

Community Security Initiative

2021 Year-End Report

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

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NEW JERSEY



Greater MetroWest's community consists of **81** synagogues and **21** partner agencies.

# of	Essex	Union	Morris	Somerset	Sussex
Synagogues	30	23	21	4	3
Partner Agencies*	15	4	2	0	0

*Partner agencies data is based on the number of physical locations not the number of partner agencies.

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Improving the level of safety, security, and preparedness throughout Greater MetroWest NJ.

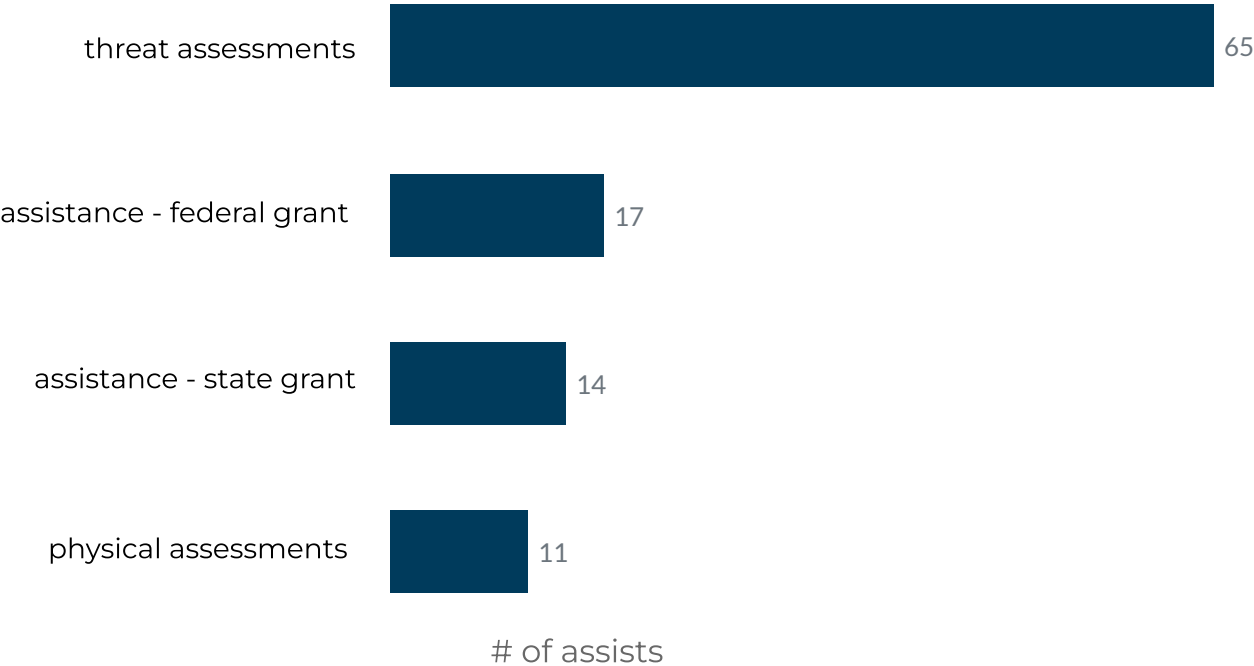
How the Community Security Initiative Assists Institutions within Greater MetroWest.

During 2021, the Chief Security Officer (Bob Wilson) assisted:

76 institutions **107** times



60% of the institutions requested assistance with threat assessments.

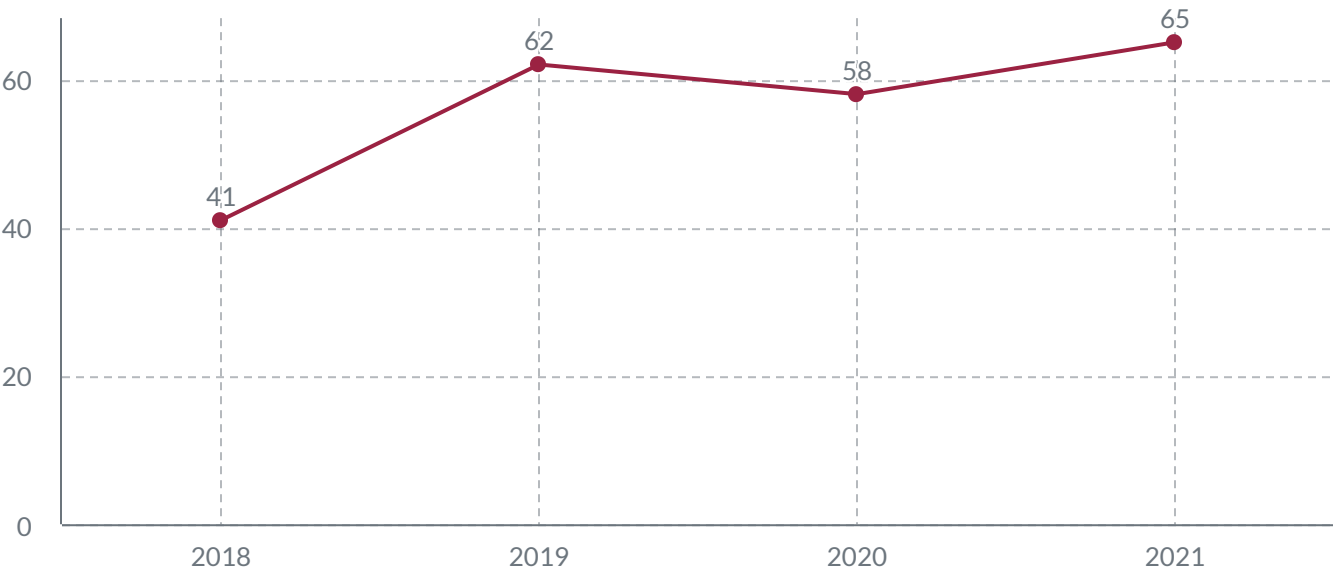


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Threat Assessments:

Threat assessments involved **vandalism, emails, social media postings, interrupted video-conferencing, flyers posted, letters received, phone calls, and verbal harassment** which often included displays of hate symbols and anti-Semitic messages. The most common incidents assessed were expressed threats, implied threats and vandalism.

During 2021, Bob Wilson conducted **65** threat assessments.



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Threat Assessments:

Threat assessments were requested by:

- 30

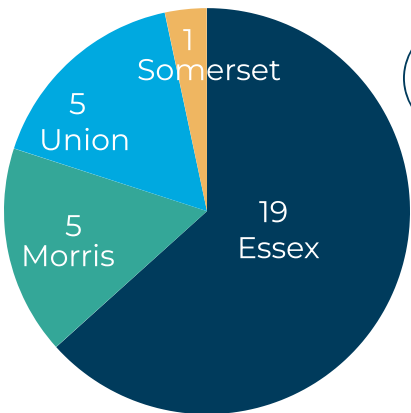
Synagogues
- 11

Partner Agencies
- 3

Jewish Non-profits
(excl. partner agencies)
- 21

"Other" Institutions*

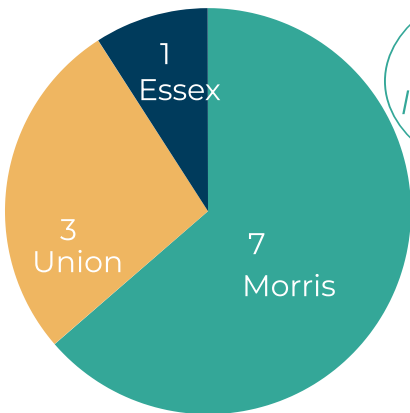
63% of of the synagogues' threats assessments were located in Essex county.



of synagogue

26% of synagogues are located in Essex county.

64% of the partner agencies' threat assessments were located in Morris county.



of partner agencies

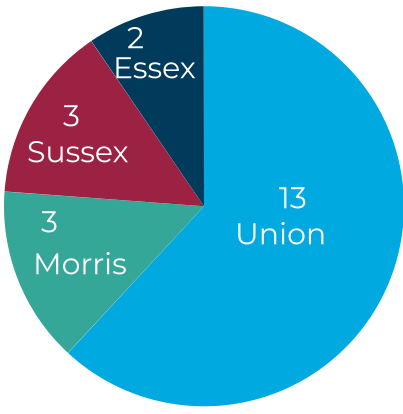
23% of partner agencies are located in Morris county.

Jewish non-profit institutions' threat assessments were located in Essex, Union and community wide.



of Jewish Non-profits

62% of "other" institutions' threats assessments were located in Essex county.



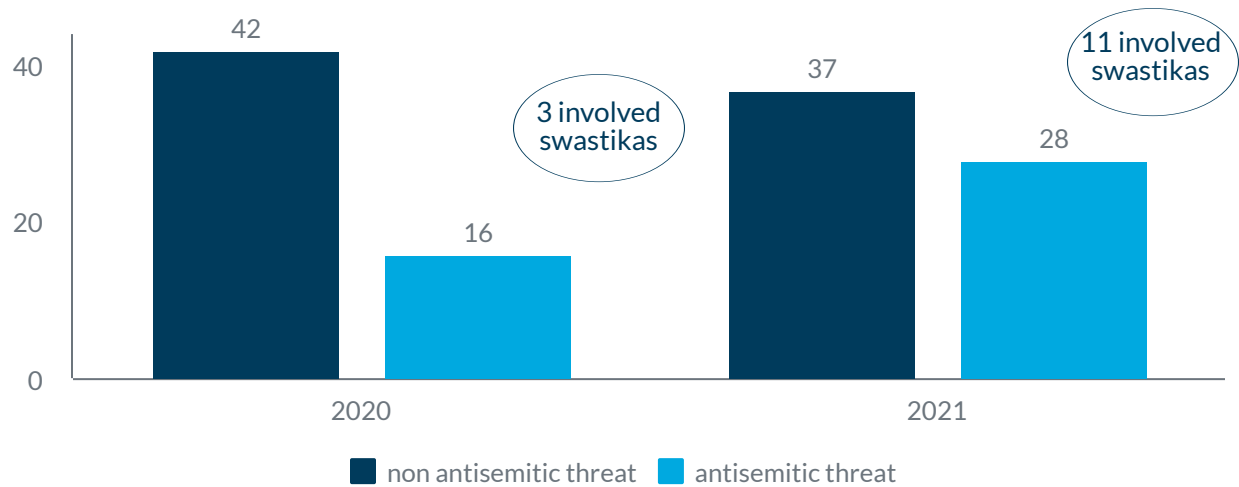
of "other" institutions

* "other" institutions include high schools, retail stores, parks, campgrounds, and churches.

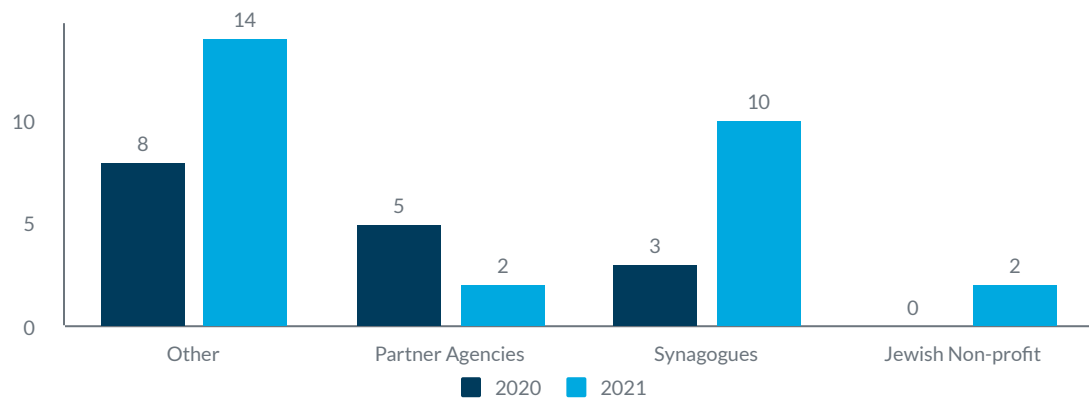
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Threat Assessments:

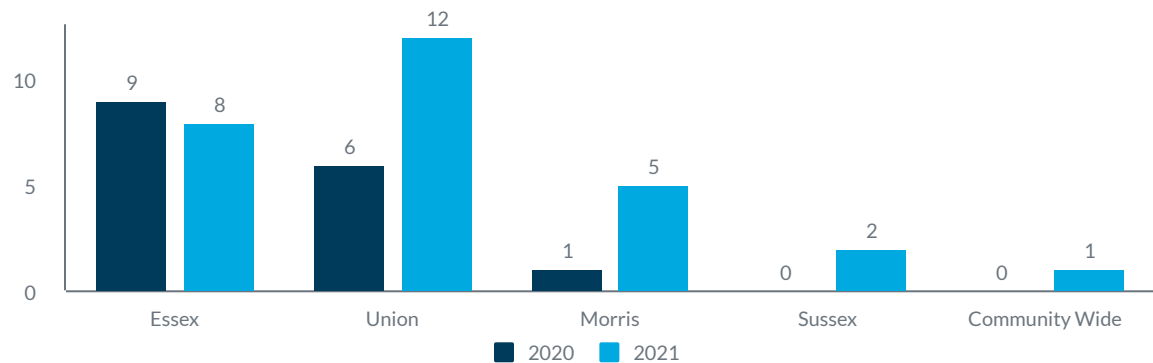
75% increase in antisemitic threats from 2020.



"Other" institutions received the most antisemitic threats in 2020 & 2021.



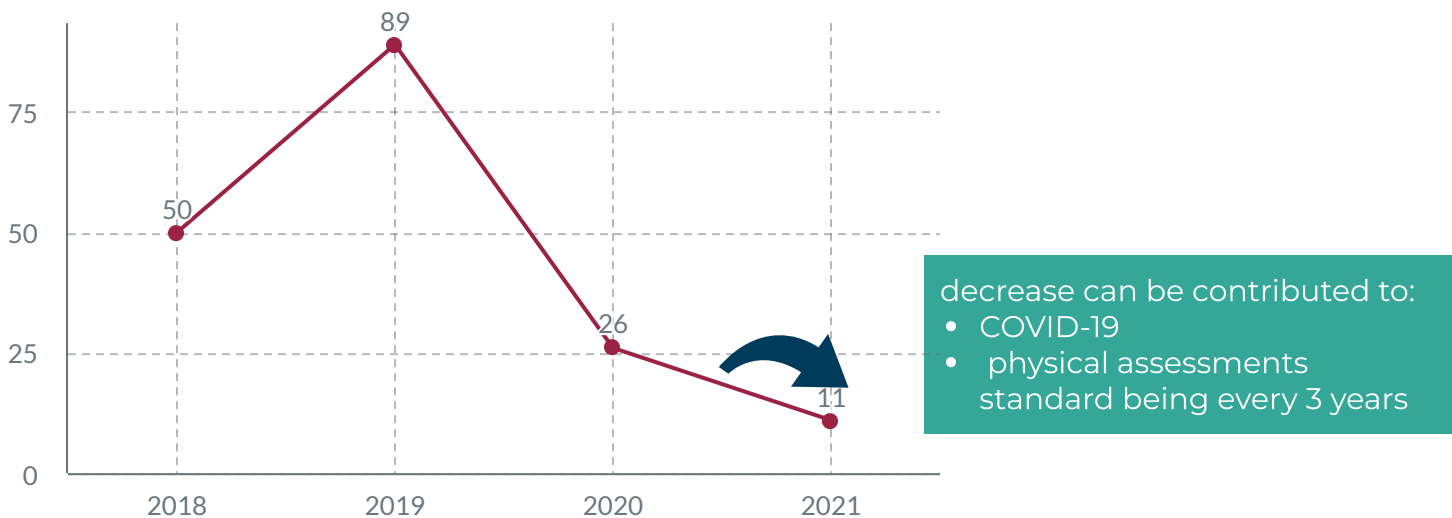
In 2021 Union county had the most antisemitic threats whereas in 2020 it was Essex county.



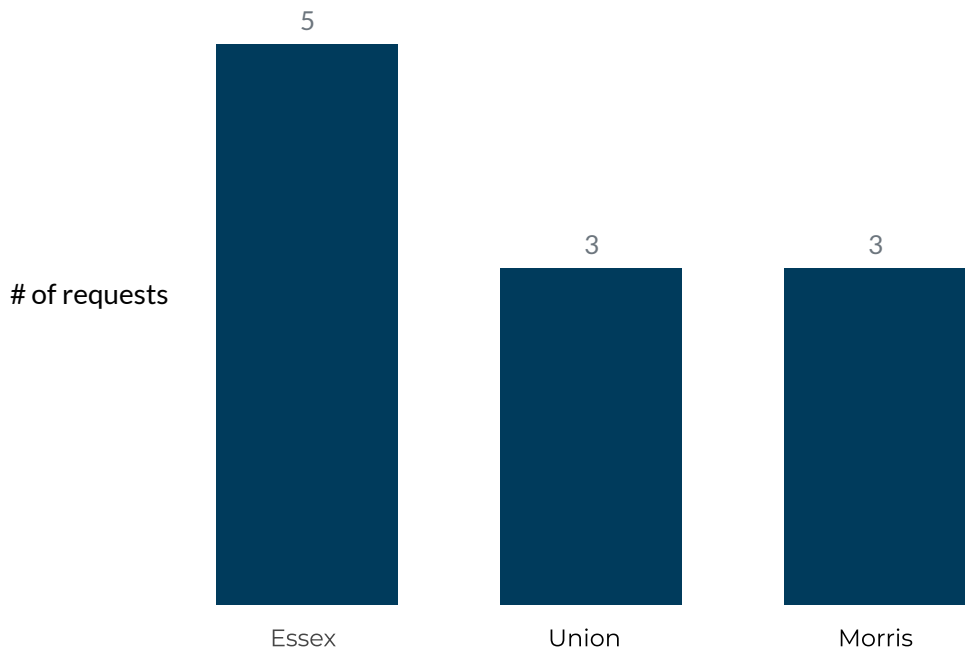
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Physical Assessments:

During 2021, Bob Wilson conducted **11** physical assessments.



45% of the requests for physical assessments were located in **Essex county**.



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Physical Assessments:

Physical assessments were requested by:

 **8 Synagogues**

 **3 Partner Agencies**

50% of the physical assessments of synagogues were located in **Essex county.**

Physical assessments for partner agencies were conducted in **Essex, Union & Morris county.**



"Really appreciate Bob Wilson's input on anything security related."
- director of a synagogue

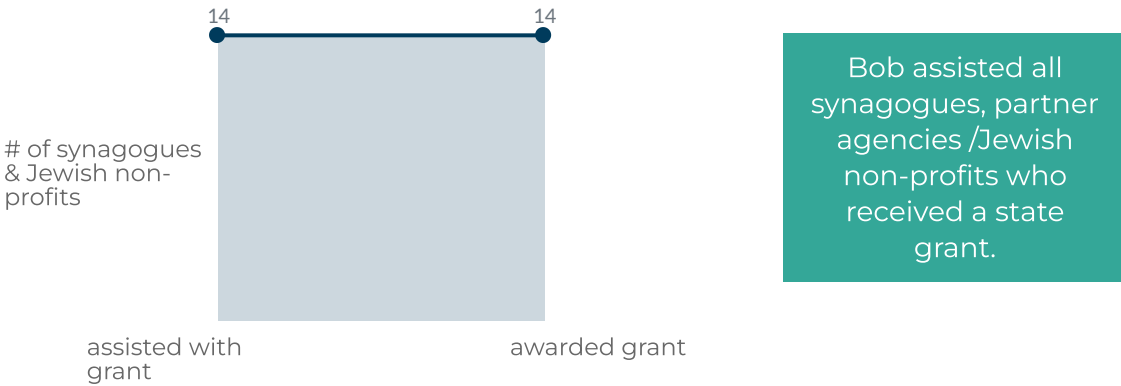
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Security Grant Assistance:

Bob Wilson assisted **31** synagogues and partner agencies in obtaining security grants.

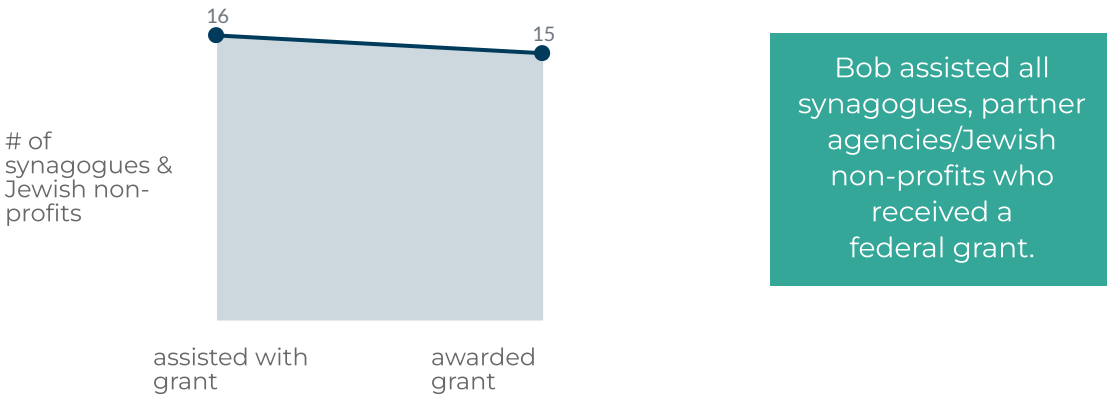
100% of institutions that Bob Wilson assisted received a state grant.

11 synagogues & **3** partner agencies/Jewish non-profits received **\$420,000** in non-profit security grants.



94% of institutions that Bob Wilson assisted received a federal grant.

8 synagogues & **8** partner agencies/Jewish non-profits received **\$2,278,383** in non-profit security grants



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Security Grant Assistance:

Bob Wilson lobbied on the existing threat in the Greater MetroWest Jewish community.

before the State Senate:



NJ increased security state funding to
\$2,750,000
an **increase** of **\$750,000**.

in Washington DC:



Department of Homeland Security
increased federal nonprofit security
funding to
\$180,000,000
an **increase** of **\$90,000,000**.

Training Classes:

Bob Wilson organized 2 community wide security training classes:

- ★ Personal Resilience Training
- ★ Countering Active Threat Training

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What our Synagogues and Partner Agencies are saying.*

86%

believe their organization is **better prepared** for a security threat **because** of Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest's Chief Security Officer, **Bob Wilson**.

84%

always or usually **use** Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest's Chief Security Officer, **Bob Wilson** as a **resource** when it comes to security and threats.

"Bob Wilson has been such a **source of guidance and wisdom** concerning our specific needs as a small institution. More than anything, his **accessibility** and willingness to be in the "fray" with us has **brought a sense of confidence** to us that without we would find quite overwhelming. **He has left an indelible mark** on our future!!"
-synagogue president

"Bob has always been someone who had been there to **help guide** us. That alone has been very helpful."
-synagogue facilities manager

"We **appreciate** all the resources and the **assistance** we received from the Federation."
-synagogue operation director

"We greatly **appreciate** the partnership and guidance provided by the GMW Jewish Federation."
-partner agency executive director

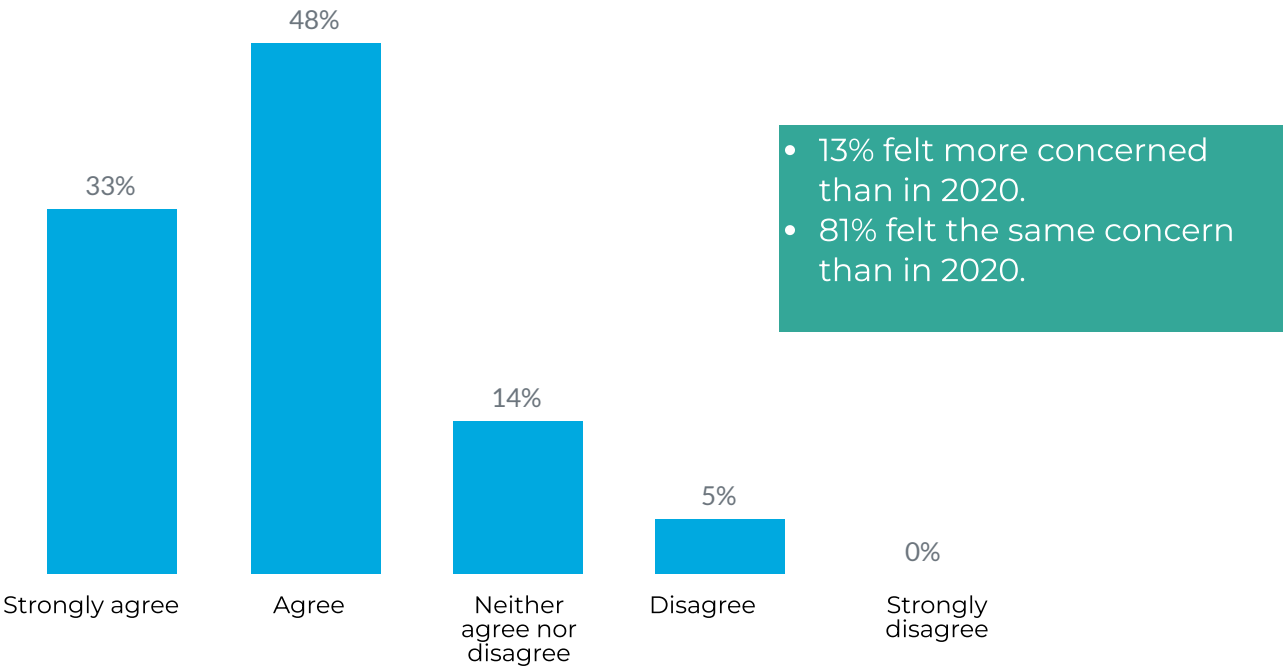
"You are **always available** to answer my many questions, are always clear and informative, and never fail to offer help and advice. Your involvement has been **invaluable**"
-synagogue security chair

* All survey questions had over a 50% response rate.

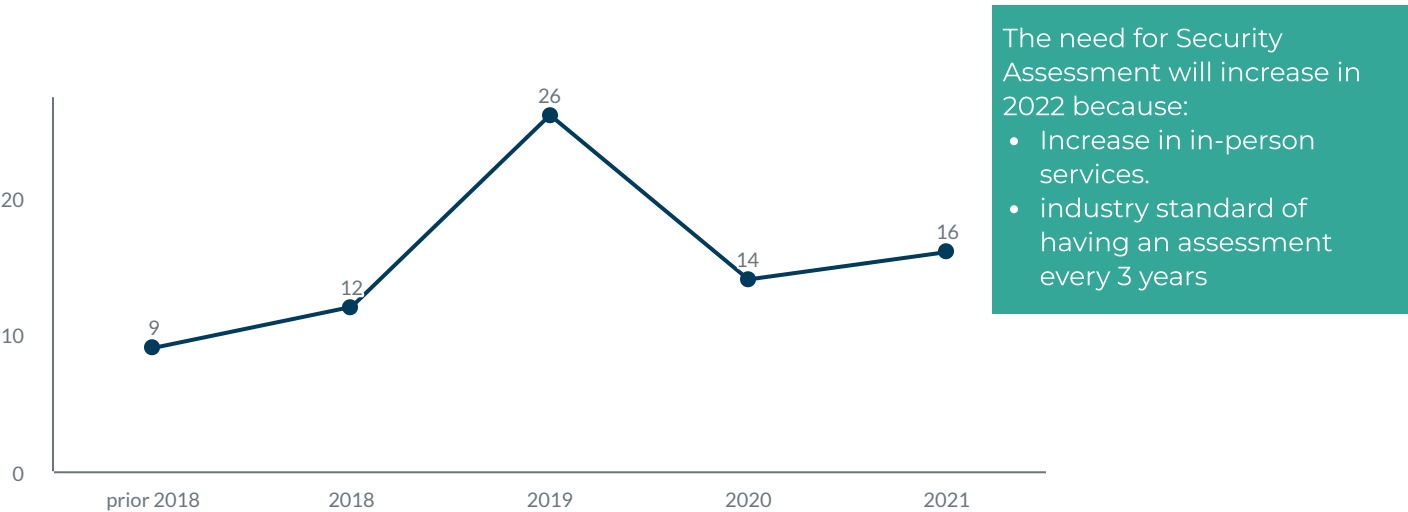
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The preparedness of our synagogues and partner agencies:

Synagogues and partner agencies are **concerned** about the **security of their institutions**.



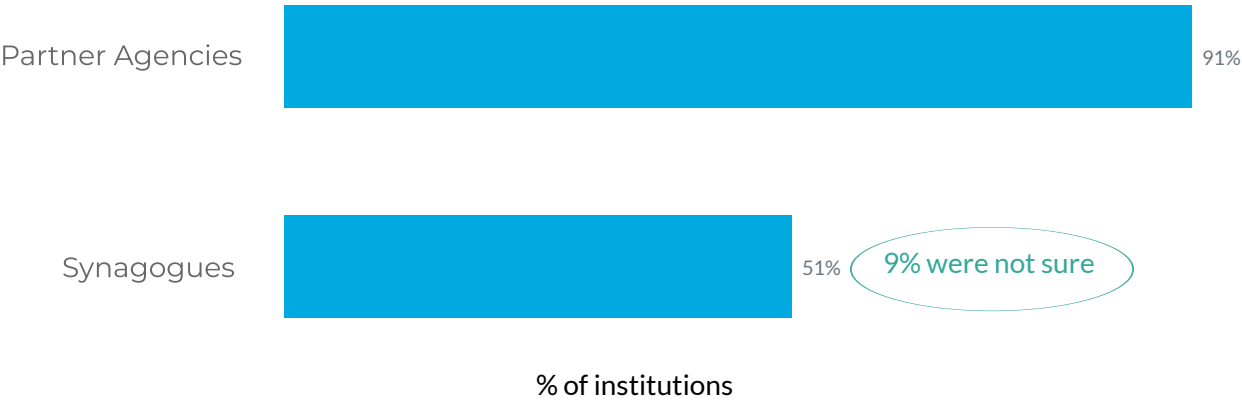
73% of institutions had a security assessment in the last 3 years.



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The preparedness of our synagogues and partner agencies:

58% of institutions have **Emergency Operations Procedures**.*



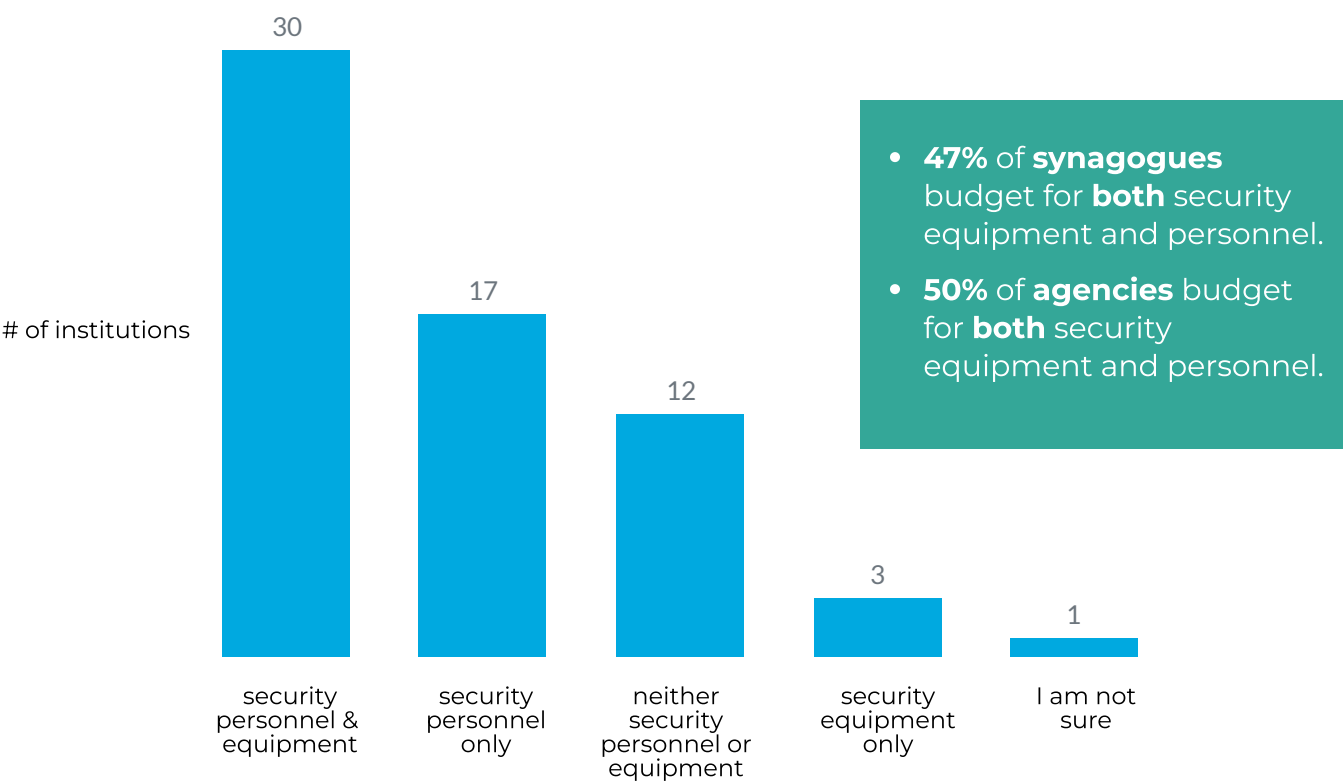
65% of institutions have a **committee for security planning**.*



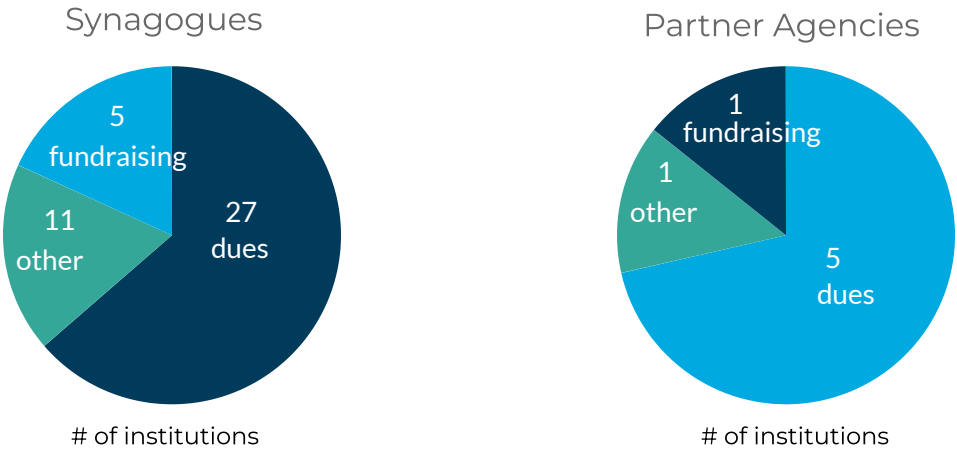
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The preparedness of our synagogues and partner agencies:

47% of institutions budget for **security personnel & equipment**.*



56% of institutions **fund** their security personnel & equipment from **dues**.*

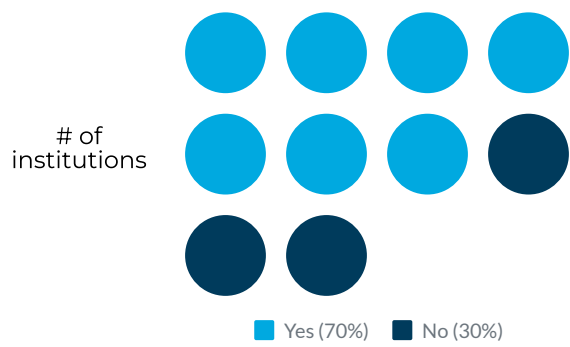


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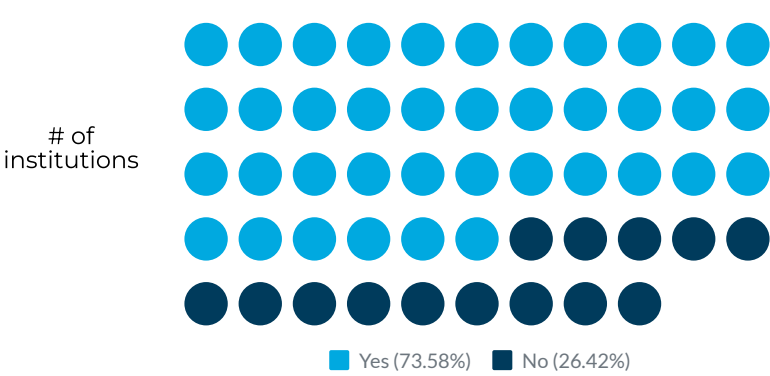
The preparedness of our synagogues and partner agencies:

73% of institutions use security personnel.*

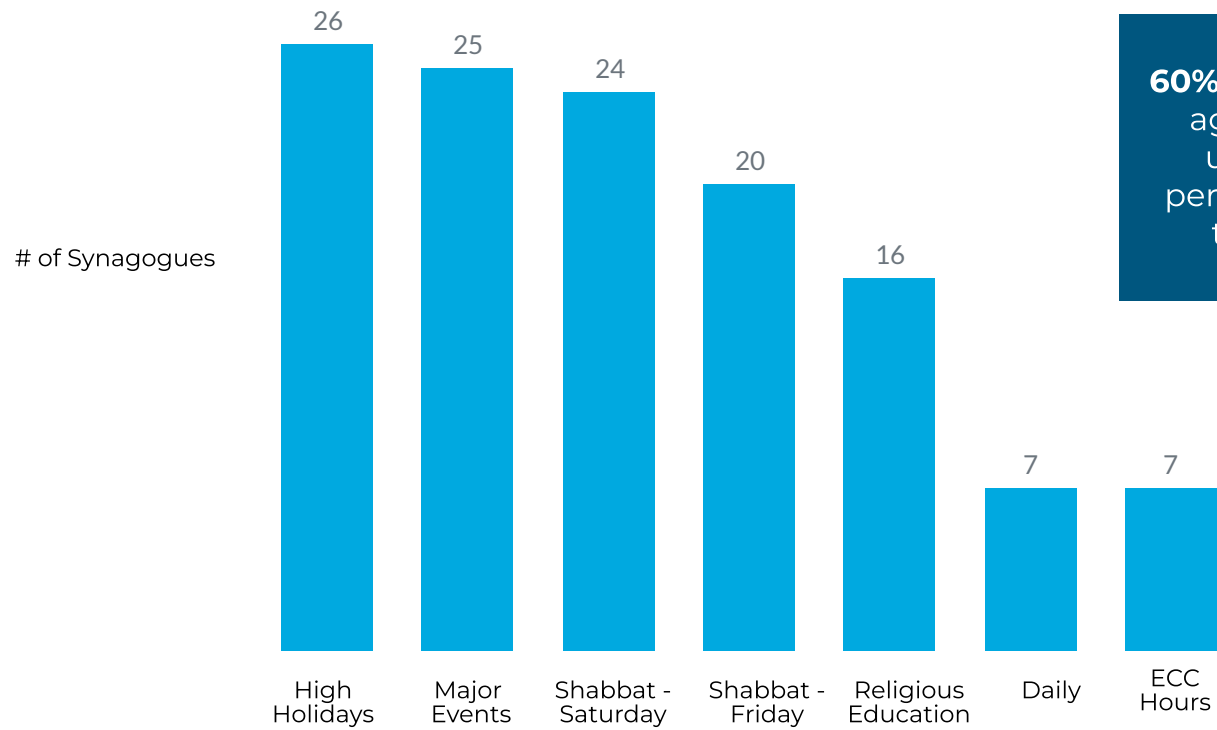
7 out of 10 partner agencies use security personnel.



39 out of 53 synagogues use security personnel.



49% of the synagogues who have security personnel assign them during High Holidays.



60% of the partner agencies who use security personnel assign them daily.

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The preparedness of our synagogues and partner agencies:

98% of institutions have a good relationship with their police department.

98%

of Synagogues have a good relationship.

100%

of Partner Agencies have a good relationship.

Bob Wilson convenes law enforcement and institutions to help foster better relationships.