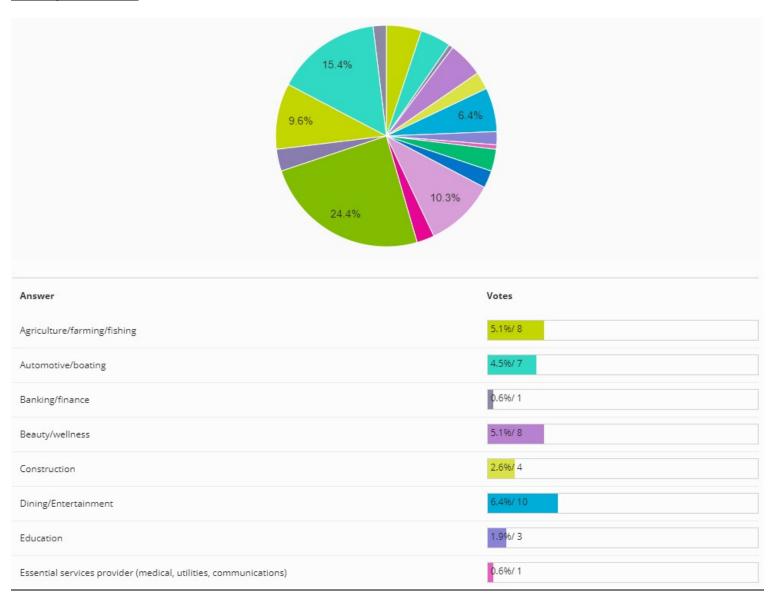
A snapshot of Grand Bahama Business' surveyed for the COVID survey conducted in September, 2020

of businesses that completed survey: 156

Industry breakdown:

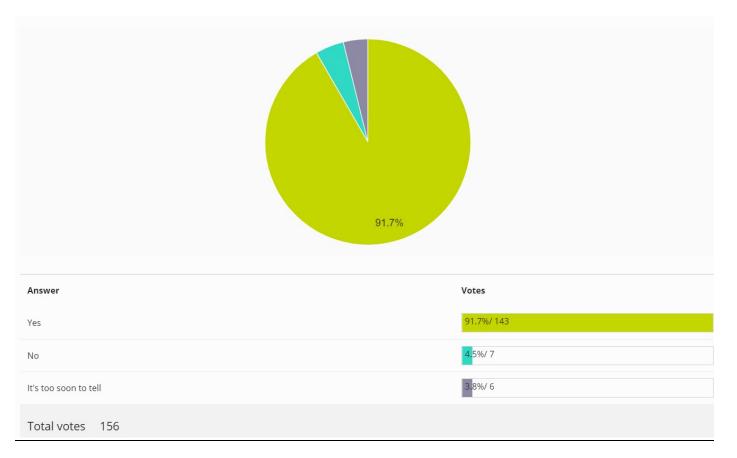




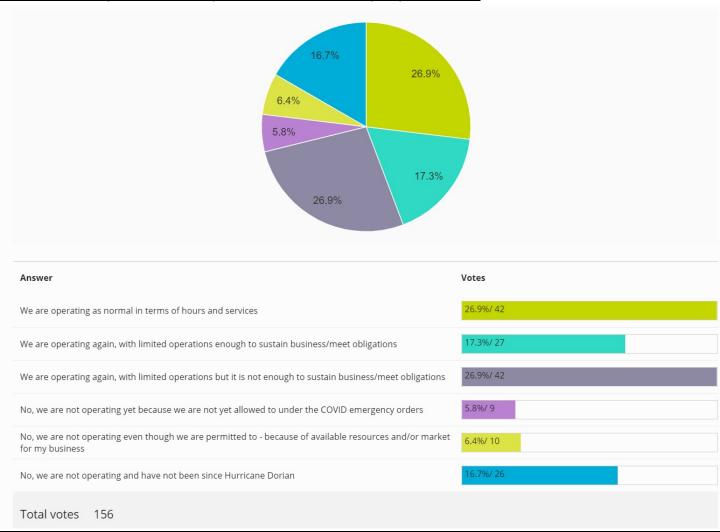
Industry breakdown of respondents, cont'd

Industry/Manufacturing	3.2%/5
Marketing/Media	2.6%/ 4
Professional Services	10.3%/16
Shipping/logistics	2.6% 4
Retail	24.4%/ 38
Tourism: Hotels/accomodations	3.2%/ 5
Tourism: tours/excursions	9.6%/ 15
Other: services	15.4%/ 24
Other: goods	1.9%/ 3
Total votes 156	

Impact of COVID – has it negatively impacted your business?



Business status – please describe operations at time of survey (Sept/Oct, 2020)



- Almost 27% of respondents are operating as normal in terms of hours/services.
- Almost 30% of respondents are not operating at this time.
- Almost 17% of respondents have still not reopened since Dorian.
- <u>55.8% of respondents are either falling short of sustaining business/meeting obligations... or not operating at all.</u>

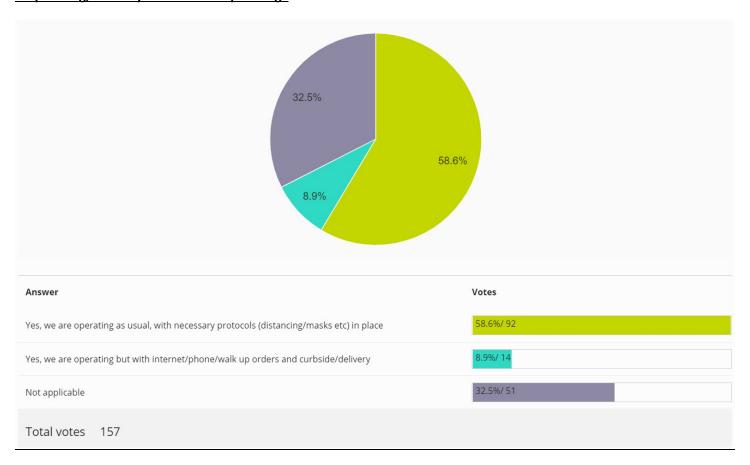


of employees represented by respondents

Please note, that as some businesses are not yet operational, this was left blank or N/A in some instances so actual # if employees represented is actually higher.

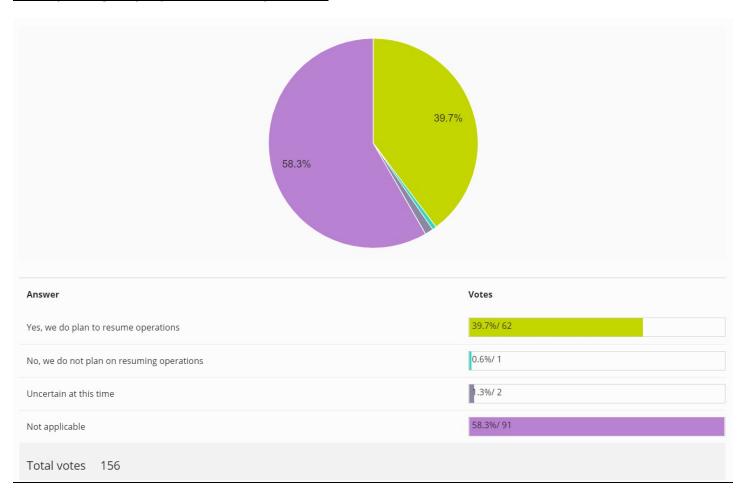
# of employees pre COVID (based on those responded – several left blank so actual # higher)		
# of employees Sept, 2020 (see note above)	1764	
Employment difference pre-COVID (Feb, 2020) to post lockdowns (Sept 2020) (see note above)	(350)	(17%)

If operating, how is your business operating?





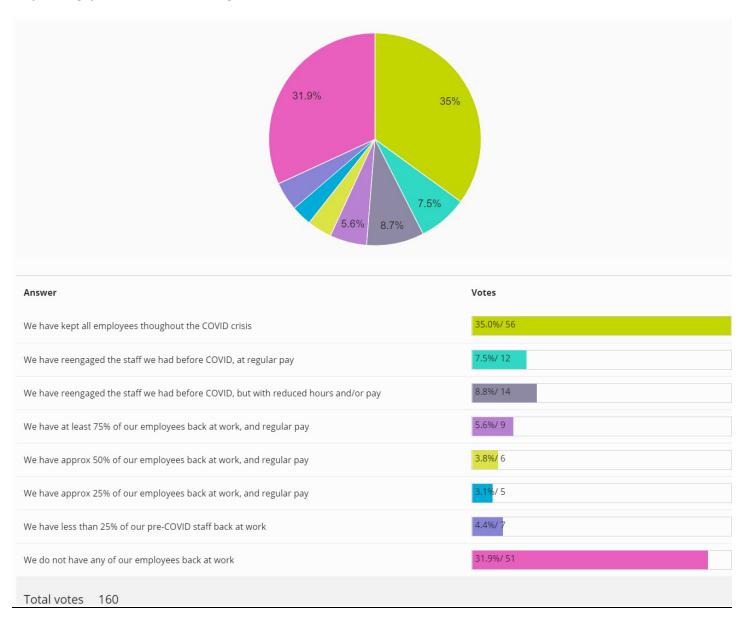
If not operating, do you plan to resume operations?



- Almost 40% of respondents plan to resume operations
- Approx. 2% do not plan to reopen or are uncertain if they will.



If operating, please describe staffing:



- 35% of respondents have kept all employees throughout the COVID crisis
- Almost 32% of respondents do not have employees back at work



Please describe your business in September, 2020 compared to prior to COVID:



- Approx 38% of respondents are either doing significantly worse, prior to COVID or are at risk of not surviving/reopening
- Almost two thirds of respondents are doing slightly worse, significantly worse or are in jeopardy of not surviving, compared to prior to COVID.
- Just over 15% are doing either slightly better or significantly better than prior to COVID.



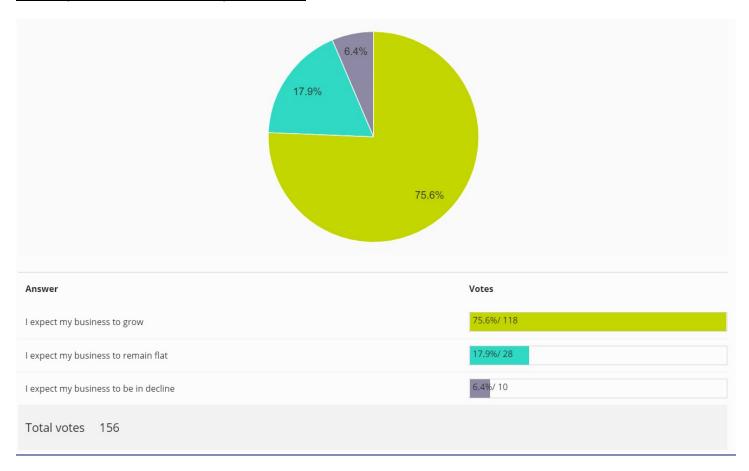
What is your business' 3-6 month outlook?



- Approx 56% of respondents expect to sustain employees/operations or remain ahead of previous year.
- Approx 44% of respondents expect to struggle to meet obligations/retain staffing levels or question of they
 can remain in operation.



What is your business' 6 month – year outlook?



- Greater confidence in a longer term (6 months to a year) with over 75% expecting business to grow.
- Approx. 6% expected continued decline.

Snapshot view of greatest concerns:



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What is (are) the greatest challenge(s) for your business/organization since the most recent lockdowns?

Survey respondents revealed their challenges and pain points in detail. Below is a summary of the most repeated concerns. Transcripts of specific details/respondent comments are available for review upon request.

- It's the economy. This was the most repeated challenge (related to all forms like a decrease in market size/sales, disposable income, ability to meet financial obligations).
- Health & safety protocols impacting ability to operate, cost of observing, enforcement, fears of keeping employees and customers safe
- Closed borders/lack of tourism/state of airport
- Business logistics (shipping, sourcing products, increased costs)
- Impact of Dorian not recovered or just getting footing prior to COVID
- Uncertainty of COVID/lockdowns and its impact on knowing how to plan
- Access to capital/grants/debt forgiveness (rent noted often)
- Small business support via concessions, grants, access to funding, debt relief/forgiveness
- Infrastructure
- VAT/Duty on imports while not being able to charge VAT

What are your recommendations to the Government to revitalize business in Grand Bahama

Thoughtful suggestions and clear indications of pain points for survey respondents were revealed in this section. Below is a summary of the most repeated concerns/recommendations. Transcripts of specific details/respondent comments are available for review upon request.

- Take over & build a new airport the most repeated recommendation
- Build a new hospital
- Open borders/tourism/economy, with carefully defined protocols that are enforced
- Continue VAT/Duty relief for businesses, especially small business
- Incentivize local and foreign investment through concessions
- Small business support via concessions, grants, access to funding, debt relief/forgiveness
- Collaborate/resolve issue with the GB Port Authority
- Clean up of GB/derelict buildings, create green spaces in their place
- Diversify economy (agribusiness, legalization of marijuana, tech & movie industries)
- Ease of doing business make Govt departments more business friendly
- Complete one of the major tourism projects (hotel/cruise port)
- Market Grand Bahama
- Cost of living decrease
- Promote local business/award Government spending locally.
- Increase critical mass on GB

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What are your recommendations to the Grand Bahama Port Authority to revitalize business in Grand Bahama?

Thoughtful suggestions and clear indications of pain points for survey respondents were revealed in this section. Below is a summary of the most repeated concerns/recommendations. Transcripts of specific details/respondent comments are available for review upon request.

- Fix or sell airport to Govt or investor asap (again top of the repeated recommendations).
- Clean up/remove derelict buildings, create green spaces in their place
- License fee concessions to help with recovery and ease of restrictions
- Incentivize/drive local and foreign investment through concessions
- Fulfill obligations of HCA or sell interest.
- Market both Freeport and also local businesses internally
- Support of local businesses, particularly small business, via grants/training/access to funding
- Lower airport/port fees
- Infrastructure (potable water, roads)
- · Communication/leadership/inclusion of licensees in planning
- Open borders/tourism/economy, with carefully defined protocols that are enforced
- Collaborate/resolve issue with the Government
- Diversify economy
- Ease of doing business make licensing process easier/more transparent/equitable
- Market Grand Bahama
- Cost of living decrease: power, fees
- Cultural/entertainment events (cultural market under new bridge)