

**EFFECTS OF THE
HOUSING COUNSELING
FUNDING REDUCTIONS -
- A NATIONAL SURVEY
OF HOUSING
COUNSELORS**

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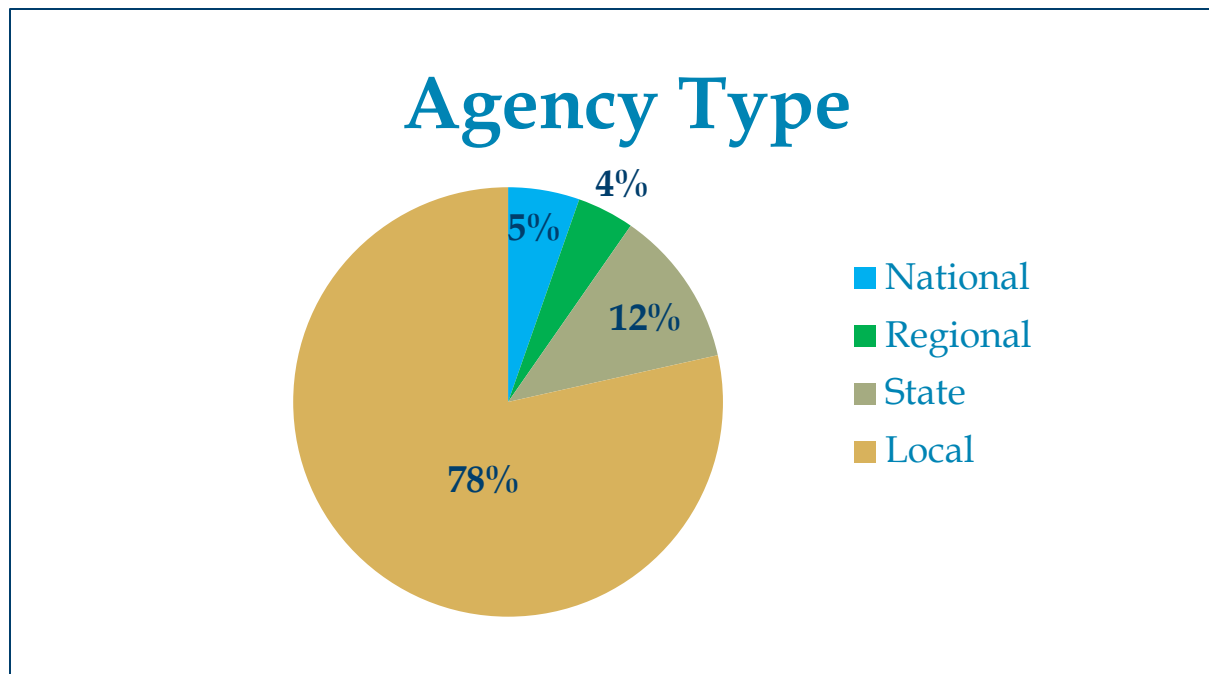


Housing Counseling Agency Survey

- In February and March 2012, the National Housing Resource Center conducted an informal survey of housing counseling agencies to determine the extent of recent funding reductions and their impact on counseling services.
- The following slides provide an overview of the findings from their survey.

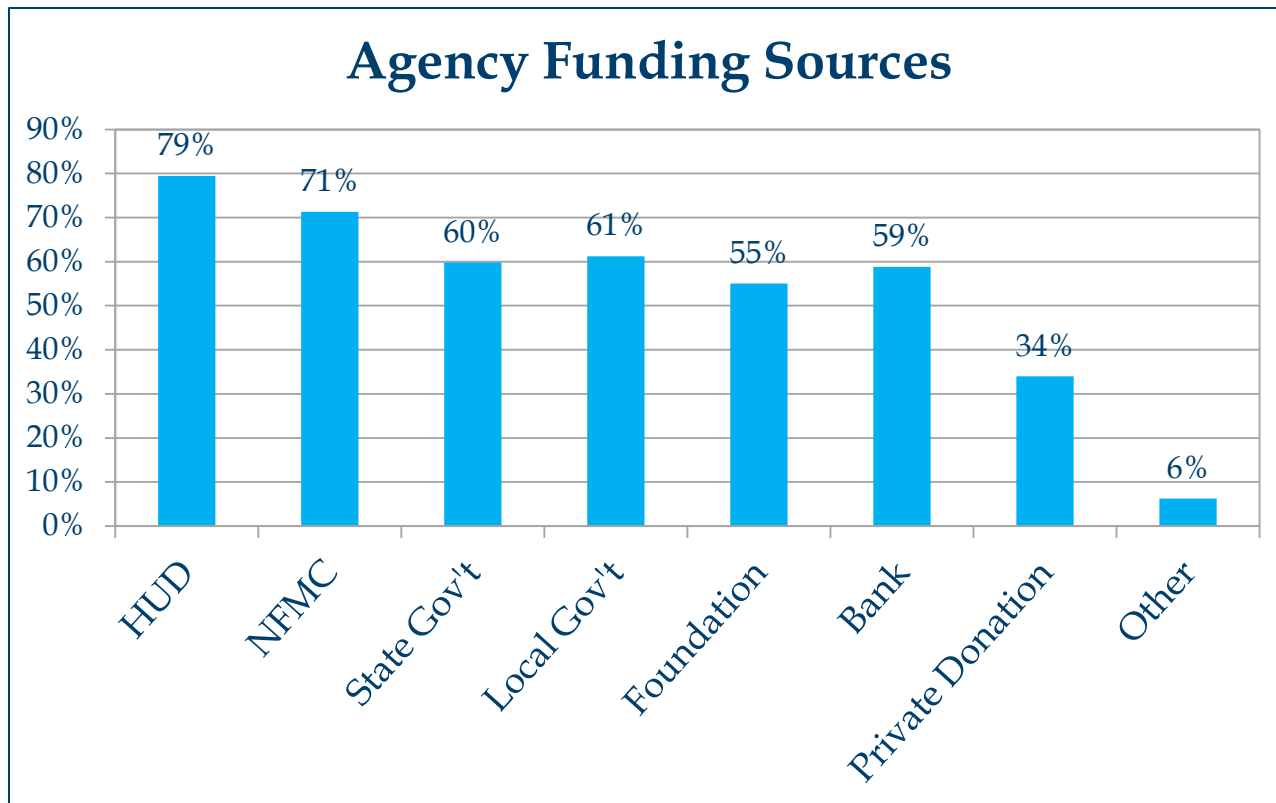
Who Responded

- 257 respondents, **92%** of whom represent **nonprofit** housing counseling agencies.
- Respondents from agencies in **26 different states**.
- Respondents from agencies providing services at the **national, regional, state and local** levels.



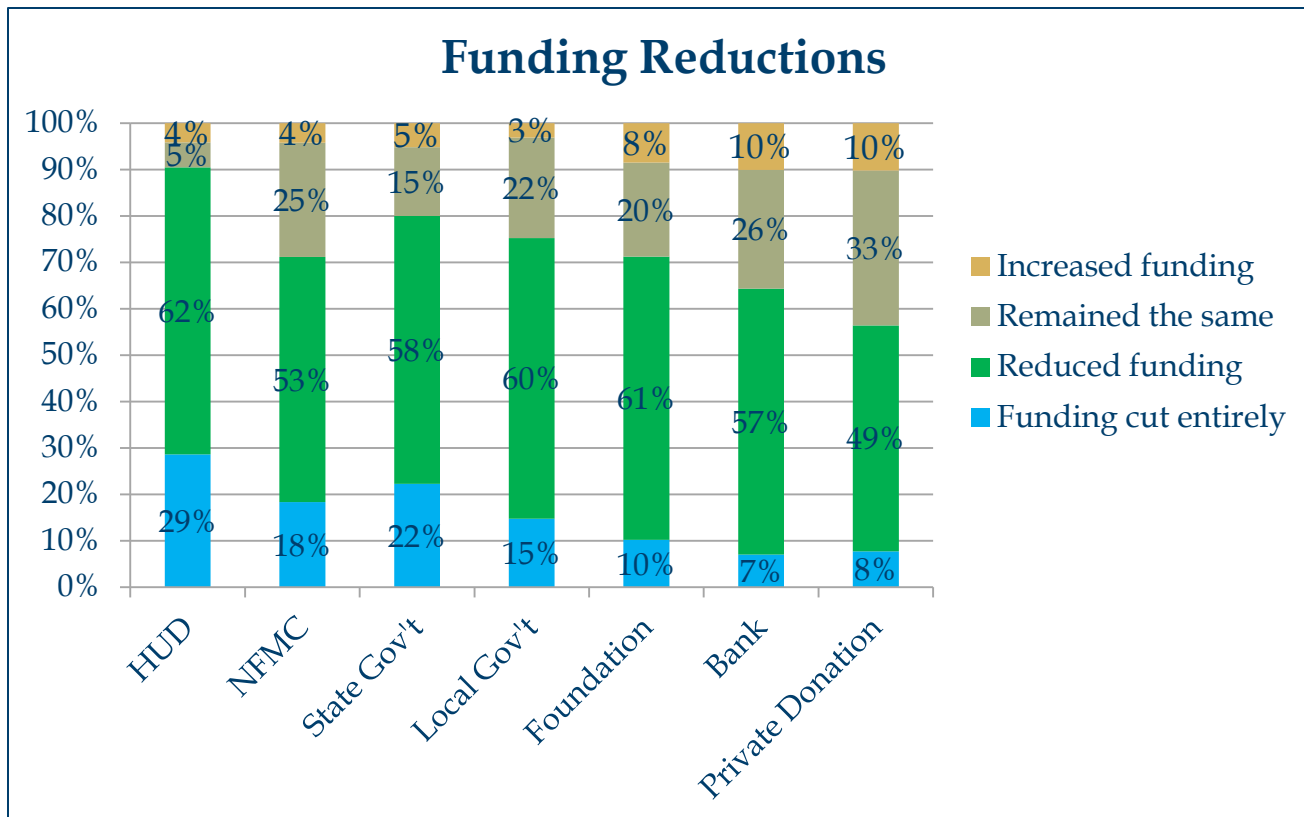
Funding Sources

- Nearly 80% of respondents have received HUD Housing Counseling funding either now or in the past. Other funding sources include:



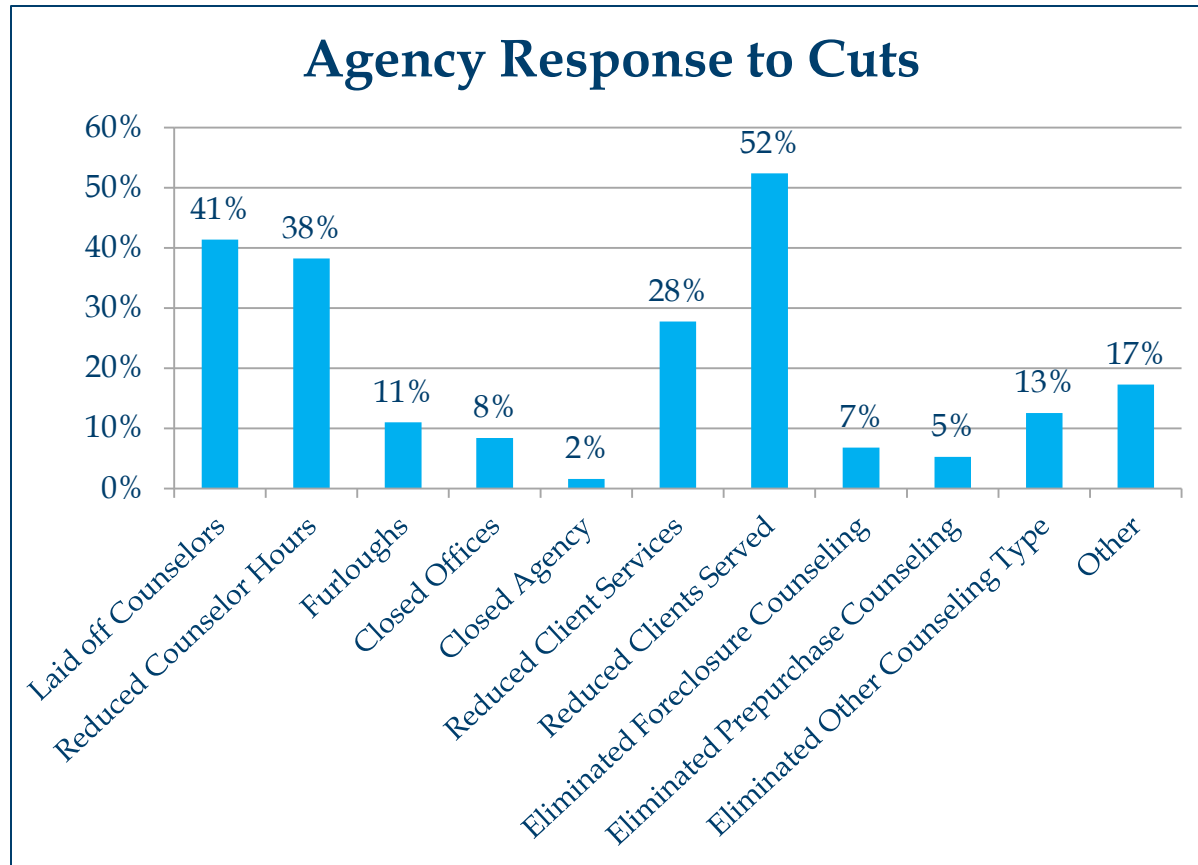
Funding Reductions

- 85% of respondents have experienced reductions in funding compared to previous years. Only 3% reported increased funding.
- Cuts were across the board and affected all funding streams:



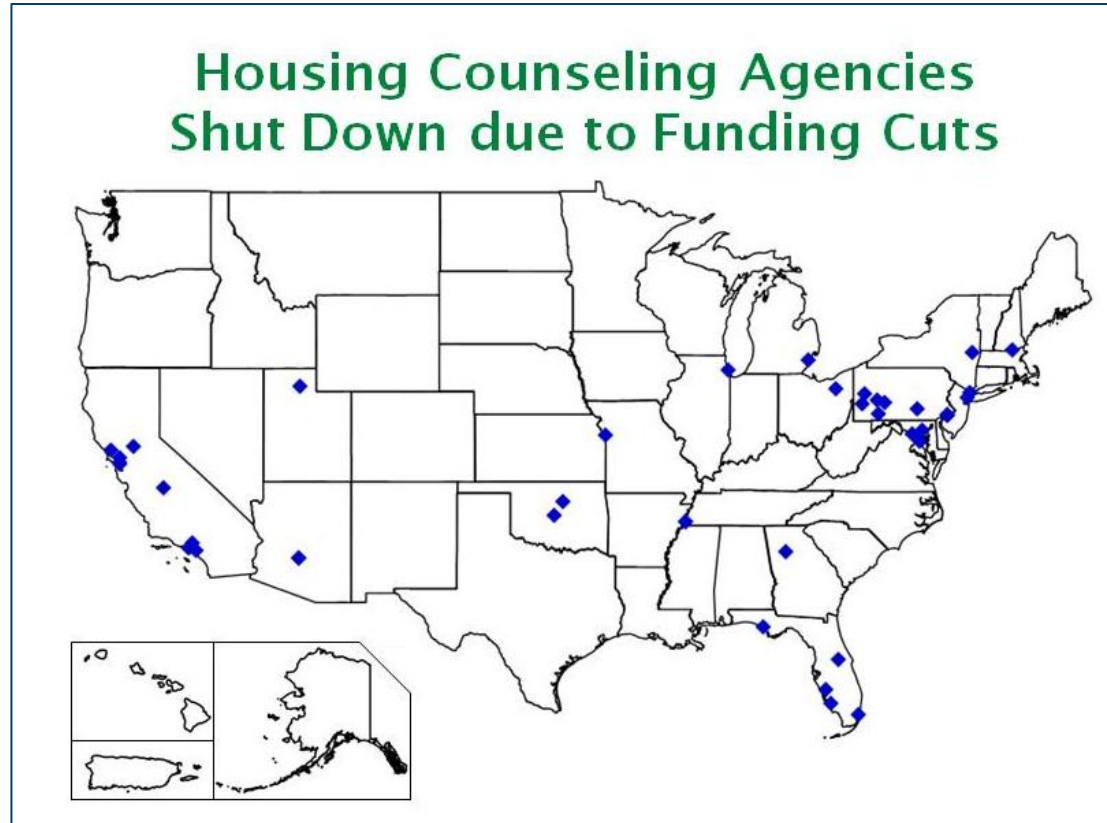
Impact on Agencies

- More than half of respondents had to reduce the number of clients served, and more than 40% laid off counselors.



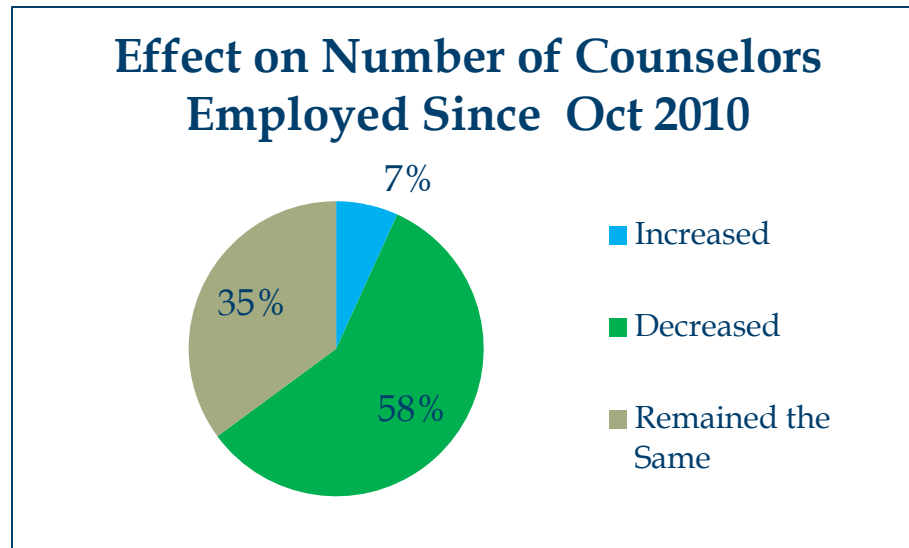
Impact on Agencies- Cont'd

- Respondents were aware of **46 agencies** that **shut down** due to cuts.



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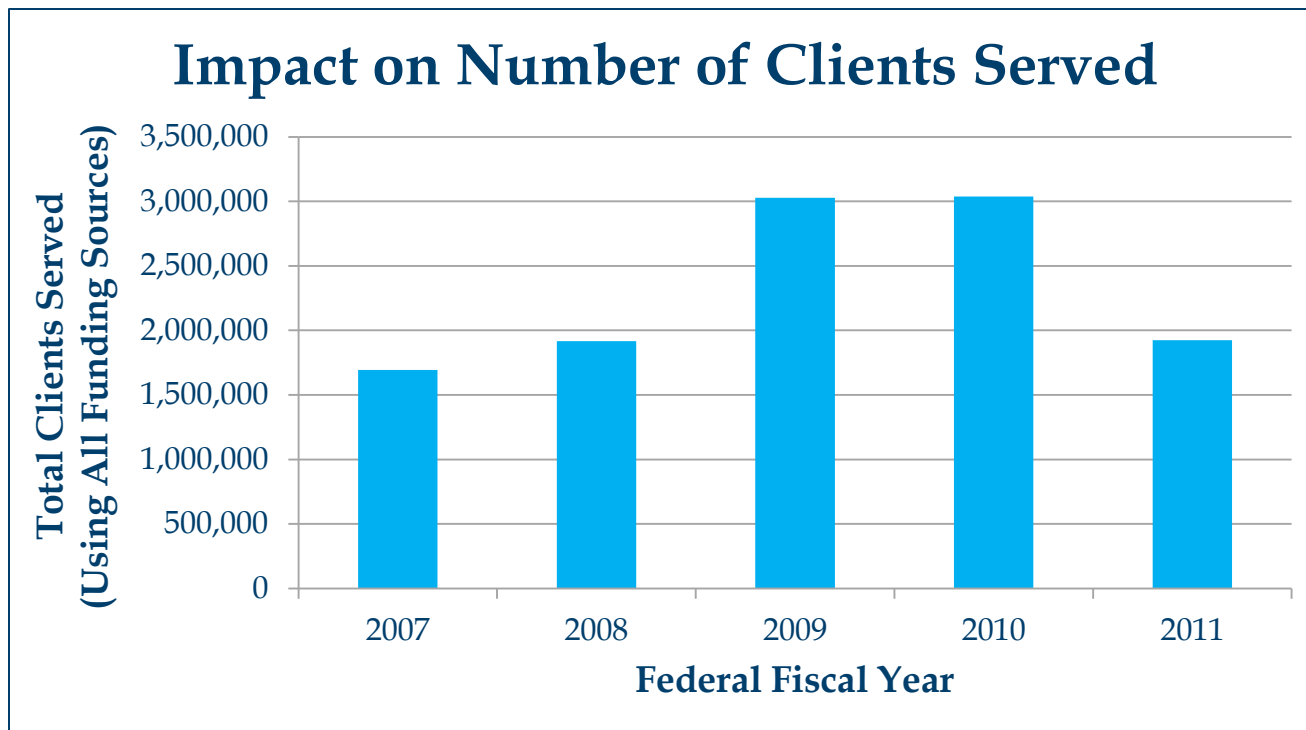
- 58% of respondents reported the number of counselors employed by their agency has **decreased since October 2010**, in spite of continued need for counseling in the housing market.



- Respondents say they have **lost more than 350 counselors** due to funding cuts over the same time period.

Impact on Agencies- Cont'd

- HUD 9902 reports show that, using all funding sources, HUD-approved counseling agencies were able to serve 1 million fewer clients in the fiscal year starting October 2010 compared to the previous year.



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