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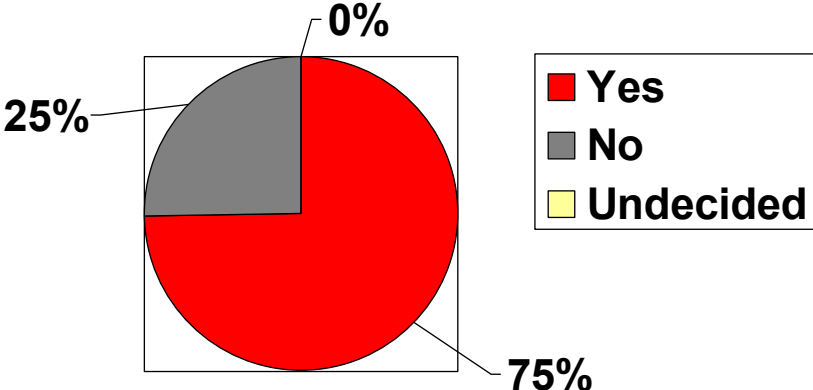
**Cayman Islands
Chamber of Commerce**

Sunday Trading Survey Results

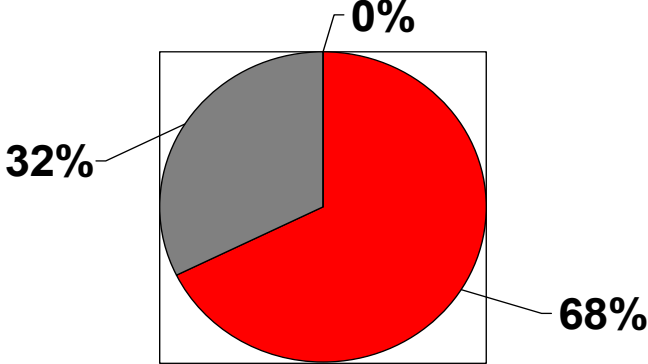


Do you support allowing all businesses the option of opening on Sundays?

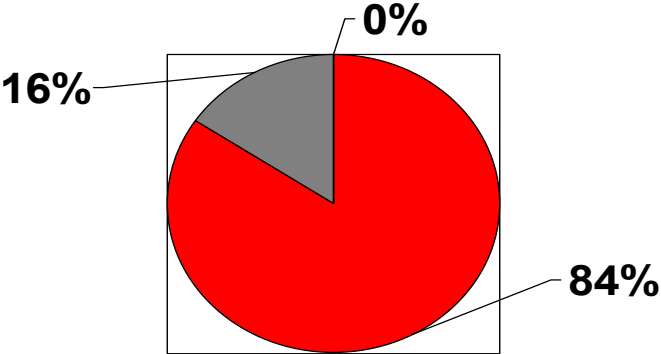
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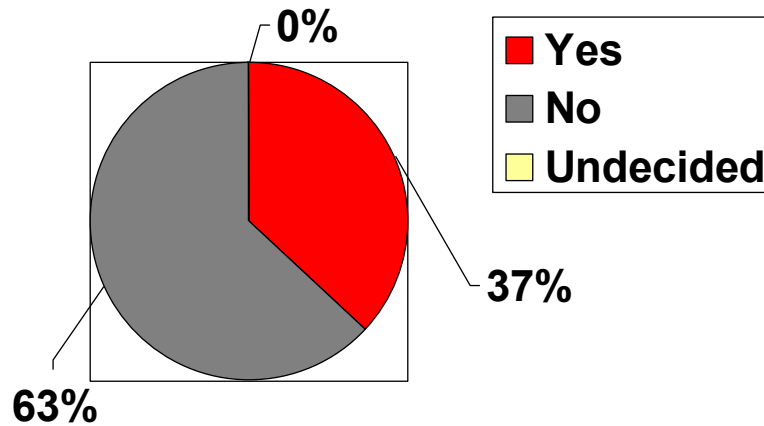


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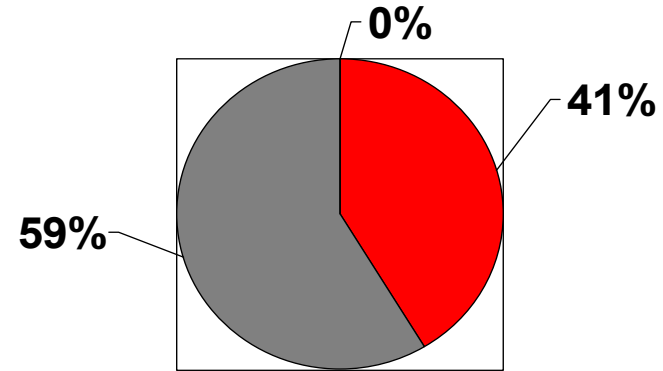


Do you support amending the Sunday Trading Law to prohibit all businesses with the exception of those serving tourists and emergency services from opening on Sunday?

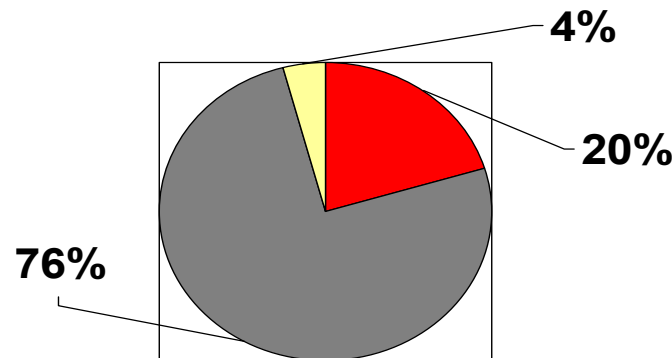
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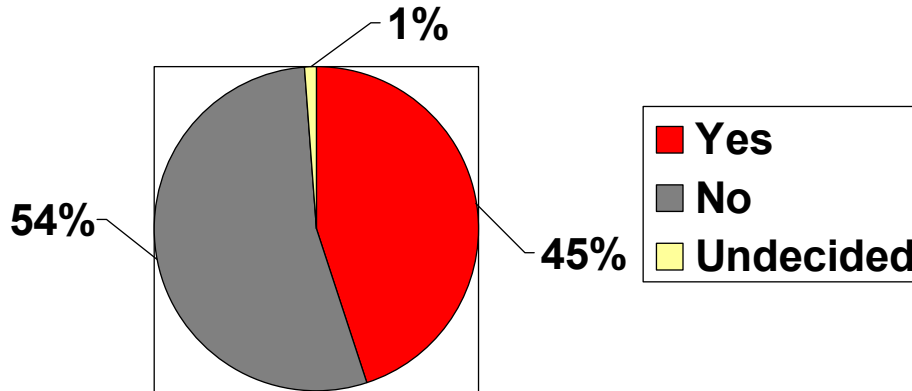


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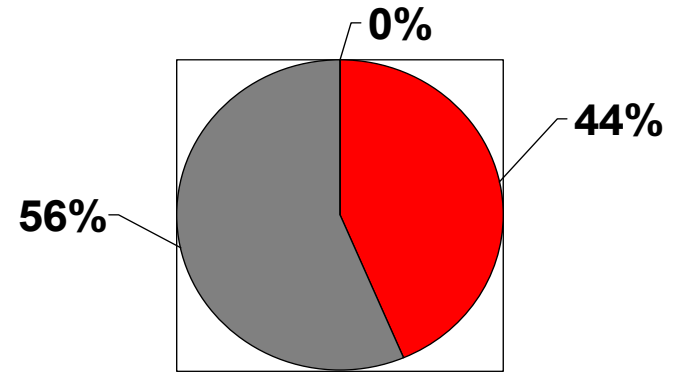


If all businesses were permitted to open on Sunday, would you open your business?

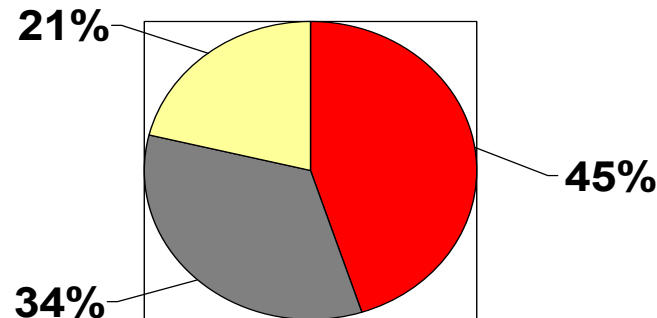
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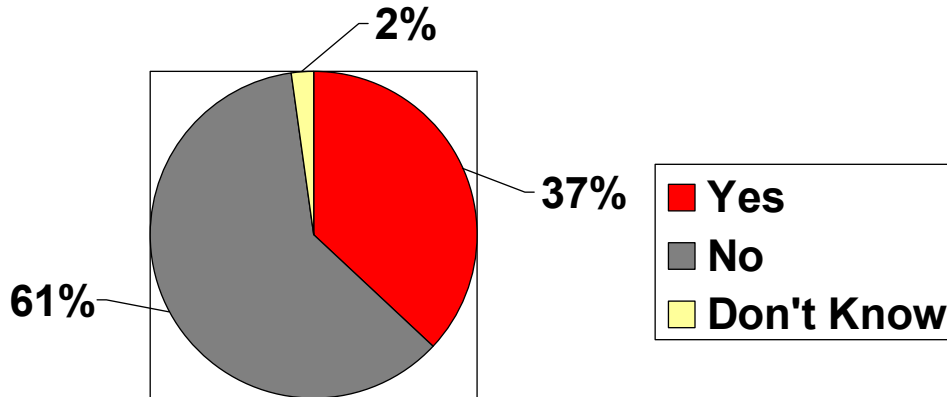


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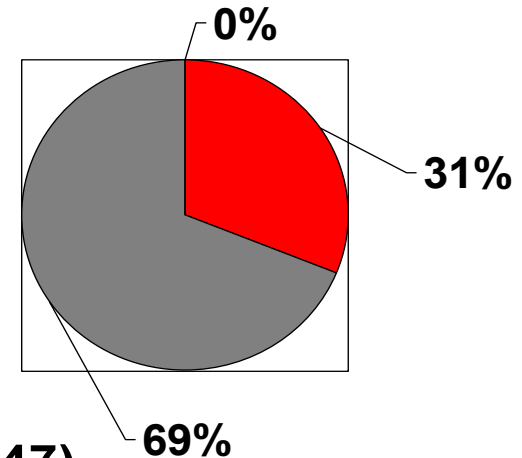


Is your business currently allowed to open on Sunday under the Sunday Trading Law?

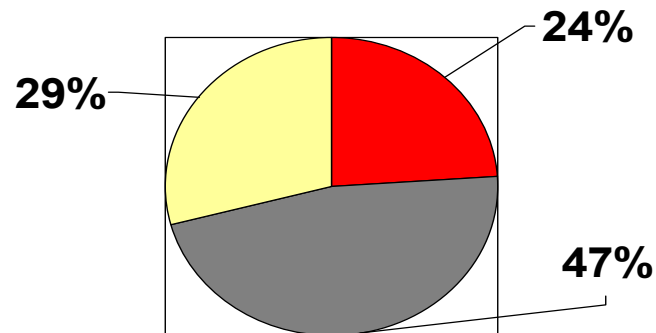
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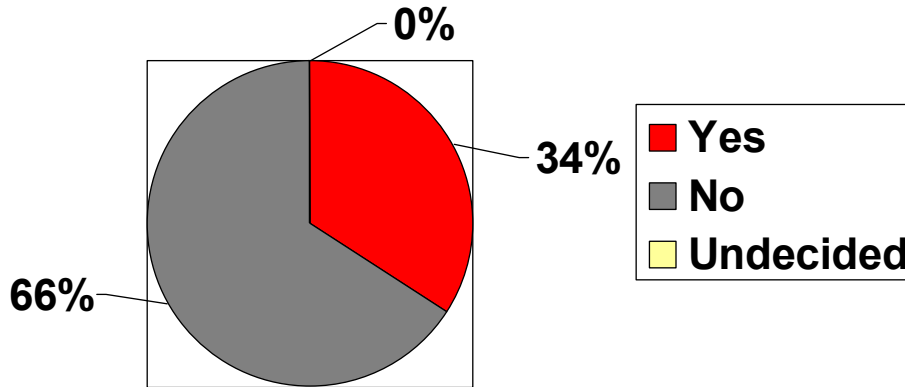


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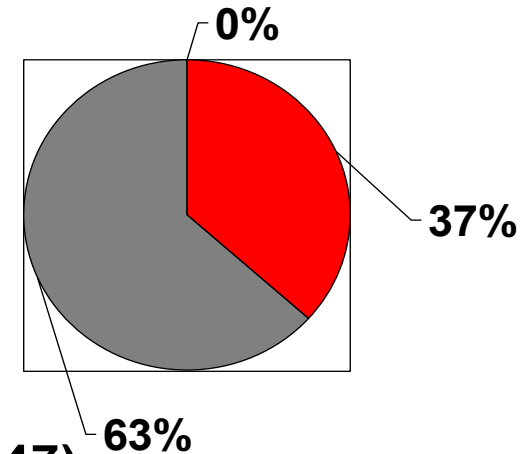


Do you believe Sunday Trading would diminish Cayman's quality of life?

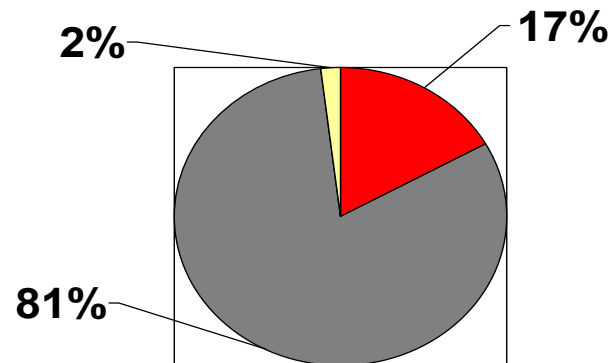
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Top 5 Comments received

1. Most people agree that the supermarkets should be allowed to open.

“It is hypocritical to allow bars and restaurants to be open whilst supermarkets cannot - so one can go out and get drunk but can't go to the supermarket to buy food !!!!”.

“As far as I am concerned... If someone can go to a bar and get drunk on Sunday, I should be able to go and shop for food for my family.”

2. Businesses should be able to choose whether they would like to open.

“Allow choice. Give freedom of choice and let people make their own minds about whether they want to shop or go to Church.”

"Let the merchants be like the shoppers - open if you want to --shop if you want to."

Top 5 Comments received

3. Separate church & state.

“I assume the reason for the law was to maintain a certain quality of life in regard to respecting the sabbath but it isn't everybody's sabbath...” Sunday Trading makes no allowances for Seventh Day Adventists and other religions that consider days other than Sunday to be their holy days. A separation of church and state is the ideal. Those who consider it wrong to open on Sunday or any other day will not open. There is no need for a law to enforce what many do not believe in. An intelligent employer will not force employees to work when the employee does not want to work. The employer can find someone who doesn't mind working a particular day of the week or certain hours of the day, and the employee can find a job that matches his or her preferences. Allowing businesses to open on Sunday could make more jobs available.”

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4. Religious differences in regard to “holy days”.

“Many people serve on Saturday so does this mean we have to close all shops on Saturday. If we have to close all stores on Sunday we must share the same respect for those who worship on Saturday.”

5. Family values

“Sunday trading has destroyed family time in the UK, forcing people to work, keeping roads busy 7 days a week, and has increased business costs. People buy a finite volume of goods, opening on Sunday does not increase this.”

“We are a Country built on our Christian values. Sunday has always been set aside for family. Given today's fast paced life with both parents working, let us not take this away from our Children also. When we have our youth becoming a problem to society, we want to blame everyone and everything where in fact had some quality time been spent with that child the results could very well be different. Let us not trade our values and morals for the \$\$\$\$....”

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