### CENTR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

# Impact Report



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## Survey Participants

In September 2022, Centro surveyed program participants to better understand our program impact. We invited all participants of our Bootcamp, Basic Entrepreneurship Program and Advanced Entrepreneurship Programs in all locations to participate in the surveys.



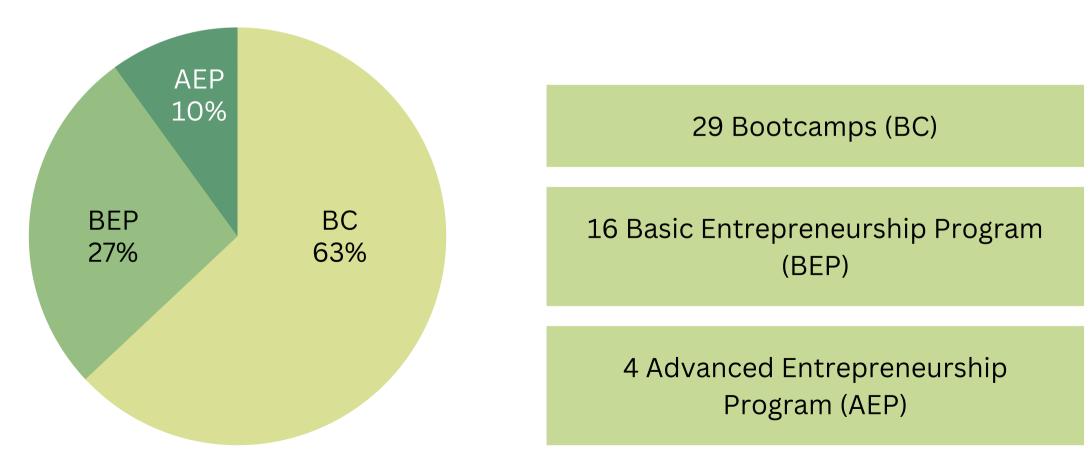
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## Programs during the past 12 months

From August 2021 to July 2022, 372 entrepreneurs graduated from 49 programs: +8  $\triangle$ 



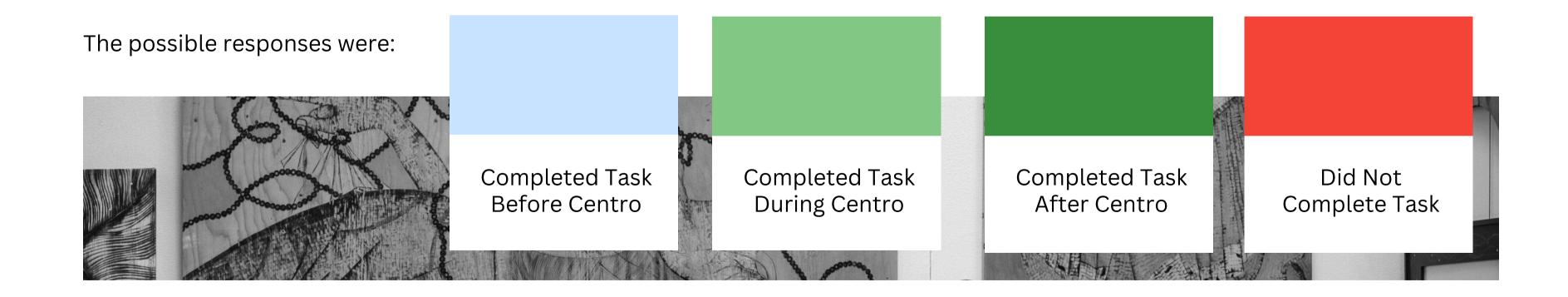
Graduates	Avg Cohort Size	Graduation Rate
234	11	72%
101	8	83%
37	11	86%



### Entrepreneur Journey Scorecard

Centro's Entrepreneur Journey Scorecard is aimed at understanding what steps entrepreneurs have taken toward starting or growing their businesses. **The completion rate was 51%** (123 of 240 entrepreneurs that graduated within the last 12 months). +18%

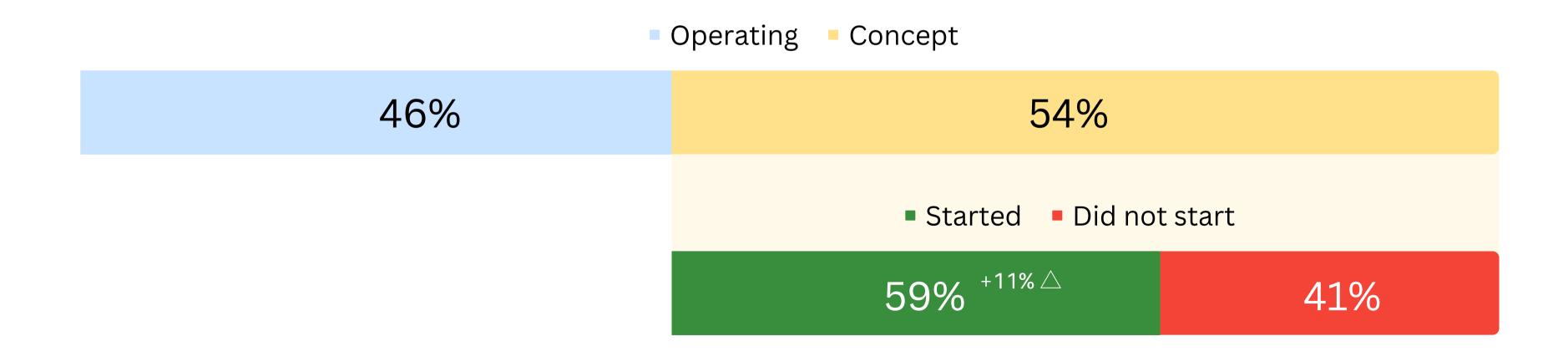
The next slides show the number of entrepreneurs that completed milestones during or after Centro, compared to the respondents that did not complete those milestones.





## Business Stage

When entrepreneurs start in Centro's programs, 54% are in concept stage. Within the first year, 59% of the graduates reported having **started their business**.





### Employment within the first 12 months

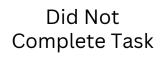




#### 31% started paying themselves something

(**35%** of whom reported that it was a **living wage**)

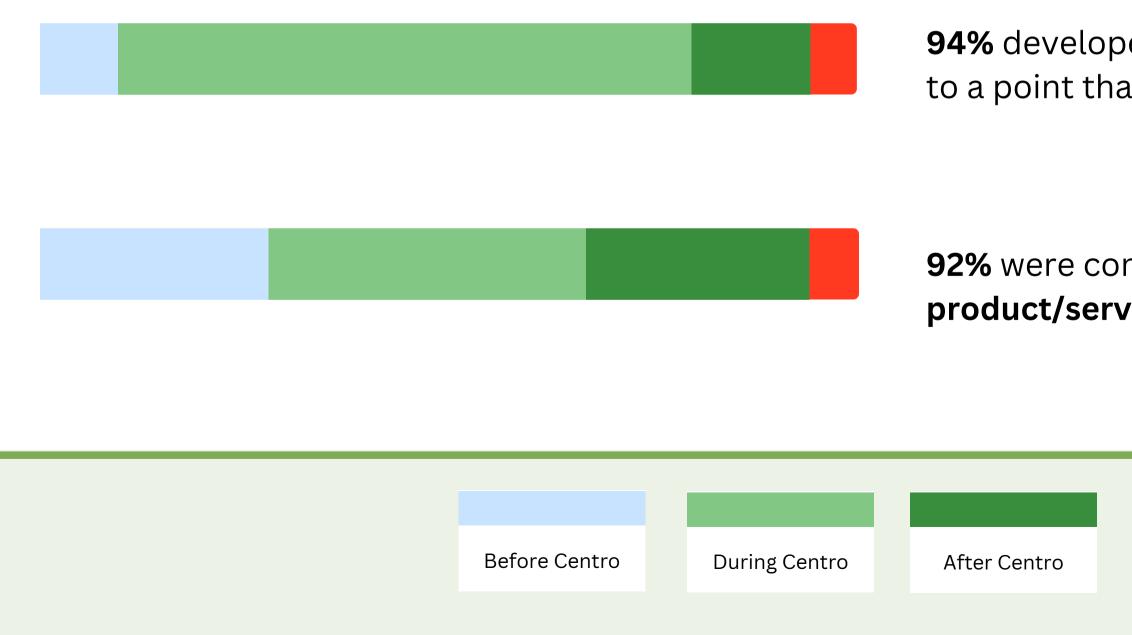
And 20% hired someone else to help them with their





## Increased Confidence

One of the most significant areas of impact was seen in the increase in confidence:



#### 94% developed their vision, mission and values to a point that they are comfortable with, and

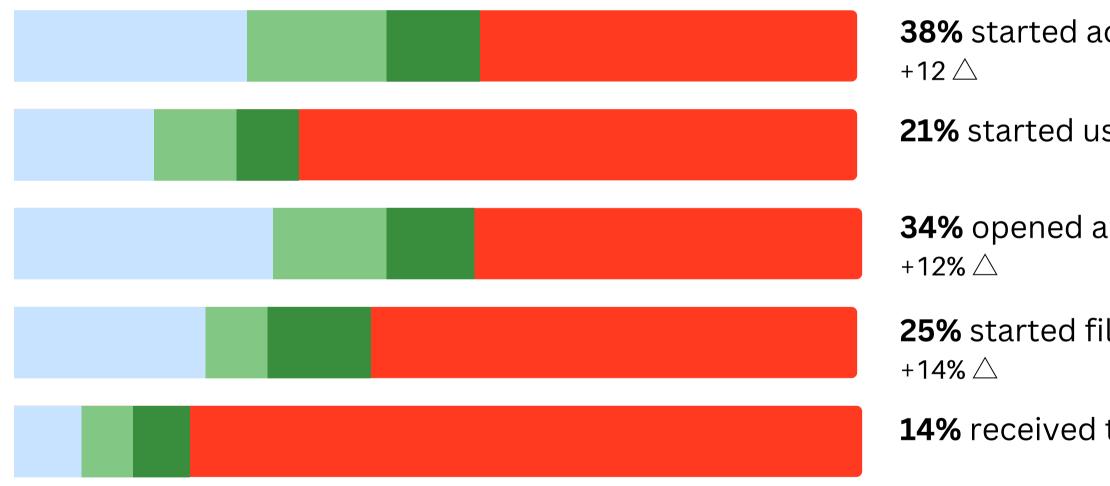
92% were comfortable describing their product/service to potential customers.

> Did Not Complete Task



### **Business Finance**

Additionally, we found that:



Before Centro During Centro After Centro

- 38% started accepting credit cards payments
- 21% started using accounting or bookkeeping software
- 34% opened a business bank account
- 25% started filing business taxes
- 14% received their **first loan** within the last 12 months





## Impact Survey (post 1-year)

Centro's Impact Survey asks entrepreneurs that graduated more than 1 year ago to share their annual revenue, labor costs and access to funding.

The following information is based on a 27.5% completion rate (253 of 920 entrepreneurs). +10.5%  $\triangle$ 

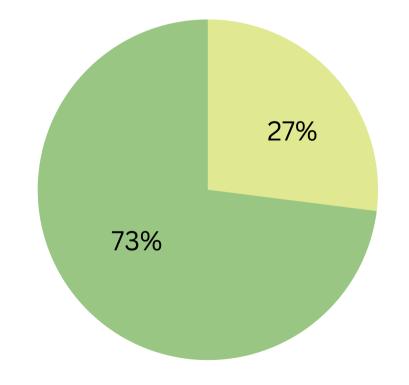


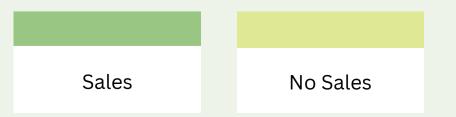


### Annual Sales

Of the entrepreneurs that graduated more than

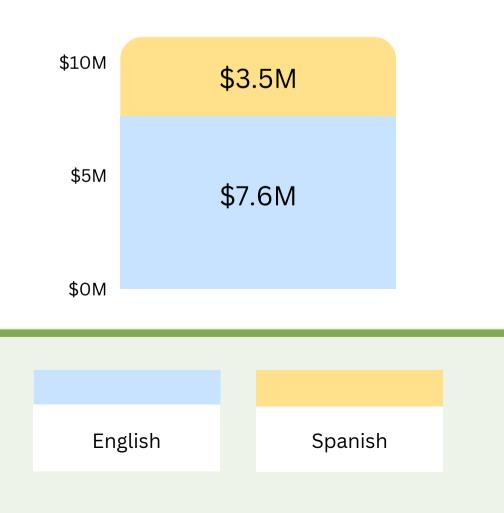
one year ago, 73% reported having sales,





#### generating a total annual revenue of **\$11M+** and an +\$ 5M △ average annual revenue of **\$58,627+.** +\$7,600 $\triangle$

#### **\$11 M in Total Revenue**

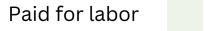




## Investment in Jobs

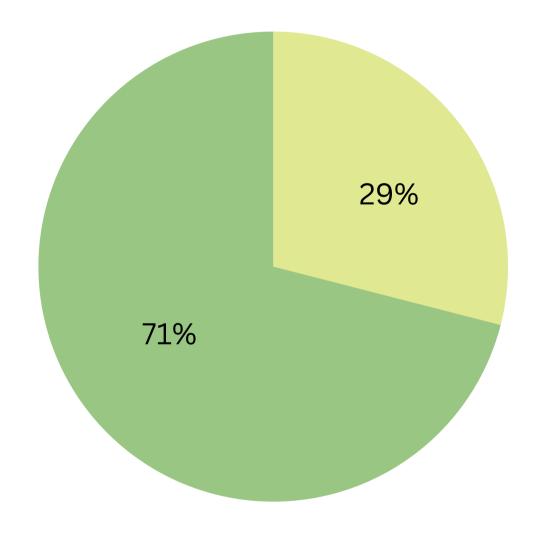
Of those with sales,

71% incurred labor costs over the last 12 -11%  $\triangle$ months, resulting \$3,859,000+ in total labor +\$1.5M  $\triangle$ costs and an average of \$28,500+ per business. -\$1,500  $\triangle$ 



No labor cost

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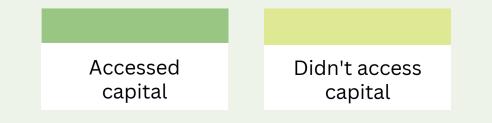




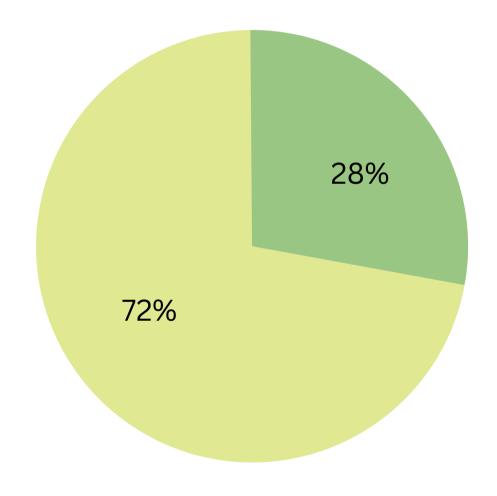
## Access to Capital

**28% of the entrepreneurs reported having accessed capital** within the last two years, representing a total of over \$1,238,000.

As of October, 2022, Centro has facilitated access to **\$6,461,831 (+320) in loans** consisting of community development financial institutions (CDFIs), Kiva, SBA loans, grants and other microlenders.



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## Observations

After analyzing the data, we noticed some interesting differences between progress made by different groups of graduates. We have used the following groupings:





### **Observation 1**: Program Differences

Graduates of BEP tended to grow in areas related to business fundamentals, whereas AEP graduates grew in areas related to marketing strategy and financial goals.

### BEP

Growth concentrated on business fundamentals:

Growth concentrated on marketing strategy and financials goals:

- Mission vision values
- Created logo
- Basic Skills
- Tried creating product or delivering service
- committed to creating a business and not a hobby
- Determined what type and size of commercial space you need
- Created Business Plan

- Created a personal budget
- credibility
- Track personal finances

#### AEP

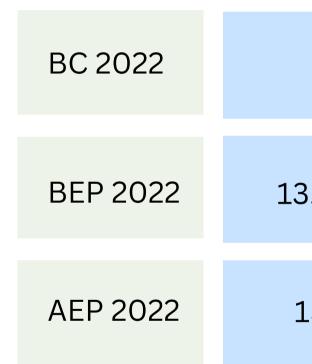
• Created a marketing strategy • Made progress towards your personal financial goals • Conducted a promotional campaign • Gotten any equipment, inventory, software or other key resources for their business • Gotten any professional certifications to enhance



### **Observation 2**: Program Differences



In 2022, entrepreneurs in **Bootcamps started with more** milestones completed than those in other programs. This might have been impacted by Bootcamps conducted for new partners in New York, who may have been slightly more advanced in their businesses than our typical entrepreneur. (See page 19)



Baseline: Avg # milestones completed at start

19.2	16.5	35.7 Tota
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### Observation 3:

### **Program Differences**

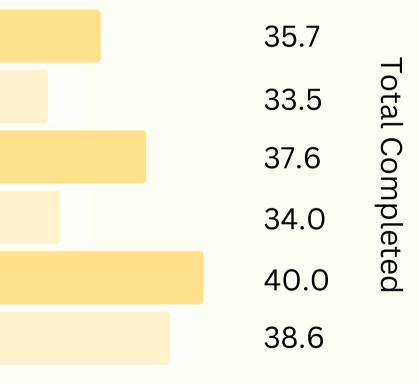
(year comparision)

- yet started selling.

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۵ 2021	15.3	18.2
<u>م</u> 2022	13.7	23.9
2022 2021	14	20
<u>م</u> 2022	15.2	23.8
<sup>Щ</sup> 2021	19.7	18.9

Baseline: Avg # milestones completed at start

Entrepreneurs in the **BEP and AEP completed more milestones** during and after their programs than the previous year. AEP participants started with fewer milestones completed this year. This is likely because we changed our AEP registration policy to also allow entrepreneurs to join the AEP that have not





### **Observation 4**: Languages Differences



and Spanish Programs. milestones completed after the programs.

English 2022

Spanish 2022

Baseline: Avg # milestones completed at start

#### In 2022, we have reduced the difference between English

Spanish participants show bigger progress than the English participants, and they both finish with very similar

19.2	16.5	37.1	Total Cc
14.3	23.1	37.4	completed



### Observation 5: Languages Differences

(year comparision)

- year.
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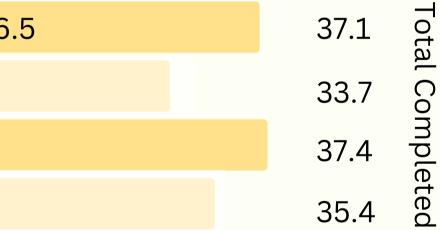
Baseline: Avg # milestones completed at start

#### This year, **English participants started with more milestones**

**completed** than Spanish participants this year and English last

#### Spanish participants completed more milestones than ENG this year and Spanish last year. Both, English and Spanish

participants have finished with more milestones completed this





### **Observation 6: Program Location**



- locations.

Bay Area	15.2
Stockton	14.9
New York	19.8
Partners in the Bay Area	12.7

Baseline: Avg # milestones completed at start

#### NY started with most milestones completed of all our program

### Stockton completed the most milestones after starting. Entrepreneurs that were trained through **Bay Area partnerships**

started the program from an **earlier stage** in their journey

