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## RELEASE OF 2018 RESEARCH REPORTS

A special workshop for BIA  
members and partners

# AGENDA

- 8:30: Welcome & Introductions
- 8:40: 2018 BIA Member Census Report
- 9:00: 2018 Retail Trade Area Analysis
- 9:20: Takeaways for the BIA
- 9:30: Questions & Discussion

# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Name and business/  
organizational affiliation



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## 2018 BIA MEMBER CENSUS REPORT

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Creative Neighbourhoods



# Wellington West BIA

5 November 2018



## Market Research Program Highlights from 2012-2018

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Presented by Michel Frojmovic

# BIA market research program highlights

## Part 1 Census of businesses

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- What types of businesses are here?
- How are they doing?
- Delivered every year since 2014



# BIA market research program highlights

## Part 2 Visitor Survey

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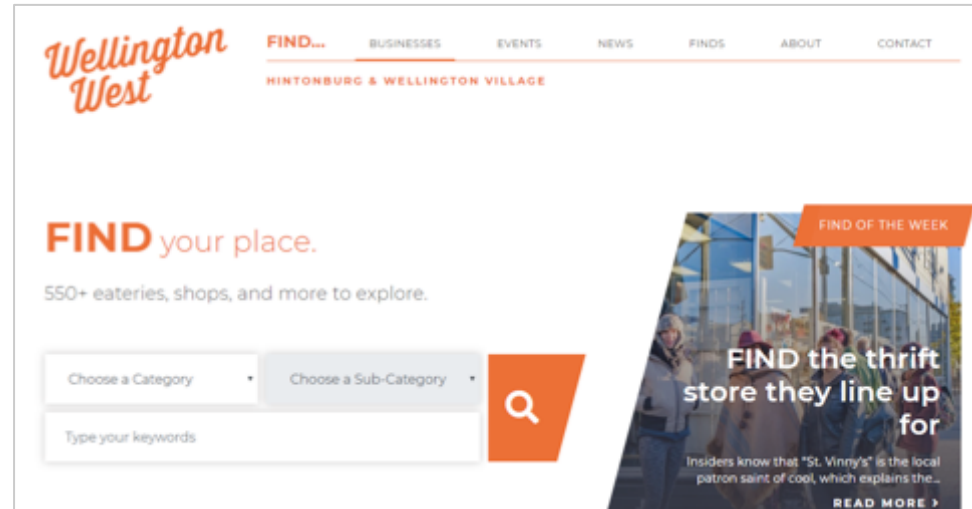
- Who visits the BIA neighbourhood?
- How do they get here?
- How much do they spend?
- Conducted annually from 2012-2017



# How the BIA uses the Market Research

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1. Member Engagement
2. Marketing & promotion
3. Understanding the Local Economy



<https://wellingtonwest.ca/a-business/>

# Wellington West BIA Business Census

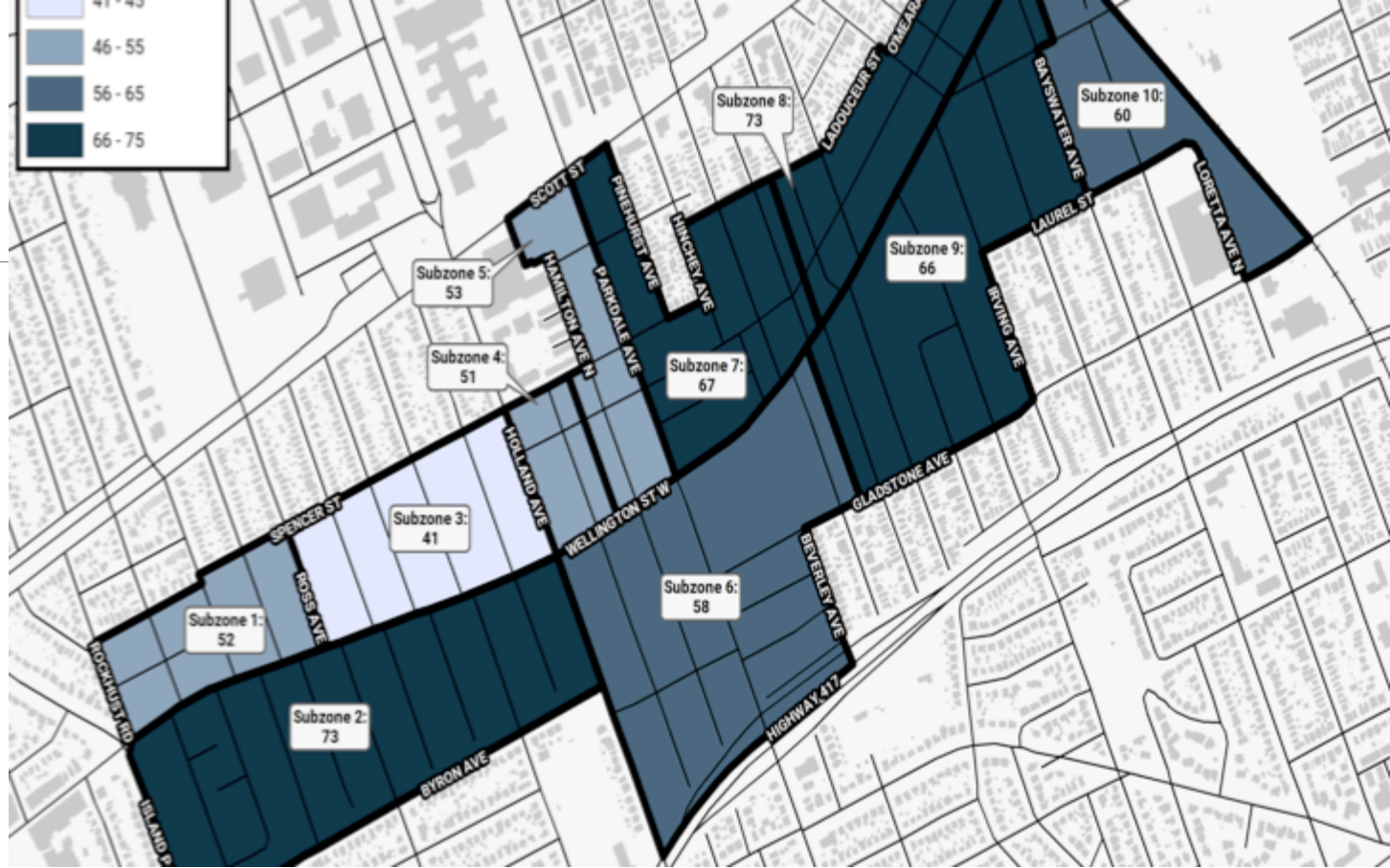
Door-to-door and floor-to-floor survey of all non-residential locations within the BIA

Over 80 variables collected on a range of topics of relevance to the BIA, its members and potential members



WWBIA  
boundary divided  
into 10 zones,  
each containing  
similar numbers  
of businesses.

Used for analysis  
and comparison.





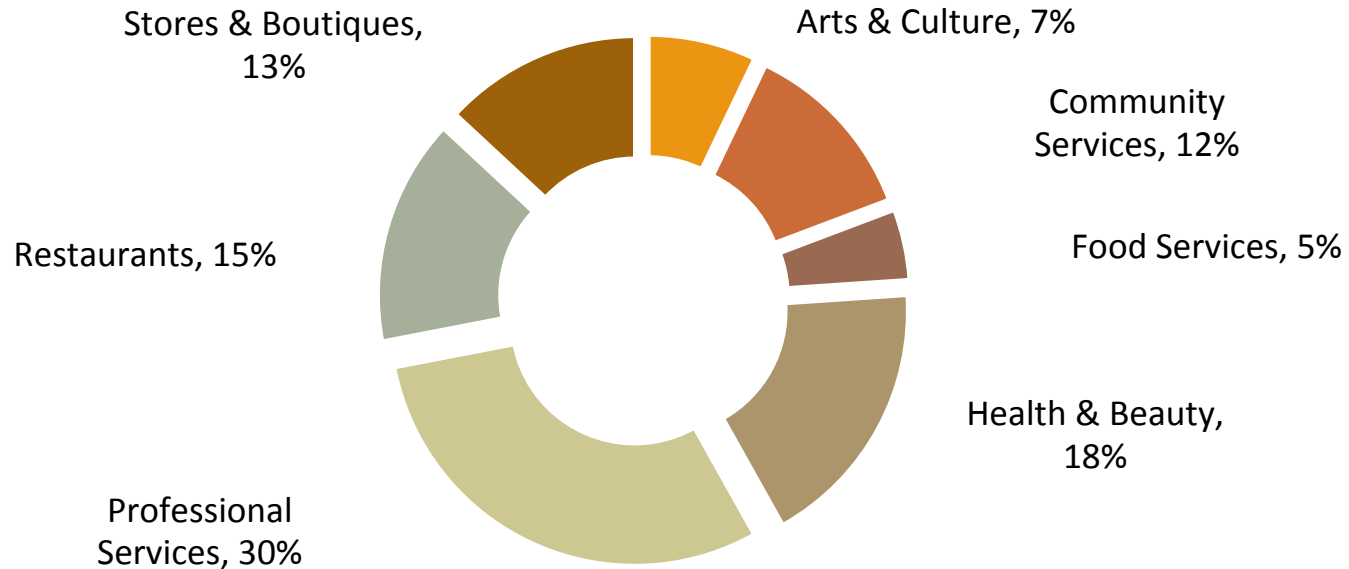
## Figure 1. Business census: Basic profile

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|   | 2014 | 2018 |
|---|------|------|
| <b>Total # of unique non-residential locations</b><br>(businesses, non-profits, parks, parking lots; excludes home-based businesses, street food vendors) | 556  | 594  |
| <b>Members (property is levied)</b>   | 505  | 542  |
| <b>Non-members</b>  | 51   | 52   |

## Figure 2. Businesses by category, 2018

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# Figure 3. Social media presence (How visible is our membership online?) 2014 and 2018

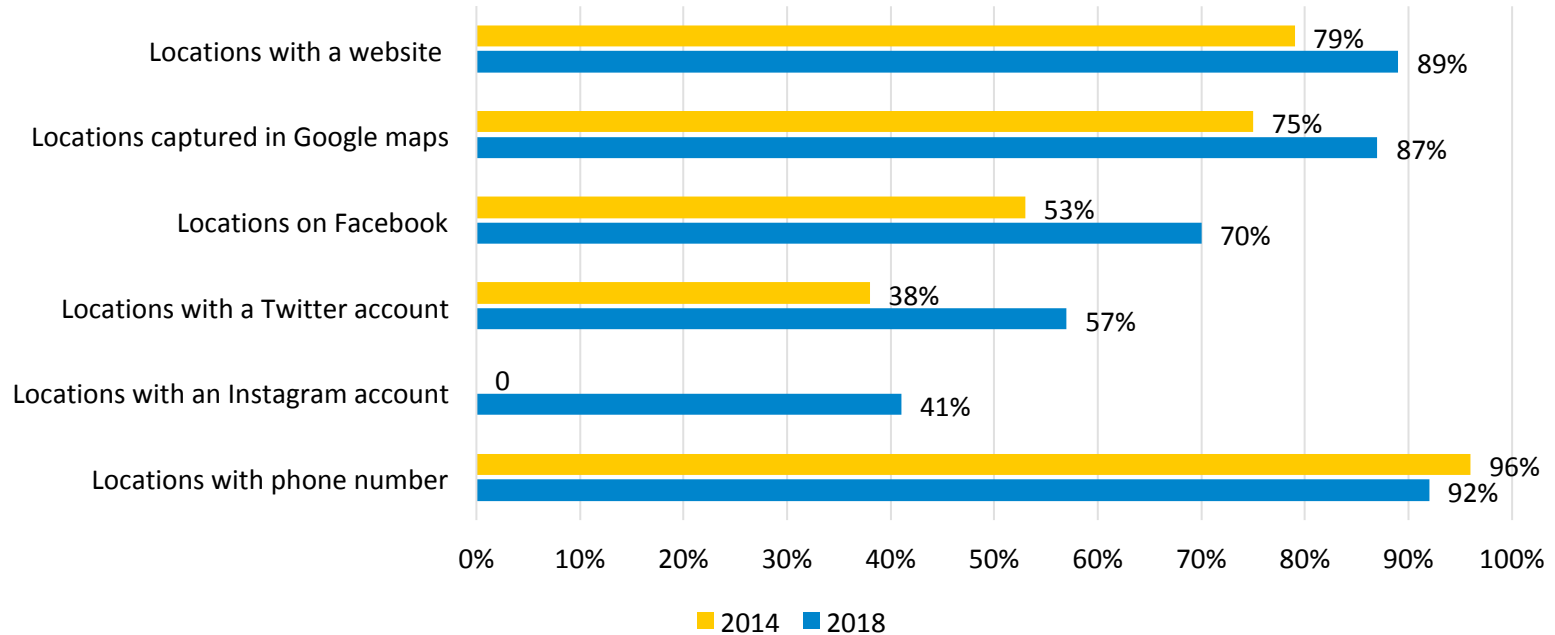


Figure 4. Reliance on Social Media platforms varies significantly by type of business

| Business category     | % of businesses using Instagram in 2018 |
|-----------------------|---|
| Arts & Culture        | 42%                                     |
| Community Services    | 18%                                     |
| Food Services         | 60%                                     |
| Health & Beauty       | 44%                                     |
| Professional Services | 23%                                     |
| Restaurants           | 69%                                     |
| Stores & Boutiques    | 63%                                     |
| All Businesses        | 41%                                     |

Figure 5. How busy is our street life? (Hours of operation in 2016 and 2018)

|   | 2016 | 2018 |
|---|------|------|
| Closed on Sunday                                      | 50%  | 44%  |
| Closed on Monday                                      | 15%  | 16%  |
| Open before 10:00am on Wednesday                      | 56%  | 53%  |
| Closing time occurs later than 5:00pm on Thursday     | 53%  | 59%  |
| Closing time occurs later than 9:00pm on Friday night | 19%  | 18%  |
| (number of businesses with posted business hours)*    | 506  | 458  |

Figure 6. The character of our street life varies depending on the neighbourhood

|   | Hintonburg<br>Mainstreet | Wellington<br>Village<br>Mainstreet | Off<br>Mainstreet |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Closed on Sunday</b>                                       | 39%                      | 41%                                 | 51%               |
| <b>Closed on Monday</b>                                       | 19%                      | 17%                                 | 12%               |
| <b>Friday night closing time<br/>occurs later than 9:00pm</b> | 24%                      | 7%                                  | 15%               |
| (number of businesses with posted business hours)             | 153                      | 123                                 | 182               |



## Figure 7. Vacancies Rates and Turnover

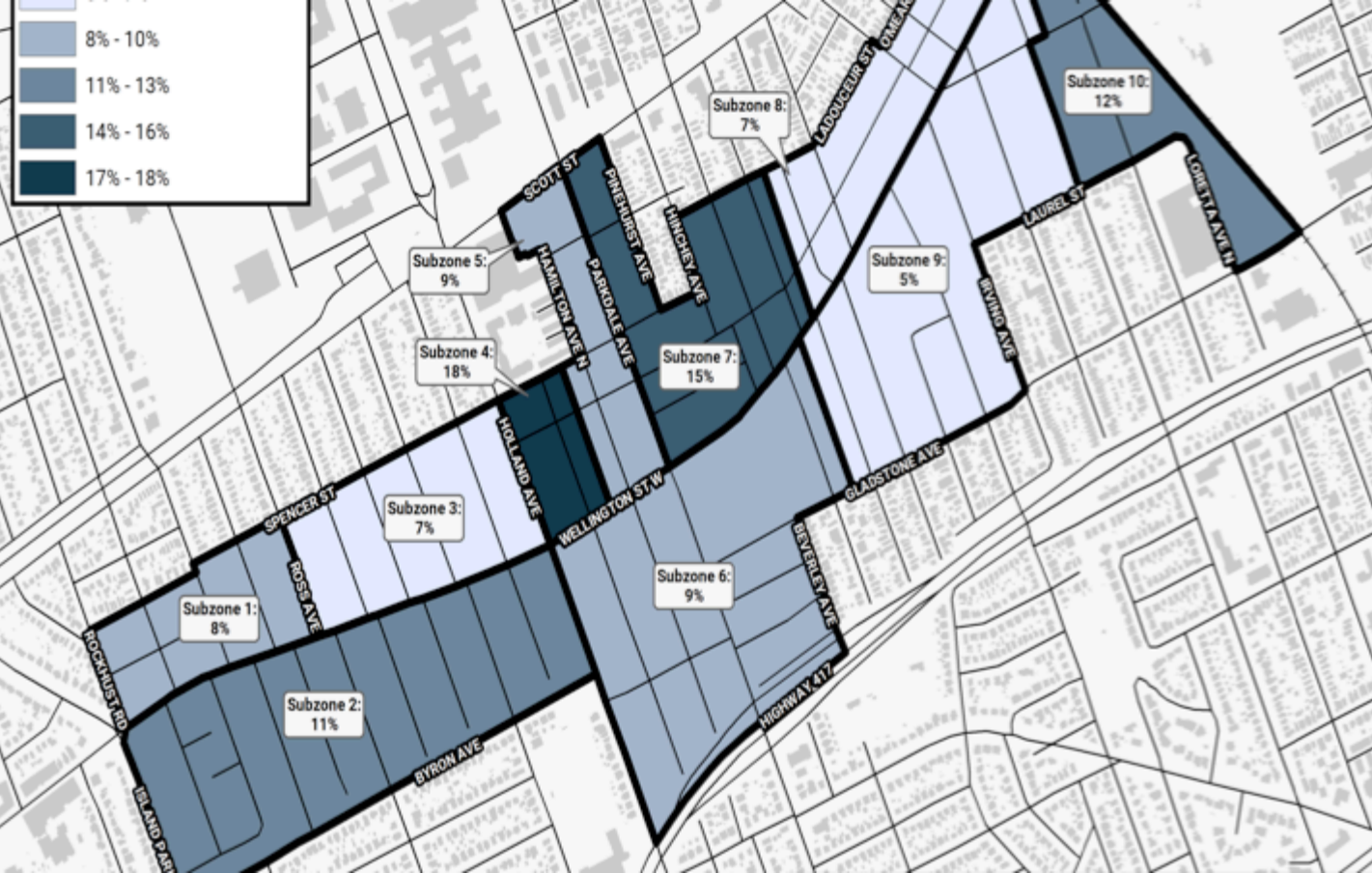
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|  | 2016 | 2018 |
|--|------|------|
| <b>Vacant businesses &amp; properties (as of Aug 31, 2018)</b> | 46   | 59   |
| <b>Vacancy rate</b>  | 8.0% | 9.9% |
| <b>Continued vacancies (since previous year)</b>               | 19   | 49   |

## Figure 8. Vacancies by type of business

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| Location Type                                    | 2018  |
|--|-------|
| Overall vacancy rate                             | 9.9%  |
| Non-storefront vacancy                           | 14.0% |
| Storefront vacancy                               | 5.5%  |
|  |       |
| Hintonburg mainstreet storefront vacancy         | 8.1%  |
| Wellington Village mainstreet storefront vacancy | 1.9%  |
| Off mainstreet storefront vacancy                | 5.0%  |



Highest vacancies are in the centre of the BIA: Zones 4 (18%), 7 (15%)

Lowest are in the heart of mainstreet Hintonburg Zone 9 (5%)

Figure 9. How long have businesses been here?  
(Years of operation as reported in 2018)

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|                                       | % of businesses |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Less than 5 years (Since 2013)        | 44%             |
| 5 – 10 years (2008-2012)              | 23%             |
| 11 – 30 years (1988-2007)             | 23%             |
| 31 – 50 years (1968-1987)             | 5%              |
| More than 50 years (1967 and earlier) | 5%              |
| (number of responses)                 | 425             |

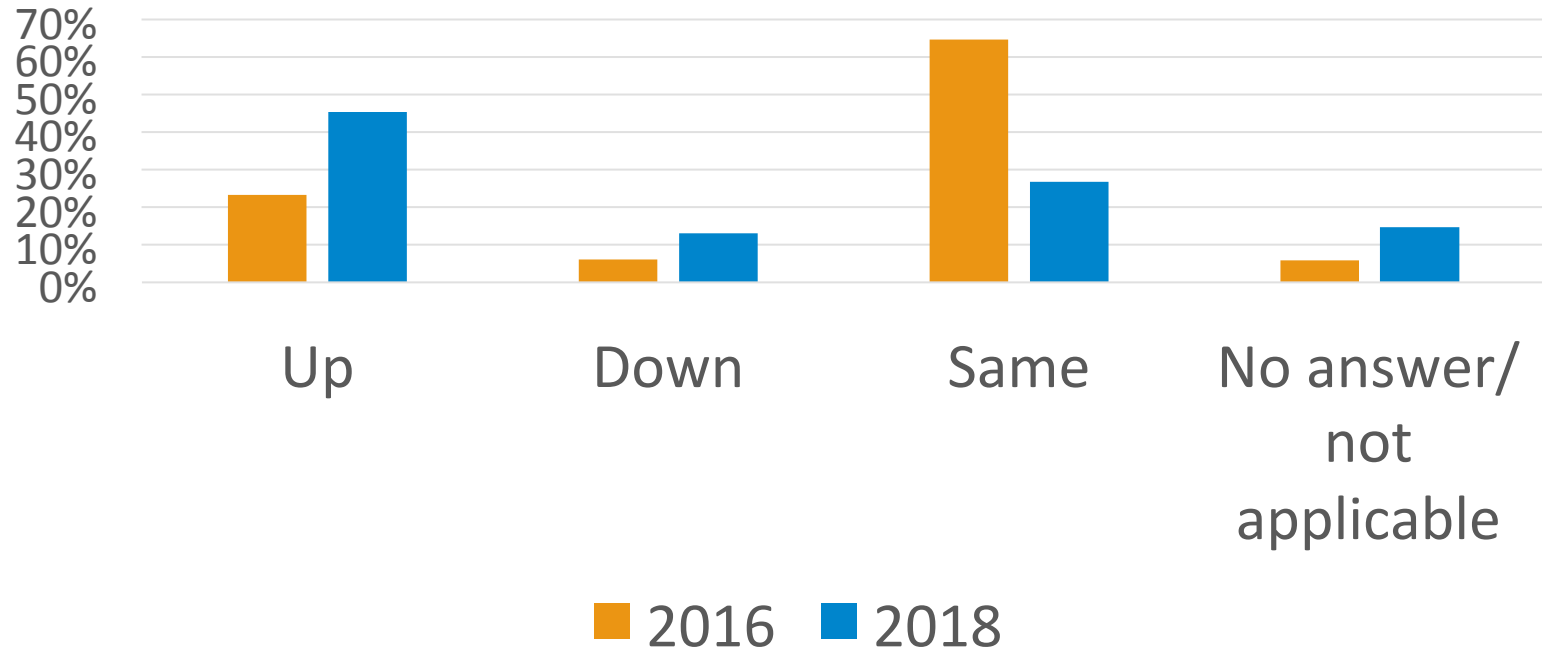


Largest proportion  
of lease renewals  
within next 2 years

Zones 1 (43%) 7  
(41%) 10 (48%)

Lowest proportion  
Zones 3 (21%) 4  
(26%)

Figure 10. How are businesses doing? (Sales in the last 12 months as reported in 2016 and 2018)







Highest proportion  
of businesses with  
increase in sales:

Zone 4 (65%)

Lowest proportion:

Zone 5 (24%)

## Figure 11. Average number of employees in 2018

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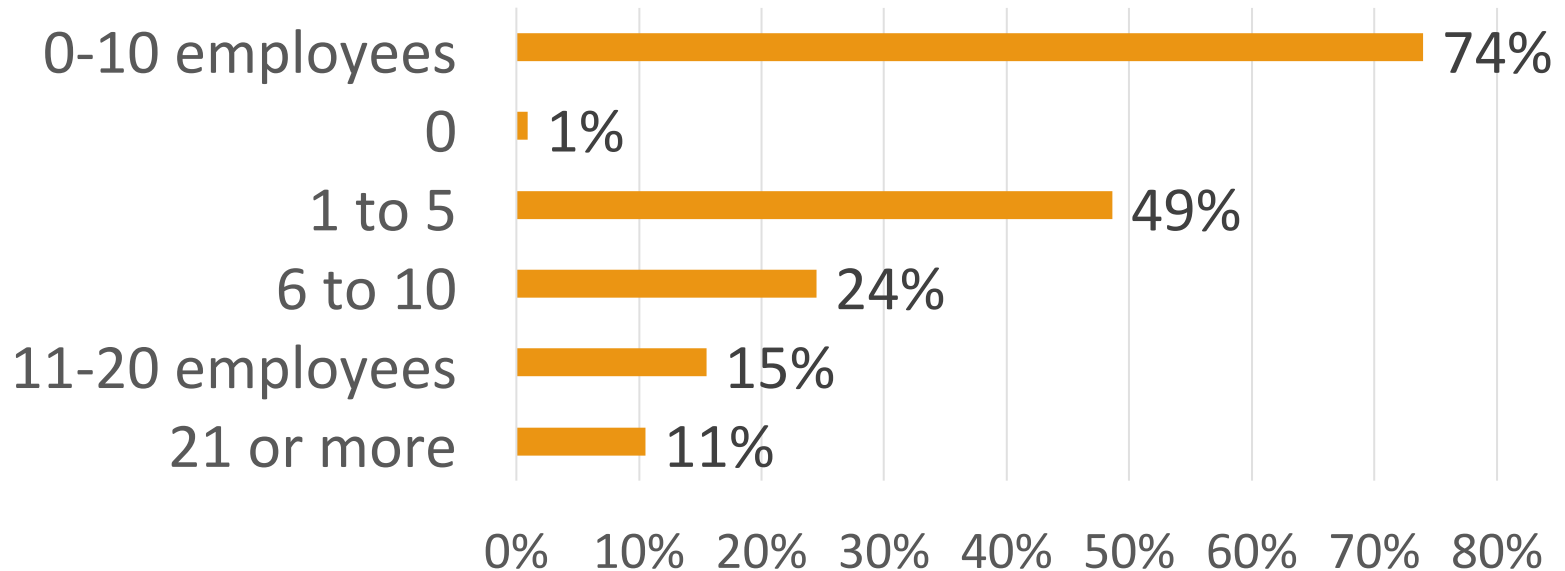


Figure 12. % of businesses with minimum wage staff, by number of minimum wage staff, 2018

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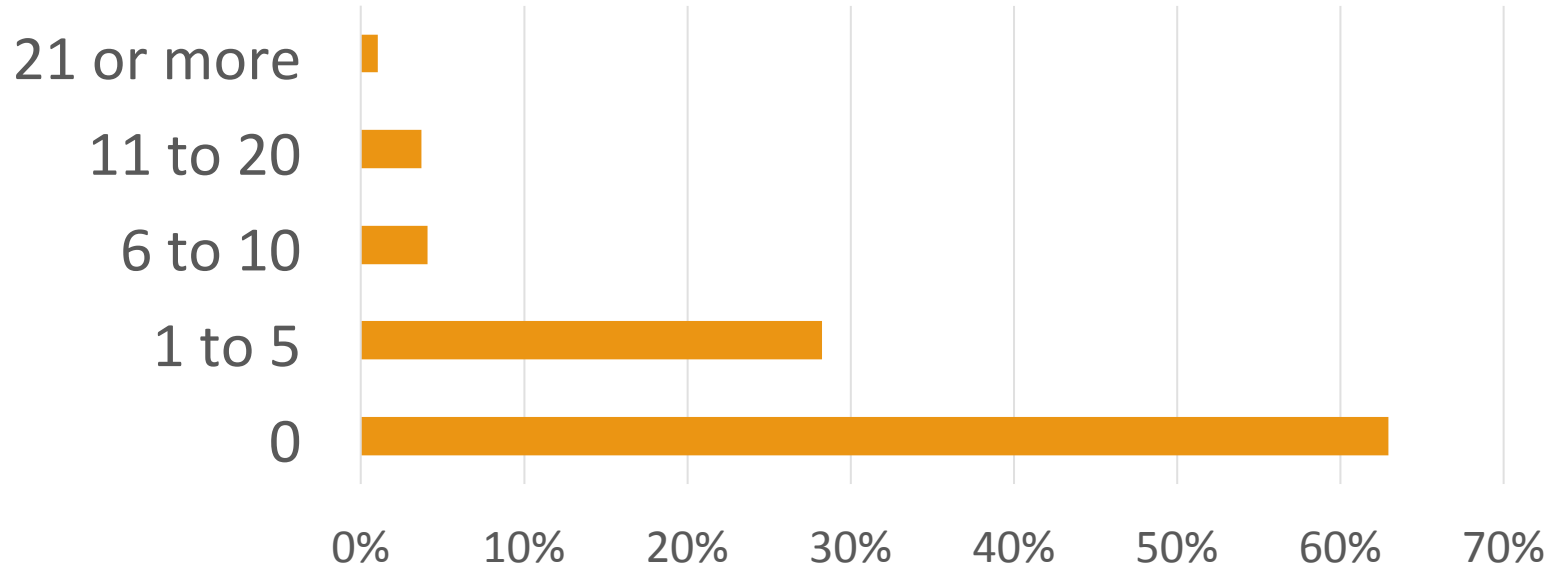
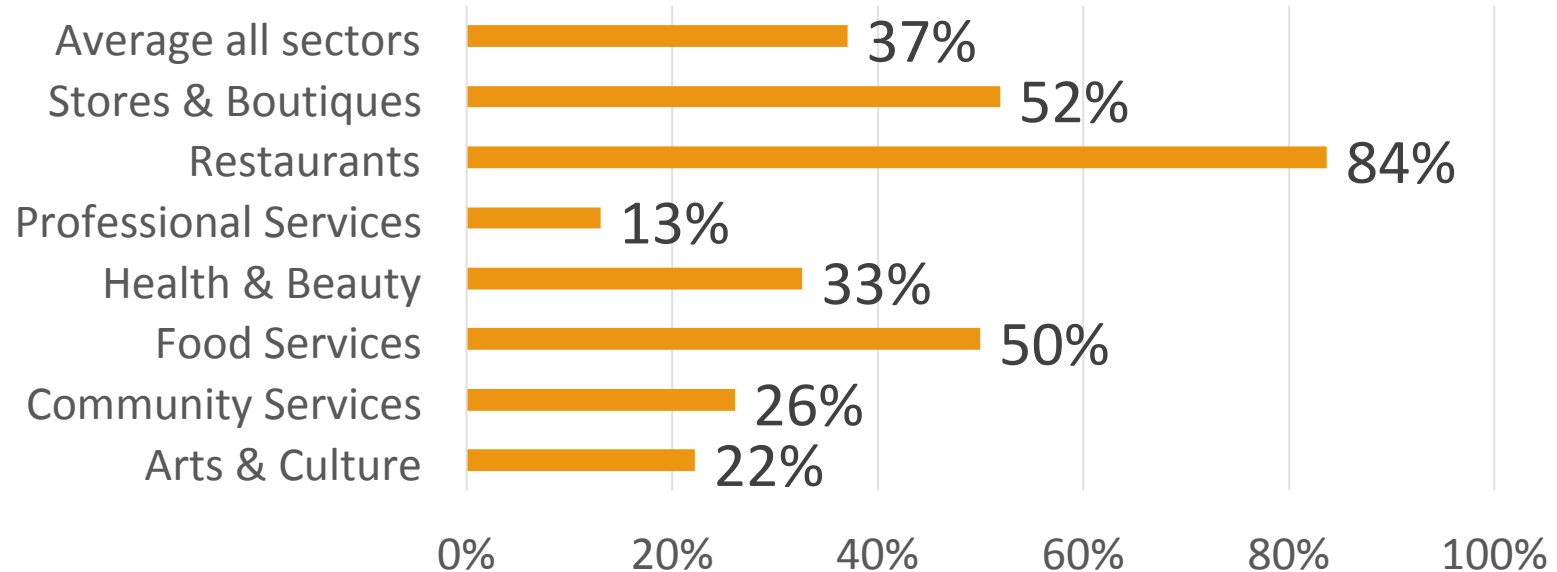


Figure 13. Percentage of businesses employing Minimum wage staff, by business category, 2018

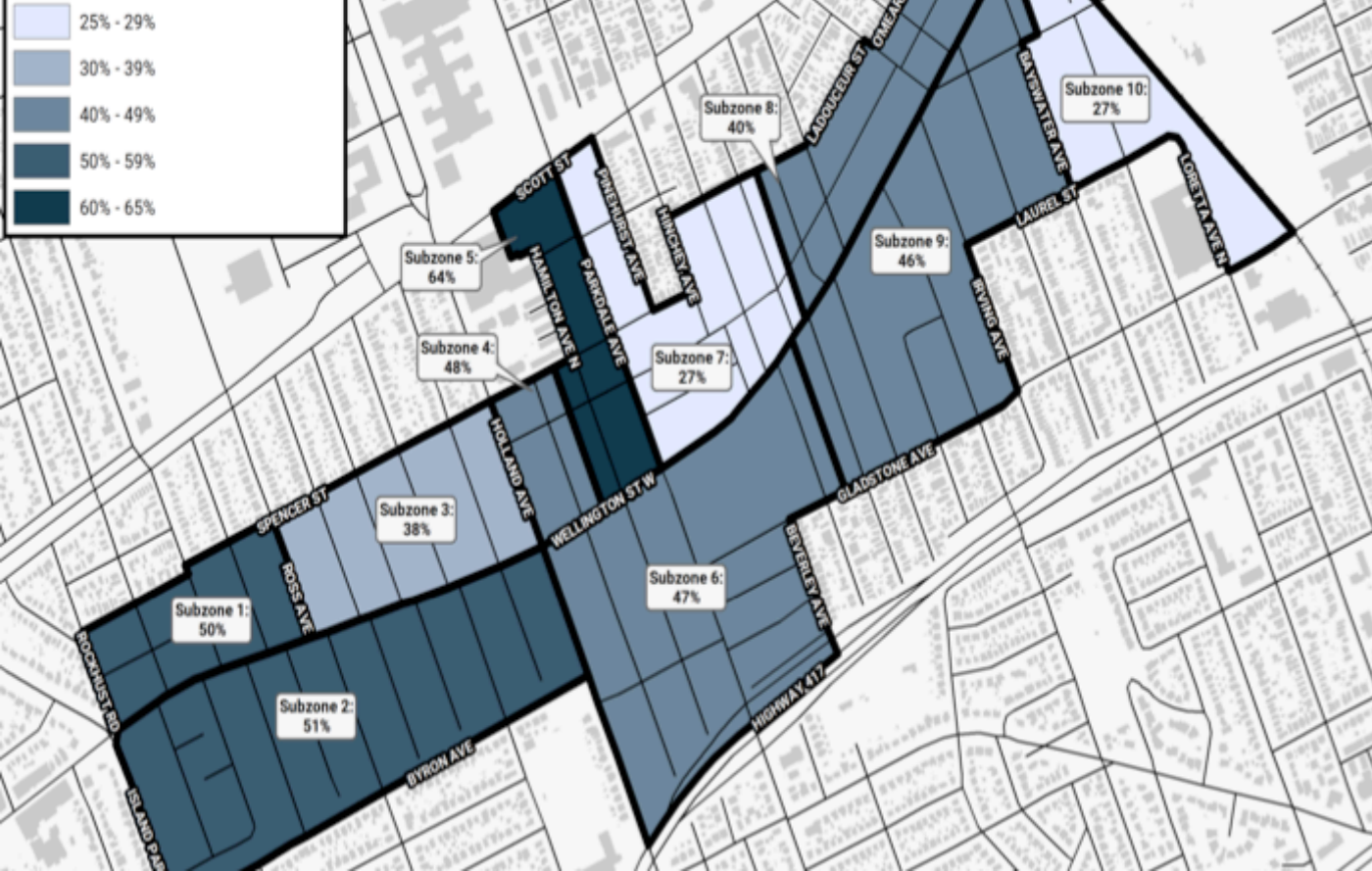
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# Figure 14. New in 2018: Street Parking

| <b>Difficulty Parking (5.0 is most difficult)</b> |     |
|---|-----|
| Customers   | 3.0 |
| Employees   | 2.4 |
| <b>Parking available for employees?</b>           |     |
| Yes   | 72% |
| No  | 28% |
| <b>Employees use street parking?</b>              |     |
| Yes   | 43% |
| No  | 57% |
| Total reporting                                   | 327 |



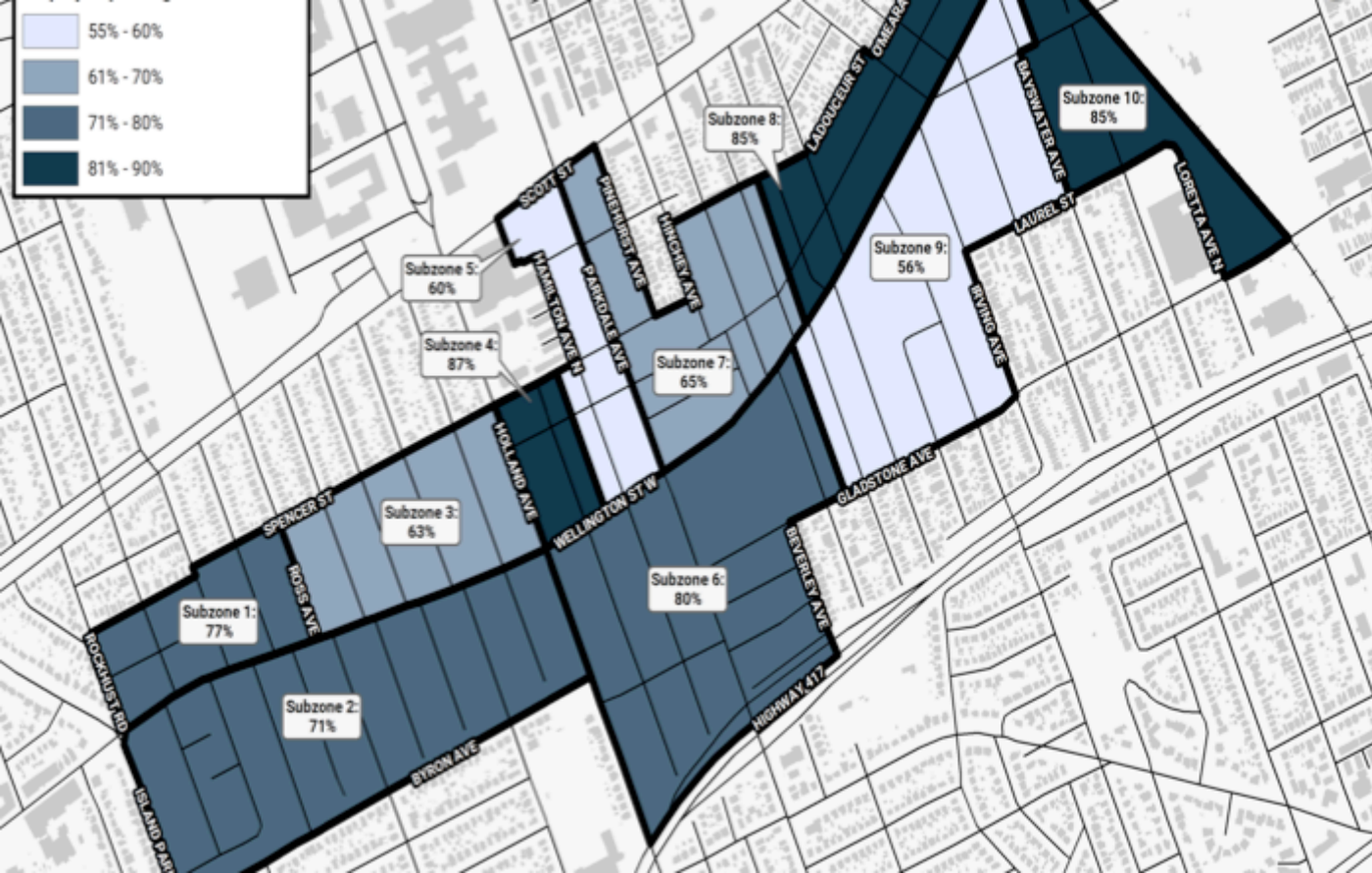


Businesses with employees relying on on-street parking

Highest proportion (>50%): Zones 1,2,5

Lowest proportion (<30%): Zones 7, 10





Businesses offering  
employee parking

Highest proportion  
(>85%): Zones 4, 8, 10

Lowest proportion  
(>65%): Zones 3, 5, 7, 9

# Wellington West SHOPPER SURVEY 2017 Highlights

The survey's purpose is to gain more knowledge about visitors to the BIA.

The survey also helps the BIA better target their marketing, beautification, and business development efforts.



Figure 15. Where they live  
Home postal code of respondents, 2014-2017

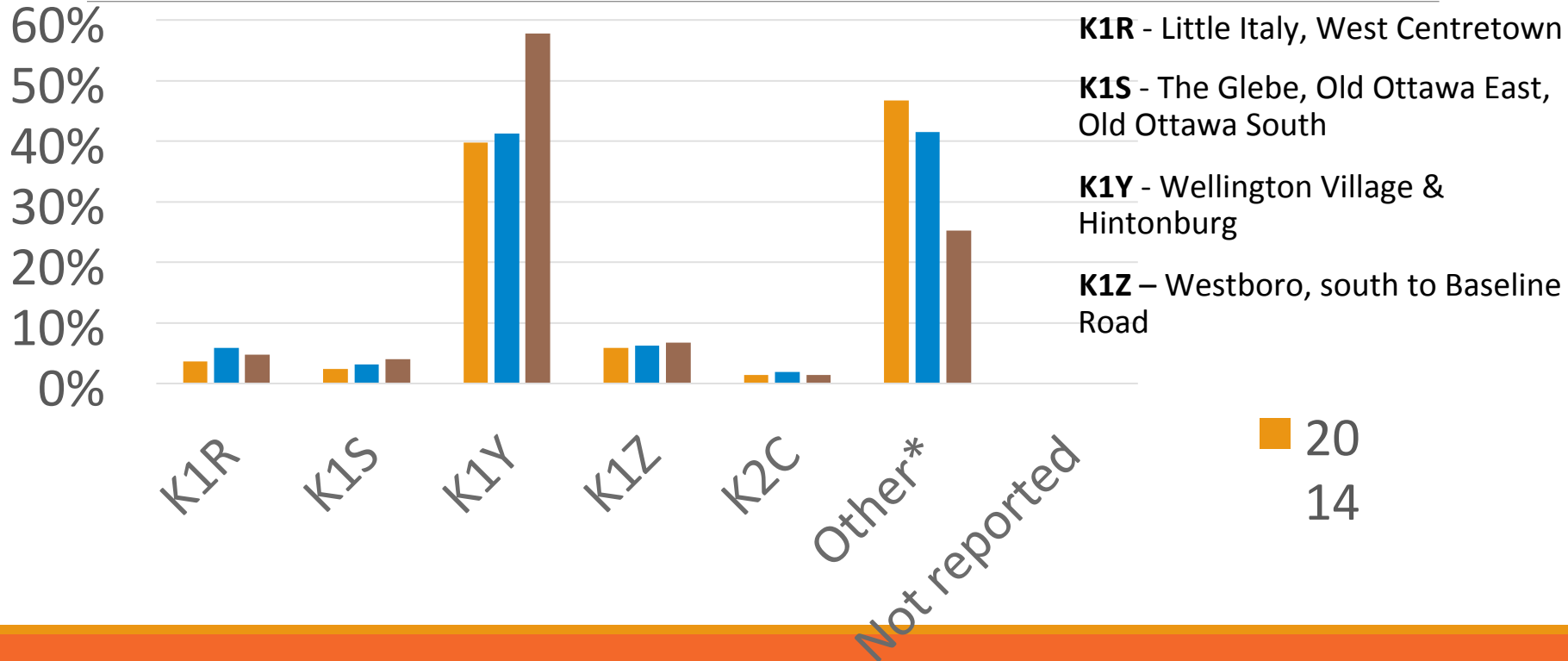


Figure 16. Distribution of respondents by place of work

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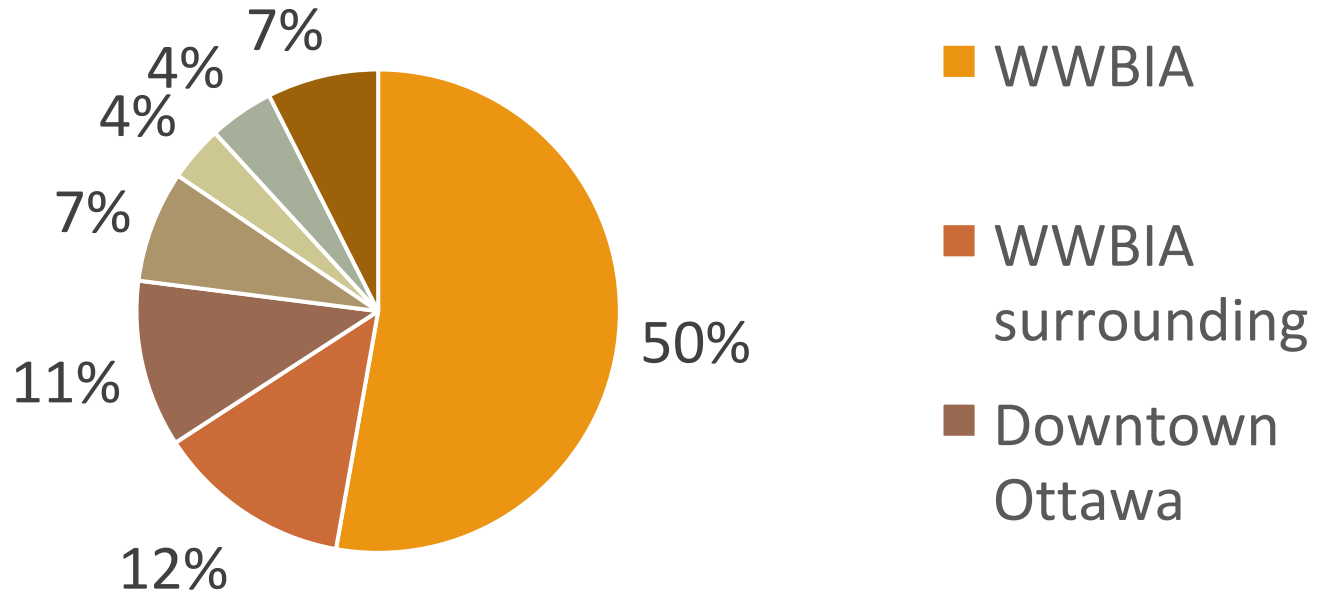
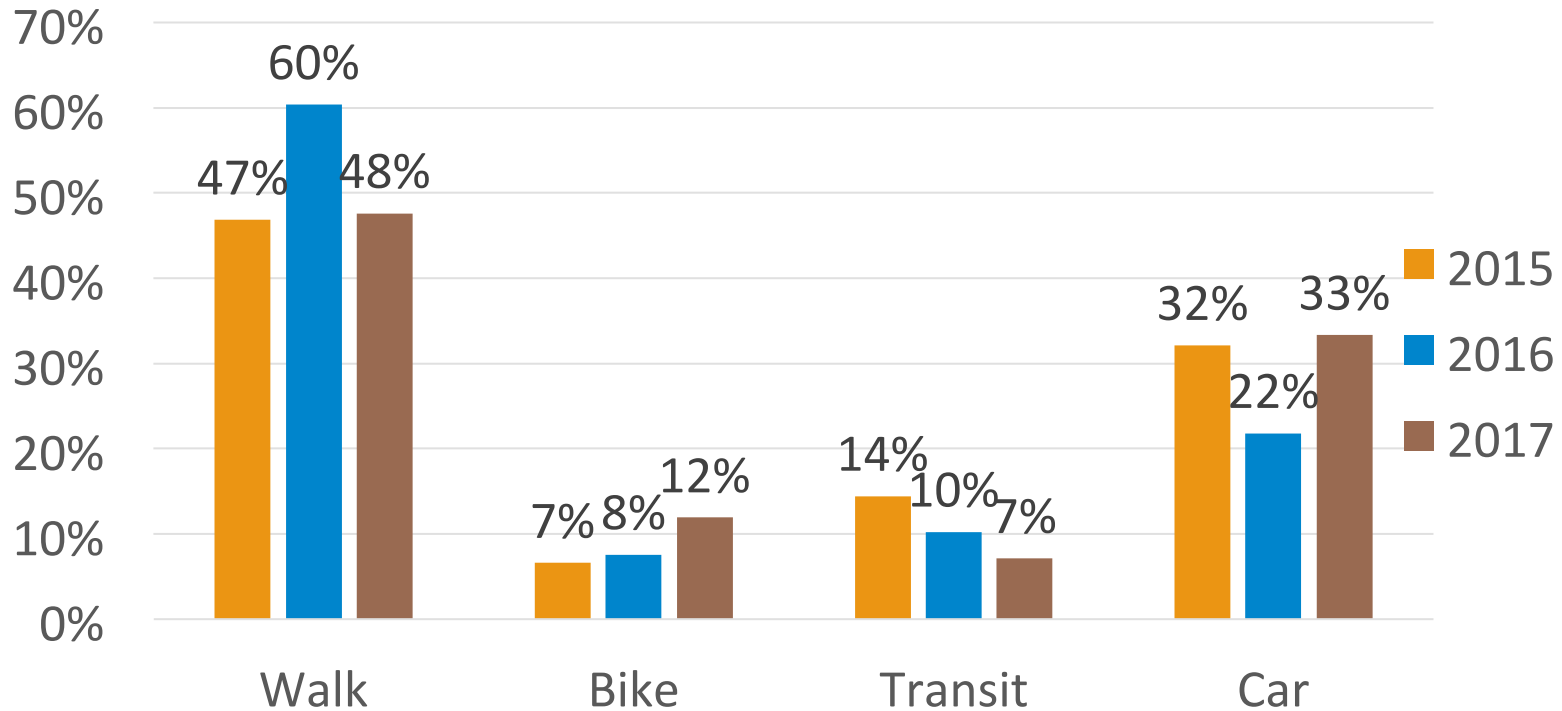
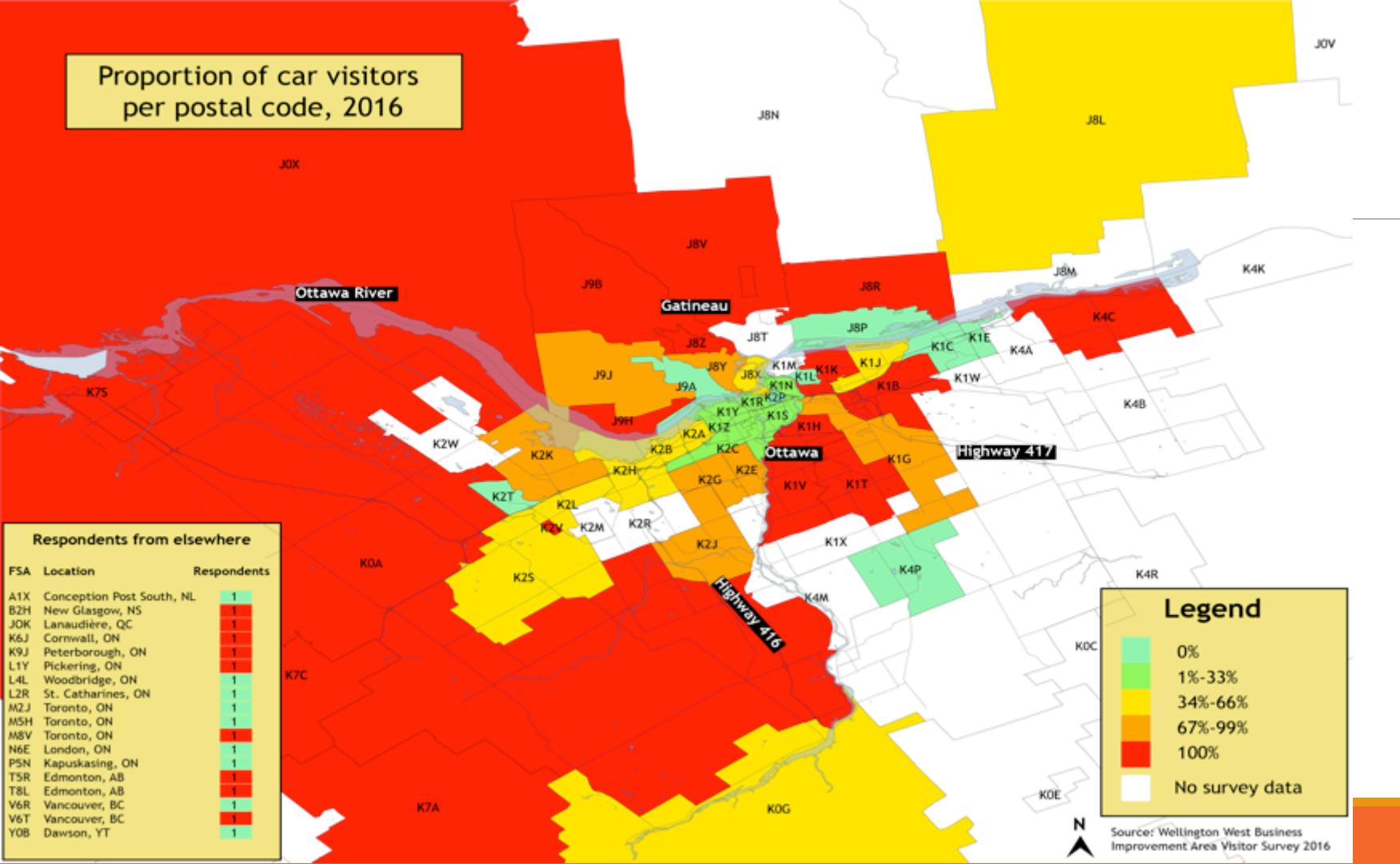


Figure 17. How they got here:  
Change in visitor mode of transport, 2015-2017



# Proportion of car visitors per postal code, 2016



## Respondents from elsewhere

| FSA | Location                  | Respondents |
|-----|---------------------------|-------------|
| A1X | Conception Post South, NL | 1           |
| B2H | New Glasgow, NS           | 1           |
| J0K | Lanaudière, QC            | 1           |
| K6J | Cornwall, ON              | 1           |
| K9J | Peterborough, ON          | 1           |
| L1Y | Pickering, ON             | 1           |
| L4L | Woodbridge, ON            | 1           |
| L2R | St. Catharines, ON        | 1           |
| M2J | Toronto, ON               | 1           |
| M5H | Toronto, ON               | 1           |
| M8V | Toronto, ON               | 1           |
| N6E | London, ON                | 1           |
| P5N | Kapuskasing, ON           | 1           |
| T5R | Edmonton, AB              | 1           |
| T8L | Edmonton, AB              | 1           |
| V6R | Vancouver, BC             | 1           |
| V6T | Vancouver, BC             | 1           |
| Y0B | Dawson, YT                | 1           |

## Legend

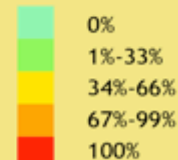


Figure 18. Frequency of visits per week to BIA

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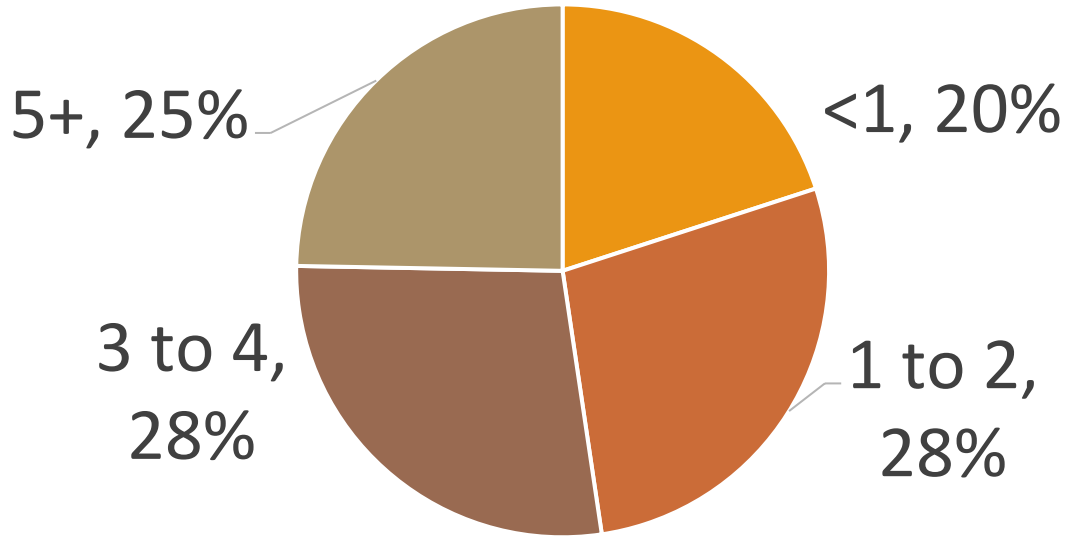


Figure 19. Number stores entered during respondent's last visit

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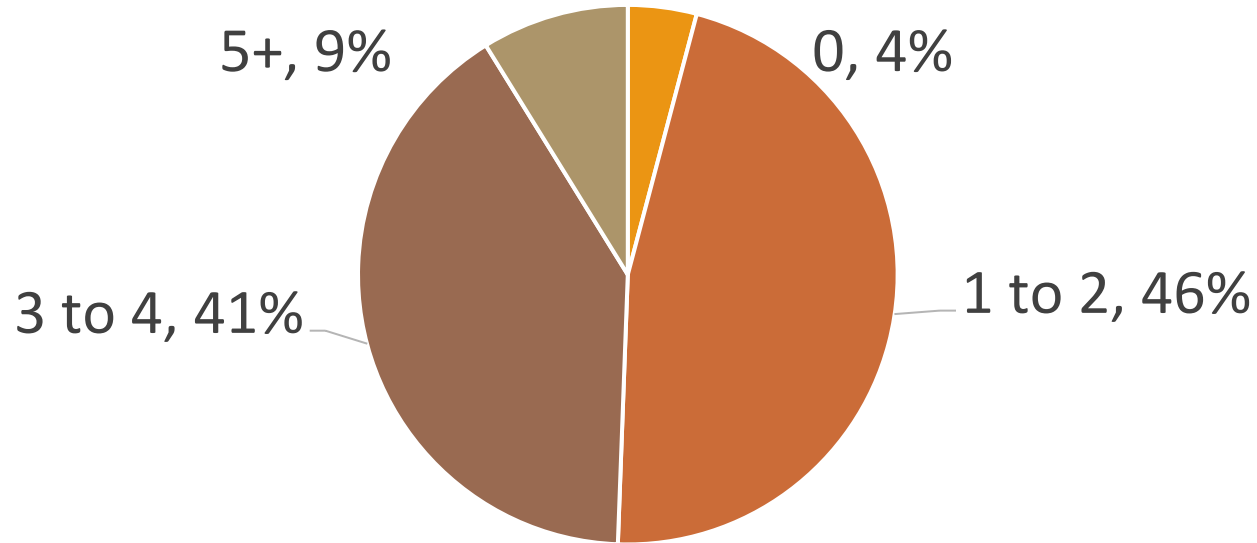




Figure 20. Average spending per visit

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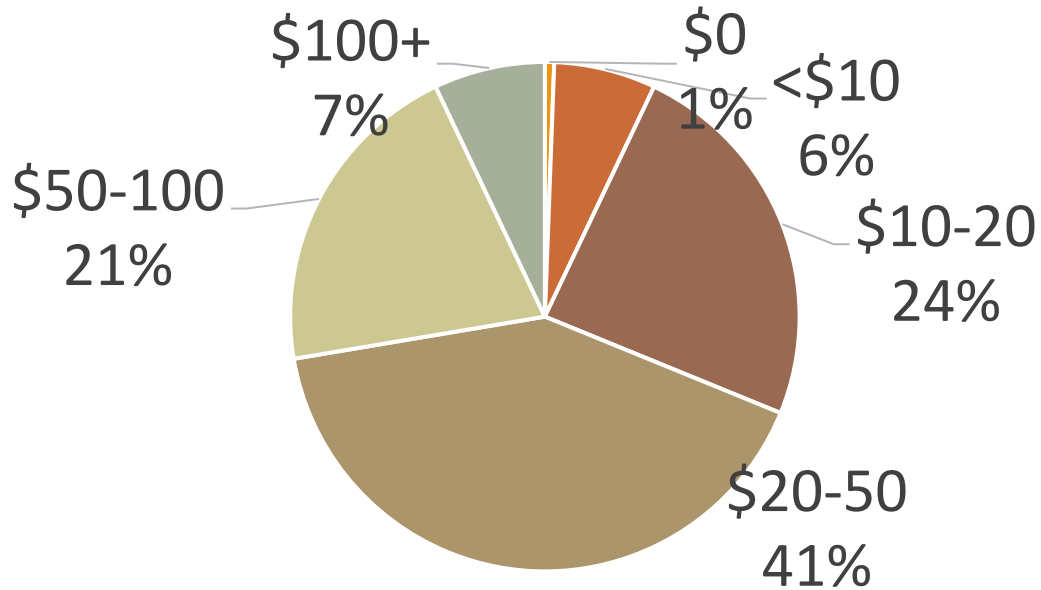
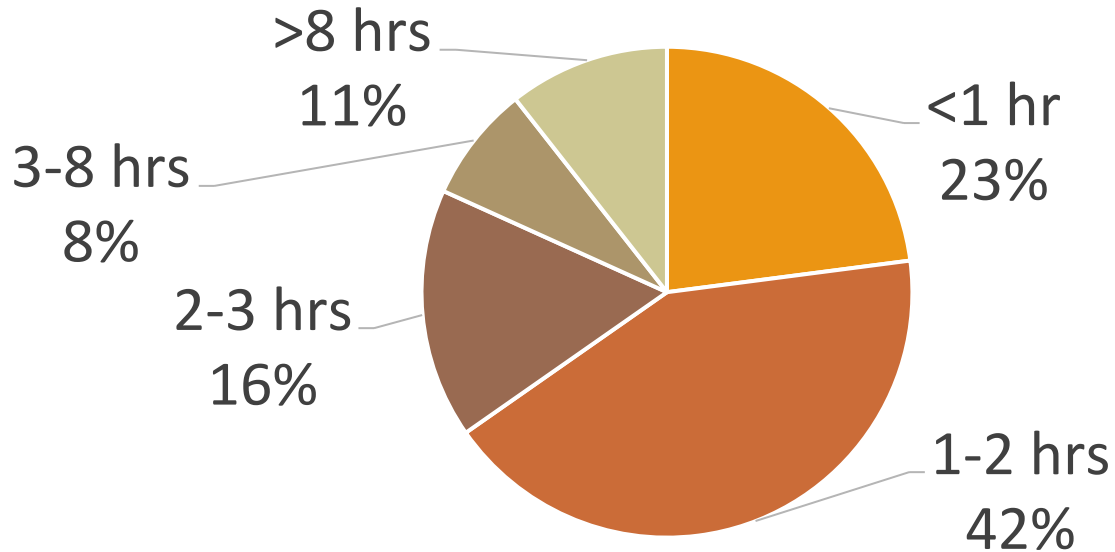


Figure 21. Duration of stay by WWBIA visitors

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## Figure 22. Purpose of visit to the WWBIA

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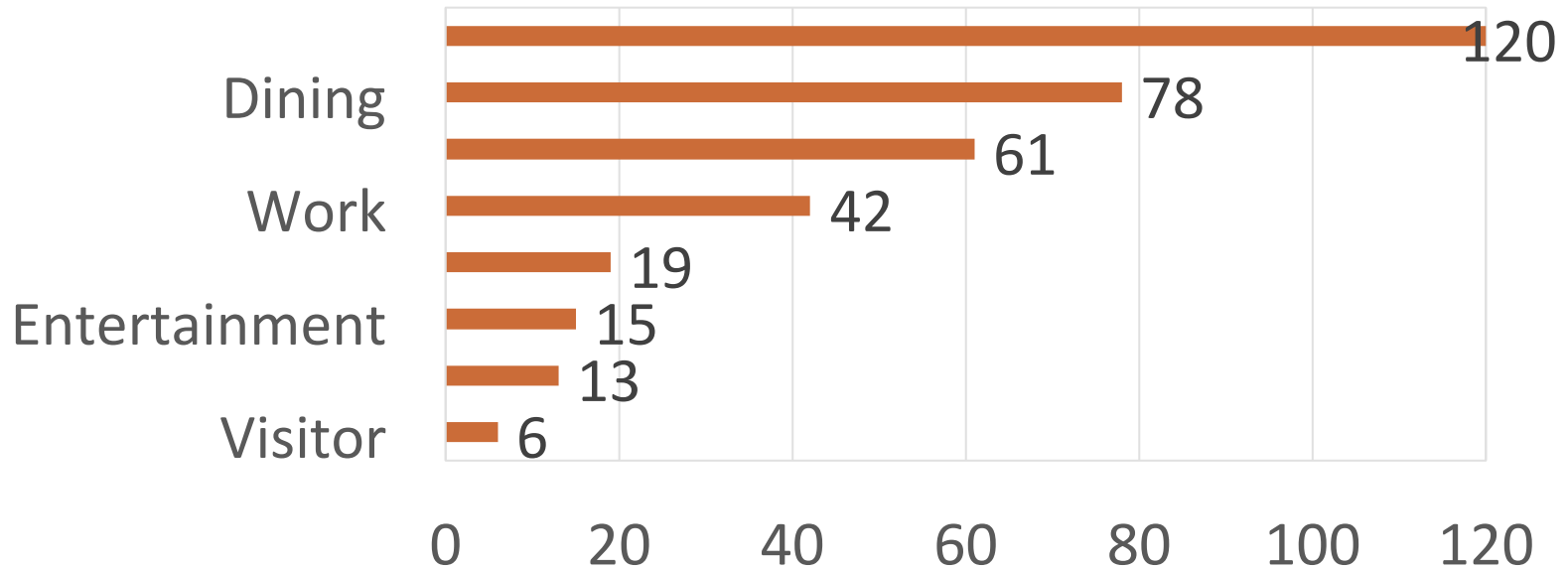
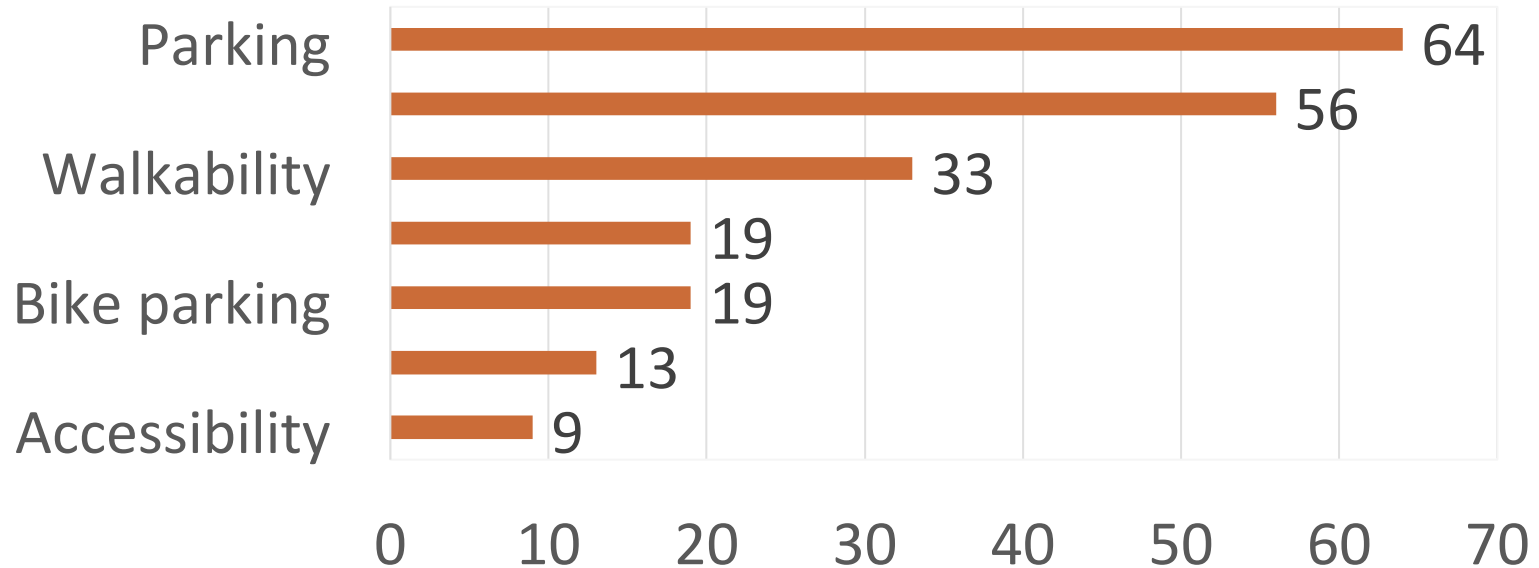


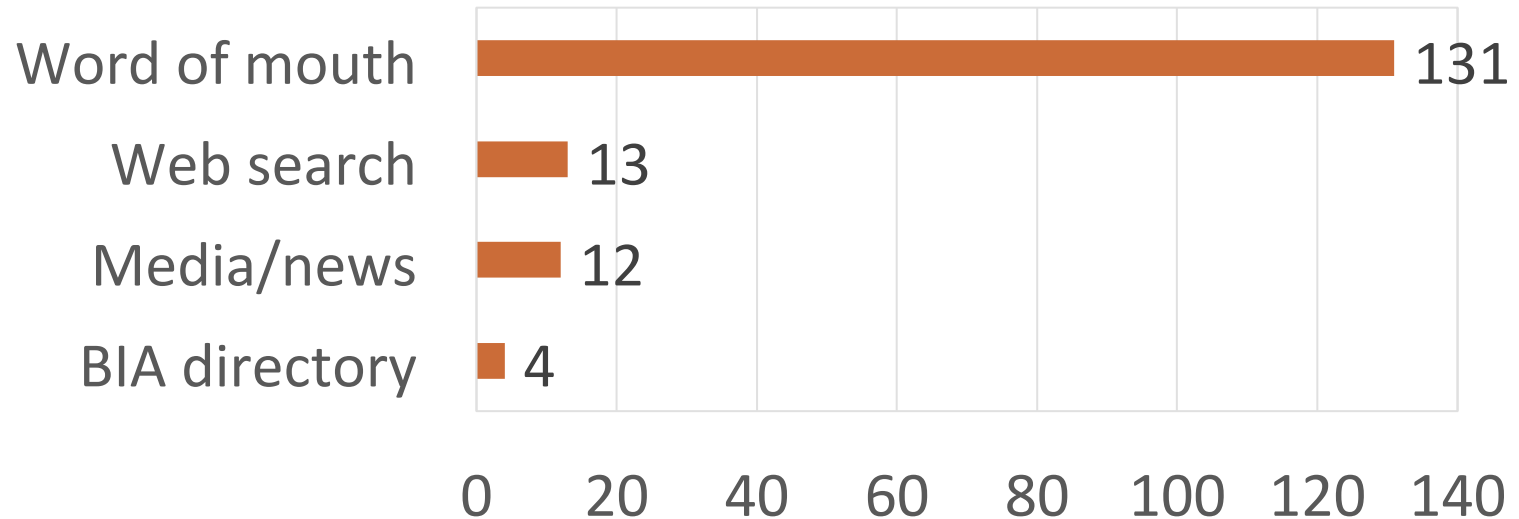
Figure 23. Visitors' concerns with their experience

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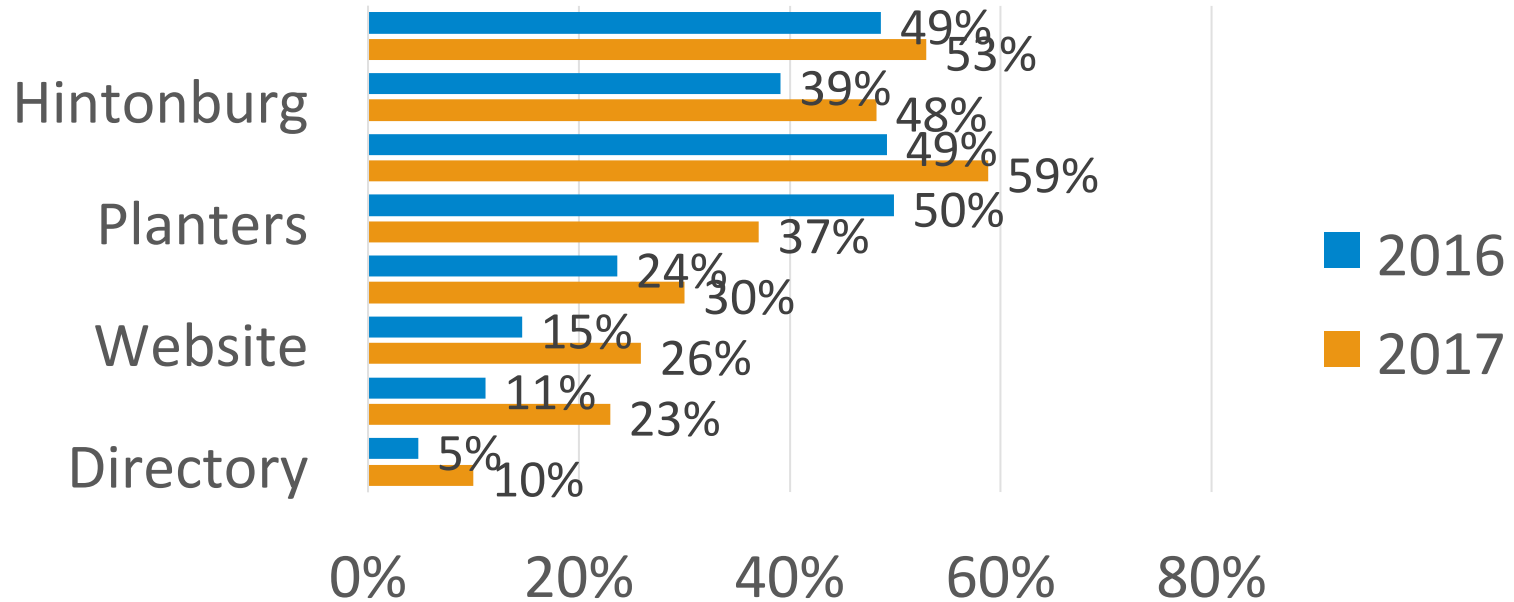


## Figure 24. Visitor knowledge of the WWBIA

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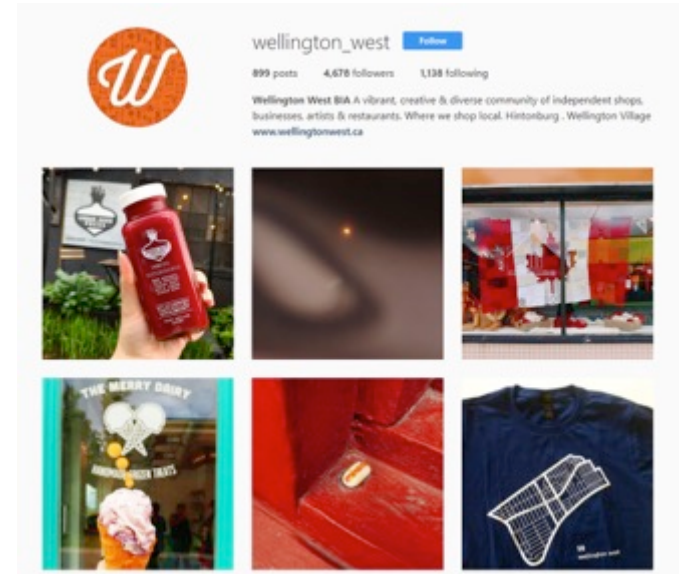
## Figure 25. Visibility of WWBIA initiatives



# Questions?

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- Are the findings consistent with your impressions of the area?
- Any surprises?
- Do you have any suggestions for future market research?





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## 2018 RETAIL TRADE AREA ANALYSIS

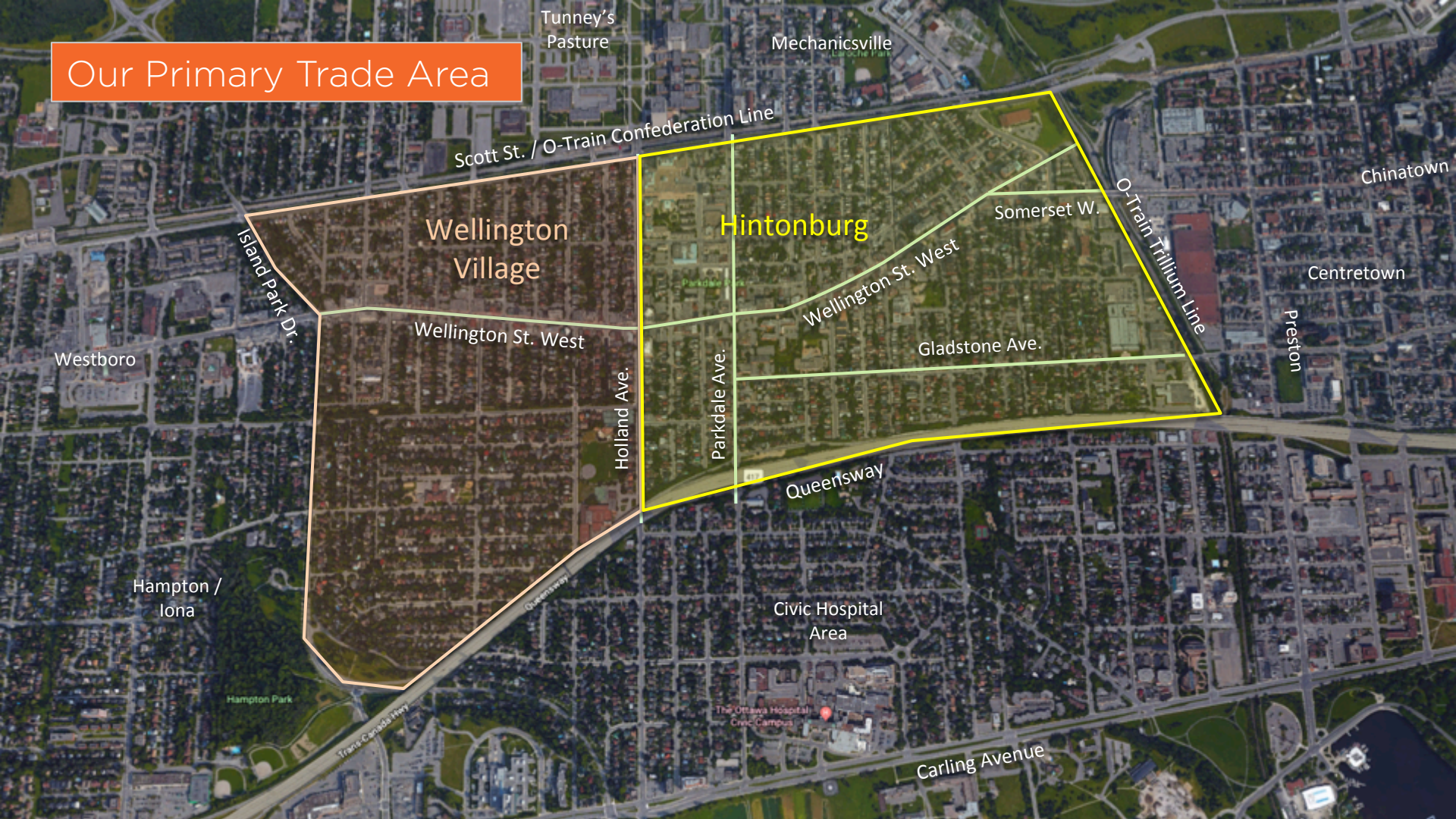
Study by Barry Nabatian,  
Shore, Tanner & Associates



# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS: OVERVIEW

- WWBIA has been experiencing major renovation, redevelopment, and gentrification in the last 5-10 years, and these trends are expected to continue for the next 10 years or more.
- **As a commercial district, WWBIA is in a strong and growing position in terms of the performance, improvements, and expansion of its businesses based on this study's findings.**

# Our Primary Trade Area





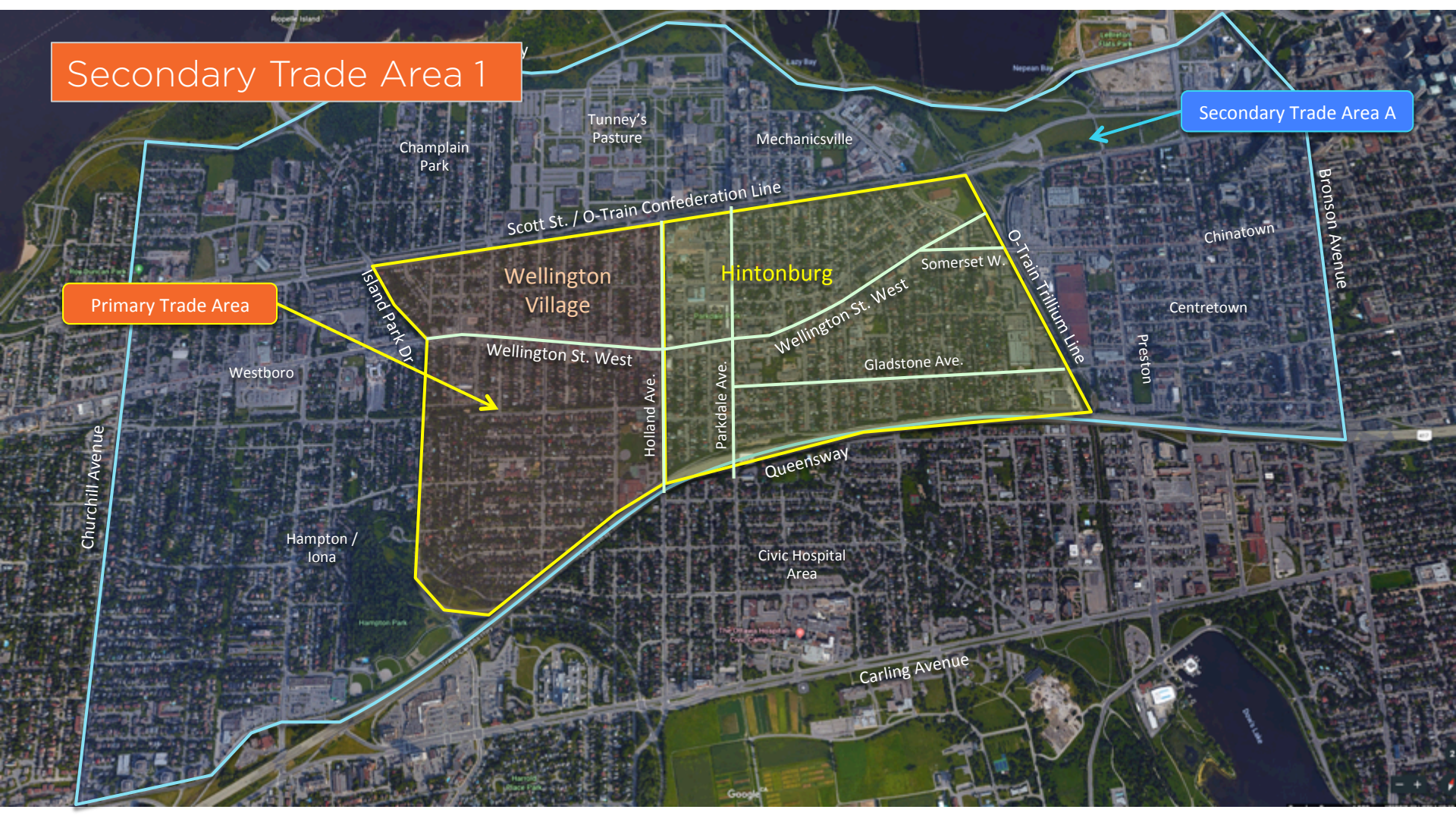
# Secondary Trade Area 1

## Secondary Trade Area A

### Primary Trade Area

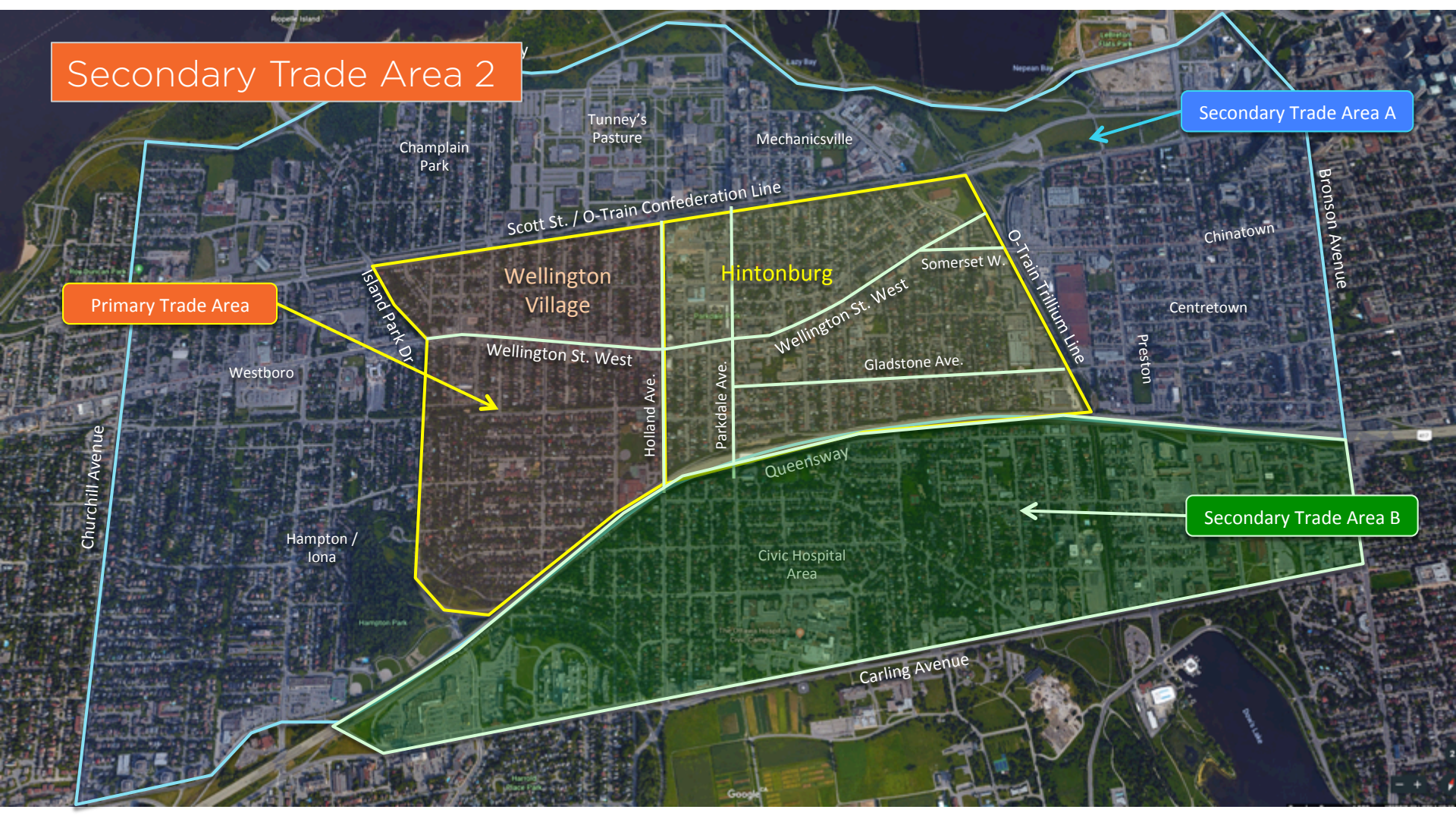
### Hintonburg

### Wellington Village





# Secondary Trade Area 2



Secondary Trade Area A

Primary Trade Area

Secondary Trade Area B

Scott St. / O-Train Confederation Line

O-Train Trillium Line

Wellington Village

Hintonburg

Wellington St. West

Wellington St. West

Gladstone Ave.

Queensway

Civic Hospital Area

Carling Avenue

Westboro

Hampton / Iona

Chinatown

Centretown

Preston

Champlain Park

Tunney's Pasture

Mechanicsville

Churchill Avenue

Bronson Avenue

# REASONS FOR OPTIMISM

1. Great “product”: Excellent fundamentals.
2. Transit changes with LRT.
3. Population growth.
4. Demographic shift.
5. Income Growth.
6. Changing shopping habits.
7. Room to grow within local base
8. Growing base of outside employees & “experience” shoppers.

# POPULATION: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

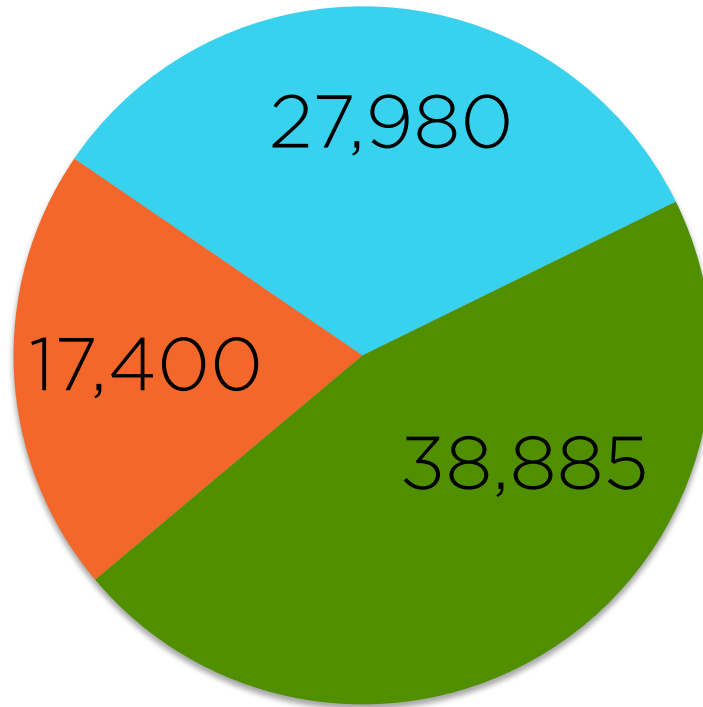
## 1. Our Trade Area covers a substantial customer base.

- Population equivalent to Victoria BC or Peterborough Ontario.

## 2. Population growth is projected to outpace other Ottawa areas for the next ten years.

- Growth is being fueled by 8,416 new housing units under construction / planned / proposed.

# POPULATION C. 2016



TOTAL:  
84,265

- Primary Trade Area
- Secondary Trade Area 1
- Secondary Trade Area 2

# ESTIMATED POPULATION GROWTH

- **Total Trade Area population of 86,600 in 2017 consisting of up to 17,700 in the PTA, 29,300 in the STA1, and 39,600 in the STA2.**
- **Average annual population increase of 3,040 or 3.5% in the Trade Area from 86,600 in 2017 to 117,000 in 2027.**
- **Average annual population growth of 1,030 or 5.8% in the PTA, from 17,700 in 2017 to 28,000 in 2027.**
- **The PTA's growth rate of 5.8% is the largest within the Trade Area.**



# POPULATION - BY NEIGHBOURHOOD

- The total population of Hintonburg increased by 48 persons or 0.53% annually, from 9,041 in 2011 to 9,282 in 2016.
- Population growth was slightly higher in Wellington Village as it increased by 60 persons or 0.57% annually from 10,695 in 2011 to 10,997 in 2016.
- **The Primary Trade Area had a total (rounded) population of 20,300 in 2016.**

# EMPLOYMENT: SUMMARY

- **There are far more people commuting INTO our area for work than commuting OUT of the area.**
- **Existing and future retail businesses in the Trade Area benefit from spending of employees as well as the residents of the Trade Area**

# INCOMES: SUMMARY

- Average household incomes are on pace with general incomes in Ottawa – among the top three in Canada.
- In 2016, the proportion of households with annual income of \$80,000 or more was 47.0%, and quite likely over 50.0% now.

# DEMOGRAPHICSAGE GROUPS

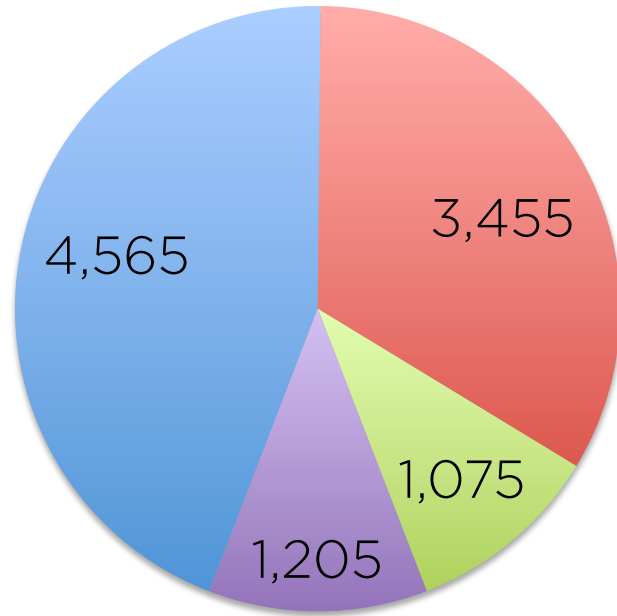
- Based on housing growth, **we expect the largest growth in population in the Trade Area to be new residents in the age groups 25-65** in the next 10 years.
- On a per capita basis, these residents spend more at retail and service businesses, are more likely to work, especially in office-based jobs, and thus have higher incomes than the overall average per capita for the entire Trade Area residents.

|                    |               |              |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| • Under 19         | 7,475         | 18.9%        |
| • 20-39            | 10,705        | 27.0%        |
| • 40-59            | 12,155        | 30.7%        |
| • 60-74            | 5,765         | 14.6%        |
| • 75 & older       | 3,495         | 8.8%         |
| <hr/>              |               |              |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>39,595</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Median Age (years) | 42.8          | —            |

# HOUSEHOLD SIZE: SUMMARY

- **Small households:**
  - 78% of households in the Primary Trade Area consist of only one or two persons.
- **Dominance of single and two-person households is expected to continue, and become even more prominent in the next 10 years and beyond.**

# HOUSEHOLD SIZE



Single Person Households

Two Person Households

Three Person Households

Four Persons or Larger Households

78%

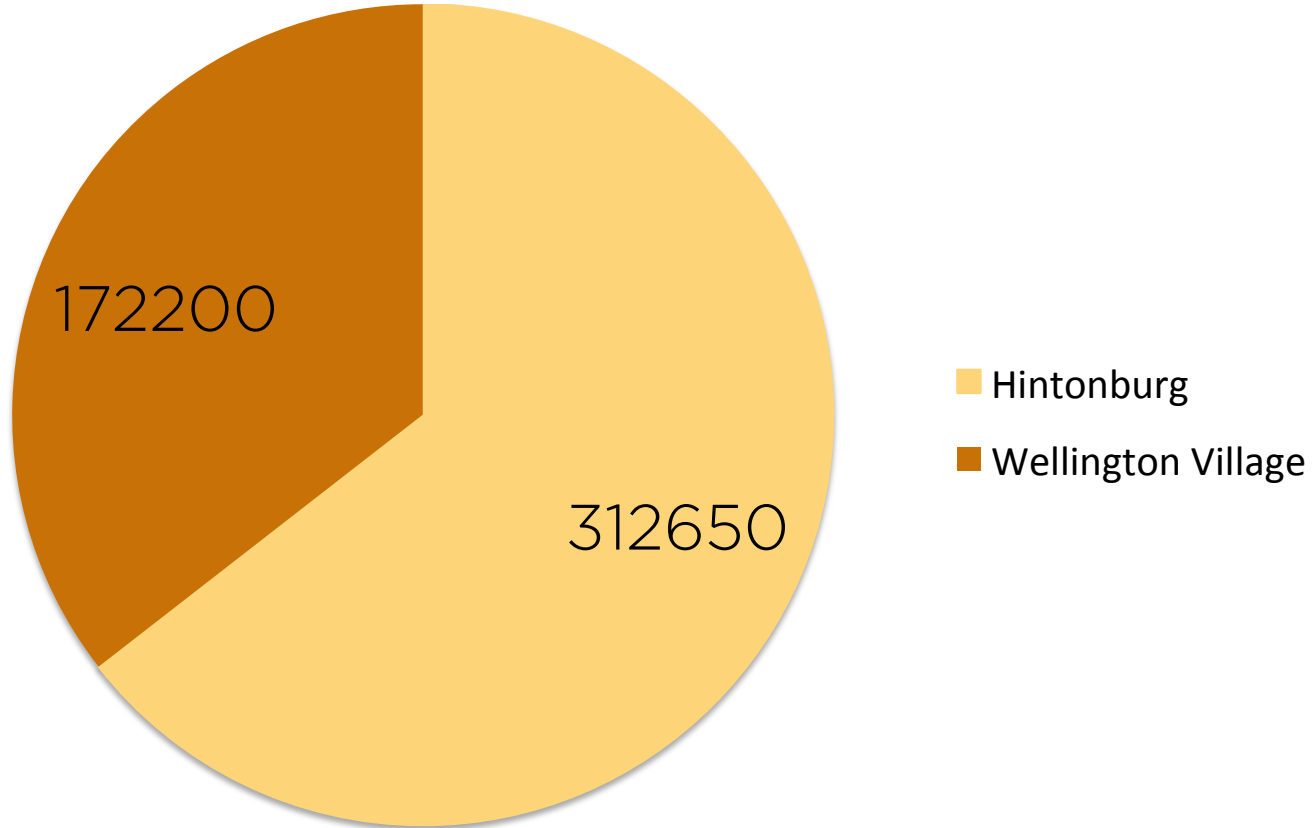
# LANGUAGES:

- English is the mother tongue of 74.5% of the residents.
- French is the mother tongue of 10.0% of the residents.
- All other languages are mother tongues of 15.5% of the residents.
- Hintonburg North highest percentage of residents (22.1% or 1.0 in 4.5) whose mother tongue is other than English or French.

The top five mother tongues after English and French are:

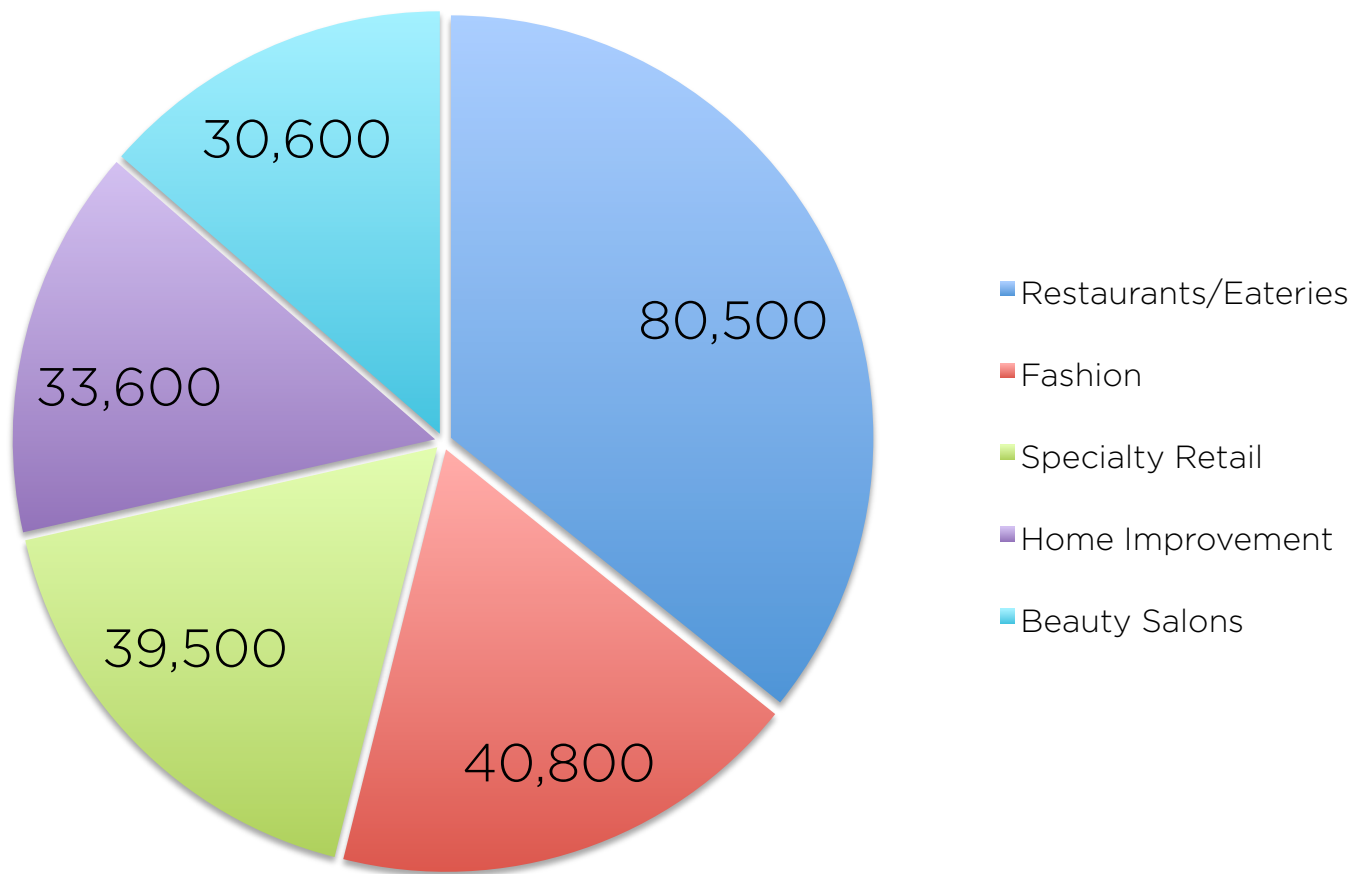
- Chinese: 210 / 1.07%
- Arabic: 165 / 0.84%
- Spanish: 115 / 0.59%
- Vietnamese: 55 / 0.28%
- Somali: 55 / 0.28%

# DISTRIBUTION OF RETAIL SPACE





# RETAIL FOOTPRINT: BY SQ. FOOTAGE



# TAKEAWAYS FOR WELLINGTON WEST BIA?

## **Suggested priorities:**

1. Learn more about shopping behaviour in Trade Area – build loyalty.
2. Market to commuters and outside workers - get them to visit / linger.
3. Focus overall messaging on shopping experience / unique differentiators.
4. Work with property managers to attract regional draw retailers.
5. Build digital marketing fundamentals across member base.



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