

2018 Lake Shamineau Property Owners Demographics Survey

Results Report

This survey was administered May 9 to May 26, 2018.

The **purpose** of the demographics survey was:

To create a profile of our Lake Shamineau property owners that will help guide the Lake Shamineau Improvement District and Lake Shamineau Association boards to better understand and communicate with members and clarify to the boards who they are serving.

Information gathered was designed to somewhat align with that collected by the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates demographics surveys which have been done for several years. All answers to be anonymous and the privacy of respondents maintained. Only one response per property allowed and respondents were required to provide a valid Lake Shamineau property address.

Distribution

Surveys were included with the Spring 2018 Lake Shamineau Newsletter sent via US Post and email. There was also a link to complete the survey online via Google Forms posted on the Lake Shamineau website and Facebook page. Paper copies were available at the spring Lake Shamineau Association annual meeting May 26, 2018. Paper copies could be submitted in person at the annual meeting or mailed to the Association post office box. Submissions were accepted up to the end of the May 26 annual meeting.

Responses

There were 113 submissions made online via Google Forms, 28 entered in person at the annual meeting and seven received in the mail for a total of 148 responses. Subsequently, five were disqualified as duplicates or not having a valid Lake Shamineau property address for a total of 143 responses included in the final tally.

Questions

Some comparisons of the Lake Shamineau Demographics Survey results to the results to the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR) 2017 survey are made using their results report <

<http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org/sites/mnlakesandrivers.org/files/files/mn-lake-association-survey-2017-report.pdf>>

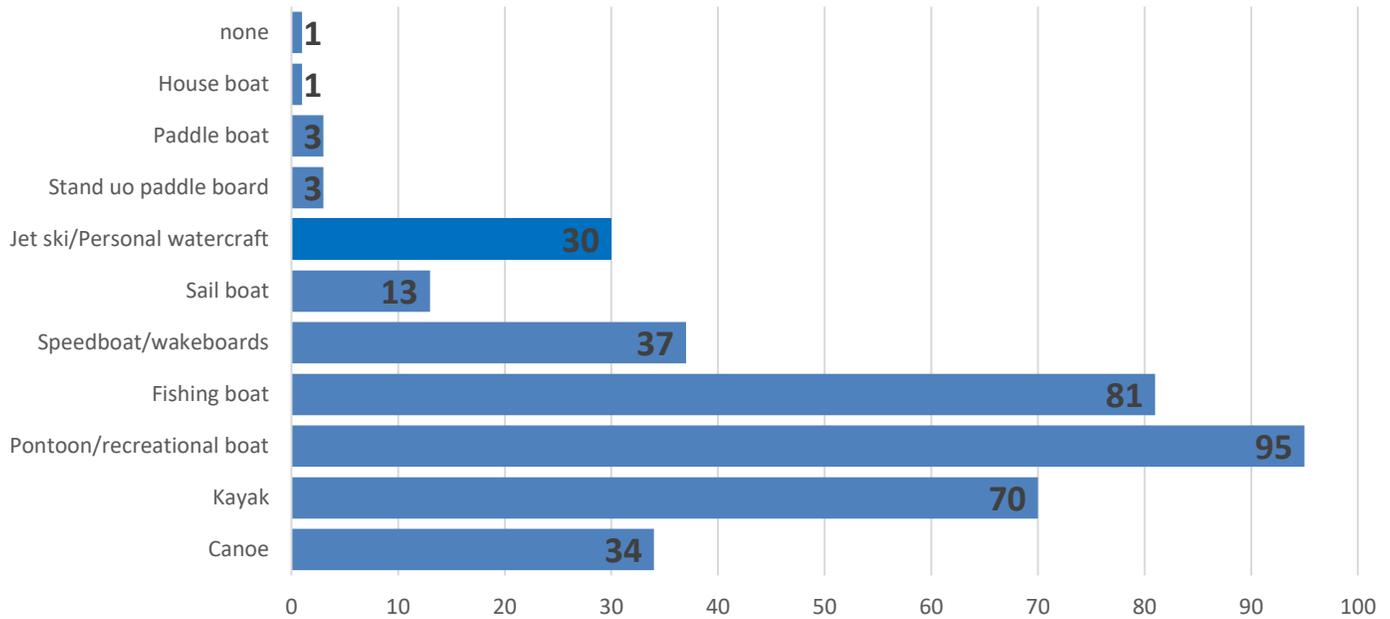
- **Boats** - When asked what type of boat they own or use on Lake Shamineau, the top responses were pontoon/recreational boat, fishing boat, and kayak. These findings are similar to the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLRA) survey except that on Shamineau speed boats/wakeboards outnumbered kayaks.
- **Fishing** - Our responses listed panfish, walleye, bass, pike, and Muskellunge as most fished for in Shamineau, similar to the MLR responses which were ordered as panfish, bass, pike, walleye, Muskellunge, trout and catfish.
- **Recreational activities** - Lake Shamineau property owners enjoy boating, swimming/water sports, fishing, walking/running/bicycling, nature observation, ice fishing, snowmobiling, and hunting – all activities that fit with the Lake Shamineau Association mission statement: *“The Lake Shamineau Association is an organization dedicated to lake conservation, to wildlife habitat, to building of community.”*
- **Property use** - More than half of properties have a winterized home, cabin, or building. Forty-three percent characterize the use of their property as occasional (weekend/vacations), 35.7% as seasonal, and 16% full-time residents. Most occasional users commute one to three hours to Lake Shamineau.

- **Ownership** - Almost all property owners are Minnesota residents, but less than a quarter are Morrison County voters. More than three fourths have owned their Lake Shamineau property for 10 or more years with 16 percent owning for 50 years and more. The majority (66.7%) hold individual ownership and a third have some sort of joint ownership or family trust. Recreation, retreat or retirement were the most cited reasons for purchasing their property. Only 35 respondents said they were considering selling their property in the next three years. Of those, 23 said it was because of “degradation due to high water level.”
- **Age** – Only three respondents gave their age as less than 40 years old. Fifty-four answered ages 40 to 60 years, 75 people said ages 61 to 80 and nine older than 89 years old. This older profile matches that 41% are retired.
- **Communications** - Most people overwhelmingly said that they use the bi-annual newsletter and the annual meetings to get their information. This confirms the importance of utilizing these means of communication. Although most responded that they had regular access to email and the internet, less than half use the Lake Shamineau website or Facebook page to get their information.
- **Comments** - A final question invited respondents to make comments. Of the 43 submitted comments, 29 (67%) were concerning the high lake level.

On the following pages are charts showing the results of the 2018 Lake Shamineau Property Owners Demographics Survey.

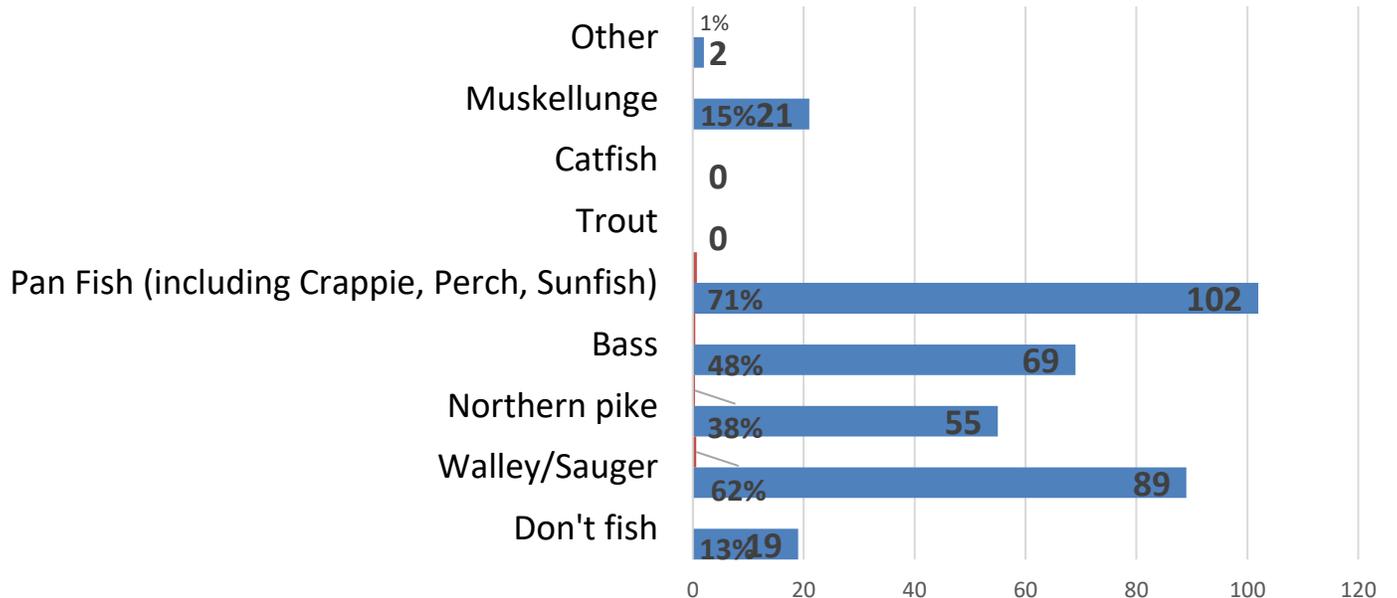
Q1. What type of boat(s) do you own and/or use on Lake Shamineau? (Check all that apply.)

143 responses



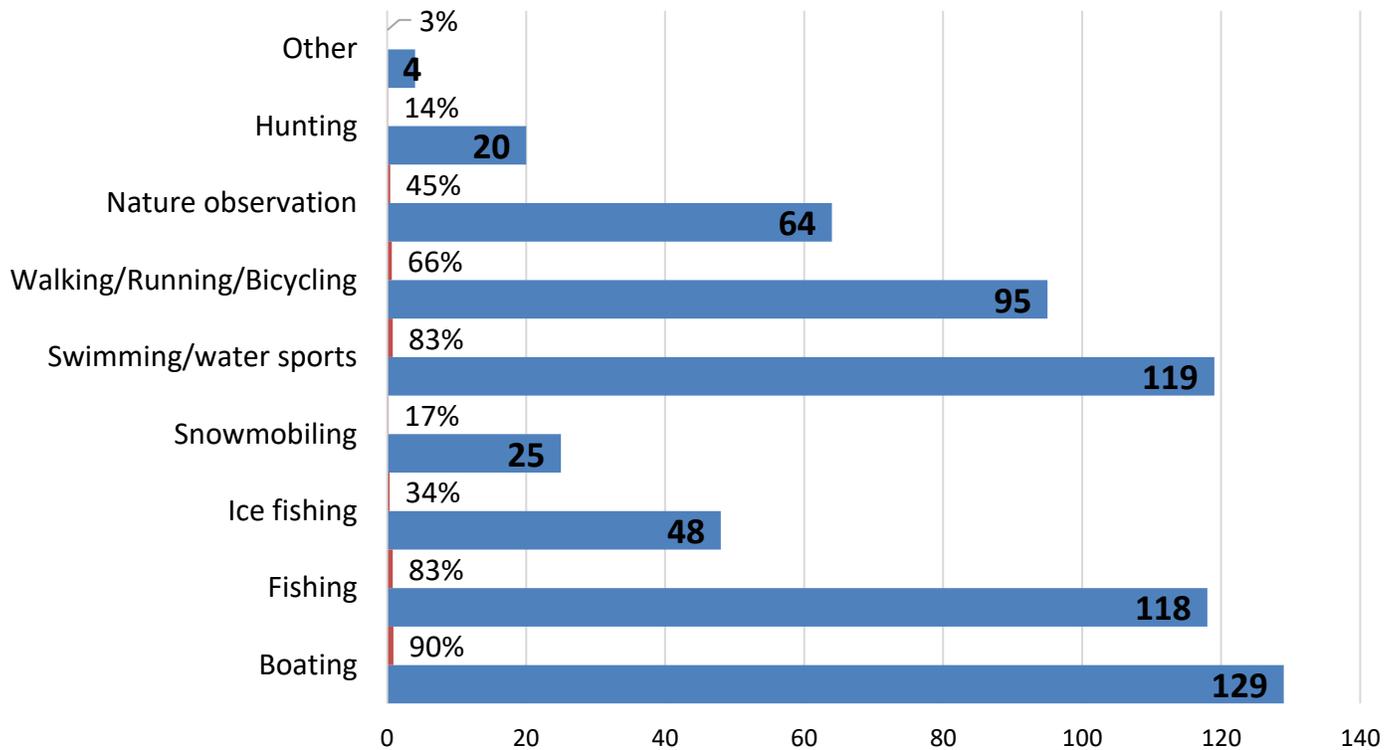
Q2. What kinds of fish do you mostly fish for? (Check all that apply.)

143 Responses



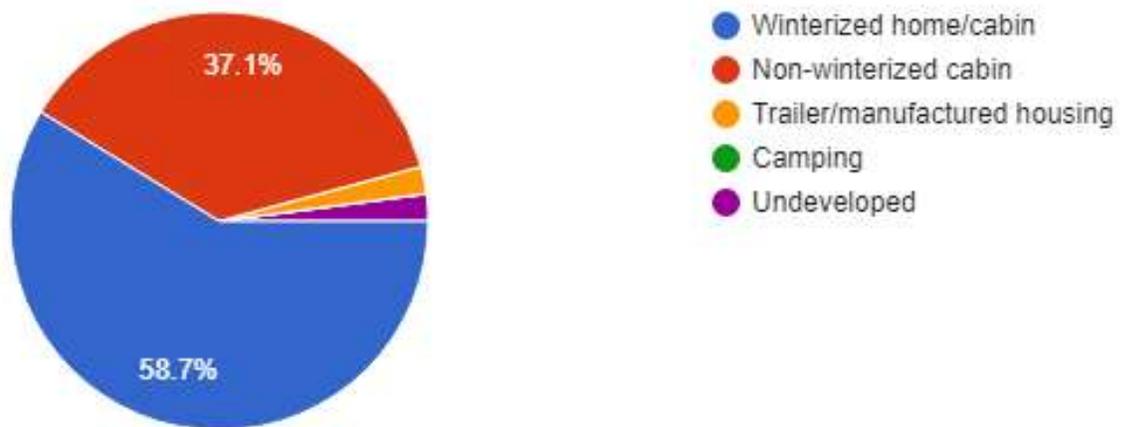
Q3. What recreational activities do you participate in at Lake Shamineau? (Check all that apply.)

143 responses



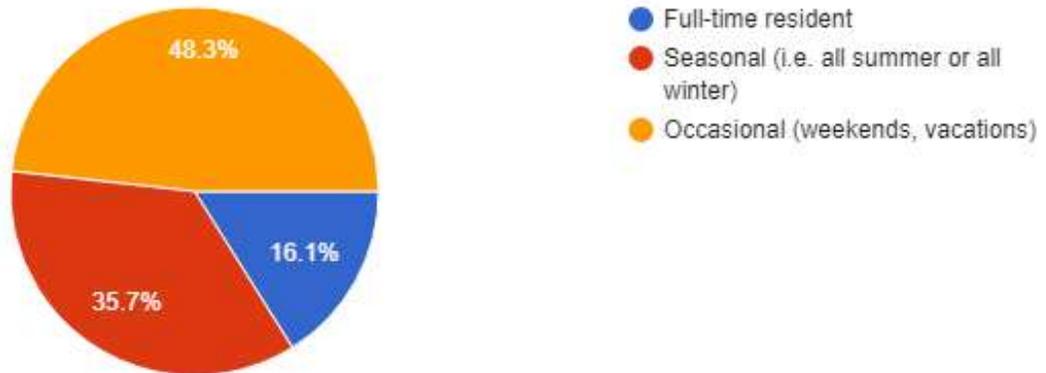
Q4. What type of home/cabin/building is on your property?

143 responses



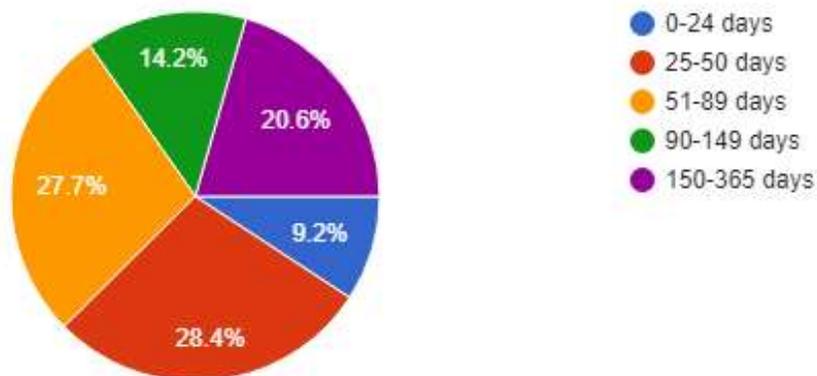
Q5. How would you characterize your use of your Lake Shamineau property?

143 responses



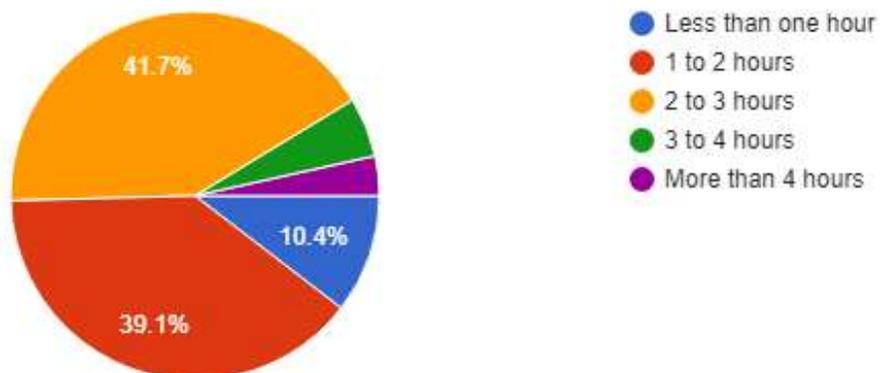
Q6. How many days per year do you estimate use of your property?

141 responses



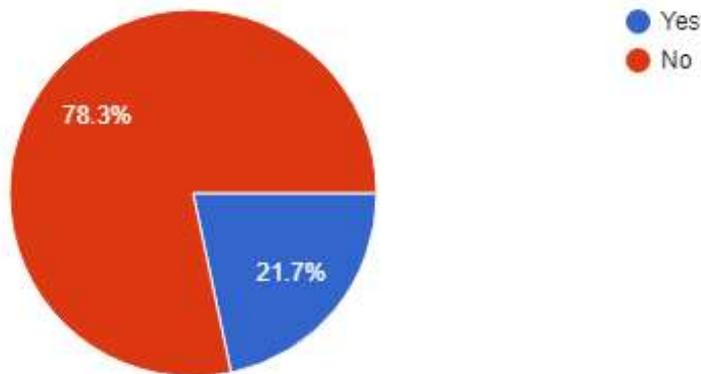
Q7. If you are not a permanent or seasonal resident, what is your travel time to Lake Shamineau?

115 responses



Q8. Are you a resident of Morrison County and eligible to vote on legislation in Morrison County?

143 responses



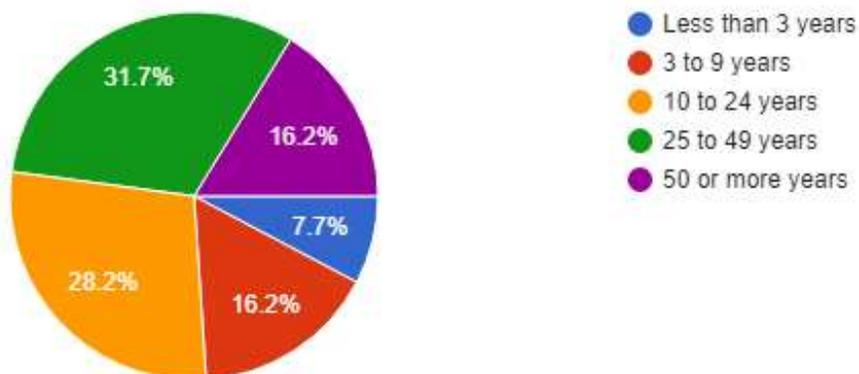
Q9. Are you a Minnesota resident?

143 responses



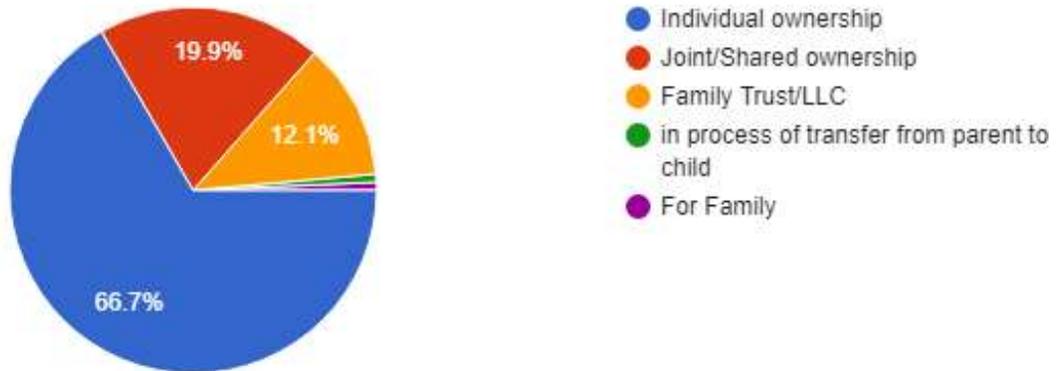
Q10. How long have you owned your Lake Shamineau property?

142 responses



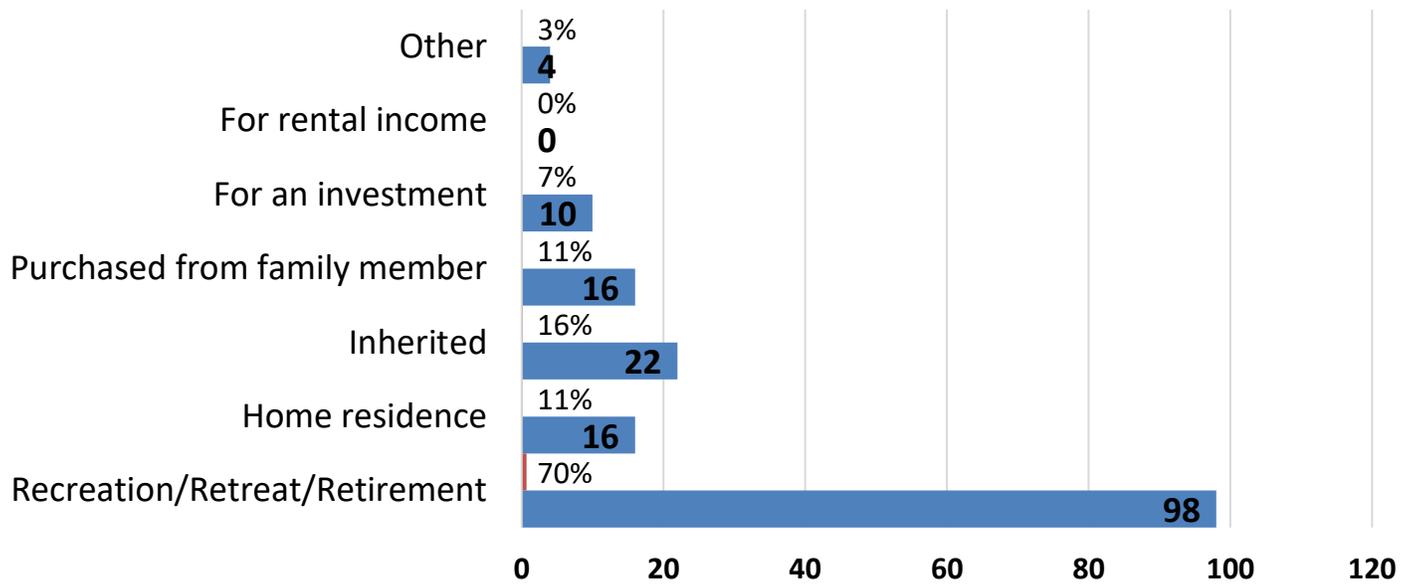
Q11. How would you characterize your Lake Shamineau property ownership model?

141 responses



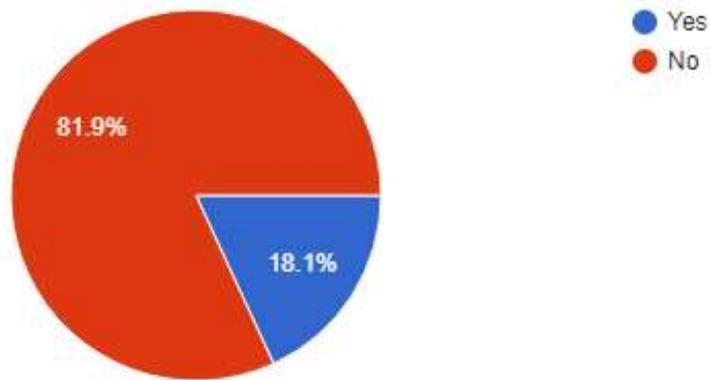
Q12. Why did you purchase your Lake Shamineau property?

141 responses



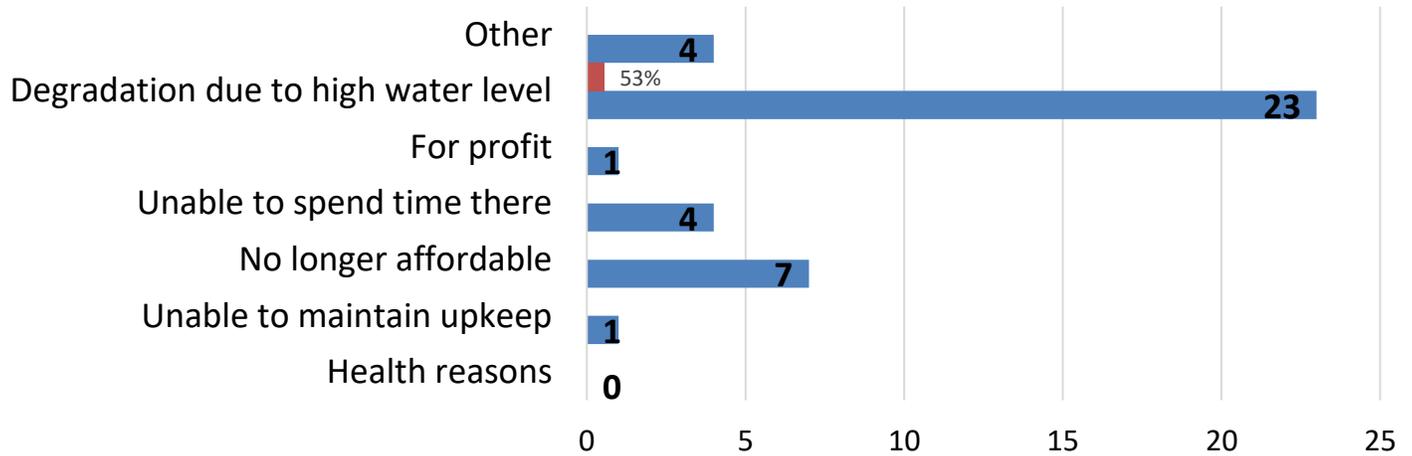
Q13. Are you considering selling your property within the next three years?

138 responses



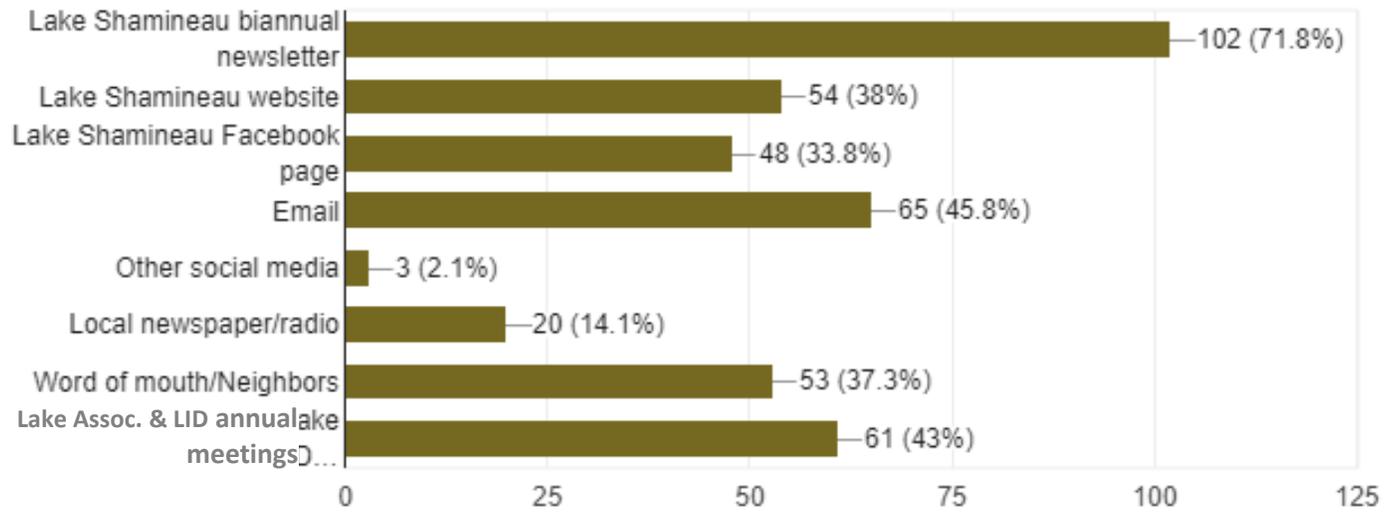
Q14. If you are planning on selling within three years, for what reasons?

35 responses



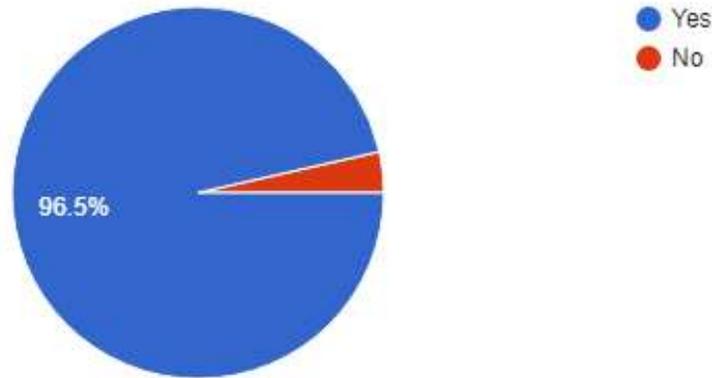
Q15. How do you receive Lake Shamineau news?

142 responses



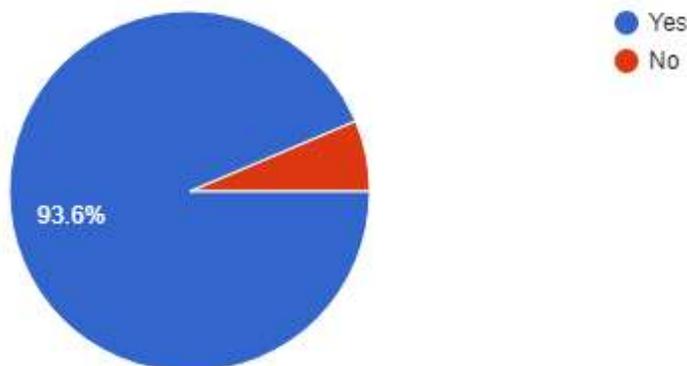
Q16. Do you have regular access to email?

141 responses



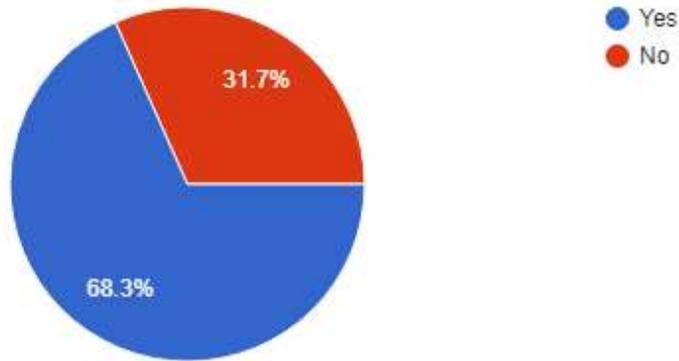
Q17. Do you have regular internet access?

141 responses



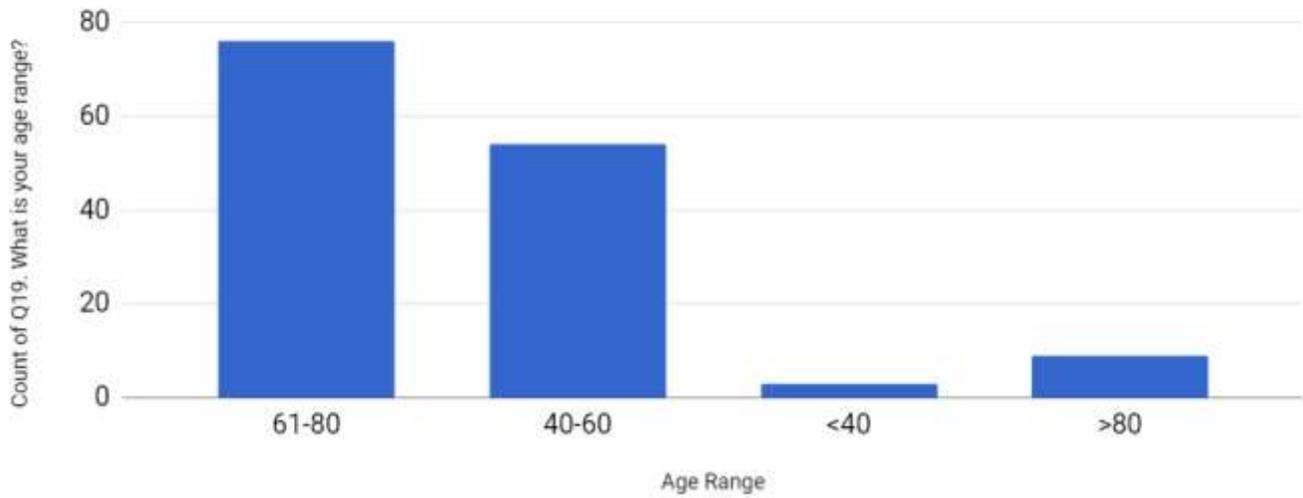
Q18. Do you have telephone access at your Lake Shamineau property?

139 responses



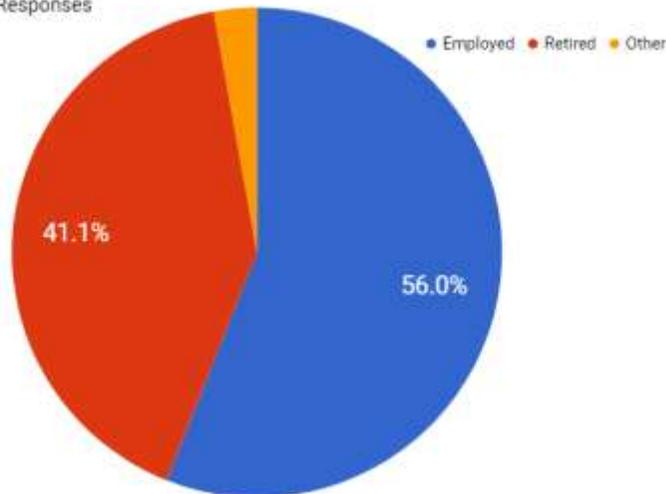
Q19. What is your age range?

141 Responses



Q20. What is your current employment status?

141 Responses



Please include any other comments you wish to make.

43 responses

Lets please control lake level. Save Lake Shamineau
This lake is in big trouble due to the water level. We love it but our property is in severe jeopardy
Please Please Please help to do whatever possible to make the water go down... even better if the county would take some responsibility and help pay for it! Thanks!
We are very concerned about our water levels!
We are very concerned about the high water. Our boathouse, which we have maintained and used for many years, now has water up to the back wall. I believe if we were planning on selling, we would have a difficult time finding a buyer.
So much for being anonymous if we have to provide address etc.
Thanks for all you do! So appreciate this survey and all other information.
Thanks for all you do
We don't live on Lake Shamineau fulltime at the current time, but plan on building a home on our site which will eventually be our retirement home.
Never received survey on how much property has been damaged by high water. We have spent over \$6000 to date and expect to spend another \$2000+ this summer
I would really like to know what guideline there are to restore lot damage from high water and what if any special accommodations will be made allowing us to improve outside of current rules.
something needs to lower lake level theres been too much damage on shorelines
I lived on Lake Shamineau some years ago and when we were looking for a retirement home, we purchased here again. We are planning on moving into our home on Lake Shamineau permanently within the next two years. If the water gets much higher, our home will no longer be livable and we are just skating on the edge of affordability and all of our money is wrapped up in this property. We are deeply concerned that our investment in our future retirement home will be demolished by the rising water level. Please help us.
I hope the county commisioners will do the right thing and approve the SLID plan for controlling the lake level.
We purchased our property in 1993 and at that time we had 25 feet of beautiful sandy beach which is now under 4-5 feet of water. That was one of the main reasons we loved this property. We are absolutely heart sick about the devistating effects the high water levels are having on this lake and on our property. I am strongly in support of this water pumping project and applaud all members of the boards for the countless hours of devotion they have shown in the past couple of years to hopefully implementing this massive project.
please do whatever you can to get the high water control moving along.
Sure hope we can get the water level lowered, I have lost enough shoreline already.
Beautiful lake
We think there will be many cabins going up for sale if this lake does not get pumped. The owners can not afford to loose their cabins due to this high water level. Or there will be many walking away and not paying their taxes on these properties.
We fully support the LID efforts to draw down lake level. The current option proposed by county/ DNR is a bandaid that will not solve the long term issues.
Very worried about the water level! Hoping we can all stay on the lake.
With your implementation of LID you are creating a tax consequence beyond value
Fix the high water, pump the lake, or have the DNR take down the dam on lake Scandfield and see if Lake Shamineau's water level would go down, that would be such a easy fix, and would be so worth the try. We would love to stay on the lake but may have no choice, we may just loose our future retirement home due to the high water. Very sad to see this once beautiful lake be in such a shamble
I don't think that pumping is the answer.other things should be tried first clean the ditches , check where the water is coming from, take out dams , talk to local experts.
Cost and shore disturbance for the last 3 years, not looking forward to spring time, repairs!!
Lake water level is unacceptable. Lost 5 feet of shore across 200 feet is 1,000 feet of lot reclaimed
Shamineau has been great for our family but the regulations and the cost of being there due to shoreline issues even after paying the cabin off are at a point of how much should one have to spend for continued enjoyment
Thanks Jacquie! see you this Saturday
Do we really have trout in the lake or was that a canned form?
Thanks for your time and effort. When we retire we hope to be active in the association.

Transient fishing people spreading invasive species.
We enjoy the muskie fishing on the lake.
High water is a problem with our lot.
We have owned our cabin in our family for over 70 years. I am disappointed with the LID because the way the(y) treat people at public meeting.
Although the project doesn't personally affect my property I am willing to participate in the overall good of all Lake Shamineau residents.
Thank you for doing this and all the other things you do. I really appreciate it.
Thank you for all work on improving our water level!
Get the lake level lower - ASAP
I'm very happy the LID board voted to improve our lake. I hope we can get some grant money & permits so they can get started with the big project. Thank you.
A lot of people's cabins will not be arond to make the 2020 timeline for the pumping.
I have included activities that my family enjoys while visiting.
The major concern I have with continuing high water levels is the potential damage to septic systems. This damage can not only affect lake water but contaminate everyone's drinking water on and near the lake.
We love our lake home, the lake & surrounding area. But we are so saddened to see what has happened to our lake front with the rising water level & are hopeful improvements can and will be made soon! :)