

# Meet the Candidates: Provincial Pre-Election Mixer



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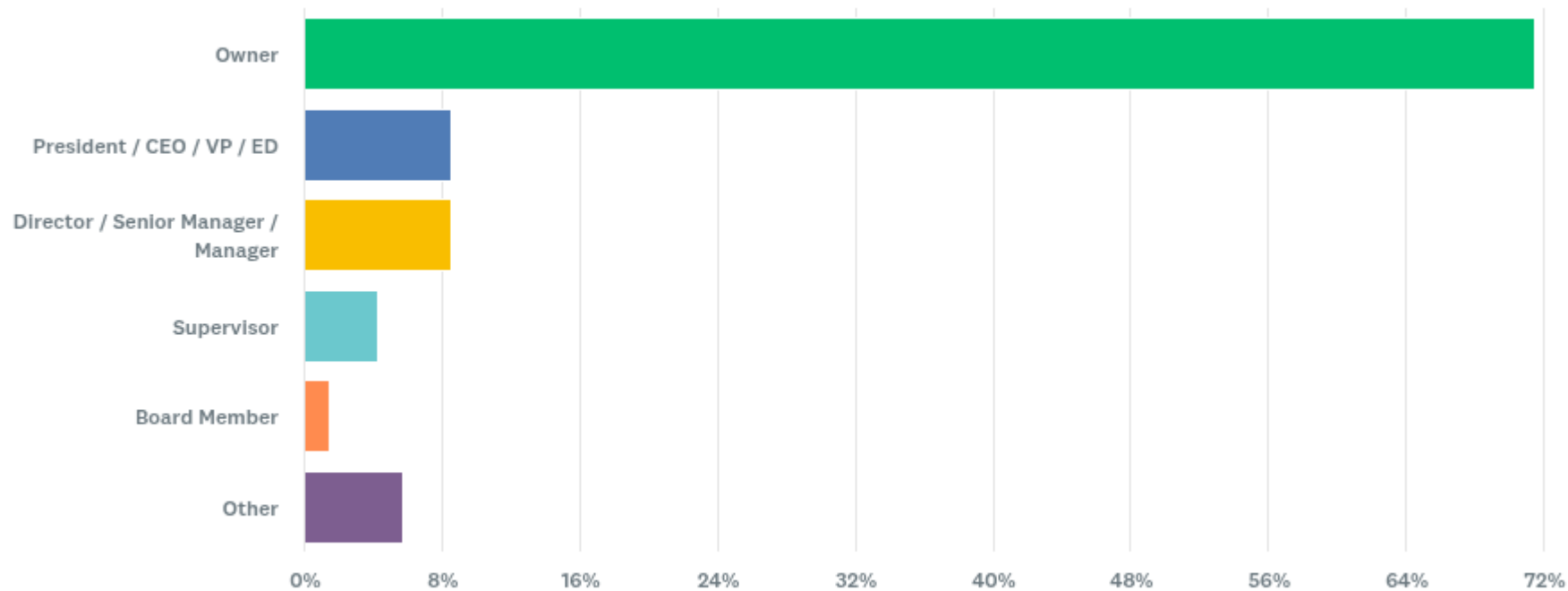
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Election Survey  
Results 2026

# Survey Background

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- Responses received as of 20 Oct. represent ~10% of North Van Chamber members
- 84% of respondents are business owners, C-suite, or senior managers

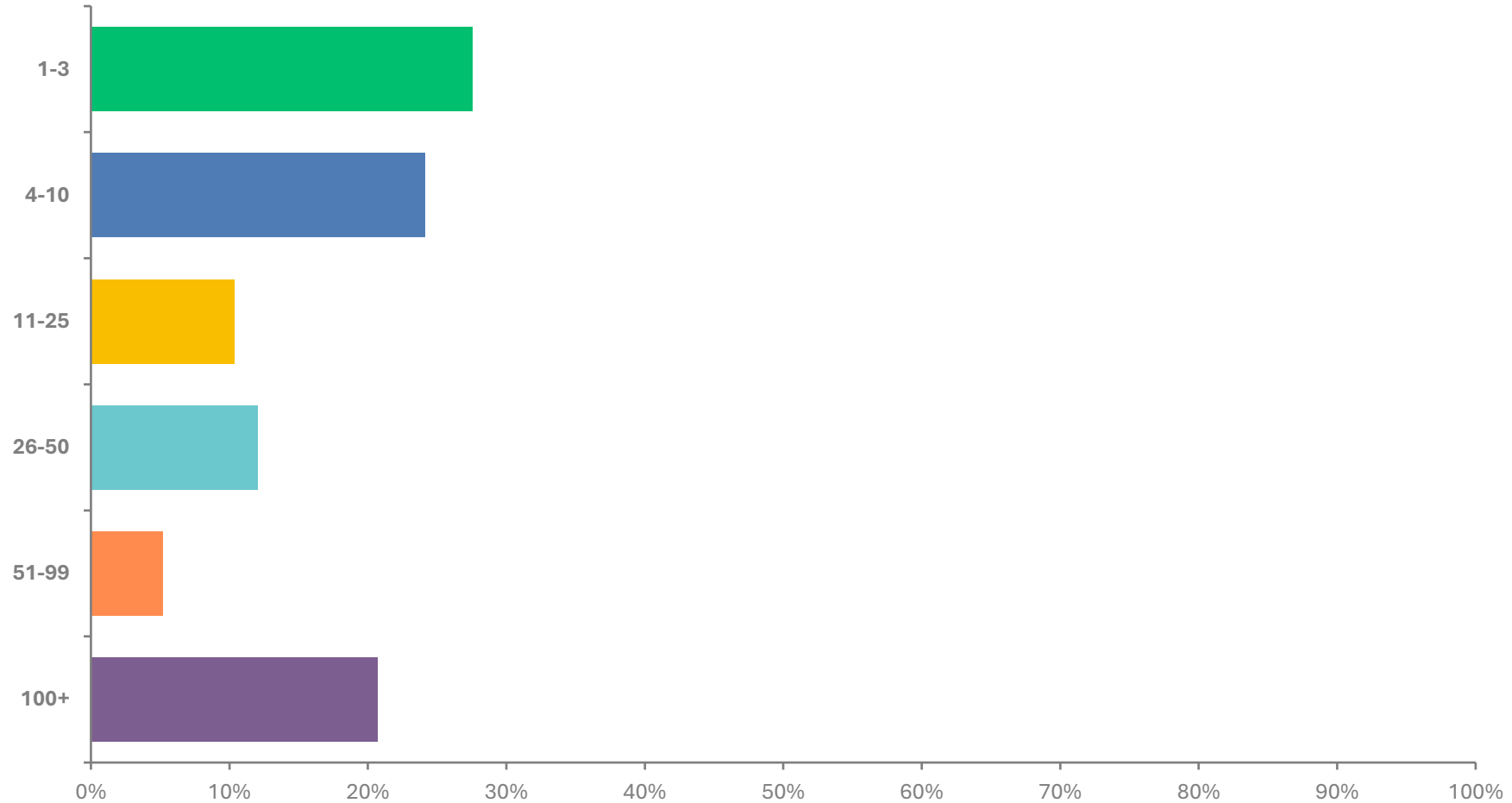


# How many people does your organization employ?

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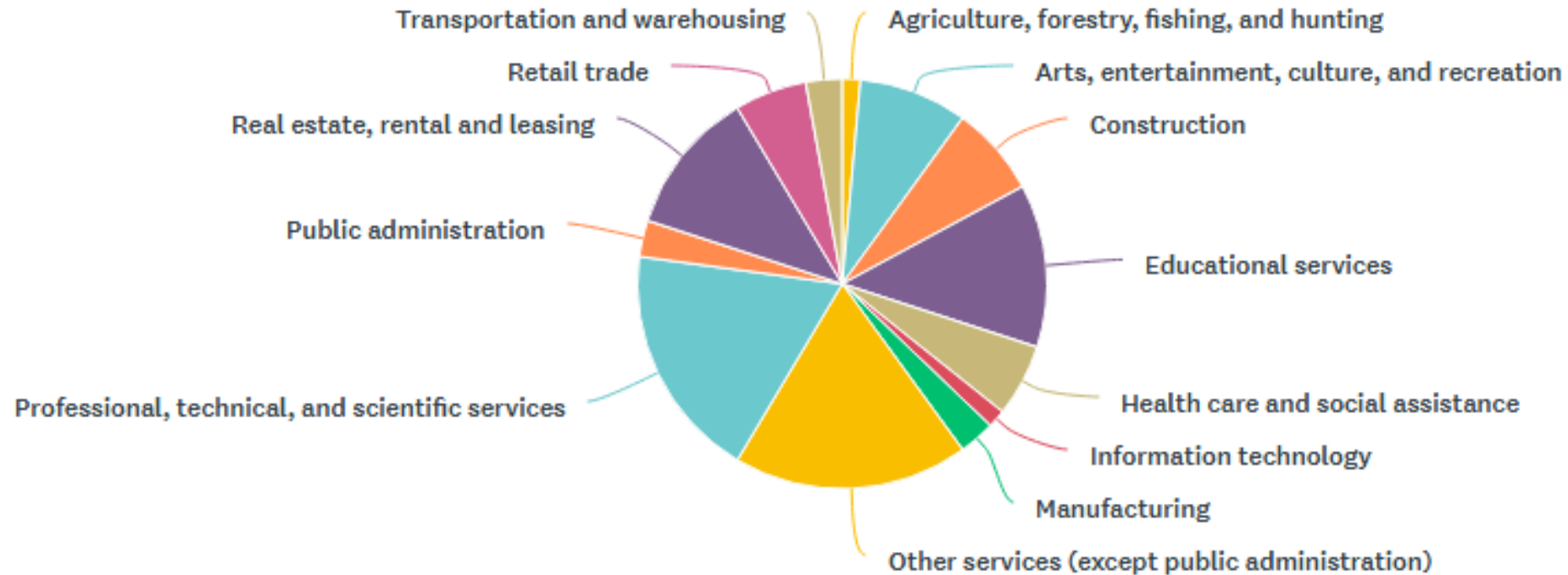


# What category best describes your business/organization?

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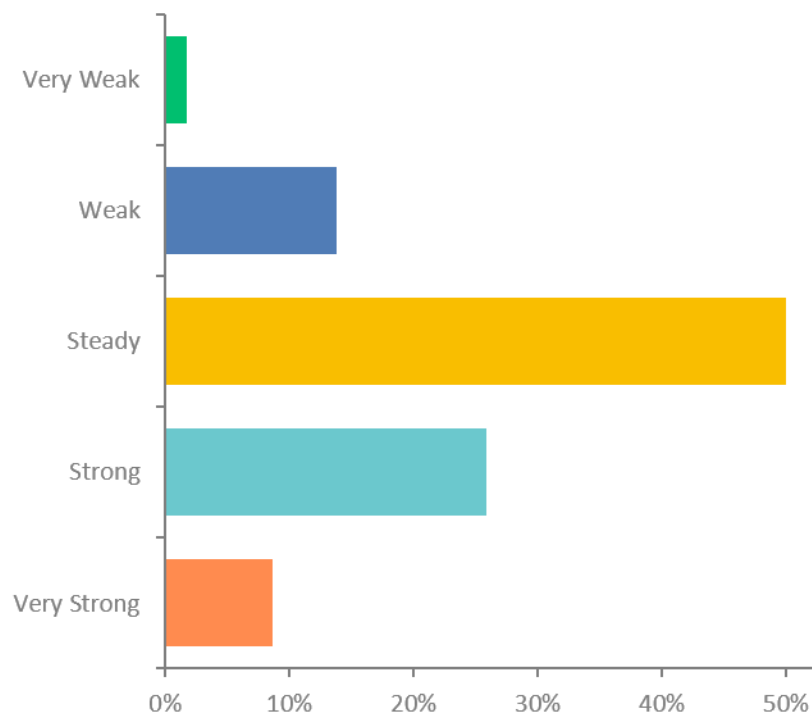
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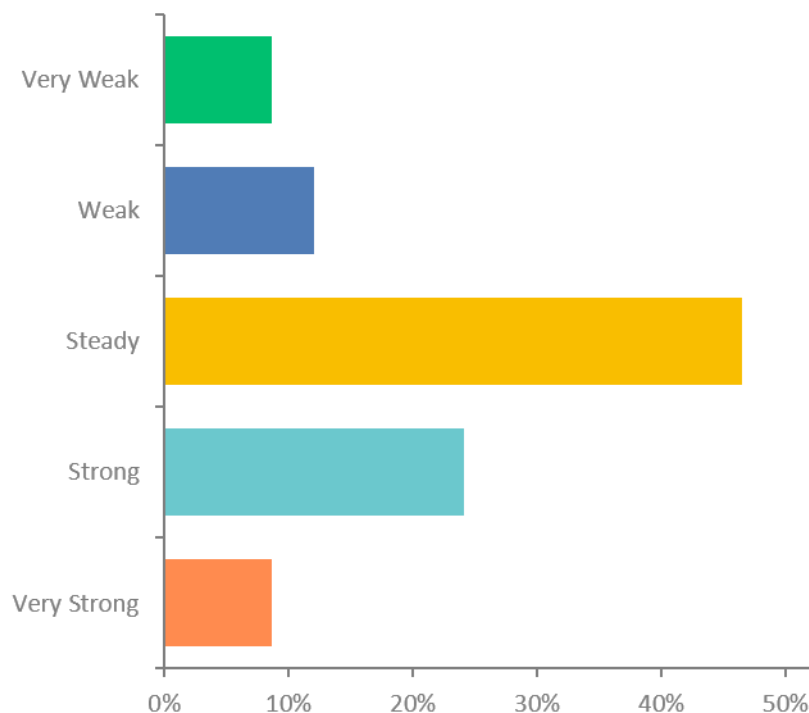


# Business Sentiment?

Overall, how strong is your current business performance?



How do you feel your business will fare in the next 1 to 3 years?



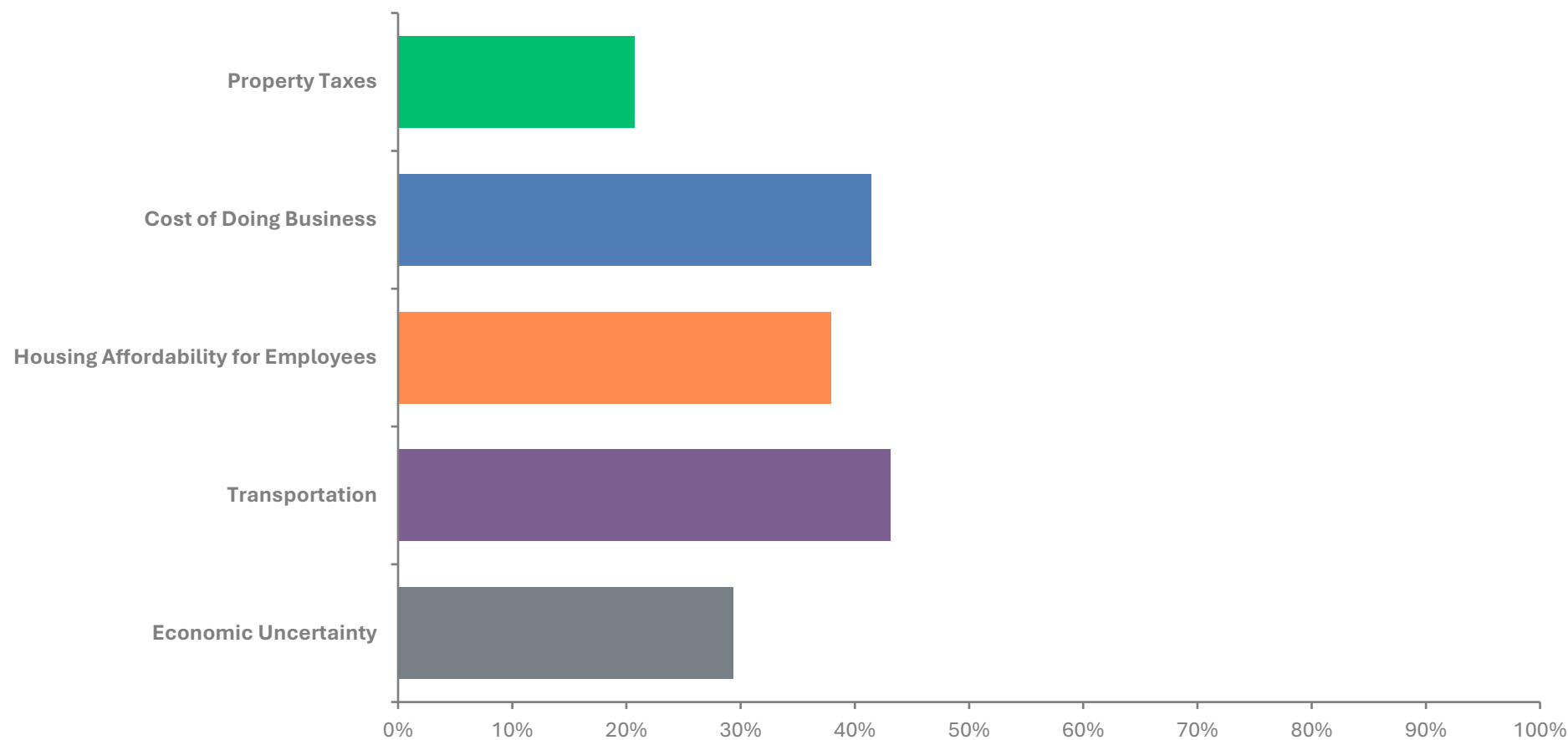
While sentiment remains steady, there is consensus that it has gotten harder to operate and grow a business.



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# Top Five Most Important Issues for North Van Businesses?

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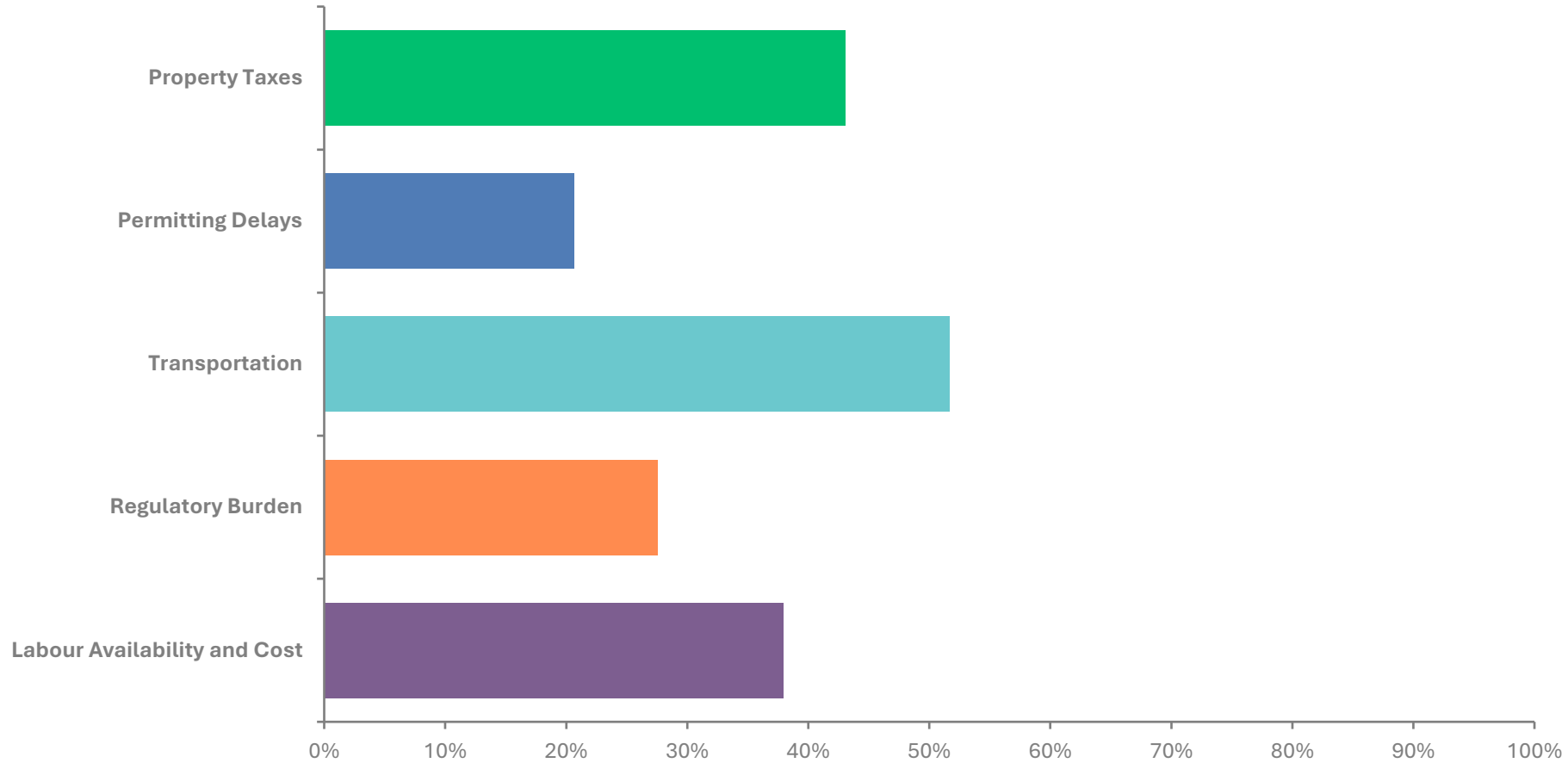


# Issues that create the greatest pressure on your business?

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# Final Question

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To conclude the survey we provided a list of issues and asked “How important are the following issues to your business?”

More than 2/3rds of responses listed these issues as important or very important:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Staffing - attraction & retention of skilled staff                                     | 83% |
| Rising Costs - increased input / inventory costs                                       | 83% |
| Tax Relief - reducing business & personal taxes                                        | 77% |
| Ease of Doing Business - streamlining municipal services (licensing, permitting, etc.) | 74% |
| Investment in Public Transit & Transportation                                          | 74% |
| Property Taxes - commercial & industrial                                               | 70% |
| Availability of Affordable Housing                                                     | 68% |
| Access to Healthcare (family doctors, dentists, etc.) & Pharmacare Services            | 66% |

# MLA Candidates

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## **West Vancouver - Capilano**

Honieh Barzegari - BC  
NDP

Naomi Chocyk - OneBC

Caroline Elliott -  
Conservative Party

Arwa Shurab - BC Green  
Party

## **North Vancouver Lonsdale**

Bowinn Ma - BC NDP

Joshua Singer Johnson  
- BC Green Party

Trevor Withers -  
Conservative Party

## **North Vancouver Seymour**

Lynne Block -  
Conservative Party

Susie Chant - BC NDP

Lori Climenhaga -  
CentreBC

Ben Holt - BC Green  
Party

# Moderated Questions

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1. What will your government do to support small business, making it easier to manage rising costs and uncertain times?
2. Housing affordability and congestion make it hard to North Vancouver businesses to recruit and retain employees. What will your government do to address these issues?
3. How does your government plan to balance government revenue and spending to continue to deliver healthcare and education, and the current campaign promises?



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**Thank you!**

