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Squamish Nation Citizen Budget

Introduction

Every year, the Squamish Nation develops a budget to align resource allocation with upcoming strategic priorities. From programs and events, to capital projects, to staffing costs, the budget outlines all resources required by the Squamish Nation to provide programs and services to their members and to invest in their future.

Now, in the second year of their budget transformation, the Nation has undertaken a number of key planning initiatives to ensure that their budget enables them to improve programs and services and to take meaningful steps towards their strategic objectives. Planning for these budgets began last year with the approval of the Nation's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan.

This year, from February 23 to March 7, 2021, the Squamish Nation used a budget engagement to gather public feedback on various initiatives identified as priorities in their annual budget. The purpose of this program was to gather feedback from all members both on and off-reserve, including Elders, youth, and advisory committees.

- The process educated members on the Nation's various initiatives and priorities, and asked them to provide feedback
- Ethelo used the results to generate a particular set of funding changes that are predicted to have the most community support.

Key Findings

Key Areas Community Identified for Increased Funding

| Initiative/Priority | Participant Voting |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Elder Support | 72% of Participants Voted for an Increase |
| Health Benefits - Emergency Funds | 68% of Participants Voted for an Increase |
| Post secondary | 67% of Participants Voted for an Increase |
| Housing Constructoin | 67% of Participants Voted for an Increase |
| Recreation | 58% of Participants Voted for an Increase |
| Addition to Reserve/Reserve Creation | 56% of Participants Voted for an Increase |
| High Cost Special Needs Funding | 52% of Participants Voted for an Increase |
| Travel Services | 50% of Participants Voted for an Increase |

Key Findings

Key Areas Community Identified for Decreased Funding

| Initiative/Priority | Participant Voting |
|---|--|
| Holistic Services for Children and Families | 42% of Participants Voted for a Decrease |
| Band Elections | 34% of Participants Voted for a Decrease |
| Culture | 31% of Participants Voted for a Decrease |

Priority Initiatives Budget Overview

Participants were tasked with indicating how they would adjust funding levels for various initiatives and services, (given a range of 15% Decrease, 10% Decrease, 5% Decrease, Keep the Same, 5% Increase, 10% Increase, 15% Increase) based on their current satisfaction levels. Using these results, the Ethelo platform took all votes into account, and created a revised budget that is predicted to have the most widespread community support.

| Initiative/Priority | Funding Option | % Approval | Initiative/Priority | Funding Option | % Approval |
|---|----------------|------------|---|----------------|------------|
| Improved Transportation - \$90,000 | Keep the Same | 66% | Squamish Nation Headquarters & Totem Hall Expansion Project Needs and Assessment and Business Case - \$2750,000 | Keep the Same | 77% |
| Perform Service Assessment - \$30,000 | Keep the Same | 79% | Environment - \$152,000 | Keep the Same | 71% |
| Education and Recreation - \$144,000 | 5% Increase | 76% | Archeology - \$233,216 | Keep the Same | 69% |
| Travel Services - \$60,000 | 5% Increase | 71% | Culture- \$152,000 | Keep the Same | 72% |
| Health Benefits - Emergency Funds - \$180,000 | 10% Increase | 68% | Support Experiential Cultural Learning- \$371,440 | Keep the Same | 65% |
| Housing Construction - \$2,775,000 | 5% Decrease | 30% | Build Language & Culture Archive | Keep the Same | 71% |

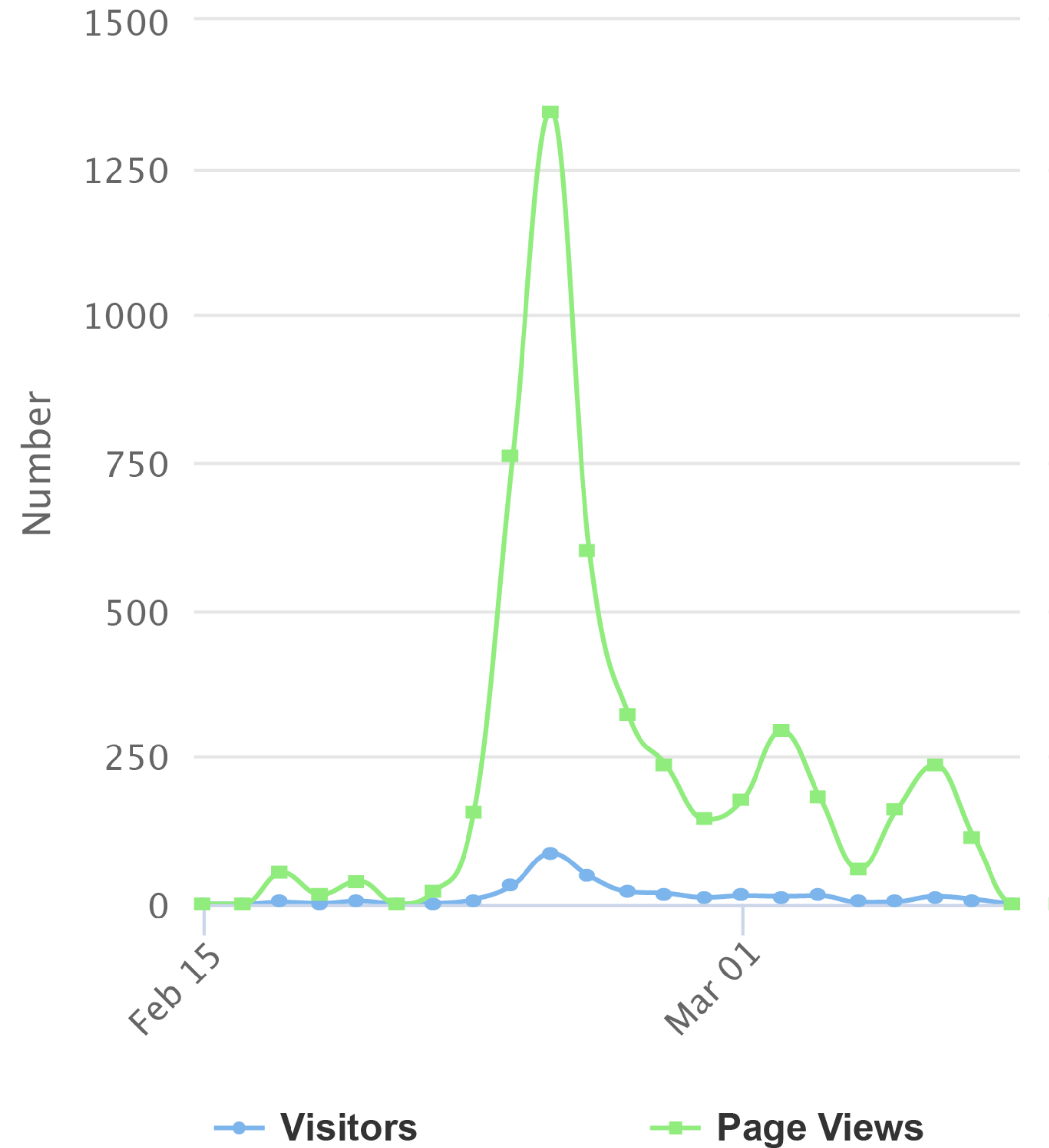
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| Bill C92 Jurisdictional Law - \$125,000 | Keep the Same | 77% | Addition to Reserve (ATR)/Reserve Creation - \$252,300 | 5% Increase | 83% |
| Holistic Services for Children & Families | Keep the Same | 72% | Legal and Professional Fees - \$297,500 | Keep the Same | 66% |
| Elder Support - \$519,640 | 10% Increase | 72% | Language Learners & Proficiency of Language Speakers - \$774,380 | Keep the Same | 62% |
| Band Elections - \$146,000 | Keep the Same | 70% | Family/Domestic Violence - \$65,000 | Keep the Same | 75% |
| ASA/EET Admin - \$113,000 | Keep the Same | 78% | Post-Secondary \$520,000 | 5% Increase | 69% |
| High Cost Special Needs Funding - \$316,000 | 5% Increase | 74% | Recreation - \$83,000 | 5% Increase | 73% |
| | | | Comprehensive Community Plan - \$300,000 | Keep the Same | 72% |

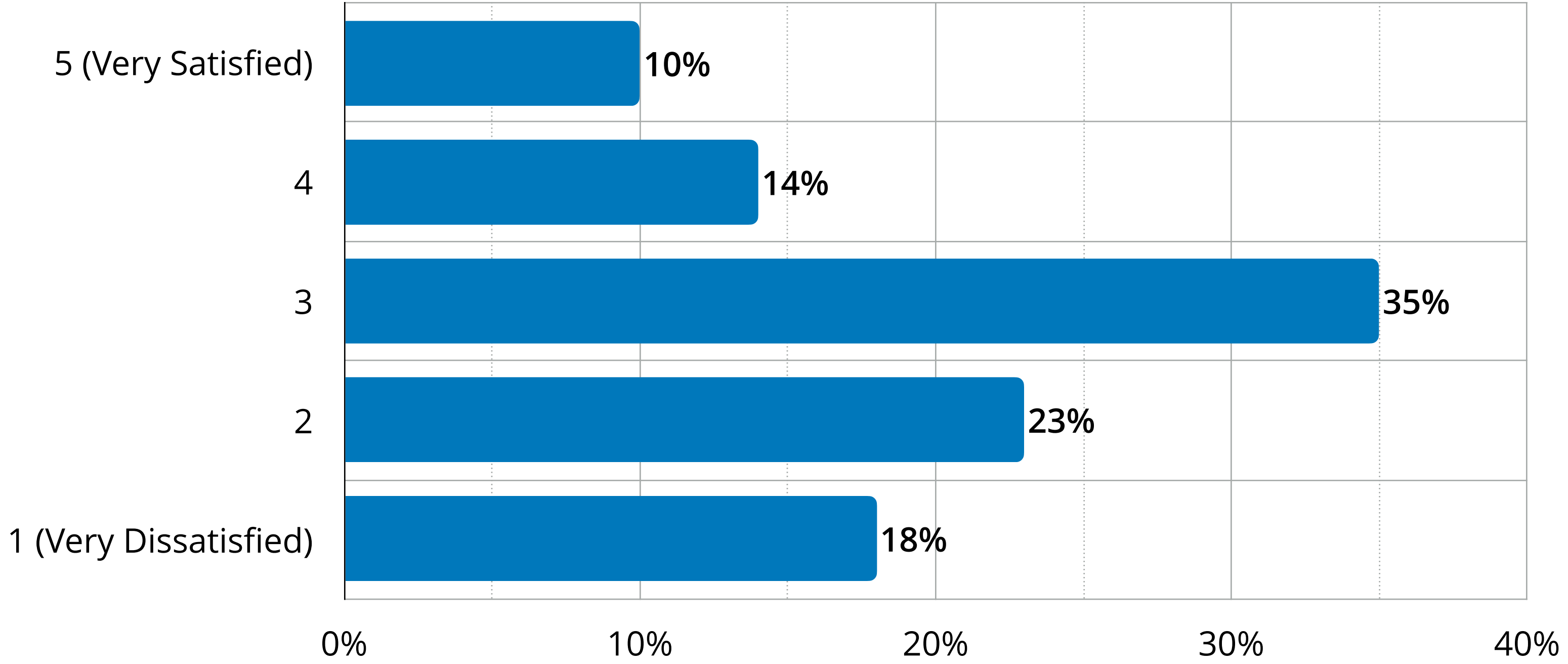
Participation

- Number of visitors: **556**
- Number of respondents: **142**
- Page views: **4,916**
- Average time on platform: **12.5 minutes**



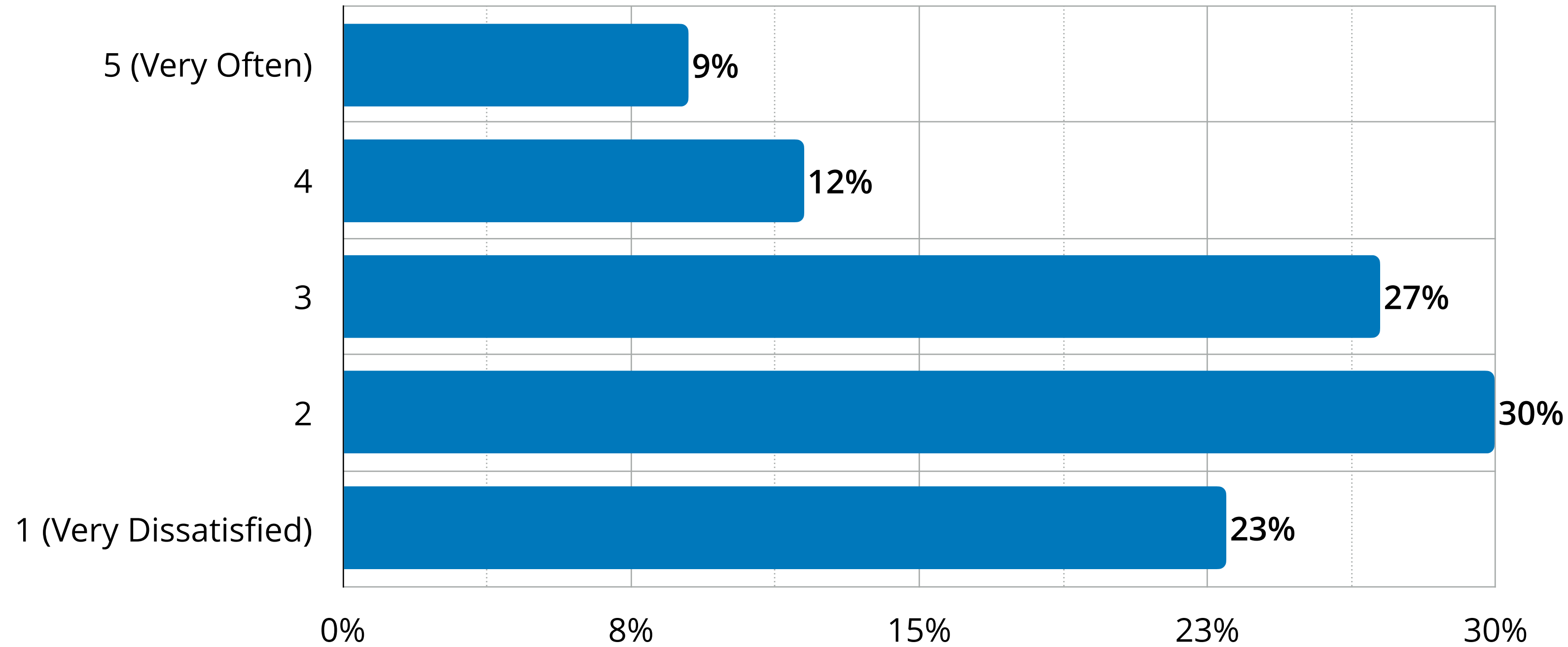
Overall Satisfaction

Overall, how satisfied are you with the programs and services offered by the Squamish Nation?



Program Access

How often do you (and/or your under-aged children, if applicable) access the programs and services offered by the Squamish Nation?



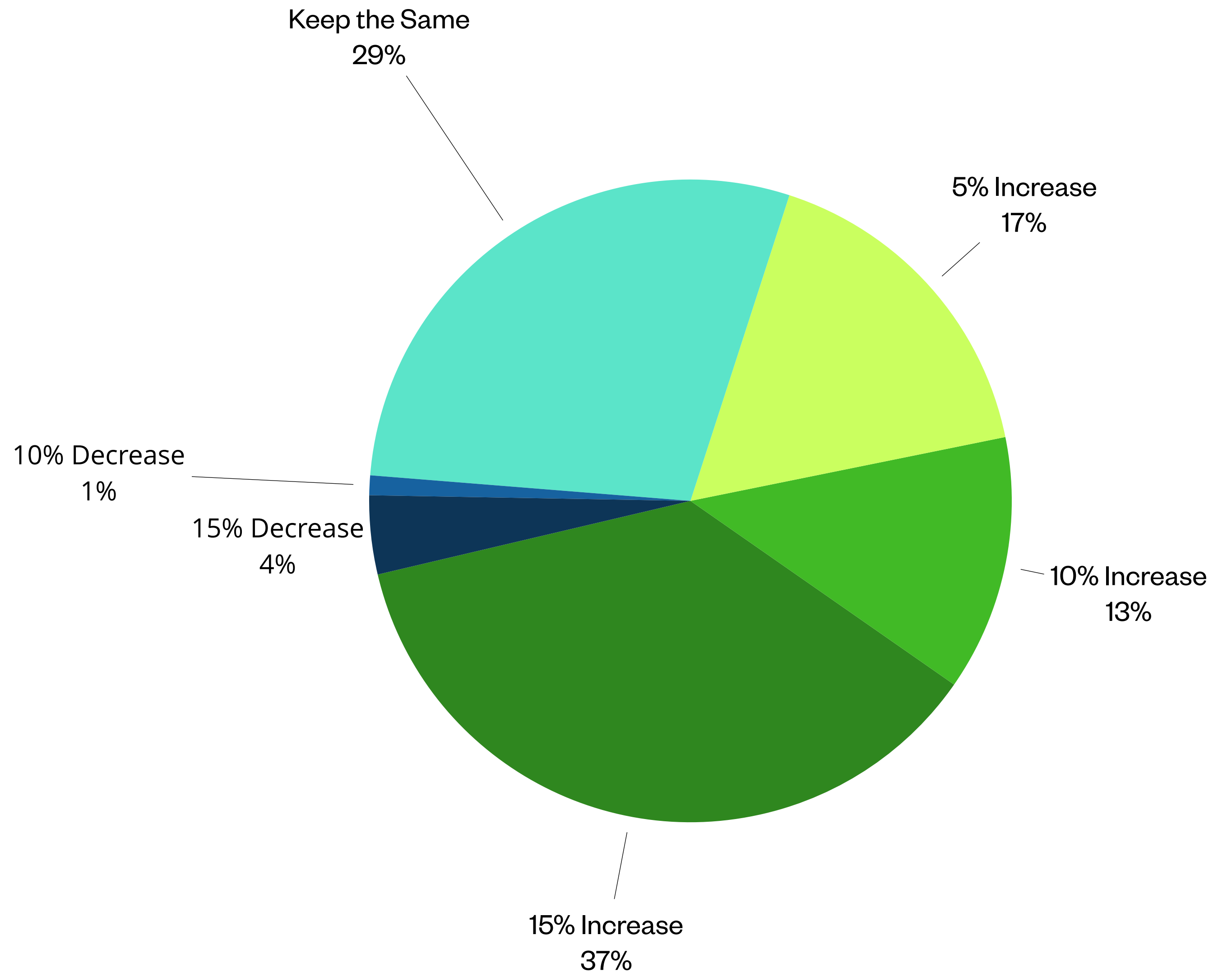


Voting Results

Housing Construction

- **Increase: 67%**
- Keep the Same: 29%
- Decrease: 5%

Recommended*: 5% Decrease

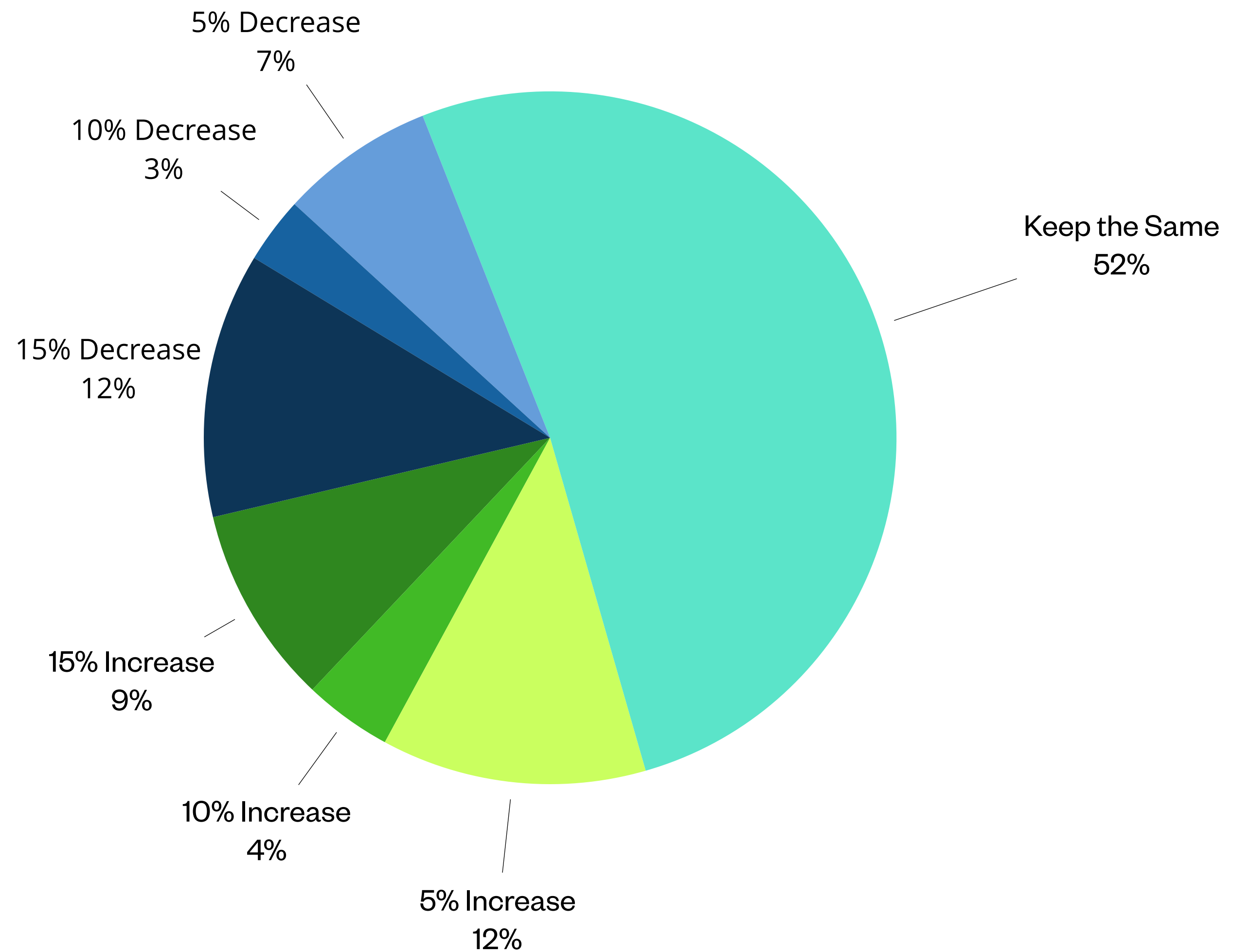


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Environment

- Increase: 25%
- **Keep the Same: 52%**
- Decrease: 22%

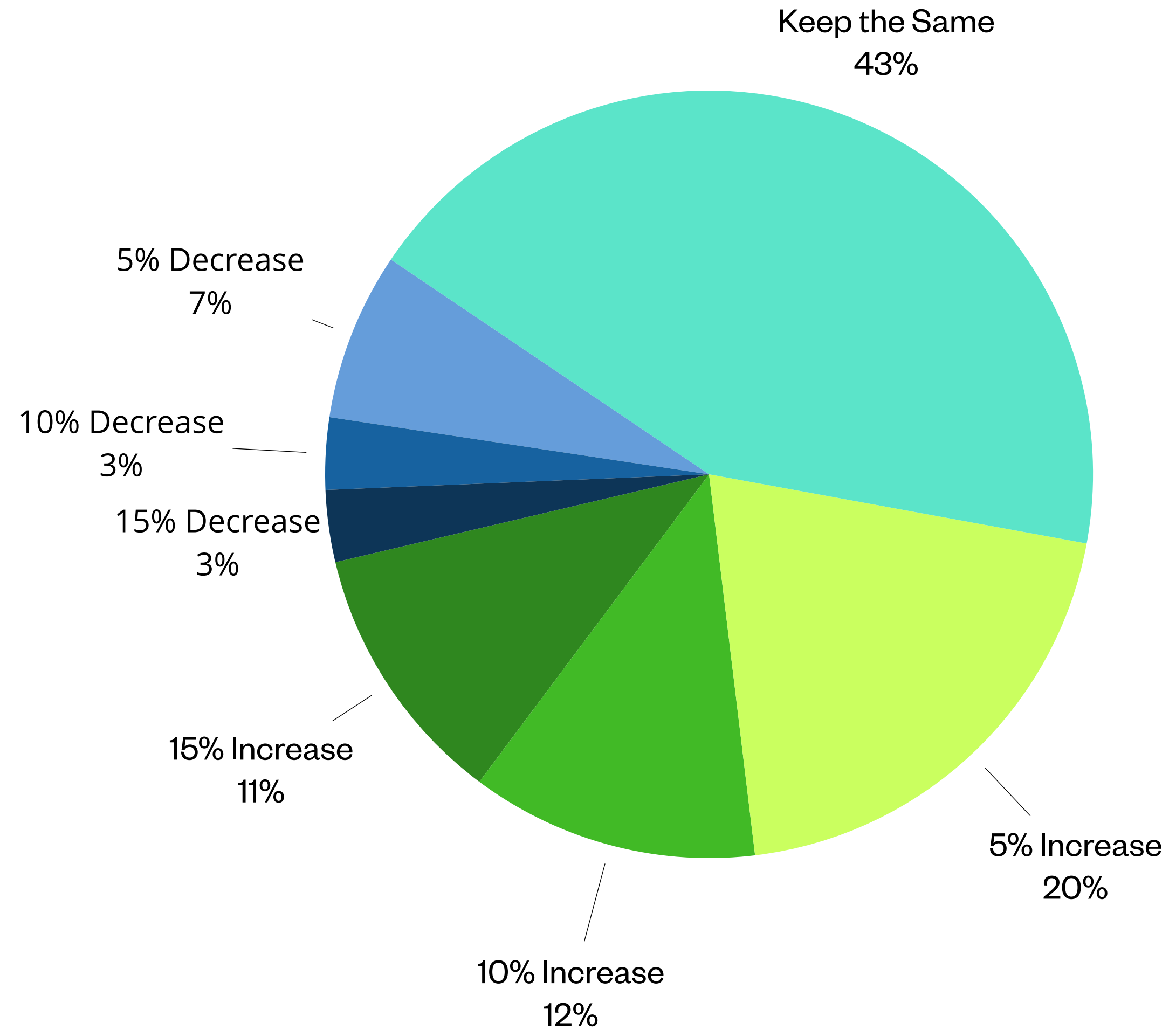
Recommended*: Keep the Same



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Build Language & Culture Archive

- Increase: 43%
- Keep the Same: 43%
- Decrease: 13%



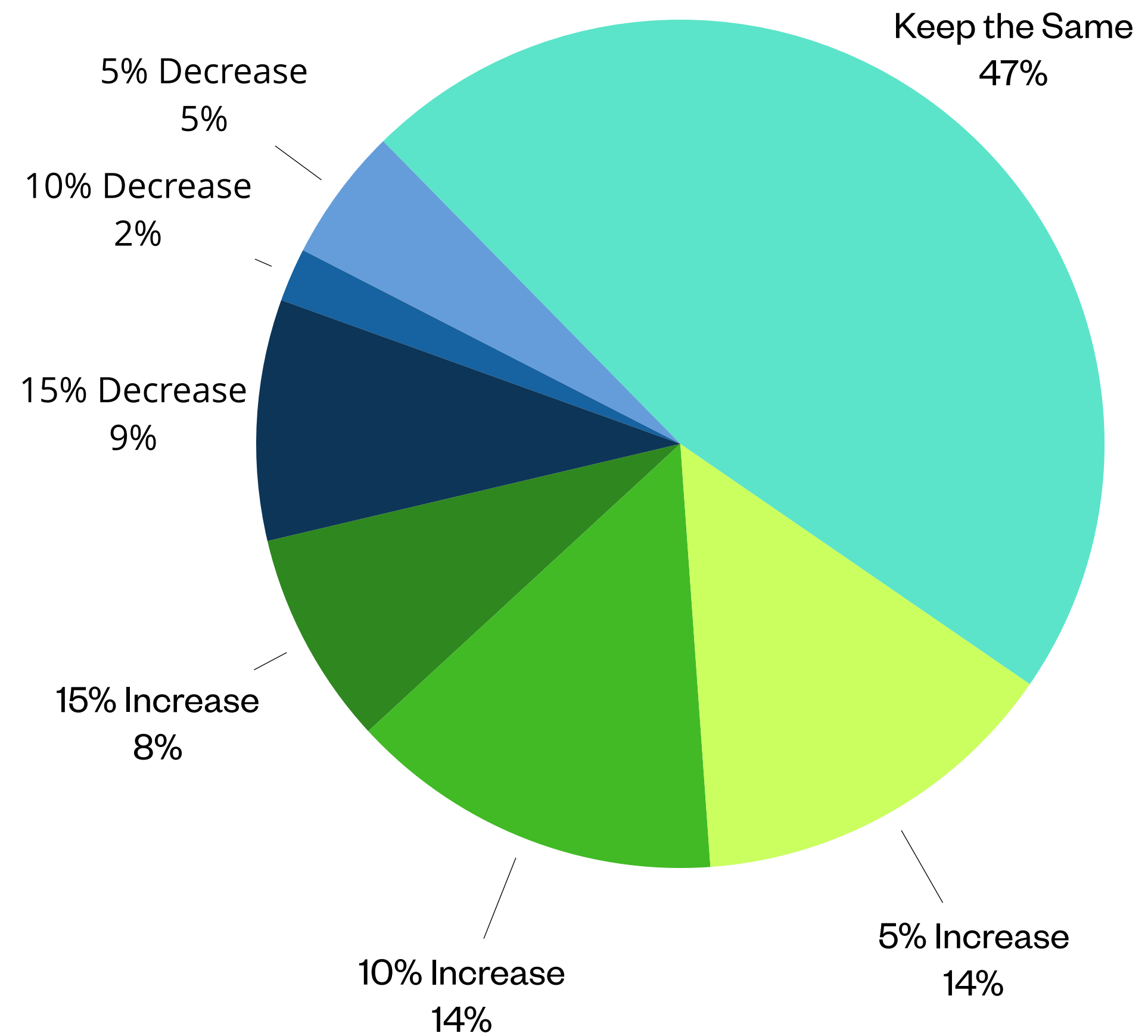
Recommended*: Keep the Same

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Improved Transportation

- Increase: 36%
- **Keep the Same: 47%**
- Decrease: 16%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

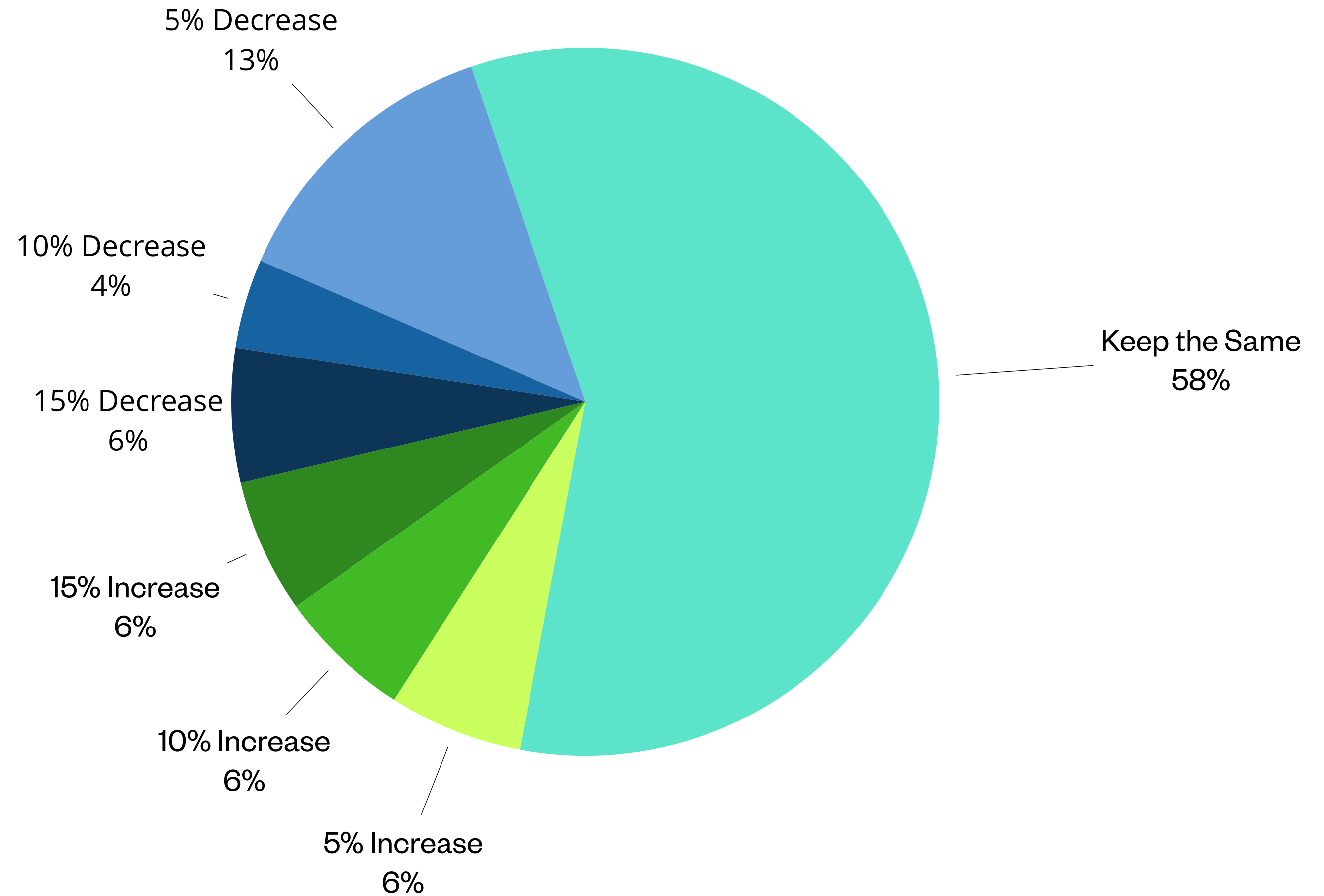


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ASA/EET Admin

- Increase: 23%
- **Keep the Same: 58%**
- Decrease: 18%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

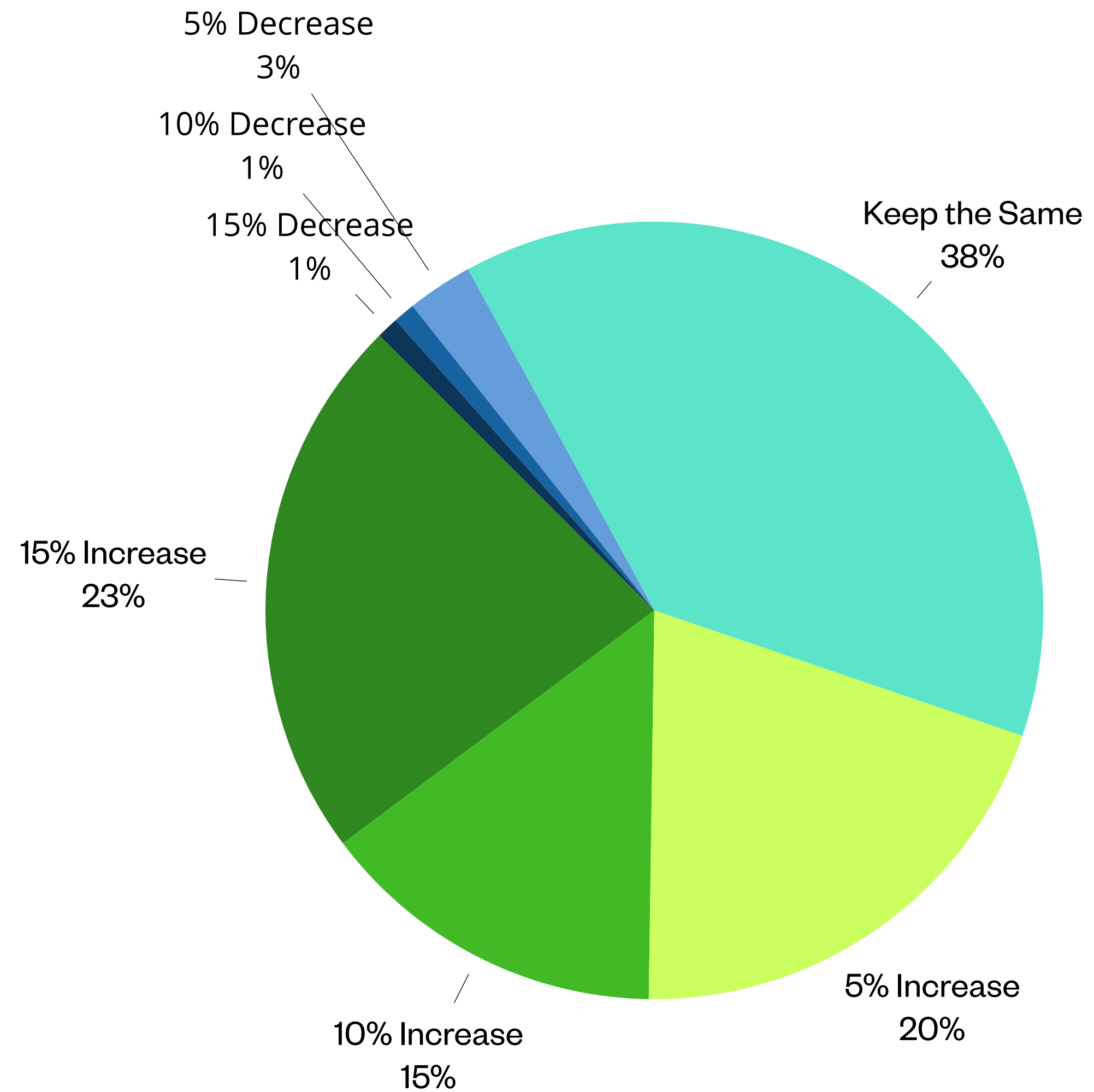


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Recreation

- **Increase: 58%**
- Keep the Same: 38%
- Decrease: 5%

Recommended*: 5% Increase

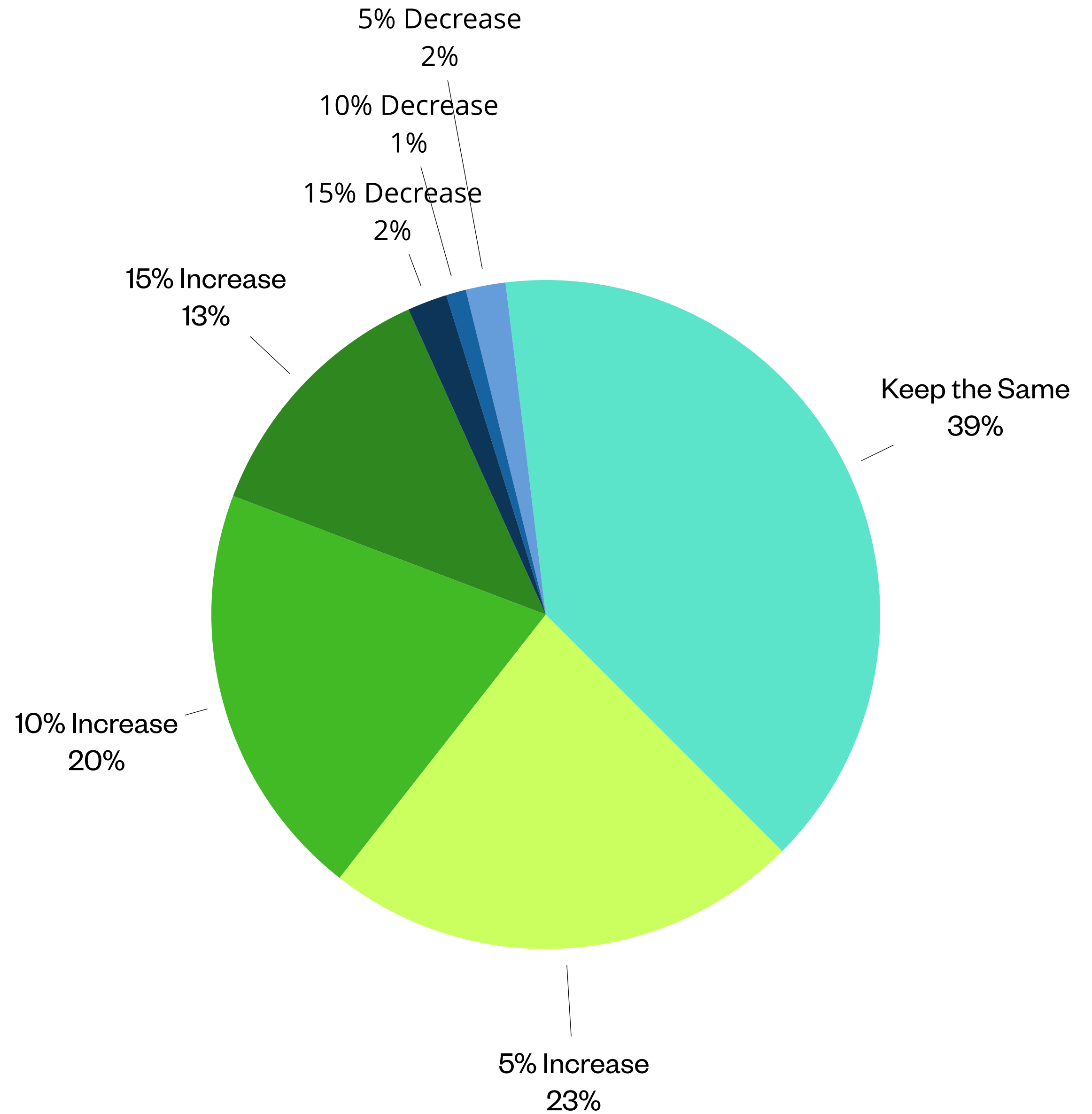


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Addition to Reserve/Reserve Creation

- **Increase: 56%**
- Keep the Same: 39%
- Decrease: 4%

Recommended*: 5% Increase

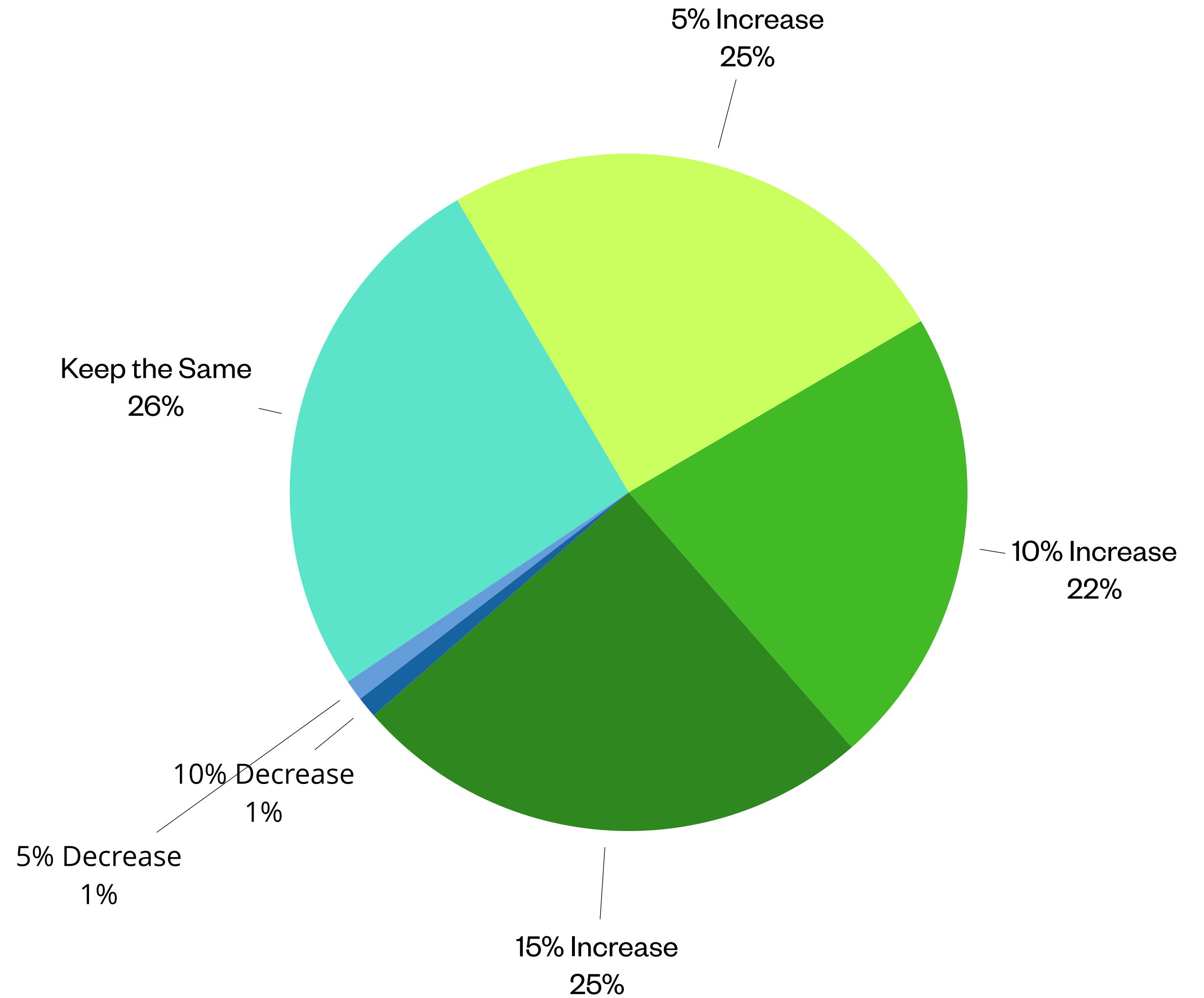


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Elder Support

- **Increase: 72%**
- Keep the Same: 26%
- Decrease: 2%

Recommended*: 10% Increase

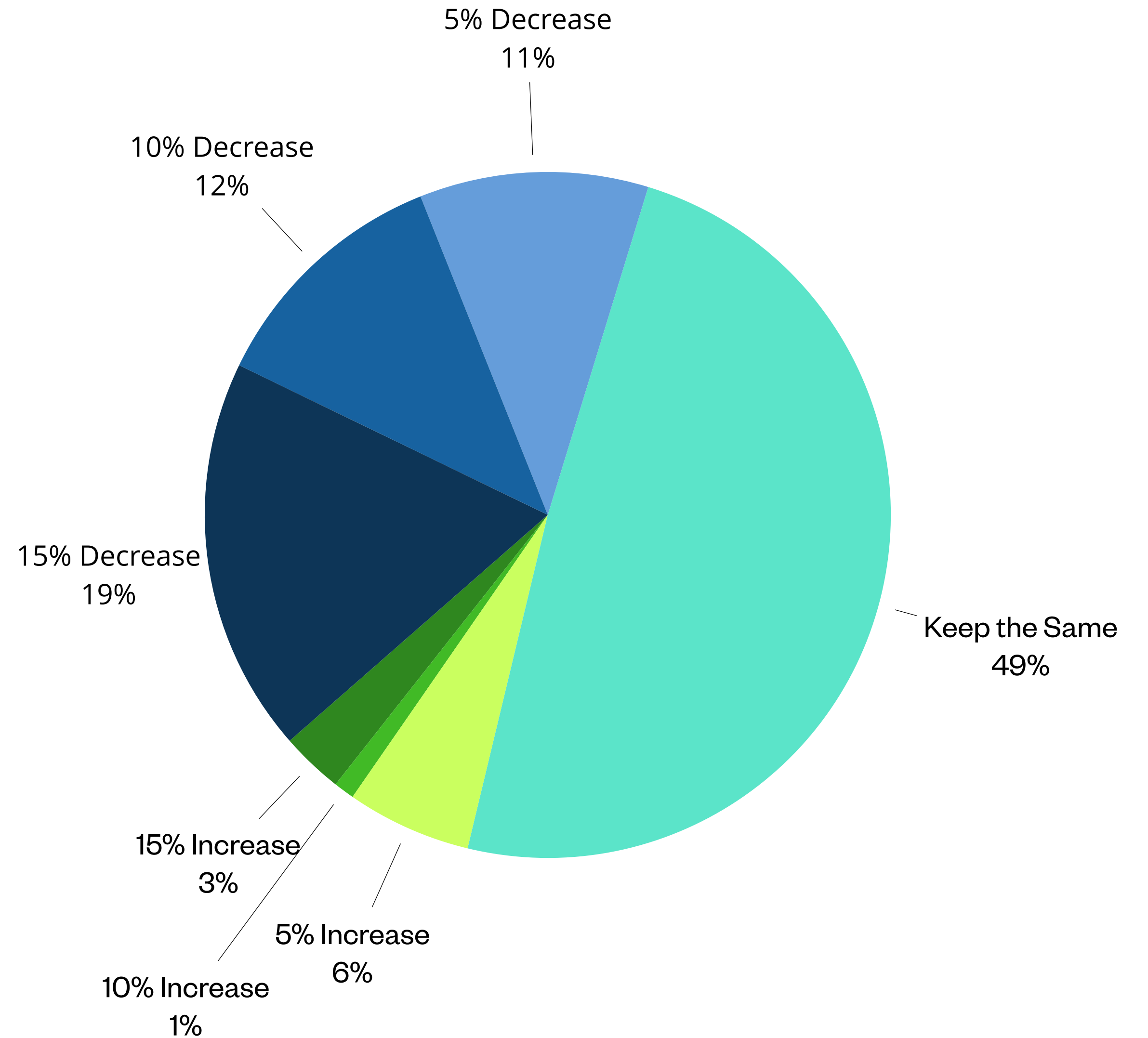


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Holistic Services for Children and Families

- Increase: 10%
- **Keep the Same: 49%**
- Decrease: 42%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

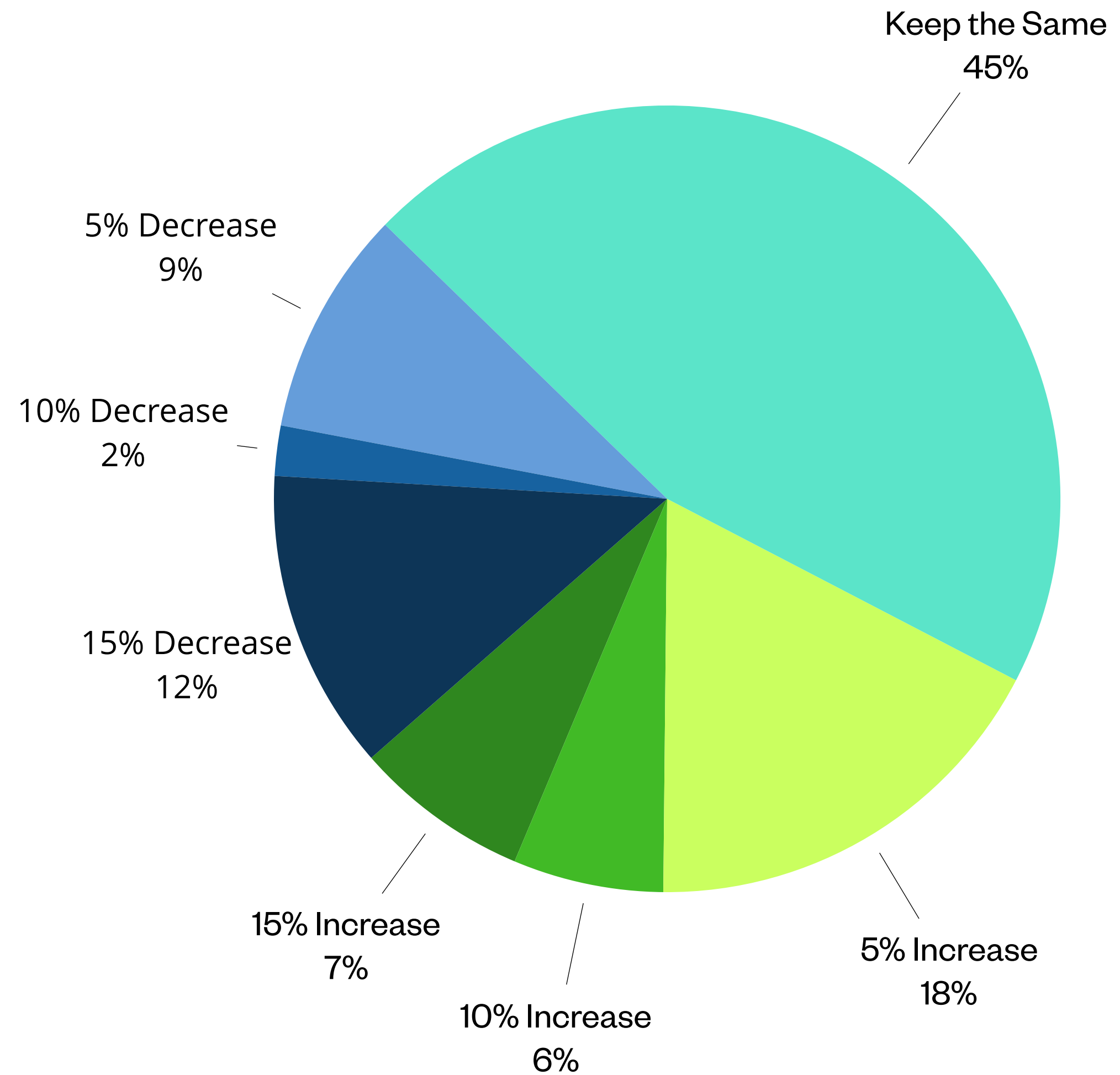


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Culture

- Increase: 23%
- **Keep the Same: 45%**
- Decrease: 31%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

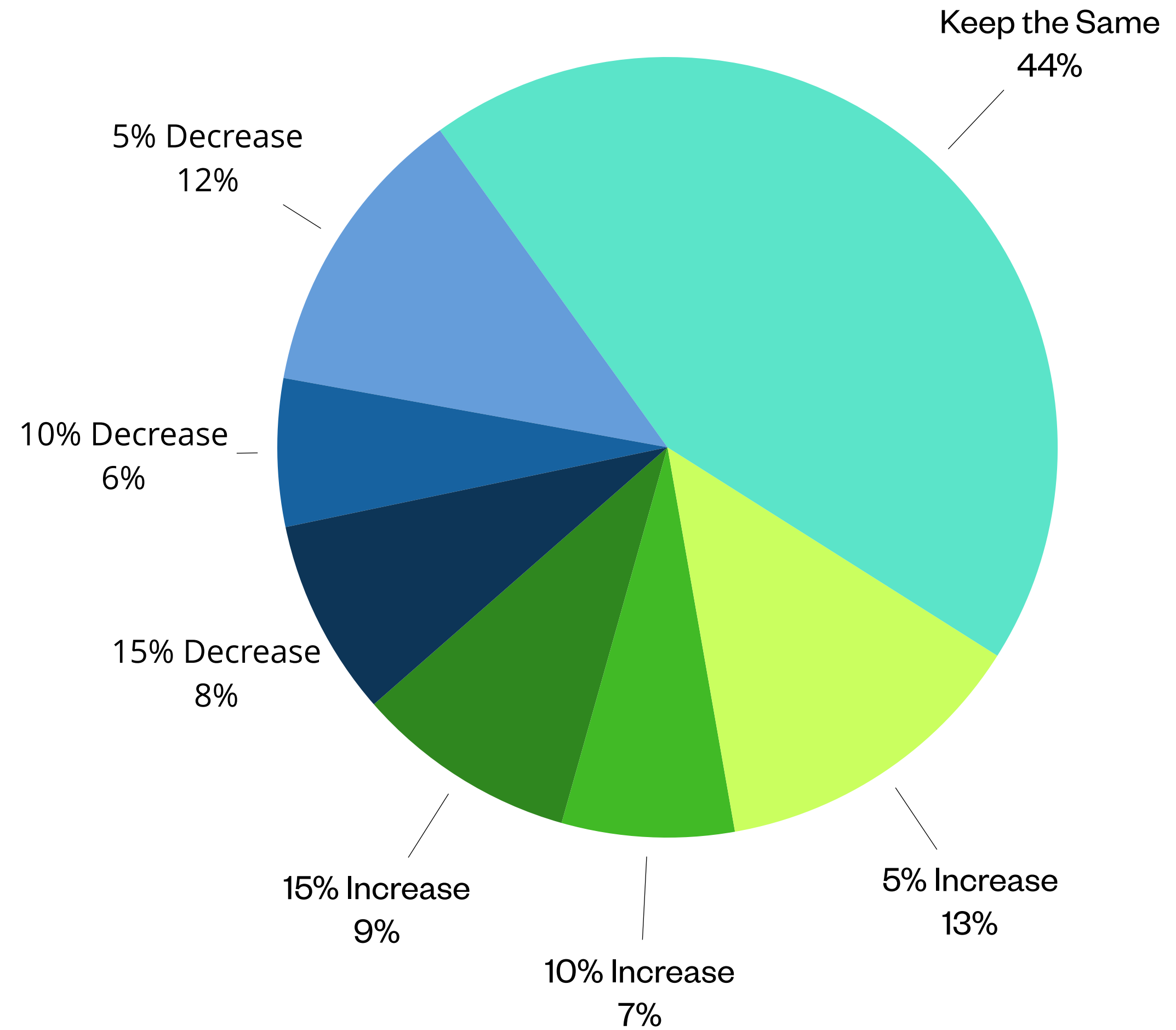


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Archeology

- Increase: 29%
- **Keep the Same: 44%**
- Decrease: 26%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

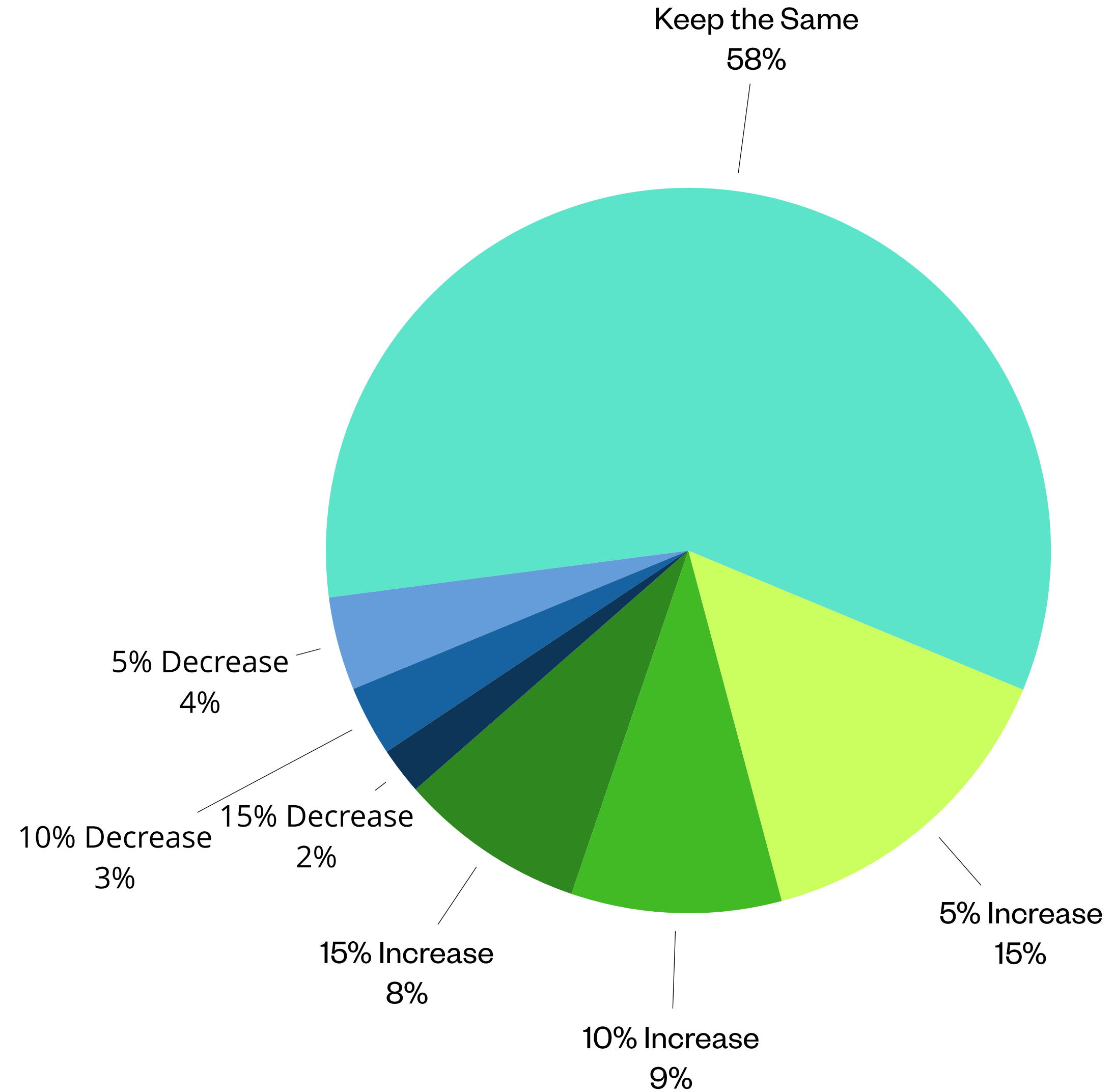


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Bill C92 Jurisdictional Law

- Increase: 32%
- **Keep the Same: 58%**
- Decrease: 9%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

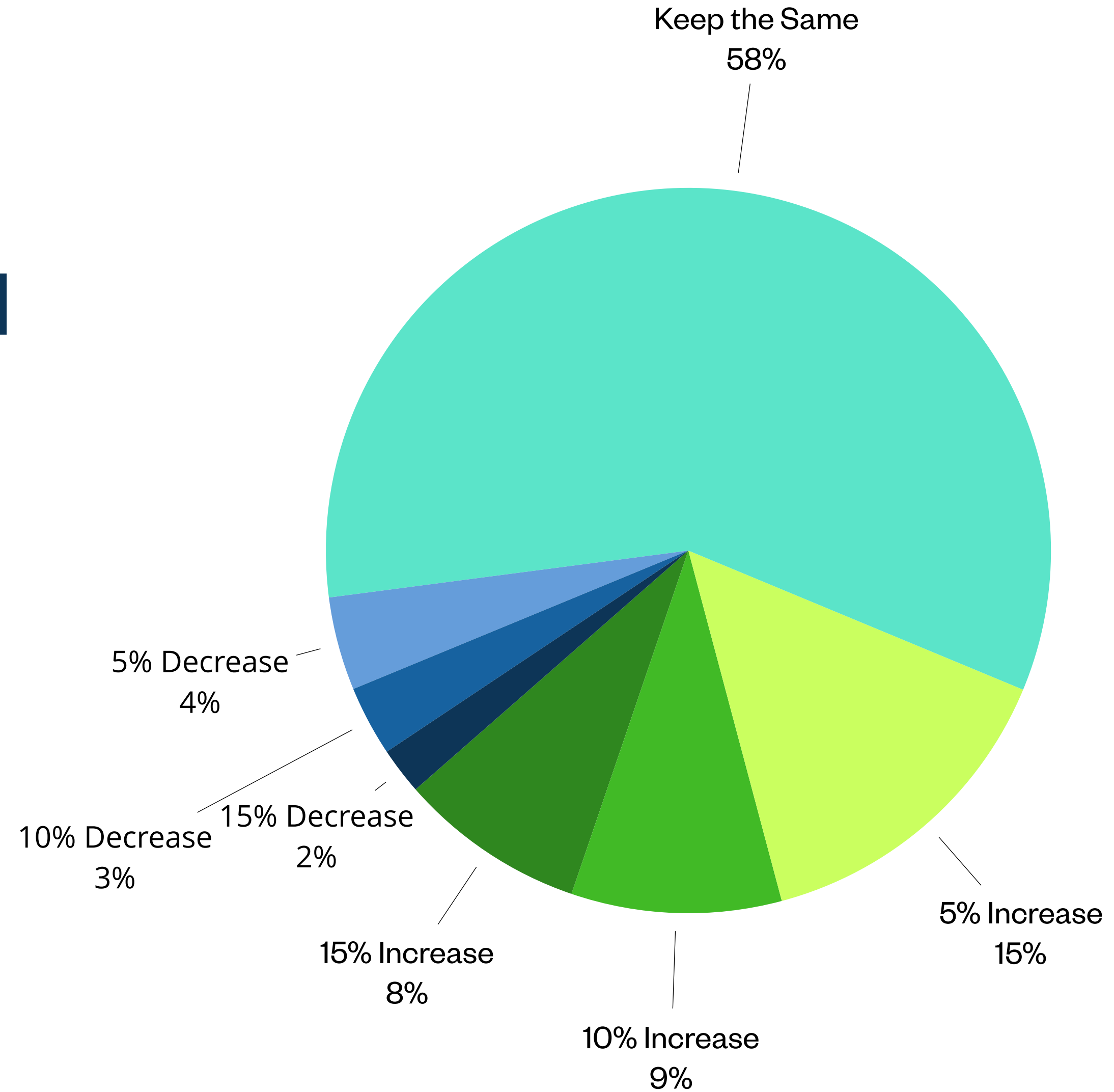


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Support Experiential Cultural Learning

- Increase: 32%
- **Keep the Same: 58%**
- Decrease: 9%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

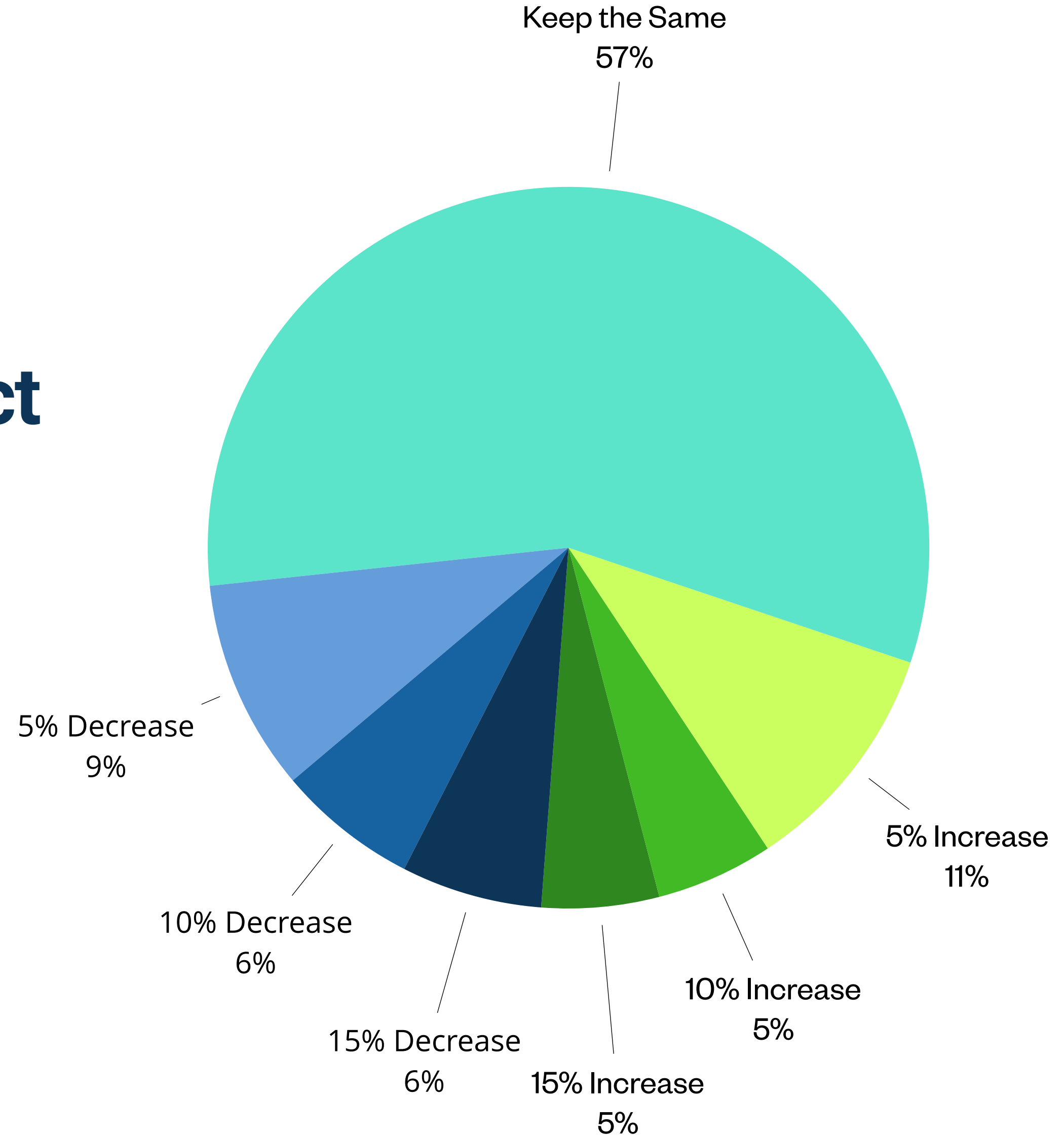


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Squamish Nation Headquarters and Totem Hall Expansion Project

- Increase: 21%
- **Keep the Same: 57%**
- Decrease: 21%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

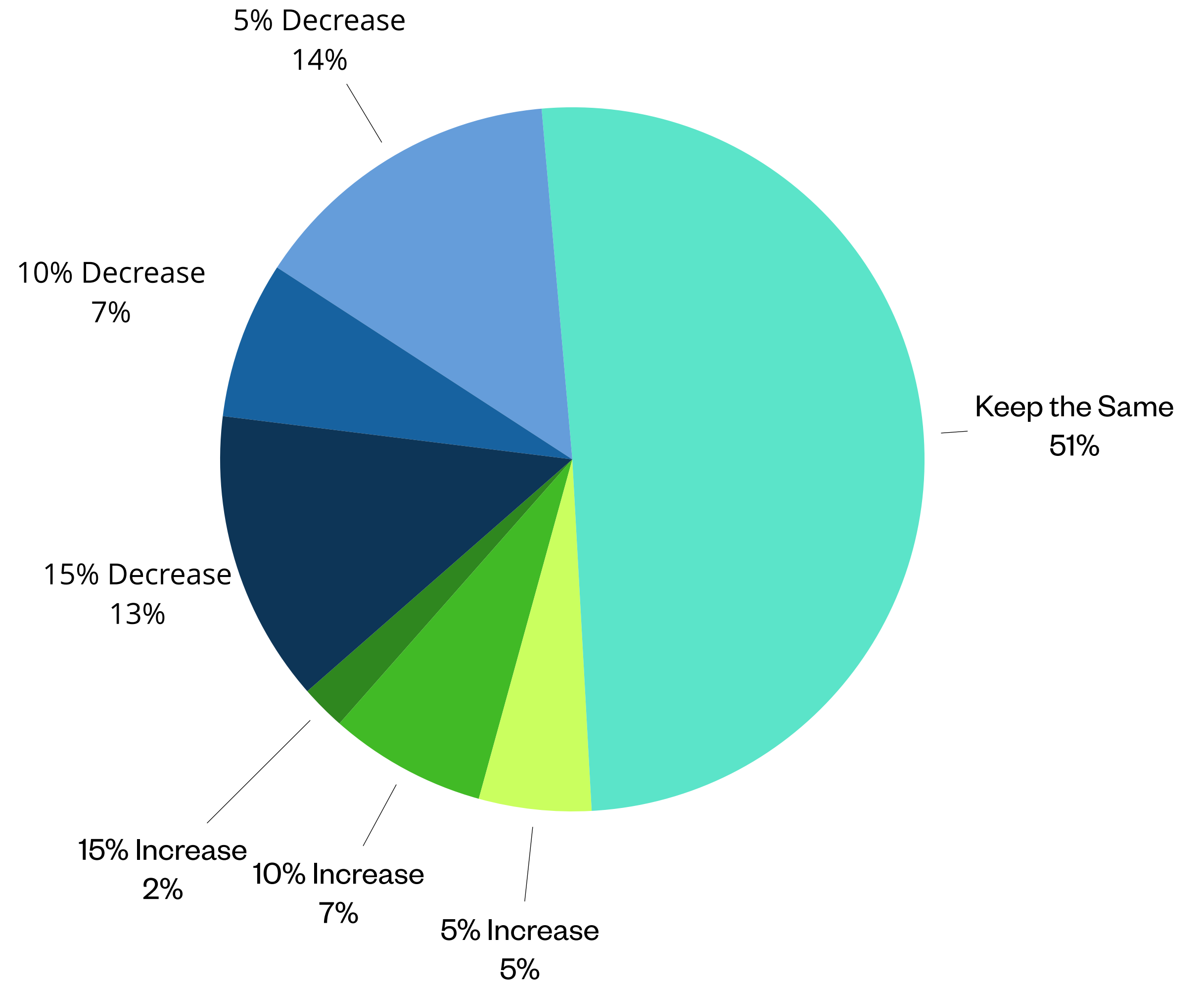


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Band Elections

- Increase: 14%
- **Keep the Same: 51%**
- Decrease: 34%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

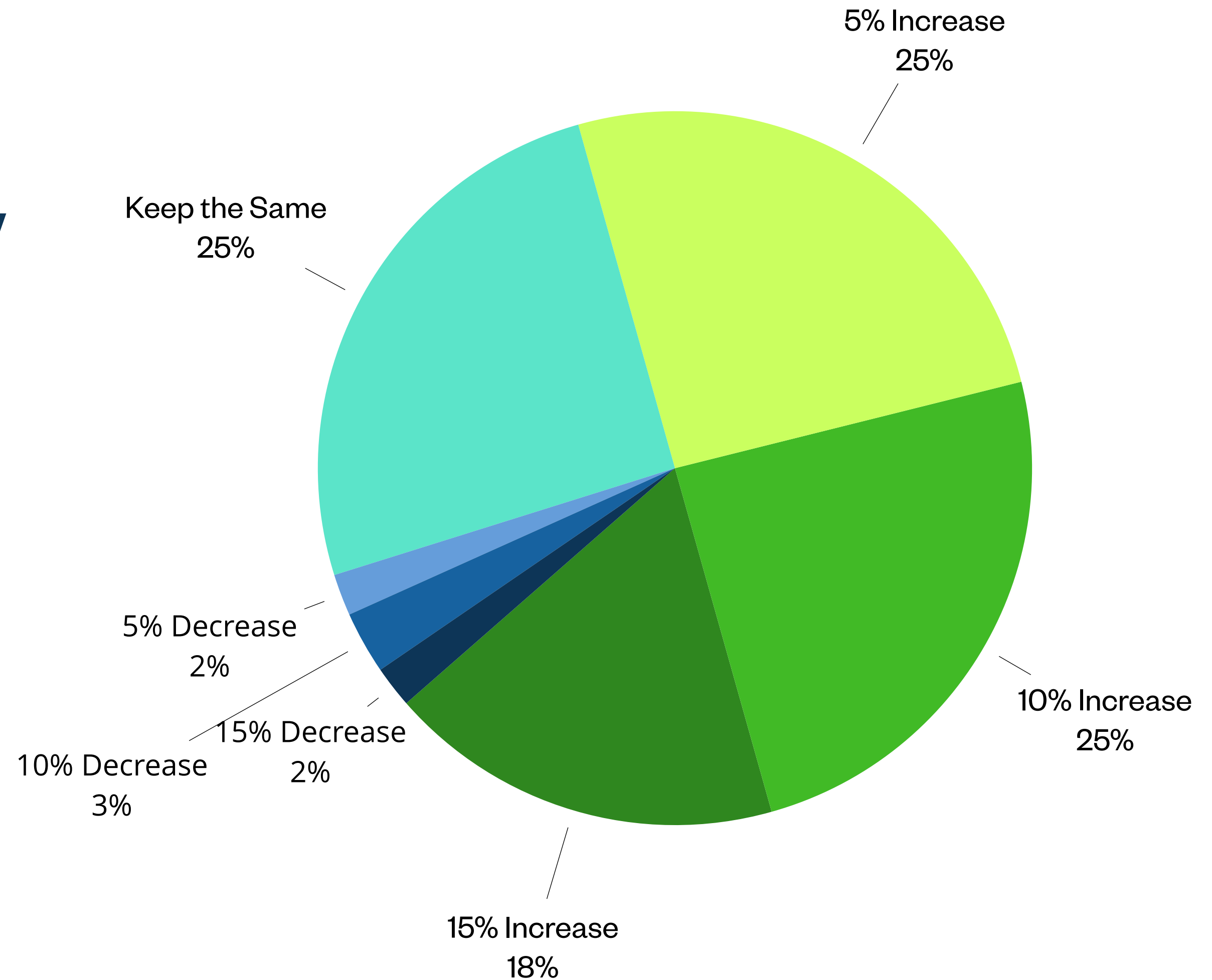


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Health Benefits - Emergency Funds

- **Increase: 68%**
- Keep the Same: 25%
- Decrease: 7%

Recommended*: 10% Increase

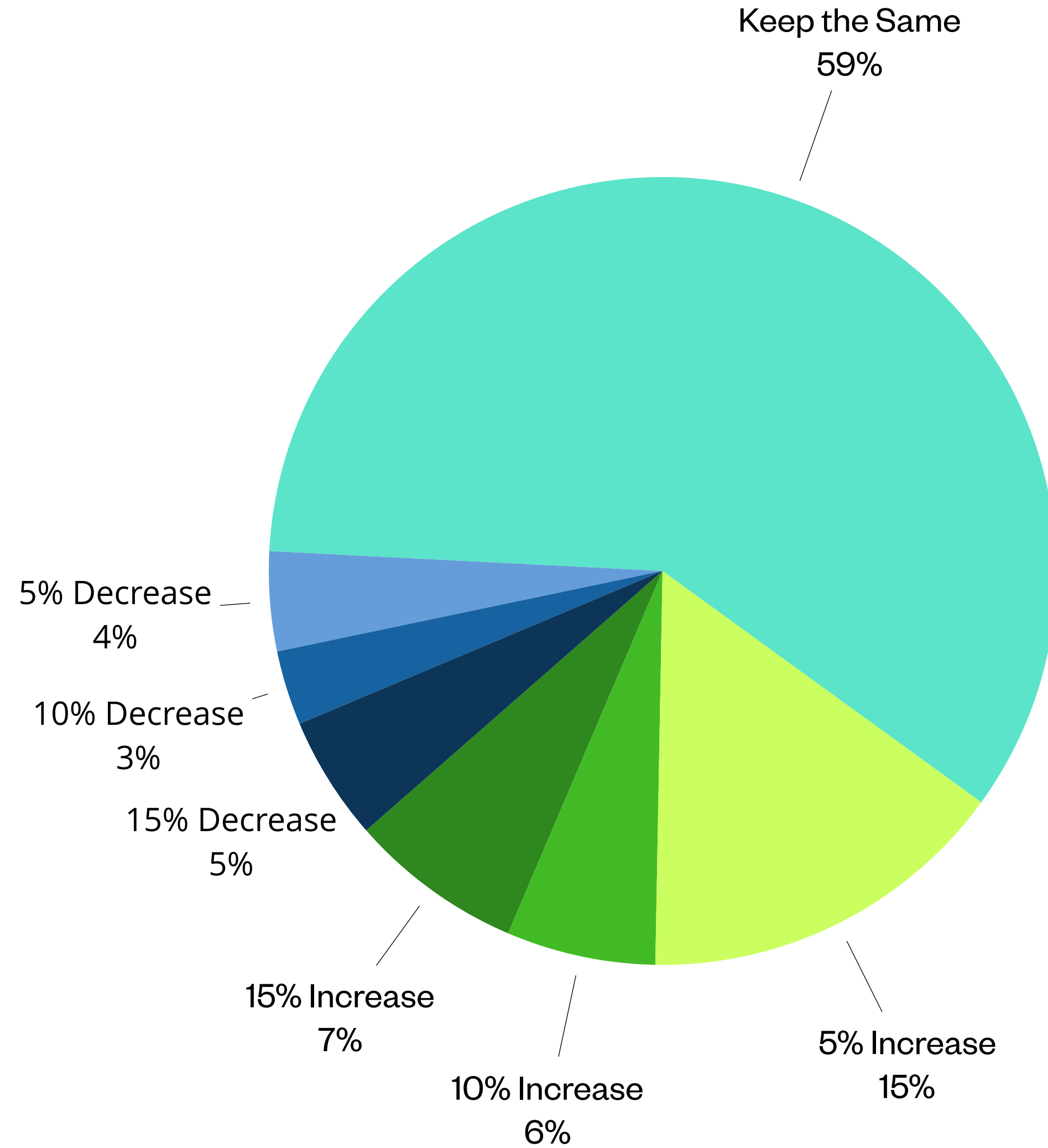


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Perform Service Needs Assessment

- Increase: 28%
- **Keep the Same: 59%**
- Decrease: 12%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

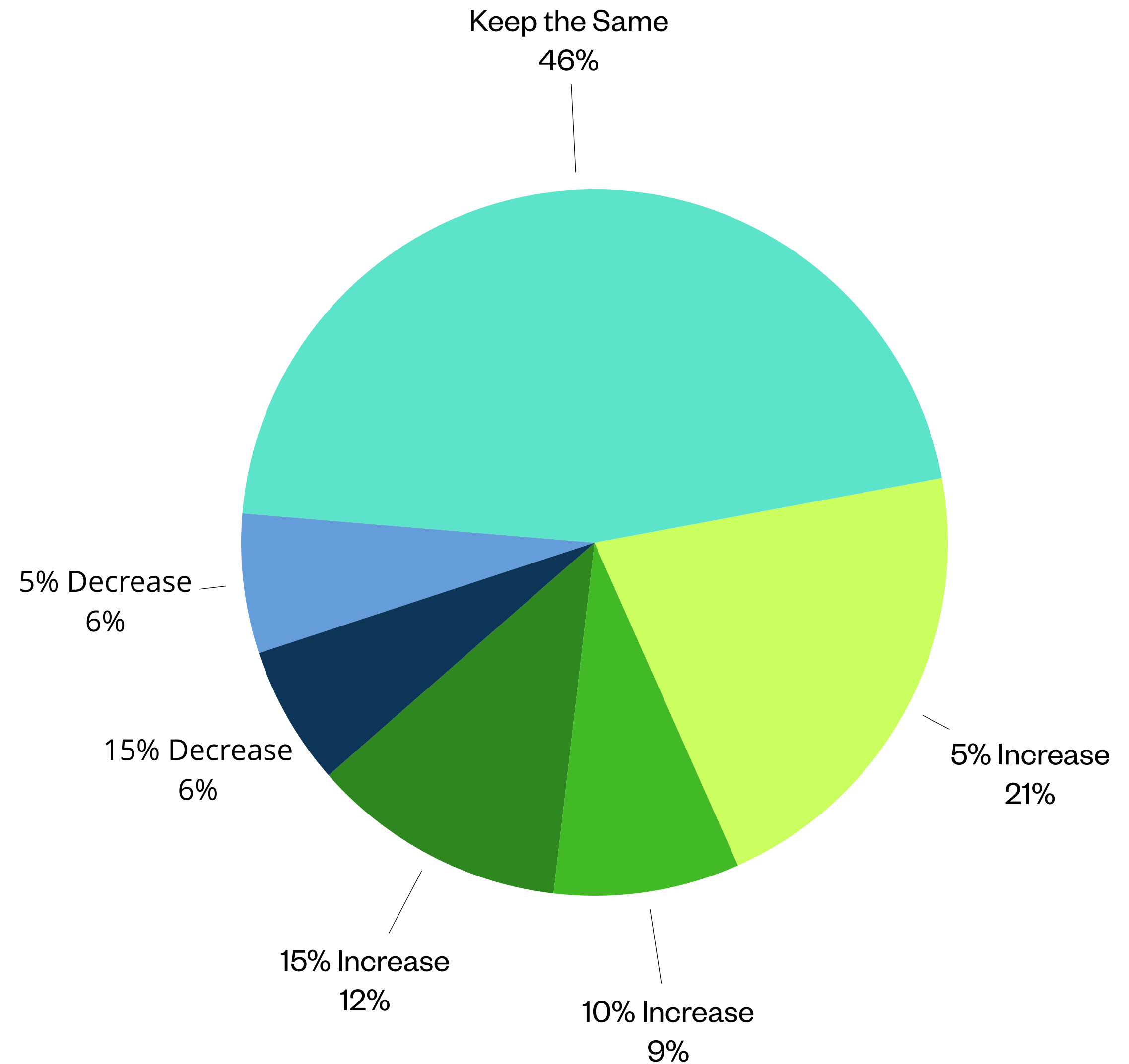


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Education and Recreation

- Increase: 42%
- **Keep the Same: 46%**
- Decrease: 12%

Recommended*: 5% Increase

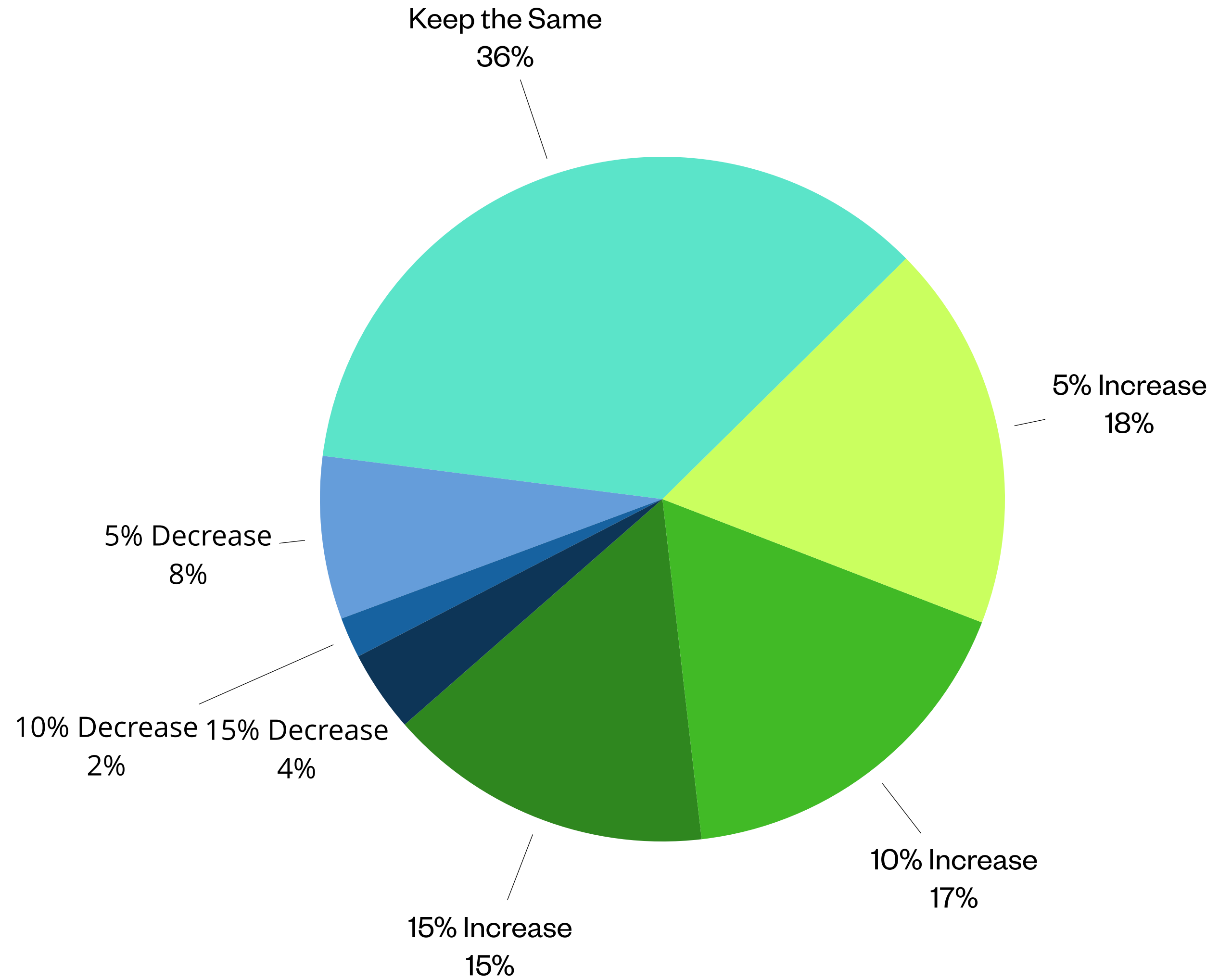


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Travel Services

- **Increase: 50%**
- Keep the Same: 36%
- Decrease: 14%

Recommended*: 5% Increase

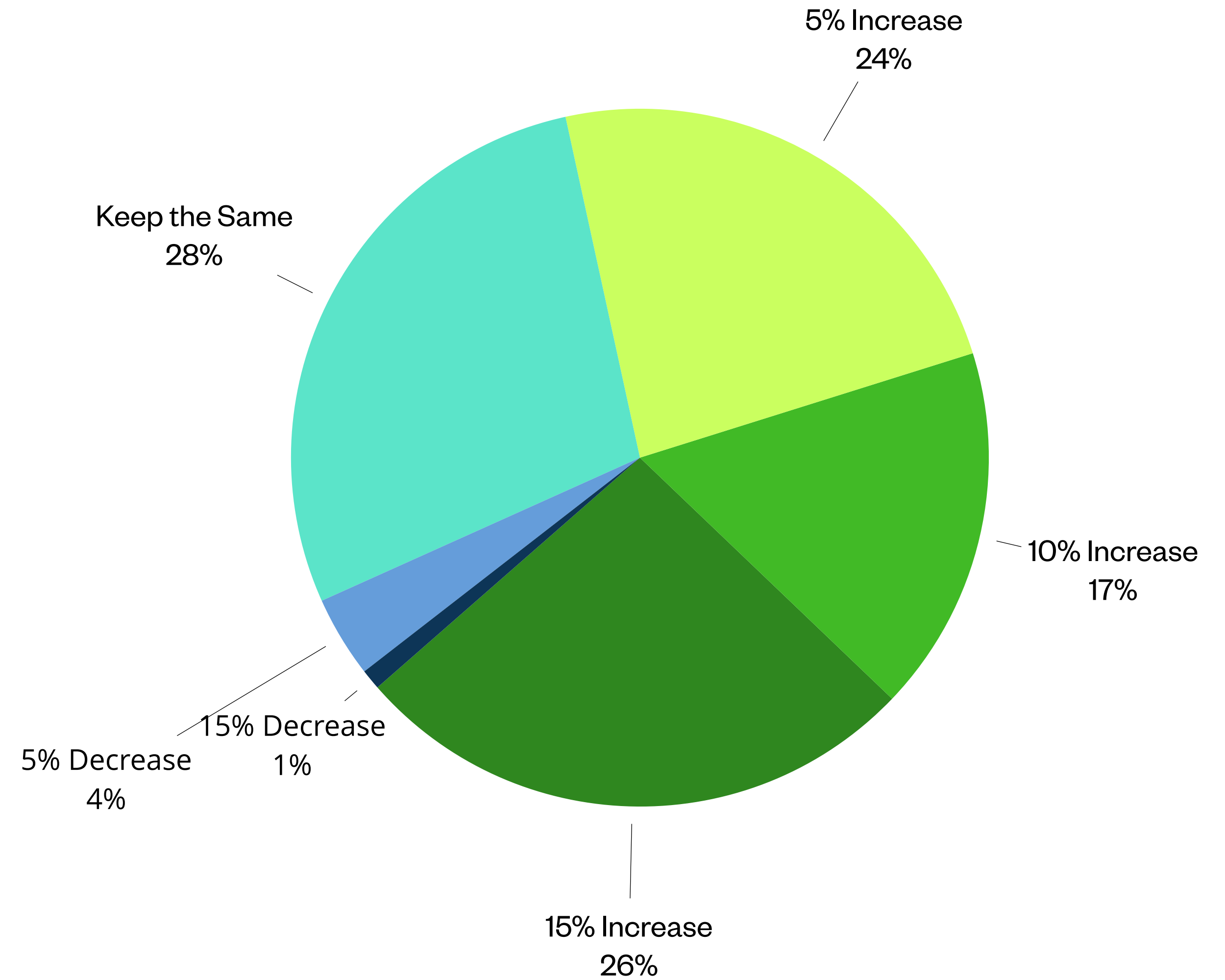


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Post-Secondary

- **Increase: 67%**
- Keep the Same: 28%
- Decrease: 5%

Recommended*: 5% Increase

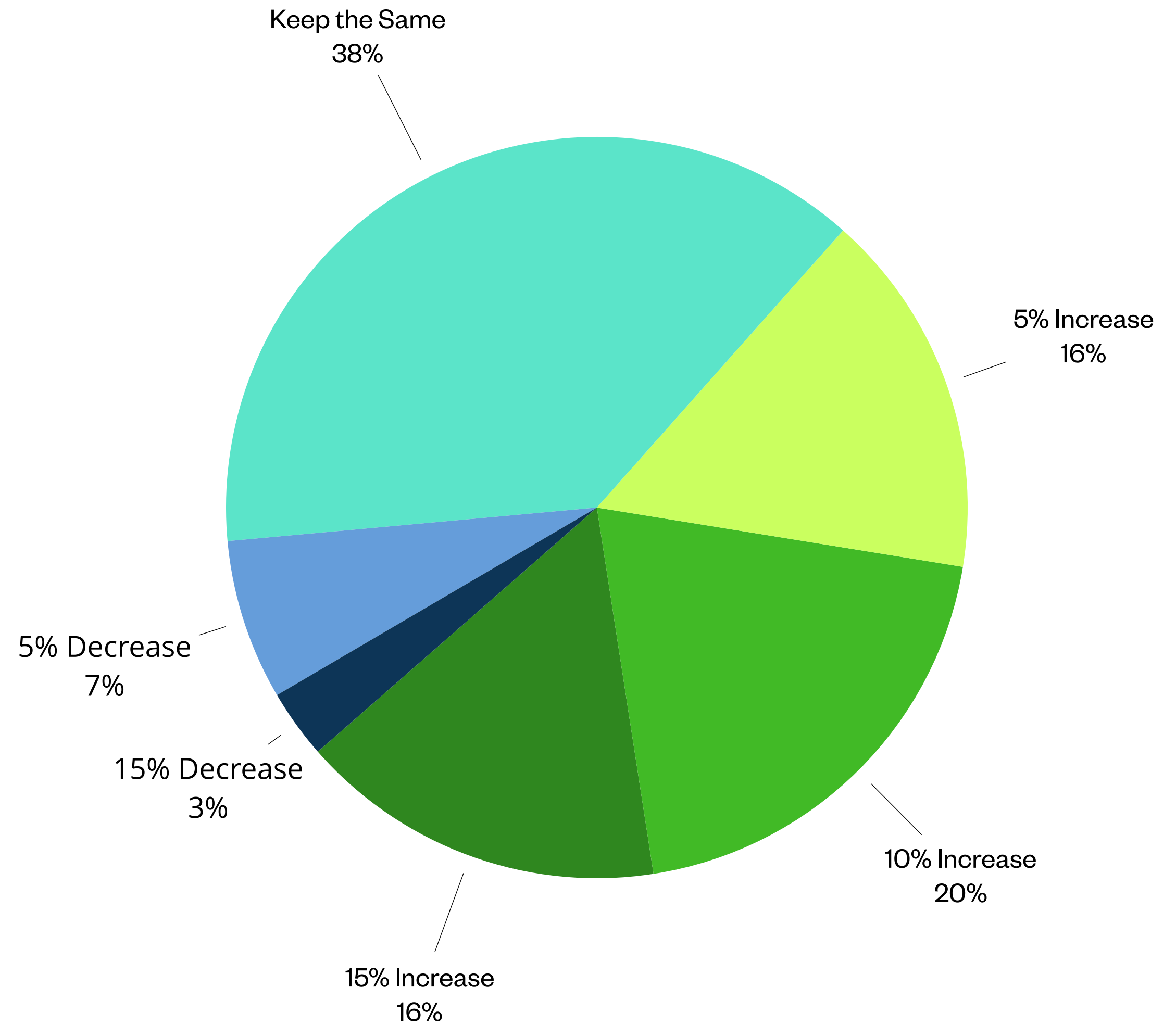


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High Cost Special Needs Funding

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- Decrease: 10%

Recommended*: 5% Increase

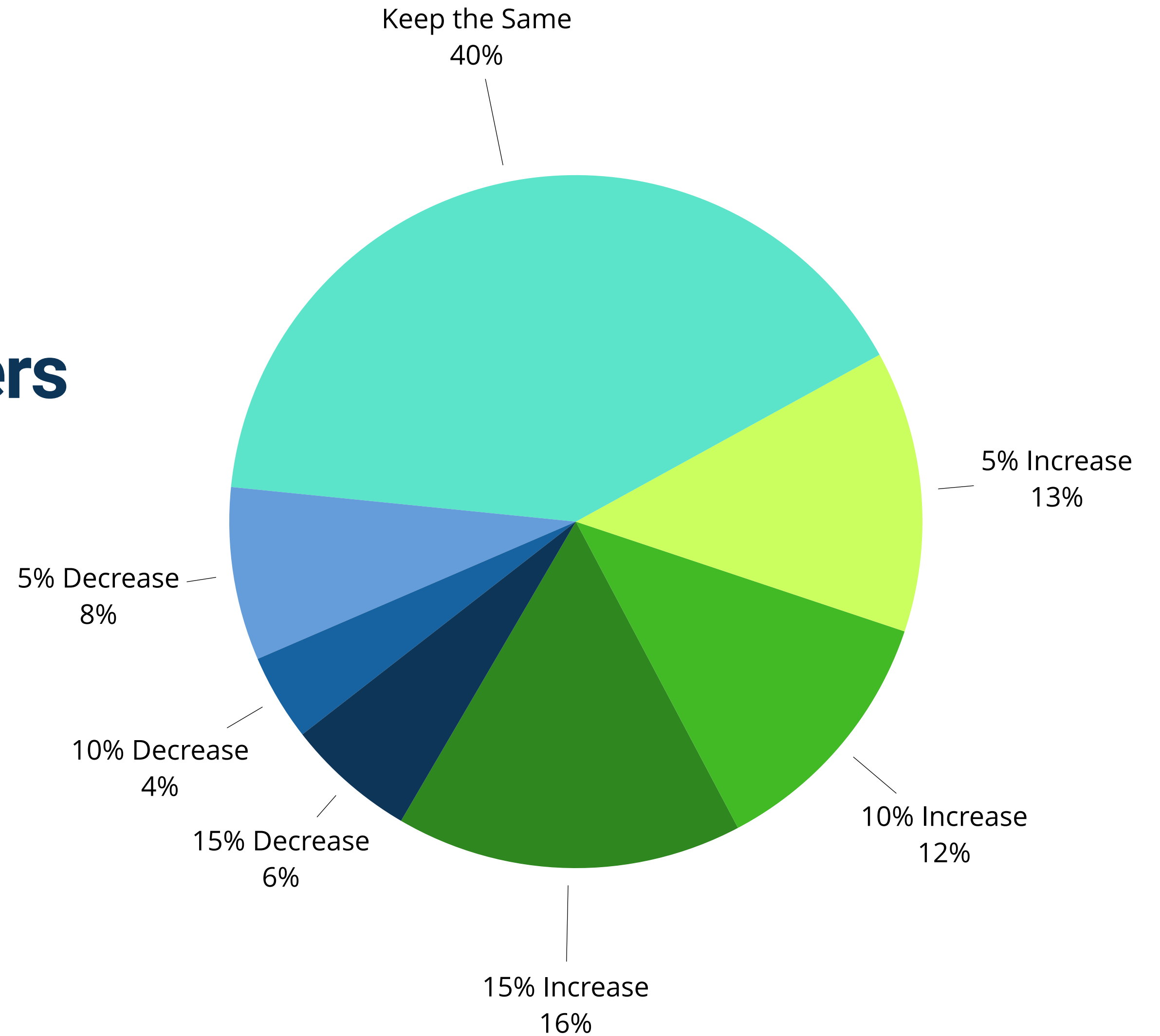


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Language Learners and Proficiency of Language Speakers

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- Keep the Same: 40%
- Decrease: 18%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

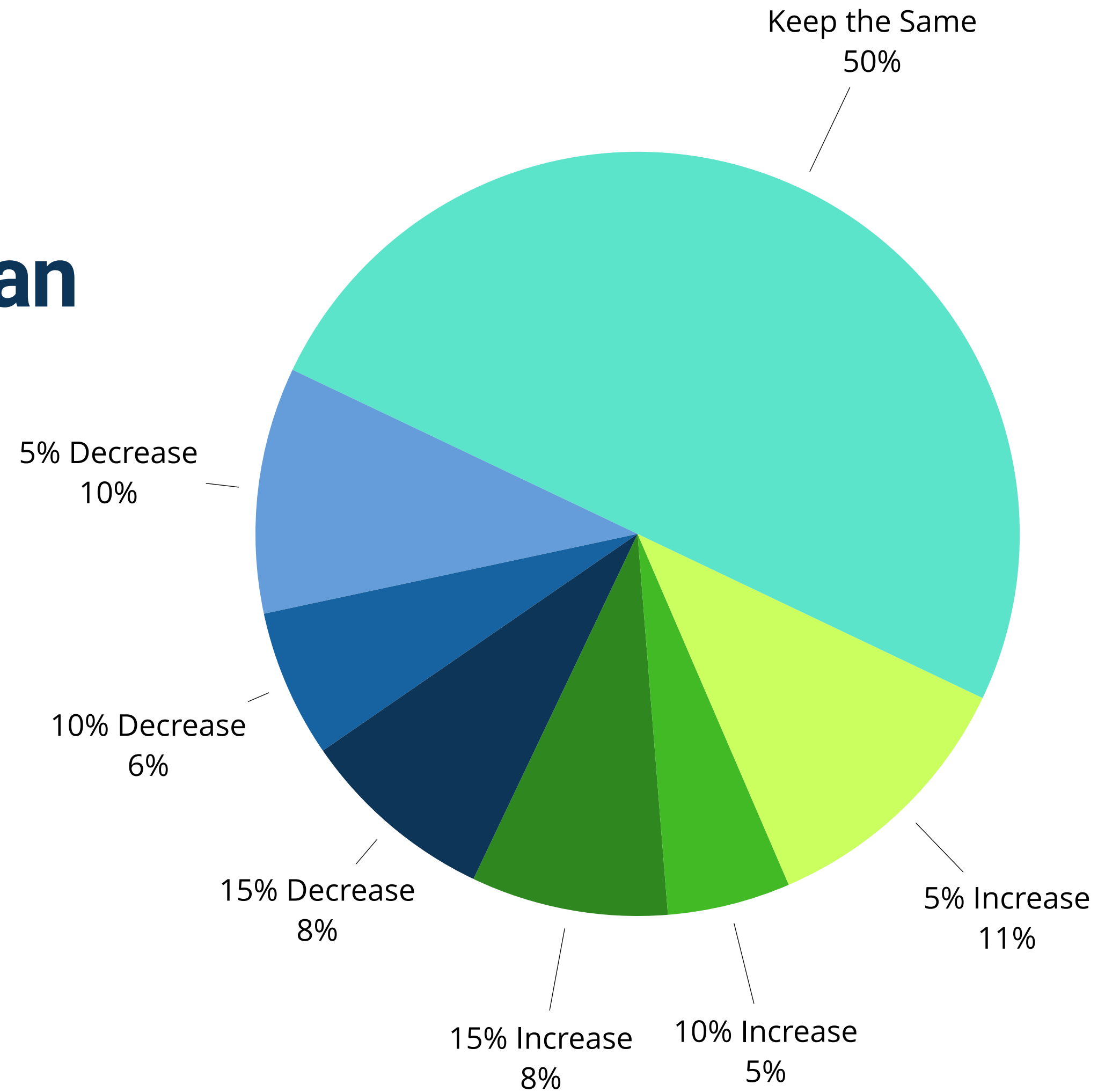


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Comprehensive Community Plan

- Increase: 24%
- **Keep the Same: 50%**
- Decrease: 24%

Recommended*: Keep the Same

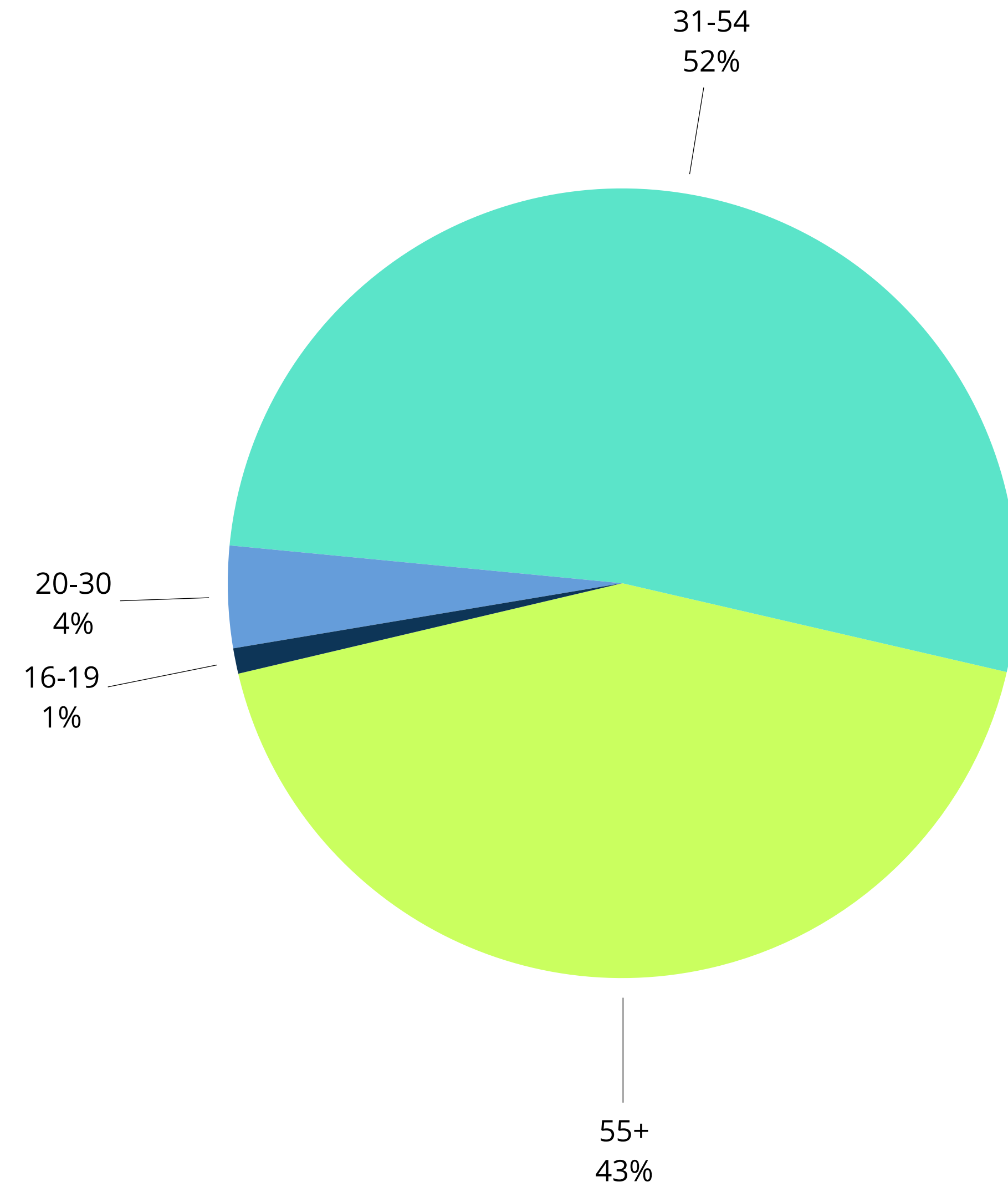


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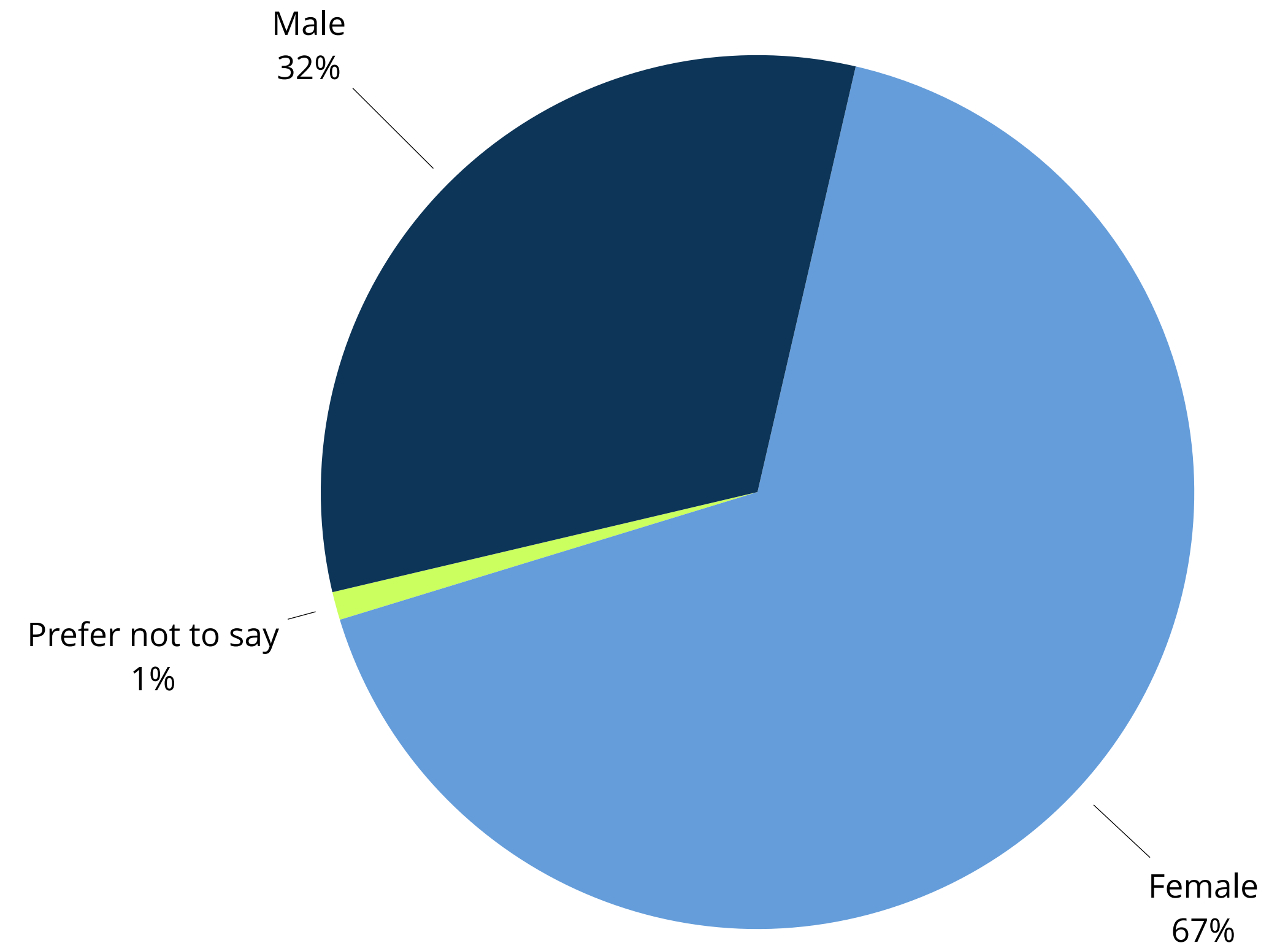
A dense forest of tall, thin trees, likely a coniferous forest, with sunlight filtering through the canopy. The trees are dark green and brown, and the ground is covered in ferns and other undergrowth. The lighting is dappled, creating a sense of depth and texture.

Demographic Information

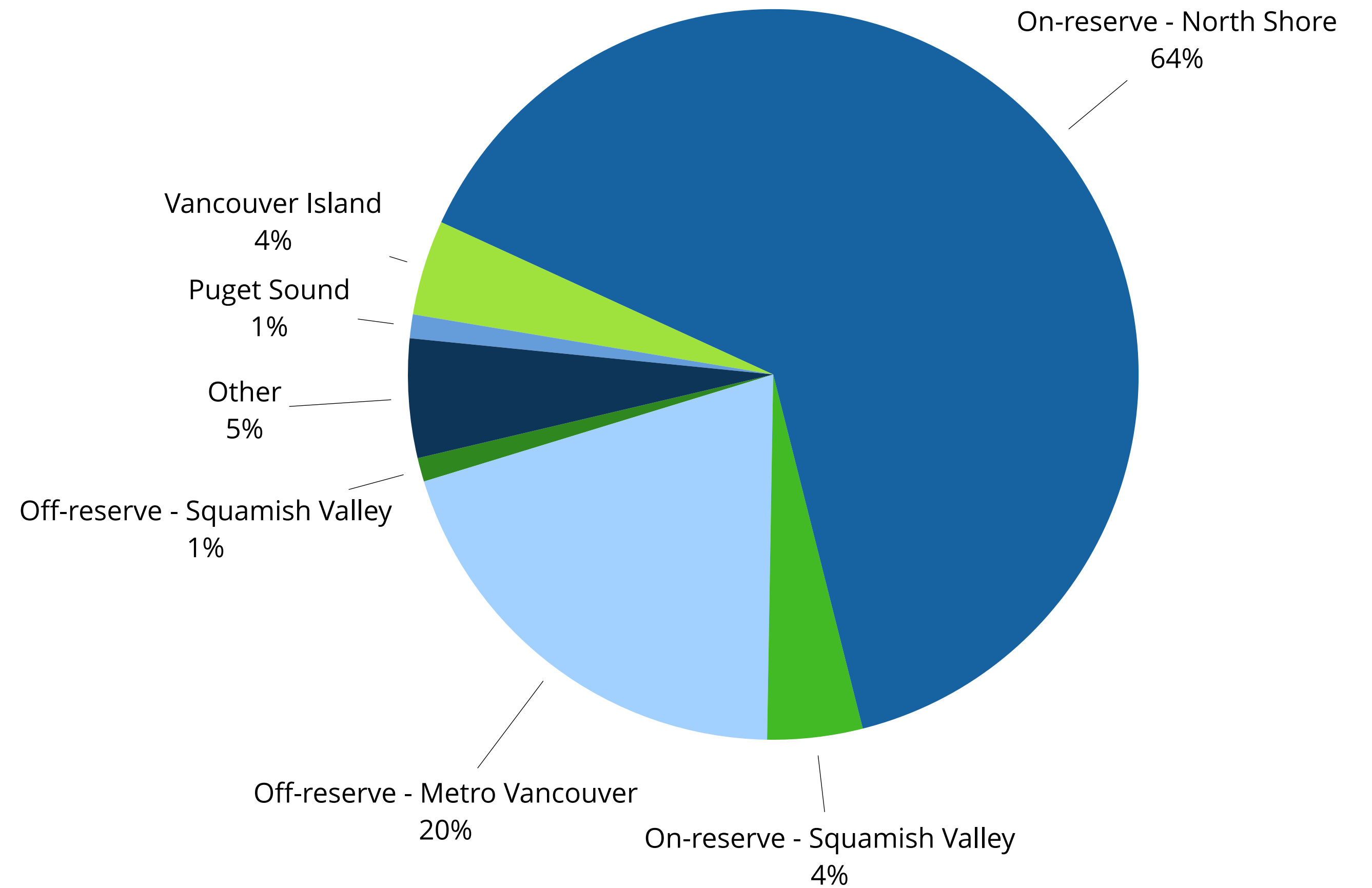
Age



Gender



Where do you live?



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Thank you!