



Acupuncturists For a Healthy Minnesota

Acupuncture Community Survey

Candidates Running for Office

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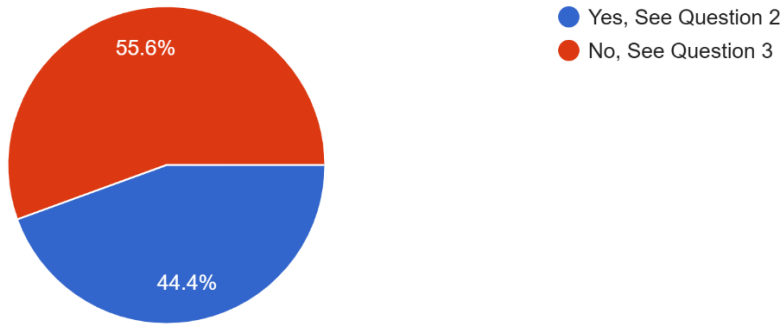
Questions were sent to all candidates running for office via email. Some emails were undeliverable. This document includes responses to the survey questions, organized by the office each candidate is running for. For offices with too few candidates, answers have been combined.

Question 1. Have you ever tried acupuncture

County Commissioner

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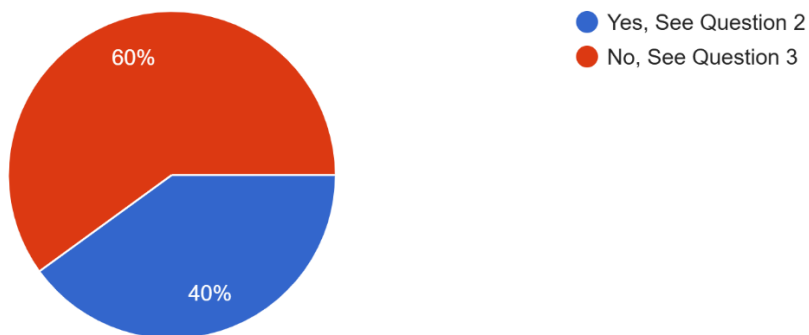
9 responses



City Council

1. Have you ever tried acupuncture? See the next two questions for your response to the following question.

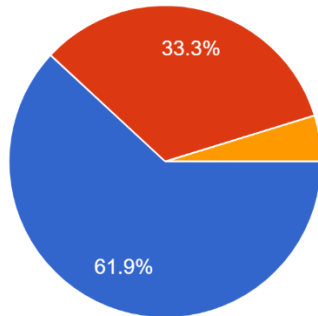
10 responses



State Representative

1. Have you ever tried acupuncture? See the next two questions for your response to the following question.

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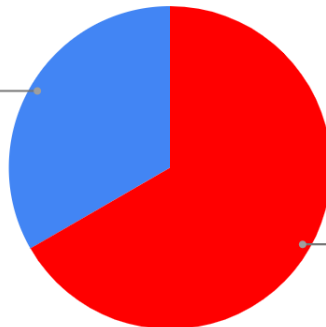


- Yes, See Question 2
- No, See Question 3
- I have never used acupuncture, but I do use an acupressure mat at home

Combined: Judge, Mayor, Soil and Water and US Senate

1. Have you ever tried acupuncture?

Yes, See Question 2
33.3%



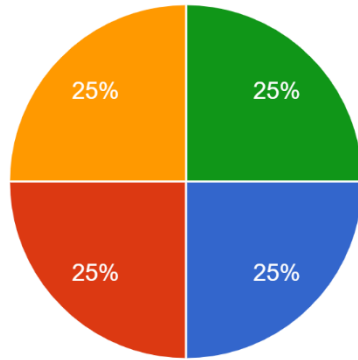
No, See Question 3
66.7%

Question 2. If you have received acupuncture do you still receive acupuncture?

County Commissioner

2. If yes, do you still receive acupuncture?

4 responses

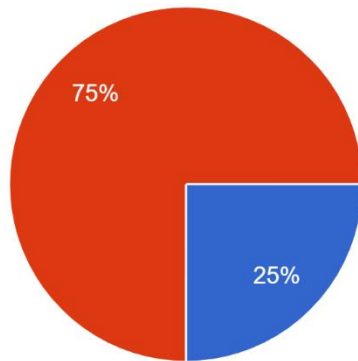


- Yes
- No
- chiropractic and alternative medicine as needed. I grew up with natural medicine.
- Sometimes

City Council

2. If yes, do you still receive acupuncture?

4 responses

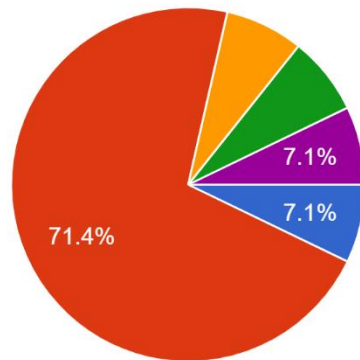


- Yes
- No

State Representative

2. If yes, do you still receive acupuncture?

14 responses



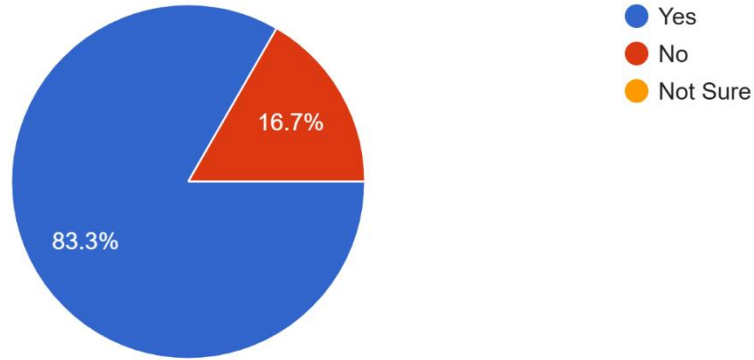
- Yes
- No
- I've not tried it
- Would love to receive it more often, but hard to find time!
- I would like to. It's been difficult navigating insurance coverage and availability of providers covered.

Question 3. If you have not tried acupuncture would you ever receive acupuncture?

County Commissioner

3. If No, Would you ever receive acupuncture?

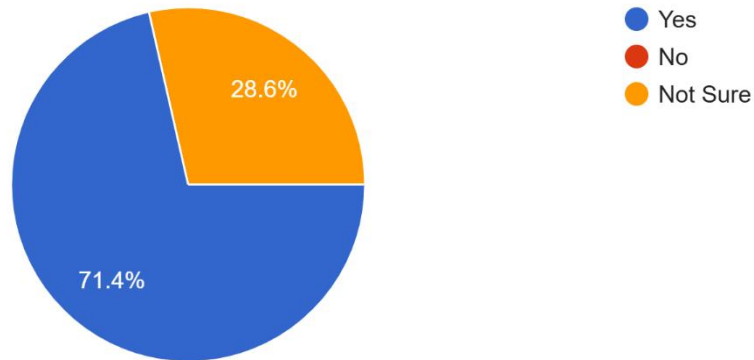
6 responses



City Council

3. If No, Would you ever receive acupuncture?

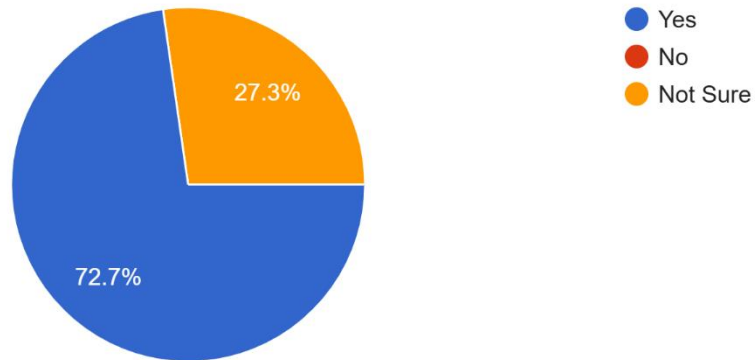
7 responses



State Representative

3. If No, Would you ever receive acupuncture?

11 responses

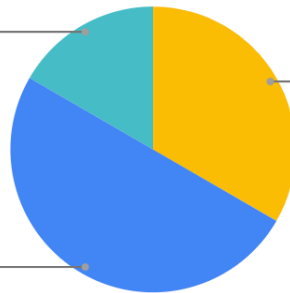


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3. If No, Would you ever receive acupuncture?

Yes, for pain relief
16.7%

Yes
50.0%



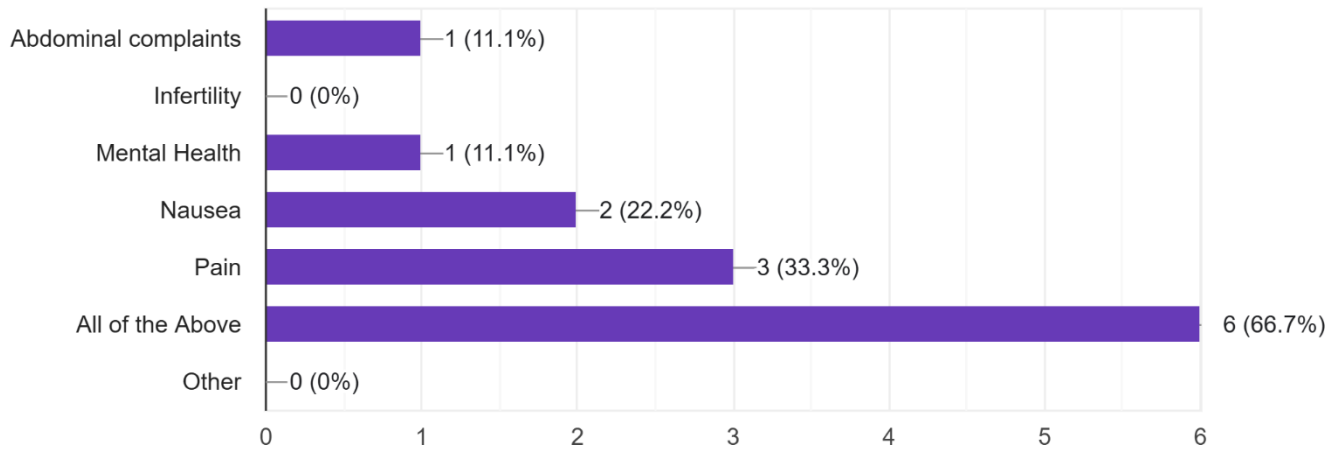
Not Sure
33.3%

Question 4. What conditions do you think acupuncture can treat? Choices were Abdominal complaints, Infertility, Mental health, Nausea, Pain, and All of the above

County Commissioner

4. What conditions do you think acupuncture can treat? Please check all that you think apply.

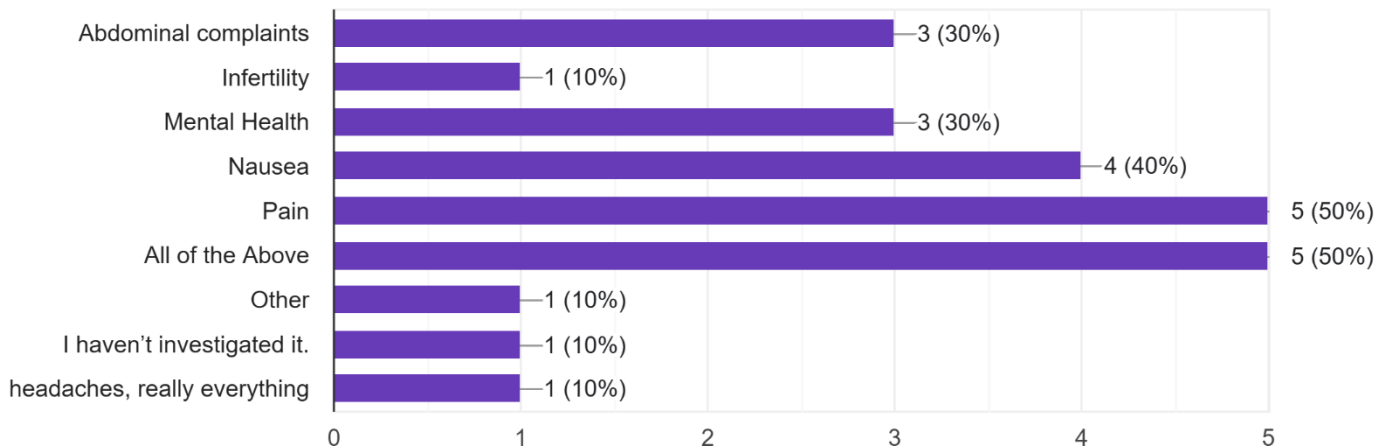
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City Council

4. What conditions do you think acupuncture can treat? Please check all that you think apply.

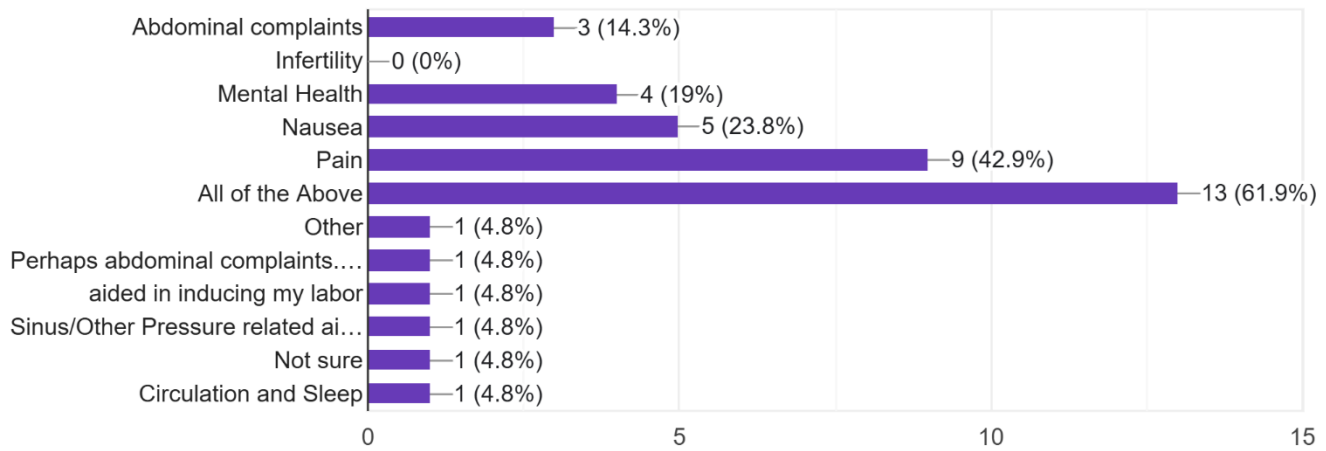
10 responses



State Representative

4. What conditions do you think acupuncture can treat? Please check all that you think apply.

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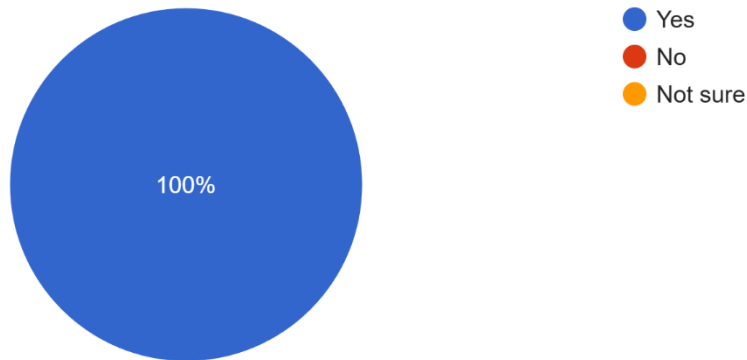
Count of 4. What conditions do you think acupuncture can treat? Please check all that you think apply.

Question 5. Would you consider receiving acupuncture for any of the conditions in question 4?

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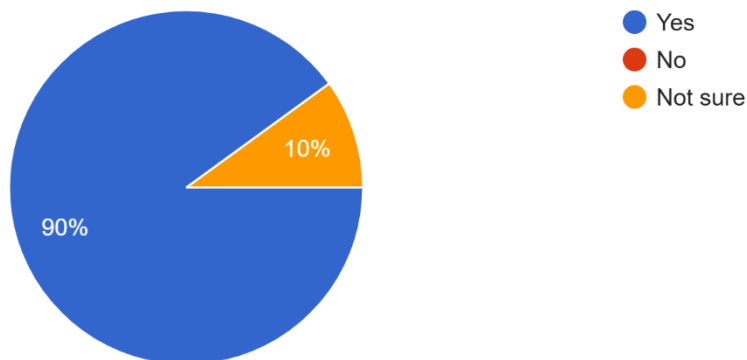
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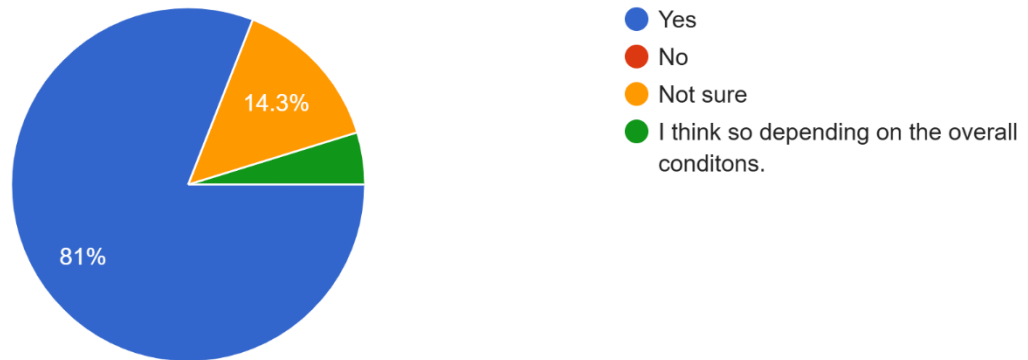
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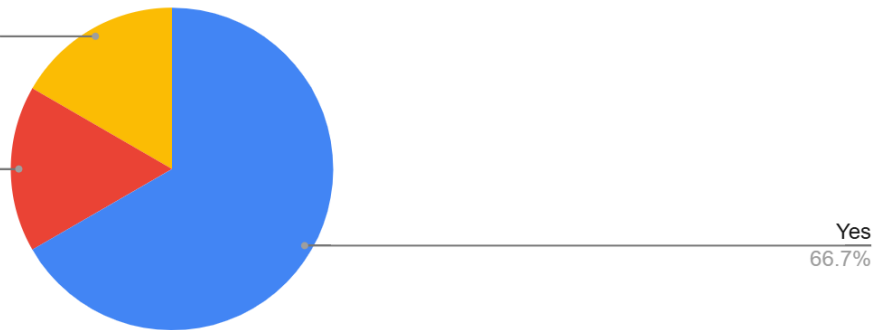


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5. Would you consider receiving acupuncture for any of the conditions in question 4?

Not sure
16.7%

No
16.7%

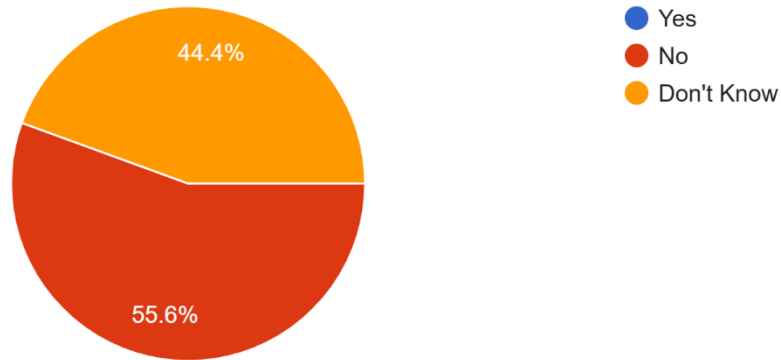


Question 6. Do you currently have acupuncture coverage in your health insurance policy?

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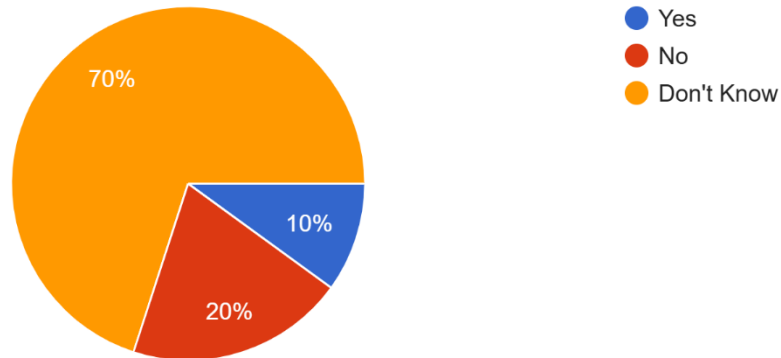
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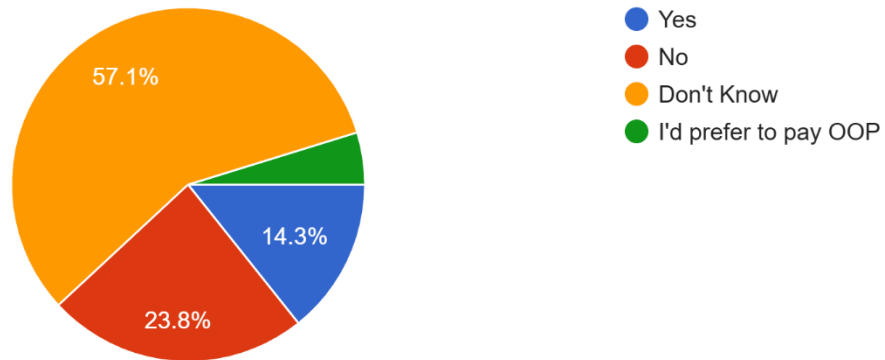
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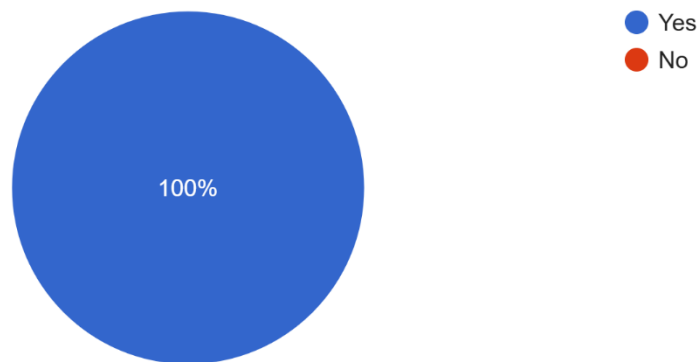
100% Don't know

Question 7. Acupuncture is currently covered by many insurance companies for the treatment of pain. Would you support health insurance coverage of acupuncture for the management of pain and/or infertility?

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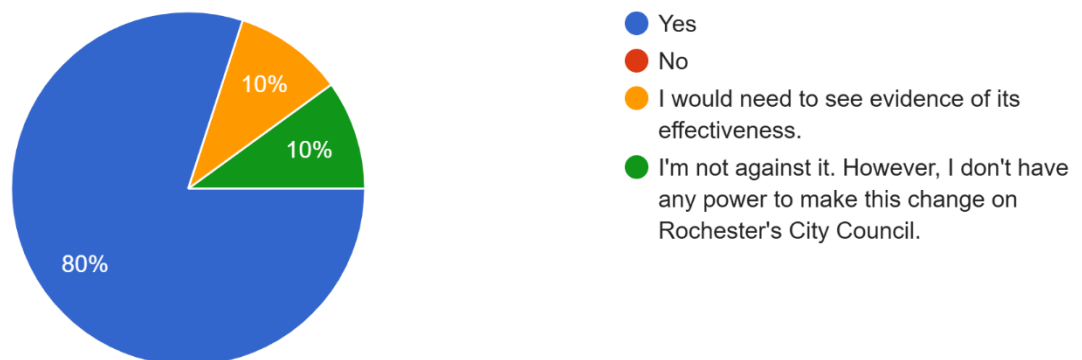
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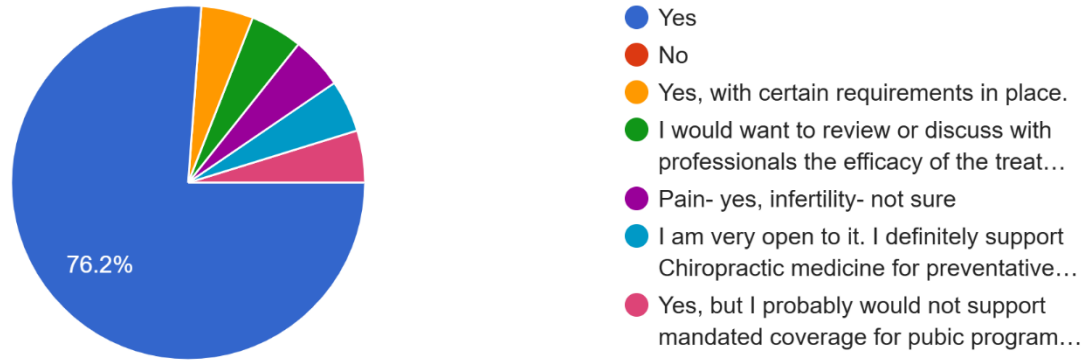
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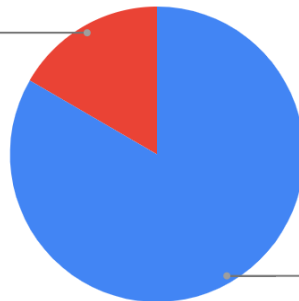


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No Response

16.7%



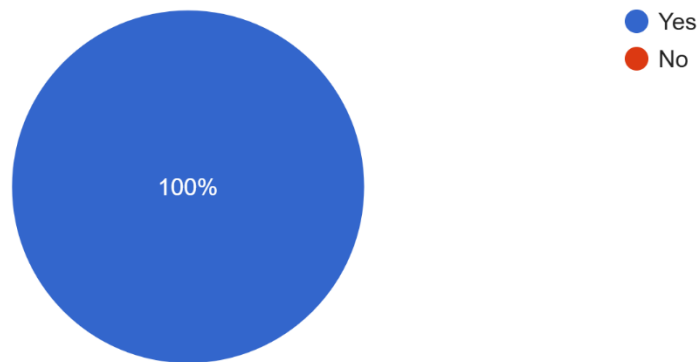
Yes
83.3%

Question 8. Acupuncture is currently covered in Medicare for chronic lower back pain since 2020, currently independent Acupuncturists are unable to bill for their services. Would you support the inclusion of acupuncturists as a provider to bill Medicare for services?

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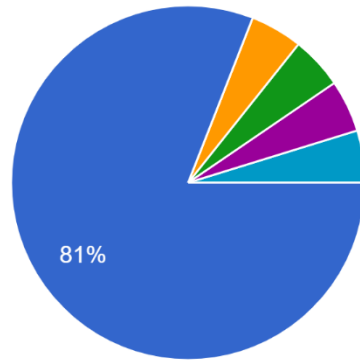
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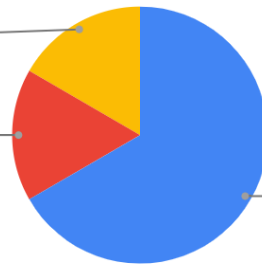
- Yes
- No
- I need to learn more about this issue.
- Maybe not would rather see the government not in private business
- I would expect such a request to be accompanied by supporting evidence of efficacy
- Was the question to "include independent acupuncuurists"? I am a...

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Maybe, need more information
16.7%

No Response
16.7%



Yes
66.7%

Question 9: Licensed acupuncturists maintain and restore the health of patients through diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of health conditions utilizing a uniform based set of principles and algorithms based on classical Chinese medical theory and informed by modern science and medicine. Acupuncturists apply numerous modalities which may include acupuncture needle insertion, manual therapies, tool-assisted techniques, heat therapies, lifestyle and diet counseling, herbal and supplement medicine, breathing and exercise therapy.

Licensed Acupuncturists graduate from an accredited professional masters or doctorate program including training in biomedical anatomy, physiology and biochemistry of the human body. They must pass national board exams and are licensed by the Minnesota Board of Medicine and have the designation of Licensed Acupuncturist.

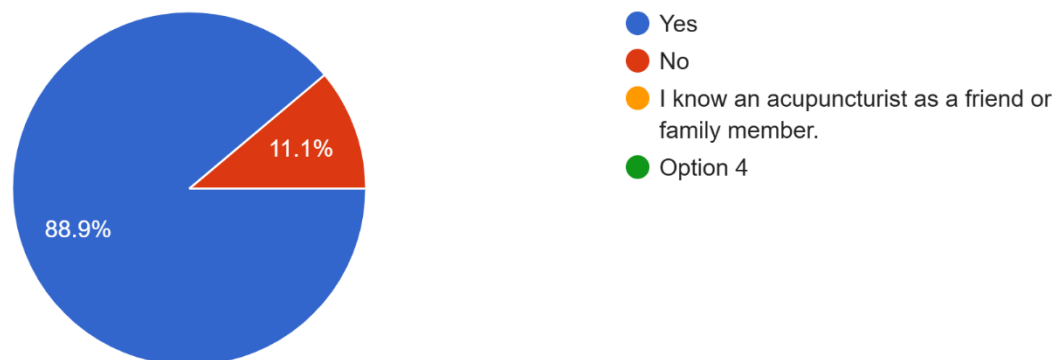
Many are independent small business private practitioners, but more and more are working for health care systems (Allina and Mayo), Hospital systems, Universities and for the Veterans Administration.

Prior to this survey did you know that a Licensed Acupuncturist is a distinct identifiable profession and they have received extensive training to deliver healthcare?

County Commissioner

9. Licensed acupuncturists maintain and restore the health of patients through diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of health conditions utiliz... received extensive training to deliver healthcare?

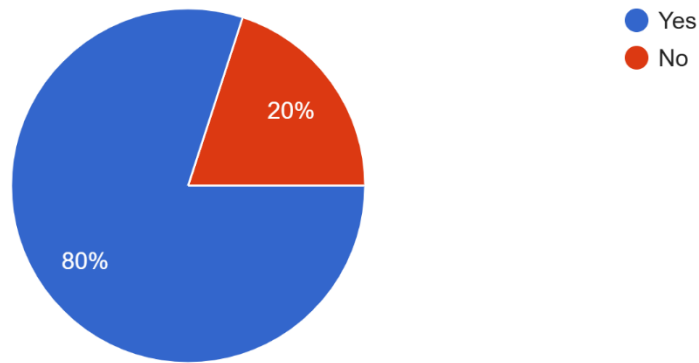
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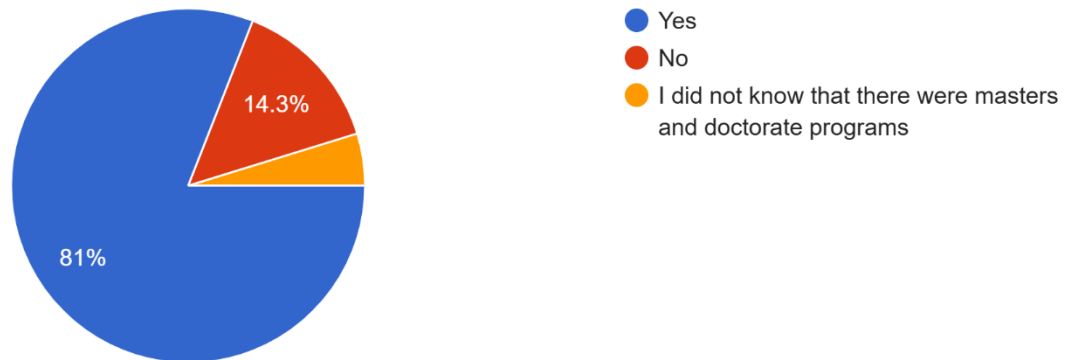
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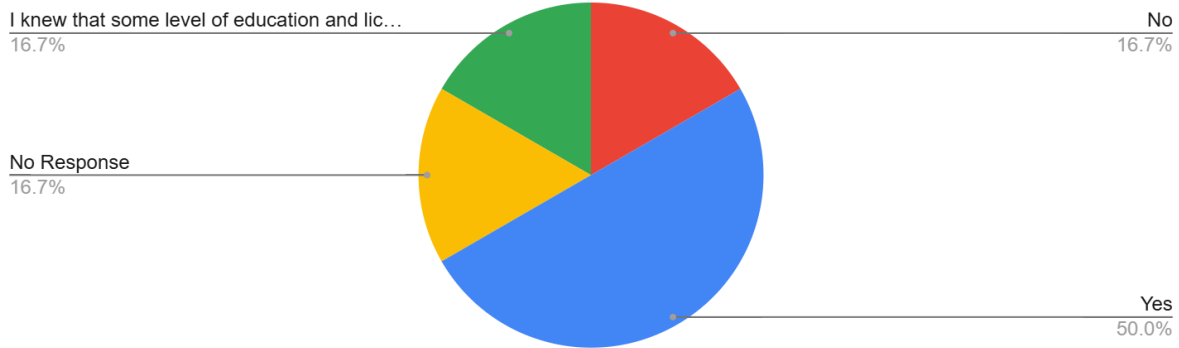
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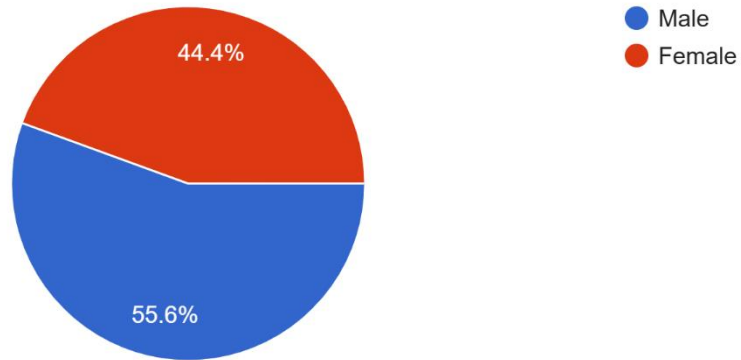


10. Question what is your sex?

County Commissioner

Demographics: Sex

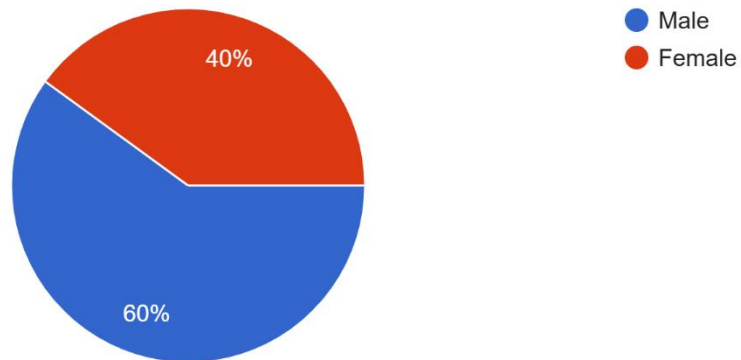
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Demographics: Sex

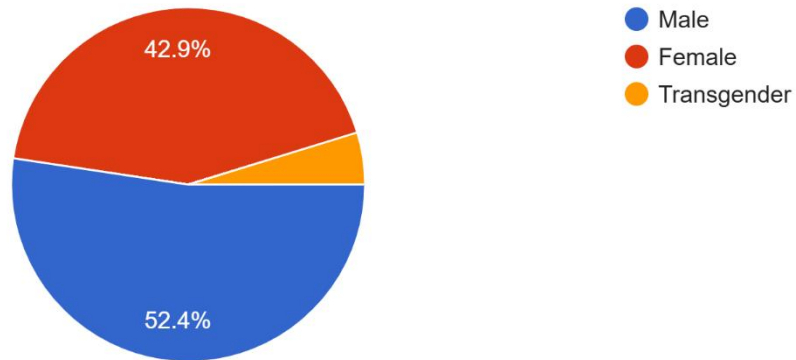
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State Representative

Demographics: Sex

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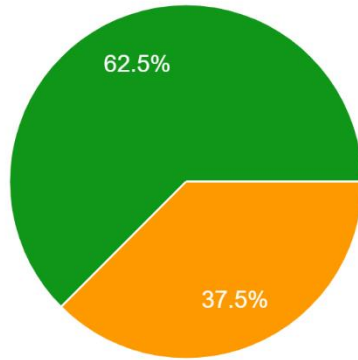


Question 11. What is your age?

County Commissioner

Demographics: Age

8 responses

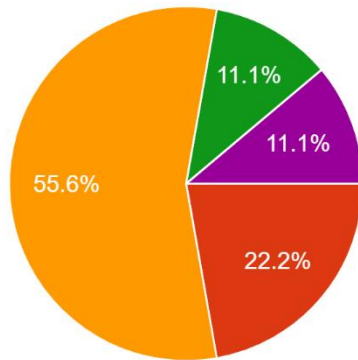


- Under 18
- 18-30
- 31-50
- 51-64
- 65 and over

City Council

Demographics: Age

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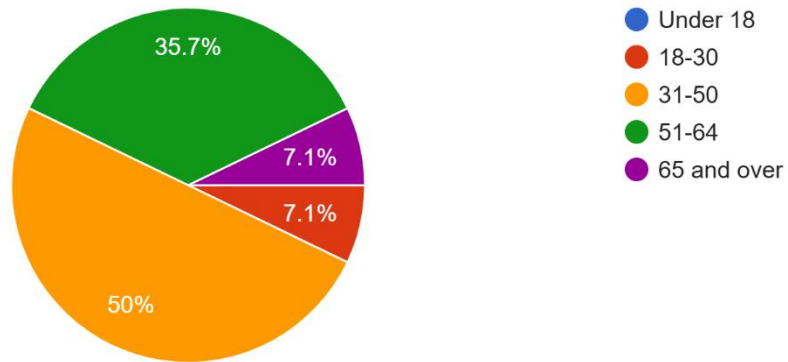


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State Representative

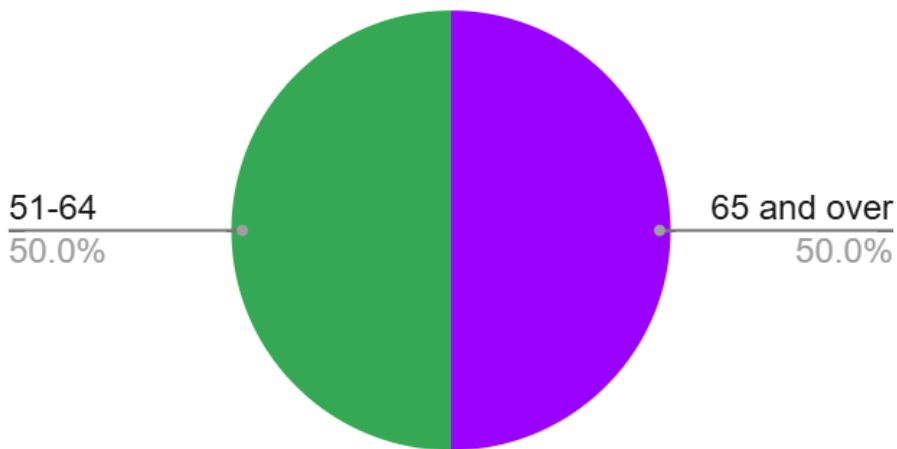
Demographics: Age

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Demographics: Age

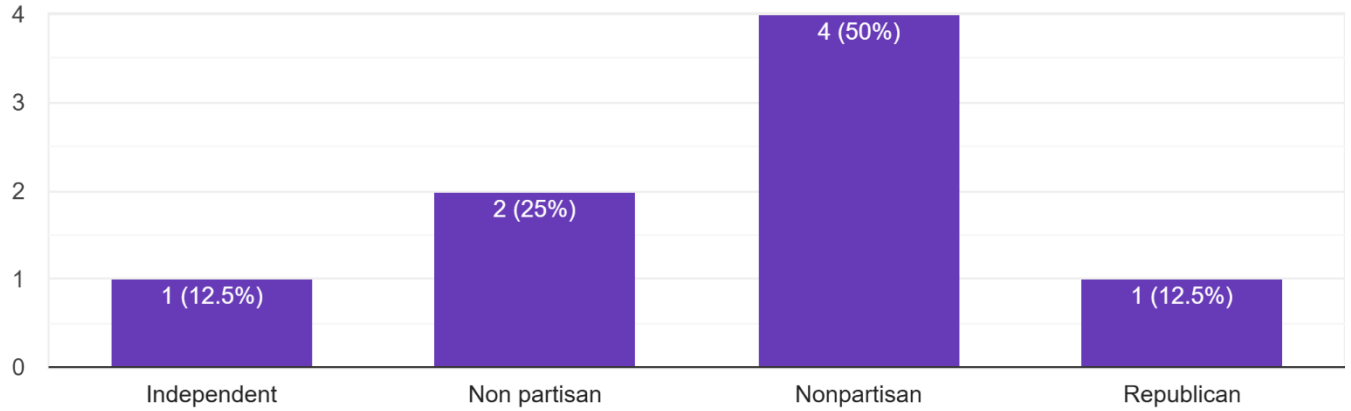


Question 12. What is your party affiliation of if nonpartisan please indicate

County Commissioner

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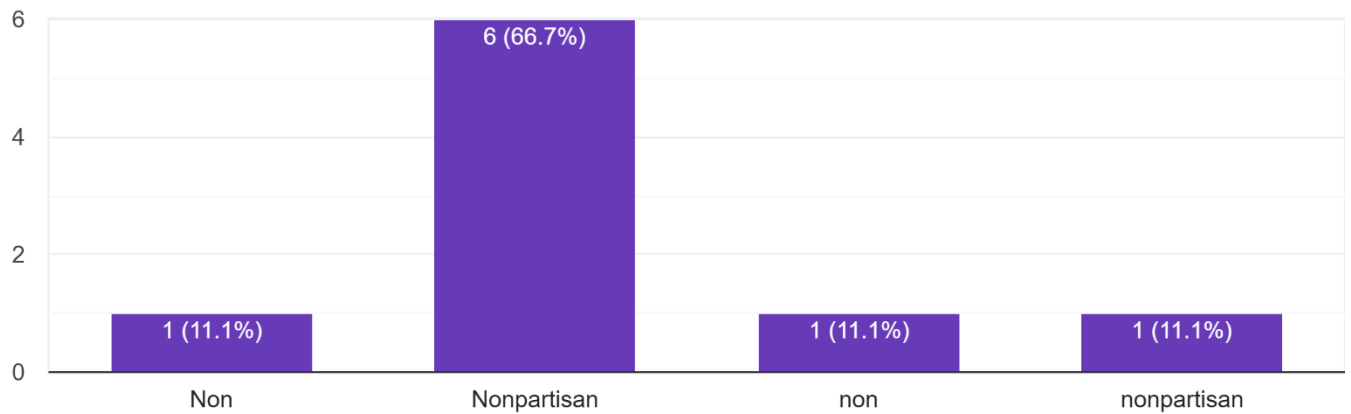
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City Council

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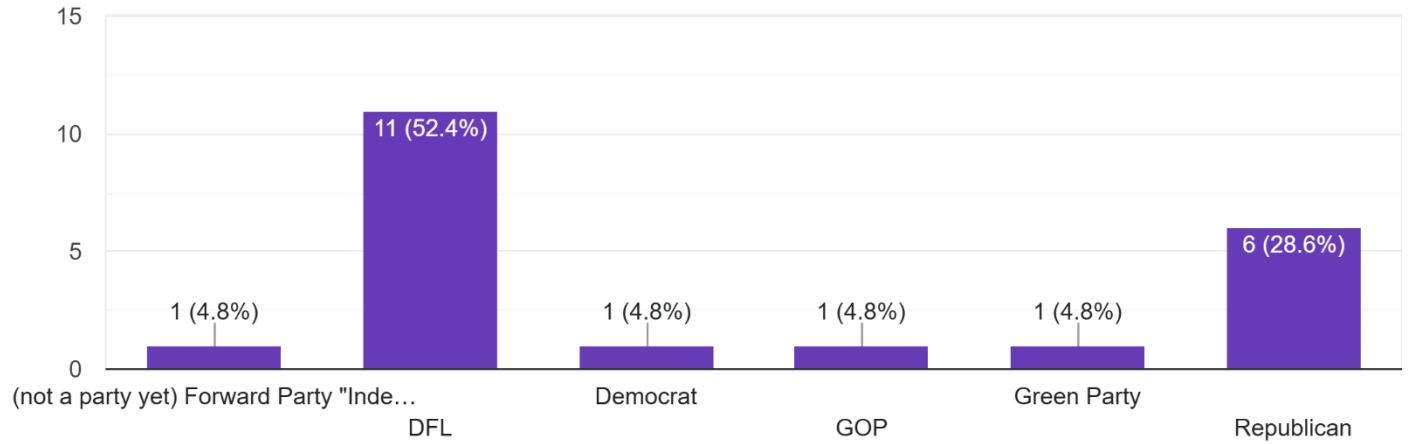
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State Representative

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