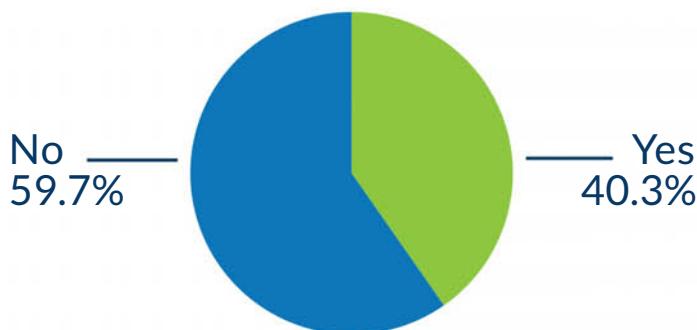


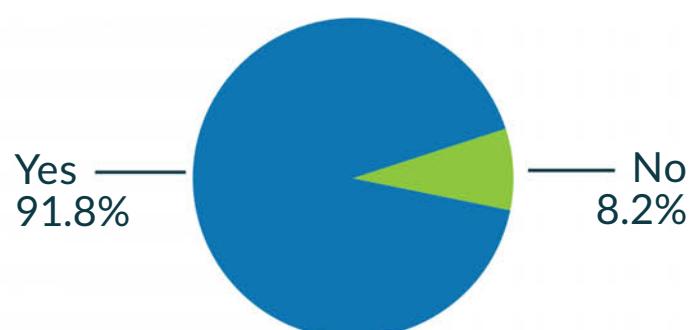
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Awareness of Portion of Revenue From Oil



59.7 per cent of people did not know a significant amount of provincial revenues came from oil.

Awareness of Oil Price Decrease



When asked, 91.8 per cent of respondents knew the price of Oil had decreased so much in the past few months.

People are Concerned About the Budgetary Shortfall

85.1%

Of those surveyed:

- 44.8 per cent - very concerned
- 40.3 per cent - somewhat concerned

that there will be in excess of \$1 billion less to spend on programs and services for next year's budget

68.6%

Identified one or more options for increased taxation

When asked about options for increased taxation, 68.6 per cent of respondents selected one or more of the options provided, 27.7 per cent thought Government should not increase taxes, and 3.7 per cent said they didn't know.

Increase Provincial Sales Tax  35.0%

Increase All Personal Income Tax Levels  28.2%

Increase Personal Income Tax for Incomes above a certain Level  82.3%

Increase the Tax on Gas  26.4%

How comfortable were people with borrowing?

55.4%

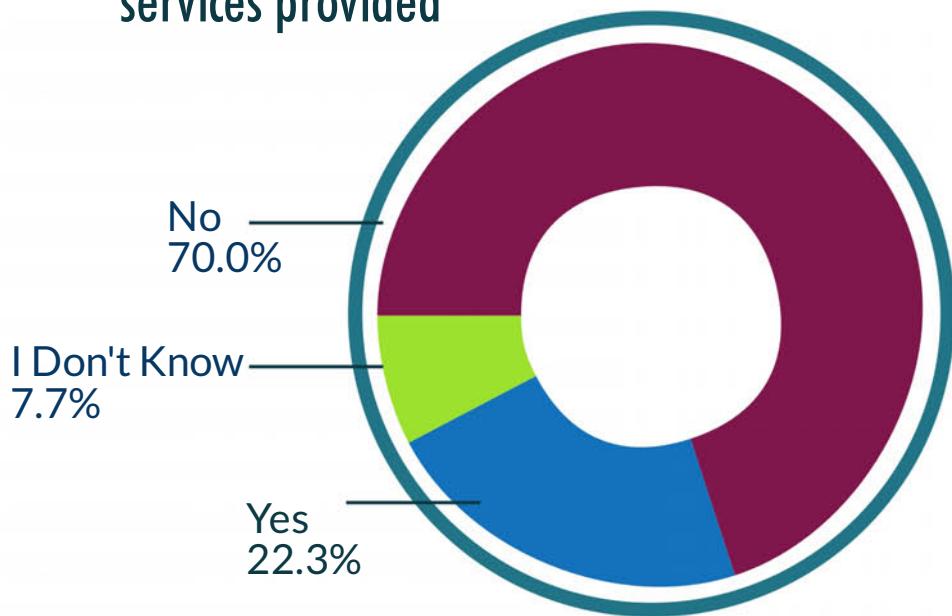
Of those surveyed:

- 8.4 per cent - were very comfortable
- 47.0 per cent - were somewhat comfortable
- 16.6 per cent - not at all comfortable
- 24.3 per cent - were not very comfortable

with borrowing to offset the budget shortfall.

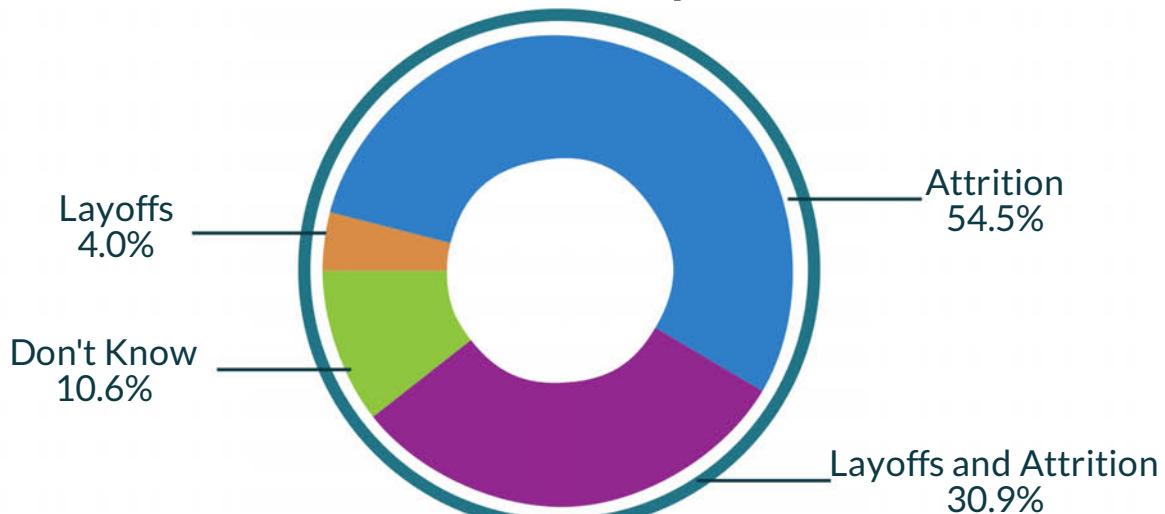
People are not in favour of reducing the public service if it reduces services provided

Knowing that reducing the size of the public service could negatively impact the delivery of programs and services, would you be in favour of this?



85.4%

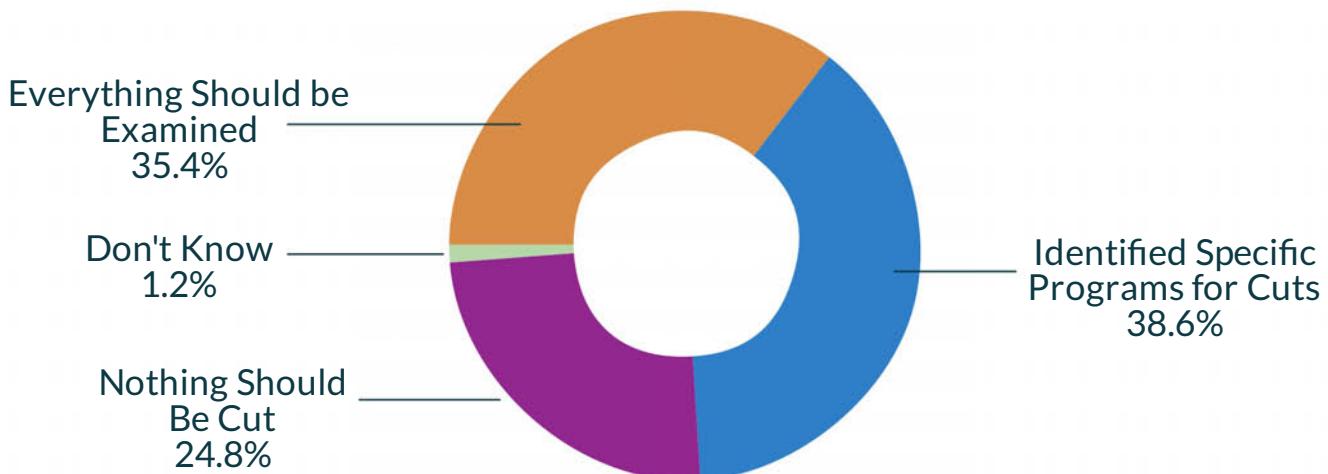
Thought attrition would have to be a factor in reducing the size of the public service.



People were asked if government were to reduce the size of the public service to help deal with the budget shortfall, which approach they felt would be the best option.

74.0%

Thought some or all programs or services should be examined for potential cuts

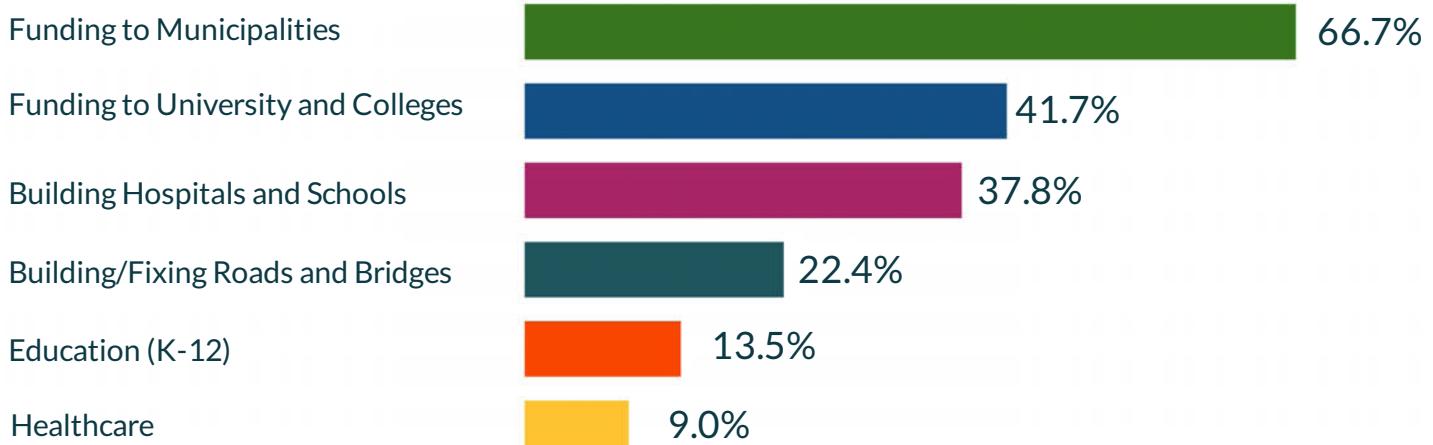


Some people wanted to identify specific areas to examine for cuts

38.6%

Of Those Surveyed

Selected one or more options from the list provided to them rather than selecting "Everything Should be Examined"



The survey was carried out by the Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency (NLSA) of the Economics and Statistics Branch of the Department of Finance under the authority of the Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency Act which provides the legal authority to collect the data and guarantees privacy regarding individual responses.

A random, probability based sample of 404 respondents was used and the results are accurate within $\pm 4.9\%$, 19 times out of 20 (95% confidence level).

Data Source: Economics and Statistics Branch, Department of Finance