

# FALL 2021

## FACULTY & STUDENT OER SURVEY REPORT



**HBCU Affordable Learning Solutions  
Open Educational Resources**

Professional Development  
SMART Technology Innovation Center

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students cannot **learn**  
from books they can't  
**afford**

# COST OF TEXTBOOKS

Every year, students spend more than \$14 billion on college textbooks.

- 1 The College Board recommends that first-year students budget \$1200 per year for books and supplies,

- 2 and the Bureau of Labor Statistics reveals that textbook costs have increased at 4 times the rate of inflation in the past decade.

- 3 In response, large portions of the student population are forced to skip buying or renting their books, ultimately risking their grades and lowering the quality of their education.

## INTRODUCTION

The Faculty and Student Survey was an instrument used to help students and faculty express their shared experiences through the use of Open Educational Resources in the classroom. The research study was about the cost of textbooks and course materials.



# 365 DAYS

## OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)

OER PROVIDES FREE ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL TEACHING, LEARNING, AND TRAINING MATERIALS AND DIGITAL ONLINE TOOLS

# THE FACULTY SURVEY RESULTS

FALL 2021: 42- PILOT FACULTY

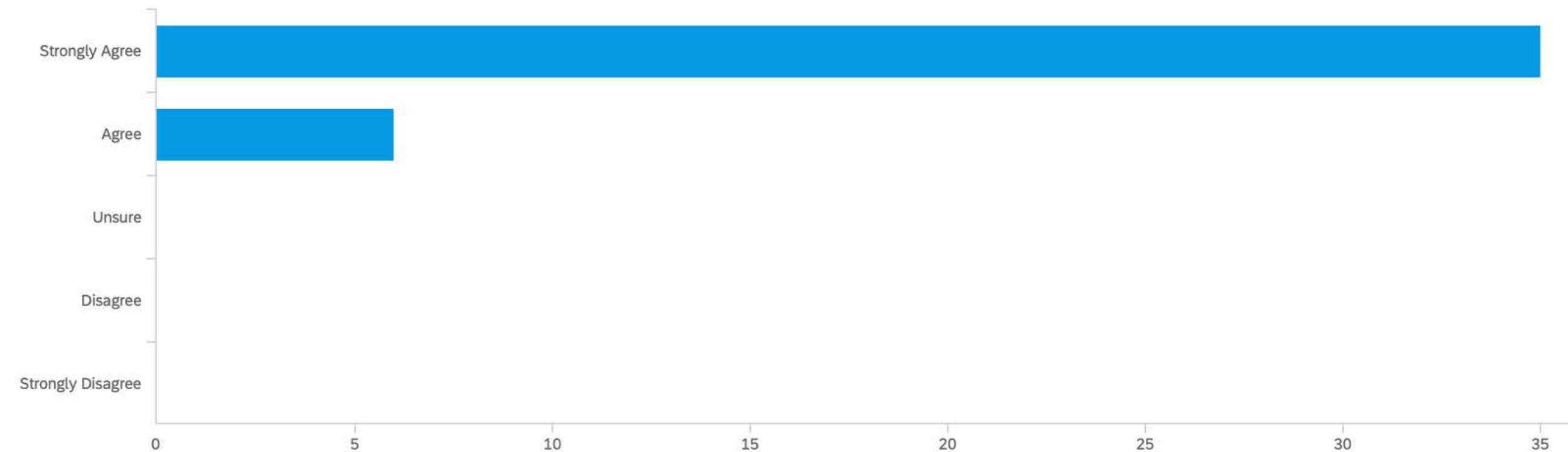
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**Question 1.** I want all my students to have full access to all classroom textbooks and materials the first day of class?

**FACULTY RESPONSES:**

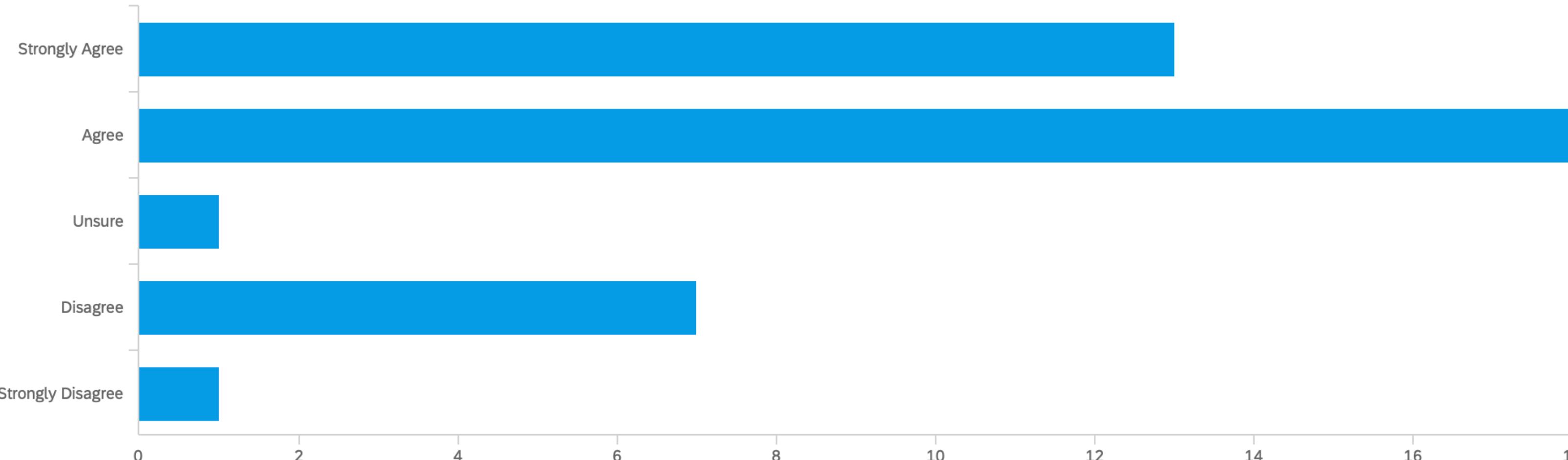


**FACULTY  
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<b>STRONGLY AGREE</b>	<b>85.71%</b>
<b>AGREE</b>	<b>14.29%</b>
<b>UNSURE</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>STRONGLY DISAGREE</b>	<b>0%</b>

# Question 2. I select my classroom textbook based on students' affordability.

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



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**STRONGLY AGREE 26.47%**

**AGREE 52.94%**

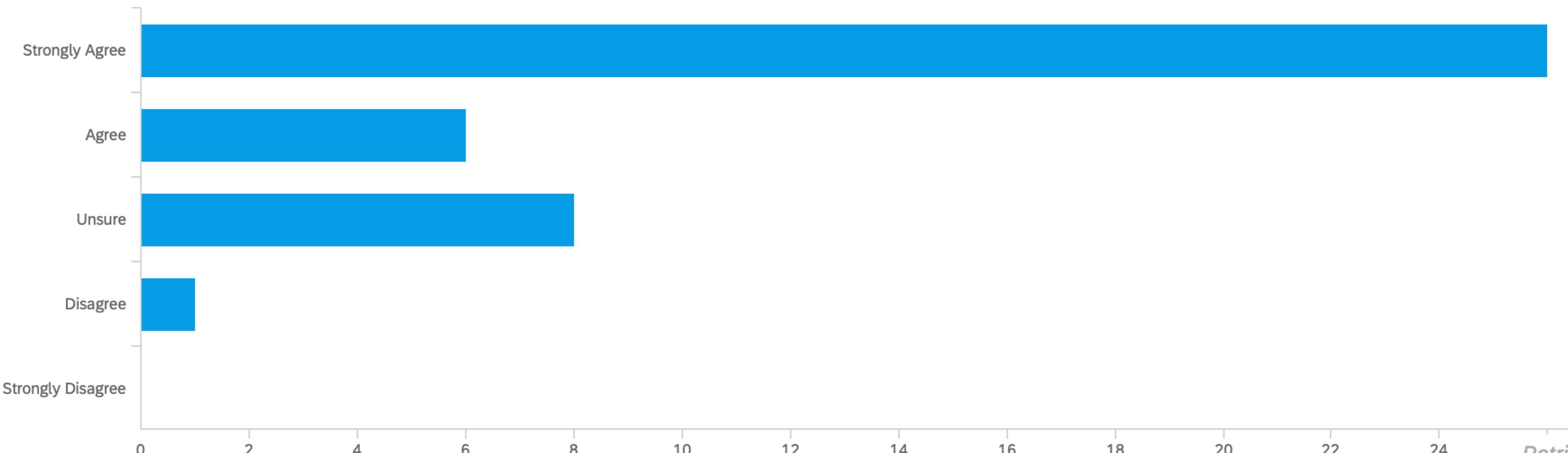
**UNSURE 2.94%**

**DISAGREE 17.65%**

**STRONGLY DISAGREE 0%**

# Question 3. Students prefer free textbooks?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

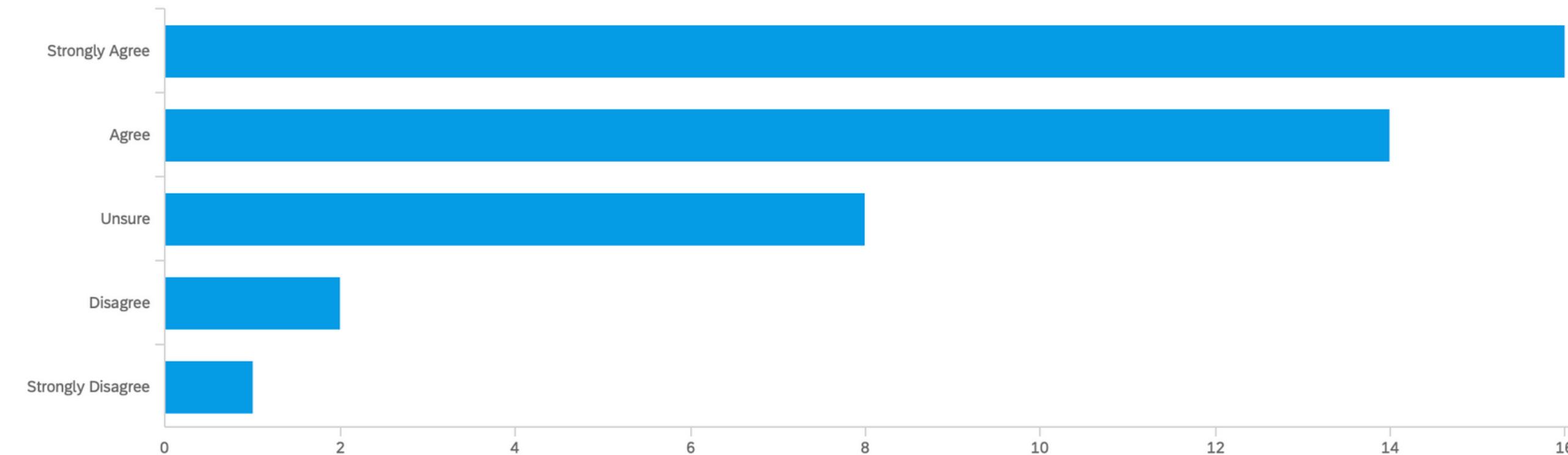


**FACULTY  
SURVEY  
2021**

**STRONGLY AGREE 60.00%** **DISAGREE 2.86%**  
**AGREE 17.14%** **STRONGLY DISAGREE 0%**  
**UNSURE 20.00%**

# Question 4: Cost is the primary reason students do not have access to textbook?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



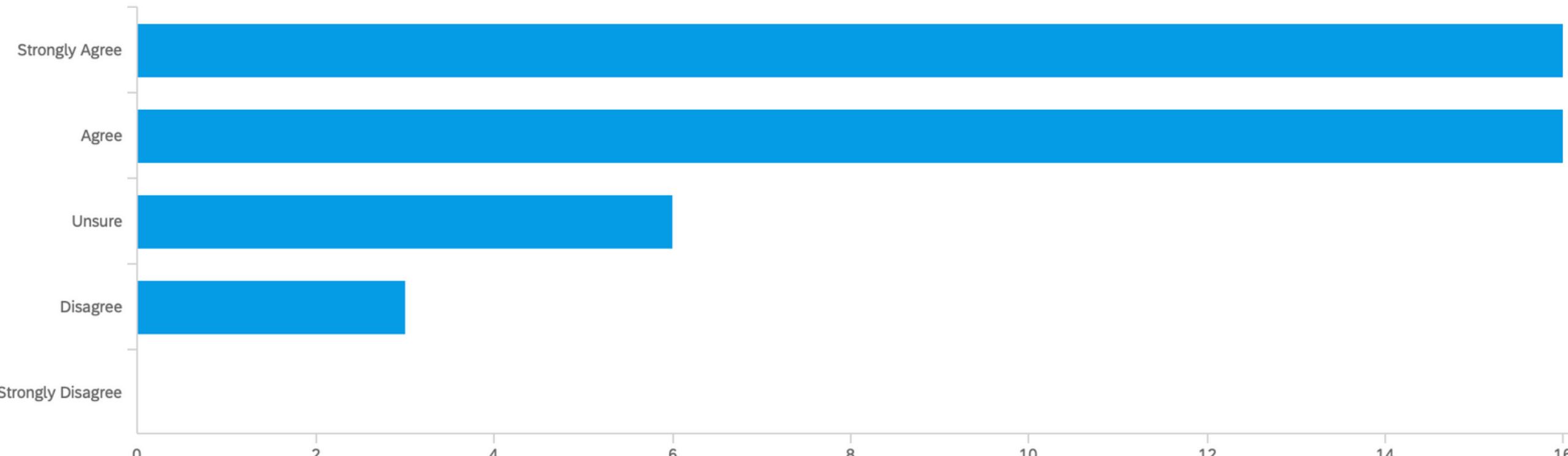
**FACULTY  
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2021**

**STRONGLY AGREE** 39.02%  
**AGREE** 34.15%  
**UNSURE** 19.51%

**DISAGREE** 4.88%  
**STRONGLY DISAGREE** 2.44%

# Question 5. The Cost for Course Materials is a Serious Problem for my students?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



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STRONGLY AGREE

39.02%

AGREE

39.02%

UNSURE

14.63%

DISAGREE

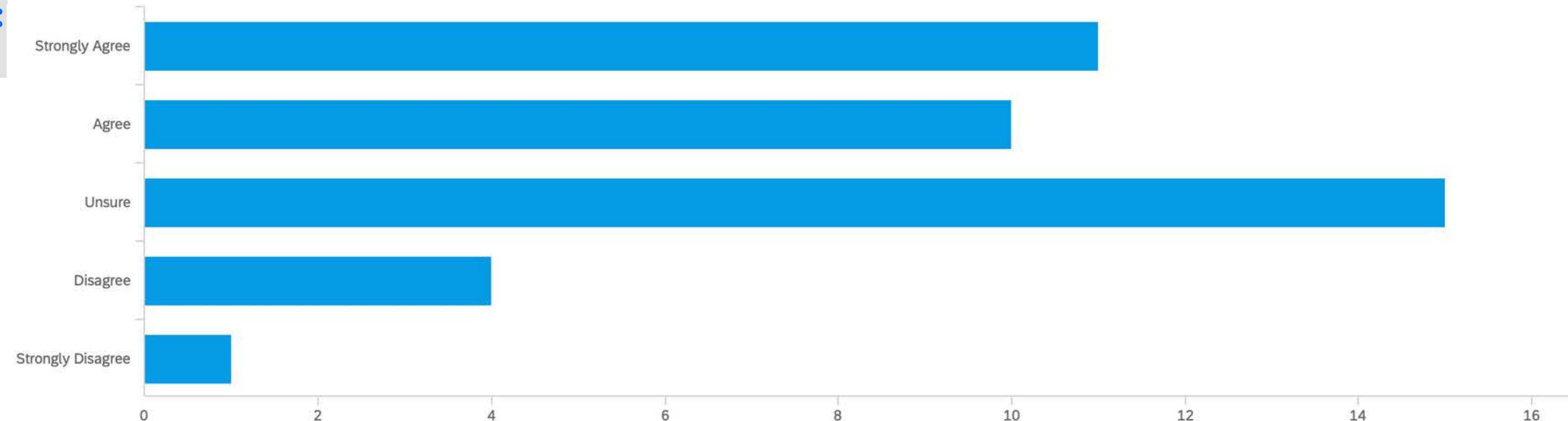
7.33%

STRONGLY DISAGREE

0.00%

# Question 6. The cost to the student of required course materials is an issue for my department.

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

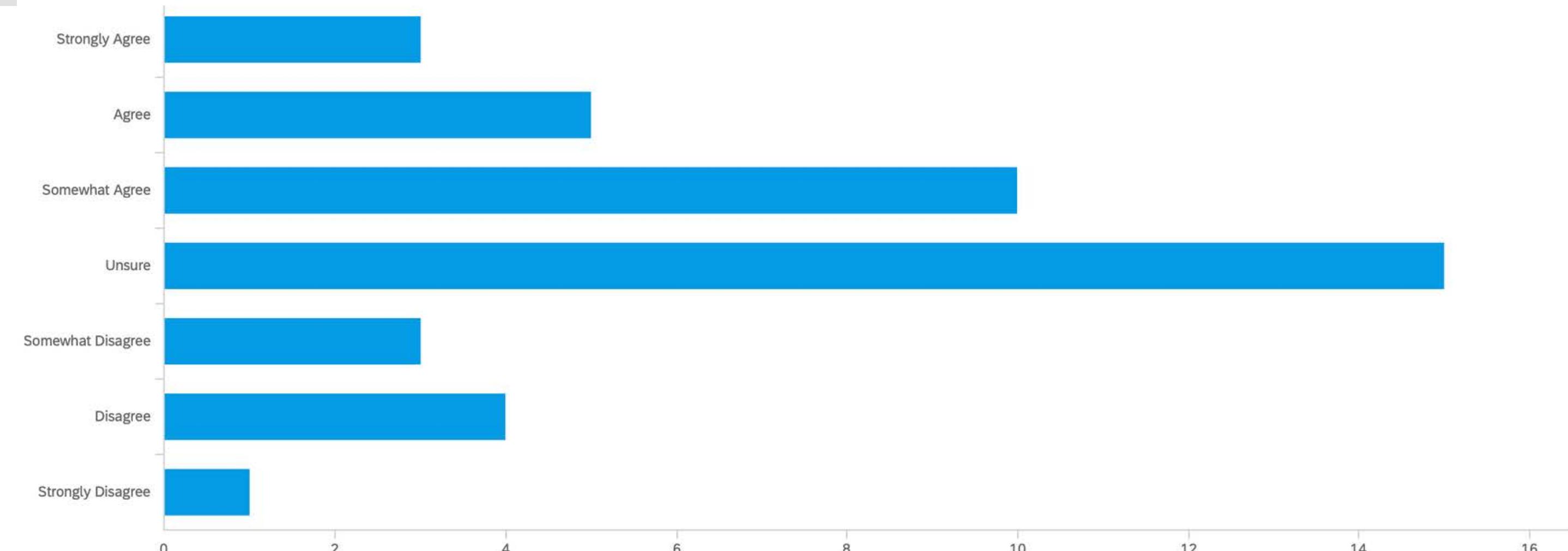


**FACULTY SURVEY 2021**

<b>STRONGLY AGREE</b>	<b>26.82%</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>9.76%</b>
<b>AGREE</b>	<b>24.39%</b>	<b>STRONGLY DISAGREE</b>	<b>2.44%</b>
<b>UNSURE</b>	<b>36.59%</b>		

# Question 7. My Students Prefer Print materials over Digital?

**FACULTY RESPONSES:**

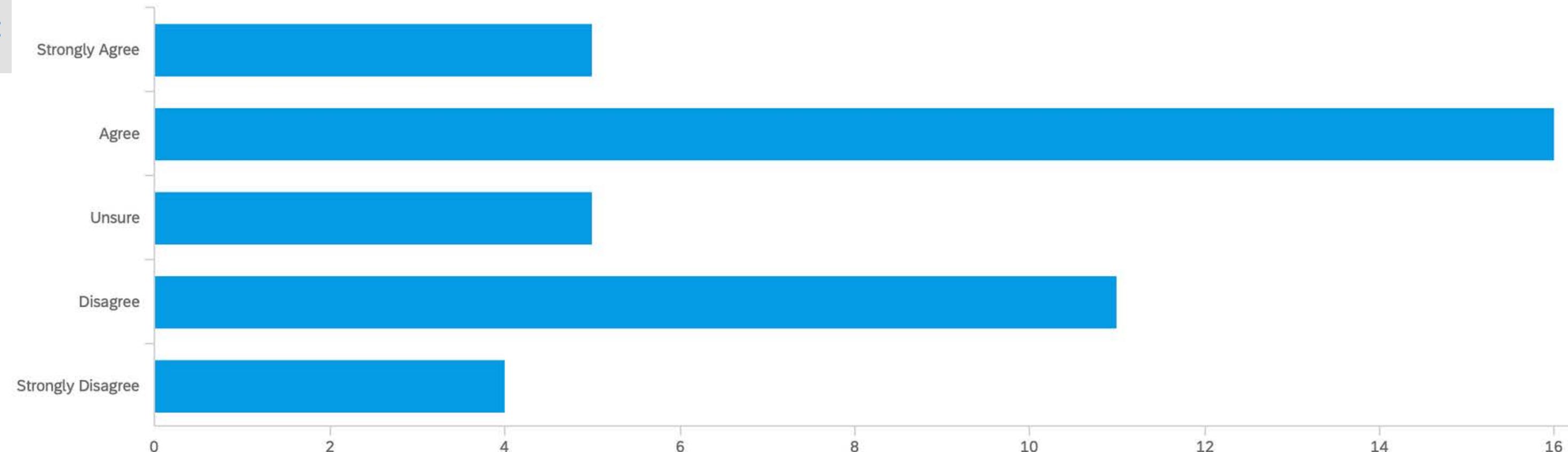


**FACULTY SURVEY  
2021**

<b>STRONGLY AGREE</b>	<b>7.32%</b>	<b>UNSURE</b>	<b>36.59%</b>
<b>AGREE</b>	<b>12.20%</b>	<b>SOMEWHAT DISAGREE</b>	<b>7.30%</b>
<b>SOMEWHAT AGREE</b>	<b>24.39%</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>9.76%</b>
<b>STRONGLY DISAGREE</b>			<b>2.44%</b>

# Question 8. As an instructor, I prefer Print over Digital Materials for teaching and learning?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

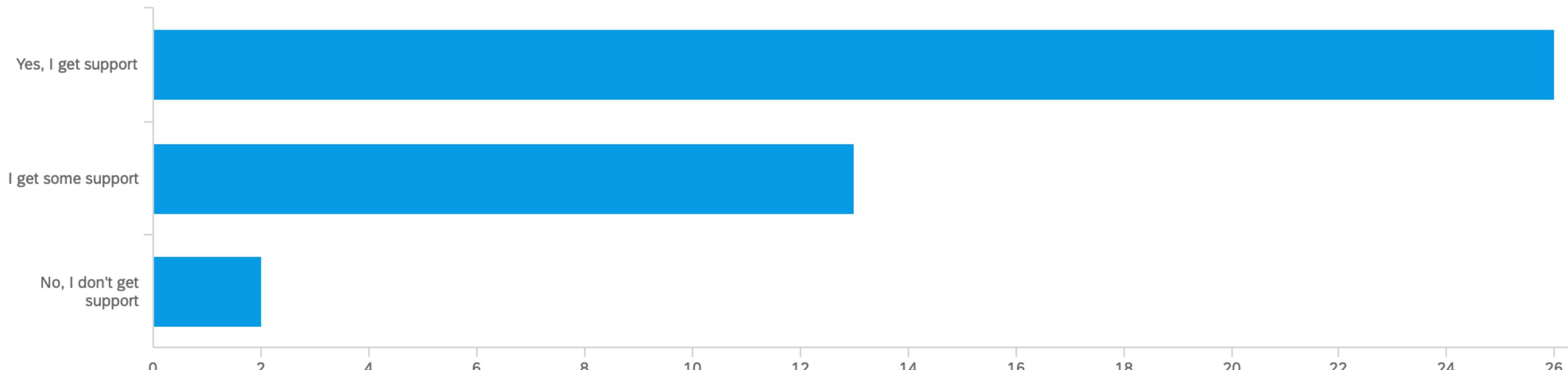


FACULTY SURVEY  
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**STRONGLY AGREE 12.19%**  
**AGREE 39.02%**  
**UNSURE 12.20%**  
**DISAGREE 26.83%**  
**STRONGLY DISAGREE 9.76%**

# Question 9. My Department Chair supports the use of OER?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

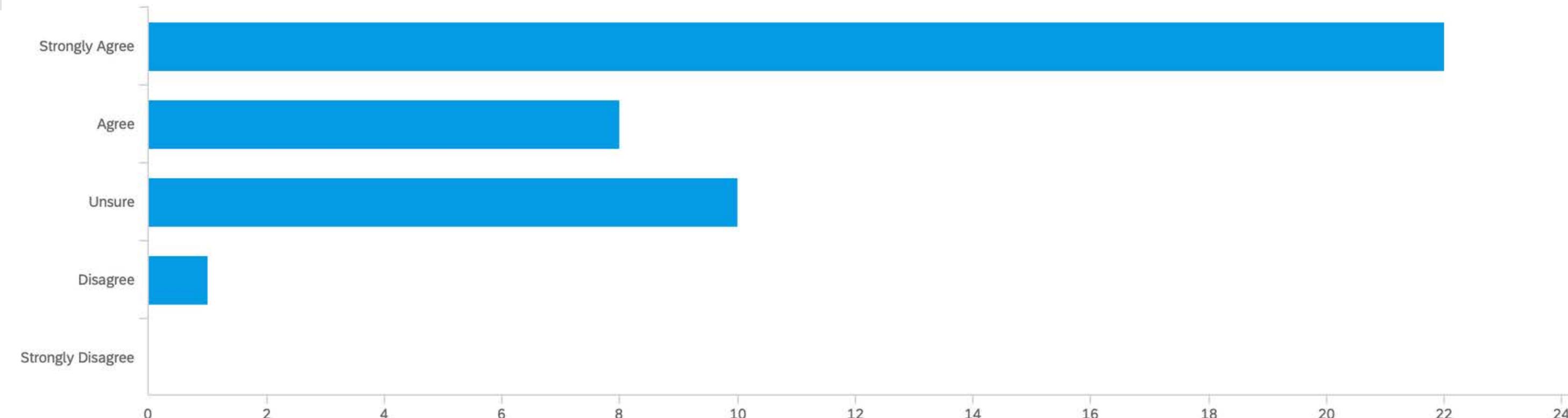


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<b>YES I GET SUPPORT</b>	<b>63.41%</b>
<b>I GET SOME SUPPORT</b>	<b>31.71%</b>
<b>NO I DONT GET SUPPORT</b>	<b>4.88%</b>

# Question 10. My Dean supports the use of OER?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

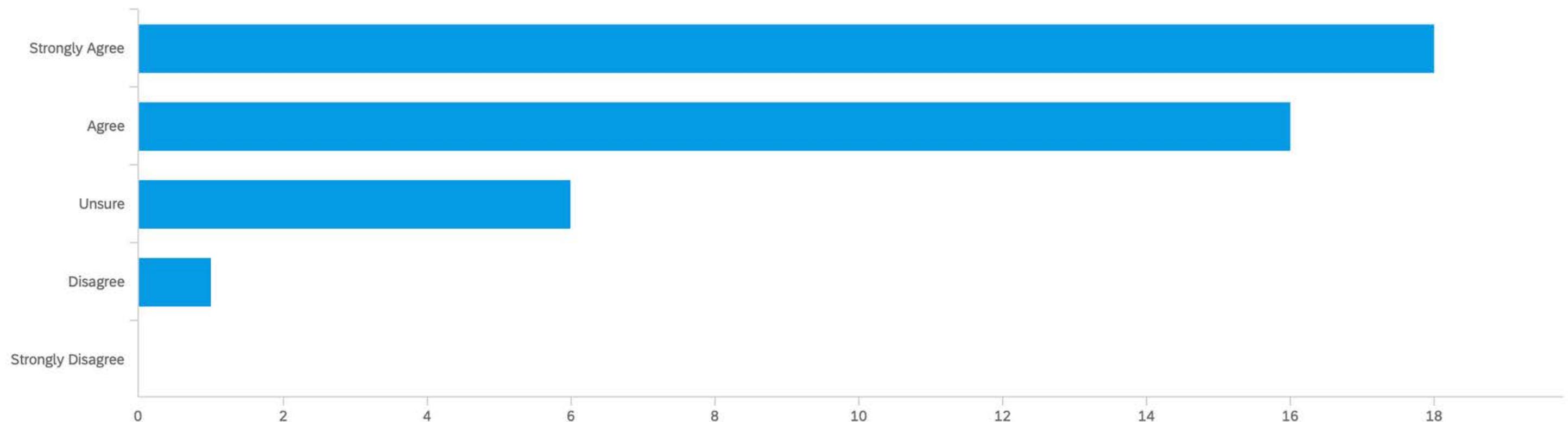


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# Question 11. My provost/chief academic officer supports the use of OER?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



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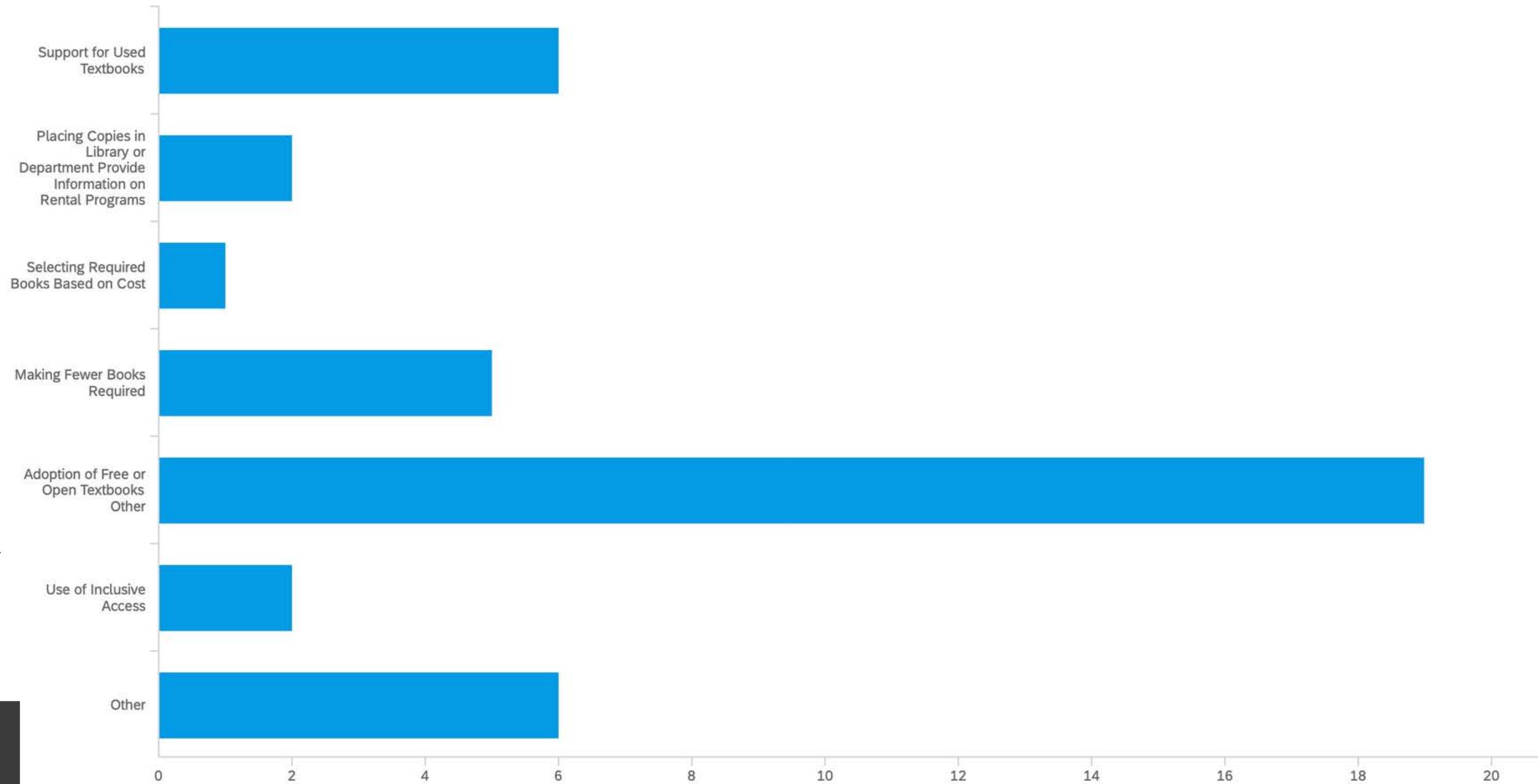
**STRONGLY AGREE** 43.90%  
**AGREE** 39.02%

**DISAGREE** 2.44%  
**STRONGLY DISAGREE** 0.00%

**UNSURE** 14.64%

# Question 12. What steps have you taken to reduce the cost of textbooks for students?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

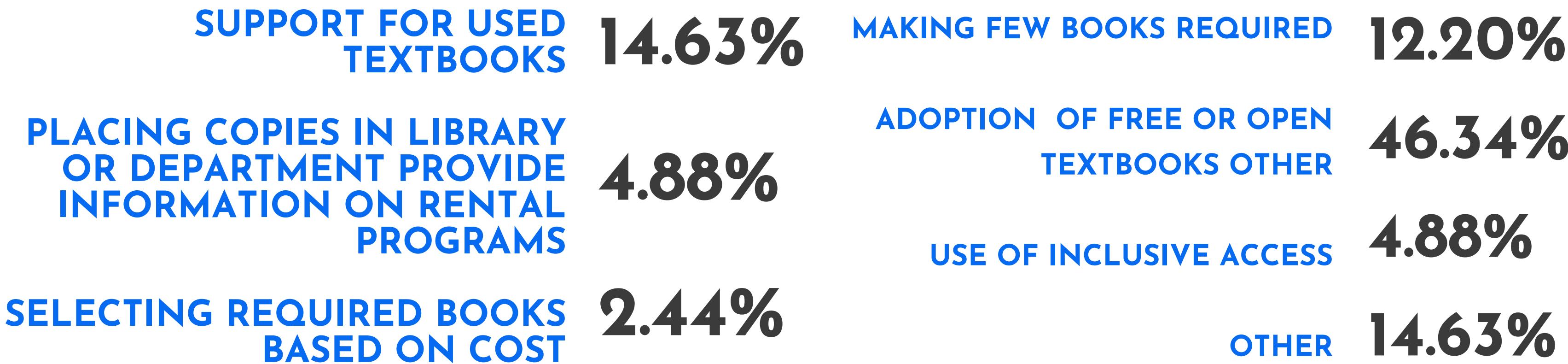


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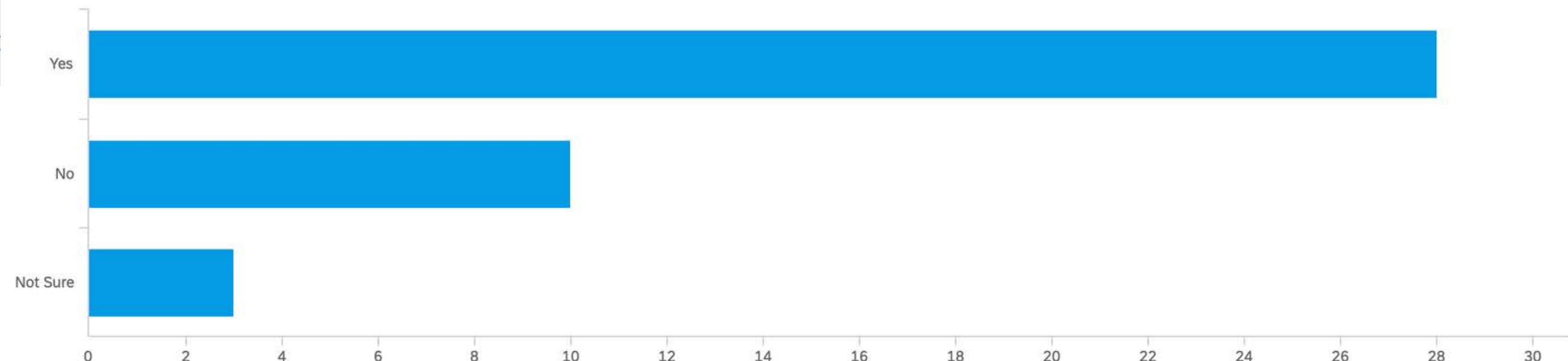
# Question 12. What steps have you taken to reduce the cost of textbooks for students?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



# Question 13. I have created OER teaching and/or learning resources so my students do not have to pay for materials?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

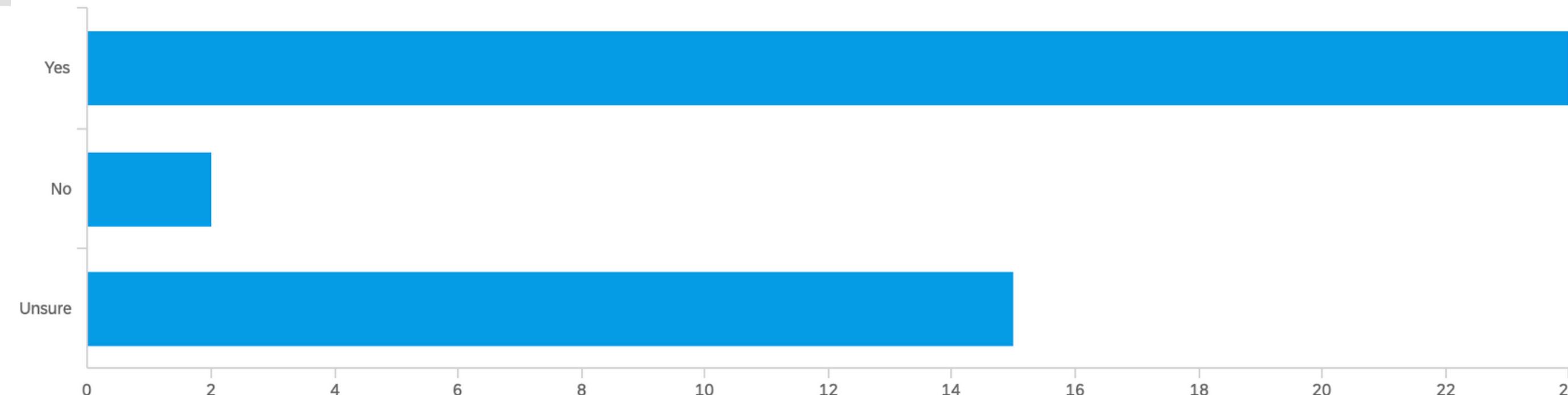


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YES 68.29%  
NO 24.39%  
NOT SURE 7.32%

# Question 14. My campus librarian provides OER Resources for supporting faculty and students?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



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**YES 58.53%**

**NO 4.88%**

**UNSURE 36.59**

# Question 15. I have attended OER Workshop/Training within the year?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

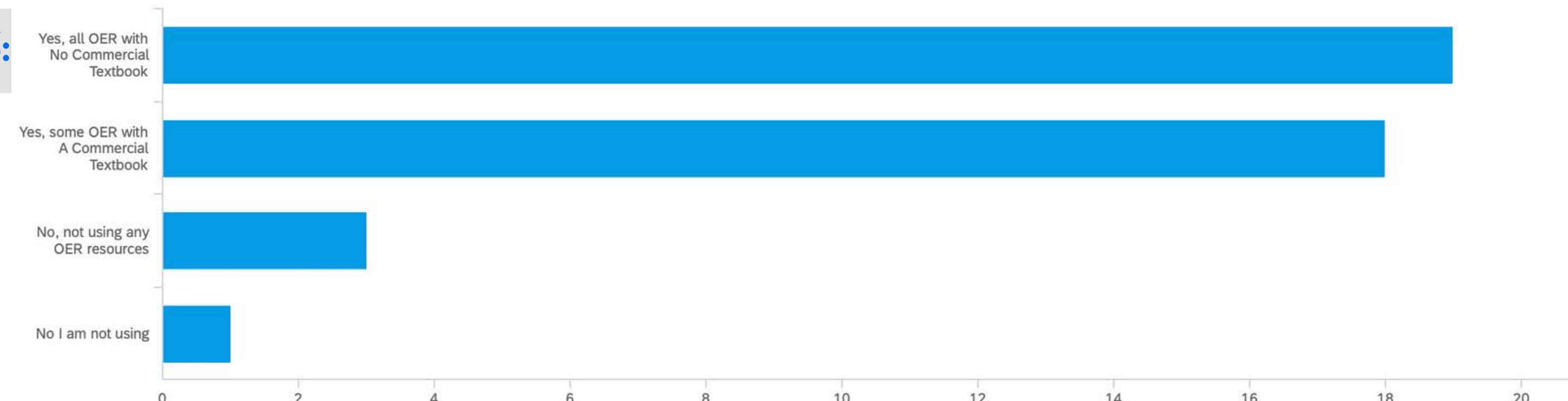


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<b>YES</b>	<b>77.50%</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>20.00%</b>
<b>UNSURE</b>	<b>2.50%</b>

# Question 16. I am currently using OER Materials for my fall 2021 class(es)?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



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**YES, ALL OER WITH NO COMMERCIAL TEXTBOOK**

**46.34%**

**NO I AM NOT USING 2.44%**

**YES SOME OER WITH A COMMERCIAL TEXTBOOKS**

**43.90%**

**NO, NOT USING ANY OER RESOURCES**

**7.32%**

# Question 17. If You are NOT using OER Materials please share your reason(s) \*Check all that applies?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



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**Question 17.** If You are NOT using OER Materials please share your reason(s) \*Check all that applies:

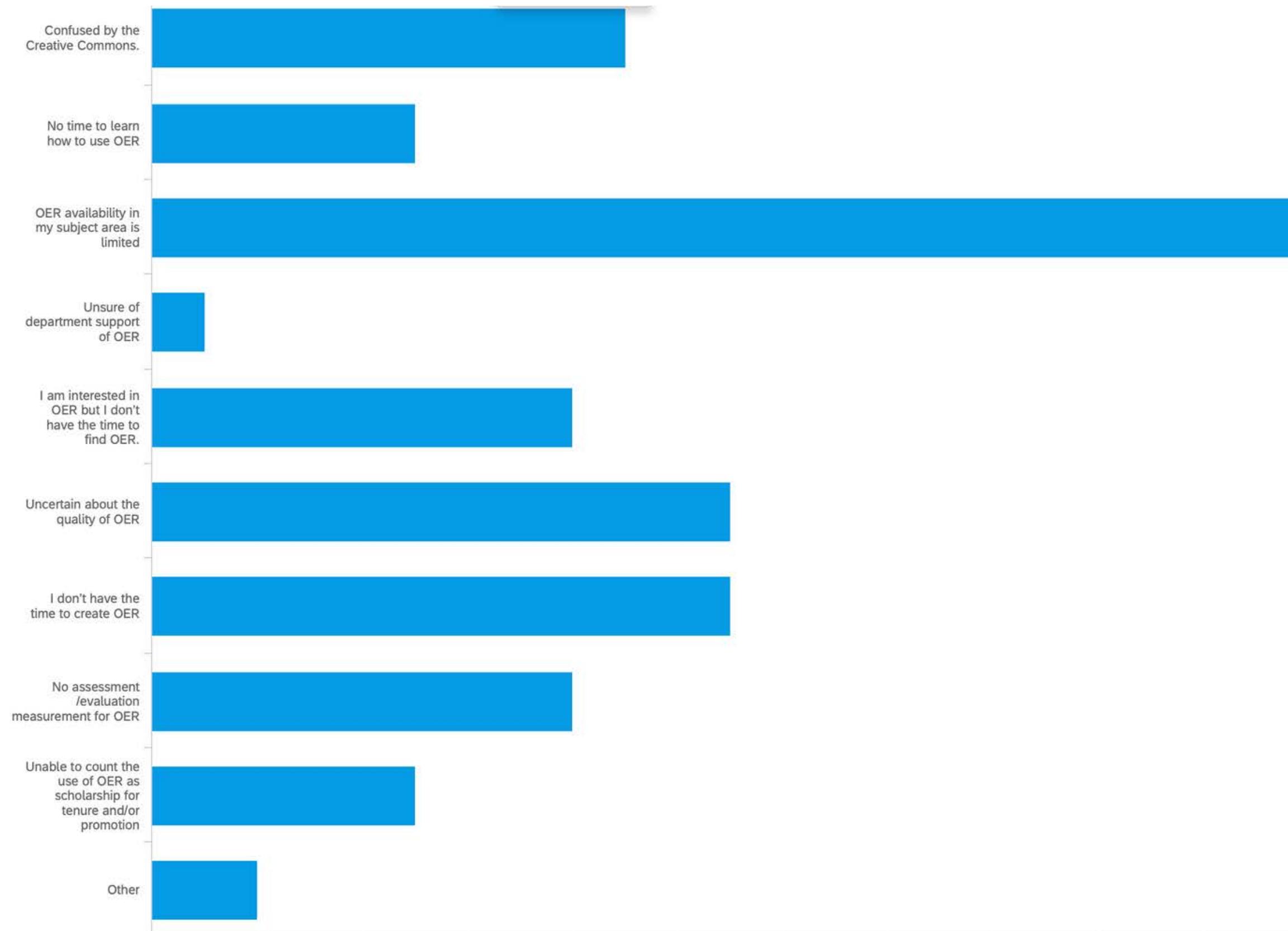
**FACULTY RESPONSES:**

I AM USING OER FOR ALL OR SOME PART OF MY INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES	<b>68.97%</b>
NOT USING OER BECAUSE I AM DO NOT HAVE TIME TO SEARCH FOR APPROPRIATE MATERIALS	<b>6.90%</b>
NOT USING OER BECAUSE I AM NOT TRAINED TO USE OER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING	<b>13.79%</b>
NOT USING OER BECAUSE OF LIMITED OER RESOURCES IN MY DISCIPLINE AREA	<b>6.90%</b>
NO USING OER BECAUSE I PREFER THE COMMERCIAL TEXTBOOKS	<b>3.44%</b>

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# Question 18. Challenges using OER (check all that apply)

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



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# Question 18. Challenges using OER (check all that apply)?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

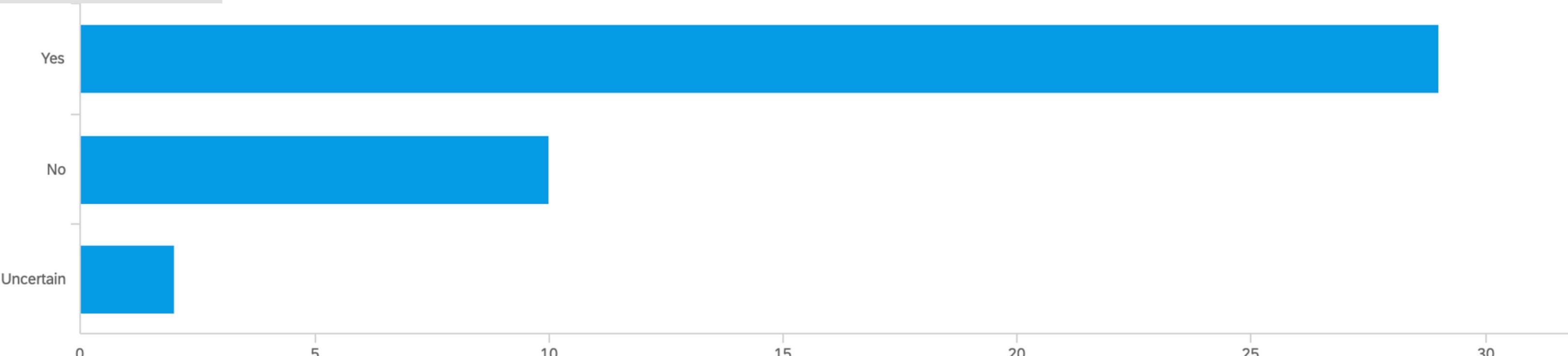
<b><u>1 CONFUSED BY THE CREATIVE COMMONS.</u></b>	<b>10.98%</b>
<b><u>2 NO TIME TO LEARN HOW TO USE OER</u></b>	<b>6.10%</b>
<b><u>3 OER AVAILABILITY IN MY SUBJECT AREA IS LIMITED</u></b>	<b>26.84%</b>
<b><u>4 UNSURE OF DEPARTMENT SUPPORT OF OER</u></b>	<b>1.22%</b>
<b><u>5 I AM INTERESTED IN OER BUT I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO FIND OER.</u></b>	<b>9.70%</b>
<b><u>6 UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE QUALITY OF OER</u></b>	<b>13.41%</b>
<b><u>7 I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO CREATE OER</u></b>	<b>13.41%</b>
<b><u>8 NO ASSESSMENT /EVALUATION MEASUREMENT FOR OER</u></b>	<b>9.80%</b>
<b><u>9 UNABLE TO COUNT THE USE OF OER AS SCHOLARSHIP FOR TENURE AND/OR PROMOTION</u></b>	<b>6.10%</b>
<b><u>10 OTHER</u></b>	<b>2.44%</b>

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# Question 19. I used the MERLOT OER Site to search for OER Teaching and Learning Materials for my Fall Classes?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



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YES **70.73%**  
NO **24.39%**  
UNCERTAIN **4.88%**

# Question 20. I used other OER Sites to search for OER Teaching and Learning Materials for my Fall Classes?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

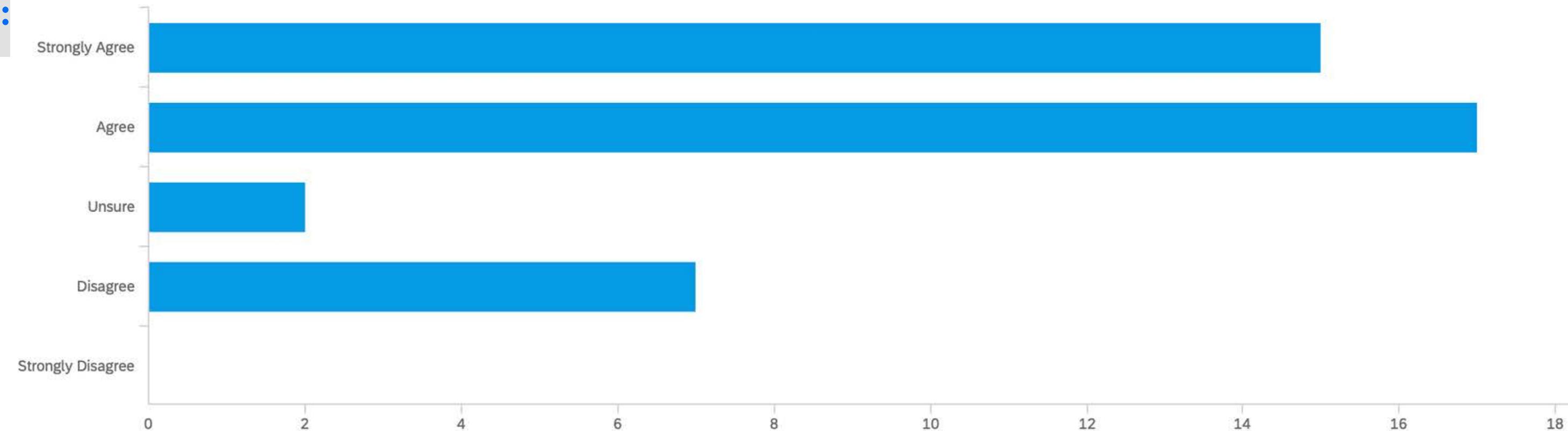


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NO 19.51%  
YES 75.61%  
UNCERTAIN 4.88%

# Question 21. I found OER materials to meet the needs for my class?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

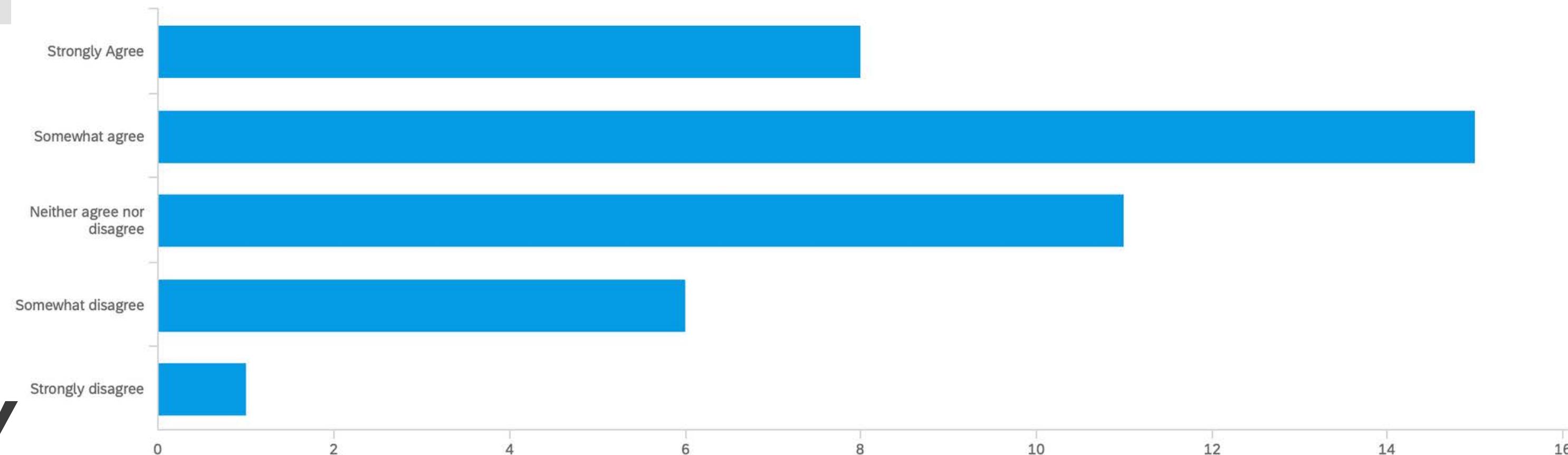


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**STRONGLY AGREE** 36.59%      **DISAGREE** 17.07%  
**AGREE** 41.46%      **STRONGLY DISAGREE** 0.00%  
**UNSURE** 4.88%

# Question 22. I found OER materials that are Culturally relevant?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



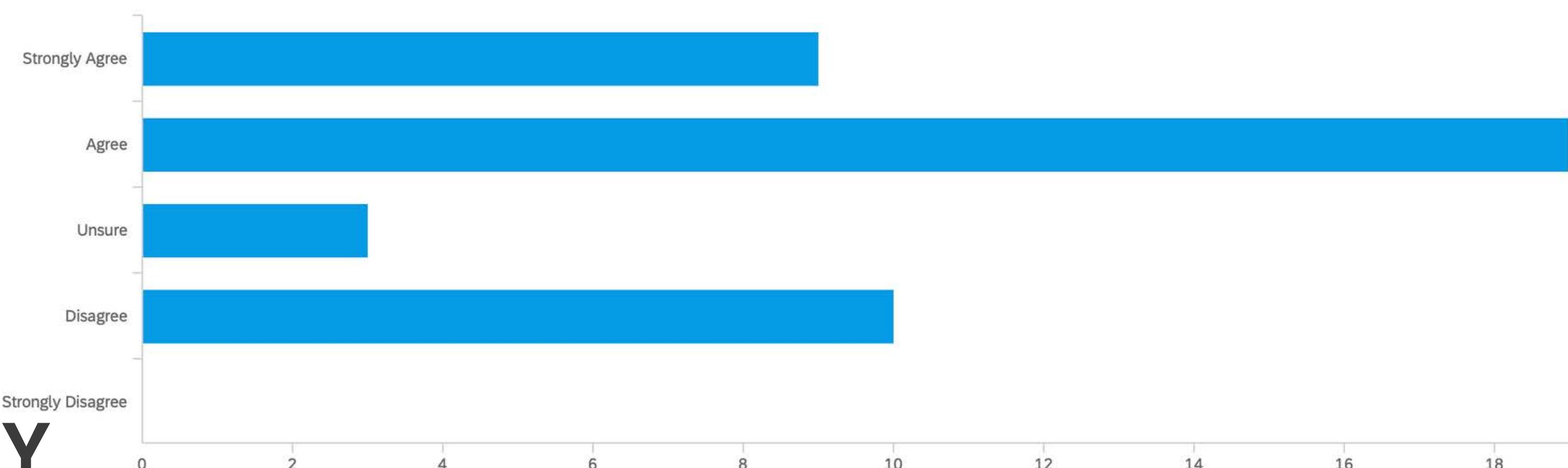
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# Question 23. Finding OER materials requires a great amount of time?

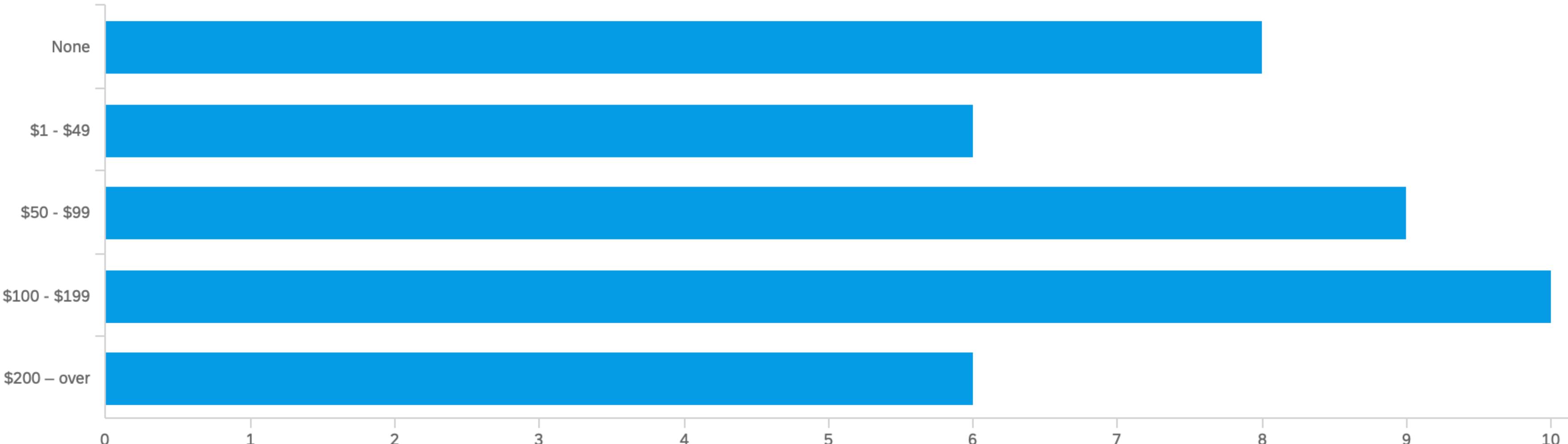
## FACULTY RESPONSES:



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**STRONGLY AGREE** **21.95%** **DISAGREE** **24.39%**  
**AGREE** **46.34%** **STRONGLY DISAGREE** **0.00%**  
**UNSURE** **7.32%**

**Question 24. If you used OER for your class this fall semester, what was the estimated cost savings to your students?**



## FACULTY RESPONSES:

**Question 24.** If you used OER for your class this fall semester, what was the estimated cost savings to your students?

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**176 PILOT  
STUDENTS SAVED  
OVER \$17,600**

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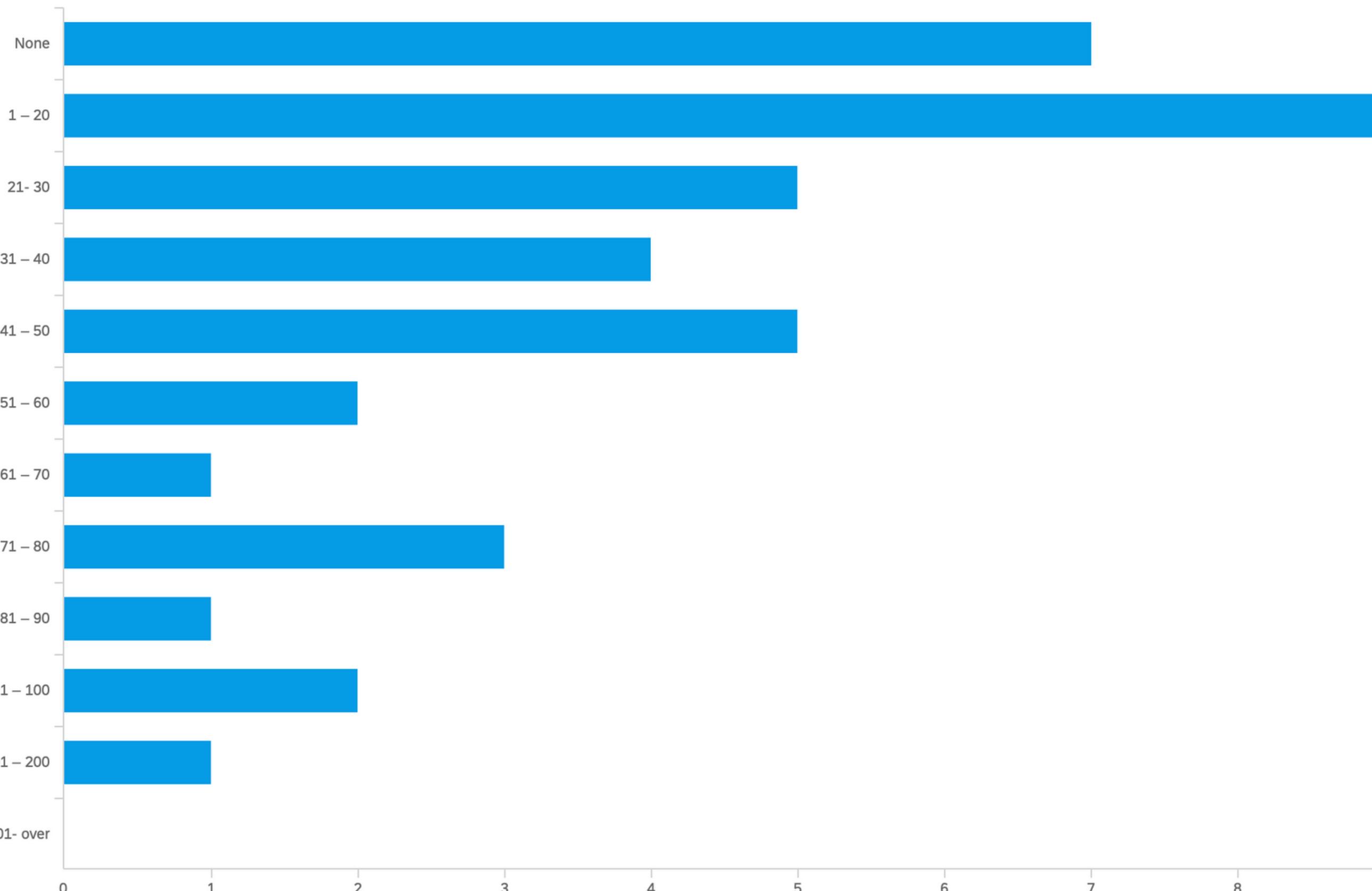
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# Question 25. How many of your students are impacted by the cost savings of OER?

**FACULTY RESPONSES:**

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# Question 25. How many of your students are impacted by the cost savings of OER?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

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**NONE: 17.50%**

**1 - 20: 22.50%**

**21- 30: 12.50%**

**31 - 40: 10.00%**

**41 - 50: 12.50%**

**51 - 60: 5.00%**

**61 - 70: 2.50%**

**71 - 80: 7.50%**

**81 - 90: 2.50%**

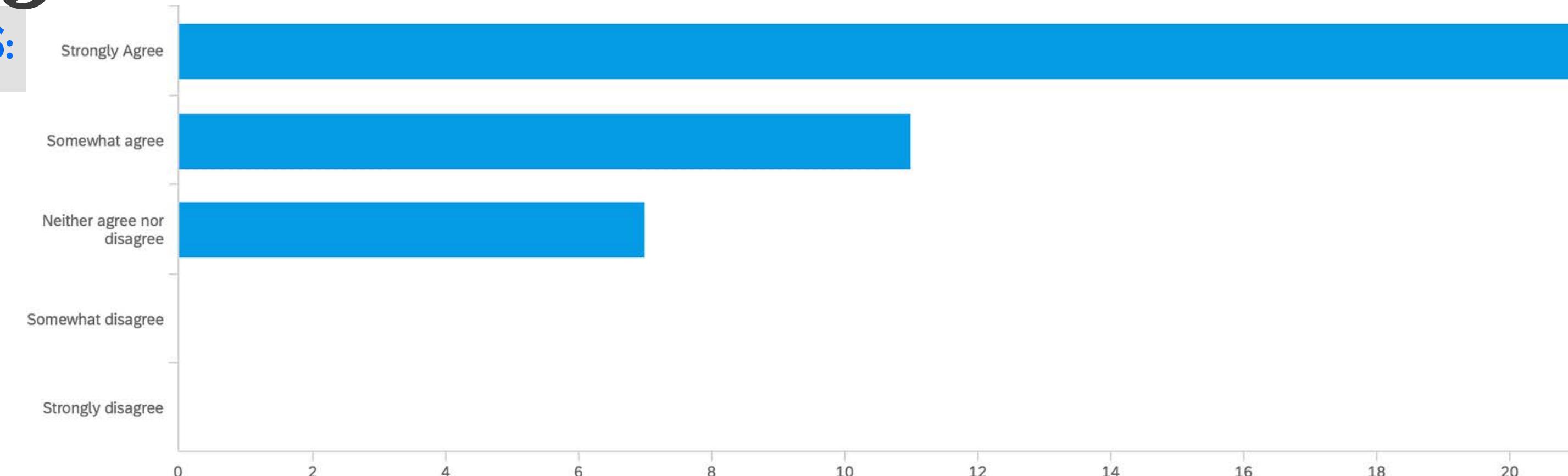
**91 - 100: 5.00%**

**101 - 200: 2.50%**

**201- OVER: 0.00%**

# Question 26. I am comfortable teaching with OER?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:



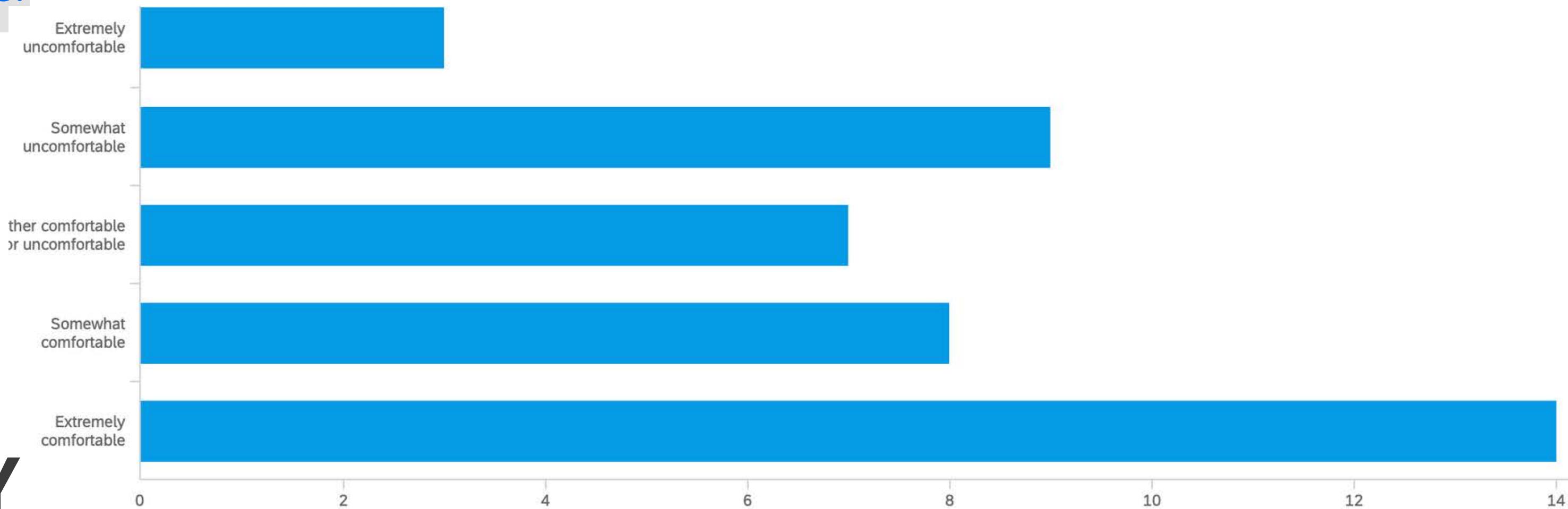
**FACULTY SURVEY 2021**

<b>STRONGLY AGREE</b>	<b>53.85%</b>	<b>STRONGLY DISAGREE</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>SOMEWHAT AGREE</b>	<b>28.20%</b>	<b>SOMEWHAT DISAGREE</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE</b>	<b>17.95%</b>		

# Question 27. How comfortable are you adding OER into your learning management system?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

\*The results show  
the need for  
additional training



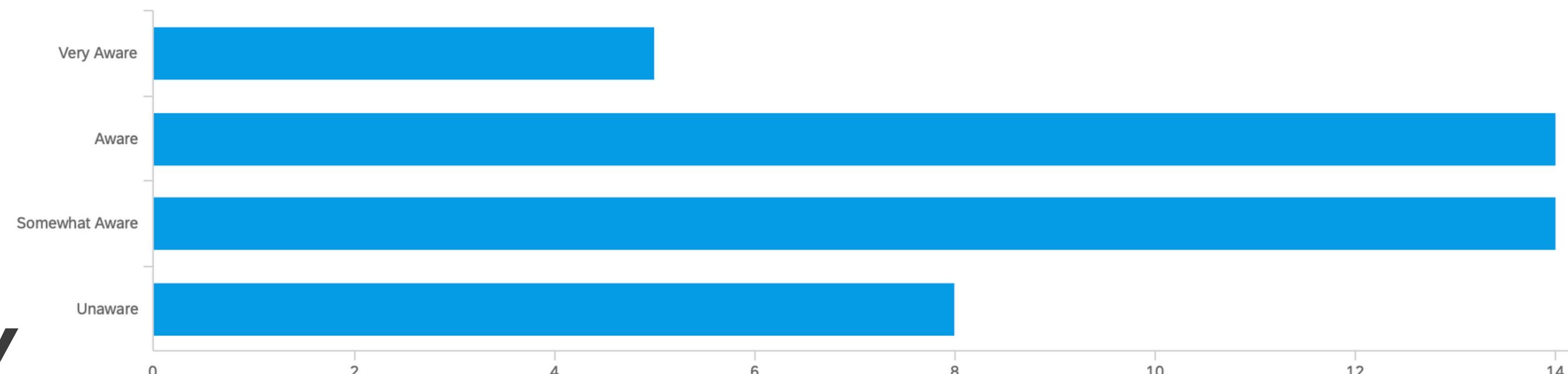
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EXTREMELY UNCOMFORTABLE	<b>7.32%</b>	SOMEWHAT COMFORTABLE	<b>19.51%</b>
SOMEWHAT UNCOMFORTABLE	<b>21.95%</b>	EXTREMELY COMFORTABLE	<b>34.15%</b>
NEITHER COMFORTABLE NOR UNCOMFORTABLE	<b>17.07%</b>		

# Question 28. Your awareness of Creative Commons Licenses?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

\*The results show the need for additional training



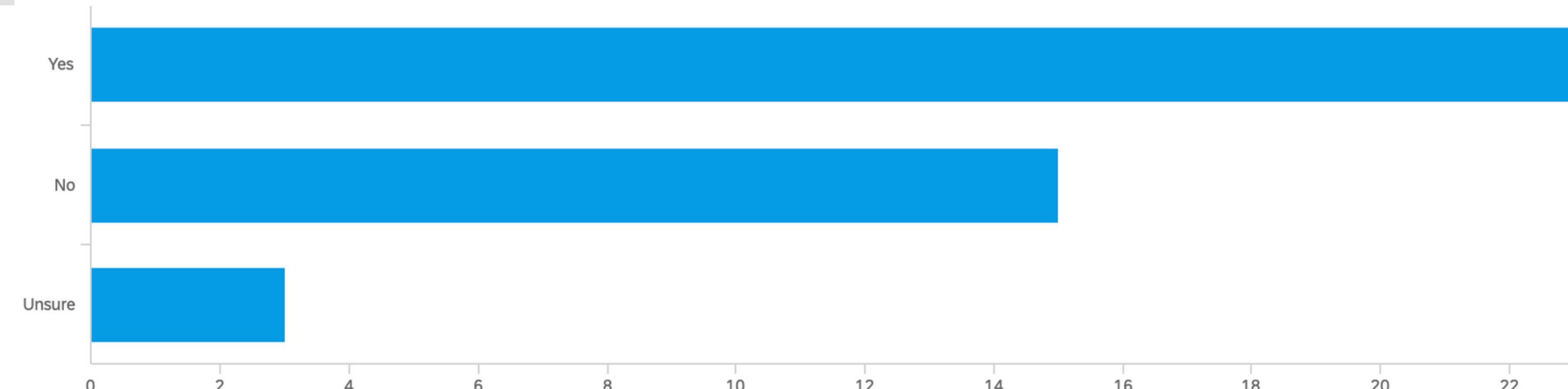
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VERY AWARE 12.19%  
AWARE 34.15%  
SOMEWHAT AWARE 34.15%  
UNAWARE 19.51%

# Question 29. You are/have used Creative Commons Materials?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

**\*THE RESULTS SHOW NEED ADDITIONAL TRAINING**



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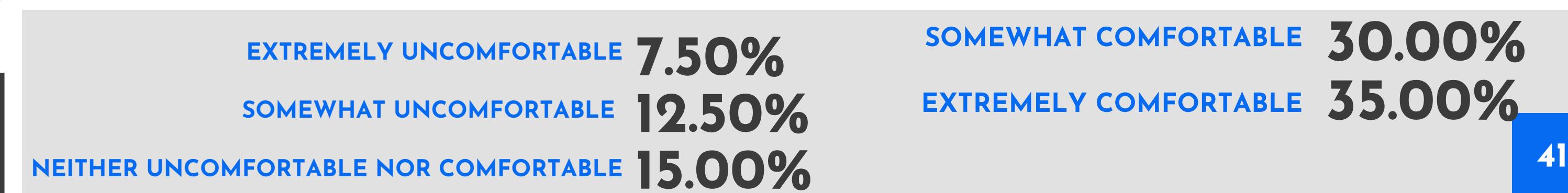
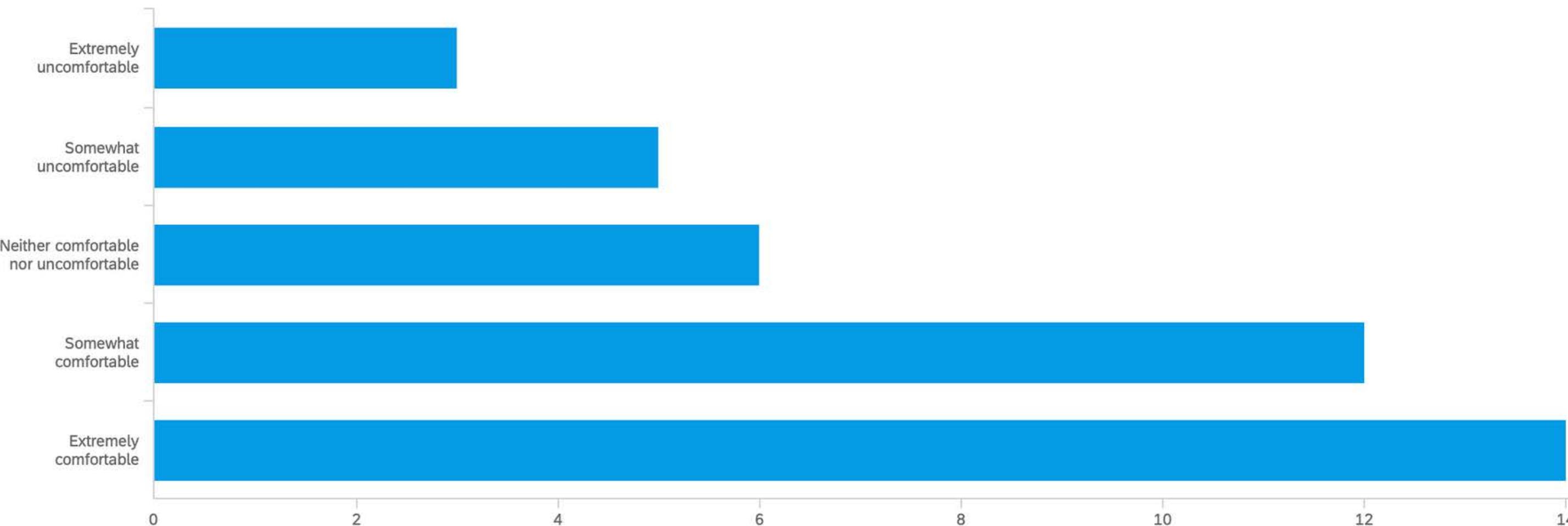
<b>YES</b>	<b>56.10%</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>36.59%</b>
<b>UNSURE</b>	<b>7.31%</b>

# Question 30. How comfortable are you using OER in the classroom?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

\*The results  
show the need  
for teacher  
training with  
OER

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# Question 31. How may we assist you in utilizing OER for teaching and learning?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

Topics Summary-

- More training in Skills commons, D2L training
- finding more materials for OER

- HOW MAY WE ASSIST YOU IN UTILIZING OER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING?
- HELP WITH FINDING SUBJECT MATTER FOR CULTURALLY RELEVANT WRITING

### STUDIES/RHETORIC

- SETTING UP THE CLASS OR ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS
- I AM STILL WANTING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BUILD A OER TEXTBOOK.
- I NOTICED THAT IN THE LAST WEBINAR THERE WAS A LIST OF SITES LIKE MERLOT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A LIST, AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR MY COLLEAGUES TO HAVE LISTS.
- CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND FACULTY SUPPORT.

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## Topics

- More training in Skills
- commons, D2L training
- finding more materials for OER

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

- TRAINING
- I THINK MERGING MATERIALS INTO THE D2L SYSTEM IS PROBABLY WHERE I MAY NEED SOME HELP
- I WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT CREATIVE COMMONS TRAINING YOU MENTIONED IN THIS SURVEY.
- ALIGN OER MATERIALS WITH TOPICS COVERED IN THE COURSE TEXTBOOK
- DO WHAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY DOING, BEING AVAILABLE TO FIND OER BOOKS/MATERIALS THAT "FIT" MY CLASSES.
- ASSISTING WITH FINDING ITEMS IN MY DISCIPLINE.
- MORE TRAINING

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# Question 31. How may we assist you in utilizing OER for teaching and learning?

## Topics

- More training in Skills
- commons, D2L training
- finding more materials for OER

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

- SINCE I'VE BEEN USING APPROPRIATE OER MATERIALS FOR YEARS, I'M NOT SURE HOW YOU CAN ASSIST, GIVEN THE CURRENT FOCUS OF OER EFFORTS.
- TRAINING
- HELP FINDING QUALITY MATERIALS, HELP TRAINING AND UNDERSTAND HOW TO USE THEM
- I NEED TO FIND QUALITY LANGUAGE ACQUISITION MATERIALS
- PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR PUBLICIZING AMONG FACULTY ON MY CAMPUS
- PROVIDING MORE LAB TO ACCOMPANY THE TEXT.
- NOT APPLICABLE
- KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!
- MORE TRAINING

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# Question 32. Your recommendations for getting more faculty members to consider using OER for teaching and learning?

Topics summary:

Add more up-to-date research

Fewer meetings  
list

more recent items  
more training and pilots

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

- FEWER MEETINGS. MORE VIDEOS DISCUSSING HOW TO COMPLETE DELIVERABLES
- TEACHING AND EXPOSING THE SYSTEM AND IT WILL SELL ITSELF.
- I HAVE NO IDEA.
- ALTHOUGH LISTS ARE HELPFUL (SEE ABOVE), IT IS BETTER NOT TO SHARE SUBSTANDARD MATERIAL. MY COLLEAGUES (AND I) ARE CRITICAL OF MATERIALS THAT DO NOT SITE RECENT RESEARCH AND DO NOT PUT REFERENCES ON EVERY SLIDE. IT WOULD BE BETTER TO IDENTIFY JUST ONE OR TWO RESOURCES THAT WERE OUTSTANDING SO AS TO FIGHT THE NEGATIVITY ABOUT OER.LE OF STRONG RESEARCHE
- INCREASED AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

# Question 32. Your recommendations for getting more faculty members to consider using OER for teaching and learning?

## FACULTY RESPONSES:

Topics summary:

Fewer meetings list

More recent items

More training and pilots

- I THINK STUDENTS NEED TO ASK FOR IT MORE.
- I BIG SELLER IS COST AND IMPACTS ON STUDENT LEARNING.
- DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS
- HAVE DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC TUTORIALS THAT HELP THEM LOCATE AND USE OER
- STRONGLY RECOMENDED
- DEMONSTRATION OF QUALITY MATERIALS AVAILABLE.
- CONTINUE MARKETING AND PROVIDING SERVICES TO FACULTY
- SAME AS ABOVE.
- MORE TRAINING AND PILOTS

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# THE STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS

FALL 2021: 176 PILOT STUDENTS

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- **Seven out of 10 students don't purchase a required textbook during their academic career because of cost.**
- **60% of students have delayed purchasing textbooks until they've received their financial aid.**

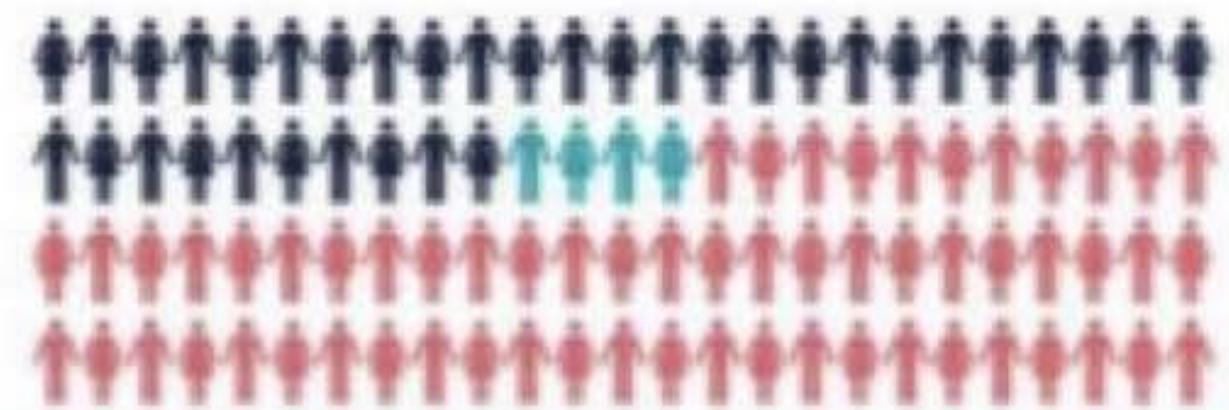
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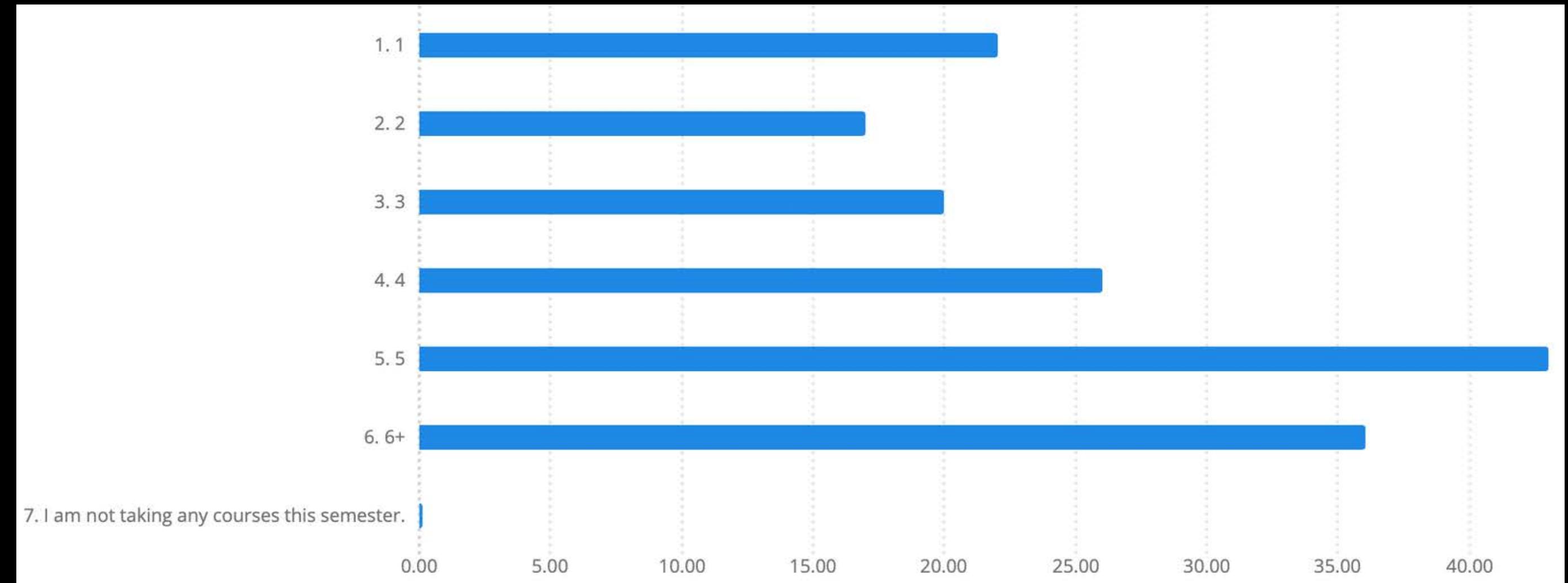
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# Question 1. How many courses are you taking this semester?

## STUDENT RESPONSE:



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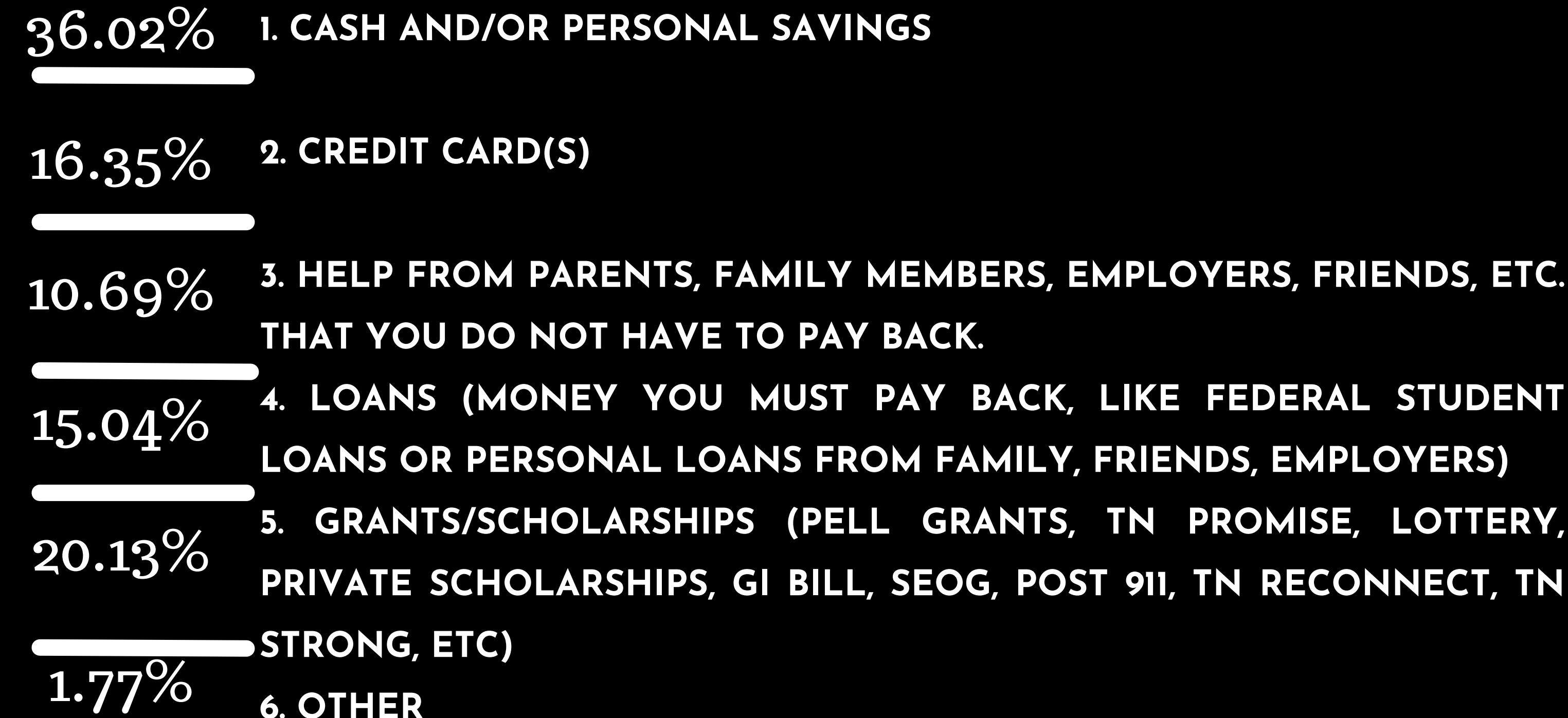
1 CLASS 13.41%  
2 CLASSES 10.37%  
3 CLASSES 12.20%

IAM NOT TAKING ANY COURSES THIS SEMESTER

4 CLASSES 15.85%  
5 CLASSES 26.22%  
6 CLASSES 21.95%  
0.00%

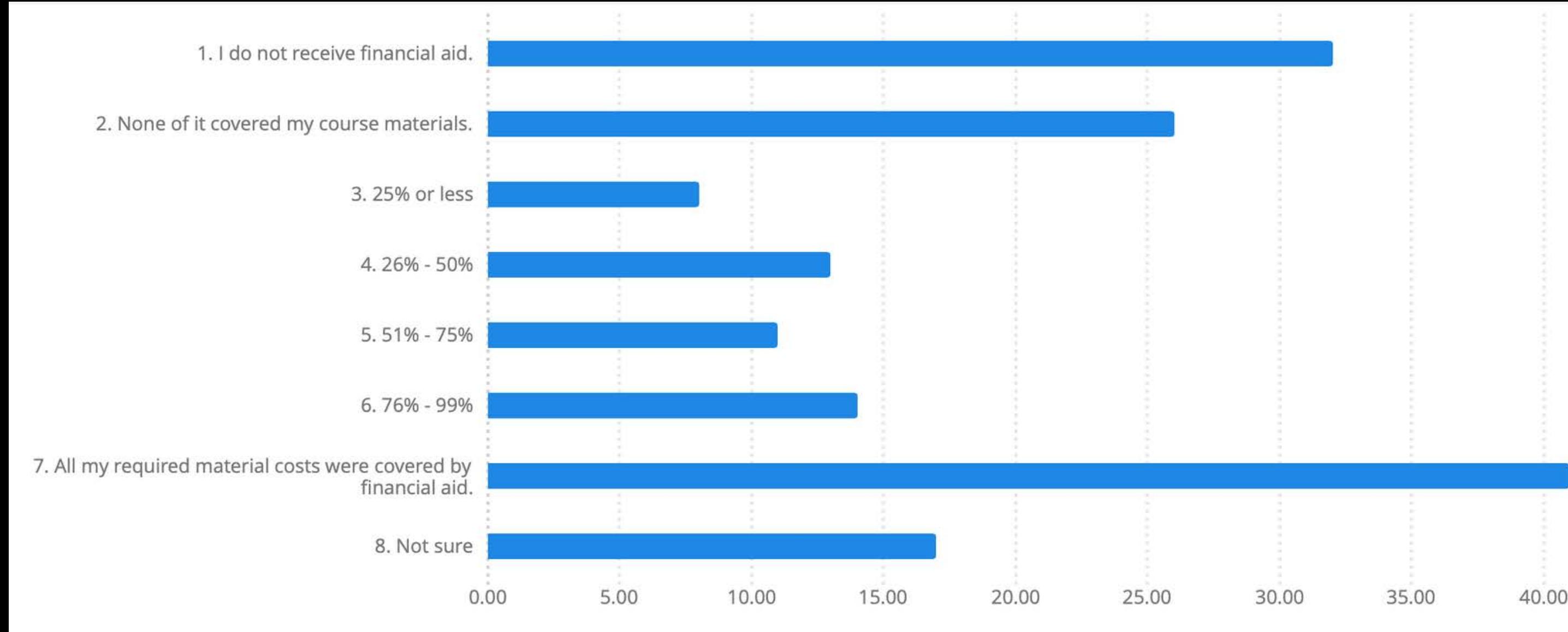
## Question 2b. What was the primary way you paid for your required course materials this semester?

### STUDENT RESPONSE:



**Question 3a.** This semester, approximately what percentage of your required material costs were covered by financial aid (grants, scholarships, loans)?

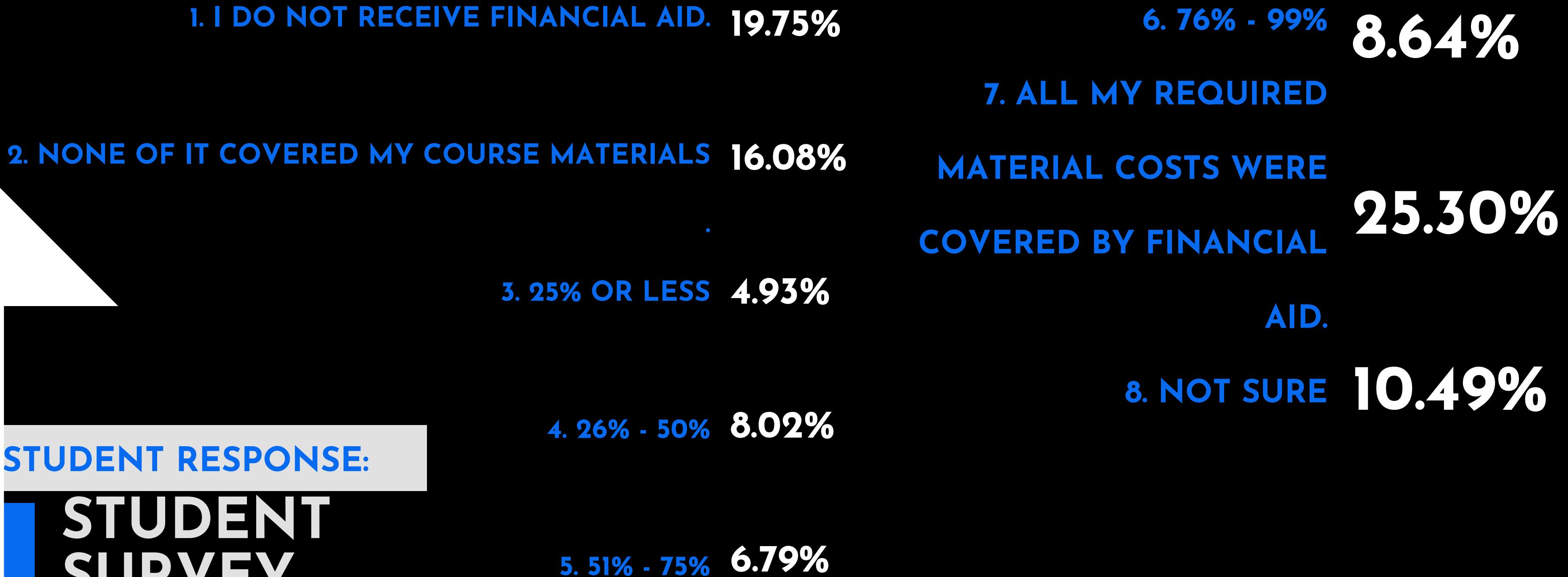
### STUDENT RESPONSE:



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Question 3b. This semester, approximately what percentage of your required material costs were covered by financial aid (grants, scholarships, loans)?



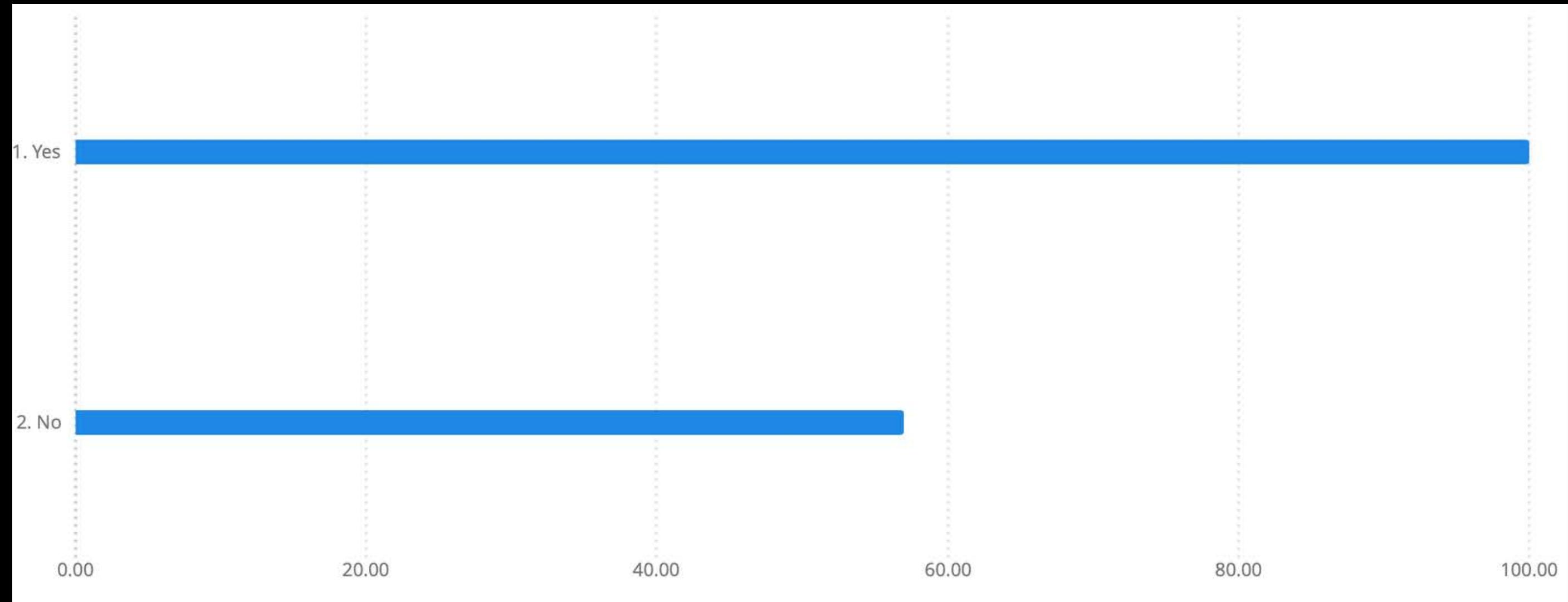
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**Question 4. Any point in your academic career, have you delayed or avoided purchasing required course materials because of their cost?**

**STUDENT RESPONSE:**



**STUDENT  
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**YES 63.70%**

**NO 36.30%**

# Question 5a. At any point in your academic career, has the cost of required course materials caused you to... (select all that apply)

## STUDENT RESPONSE:

## STUDENT SURVEY

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TAKE FEWER COURSES?

OTHER

NOT REGISTER FOR A SPECIFIC COURSE?

NOT PURCHASE THE REQUIRED MATERIALS?

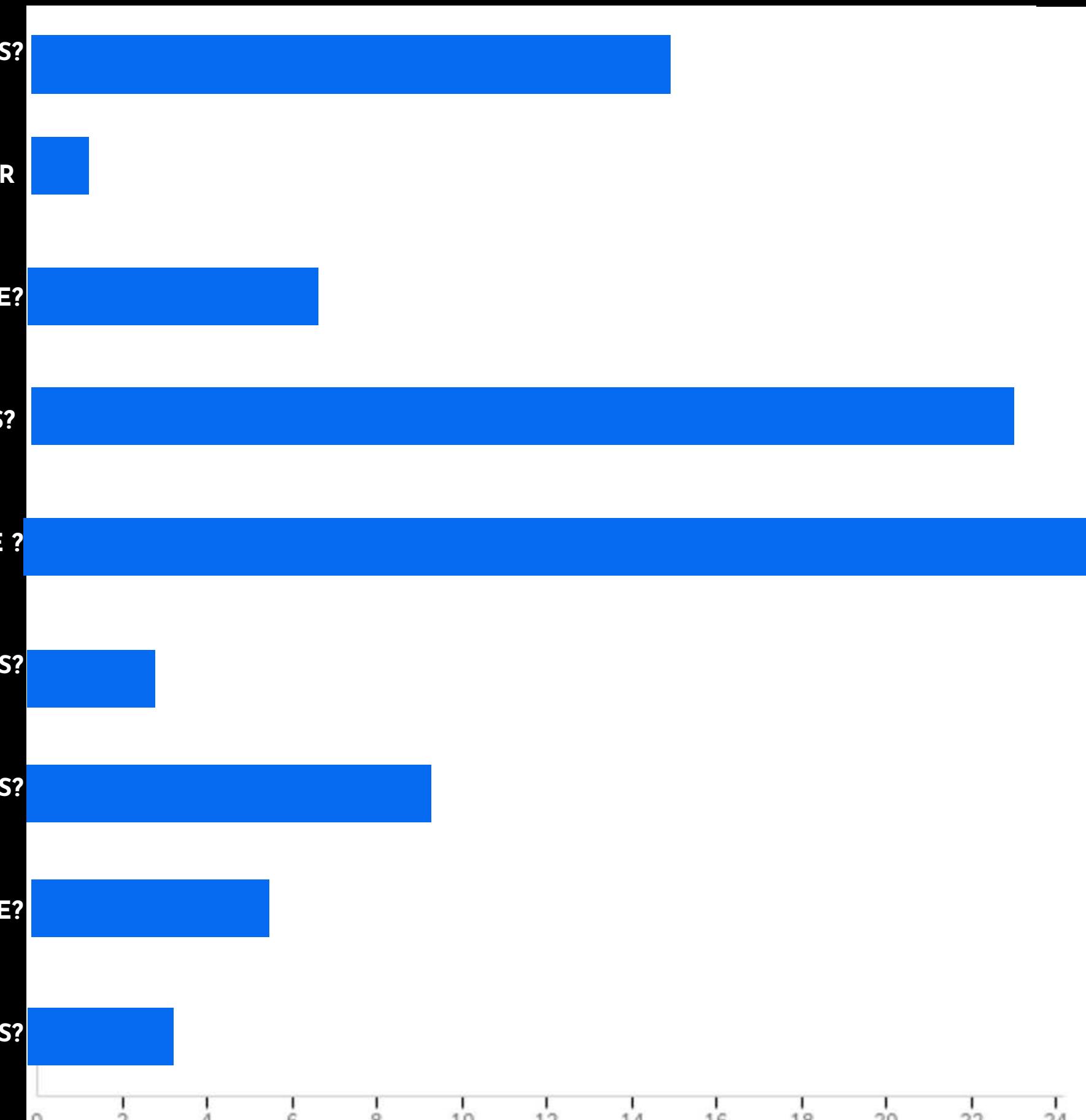
NONE OF THESE ?

FAIL A COURSE BECAUSE YOU COULD NOT AFFORD TO BUY THE REQUIRED MATERIALS?

EARN A POOR GRADE BECAUSE YOU COULD NOT AFFORD THE REQUIRED MATERIALS?

DROP OR WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE?

AVOID A CERTAIN MAJOR BECAUSE OF HIGHER COURSE MATERIAL COSTS?



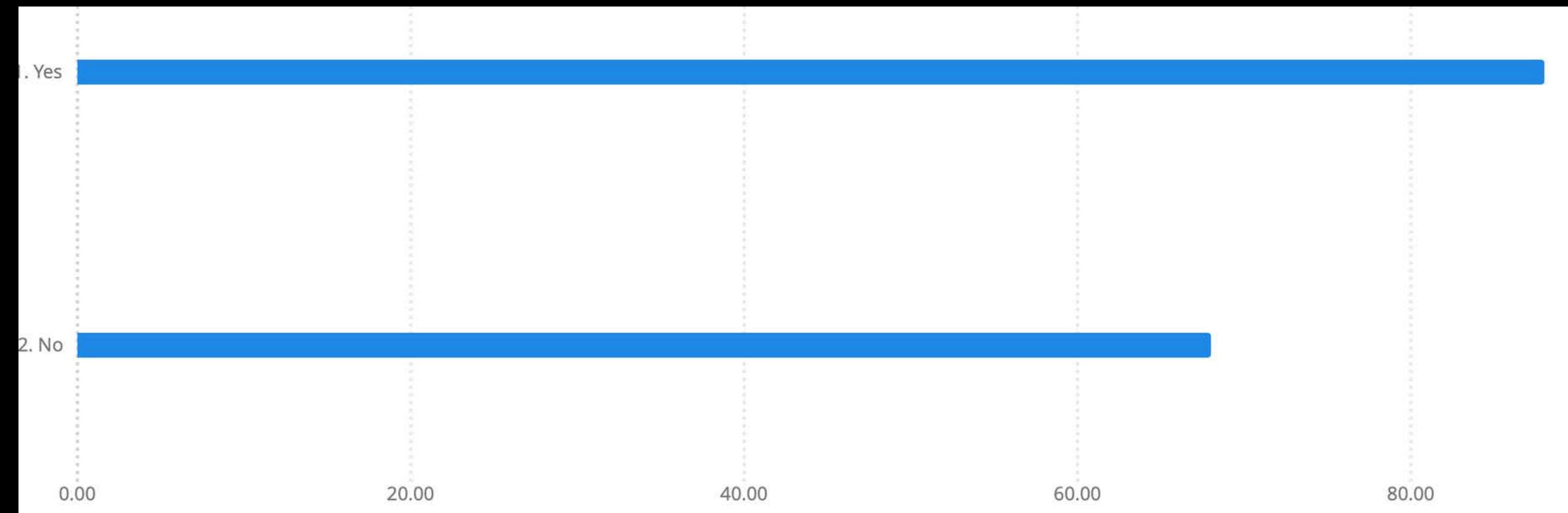
# Question 5b. At any point in your academic career, has the cost of required course materials caused you to... (select all that apply)

## STUDENT RESPONSE:

	TAKE FEWER COURSES?	16.80%
	OTHER	0.87%
	NOT REGISTER FOR A SPECIFIC COURSE?	7.56%
	NOT PURCHASE THE REQUIRED MATERIALS?	24.36%
	NONE OF THESE	28.15%
FAIL A COURSE BECAUSE YOU COULD NOT AFFORD TO BUY THE REQUIRED MATERIALS?		2.94%
EARN A POOR GRADE BECAUSE YOU COULD NOT AFFORD THE REQUIRED MATERIALS?		9.24%
	DROP OR WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE?	6.30%
AVOID A CERTAIN MAJOR BECAUSE OF HIGHER COURSE MATERIAL COSTS?		3.78%

**Question 6. At any point in your academic career, have you decided to forego or skip certain purchases so that you could afford to purchase your required course materials? (if yes, next two questions)**

**STUDENT RESPONSE:**



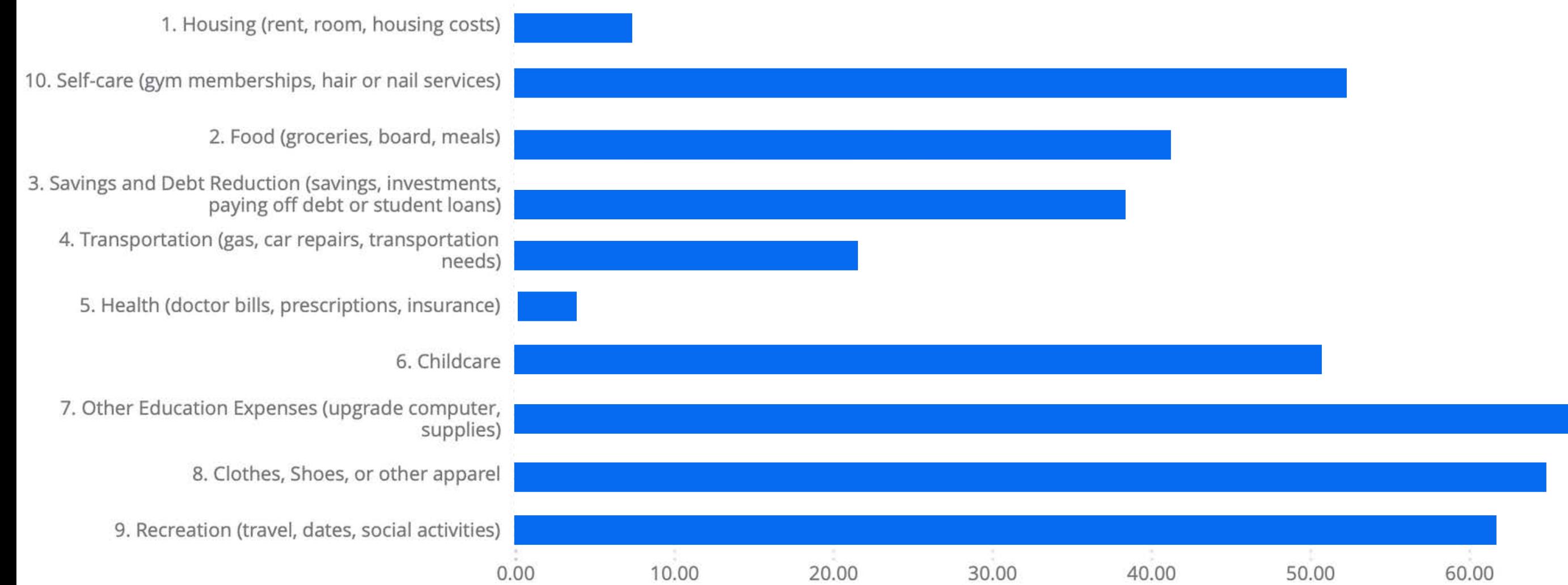
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**YES      56.41%**  
**NO      43.59%**

# Question 7a. Which goods and/or services have you NOT purchased in order to afford to pay for required course materials this semester? (Select all that apply.)

## STUDENT RESPONSE:



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**Question 7b. Which goods and/or services have you NOT purchased in order to afford to pay for required course materials this semester? (Select all that apply.)**

**STUDENT RESPONSE:**

3.91%	1. HOUSING (RENT, ROOM, HOUSING COSTS)
11.74%	10. SELF-CARE (GYM MEMBERSHIPS, HAIR OR NAIL SERVICES)
9.20%	2. FOOD (GROCERIES, BOARD, MEALS)
9.10%	3. SAVINGS AND DEBT REDUCTION (SAVINGS, INVESTMENTS, PAYING OFF DEBT OR STUDENT LOANS)
6.40%	4. TRANSPORTATION (GAS, CAR REPAIRS, TRANSPORTATION NEEDS)
2.70%	5. HEALTH (DOCTOR BILLS, PRESCRIPTIONS, INSURANCE)
10.76%	6. CHILDCARE
16.62%	7. OTHER EDUCATION EXPENSES (UPGRADE COMPUTER, SUPPLIES)
14.66%	8. CLOTHES, SHOES, OR OTHER APPAREL
14.91%	9. RECREATION (TRAVEL, DATES, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES)

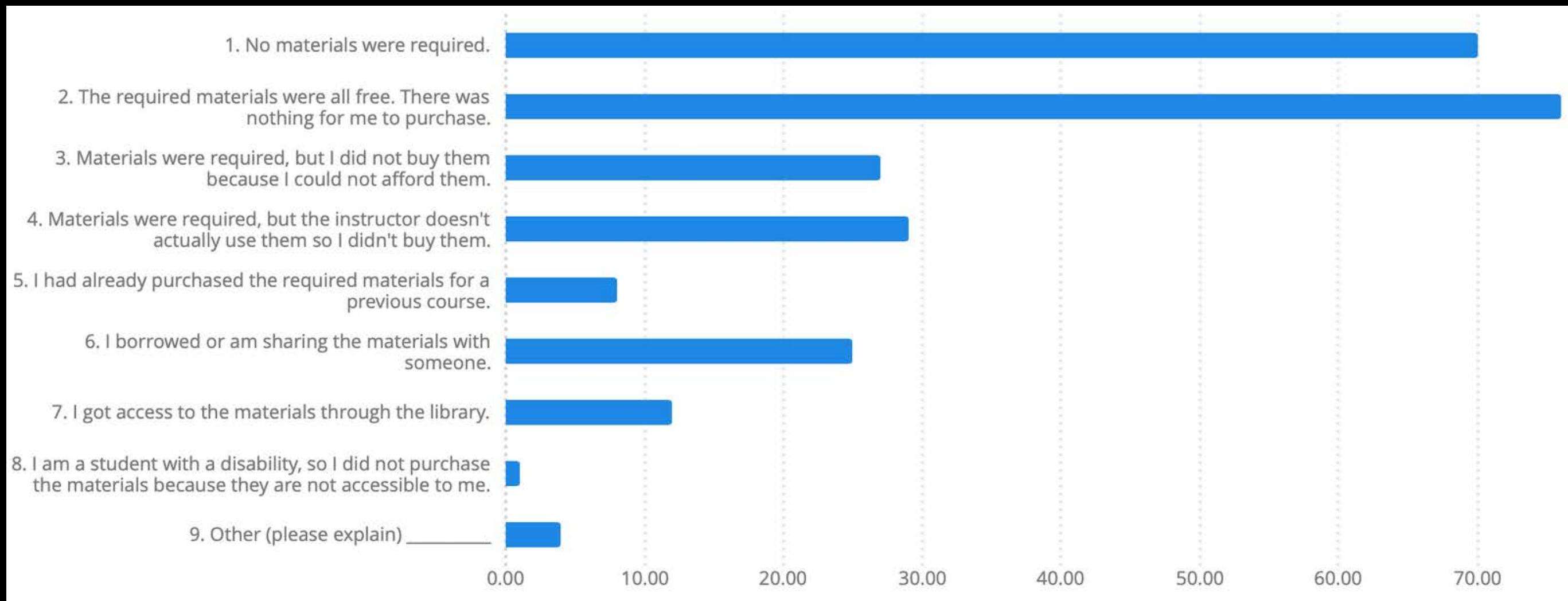
# Question 8a - For courses where you spent \$0 on materials, why did you spend \$0? Select all options that apply:

## STUDENT RESPONSE:

Top answer:  
The material  
were free for  
students.

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## Question 8b - For courses where you spent \$0 on materials, why did you spend \$0? Select all options that apply:

### STUDENT RESPONSE:

27.77%

1. NO MATERIALS WERE REQUIRED.  
2. THE REQUIRED MATERIALS WERE ALL FREE. THERE WAS NOTHING FOR ME TO PURCHASE.

30.15%

3. MATERIALS WERE REQUIRED, BUT I DID NOT BUY THEM BECAUSE I COULD NOT AFFORD THEM.

10.71%

4. MATERIALS WERE REQUIRED, BUT THE INSTRUCTOR DOESN'T ACTUALLY USE THEM SO I DIDN'T BUY THEM.

11.50%

5. I HAD ALREADY PURCHASED THE REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR A PREVIOUS COURSE.

3.23%

6. I BORROWED OR AM SHARING THE MATERIALS WITH SOMEONE.  
7. I GOT ACCESS TO THE MATERIALS THROUGH THE LIBRARY.

9.92%

8. I AM A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY, SO I DID NOT PURCHASE THE MATERIALS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO ME.

4.78%

9. OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN) -----

0.36%

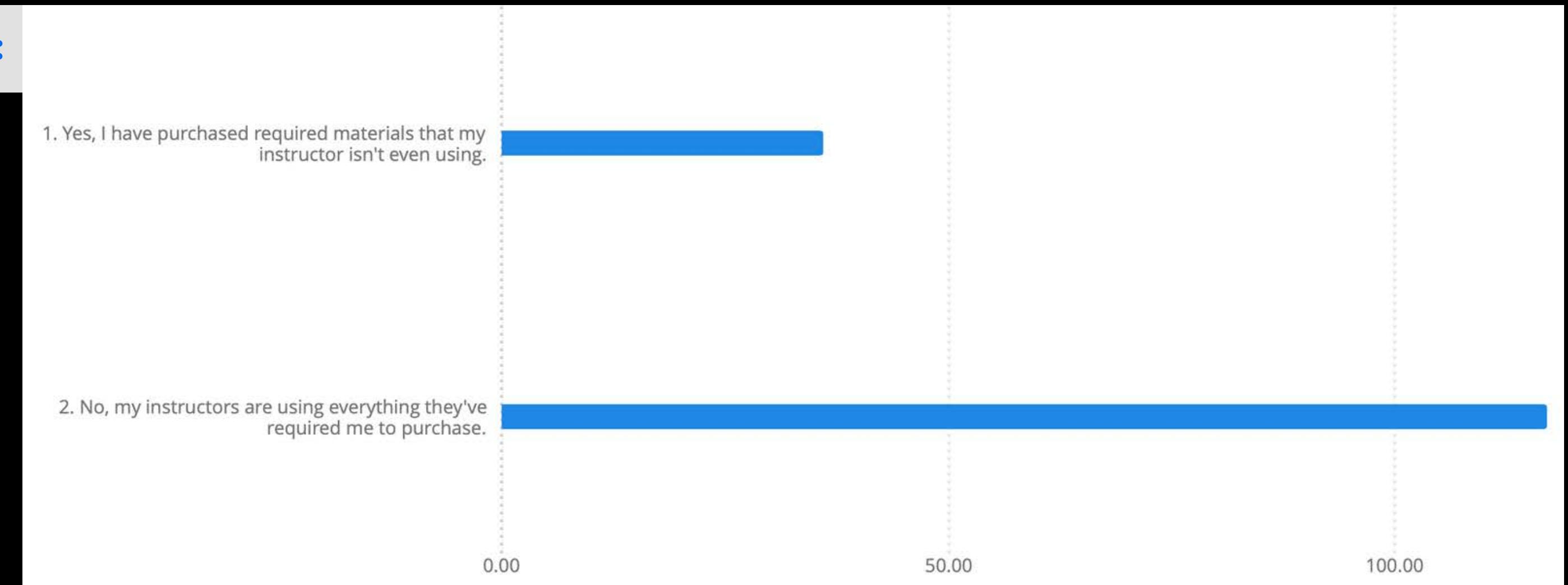
1.58%

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# Question 9 - This semester, have you purchased required course materials that your instructor is NOT using in the course?

## STUDENT RESPONSE:



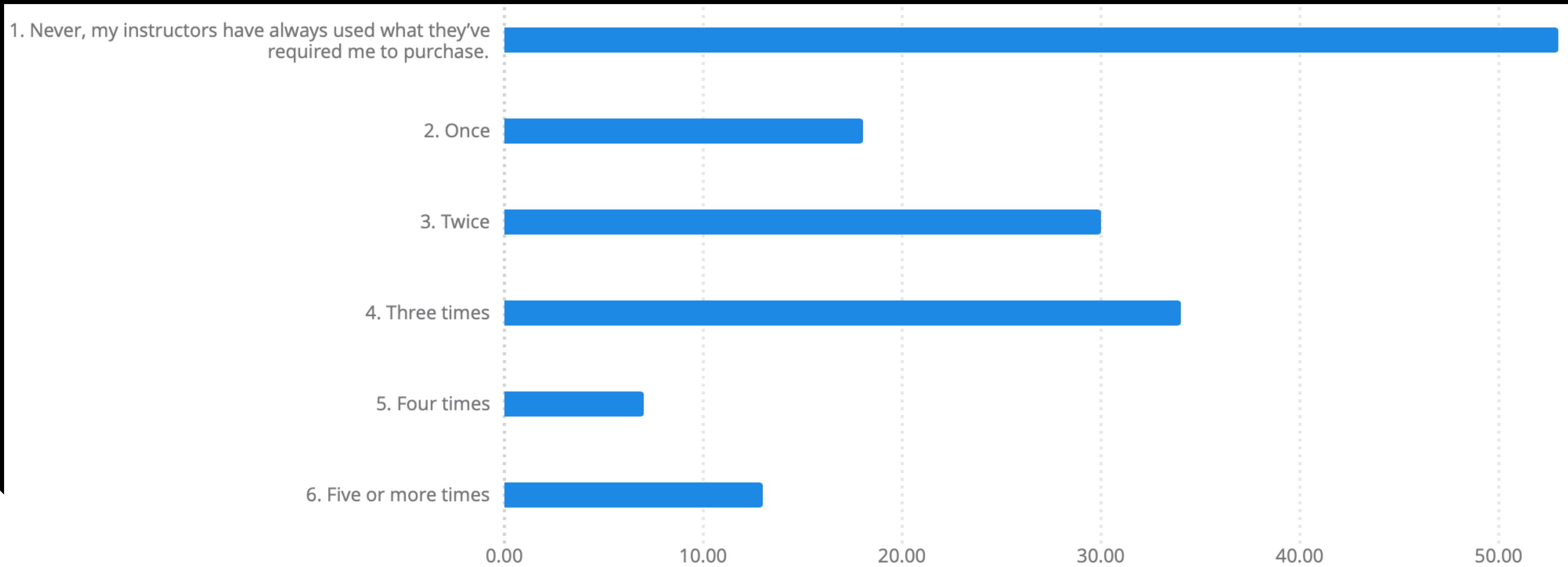
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1. YES, I HAVE PURCHASED REQUIRED MATERIALS THAT MY INSTRUCTOR ISN'T EVEN USING.
2. NO, MY INSTRUCTORS ARE USING EVERYTHING THEY'VE REQUIRED ME TO PURCHASE.

**23.53%**  
**76.47%**

**Question 10a. Throughout your time at this college, approximately how many times have you purchased required materials that the instructor did not use?**

**STUDENT RESPONSE:**



**Question 10b. Throughout your time at this college, approximately how many times have you purchased required materials that the instructor did not use?**

**STUDENT RESPONSE:**

**34.19%**

**11.64%**

**19.35%**

**21.93%**

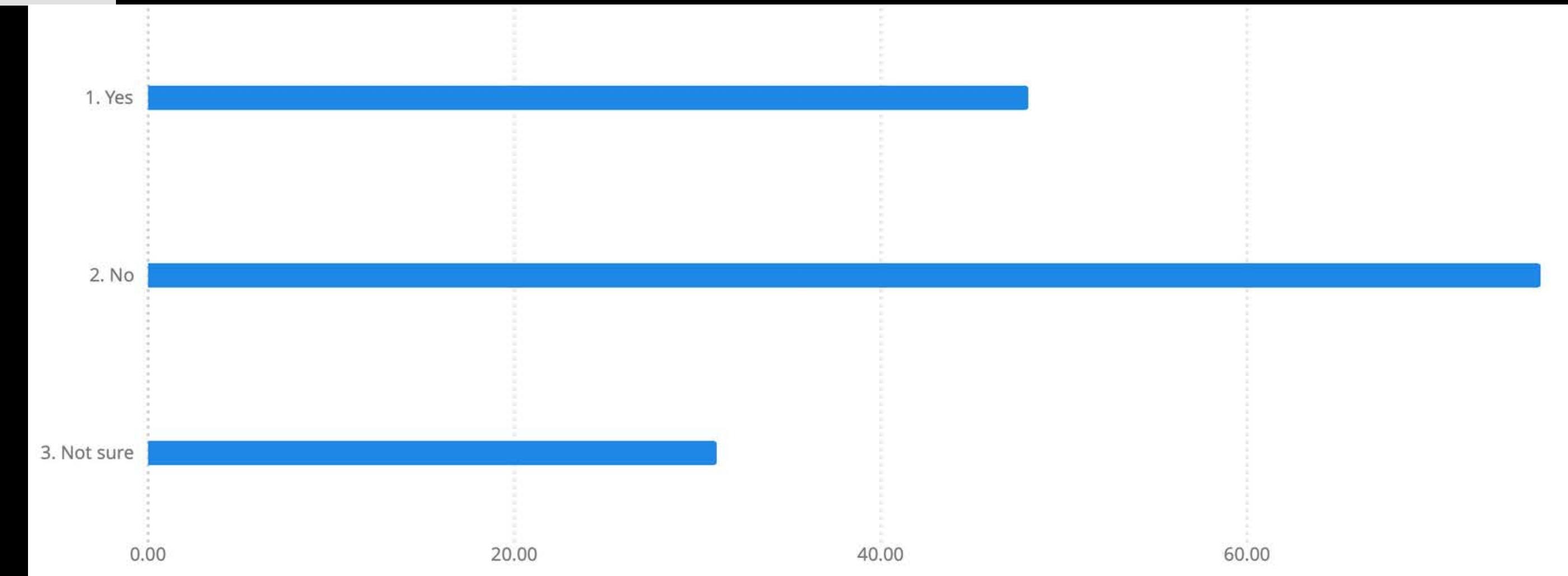
**4.51%**

**8.38%**

- 1. NEVER, MY INSTRUCTORS HAVE ALWAYS USED WHAT THEY'VE REQUIRED ME TO PURCHASE.**
- 2. ONCE**
- 3. TWICE**
- 4. THREE TIMES**
- 5. FOUR TIMES**
- 6. FIVE OR MORE TIMES**

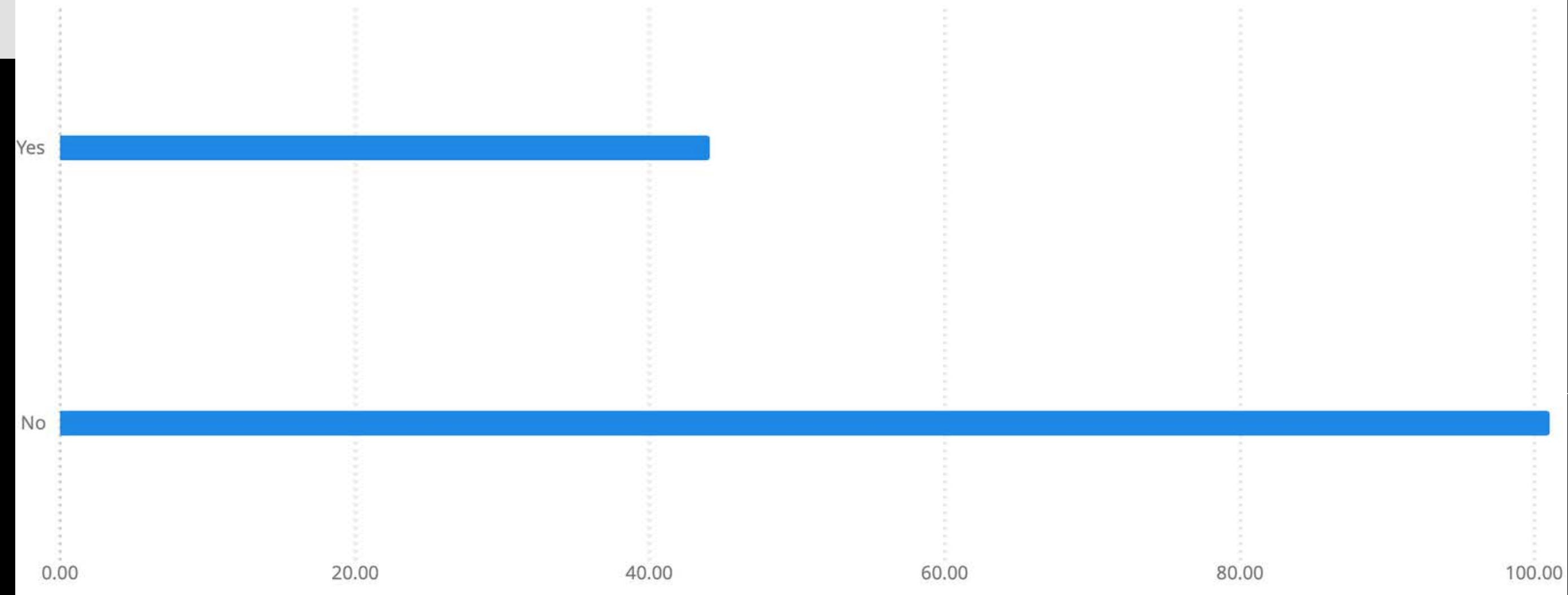
# Question 11 - Are you taking a class right now where the cost of a book bundle was automatically added to your bill?

## STUDENT RESPONSE:



# Question 12 - When you register for courses, does the price of the required materials influence which courses you select?

## STUDENT RESPONSE:

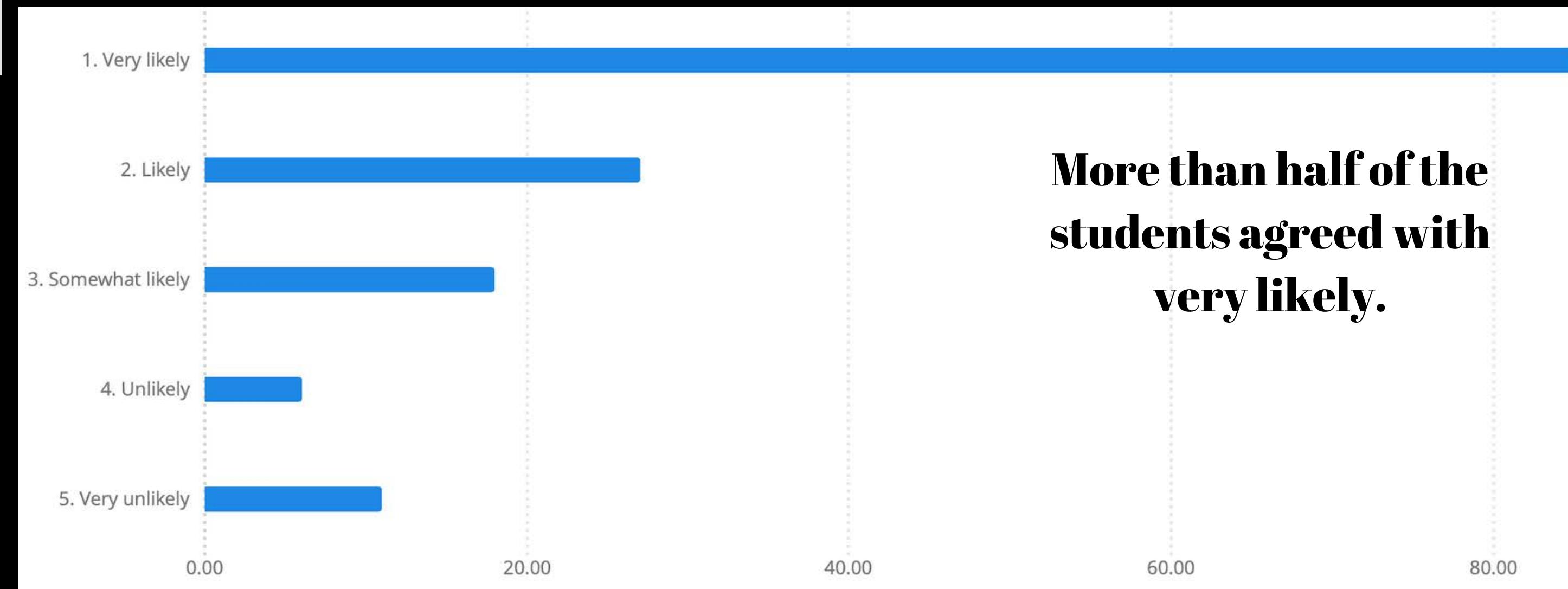


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**YES 30.30%**  
**NO 69.70%**

# Question 13 Similarly, how likely would you be to choose an electronic textbook over a hard copy textbook if the cost was significantly reduced?

## STUDENT RESPONSE:



**More than half of the students agreed with very likely.**

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1. **VERY LIKELY**

2. **LIKELY**

3. **SOMEWHAT LIKELY**

**57.82%**

**18.36%**

**12.26%**

4. **UNLIKELY**

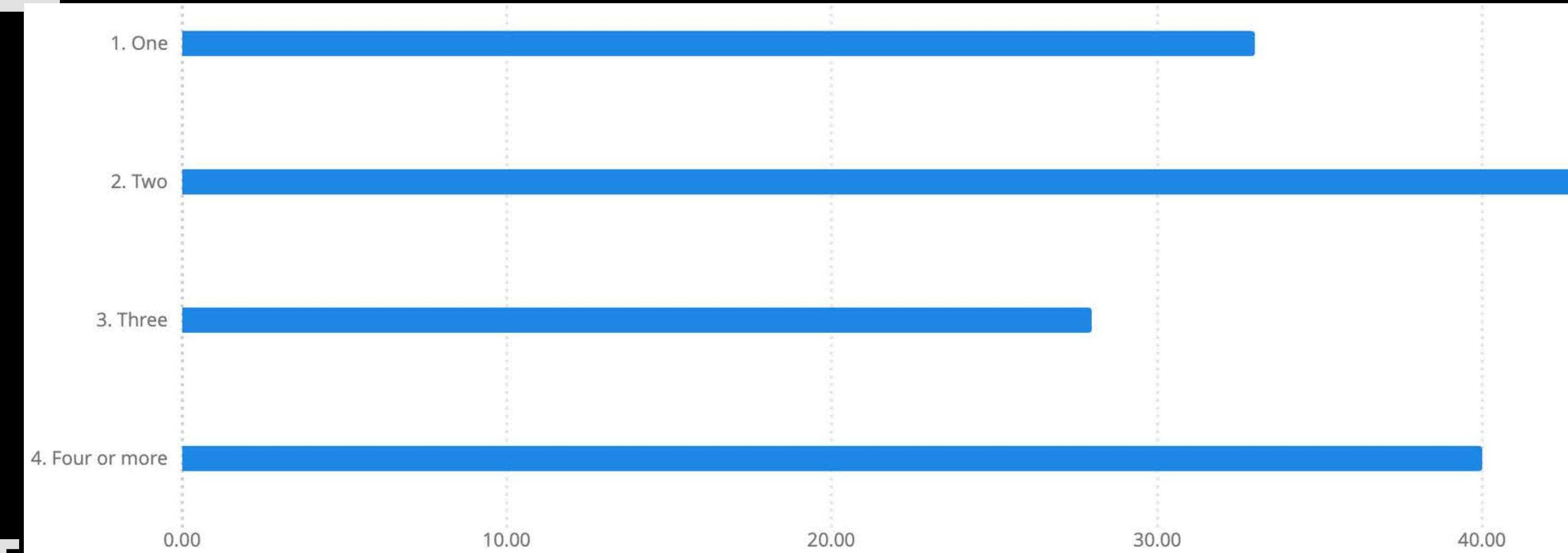
5. **VERY UNLIKELY**

**4.08%**

**7.48%**

**Question 14** - During your time at the college in which you're enrolled, how many classes total have you taken where the textbook was free and available online?

**STUDENT RESPONSE:**



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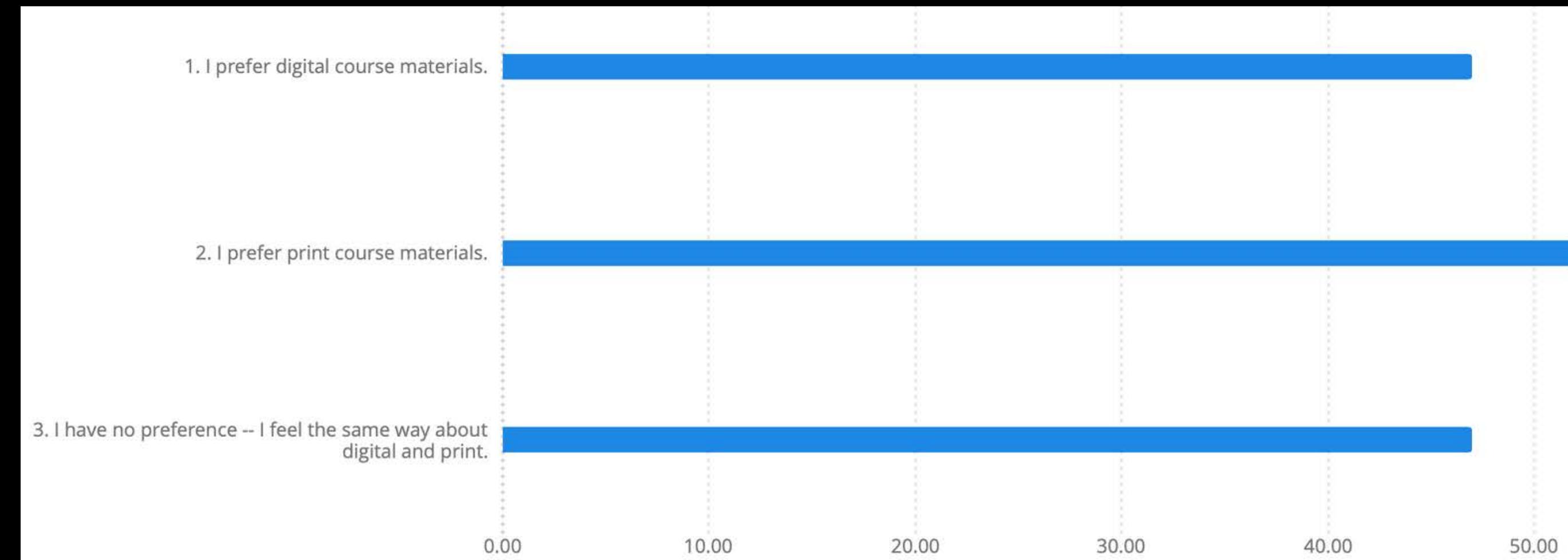
ONE **22.91%**  
TWO **29.83%**  
THREE **19.56%**  
FOUR OR MORE **27.70**

# Question 15 Do you prefer your course materials to be in digital or print format?

## STUDENT RESPONSE:

Print vs. Digital gap is slowly closing. But 1/3 of the students don't mind how they receive their materials

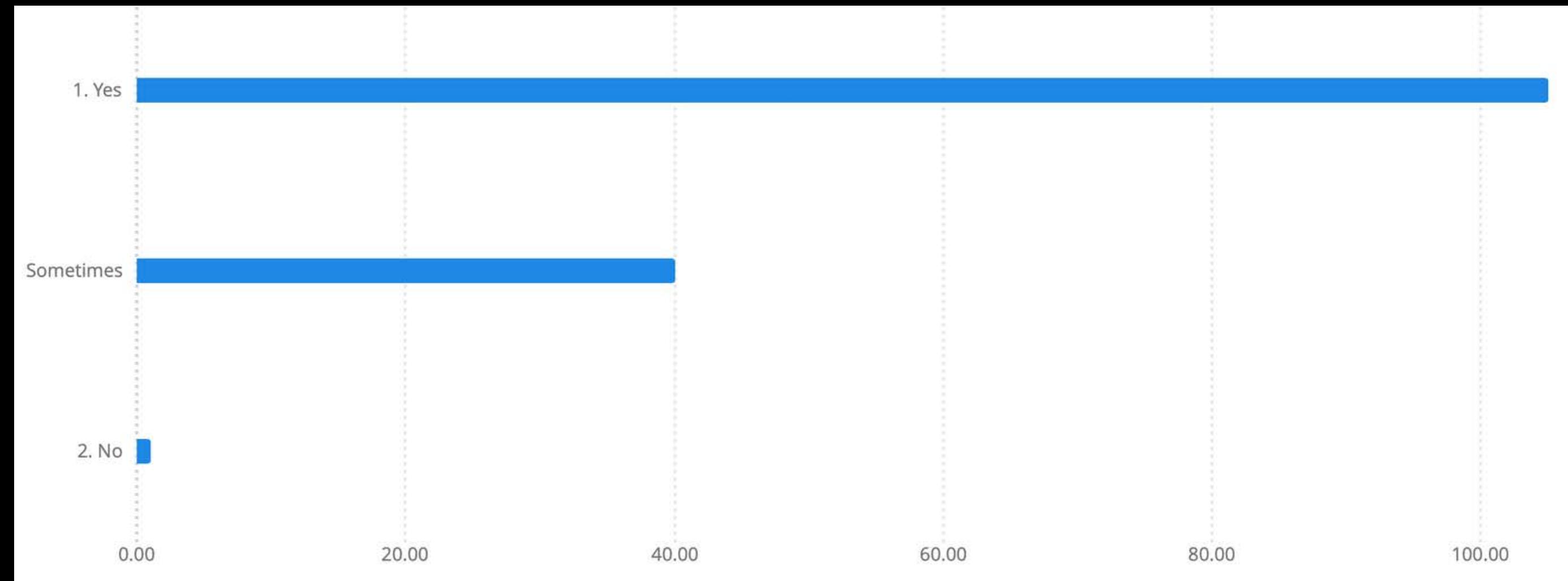
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1. I PREFER DIGITAL COURSE MATERIALS.	32.19%
2. I PREFER PRINT COURSE MATERIALS.	35.62%
3. I HAVE NO PREFERENCE .. I FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT DIGITAL AND PRINT.	32.19%

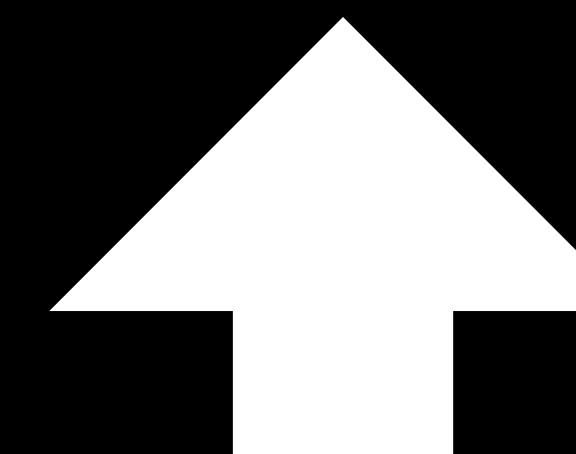
# Question 16 - Is your internet access at home sufficient to complete homework and other course-related assignments?

## STUDENT RESPONSE:



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YES

SOMETIMES

NO

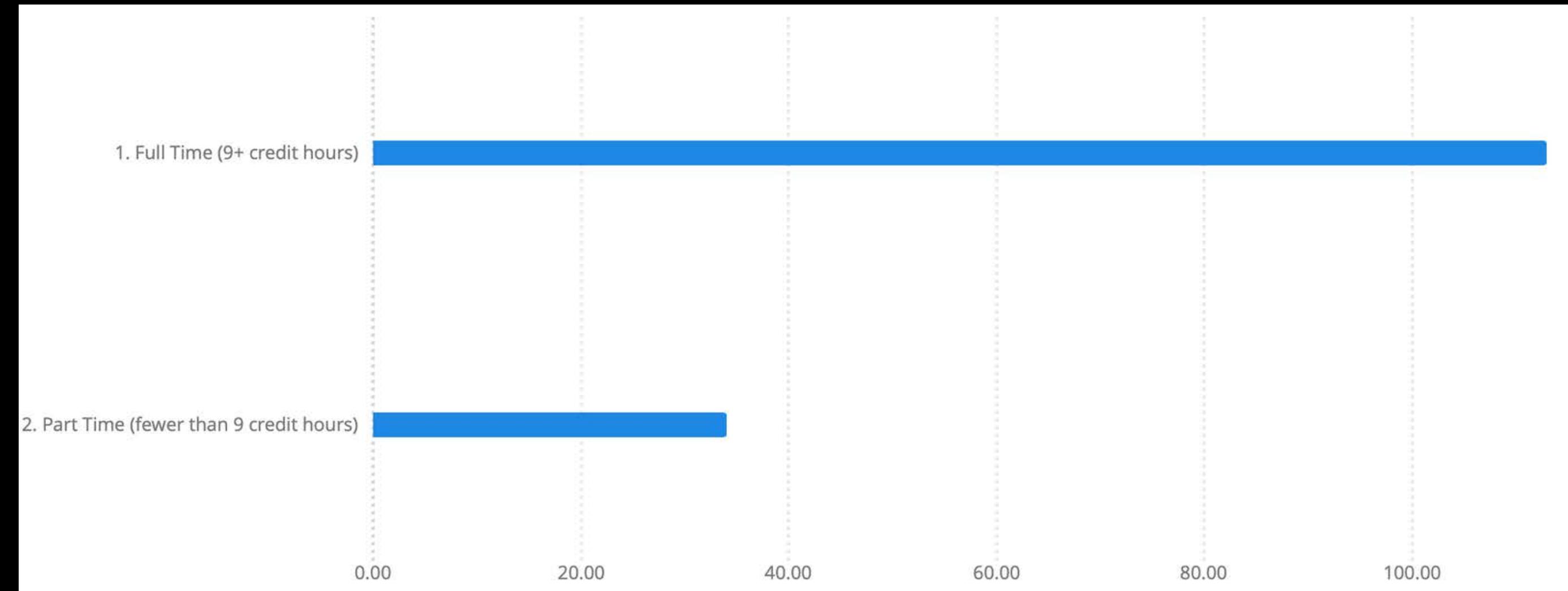
71.91%

27.39%

0.70%

# Question 17 - Are you studying full-time or part-time this semester?

## STUDENT RESPONSE:

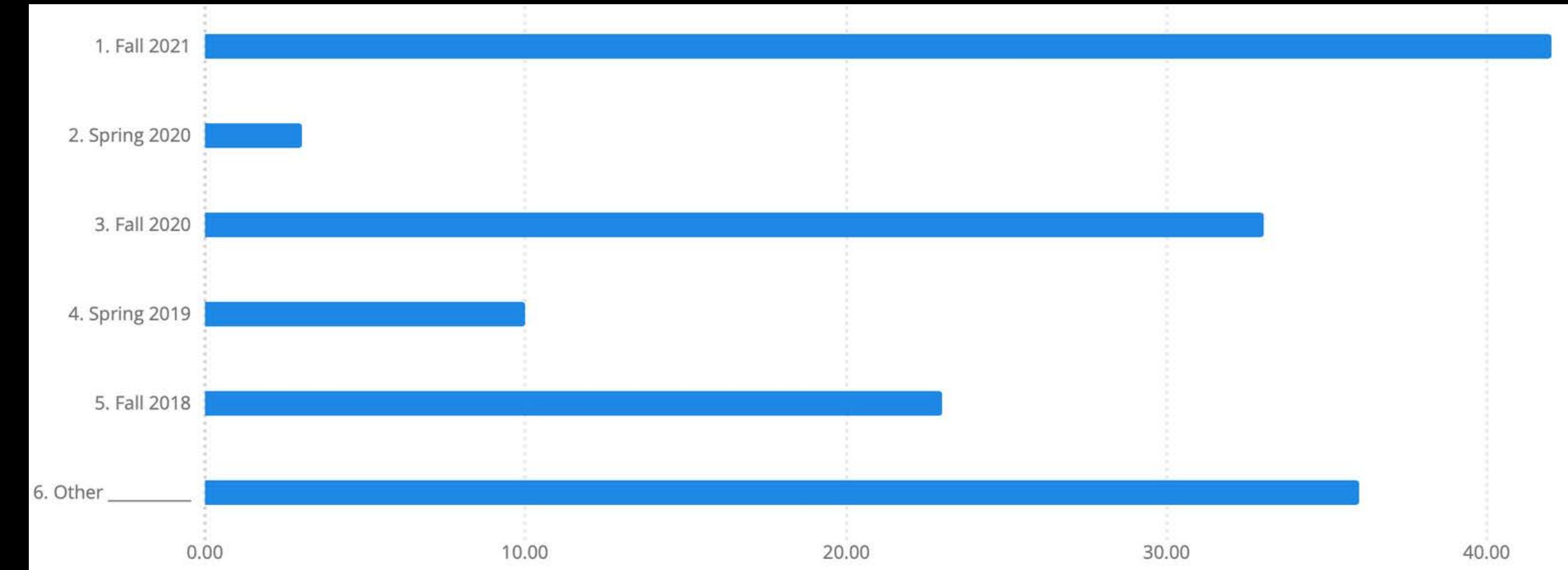


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**FULL TIME (9+ CREDIT HOURS)** **76.87%**  
**PART TIME (FEWER THAN 9 CREDIT HOURS)** **23.13%**

## Question 18 - In which semester did you first enroll in your current college?

### STUDENT RESPONSE:

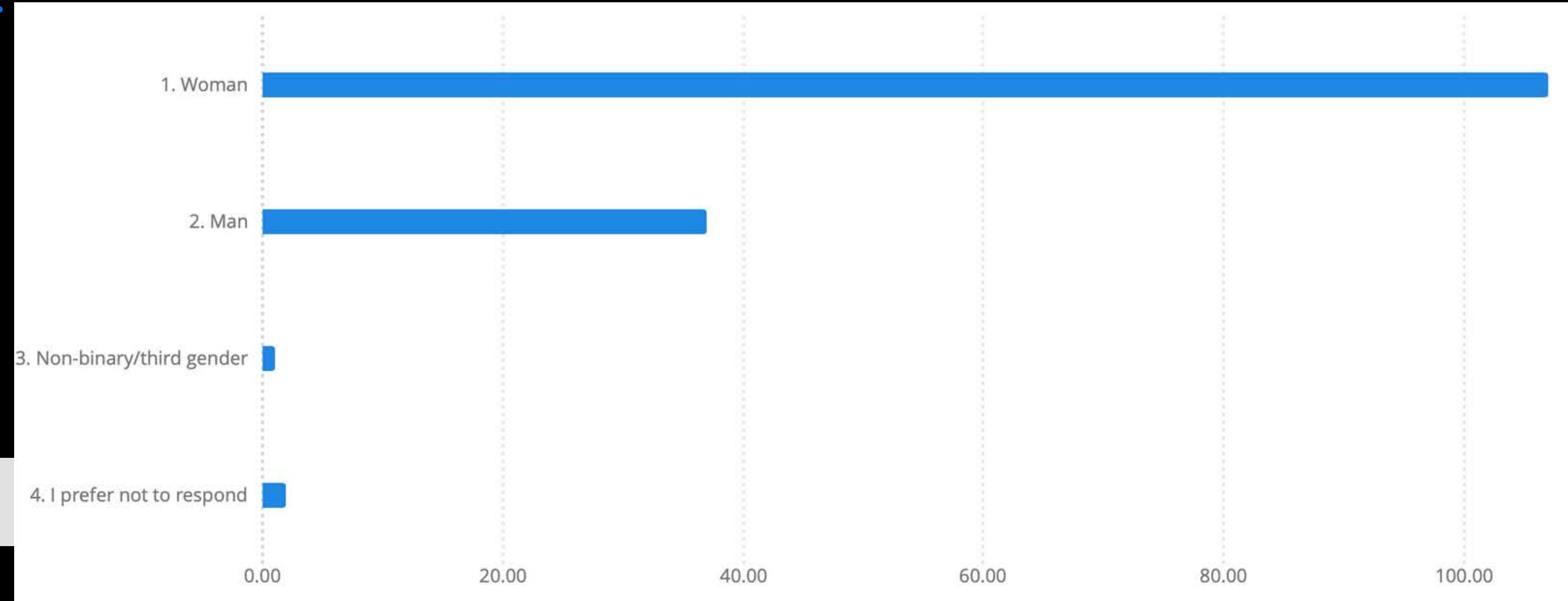


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1. FALL 2021	<b>28.57%</b>
2. SPRING 2020	<b>2.04%</b>
3. FALL 2020	<b>22.44%</b>
4. SPRING 2019	<b>6.81%</b>
5. FALL 2018	<b>15.64%</b>
6. OTHER	<b>24.50%</b>

# Question 19- Which best describes your gender identity?

## STUDENT RESPONSE:



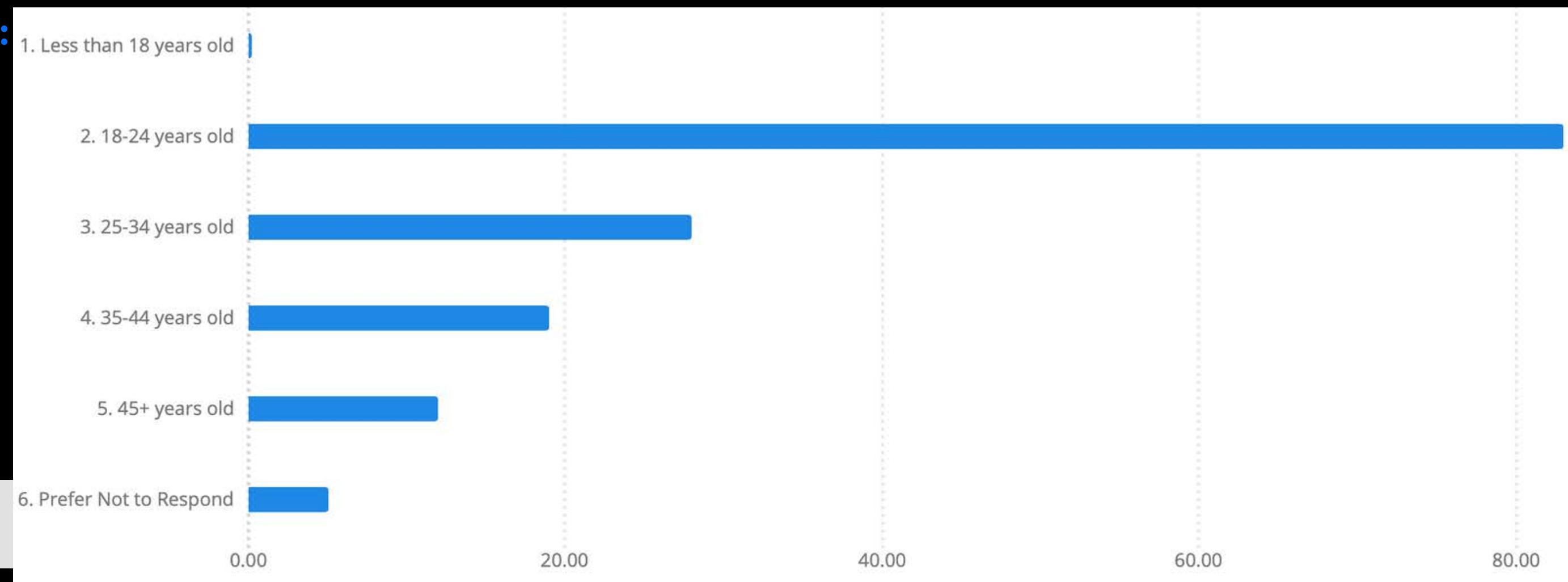
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WOMAN **72.78%**  
MEN **25.17%**

NON BINARY **0.68%**  
PREFER NOT TO RESPOND **1.37%**

## Question 20 - What is your age?

### STUDENT RESPONSE:



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LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD 0.00%

18-24 YEARS OLD 56.46%

25-34 YEAR OLD 19.04%

35-44 YEARS OLD 12.92%

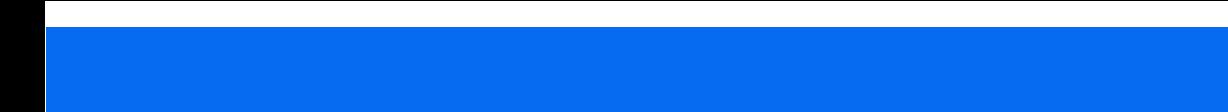
45+ YEARS OLD 8.34%

PREFER NOT TO RESPOND 3.24%

Question 21 a. Which of the following categories best describes your race and/or ethnicity? Select one or more:

**STUDENT RESPONSE:**

**BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN**



**HISPANIC OR LATINO**



**ASIAN**



**AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE**



**NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER**



**WHITE OR CAUCASIAN**



**PREFER NOT TO RESPOND**



**OTHER**



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**2021**

**Question 21b. Which of the following categories best describes your race and/or ethnicity? Select one or more:**

**STUDENT RESPONSE:**

**71.79%**

**2.56%**

**3.84%**

**0.00%**

**0.00%**

**16.66%**

**3.20%**

**1.95%**

- 1. BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN**
- 2. HISPANIC OR LATINO**
- 3. ASIAN**
- 4. AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE**
- 5. NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER**
- 6. WHITE OR CAUCASIAN**
- 7. PREFER NOT TO RESPOND**
- 8. OTHER**

# Question 22b. Where do you usually get your course materials? Select up to three.

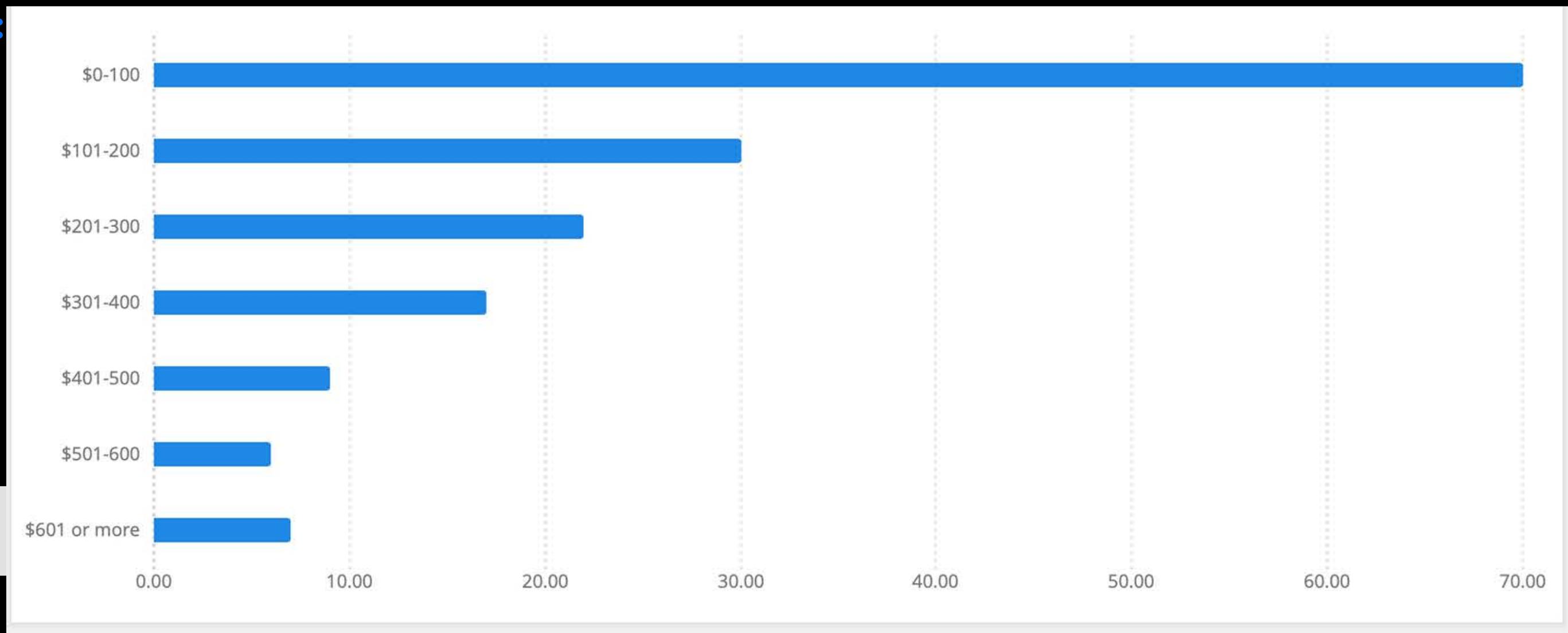
## STUDENT RESPONSE:

As you see	13.28%	1. CAMPUS BOOKSTORE PURCHASE NEW
Amazon and	8.97%	2. CAMPUS BOOKSTORE PURCHASE USED
Chegg is the	9.30%	3. CAMPUS BOOKSTORE RENTAL
direct competition	2.65%	4. OFF-CAMPUS BOOKSTORE PURCHASE NEW
with the	5.64%	5. OFF-CAMPUS BOOKSTORE PURCHASE USED
Bookstore	4.65%	6. OFF-CAMPUS BOOKSTORE RENTAL
	3.65%	7. DIRECTLY FROM THE PUBLISHER (DIGITAL ACCESS OR PRINT)
	21.26%	8. AMAZON / CHEGG ONLINE PURCHASE
	14.61%	9. AMAZON / CHEGG ONLINE RENTAL
	2.65%	10. EBAY ONLINE
	5.64%	11. FROM OTHER STUDENTS
	3.65%	12. ILLEGALLY DOWNLOAD THE TEXTBOOK
	1.32%	13. SCAN THE LIBRARY COPY
	2.73%	14. PURCHASED MY BOOKS ANOTHER WAY

**Question 23- Approximately how much did you spend on required course materials this fall semester? Select dollar amount below:**

**STUDENT RESPONSE:**

**0-100 is a section we would to see with a higher %**

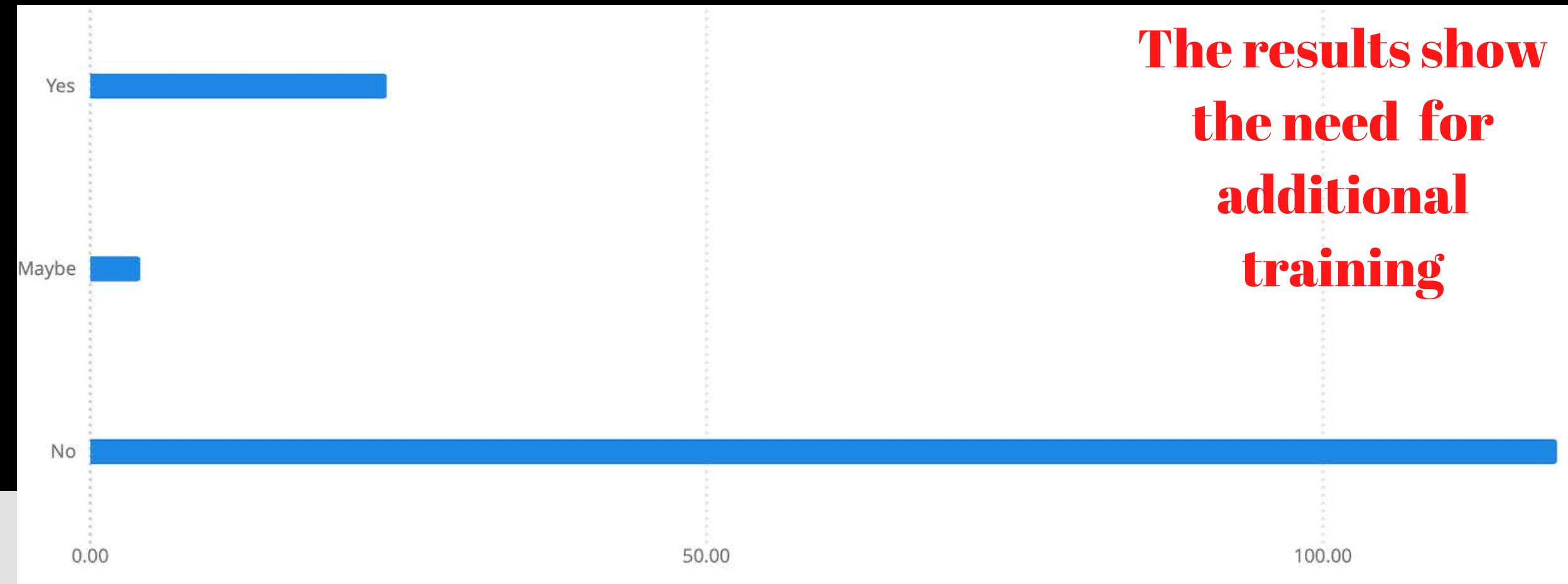


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<b>\$0-100</b>	<b>43.47%</b>	<b>\$401-500</b>	<b>5.59%</b>
<b>\$101-200</b>	<b>18.63%</b>	<b>\$501-600</b>	<b>3.72%</b>
<b>\$201-300</b>	<b>13.66%</b>	<b>\$601 OR MORE</b>	<b>4.38%</b>
<b>\$301-400</b>	<b>10.55%</b>		

# Question 24 Have you ever heard of Merlot.org?

## STUDENT RESPONSE:

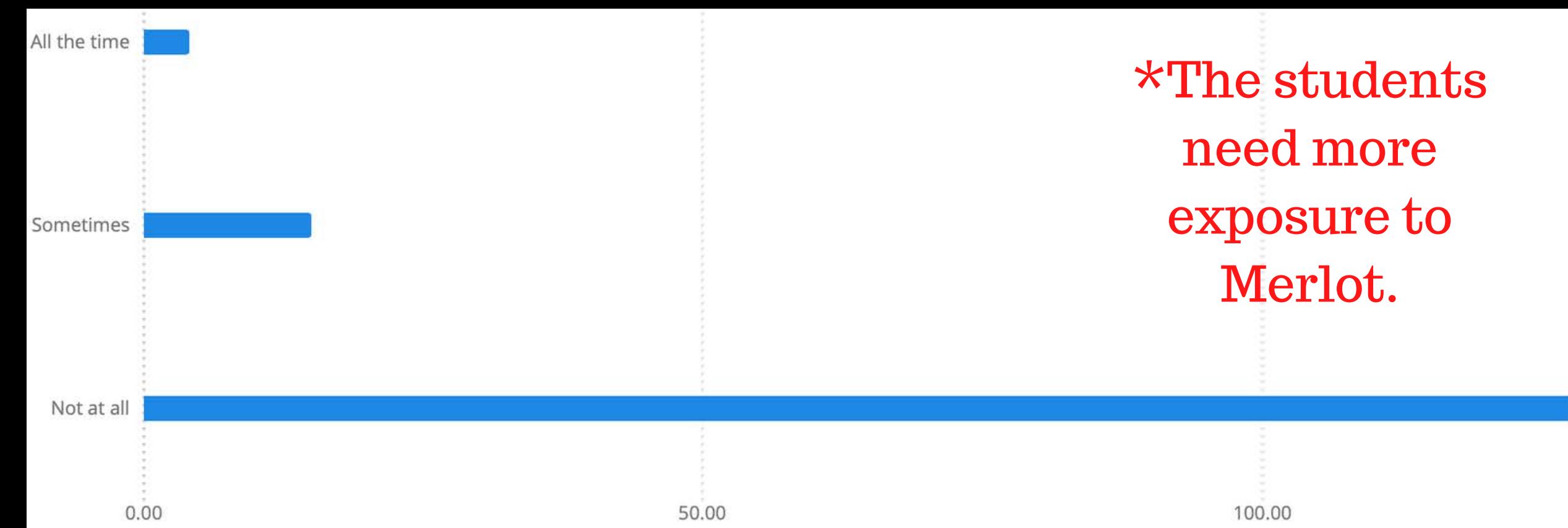


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YES	16.33
MAYBE	2.72%
NO	80.95%

# Question 25- How often do you use Merlot?

## STUDENT RESPONSE:



\*The students need more exposure to Merlot.

STUDENT SURVEY  
2021

ALL THE TIMES	<b>2.73%</b>
SOMETIMES	<b>10.20%</b>
NOT AT ALL	<b>87.07%</b>

# Overall Surveys: Recommendations

## **FACULTY RESPONSE:**

The feedback from the surveys indicate the following recommendations:



### Faculty Recommendations:

- There is a need for training on the use of Creative Commons licenses.
- There is a need to increase the cultural collections.
- There is a need for updated discipline related OER Materials
- There is a need for faculty training regarding the creation of OER materials.

# Overall Surveys: Recommendations

## STUDENT RESPONSE:

The feedback from the surveys indicate the following recommendations:



### Students Recommendations:

- There is a need for OER awareness and benefits .
- There is a need for hands on workshops.
- There is a need for culturally related materials.
- There is a need for more information about OER in their discipline.

# Pilot Schools



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