



# **2022 Matriculating Optometry Student Survey Report**

**November 2022**

## Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry Matriculating Optometry Student Survey 2022

### Member School Abbreviations

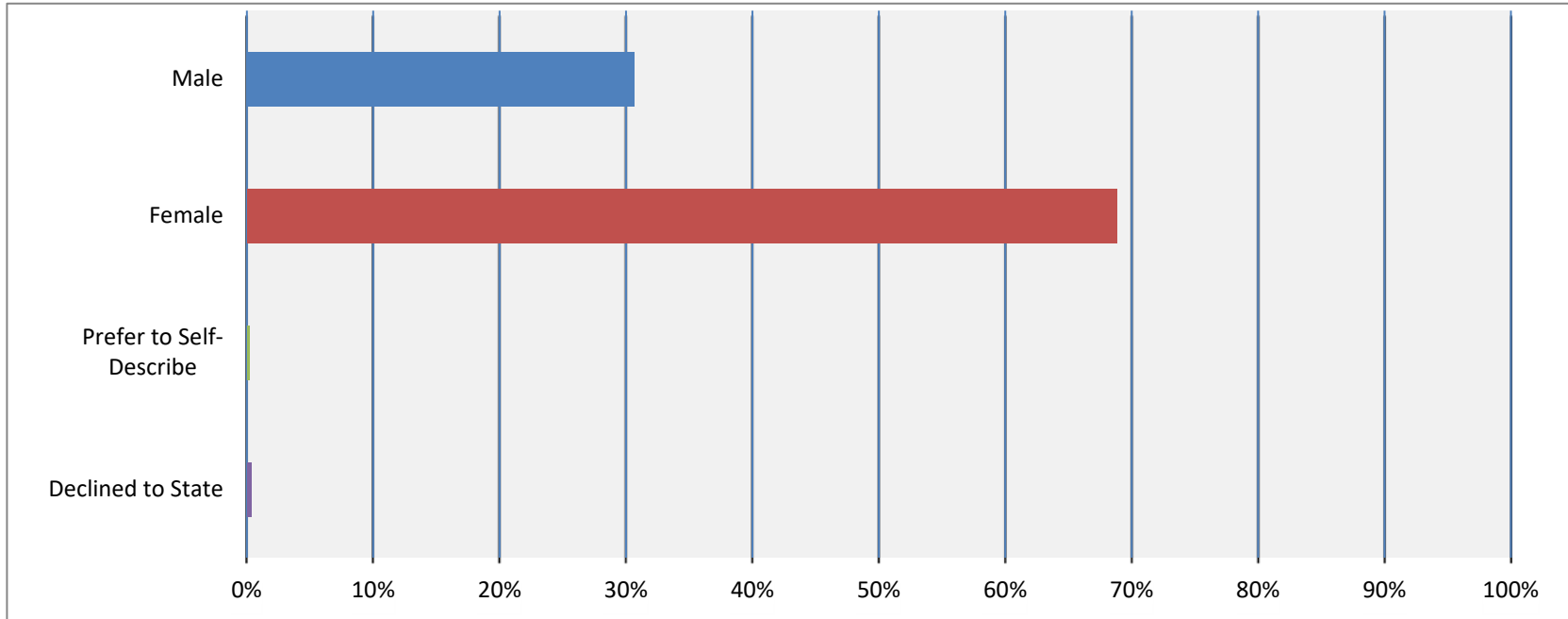
AZCOPT	Arizona College of Optometry, Midwestern University
CCO	Chicago College of Optometry, Midwestern University
IAUPR	Inter American University of Puerto Rico, School of Optometry
ICO	Illinois College of Optometry
IUSO	Indiana University, School of Optometry
KYCO	University of Pikeville, Kentucky 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: 923  
Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Male	283	30.66%	25.69%
Female	635	68.80%	73.60%
Prefer to Self-Describe (non-binary: 2)	2	0.22%	0.24%
Decline to State	3	0.33%	0.48%
<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>		

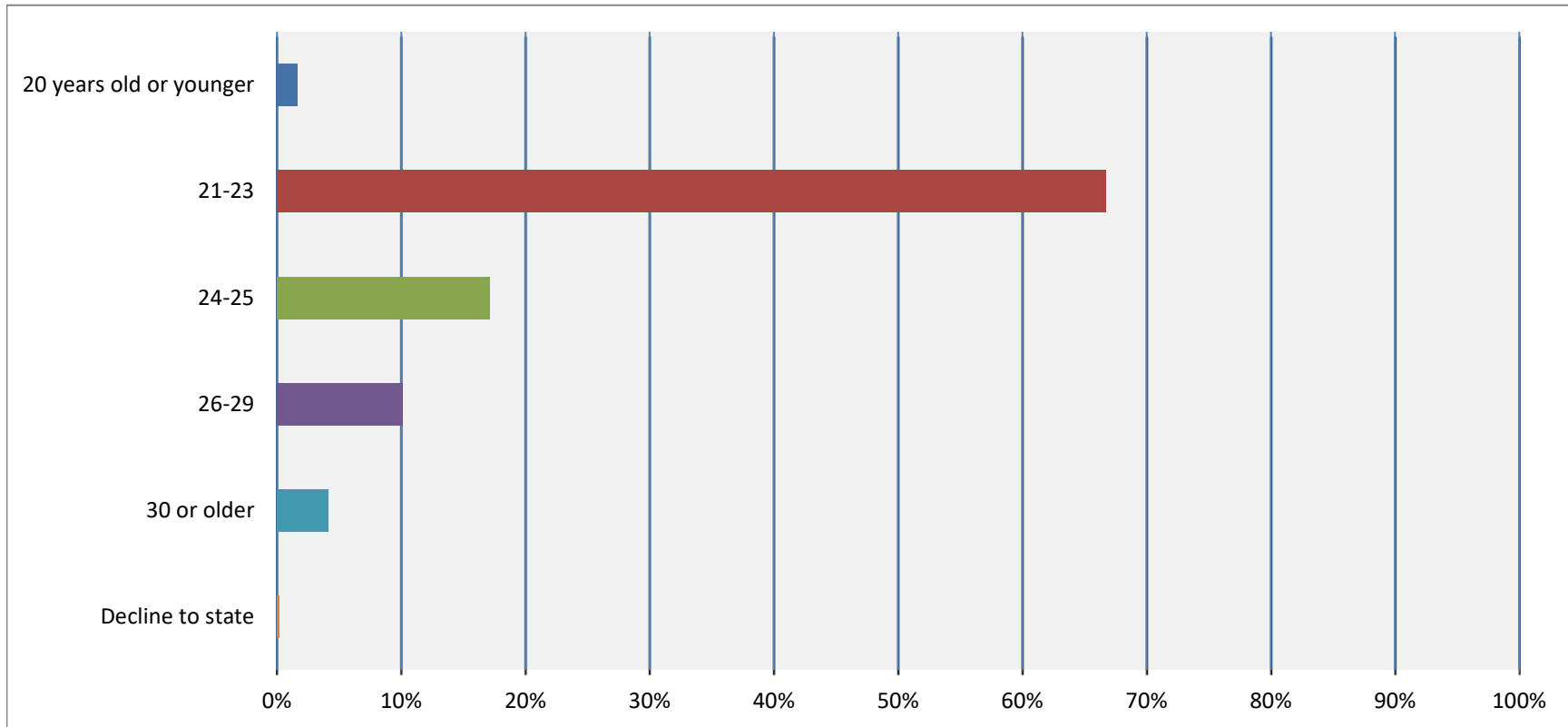
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## Q2 Age

Answered: 917

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Answer Choices	2022		2021
20 years old or younger	15	1.64%	1.80%
21-23	612	66.74%	69.46%
24-25	157	17.12%	16.65%
26-29	93	10.14%	7.54%
30 or older	38	4.14%	4.43%
Decline to state	2	0.22%	0.12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>917</b>		

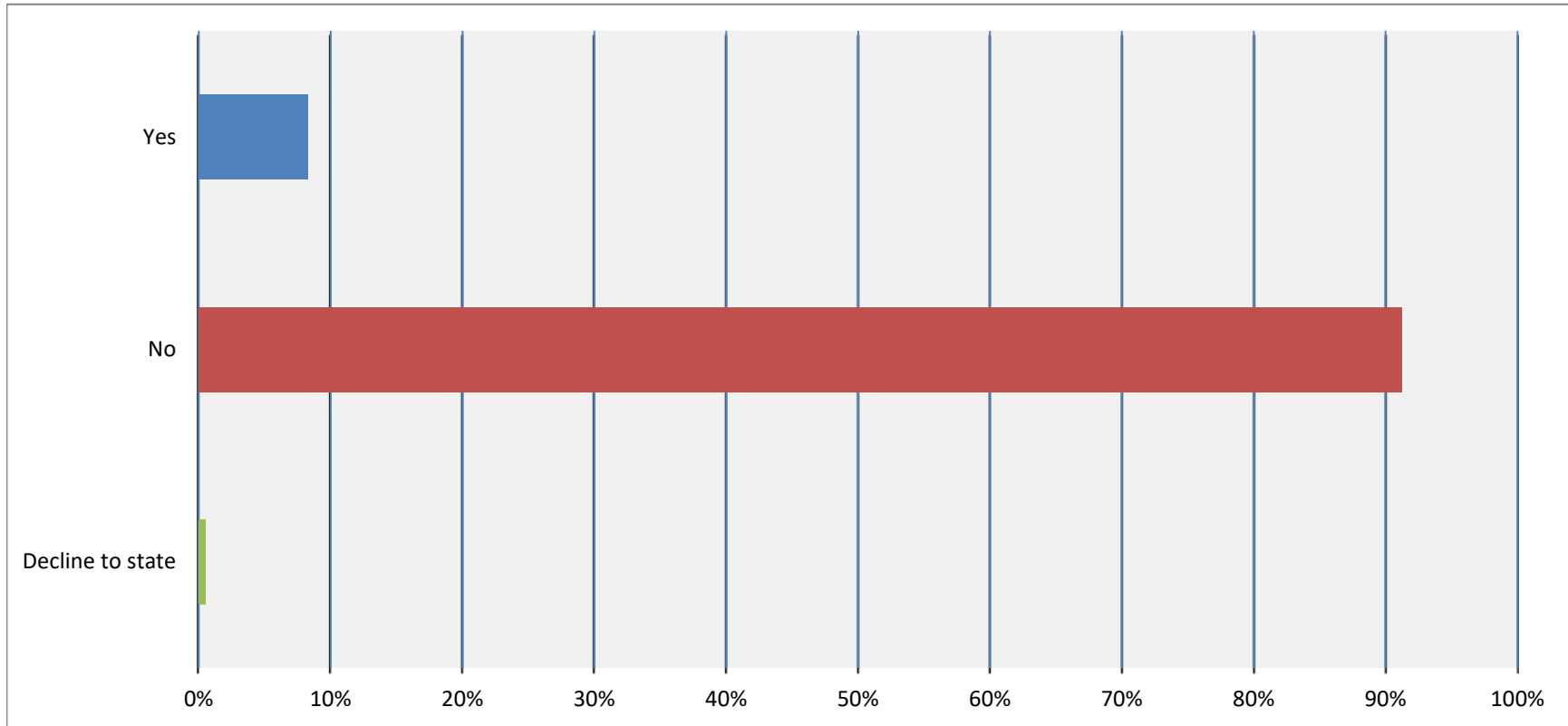
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## Q3 Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Answered: 921

Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Yes	76	8.25%	8.51%
No	840	91.21%	90.89%
Decline to state	5	0.54%	0.60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>921</b>		

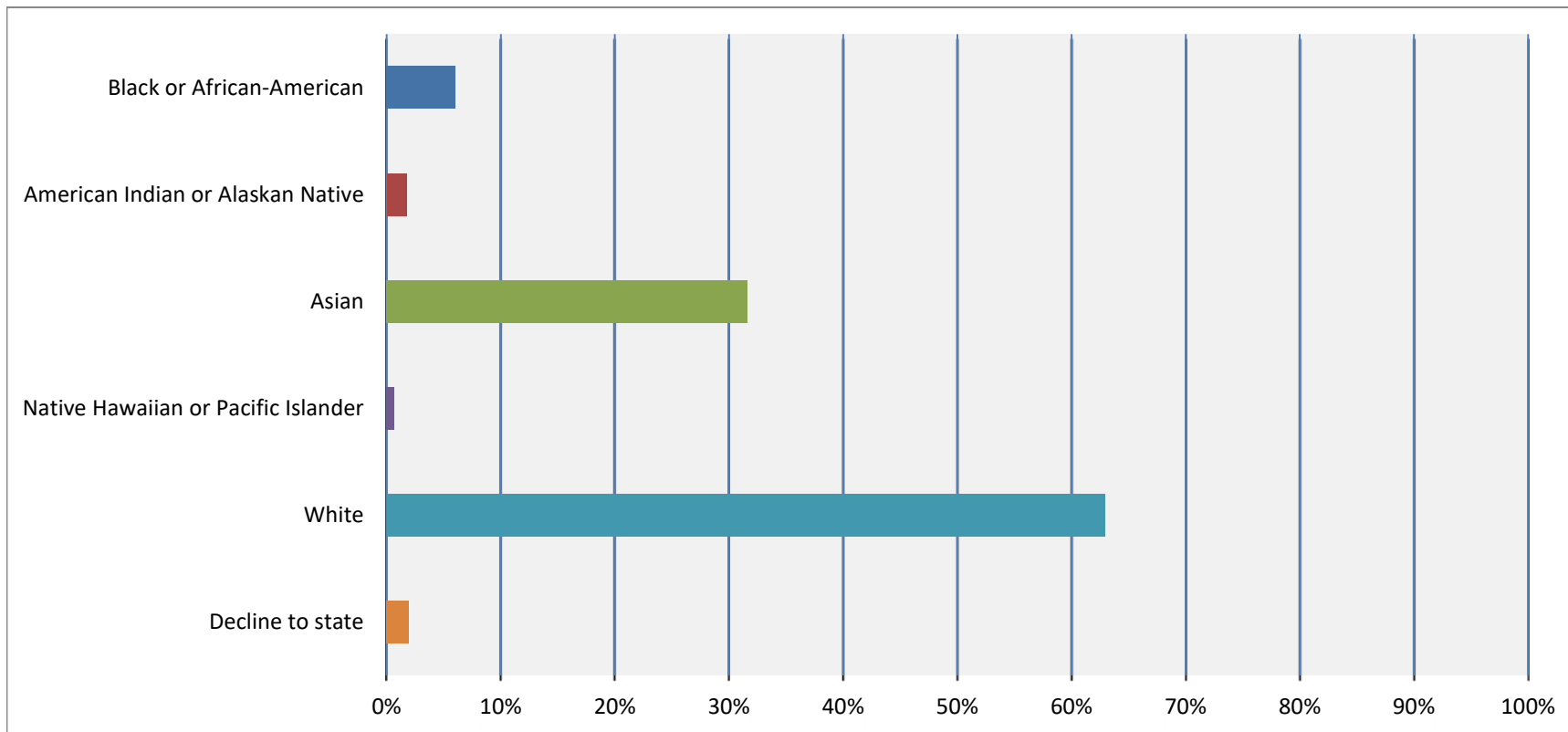
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## Q4 Which of the following best describes your race? (Please mark one or more races.)

Answered: 914

Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Black or African-American	55	6.02%	5.05%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	16	1.75%	1.32%
Asian	289	31.62%	27.52%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	6	0.66%	0.84%
White	575	62.91%	65.50%
Decline to state	18	1.97%	3.49%
<b>Total Respondents: 914</b>	(Respondents may choose more than one race)		

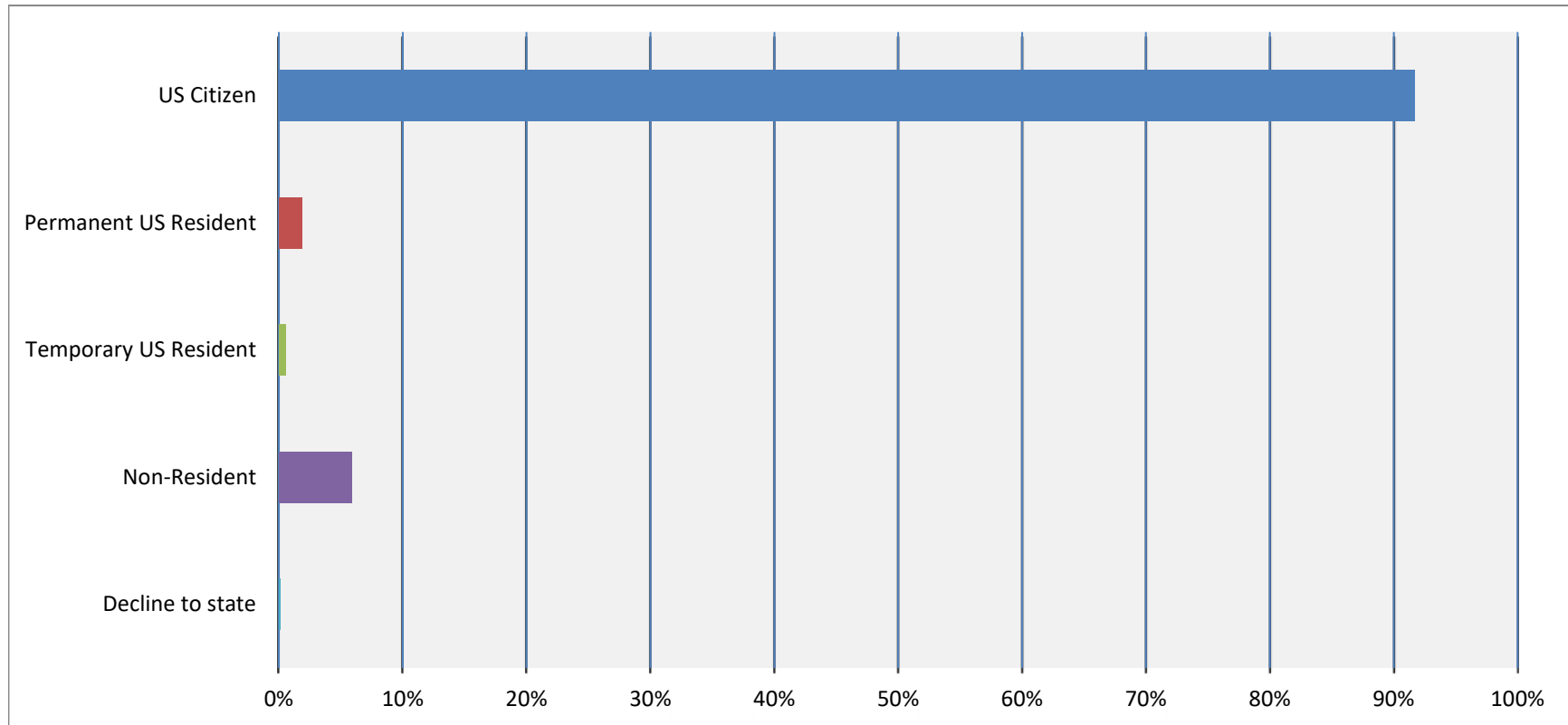
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## Q5 What is your US citizenship status?

Answered: 923

Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	2022		2021
US Citizen	<b>846</b>	<b>91.66%</b>	91.77%
Permanent US Resident	<b>17</b>	<b>1.84%</b>	2.39%
Temporary US Resident	<b>5</b>	<b>0.54%</b>	0.36%
Non-Resident	<b>54</b>	<b>5.85%</b>	5.25%
Decline to state	<b>1</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	0.24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>		

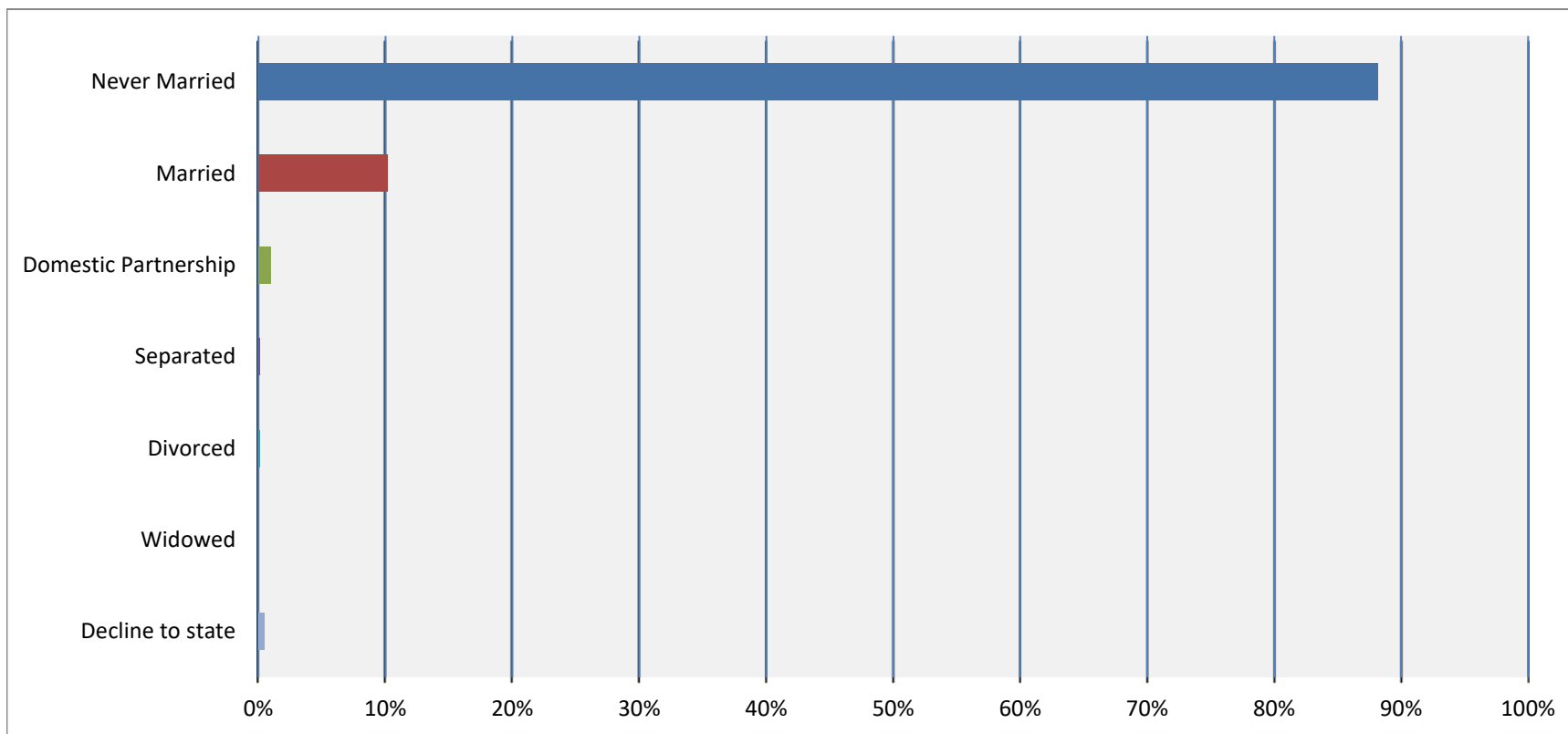
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## Q6 What is your marital status?

Answered: 923

Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Never Married	814	88.19%	88.37%
Married	94	10.18%	9.59%
Domestic Partnership	9	0.98%	0.72%
Separated	1	0.11%	0.12%
Divorced	1	0.11%	0.48%
Widowed	0	0.00%	0.00%
Decline to state	4	0.43%	0.72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>		



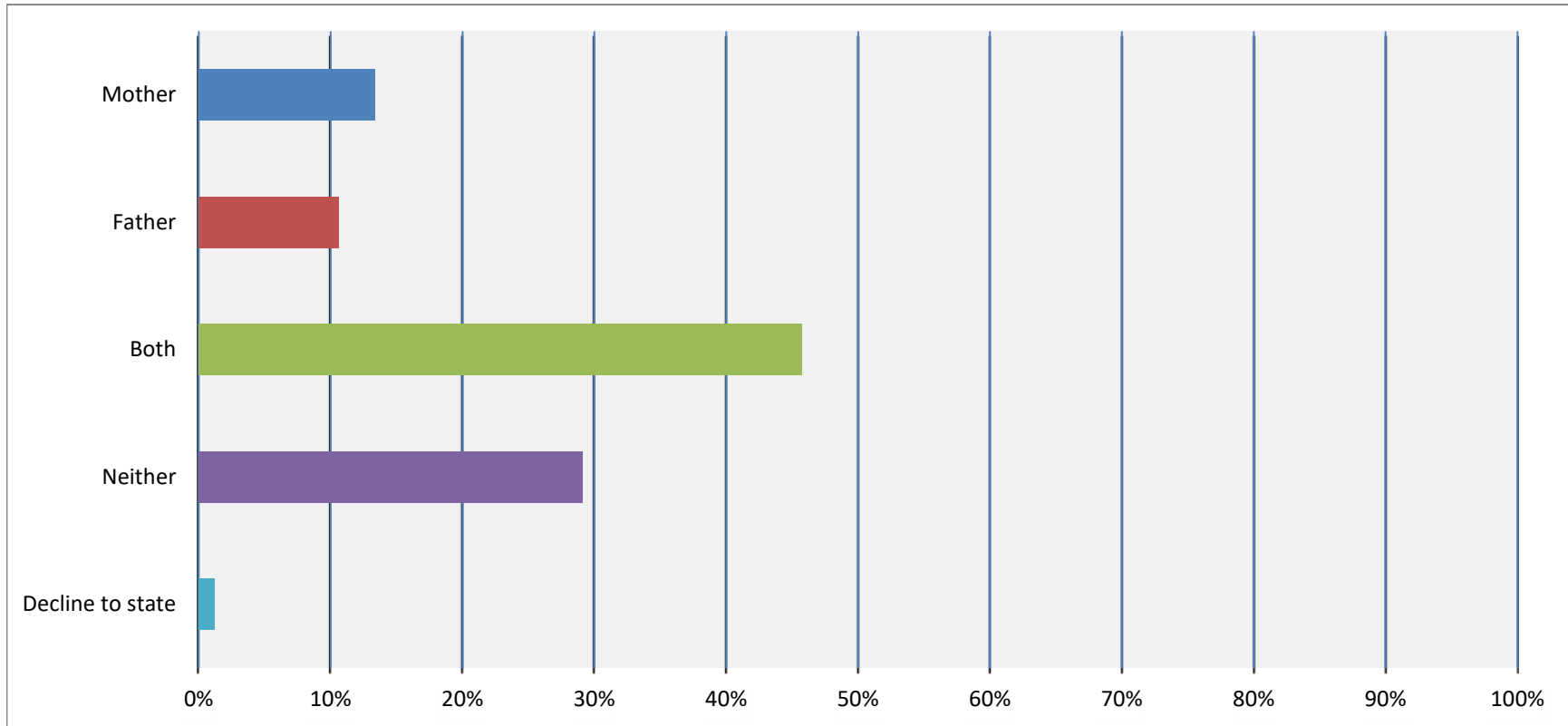
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## Q7 Which of your parents completed a 4-year degree?

Answered: 921

Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Mother	123	13.36%	12.08%
Father	98	10.64%	13.16%
Both	421	45.71%	44.62%
Neither	268	29.10%	29.43%
Decline to state	11	1.19%	0.72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>921</b>		

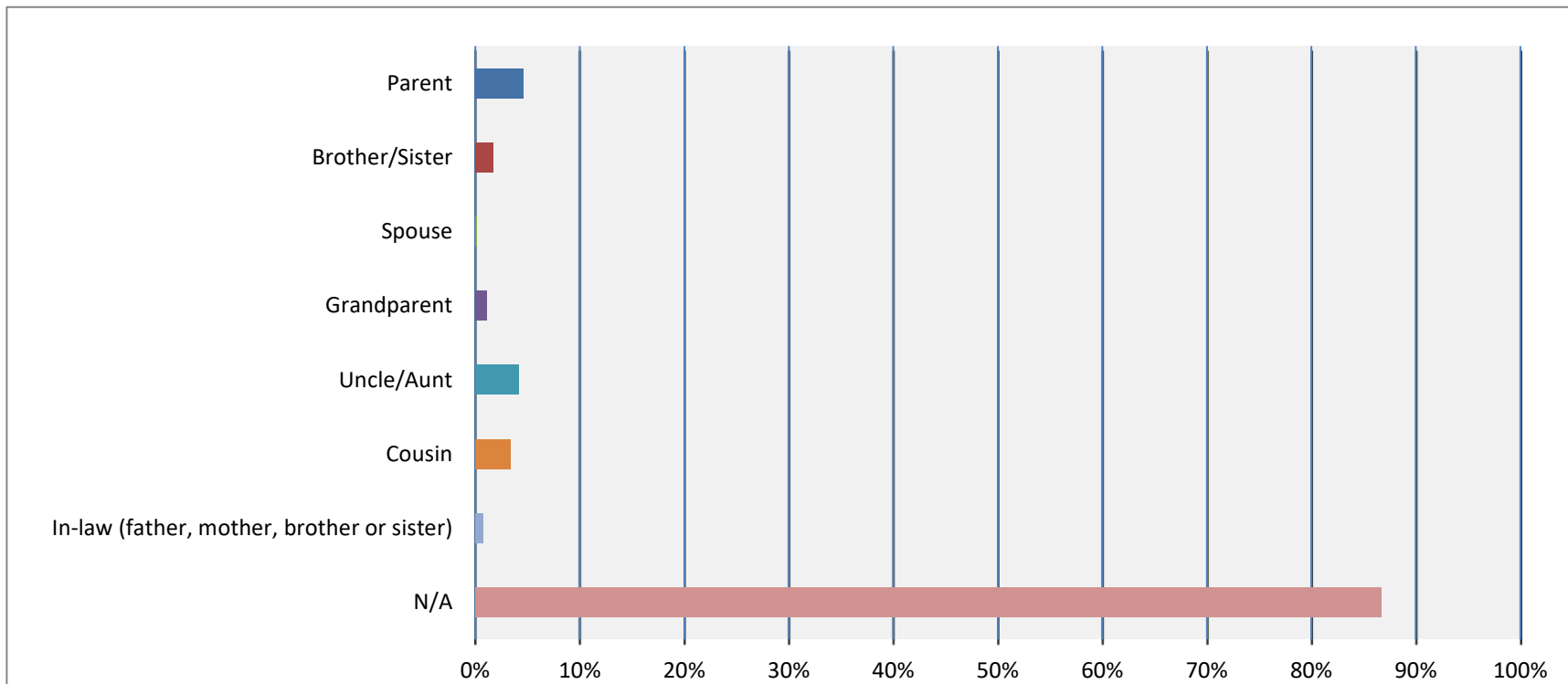
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## Q8 Do you have any relatives who are optometrists? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 895

Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Parent	41	4.58%	5.12%
Brother/Sister	15	1.68%	1.10%
Spouse	1	0.11%	0.00%
Grandparent	10	1.12%	1.46%
Uncle/Aunt	37	4.13%	6.22%
Cousin	30	3.35%	3.41%
In-law (father, mother, brother or sister)	7	0.78%	0.73%
N/A	776	86.70%	85.12%
<b>Total Respondents: 895</b>	(Respondents may choose more than one relative)		

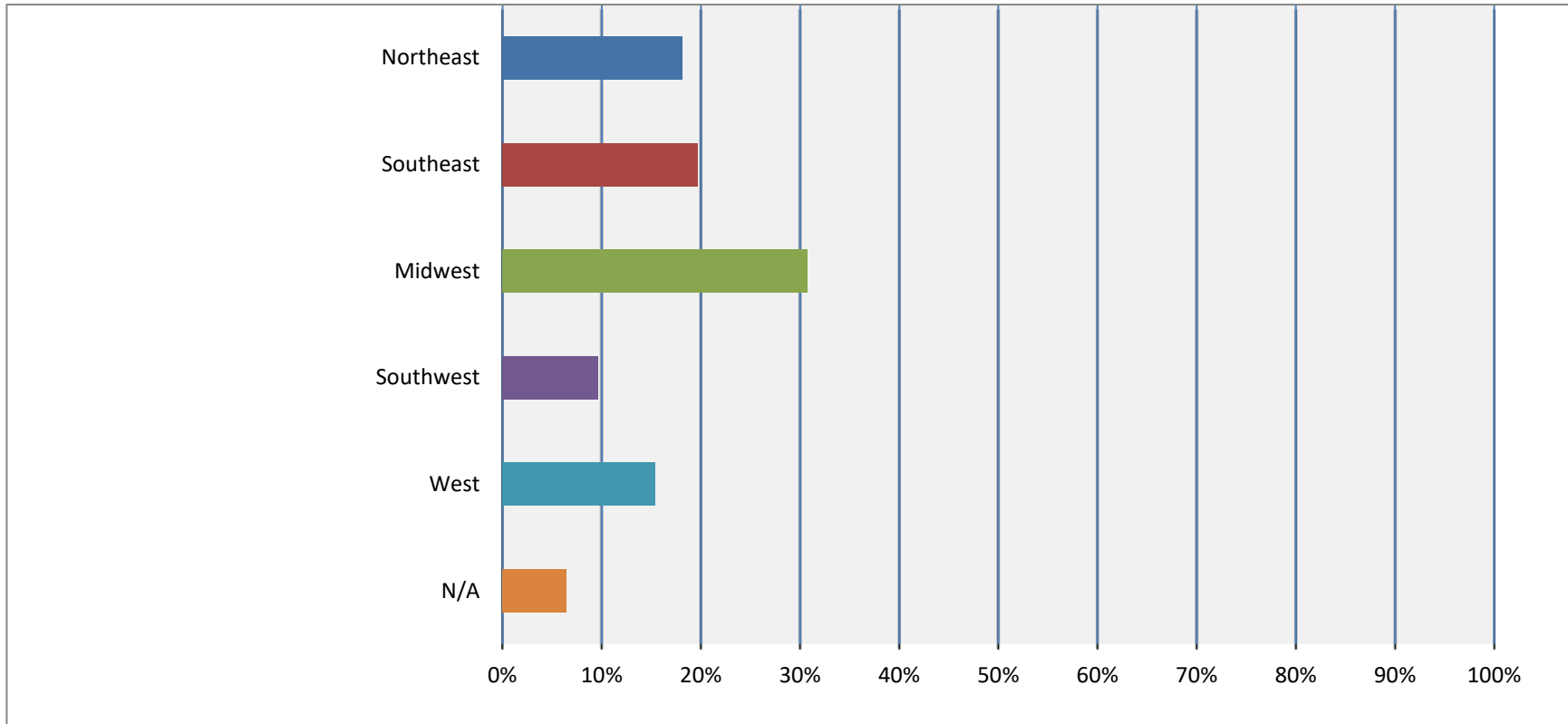
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## Q9 Which region of the United States do you consider to be your permanent residence?

Answered: 921

Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Northeast	167	18.13%	19.95%
Southeast	181	19.65%	22.22%
Midwest	283	30.73%	26.16%
Southwest	89	9.66%	8.24%
West	142	15.42%	16.01%
N/A	59	6.41%	7.41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>921</b>		

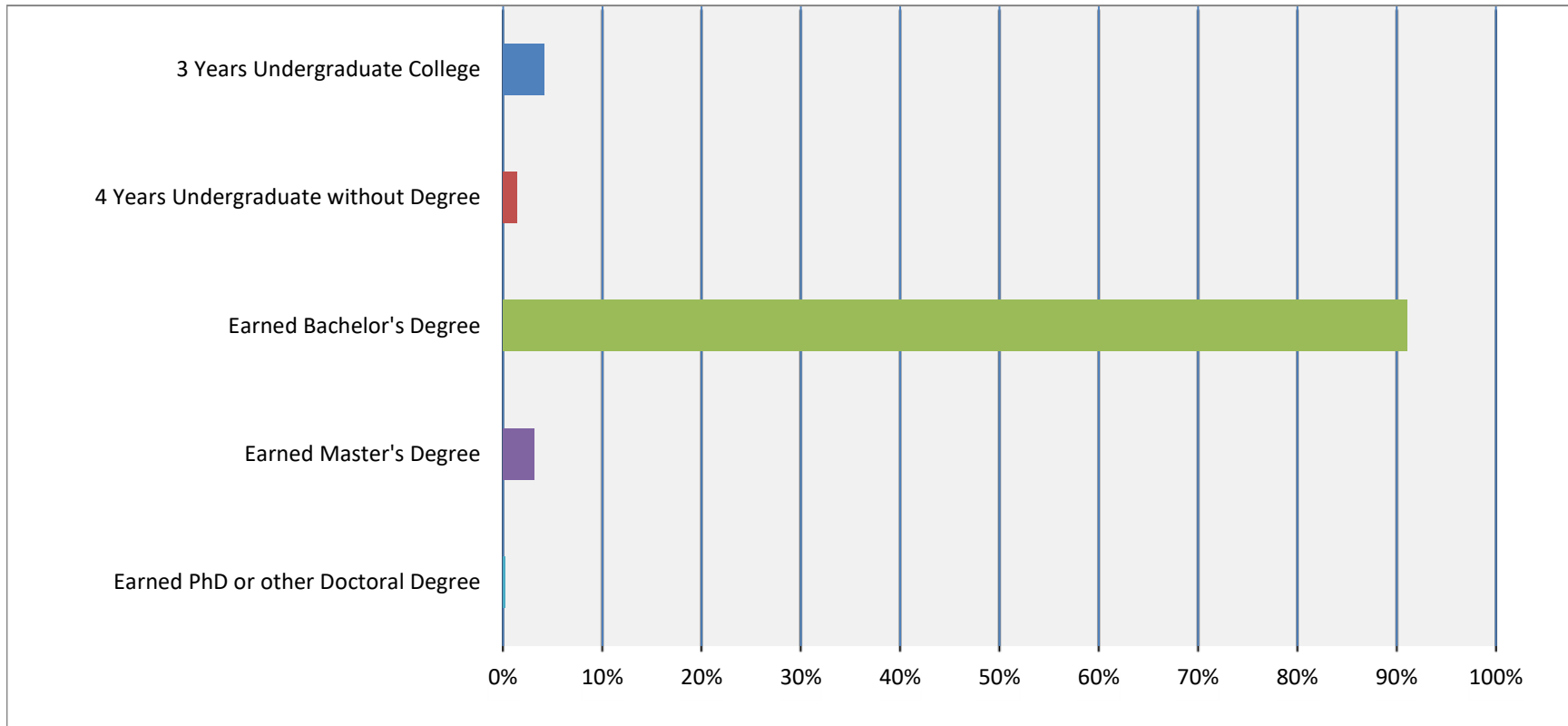
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## Q10 What is your highest level of education?

Answered: 923

Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	2022		2021
3 Years Undergraduate College	<b>38</b>	<b>4.12%</b>	5.01%
4 Years Undergraduate without Degree	<b>13</b>	<b>1.41%</b>	0.84%
Earned Bachelor's Degree	<b>841</b>	<b>91.12%</b>	90.93%
Earned Master's Degree	<b>29</b>	<b>3.14%</b>	2.98%
Earned PhD or other Doctoral Degree	<b>2</b>	<b>0.22%</b>	0.24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>		

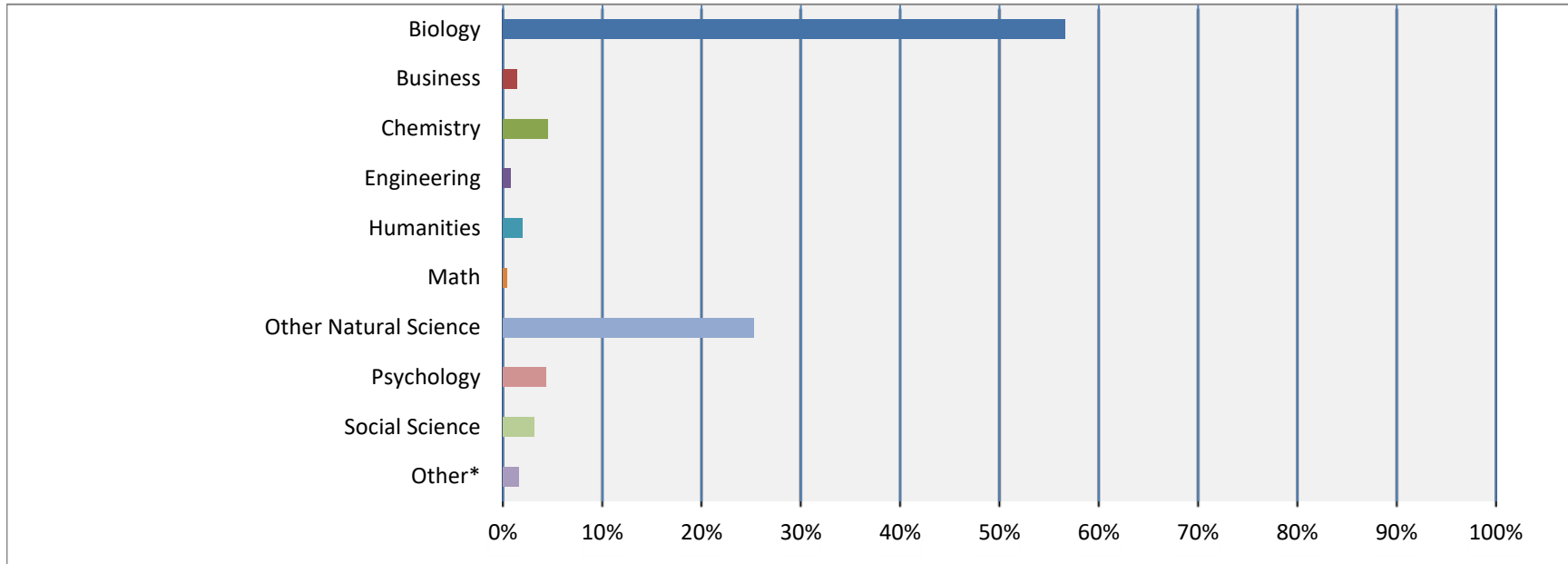
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## Q11 What was your college major?

Answered: 922

Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	2022	2021
Biology	522	56.62%
Business	13	1.41%
Chemistry	42	4.56%
Engineering	7	0.76%
Humanities	18	1.95%
Math	4	0.43%
Other Natural Science	233	25.27%
Psychology	40	4.34%
Social Science	29	3.15%
Other*	15	1.63%
<b>Total Respondents:</b>	<b>922</b>	(Some respondents provided more than one major.)

\*Other majors included Community Health Science (1), Computer Science (1), Education (3), Health Administration (3), Interdisciplinary Studies (3), Interdisciplinary Health (1), Optometry (2), Professional Studies (1)

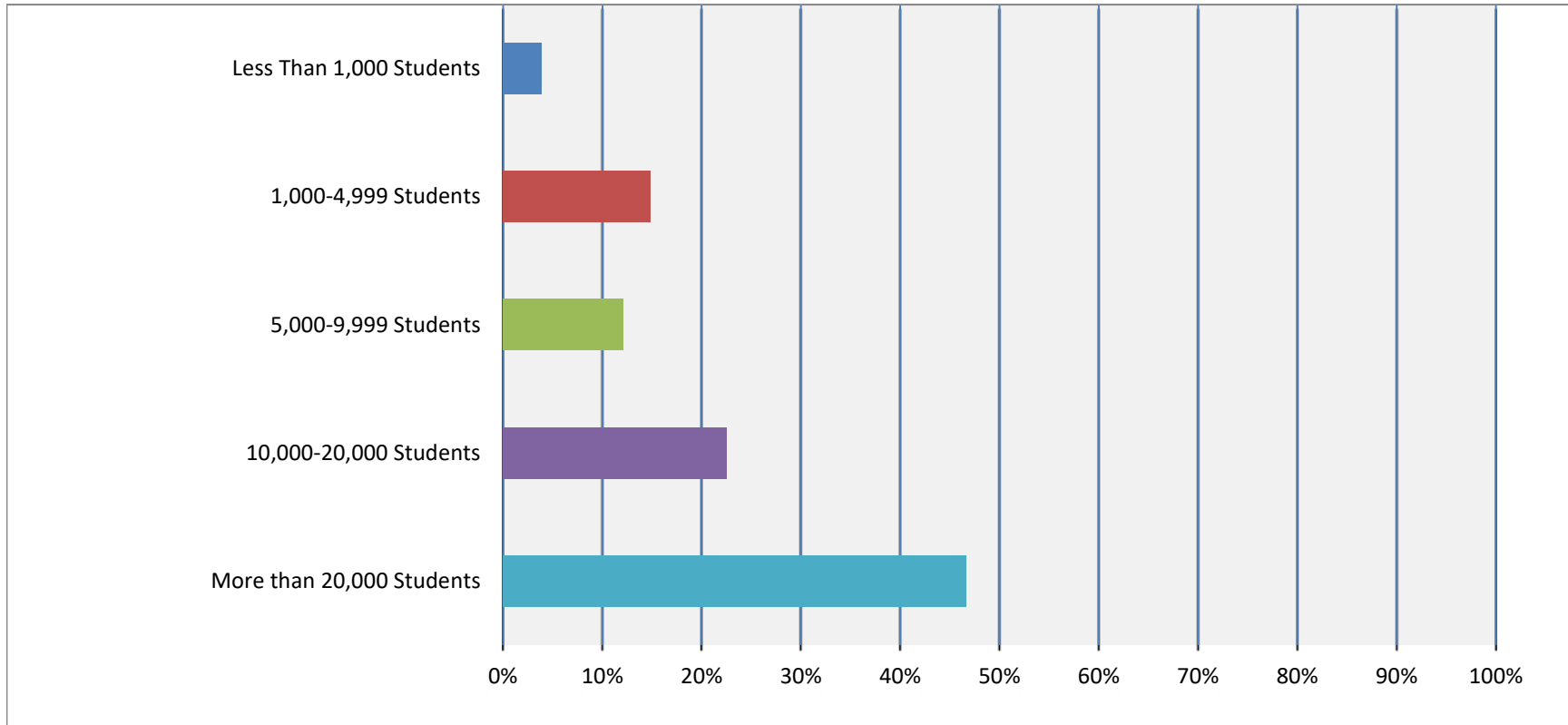
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## Q12 What was the approximate size of your undergraduate institution?

Answered: 920

Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Less Than 1,000 Students	36	3.91%	2.16%
1,000-4,999 Students	137	14.89%	20.26%
5,000-9,999 Students	111	12.07%	11.87%
10,000-20,000 Students	207	22.50%	21.58%
More than 20,000 Students	429	46.63%	44.12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>920</b>		

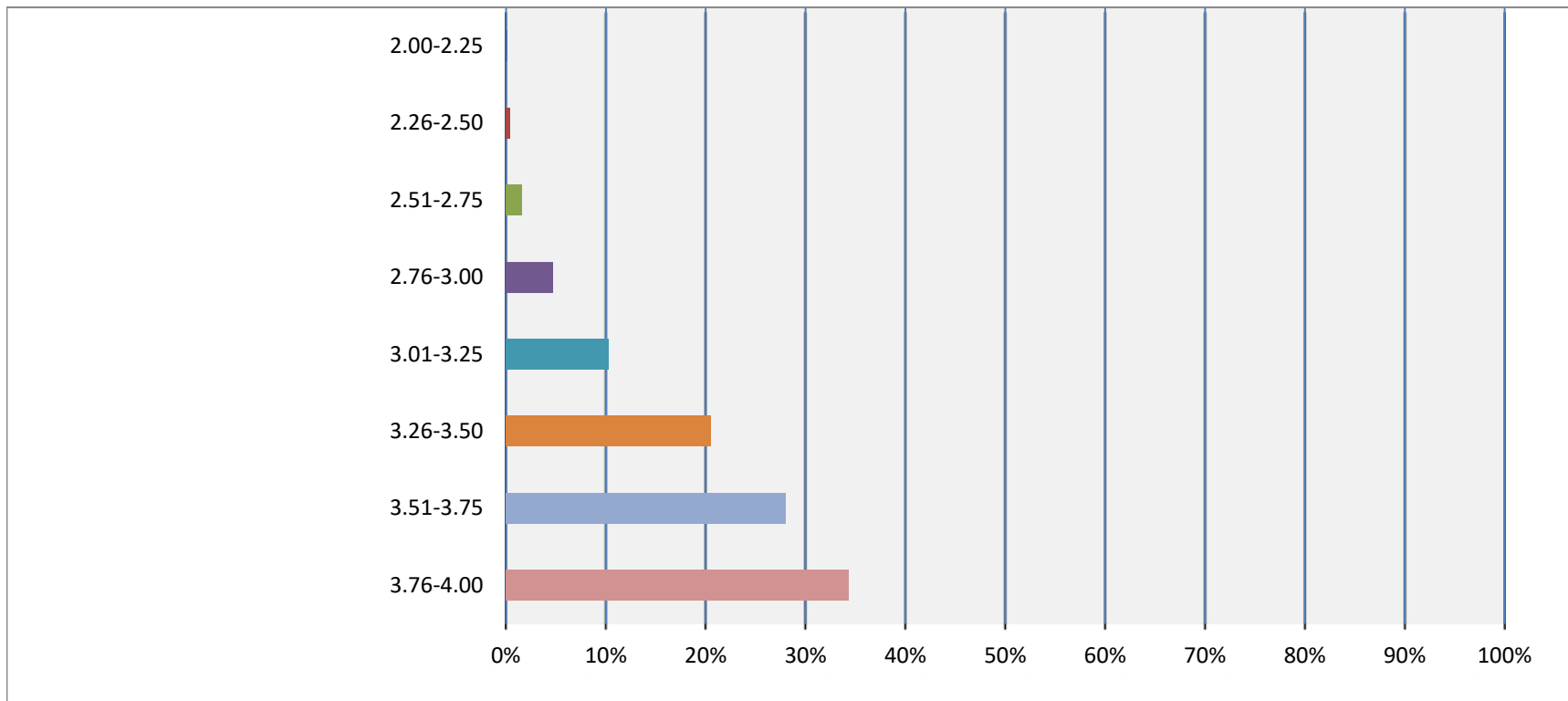
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## Q13 What was your cumulative undergraduate grade point average?

Answered: 916

Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	2022	2021
2.00-2.25	1	0.00%
2.26-2.50	4	0.12%
2.51-2.75	15	0.48%
2.76-3.00	43	4.08%
3.01-3.25	94	10.43%
3.26-3.50	188	25.18%
3.51-3.75	257	29.26%
3.76-4.00	314	30.46%
<b>Total</b>	<b>916</b>	

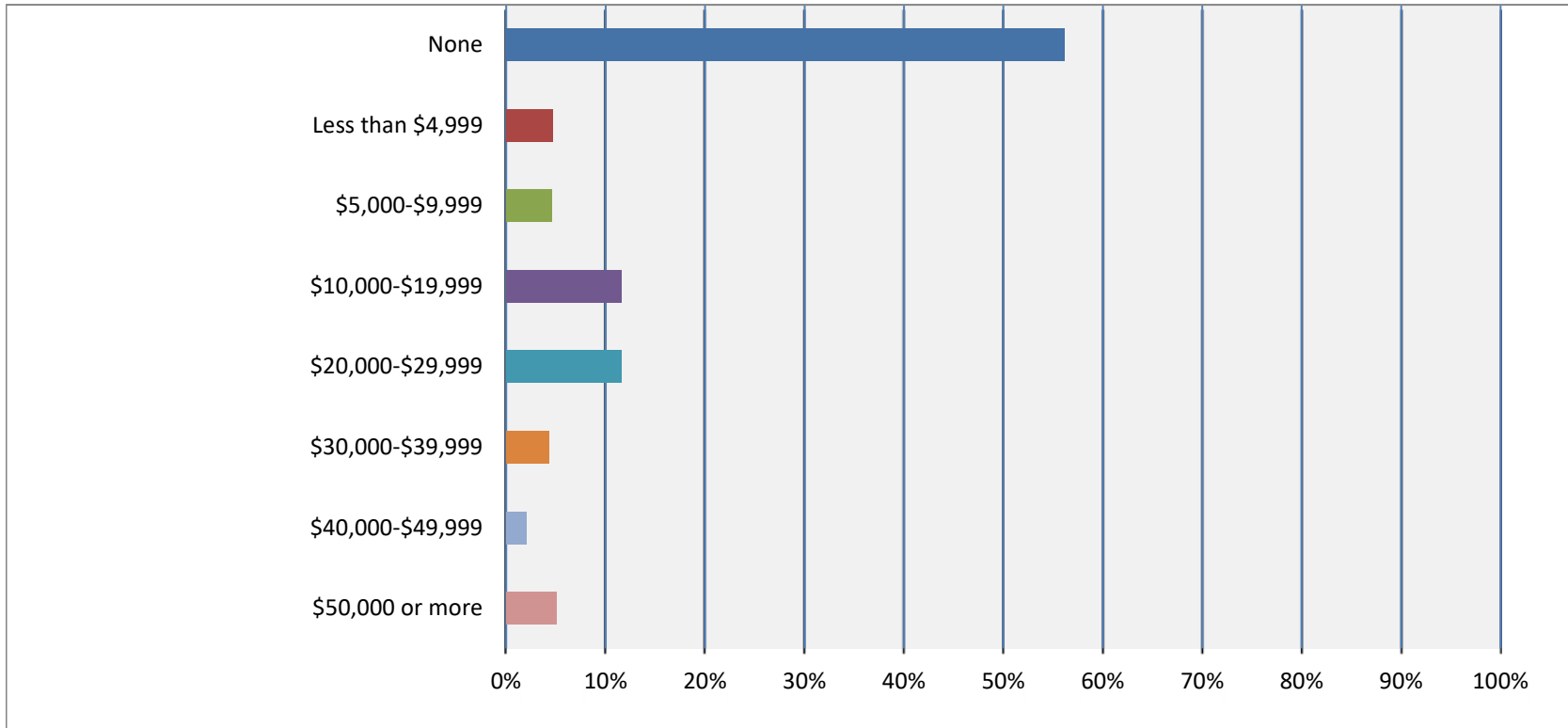
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## Q14 What is your undergraduate indebtedness level?

Answered: 915

Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	2022		2021
None	514	56.17%	54.00%
Less than \$4,999	43	4.70%	6.17%
\$5,000-\$9,999	42	4.59%	4.84%
\$10,000-\$19,999	106	11.58%	11.99%
\$20,000-\$29,999	106	11.58%	11.86%
\$30,000-\$39,999	39	4.26%	3.39%
\$40,000-\$49,999	19	2.08%	2.66%
\$50,000 or more	46	5.03%	5.08%
<b>Total</b>	<b>915</b>		



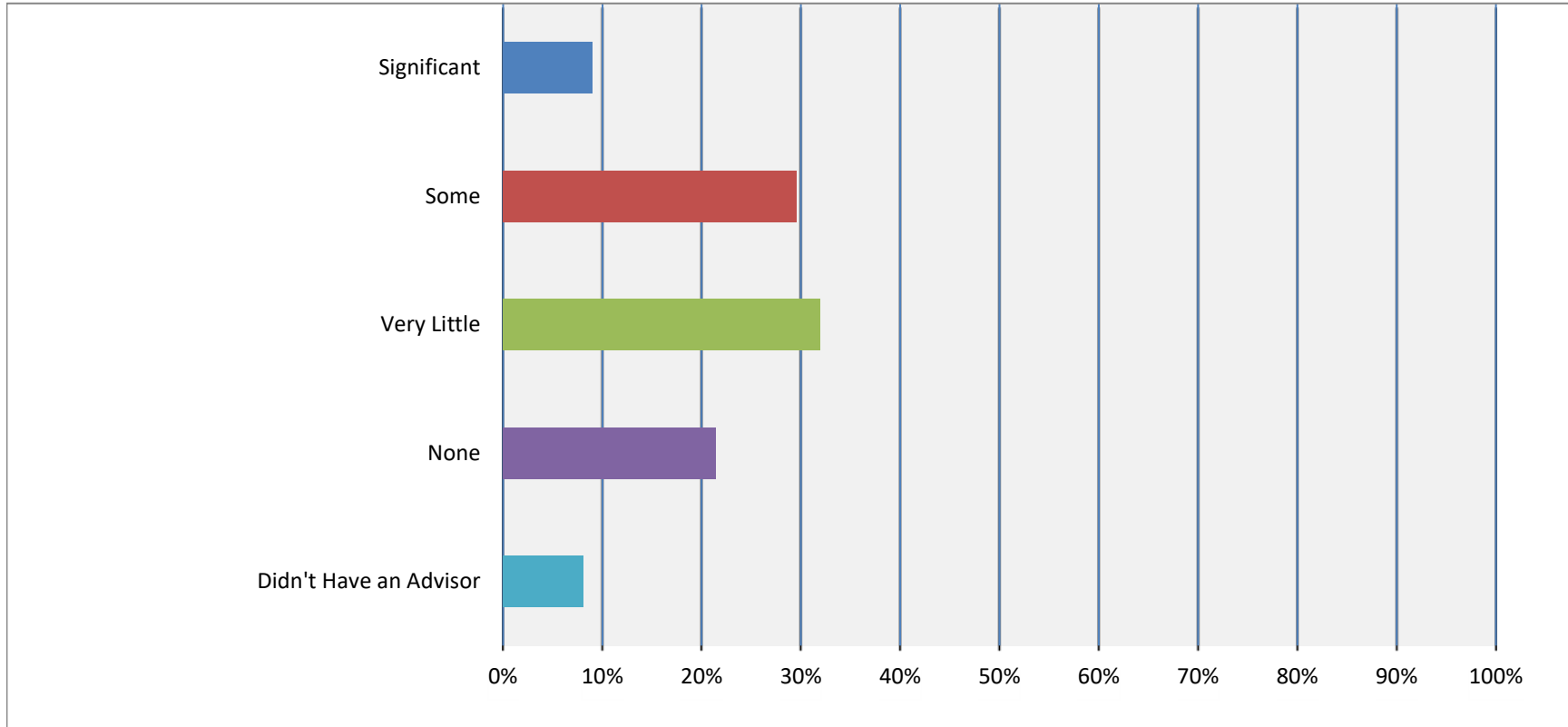
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## Q15 How much assistance did you receive from your health professions advisor at your undergraduate institution?

Answered: 920

Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Significant	83	9.02%	9.57%
Some	272	29.57%	33.13%
Very Little	294	31.96%	30.98%
None	197	21.41%	17.82%
Didn't Have an Advisor	74	8.04%	8.49%
<b>Total</b>	<b>920</b>		

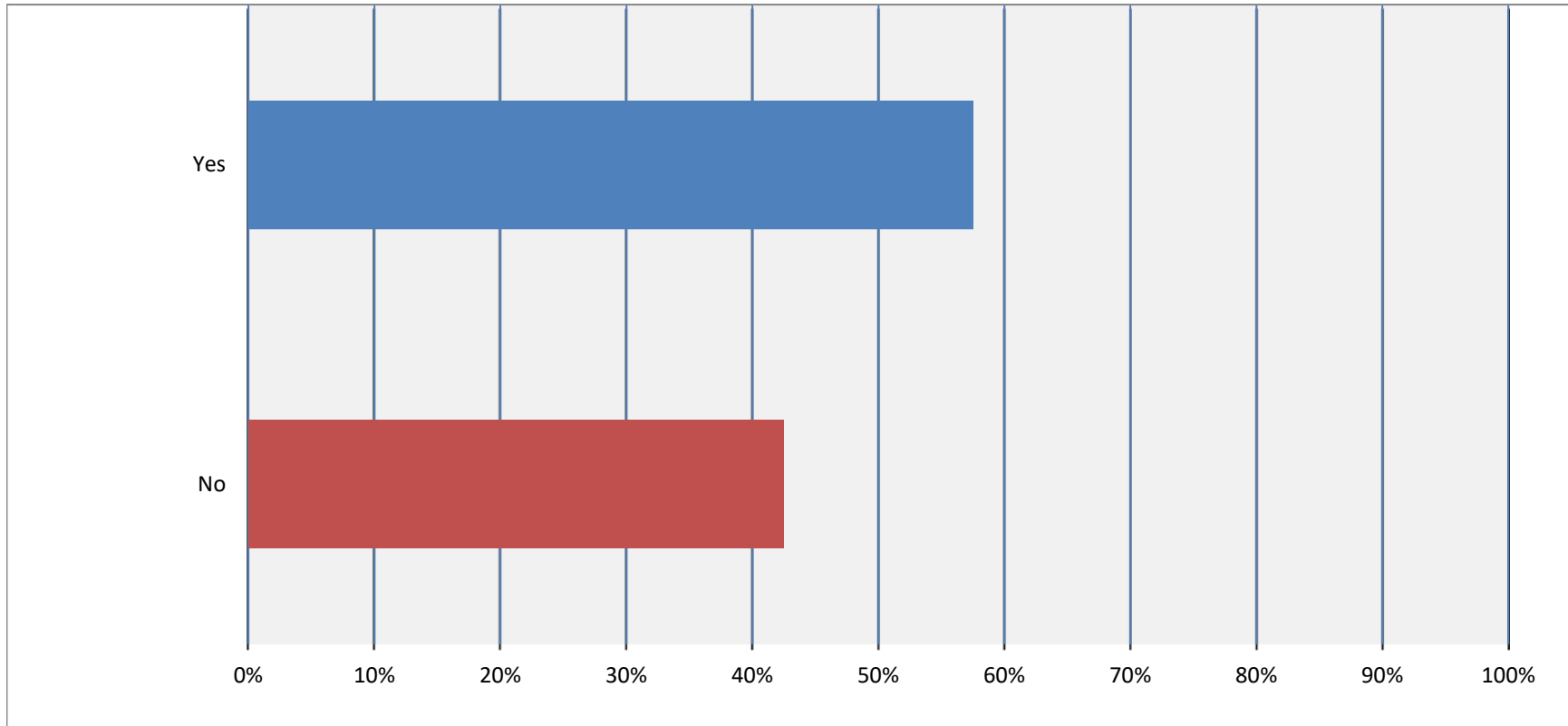
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**Q16 At your undergraduate campus, did you belong to a pre-optometry club, pre-health club, or pre-med club?**

Answered: 923

Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Yes	531	57.53%	55.61%
No	392	42.47%	44.39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>		

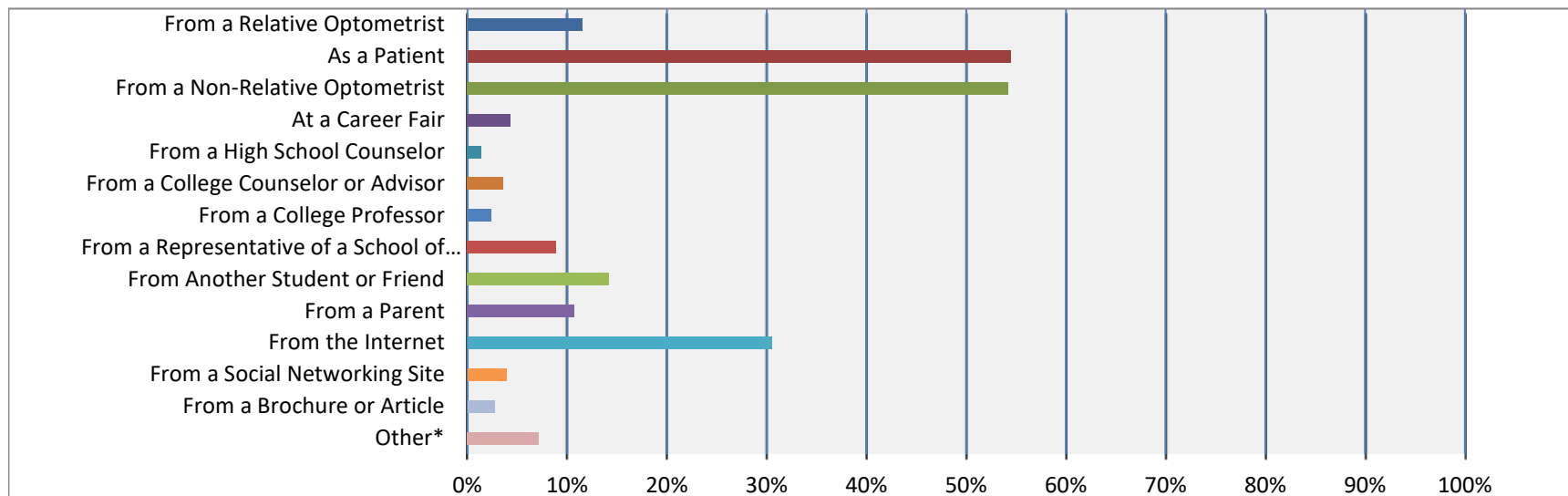
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## Q17 How did you learn about the profession of optometry? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 924

Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	2022	2021
From a Relative Optometrist	106	11.47%
As a Patient	503	54.44%
From a Non-Relative Optometrist	501	54.22%
At a Career Fair	40	4.33%
From a High School Counselor	13	1.41%
From a College Counselor or Advisor	33	3.57%
From a College Professor	22	2.38%
From a Representative of a School of Optometry	82	8.87%
From Another Student or Friend	131	14.18%
From a Parent	99	10.71%
From the Internet	282	30.52%
From a Social Networking Site	36	3.90%
From a Brochure or Article	25	2.71%
Other	66	7.14%
<b>Total Respondents 924</b>	<b>(Respondents may choose more than one source)</b>	

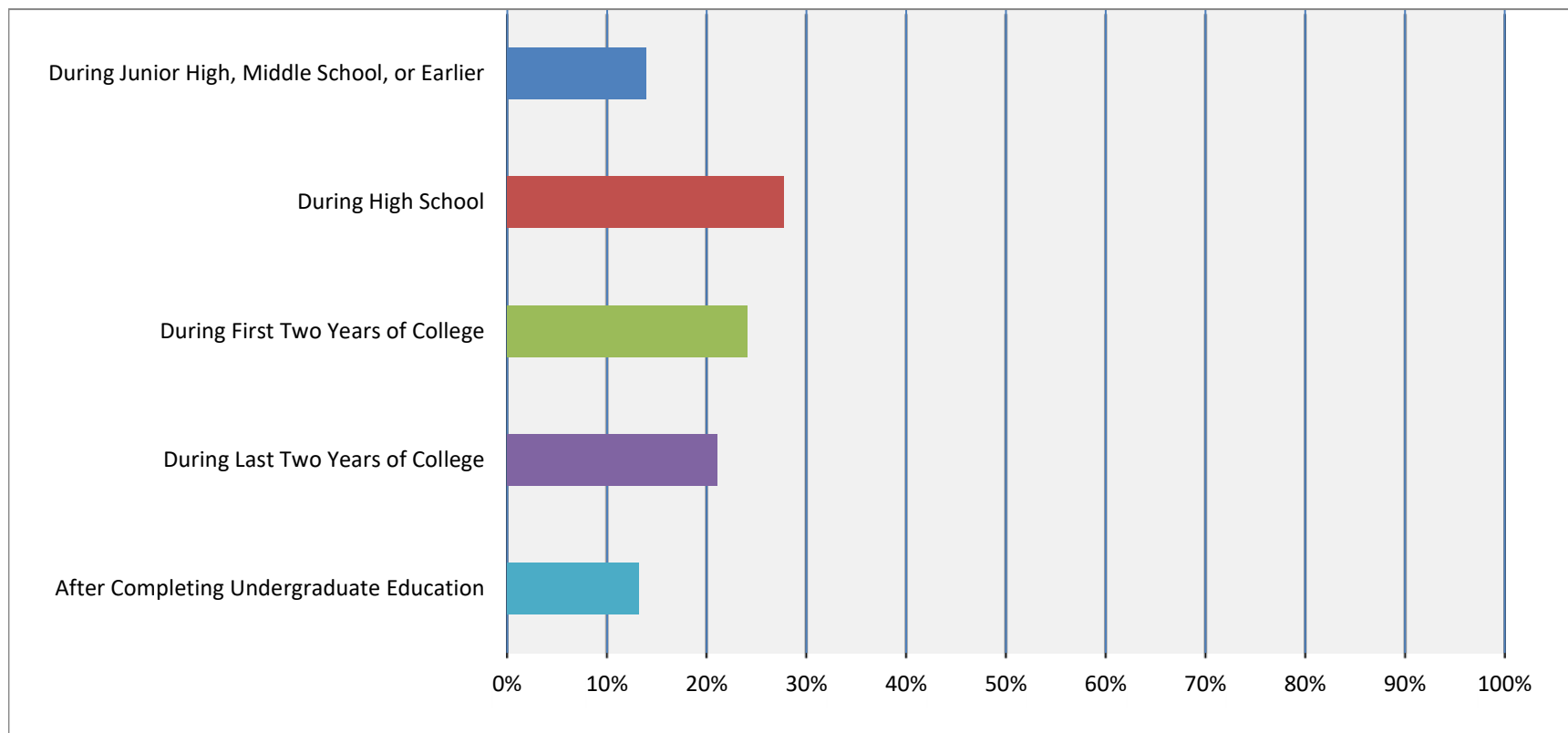
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## Q18 When did you first think about optometry as a potential career? (Please check one.)

Answered: 911

Skipped: 14



Answer Choices	2022	2021
During Junior High, Middle School, or Earlier	127	13.94%
During High School	253	27.77%
During First Two Years of College	219	24.04%
During Last Two Years of College	192	21.08%
After Completing Undergraduate Education	120	13.17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>911</b>	

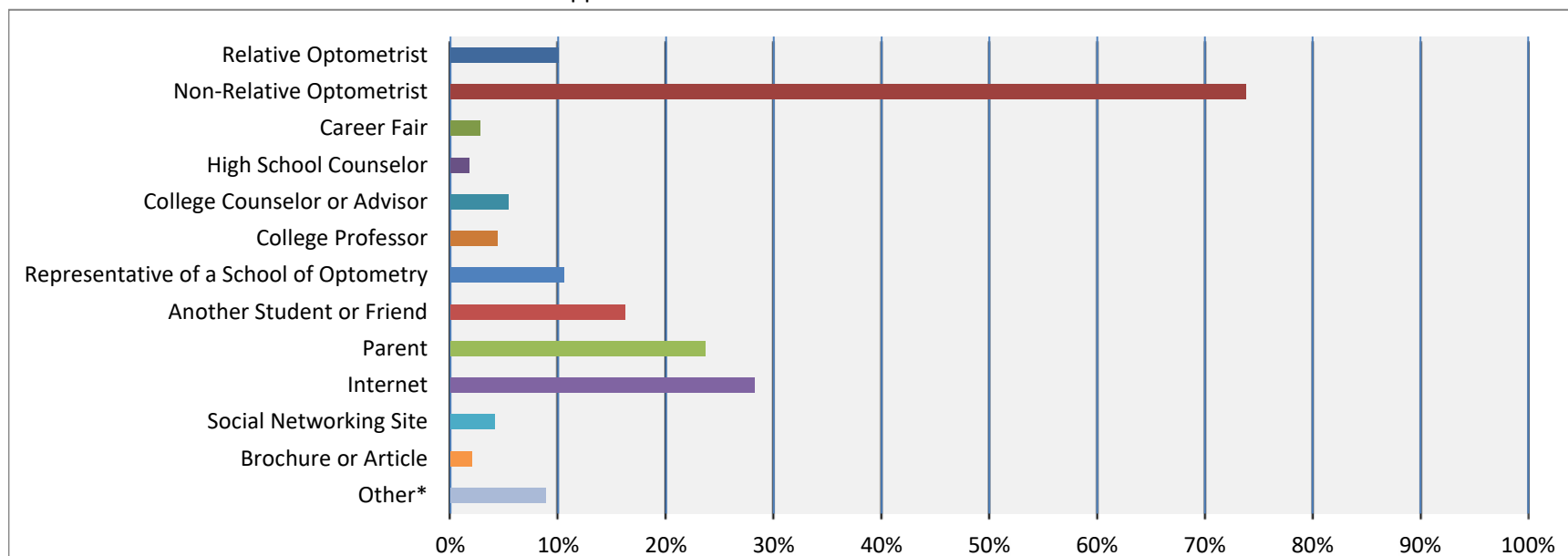
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## Q19 Who or what influenced your decision about optometry as a potential career for you? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 919

Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	2022	2021
Relative Optometrist	92	10.01%
Non-Relative Optometrist	678	73.78%
Career Fair	25	2.72%
High School Counselor	16	1.74%
College Counselor or Advisor	49	5.33%
College Professor	40	4.35%
Representative of a School of Optometry	97	10.55%
Another Student or Friend	149	16.21%
Parent	217	23.61%
Internet	259	28.18%
Social Networking Site	38	4.13%
Brochure or Article	18	1.96%
Other	81	8.81%
<b>Total Respondents 919</b>	(Respondents may choose more than one influence)	

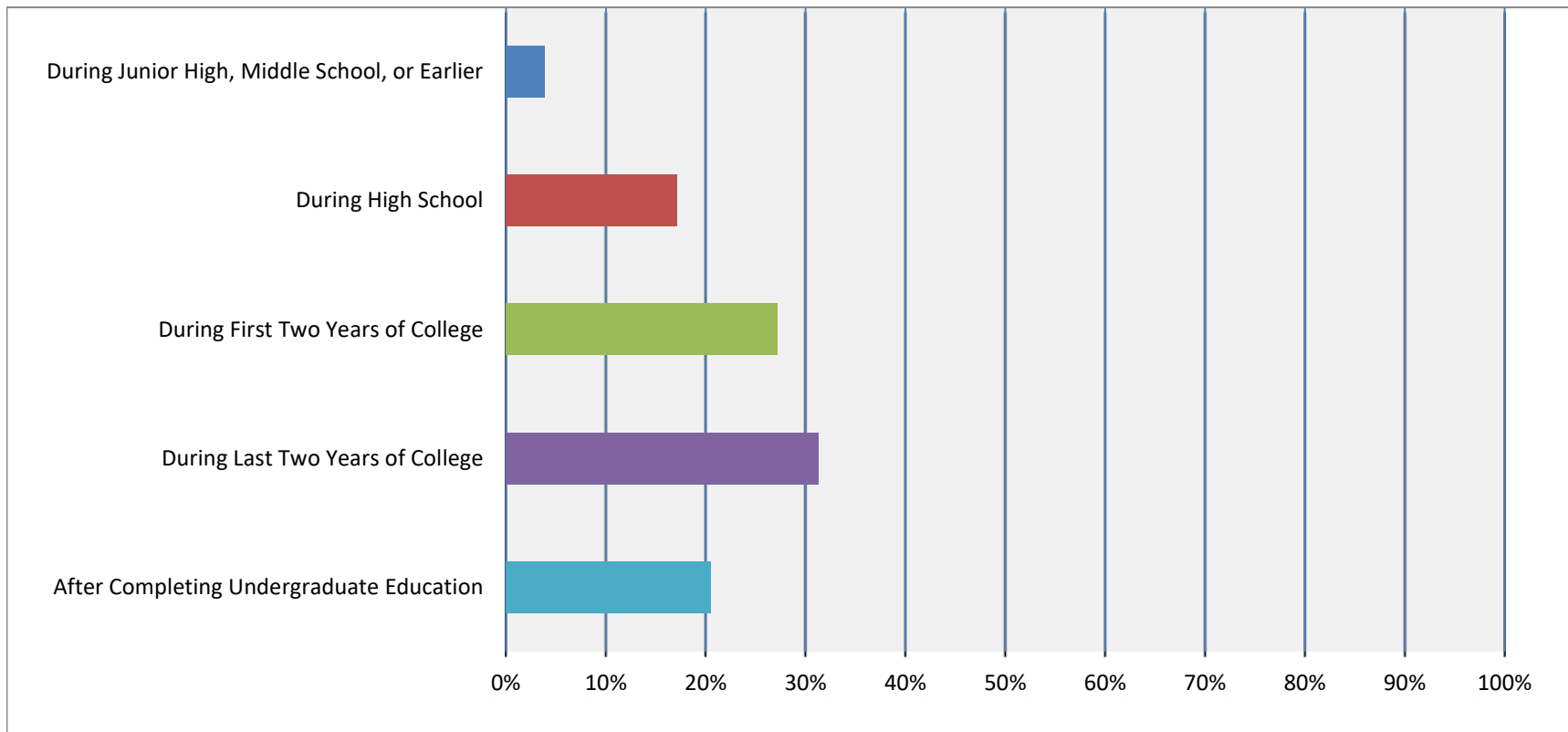
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**Q20 When did you finally decide that you definitely wanted to pursue optometry? (Please check one.)**

Answered: 918

Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	2022		2021
During Junior High, Middle School, or Earlier	<b>36</b>	<b>3.92%</b>	4.10%
During High School	<b>157</b>	<b>17.10%</b>	19.04%
During First Two Years of College	<b>250</b>	<b>27.23%</b>	27.83%
During Last Two Years of College	<b>287</b>	<b>31.26%</b>	31.93%
After Completing Undergraduate Education	<b>188</b>	<b>20.48%</b>	17.11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>918</b>		

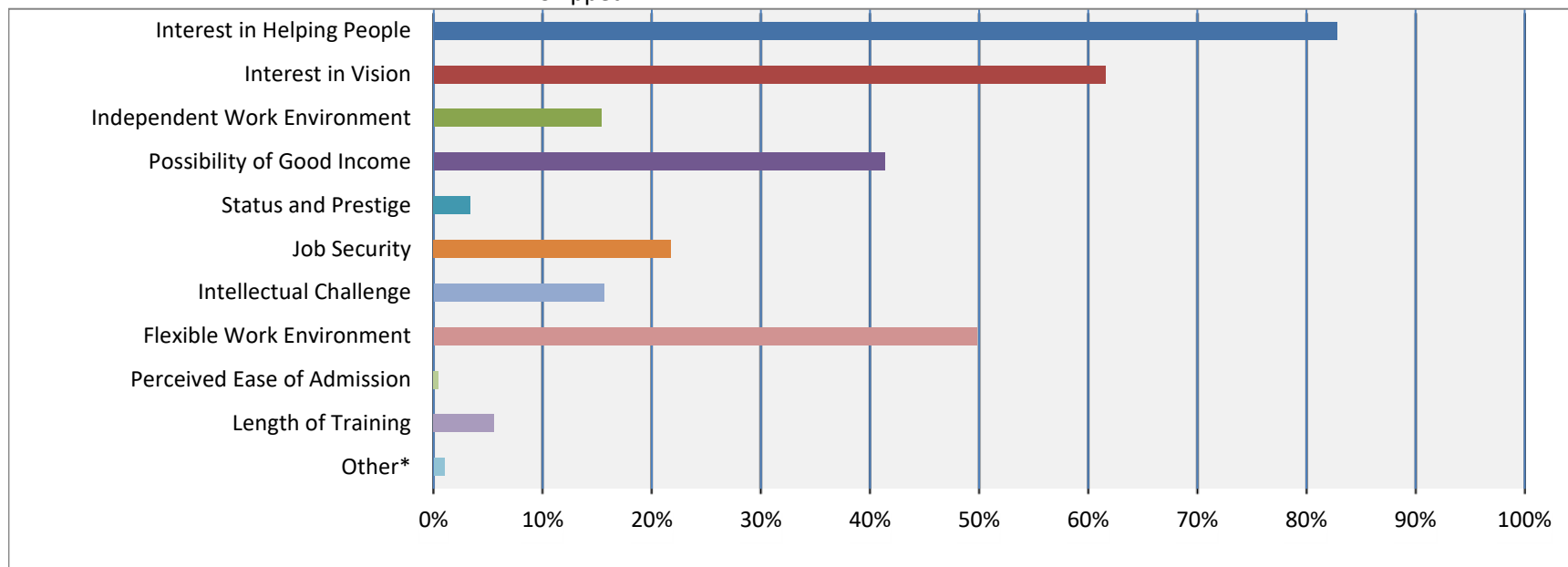
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**Q21 Of the following considerations, which top three reasons summarize your reasons for choosing optometry?**

Answered: 924

Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	2022	2021
Interest in Helping People	765	82.79%
Interest in Vision	569	61.58%
Independent Work Environment	142	15.37%
Possibility of Good Income	382	41.34%
Status and Prestige	31	3.35%
Job Security	201	21.75%
Intellectual Challenge	144	15.58%
Flexible Work Environment	460	49.78%
Perceived Ease of Admission	4	0.43%
Length of Training	51	5.52%
Other*	9	0.97%
<b>Total Respondents 924</b>	<b>(Respondents may choose more than one reason)</b>	

\*"Other" includes good work/life/family balance (3), bringing healthcare to my community (1), working with a variety of ages (1), interest in noninvasive medical care (1), mother has strong myopia (1), extensive history of trauma with eyes (1), optometry's place in primary healthcare (1).

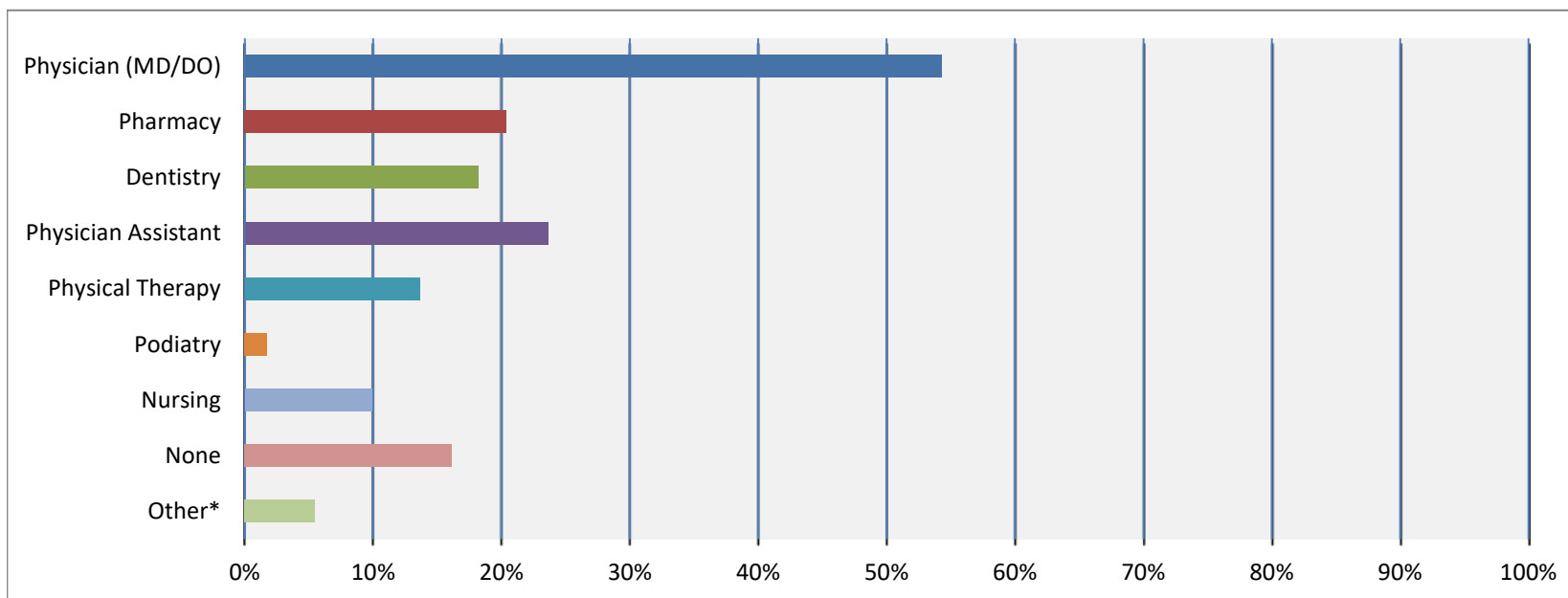
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## Q22 What health professions did you consider other than optometry? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 918

Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Physician (MD/DO)	498	54.25%	53.35%
Pharmacy	187	20.37%	21.29%
Dentistry	167	18.19%	20.93%
Physician Assistant	217	23.64%	23.09%
Physical Therapy	125	13.62%	16.63%
Podiatry	16	1.74%	0.96%
Nursing	91	9.91%	11.36%
None	148	16.12%	15.91%
Other	50	5.45%	5.50%
<b>Total Respondents 918</b>	<b>(Respondents may choose more than one profession)</b>		



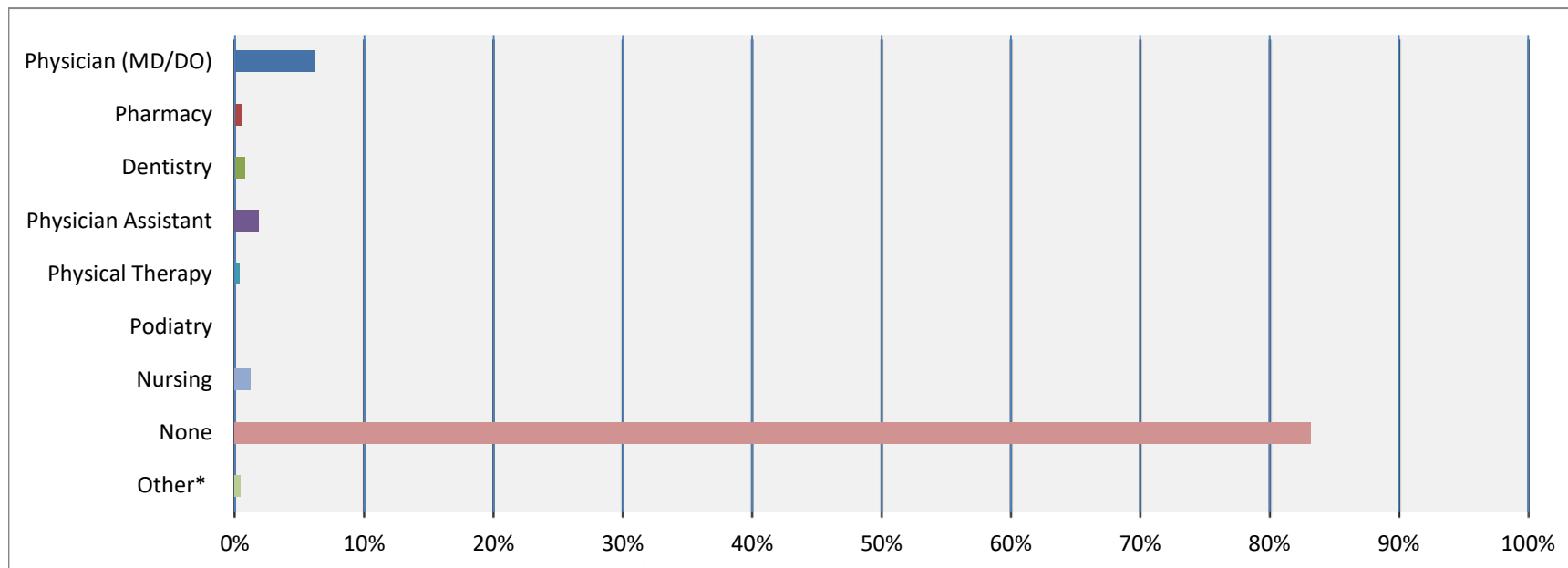
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## Q23 Did you apply to any other health professions? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 916

Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	2022	2021
Physician (MD/DO)	56	6.11%
Pharmacy	5	0.55%
Dentistry	7	0.76%
Physician Assistant	17	1.86%
Physical Therapy	3	0.33%
Podiatry	0	0.00%
Nursing	11	1.20%
None	762	83.19%
Other*	4	0.44%
<b>Total Respondents 916</b>	<b>(Respondents may choose more than one profession)</b>	

\*"Other" includes Audiology, Radiation Therapy and Veterinary Medicine (2)

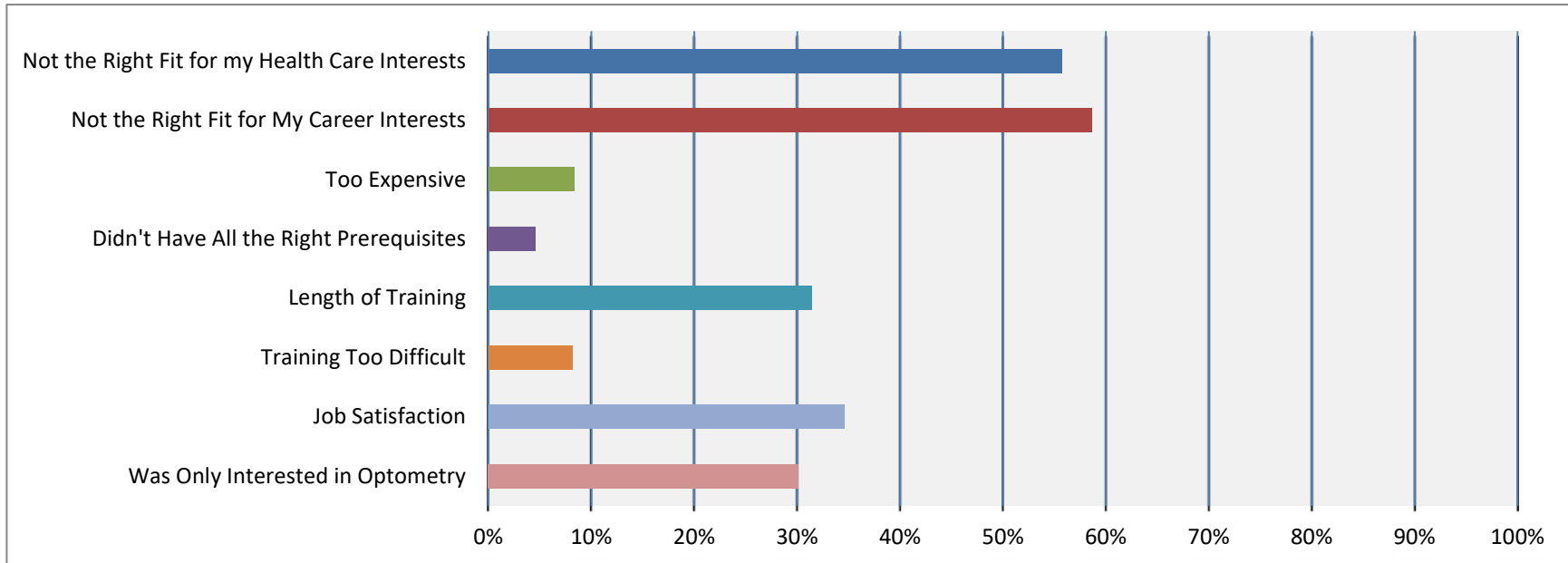
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## Q24 Why didn't you choose another health profession as your future career? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 916

Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	2022	2021
Not the Right Fit for my Health Care Interests	510	55.68%
Not the Right Fit for My Career Interests	537	58.62%
Too Expensive	76	8.30%
Didn't Have All the Right Prerequisites	42	4.59%
Length of Training	288	31.44%
Training Too Difficult	75	8.19%
Job Satisfaction	317	34.61%
Was Only Interested in Optometry	276	30.13%
<b>Total Respondents 916</b>	<b>(Respondents may choose more than one reason)</b>	

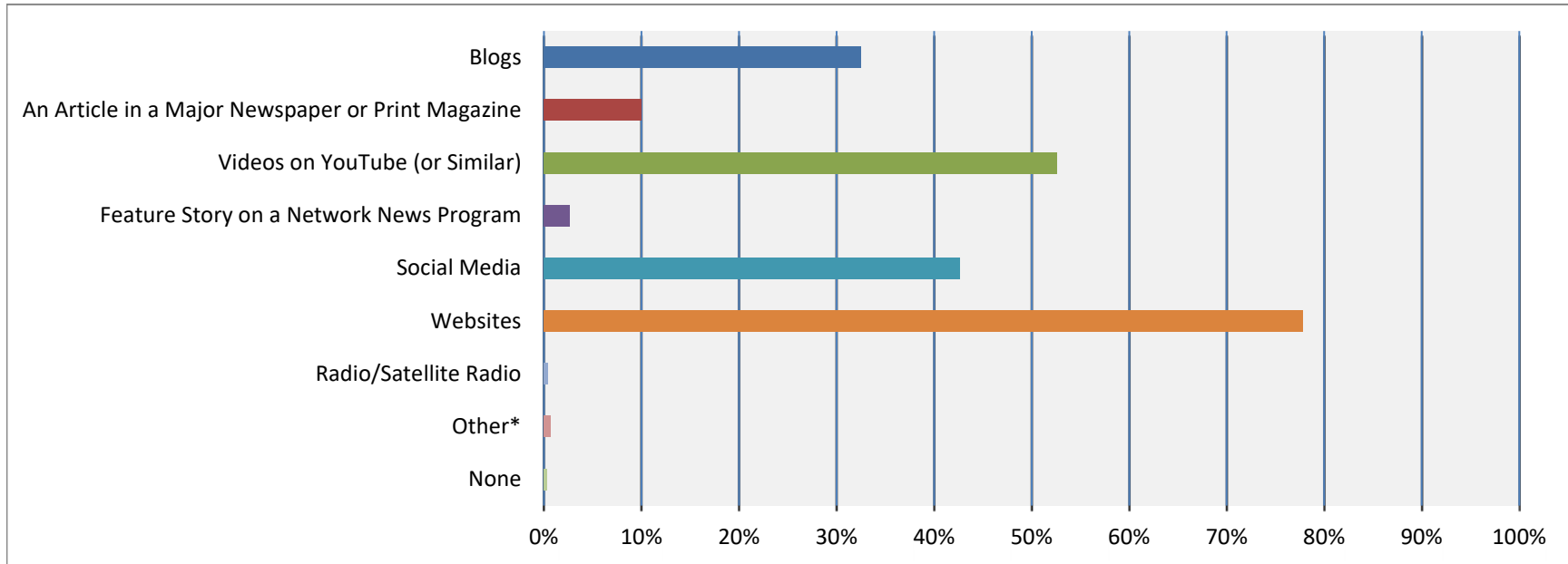
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**Q25 When you were investigating the profession of optometry, which media did you utilize to learn more? (Check all that apply.)**

Answered: 916

Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	2022	2021
Blogs	298	32.53%
An Article in a Major Newspaper or Print Magazine	92	10.04%
Videos on YouTube (or Similar)	482	52.62%
Feature Story on a Network News Program	24	2.62%
Social Media	391	42.69%
Websites	713	77.84%
Radio/Satellite Radio	4	0.44%
Other*	6	0.66%
None	3	0.33%
<b>Total Respondents 916</b>	<b>(Respondents may choose more than one medium)</b>	

\*"Other" includes podcasts (5) and scientific journals (1).

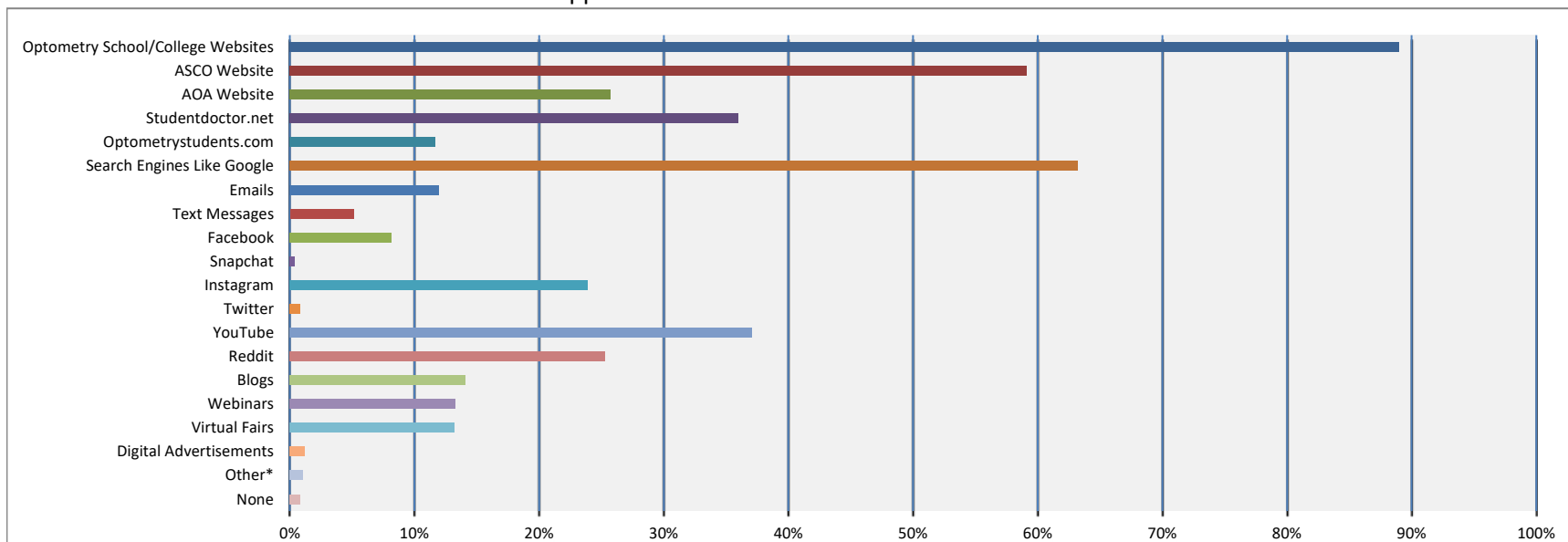
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**Q26 From which online resources did you find information about the profession of optometry? (Check all that apply.)**

Answered: 917

Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	2022	2021
Optometry School/College Websites	816	88.99%
ASCO Website	542	59.11%
AOA Website	236	25.74%
Studentdoctor.net	330	35.99%
Optometrystudents.com	107	11.67%
Search Engines Like Google	580	63.25%
Emails	110	12.00%
Text Messages	47	5.13%
Facebook	75	8.18%
Snapchat	4	0.44%
Instagram	219	23.88%
Twitter	8	0.87%
YouTube	340	37.08%
Reddit	232	25.30%
Blogs	129	14.07%
Webinars	122	13.30%
Virtual Fairs	121	13.20%
Digital Advertisements	11	1.20%
Other*	10	1.09%
None	8	0.87%

**Total Respondents 917** (Respondents may choose more than one medium)

\*"Other" includes TikTok (5), LinkedIn (2), OptomCAS (1), Canadian Association of Optometrists website (1), Try Not to Blink podcast (1)

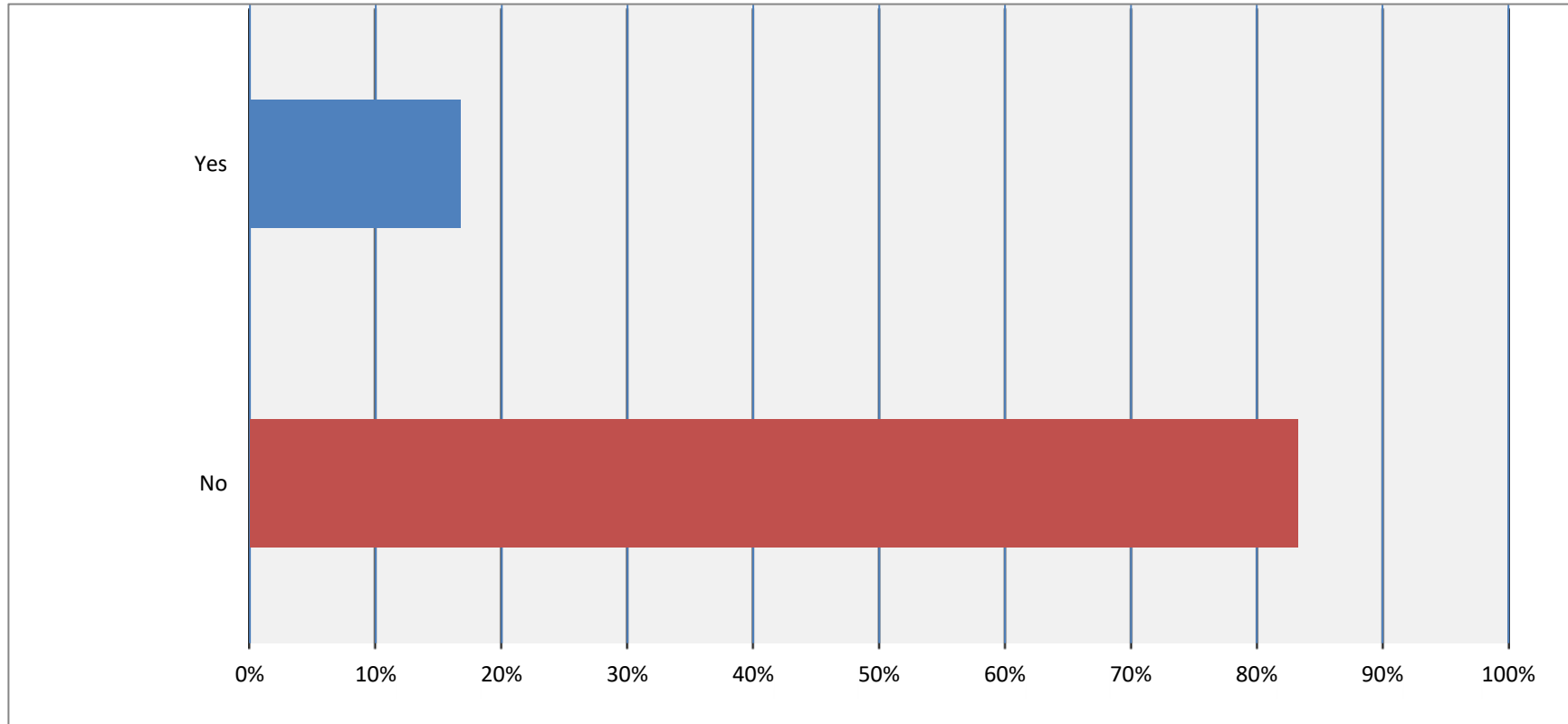
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**Q27 Are you familiar with the Optometry Gives Me Life applicant development campaign and/or the futureeyedoc.org website?**

Answered: 916

Skipped: 9



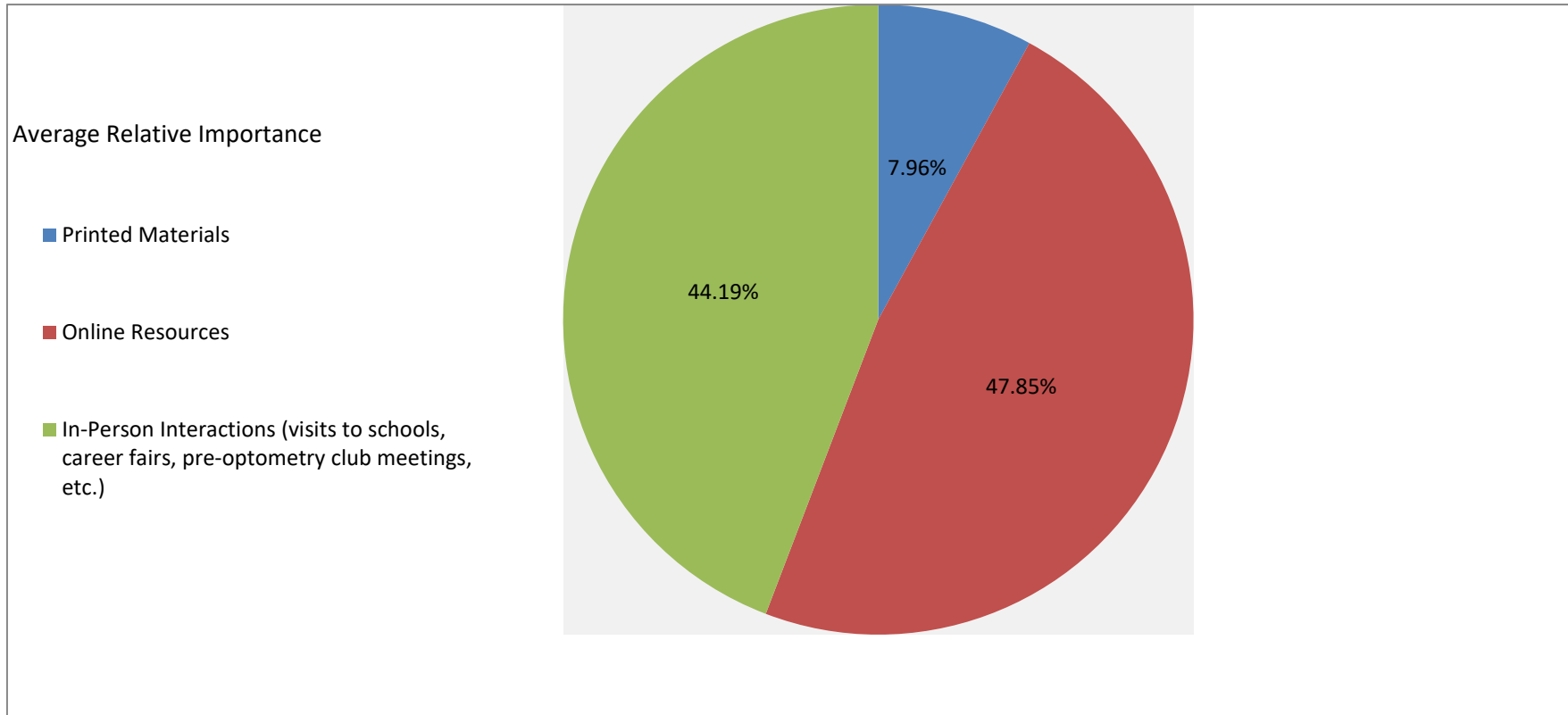
Answer Choices	2022		2021
Yes	<b>153</b>	<b>16.70%</b>	29.96%
No	<b>763</b>	<b>83.30%</b>	70.04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>916</b>		

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

Answered: 925  
Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Average Relative Importance 2022	2021
Printed Materials	7.96%	7.76%
Online Resources	47.85%	47.36%
In-Person Interactions (visits to schools, career fairs, pre-optometry club meetings, etc.)	44.19%	44.88%
<b>Total Respondents 925</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

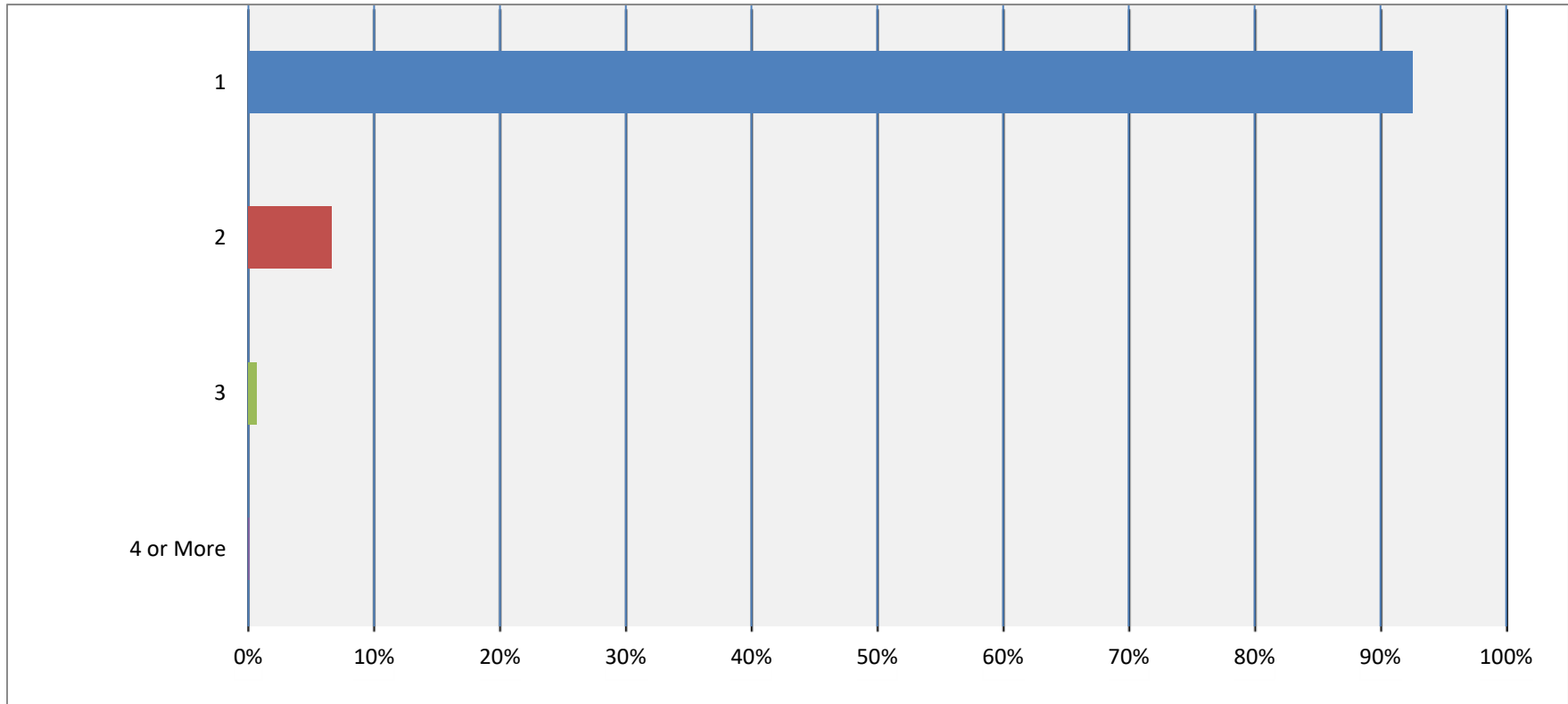
# Matriculating Optometry Student Survey 2022

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

Answered: 919

Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	2022		2021
1	<b>851</b>	<b>92.60%</b>	93.04%
2	<b>61</b>	<b>6.64%</b>	6.36%
3	<b>6</b>	<b>0.65%</b>	0.00%
4 or More	<b>1</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	0.60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>919</b>		

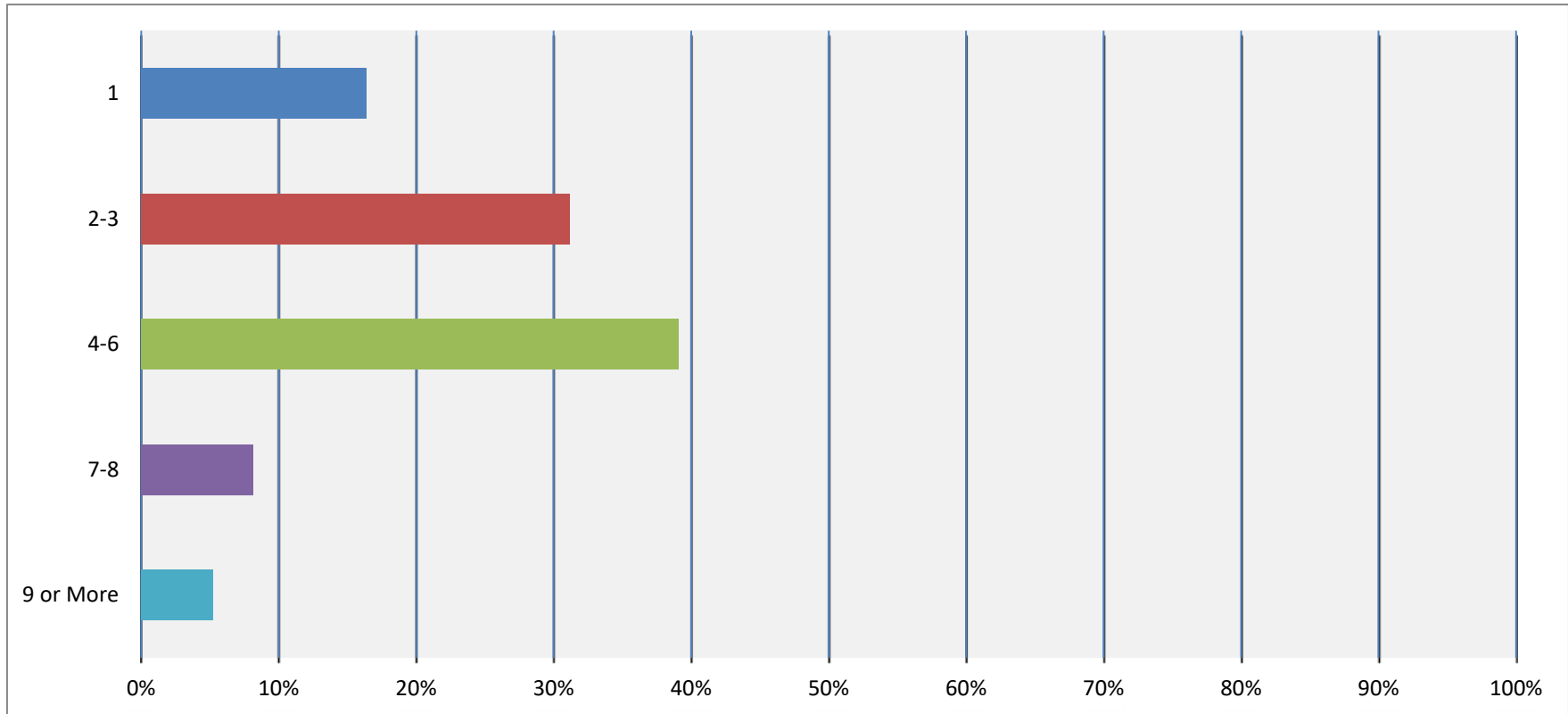
# Matriculating Optometry Student Survey 2022

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

Answered: 923

Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	2022		2021
1	151	16.36%	17.91%
2-3	288	31.20%	32.33%
4-6	361	39.11%	34.01%
7-8	75	8.13%	10.82%
9 or More	48	5.20%	4.93%
<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>		



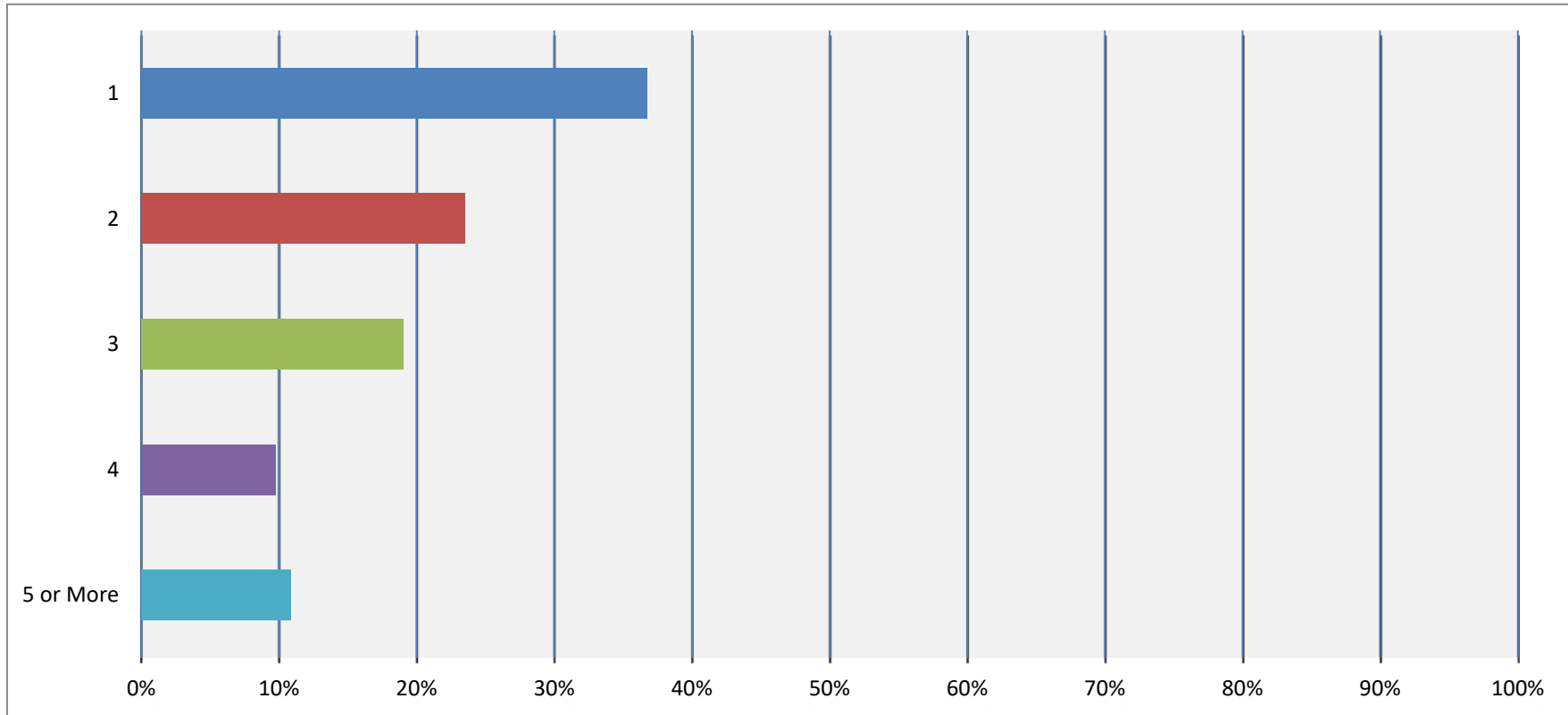
# Matriculating Optometry Student Survey 2022

Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry

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

Answered: 919

Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	2022		2021
1	338	36.78%	33.45%
2	216	23.50%	24.55%
3	175	19.04%	17.69%
4	90	9.79%	11.67%
5 or More	100	10.88%	12.64%
<b>Total</b>	<b>919</b>		

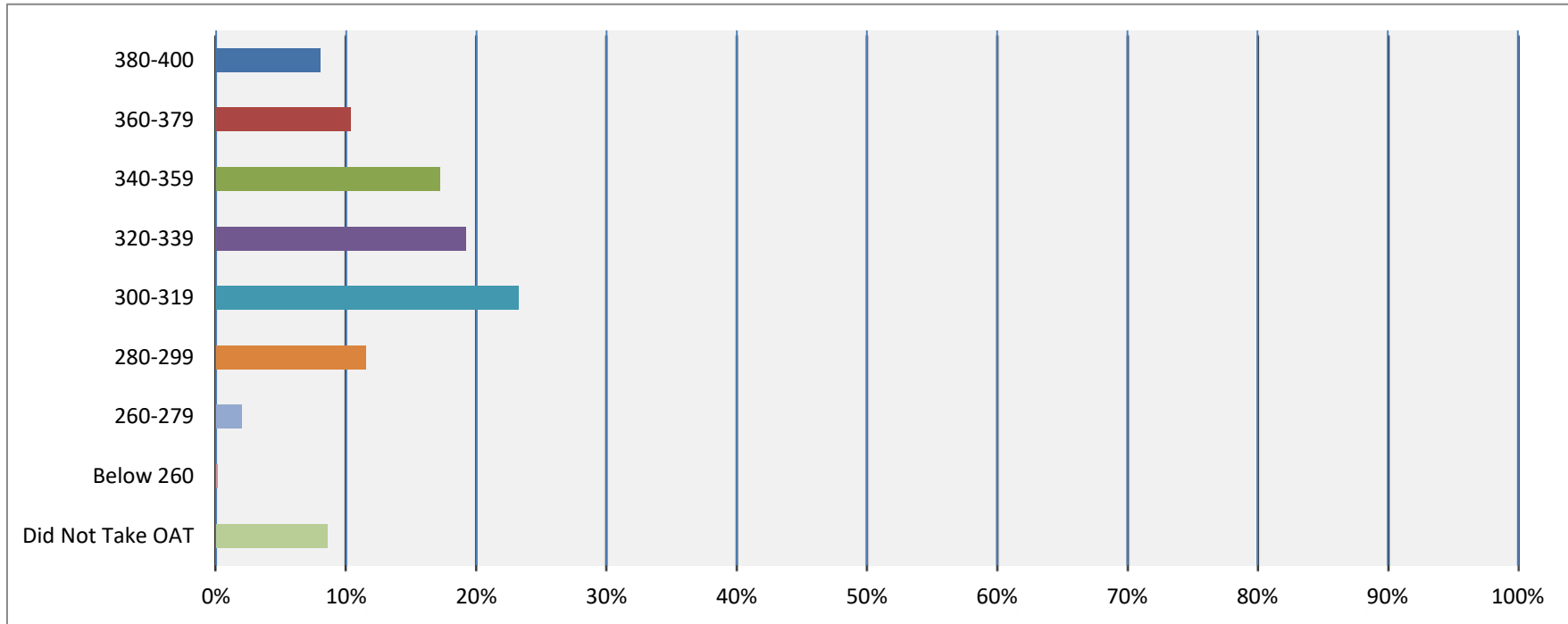
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## Q33 What was your highest Academic Average OAT score?

Answered: 913

Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	2022		2021
380-400	73	8.00%	8.08%
360-379	94	10.30%	11.46%
340-359	157	17.20%	16.53%
320-339	175	19.17%	21.35%
300-319	212	23.22%	21.35%
280-299	105	11.50%	11.46%
260-279	18	1.97%	1.57%
Below 260	1	0.11%	0.12%
Did Not Take OAT	78	8.54%	8.08%
<b>Total</b>	<b>913</b>		

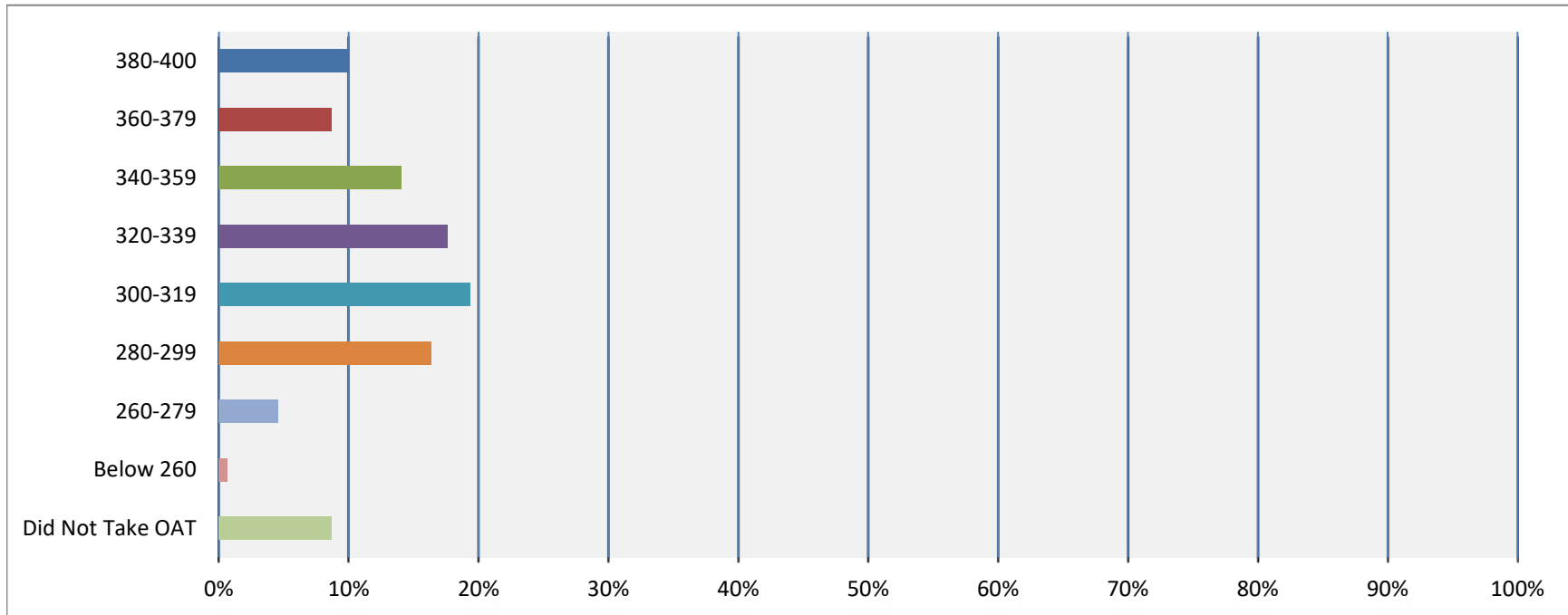
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## Q34 What was your highest Total Science OAT score?

Answered: 898

Skipped: 27



Answer Choices	2022		2021
380-400	90	10.02%	10.74%
360-379	78	8.69%	9.77%
340-359	126	14.03%	14.90%
320-339	158	17.59%	16.24%
300-319	174	19.38%	23.57%
280-299	147	16.37%	12.33%
260-279	41	4.57%	4.03%
Below 260	6	0.67%	0.37%
Did Not Take OAT	78	8.69%	8.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>898</b>		

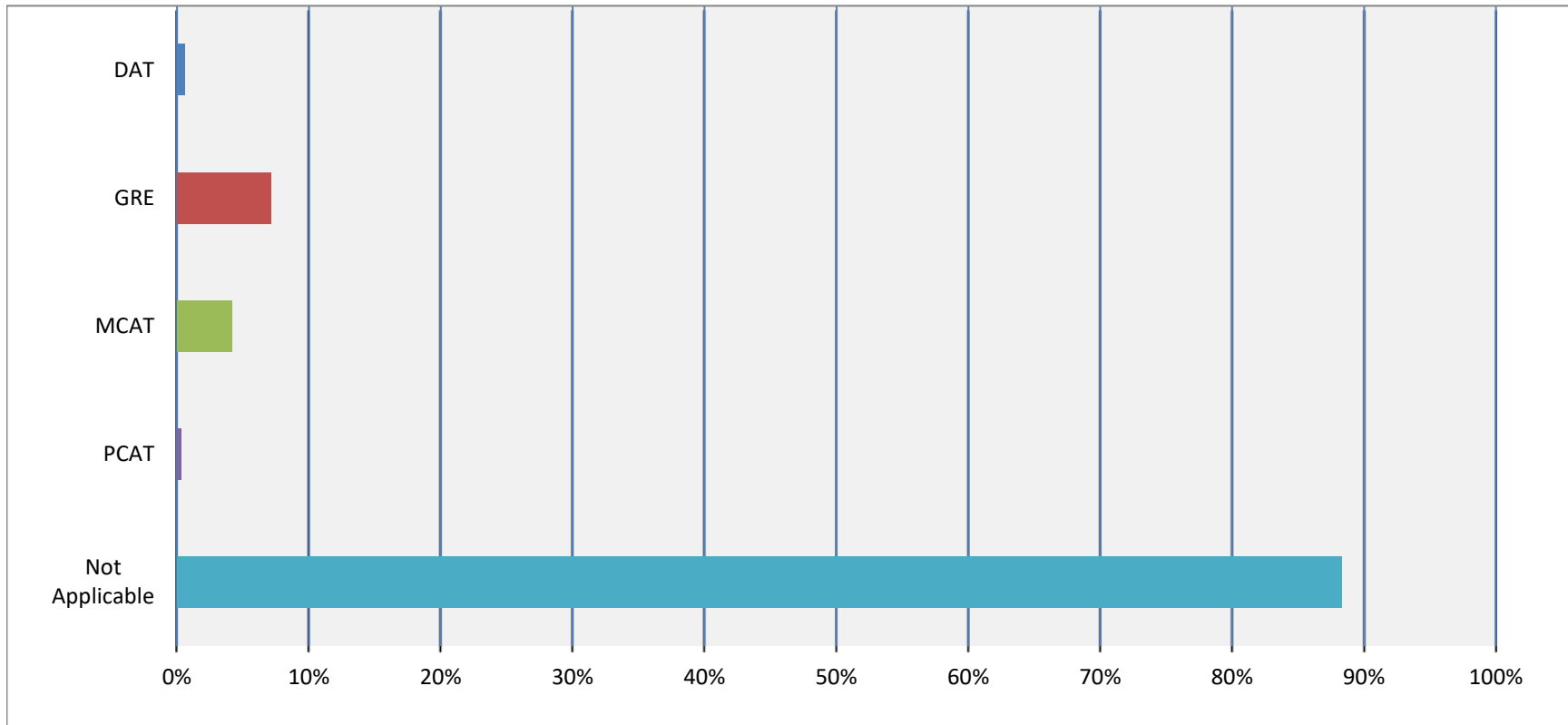
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**Q35 What other standardized exams did you submit as part of your application during the application process? (Check all that apply.)**

Answered: 883

Skipped: 42



Answer Choices	2022		2021
DAT	5	0.57%	1.25%
GRE	63	7.13%	7.12%
MCAT	37	4.19%	3.25%
PCAT	3	0.34%	0.50%
Not Applicable	780	88.34%	88.51%
<b>Total Responses Received 883</b>	(Respondents may choose more than one exam)		

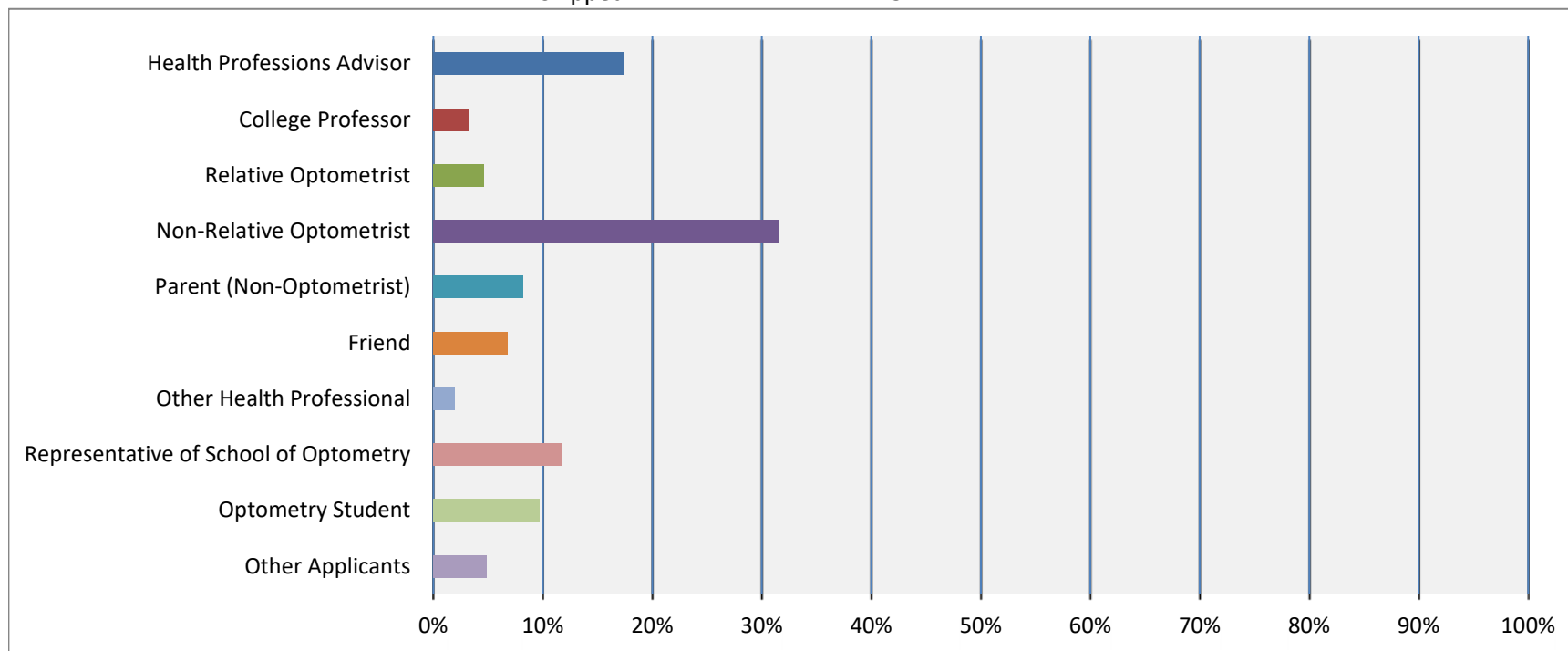
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## Q36 Whom did you consider to be your primary advisor during the admissions process?

Answered: 910

Skipped: 15



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Health Professions Advisor	158	17.36%	18.81%
College Professor	29	3.19%	7.04%
Relative Optometrist	42	4.62%	4.37%
Non-Relative Optometrist	287	31.54%	27.55%
Parent (Non-Optometrist)	75	8.24%	7.40%
Friend	62	6.81%	8.25%
Other Health Professional	18	1.98%	1.33%
Representative of School of Optometry	107	11.76%	11.41%
Optometry Student	88	9.67%	7.40%
Other Applicants	44	4.84%	6.43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>910</b>		

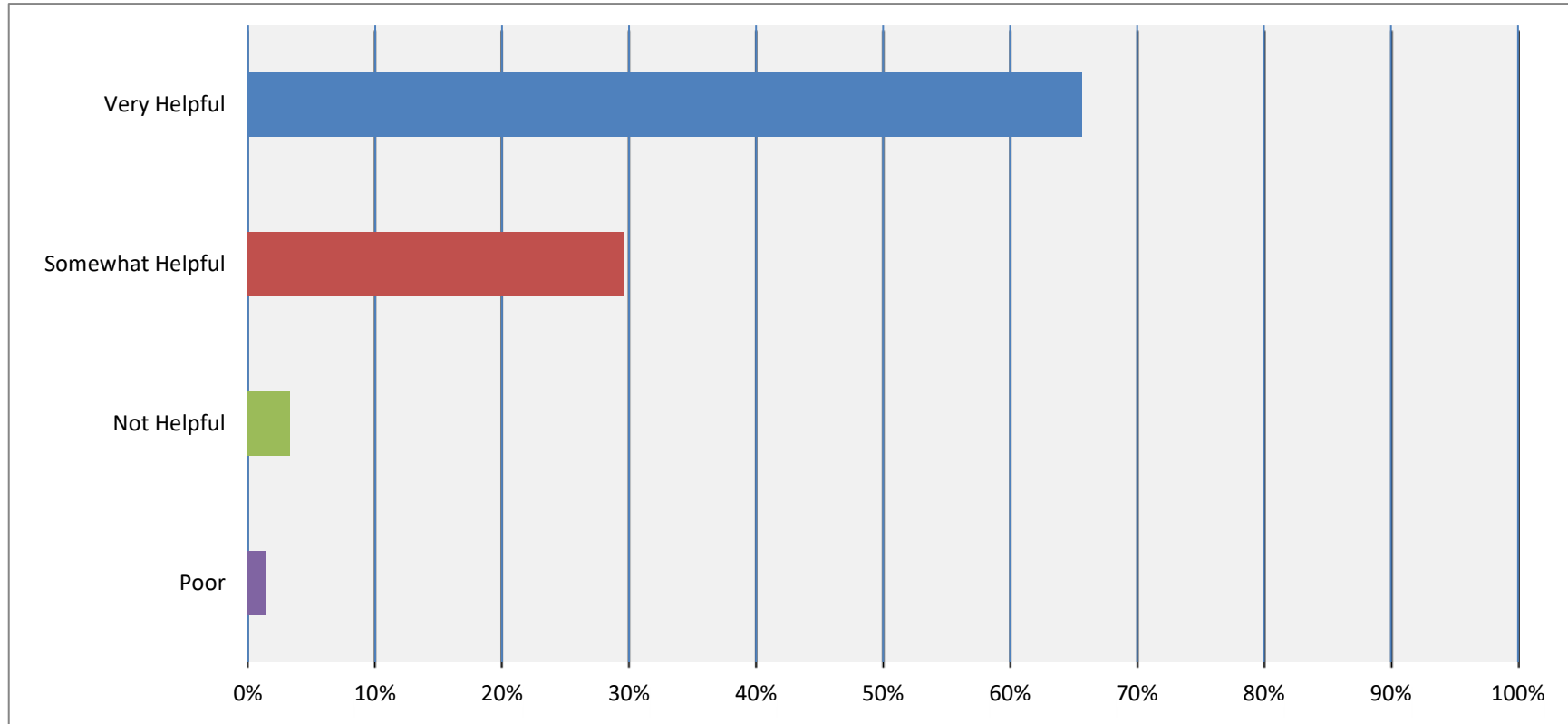
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## Q37 How would you rate this advisor's helpfulness in providing information?

Answered: 908

Skipped: 17



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Very Helpful	596	65.64%	64.61%
Somewhat Helpful	269	29.63%	31.52%
Not Helpful	30	3.30%	2.55%
Poor	13	1.43%	1.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>908</b>		

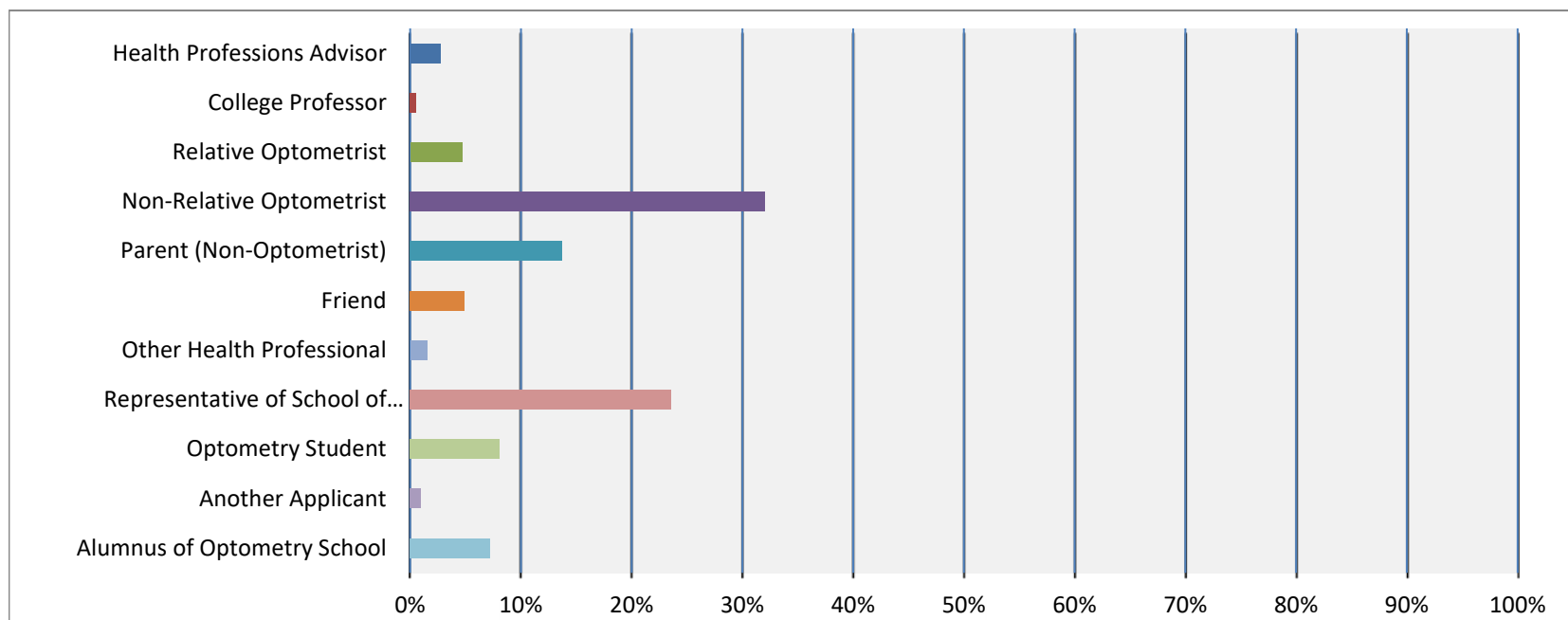
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## Q39 Of the following individuals, who most influenced your choice of this optometry school?

Answered: 917

Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	2022	2021
Health Professions Advisor	25	2.73%
College Professor	5	0.55%
Relative Optometrist	43	4.69%
Non-Relative Optometrist	294	32.06%
Parent (Non-Optometrist)	126	13.74%
Friend	45	4.91%
Other Health Professional	14	1.53%
Representative of School of Optometry	216	23.56%
Optometry Student	74	8.07%
Another Applicant	9	0.98%
Alumnus of Optometry School	66	7.20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>917</b>	

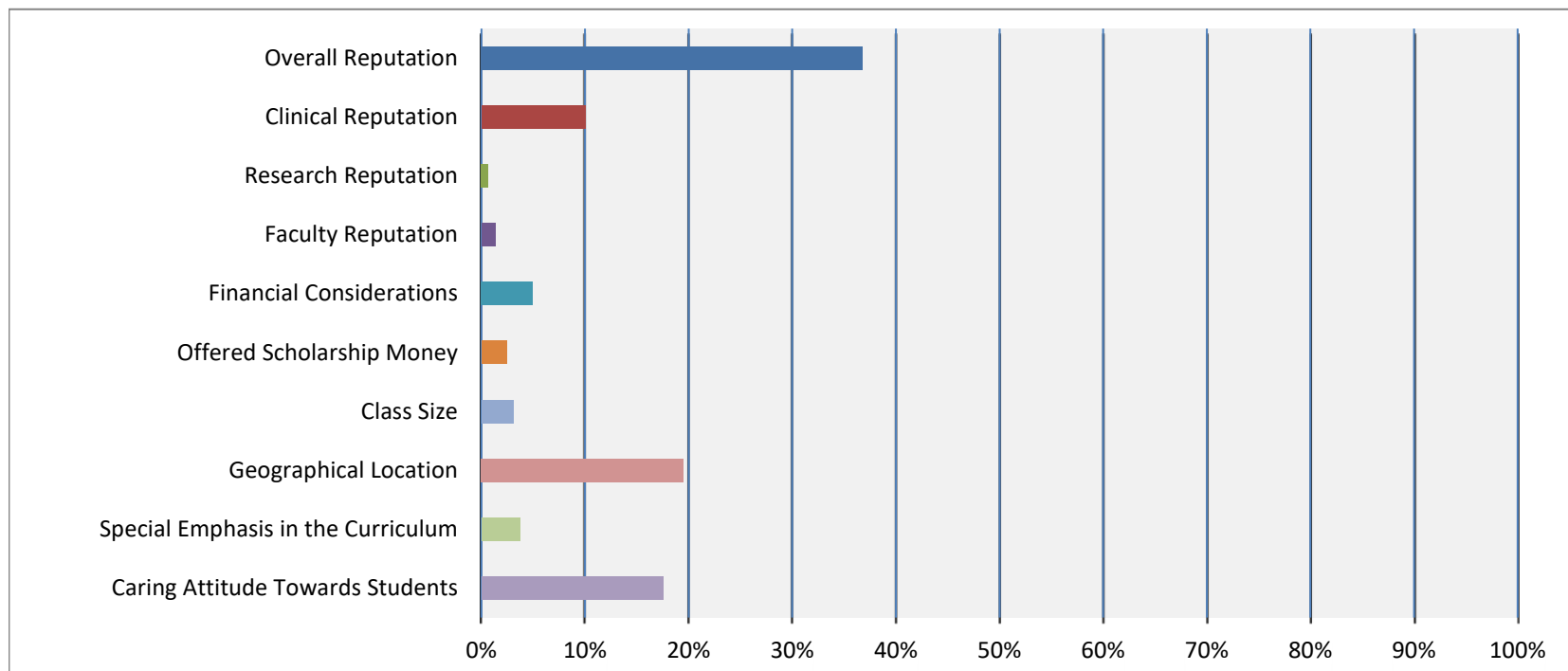
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**Q40 Of the following considerations, which one best summarizes your reason for choosing this optometry school?**

Answered: 908

Skipped: 17



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Overall Reputation	334	36.78%	39.11%
Clinical Reputation	91	10.02%	10.11%
Research Reputation	6	0.66%	0.60%
Faculty Reputation	12	1.32%	1.93%
Financial Considerations	45	4.96%	4.81%
Offered Scholarship Money	22	2.42%	2.17%
Class Size	28	3.08%	3.73%
Geographical Location	177	19.49%	17.57%
Special Emphasis in the Curriculum	34	3.74%	3.73%
Caring Attitude Towards Students	159	17.51%	16.25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>908</b>		



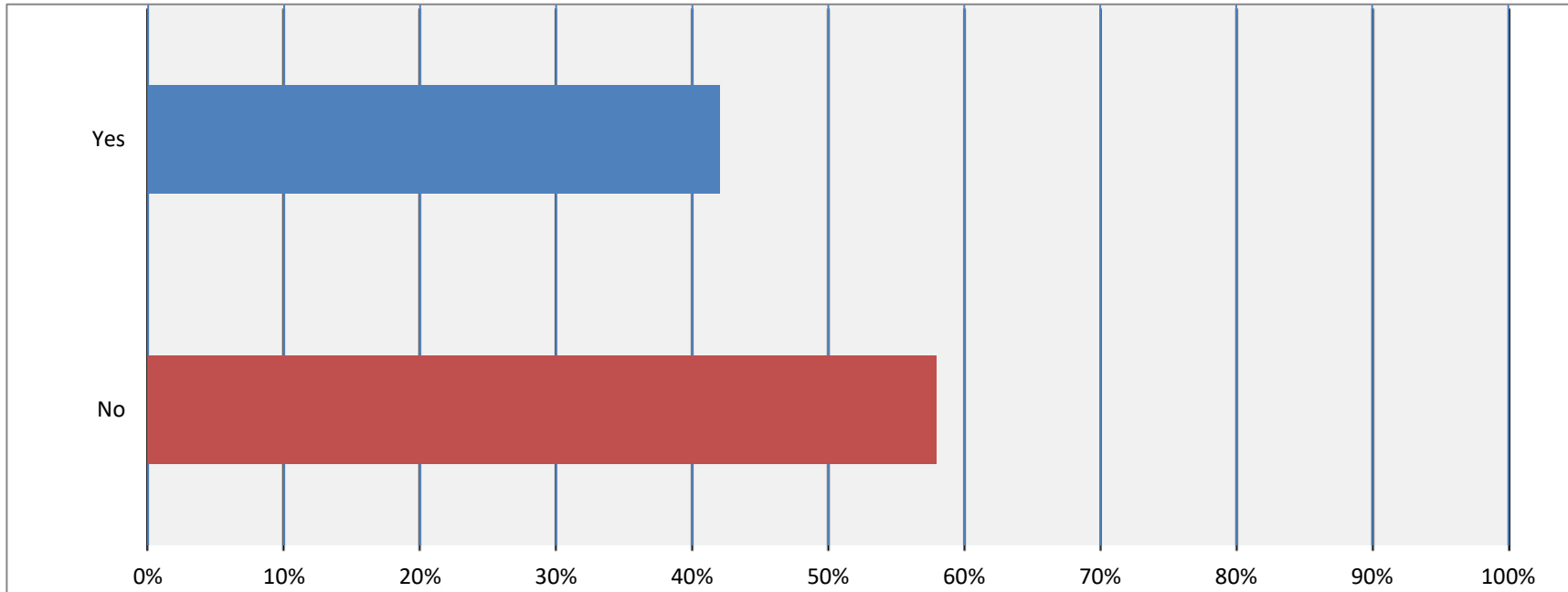
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## Q41 Did you receive scholarship money to attend this optometry school?

Answered: 925

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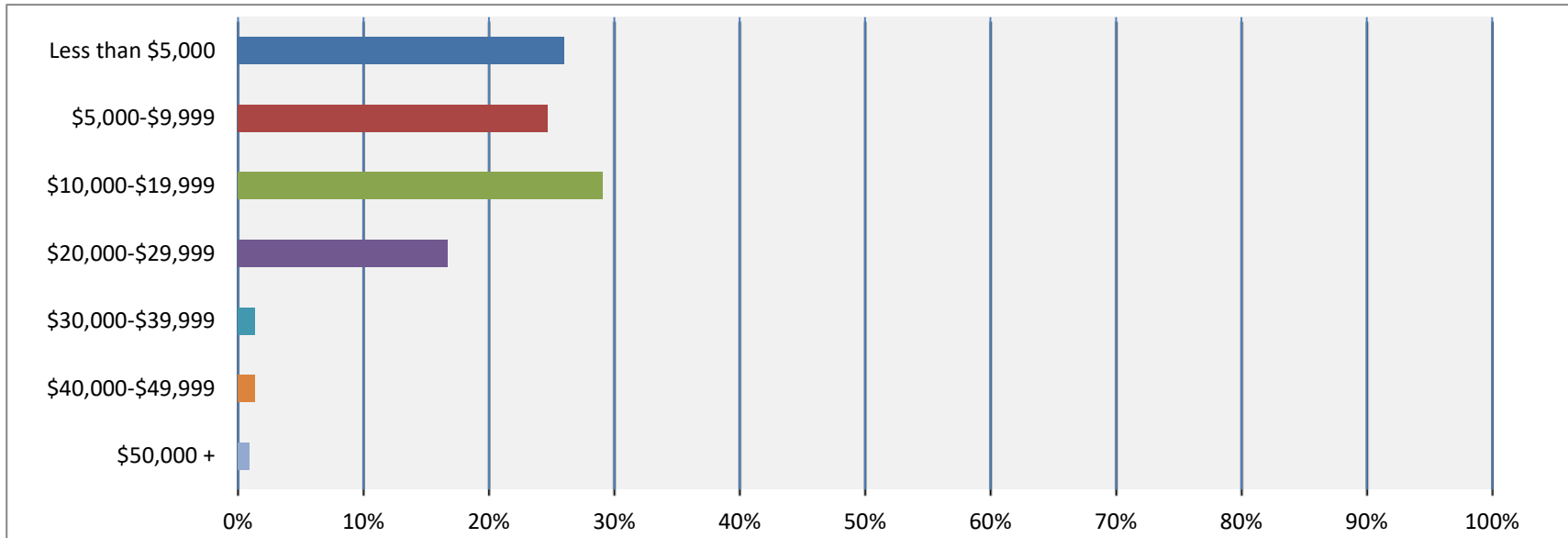
Answer Choices	2022		2021
Yes	389	42.05%	47.24%
No	536	57.95%	52.76%
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>		

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

**Annual Awards:** Answered: 227  
Skipped: 22



Answer Choices	2022	2021
Less than \$5,000	59	22.83%
\$5,000-\$9,999	56	35.83%
\$10,000-\$19,999	66	29.13%
\$20,000-\$29,999	38	8.27%
\$30,000-\$39,999	3	0.00%
\$40,000-\$49,999	3	1.18%
\$50,000 +	2	2.36%
Contract Seat	0	0.39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>	

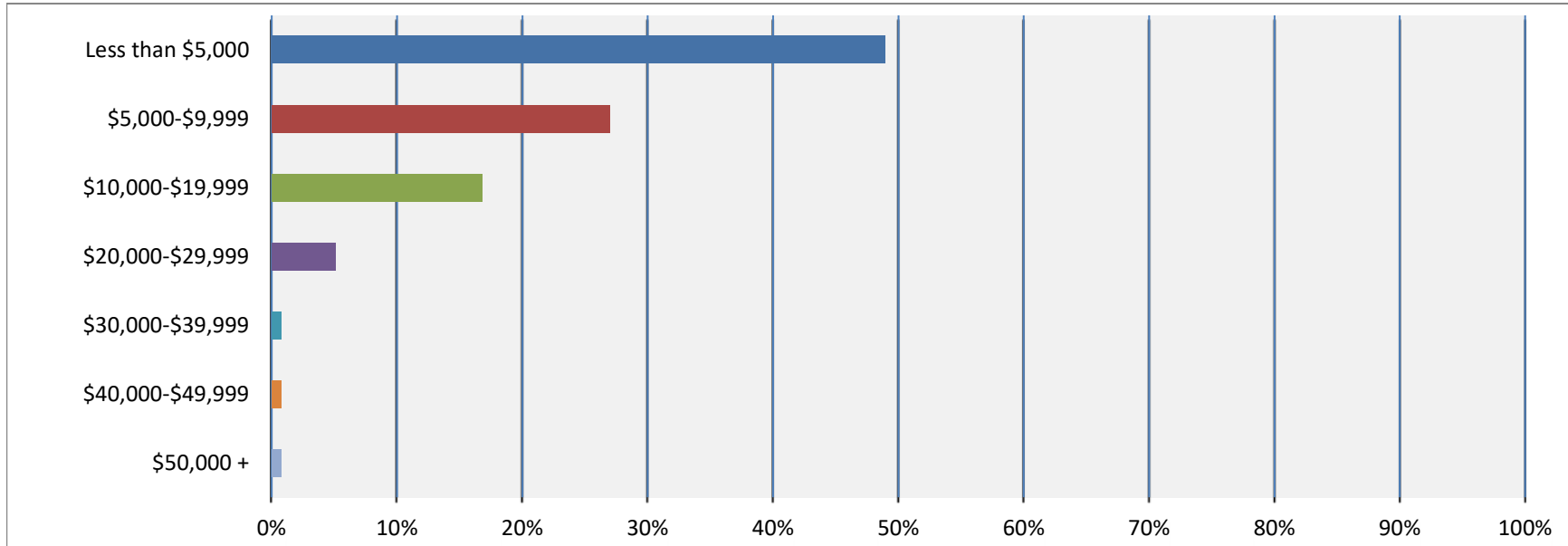
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**Q41 (continued) If you received scholarship money to attend this optometry school, how much did you receive?**

**One-Time Awards:** Answered: 137  
Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Less than \$5,000	67	48.91%	49.57%
\$5,000-\$9,999	37	27.01%	17.39%
\$10,000-\$19,999	23	16.79%	13.04%
\$20,000-\$29,999	7	5.11%	9.57%
\$30,000-\$39,999	1	0.73%	3.48%
\$40,000-\$49,999	1	0.73%	2.61%
\$50,000 +	1	0.73%	4.35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>		

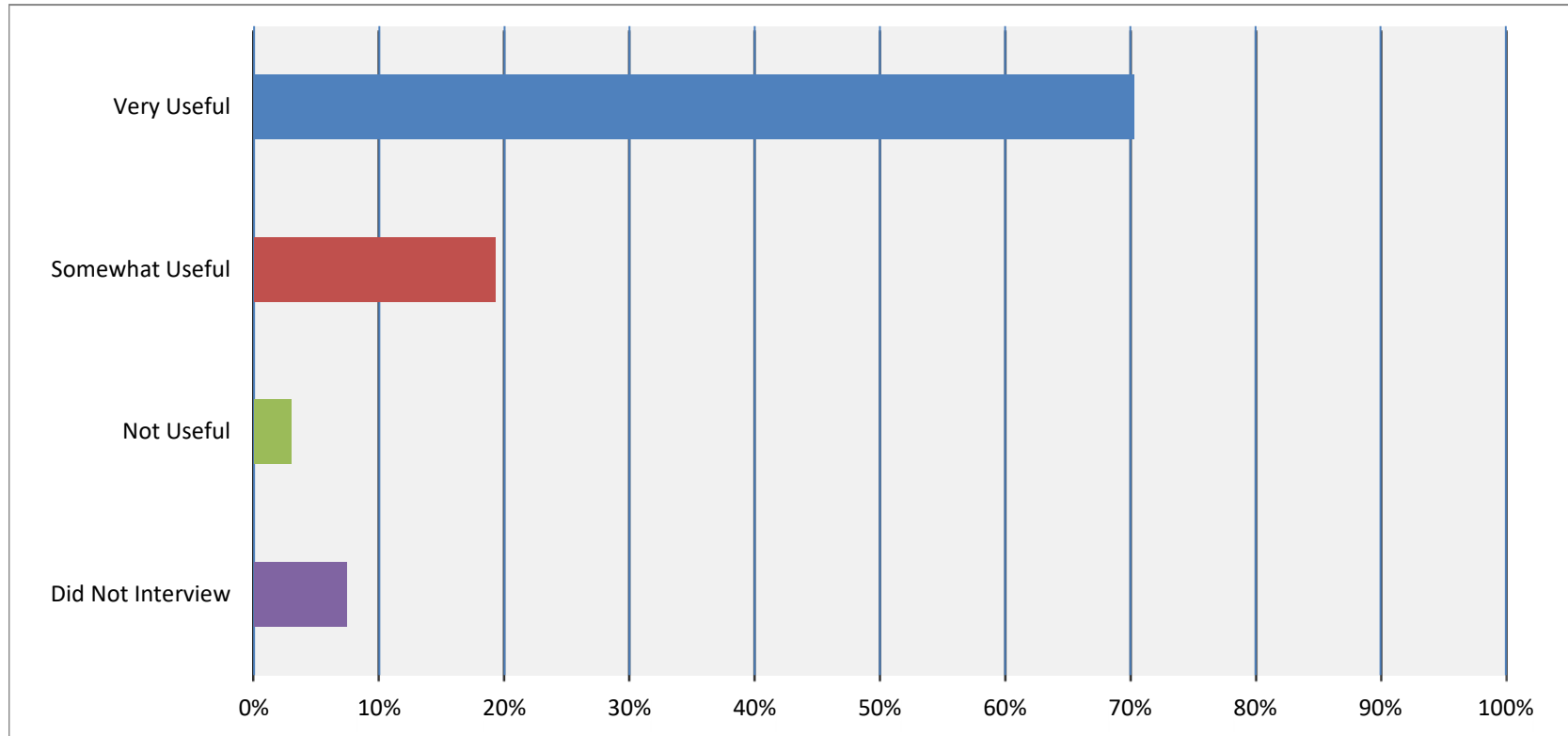
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## Q44 How useful was the on-site interview in choosing which optometry school to attend?

Answered: 917

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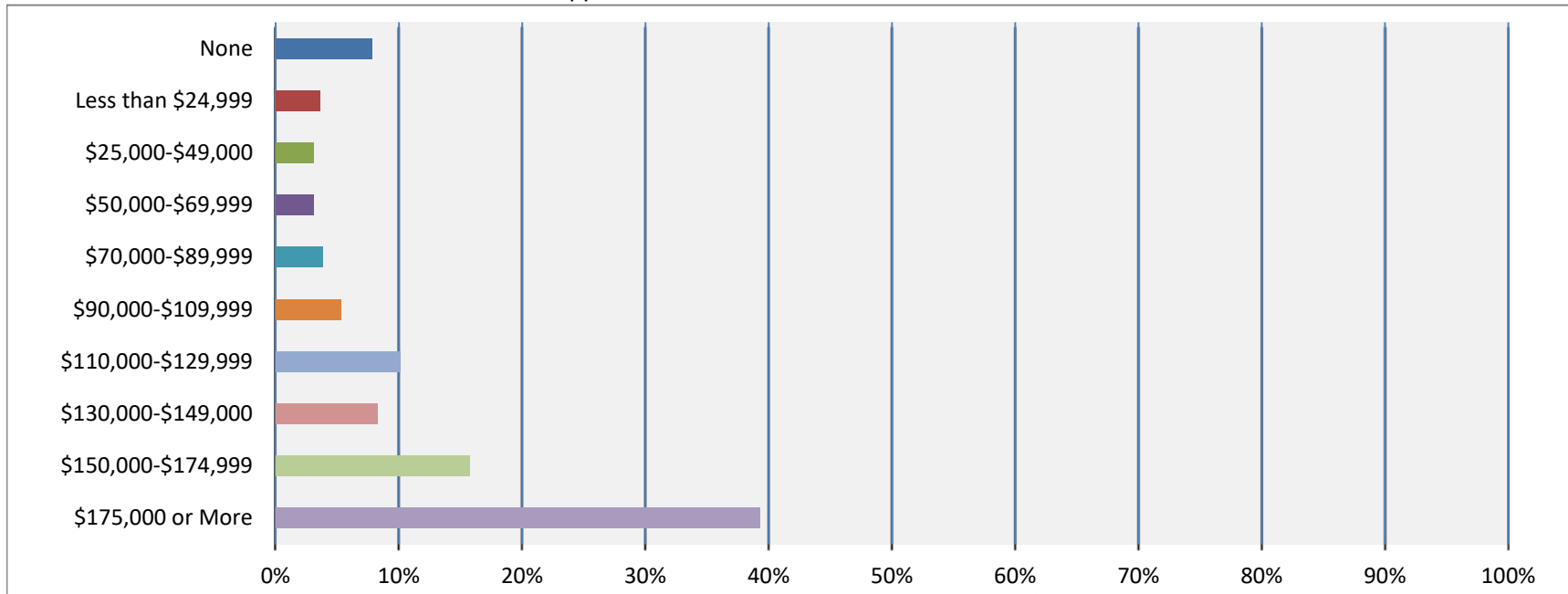
Answer Choices	2022		2021
Very Useful	645	70.34%	57.69%
Somewhat Useful	177	19.30%	26.32%
Not Useful	27	2.94%	3.44%
Did Not Interview	68	7.42%	12.55%
<b>Total</b>	<b>917</b>		

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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: 921  
Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	2022		2021
None	72	7.82%	7.26%
Less than \$24,999	33	3.58%	2.66%
\$25,000-\$49,000	28	3.04%	3.15%
\$50,000-\$69,999	28	3.04%	2.78%
\$70,000-\$89,999	35	3.80%	5.69%
\$90,000-\$109,999	49	5.32%	6.05%
\$110,000-\$129,999	93	10.10%	10.53%
\$130,000-\$149,000	76	8.25%	8.47%
\$150,000-\$174,999	145	15.74%	14.65%
\$175,000 or More	362	39.31%	38.74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>921</b>		

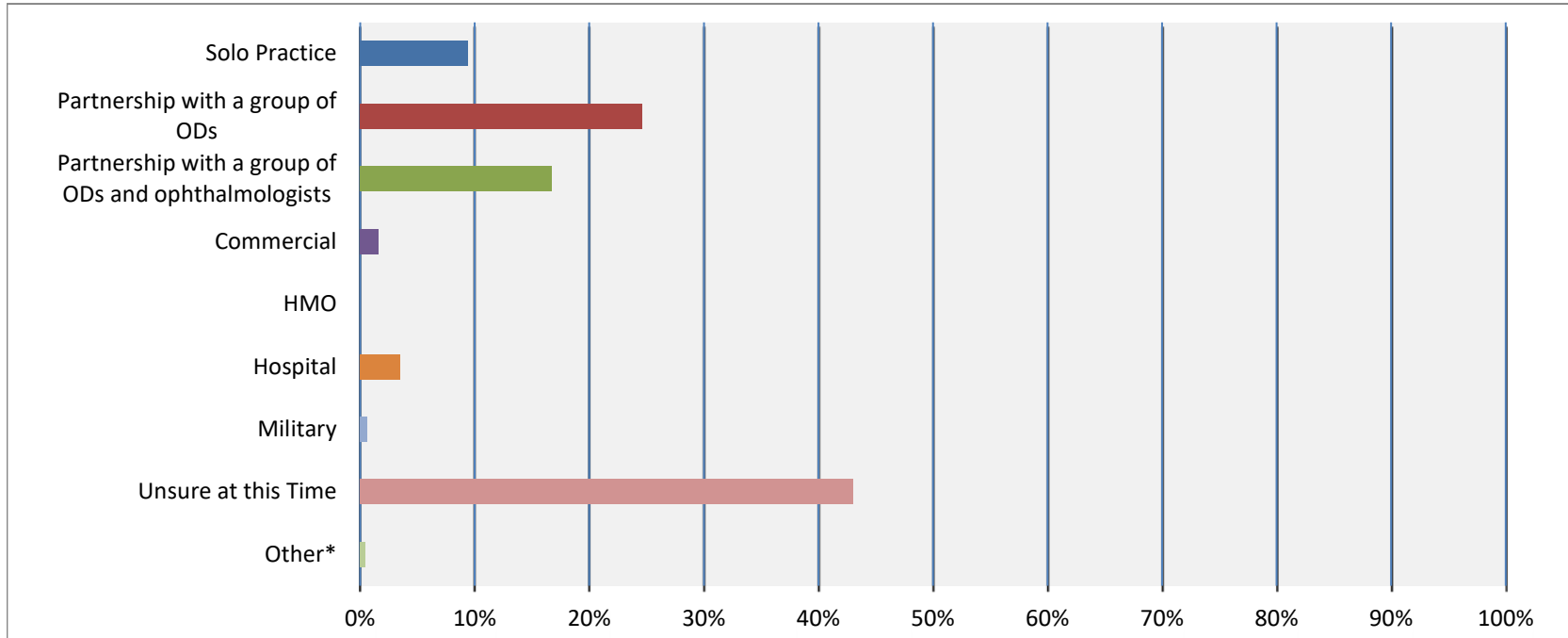
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## Q46 What type of practice do you plan to enter?

Answered: 914

Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Solo Practice	86	9.41%	10.25%
Partnership with a group of ODs	225	24.62%	27.14%
Partnership with a group of ODs and ophthalmologists	153	16.74%	15.92%
Commercial	15	1.64%	1.93%
HMO	0	0.00%	0.48%
Hospital	32	3.50%	6.03%
Military	6	0.66%	0.48%
Unsure at this Time	393	43.00%	37.39%
Other*	4	0.44%	0.36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>914</b>		

\*Other includes VA (2), IHS (1) and mobile clinic (1)

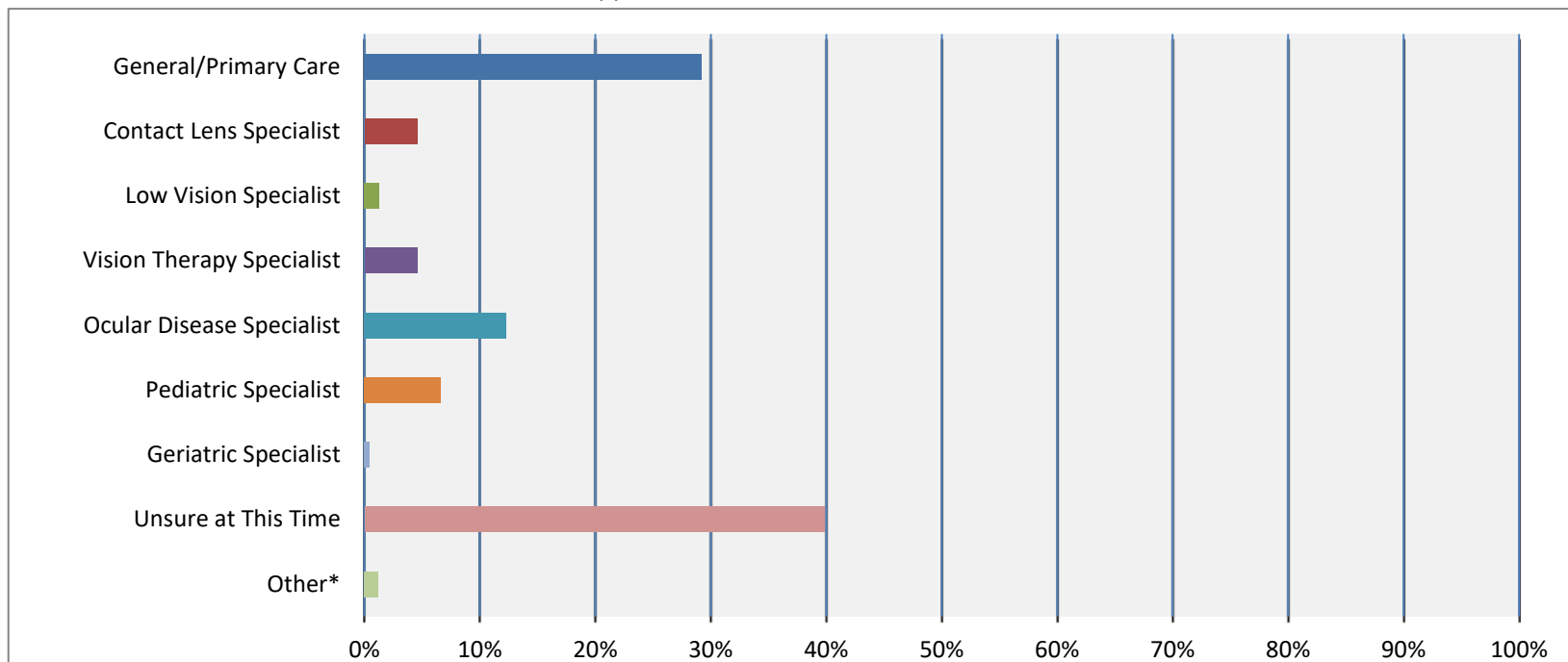
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## Q47 What type of optometry are you planning to practice?

Answered: 921

Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	2022		2021
General/Primary Care	269	29.21%	27.56%
Contact Lens Specialist	42	4.56%	5.42%
Low Vision Specialist	12	1.30%	1.81%
Vision Therapy Specialist	42	4.56%	4.69%
Ocular Disease Specialist	113	12.27%	13.36%
Pediatric Specialist	61	6.62%	7.58%
Geriatric Specialist	4	0.43%	0.72%
Unsure at This Time	367	39.85%	38.27%
Other*	11	1.19%	0.60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>921</b>		

\*Other includes neuro-optometry (3), sports vision (2), dry eye (1), primary with an emphasis on ocular surface/MGD/sclerals (1), refractive surgery and ocular disease (1), pediatric and dry eye (1), low vision and geriatric (1), laser and reparative surgery, vision therapy and contact lenses (1).

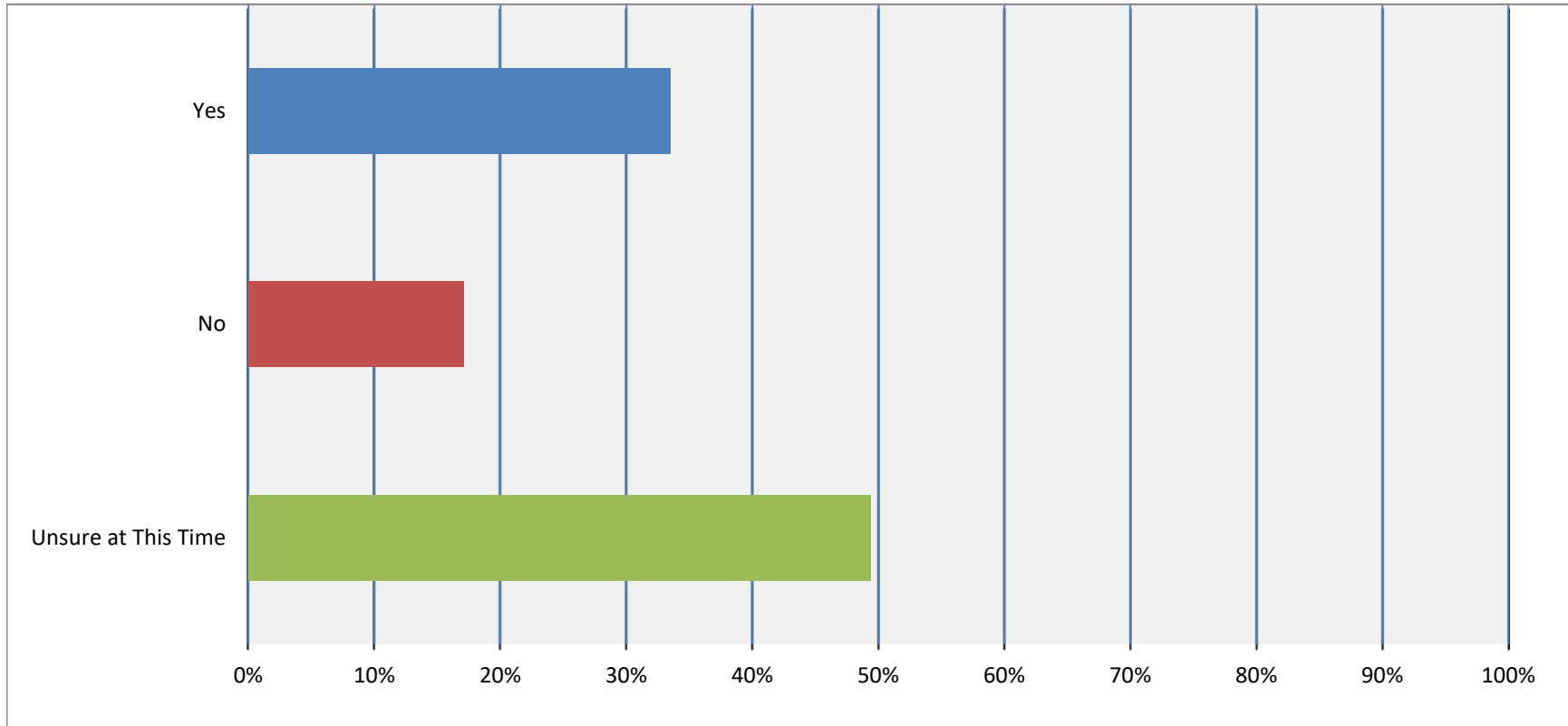
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## Q48 Do you plan to pursue a residency after graduating from optometry school?

Answered: 923

Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	2022		2021
Yes	309	33.48%	36.47%
No	158	17.12%	15.94%
Unsure at This Time	456	49.40%	47.58%
<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>		