

# Survey of Washington Voters

February 2021



# Methodology

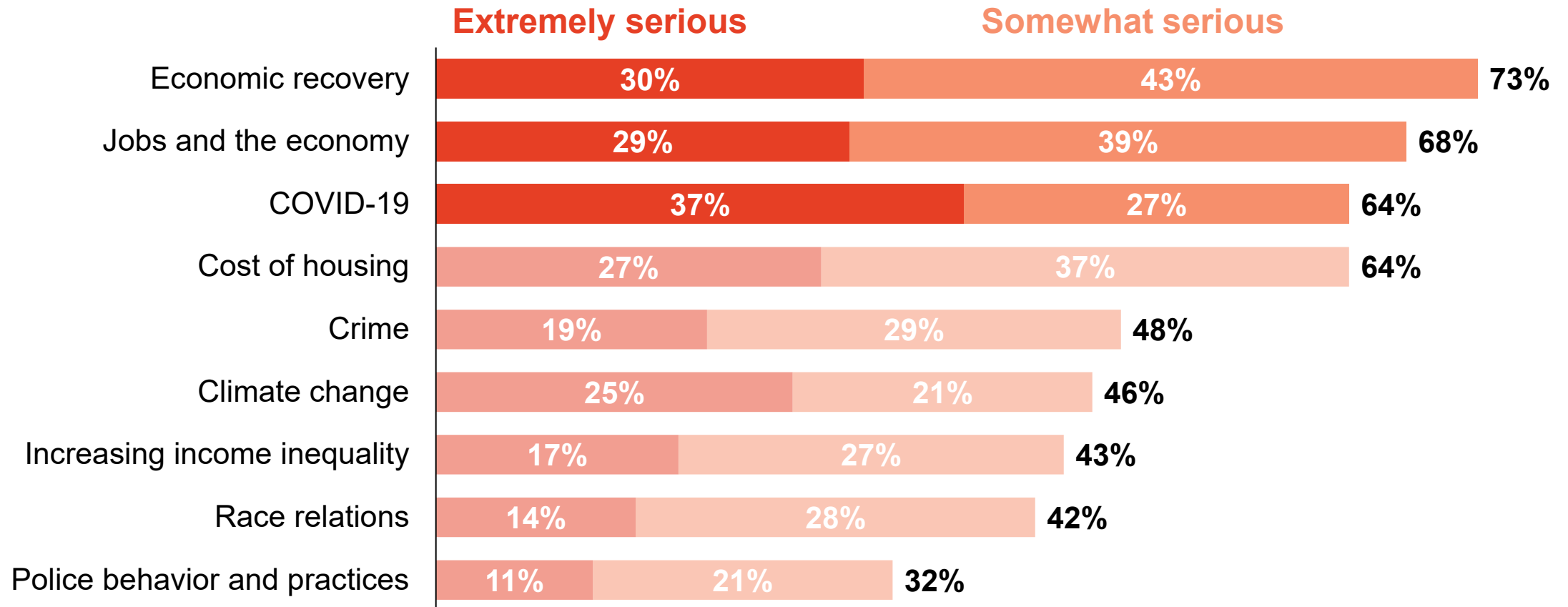
- Hybrid telephone and online survey of N=800 Washington voters, including an oversample of voters in King County (n=300)
- Conducted February 3–7, 2021
- A combination of quotas and weighting by age, gender, area, education, and race/ethnicity were used for a representative sample
- Margin of error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

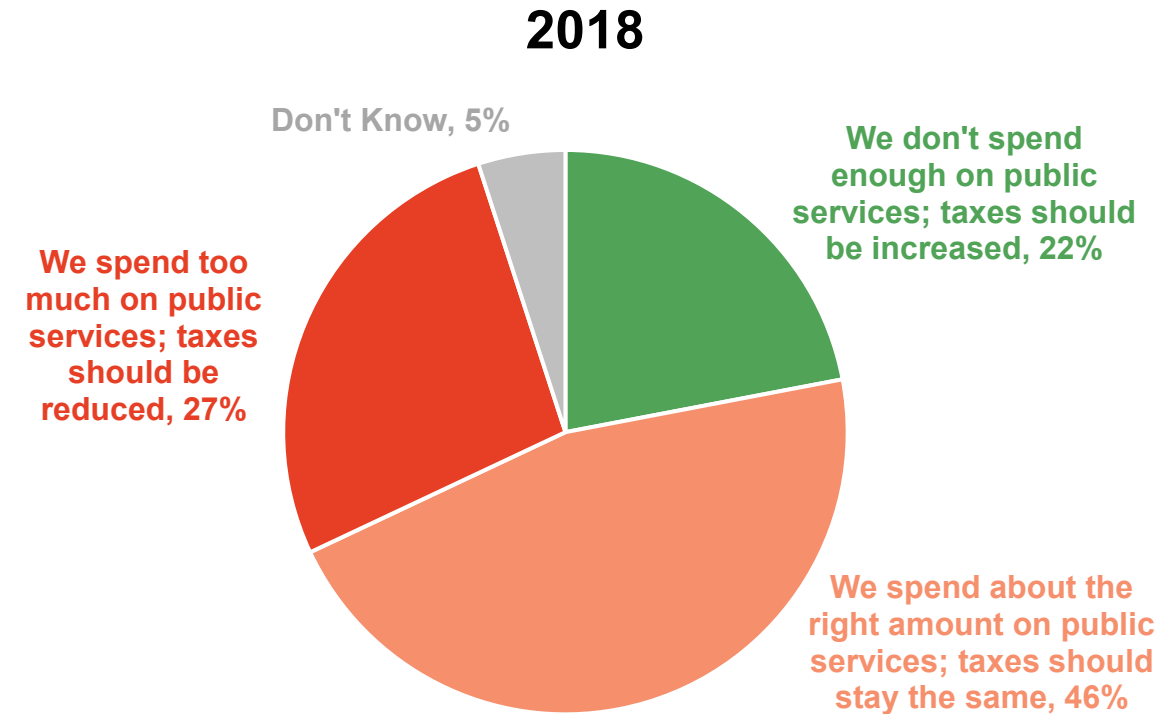
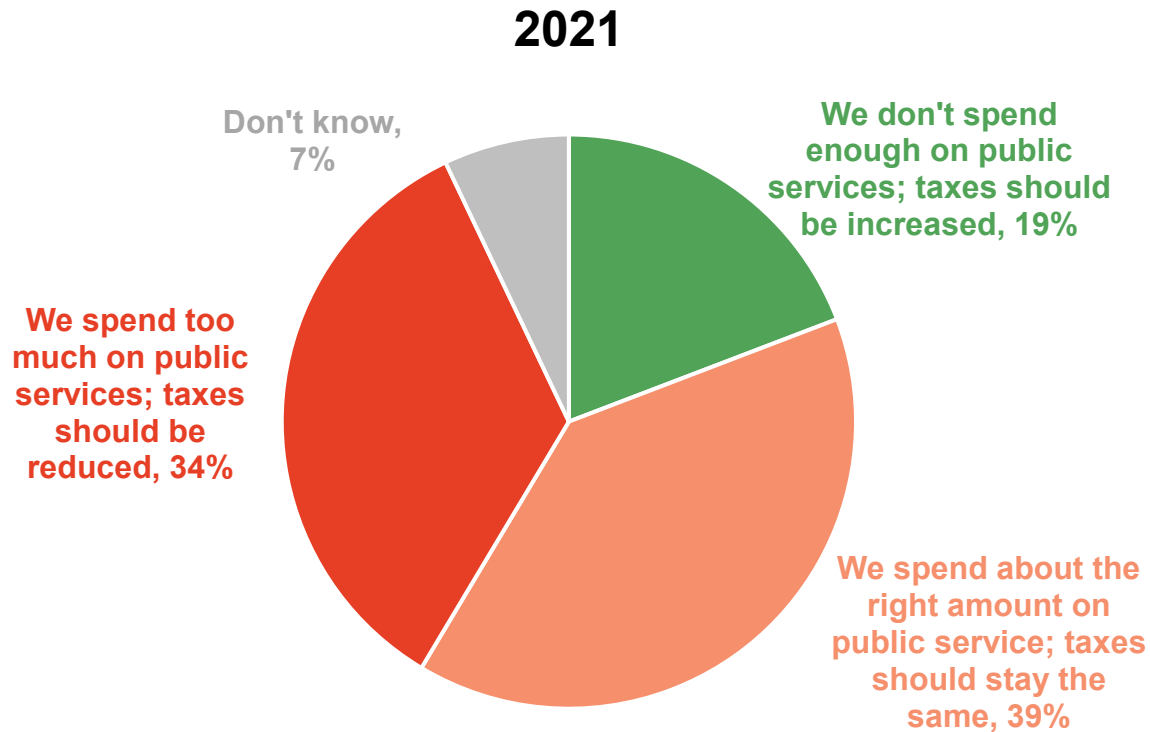
# Economic recovery, putting people back to work, and COVID-19 top the list of problems voters view as serious

*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.*



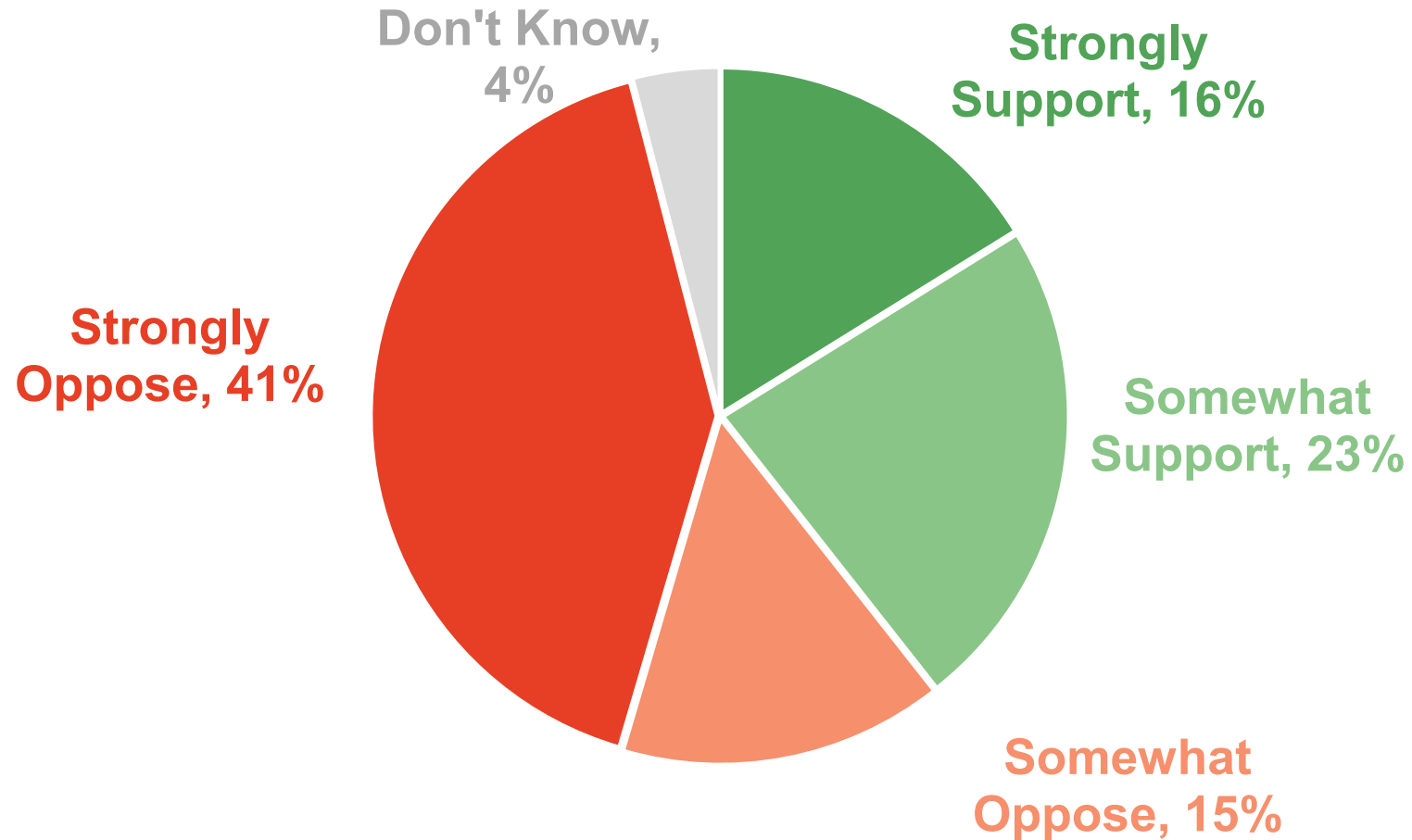
# Only 19% of voters think taxes should be increased; and appetite for taxes has decreased since 2018

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



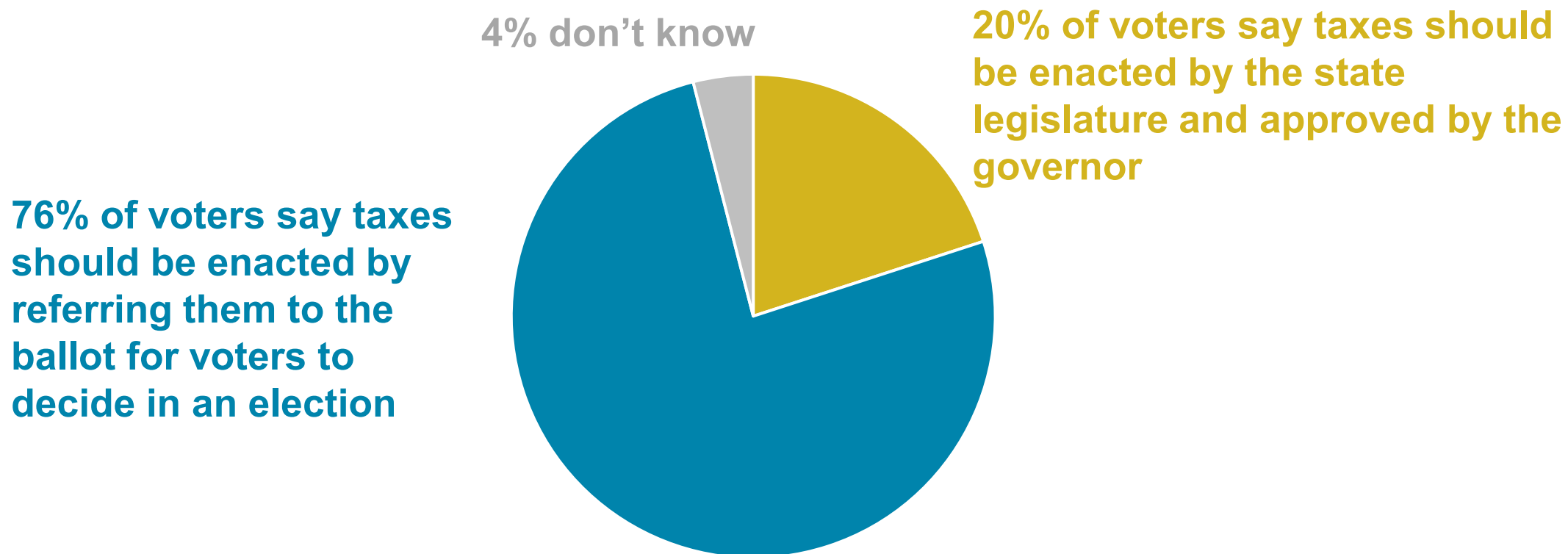
# Majority of voters (56%) oppose a state capital gains tax, including 41% percent who are strongly opposed

*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*



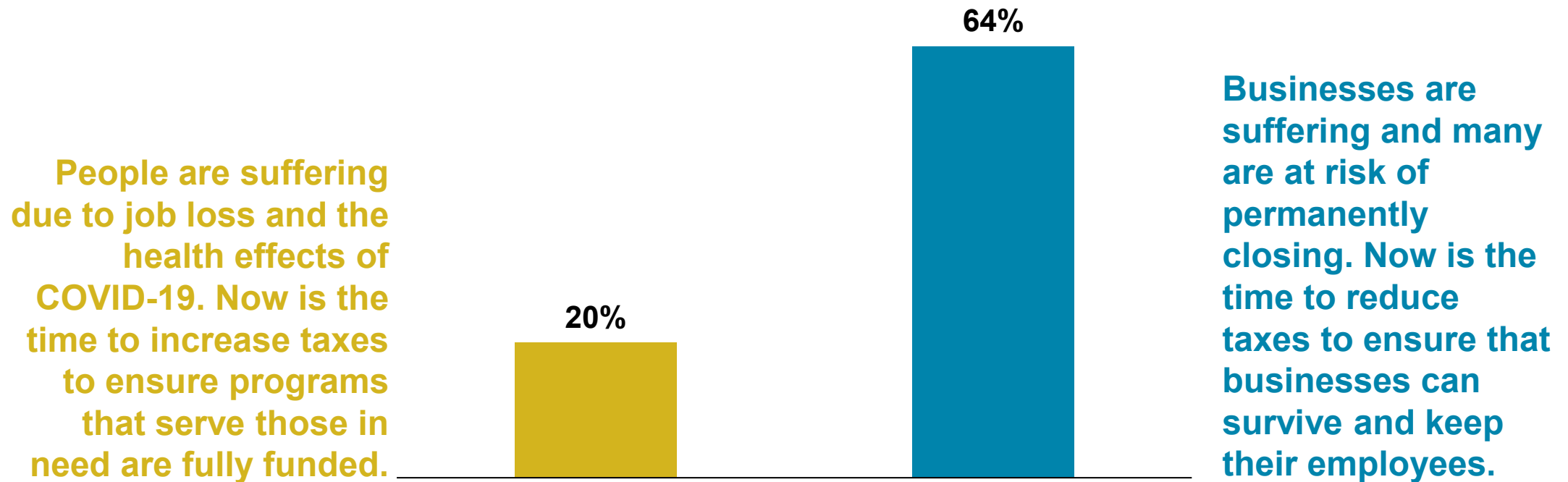
# Voters want to weigh in directly on taxes

*Which of the following ways do you think that taxes like these 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?*

