

Management Engineering

Class Profile

Class of 2026

University of Waterloo



About The Class and Survey

The Class

The Class of 2026 began in Fall 2021 with 99 students, and graduated in Winter 2026 with 94 students. The class followed a stream 8 study/co-op sequence, meaning they started with eight months of studying, then alternated between four months of study and four months of co-op. The first term (1A) was hybrid- a mix of in-person and online classes and exams- due to the COVID-19 pandemic, then 100% in-person the remaining of the degree.

The Survey and Profile

An anonymous survey was sent out to the 4B Management Engineering class on March 29th, 2026 and was closed on April 19th, 2026. 52 of 94 students (55%) of students completed the survey. The data was then cleaned and consolidated into this class profile.

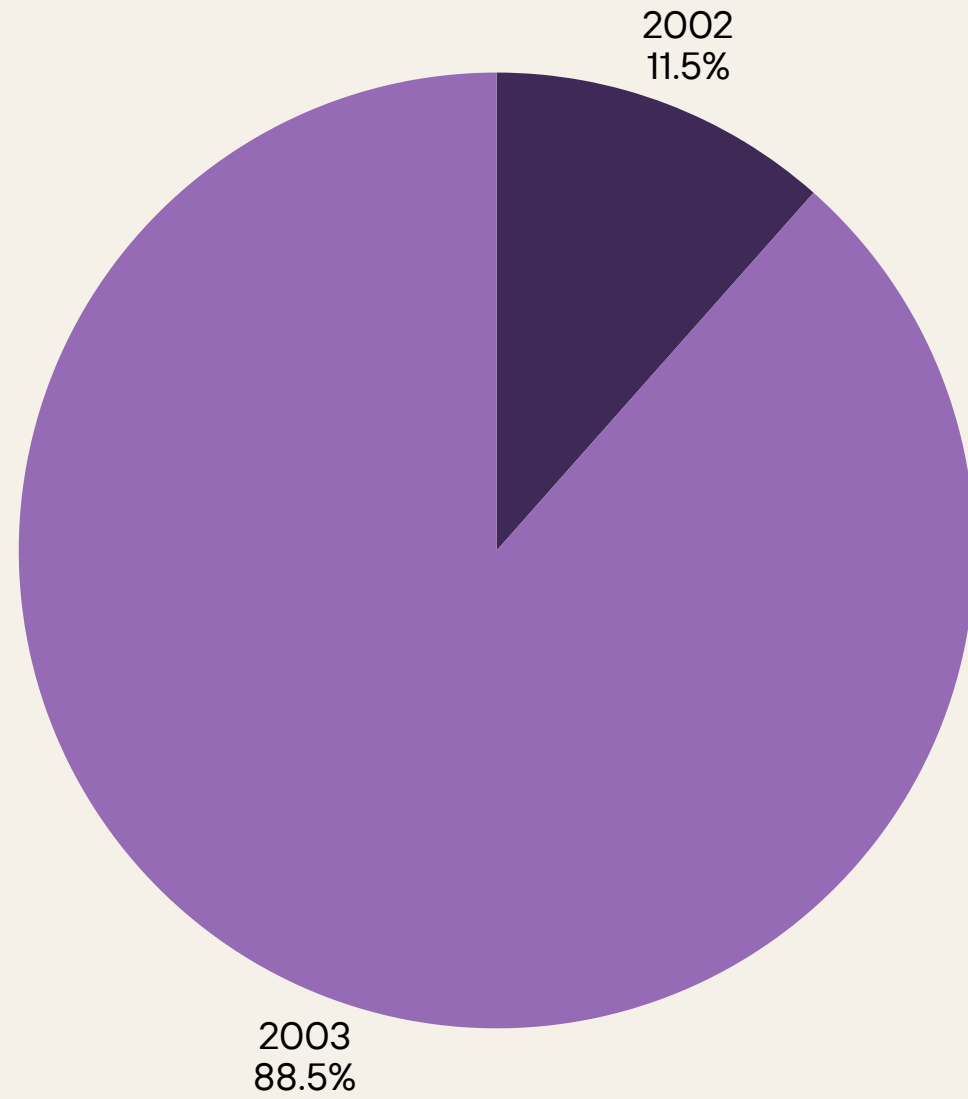
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Management Engineering 2026 Class Profile! It could not have been done without the participation of the class and the inspiration from previous programs and cohorts. *Please note: this is in no way affiliated with the University of Waterloo.*



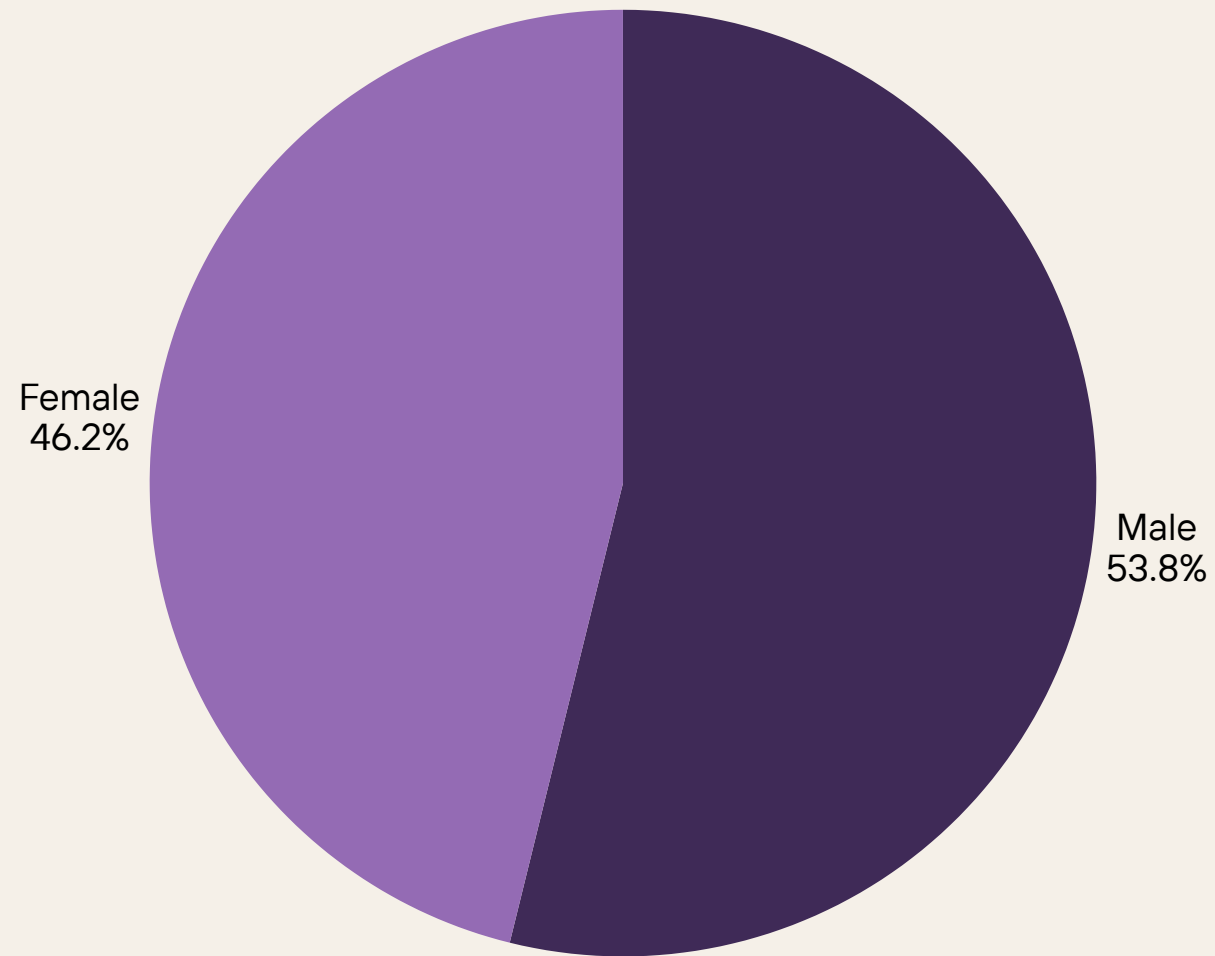
Background & Demographics



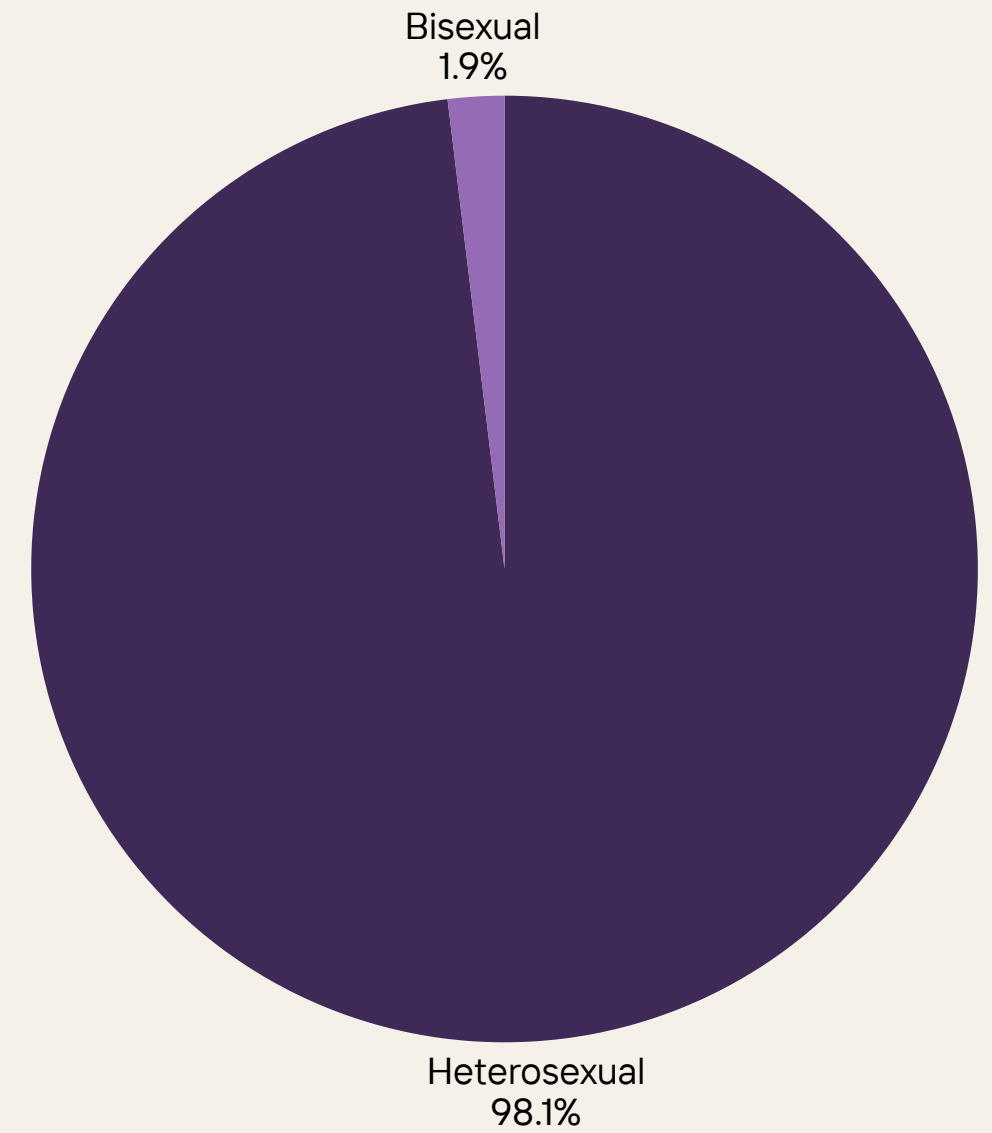
What year were you born in?



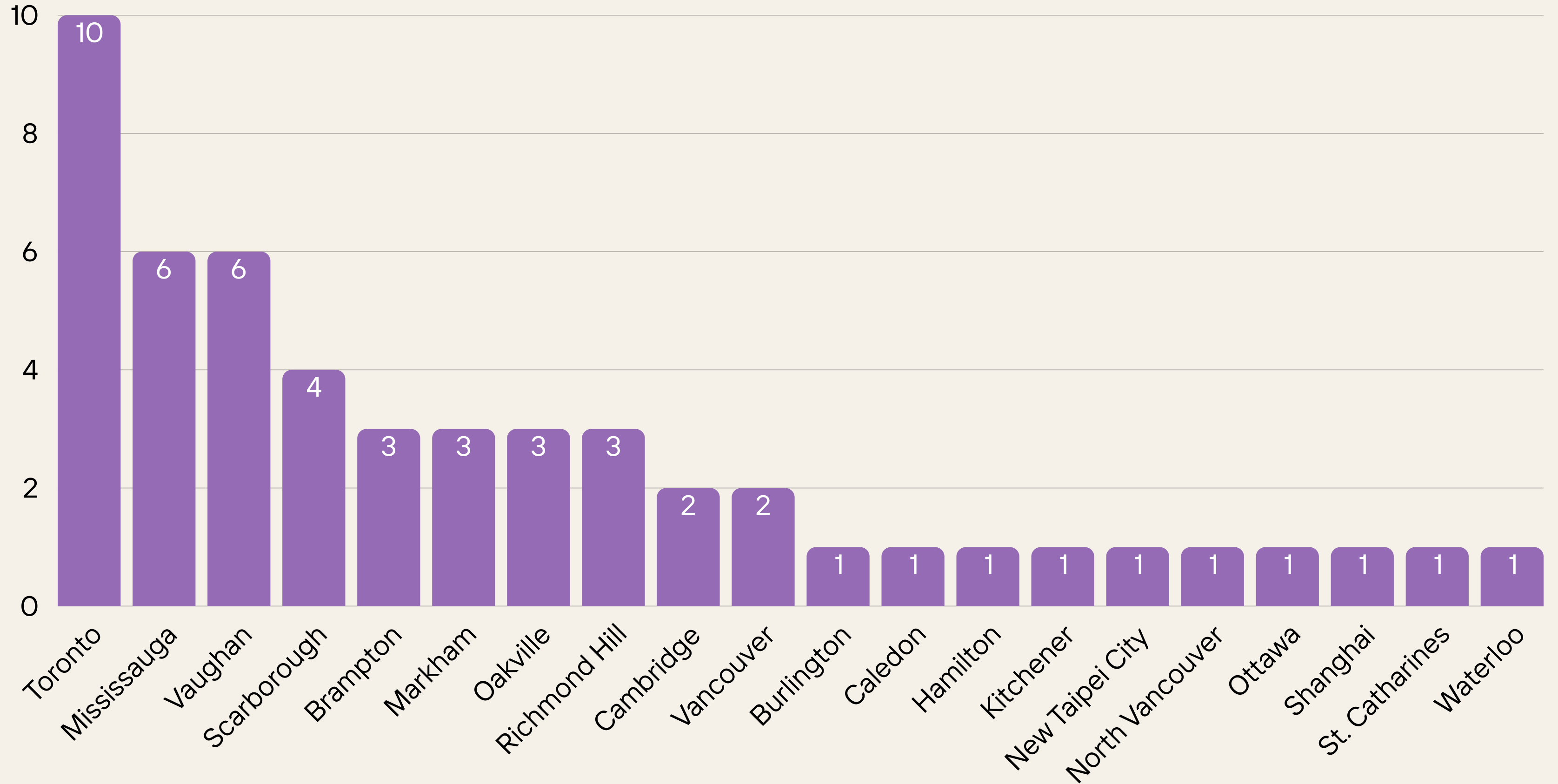
What is your gender?



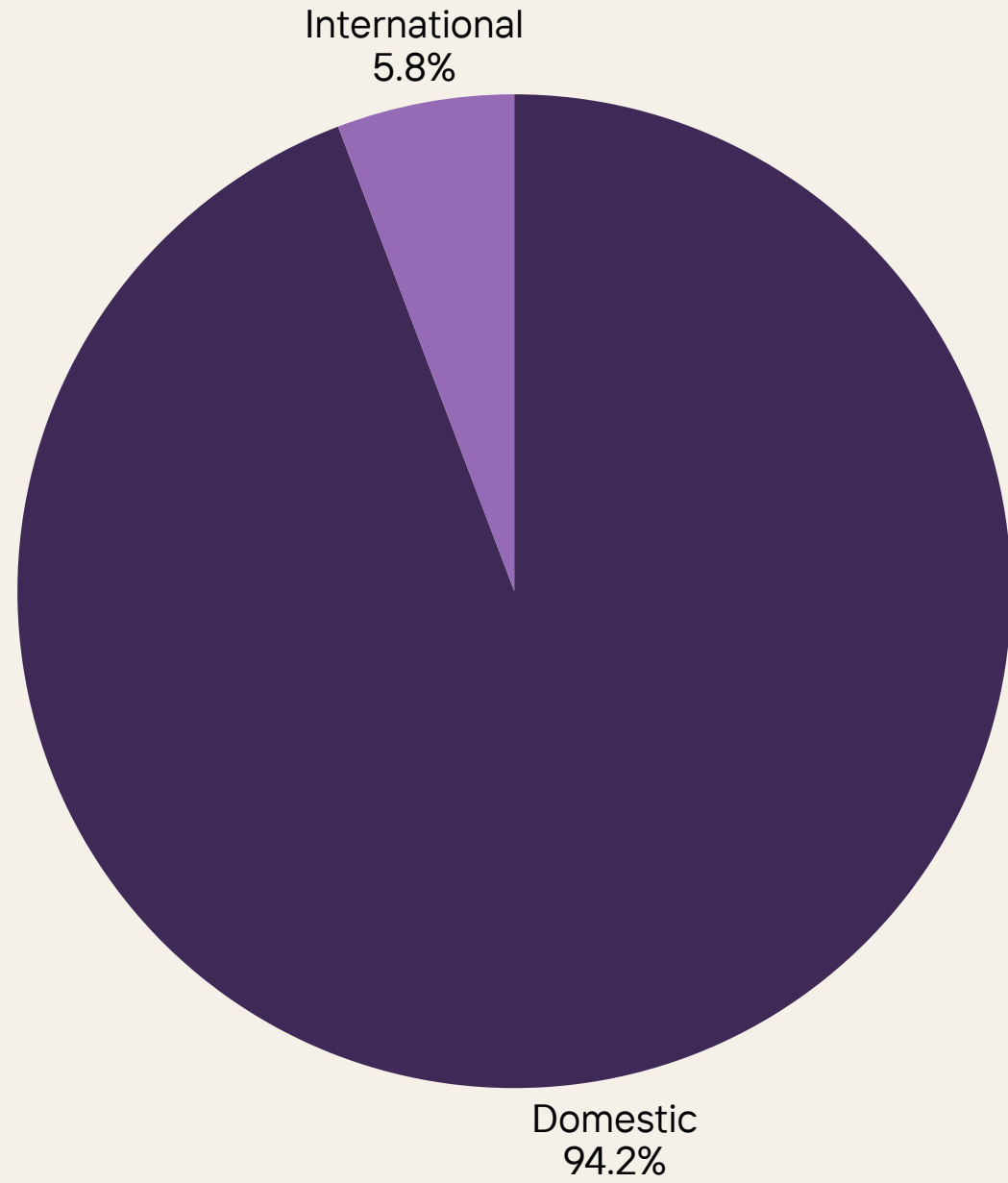
What is your sexual orientation?



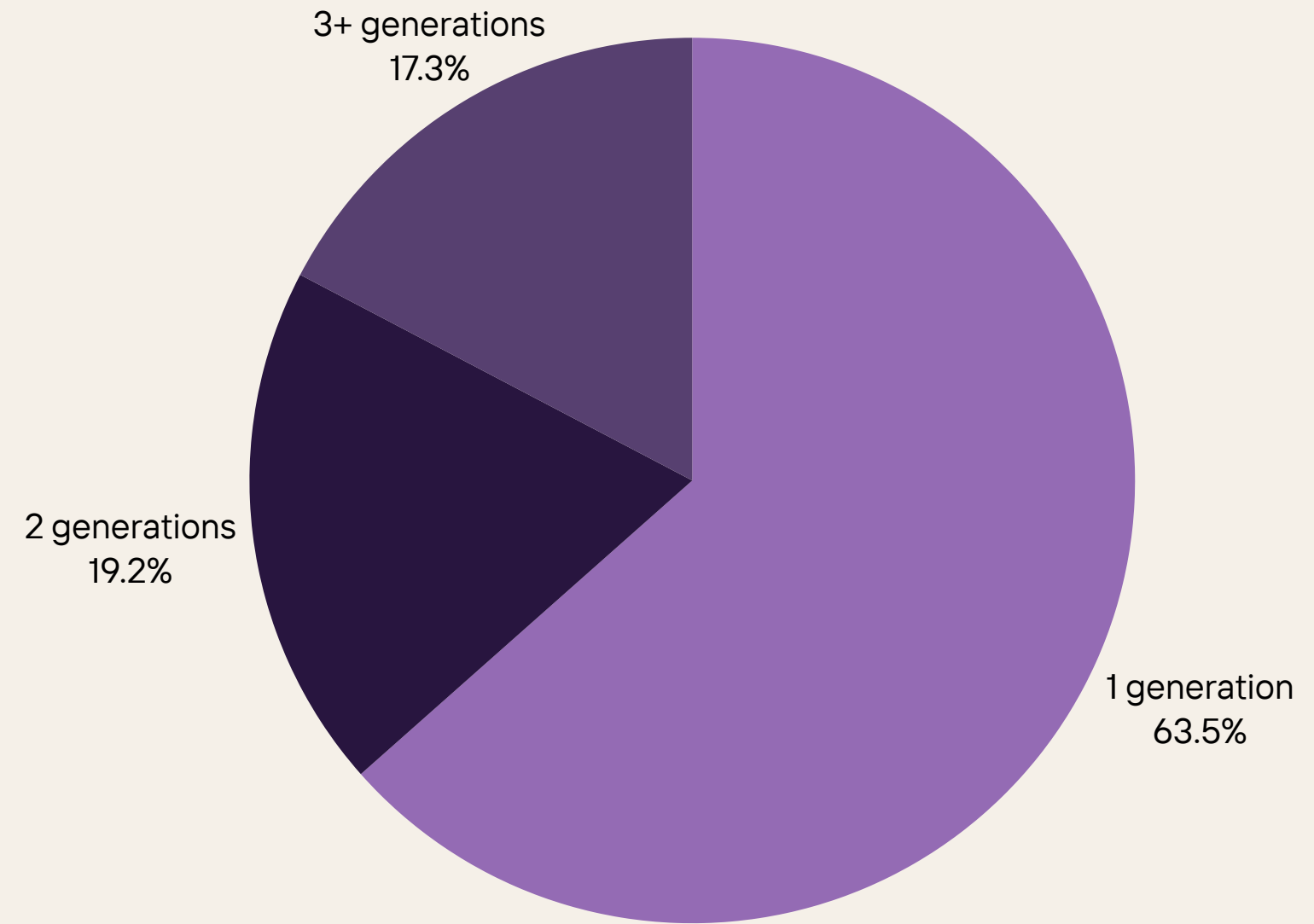
What is your hometown?



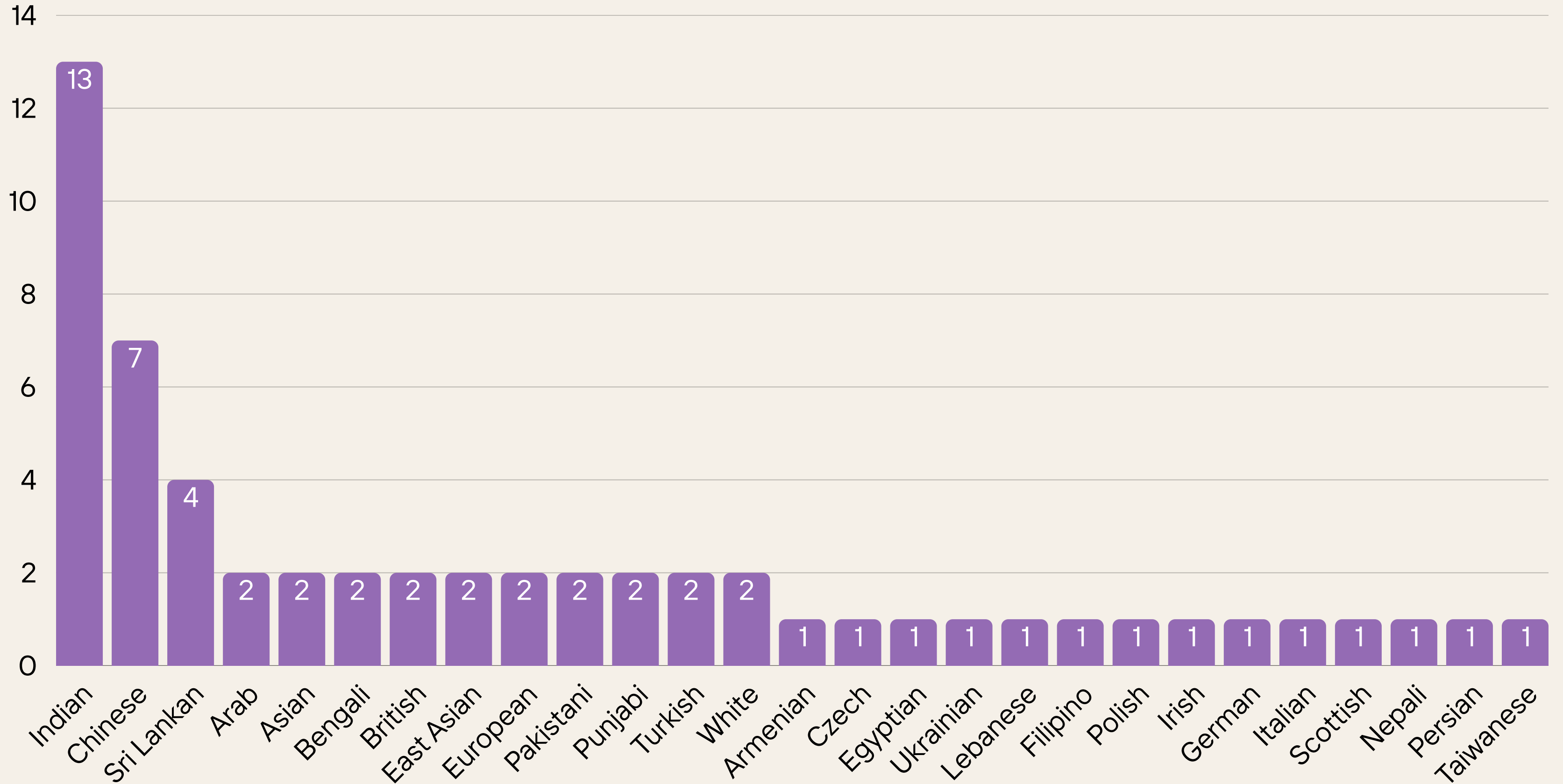
What is your citizenship status?



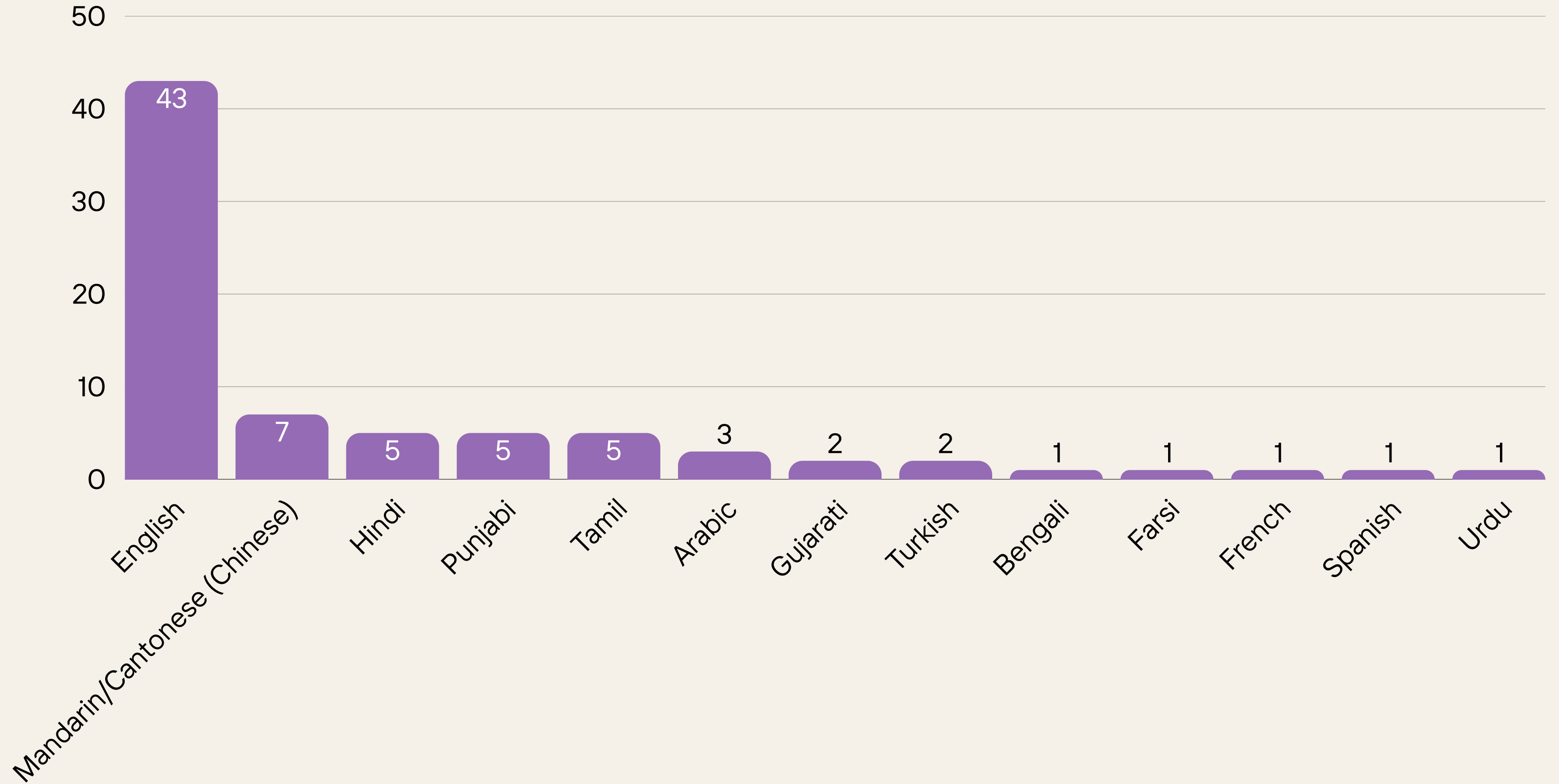
How long has your family been in Canada?



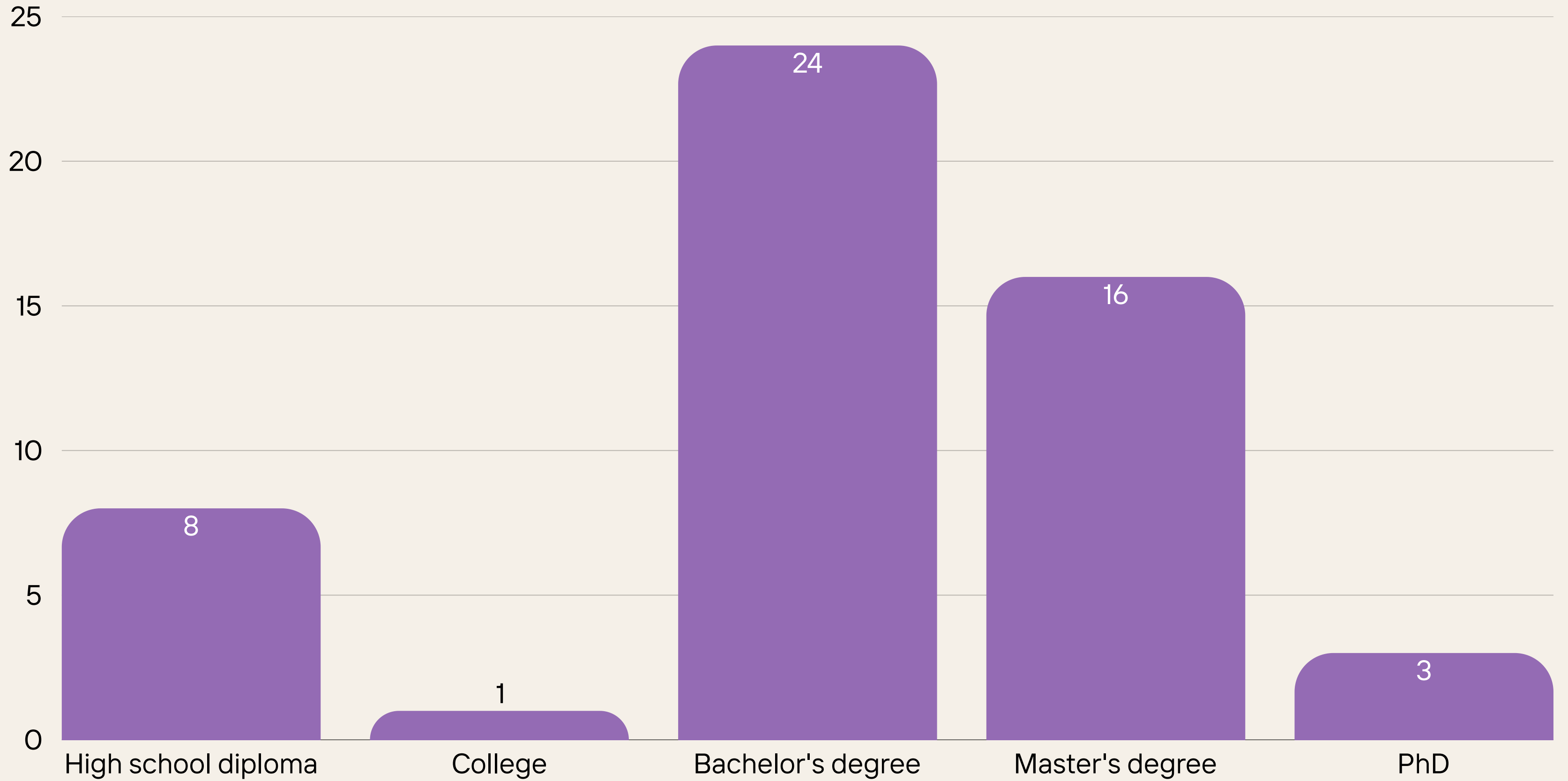
What is your ethnic background?



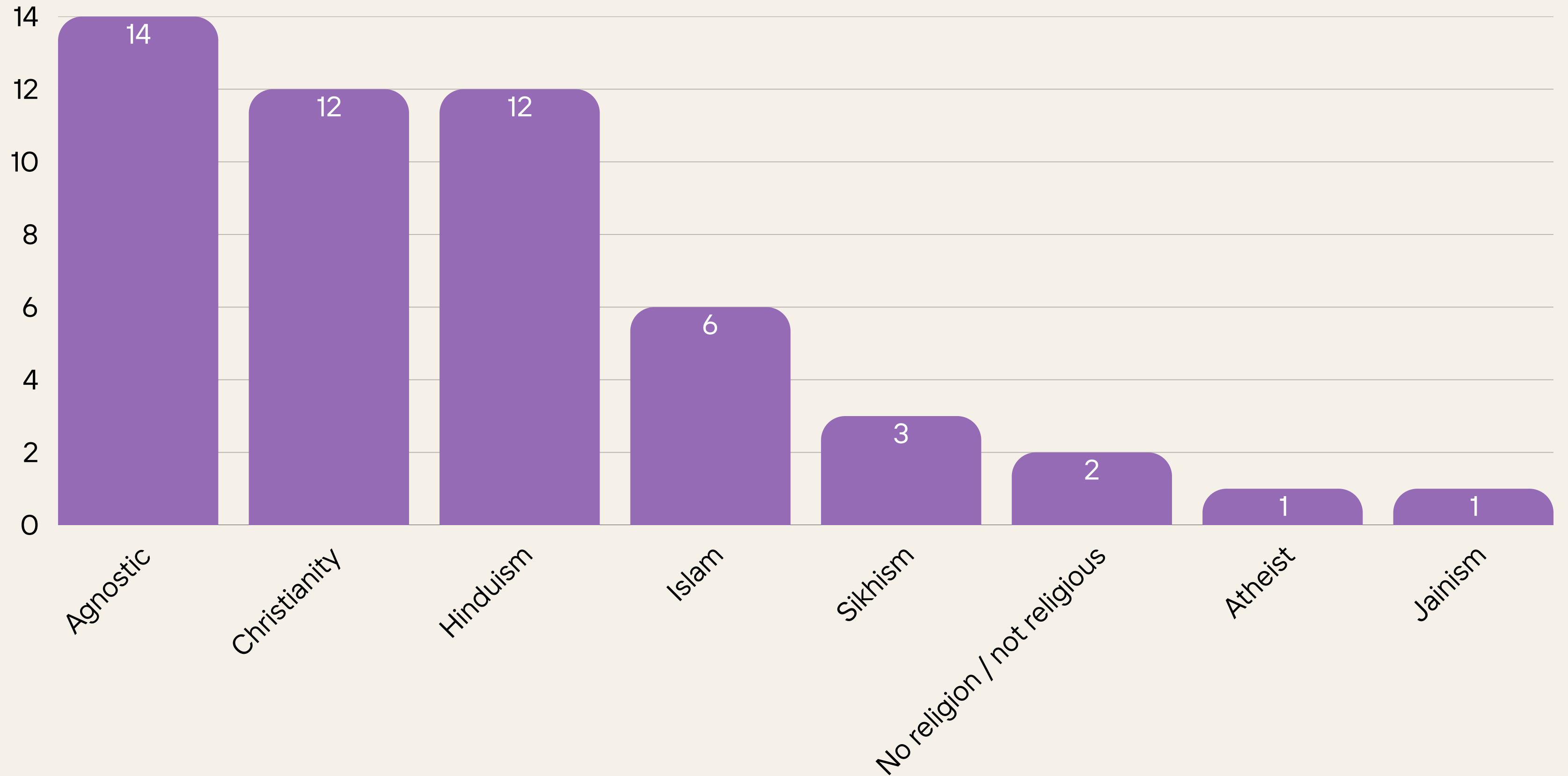
What languages do you speak at home?



What was the highest level of education completed by your parents?



What religion do you most align with?





High School & Academics

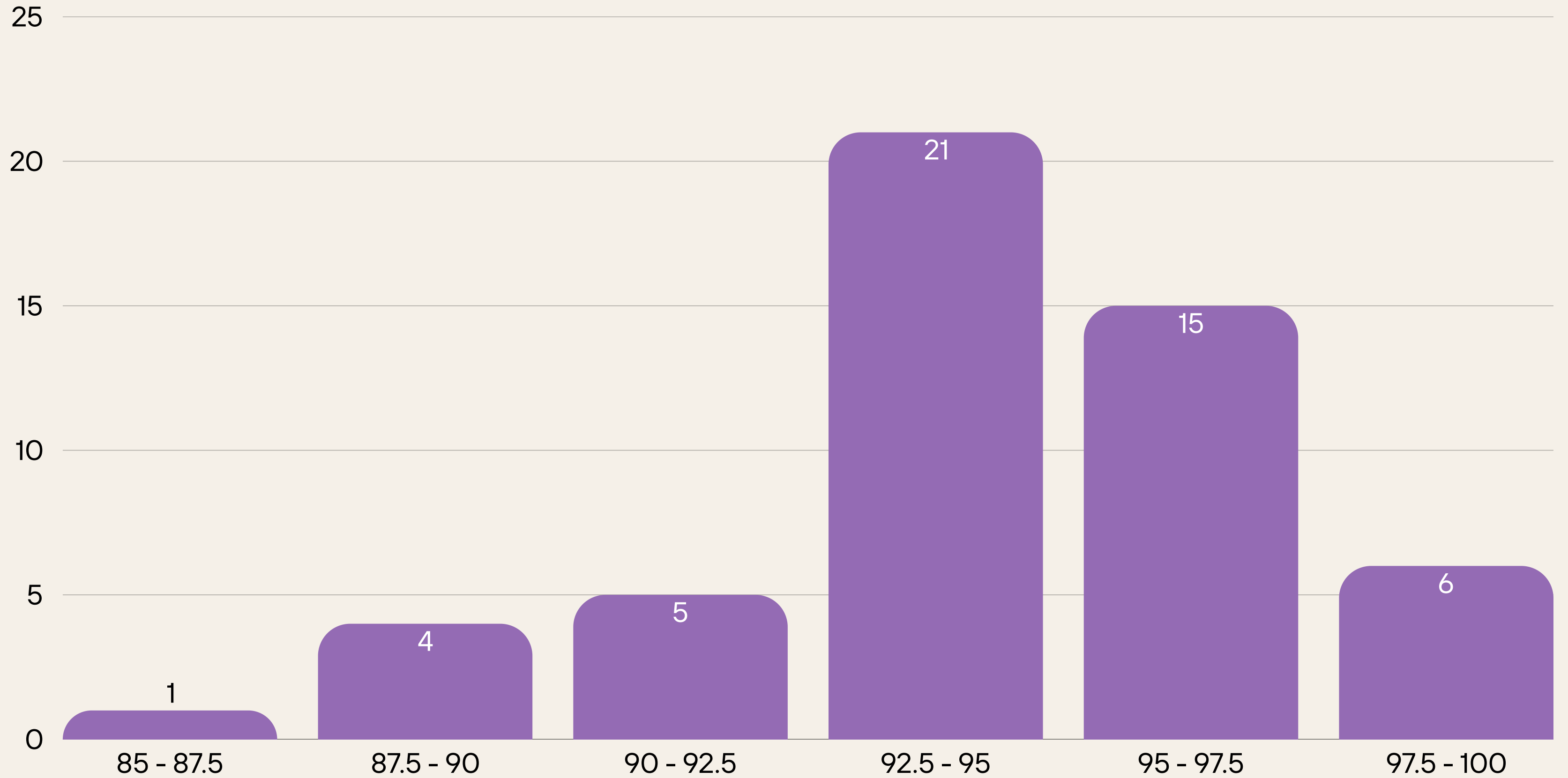


Where did you go to high school?

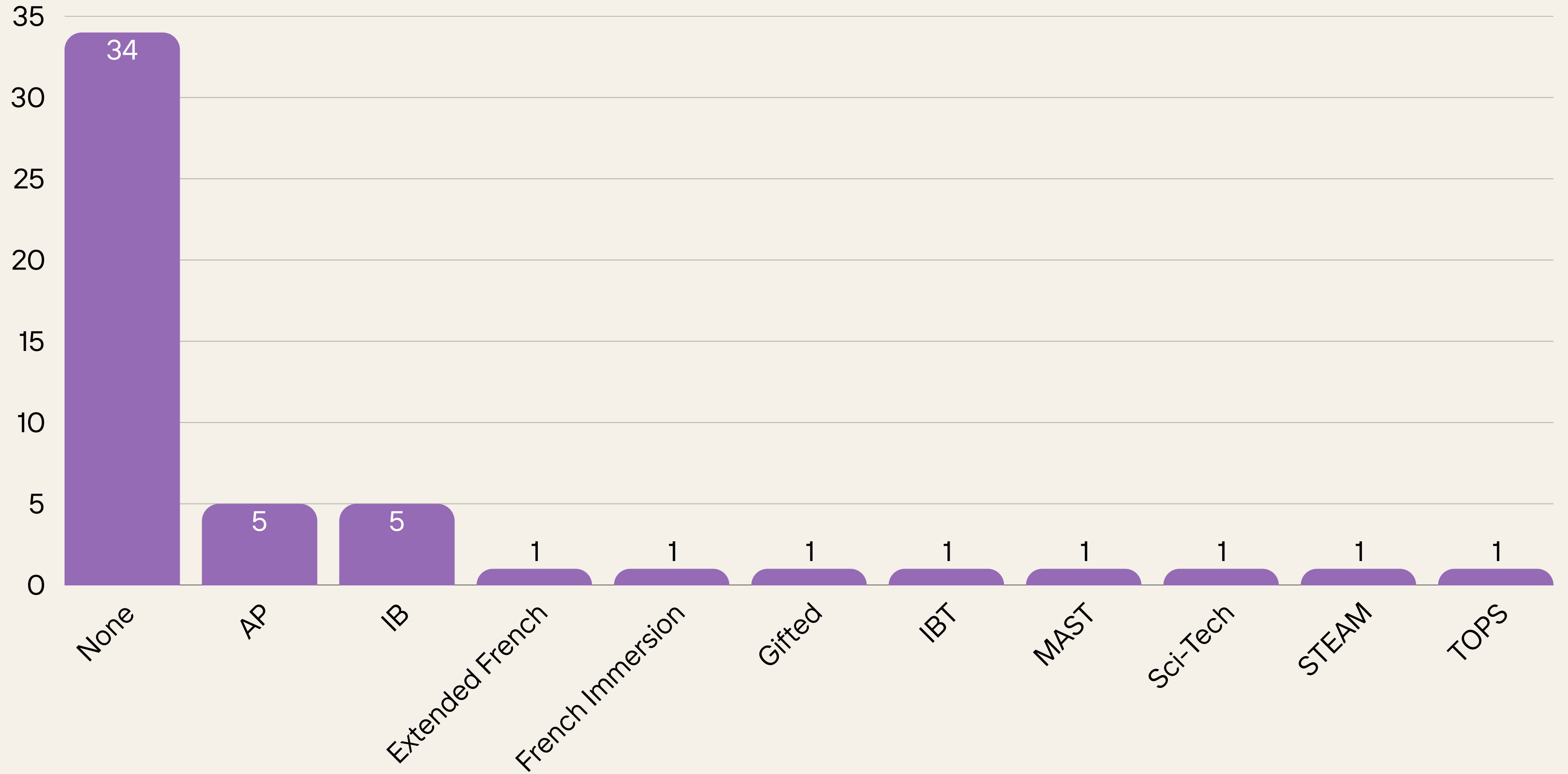


* Greater Toronto Area includes: City of Toronto, Peel, York, Durham, and Halton regions.

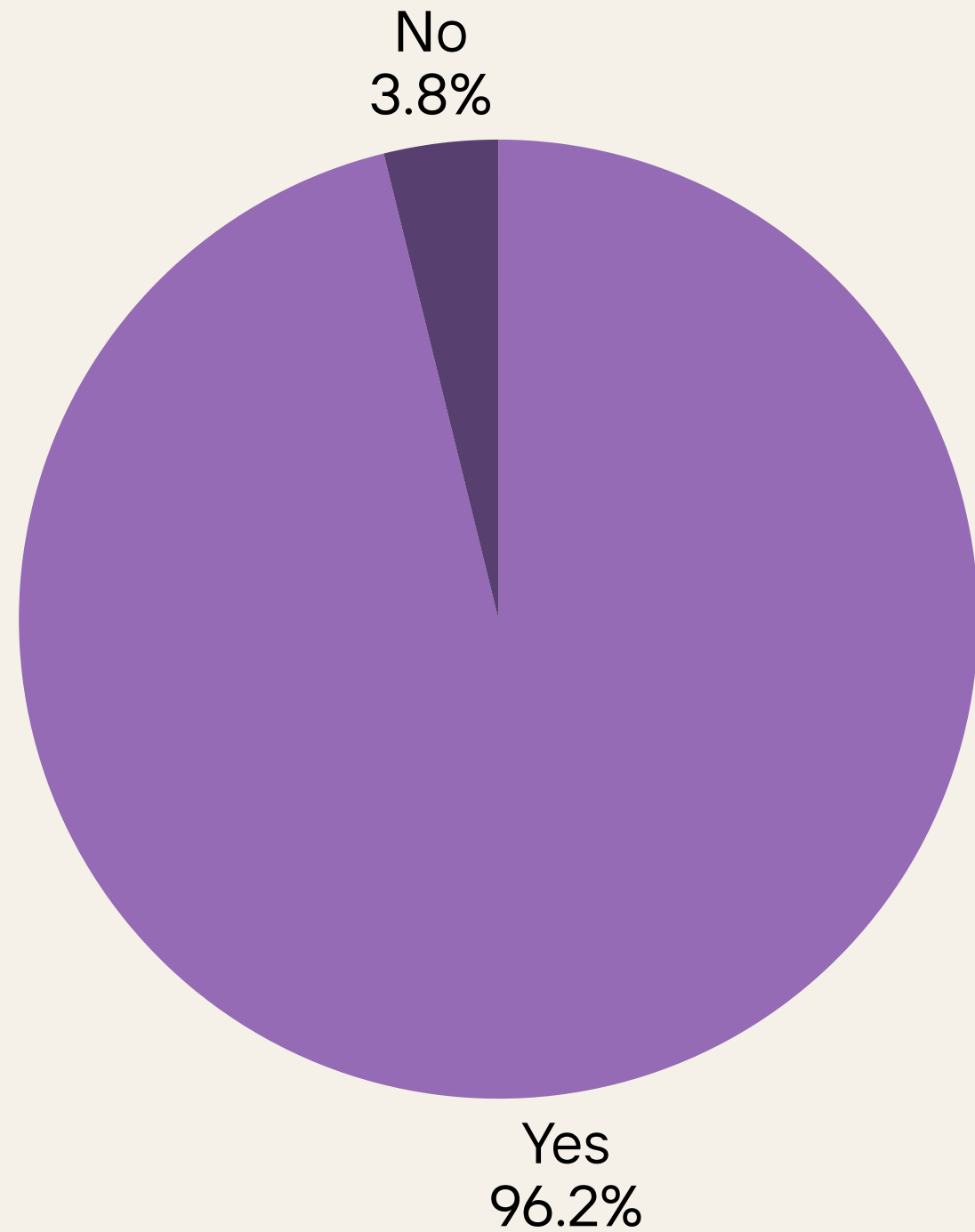
What was your high school admission average?



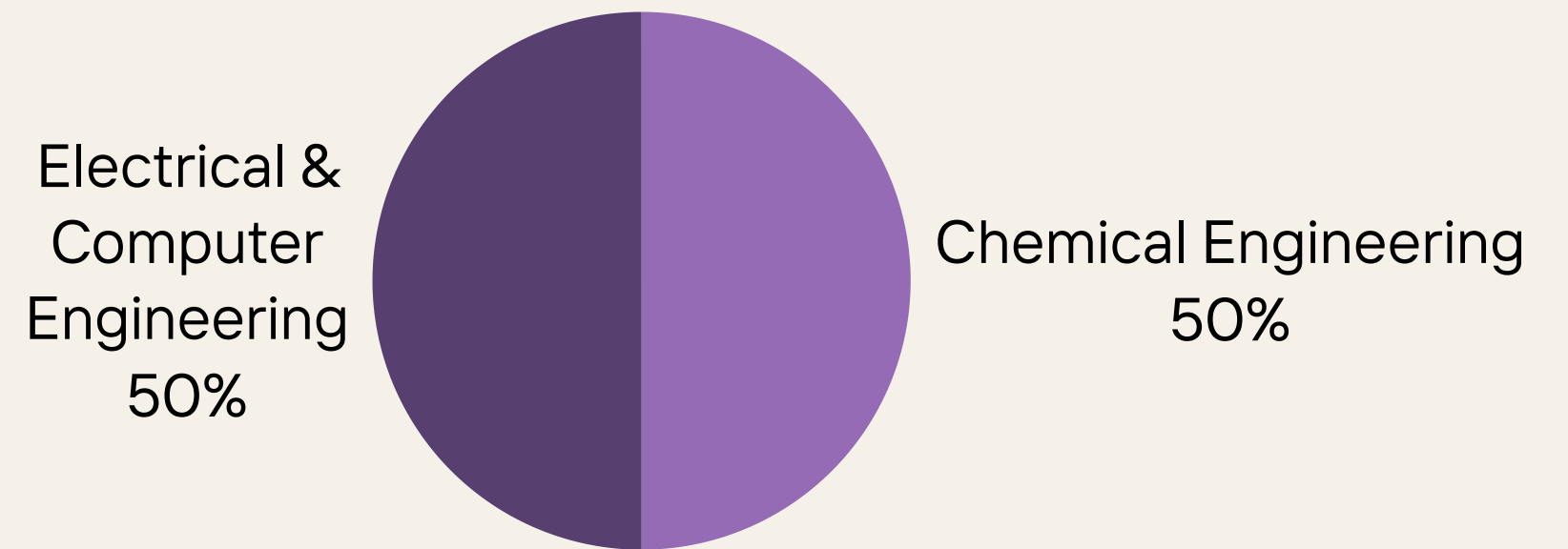
Were you part of any academic programs in high school?



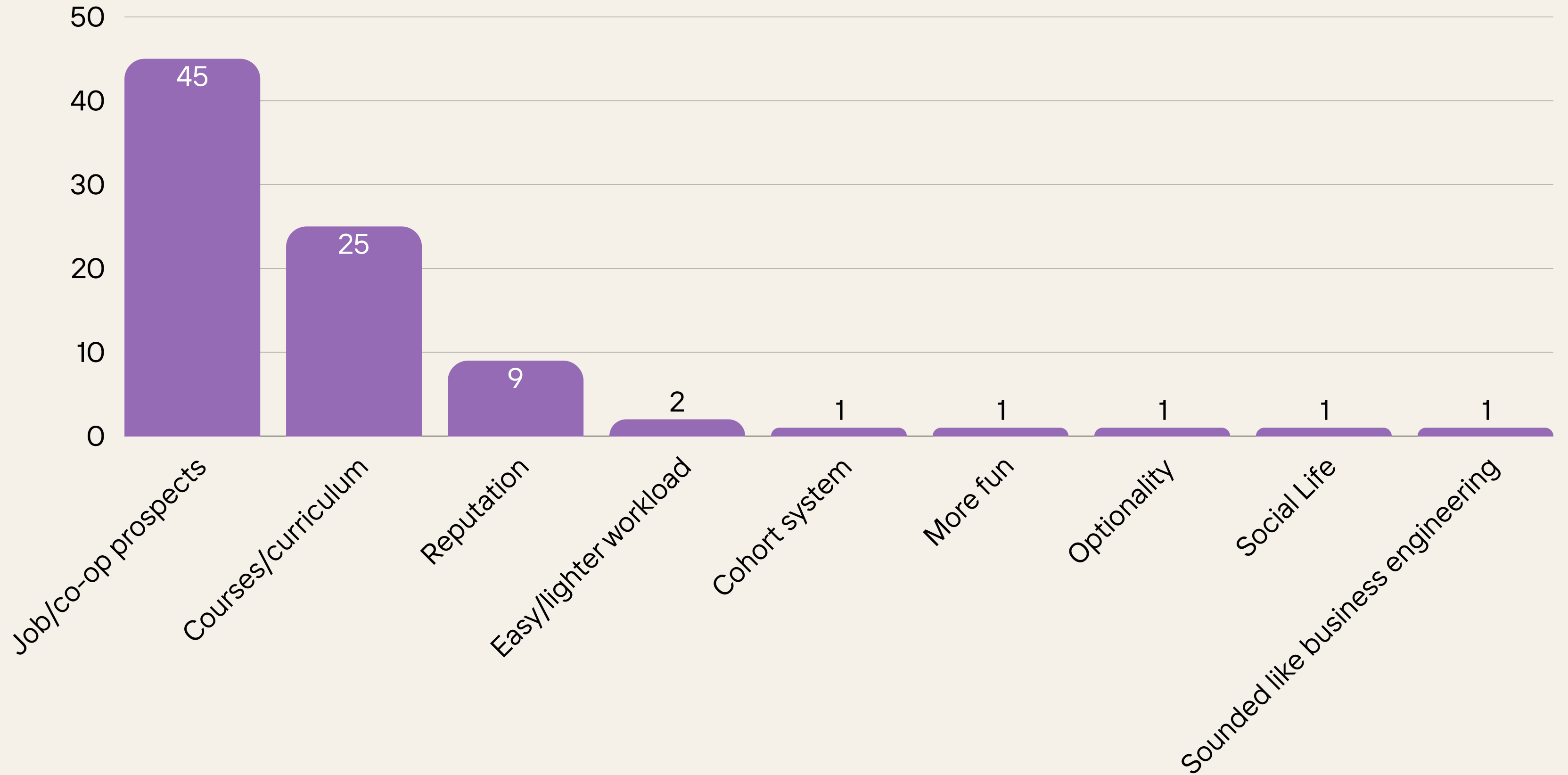
Did you join MGTE in 1A?



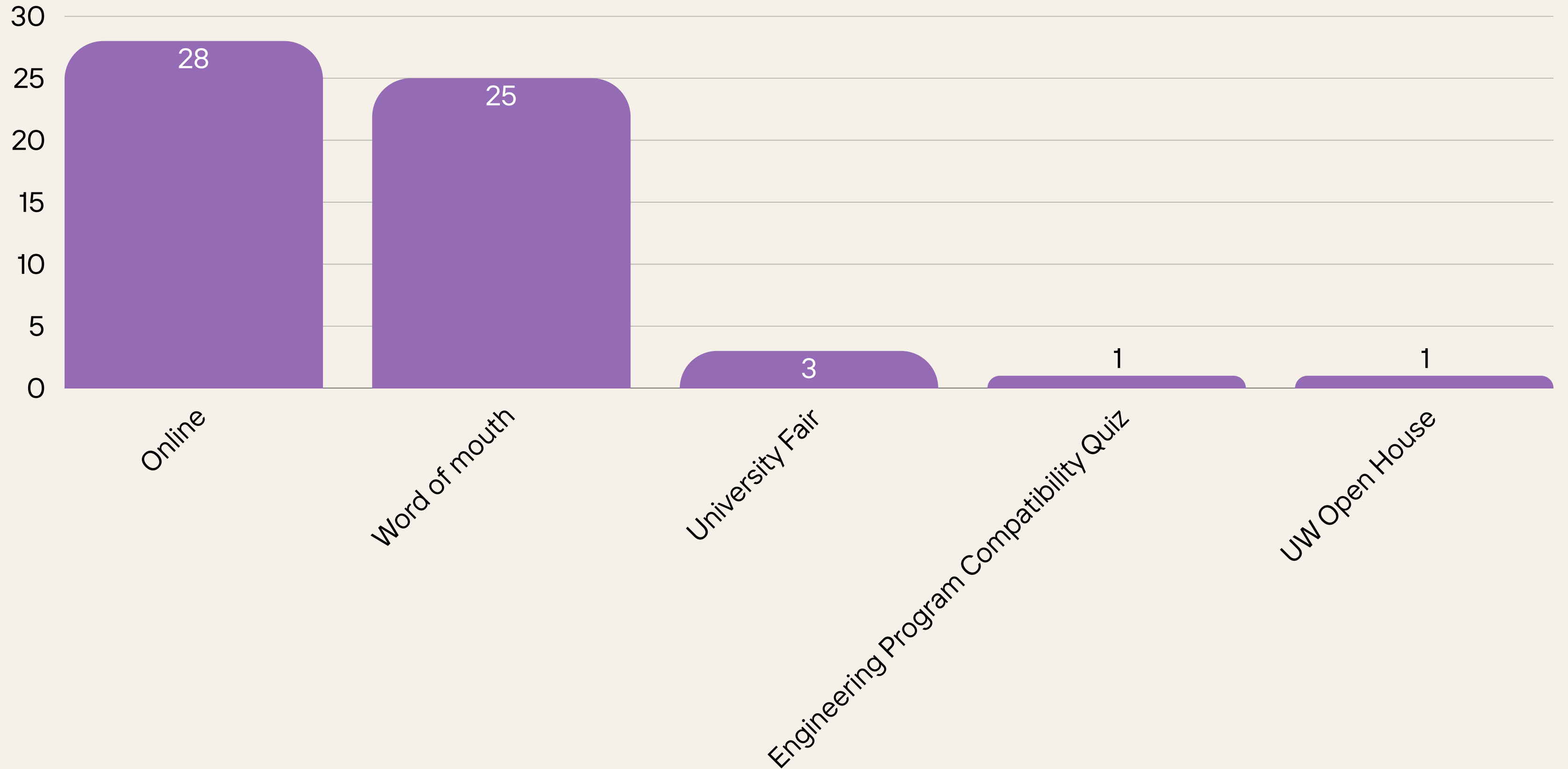
If no, where did you transfer from?



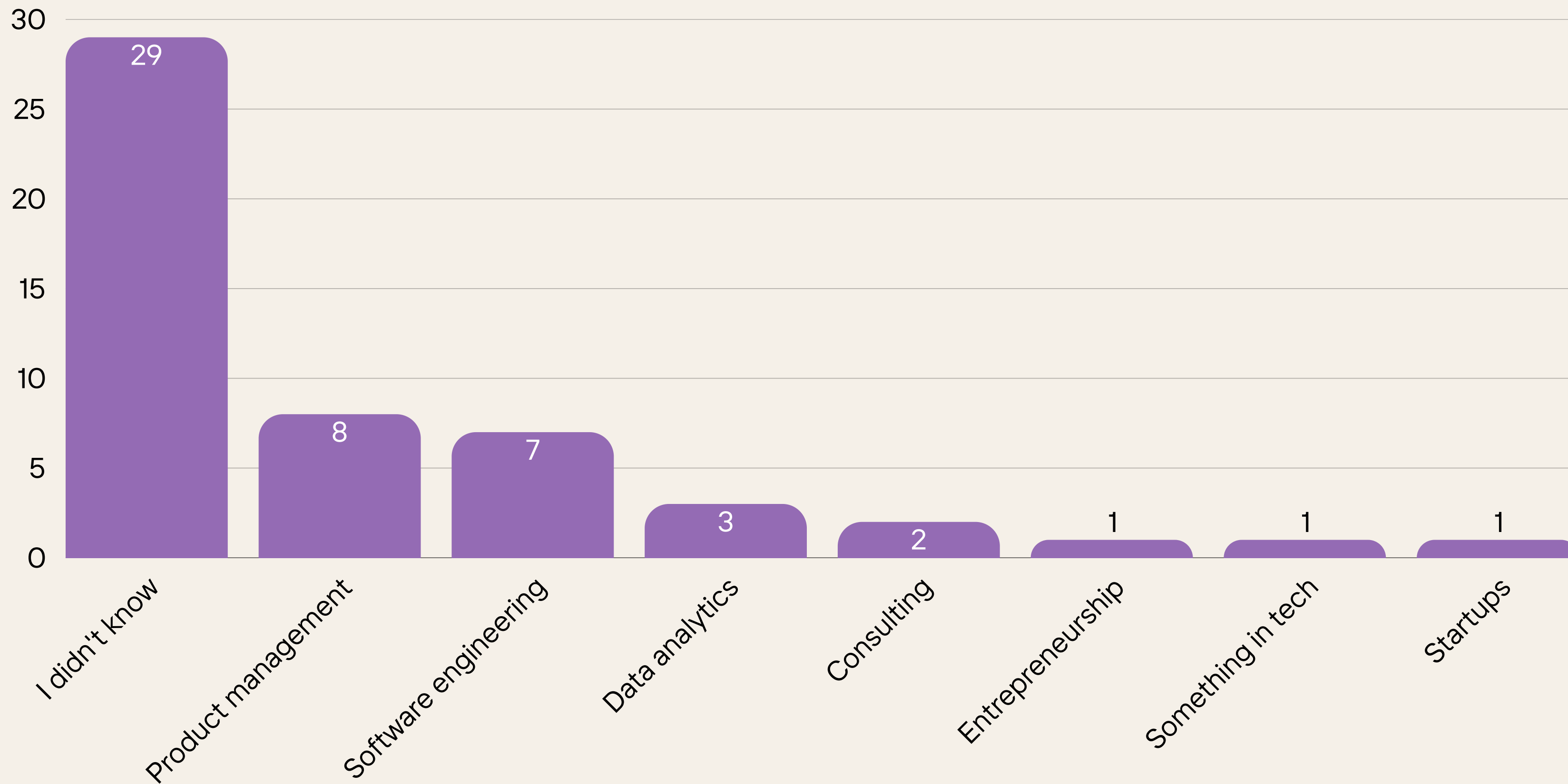
Why did you choose MGTE?



How did you hear about MGTE?

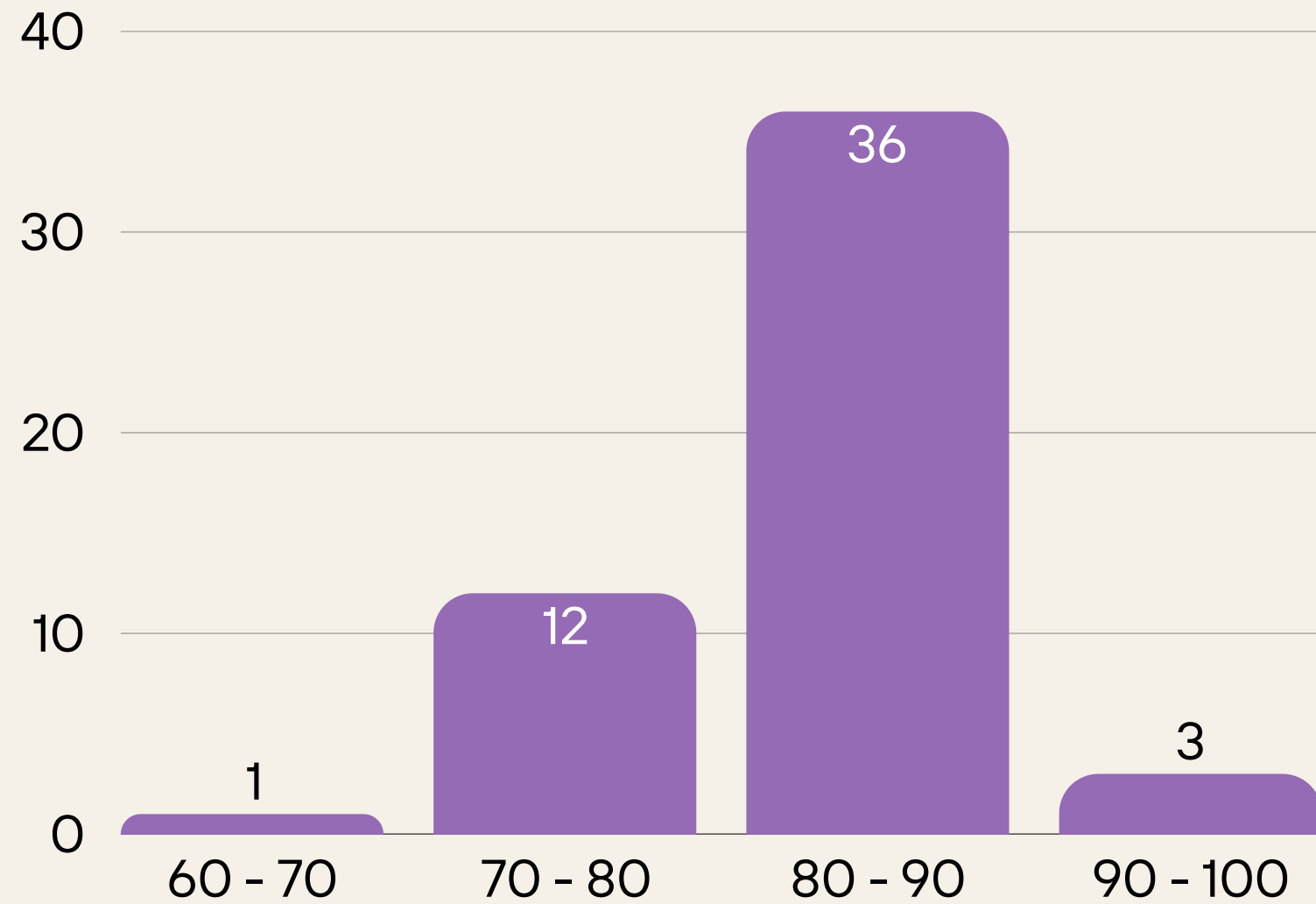


Coming into MGTE, what were your career aspirations?



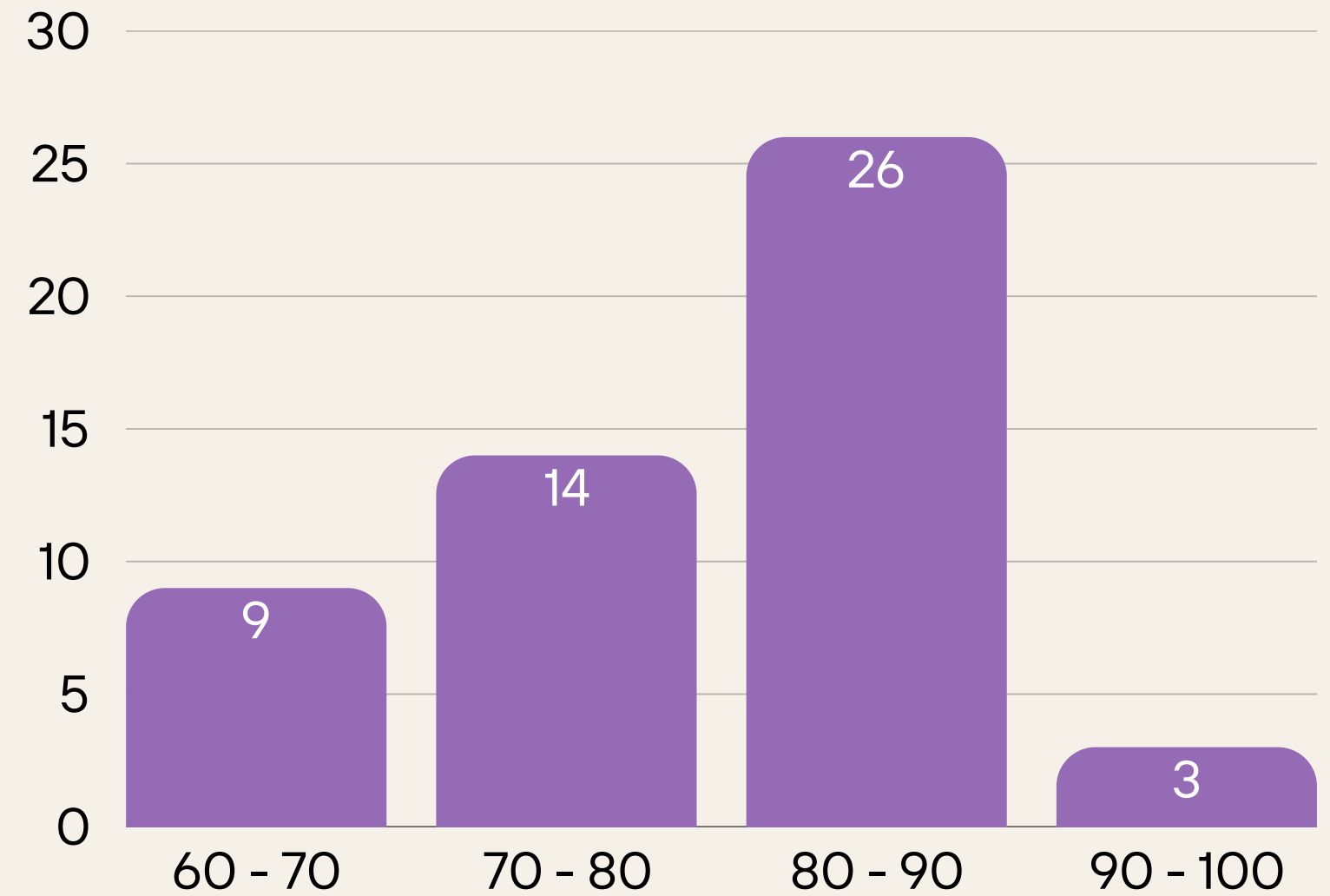


What was your term average for 1A?



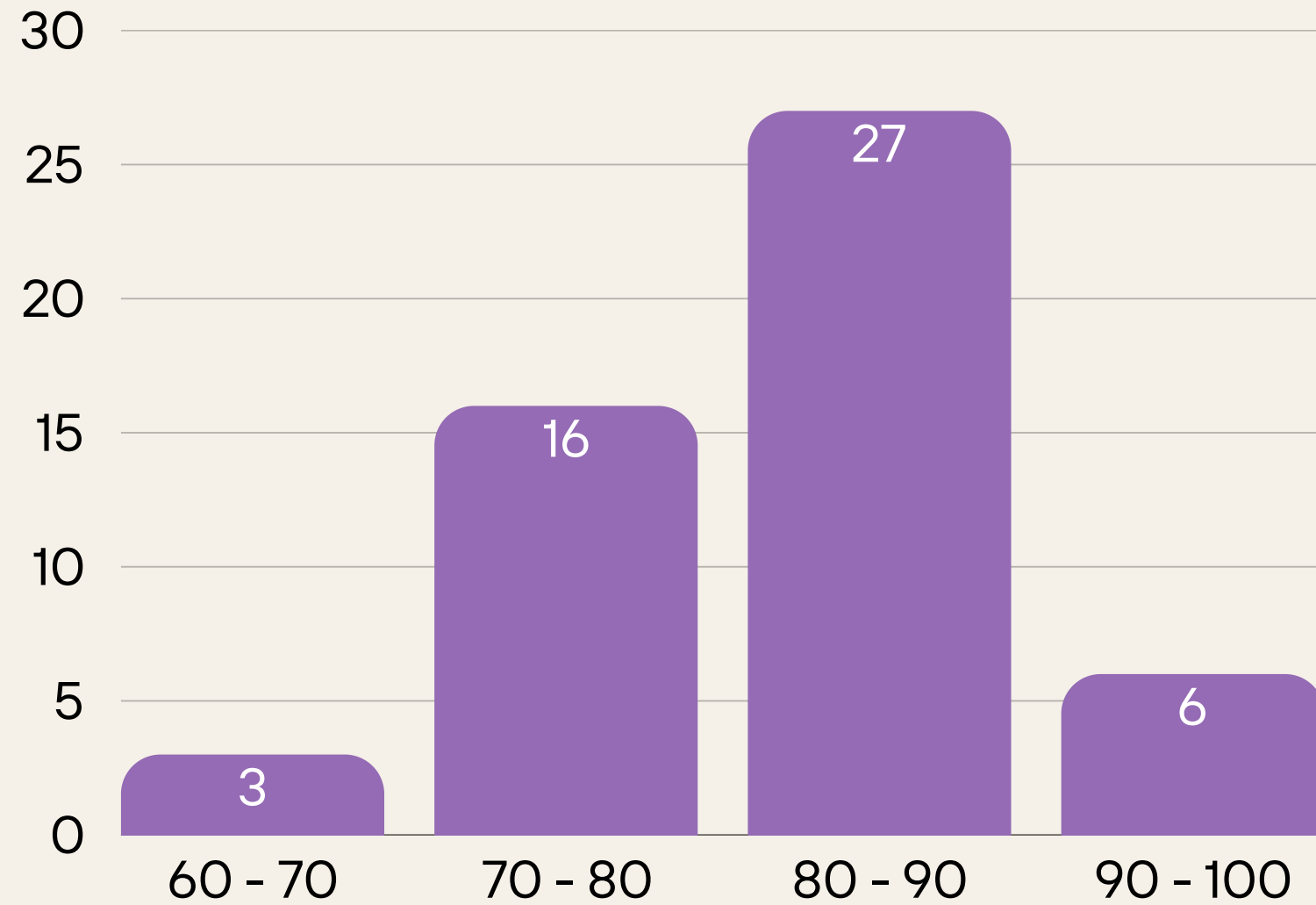
Min: 65.82 | Max: 96.00
Mean: 82.35 | Median: 82.91

What was your term average for 1B?



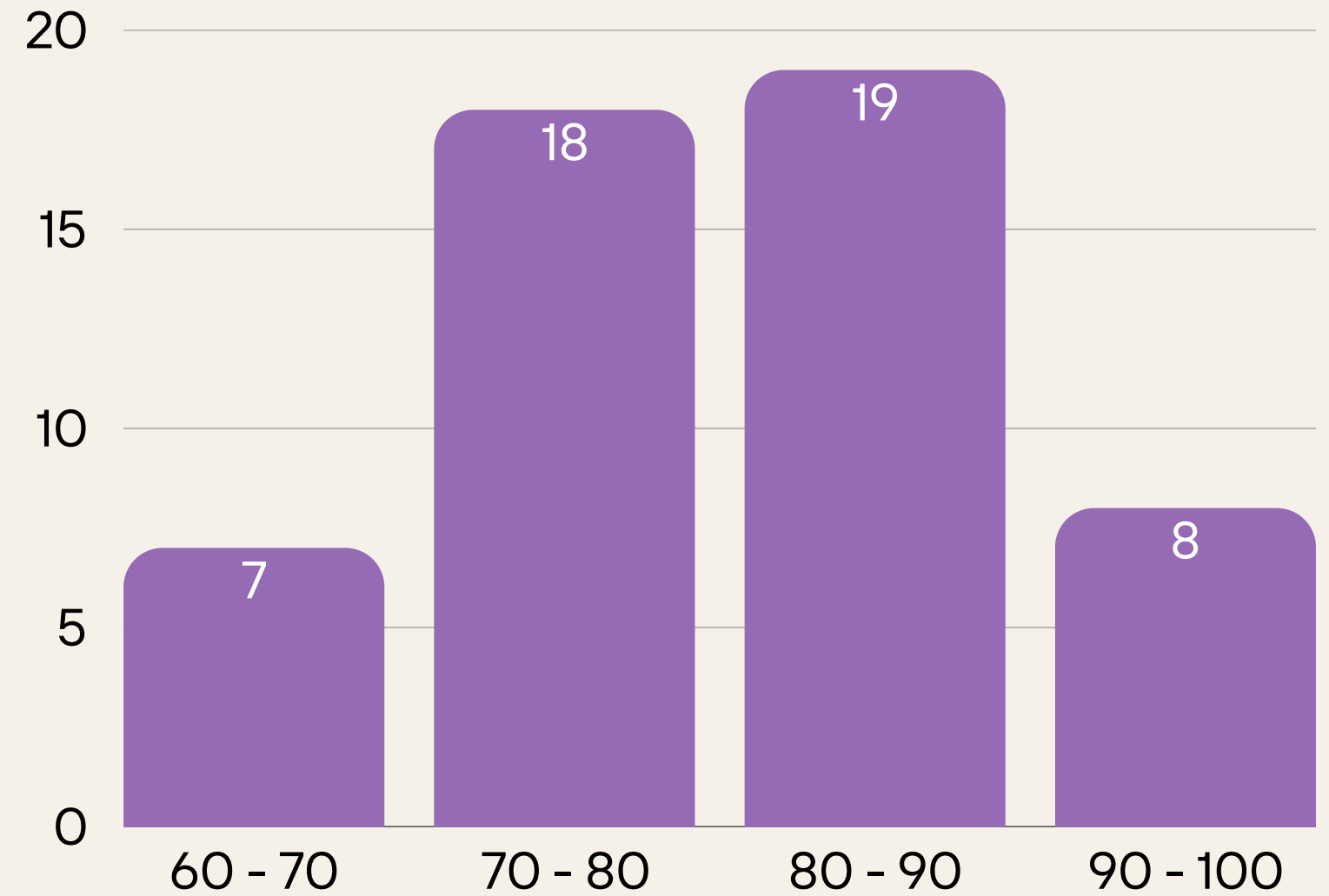
Min: 61.33 | Max: 95.62
Mean: 78.86 | Median: 80.09

What was your term average for 2A?



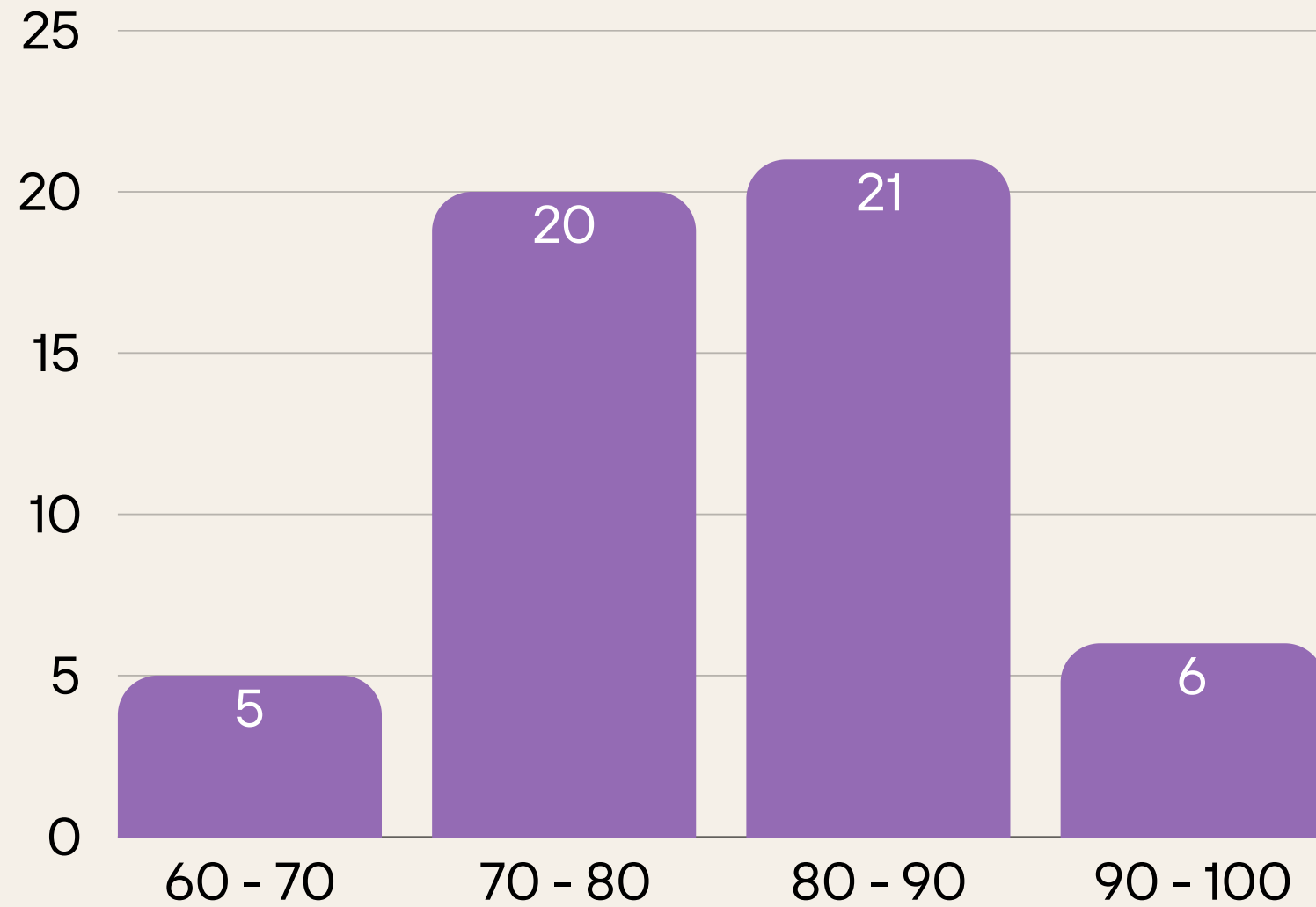
Min: 64.40 | Max: 93.20
Mean: 80.80 | Median: 82.50

What was your term average for 2B?



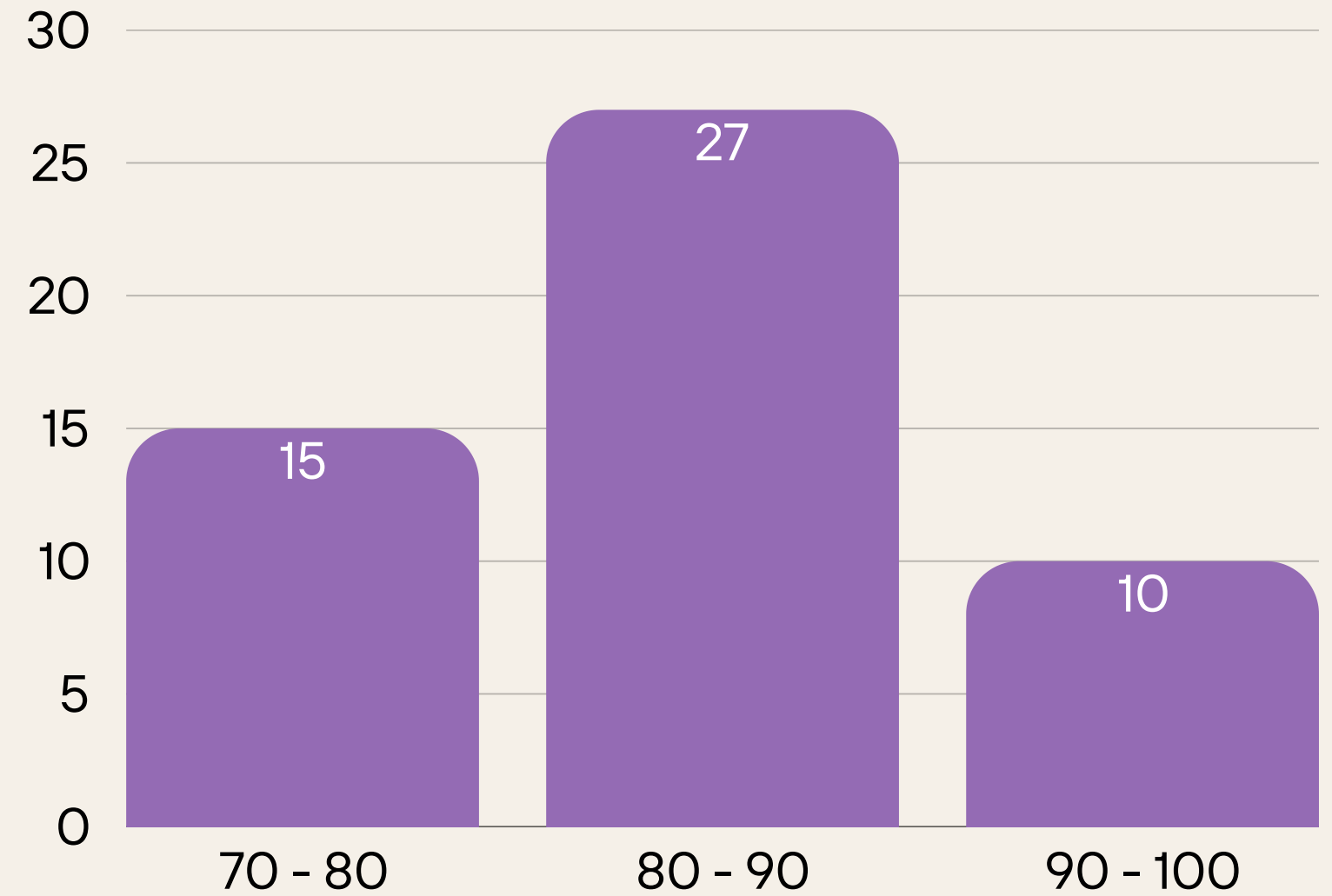
Min: 61.60 | Max: 95.40
Mean: 79.78 | Median: 80.00

What was your term average for 3A?



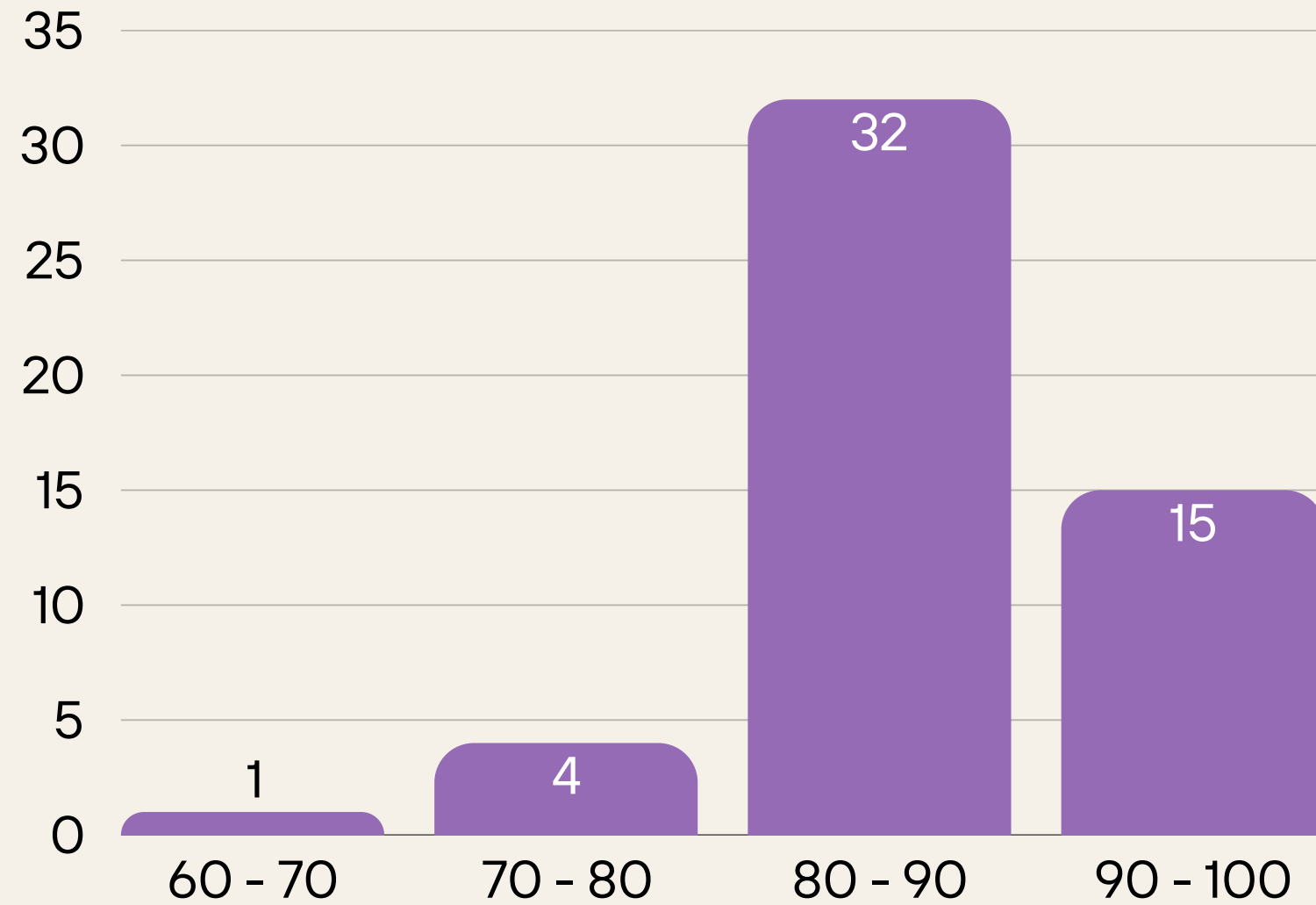
Min: 63.28 | Max: 94.00
Mean: 79.52 | Median: 80.00

What was your term average for 3B?



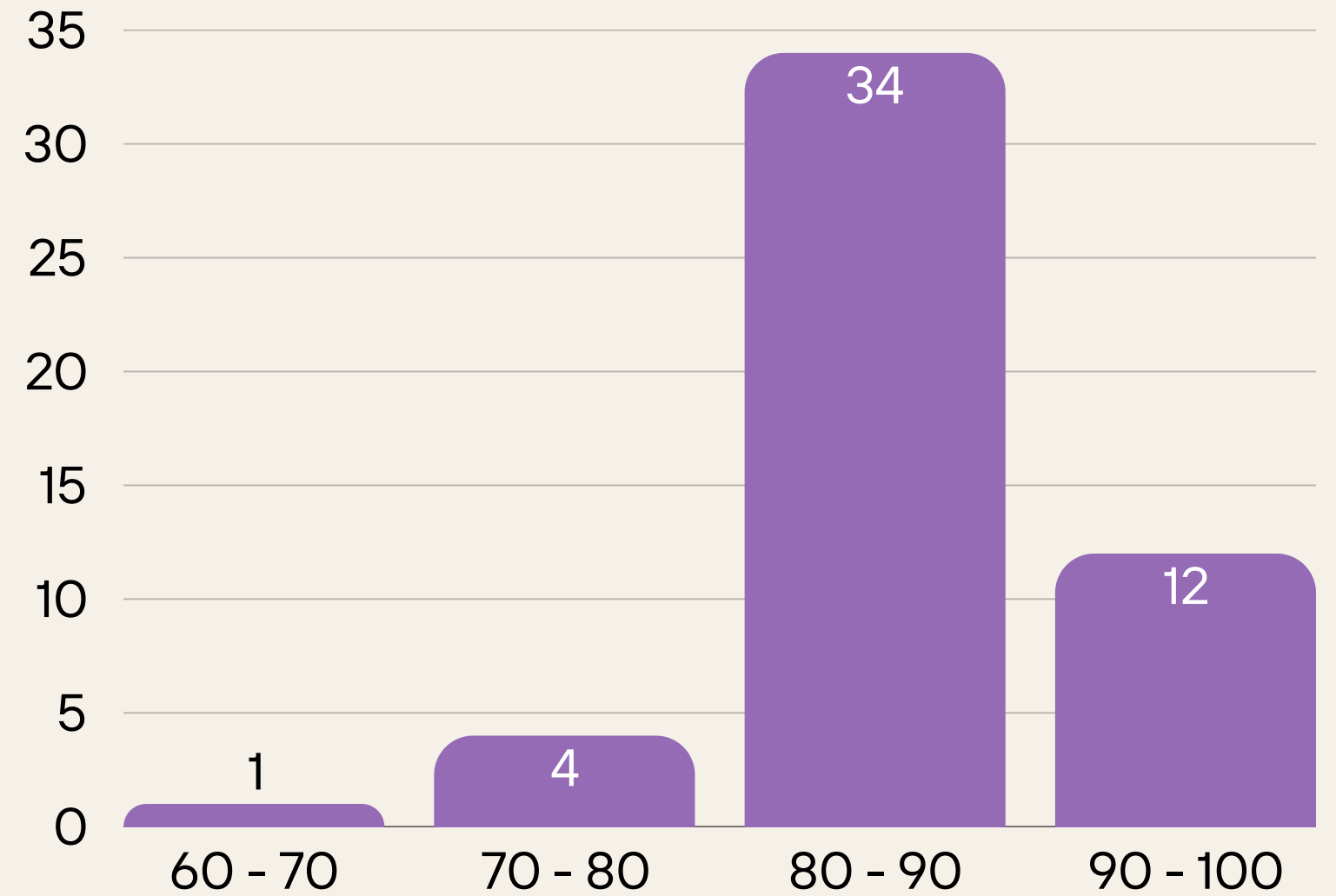
Min: 70.00 | Max: 100.00
Mean: 83.44 | Median: 83.48

What was your term average for 4A?



Min: 68.00 | Max: 94.80
Mean: 86.13 | Median: 87.00

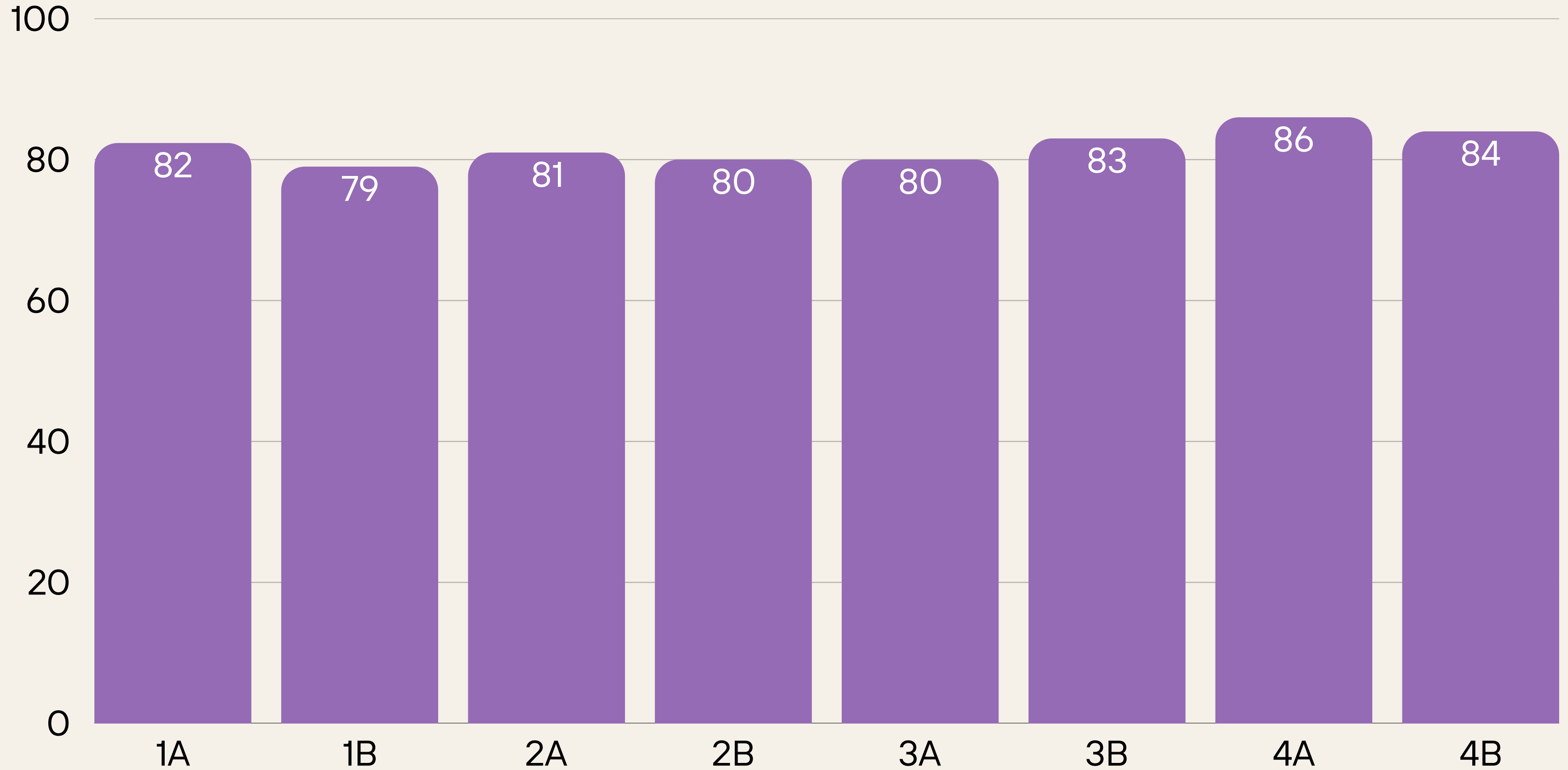
What is your expected term average for 4B?*



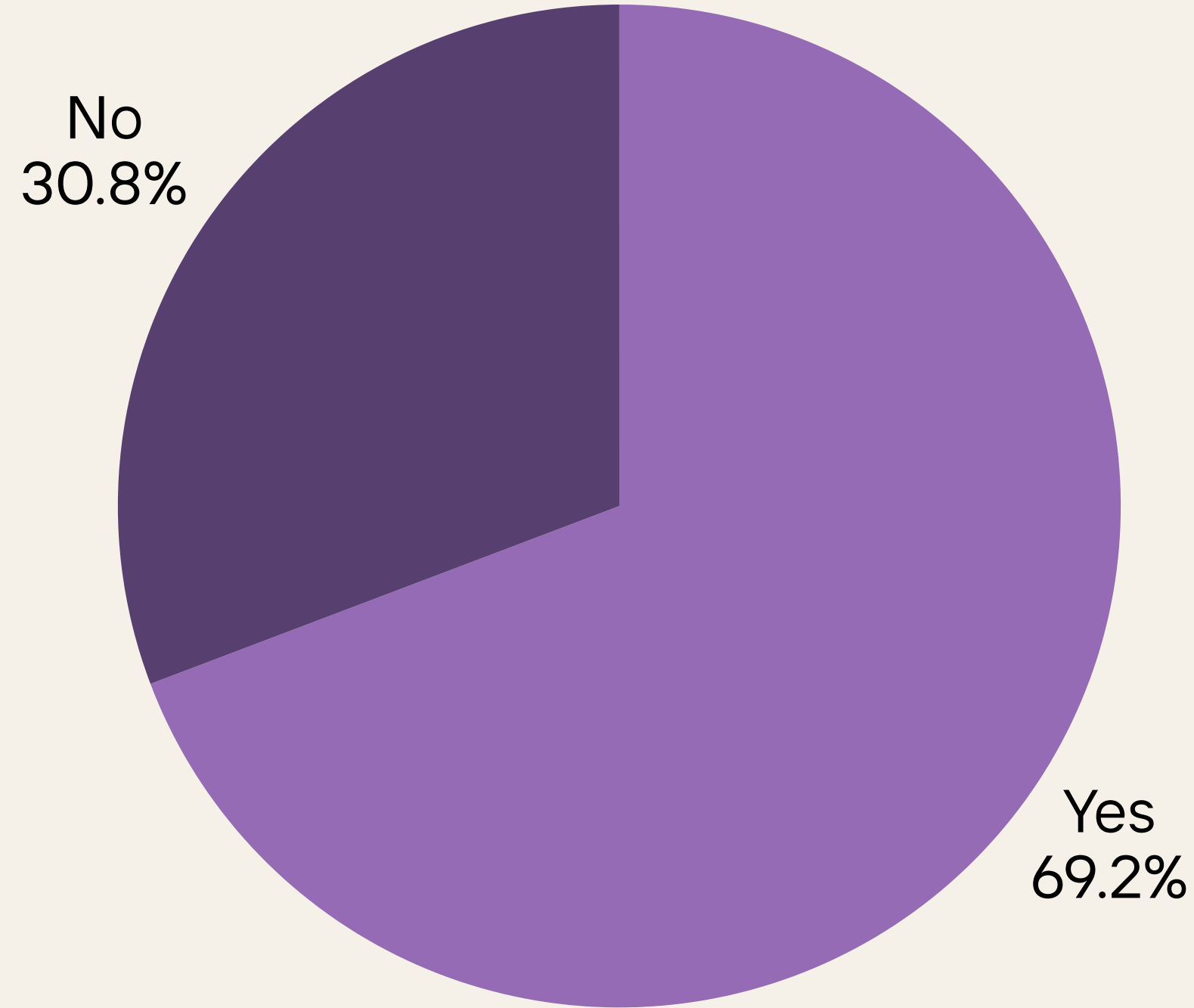
Min: 65.00 | Max: 96.00
Mean: 83.76 | Median: 85.00

* Survey was completed before final 4B grades were released

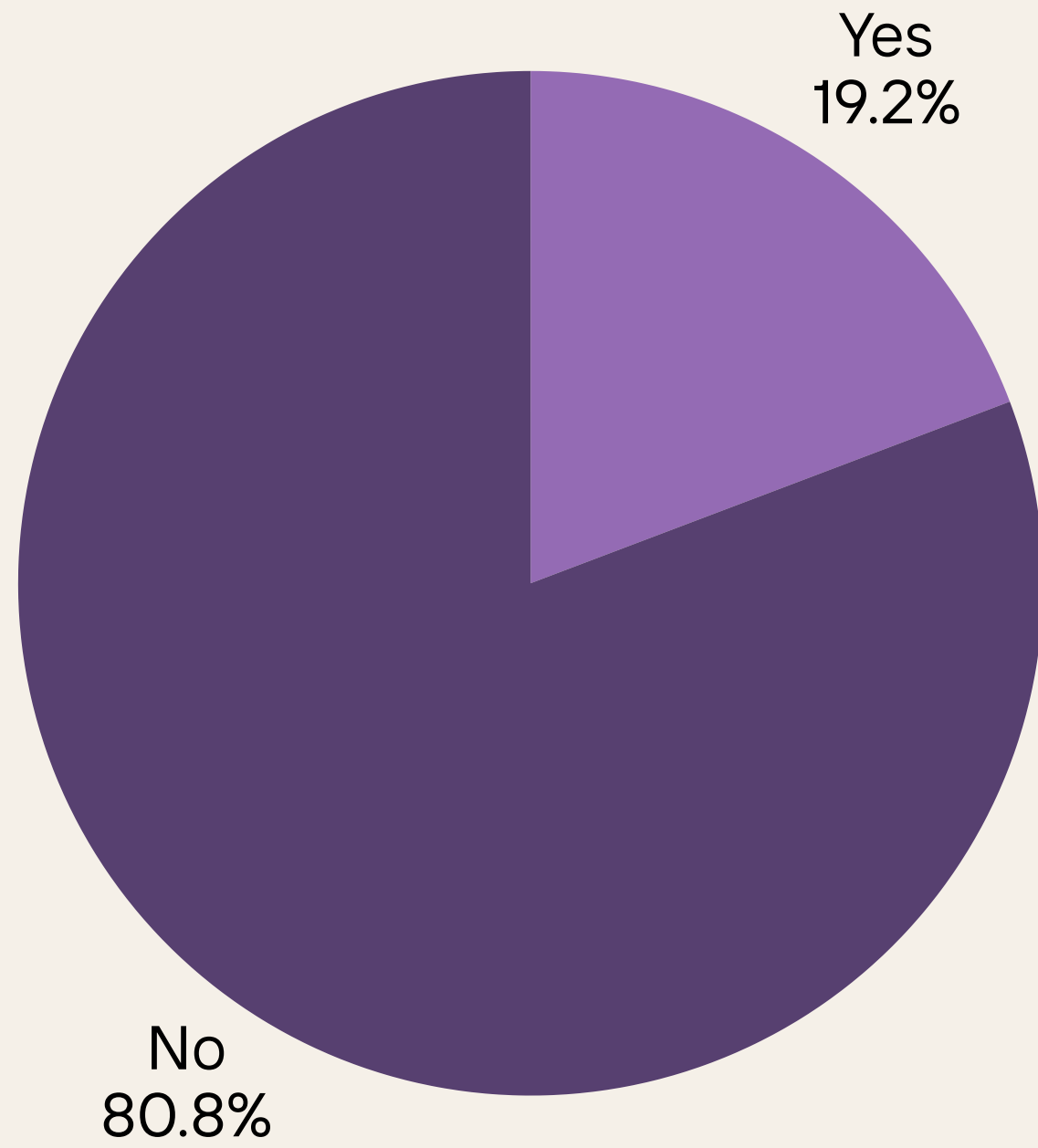
Mean Term Averages Over the Years



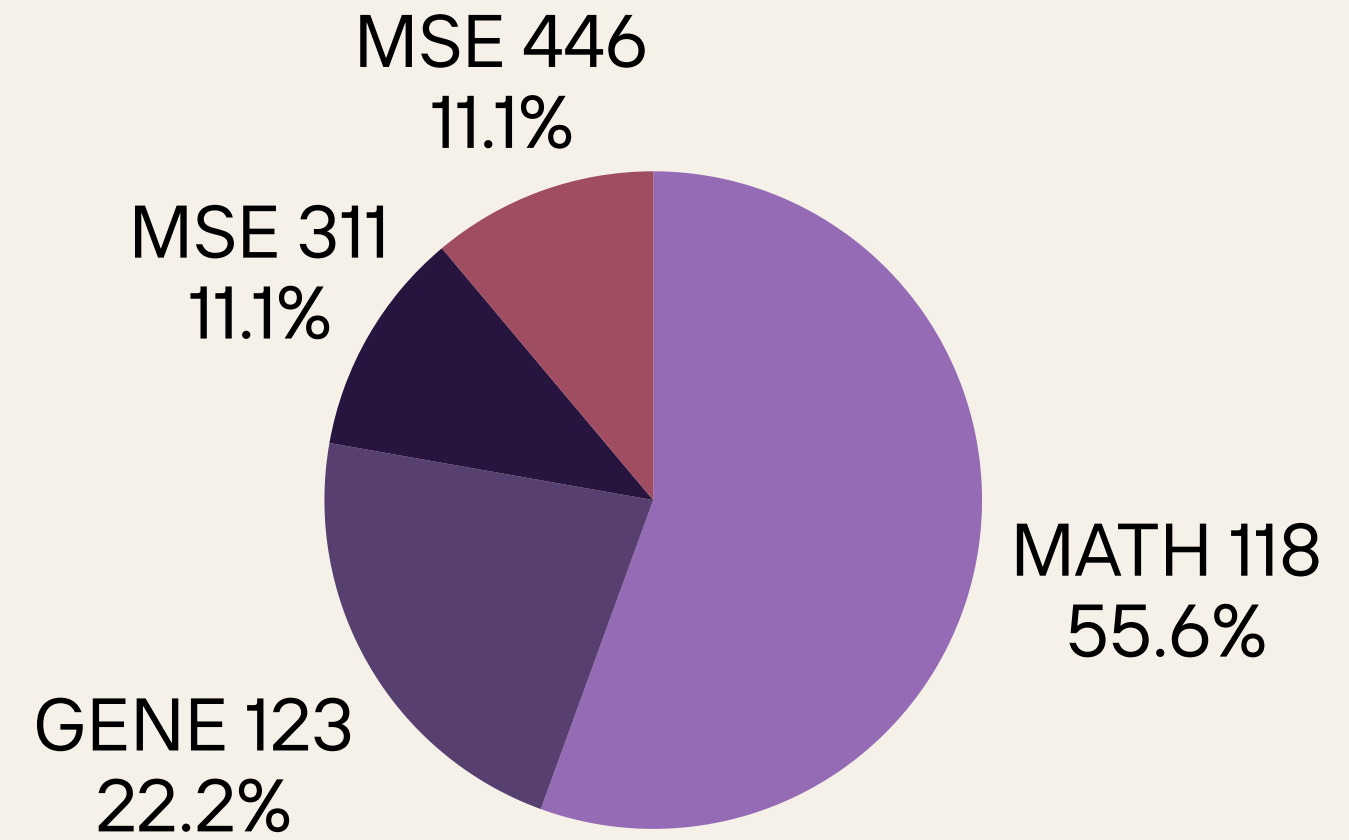
Have you failed an exam in MGTE?



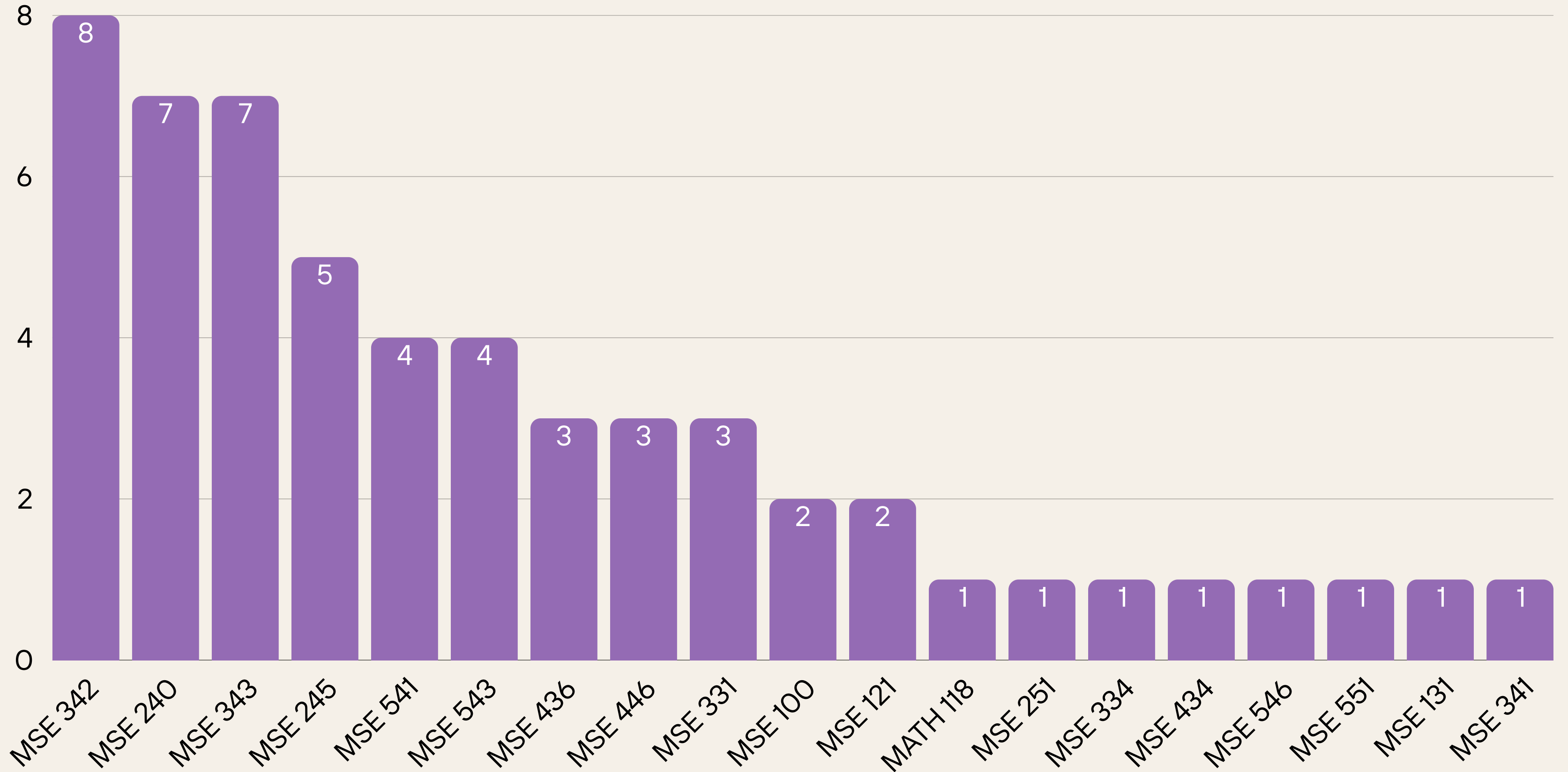
Have you failed a course in MGTE?



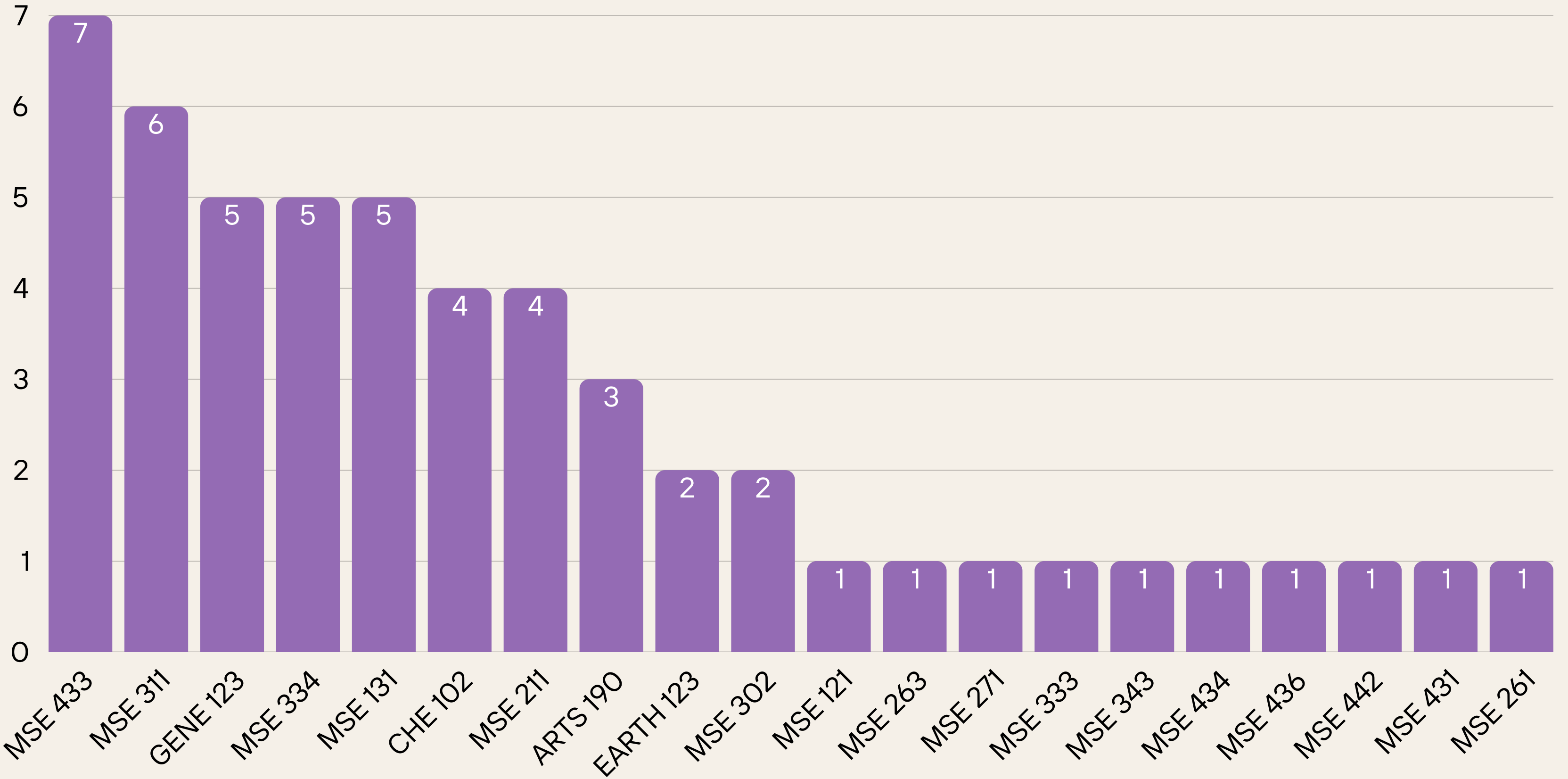
If yes, which course(s) did you fail?



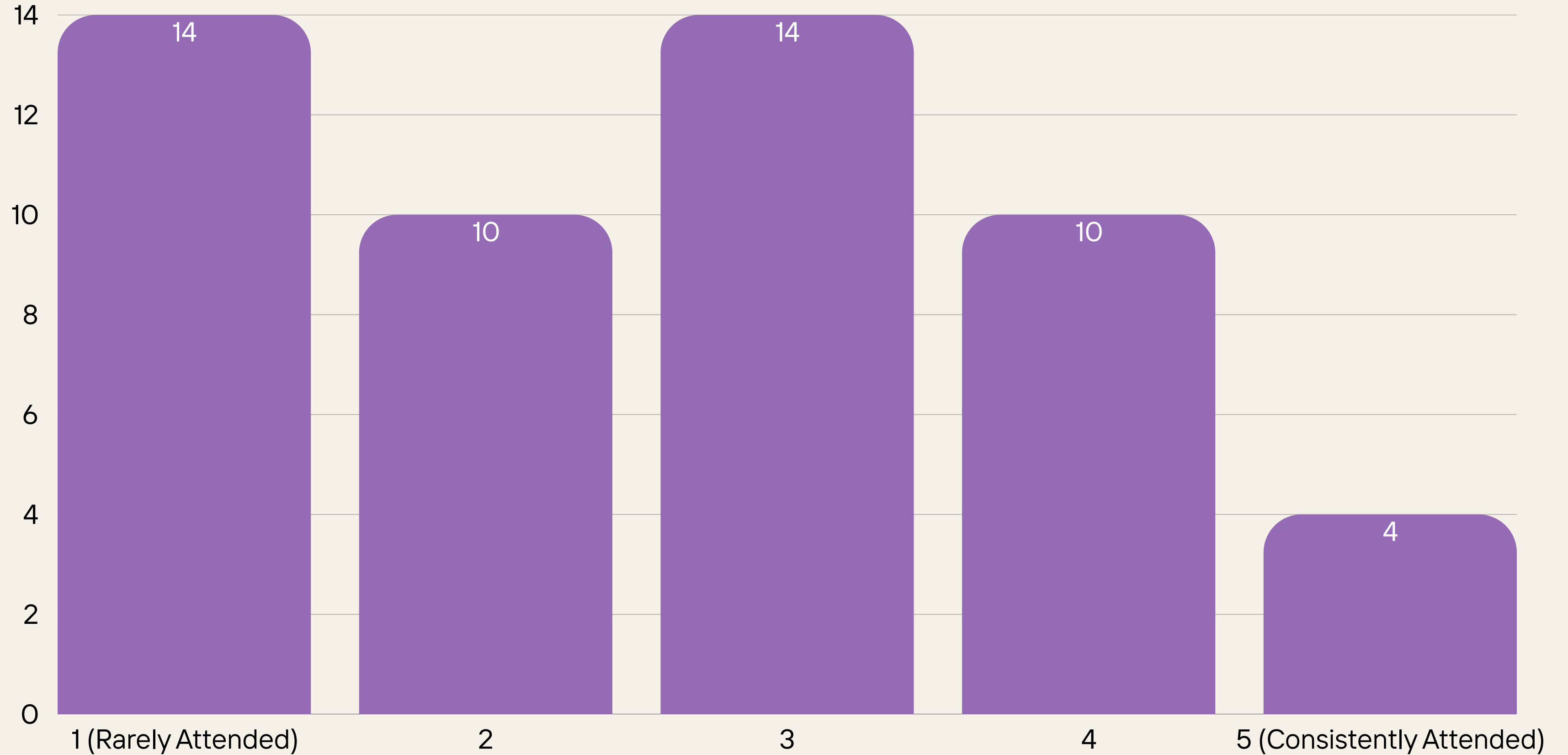
Which course was the most useful?



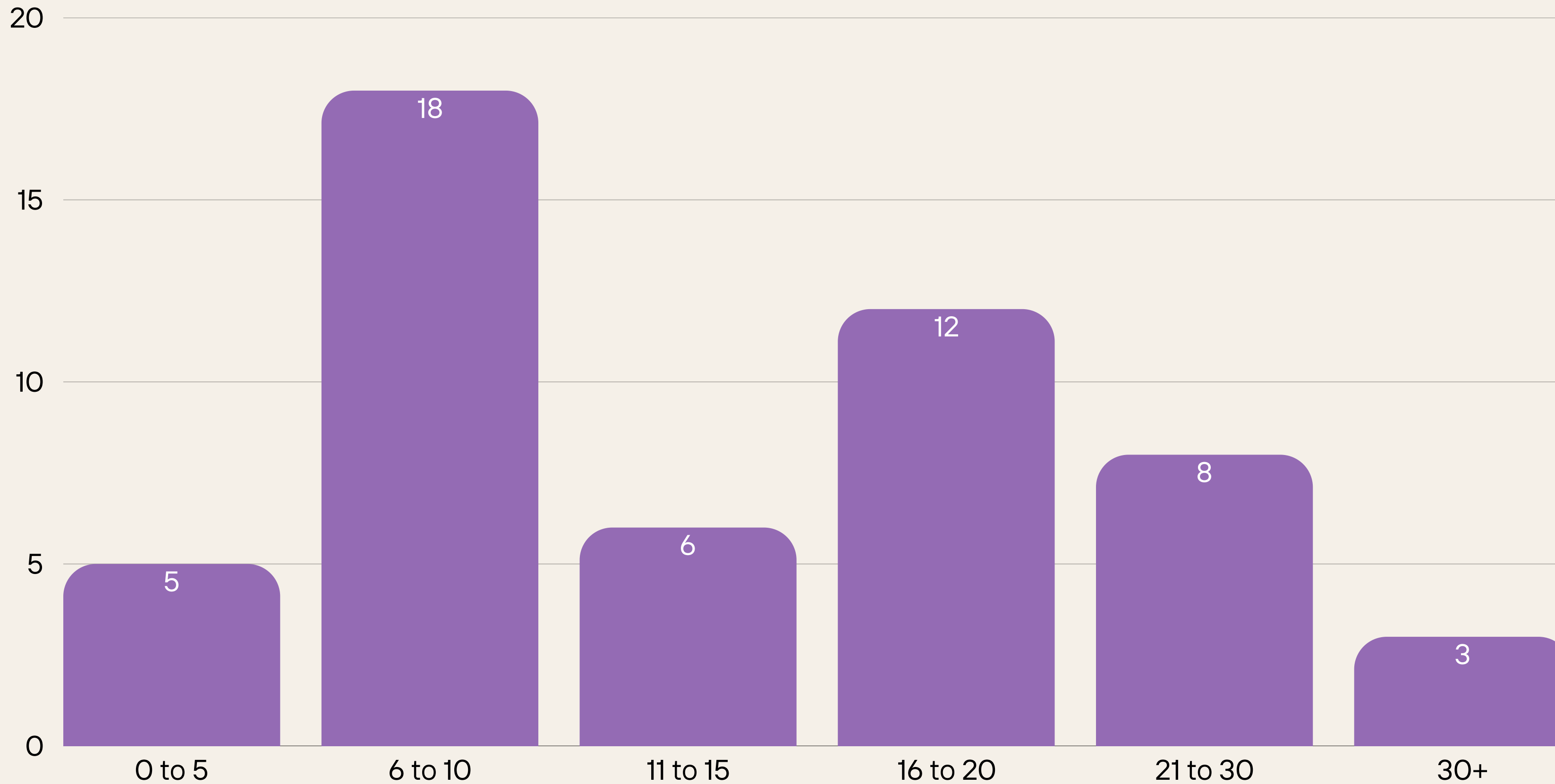
Which course was the least useful?



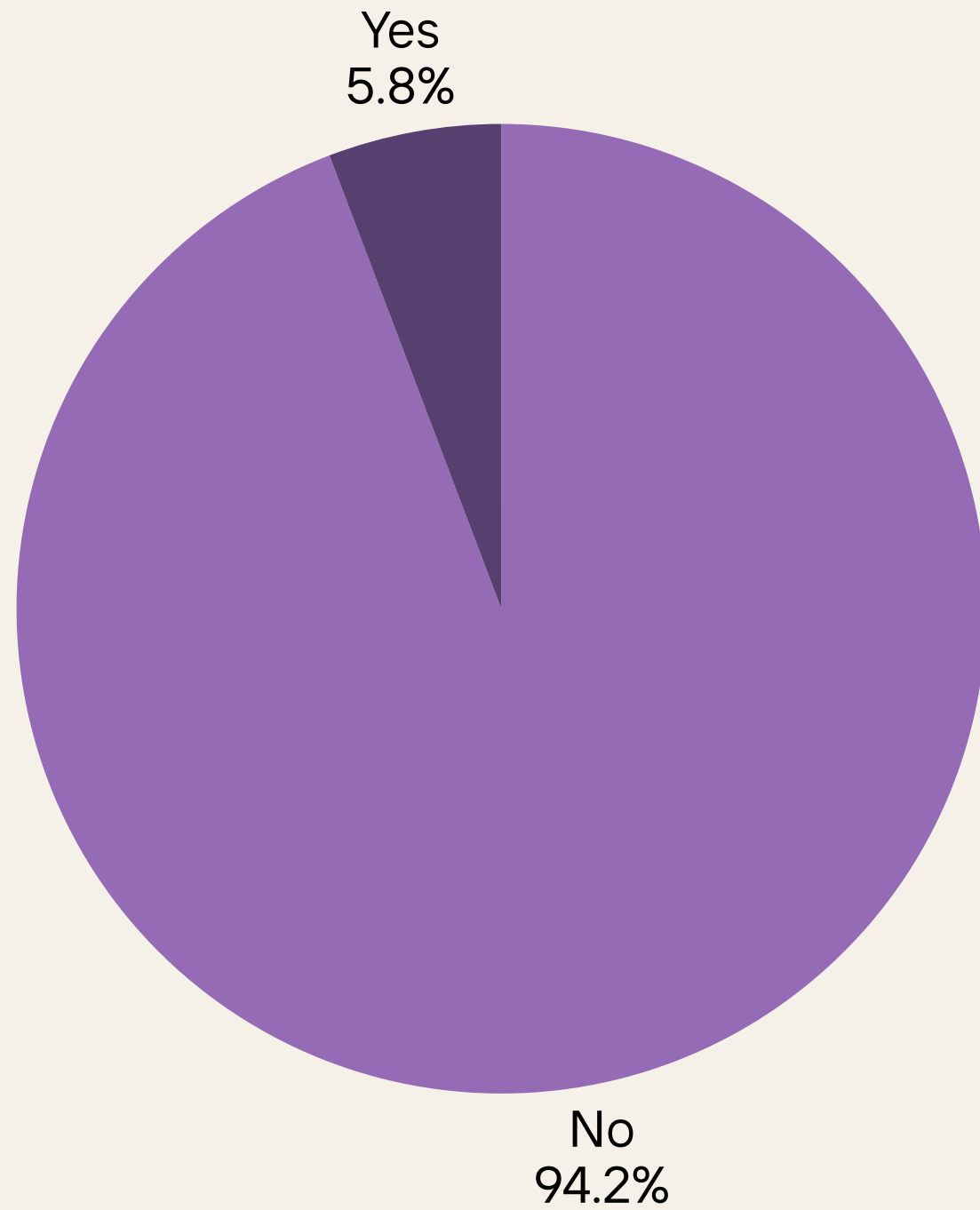
How was your class attendance (scale of 1-5)?



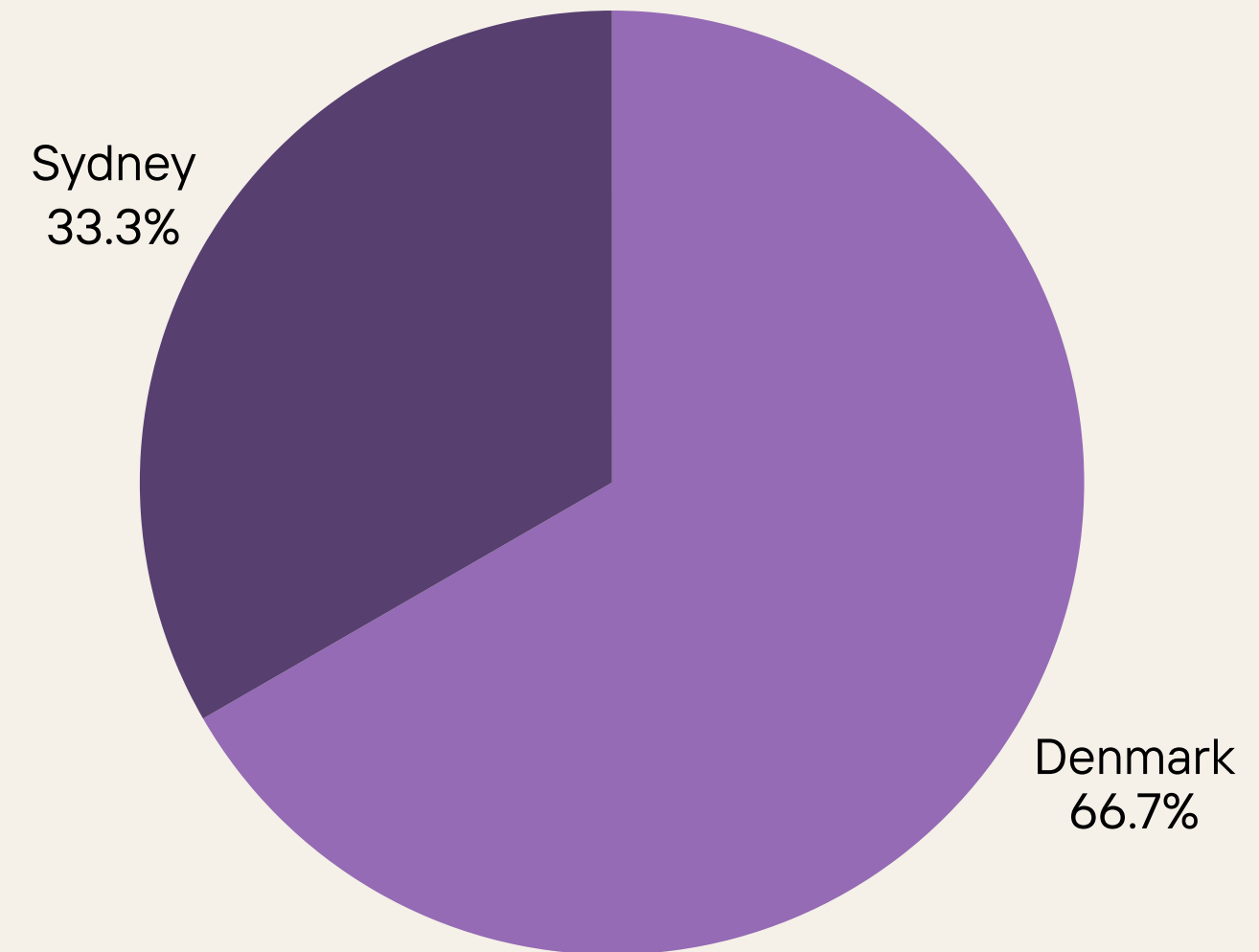
On average, how many hours of schoolwork did you do per week?



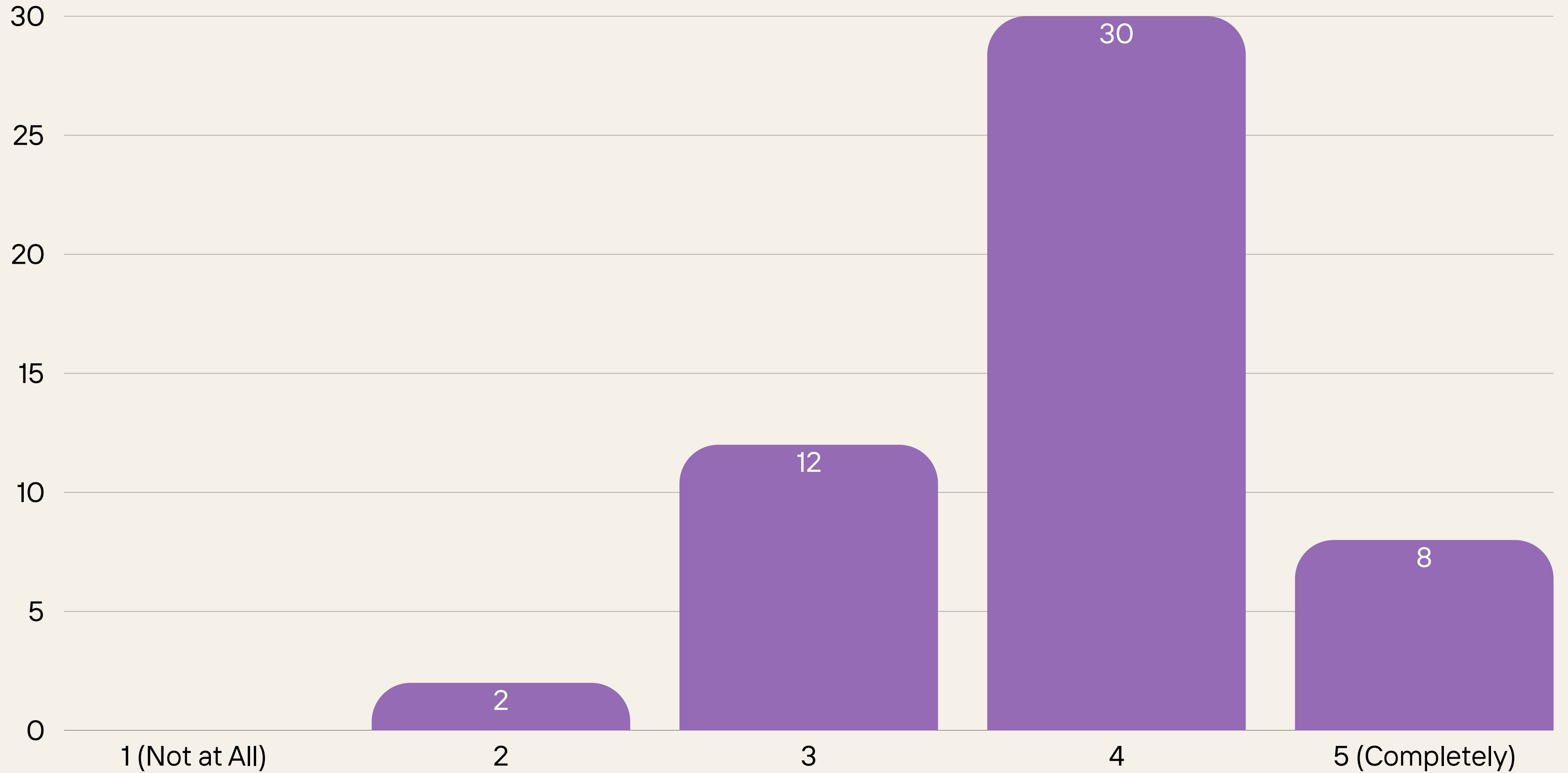
Did you go on an exchange program?



If you answered yes to the above, where did you go on exchange?



On a scale of 1–5, how well did the program meet your personal goals?

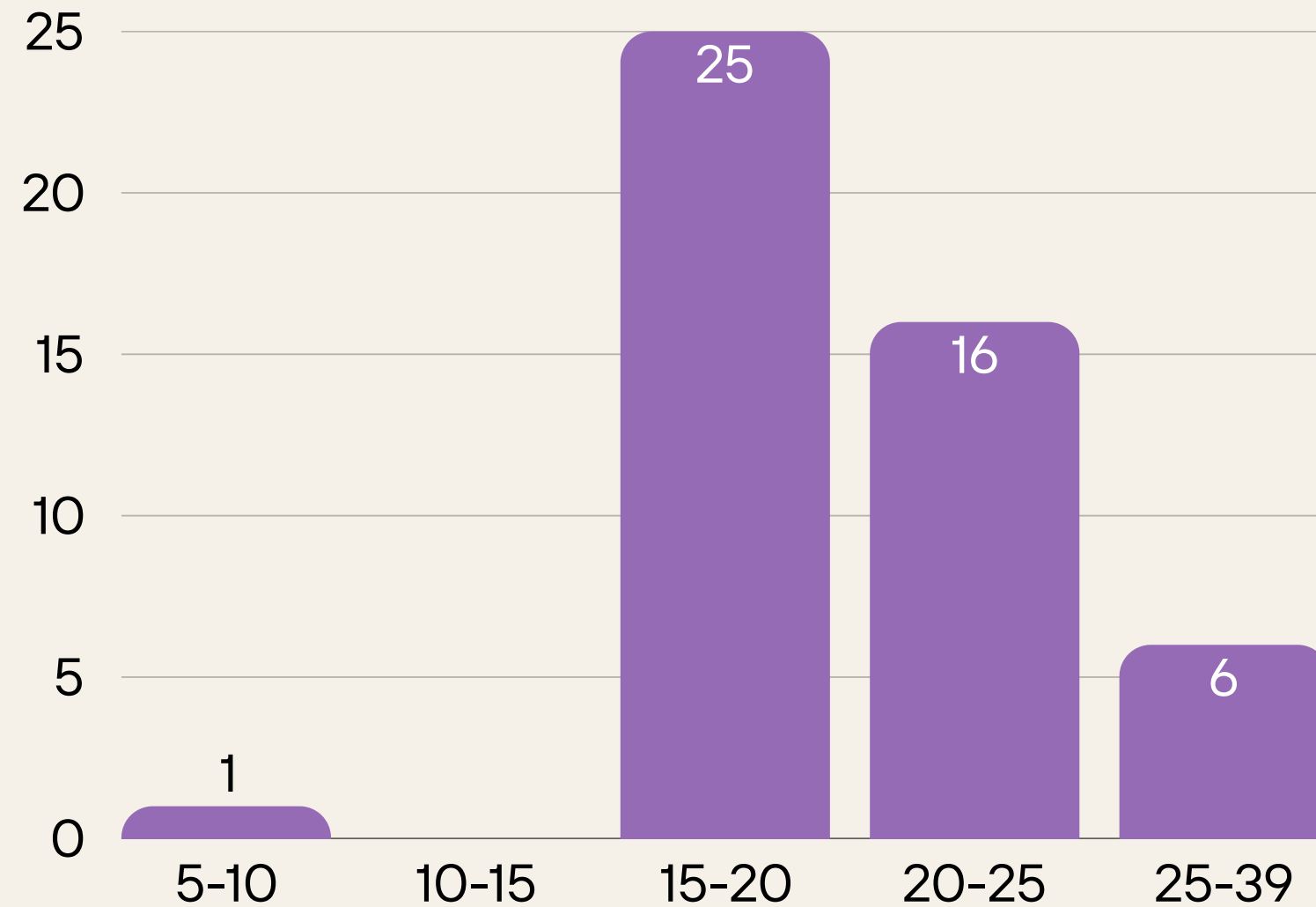




Co-op & Career

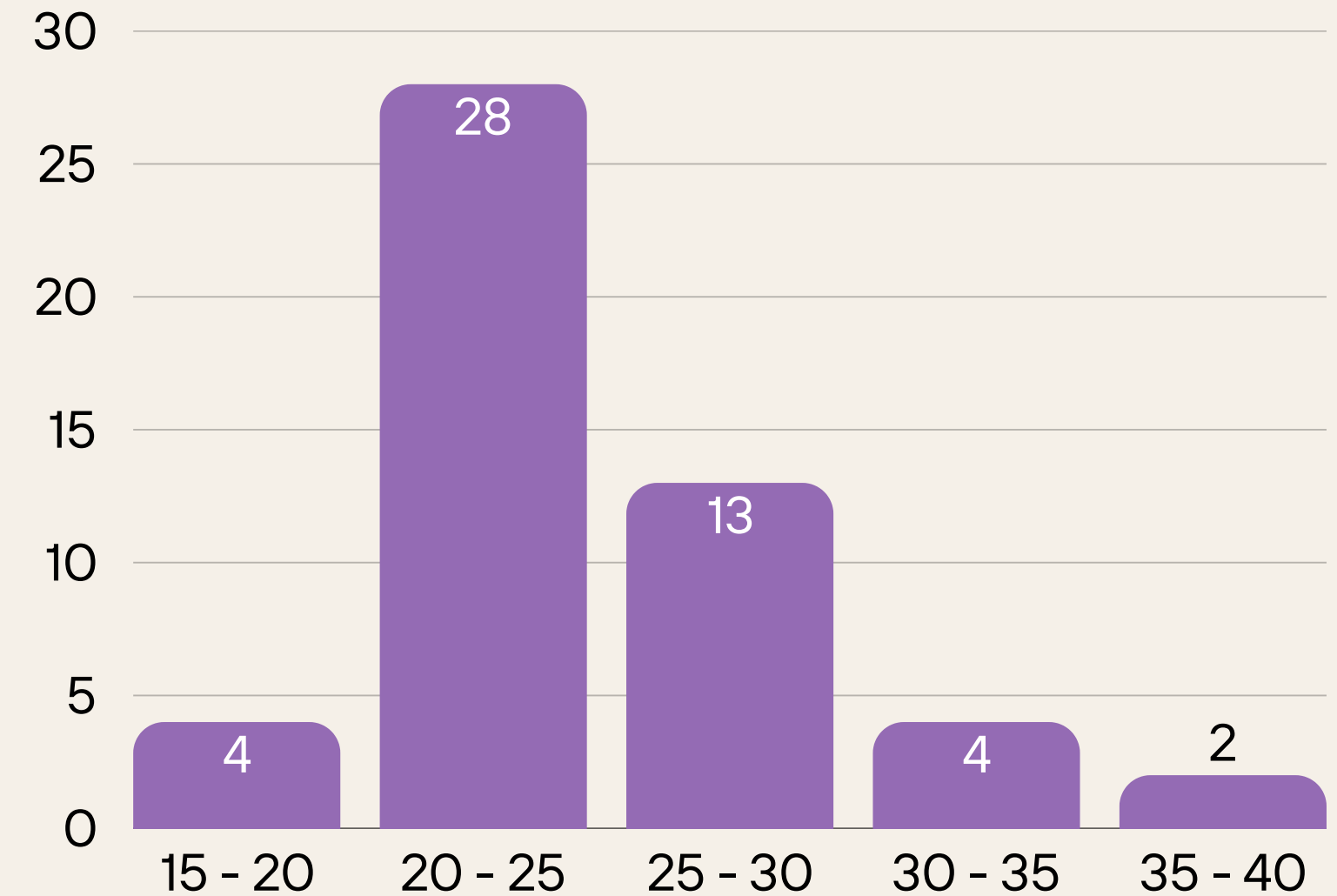


What was your hourly pay for co-op 1?*



Min: 7.00 | Max: 28.00
Mean: 20.03 | Median: 19.12

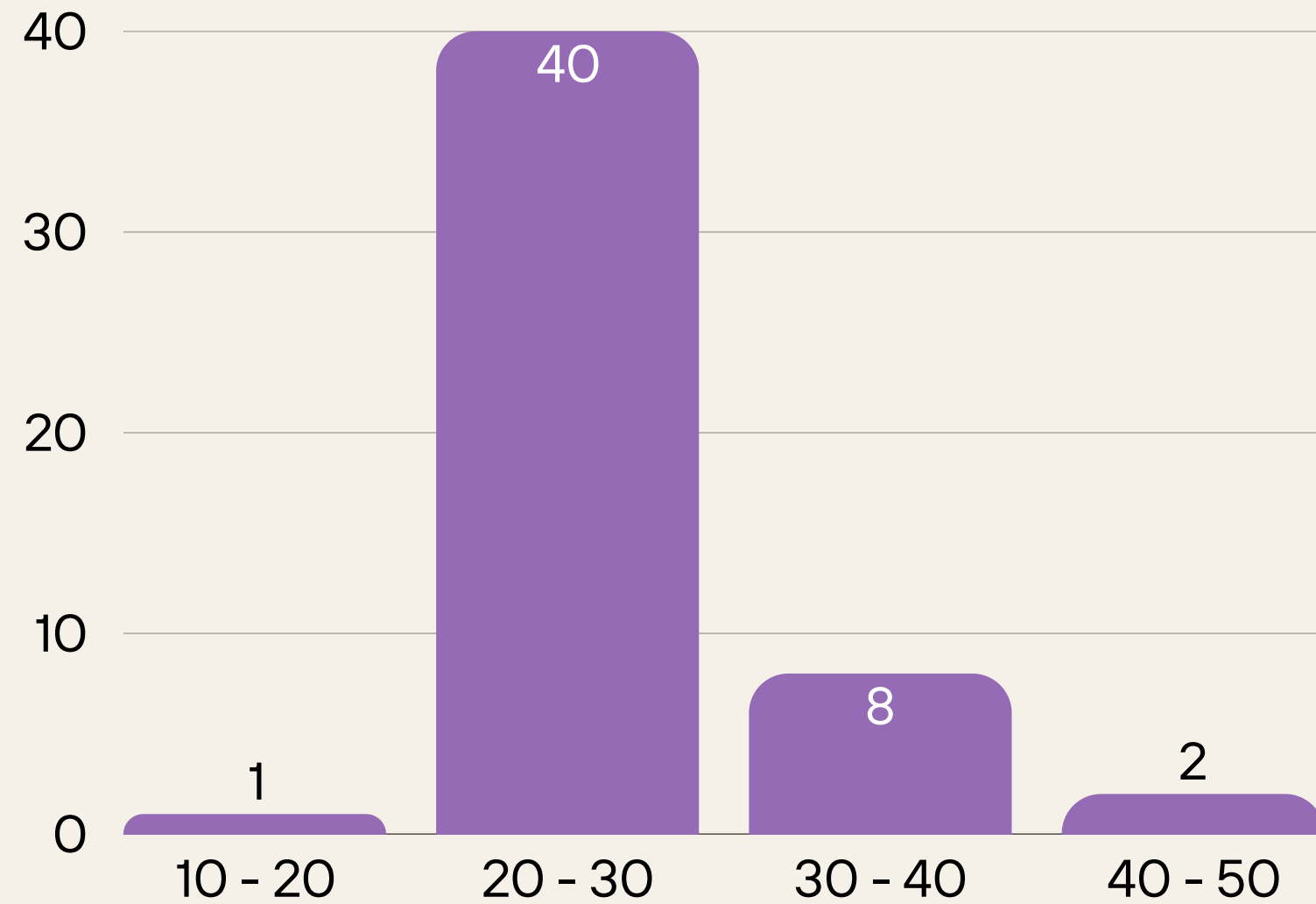
What was your hourly pay for co-op 2?*



Min: 16.96 | Max: 40.00
Mean: 23.98 | Median: 23.75

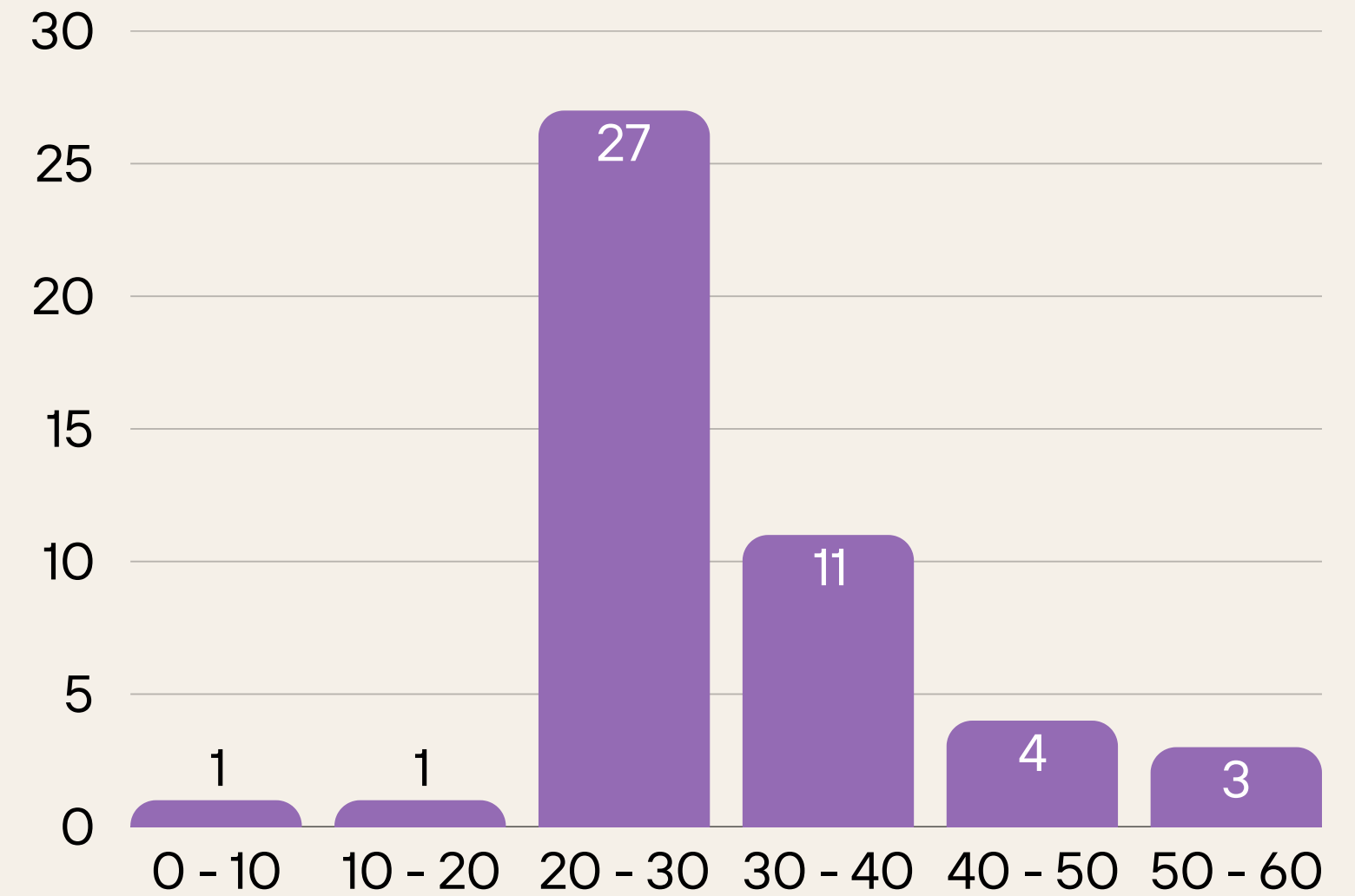
* All salaries converted to CAD. Exchange rate at the time of the survey: 1 CAD = 0.72 USD.

What was your hourly pay for co-op 3?*



Min: 19.00 | Max: 50.00
Mean: 26.33 | Median: 25.00

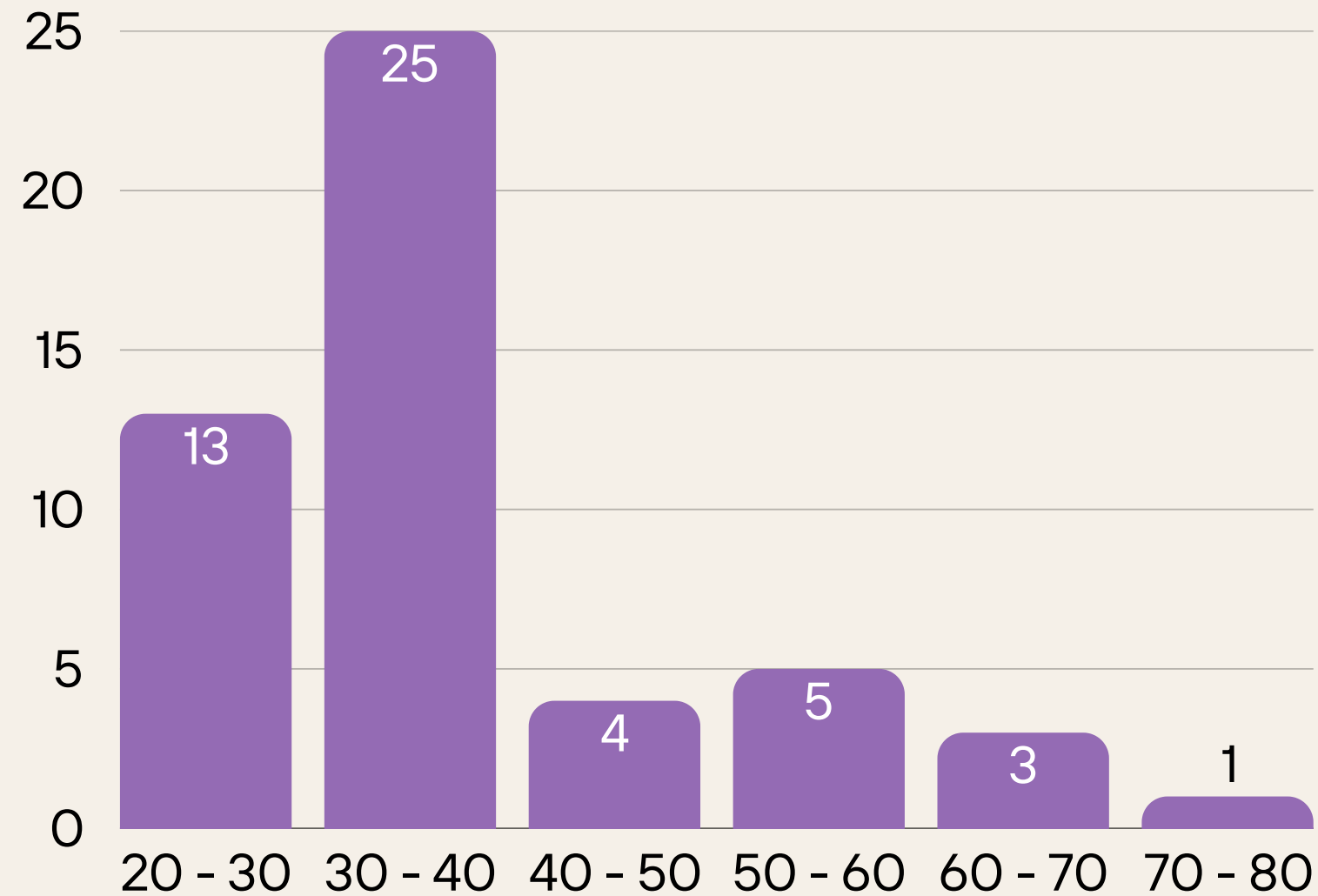
What was your hourly pay for co-op 4?*



Min: 0.00 | Max: 55.00
Mean: 30.14 | Median: 29.00

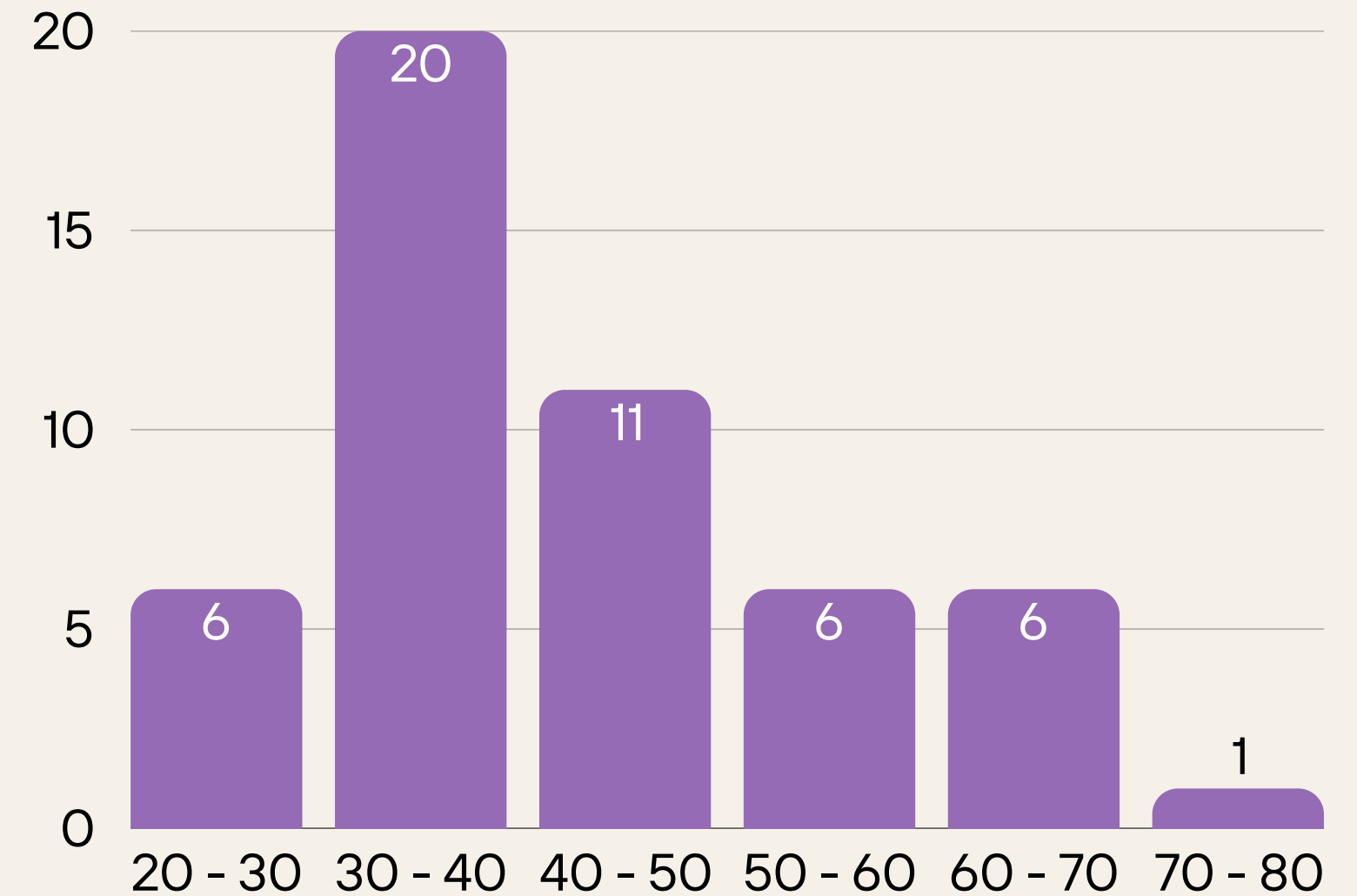
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What was your hourly pay for co-op 5?*



Min: 20.00 | Max: 75.00
Mean: 36.23 | Median: 32.00

What was your hourly pay for co-op 6?*



Min: 24.00 | Max: 75.00
Mean: 41.26 | Median: 35.50

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What were your job titles over the co-op terms?

Other

Data

Analyst/Engineer/Scientist

Industrial/Manufacturing/Process/Systems Engineer

Software/Machine Learning Engineer

Program Manager

Product Manager

Project Manager

Cloud Engineer

IT

Business Analyst

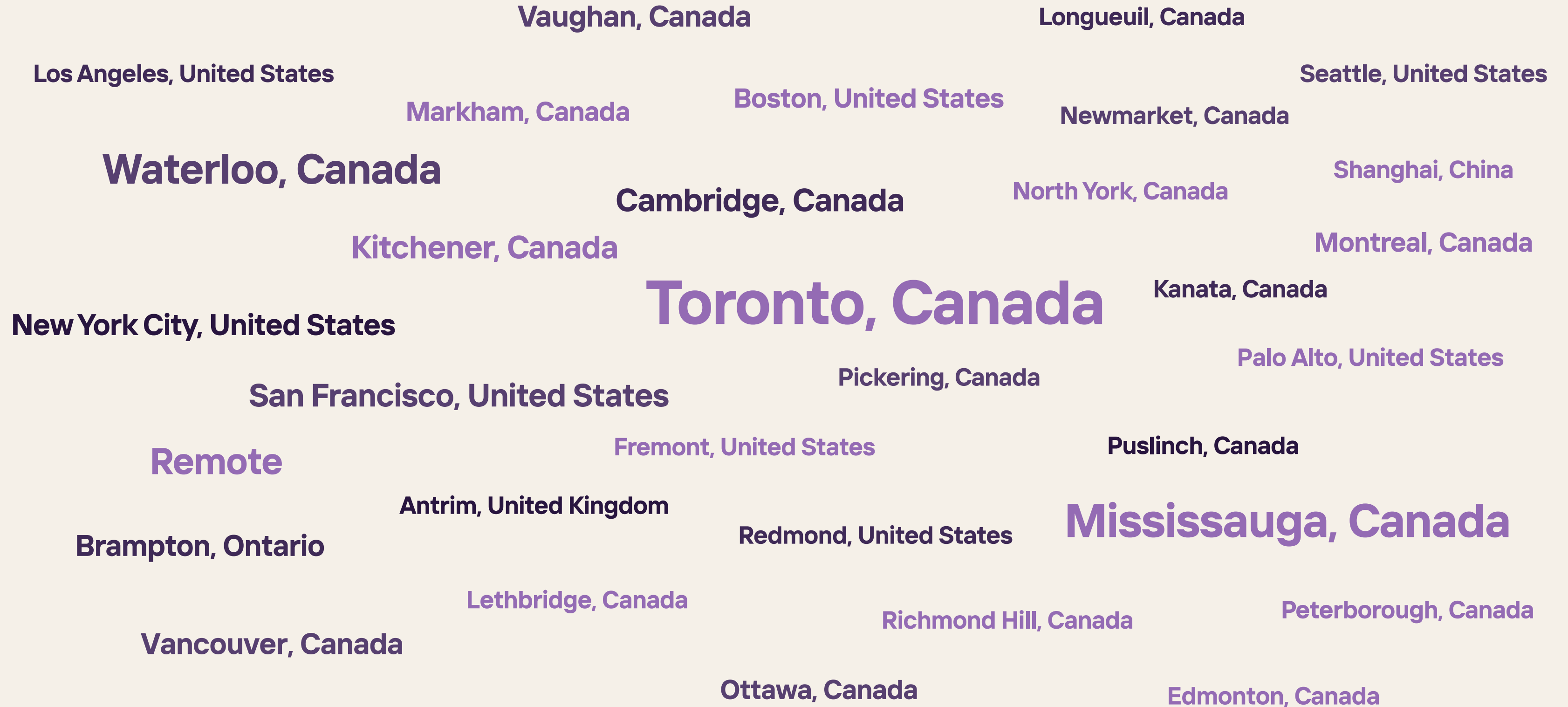
QA

Research/Teaching Assistant

Consultant

DevOps Engineer

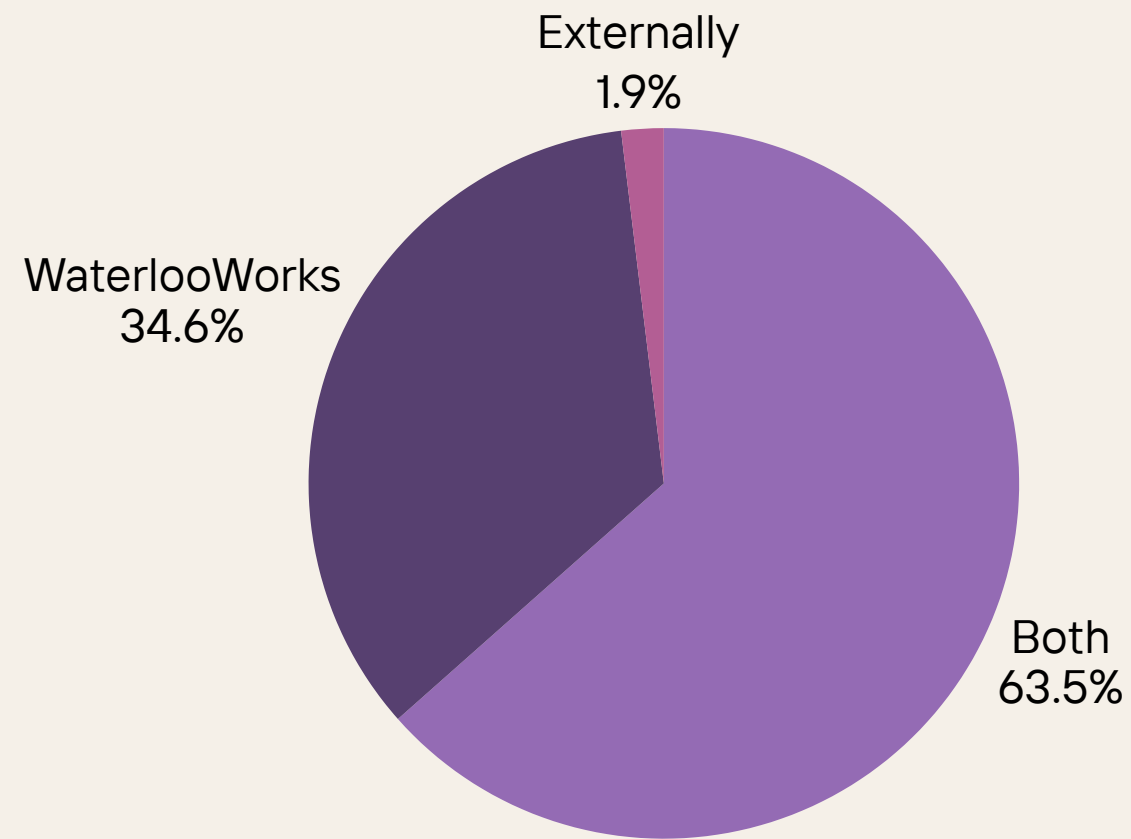
What cities were your co-ops located in over the co-op terms?



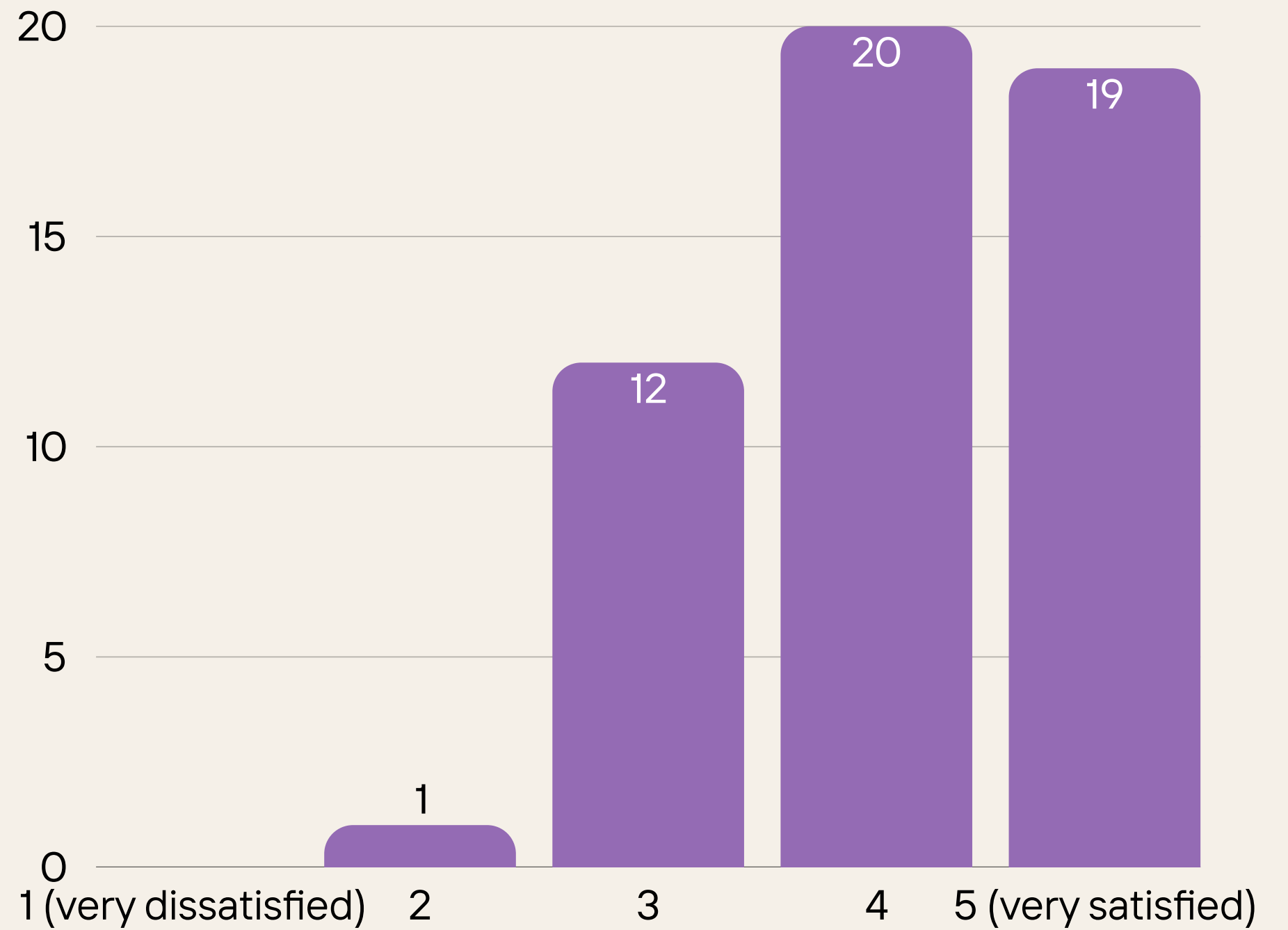
What companies did you work for over the co-op terms?



Did you find your jobs through WaterlooWorks or externally?



Overall, how satisfied were you with the co-op experience?

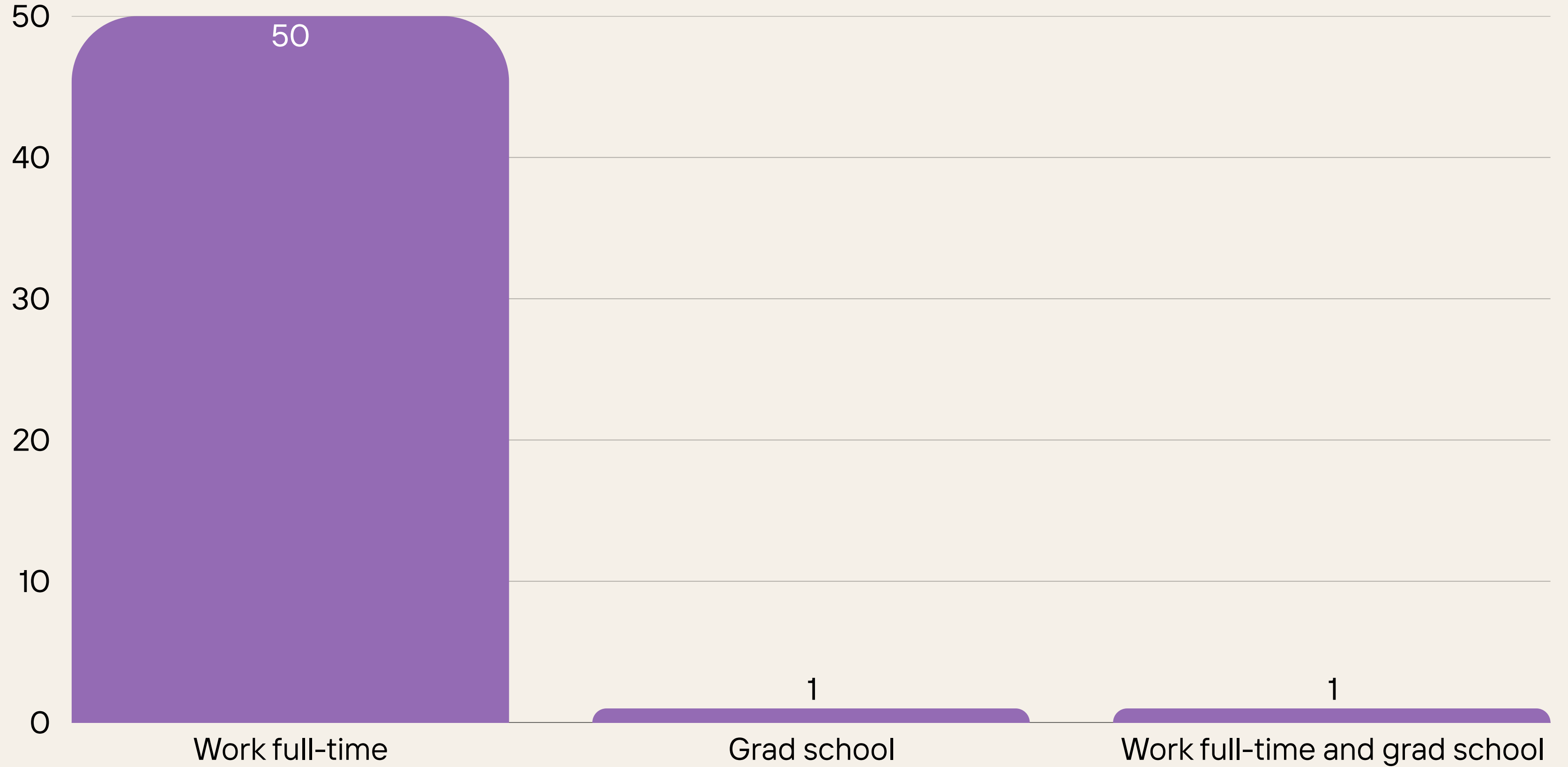




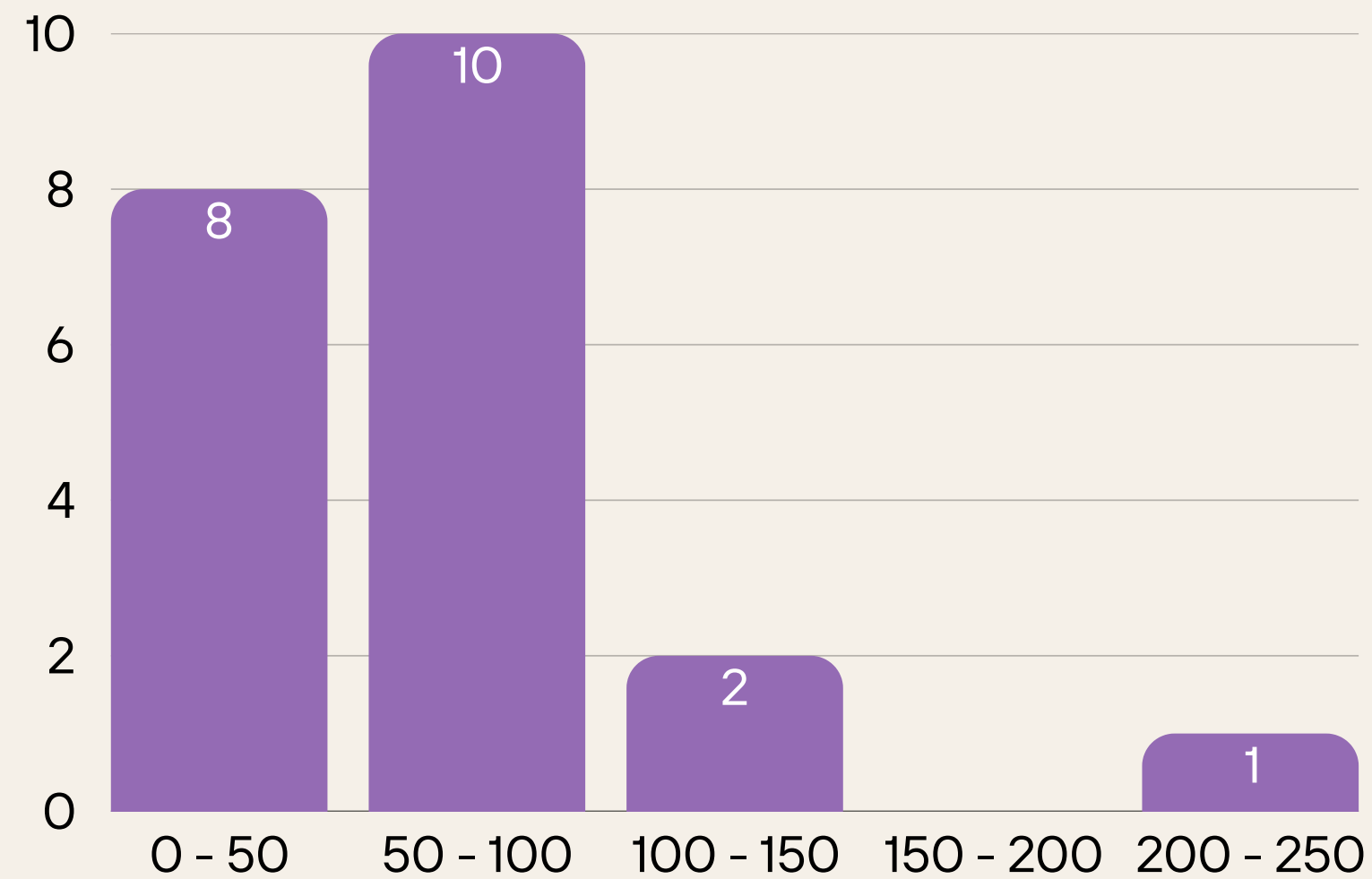
Future



What are your post-graduation plans?



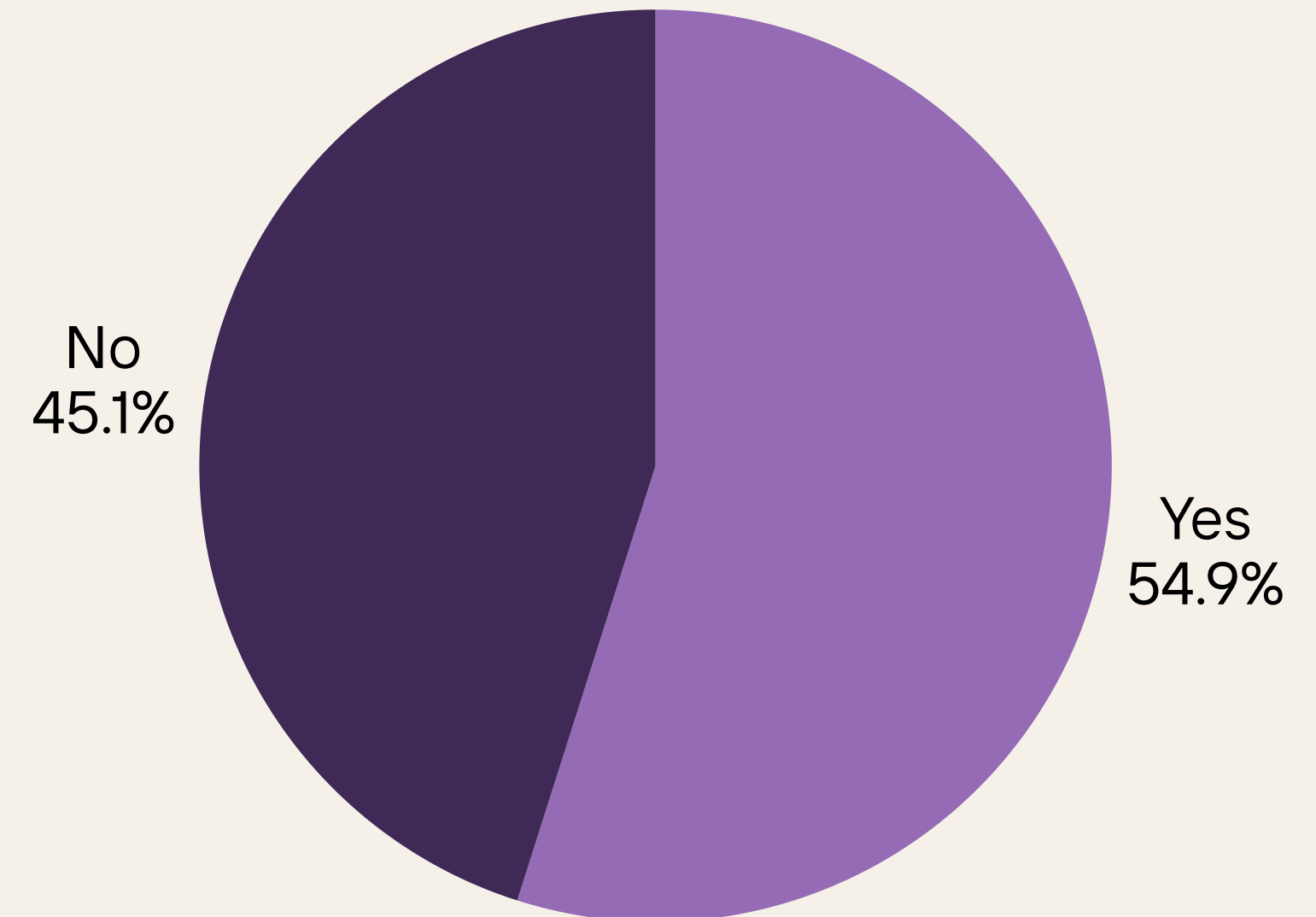
If working full-time, what is your starting salary (hourly rate)?*



Min: 32.69 | Max: 223.81

Mean: 70.58 | Median: 60.00

If working full-time, did you receive a return offer from a previous co-op employer?



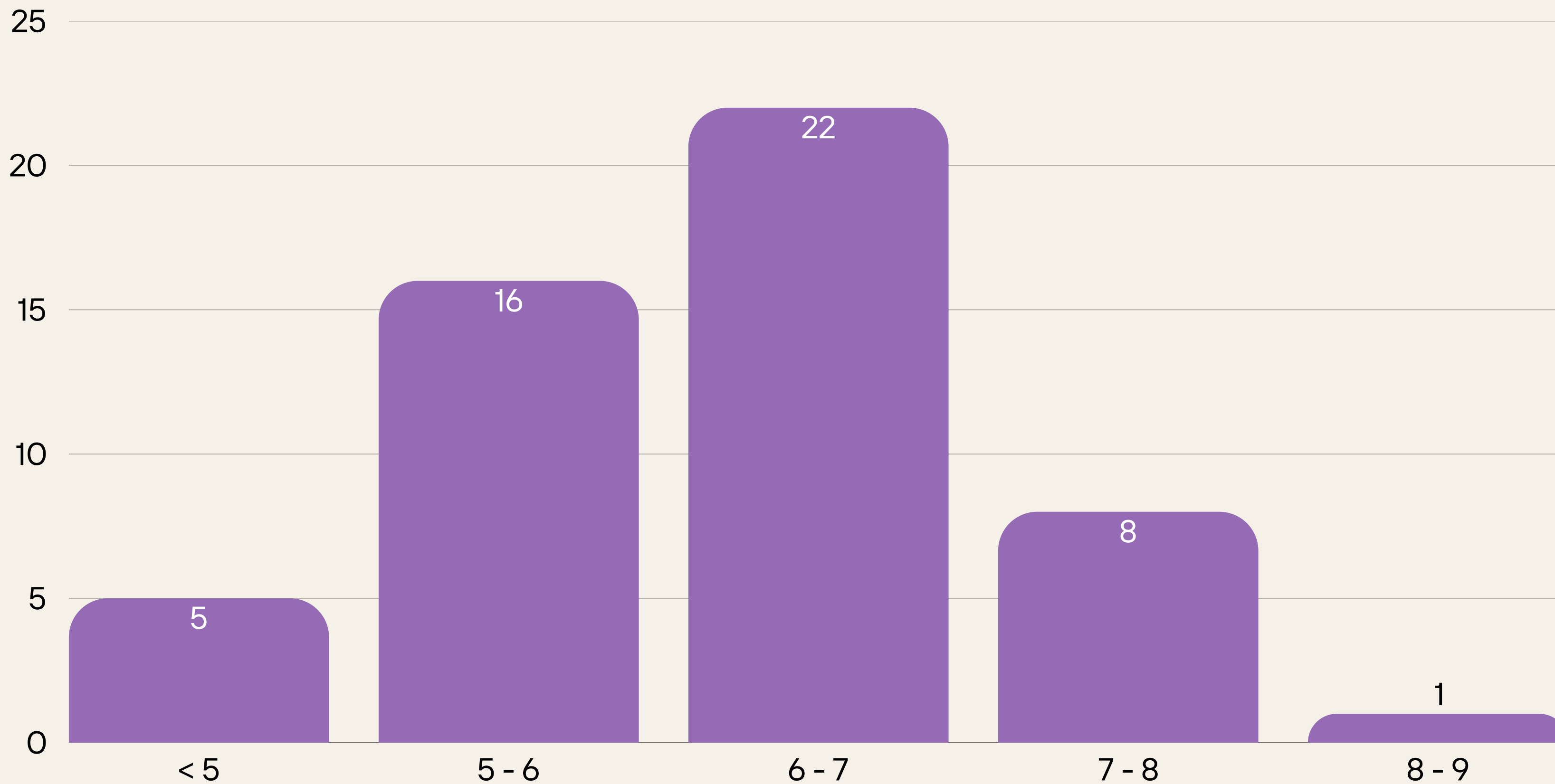
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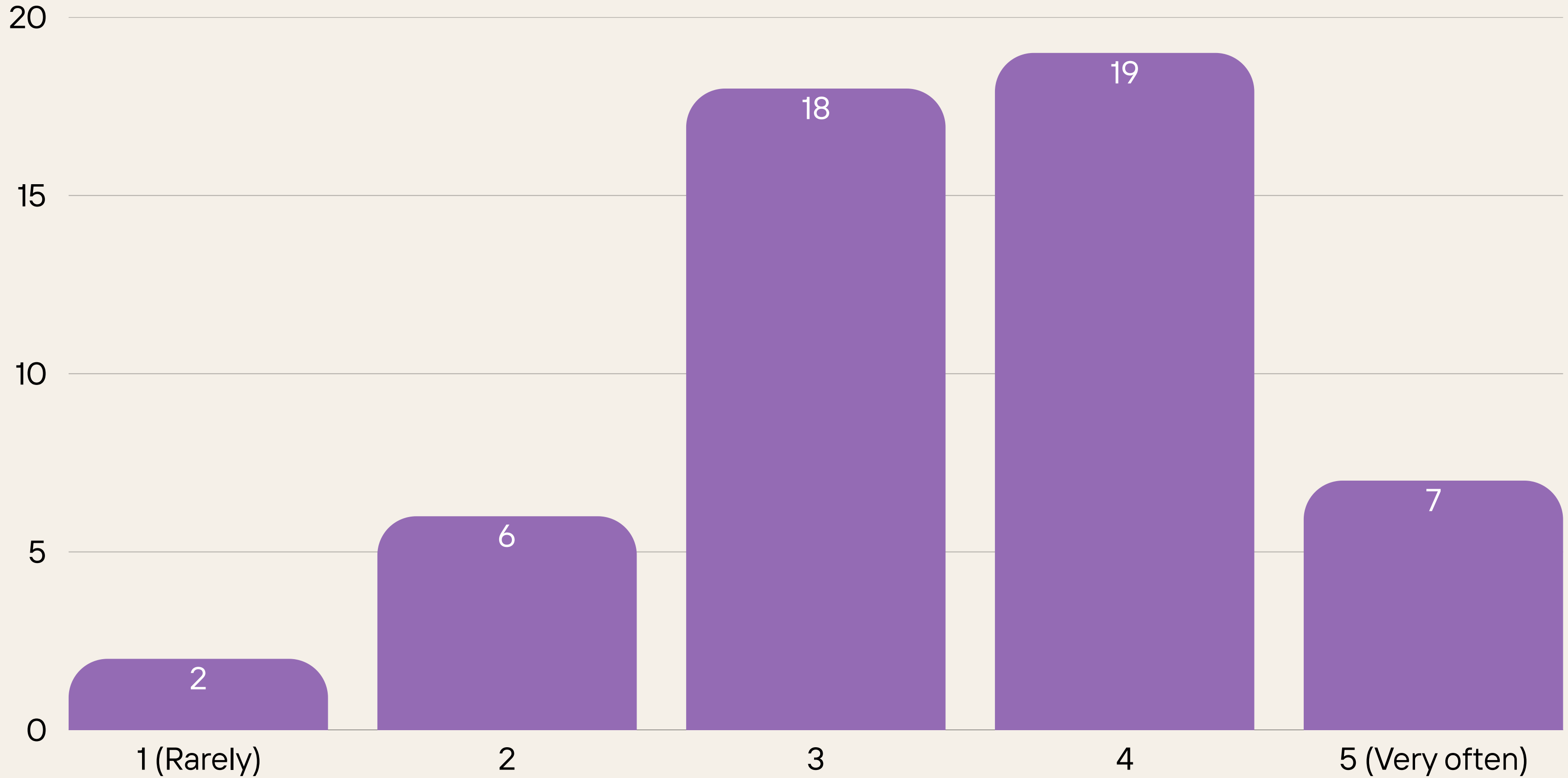
Lifestyle & Social



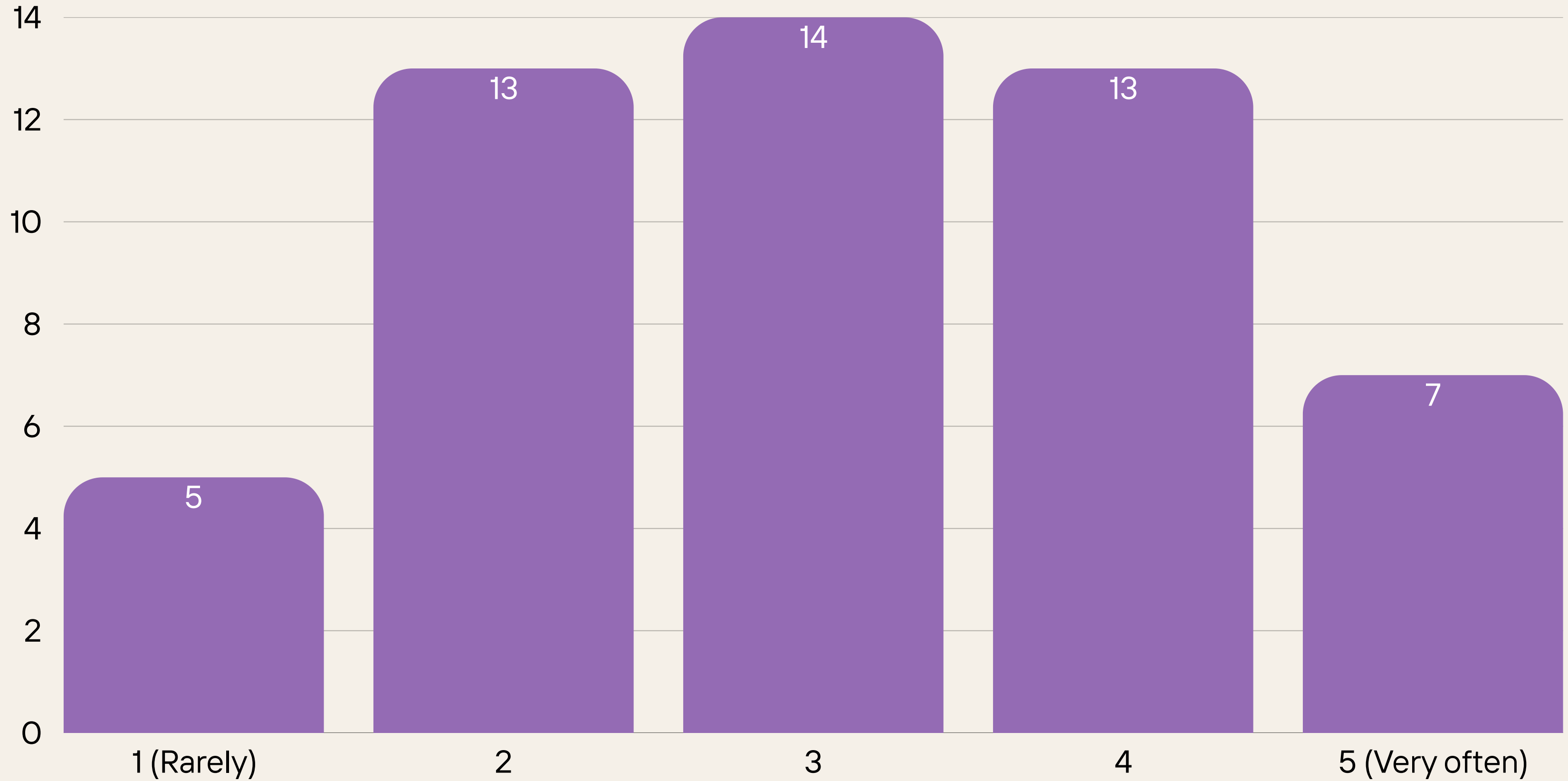
On average, how many hours of sleep did you get every day?



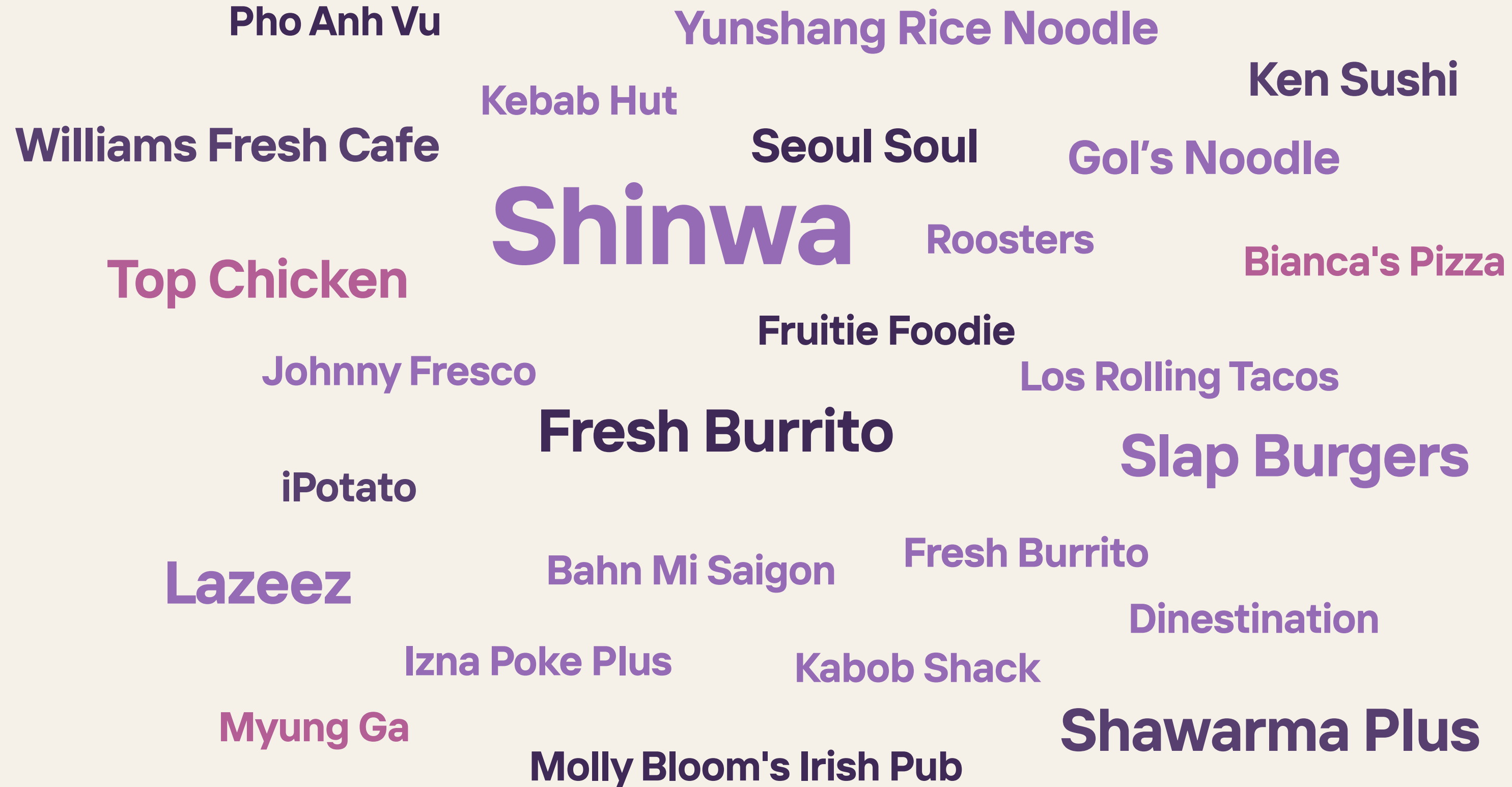
On a scale of 1-5, how often did you exercise over the years?



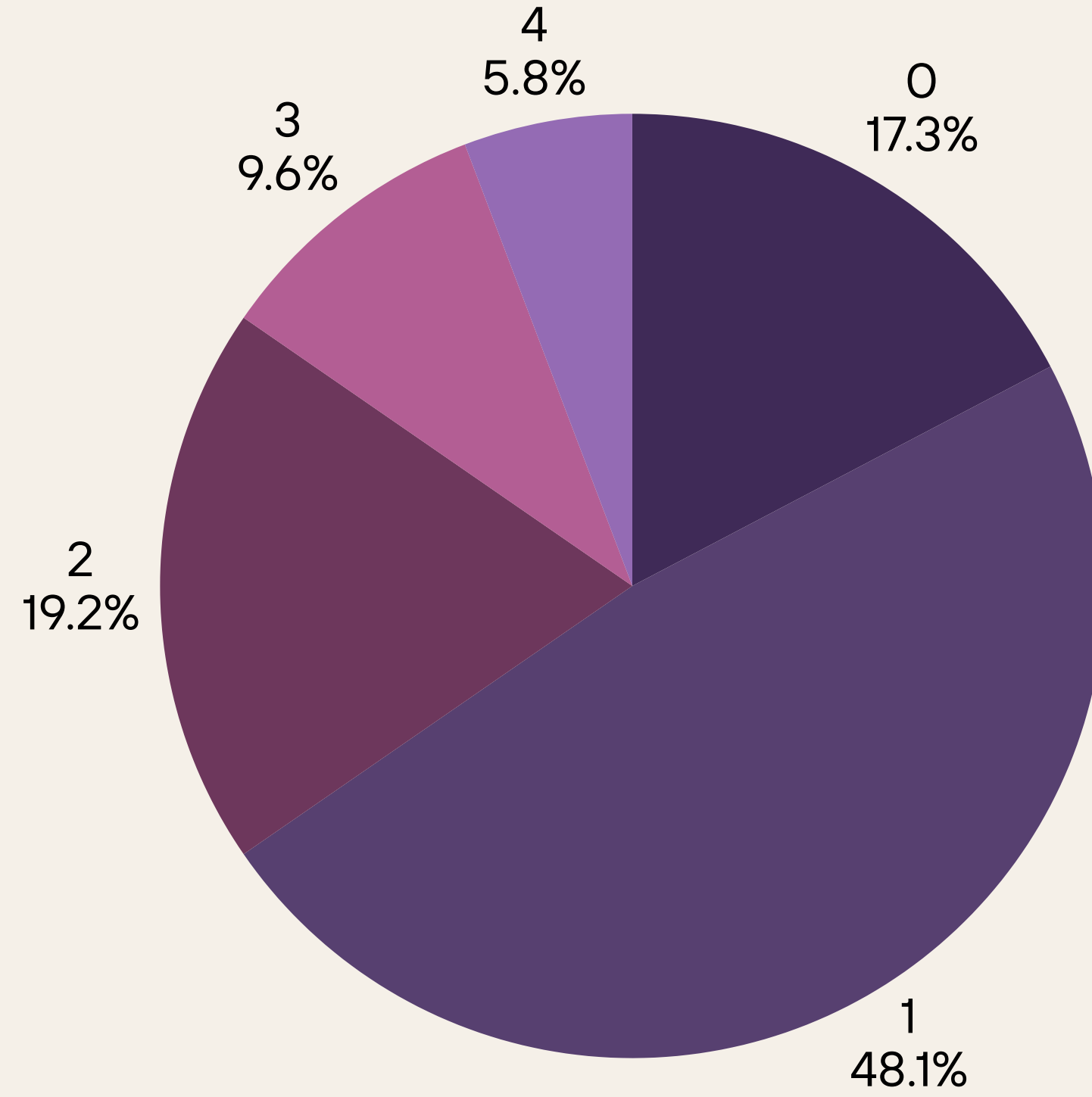
On a scale of 1-5, how often did you cook over the years?



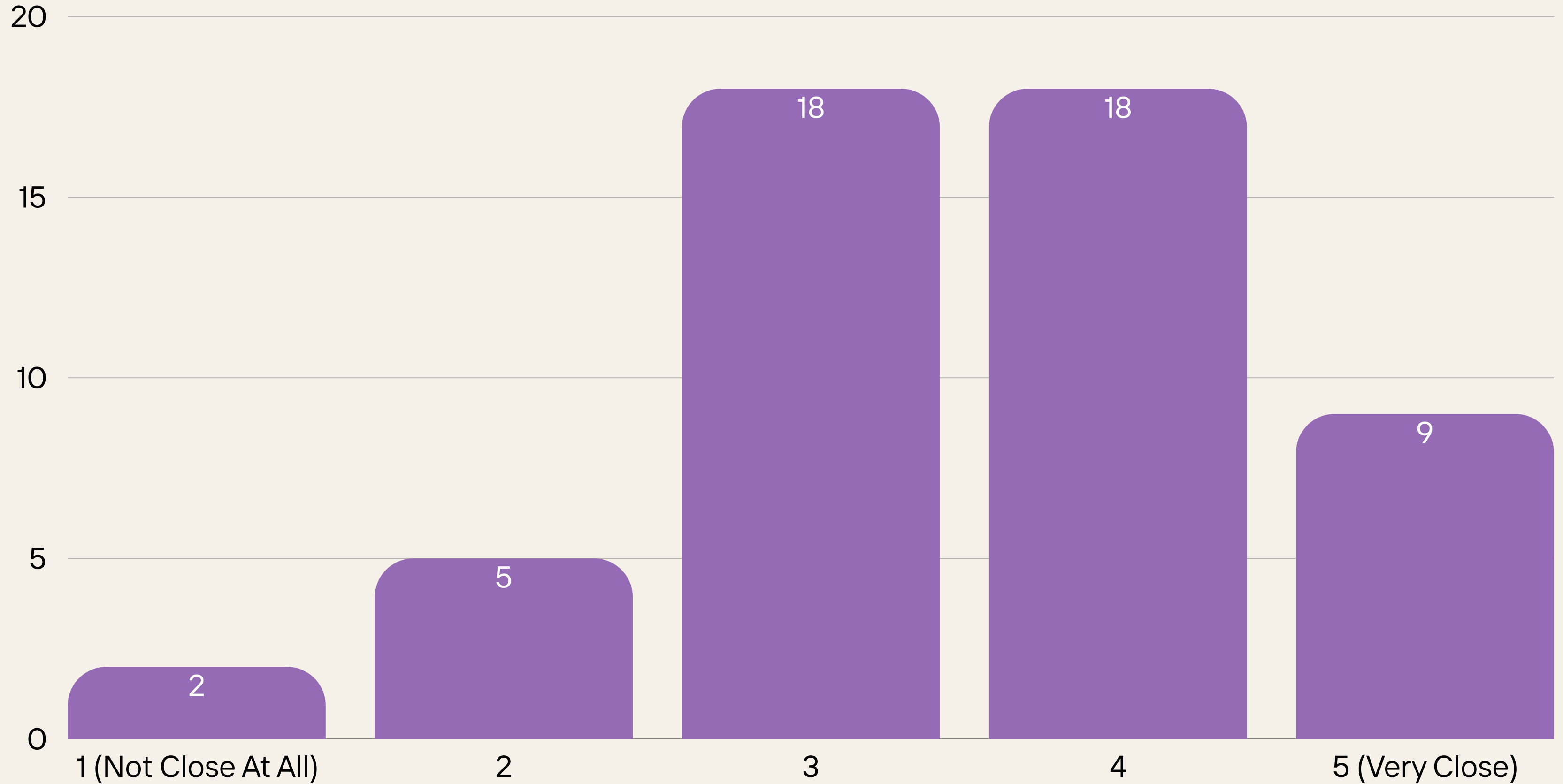
What was your favourite place to eat near campus?



How many romantic relationships did you have during university?



How close were you with your fellow MGTE classmates?



What school clubs or student-led teams did you join?

Pickleball Club

Orientation Leader

Waterloop

Waterloo Laurier Punjabi Association

Women in Engineering

UW Management Consulting Club

UW Formula Motorsports

UW Tennis Team

Muslim Student Association

Fighting Game Club

UW Taiwanese Student Society

Muay Thai

UW Culture and Language Exchange Club

UW Data Science Club

UW Alternative Fuels Team

Industry 4.0 Design Team

Engineering Ambassadors

UW Serve

Enactus Waterloo

Waterloo Snow Coalition

UW Creators Collective

UW Management Consulting Club

TEDxUW

Underwater Hockey

UW Christian Orthodox Campus-Ministry Association

IISE

Ultimate Frisbee club

Socratica

WAT.ai

UW Orbital

Blueprint

Entrepreneurship Society

Tech+ UW

Salsa

Rocketry

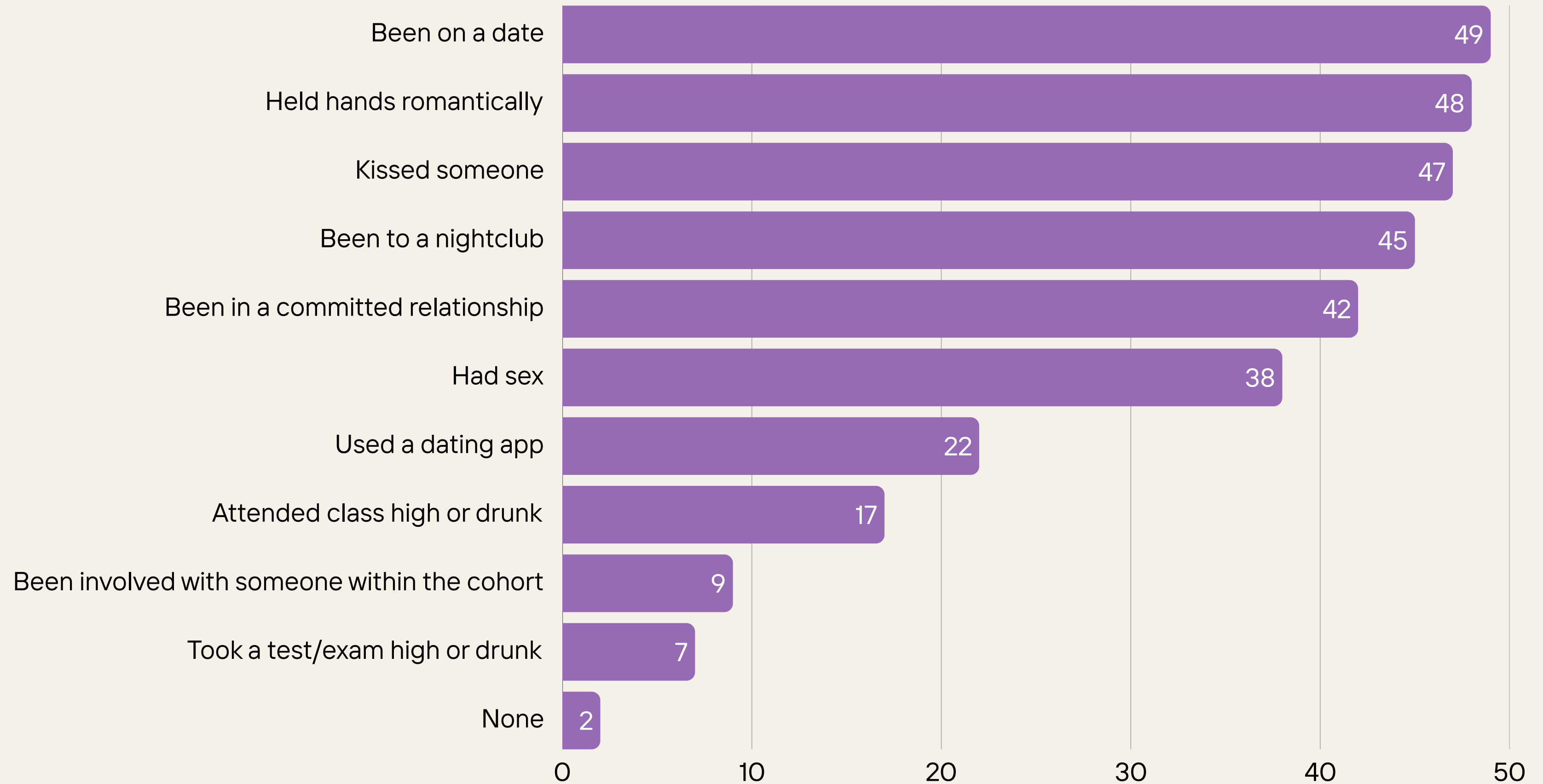
Poker Club

Blockchain Club

Intramural Sports

Badminton Club

Have you ever...

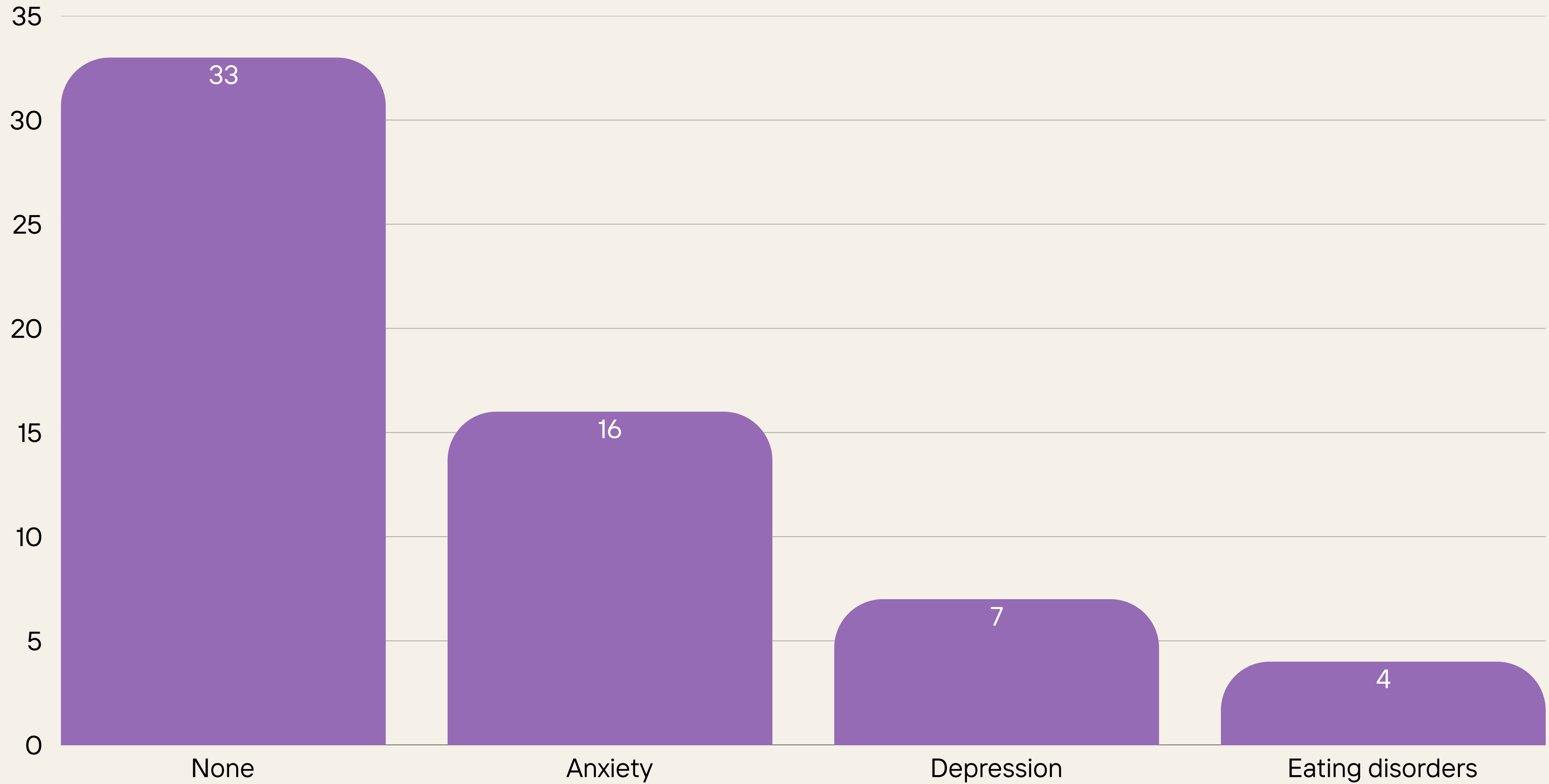




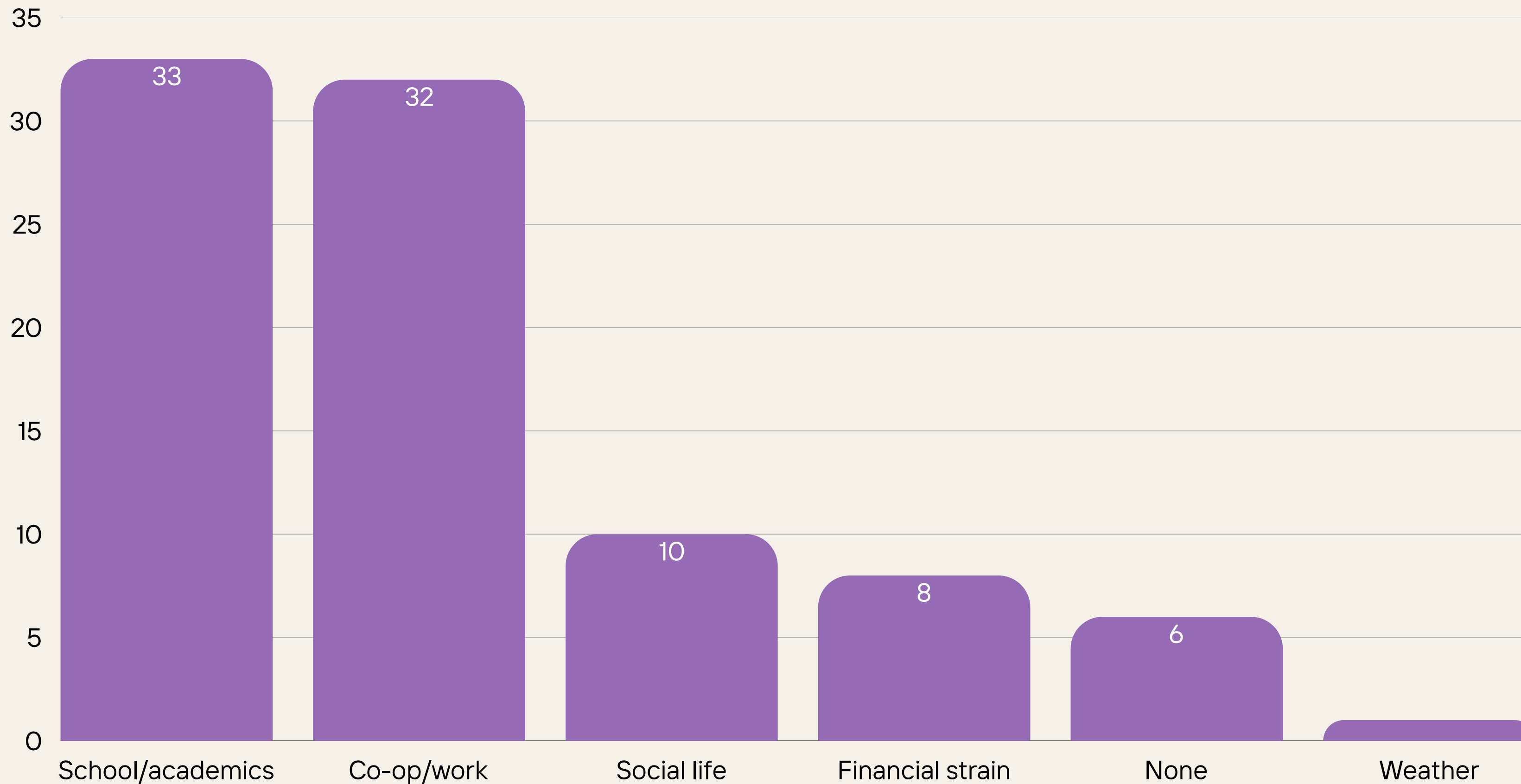
Mental Health & Reflection



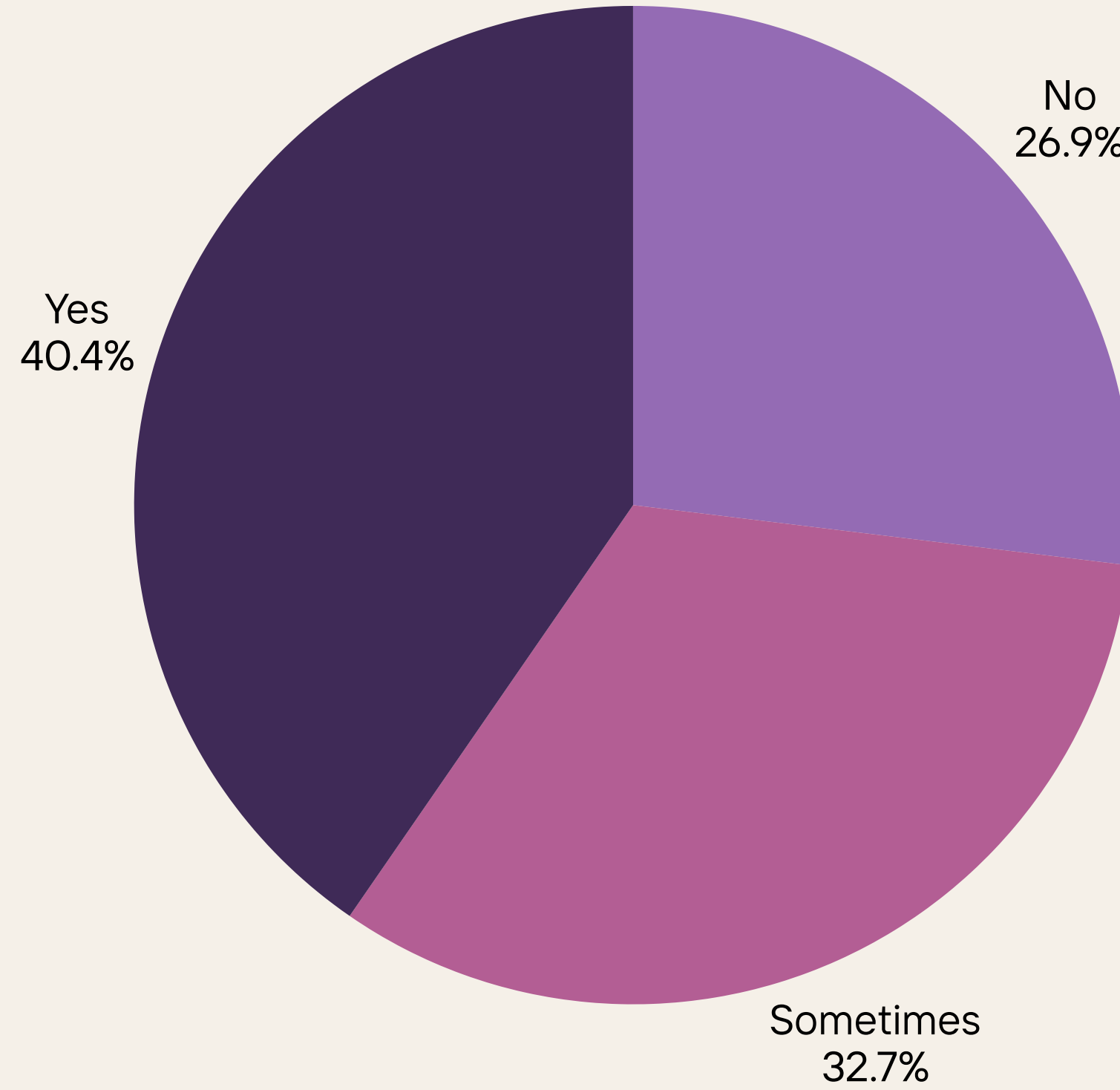
Do you struggle with any of the following mental health conditions?



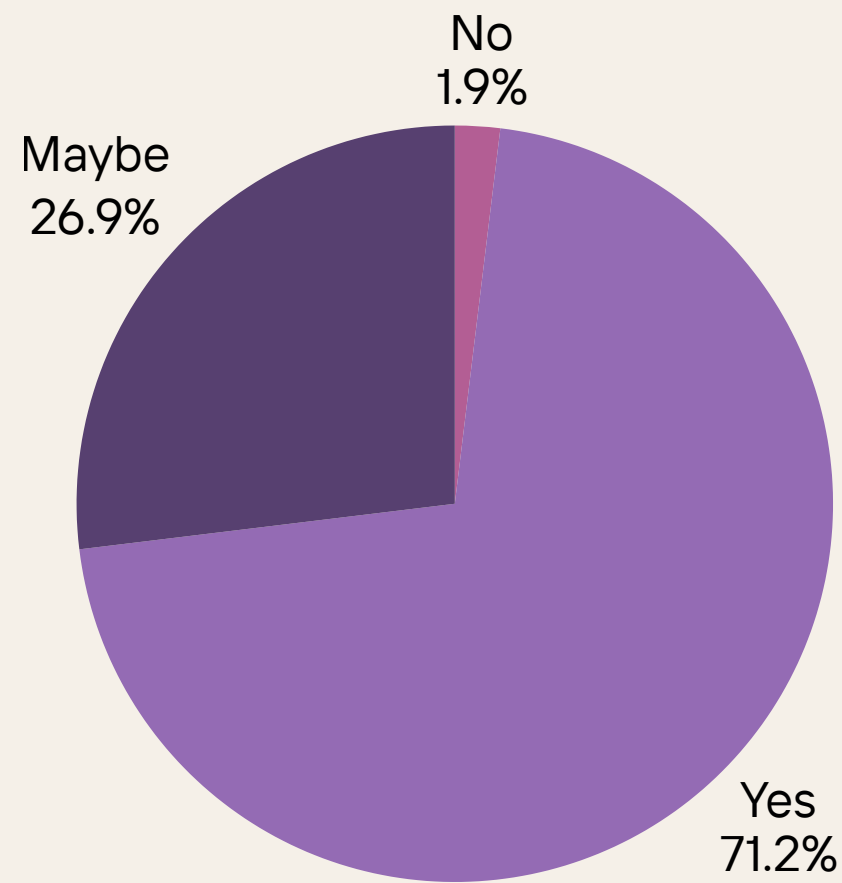
What, if any, negatively impacted your mental health?



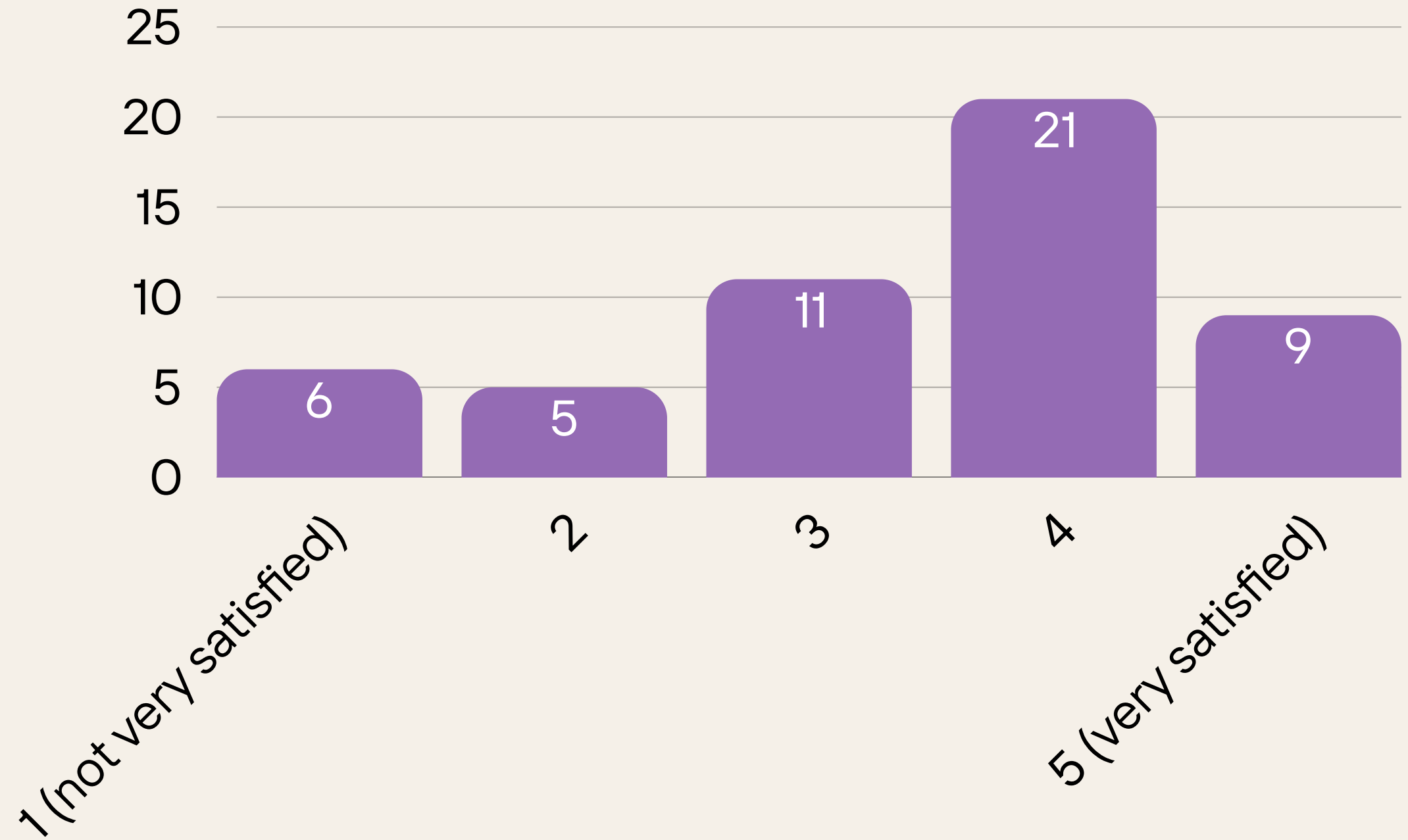
Did you experience imposter syndrome during the program?



Would you choose MGTE again if you could go back?



How satisfied are you with the program overall?



Background & Demographics	Highschool & Academics	MGTE & Academics	Co-op & Career	Future	Lifestyle & Social	Mental Health & Reflection
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What is the most important thing you learned in university?

<p><i>"Everything happens for a reason. Everything will eventually work out and you will see one day why things happen the way they did."</i></p> <p><i>"Coop experience"</i></p> <p><i>"Work smarter"</i></p> <p><i>"Always try new things"</i></p> <p><i>"Hard work pays off"</i></p> <p><i>"How important a good support system is"</i></p> <p><i>"To take the leap. You never know what's possible until you try, and even if things don't work out, failing is just part of the process. If you keep pushing, the effort eventually pays off."</i></p> <p><i>"How to do work-life balance"</i></p> <p><i>"Never compare where you are in life to others, everyone has their own journey so just because you haven't attained what others have gotten doesn't mean you're a failure/have failed in life. Just keep trying"</i></p>	<p><i>"It gets better"</i></p> <p><i>"coop>school"</i></p> <p><i>"Most people are frauds and make their image of their ability much stronger than reality. The true bar to land and do the "top notch" jobs is not nearly as high as it's made out to be."</i></p> <p><i>"Stop comparing yourself to others, your success will at the time that it's meant to come"</i></p> <p><i>"Building strong self esteem"</i></p> <p><i>"You have to go through hardships to build and shape the person you have to become"</i></p> <p><i>"Don't say "No" to things (be responsible) but always jump at opportunities and be spontaneous, you are at a point in your life where you can just try things and if it doesn't work out you can go back to what you were doing."</i></p> <p><i>"Comparing yourself with others is a guaranteed downward spiral because there will always be someone you perceive as 'better' than you. Just focus on yourself and being a better version of you day by day."</i></p>	<p><i>"You need friends to get through university"</i></p> <p><i>"The value of mentorship and networking"</i></p> <p><i>"The importance of building a connection with everyone you meet. You don't need to be besties with the whole world, but it's good to make and maintain some sort of relationship with everyone, even if it's surface level."</i></p> <p><i>"It's who's you surround yourself, that defines you. Surround yourself by the people you wish to be like."</i></p> <p><i>"School is not real"</i></p> <p><i>"Everyone has their own path, don't compare someone else's success to your own"</i></p> <p><i>"Employability skills"</i></p> <p><i>"How to make friends"</i></p> <p><i>"The importance of prioritizing your commitments and responsibilities, the importance of a balanced lifestyle, and how to make and maintain friendships and relationships and how important the people you surround yourself with are"</i></p> <p><i>"Lock in during your co-ops"</i></p>	<p><i>"Keep on grinding"</i></p> <p><i>"Everything's going to be okay"</i></p> <p><i>"Make friends, it makes your life a lot easier and more exciting. 'Shared suffering is half the suffering, but shared happiness is double the happiness'"</i></p> <p><i>"Important to have a good work-life balance. Also very important to make good friends, because those you surround yourself do dictate a lot of aspects of your university life."</i></p> <p><i>"How to work hard"</i></p> <p><i>"The importance of friendship"</i></p>	<p><i>"The people is what makes it worth it"</i></p> <p><i>"Don't take everything so seriously"</i></p> <p><i>"How to lock tf in"</i></p> <p><i>"Everyone is more alike than it may seem, take your time it'll be fine in the end."</i></p> <p><i>"Meaning of life, balance and community"</i></p> <p><i>"Working hard pays off"</i></p> <p><i>"Surround myself with people that bring me joy and make me want to be a better version of myself"</i></p>	<p><i>"Most people are fairly unintelligent"</i></p> <p><i>"Just do it as you only live once"</i></p> <p><i>"Problem solving"</i></p> <p><i>"Value of networking and spending time with friends"</i></p> <p><i>"University content is rarely useful in the real world"</i></p> <p><i>"Make good friends, and build a good network"</i></p> <p><i>"How to cook"</i></p> <p><i>"Nothing lasts forever"</i></p> <p><i>"How to solve problems and get stuff completed."</i></p> <p><i>"Failure doesn't last, there's always something coming your way"</i></p>
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