

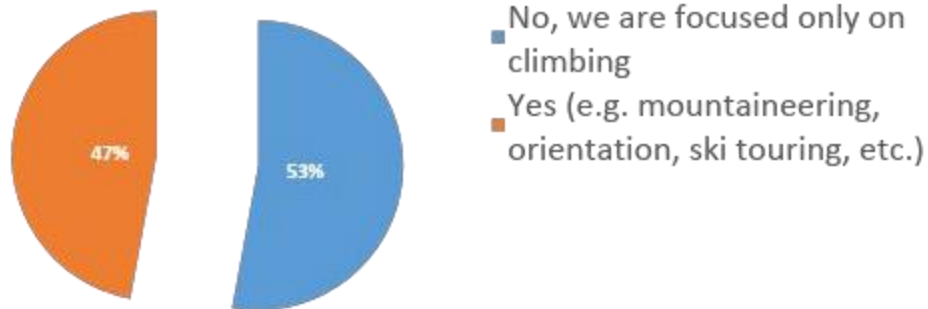


Analysis of the Hungarian climbing clubs

The survey was sent to clubs that are members of the Hungarian mountaineering and sport climbing association, MHSSZ. We received 17 answers.

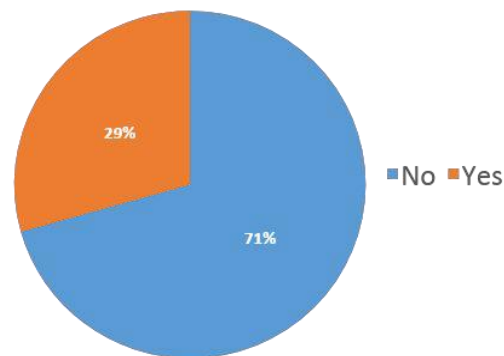
GENERAL INFO

1. Does your club specialize in any other activity (other than climbing)?



From the graph, we can see that clubs are pretty equally divided in terms of activity. There are slightly more clubs that focus only on climbing.

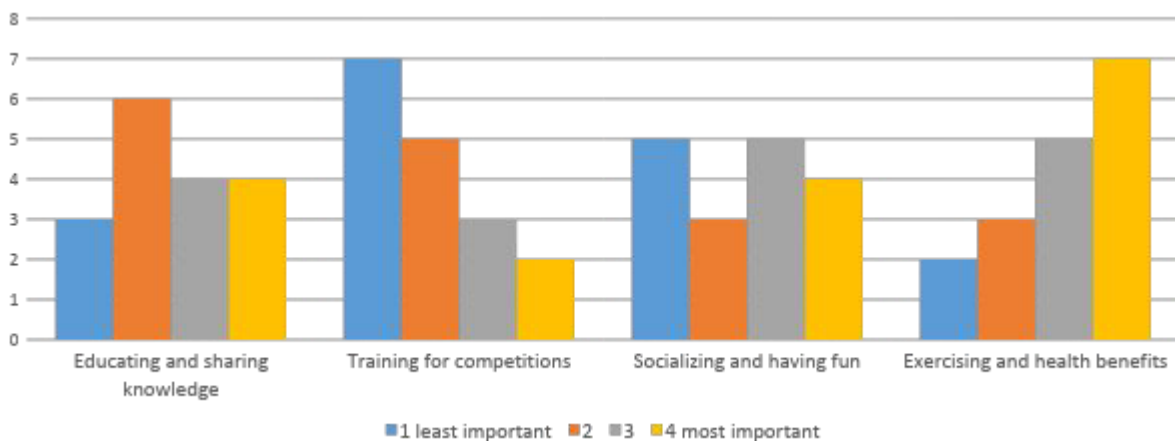
2. Is any member of your club part of some minority (e.g. ethnic minority, racial minority, religious minority, sexual minority, or disabled people)?



We can see that minorities are represented only in 29% of clubs.



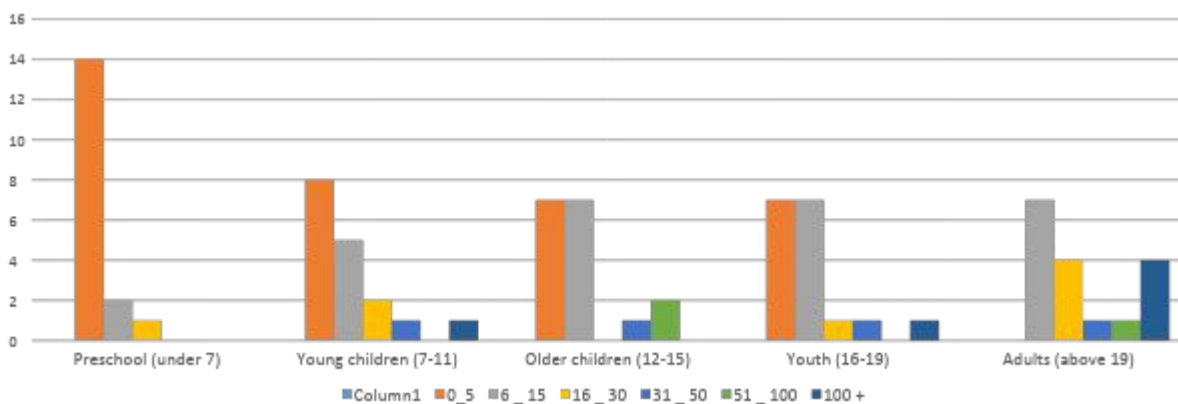
3. How would you prioritize your goals regarding young climbers in your club?



Exercising and health benefits are most important to most clubs. Socializing and education come right after that. In terms of safety that is quite promising. Training for competitions is most important only to two clubs. The reason for that is probably the fact that almost half of clubs are not only specialized in climbing.

CLIMBING ACTIVITIES

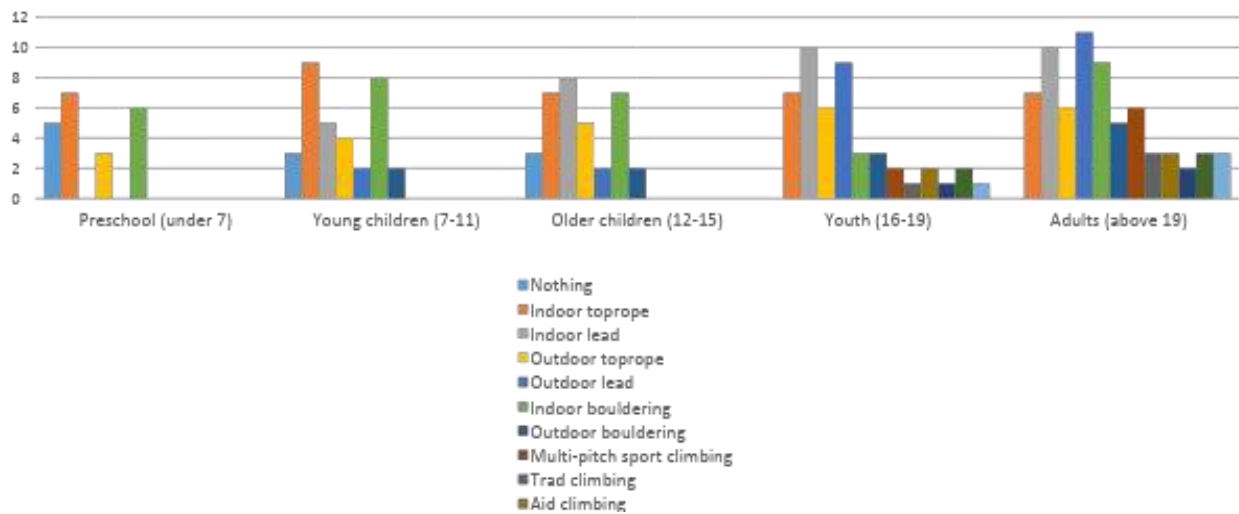
4. Roughly estimate the number of climbers in your club in different age brackets:



There is a small number of preschool children in climbing clubs. There is a jump in a number of young children and an even greater number of older children. From this analysis, we can see that there is almost no interest in climbing among preschool children. Most schools have some type of climbing wall which helps to increase the interest in climbing and therefore the number of children in clubs. The biggest number of members are adults.

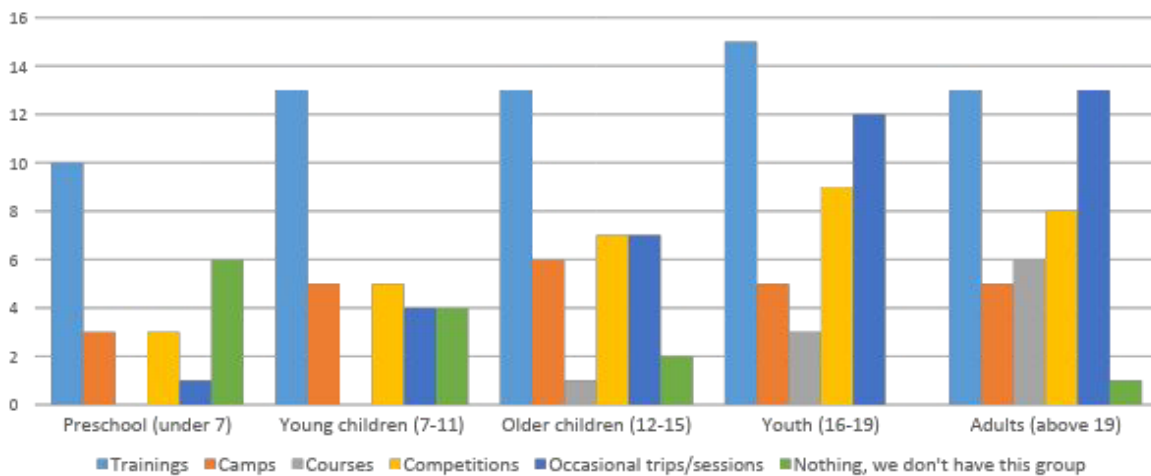


5. Choose the types of climbing you do in your club with children/youth in different age brackets:



At younger ages, the most frequent style is top rope climbing. Preschool and young children climb mostly indoors. With age, lead climbing and outdoor climbing get in focus. For youth and older climbers also the other styles of climbing come into interest.

6. Choose the climbing activities you organize in your club for children/youth in different age brackets:



Training and competitions are the main activities in the clubs. At older ages, organized trips get more popular.

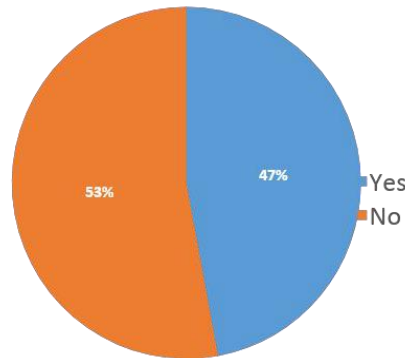
7. Write if you organize any other climbing activities for young climbers that weren't mentioned in the last question:

Yes, lectures about training and training strategy as well as avalanche courses.



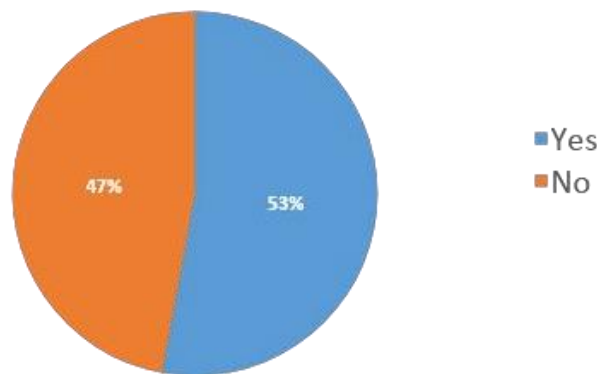
COMPETITORS

8. Do you have any young competitors in your club that compete on a national level?



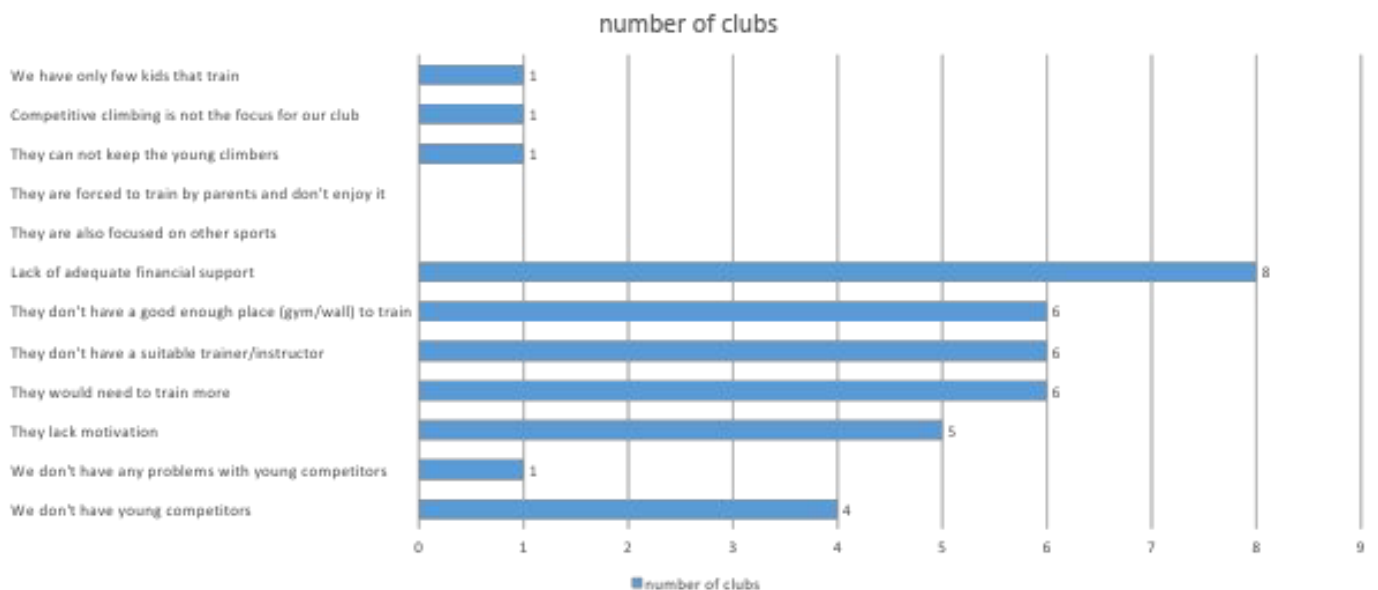
Almost 50 % of clubs have young competitors competing on a national level.

9. Do you have any young competitors in your club that compete in other climbing competitions or leagues (not on a national level)?



Slightly more than 50 % of clubs have young competitors competing in other climbing competitions or leagues.

10. Does your club face any problems regarding young competitors (on any level)?





We can see that the biggest problem is the lack of adequate financial support. Other main problems are inadequate space and lack of suitable trainers.

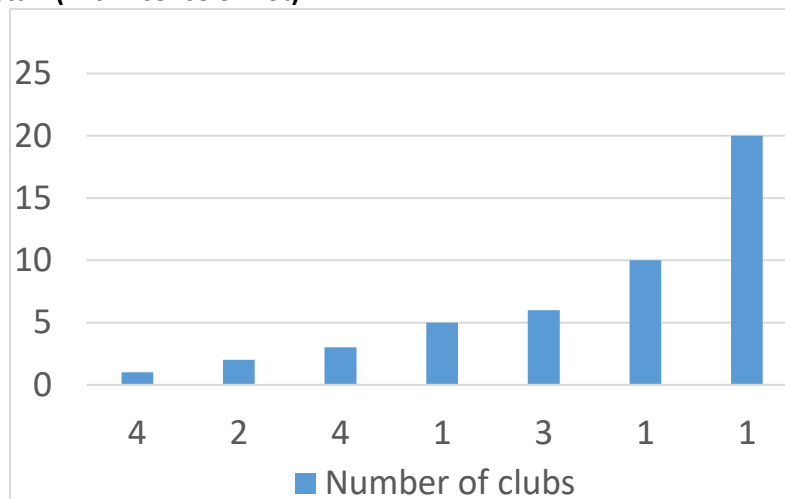
11. Does your club have any program for young competitors who stopped competing? (Please share your tips & tricks on how to keep them motivated and avoid losing their interest in climbing)

The clubs organize outdoor activities, club days, single-pitch, multi-pitch, trad and alpine climbing trips mostly abroad. There are also socializing events like hiking and biking trips.

STAFF

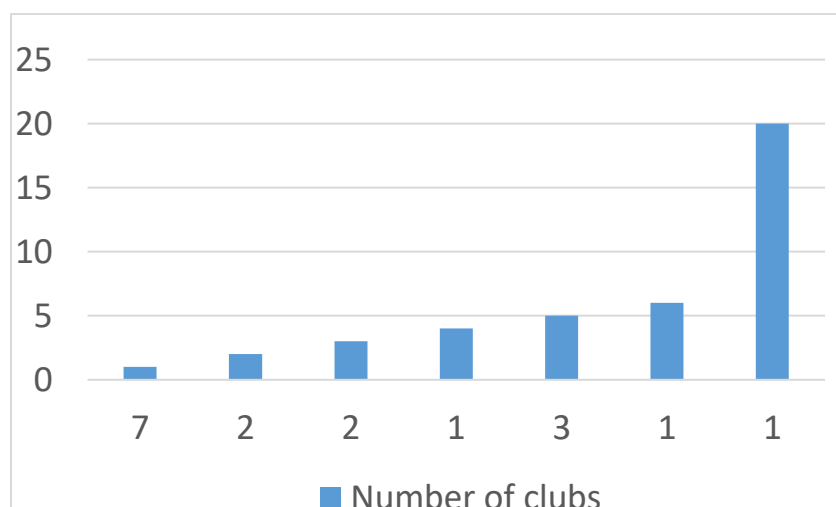
Write the number of professional staff in your club that work with children/youth (instructors/coaches/trainers/leaders/assistants/helpers):

12. Number of all staff (with licence or not):



Most clubs have only a few instructors. Only two clubs have 10 or more.

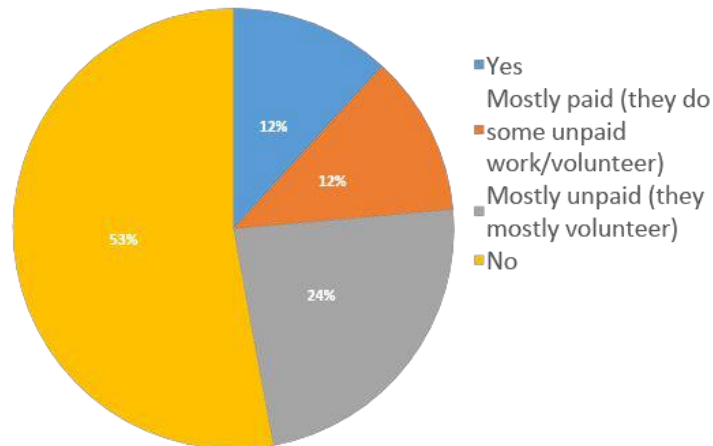
13. Number of staff with licence:



Most clubs have only a few licenced instructors. Only one club has 20 licenced instructors.



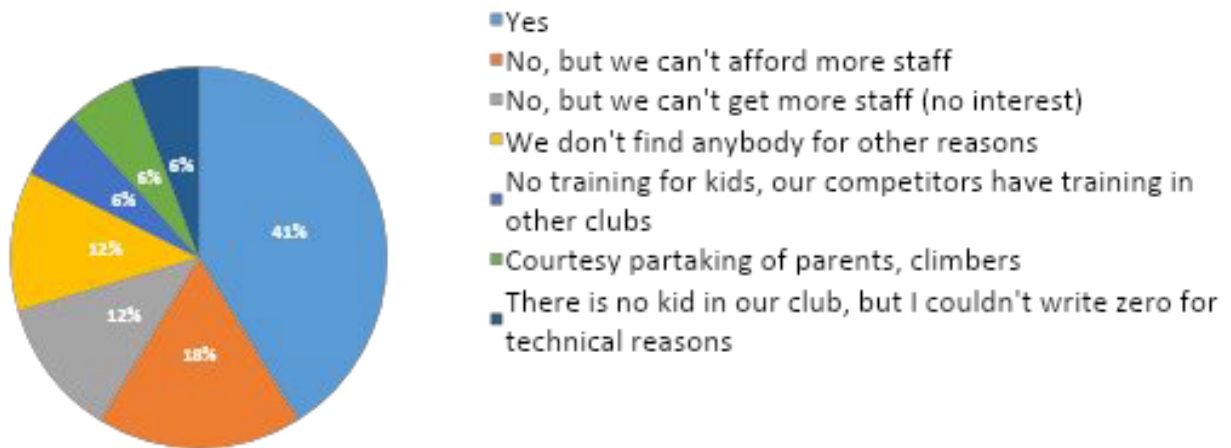
14. Are the instructors (and other staff) paid for their work?



More than half of the clubs do not pay their instructors. Only 12% are paid regularly.

15. Is the number of your staff sufficient for all the climbing activities that you organize for children/youth?

Column1

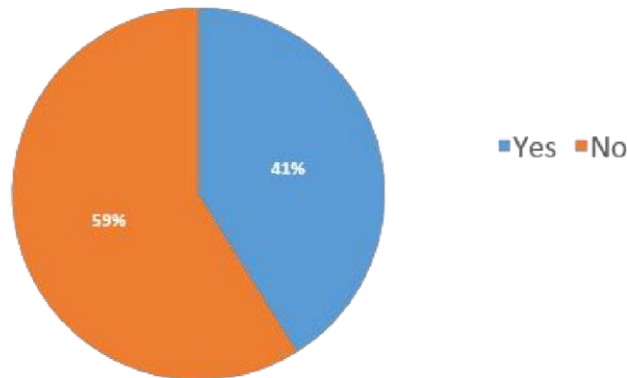


In less than half of the clubs, the number of staff is sufficient. The biggest problem for other clubs is the financial problem and a lack of interest.



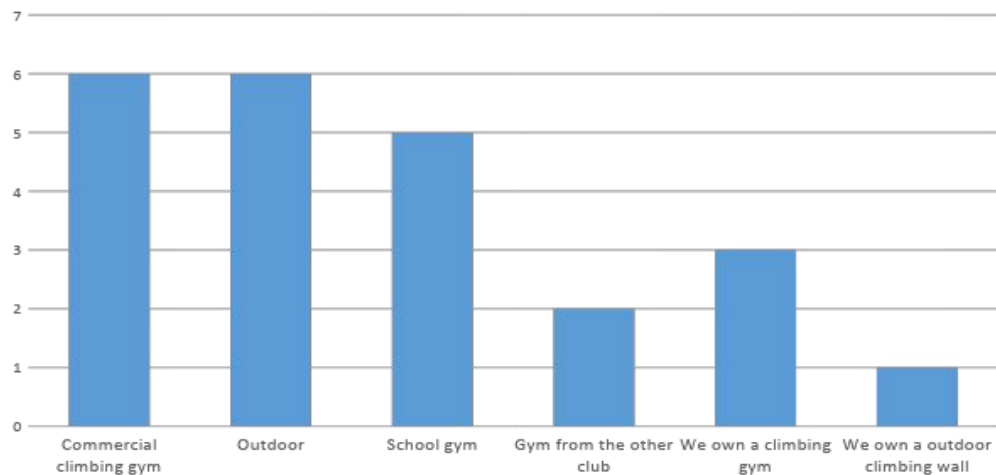
ORGANIZATION

16. Does your club have its own climbing gym/wall?



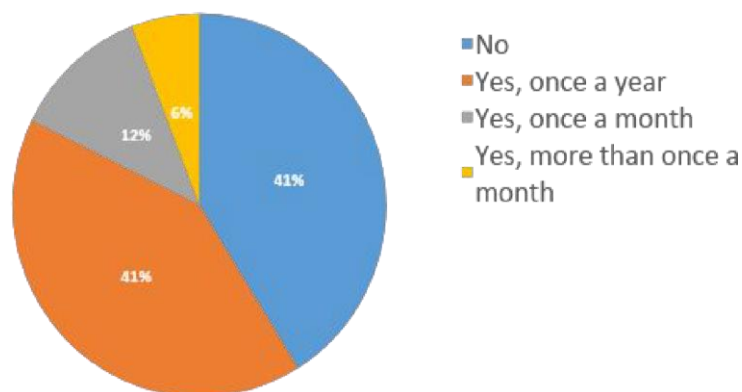
Less than 50% of clubs have their own climbing gym/wall.

17. If your club doesn't have its own climbing gym/wall, how do you organize your training?



Most of the clubs visit commercial gyms, outdoor walls, or schoolwalls.

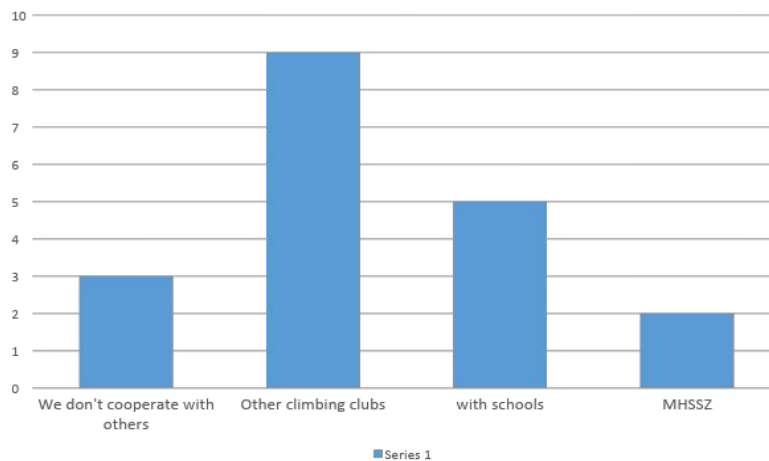
18. Do you organize any type of 'open for public' climbing events, where children can try climbing for free?



About 40% of clubs don't organize any events. Of the ones that do, most do it once a year.

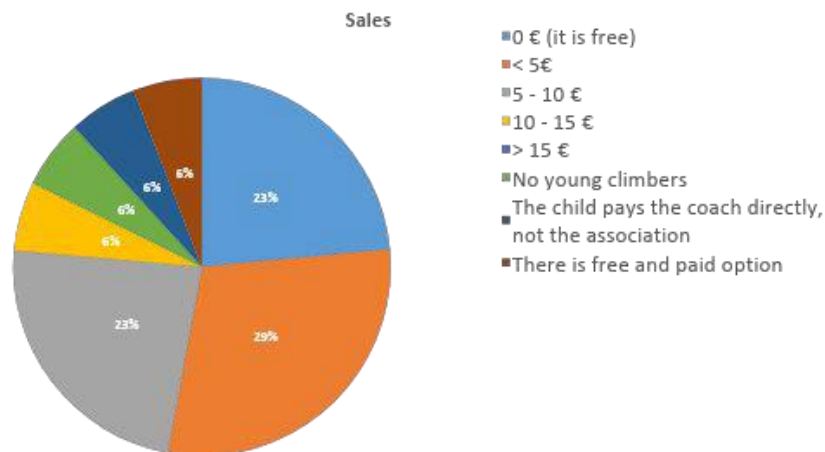


19. Choose the organizations that your club cooperates with:



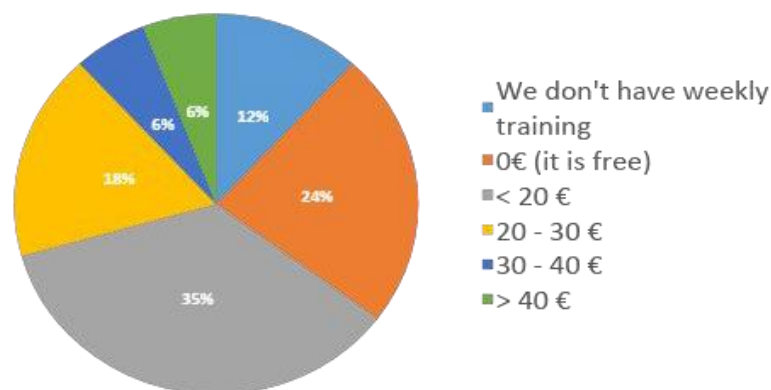
Most of the clubs cooperate with other clubs and a third cooperate with schools.

20. What is the average cost for one visit to the climbing gym (your gym or any other near you) for a young climber from your club?



A quarter of the clubs don't charge young climbers for visits to the climbing gym. Half of the clubs charge up to 10 € and only 12% charge more. We can see that climbing is widely accessible to young climbers.

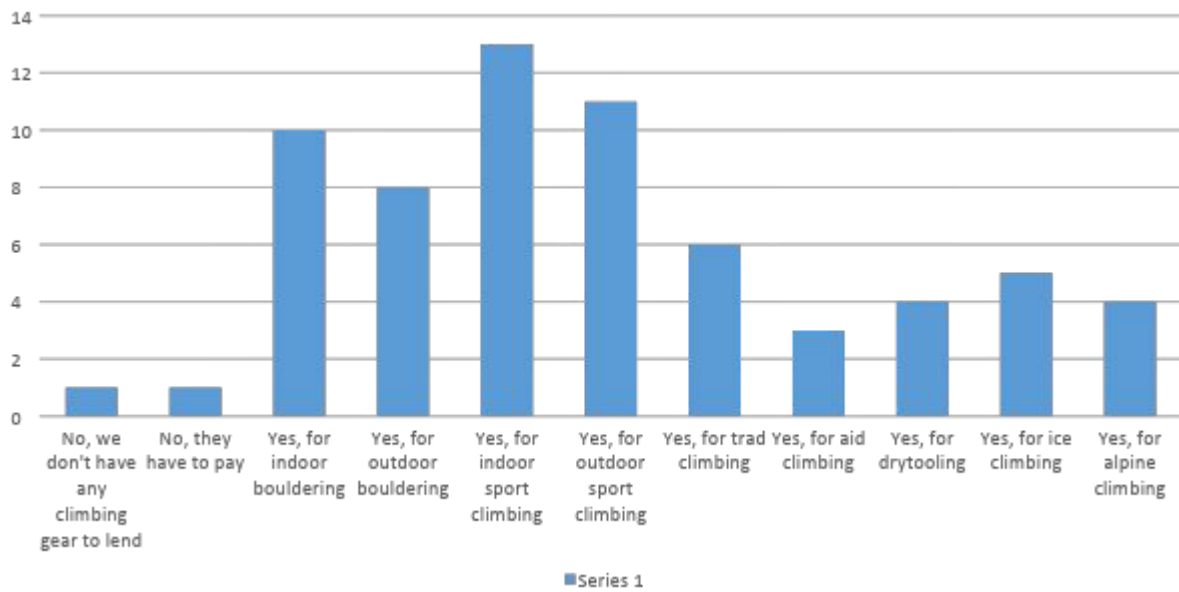
21. What is the average cost per month for regular weekly training (training once a week) for a young climber from your club?



The average cost per month for regular training, once a week, is under 20 euros or free. However, there are significant differences between the other clubs that charge more.



22. Can young climbers from your club borrow climbing gear for free from your club?



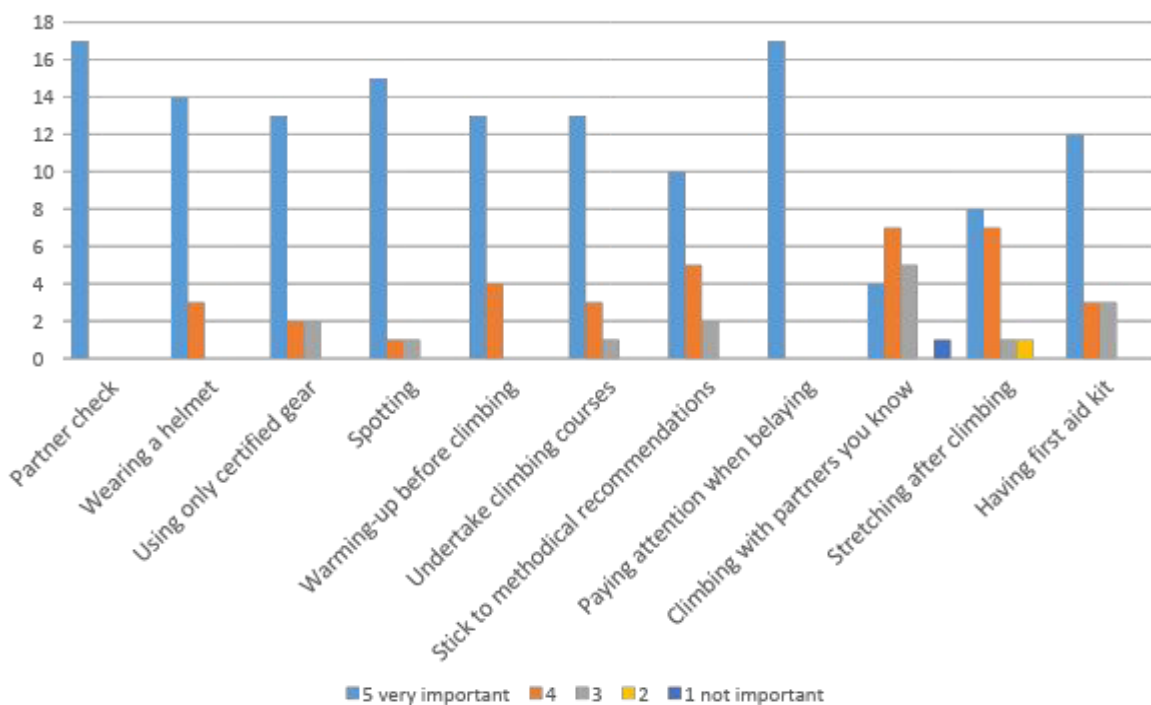
Young climbers can borrow indoor and outdoor sport climbing gear in most clubs.

23. Who do you think could benefit from being introduced to climbing as a sport in the future? (Please write target groups who could benefit from climbing)

The opinion is that young children will benefit most.

SAFETY

24. Please rate how important you find the following in terms of climbing safety while climbing outdoor:



All clubs pay a lot of attention to safety. They found climbing with partners you know and stretching after climbing less important.