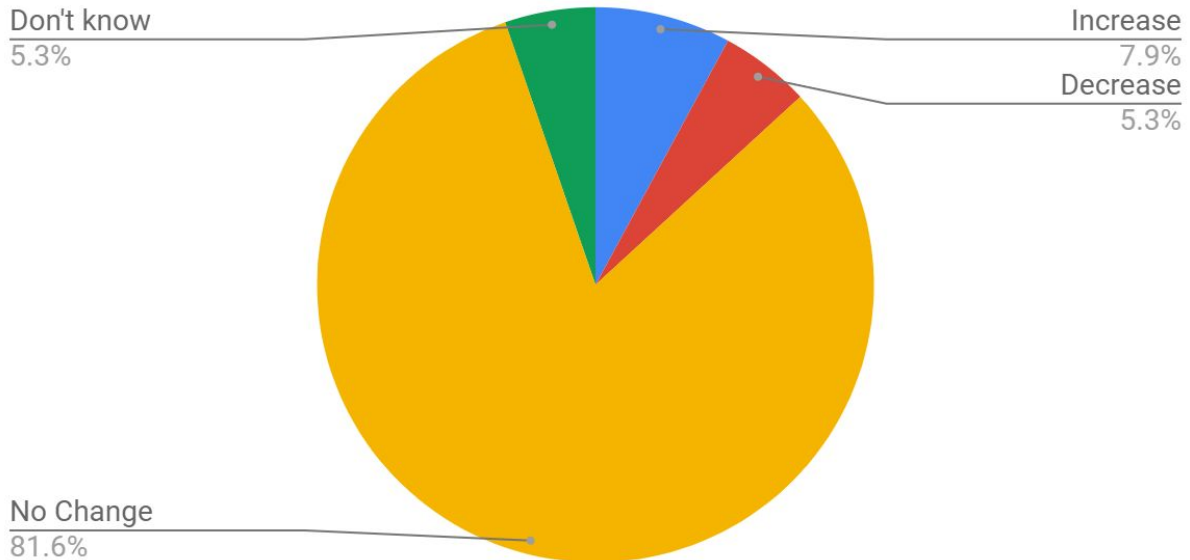


Have you had any change in the number of items you have to order since going fine free (including replacements or added copies to address holds)?

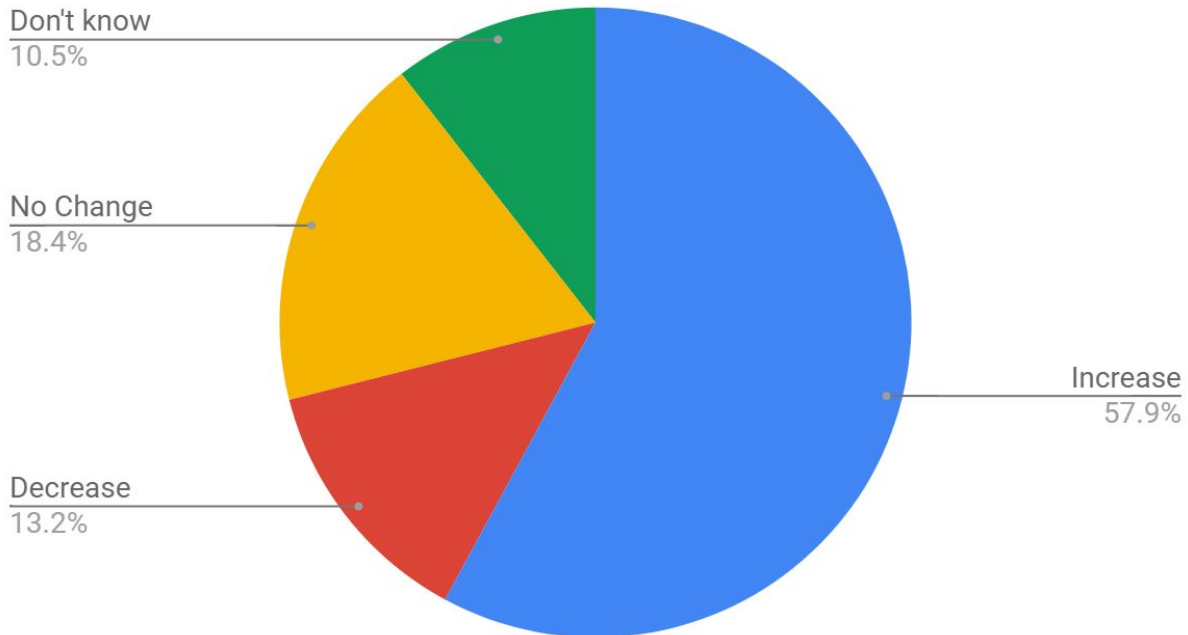


- None of the libraries that reported an increase in ordering attributed the change to fine elimination.

**Overall circulation rates tend to stay the same or increase with fine removal**

- Some libraries report no change in circulation with the removal of late fees. Others report an increase in circulation. This is usually attributed to an influx of patron previously blocked for fines or who avoided borrowing for fear of fines.<sup>15</sup>
- The majority of respondents in our survey reported an increase in circulation when they went fine free.

Have you seen any change in circulation totals after going fine free?



- Those that reported a decrease attribute the change to other factors such as recent renovations, changes in collection size, or the general nationwide downward trend in circulation.

## 2. To generate revenue for the library.

Practical argument. Fines provide a source of revenue for the library.

Library fines are also a very common source of funding for libraries across the country. Three questions we can ask about using late fines in this manner are:

1. How much of our revenue comes from late fees?
2. Is it appropriate to raise money for the library in this manner?
3. Do library fees have their own costs?

**LPL does plan for a certain amount of fine revenue in its yearly budget.**

- The "Overdues" line in the 2018 Budget was \$148,400. This accounted for about 3.2% of expected total revenues.