

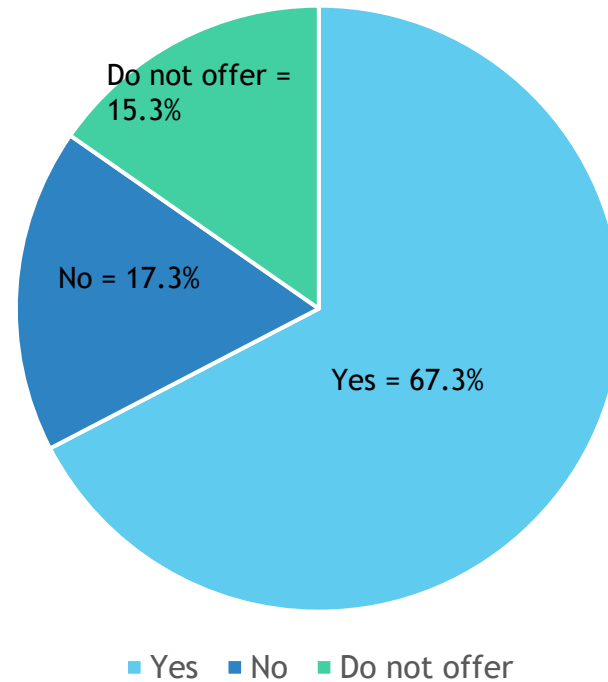


# Legislative Action Events

ICEA Executive Quick Poll  
January 2021

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## Comments:

We host an event where city officials may speak to the public during election sessions, but I believe that is all.

We allow the public to attend.

Last year we began by having the public submit written questions that are read to the legislators by the moderator.

They must be associated with a chamber member to join. We typically have a waiting list for these events.

The State of the City address is not open to the general public, but the Chamber and the Mayor select several business and industry leaders and staff (usually 150+ people)

But it is definitely something to consider going forward. We just hold it with town officials at this time in Feb

We invite our legislators to meet with our members, post session.

membership only

if we have room in the venue; this is usually a sold-out event

We have members in 11 counties and we do-host our legislative events with Greater Fort Wayne

We join with 3 other chambers for our 3rd house events

Our events are limited to membership participation only.

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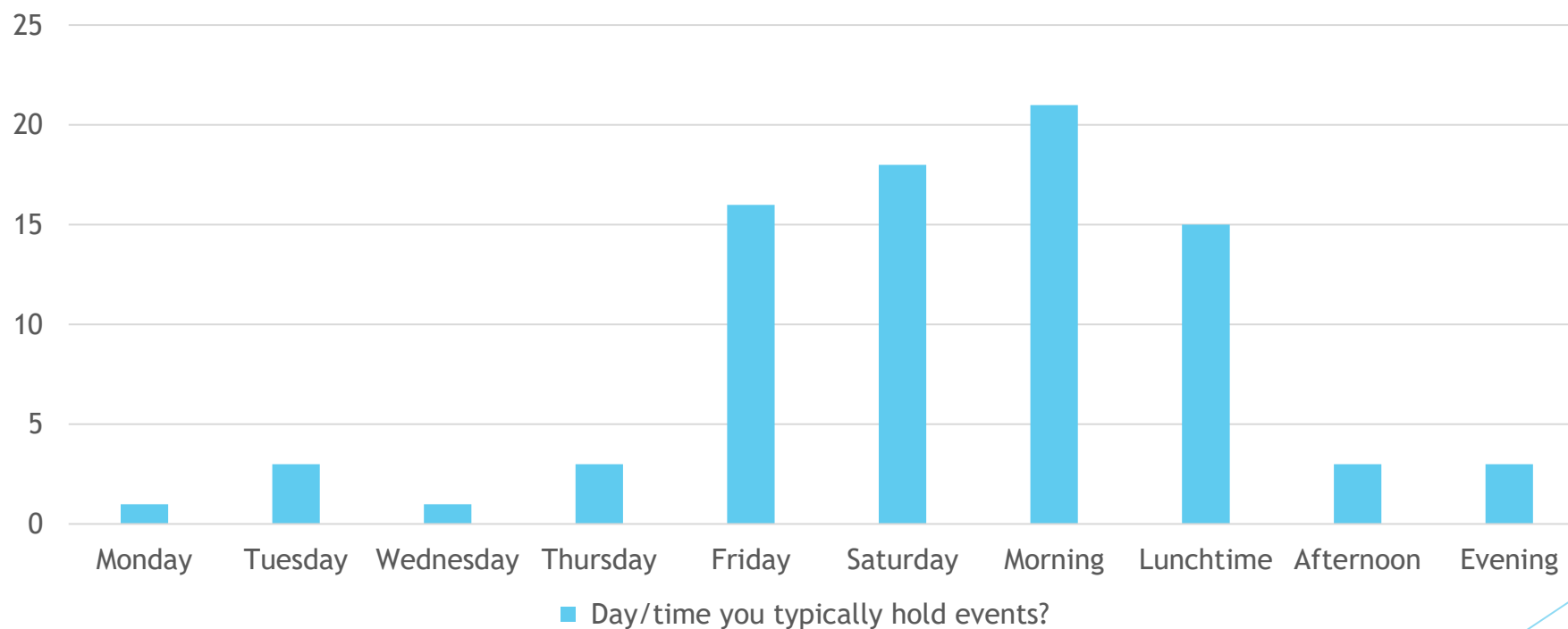
We do not offer these events at this time but want to offer them in the near future.

We do not host Third House Sessions, but do hold policy/political focused events to which our members are invited to interact with state, local and federal officials

We are hosting our first State of the community in February 2021!!!!

# What day/time do you typically hold 3rd house sessions with legislators? (check all that may apply)

Day/time you typically hold events?



# Day/time you typically hold events:

## Comments:

Typically from 9-10:30 a.m.

It's seldom we have an elected official at Berne meetings.

Friday luncheon, early in the session, where mostly chamber members and elected officials attend.

Saturday sessions (monthly) for general public

N/A

The day depends upon location availability

Seems to work best for Legislators and Business people. Doesn't always work best for public, but we're here to represent the business interests.

second Friday of the month 7:30 to 9 when in person with breakfast and 8 to 9AM when virtual

We are virtual for Jan and Feb

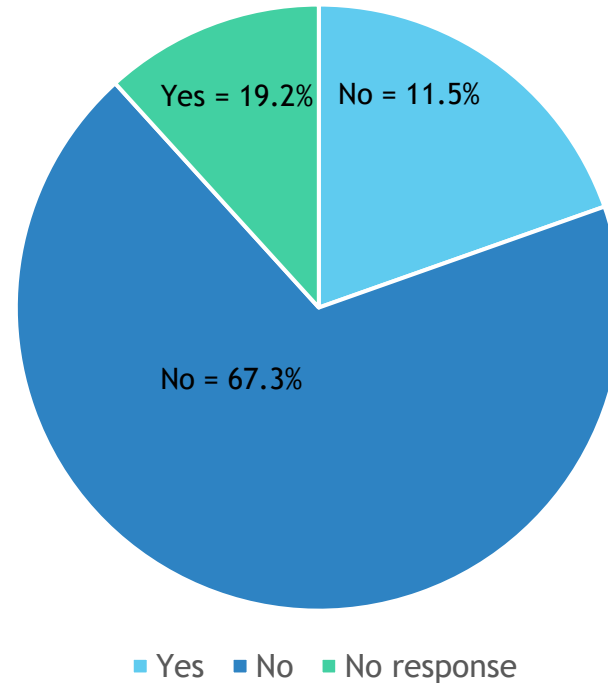
We don't host 3rd house sessions with legislators.

We host occasional event with elected officials in which the invites are for members with potential non members attending, but not open to the public

This year, we will offer monthly forums via zoom

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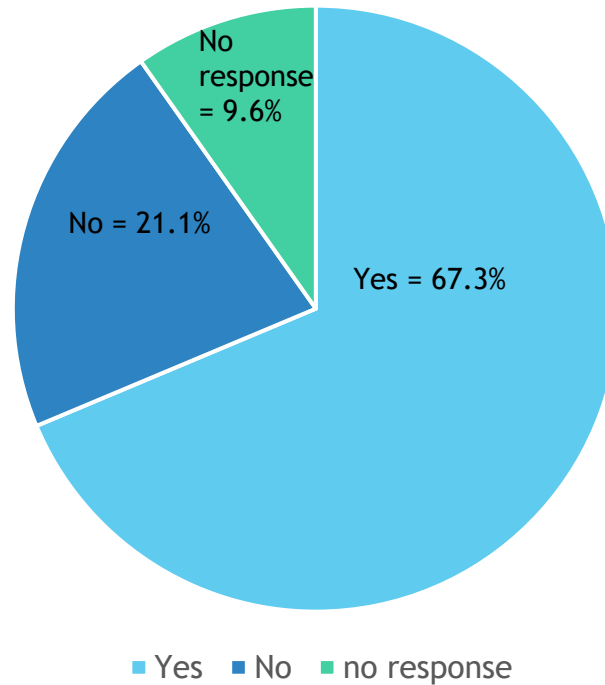
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## ▶ Comments:

25 in person and virtual
In person (with lunch) - \$25 Virtual - \$10
Saturday sessions, no fee.
Friday luncheon, cost of the meal
\$15 for members in 2021 if in person; free if zoom
State of The City Address is \$30 (includes lunch)
no charge for all other events
N/A
Around \$30. Our legislative preview was virtual and was the same cost. Will probably lower it in future virtual events.
usually \$15; regular luncheon/breakfast fee to anyone; chamber member or not
GFW Does
Virtual \$10 member \$15 guest In Person \$20 member \$30 guest
Only if it is an event in which a meal is provided.
We do not typically charge for general membership events with elected officials, but have a special investor level for smaller, more intimate events with elected officials

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Food/Beverage at 3rd House?





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## ► Comments:

usually just water and some snacks

meal

light refreshments for Saturday morning sessions

We offer coffee and if a business wants to sponsor donuts/rolls/muffins they are welcome to do so. Businesses normally request if they can bring rolls as I don't seek them out to do so. I don't think it is necessary.

We typically keep the food simple: donuts, snacks, and coffee.

Morning hour and half session with 4 area legislators. Held at Decatur County REMC Community Room. REMC provides coffee and donuts.

Attendees are welcome to bring lunch.

Coffee and donuts

Light snacks and coffee.

Depending on time of day, coffee/donuts or water/snacks

N/A

Catered lunch

it has been a breakfast for the past several years

Just water for the Legislators, nothing else, even though we do it over the lunch hour. Have done for years, never had a complaint.

Very light; coffee, water, snack bars, etc

we are virtual right now

light refreshments

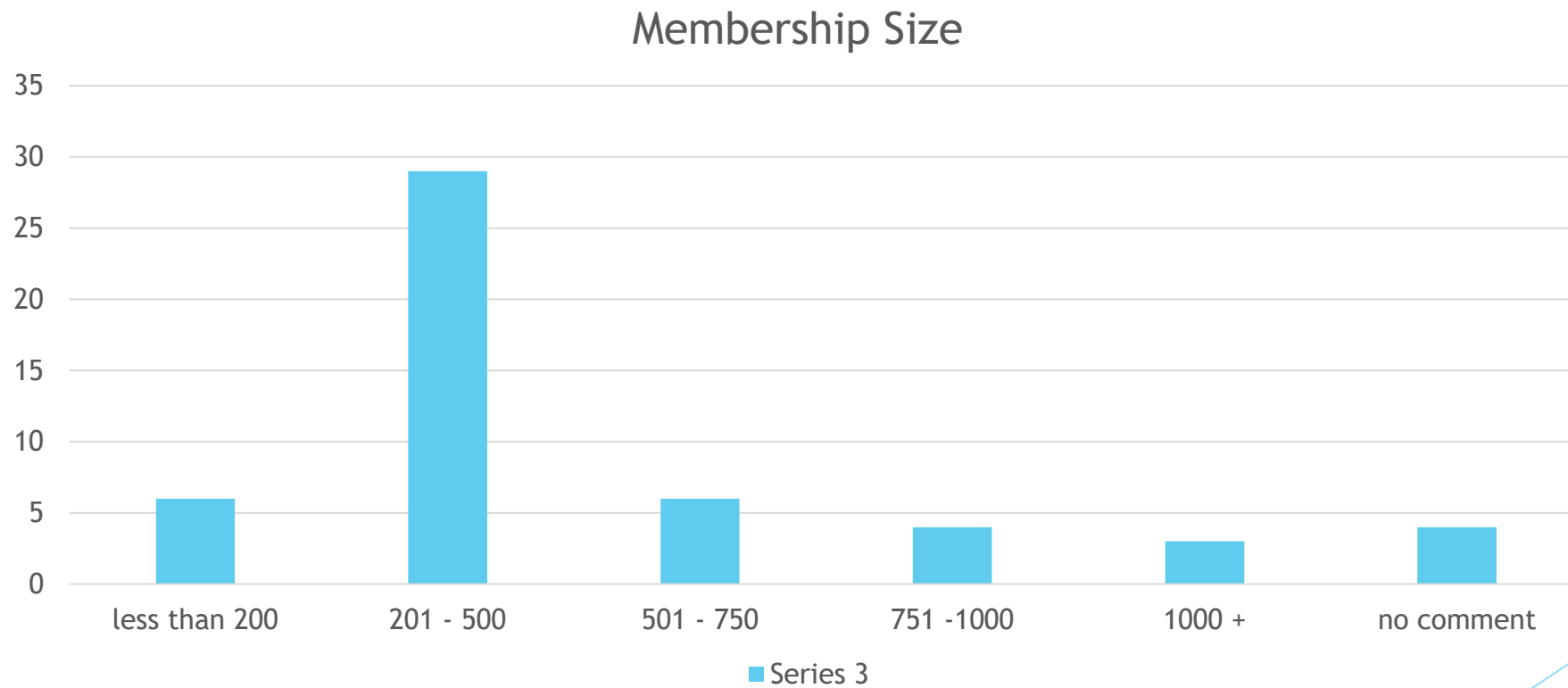
Just coffee and donuts.

Just a coffee cake or donuts and coffee/water.

For some - see above

In normal times, coffee and breakfast when a sponsor steps up.

# Your chamber's membership size:



# What county is your Chamber location?

Allen  
Allen  
Bartholomew  
Bedford, IN  
Boone County  
Carroll County  
Decatur County  
DeKalb  
Delaware  
Dubois  
Elkhart  
Elkhart  
Elkhart County  
Fulton  
Gibson  
Grant  
Greene  
Hamilton  
Hancock  
Hendricks  
Hendricks  
Henry  
Jackson  
Jefferson County  
Johnson  
Johnson  
Kendallville, IN

Knox County  
Kosciusko  
Kosciusko  
La Porte  
Lake  
Madison  
Marion  
Miami County  
Monroe  
Northeast Indiana (11 Counties)  
Owen  
Portage  
Porter county  
Southwest Indiana  
Spencer County  
St. Joseph  
Steuben  
Tipton  
Vigo  
Wells County

# Please share below any changes you have made to your legislative programming for 2021 due to COVID challenges. What works well with your approach to making an impact advocating on behalf of your members?

## Comments:

We will be inviting the media only to attend this first session. Most likely will have another session in February with media

They will air on facebook live and cover the event on radio, newspaper and local TV.

No legislative programming being planned at this point. Being transparent and open works well with our members.

We are starting our Legislative series virtually, as opposed to a luncheon. Also, we have canceled this years dinner in Indianapolis with our legislators and membership.

There has been an option to attend a Zoom meeting.

Saturday sessions will be held virtually and we will likely only have 2 this year. Still working on the plans for our Friday luncheon as we will not be doing that in person. We may not offer a Friday as an option this year...still waiting to speak with the legislators for availability.

Travis Holdman usually calls me to schedule. I currently have not connected with him just being back from the holidays. I am not sure at this time what we will be doing. It depends on the color of the county and how many people can gather. It is usually an open meeting and I do not take RSVPs. If we limit the number gathering, I will take RSVPs at that point.

This year's events will be held virtually. Once we have it set up, we will be partnering with a local business to offer discounts for "Breakfast" or "lunch" to drive traffic to them for our virtual event. The virtual event will reduce some of the attendance cap and space issues we have seen in the past.

This year, instead of having a breakfast presentation, the Mayor is going to pre-record her State of the City address and make it available to the public.

Our event is usually held in late January, early February. I have not yet discussed this with our representatives.

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## Comments:

The Owen County Chamber of Commerce and EDC Event Assurance Plan  
Each event will have limited attendance to assure social distancing.  
Attendees will be required to have their temperature taken prior to registration.  
Attendees will be required to wear a face mask with the following exceptions:

- . While eating or drinking
- . While speaking as a guest speaker
- . If the attendee suffers from breathing conditions or asthma
- . When able to social distance

Seating and spacing of tables will follow CDC regulations.  
Masks and Hand Sanitizer will be made available to all attendees.  
Food and beverages, if served, will be individually packaged or served by a Chamber representative to eliminate social contact.  
Prior to the event each attendee will receive a reminder email that outlines the OCCC Assurance Plan.

hosting 3 virtually updates

This year we have connected with our local League of Women Voters to create a bullet point list of topics that relate to our county that we wish for the panel to discuss.

It will be virtual only this year. (no surprise)

This year they will be zoom

New in the job. hoping to learn more about advocating outside of the town in 2021. have filled out surveys and sent emails as directed by ICEA and US Chamber and Indy Chamber when asked.

We are doing virtual-only in January. May have limited in person February and March. Will broadcast on local radio station and through Facebook Live with option to submit questions before and during the event.

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Rather than one in person event we will be doing a series of smaller online events with smaller groups.	
The biggest change is that our first 3rd house will be virtual. We will decide on the others after the first one but anticipate they will all be virtual.	
We did Zoom type meetings in 2020 with our Congressman, Senator Braun and LG Crouch in April, May and June	
All virtual for 2021	
Instead of a luncheon we co-hosted the event via Zoom	
Third House will be virtual, using Zoom Webinar.	
None made....yet! Although I'm sure my board will want want this year to be via zoom. REGIONALISM works well in making the greatest impact....united voices are heard over a single voice.	
All forums will be held virtually for the time being. This gives us the ability to record and share with registrants via a password protected webpage.	
At this time we do not have any legislative events scheduled for 2021, but our legislative committee is in the process of discussion for a future event.	
it is our hope to hold a socially distanced third house with an appropriate number of people in attendance.	

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I answered questions above in relation to our Third House Session. We normally hold it in January but haven't schedule it yet.

As far as other events, our State of the City is normally a 200-person lunch. This year we are just broadcasting it from a studio so losing that in-person event.

We also do monthly Coffee with the Mayor that has transitioned to Zoom with mixed results.

We also usually host a Legislative Dinner at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis during the session but we won't be doing that this year.

We've transitioned to more one-on-one or small group Zooms with our legislators.

We'll see how well it works now that the session has begun. The more one-on-one relationship building might actually prove to be a win for us (and our members) in the long run.

We have yet to schedule a legislative coffee due to the pandemic.

We've gone 100% virtual though 2020 and until at least May 2021.

We strive to have diverse representation, R's & D's, Senate & House and always try to include a member of the media

Virtual education for 2021

We typically hold an in-person event but this year will most likely move to a virtual event. At minimum we will need to move to a larger venue to allow for better social distancing. If we hold it virtually, we will still allow for questions and discussion by having participants request to be unmuted or submitting questions through the chat box.

We will be on Zoom. I look forward to having the MUTE button at our disposal.