



# Faith Communities Today, 2020

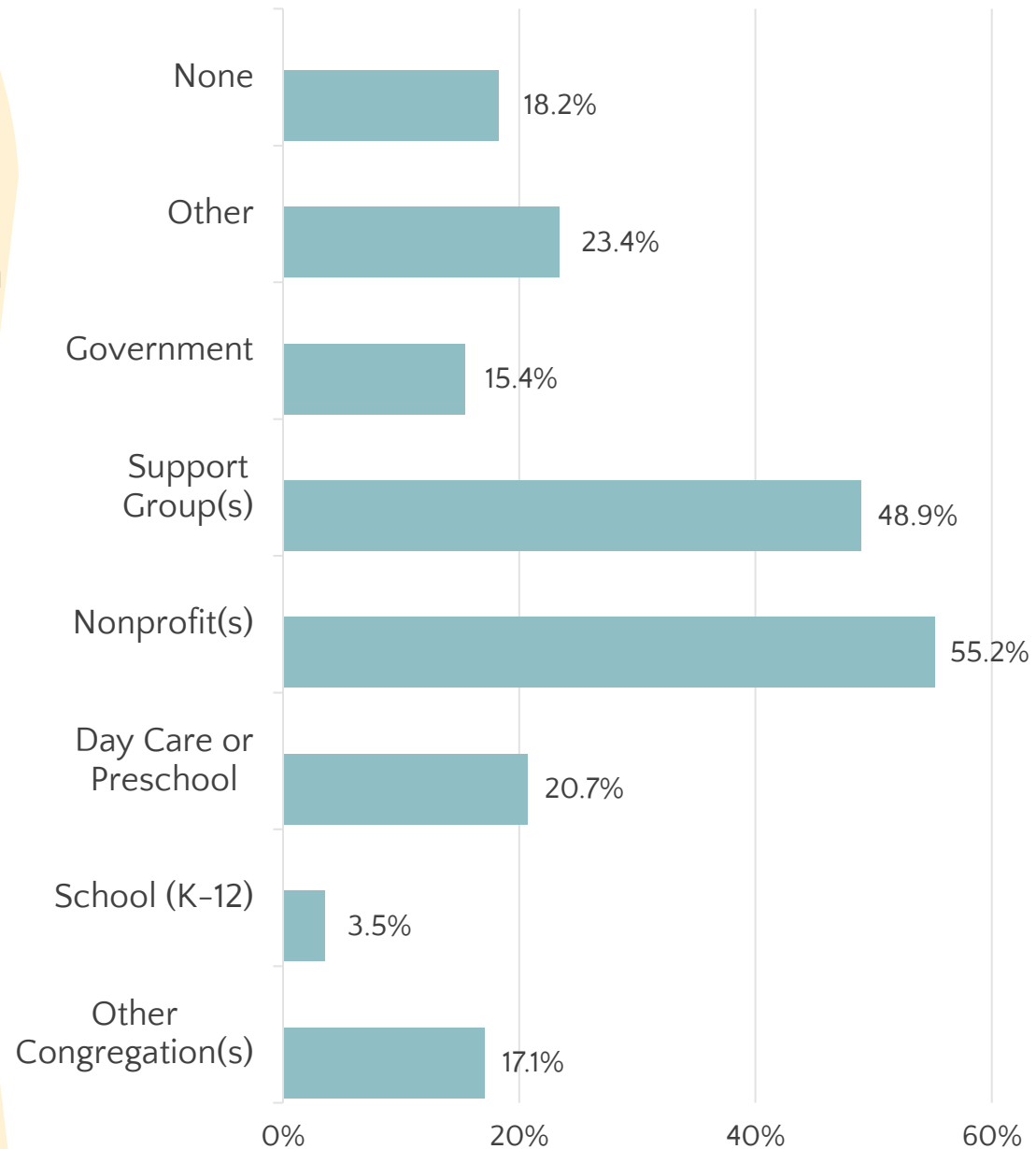
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# Facilities

- Most congregations, 92.9%, own their facilities
- 81.8% of congregations share space with other organizations
  - Nonprofits and support groups are the most frequently listed
- Of those sharing their space with another congregation:
  - 60.2% share space with a congregation of a different ethnicity or language group
  - 19.8% share space with a congregation from a different denomination
- Seating:
  - Average: 432
  - Median: 200

## Percentage of Congregations Sharing Space by Organization

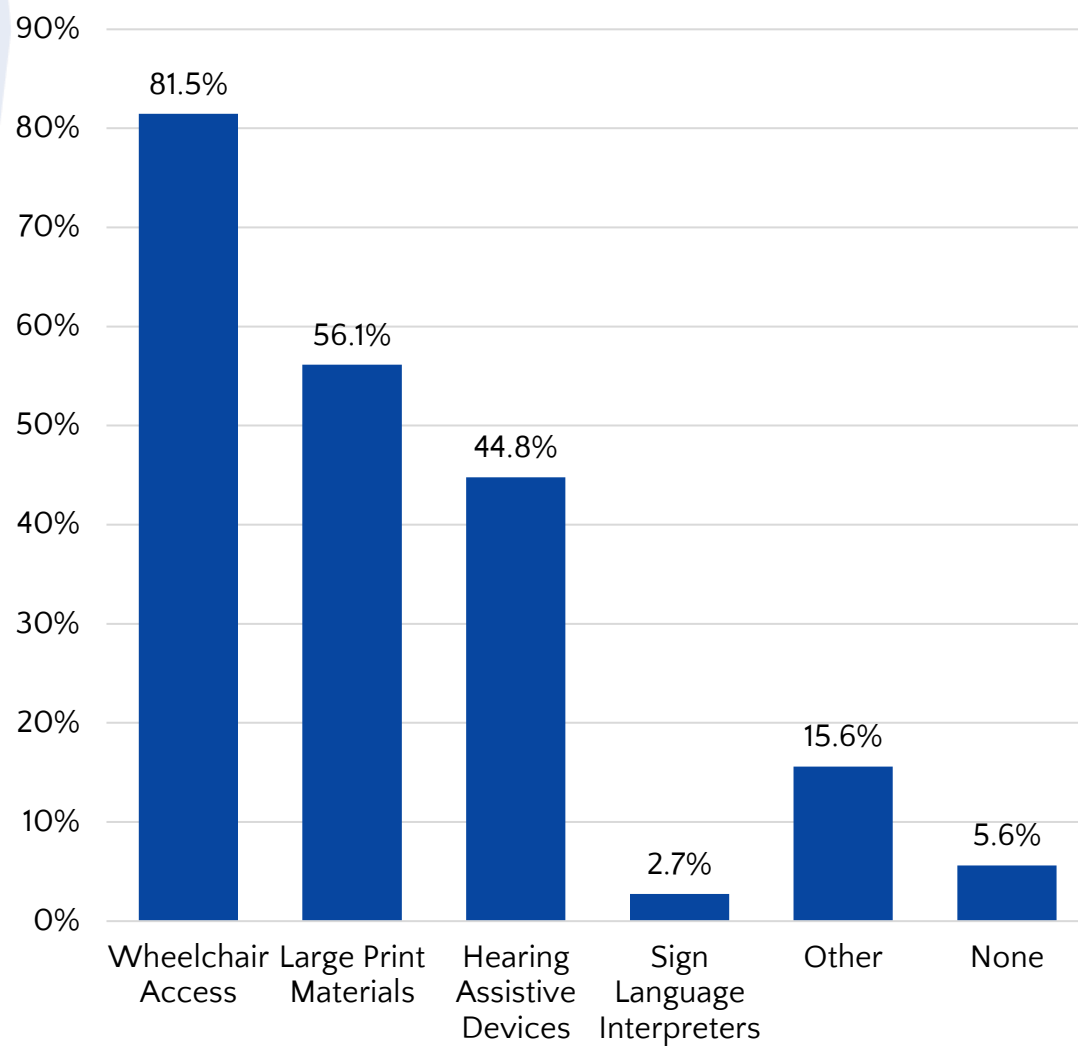


# Worship

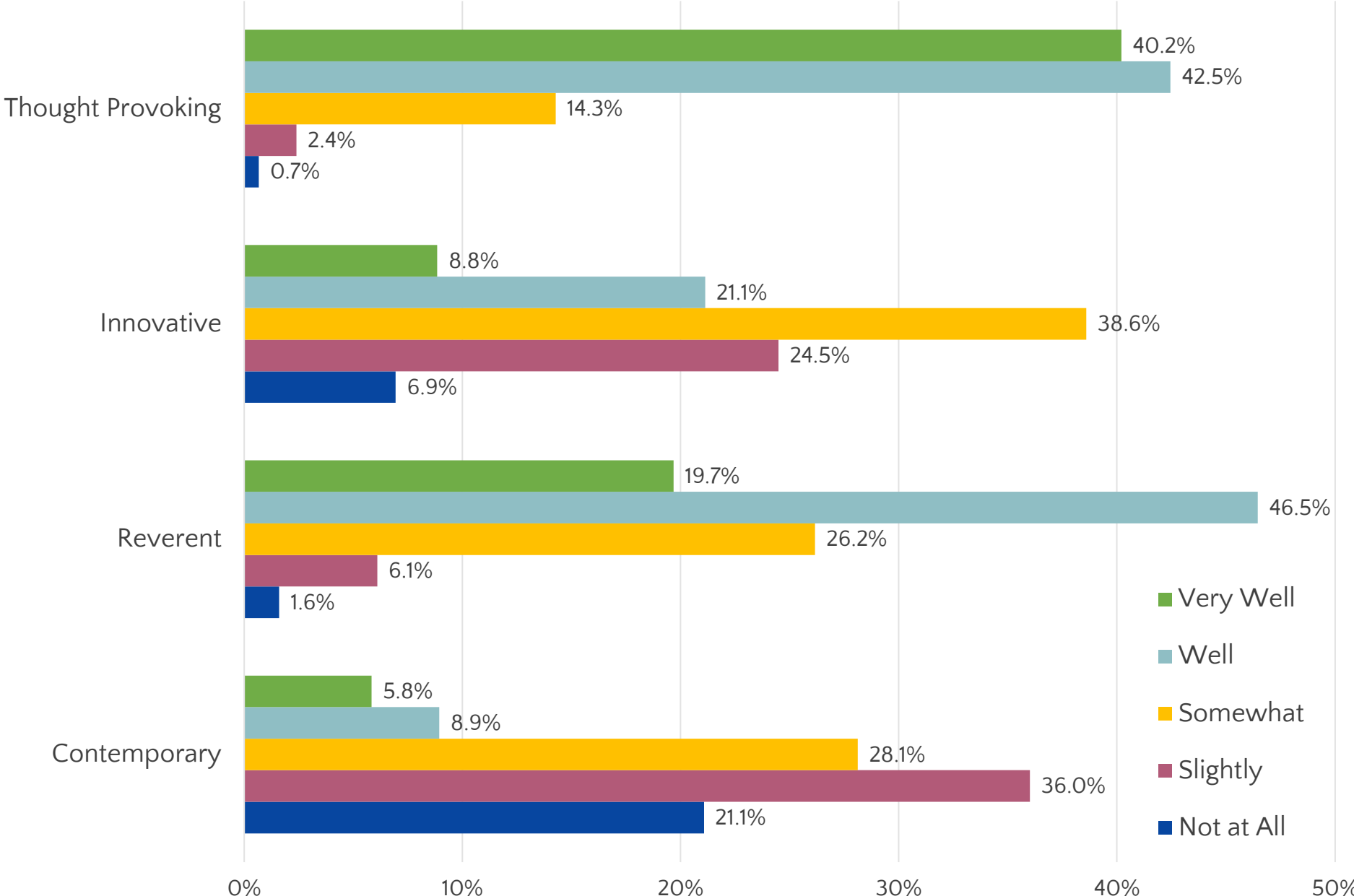
## Attendance

- 2020:
  - Average: 67.1
  - Median: 50
- 2019 (2020 Estimate):
  - Average: 69.0
  - Median: 50
- 2015 (2020 Estimate):
  - Average: 77.4
  - Median: 55

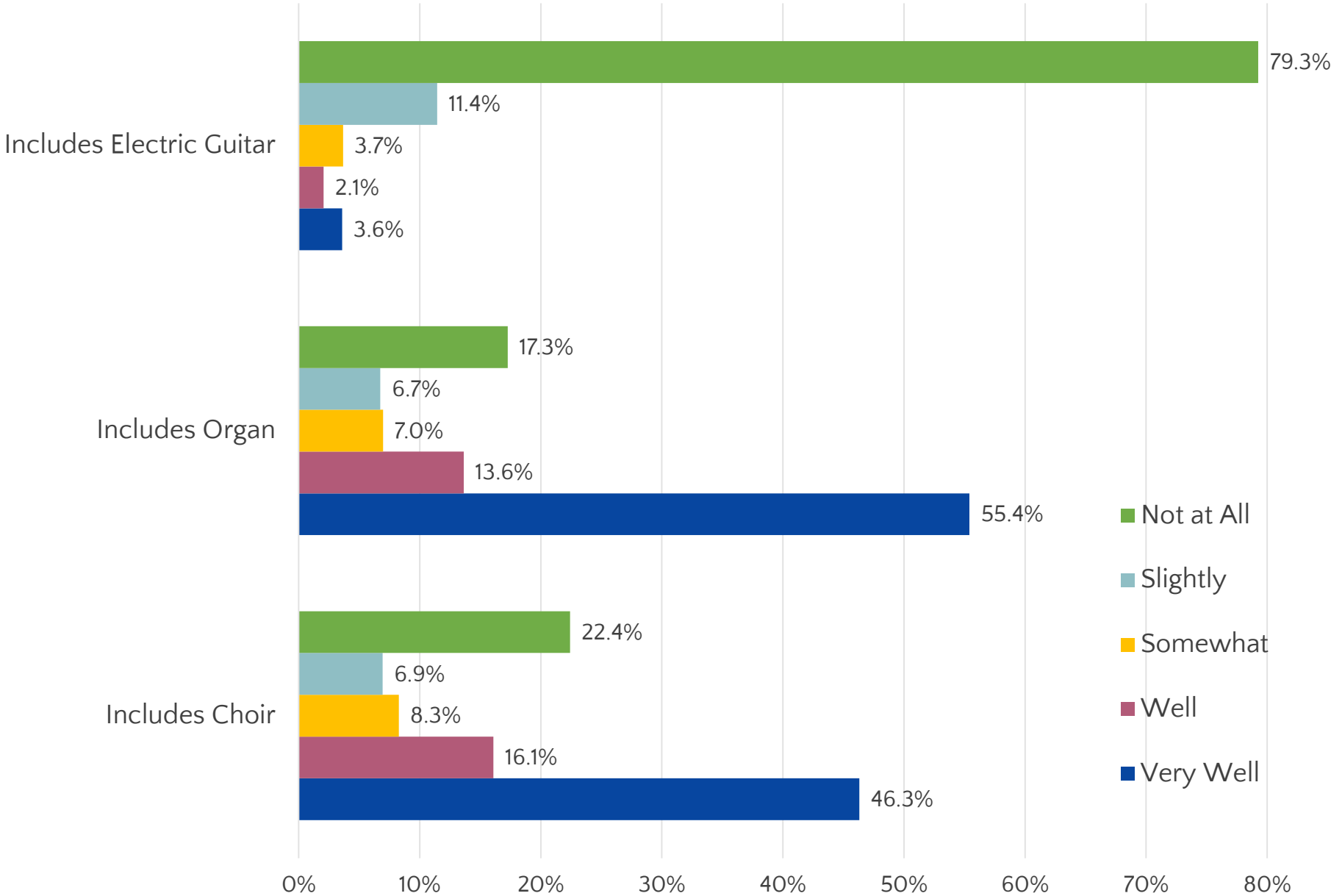
## Accommodations



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# Leadership: Senior/Solo Clergy Characteristics

- Age

- Average: 61.4
- Median: 64

- Gender:

- Male: 55.7%
- Female: 43.3%
- All Other Categories: 1.0%

- Employment status:

- Full-Time: 57.4%
- Part-Time: 42.6%

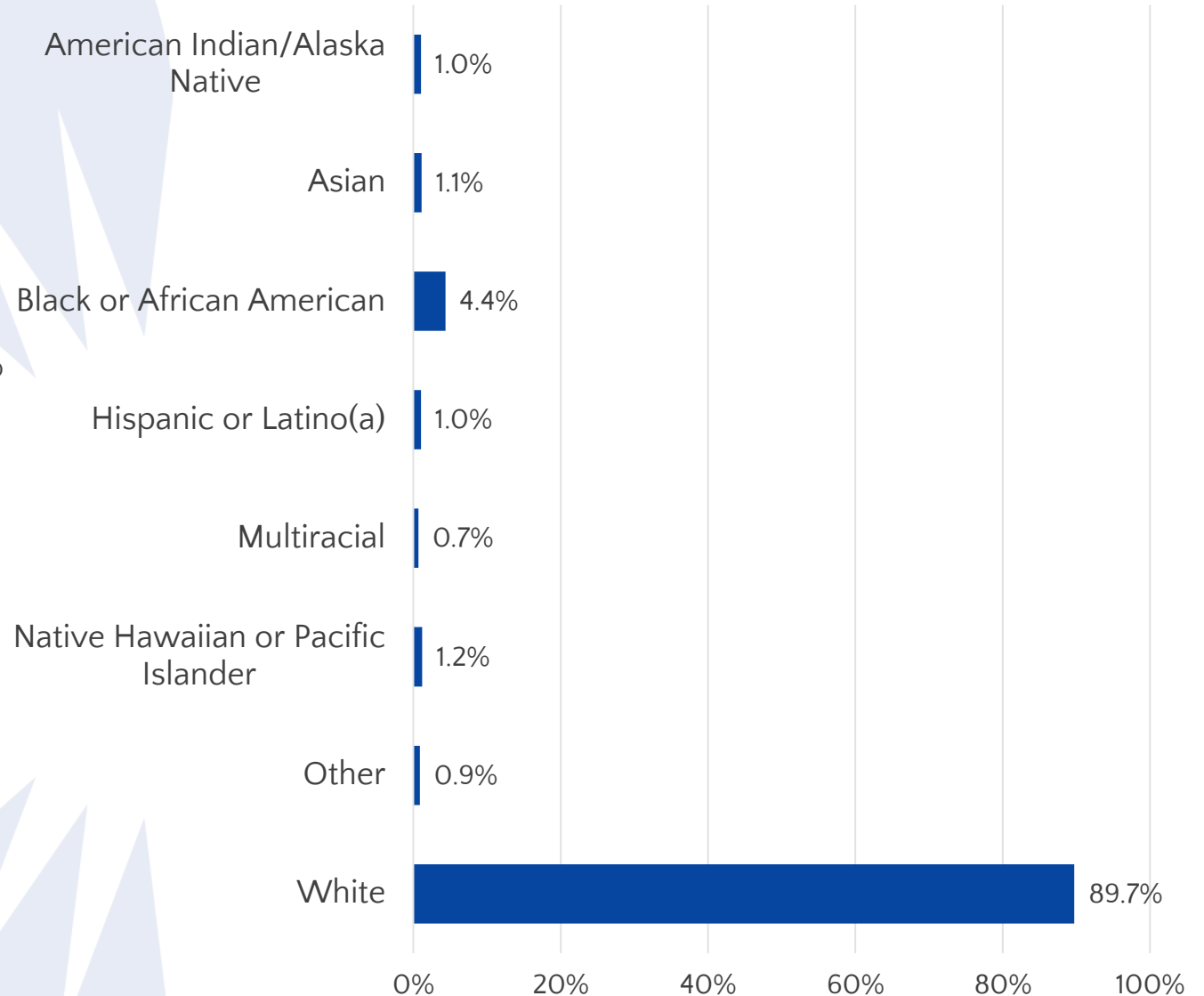
- Compensation:

- Paid: 98.2%
- Unpaid: 1.8%

- First year of Service:

- Average: 2012.4
- Median: 2015

## Race and Ethnicity

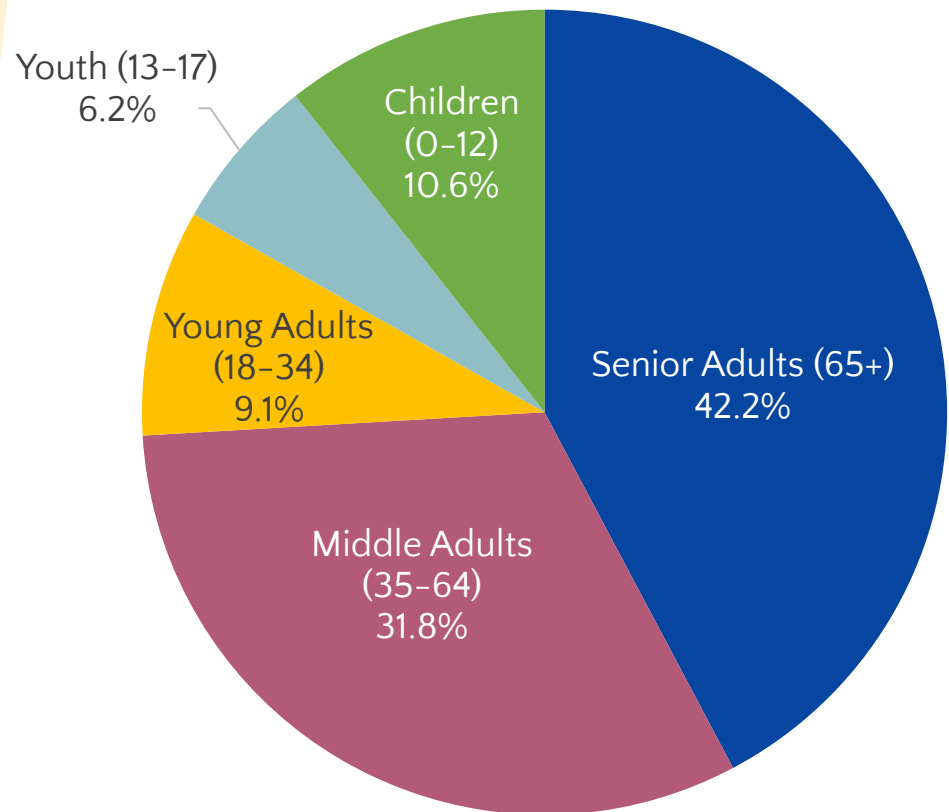


# Participants

Percentage of Regular Participants that:

- Are Female
  - Average: 62.3%
  - Median: 60%
- Are College Graduates
  - Average: 53.1%
  - Median: 55%
- Are New to the Congregation in the last 5 years
  - Average: 16.7%
  - Median: 10%
- Volunteer Regularly at the Congregation
  - Average: 53.5%
  - Median: 50%
- Live Below the Poverty Level
  - Average: 8.8%
  - Median: 5%

Average Regular Participants by Age

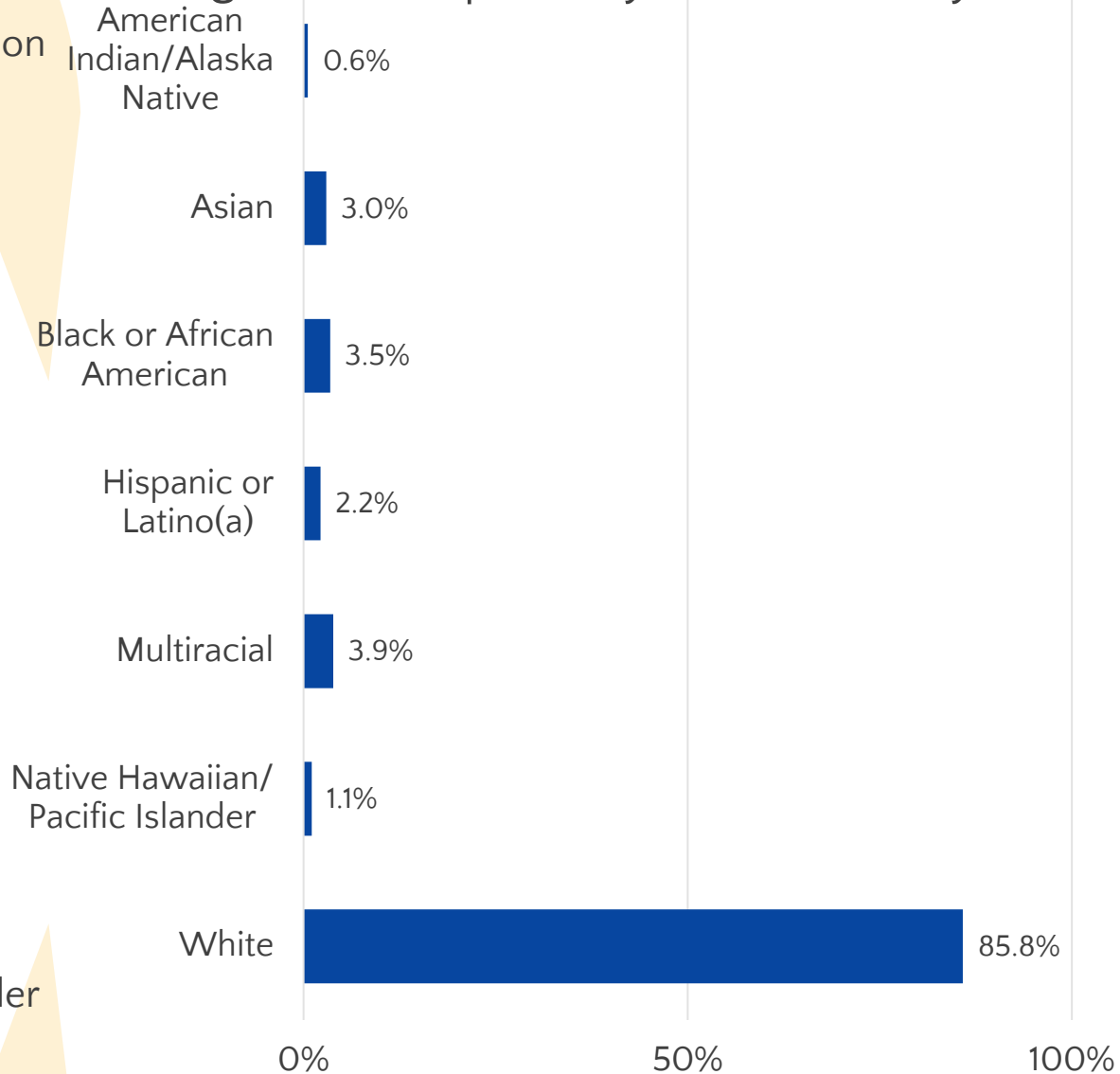


# Participants

Percentage of Regular Participants that:

- Live Within 15 Minutes of the Congregation
  - Average: 71.0%
  - Median: 80%
- Are Lifelong UCC Members
  - Average: 43.0%
  - Median: 40%
- Are American-Born
  - Average: 92.1%
  - Median: 99%
- Are Immigrants (0-5 Years)
  - Average: 2.4%
  - Median: 0%
- Have Special Needs
  - Average: 6.2%
  - Median: 3%
- Are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender
  - Average: 8.1%
  - Median: 3%

## Regular Participants by Race/Ethnicity

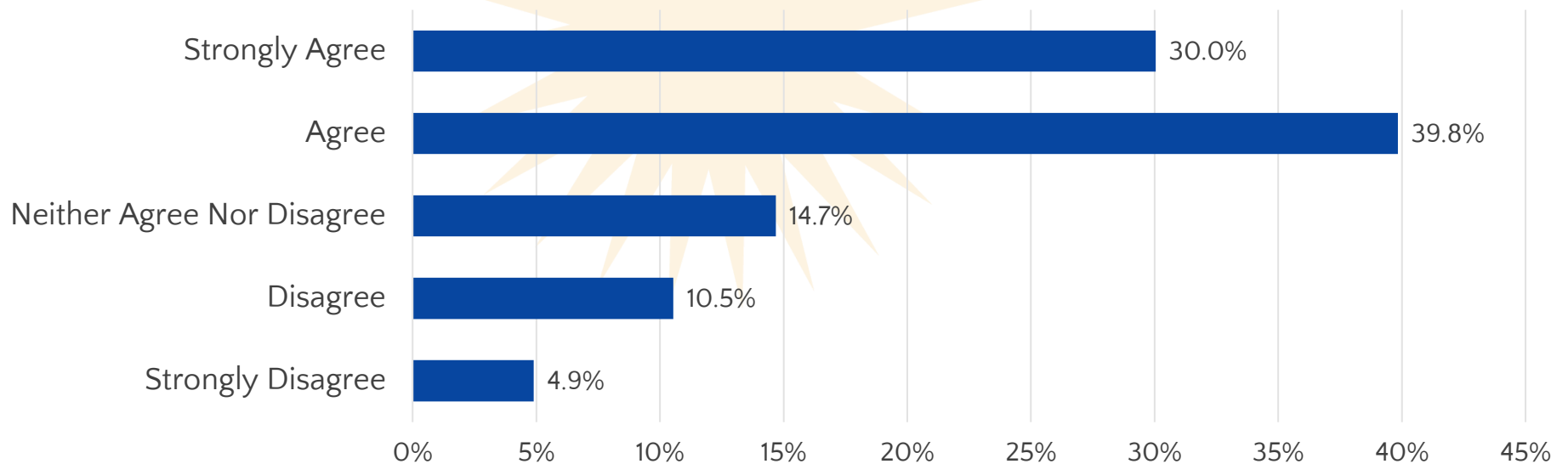




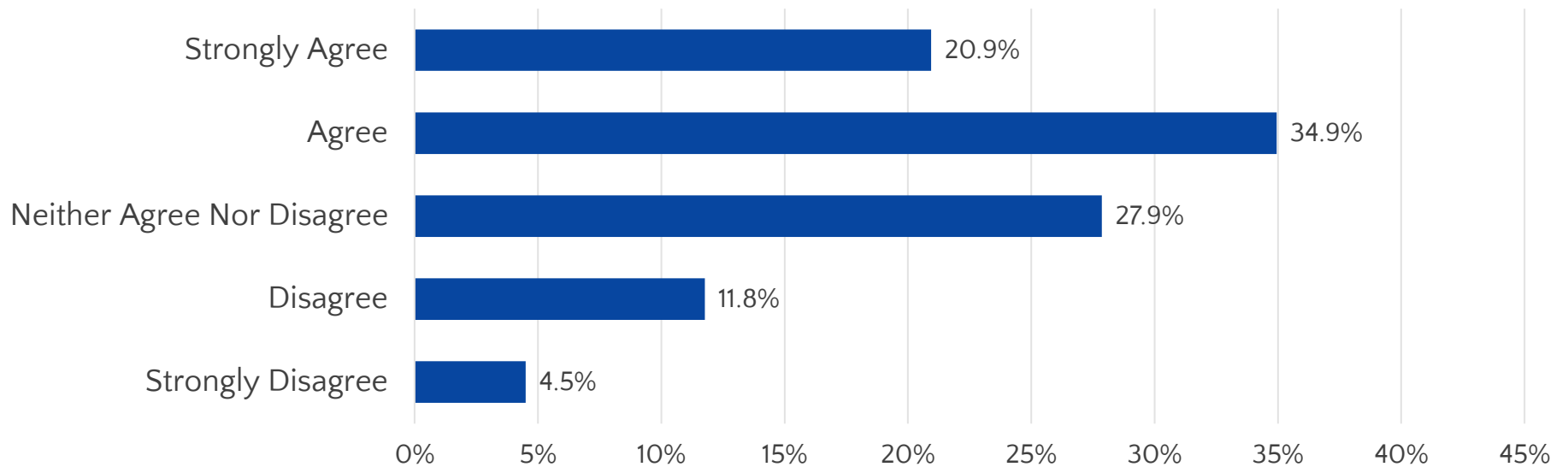
# Mission and Identity

Our Congregation...

## Has a Clear Mission and Purpose



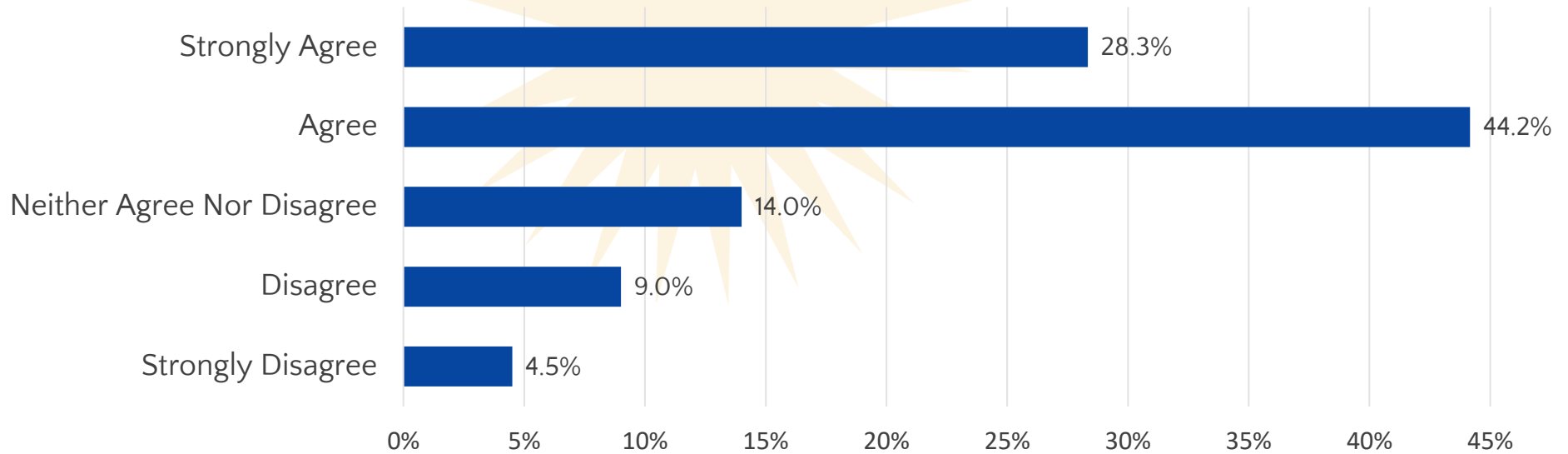
## Is Striving to be Diverse



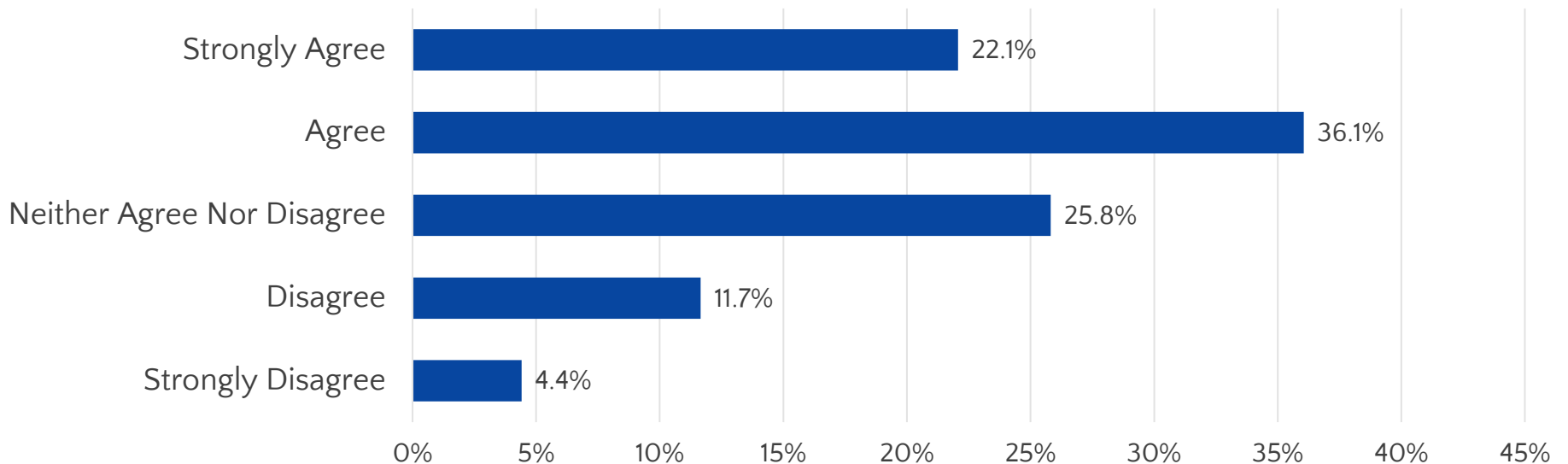
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Is Good at Incorporating New People into the Congregation



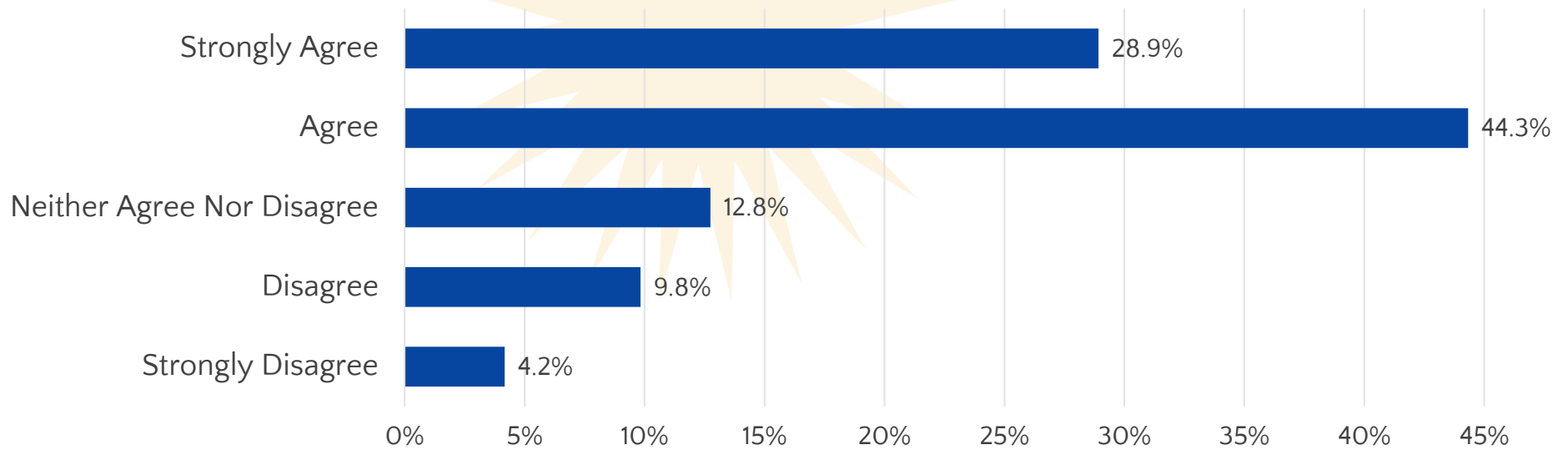
Is Actively Looking for New Members



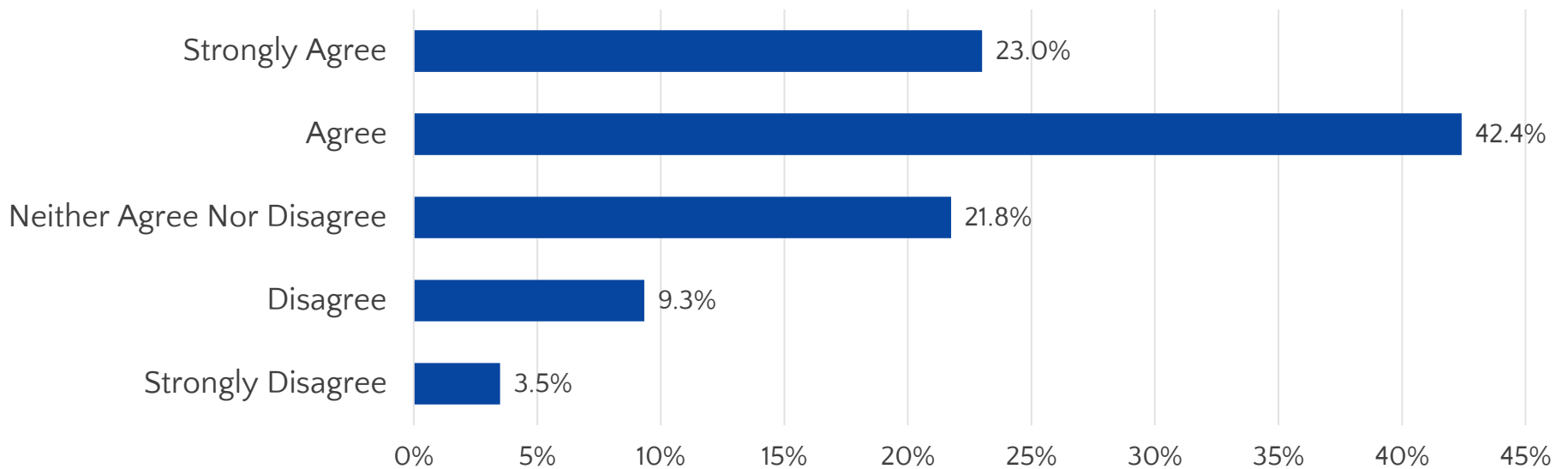
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Is Spiritually Vital and Alive



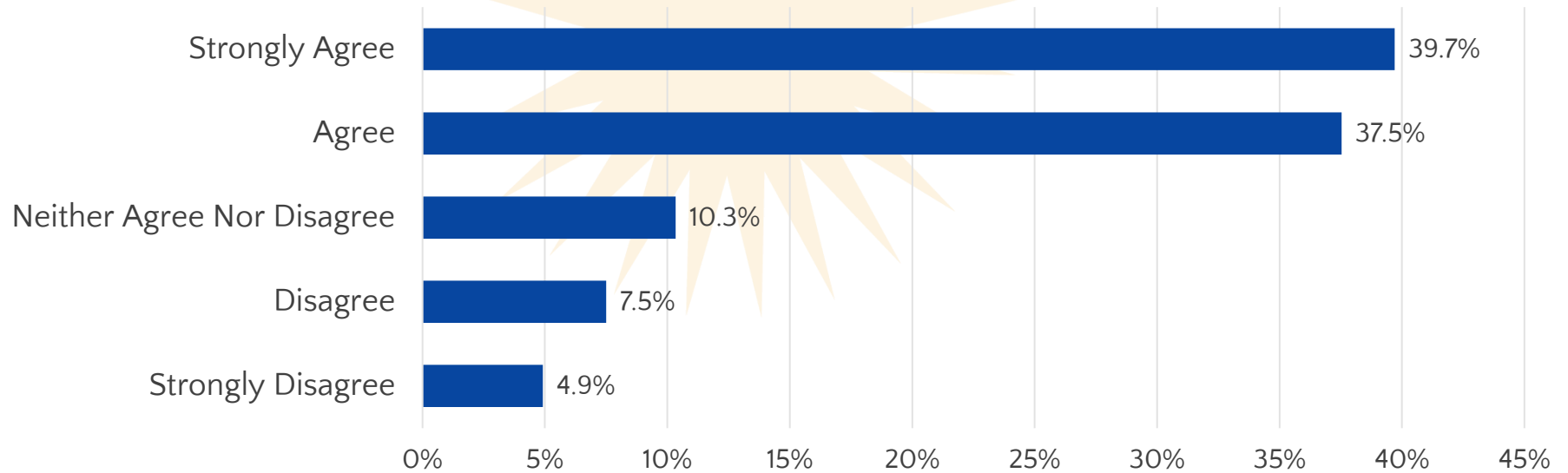
Is Willing to Change to Meet New Challenges



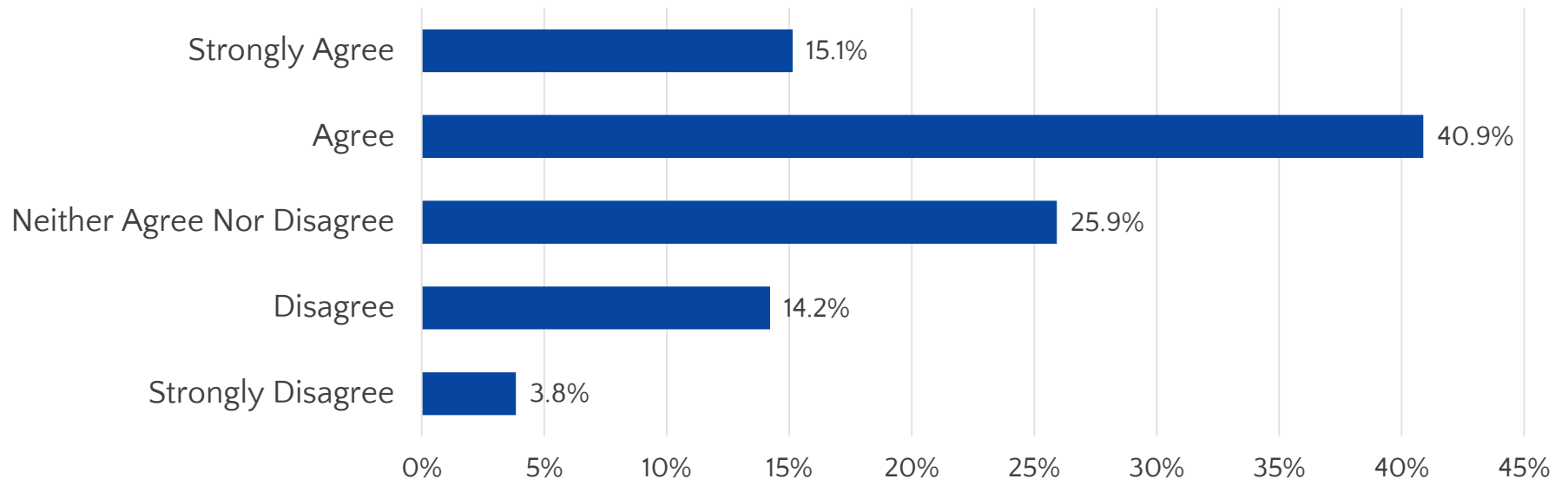
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Is Actively Involved in Our Local Community



Participates Actively in the Wider UCC

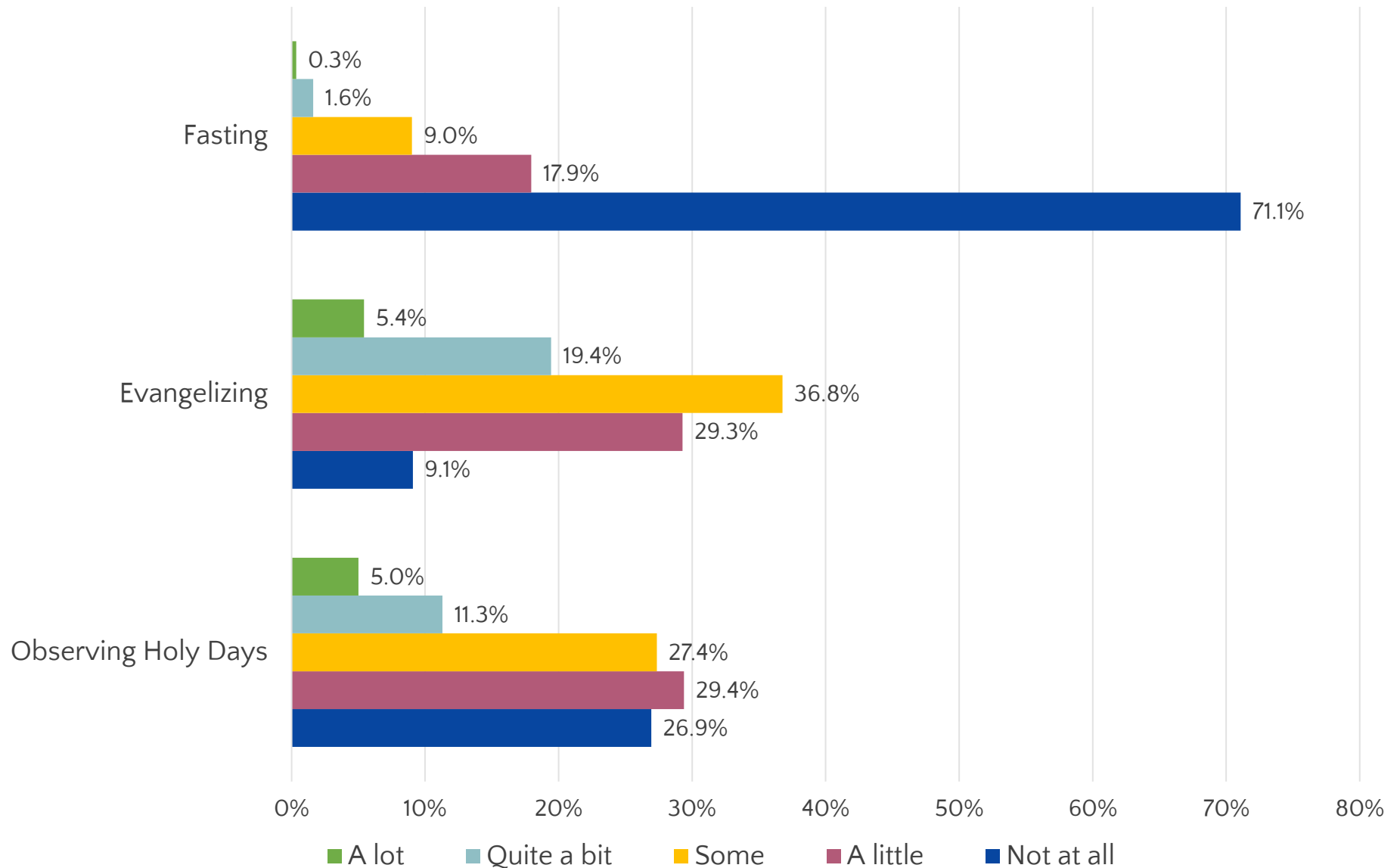


# Programs

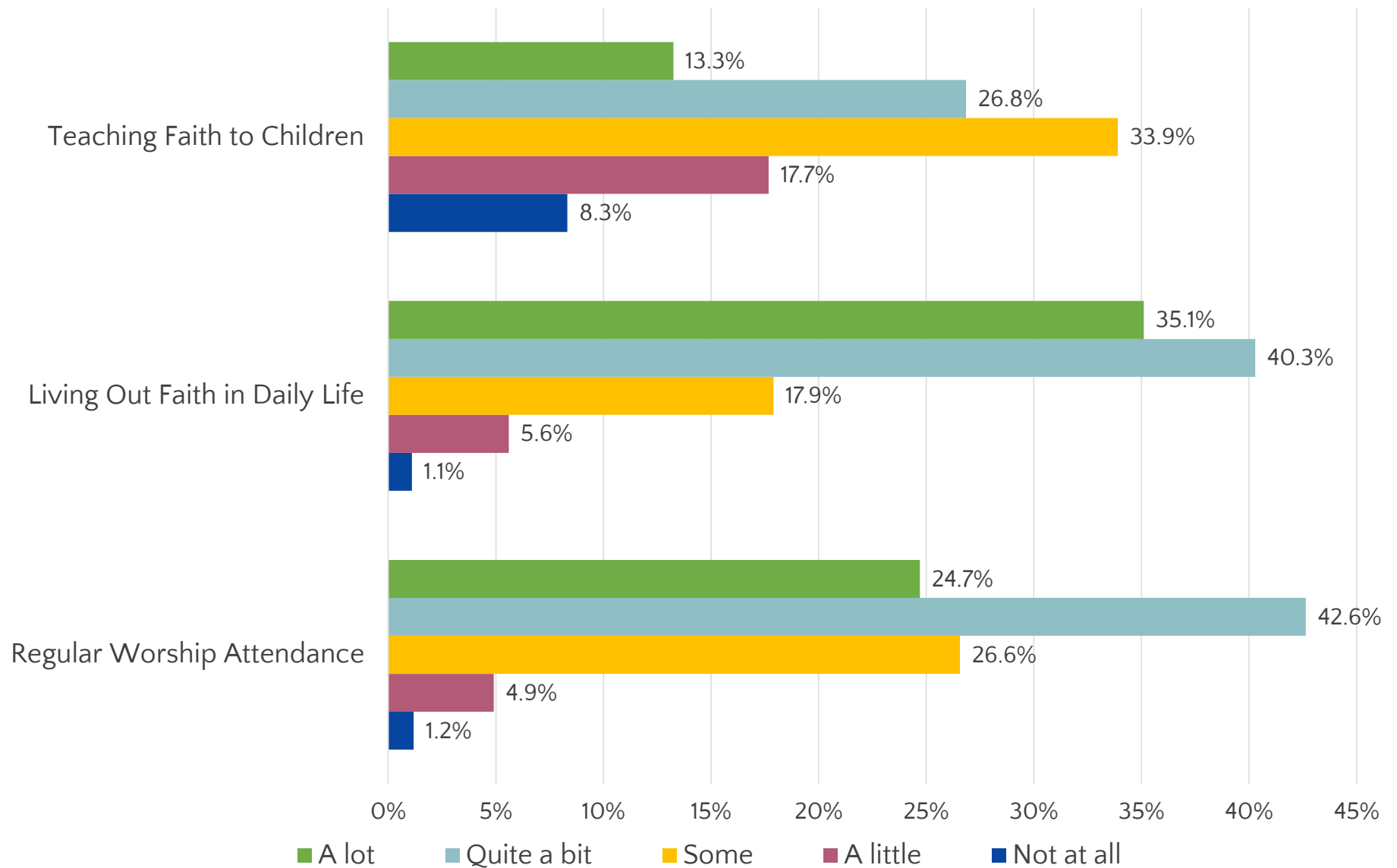
	No	Yes, some emphasis	Yes, a lot of emphasis	Yes, any
Prayer or meditation groups	36.6%	47.1%	16.3%	63.4%
Religious education for children	24.7%	30.8%	44.6%	75.4%
Religious education for adults	17.7%	49.6%	32.7%	82.3%
Youth (13-17) activities or programs	52.7%	29.2%	18.1%	47.3%
Young adult (18-34) activities or programs	74.5%	20.1%	5.4%	25.5%
Senior (65+) activities or programs	48.5%	37.7%	13.8%	51.5%
Social justice/advocacy groups	50.8%	31.6%	17.6%	49.2%
Music program	22.7%	25.5%	51.8%	77.3%
Global ministry activities	35.3%	45.6%	19.1%	64.7%
Special needs ministry	83.2%	13.9%	2.9%	16.8%
Multicultural ministry	86.2%	10.4%	3.4%	13.8%
Interfaith ministry	78.0%	17.7%	4.2%	21.9%
Community service activities	9.3%	42.7%	47.9%	90.6%

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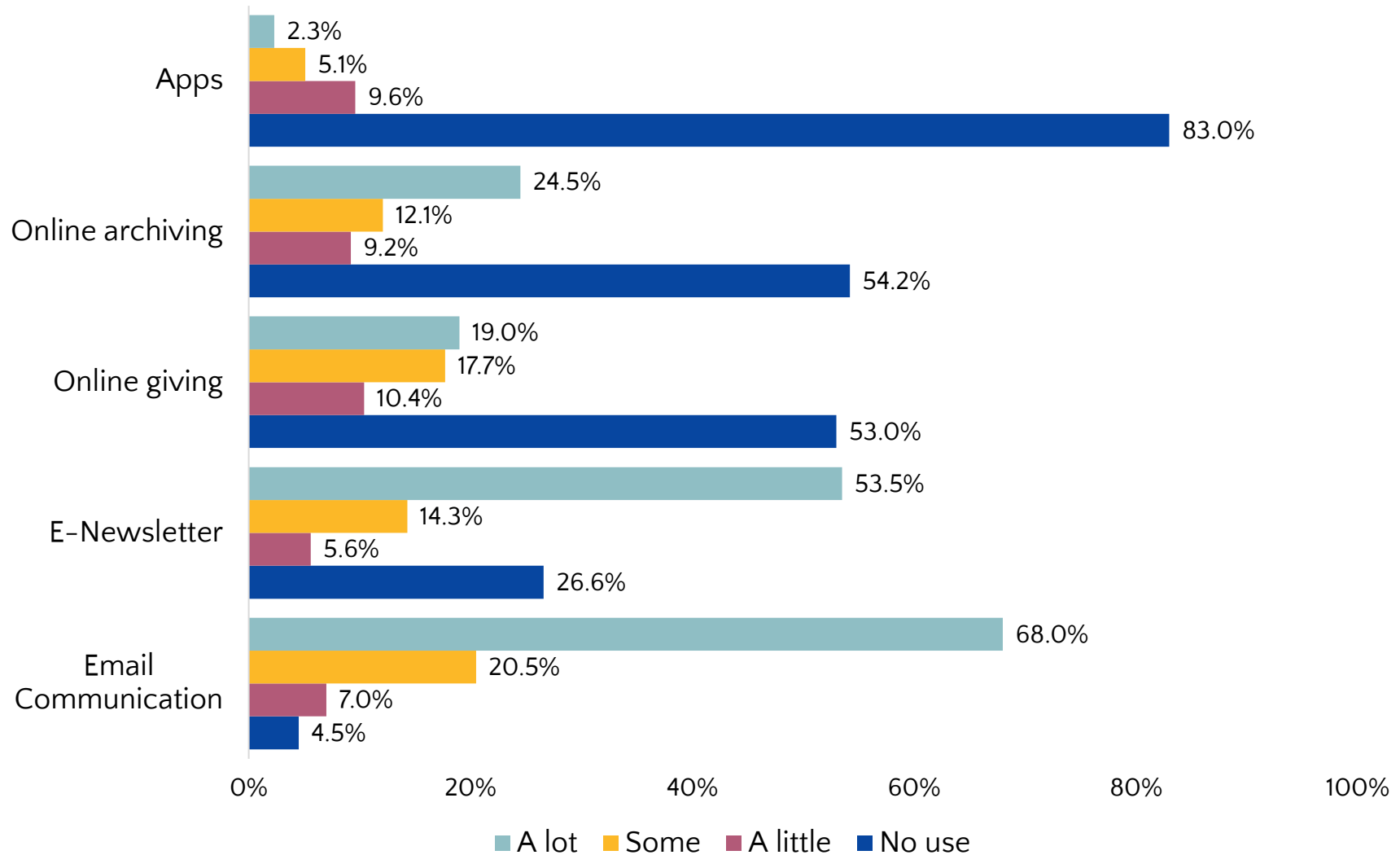


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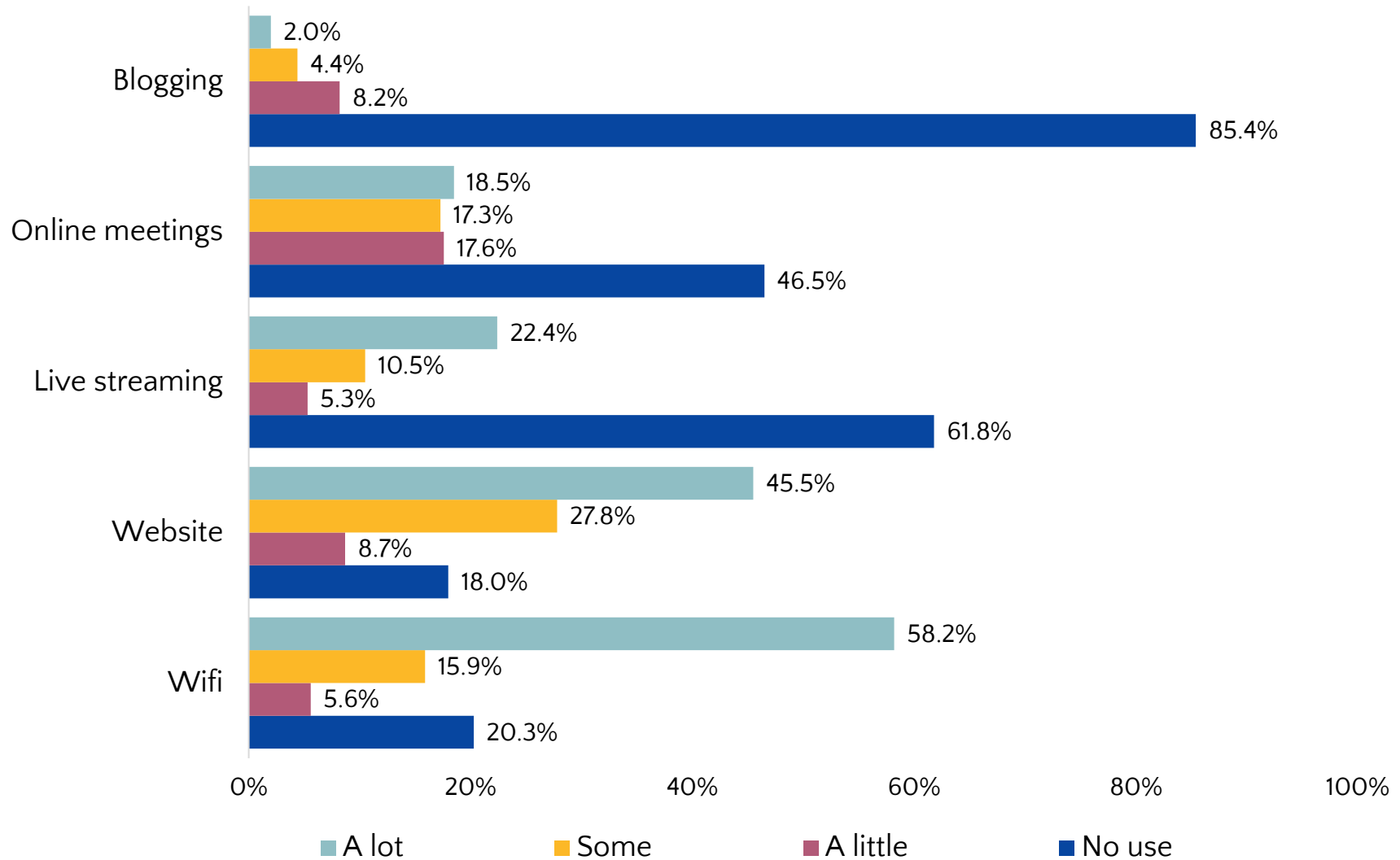
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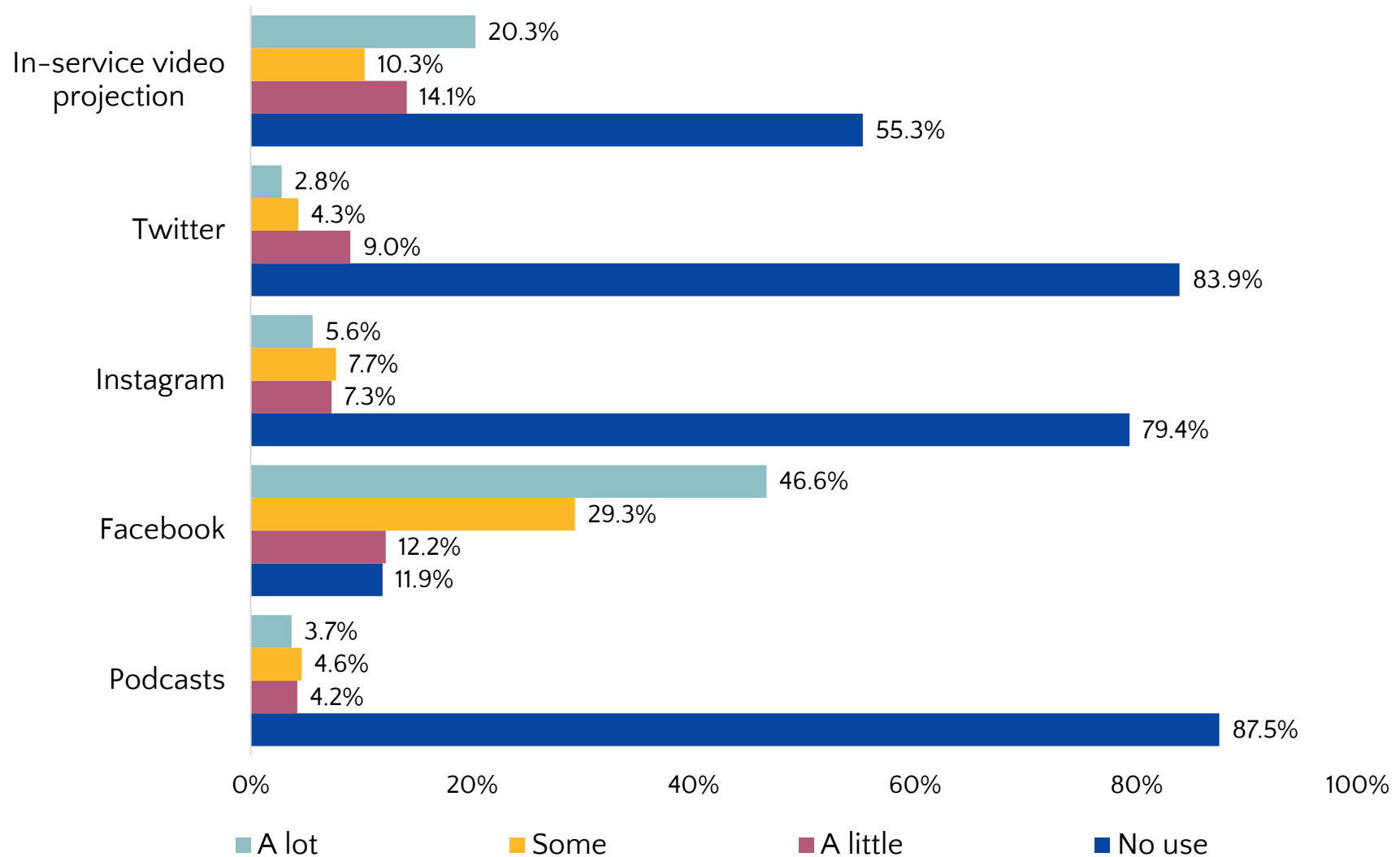
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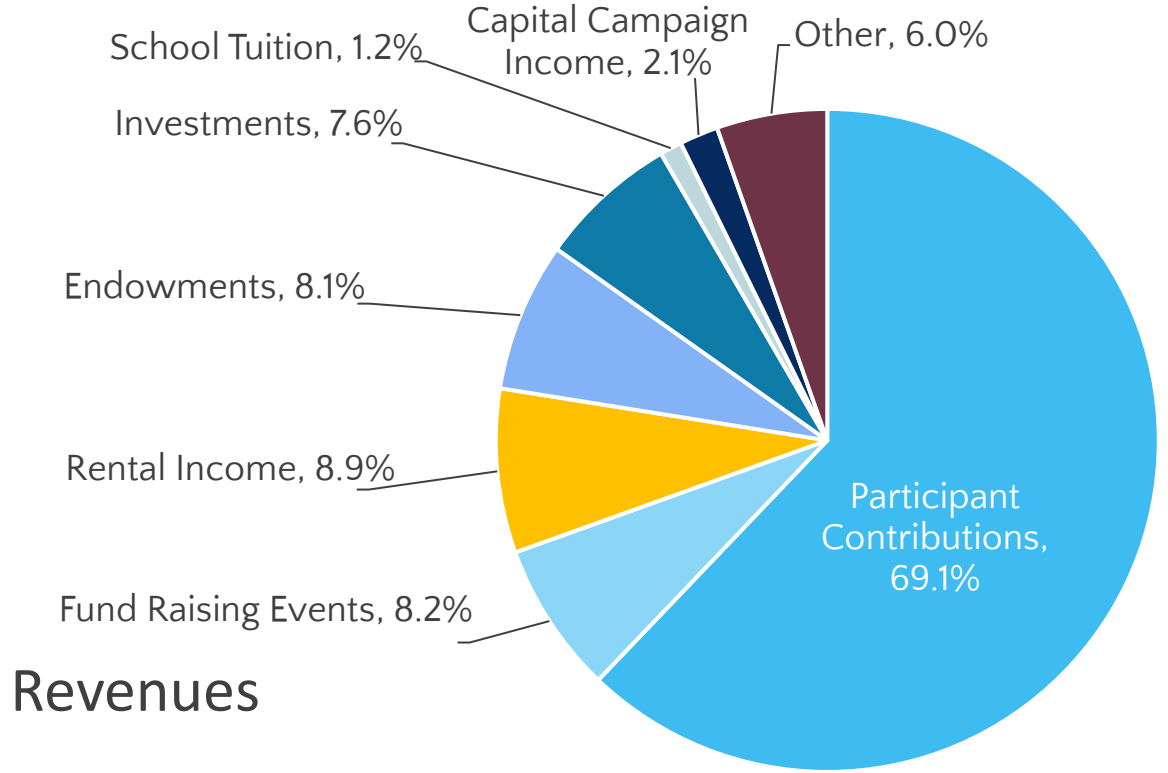
# Finances

## Total Revenues:

- Average: \$323,442.91
- Median: \$118,514.81

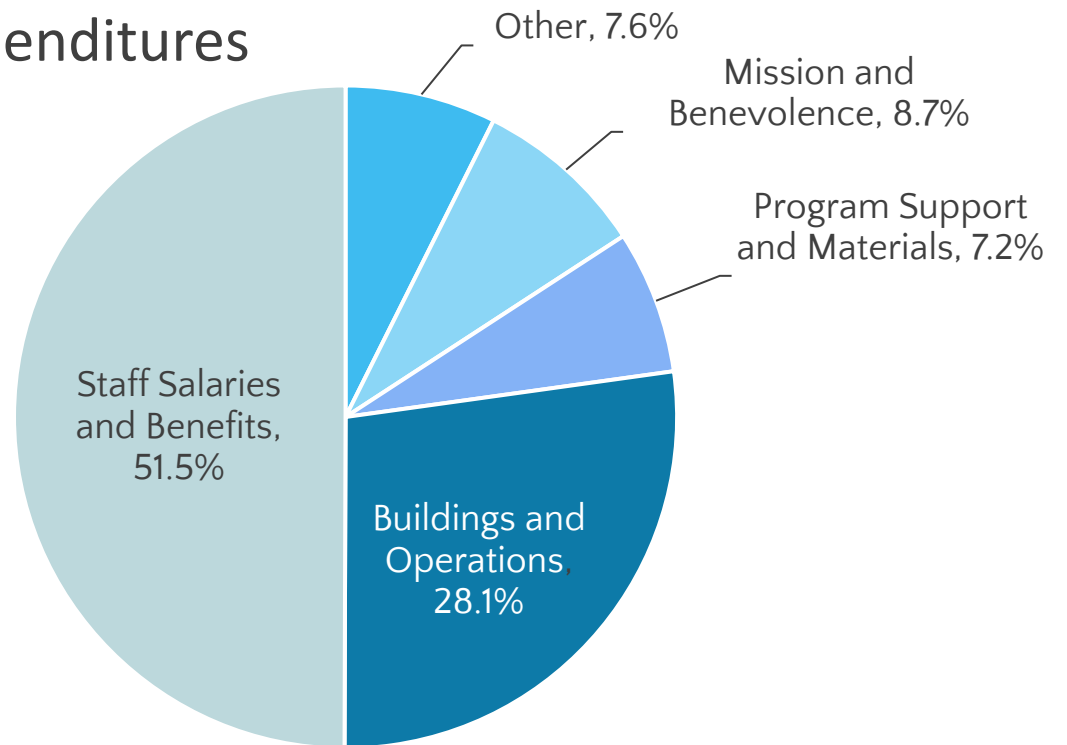
## Total Expenditures:

- Average: \$205,883.69
- Median: \$120,000.00

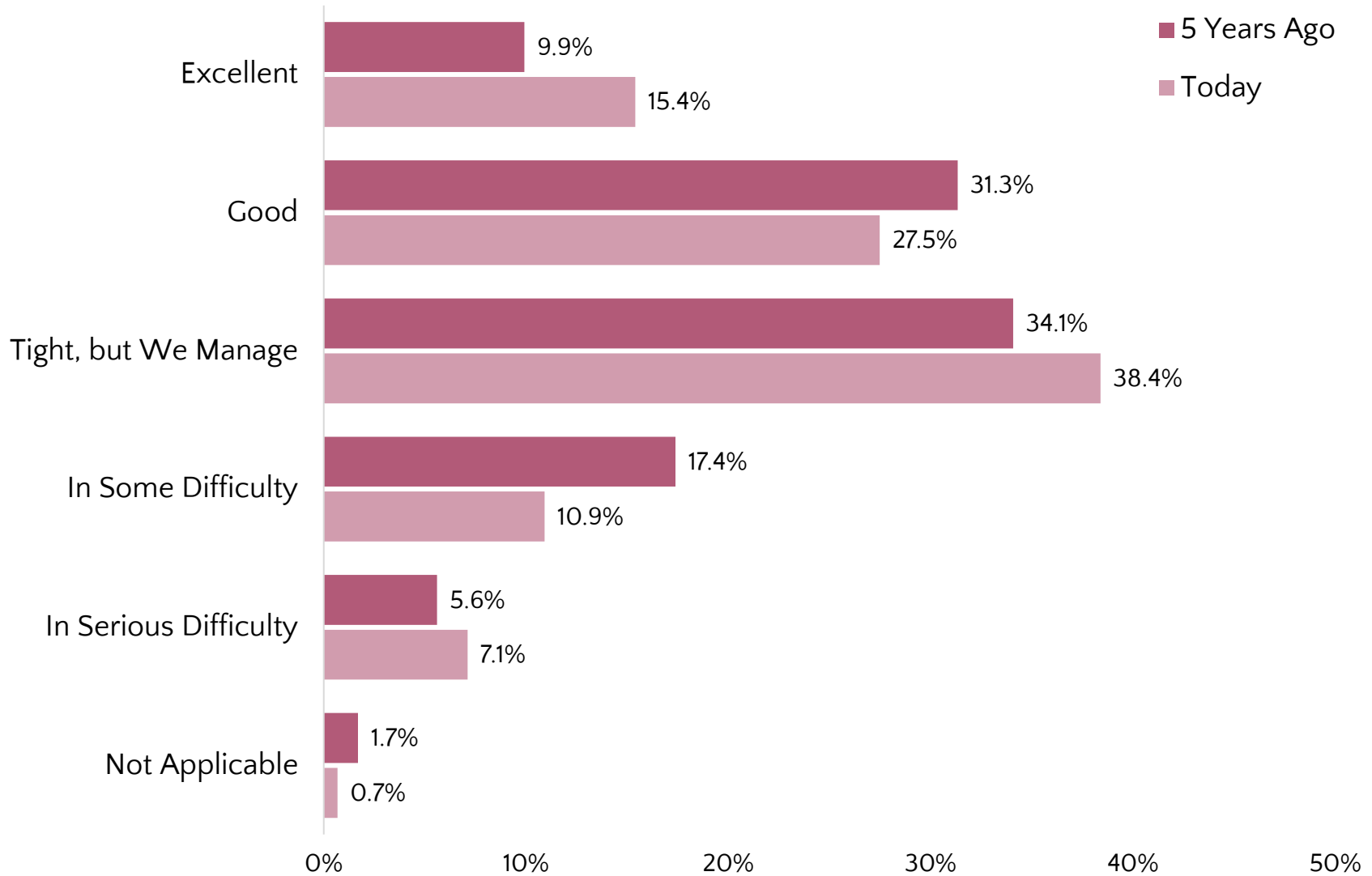


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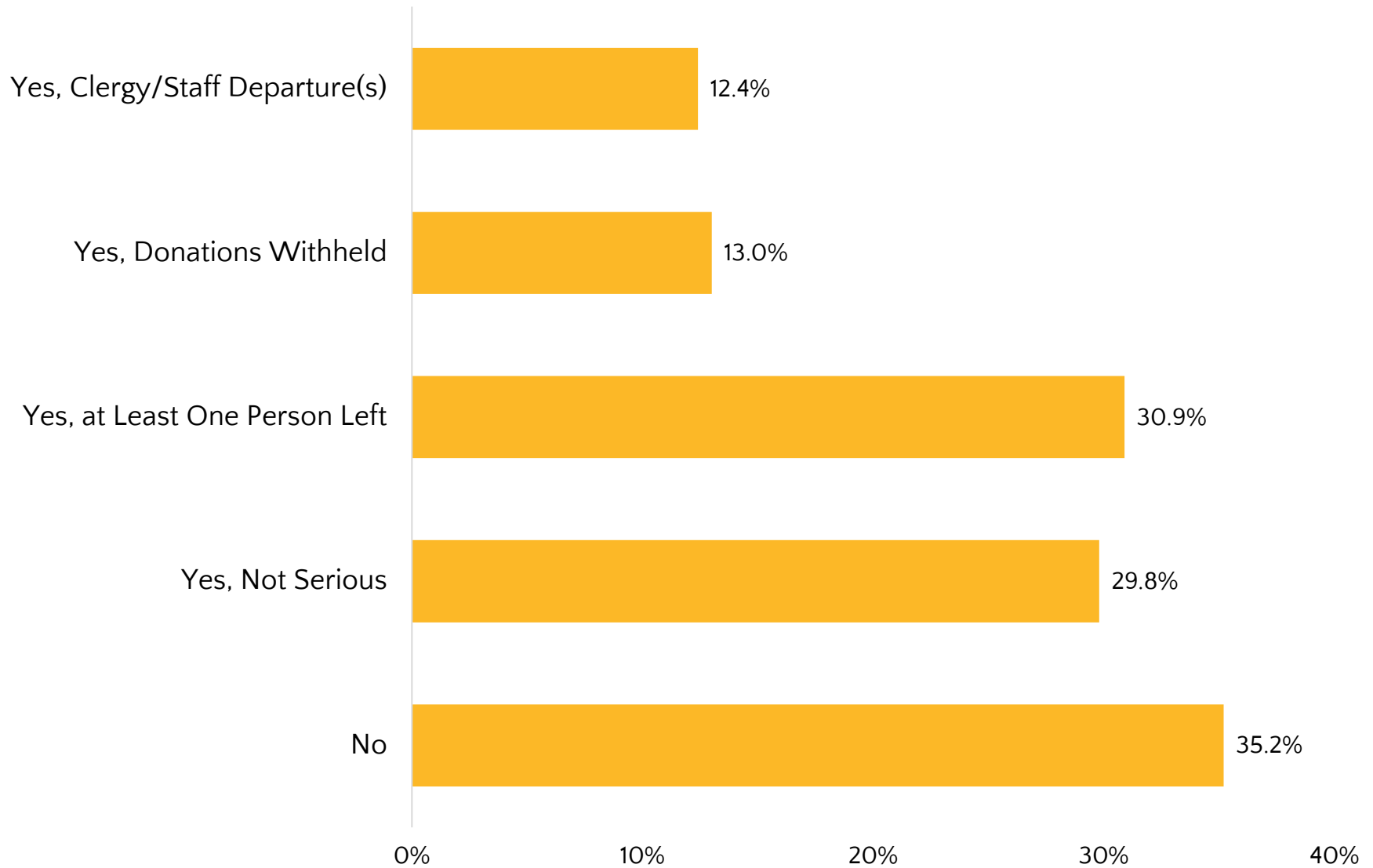
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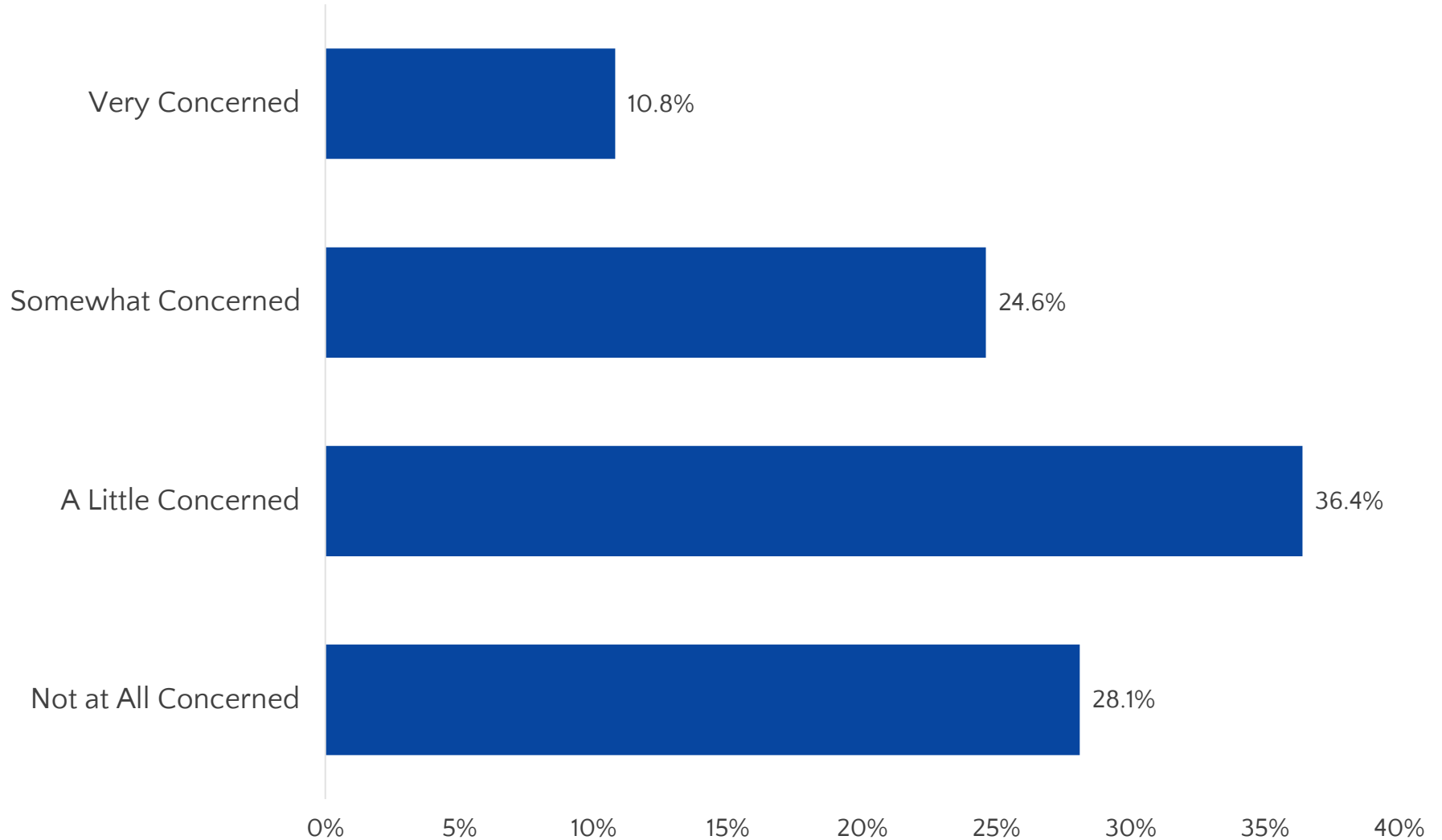
# How Would You Describe Your Congregation's Financial Health Today?



## During the Last 5 Years, has Your Congregation Experienced any Disagreements?



# To what extent is your congregation concerned about personal safety and security when you gather?



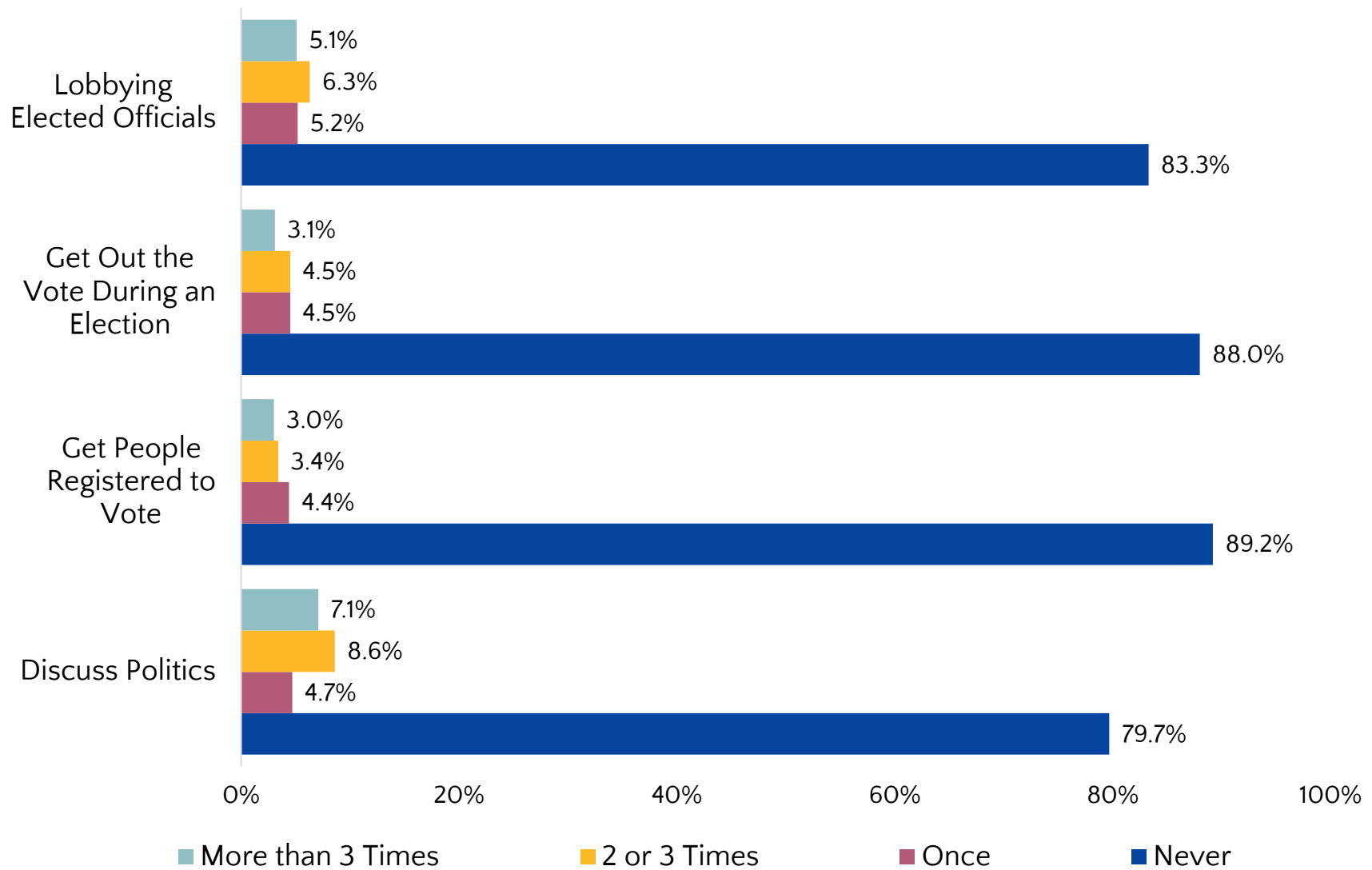
# Security—Does Your Congregation Use, or Do, Any of the Following When You Gather for Services?

	No	Yes, Since 2015	Yes, Before 2015	Yes Total
Volunteer Security Team or Ministry from Congregation	81.5%	3.8%	14.7%	18.5%
Security Cameras	81.5%	5.5%	13.0%	18.5%
Locking Doors During Services	74.3%	4.8%	20.9%	25.7%
Paid, Professional Security Personnel	98.0%	0.9%	1.2%	2.1%
Training on General Safety and Security	63.0%	28.1%	8.8%	36.9%
Background Checks for Volunteers with Children	35.7%	19.4%	44.8%	64.2%
Conducting Training for Those Working with Children	50.5%	16.6%	32.9%	49.5%

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# Political Activities

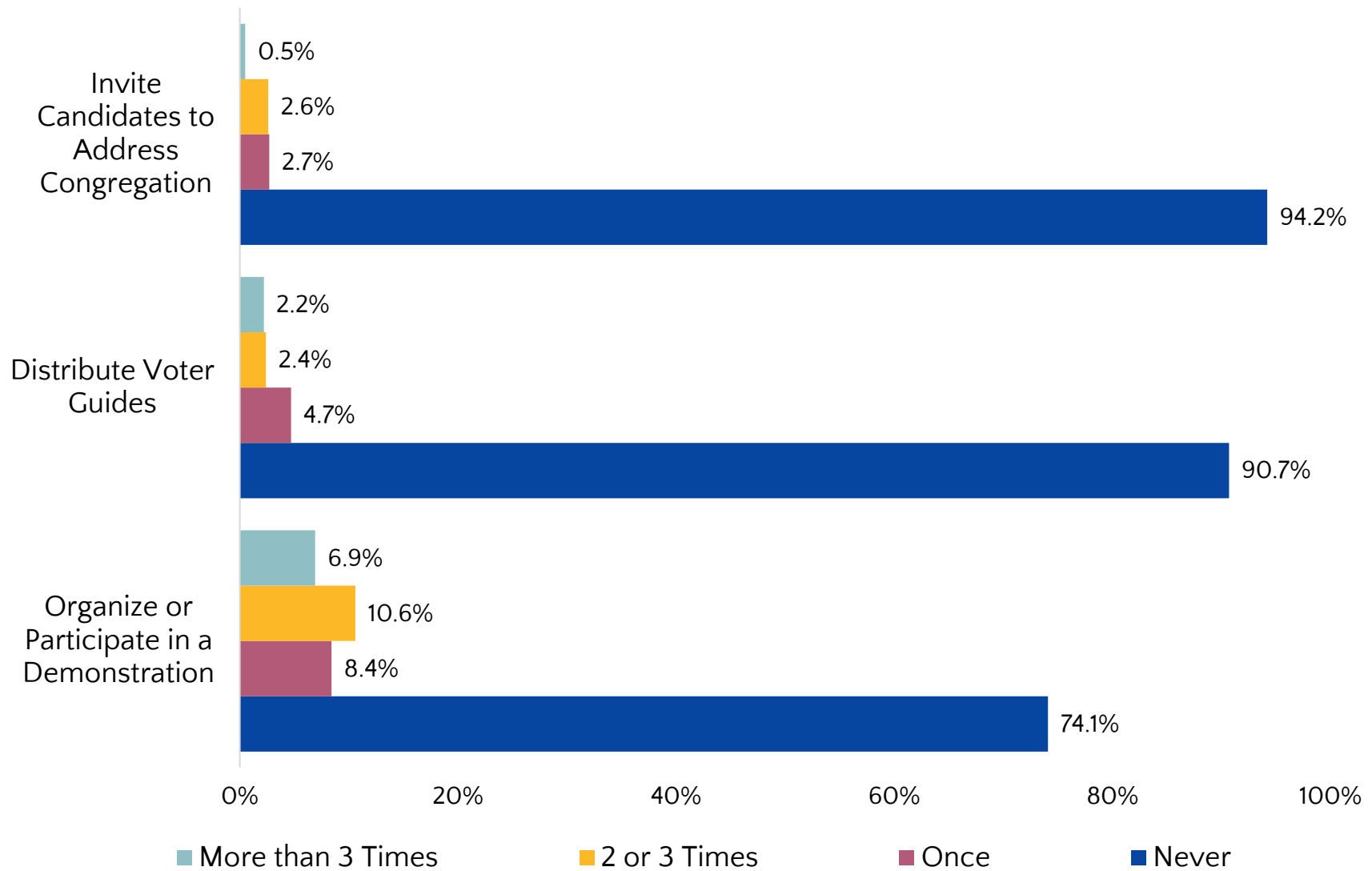
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# Politics Around Congregation

To What Extent do You Agree or Disagree with Each of the Following Statements?

