

INPUTSASK

Provincial Budget Survey

October 2021

Methodology

The survey was conducted online through the InputSask business insight platform in partnership with the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce.

This report provides the key findings from a sample of 79 business leaders in October 2021. Business members were invited to participate through email by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce.

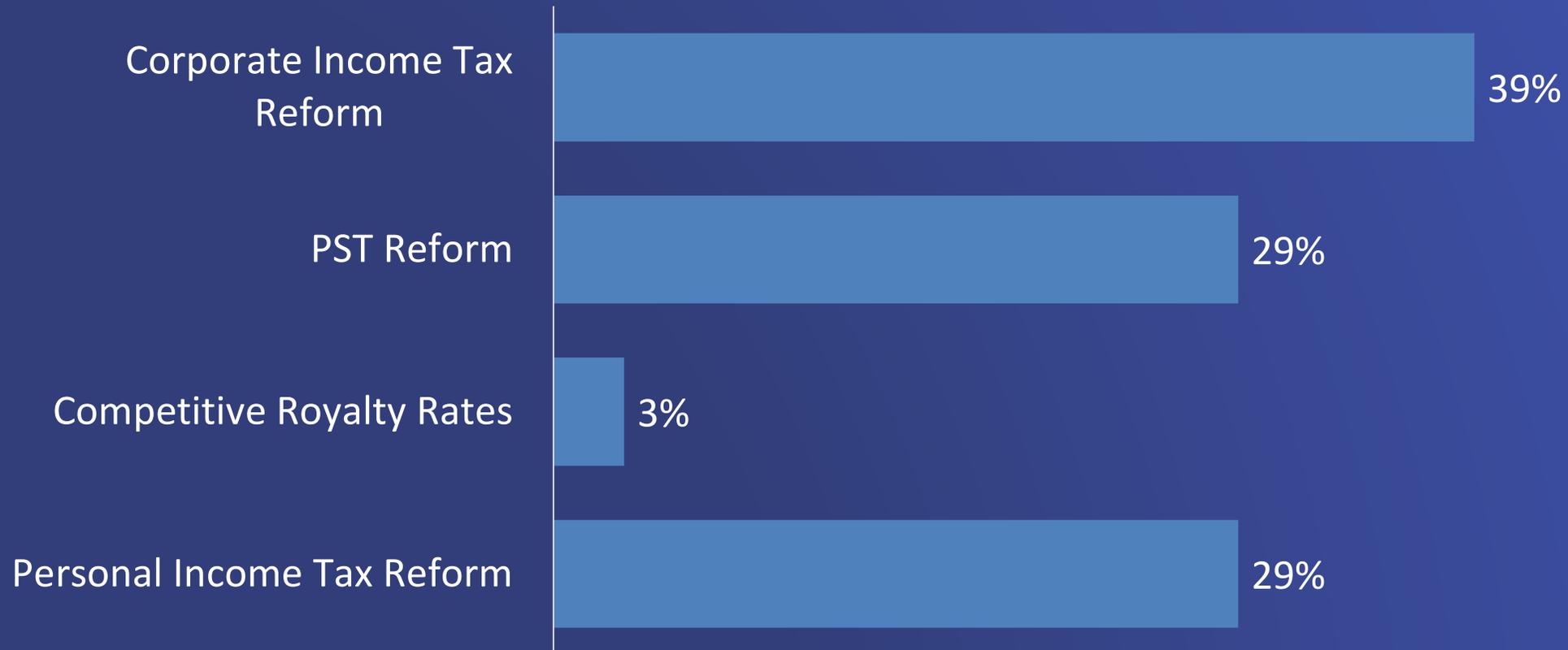
The data were weighted according to business distribution by region to ensure a representative sample of Saskatchewan's business community. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Respondent comments have not been corrected for grammar, spelling, or factuality.

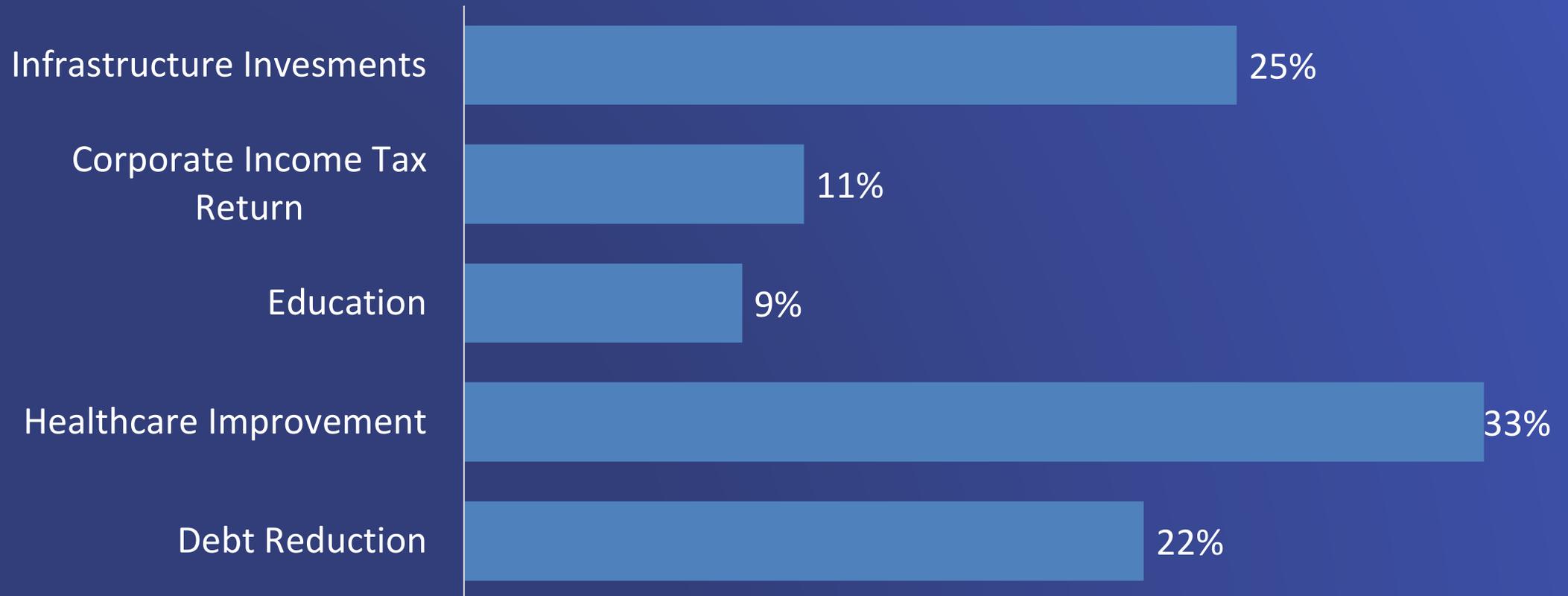
Key Highlights

1. The top three priorities for government action were:
 - ❖ Encouraging sustainable growth
 - ❖ Regulatory efficiency
 - ❖ Control government size and cost
2. For the first time healthcare improvement was the most strongly supported expenditure.
3. The top three government-controlled changes that would spark increased investment and job creation were:
 - ❖ Reduced Taxes
 - ❖ Investment Tax Incentives
 - ❖ Property Tax Reform

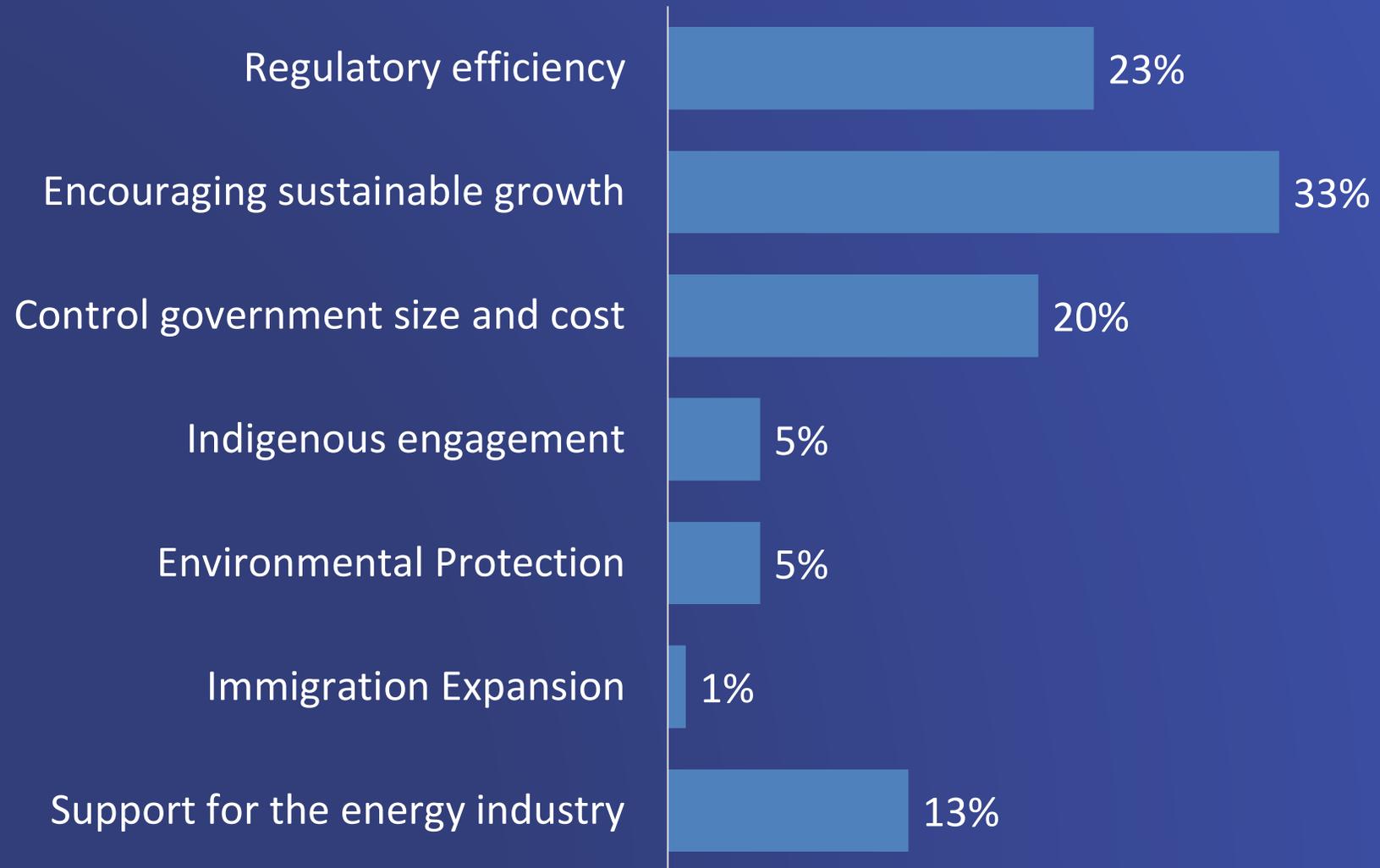
Based on the priorities of your business, please rank the following priorities for government action on revenues:



Based on the priorities of your business, please rank the following priorities for government action on expenditures:



Based on the priorities of your business, please rank the following priorities for overall government action:



Where should the provincial government reduce spending?

Government programs and operation, specifically the scope and size of government should be narrowed

Government employee salaries, particularly elected officials, as well as upper and middle management

Healthcare

Education

Social programming

Other

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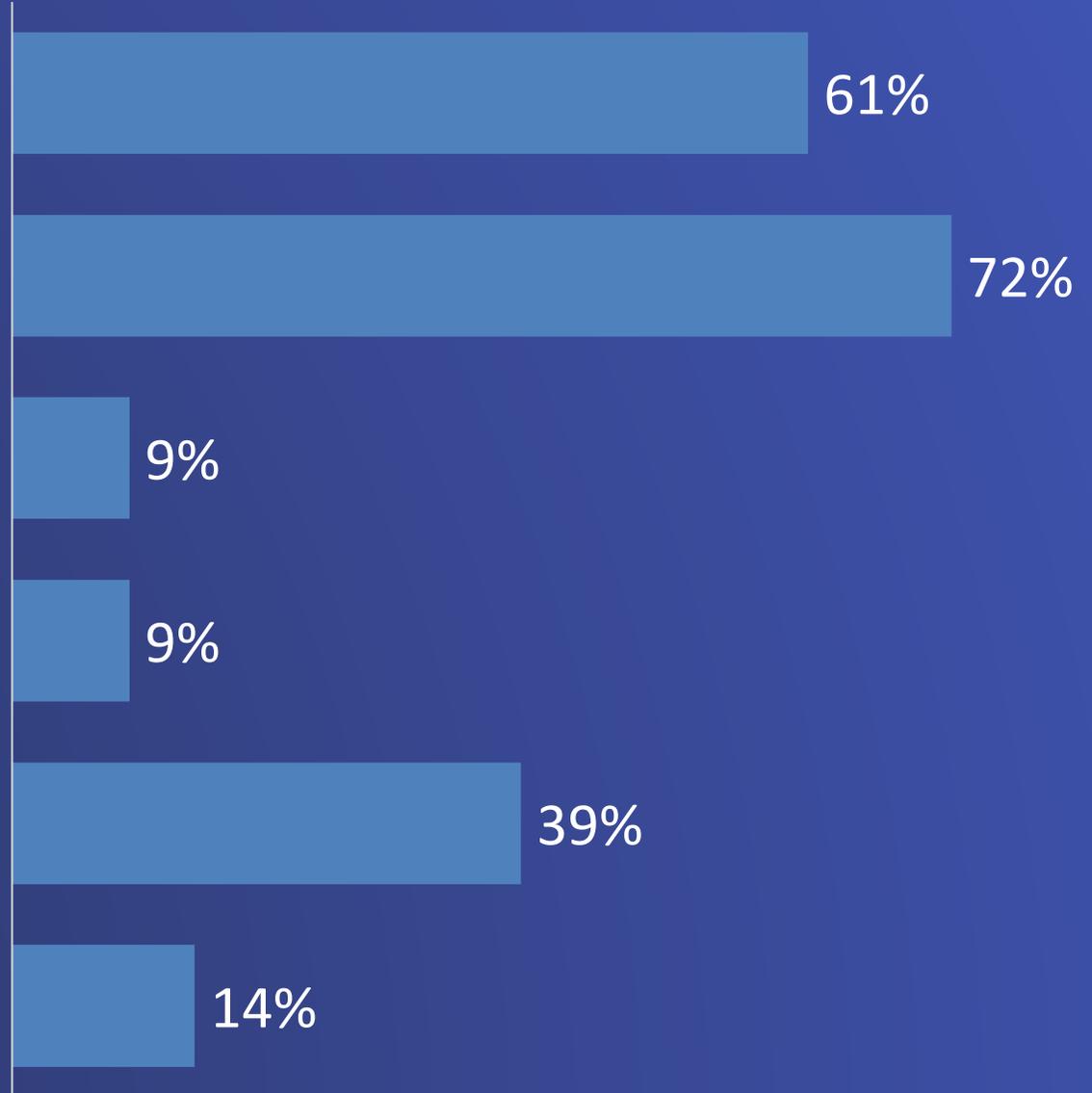
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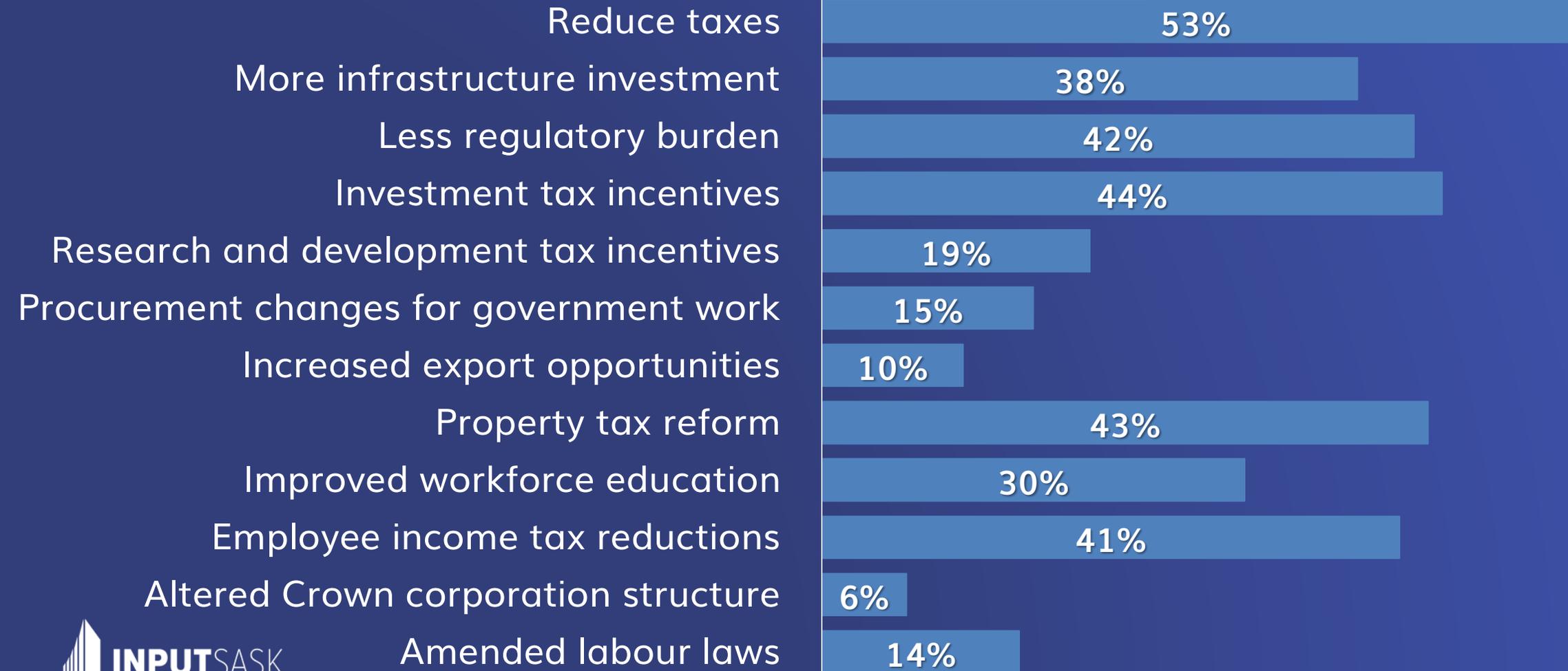
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What government controlled changes would cause your business to invest more capital or create new jobs in Saskatchewan?



Additional Comments on what items should be prioritized in the 2021/22 Budget, Part 1.

- Growth of small business is essential to keeping our economy growing as well. We need to keep an open for business approach to all programs, and encourage shop at home to support our small businesses
- Investments in rural, northern and remote Saskatchewan to help entrepreneurs and innovators create stable, well-paying jobs in these regions to increase long-term sustainability of these communities.
- Get past covid is #1. Start working on expanding business opportunities and reducing the deficit.
- Reduce government inefficiency and size but spend more on education and health. Stop centralization - it costs more when you take the decision makers out of the communities they know.
- Remove proof of vaccination/negative test. Unless government is purposely trying to kill the economy and everyone human tied to the economy.

Additional Comments on what items should be prioritized in the 2021/22 Budget, Part 2.

- The requirement of indigenous content in purchasing means that we are looking to invest elsewhere and move our business, as we are at a disadvantage.
- I want the government starting leading to the future: not supporting the past and acting as obstinate albatrosses clinging onto past history and economies as the world is clearly changing
- Reducing the Excise Tax for craft spirits manufacturers!
- Research investment is important. Silicon Valley North. Also, the film tax credit should be re-introduced. An opportunity lost.
- If Truth and Reconciliation Day is a Statutory holiday, Business owners should not be the only ones to Sacrifice, either it be tax sheltered to cover expence to make all sacrifice in tax individually
- Fund schools equally whether they are on a reserve or not.

Additional Comments on what items should be prioritized in the 2021/22 Budget, Part 3.

- I don't know. I would have to LOOK at the current budget to decide what is ok as is, and what needs attention. I don't have time to do that myself. I expect my MLA to do that.
- GST on new home sales should be eliminated!
- incentives for people who work, none for ones that will not!
- Less government regulations and rural municipalities regulations. They need to work with business owners and not against us
- The SLGA needs massive reform. The cost of product to licensees is not sustainable for business owners. We need a better system with the ability for better margins.
- Invest in health and education so Saskatchewan is an option for talented workers and entrepreneurs, rather than the butt of a joke.