

Combined Opinion Survey Results:

Elk Creek, Inter-Canyon, and North Fork
Fire Protection Districts

November 16th – December 14th, 2022



Survey Goals

This community-wide survey will help determine the next steps relative to the potential for consolidation and tax increases. Specifically, the survey's purpose was to:

- Learn more about the community's perception on fire and emergency services and preparedness
- Gauge general awareness about the services provided by the District
- Understand the community's satisfaction with the quality offered by the District
- Determine the community's attitudes toward potential consolidation



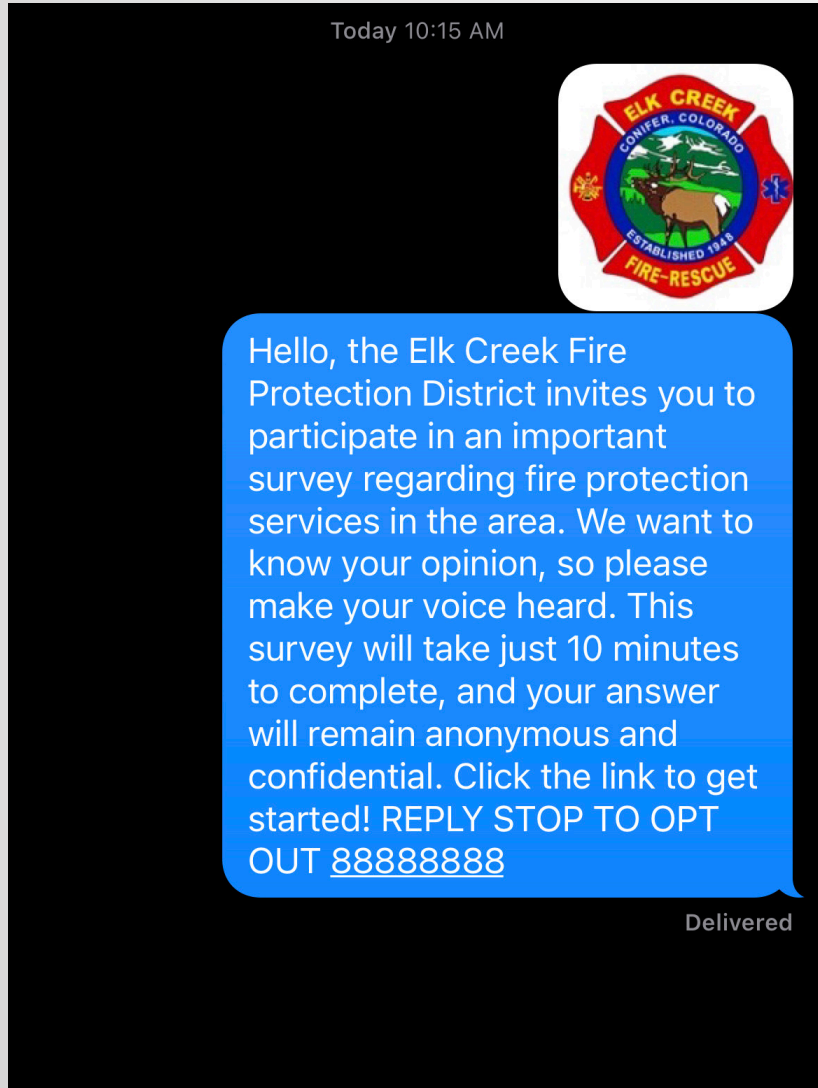
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Methodology



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- The interviews were conducted from November 16th – December 14th, 2022.
- The survey data was weighted to be representative of voter turnout demographics for an odd-year election in the Elk Creek Fire Protection District.
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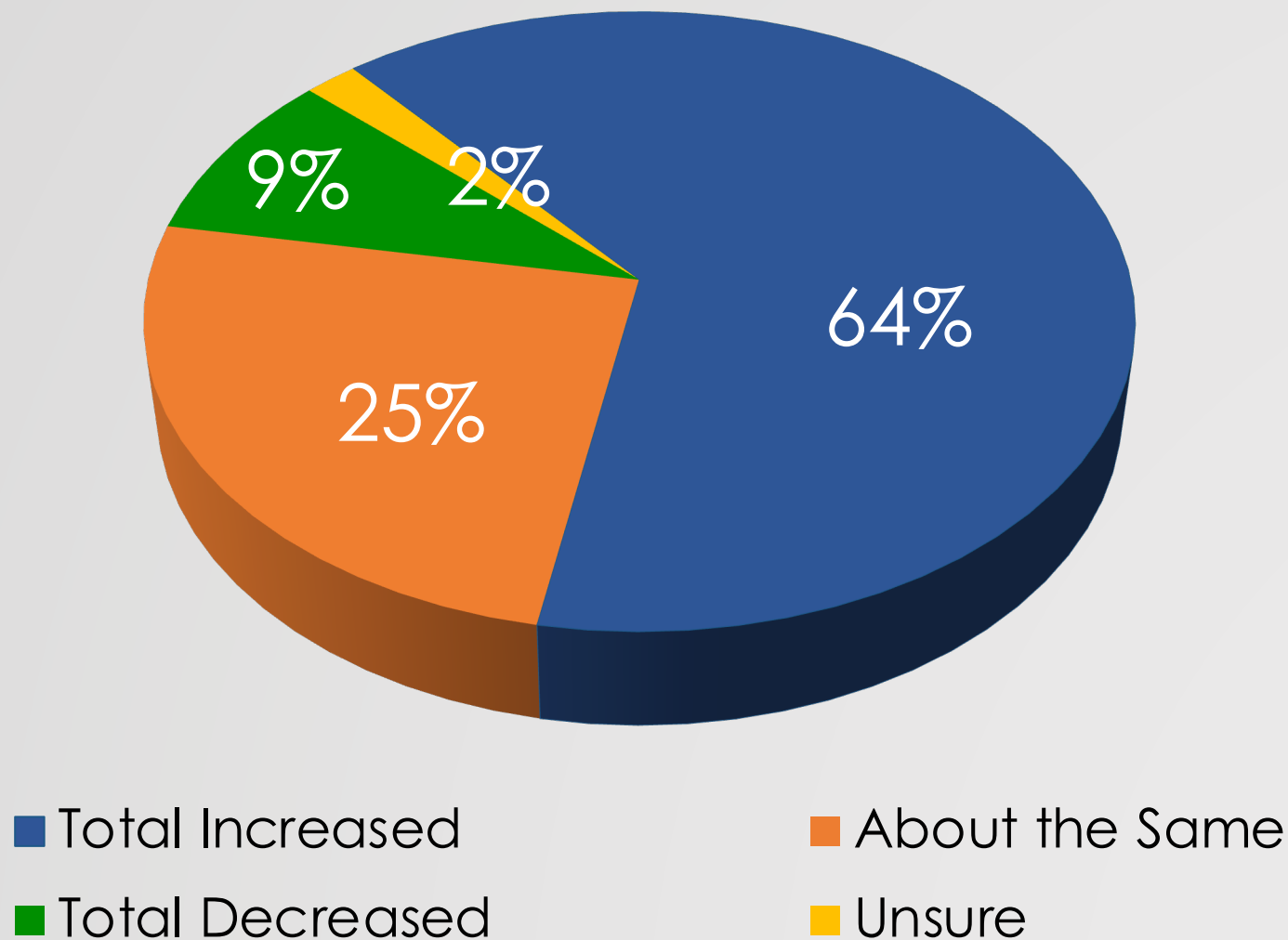
Elk Creek Fire Protection District

Voter Registration and Turnout Demographics

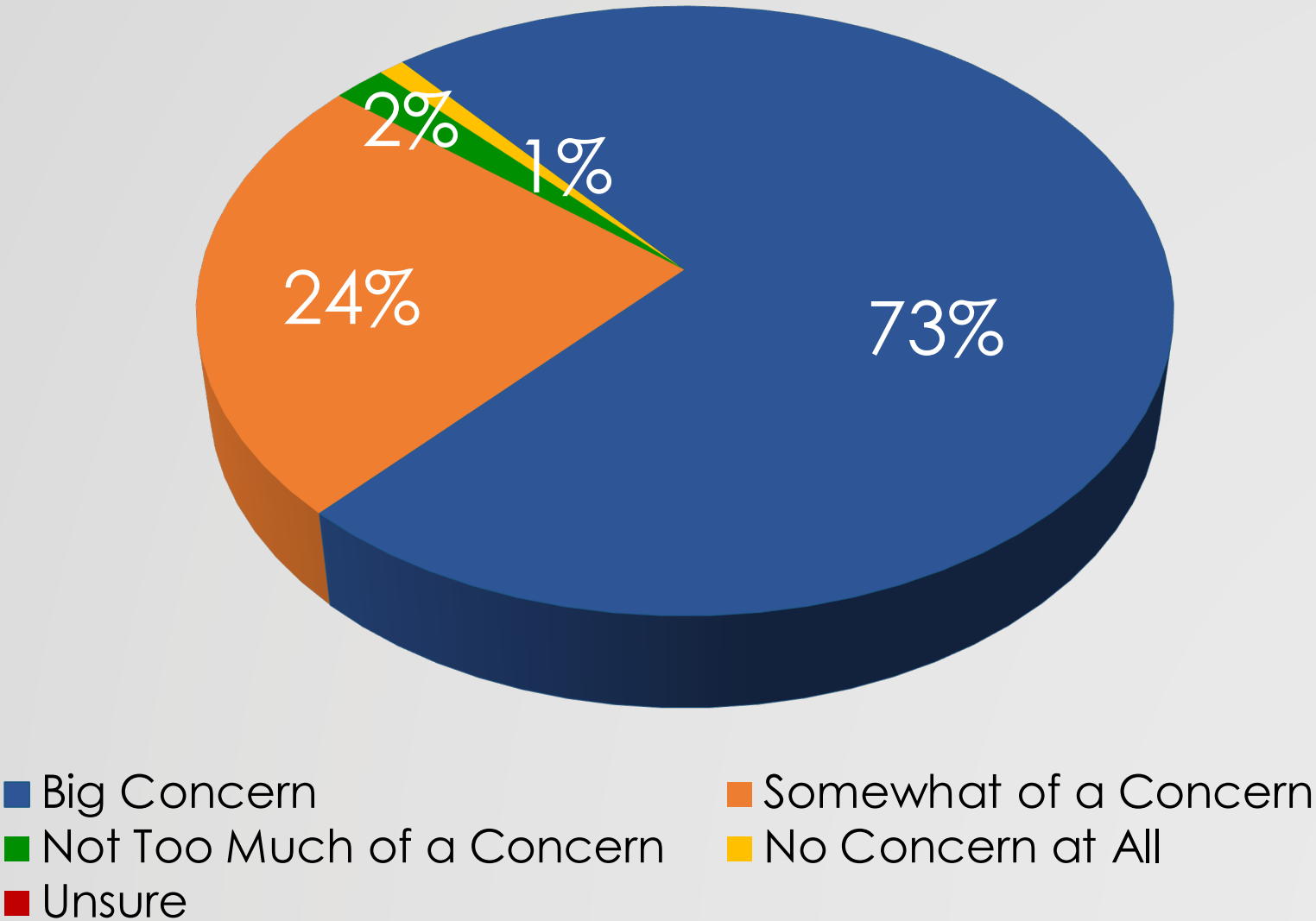
Magellan Strategies Elk Creek Fire Protection District Voter Registration and Past Voter Turnout Demographics

Sex	Registration		2022 Turnout		2021 Turnout		2020 Turnout		2019 Turnout	
Female	5,646	49.1%	3,953	49.5%	2,507	49.7%	4,758	49.4%	2,801	49.6%
Male	5,851	50.9%	4,031	50.5%	2,542	50.3%	4,864	50.6%	2,846	50.4%
Total	11,497		7,984		5,049		9,622		5,647	
Age Group	Registration		2022 Turnout		2021 Turnout		2020 Turnout		2019 Turnout	
18-34	2,230	19.4%	992	12.4%	401	7.9%	1,592	16.5%	518	9.2%
35-44	1,973	17.2%	1,255	15.7%	613	12.1%	1,599	16.6%	677	12.0%
45-54	1,964	17.1%	1,413	17.7%	800	15.8%	1,726	17.9%	934	16.5%
55-64	2,446	21.3%	1,917	24.0%	1,272	25.2%	2,346	24.4%	1,683	29.8%
65+	2,884	25.1%	2,407	30.1%	1,963	38.9%	2,359	24.5%	1,835	32.5%
Total	11,497		7,984		5,049		9,622		5,647	
Party	Registration		2022 Turnout		2021 Turnout		2020 Turnout		2019 Turnout	
Unaffiliated	5,484	47.7%	3,606	45.2%	2,061	40.8%	4,133	43.0%	2,131	37.7%
Republican	3,229	28.1%	2,319	29.0%	1,606	31.8%	3,013	31.3%	1,979	35.0%
Democrat	2,565	22.3%	1,940	24.3%	1,313	26.0%	2,301	23.9%	1,434	25.4%
Libertarian	164	1.4%	92	1.2%	54	1.1%	131	1.4%	77	1.4%
Green	24	0.2%	16	0.2%	6	0.1%	22	0.2%	15	0.3%
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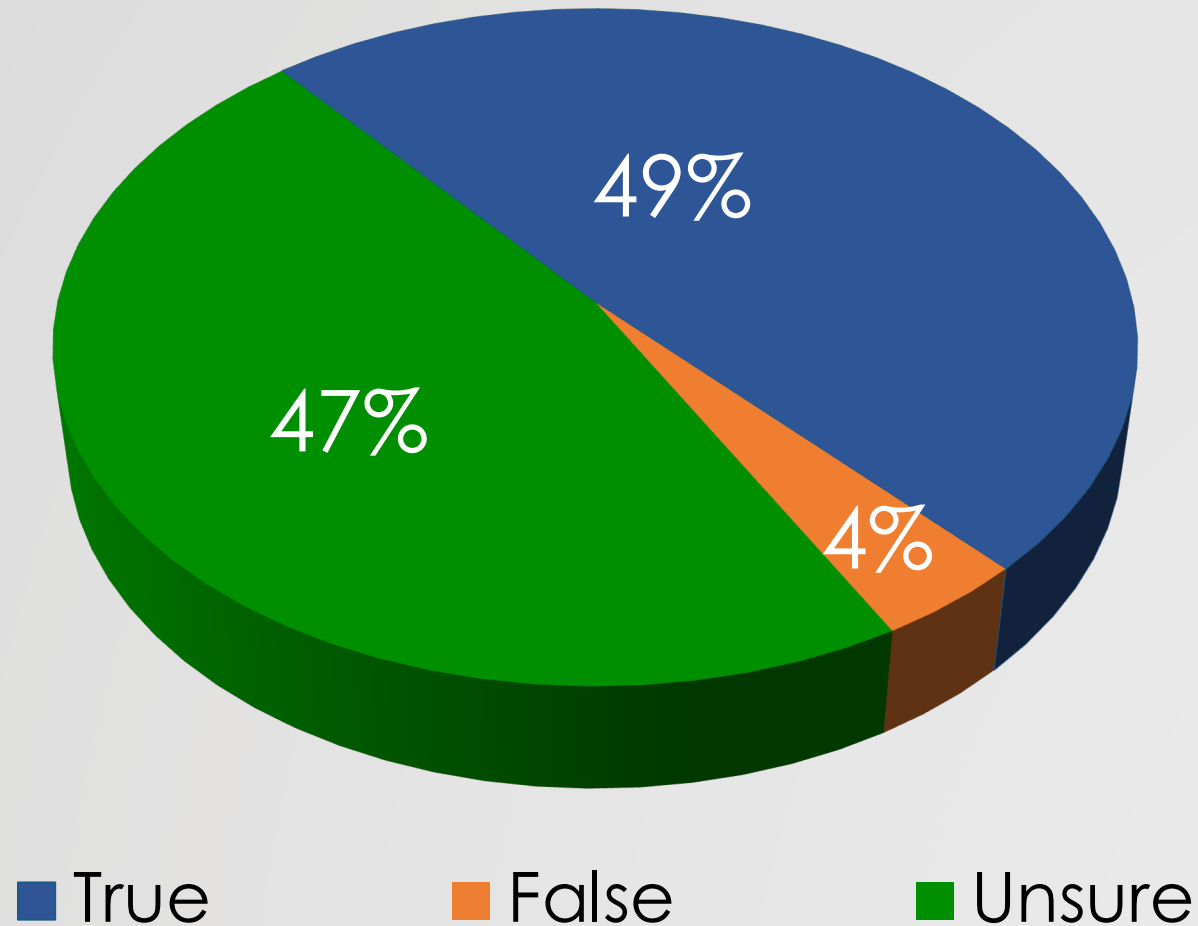
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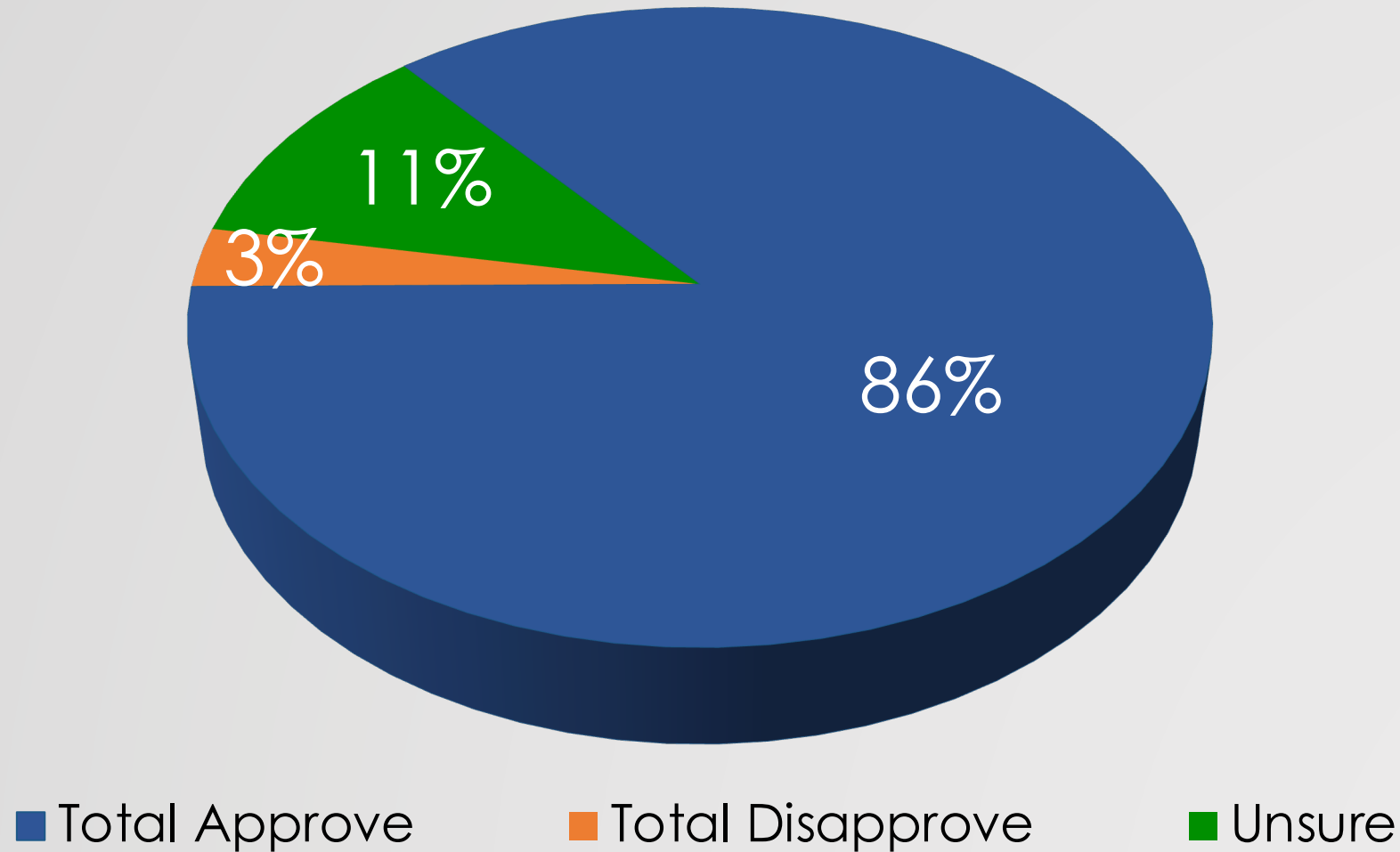
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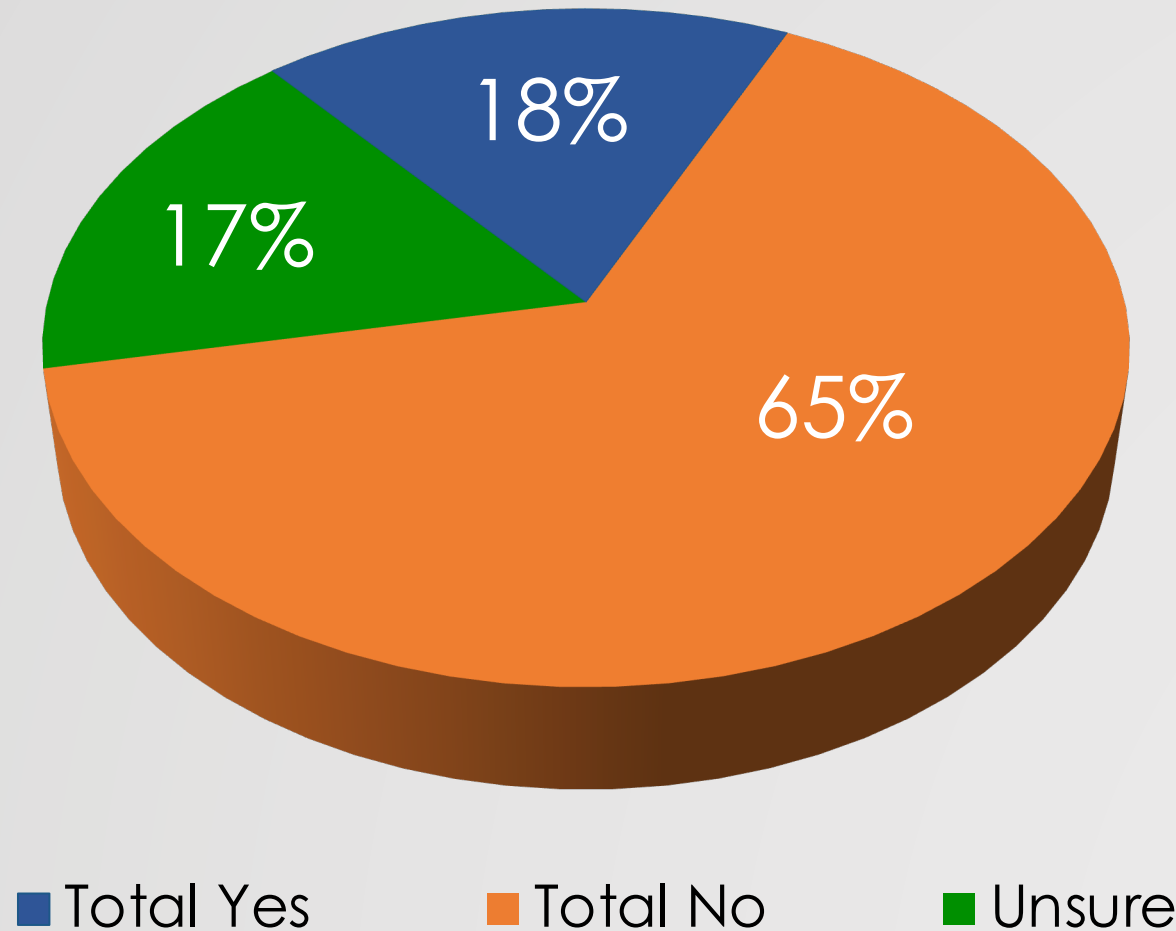
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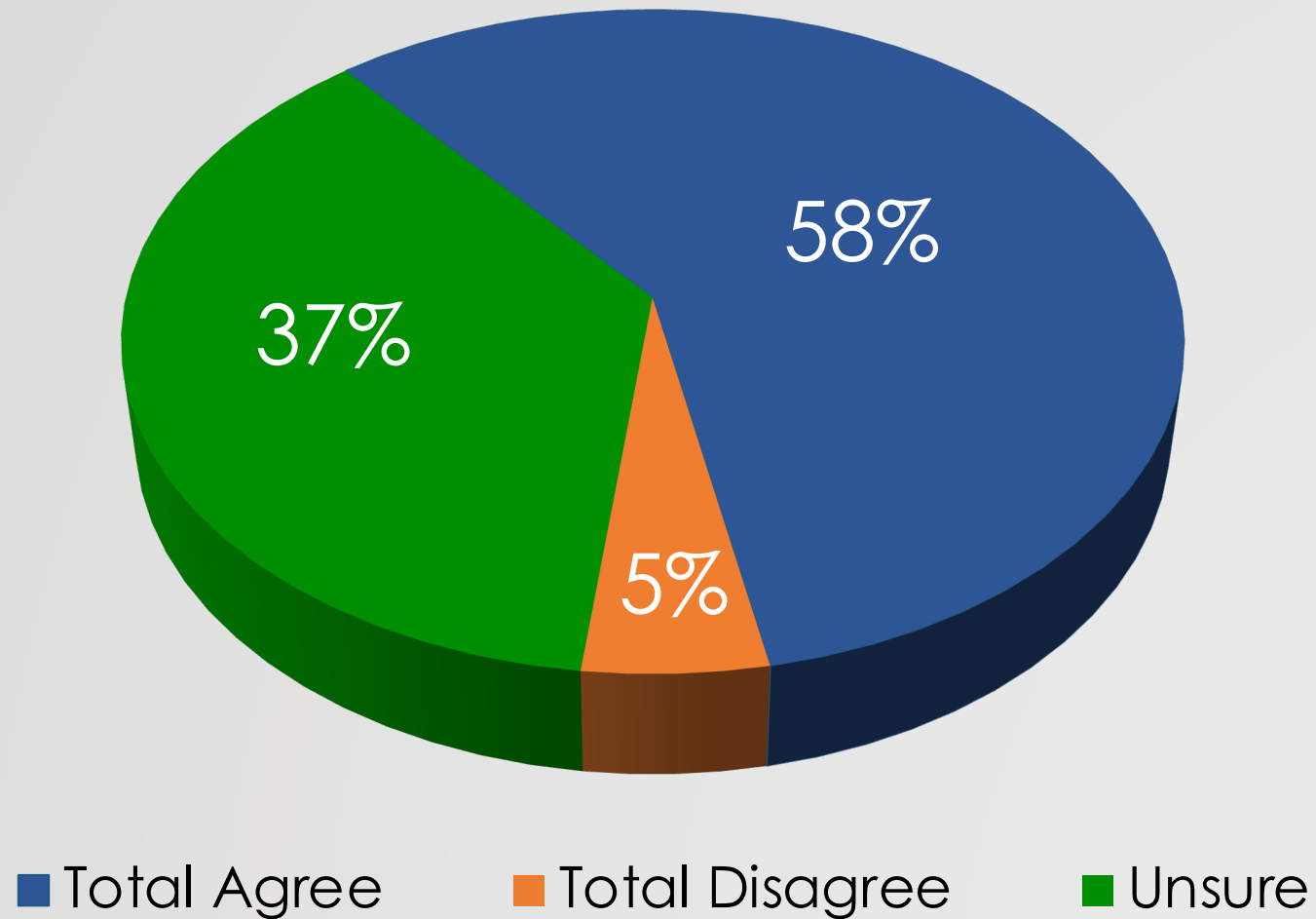
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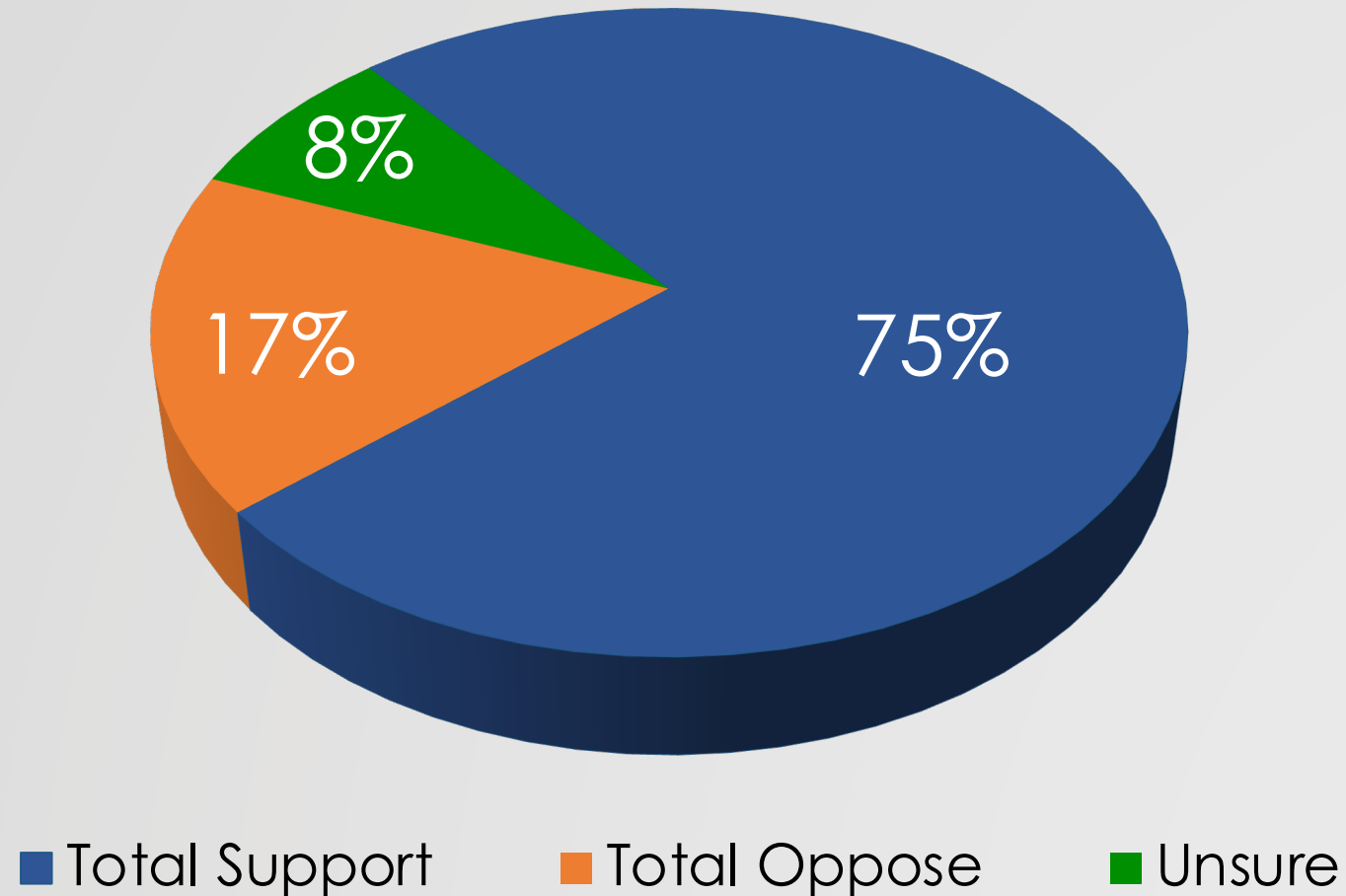
Do you think the Elk Creek Fire Protection District has the financial resources needed to provide an acceptable amount of fire protection services in your community?



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
“The Elk Creek Fire Protection District is fiscally responsible and spends taxpayer money wisely.”



Would you support or oppose a property tax increase to generate additional funding for your local fire protection district?



16 Mill Levy Tax Increase and Consolidation Uninformed Question



Elk Creek Fire Protection District Consolidation and Mill Levy Tax Increase at 16 Mills

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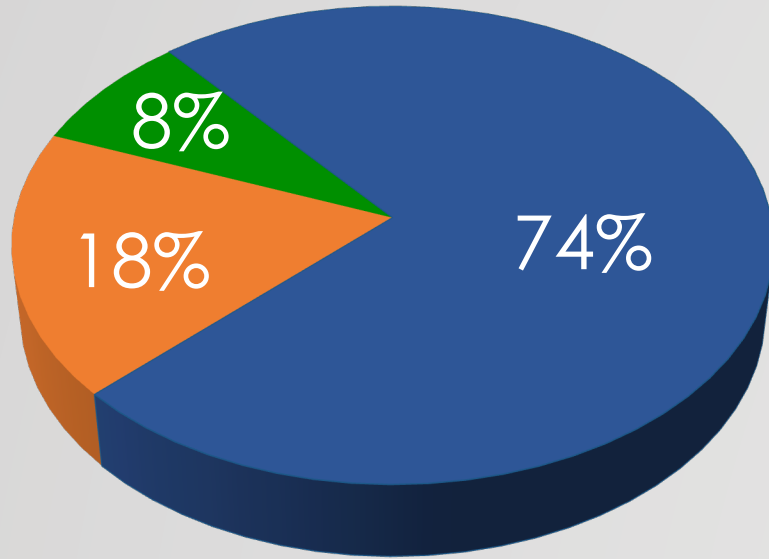
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For voters who currently live in the Elk Creek Fire Protection District, the ballot question would increase the current fire district mill levy from 12.5 to 16 mills. The mill levy increase would cost a homeowner about \$121.63 annually, or \$10.14 a month for a home valued at \$500,000.

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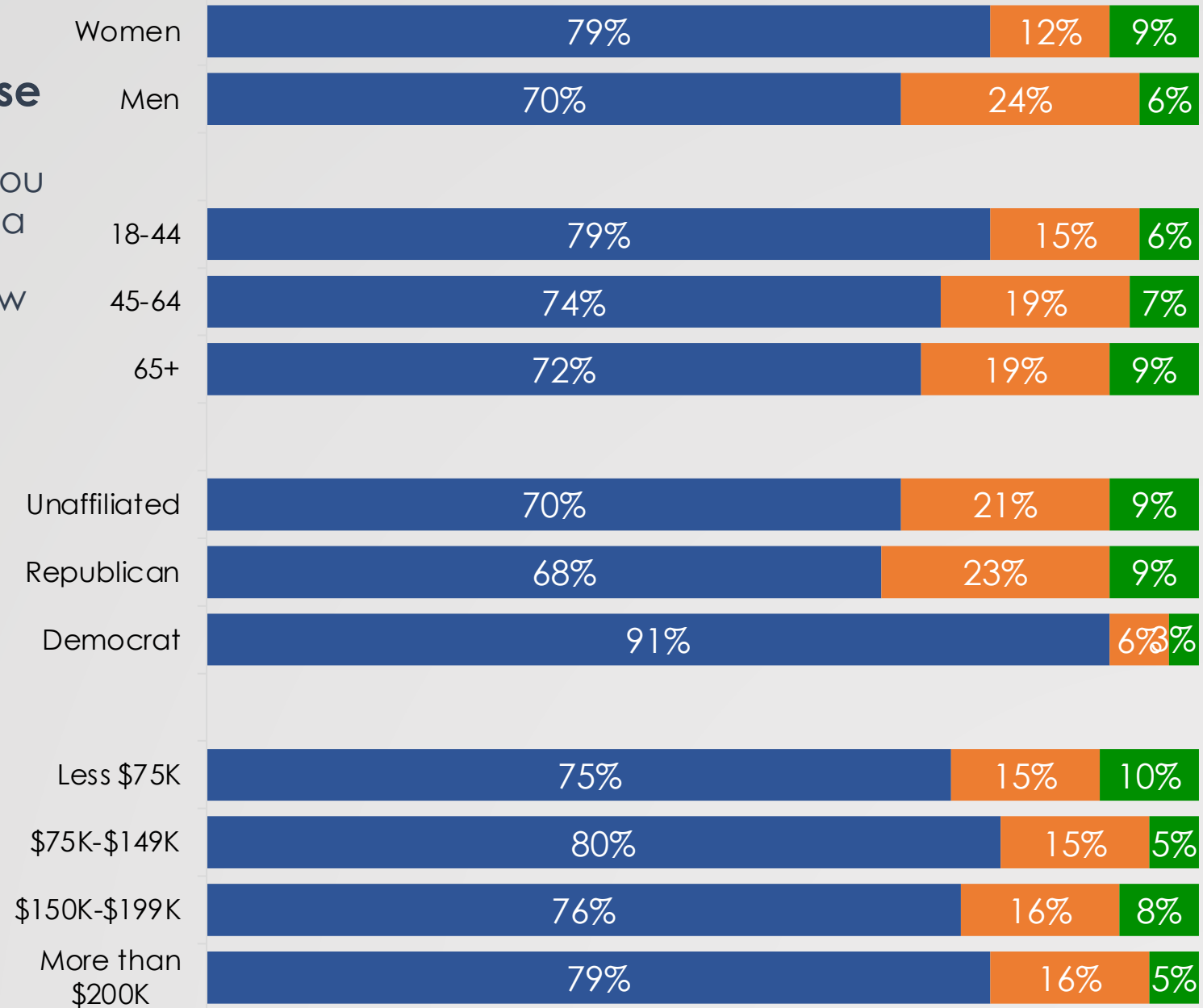


■ Total Yes, Approve

■ Total No, Reject

■ Undecided

Definitely Yes, Approve	42%
Probably Yes, Approve	32%
Definitely No, Reject	8%
Probably No, Reject	10%



■ Total Yes, Approve ■ Total No, Reject ■ Undecided

Consolidation and 16 Mill Increase Information Questions



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Ranked By Total Much More Likely

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Consolidation and 16 Mill Increase Ballot Measure Information Questions

Top Three Messages For Elk Creek Fire Protection District

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Top Three Messages

The 400 square miles covered by the three fire districts are some of the highest risk wildfire areas in the state.

85%

As mentioned before the three fire districts rely very heavily on volunteer firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics. If the mill levy increase were to pass, it will allow the consolidated fire protection district to hire more firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics.

85%

If the mill levy tax increase were to pass next November, the consolidated fire protection district would be able to cover increased costs for fire safety equipment and medical instruments. In doing so, the district would be able to better serve the population and have better response times.

84%

Elk Creek Fire Protection District Informed Consolidation and 16 Mill Increase Question



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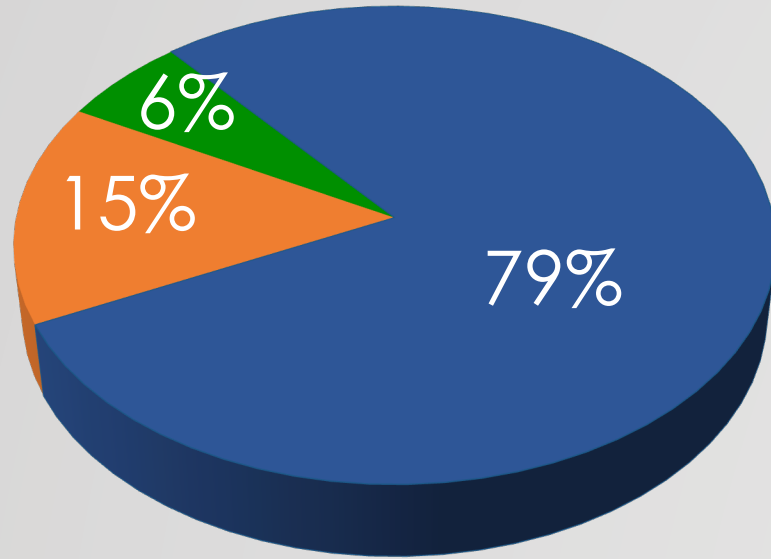
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Elk Creek Fire Protection District

Informed Question

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■ Total Yes, Approve

■ Total No, Reject

■ Undecided

Definitely Yes, Approve	50%
Probably Yes, Approve	29%
Definitely No, Reject	8%
Probably No, Reject	7%

Women

84%

9%

7%

Men

74%

20%

6%

18-44

83%

13%

4%

45-64

78%

16%

6%

65+

78%

15%

7%

Unaffiliated

73%

18%

9%

Republican

76%

17%

7%

Democrat

92%

6%

2%

Less \$75K

80%

15%

5%

\$75K-\$149K

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79%

16%

5%

More than \$200K

85%

11%

4%

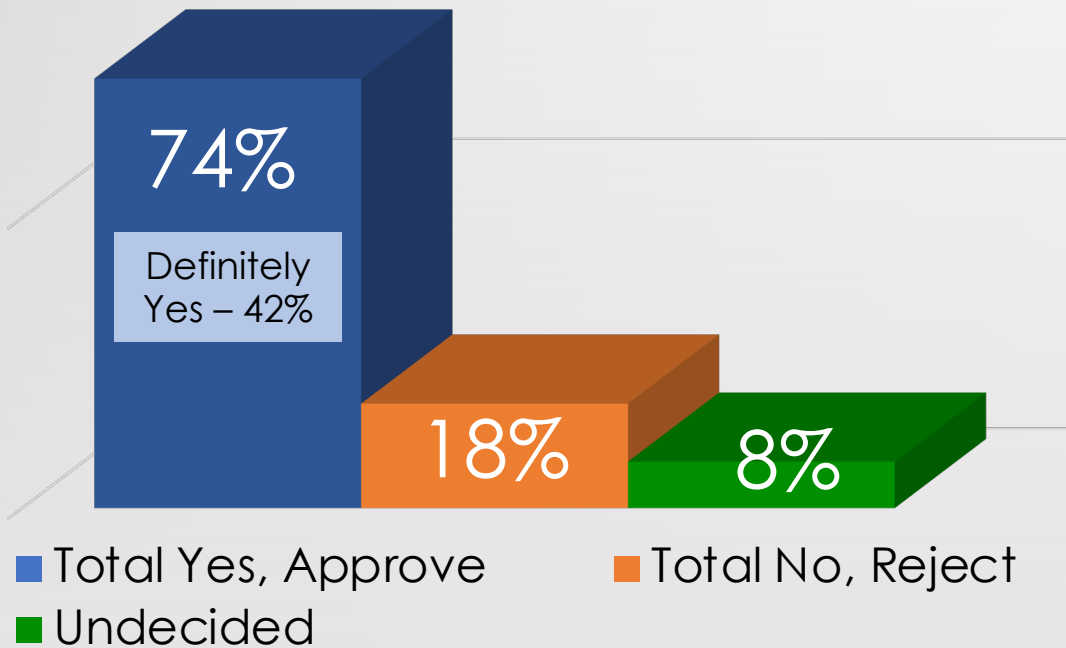
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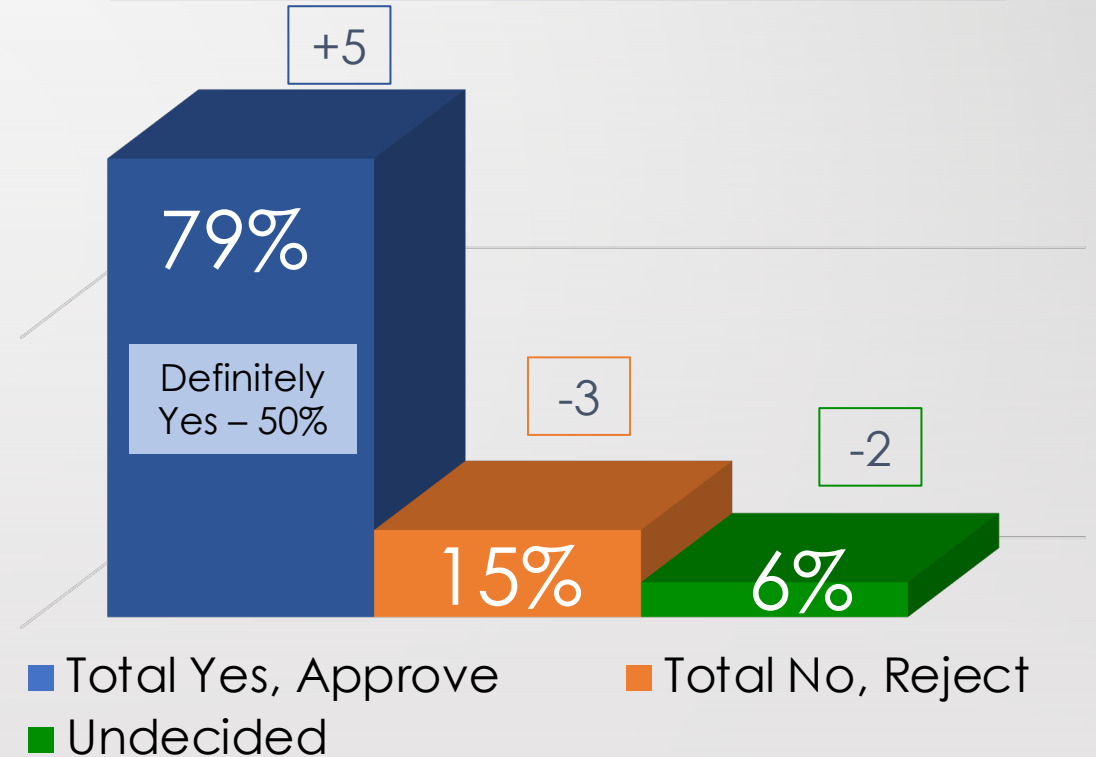
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Elk Creek Fire Protection District Consolidation and 16 Mill Increase Question Movement from Uninformed to Informed

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INFORMED



Elk Creek Fire Protection District **Informed Question** **Consolidation and Mill Levy Tax** **Increase 16 Mills**

Please describe the reasons why you would vote yes and approve the ballot question to increase the mill levy to create and fund a new consolidated fire protection district.

Themes
Vital to the community. Increase Safety.
Risk of fire is increasing. (Growth, Climate Change)
Understanding of need of new equipment, staff.

“Equipment gets old. We need the trained protection. Since the population is increasing, we need an increase in the best quality emergency protection. Went something happens, we need to know it can be well managed.”

-Female, 65+, Unaffiliated

“Add additional full-time personnel, better equipment and training.”

-Female, 35-44, Unaffiliated

“This is a high priority matter and should receive appropriate funding---- case closed!”

-Male, 55-64, Democrat

“Increase in response times, overall increase in safety and services in our community.”

-Female, 35-44, Democrat

“High fire district, need the support of all firefighters, need fast response time for EMT's.”

-Male, 65+, Republican

Elk Creek Fire Protection District

Informed Question

Consolidation and Mill Levy Tax Increase 16 Mills

Please describe the reasons why you would vote no and reject the ballot question to increase the mill levy to create and fund a new consolidated fire protection district.

Themes

Would not vote for tax increase, taxes too high already.

Belief there would be decrease in level of service.

Support consolidating, not tax increase.

"I believe there would be a decrease in services and locations. We are on the edge of coverage now, I don't trust a consolidation move would increase services."

-Male, 55-64, Other Party

"Property values have increased incredibly, and with those increased values, taxes have gone up already."

-Male, 65+, Unaffiliated

"Elk creek can't afford to hire or retain enough paid staff as is... absorbing two other fire departments who have no paid staff doesn't make any sense."

-Male, 18-34, Unaffiliated

"I am 100% supportive of consolidation but you are asking for an outrageous mill levy increase after taxpayers just voted on a major tax hike for the fire department just a couple years ago. Property taxes have been skyrocketing too with property values blowing up the last 3 years."

-Male, 45-54, Democrat

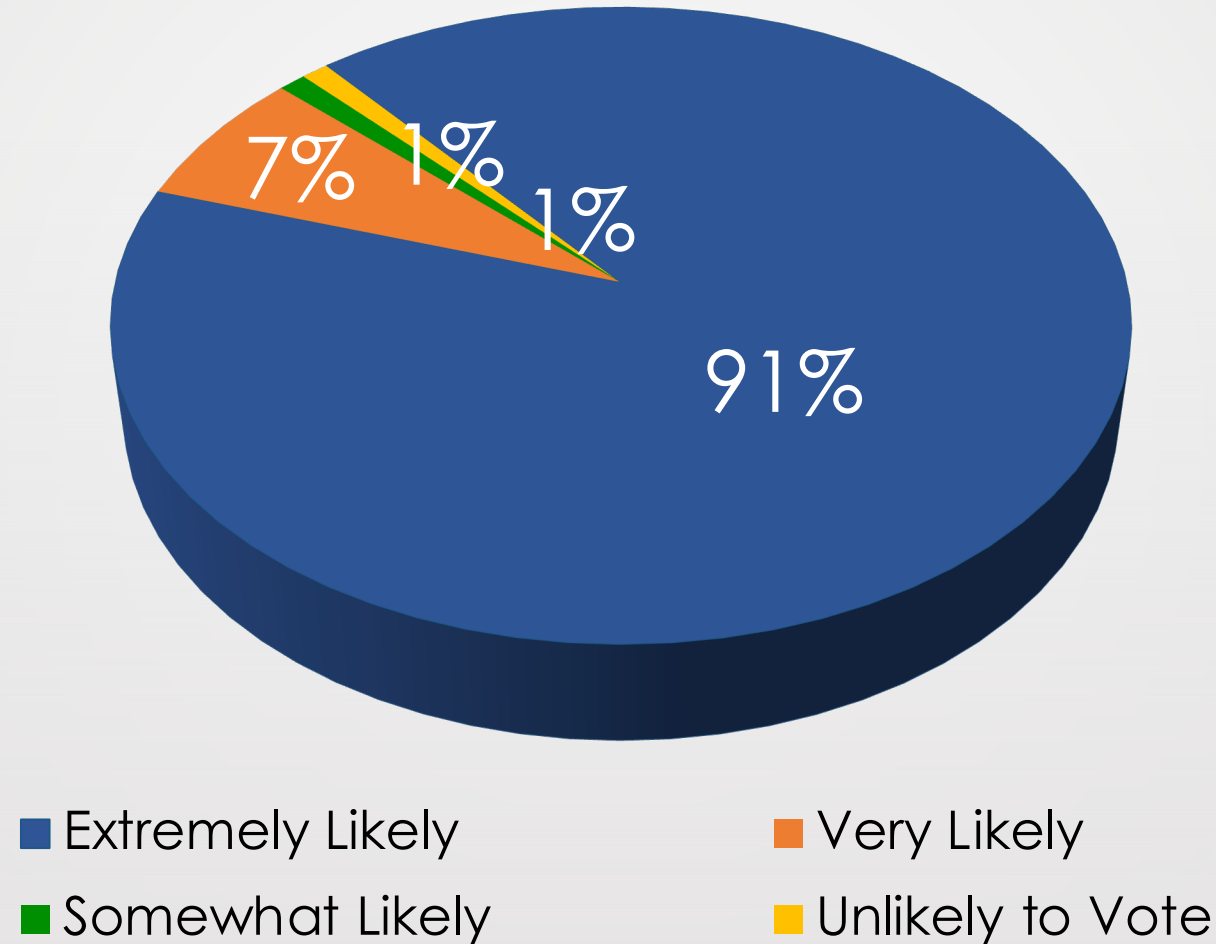
"We are taxed enough. No more new taxes!"

-Female, 45-54, Republican

Survey Demographics

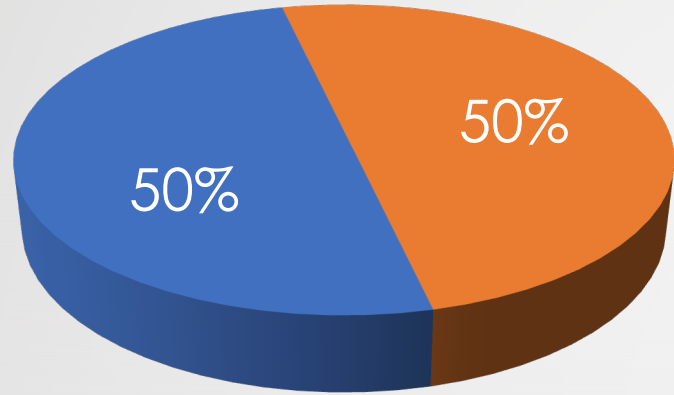


Although it is a long way off, how likely are you to vote in the
November 2023 general election?

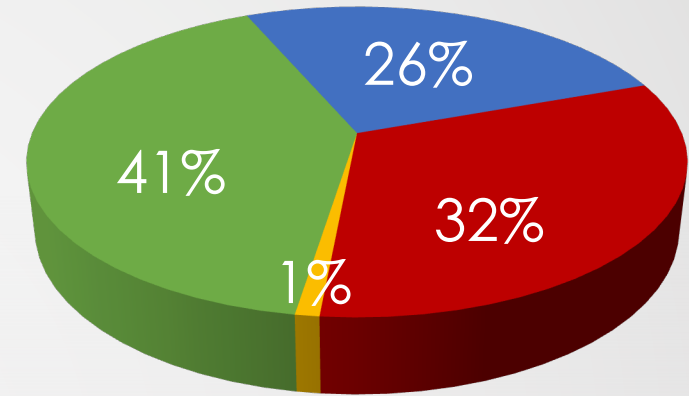


ELK CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

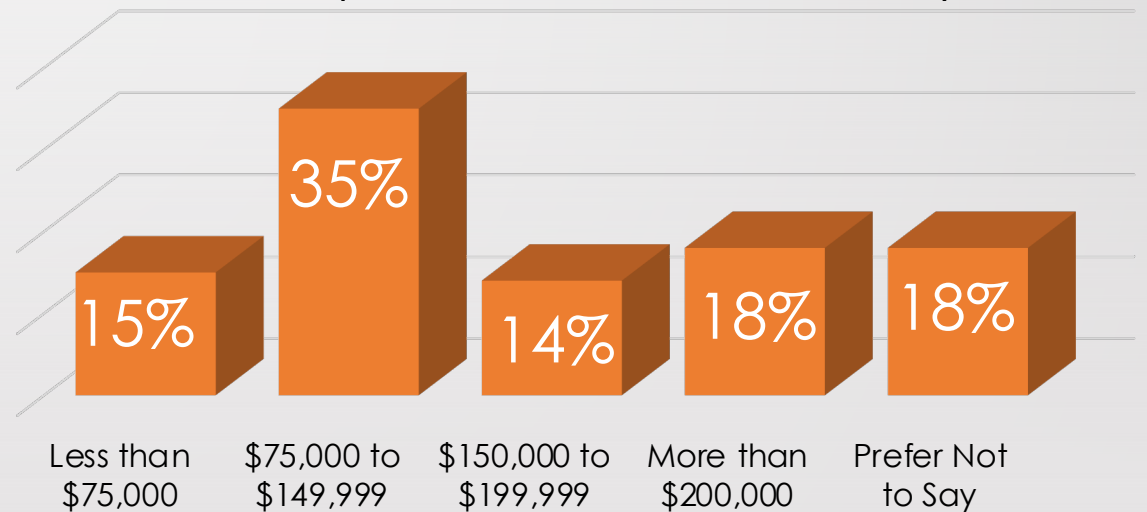
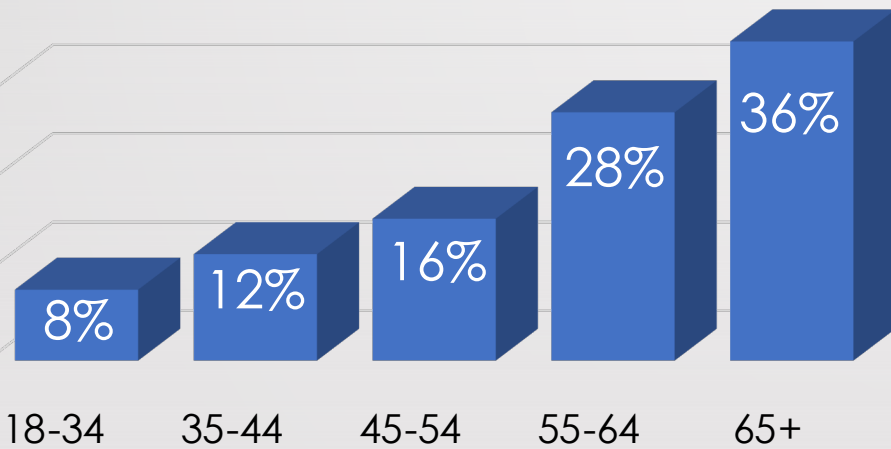
SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS



■ Female ■ Male ■ Identify Differently



■ Unaffiliated ■ Democrat
■ Republican ■ Other Party





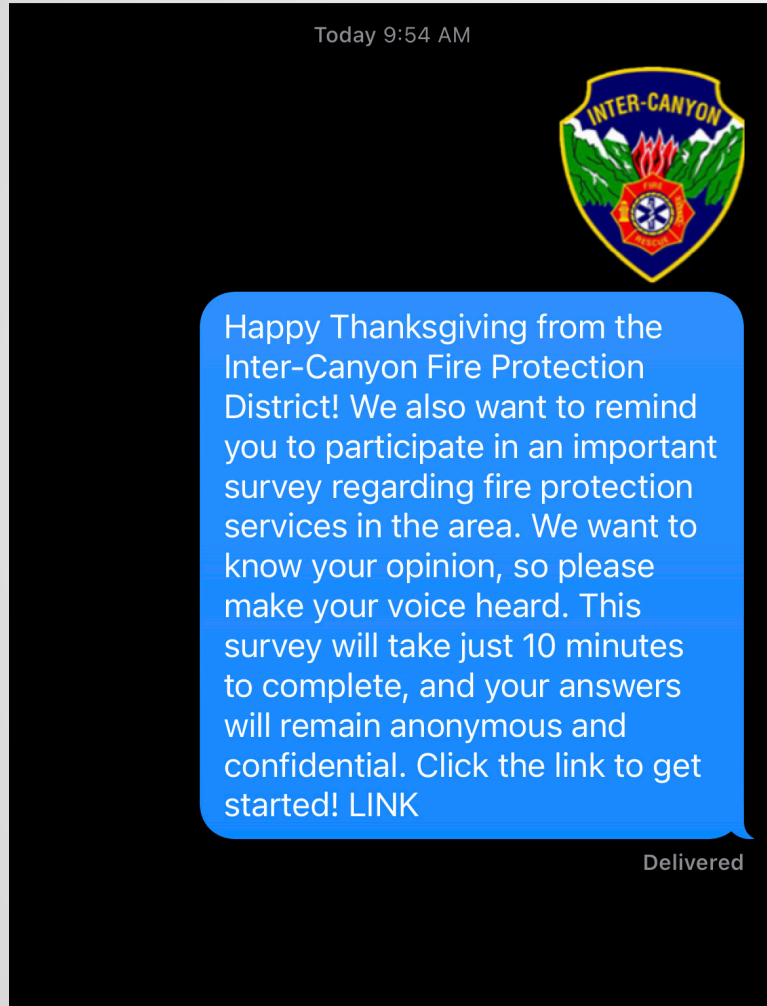
Inter-Canyon Fire Protection Districts Voter Opinion Survey

November 16th – December 14th, 2022

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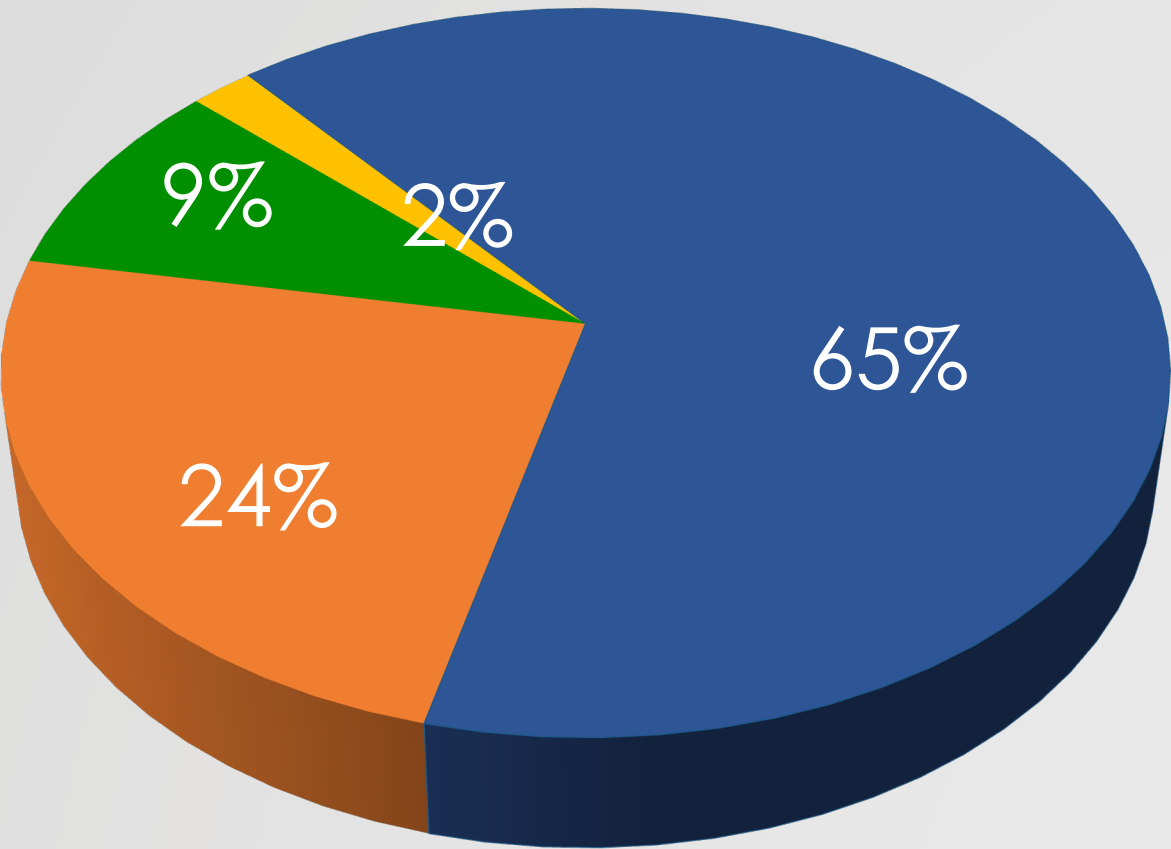
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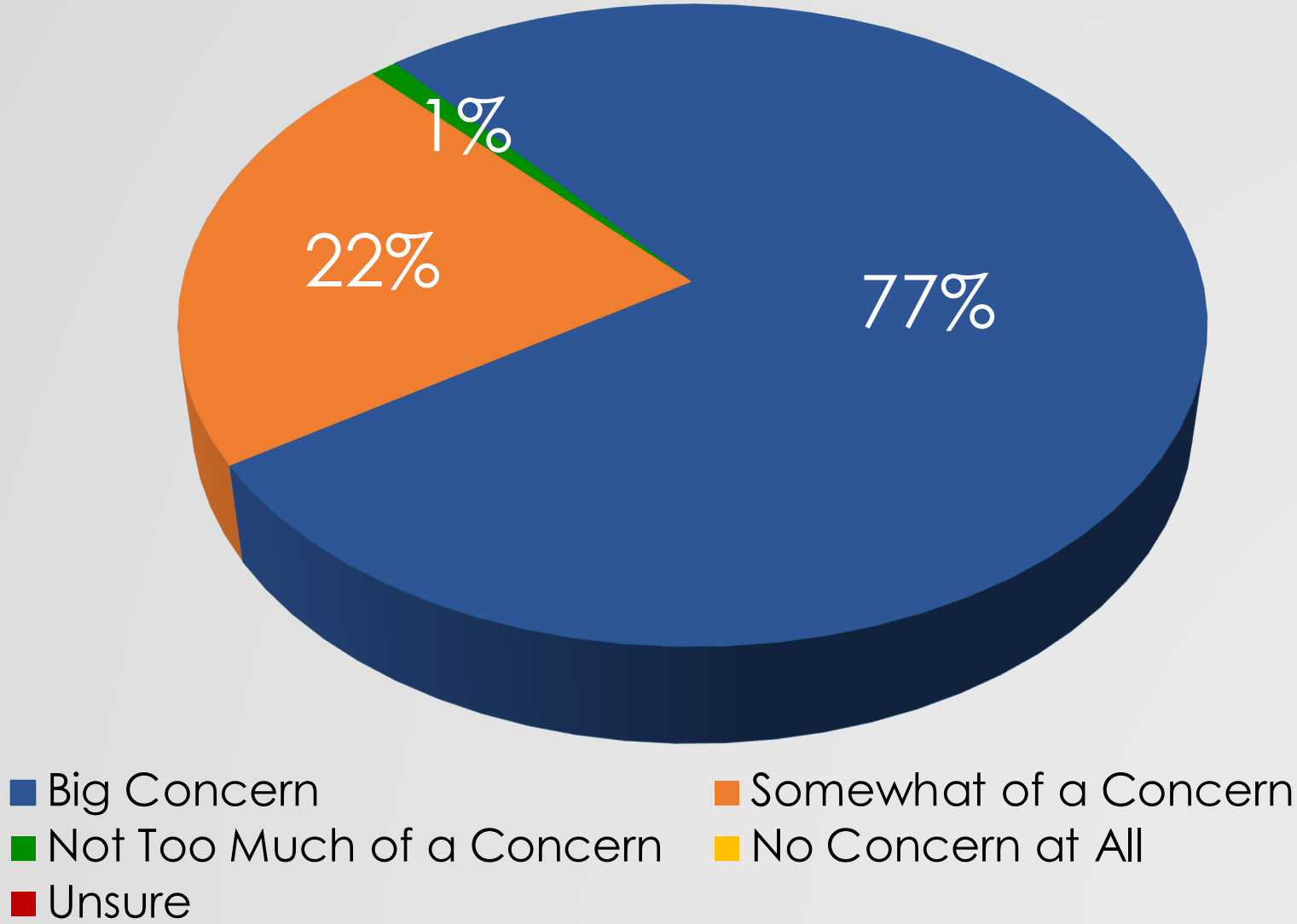
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Male	2,011	51.9%	1,480	51.3%	939	51.2%	1,727	51.3%	972	50.9%
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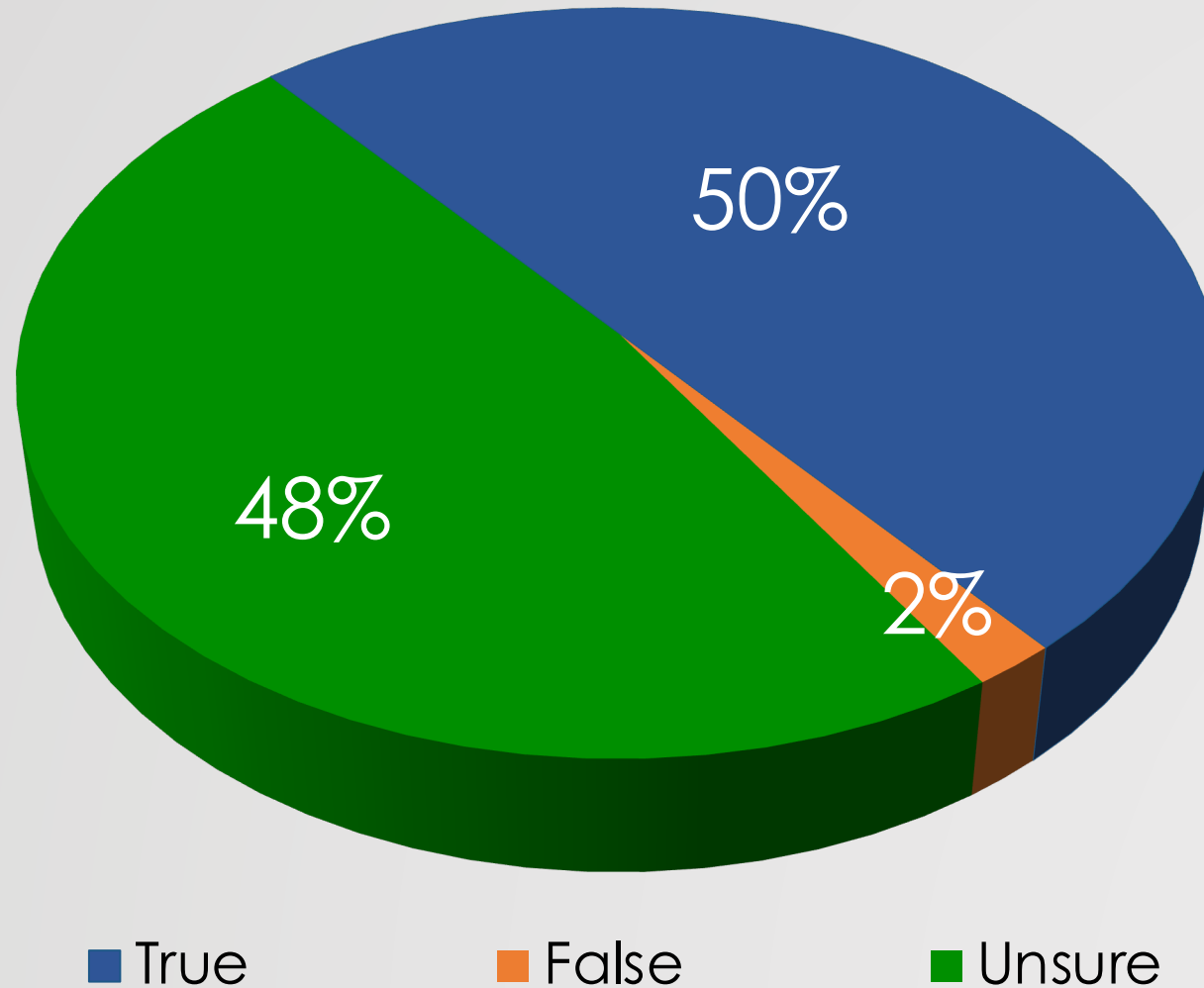


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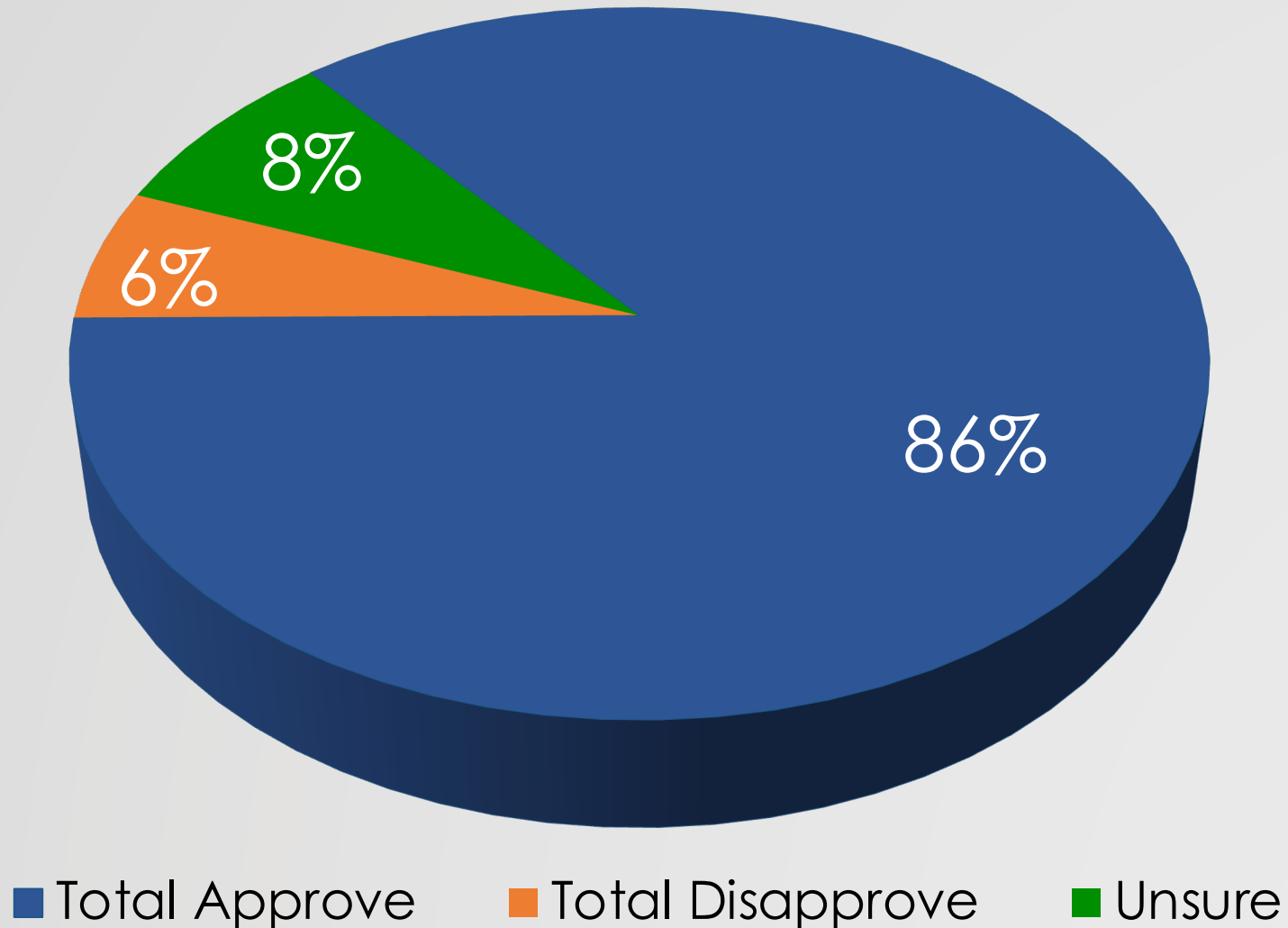
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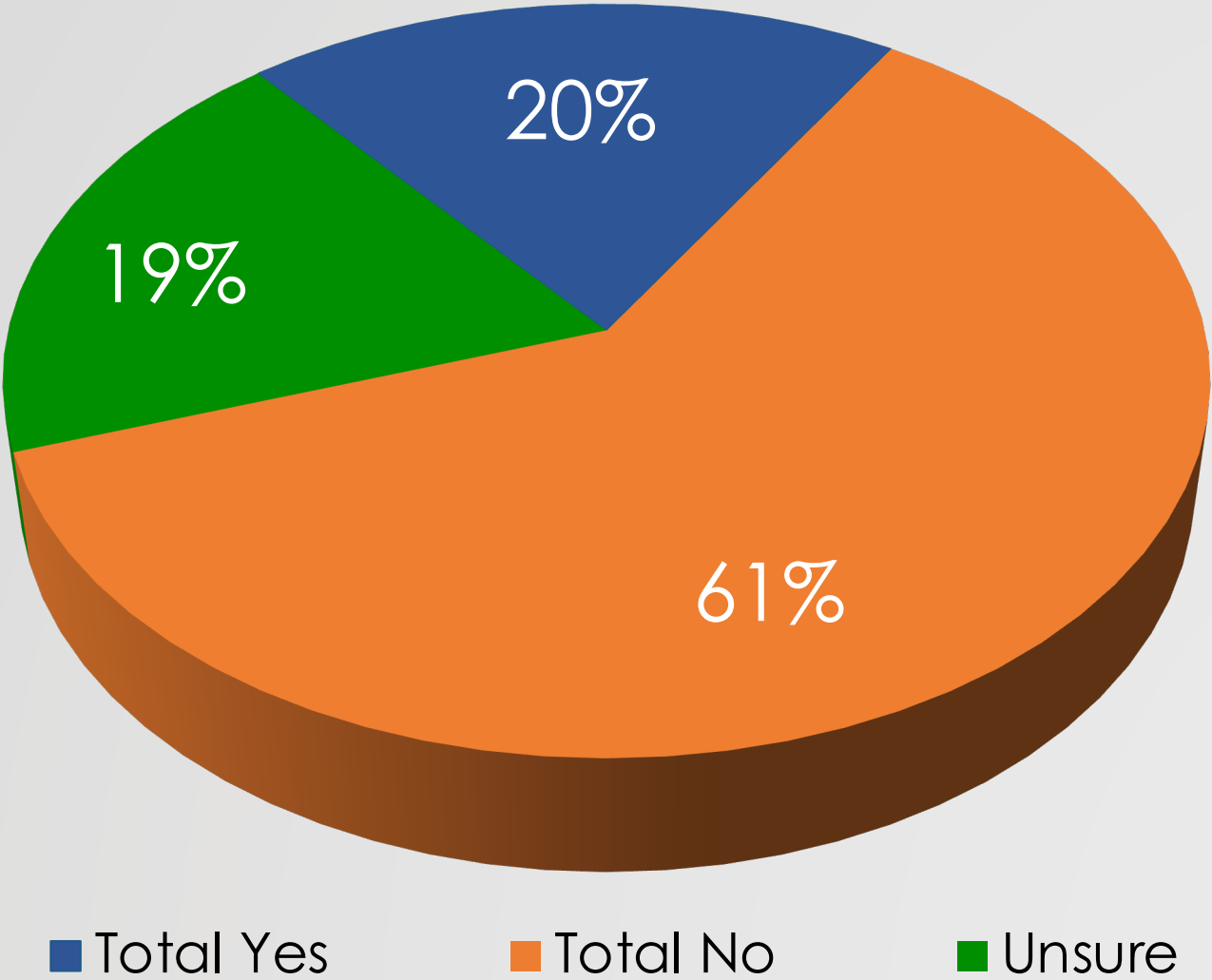
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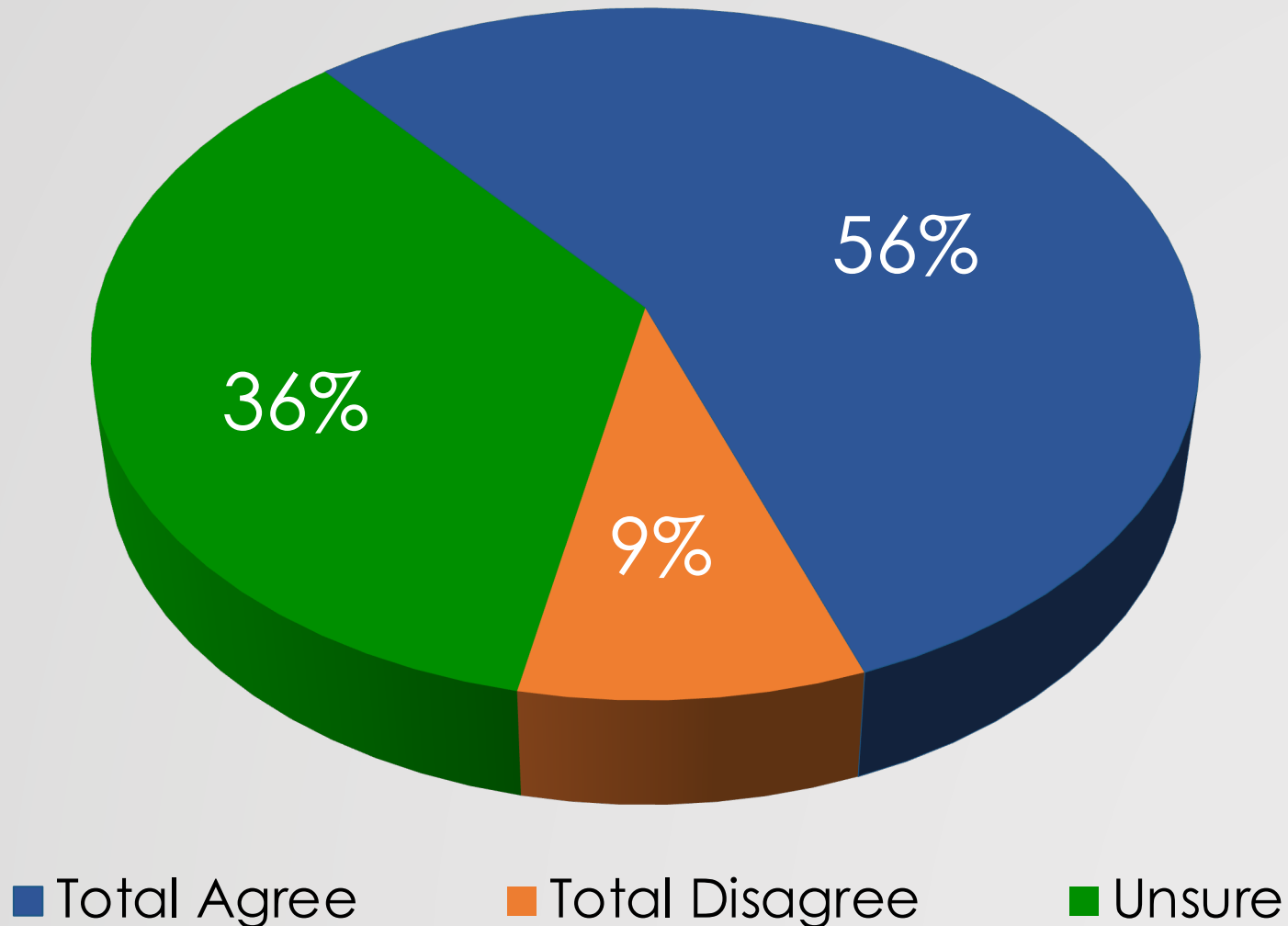
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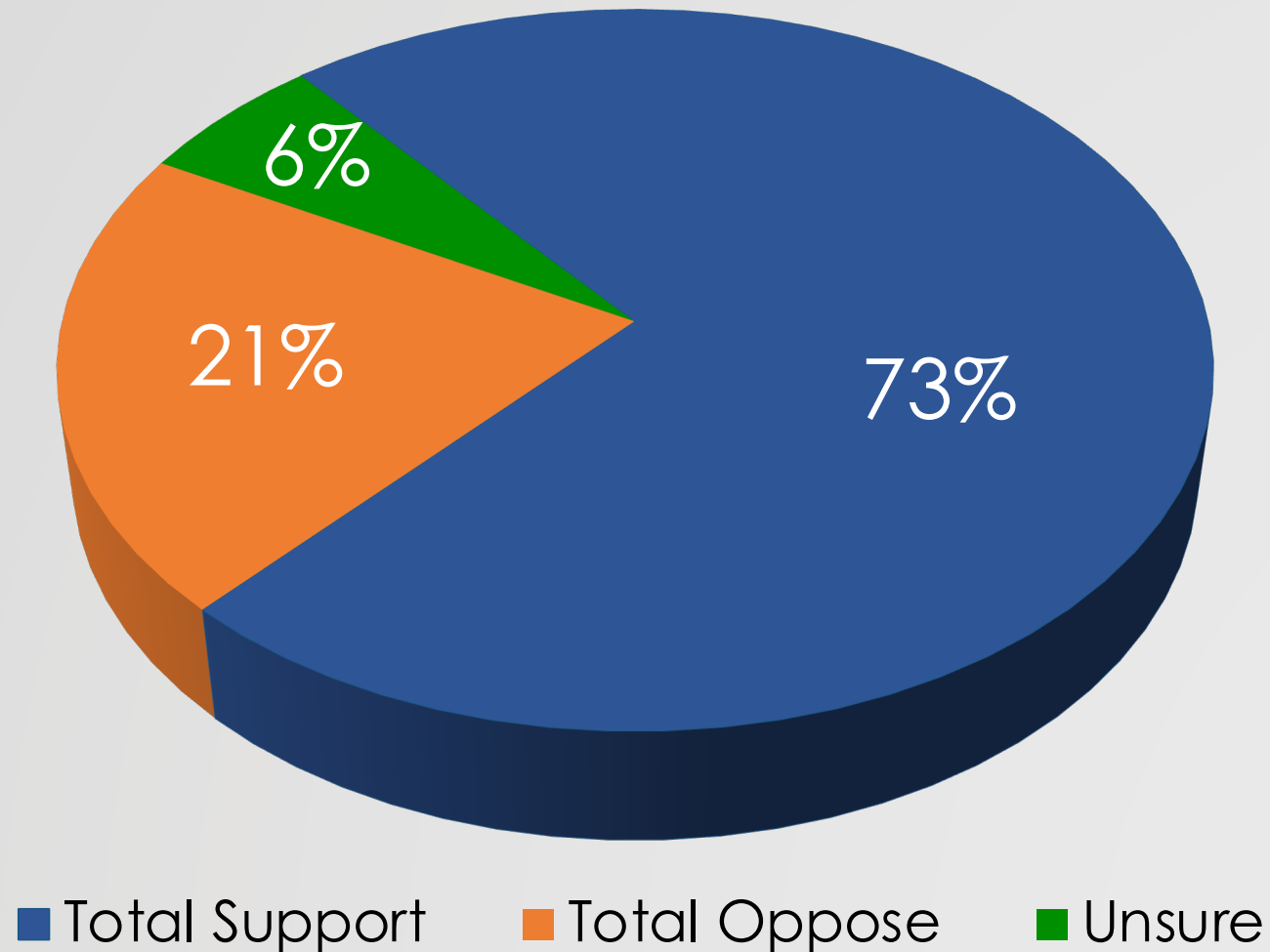
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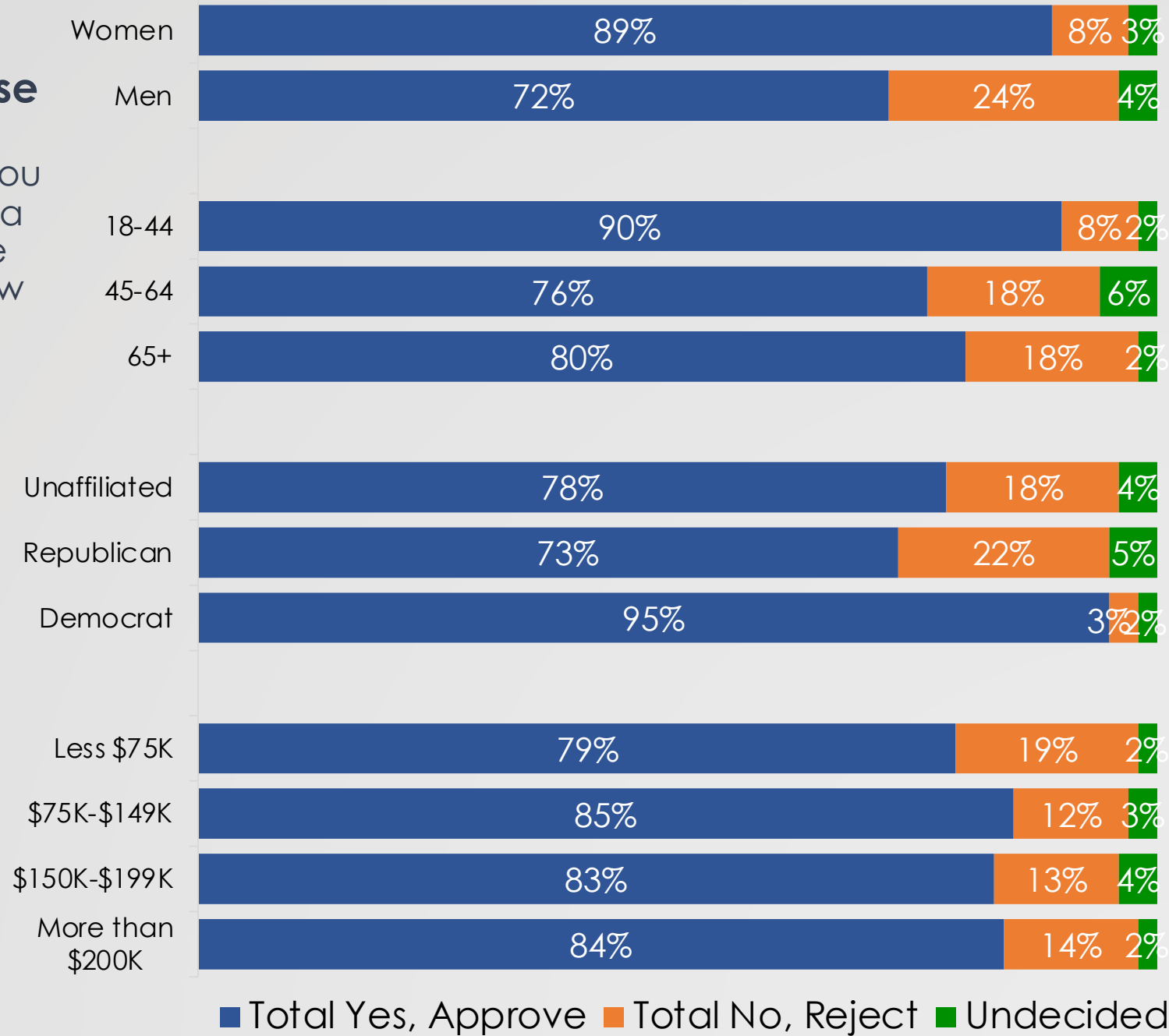
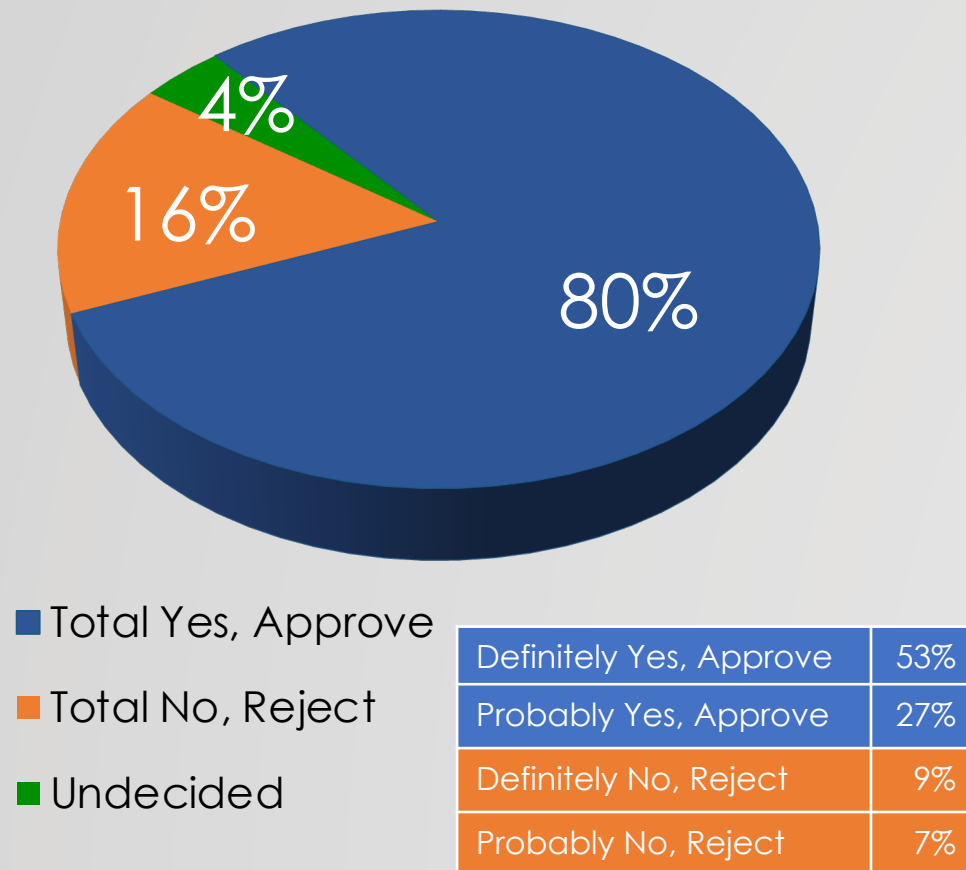
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Top Three Messages For Inter-Canyon Fire Protection District

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Top Three Messages	
If the mill levy tax increase were to pass next November, the consolidated fire protection district would be able to cover increased costs for fire safety equipment and medical instruments. In doing so, the district would be able to better serve the population and have better response times.	83%
As the risk of wildfires in this area continues to increase, there is a need to pay for better equipment and more professional staffing.	82%
As mentioned before the three fire districts rely very heavily on volunteer firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics. If the mill levy increase were to pass, it will allow the consolidated fire protection district to hire more firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics.	82%

Inter-Canyon Fire Protection District Informed Consolidation and 16 Mill Increase Question



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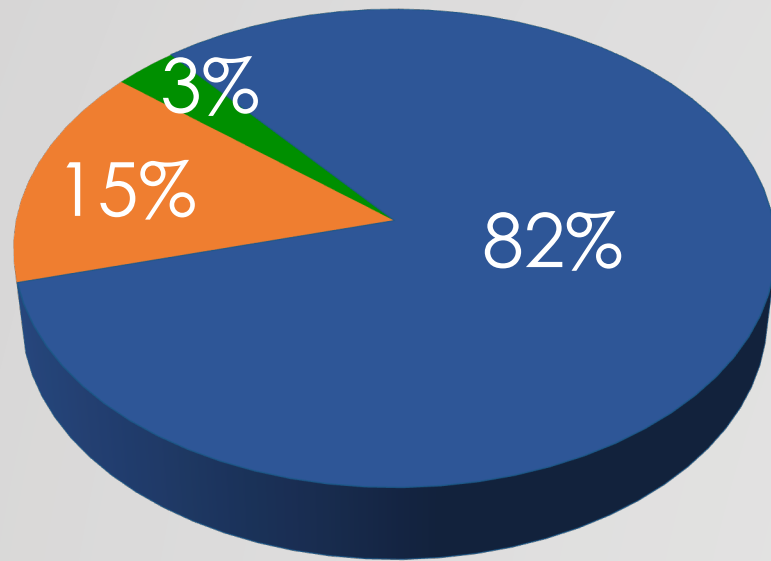
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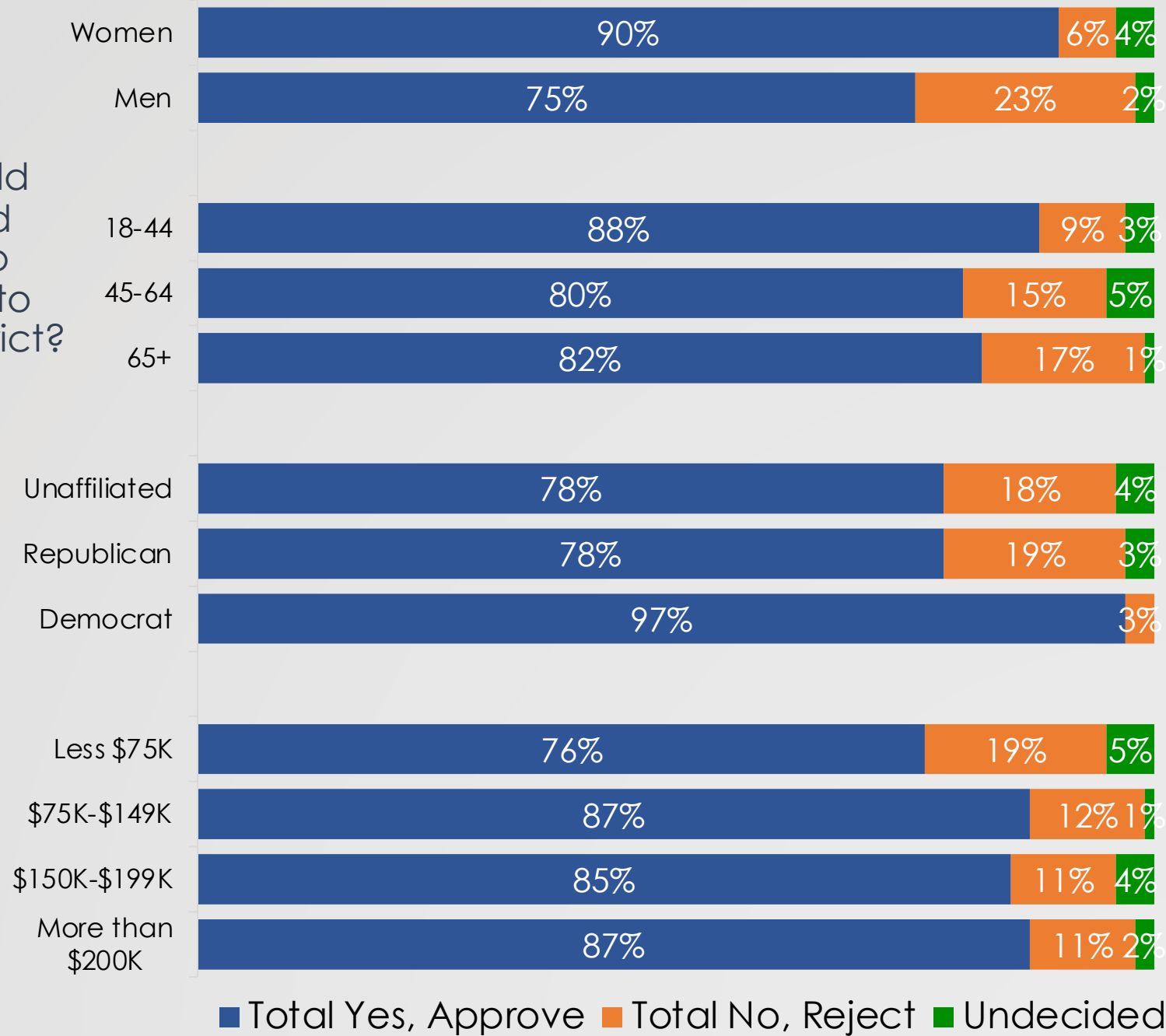


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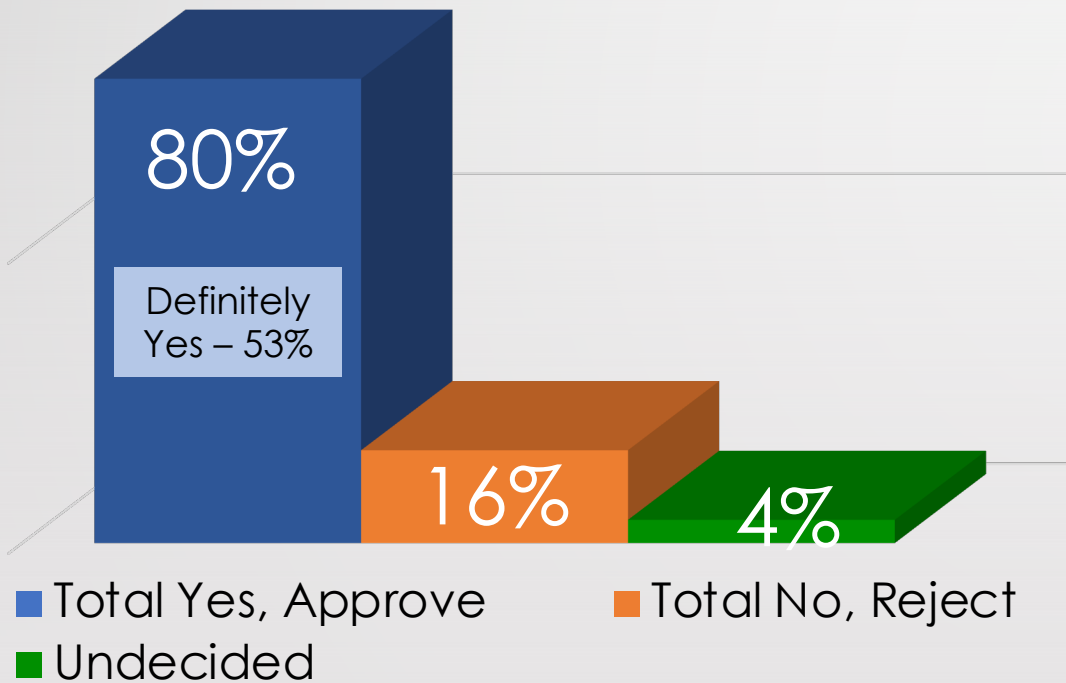
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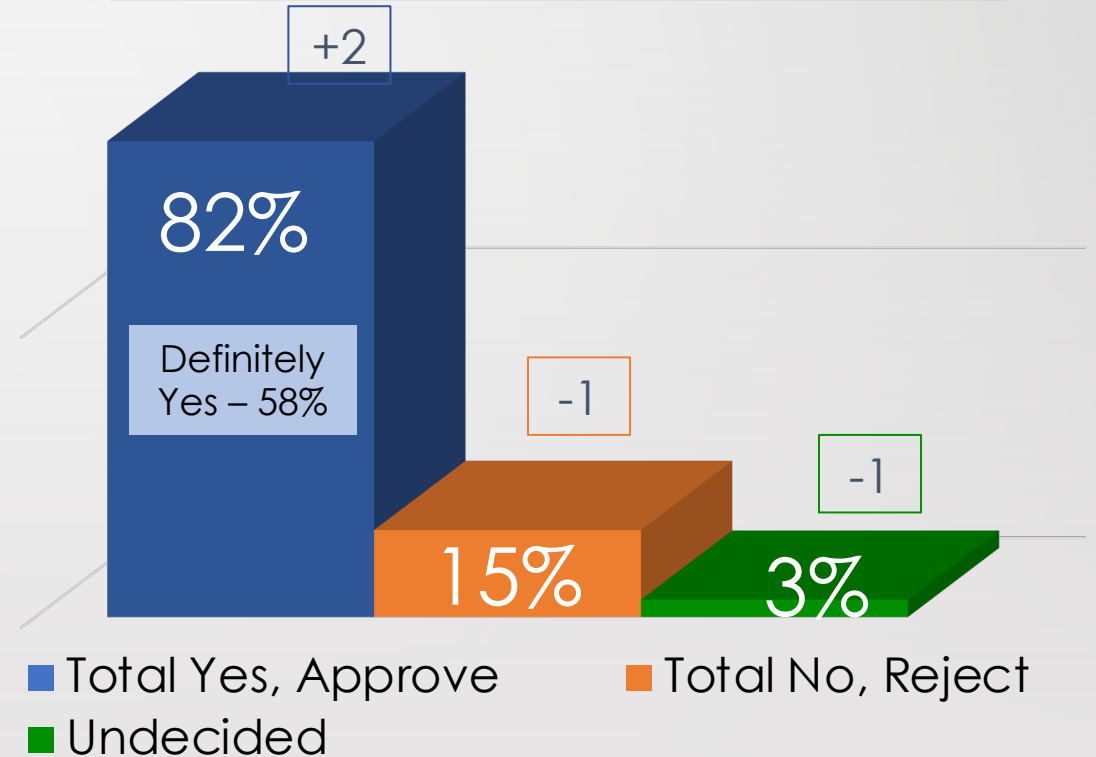


Inter-Canyon Fire Protection District Consolidation and 16 Mill Increase Question Movement from Uninformed to Informed

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Inter-Canyon Fire Protection District Informed Question Consolidation and Mill Levy Tax Increase 16 Mills

Please describe the reasons why you would vote yes and approve the ballot question to increase the mill levy to create and fund a new consolidated fire protection district.

Themes

Necessary in order to remain safe.

Need new equipment, more staff.

Better response times.

“Our community is growing and it is imperative that we keep up with the demands placed on our first responders. They cannot provide necessary resources without adequate funding.”

-Female, 55-64, Unaffiliated

“Consolidation just makes sense; funding increase is nominal and reasonable with use of funds identified.”

-Male, 55-64, Unaffiliated

“There is a need. The benefits of the increase outweigh the costs. My expectation is efficiency improves and current dollars go further as redundancies are eliminated and the district has more leverage. If this is not the case, then I would vote no.”

-Male, 45-54, Unaffiliated

“Higher risk of wild fires up here. Faster/better response.”

-Male, 55-64, Democrat

“The risk of wildfire is increasing and there is an increase in our aging population, who are more likely to require emergency medical services.”

-Female, 18-34, Republican

Inter-Canyon Fire Protection District Informed Question Consolidation and Mill Levy Tax Increase 16 Mills

Please describe the reasons why you would vote no and reject the ballot question to increase the mill levy to create and fund a new consolidated fire protection district.

Themes

Taxes too high already.

Wasteful spending, lack of trust in how it will be spent.

Support consolidation but not tax increase.

"Support consolidation of district but not mill levy increase. You have enough money to keep it the same, then I will support. Currently you are wasting taxpayers money on buying trucks for all the leaders but not equipment needed for firefighters. Therefore, I will not support mill levy increase."

-Male, 55-64, Unaffiliated

"Jefferson County property taxes is already extremely too high. I will not support any ballot issue that raises property taxes, period!"

-Male, 45-54, Republican

"In recent years, property values have gone up very much. Since I have live here, they have increased almost 10 times. Along with this, property taxes have also increased."

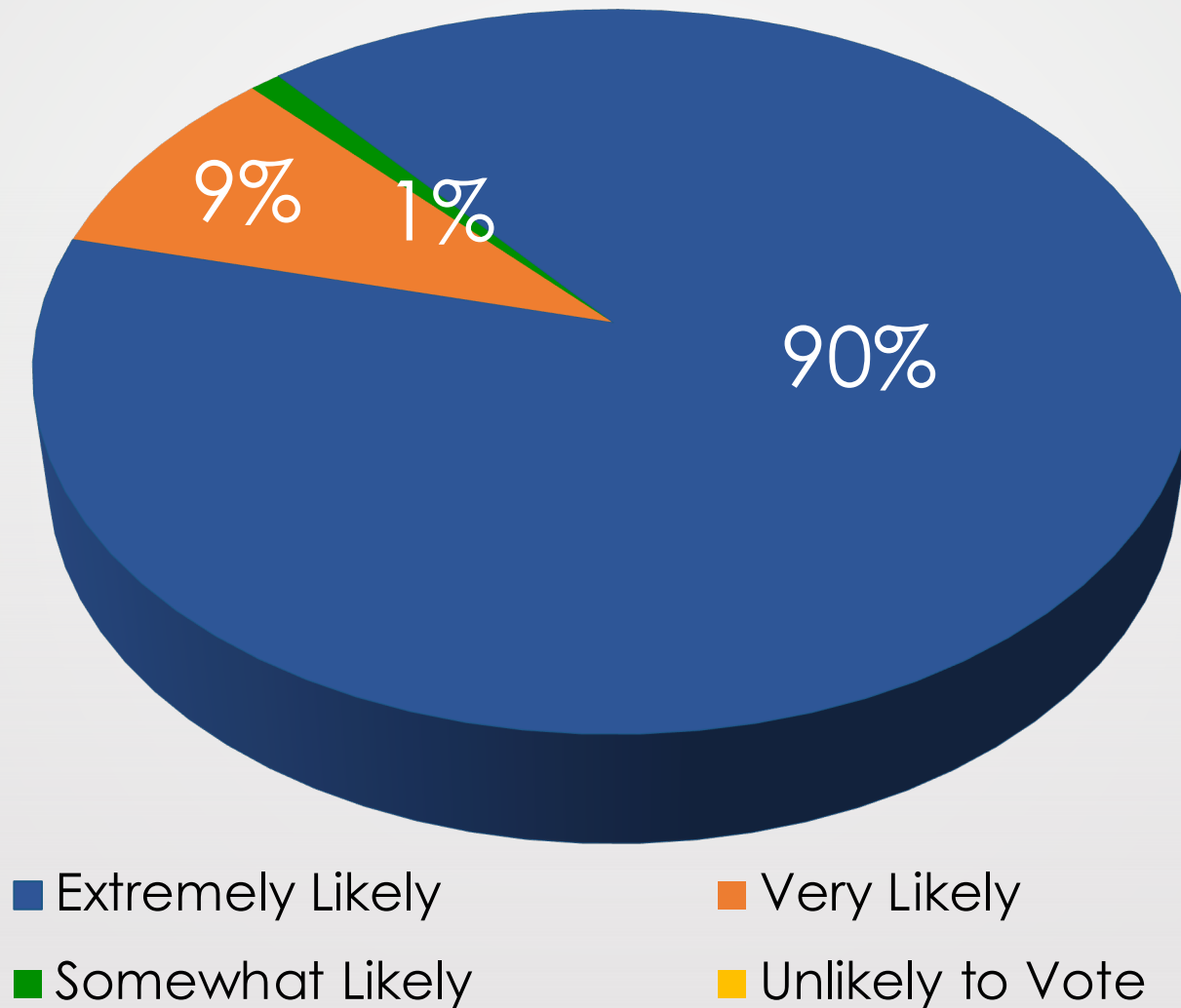
-Male, 55-64, Unaffiliated

"The residents of Inter-Canyon voted to increase taxes in 2018 with the understanding that the money would be used to hire firefighters, build a new station and get newer fire trucks. I haven't seen a new station get built and this survey mentions buying new trucks. Have any been built after the last tax increase? How do I know the department is responsible with the current budget, let alone a larger budget with a higher mill?." **-Female, 35-44, Democrat**

Survey Demographics

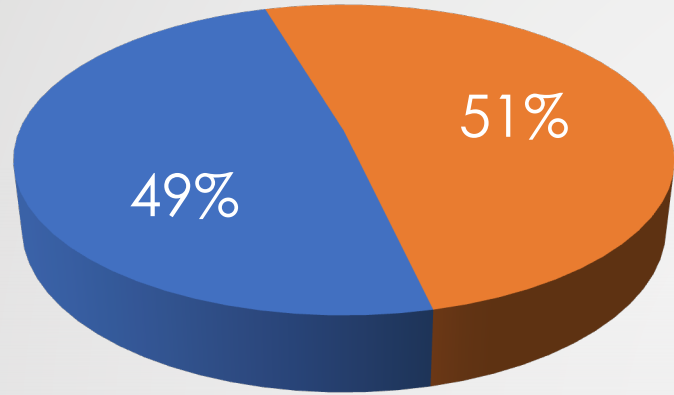


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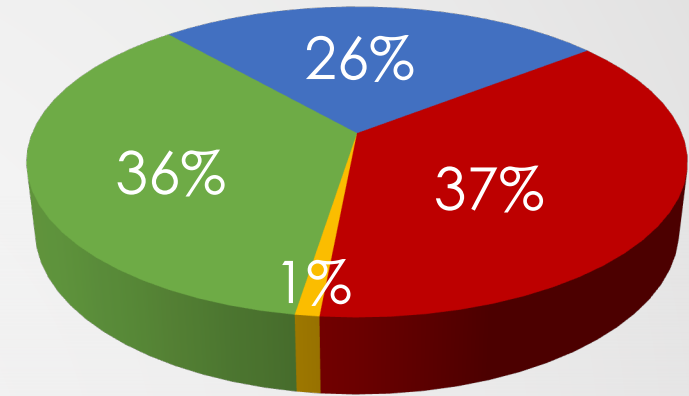


INTER-CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

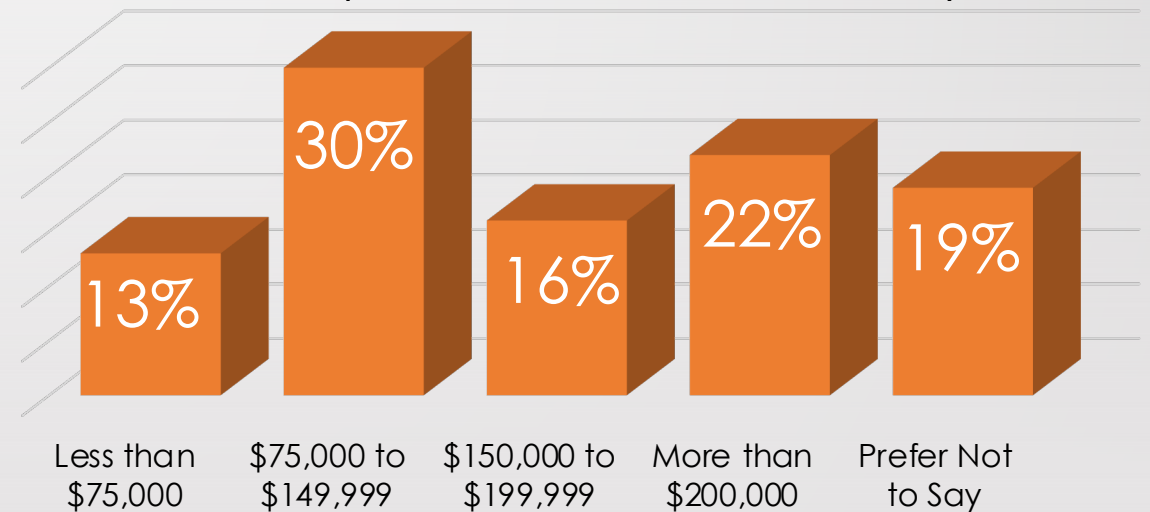
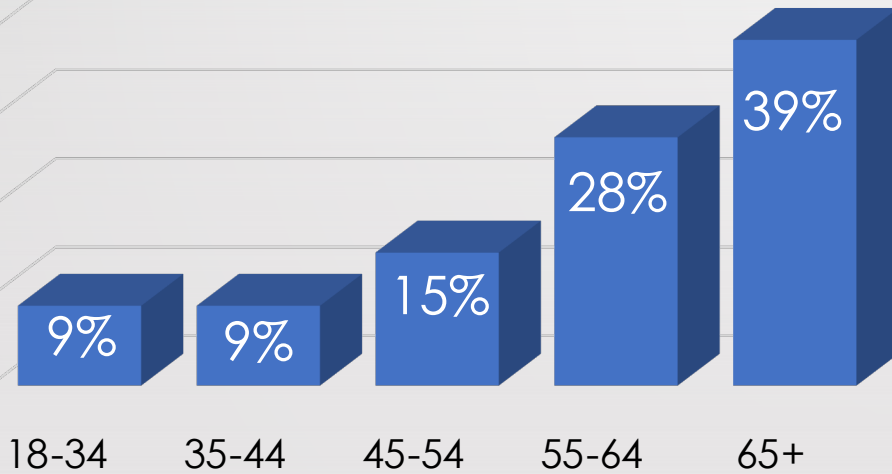
SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS



■ Female ■ Male ■ Identify Differently



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■ Republican ■ Other Party





North Fork Fire Protection Districts Opinion Survey

November 16th – December 14th, 2022



Methodology



Hello, the North Fork Fire Protection District invites you to participate in an important survey regarding fire protection services in the area. We want to know your opinion, so please make your voice heard. This survey will take just 10 minutes to complete, and your answer will remain anonymous and confidential. Click the link to get started! REPLY STOP TO OPT OUT [88888888](#)

Delivered

- Magellan Strategies are pleased to present the results of an online survey of 103 registered voters in the North Fork Fire Protection District.
- The interviews were conducted from November 16th – December 14th, 2022.
- The survey data was weighted to be representative of voter turnout demographics for an odd-year election in the North Fork Fire Protection District.
- The margin of error for the survey was +/- 8.83% at the 95% confidence level. Population subgroups will have a higher margin of error than the overall sample.

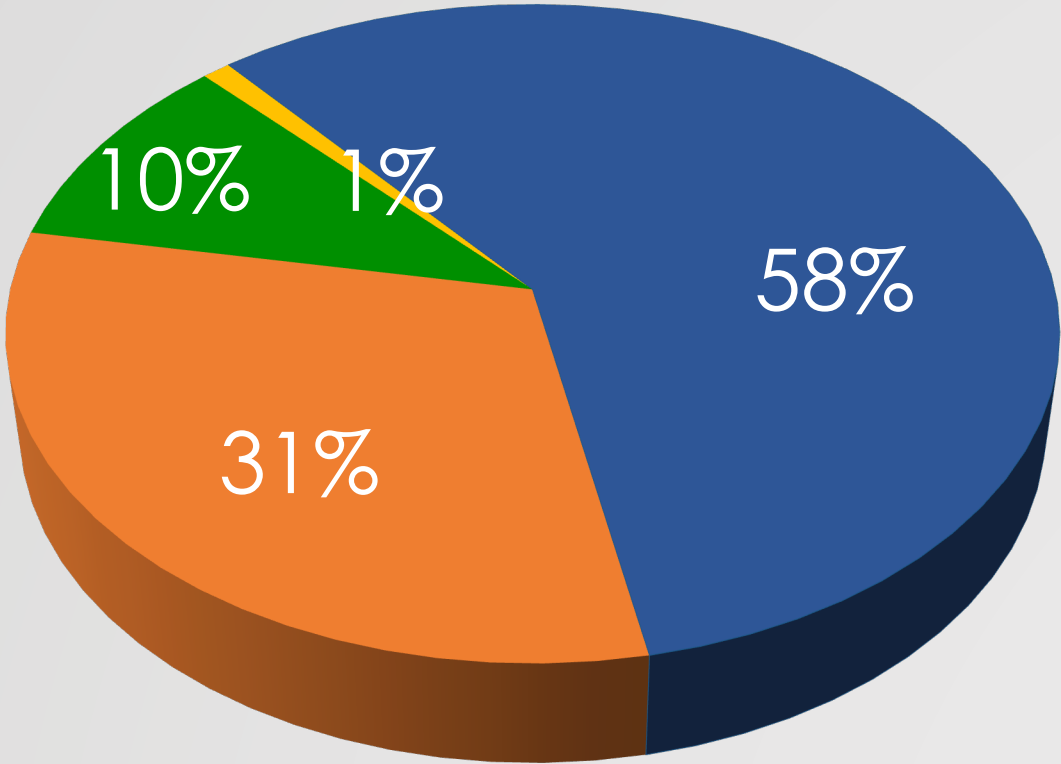
North Fork Fire Protection District

Voter Registration and Turnout Demographics

Magellan Strategies North Fork Fire Protection District Voter Registration and Past Voter Turnout Demographics

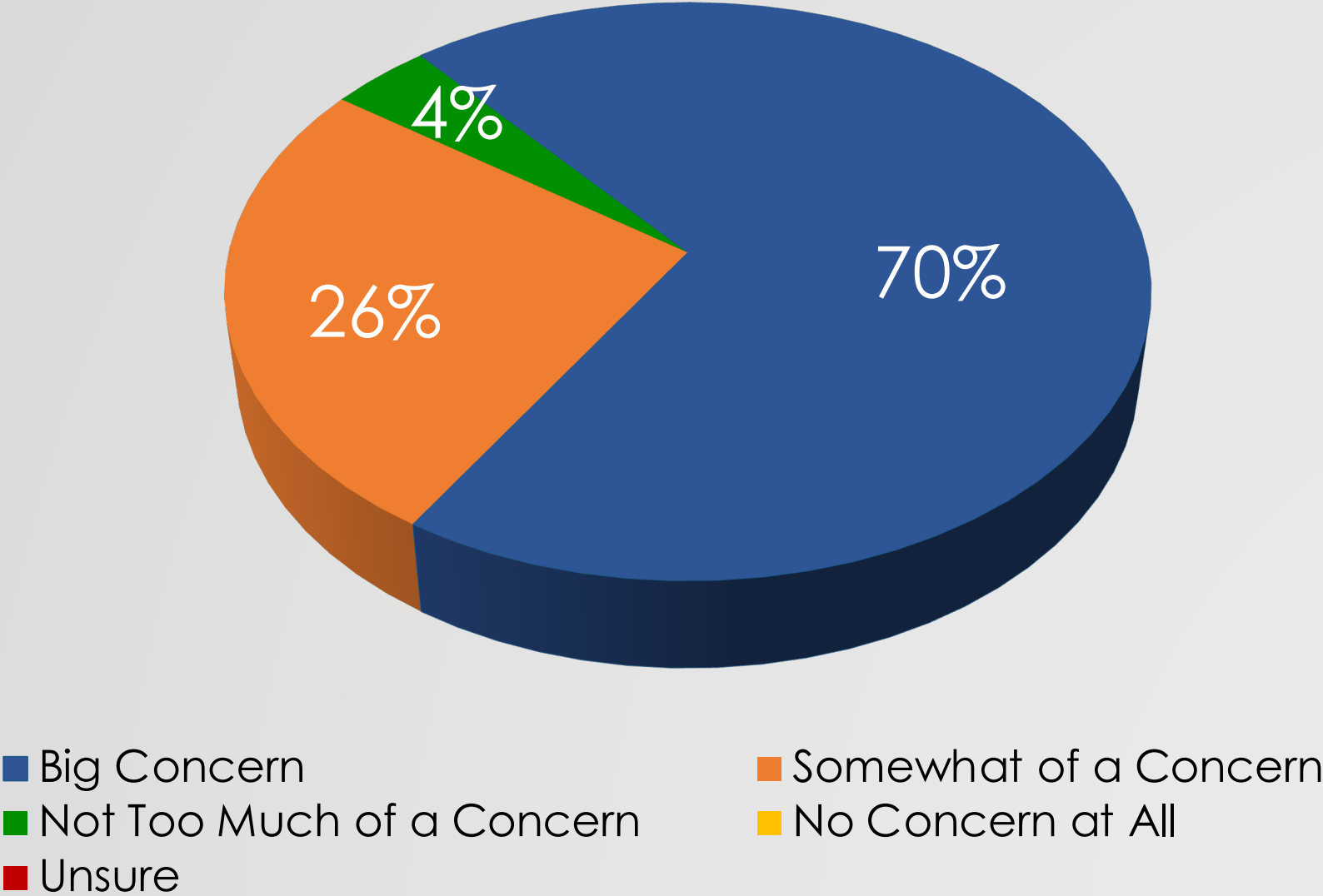
Sex	Registration		2022 Turnout		2021 Turnout		2020 Turnout		2019 Turnout	
Female	297	47.8%	193	49.4%	121	46.7%	242	49.0%	142	49.3%
Male	324	52.2%	198	50.6%	138	53.3%	252	51.0%	146	50.7%
Total	621		391		259		494		288	
Age Group	Registration		2022 Turnout		2021 Turnout		2020 Turnout		2019 Turnout	
18-34	107	17.2%	37	9.5%	14	5.4%	61	12.3%	15	5.2%
35-44	72	11.6%	39	10.0%	20	7.7%	51	10.3%	17	5.9%
45-54	91	14.7%	64	16.4%	37	14.3%	91	18.4%	54	18.8%
55-64	144	23.2%	97	24.8%	70	27.0%	127	25.7%	78	27.1%
65+	207	33.3%	154	39.4%	118	45.6%	164	33.2%	124	43.1%
Total	621		391		259		494		288	
Party	Registration		2022 Turnout		2021 Turnout		2020 Turnout		2019 Turnout	
Unaffiliated	284	45.7%	164	41.9%	106	40.9%	179	36.2%	94	32.6%
Republican	196	31.6%	125	32.0%	84	32.4%	192	38.9%	108	37.5%
Democrat	127	20.5%	94	24.0%	64	24.7%	110	22.3%	80	27.8%
Libertarian	7	1.1%	3	0.8%	4	1.5%	6	1.2%	4	1.4%
Green	1	0.2%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%		0.0%	1	0.3%
ACP	6	1.0%	4	1.0%	1	0.4%	7	1.4%	1	0.3%
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Do you think fire risk in your community has increased, stayed the same, or decreased in the past few years?

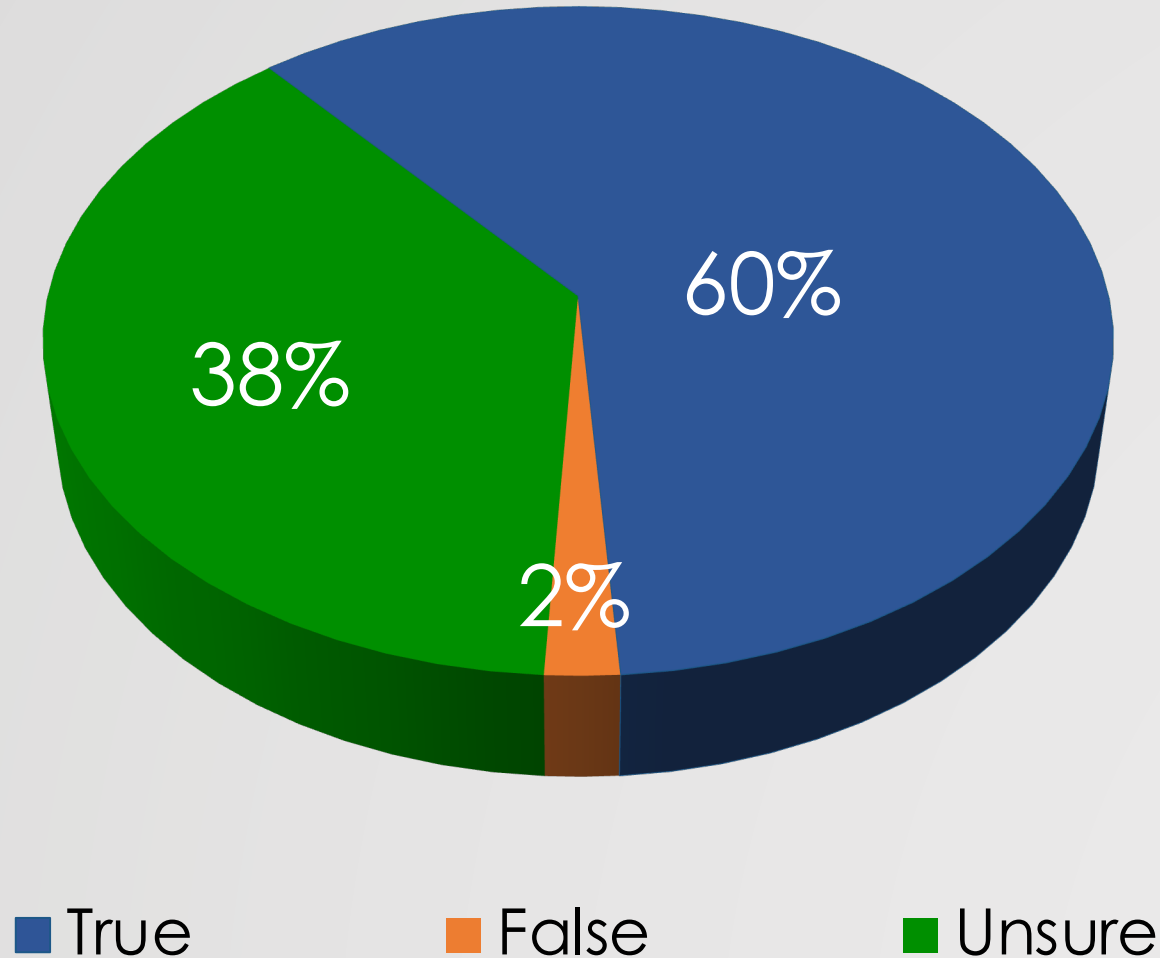


■ Total Increased ■ About the Same ■ Total Decreased ■ Unsure

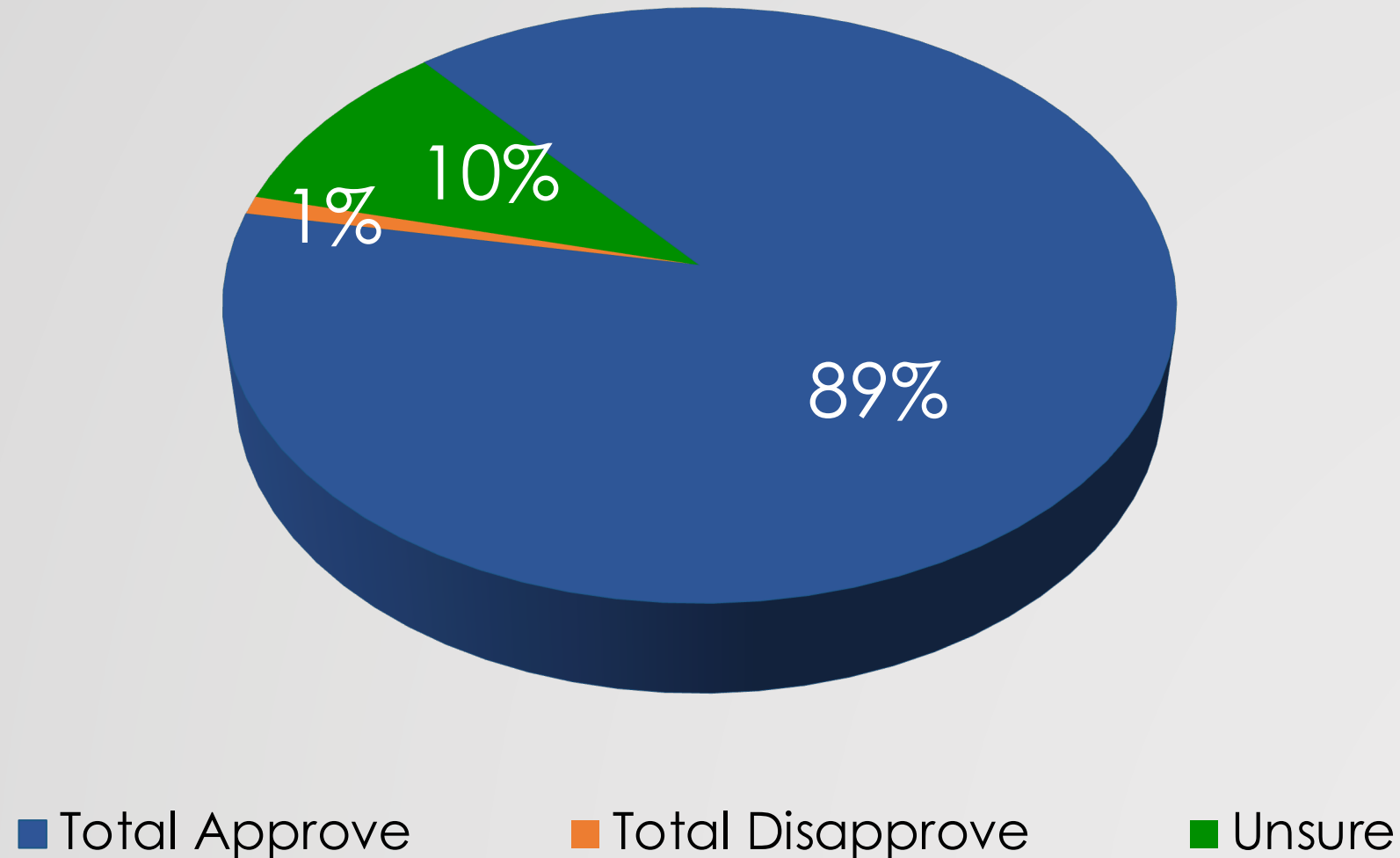
How much of a concern is the risk of a wildland, forest, or open space grassland fire in your community?



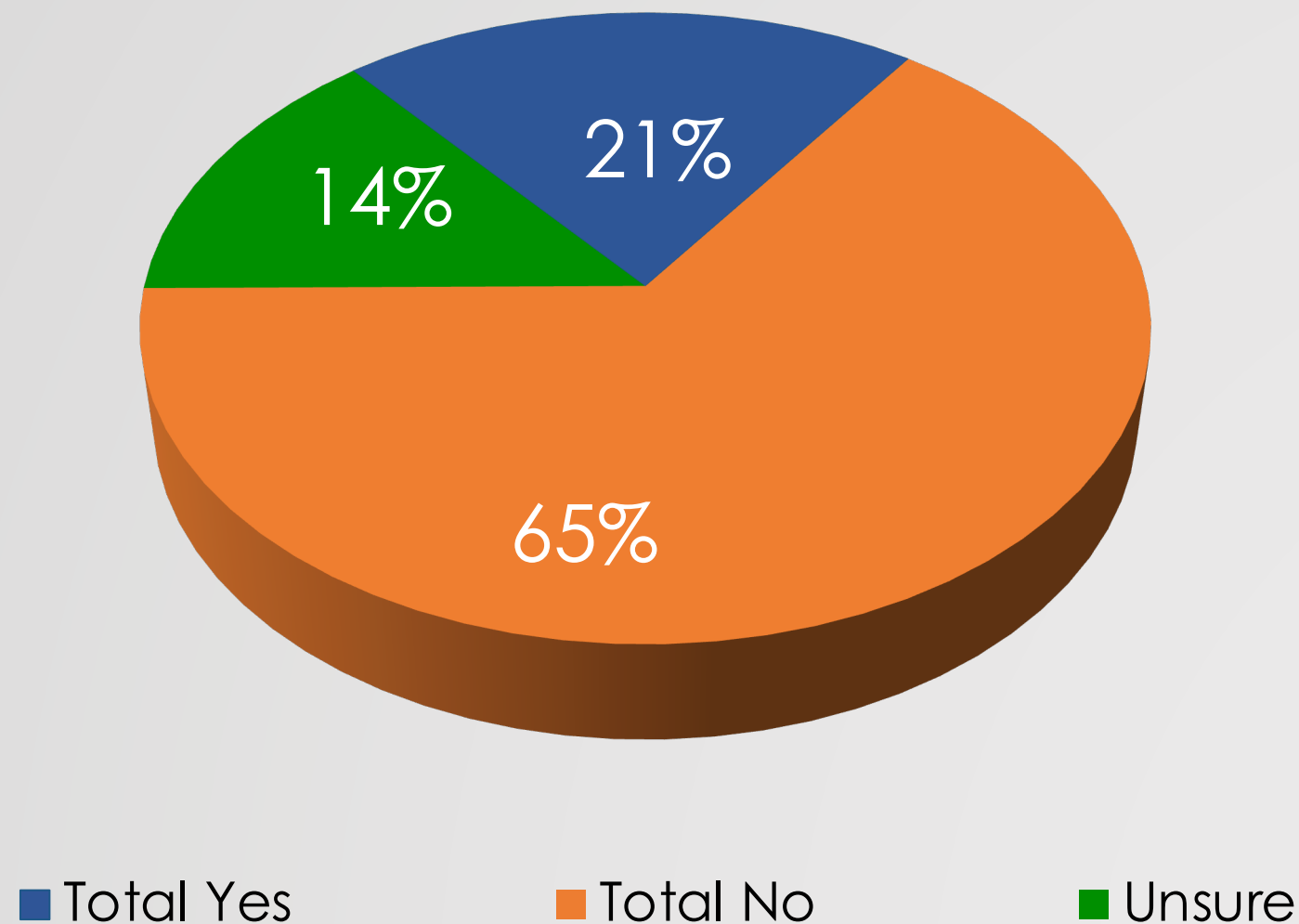
Do you believe the following statement is true or false?
“The number of volunteer firefighters, EMT’s, and paramedics has decreased over the last five years in the community.”



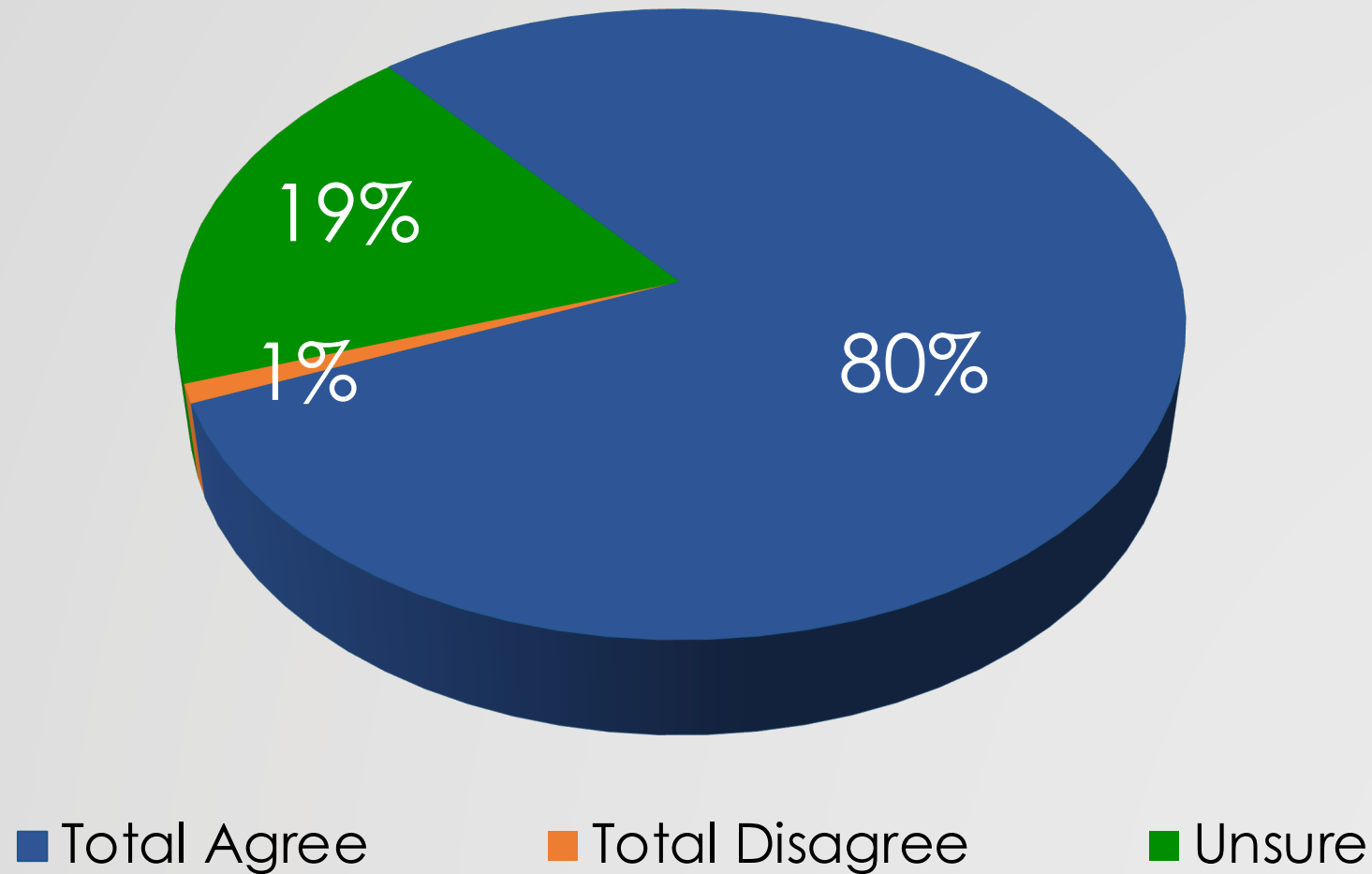
Do you approve or disapprove of the job the North Fork Fire Protection District is doing providing fire protection services and emergency rescue services to your community?



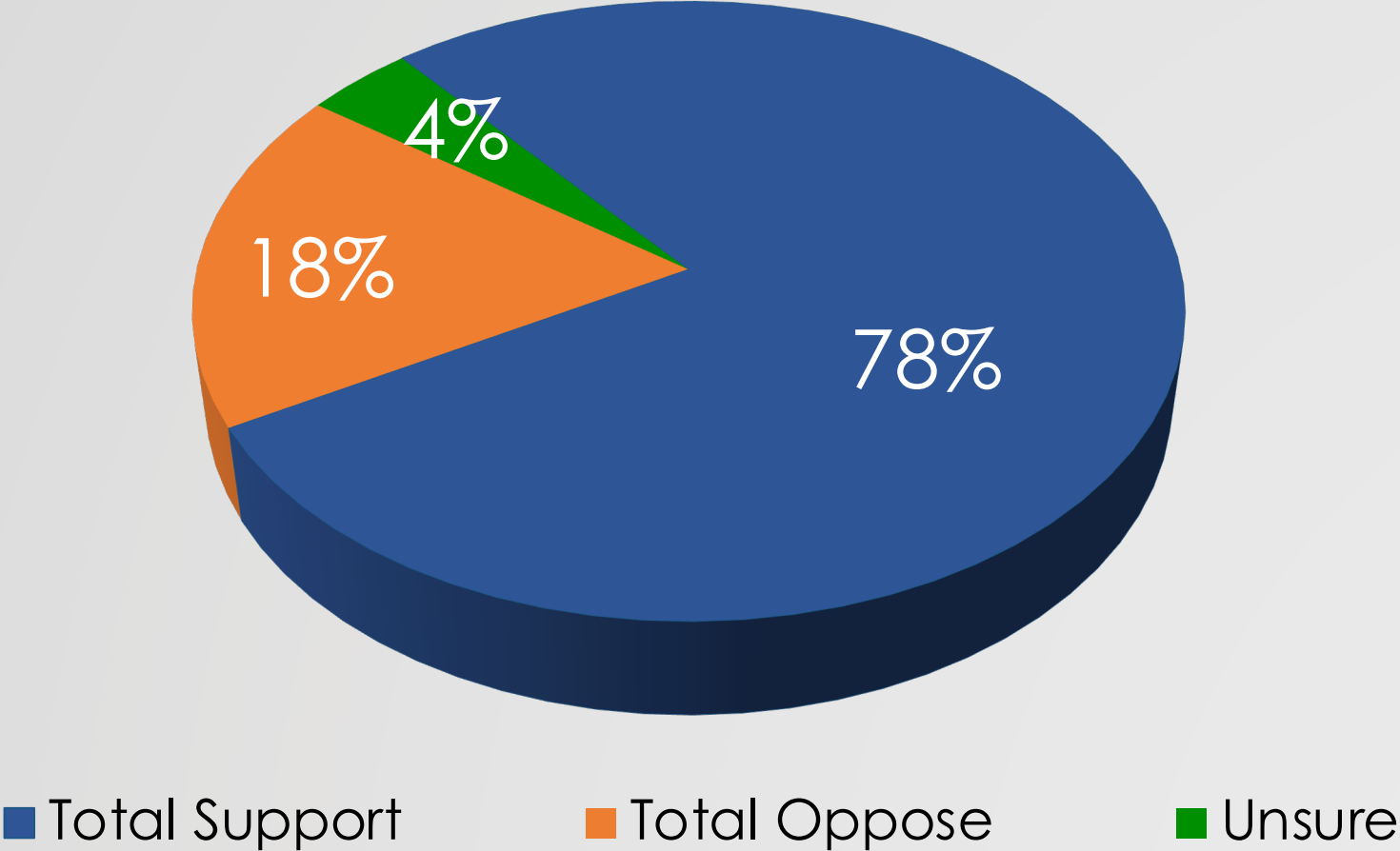
Do you think the North Fork Fire Protection District has the financial resources needed to provide an acceptable amount of fire protection services in your community?



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
“The North Fork Fire Protection District is fiscally responsible and spends taxpayer money wisely.”



Would you support or oppose a property tax increase to generate additional funding for your local fire protection district?



16 Mill Levy Tax Increase and Consolidation Uninformed Question



North Fork Fire Protection District Consolidation and Mill Levy Tax Increase at 16 Mills

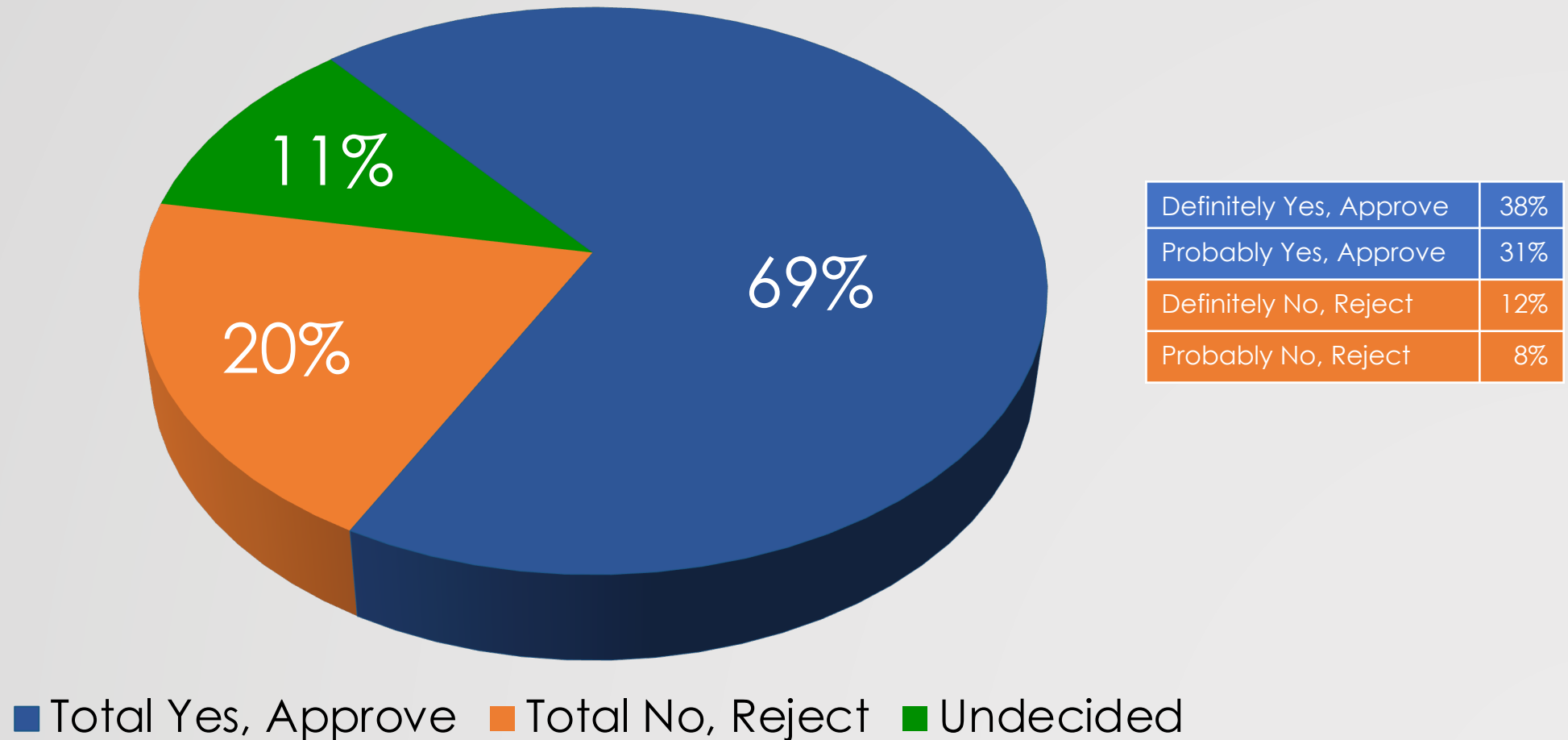
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For voters who currently live in the North Fork Fire Protection District, the ballot question would increase the current fire district mill levy from 12.431 to 16 mills. The mill levy increase would cost a homeowner about \$124.03 annually, or \$10.34 a month for a home valued at \$500,000.

If an election were being held today, would you vote yes and approve or vote no and reject a 3.569 mills property tax increase to generate \$1,506,272 in additional funding to form a new consolidated fire protection district?

North Fork Fire Protection District **Consolidation and Mill Levy Tax Increase 16 Mills**

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Consolidation and 16 Mill Increase Information Questions



Consolidation and 16 Mill Increase Information Questions

Ranked By Total Much More Likely

Below is some information about why the Fire Protection District would be considering a ballot measure to consolidate and increase property taxes to create additional funding. After reading the information, please indicate if you are more likely to vote yes and approve the ballot measure to consolidate and create additional funding or if you are more likely to vote no and reject it. Let's get started:

Consolidation and 16 Mill Increase Ballot Measure Information Questions

Top Three Messages For North Fork Fire Protection District

Ranked By Total Much More Likely

Top Three Messages	
As mentioned before the three fire districts rely very heavily on volunteer firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics. If the mill levy increase were to pass, it will allow the consolidated fire protection district to hire more firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics.	82%
If the mill levy tax increase were to pass next November, the consolidated fire protection district would be able to cover increased costs for fire safety equipment and medical instruments. In doing so, the district would be able to better serve the population and have better response times.	80%
If the mill levy ballot question is passed, it will allow the newly consolidated district to provide more training opportunities to both the paid staff and its volunteers.	78%

North Fork Fire Protection District Informed Consolidation and 16 Mill Increase Question



North Fork Fire Protection District **Informed Question at 16 Mills**

Again, thank you for reading the information about the reasons why the fire protection district is considering a ballot question to consolidate and increase property taxes for additional funding for a new consolidated fire protection district.

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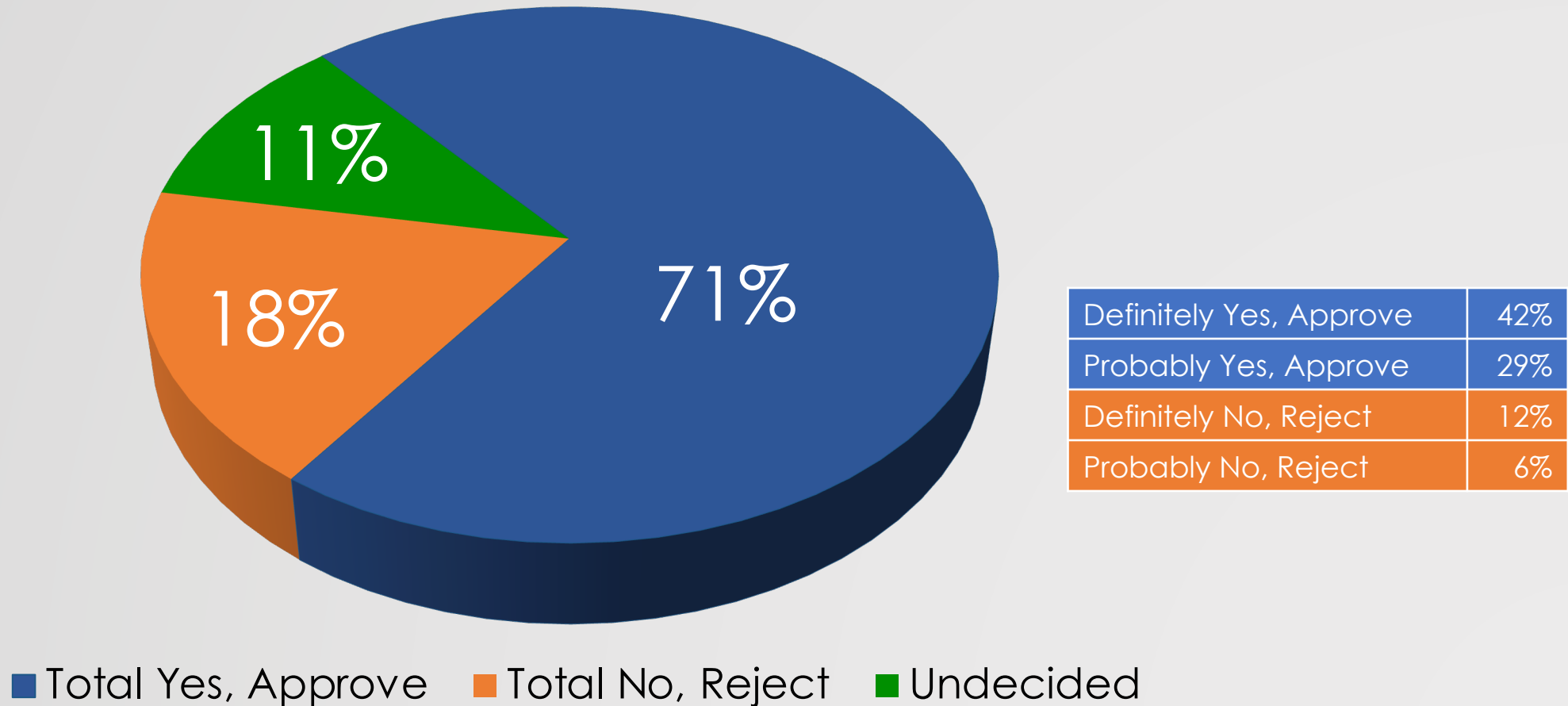
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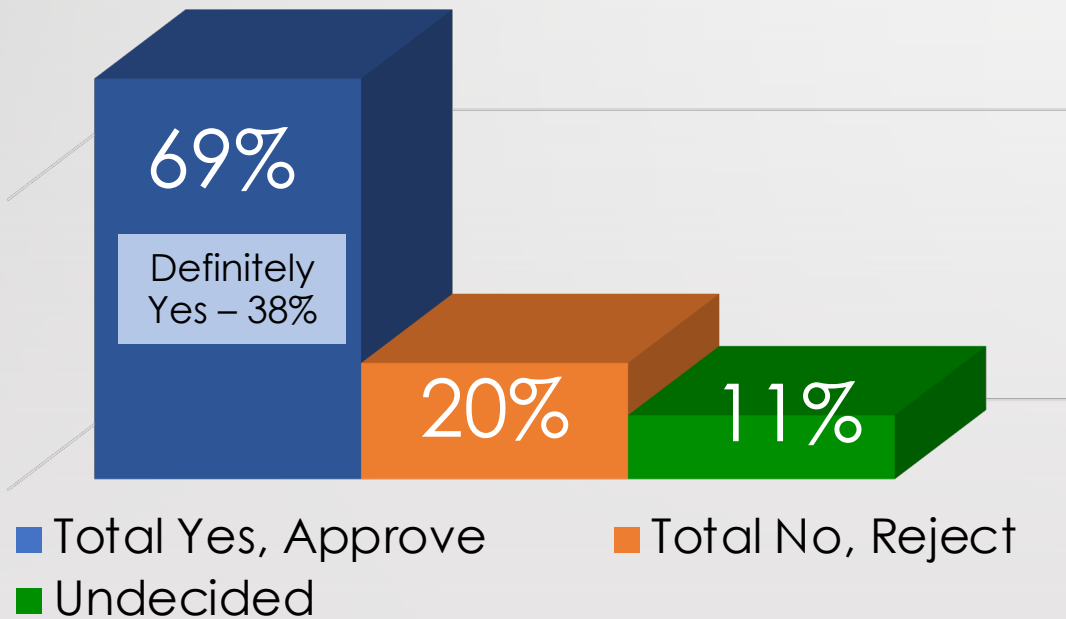
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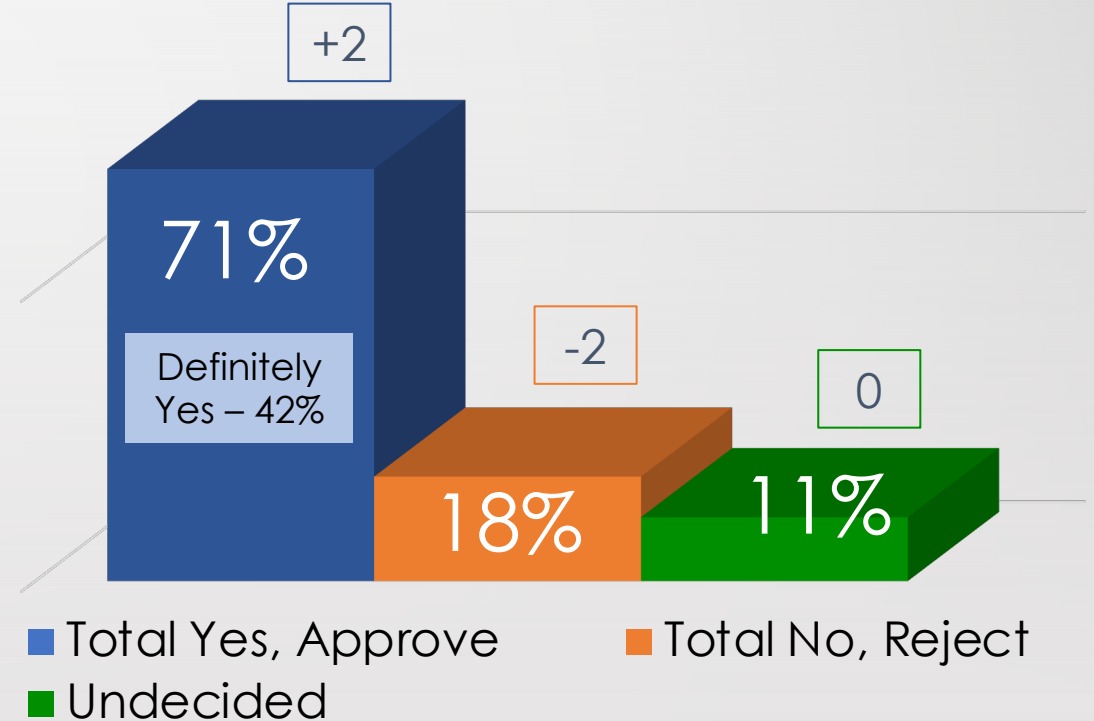


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North Fork Fire Protection District Informed Question Consolidation and Mill Levy Tax Increase 16 Mills

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Themes

Vital to the community. Necessary.

Improved response times.

Better equipment.

“Improved response times, equipment, staffing and training.”

-Male, 55-64, Unaffiliated

“More calls, lack of volunteers, funding falling short. Raising mill levy could be used to hire personnel.”

-Male, 65+, Unaffiliated

“Because I want to live here AND to be protected by a well equipped and well staffed Fire Dept.”

-Female, 65+, Democrat

“Costs go up, as do the need for services.”

-Male, 55-64, Democrat

“It is better to be proactive with our emergency services.”

-Male, 65+, Republican

“Protect my mountain home, better funding = more home protection. Create jobs, support the community.”

-Male, 35-44, Republican

North Fork Fire Protection District Informed Question Consolidation and Mill Levy Tax Increase 16 Mills

Please describe the reasons why you would vote no and reject the ballot question to increase the mill levy to create and fund a new consolidated fire protection district.

Themes

Taxes are too high, will not vote for any increase.

Approve of consolidation, not tax increase.

Local control. Keeping it close.

“Don't like the idea of consolidation. LOCAL control is very important. Would support mill increase for North Fork.”

-Male, 65+, Republican

“As a long, long time resident (not old) of the North Fork district the response times have always been good for a rural location. Involving Inner Canyon and Elk Creek will not help those in South Jefferson County.”

-Female, 35-44, Unaffiliated

“Because, fire authorities and consolidation isn't the answer. Elk Creek wants to run it all and get pay raises.”

-Female, 45-54, Unaffiliated

“Taxes are too high already.”

-Male, 45-54, Other Party

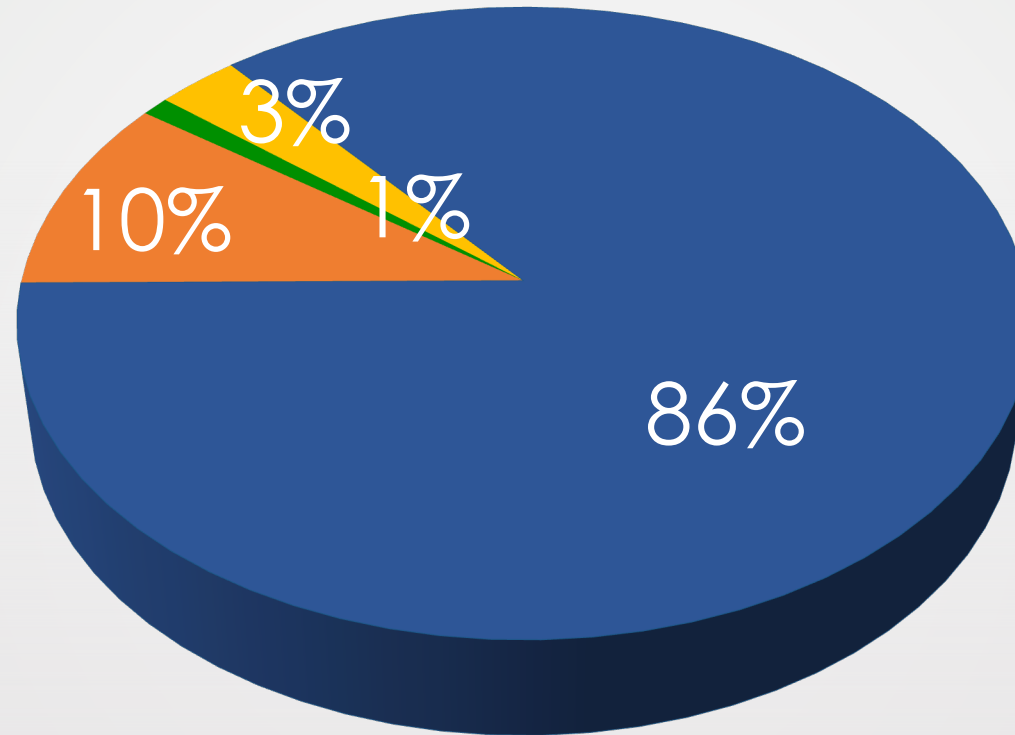
“Because you tied increase taxes and consolidation together. You have not defined how consolidation alone will help fire fighting.”

-Female, 35-44, Democrat

Survey Demographics



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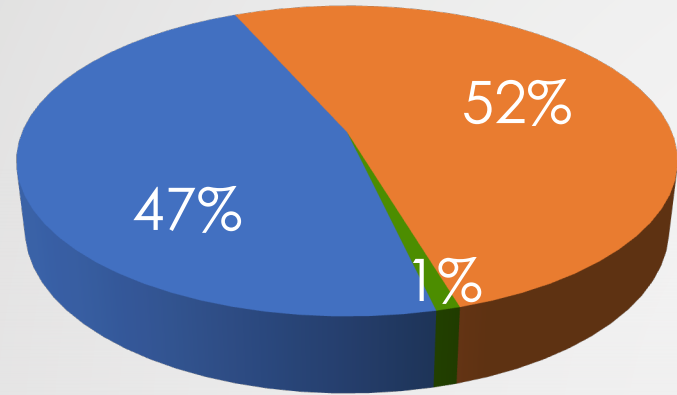
■ Very Likely

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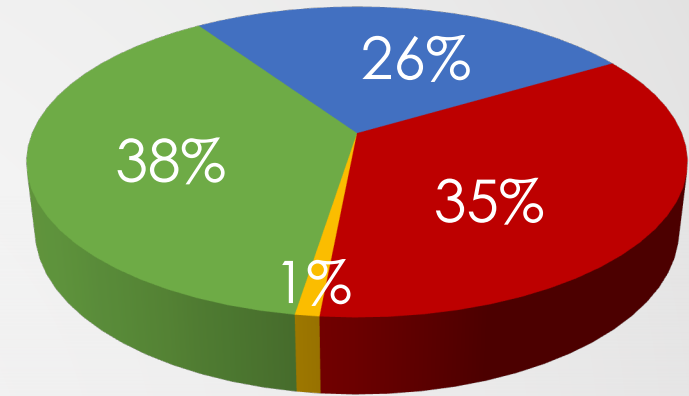
■ Unlikely to Vote

NORTH FORK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

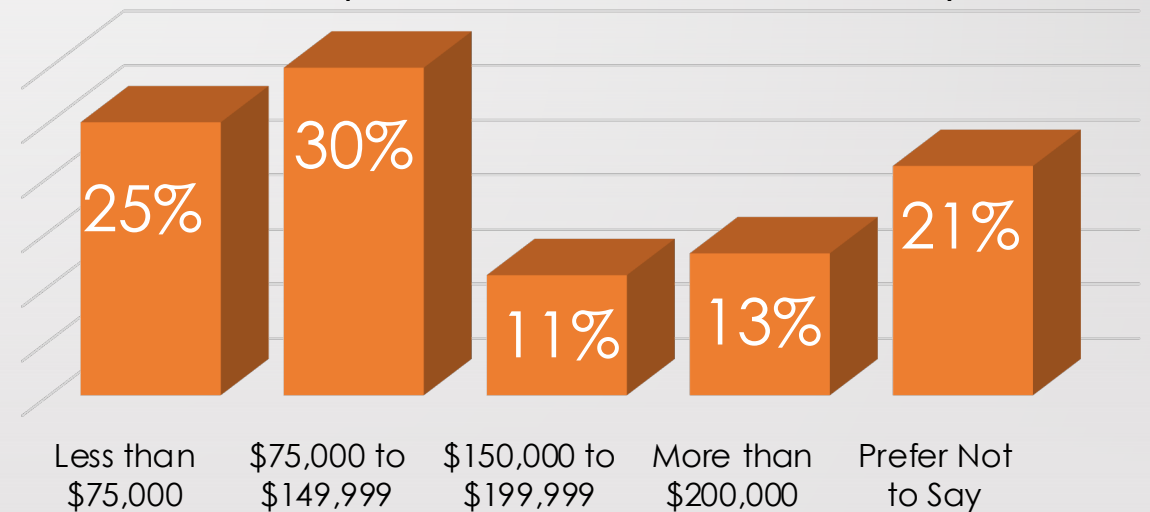
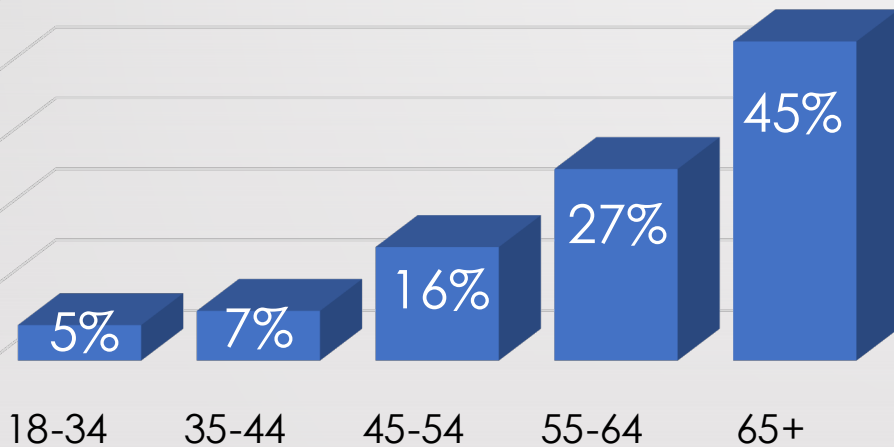
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