

HOMELESSNESS

IMPACT ON BUSINESS RETENTION



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The Greater Federal Way Chamber is focused on creating sustainable economic growth through the expansion, retention, and attraction of business and jobs in the South Puget Sound region.

Like communities across the country, Federal Way is facing the issues of affordable housing and homelessness. In fact, the City of Federal Way created a Homelessness Task Force to address this civic challenge. At the Chamber, homelessness was identified by our Membership as impacting their ability to do business in Federal Way, making it a strategic issue for retention and expansion efforts for our economic base.

In addition to addressing the challenge of homelessness at multiple meetings with stakeholders, our Government Affairs Committee and at Quarterly City Updates, the Chamber surveyed the business and community leaders in its Membership—25% of whom participated. Data collected from the survey compiled in this special edition also will be shared with our elected representatives, including the City's Homelessness Task Force.

As business-led, economic and civic organizations, Chambers and their Members are impacted by the accelerating pace of change in the business world. On the horizon is a shifting population, infrastructure demands, existing and emerging workforce needs, political and social fragmentation, as well as change in the global marketplace.

Like Chambers of Commerce all over the world, we know our role in the community is to provide the leadership that retains, expands and attracts business. And that means taking a strategic look not only into the future but also at the opportunities and challenges impacting the bottom-line of our business community. When we work together, identifying issues is often the first step in finding solutions, especially in difficult situations.

Our Horizon Initiative is a business-led, economic-focused project, designed to gather input and ideas. This is what a Chamber of Commerce does. Chambers influence business growth, especially when there is a broader, inclusive, and data-driven view of economic development.

Looking to get involved? If you are interested in volunteering or supporting community organizations working to address these issues, check out our Directory online.

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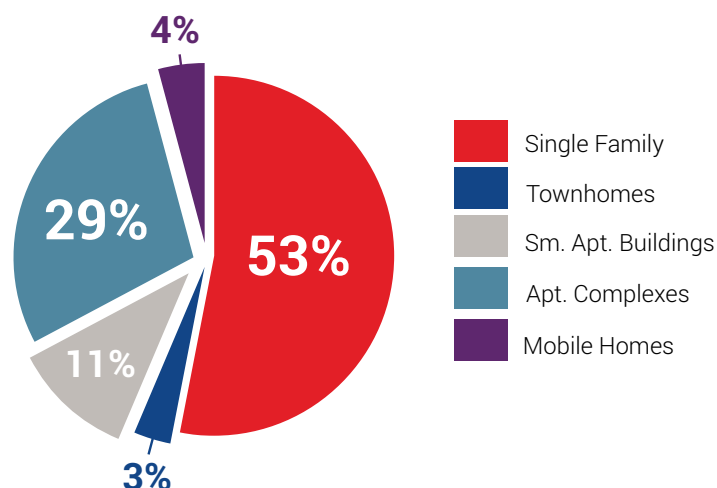
Federal Way **HOUSING ANALYSIS**

\$372,952
Median Home Value

\$2,018
Current Market Rent

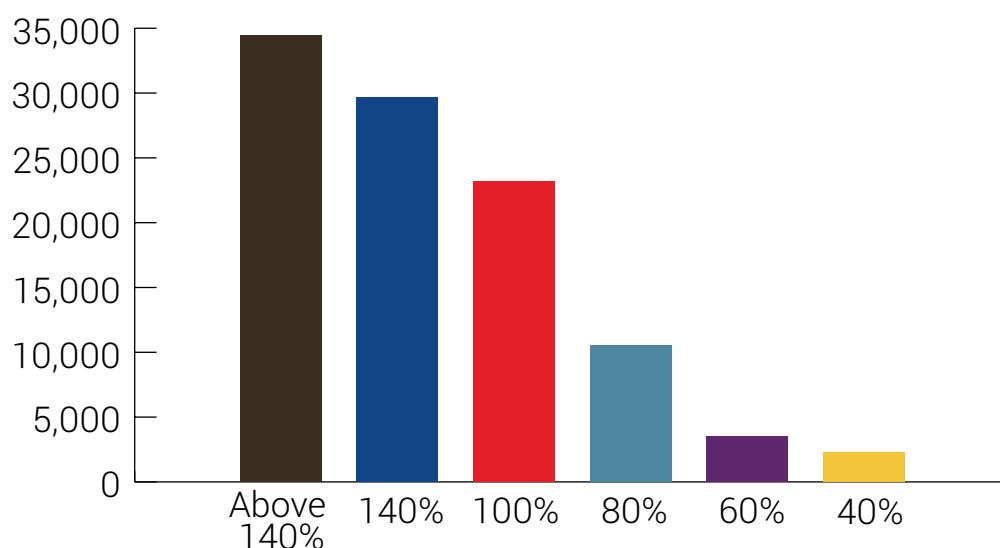
55.90%
Ownership Rate

TYPES OF HOMES



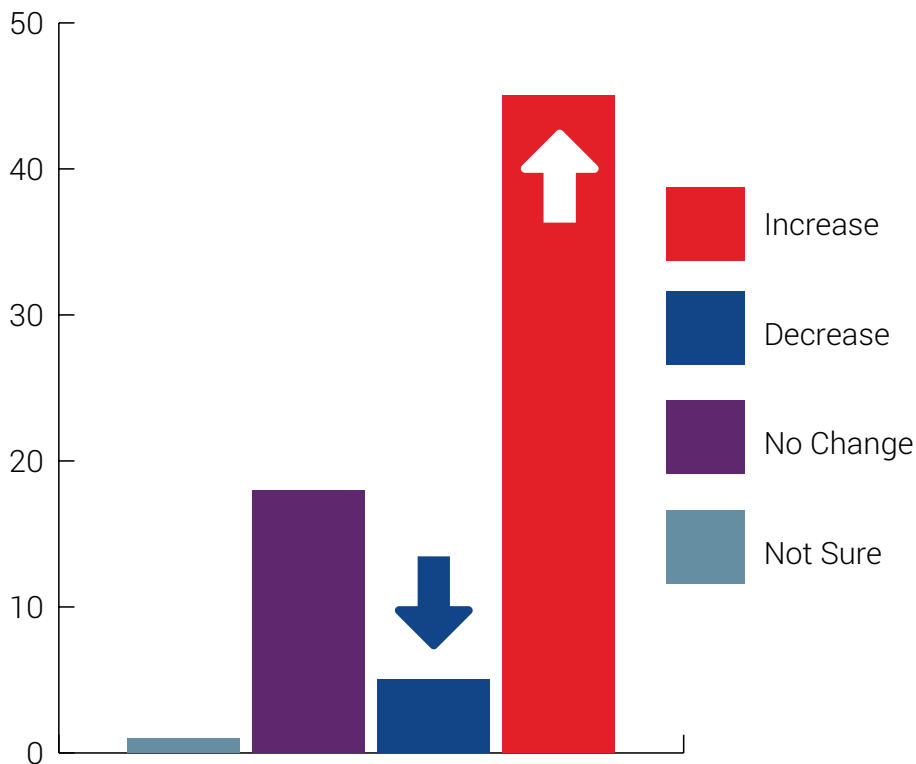
HOUSING UNITS BY AMI BRACKET

AMI Based on current Federal Way value of \$58,885



Assumptions: Interest rate 4.5%; down payment (AMI brackets 40% to 100%) \$5,000; down payment (AMI bracket 140%) \$20,000; lone term 30 years; max LTI 36%; each AMI bracket reflects total homes financeable.

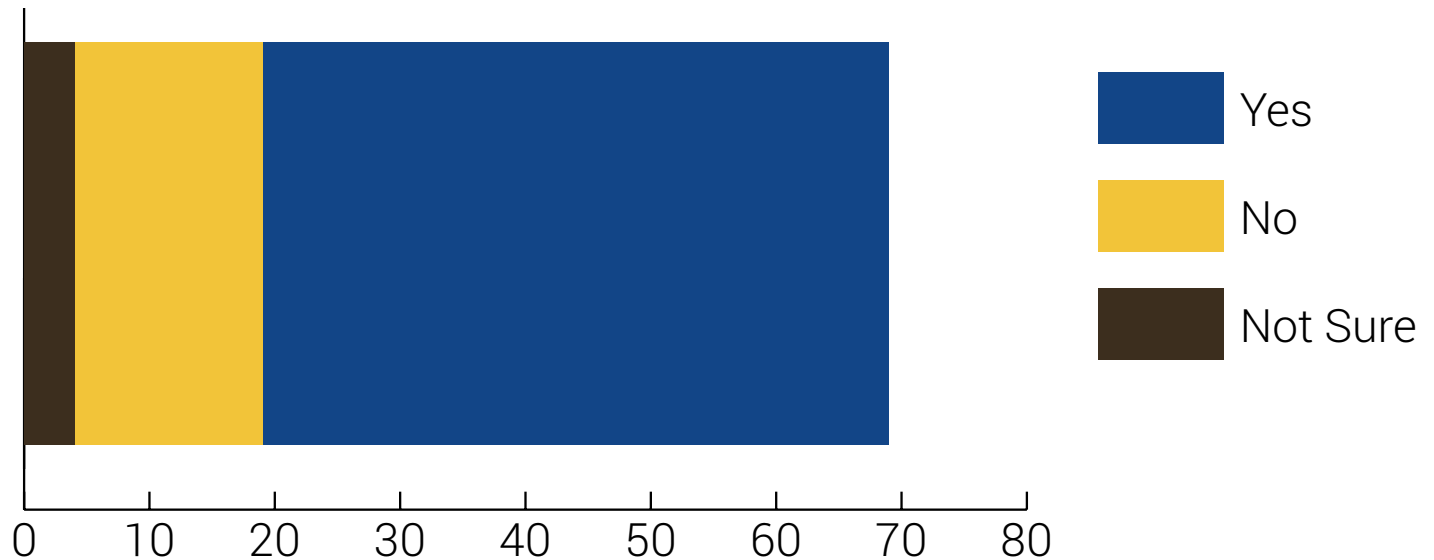
Have you seen an increase or decrease in the **AMOUNT OF HOMELESS** persons in/around your business in the last 12 months?



“ I have registered some surprise lately, especially when I see unusual signs of human activity as I travel to/ from my office. ”

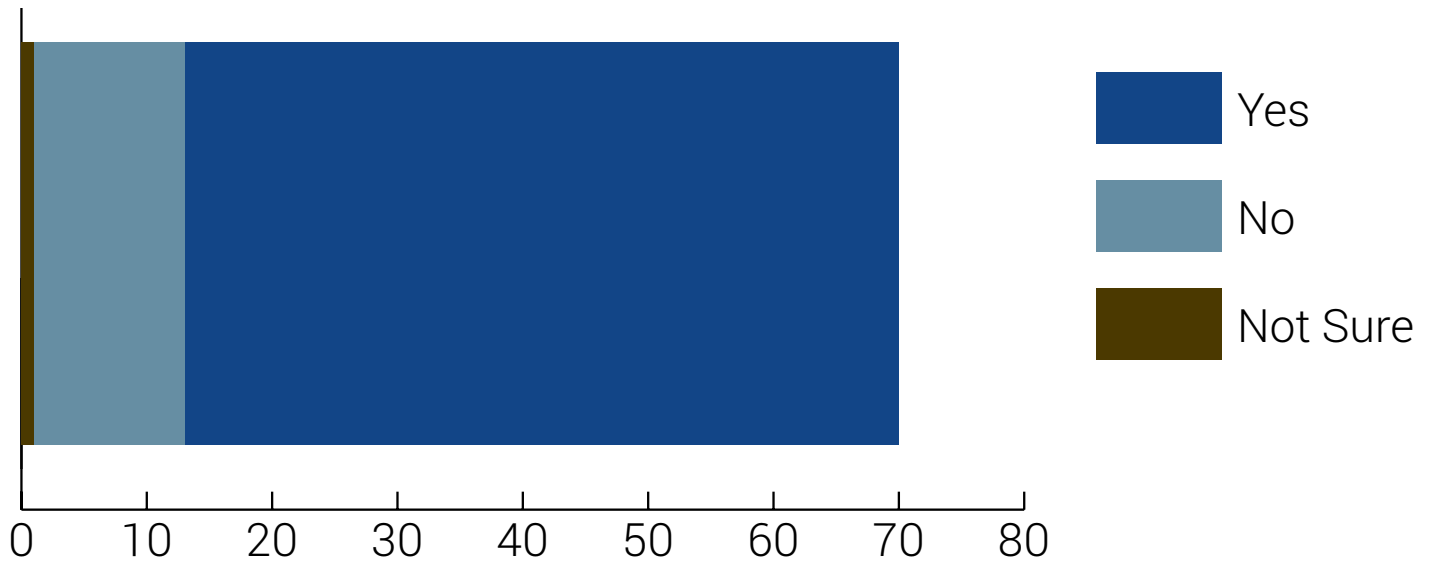
65%
of survey takers have seen an
INCREASE
IN THE AMOUNT
OF HOMELESS

Have you experienced **CUSTOMER/CLIENT COMPLAINTS** related to homelessness in the past 12 months?



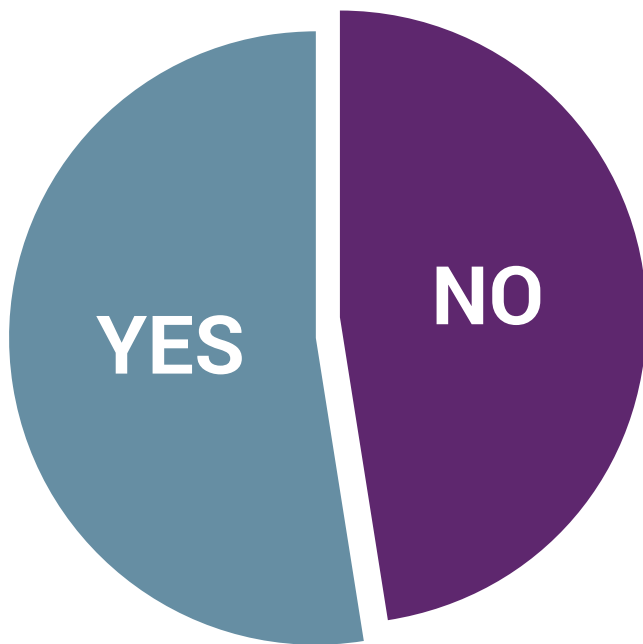
72%
of survey takers have received
**CUSTOMER
COMPLAINTS**

Have you experienced **STAFF COMPLAINTS** related to homelessness in the past 12 months?



81%
of survey takers have received
**STAFF
COMPLAINTS**

Have you **FELT UNSAFE** operating your business?



52%
of survey takers
HAVE FELT UNSAFE

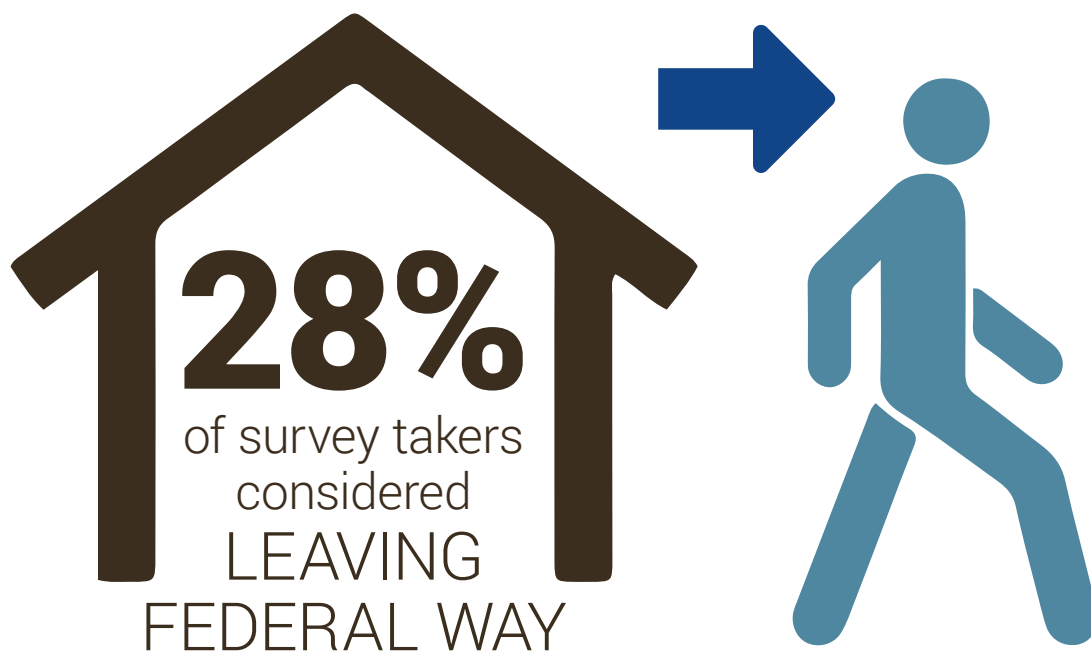
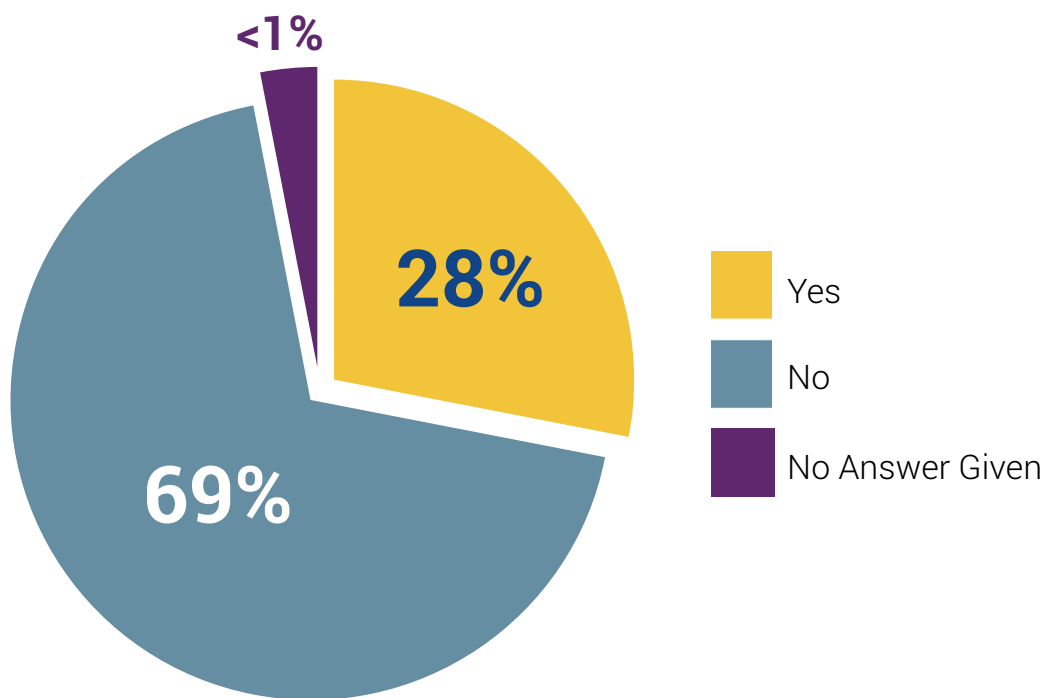
“ I have lost many good people and managers that don't want to work in Federal Way. They felt unsafe. Makes it hard to retain good talent. ”

Has your business seen a **LOSS OF REVENUE** due to homelessness? Estimate the cost.



Unknown thousands hard to estimate
15% We are down 10% N/A
 ~\$40,000 - \$50,000 \$2,300
 N/A \$5,000 \$20,000 thousands
 thousands of dollars Vandalism to electric & water, costly to nonprofit
I can't give an exact number.

Have you considered **LEAVING FEDERAL WAY** to open a business elsewhere due to homelessness concerns?



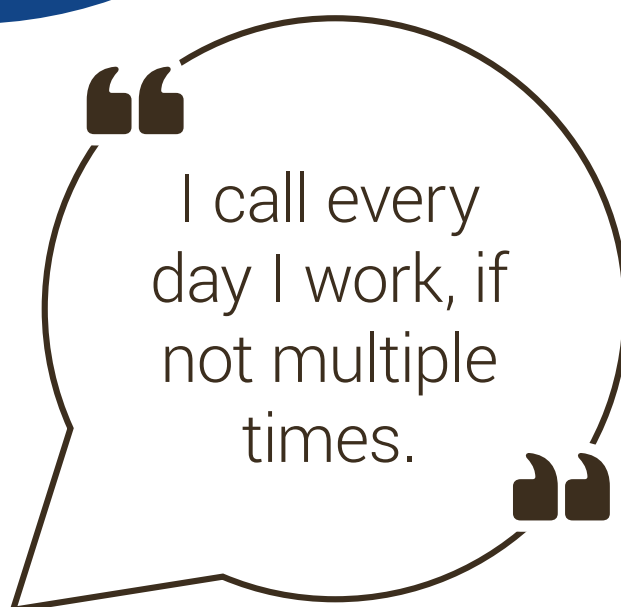
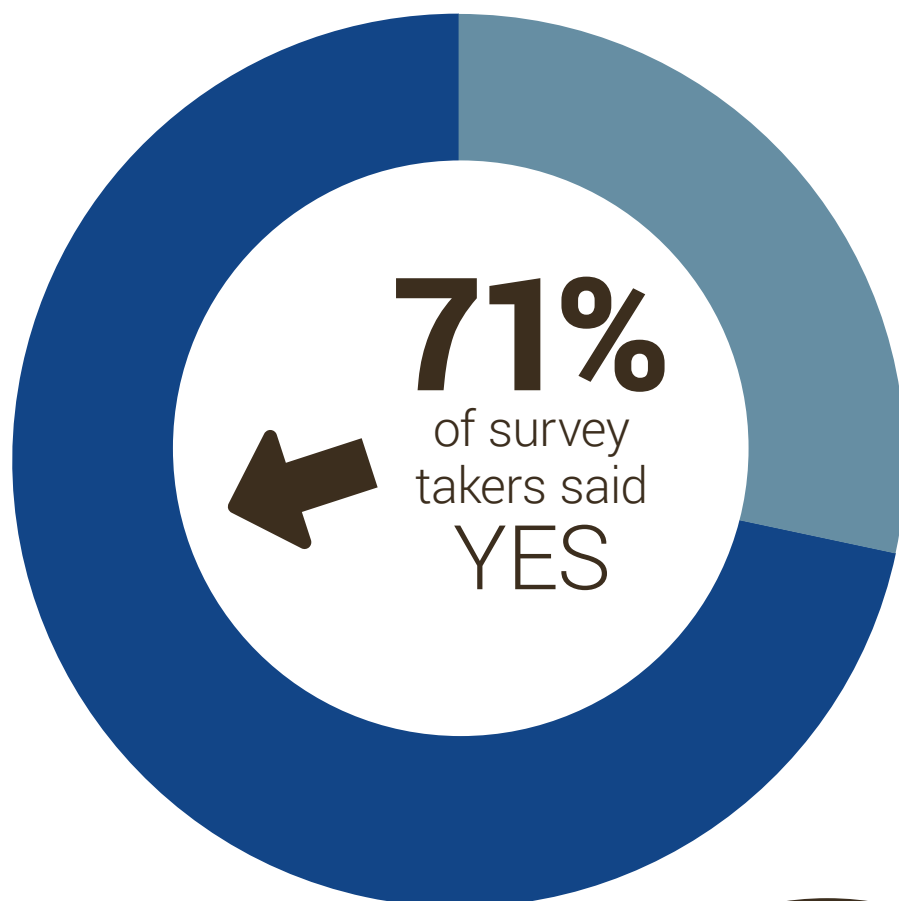
In the past 12 months, has your business
EXPERIENCED ANY OF THESE PROBLEMS associated
with homelessness?



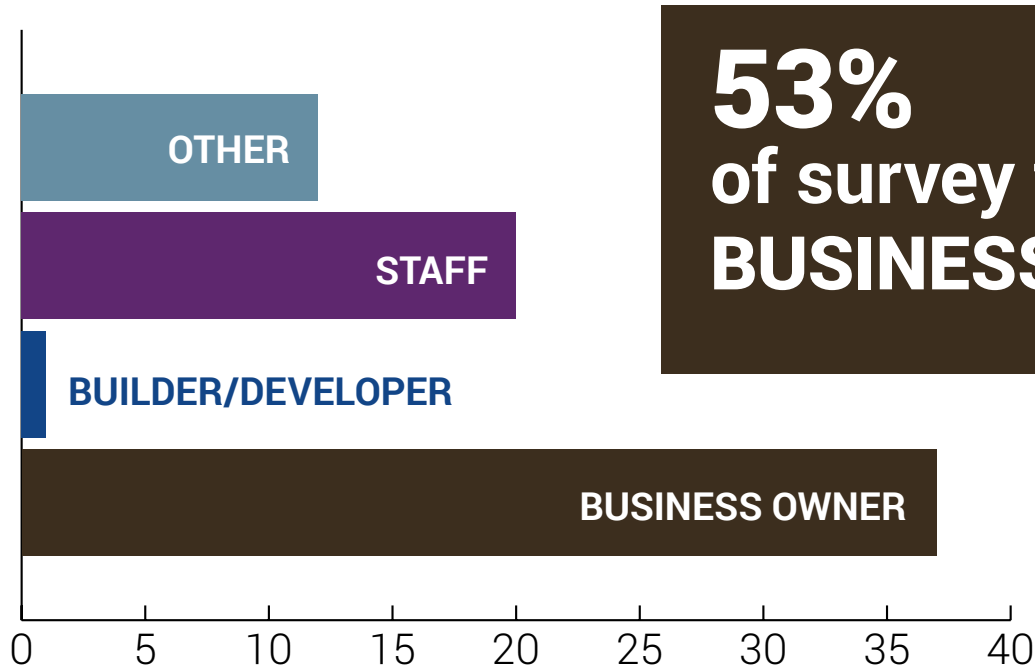
23%
of survey takers chose
**PEOPLE TRESPASSING OR SLEEPING
AT YOUR PLACE OF BUSINESS**

“ Associates are fearful to go to
their car or outside to break ”

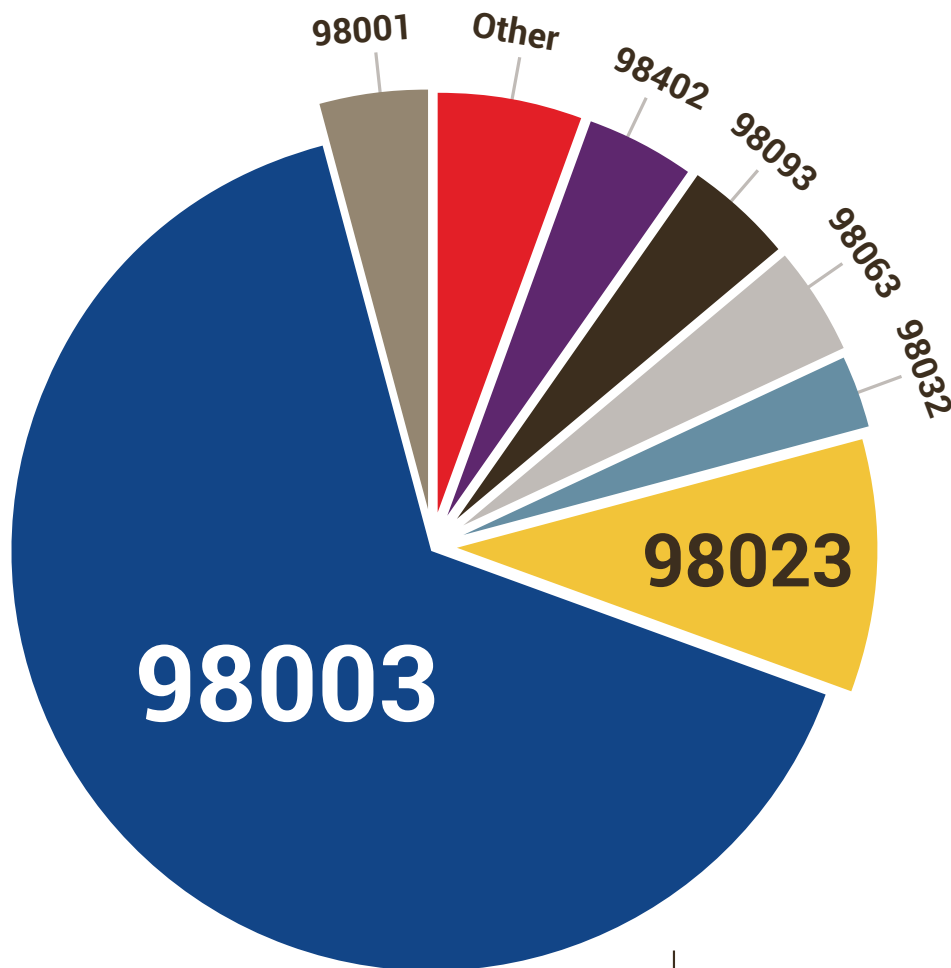
Have you had to **CALL THE POLICE** due to homeless disruptions?



Which of these **BEST DESCRIBES YOU?**



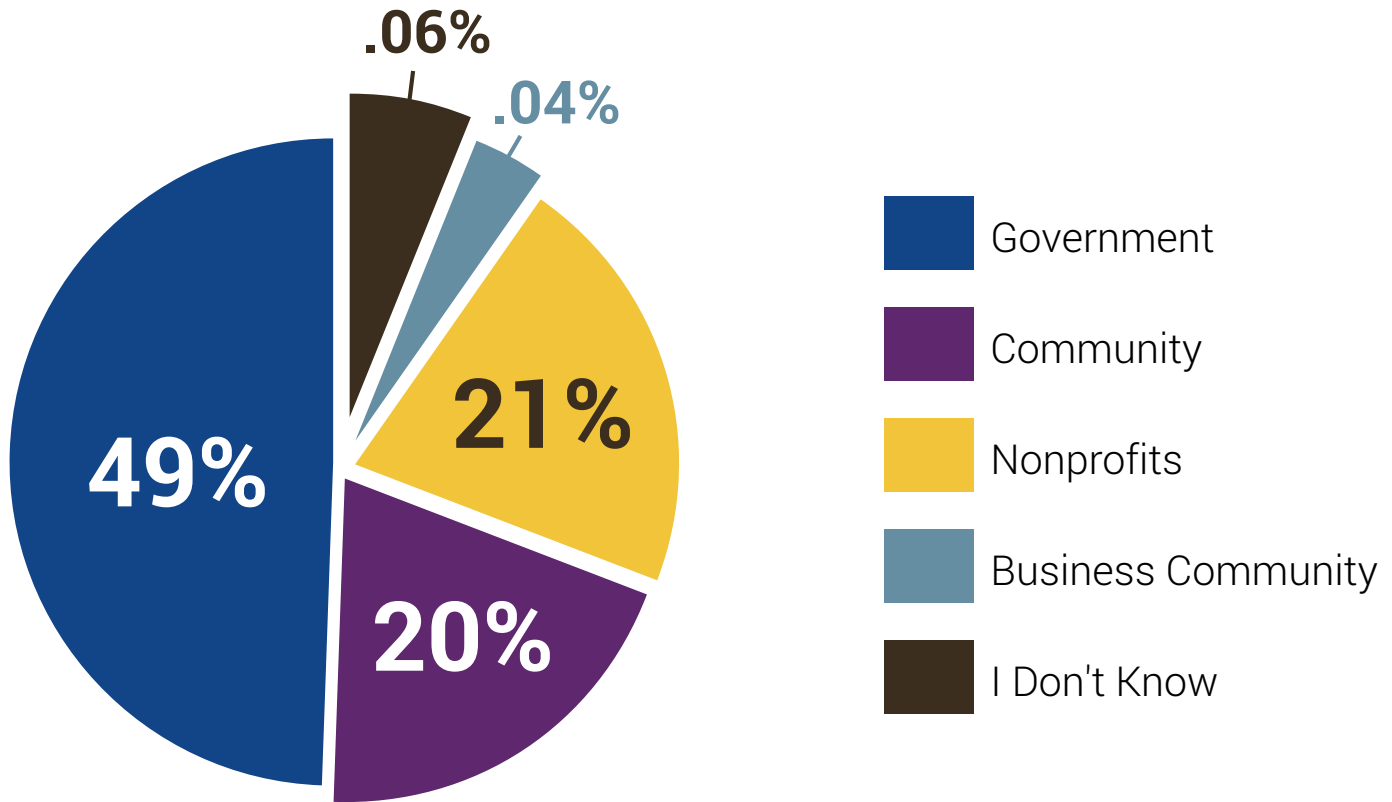
Survey participants by **ZIP CODE**



65%
of survey takers
businesses were from
98003

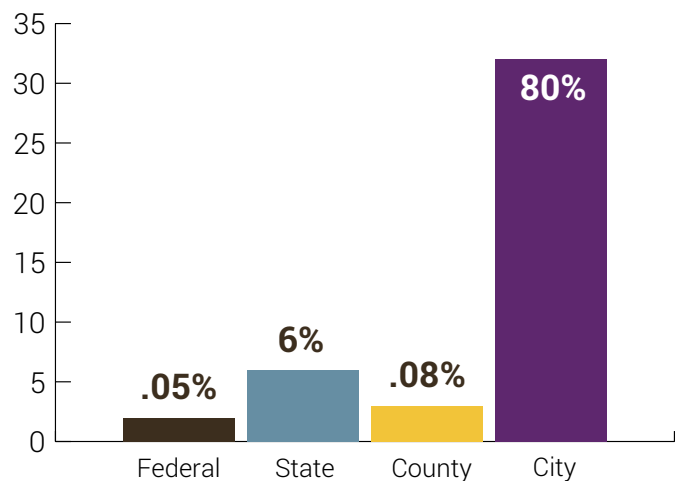
**Other: Only 1 submission each (98402, 98401, 98409, 98422)*

Which groups/organizations do you **FEEL ARE RESPONSIBLE** for addressing homelessness?

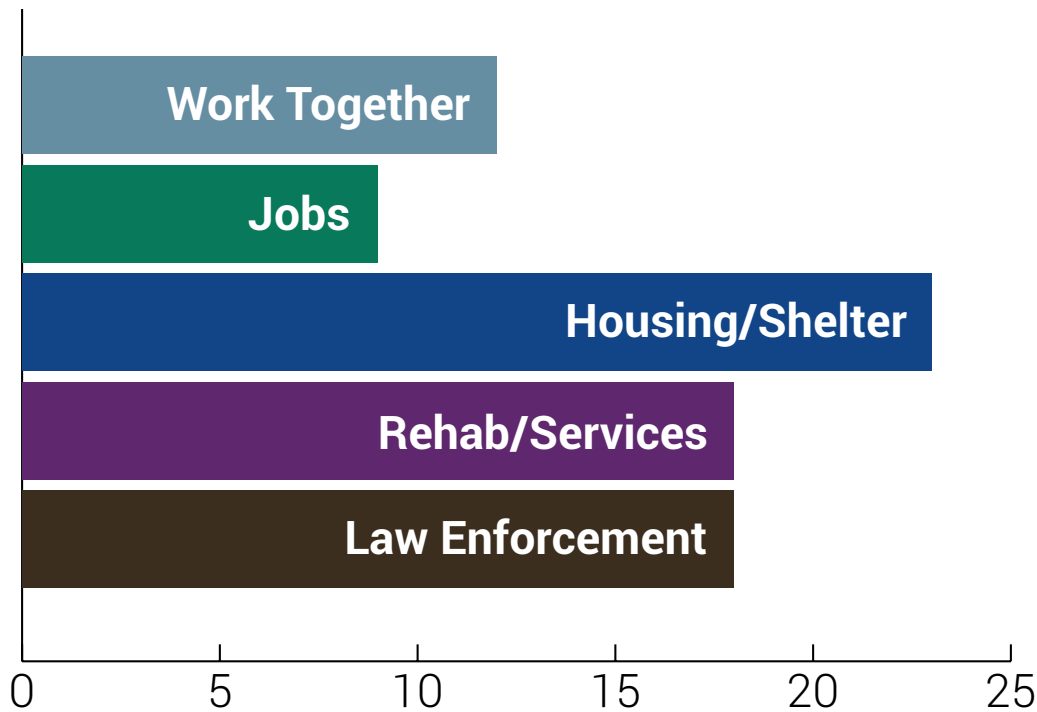


49%
of survey takers feel
GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE

Government Subset



Homelessness is both a national and local crisis. What would you **PROPOSE AS A SOLUTION** for our local community?



29%
of survey takers
believe a solution is
HOUSING

“

Housing first,
then rehabilitate if
possible, then steer
to resources

”



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