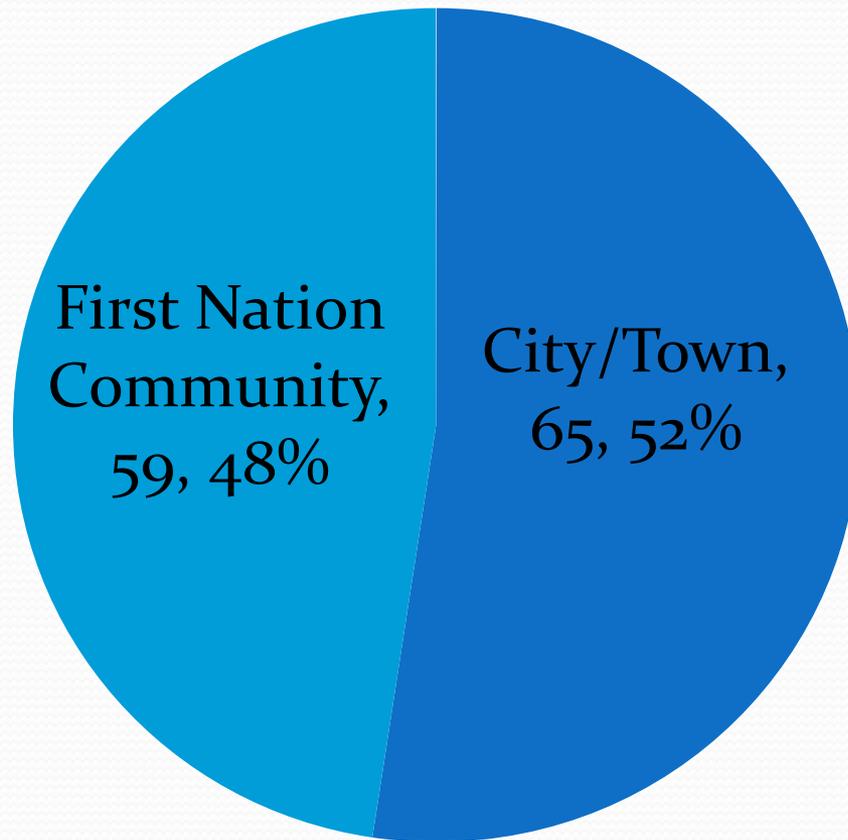


Highway 16 West Survey report summary

November 24th, 2015

Smithers, BC

1. Which community do you live in?



1.

Response	Count	Response	Count
Burns Lake	12	Moricetown	2
Fraser Lake	1	Prince George	8
Gitanmaax	1	Prince Rupert	13
Gitanyow	1	Quesnel	1
Gitsegukla	1	Saik'uz	1
Haisla	10	Sikedakh	1
Hazelton	3	Smithers	3
Kispiox	2	Stellaquo	2
Kitamaat	3	Stellaten	5
Kitimat	4	Takla	2
Kitselas	1	Terrace	18
Kitsumkalum	5	Vanderhoof	4
Lake Babine	16	Wet'suwet'en FN	1
Laxkwalaams	8	<u>Total</u>	<u>129</u>

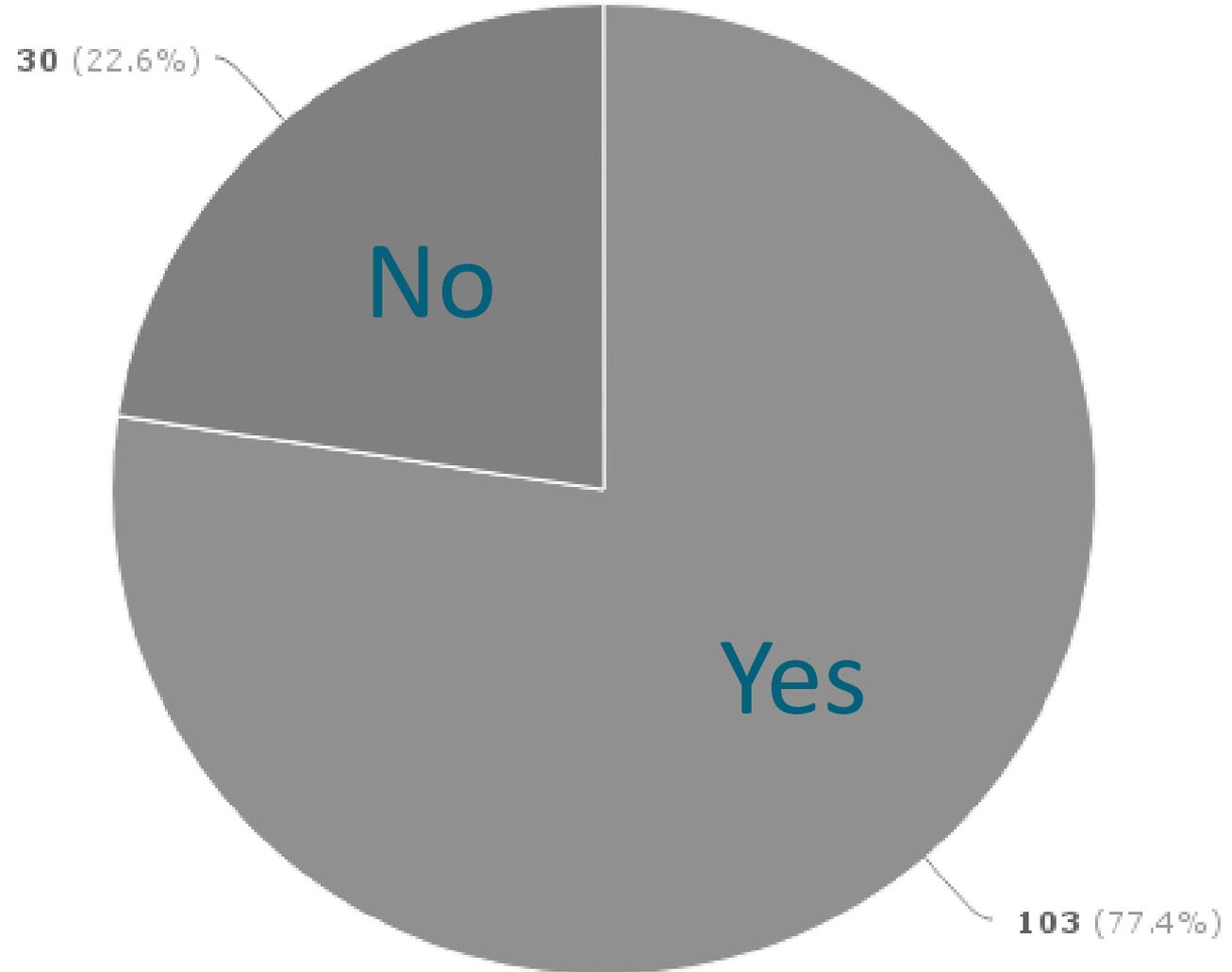


2. Which community do you travel to most frequently for appointments, shopping, visiting, etc?

2.

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Burns Lake		5%	9
Kitimat		6%	12
Other		1%	3
Prince George		30%	54
Prince Rupert		11%	21
Smithers		13%	24
Terrace		26%	48
Vancouver		4%	8
Vanderhoof		0%	1

3. Do you have a valid drivers license?



4. Do you have the access to transportation in your region to:

Visit people?

Go shopping?

Attend appointments?

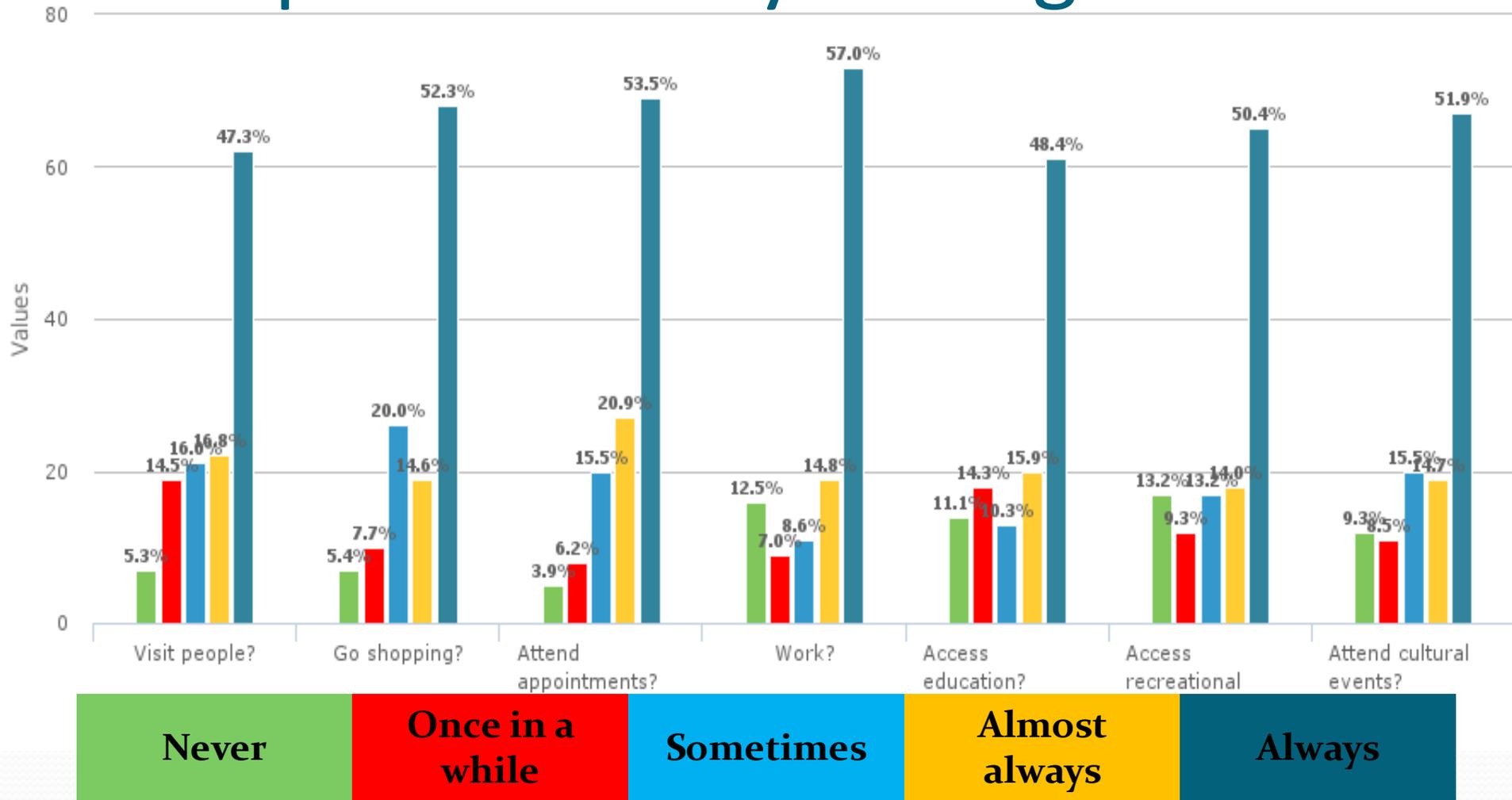
Work?

Access education?

Access recreational activities?

Attend cultural events?

4. Do you have the access to transportation in your region to:



5. What transportation have you used between communities?

Taxi	Band transportation services
VIA Rail	School Bus
Greyhound	Ferry
Northern Health Connections	Volunteer service. Please specify who provides the volunteer service? Family, friends or private vehicle?
Personal (or friend/family) vehicle	Other, please specify...
Hitchhiking	

5. What transportation have you used between communities?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Taxi		20.6%	27
VIA Rail		20.6%	27
Greyhound		43.5%	57
Northern Health Connections		14.5%	19
Personal (or friend/family) vehicle		84.0%	110
Hitchhiking		7.6%	10
Band transportation services		9.2%	12
School Bus		4.6%	6
Ferry		19.1%	25
Volunteer service. Please specify who provides the volunteer service? Family, friends or private vehicle?		13.7%	18
Other, please specify...		14.5%	19
		Total Responses	131

6. Why do you currently use transportation options

Lack of access to a private car

Don't like driving in poor weather

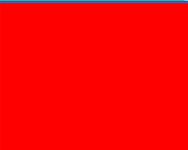
Want to reduce my environmental impact

Concerned about personal safety

Want to save money

Other (please specify)

6.

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Lack of access to a private car		38.1%	45
Don't like driving in poor weather		39.8%	47
Want to reduce my environmental impact		12.7%	15
Concerned about personal safety		17.8%	21
Want to save money		26.3%	31
Other (please specify)		35.6%	42
Total Responses			118

7. How often do you use the transportation options

Five or more days per week

Between one and five days per week

Once every week

Less than once per week

Never

Five or more days per week

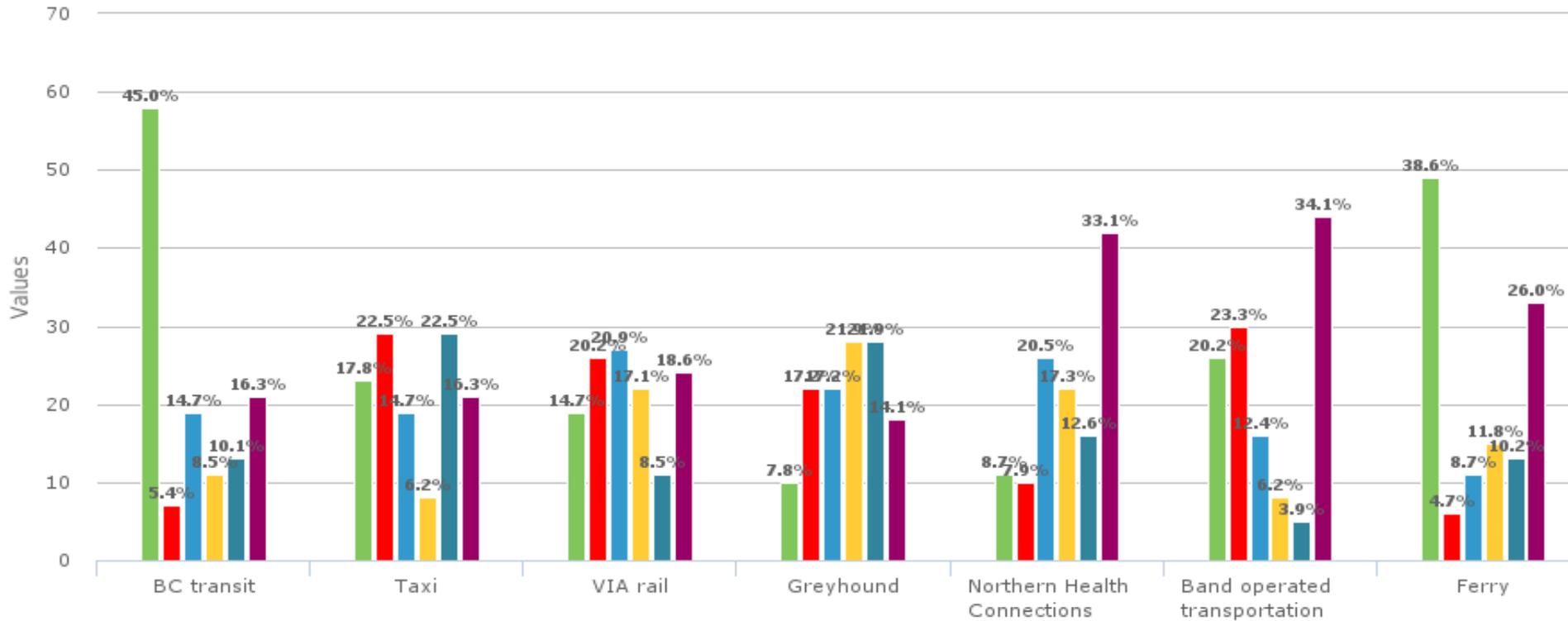
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Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Five or more days per week		4.0%	5
Between one and five days per week		10.3%	13
Once every week		6.3%	8
Less than once per week		46.8%	59
Never		32.5%	41
Total Responses			126

8. Rate the availability of each type of transportation service between communities in the region:

BC Transit
Taxi
Via Rail
Greyhound
Northern Connections
Band Operated Transportation
Ferry

8.



Never

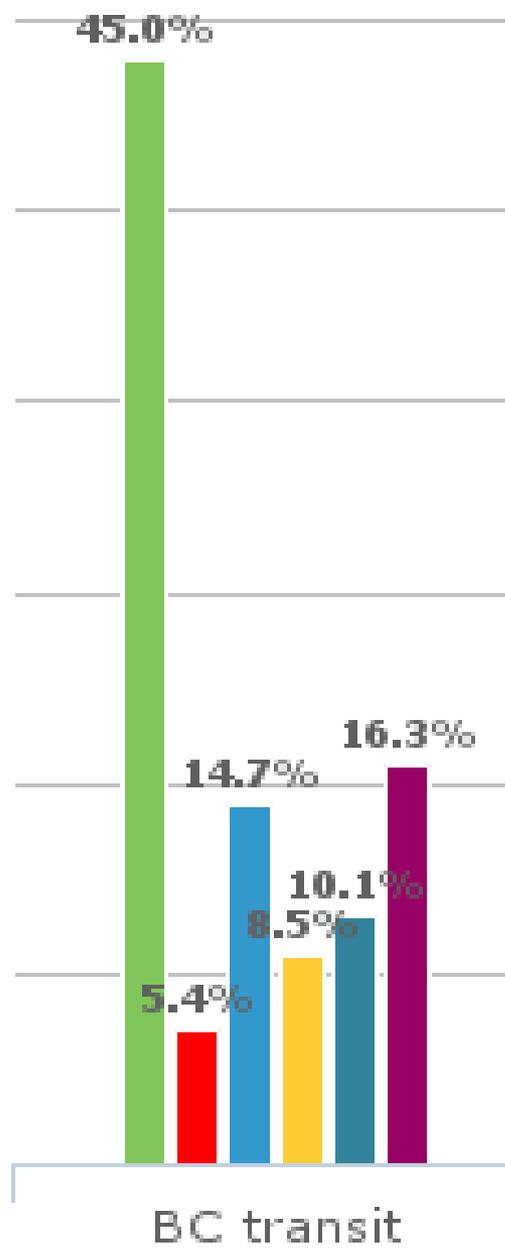
Once in a while

Sometimes

Almost always

Always

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Not Available

Little Availability

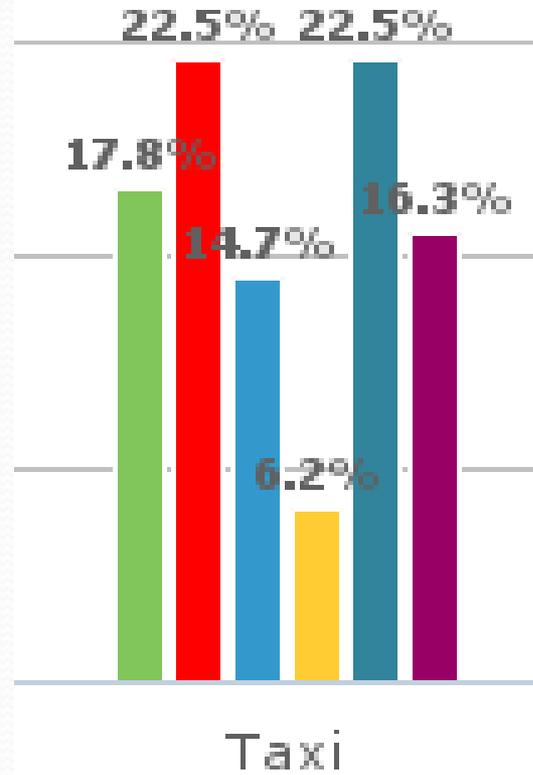
Some Availability

Mostly Available

Always Available

Don't Know

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Not Available

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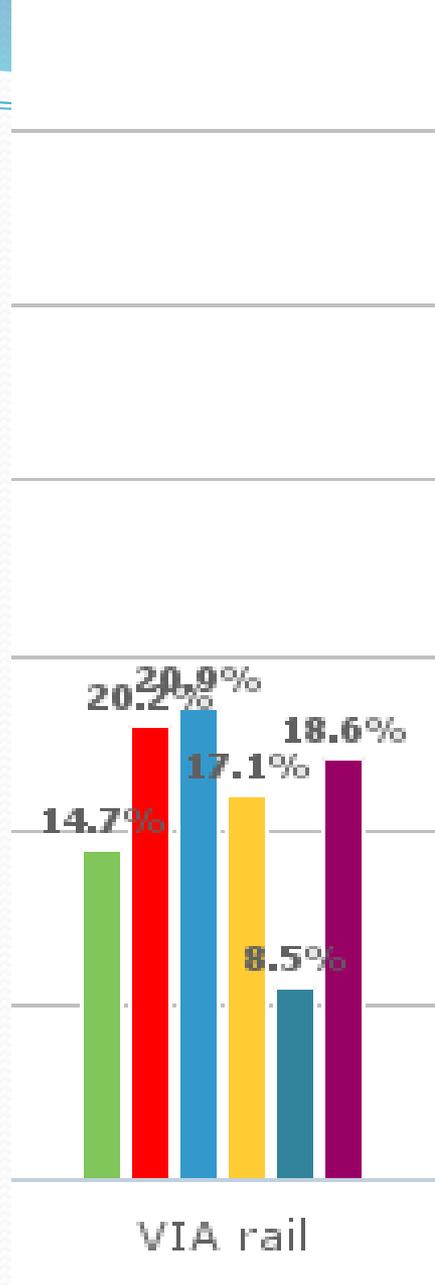
Some Availability

Mostly Available

Always Available

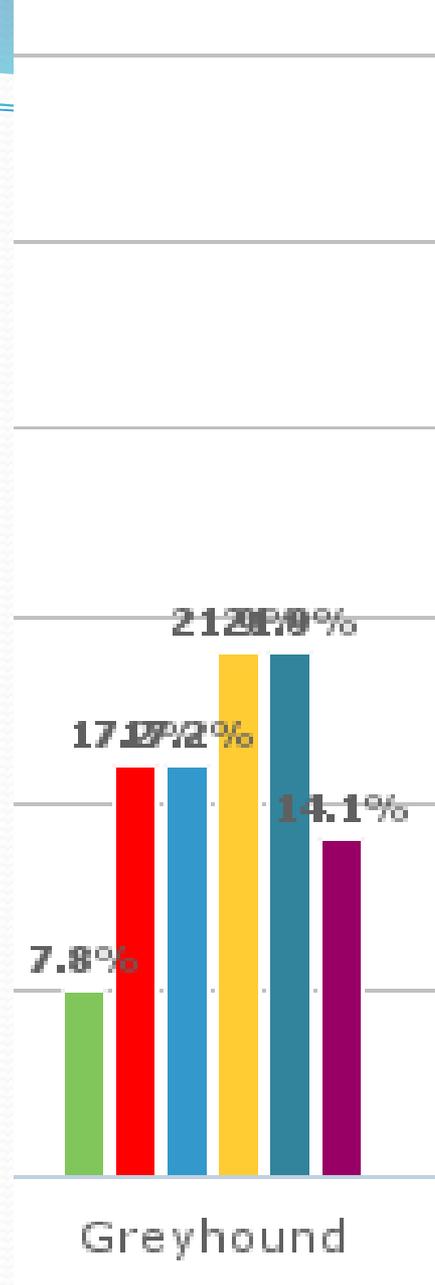
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Not Available **Little Availability** **Some Availability** **Mostly Available** **Always Available** **Don't Know**

8.



Greyhound

Not Available

Little Availability

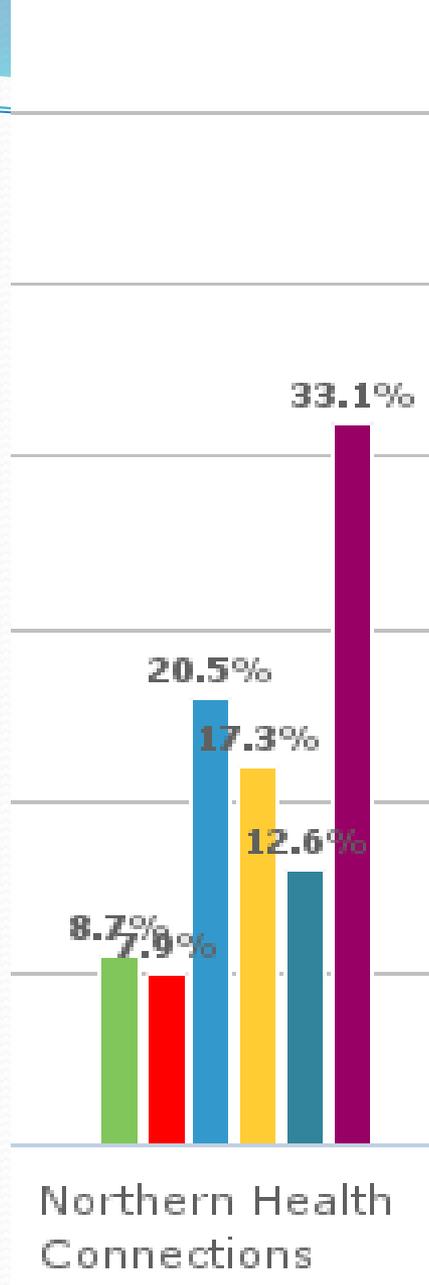
Some Availability

Mostly Available

Always Available

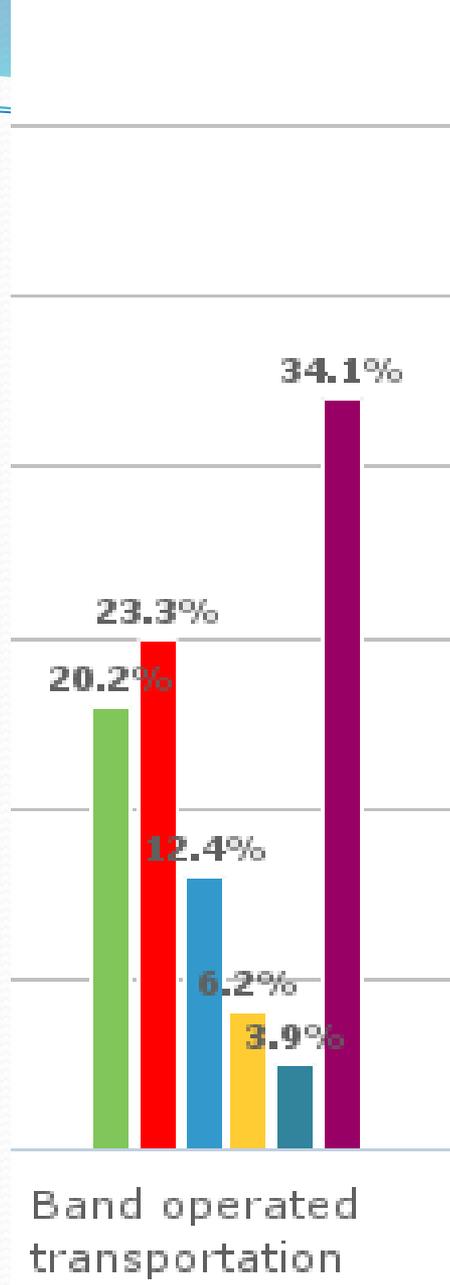
Don't Know

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Not Available **Little Availability** **Some Availability** **Mostly Available** **Always Available** **Don't Know**

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Band operated transportation

Not Available

Little Availability

Some Availability

Mostly Available

Always Available

Don't Know

8.



Not Available

Little Availability

Some Availability

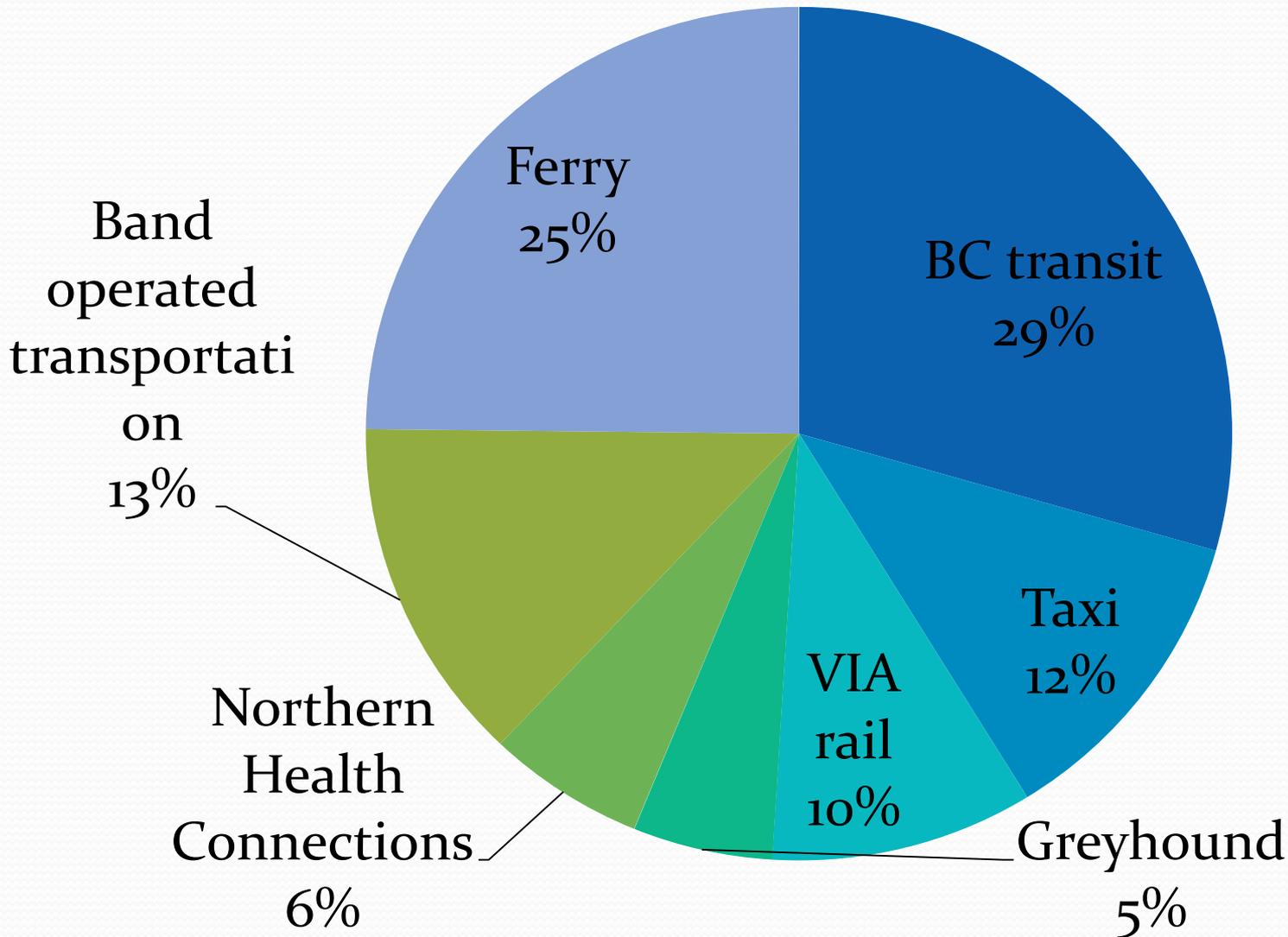
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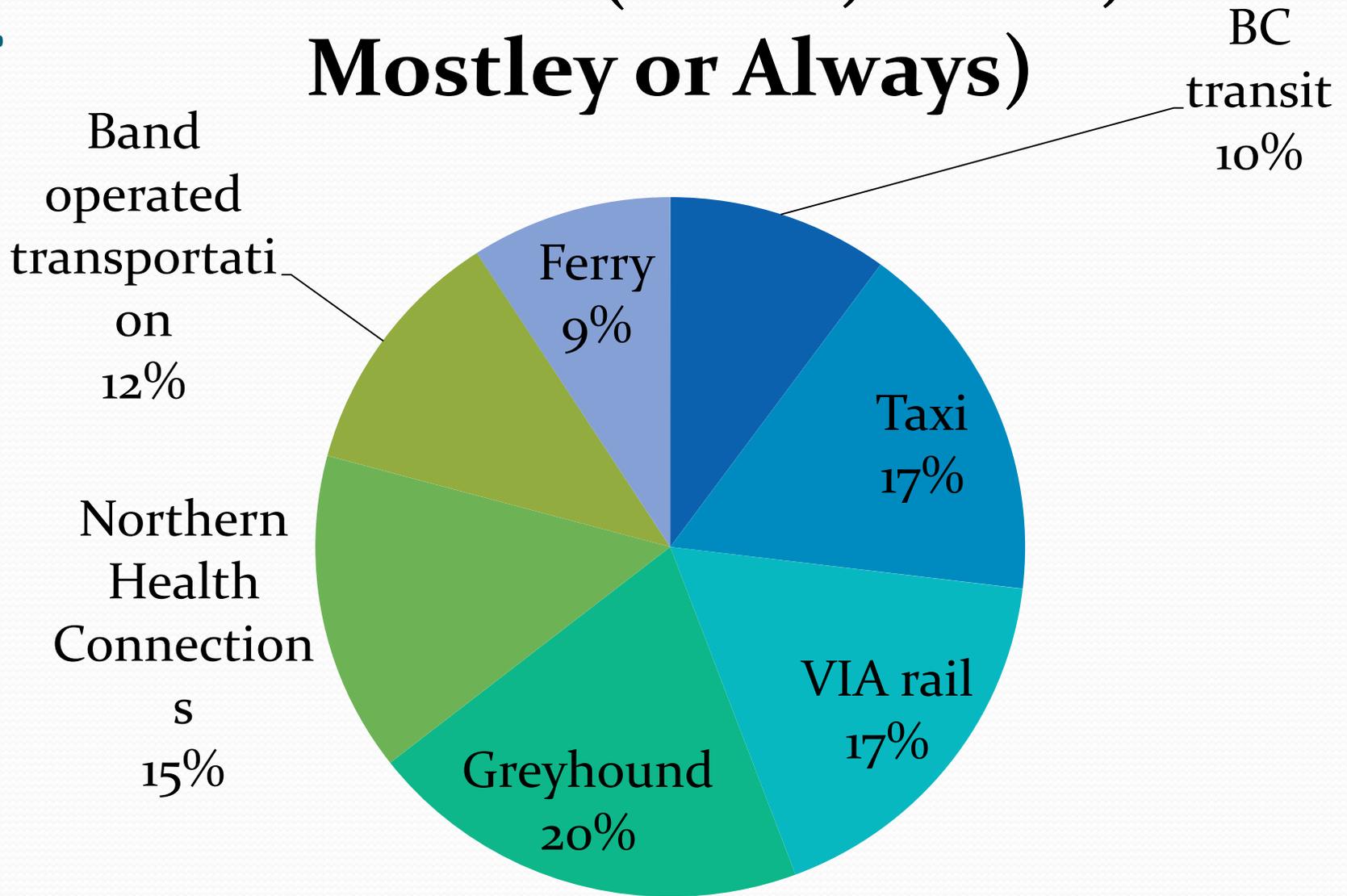
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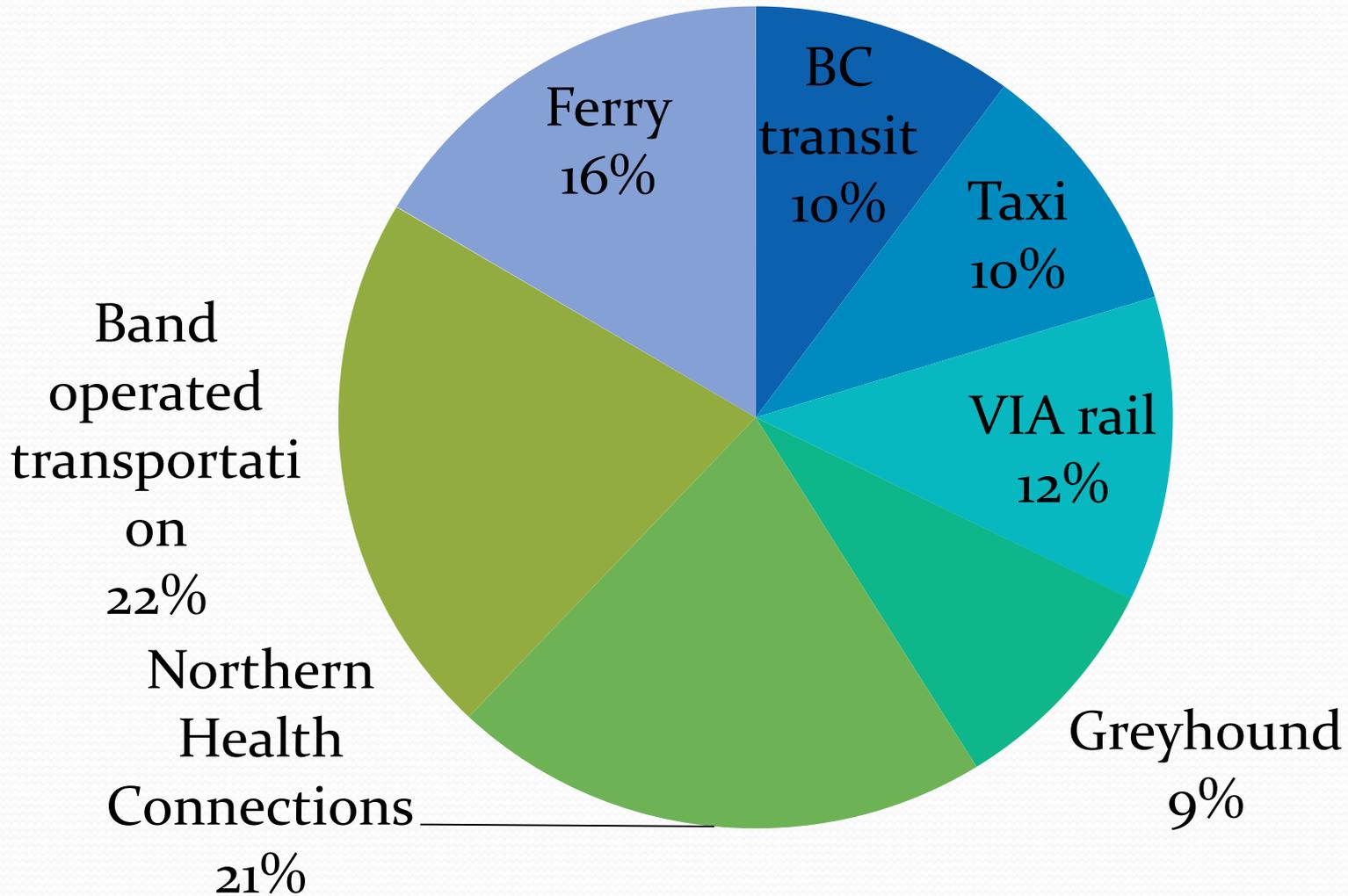
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Available (Little, Some, Mostley or Always)



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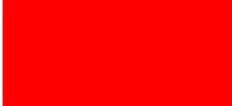
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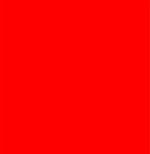
9. How well do the current public transportation options meet your needs to travel to other communities in the region?

Response	Chart	%	Count
Very well		4.7%	6
Reasonably well		26.0%	33
Not really well		52.8%	67
Don't know		16.5%	21
Total Responses			127

10. What time of day are you most likely to require transportation services?

Response	Chart	%	Count
Morning		75.8%	94
Mid-day		45.2%	56
Afternoon/end of workday		62.9%	78
Evening		50.8%	63
Total Responses			124

11. *Ideally* how often would you use public transportation?

Response	Chart	%	Count
Five or more days per week		25.2%	31
Between one and five days per week		31.7%	39
Once every week		17.9%	22
Less than once per week		12.2%	15
Never		13.0%	16
Total Responses			123

12. What would increase your usage of public transportation between communities in the region?

Increased daily service	Increased reliability
Increased weekend service	Cleaner vehicles
More pick up points	Better understanding of the services available
Covered stops	Other (please specify)
Increased safety	

12.

Response	Chart	%	Count
Increased daily service		68.9%	84
Increased weekend service		55.7%	68
More pick up points		47.5%	58
Covered stops		39.3%	48
Increased safety		36.1%	44
Increased reliability		37.7%	46
Cleaner vehicles		19.7%	24
Better understanding of the services available		36.1%	44
Other (please specify)		11.5%	14
Total Responses			122

13. Which of the following age groups do you fall into?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Under 20 years old		0.8%	1
20 to 30 years old		14.4%	18
31 to 55 years old		60.8%	76
56 to 65 years old		16.8%	21
Over 65 years old		7.2%	9
		Total Responses	125

How does this compare to the OMINECA/CSFS Survey last year?

- Survey general population from September to July 2014 (161 responses)
- 50% from Fort St. James, Prince George or Vanderhoof
- Approximately 16% from First Nations Communities
 - Saik'uz First Nations
 - Haisla
 - Kitamaat Village
 - New Hazelton
 - Kispiox
 - Moricetown
 - Tachie
 - Telegraph Creek
 - Stoney Creek

How does this compare to the OMINECA/CSFS Survey last year?

Similarities between surveys

- Needs are not being well met;
- Increased daily, weekend and after hours service;
- Concern about the availability of transportation services, especially BC Transit;
- More service to remote communities/reserves;
- Difficulty travelling for medical appointments, including concerns about having to wait long hours or overnight for a ride home;
- Believe increased service will increase usage of public transportation;

How does this compare to the OMINECA/CSFS Survey last year?

Similarities between surveys

- Believe better transportation options will help people:
 - stay socially connected;
 - access employment opportunities;
 - reduce gas emissions/environmental impact;
 - provide rides home from social activities/help people avoid drinking and driving;
- Half of respondents say they always have access
- 10% of respondent have no access
- Limited use of the transportation services available
- 40% of both groups lack access to a private car;
- Help from family/friends is important to both groups.

How does this compare to the OMINECA/CSFS Survey last year?

Differences between surveys:

- A small amount of FN respondents indicated some use of hitchhiking. GP respondents were not asked specifically whether they hitchhike.
- FN respondents wrote that they believe people hitchhike because of a lack of transportation services whereas comments from the GP respondents indicate a belief hitchhiking will continue despite improved transportation services because people hitchhike for convenience.
- GP respondents voiced additional concerns about road safety and highway conditions and the need for better cell phone service along the highway.

How does this compare to the OMINECA/CSFS Survey last year?

Additional Notes:

- The FN survey indicates 77% of FN respondents have a valid drivers' licence. This question was not asked of GP respondents.
- There are some transportation options such as Band Transportation Services and School buses that are specific to First Nations.

What do you think?

