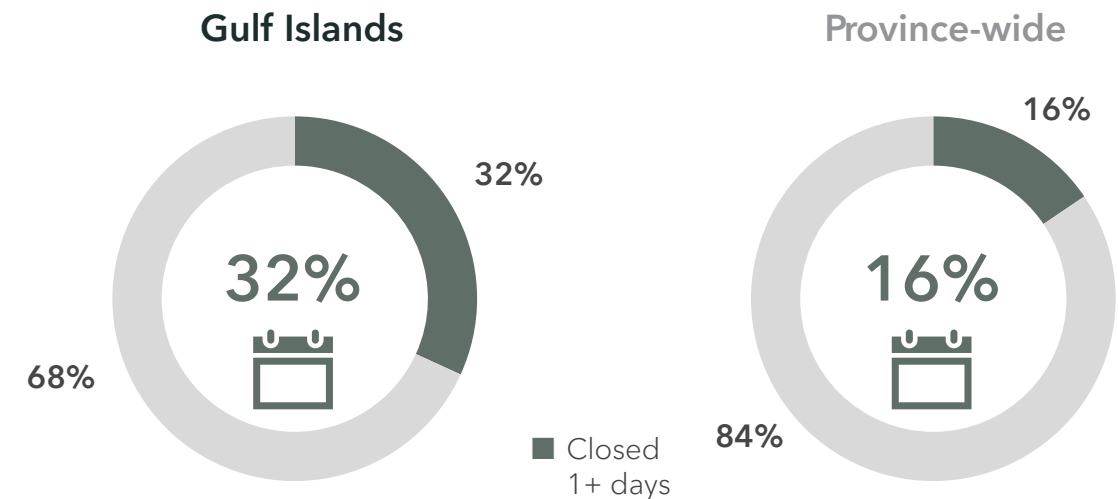


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Highlights: Gulf Islands Tourism Businesses

- In 2024, 32% of businesses closed for at least one day due to a natural hazard.
- 86% are concerned about the impact of climate change and 46% feel at least somewhat prepared to deal with an immediate natural hazard.
- 18% have completed a plan to reduce the risk of natural hazards.
- In the last two years, 14% were awarded a sustainability certification, and 23% had an environmental audit performed.
- In 2024, 59% made climate adaptation investments, and 86% invested in activities to make their operations more environmentally sustainable.

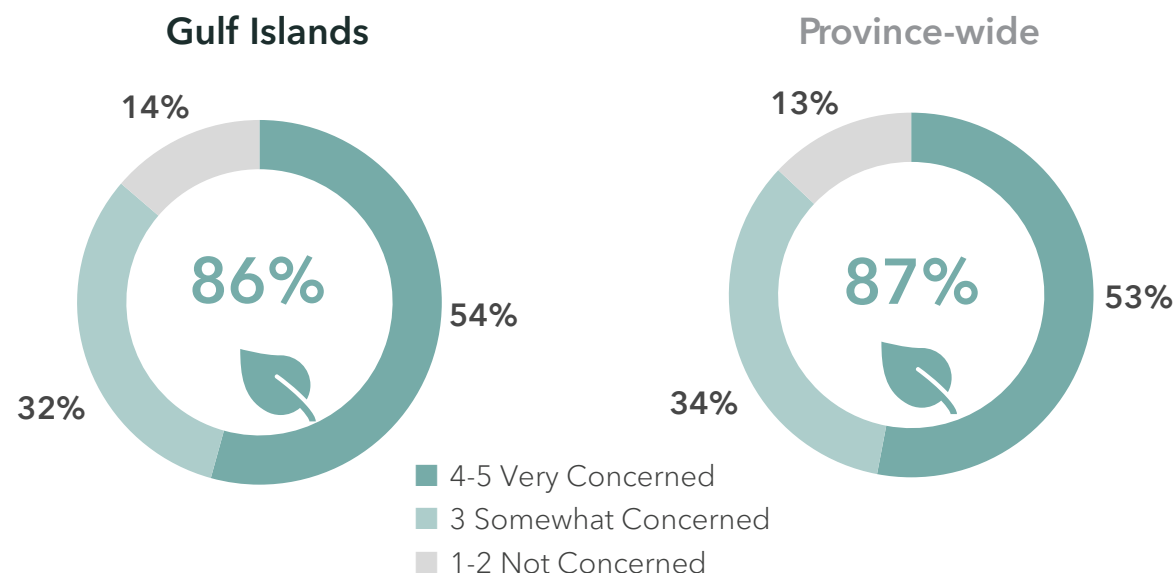
Closed due to Natural Hazard



Climate Change: Concern & Preparedness

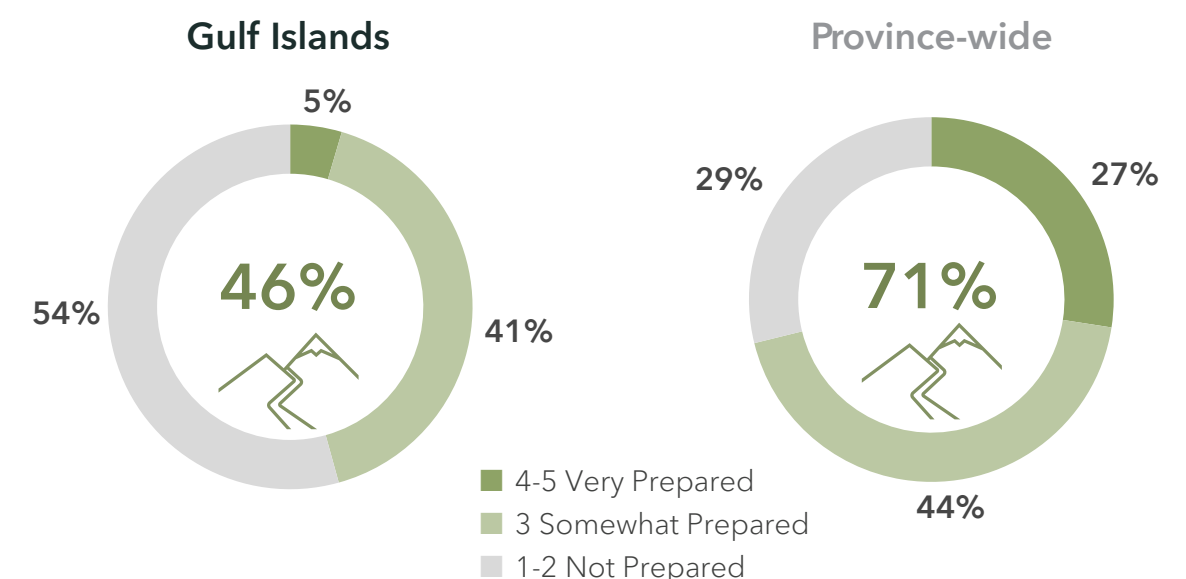
Concern About Impact of Climate Change

86% of businesses are concerned about the impact of climate change on their business, with 54% being very concerned.



Prepared for Immediate Natural Hazard

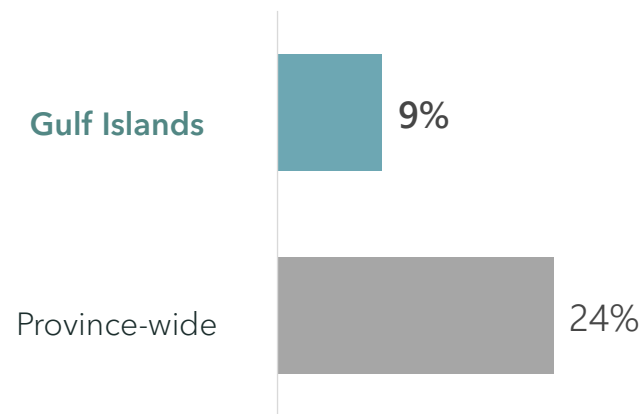
46% of businesses feel at least somewhat prepared to deal with an immediate natural hazard, with 5% feeling very prepared.



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Have a Completed:

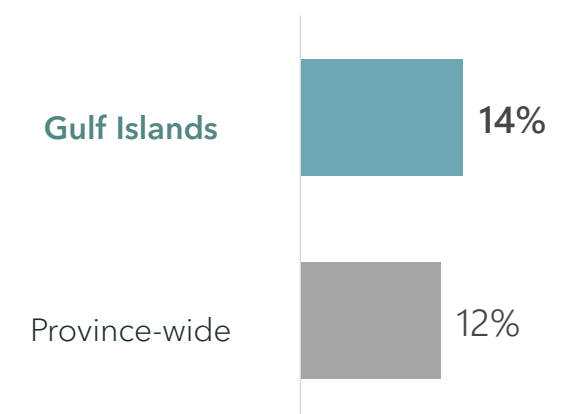
Emergency Plan



Plan to Prepare for / Reduce Risk of Natural Hazards



Plan to Prepare for / Reduce Risk of Longer-term Climate Change



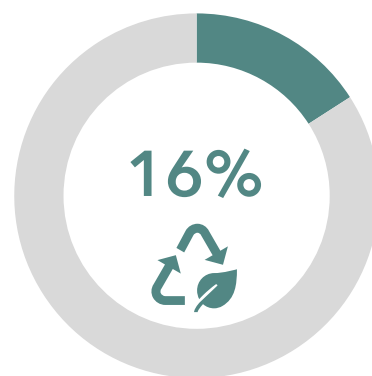
Environmental Sustainability: Certifications & Audits

Awarded Sustainability Certification

Gulf Islands



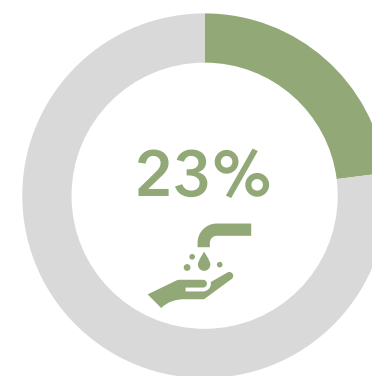
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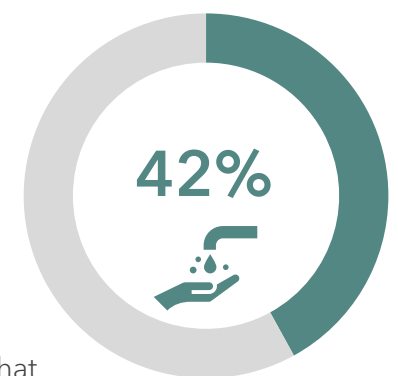
■/■ Businesses awarded a sustainability certification in the last two years

Environmental Audits

Gulf Islands



Province-wide



■/■ Businesses that performed an environmental audit in the last two years

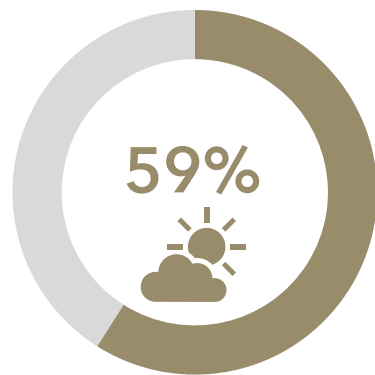
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Investments: Climate Adaptation & Environmental Sustainability

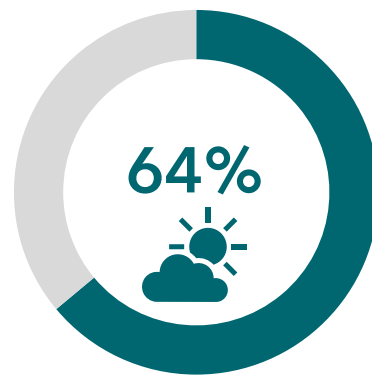
Invested in Climate Adaptation in 2024

59% of businesses made investments to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

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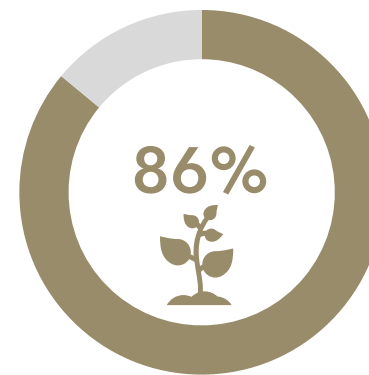
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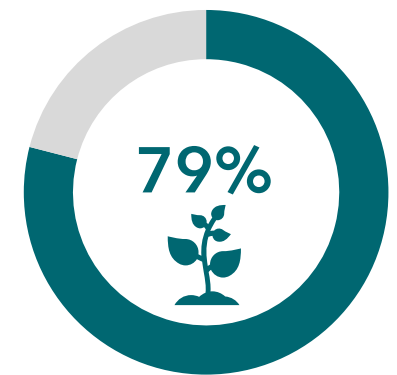
Invested in Environmental Sustainability in 2024

86% of businesses invested in activities to make their operations more environmentally sustainable.

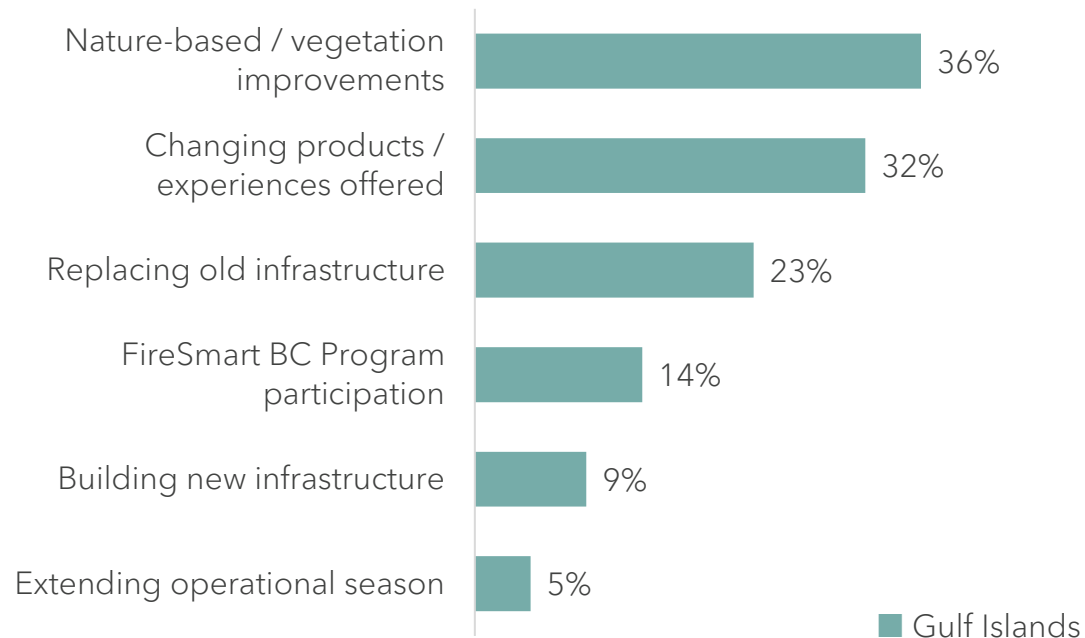
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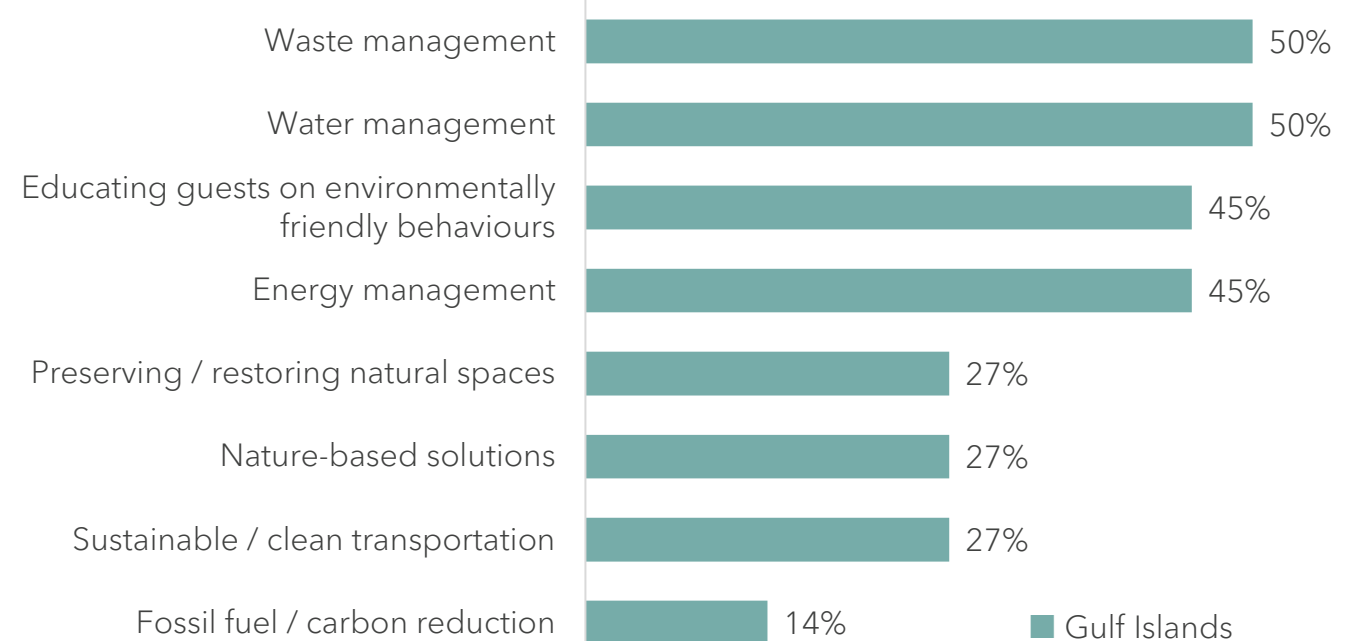
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Type of Investments in Climate Adaptation



Type of Investments in Environmental Sustainability



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About the Survey

The BC Tourism Climate Resiliency Initiative (BCTCRI) is a province wide project that is building a foundational program to support a resilient tourism sector that is prepared to adapt to climate change.

The purpose of this survey is to help inform climate adaptation and environmental sustainability program needs. Conducted among tourism businesses in February 2025, this survey gathered baseline data that will be used to inform and track improvements over time.

Number of completed surveys:

Gulf Islands - 22

Province-wide - 572

Sentis Research assisted with the analysis and reporting of the results.

This report is based on a sample size of fewer than 50 respondents. While the findings offer useful insights, they should be interpreted with caution and are not necessarily representative of all tourism businesses in this category or area. The results are indicative only and should not be generalized beyond the sample group.

Participating Communities

Gulf Islands
Gabriola Island
Galiano Island
Gulf Islands
Hornby Island
Mayne Island
Pender Island
Salt Spring Island

BCTCRI Partners

The BCTCRI and its representative projects are developed and delivered through collaboration between Destination BC and partner organizations—including the six Regional Destination Management Organizations (RDMOs), Indigenous Tourism BC, and the BC Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport—all working together to achieve the goals of the initiative.

