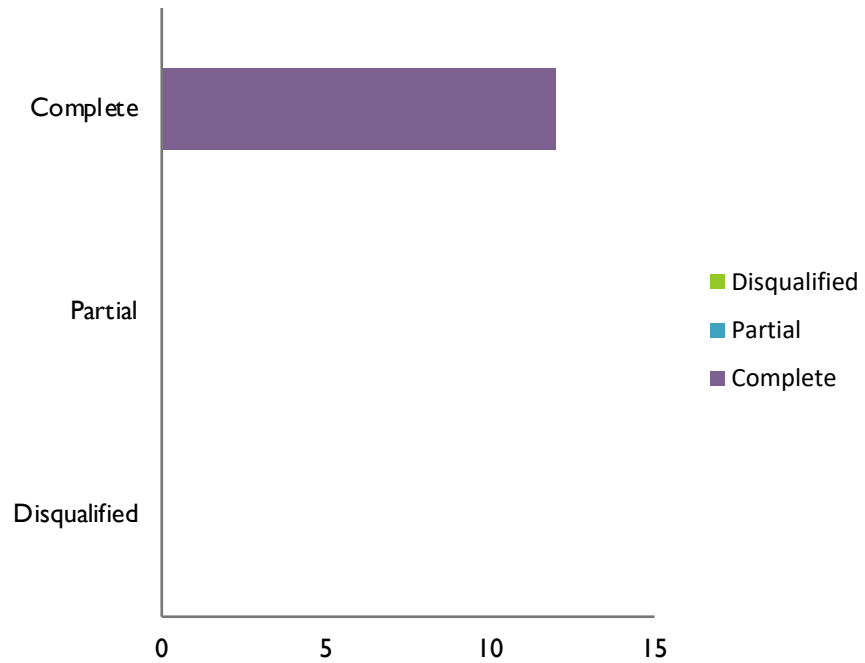
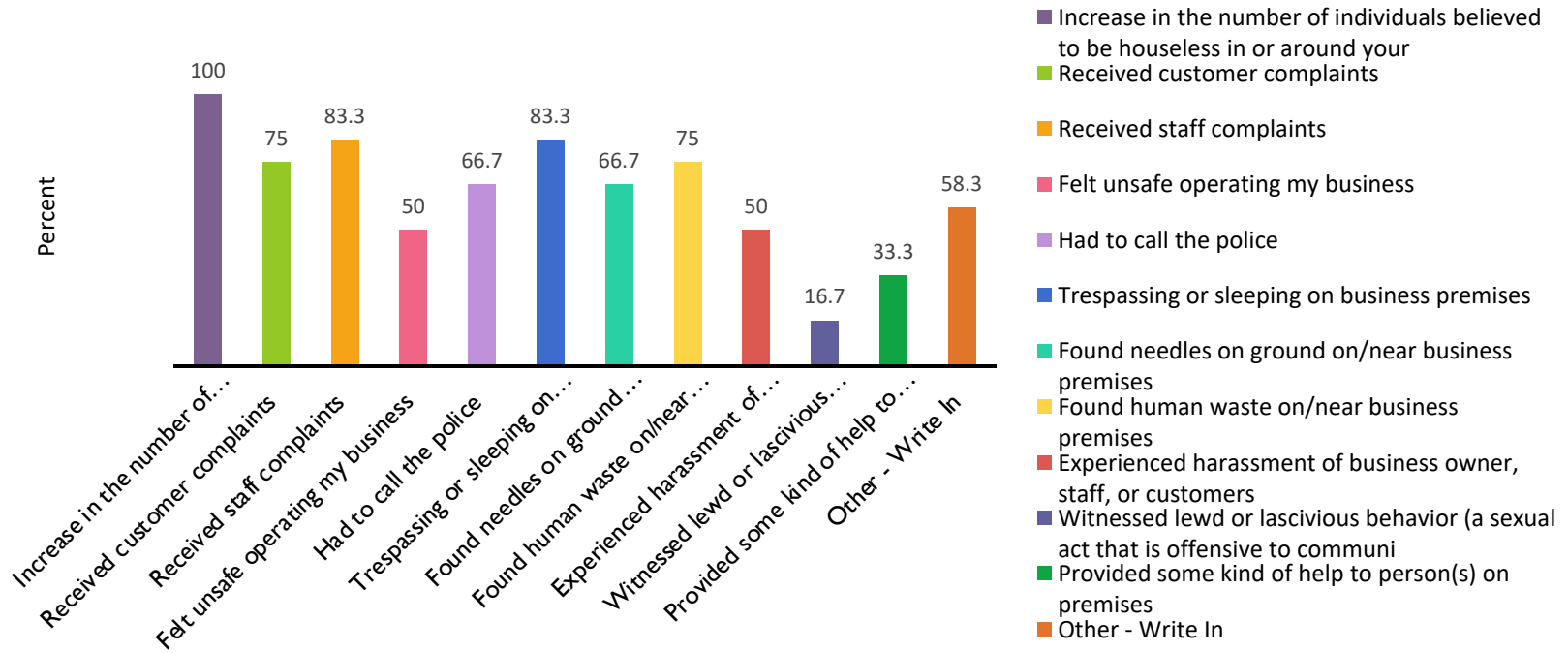


REPORT FOR LACEY HOMELESSNESS - BUSINESS IMPACTS

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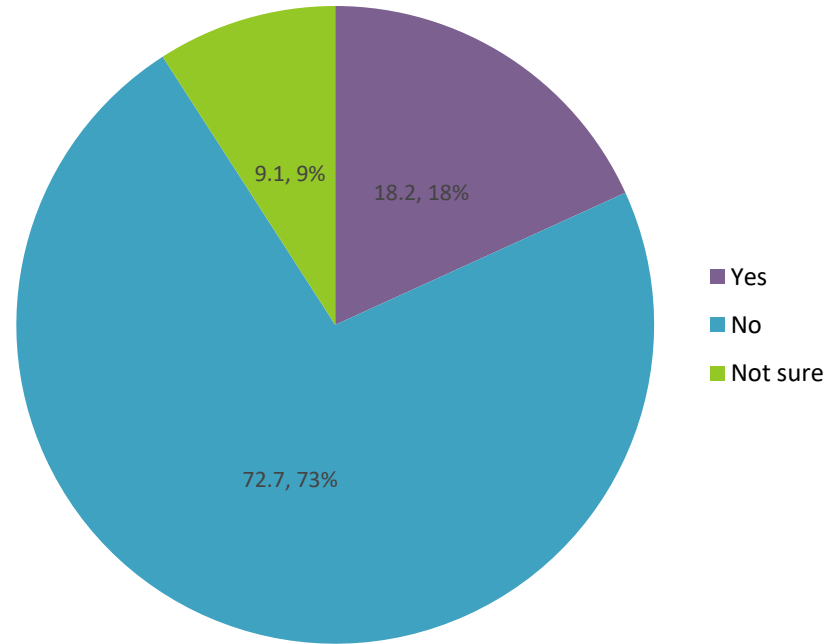
RESPONSE STATISTICS





1. HAS YOUR BUSINESS EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE PAST 2 YEARS, SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO BEHAVIORS OF INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE HOUSELESS IN OR AROUND YOUR BUSINESS? PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

2. IN THE PAST 2 YEARS, HAVE YOU (OR OTHER MANAGERS/OWNERS OF YOUR BUSINESS) CONSIDERED MOVING YOUR BUSINESS OUT OF LACEY?



3.WHY DID YOU ANSWER THE PREVIOUS QUESTION THE WAY YOU DID?



Response

I gave honest answers.

We are committed to a presence in Lacey and it would be impossible to move to another location.

Moving would mean closing the business

We are an apartment complex.

We still believe that we can get a handle on the Homeless/Drug Issue.

We do not feel the City is properly addressing the Homeless issue. Please look at how many police reports we have filed in the last 3 years. Too many

I want to feel safe when I'm the last one to leave the building and at this point, I can't be here after dark due to the aggressive nature of these young males towards me as a female

The frequency of interaction with homelessness near our business has not been high, so manageable. Primarily in past to Lacey doing a good job of managing the situation. Our business is not in Olympia because they do not manage it.

This is home.

City of Lacey does a great job of taking care of businesses and we really appreciate all they do. We like Lacey for our business location as well.

4. WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE CITY OF LACEY AND/OR ITS COMMUNITY WORKGROUP ON HOMELESSNESS?



Response

The homeless issue is something we are constantly battling. I understand that this is a sensitive and difficult issue, however, it does negatively impact not only my business and customers, but the community in general.

Lacey desperately needs more affordable apartments. Right now all the demand for housing is driving the prices up and it is getting out of control. Thank you for trying to figure out a solution.

With the most recent change by the WA State Supreme Court allowing possession of illegal drugs, how will our police force be able to make arrests and do their job policing this issue?

The Homelessness is an issue and the steps taken to cater to these folks is not the answer. These public lands are owned by the public and the public are those who pay taxes especially businesses. The tax payers(owners) should have more right than the homeless whom destroy the beautiful landscape of this city. Taxes pay for Safety and allowing homeless to accosts the public, destroy and degrade our property is not what these taxes were asked to pay for. We personally have spent thousands of dollars on repairs from homeless, they have stolen vehicles, broken into cars, and made employees feel unsafe. Why is the City not handling this issue with arrest? We are next to the Chehalis Trail or as we call it the Felon HWY and these homeless have taken it over and made this awesome trail a place were people are not safe. Because this has many jurisdictions - Lacey-Olympia and the County, no one seems to be able to control. This needs to change for the safety of all communities.

Zero tolerance

I am not sure the solution but up and down I-5 from Olympia to Seattle just looks awful. Something needs to happen for both the homeless people and our communities.

This is a regional problem we all need to solve together. I'm grateful Lacey has not let this issue become a huge problem like Olympia has, but hope they are willing to support Olympia solve the regional issue.