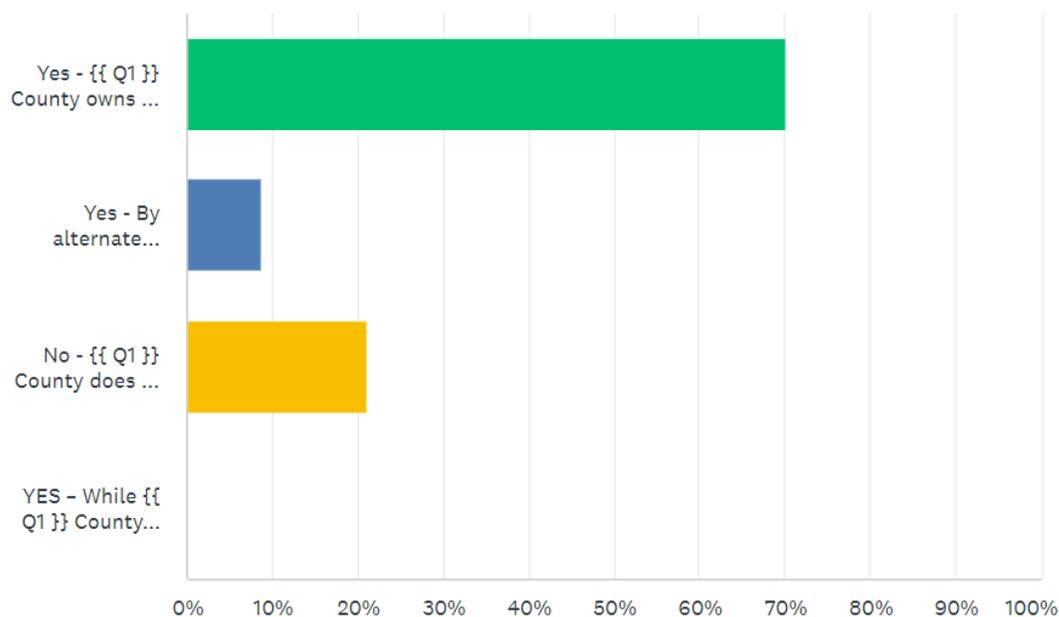


# County Offices of Weights and Measures - Survey of Minimum Test Weights and Test Loads

Does “This” County own or have access to all the minimum quantities of certified test weights, as established in Table 4, necessary to test every registered scale (except railway track scales)? \*NOTE: Railway track scales are excluded from paragraph N.3. and Table 4 requirements.



- Of 55 County jurisdictions, 100% participated.
  - 39 of 55 respondents (71%) answered the above question “YES,” declaring that they own the minimum amounts of certified test weights.
  - 4 of 55 respondents (7%) answered the above question “YES, but by other means,” declaring that they have agreements with other county jurisdictions or RSAs to use their certified test standards to conduct the test.
  - 12 or 55 respondents (22%) answered the above question “No.”
    - Of these 12 respondents, 8 respondents declared they witness the test being performed by a Registered Service Agent instead of purchasing additional certified test weights.

- Of these 12 respondents, 4 declared they do not witness the test being performed by a Registered Service Agent and would have to acquire additional test weights to be compliant. Those four counties would need to acquire 8,000 pounds, 12,500 pounds, 6,000 pounds, and 5,000 pounds, respectively.

Conclusion:

- The majority 51 of 55 county jurisdictions (93%) either own, have access to, or witness an RSA perform the test using the minimum quantities of test weights in NIST Handbook 44, Section 2.20., N.3. and Table 4 requirements.
- The minority 4 of 55 county jurisdictions (7%) do not own, have access to, or witness an RSA perform the test. Each of these county jurisdictions will need to either make arrangements to gain access to the needed test weight, witness the test being conducted by an RSA, or acquire between 5,000 and 12,500 pounds of certified test weight to be compliant.