

Exploring the Modification of Sunday Hunting Restrictions on Wildlife Management Areas in South Carolina

Study Appendices

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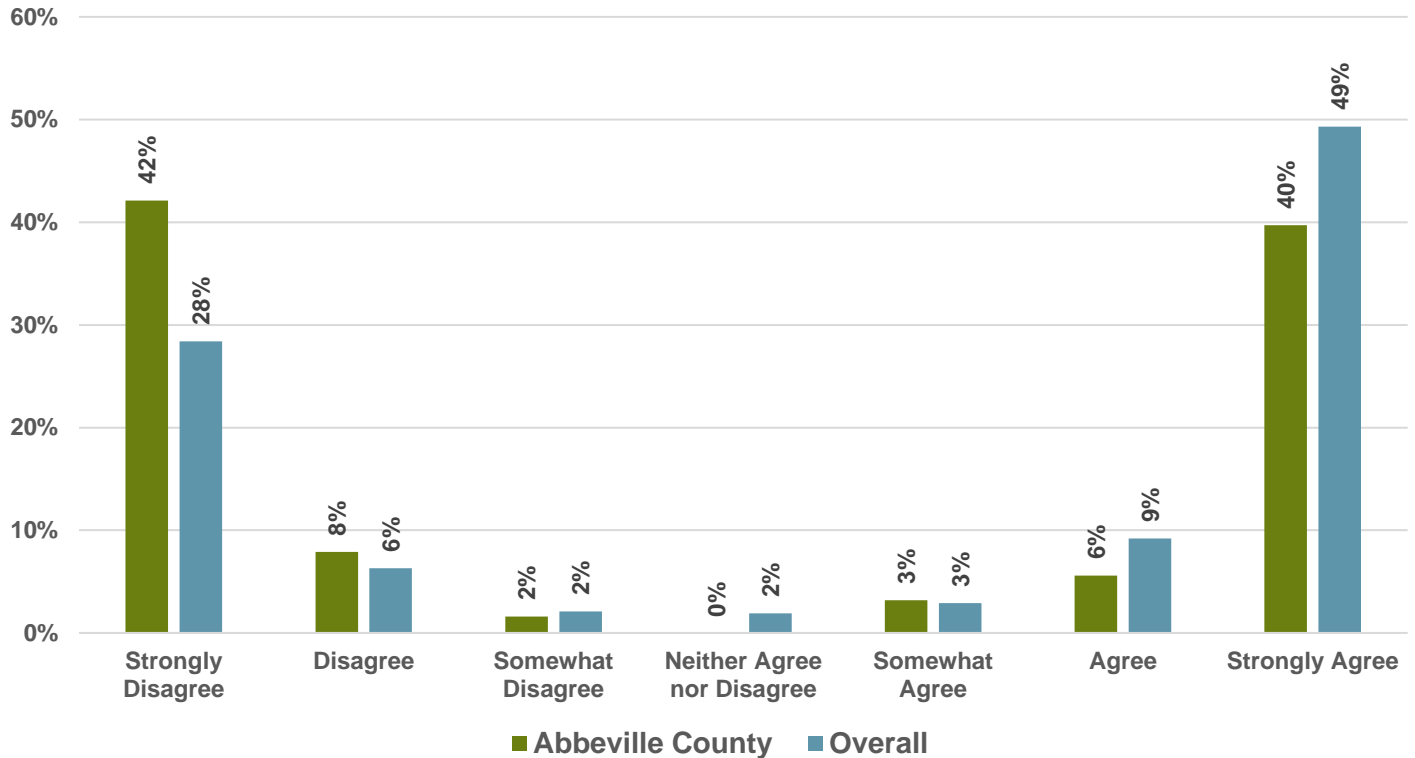


APPENDIX A

COUNTY BY COUNTY BREAKDOWN OF FAVORABILITY TO SUNDAY HUNTING ON WMAs

Abbeville County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Abbeville County do not reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 42% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 40% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Being prohibited from hunting on WMA’s on Sunday greatly decrease my ability to hunt certain game (Ducks). It would also greatly increase the hunting access for hunters who work M-F and don’t have access to private land.” -Jeff, 24, Hunter

“It’s public land. It should be opened everyday” Casey, 40, Hunter

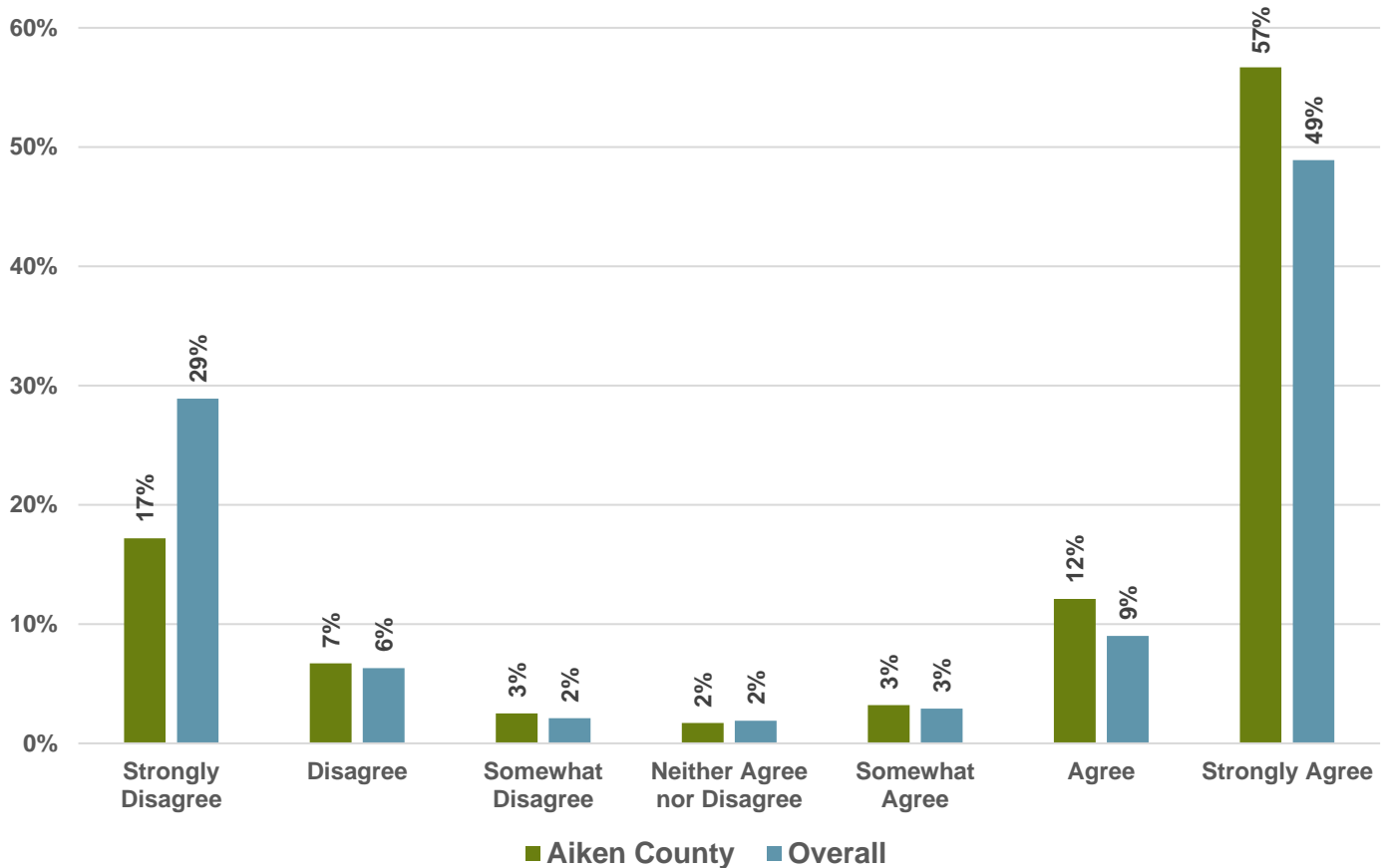
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“To give the wildlife a break and to increase wildlife numbers.” -William, 65, Hunter

“I am opposed for religious reasons. But besides that, I feel strongly that nonhunters, such as those wishing to hike, mountain bike, and go horseback riding, should have a day each week to enjoy public lands without fear of being shot. I personally enjoy getting out on Sunday afternoon and exploring national Forest land. People’s time on Sunday mornings is better spent at church with their family.” -William, 42, Equestrian

Aiken County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Aiken County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 17% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 57% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Because I personally think that not letting us hunt on a Sunday is basically taking days away from hunting. We already don’t have enough days to hunt.” -Ann, 40, Hunter

“To give our young hunters more opportunities. Because they play sports on Saturday. I’m 66 years old and wished my son would have had the opportunity to hunt on Sunday.” -Fred, 66, Hunter

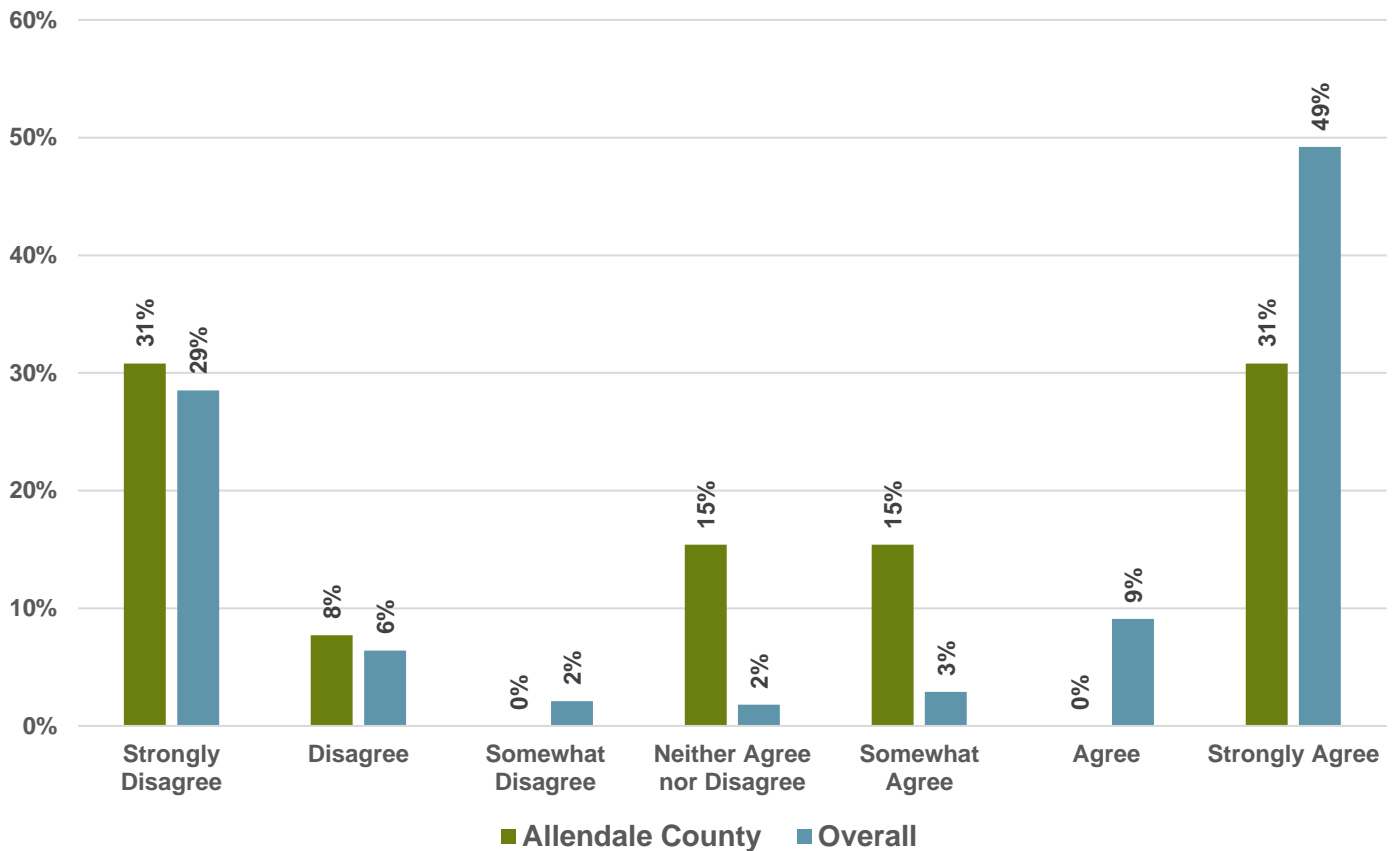
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“It might deter non hunting users from using the WMA at all during hunting seasons.” -Lincoln, 26, Hunter

“Because of tradition, it seems odd to open public WMAs to hunting on Sunday.” -Elliott, 67, Hiker

Allendale County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Allendale County do not reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 31% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs, and 31% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Public assets should be available at the public's discretion.” -Greg, 67, Hunter

“It adds a day to hunt. If you work all week there's only one day to hunt.” -Hugh, 60, Hunter

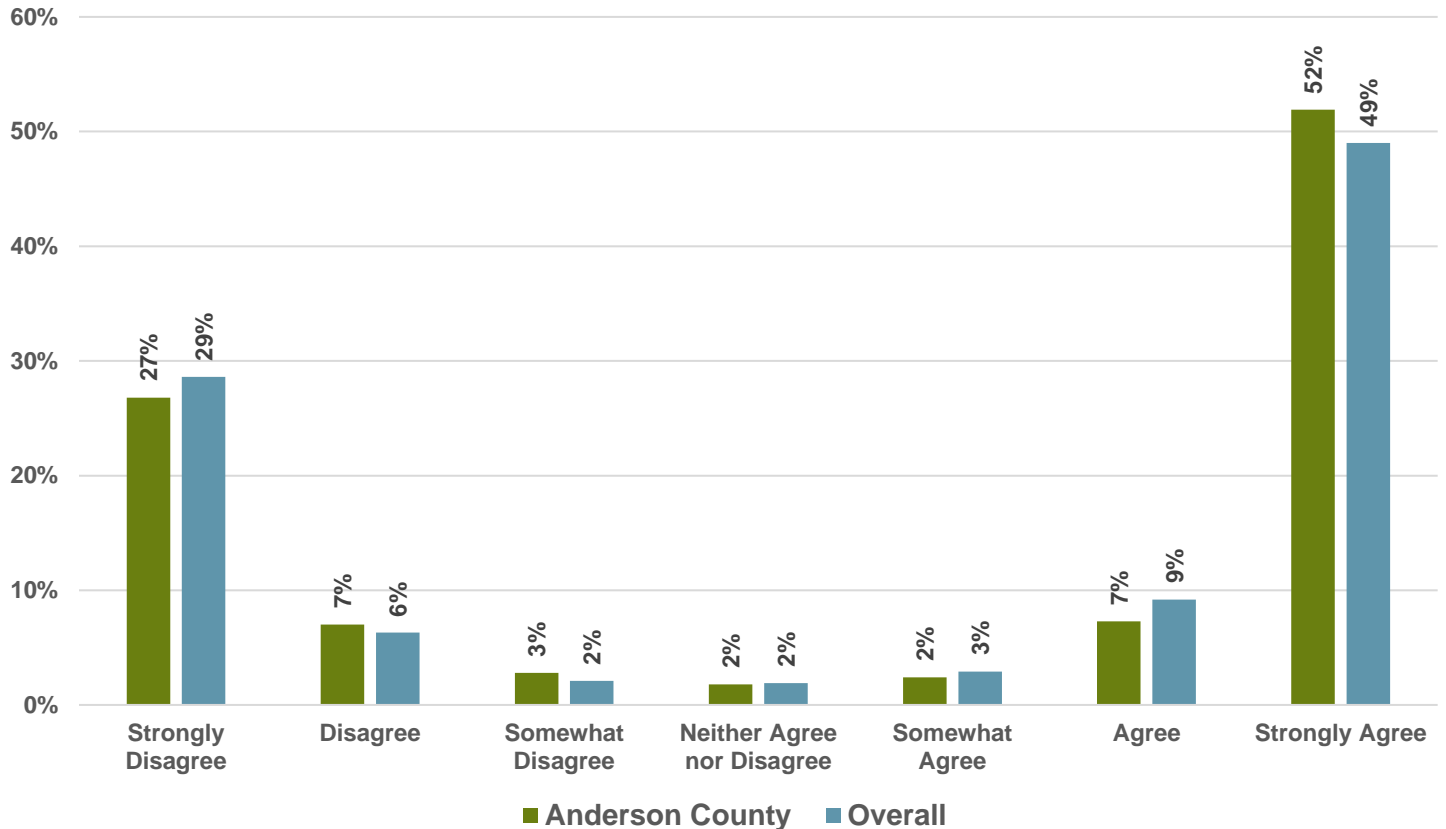
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Wildlife needs a day to rest.” -Trey, 32, Hunter

“Family/Religious Reasons.” -Bailey, 67, Angler

Anderson County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Anderson County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 27% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 52% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“WMA’s are too packed with hunters on Saturdays. Most people work Mon-Fri.” -Ralph, 64, Hunter

“If private land can hunt, why not public?” -Cole, 44, Hunter

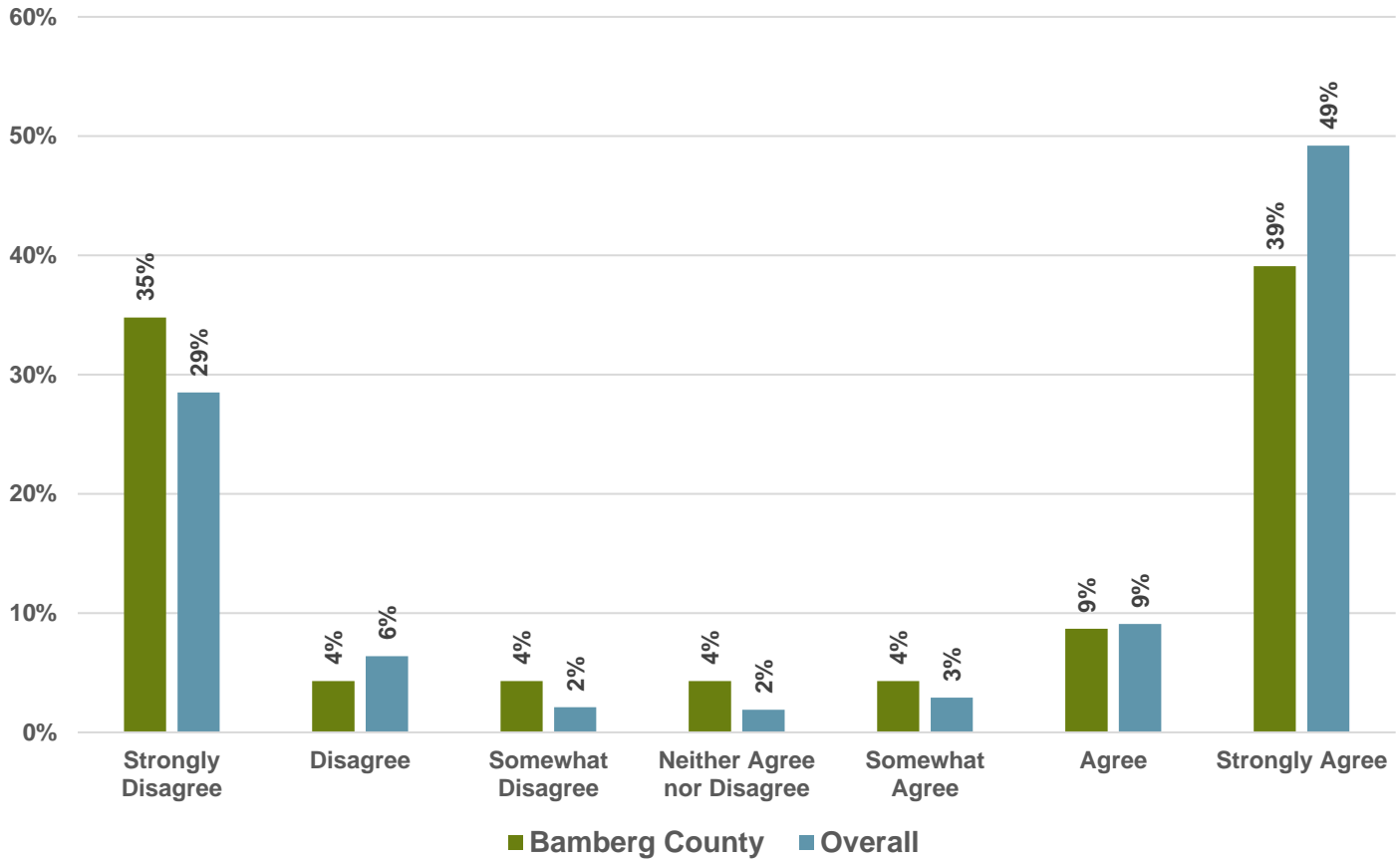
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Nature needs a break from the pressure of hunting, and disallowance of Sunday hunting on WMAs provides a small break.” -Ray, 57, Birder

“As a hiker I enjoy not haven’t to worry about getting shot by a hunter who is too eager to get a trophy and does not bother to verify the species at which he’s shooting. The same goes for families out for a walk in nature, and family time. For those of us who work Monday through Friday.” -Barbara, 56, Hiker

Bamberg County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Bamberg County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 35% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 39% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“To be fair and to give more access to waterfowl hunting.” -Jeremy, 64, Hunter

“Young hunter recruitment. Fall sports keep kids busy 5 days a week. Current regulations leave one day to access public land.” -Scott, 60, Hunter

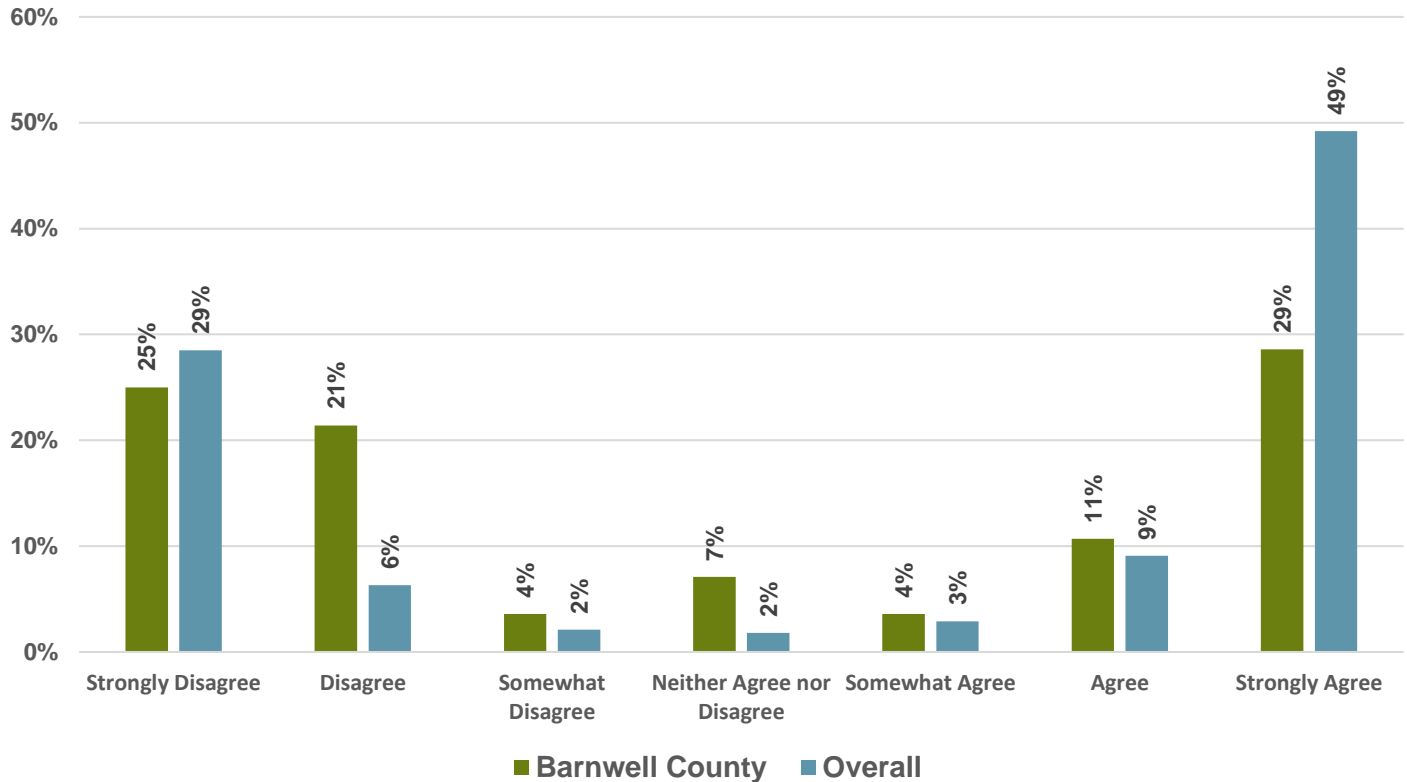
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Too many careless/reckless hunters now. There is no respect for homeowners and landowners.” -Lola, 67, Photographer

“I think there needs to be a designated day so people can scout and learn the land, so they don't interfere with others hunting.” -Lamont, 34, Hunter

Barnwell County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Barnwell County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 25% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 29% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

"I am a nurse and own a small business. I'm usually at one of those jobs Mon-Fri. My husband also works a crazy schedule, and we hunt together. We hunt private land only at this time, but Saturday and Sunday hunting is very important to us." -Melissa, 34, Hunter

"Because my religion doesn't allow hunting on Saturday.no reasons." Hank, 38, Hunter

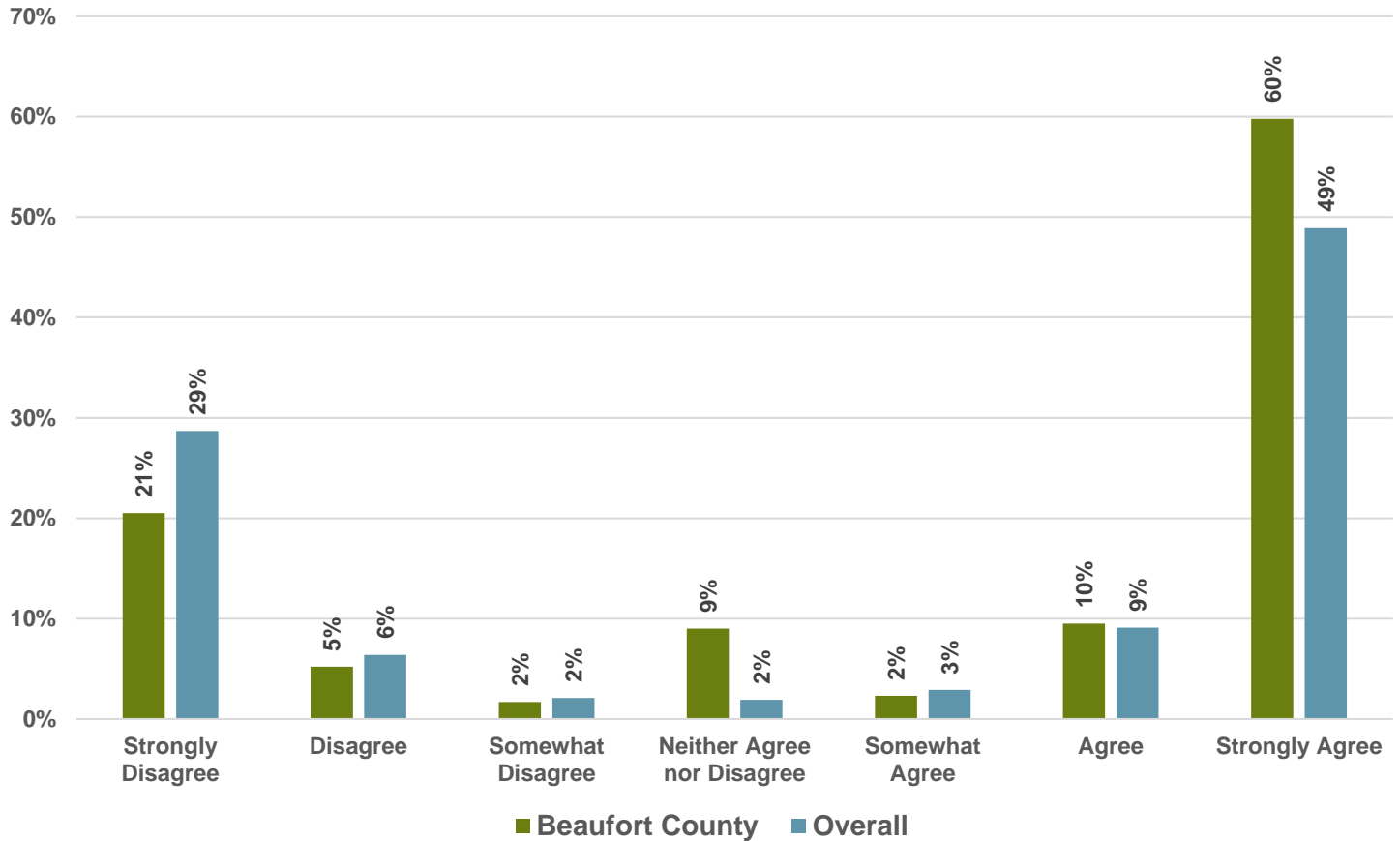
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

"We do not need it as it will make it scarier to just go and walk around and enjoy nature. The WMAs are for everyone; not just hunters." -Alexandra, 64, Wildlife Observer

"It has always been like this, and I respect it. It also gives the game a chance to rest." -Ron, 64, Hunter

Beaufort County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Beaufort County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 21% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs, and 60% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“The religious views of some should not be imposed on all. Opening the lands to Sunday hunting increases accessibility and expands the hunting opportunities for all residents.” -Ken, 52, Hunter

“The hope is Saturday pressure will go down with another day added and hunting will become more flexible.” -Bob, 41, Hunter

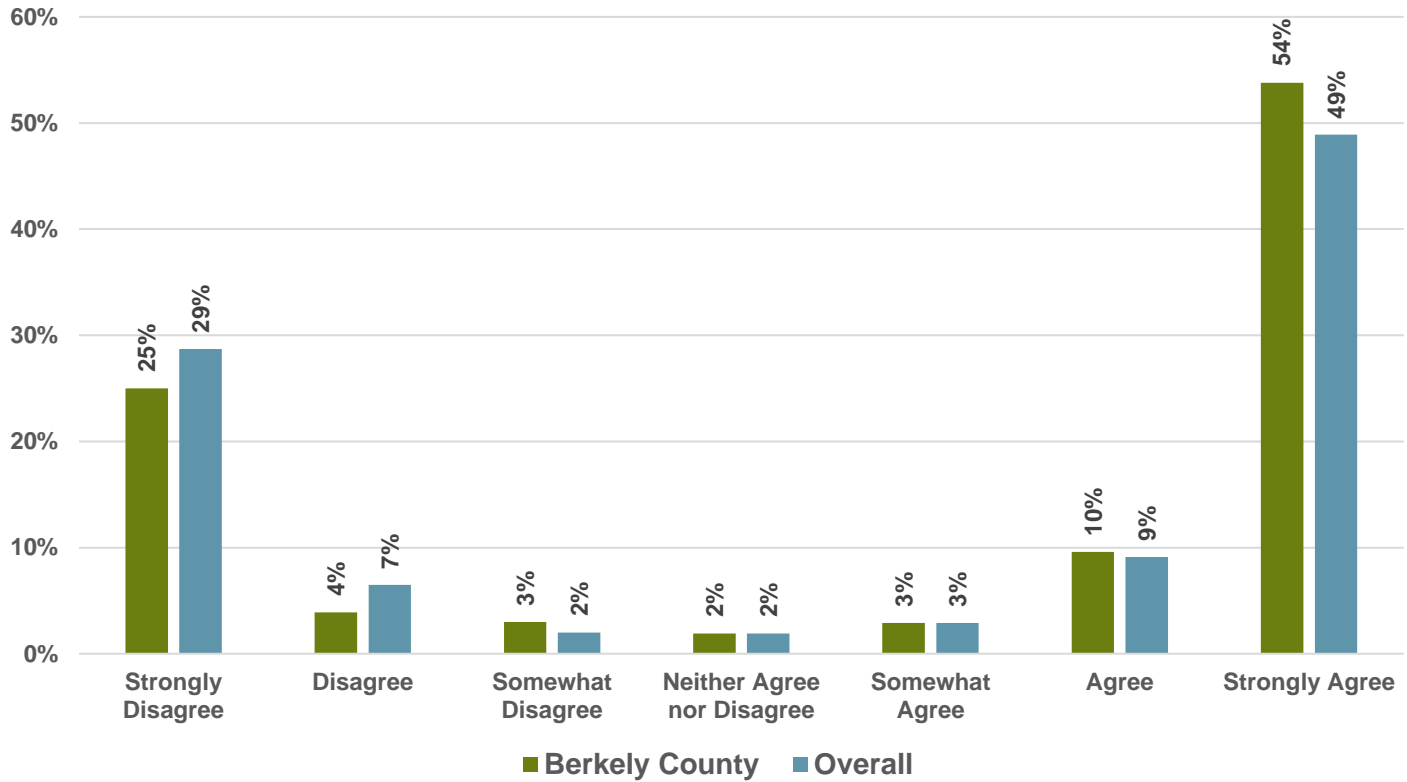
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Birders and wildlife enthusiasts love our SC WMAs and would like to continue to have access to them on Sundays. We would be happy to purchase a WMA non-game (not hunting) pass or contribute in some way to the management of WMAs. Other states have non-game programs to recognize the growing segment of the population who enjoys being in nature for purposes other than hunting; SC should recognize that population and its need to serve them as well.”

-Gwen, 64, Birder

Berkeley County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Berkeley County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 25% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs, and 54% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

"I work Monday through Friday. Having only one guaranteed hunting day when the hunting pressure is extremely high is very discouraging. I want to get my son into hunting, he's eight, I refuse to take him to a WMA on Saturday for deer season, especially during rifle season." -Paul, 31, Hunter

"Separation of church and state, opportunity to tax paying citizens to use public resources in the same privilege as private landowners." -Tucker, 26, Hunter

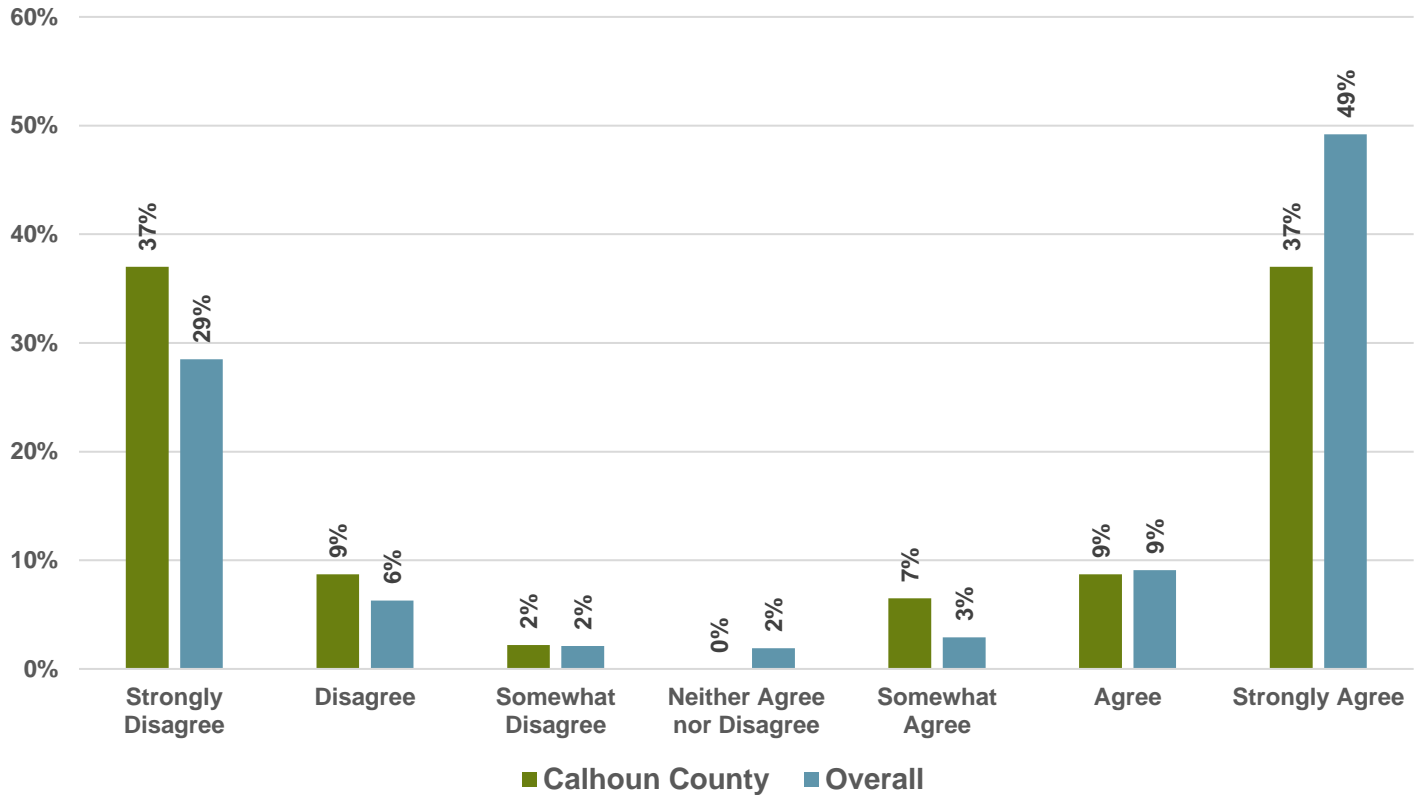
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

"During hunting season, Sunday is the safest day to participate in non-hunting activities. I have encounters with hunters on Saturdays that do not adhere to the rules, making the non-hunting activities much less enjoyable and worse, I do not feel safe." -Jordan, 40, Trail Runner

"Wildlife populations are already declining especially turkeys. Why put more added pressure on them. Sundays are going to hurt it more. Law enforcement isn't present enough now to enforce rules much less on Sunday." Kevin, 37, Hunter

Calhoun County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Calhoun County do not reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 37% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 37% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

*“When I was an avid hunter, Sunday was one of my off days and my best opportunity to hunt.”
-Scott, 59, Camper*

*“I have limited access to private land and hunt only on weekends due to working Monday thru Friday.”
Tanner, 66, Hunter*

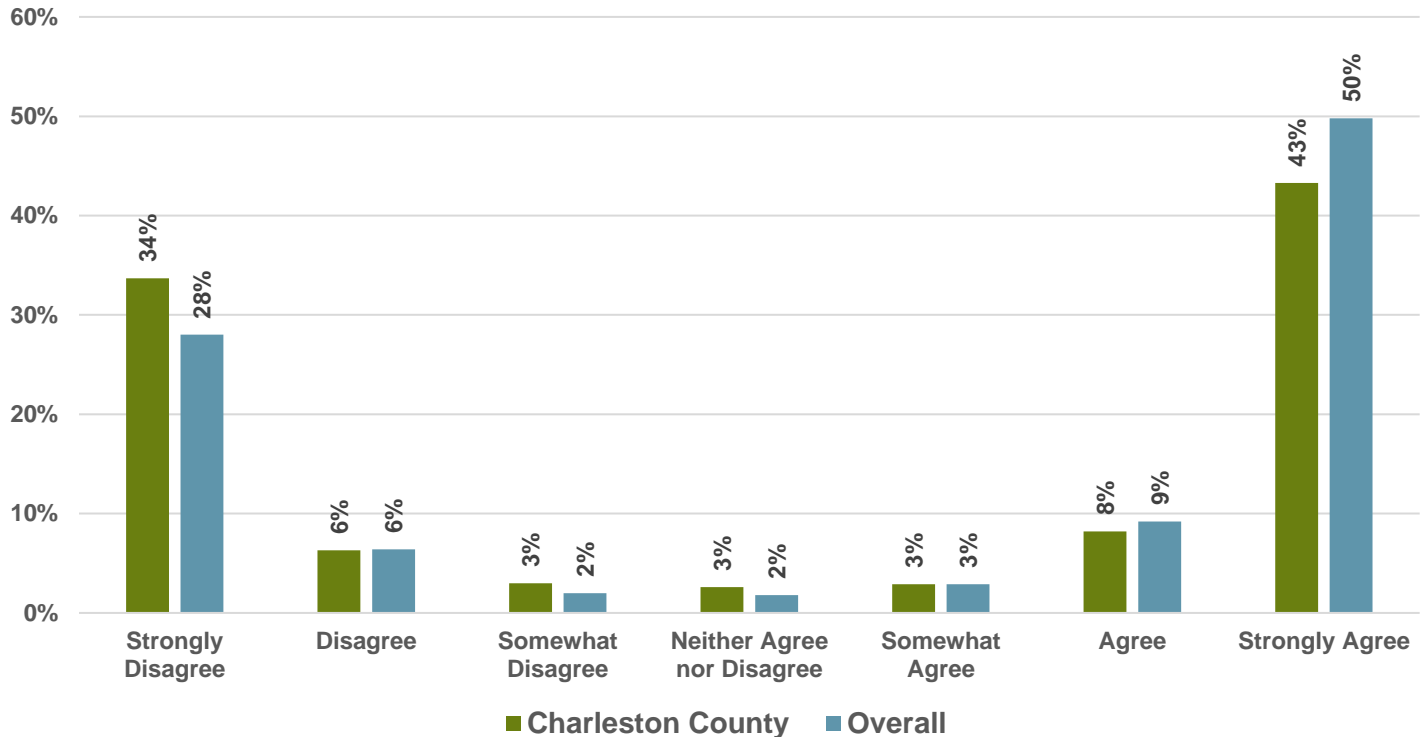
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Allows for a more diverse experience, activities and visitor base on WMA's” -Charlie, 67, Birder

“There are already enough opportunities for everyone to hunt. Almost everyone has a friend who will let them hunt private lands on Sunday. I also believe it would be a financial burden to DNR expand to 7 days.” Chet, 65, Biker

Charleston County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Charleston County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 34% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs, and 43% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Because blue laws are outdated. Some people only have that day as an opportunity to hunt. Hunting is seasonal and limited enough already and taking a day every week from that does not make sense. Public lands are for public use no matter what day it is.” -Cal, 44, Hunter

“Help meet goals for wildlife organizations - increased revenues generated from hunting.” -Bud, 64, Hunter

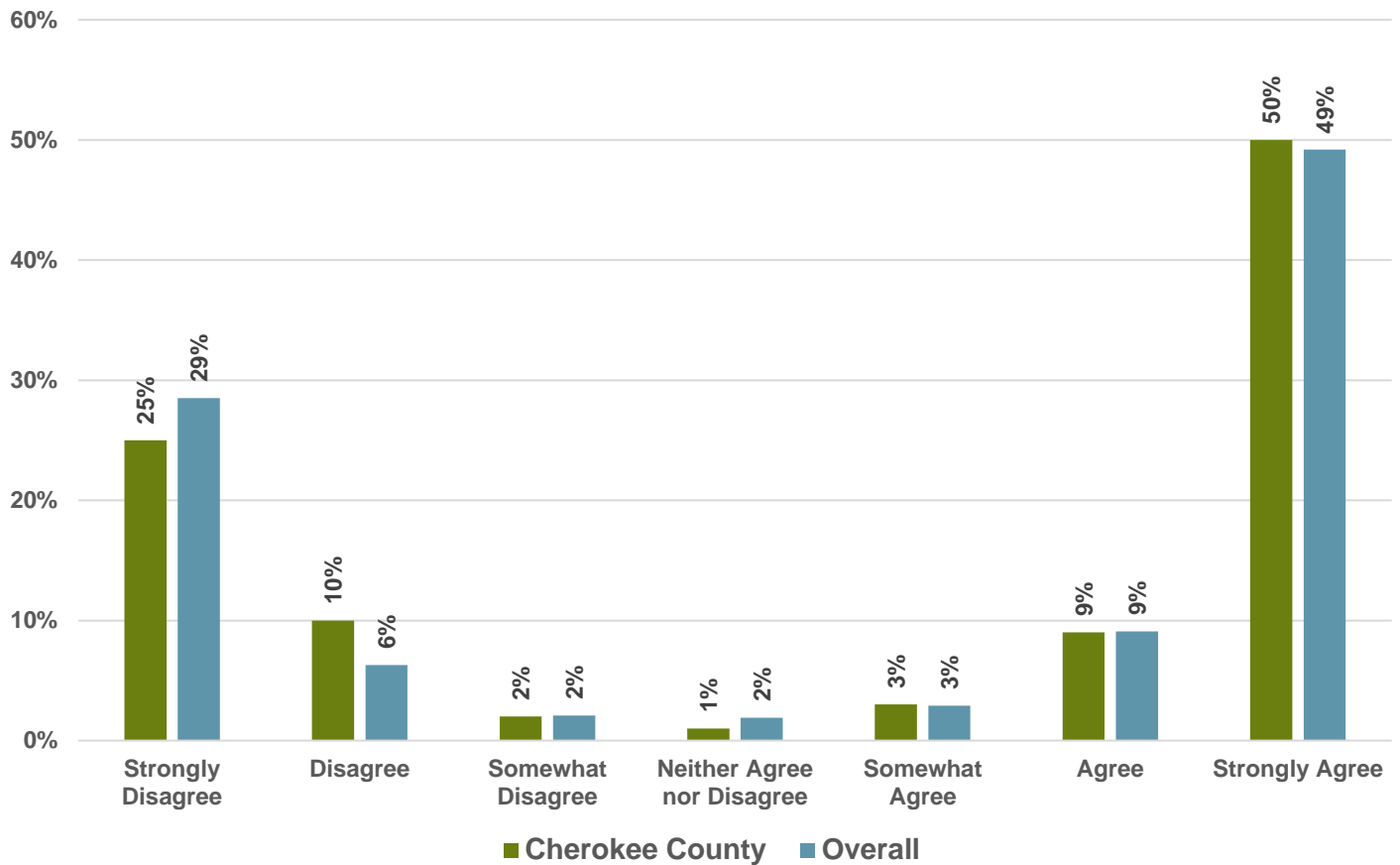
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Hunting is very noisy. People and wildlife need quiet time.” Marcia, 64, Photographer

“A large group of cyclists use the forest roads on Sunday for group rides. The day allows us safety to avoid hunting.” – Debra, 34, Biker

Cherokee County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Cherokee County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 25% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 50% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“It gives people more opportunities to hunt and introduce new hunters to the sport” -Bobby, 45, Hunter

“It would open up more for those of us who can’t get out during the week.” -Marvin, 43, Hunter

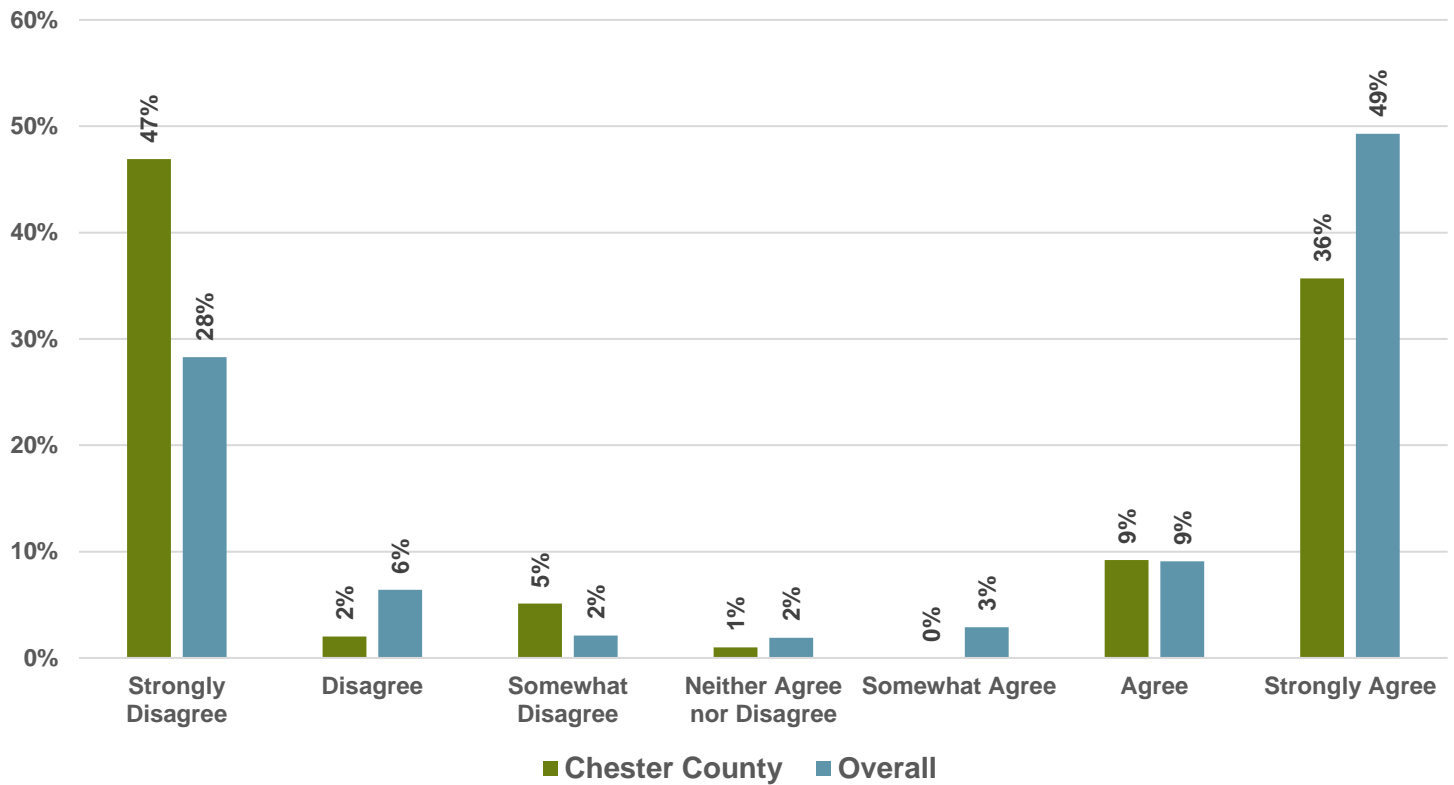
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“I believe it will lead to more accidents and altercations with non-hunters and will increase the negative perception/publicity hunting receives.” Drue, 60, Angler

“I love to hunt as much as the next man, each year I am out there as much as I possibly can be. But I have to honestly ask myself is this what is best for the wildlife now and for future generations and I believe that answer is a definite NO. I want to see game species preserved for many years to come and Sunday hunting is selfish to us as hunters and game keepers.” Rhett, 26, Hunter

Chester County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Chester County do not reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 47% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs, and 36% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“More hunting opportunities; more chances to hunt with my daughters” -Don, 60, Hunter

“Sunday blue laws are simply an antiquated idea whose time has passed. WMAs are just that....wildlife management areas... They should reach management goals through seasons and bag limits rather than closing Sundays. A shorter season with Sundays included would be preferable to a longer season with only six days a week.” -Craig, 63, Hunter

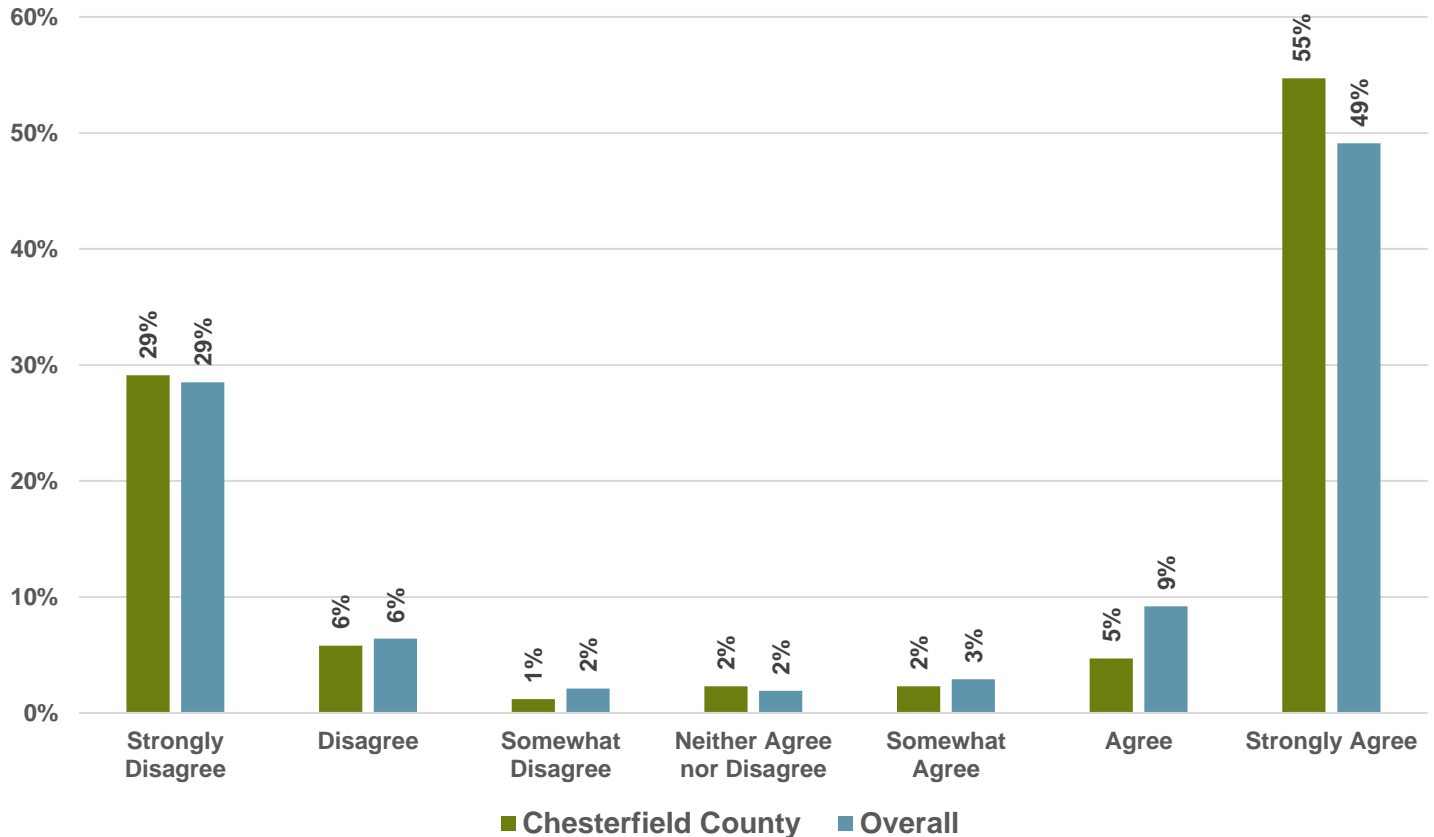
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“It is a sacred day holy unto the Lord. I would prefer not to hear shooting on the Lord’s Day.” -Seymour, 71, Angler

“Hunters have 6 days to enjoy our wildlife areas. Horseback riders cannot use the trails or fields while hunting is going on.” -Jacob, 52, Equestrian

Chesterfield County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Chesterfield County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 29% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs, and 55% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“With the cost of license, tags, etc. increasing it would be nice to all days of the week available to hunt. It should not be a religious matter. Our family relies on deer to feed our family every year.”

-Cheryl, 41, Hunter

“Sunday hunting on WMA’s will promote more use of our public lands by many citizens. This would increase the people’s interest in public lands and promote the conservation of the resource for future generations.” -Brock, 24, Hunter

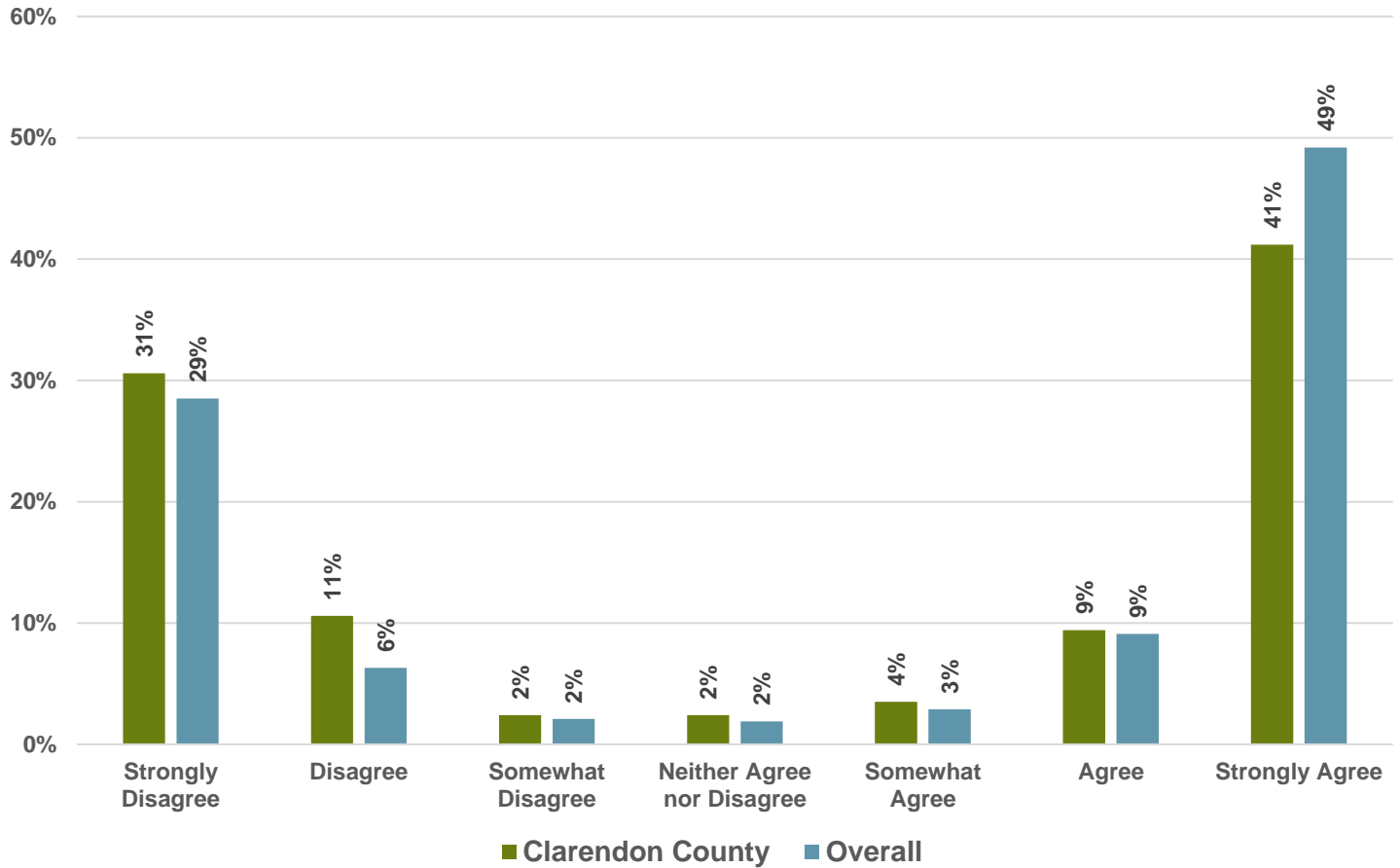
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“I do not want to get shot at while pursuing wildlife photography and other nature study. I want a safe day for non- hunters.” -Nancy, 67, Photographer

“During hunting season. We only ride areas that hunting is allowed on Sundays. My riding is greatly reduced. Horseback riding, hiking, mt. biking, and hunting lands are mostly the same. I have a friend that had a bullet hit his saddle pommel. Somehow it missed the horse and him.” –Kim, 67, Hiker

Clarendon County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Clarendon County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 31% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 41% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Gives people that can’t afford to hunt private land a second day to hunt.” -Ronald, 70, Hunter

“Why not? The days of the Blue Laws are over.” -Frank, 80, Hunter

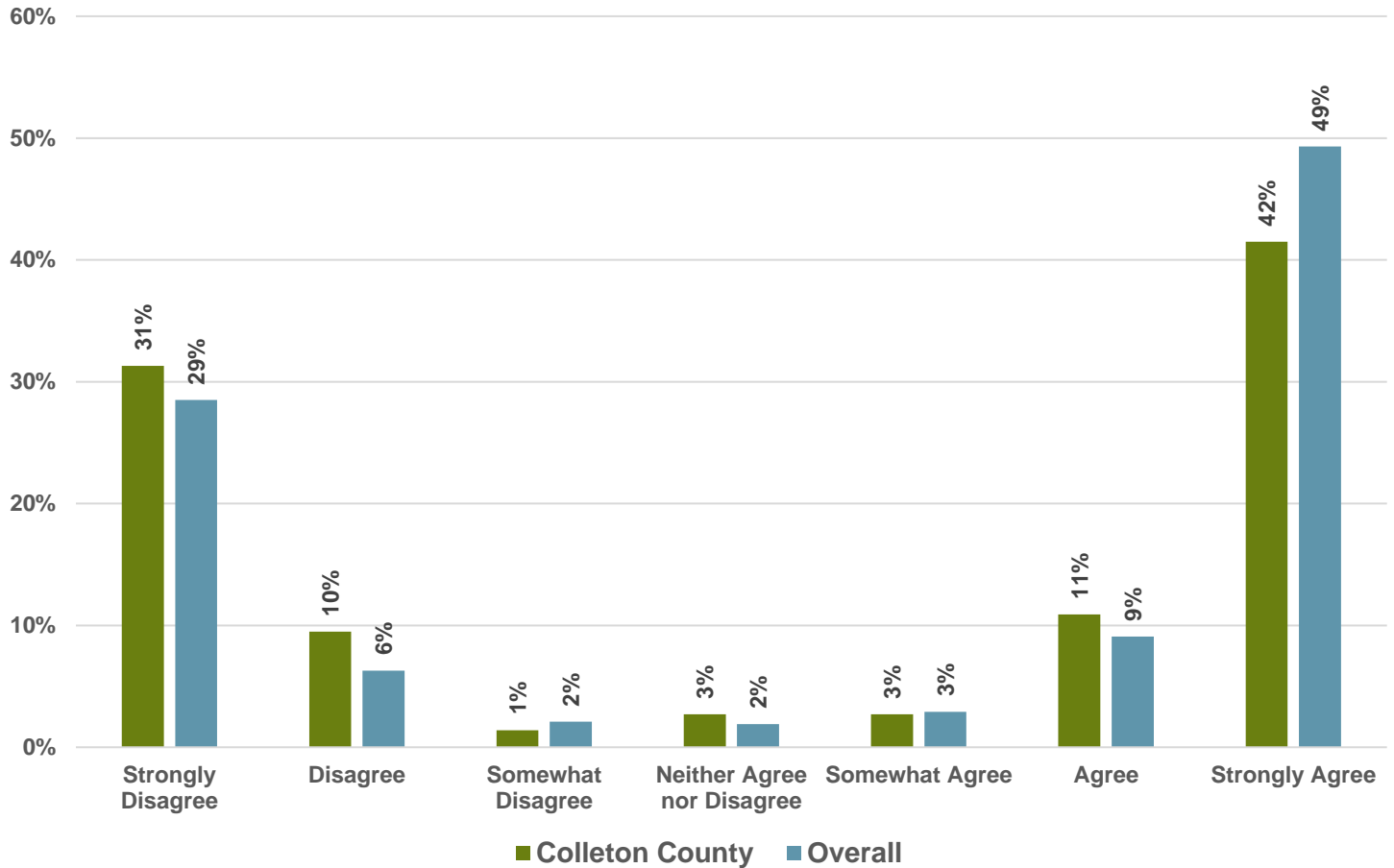
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“The primary reason is it goes against my religious beliefs. However, even God rested on the seventh day, so should the animals that are hunted also be allowed to do.” -Jim, 65, Hunter

“Fall-hunting season is the best weather in South Carolina to ride horses. We only have ONE day a week to ride trails without fear of being shot. Hunters have 6 days a week to hunt. They don't need all 7. I am a hunter and do NOT NEED 7 days a week to hunt.” -Holly, 60, Equestrian/Hunter

Colleton County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Colleton County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 31% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 42% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“A working man can’t get there in time during the week. So, one day to figure out what the deer are doing is hard.” -Earl, 31, Hunter

“Enjoy taking our grandchildren hunting and teaching them about wildlife conservation.” -Tanya, 67, Hunter

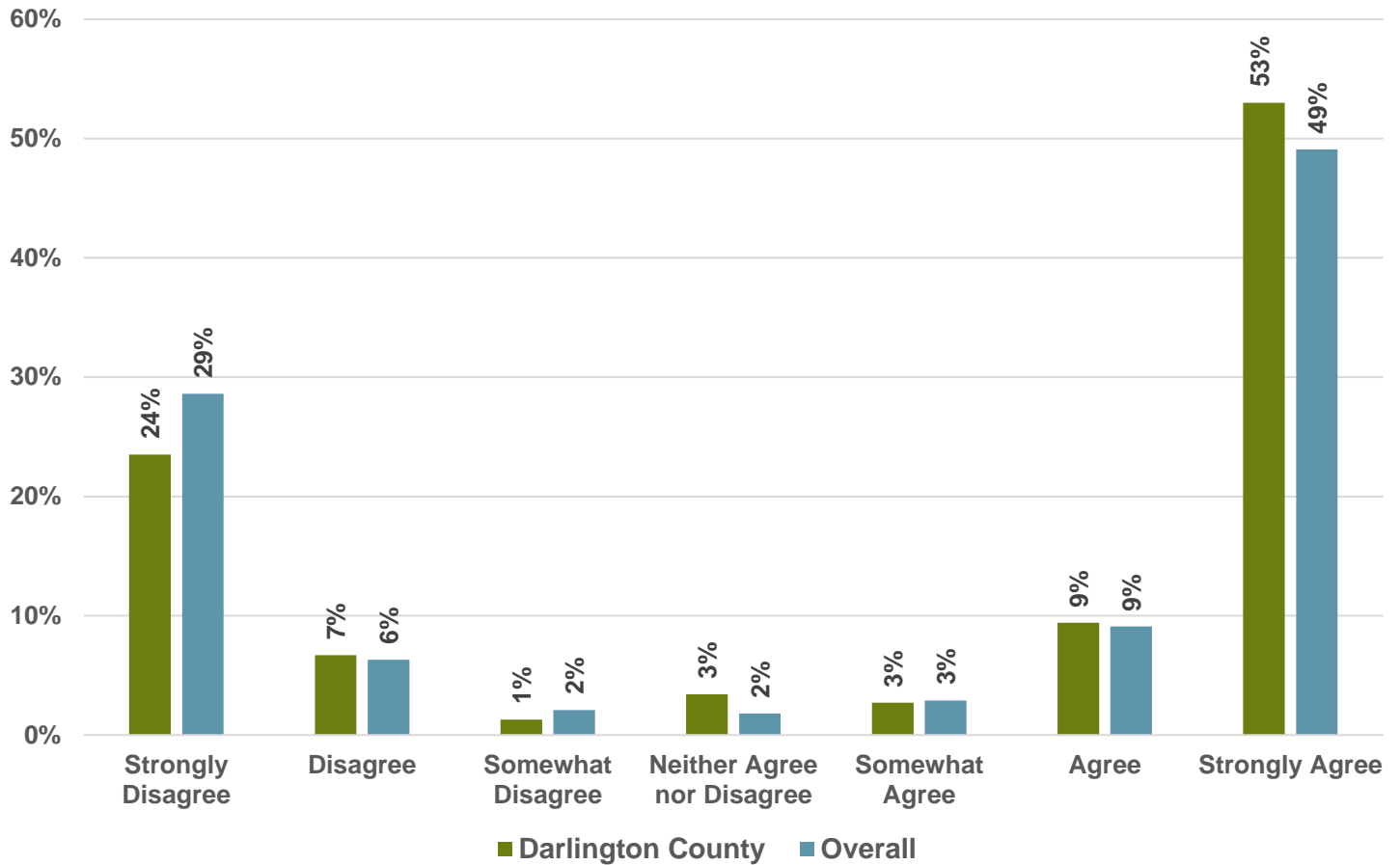
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Once upon a time nothing was open on Sundays and now these people around here think they have the right to take away a sanctuary day.” -Cliff, 35, Hunter

“As a volunteer on a WMA I appreciate the value it brings to many. I especially value them being sanctuaries for wildlife in ever shrinking natural environments. There are more than enough opportunities for hunters currently. No more days need to be added.” -Stewart, 65, Birder

Darlington County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Darlington County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 24% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 53% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“I love the idea of hunting on Sundays because I work Monday thru Friday.” -James, 50, Hunter

“I don’t believe religious views should be allowed to affect the behavior of the entire population.” - Harvey, 73, Hiker

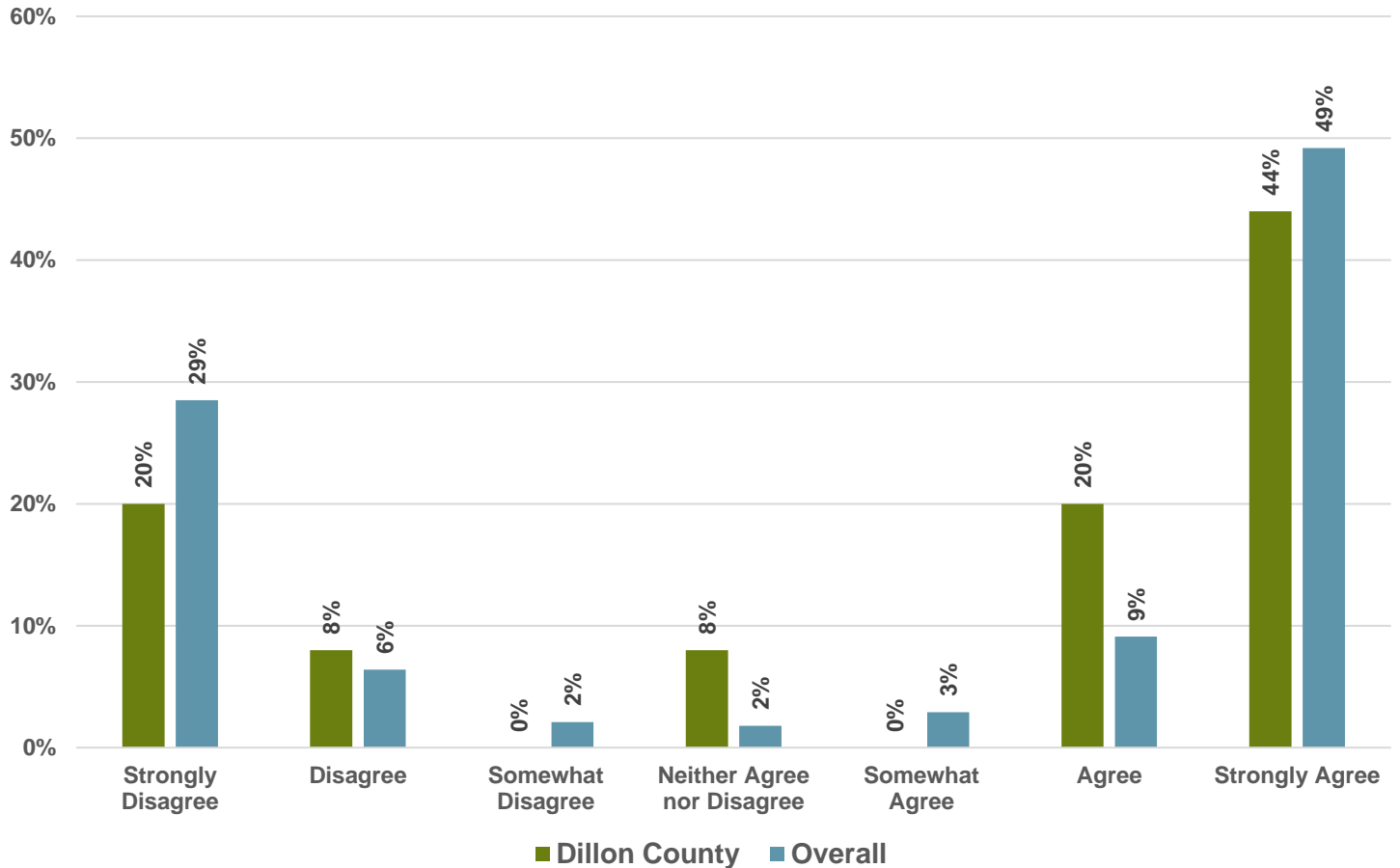
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“It pulls men away from their families, I fear that it will create even more pressure on public land, and decrease my overall chances of seeing game and having a successful hunt.” -Bret, 57, Hunter

“Birders’ spend more than hunters do, every year. I’m willing to buy a Sunday birding license for WMA access. I would not bird a WMA during hunting season due to gunshots disturbing birds and the potential of being shot by accident. I want equal access as a non-hunter to winter migrants on WMA lands. Hunters shouldn’t be allowed to monopolize the best habitats during the entirety of winter-resident season.” -Marshall, 47, Birder

Dillon County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Dillon County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 20% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs, and 44% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

"I work Monday through Friday and currently only get to hunt on Saturdays. If I were able to hunt on Sundays, it would give me more chances to be able to harvest an animal." -Richie, 40, Hunter

"To give opportunities to the common person to experience what private landowners are able to do." -Jackson, 22, Hunter

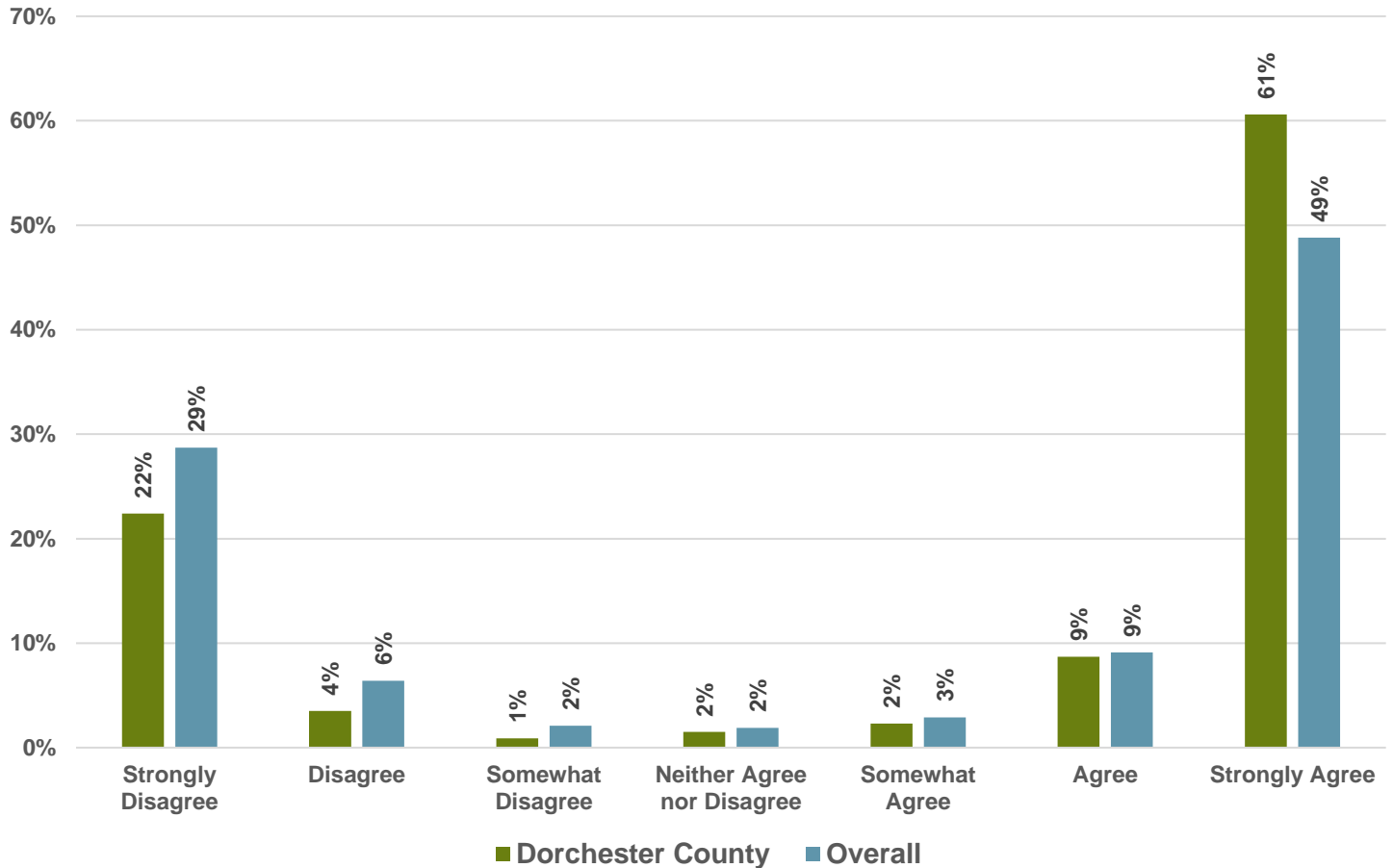
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

"It gives time for scouting without interrupting hunters." -Roy, 64, Hunter

"Let it rest a day for nonhunters." -Rosa, 69, Angler

Dorchester County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Dorchester County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 22% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 61% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

"I'm retired & can hunt when I choose but my son is self-employed & his work doesn't allow him much off time. We could utilize that day on other than our private land access, so it would truly benefit him." -Brendan, 69, Hunter

"It would make scouting and investing my time in those areas twice as productive." -Stan, 59, Hunter

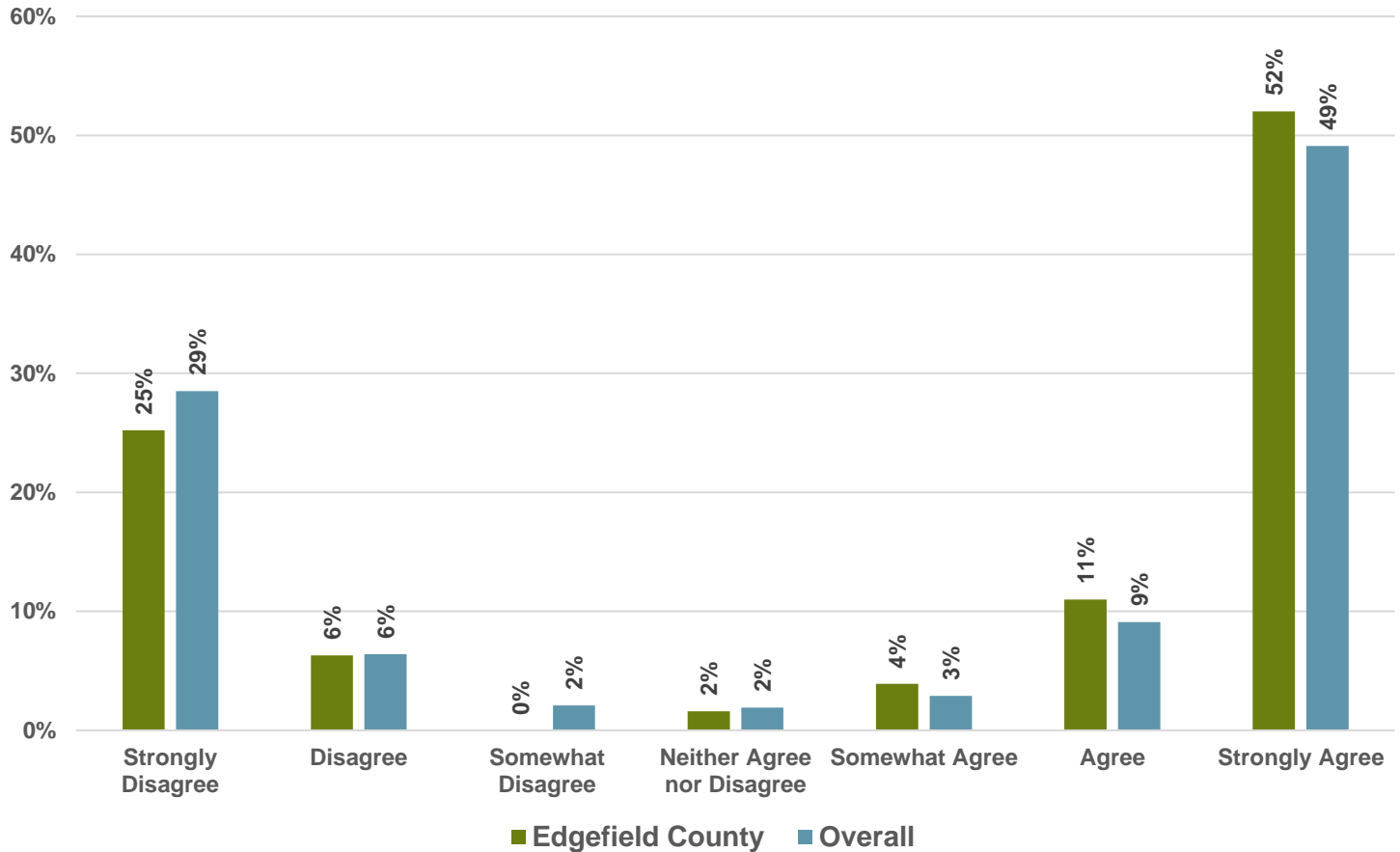
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

"When can I scout and look for new places to hunt without possibly messing someone's hunt up or risk being shoot? Game need to have some kind of break from hunting pressure." -Daniel, 48, Hunter

"Trailriders already have limited areas where they can ride their horses. Sunday hunting would limit where and how long we ride!" -Brenda, 61, Equestrian

Edgefield County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Edgefield County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 25% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 52% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Extra day to hunt especially for out of town hunters.” Christopher, 50, Hunter

“Religion should be separate from the state’s business, I want to option to hunt on Sunday.” Cameron, 47, Hunter

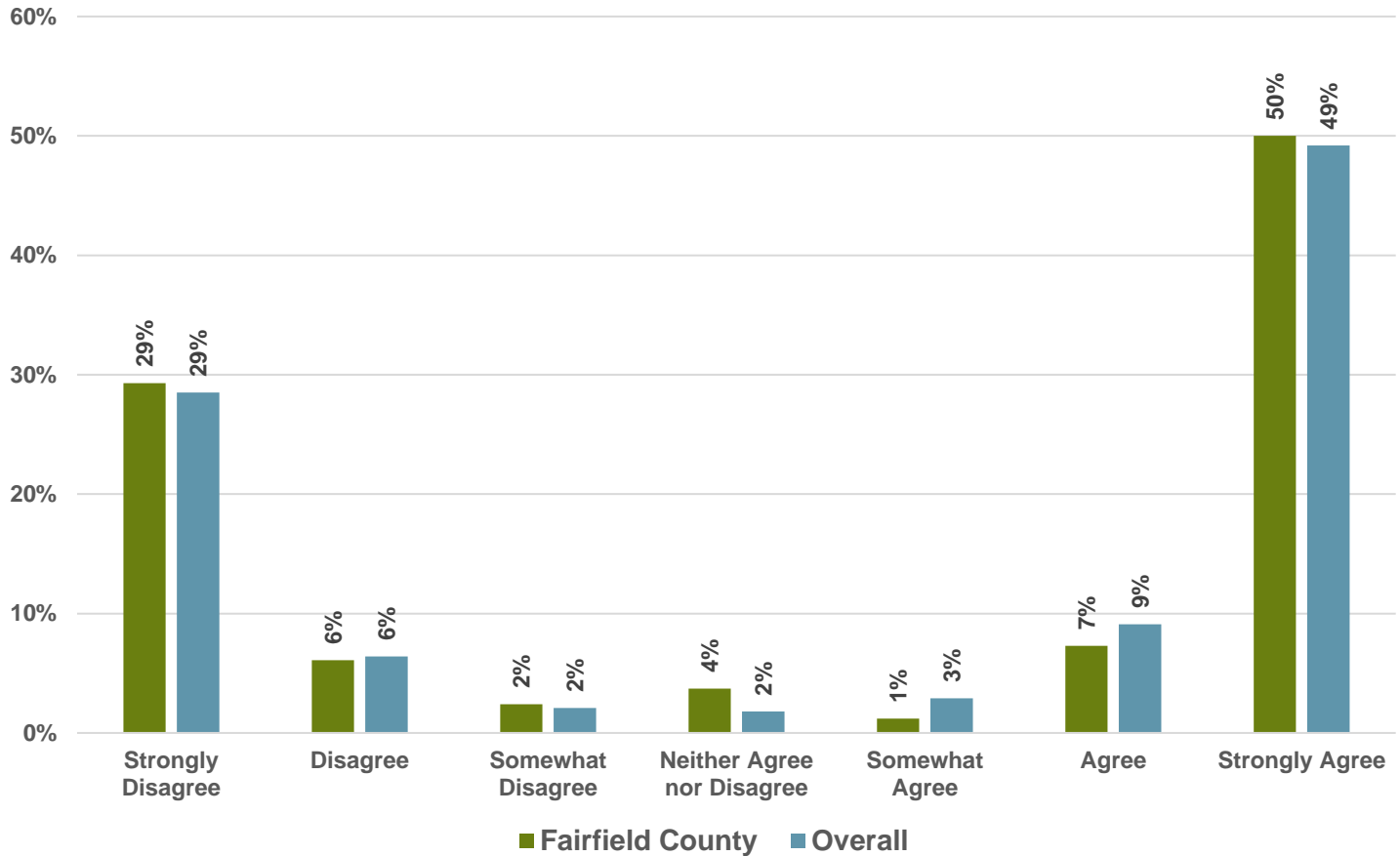
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“I am vegan. Sentient beings are not food.” -Charlotte, 52, Hiker

“I’m a retired pastor I certainly have religious reasons” but also for the game to have a rest day also”- Dutch, 57, Angler

Fairfield County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Fairfield County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 29% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 50% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

"I believe that public hunting land in SC should be available to every hunter regardless of their work schedule. Those who disagree with Sunday hunting due to religious beliefs have the opportunity to continue to not hunt on Sundays. Their beliefs should not impact others who feel differently about Sunday hunting." -Sam, 66, Hunter

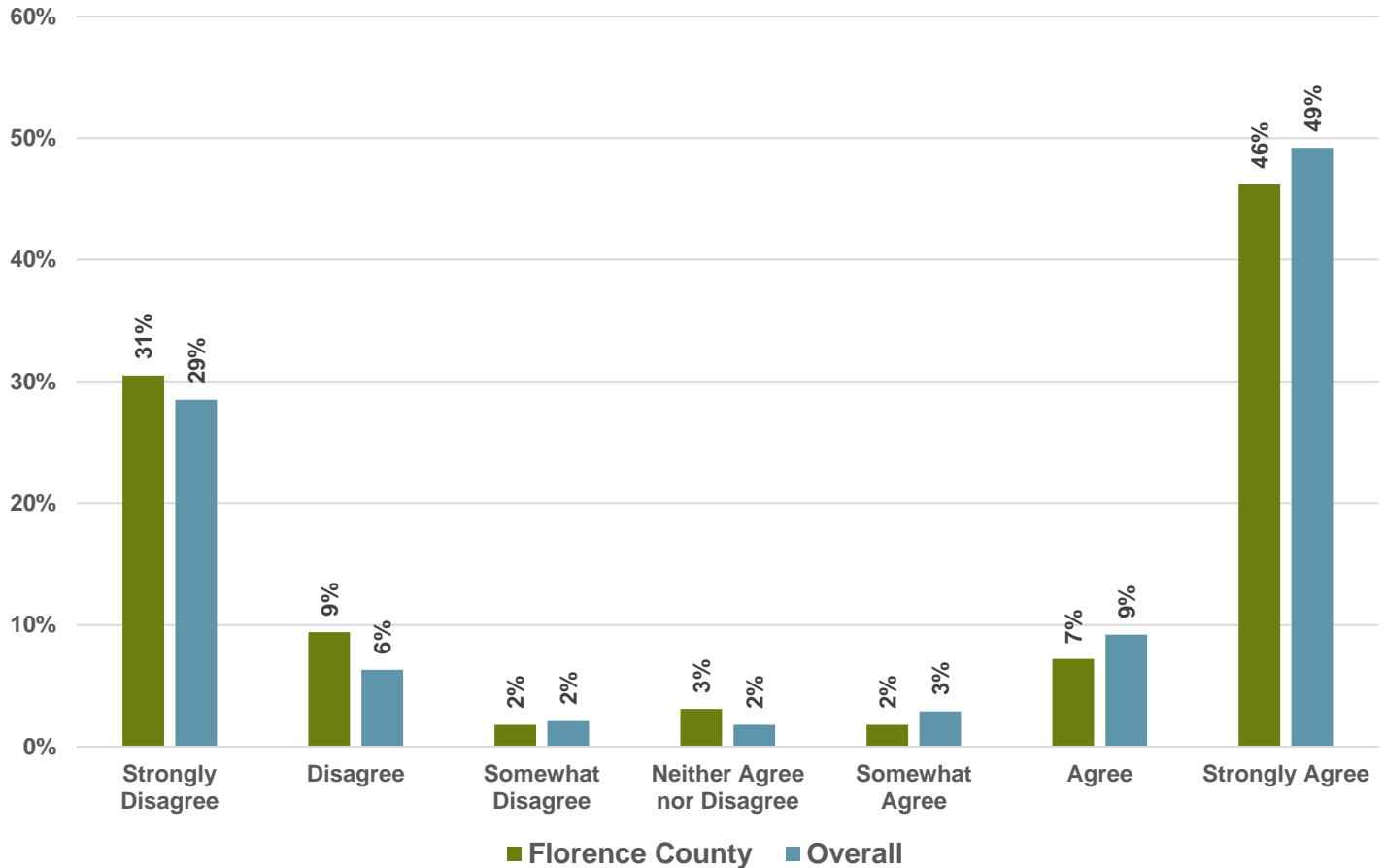
Providing additional opportunity to hunt for those who work Monday -Friday is an exceptional value for the working hunter." -Charles, 57, Hunter

Opposed to Sunday Hunting

"Non-consumptive users need at least one day a week during fall and winter to get out. Also, the disturbance factor to rural neighbors is a detriment to the image of hunters. Wildlife need a day of rest. Children should be shown how to respect others and have reverence for the wildlife resource." -Kenneth, 68, Hunter

Florence County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Florence County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 31% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 46% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“It would make things a lot safer. We wouldn’t be all over each other in dove fields. Spread things out.” -Mike, 55, Hunter

“More flexibility for people that work weekdays, everyone won’t be rushing to go one day a week.” - Mark, 32, Hunter

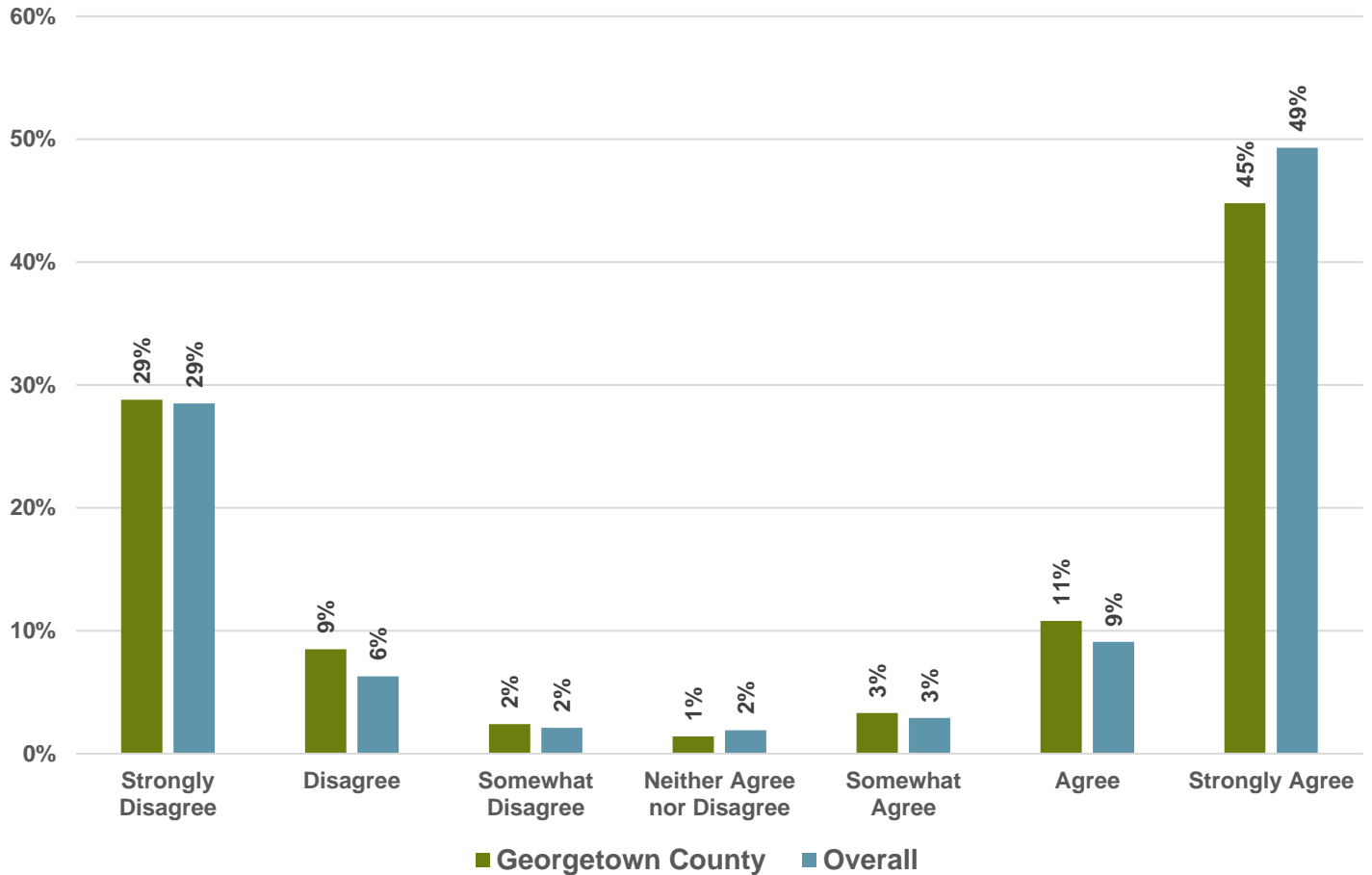
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“We don’t need any additional incentive keeping people away from worship at our local churches.” - Harold, 61, Camper

“To much hunting pressure. The managers of the WMAs should have the input on what/what is not beneficial to the property. Most of the public only wants what suits them, not the best management practices for the property.” -Quinn, 46, Hunter

Georgetown County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Georgetown County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 29% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 45% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“There is no plausible reason not to. As it stands the state is violating the separation of church and state and forcing me to observe someone else’s notion of their sabbath.” -Andrew, 47, Hunter

“Sundays are just like any other day, and a lot of times my only day that I can hunt.” Luke, 44, Hunter

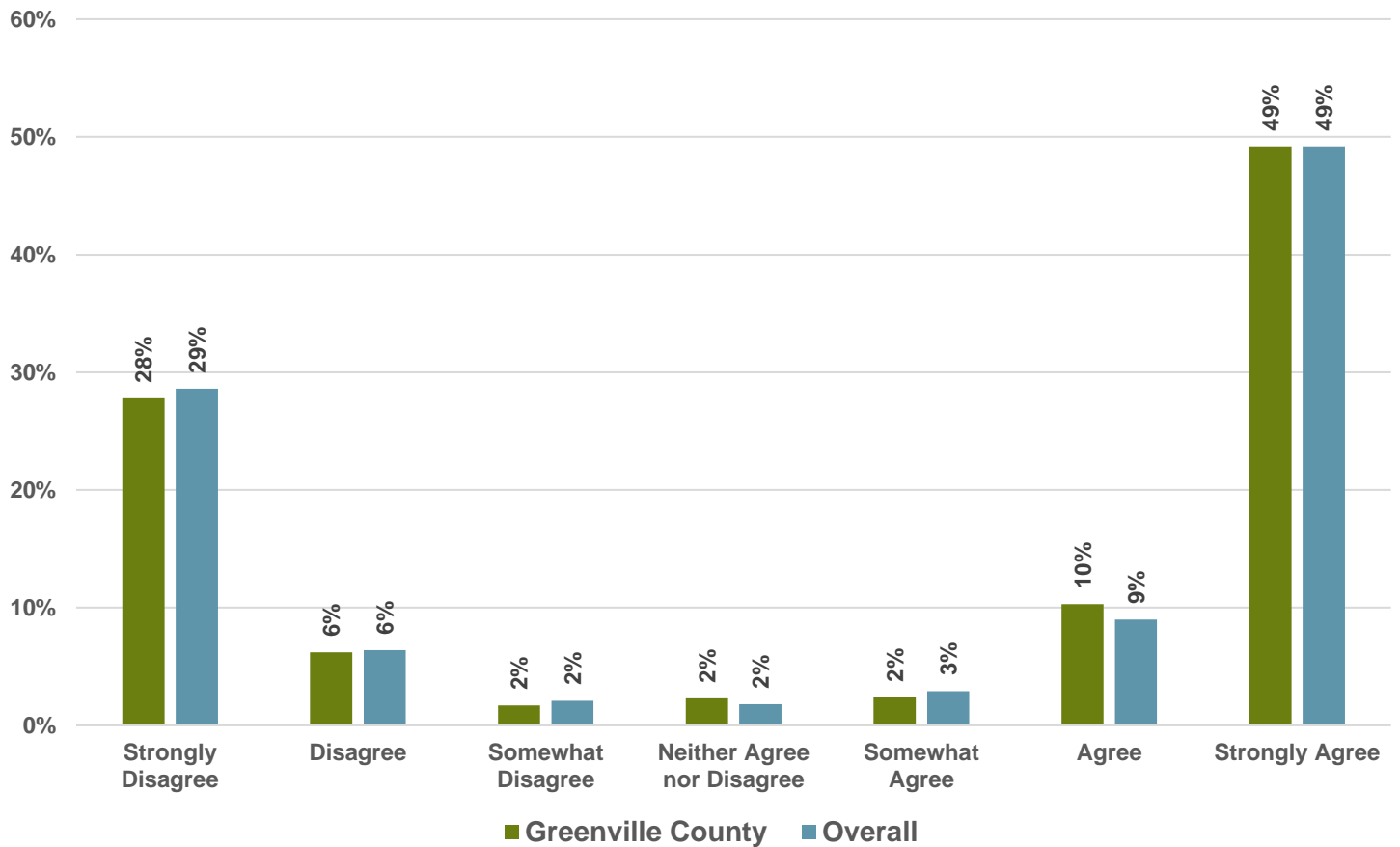
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Sunday’s is a day to rest and show mercy, even to birds and animals” -AJ, 47, Hunter

“One day a week to be able to meander the woods free from hunters is not too much to ask.” -Beth, 69, Hiker

Greenville County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Greenville County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 28% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs, and 49% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

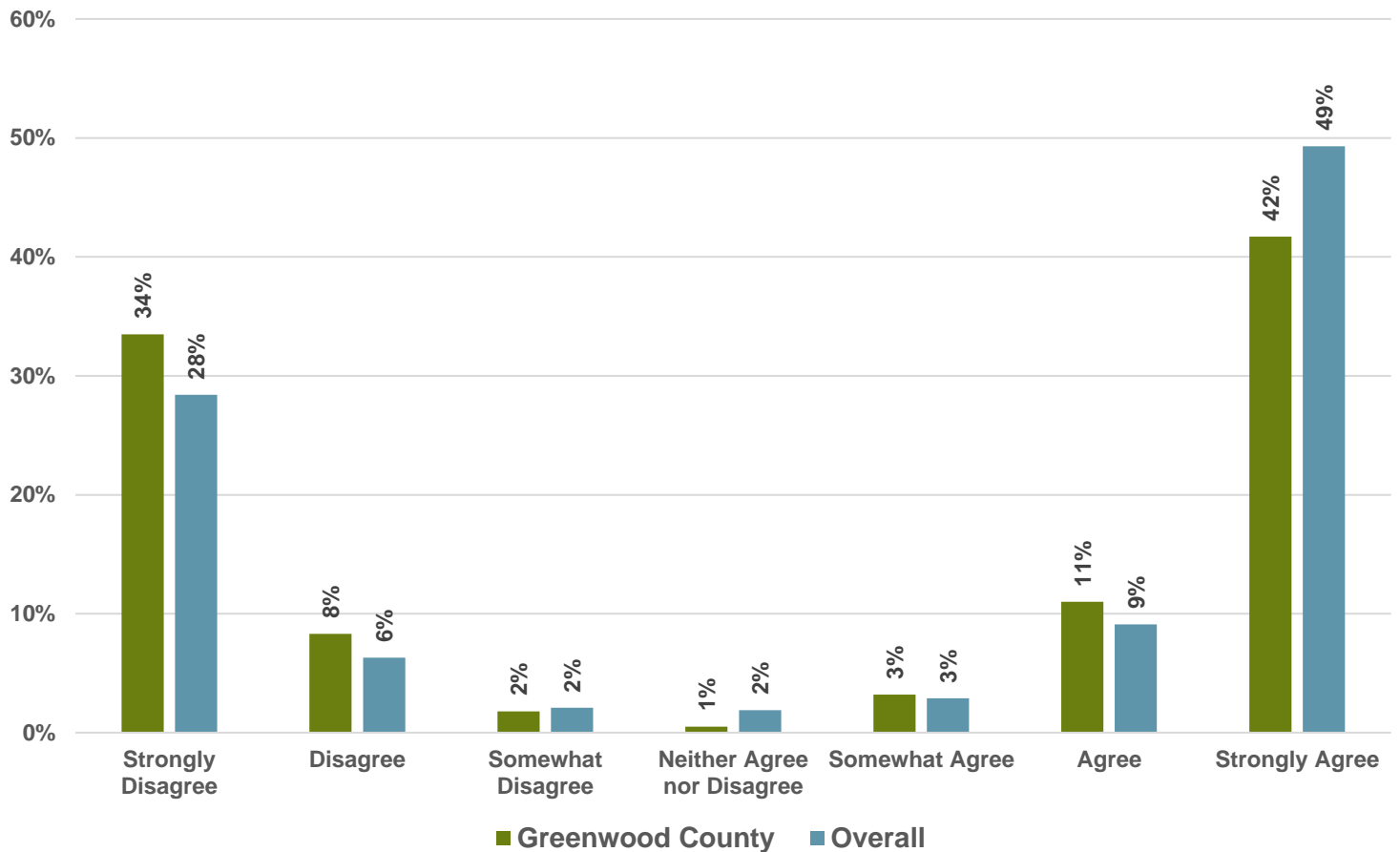
“Taking away 50% of the average working person's access to hunt public lands is shameful, to put it nicely. We, hunters, are the ones funding the management of these properties. Some say the animals “need a day of rest”. No, they don't. Very few states have any sort of restrictions on Sunday hunting and have no issues with game populations. Many of these states have even more hunting pressure than South Carolina does. If you want to give animals a day of rest, do it on a day that doesn't impact so many of the people who contribute so much.” -Keith, 38, Hunter

Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“There are too few deer already on the WMA property. This would mean that there will be many fewer because of more days to cull what few deer there are there. My primary reason is because Sunday is the Lords Day and I don't believe any activity like this should be done on Sunday” -Lloyd, 74, Hunter

Greenwood County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Greenwood County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 34% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 42% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Because it allows hunters more time to hunt who work Monday through Friday. Many states are moving to hunting on Sunday. Traditionally hunting on Sunday was because of religion but, state and religion should be separated.” -Reuben, 23, Hunter

“Because no other folks are restricted to WMA use on Sundays except for hunters. That is not fair.” - Tyler, 44, Hunter

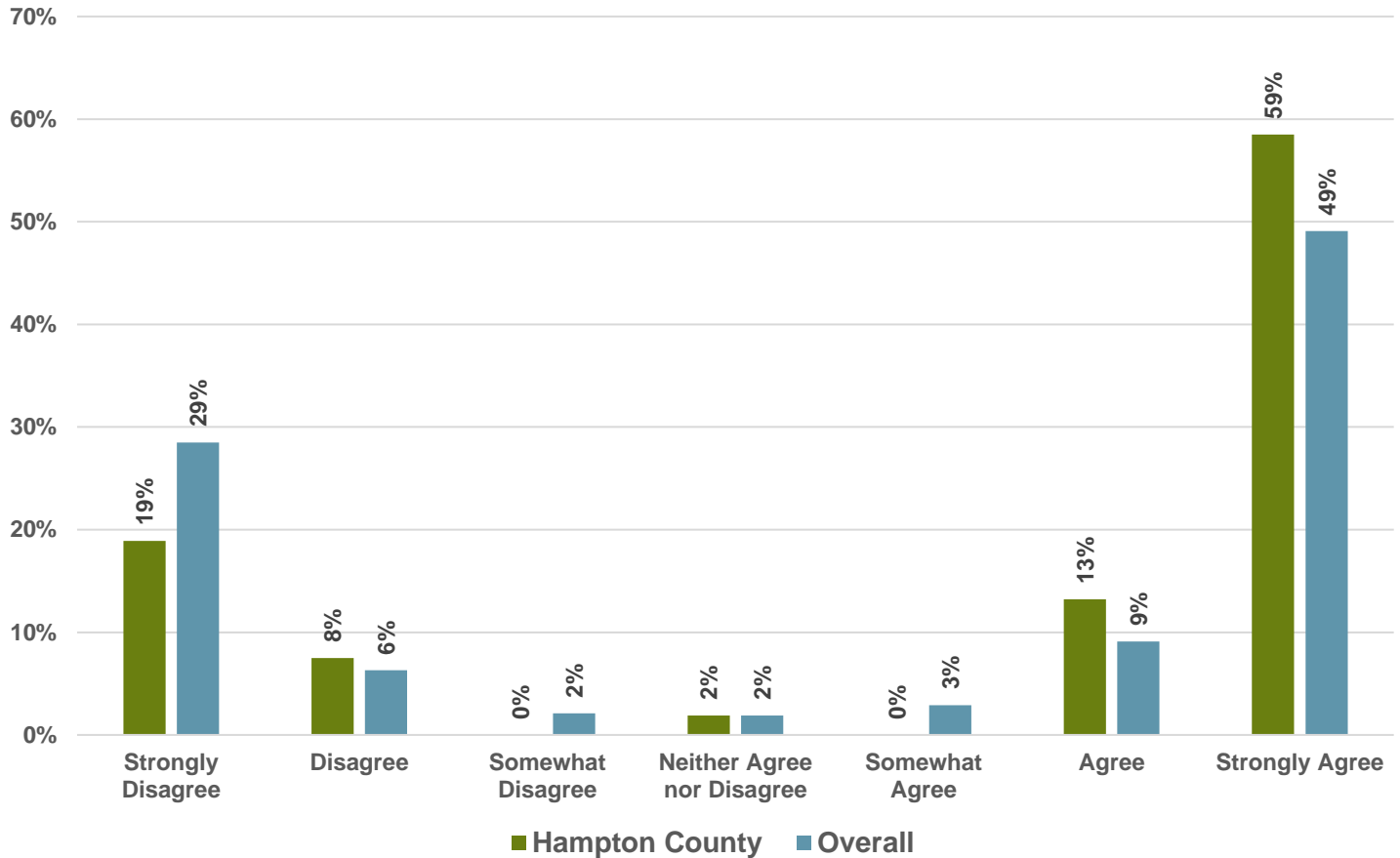
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“More hunting pressure, more stress on the game, more traffic, less nature observation opportunities, more safety concerns.” -Wallace, 21, Wildlife Observer

“I was brought up in an environment where you didn't kill on Sundays and that's just the way it is.” - Al, 23, Biker

Hampton County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Hampton County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 19% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 59% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Since I can only hunt weekends it will expand my opportunities to hunt WMAs by 100%.” -Gordon, 26, Hunter

“Freedom of religion should not conflict with those who choose to hunt.” -Ben, 61, Hunter

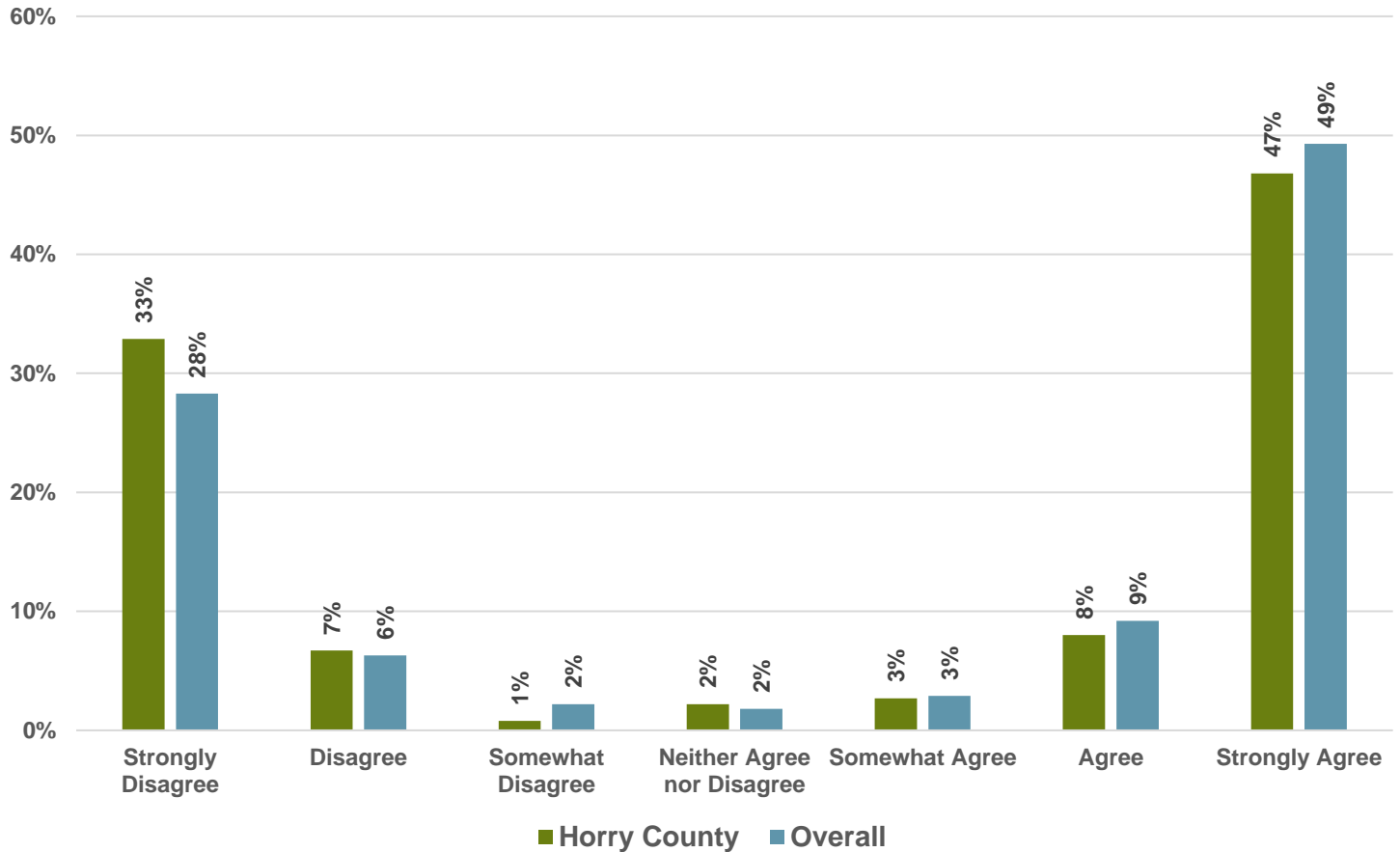
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Too much hunting pressure on game animals, especially turkeys on Webb, Palachucola, and Hamilton Ridge.” -Larry, 28, Hunter

“This is the Lord’s Day. The wildlife deserves a day of rest just like we do.” Buck, 61, Birder

Horry County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Horry County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 33% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 47% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“When my grandson visits it is usually on a weekend. I think he will soon want to begin hunting. He already has his hunting safety course.” -Kirk, 73, Hunter

“Because it will open up hunting to a larger group, help with the hog issues for farmers, provide a safe environment for hunting.” Debra, 50, Hunter

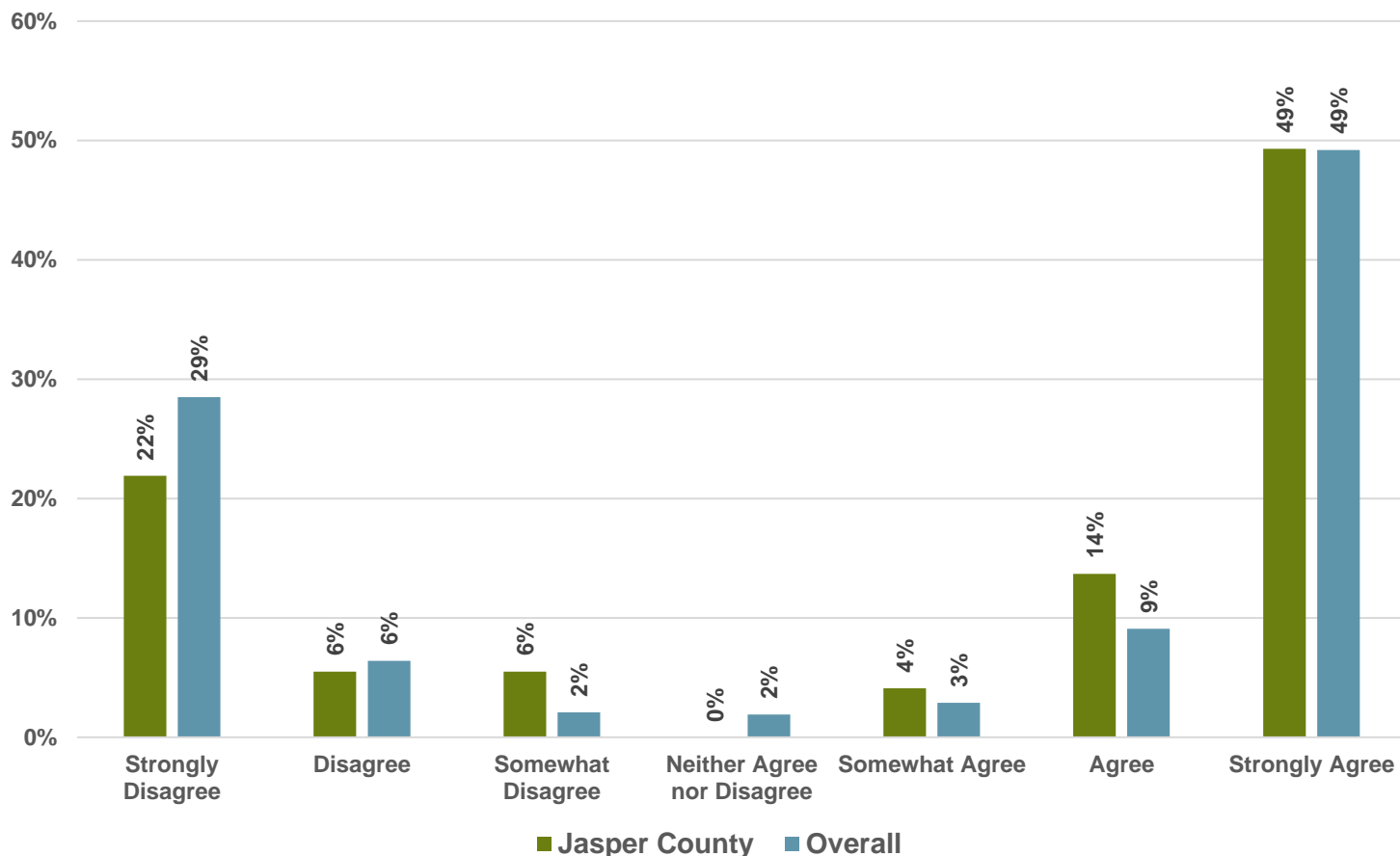
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“My goodness take a day of rest in the name of the Lord; Just seems right to give the animals a day of rest as well!” -Steven, 65, Hunter

“In Horry and Georgetown County our space for horseback riding is limited and if you allow hunting on Sunday’s, it will significantly reduce our ability.” -Sarah, 45, Equestrian

Jasper County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Jasper County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 22% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 49% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“I just don't see a legitimate reason to ban hunting on Sundays. Everyone hunts Sundays on private land and frankly, nobody complains about that.” -Alvin, 53, Hunter

“Working folks work five days and do chores on Saturday. That leaves only Sunday to hunt. Also, out of state folks will appreciate Sunday hunting.” -Mike, 60, Hunter

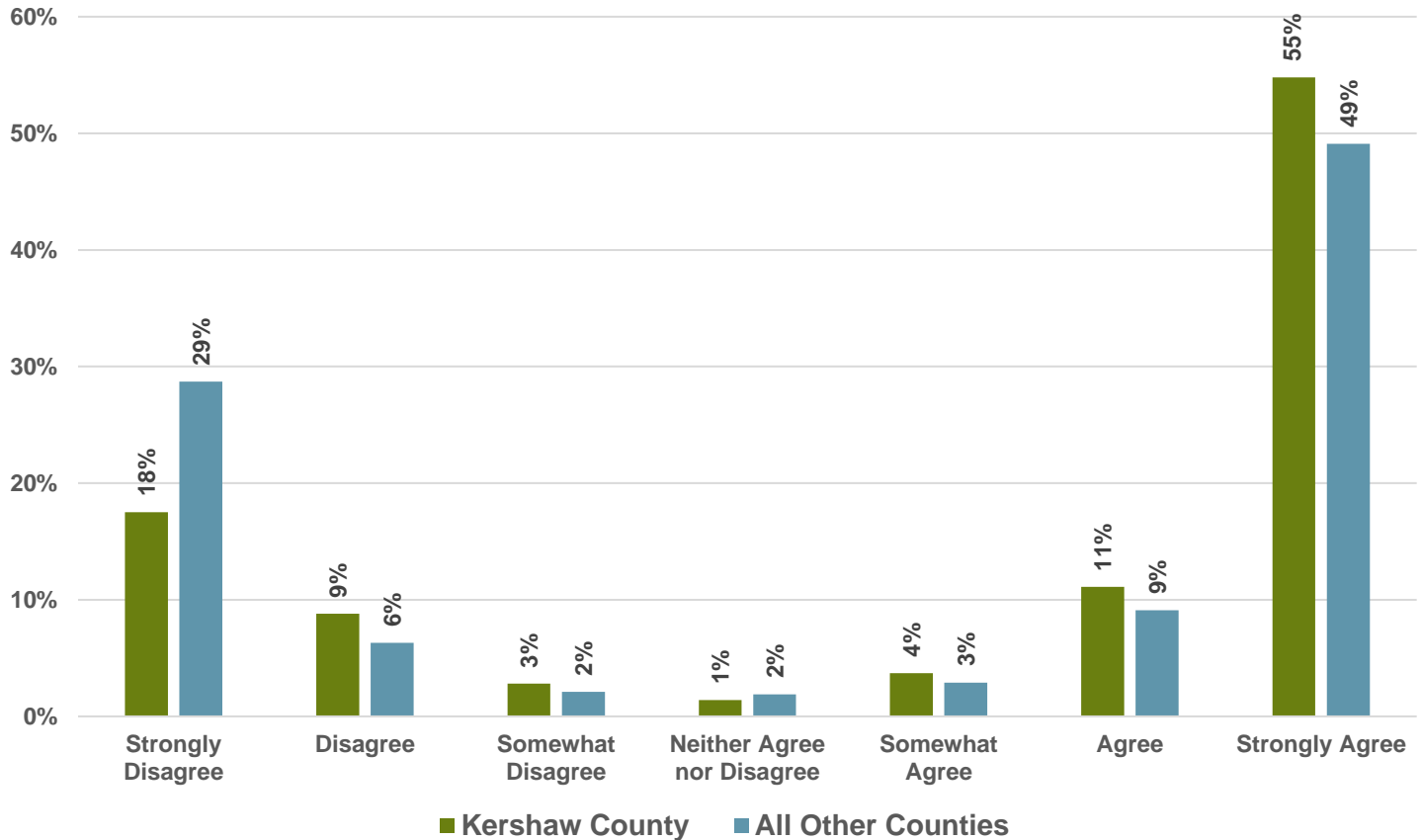
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“I live on 56 acres surrounded by WMA land and feel safer hunting on Sunday when I know there is no one hunting the adjoining properties.” -Chris, 59, Hunter

“Everything and everyone needs a break. Wildlife, hunters and SCDNR employees and managers who work/manage our WMA's. Sunday should continue to be that day.” -Brock, 50, Hunter

Kershaw County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Kershaw County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 18% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 55% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“As a public land hunter only Sunday hunting would greatly expand my ability to hunt as I am employed as a traditional Mon-Fri, 9-5 worker.” -Richard, 43, Hunter

“Religious beliefs should not be forced on everyone barring me from being able to harvest an animal on a Sunday. It should be an individual’s right to choose what they do on Sundays. I hunt to put meat in the freezer to eat throughout the year.” -Ryan, 60, Hunter

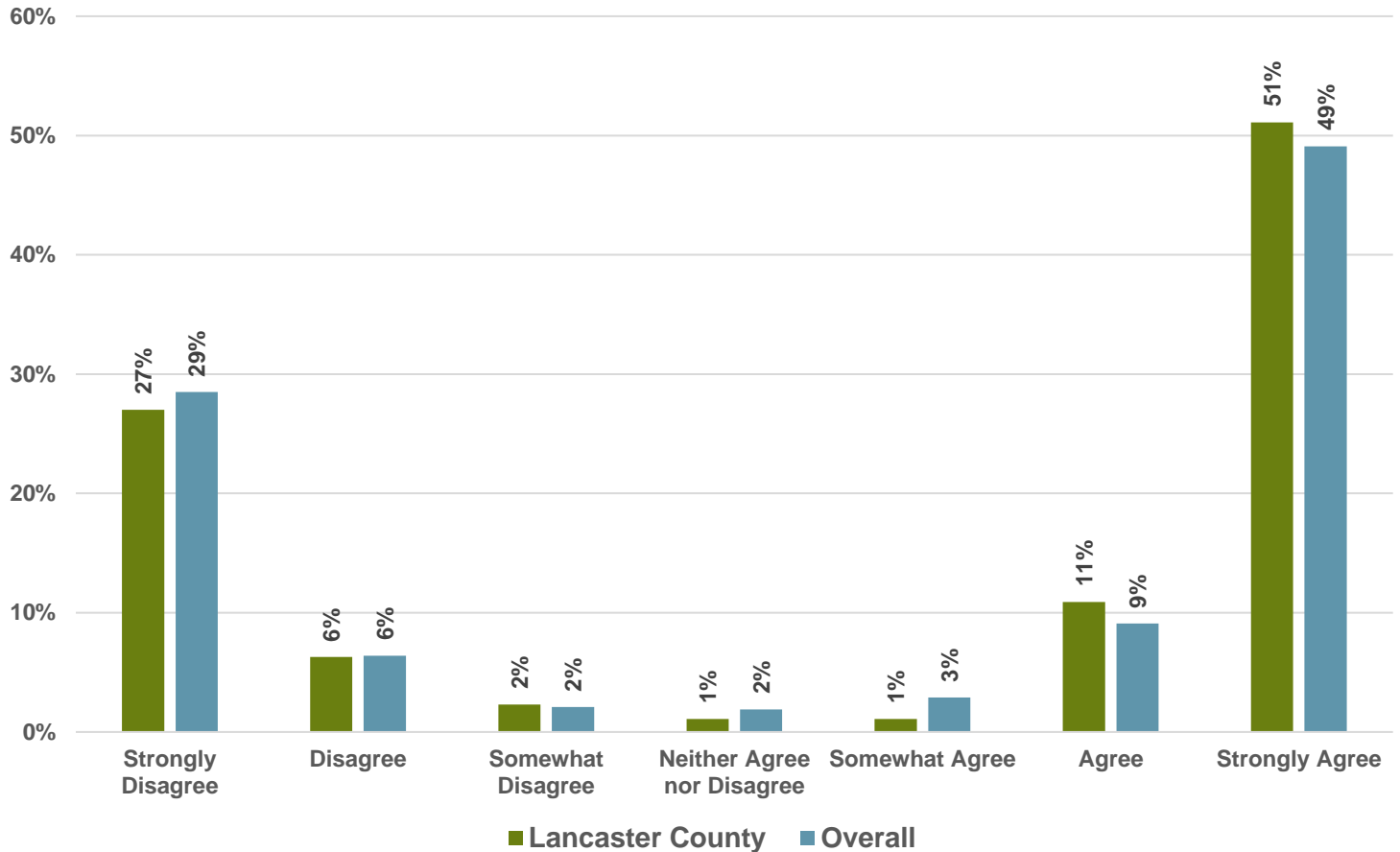
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Sunday should be strictly reserved for religious activities.” -Emmett, 61, Hunter

“To let animals have a rest day and to be able to observe nature.” -Derek, 63, Hunter

Lancaster County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Lancaster County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 27% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 51% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

"I am disabled and can only hunt with a buddy. They work during the week but can hunt with me both days on weekends." Matt, 54, Hunter

"Although I am a Christian; there is nothing in the Bible that says you can't hunt on Sunday before or after church. Besides the fact that the Sabbath is Saturday, and I am not Jewish." Joshua, 47, Hunter

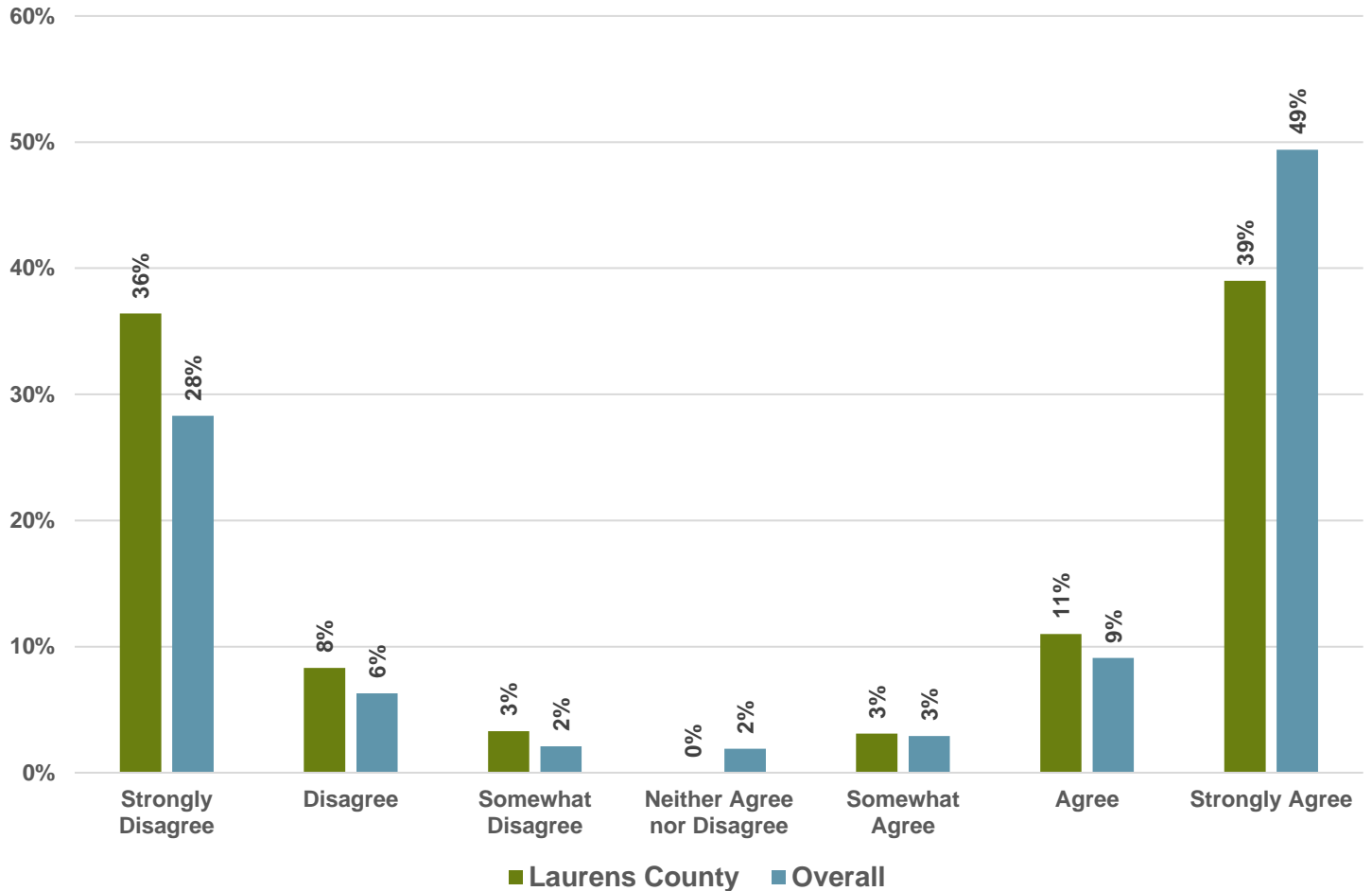
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

"Too much hunting pressure on Saturdays as it is. Adding Sundays would potentially double the pressure and bucks would never be seen." -Rob, 60 Hunter

"I remember the old days when Sundays were a day to let all creation rest. The way I was taught and still practice this to this day." Ted, 66, Hunter

Laurens County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Laurens County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 36% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 39% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

"I travel during the week and having the ability to hunt on Sundays, after Church, would be convenient. Additionally, other hunters may be limited to hunting during the week and find that Sunday hunting fits into their schedule better." -Travis, 54, Hunter

"No reason to limit hunting on public lands." -Ike, 48, Hunter

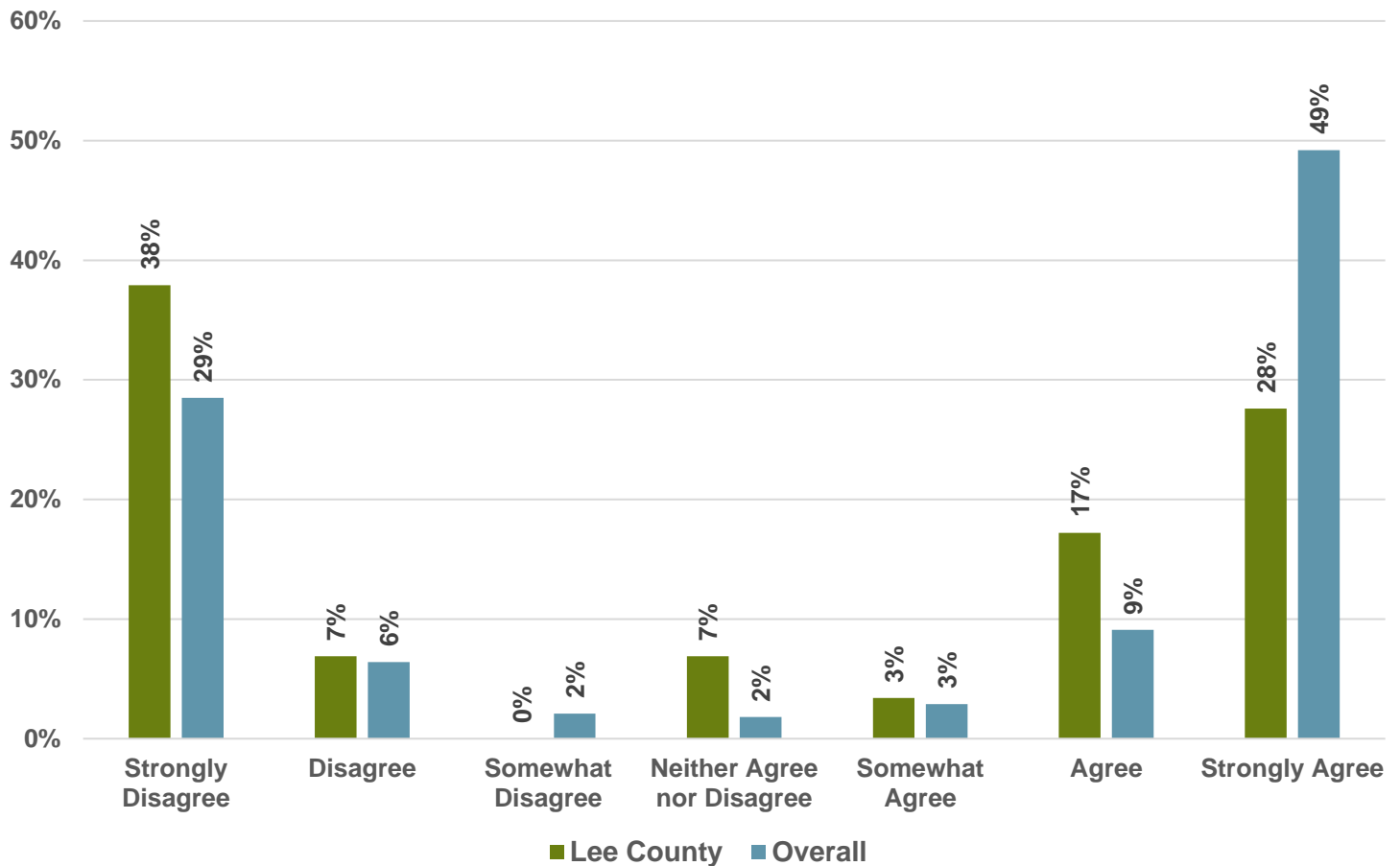
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

"There are rural churches in close proximity to WMAs and services could be interrupted by gun fire." -Davis, 63, Camper

"I hike a lot and have been hiking when hunters are on the land, and it was not a good experience. It is a bit unnerving when you come up over a rise on a trail and see hunters with their guns/rifles aimed at where you just where." -Macy, 71, Hiker

Lee County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Lee County do not reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 38% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 28% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“During the week I generally have time to hunt after work on my own property. Weekends give me option to travel. WMA’s give me opportunity to hunt another location.” Mark, 63, Hunter

“Sunday hunting give individuals more opportunity to enjoy the land that our tax dollars pay for.” Carl, 50, Hunter

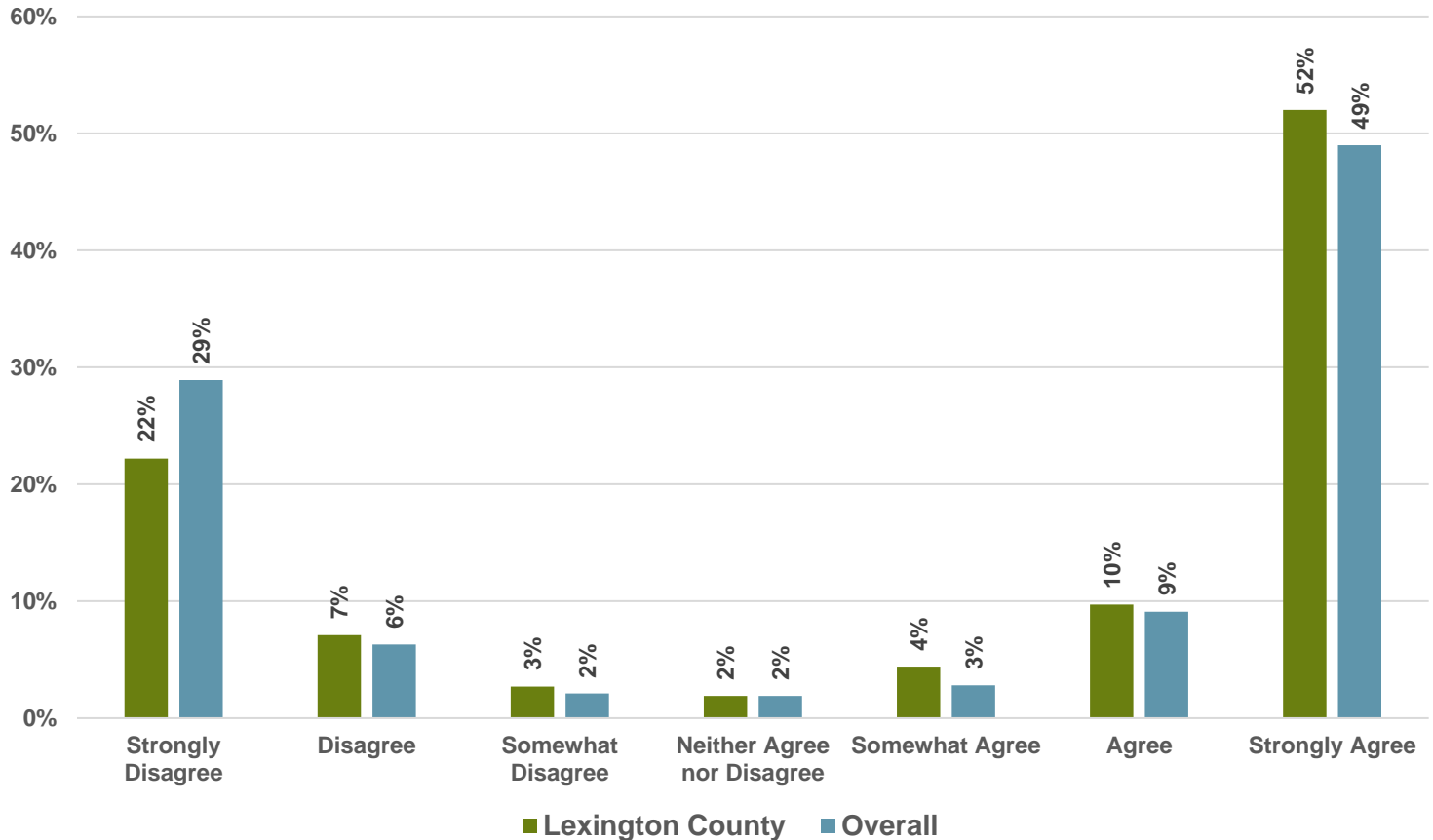
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“It is the only day to ride on most WMA lands and not have conflict with hunting in the best riding time of the year for temperature.” -Fern, 49, Equestrian

“Additional pressure on animals. I say this with little concern being as that the deer are hounded by large groups of hunters and a pack of 30 dogs multiple times per week.” Moe, 33, Hunter

Lexington County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Lexington County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 22% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 52% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Weather or family schedules often limits the number of free Saturdays in already short wild bird hunting season in SC. It would be nice to have more flexibility as I primarily hunt on WMA land and work Monday through Friday.” -Isaac, 44, Hunter

“Will help those that can’t find or afford a private land lease more opportunity to hunt.” -Hunter, 37, Hunter

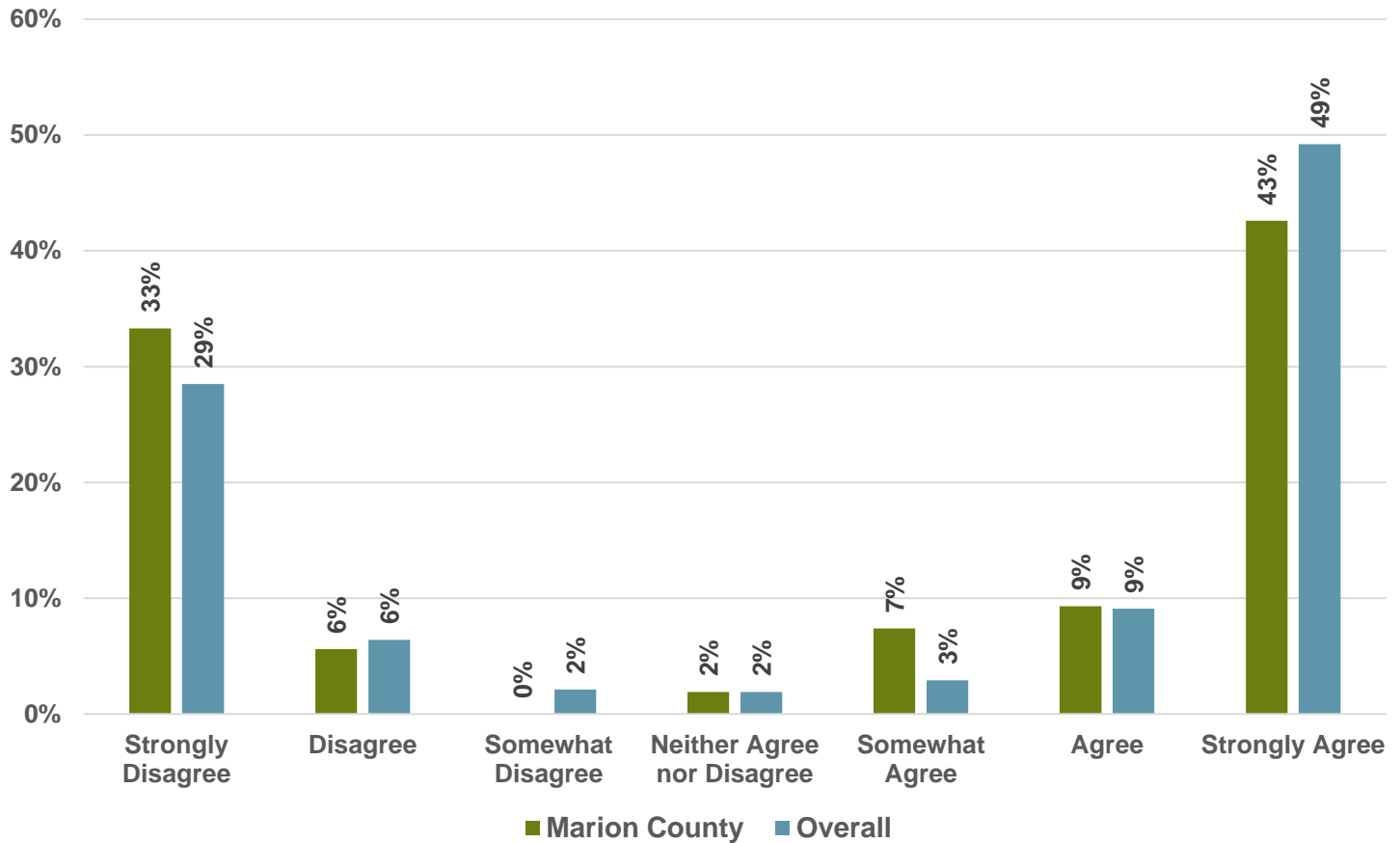
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“There should be one day during the Fall and Winter per week for the general public to enjoy the lands without having to deal with hunters.” -Taylor, 62, Birder

“It’s the Sabbath. I don’t support Sunday hunting. I also know a certain WMA that’s boundary is right by a church. A gunshot close to a church during worship service would not be good! Not to mention WMA that’s boundary is against houses and people hear gunshots on a Sunday morning. It’s just not a good thing in my opinion.” Alton, 47, Hunter

Marion County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Marion County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 33% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 43% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“It will give hunters who work during the week another day to spend in the great outdoors and another chance at harvesting food for their family.” -Victor, 25, Hunter

“Because there isn’t a reason not to hunt on Sunday’s. Hunters pay for permits to hunt the WMAs and the world has changed where people have to work more to include weekends.” -Fred, 37, Hunter

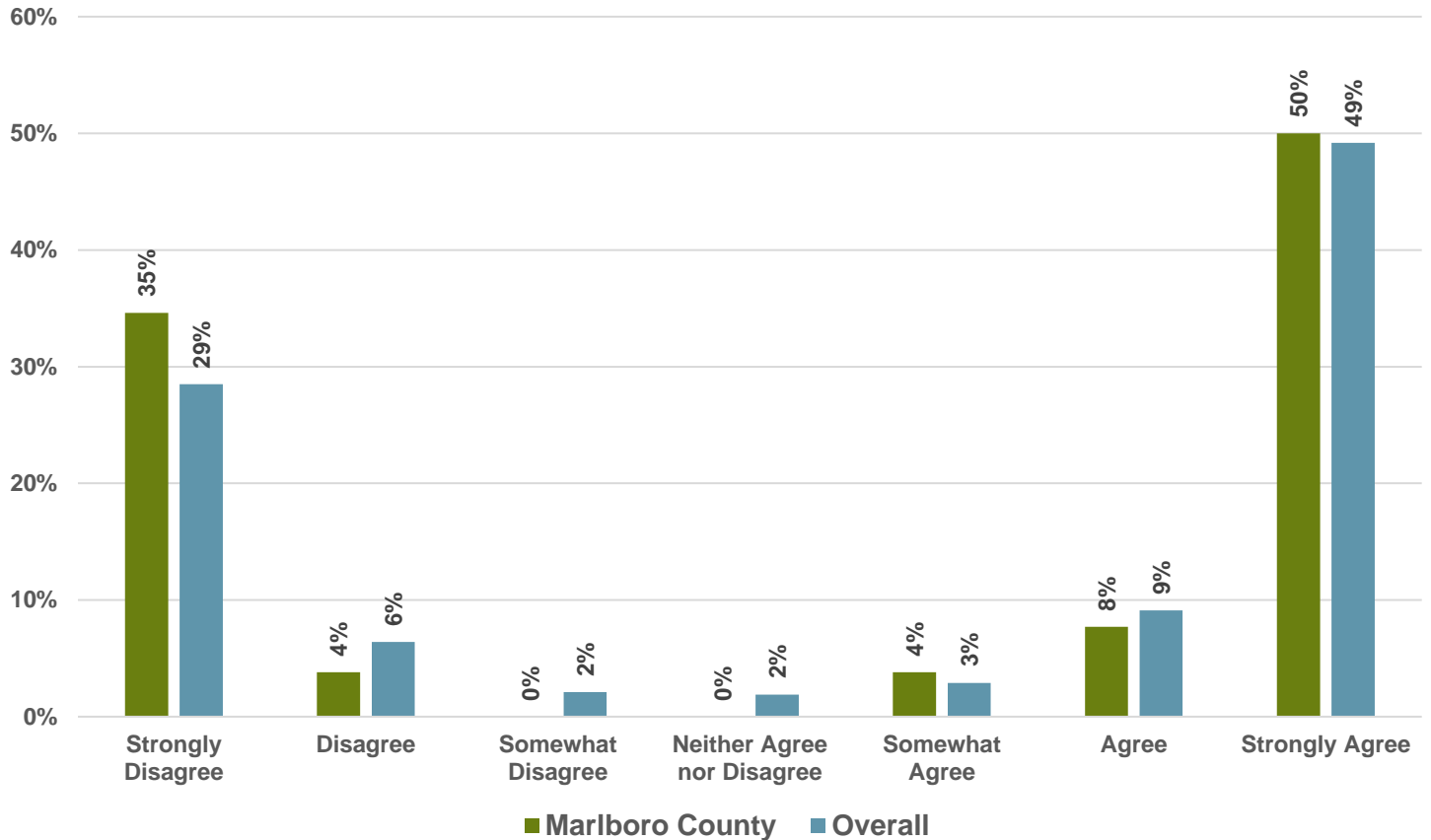
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Besides the obvious religious views and beliefs, we need to give the animals a break.” Heath, 52, Hunter

“Sunday is usually the day most people can enjoy activities other than hunting on WMA’s with no worry of getting shot or disrupting someone that is hunting and the animals being hunted need a break.” -Ralph, 63, Hunter

Marlboro County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Marlboro County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 35% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 50% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Working people like to have the whole weekend. I’m a Christian and don’t see anything wrong with it.” -Terry, 53, Hunter

“It would be great to hunt WMA on Sundays. I don’t have anywhere to duck hunt and there are a few bodies of water on the WMA land.” Ben, 23, Hunter

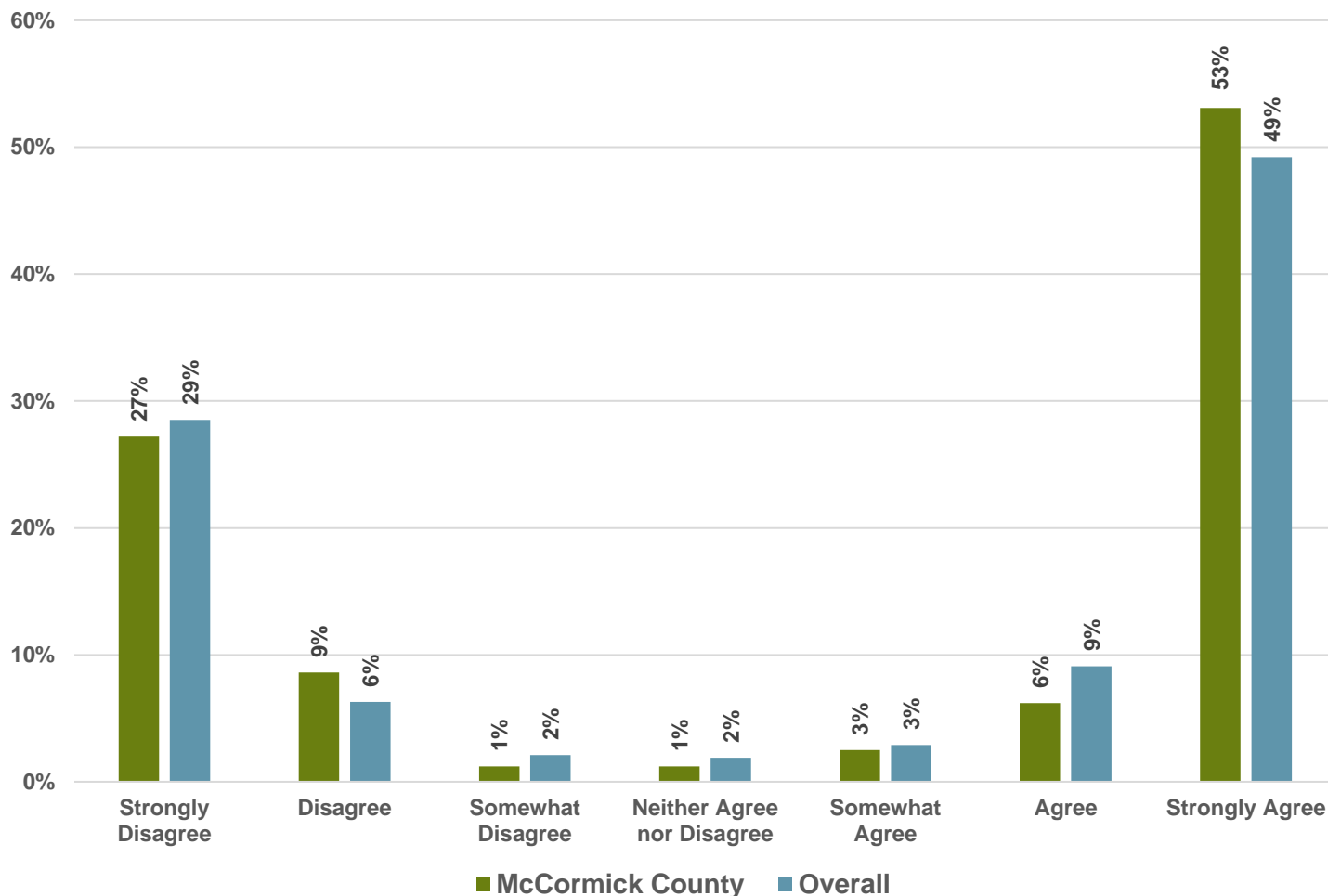
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Sundays are day families are together and enjoy outside recreation together without the fear of hunter conflict. Sundays are also a day of rest without the constant sound of gunshots at daybreak and dusk.” John, 63, Angler

“Not enough wildlife left.” Bruce, 52, Hunter

McCormick County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within McCormick County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 27% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 53% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“More opportunities for working hunters and young hunters to participate. Young people have many activities competing for their time. Greater opportunities to hunt should lead to greater participation.”
 -Stanley, 67, Hunter

“So the people who work Monday through Friday will still have the opportunity to the great hunting on WMAs!” -Bert, 66, Hunter

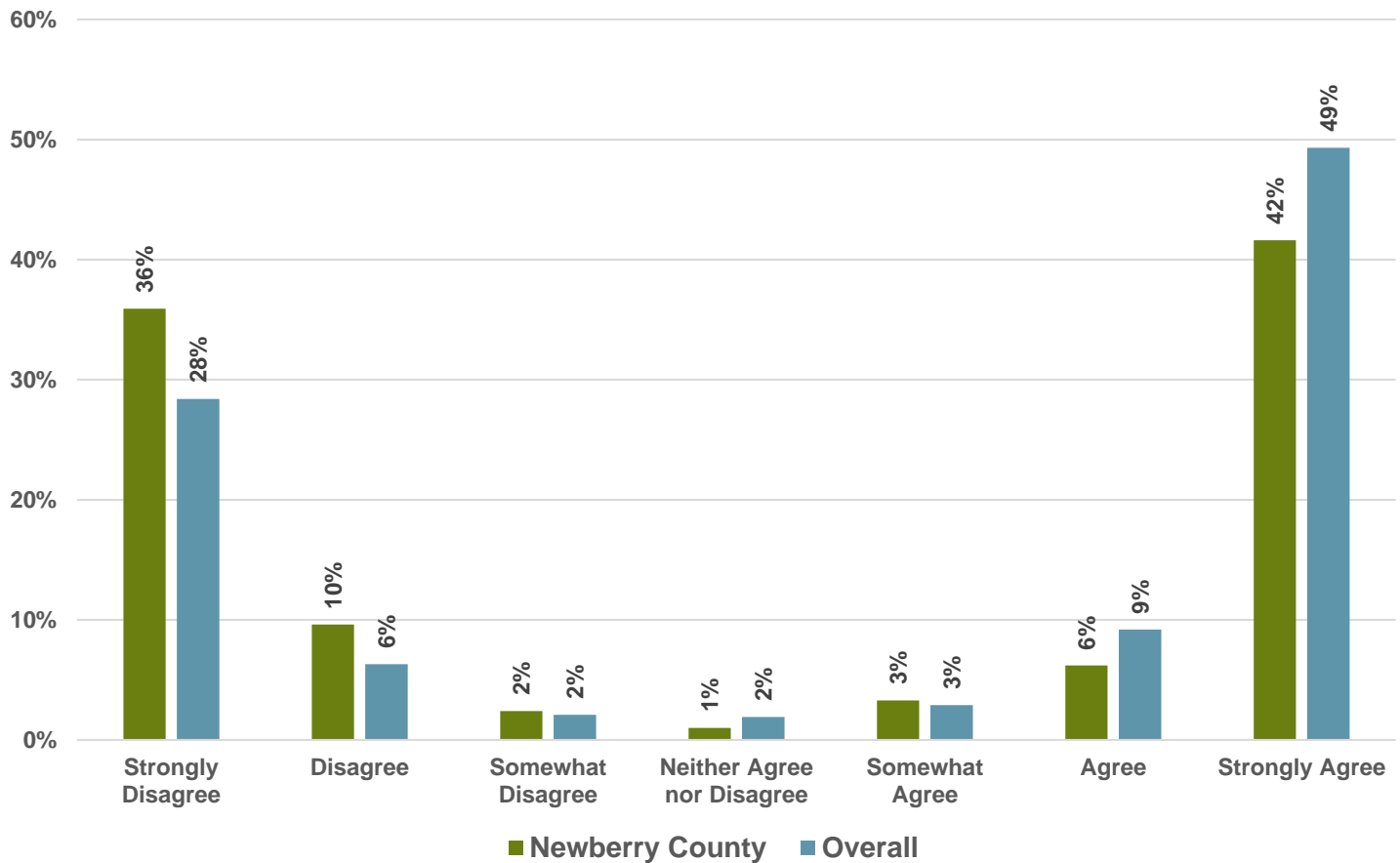
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Gives the animals a break, let’s me go walk out there without fear of being shot.” -Sean, 23, Hunter

“Sundays should be set aside as a day of rest & worship.” -Chester, 75, Hunter

Newberry County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Newberry County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 36% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 42% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

"I work M-F and this gives me an additional day to hunt on WMA. More opportunities to hunt are always welcome." -Chase, 29, Hunter

"As a college student, weekends are my only opportunity to hunt." -Hector, 20, Hunter

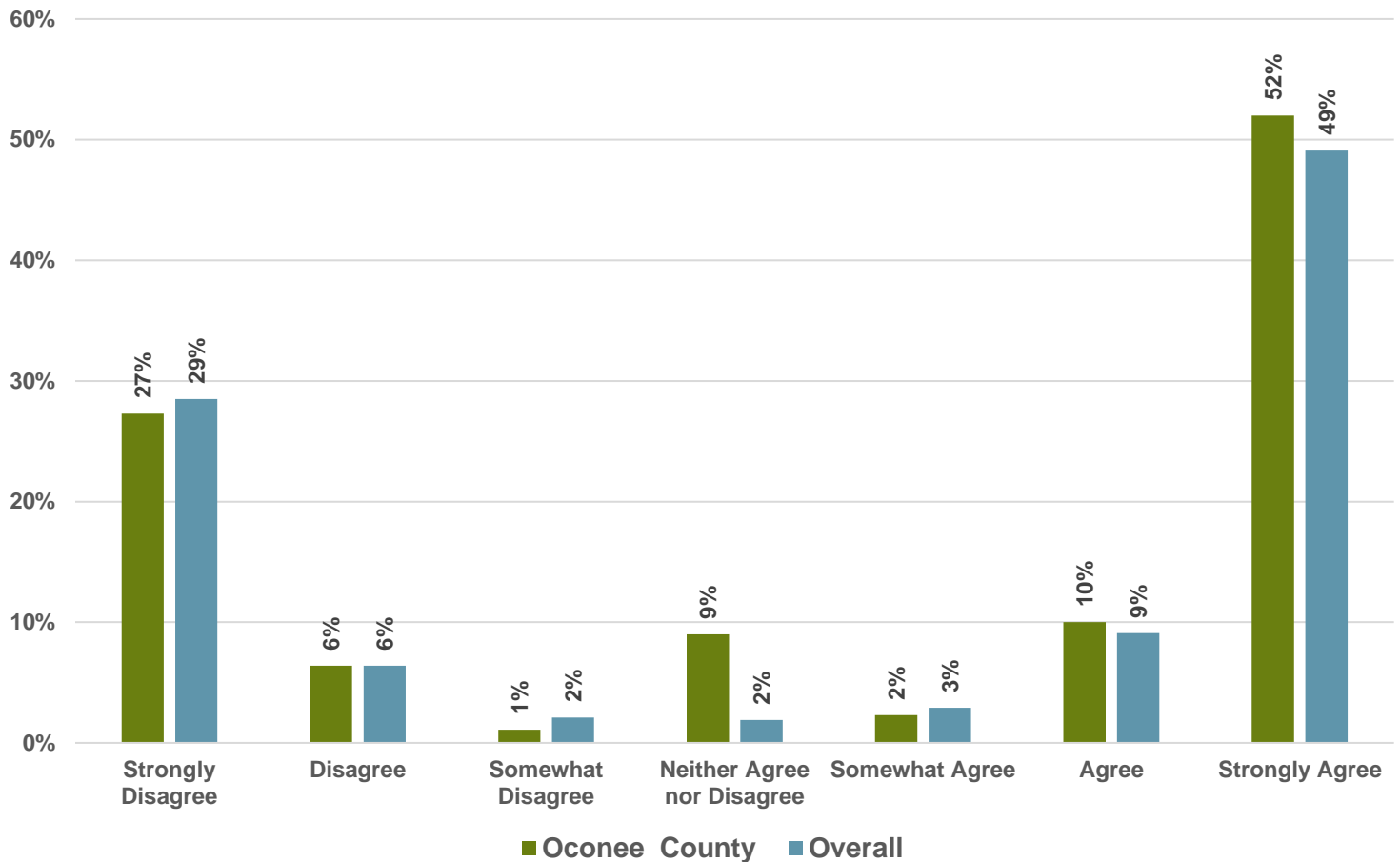
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

"It allows a day for scouting that you shouldn't have to worry about getting shot." -Will, 47, Hunter

"The fall is the nicest time to spend in the woods and non-hunters should have one day out of 7 to enjoy it without worrying about being shot." - Joseph, 51, Hiker

Oconee County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Oconee County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 27% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 52% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“My boyfriend and I work both weekdays and some weekends. Sunday hunting will allow us more days to hunt.” -Vicky, 39, Hunter

“All SC hunters pay a lot for restricted hunting we should get back what we put in.” -Albert, 50, Hunter

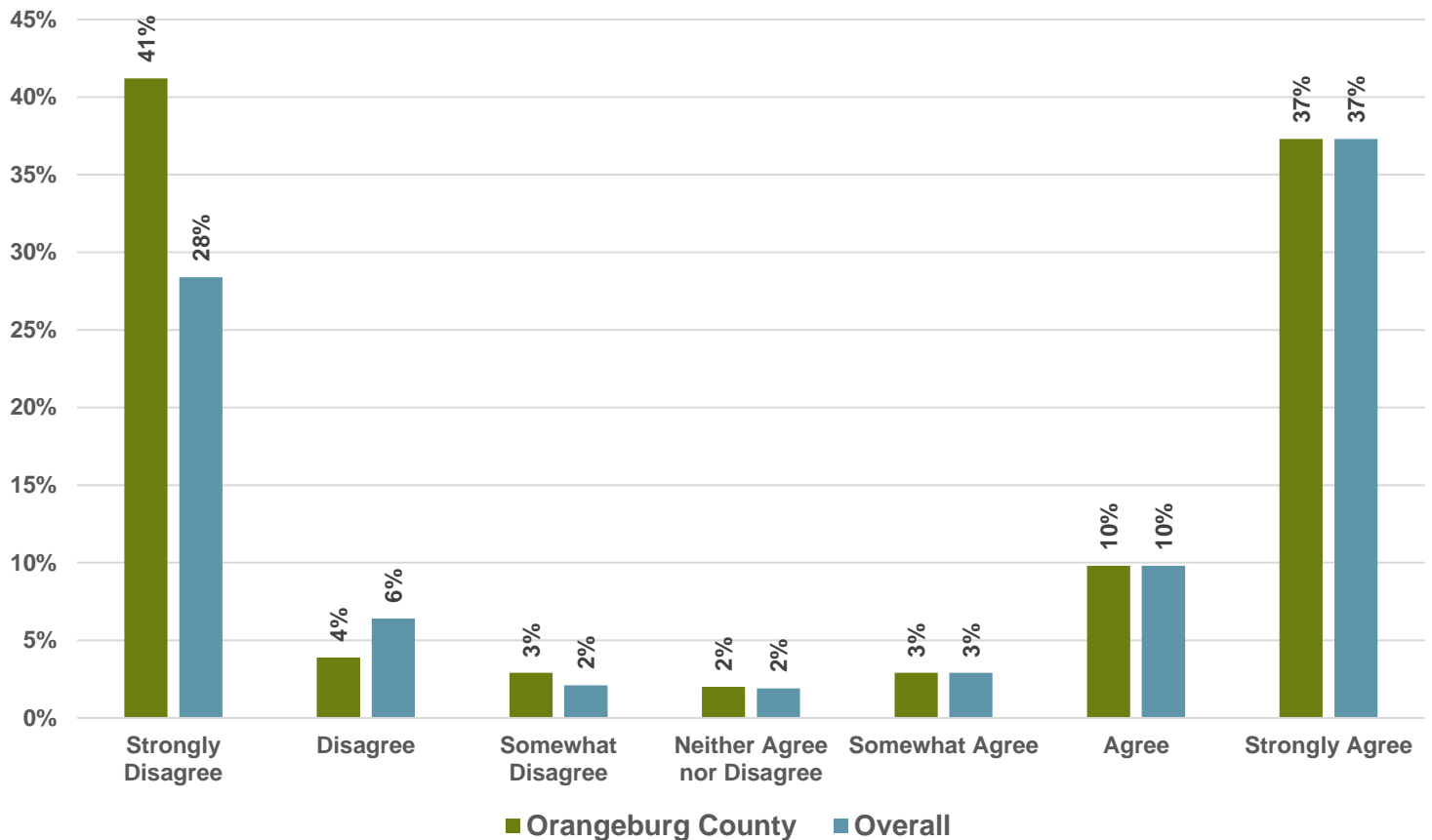
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“This is another assault on traditional values that make us Americans and Southerners. Hunters need to be with their families in church on Sunday mornings, not in the field hunting.” Drew, 73, Camper

“There need to be a day the public can go and not worry about hunting conflicts.” -James, 71, Hunter

Orangeburg County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Orangeburg County do not reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 41% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs, and 37% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Many citizens work long hours, shift work. The current ban on Sunday hunting deprives them of the enjoyment of a public resource.” -Russell, 62, Hunter

“It would be a good way for families to take kids hunting and just enjoy.” -Mark, 63, Hunter

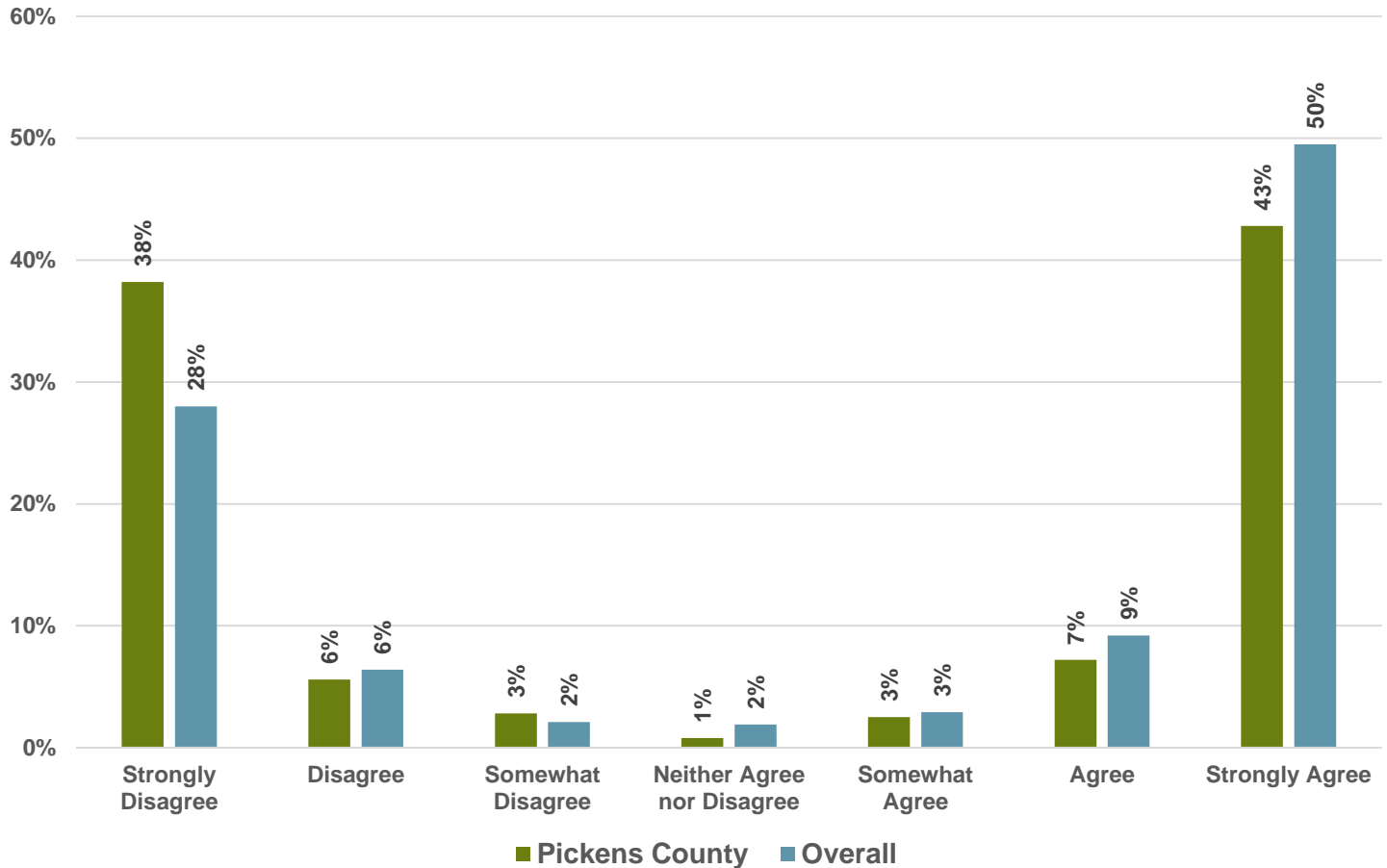
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“These public lands need to rest. Private land is open 24/7, as public land the government has the authority to practice real conservation.” -Tiffany, 28, Hunter

“Because when I do get a chance to be in the woods, I am afraid of being shot!!!” -Kate, 70, Biker

Pickens County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Pickens County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 38% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs, and 43% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Income level should not impact hunting opportunity. Rich people get to hunt private land on Sunday. The rest are forced to hunt public land where we can’t hunt on Sunday.” -Dillon, 23, Hunter

“Equal access to public land for all types of recreation and more opportunity. Separation of religious beliefs and management of public land.” Rob, 29, Hunter

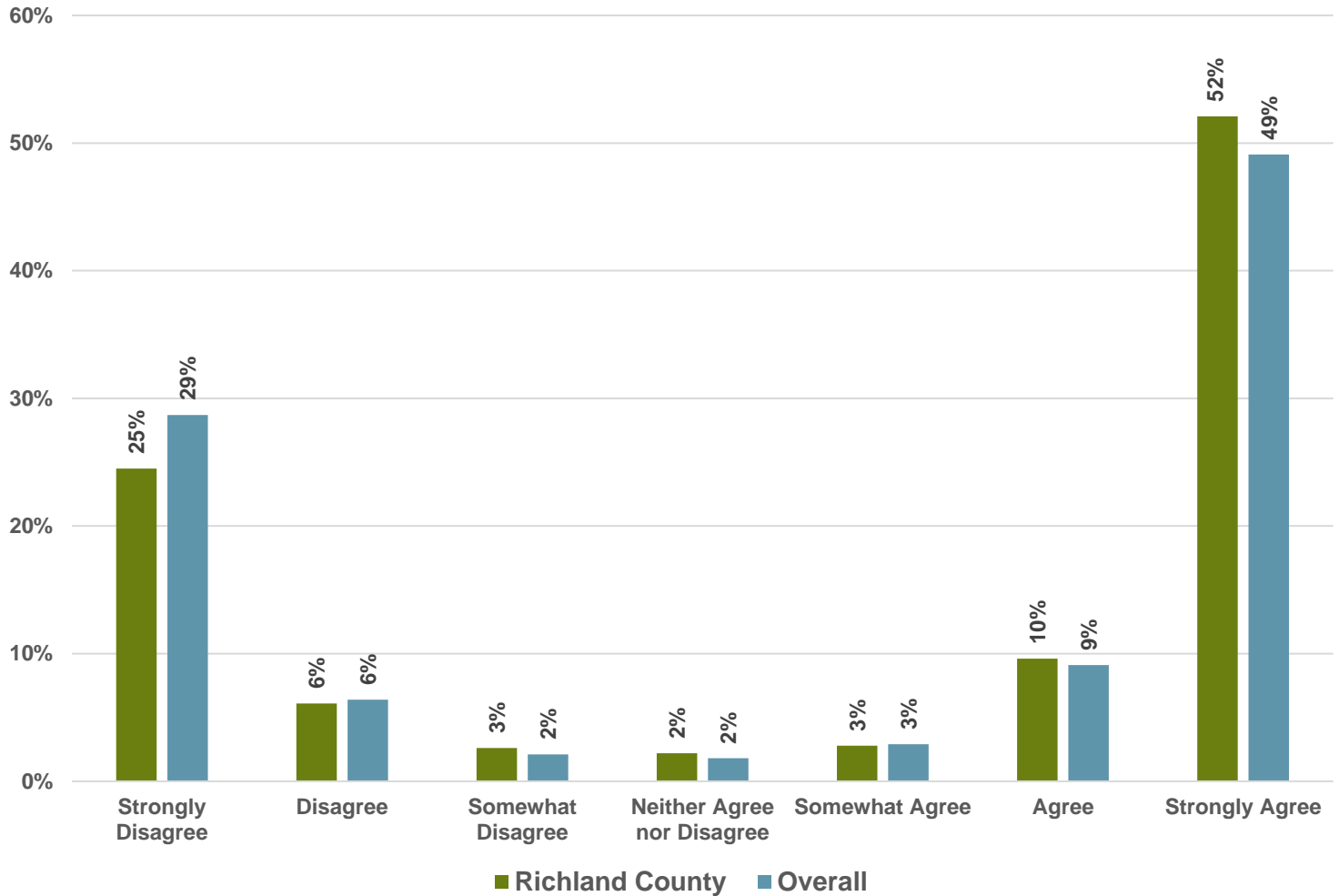
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Sunday is the one day of the week that a non-hunter can go to a WMA in SC without having to research what kind of hunting season there is or worry about whether their clothing is visible enough.” -Chelsea, 32, Trail Runner

“Hunters get 6 other days of the week. Please leave Sundays for families that wish to continue hiking, biking, photography etc... without the fear of getting shot. All we ask is for that ONE day.” -Alfred, 52, Hiker

Richland County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Richland County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 25% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. and 52% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Blue Laws are becoming a thing of the past. I am clergy and appreciate the fight our ancestors gave to protect Sundays. However, we live in a time that children’s sports and adult golf is a Sunday activity. It becomes an issue of freedom and choice. We can attend church and still hunt, golf, or fish on the same day. Why not allow hunting on Sundays.” -Keith, 46, Hunter

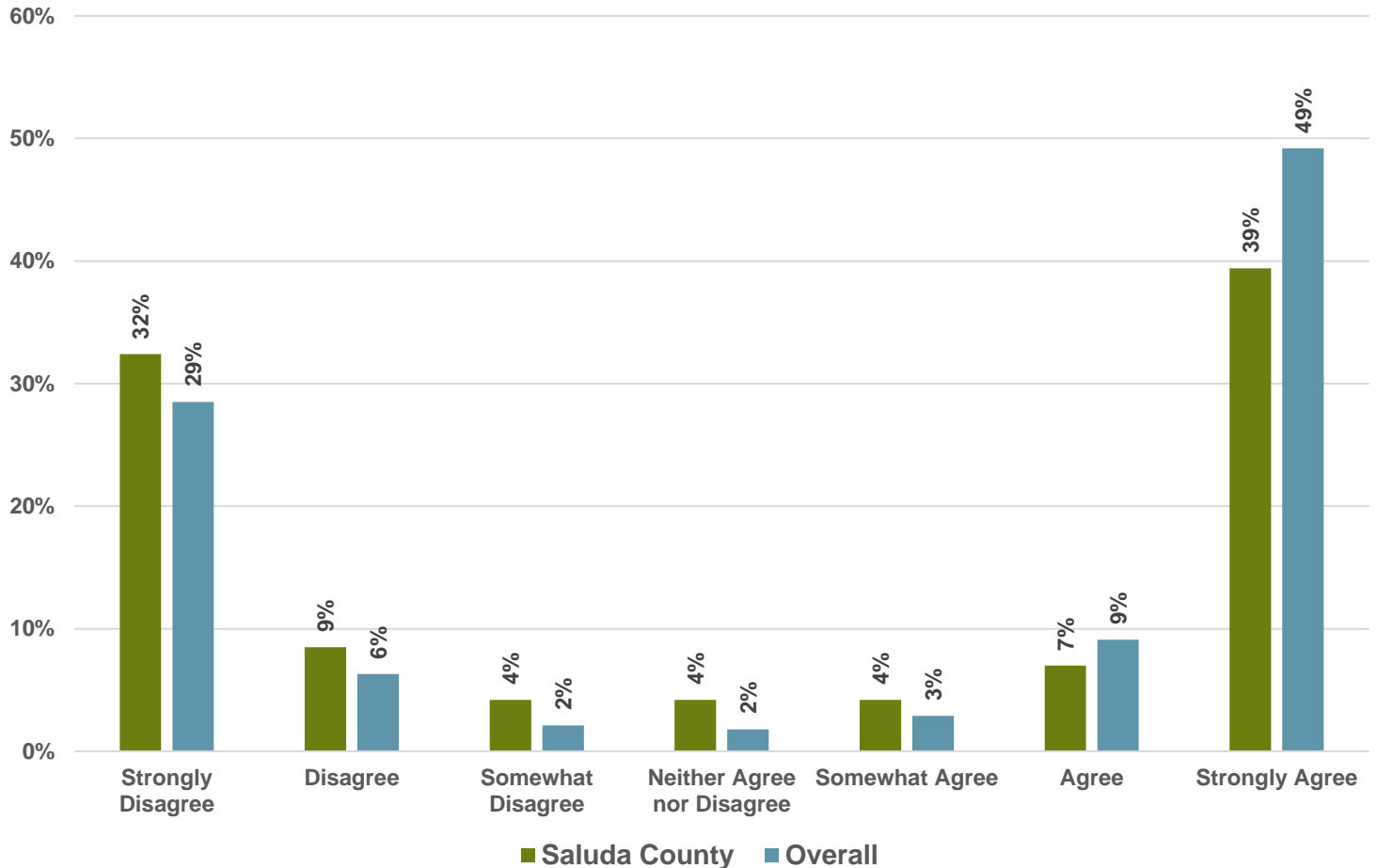
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“The only day the public can safely traverse WMAs and enjoy the amenities therein. No Hunting on Sunday, please.” -Shirley, 65, Equestrian

“Game needs a rest from constant pressure.” -Ryan, 40, Hiker

Saluda County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Saluda County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 32% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 39% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Residents of the state who may not have the means or opportunity to hunt private land should be able to take advantage of its resources in full.” Jerry, 49, Hunter

“Opportunity increase to be out in the woods.” – Eddy, 47, Hunter

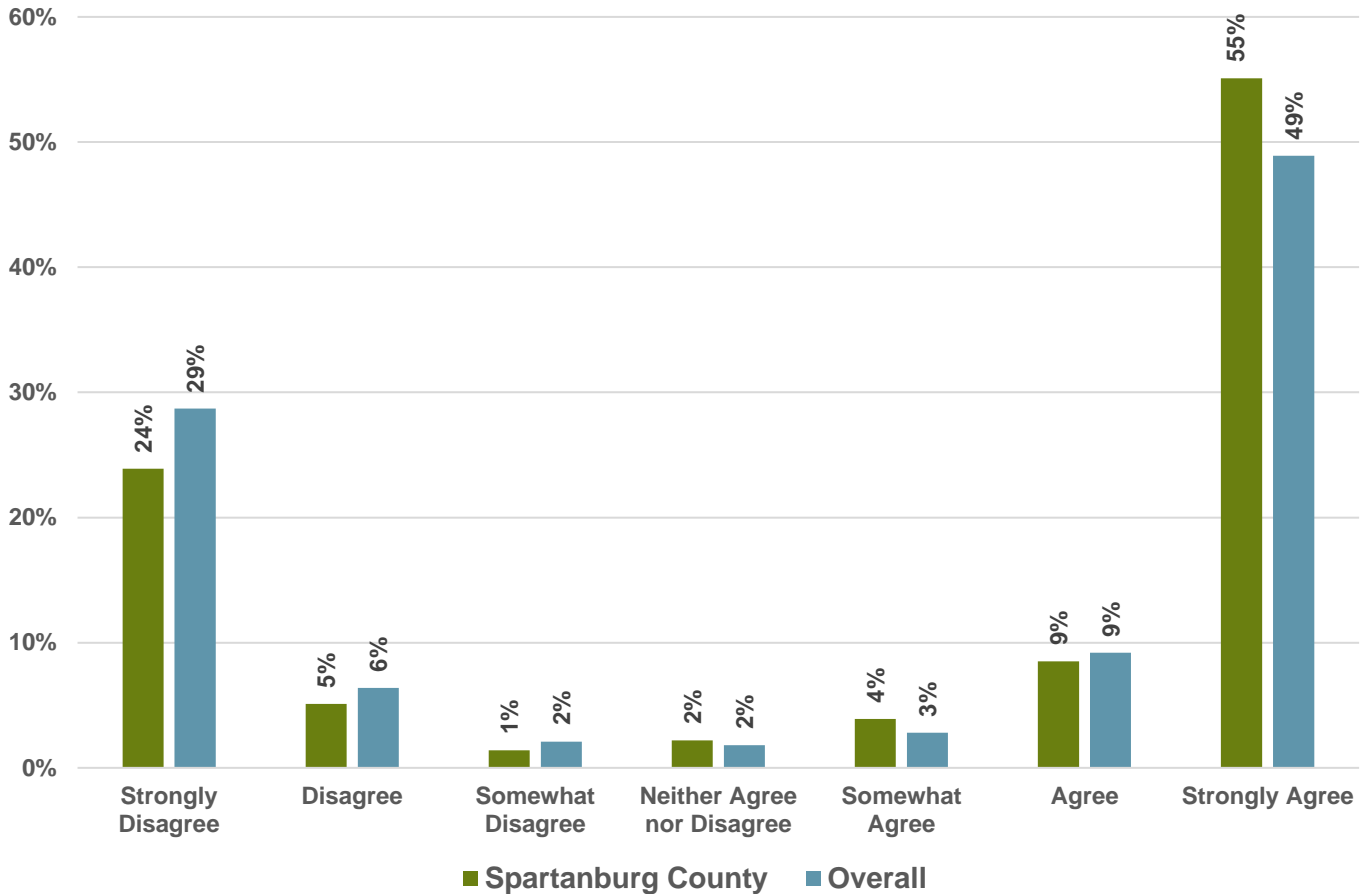
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“According to the Bible, Sunday is a day of rest. People should be in church on Sunday morning. Every animal needs a rest. I don’t hunt on my own land on Sunday, nor do I fish in my pond.” -Frank, 68

“Give the animals a day of relief and it allows non hunters to utilize the land.” - Doug, 33, Hunter

Spartanburg County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Spartanburg County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 24% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 55% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Repeal an archaic and outdated law that is NOT based on science or wildlife management and lift the user biased restrictions against hunters.” -Tim, 51, Hunter

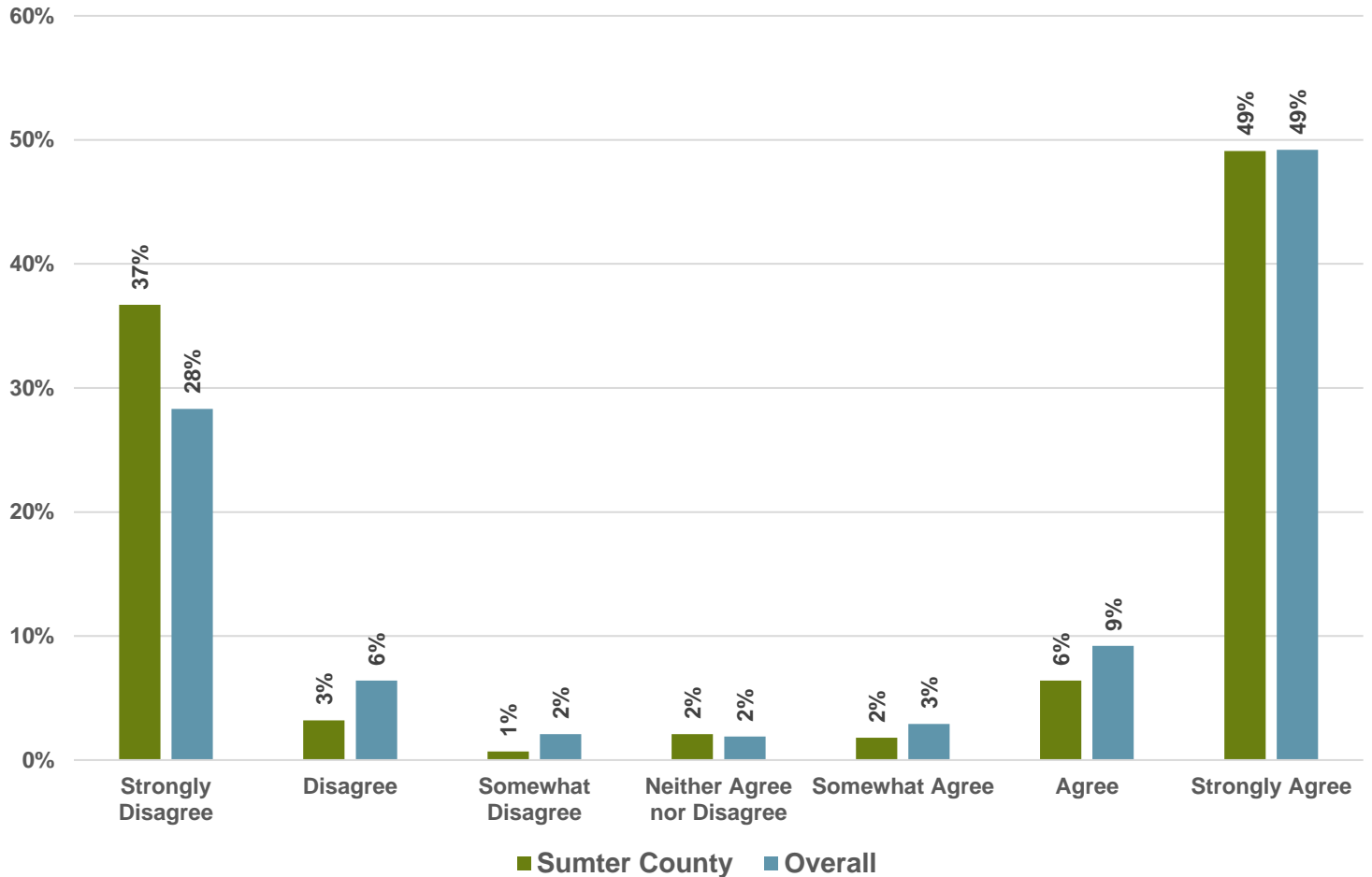
“I’d like to go hunt some of the archery only places. But it’s just not worth the travels for only one or two days. As I’m off work Friday-Sunday.” - Martin, 54, Hunter

Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Most of my birding/walking/wildlife observation is on our own property, but even so I experience dread and some fear when I hear shooting on nearby property, which happens mostly on Sunday. I am not opposed to hunting but do feel that it should be limited so that at least one day of the week (Sundays) is peaceful and quiet and observant of the religious backgrounds of many in our area.” - Olivia, 80, Birder

Sumter County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Sumter County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 37% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs. And 49% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

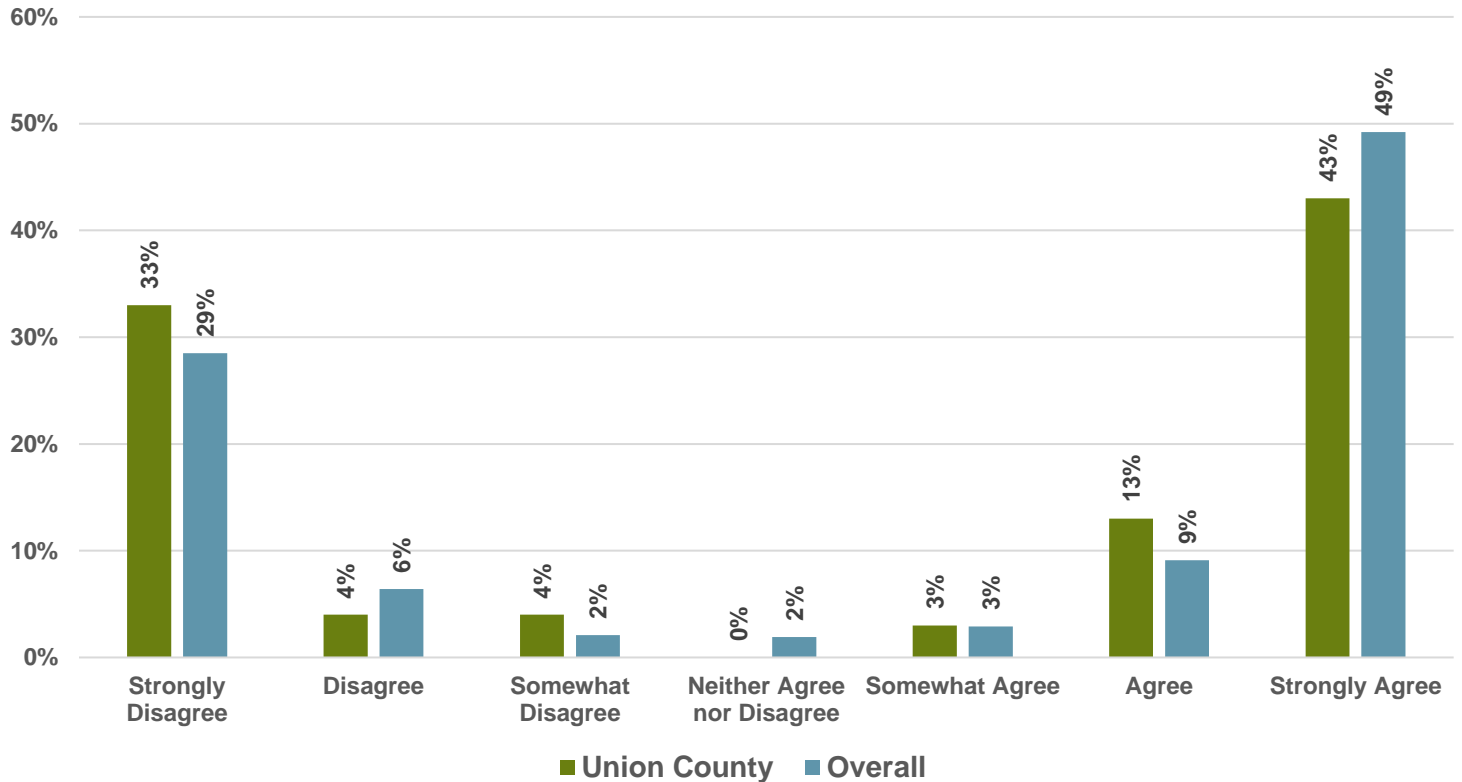
“Public land is where it’s at. WMAs offer a variety and locations to hunt and are very affordable. Religious influences should have zero impact on whether one may hunt on Sunday. We are in a free country that respects all viewpoints and should respect Separation of Church and State.” -Rick, 39, Hunter

Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“As horseback riders we already are limited to what areas and times that we can ride during hunting season. I understand the argument that the hunters who work Mon-Fri only get one day to hunt BUT the riders who work only get Sunday to ride.” – Curtis, 67, Equestrian

Union County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Union County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 33% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 43% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Silly not to - if someone is against hunting on Sunday, they should stay home. DNR is staffed 7 days a week and wardens are already working on Sundays.” - Lars, 66, Hunter

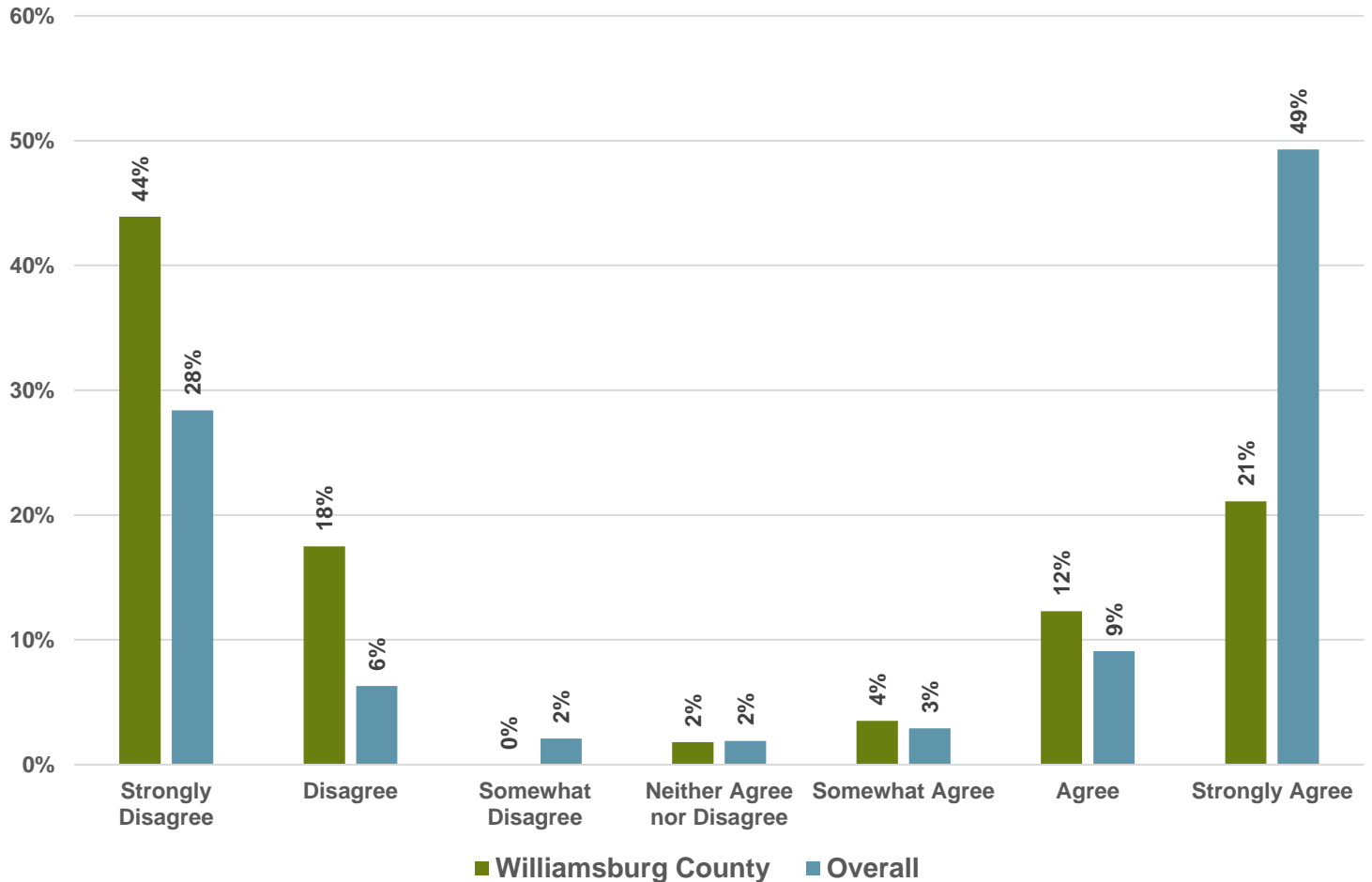
“Because a lot of us blue collar folks are only off on weekends, and we only get one day to hunt.” - Dalton, 29, Hunter

Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“I live in Sumter National Forest. I enjoy hiking the trails with my family including a toddler. I work full time. The weekends are typically the only time I’m able to spend time in the forest. During hunting season, we avoid the forest on Saturdays but feel more comfortable going out on Sunday. I am sometimes uncomfortable even being outside in my yard with my child during hunting season because of all of the gunfire I can hear in the woods, hunters parking too close to my house, etc. Sunday hunting would greatly inhibit our ability to use the forest for recreation and I am strongly opposed.” - Sylvia, 34, Hiker

Williamsburg County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within Williamsburg County do not reflect overall sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 44% (within) affirming their support of reducing restrictions and 21% opposing maintaining restrictions within WMAs. Similar sentiments are illustrated below in responses to short answer questions.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

*“Many South Carolina hunters work 5-6 days a week. Sunday hunting would give them more access.”
- Steve, 78, Hunter*

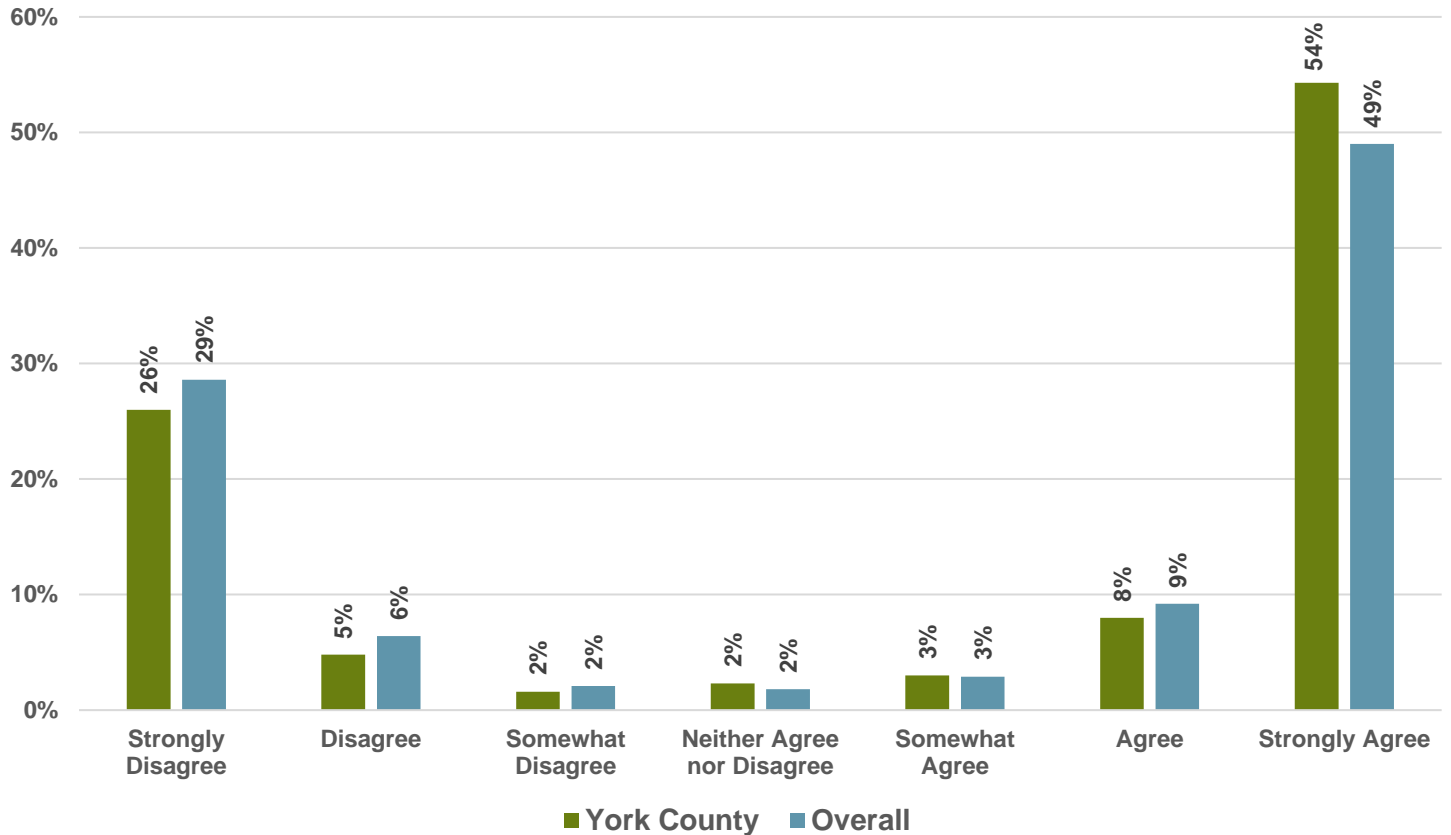
Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“Totally against 7 days a week. Wildlife needs a break. Numbers are down drastically due to hunting pressure, over harvesting, years of flooding!” - Jessie, 44, Hunter

“As an avid outdoorswoman, I love to take my family on camping trips on WMA’s, including Sandhills, Sumter National Forest, and Francis Marion National Forest. We always shop local when we go to these areas and support local business and restaurants. If hunting were permitted on Sundays, it takes away the ONE day a week we can enjoy outdoor activities without worry of being shot.” - Angie, 34, Camper

York County Comparison

I am in favor of Sunday hunting on WMAs.



Respondents within York County reflect statewide sentiments towards Sunday hunting modification, with 26% of respondents opposing the lifting of restrictions within WMAs and 54% affirming their support of reducing restrictions. Statements representing both sentiments are represented below.

In Favor of Sunday Hunting

“Doubles my potential opportunity (I can only hunt weekends for the most part).” -George, 48, Hunter

“To allow folks who can’t hunt during the week an extra day on the weekend. Why should Private land hunters be afforded this option and not WMA permit holders.” - Tyler, 58, Hunter

Opposed to Sunday Hunting

“6 days a week is plenty. Give the non-hunters a chance to enjoy at least one day per week with some peace of mind about their safety.” -Dexter, 56, Birder

“Use of public land must balance use by non-hunters and hunters. As a non-hunter, I don’t always know when exactly hunting is in season. Knowing that hunting is prohibited on Sunday, I only need to have a general idea when hunting is allowed and use of public lands is safe on Sunday.” – John-Gavin, 47, Camper

APPENDIX B

LISTENING SESSION QUESTIONNAIRE

Exploring the Impact of Modifying Sunday Hunting Restrictions on Public Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) Land in South Carolina

Welcome to this public meeting on Sunday hunting in Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).

We are very happy to have you here and we look forward to hearing your thoughts on the subject. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss lifting restrictions on some or all Sunday hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in South Carolina. Please use the separate list of questions as a guide for ideas and **please answer the questions found on a separate page and then turn this in to us at the end of the listening session.** If you are interested in speaking further about this topic after the meeting you can contact Dr. Betty Baldwin at ebaldwn@clermson.edu. For more information on WMAs, visit the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources website (dnr.sc.gov).

Session Guidelines

Please respect all people and their right to share their opinions and information.

We will record the session in order to make sure we collect all of the comments and suggestions made tonight. You are welcome to submit your thoughts in writing if you do not want to be recorded. The recording will not be made public (see Informed Consent for more information).

Sunday Hunting Restriction Overview

Sunday hunting is allowed in South Carolina on private land, but not on public land, specifically the state Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). WMAs are lands open to public hunting in season, and they are also open to general outdoor recreation. There are currently about 1.2 million acres enrolled in the WMA program. Interest in Sunday hunting regionally and in the state of South Carolina is growing, and as one of the eleven East Coast states with restrictions (ME, MA, MD, WV, VA, CT, DE, PA, VA, NC, and SC) or entire bans (ME, MA), there is mounting pressure to ease or remove the restrictions completely. Recent studies in neighboring states have modeled a fine-scale approach to this request, whereby the state fish and wildlife agencies allow Sunday hunting in **some** areas, but not all. In some states the restrictions are lifted on even or odd Sundays, so that every other Sunday is open to hunting, and alternate Sunday is not.

Tonight we will generally discuss:

Are you in favor, oppose or are you neutral to lifting the restrictions on Sunday hunting? Why?

What would a partial implementation of Sunday hunting on state WMAs look like?

Who is affected by changes?

What are the consequences of different decisions?

Please answer the following questions and then turn this in to us at the end of the listening session.

QUESTIONS

Exploring the Impact of Modifying Sunday Hunting Restrictions on Public Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in South Carolina

Town you reside in currently?

Do you hunt?

If so, do you ever hunt on a WMA, and which one(s)?

What other activities do you engage in on public WMAs or public land?

Did you know about the restrictions on Sunday Hunting on public WMA land?

How do you feel about current restrictions on Sunday hunting on public WMAs?

Who is affected by the restrictions and how are they affected?

What are your thoughts on lifting restrictions on some or all WMAs in SC to Sunday hunting?

What information might change your mind about this topic?

What issues do you think will need to be addressed before, during and as a follow up to possible lifting of the restrictions?

Do you know of WMAs with frequent non-hunter uses and if so, where are they?

What possible issues of concern may arise with the lifting of Sunday hunting restrictions?

What possible benefits might there be to lifting restrictions?

If restrictions are lifted, should it be to some areas or all areas?

What about a system where every other Sunday is open (on odd or even days)?

Are there other thoughts you have and can share about hunting restrictions on public WMAs?