

Survey of Washington Voters

February 2021



Methodology

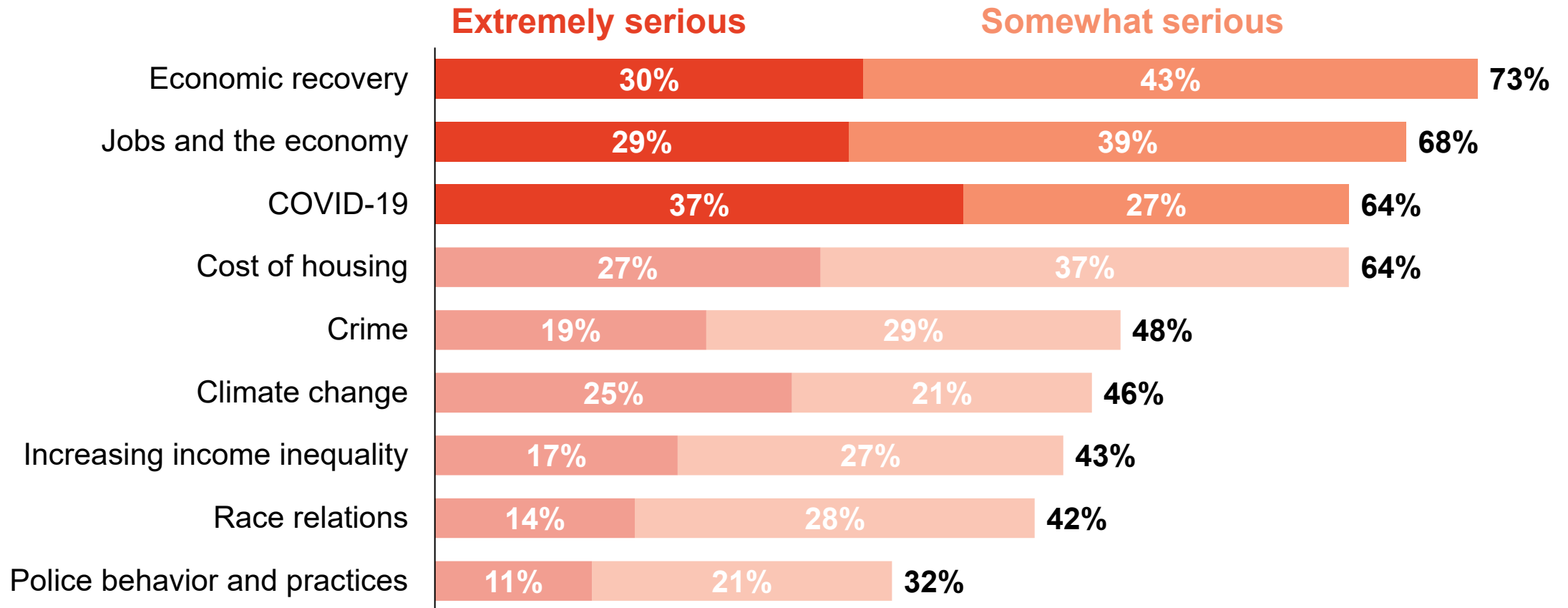
- Hybrid telephone and online survey of N=800 Washington voters, including an oversample of voters in King County (n=300)
- Conducted February 3–7, 2021
- A combination of quotas and weighting by age, gender, area, education, and race/ethnicity were used for a representative sample
- Margin of error is $\pm 3.5\%$ for the statewide sample and $\pm 5.7\%$ in King County
- Due to rounding, some totals may differ by ± 1 from the sum of separate responses.

Key takeaways

- Economic recovery, putting people back to work, and COVID-19 top list of concerns for voters.
- Jobs are so important to voters right now they are hesitant to support policies that rely on business taxes that they believe will be job-killers.
- Majority of voters oppose capital gains tax, and appetite for taxes has diminished over time.
- Voters want a say on tax increases.
- Voters say it is a better time to reduce taxes to ensure businesses can survive the pandemic than to increase taxes to fund more services.

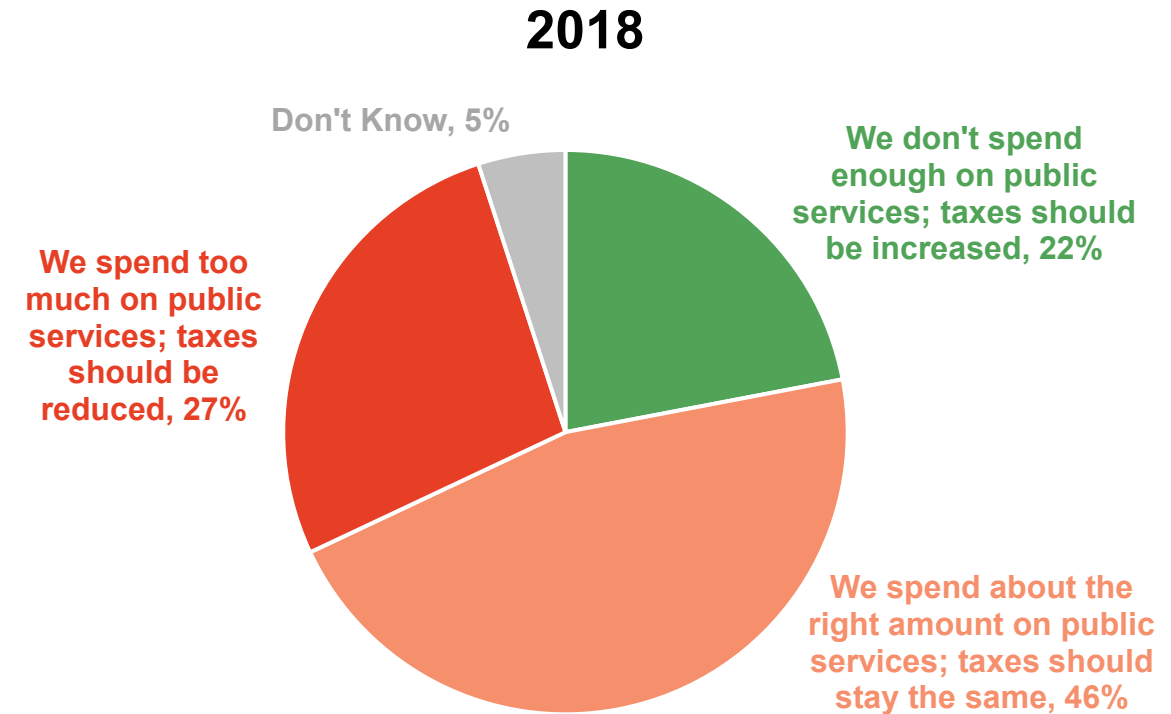
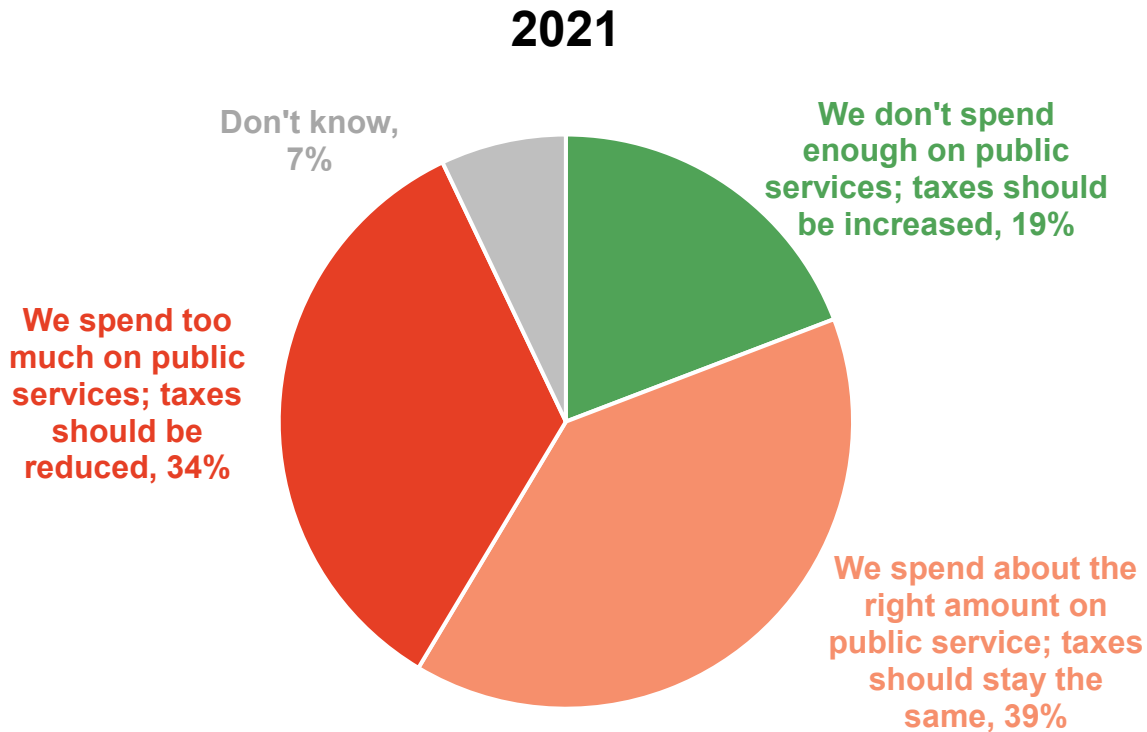
Economic recovery, putting people back to work, and COVID-19 top the list of problems voters view as serious

Indicate if you think it is an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not a serious problem in Washington state.



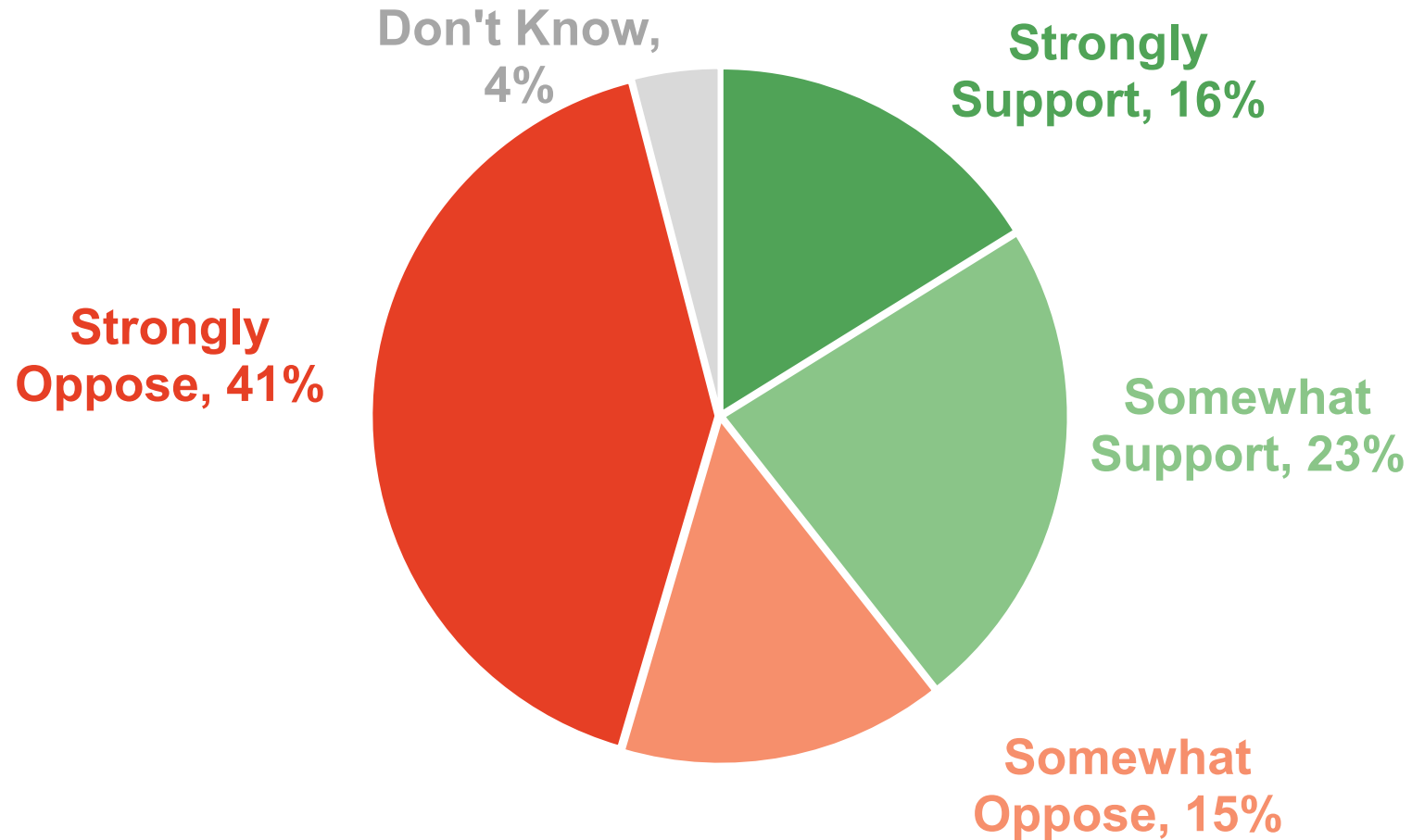
Only 19% of voters think taxes should be increased; and appetite for taxes has decreased since 2018

Which of the following statements is closest to how you feel?



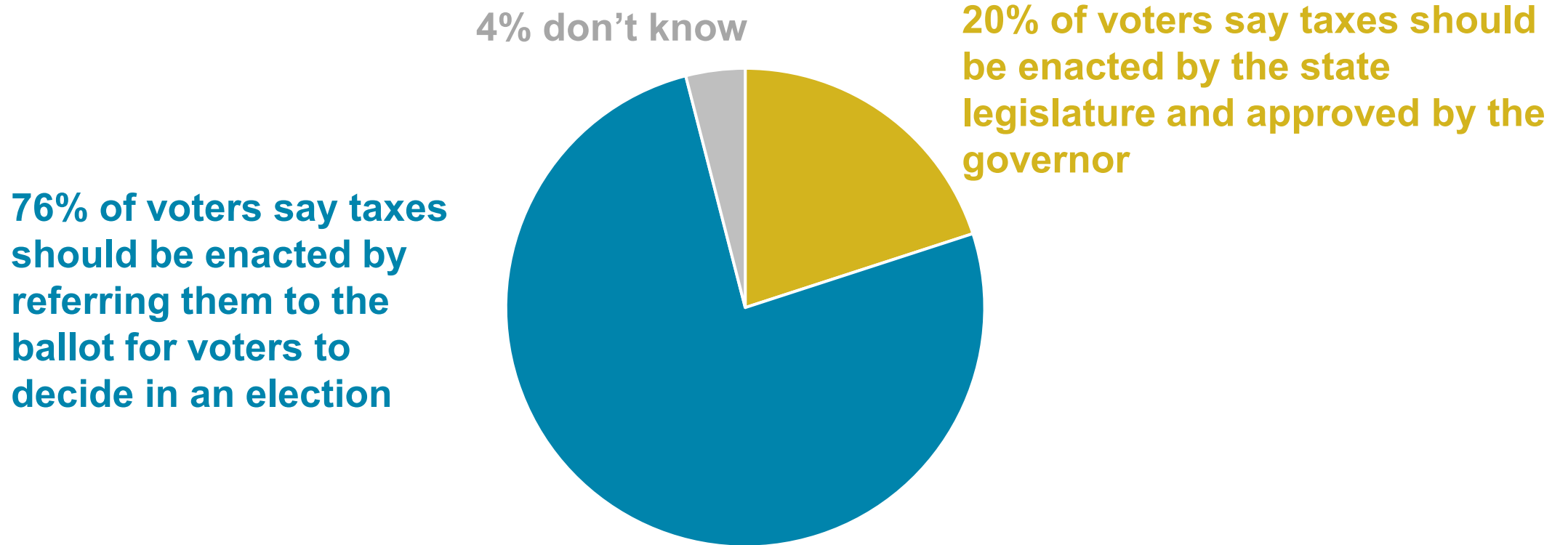
Majority of voters (56%) oppose a state capital gains tax, including 41% percent who are strongly opposed

Indicate your support for creation of a state tax on earnings from the sale of assets like stocks, bonds, or real estate, known as a capital gains tax



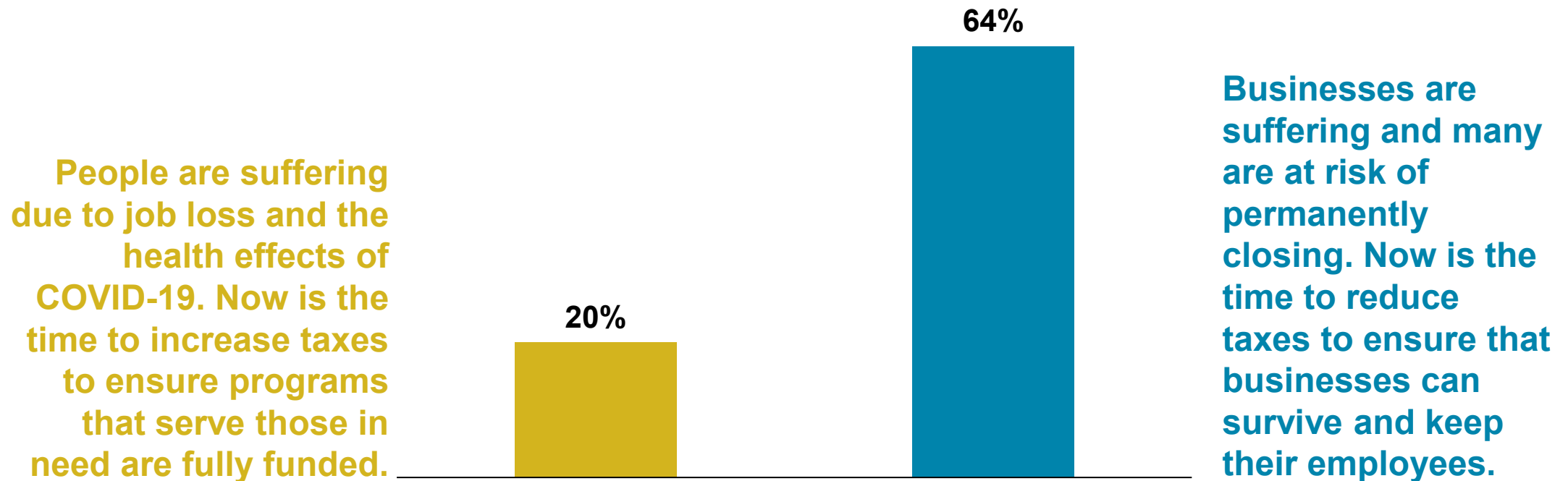
Voters want to weigh in directly on taxes

Which of the following ways do you think that taxes should be enacted?



Two-thirds of voters say it is a better time to reduce taxes to ensure businesses can survive the pandemic than to increase taxes to fund more services

Which statement is closer to your opinion about the proper Washington state response to the COVID-19 outbreak and economic recession?



Voters believe business tax increases more often result in them paying higher prices and lost jobs

How often do the following happen when business taxes increase?

