

French Quarter

Business Improvement Area Economic Indicators 2020

Edmonton's French Quarter is located in the heart of our city's Francophone district at 86 Avenue and Rue Marie-Anne Gaboury (91 Street), close to Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre and wonderful family-friendly green spaces. Spanning several blocks in each direction, Edmontonians gather here to work, play, shop, eat, drink and celebrate "la joie de vivre" of French culture in our city.

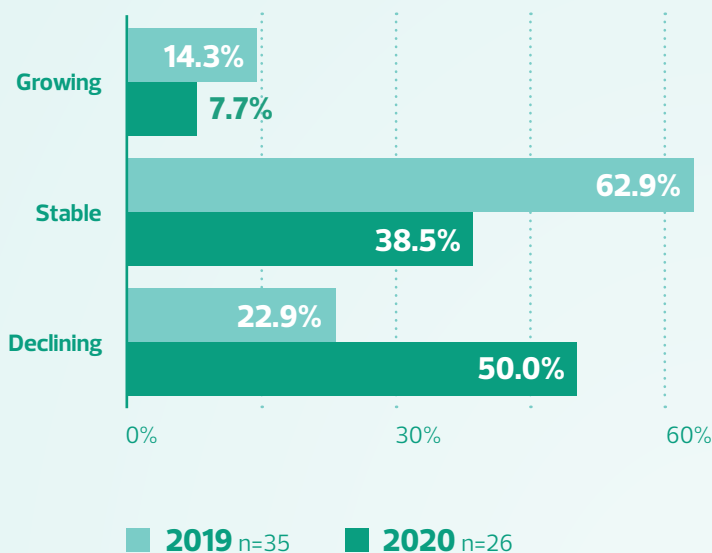
This Economic Indicators project was initiated by City Council to evaluate the overall economic well-being of Edmonton's Business Improvement Areas (BIAs). In partnership with each BIA, the City has developed a set of indicators which can be measured annually to track and report economic trends.



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INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSES ARE THRIVING

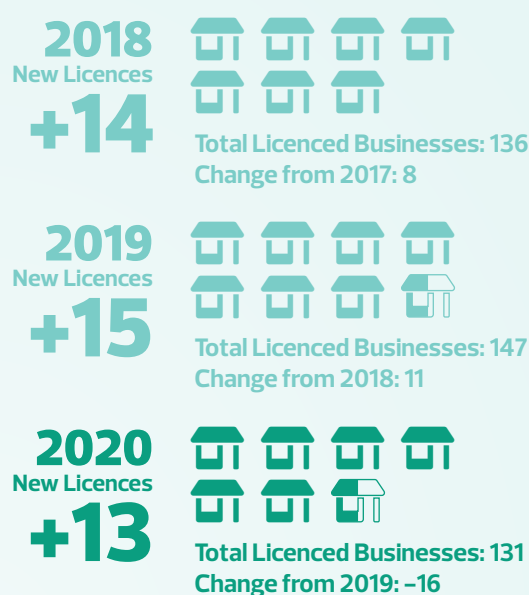
BUSINESSES REPORT THEY ARE STABLE, GROWING OR IN DECLINE



Decrease in respondents who reported growing success*

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES WITHIN A BIA IS STABLE OR GROWING

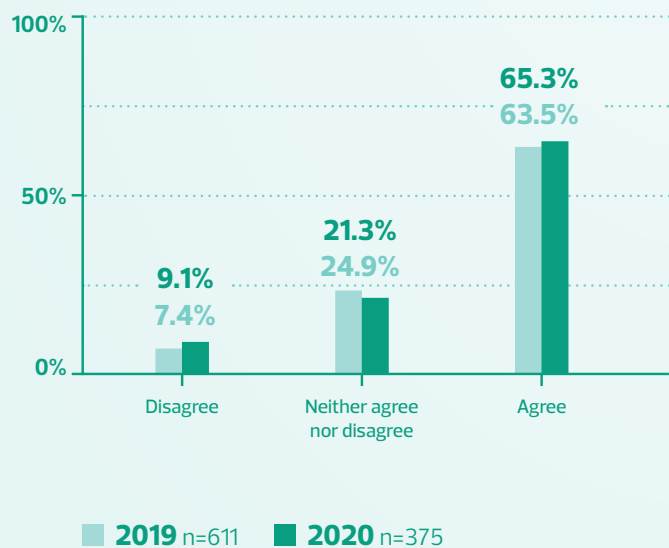
NUMBER OF LICENCED BUSINESSES, YEAR-OVER-YEAR



Net New Licenses = Negative*

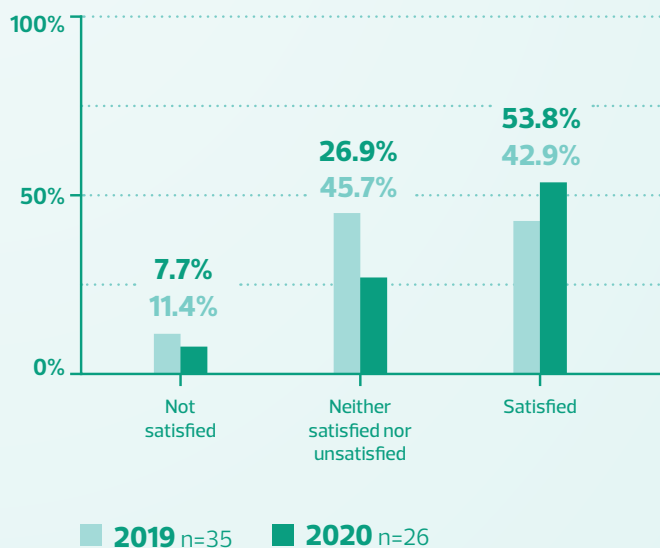
Decrease in Total Licenses* 🏠 = 2 New Business Licences

PATRONS REPORT THE BIA IS AESTHETICALLY PLEASING



Increase in 'Agree' responses*

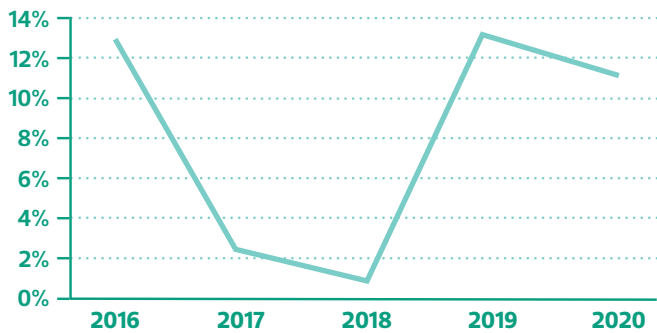
BUSINESSES REPORT THEY ARE SATISFIED WITH THE MIX OF EXISTING BUSINESSES IN THE AREA



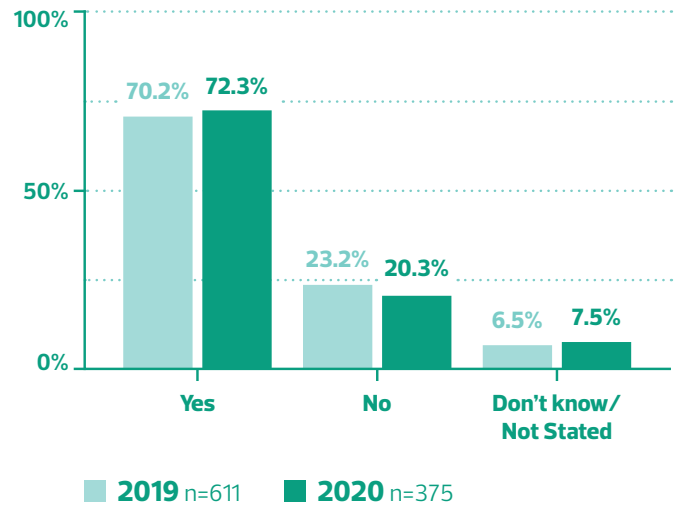
Increase in respondents who reported satisfaction*

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY VACANCY RATE 2020

11.8%



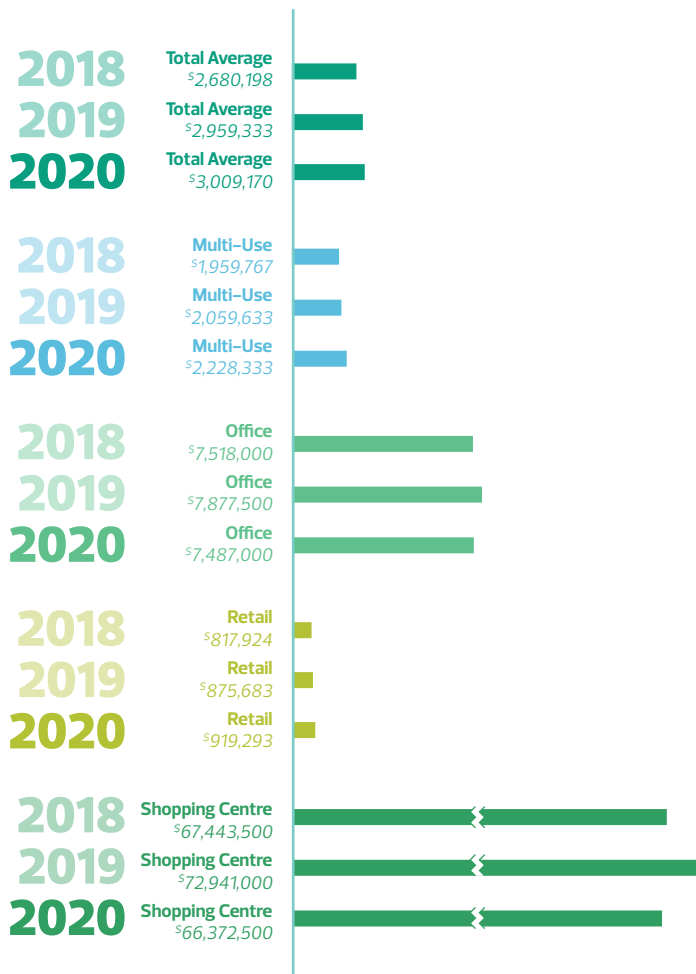
PATRONS REPORT THE AREA IS A DESTINATION LOCATION



Increase in 'Yes' responses*

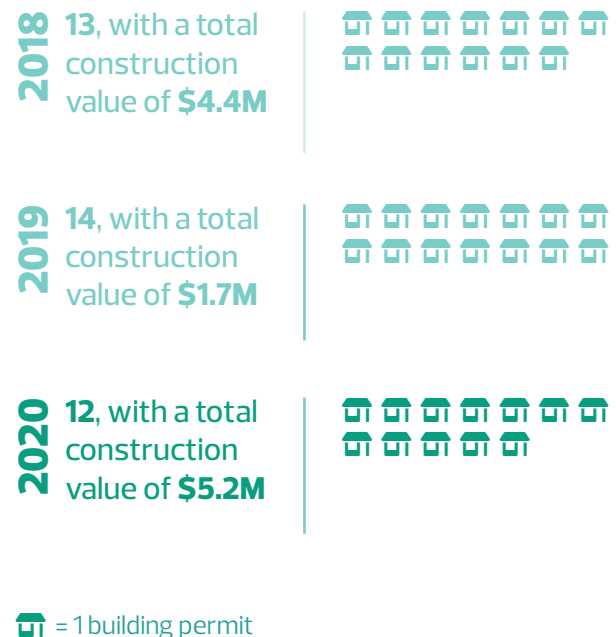
BIA PROPERTY IS DESIRABLE

AVERAGE COMMERCIAL ASSESSMENT VALUE, BY ASSET TYPE



PROPERTY IS BEING IMPROVED

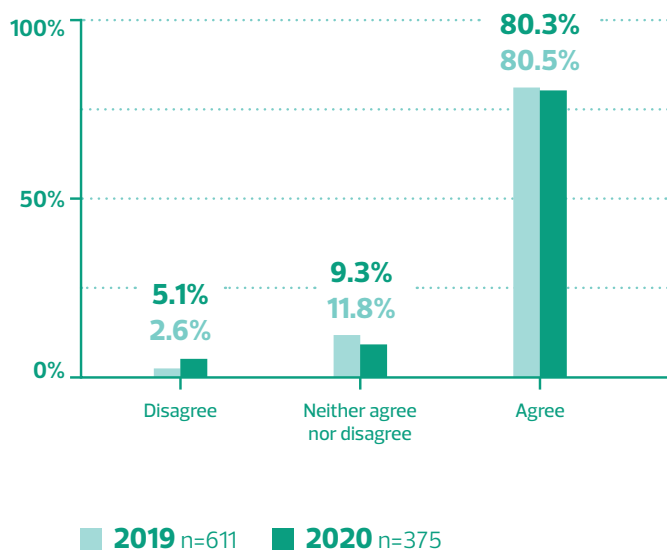
NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS



The number of building permits has decreased, while the total construction value has increased.*

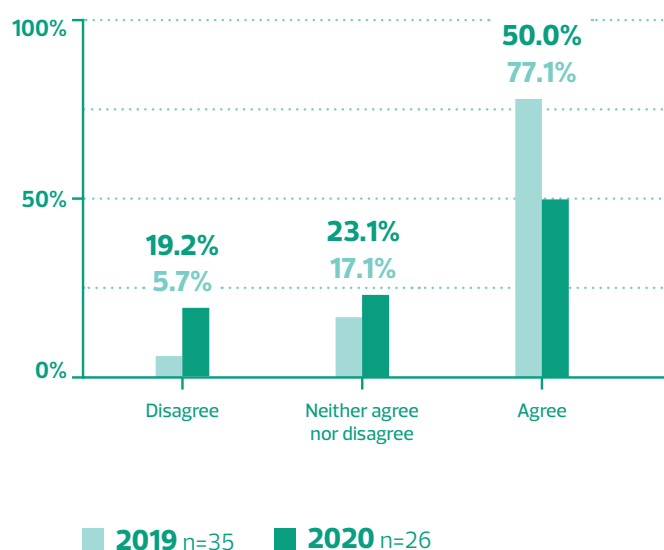
* Data for 2019–2020

PATRONS REPORT THE AREA IS SAFE



No significant change in agree responses*

BUSINESSES REPORT THE AREA IS SAFE



Decrease in 'Agree' responses*

* Data for 2019–2020

Methodology

The results in this report reflect data collected from internal City of Edmonton data sources (such as permit and licence applications) and from a series of surveys. Surveys were conducted with businesses and members of the public, including patrons and residents living near the BIA. These surveys were completed online and via telephone during October and November of 2020. The methodology for the vacancy study changed during this iteration of the report. Vacancy data was obtained from CoStar and includes all commercial properties within a BIA. Vacancy rates were determined based upon total commercial space (area measurement) vs. total space occupied. Previous studies were conducted via a visual count and included storefront properties only. Vacancy rates were determined based upon total storefront units vs. total leased units.

The reporting period for the Economic Indicators is from January to December each calendar year.

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