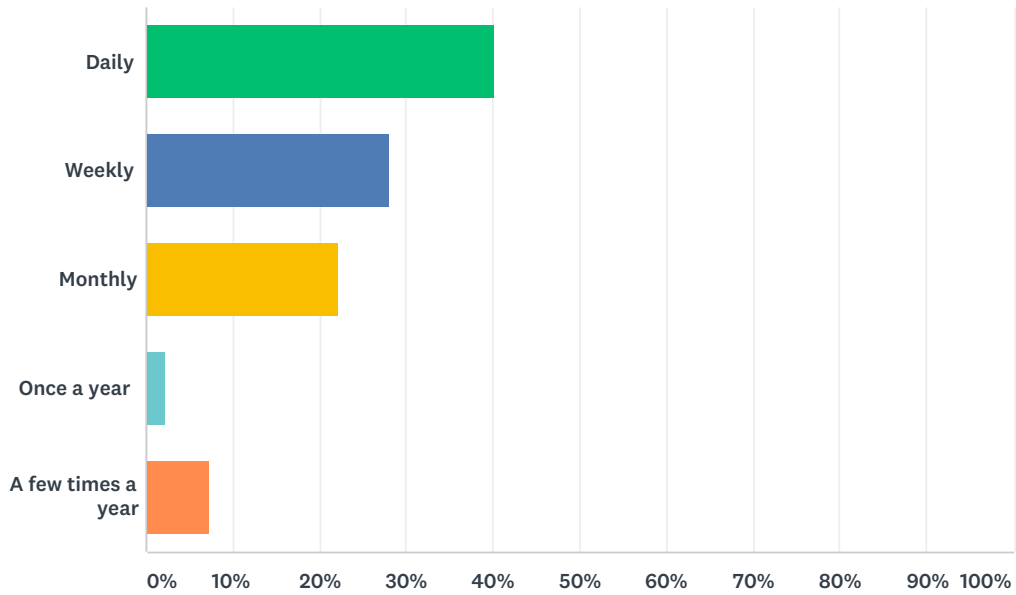


Q1 Approximately how often do you visit downtown Portland?

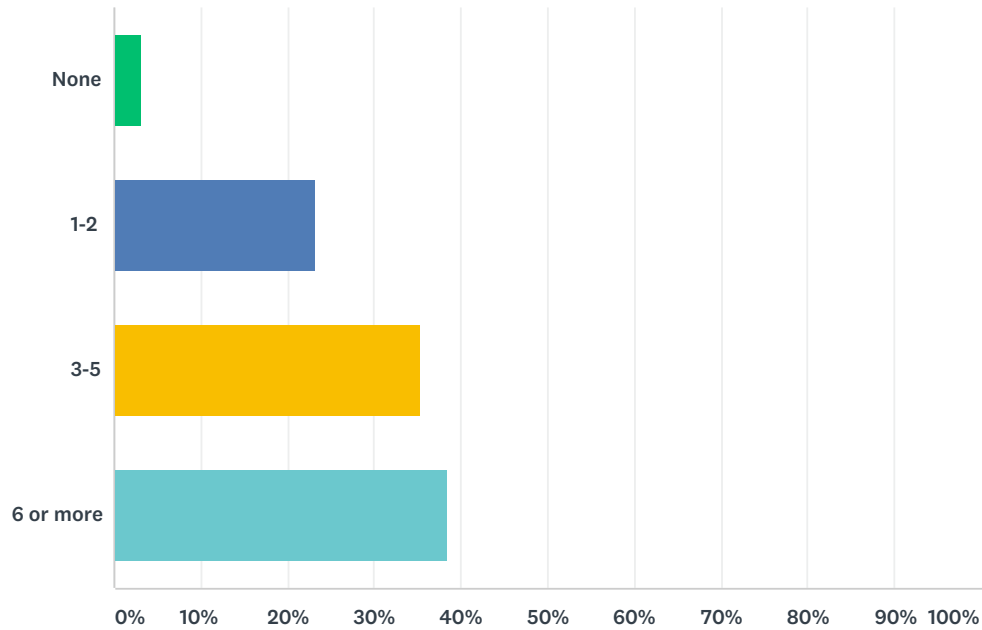
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	40.17%	143
Weekly	28.09%	100
Monthly	22.19%	79
Once a year	2.25%	8
A few times a year	7.30%	26
TOTAL		356

Q2 How many Old Port Festivals have you attended?

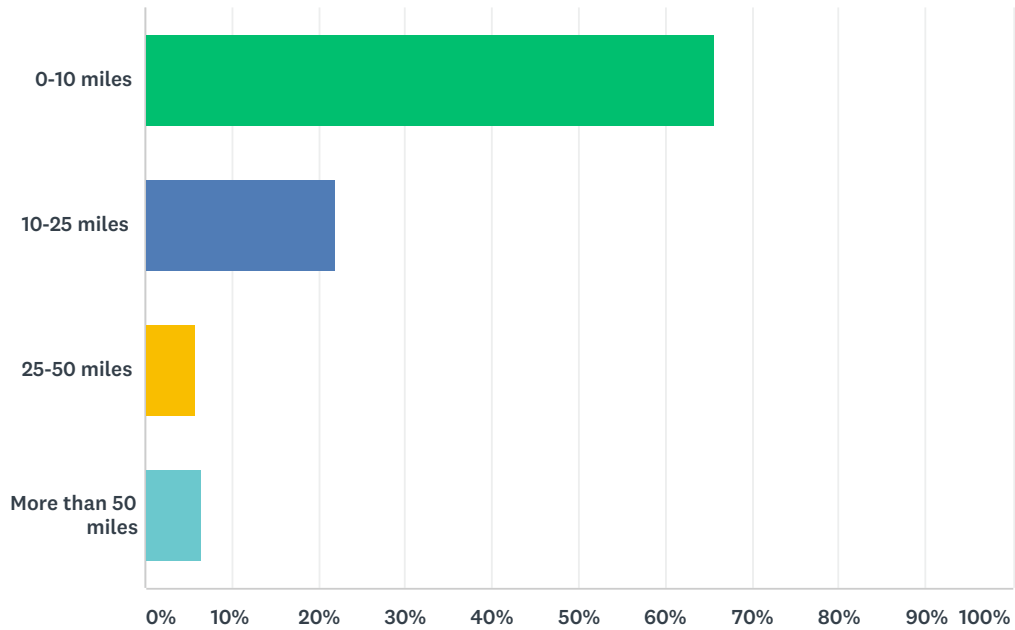
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None	3.11% 11
1-2	23.16% 82
3-5	35.31% 125
6 or more	38.42% 136
TOTAL	354

Q3 How far do you travel to attend the Old Port Festival?

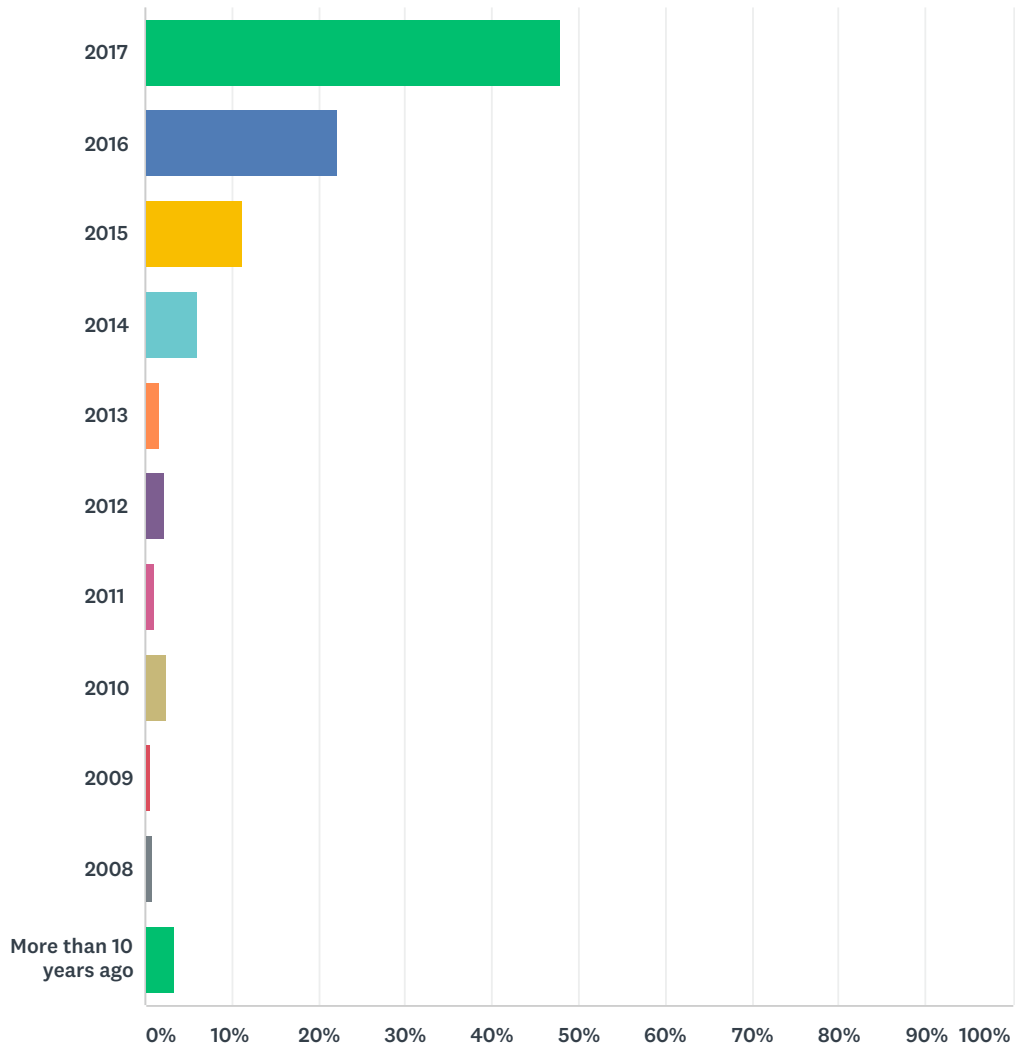
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0-10 miles	65.73% 234
10-25 miles	21.91% 78
25-50 miles	5.90% 21
More than 50 miles	6.46% 23
TOTAL	356

Q4 When did you most recently attend the Old Port Festival?

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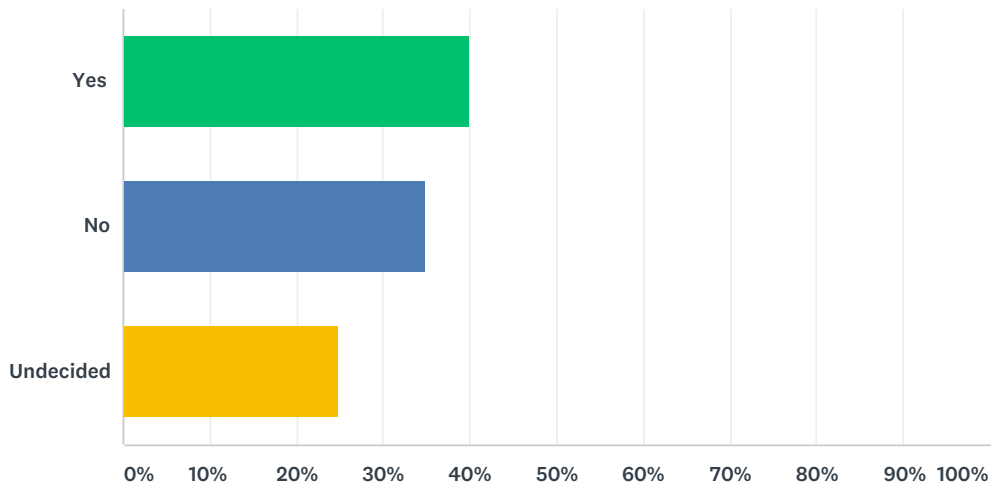


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2017	47.86%	168
2016	22.22%	78
2015	11.40%	40
2014	5.98%	21
2013	1.71%	6
2012	2.28%	8
2011	1.14%	4
2010	2.56%	9
2009	0.57%	2
2008	0.85%	3

More than 10 years ago	3.42%	12
TOTAL		351

Q5 Do you believe the Old Port Festival is an accurate representation of Portland's local culture and community?

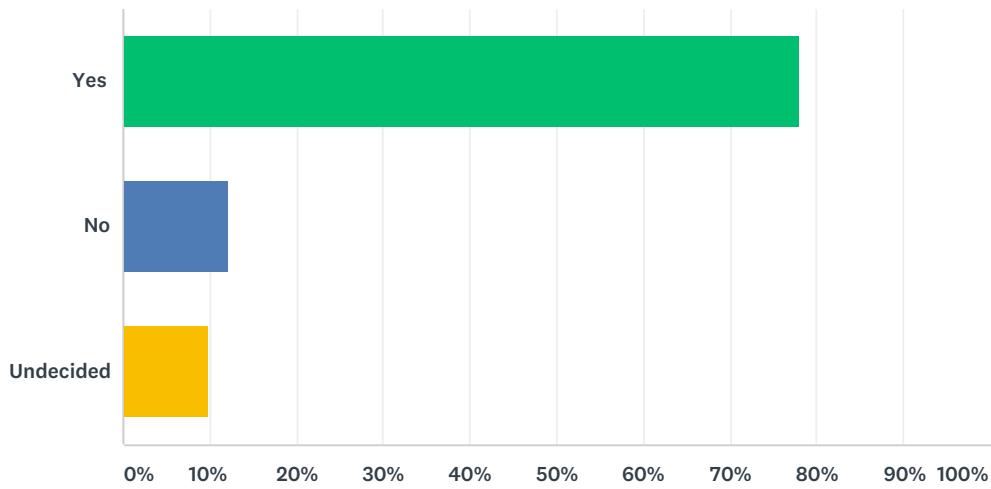
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.06%	143
No	35.01%	125
Undecided	24.93%	89
TOTAL		357

Q6 Do you believe it is important that the Old Port Festival is an accurate representation of Portland's local culture and community?

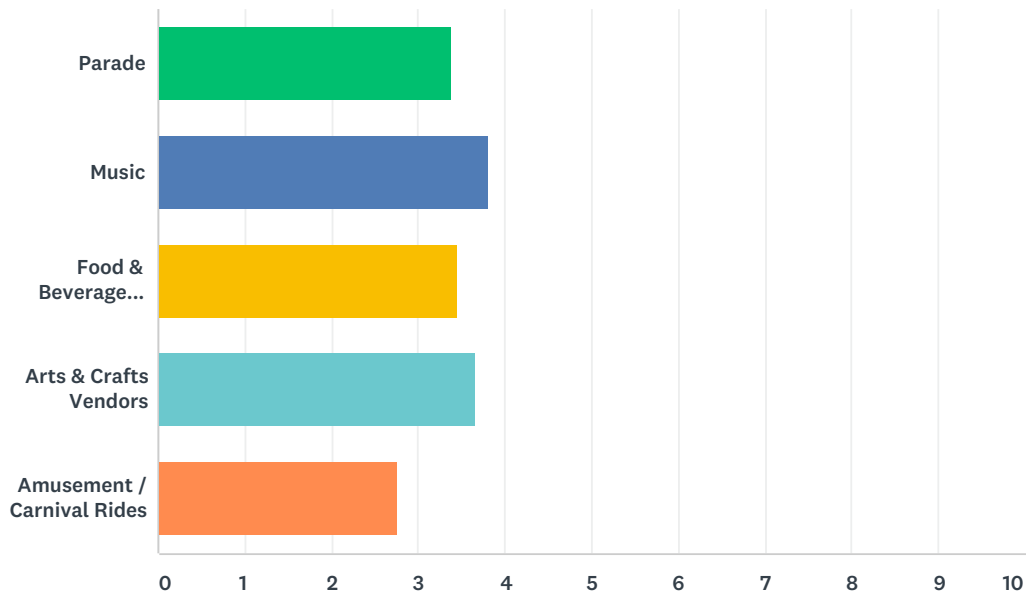
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.97%	276
No	12.15%	43
Undecided	9.89%	35
TOTAL		354

Q7 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following elements of the Old Port Festival?

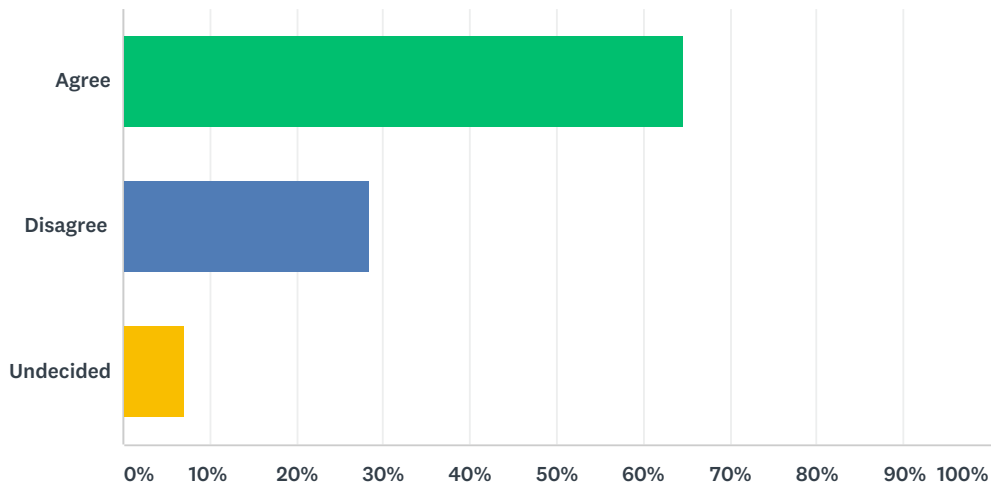
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	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER SATISFIED NOR DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Parade	3.78% 13	5.23% 18	55.81% 192	19.77% 68	15.41% 53	344	3.38
Music	4.01% 14	11.75% 41	13.47% 47	40.69% 142	30.09% 105	349	3.81
Food & Beverage Vendors	7.39% 26	22.16% 78	12.50% 44	34.38% 121	23.58% 83	352	3.45
Arts & Crafts Vendors	4.29% 15	12.57% 44	20.29% 71	37.43% 131	25.43% 89	350	3.67
Amusement / Carnival Rides	14.86% 52	14.86% 52	53.43% 187	11.71% 41	5.14% 18	350	2.77

Q8 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?"During the Old Port Festival, I patronize local bars and restaurants."

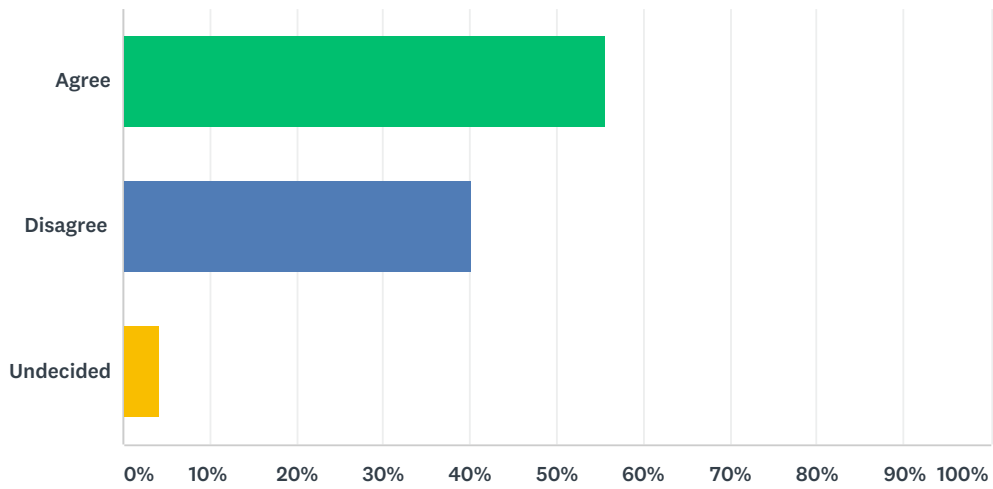
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	64.61%	230
Disagree	28.37%	101
Undecided	7.02%	25
TOTAL		356

Q9 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?"During the Old Port Festival, I patronize local retail shops."

Answered: 356 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	55.62%	198
Disagree	40.17%	143
Undecided	4.21%	15
TOTAL		356

Q10 Tell us one thing you love about the Old Port Festival.

Answered: 302 Skipped: 55

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Craft vendors	3/4/2018 7:51 PM
2	Getting business into old port	2/7/2018 6:59 PM
3	All the hand crafted items and festival type food	2/6/2018 7:29 PM
4	Music	2/6/2018 5:00 PM
5	It's in Portland and draws a lot of people.	2/6/2018 9:17 AM
6	It's too overrun and crowded to enjoy.	2/6/2018 8:45 AM
7	Kicks off summer...fun to be out and about with people enjoying everything the Old Port has to offer.	2/5/2018 9:53 PM
8	Sunshine!	2/5/2018 7:06 PM
9	Finding hidden gems of the Old Port that you may not have seen before	2/5/2018 6:05 PM
10	The felling of fun in everyone there	2/5/2018 5:14 PM
11	Nothing. That's why I don't go.	2/5/2018 5:05 PM
12	Live local music	2/5/2018 5:00 PM
13	Love the vendors, and the food minus the lines. And most of all the free live music	2/5/2018 4:46 PM
14	Thirsty Pig deck party. And the puppet parade	2/5/2018 4:39 PM
15	roads are closed down, local vedors	1/31/2018 12:16 PM
16	Seeing all the people, young and old, enjoying the many activities that are offered. I love the Old Port area and all that it has to offer, including the festival.	1/28/2018 8:12 PM
17	Celebration	1/28/2018 7:39 PM
18	Everything	1/28/2018 9:20 AM
19	The craft vendors	1/27/2018 11:48 AM
20	Locations of the events.	1/26/2018 7:51 AM
21	I love that the streets are blocked off — pedestrians only.	1/25/2018 2:17 PM
22	The entire event!!	1/25/2018 9:15 AM
23	How it brings the community together.	1/24/2018 4:06 PM
24	Lively, "weird" atmosphere (as in "Keep Portland Weird :-)	1/24/2018 10:43 AM
25	I use to love the night life on Saturday evnings and the family fun on Sundays	1/23/2018 7:30 PM
26	Fun atmosphere	1/23/2018 8:45 AM
27	Street vendors	1/21/2018 3:22 PM
28	There is nothing left to like about the old Port festival or the old Port itself. What a disgusting place Portland has turned into, based on wealth and sickeningly disgusting drug addicts and drinks everywhere. Portland you have absolutely become a nightmare.	1/21/2018 11:02 AM
29	The kids get excited about it. It's close to home and there are people to see and things to do.	1/21/2018 7:58 AM
30	Fun	1/21/2018 6:11 AM
31	The convivial atmosphere	1/20/2018 4:54 PM
32	Streets closed, people roaming freely, music, food would love more culturally representative food/arts, traditions.	1/20/2018 4:43 PM

33	Local music	1/20/2018 1:04 PM
34	The Music	1/20/2018 10:59 AM
35	Community coming together for food and music	1/20/2018 9:20 AM
36	Community spirit	1/20/2018 6:55 AM
37	it's contribution to the vibrancy of portland	1/19/2018 4:39 PM
38	nothing. it's an embarrassment	1/19/2018 3:31 PM
39	Atmosphere	1/19/2018 3:28 PM
40	The parade that kicks off the event is absolutely amazing. I'd love to see more of that local arts vibe included in the event.	1/19/2018 2:22 PM
41	The diversity of music, people, arts and crafts.	1/19/2018 1:31 PM
42	The poutine food truck??	1/19/2018 1:29 PM
43	Closed streets. Community	1/19/2018 12:44 PM
44	The free music venues	1/19/2018 12:18 PM
45	I used to love that it was a local event and "wholesome". Now it seems some people have turned it into a carnival or drunken fest. I love the LOCAL ie Maine, vendors...the crafts their artistry the local musicians....	1/19/2018 11:18 AM
46	The music	1/19/2018 9:42 AM
47	Closed streets, vendors, Food, live music	1/19/2018 9:30 AM
48	Closed off streets	1/19/2018 9:29 AM
49	It's traditional full of music and food	1/19/2018 8:22 AM
50	All the art and vendors	1/19/2018 7:11 AM
51	Circus Maine's performances!	1/18/2018 10:18 PM
52	It gives a great sense of community	1/18/2018 9:27 PM
53	Parade puppets	1/18/2018 8:11 PM
54	Lovely way to celebrate Portland!	1/18/2018 7:58 PM
55	It feels like the official start of summer!	1/18/2018 7:50 PM
56	Great way to spend time and see some of the best of Portland!	1/18/2018 7:24 PM
57	Music variety	1/18/2018 7:20 PM
58	Not much anymore..Its over crowed and has lost the local appeal..Many of the more popular shops close down to avoid the disruption.	1/18/2018 7:00 PM
59	Music	1/18/2018 6:25 PM
60	Tradition	1/18/2018 6:08 PM
61	Free music !!	1/18/2018 5:53 PM
62	The sense of community and social aspects	1/18/2018 5:38 PM
63	Variety	1/18/2018 5:14 PM
64	The music and people watching	1/18/2018 5:13 PM
65	How it is a big community party where we can all let loose a bit and enjoy the great area that is the old port	1/18/2018 4:51 PM
66	people out and about after a long cold winter	1/18/2018 4:45 PM
67	Getting to see local artisans!	1/18/2018 3:39 PM
68	The music.	1/18/2018 2:50 PM
69	Music	1/18/2018 2:50 PM

70	The parade, the Saturday waterfront thing, free bus rides so I don't have to worry about where to park, I like the music but wish more were local, or Maine performers.	1/18/2018 2:44 PM
71	Kick off the summer for the locals!	1/18/2018 2:31 PM
72	The local music and local musicians!! Running into friends, going from one stage to another to catch the shows, being outside in the old Port without traffic.	1/18/2018 1:48 PM
73	The fun atmosphere!	1/18/2018 1:14 PM
74	Bagpipes	1/18/2018 1:14 PM
75	Visiting local vendors and retailers.	1/18/2018 12:36 PM
76	It's a great way to kick off the summer!	1/18/2018 12:21 PM
77	Music	1/18/2018 12:21 PM
78	Local arts vendors	1/18/2018 12:05 PM
79	I love the variety of music options.	1/18/2018 11:56 AM
80	That we have it in general. Even though I haven't attended in years I love that it is done and want to go again in the future.	1/18/2018 11:34 AM
81	Fried dough	1/18/2018 11:14 AM
82	Brings lots of tourists	1/18/2018 11:14 AM
83	The community building and kick off of another summer season here in Portland. Love the idea of the music, but don't think it is always executed well. Love the local food vendors over the generic fair/festival vendors. Love bar hopping throughout the day. Love the art vendors - probably my favorite part.	1/18/2018 11:12 AM
84	THE ACTIVITY AND PEOPLE	1/18/2018 10:45 AM
85	The energy	1/18/2018 10:21 AM
86	The craft/artisan vendors	1/18/2018 10:14 AM
87	food trucks	1/18/2018 10:08 AM
88	The Music ! (not enough variety anymore)	1/18/2018 10:05 AM
89	the energy is good	1/18/2018 9:56 AM
90	Live Music	1/18/2018 9:55 AM
91	the dude on stilts. every year...	1/18/2018 9:53 AM
92	good, happy crowd	1/18/2018 9:37 AM
93	Music, street vendors	1/18/2018 9:32 AM
94	Portland is a great venue for the festival	1/18/2018 9:30 AM
95	It's only one day - lots of energy.	1/18/2018 9:24 AM
96	Multiple stages for free entertainment appealing to all genres and ages throughout the day	1/18/2018 9:22 AM
97	Arts and crafts booths	1/18/2018 9:19 AM
98	Connection with community	1/18/2018 9:18 AM
99	Nothing in particular	1/18/2018 9:14 AM
100	Good musicians coming to Portland.	1/18/2018 9:13 AM
101	Local arts and crafts vendors	1/18/2018 9:11 AM
102	Actually we limit our visits to Old Port because parking is either extremely expensive or nonexistent	1/18/2018 9:10 AM
103	There's lots to see and experience. It has a fun atmosphere.	1/18/2018 9:06 AM
104	It's great when the weather cooperates	1/18/2018 8:51 AM
105	Everyone is in a good mood! The city is clean and the weather (thankfully!) Has been great!	1/18/2018 8:46 AM

106	the ferris wheel at dimillos	1/18/2018 8:34 AM
107	bringing community together	1/18/2018 8:25 AM
108	the tradition and longevity	1/18/2018 8:24 AM
109	To be honest, I live downtown and I try to avoid it the best I can.	1/18/2018 8:23 AM
110	The food	1/18/2018 8:16 AM
111	The gathering of old friends.	1/18/2018 8:07 AM
112	The music is my favorite part	1/18/2018 8:01 AM
113	Live music	1/18/2018 8:01 AM
114	Nothing really. It was ruined when you brought in carnival food and rides. This has nothing to do with Portland. Most restaurants were closed.	1/18/2018 7:59 AM
115	The people!	1/18/2018 7:57 AM
116	The music	1/18/2018 7:45 AM
117	Local community all coming together	1/18/2018 7:45 AM
118	I'm attending to see friends and what might be new this year	1/18/2018 7:44 AM
119	The variety of live music.	1/18/2018 7:39 AM
120	Streets are closed to cars and trucks	1/18/2018 7:32 AM
121	Actually seeing a large crowd in Portland	1/18/2018 7:25 AM
122	everybody outside interacting	1/18/2018 7:14 AM
123	The energy	1/18/2018 7:06 AM
124	People watching and being in the Old Port	1/18/2018 7:03 AM
125	Lively and safe fun with friends. I was also able to get some of my Christmas shopping done which was an added bonus.	1/18/2018 6:49 AM
126	The opportunity it presents to bring so many people into a special and historic place.	1/18/2018 6:30 AM
127	Well known music artists.	1/18/2018 5:58 AM
128	Music on multiple stages	1/18/2018 5:43 AM
129	Being able to walk through the old port without concern for automobile traffic	1/18/2018 5:30 AM
130	Very crowded does not feel safe or family friendly	1/18/2018 4:51 AM
131	Music!	1/18/2018 2:09 AM
132	Walking the streets of the old port, listening to music, enjoying some food....	1/17/2018 11:35 PM
133	Live music	1/17/2018 11:28 PM
134	Community	1/17/2018 11:14 PM
135	There is a certain energy that is created when thousands of people congregate on city streets that does not occur very often in Maine, for obvious reasons. Hopefully it exposes all our wonderful shops and restaurants to some people who may not come into Portland regularly and encourages them to return.	1/17/2018 11:09 PM
136	Music	1/17/2018 11:00 PM
137	The weather has always been great when I attended. Also love the attraction to those outside of Portland, but hence doesn't show a very accurate representation of the true Old Port vibes	1/17/2018 10:23 PM
138	Community	1/17/2018 10:20 PM
139	It's a fun opportunity to bring together our community	1/17/2018 10:07 PM
140	It makes me feel like summer has officially started	1/17/2018 9:54 PM
141	I enjoy being able to visit different vendors and enjoy music all in one place.	1/17/2018 9:53 PM
142	The Spirit !	1/17/2018 9:52 PM

143	Music	1/17/2018 9:37 PM
144	I love the intention of the festival	1/17/2018 9:28 PM
145	Spending time with friends outdoors	1/17/2018 9:19 PM
146	Food	1/17/2018 9:10 PM
147	how many people in draws to downtown	1/17/2018 9:06 PM
148	location. Its a fun downtown festival.	1/17/2018 9:06 PM
149	The food	1/17/2018 8:54 PM
150	Good vibes	1/17/2018 8:51 PM
151	The block party feel for the whole city!	1/17/2018 8:31 PM
152	The live music.	1/17/2018 8:30 PM
153	The feeling of community togetherness.	1/17/2018 8:27 PM
154	I think the original mission of the Old Port Festival is long gone and it has become a big drunk fest. I think it's time for it to end.	1/17/2018 8:15 PM
155	Parade	1/17/2018 8:14 PM
156	The chance for people to see what a beautiful city Portland is.	1/17/2018 8:13 PM
157	The friendly crowds..	1/17/2018 8:07 PM
158	Good weather	1/17/2018 7:55 PM
159	How much area it covers.	1/17/2018 7:53 PM
160	When it is over.	1/17/2018 7:51 PM
161	Families.	1/17/2018 7:48 PM
162	A few years back the old port festival had a scavenger hunt. I learned so much more about the old port that day and had so much fun with my family	1/17/2018 7:37 PM
163	that its outside	1/17/2018 7:35 PM
164	Being outside to enjoy music	1/17/2018 7:31 PM
165	Nothing anymore it's become boring	1/17/2018 7:26 PM
166	The local vendors (crafts and food) that are on the street. I love that the entire Old Port is closed to traffic and people can wander freely.	1/17/2018 7:21 PM
167	The fun of it all	1/17/2018 7:09 PM
168	I love the variety of acts and the variety of food vendors!	1/17/2018 7:02 PM
169	I love that there are lots of different vendors at the festival	1/17/2018 7:01 PM
170	The \$\$ it brings in to the city.	1/17/2018 7:00 PM
171	The parade	1/17/2018 6:57 PM
172	I get together with people I don't see very often and it's something to do that's beyond the usual norm	1/17/2018 6:53 PM
173	An opportunity to visit with a wide range of very talented crafts people.	1/17/2018 6:53 PM
174	Seeing old friends	1/17/2018 6:52 PM
175	the celebration of the Old Port	1/17/2018 6:49 PM
176	I like the outdoor stages and the stages that feature local musicians.	1/17/2018 6:48 PM
177	People	1/17/2018 6:48 PM
178	The Old Port	1/17/2018 6:47 PM
179	Seeing friends that come out for this event that marks the "summer" of Portland.	1/17/2018 6:43 PM
180	Food and the booths with the giveaways	1/17/2018 6:40 PM

181	I like that traffic is closed down during the Old Port Festival.	1/17/2018 6:39 PM
182	I am a craft vendor and I love that part of the festival!	1/17/2018 6:33 PM
183	Music	1/17/2018 6:32 PM
184	The vendors that don't have stores.	1/17/2018 6:26 PM
185	Music (when there are good acts) and the different booths.	1/17/2018 6:22 PM
186	Food	1/17/2018 6:17 PM
187	The Old Port Festival should be a celebration of the Old Port. That should be its mission. It seems to have evolved to be a tremendously bland corporate commercial experience. It's boring. Give it some life - some grittiness- make it feel like Portland. The parade is great. Other than that it's really boring.	1/17/2018 6:16 PM
188	The streets are closed to traffic	1/17/2018 6:15 PM
189	Nothing at this point - too crowded and not much exciting, high quality about vendor offerings. Food and scene is like being at Old Orchard Beach pier or carnival. Can't move it is so packed with people.	1/17/2018 6:12 PM
190	It brings to Portland a happy place, rich in different cultures and talent. It appeals mostly to the very young, young, and millennial. Not as much to the middle age and older. The large crowd, walking area and loud music could be partly responsible for that.	1/17/2018 6:11 PM
191	Parade and music	1/17/2018 6:11 PM
192	The chance to get out and walk around the old port.	1/17/2018 6:09 PM
193	It's in Portland	1/17/2018 6:08 PM
194	The crafts and harbor views	1/17/2018 6:02 PM
195	Fun for all ages	1/17/2018 6:00 PM
196	parade	1/17/2018 5:58 PM
197	Fun	1/17/2018 5:55 PM
198	the music	1/17/2018 5:51 PM
199	Variety	1/17/2018 5:50 PM
200	Weather	1/17/2018 5:48 PM
201	Nothing anymore	1/17/2018 5:47 PM
202	The local crafts!	1/17/2018 5:43 PM
203	The random things found along the street the next day	1/17/2018 5:37 PM
204	Tradition	1/17/2018 5:35 PM
205	community feeling to the downtown area	1/17/2018 5:34 PM
206	Not much recently	1/17/2018 5:29 PM
207	community	1/17/2018 5:27 PM
208	Music and food.	1/17/2018 5:24 PM
209	Meeting all my neighbors on the hill. It's amazing we go every year..needs more amusement ride for kids. Love Portland that's why we live here. Thanks	1/17/2018 5:22 PM
210	Free outdoor music venue	1/17/2018 5:22 PM
211	Walk the Working Waterfront.	1/17/2018 5:22 PM
212	Parking	1/17/2018 5:21 PM
213	being outside on a nice day, very festive	1/17/2018 5:19 PM
214	The multiple stages for Music	1/17/2018 5:15 PM
215	Feeling involved and enjoying the atmosphere	1/17/2018 5:15 PM

216	The music choices are good but could be much better. The lines between family friendly activities and more adult friendly activities seem to be stronger and must continue to remain distinctive	1/17/2018 5:15 PM
217	Closed streets. Able to walk old port	1/17/2018 5:15 PM
218	The parade	1/17/2018 5:14 PM
219	the music	1/17/2018 5:13 PM
220	Low/Free cost; When talented, popular musical acts are brought in; turning Old Port into a pedestrian district.	1/17/2018 5:13 PM
221	Local musical acts, especially the students bands and such.	1/17/2018 5:12 PM
222	Food!	1/17/2018 5:10 PM
223	Good people watching.	1/17/2018 5:08 PM
224	I see local people I know.	1/17/2018 5:08 PM
225	The different ethnic foods! Yummy	1/17/2018 5:07 PM
226	I like the stages. Wish there was more variety, but I like the entertainment aspect.	1/17/2018 5:07 PM
227	It's a special day to kick off the summer in Portland with friends!	1/17/2018 5:06 PM
228	Atmosphere	1/17/2018 5:06 PM
229	The big crowds, the great music, the delicious food, the excitement of a festival in the city, and having the streets closed down for people and parades. My business does the most in sales that day then any other day. Sometimes more sales on that day then all of January or February. It's vital to have OPF as popular as it is for local businesses.	1/17/2018 5:05 PM
230	I love that the streets are closed and you can walk around safely without cars driving like crazy people.	1/17/2018 5:03 PM
231	Seeing old friends	1/17/2018 5:02 PM
232	it only comes once a year	1/17/2018 5:02 PM
233	Roaming the district traffic free	1/17/2018 5:02 PM
234	It's the unofficial kick-off to summer. I love seeing the streets of Portland filled with people celebrating.	1/17/2018 5:02 PM
235	music	1/17/2018 5:01 PM
236	It brings people together to check out the Old Port	1/17/2018 5:01 PM
237	Streets are cordoned off.... no cars driving... freedom to walk in the streets.	1/17/2018 5:01 PM
238	The food, and meeting up with friends and family	1/17/2018 5:00 PM
239	I love the energy of the festival, the people and the feeling of the community coming together for a fun time	1/17/2018 4:59 PM
240	So much fun!	1/17/2018 4:58 PM
241	The one music parade that goes down Exchange is my favorite!	1/17/2018 4:56 PM
242	The diversity of people	1/17/2018 4:55 PM
243	The atmosphere and variety	1/17/2018 4:54 PM
244	Afternoon bar hopping	1/17/2018 4:54 PM
245	All the streets closed off and how the city really comes alive that day.	1/17/2018 4:52 PM
246	The music!	1/17/2018 4:52 PM
247	the first on the calendar of Maine's annual festivals/fairs/clambakes	1/17/2018 4:51 PM
248	The feeling of belonging	1/17/2018 4:51 PM
249	The energy of the people.	1/17/2018 4:51 PM
250	I used to love seeing that medieval group play their fighting games and dance, but they haven't been a part of the OPF for a while now.	1/17/2018 4:51 PM

251	The wide range people – – from mature adults to young children—with everyone having fun!	1/17/2018 4:49 PM
252	the promotion of the old port	1/17/2018 4:49 PM
253	Crafts	1/17/2018 4:49 PM
254	Specials on drinks and outdoor seating.	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
255	Food options	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
256	Hgf	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
257	The live music.	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
258	The local music. I loved the kids area and the freedom for kids to explore and learn.	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
259	I like the variety of music stages featuring local musicians and national acts.	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
260	PARADE and Closed streets	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
261	Day drinking!	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
262	Music	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
263	Good beers, good food, lots of local retail opportunities.	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
264	Location and time of year it's held!	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
265	I love getting to see different bands outside in the city. And its walking distance from my home.	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
266	Music acts. 2017 was not a good example.	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
267	I love the idea of promoting local foods, crafts, shops, entertainment.	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
268	Early June, first outdoor gathering of the season, great music	1/17/2018 4:45 PM
269	Vibrant spirit and fun, a celebration of spring.	1/17/2018 4:43 PM
270	The Samosas	1/17/2018 4:43 PM
271	Craft vendors	1/17/2018 4:42 PM
272	I love the parade! I also love that it has expanded to an entire weekend. It's an exciting event with something for everyone.	1/17/2018 4:41 PM
273	Brings people together for a fun event after winter months and kicks off summer.	1/17/2018 4:41 PM
274	The music	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
275	I love all the local products and crafts and if I had a second, it would be the music (try and keep the music very local)	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
276	Nothing	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
277	I loved the old ones where you could walk around without thousands of people and know most folks. It has become way too crowded and pushed most of the Portland folks out.	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
278	The food & music & excitement in the streets	1/17/2018 4:39 PM
279	Day Drinking	1/17/2018 4:39 PM
280	The local music acts, local goods, local artisans, local food.	1/17/2018 4:39 PM
281	The music	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
282	The parade!	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
283	Food	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
284	Vendors and walking around	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
285	Food vendors	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
286	An opportunity for musicians to be highlighted / showcased	1/17/2018 4:37 PM
287	Seeing families enjoying the parade	1/17/2018 4:37 PM
288	It's a good opportunity to showcase the Old Port, but too many of the vendors are from away.	1/17/2018 4:36 PM
289	I don't like it	1/17/2018 4:35 PM

290	It is 100% smoke free!	1/17/2018 4:35 PM
291	The music and street food.	1/17/2018 4:34 PM
292	I like the sense of community that it conveys. I dislike the amount of drunk people stumbling around.	1/17/2018 4:34 PM
293	People watching	1/17/2018 4:34 PM
294	Coast 93.1 and WCLZ's stages	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
295	I used to love the music acts but you haven't had anyone worth seeing on any stage for 4-5 years.	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
296	It's a nice mix of Maine	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
297	free music	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
298	the street fair vendors	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
299	Music	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
300	The energy and excitement of people visiting, the food, the closing of the streets in some portions	1/17/2018 4:32 PM
301	All the street vendors	1/17/2018 4:31 PM
302	It's lively	1/17/2018 4:28 PM

Q11 Tell us one thing you dislike about the Old Port Festival.

Answered: 313 Skipped: 44

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The heat!	3/4/2018 7:51 PM
2	Unorganized. Not much buy in from local shops	2/7/2018 6:59 PM
3	The humidity on a very hot June day	2/6/2018 7:29 PM
4	The drunks	2/6/2018 5:00 PM
5	Lack of diversity in music selections, where's the classical??	2/6/2018 9:17 AM
6	It's too crowded, not enough security, too many drunken idiots damaging property.	2/6/2018 8:45 AM
7	Crowds...hard to walk through crowds with young children.	2/5/2018 9:53 PM
8	Smoking, swearing and drunk people	2/5/2018 7:23 PM
9	Last year there wasn't as many stages	2/5/2018 7:06 PM
10	Long lines at all the bars/restaurants	2/5/2018 6:57 PM
11	Lots of generators spewing fumes, noise, smoke, etc. with wires and cables everywhere.	2/5/2018 6:05 PM
12	Too crowded	2/5/2018 5:14 PM
13	A bunch of white trash from outside Portland comes to Portland to day drink and act stupid. No thanks.	2/5/2018 5:05 PM
14	Trying too hard to be family friendly. I would prefer the focus remain on adult attractions	2/5/2018 5:00 PM
15	The drunks	2/5/2018 4:52 PM
16	Lines, crowds to the extent of not being able to move around. The general flow of people.	2/5/2018 4:46 PM
17	It's only once a year!	2/5/2018 4:39 PM
18	the parade, drunkenness	1/31/2018 12:16 PM
19	When the weather is bad.	1/28/2018 8:12 PM
20	Constant changing of format/ timing number of days etc	1/28/2018 7:39 PM
21	Nothing	1/27/2018 11:48 AM
22	Nothing	1/26/2018 7:51 AM
23	The streets get so crowded it's difficult to walk around. Perhaps open up more streets to spread things out.	1/25/2018 2:17 PM
24	N/A	1/25/2018 9:15 AM
25	N/A	1/24/2018 4:06 PM
26	A LOT of public intoxication. I'm not against drinking at all, but toward the end of the afternoon, it's pretty extreme how many people have overindulged. I can't think of a way to remedy this, though. And I don't think that the Old Port Festival would be fun anymore if there wasn't ANY drinking....	1/24/2018 10:43 AM
27	It's very lame now	1/23/2018 7:30 PM
28	the excessive alcohol consumption	1/23/2018 3:51 PM
29	The inconsistency of the weather early June.	1/23/2018 8:45 AM
30	The crowds	1/21/2018 3:22 PM
31	Everything.	1/21/2018 11:02 AM

32	It's like a fair just fell from anywhere and fit itself into the street. I would love to see much more local vendors outside offering their food & drink. Also like to see more local craftsman and things Portland related.	1/21/2018 7:58 AM
33	Nothing	1/21/2018 6:11 AM
34	The crowds of noisy young people	1/20/2018 4:54 PM
35	Everything seems expensive	1/20/2018 4:43 PM
36	Random carnival food vendors	1/20/2018 1:04 PM
37	Not enough local bands	1/20/2018 10:59 AM
38	Three ring circus . Trashy vendors with bad food. I would like to see local food trucks only and local restaurants only serving local food. Love the crafts and local artists.	1/20/2018 9:20 AM
39	The carnies peddling garbage	1/20/2018 6:55 AM
40	too crowded and noisy	1/19/2018 4:39 PM
41	It's far too corporate.	1/19/2018 3:31 PM
42	Parking	1/19/2018 3:28 PM
43	It seems like a county fair plopped in the middle of a funky, bohemian, historic, waterfront, city. It just doesn't fit.	1/19/2018 2:22 PM
44	None	1/19/2018 1:29 PM
45	Long wait times between events	1/19/2018 12:44 PM
46	The amount of totally inebriated people roaming the streets	1/19/2018 12:18 PM
47	That it has become inundated with people from out of town...so parking is horrendous....you need to have satellite parking and shuttle services. It seems to have become a "let's see how much money we can make" rather than a "let's build community and loyalty to what makes this a special place...Maine, the Old Port!	1/19/2018 11:18 AM
48	The crowd	1/19/2018 9:42 AM
49	Sunday. Saturday would be better.	1/19/2018 9:30 AM
50	Can't drink outside	1/19/2018 9:29 AM
51	Parking is the worst! You should have a shuttle service to transport people into the Old Port like a parking lot that you can park at and utilize the shuttle.	1/19/2018 8:22 AM
52	Drunks	1/19/2018 7:11 AM
53	Too many people, too much smoking and pot.	1/18/2018 10:18 PM
54	It gets pretty crowded	1/18/2018 9:27 PM
55	Carnival feel (carnival rides and carnival food)	1/18/2018 8:11 PM
56	Music has seemed to go downhill as well as the food vendor options :/	1/18/2018 7:58 PM
57	Lots of sweaty, sunburned, wasted people in the afternoon.	1/18/2018 7:50 PM
58	Parking.	1/18/2018 7:24 PM
59	Parking	1/18/2018 7:20 PM
60	most of it...I no longer attend and live in Portland	1/18/2018 7:00 PM
61	Impossible to get food from the vendors due to lines and too crowded.	1/18/2018 6:25 PM
62	Difficult to navigate with kids	1/18/2018 6:08 PM
63	Crowded	1/18/2018 5:53 PM
64	Lack of food/bev options	1/18/2018 5:38 PM
65	Parking,parking, parking	1/18/2018 5:14 PM
66	crowds	1/18/2018 5:13 PM

67	UPP has taken the small town community festival feel and turned it into a NYC price gouging nightmare	1/18/2018 4:51 PM
68	Trash everywhere.	1/18/2018 4:45 PM
69	crowds, drinking, bad food, bad food carnival/fair vendors, fair rides,	1/18/2018 4:45 PM
70	All the out of town carnival food being served.	1/18/2018 3:39 PM
71	Way too many people and junk food vendors.	1/18/2018 2:50 PM
72	Parking prices	1/18/2018 2:50 PM
73	The carnies, the drunken people, that businesses feel they have to close a day in the summer because they are afraid. That is not right.	1/18/2018 2:44 PM
74	Outward display of (presumed) drunkenness among crowd of young revelers (a.k.a., party scene)...on a beautiful summer day in Portland, Maine.	1/18/2018 2:31 PM
75	It's turned into more carnival and fairgrounds vendors. Non local food vendors, too crammed, nowhere for people to move about. Do you need that many craft and food vendors?	1/18/2018 1:48 PM
76	Crowds of drunk people	1/18/2018 1:25 PM
77	The heat!	1/18/2018 1:14 PM
78	Hot weather	1/18/2018 1:14 PM
79	Too geared to families. I'm a throwback from the original Old Port festivals where it was more about visiting local bars/taverns/restaurants.	1/18/2018 12:36 PM
80	The excessive drinking and rowdiness.	1/18/2018 12:21 PM
81	Mess	1/18/2018 12:21 PM
82	Too much of a "carnival" atmosphere. Not really what the Old Port is like, particularly off-season.	1/18/2018 12:05 PM
83	I don't like how congested it feels.	1/18/2018 11:56 AM
84	The amount of people. LOL the many people are a good thing I know.	1/18/2018 11:34 AM
85	All the drunk people	1/18/2018 11:14 AM
86	Too much Sri king/ drunk people	1/18/2018 11:14 AM
87	Hard to really hear the any particular stage of music, don't always know the artists that are playing (but that could be on me). Overwhelming number of people in certain areas, so I end up avoiding them.	1/18/2018 11:12 AM
88	The timing	1/18/2018 10:47 AM
89	ATTENDEES WHO DRINK EXCESSIVELY	1/18/2018 10:45 AM
90	parking/crowds ;)	1/18/2018 10:21 AM
91	The carnival food	1/18/2018 10:14 AM
92	too much of the same	1/18/2018 10:08 AM
93	Over-priced Vendors, especially Food Vendors!	1/18/2018 10:05 AM
94	we bring in greasy food from out of state, and hurt the local restaurants. we promote crafters, and hurt the local retail shops so much that many of them close. to hurt the local businesses on a sunday in june when they only have a few months to make the most of their money is sad.	1/18/2018 9:56 AM
95	Parking	1/18/2018 9:55 AM
96	nothing	1/18/2018 9:53 AM
97	lack of restroom availability	1/18/2018 9:37 AM
98	Parking	1/18/2018 9:30 AM
99	Too many vendors selling schlock.	1/18/2018 9:24 AM
100	Price gouging at parking lots	1/18/2018 9:22 AM

101	Makes retail impossible. I don't know why it has to take over the retail area. I would not shop that weekend, and I would not think of dining in the Old Port during the festival. Why would you do that to the businesses?	1/18/2018 9:19 AM
102	Not culturally diverse	1/18/2018 9:18 AM
103	All the drinking and carousing in the streets	1/18/2018 9:14 AM
104	How hard it is to get from point A to point B due to foot traffic. I spent a lot of time there walking around trying to find music.	1/18/2018 9:13 AM
105	The large, slow moving crowds...but I guess that comes with any festival!	1/18/2018 9:11 AM
106	Parking, and how crowded the streets are - particularly with vendors.	1/18/2018 9:06 AM
107	The could use some freshening up, seems the same since the first festival!	1/18/2018 8:51 AM
108	Parking is a nightmare! The best deal going is at the courthouse garage...	1/18/2018 8:46 AM
109	the tacky mob	1/18/2018 8:34 AM
110	parking	1/18/2018 8:25 AM
111	it is a huge group of inebriated people acting immature, rude, and sloppy. I do, however, think that IS part of the culture of Portland Maine nightlife and a direct reflection of irresponsible drinking that happens every night in Portland, not just at the Festival	1/18/2018 8:24 AM
112	It has become an excuse to get drunk during the day. It blocks shops that I would want to shop at and does not at all represent the diverse and amazing food town that we are.	1/18/2018 8:23 AM
113	The drunks and emphasis on partying	1/18/2018 8:16 AM
114	NA.	1/18/2018 8:07 AM
115	The Old Port Festival should only feature Maine-based vendors whether it be food vendors, merchandise vendors or people selling wares at the arts & craft fair part of it.	1/18/2018 8:01 AM
116	Overcrowding on Fore St - felt dangerously crowded the last time we were there - worried about my kids getting trampled	1/18/2018 8:01 AM
117	Carnival food and rides.	1/18/2018 7:59 AM
118	Parking	1/18/2018 7:45 AM
119	The music was too loud and the crowds for the music spilled into everything else making it impossible to walk around. Also why is it on a Sunday? We all have to work the next day	1/18/2018 7:45 AM
120	Sometimes it feels like there are sooo many people there that it is hard to walk around and see everything that I want to see	1/18/2018 7:44 AM
121	The lack of security for the massive crowd.	1/18/2018 7:39 AM
122	Bad food	1/18/2018 7:32 AM
123	Too crowded to be fun anymore	1/18/2018 7:30 AM
124	A lot of it kind of seems like a catch all kind of fair rather than anything specific or unique to the old port. It's like a Strawberry festival where they have like two booths relating to strawberries and the rest is fried dough and cheap carnival games.	1/18/2018 7:25 AM
125	the weather....just kidding	1/18/2018 7:14 AM
126	Extremely crowded, the last year I went it had a carnival feeling-cheap, versus fun and exciting	1/18/2018 7:06 AM
127	Rides and carnival type stuff	1/18/2018 7:03 AM
128	I didn't really dislike anything, but would have loved it if Merry Madness wasn't on a weekday, I could have started shopping earlier and stayed later.	1/18/2018 6:49 AM
129	There are too many vendor tables and tents blocking existing retail shops and restaurants. Also, it used to be that a vendor table would not be in competition with a nearby merchant, but that has not been respected over the past several years.	1/18/2018 6:30 AM
130	Crowds	1/18/2018 5:58 AM
131	Not enough space to walk comfortably	1/18/2018 5:43 AM

132	Very few bathroom facilities	1/18/2018 5:30 AM
133	Crowded	1/18/2018 4:51 AM
134	Crowds	1/18/2018 2:09 AM
135	Most popular places are overcrowded, hard to experience...	1/17/2018 11:35 PM
136	Parking	1/17/2018 11:28 PM
137	Lack of parking	1/17/2018 11:14 PM
138	It seems to me like there's nothing especially "Old Port" or even "Portland" about the festival other than where it's taking place. It generally feels like a typical traveling carnival, with its concomitant array of fried foods, cheap souvenirs and bouncy castles, has set up shop in the Old Port for the day. While certainly many people, families in particular, are drawn to these sorts of offerings, it's not particularly interesting to me as someone who lives here and can make the occasional trip to OOB for a taste of summertime honky-tonk revelry. We never ask out of town friends to come visit us for the Old Port Festival the way we do for events like Picnic, the Fine Craft Show, or the tall ships, which are more interesting and better showcase local character, artists and artisans.	1/17/2018 11:09 PM
139	Keep it more local and less commercial	1/17/2018 10:23 PM
140	Inconvenient	1/17/2018 10:20 PM
141	I dislike that it seems to have deteriorated a bit from a celebration of our community to an alcohol focused free-for-all. I wish there could be more emphasis on celebrating the people and businesses that make our city vibrant and less on loud music, carnival food, and rowdy drinking.	1/17/2018 10:07 PM
142	It's so early in June the weather can be iffy	1/17/2018 9:54 PM
143	I feel sometimes it's too crowded and not spread out enough.	1/17/2018 9:53 PM
144	Crowded	1/17/2018 9:52 PM
145	Lack of seating	1/17/2018 9:37 PM
146	There aren't enough options so there are long lines for everything. Parking is a nightmare.	1/17/2018 9:37 PM
147	Too many music stages.. always on a Sunday.. not enough local breweries.. should include more Portland/local based vendors. Forget the carnival.. has nothing to do with the old port. Should be a smaller festival and tasteful incorporating the vibrant and historical ambiance of the old port	1/17/2018 9:31 PM
148	Food vendors are the same as you'd see at a carnival. Many local shops were actually closed. Local restaurants were full of college kids getting drunk. Music seemed to be any "band" that signed up to play regardless of talent. I could go on but you get the gist	1/17/2018 9:28 PM
149	Cobblestone	1/17/2018 9:19 PM
150	Nothing	1/17/2018 9:10 PM
151	This stopped being an enjoyable event when I stopped wanting an excuse to binge drink during the day. It's a conglomeration of poorly behaved drunks staggering around for hours on end, and little more these days	1/17/2018 9:09 PM
152	Lack of nearby parking if you don't get there very early in the day.	1/17/2018 9:06 PM
153	Most participants in OPF are not from or related to the old port. ie: carnival, carnival food (when the old port is full of restaurants), vendors (that do not pay rent year round blocking a lot of store fronts. Lets make it about the old port again	1/17/2018 9:06 PM
154	Many people in small spaces.	1/17/2018 8:54 PM
155	Lover all events and food.cc	1/17/2018 8:46 PM
156	When it rains.	1/17/2018 8:31 PM
157	There's not a whole lot to do besides walk around and buy things.	1/17/2018 8:30 PM
158	It should be more than one day. Saturday and Sunday would be good.	1/17/2018 8:27 PM
159	It is on a Sunday - would be better if it was held on a Saturday.	1/17/2018 8:22 PM
160	I dislike everything about the Old Port Festival. It hurts local businesses in the Old Port while transient vendors do very well. It also attracts a less than desirable clientele and makes it hard for tourists to navigate the city.	1/17/2018 8:15 PM

161	Crowds	1/17/2018 8:14 PM
162	Very crowded.	1/17/2018 8:13 PM
163	Loud and dirty	1/17/2018 7:55 PM
164	It has a reputation as a drunkfest.	1/17/2018 7:53 PM
165	Vendors who have no ongoing relationship with the city exploiting the town and hurting local businesses.	1/17/2018 7:51 PM
166	Drunken mis-behaviour	1/17/2018 7:48 PM
167	Congested	1/17/2018 7:42 PM
168	Smoking on the streets	1/17/2018 7:37 PM
169	too crowded	1/17/2018 7:35 PM
170	Way too crowded and overly drunk people. Becoming very unfriendly to families. So crowded with drunk people it's unsafe.	1/17/2018 7:31 PM
171	Lack of things to do	1/17/2018 7:26 PM
172	Parking and being packed like sardines	1/17/2018 7:24 PM
173	The carnival area is SO crowded - you almost feel unsure about taking little children there. Either the rides could be spread out more, or set a little further out, or take over a couple additional streets.	1/17/2018 7:21 PM
174	It can get very crowded	1/17/2018 7:09 PM
175	Drinking centric	1/17/2018 7:08 PM
176	Past couple of years, it's been very warm to hot and very few places out of the sun near the stages.	1/17/2018 7:02 PM
177	I don't like the size of the crowds at the festival, I feel unsafe in them unless there are people supervising.	1/17/2018 7:01 PM
178	The crowds. I don't ever plan on going again.	1/17/2018 7:00 PM
179	I haven't been for years; because I can't stand the parking situation; I wanted to fill out this survey to just tell you how Portland lets us down. I live close by; and would love to take advantage of our wonderful city in which I was born. After spending my entire adult life outside of Maine I retired here. And on my limited budget – can't often go to Portland because of the parking charges!	1/17/2018 6:57 PM
180	The carnival feel. The “carnival” food. I like that restaurants from around Maine come. I don't like the food vendors you can find at any other fair.	1/17/2018 6:57 PM
181	Traffic and parking	1/17/2018 6:53 PM
182	Not enough focus on our waterfront & fishing culture. Not many cities can brag about a working waterfront. Promote more around ships, harbor trips, islands, etc	1/17/2018 6:53 PM
183	Should be more than one day I come up from florida. Grew up in portland	1/17/2018 6:52 PM
184	not sure	1/17/2018 6:49 PM
185	I would like to see more local food trucks/carts. Could there also be a way for cheaper all day parking for participants to enjoy the Old Port Festival?	1/17/2018 6:48 PM
186	To much drinking, fights	1/17/2018 6:48 PM
187	Parking...not enough kid crafts	1/17/2018 6:47 PM
188	Too crowded	1/17/2018 6:46 PM
189	n/a	1/17/2018 6:43 PM
190	Too crowded	1/17/2018 6:40 PM
191	People over indulging in alcohol.	1/17/2018 6:39 PM
192	Drunk people	1/17/2018 6:33 PM
193	One day event. It should be Saturday and Sunday	1/17/2018 6:32 PM

194	Junky carnival food that you can find anywhere in the country	1/17/2018 6:26 PM
195	Some of the places we like close during OPF.	1/17/2018 6:26 PM
196	almost everything.	1/17/2018 6:16 PM
197	It's crowded	1/17/2018 6:15 PM
198	See #10.	1/17/2018 6:12 PM
199	Parking is always an issue or maybe the idea of the sameness of it every year. I still believe it is a draw for Portland. For the business people in the area it may either help or hurt due to the crowds.	1/17/2018 6:11 PM
200	Carnival rides and carnival food.	1/17/2018 6:11 PM
201	To many craft vendors hoking goods I'll never buy. Not enough local food vendors or food trucks. No midway with decent rides for anyone over 5. Not enough variety, just a ton of people selling stuff.	1/17/2018 6:09 PM
202	Makes the town too crowded	1/17/2018 6:08 PM
203	The music is SO LOUD you can't talk to the vendors !	1/17/2018 6:02 PM
204	Often too hot. The music I have attended has been too cramped to enjoy	1/17/2018 6:00 PM
205	no place to sit to watch shows	1/17/2018 5:58 PM
206	Hard to get taxis or will find surcharges	1/17/2018 5:55 PM
207	all the drunk people (Very drunk people) you could change the name to Old Port Drunk Fest	1/17/2018 5:51 PM
208	The parking circus! Not going to attend again until this is fixed. I know other locals that feel the same way.	1/17/2018 5:50 PM
209	Drinking	1/17/2018 5:48 PM
210	The mess. The city is perfect without this crap	1/17/2018 5:47 PM
211	The bands featured could be better.	1/17/2018 5:43 PM
212	Trash	1/17/2018 5:37 PM
213	Access / parking	1/17/2018 5:35 PM
214	It has turned into too much drinking and it doesn't seem like a family event anymore it is people in their 20s drinking out of control	1/17/2018 5:34 PM
215	It was better several years ago. During the last year there were far too many vendors, and many were too close together. The limited space made it difficult for individuals to get by, particularly for those with disability and needing mobility equipment. The food available had prices too high, and was a rip off to the customers. Potable Water stations should have been available. It needs not be bottles of Poland spring water. A hose connection with a simple valve would be sufficient, with paper cups. In addition, each trash station could have a CLYNK bag for collection of bottles. If Portland Downtown does not have a CLYNK account, Hannafords can set up one for nonprofits. The bags could be distributed, and then funds collected after donors turn the bottles in.	1/17/2018 5:29 PM
216	the party scene later in the day. The insane crowds, the fact that the rest of the city shuts down. if not directly in old port. (arts district??)	1/17/2018 5:27 PM
217	It's only once a year. A Fall festival would be great.	1/17/2018 5:24 PM
218	Need more stuff for kids.. amusement ride...	1/17/2018 5:22 PM
219	Over congestion in the main streets due to lines at craft/food tables	1/17/2018 5:22 PM
220	Drunkeness.	1/17/2018 5:22 PM
221	Fried oreos	1/17/2018 5:21 PM
222	parking, finding a place to park that is not 2 miles aways	1/17/2018 5:19 PM
223	Fun for everyone	1/17/2018 5:18 PM
224	It's crowded and seems very commercialized.	1/17/2018 5:15 PM
225	Parking is awful	1/17/2018 5:15 PM

226	Please don't make this a tourist driven experience. This is one of the few times locals can enjoy the Old Port	1/17/2018 5:15 PM
227	The massive amounts of people and bottlenecks with traffic	1/17/2018 5:15 PM
228	Loud music	1/17/2018 5:14 PM
229	rain	1/17/2018 5:13 PM
230	Over-crowding; not enough space for amount of people.	1/17/2018 5:13 PM
231	The crowd, I wish it was spread out a bit more	1/17/2018 5:12 PM
232	Too many drunk people	1/17/2018 5:10 PM
233	Music is too loud sometimes. My ears are sensitive.	1/17/2018 5:08 PM
234	I don't like that the old port festival is not a celebration of the 'Old Port'. I wish that more local businesses were more deeply involved. Many of the food and craft vendors are from away.	1/17/2018 5:08 PM
235	Too many people. Very crowded. But to be expected !	1/17/2018 5:07 PM
236	I don't think the vendors work well. They feel a bit like the carts in the middle of the mall... Like lularoe and other MLM crap, with a few actual artists in between. And on the off-chance there is something I want, it's hard to buy something larger there and cart it home. Maybe there's a way to incentivize buying from a vendor's website (so something can be delivered).	1/17/2018 5:07 PM
237	Very cramped in roads, long lines for food disrupt foot traffic	1/17/2018 5:06 PM
238	Parking availability	1/17/2018 5:06 PM
239	Nothing I can think of had a great time	1/17/2018 5:06 PM
240	That it's only once a year. There's nothing else like it all year.	1/17/2018 5:05 PM
241	The food was not representative of local food culture. And the music was really spread out but you could kind of hear it. Would be more fun to have less, more recognizable bands, especially local ones, in a more central location so you don't have to choose between shows at different times.	1/17/2018 5:03 PM
242	The Drunks	1/17/2018 5:02 PM
243	need more carnival rides	1/17/2018 5:02 PM
244	I wish there were more amusement rides.	1/17/2018 5:02 PM
245	crowds	1/17/2018 5:01 PM
246	Sooooo many people! Parking is hard to find.	1/17/2018 5:01 PM
247	Too many "vendors from away". JUNK food to buy in the streets. JUNK drinks to drink in the street. It's a festival, not a fairground.	1/17/2018 5:01 PM
248	The drunken young people	1/17/2018 5:00 PM
249	Many of the vendors are not from Portland.	1/17/2018 4:59 PM
250	Parking	1/17/2018 4:58 PM
251	the food vendor variety. the crowding!	1/17/2018 4:56 PM
252	No large "you are here" maps	1/17/2018 4:55 PM
253	parking	1/17/2018 4:54 PM
254	Carnies.	1/17/2018 4:54 PM
255	The layout and stages.	1/17/2018 4:52 PM
256	Baby Strollers	1/17/2018 4:52 PM
257	fried dough/cotton candy/fried sausage...is this really what Portland's food culture is all about? And, are amusement rides really what Downtown Portland is all about?	1/17/2018 4:51 PM
258	Time of year	1/17/2018 4:51 PM
259	The amount of intoxicated people.	1/17/2018 4:51 PM
260	The ridiculous crowds.	1/17/2018 4:51 PM

261	Last year it was way too hot -- not much anybody can do about that however!	1/17/2018 4:49 PM
262	can be better organized, less frat party vibe	1/17/2018 4:49 PM
263	People drink too much which can make it get trashy and messy.	1/17/2018 4:49 PM
264	Food	1/17/2018 4:49 PM
265	The crowd.	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
266	Crowds	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
267	Trying to find parking	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
268	I disliked that many people were overintoxicated and at times, belligerent. It took away from the event, especially toward the end of the day.	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
269	The fact that it seems more about a day long party(drunkfest) and fried food than all that portland has to offer. I miss the Irish stage	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
270	Too many people attend the festival. Speaking as a Portland resident and tax payer, I think it's gotten too big. Some of my local friends/co-workers feel the same way. I used to look forward to it but the past few years I feel "meh" about it. It has become more of a tourist attraction.	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
271	Carnival rides seem silly	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
272	Crowded	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
273	Some food vendors were not good	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
274	People who don't like Old Port Festival. How is that possible and who are these people? There's always one...	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
275	Parking	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
276	Can get crowded	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
277	still some what of a carnival environment	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
278	I hate that people use it as an excuse to drink in the local bars instead of appreciating our culture.	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
279	Portland is such an amazingly foodie city, poor representation with fried foods	1/17/2018 4:45 PM
280	Crowded	1/17/2018 4:43 PM
281	People smoking, lack of bathrooms	1/17/2018 4:43 PM
282	Lack of handicapped parking	1/17/2018 4:42 PM
283	The crowds on Sunday. The acoustics are poor. Sometimes two bands in two different locations are competing for air space - I can hear two bands at once.	1/17/2018 4:41 PM
284	Very crowded...more days of Festival needed to not force everyone to come on one day from noon-5:00.	1/17/2018 4:41 PM
285	The crowd, lol	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
286	All the food vendors squeezed into one section of the main street and it's next to impossible to walk from stage to stage. It's clogged with people stopping for food and people trying to get to the next stage for music.	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
287	Everything - especially noise and crowds. I avoid it like the plague; I could walk there in less than ten minutes, but I won't go. Ugh.	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
288	What I wrote above about too many out of town people too crowded to enjoy	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
289	Broken glass on park benches, public intoxication around families and children, it's also over crowded	1/17/2018 4:39 PM
290	The drunks	1/17/2018 4:39 PM
291	Carnival aspect- Allowing Smokey's. Layout, too crowed and flow seems like it could be improved.	1/17/2018 4:39 PM
292	The lack of places to sit/relax.	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
293	The carnival ride section. This could be more Maine Focused/wholesome - keep the rockclimbing and bungi.	1/17/2018 4:38 PM

294	Annoying teenagers	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
295	Nothing	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
296	crowds	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
297	NOISY AND CROWDED	1/17/2018 4:37 PM
298	The college party atmosphere	1/17/2018 4:37 PM
299	Too many out of state vendors.	1/17/2018 4:36 PM
300	crowds	1/17/2018 4:35 PM
301	Super crowded	1/17/2018 4:35 PM
302	How early things close down-primarily street food.	1/17/2018 4:34 PM
303	The drunk people who make it uncomfortable. The food and drink vendors placed in front of the local food and drink shops.	1/17/2018 4:34 PM
304	Lack of parking	1/17/2018 4:34 PM
305	Too crowded in the streets	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
306	The music acts for the past few years. And too many drunk people.	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
307	Parking	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
308	I really dislike the atmosphere. I feel like it is just a drunk party for people. It makes our city look trashy and dirty. I love downtown Portland and the small town vibe and I feel like OTF portrays the complete opposite of what downtown Portland actually is.	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
309	lack of parking	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
310	Crowds	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
311	Ride lines too long, parking is as always an issue.	1/17/2018 4:32 PM
312	The moment when it immediately switches to a drinking festival	1/17/2018 4:31 PM
313	It's a crowded zoo	1/17/2018 4:28 PM

Q12 If you had a magic wand, what changes would you make to the Old Port Festival? Be as specific or general as you'd like.

Answered: 278 Skipped: 79

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More focus on local artist and craftsmen. Maine/Portland has so many!	3/4/2018 7:51 PM
2	Two stages. Craft fair. Buy in from local shops. No cars on commercial and fore street. Fireworks in evening? Raise money for local charities	2/7/2018 6:59 PM
3	Have it in the Fall	2/6/2018 7:29 PM
4	More family friendly	2/6/2018 5:00 PM
5	Indoor venues for the classical/chamber music that wouldn't sound so well outside in a small ensemble.	2/6/2018 9:17 AM
6	Make it all-inclusive of all Portland's communities. LGBTQ people certainly aren't celebrated, neither are many minority communities. It's like a big frat party.	2/6/2018 8:45 AM
7	Smaller crowds amd shorter lines	2/5/2018 9:53 PM
8	Do away with all the drunk swearing people	2/5/2018 7:23 PM
9	More outdoor beer drinking places	2/5/2018 7:06 PM
10	Shorter lines	2/5/2018 6:57 PM
11	Go analog/acoustic.	2/5/2018 6:05 PM
12	Less overly intoxicated people	2/5/2018 5:14 PM
13	Make it about Portland. Limit alcohol consumption. Make it family friendly.	2/5/2018 5:05 PM
14	Make it 21 plus	2/5/2018 5:00 PM
15	I'd make it easier to get through crowds, and have bigger names for the music.	2/5/2018 4:46 PM
16	More and more attractive port a potties	2/5/2018 4:39 PM
17	more orderly,	1/31/2018 12:16 PM
18	Overall, I think the Old Port Festival great. More parking might help---free parking.	1/28/2018 8:12 PM
19	More arts and crafts. More consistent number of days. Enjoy the three day celebration.	1/28/2018 7:39 PM
20	Add as many local food v	1/28/2018 9:20 AM
21	It's terribly crowded, so maybe spreading things out a little more	1/27/2018 11:48 AM
22	No changes.	1/26/2018 7:51 AM
23	I would schedule it on a Saturday with a rain date for Sunday. I would spread the festival out over more streets so that it is easier to get around – not so congested. I would put more things on commercial Street.	1/25/2018 2:17 PM
24	None.	1/25/2018 9:15 AM
25	Not quite so crowded. Maybe spread the Festival across a bigger geographical area (make enticing venues further apart from one another?)	1/24/2018 10:43 AM
26	Bring it back to it's old glory with better night time management	1/23/2018 7:30 PM

27	OPF has out-grown the location. Over the years it's become too big, too rowdy, and is bad for local businesses- we lose business and close early. It used to be reflective of Portland as a community and a great family event but it's devolved into an excuse for attendees to get drunk. But even if it was more like the old OPF it would still be too big for the location. Too many people cramming into a small area makes it unpleasant even to walk through for people who might be curious or just need to get to work. Last year two of our female employees (separately) were verbally assaulted by drunk men as they were walking to their cars after work- one felt very unsafe. I don't think this is the community we want to cultivate.	1/23/2018 3:51 PM
28	If the event was held later in June I think the weather would be more predictable/better.	1/23/2018 8:45 AM
29	Have less people there	1/21/2018 3:22 PM
30	If I could change the old Port festival I would make sure the police actually enforced any codes or laws in the city, I would also bring back more of the local vendor groups that used to exist at the festivals and also fix the boarders and have more free and fun entertainment instead of paid amusements and outings at certain terrible hipster local shit joints.	1/21/2018 11:02 AM
31	Not as crowded and hot. Invitations from the street to "come inside" places for special festival treats. Free things for the kids to do.	1/21/2018 7:58 AM
32	Nothing	1/21/2018 6:11 AM
33	Perhaps more activities that feature and showcase the waterfront; bring people close to and onto the water	1/20/2018 4:54 PM
34	Local restaurant and business/retail booths.	1/20/2018 4:43 PM
35	Make it 2 days	1/20/2018 1:04 PM
36	More local bands	1/20/2018 10:59 AM
37	The kiddie circus events would go. Old Port Fest was always about food and music for adults. I would like to see less strollers and no dogs. More food by local restaurants and get rid of the pizza and French fry and dough trucks .	1/20/2018 9:20 AM
38	More focus on local businesses. More access to restrooms. Maybe restaurants could open theirs to public for the day for small charitable donation? Other festivals seem to have more local groups and non-profits selling food, etc, that would be a nice feature. More kid friendly music and events. OPF caters to drunk singles, but I'd like to come have fun with my kids.	1/20/2018 6:55 AM
39	not have the carnival rides	1/19/2018 4:39 PM
40	Get all big businesses out. Get decent music. No carnival rides	1/19/2018 3:31 PM
41	More kid friendly attractions	1/19/2018 3:28 PM
42	I'd scale it back a bit, curate the vendors, food, and music to make it more local. Get rid of the carnival rides and replace with more authentic experiences that are reflective of the community. I'd also ramp up the aesthetics and make the look of the event more cohesive and less thrown together. Portlanders should be proud of OPF as their kick-off to the best season of the year: summer.	1/19/2018 2:22 PM
43	None	1/19/2018 1:29 PM
44	Outside alcohol consumption or regulated to more block party feel. Detailed map of vendors	1/19/2018 12:44 PM
45	Less drunk people	1/19/2018 12:18 PM
46	Make it like the old festival in the 1990's and the Maine Festival of the 90's and early 2000's.	1/19/2018 11:18 AM
47	I would make it less crowded.	1/19/2018 9:42 AM
48	More side events to attend specific to Portland businesses.	1/19/2018 9:30 AM
49	Drinking outside (perhaps specified 21+ block with wrist bands and increased police presence) where breweries set up outside for tastings. Maybe over by milk st. Bars are cool but they're slammed and it would be great to provide an opportunity for local breweries to participate in OPF	1/19/2018 9:29 AM
50	I like it the way it is	1/19/2018 8:22 AM
51	Spread it out more to make it less claustrophobic. Ban smoking of any kind.	1/18/2018 10:18 PM
52	Not sure	1/18/2018 9:27 PM

53	More local street performers, local artistic things to try/participate in, more outdoor extensions of restaurants, bars (people watching!) allowed just for the OPF	1/18/2018 8:11 PM
54	There are sooo many food trucks around Portland, I wish they were all available for the festival do us to enjoy as well as a better music selection.	1/18/2018 7:58 PM
55	Parking is so hard in Portland without Old Port Festival so maybe parking plans for commuters and shuttles to and from the downtown area for locals.	1/18/2018 7:50 PM
56	Really not much. I like it.	1/18/2018 7:24 PM
57	Decrease the junk food! Where are our food trucks..This isn't the Cumberland Fair! Quality music! Remember Fanfarlo! Add more local flair..What will encourage more local art..	1/18/2018 7:00 PM
58	Spread the festival out into other areas to reduce the congestion.	1/18/2018 6:25 PM
59	Not as crowded, afraid I'm going to become separated from my young children. Make the drunk 20somethings disappear!	1/18/2018 6:08 PM
60	None	1/18/2018 5:53 PM
61	Ability to buy beer and stroll around with it! Better crowd control.	1/18/2018 5:38 PM
62	As a rural, I have a difficult time enjoying the festival after a prolonged search for a parking space after having come so far. What is acceptable for urbans is why we live where we do, but we would like a taste of amenities offered by our largest city without being burnt-out prior to arrival.	1/18/2018 5:14 PM
63	Free shuttles to parking lots all over the city. A special pass for discounts or vouchers for residents. Increased collaboration with the OP businesses	1/18/2018 4:51 PM
64	Postings that day of event timing and map to them/info board.	1/18/2018 4:45 PM
65	something more akin to the common ground fair, but urban	1/18/2018 4:45 PM
66	Have more local music, move the kids stage to the center of the party and get local chefs to have tables of food rather then street vendors from out of town!	1/18/2018 3:39 PM
67	Perhaps make it into a larger area - expand the blocked off sections to include more out of the way business's.	1/18/2018 2:50 PM
68	More localvore food and food trucks. Maybe more like the Common Ground Fair. Maine focus. Family focus. Maine artists and musicians. I really liked walking on the Coast Guard ship so maybe some ships to visit. Geocaching. Scavenger hunts. Of course, no smoking. More info about METRO so less people complain.	1/18/2018 2:44 PM
69	Goal: One day event that celebrates Portland the traditions of the longtime Old Port Festival (parade, food vendors, family events) while showcasing the creative talents of and for Maine residents (arts & crafts; music).	1/18/2018 2:31 PM
70	More spread out across old port, shuttles to/from parking locations or free bus rides, less carnival, more Maine roots (like fisherman's festivals, or quebec winter carnivale) Highlight local Maine music and musicians. Leave the fair vibe to the Cumberland county Fair. More things on/along the waterfront?	1/18/2018 1:48 PM
71	Less crowded	1/18/2018 1:25 PM
72	More music maybe	1/18/2018 1:14 PM
73	More parade	1/18/2018 1:14 PM
74	No carnival, parade or outside vendors. Keep it completely local and have the restaurants/bars open their doors like they used to.	1/18/2018 12:36 PM
75	Not sure	1/18/2018 12:21 PM
76	More local artisans/businesses. Would also be great if restaurants had a booth out front where they could sell a select few dishes (too long a wait to actually sit down to eat anywhere)	1/18/2018 12:05 PM
77	More coverage from the sun and heat. I would change how dirty the city gets and looks afterwards. I would change some of the vibe to be more community-oriented rather than a drink fest which I think a lot of young people view it as. (If I could) I would spread it out or have more room for people.	1/18/2018 11:56 AM
78	Because I haven't been in the the last 6 years I am not sure what to suggest.	1/18/2018 11:34 AM

79	Better crowd control	1/18/2018 11:14 AM
80	More family friendly	1/18/2018 11:14 AM
81	Less congestion, especially near exchange/middle street area. Maybe a special deal you can get for drinks at a select number of bars (bar crawl type deal). More events throughout the weekend and Friday. More outdoor shows on Friday night would be cool (started that last year and it was cool).	1/18/2018 11:12 AM
82	Don't know. Haven't attended in years	1/18/2018 10:47 AM
83	NO WAITING!	1/18/2018 10:45 AM
84	better flow of traffic, both foot traffic throughout downtown & cars in and out of town	1/18/2018 10:21 AM
85	More organization	1/18/2018 10:14 AM
86	It's just such a cluster - can hardly walk around; maybe space it out more?	1/18/2018 10:08 AM
87	Bring back a Variety of Entertainment stages, not just Music. Dancing - ethnic, dance schools, etc. - Magicians, Science Experiments, P.S.O.'s Instrument Zoo, Demonstrations of Woodworking, other Crafts	1/18/2018 10:05 AM
88	promote local eateries	1/18/2018 9:56 AM
89	I love it the way it is. :)	1/18/2018 9:55 AM
90	bring back the marshalls	1/18/2018 9:53 AM
91	I think beer tents with live music would be a great addition, outside breweries could feature their craft beer or even wineries, other businesses could participate	1/18/2018 9:32 AM
92	Music venues would have seats! I'm too old to be standing around listening to music.	1/18/2018 9:24 AM
93	Would like the festival to expand into Monument Square as a bridge to lead people into Arts District....maybe a food truck area and a local craft beer garden up there with a stage similar to Live at 5 setup? Somehow have less generic or food vendors that can be seen anywhere and everywhere at all area street fairs, so that its more interesting. A whole weekend as opposed to a single day.	1/18/2018 9:22 AM
94	Remember New Year's Portland? That was wonderful (except when the weather was 2-degrees). Lots of venues and events with time to get between places-- it would seem a lot easier in June than Dec 31...	1/18/2018 9:19 AM
95	More cultural diversity More live music	1/18/2018 9:18 AM
96	A FAMILY event that focuses on wholesome fun. Stop making the young crowds wishes for loud music, drinking and carousing the only purpose of the Old Port Festival.	1/18/2018 9:14 AM
97	More indie/folksie musicians	1/18/2018 9:13 AM
98	Include even more local vendors	1/18/2018 9:11 AM
99	Parking!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	1/18/2018 9:10 AM
100	Parking. Fewer vendors along the streets, not the food vendors, tho. It's always so crowded, I tend to not want to go.	1/18/2018 9:06 AM
101	Make it sunny and warm for the duration!	1/18/2018 8:51 AM
102	make sure the weather is great and keep it family friendly.	1/18/2018 8:46 AM
103	end it	1/18/2018 8:34 AM
104	nice weather lol. I think it's okay as it is.	1/18/2018 8:25 AM
105	More local food trucks, responsible drinking and a sense of community and celebration of our city, instead of just an excuse to get drunk	1/18/2018 8:24 AM
106	Make it more about Portland. Local vendors, local food, show off all the things we love and think are great about Portland. Ditch the carnival food and games and somehow make it not just about getting drunk.	1/18/2018 8:23 AM
107	More arts performances by small local groups. Like Vivid Motion Dance, Acorn Theater, Theater Ensemble of Color. Etc. Adding some sort of free trolley or bus from a central parking lot, so there were no cars in more of areas.	1/18/2018 8:16 AM

108	Make it go a little later in the evening.	1/18/2018 8:07 AM
109	Just incorporate as many local elements as you can. It's always going to be a fairly crazy, crowded event and there's not much you can really do about that but make it very locally focused. Also, have the live music schedules for the different stages very prominently displayed in several places via huge signs, sandwich boards, etc.	1/18/2018 8:01 AM
110	Spread out food trucks a bit to alleviate overcrowding	1/18/2018 8:01 AM
111	Close off more streets. Encourage restaurants to open like they used to. Get rid of the carnival atmosphere.	1/18/2018 7:59 AM
112	Saturday. More good food trucks. More local breweries involved. Wine tasting or food tasting somewhere. Better separation in time between types of events ie kids during the day adult stuff at night	1/18/2018 7:45 AM
113	I'd look for ways to spread the festival out around the Old Port more, might help pedestrian and car traffic, and also show people more areas of the Old Port?	1/18/2018 7:44 AM
114	I'd increase security A LOT, maybe even hire a private security company. I'd find a way to do something to lighten the congestion of the crowds. I'd be very strict with patrons who are obviously over intoxicated, loud and obnoxious. Make it more obviously LGBTQ-inclusive, because right now I don't know many LGBTQ people who feel safe. It still feels a bit like a big frat party.	1/18/2018 7:39 AM
115	Evening events. More local acts in theater, comedy, etc.	1/18/2018 7:25 AM
116	more vendors, free parking that day	1/18/2018 7:14 AM
117	I think that some of the vendors could be better higher class. I would like to see more of Portland represented, more recycling and composting opportunities, more eclectic food offerings. Not sure how to combat the overcrowded feeling, maybe it could span across portland a bit more? Perhaps there could be the best food trucks in Portland stationed near India street with trolleys running back and forth for the event? That could showcase the food trucks Portland has, and ease up on the crowding a little?	1/18/2018 7:06 AM
118	Make some aspects of it more family friendly	1/18/2018 7:03 AM
119	See answer to previous question.	1/18/2018 6:49 AM
120	It always seems odd that it ends pretty early after all of the prep and setup. I would have the event go until maybe 7pm or so.	1/18/2018 6:30 AM
121	A little more space	1/18/2018 5:58 AM
122	More music More food More space	1/18/2018 5:43 AM
123	Would like to see the area expanded out somewhat to ease some of the congestion	1/18/2018 5:30 AM
124	Add some farmer market venues Less carnival for families Keep the family area very defined and secured	1/18/2018 4:51 AM
125	I would somehow spread out vendors and stages more so crowds are less condensed	1/18/2018 2:09 AM
126	It's so weather dependent I would move it to August and spread it out over more streets...	1/17/2018 11:35 PM
127	More parking, a map of where everything (tents, vendors, food) is located	1/17/2018 11:14 PM
128	Personally, I'd like to see the Old Port Festival be more reflective of local character and culture. Certainly in regards to the food offerings we've got more than enough local proprietors who could cover a spectrum of offerings from burgers and fries to sushi and lobster rolls. I know local musicians have always been featured, which is great, and I think there should be as many musical acts as possible. I don't know what a local angle on the standard carnival games and rides would look like, and maybe having some of that stuff is fine. Even though it doesn't interest me, I know there probably are a lot of people who come to the festival because they expect to eat greasy fried dough, buy dumb t-shirts and throw darts at balloons. But if in the process of doing that a few of them see all the cool local shops and restaurants and are inspired to come back and patronize them, it's probably worth letting the Old Port turn into OOB for a day.	1/17/2018 11:09 PM
129	More kids activities	1/17/2018 10:23 PM
130	Better music	1/17/2018 10:20 PM
131	Shoot. I'm better at voicing my grievances than I am at suggesting solutions!	1/17/2018 10:07 PM

132	I would work to expand some of it. Sometimes the streets are too crowded to enjoy the actual vendors and you are getting pushed by others trying to get through. I would consider using more space or commercial street, while it is a main street it is also much wider.	1/17/2018 9:53 PM
133	Name brand bands - allow Harley's to park on the medians like we did years ago More food vendors and entertainment	1/17/2018 9:52 PM
134	I would make it longer and larger so the crowds would be spread out.	1/17/2018 9:37 PM
135	See above.	1/17/2018 9:31 PM
136	Take it back to the first festival in 1978...a true celebration of ALL cultures, not just gay pride. Not that there's anything wrong with gay pride but it seemed to be the only culture celebrated.	1/17/2018 9:28 PM
137	Special seating outside, in restaurants or bars or in general.	1/17/2018 9:19 PM
138	Nothing!!	1/17/2018 9:10 PM
139	I'd like to make more parking spaces available.	1/17/2018 9:06 PM
140	Open an area or beer garden where drinking is allowed outside	1/17/2018 8:54 PM
141	Make it 70 degrees and sunny. Expand the rates so it's not congested to three square blocks.	1/17/2018 8:31 PM
142	I'd like there to be more of a variety in activities.	1/17/2018 8:30 PM
143	Two day festival with more local craft vendors, more local food and local music.	1/17/2018 8:27 PM
144	Hold it on a Saturday.	1/17/2018 8:22 PM
145	I would end it.	1/17/2018 8:15 PM
146	More space for eating outdoors	1/17/2018 8:14 PM
147	Spread things out so people are less crammed together.	1/17/2018 8:13 PM
148	No traffic, more spread out, less loud	1/17/2018 7:55 PM
149	Change the perception people that stopped coming to it years ago have that it's one big party.	1/17/2018 7:53 PM
150	Put the vendors in their own spaces, not in front of store fronts, make them pay sales taxes,	1/17/2018 7:51 PM
151	Take the cheap carnival atmosphere out. Encourage sobriety	1/17/2018 7:48 PM
152	Bring back the scavenger hunt. Bring more fun and games	1/17/2018 7:37 PM
153	less vendors, cheaper simpler eats, more like new years eve downtown used to be	1/17/2018 7:35 PM
154	Less drunk people more spread out so less crowds?	1/17/2018 7:31 PM
155	More hands on events	1/17/2018 7:26 PM
156	As I said above regarding the carnival area; I wish some bars were less strict about a bag policy. For example; we were going to visit the Porthole last year, and I had a small backpack, like a sling bag which had a water bottle, sunscreen, my wallet, and feminine products inside - the guy WOULD NOT let me in with that bag. I understand safety, but give people the benefit of the doubt and at least look in my bag - these were things I needed to carry and he wouldn't let me in. To be honest, I haven't been back to the Porthole since...and may not. I wish the map of locations also included the entertainment that's inside other bars/restaurants; in addition to the stages that are on the streets.	1/17/2018 7:21 PM
157	Like it just the way it is	1/17/2018 7:09 PM
158	Use monument square more	1/17/2018 7:08 PM
159	I'd make it more accessible for people who don't like loud noises, possibly by selling earplugs near the stages. I'd also up the amount of police present so people feel safer.	1/17/2018 7:01 PM
160	I can't stand the crowds. It's impossible to see anything or do any of the activities.	1/17/2018 7:00 PM
161	Smaller crowds. More, better, cleaner bathrooms. More stuff for kids that doesn't cost \$.	1/17/2018 6:57 PM
162	Change timing to later as the weather in early June is iffy at best	1/17/2018 6:53 PM
163	None	1/17/2018 6:52 PM
164	Easier parking. The ability to be at multiple stages at the same time to enjoy all the music :)	1/17/2018 6:48 PM

165	Would have in the old port in a large space so the drinking could be keep under control (beer tent) This is not an event for the older people.	1/17/2018 6:48 PM
166	Spread it out more...more tented areas...seating for eating...more vendors.	1/17/2018 6:47 PM
167	More outside seating for restaurants to allow for eating/drinking (think Europe).	1/17/2018 6:43 PM
168	I would make the after-party in Deering Oaks more family-friendly.	1/17/2018 6:39 PM
169	I can't think of anything I'd change other than barring the very few drunks and those who steal from the hardworking vendors...not something that you can solve!	1/17/2018 6:33 PM
170	Two days instead of one	1/17/2018 6:32 PM
171	No Dogs.	1/17/2018 6:26 PM
172	Bring in more music acts.	1/17/2018 6:22 PM
173	Make it more local.	1/17/2018 6:16 PM
174	More local artists and food	1/17/2018 6:15 PM
175	musicians and vendors more representative of Portland arts community. Somehow make it easier to walk around without getting crushed.	1/17/2018 6:12 PM
176	I believe you have done a good job with it. It is also a great place for young families to go and have fun. I may cut down on some of the noisy concerts and try to avoid some of the crowding.	1/17/2018 6:11 PM
177	More businesses involved in the children's activities. The carnival rides doesn't really fit in the Portland vibe.	1/17/2018 6:11 PM
178	Set up a larger midway with proper rides. More food, less arts and crafts.	1/17/2018 6:09 PM
179	Show off less trendy areas of the city	1/17/2018 6:08 PM
180	Make sure you don't have a cruise ship in and turn the music way way way down	1/17/2018 6:02 PM
181	Later at night, music venues more spacious, weather comfortable (I have a magic wand!)	1/17/2018 6:00 PM
182	better parking, seating at shows	1/17/2018 5:58 PM
183	None	1/17/2018 5:55 PM
184	make it for families less for young people getting drunk	1/17/2018 5:51 PM
185	Parking!	1/17/2018 5:50 PM
186	Less crowds	1/17/2018 5:48 PM
187	Can it. It's served its purpose	1/17/2018 5:47 PM
188	A say in the bands playing.	1/17/2018 5:43 PM
189	Have it be on the eastern prom	1/17/2018 5:37 PM
190	Add more local food vendors - lobster rolls / fried clams Music music music!!	1/17/2018 5:35 PM
191	turn it back into a safe fun community event less focused on bars and more focused on food and culture	1/17/2018 5:34 PM
192	See above..	1/17/2018 5:29 PM
193	the crowds in the bars. I dislike the drinking scene in that its cramped and is amateur hour. that people try to drink a ton and then go out to see music or sneak booze in coffee cups. if you want a drink you have to miss all the action. Is it possible that out door beer gardens could be included in some areas? Would that cut down on the crowded restaurants/bars if you just want food or to get out of the heat. allow people to mingle and listen to music with a drink? I don't know if it would help.. basically can you ban 18-24 year olds. haha.	1/17/2018 5:27 PM
194	Better bathrooms.	1/17/2018 5:24 PM
195	Extend it to monument square...have it all the way up the hill make it all the way to the beach make it bigger spread it out. More food trucks. Please. On commercial St. Make it massive.	1/17/2018 5:22 PM
196	Less carnival atmosphere, more local showcase atmosphere	1/17/2018 5:22 PM
197	Close Commercial Street -- make it pedestrian. Bus people in.	1/17/2018 5:22 PM

198	Less Smokeys, more local	1/17/2018 5:21 PM
199	like current format	1/17/2018 5:19 PM
200	Less of a crowd.	1/17/2018 5:18 PM
201	Make it less like a carnival and better use of space. Perhaps you make use of the bigger public parks downtown like Lincoln Park and fill it with arts and craft vendors instead of squeezing so many vendors onto the streets. It think there are ways to keep the event downtown but also spread it out and make it easier to maneuver.	1/17/2018 5:15 PM
202	Guaranteed sunshine and convenient parking	1/17/2018 5:15 PM
203	Include better music acts and expand the genre of music. Go back to a Saturday celebration and hold people accountable. Expand opportunities to areas outside the OP. to include peripheral areas like lower downtown and the Civic Center	1/17/2018 5:15 PM
204	Move the carnival rides somewhere else and move food vendors away from exchange street	1/17/2018 5:15 PM
205	More folk singers, less rocknroll	1/17/2018 5:14 PM
206	more local and ethnic music	1/17/2018 5:13 PM
207	As a twenty-something, it is popular for people my age to frequent overpriced, overcrowded bars during OPF. However, this can happen any day and is in stark contrast to the unique flare of OPF. I have no interest to do this and have avoided attending recently for this precise reason. The BEST improvement to OPF would be one or more outdoor beergarden-esque tent(s)/location(s) (even though Portland ordinances may need to be addressed) that still allow patrons to be outdoors, near musical acts and food vendors, and still experience the true, unique nature of OPF in casual environments near or on the closed-off streets.	1/17/2018 5:13 PM
208	I wouldn't allow the bars to be open until after a certain hour	1/17/2018 5:10 PM
209	I'd charge admission and make some money!	1/17/2018 5:08 PM
210	I would get all of the local stores and businesses to make it a celebration of the Old Port.	1/17/2018 5:08 PM
211	Not really much	1/17/2018 5:07 PM
212	Stick to one day. Unless you've got something really interesting planned - I don't know what the waterfront walk pulls in for numbers, but it doesn't really scream "old port fest." Got an app? (or a standalone mobile website?) Something that reminds me that X is happening at time Y. I'm not a fan of the paper, it's too big and hard to pocket (and doesn't survive the day). Also, being able to find things later (bands / shops / etc) would be awesome. There's a dozen ways to make this better, I'm sure. Keep the ferris wheel - maybe put another ride or two over there that are adult friendly. Also, where the hell are all the local food trucks?	1/17/2018 5:07 PM
213	Large free parking lots	1/17/2018 5:06 PM
214	Nothing	1/17/2018 5:06 PM
215	I'd close down more streets and extend it to a two day or weekend event. People love the OPF.	1/17/2018 5:05 PM
216	I wish that all the bars and restaurants had little pop-ups in the street outside their sites for people to quickly grab a staple item from there. I recall having a lovely bite from Vinland, which I had been wanting to try for a while, and I was certainly convinced to then go sit down with a group for a \$300 meal. I want to see more of that - more local restaurants and breweries represented. Beers in the streets!!! Beers everywhere! Also a food truck zone. I think food trucks are a big part of Portland culture. Raffles for gift cards to local restaurants and bars, and a CSA - Maine's farms are awesome! You should contact Sunflower Farm too to get some cute goats up in there. Call Arcana and have them do a yoga in the park mini-session. Incentivize local businesses to do special things like that. As far as crafts vendors are concerned, there was a lot that I just plain didn't care for. The audience is probably mostly locals for this event, and we love local stuff. Look at Picnic print festival and the MECA holiday sale - HUGE successes! I would jump at the chance to buy art from the vendors at those two events if they were to set up at old port fest. All in all, just make it more local-friendly. Lots of locals look down on this event as something that causes traffic, is loud, and screws up their plans of enjoying town. Make it tasteful, keep it super local, and people will have fun. We locals love to see things like the ARLGP with their adoptable pups, local art prints for sale, jams, craft beer, the people who know who work at the places we love. There are so many amazing dance groups who could perform. Give locals a reason to attend.	1/17/2018 5:03 PM
217	More Security to police the drinking on the streets	1/17/2018 5:02 PM

218	more carnival rides	1/17/2018 5:02 PM
219	I wish it was larger and covered more streets.	1/17/2018 5:02 PM
220	better music	1/17/2018 5:01 PM
221	Might create "islands" of different local cultural things to do so that people spread out a bit... little Greece, little Italy etc	1/17/2018 5:01 PM
222	Keep junk foods and drinks in ONE area somewhere, not spread out. TOO MUCH JUNK>	1/17/2018 5:01 PM
223	None	1/17/2018 4:59 PM
224	I would expand the area, less crowding, more relaxed environment. I would also add portto johns everywhere. And I would allow more restraunts/bars/stoes to have more outdoor space if they want... more like a block party. Set up the Stages more strategically so that sound is heard in the right areas and the spectators can view comfortably.	1/17/2018 4:56 PM
225	The schedule and map of the festival has to be more broadly shared either by social media or the local PPH	1/17/2018 4:55 PM
226	Allow open carry of beverages.	1/17/2018 4:54 PM
227	Bring in bigger and better music acts. Allow a beer tent area.	1/17/2018 4:52 PM
228	Make it more adult orientated	1/17/2018 4:52 PM
229	Build it all around our restaurants...a Harvest on the Harbor in the streets. Encourage Downtown merchants to participate in parade by creating their own floats and/or going in with neighbors to create neighborhood floats. Establish a committee to gather more input from merchants and residents, rather than having staff decide music, events, etc. Fireworks! Keep the big Ferris wheel, but reduce the amusement rides. Create family friendly events. A Guinness record challenge. Bring in MAJOR sponsors like Southwest Airlines, US Cellular, Whole Foods/Amazon... a Taste of Maine contest among area chefs featuring locally produced food from Whole Foods, Hannaford, etc. who are your major sponsors. Feature our James Beard award winning chefs in cooking demonstrations in Monument Square...bring in a nationally known chef as a featured guest or get one of them to do their show from here. Invite a PBS radio show to do a show from the Old Port...Prairie Home Companion, Moth Radio Hour, Wait Wait Don't tell me, etc. Get non-profits involved for family friendly events...Library, art museum, childrens museum, Maine Historical, MECA, Community Television Network, etc. Recreate Portland's Sidewalk Art Festival, which was Portland's biggest event for years and years.	1/17/2018 4:51 PM
230	More interesting and unusual events and vendors. Some thing different. Lots.	1/17/2018 4:51 PM
231	Split the event, have the festival on a Saturday and the bar events on a Sunday.	1/17/2018 4:51 PM
232	Some seating around the music venues.	1/17/2018 4:49 PM
233	logistics, make things clearly marked, space issues	1/17/2018 4:49 PM
234	Food trucks, crafts and arts, music	1/17/2018 4:49 PM
235	Somehow, it needs more room.	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
236	I would get rid of the elements that make it a carnival. I would put the focus on the people who live and work IN the Old Port. I would like to see it become an opportunity to explore what these people/businesses have to offer. A guy who owns a sausage stand in Lewiston is not representative of Downtown Portland. I would also return the event to being a one day affair.	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
237	Better parking options	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
238	The Ferris wheel was outrageously overpriced for one ticket. I overheard many people leaving the line after they saw the price. I also think there were too many vendors on the narrow streets, it caused a lot of uncomfortable bottleneaking.	1/17/2018 4:48 PM
239	Irish stage. Local bands. Kids world culture area. Longer parade route...the parade is awesome.	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
240	See 11.	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
241	More local food trucks- maybe a localized area that's publicized	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
242	None, just can get a little busy is all.	1/17/2018 4:47 PM
243	Publicize the date earlier in advance so I can book accommodations earlier to get the best deals.	1/17/2018 4:46 PM

244	Better choices of food in areas that allow you to gain access. Always hard to navigate to certain areas because pathways are very crowded.	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
245	Allow drinking on the streets.	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
246	More Maine organic food options, and less of a carnival atmosphere.	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
247	I'd like it to be more family friendly, better promote our local retailers and restaurants, and fewer of the dirty carnival rides and food. It ends up like more of a county fair than a celebration of a quaint, artistic, culturally-inspired little city.	1/17/2018 4:46 PM
248	Connect it to the food truck festival to really showcase the mix of offerings here	1/17/2018 4:45 PM
249	Ditch the amusement park type rides and lower quality food venues (the type you find at fairs). Stick with local food trucks. Wine tasting, beer tasting, new cuisine tastings would be fun.	1/17/2018 4:43 PM
250	Easier parking	1/17/2018 4:43 PM
251	Better handicapped accessibility	1/17/2018 4:42 PM
252	Continue to work on entertainment that is culturally diverse	1/17/2018 4:41 PM
253	Nothing	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
254	I would move the food area out of the main section of the festival so if you want food you can go to it and not have to walk through the masses of people to get around.	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
255	Make it smaller; cut down on the awful blasting noise; make it more like Portland and less like a generic street fair.	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
256	That is could go back to the old days when it was Portlanders celebrating their town., And that our city had not been sold out to the wealthy form away pushing out the long time Portland folks.	1/17/2018 4:40 PM
257	Make the geographical span larger to spread out attendees - it gets sooooo crowded	1/17/2018 4:39 PM
258	Less vendors, more cultural	1/17/2018 4:39 PM
259	There was less music this year- more music!! Would like to see more local vendors-artisans,crafters,food. Maybe set up vendors in "districts." Maybe have vendors also set up on Commercial St on waterfront side. Would like to see it become more of a "local vendor" show. There's fewer outlets and places for startups to show. We, as a state, city, need to promote Maine and the "people" who make our state great. Also have parking far offsite with shuttles available.	1/17/2018 4:39 PM
260	It would be hard to make any changes, it's a good event. Just crowded and it would be nice if more streets were closed off to traffic but also unrealistic.	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
261	Eliminate the non-maine cheap/cheesy fair stuff vendors	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
262	Make it even bigger! Maybe more security due to events	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
263	Nothing I've always loved going to it	1/17/2018 4:38 PM
264	End it earlier	1/17/2018 4:37 PM
265	Increase representation from local retailers and vendors	1/17/2018 4:37 PM
266	I would like it to be 100% local. The Yarmouth Clam Festival does a good job with local vendors. Why can't we? Do we really need Slush King of East Boston to swoop in for one day and take all our money out of state?	1/17/2018 4:36 PM
267	I would make it vanish	1/17/2018 4:35 PM
268	More alternative/indie music.	1/17/2018 4:34 PM
269	Keep the food vendors away from the shops, have a bigger police presence.	1/17/2018 4:34 PM
270	More music for 50-60 year olds	1/17/2018 4:34 PM
271	Spread it out a little so it's not so crowded	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
272	Draw up and coming acts again instead of mostly locals. More enforcement of public intoxication. Maybe be one week earlier so it doesn't coincide with local high school graduations.	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
273	I'd have free parking for the day to attract more people to spend money on the vendors and less on the parking	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
274	Cleaner and friendly vibes.	1/17/2018 4:33 PM

275	No kids	1/17/2018 4:33 PM
276	shuttle buses of people from off-peninsula	1/17/2018 4:32 PM
277	Less alcohol and more local flair. Feels a bit commercial/generic	1/17/2018 4:31 PM
278	Spread it out to spread the crowds?	1/17/2018 4:28 PM

Q13 If you would like to participate in a focus group to help us improve the Old Port Festival, please provide your contact information below. Leave the fields blank if you would prefer to remain anonymous. Thank you!

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