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## Survey Results: Equestrian Center Use

**Survey Info** - This survey was sent on behalf of Orange County Fair & Event Center to the FlashVote community for OC Fair Neighbors, CA.

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# 826

**Total Participants**

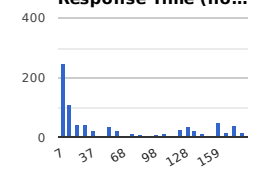
133 of 251 initially invited (53%)  
693 others

Margin of error: ± 8%

Applied Filter:  
**Locals only**

Participants for filter:  
**68**

**Response Time (ho...**



Started:  
**Apr 29, 2021 10:09am PDT**

Ended:  
**May 7, 2021 12:08am PDT**

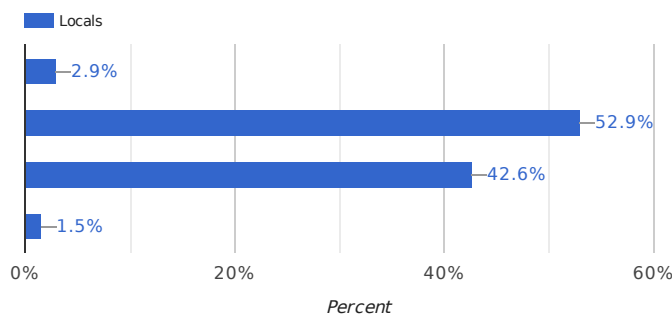
Target Participants:  
**All OC Fair Neighbors**

**Q1** The OC Fair & Event Center Board of Directors is looking at current and future uses of the fairgrounds' equestrian center, which has facilities for boarding horses, taking riding lessons from trainers and more. Your input will inform upcoming discussions and decisions.

Prior to reading this, which of the following best describes your experience with the equestrian center at the OC Fair & Event Center?

(68 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (68)
I didn't know it was there	2.9% (2)
I knew it was there, but have never visited	52.9% (36)
I've visited	42.6% (29)
Not sure	1.5% (1)

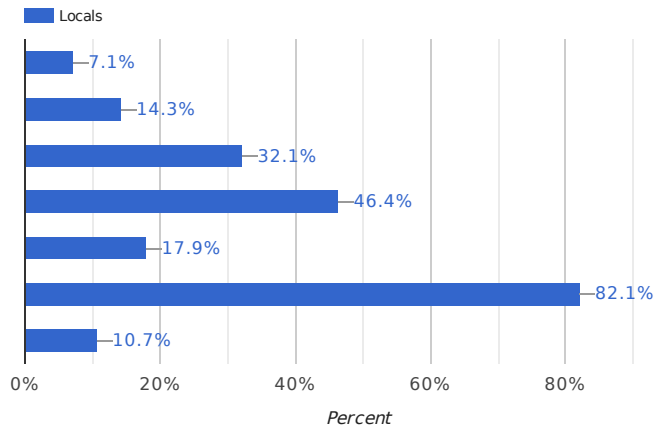


**Q2** What have you done at the equestrian center? (Choose all that apply)

(28 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (28)
Boarded a horse	7.1% (2)
Rode someone else's horse	14.3% (4)
Took a riding lesson	32.1% (9)
Watched someone take a lesson or ride their horse	46.4% (13)

Options	Locals (28)
Attended a camp or other activity	17.9% (5)
Walked around and explored it	82.1% (23)
Other:	10.7% (3)



lesson attended  
 watch able  
 help horse  
 fair never show  
 program

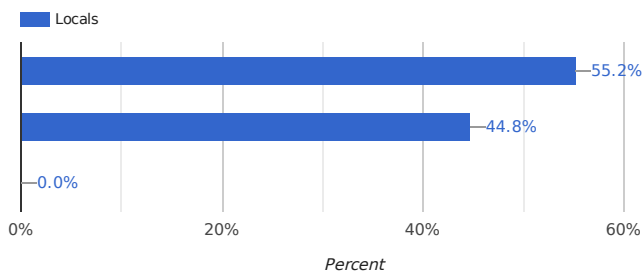
Worked w/ them on a City/ Fairground after school program collaboration.

My children were able to ride the horse with the Ranch program.

Attended horse shows when they were allowed

**Q3** How would you rate your overall experience with the equestrian center?  
 (29 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (29)
Exceeded expectations	55.2% (16)
Met expectations	44.8% (13)
Below expectations, because:	0.0% (0)



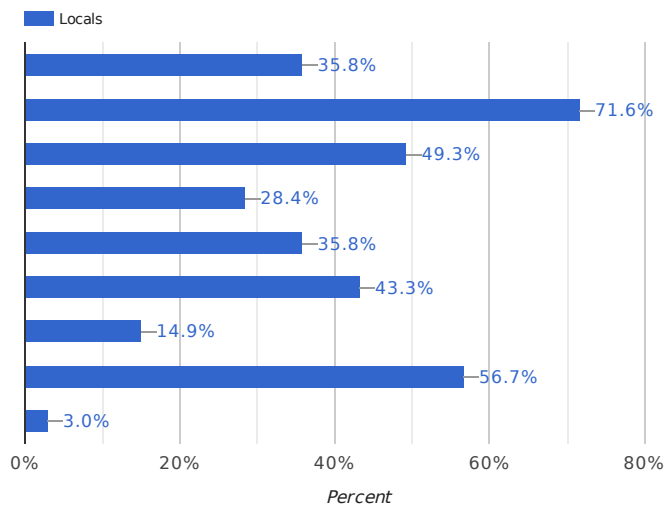
# like public horses walk

**Q4** The Board of Directors of the OC Fair & Event Center would like to provide more opportunities for the general public to use the equestrian center.

Which of the following things would you be likely to do, if any? (Choose all that apply, if any)

(67 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (67)
Attend educational events and demonstrations there during Imaginology	35.8% (24)
See exhibits and horse-related activities during the annual OC Fair	71.6% (48)
Take a tour or attend an open house to learn more about horses and equestrian activities	49.3% (33)
Have my child participate in a school field trip there	28.4% (19)
Take riding lessons or rent the use of a horse for riding there	35.8% (24)
Attend a horse show or riding competition there	43.3% (29)
Participate in horsemanship or equine classes	14.9% (10)
Support the use of the equestrian center for nonprofit or therapeutic activities	56.7% (38)
I would be likely to:	3.0% (2)



show friend participate  
 adult equestrian ride school  
 facility see  
 want horse needs rent  
 please center event love pet  
 Just be around horses...  
 love horse the Equestrian Center be prevalent in CM & prolific for those with special needs!!!!!!  
 attend right use go special

**Q5** Any other comments or suggestions about the equestrian center at the OC Fair & Event Center?

(19 responses by locals)

available local provide support access  
 better need place keep ride  
 space enjoy horse love ocsee great  
 stables facility make please like  
 mesa public center use area  
 made event park take fair equestrian open  
 I love it having right by my house kids community ranch  
 think people important animal property visit

I DEFINITELY support the use of the center for therapeutic purposes.

Please keep the Ranch program for all future elementary students. My children were blessed with the opportunity. Maybe open up to different programs for future veterinarians.

It's always been done well.

SO NICE TO HAVE THIS IN A CITY PLEASE KEEP HERE.....

The equestrian center is an amazing asset to our city and county. It needs to be back to their original size.

The equestrian center was better utilized with boarding and numerous horse shows and the facility was better maintained when it was run and maintained by the OC Fair & Event Center staff

Awesome facility!

I think to have visitors it may be a little overwhelming for the horses.

enhancing the Equestrian Center is a great idea. It brings a happy glow to many in the community. It has been nicely decorated with bike paths and greenbelt. It has created a comfort to know it is there, and have it near the parks and fairgrounds. It is a necessary staple

I love the fact that the center is available. It gives a hometown feel to CM!

Although we are not part of the equestrian community, I walk down Arlington nearly every morning and love knowing that it is there. If there is current consideration that the land could be "better used", my voice says "Please, No!" It sets Costa Mesa apart from so many other communities that we have set aside this space. Let's not be like everyone else.

I think the Equestrian Center is a gem and aligns with the history of the property. There are so few places for kids to see animals and interact with them anymore. For people with special needs, horses are wonderful therapists. I see very little marketing done around it. As a neighbor, I don't support the idea of repurposing the area as an RV rental park.

Should definitely remain at the location

The equestrian center is a sanctuary from the busy and hectic life. It would be great if we could make it bigger and prettier. So it can really shine and we could hold horse shows again which would be amazing for the community/

Live in Mesa Del mar for 28 years and have never had a complaint about Equestrian center.

From a former Art Instructor, Please enlarge and use it like hell! Use it for education, health, enjoyment and our stunning community that will be even more worthwhile to live in and/or take part in for the POSITIVE!!!! It is what ALL OF US need!! Thank All Of You!!!! We have a pandemic baby boom that will so very much need this Center!!!! Eileen Levinson

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