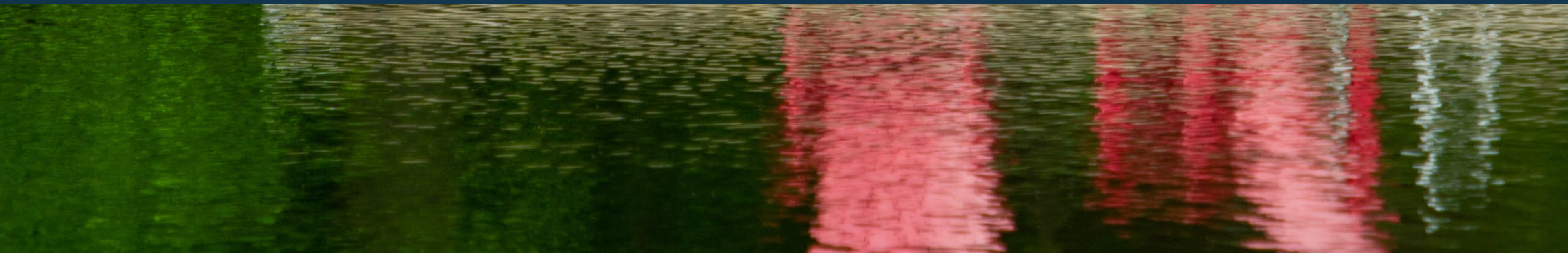




*Highlights from the
2025 Road Issues Survey*

Presented by Alan Revill



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2025

Road Survey

Highlights

217

**unique road
group
responses**

Up by 66 =
44% increase
over 2019

*With
Thanks...*

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Stats

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Glance

2025 FOCA
Road Survey

47

**detailed
questions
asked**

Up by 7
over 2019

217

**unique road
group
responses**

Up by 66 =
44% increase
over 2019

84%

**survey
completion
rate**

Up 21%
over 2019

30+

**minutes =
average
time spent
on survey**

Down by 5
minutes

**Responses
from**

65

**Ontario
municipalities**

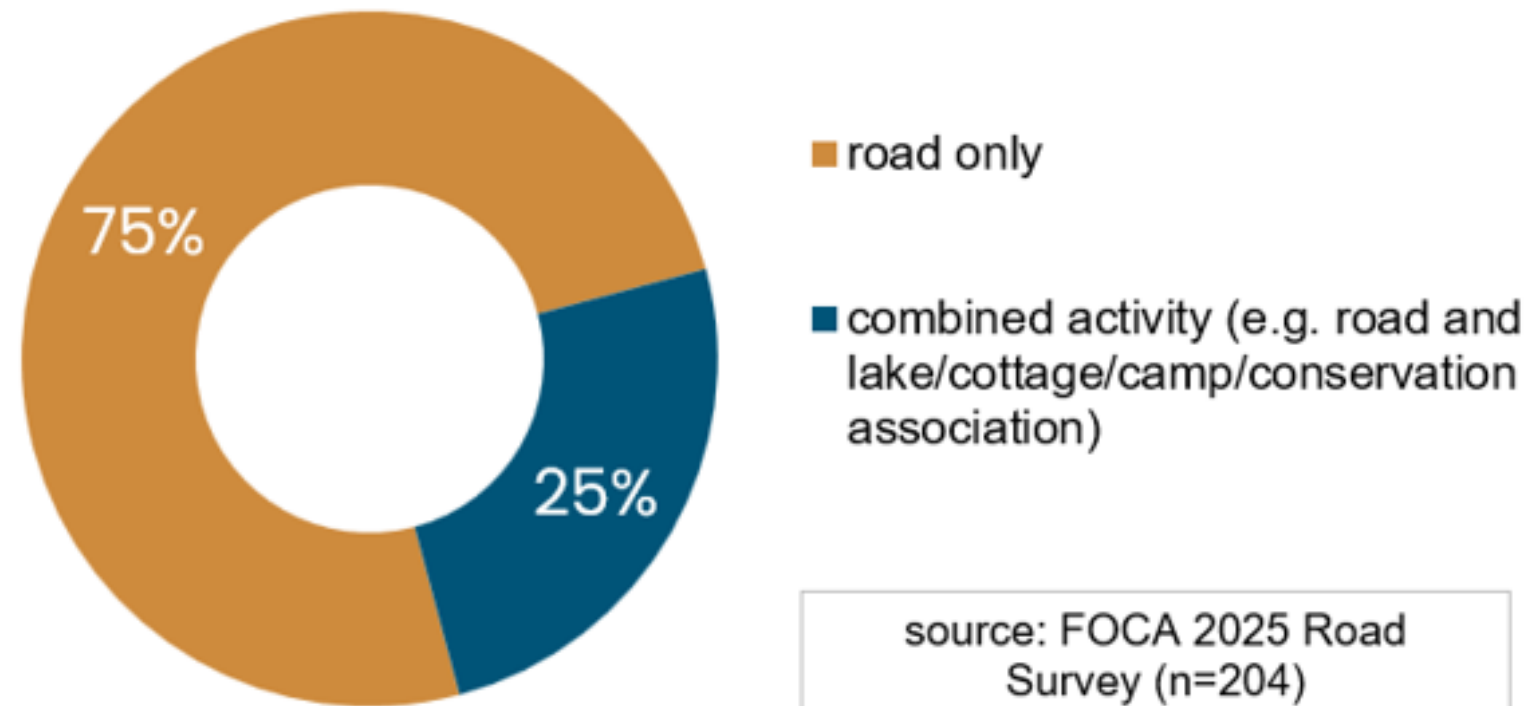
Up 20%
over 2019

7,425

**rural properties
represented in
the survey
answers**

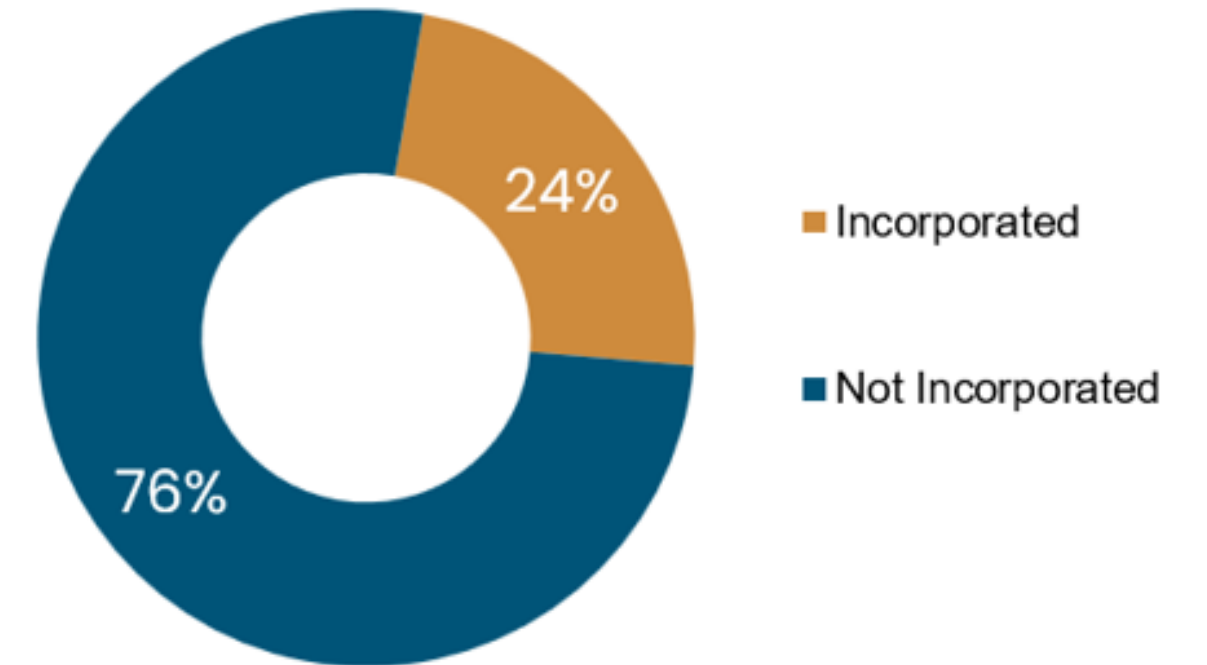
Up 37%
over 2019

Type of Association:



> compare with the 2019 results, when just **58.5%** reported "road only"

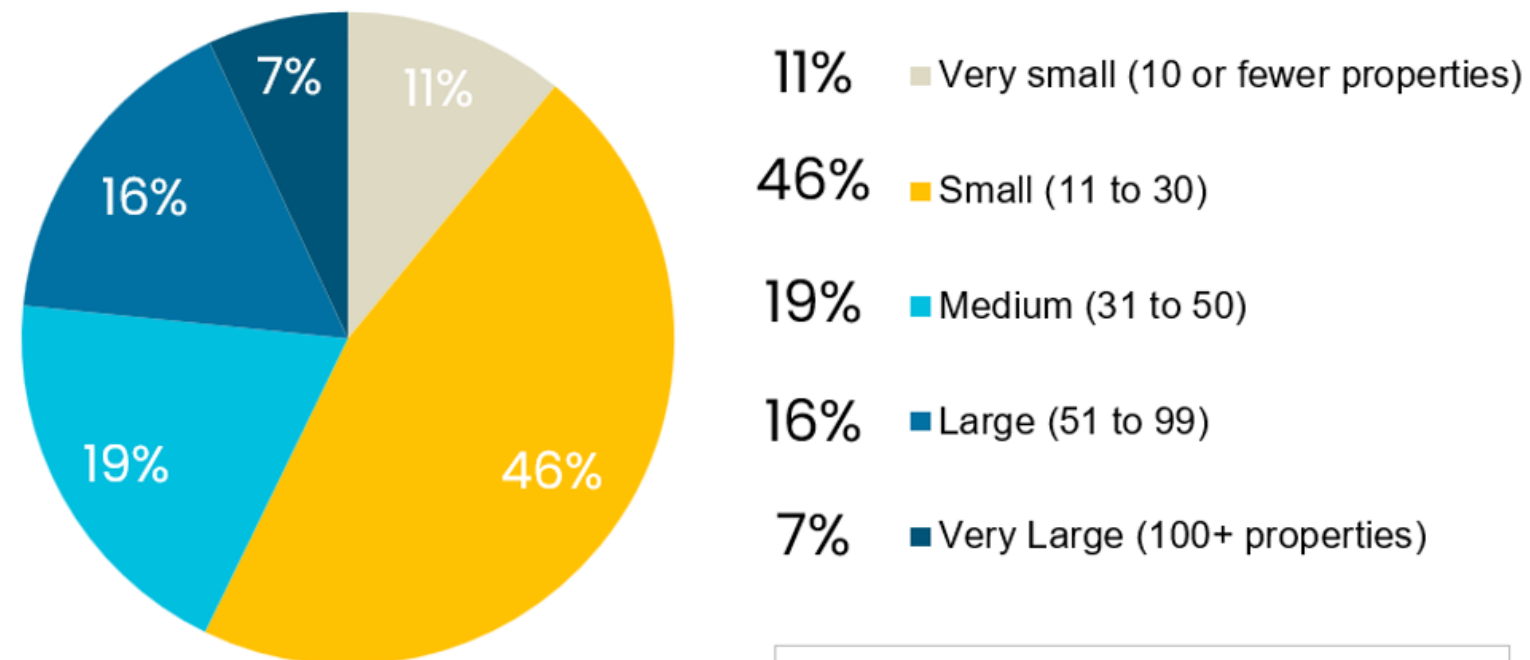
Structure of Association:



Less than 1% are federally incorporated. 2% have charitable status.
 source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=203)

> compare with the 2019 results, when **37%** reported "incorporated"

Size of the Road Association



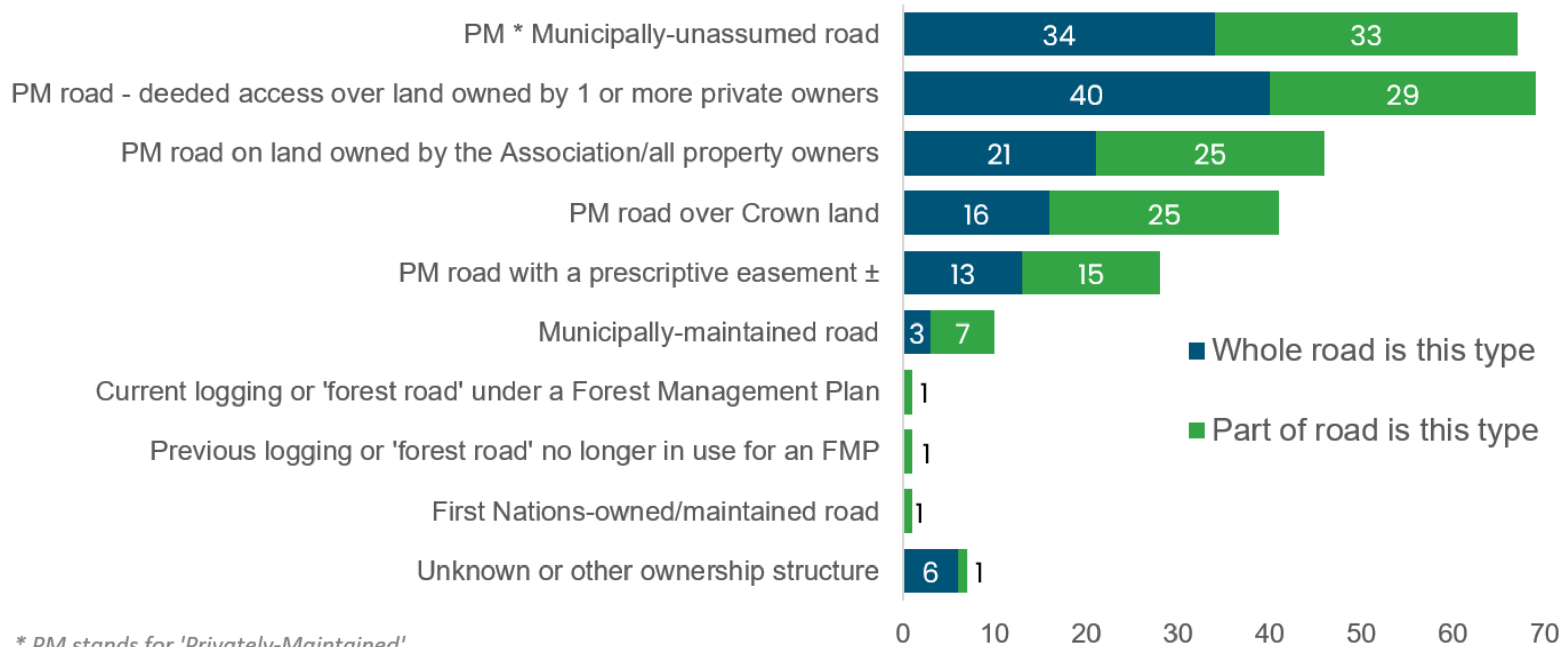
> similar to the 2019 results

source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=201)



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Road Ownership Types (# of Survey Respondents who indicated their **WHOLE ROAD** or **PART** is this Type)



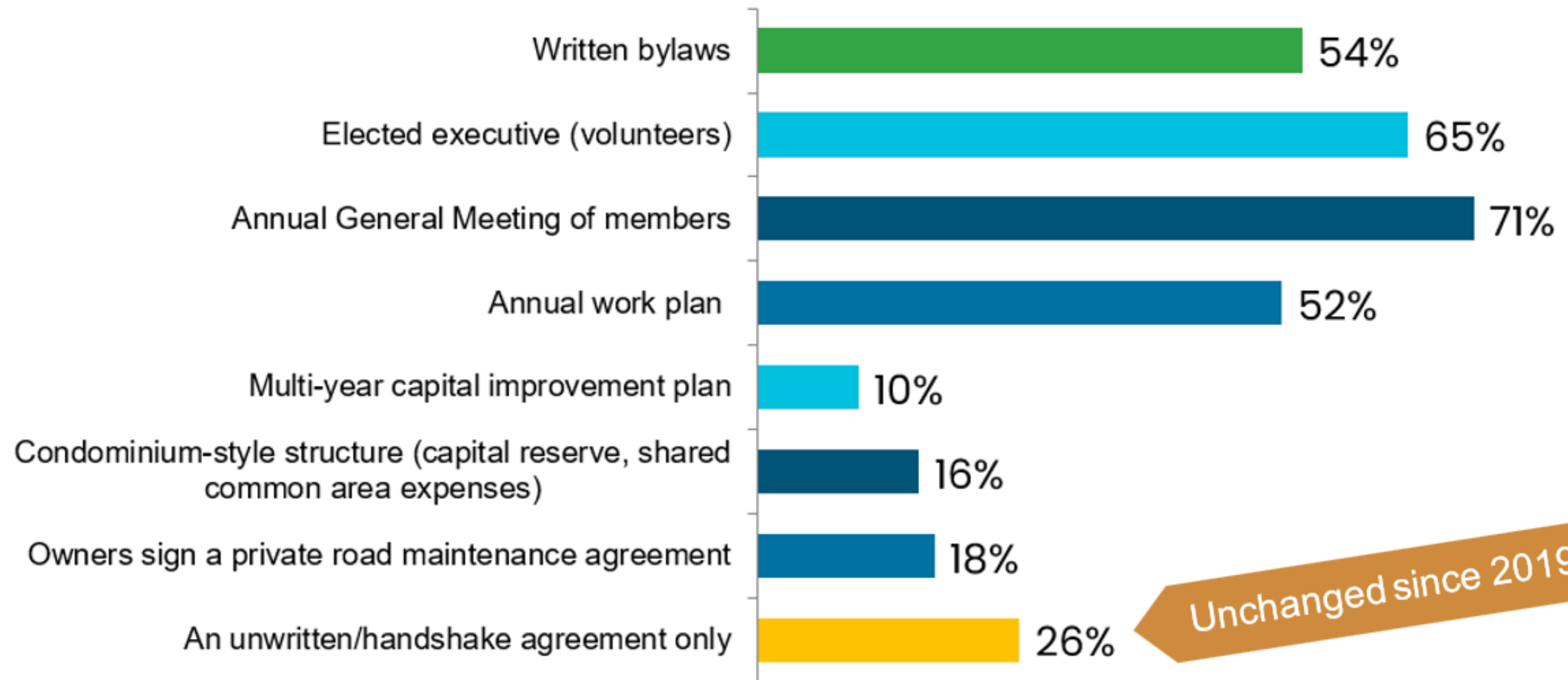
* PM stands for 'Privately-Maintained'

± Prescriptive Easement is a legal right to access due to 20+ years of continuous, open use of the road without the owner's explicit permission

source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=198)

Which of the following apply to your road association?

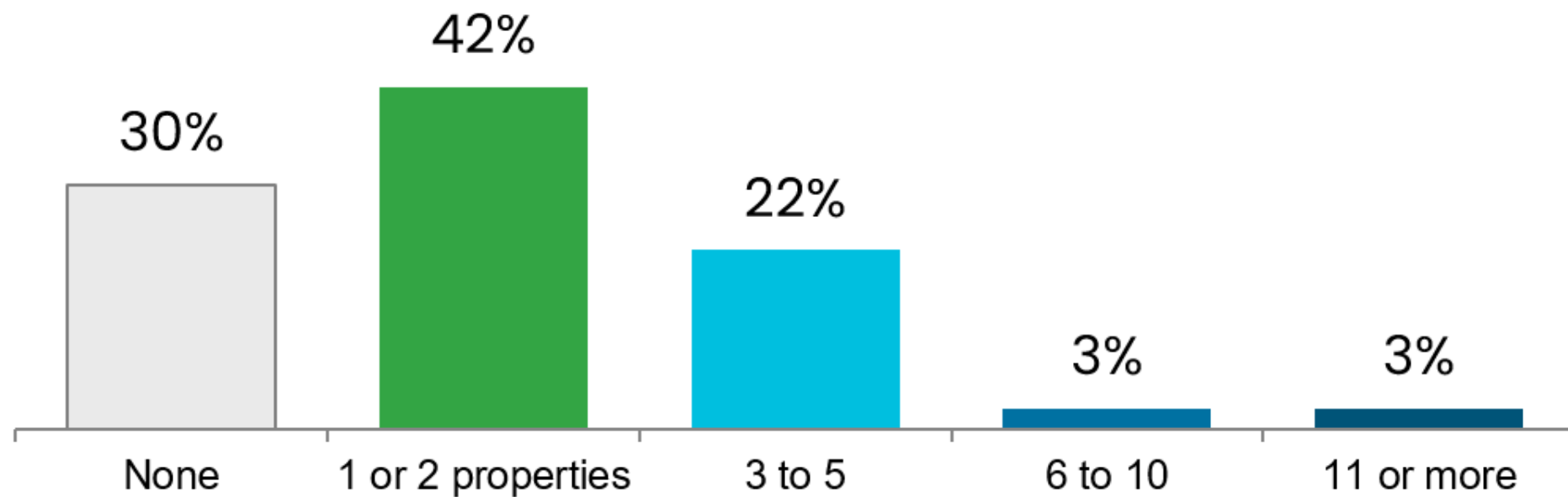
(select all that apply)



source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=199)

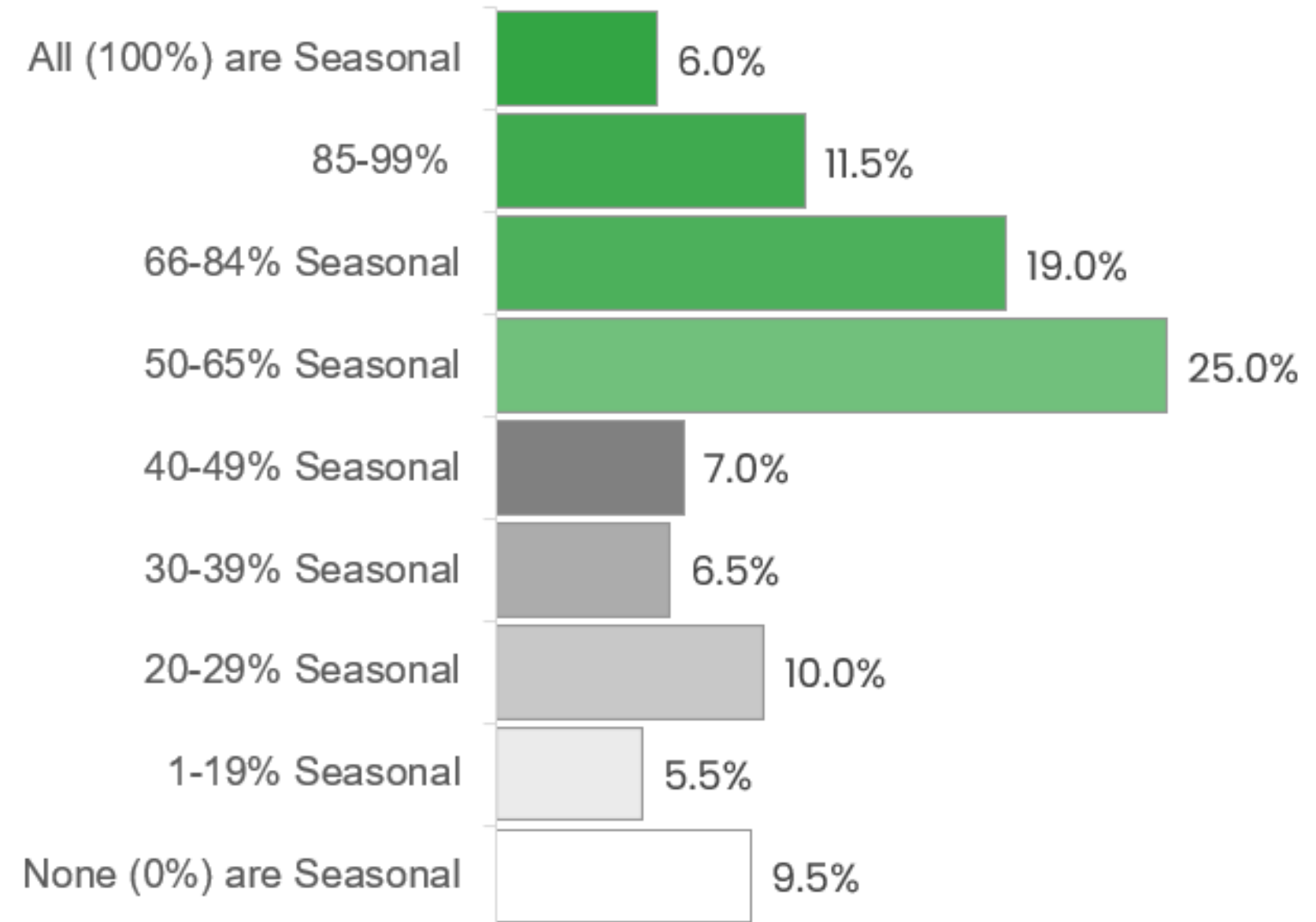
Changing Usage

Approximately how many properties along the road are known short term rental accommodations?



source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=198)

What % of properties on your road are "Seasonal" (primarily summer use)?



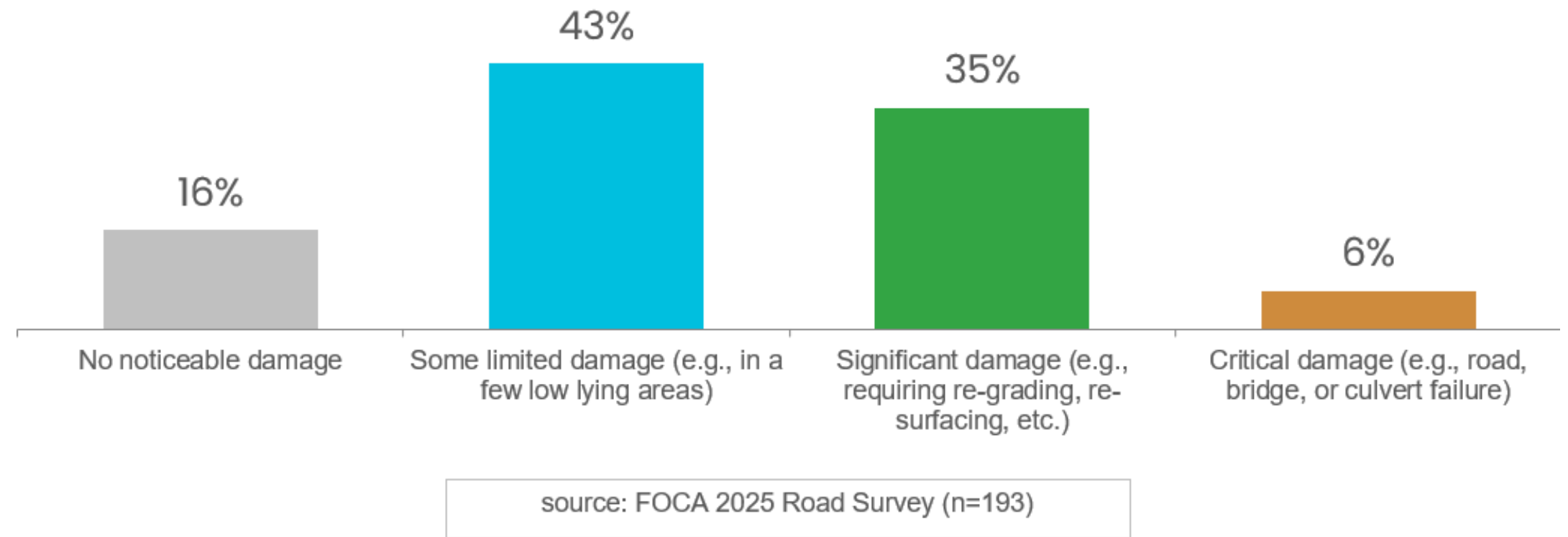
source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=200)



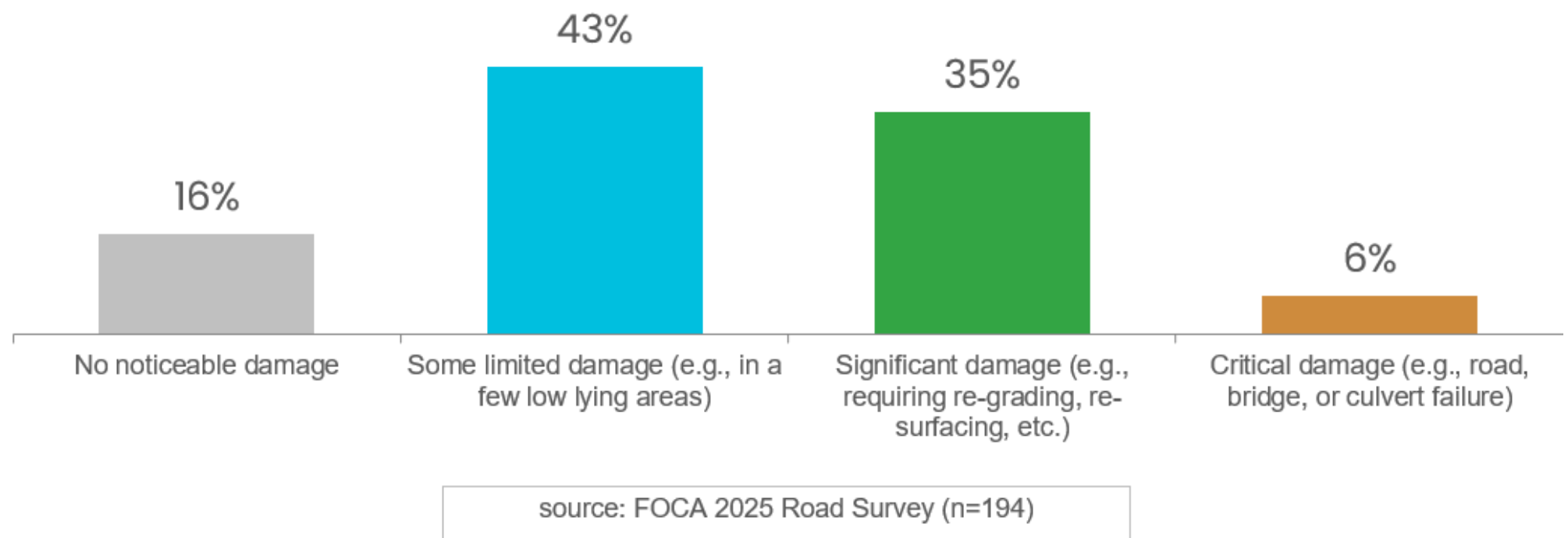
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Climate Impacts

In the past 5 years, how much damage has been caused along the road from high water levels or sudden heavy rain or downbursts?



In the past 5 years, how much have trees and power lines along the road been negatively impacted by heavy wind and/or ice storms?



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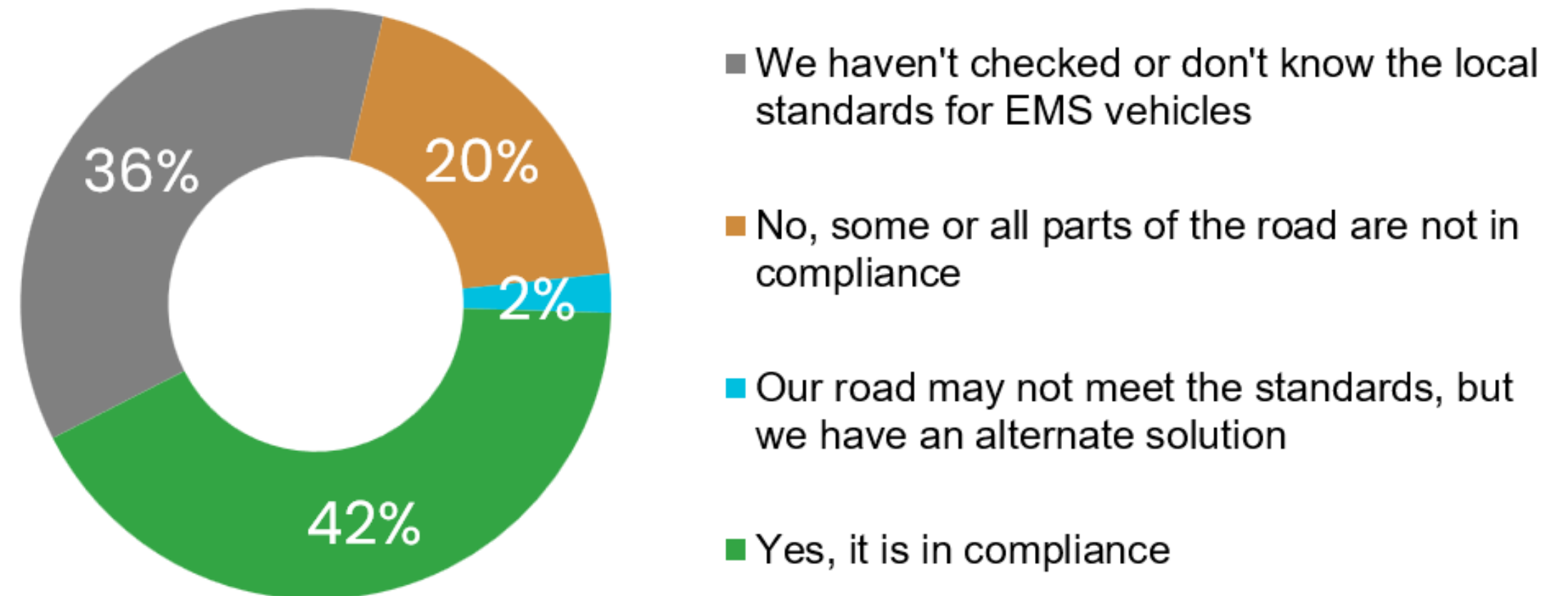
Emergency Preparedness & Risk



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Do you know if your road is in compliance with local standards for emergency service vehicles (EMS)?

(i.e., it has the corridor width, height, and turn-around requirements to meet the Ontario Fire Code)



source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=188)

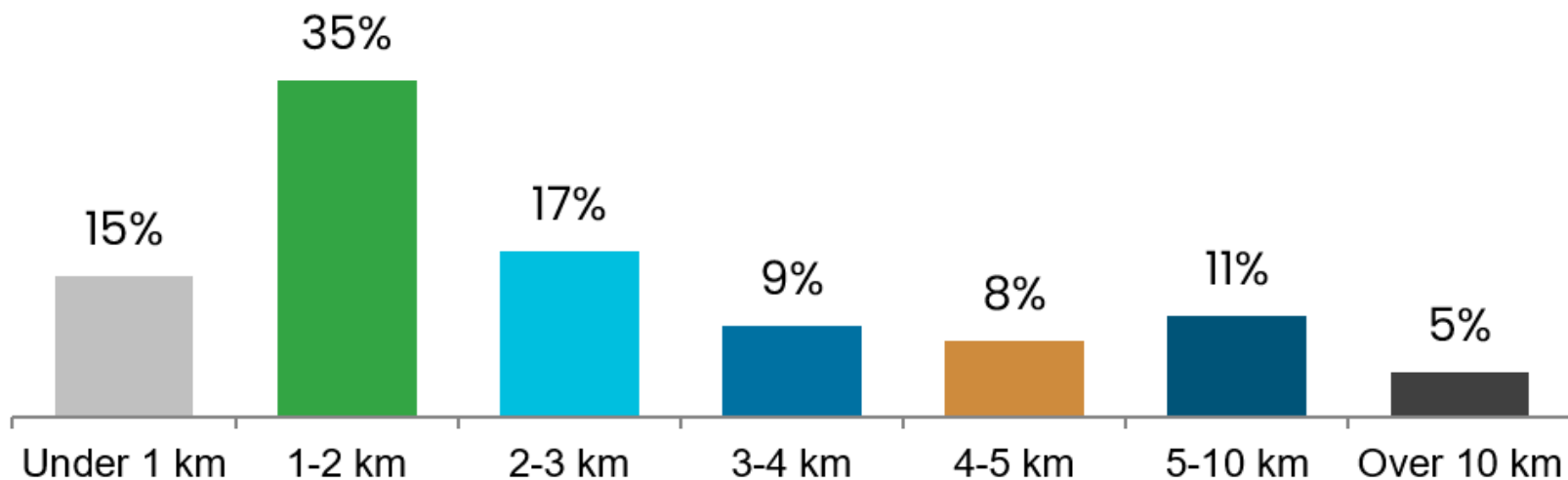
What annual dues/fees did the association most recently charge to property owners?

Source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=189)

EVERYONE pays the same	78%	>range: \$30 to \$4,650! (Average: \$456) (145 respondents)
PERMANENT, SEASONAL, YEAR-ROUND access/users pay differently	11%	>range: \$150 to \$15,150! (20-23 respondents)
Pay by DISTANCE (e.g., road branch or by km)	4%	>ranges: a low of \$60 to a high of \$850 (7 respondents)
COMMERCIAL properties pay a different fee	1%	>only responses: \$100; \$1,000 N=2 of 189

Every Road is Different

What is the total road length (in kilometres) of the MAIN/PRIMARY road your association oversees?



source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=190)



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11%

Dirt or Sand - Part (20) or All (1)

8%

Asphalt - Part (15) or All (1)

12%

Reclaimed Asphalt/Chip Seal
("Tar & Chip") - Part (20) or All (1)

73%

Entire Road is Granular Gravel Surface

all but **3.5%** of respondents have gravel surface along at least *some* part of their road

Bridges & Culverts on the Road System

8%

Have a Bridge or Causeway

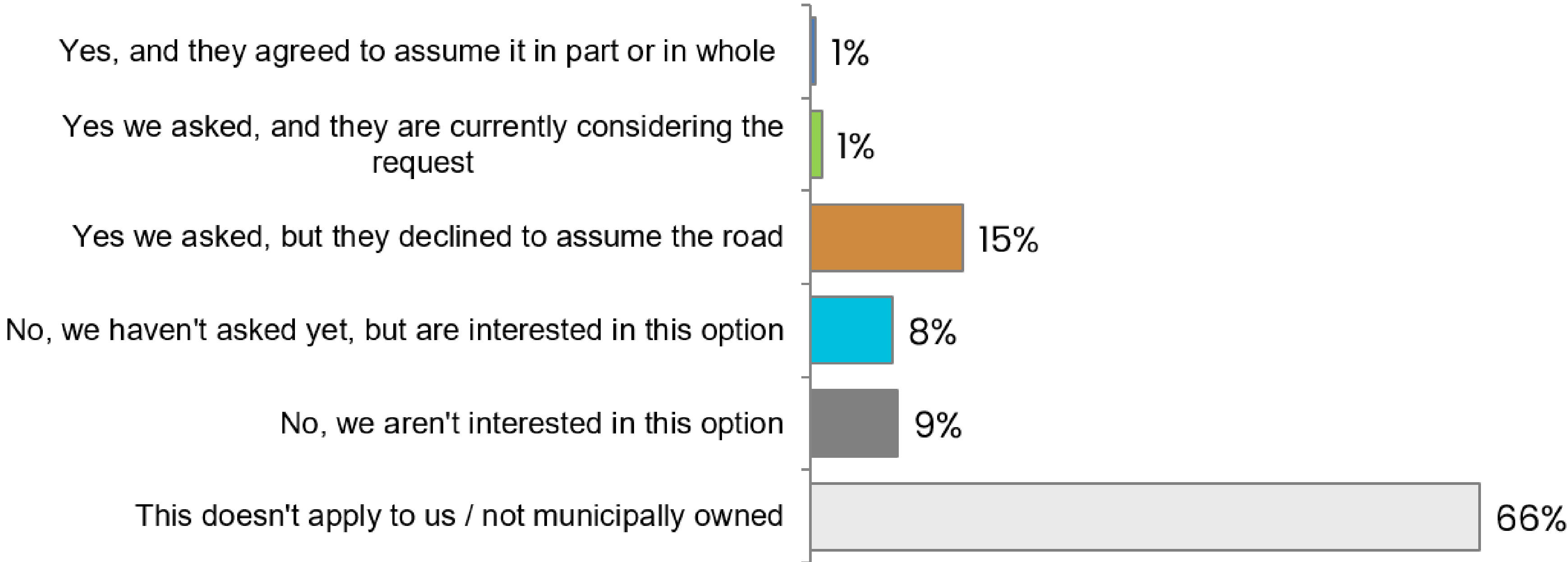
(no respondents reported more than "2")

Have At Least 1 Culvert
85% Under 5m Diameter
12% Over 5m Diameter

(respondents reported from "zero" to "60" or more!)

source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=195)

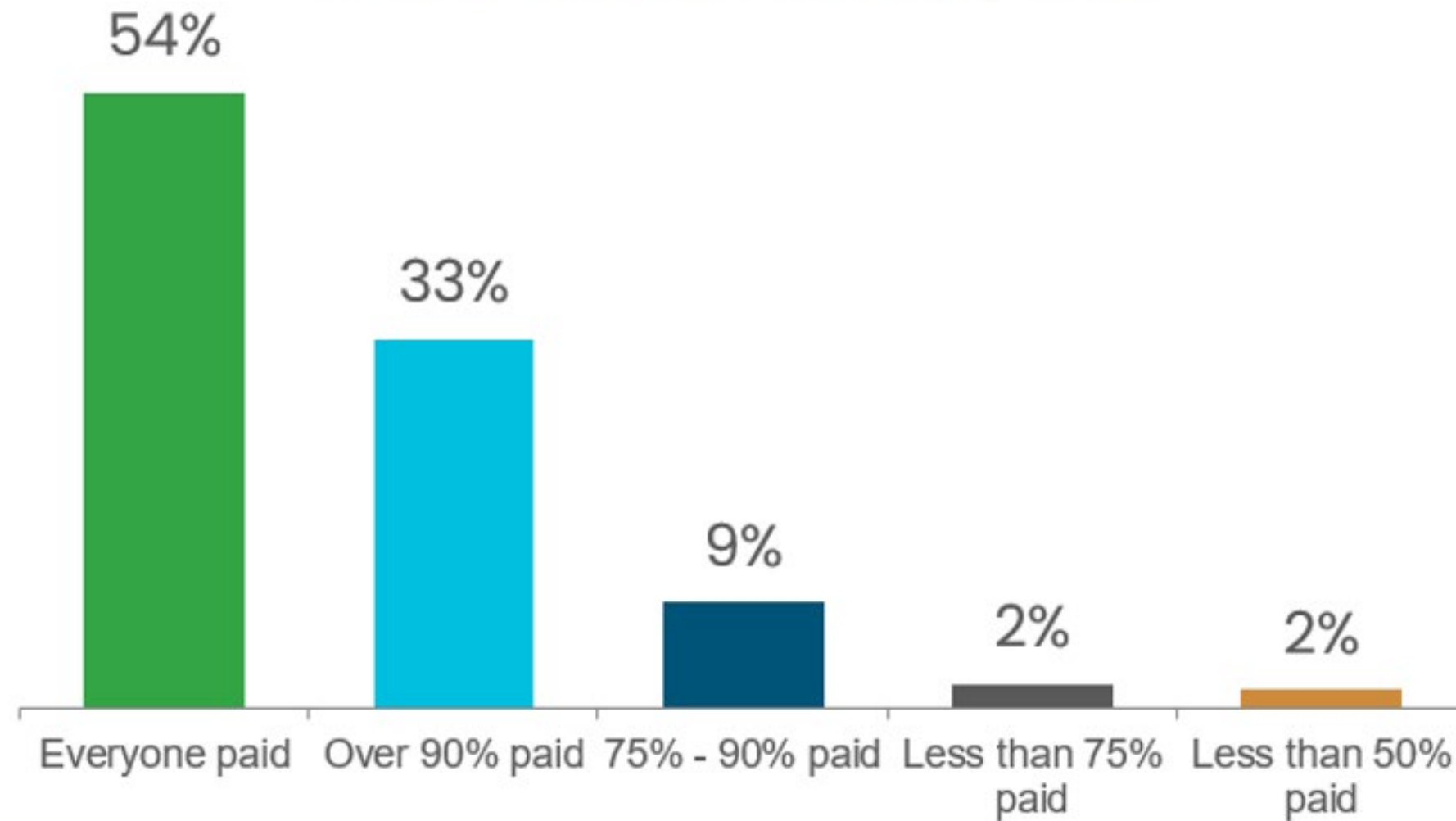
If some or all of your road is municipally owned but privately maintained, have you approached the municipality about assumption of the road?



source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=185)



What % of properties paid their road dues/fees in the most recent year?



source: FOCA 2025 Road Survey (n=193)



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ASK FOCA
FOR RESOURCES ABOUT...

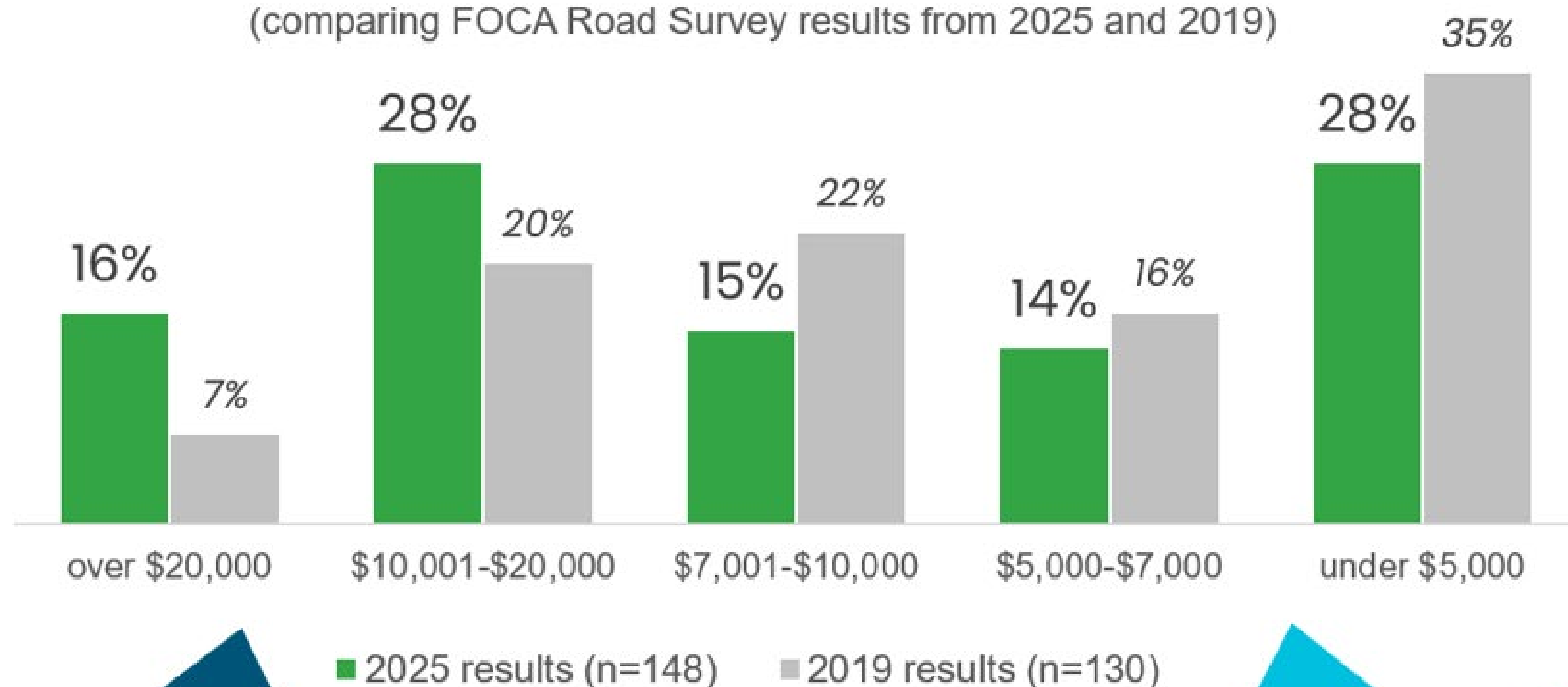
*Case Law:
Unjust
Enrichment*

Trend in Road Association Total Annual Budget

(comparing FOCA Road Survey results from 2025 and 2019)



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Total Budget over \$10,000:
27% of respondents in 2019
up to **44%** in 2025

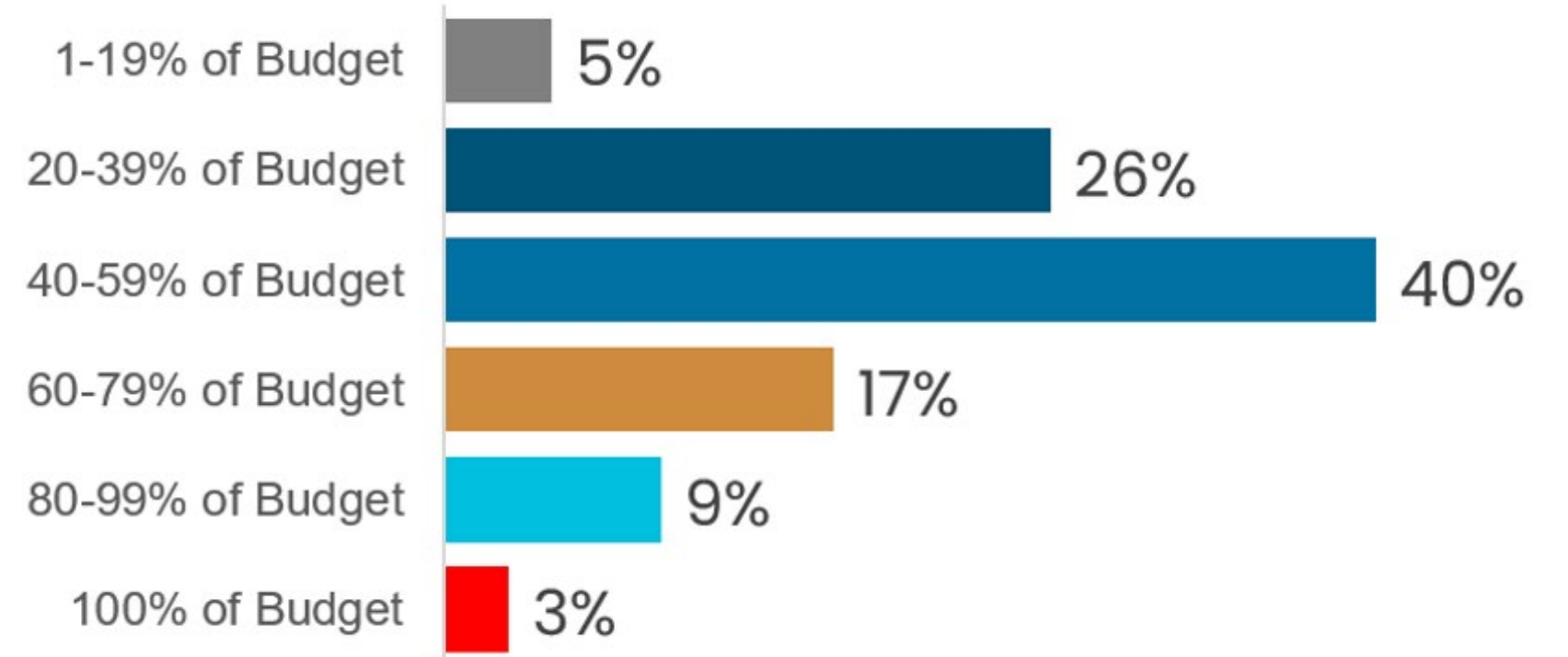
Total Budget under \$7,000:
51% of respondents in 2019
down to **42%** in 2025

36%

of respondents who provided budget details do NOT offer Snow Clearing

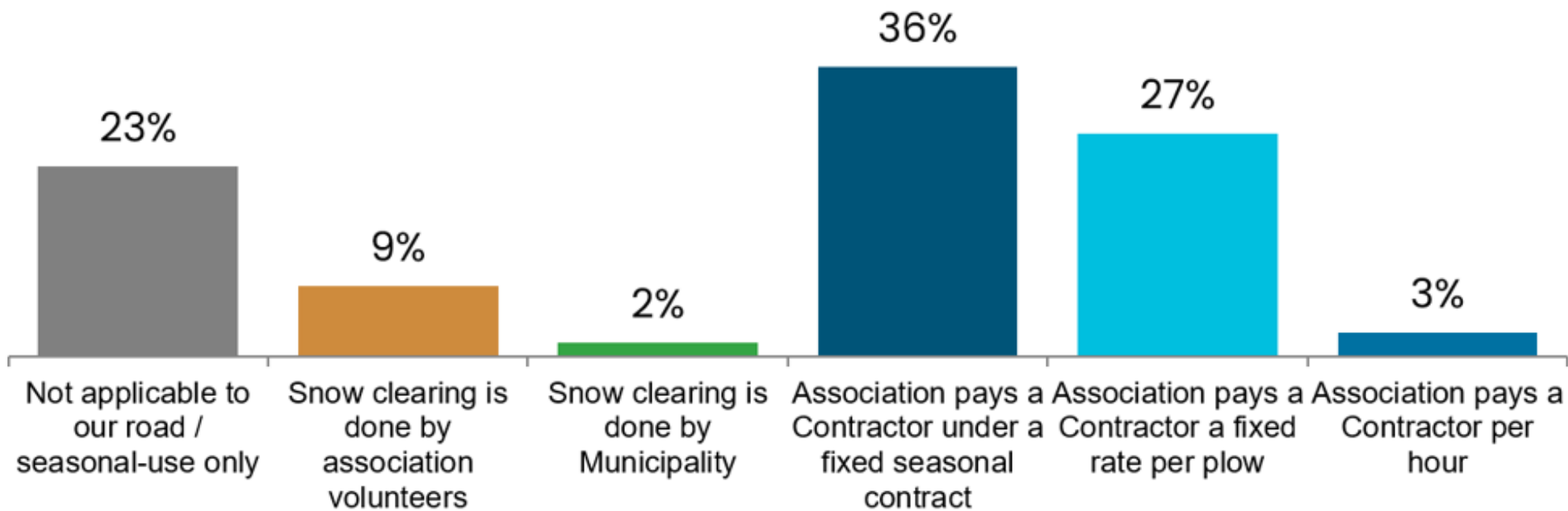
(FOCA 2025 Road Association Survey; n=60)

% of Respondents Who Use This Much of their Budget for **Snow Clearing and/or Deicing**



source: FOCA 2025 Road Associations Survey (n=107; excluding those who do not do snow clearing)

How is Snow Clearing, Sanding/De-icing of the Road Typically Arranged and Paid For?

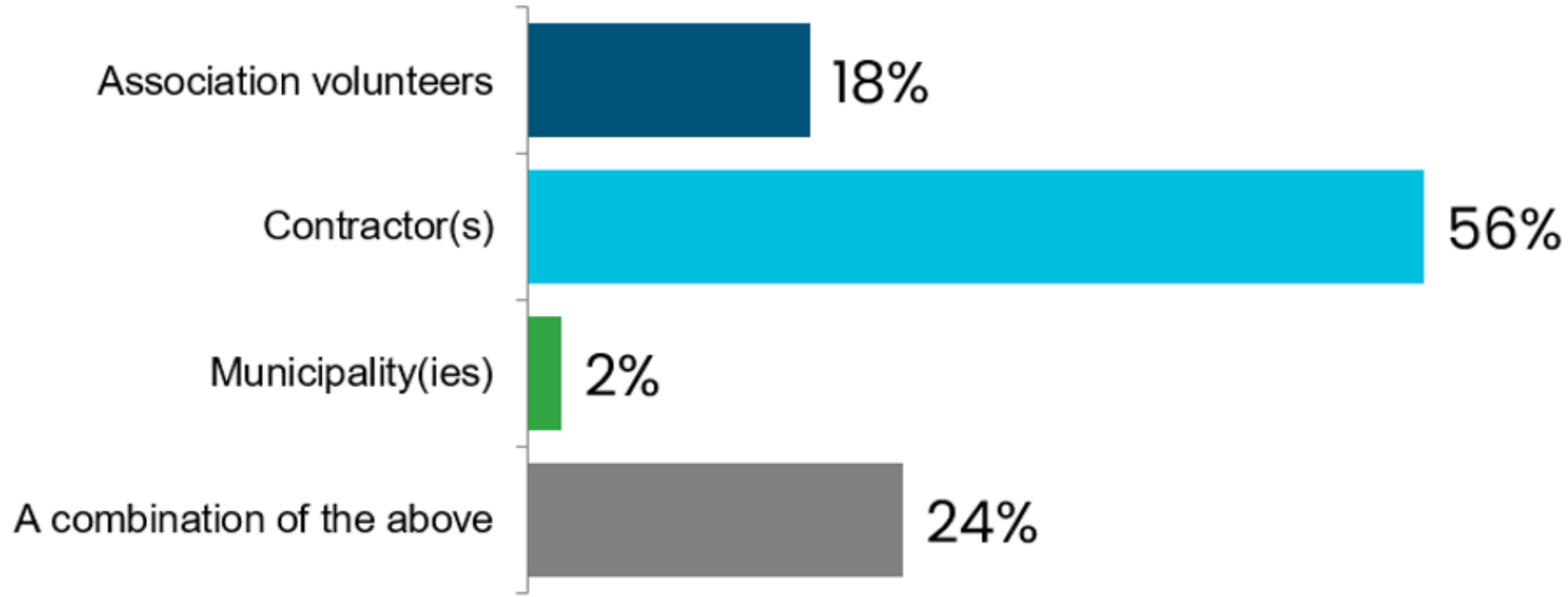


source: FOCA 2025 Road Associations Survey (n=171)



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Road Repair & Maintenance Work is Primarily Done By:

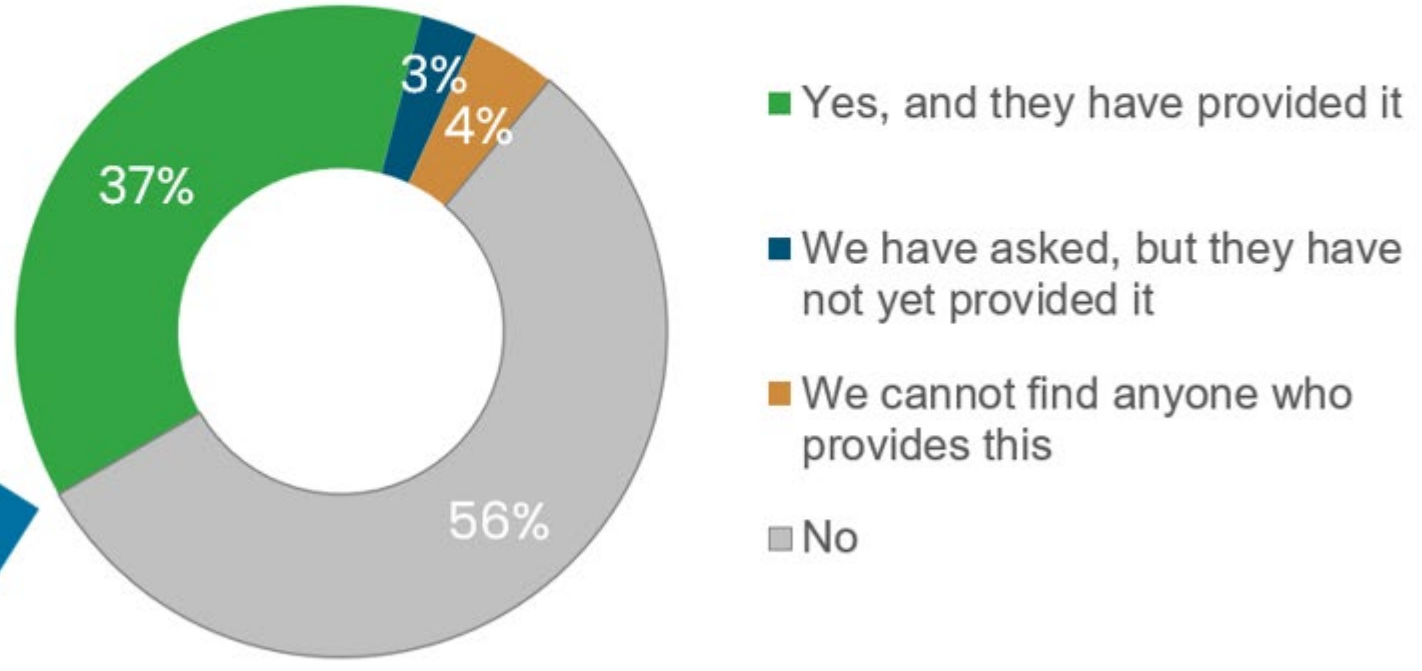


source: FOCA 2025 Road Associations Survey (n=186)



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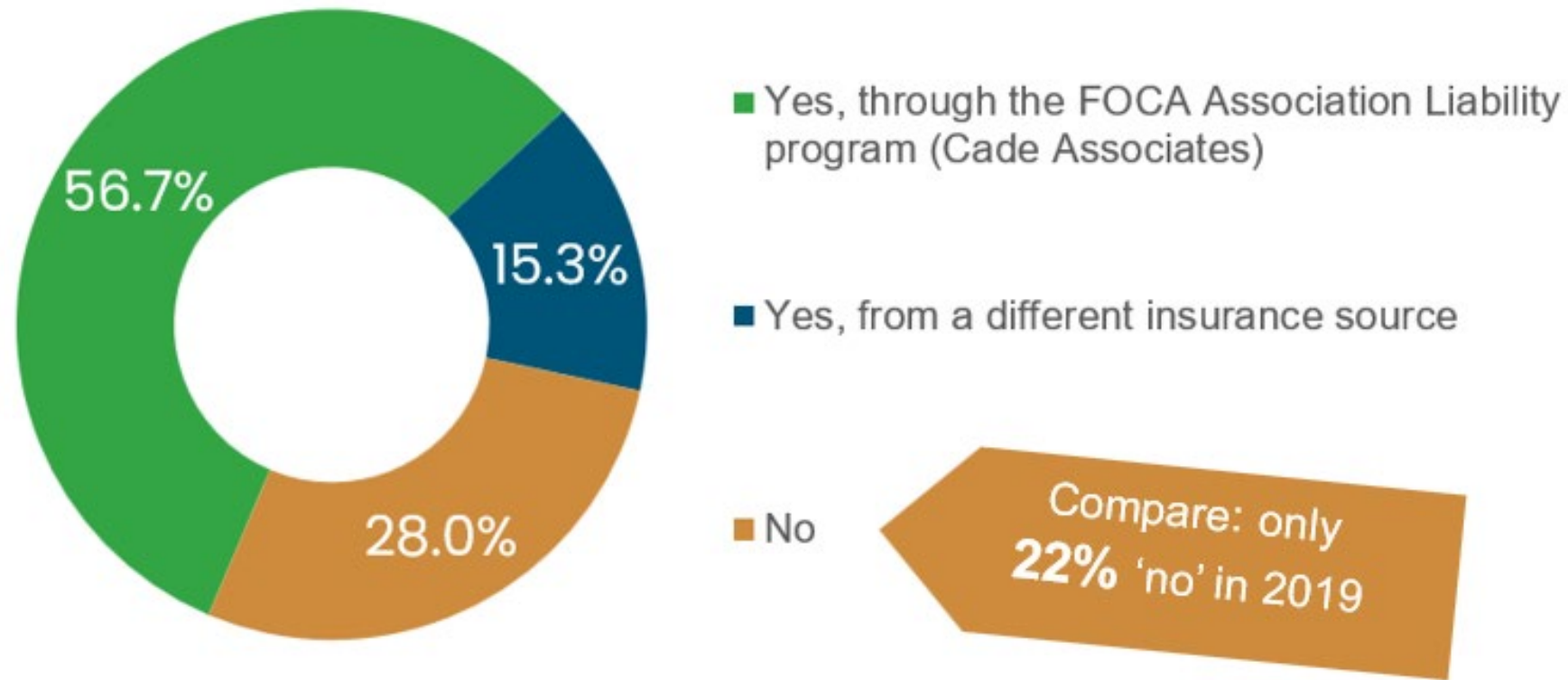
If Contractors do Maintenance, Grading or Snow-clearing on your Road, is the Association asking them for Proof of Insurance?



Compare:
In 2019, **58%** said 'Yes' and only **35%** said 'No'

source: FOCA 2025 Road Associations Survey (n=175)

Does your Road Association carry Liability Insurance?



source: FOCA 2025 Road Associations Survey (n=182)

Is your Road Association a FOCA Member Group?



source: FOCA 2025 Road Associations Survey (n=181)



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LACK OF VOLUNTEERS

COST OF & FINDING CONTRACTORS

COST OF INSURANCE

Top Issues

INCLUDED...

TRESPASSING

SPEED, DANGER OR
DISCOURTEOUS DRIVERS



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GET EVERYONE TO PAY

Question:

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A **“DEEP-DIVE” FOCA MEMBER WEBINAR** ABOUT ROADS, BASED ON THE SURVEY DATA?

Webinar Attendees:

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