

# Gulf Coast Equality - 2023 Needs Assessment

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This needs assessment was sponsored by Gulf Coast Equality. The questionnaire was available from April 27 to June 30. It was distributed via a convenience sample to residents of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Sixty-seven people went to the survey link, and 39 completed the survey. One should be cautious in the interpretation of the results given the number of people completing the survey. Percentages may at times be based on only a few responses.

The needs assessment found the following.

64% of respondents rated the overall quality of life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast as either excellent or good.

In contrast, only 26% of respondents rated the overall quality of life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast as either excellent or good for members of the LGBTQ+ community.

64% said that the non-LGBTQ+ community was either somewhat or very accepting of members of the LGBTQ+ community.

78% said that the LGBTQ+ community was either somewhat or very accepting of new members of the LGBTQ+ community.

The majority of respondents, 56%, felt that over the last five years the Mississippi Gulf Coast had stayed about the same for members of the LGBTQ+ community to live and work.

Most respondents, 44%, feel that over the next five years the Mississippi Gulf Coast will get worse as a place for someone in the LGBTQ+ community to live and work.

In terms of community needs respondents identified most needs as lacking on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Using a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is very poor and 5 is very good, respondents rated the needs as follows from highest to lowest:

q2.2 The amount of opportunities to network with the LGBTQ+ community	2.54
q2.1 The availability of LGBTQ+ community resources	2.50
q2.3 The presence of safe spaces for my age group and/or demographic	2.41
q2.8 Overall support for LGBT employees in professional settings	2.24
q2.4 Accessibility of physical health resources for members of the LGBTQ+ community	2.20
q2.9 Support for LGBT employees in professional settings in times of stress or crisis	2.15
q2.5 Accessibility of mental health resources for the members of the LGBTQ+ community	2.11
q2.6 Overall support for LGBTQ+ students and their families in educational settings	1.98
q2.7 Support for LGBTQ+ students and their families in times of stress or crisis	1.80

A score of 3.0 would have been average and higher scores would indicate that the particular need was being well met. As can be seen respondents rated all of the needs below average.

The majority of respondents, 68%, felt that people on the Mississippi Gulf Coast were somewhat accepting of their identity.

In terms of various forms of discrimination, respondents were asked to identify whether they had witnessed or experienced any of the following. Items were rated on a scale of 0=never, 1=Once a month or less, 2=once a week, 3=once a day, and 4=several times a day. Thus, a score of 2.0 would have been average indicating that they had witnessed or experienced the behavior once a week.

3.2 Experience anti-LGBTQ+ slurs	1.43
3.3 Witness anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination	1.14
3.4 Experience anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination	0.80
3.5 Witness anti-LGBTQ+ violence	0.26
3.6 Experience anti-LGBTQ+ violence	0.10

All scores were below the average of 2.0, with most being below 1.0 indicating that the discriminatory or violent behavior occurs very infrequently. This is, fortunately, particularly the case when it comes to witnessing or experiencing anti-LGBTQ+ violence.

The most commonly identified discriminatory actions identified by respondents based on their real or perceived sexual identity were: 1) they felt pressured to keep silent 51%, 2) they felt deliberately ignored or excluded 44%, and 3) they felt isolated or left out 41%.

The most commonly identified discriminatory actions identified by respondents based on their real or perceived gender identity were: 1) they felt pressured to keep silent 36%, 2) they felt isolated or left out 33%, and 3) they observed others staring 33%.

No respondents identified that they felt they had been the target of physical violence based on either their sexual or gender identity.

In examining safety in various environments, respondents were asked to rate how threatened they felt in a number of environments on a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is not threatened at all and 7 is very threatened. A score of 4.0 would have been average and lower scores are better indicating less feelings of threat.

3.13 In non-LGBTQ+ oriented clubs/bars/restaurants	2.69
3.10 When you are shopping	2.50
3.11 In casual non-LGBTQ+ specific social situations	2.50
3.9 Where you work	2.29
3.14 In LGBTQ+ oriented clubs/bars/restaurants	1.67
3.12 In casual LGBTQ+ specific social situations	1.45

While feelings of being threatened in various locations were all relatively low and below average, they do still exist particularly in non-LGBTQ+ environments and even at work.

Next, respondents were asked to evaluate the various fundraising and outreach activities that Gulf Coast Equality currently sponsors. By and large most respondents for all items indicated that they were not familiar with the activity or had not participated in the activity. Excluding those that were not familiar or had not participated demonstrated the following preferences.

In terms of existing fundraising activities, respondents evaluated the activities on a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is very poor and 7 is very good. A score of 4.0 would have been average and higher scores indicate respondents are more pleased with the activity.

4.4a Raffles	5.43
4.6a Sponsorships for Gulf Coast Equality Festival	5.18
4.1a Drag brunches	5.06
4.7a Grants	4.30
4.2a Drag bingo	4.17
4.3a Second Chance Prom	3.83
4.5a Date Auction	3.50

Respondents rated raffles, sponsorships, and drag brunches relatively high and second chance prom and date auctions relatively low.

In terms of existing outreach activities, respondents evaluated the activities on a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is very poor and 7 is very good. A score of 4.0 would have been average and higher scores indicate respondents are more pleased with the activity.

q4.9a Candlelight vigil for mass shooting victims of the LGBTQ+ community	5.82
q4.8a Gulf Coast Equality Festival (outdoor festival with vendors, live bands, awards, kid's area, and drag shows)	5.65
a4.11a Free beach cookouts	5.15
q4.18a Transgender Day of Remembrance activities	5.15
q4.17a Transgender Day of Visibility activities	5.13
q4.12a Purchase of LGBTQ+ books to give for free	4.91
q4.10a Teen paint parties at Canvas and Cocktails	4.71
q4.16a Media Advisories and local news alerts regarding LGBTQ+ legislation and other issues	4.53
q4.13a Panel discussions with Resident doctors at local hospitals	4.45
q4.15a Free training about human trafficking	4.36
q4.14a Panel discussions with local companies such as Ingall's Shipbuilding	4.33
q4.20a Virtual town halls for community feedback	4.00
q4.19a School trainings to support LGBTQ+ students	3.58

The candlelight vigil for shooting victims and the Gulf Coast Equality Festival were rated highly and the school trainings to support LGBTQ+ students was rated relatively low.

Respondents were then presented with a possible set of items that Gulf Coast Equality is considering implementing and asked to evaluate them. Respondents used a scale from 1 to 7 where 1 is not interested at all and 7 is very interested. A score of 4.0 would be average and higher scores indicate more interest in an activity.

4.23 Discounted or possibly free mental health services offered by clinicians	6.76
4.26 Library	6.12
4.30 Outreach events such as family friendly movie nights	6.10
4.25 Clothing Closet – a safe space to get clothes that align with one’s gender identity	5.90
4.22 Discounted or possibly free medical services offered by medical community volunteers	5.80
4.28 Adult learning classes	5.76
4.29 Computer lab for job skill purposes such as resume writing, online applications, webinar access for training	5.46
4.21 Free confidential STI testing at least monthly	5.27
4.24 Food pantry	5.22
4.27 K-12 tutoring	5.15

By far respondents were very interested in either discounted or free mental health services while K-12 tutoring was the lowest rated activity.

Finally, respondents were asked to identify any other programming ideas they might have above and beyond the previously identified items. Respondents noted the following as other possible programming ideas.

- Youth center, with outreach time specific to trans/gnc youth and their families.
- Disclosure: I am filling out this survey as a parent of a trans middle schooler so some of my answers are from her perspective and some are from mine. Also, many of my answers are based on state law or school protocol, not because of any failing of this organization. Anyway, my daughter is at a stage where she feels like participating in some LGBTQIA activities just further identifies her as different at a time in her life when she just wants to fit in. I feel like eventually she will realize how important it is to have a community and people who understand her. That said, I would love activities for kids her age and even younger and for parents of trans and gender nonconforming kids.
- Safe non-alcoholic meet & greets / socials  
Up-to-date & vetted local resources list (businesses, health, support, et al)
- the older and elderly members of our community who need more outreach or visits. Also housing issues that face older members as many nursing homes or assisted living aren't ☐ friendly
- More normal public outdoor events, functions, art/craft fairs, etc. Visibility and normalcy is the key to our improved quality of life. 鸞鸞
- Events to target recent college grad usages or people who moved here who don't know other queer people in their age group in order to find new friend groups.
- HRT therapy availability

## **SURVEY METHODOLOGY**

This survey was sponsored by Gulf Coast Equality and implemented by Thomas Shaw, Ph.D.

The survey was fielded from April 27, 2023 until June 30, 2023. It is composed of a convenience sample of residents from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Participants were recruited to participate in the online survey through a number of various events and activities sponsored by Gulf Coast Equality. Sixty-seven people visited the survey link; however, only 39 completed the survey.

This survey was deployed using the Qualtrics Online survey software. This survey software system is used extensively by academic institutions and provides a level of control over the survey that is not found in many other online survey software packages. Further Qualtrics is both HIPAA and FERPA certified.

## Tables

**Table 1.1. How would you rate the overall quality of life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast . . .**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self- Describe
Poor	2.6	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fair	33.3	12.5	33.3	50.0	60.0	25.0
Good	51.3	50.0	55.6	25.0	40.0	75.0
Excellent	12.8	25.0	11.1	25.0	0.0	0.0
N =	39	8	18	4	5	4

**Table 1.2. How would you rate the quality of life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for a member of the LGBTQ+ community . . .**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self- Describe
Poor	20.5	12.5	22.2	25.0	20.0	25.0
Fair	53.9	50.0	55.6	50.0	60.0	50.0
Good	25.6	37.5	22.2	25.0	20.0	25.0
Excellent	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
N =	39	8	18	4	5	4



**Table 1.3. How accepting would you say the non-LGBTQ+ community on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is of members of the LGBTQ+ community . . .**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Not at all accepting	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not very accepting	35.9	0.0	33.3	50.0	60.0	75.0
Somewhat accepting	53.9	75.0	61.1	25.0	40.0	25.0
Very accepting	10.3	25.0	5.6	25.0	0.0	0.0
N =	39	8	18	4	5	4

**Table 1.4. How accepting would you say the LGBTQ+ community on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is of new members of the LGBTQ+ community (e.g., people who are just coming out or who have moved from different parts of the state or country) . . .**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Not at all accepting	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not very accepting	21.6	37.5	11.8	0.0	60.0	0.0
Somewhat accepting	35.1	50.0	23.5	100.0	20.0	0.0
Very accepting	43.2	12.5	64.7	0.0	20.0	100.0
N =	37	8	17	4	5	3

**Table 1.5. Thinking over the last five years, how would you rate the Mississippi Gulf Coast as a place for someone in the LGBTQ+ community to live and work . . .**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Got worse	18.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	40.0	50.0
Stayed about the same	56.4	62.5	61.1	50.0	60.0	25.0
Got better	25.6	37.5	22.2	50.0	0.0	25.0
N =	39	8	18	4	5	4

**Table 1.6. Now thinking about how you think things will play out over the next five years from now, do you think the Mississippi Gulf Coast will get better stay about the same, or get worse as a place for someone in the LGBTQ+ community to live and work?**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Get worse	43.6	25.0	50.0	25.0	80.0	25.0
Stay about the same	35.9	50.0	27.8	50.0	20.0	50.0
Get better	20.5	25.0	22.2	25.0	0.0	25.0
N =	39	8	18	4	5	4

Table 2. Community Needs - For each of the following statements consider how it applies to the LGBTQ+ community living on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and provide your overall assessment regarding each statement:

	1 – Very Poor	2 - Poor	3 - Acceptable	4 - Good	5 – Very Good	Total	N
2.1. The availability of LGBTQ+ community resources (i.e., support groups, events, workshops, etc.)	10.9	39.1	39.1	10.9	0.0	100.0	46
2.2. The amount of opportunities to network with the LGBTQ+ community	6.5	43.5	39.1	10.9	0.0	100.0	46
2.3. The presence of safe spaces for my age group and/or demographic	6.5	56.5	28.3	6.5	2.2	100.0	46
2.4. The accessibility of physical health resources for members of the LGBTQ+ community	21.7	45.7	23.9	8.7	0.0	100.0	46
2.5. The accessibility of mental health resources for the members of the LGBTQ+ community	26.1	43.5	23.9	6.5	0.0	100.0	46
2.6. Overall support for LGBTQ+ students and their families in educational settings	21.7	58.7	19.6	0.0	0.0	100.0	46
2.7. Support for LGBTQ+ students and their families in educational settings in times of stress or crisis (i.e., bullying, not fitting in, identified improperly, etc.)	36.4	50.0	11.4	2.3	0.0	100.1	44
2.8. Overall support for LGBT employees in professional settings	21.7	39.1	32.6	6.5	0.0	99.9	46
2.9. Support for LGBT employees in professional settings in times of stress or crisis (i.e., bullying, not fitting in, identified improperly, etc.)	23.9	41.3	30.4	4.4	0.0	100.0	46

**Table 3.1. How accepting have other people on the Mississippi Gulf Coast been about your identity?**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Not at all accepting	2.6	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Somewhat accepting	68.4	50.0	58.8	75.0	100.0	100.0
Very accepting	29.0	37.5	41.2	25.0	0.0	0.0
N =	38	8	17	4	5	4

**Table 3.2. How often do you hear anti-LGBTQ+ slurs . . .**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Never	15.4	37.5	11.1	0.0	20.0	0.0
Once a month or less	48.7	25.0	50.0	100.0	20.0	75.0
Once a week	20.5	12.5	33.3	0.0	20.0	0.0
Once a day	12.8	12.5	5.6	0.0	40.0	25.0
Several times a day	2.6	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
N =	39	8	18	4	5	4

**Table 3.3. How often do you personally witness anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination . . .**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Never	25.6	12.5	33.3	25.0	0.0	50.0
Once a month or less	46.2	62.5	38.9	75.0	60.0	0.0
Once a week	20.5	12.5	27.8	0.0	20.0	25.0
Once a day	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0
Several times a day	5.1	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
N =	39	8	18	4	5	4

**Table 3.4. How often do you personally experience anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination . . .**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Never	47.4	62.5	58.8	0.0	20.0	50.0
Once a month or less	34.2	25.0	29.4	75.0	40.0	25.0
Once a week	13.2	12.5	11.8	25.0	20.0	0.0
Once a day	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0
Several times a day	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
N =	38	8	17	4	5	4

**Table 3.5. How often do you personally witness anti-LGBTQ+ violence . . .**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Never	71.8	87.5	66.7	100.0	40.0	75.0
Once a month or less	28.2	12.5	33.3	0.0	60.0	25.0
Once a week	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Once a day	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Several times a day	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
N =	39	8	18	4	5	4

**Table 3.6. How often do you personally experience anti-LGBTQ+ violence . . .**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Never	89.5	87.5	88.2	100.0	100.0	75.0
Once a month or less	10.5	12.5	11.8	0.0	0.0	25.0
Once a week	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Once a day	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Several times a day	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
N =	38	8	17	4	5	4

**Table 3.7. In the past 6 months, which of the following have you personally experienced because of your real or perceived sexual orientation . . . (please select all that apply – percentages may add to more than 100% since it was select all that apply)**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Been the target of derogatory remarks or jokes	25.6	12.5	22.2	50.0	40.0	25.0
Felt deliberately ignored or excluded	43.6	50.0	44.4	75.0	40.0	0.0
Felt isolated or left out	41.0	50.0	44.4	25.0	60.0	0.0
Observed others staring	35.9	25.0	33.3	100.0	20.0	25.0
Felt intimidated or threatened	12.8	0.0	5.6	50.0	20.0	25.0
Been the target of physical violence	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Feared for your physical safety	7.7	12.5	0.0	25.0	20.0	0.0
Been the subject of graffiti, property destruction, or vandalism	2.6	0.0	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Felt pressured to keep silent	51.3	75.0	38.9	50.0	60.0	50.0
Had friends/colleagues who refused to associate with you	12.8	25.0	5.6	50.0	0.0	0.0
Been denied services	5.1	12.5	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	7.7	12.5	5.6	0.0	0.0	25.0

**Table 3.8. In the past 6 months, which of the following have you personally experienced because of your real or perceived gender identity . . . (please select all that apply – percentages may add to more than 100% since it was select all that apply)**

	Overall	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary, Genderqueer, Gender Fluid	Prefer to Self-Describe
Been the target of derogatory remarks or jokes	23.1	0.0	16.7	75.0	40.0	25.0
Felt deliberately ignored or excluded	30.8	25.0	27.8	75.0	40.0	0.0
Felt isolated or left out	33.3	25.0	16.7	25.0	80.0	75.0
Observed others staring	33.3	0.0	33.3	75.0	40.0	50.0
Felt intimidated or threatened	17.9	0.0	0.0	50.0	80.0	25.0
Been the target of physical violence	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fearred for your physical safety	10.3	0.0	0.0	25.0	40.0	25.0
Been the subject of graffiti, property destruction, or vandalism	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Felt pressured to keep silent	35.9	37.5	11.1	50.0	80.0	75.0
Had friends/colleagues who refused to associate with you	10.3	0.0	0.0	50.0	20.0	25.0
Been denied services	7.7	12.5	0.0	0.0	20.0	25.0
Other	7.7	12.5	5.6	0.0	0.0	25.0



**Table 3.9. Safety/Discrimination/Violence - On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is not threatened at all and 7 is very threatened, how threatened do you feel in the following locations/situations because of your LGBTQ+ identity. . .**

	1 – Not threatened at all	2	3	4	5	6	7 – Very threatened	Total	N
3.9. Where you work	43.9	17.1	14.6	17.1	4.9	2.4	0.0	100.0	41
3.10. When you are shopping	40.5	16.7	11.9	19.1	7.1	4.8	0.0	100.1	42
3.11. In casual non-LGBTQ+ specific social situations	23.8	38.1	16.7	11.9	4.8	4.8	0.0	100.1	42
3.12. In casual LGBTQ+ specific social situations	73.8	14.3	9.5	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	100.0	42
3.13. In non-LGBTQ+ oriented clubs/bars/restaurants	33.3	14.3	19.1	19.1	11.9	2.4	0.0	100.1	42
3.14. In LGBTQ+ oriented clubs/bars/restaurants	69.1	21.4	0.0	0.0	4.8	2.4	2.4	100.1	42

**Table 4.1. Activities and Programming – Fundraising – On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is very poor and 7 is very good, how would you rate the current Gulf Coast Equality LGBTQ+ FUNDRAISING activities that exist on the Mississippi Gulf Coast?**

	1 – Very Poor	2	3	4	5	6	7 – Very Good	Have never attended/participated	Total	N
4.1. Drag brunches	4.9	4.9	0.0	2.4	7.3	9.8	14.6	56.1	100.0	41
4.2. Drag bingo	4.9	4.9	2.4	2.4	4.9	2.4	7.3	70.7	99.9	41
4.3. Second Chance Prom	2.4	2.4	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	85.4	100.0	41
4.4. Raffles	4.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	7.3	2.4	17.1	65.9	100.0	41
4.5. Date Auction	4.9	0.0	0.0	4.9	2.4	2.4	0.0	85.4	100.0	41
4.6. Sponsorships for Gulf Coast Equality Festival	4.9	2.4	4.9	4.9	7.3	7.3	22.0	46.3	100.0	41
4.7. Grants	5.0	0.0	2.5	7.5	0.0	5.0	5.0	75.0	100.0	41

**Table 4.1a. Activities and Programming – Fundraising – Preferences excluding those who have not participated**

	1 – Very Poor	2	3	4	5	6	7 – Very Good	Total	N
4.1a. Drag brunches	11.1	11.1	0.0	5.6	16.7	22.2	33.3	100.0	18
4.2a. Drag bingo	16.7	16.7	8.3	8.3	16.7	8.3	25.0	100.0	12
4.3a. Second Chance Prom	16.7	16.7	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	100.0	6
4.4a. Raffles	14.3	0.0	0.0	7.1	21.4	7.1	50.0	99.9	14
4.5a. Date Auction	33.3	0.0	0.0	33.3	16.7	16.7	0.0	100.0	6
4.6a. Sponsorships for Gulf Coast Equality Festival	9.1	4.6	9.1	9.1	13.6	13.6	40.9	100.0	22
4.7a. Grants	20.0	0.0	10.0	30.0	0.0	20.0	20.0	100.0	10

**Table 4.2. Activities and Programming – Outreach – On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is very poor and 7 is very good, how would you rate the current Gulf Coast Equality LGBTQ+ OUTREACH activities that exist on the Mississippi Gulf Coast?**

		1 – Very Poor	2	3	4	5	6	7 – Very Good	Have never attended/participated	Total	N
4.8.	Gulf Coast Equality Festival (outdoor festival with vendors, live bands, awards, kid’s area, and drag shows)	2.4	0.0	4.9	2.4	9.8	14.6	22.0	43.9	100.0	41
4.9.	Candlelight vigil for mass shooting victims of the LGBTQ+ community	2.4	0.0	0.0	4.9	7.3	4.9	22.0	58.5	100.0	41
4.10.	Teen paint parties at Canvas and Cocktails	2.4	0.0	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	4.9	82.9	99.8	41
4.11.	Free beach cookouts	4.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	7.3	7.3	9.8	68.3	100.0	41
4.12.	Purchase of LGBTQ+ books to give for free	4.9	0.0	2.4	2.4	2.4	4.9	9.8	73.2	100.0	41
4.13.	Panel discussions with Resident doctors at local hospitals	4.9	0.0	4.9	2.4	2.4	7.3	4.9	73.2	100.0	41
4.14.	Panel discussions with local companies such as Ingall’s Shipbuilding	5.0	2.5	2.5	0.0	2.5	2.5	7.5	77.5	100.0	40
4.15.	Free training about human trafficking	5.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	5.0	2.5	7.5	72.5	100.0	40
4.16.	Media Advisories and local news alerts regarding LGBTQ+ legislation and other issues	4.9	4.9	9.8	4.9	2.4	2.4	17.1	53.7	100.1	41
4.17.	Transgender Day of Visibility activities	4.9	0.0	0.0	7.3	7.3	2.4	14.6	63.4	99.9	41
4.18.	Transgender Day of Remembrance activities	4.9	0.0	2.4	2.4	4.9	2.4	14.6	68.3	99.9	41
4.19.	School trainings to support LGBTQ+ students	7.3	9.8	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	9.8	70.7	100.0	41
4.20.	Virtual town halls for community feedback	7.5	2.5	2.5	5.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	72.5	100.0	40

**Table 4.1a. Activities and Programming – Fundraising – Preferences excluding those who have not participated**

		1 – Very Poor	2	3	4	5	6	7 – Very Good	Total	N
4.8a.	Gulf Coast Equality Festival (outdoor festival with vendors, live bands, awards, kid’s area, and drag shows)	4.4	0.0	8.7	4.4	17.4	26.1	39.1	100.1	23
4.9a.	Candlelight vigil for mass shooting victims of the LGBTQ+ community	5.9	0.0	0.0	11.8	17.7	11.8	52.9	100.1	17
4.10a	Teen paint parties at Canvas and Cocktails	14.3	0.0	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	28.6	100.1	7
4.11a.	Free beach cookouts	15.4	0.0	0.0	7.7	23.1	23.1	30.8	100.1	13
4.12a.	Purchase of LGBTQ+ books to give for free	18.2	0.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	18.2	36.4	100.1	11
4.13a.	Panel discussions with Resident doctors at local hospitals	18.2	0.0	18.2	9.1	9.1	27.3	18.2	100.1	11
4.14a.	Panel discussions with local companies such as Ingall’s Shipbuilding	22.2	11.1	11.1	0.0	11.1	11.1	33.3	99.9	9
4.15a.	Free training about human trafficking	18.2	9.1	9.1	9.1	18.2	9.1	27.3	100.1	11
4.16a.	Media Advisories and local news alerts regarding LGBTQ+ legislation and other issues	10.5	10.5	21.1	10.5	5.3	5.3	36.8	100.0	19
4.17a.	Transgender Day of Visibility activities	13.3	0.0	0.0	20.0	20.0	6.7	40.0	100.0	15
4.18a.	Transgender Day of Remembrance activities	15.4	0.0	7.7	7.7	15.4	7.7	46.2	100.1	13
4.19a.	School trainings to support LGBTQ+ students	25.0	33.3	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	33.3	99.9	12
4.20a.	Virtual town halls for community feedback	27.3	9.1	9.1	18.2	0.0	0.0	36.4	100.1	11

**Table 4.3. Activities and Programming – Programming Ideas – On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is not interested at all and 7 is very interested, please rate your feeling to the following proposed GCE Community Center Programming ideas . . .**

		1 – Not interested at all	2	3	4	5	6	7 – Very interested	Total	N
4.21.	Free confidential STI testing at least monthly	9.8	4.9	2.4	7.3	22.0	14.6	39.0	100.0	41
4.22.	Discounted or possibly free medical services offered by medical community volunteers	4.9	4.9	0.0	7.3	17.1	9.8	56.1	100.1	41
4.23.	Discounted or possibly free mental health services offered by clinicians	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	4.9	4.9	87.8	100.0	41
4.24.	Food pantry	7.3	2.4	9.8	14.6	17.1	4.9	43.9	100.0	41
4.25.	Clothing Closet – a safe space to get clothes that align with one’s gender identity	2.4	2.4	4.9	9.8	12.2	9.8	58.5	100.0	41
4.26.	Library	0.0	2.4	4.9	12.2	4.9	9.8	65.9	100.1	41
4.27.	K-12 tutoring	15.0	2.5	0.0	20.0	7.5	7.5	47.5	100.0	40
4.28.	Adult learning classes	4.9	0.0	4.9	14.6	12.2	7.3	56.1	100.0	41
4.29.	Computer lab for job skill purposes such as resume writing, online applications, webinar access for training	9.8	4.9	2.4	12.2	7.3	9.8	53.7	100.1	41
4.30.	Outreach events such as family friendly movie nights	0.0	0.0	7.3	7.3	14.6	9.8	61.0	100.0	41

DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table D1. Age**

	Frequency	Percentage
18 to 30	14	35.9
31 to 45	11	28.2
46 to 65	12	30.8
Over 65	2	5.1
Total	39	100.0

**Table D2. How long have you lived on the Mississippi Gulf Coast?**

	Frequency	Percentage
Less than a year	1	2.6
1-2 years	1	2.6
3-6 years	8	20.5
7-10 years	3	7.7
More than 10 years	26	66.7
Total	39	100.1

**Table D3. What is your race or ethnicity?**

	Frequency	Percentage
White	35	89.7
Black or African-American	1	2.6
Hispanic/Latino	2	5.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	2.6
Total	39	100.0

**Table D4. What is your gender identity?**

	Frequency	Percentage
Male	8	20.5
Female	18	46.2
Transgender	4	10.3
Non-binary/Genderqueer/Gender Fluid	5	12.8
Prefer to Self-Describe	4	10.3
Total	39	100.1

**Table D5. What is your sexual orientation?**

	Frequency	Percentage
Heterosexual/Straight	2	5.3
Homosexual (Gay or Lesbian)	15	39.5
Bisexual/Pansexual	14	36.8
Queer/Asexual/No Label but Not Straight/Prefer to Self-Describe	7	18.4
Total	38	100.0

**Table D6. What is your marital status?**

	Frequency	Percentage
Never married	10	25.6
Living with a partner	5	12.8
Married	19	48.7
Divorced	4	10.3
Widowed	1	2.6
Total	39	100.0

**Table D7. What is the highest grade or year of school you have completed?**

	Frequency	Percentage
Never attended school	0	0.0
Grades 1-8 (Elementary)	0	0.0
Grades 9-11 (Some High School)	0	0.0
Grade 12 or GED (High School Graduate)	5	12.8
College 1-3 years (Some College or Technical School)	14	35.9
College 4 years or more (College Graduate)	14	35.9
Advanced Degree (PhD, JD, MD, Masters)	6	15.4
Total	39	100.0

**Table D8. What is your current employment status?**

	Frequency	Percentage
Employed	25	64.1
Self-employed	6	15.4
Temporary employee	1	2.6
Unemployed	2	5.1
Retired	2	5.1
On disability	3	7.7
Total	39	100.0

**Table D9. Are you currently serving in the US Military?**

	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	0	0.0
No	39	100.0
Total	39	100.0



**Table D10. Are you a US Military veteran?**

	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	4	10.3
No	35	89.7
Total	39	100.0

**Table D11. Are you disabled?**

	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	9	23.1
No	30	76.9
Total	39	100.0

**Table D12. Are you currently registered to vote in the state of Mississippi?**

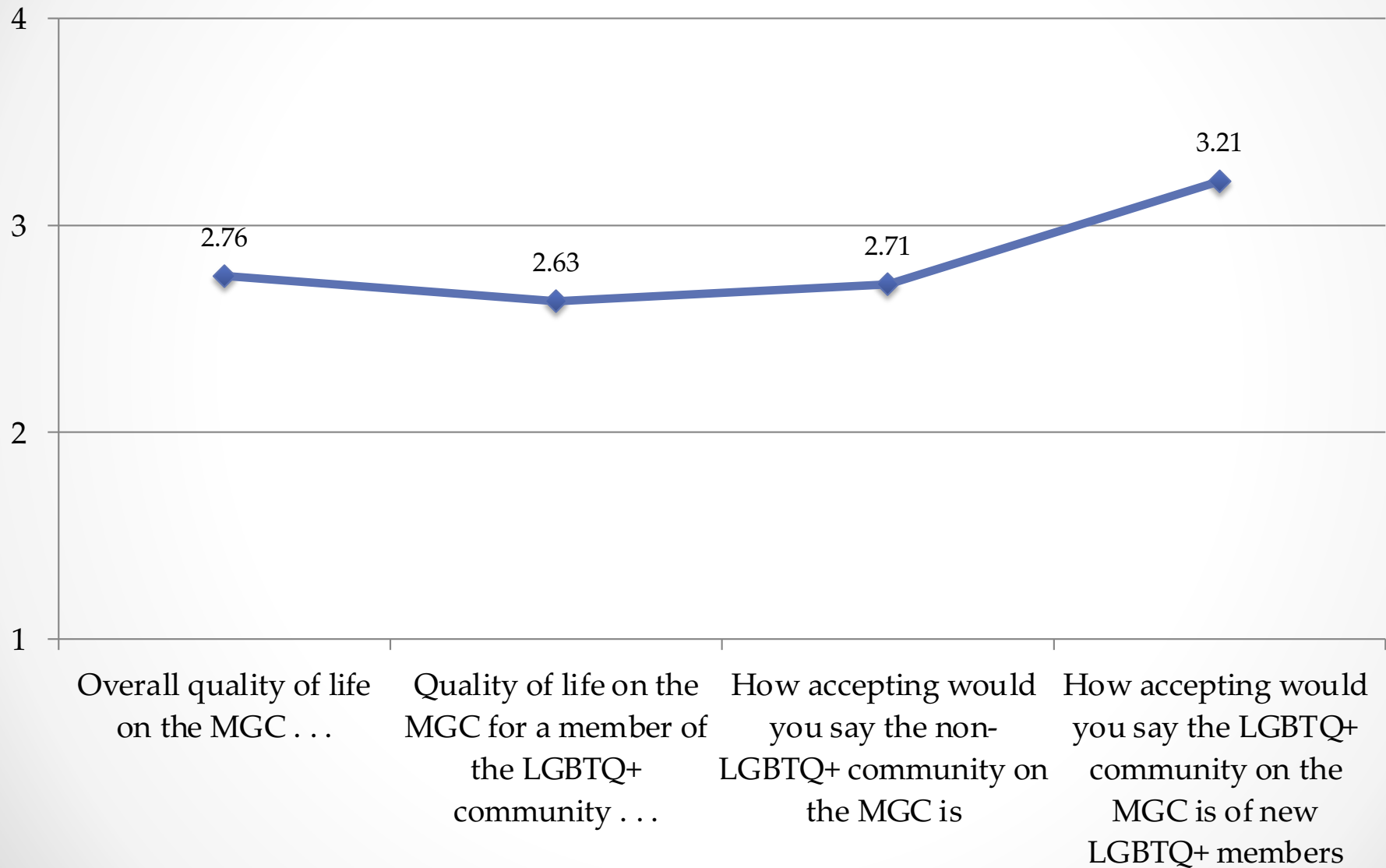
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	35	89.7
No	4	10.3
Total	39	100.0

**Table D13. What is your total household annual income before taxes?**

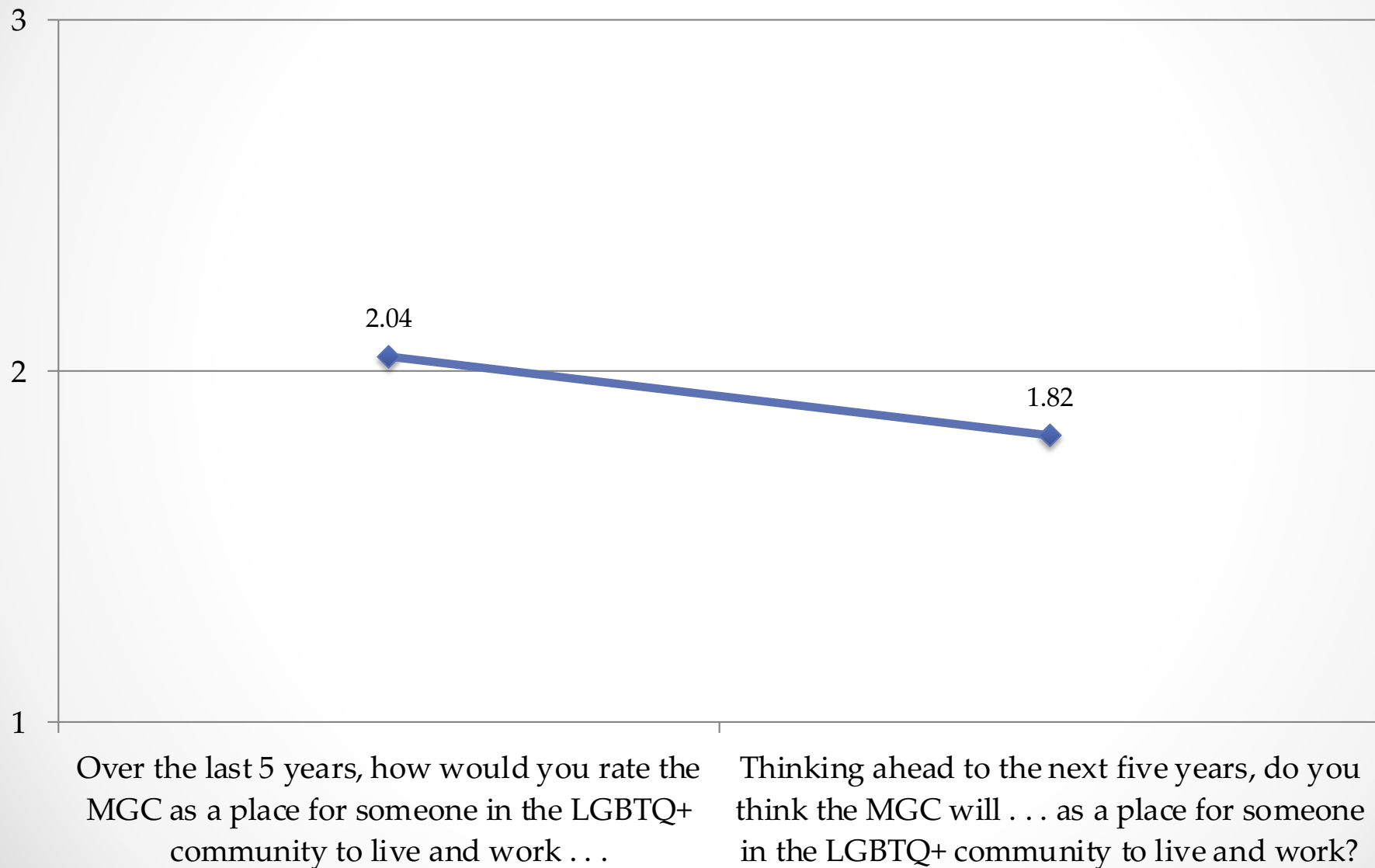
	Frequency	Percentage
Less than \$30,000	8	20.5
\$30,000 - \$40,000	6	15.4
\$40,000 - \$55,000	6	15.4
\$55,000 - \$75,000	5	12.8
\$75,000 - \$150,000	13	33.3
More than \$150,000	1	2.6
Total	39	100.0

## Summary Charts

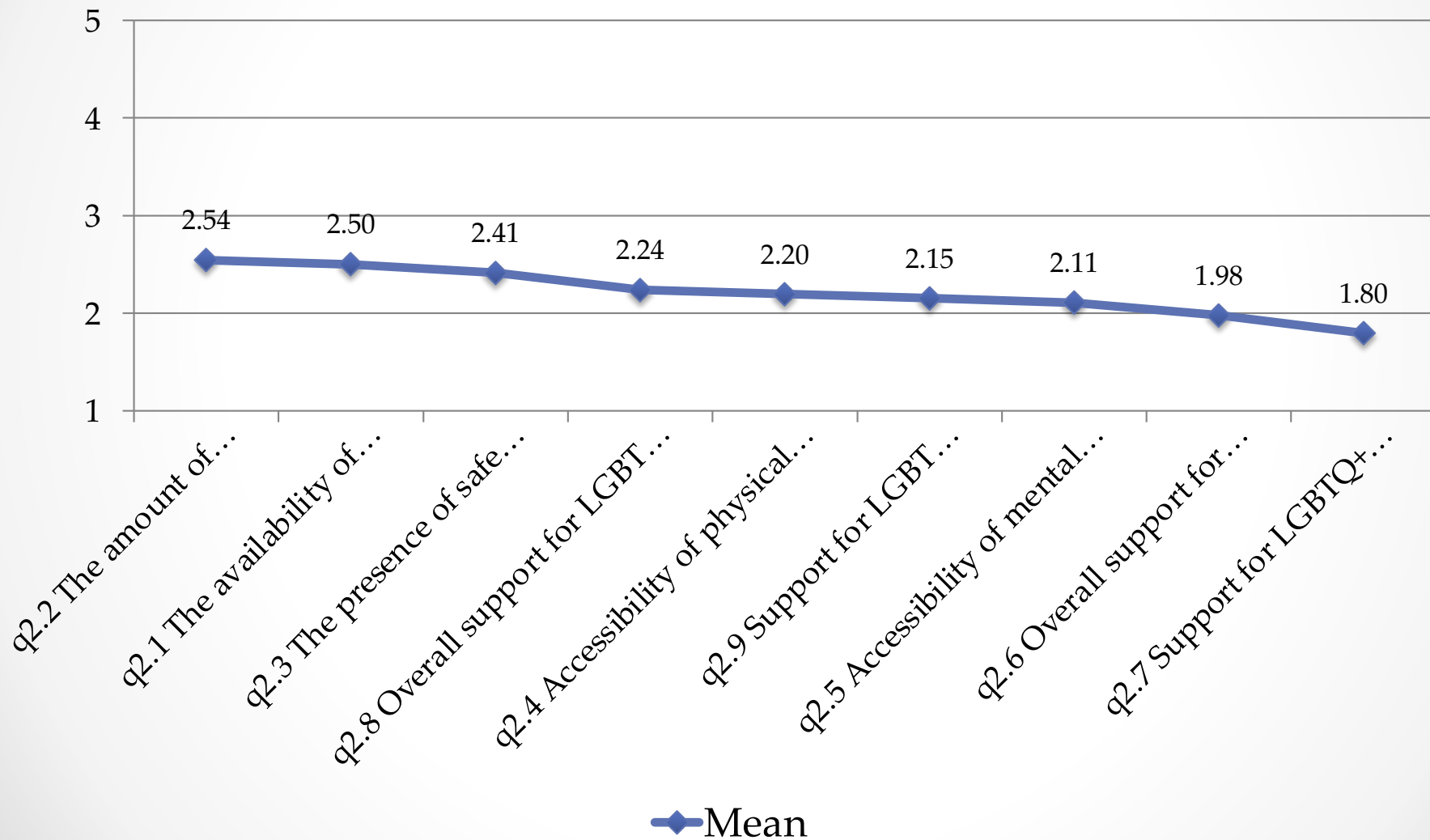
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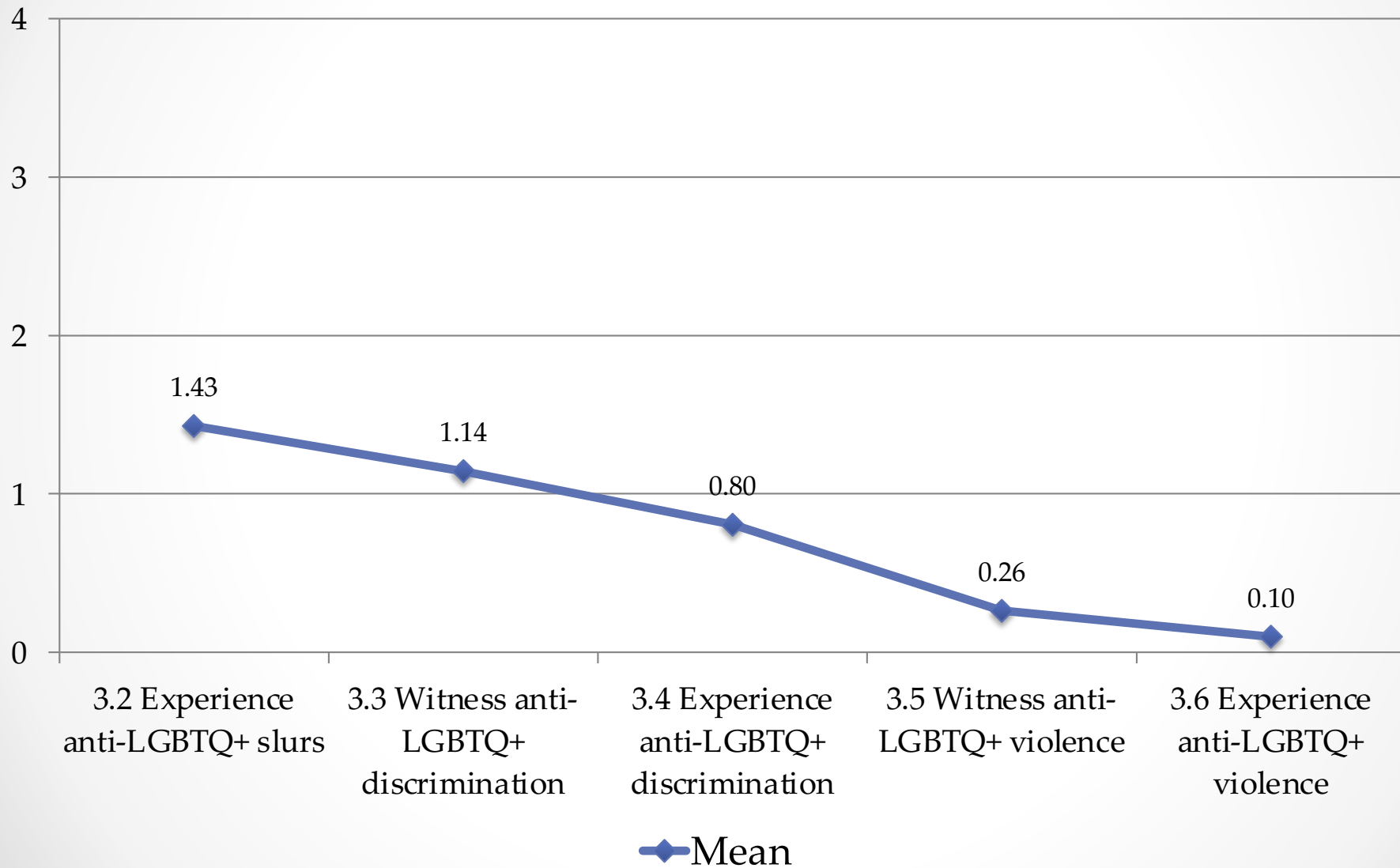
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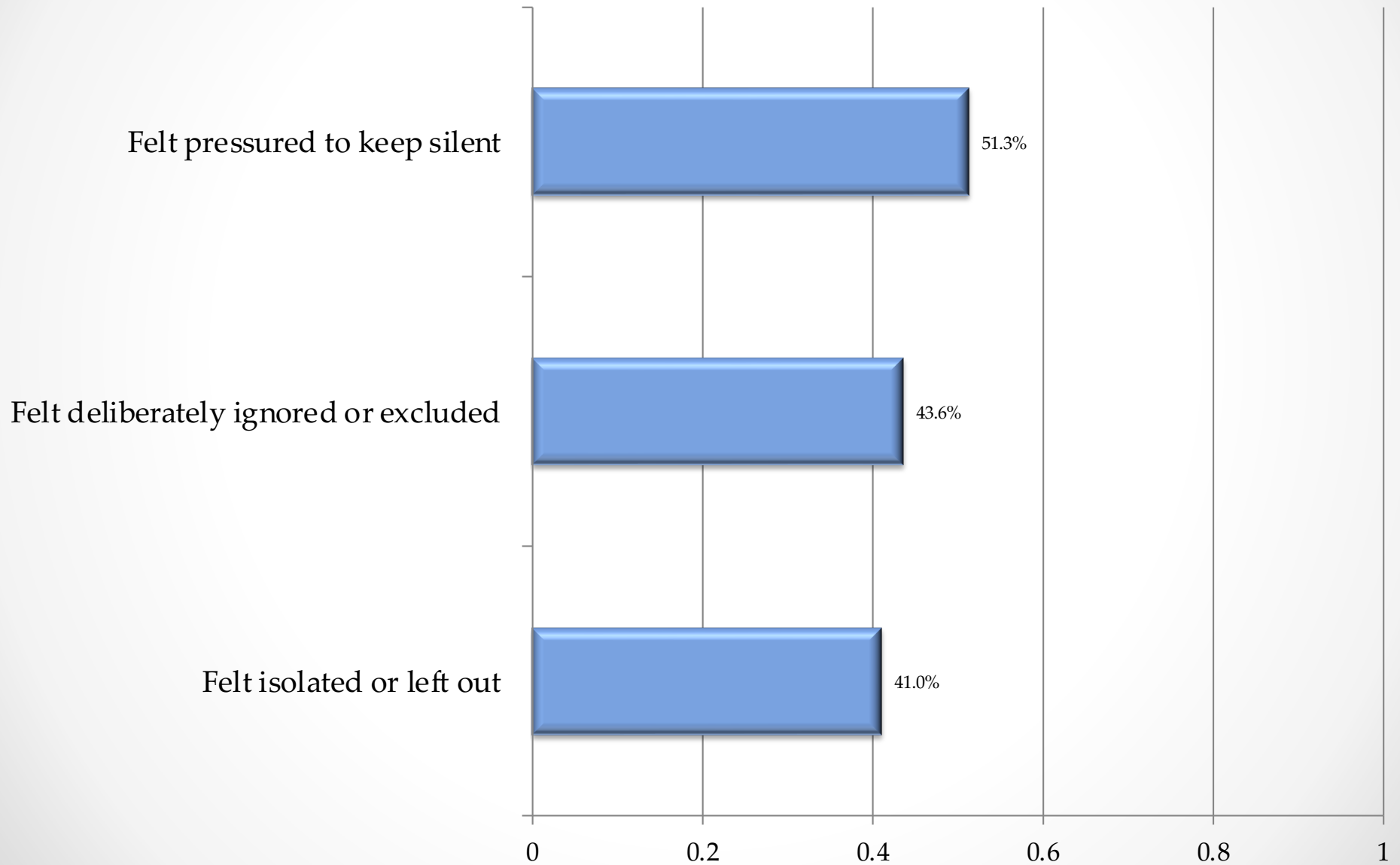
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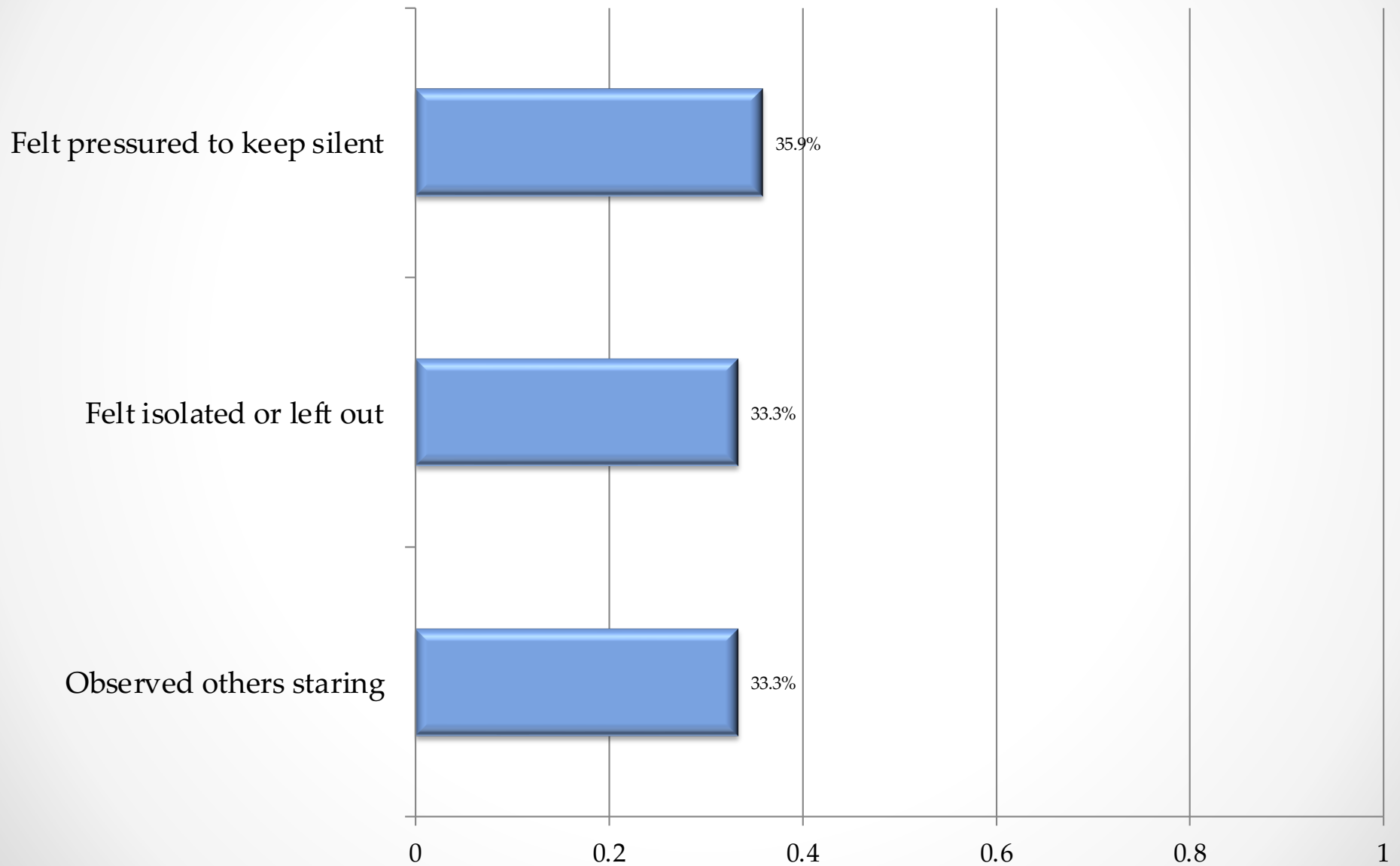
**Chart 4: Summary q3.2. – q3.6. Safety/Discrimination/Violence – How often do you . . . A score of 2.0 or higher reflects the average or once a month or more frequently. Lower scores are better.**



**Chart 5: Safety/Discrimination/Violence – q3.7. top three items respondent has personally experienced because of their real or perceived sexual identity.**

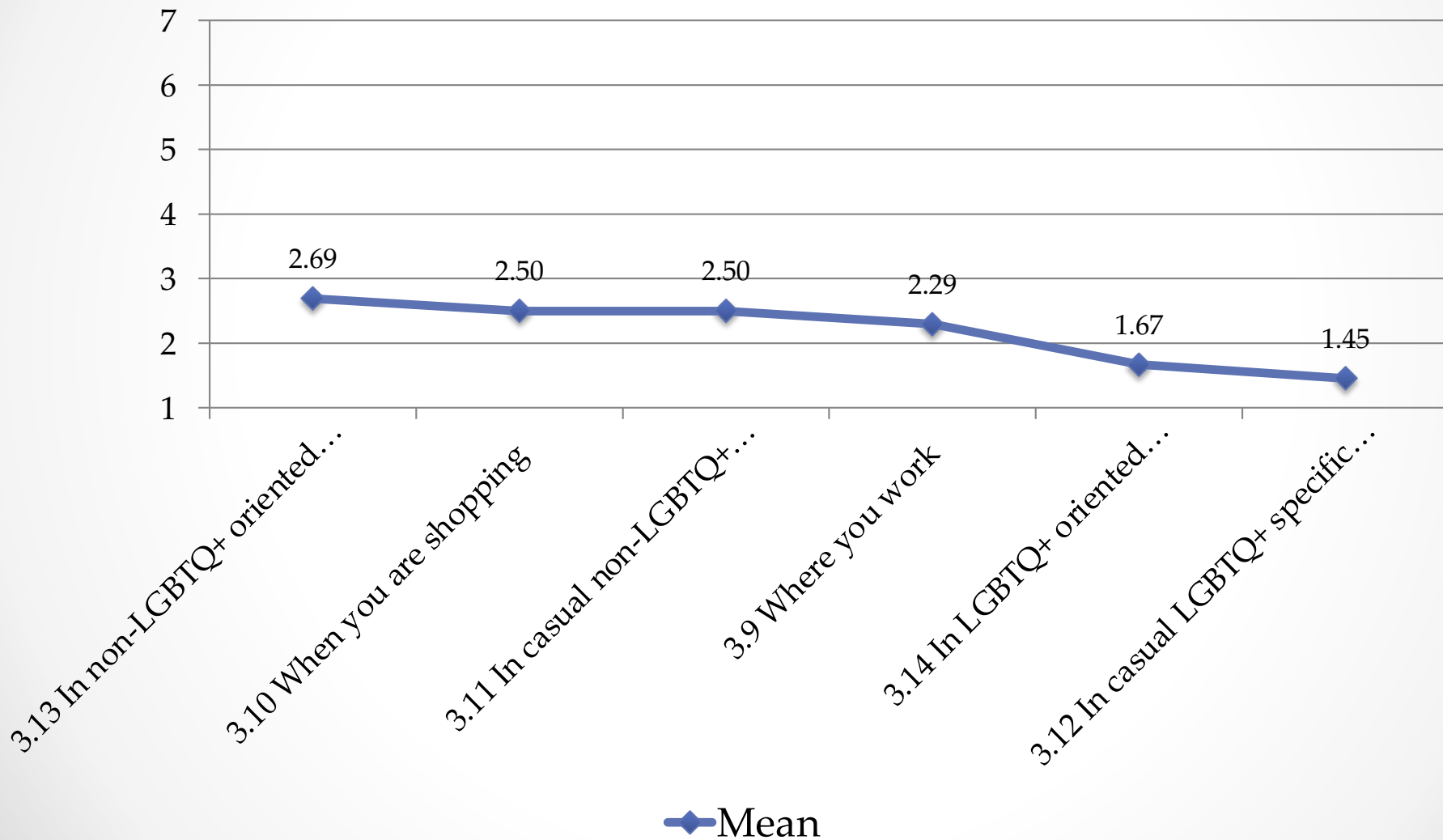


**Chart 6: Safety/Discrimination/Violence – q3.8. top three items respondent has personally experienced because of their real or perceived gender identity.**

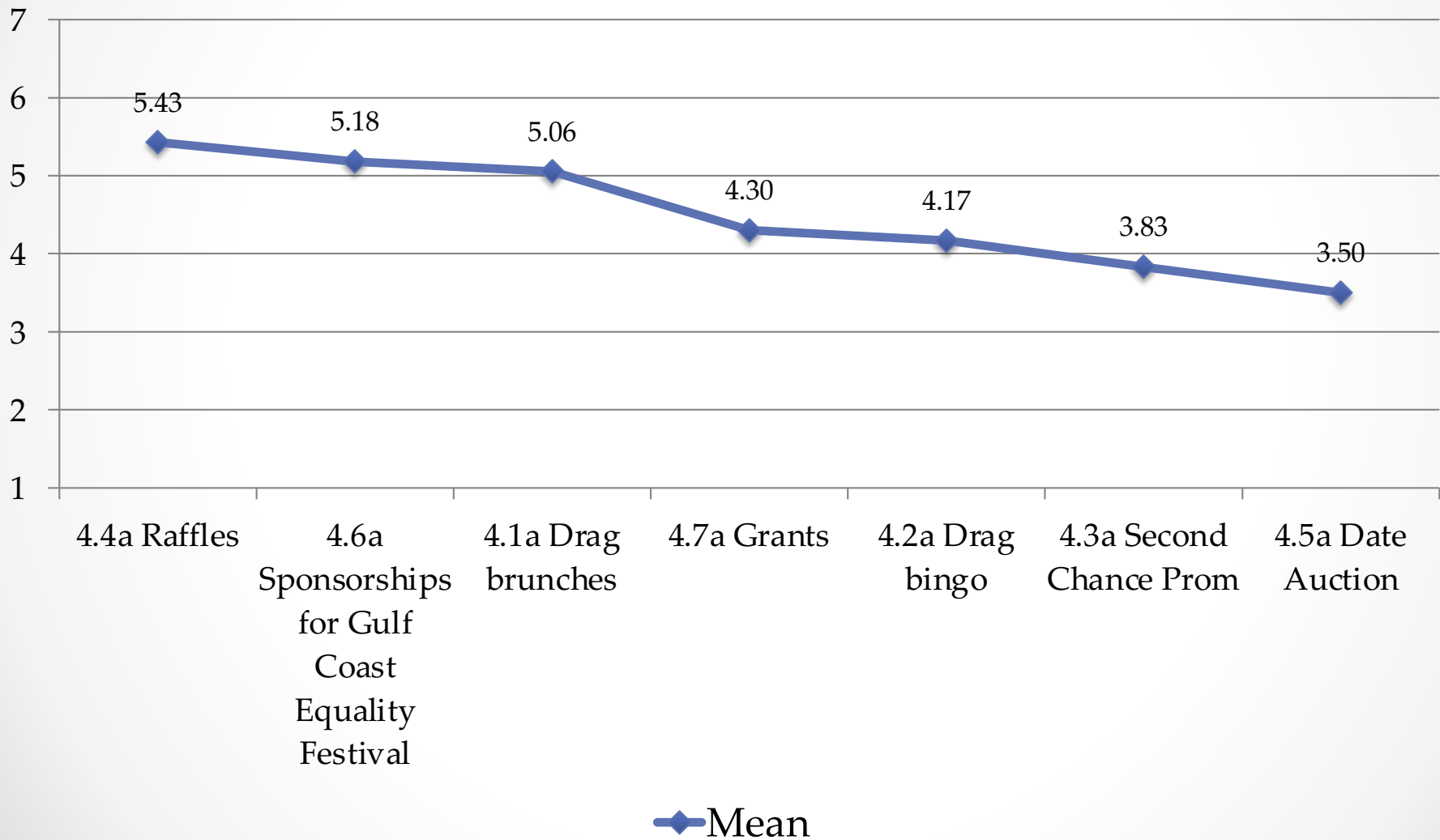




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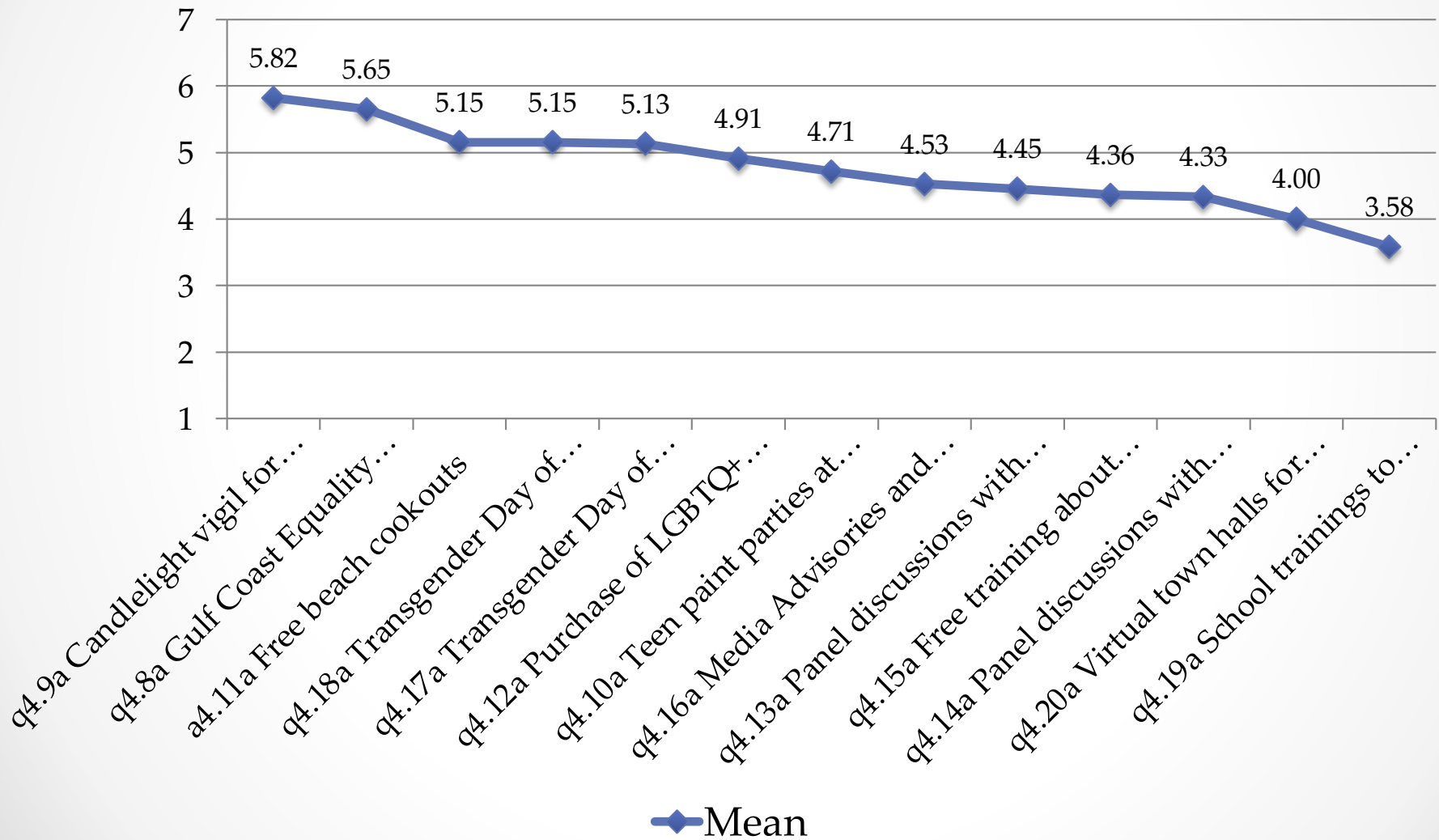


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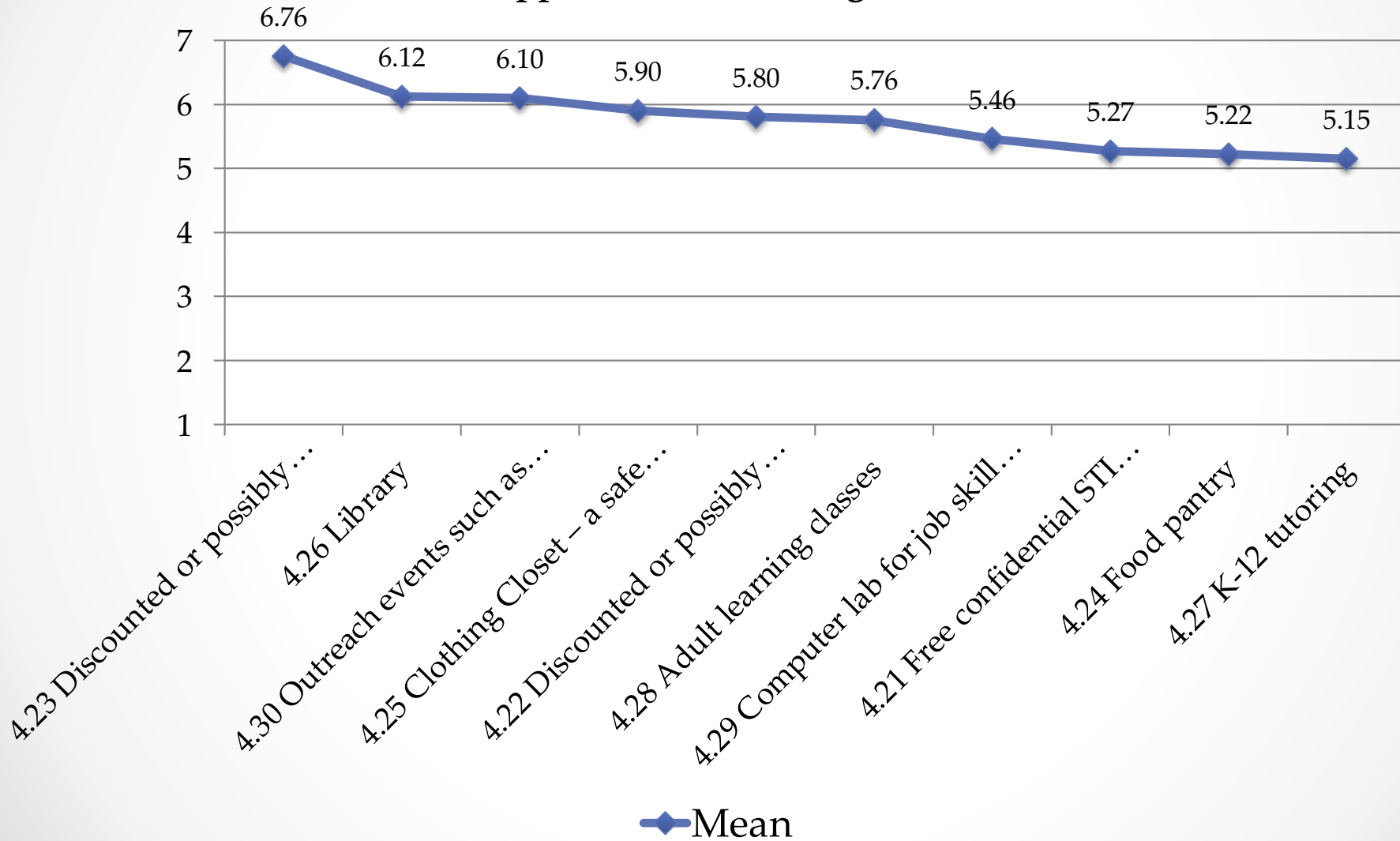
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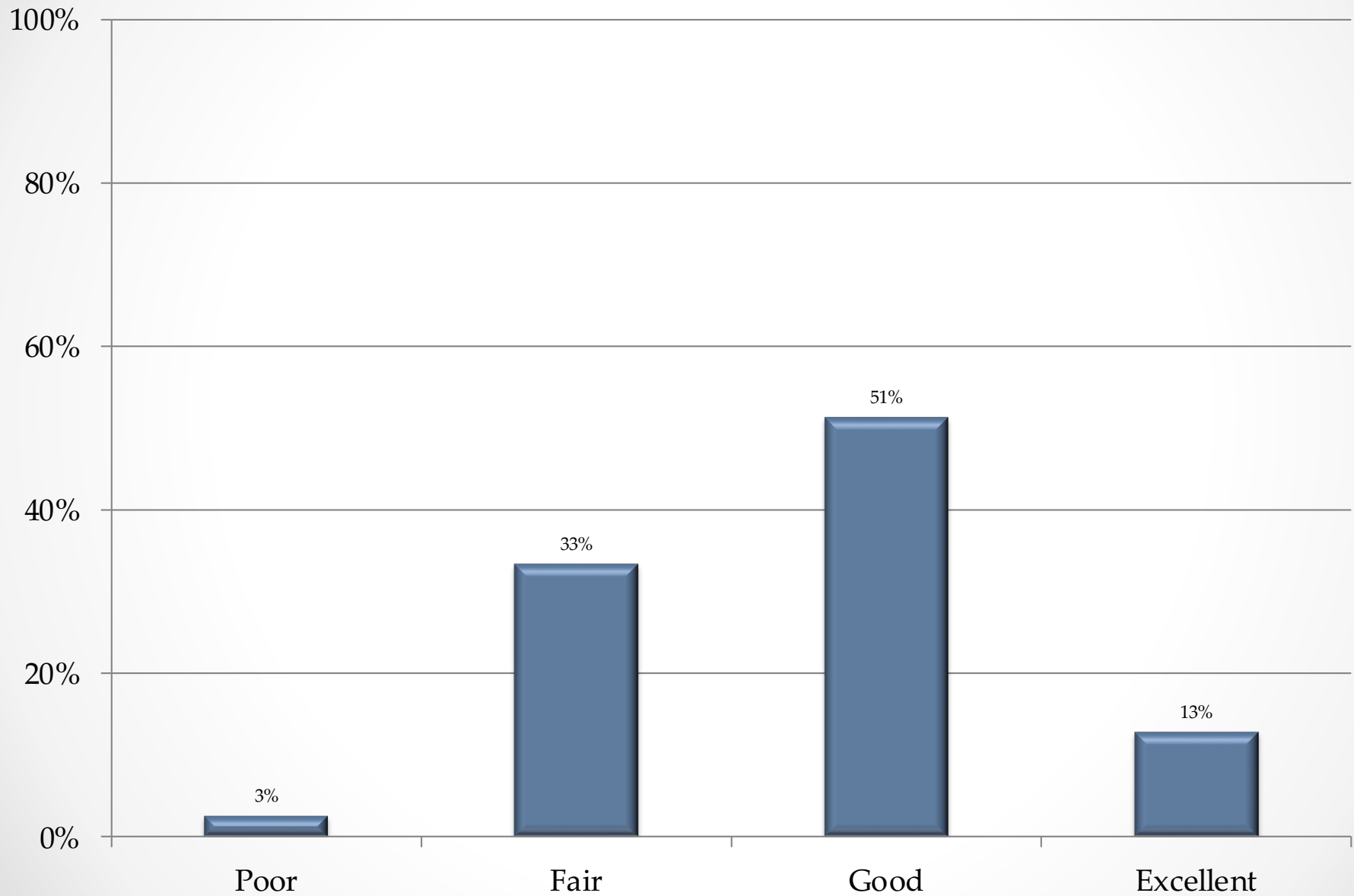
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 – Please rate your feeling toward each of GC Equality Outreach ideas . . . A score of 4.0 or higher reflects the average. Higher scores reflect more approval therefore higher scores are be



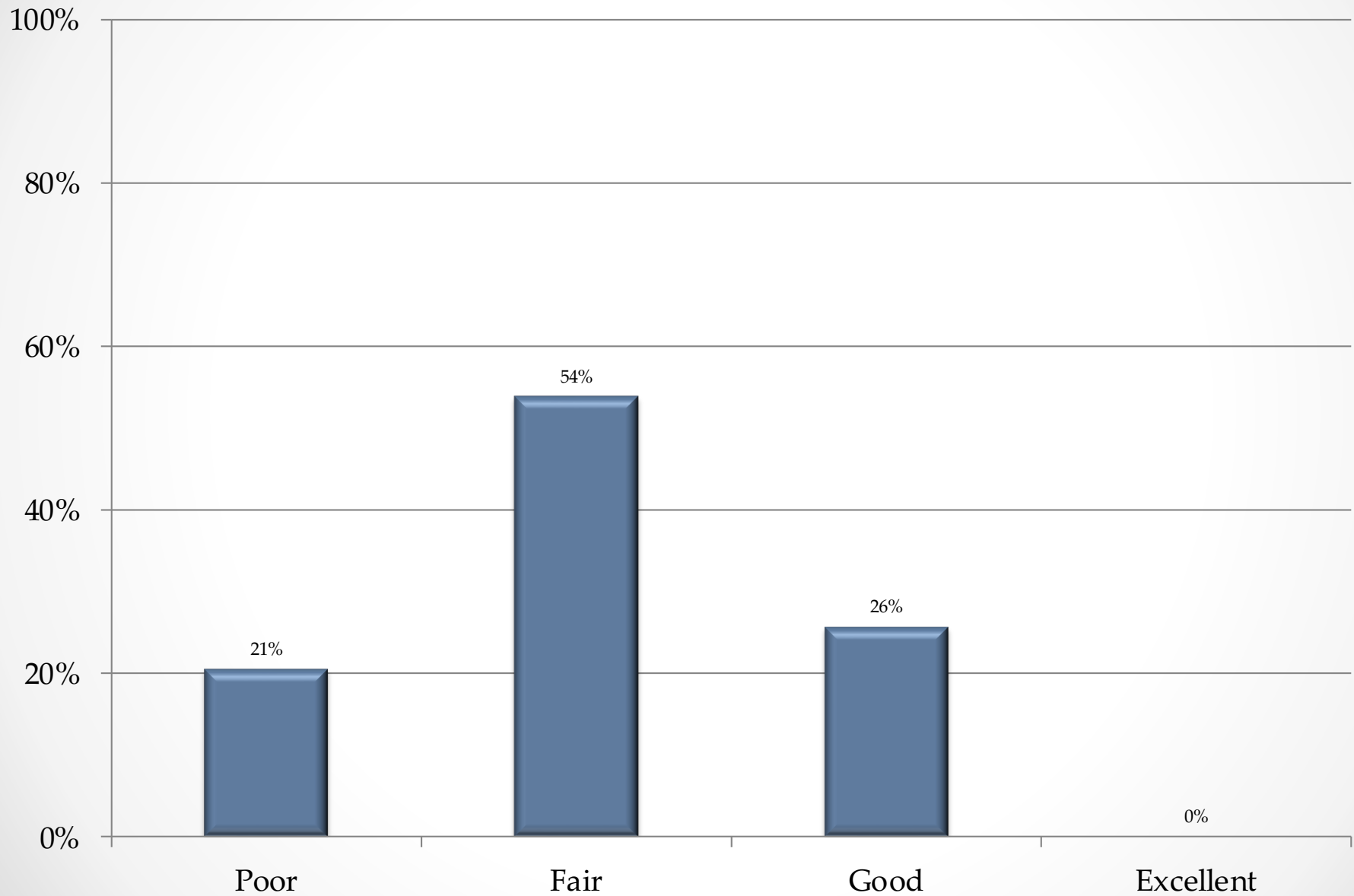
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## Detailed Charts

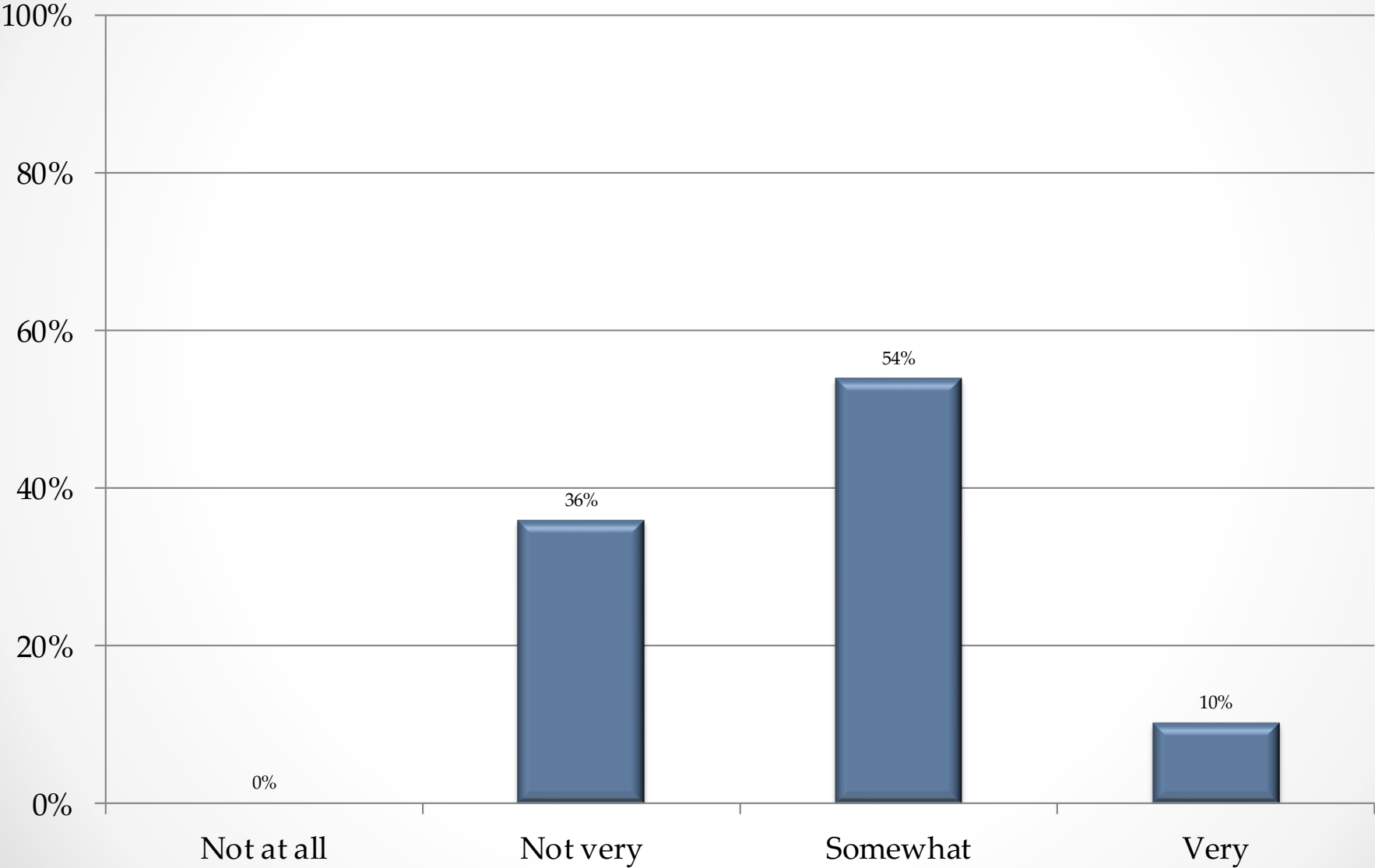
**Chart 11: q1.1. How would you rate the overall quality of life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast . . .**



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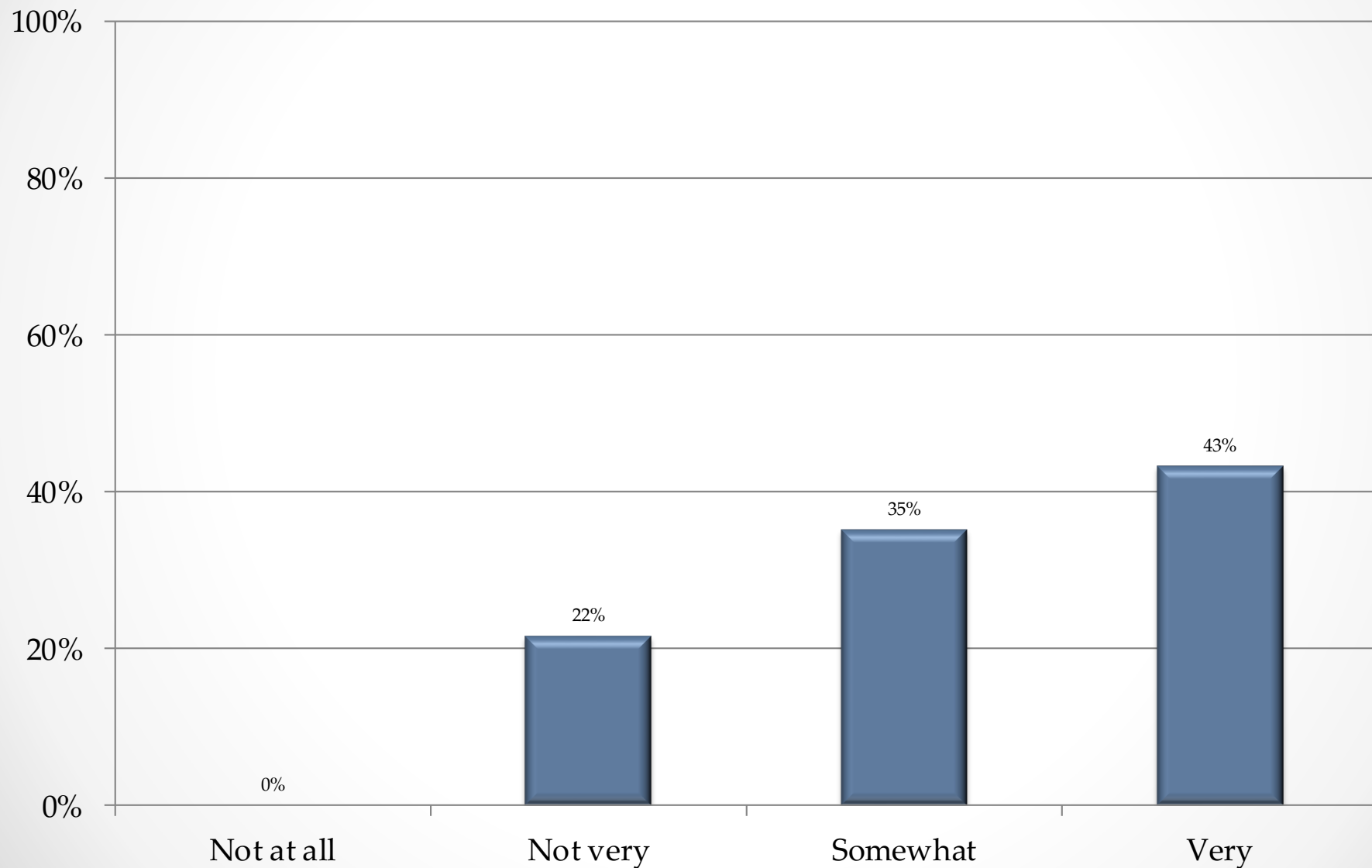


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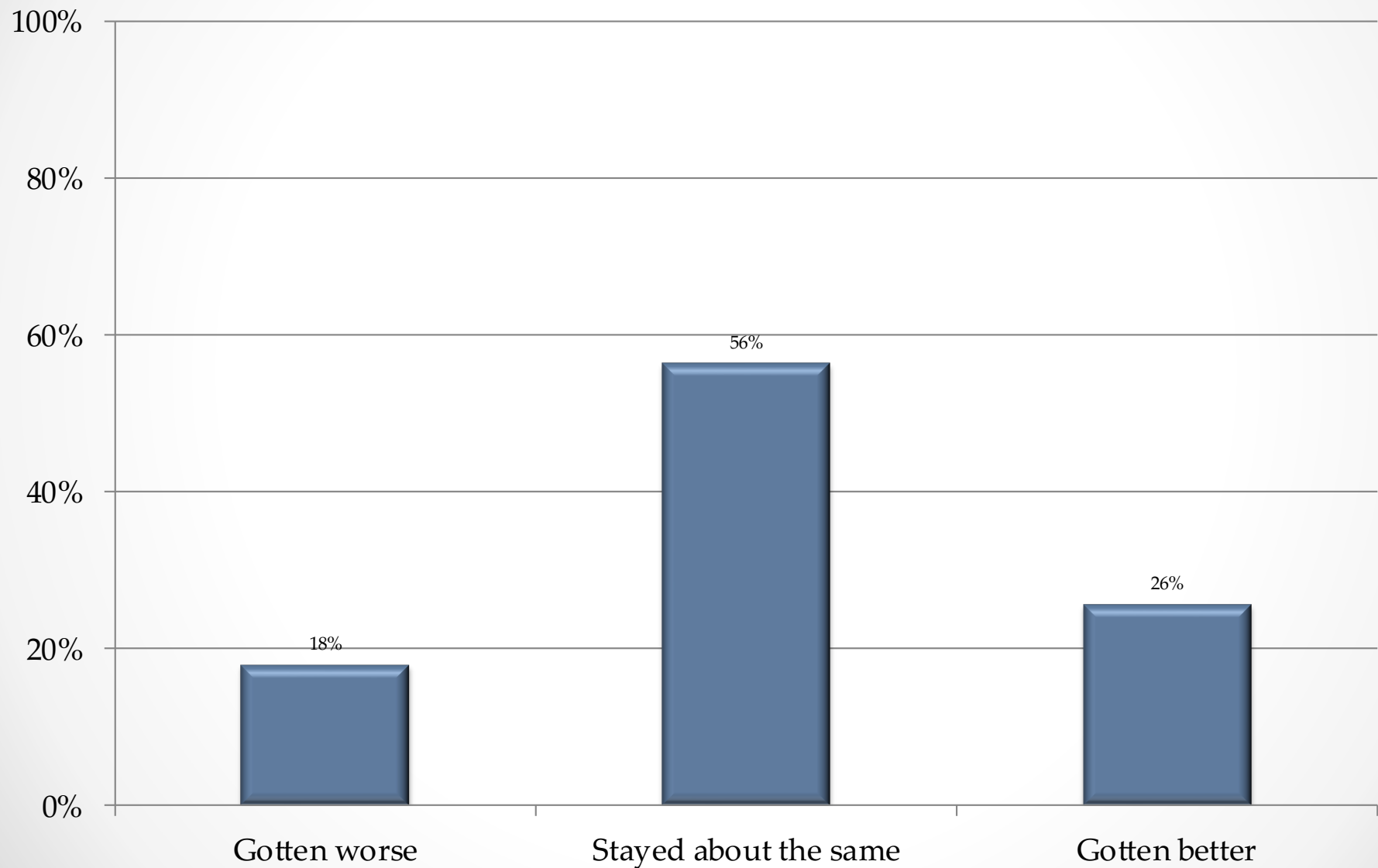




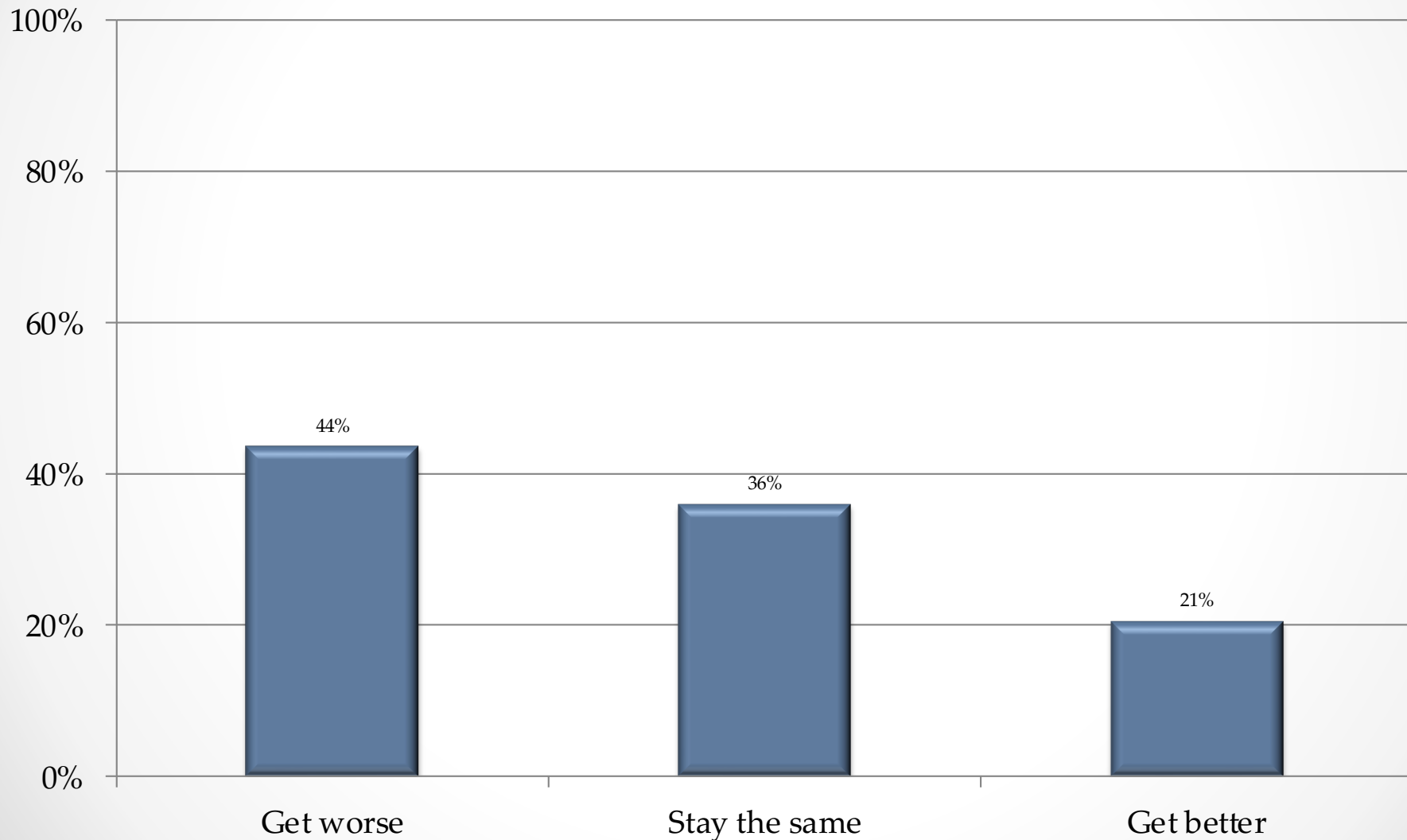
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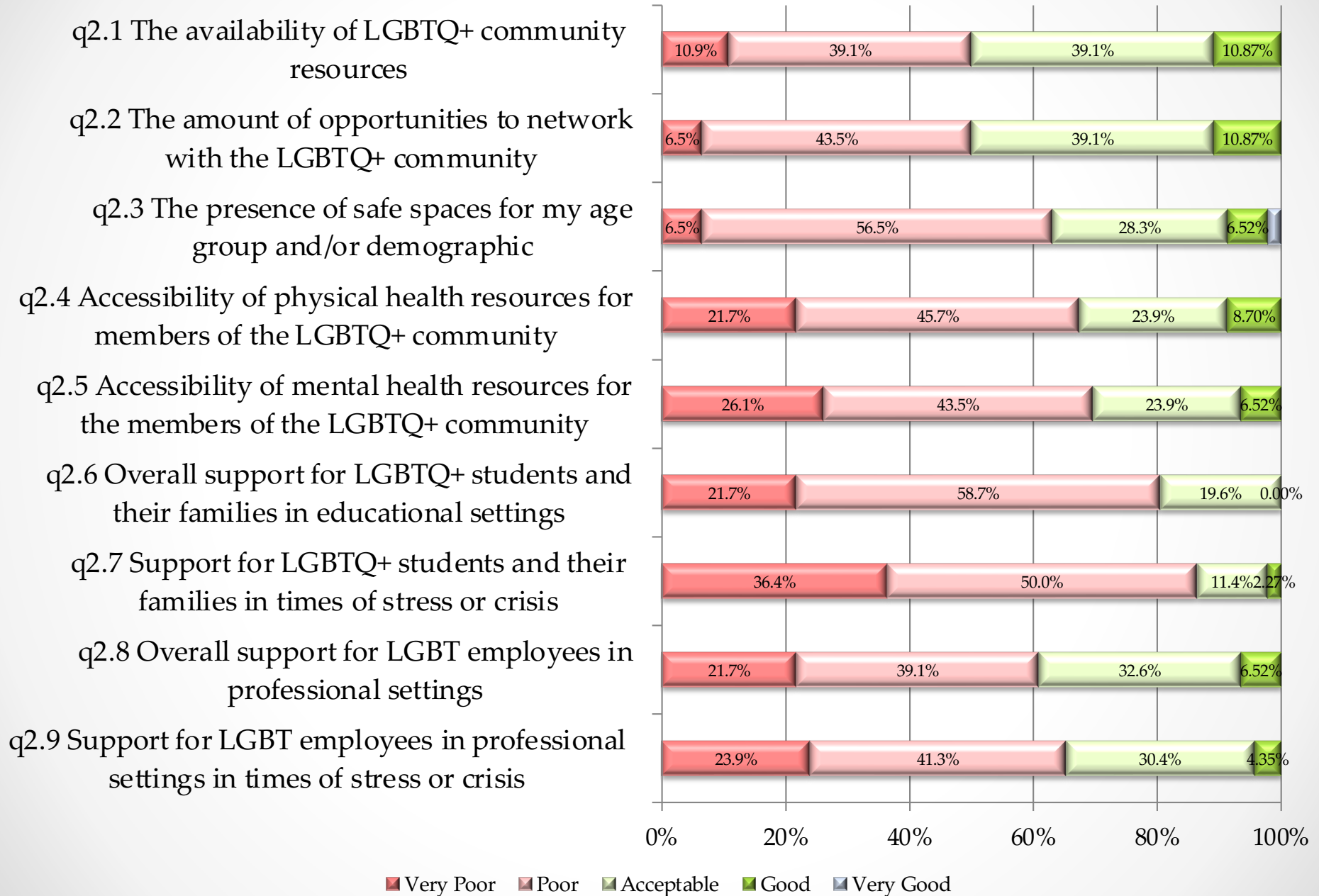
**Chart 15: q1.5. Thinking over the last five years, how would you rate the Mississippi Gulf Coast as a place for someone in the LGBTQ+ community to live and work . . .**



**Chart 16: q1.6. Now thinking about how you think things will play out over the next five years from now, do you think the Mississippi Gulf Coast will get better stay about the same, or get worse as a place for someone in the LGBTQ+ community to live and w**



### Chart 17: q2.1. – q2.9. Community Needs



**Chart 18: q3.1. How accepting have other people on the Mississippi Gulf Coast been about your identity?**

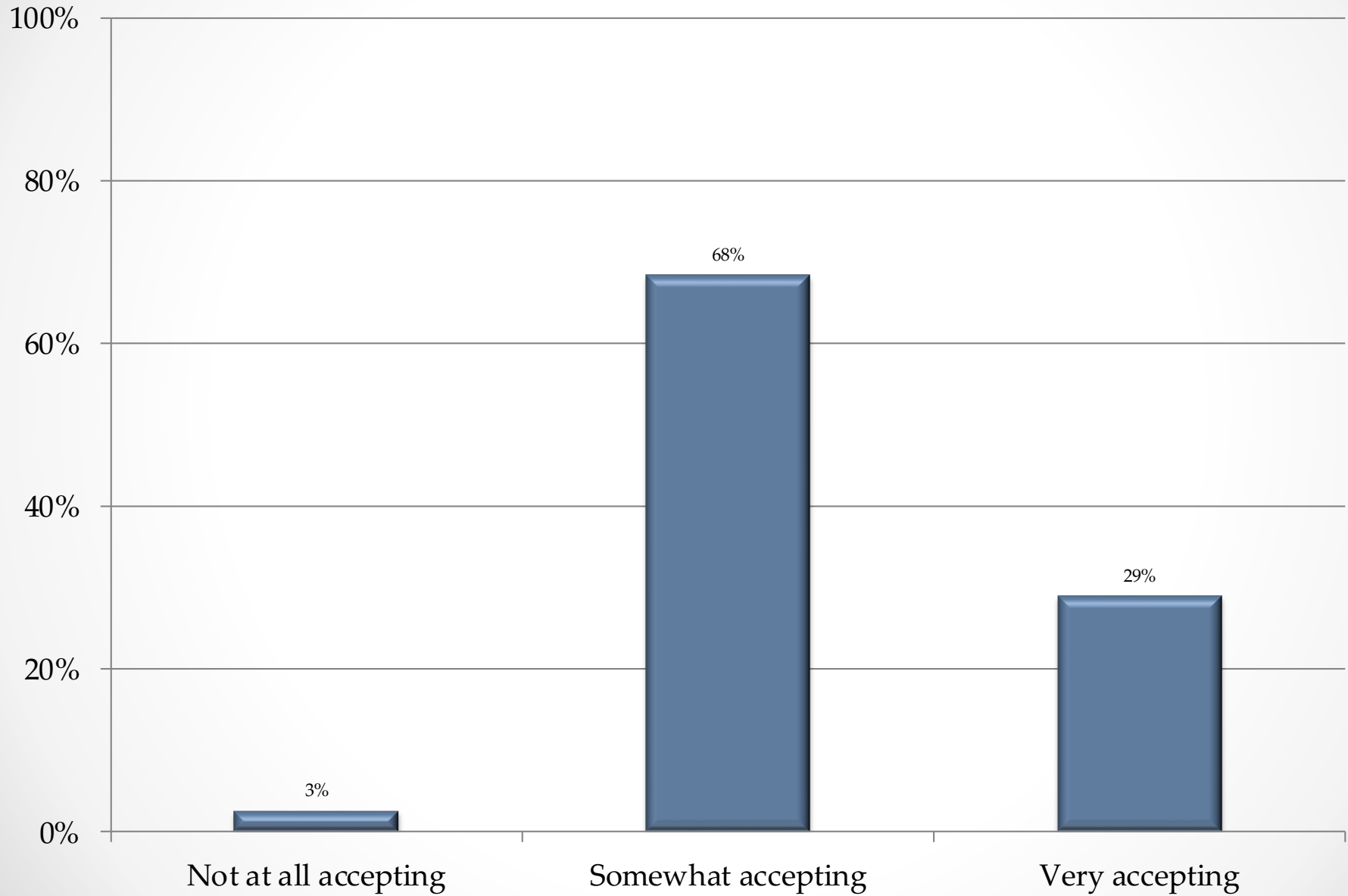
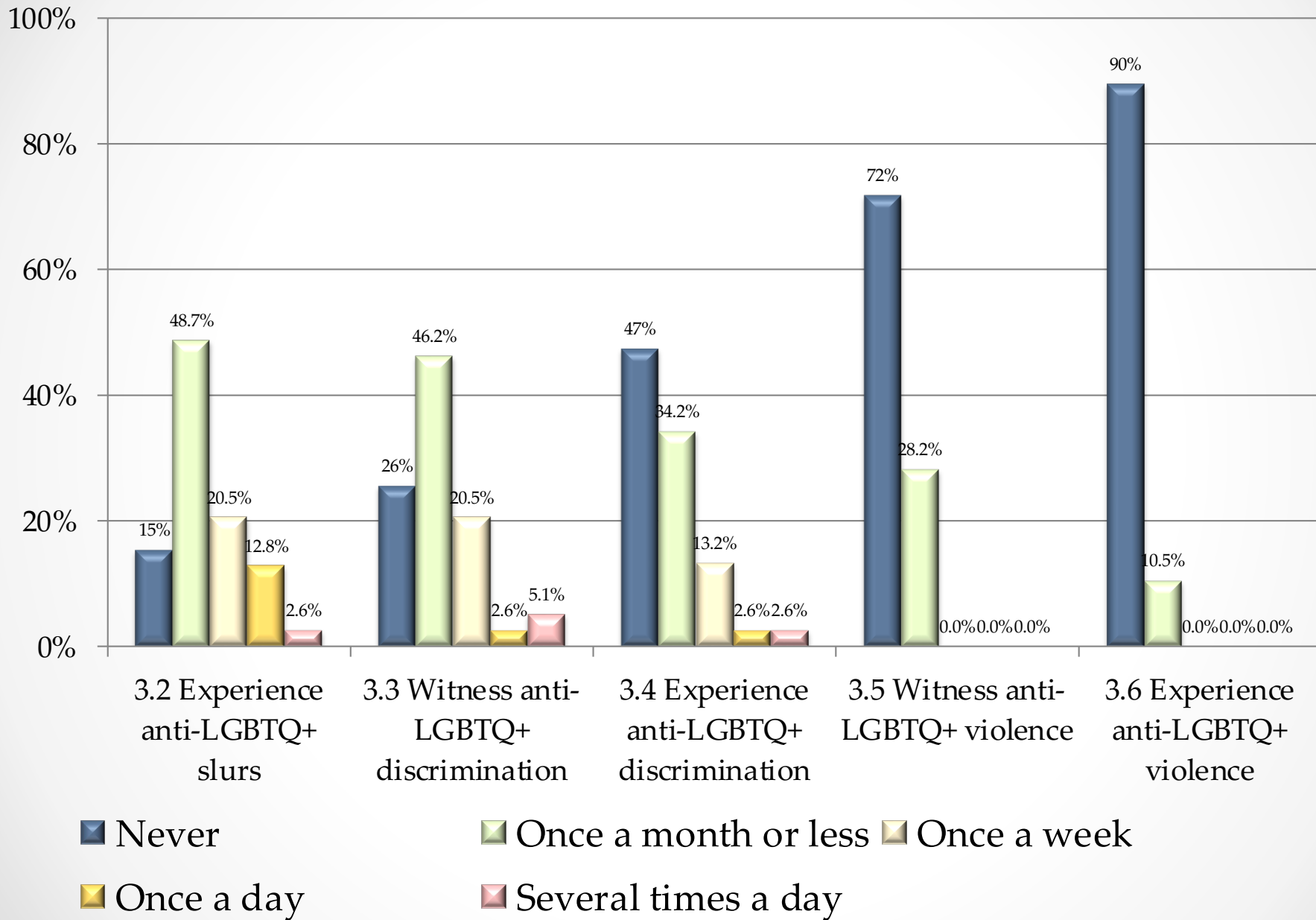
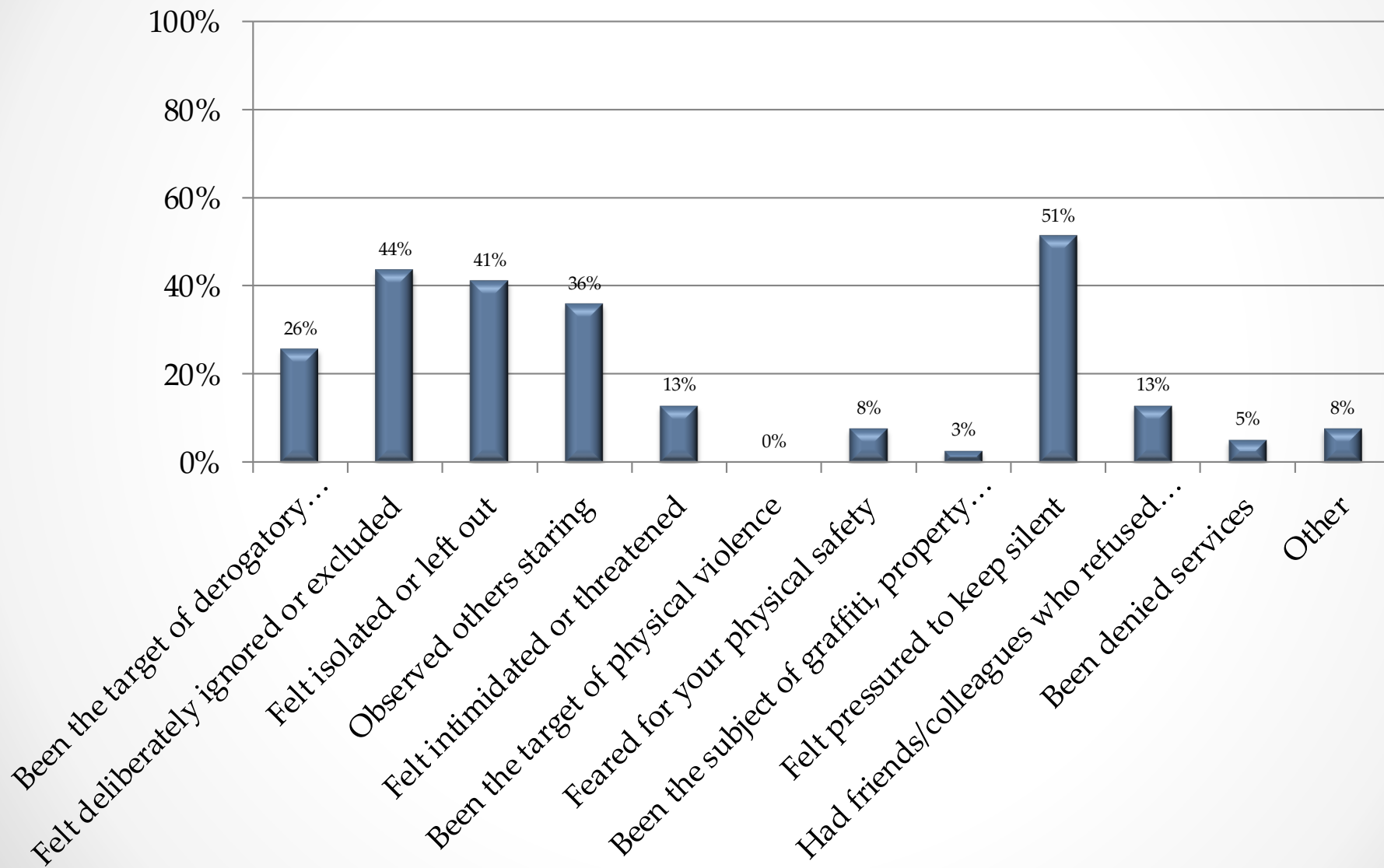


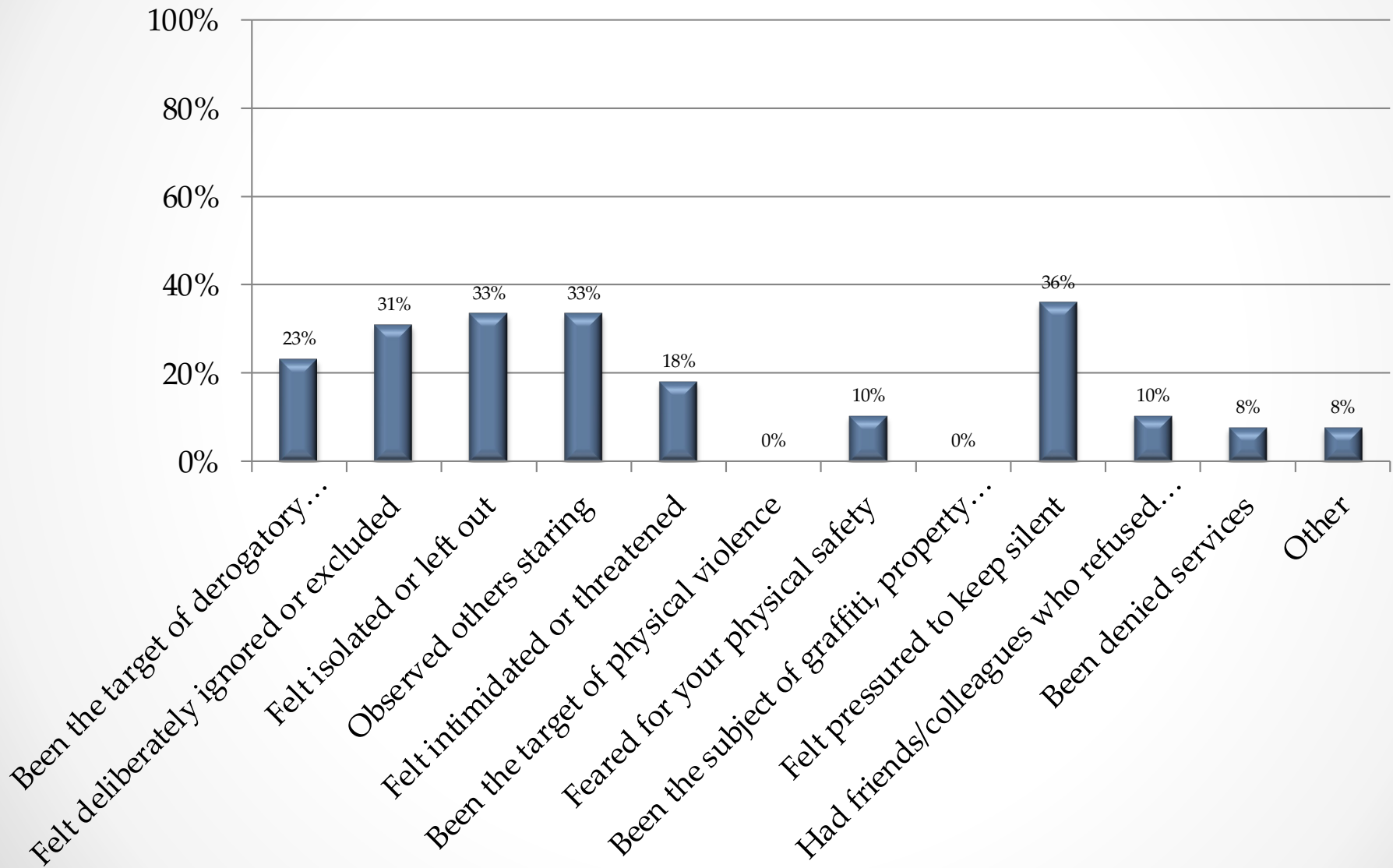
Chart 19: q3.1 – q3.6. How often do you personally ...



**Chart 20: q3.7. In the past 6 months, which of the following have you personally experienced because of your real or perceived sexual orientation . . . (please select all that apply)**

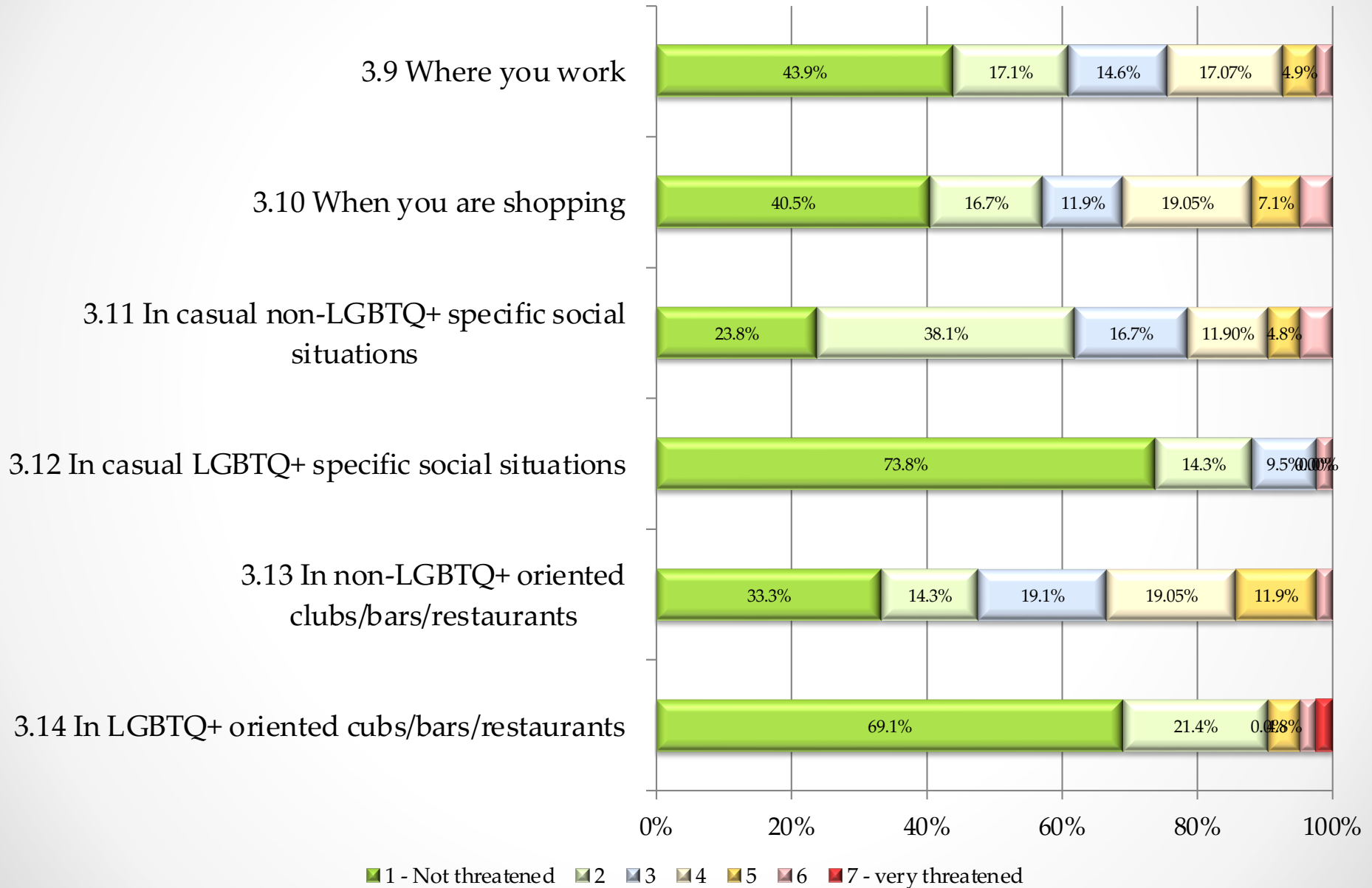


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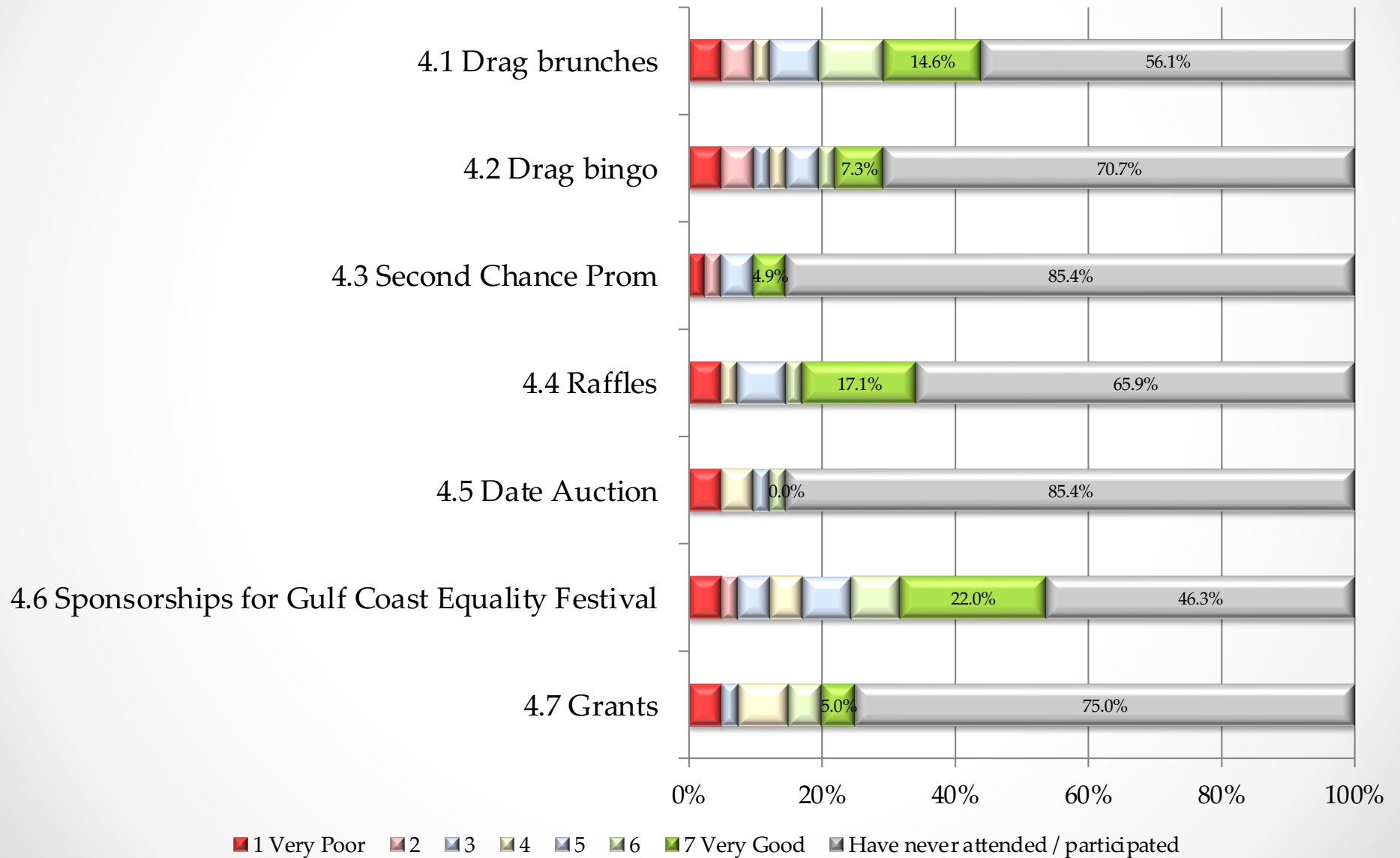




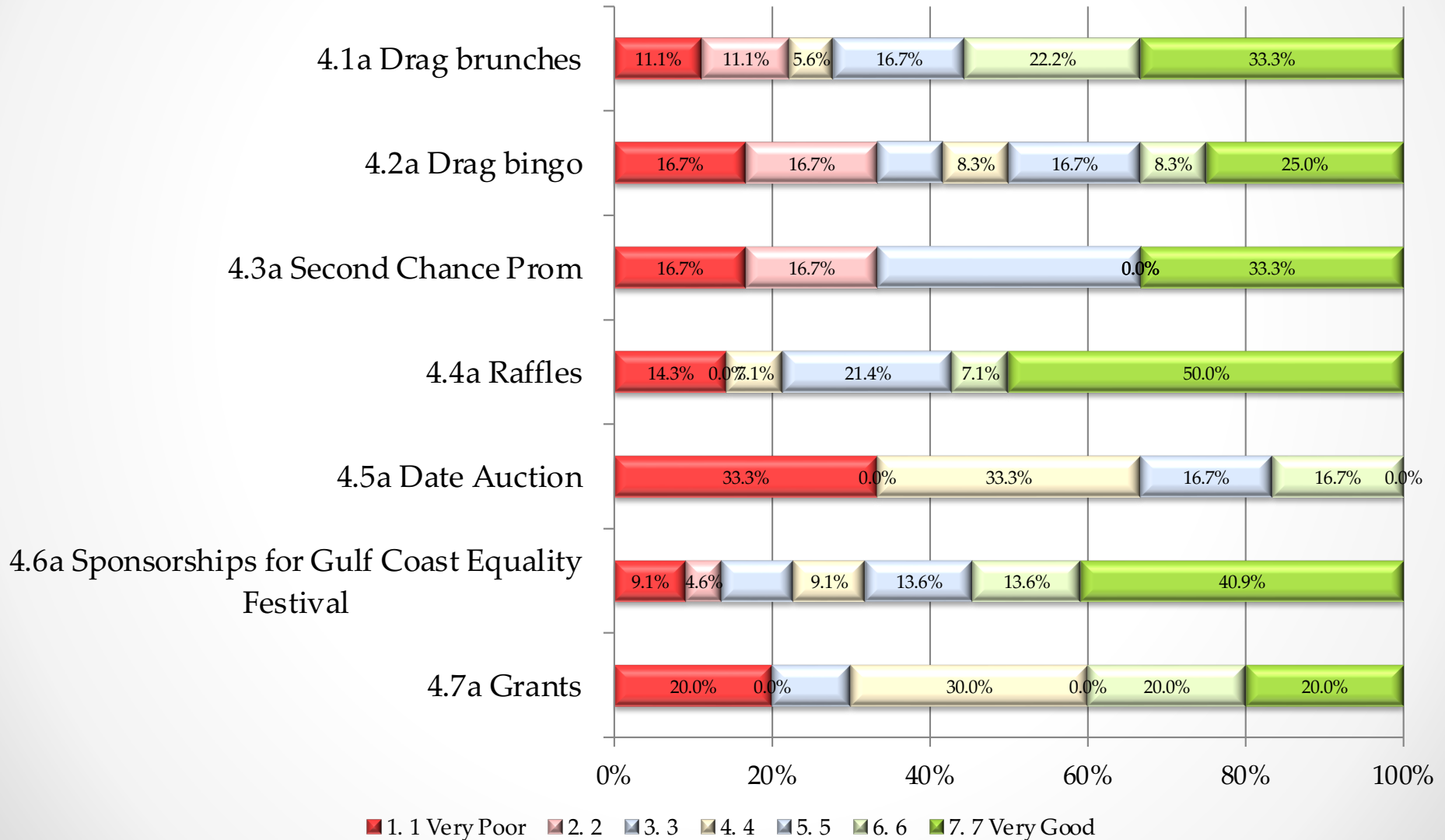
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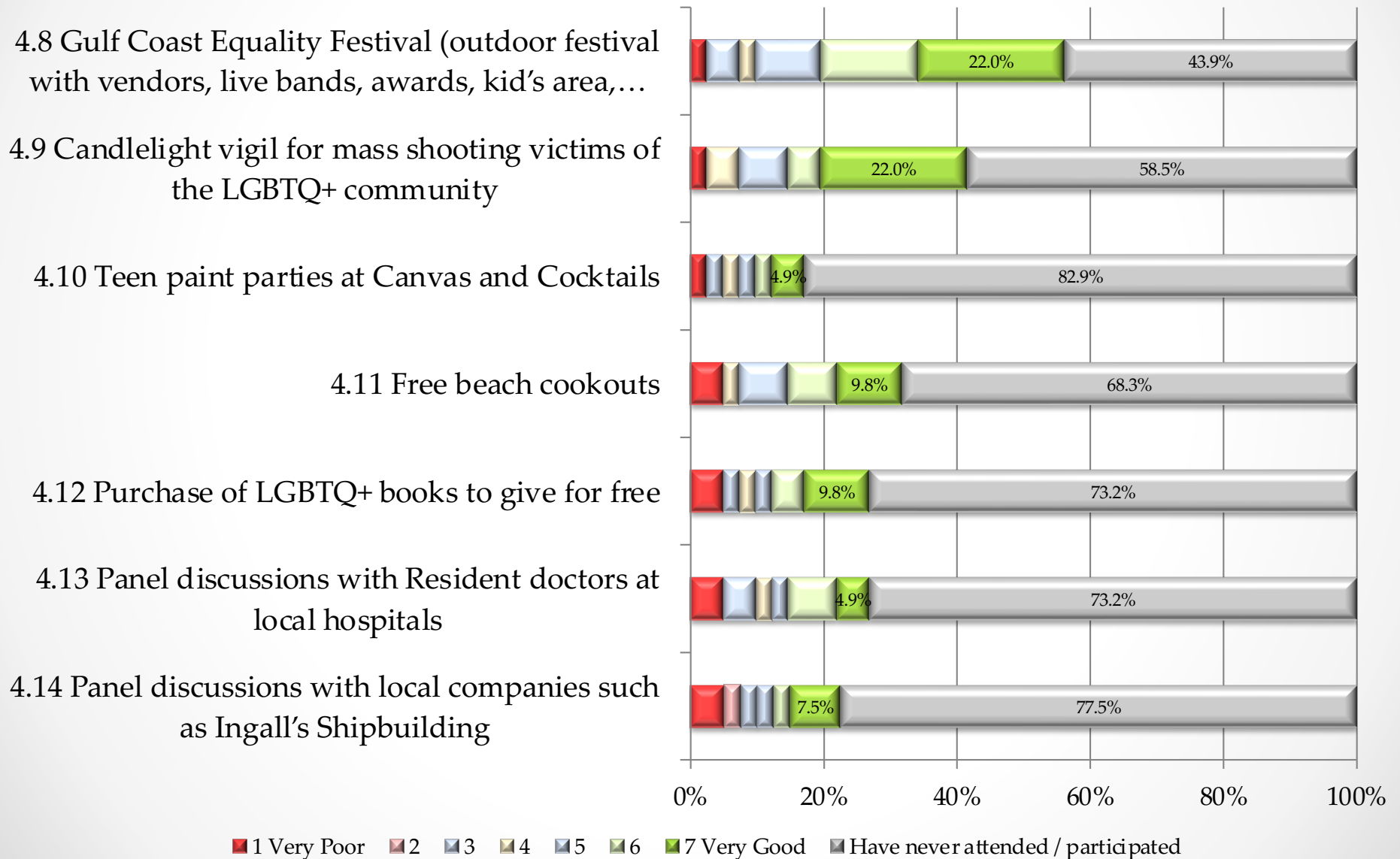
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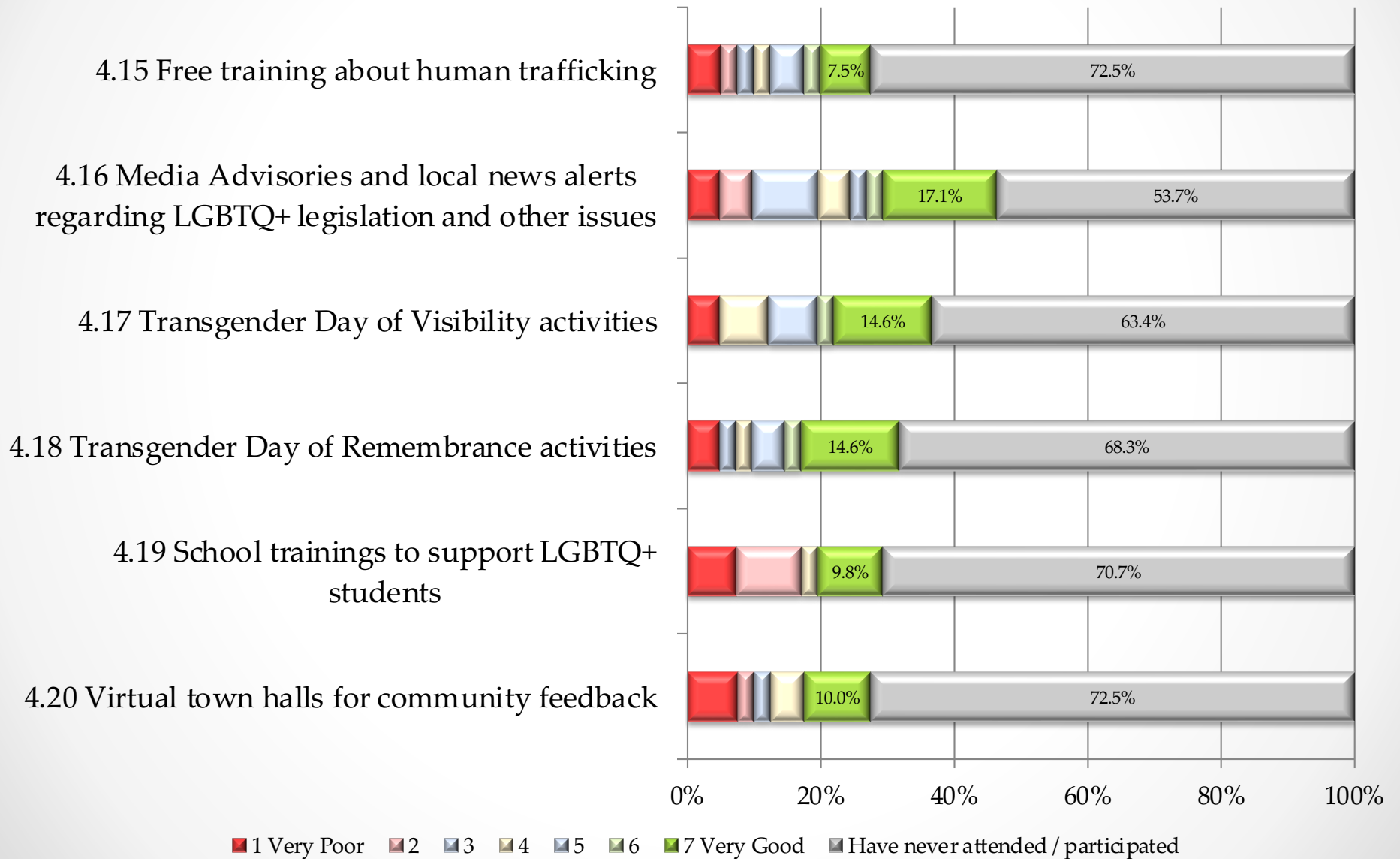
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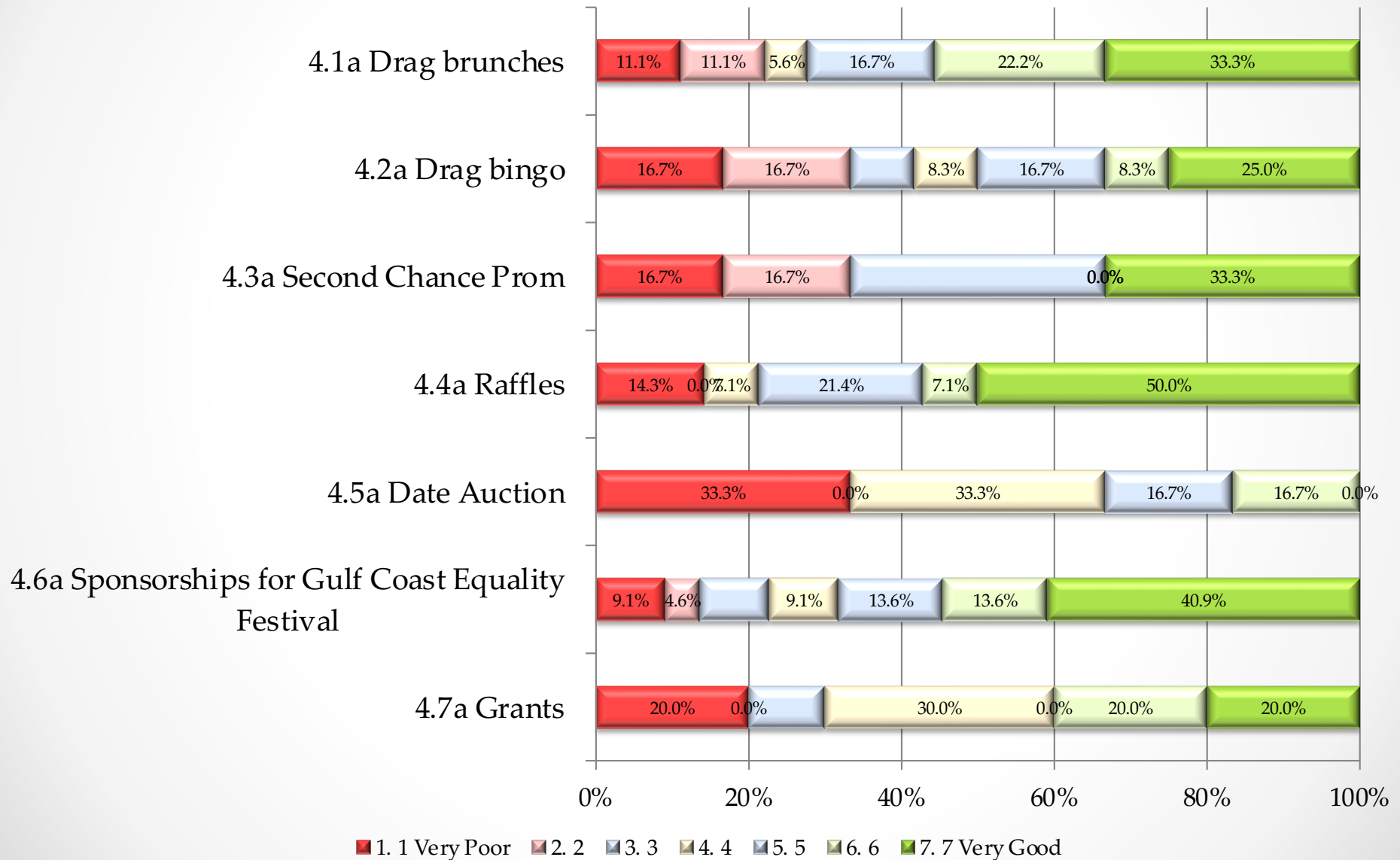
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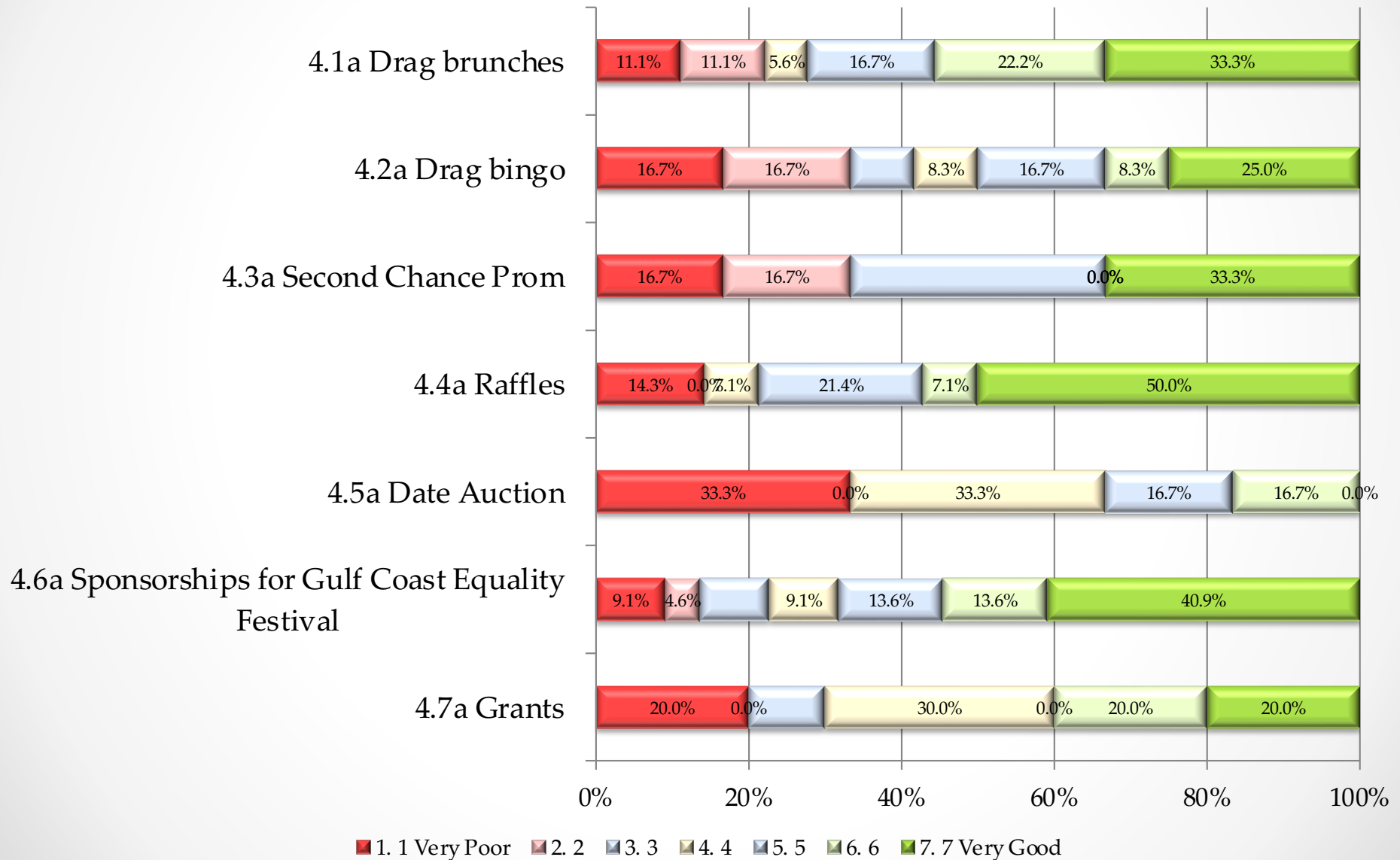
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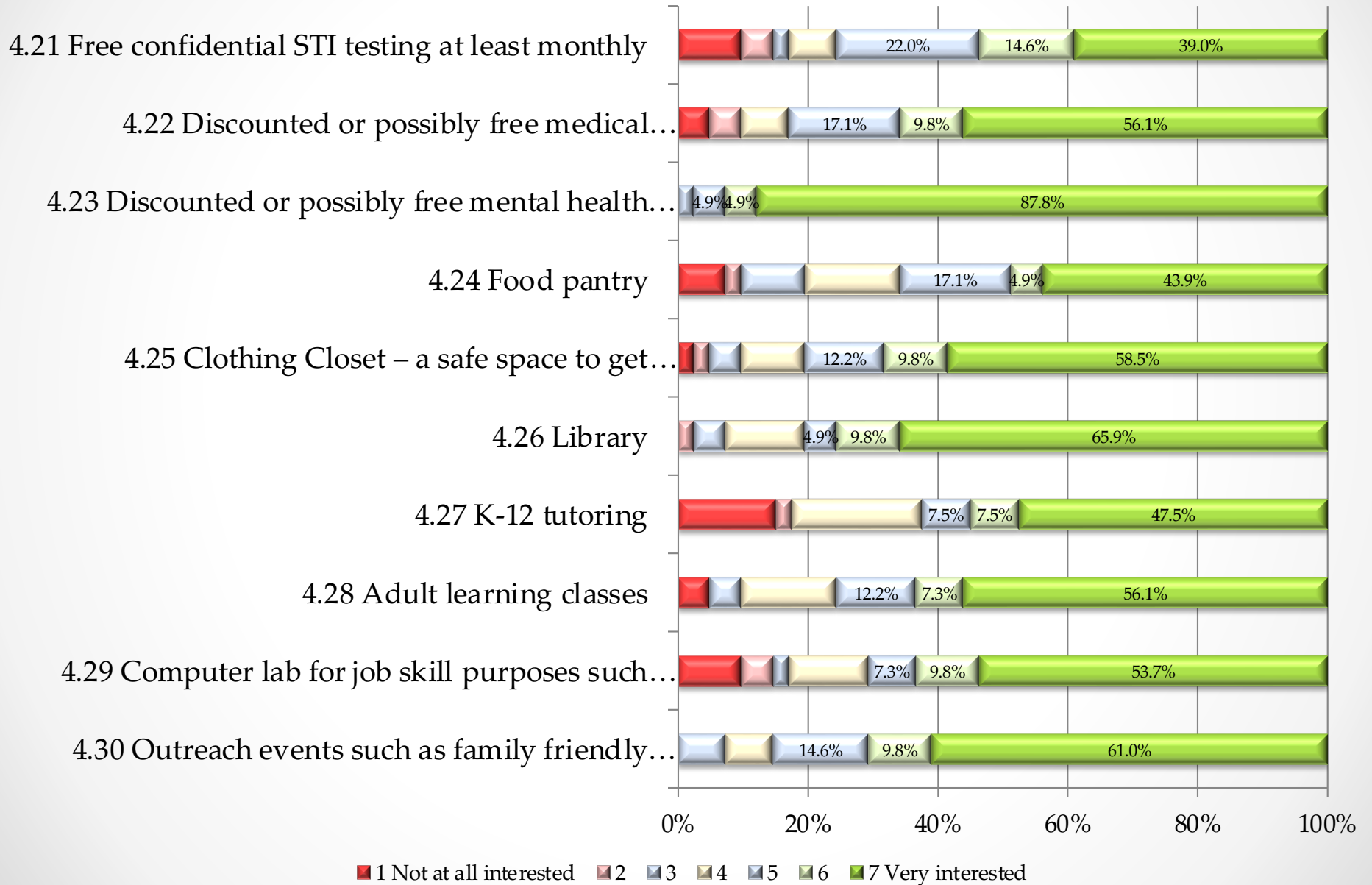
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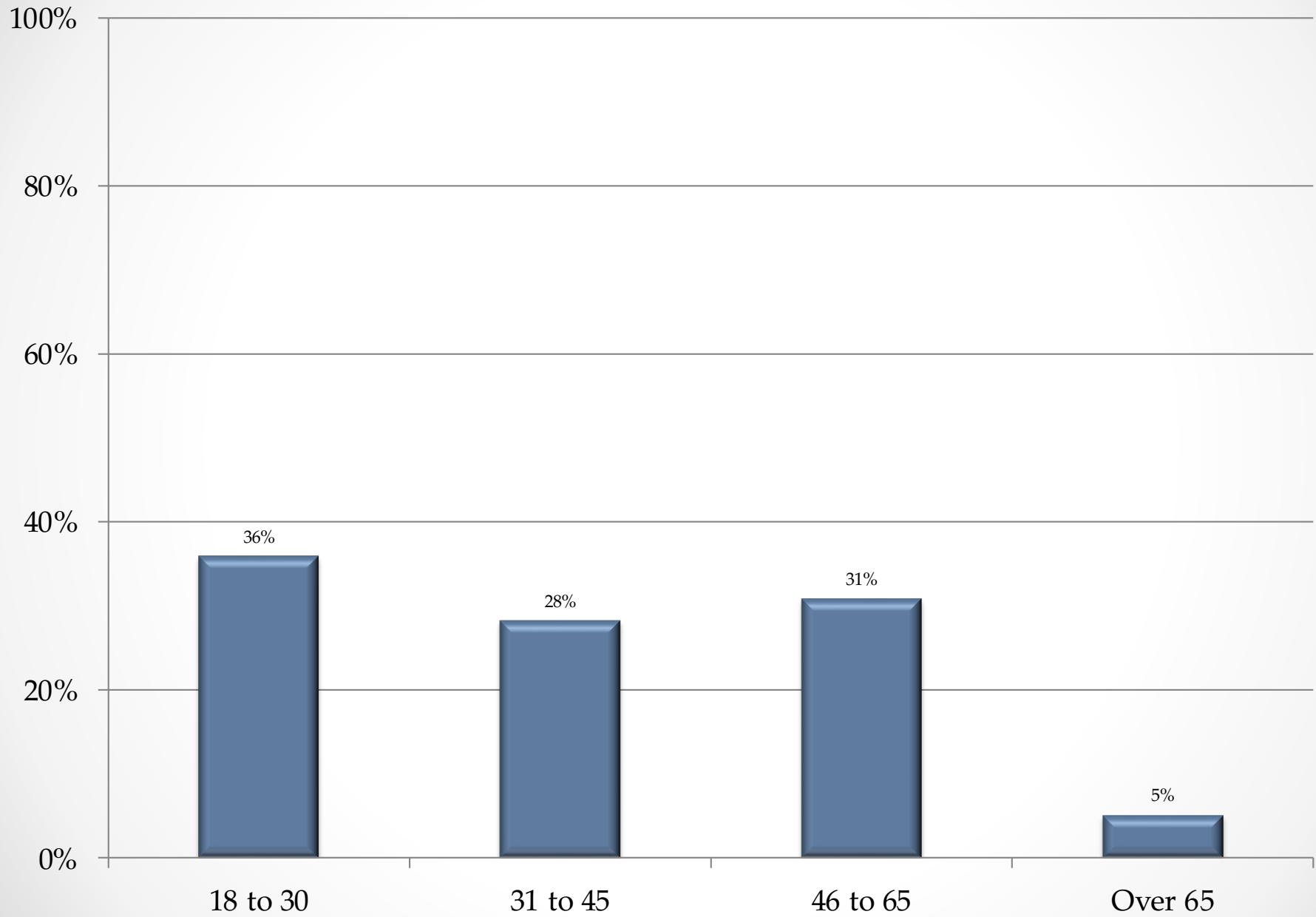


**Chart 29: q4.21. – q4.30. Please rate your feeling to the following proposed GCE Community Center Programming ideas . . .**





**Chart 30: D1. Age**



**Chart 31: D2. How long have you lived on the Mississippi Gulf Coast?**

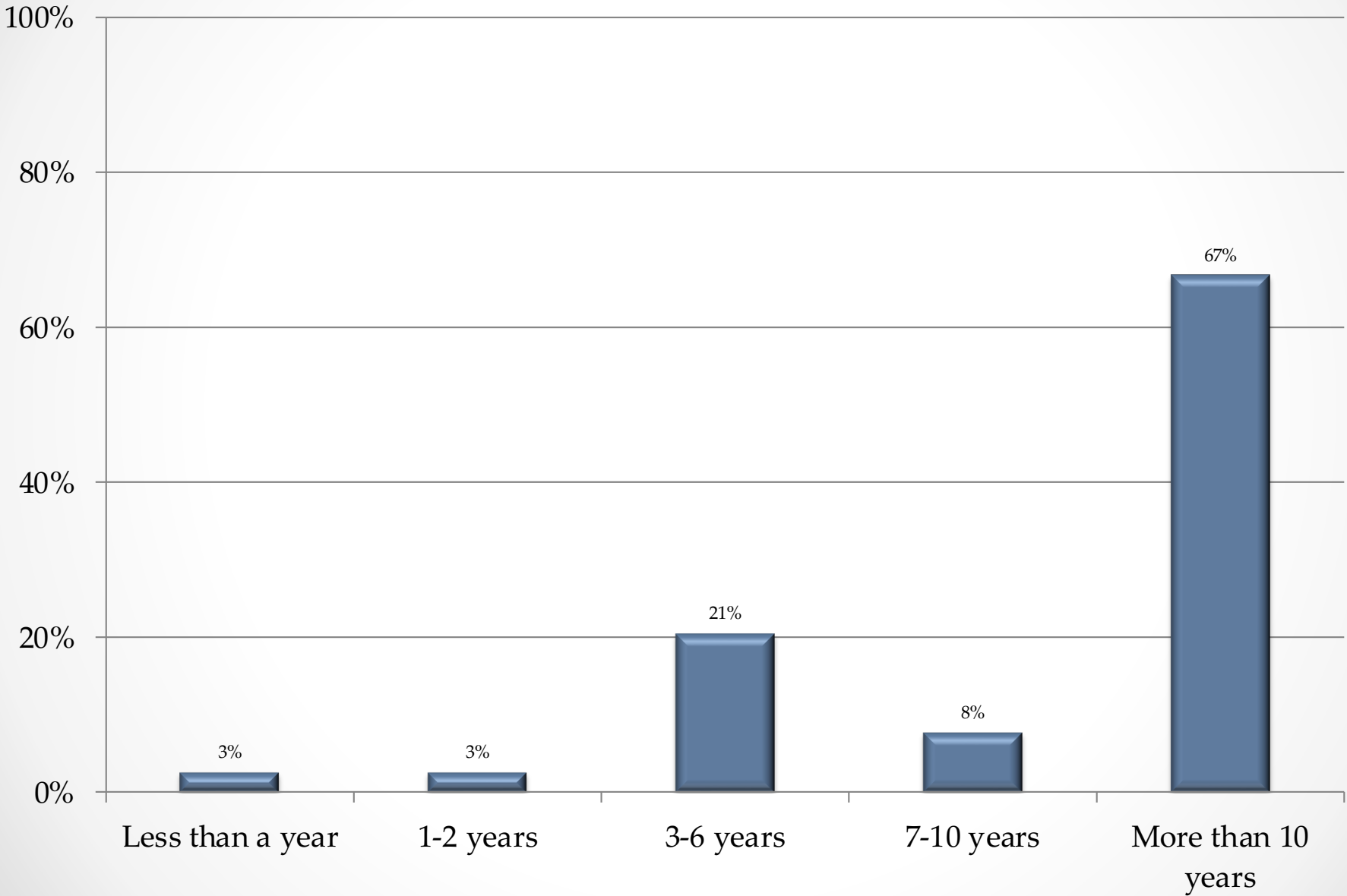
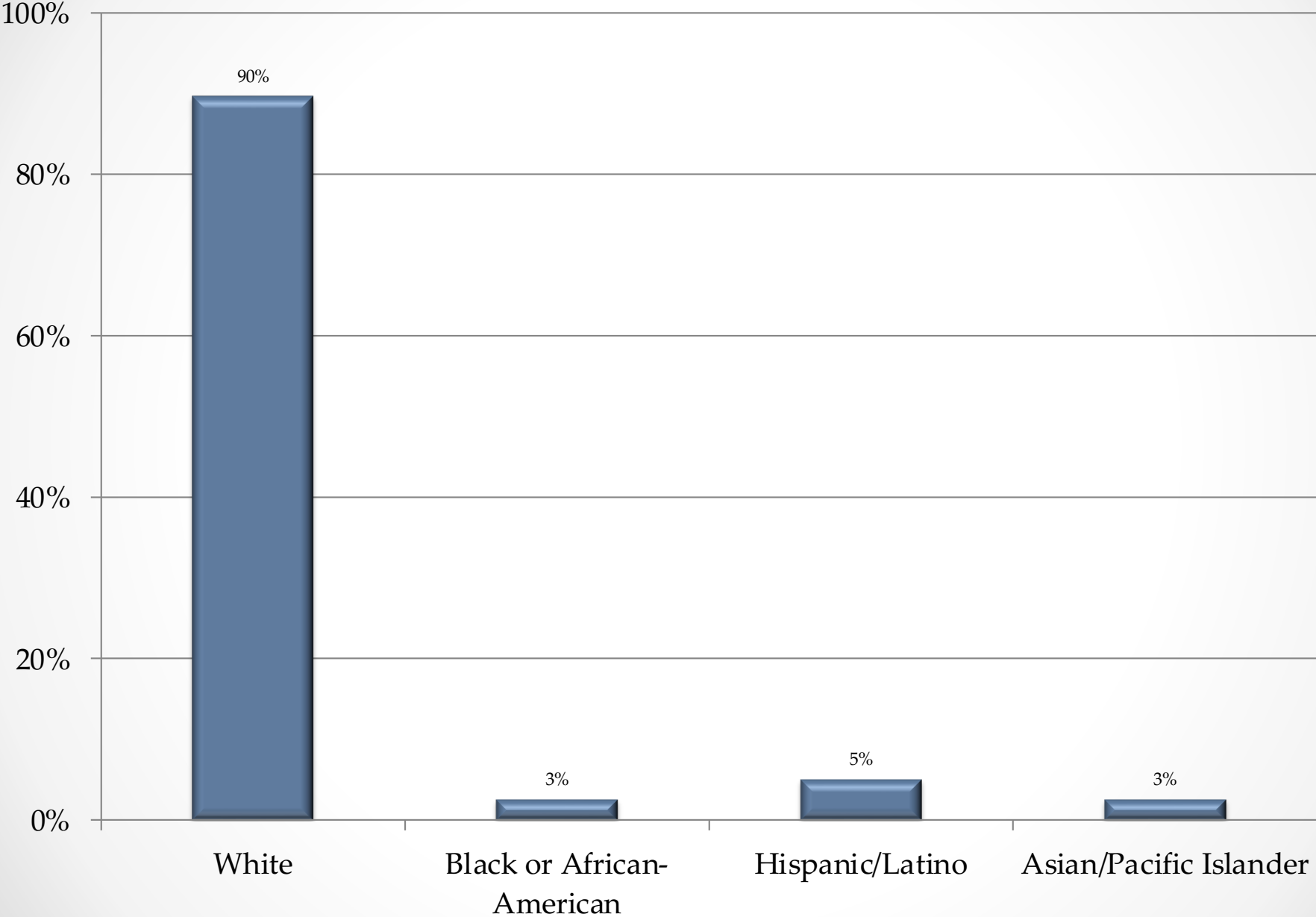
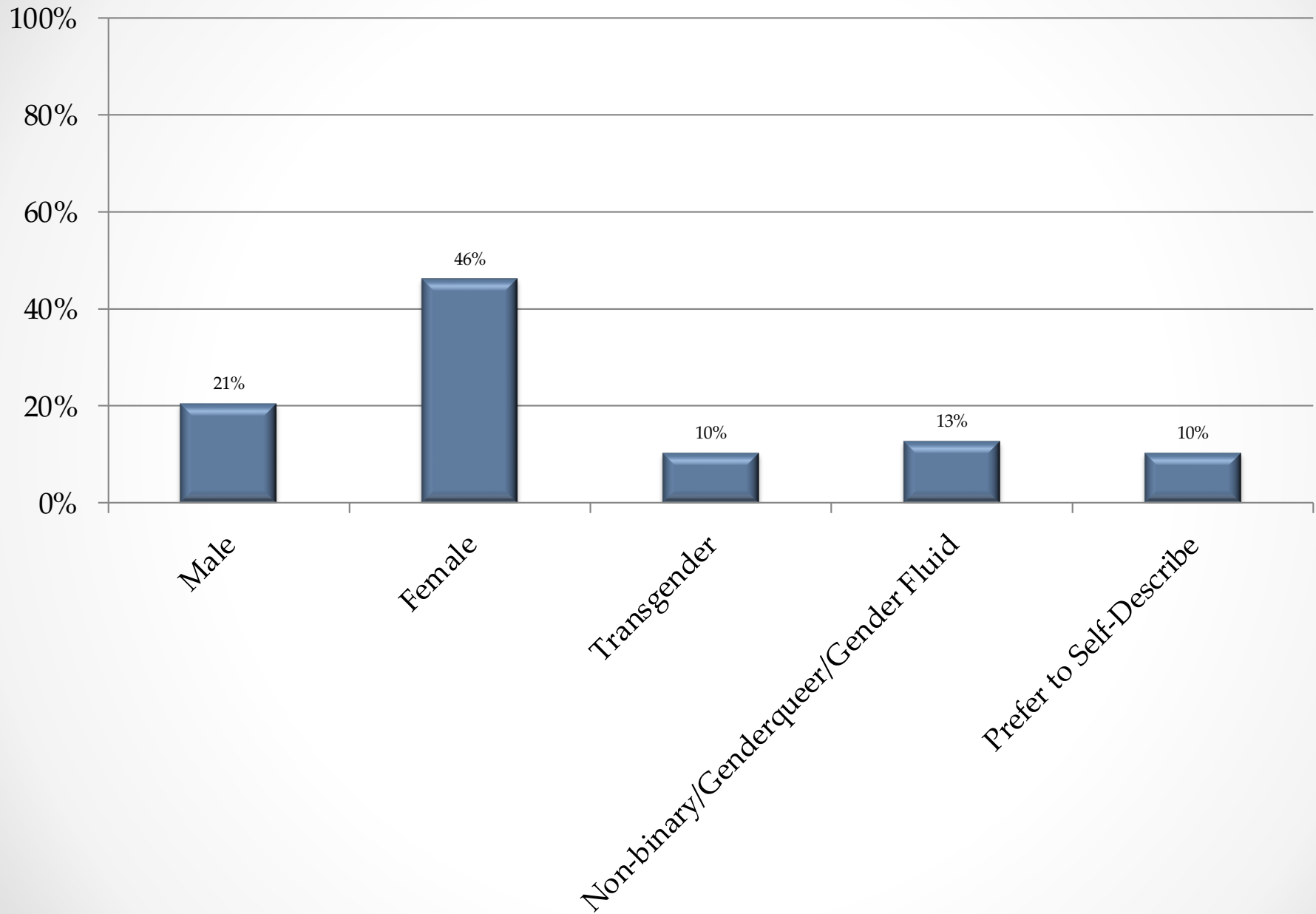


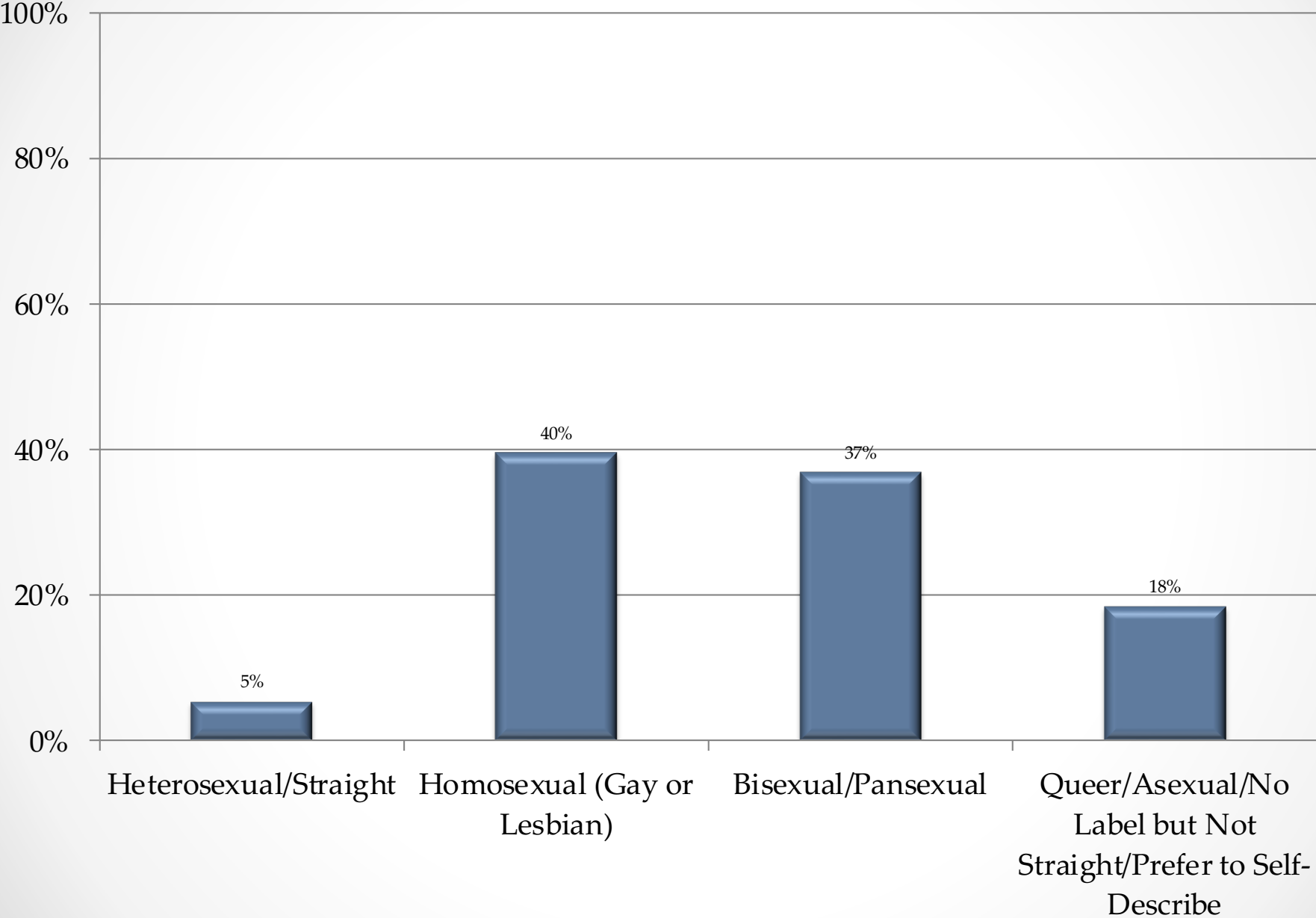
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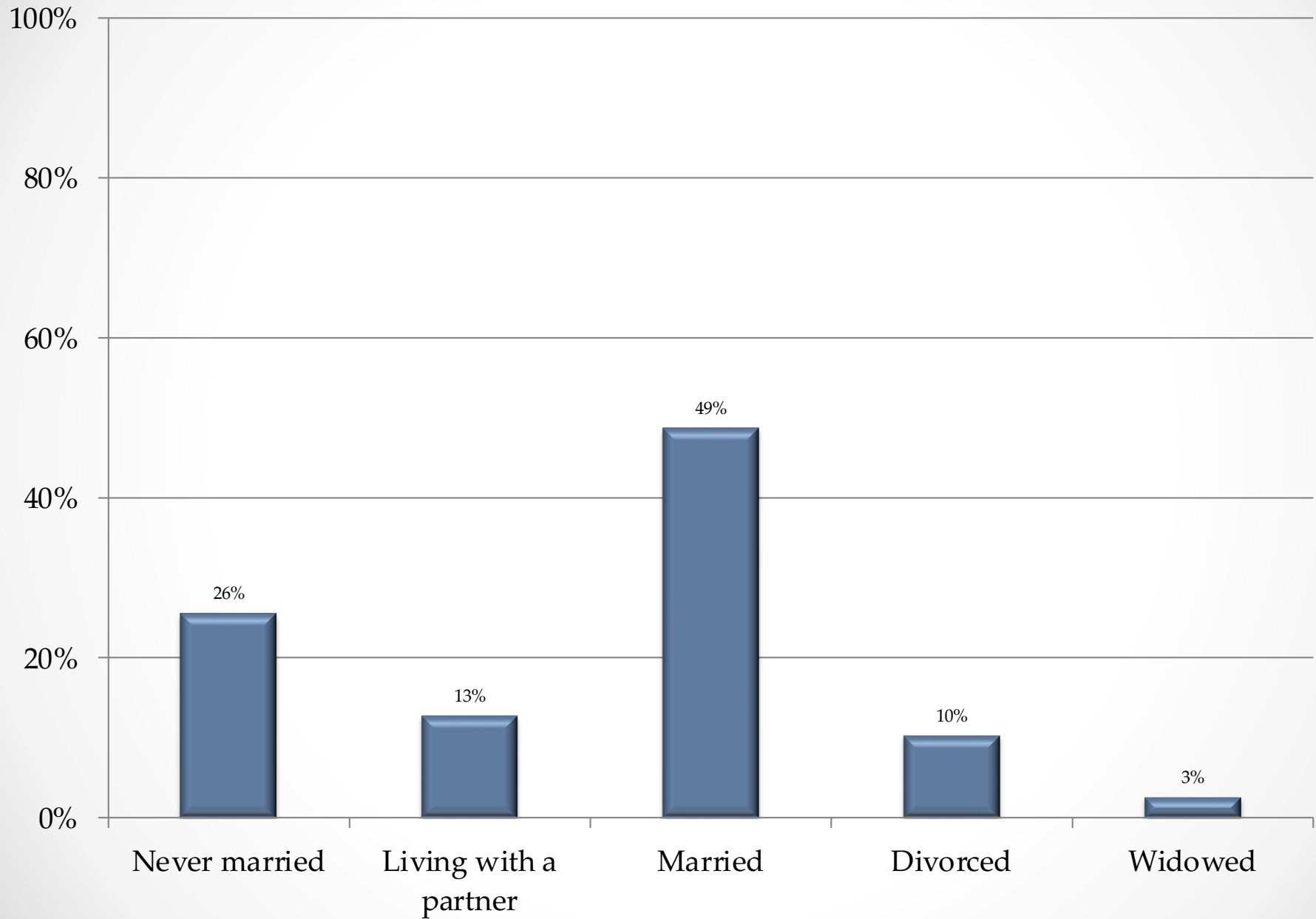
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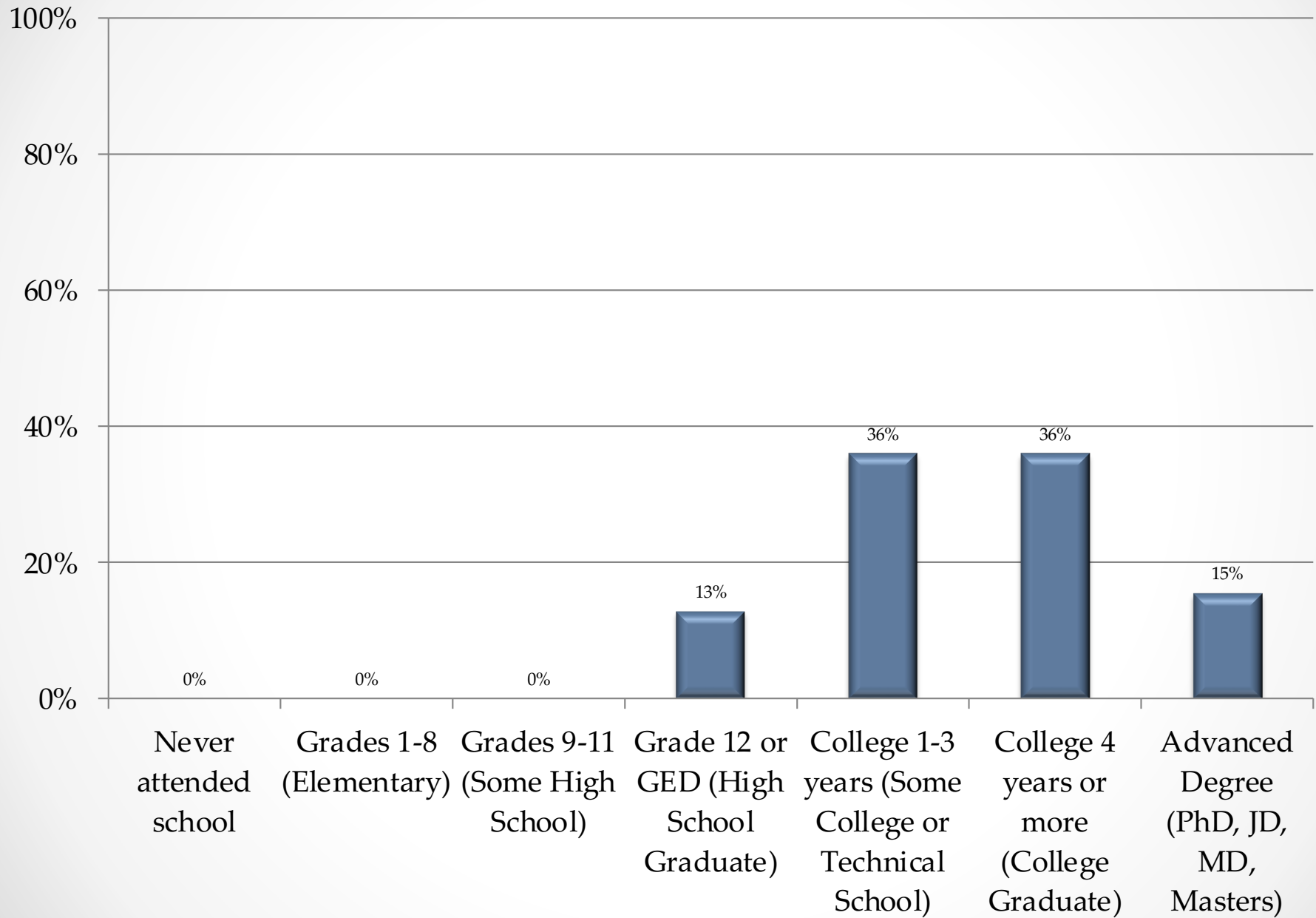
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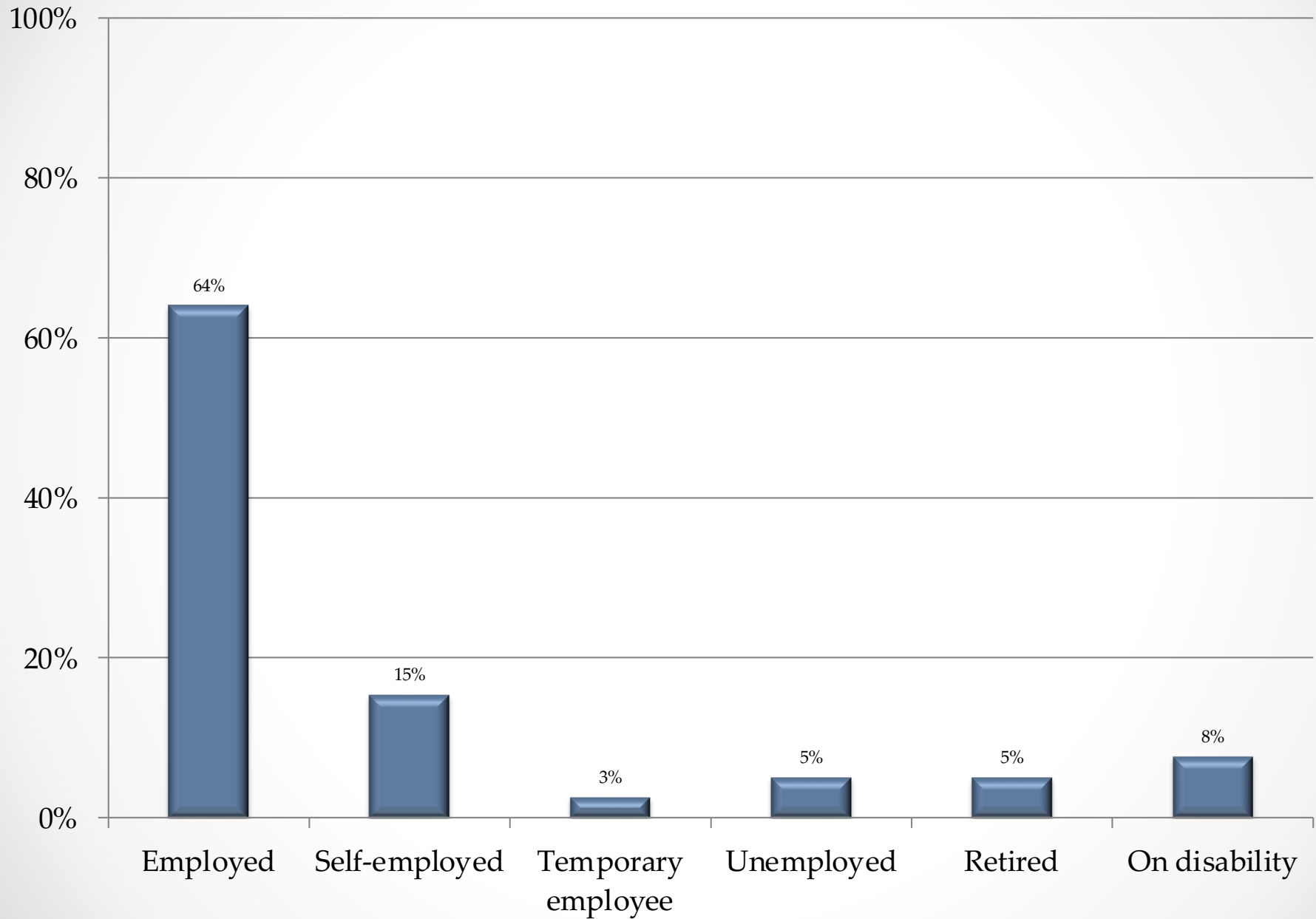
**Chart 35: D6. Marital Status**



**Chart 36: D7. Educational Attainment**

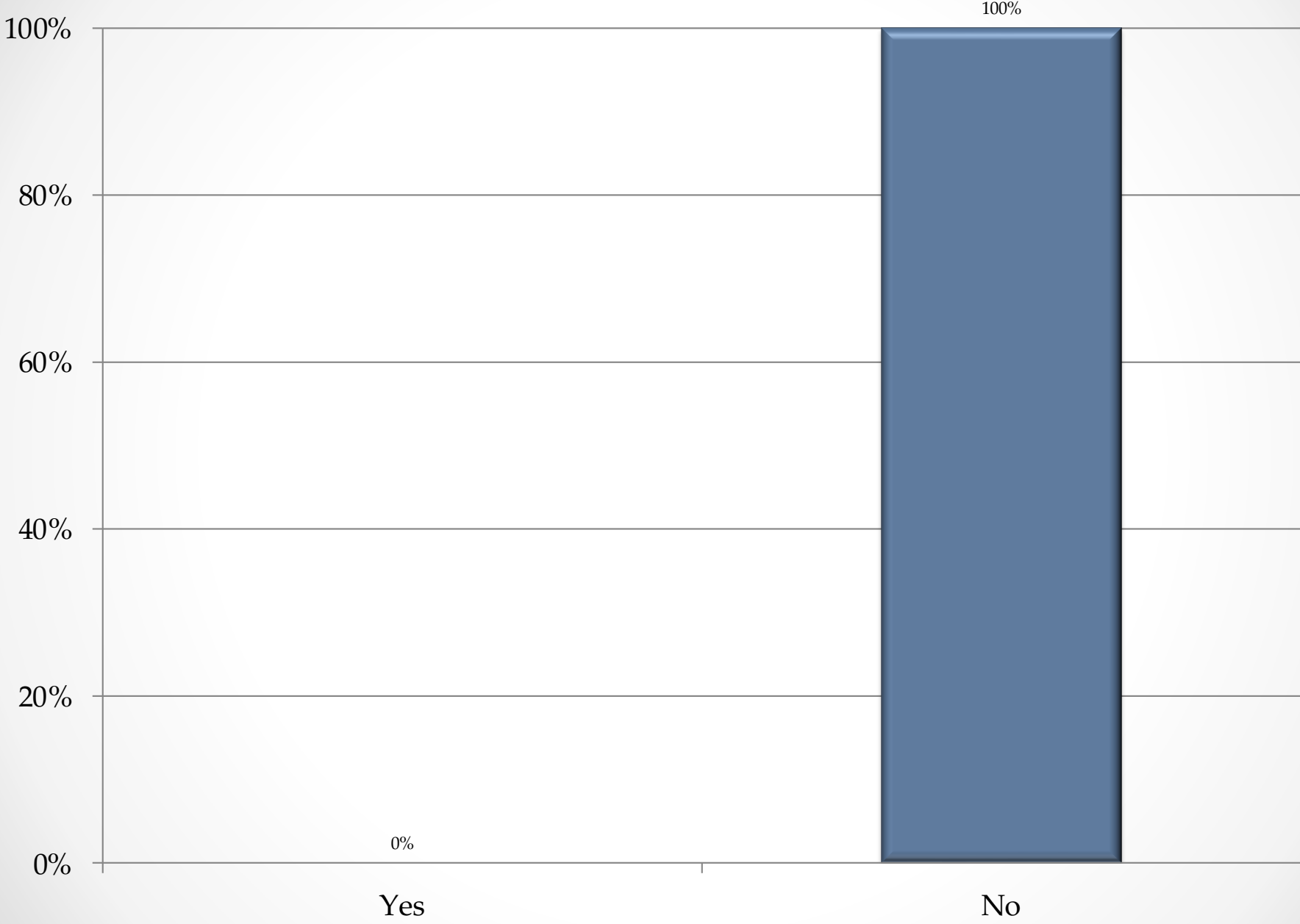


**Chart 37: D8. Employment Status**

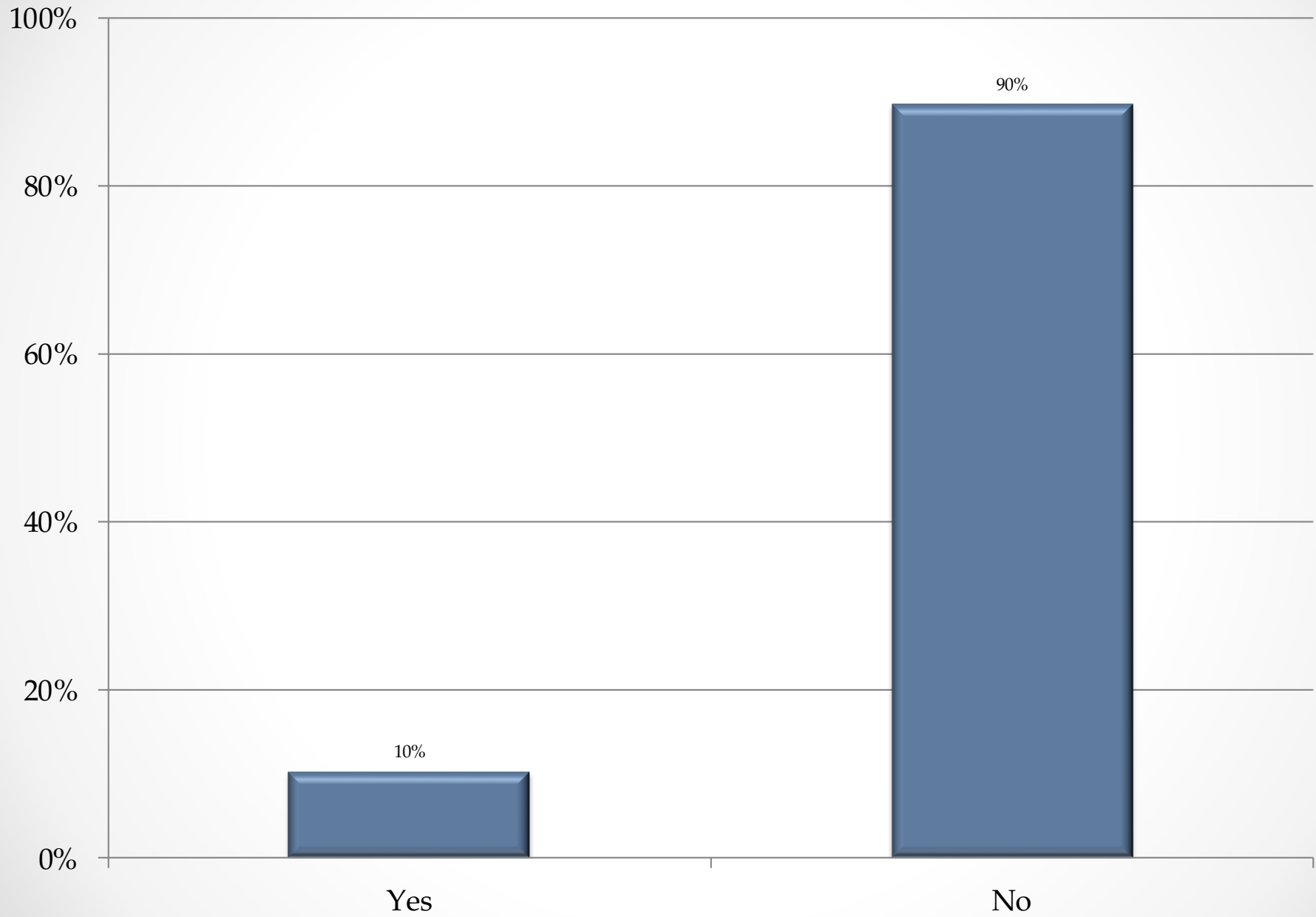




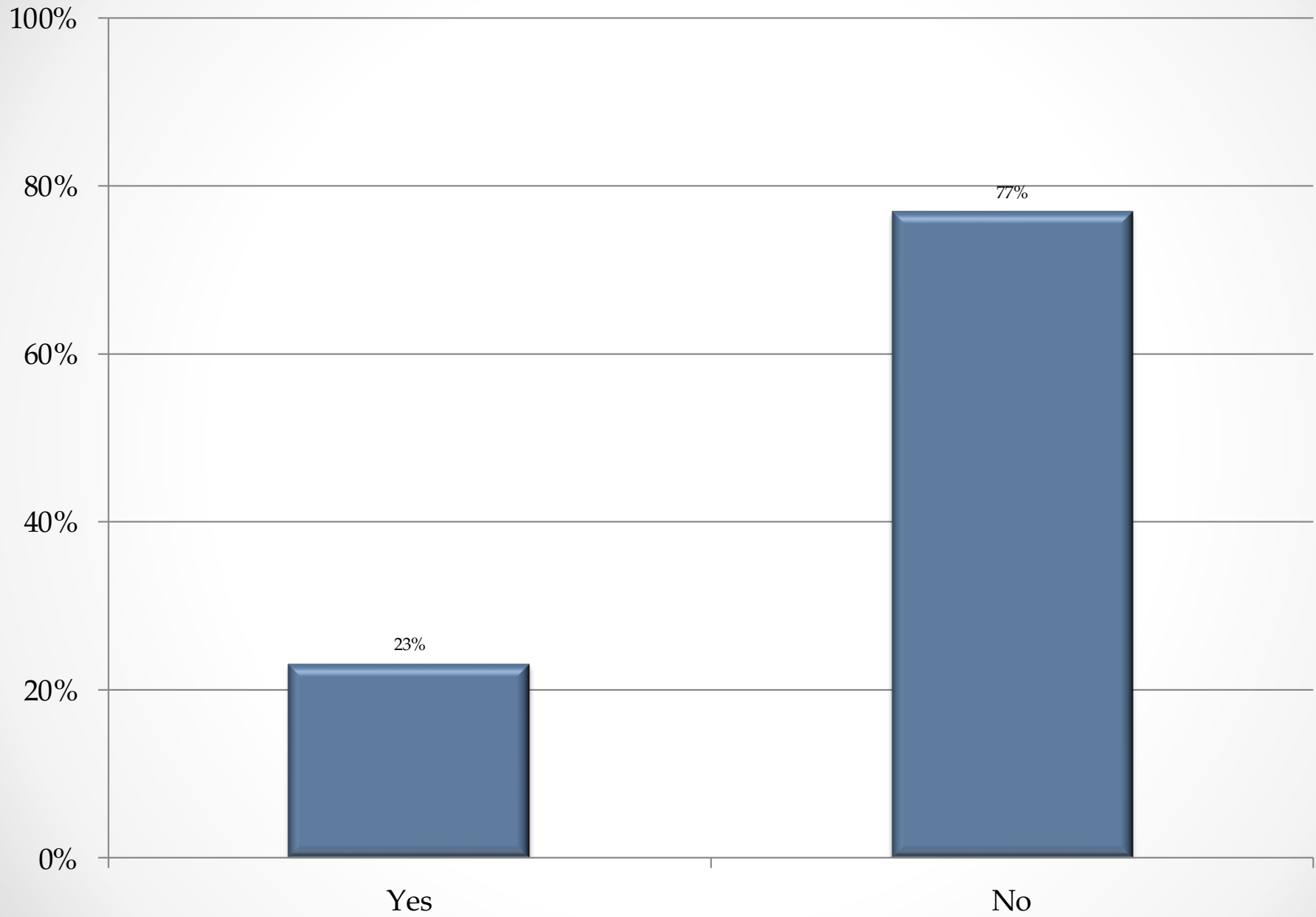
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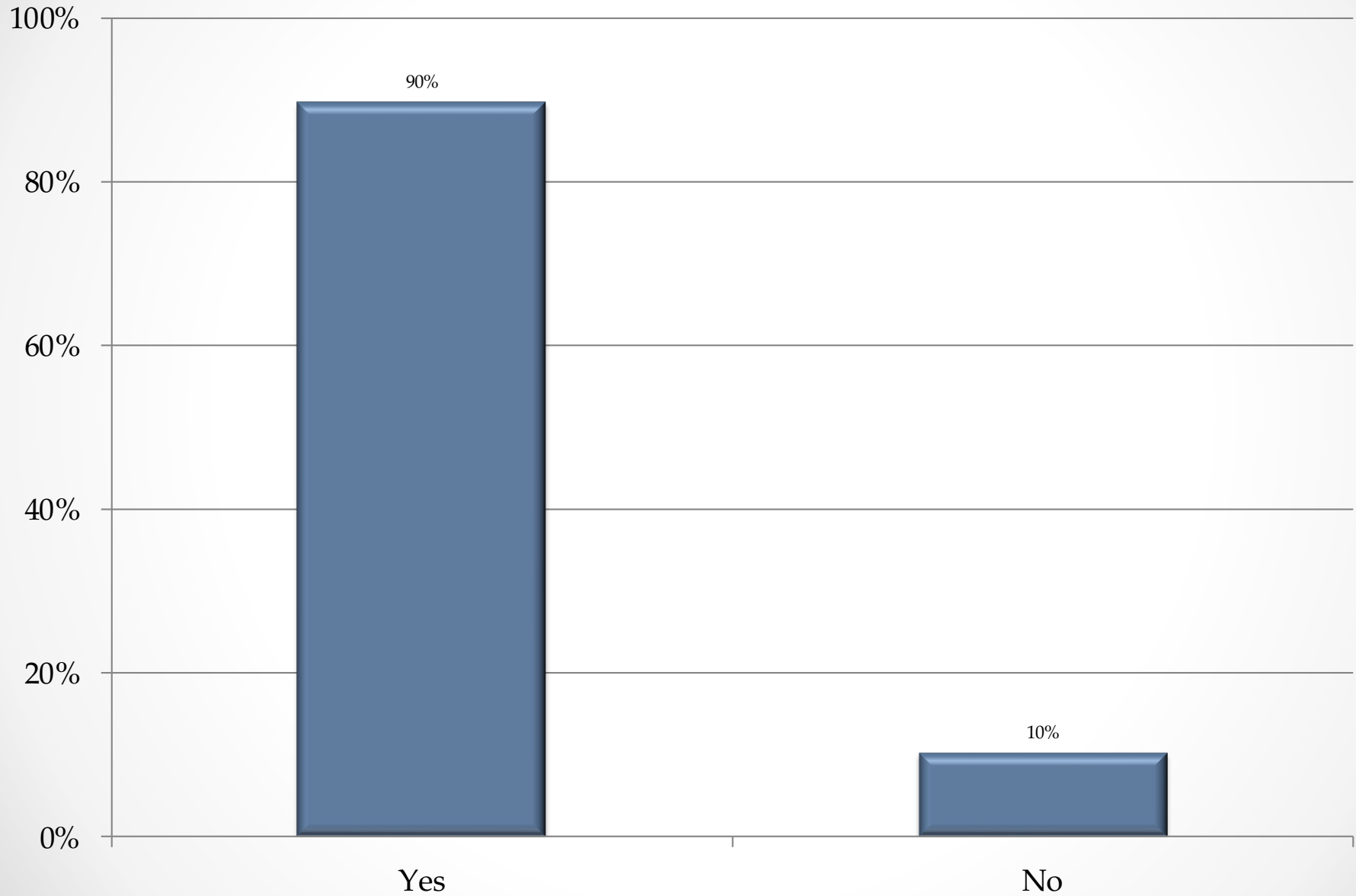
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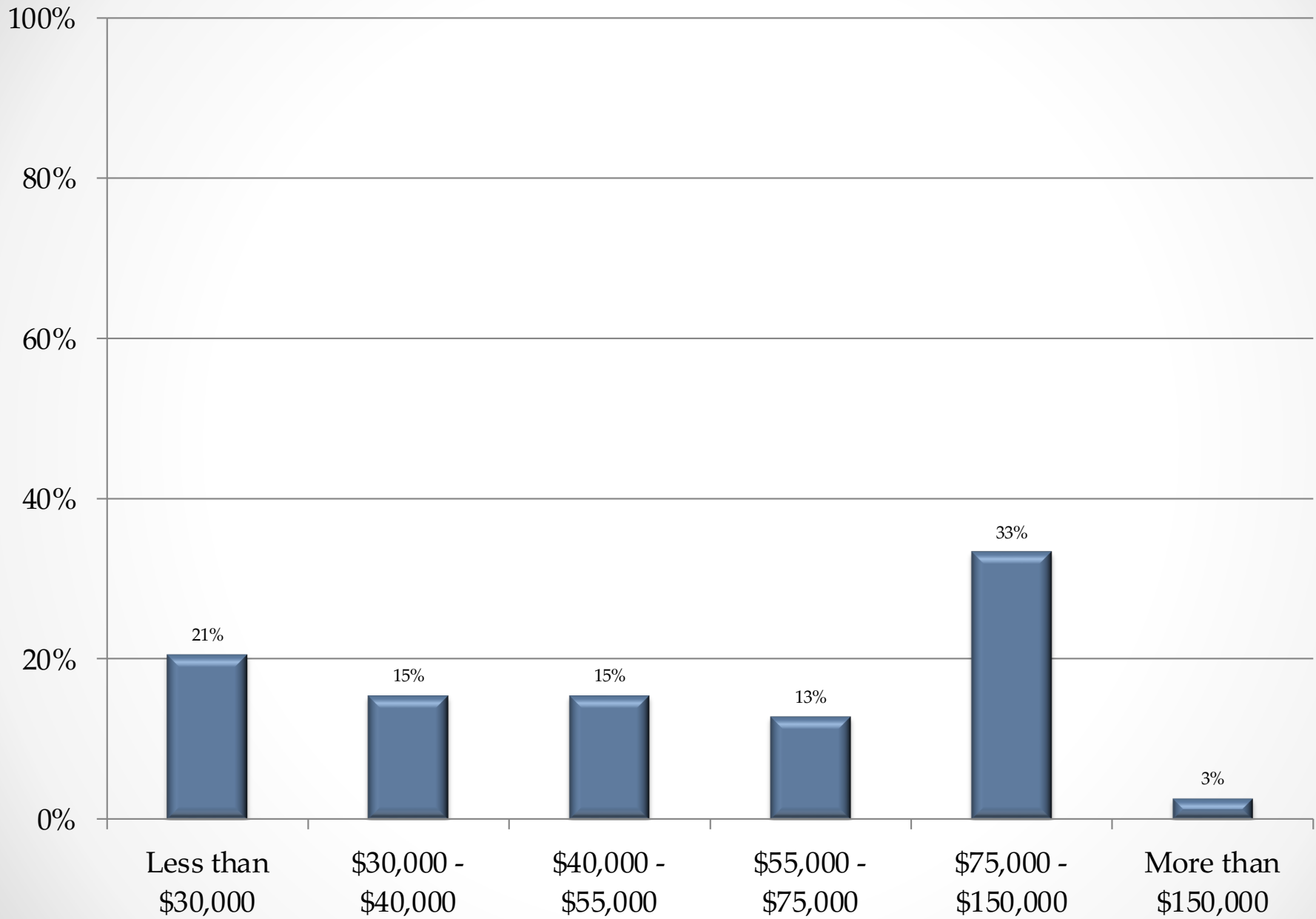
**Chart 40: D11. Are you disabled?**



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**Chart 42: D13. Total Household Income**



## Questionnaire

### Introduction/Informed Consent

Gulf Coast Equality (GCE) is seeking your input on this important survey regarding community needs among the LGBTQ+ community living along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. This survey provides you with an opportunity to provide perceptions, evaluations, and input on numerous matters related to the LGBTQ+ community including community life, community needs, discrimination and safety, and programming and activities.

All responses are completely anonymous. No identifying information is collected. Information from the survey will only be viewed in the aggregate and not on an individual level. You may quit the survey at any time and you may skip any question(s) you would prefer not to answer. If you have any questions regarding the survey you may contact the President of GCE Kristen Sims at [kristen@gcequality.org](mailto:kristen@gcequality.org) or you may contact Dr. Thomas Shaw who is overseeing the conduct and administration of the survey on behalf of GCE at [tshaw@southalabama.edu](mailto:tshaw@southalabama.edu).

This study is being funded by a grant issued by the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi.

The survey should only take a few minutes of your time and GCE hopes that you will take advantage of this opportunity to make your voice heard on these important issues. Please select “continue” below to begin the survey.

1) Community (6 questions)

1.1. How would you rate the overall quality of life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast . . . would you say it is . . .

Excellent  
Good  
Fair  
Poor

1.2. Thinking more specifically, how would you rate the quality of life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for a member of the LGBTQ+ community . . . would you say it is . . .

Excellent  
Good  
Fair  
Poor

1.3. How accepting would you say the non-LGBTQ+ community on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is of members of the LGBTQ+ community . . . would you say they are . . .

Very accepting  
Somewhat accepting  
Not very accepting  
Not at all accepting

1.4. How accepting would you say the LGBTQ+ community on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is of new members of the LGBTQ+ community (e.g., people who are just coming out or who have moved from different parts of the state or country) . . . would you say they are . . .

Very accepting  
Somewhat accepting  
Not very accepting  
Not at all accepting

1.5. Thinking over the last five years, how would you rate the Mississippi Gulf Coast as a place for someone in the LGBTQ+ community to live and work . . . would you say it has . . .

Gotten better  
Stayed about the same  
Gotten worse

1.6. Now thinking about how you think things will play out over the next five years from now, do you think the Mississippi Gulf Coast will get better stay about the same, or get worse as a place for someone in the LGBTQ+ community to live and work?

Get better  
Stay about the same  
Get worse

2) Community Needs (9 questions)

For each of the following statements consider how it applies to the LGBTQ+ community living on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and provide your overall assessment regarding each statement:

	1 Very Poor	2 Poor	3 Acceptable	4 Good	5 Very Good
2.1 The availability of LGBTQ+ community resources (i.e., support groups, events, workshops, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
2.2 The amount of opportunities to network with the LGBTQ+ community	1	2	3	4	5
2.3 The presence of safe spaces for my age group and/or demographic	1	2	3	4	5
2.4 The accessibility of physical health resources for members of the LGBTQ+ community	1	2	3	4	5
2.5 The accessibility of mental health resources for the members of the LGBTQ+ community	1	2	3	4	5
2.6 Overall support for LGBTQ+ students and their families in educational settings	1	2	3	4	5
2.7 Support for LGBTQ+ students and their families in educational settings in times of stress or crisis (i.e., bullying, not fitting in, identified improperly, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
2.8 Overall support for LGBT employees in professional settings	1	2	3	4	5
2.9 Support for LGBT employees in professional settings in times of stress or crisis (i.e., bullying, not fitting in, identified improperly, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5



3) Safety/Discrimination/Violence (14 questions)

3.1. How accepting have other people on the Mississippi Gulf Coast been about your identity?

Not at all accepting  
Somewhat accepting  
Very accepting

3.2. How often do you hear anti-LGBTQ++ slurs . . .

Never  
Once a month or less  
Once a week  
Once a day  
Several times a day

3.3. How often do you personally witness anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination . . .

Never  
Once a month or less  
Once a week  
Once a day  
Several times a day

3.4. How often do you personally experience anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination . . .

Never  
Once a month or less  
Once a week  
Once a day  
Several times a day

3.5. How often do you personally witness anti-LGBTQ+ violence . . .

Never  
Once a month or less  
Once a week  
Once a day  
Several times a day

3.6. How often do you personally experience anti-LGBTQ+ violence . . .

Never  
Once a month or less  
Once a week  
Once a day  
Several times a day

3.7. In the past 6 months, which of the following have you personally experienced because of your real or perceived sexual orientation . . . (please select all that apply)

- Been the target of derogatory remarks or jokes
- Felt deliberately ignored or excluded
- Felt isolated or left out
- Observed others staring
- Felt intimidated or threatened
- Been the target of physical violence
- Feared for your physical safety
- Been the subject of graffiti, property destruction, or vandalism
- Felt pressured to keep silent
- Had friends/colleagues who refused to associate with you
- Been denied services
- Other – please specify

3.8. In the past 6 months, which of the following have you personally experienced because of your real or perceived gender identity . . . (please select all that apply)

- Been the target of derogatory remarks or jokes
- Felt deliberately ignored or excluded
- Felt isolated or left out
- Observed others staring
- Felt intimidated or threatened
- Been the target of physical violence
- Feared for your physical safety
- Been the subject of graffiti, property destruction, or vandalism
- Felt pressured to keep silent
- Had friends/colleagues who refused to associate with you
- Been denied services
- Other – please specify

On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is not threatened at all and 7 is very threatened, how threatened do you feel in the following locations/situations because of your LGBTQ+ identity. . .

	1 Not threatened at all	2	3	4	5	6	7 Very threatened
3.9. Where you work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3.10. When you are shopping	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3.11. In casual non-LGBTQ+ specific social situations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3.12. In casual LGBTQ+ specific social situations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3.13. In non-LGBTQ+ oriented clubs/bars/restaurants	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3.14. In LGBTQ+ oriented clubs/bars/restaurants	1	2	3	4	5	6	7



4) Activities and Programming (35 questions)

On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is very poor and 7 is very good, how would you rate the current Gulf Coast Equality LGBTQ+ *FUNDRAISING* activities that exist on the Mississippi Gulf Coast?

	1 Very Poor	2	3	4	5	6	7 Very Good	Have never attended/participated
4.1. Drag brunches	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.2. Drag bingo	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.3. Second Chance Prom	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.4. Raffles	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.5. Date Auction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.6. Sponsorships for Gulf Coast Equality Festival	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.7. Grants	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9

On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is very poor and 7 is very good, how would you rate the current Gulf Coast Equality LGBTQ+ *OUTREACH* activities that exist on the Mississippi Gulf Coast?

	1 Very Poor	2	3	4	5	6	7 Very Good	Have never attended
4.8. Gulf Coast Equality Festival (outdoor festival with vendors, live bands, awards, kid's area, and drag shows)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.9. Candlelight vigil for mass shooting victims of the LGBTQ+ community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.10. Teen paint parties at Canvas and Cocktails	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.11. Free beach cookouts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.12. Purchase of LGBTQ+ books to give for free	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.13. Panel discussions with Resident doctors at local hospitals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.14. Panel discussions with local companies such as Ingall's Shipbuilding	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.15. Free training about human trafficking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.16. Media Advisories and local news alerts regarding LGBTQ+ legislation and other issues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.17. Transgender Day of Visibility activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.18. Transgender Day of Remembrance activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.19. School trainings to support LGBTQ+ students	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
4.20. Virtual town halls for community feedback	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9

Going forward, Gulf Coast Equality will be looking to implement new community center programming. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on what type of programming you would like to see at the community center. On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is not interested at all and 7 is very interested, please rate your feeling to the following proposed GCE Community Center Programming ideas . . .

	1 Not interested at all	2	3	4	5	6	7 Very Interested
4.21. Free confidential STI testing at least monthly	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.22. Discounted or possibly free medical services offered by medical community volunteers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.23. Discounted or possibly free mental health services offered by clinicians	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.24. Food pantry	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.25. Clothing Closet – a safe space to get clothes that align with one’s gender identity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.26. Library	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.27. K-12 tutoring	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.28. Adult learning classes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.29. Computer lab for job skill purposes such as resume writing, online applications, webinar access for training	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.30. Outreach events such as family friendly movie nights	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Please use the following to identify any programming ideas you might have which we have not already considered .

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4.31. \_\_\_\_\_

4.32. \_\_\_\_\_

4.33. \_\_\_\_\_

4.34. \_\_\_\_\_

4.35. \_\_\_\_\_

Demographics (13 questions)

D1. In what year were you born?

Dropdown year

D2. How long have you lived on the Mississippi Gulf Coast?

Less than a year

1-2 years

3-6 years

7-10 years

11+ years

D3. What is your race or ethnicity?

White (Caucasian)

Black or African-American

Hispanic/Latino

Asian/Pacific Islander

American Indian or Alaska Native

Multi-racial

Some other race, please specify

D4. What is your gender identity?

Male

Female

Transgender Female/Trans Feminine

Transgender Male/Trans Masculine

Non-binary/Genderqueer/Gender Fluid

Two-spirit

Prefer to self-describe, please specify

Prefer not to respond

D5. What is your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual/Straight

Homosexual (Gay or Lesbian)

Bisexual/Pansexual

Queer

Asexual

Two-Spirit

No specific label, but not straight

Prefer to self-describe, please specify

Prefer not to respond

D6. What is your marital status?

Never married

Living with a partner

Married

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

D7. What is the highest grade or year of school you have completed?

Never attended school or only attended Kindergarten  
Grades 1 – 8 (Elementary)  
Grades 9 – 11 (Some High School)  
Grade 12 or GED (High School Graduate)  
College 1 – 3 years (Some College or Technical School)  
College 4 years or more (College Graduate)  
Advanced Degree (PhD, JD, MD, Masters)

D8. What is your current employment status?

Employed full-time  
Employed part-time  
Self-employed, full-time  
Self-employed, part-time  
Contractor, 1099 or seasonal worker  
Temporary employee  
Unemployed  
Retired  
On disability/unable to work  
Full-time, student  
Part-time, student  
Homemaker  
Other – please specify

D9. Are you currently serving in the US Military (i.e., Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, or Coast Guard)?

Yes  
No

D10. Are you a US Military veteran (i.e., have you previously served in the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, or Coast Guard)?

Yes  
No

D11. Are you disabled?

Yes  
No

D12. Are you currently registered to vote in the state of Mississippi?

Yes  
No



D13. What is your total household annual income before taxes?

- Less than \$30,000
- \$30,000-\$40,000
- \$40,000-\$55,000
- \$55,000-\$75,000
- \$75,000-\$150,000
- More than \$150,000

GCE thanks you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your perspective matters.