

Alaska DOT&PF 2026 Disparity Study



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Presentation overview



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- DBE/ACDBE survey results
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Introductions — Study team



Keen Independent Research

- National 22-person economic consulting firm
- Substantial experience performing disparity studies, and designing and defending programs (200+ studies)
- Successfully defended state DOT operation of the Federal DBE Program in court

Subconsultant team



Yehle & Associates

Camden Yehle, President
Outreach and in-depth interviews



Customer Research International

Sanjay Vrudhula, President
Availability surveys



Donaldson Consulting

Suzanne Donaldson, CEO
Outreach and in-depth interviews



Holland & Knight

Keith Wiener, Partner
Legal framework

Status of the 2026 Disparity Study

Current status: temporarily paused



Remaining steps

- Completion of key analyses
- Disparity study reports and documentation
- Availability analysis report
- Overall DBE goal methodology report

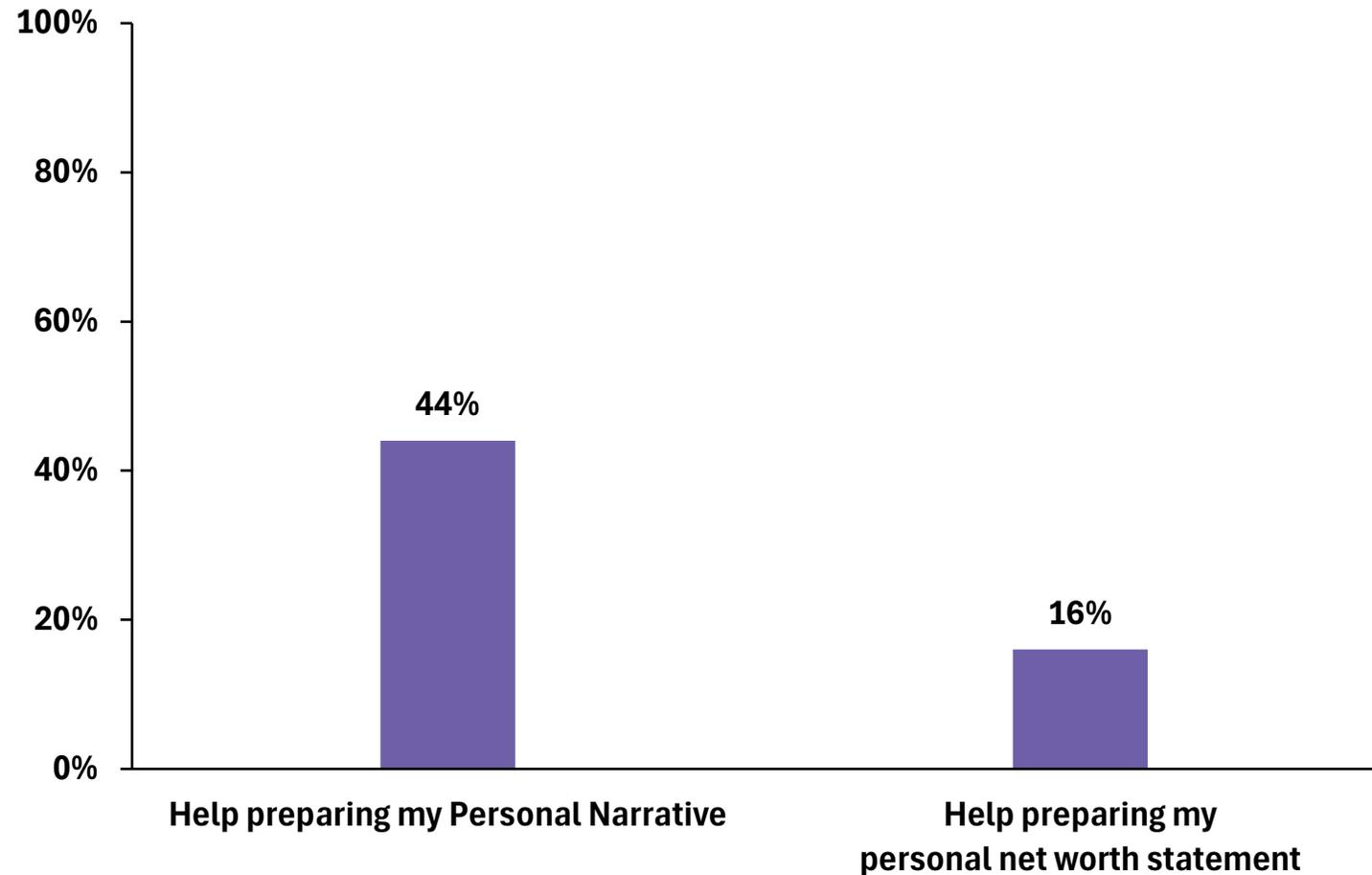
Study completion about 6 months from restart date

DBE/ACDBE survey — Experiences with IFR recertification

- Keen Independent conducted national survey of DBEs and ACDBEs in Jan. 2026 to share insights regarding:
 - How firms have been impacted by the Interim Final Rule
 - What firms are doing in response
- 165 DBEs and ACDBEs (across 37 states) responded to the survey
- Responses encompassed a wide range of firm size and ownership



Survey results — Types of assistance that would be most helpful



Next steps

Get recertified

- Seek out assistance with your personal narrative
- Encourage others in your network to recertify

Stay involved

- Call us at: 602-704-0125 (study telephone hotline)
- Email the study team: alaskadisparitystudy@keenindependent.com
- Go to: <https://www.keenindependent.com/studies/alaskadisparitystudy2026>
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