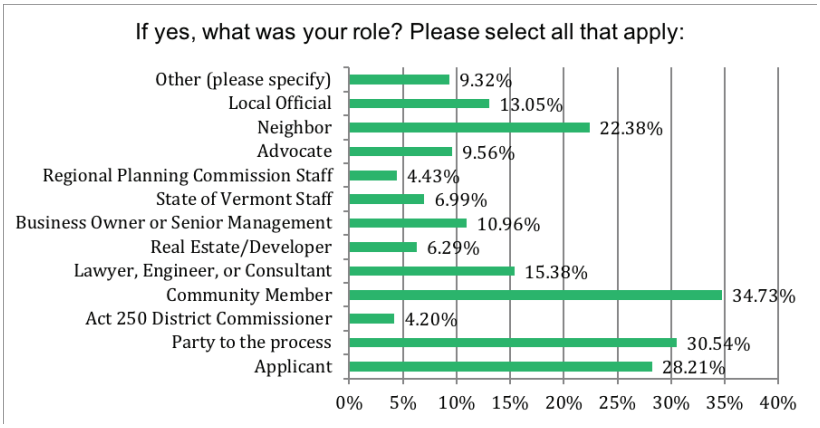
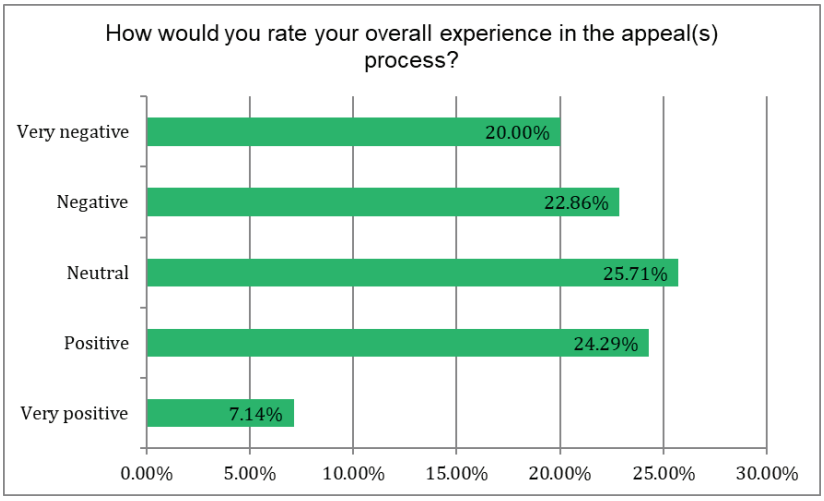
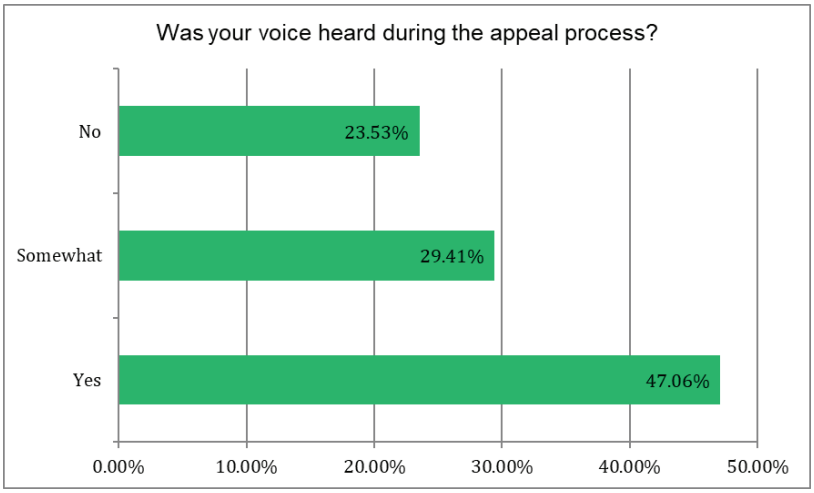
Act 250 Process Highlights (Statewide):



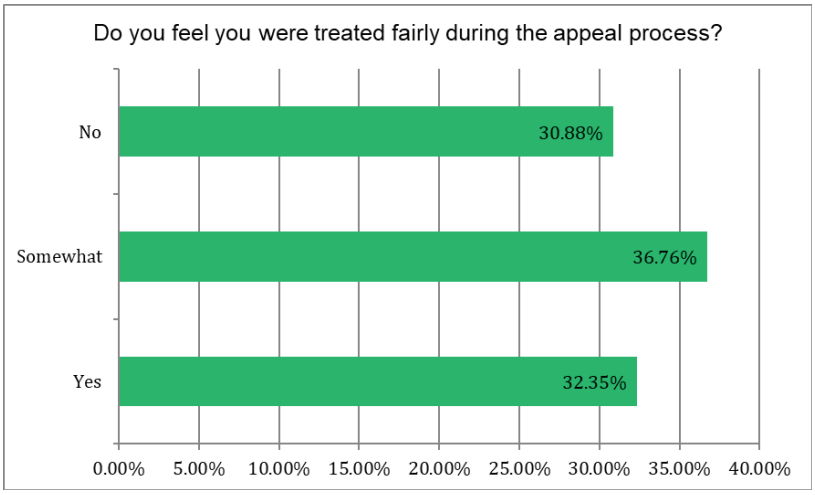
45.19% of survey respondents indicated that they had participated in Act 250 proceedings. Applicants were instructed to select all that apply, so we see double expression in the data to the left. Select highlights with supportive information from narrative data are presented below:



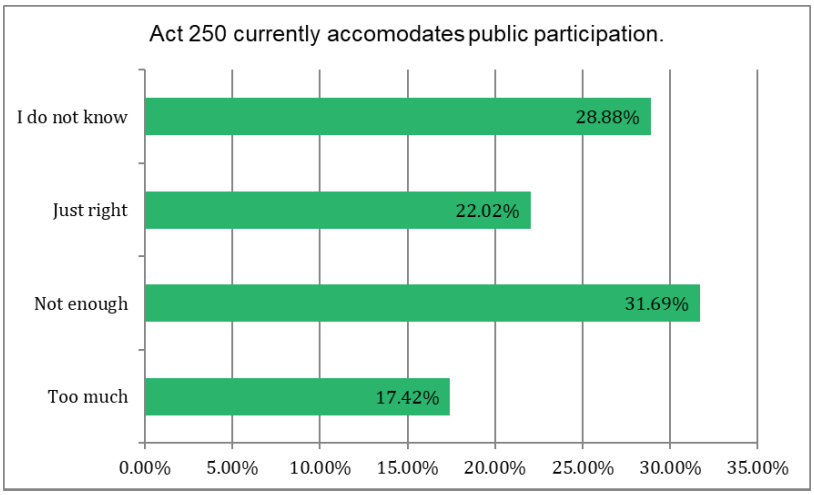
A still-sizable 37.3% of respondents indicated they have participated in an appeals process. Responses here indicate an area of concern; almost 43% of respondents indicate they had a negative or very negative experience in the appeals process.



Similarly, less than half (47%) indicated that their voice was heard during the appeal process.

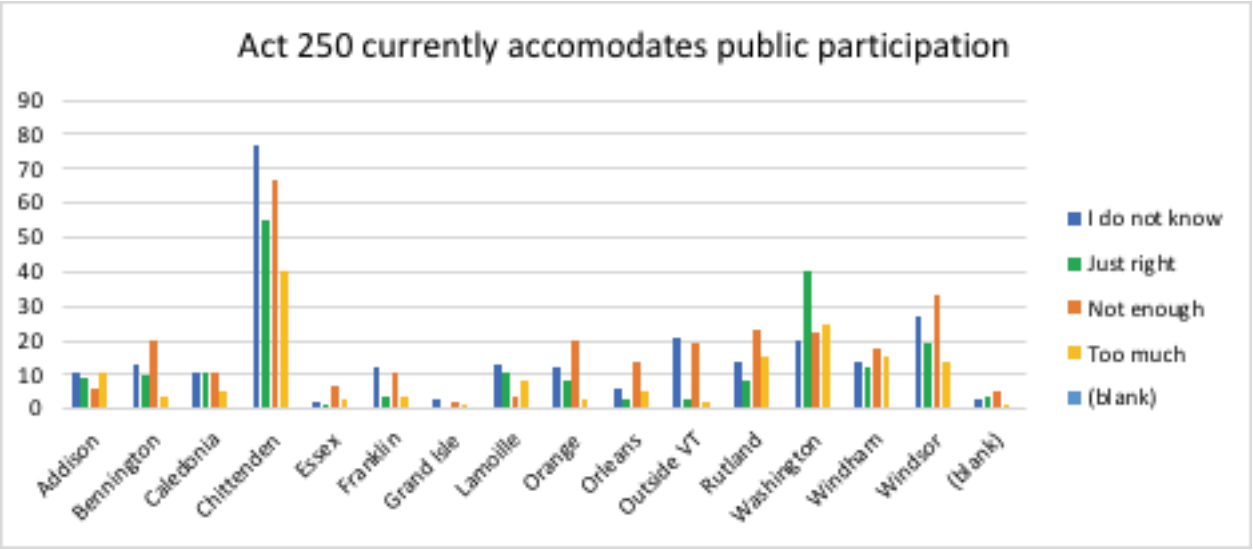


Further, over two-thirds of respondents indicated that they felt they were not, or only somewhat, treated fairly during the appeal process.



Beyond just the appeals process, respondents weighed in on the broader topic of accommodation of public participation. Results here were mixed, and from narrative comments, likely reflect the varying perspectives of the value of public participation in permitting processes.

- The process should be less complex and should include more citizen involvement- a majority respondents to the online survey from Windham, Windsor, and Orange counties felt that Act 250 does not accommodate public participation enough



- There needs to be more consistency across the state regarding assessment of applications
- Quarries should not be exempt from regulation

Manchester themes:

- There needs to be more consistent regulation across industries
- District coordinators have too much power

Island Pond themes:

- Maple operations are too big and have too large of an impact to be exempt from regulation
- There needs to be more regulation on the renewable energy industry (wind & solar)

Rutland themes:

- Redundant or duplicate regulation between the Agency of Natural Resources and Act 250 needs to be removed
- There needs to be fair and consistent review of Act 250 applications- on the online survey, a majority of respondents from Rutland county felt that they were not treated fairly during the appeals process
- The process needs to be more streamlined