



2021 Matriculating Optometry Student Survey Report

839 Respondents

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Member School Abbreviations

AZCOPT	Arizona College of Optometry, Midwestern University
CCO	Chicago College of Optometry, Midwestern University
IAUPR	Inter American University of Puerto Rico, School of Optometry
ICO	Illinois College of Optometry
IUSO	Indiana University, School of Optometry
KYCO	University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Optometry
MCO	Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
MCPHS	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, School of Optometry
NECO	New England College of Optometry
NOVA	Nova Southeastern University, College of Optometry
NSUOCO	Northeastern State University - Oklahoma College of Optometry
OSU	The Ohio State University, College of Optometry
PCO/Salus	Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
PUCO	Pacific University, College of Optometry
SCCOMBKU	Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University
SCO	Southern College of Optometry
SUNY	State University of New York, College of Optometry
UABSO	University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Optometry
UCB	University of California - Berkeley, School of Optometry
UHCO	University of Houston, College of Optometry
UIWRSO	University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry
UMSL	University of Missouri at St. Louis, College of Optometry
WUCO	Western University of Health Sciences, College of Optometry

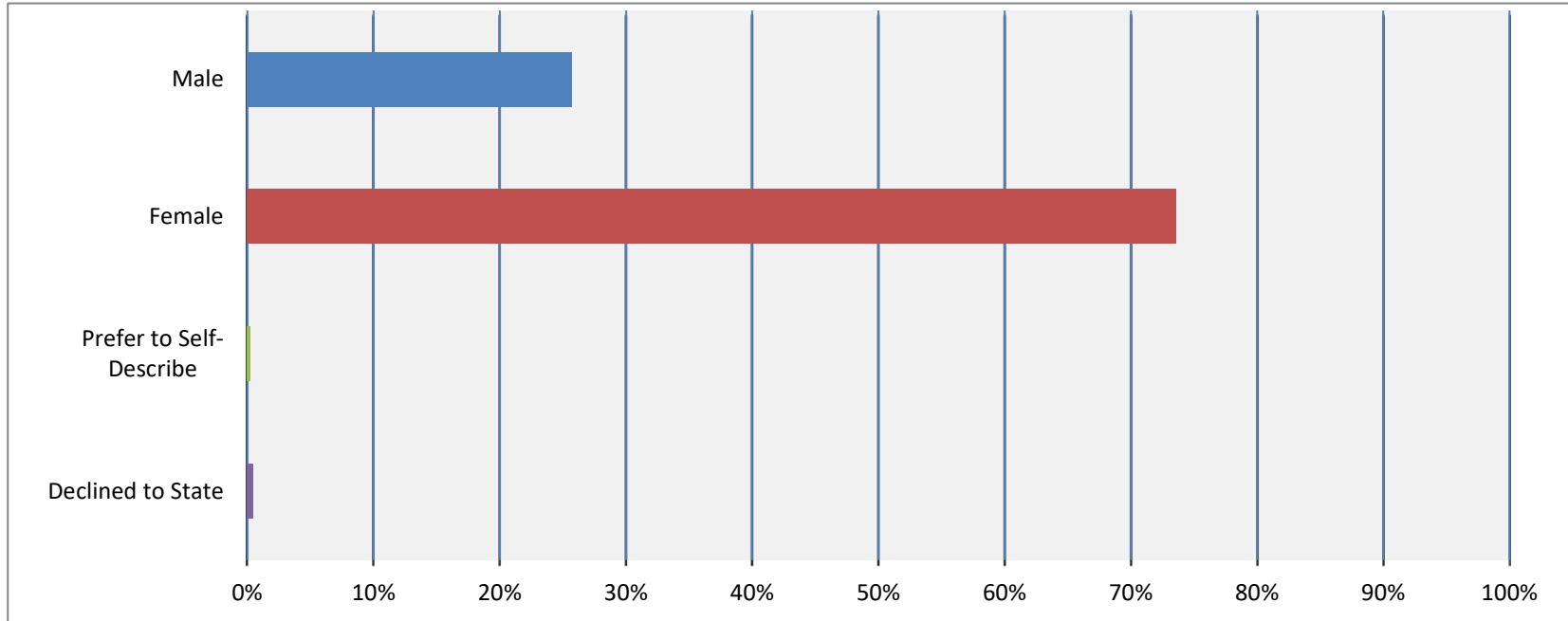
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Q1 Gender

Answered: 837

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Male	215	25.69%	29.94%
Female	616	73.60%	69.39%
Prefer to Self-Describe (non-binary: 1, gender fluid: 1)	2	0.24%	0.34%
Decline to State	4	0.48%	0.34%
Total	837		

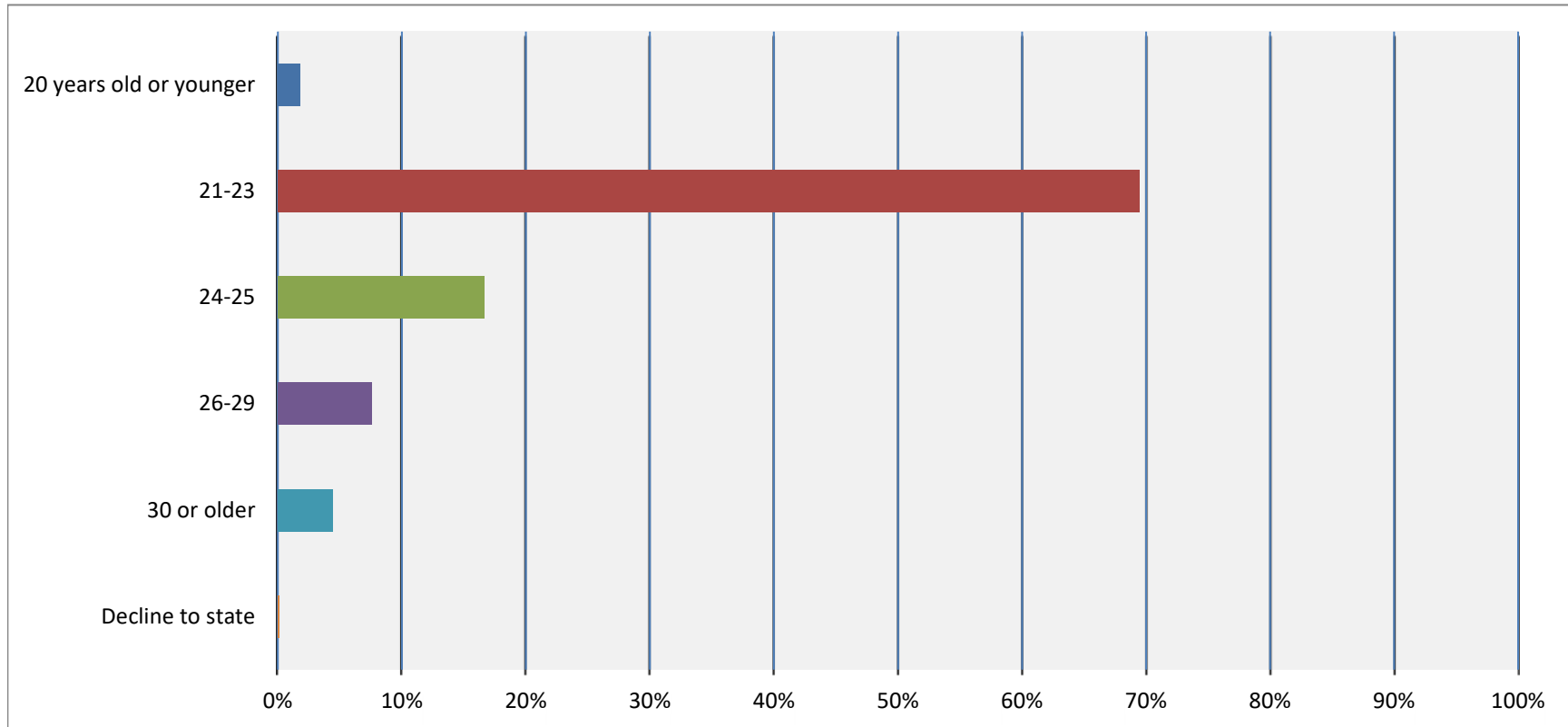
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Q2 Age

Answered: 835

Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	2021		2020
20 years old or younger	15	1.80%	1.01%
21-23	580	69.46%	67.93%
24-25	139	16.65%	17.81%
26-29	63	7.54%	9.37%
30 or older	37	4.43%	3.63%
Decline to state	1	0.12%	0.25%
Total	835		

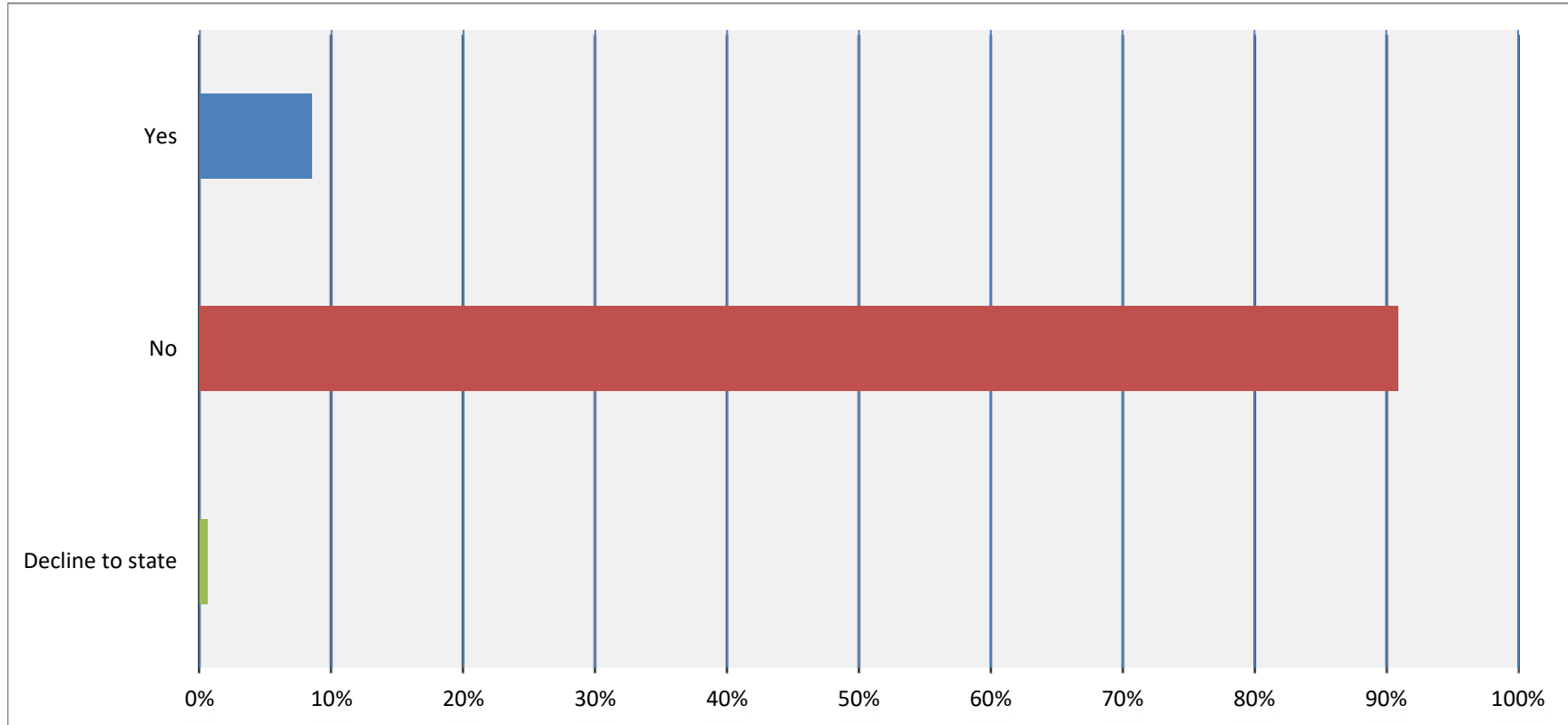
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Q3 Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Answered: 834

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Yes	71	8.51%	6.45%
No	758	90.89%	92.71%
Decline to state	5	0.60%	0.85%
Total	834		

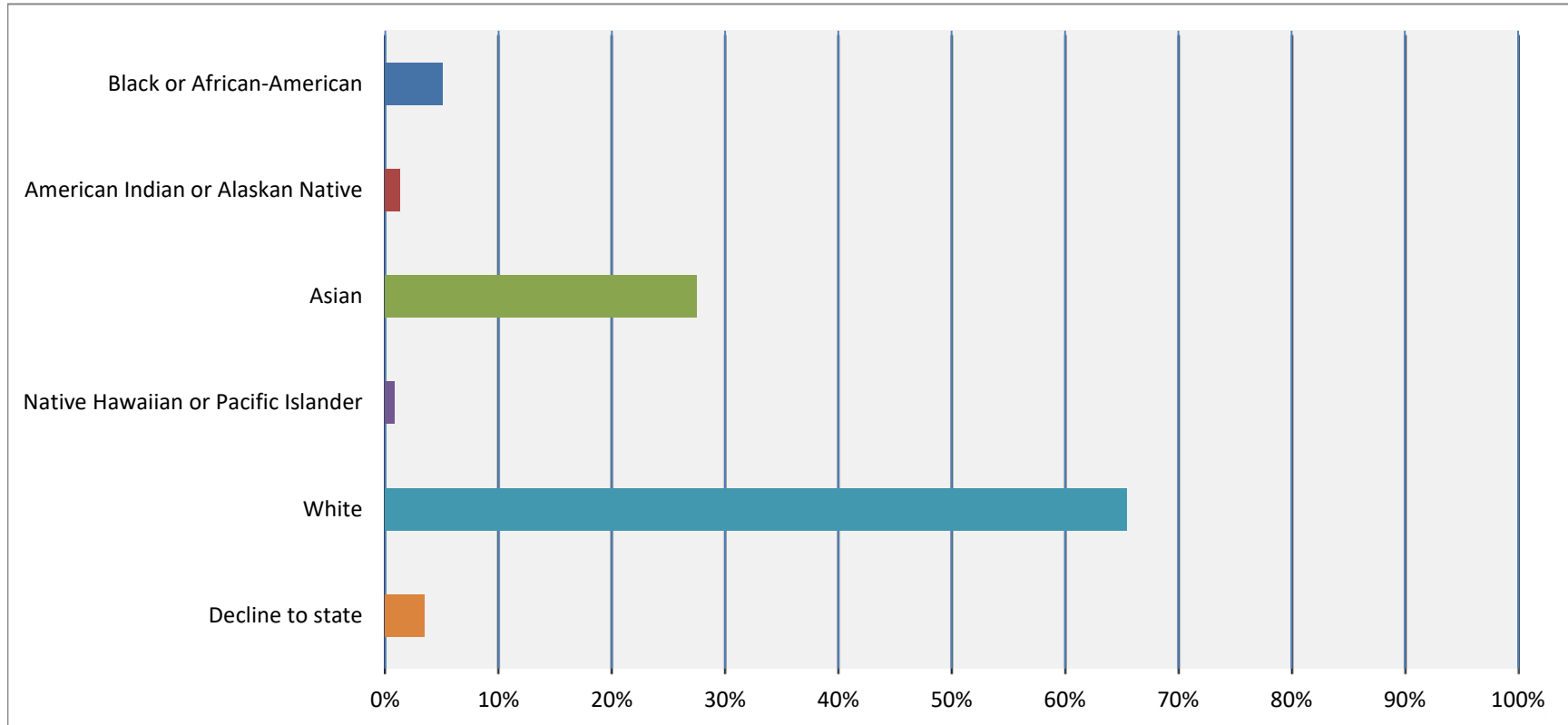
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Q4 Which of the following best describes your race? (Please mark one or more races.)

Answered: 832

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Answer Choices	2021	2020
Black or African-American	42	5.05%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	11	1.32%
Asian	229	30.39%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	7	0.34%
White	545	64.18%
Decline to state	29	3.14%
Total Respondents: 832	(Respondents may choose more than one race)	

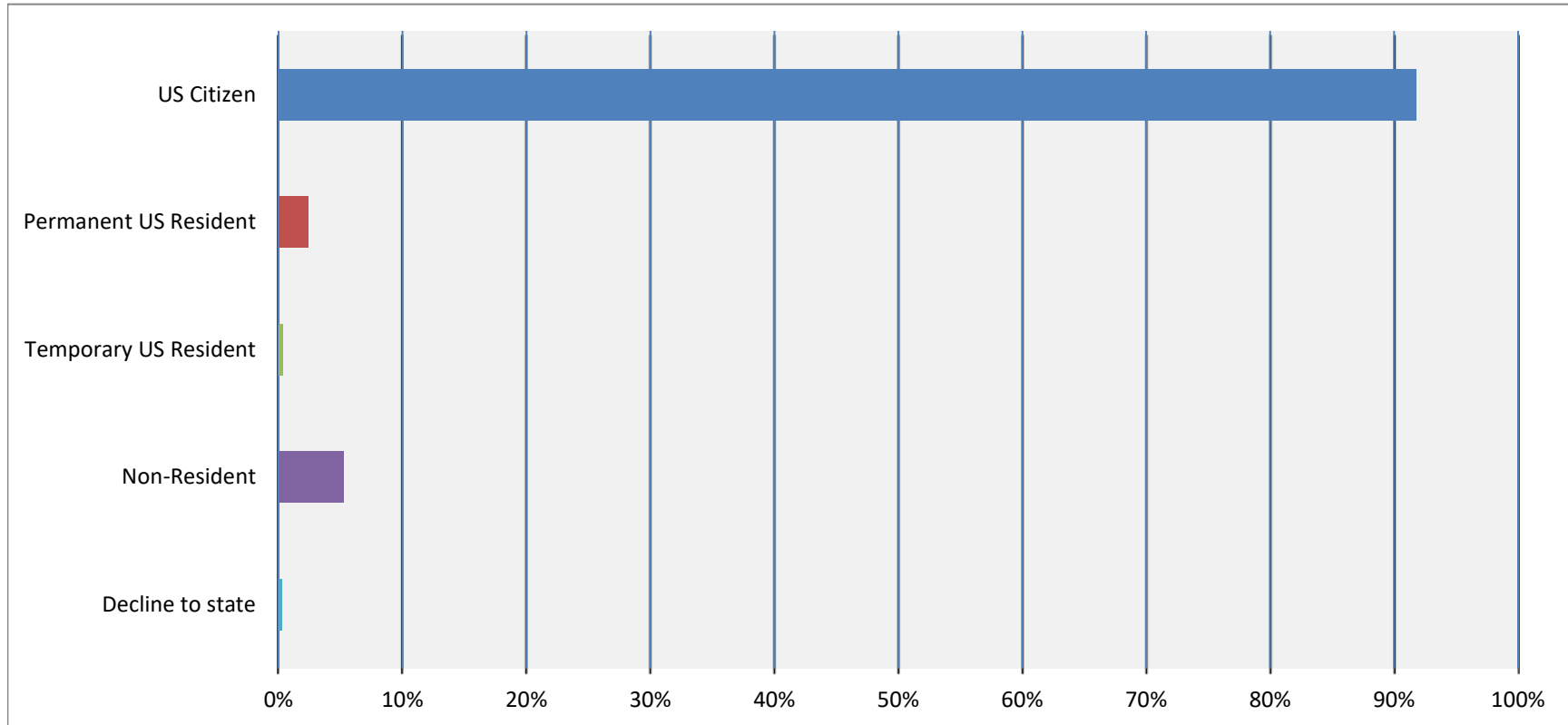
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Q5 What is your US citizenship status?

Answered: 838

Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	2021		2020
US Citizen	769	91.77%	91.39%
Permanent US Resident	20	2.39%	2.11%
Temporary US Resident	3	0.36%	0.76%
Non-Resident	44	5.25%	5.15%
Decline to state	2	0.24%	0.59%
Total	838		

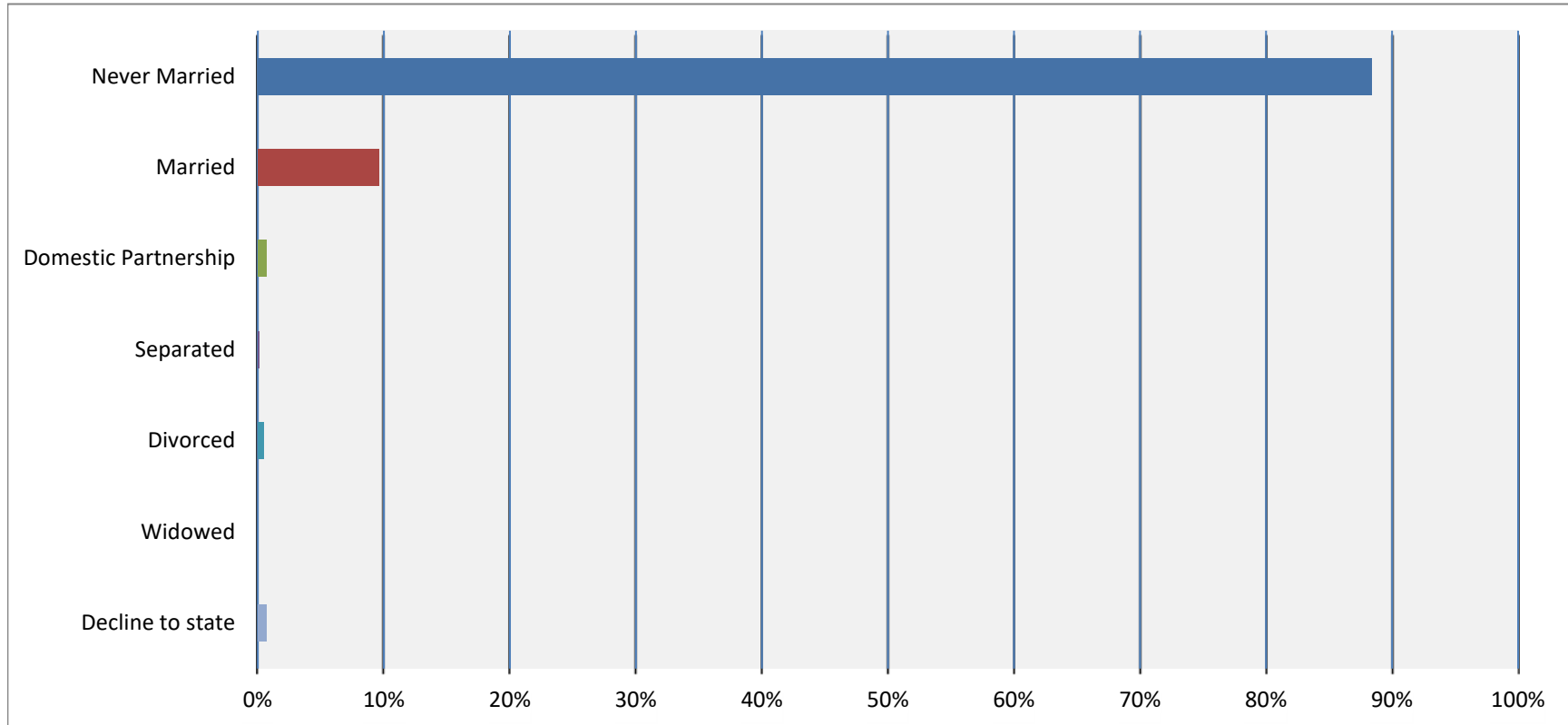
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Q6 What is your marital status?

Answered: 834

Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	2021		2020
Never Married	737	88.37%	87.02%
Married	80	9.59%	11.20%
Domestic Partnership	6	0.72%	0.51%
Separated	1	0.12%	0.08%
Divorced	4	0.48%	0.34%
Widowed	0	0.00%	0.00%
Decline to state	6	0.72%	0.85%
Total	834		

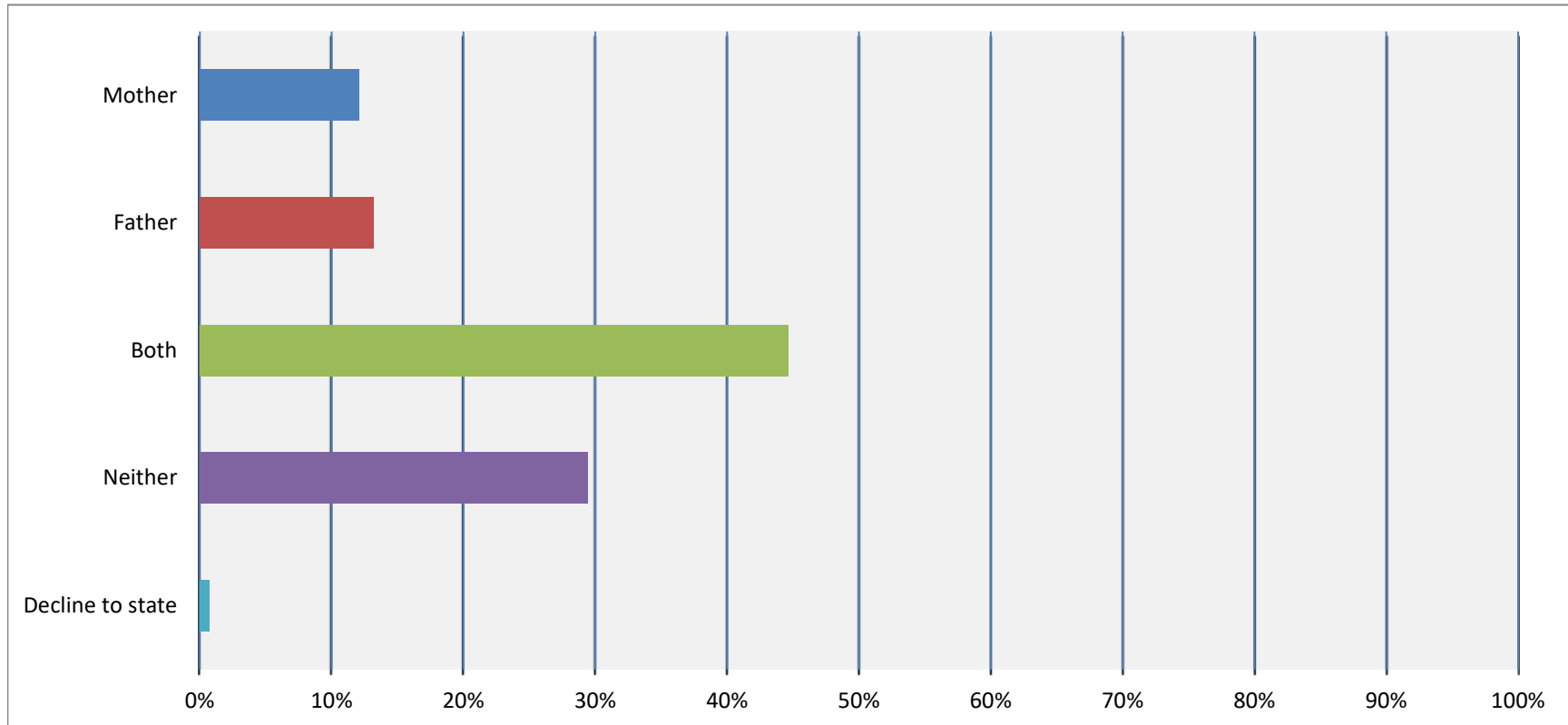
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Q7 Which of your parents completed a 4-year degree?

Answered: 836

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Mother	101	12.08%	12.19%
Father	110	13.16%	14.06%
Both	373	44.62%	42.42%
Neither	246	29.43%	29.64%
Decline to state	6	0.72%	1.69%
Total	836		

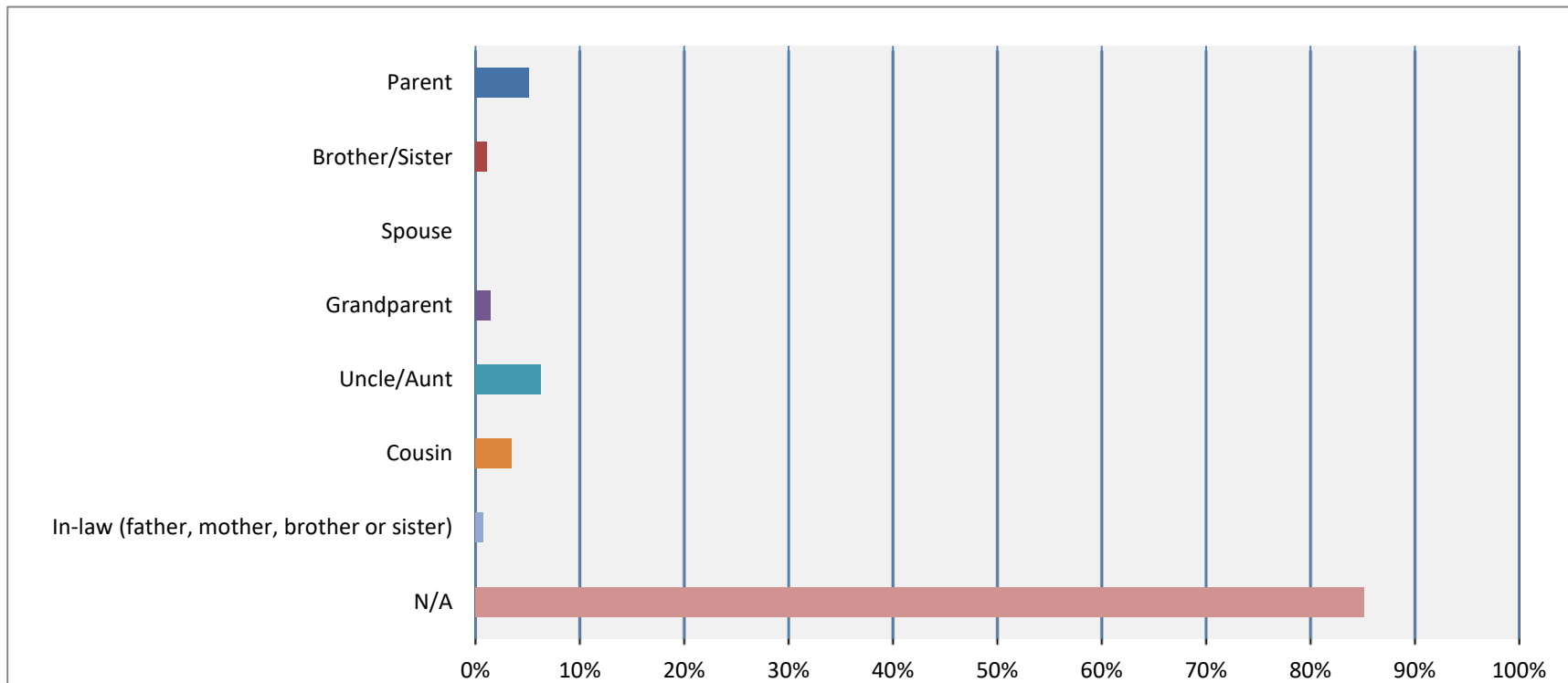
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Q8 Do you have any relatives who are optometrists? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 820

Skipped: 19



Answer Choices	2021	2020
Parent	42	5.12%
Brother/Sister	9	1.10%
Spouse	0	0.00%
Grandparent	12	1.46%
Uncle/Aunt	51	6.22%
Cousin	28	3.41%
In-law (father, mother, brother or sister)	6	0.73%
N/A	698	85.12%
Total Respondents: 820		(Respondents may choose more than one relative)

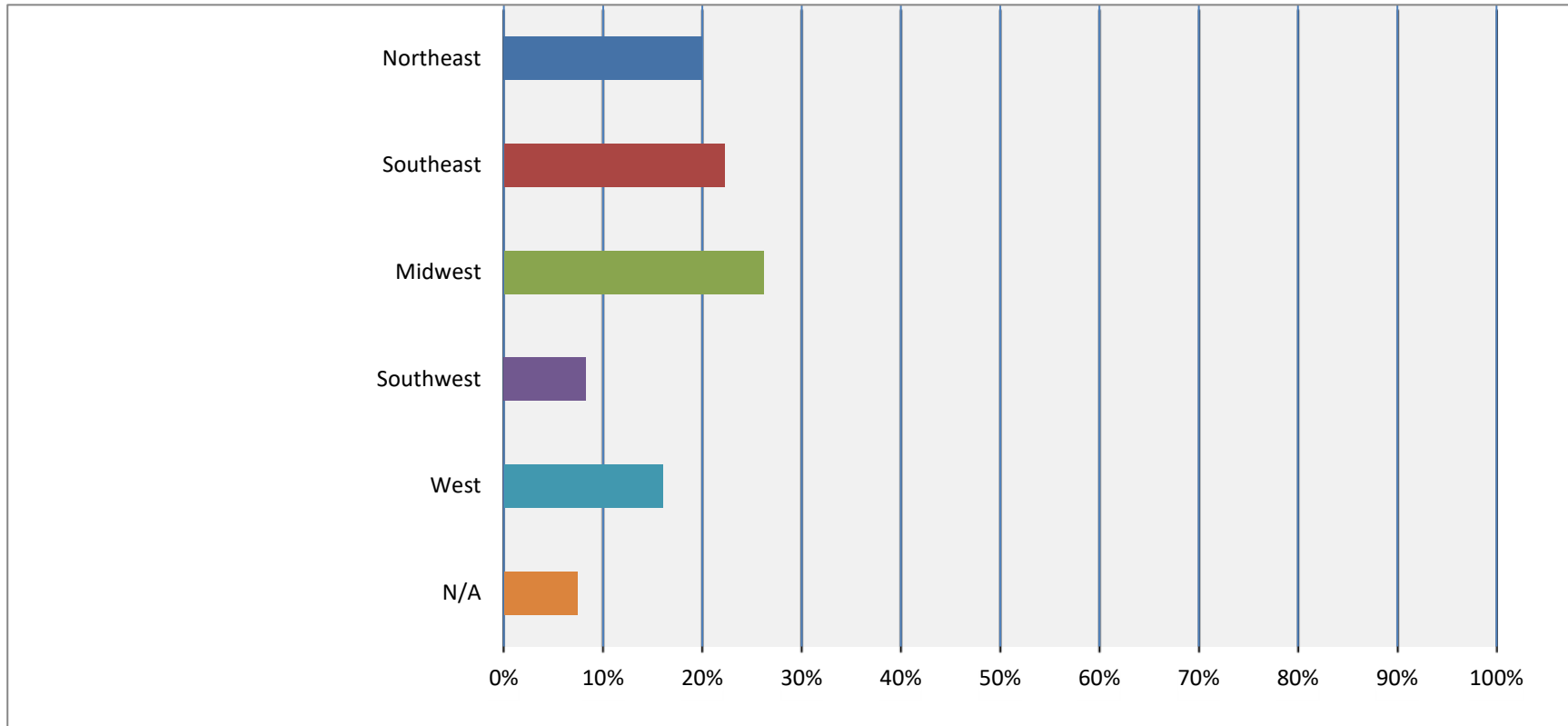
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Q9 Which region of the United States do you consider to be your permanent residence?

Answered: 837

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Northeast	167	19.95%	22.73%
Southeast	186	22.22%	19.11%
Midwest	219	26.16%	27.27%
Southwest	69	8.24%	8.84%
West	134	16.01%	16.08%
N/A	62	7.41%	5.98%
Total	837		

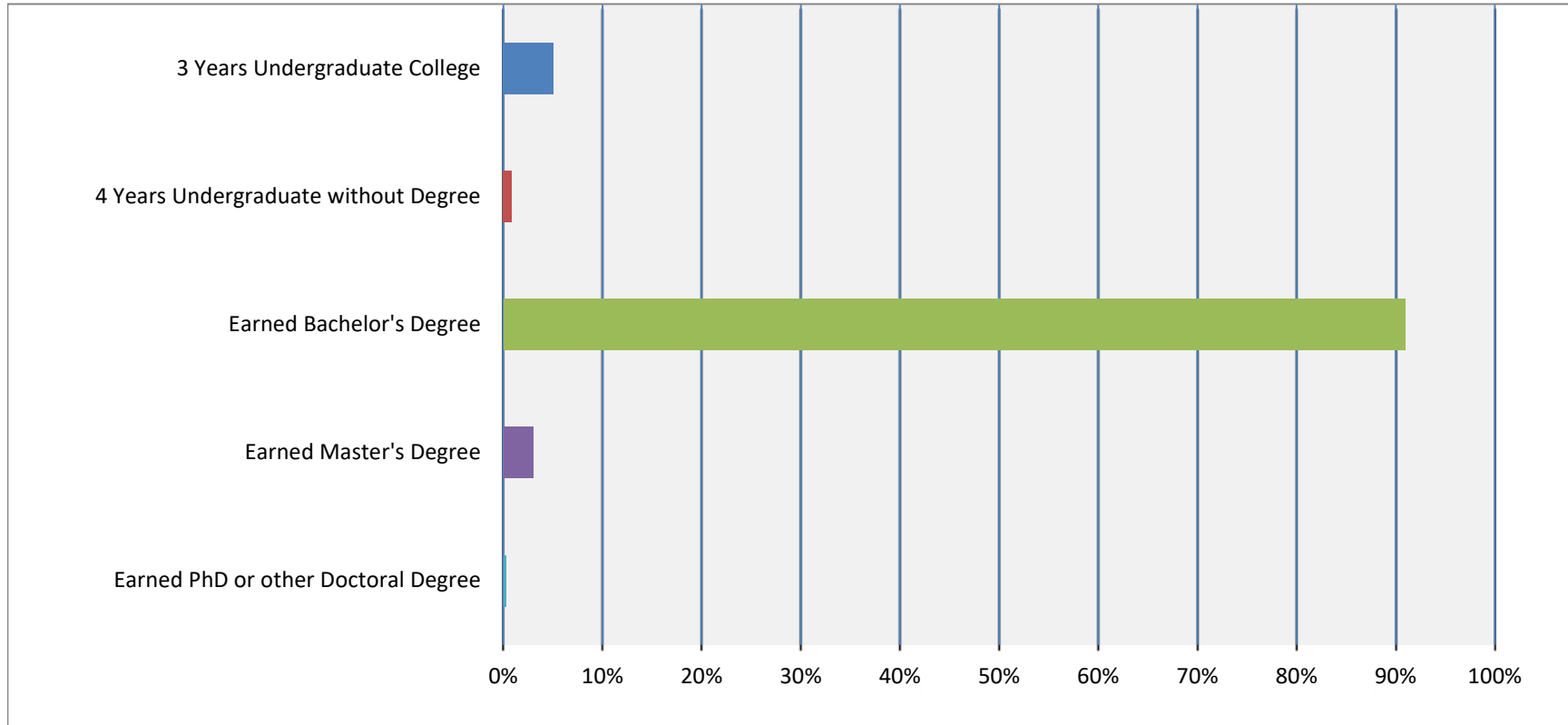
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Q10 What is your highest level of education?

Answered: 838

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Answer Choices	2021	2020
3 Years Undergraduate College	42	5.01%
4 Years Undergraduate without Degree	7	0.84%
Earned Bachelor's Degree	762	90.93%
Earned Master's Degree	25	2.98%
Earned PhD or other Doctoral Degree	2	0.24%
Total	838	

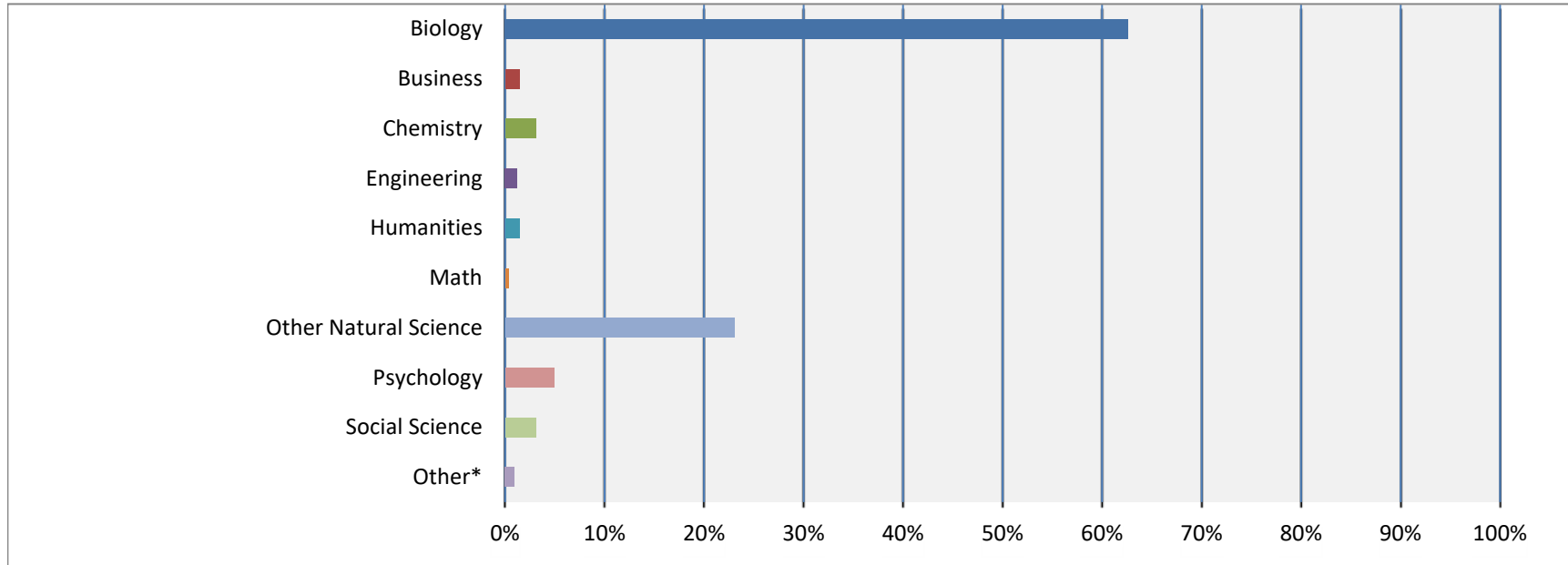
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Q11 What was your college major?

Answered: 837

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Biology	524	62.60%	61.03%
Business	12	1.43%	1.35%
Chemistry	26	3.11%	3.80%
Engineering	10	1.19%	0.76%
Humanities	12	1.43%	1.27%
Math	3	0.36%	0.68%
Other Natural Science	193	23.06%	24.18%
Psychology	41	4.90%	3.55%
Social Science	26	3.11%	3.21%
Other*	8	0.96%	1.44%
Total Respondents:	837		(Some respondents provided more than one major.)

*Other majors included Construction Management (1), Criminal Justice (1), Health Management (1), Healthcare Studies (1), Healthcare Service Management (1), Interdisciplinary Sciences (1), Journalism (1), Multidisciplinary Studies (1).

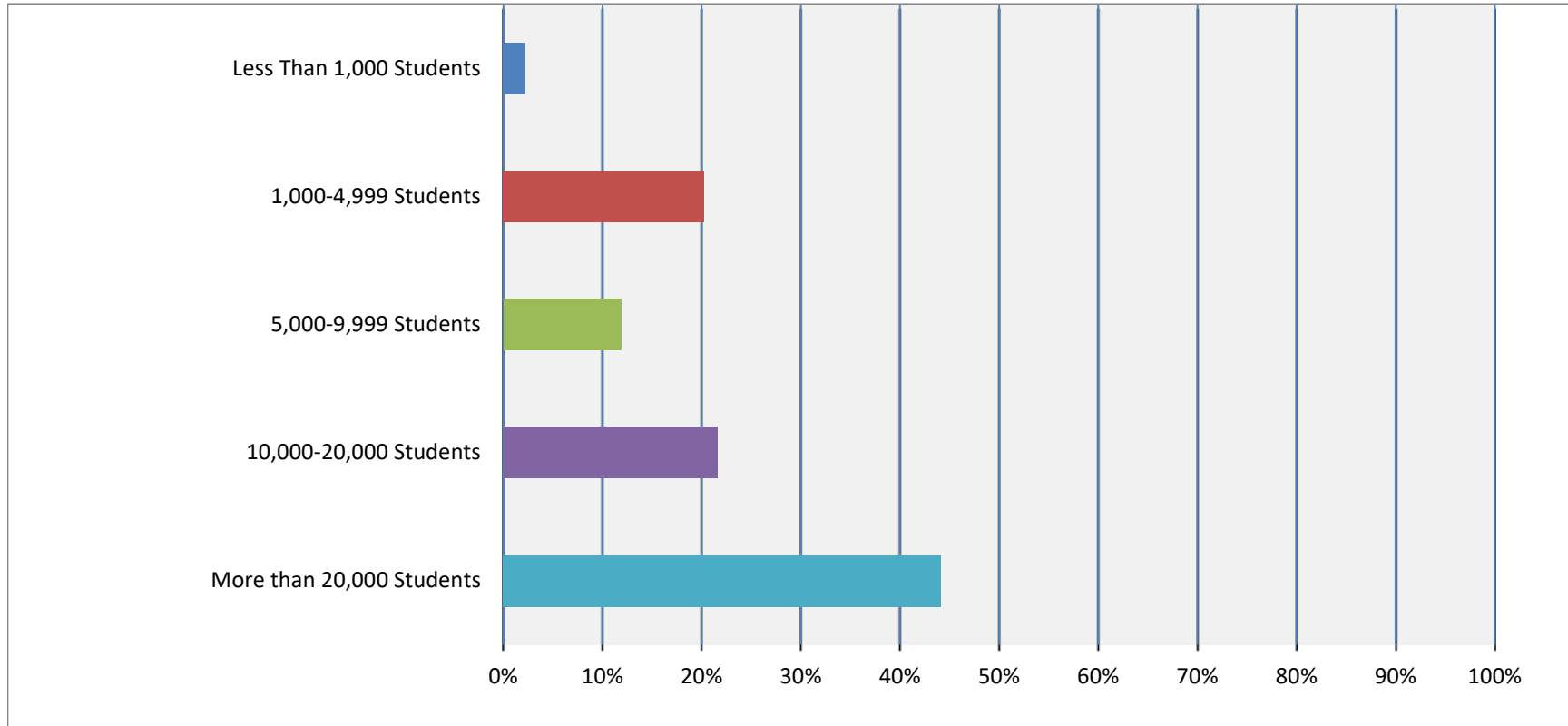
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Q12 What was the approximate size of your undergraduate institution?

Answered: 834

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Answer Choices	2021	2020
Less Than 1,000 Students	18	2.12%
1,000-4,999 Students	169	18.58%
5,000-9,999 Students	99	13.91%
10,000-20,000 Students	180	20.36%
More than 20,000 Students	368	45.04%
Total	834	

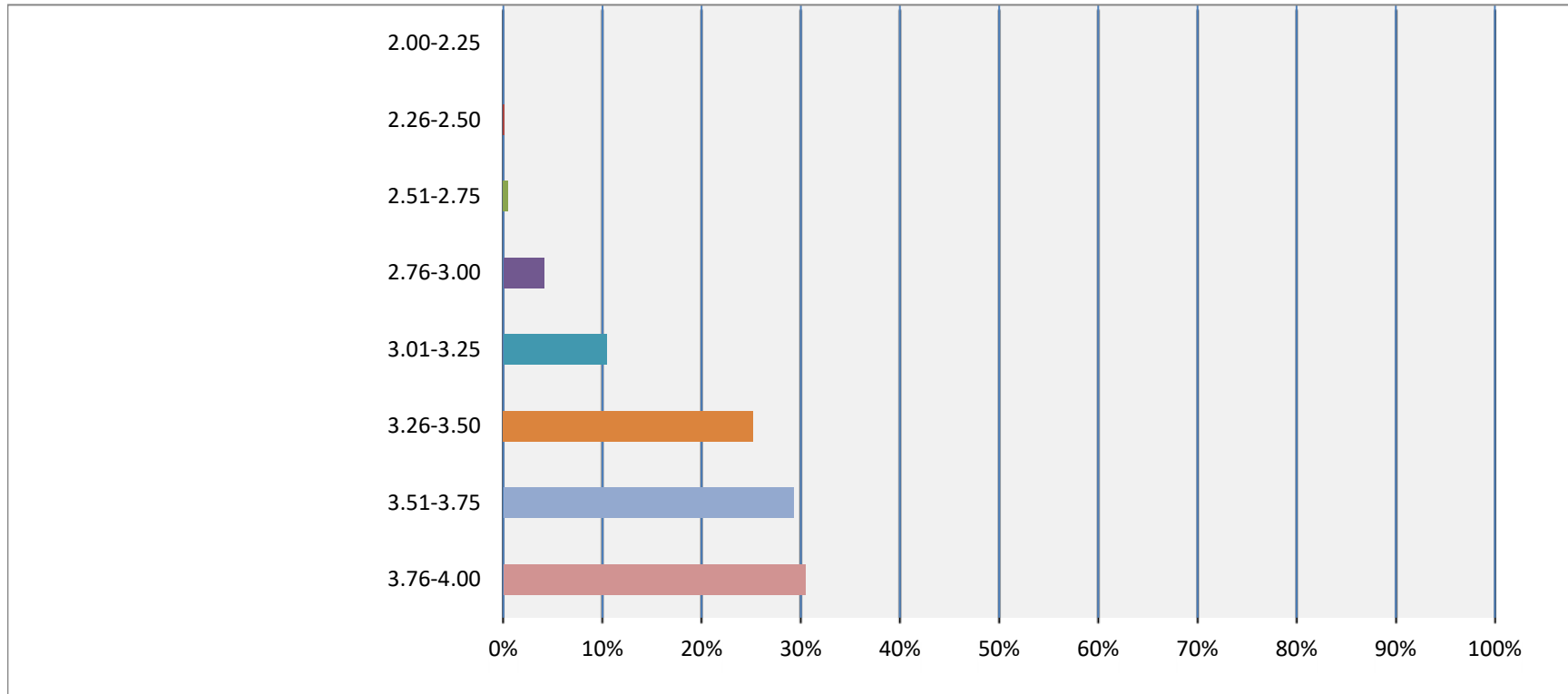
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Q13 What was your cumulative undergraduate grade point average?

Answered: 834

Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	2021	2020
2.00-2.25	0	0.00%
2.26-2.50	1	0.12%
2.51-2.75	4	0.93%
2.76-3.00	34	6.54%
3.01-3.25	87	12.22%
3.26-3.50	210	27.42%
3.51-3.75	244	25.04%
3.76-4.00	254	27.42%
Total	834	

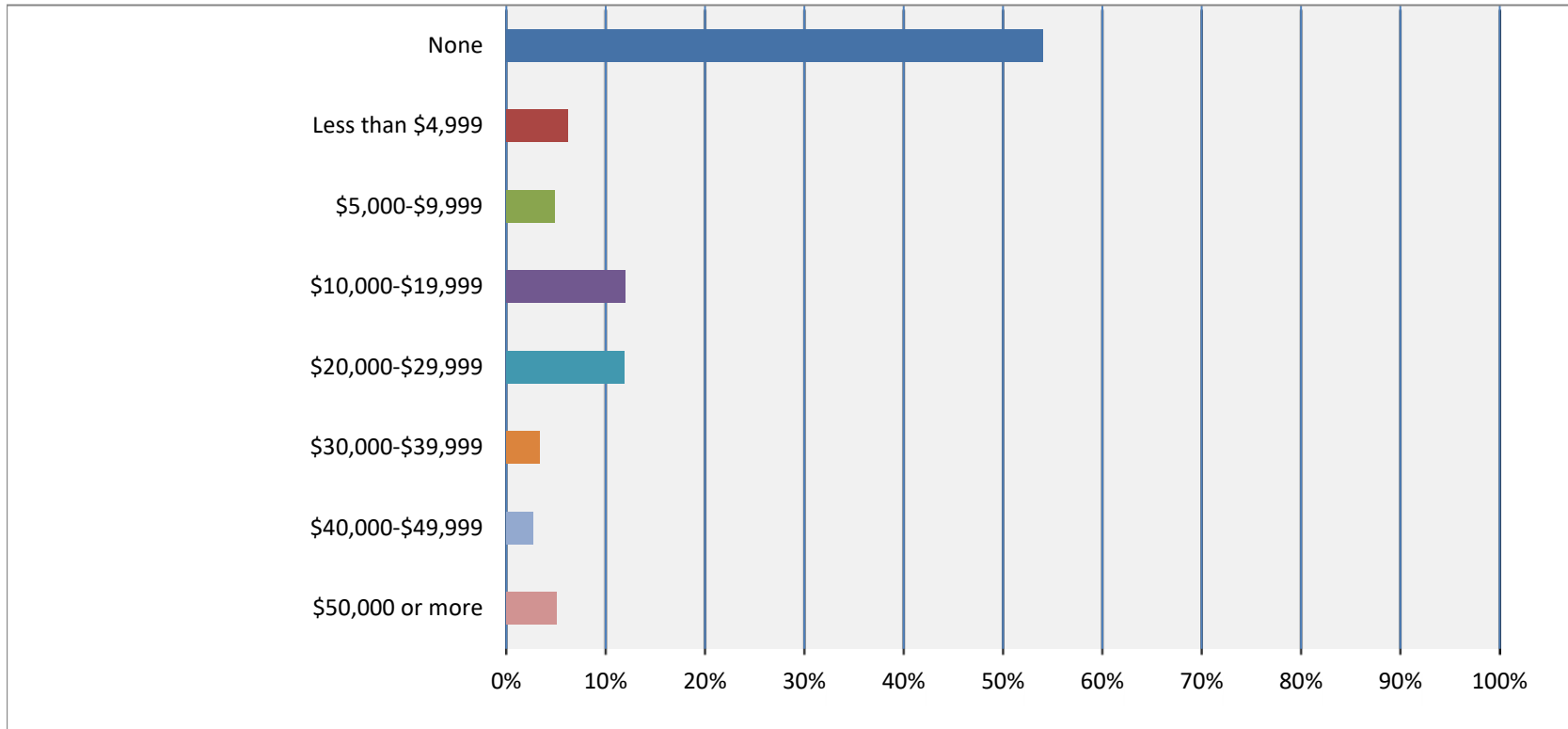
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Q14 What is your undergraduate indebtedness level?

Answered: 826

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
None	446	54.00%	57.20%
Less than \$4,999	51	6.17%	4.26%
\$5,000-\$9,999	40	4.84%	4.86%
\$10,000-\$19,999	99	11.99%	9.80%
\$20,000-\$29,999	98	11.86%	10.83%
\$30,000-\$39,999	28	3.39%	4.52%
\$40,000-\$49,999	22	2.66%	3.15%
\$50,000 or more	42	5.08%	5.37%
Total	826		

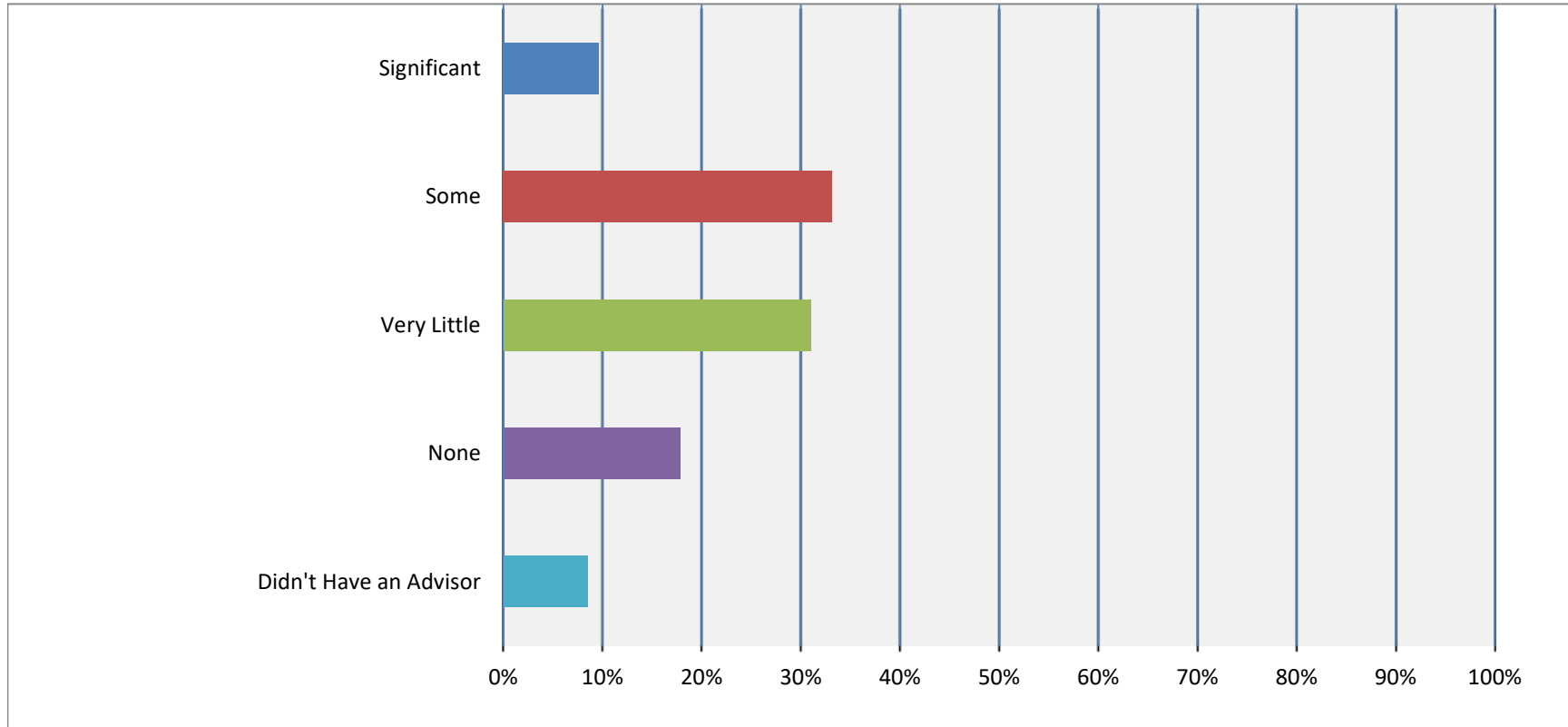
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Q15 How much assistance did you receive from your health professions advisor at your undergraduate institution?

Answered: 836

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Significant	80	9.57%	12.25%
Some	277	33.13%	28.55%
Very Little	259	30.98%	32.77%
None	149	17.82%	17.91%
Didn't Have an Advisor	71	8.49%	8.53%
Total	836		

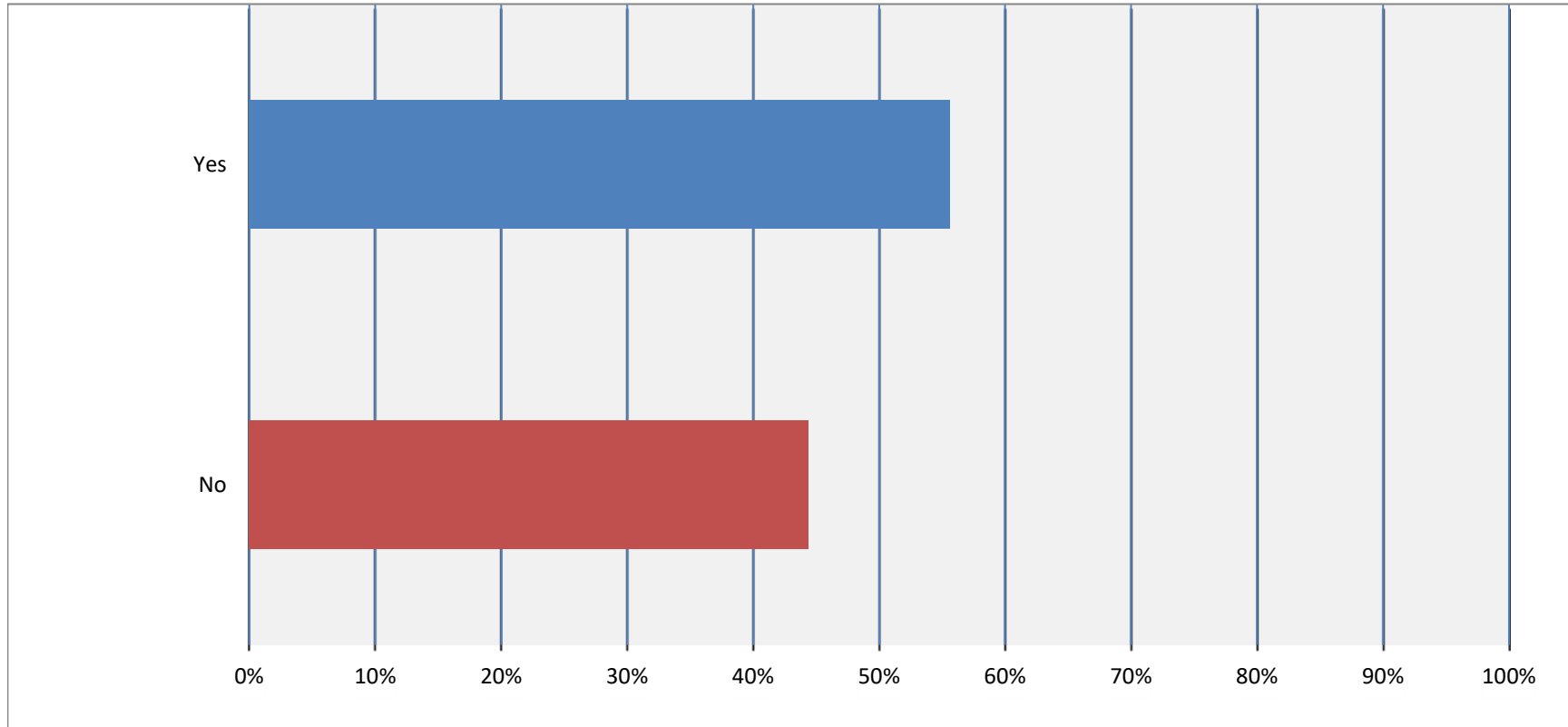
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Q16 At your undergraduate campus, did you belong to a pre-optometry club, pre-health club, or pre-med club?

Answered: 838

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Yes	466	55.61%	60.05%
No	372	44.39%	39.95%
Total	838		

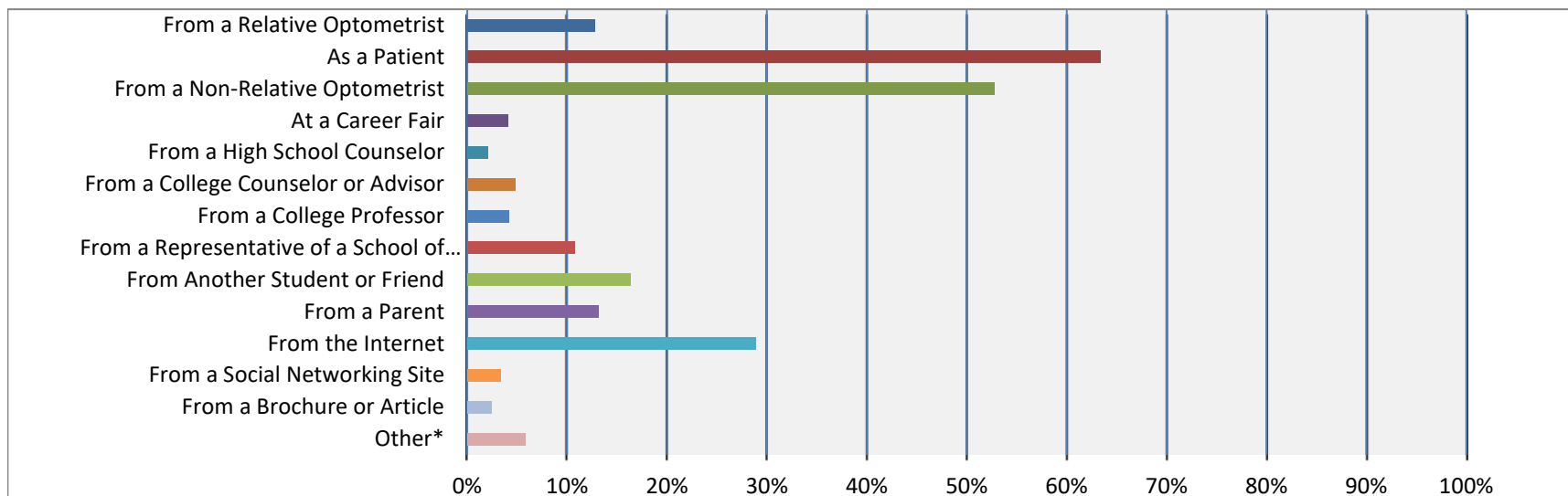
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Q17 How did you learn about the profession of optometry? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 838

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Answer Choices	2021	2020
From a Relative Optometrist	107	11.14%
As a Patient	531	58.90%
From a Non-Relative Optometrist	442	52.07%
At a Career Fair	34	4.22%
From a High School Counselor	17	1.86%
From a College Counselor or Advisor	40	4.89%
From a College Professor	35	2.95%
From a Representative of a School of Optometry	90	11.90%
From Another Student or Friend	137	17.64%
From a Parent	110	13.00%
From the Internet	242	30.80%
From a Social Networking Site	28	1.86%
From a Brochure or Article	20	3.12%
Other*	49	7.34%
Total Respondents 838	(Respondents may choose more than one source)	

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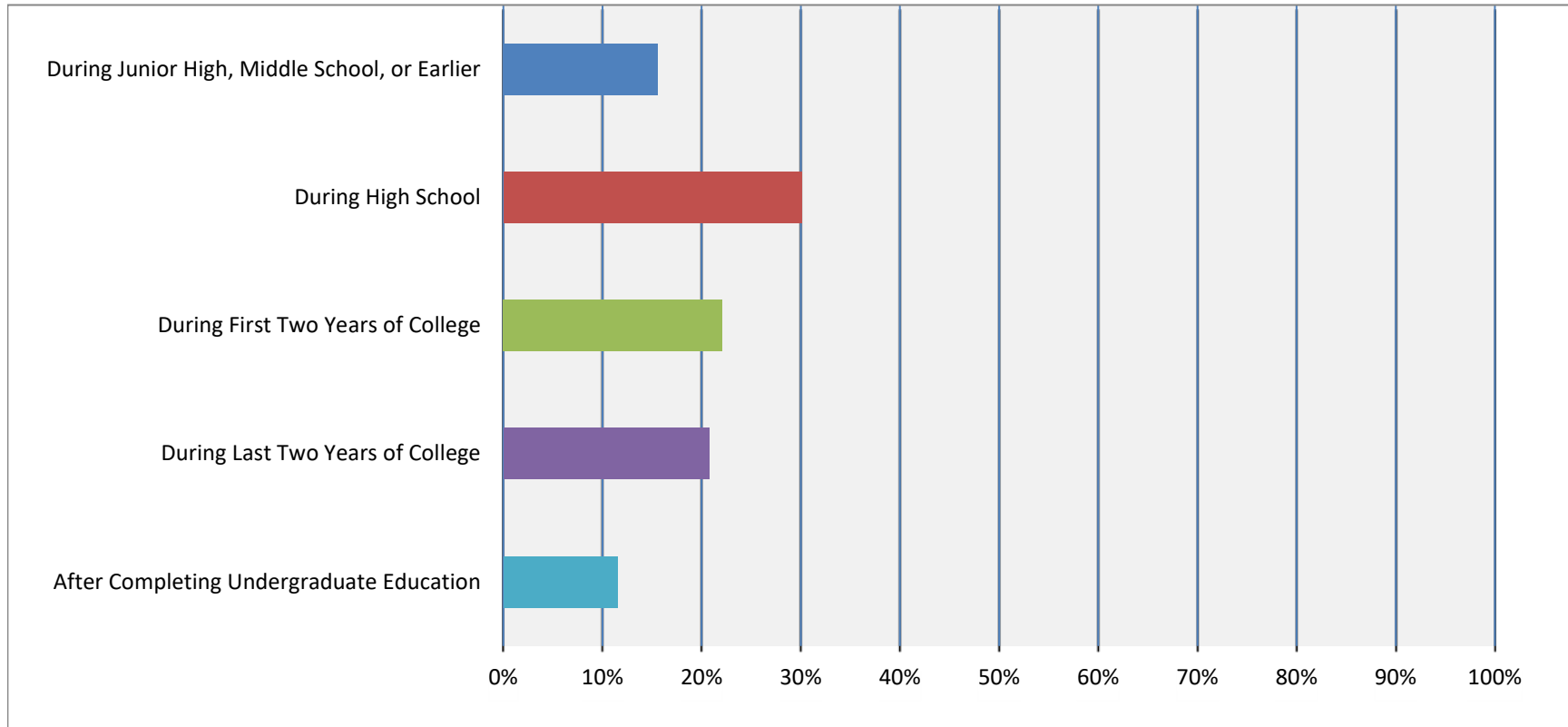
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Q18 When did you first think about optometry as a potential career? (Please check one.)

Answered: 834

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
During Junior High, Middle School, or Earlier	130	15.59%	13.81%
During High School	251	30.10%	31.02%
During First Two Years of College	184	22.06%	23.14%
During Last Two Years of College	173	20.74%	21.36%
After Completing Undergraduate Education	96	11.51%	10.68%
Total	834		

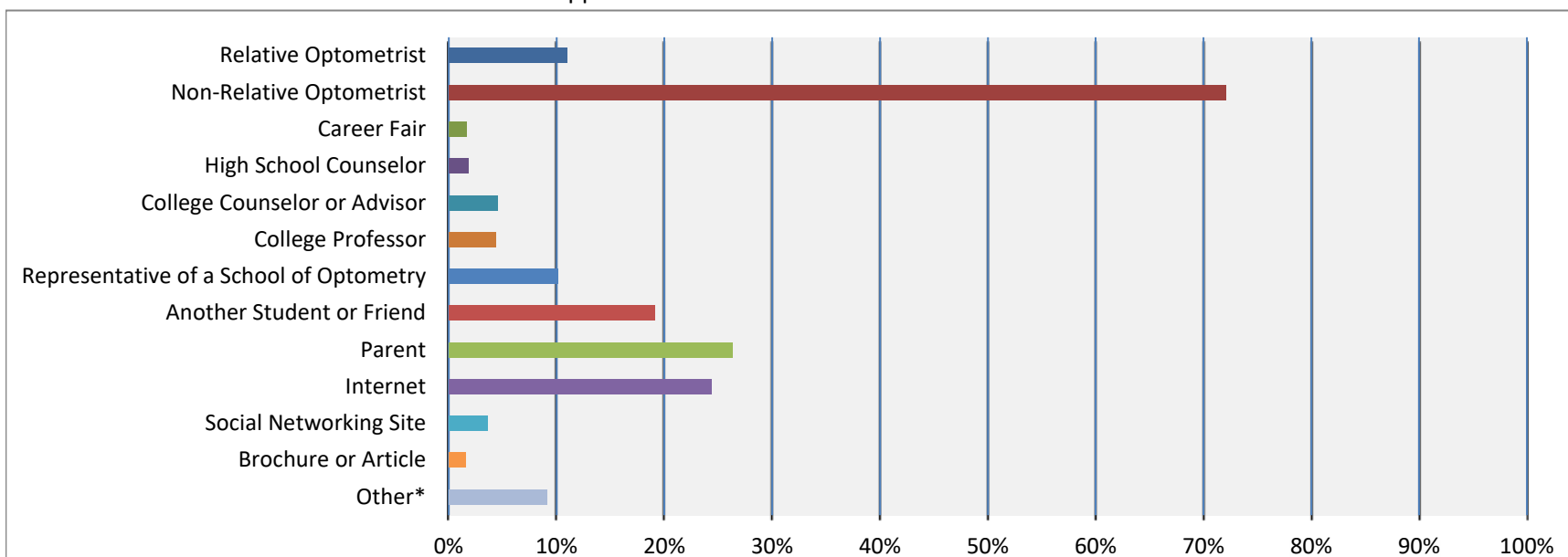
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Q19 Who or what influenced your decision about optometry as a potential career for you? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 832

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Answer Choices	2021	2020
Relative Optometrist	91	10.94%
Non-Relative Optometrist	600	72.12%
Career Fair	14	1.68%
High School Counselor	15	1.80%
College Counselor or Advisor	38	4.57%
College Professor	36	4.33%
Representative of a School of Optometry	84	10.10%
Another Student or Friend	159	19.11%
Parent	219	26.32%
Internet	203	24.40%
Social Networking Site	30	3.61%
Brochure or Article	13	1.56%
Other*	76	9.13%
Total Respondents 832	(Respondents may choose more than one influence)	

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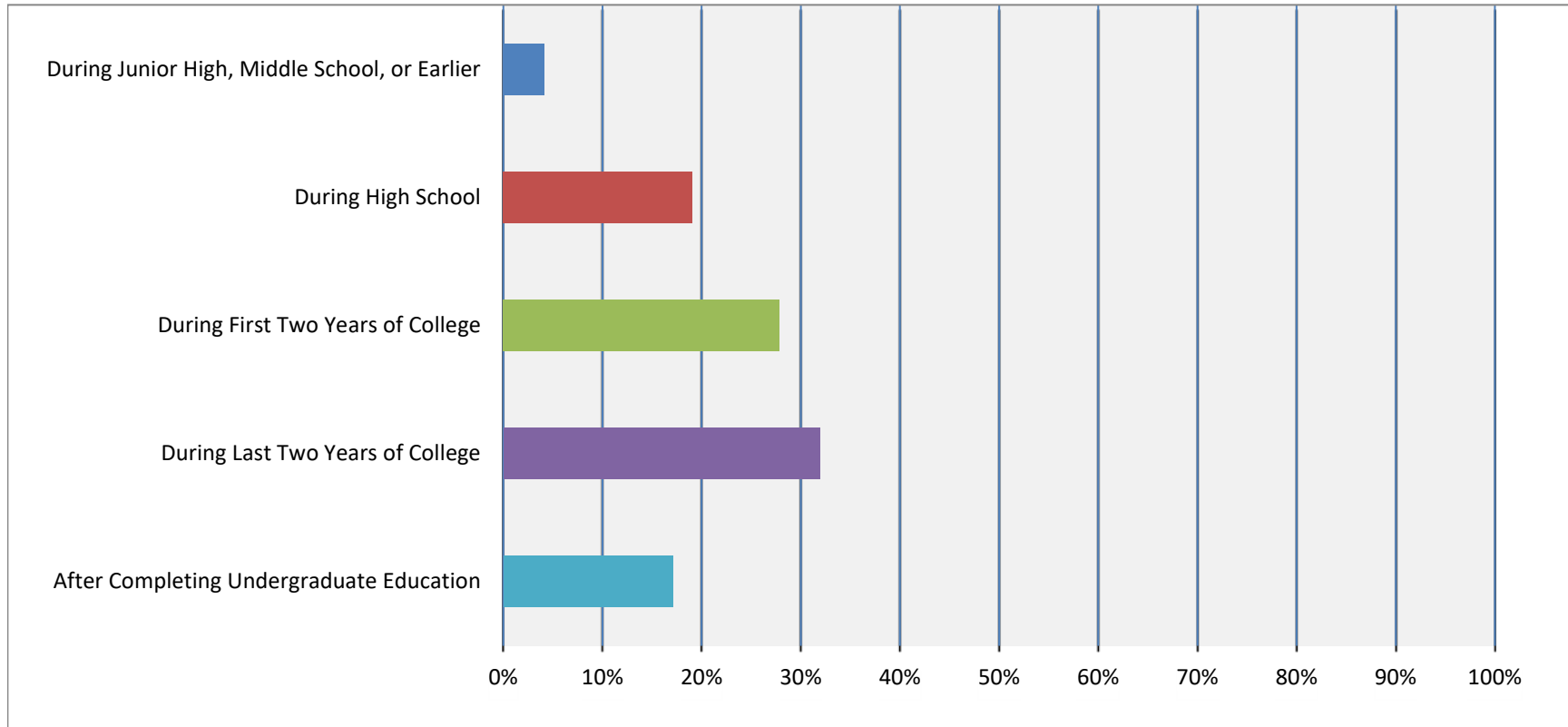
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Q20 When did you finally decide that you definitely wanted to pursue optometry? (Please check one.)

Answered: 830

Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	2021	2020
During Junior High, Middle School, or Earlier	34	4.10%
During High School	158	18.85%
During First Two Years of College	231	26.22%
During Last Two Years of College	265	33.08%
After Completing Undergraduate Education	142	17.82%
Total	830	

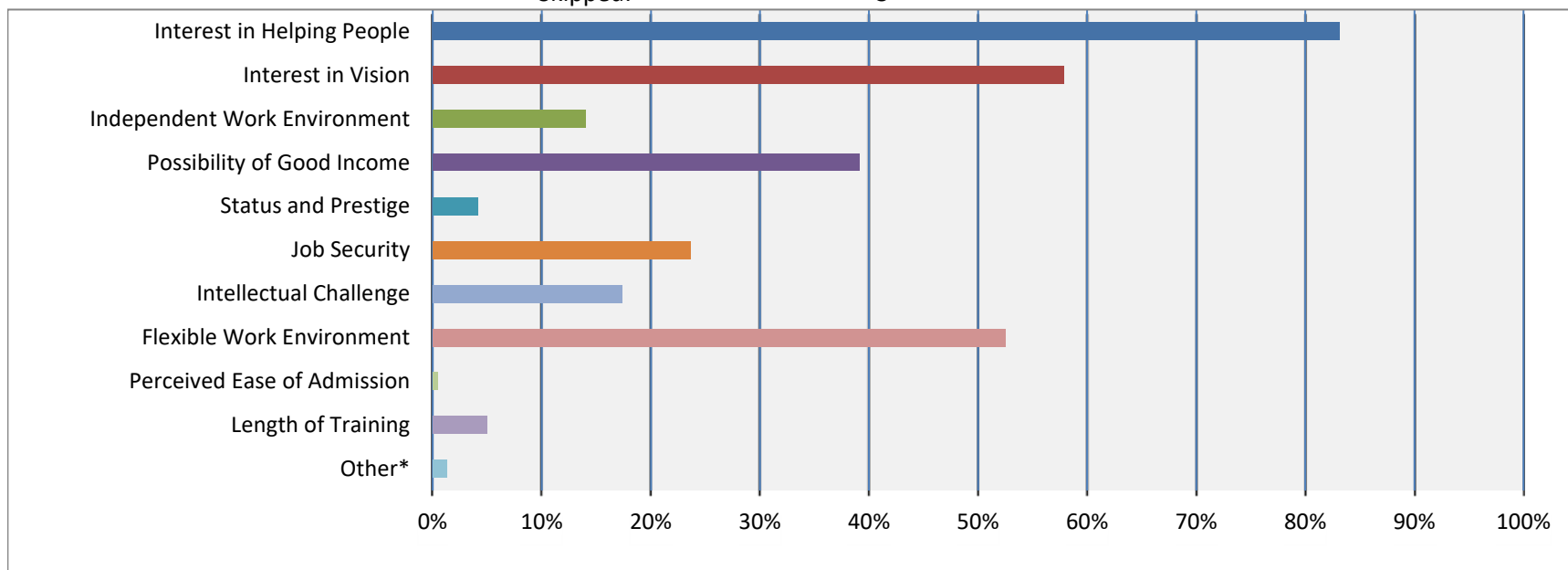
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Q21 Of the following considerations, which top three reasons summarize your reasons for choosing optometry?

Answered: 836

Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	2021	2020
Interest in Helping People	695	83.13%
Interest in Vision	484	57.89%
Independent Work Environment	117	14.00%
Possibility of Good Income	327	39.11%
Status and Prestige	35	4.19%
Job Security	198	23.68%
Intellectual Challenge	145	17.34%
Flexible Work Environment	439	52.51%
Perceived Ease of Admission	4	0.48%
Length of Training	42	5.02%
Other*	11	1.32%
Total Respondents 836	(Respondents may choose more than one reason)	

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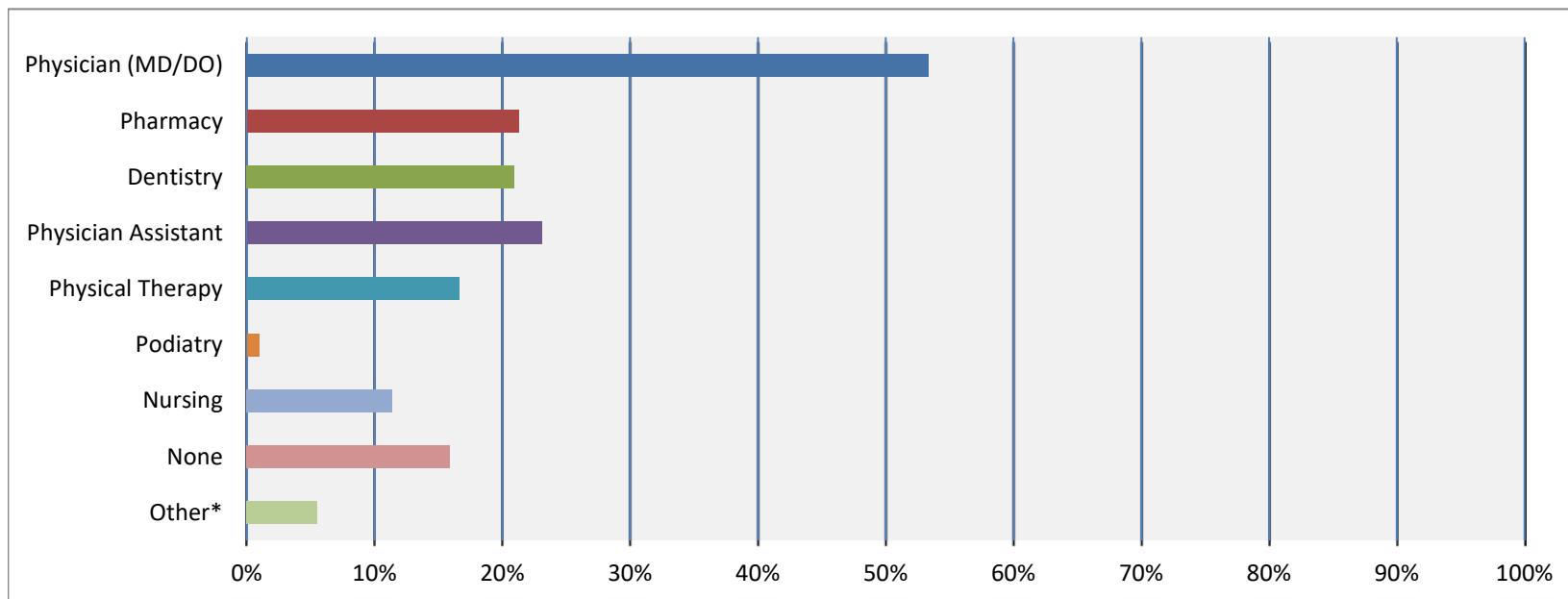
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Q22 What health professions did you consider other than optometry? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 836

Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	2021	2020
Physician (MD/DO)	446	53.35%
Pharmacy	178	21.29%
Dentistry	175	20.93%
Physician Assistant	193	23.09%
Physical Therapy	139	16.63%
Podiatry	8	0.96%
Nursing	95	11.36%
None	133	15.91%
Other*	46	5.50%
Total Respondents 836	(Respondents may choose more than one profession)	

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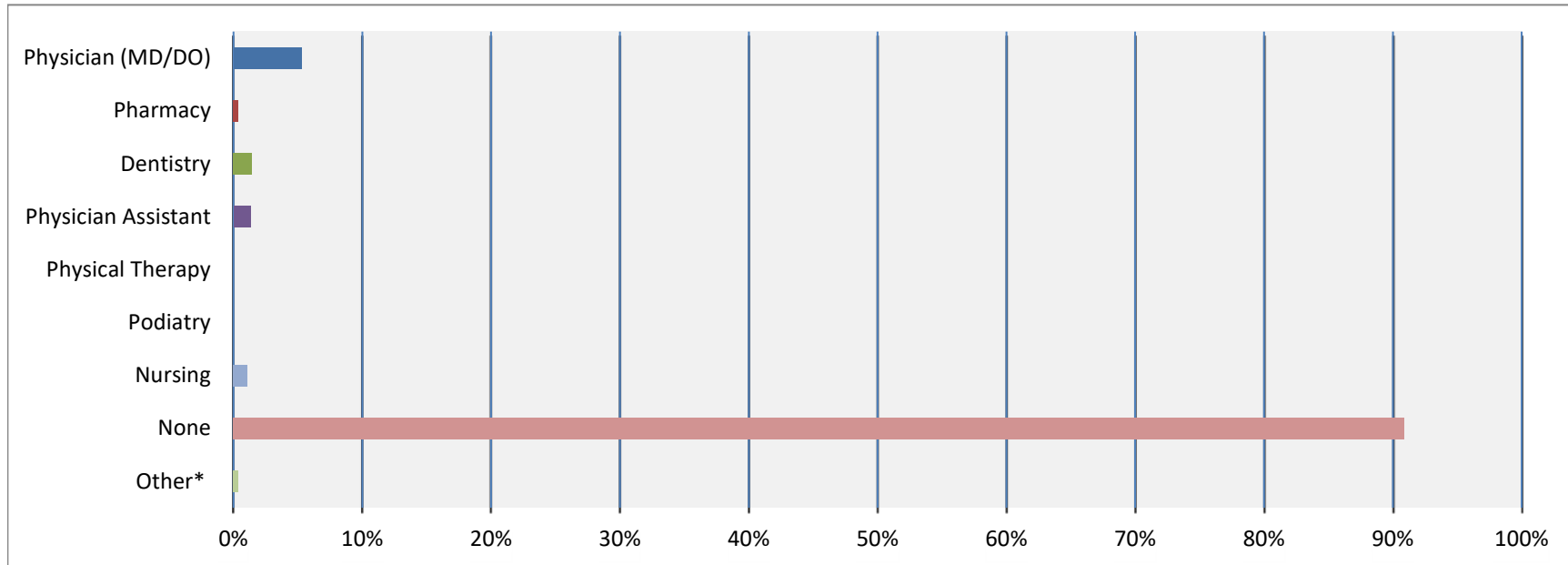
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Q23 Did you apply to any other health professions? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 835

Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	2021	2020
Physician (MD/DO)	44	5.27%
Pharmacy	3	0.36%
Dentistry	12	1.44%
Physician Assistant	11	1.32%
Physical Therapy	0	0.00%
Podiatry	0	0.00%
Nursing	9	1.08%
None	759	90.90%
Other*	3	0.36%
Total Respondents 835	(Respondents may choose more than one profession)	

*"Other" includes biomedical engineering, chiropractic and sonography technician

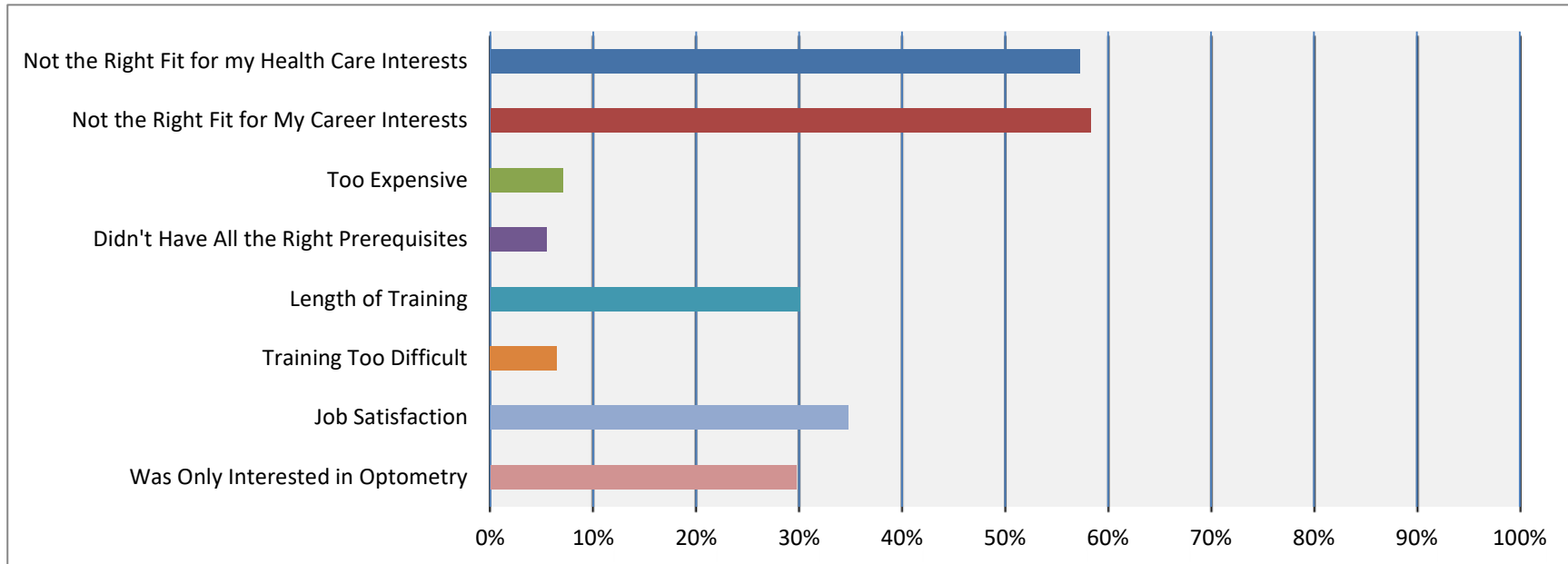
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Q24 Why didn't you choose another health profession as your future career? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 835

Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	2021	2020
Not the Right Fit for my Health Care Interests	478	57.25%
Not the Right Fit for My Career Interests	487	58.32%
Too Expensive	59	7.07%
Didn't Have All the Right Prerequisites	46	5.51%
Length of Training	251	30.06%
Training Too Difficult	54	6.47%
Job Satisfaction	290	34.73%
Was Only Interested in Optometry	248	29.70%
Total Respondents 835	(Respondents may choose more than one reason)	

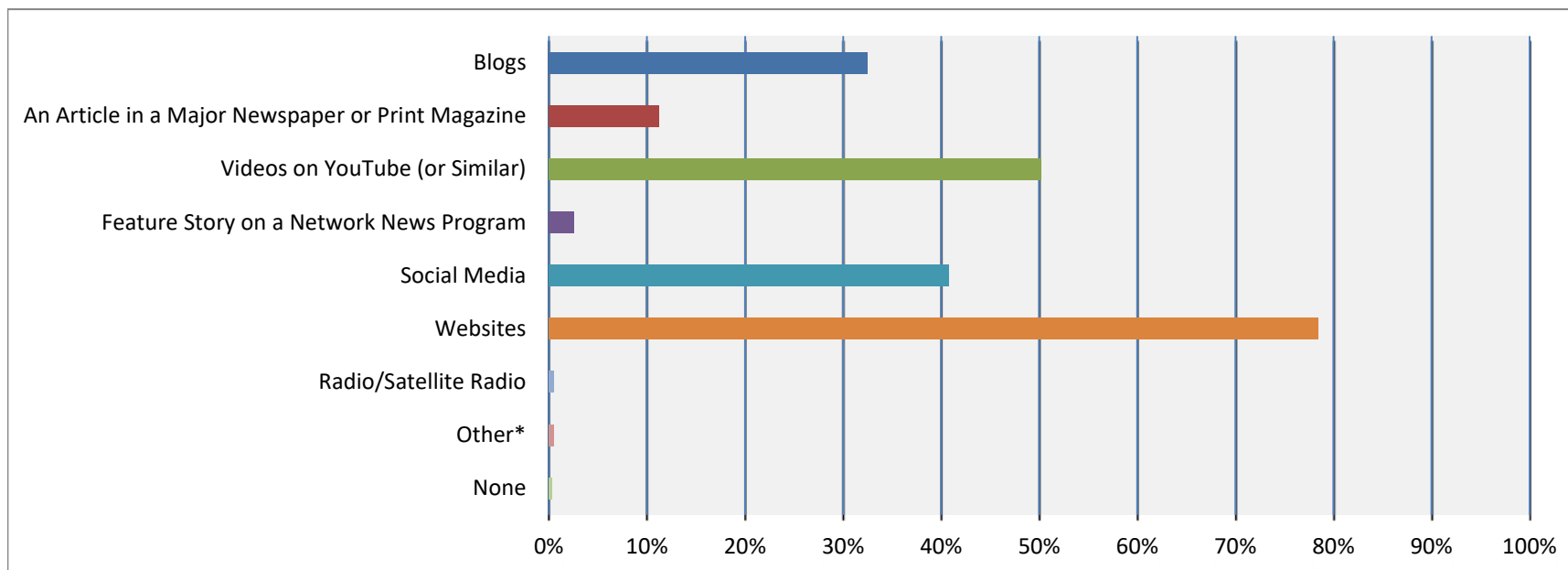
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Q25 When you were investigating the profession of optometry, which media did you utilize to learn more? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 829

Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	2021	2020
Blogs	269	32.45%
An Article in a Major Newspaper or Print Magazine	93	11.22%
Videos on YouTube (or Similar)	416	50.18%
Feature Story on a Network News Program	21	2.53%
Social Media	338	40.77%
Websites	650	78.41%
Radio/Satellite Radio	4	0.48%
Other*	4	0.48%
None	3	0.36%
Total Respondents 829	(Respondents may choose more than one medium)	

*"Other" includes podcasts (3) and peer-reviewed journals (1).

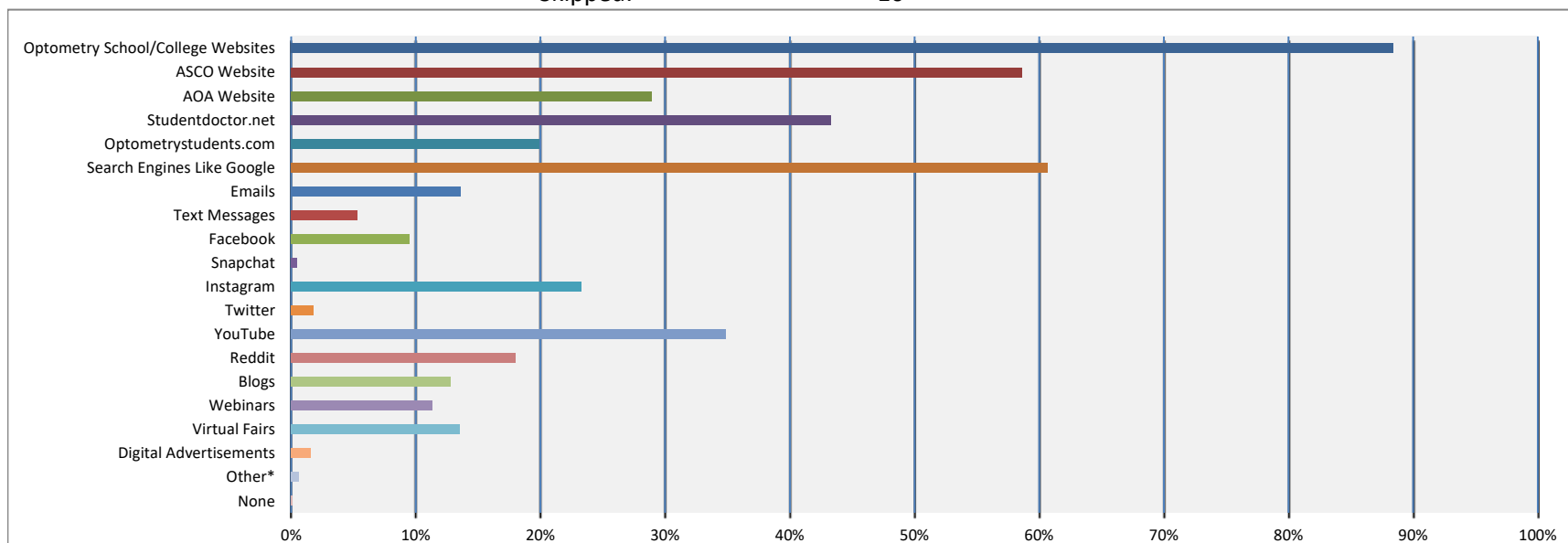
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Q26 From which online resources did you find information about the profession of optometry? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 829

Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	2021	2020
Optometry School/College Websites	733	88.42%
ASCO Website	486	58.62%
AOA Website	240	28.95%
Studentdoctor.net	359	43.31%
Optometrystudents.com	165	19.90%
Search Engines Like Google	503	60.68%
Emails	113	13.63%
Text Messages	44	5.31%
Facebook	79	9.53%
Snapchat	4	0.48%
Instagram	193	23.28%
Twitter	15	1.81%
YouTube	289	34.86%
Reddit	149	17.97%
Blogs	106	12.79%
Webinars	94	11.34%
Virtual Fairs	112	13.51%
Digital Advertisements	13	1.57%
Other*	5	0.60%
None	1	0.12%
Total Respondents 829		

(Respondents may choose more than one medium)

*"Other" includes scientific journals/newsletters online (1), podcasts (2), TikTok (1) and eyesoneyecare.com (1).

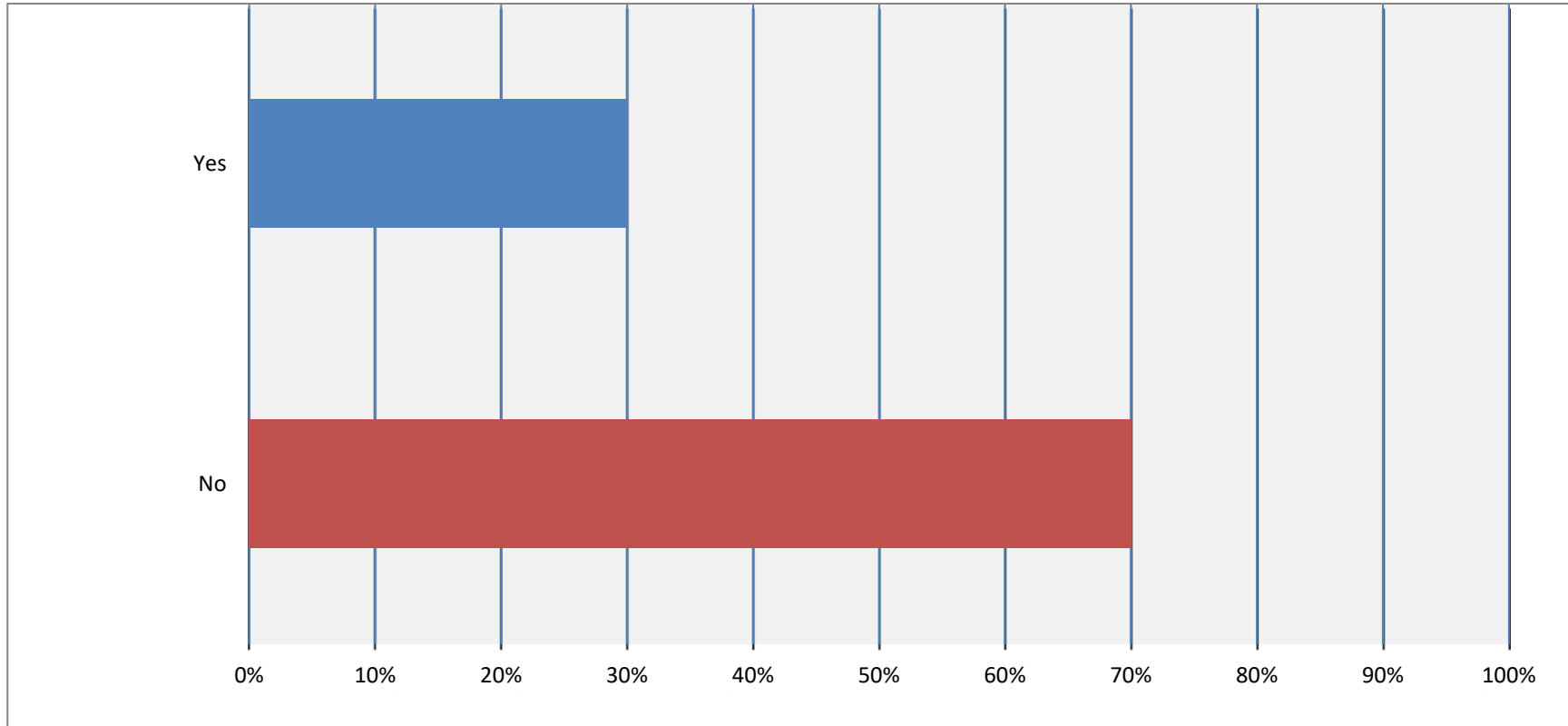
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Q27 Are you familiar with the Optometry Gives Me Life applicant development campaign and/or the futureeyedoc.org website?

Answered: 821

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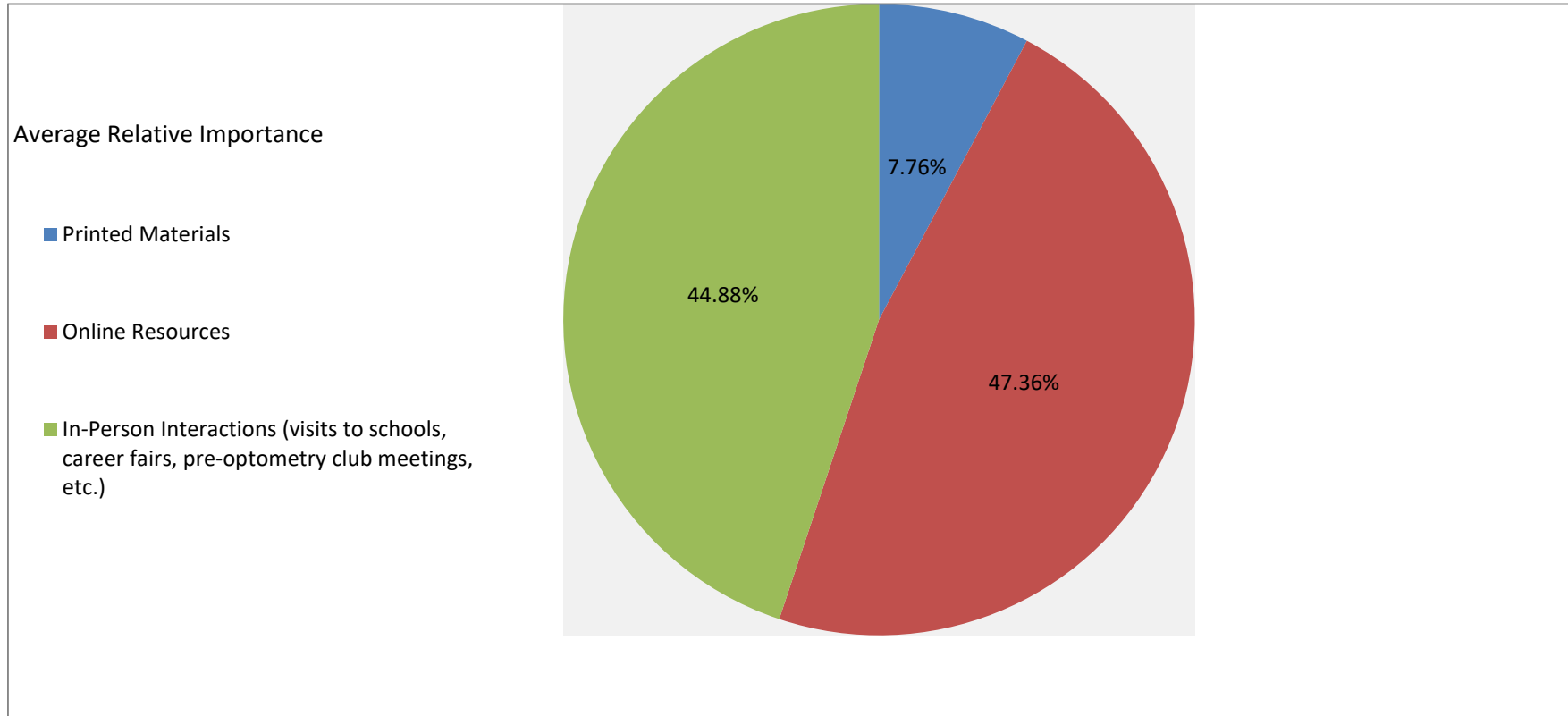
Answer Choices	2021		2020
Yes	246	29.96%	9.73%
No	575	70.04%	90.27%
Total	821		

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Q28 How important were the following resources to you as you chose optometry as your future career?

Answered: 839
Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Average Relative Importance 2021	2020
Printed Materials	7.76%	9.10%
Online Resources	47.36%	42.96%
In-Person Interactions (visits to schools, career fairs, pre-optometry club meetings, etc.)	44.88%	47.94%
Total Respondents 839	100.00%	

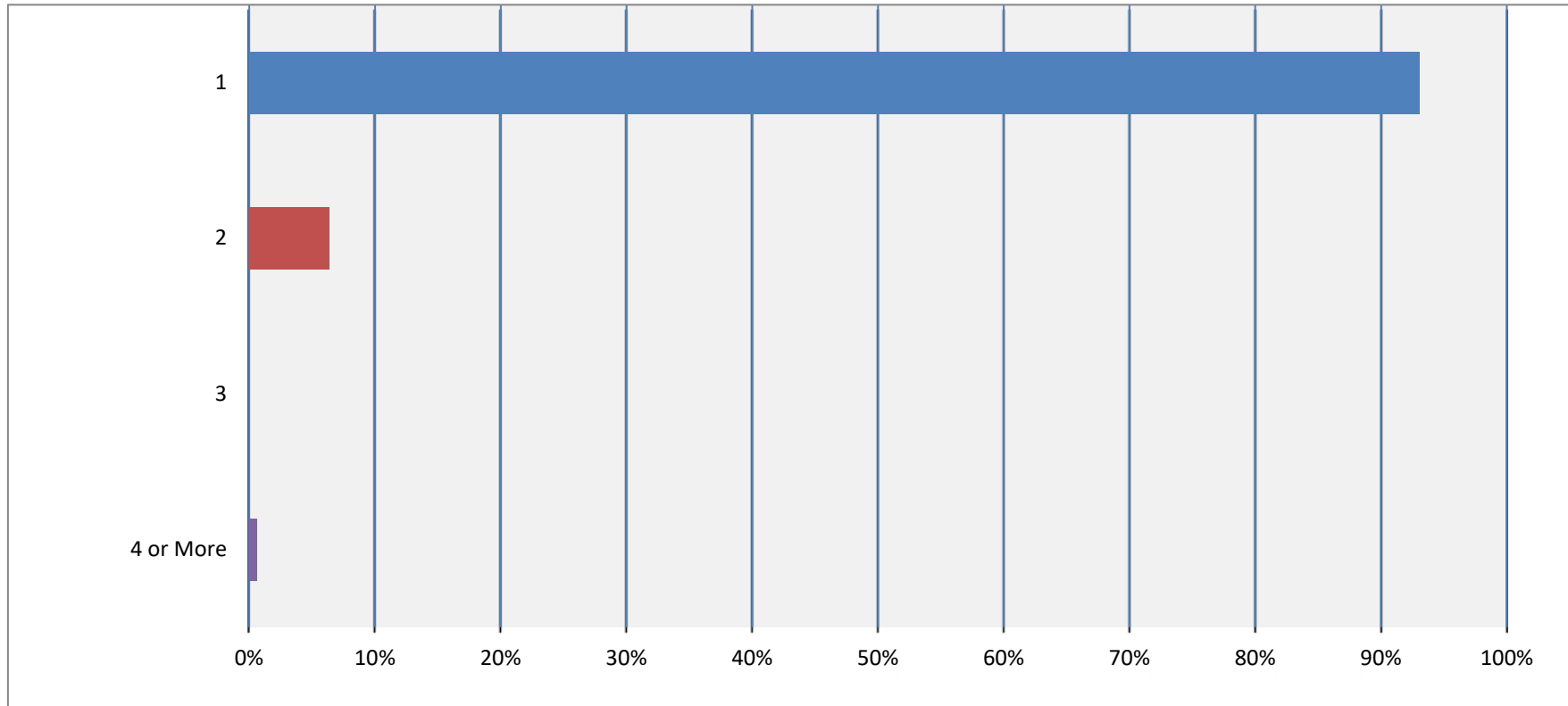
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Q30 How many times did you apply to optometry school before being accepted?

Answered: 833

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
1	775	93.04%	94.70%
2	53	6.36%	4.04%
3	0	0.00%	0.93%
4 or More	5	0.60%	0.34%
Total	833		

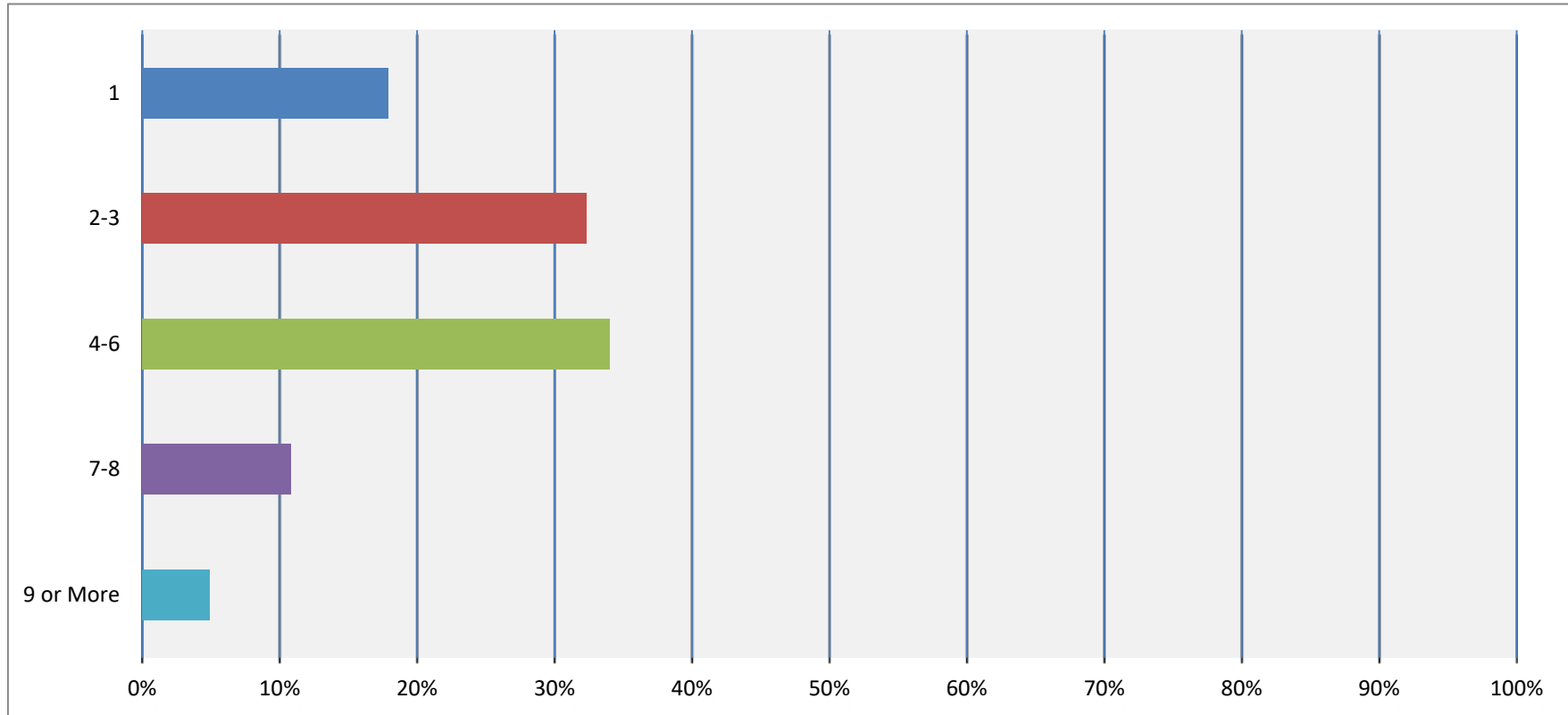
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Q31 To how many schools of optometry did you apply this year?

Answered: 832

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
1	149	17.91%	14.57%
2-3	269	32.33%	37.74%
4-6	283	34.01%	35.89%
7-8	90	10.82%	6.91%
9 or More	41	4.93%	4.89%
Total	832		

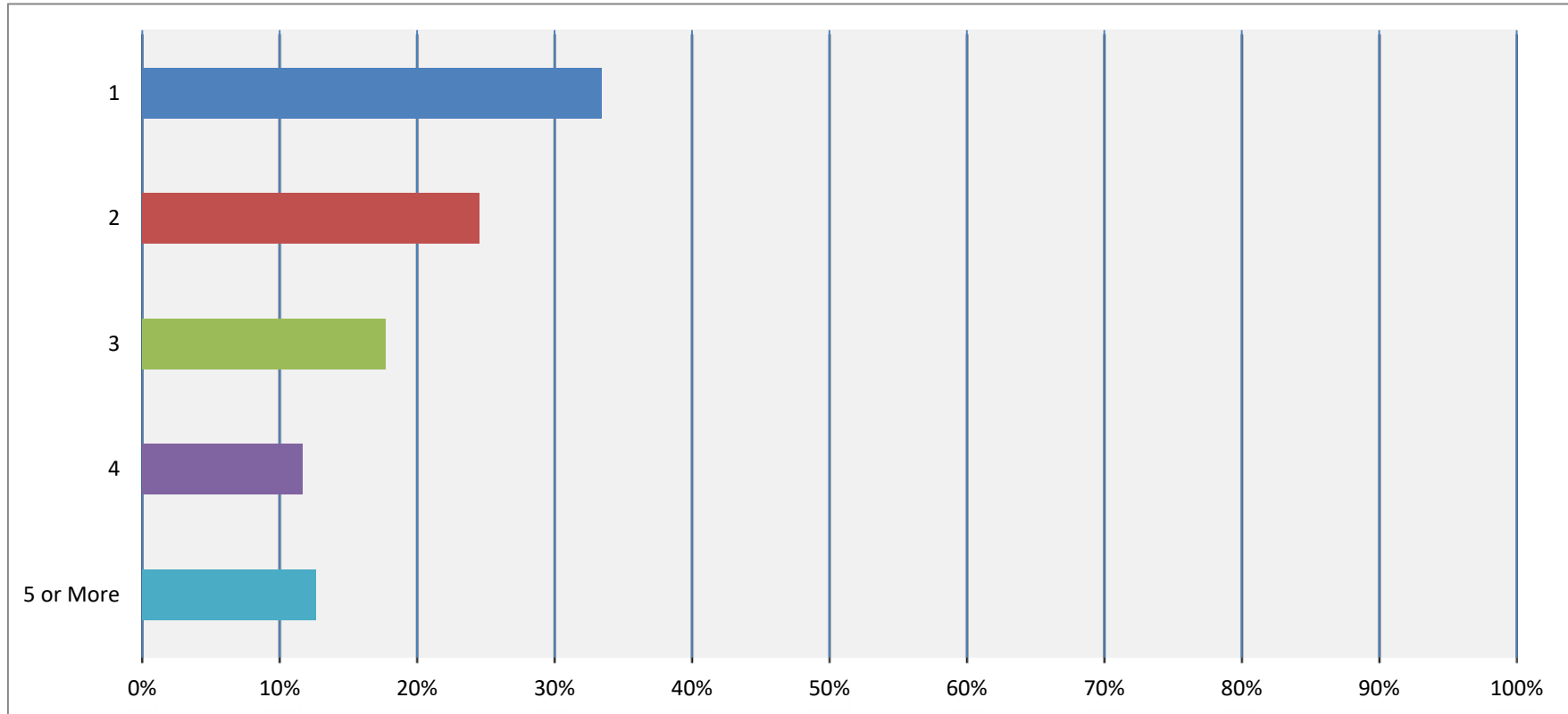
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Q32 From how many schools of optometry did you receive acceptance?

Answered: 831

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
1	278	33.45%	35.11%
2	204	24.55%	30.46%
3	147	17.69%	20.14%
4	97	11.67%	8.46%
5 or More	105	12.64%	5.84%
Total	831		

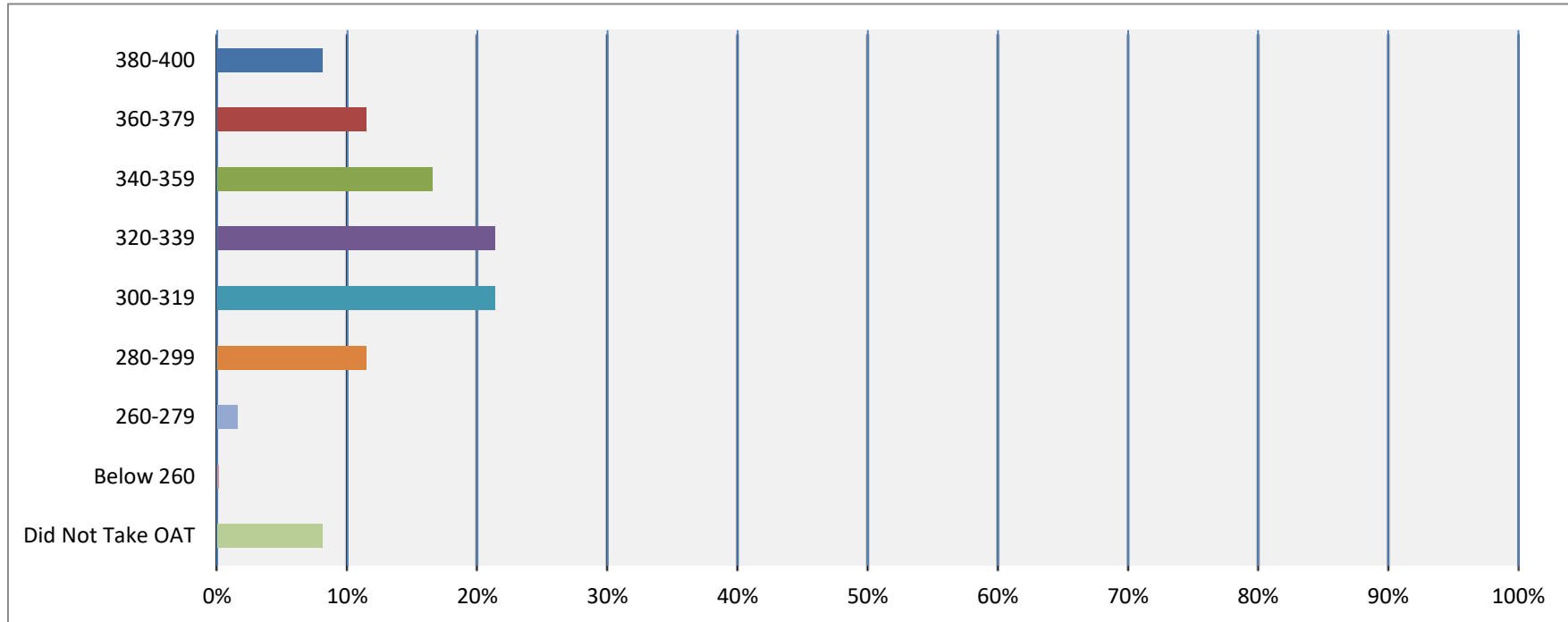
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Q33 What was your highest Academic Average OAT score?

Answered: 829

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
380-400	67	8.08%	8.87%
360-379	95	11.46%	9.64%
340-359	137	16.53%	22.01%
320-339	177	21.35%	22.53%
300-319	177	21.35%	24.91%
280-299	95	11.46%	7.51%
260-279	13	1.57%	0.85%
Below 260	1	0.12%	0.09%
Did Not Take OAT	67	8.08%	3.58%
Total	829		

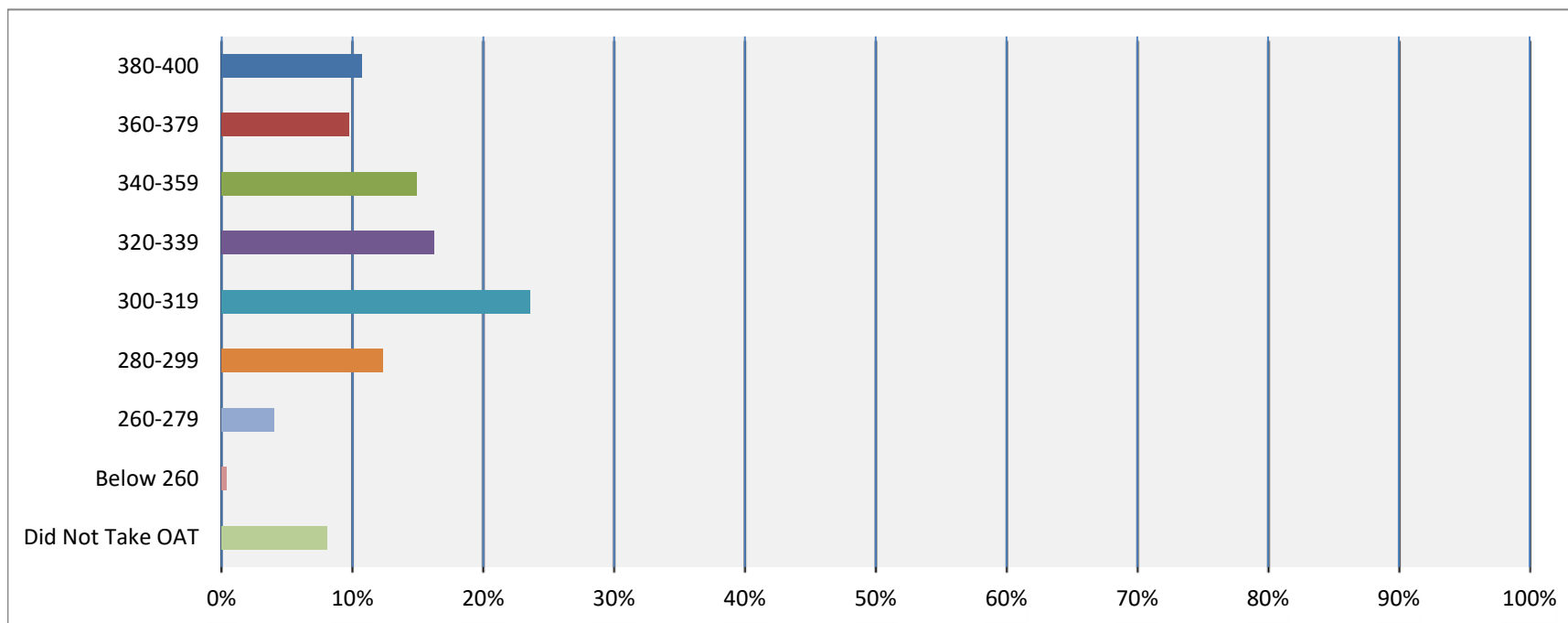
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Q34 What was your highest Total Science OAT score?

Answered: 819

Skipped: 20



Answer Choices	2021		2020
380-400	88	10.74%	11.01%
360-379	80	9.77%	9.73%
340-359	122	14.90%	16.81%
320-339	133	16.24%	20.99%
300-319	193	23.57%	23.46%
280-299	101	12.33%	11.43%
260-279	33	4.03%	2.65%
Below 260	3	0.37%	0.34%
Did Not Take OAT	66	8.06%	3.58%
Total	819		

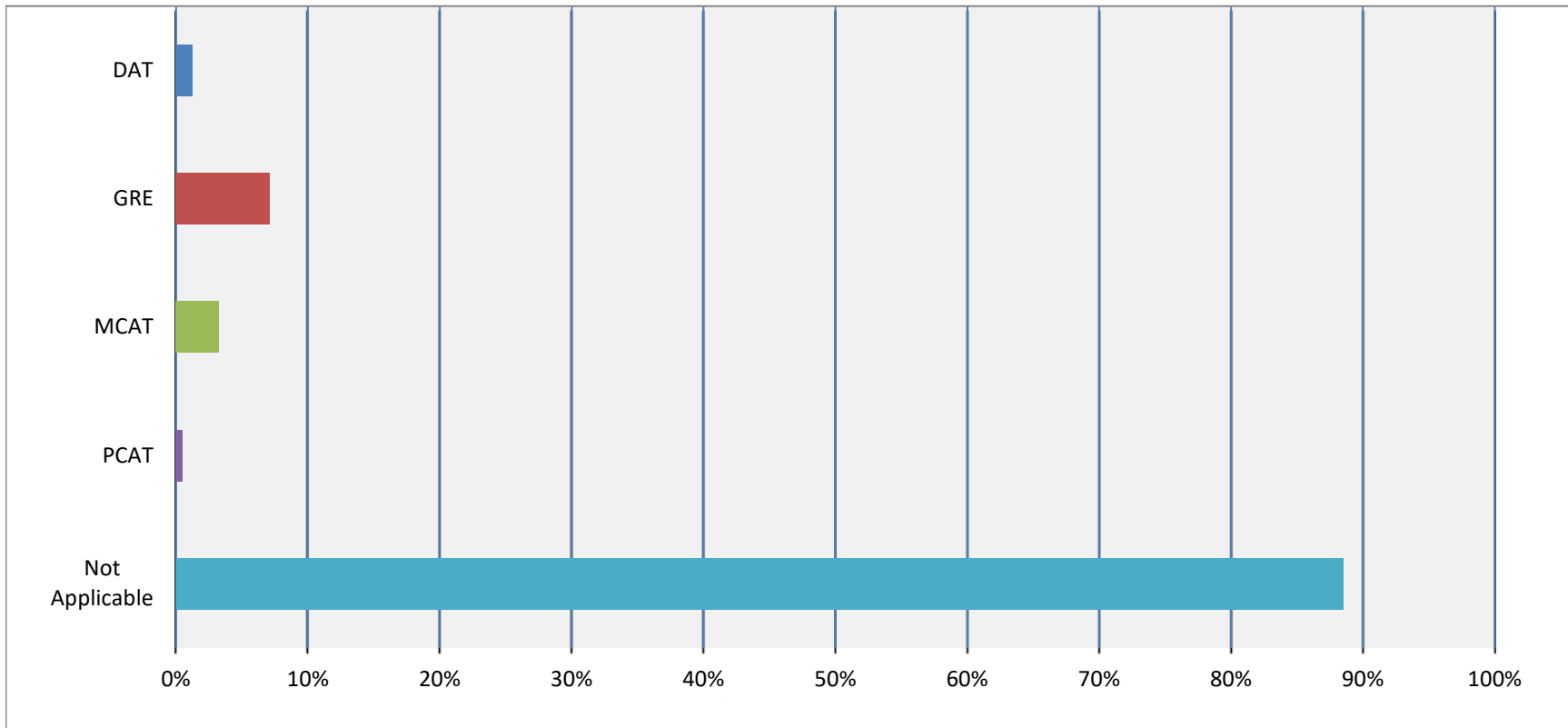
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Q35 What other standardized exams did you submit as part of your application during the application process? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 801

Skipped: 38



Answer Choices	2021		2020
DAT	10	1.25%	0.79%
GRE	57	7.12%	5.79%
MCAT	26	3.25%	2.72%
PCAT	4	0.50%	0.09%
Not Applicable	709	88.51%	91.31%
Total Responses Received 801	(Respondents may choose more than one exam)		

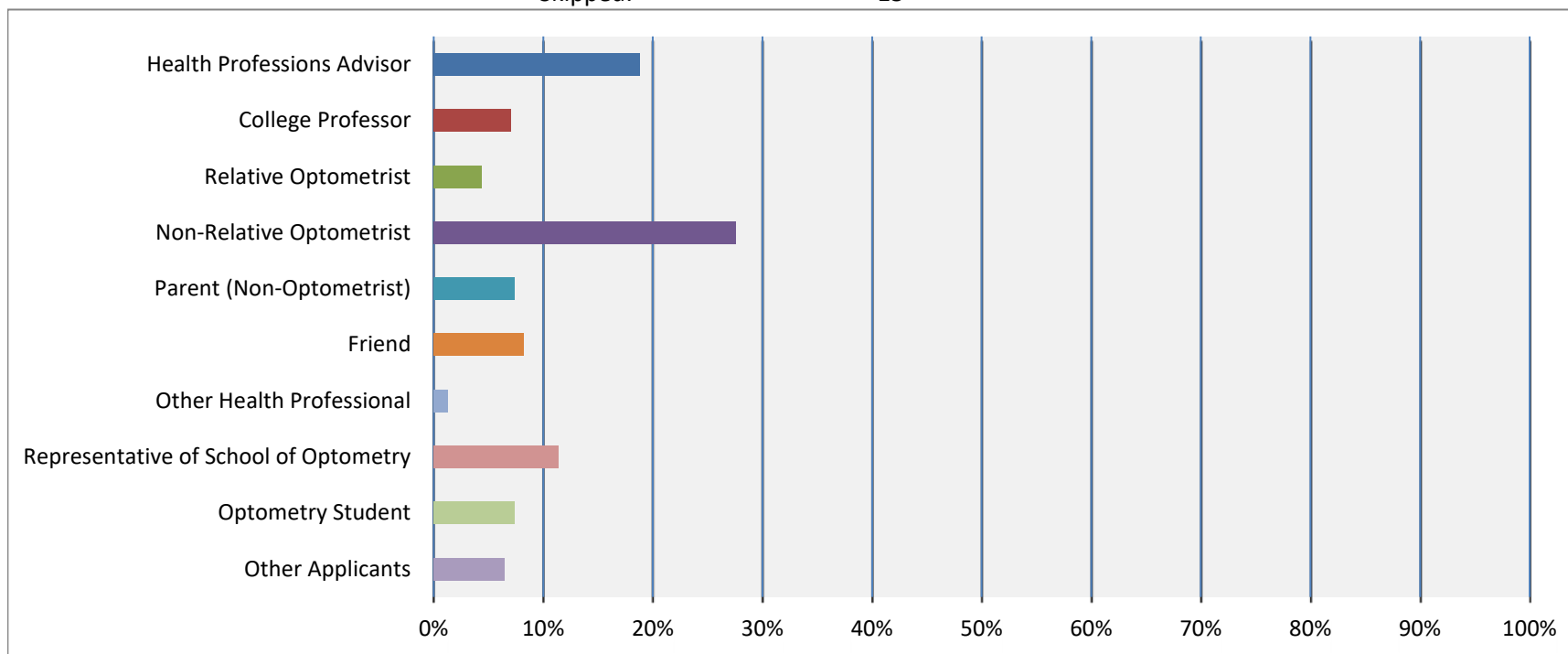
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Q36 Whom did you consider to be your primary advisor during the admissions process?

Answered: 824

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Health Professions Advisor	155	18.81%	19.22%
College Professor	58	7.04%	5.67%
Relative Optometrist	36	4.37%	4.49%
Non-Relative Optometrist	227	27.55%	26.08%
Parent (Non-Optometrist)	61	7.40%	7.45%
Friend	68	8.25%	9.48%
Other Health Professional	11	1.33%	1.78%
Representative of School of Optometry	94	11.41%	10.92%
Optometry Student	61	7.40%	9.48%
Other Applicants	53	6.43%	5.42%
Total	824		

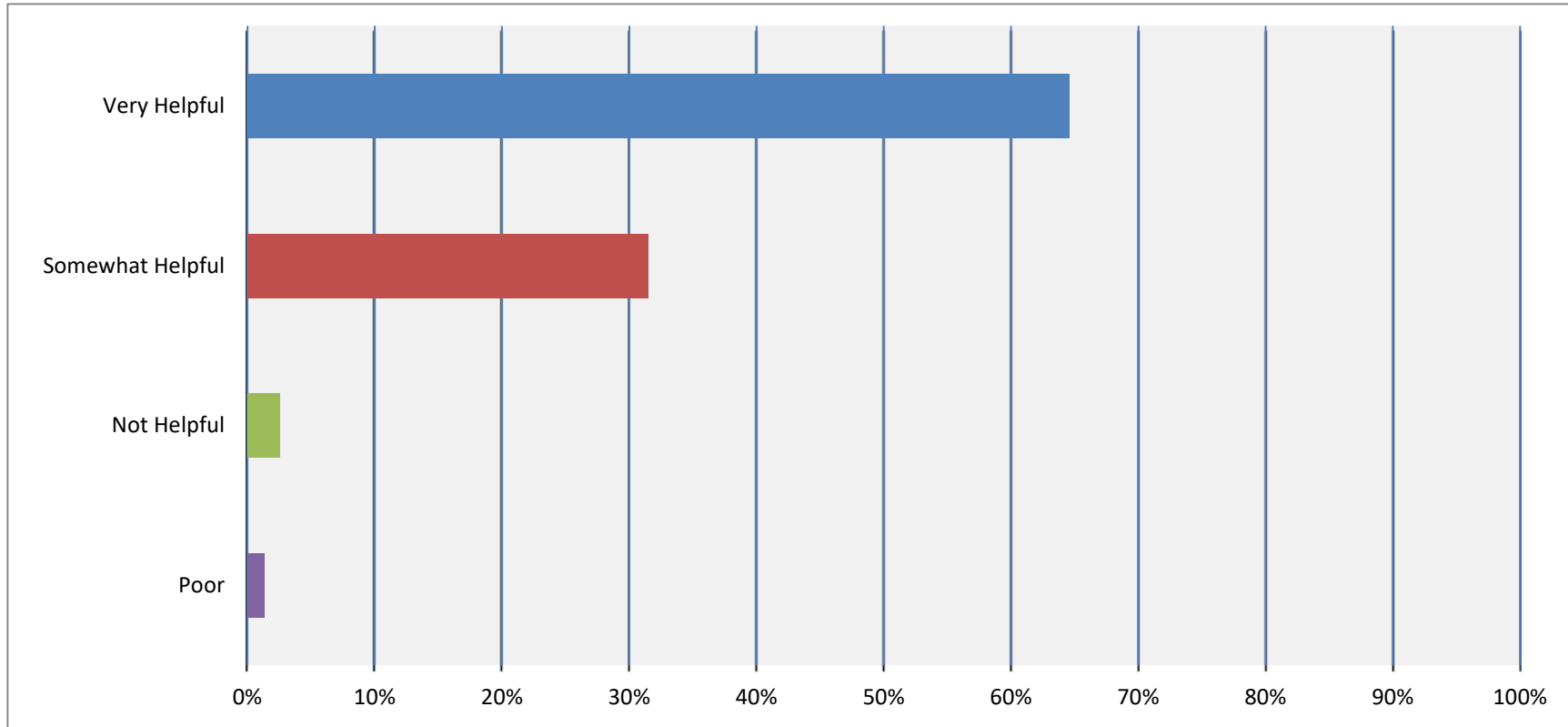
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Q37 How would you rate this advisor's helpfulness in providing information?

Answered: 825

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Very Helpful	533	64.61%	63.27%
Somewhat Helpful	260	31.52%	31.55%
Not Helpful	21	2.55%	3.99%
Poor	11	1.33%	1.19%
Total	825		

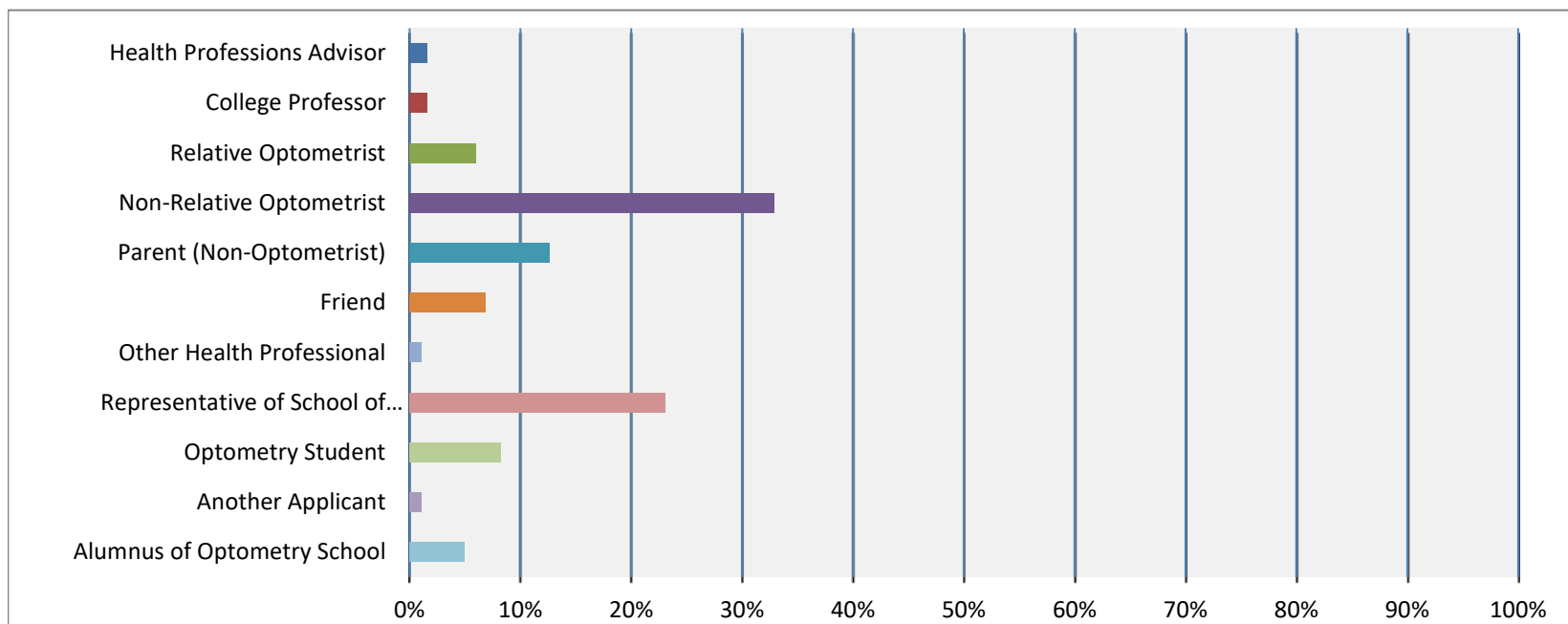
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Q39 Of the following individuals, who most influenced your choice of this optometry school?

Answered: 829

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Health Professions Advisor	13	1.57%	1.62%
College Professor	13	1.57%	0.94%
Relative Optometrist	50	6.03%	4.94%
Non-Relative Optometrist	273	32.93%	29.41%
Parent (Non-Optometrist)	105	12.67%	15.00%
Friend	57	6.88%	7.67%
Other Health Professional	9	1.09%	1.88%
Representative of School of Optometry	191	23.04%	24.89%
Optometry Student	68	8.20%	7.93%
Another Applicant	9	1.09%	0.60%
Alumnus of Optometry School	41	4.95%	5.12%
Total	829		

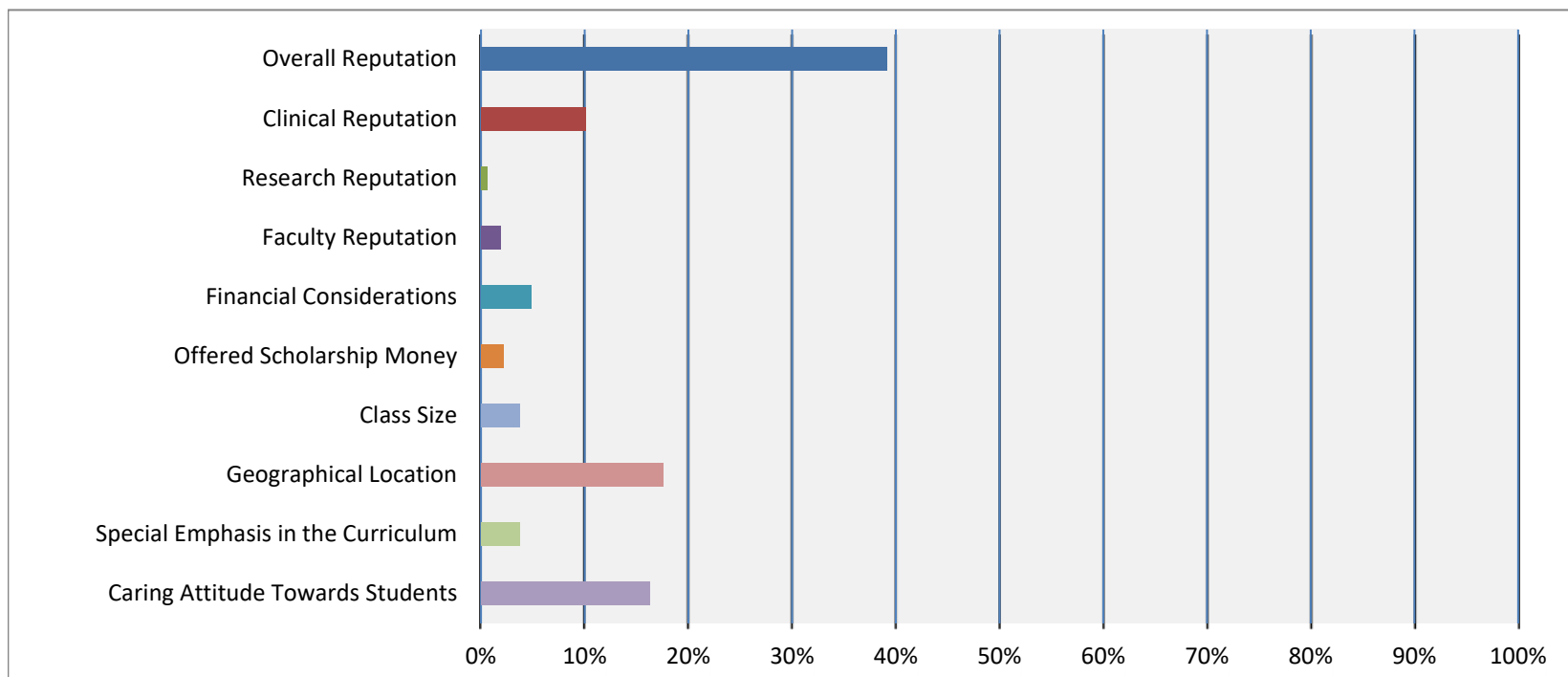
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Q40 Of the following considerations, which one best summarizes your reason for choosing this optometry school?

Answered: 831

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Overall Reputation	325	39.11%	38.81%
Clinical Reputation	84	10.11%	11.10%
Research Reputation	5	0.60%	1.02%
Faculty Reputation	16	1.93%	1.19%
Financial Considerations	40	4.81%	4.49%
Offered Scholarship Money	18	2.17%	1.78%
Class Size	31	3.73%	2.12%
Geographical Location	146	17.57%	19.83%
Special Emphasis in the Curriculum	31	3.73%	2.88%
Caring Attitude Towards Students	135	16.25%	16.78%
Total	831		

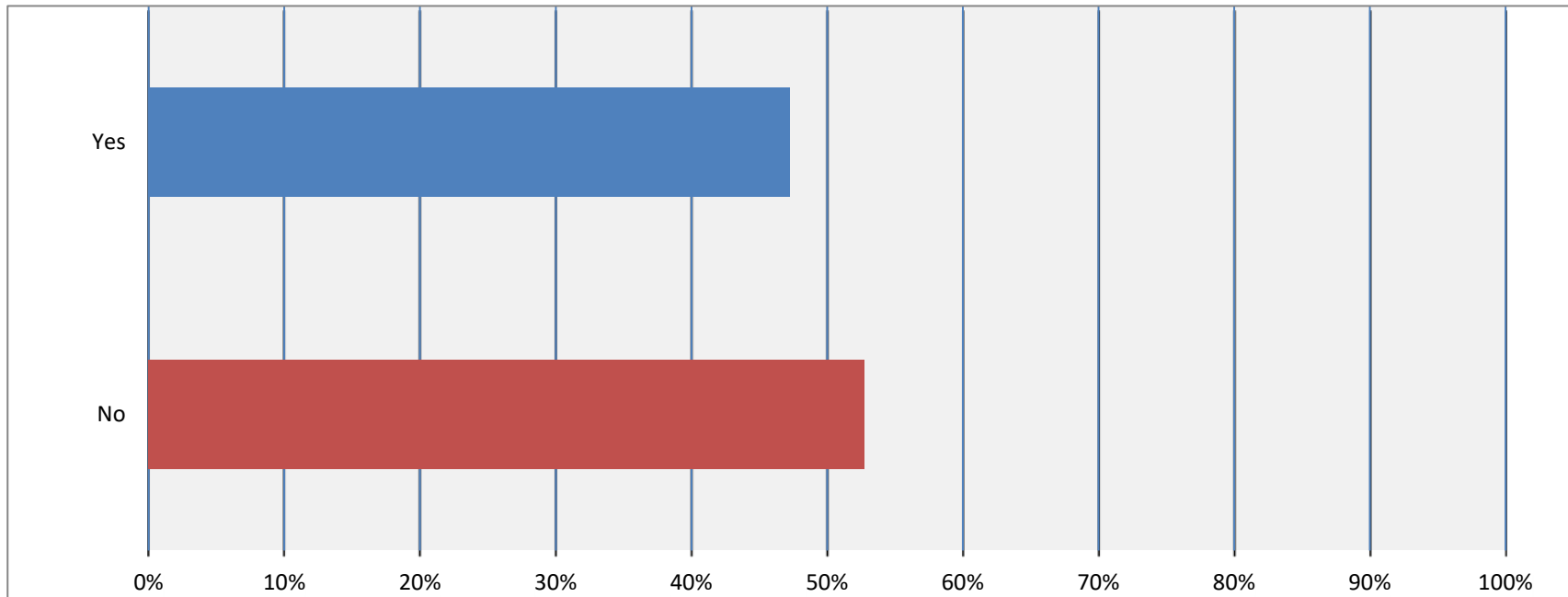
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Q41 Did you receive scholarship money to attend this optometry school?

Answered: 834

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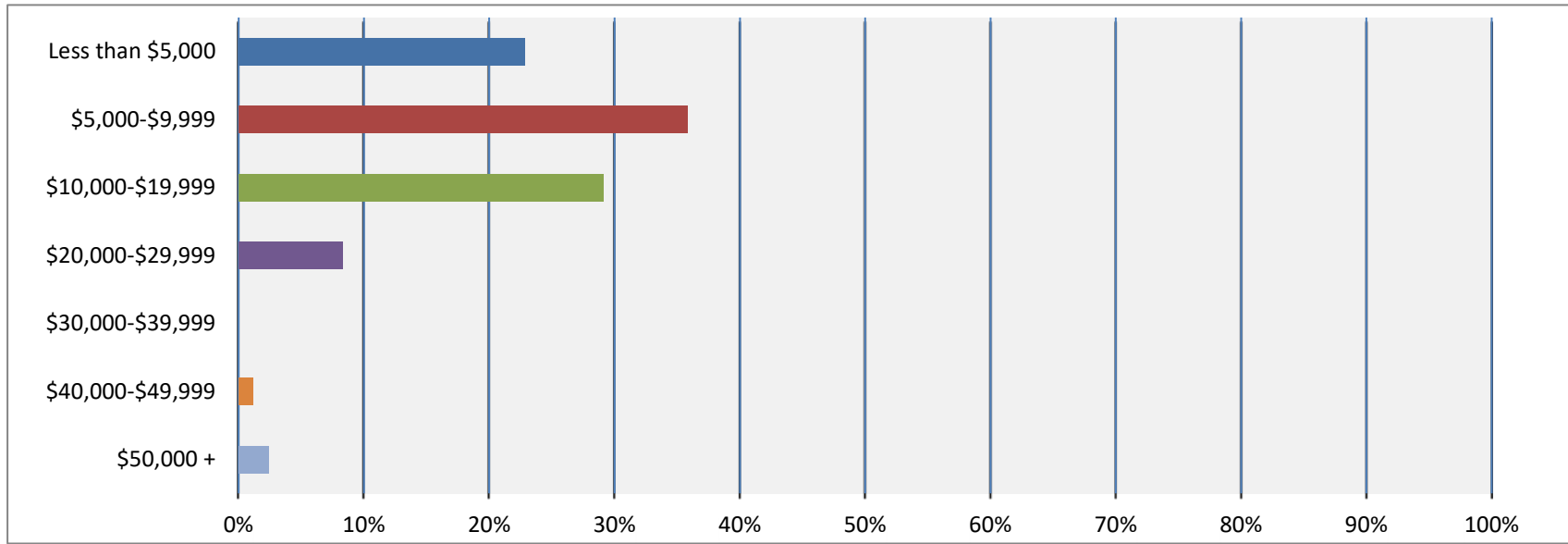
Answer Choices	2021		2020
Yes	394	47.24%	37.95%
No	440	52.76%	62.05%
Total	834		

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Q41 (continued) If you received scholarship money to attend this optometry school, how much did you receive?

Annual Awards: Answered: 254
Skipped: 15



Answer Choices	2021	2020
Less than \$5,000	58 22.83%	21.55%
\$5,000-\$9,999	91 35.83%	33.92%
\$10,000-\$19,999	74 29.13%	35.69%
\$20,000-\$29,999	21 8.27%	6.71%
\$30,000-\$39,999	0 0.00%	0.35%
\$40,000-\$49,999	3 1.18%	0.71%
\$50,000 +	6 2.36%	0.00%
Contract Seat	1 0.39%	0.35%
Total	254	

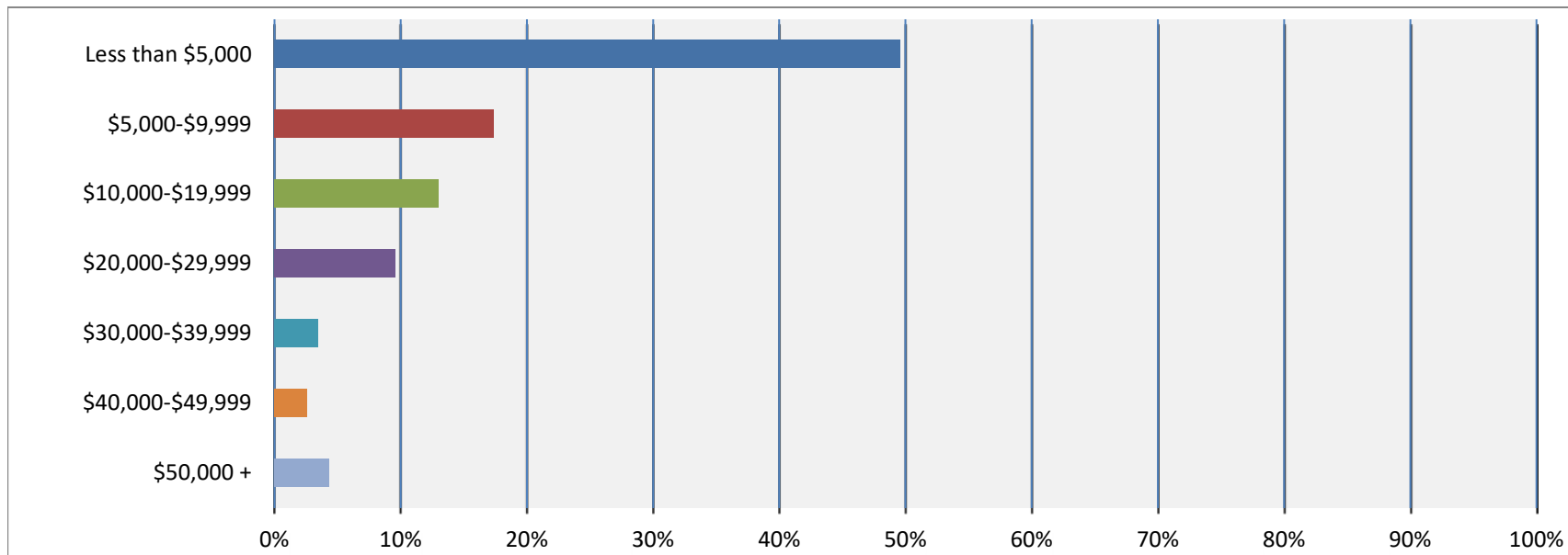
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Q41 (continued) If you received scholarship money to attend this optometry school, how much did you receive?

One-Time Awards: Answered: 115
Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	2021		2020
Less than \$5,000	57	49.57%	60.78%
\$5,000-\$9,999	20	17.39%	18.95%
\$10,000-\$19,999	15	13.04%	9.15%
\$20,000-\$29,999	11	9.57%	5.88%
\$30,000-\$39,999	4	3.48%	1.31%
\$40,000-\$49,999	3	2.61%	1.31%
\$50,000 +	5	4.35%	1.96%
Total	115		

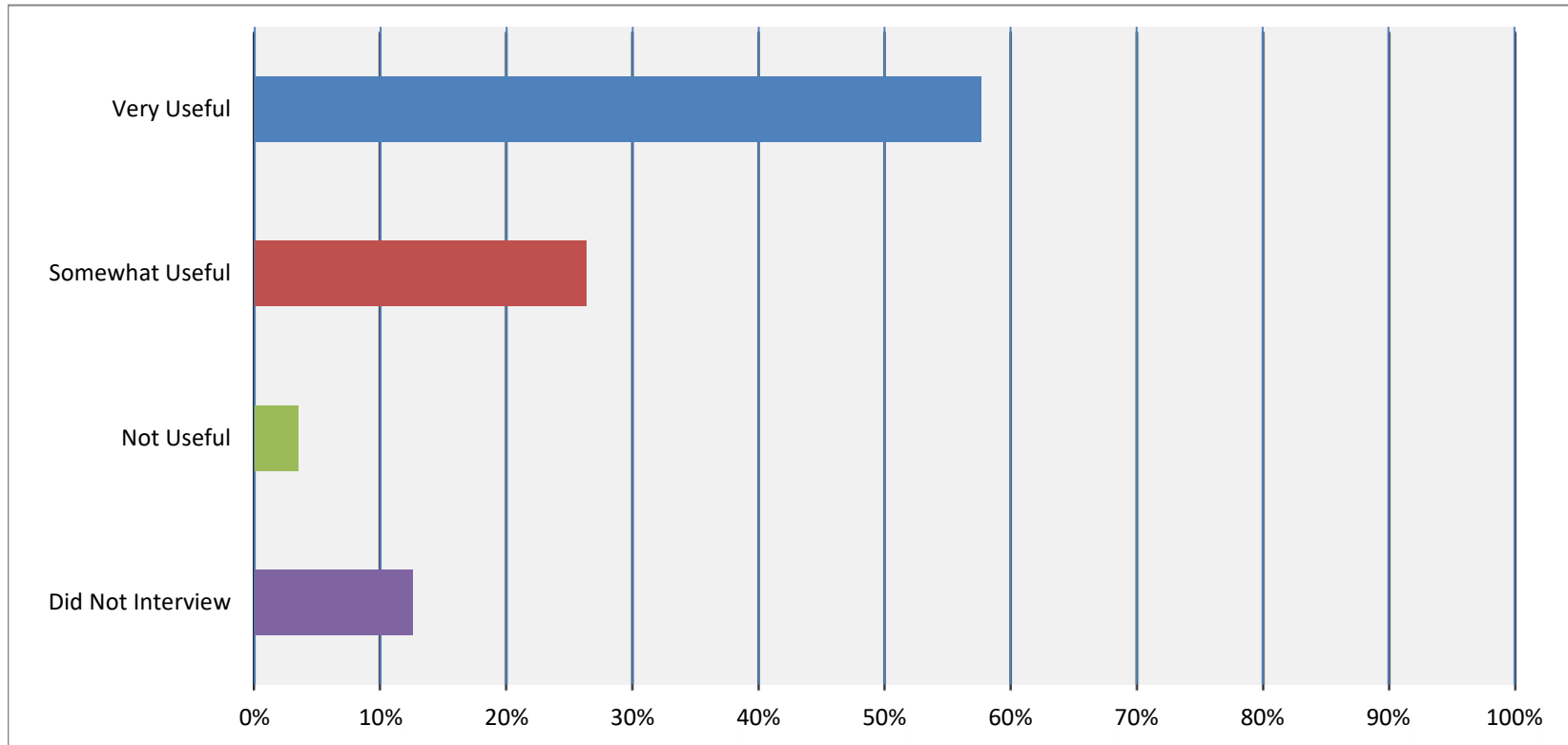
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Q44 How useful was the on-site interview in choosing which optometry school to attend?

Answered: 813

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Very Useful	469	57.69%	84.02%
Somewhat Useful	214	26.32%	12.17%
Not Useful	28	3.44%	1.10%
Did Not Interview	102	12.55%	2.70%
Total	813		

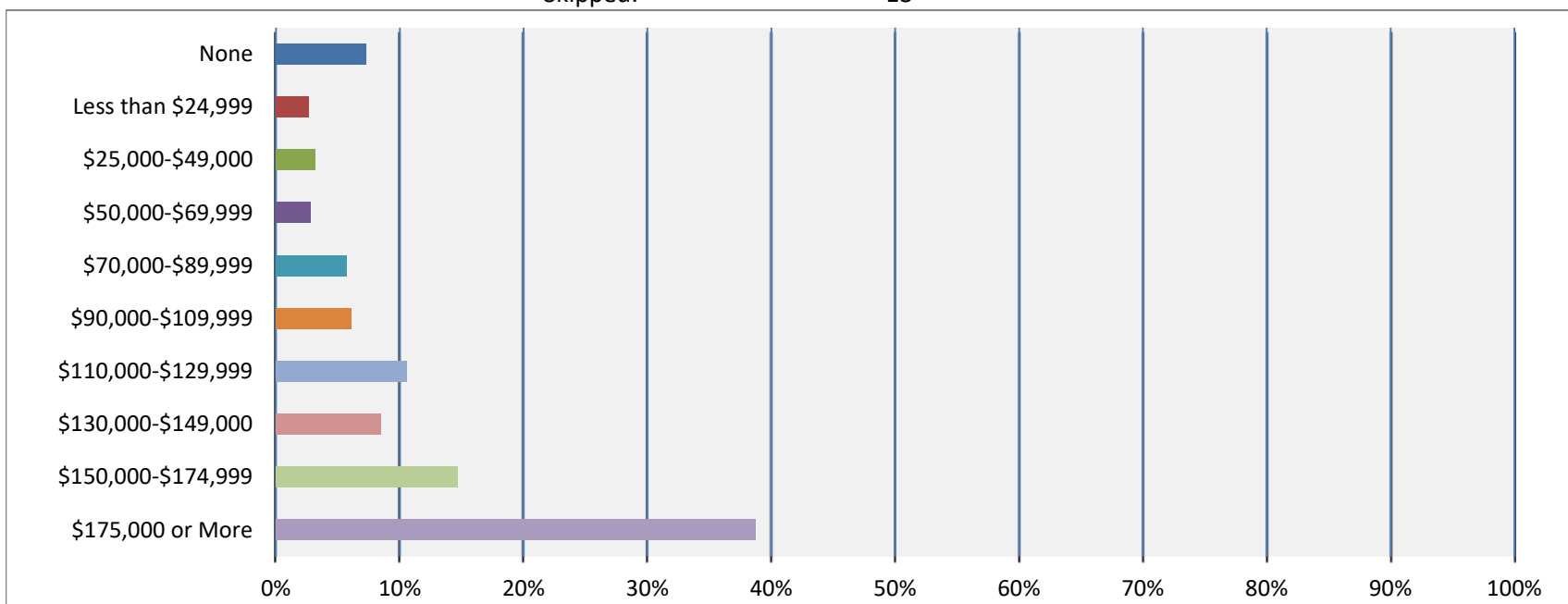
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Q45 What do you estimate your debt level will be for optometry school? (Do not include any debt for your undergraduate education.)

Answered: 826

Skipped: 13



Answer Choices	2021		2020
None	60	7.26%	6.45%
Less than \$24,999	22	2.66%	3.14%
\$25,000-\$49,000	26	3.15%	2.46%
\$50,000-\$69,999	23	2.78%	3.06%
\$70,000-\$89,999	47	5.69%	3.23%
\$90,000-\$109,999	50	6.05%	5.43%
\$110,000-\$129,999	87	10.53%	8.83%
\$130,000-\$149,000	70	8.47%	9.25%
\$150,000-\$174,999	121	14.65%	16.47%
\$175,000 or More	320	38.74%	41.68%
Total	826		

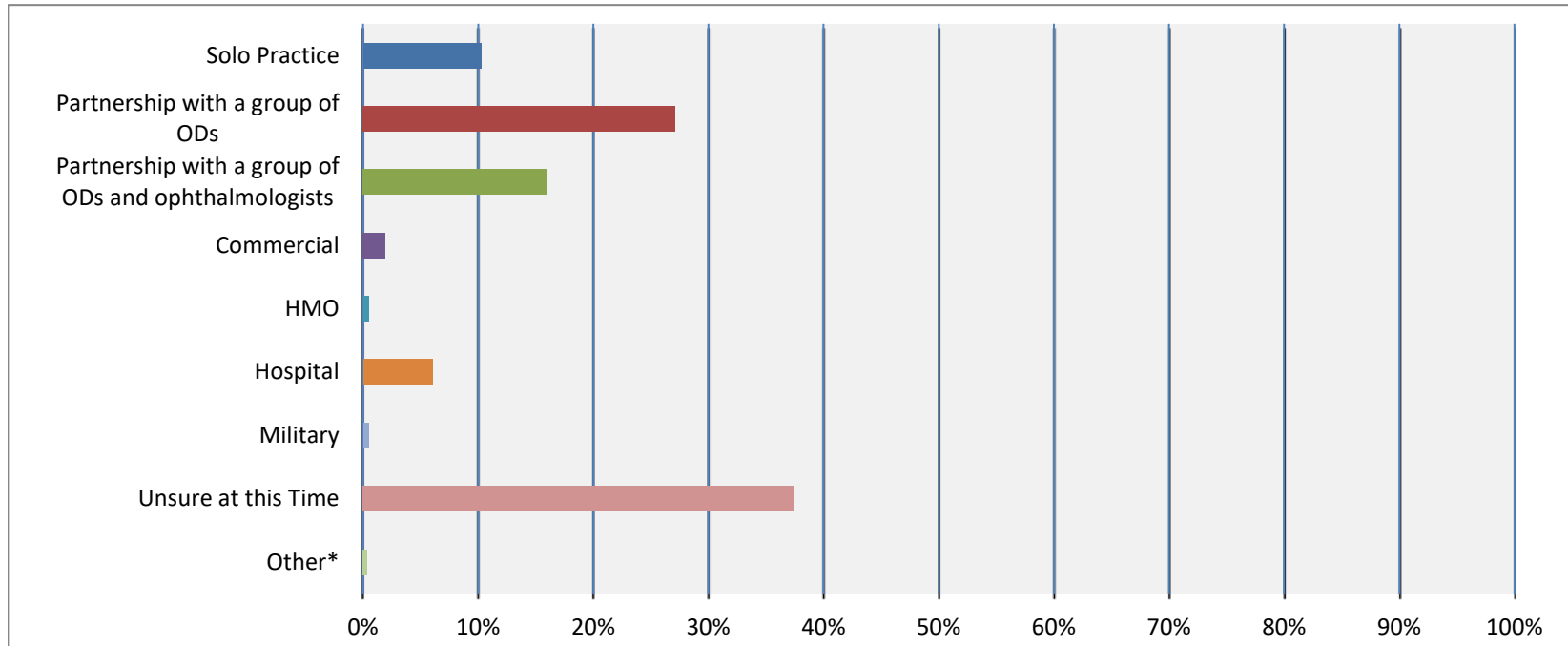
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Q46 What type of practice do you plan to enter?

Answered: 829

Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	2021		2020
Solo Practice	85	10.25%	8.82%
Partnership with a group of ODs	225	27.14%	25.87%
Partnership with a group of ODs and ophthalmologists	132	15.92%	16.96%
Commercial	16	1.93%	1.87%
HMO	4	0.48%	0.25%
Hospital	50	6.03%	4.33%
Military	4	0.48%	0.51%
Unsure at this Time	310	37.39%	41.14%
Other*	3	0.36%	0.25%
Total	829		

*Other includes VA (1) and academia (2)

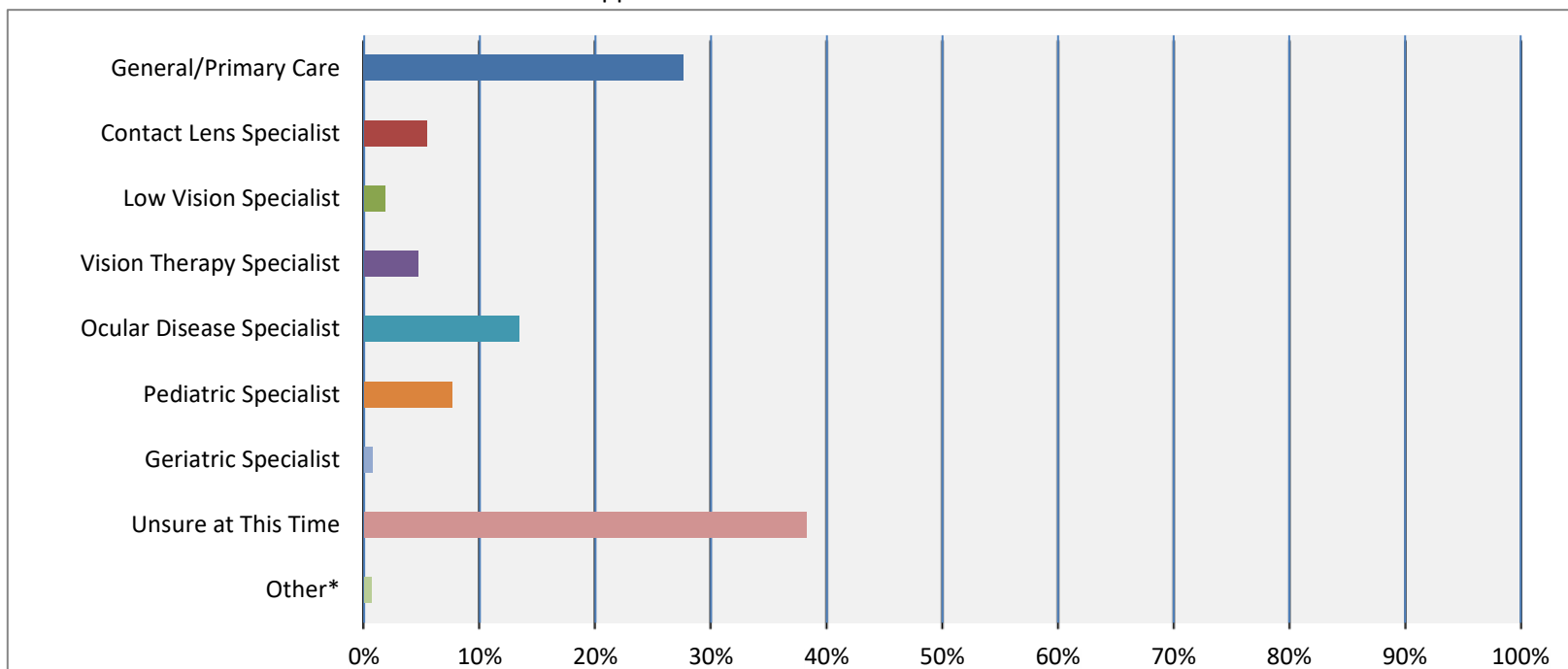
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Q47 What type of optometry are you planning to practice?

Answered: 831

Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	2021		2020
General/Primary Care	229	27.56%	27.58%
Contact Lens Specialist	45	5.42%	5.58%
Low Vision Specialist	15	1.81%	1.02%
Vision Therapy Specialist	39	4.69%	5.41%
Ocular Disease Specialist	111	13.36%	11.08%
Pediatric Specialist	63	7.58%	7.19%
Geriatric Specialist	6	0.72%	0.51%
Unsure at This Time	318	38.27%	40.95%
Other*	5	0.60%	0.68%
Total	831		

*Other includes neuro-optometry (1), sports vision (2), dry eye (1), primary with an emphasis on dry eye (1).

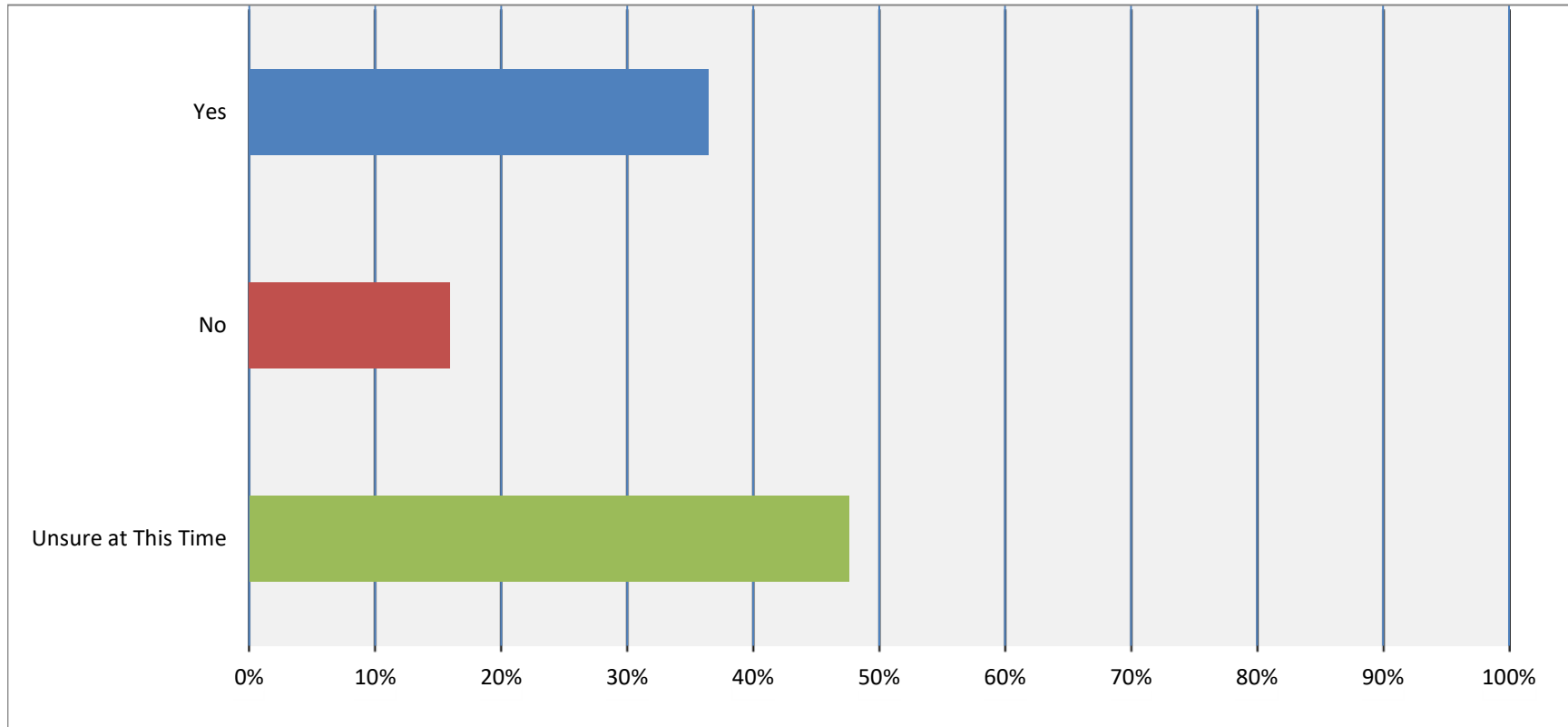
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Q48 Do you plan to pursue a residency after graduating from optometry school?

Answered: 828

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Answer Choices	2021		2020
Yes	302	36.47%	33.14%
No	132	15.94%	15.94%
Unsure at This Time	394	47.58%	50.93%
Total	828		