

Denominational Research

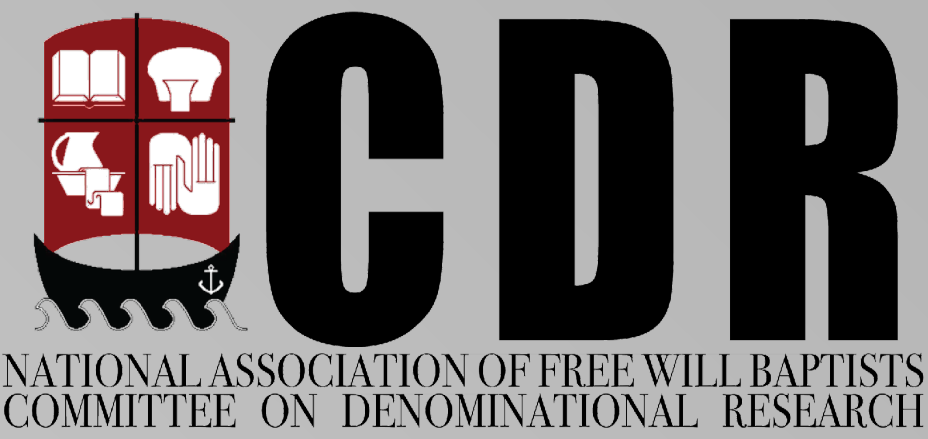
What we are discovering about ourselves.

Dr. Danny Baer



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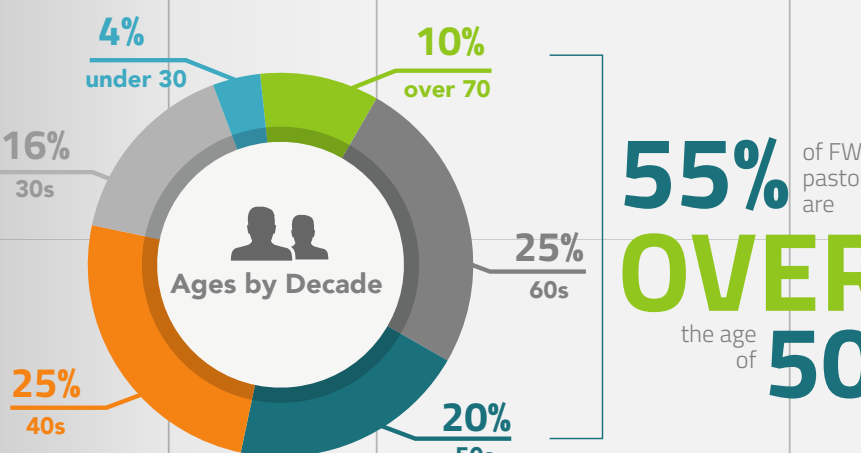
Survey of Free Will Baptist Pastors

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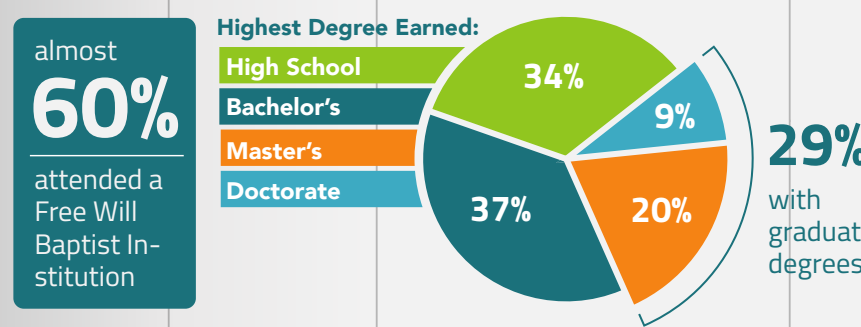
July 2019

AGE DISTRIBUTION



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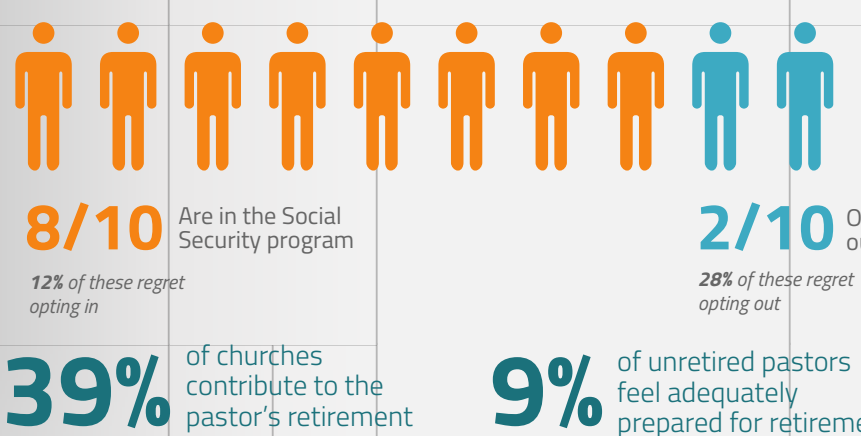
EDUCATION



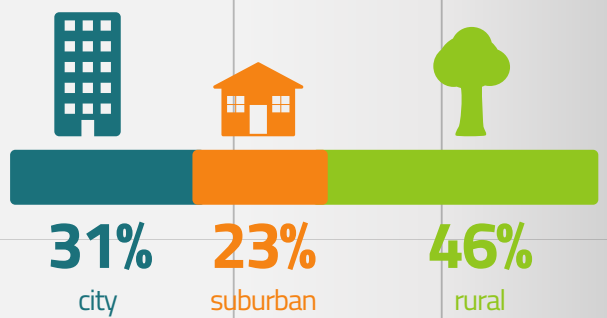
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RETIREMENT



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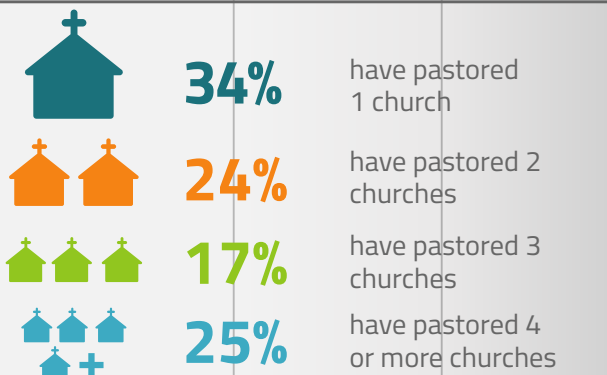
Did You Know?

82% try to **ATTEND** every **LOCAL** association meeting

68% try to **ATTEND** every **STATE** association meeting

39% try to **ATTEND** every **NATIONAL** association meeting

LONGEVITY



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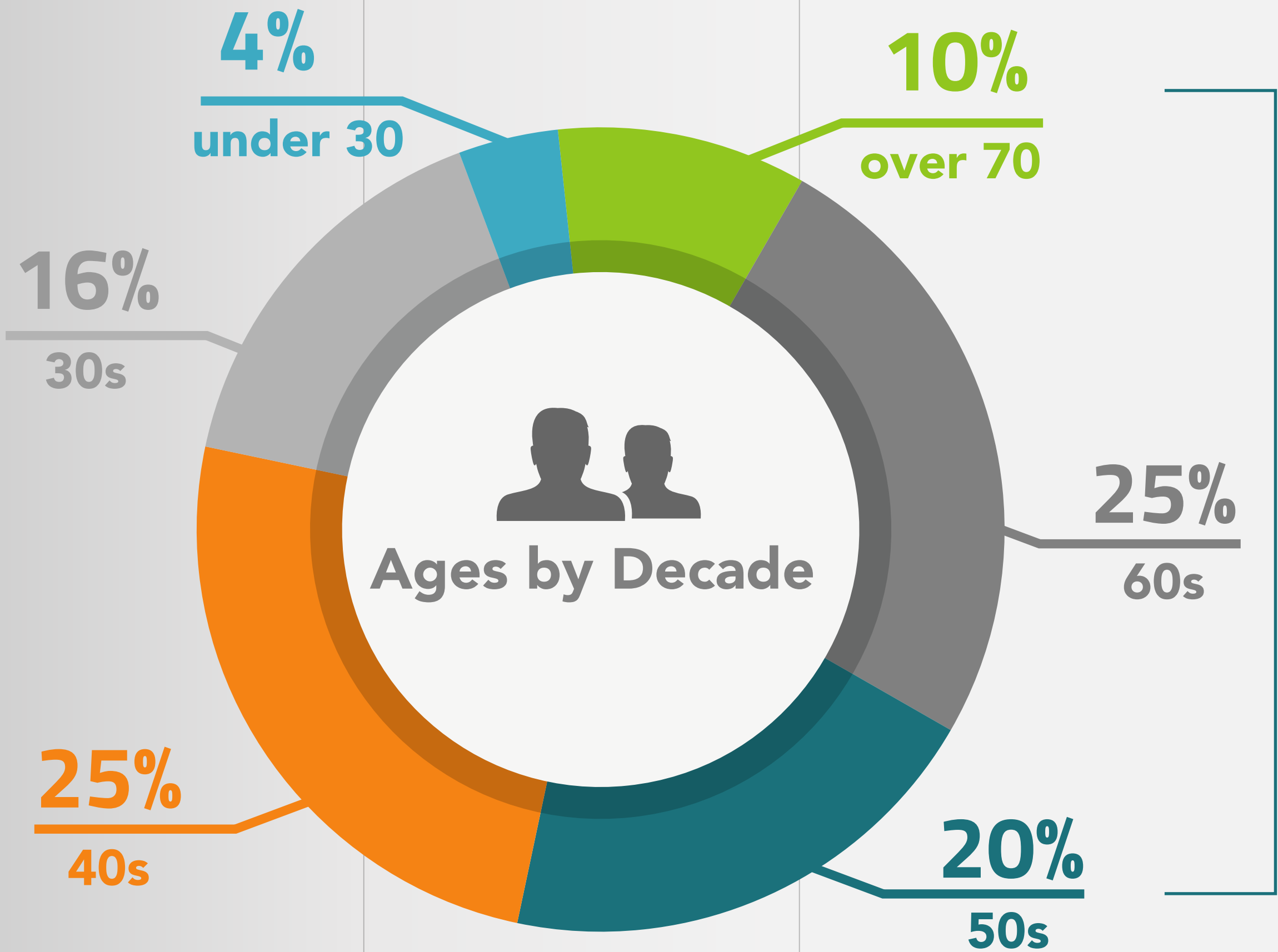
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FEEDBACK

FWB pastors were asked what NAFWB can do to assist pastors and their churches. Their response:



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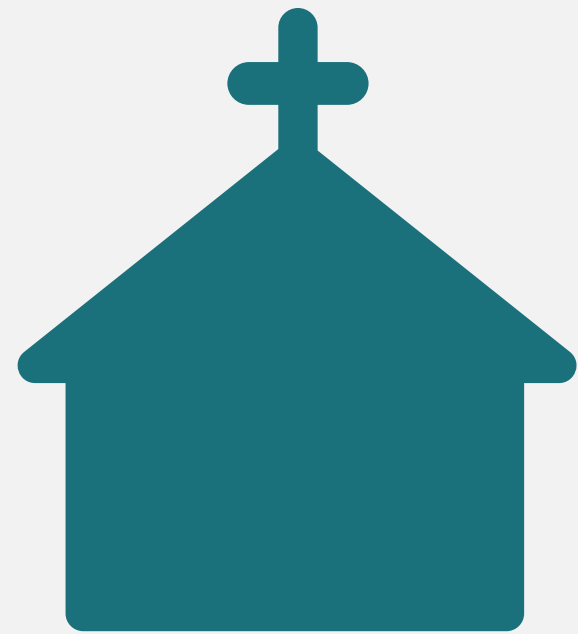


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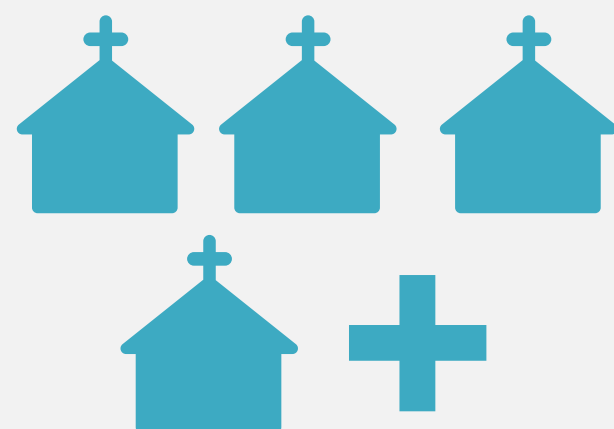
24%

have pastored 2
churches



17%

have pastored 3
churches



25%

have pastored 4
or more churches

EDUCATION

almost
60%
attended a
Free Will
Baptist In-
stitution

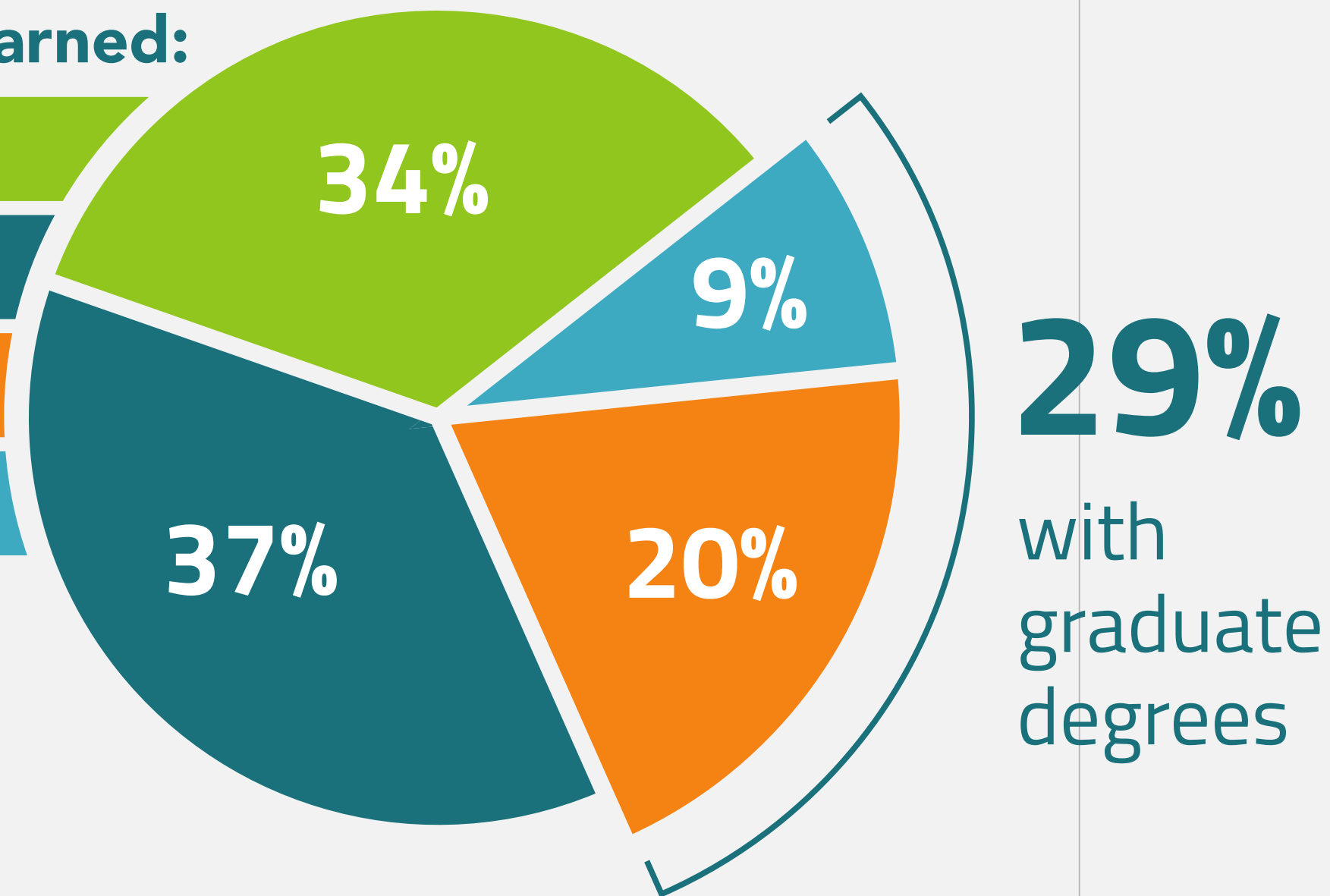
Highest Degree Earned:

High School

Bachelor's

Master's

Doctorate



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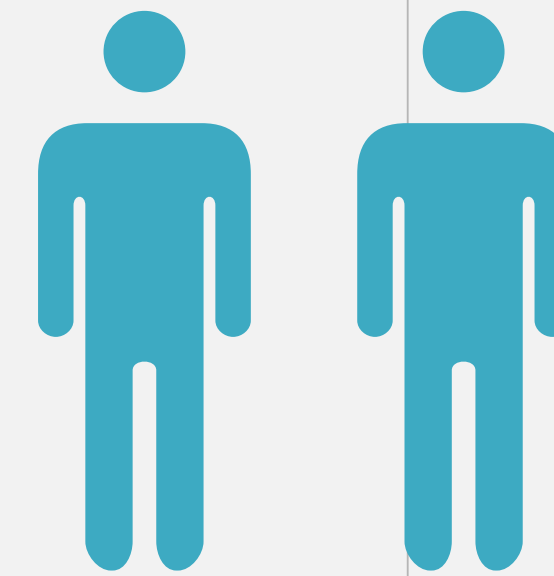
RETIREMENT



8/10

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Those who do not feel prepared for retirement fall in the following categories:

- 36% say they are not ready for retirement
- 33% say they are somewhat ready for retirement
- 11% say they are not sure

11% of our pastors are already retired.

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6.6

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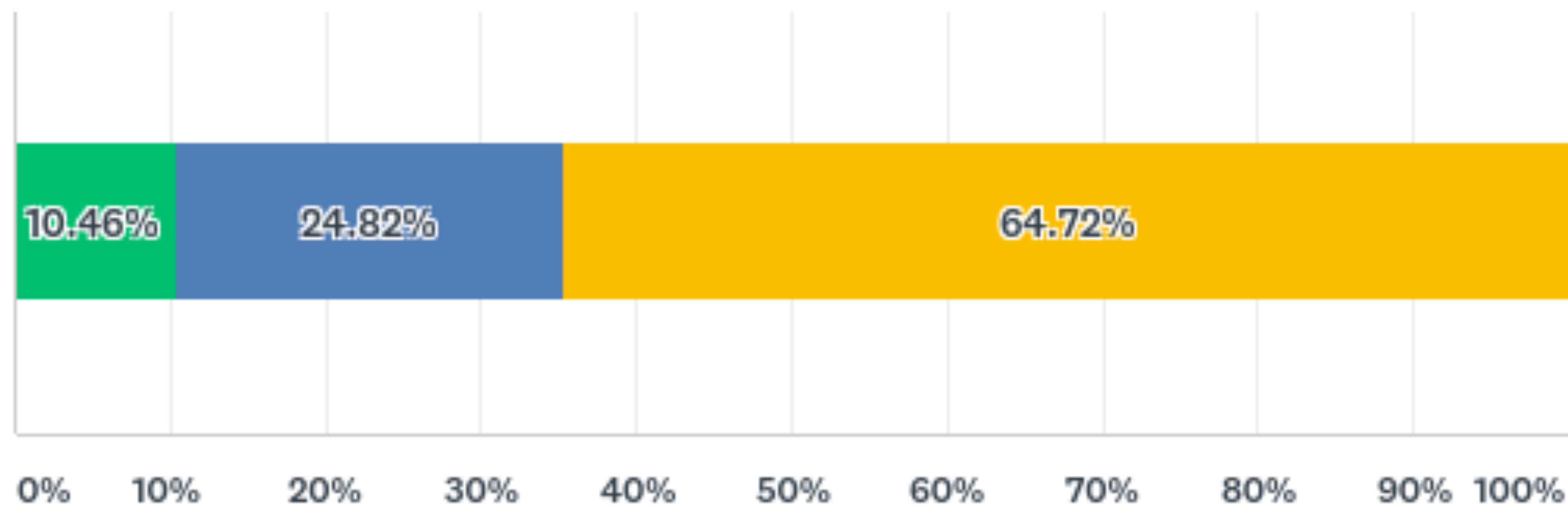
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every **STATE**
association meeting




37% a 10
7.7

39%

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association meeting

40% a 10
7.8



-  The KJV is the only version we should use for preaching, teaching and personal study
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-  Other versions are acceptable for preaching and teaching.

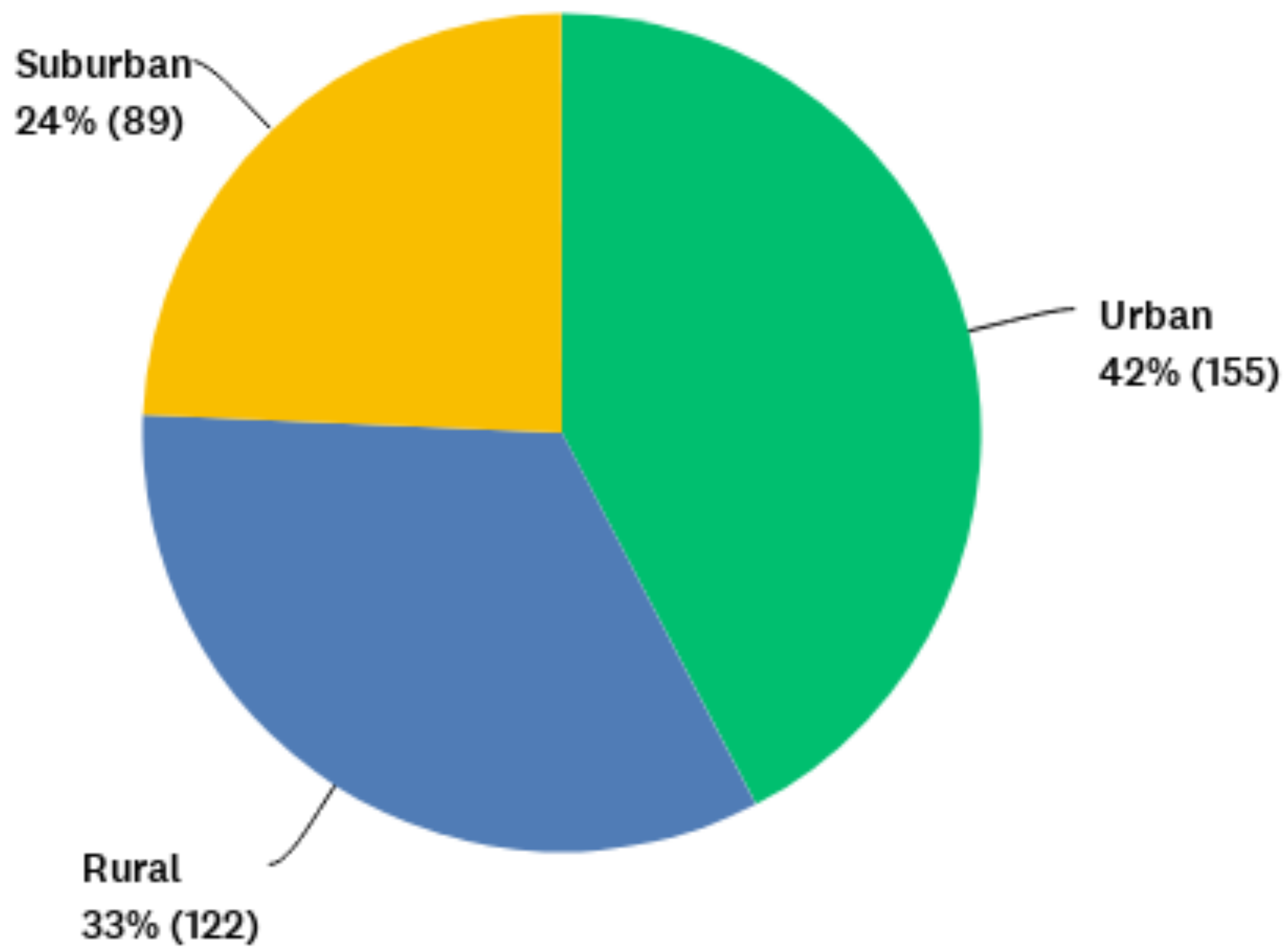


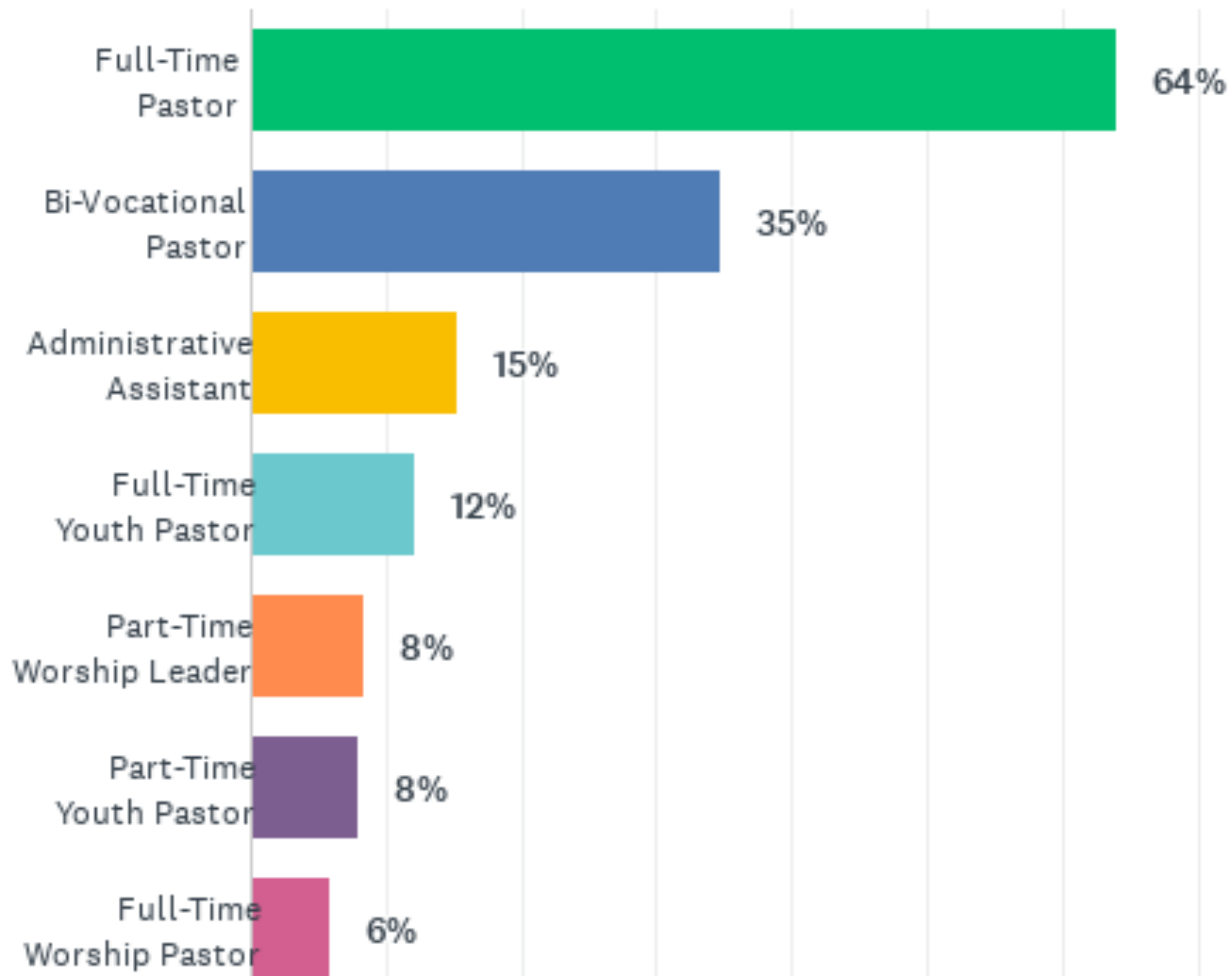
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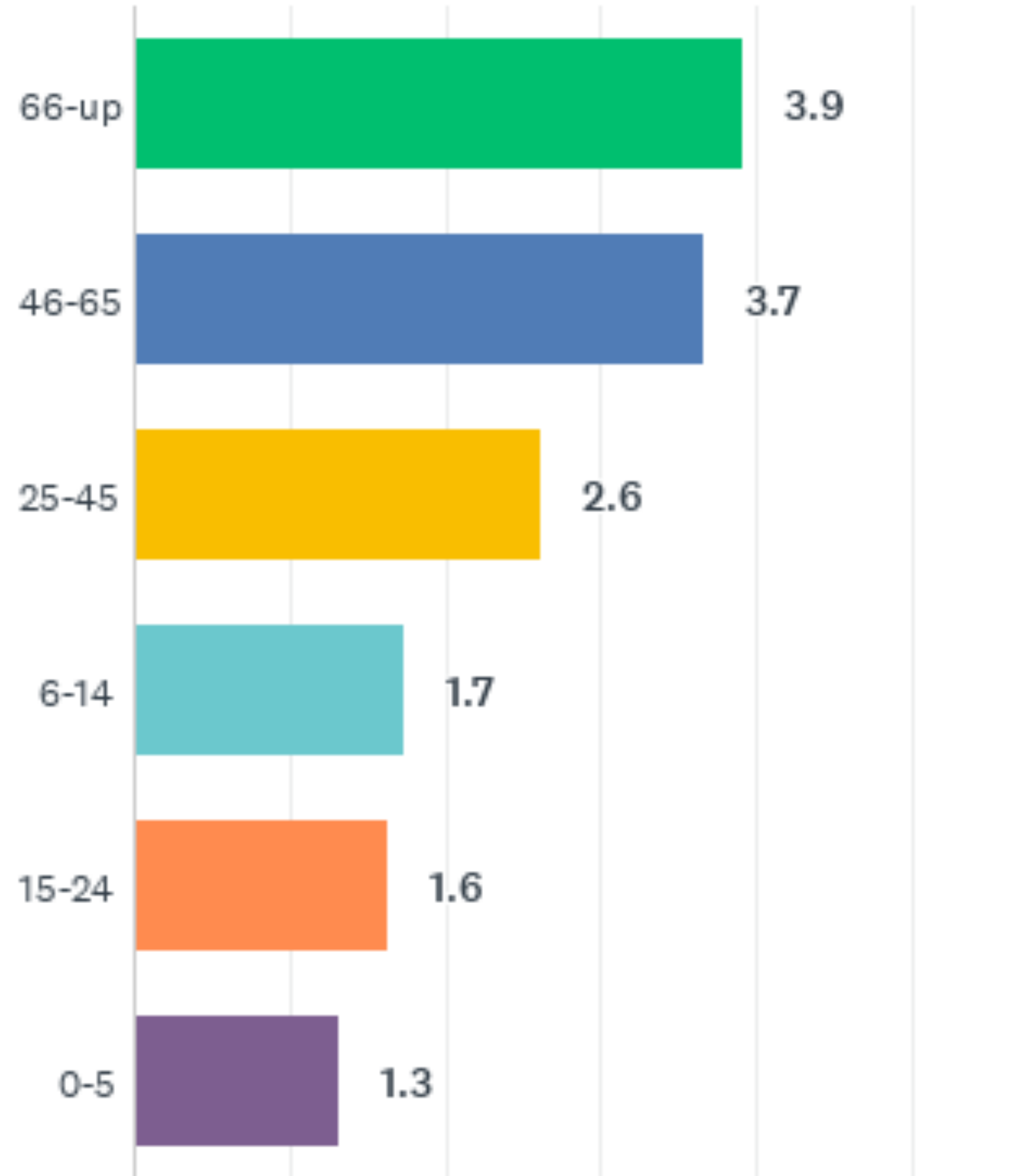
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Demographics

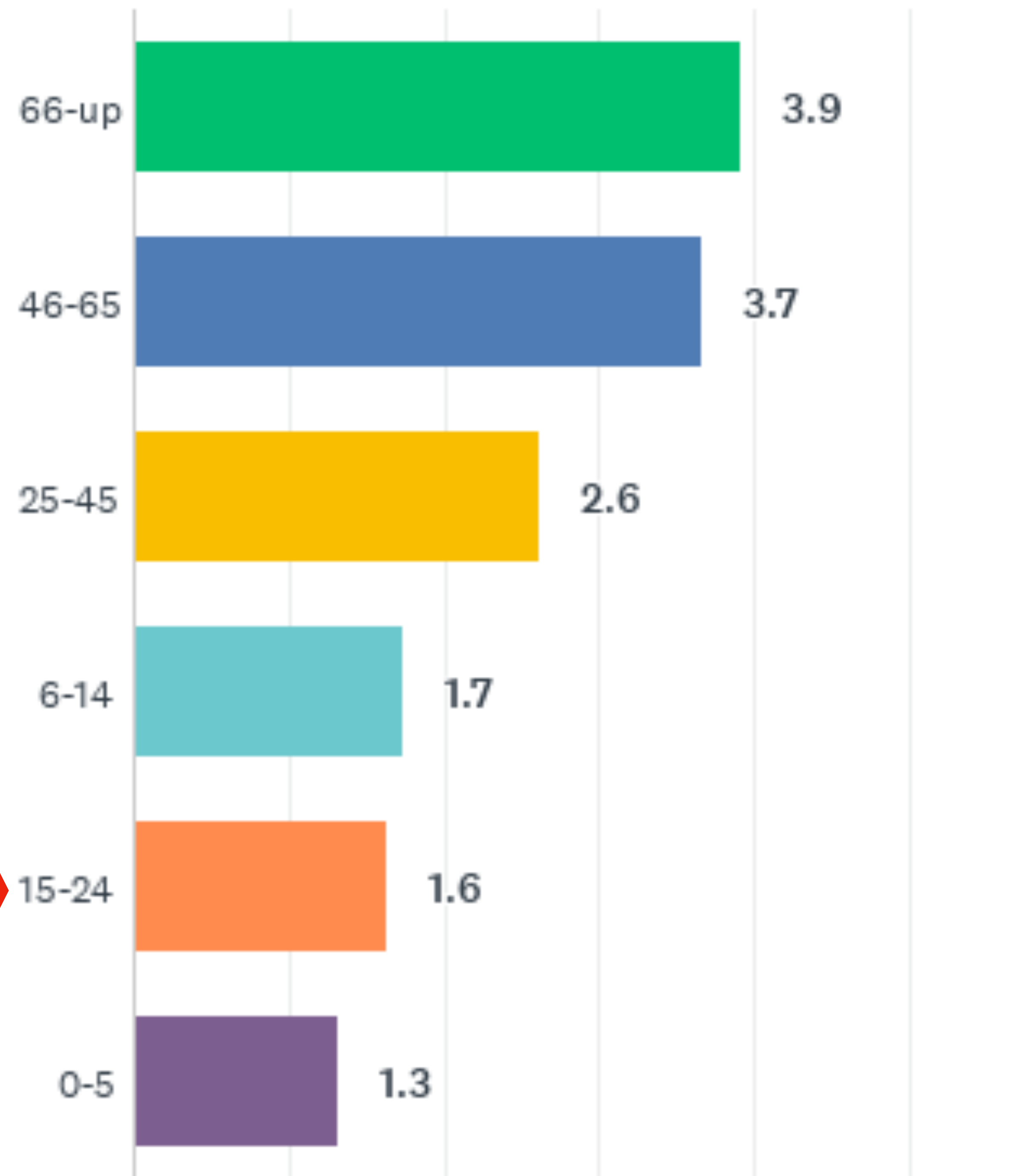




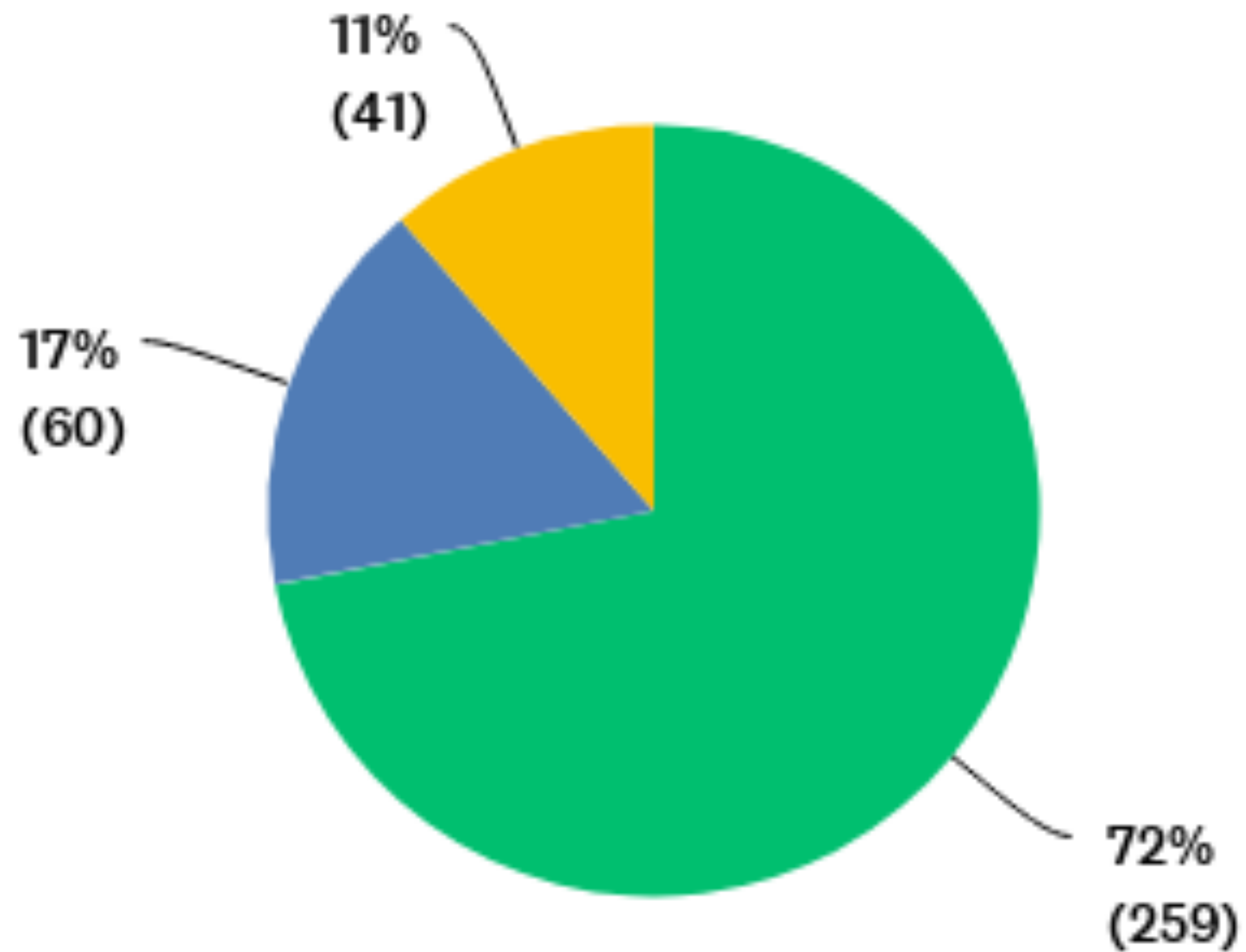
Age of Congregation



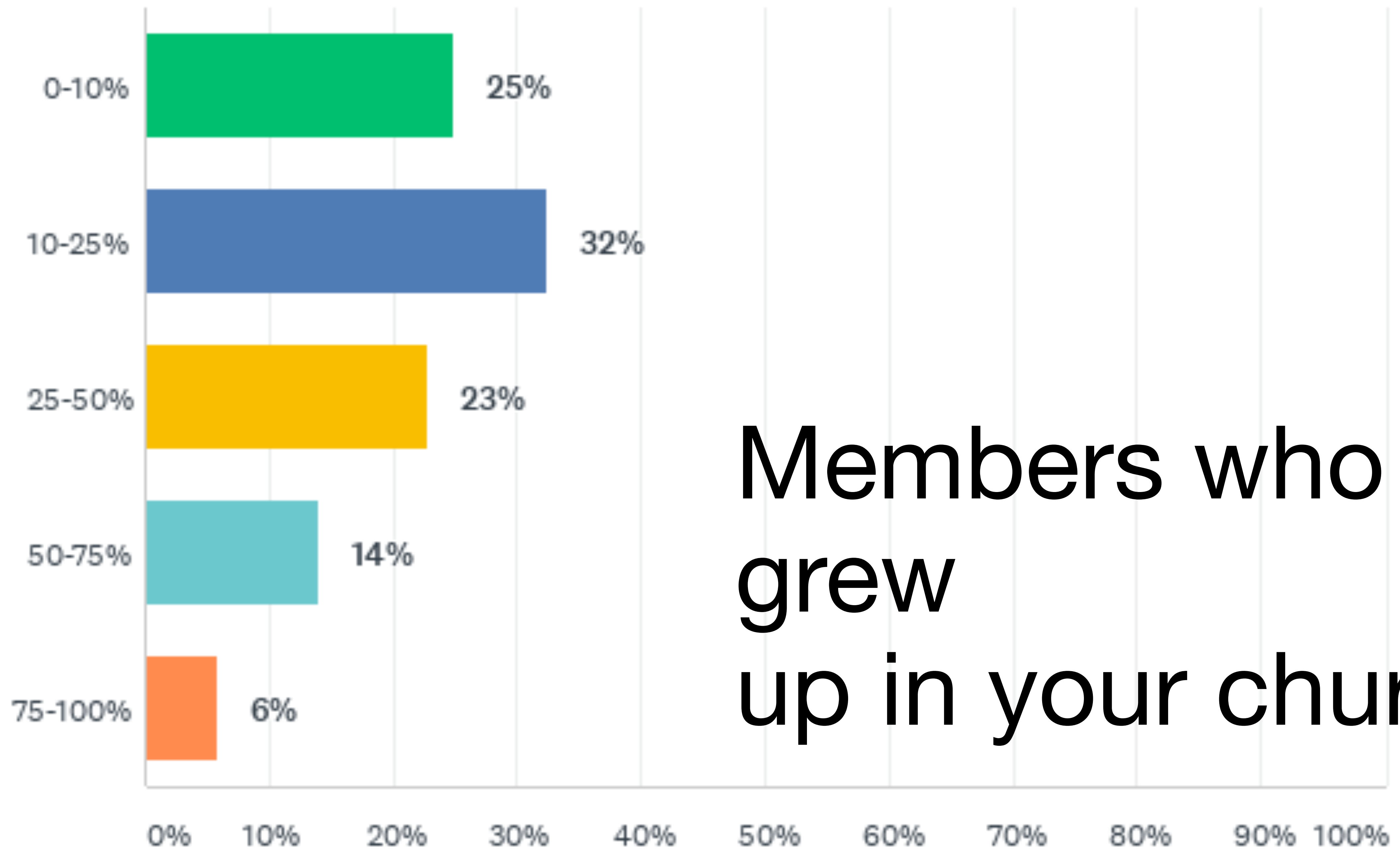
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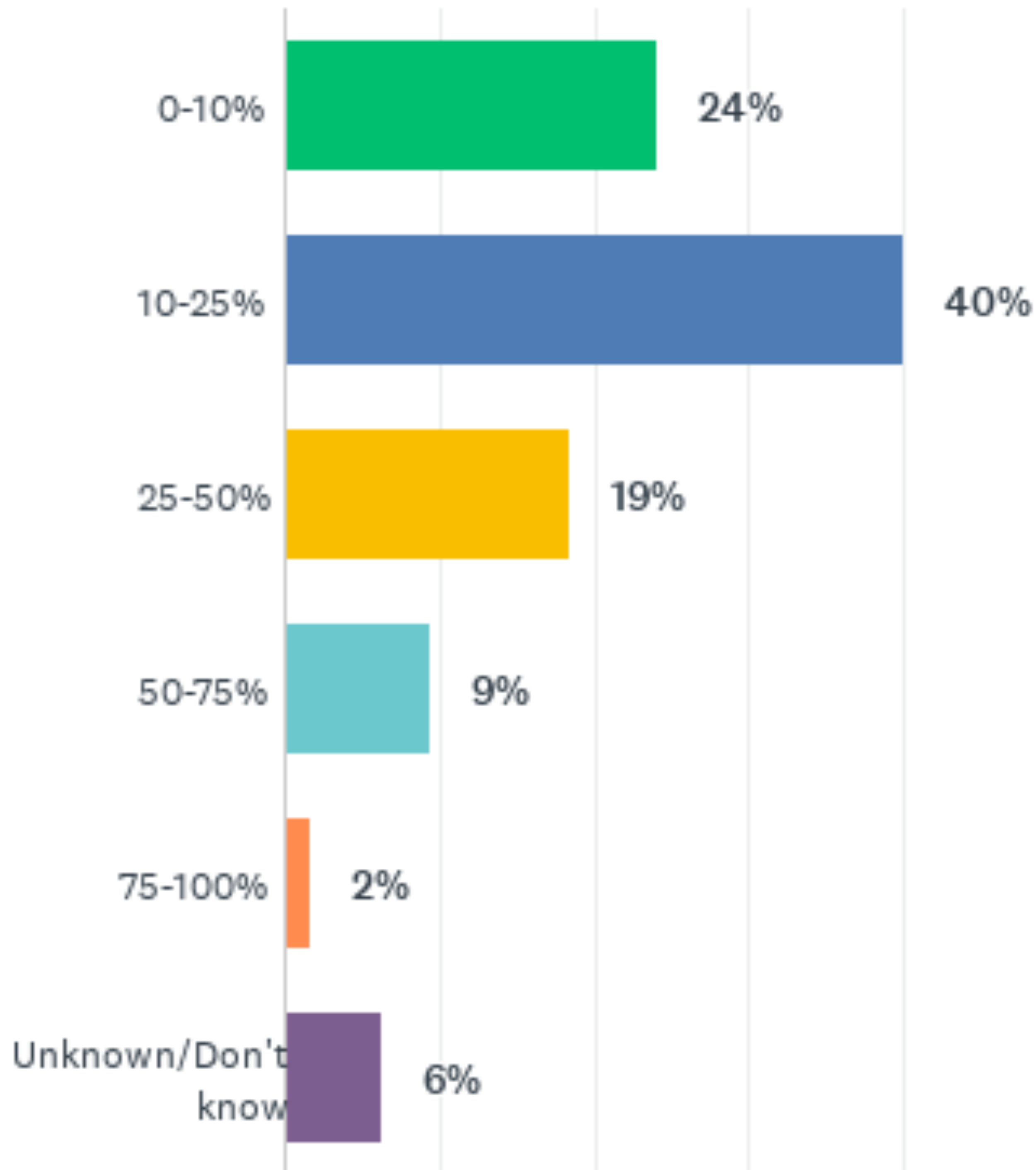
Race



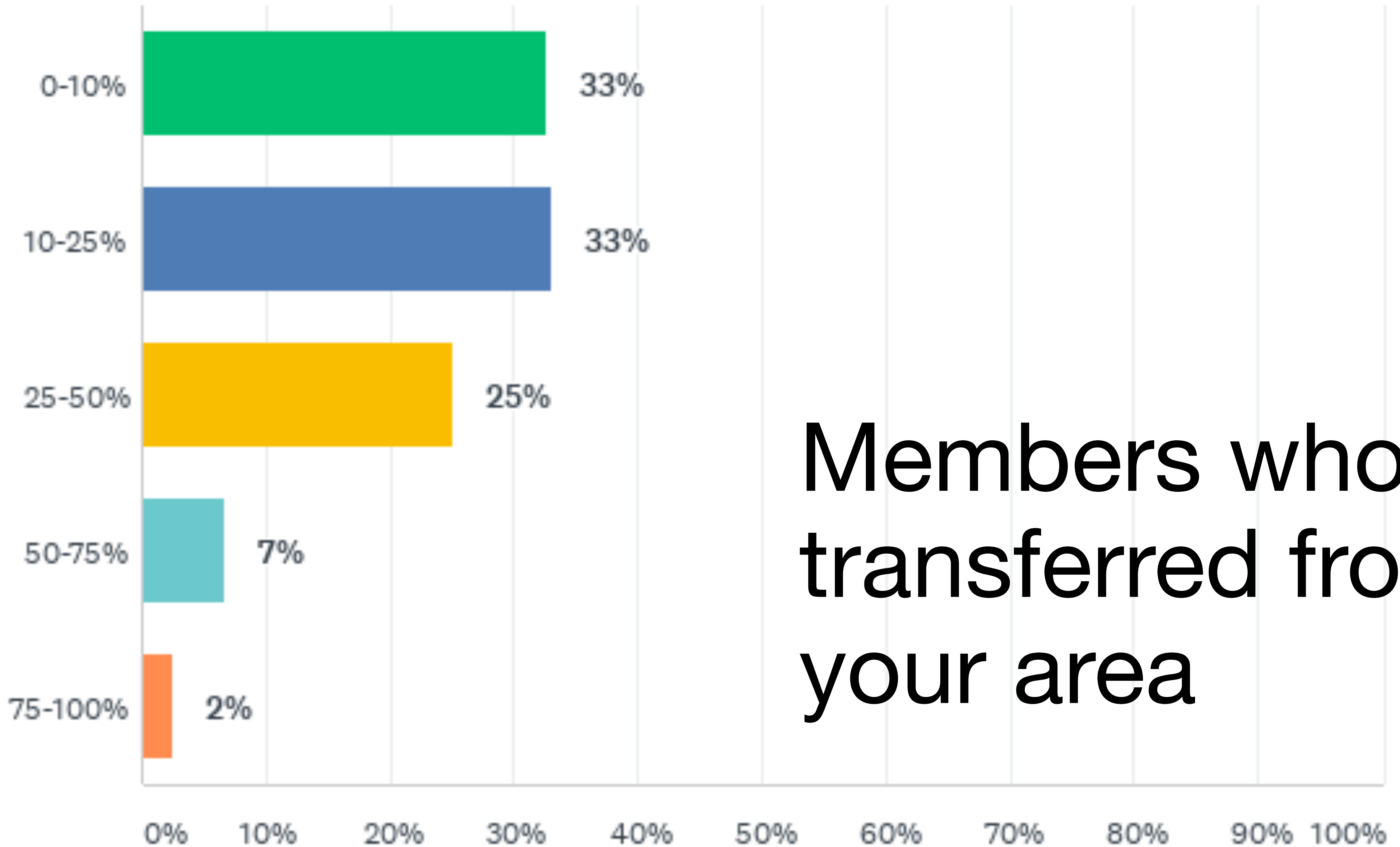
Membership



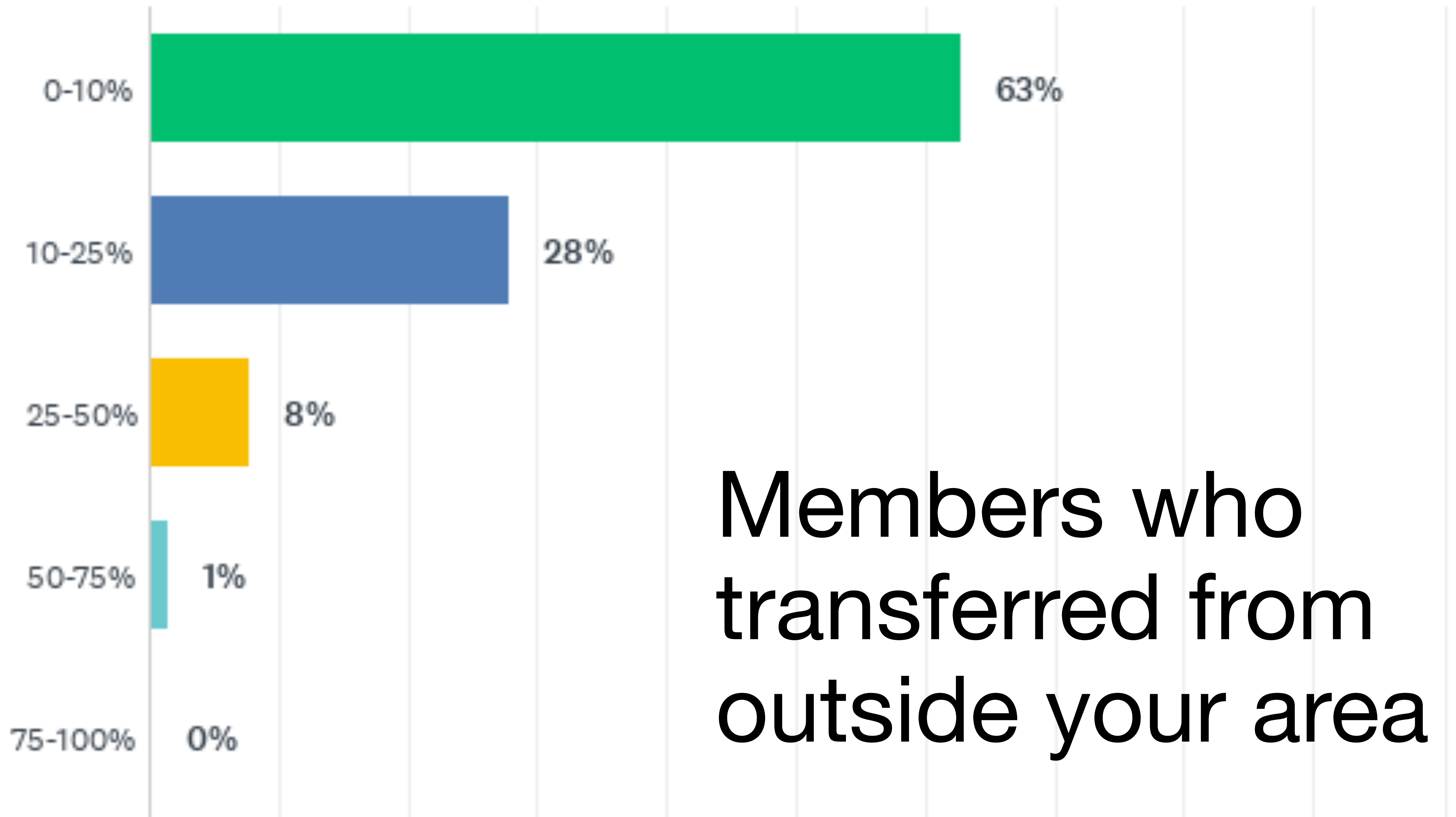
Members who
grew
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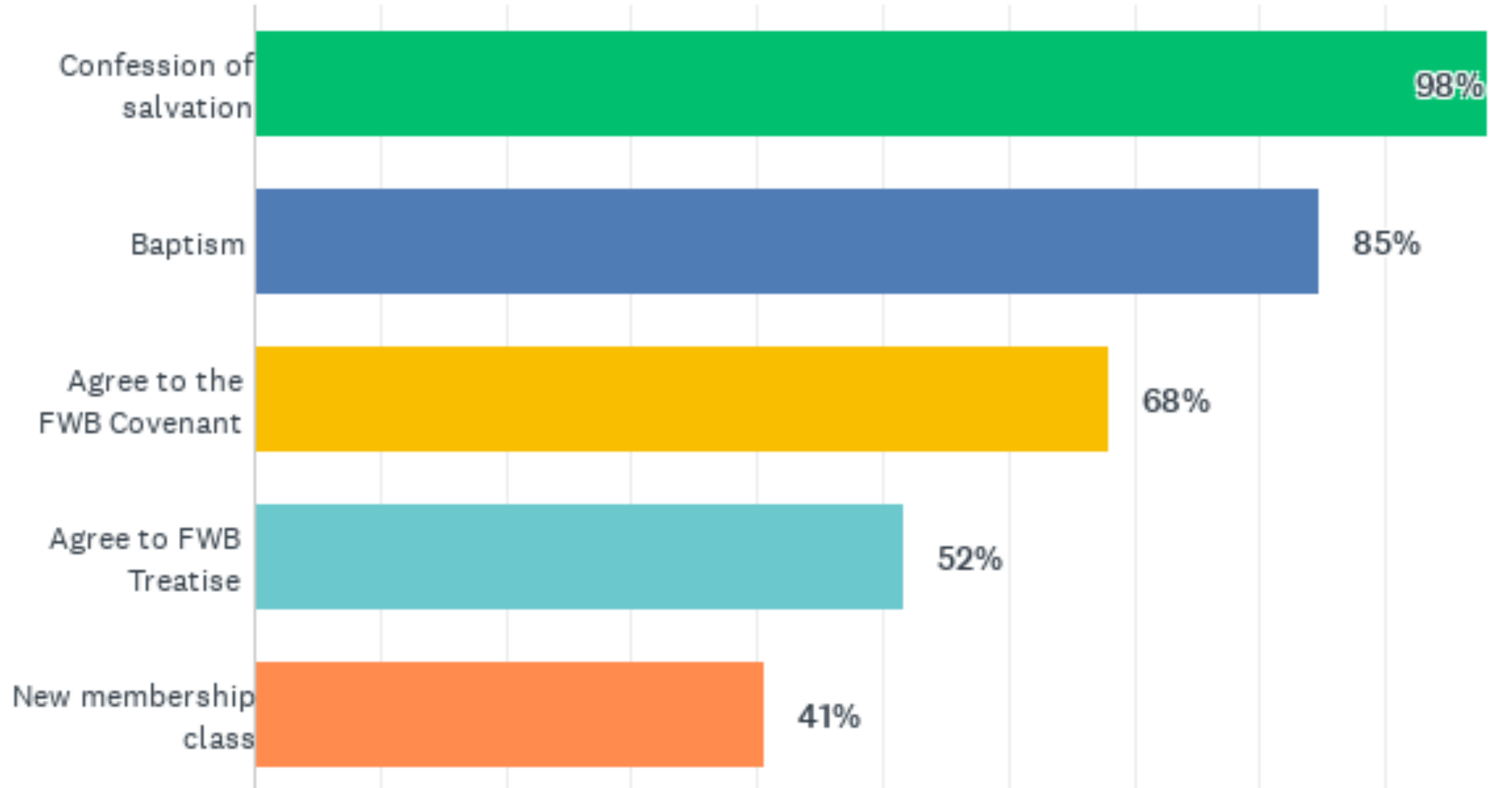
Converts who
did not grow
up in your church



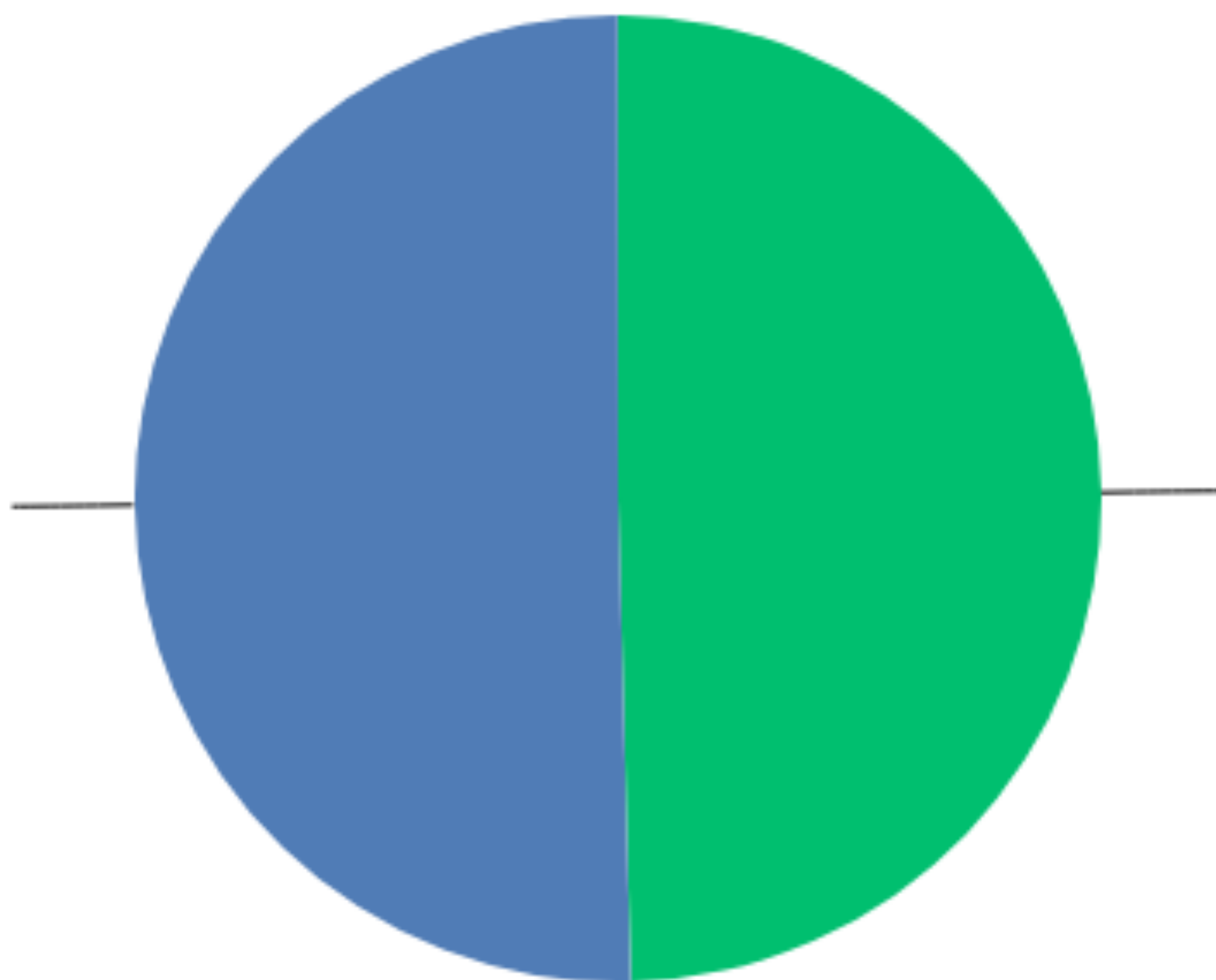
Members who
transferred from
your area



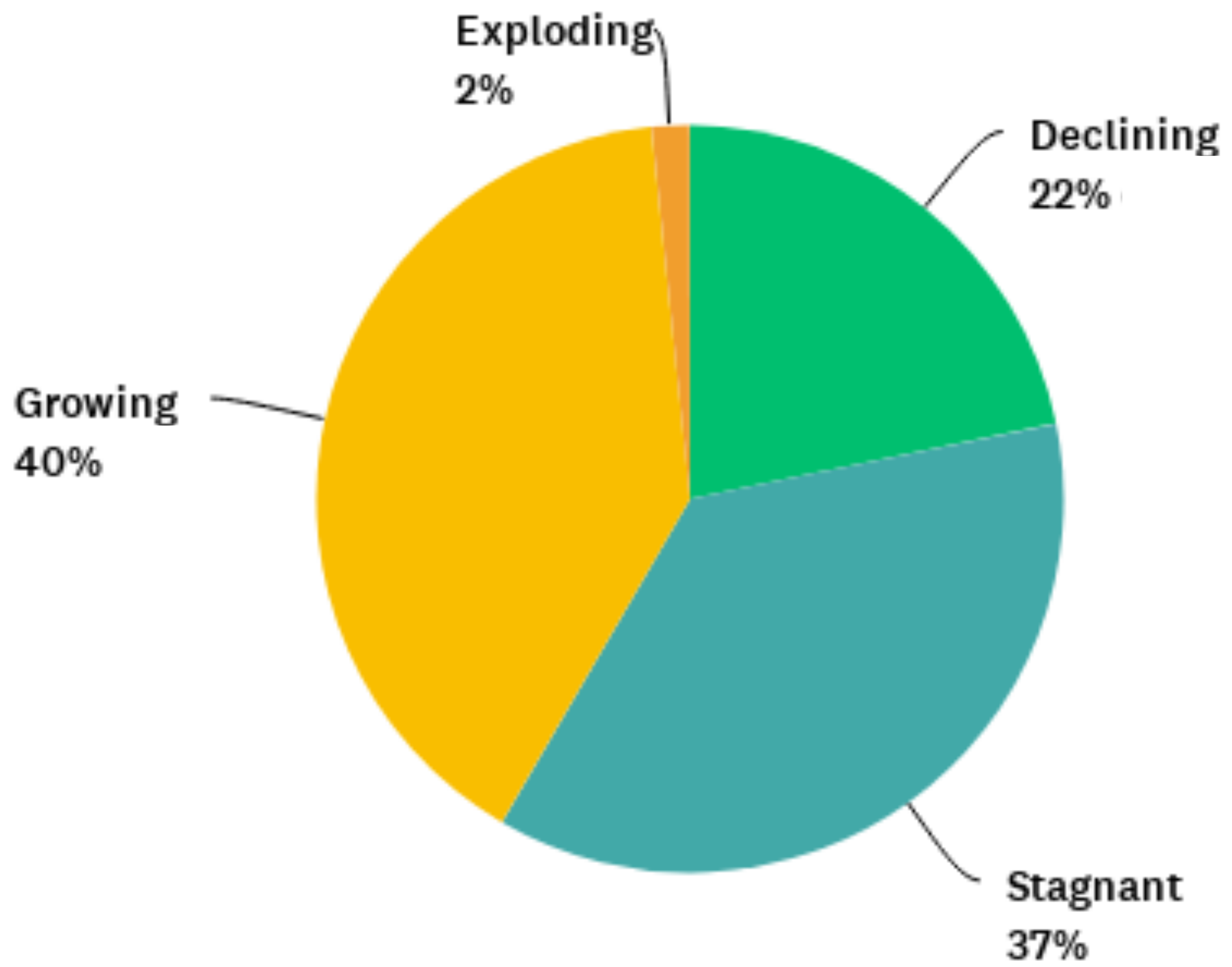
Membership Requirements



No
50%

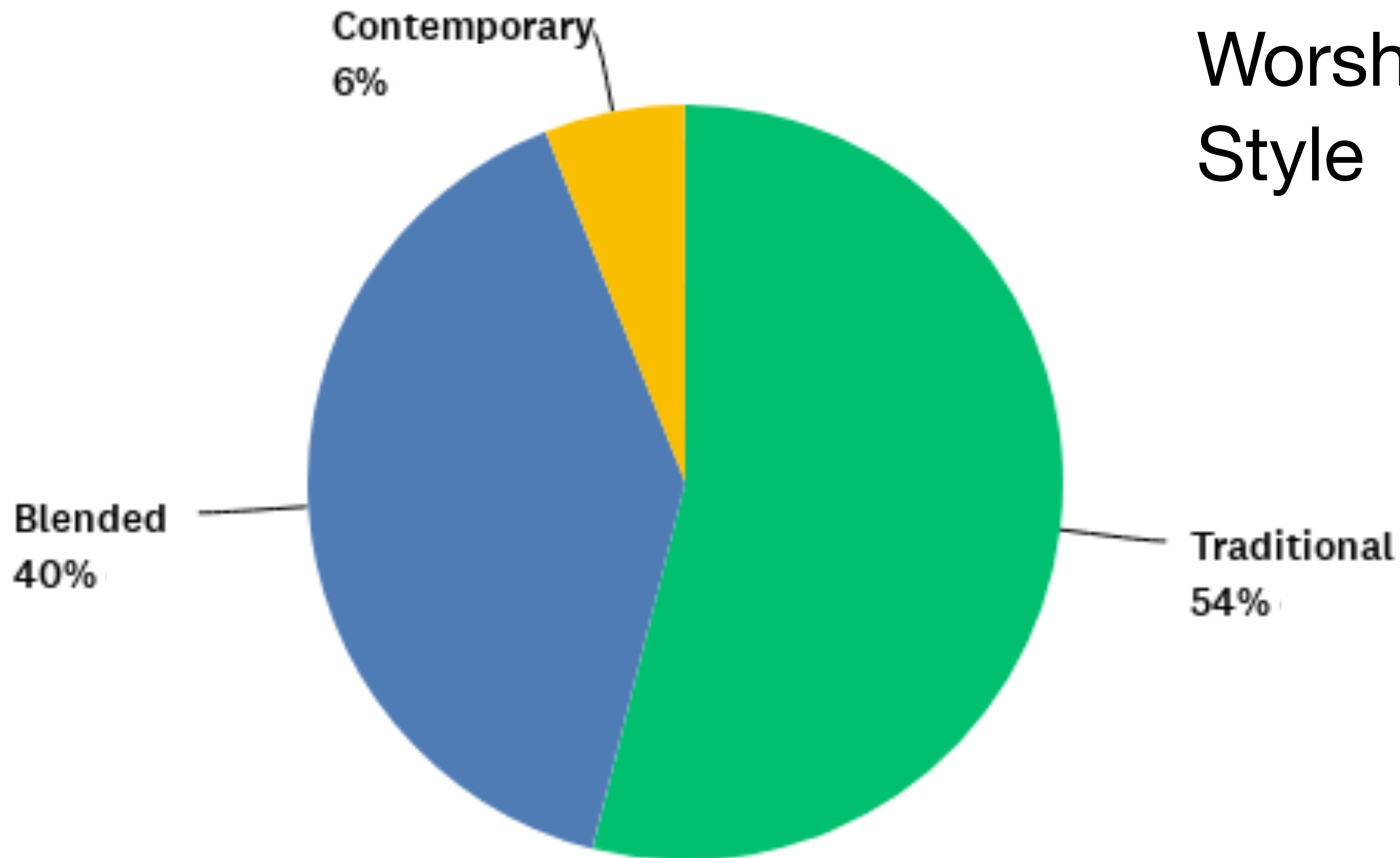


Yes
50%

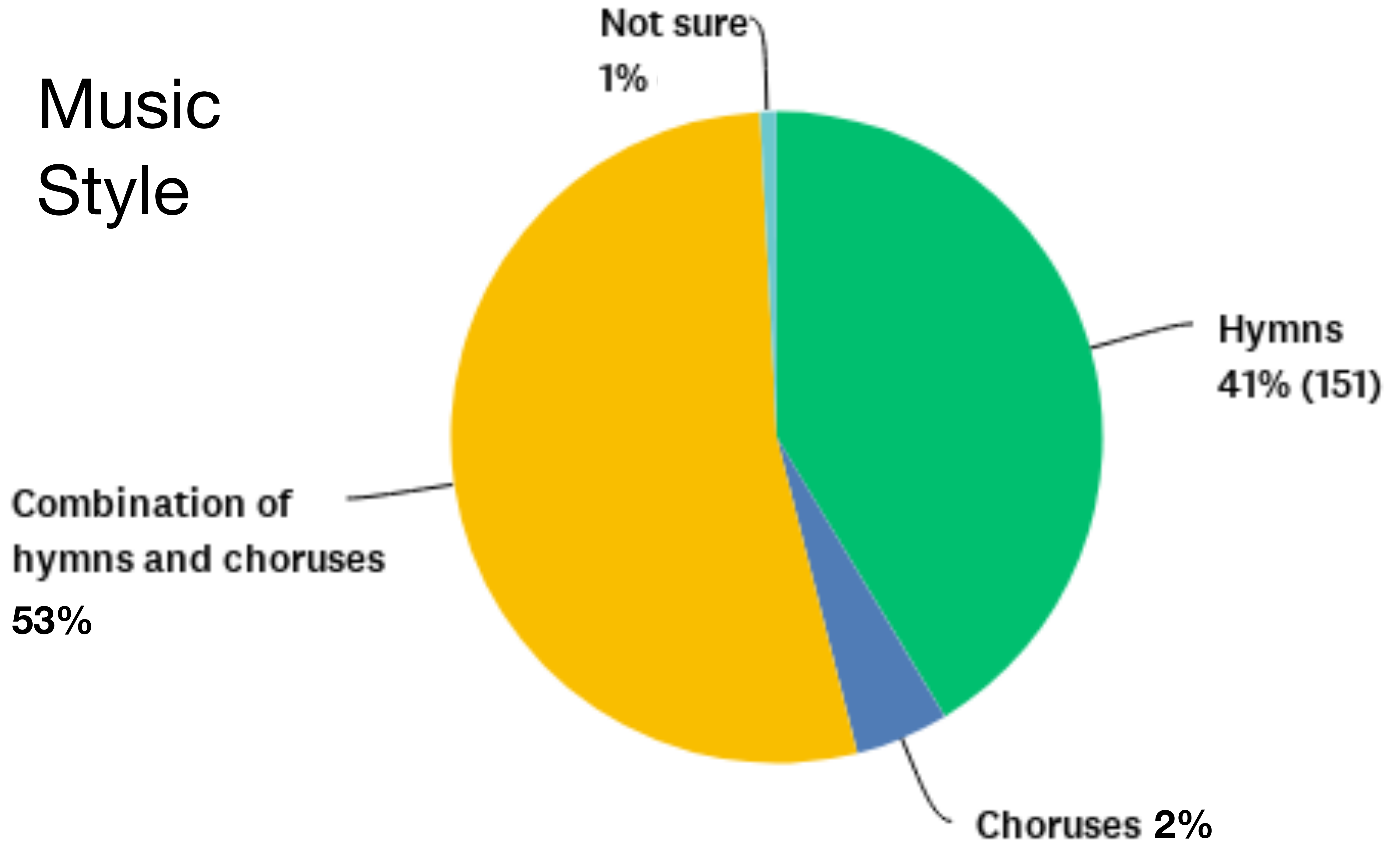


Worship

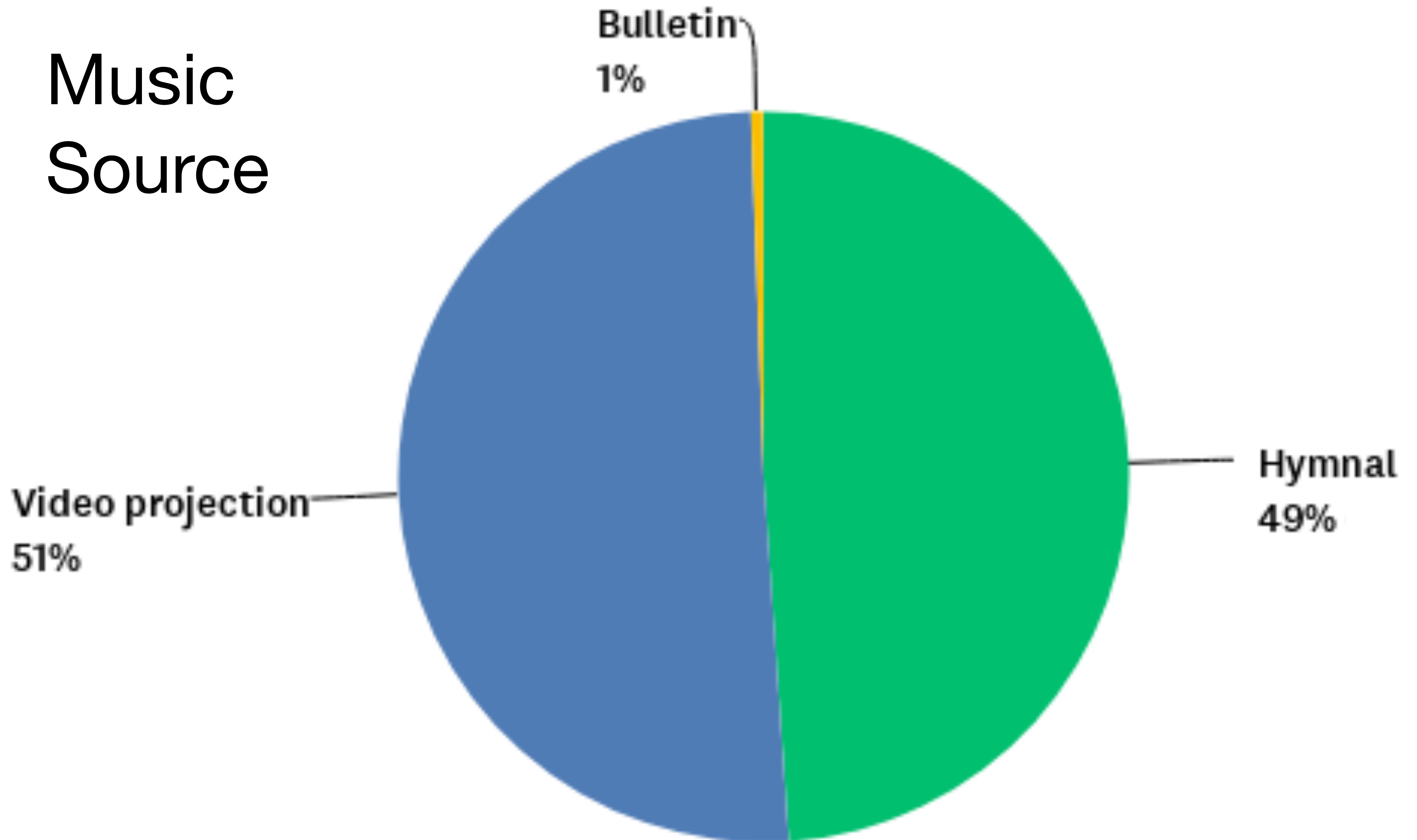
Worship Style

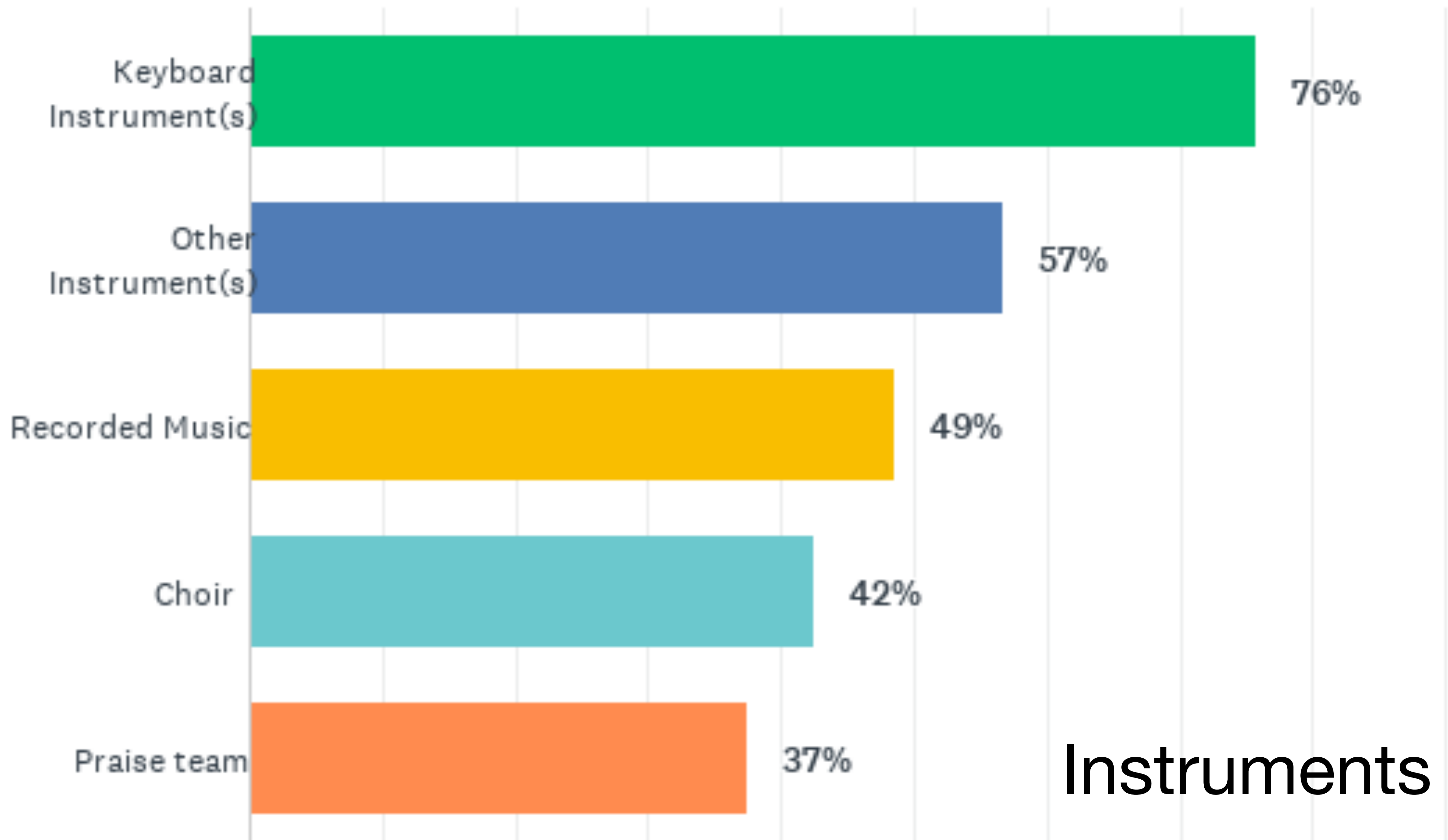


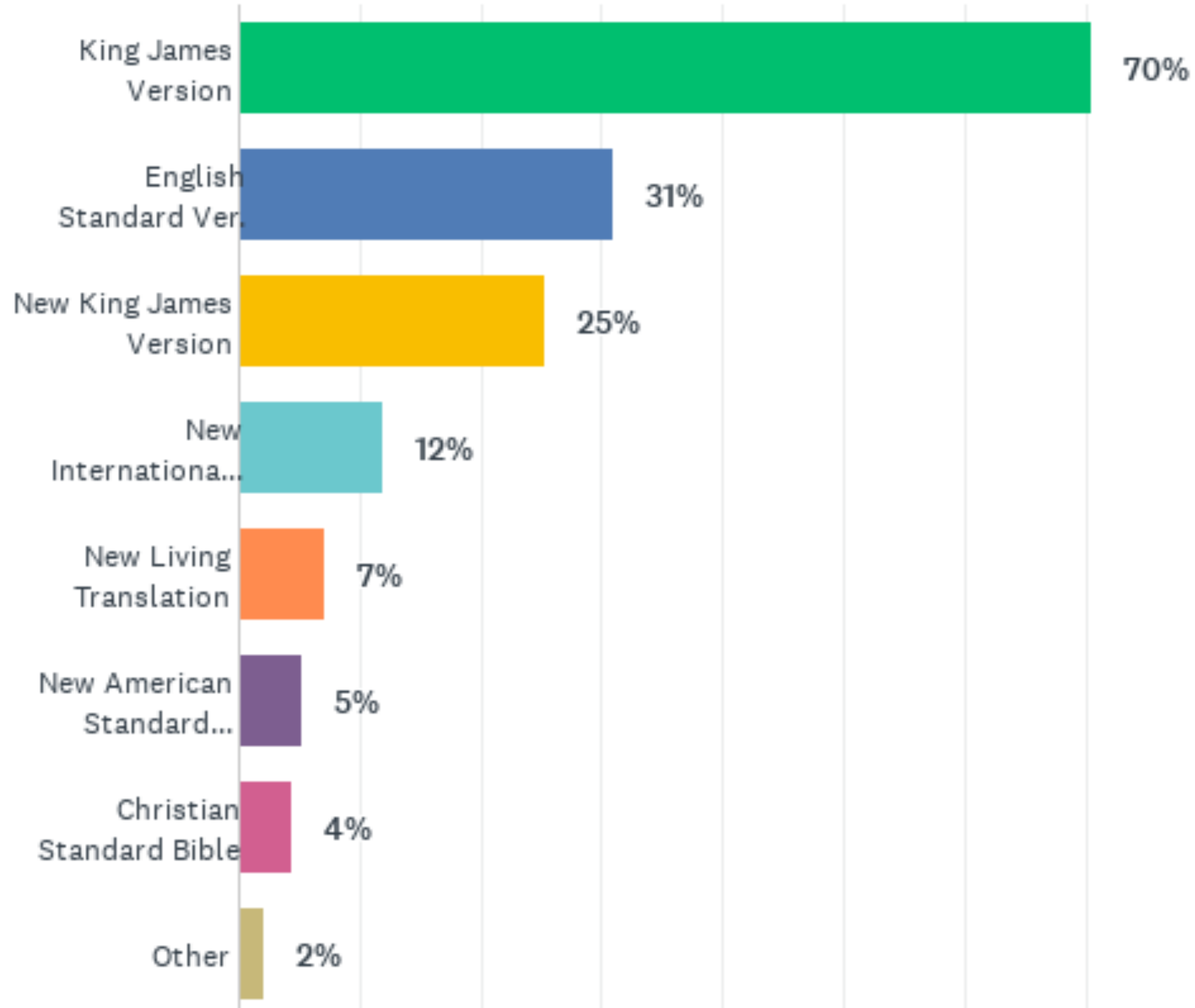
Music Style



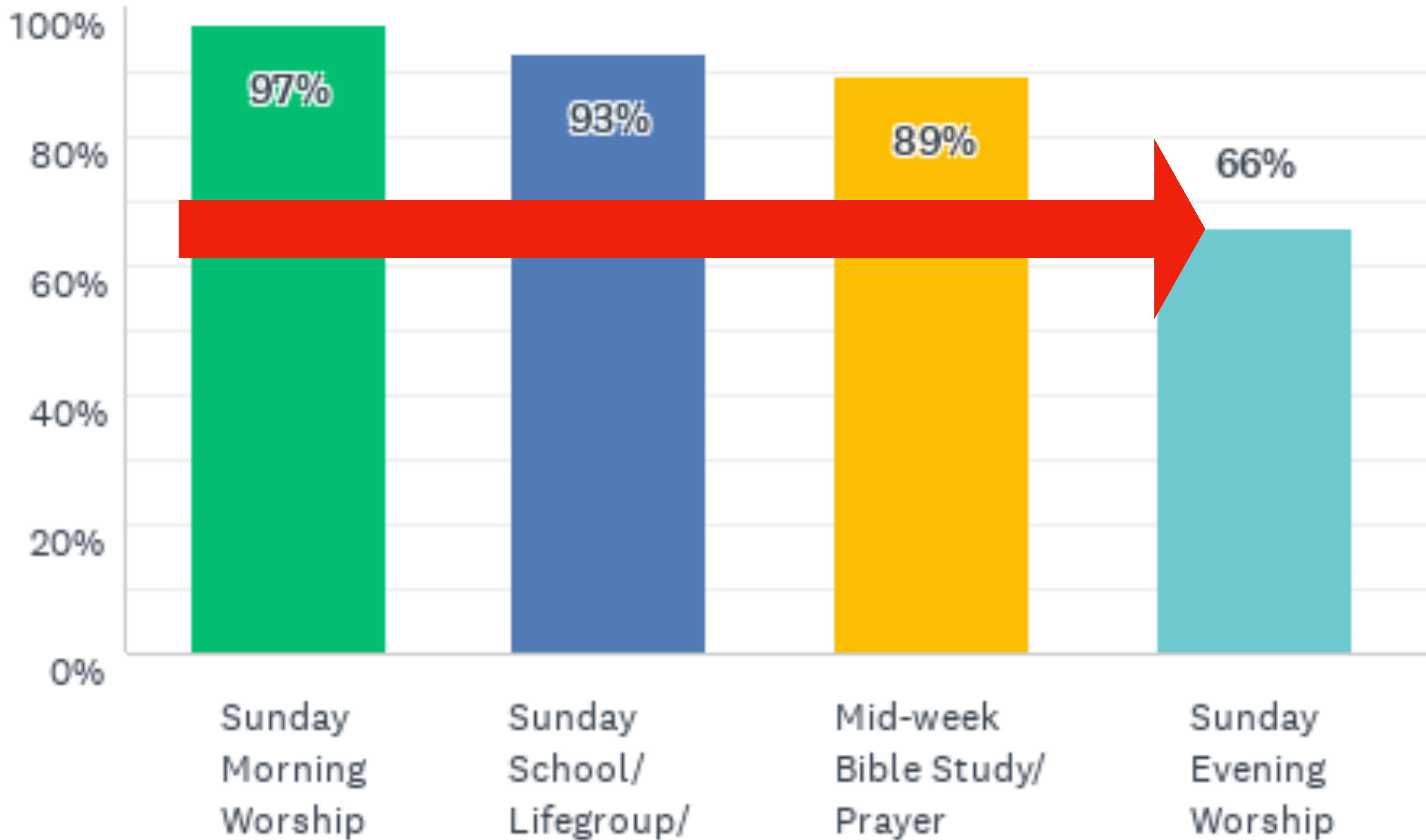
Music Source

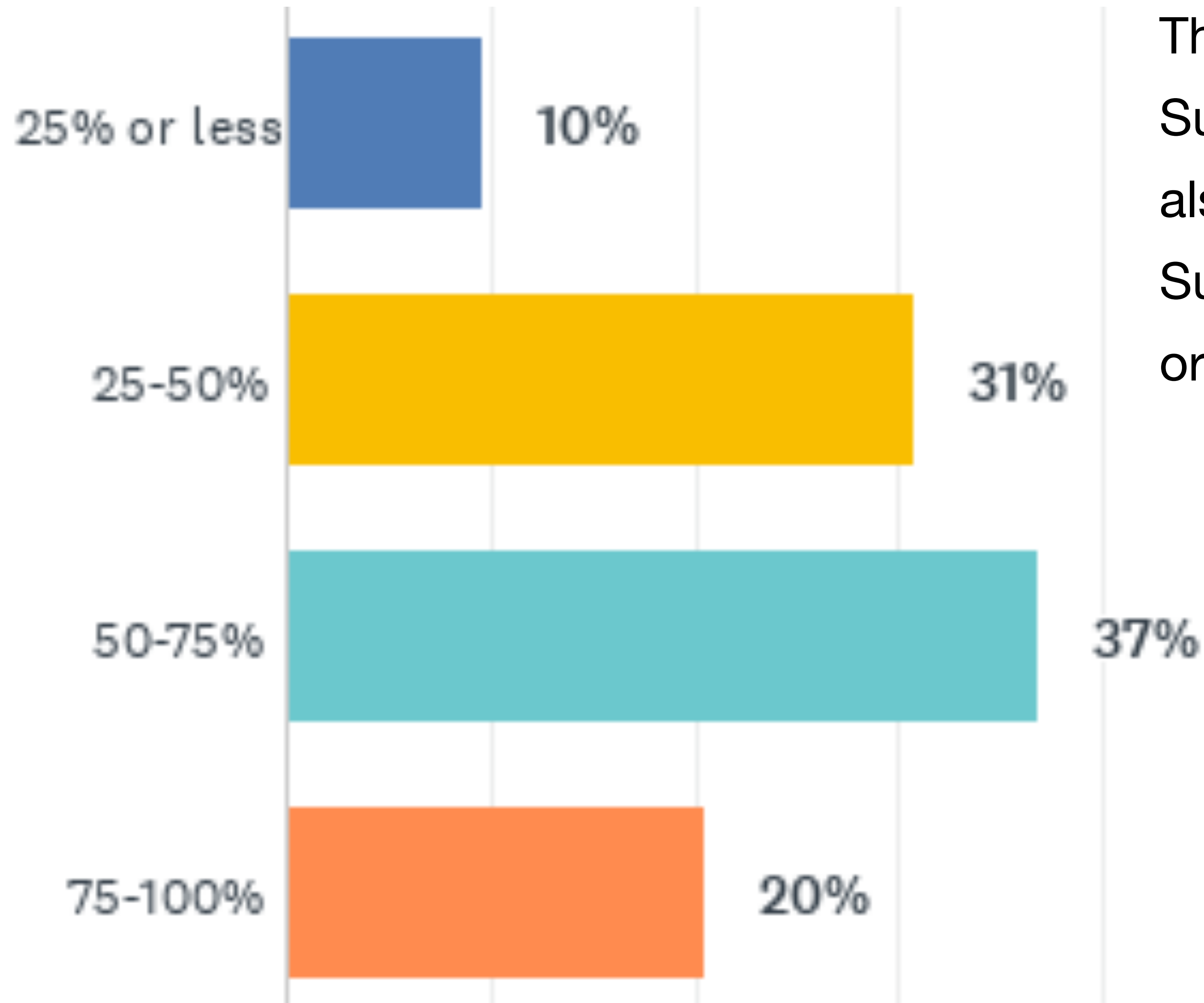






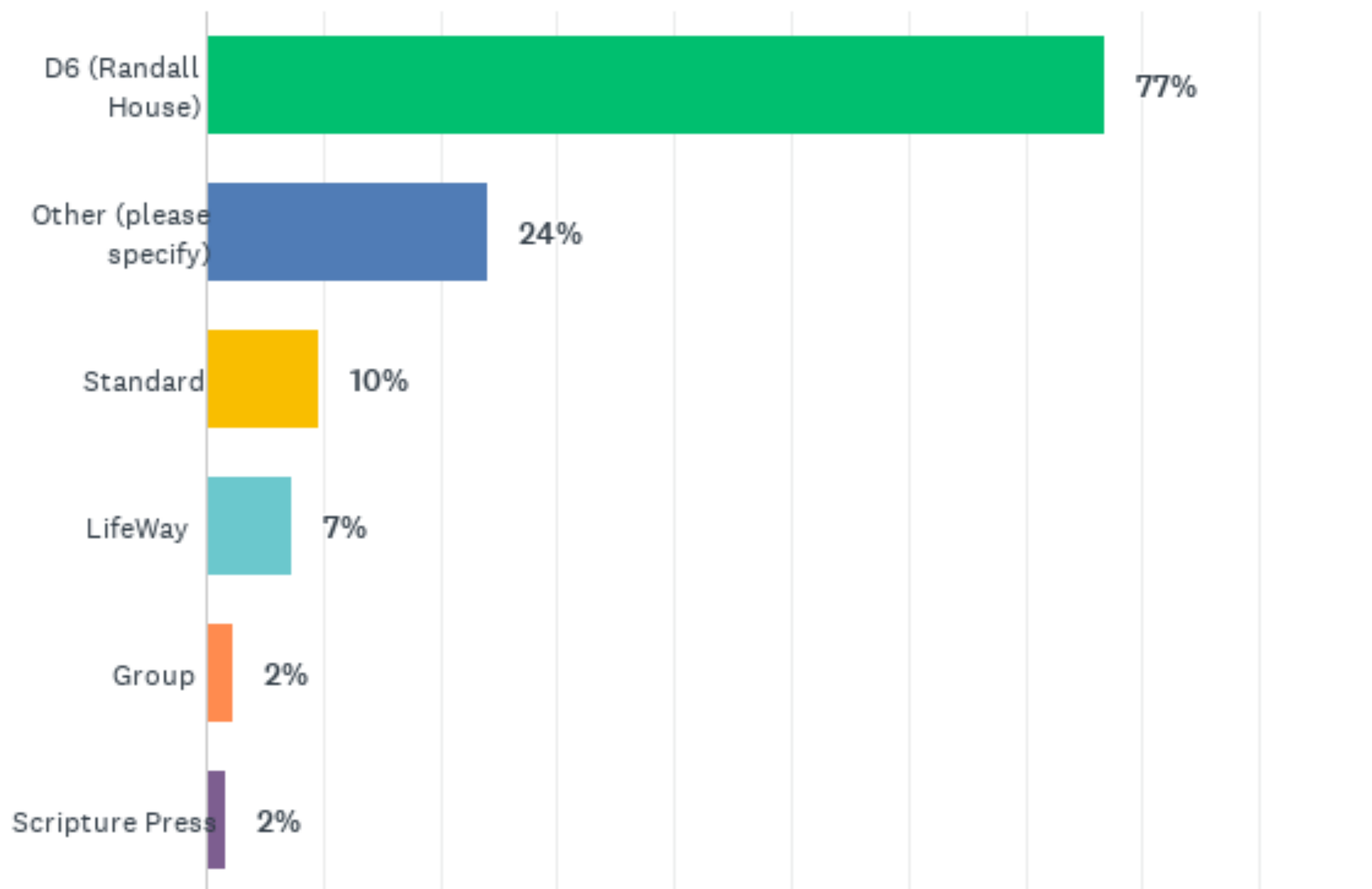
Services



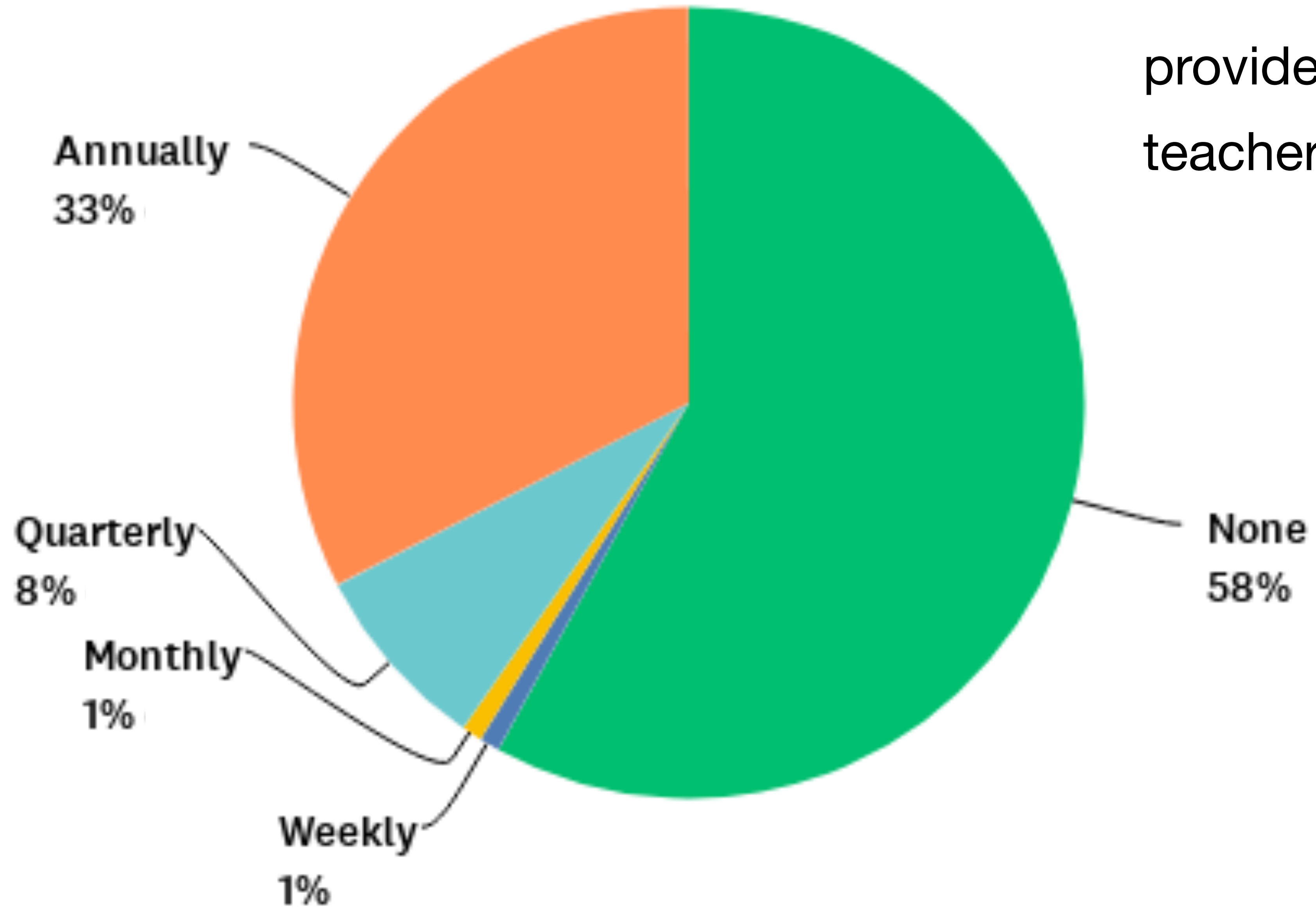


Those who attend
Sunday Morning Worship
also attend
Sunday School
or Life Groups

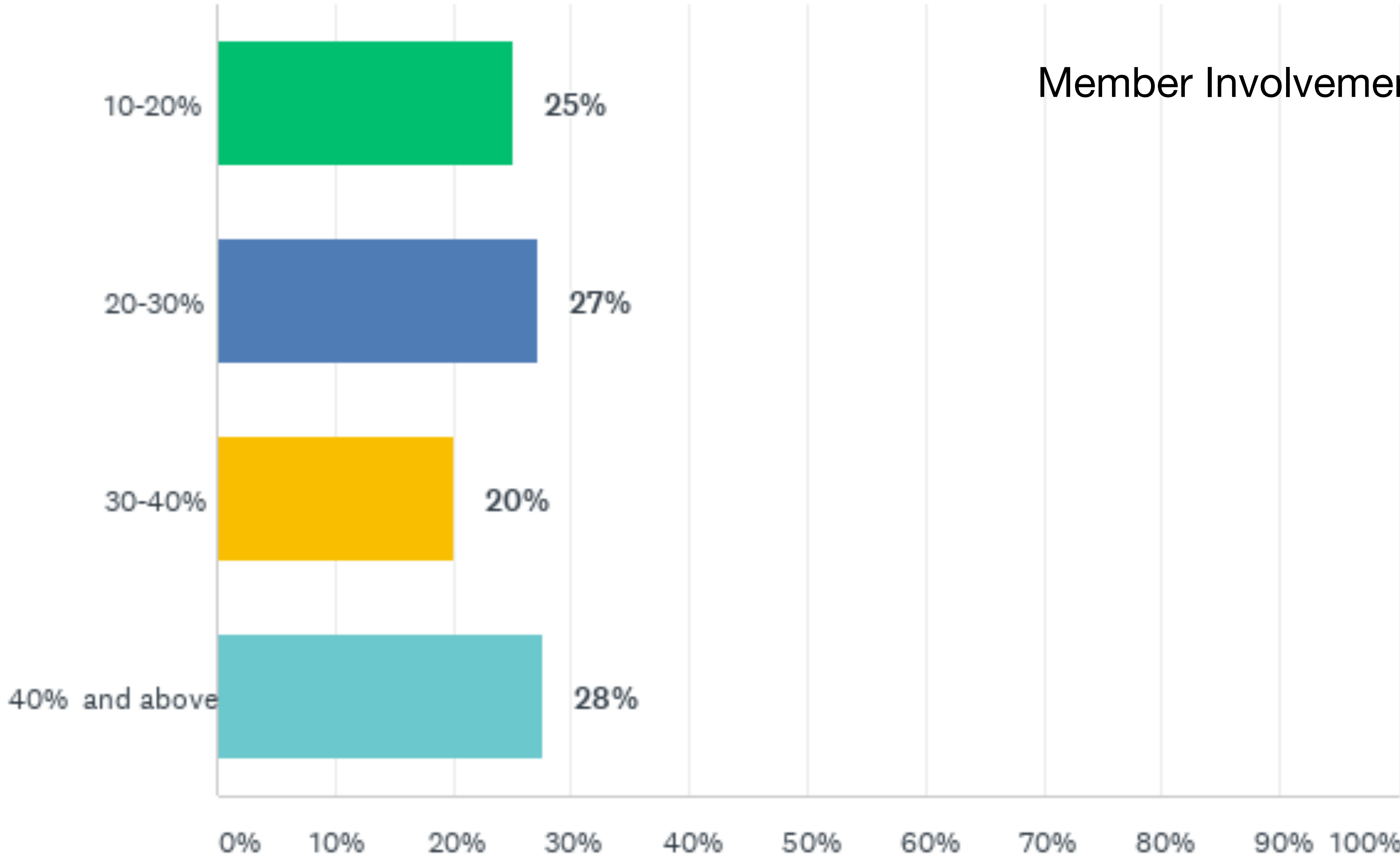
Discipleship / Outreach



How often do you
provide training for
teachers

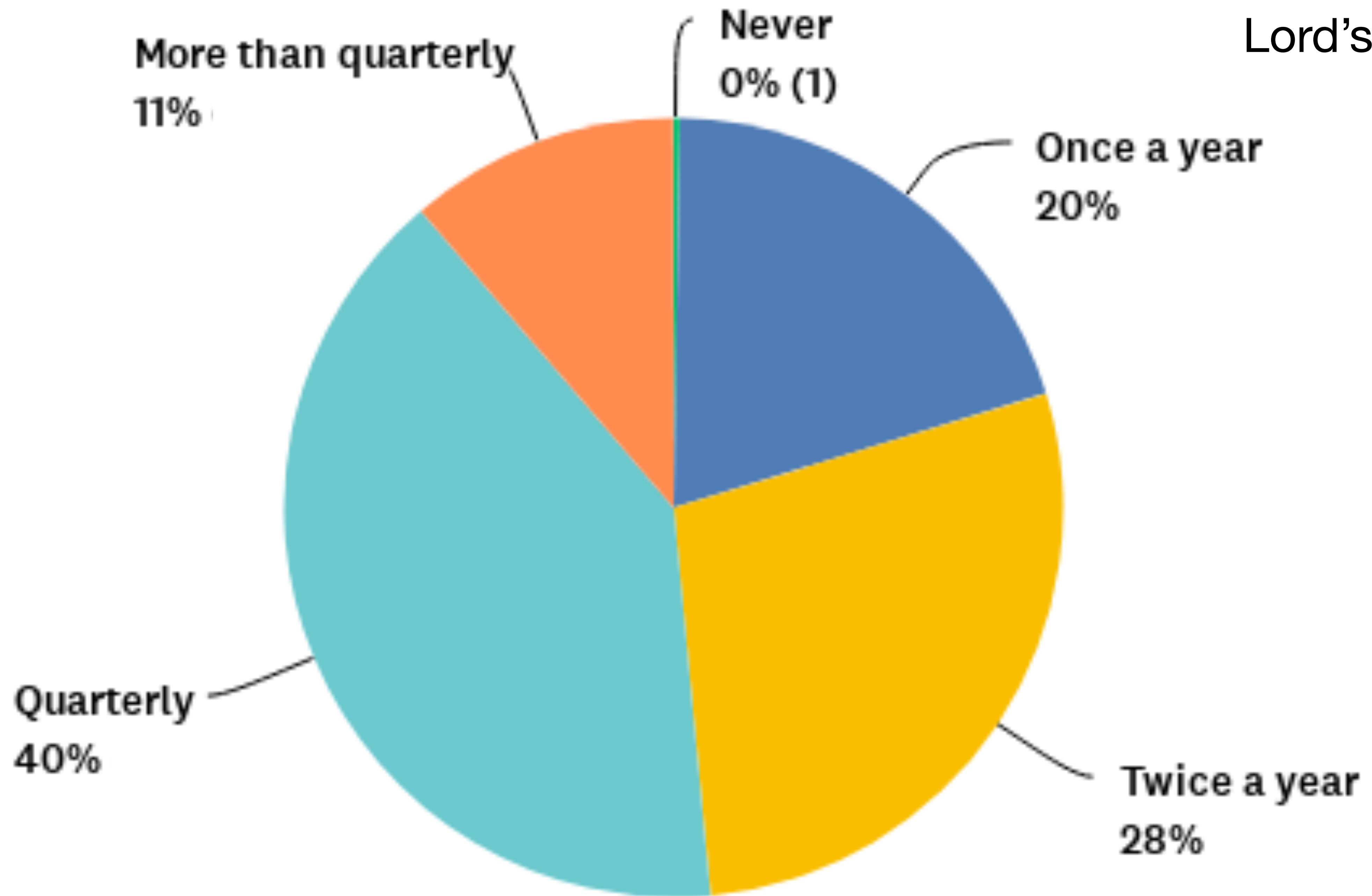


Member Involvement

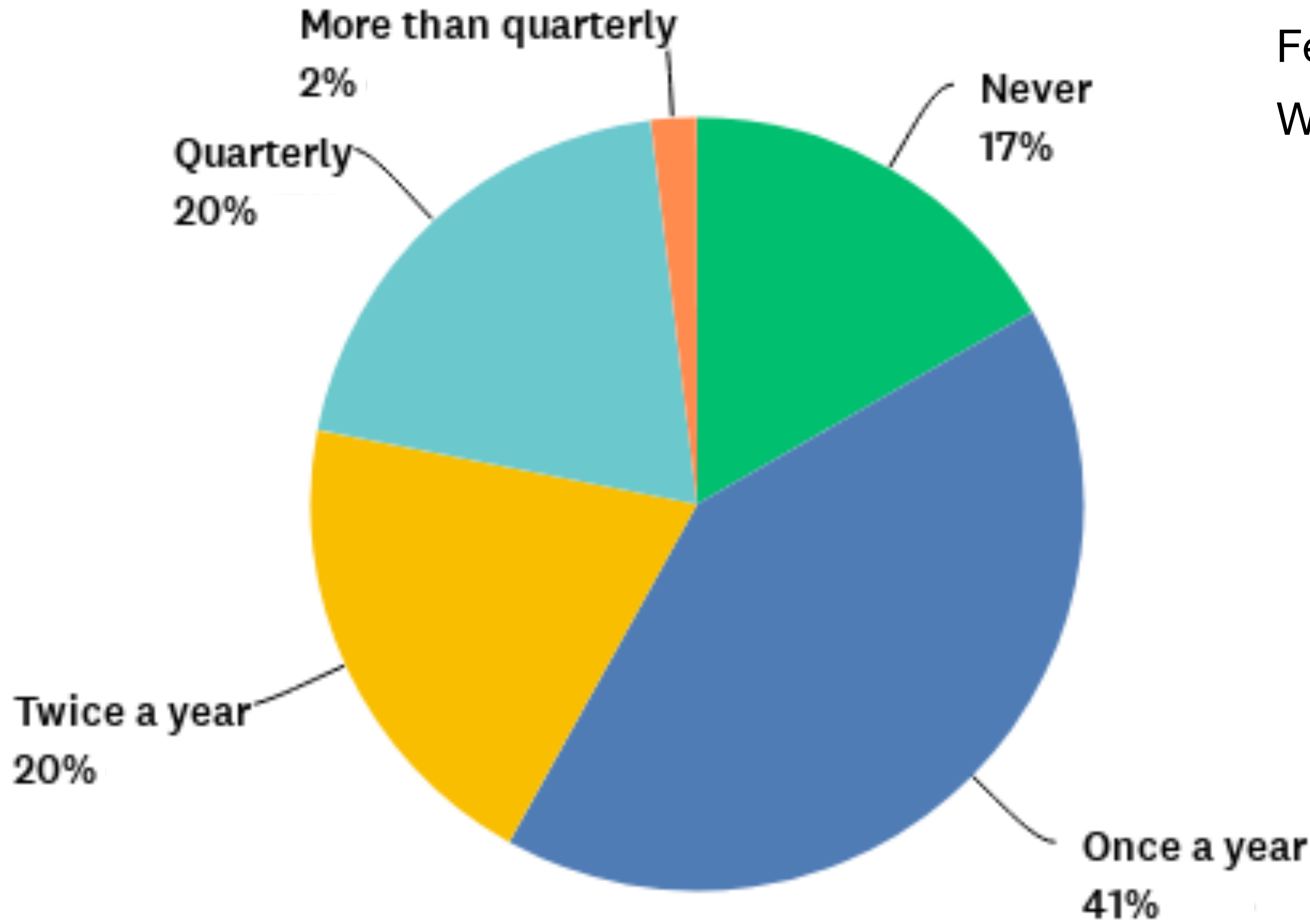


Ordinances

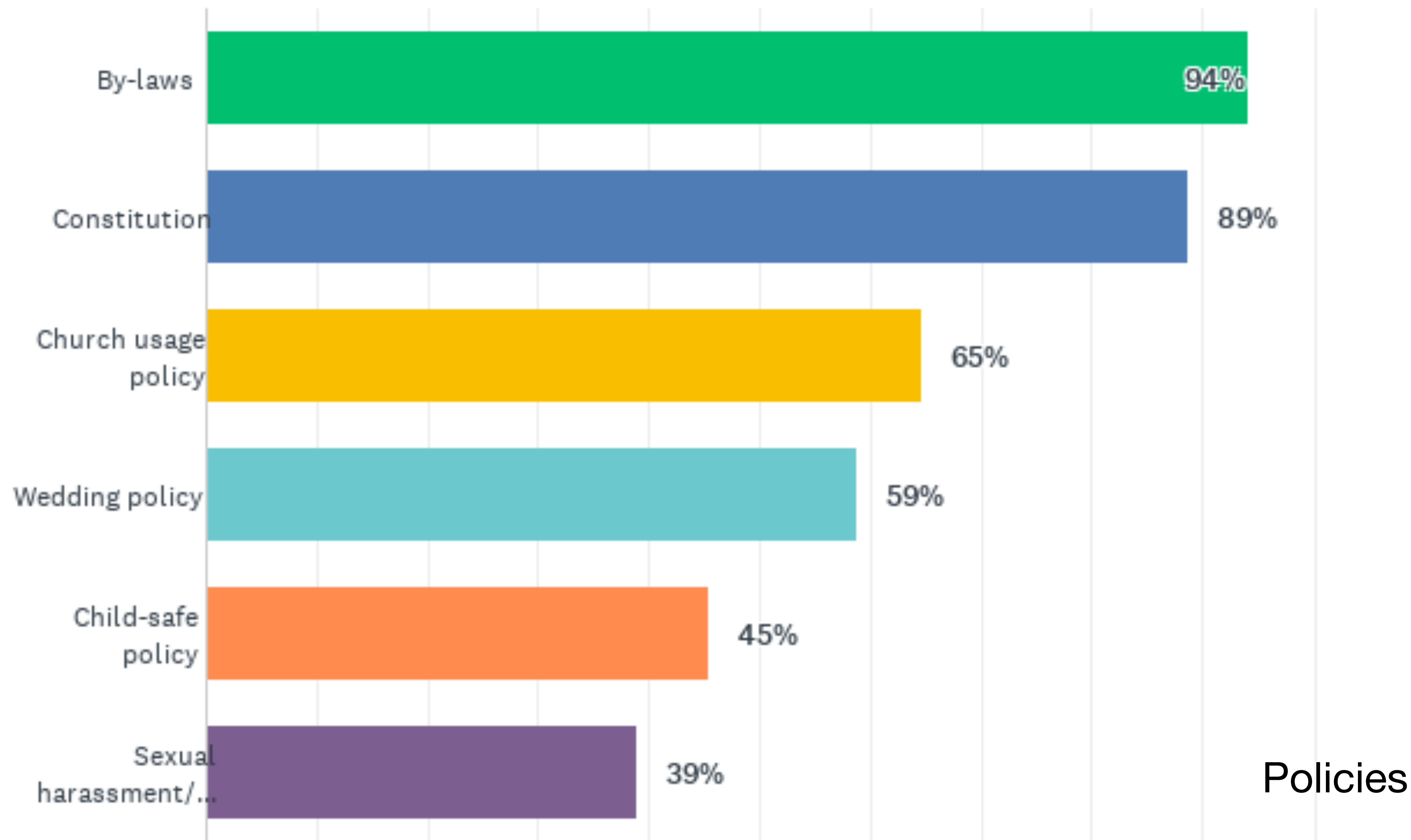
Lord's Supper

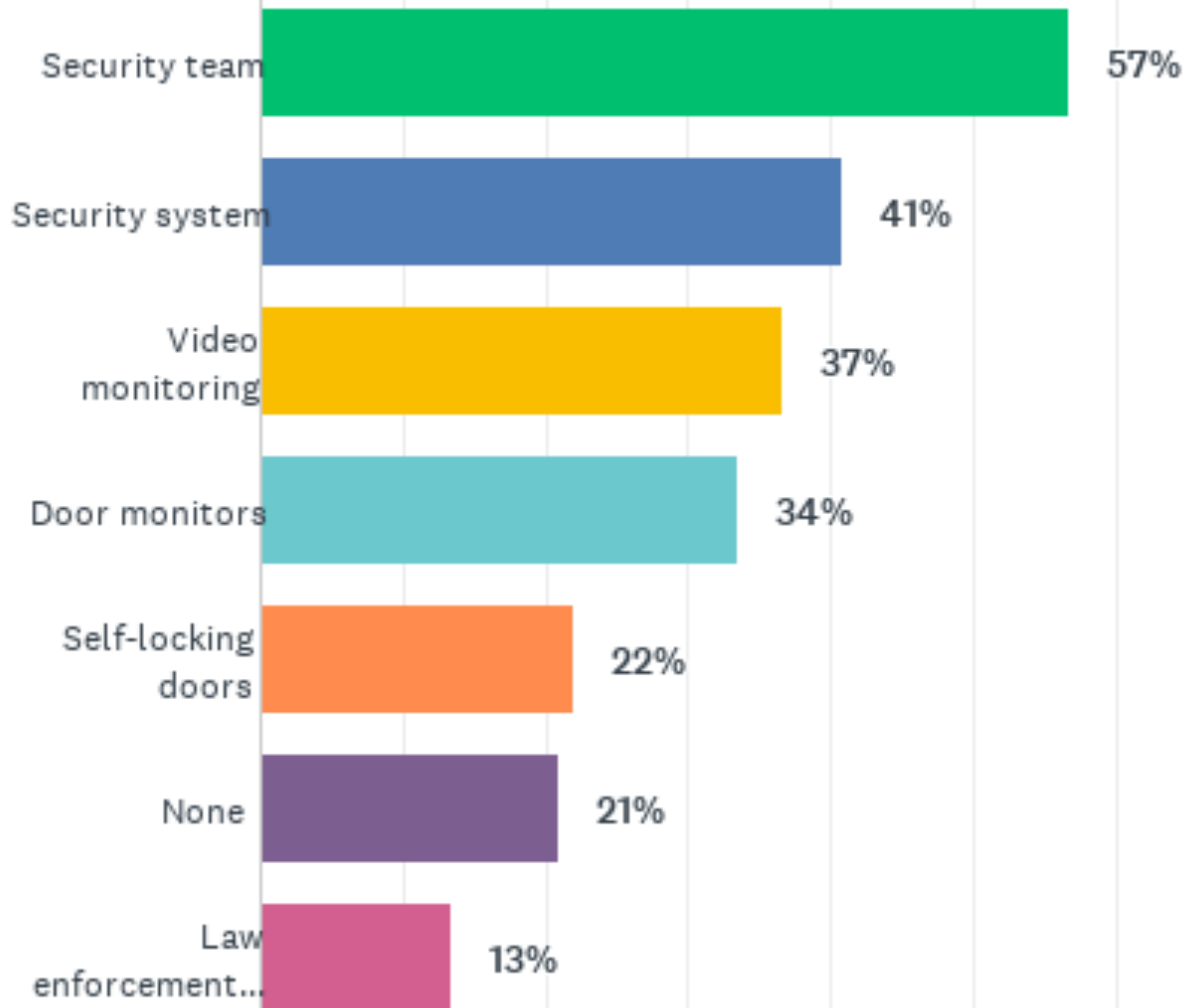


Feet Washing

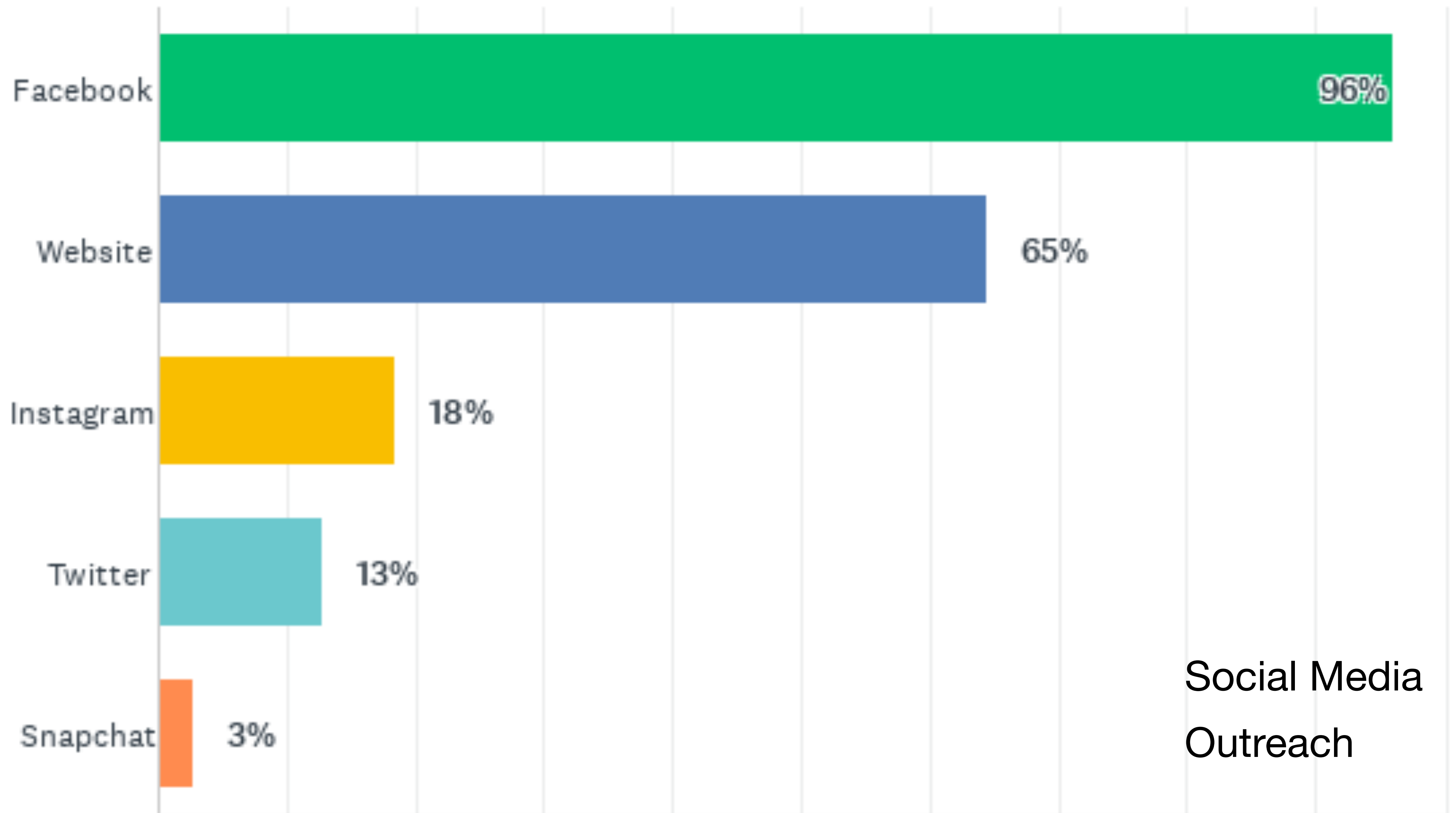


Organization / Policies



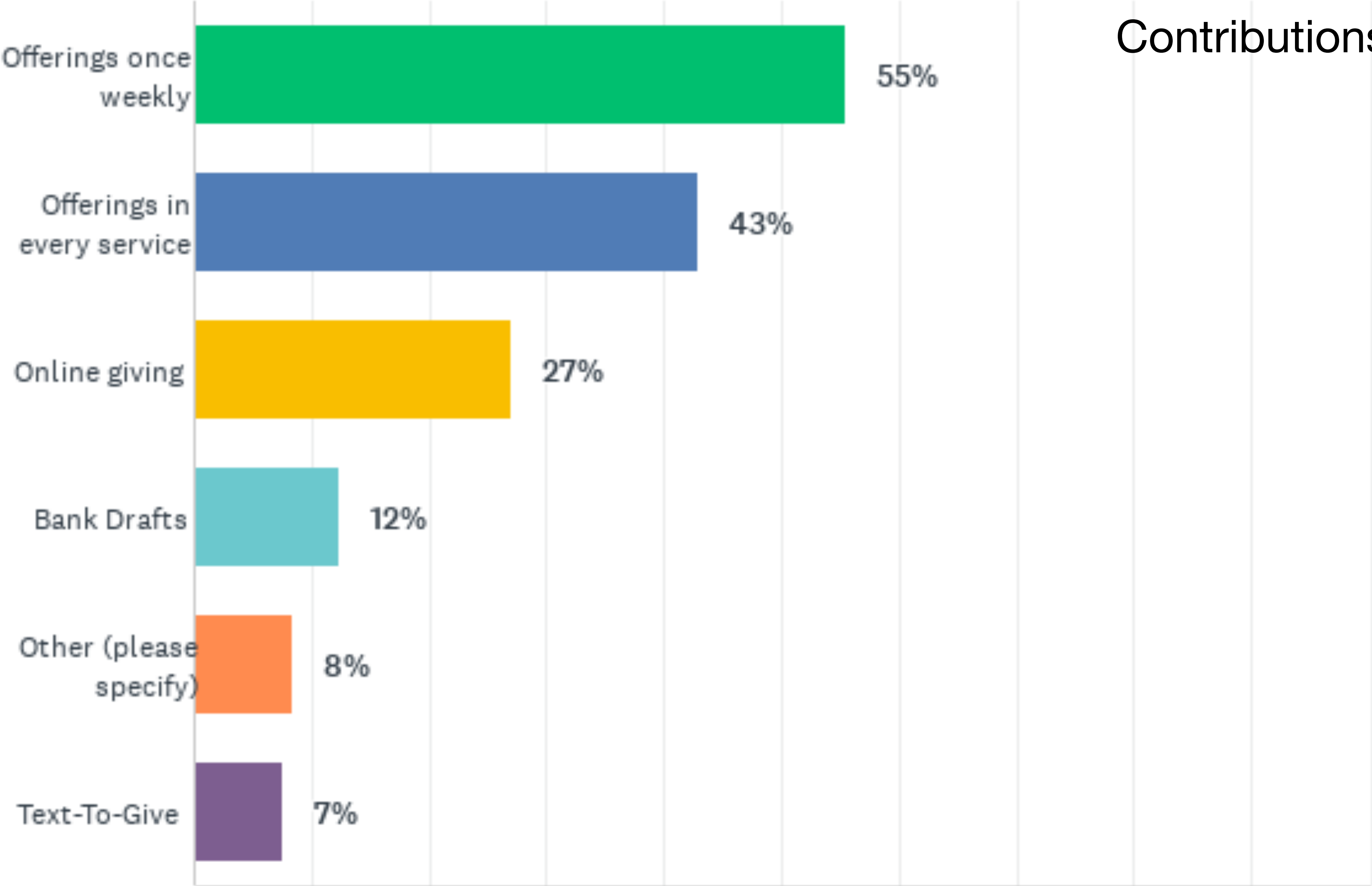


Security



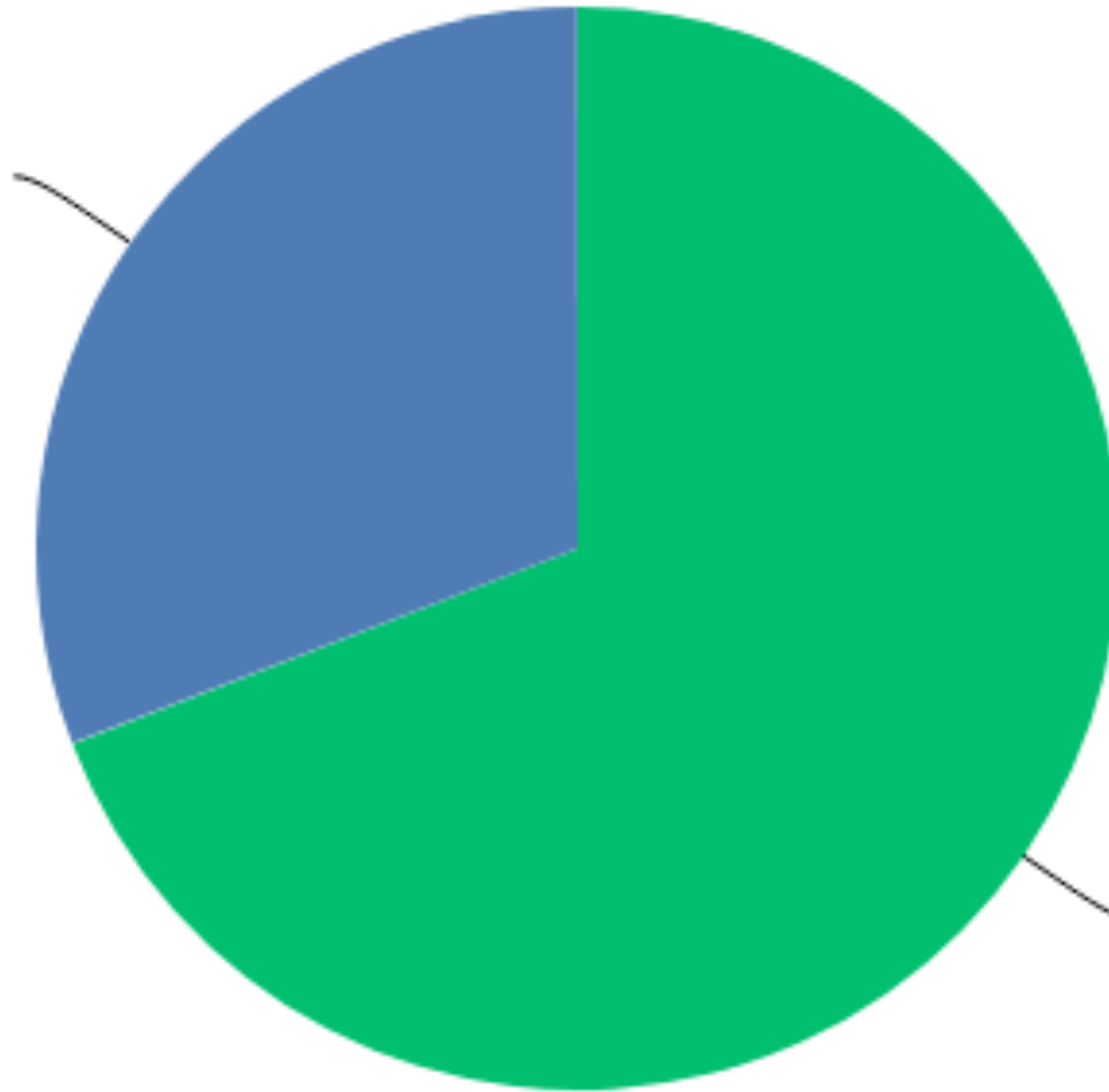
Finances

Contributions



Budget

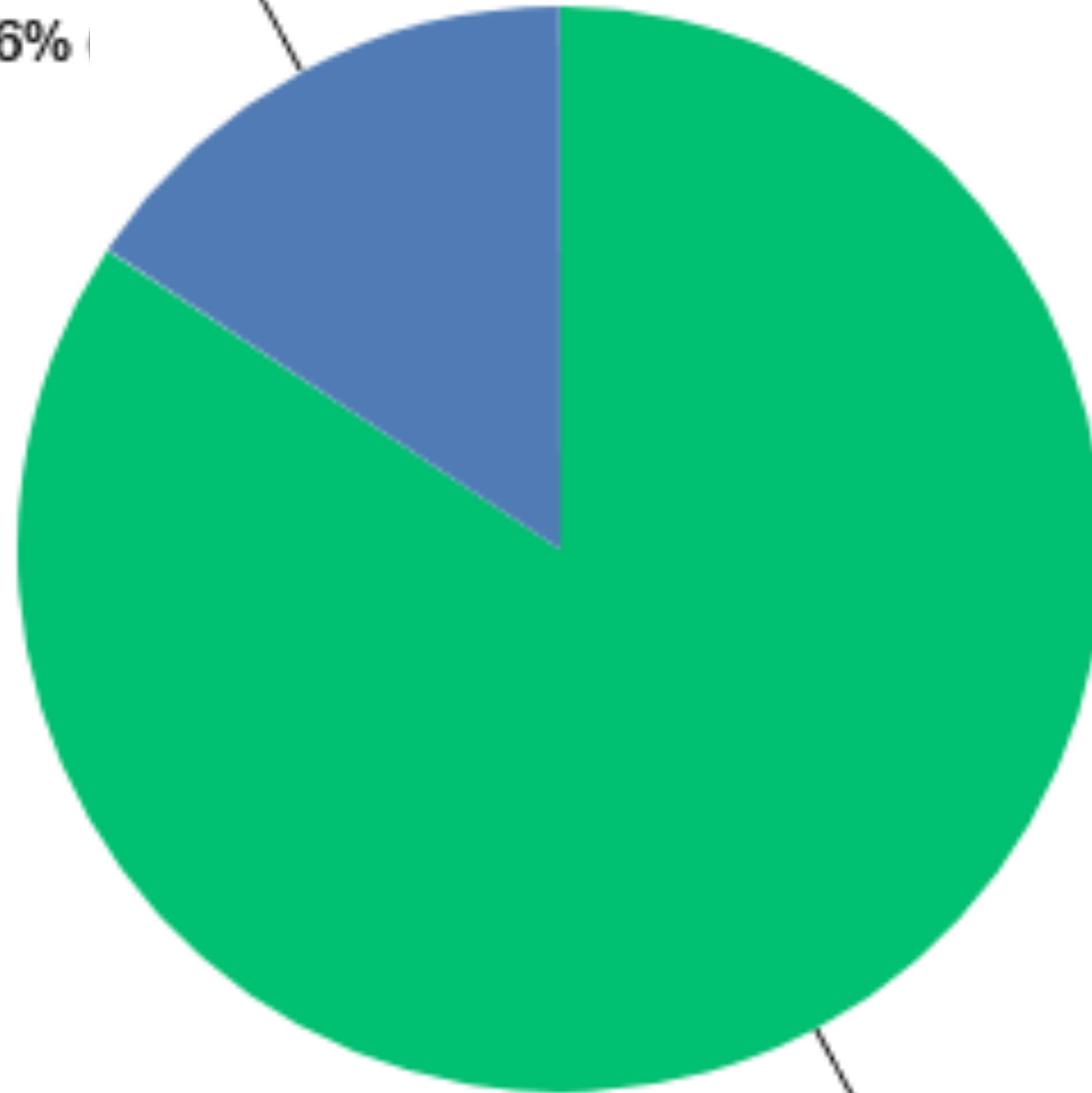
No
31%



Yes
69%

No
16%

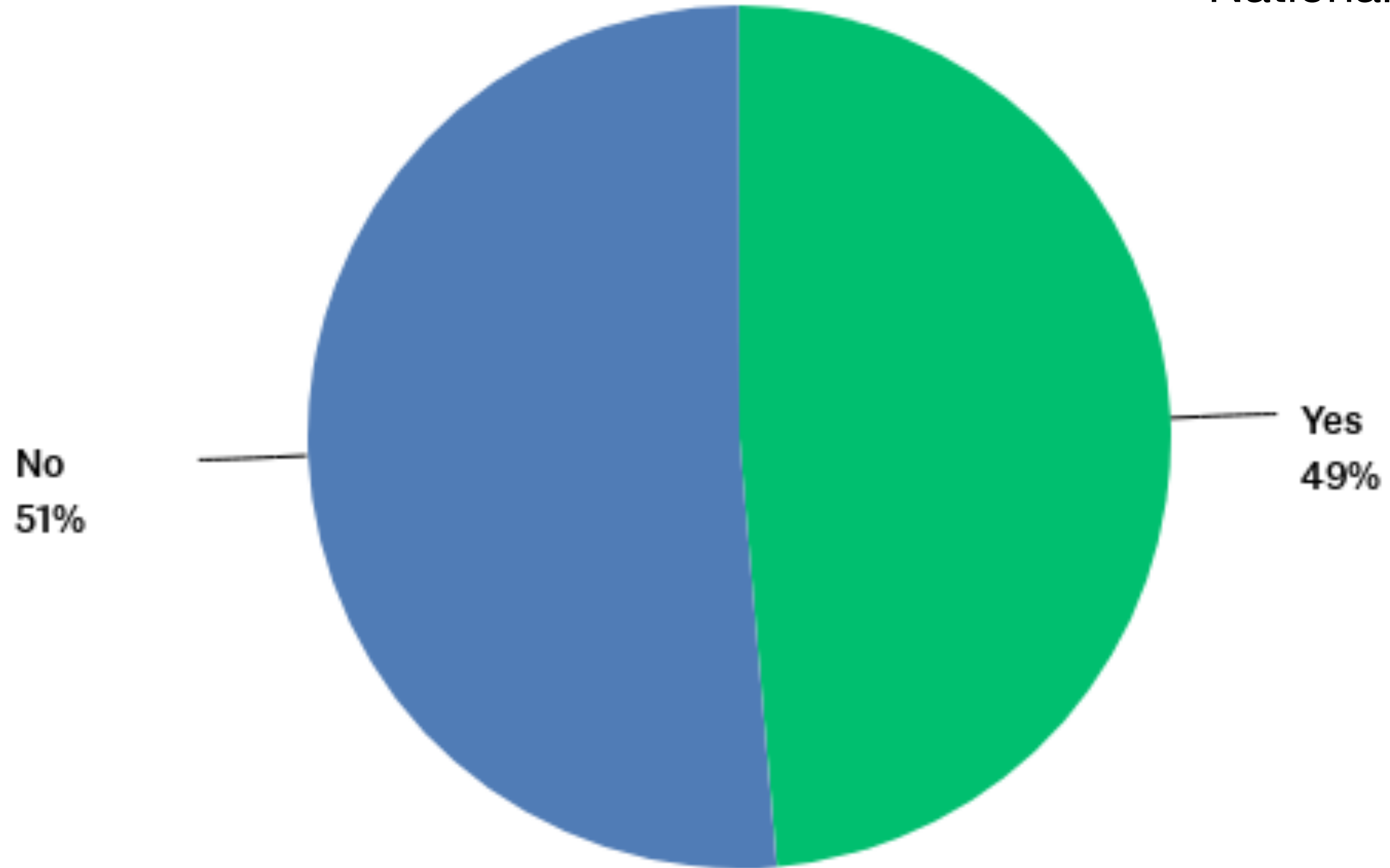
More than One Person
Handling Offerings



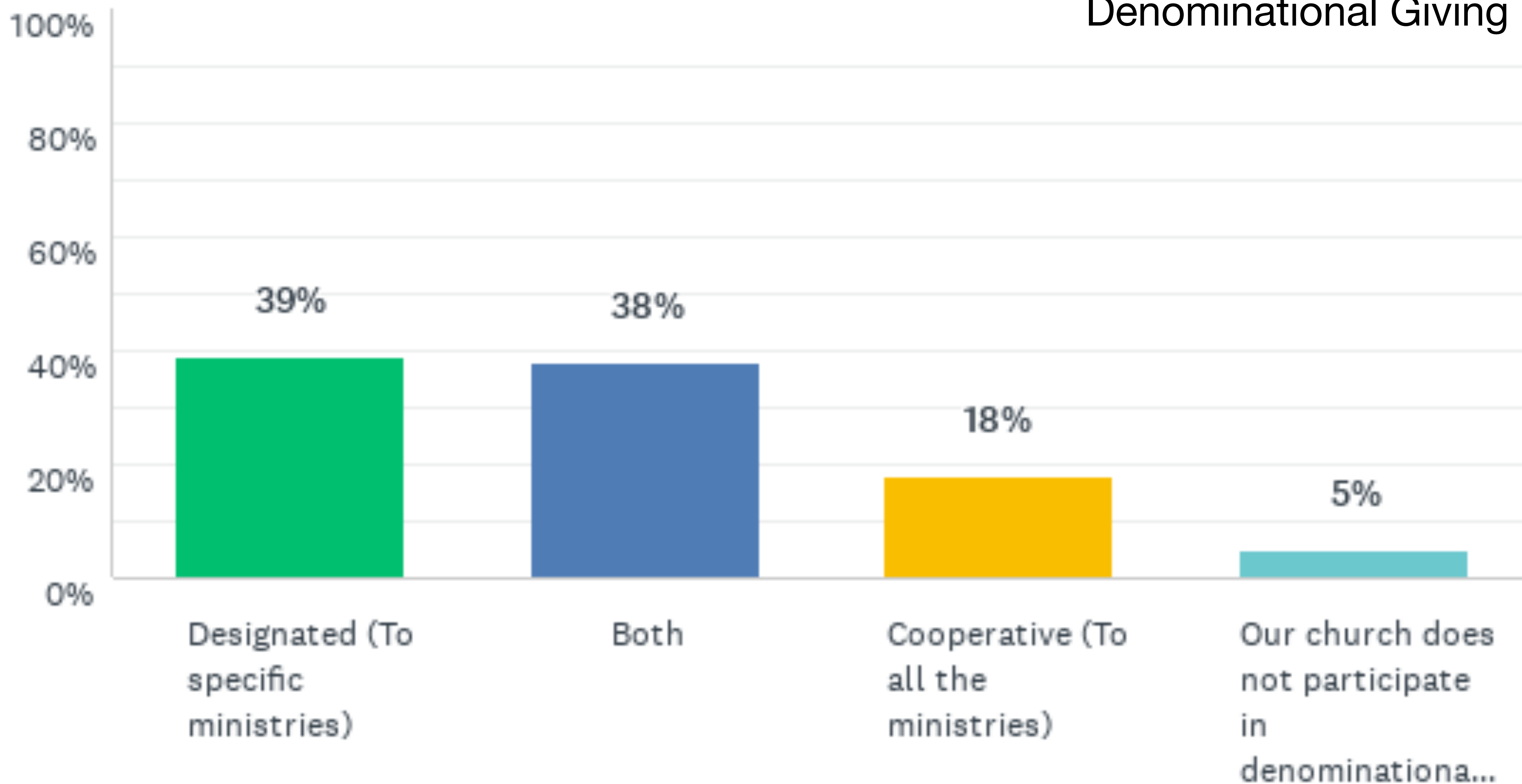
Yes
84% (306)

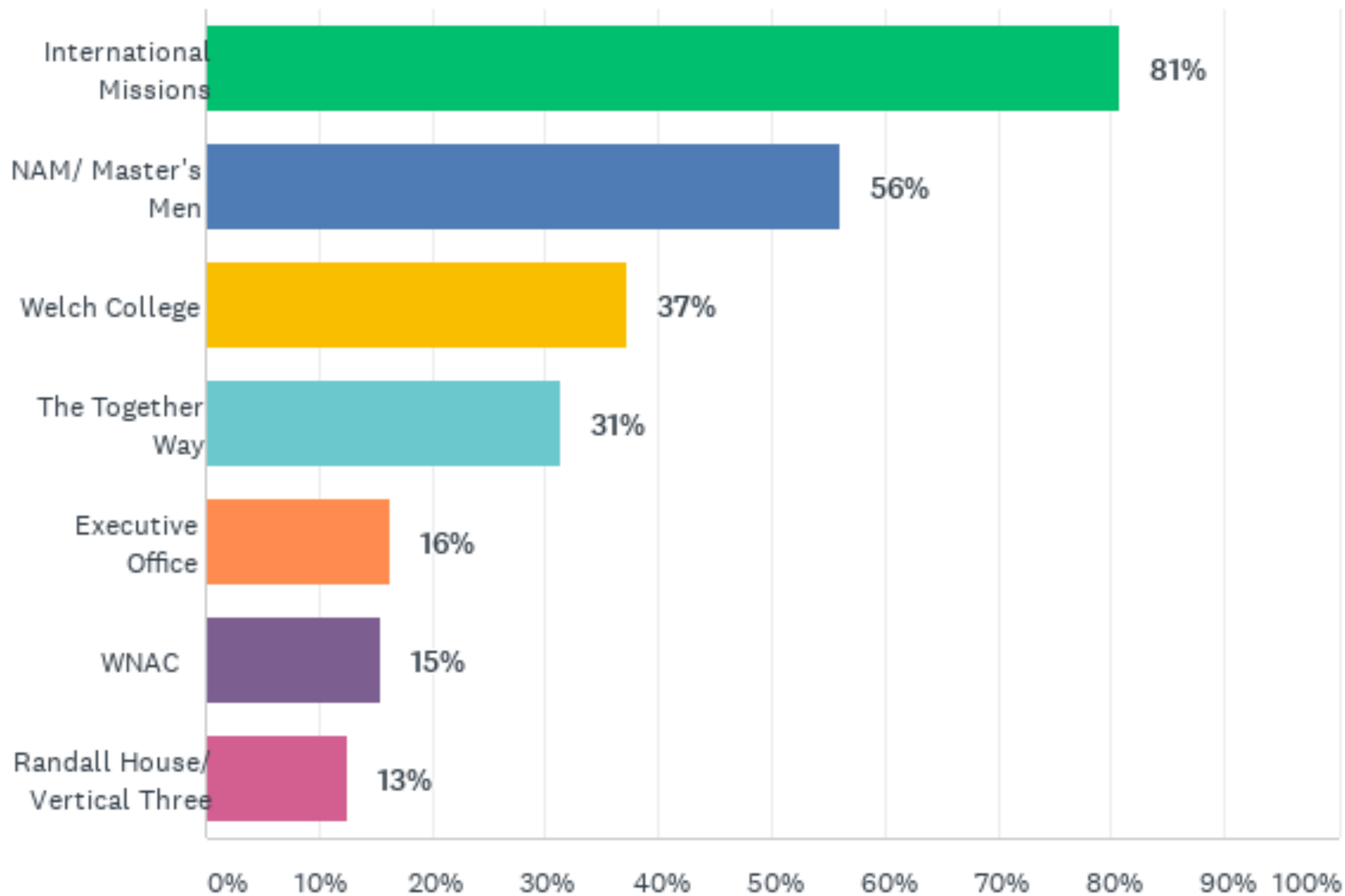
Denomination

National Association

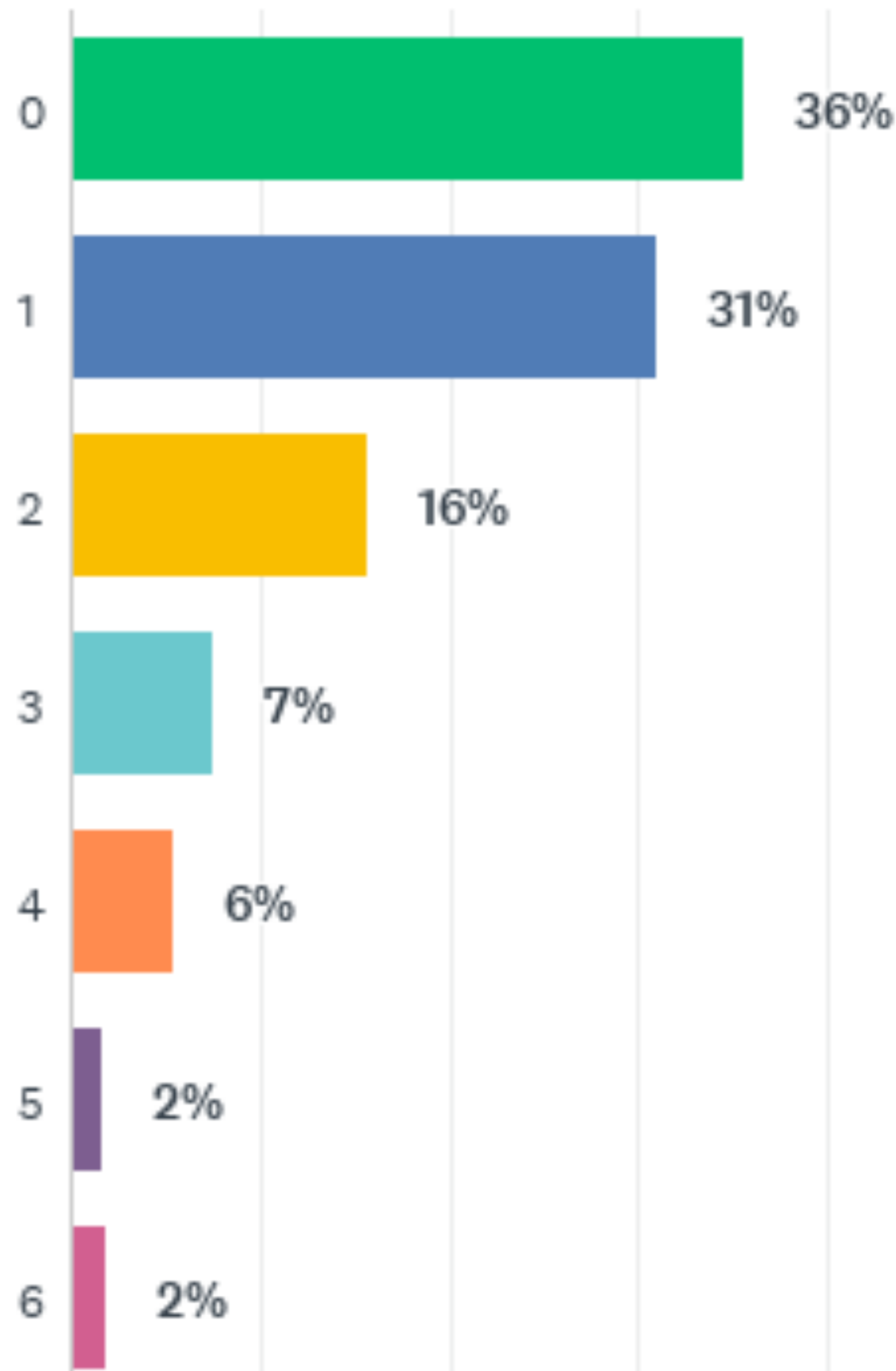


Denominational Giving

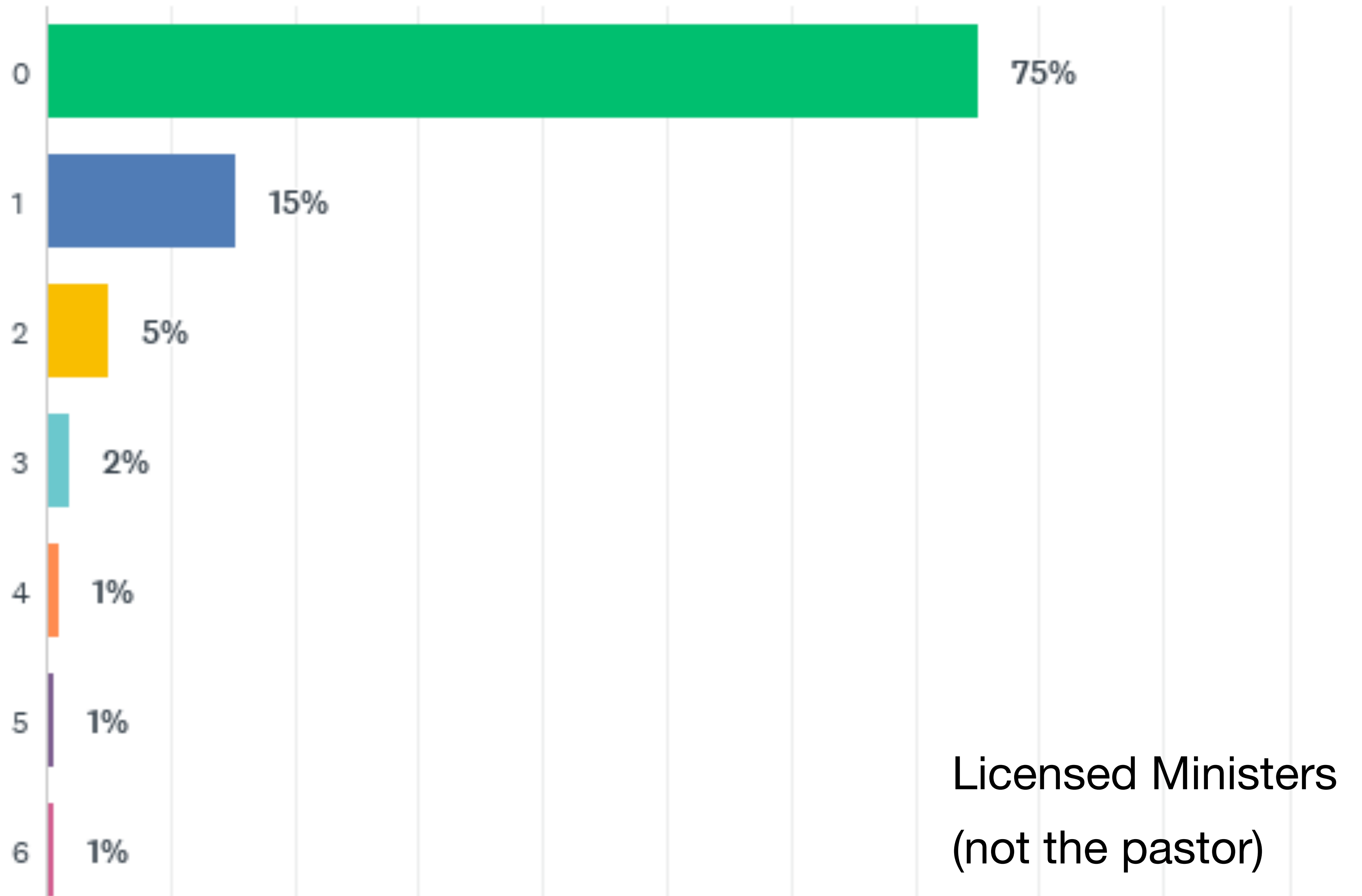


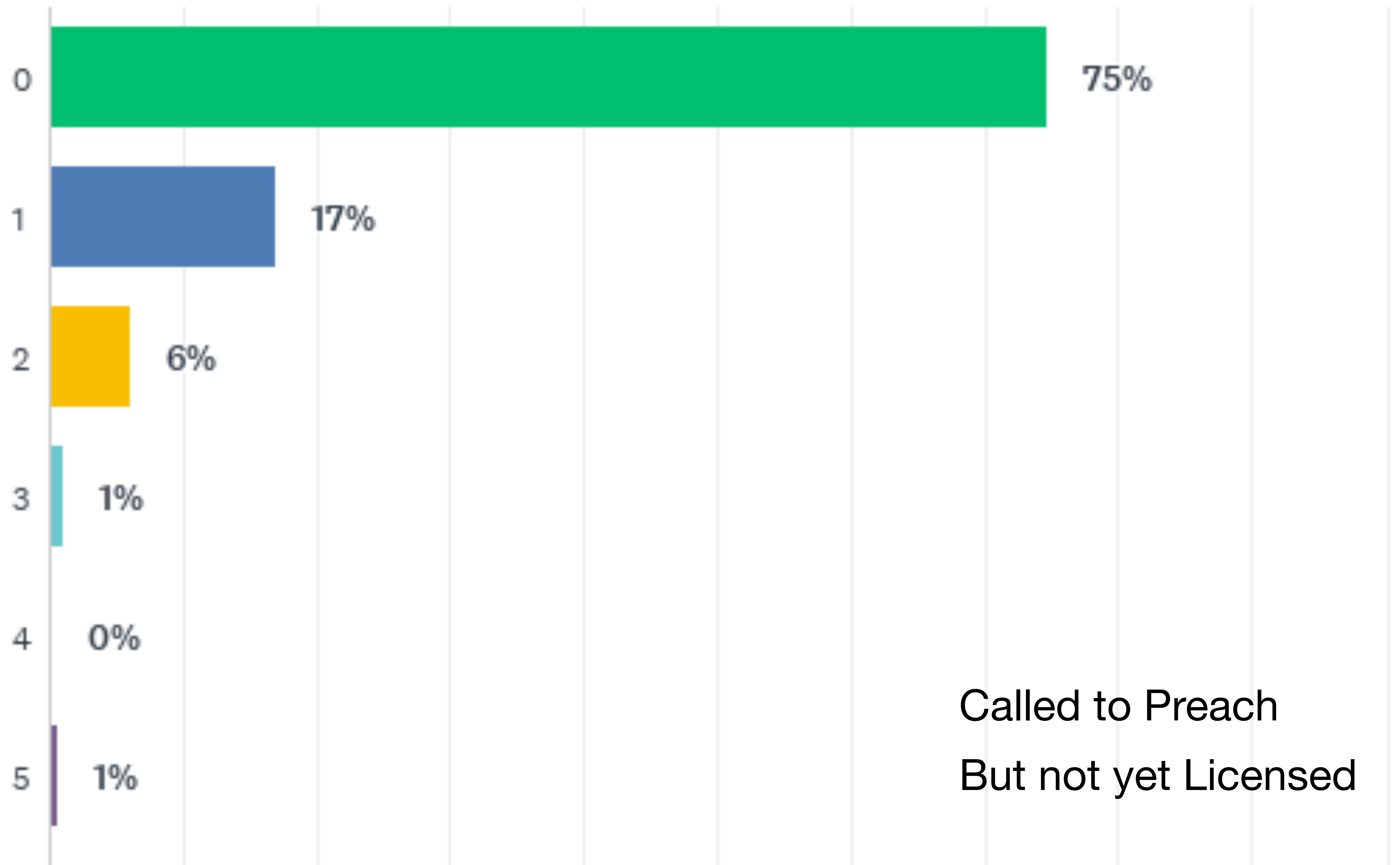


Preachers in your Congregation

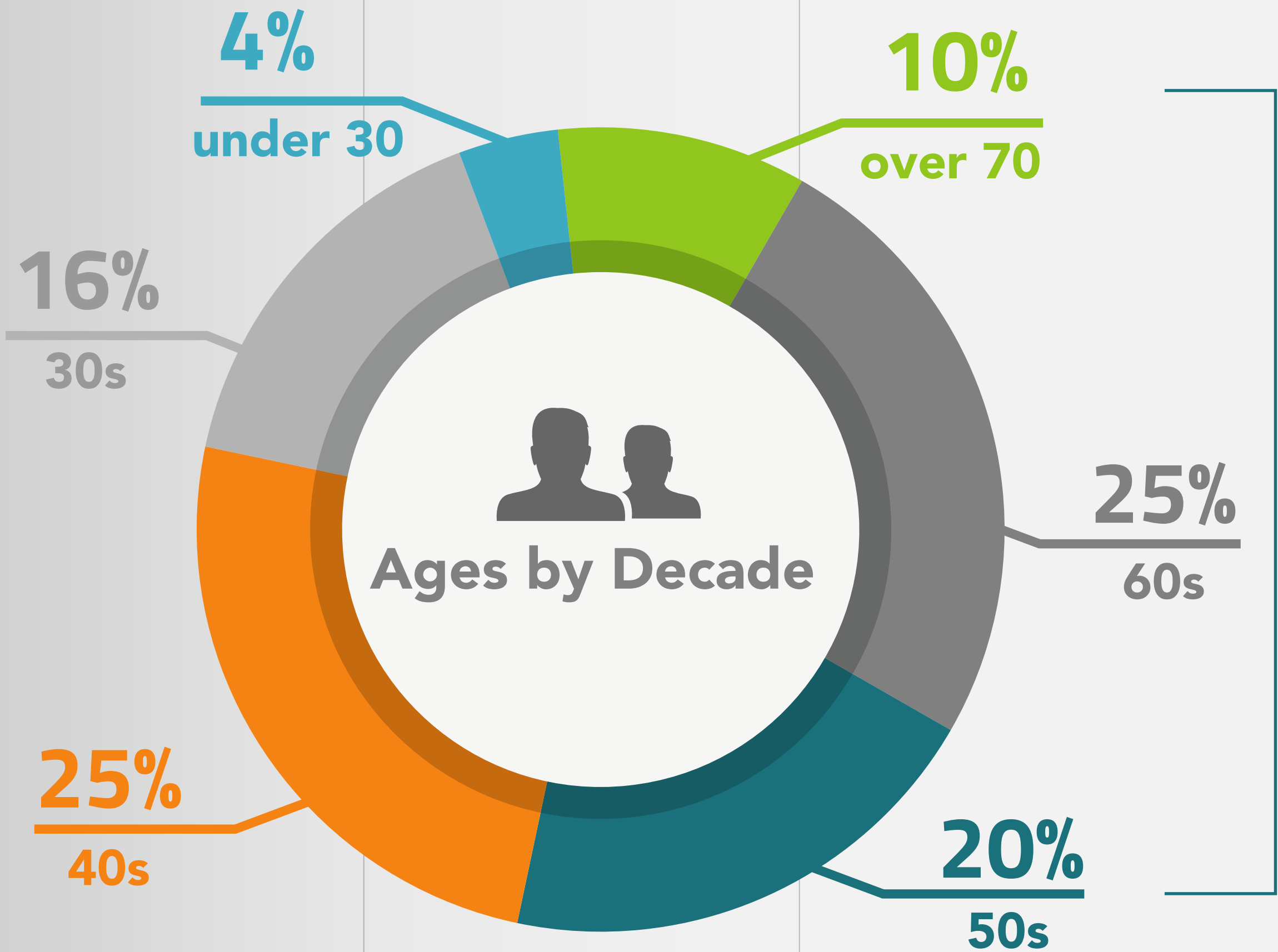


Ordained Ministers
(not the pastor)





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FINAL THOUGHTS

The results of this survey could encourage denominational leaders an opportunity:

- To help with church growth strategies.
- To offer resources for training teachers and leaders.
- To provide advice/counsel, training and resources to make churches safer and to protect members.
- To provide help to develop the right social media and content strategies.
- To provide digital giving strategies.

FINAL THOUGHT

***We need to pray the Lord of the
harvest that he may send forth
laborers into His Harvest***



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Survey of Ordaining Committees



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