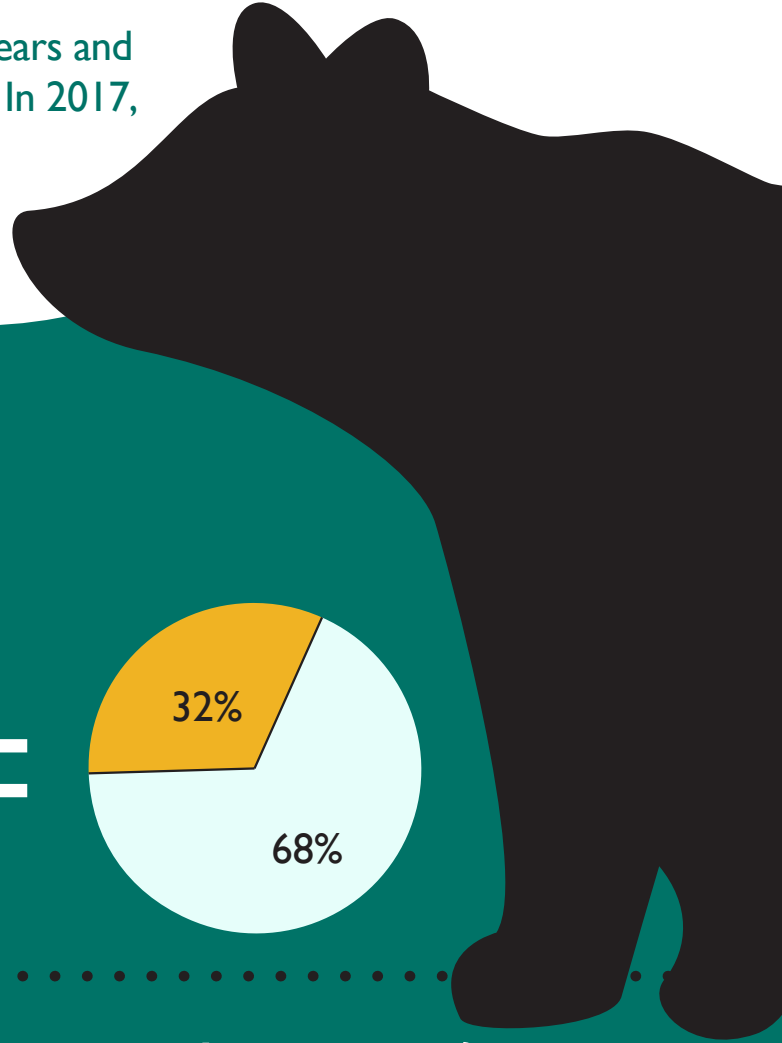


# WHITEHORSE: Let's Talk Bears

Whitehorse is the Wilderness City. Residents live, work, and play where bears and other wildlife live. Reducing human-bear conflicts is a priority for the City. In 2017, with YG Conservation Officer Services and WildWise Yukon, we analyzed incident reports\* to identify where incidents are occurring and what the key attractants are.

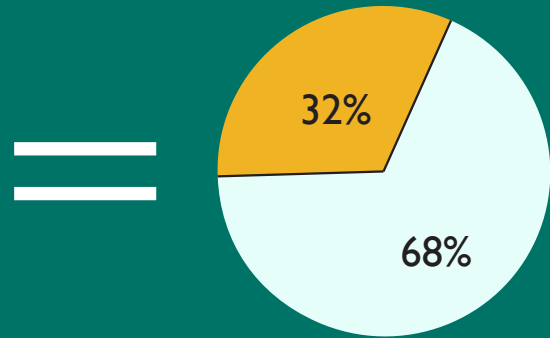


Did you know on average:

**20** bear incident reports are generated in Whitehorse City limits each year. **Of this:**

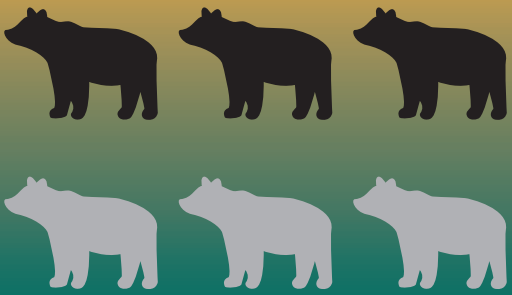
**6** occur in areas **ON** City waste cart collection (ex. Copper Ridge, Porter Creek, Logan, etc.)

**14** occur in areas **NOT ON** City waste cart collection (ex. Alaska Highway, Mt Sima, Wolf Creek, etc.)

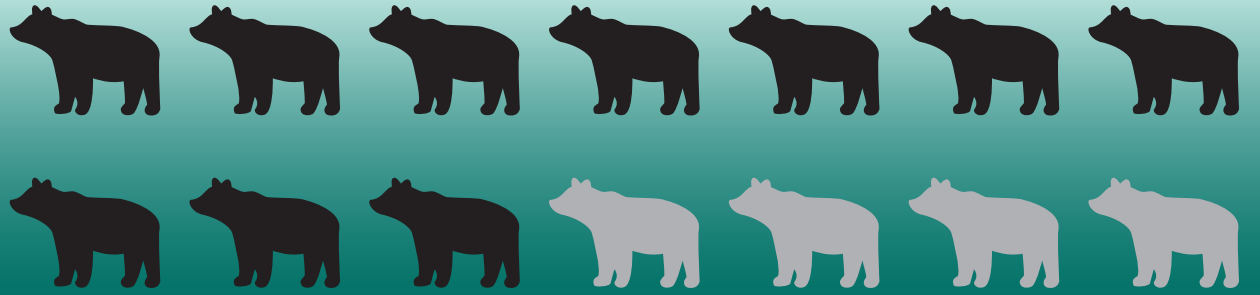


How many of these incidents are due to garbage and organics?

Areas **ON** City waste cart collection



Areas **NOT ON** City waste cart collection



Garbage, organic waste, compost attracted bears



Other reported incidents (BBQ, bird feeders, chicken coops, recycling, etc.)

What are the main attractants in City limits?



**Garbage**

**Organic waste** - includes backyard composting

**Food attractants** - bird feeder, cooking oil, freezers, etc.

**Agriculture** - Chickens, coops, sheep, goats, gardens, bees, etc.

**Other** - BBQ, recycling, gas/oil jugs, pets, burn barrels, etc.

\* Data analyzed from 2012-2017. Data collection models have been inconsistent in past years. These are estimates, not actuals. Gaps and discrepancies exist. Not all interactions are reported by residents.

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Report bear incidents:  
1-800-661-0525