

# BULLITT COUNTY RESIDENTS' ATTITUDES REGARDING INDOOR SMOKING POLICIES

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A Report Submitted to the Bullitt County Health  
Department



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# Harms of Secondhand Smoke

- Tobacco smoke is a deadly mix of more than 7,000 chemicals—70 of them known carcinogens.
- Secondhand smoke damages the DNA, causing cancer.
- Secondhand smoke causes immediate changes to the heart and blood vessels.
- There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Source: US Dept. Of Health & Human Services, *How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease: The Biology Of Behavioral Basis For Smoking-Attributable Disease: A Report Of The Surgeon General*, 2010



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# Smoking Rates for Bullitt County 2010-2014

Data Year	Bullitt County	Kentucky
2014	28 %	26 %
2013	26 %	26 %
2012	31 %	27 %
2011	27 %	28 %
2010	27 %	29 %

SOURCE: RWJF County Health Rankings  
2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

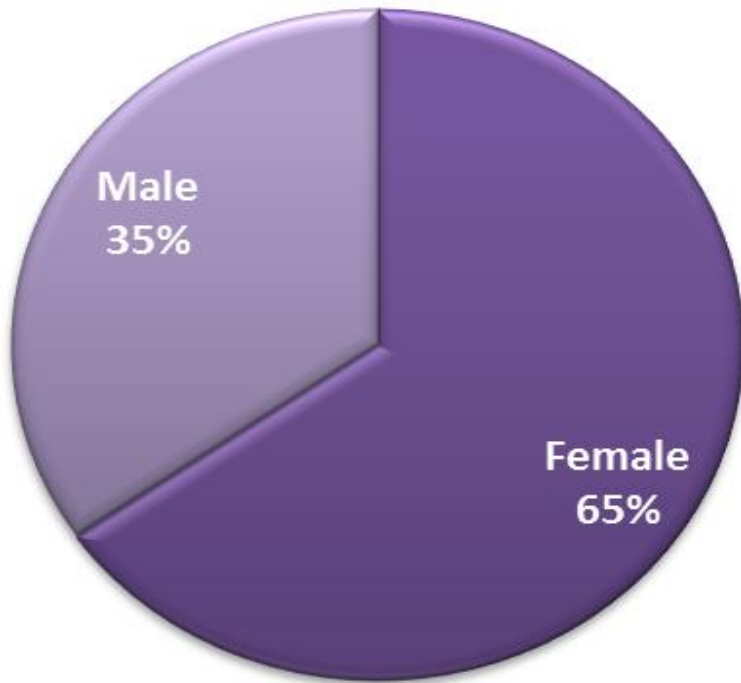


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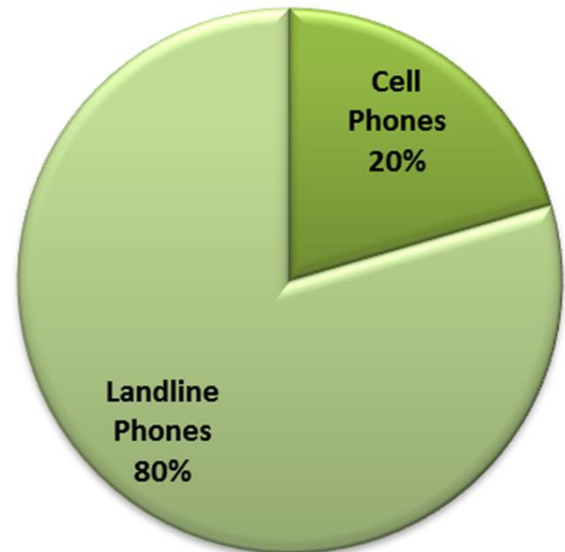


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# 1000 Participants



Average Age = 56.91 (*SD* = 14.91)

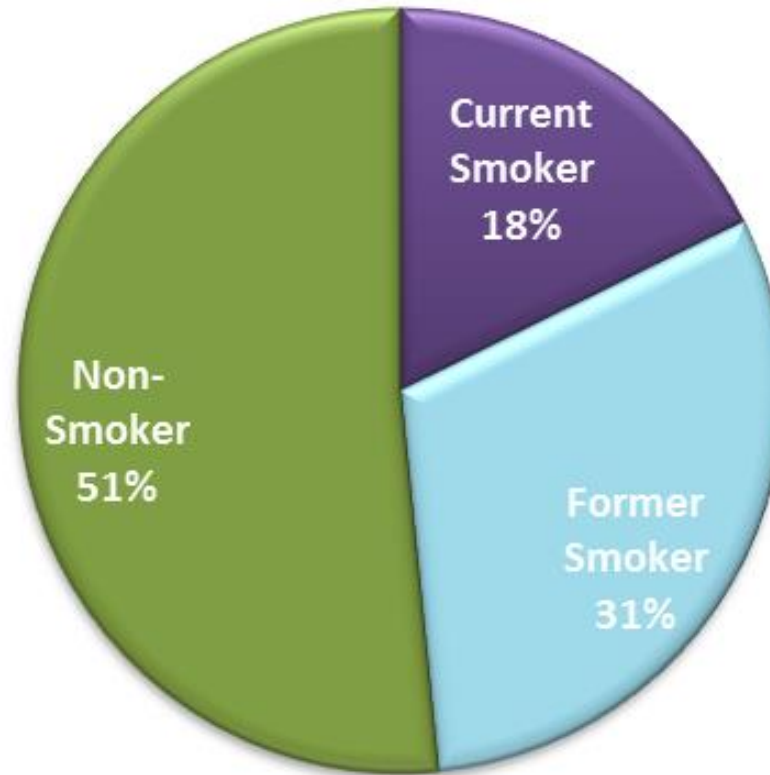


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# Smoking History of Participants



# 9.5 OUT OF 10

**want restrictions on smoking in *work places*  
within Bullitt County.**



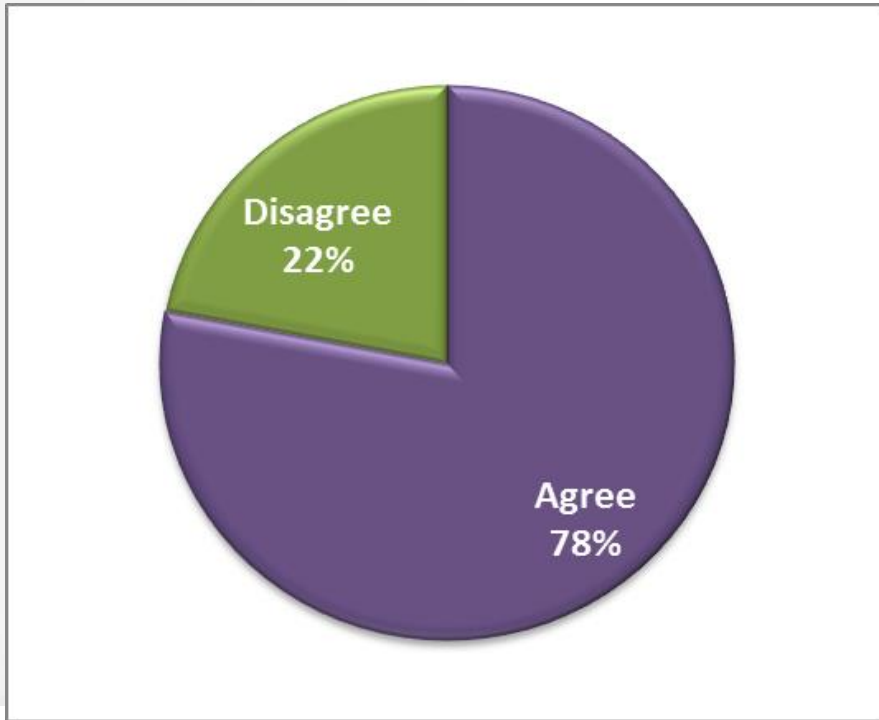
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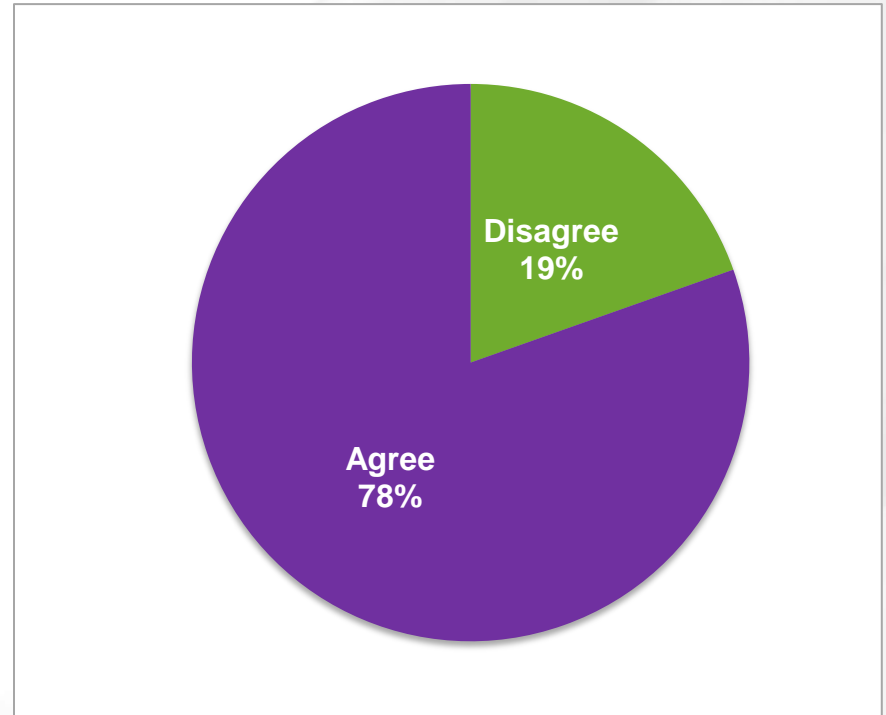
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“Breathing secondhand smoke is as harmful to one’s health as smoking a cigarette.”

2015 Survey



2010 Survey



# 7 OUT OF 10

**want restrictions on smoking in *bars and taverns*  
within Bullitt County.**

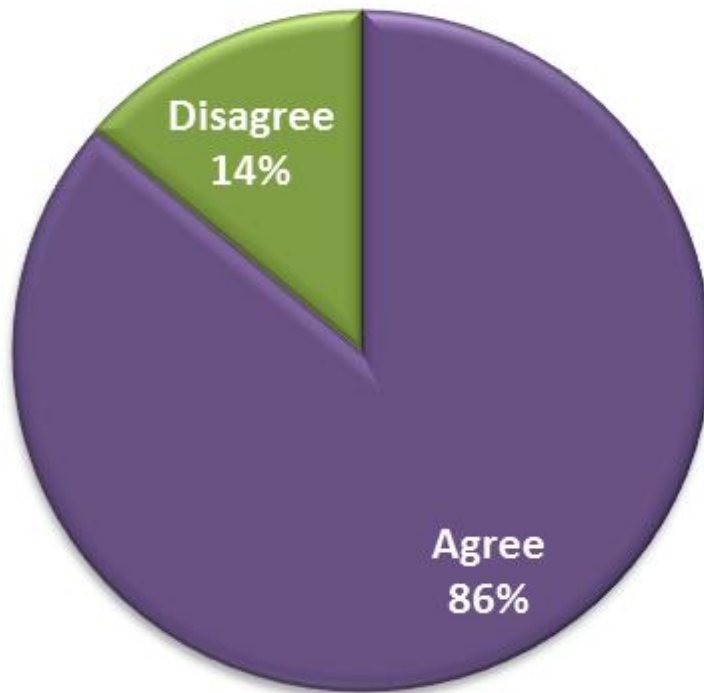


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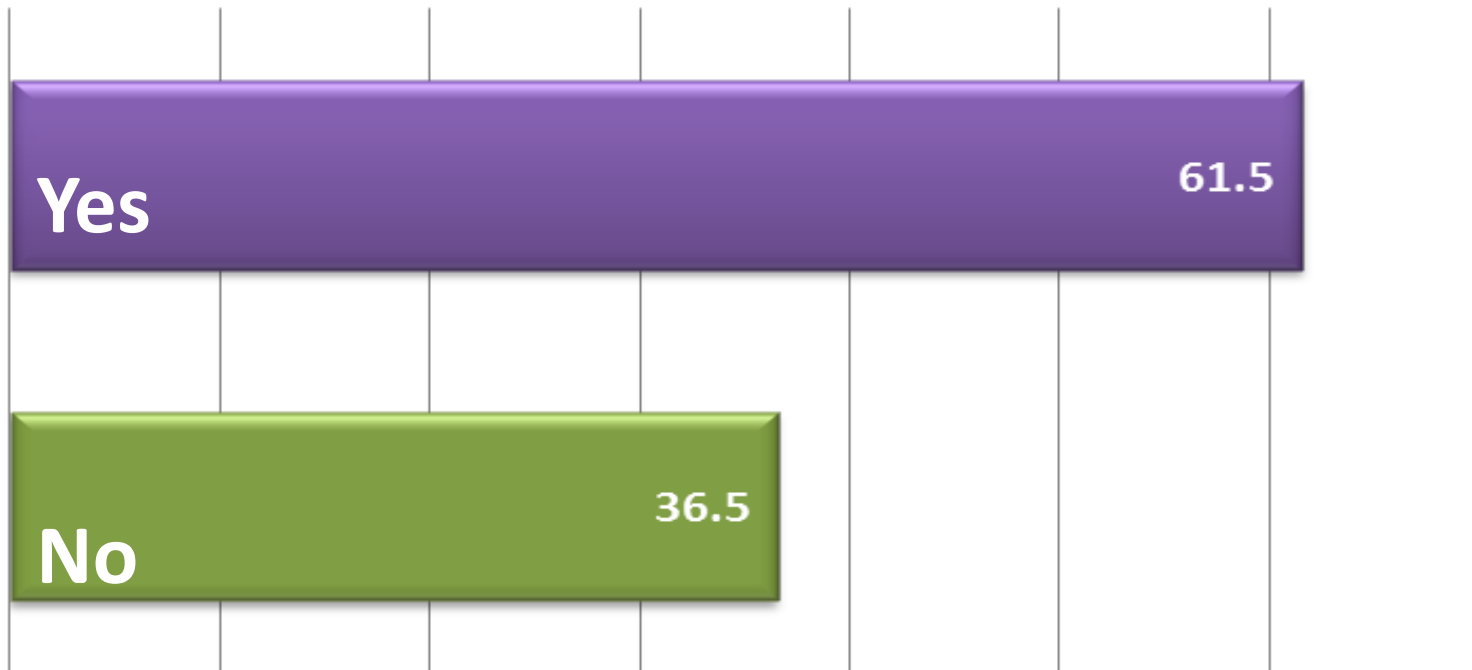




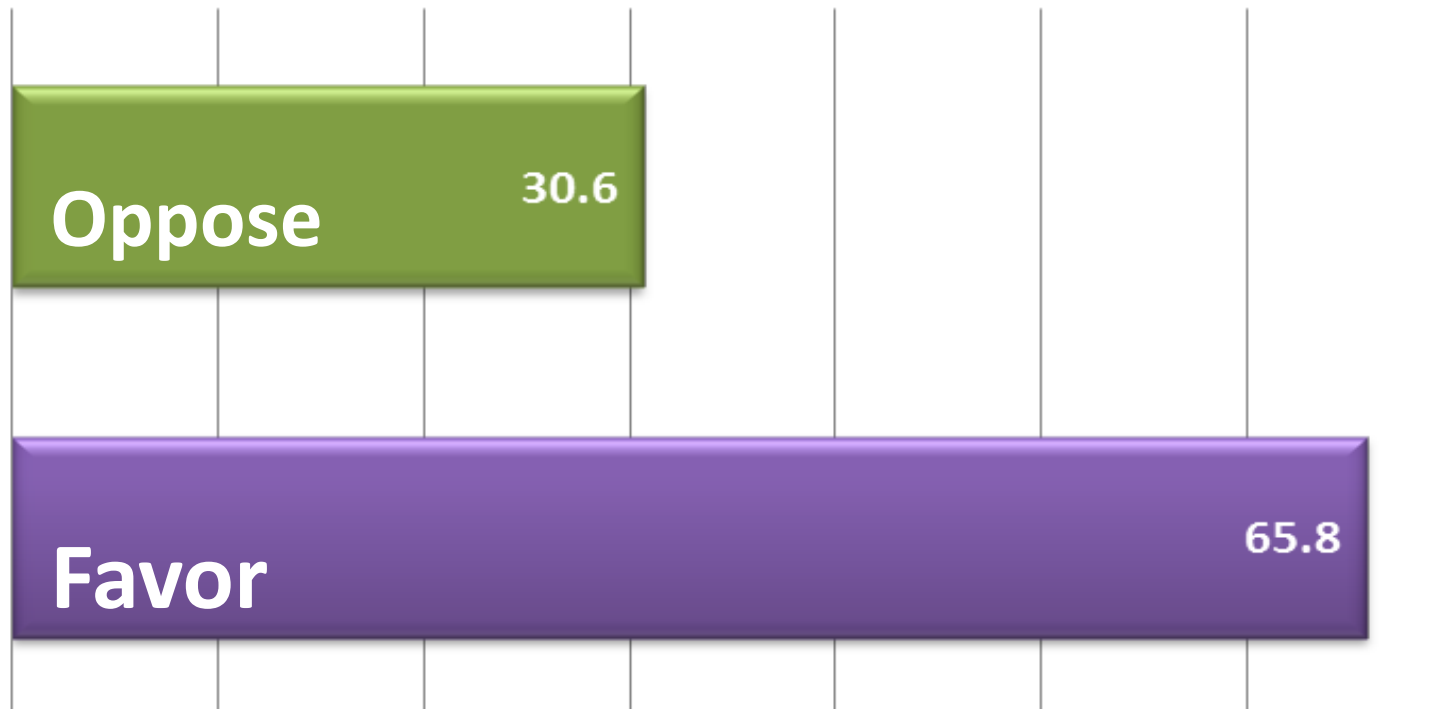
**“All public places  
should have a  
non-smoking  
area.”**



# “Should we adopt a STATE law requiring ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS to have a smoke-free environment?”



# “Would you favor or oppose a LOCAL LAW that would make all public buildings smoke-free?”

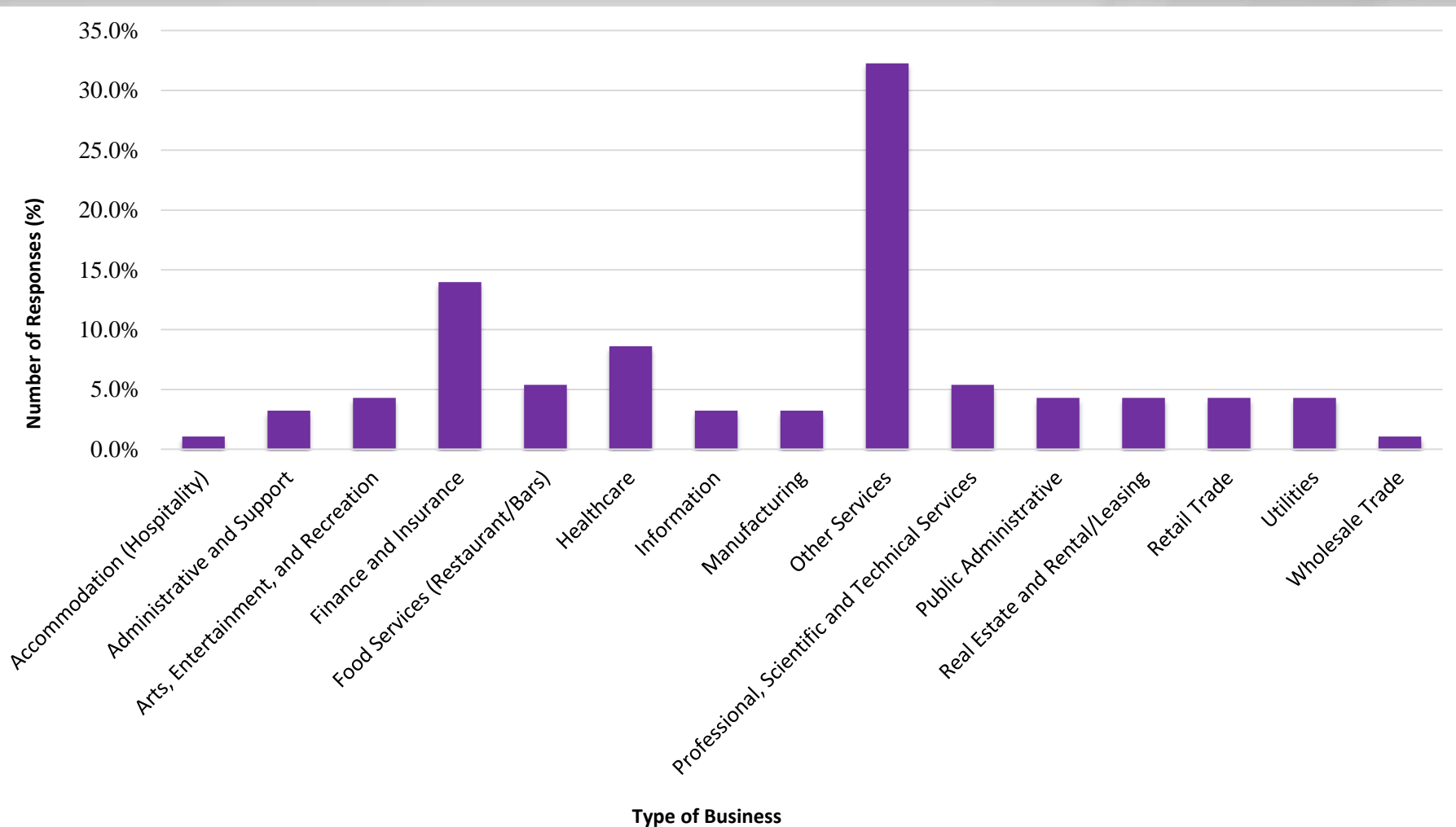


# Chamber/Business Online Survey

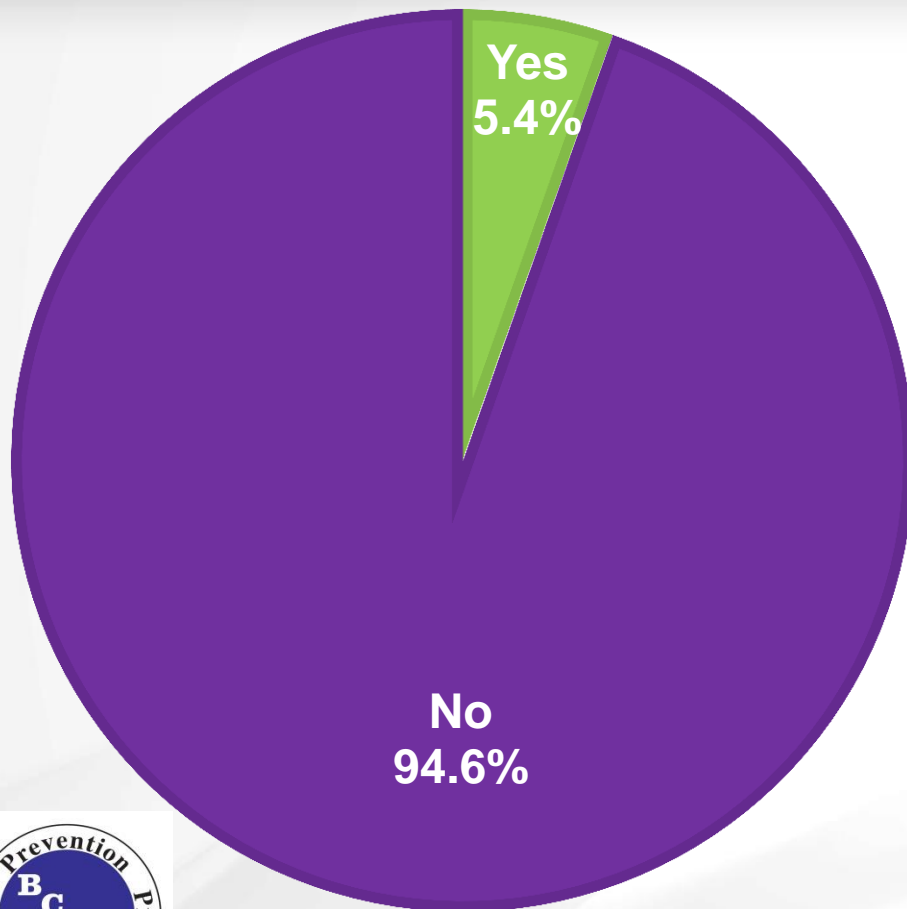
- Based on Jessamine County Chamber Survey
- Our survey became available on February 16, 2015 and was closed on March 25, 2015.
- We had 131 Bullitt County Chamber businesses start the survey.
- 93 of the 131 where business located in Bullitt County.



# What type of business do you have in Bullitt County?



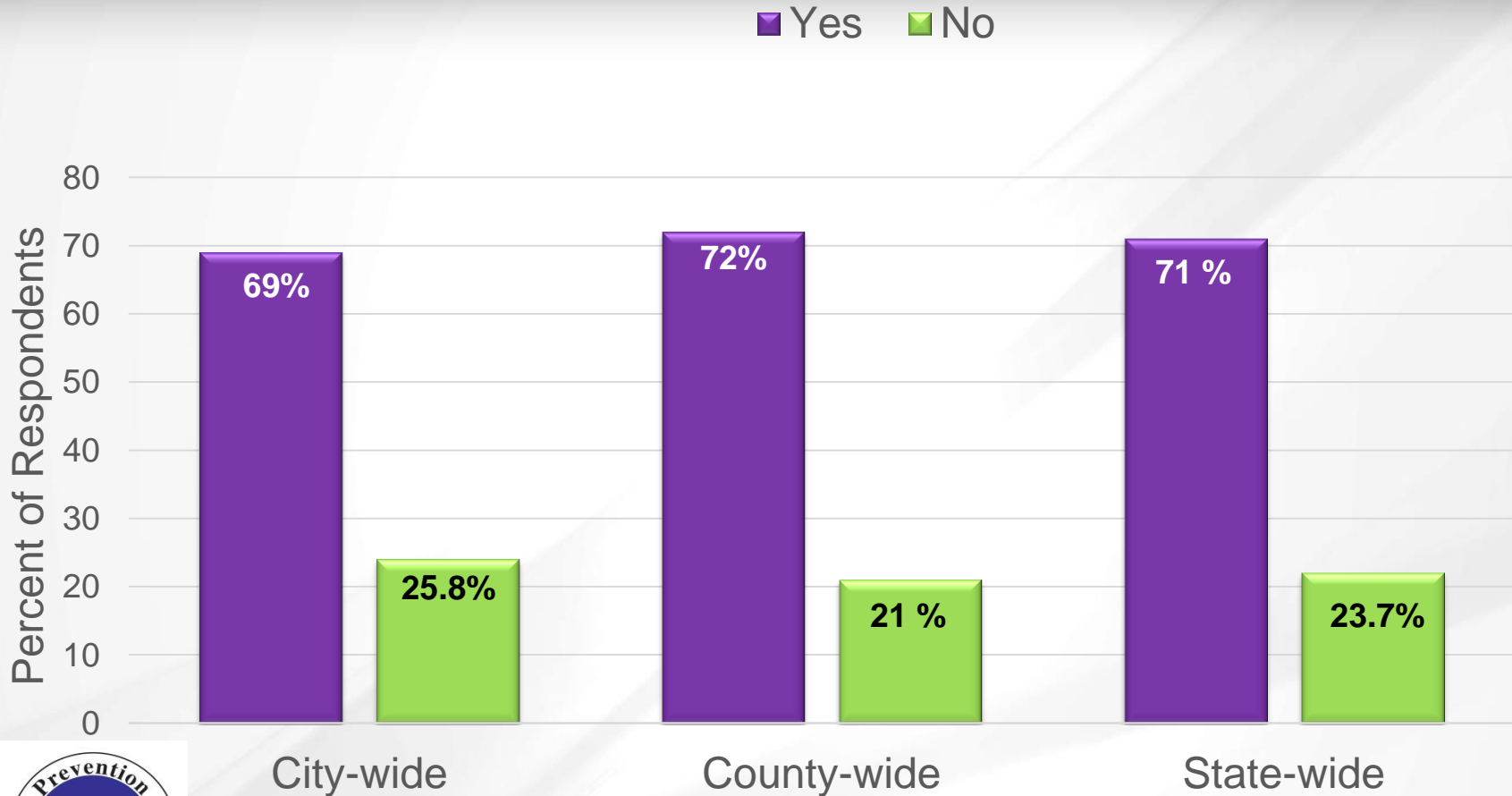
# Do you allow smoking inside your building(s)?



9.5 out of 10 businesses **do not allow smoking** inside their buildings



# Do you favor a law requiring all public buildings have a smoke-free environment?



# If a local law is passed that all public building have a smoke-free environment, do you think it would attract or discourage new businesses?

