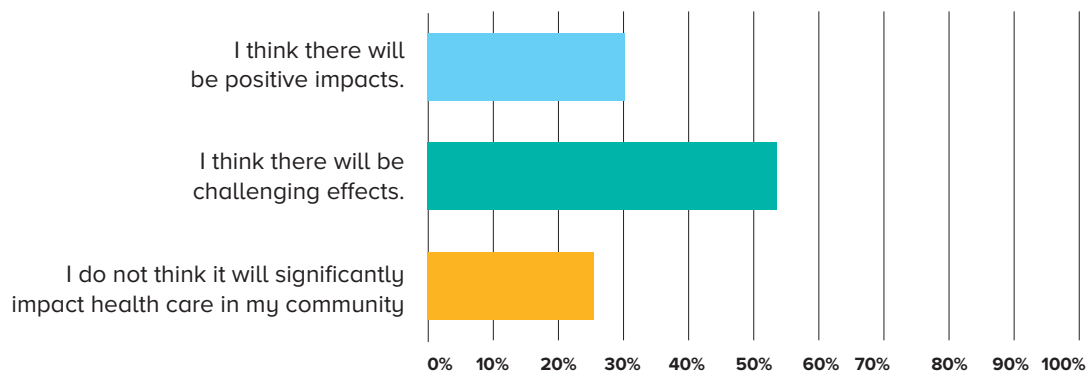


## Rural VIP No. 2: Budget 2019 Survey Results

The second survey for the members of the Rural Voice Information Panel (Rural VIP) was sent out Thursday, November 7, 2019 to 147 members of various attraction and retention committees throughout Alberta. When the survey closed on Tuesday, November 19, a total of 41 panel members had completed the four-question survey. This document provides a summary of the themes provided by respondents.

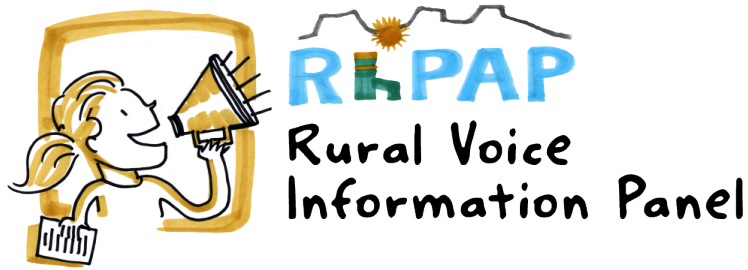
### 1. Will Budget 2019 impact health care in your community? Choose all that apply.



### 2. If applicable, what are Budget 2019’s positive impacts on health care in your community?

*“The added funding for mental health and investment in primary care will be beneficial to rural communities.”*

# of comments	theme
16	Support for mental health and addictions services
9	Increased access to health care (health professionals, diagnostics, infrastructure)
5	Primary care services
5	Palliative care
5	Other comments (overall support, unsure)



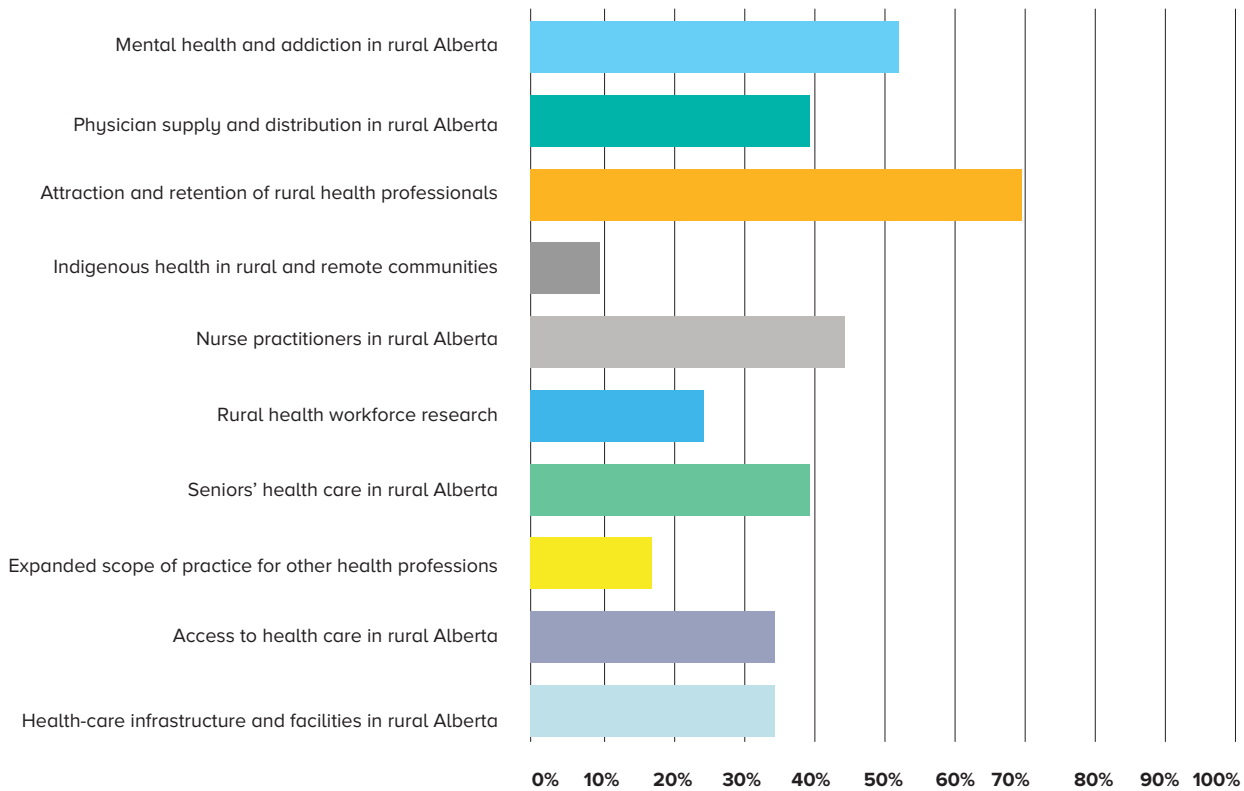
**3. If applicable, what are Budget 2019’s challenges for health care in your community?**

*“...Need more direct services for rural Albertans in smaller centres.”*

# of comments    theme

- 18** Funding (health professional compensation, urban:rural, medication)
- 17** Staffing (potential shortages, attracting and retaining health professionals)
- 11** Other (wait times for specialized services, transportation to larger centres, infrastructure)

**4. Please select at least three topics you are most interested in or the topics that you would like to explore further:**



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