



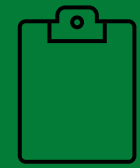
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IMPACTS OF VERMONT'S FOOD WASTE BAN ON RESIDENTS

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Methods

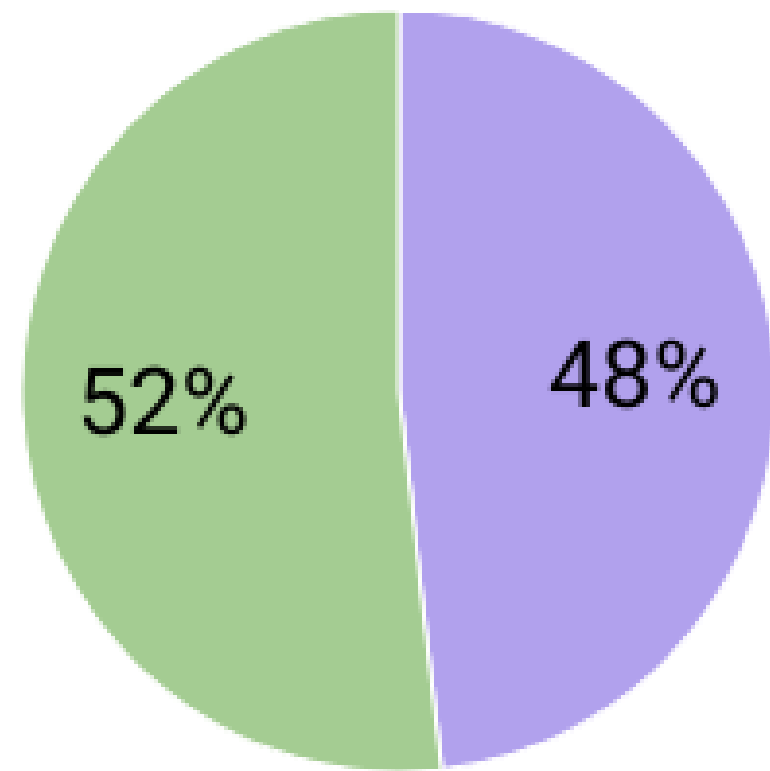


2022 Vermonter Poll

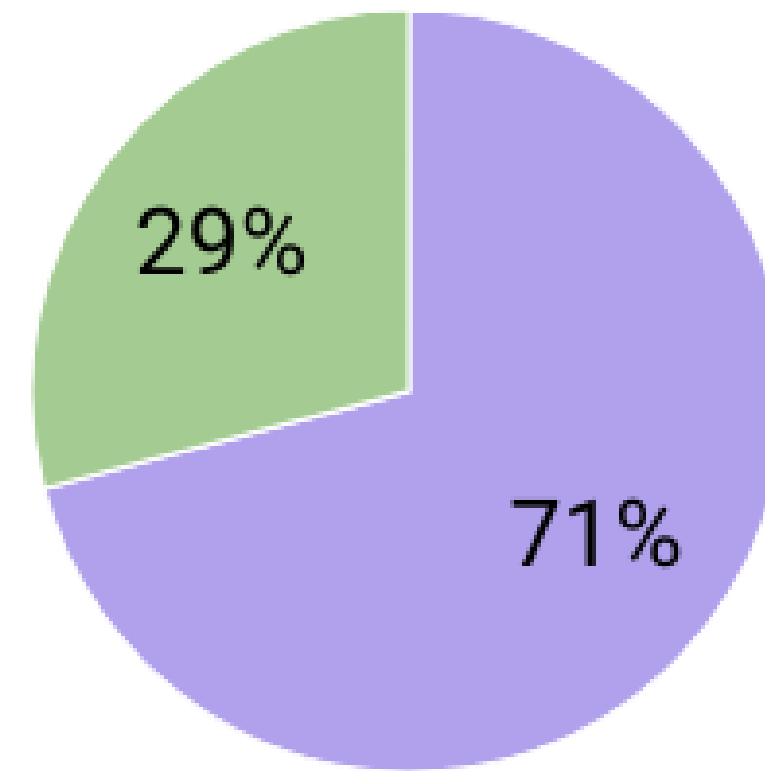
- Online survey of adults in Vermont
- March -April 2022
- Questions:
 - Food waste management
 - Perspectives on the ban
 - Experience with and needs for composting
- 782 respondents
- +/- 3.5% margin of error

Residents are separating 48% more food scraps from the trash since implementation of the ban

Separated from trash Thrown in trash



Before the ban



After the ban

Residents' opinions on the ban

Strongly disagree Disagree Unsure Agree Strongly agree

I am confused about the requirements of the food waste ban





How many people are composting?

2018: 72% of Vermont residents

2022: 83% of Vermont residents

**% Food
waste
disposed of
using each
method
(2022)**

Composted in my backyard, or given to friends or neighbors to compost

46%

Dumped in the trash

12%

Dropped off at local or community food waste facilities

10%

Picked up separately by my regular trash service

7%

Put in the sink garbage disposal

6%

Picked up by a special food waste hauler - different from my trash service

4%

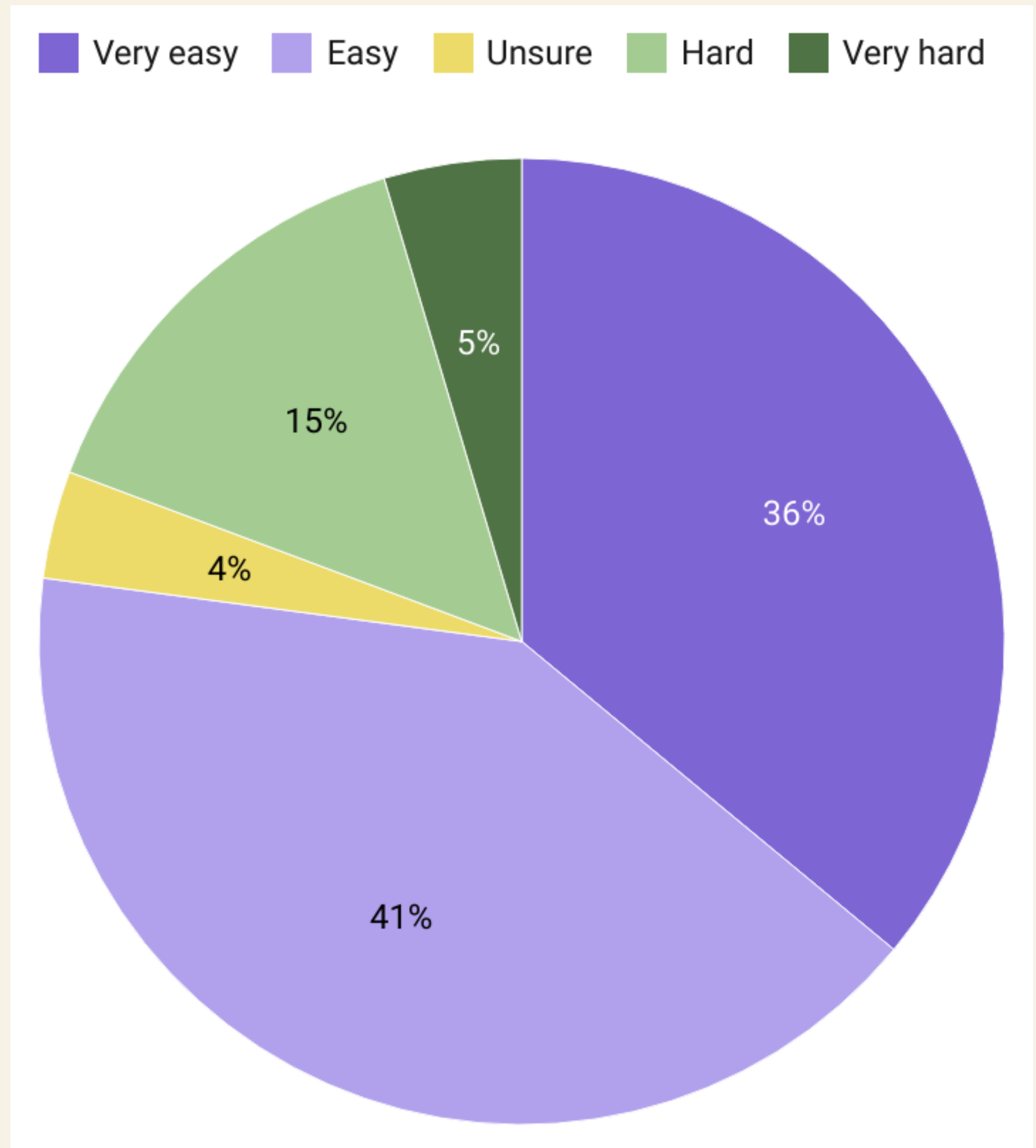
Fed to pets or livestock

4%

Another way

1%

One in five
com posters
believes that
com posting is
hard or very
hard.



Needs related to composting

Information on how to compost food scraps correctly

25%

Information about how to compost in the winter

25%

Information on how to get rid of fruit flies

20%

Financial assistance to cover the extra costs

14%

Information on food scrap haulers and their service

13%

Information on where to drop off food scraps

12%

Information on what materials to purchase

12%

Information on how to waste less food and save money

11%

Information about using food scraps for animal feed

7%



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