

Attachments

The following items have been uploaded as attachments to this Annual Plan.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, on-site Performance Management Review (PMR) assessments by the Facilities Management Specialists were cancelled for the December fiscal year end housing authorities. Therefore, the Facility Management categories have been omitted from the PMR document.

- Cover sheet for AP Survey
- Tenant Satisfaction Survey 667 Program
- Tenant Satisfaction Survey 200 and 705 Program

Resident Surveys – Background

Since 2016 DHCD has been working with the Center for Survey Research (CSR) at the University of Massachusetts Boston to survey residents in the state public housing units it oversees. The surveys are confidential, mailed directly to the residents and returned to the Center by mail (or, starting in 2019, completed on-line). CSR surveys residents of elderly/disabled units (also known as c. 667 developments) and family units (also known as c. 705 and c. 200 developments).

During each round, all individual residents are mailed surveys, with one exception: in the case of the twelve housing authorities with more than 225 c. 200 family units, a randomly selected group of 225 residents was surveyed at each housing authority. This group was determined to be large enough to generate statistically useful results. In both rounds, responses from c.200 and c.705 residents are always combined together.

Round One Surveys (2016 – 2018)

In Round One of the surveys, CSR surveyed residents of elderly/disabled developments (c. 667) in three groups in the Fall of 2016, 2017 and 2018. CSR surveyed residents of family units (c. 705 and c. 200 developments) in the Spring of 2016. (Note: there are many more c. 667 units, so they were broken down into three groups).

Notes re: Round One Surveys

1. In previous publications of this survey data, if there were at least twenty responses from residents of an authority's c.667 units or from their c.200/705 units, then there is a separate report for that program.
2. However, to be consistent with the new Round Two methodology described below, we recalculated the Round One data using the new methodology. Since we no longer combine c.667 results with c.200/705 results, a number of LHAs no longer have a report for their c.200/705 units, given the small data set for those units.

Round Two Surveys (2019 – 2022)

Round Two of the surveys began in 2019. CSR surveyed about one-third of the elderly/disabled residents in Fall 2019 and all of the family residents in Fall 2020. We expect the remaining elderly/disabled residents to be surveyed in Fall 2021 and Fall 2022.

Notes re: Round Two Surveys

1. We refined our reporting methodology and will issue survey results for any program (c. 667 or c. 200/705) meeting these requirements:
 - 8-19 completed surveys received, if the response rate is at least 40%
 - 20-29 completed surveys received, if the response rate is at least 20%
 - 30+ completed surveys received, if the response rate is at least 15%
2. Responses from the family units will not be combined with responses from elderly/disabled units as they were in Round One. Since the variance between the results of the elderly/disabled and family programs was sometimes significant, combining the two was determined to yield less accurate results.

BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Chapter 667 Housing Summary Fall 2016

The Center for Survey Research at the University of Massachusetts Boston sent surveys to 9624 housing units (Chapter 667) in Massachusetts in the fall of 2016. 5511 residents responded.

Surveys were sent to **174** housing units (Chapter 667) in the **Boston Housing Authority**. **69** surveys were completed.

This report provides some information about how the residents from the **Boston Housing Authority** who answered the survey responded. It compares answers to those from the entire state and to those from large LHAs in Greater Boston. These large LHAs in the Greater Boston area include: Boston, Chelsea, and Quincy.

Communication

Residents in Ch. 667 housing were asked about how they interacted with the Boston Housing Authority in the last 12 months. The table below shows what percentage of residents said they did each of the following:

	Boston Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Greater Boston*	Entire State
Contacted management about a problem or concern.....	75%	77%	76%
Felt they were usually or always treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted management.....	81%	71%	88%
Saw the Capital Improvement Plan.....	33%	24%	31%
Saw the Operating Budget.....	13%	14%	17%
Knew the Executive Director held a meeting with residents...	49%	45%	53%

* Large LHAs in the Greater Boston area include: Boston, Chelsea, and Quincy.

Services and Programs

65% of the Boston Housing Authority residents in Ch. 667 who responded to the survey said they would be interested in services and programs. Here are the services and programs residents said they would be most interested in participating in:

	Boston Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Greater Boston	Entire State
Job training programs.....	12%	8%	6%
Money management programs (<i>budgeting, taxes, income building</i>).....	12%	9%	9%
Children's programs (<i>tutoring, childcare, afterschool programs</i>).....	15%	5%	2%
Health and Medical Services (<i>visiting nurse, meal programs</i>).....	42%	45%	35%
Adult Education (<i>GED, ESL, educational counseling</i>)	19%	17%	11%

Maintenance and Repair

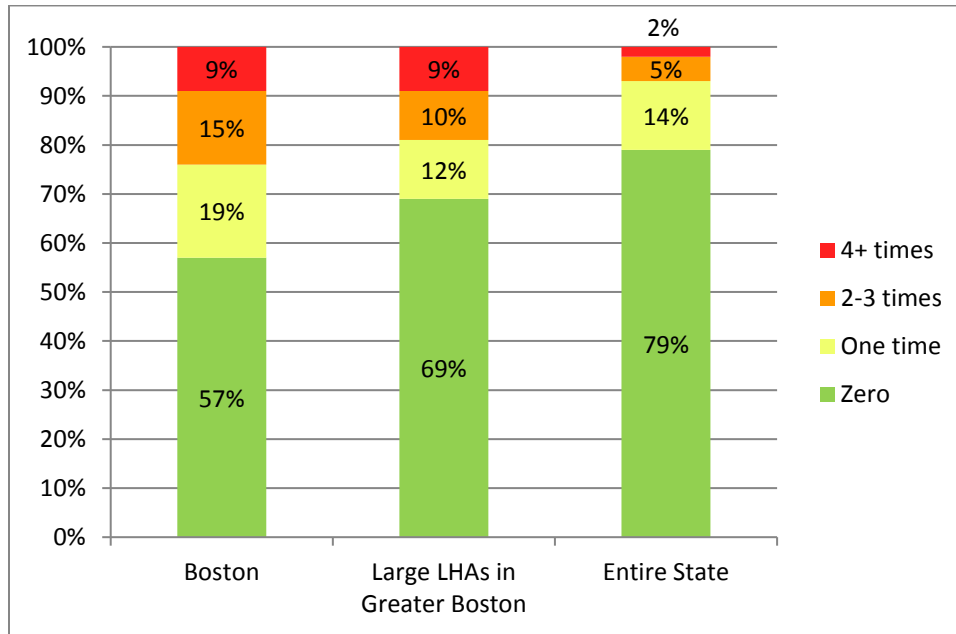
- **Who had problems?** Less than half of respondents had a problem with their heating and about half had a plumbing problem in the last 12 months.

	Boston Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Greater Boston	Entire State
Had a heating problem.....	41%	29%	20%
Had a problem with water or plumbing.....	49%	56%	48%

- **Heating Problems**

How many times did residents have heating problems?

The charts below shows how many times respondents had heat problems in the last 12 months. The green part of the bars shows what percentage of residents did not have the problem at all. The yellow shows who had the problem one time. The orange shows those who had the problem 2-3 times. And the red shows those who had the problem 4 or more times in the last 12 months.

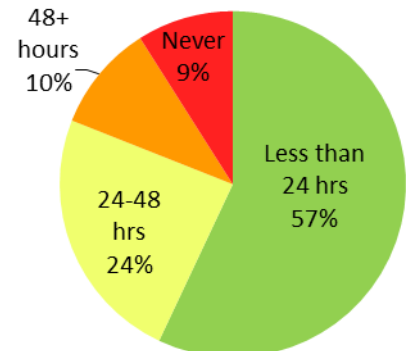
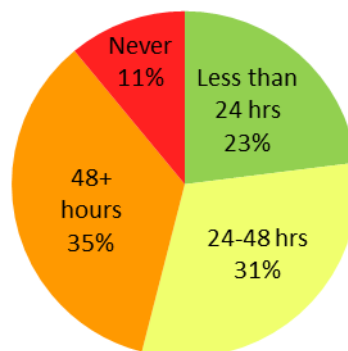
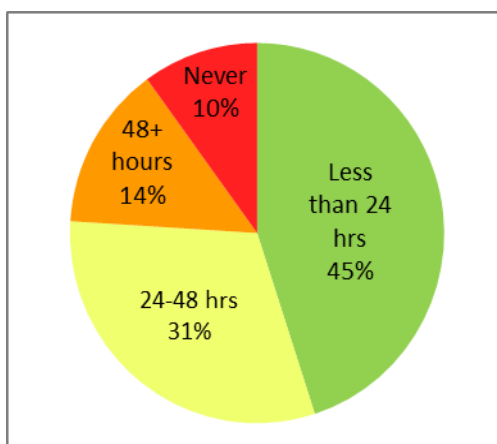


How long did it take to fix the heating problems? For those respondents who had problems, we asked how long it usually took for the problems to be fixed – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, more than 48 hours, or never fixed.

Boston Housing Authority

Large LHAs in Boston

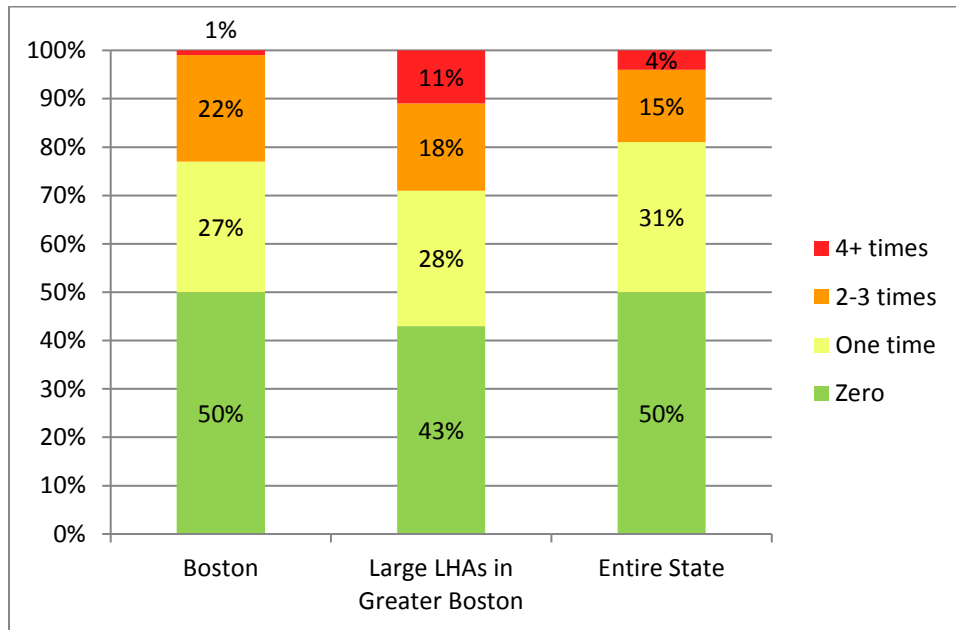
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- **Water or Plumbing Problems**

How many times did residents have problems with their water or plumbing?

The charts below shows how many times respondents had water or plumbing problems in the last 12 months. The green part of the bars shows what percentage of residents did not have the problem at all. The yellow shows who had the problem one time. The orange shows those who had the problem 2-3 times. And the red shows those who had the problem 4 or more times in the last 12 months.

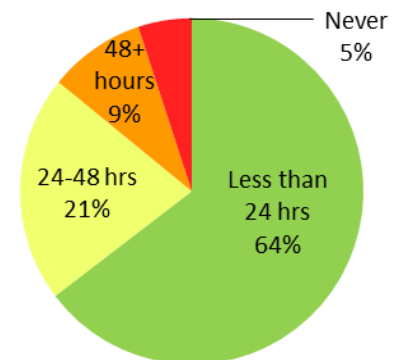
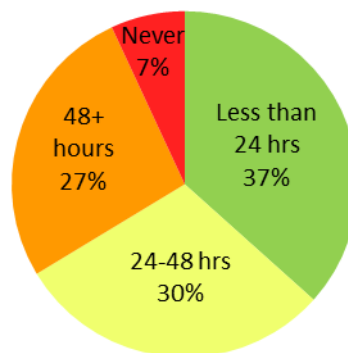
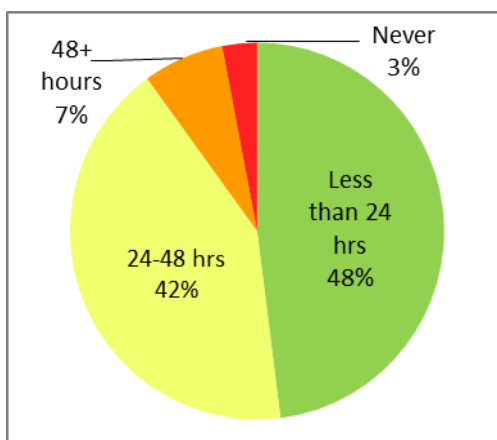


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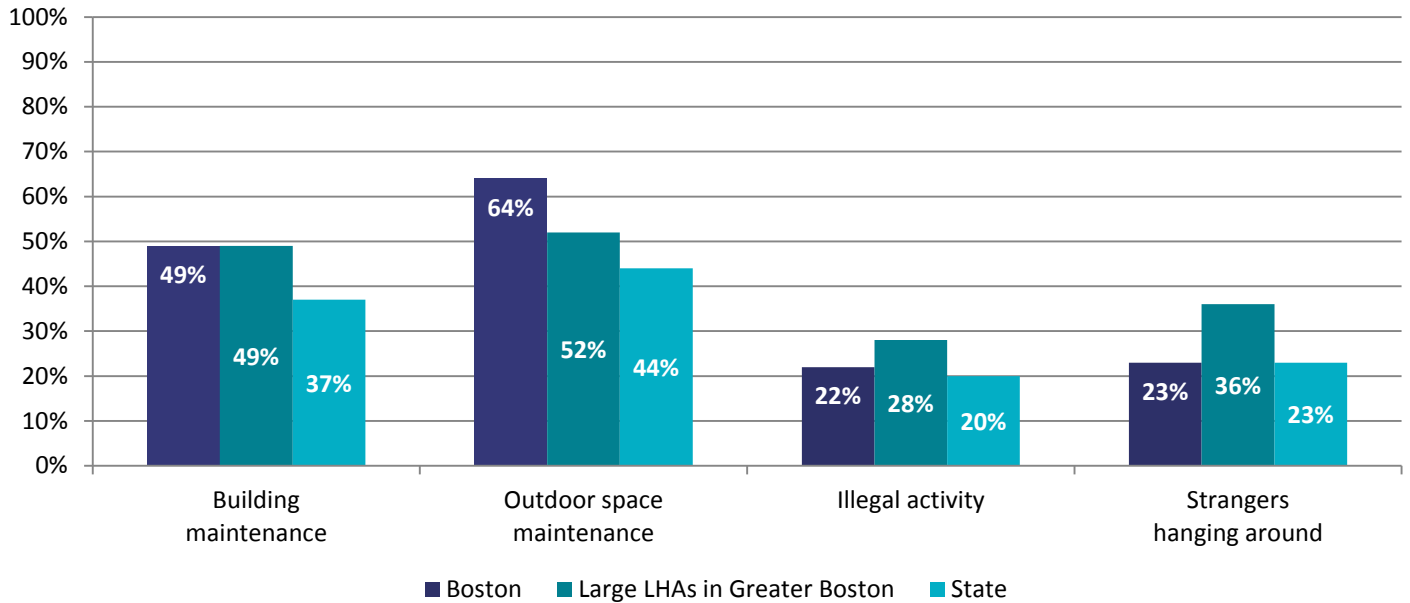
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- What other problems did respondents have?** Respondents were asked how often they had problems with: building maintenance (*such as clean halls and stairways and having lights and elevators that work*), outdoor space maintenance (*such as litter removal and clear walk ways*), illegal activity in the development, and strangers hanging around who should not be there. The chart below shows what percentage of respondents said that they “always” or “sometimes” had this problem in the last 12 months.

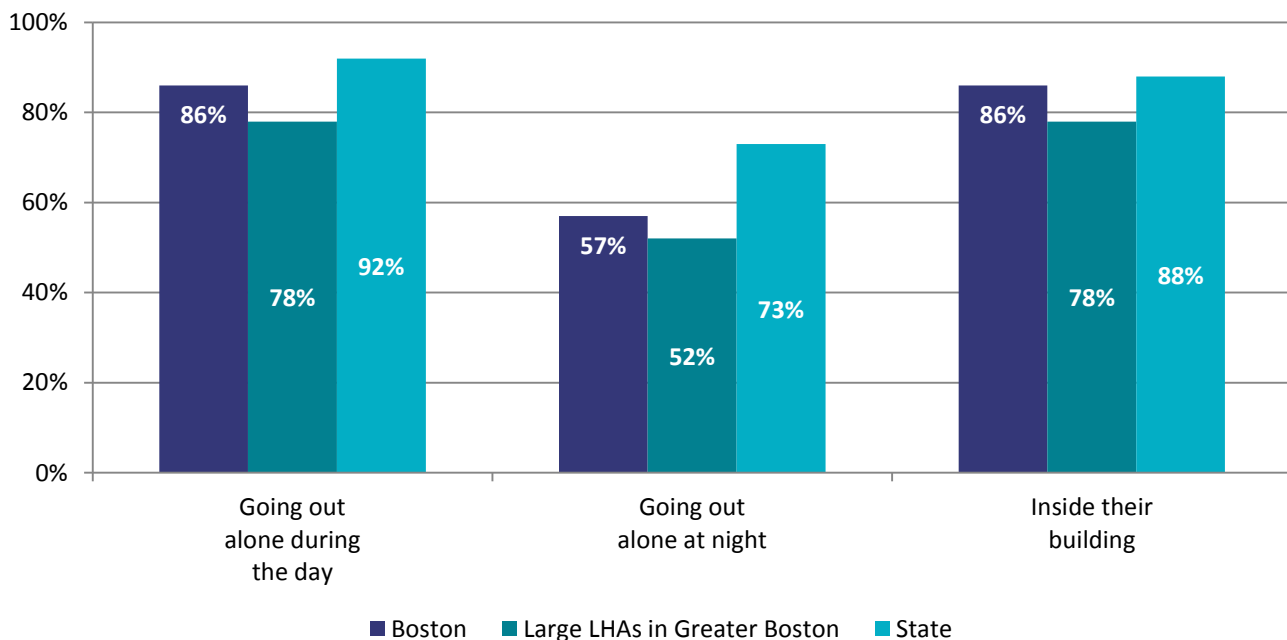
Respondents who “always” or “sometimes” had problems with...



Safety

Respondents were asked how safe they felt in their building and going outside alone. The chart below shows what percentage of people said they felt “very safe” or “mostly” safe.

Respondents who felt “very safe” or “mostly safe”



Boston Housing Authority

Chapter 200 & Chapter 705 Family Housing

Fall 2020

DHCD is working with the Center for Survey Research at the University of Massachusetts Boston to survey residents in the housing units it oversees.

In the Fall of 2020, surveys were sent to 10,163 family housing units (Chapters 200 and 705). 2,124 surveys were filled out and returned.

In the **Boston Housing Authority**, surveys were sent to a total of **367** Boston housing units, **67** surveys were completed.

This report provides some information about how the residents from the **Boston Housing Authority** answered the survey. It compares their answers to those from residents in the entire state and to those from large LHAs in Metro Boston. These large LHAs in Metro Boston include: Arlington, Boston, Everett, Chelsea, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Waltham, Watertown. (Please note that survey data may not have been received from each one of these nearby LHAs.)

Communication

- Communication with management:** Residents were asked about how they interacted with their Housing Authorities in the last 12 months. The table below shows what percentage of residents said they did each of the following:

	Boston Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Metro Boston*	Entire State
Felt they were usually or always treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted management.....	81%	69%	71%
Knew the Executive Director held a meeting with residents.....	14%	11%	15%

* Large LHAs in Metro Boston include: Arlington, Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Waltham, Watertown. (Please note that survey data may not have been received from each one of these nearby LHAs.)

Maintenance and Repair

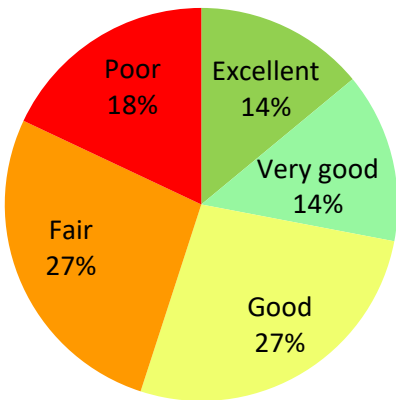
- Communication with maintenance staff:** Residents were asked about their interactions with the Boston Housing Authority maintenance staff in the last 12 months.

	Boston Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Metro Boston	Entire State
Felt they were usually or always treated with courtesy and respect when they contacted maintenance.....	79%	72%	75%
Were contacted by the Housing Authority before staff entered their apartment.....	94%	86%	86%

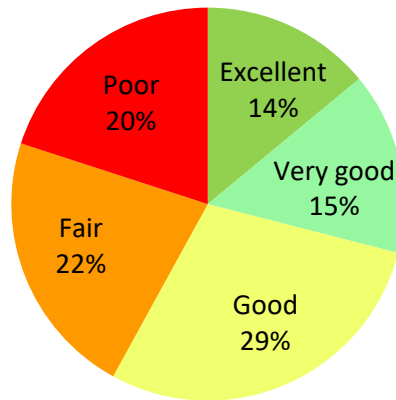
- Overall maintenance:** Respondents were asked how they would rate overall building maintenance (such as clean halls and stairways and having lights and elevators that work) and outdoor space maintenance (such as litter removal and clear walkways) in the last 12 months.

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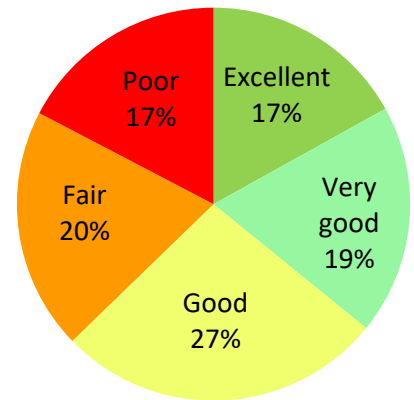
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Large LHAs in Metro Boston

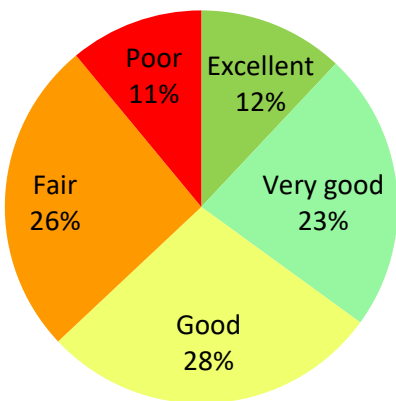


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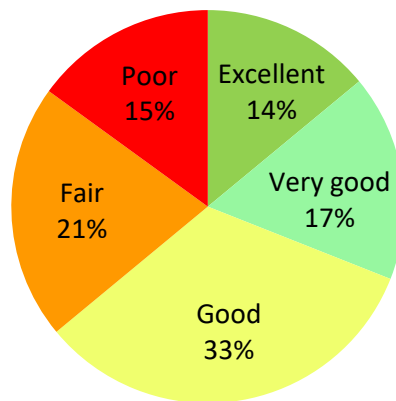


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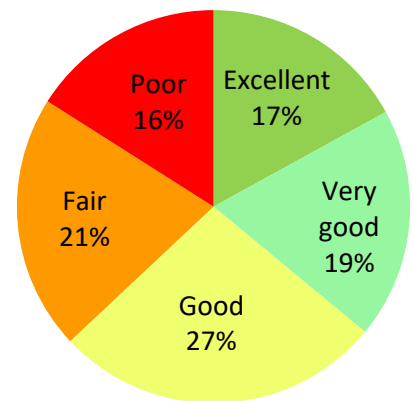
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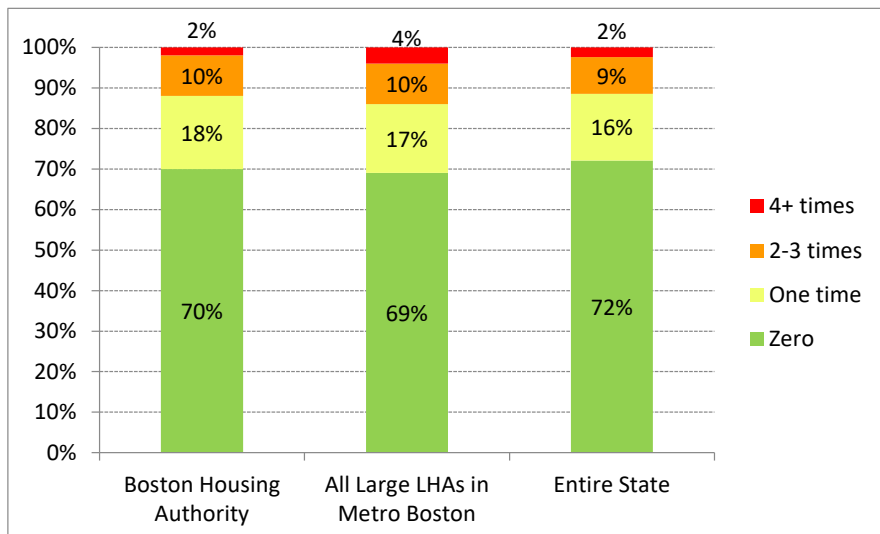
- **Heating and Water Problems:** About one half of respondents had a problem with their heating and about two-thirds had a plumbing problem in the last 12 months.

	Boston Housing Authority	Large LHAs in Metro Boston	Entire State
Had any heating problem.....	45%	55%	56%
Had any water problem.....	70%	74%	74%

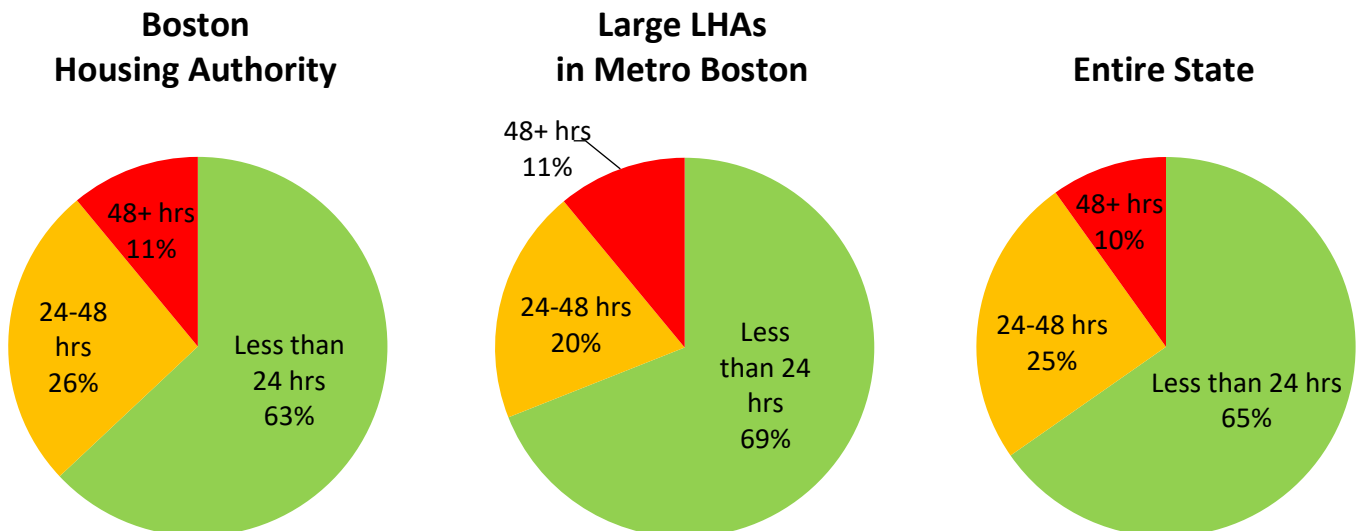
- **Heating Problems**

How many times did residents completely lose heat?

The chart below shows how many times respondents had completely lost heat in the last 12 months. The green part of the bars shows what percentage of residents never completely lost heat. The yellow shows who lost heat one time. The orange shows those who lost heat 2-3 times. And the red shows those who lost heat 4 or more times in the last 12 months.



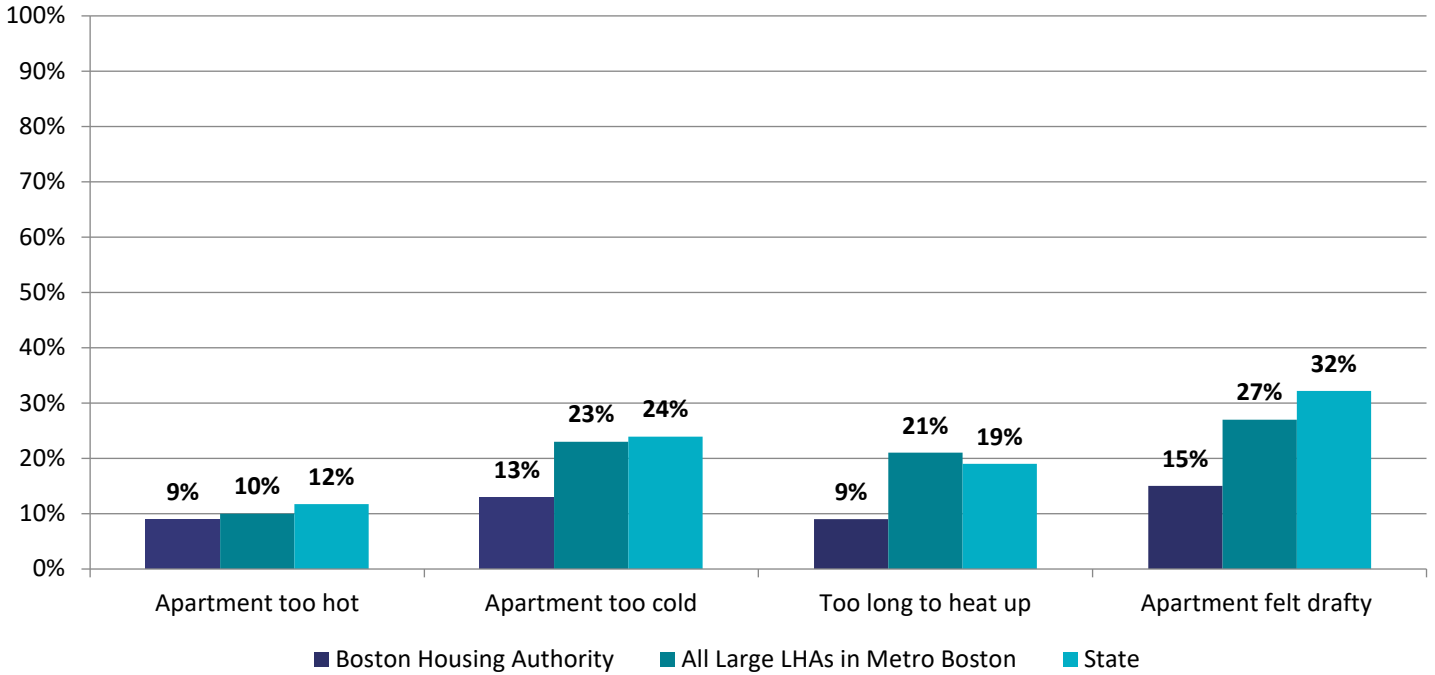
How long did it usually take for heat to come back on? For those respondents who reported completely losing heat, we asked how long it usually took for the heat to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.



- **Other Heating Problems**

In the last 12 months did residents have other heating problems?

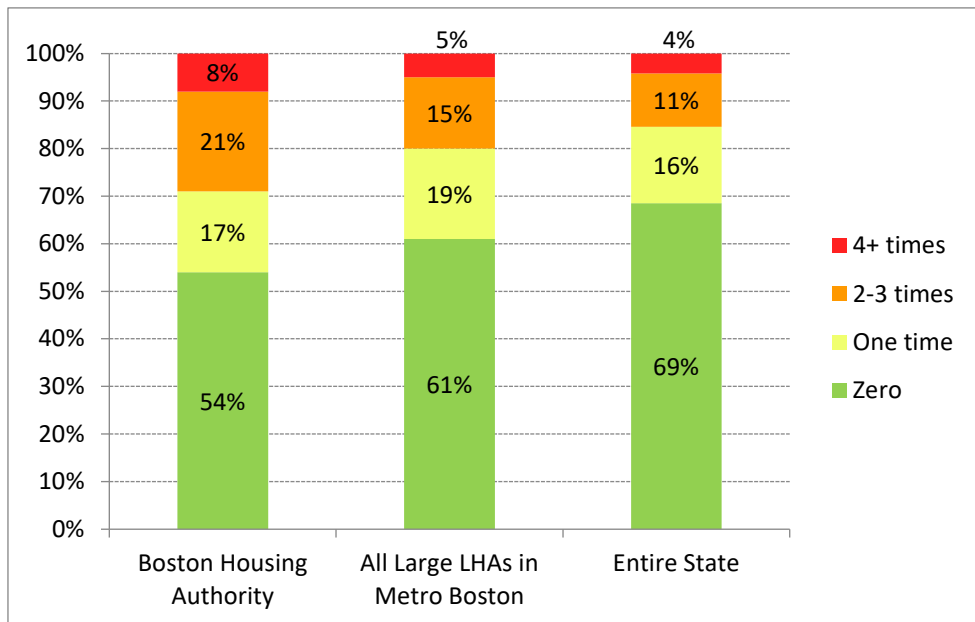
The chart below shows what percentage of residents experienced other heating problems in the last 12 months.



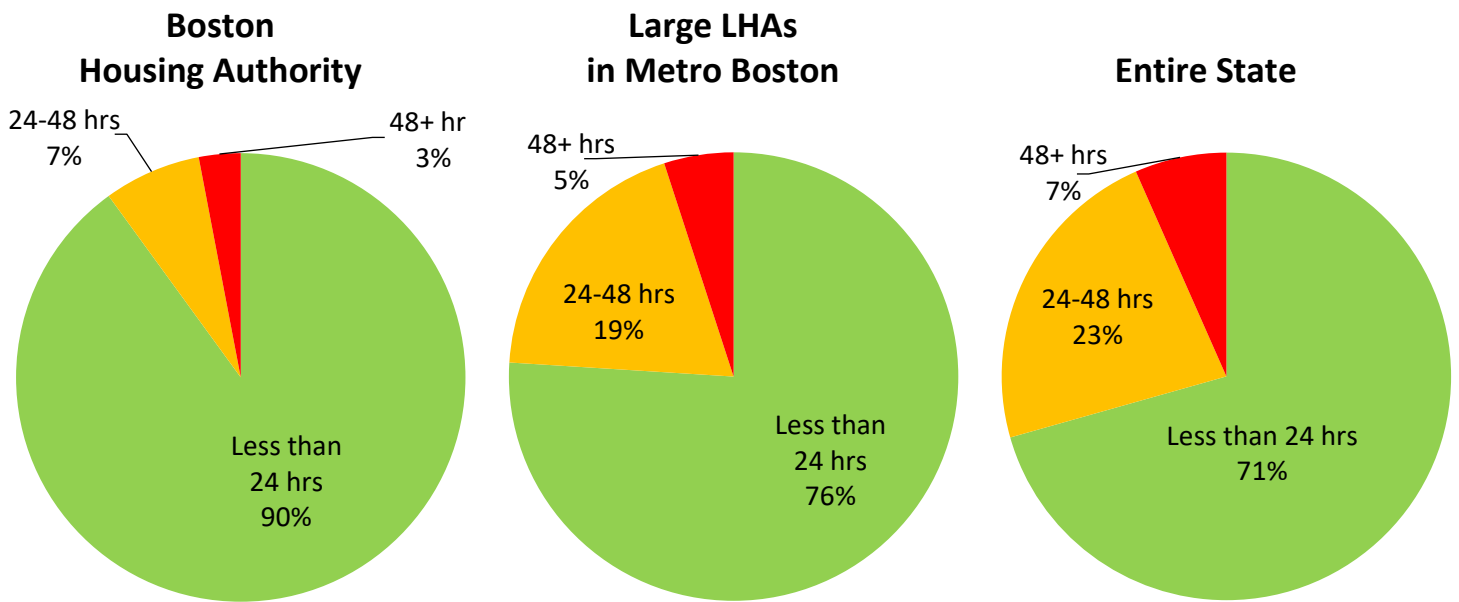
- **Water or Plumbing Problems**

How many times did residents have no hot water in their apartment?

The chart below shows how many times respondents did not have hot water in their apartment in the last 12 months. The green part of the bars shows what percentage of residents never had this problem. The yellow shows who lost hot water one time. The orange shows those who lost hot water 2-3 times. And the red shows those who lost hot water 4 or more times in the last 12 months.



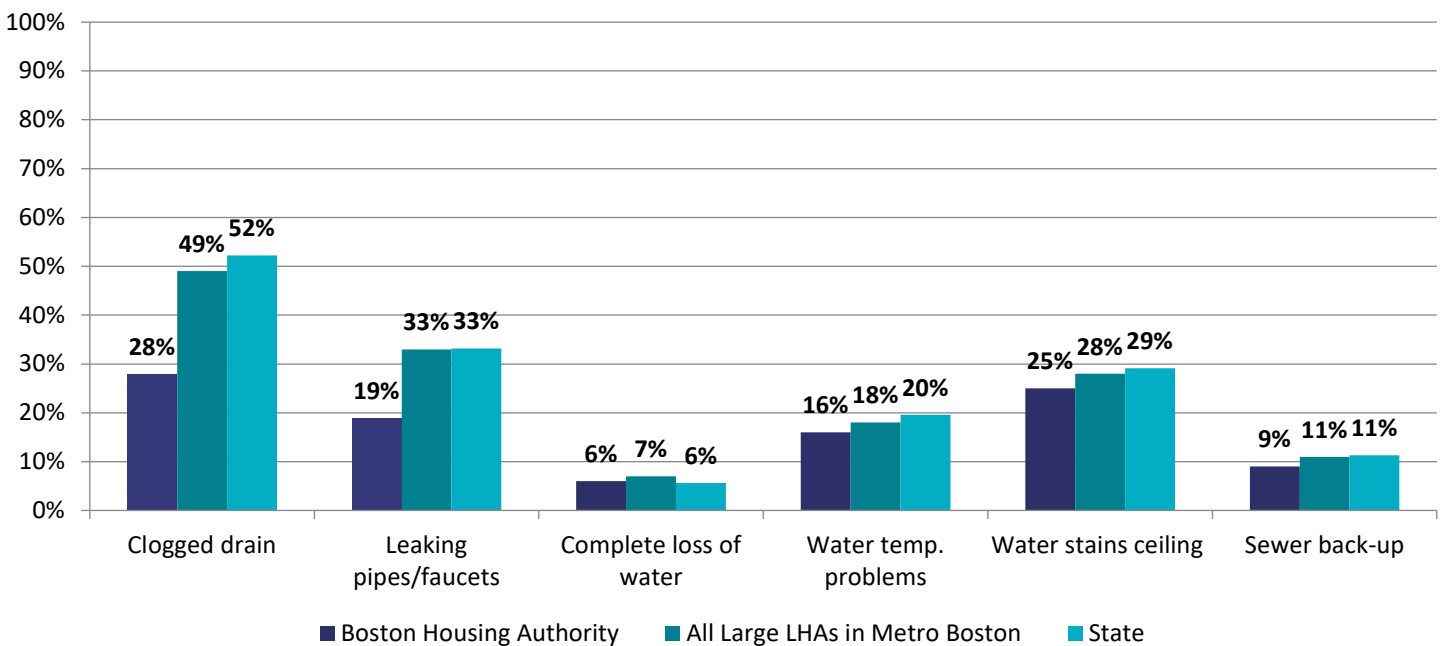
How long did it usually take for hot water to come back on? For those respondents who reported not having hot water in their apartment, we asked how long it usually took for hot water to come back on – less than 24 hours, 24 - 48 hours, or more than 48 hours.



• **Other Water or Plumbing Problems**

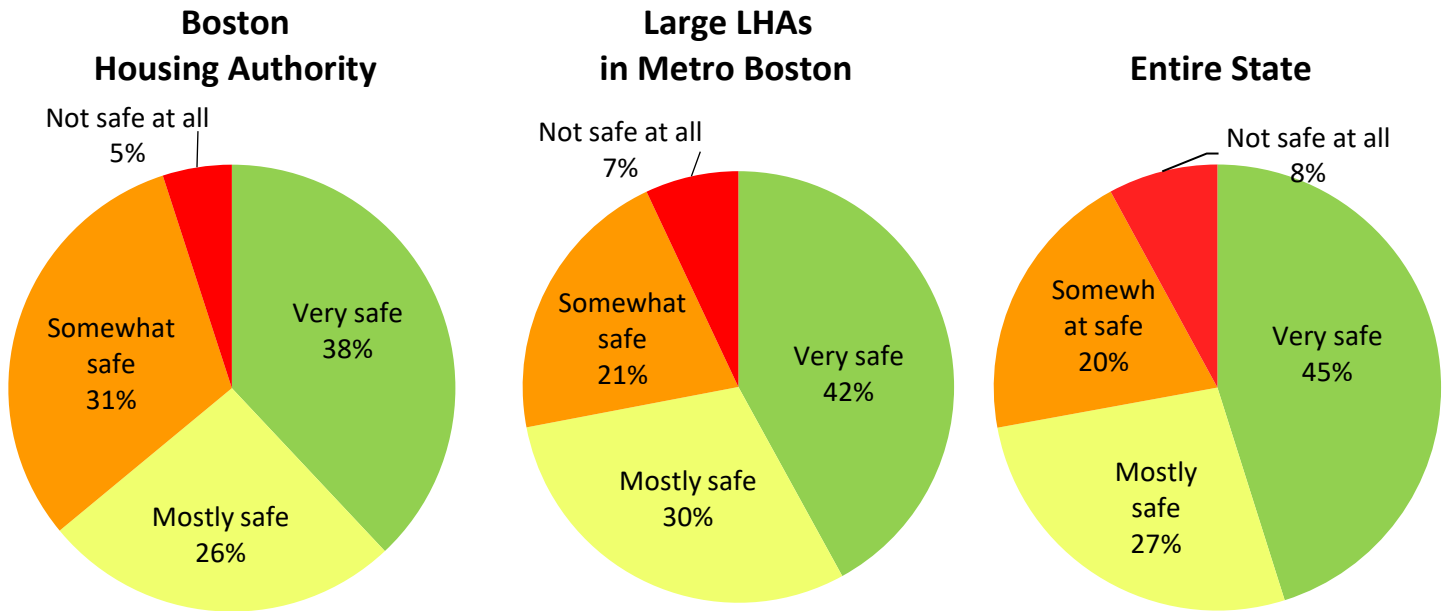
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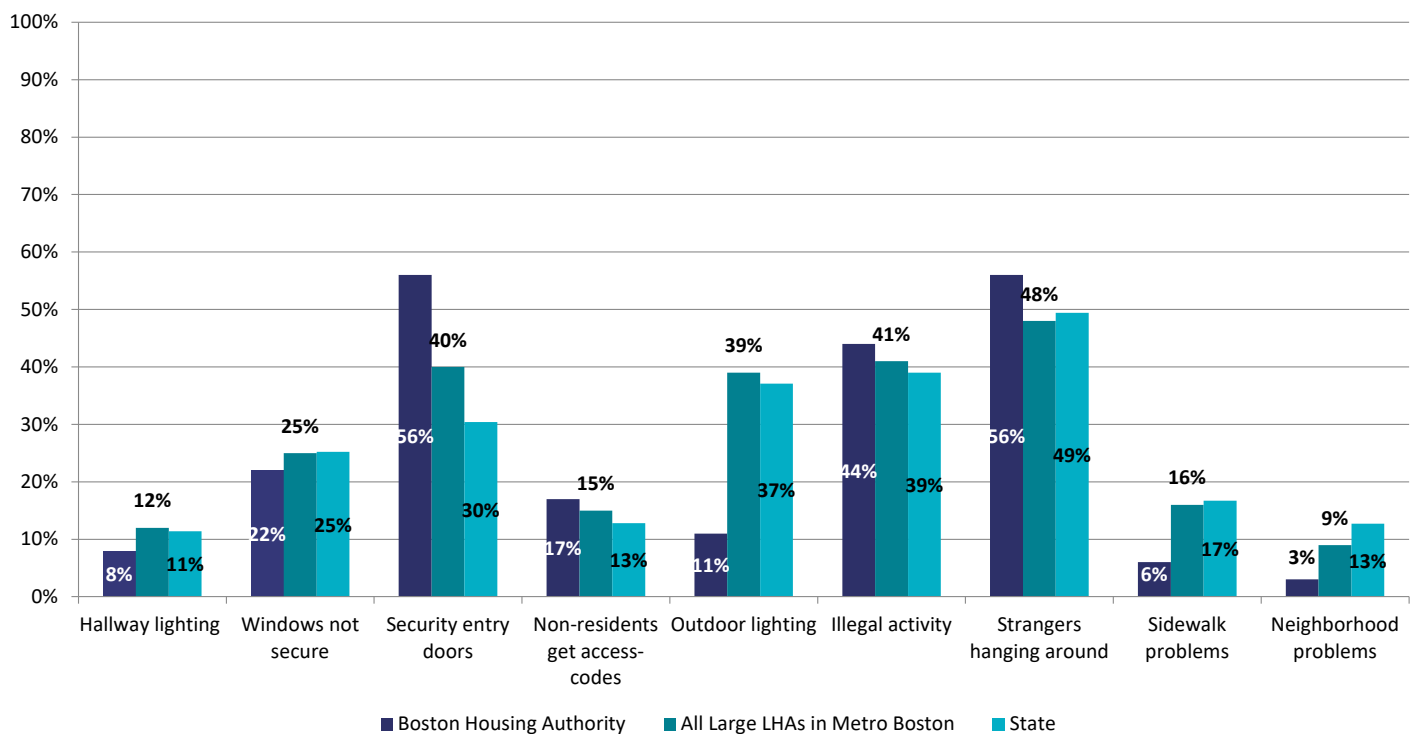


Safety

Respondents were asked how safe they felt in their development. The charts below show what percentage of residents said they felt *very safe*, *mostly safe*, *somewhat safe*, or *not safe at all* in their development in the last 12 months.



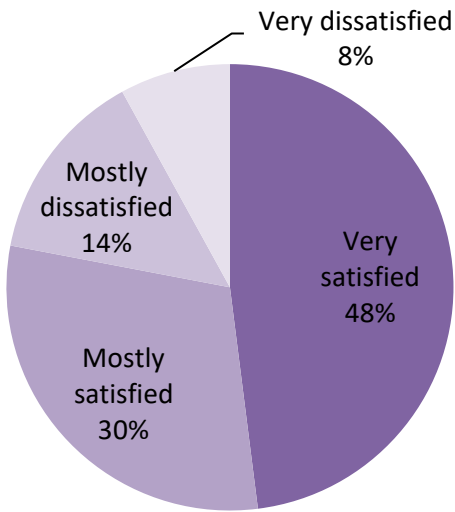
Reasons why respondents felt unsafe in their development: Respondents were asked why they felt unsafe in their development. This chart shows what specific concerns respondents mentioned.



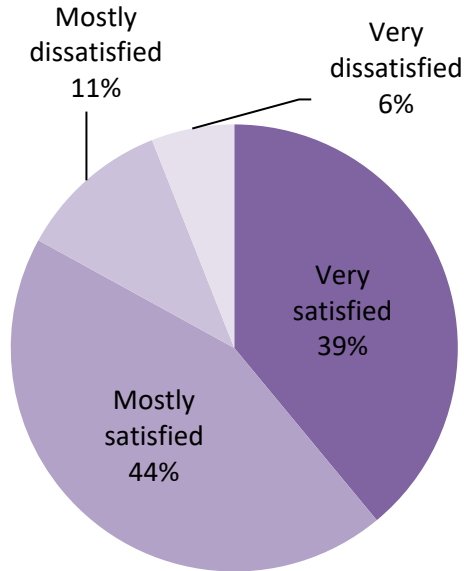
Overall Satisfaction

Respondents were asked about their overall satisfaction living in their development. The chart below shows what percentage of people said they were *very satisfied*, *mostly satisfied*, *mostly dissatisfied*, or *very dissatisfied*.

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