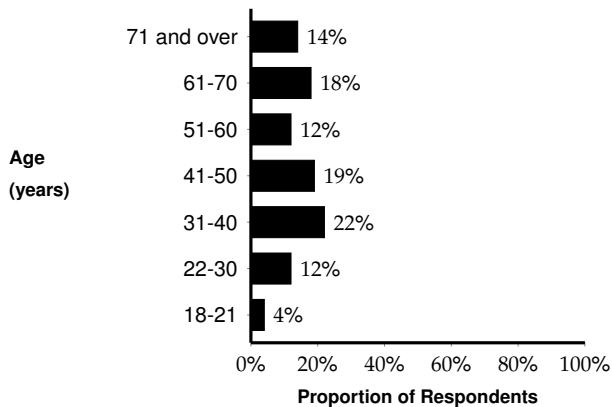
Number of children (under 12) in group

FY26: 656 Groups



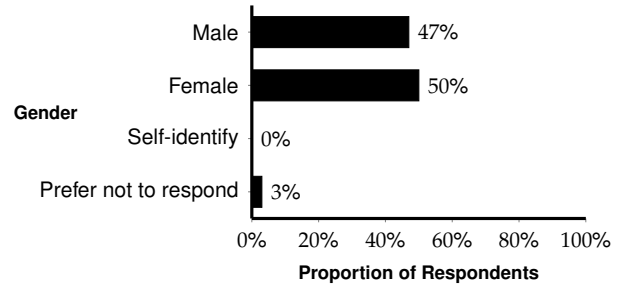
Respondent age

FY26: 653 Respondents



Respondent gender

FY26: 643 Respondents



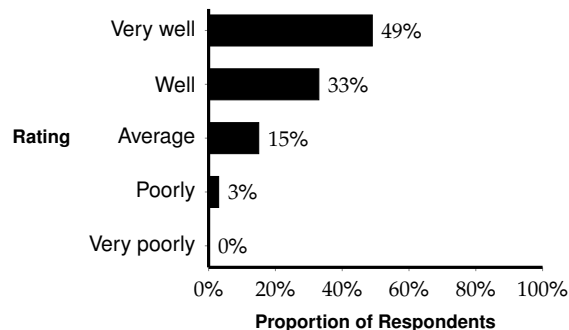


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Accessibility for Visitors with Disabilities

How well the BLM provides access to adequately use recreation facilities

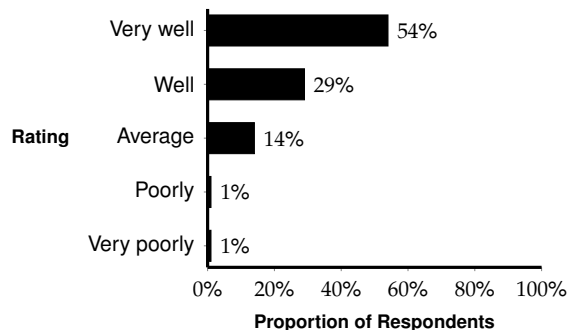
FY26: 79 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 82%
Mean score: 4.3

How well the BLM provides access to adequately view exhibits, way-sides, information panels, etc.

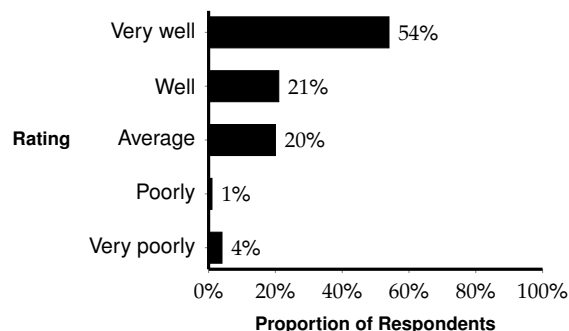
FY26: 70 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 83%
Mean score: 4.3

How well the BLM provides access to adequately view and use information (map, brochure, website, etc.)

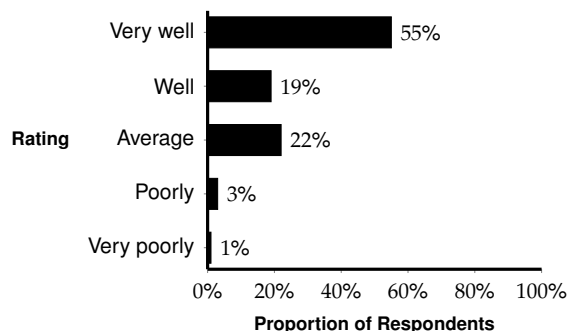
FY26: 71 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 75%
Mean score: 4.2

How well the BLM provides access to adequately use other visitor services (restrooms, water, etc.)

FY26: 74 Respondents



FY26 Satisfaction measure: 74%
Mean score: 4.2



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