



# Association of Ontario Land Surveyors

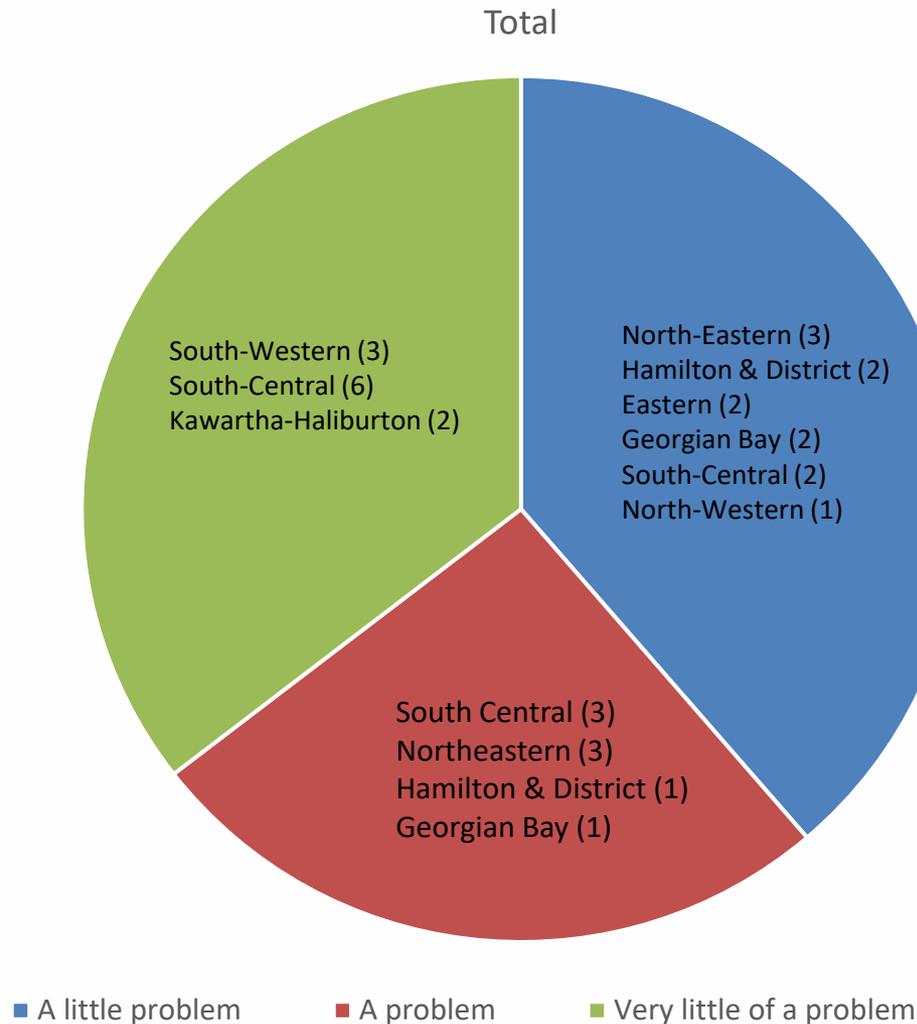
*Survey on Unauthorized Practice*



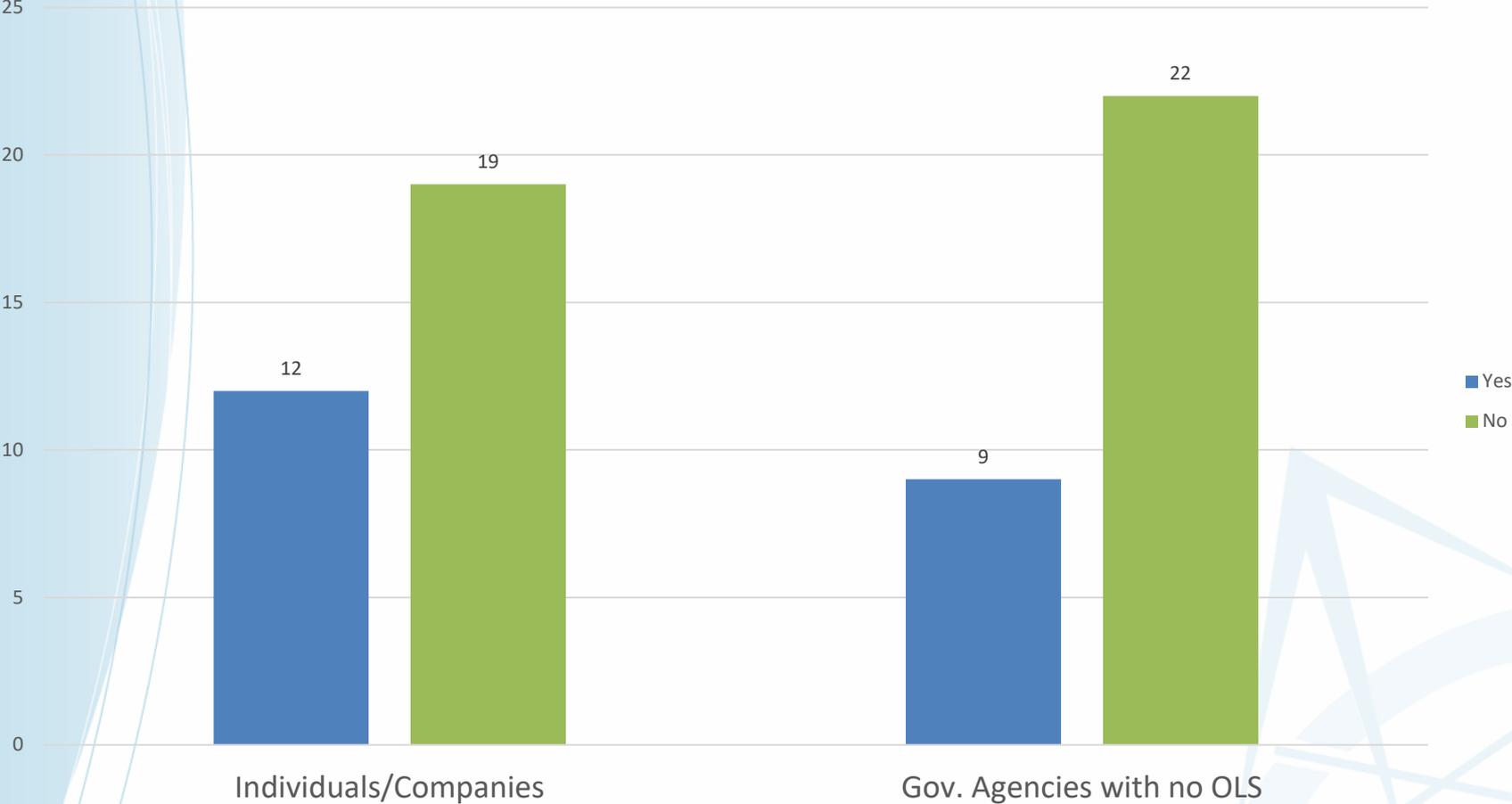
# Returns

- Only 31 returns were received
  - Eastern Regional Group (2)
  - Georgian Bay Regional Group (3)
  - Hamilton & District Regional Group (3)
  - Kawartha-Haliburton Regional Group (2)
  - Northeastern Regional Group (6)
  - Northwestern Regional Group (1)
  - South Central Regional Group (10)
  - South Western Regional Group (4)

# How would you rate the problem of unauthorized practice in your area?

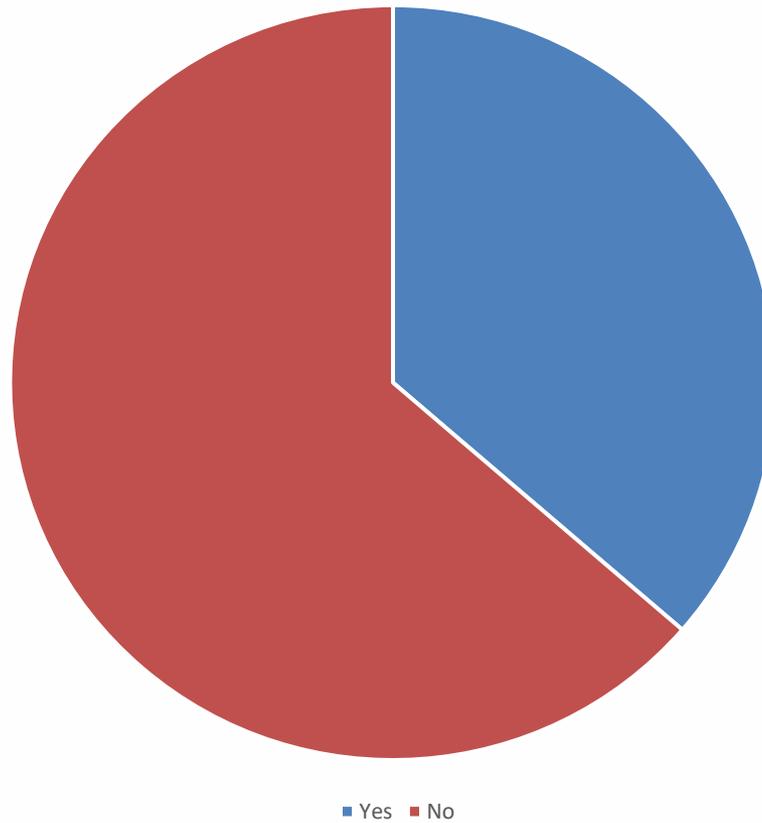


# Unauthorized Practice



# Where aware of unauthorized practice

Reported to AOLS



## If you are aware of individuals, companies or organizations without Ontario Land Surveyors performing cadastral surveys or holding themselves out as Ontario Land Surveyors and have not reported them to the Association, why not?

- 2 reasons. 1) Because sending “a sternly worded letter” from the AOLS does nothing to stop the activity. 2) the local municipalities who are also doing cadastral surveys with no OLS involvement on every road project would just ignore letters from the AOLS and would retaliate against the local OLS’ and if they found out who notified and sent in a complaint would never be hired again. No matter what assurances of anonymity and confidentiality names would eventually be found out
- Have no documented proof of the lines being run. All hearsay of ex MNR guys or Hydro guys, or forestry company guys running lines through bush. Was a technical company that was running in grey zone but they were purchased by an OLS firm.
- I talked to the engineer tech and convinced him that he was crossing the line between engineering and cadastral surveying.
- in the cases i am thinking of, it was the municipality staff telling people various things relating to the boundary and/or marking same. seemed minimally offensive and we do perform work for the municipality so it can be tricky situation.
- Pretty much every municipality has a metal detector and I frequently hear about "someone from the municipality came out and found our bars". These municipalities are my frequent clients. Is pulling out a metal detector and finding a bar performing a cadastral survey? They are not holding themselves out as surveyors and I'm not sure this falls under the current definitions as being something to report to the AOLS. I reach out to people at every municipality to advise them of the liability they are taking on if they find the wrong point and a person relies on it for building. They are mostly quick to forget they have a metal detector when advised they are putting themselves and their employers squarely within the sights of a lawyer should the bar found be something other than a property corner.
- They work for the County and being a small community there might be some push back. The individual has not engaged in legal surveying for at least a year. I'm new to this company and will be talking to him if we catch him doing it.
- Waste of time
- Sometimes I do not as these are potential clients and Business that I deal with in the community.
- Municipality is doing it. The have been told before and nothing happens.

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- The AOLS is already aware of the individual
- Wasted time. My answer of "NO" to question 5 is in relation to recent experience (past 5-10 years). Further back in time I brought several offenders to the attention of the AOLS over a period of about three years and to my knowledge nothing ever came of it so it feels like wasted time.
- I would report any such infraction
- Metrolinx, CN and CP Railways and other crown corporations are forcing "non-OLS Surveyors" to perform Cadastral work. Refusal to do work, could result in multi-million dollar contracts getting terminated as crown corporations they're the authority. There should be a meeting with the Association and these crown corporations to discuss what is and is not Cadastral work. Sending approved guidelines for unauthorized work to OLS offices does not do anything. Communicate with Metrolinx, CN and CP Rails the scope of work their "non-OLS Surveyors" contractors are not allowed to engage in. Ask them what scope of work they're asking their "non-OLS Surveyors" to perform.