

Northwest Colorado Council of Governments



Regional Survey of Budgeting Assumptions for 2026

October 6, 2025

Members Survey'

Population 31

Sample Size 21

85-90% Confidence Level

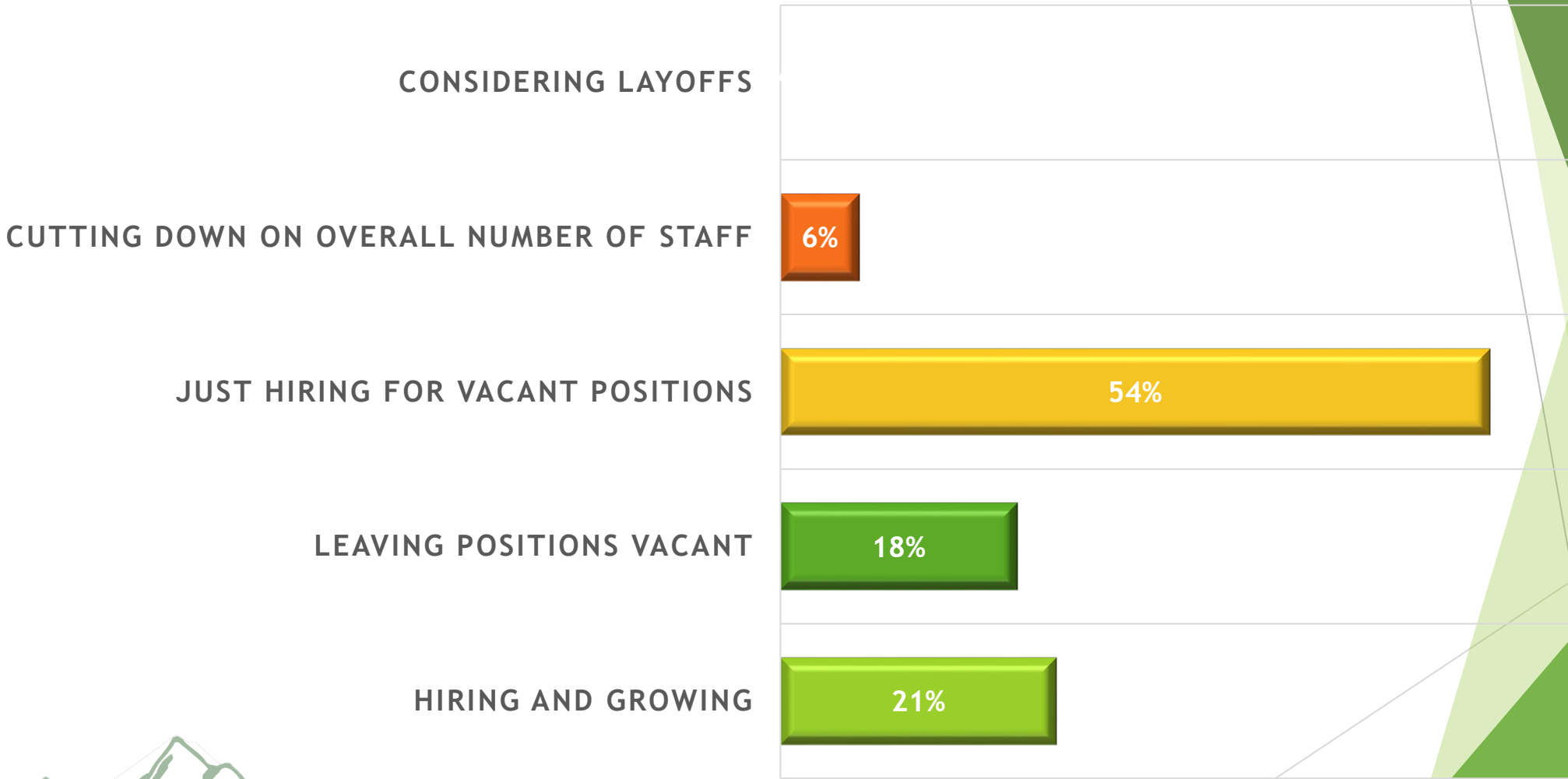
12% Margin of Error

4 of 6 Counties

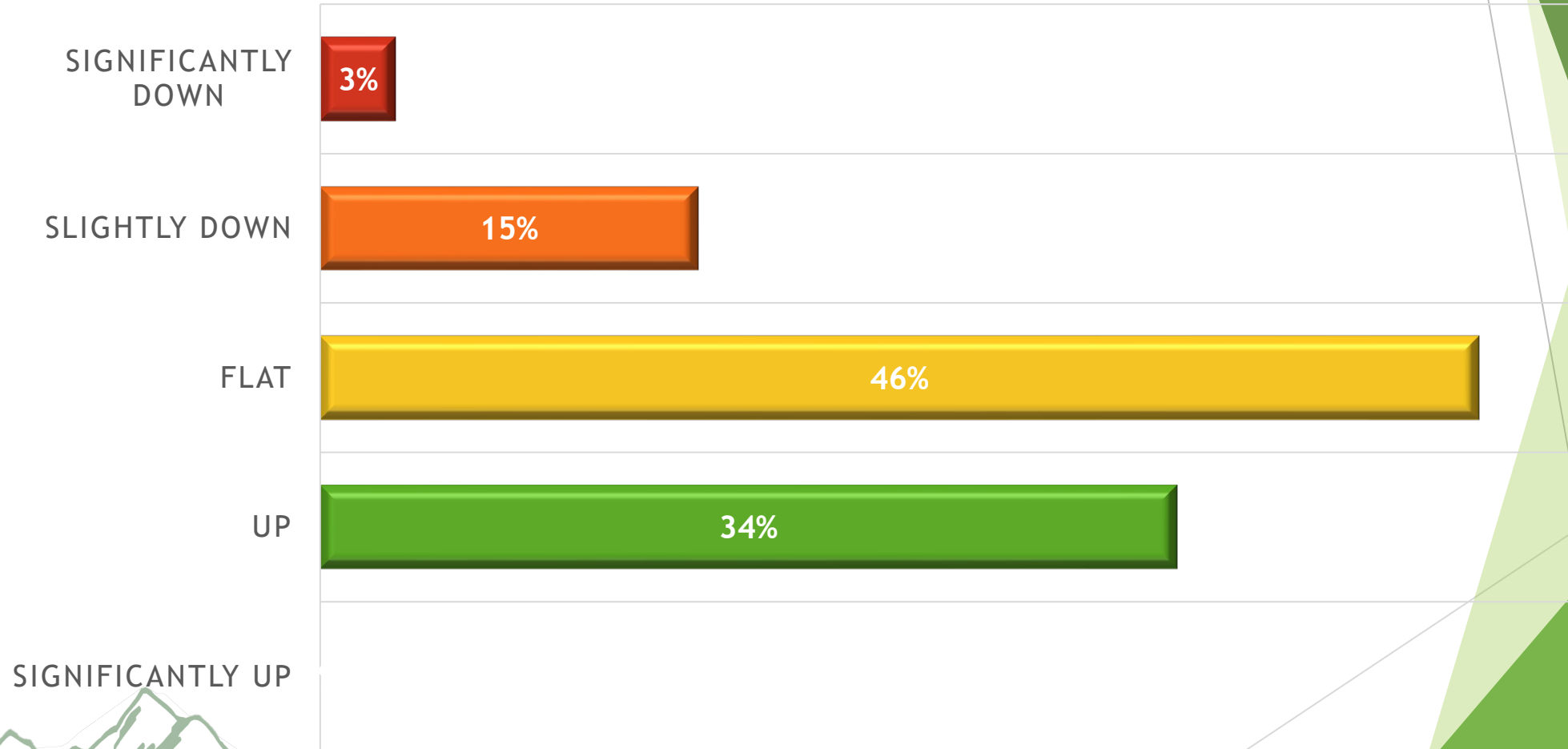
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Surveys Collected August-September 2025

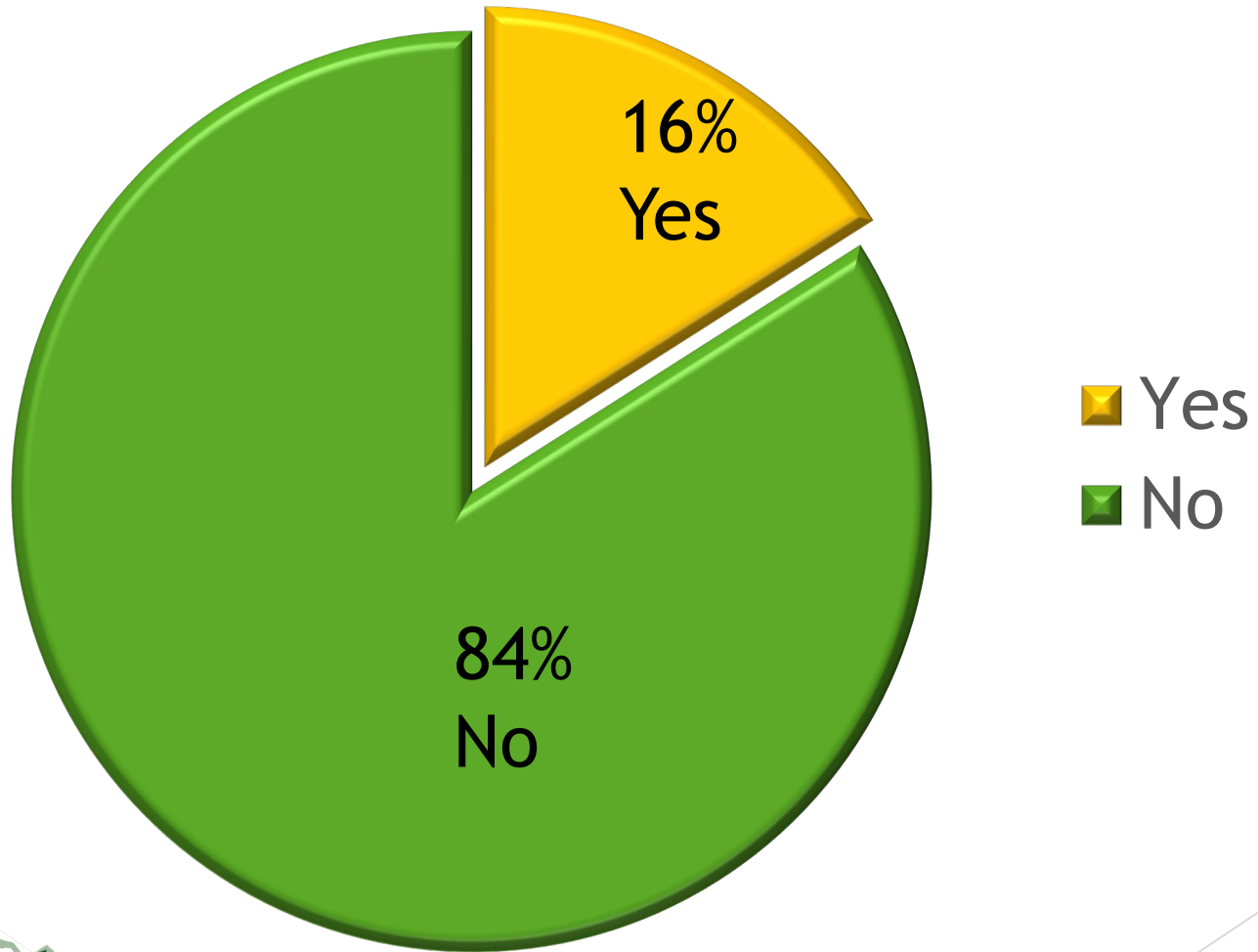
For staffing in late 2025 and 2026, are you:



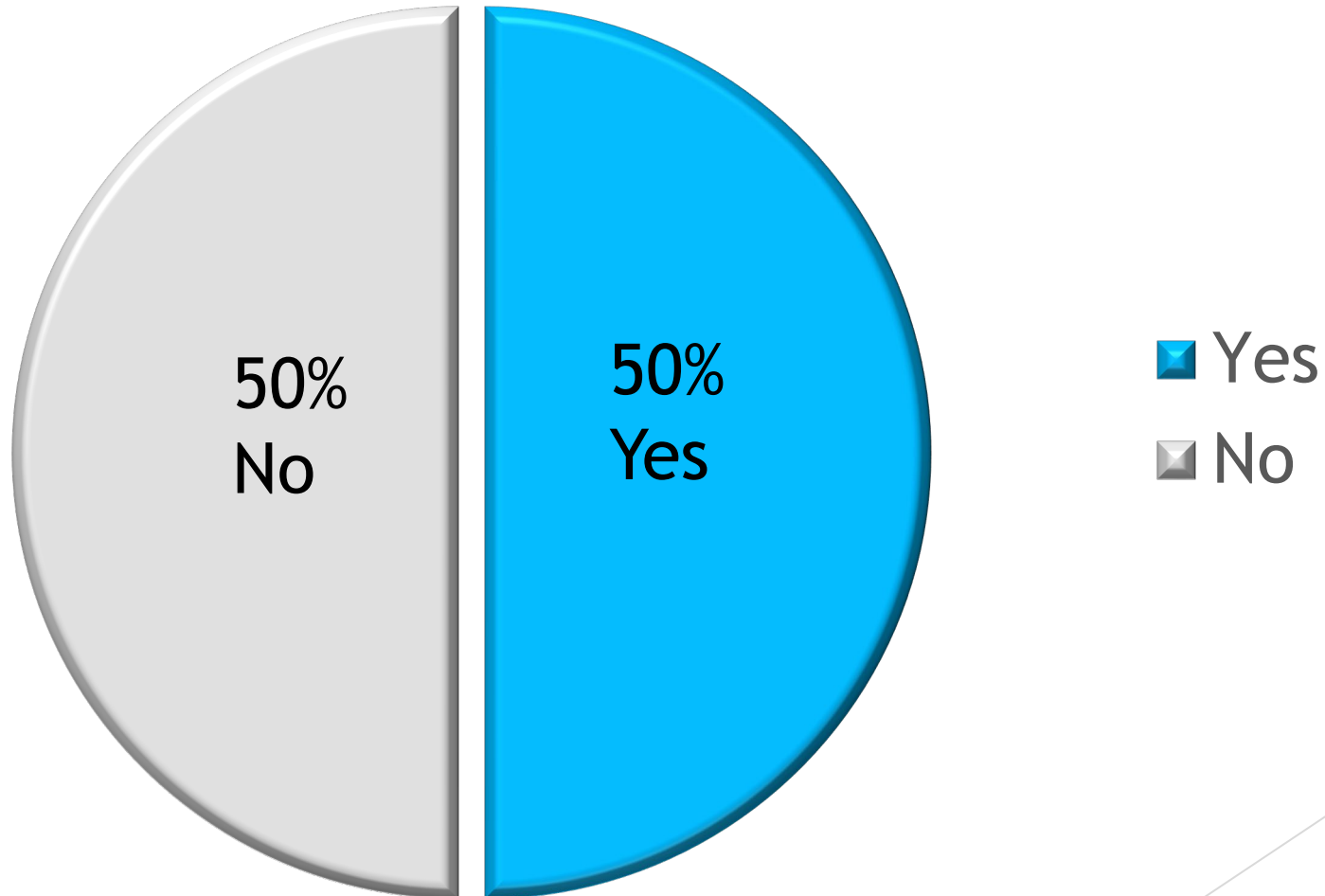
Were revenue projections built into this year's operating budget compared to actuals in 2025:



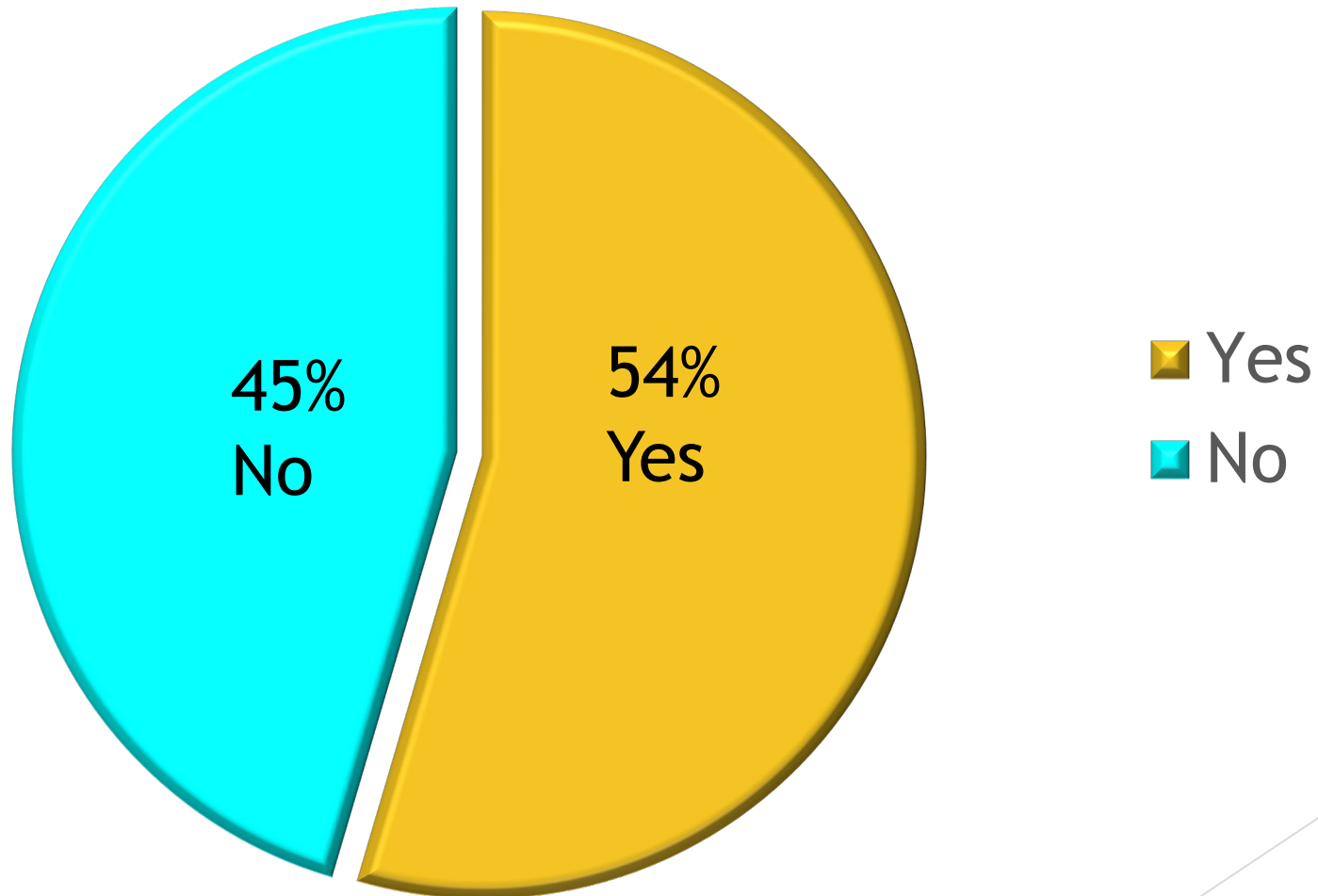
Are you deferring Capital Projects that were budgeted?



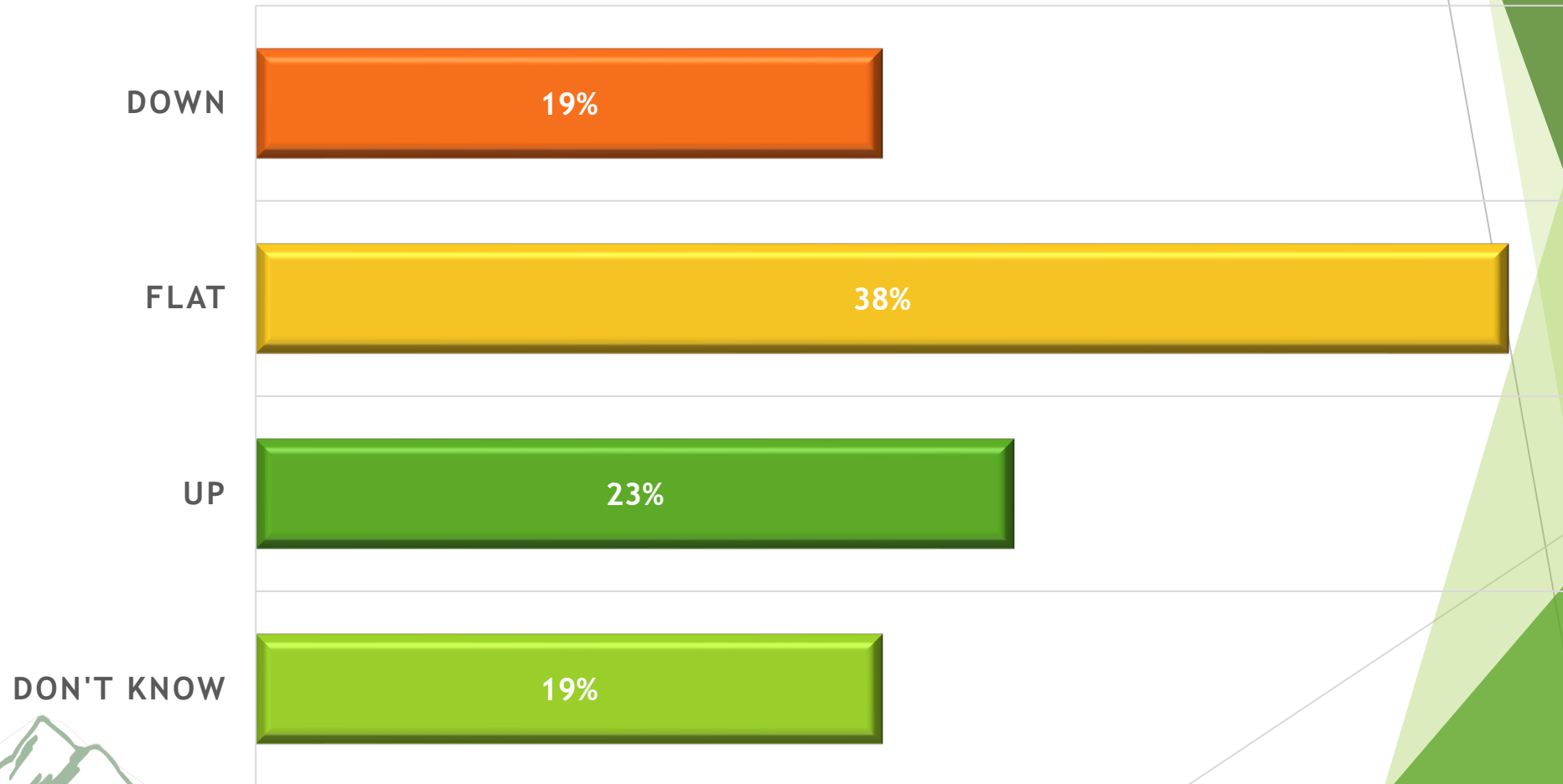
Are you waiting to begin new initiatives because of budget concerns?



Are you proceeding without revenue concerns with 2025 projects, plans, and initiatives?



If visitors are a significant part of your economy, are the numbers you are seeing so far in 2025 in relation to expectations:



Are you budgeting in 2026 with the assumption Sales Tax Revenue will:

SIGNIFICANTLY
DECREASE

SLIGHTLY
DECREASE

REMAIN FLAT

SLIGHTLY
INCREASE

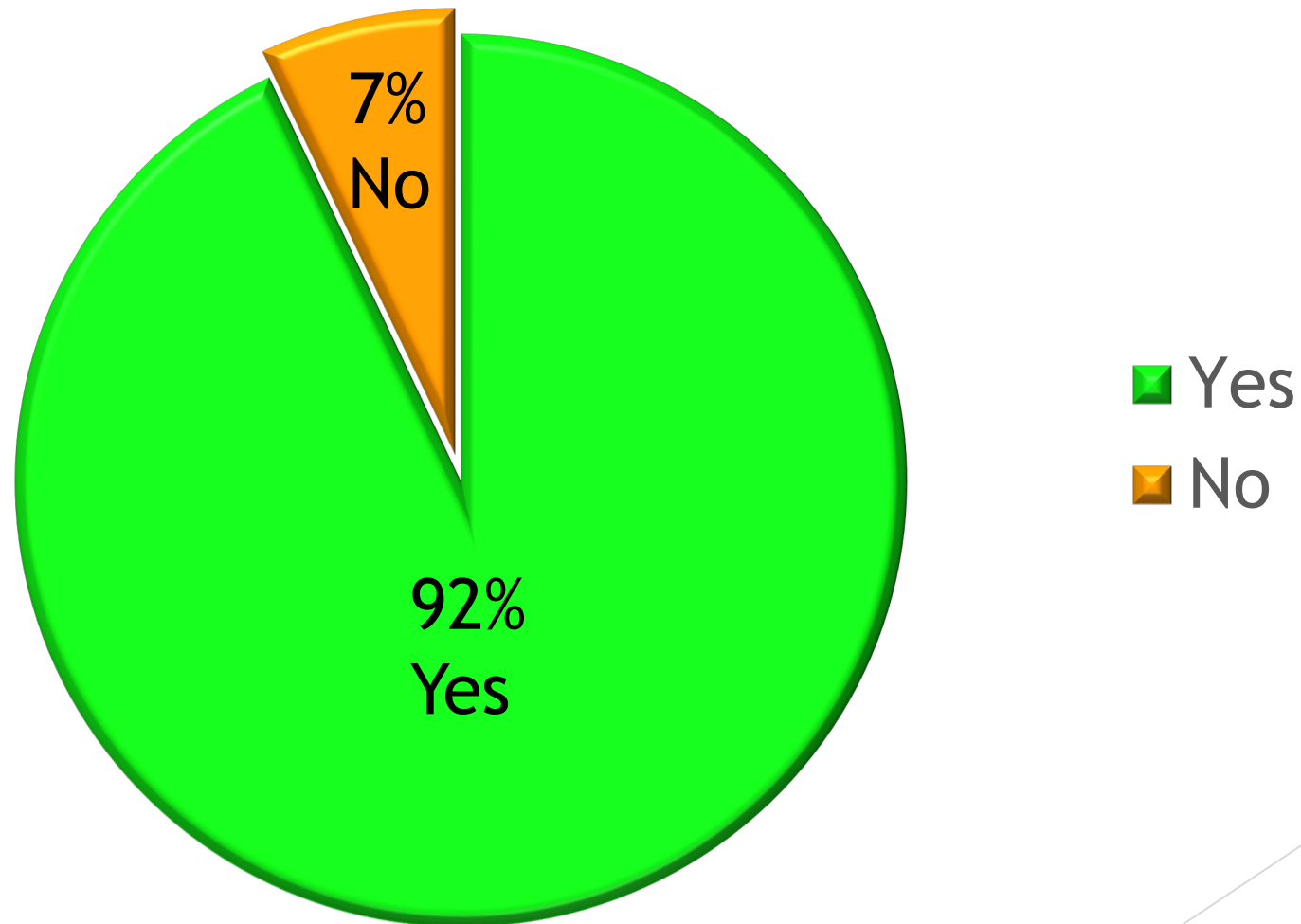
SIGNIFICANTLY
INCREASE

15%

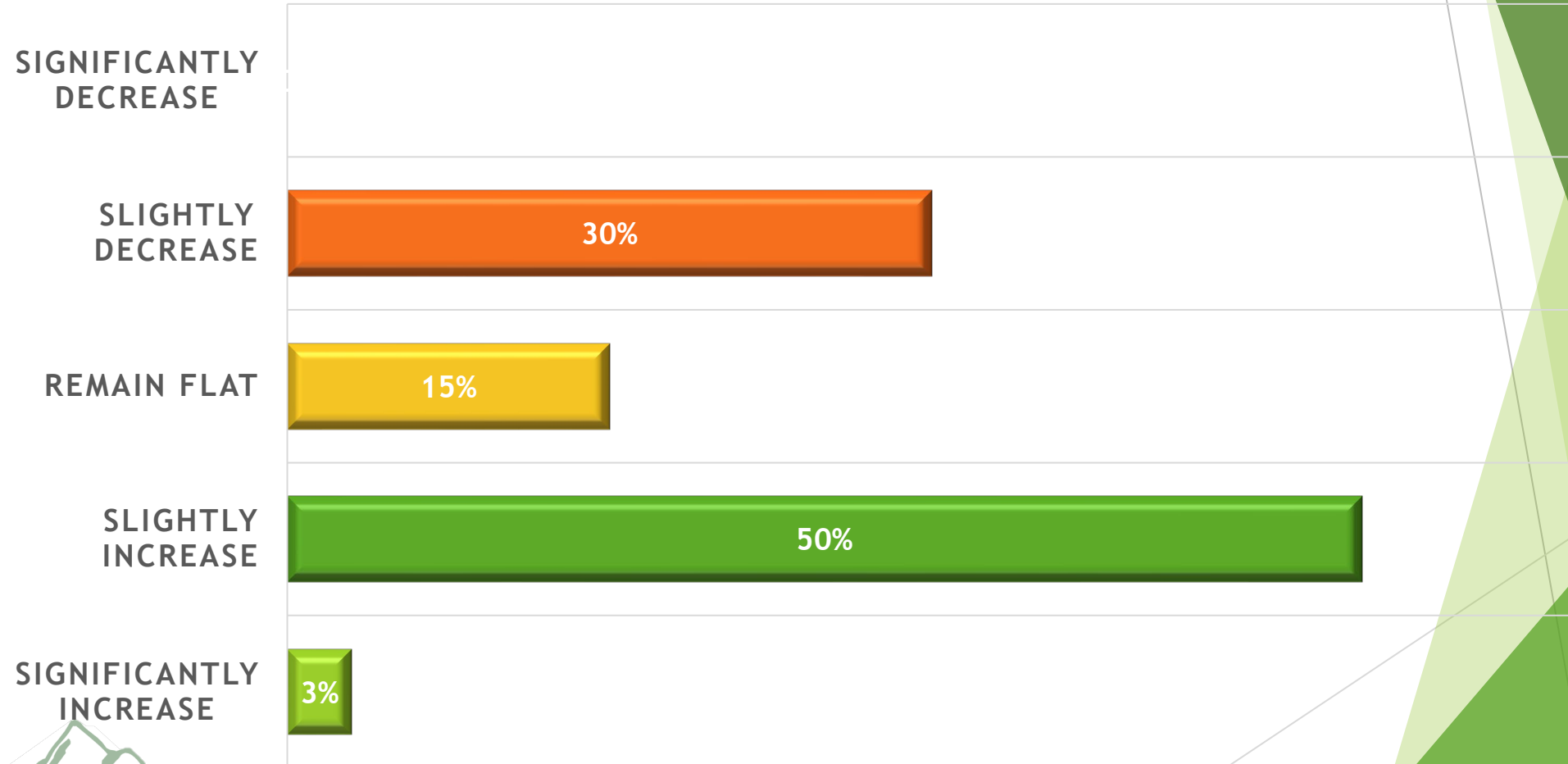
50%

34%

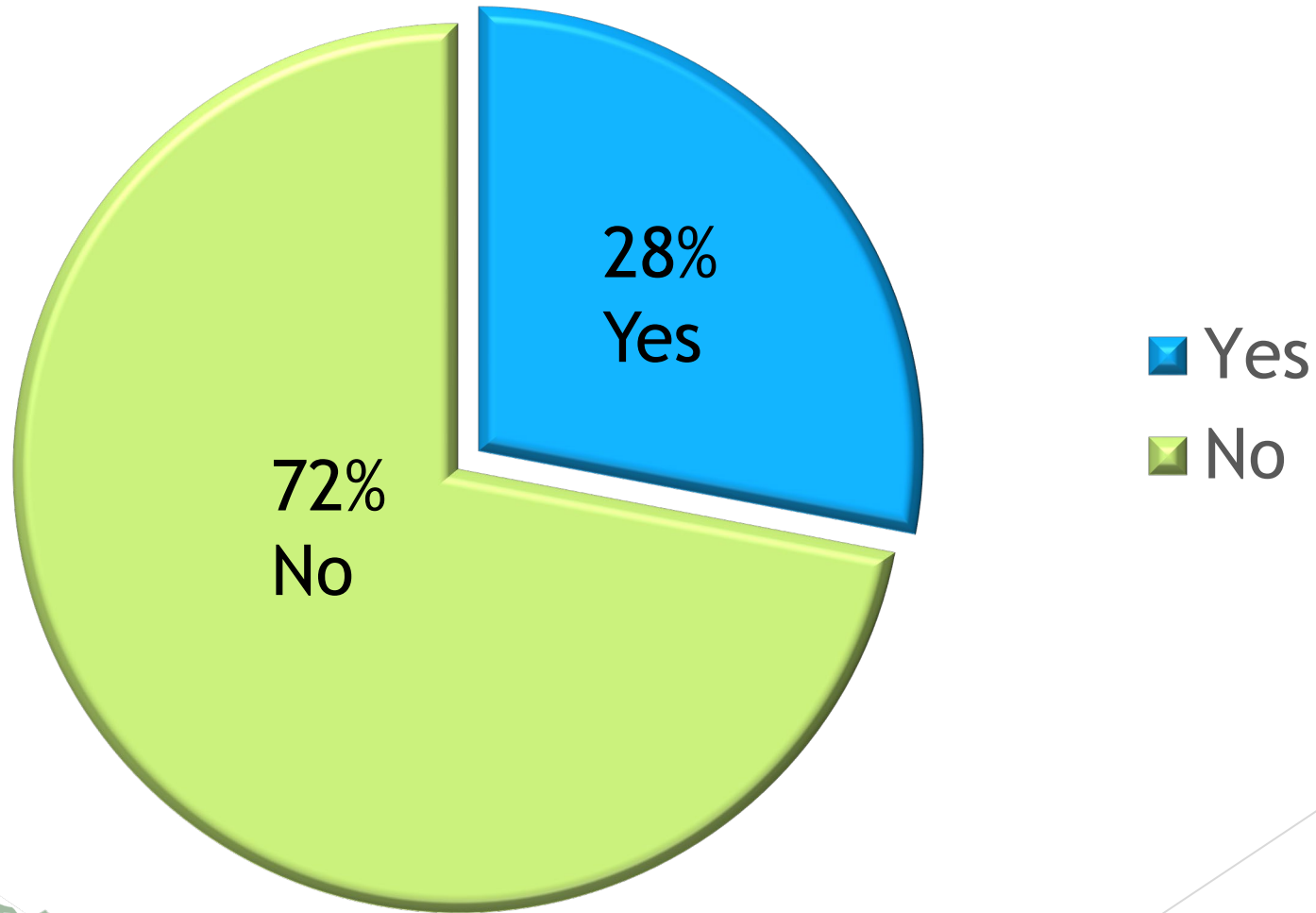
Is sales tax a primary source of revenue?



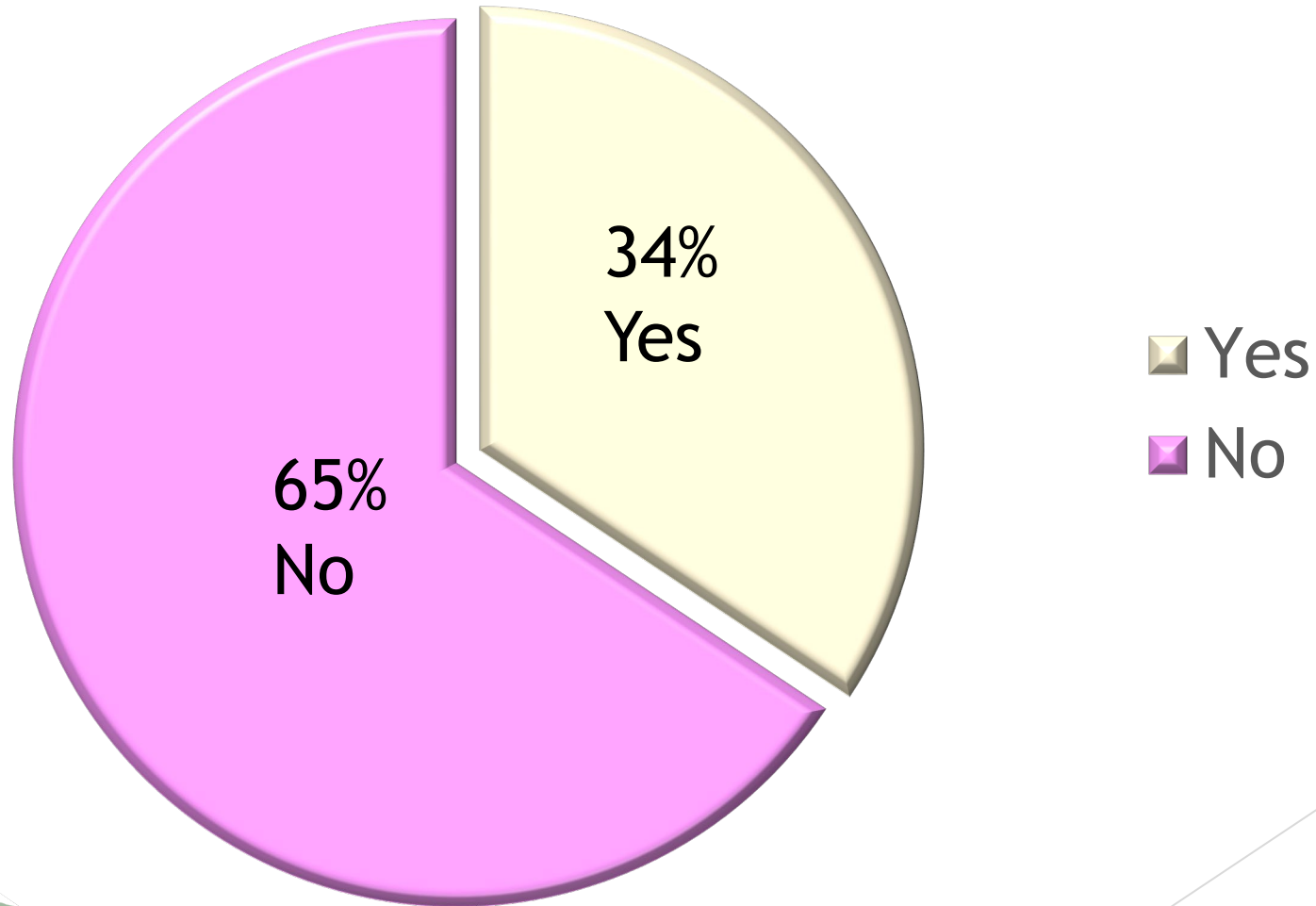
Are you budgeting for 2026 with the assumption that Property Tax revenues will:



Is property tax a primary source of revenue?



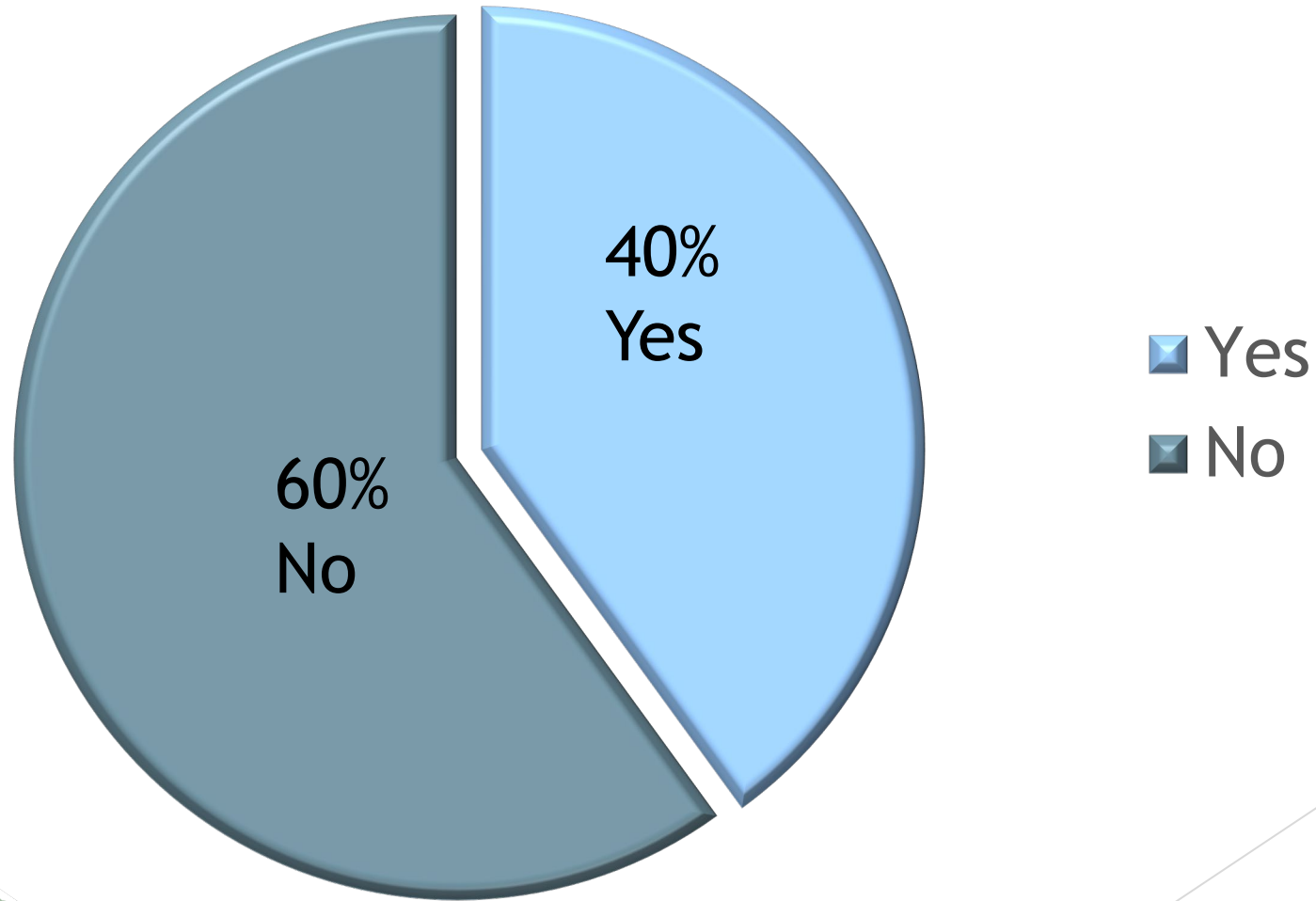
Have you experienced any state or federal funding cuts that impact programs in 2025?



Programs Currently impacted by State or Federal Cuts:

- ▶ Transit operations (potentially)
- ▶ Capital grants
- ▶ Grants supported by Severance Taxes
- ▶ Grants Supported by Mineral Lease
- ▶ Public Health and Human Services Programming
- ▶ **DOLA grant funding**
- ▶ Environmental Health
- ▶ New Federal requirements for additional DHS staff
- ▶ Reduction in funding for the Avon US Highway 6 Safety Improvements Project
- ▶ Regular grant for bulletproof vests will no longer be available beginning in 2026.
- ▶ Grant programs intended to support capital projects have been significantly reduced; which will change the end project or delay it until we can secure enough funding in the future.
- ▶ Severance Tax Estimations
- ▶ CDOT MMOF Grants

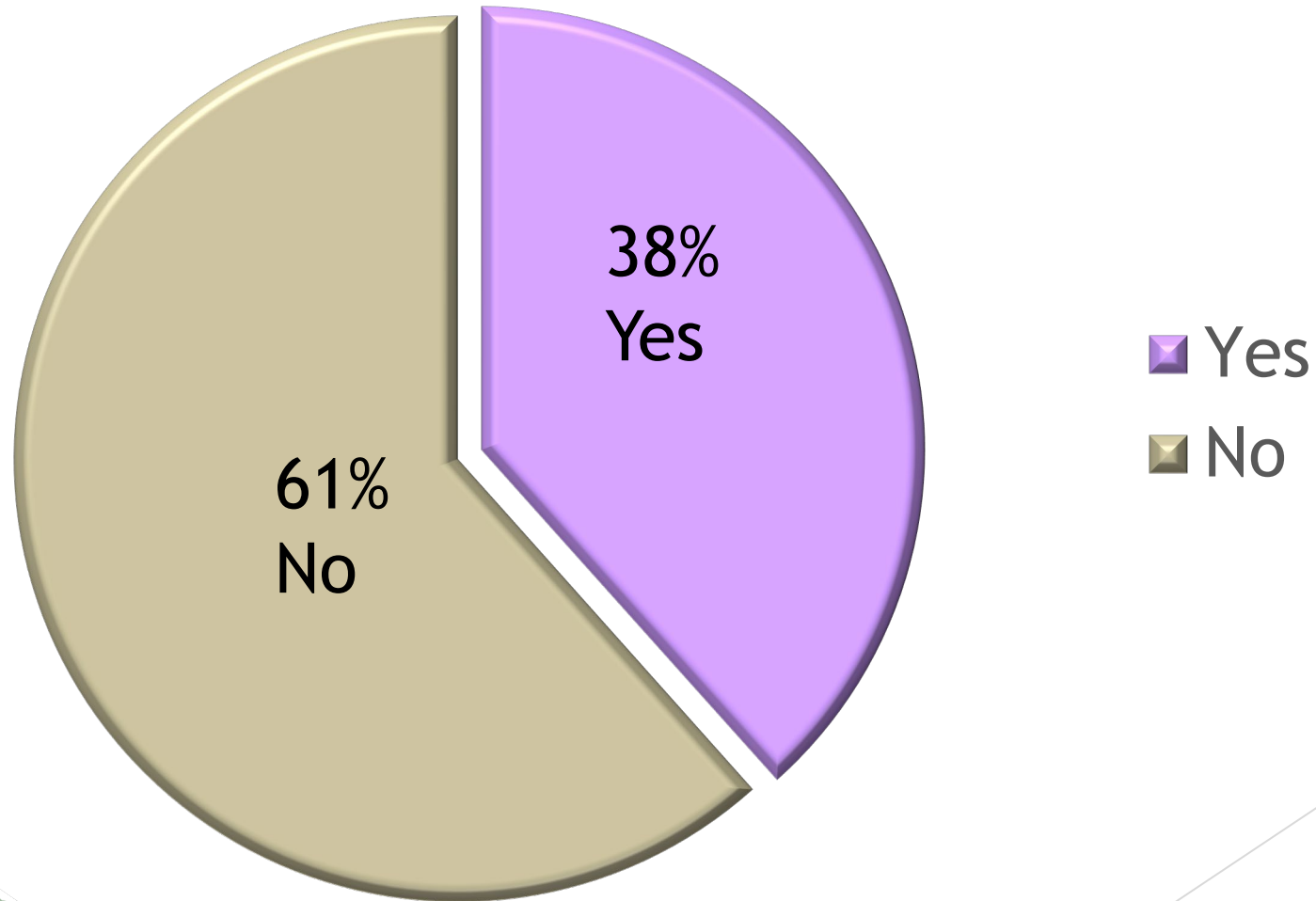
Are you budgeting for significant reductions in state or federal funding in 2026?



Programs we expect less state or federal funds to support in 2026:

- ▶ CDOT
- ▶ DOLA EIAF
- ▶ Transportation grant funding (rolling stock replacement)
- ▶ Emergency Preparedness
- ▶ Public Health
- ▶ Public Health support
- ▶ Anticipating major impacts late 2026
- ▶ Transportation grants will be less
- ▶ Housing grants will be less
- ▶ Environmental related programs
- ▶ State funding for two police officers
- ▶ Anything related to Federally supported grants
- ▶ General services
- ▶ Severance Tax
- ▶ Mineral Lease
- ▶ HUTF

Is state or federal funding a primary source of revenue for any of your programs?



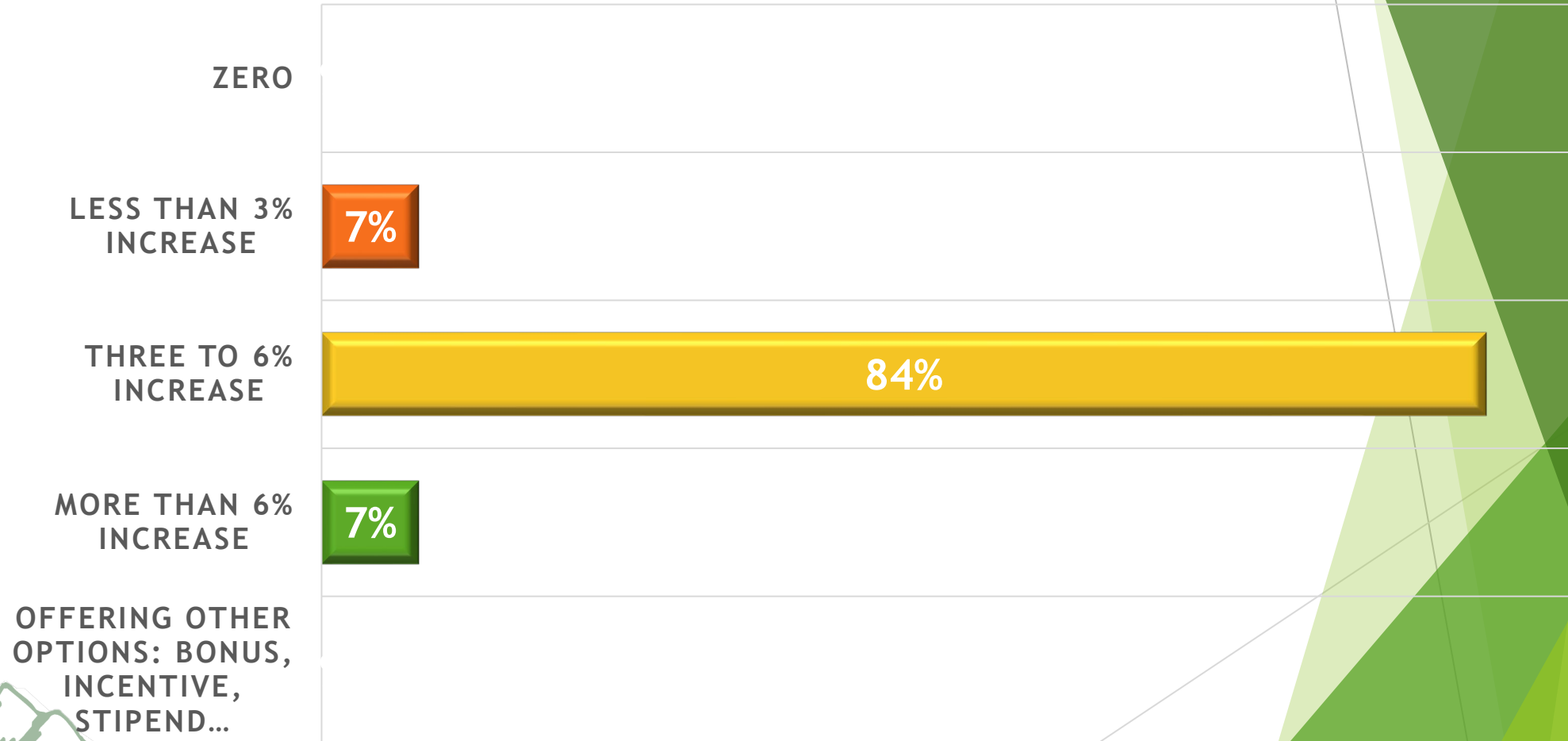
84%

Respondents are Planning

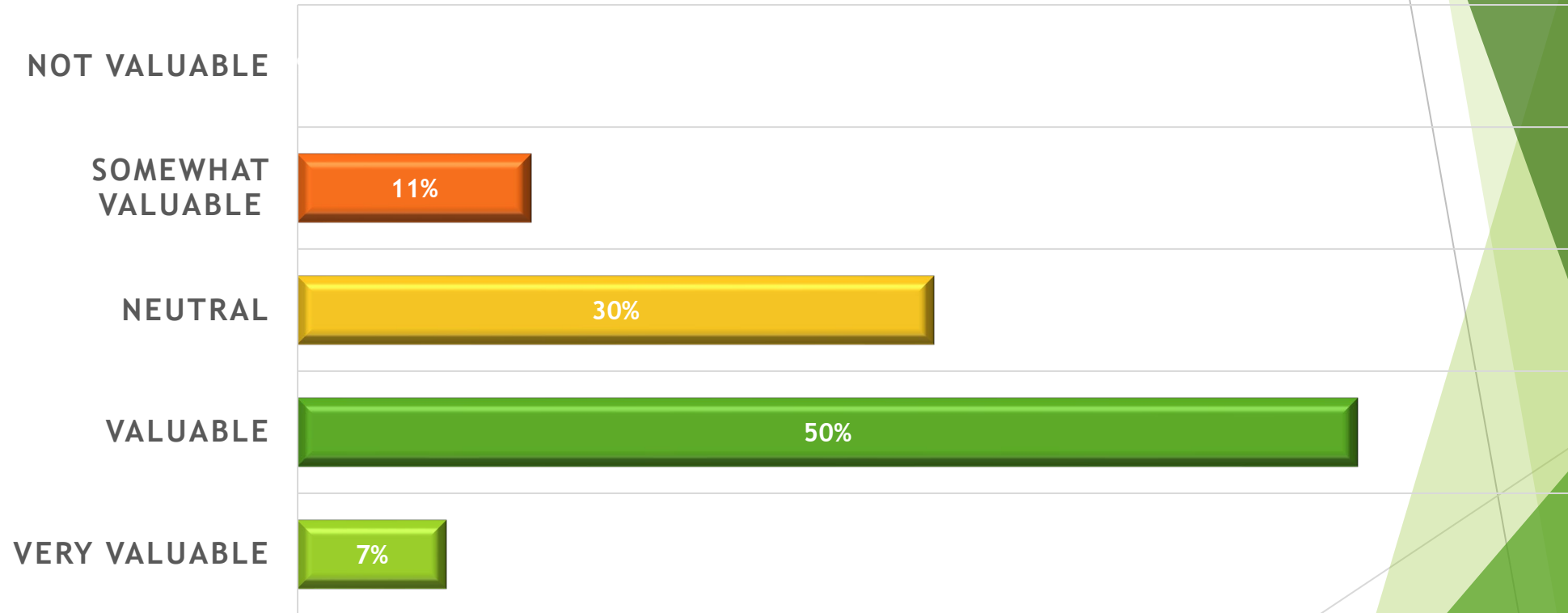
3 - 6%

Wage Increases
for 2026

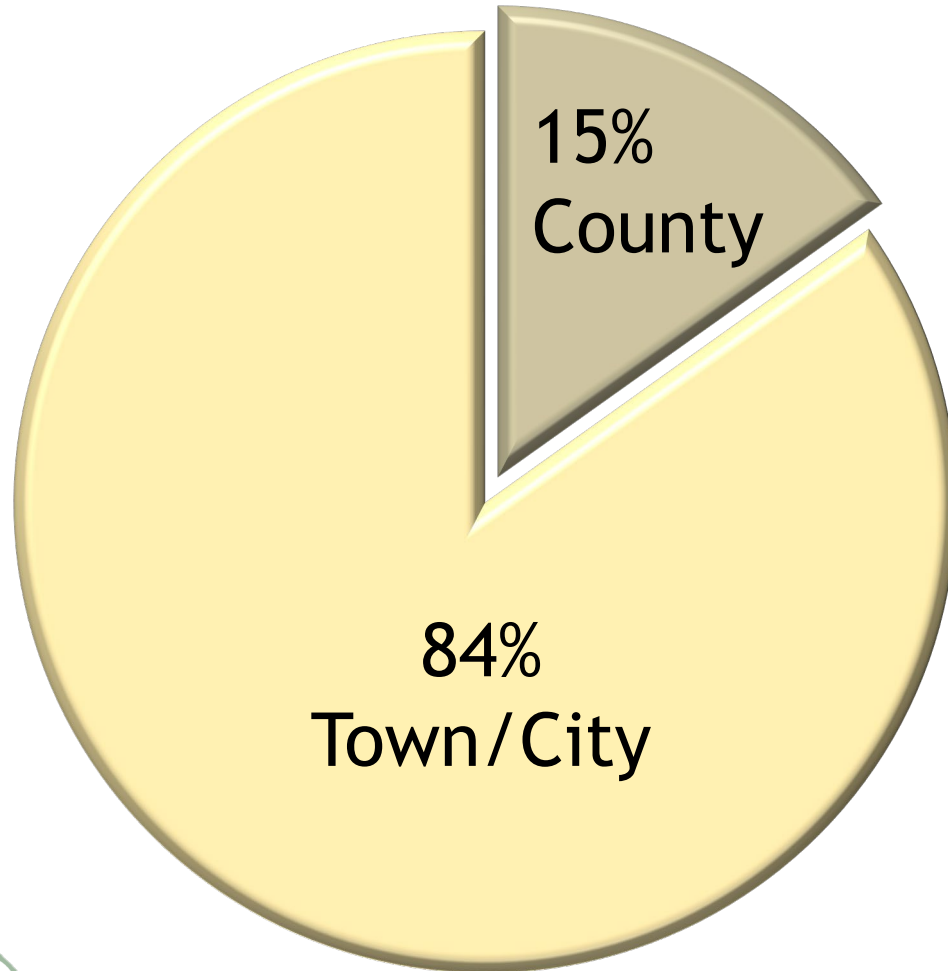
Combined wage COLA/merit increase planned budgeted for staff in 2026?



Rate NWCCOG's Membership as a value proposition for the cost of Dues in relation to the services provided:



Do you represent a:



■ County

■ Town/City

We appreciate our partners for completing the survey

- ▶ Pitkin County
- ▶ Routt County
- ▶ Eagle County
- ▶ Jackson County
- ▶ City of Steamboat Springs
- ▶ City of Glenwood Springs
- ▶ City of Aspen
- ▶ Town of Snowmass Village
- ▶ Town of Basalt
- ▶ Town of Frisco
- ▶ Town of Dillon
- ▶ Town of Keystone
- ▶ Town of Breckenridge
- ▶ Town of Vail
- ▶ Town of Minturn
- ▶ Town of Avon
- ▶ Town of Gypsum
- ▶ Town of Grand Lake
- ▶ Town of Kremmling
- ▶ Town of Granby
- ▶ Town of Walden
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