

WFCF/NPO Wisconsin Shared Parenting ResearchStory Report

2020-11-19

Response Information

The results in this report are from an online survey that was fielded from November 13 to 16, 2020. It had 520 respondents all of whom completed the survey.

The results presented in this report were weighted to be representative of the overall population by the following variables:

- Age: 18-24 (11%), 25-34 (16%), 35-44 (16%), 45-54 (16%), 55-64 (18%), 65+ (23%)
- Education Status: Less than HS (8%), HS graduate (31%), Some college (23%), College graduate (30%), Postgraduate (9%)
- Standard: Man (49%), Woman (50%), In some other way (1%)
- Ethnicity: White (87%), Black or African American (7%), Asian or Asian Indian (2%), Some other race or ethnicity (2%), American Indian or Alaska Native (2%)

Results Summary

- *Which arrangement is in the child's best interest in instances of divorce or separation when both parents are fit and willing to be parents?*
It is in the child's best interest to have as much time as possible with each parent (97%); It is in the child's best interest to spend as much time as possible with just one parent (3%).
- *Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who supports children spending significant, up to equal, amounts of time with each parent following separation or divorce when both parents are fit and willing to be parents?*
More likely (96%), Less likely (4%).
- *Which is closer to your beliefs?*
Children have the right to spend equal or nearly equal time with both parents who are fit and willing to be parents following a divorce or separation (96%); Children do not have the right to spend equal or nearly equal time with both parents who are fit and willing to be parents following a divorce or separation (4%).

Results Summary 2

- *How important, if at all, is it for parents who are fit and willing to be parents to share in the responsibility of raising and providing for their children?*
Extremely important (81%), Very important (19%).
- *In instances of divorce or separation when both parents are fit and willing to be parents, which arrangement do you think would be better for children?*
It's better for children to have two homes, one with each parent. (82%), It's better for children to have only one home with one of their parents. (18%).
- *Would you support or oppose a change in Wisconsin Law that creates a rebuttable presumption that shared parenting is in the best interest of a child after a parental separation?*
Support (85%), Oppose (15%).
- *How beneficial, if at all, is it for a child to have significant time with each parent assuming both parents are fit, willing to be parents, and live within a reasonable distance of each other?*
Extremely beneficial (71%), Very beneficial (27%).
- *Do you believe that today's family courts view and treat moms and dads equally in child custody decisions?*
No (57%), No Opinion (23%), Yes (19%).

Results Summary 3

- *When there is conflict between parents, do you think awarding sole custody of children to just one parent increases or decreases that conflict?*
Increases conflict (81%), Has no impact (11%), Decreases conflict (9%).
- *Do you believe that today's family courts treat people differently because of race?*
Yes (43%), No (29%), No Opinion (28%).
- *Of the following, which is closer to your beliefs?*
Family courts are more likely to give one or the other parent less than equal parental rights (64%);
Family courts are more likely to give both parents equal parental rights (36%).
- *When parents are separating, which arrangement do you think is generally more appropriate?*
Children should have equal or near equal access to and time with each of their parents (94%);
Children should spend significantly more time with just one parent by default (6%).
- *Which of the following do you most agree with?*
Both parents should have equal parental rights and responsibilities (90%); Mothers should have greater parental rights and responsibilities (6%); Fathers should have greater parental rights and responsibilities (5%).
- *When parents separate, they should strive to continue sharing responsibility for parenting their children.*
Agree (99%), Disagree (1%).

Results Summary 4

- *Children with separated parents should have equal access to both their parents.*
Agree (98%), Disagree (2%).
- *Children who have two significantly involved separated parents are having their best interests met.*
Agree (94%), Disagree (6%).
- *The state of Wisconsin should promote shared parenting for all children with separated parents.*
Agree (91%), Disagree (9%).
- *It would benefit society if more children with separated parents, had both parents significantly involved.*
Agree (96%), Disagree (4%).
- *There are cases in which some separated parents try to push the other parent out of the children's lives.*
Agree (95%), Disagree (5%).
- *Separating and separated parents should strive to create a shared parenting experience for their children, instead of one parent being the primary parent and the other in a secondary role.*
Agree (94%), Disagree (6%).

Results Summary 5

- *Shared parenting education should be:*
Mandatory for all separating parents (47%); Required only for separating parents at the discretion of the court (30%); Up to the Individual separating parents (23%).
- *What child custody legislation would you like to see?*
Laws that establish a rebuttable presumption that, when feasible, equal, or nearly equal, parenting time for each parent is in children's best interest (49%)¹ Laws that encourage shared custody placement and decision-making (37%); Laws that establish a rebuttable presumption that, when feasible, children having at least 35% of their time living with each parent is in children's best interest (9%).

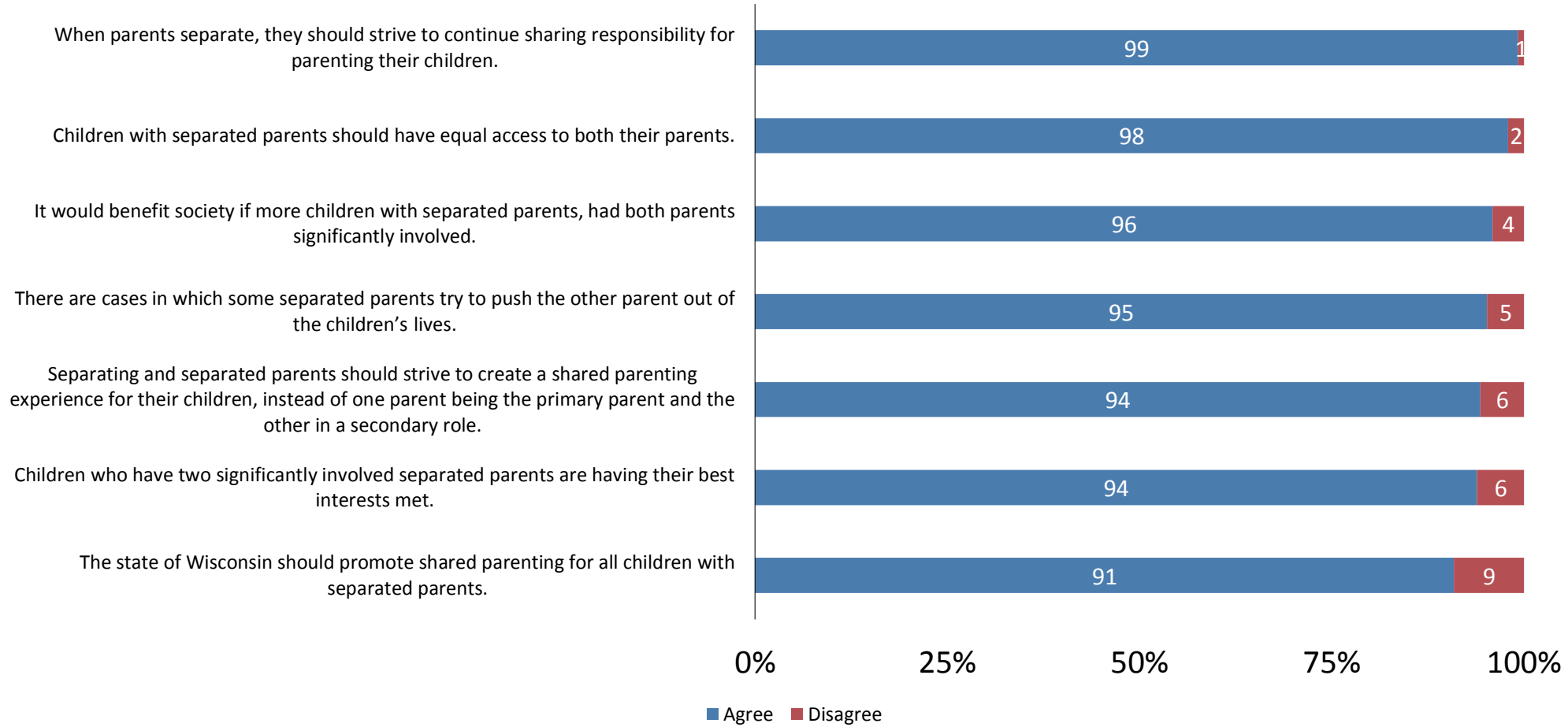
Custom Demographics

- *What county do you live in?*
Milwaukee County (18%), Dane County (9%), Waukesha County (6%).
- *What is your zip code?*
53209 (3%), 54601 (2%), 53081 (2%).
- *How would you characterize the area you live in?*
Rural (35%), Suburban (34%), Urban (29%).
- *How many adults, ages 18 and older, including yourself, live in your household?*
1 - 4 (97%), 5 - 8 (3%).
- *And how many children younger than 18 years of age live in your household?*
0 (70%), 1 - 4 (29%).
- *Are you working full or part time, going to school, keeping house, or doing something else?*
Working full time (40%), Retired (22%), Working part time (13%).
- *Children at Home* No children at home (70%), Children at home (30%).
- *Which, if any, of the following has recently happened or will soon happen for you?*
None of the above (59%), Moving to a different city (9%), Caring for a parent (8%).
- *What is your present religion, if any?*
Protestant (35%), Roman Catholic (24%), Nothing in particular (19%).

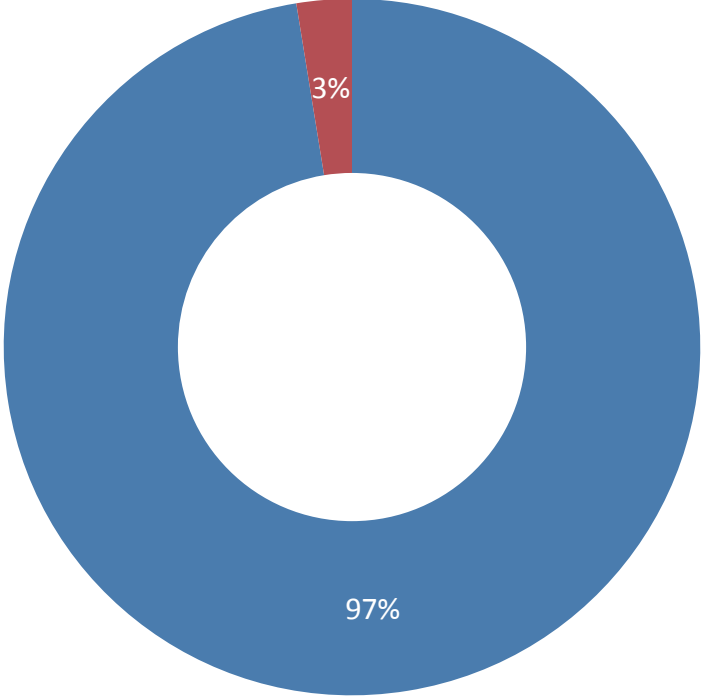
Demographics

- Gender: Woman (50%), Man (49%), In some other way (1%).
- Generation: Baby Boomers (42%), Generation X (21%), Millennials (22%), Generation Z (14%)
- Marital status: Married and living with spouse (42%), Single (31%), Divorced (11%), Living with partner (9%), Widowed (5%), Married but separated from spouse (2%)
- Education Status: Nursery school (<1%), Grade 1 through 11 (4%), 12th Grade – NO DIPLOMA (4%), Regular high school diploma (22%), GED or alternative credential (3%), Vocational or technical diploma (6%), Some college credit, but less than 1 year of college credit (9%), 1 or more years of college credit, no degree (13%), Associate's degree (8%), Bachelor's degree (22%), Master's degree (7%), Professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree (1%), Doctorate degree (1%)
- Ethnicity: White (90%), Black or African American (7%), Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (3%), Asian or Asian Indian (2%), American Indian or Alaska Native (2%), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (<1%), Some other race or ethnicity (<1%), Middle Eastern or North African (<1%)
- Household income: Under \$25,000 (24%), \$25,000-\$49,999 (27%), \$50,000-\$74,999 (20%), \$75,000-\$99,999 (13%), \$100,000-\$149,999 (11%), \$150,000-\$199,999 (3%), \$200,000+ (1%)
- Household size: 1 (25%), 2 (37%), 3 (16%), 4 (12%), 5+ (10%)
- Education Status: HS or less (39%), Some college (23%), College graduate (30%), Postgraduate (9%)
- Household income: <\$50,000 (51%), \$50-\$99,999 (34%), \$100,000+ (15%)
- Political Ideology: Liberal (28%), Moderate (40%), Conservative (32%)
- Political Party: Democratic Party (39%), Independent (29%), Republican Party (32%)
- Evangelical: Yes, born-again or evangelical Christian (30%); No, not born-again or evangelical Christian (70%)

"Agree"... "Disagree" Questions



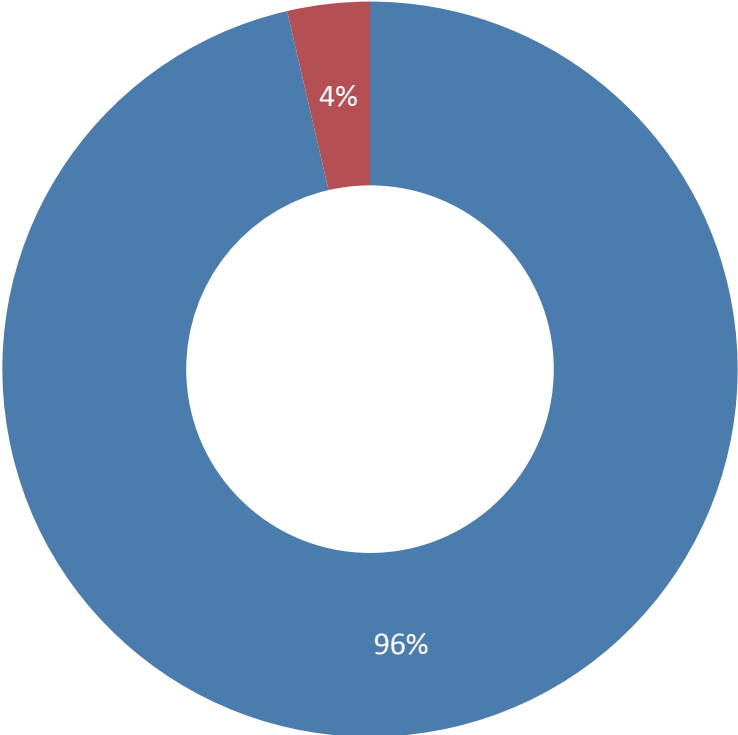
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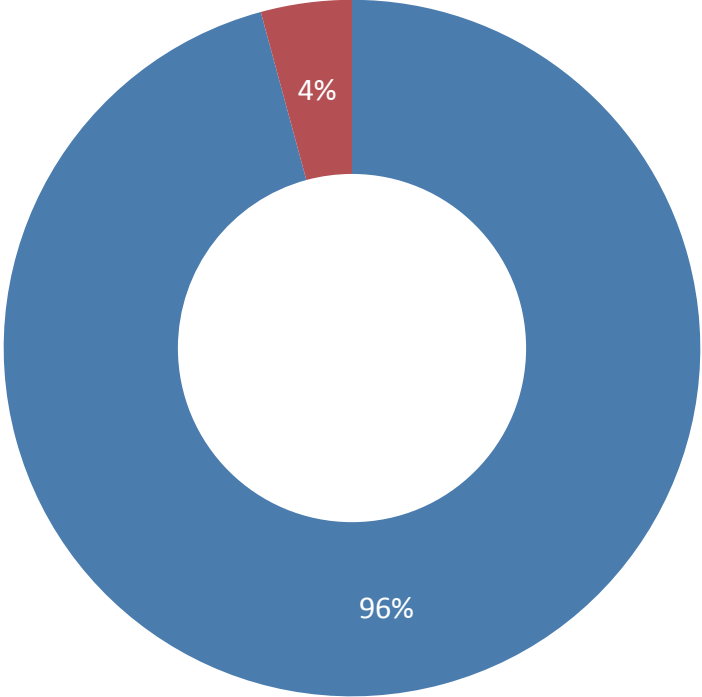
Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who supports children spending significant, up to equal, amounts of time with each parent following separation or divorce when both parents are fit and willing to be parents?



■ More likely ■ Less likely

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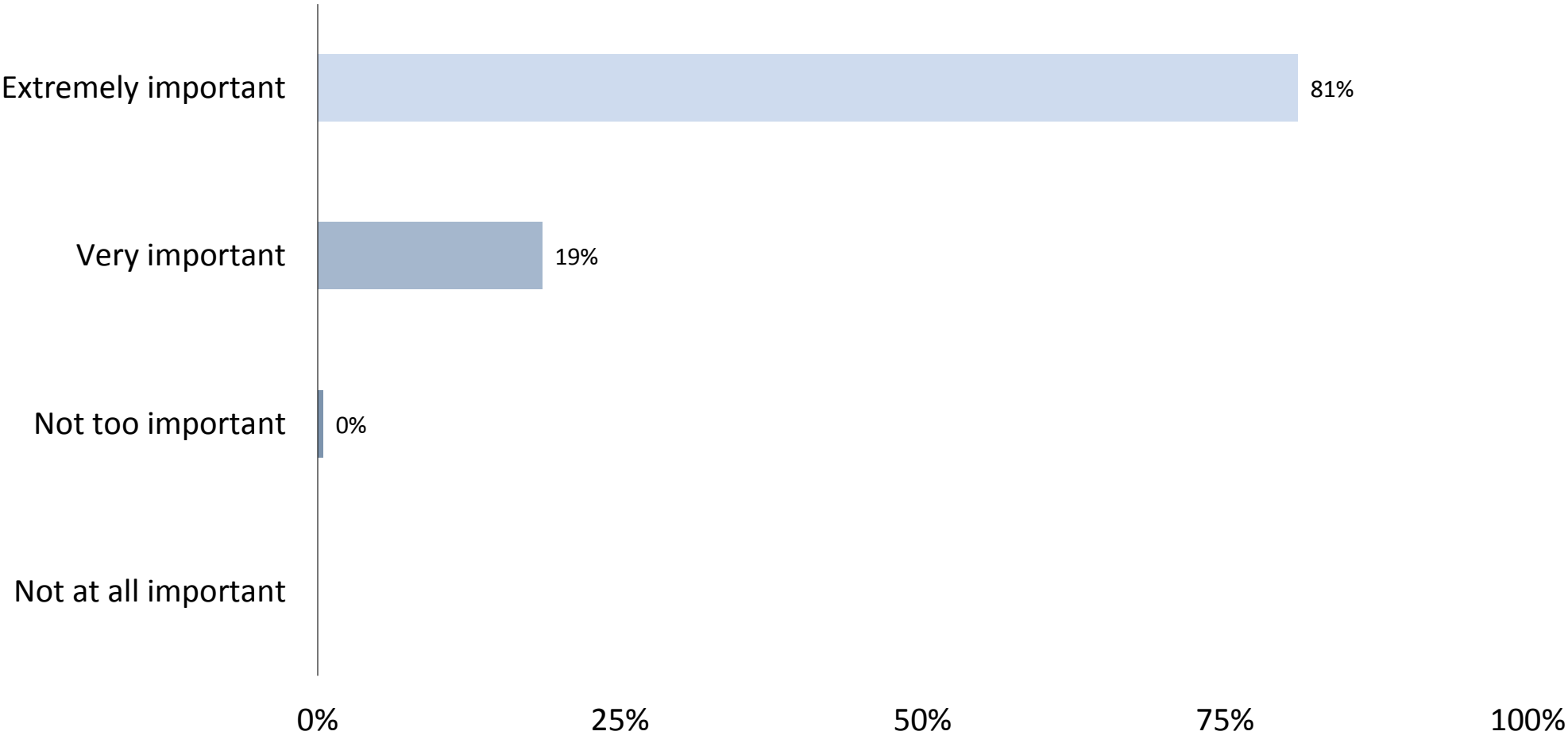
Which is closer to your beliefs?



- Children have the right to spend equal or nearly equal time with both parents who are fit and willing to be parents following a divorce or separation.
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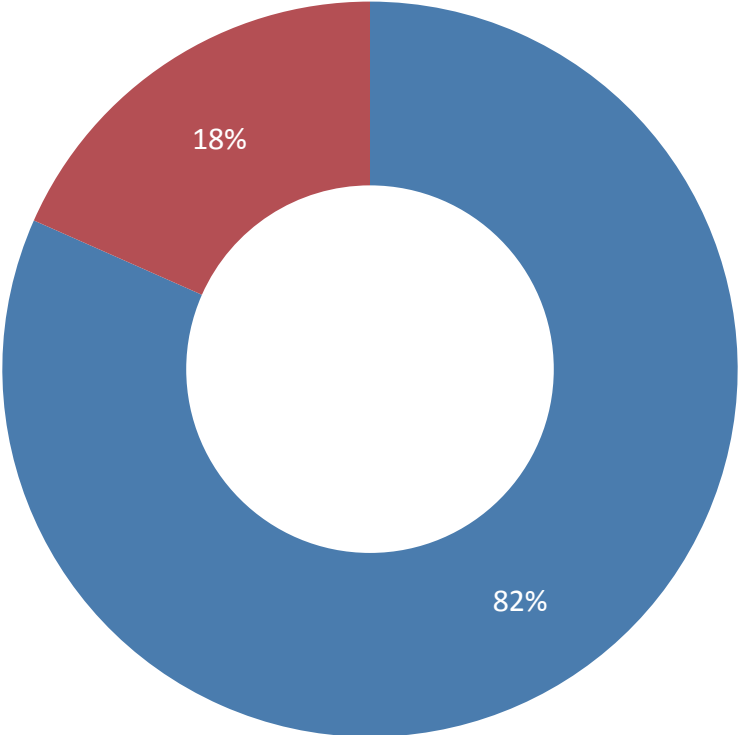
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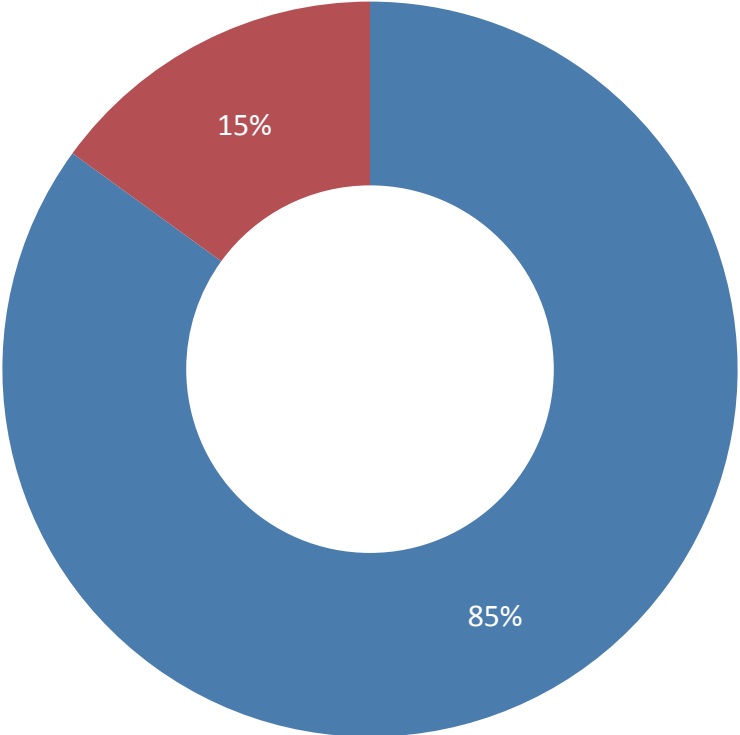


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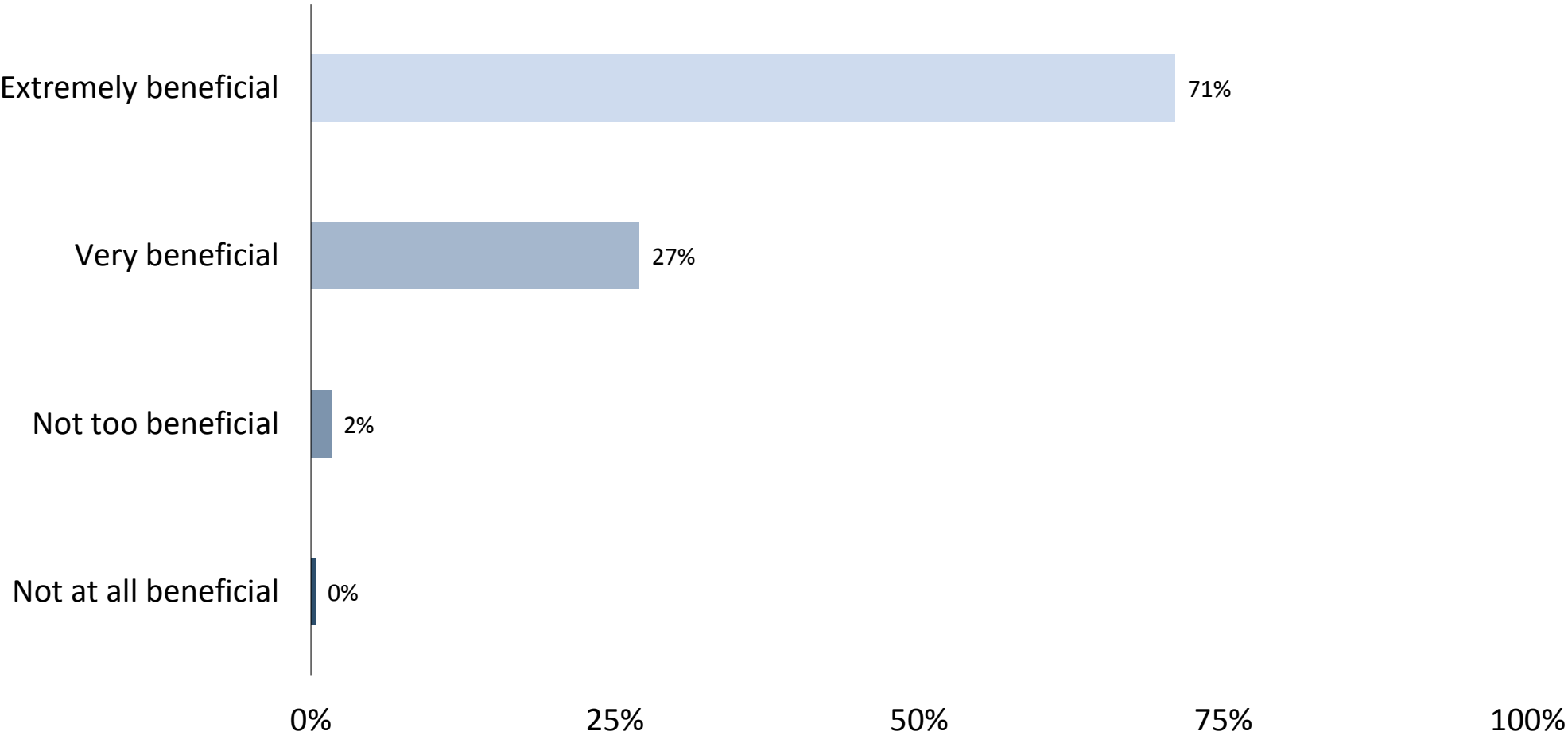
Would you support or oppose a change in Wisconsin Law that creates a rebuttable presumption that shared parenting is in the best interest of a child after a parental separation?



■ Support ■ Oppose

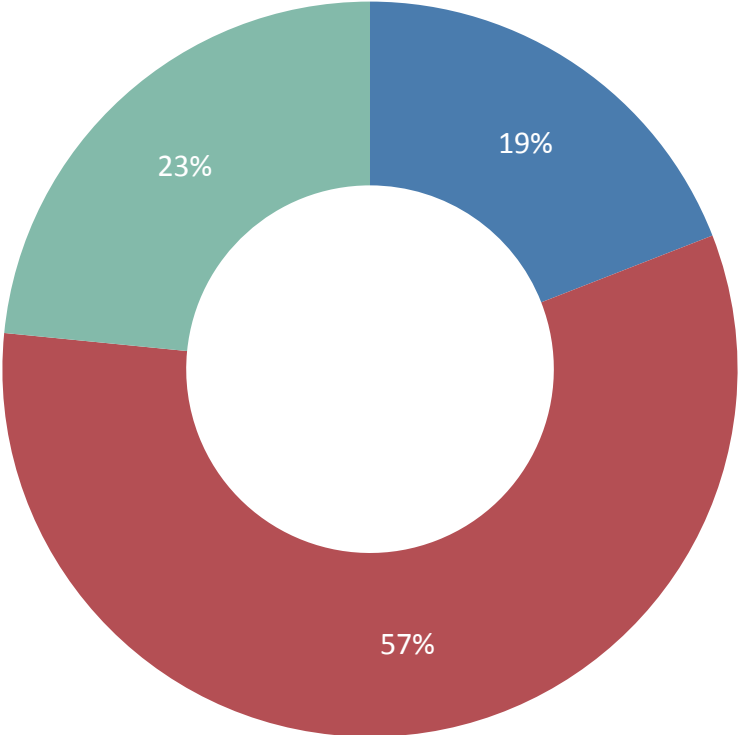
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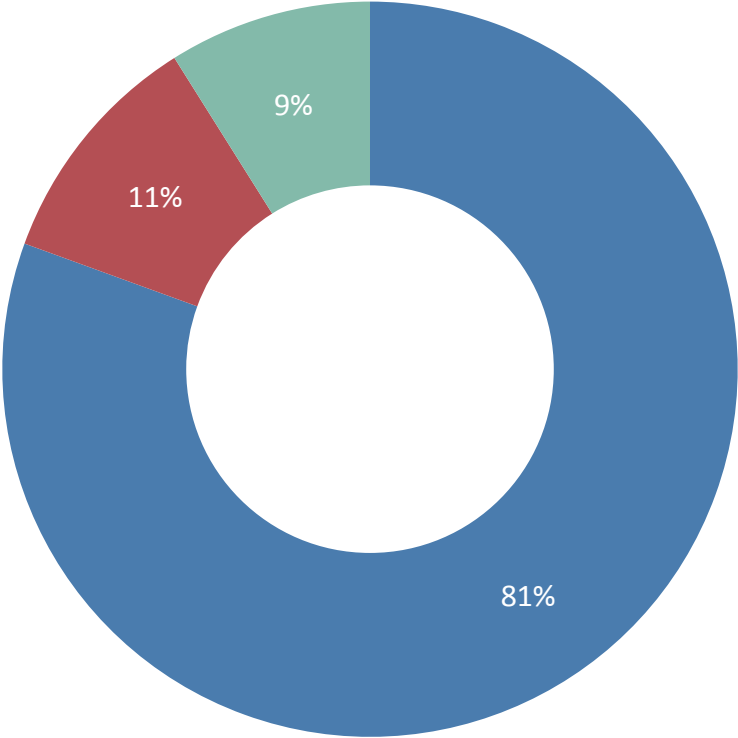
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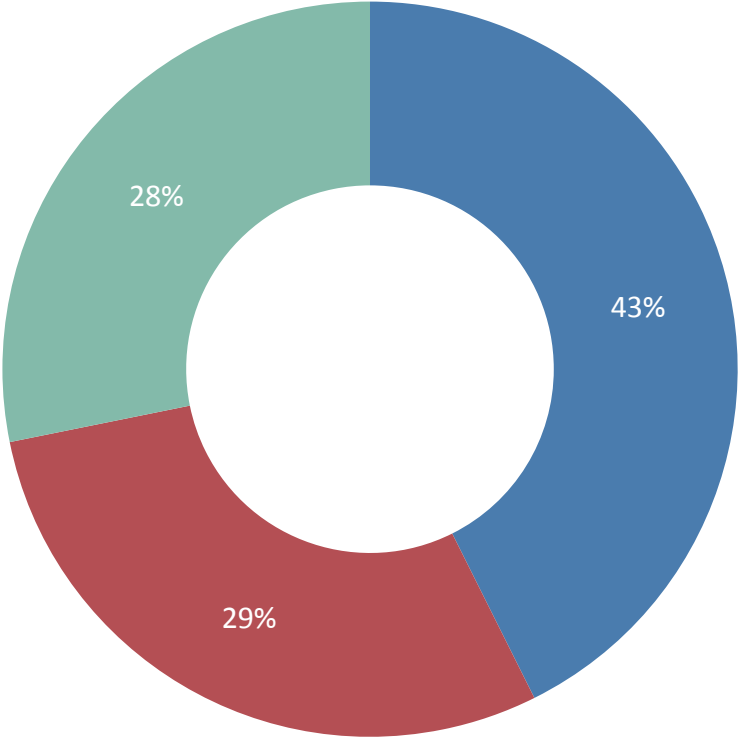
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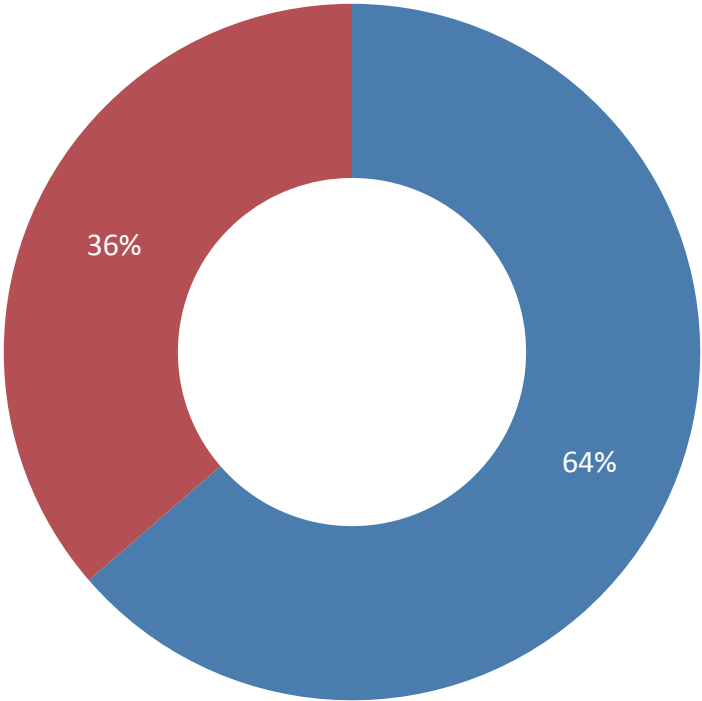
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■ Yes ■ No ■ No Opinion

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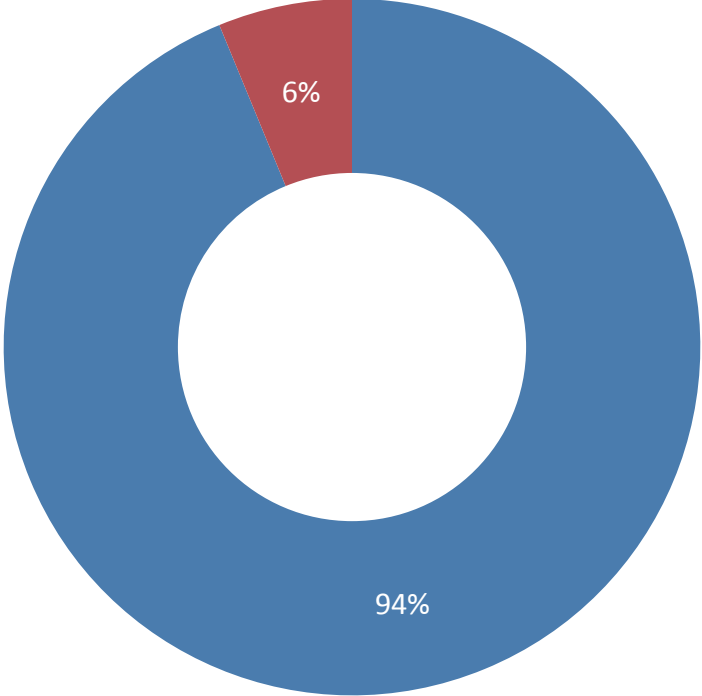
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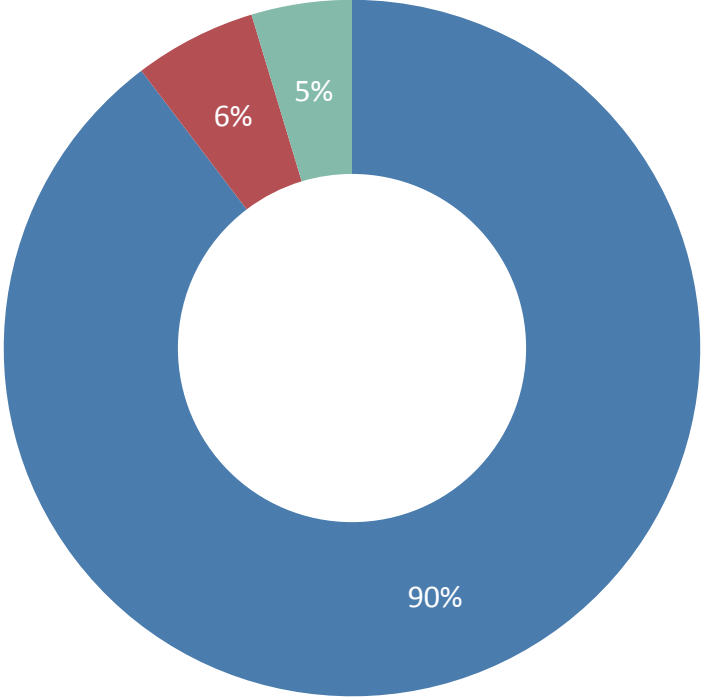
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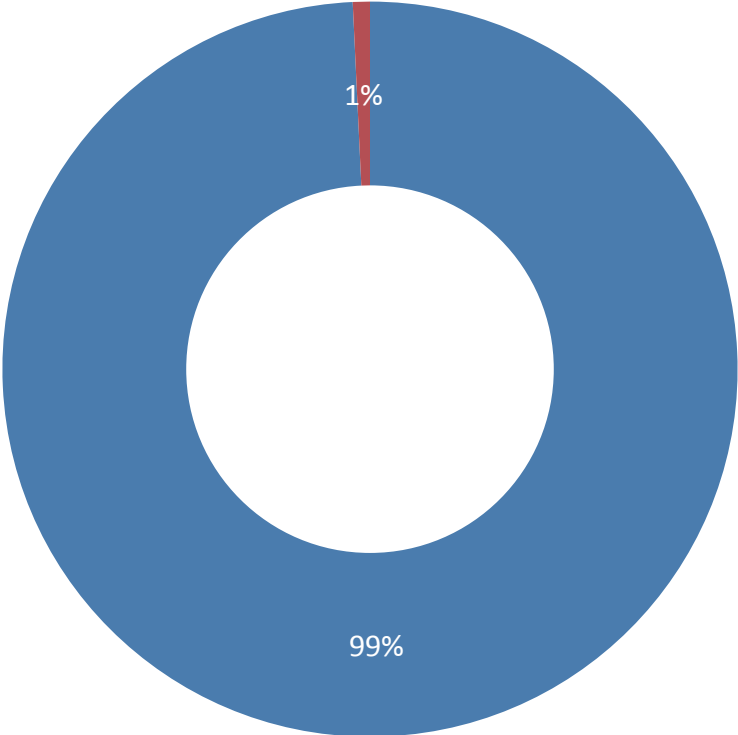
Which of the following do you most agree with?



■ Both parents should have equal parental rights and responsibilities. ■ Mothers should have greater parental rights and responsibilities.
■ Fathers should have greater parental rights and responsibilities.

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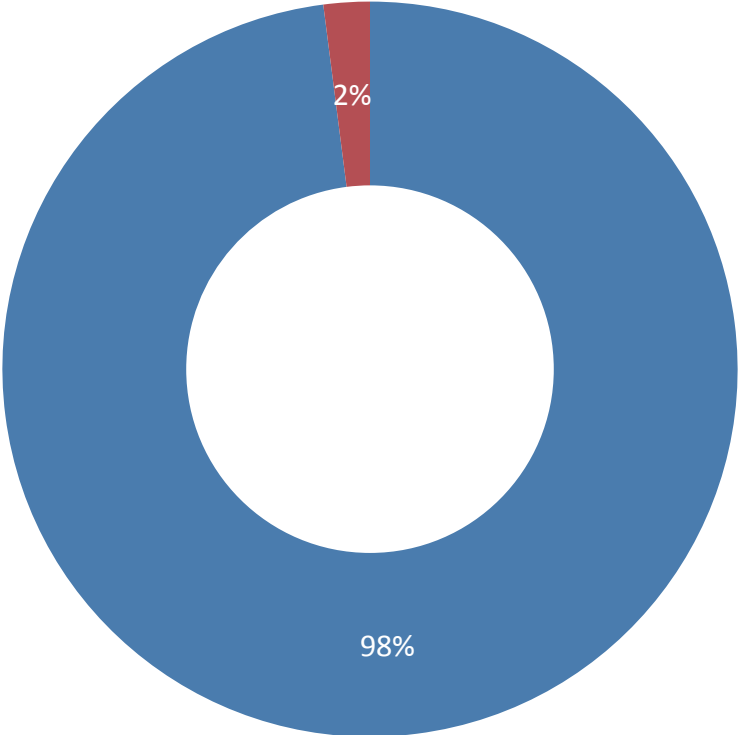
When parents separate, they should strive to continue sharing responsibility for parenting their children.



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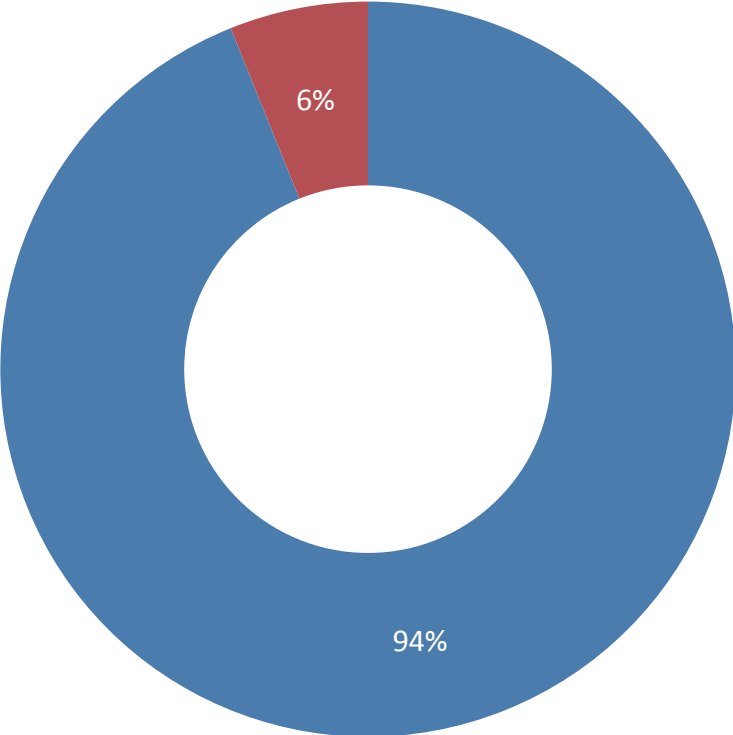
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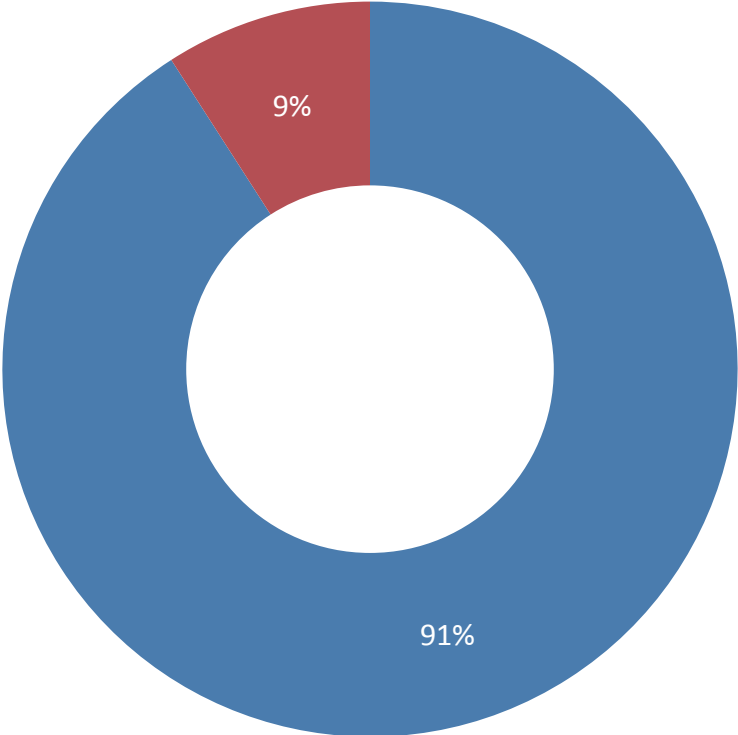
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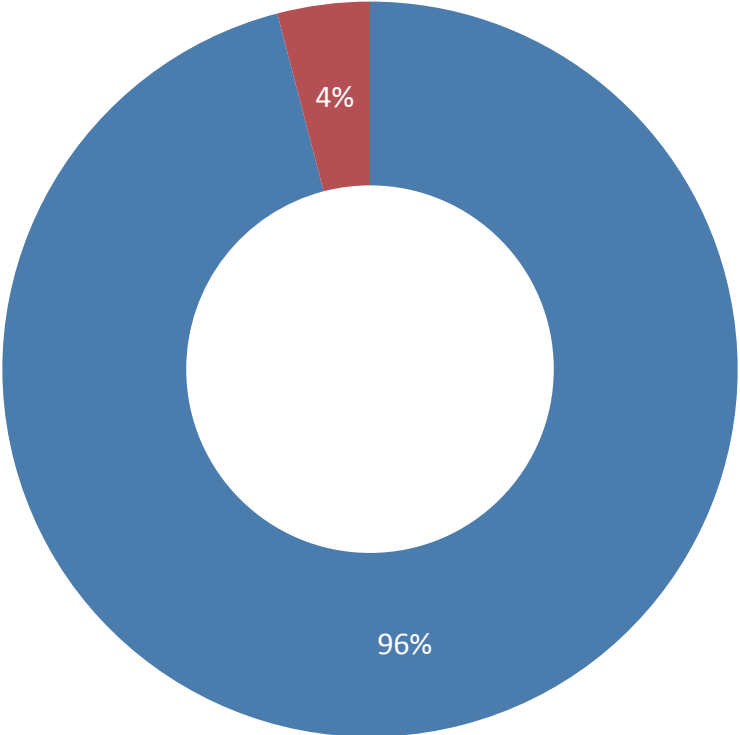
The state of Wisconsin should promote shared parenting for all children with separated parents.



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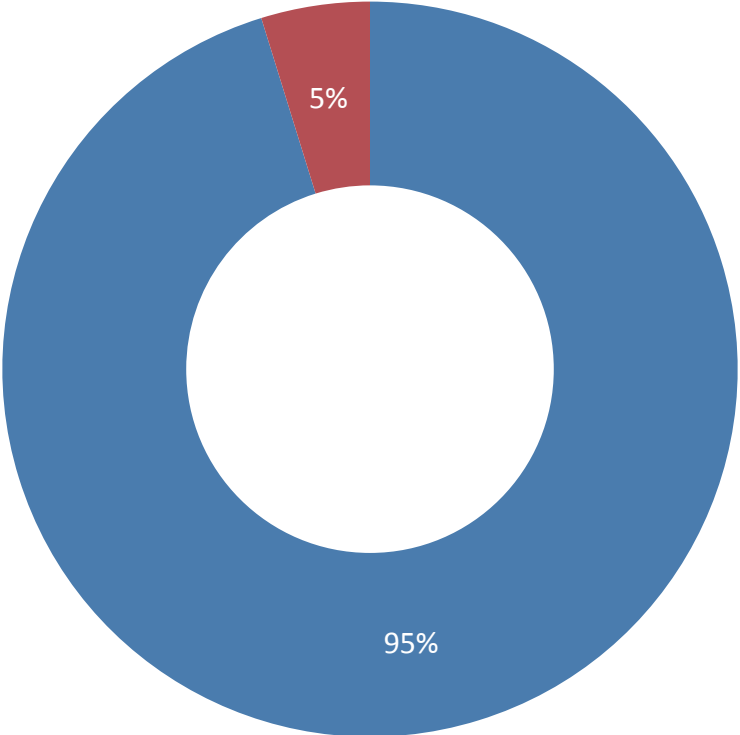
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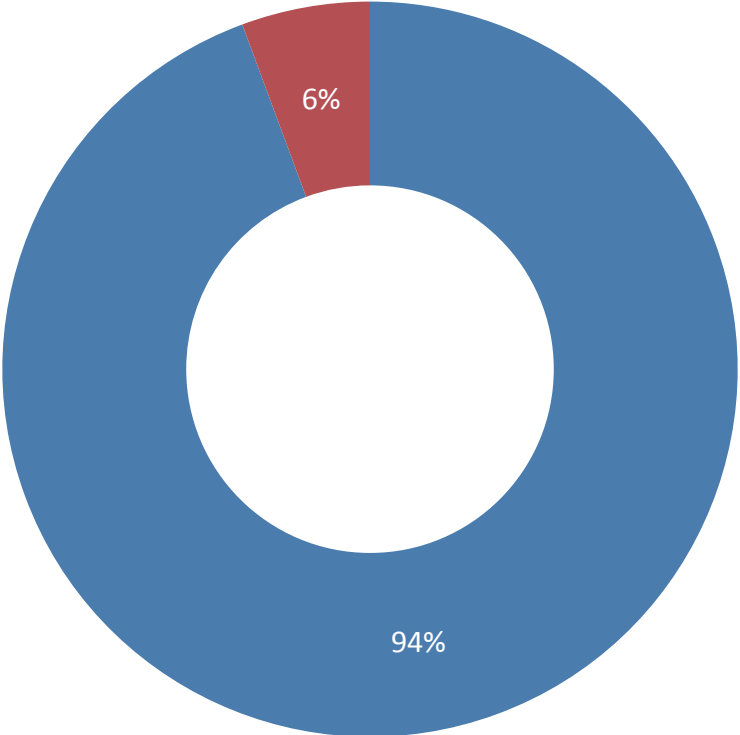
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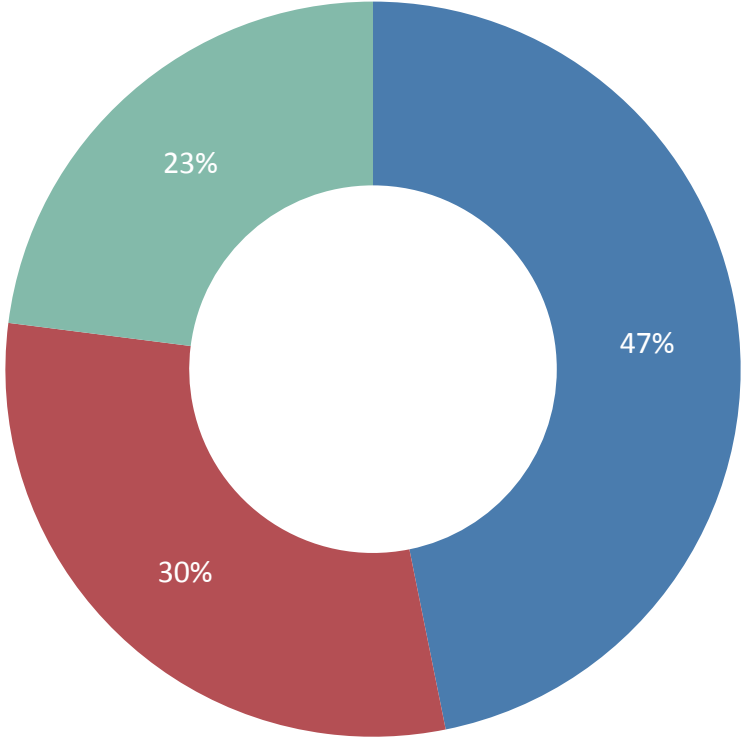
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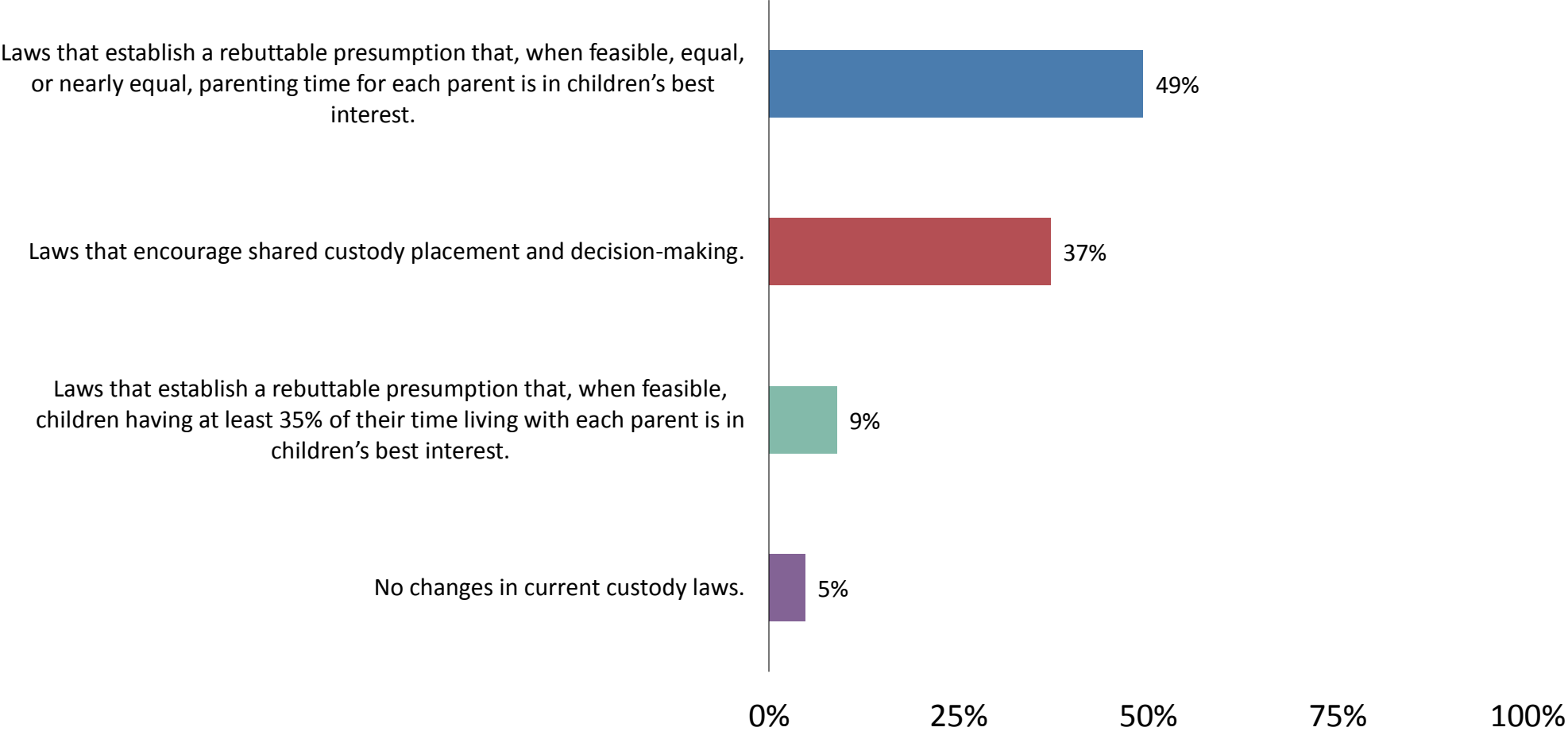
Shared parenting education should be:



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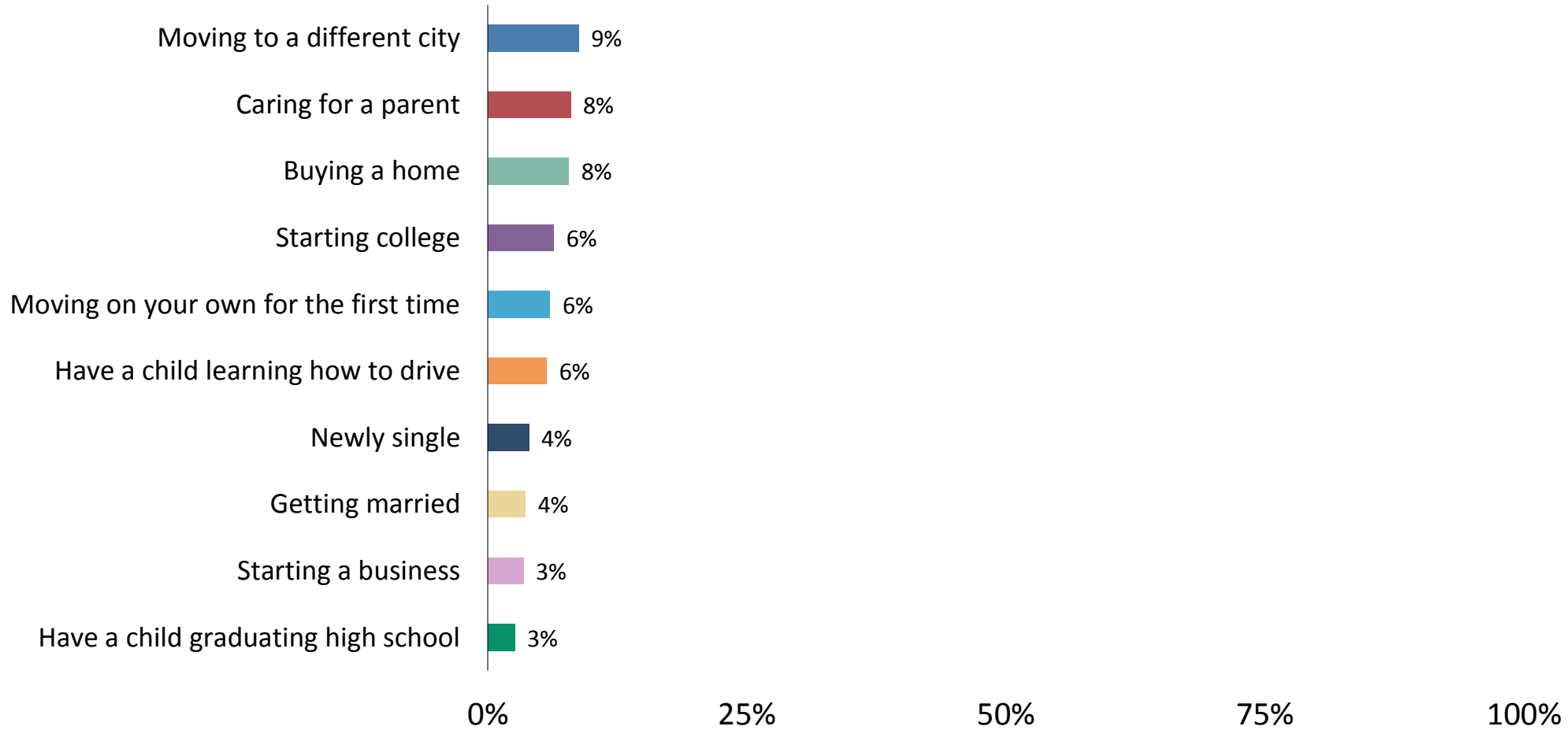
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What child custody legislation would you like to see?



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Which, if any, of the following has recently happened or will soon happen for you? - Top 10



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Note: Respondents could select multiple options.

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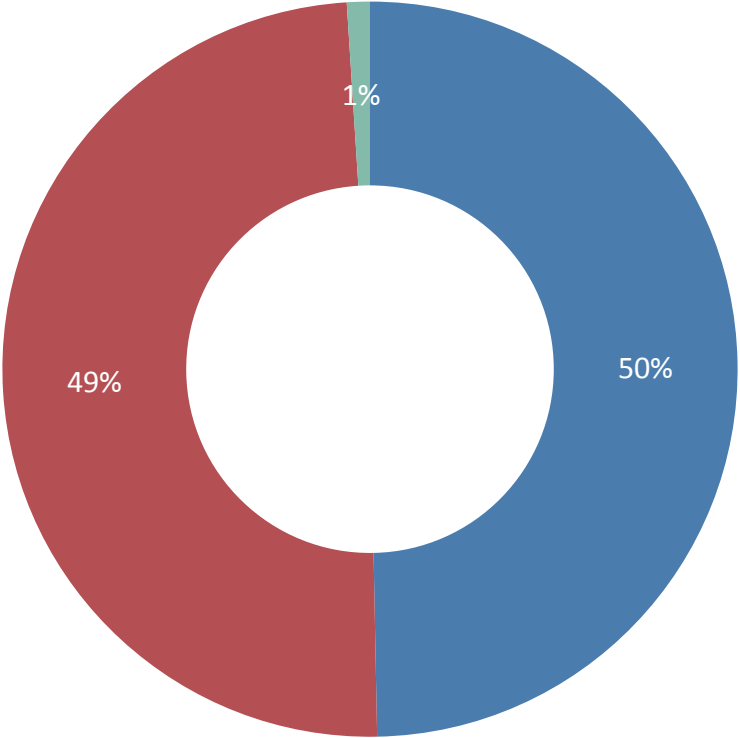
Option	Rank	Response %
Moving to a different city	1	9%
Caring for a parent	2	8%
Buying a home	3	8%
Starting college	4	6%
Moving on your own for the first time	5	6%
Have a child learning how to drive	6	6%
Newly single	7	4%
Getting married	8	4%
Starting a business	9	3%
Have a child graduating high school	10	3%
Expecting a baby	11	3%
Getting divorced	12	2%
Having a family member move in	13	1%
None of the above	14	59%

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Demographic Questions

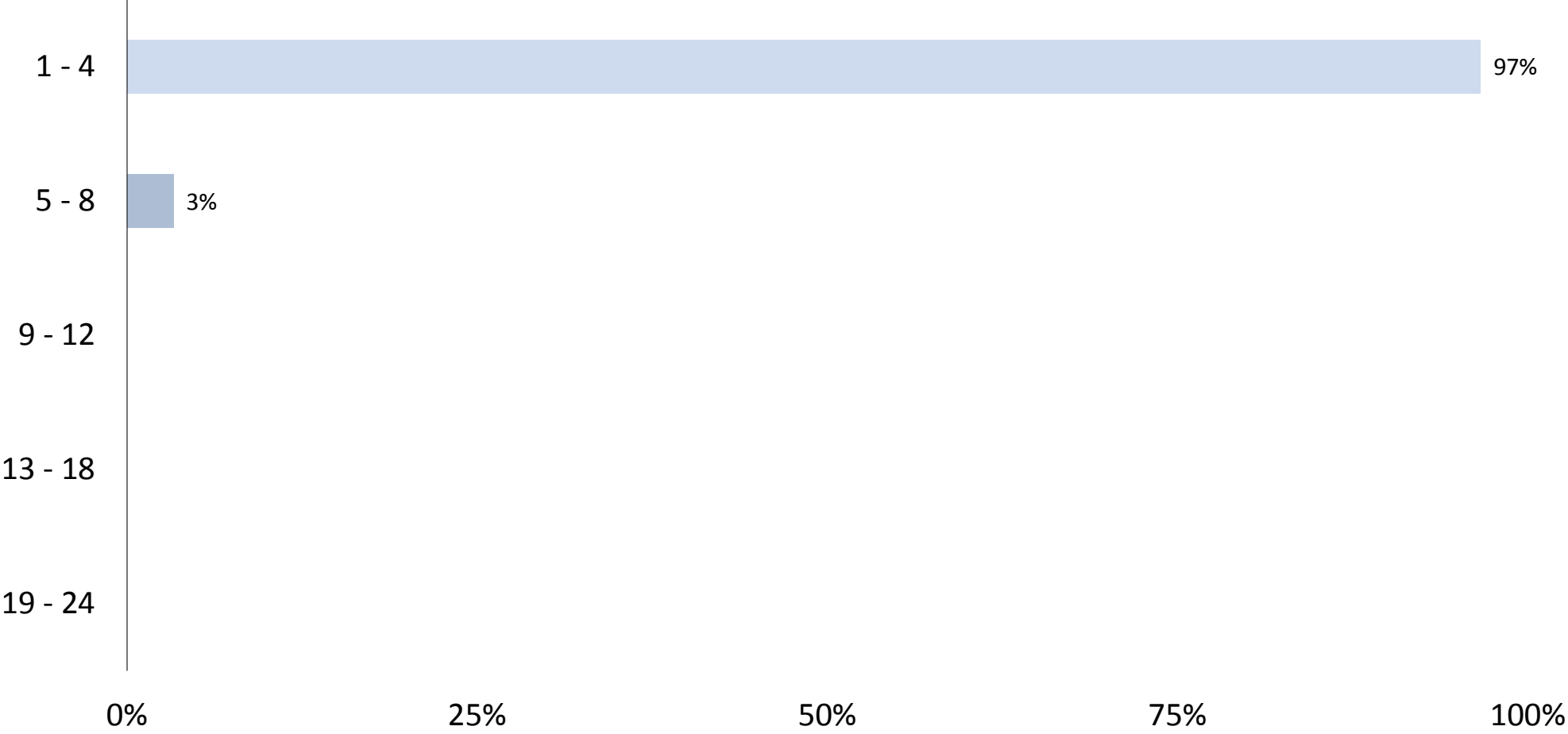
Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way? - Weighting Question



■ Woman ■ Man ■ In some other way

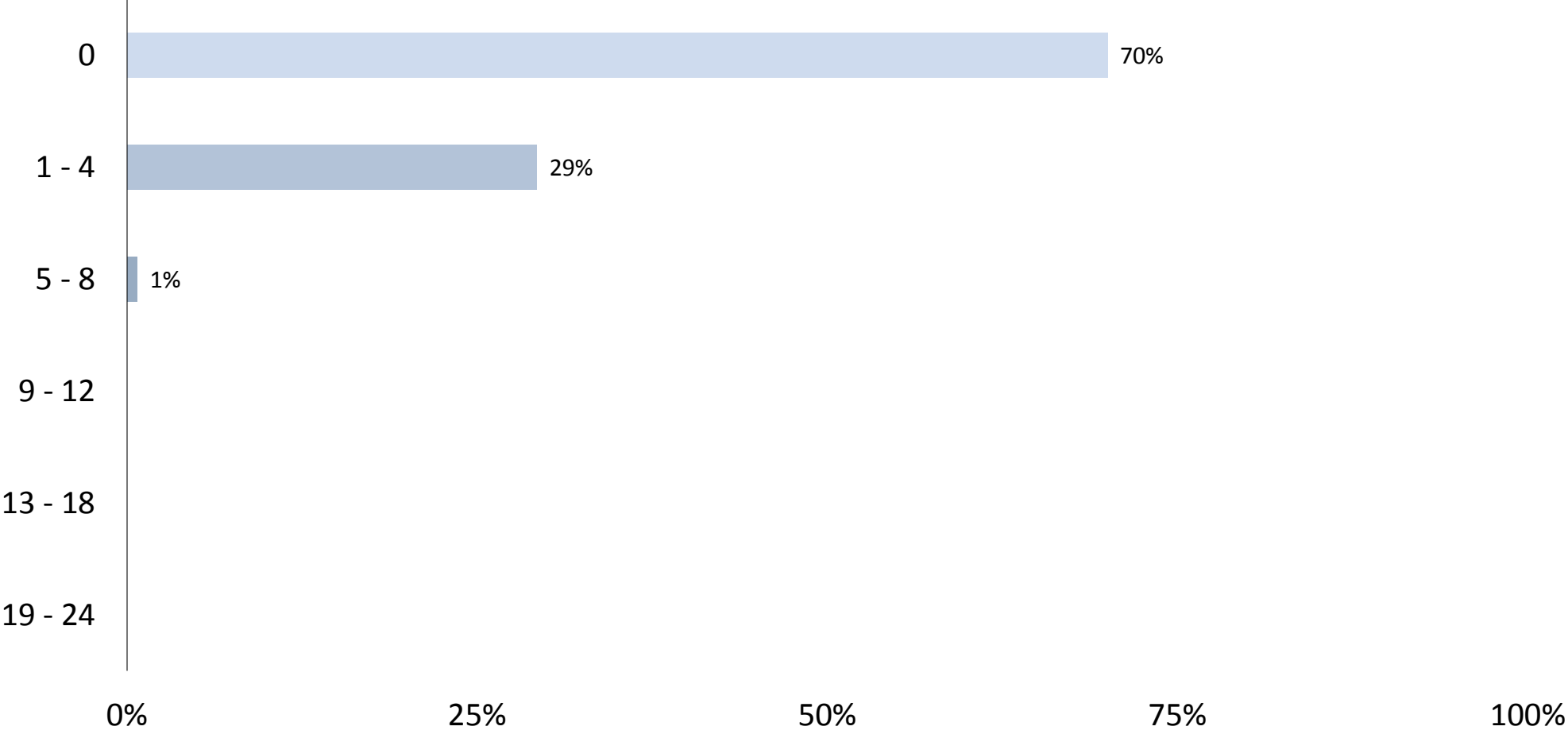
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How many adults, ages 18 and older, including yourself, live in your household?



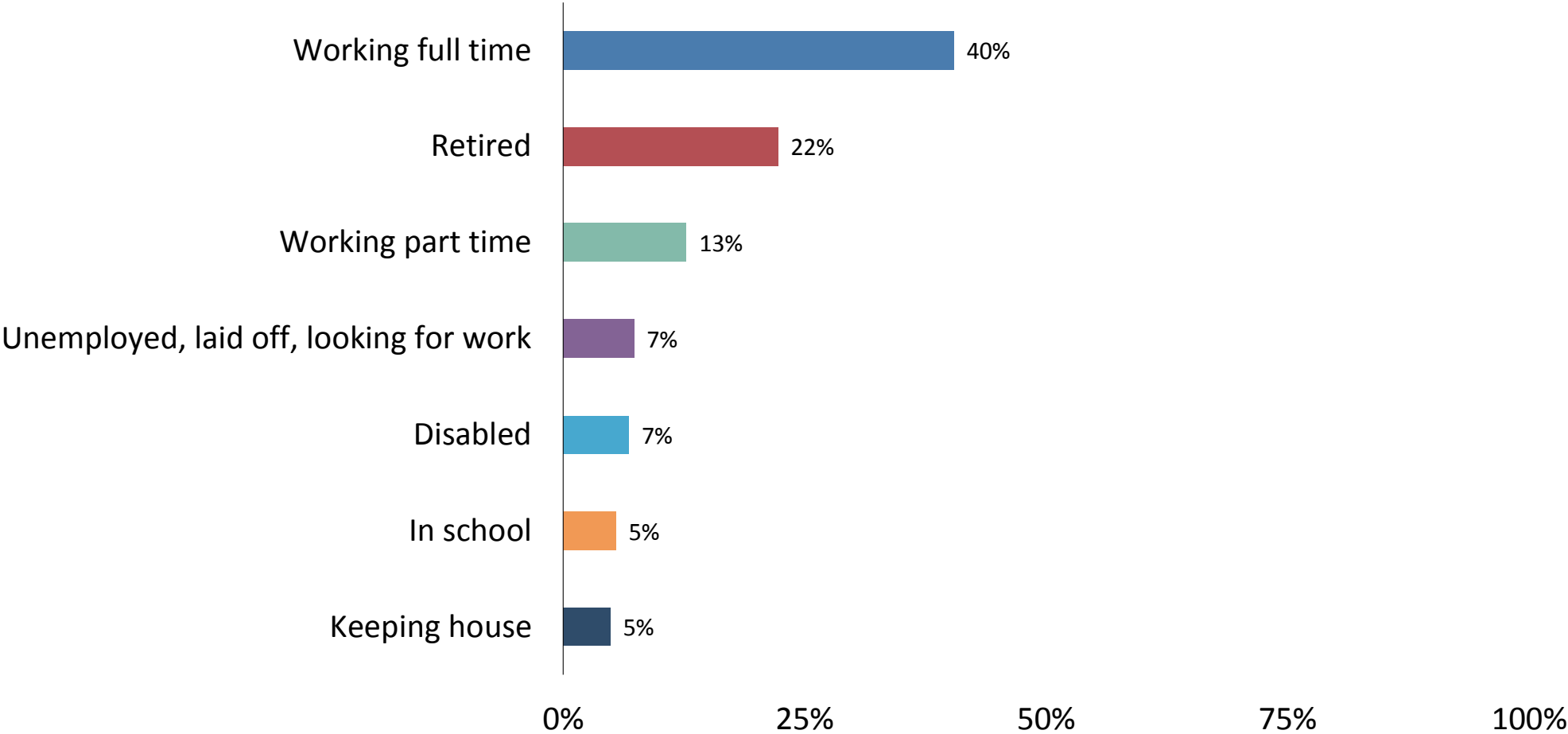
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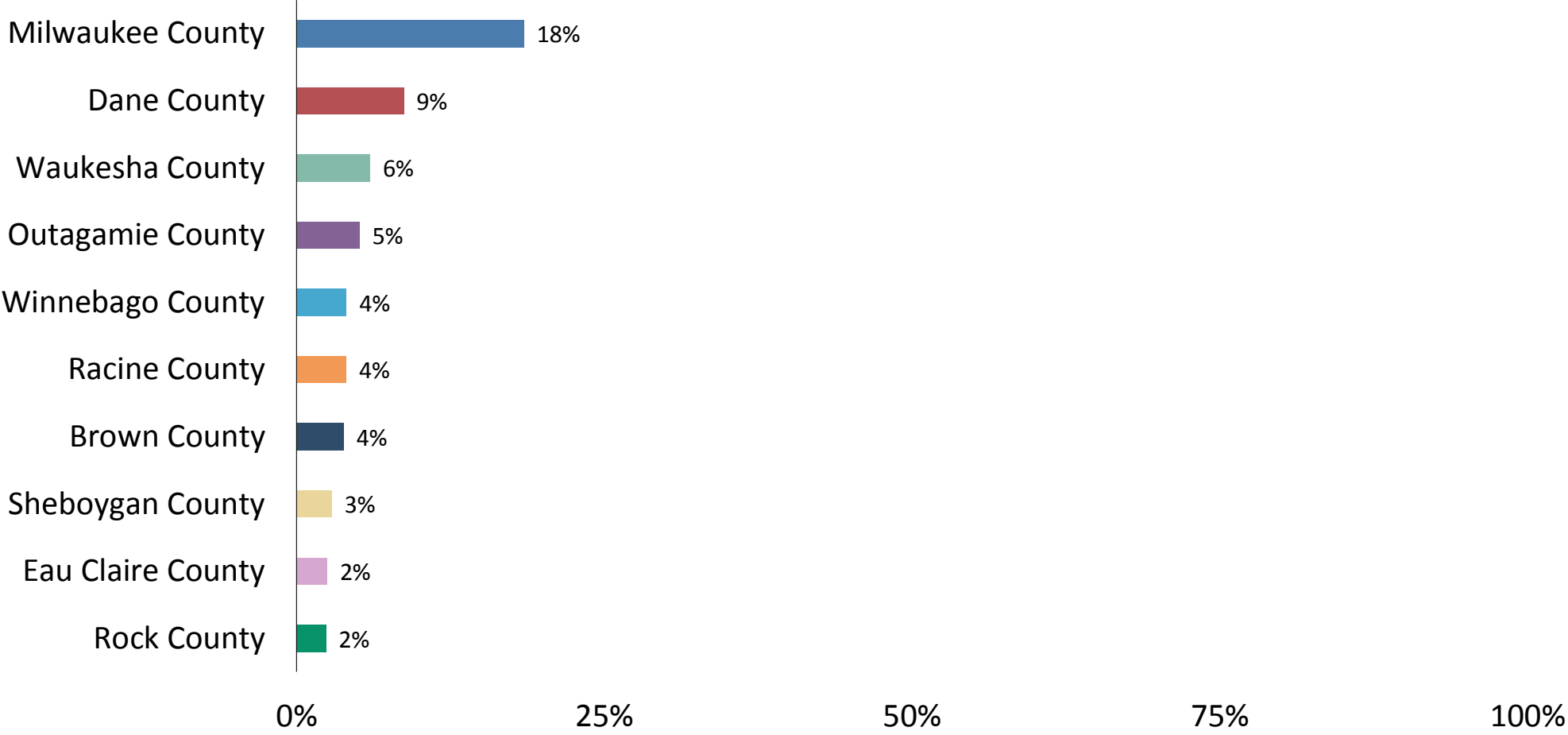
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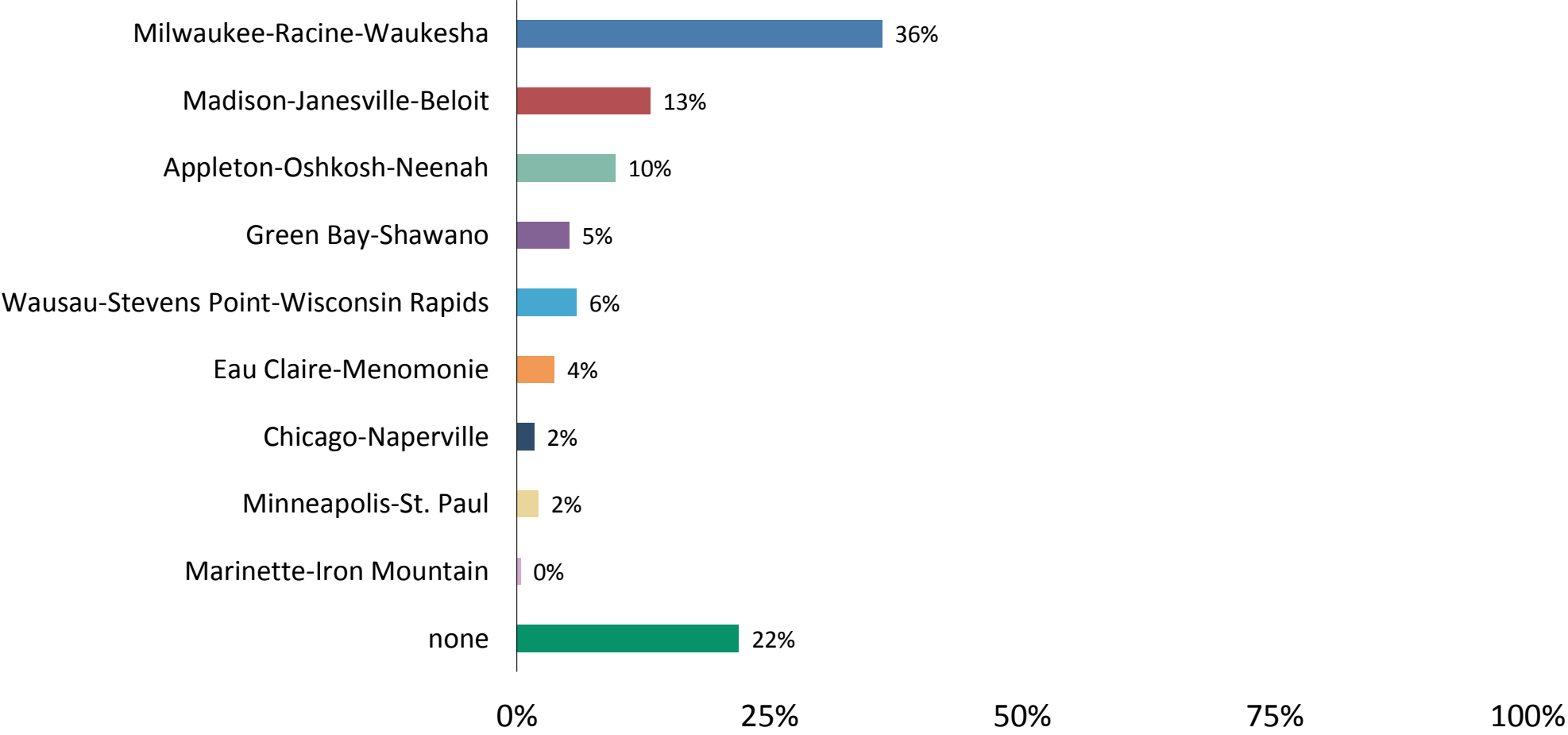
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What county do you live in? - Top 10



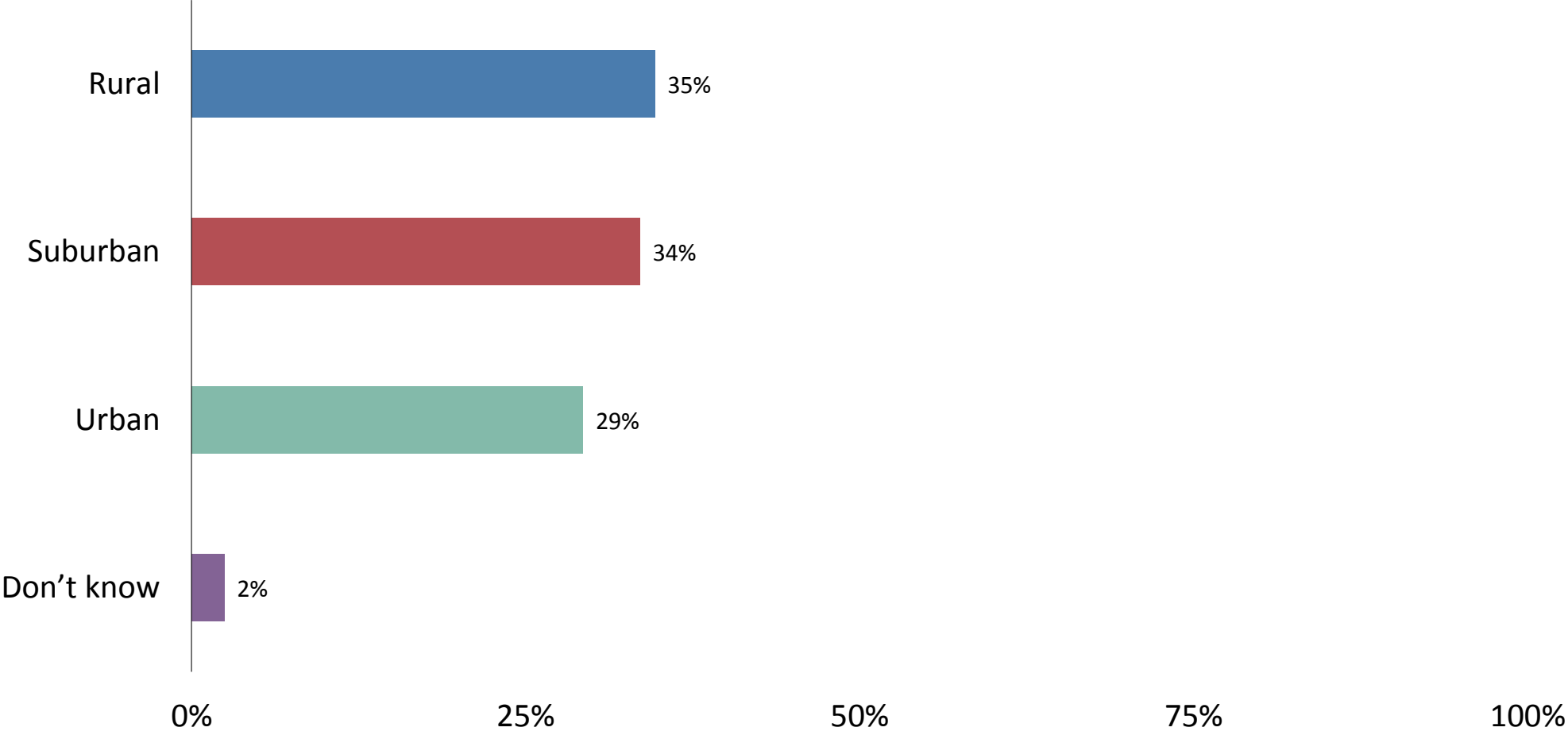
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Combined Statistical Area



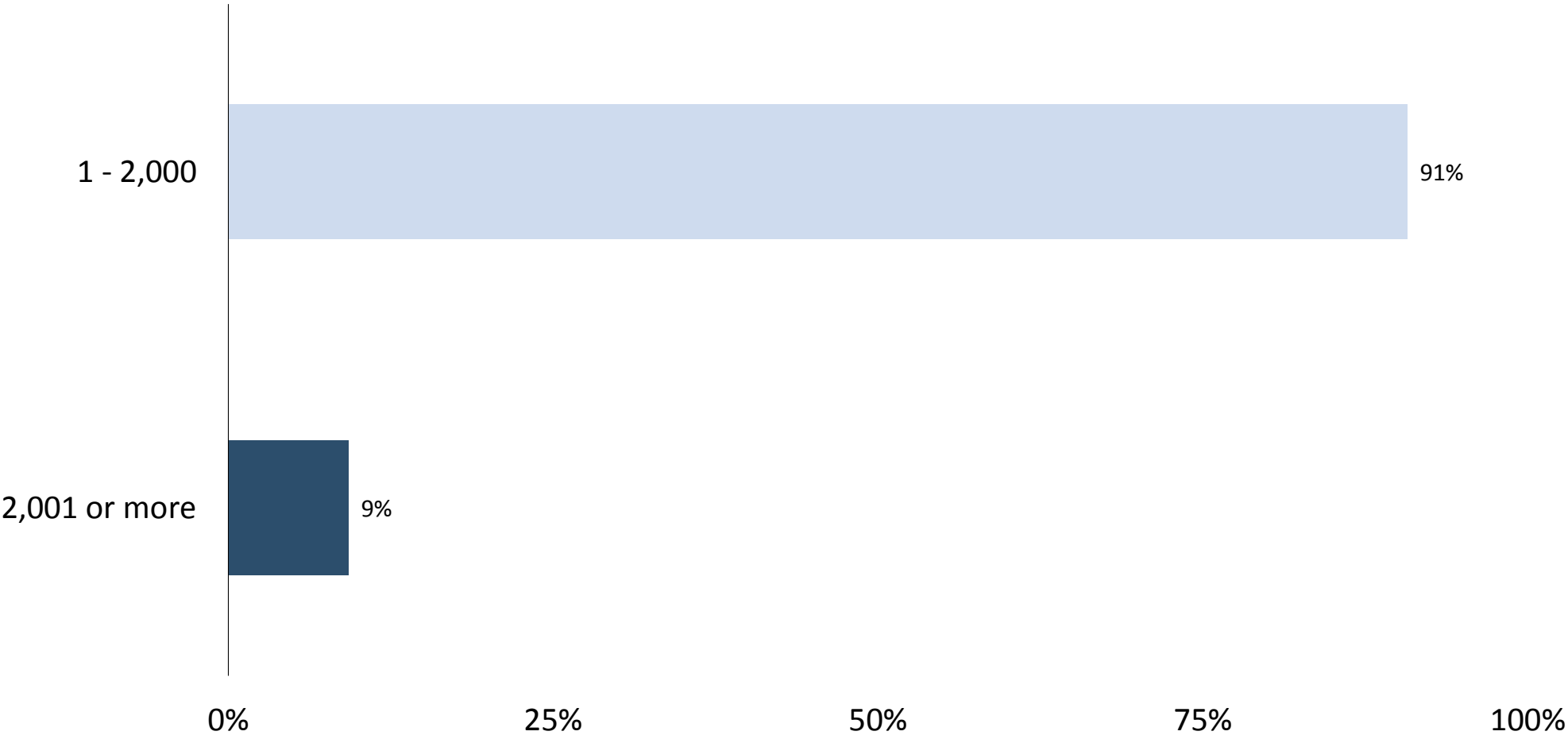
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How would you characterize the area you live in?



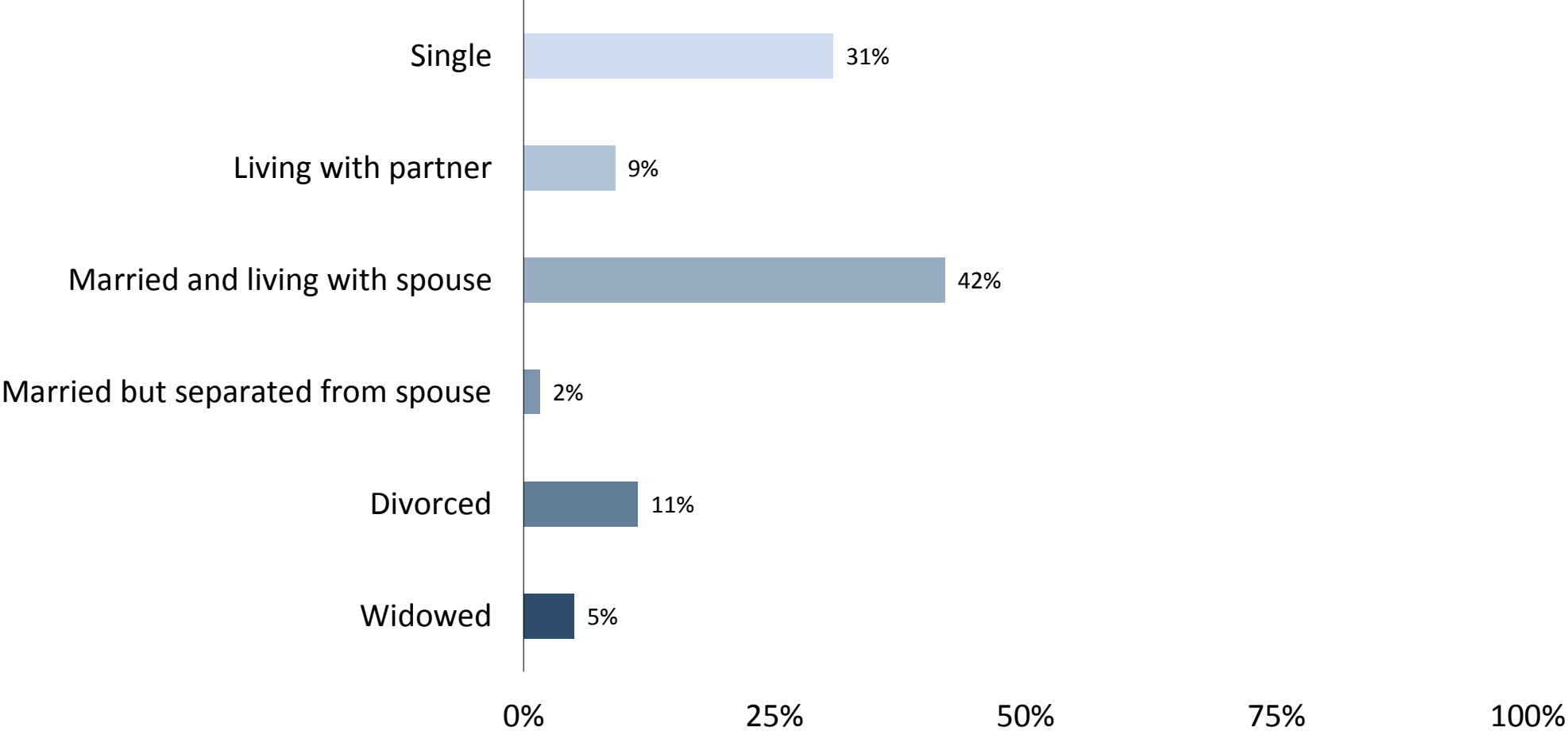
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If you do not wish to provide your full date of birth, may we have just your year of birth?



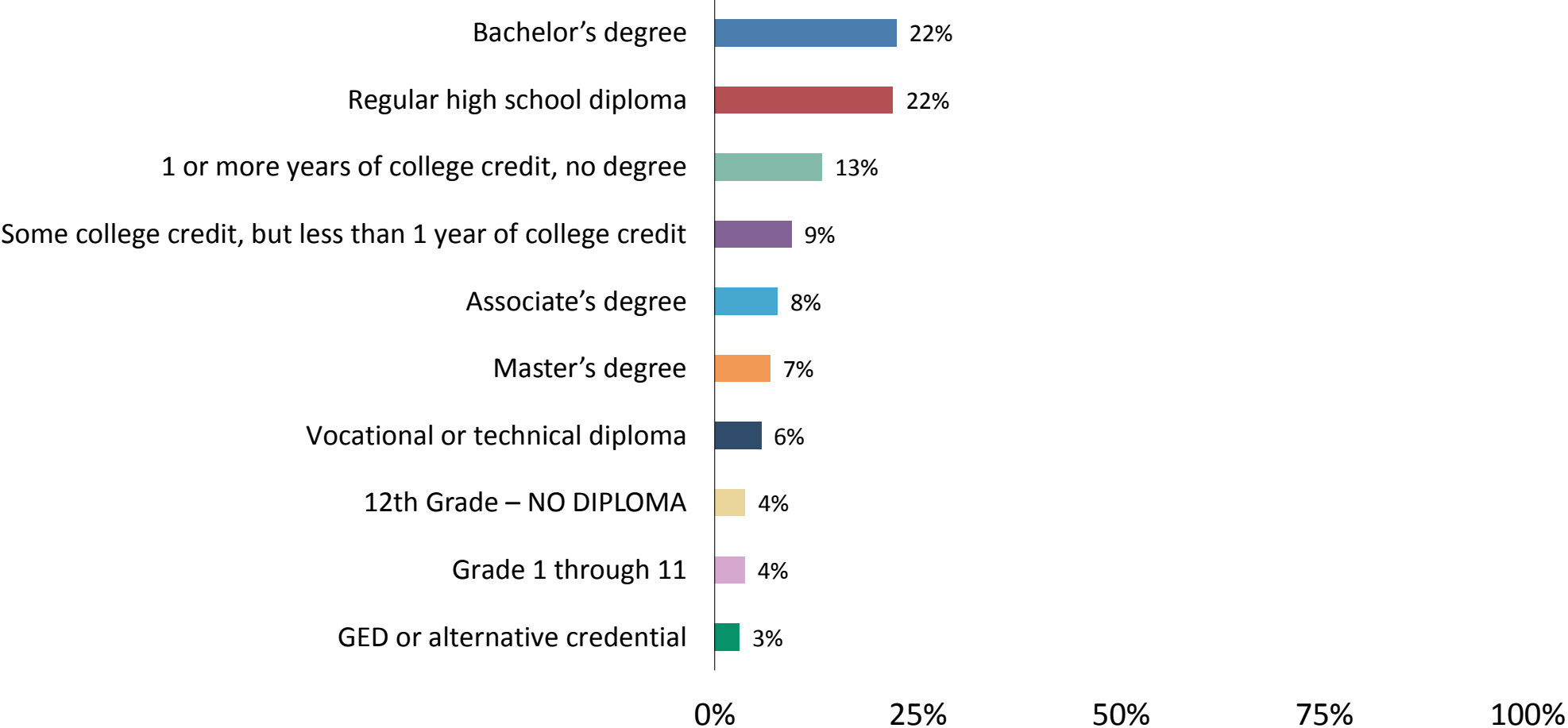
Sample Size: 116 (22% of Respondents)

What is your marital or relationship status?



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What is the highest degree or level of school that you have completed? - Top 10



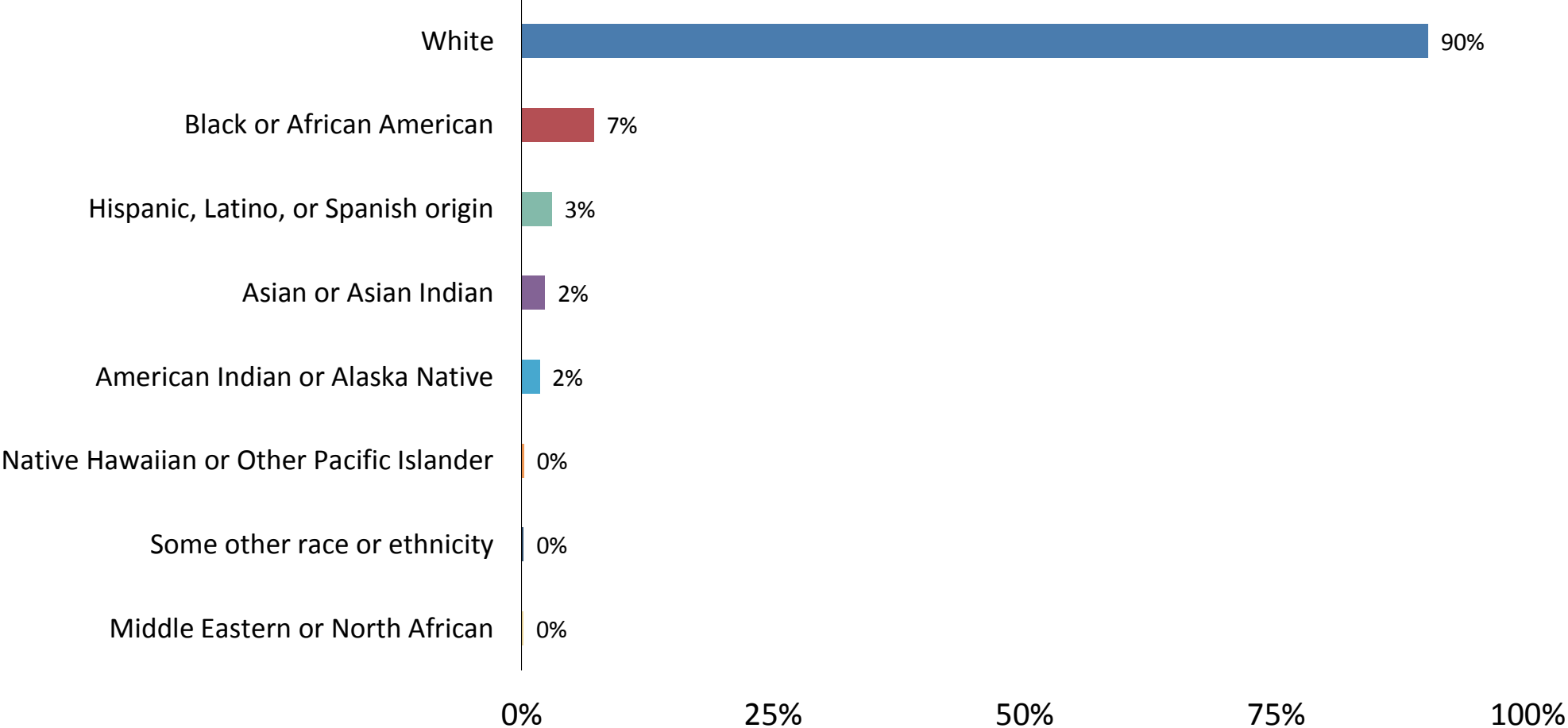
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What is the highest degree or level of school that you have completed?

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Associate's degree	5	8%
Master's degree	6	7%
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Nursery school	13	<1%

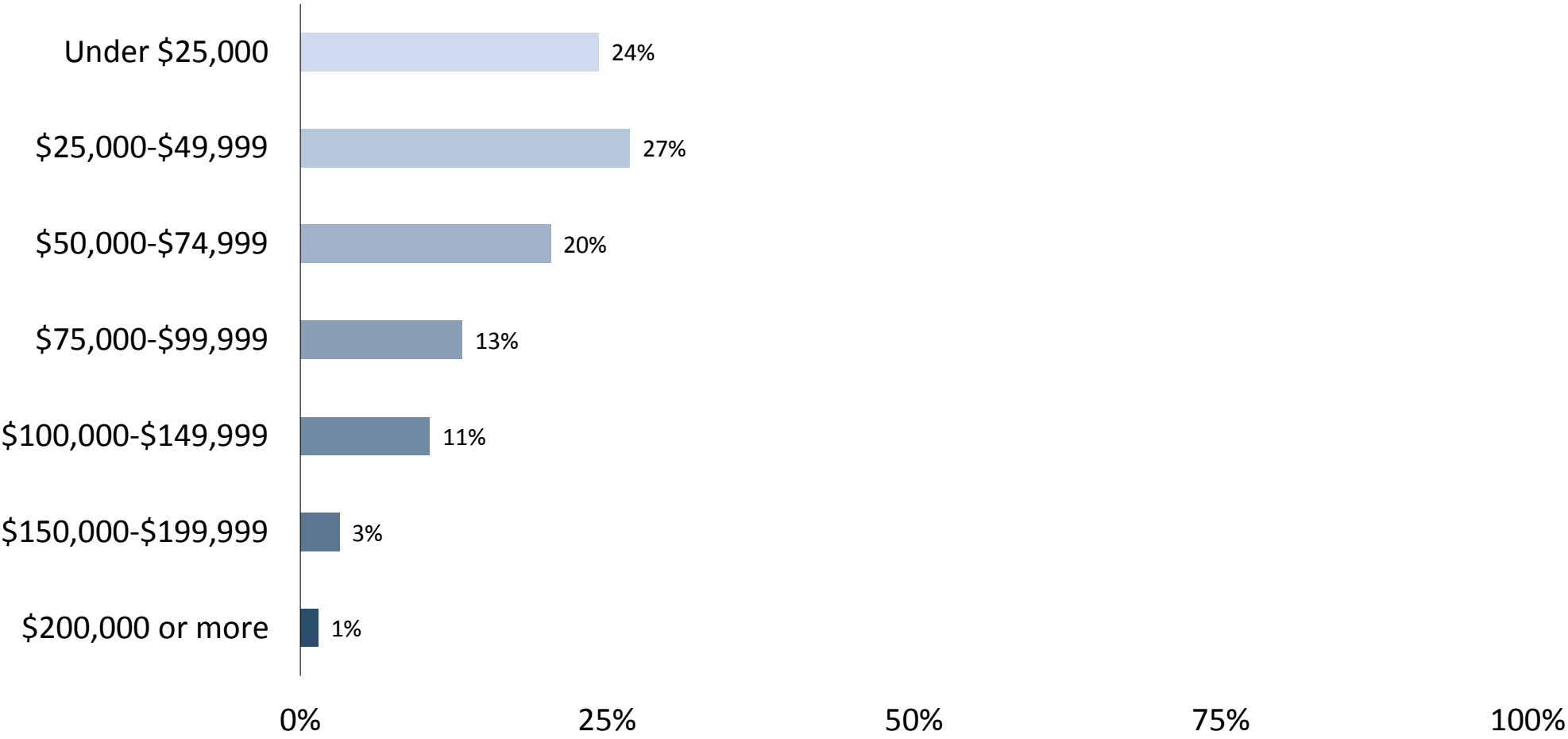
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What is your race or ethnicity?



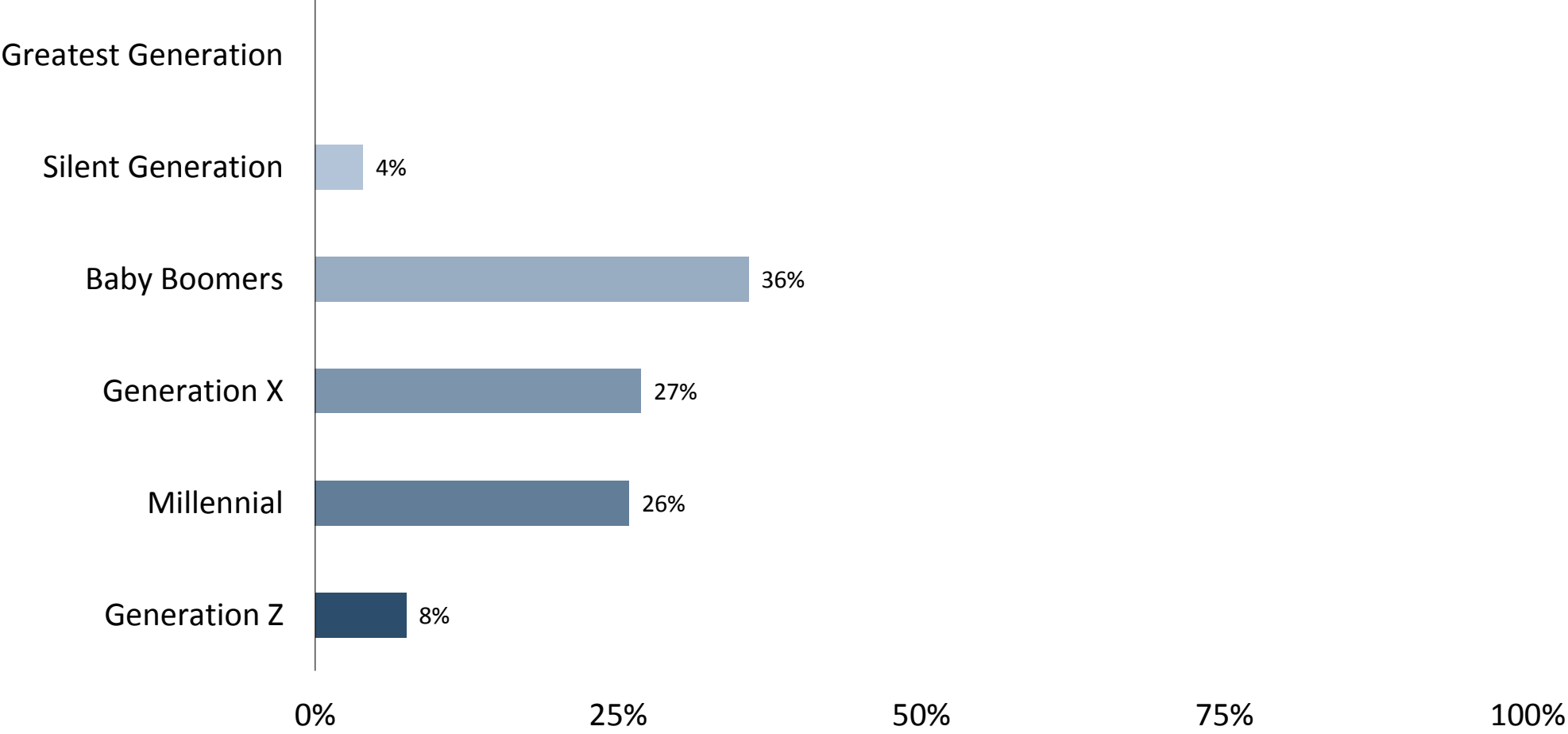
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Note: Respondents could select multiple options.

Which category represents the total combined income of all members of your family during the past 12 months?



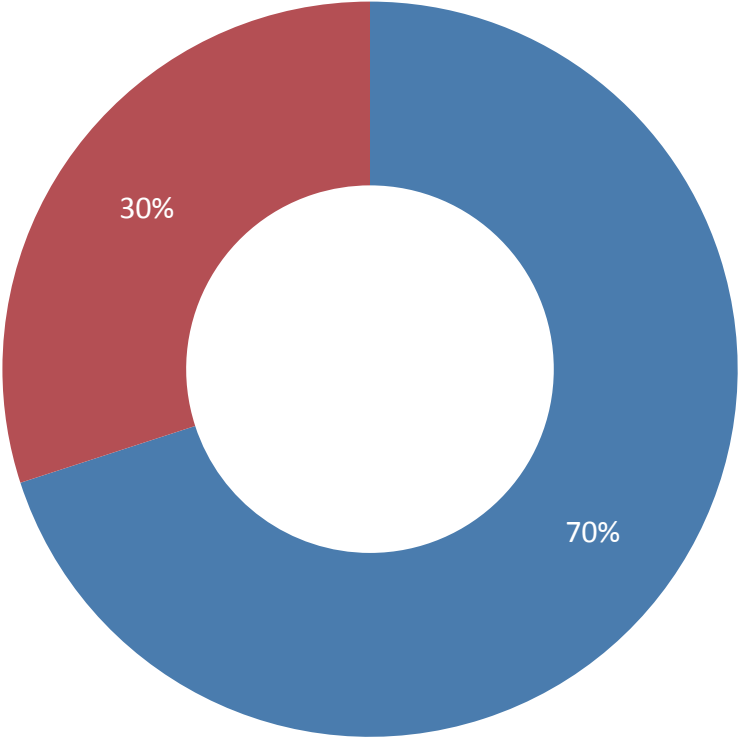
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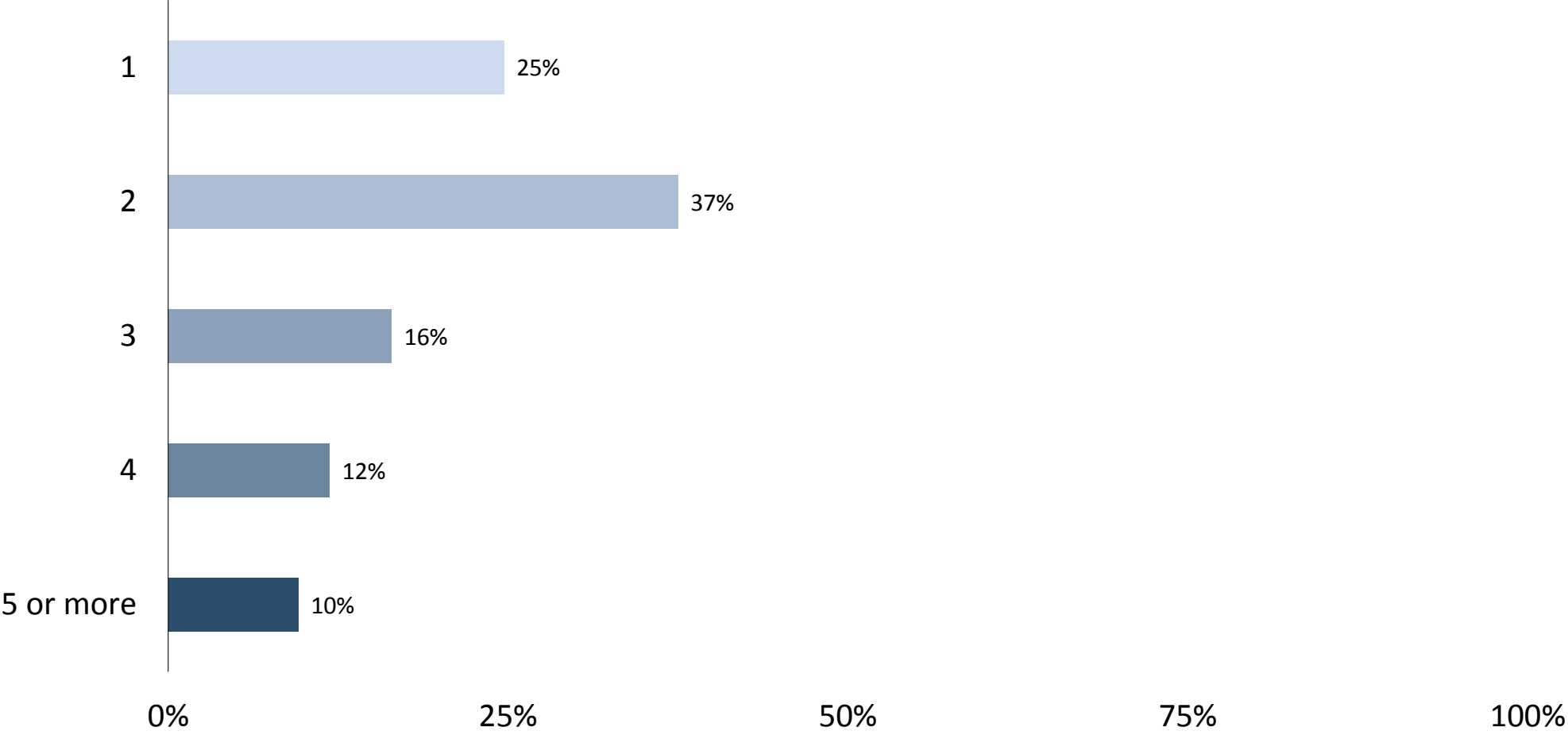
Children at Home



■ No children at home ■ Children at home

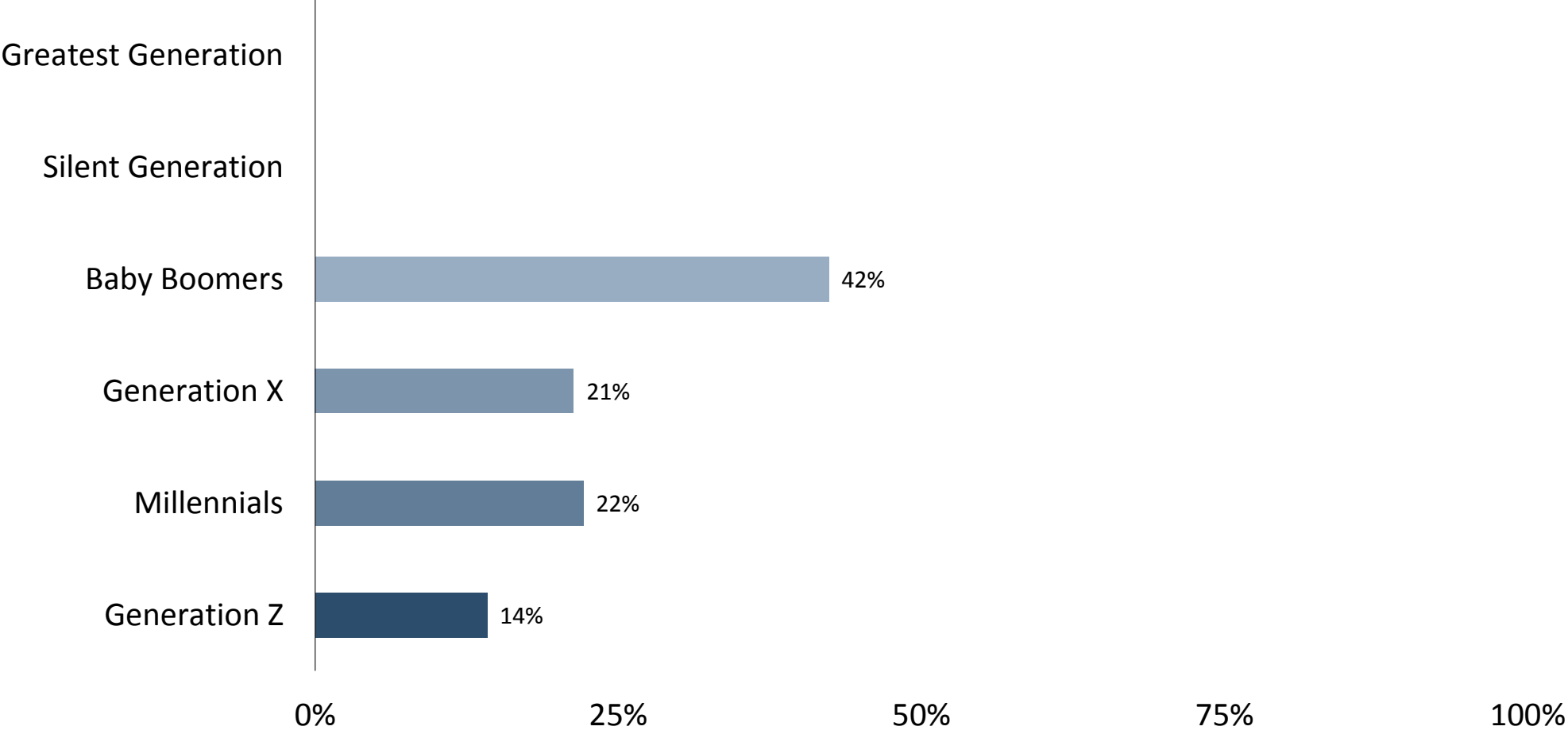
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Household Size



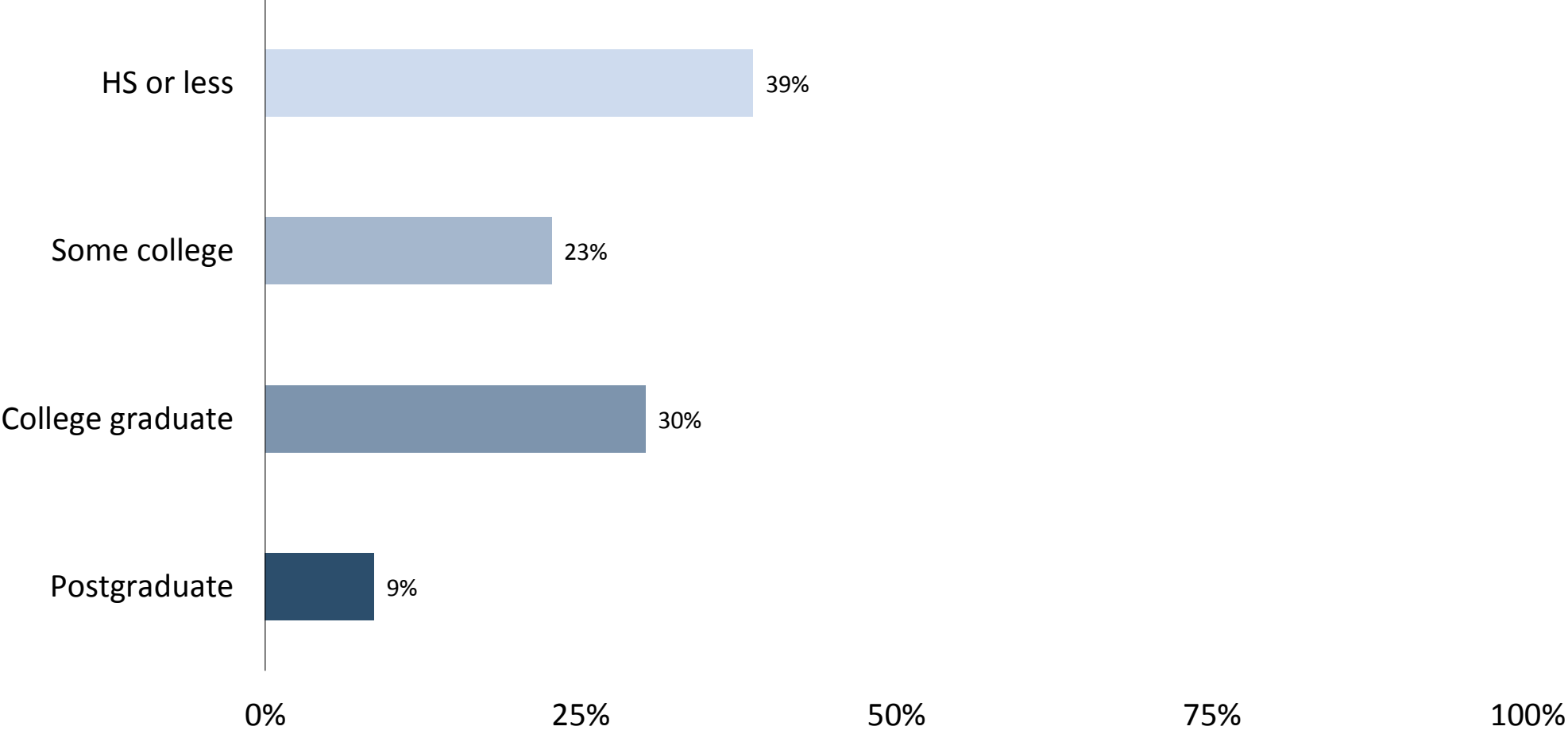
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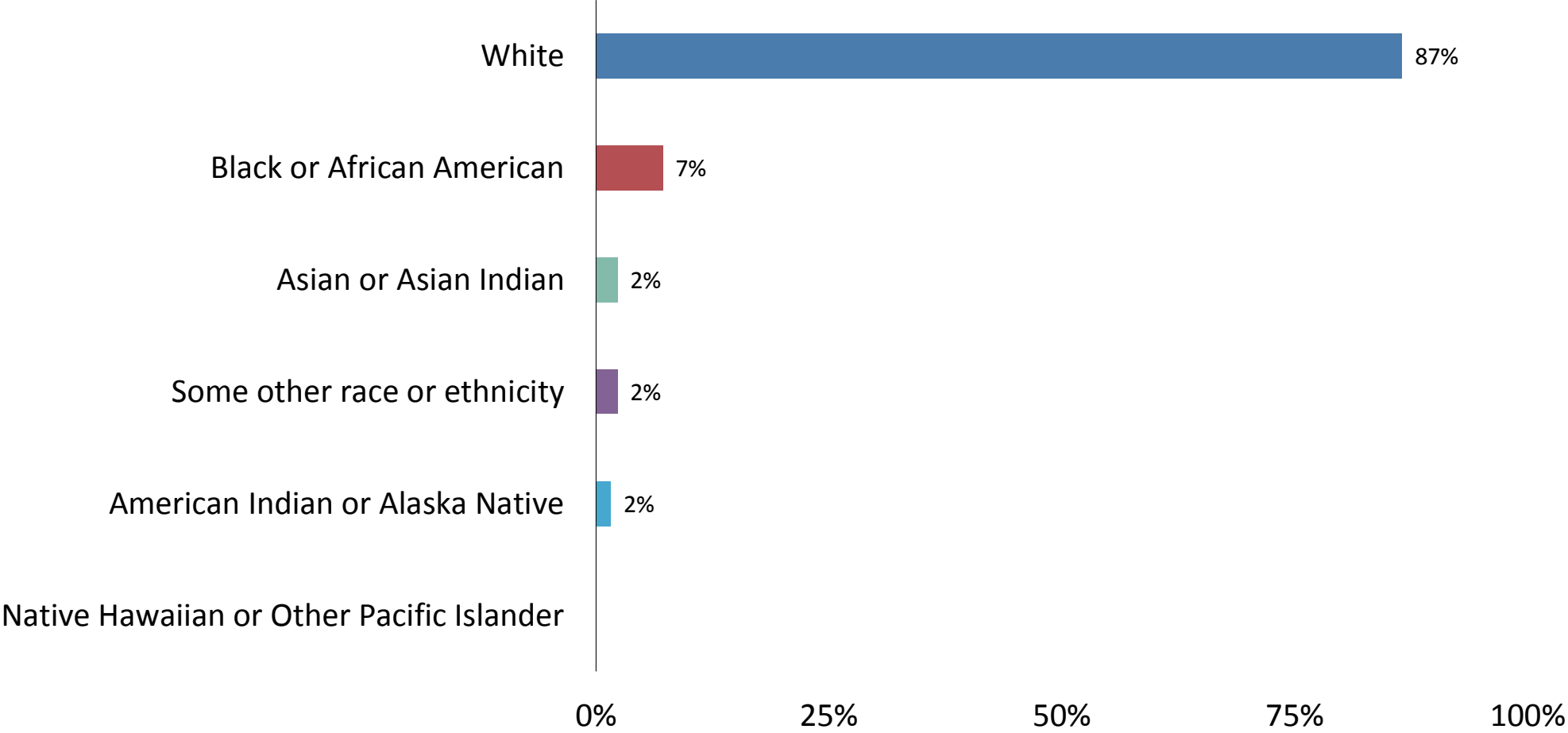
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Education Variable



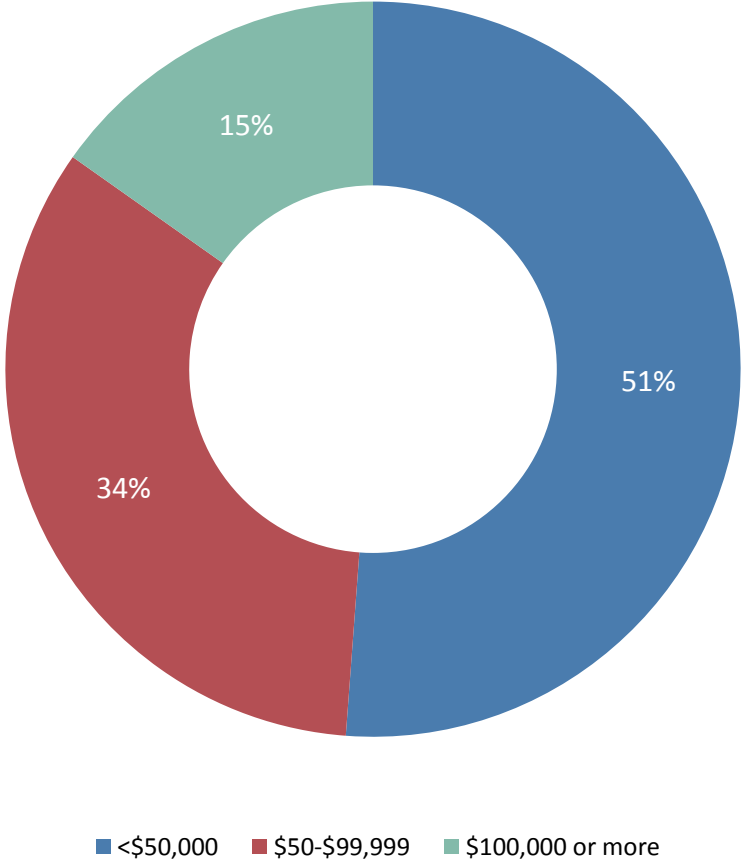
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Race ethnicity (WI State) - Weighting Question



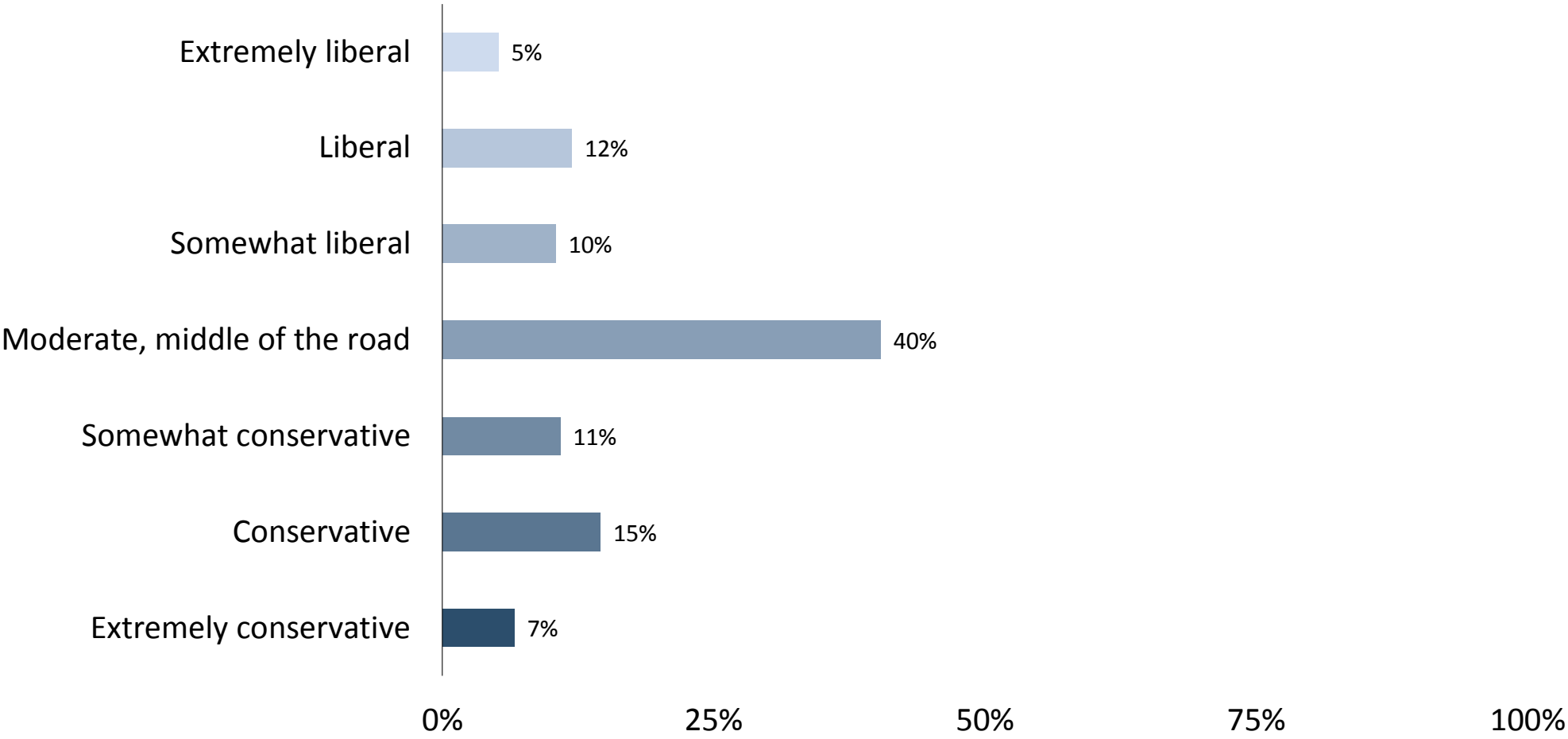
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Household Income Summary



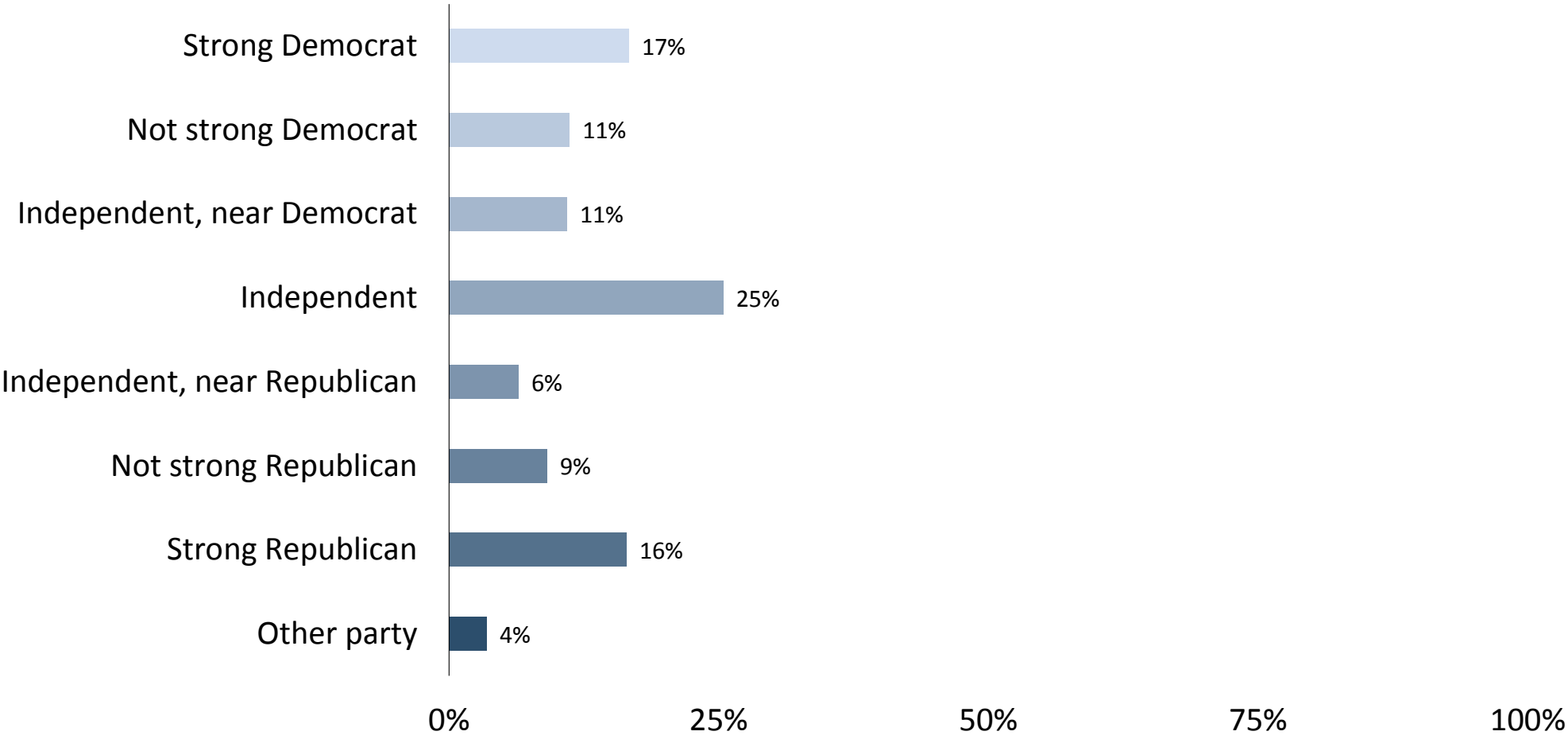
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We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Where would you place yourself on the following scale based on your political views?



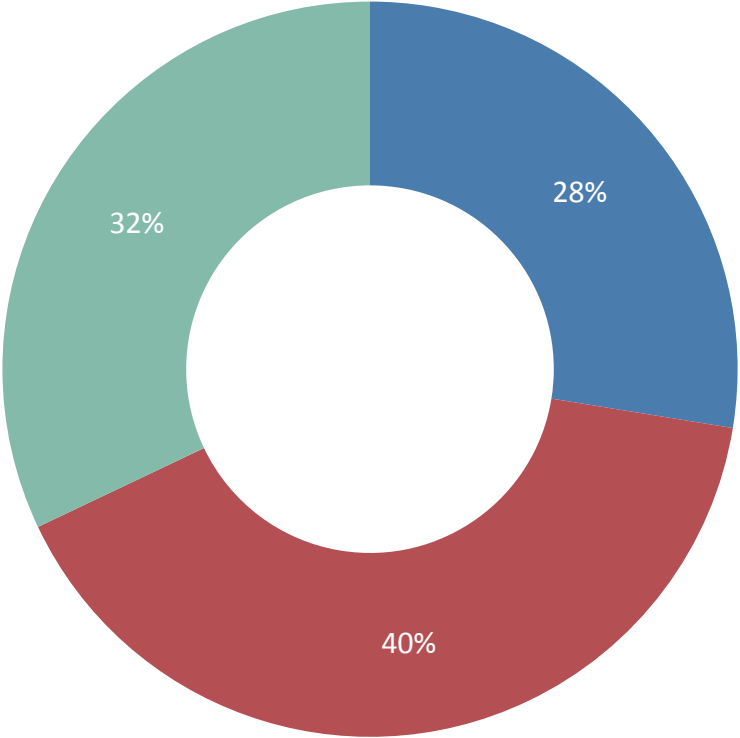
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Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?



Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

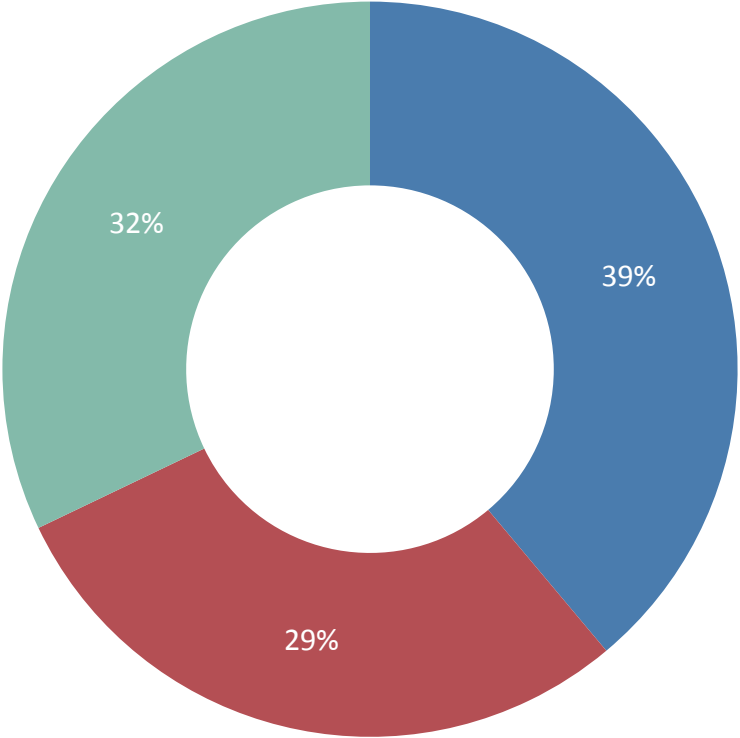
Ideology



■ Liberal ■ Moderate ■ Conservative

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

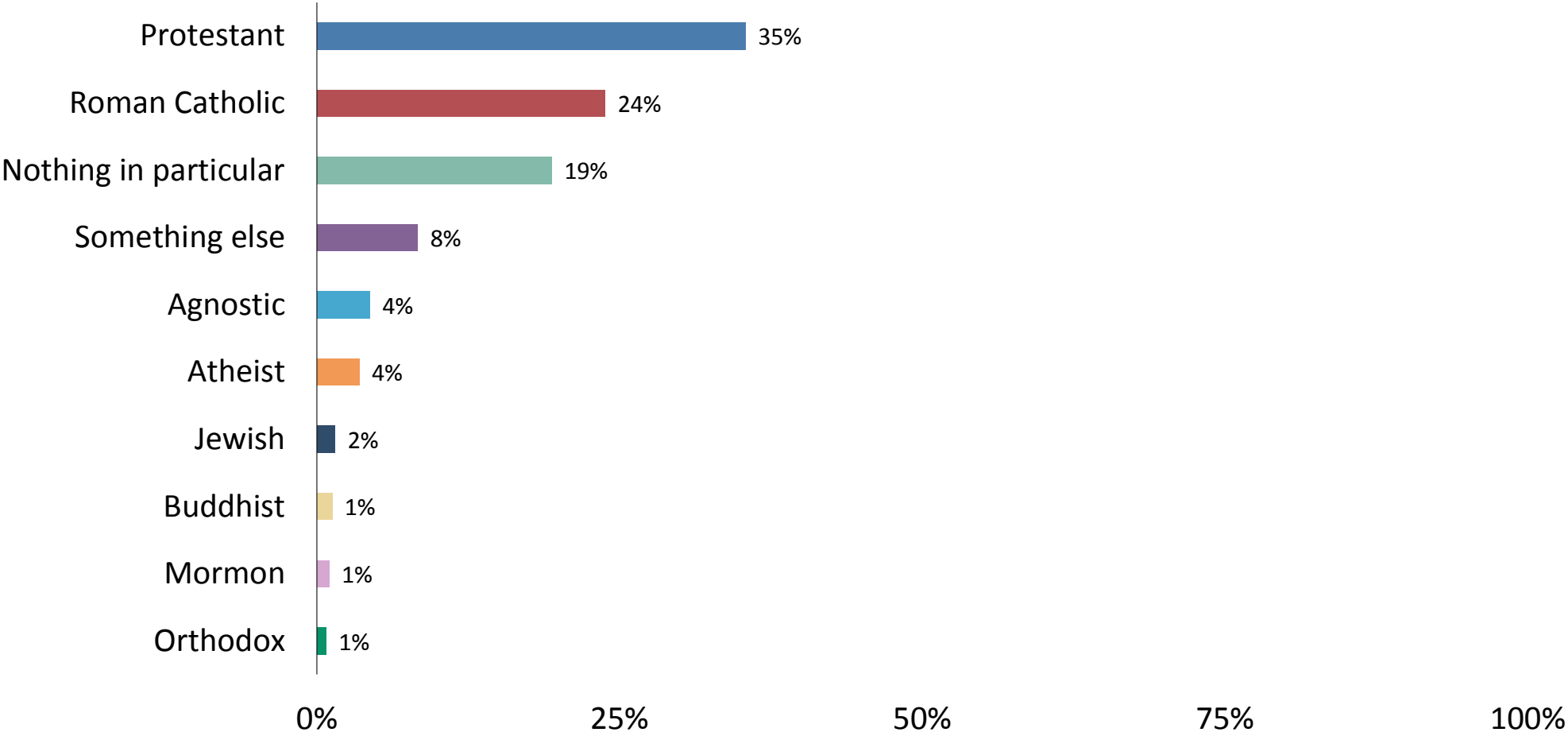
Political Party Summary



■ Democratic Party ■ Independent ■ Republican Party

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

What is your present religion, if any? - Top 10



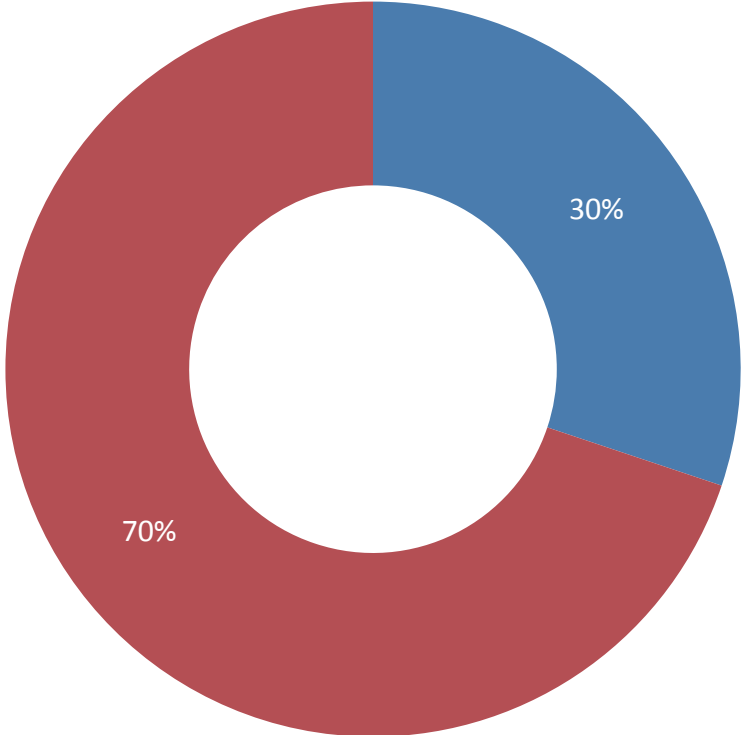
Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

What is your present religion, if any?

Option	Rank	Response %
Protestant	1	35%
Roman Catholic	2	24%
Nothing in particular	3	19%
Something else	4	8%
Agnostic	5	4%
Atheist	6	4%
Jewish	7	2%
Buddhist	8	1%
Mormon	9	1%
Orthodox	10	1%
Muslim	11	1%

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?



■ Yes, born-again or evangelical Christian ■ No, not born-again or evangelical Christian

Sample Size: 355 (68% of Respondents)

Top Crosstabs

Which, if any, of the following has recently happened or will soon happen for you?

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

	What is your marital or relationship status?					
	Single	Living with partner	Married and living with spouse	Married but separated from spouse	Divorced	Widowed
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Starting college	↑ 15	↑ 11	↓ 2	5	2	3
Moving on your own for the first time	↑ 14	7	↓ 2	5	3	5
Moving to a different city	11	↑ 18	↓ 5	10	10	12
Getting married	4	↑ 14	↓ 2	6	1	2
Buying a home	9	↑ 14	10	7	↓ 4	7
Starting a business	4	↑ 7	2	6	2	2
Expecting a baby	2	↑ 8	3	2	1	3
Getting divorced	<1	1	1	9	↑ 4	1
Newly single	↑ 7	2	↓ 1	2	1	5
Have a child learning how to drive	1	5	↑ 8	12	4	4
Have a child graduating high school	1	3	3	7	2	3
Having a family member move in	1	3	2	1	1	3
Caring for a parent	7	4	↑ 11	6	7	4
None of the above	↓ 50	↓ 44	↑ 67	52	↑ 67	62
Base	n=153	n=53	n=221	n=8	n=58	n=27

Children at Home

	Are you working full or part time, going to school, keeping house, or doing something else?						
	Working full time	Working part time	Unemployed, laid off, looking for work	In school	Keeping house	Disabled	Retired
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
No children at home	↓ 62	↑ 76	↓ 60	64	53	72	↑ 87
Children at home	↑ 38	↓ 24	↑ 40	36	47	28	↓ 13
Base	n=229	n=64	n=33	n=27	n=26	n=32	n=109

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

Are you working full or part time, going to school, keeping house, or doing something else?

	Generation					
	Greatest Generation	Silent Generation	Baby Boomers	Generation X	Millennial	Generation Z
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Working full time	0	27	↓ 27	↑ 56	↑ 63	↓ 29
Working part time	0	14	12	11	11	15
Unemployed, laid off, looking for work	0	4	4	6	9	9
In school	0	3	1	1	6	↑ 27
Keeping house	0	5	↓ 2	↑ 8	5	5
Disabled	0	4	6	↑ 12	↓ 2	6
Retired	0	43	↑ 47	↓ 5	3	9
Base	n=0	n=19	n=177	n=134	n=151	n=39

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

Children at Home

	Generation					
	Greatest Generation	Silent Generation	Baby Boomers	Generation X	Millennial	Generation Z
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
No children at home	0	79	↑ 90	↓ 56	↓ 55	63
Children at home	0	21	↓ 10	↑ 44	↑ 45	37
Base	n=0	n=19	n=177	n=134	n=151	n=39

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

Which, if any, of the following has recently happened or will soon happen for you?

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

	Generation					
	Greatest Generation	Silent Generation	Baby Boomers	Generation X	Millennial	Generation Z
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Starting college	0	4	1	↓ 3	7	↑ 32
Moving on your own for the first time	0	4	↓ 1	↓ 2	9	↑ 24
Moving to a different city	0	8	↓ 5	7	↑ 15	14
Getting married	0	2	1	3	↑ 10	3
Buying a home	0	6	↓ 4	8	↑ 16	10
Starting a business	0	2	↓ 1	5	5	4
Expecting a baby	0	2	<1	1	↑ 8	4
Getting divorced	0	1	1	↑ 4	1	1
Newly single	0	2	↓ 1	2	5	↑ 7
Have a child learning how to drive	0	3	↓ 2	↑ 13	3	2
Have a child graduating high school	0	2	1	↑ 7	<1	3
Having a family member move in	0	1	1	2	2	1
Caring for a parent	0	7	↓ 4	↑ 14	7	8
None of the above	0	71	↑ 82	↓ 52	↓ 46	↓ 31
Base	n=0	n=19	n=177	n=134	n=151	n=39

What is your present religion, if any?

	Generation					
	Greatest Generation	Silent Generation	Baby Boomers	Generation X	Millennial	Generation Z
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Protestant	0	31	↑ 42	37	↓ 28	↓ 24
Roman Catholic	0	33	↑ 31	22	↓ 19	18
Mormon	0	1	<1	1	2	2
Orthodox	0	<1	<1	1	<1	↑ 3
Jewish	0	3	1	2	3	1
Muslim	0	<1	1	<1	1	<1
Buddhist	0	<1	<1	1	1	<1
Hindu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atheist	0	2	↓ 1	5	3	↑ 7
Agnostic	0	5	4	3	↑ 9	4
Something else	0	9	↓ 5	9	9	12
Nothing in particular	0	15	↓ 16	20	↑ 25	↑ 29
Base	n=0	n=19	n=177	n=134	n=151	n=39

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

Are you working full or part time, going to school, keeping house, or doing something else?

	Household Size				
	1	2	3	4	5+
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Working full time	46	↓ 39	47	46	48
Working part time	11	13	12	11	14
Unemployed, laid off, looking for work	8	↓ 3	7	↑ 10	7
In school	1	↓ 3	↑ 9	↑ 10	8
Keeping house	↓ 2	3	↑ 9	6	↑ 9
Disabled	8	7	5	6	2
Retired	24	↑ 32	↓ 12	↓ 11	↓ 10
Base	n=121	n=191	n=93	n=66	n=49

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

Children at Home

	Household Size				
	1	2	3	4	5+
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
No children at home	↑ 94	↑ 89	↓ 52	↓ 34	↓ 34
Children at home	6	↓ 11	↑ 48	↑ 66	↑ 66
Base	n=121	n=191	n=93	n=66	n=49

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

Which, if any, of the following has recently happened or will soon happen for you?

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

	Household Size				
	1	2	3	4	5+
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Starting college	↓ 3	6	9	9	9
Moving on your own for the first time	3	6	↑ 10	8	5
Moving to a different city	8	7	↑ 15	7	12
Getting married	2	3	↑ 8	2	5
Buying a home	8	↓ 5	13	↑ 15	7
Starting a business	3	3	6	3	4
Expecting a baby	1	2	↑ 6	5	2
Getting divorced	2	2	1	3	1
Newly single	5	2	3	3	4
Have a child learning how to drive	↓ 2	↓ 1	8	↑ 12	↑ 11
Have a child graduating high school	1	↓ 1	5	5	↑ 6
Having a family member move in	<1	1	↑ 4	2	↑ 4
Caring for a parent	↓ 4	8	10	9	9
None of the above	↑ 66	↑ 70	↓ 44	↓ 49	↓ 48
Base	n=121	n=191	n=93	n=66	n=49

How important, if at all, is it for parents who are fit and willing to be parents to share in the responsibility of raising and providing for their children?

	Combined Statistical Area									
	Milwaukee-Racine-Waukesha	Madison-Janesville-Beloit	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	Green Bay-Shawano	Wausau-Stevens Point-Wisconsin Rapids	Eau Claire-Menomonee	Chicago-Naperville	Minneapolis-St. Paul	Marinette-Iron Mountain	none
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Extremely important	83	84	80	85	↓ 65	84	84	82	83	82
Very important	16	15	19	15	↑ 34	15	16	18	17	17
Not too important	1	1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	1	1
Not at all important	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Base	n=188	n=73	n=49	n=26	n=32	n=18	n=10	n=11	n=2	n=111

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

How beneficial, if at all, is it for a child to have significant time with each parent assuming both parents are fit, willing to be parents, and live within a reasonable distance of each other?

	Combined Statistical Area									
	Milwaukee-Racine-Waukesha	Madison-Janesville-Beloit	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	Green Bay-Shawano	Wausau-Stevens Point-Wisconsin Rapids	Eau Claire-Menomonie	Chicago-Naperville	Minneapolis-St. Paul	Marinette-Iron Mountain	none
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Extremely beneficial	72	74	69	74	↓ 55	74	71	71	73	73
Very beneficial	25	23	29	25	↑ 44	25	28	27	25	26
Not too beneficial	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Not at all beneficial	<1	1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	1
Base	n=188	n=73	n=49	n=26	n=32	n=18	n=10	n=11	n=2	n=111

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

Combined Statistical Area

	What is your marital or relationship status?					
	Single	Living with partner	Married and living with spouse	Married but separated from spouse	Divorced	Widowed
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Milwaukee-Racine-Waukesha	↑ 43	31	↓ 32	36	42	31
Madison-Janesville-Beloit	15	17	14	14	9	14
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	10	9	11	7	8	7
Green Bay-Shawano	↓ 2	7	↑ 7	4	2	6
Wausau-Stevens Point-Wisconsin Rapids	↓ 3	↑ 11	8	7	2	9
Eau Claire-Menomonie	2	4	4	3	5	4
Chicago-Naperville	1	2	2	7	2	1
Minneapolis-St. Paul	<1	1	↑ 4	2	3	1
Marinette-Iron Mountain	<1	<1	1	<1	<1	<1
none	24	19	↓ 17	19	28	27
Base	n=153	n=53	n=221	n=8	n=58	n=27

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

What child custody legislation would you like to see?

	Generation					
	Greatest Generation	Silent Generation	Baby Boomers	Generation X	Millennial	Generation Z
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Laws that establish a rebuttable presumption that, ...me for each parent is in children's best interest.	0	46	46	47	52	45
Laws that establish a rebuttable presumption that, ...g with each parent is in children's best interest.	0	8	8	7	10	↑ 17
Laws that encourage shared custody placement and decision-making.	0	43	↑ 43	39	32	↓ 28
No changes in current custody laws.	0	3	↓ 3	7	6	↑ 10
Base	n=0	n=19	n=177	n=134	n=151	n=39

Sample Size: 520 (All Respondents)

Do you believe that today's family courts treat people differently because of race?

	Generation					
	Greatest Generation	Silent Generation	Baby Boomers	Generation X	Millennial	Generation Z
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Yes	0	60	↓ 49	56	↑ 67	59
No	0	40	↑ 51	44	↓ 33	41
Base	n=0	n=14	n=113	n=102	n=118	n=28

Sample Size: 375 (72% of Respondents)

Do you believe that today's family courts treat people differently because of race?

	Political Party Summary		
	Democratic Party	Independent	Republican Party
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Yes	↑ 65	↑ 66	↓ 42
No	↓ 35	↓ 34	↑ 58
Base	n=163	n=90	n=122

Sample Size: 375 (72% of Respondents)

Do you believe that today's family courts treat people differently because of race?

	Ideology		
	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Yes	↑ 76	58	↓ 39
No	↓ 24	42	↑ 61
Base	n=123	n=129	n=123

Sample Size: 375 (72% of Respondents)