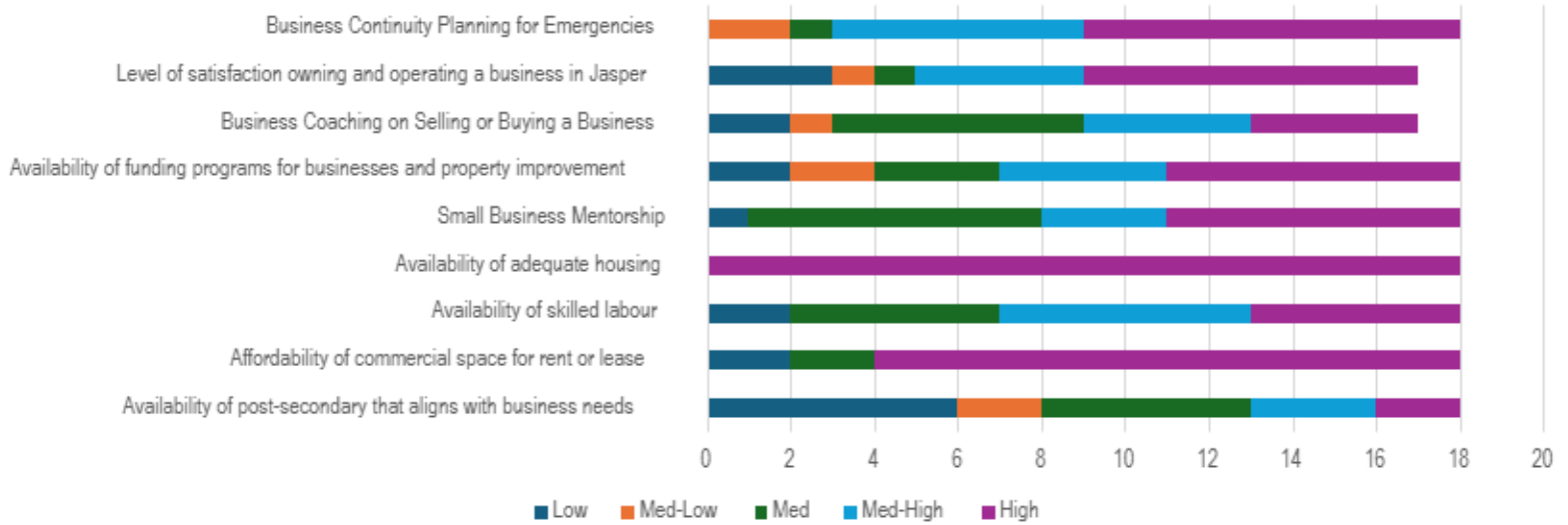


Jasper

Jasper Business Visitation Point in Time Count, April 10, 2025



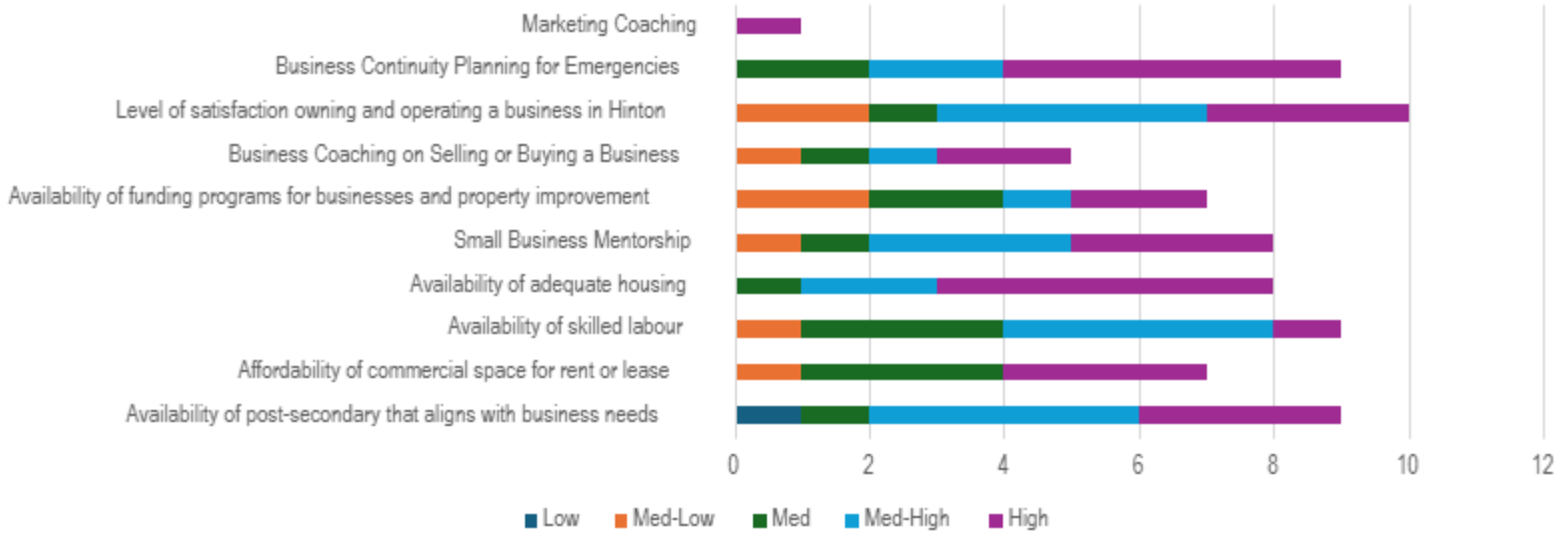
Total # of businesses visited	32
Total # of survey's received	18

Comments

- Not considered that a business continuity plan makes sense on a community level
- Happy with CFWY + Red Cross , Not happy with MOJ
- Business has been up and down
- Hard time find evening part-time employee's
- Happy with supports from CFWY and Red Cross
- FTE less in summer than usual
- MOJ offers no support
- Business continuity important but not supported
- Staffing is an issue
- Trying to get wheels going again after wildfire
- Stocking more as more customers come
- Still recuperating from Covid
- Infrastructure issues from water damage
- Business slower then usual
- Housing challenge
- Overall challenging
- Federal connection to Jasper makes a unique economy
- Insurance issues
- Closed for quite awhile
- Would be interested in mentoring

Hinton

Hinton Business Visitation Point in Time, April 2, 2025



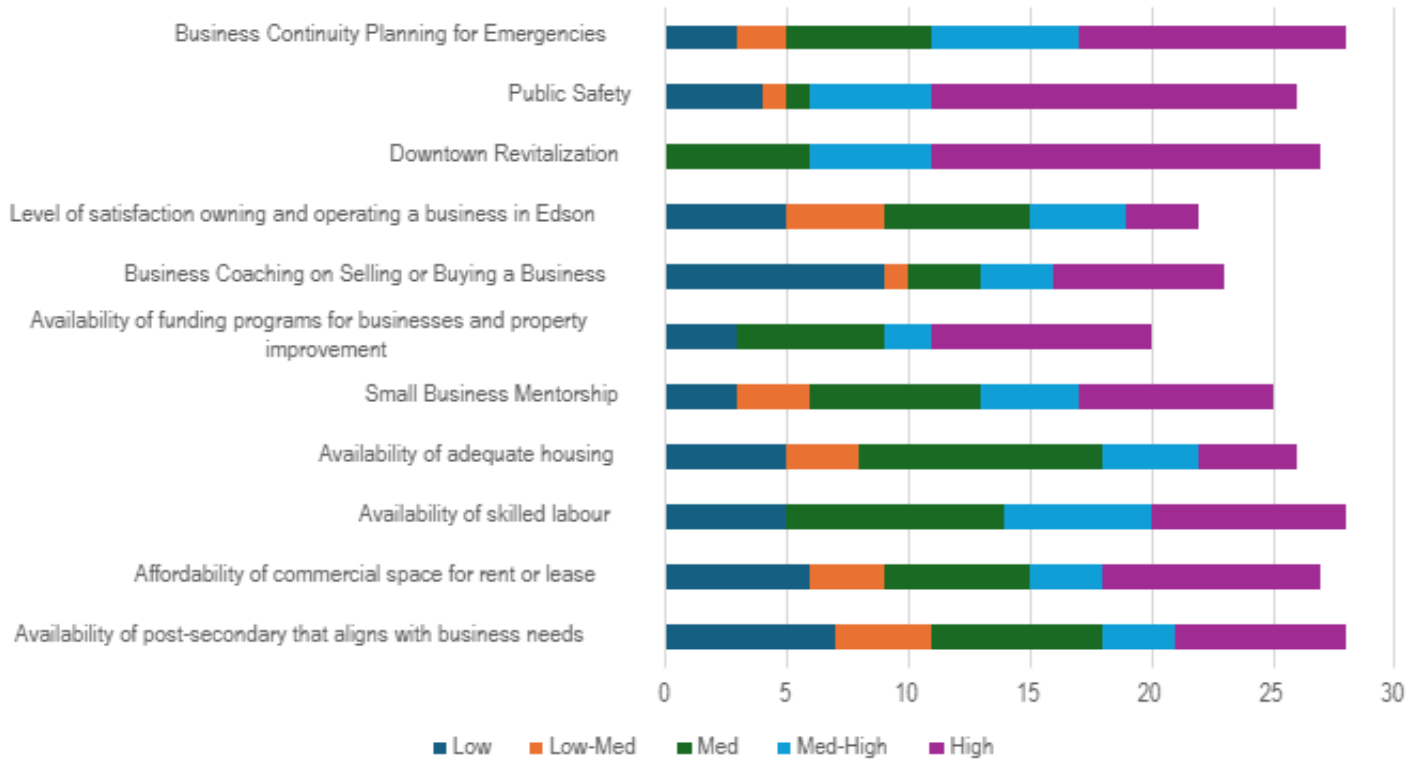
Total # of businesses visited	15
Total # of survey's received	10
# of new business's (Less than 1 year open)	8
# of business's interested in Mentorship	3
# of business's interested in Mentoring	1

Comments

- Traffic on Hill is better
- Drop in employees in heavy lifting
- Slower this winter, but business about the same
- A lot of control by admin in town
- Shop local
- Business is busy
- No support for business in town; parking, signage, divided hill and valley
- Challenging with building permits and communication with the municipality

Edson

Edson Business Visitation Point in Time - April 9, 2025



Total # of businesses visited

31

Total # of survey's received

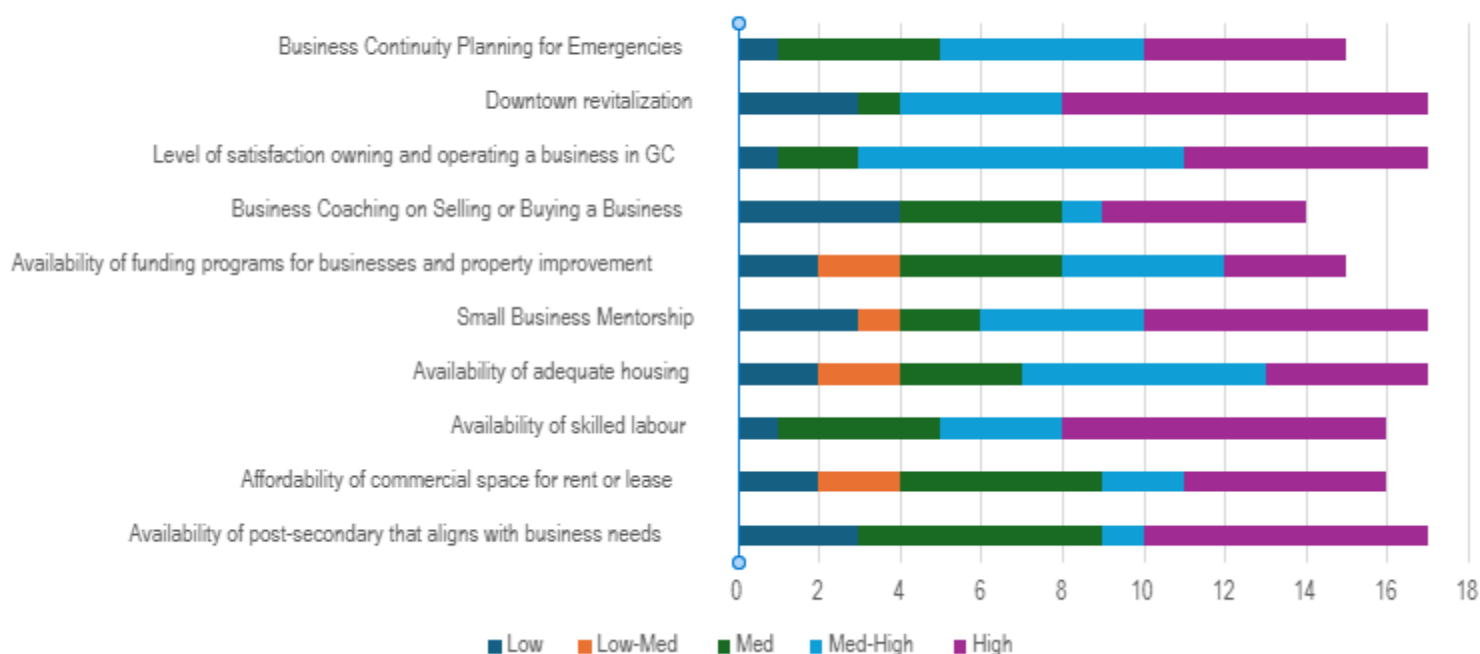
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Comments

- Everyone needs help, not just downtown
- In need of more carpenters and cabinet makers
- Roads are poor in town
- Difficult to hire trained staff
- RAP program for youth to get into trades should be promoted
- Town processing is slow for documents and permits
- Find creative ways to draw people into main street {Event planning}
- Would like better communication from TOE
- Rent is too high for new business's
- In need of more truck driver's and delivery driver's
- Lack of incentive from town ; no priority on small business's

Grande Cache

Grande Cache Business Visitation Point in Time - April 23, 2025



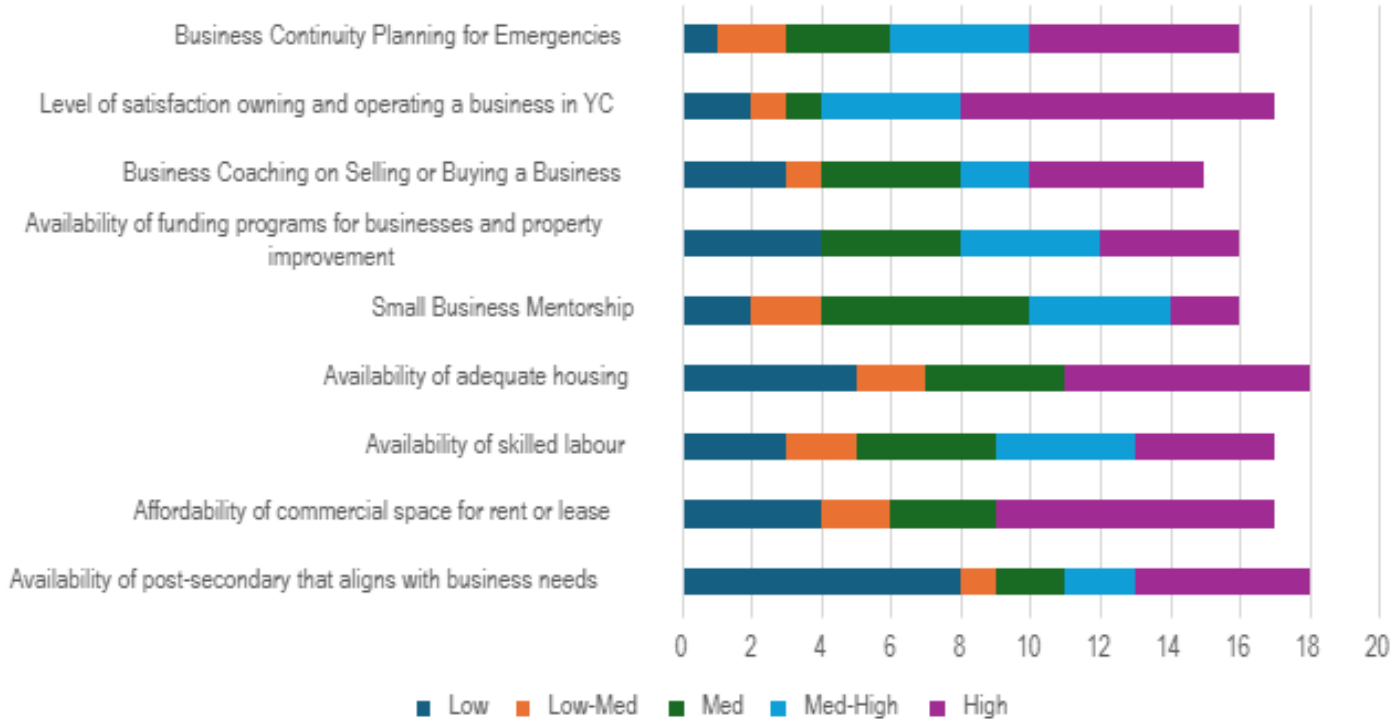
Total # of businesses visited	27
Total # of survey's received	17

Comments

- Airport was a hot topic for business owners
- Level of satisfaction operating a business in GC rated high
- Opportunity for small business mentorship in GC
- Differing ideas of what Post Secondary could look like for GC
- Availability of Skilled Labour a concern for businesses looking to hire persons with journeyman or trade certificate
- Would like a workshop in person about continuity planning for business interruption

Yellowhead County

Yellowhead County Business Visitation Point in Time - April 30, 2025



Total # of businesses visited

24

Total # of survey's received

19

Comments

- Staff do not stick around for long. Turnover is very high.
- Not a lot of commercial space for rent in YC.
- Would like to see County offer training on Business Continuity - in person
- Too many businesses in county selling the same things - need more diversification
- Lack of new buildings for new businesses in county
- Cost of Housing high - especially for young people and seniors
- Would like to see some improvements in downtown by county
- Need more seniors housing
- Accessibility improvements in Evansburg for persons with mobility challenges
- Feel the business economy gets no direct support from YC.
- Would like to attend a virtual business continuity planning online course.
- Chamber of Commerce is helpful in business mentorship
- Feel YC does not show up for local businesses in region, feel no support
- Feel the communities YC is very supportive of local small businesses
- Feel the taxes are high in YC for businesses
- Would like to see more engagement in businesses from YC
- Would like more info on fire preparedness from YC
- Low level of satisfaction
- Would like to see grants available for businesses to stay afloat.
- Advertising is costly, it is difficult to get people to come off the highway and into town.
- Not a lot of commercial space for rent in YC.
- Loosing the school has destroyed the hamlet. We need something for kids.
- Storefronts not accessible for all persons - require a ramp to get into stores. Sidewalk improvement would be good for town.