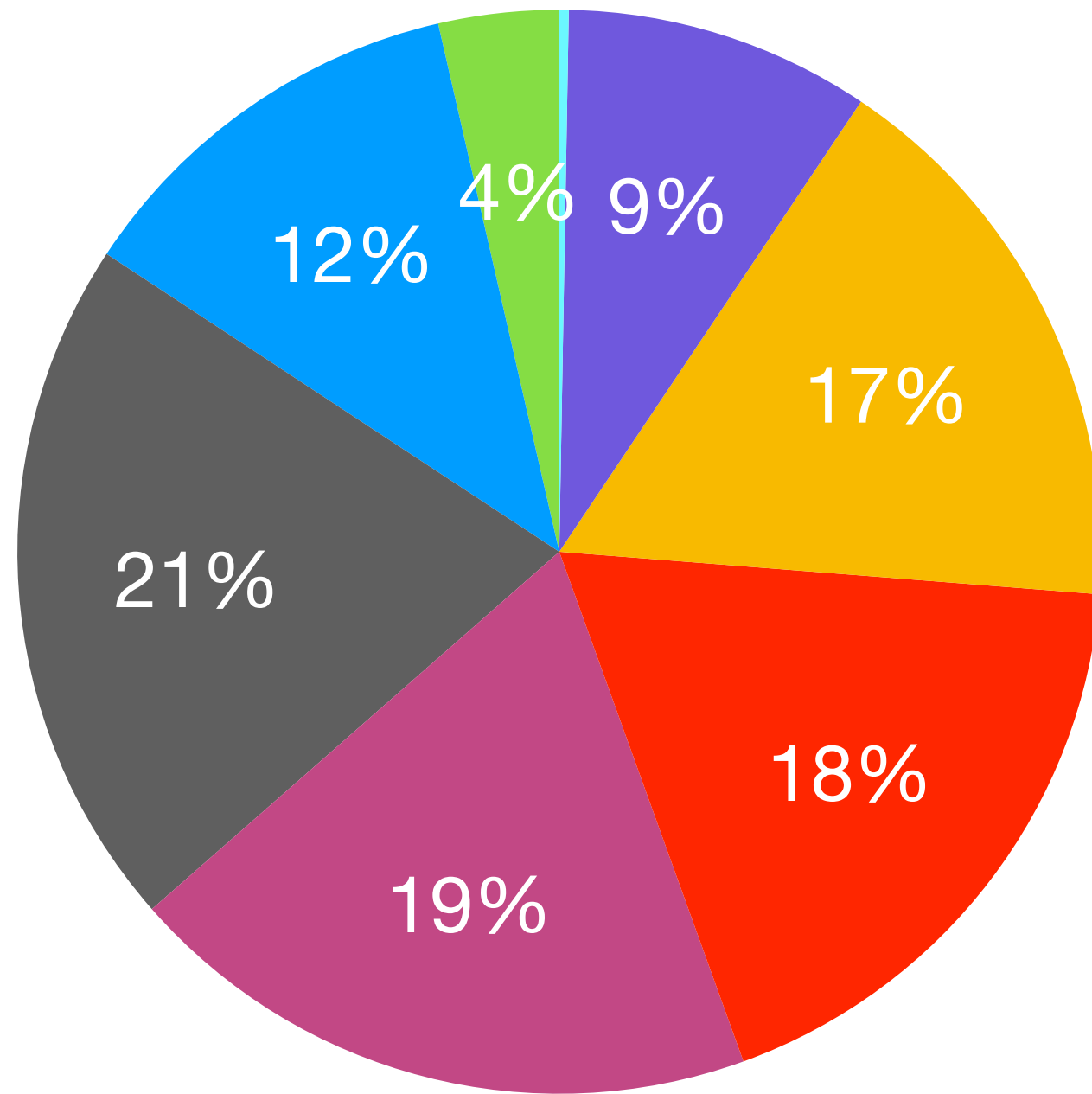




**Results from a February 2018 community  
survey of Boulder County residents  
about urban black bears.**

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University of Colorado Boulder

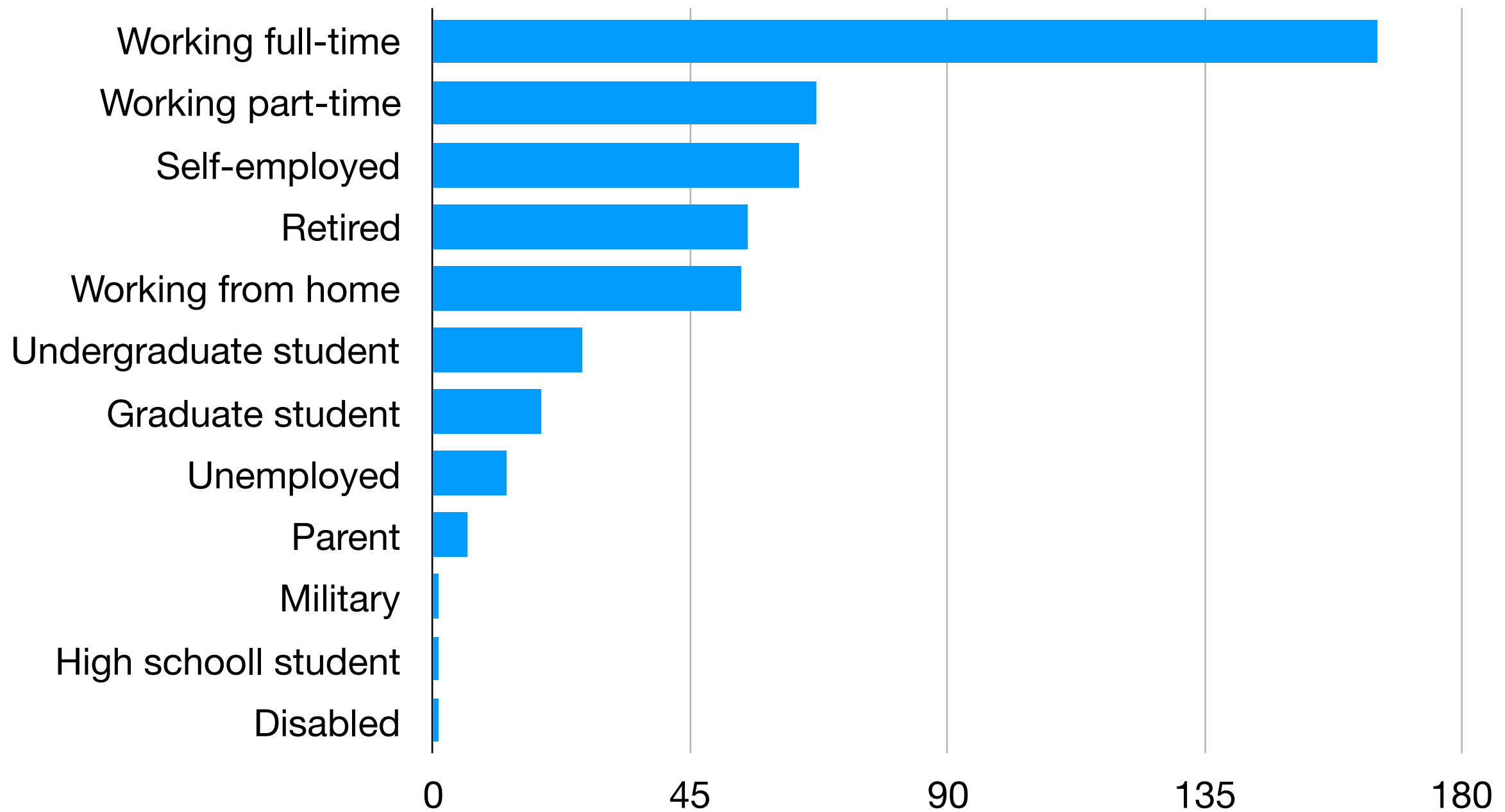
## What is your age?



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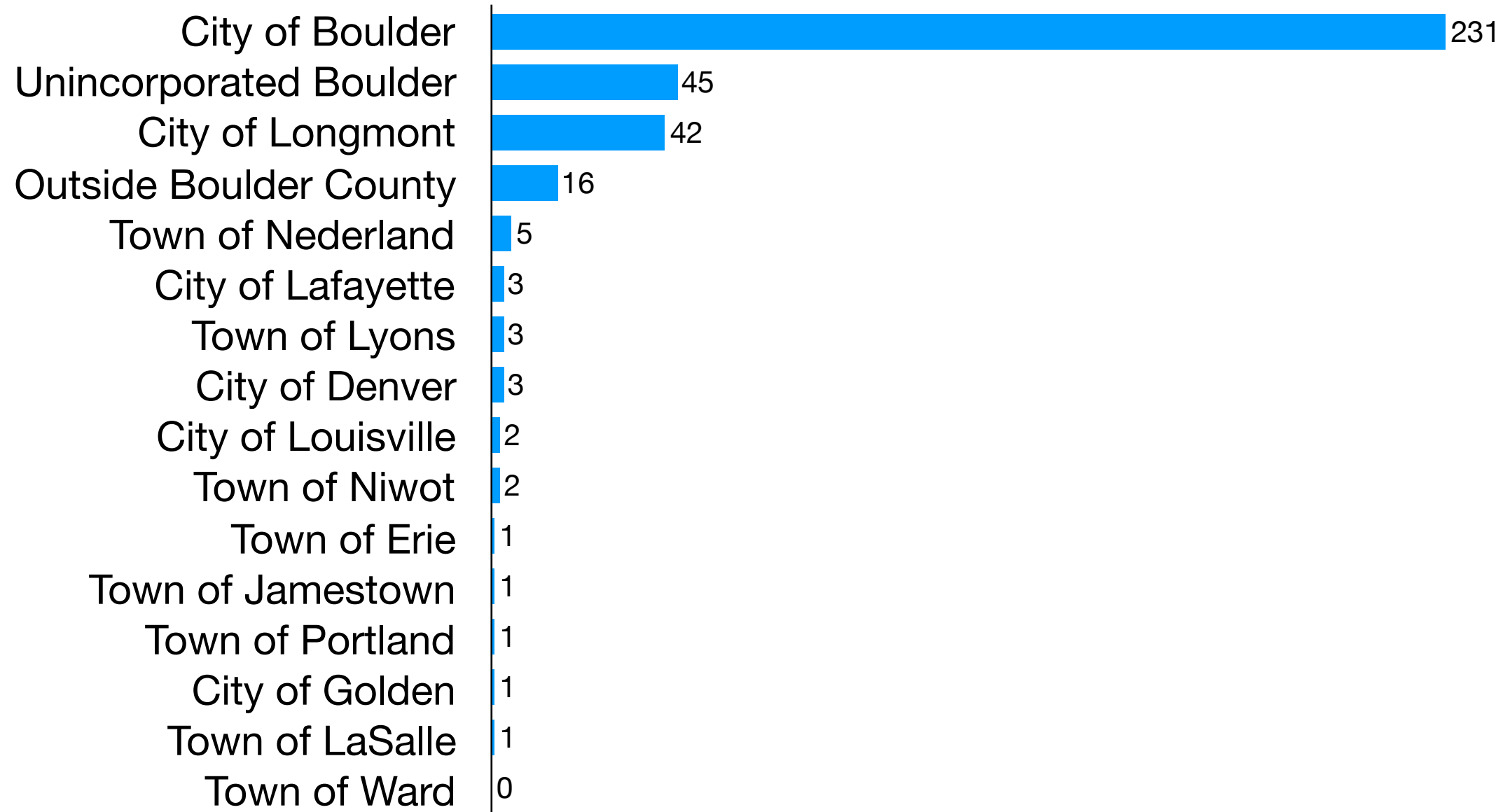
-  17 or younger
-  18-24
-  25-34
-  35-44
-  45-54
-  55-64
-  65-74
-  75 or older

**Which of the following applies to you? Check all that apply.**



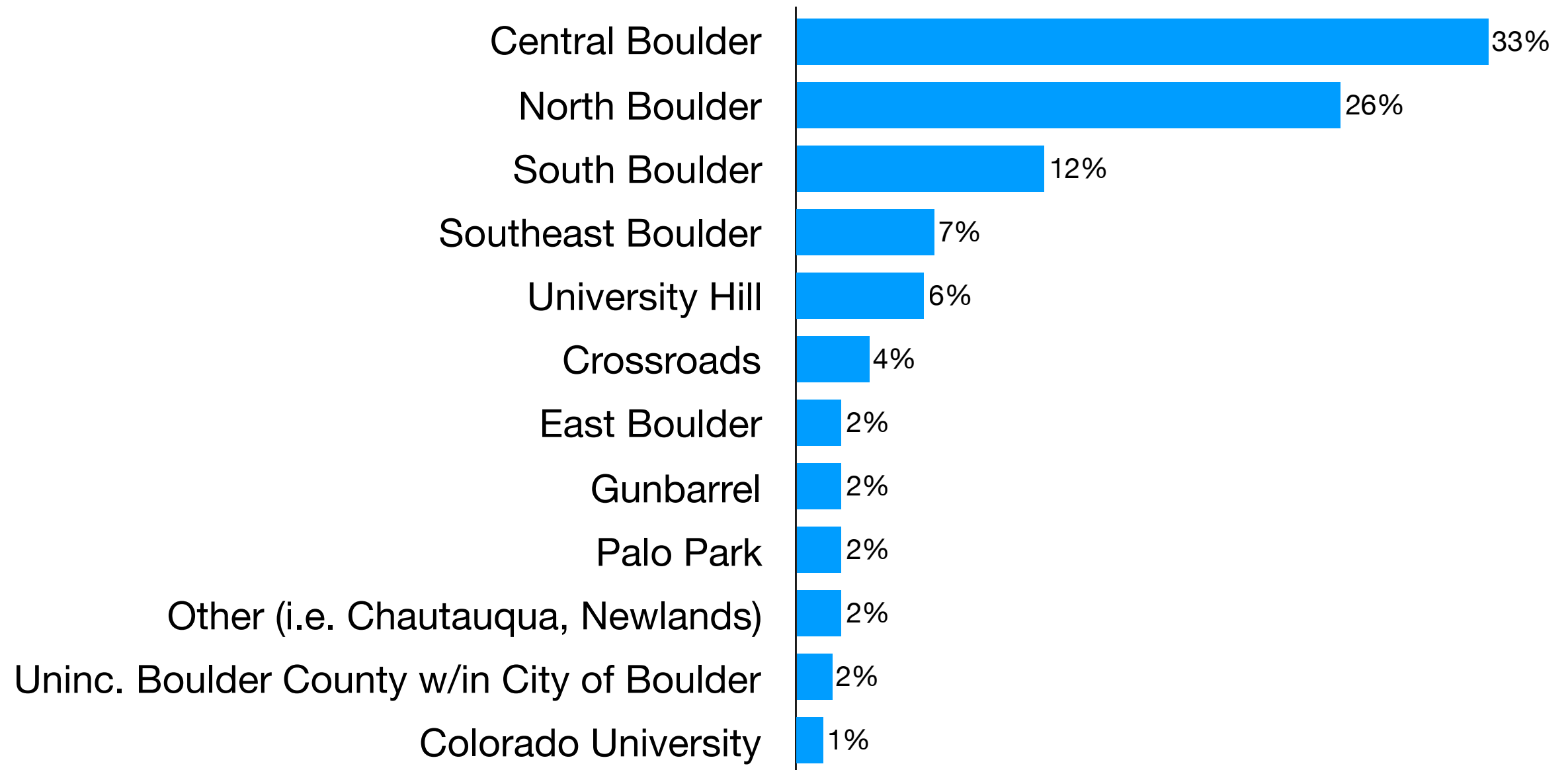
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## Which city or township do you reside in?



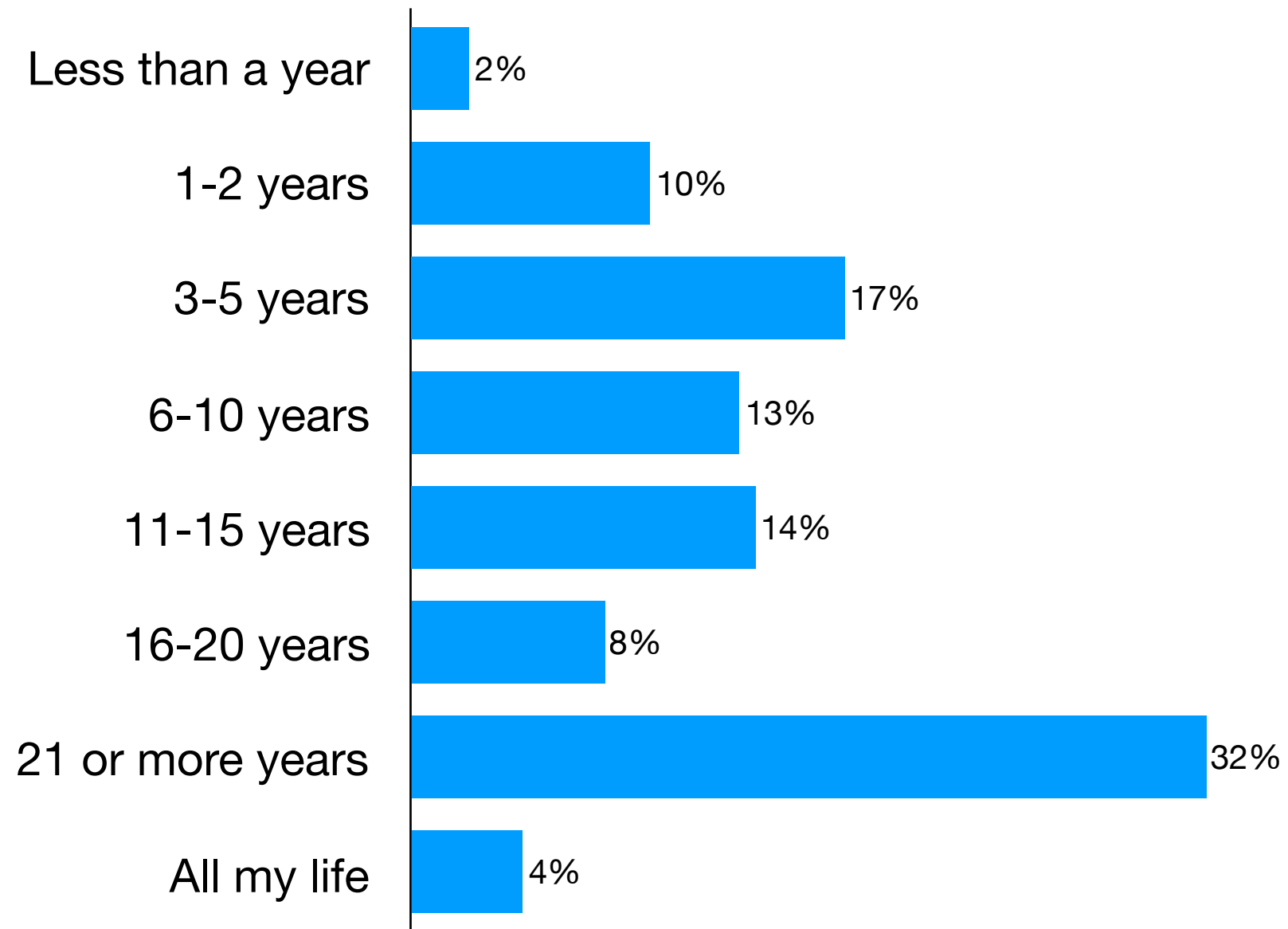
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## Within the City of Boulder, which sub-community do you reside?



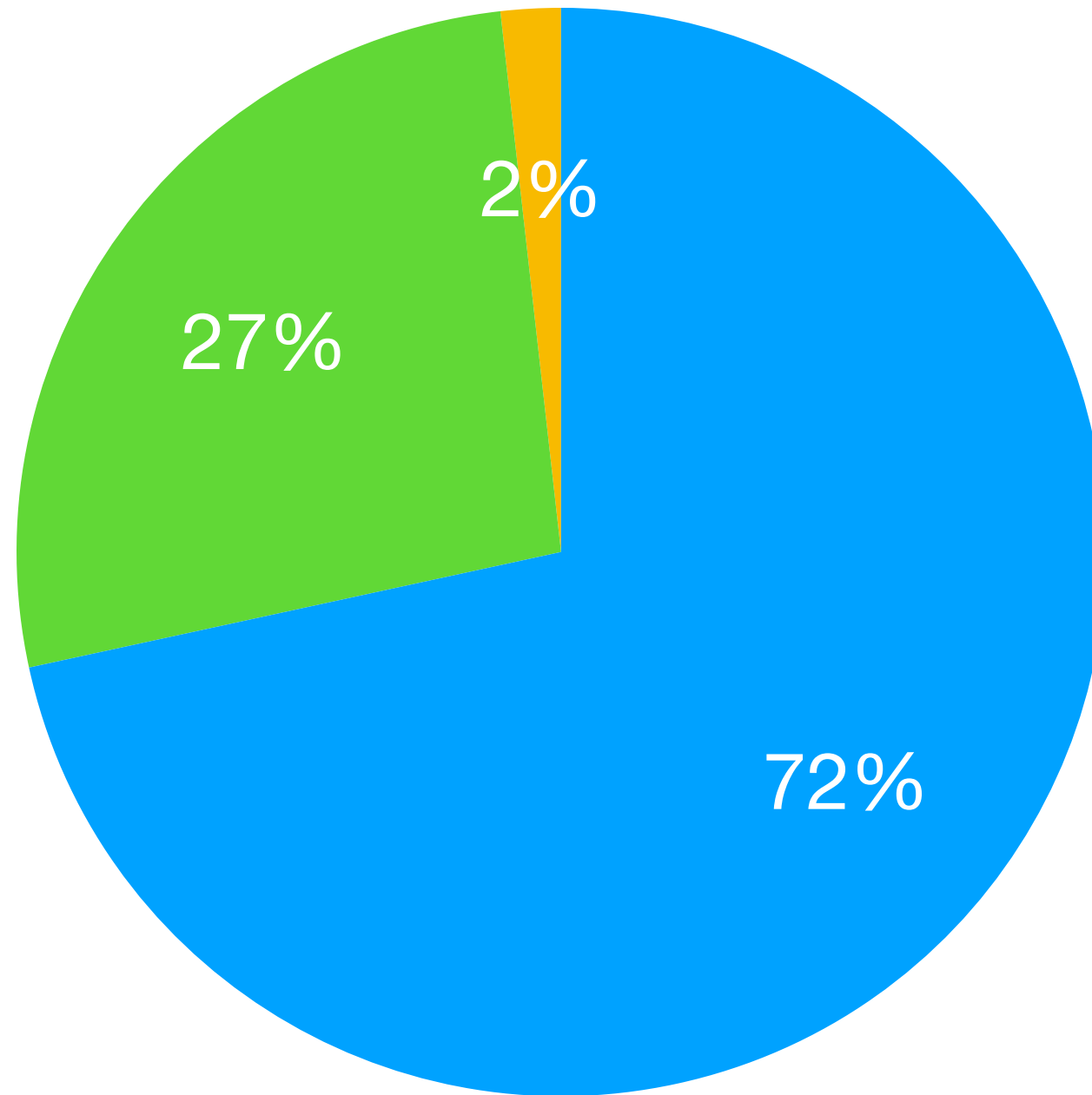
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## How long have you been a resident of Boulder County for?



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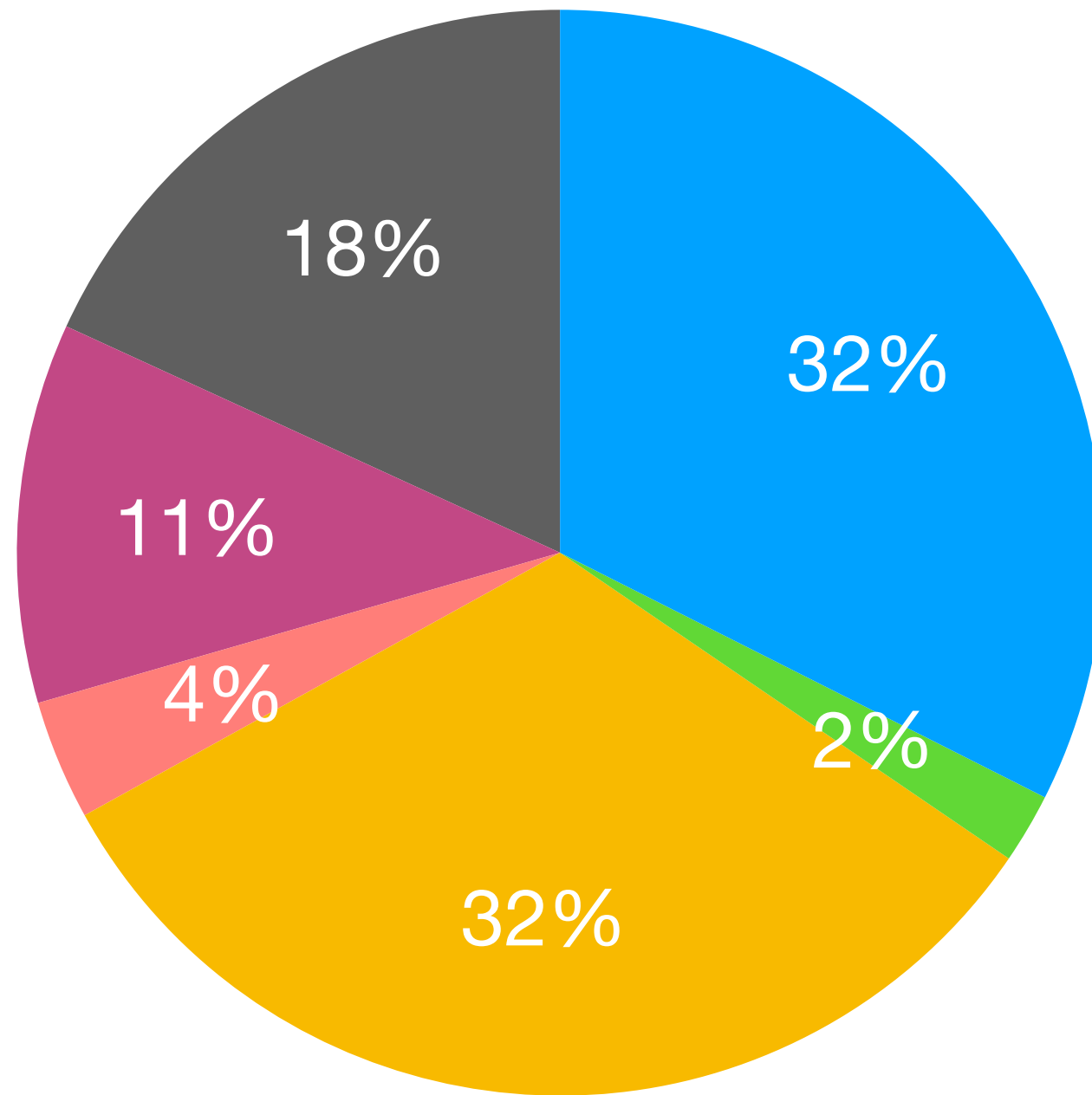
## Do you own or rent your current home?









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-  Own
-  Rent
-  Other (i.e. live at home, rent & own)

**How do you store your waste bins? This includes trash, compost, and recycling.**

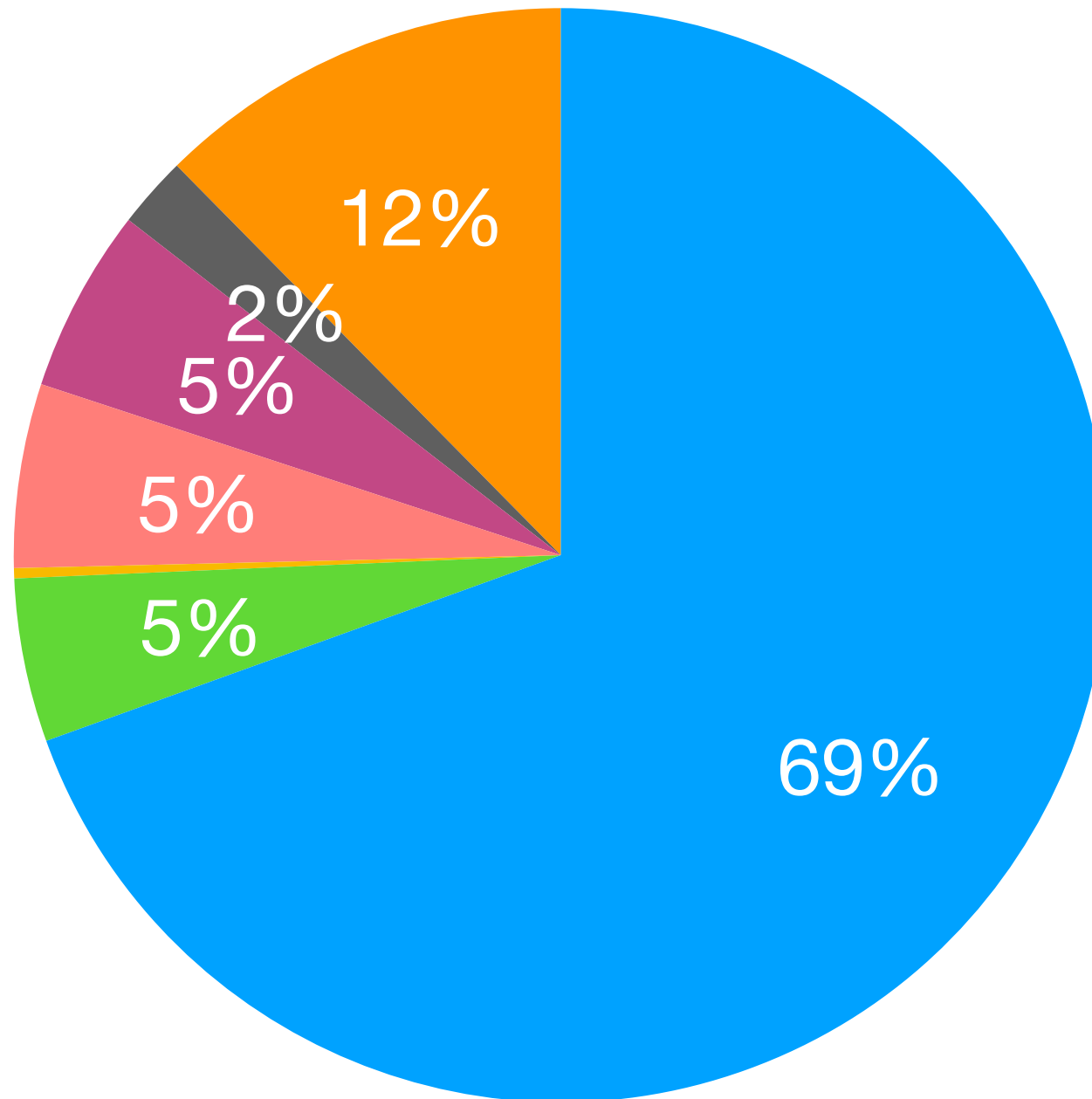


-  In my house or garage
-  In a shed
-  Outside my house
-  In a custom-made enclosure
-  In my alleyway
-  I take it out to my building's shared dumpster or waste bins

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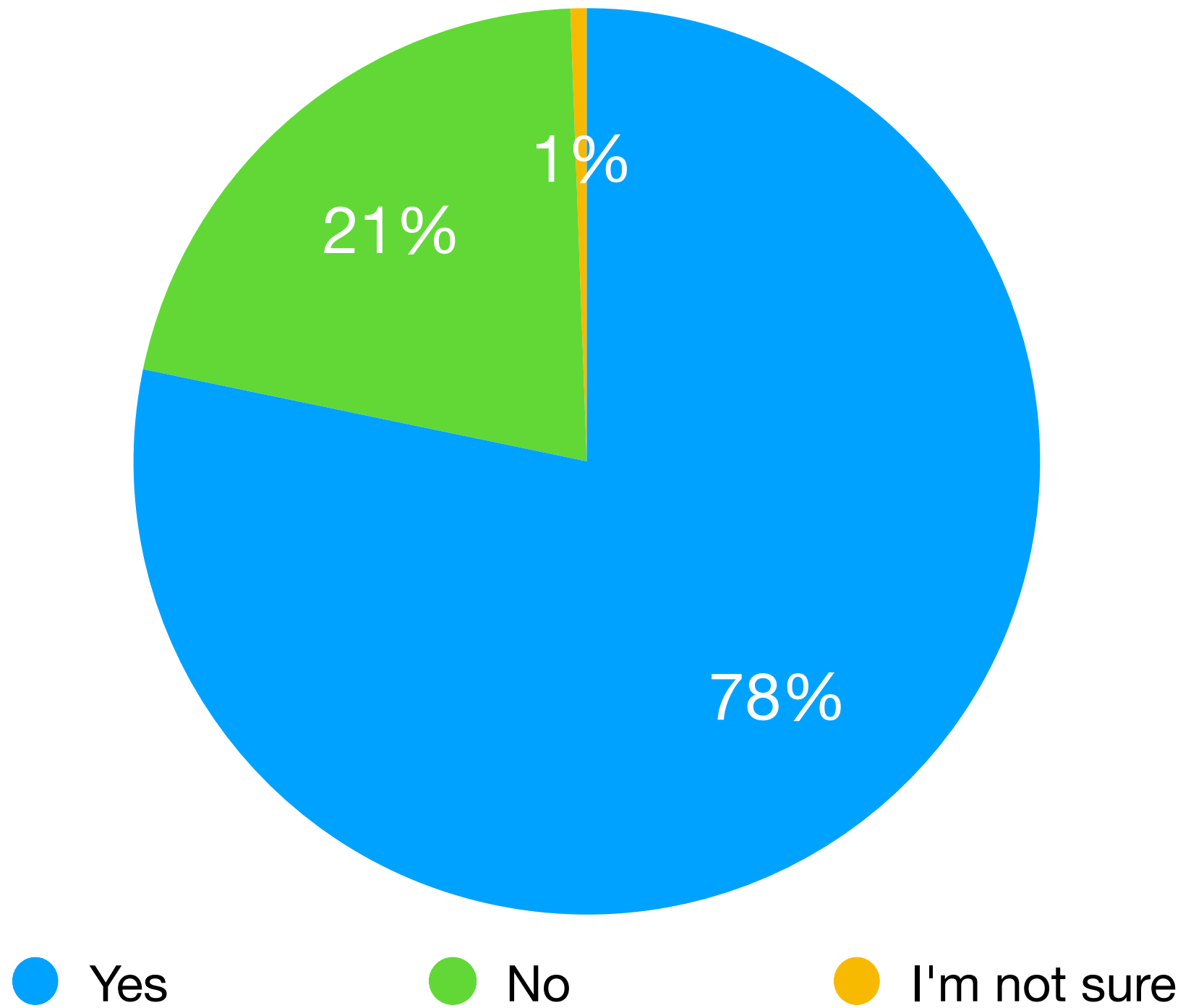
## Which waste service provider do you use?



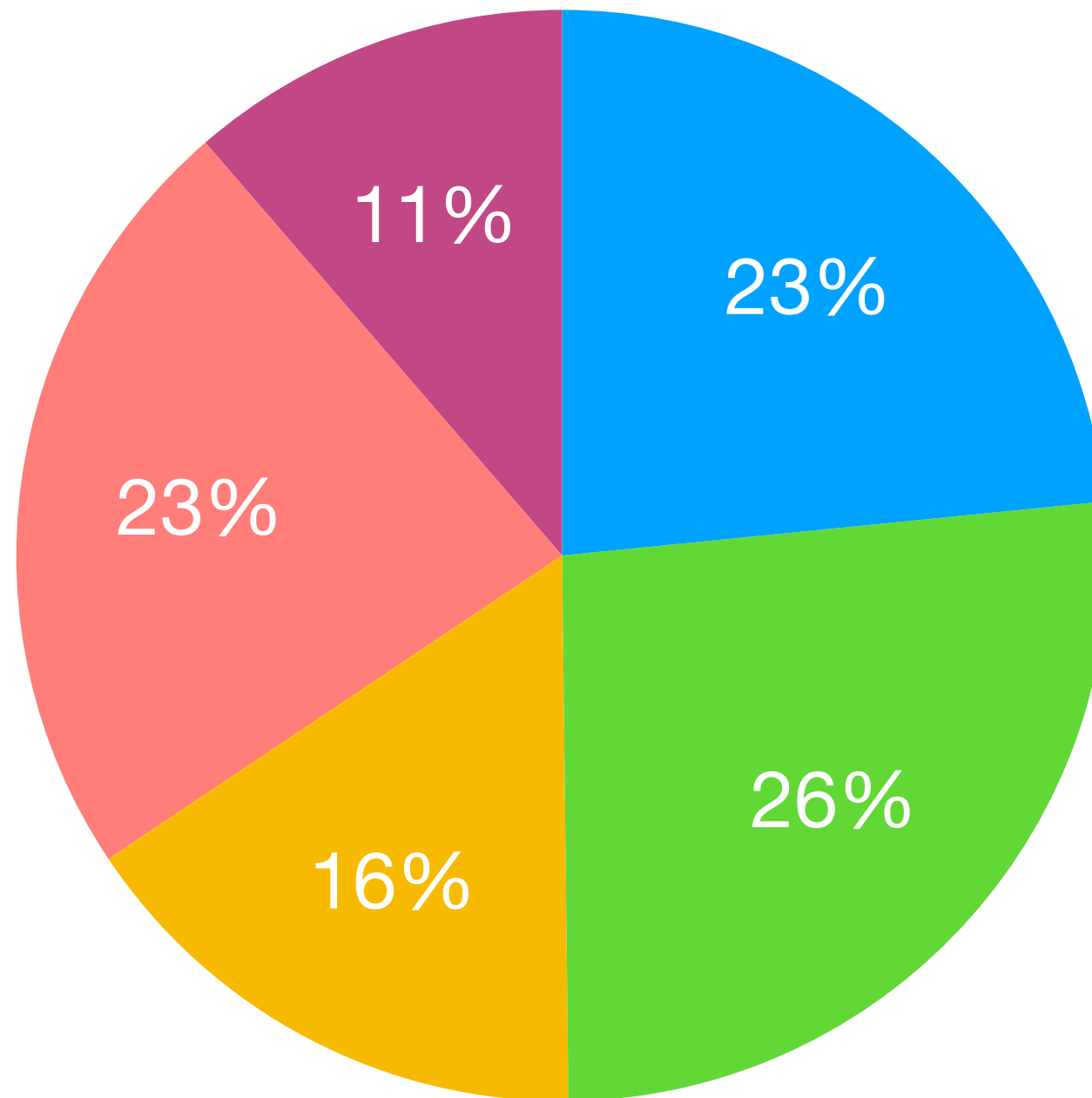
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- Western Disposal
- Republic Services
- City of Longmont
- Unsure
- One-Way, Inc.
- Waste Management
- Take to landfill/transfer station myself






# Have you ever seen a black bear in Boulder County before?



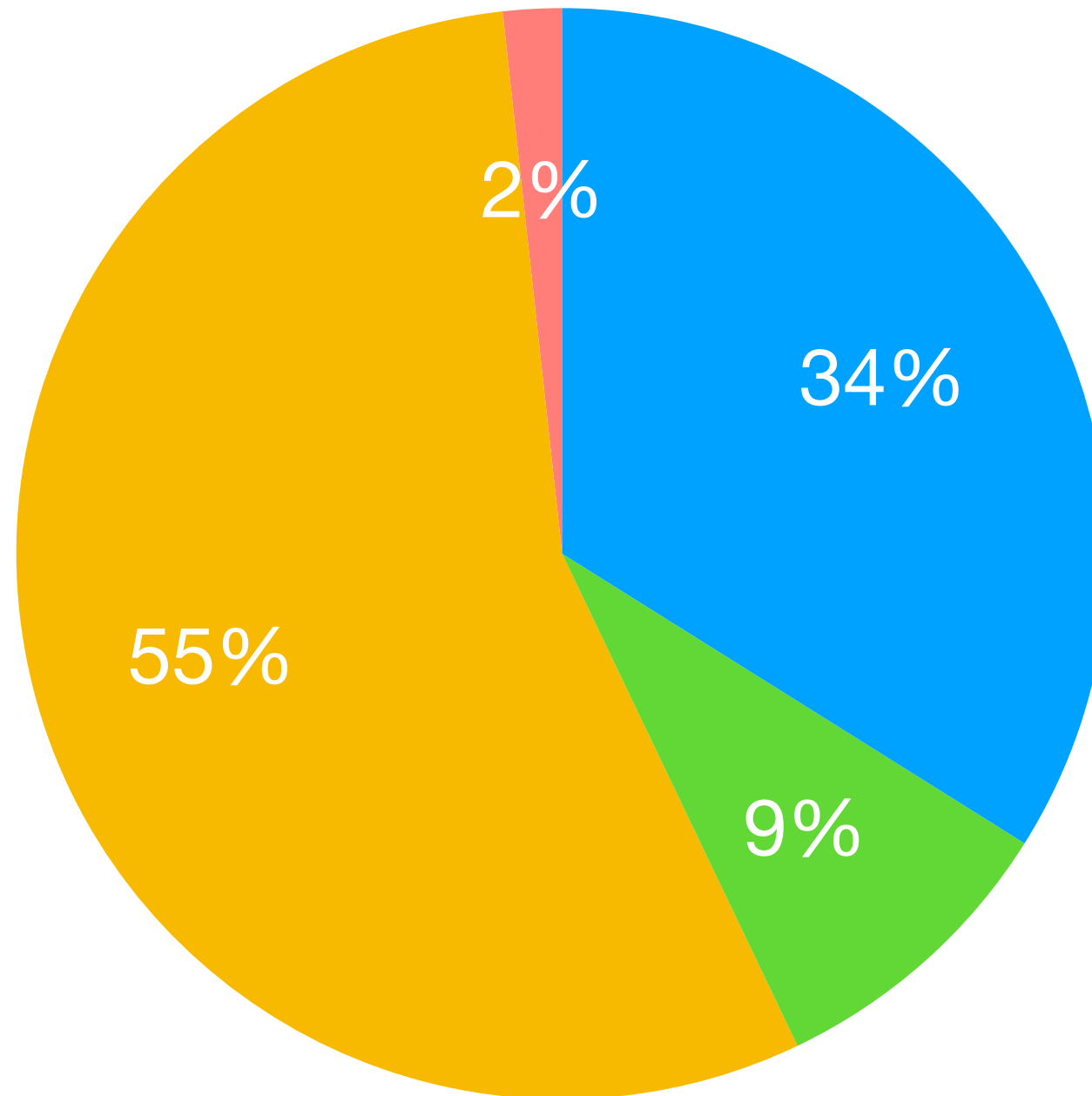
## Where did you see the black bear(s)?







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-  On or nearby a hiking trail or natural area
-  By the road
-  In an urban area
-  On my property
-  In a neighborhood

# Within the past 4 years, have you ever lived within the Bear Protection Ordinance zone?



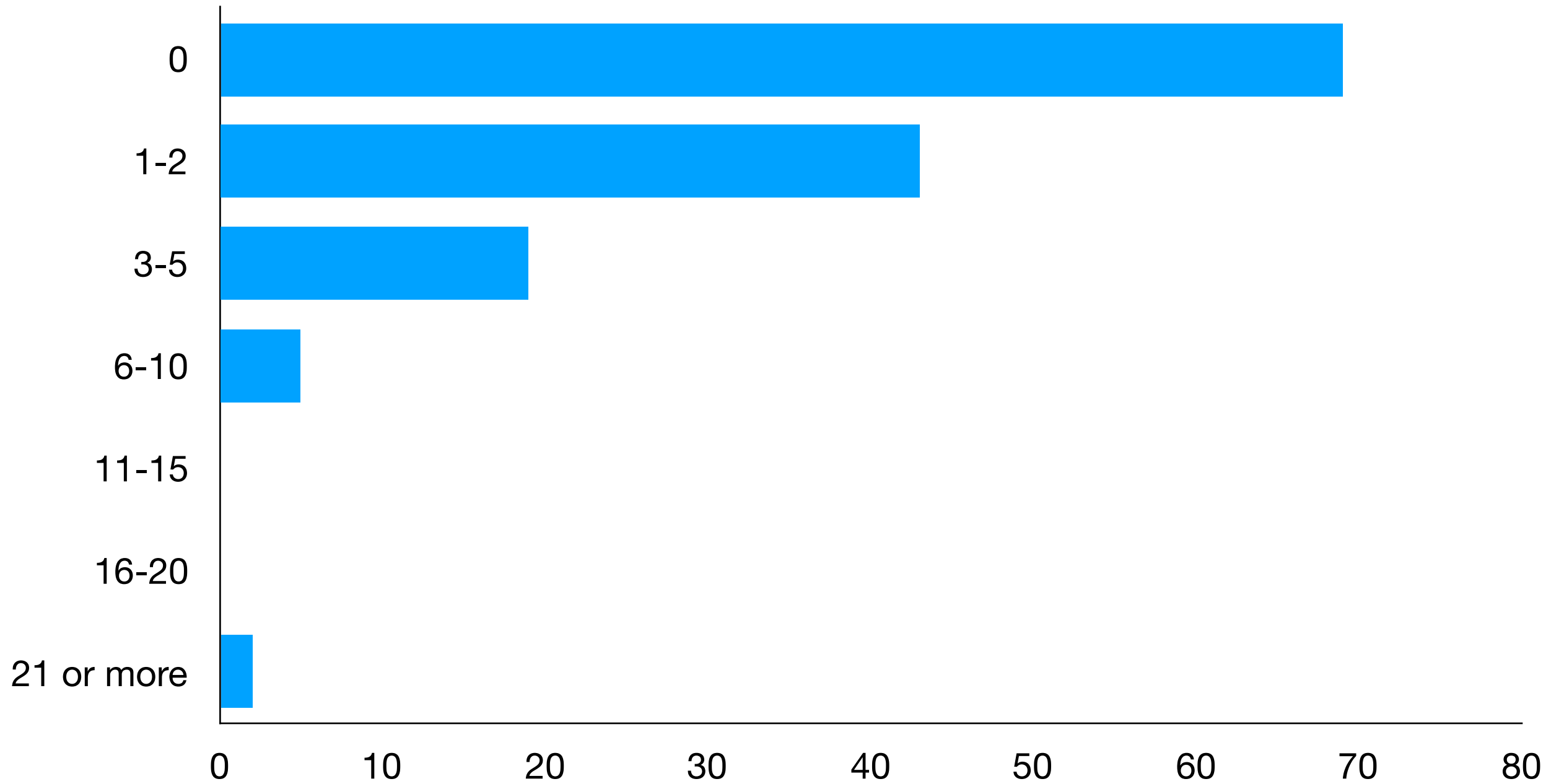
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-  Yes, I currently live in this area
-  Yes, I have lived in this area at some point within the past 4 years
-  No
-  I'm not sure

*Question displayed to those who have lived within the Bear Protection Ordinance within the past 4 years:*  
**How many times have your bear-resistant bins been broken and in need of replacement?**



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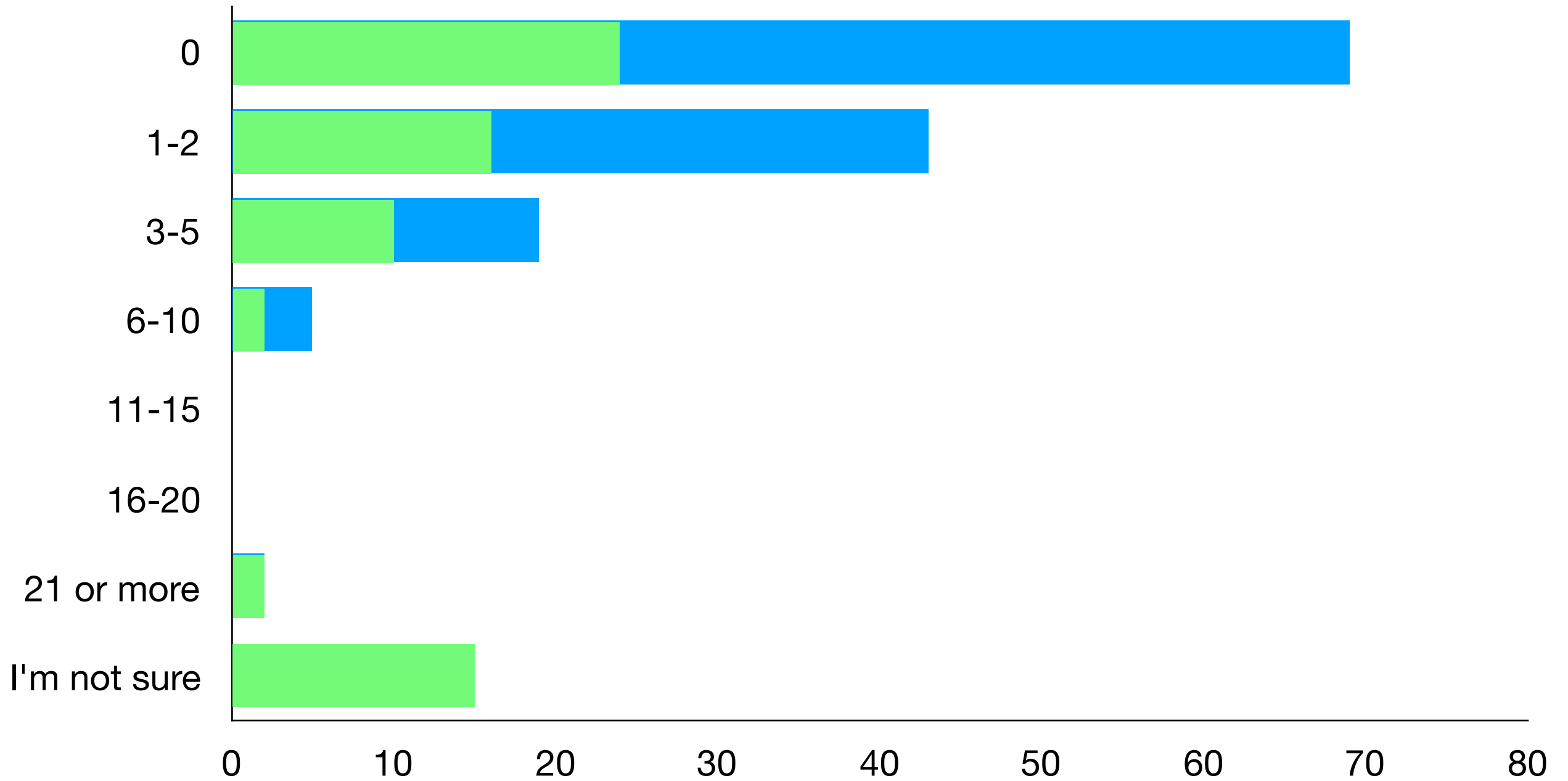
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*Question displayed to those who have lived within the Bear Protection Ordinance within the past 4 years:*

**How many of those times have your waste bins been broken by a black bear specifically?**

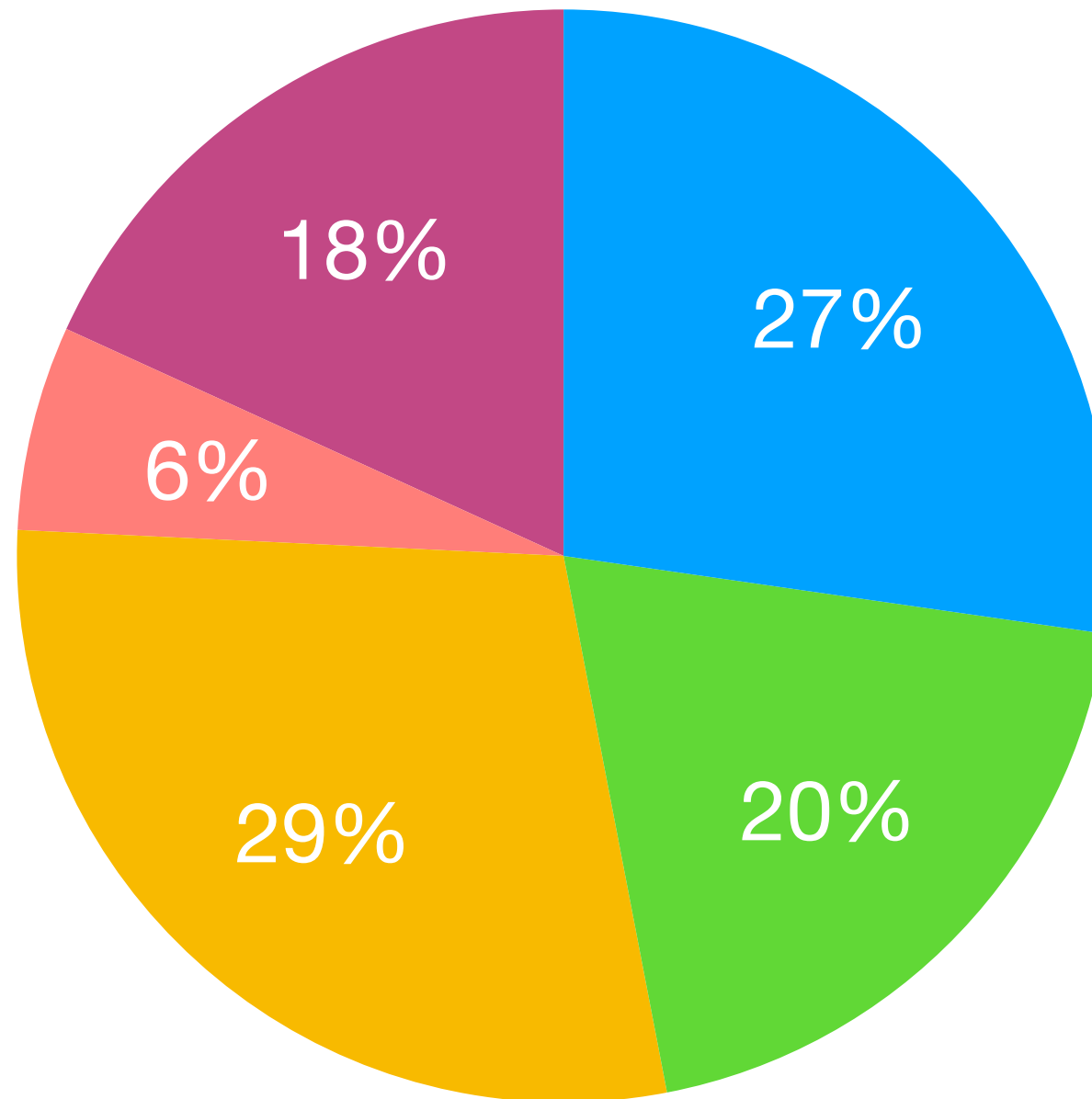







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*Question displayed to those who have lived within the Bear Protection Ordinance within the past 4 years:*  
**What led you to believe it was a black bear that broke your waste bins?**



-  I saw or heard the bear firsthand
-  A neighbor, family member, or friend told me they saw the bear
-  I found claw or teeth marks on my waste bins
-  Captured bear on video or photo
-  I found bear scat or tracks next to the waste bins

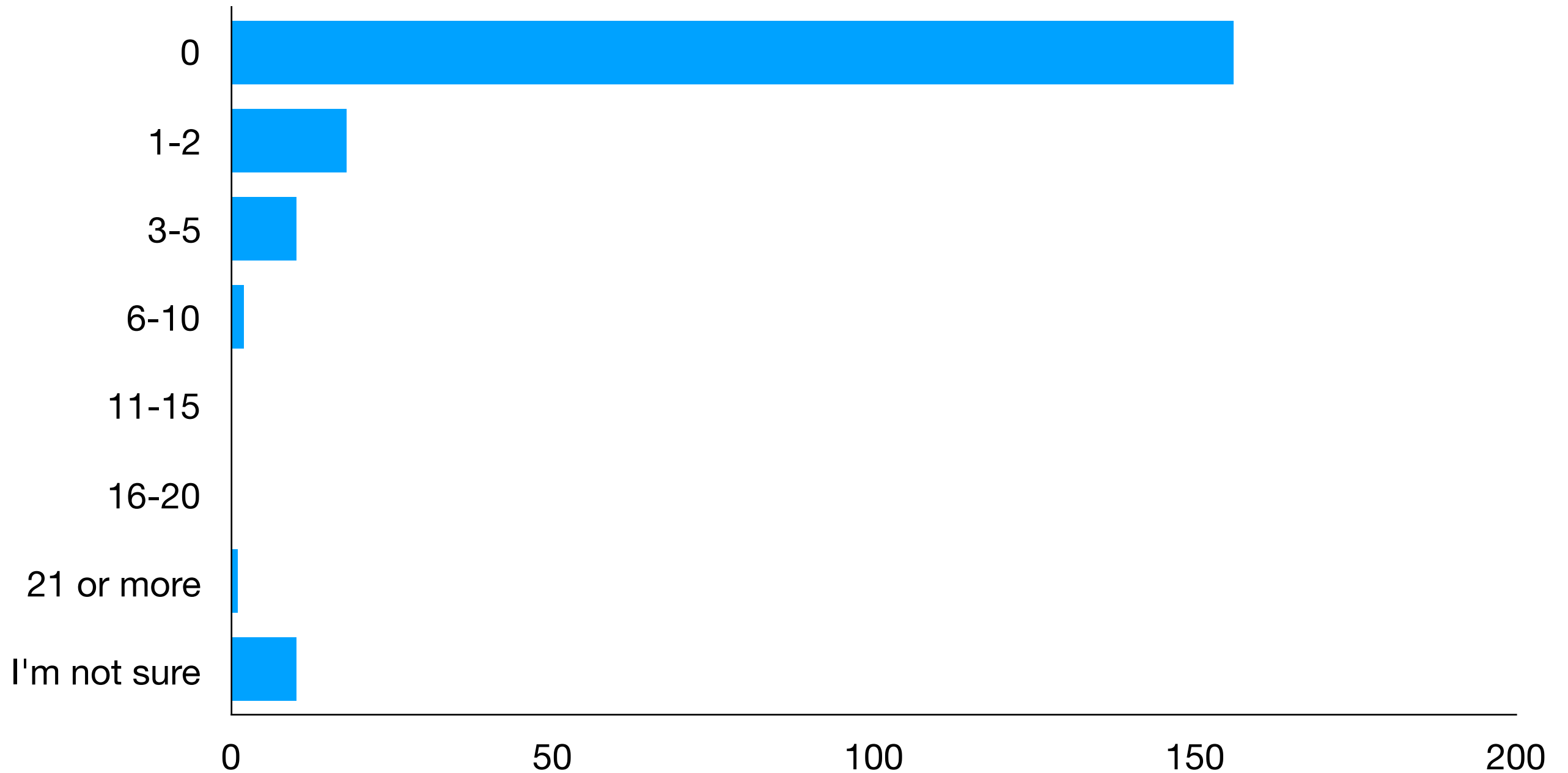
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*Question displayed to those who have NOT lived within the Bear Protection Ordinance within the past 4 years:*

**Within the past 4 years, how many times has a black bear gotten into your waste bins (includes trash, compost, or recycling)?**



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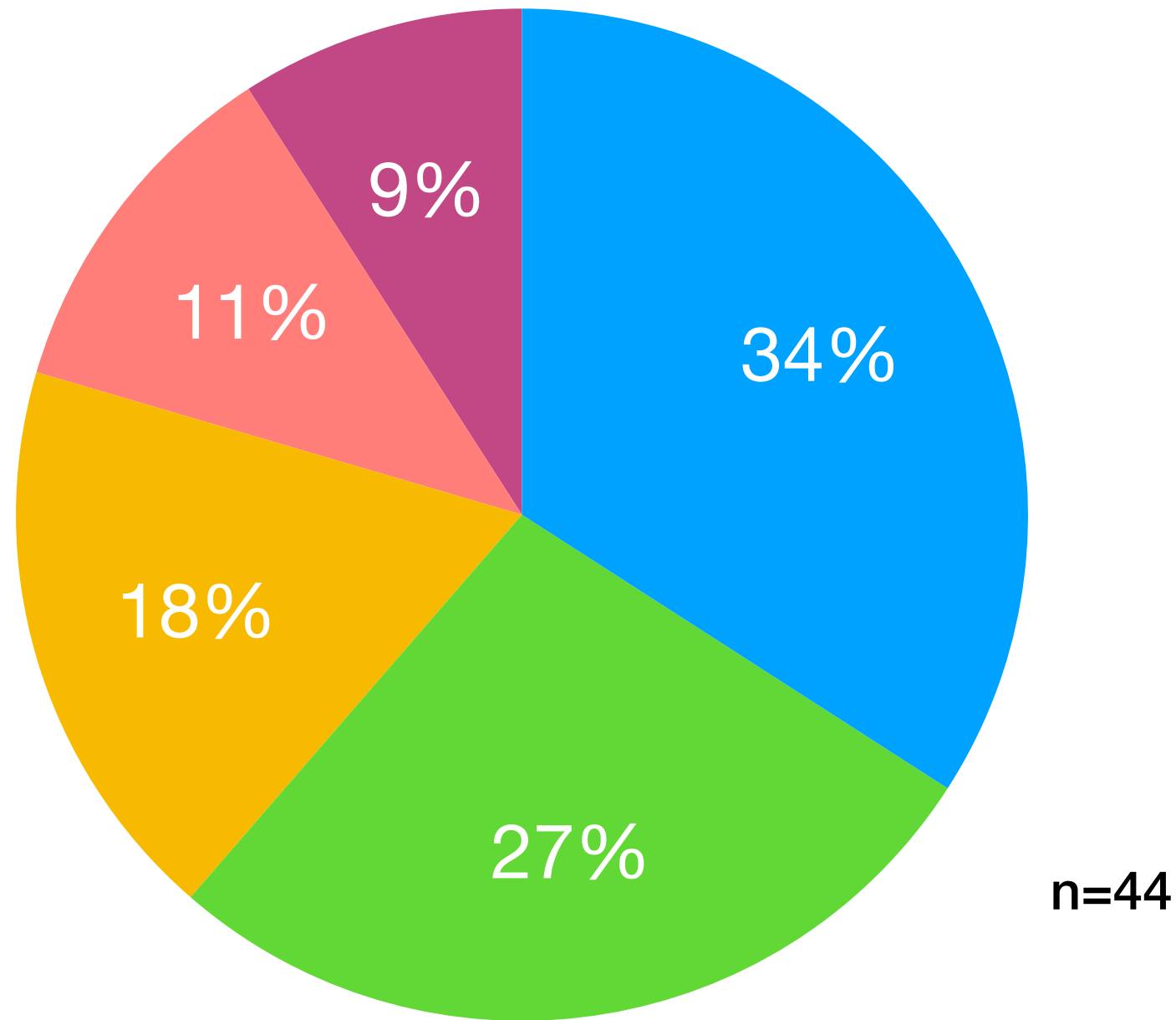
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*Question displayed to those who have NOT lived within the Bear Protection Ordinance within the past 4 years:*  
**What led you to believe it was a black bear that broke your waste bins?**

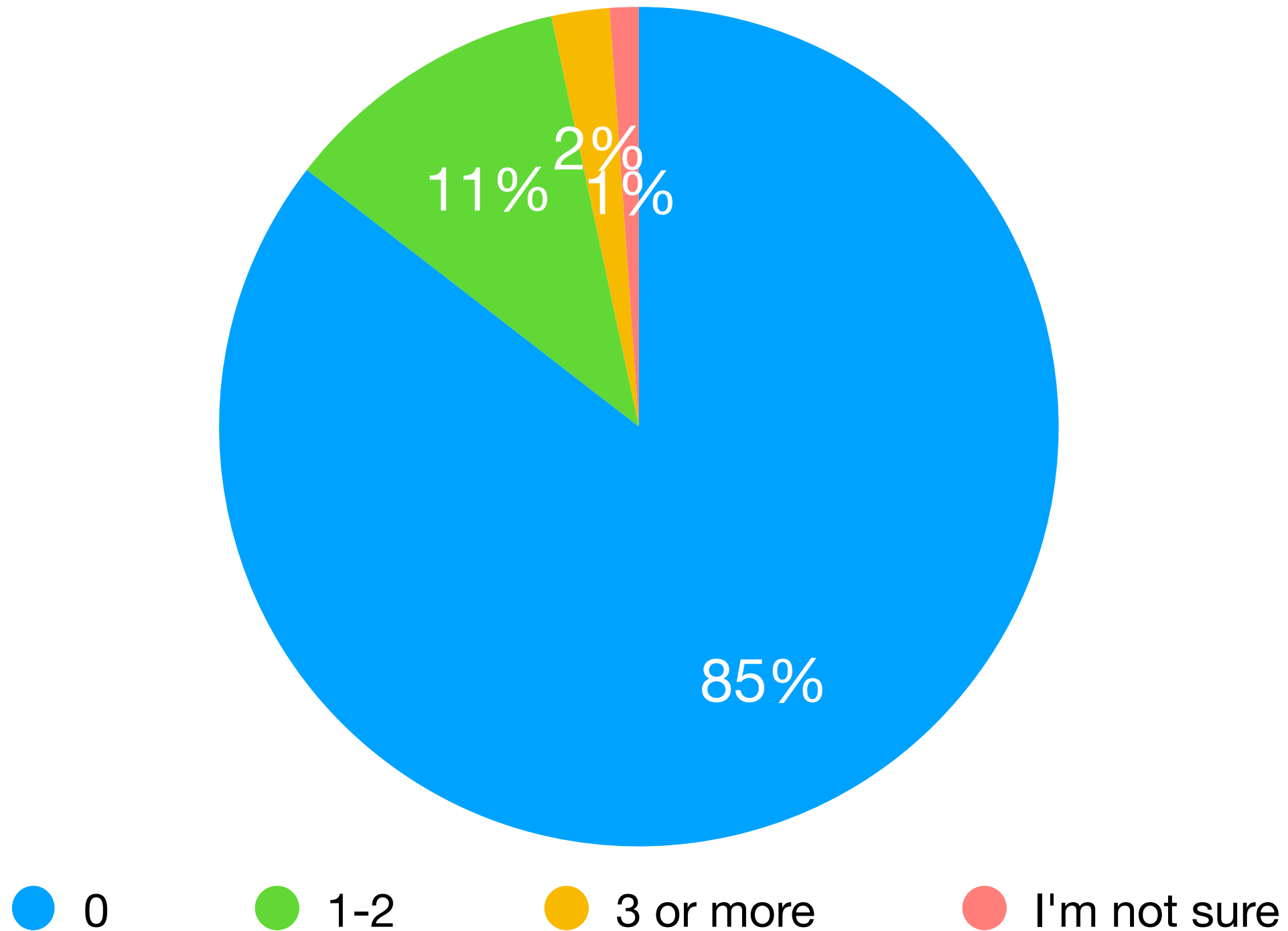


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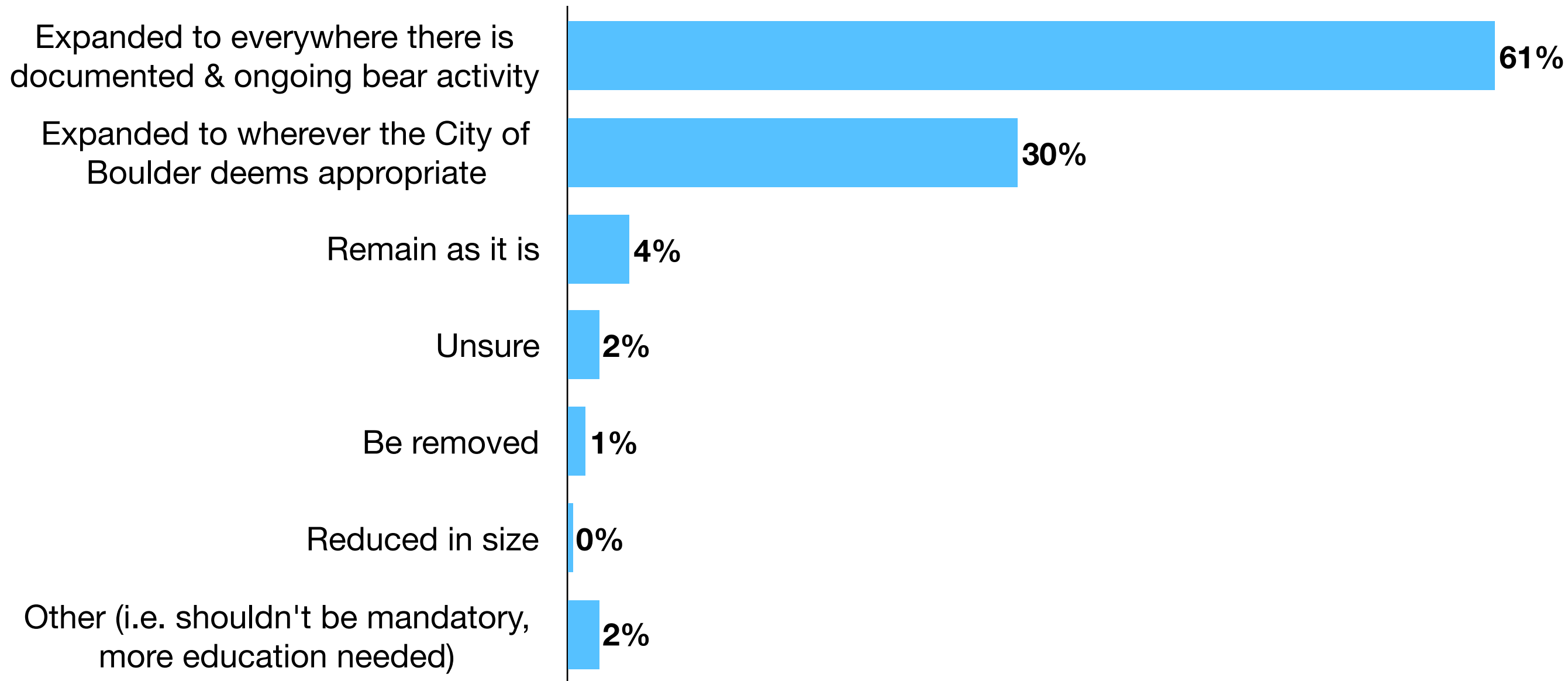
- I saw or heard the bear firsthand
- I found claw or teeth marks on my waste bins or it was knocked over
- I found bear scat or tracks next to the waste bins
- A neighbor, family member, or friend told me they saw the bear
- Captured bear on video or photo

**How many times have you received a trash violation for not properly securing your trash or compost within the past 4 years while living in the Bear Protection Ordinance zone?**

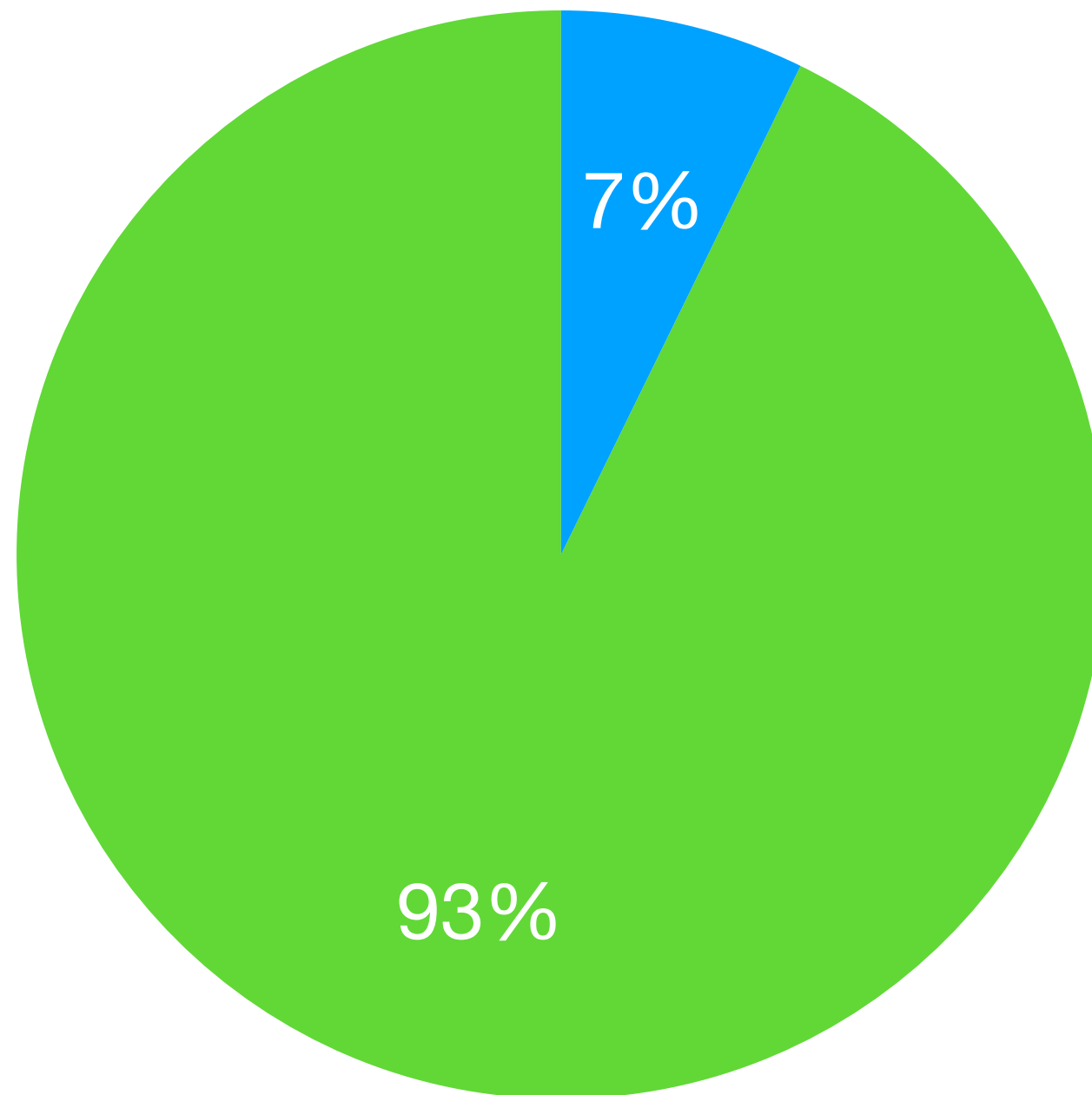


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## Which of the following statements about the Bear Protection Ordinance do you agree with?



## Have you ever had an interaction with a black bear in Boulder that you consider to be negative?

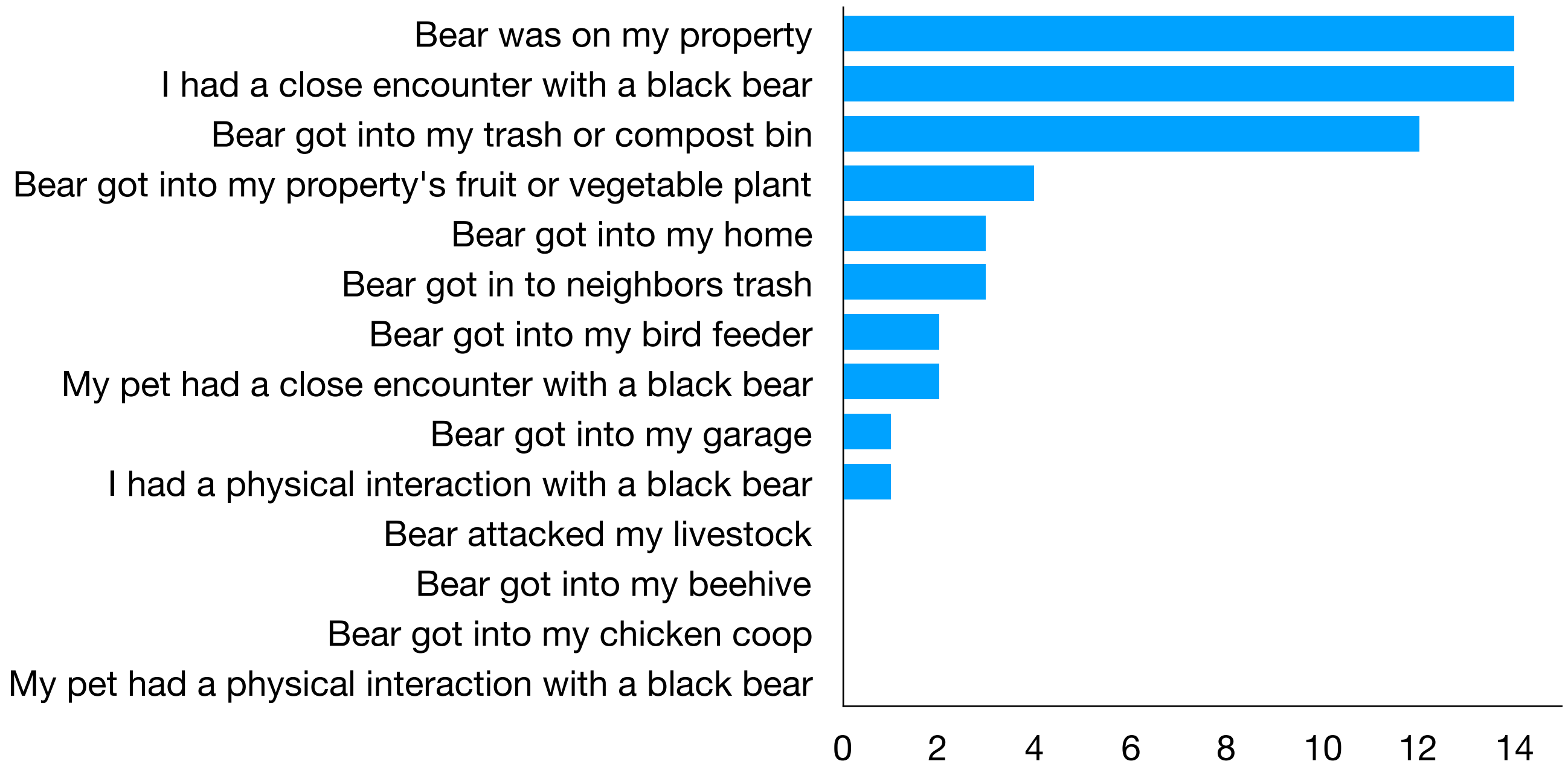


 Yes

 No

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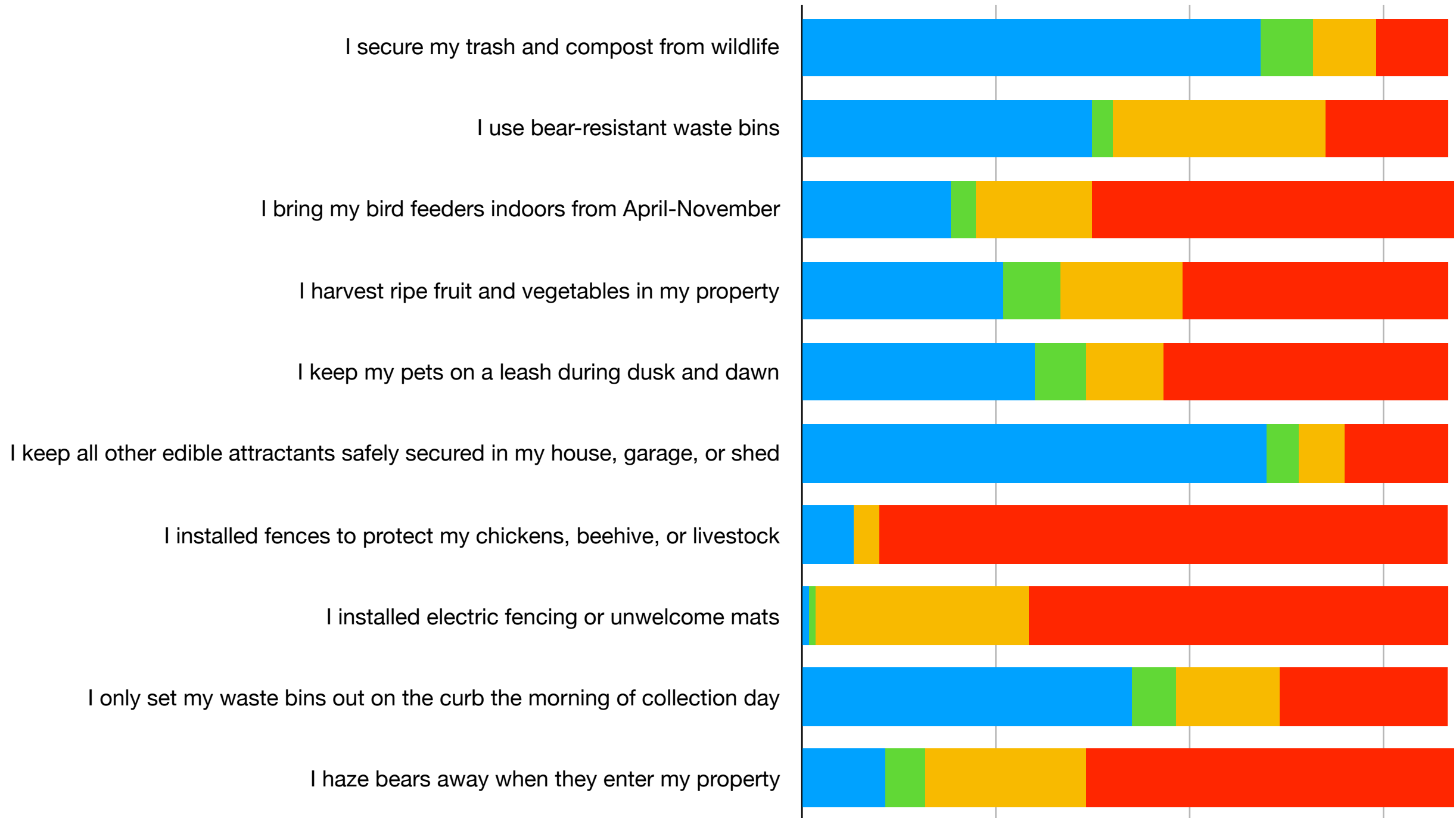
## Which of the following negative interactions with black bears have you encountered in Boulder?



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# Which actions do you take to reduce conflict with bears?

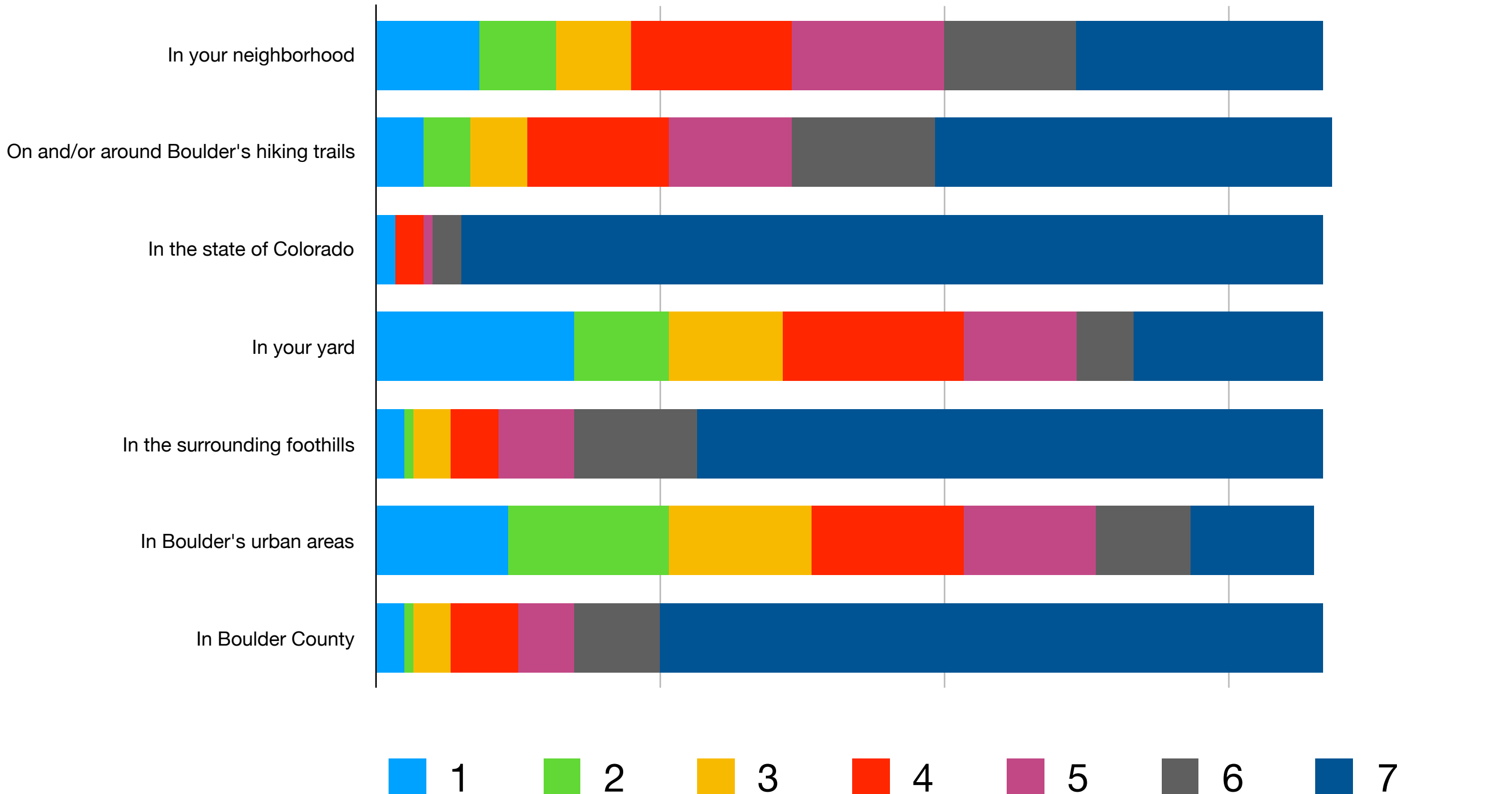
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■ Yes ■ Sometimes ■ No ■ Does Not Apply

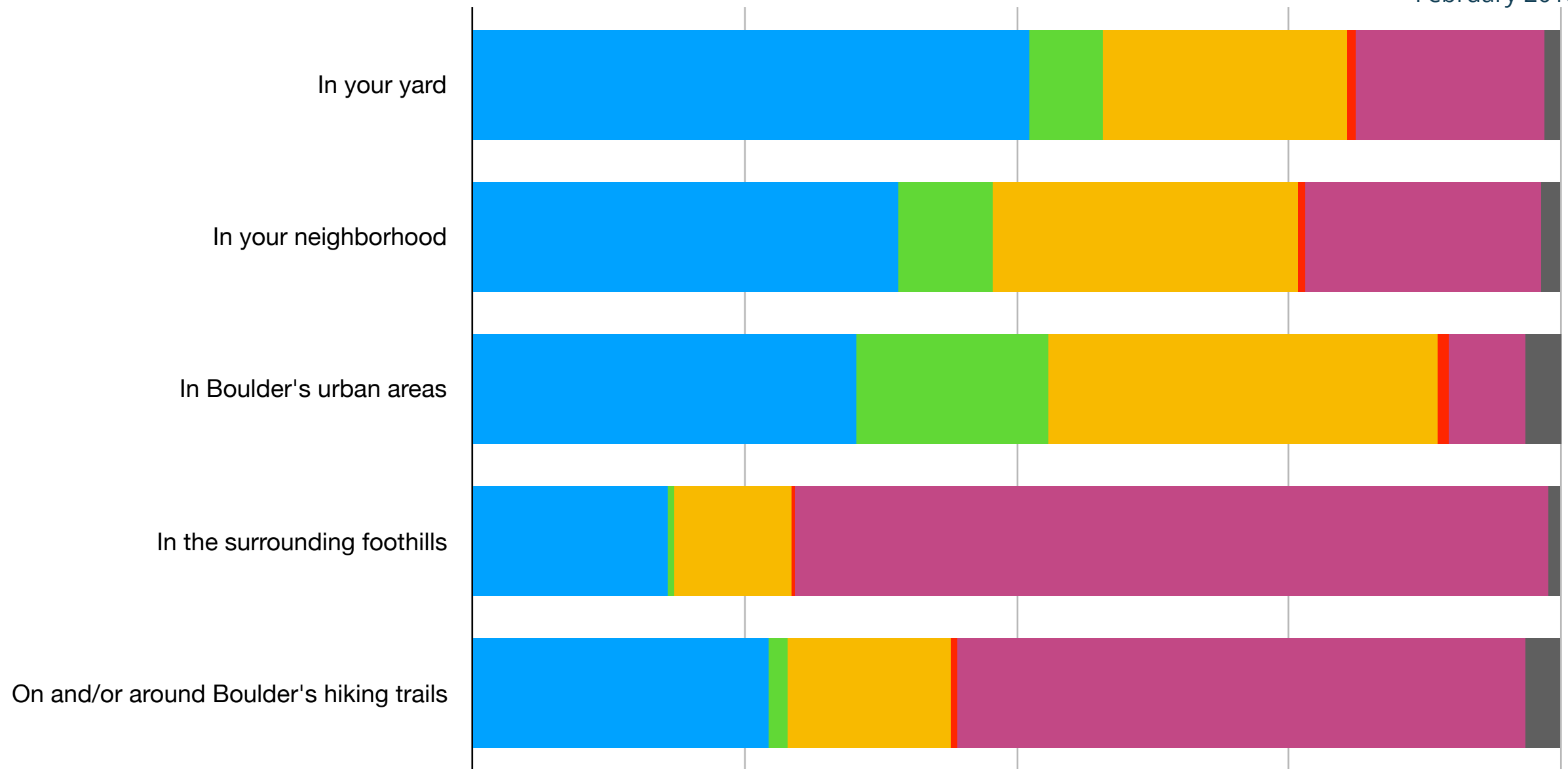
# How comfortable are you with living with black bears in the following areas?

1 - Not comfortable at all 7 - Extremely comfortable



■ 1   
 ■ 2   
 ■ 3   
 ■ 4   
 ■ 5   
 ■ 6   
 ■ 7

# What actions should be taken if a black bear appears in the following areas?



- Haze the bear away
- Relocate the bear
- Wildlife officer should respond to the scene to determine action
- Euthanize the bear
- Nothing
- Not sure



**On a scale of 1-7, how much do you agree with the following statements:**

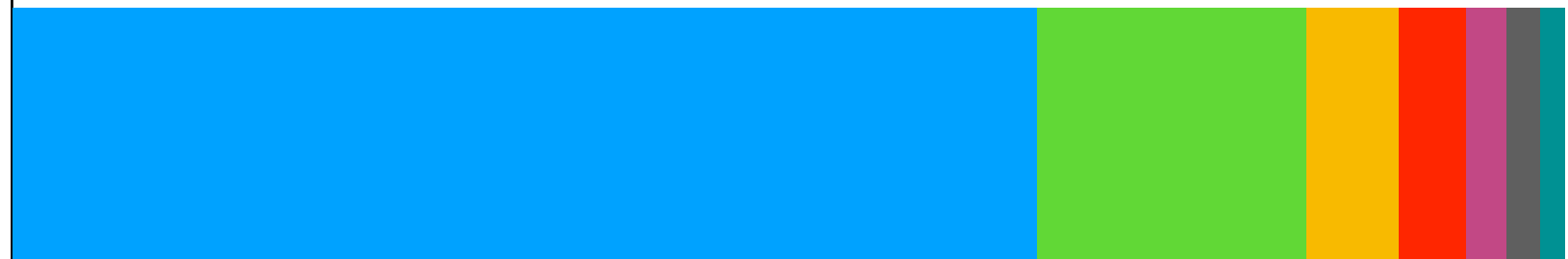
I take pride in the amount of black bears in the Boulder area even if they cause some problems or hazards



While some black bear encounters can be dangerous, they make life in Boulder more interesting & special



Black bears may be dangerous, & I don't want to have these potentially dangerous species in the Boulder area

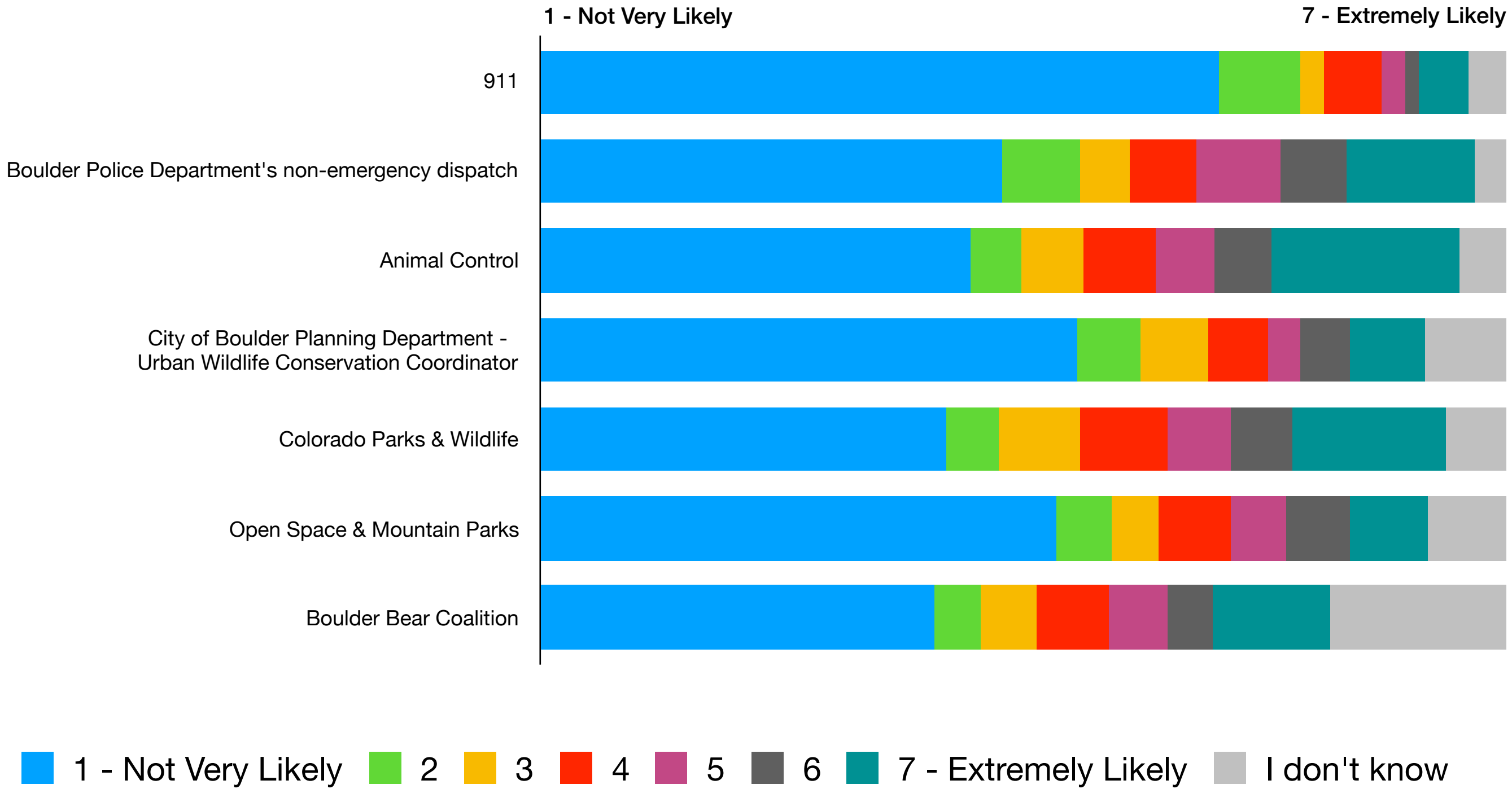


■ 1 - Completely Disagree 
 ■ 2 
 ■ 3 
 ■ 4 
 ■ 5 
 ■ 6 
 ■ 7 - Completely Agree

# If you saw a black bear in an urban area of Boulder, how likely would you be to call these groups?



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# In terms of wildlife management, how much do you support the work of these groups?



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1 - Don't support at all

7 - Support a great deal



■ 1 - Don't support at all 
 ■ 2 
 ■ 3 
 ■ 4 
 ■ 5 
 ■ 6 
 ■ 7 - Support a great deal 
 ■ Unfamiliar

## Which of the following statements about the 2-Strike Policy do you agree with?

The policy should be amended to allow a bear to be relocated two times, becoming a 3-Strike Policy

**30%**

Wildlife officers take action as they see fit, regardless of the number of strikes against the bear

**26%**

The policy should be removed

**21%**

The policy should remain as it is

**10%**

I'm not sure

**8%**

The policy should be amended so the bear is immediately euthanized once deemed a nuisance, becoming a 1-Strike Policy

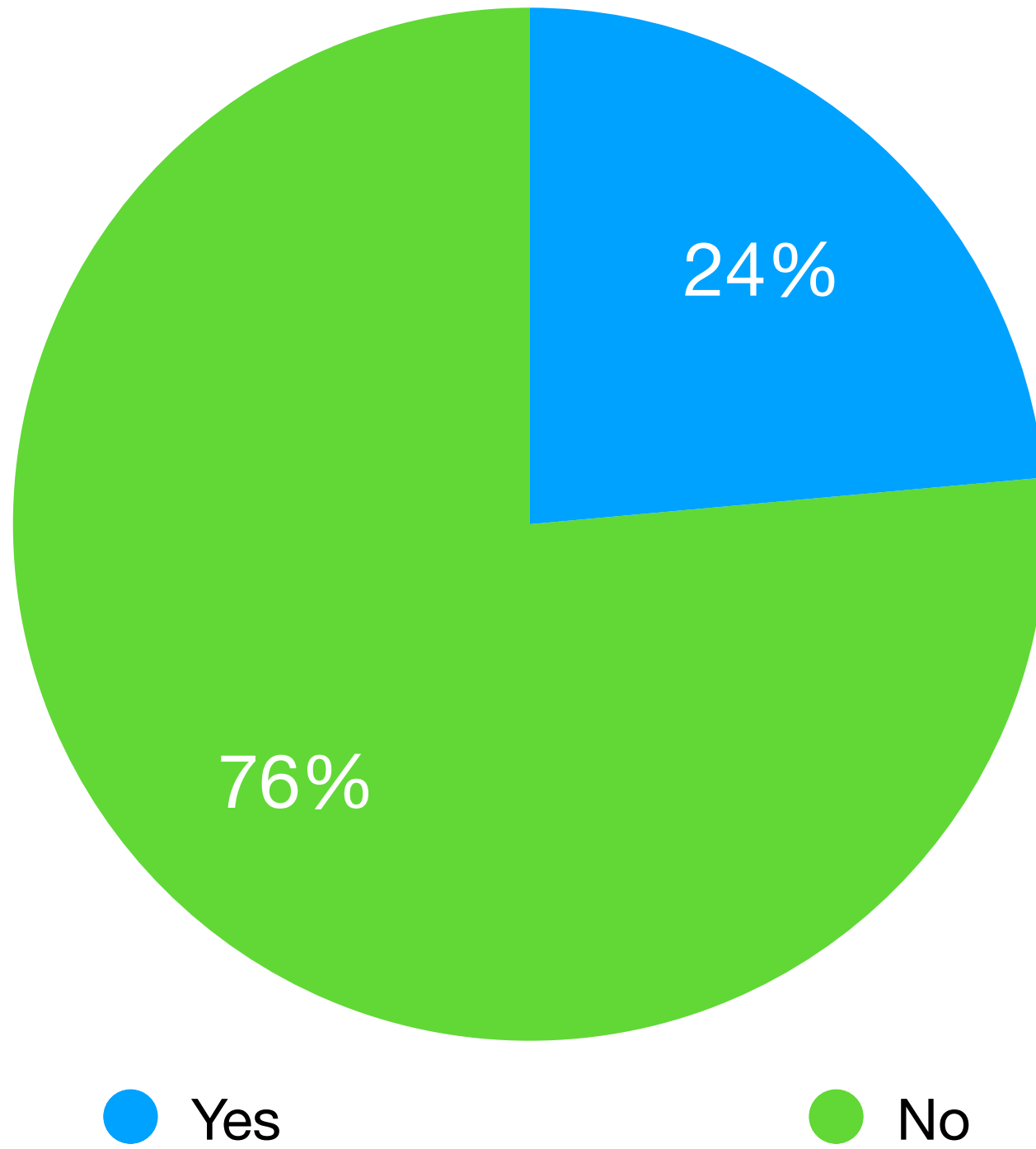
**1%**

Other (i.e. proactive/education measures)

**3%**

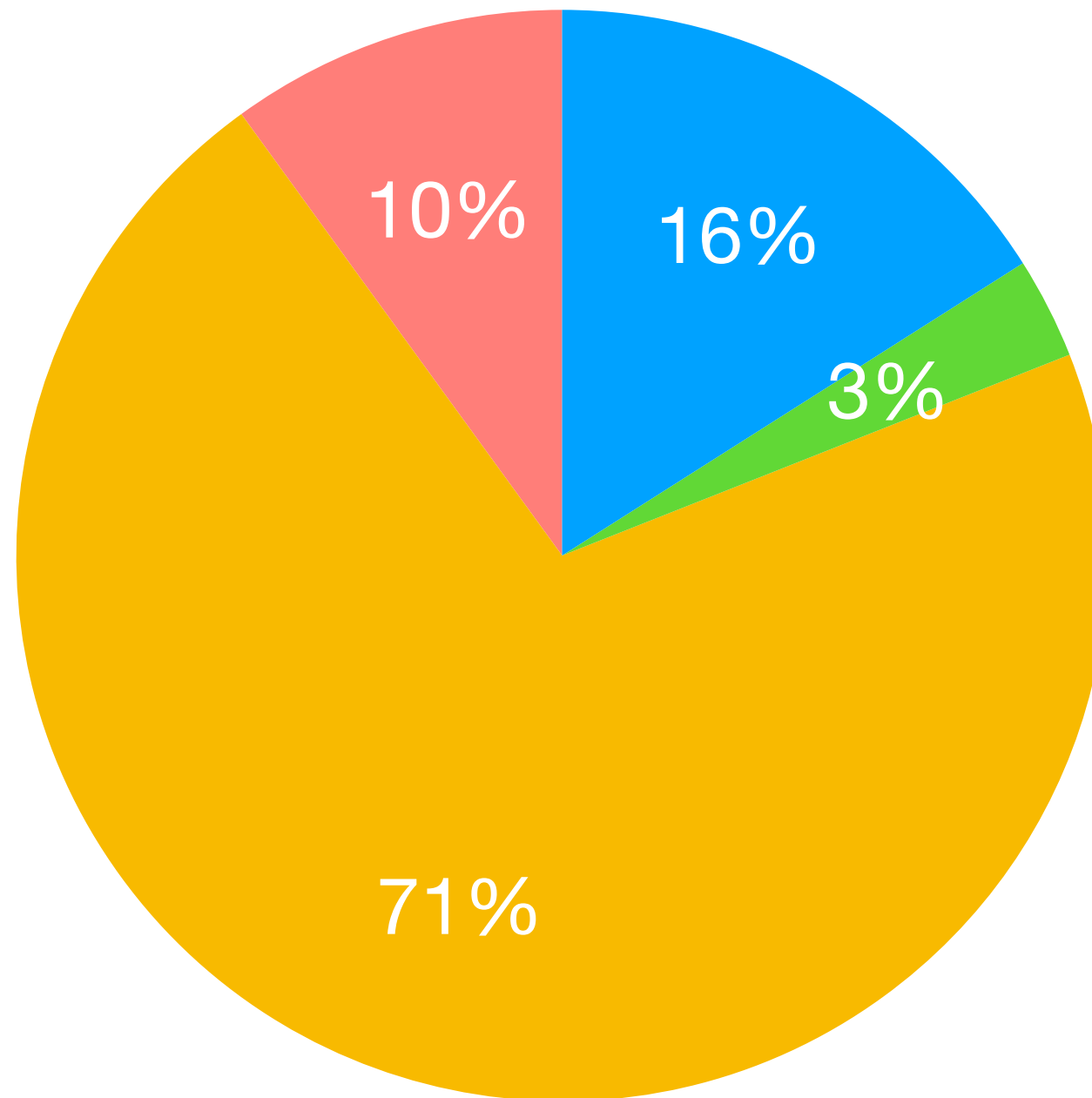
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# Are you a member, volunteer, or employee of any wildlife-related groups?



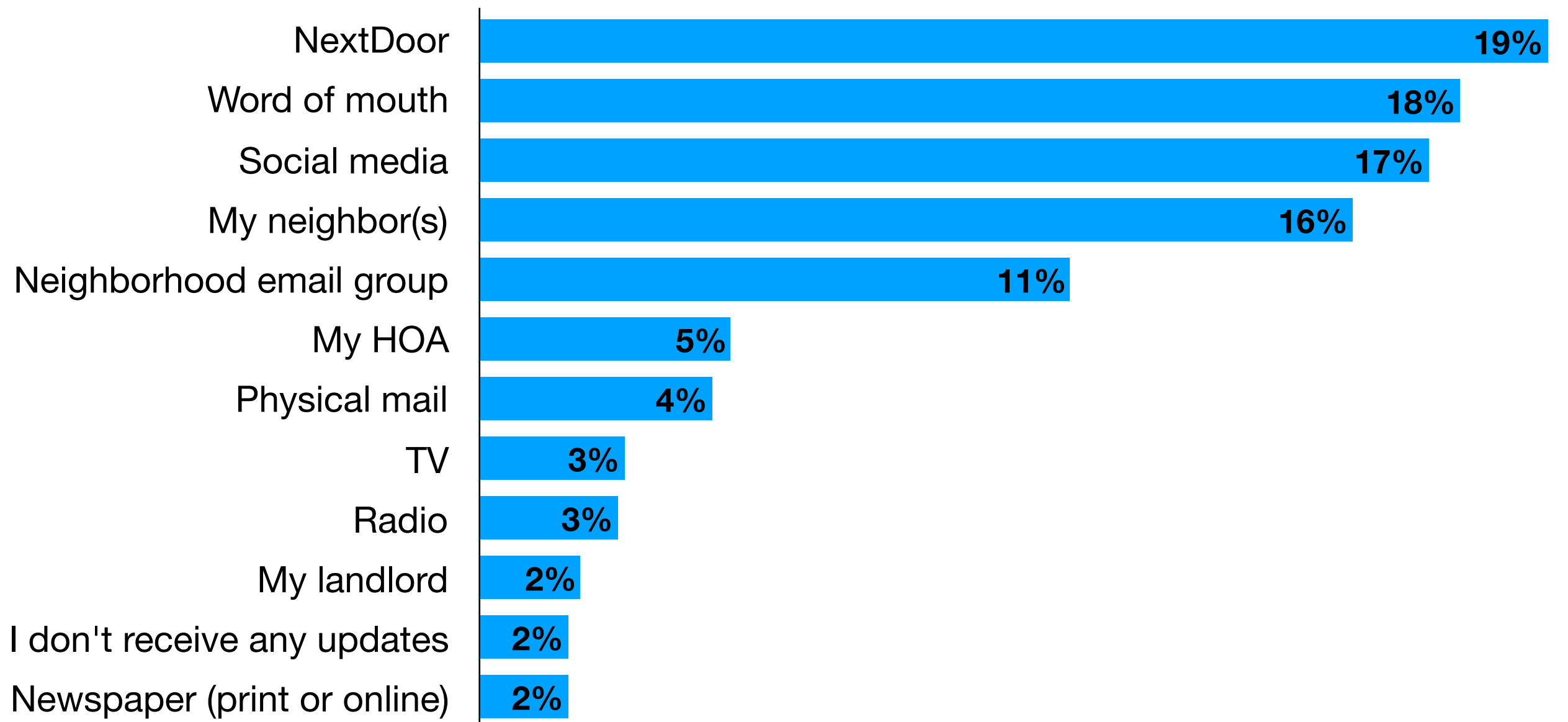
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## Category breakdown of wildlife-related groups



- City or County Dept
- Wildlife Protection non-profit
- CPW
- Recreation centric organization

## What are the primary ways you receive neighborhood updates?



## How did you find out about this survey?

