

National Survey of Undocumented Latin American Immigrants

June 20, 2007



Methodology

<i>Number of interviews</i>	1,600 undocumented Latin American immigrant adults that arrived in the United States before January 1, 2007
<i>Dates of interviews</i>	June 9 – 19, 2007
<i>Margin of error</i>	2 percentage points
<i>Language of interviews</i>	Spanish

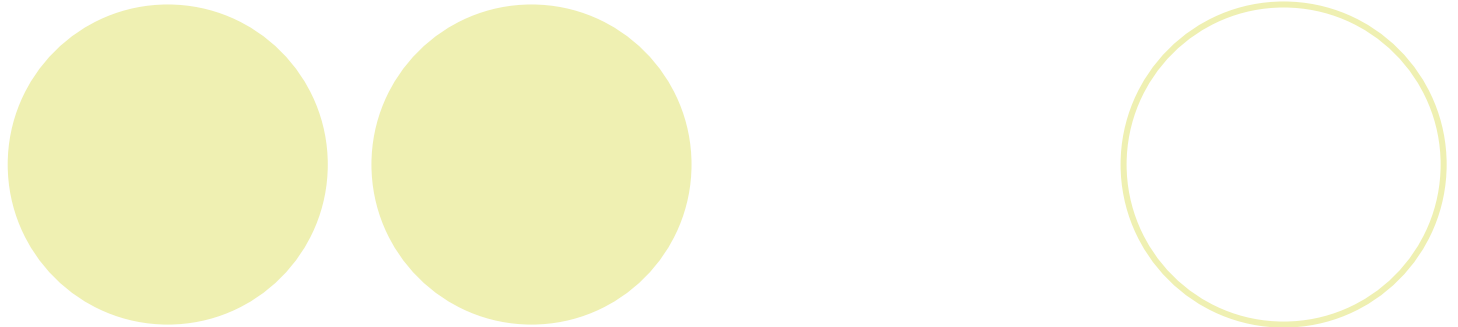
Sponsoring Foundations

- New America Media, the country's first and largest association of ethnic news media founded by the nonprofit Pacific News Service, has been commissioning multilingual polls for its ethnic media network since 2002. Support for this first-ever public opinion survey of undocumented immigrant adults from Latin America was provided by grants from The Ford Foundation, Carnegie Corp., The James Irvine Foundation, The John L. and James S. Knight Foundation, The San Francisco Foundation, The California Endowment, The California Wellness Foundation, and The Open Society Institute.

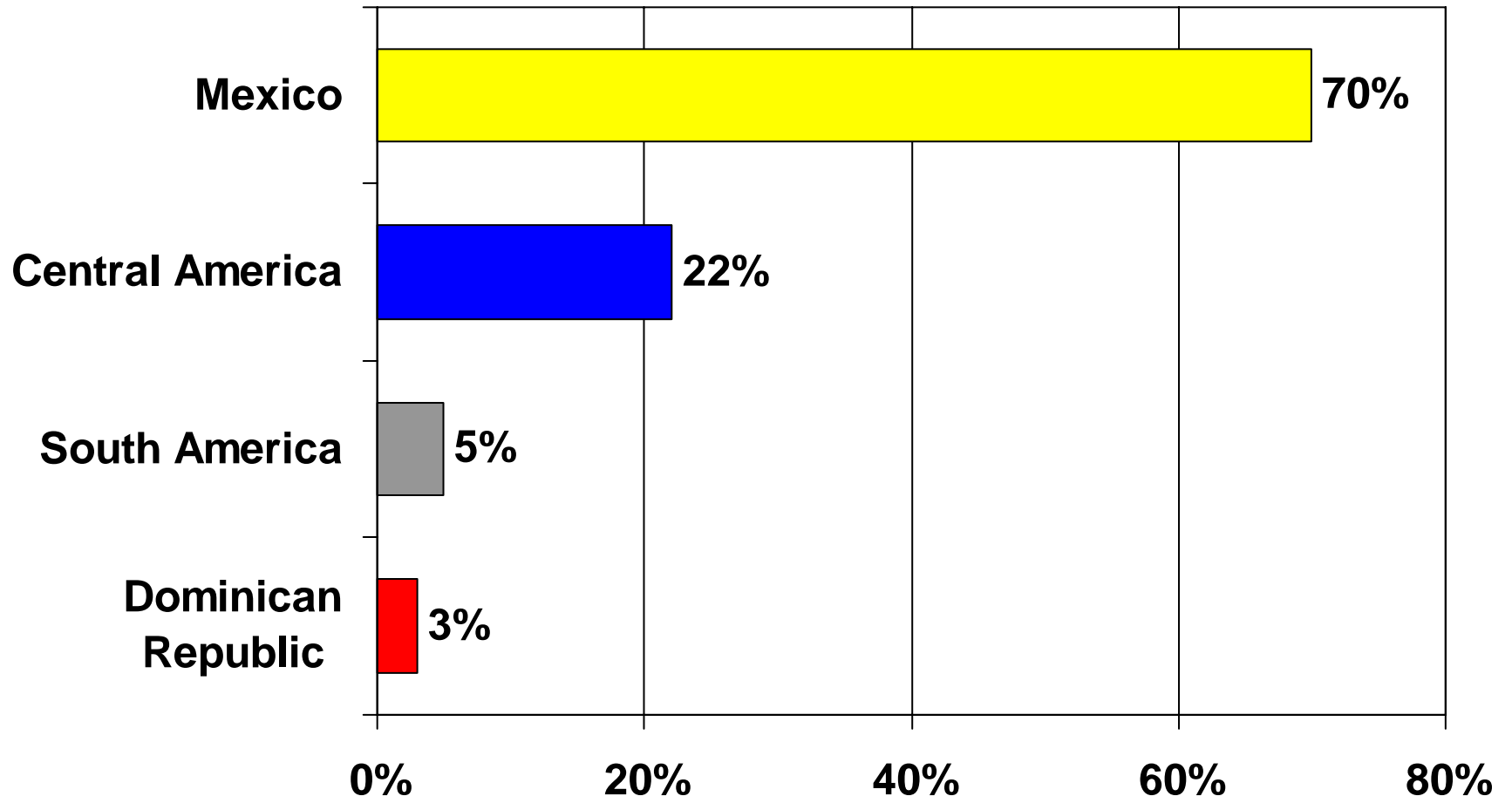
Question to Identify the Undocumented

- Before you answer the next question, I want to assure you that this interview is totally confidential. Some Latin American immigrants have gotten all of their documents together and become legal residents. Other Latin American immigrants are still preparing their documents and are considered undocumented immigrants. Are you a legal resident or are you an undocumented immigrant?

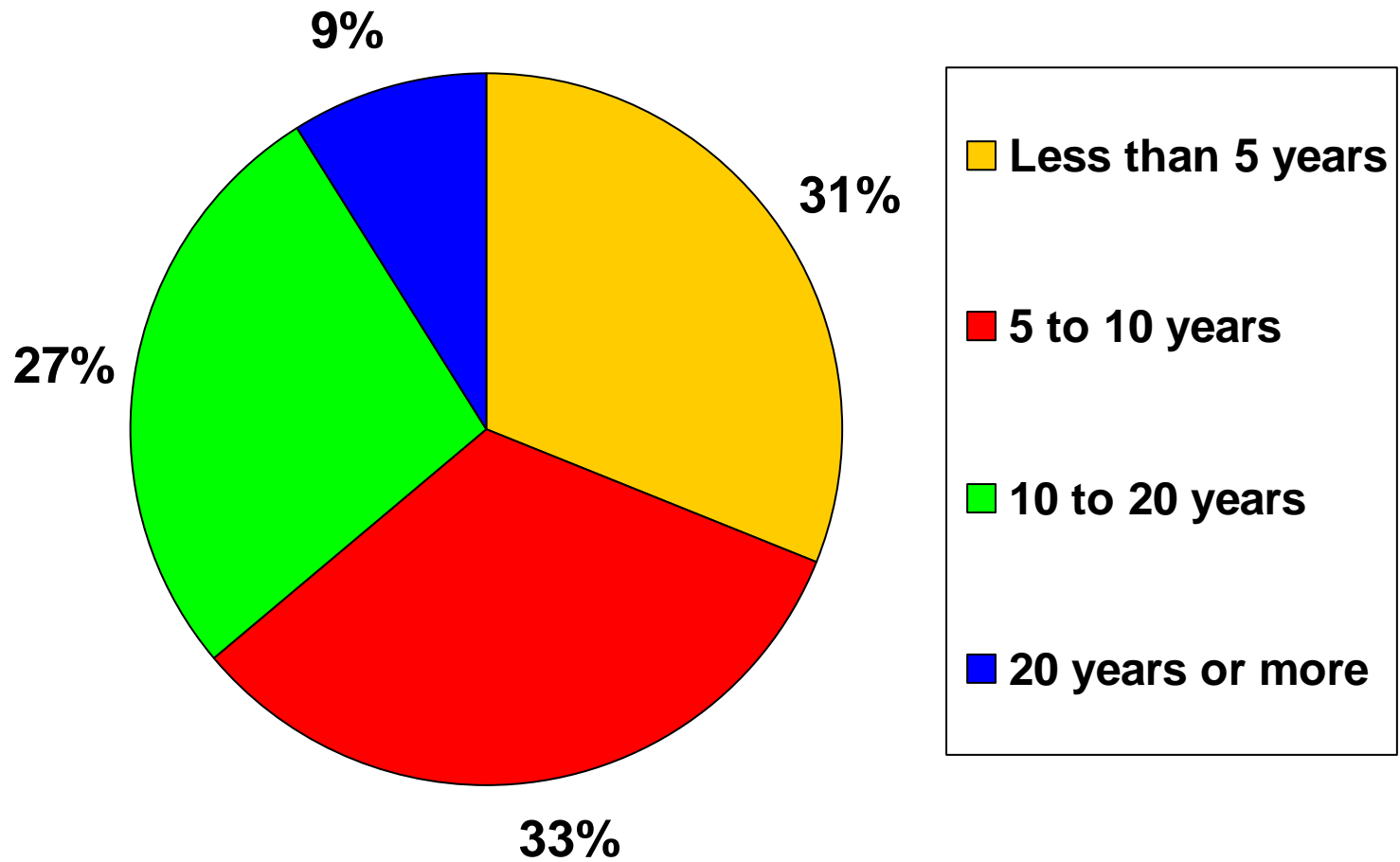
Demographics of Undocumented Latin American Immigrants in the United States



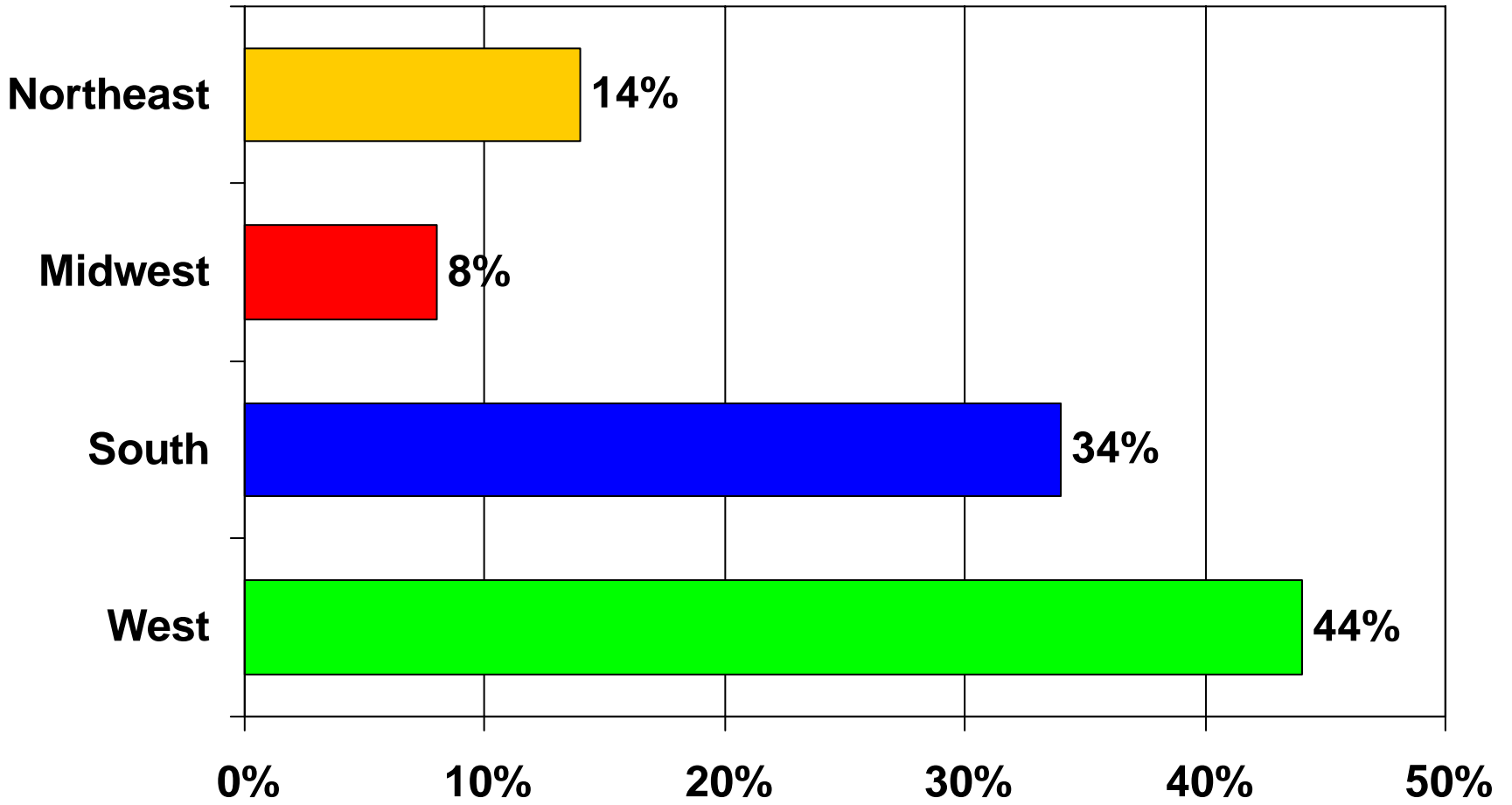
Country of Birth



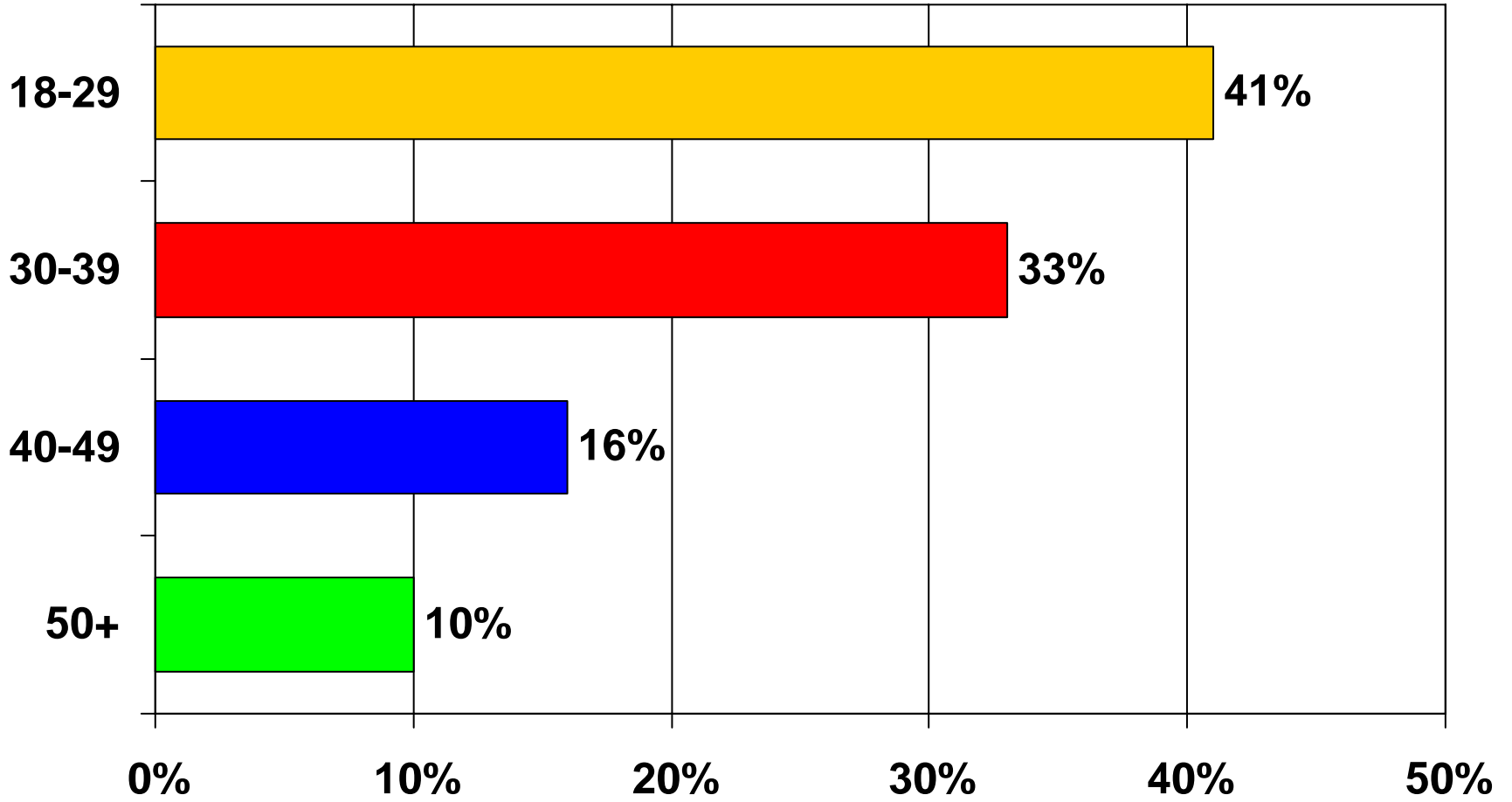
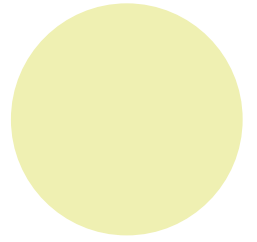
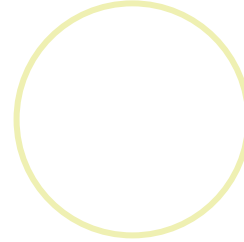
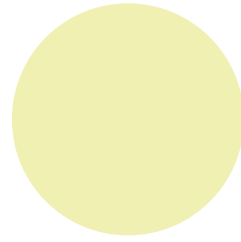
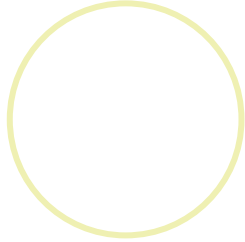
How long have you lived in the United States?



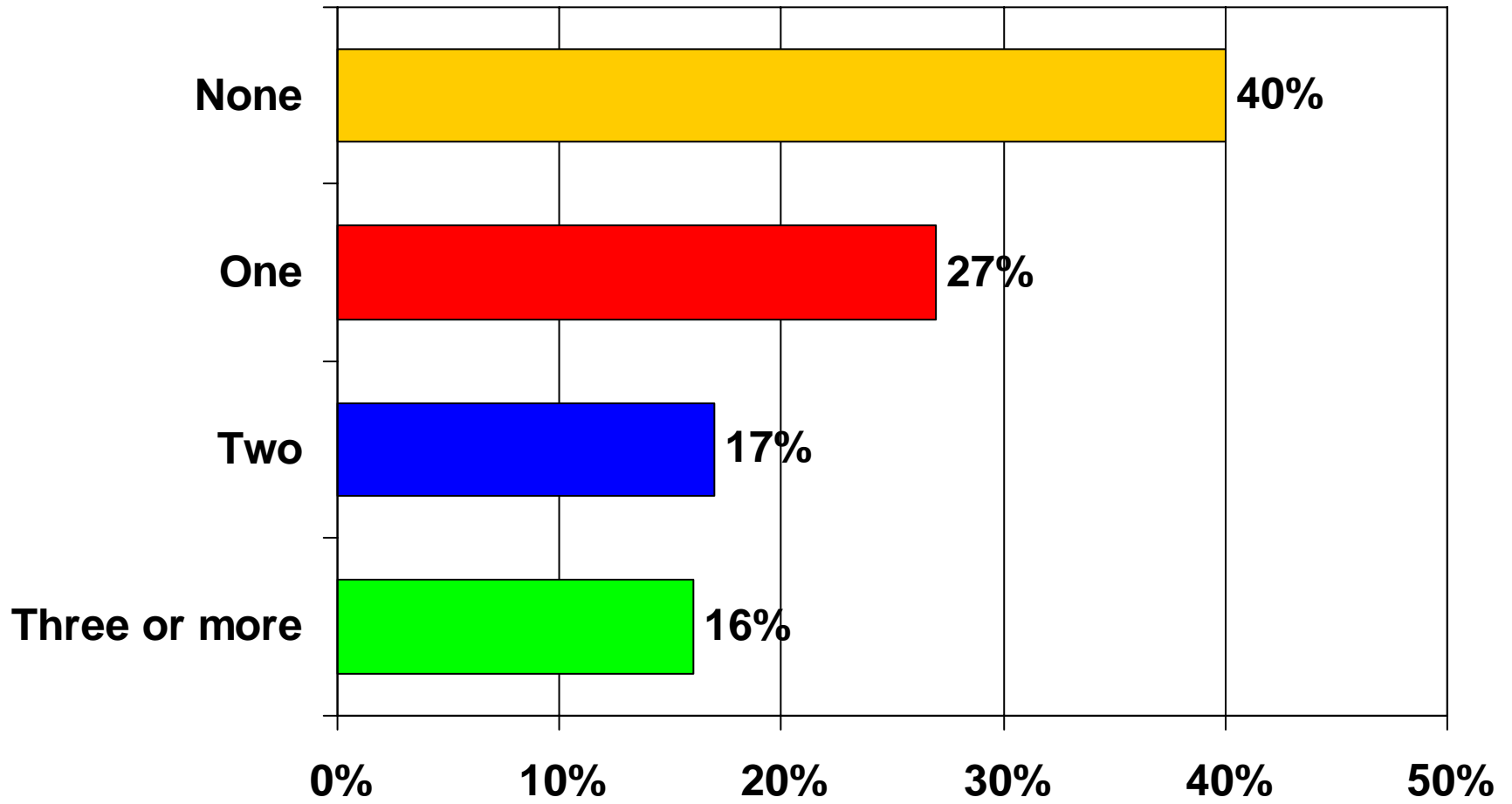
Region



Age

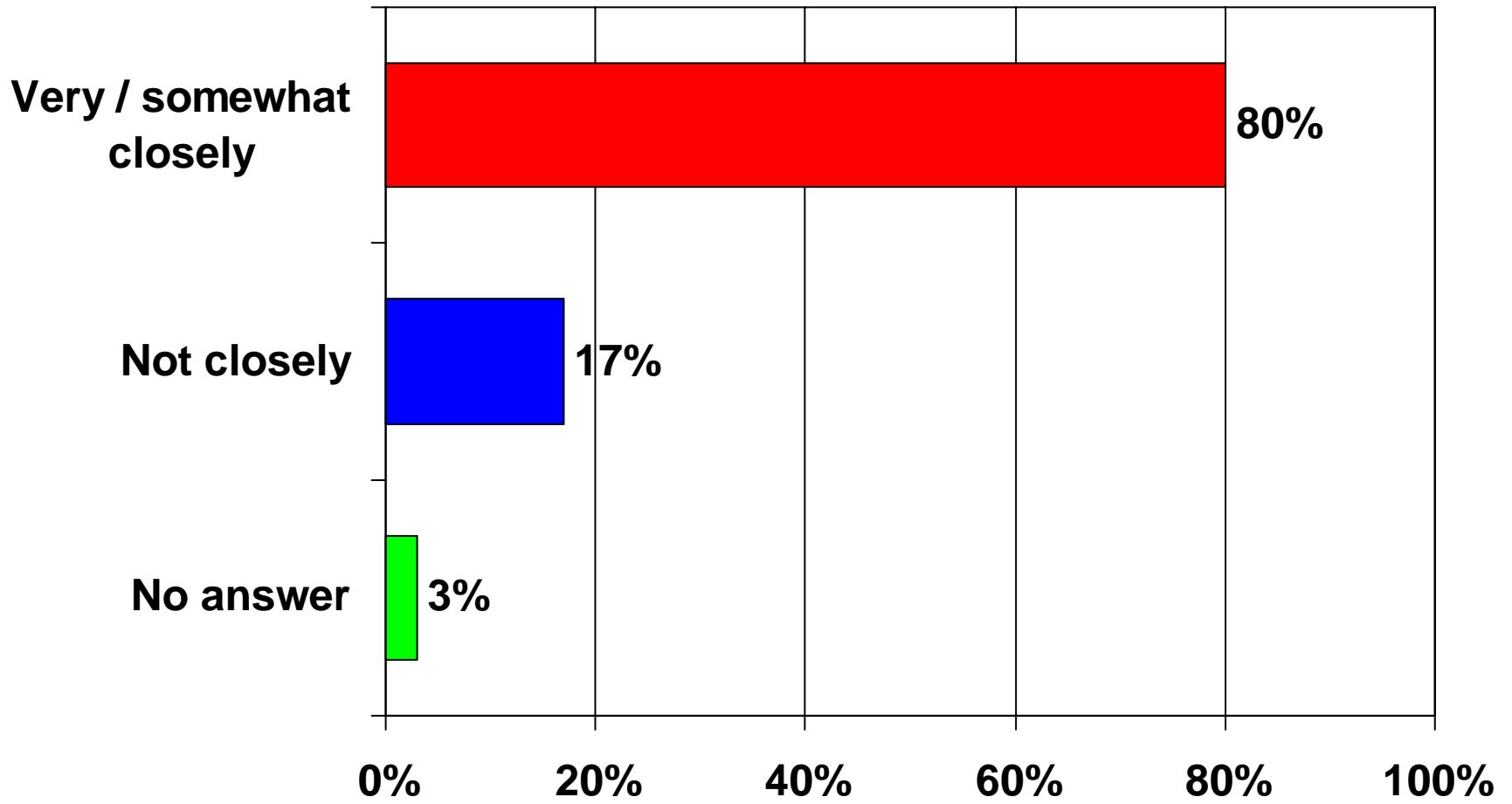


Number of Dependents



Average – 1.1 dependents

Congress is currently having a debate about the immigration policy of the United States. How closely have you been following this debate?



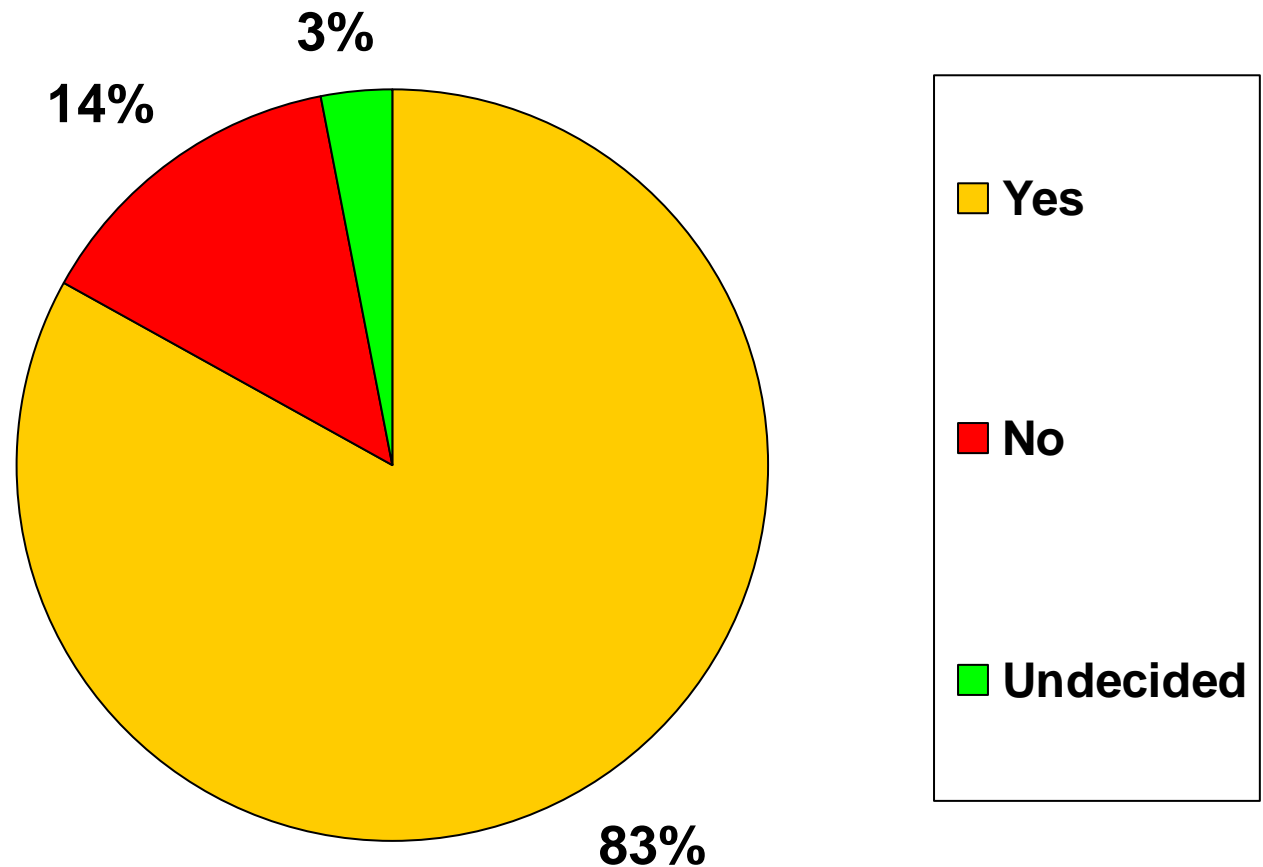


The New “Z” Work Visa

“Z” Work Visa Question

- The United States Congress is currently considering a new law that would allow undocumented immigrants to apply for a new visa. The head of the family would have to pay \$3,000 in fines and fees and an additional \$2,000 in fines and fees for each undocumented member of the family. They would have to show that they have a work record and pass a criminal background check. Those that qualify could then work and live in the United States legally. They would also be able to travel between the United States and their home country without problems. They could renew this visa every four years with a payment of \$1,500. If the Congress approved this new visa, would you apply for it or would it be easier for you to remain undocumented?

Would you apply for this new visa so that you could live and work in the United States legally or would it be easier to remain undocumented?



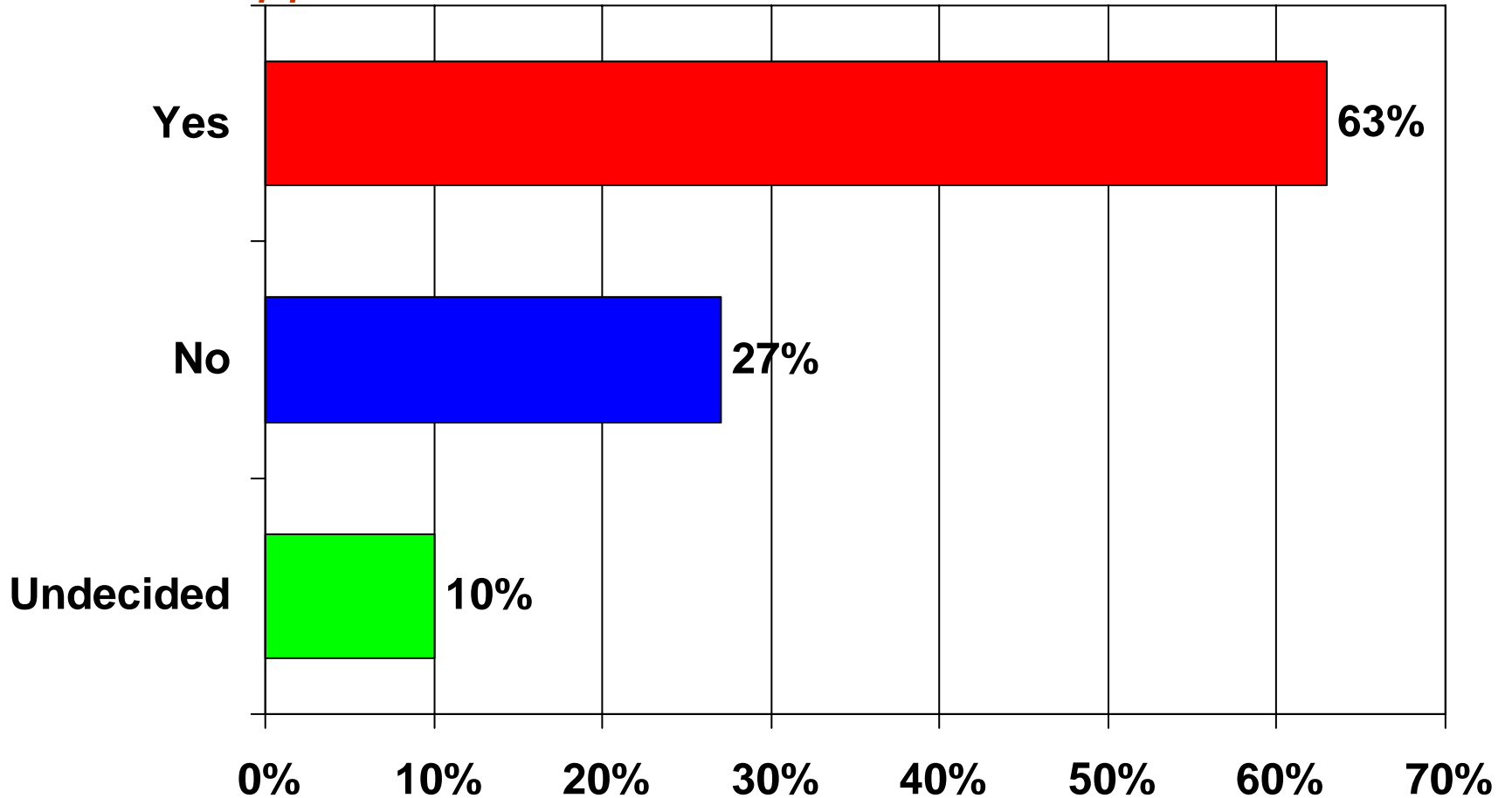
Requirements for “Z” Visa

“Yes” answers only

Be fingerprinted and agree to a criminal background check	94%
Be able to show that you have a work record in the United States	89%
Register at a government office and admit that you were in the United States illegally	85%
Pay \$3,000 in fines and fees for the head of the family and an additional \$2,000 for each undocumented member of your family	83%

Would you still apply for this new visa if you had to return to your home country for a short period of time to pick up the visa?

“Z” Visa Applicants

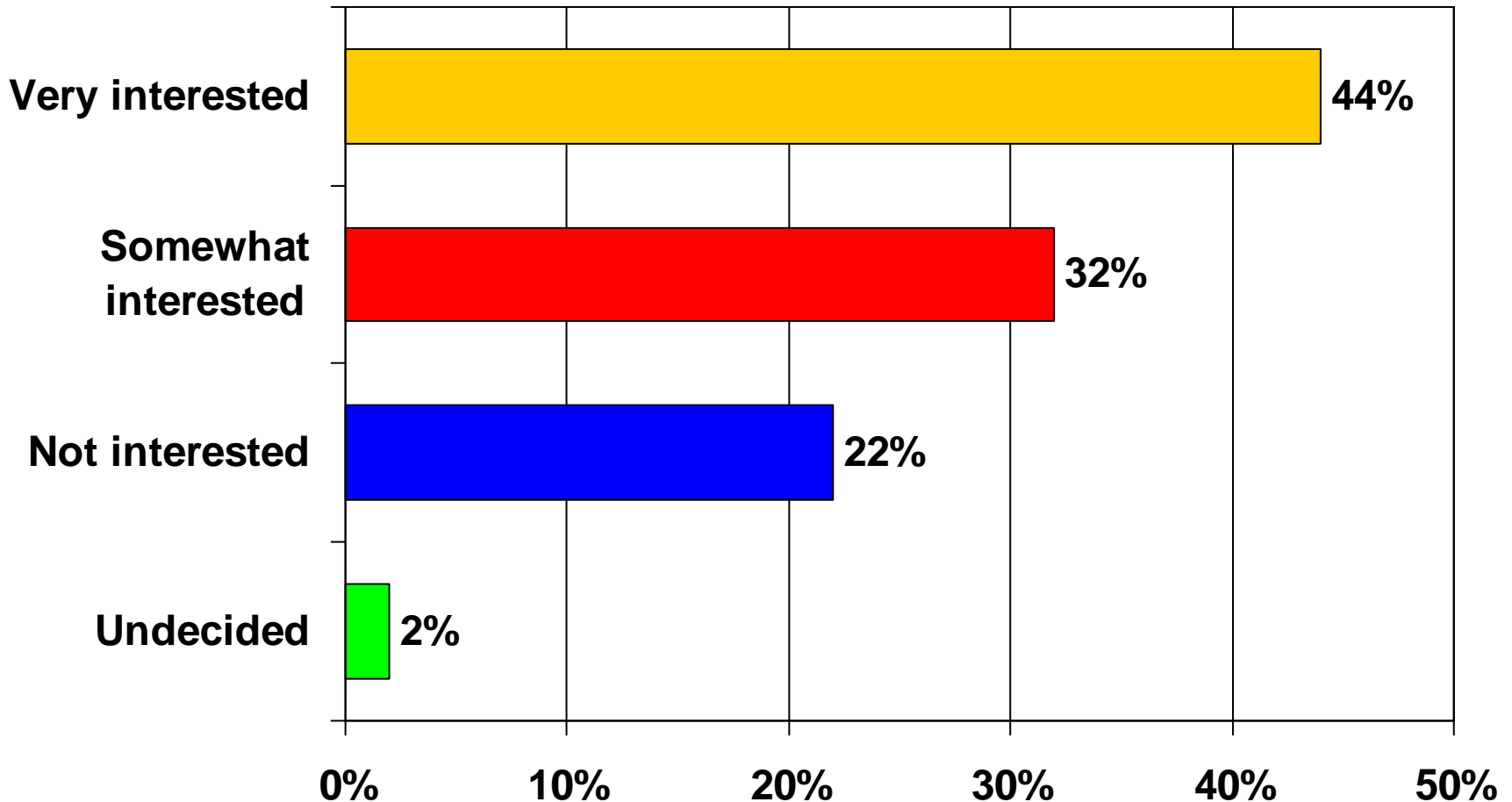




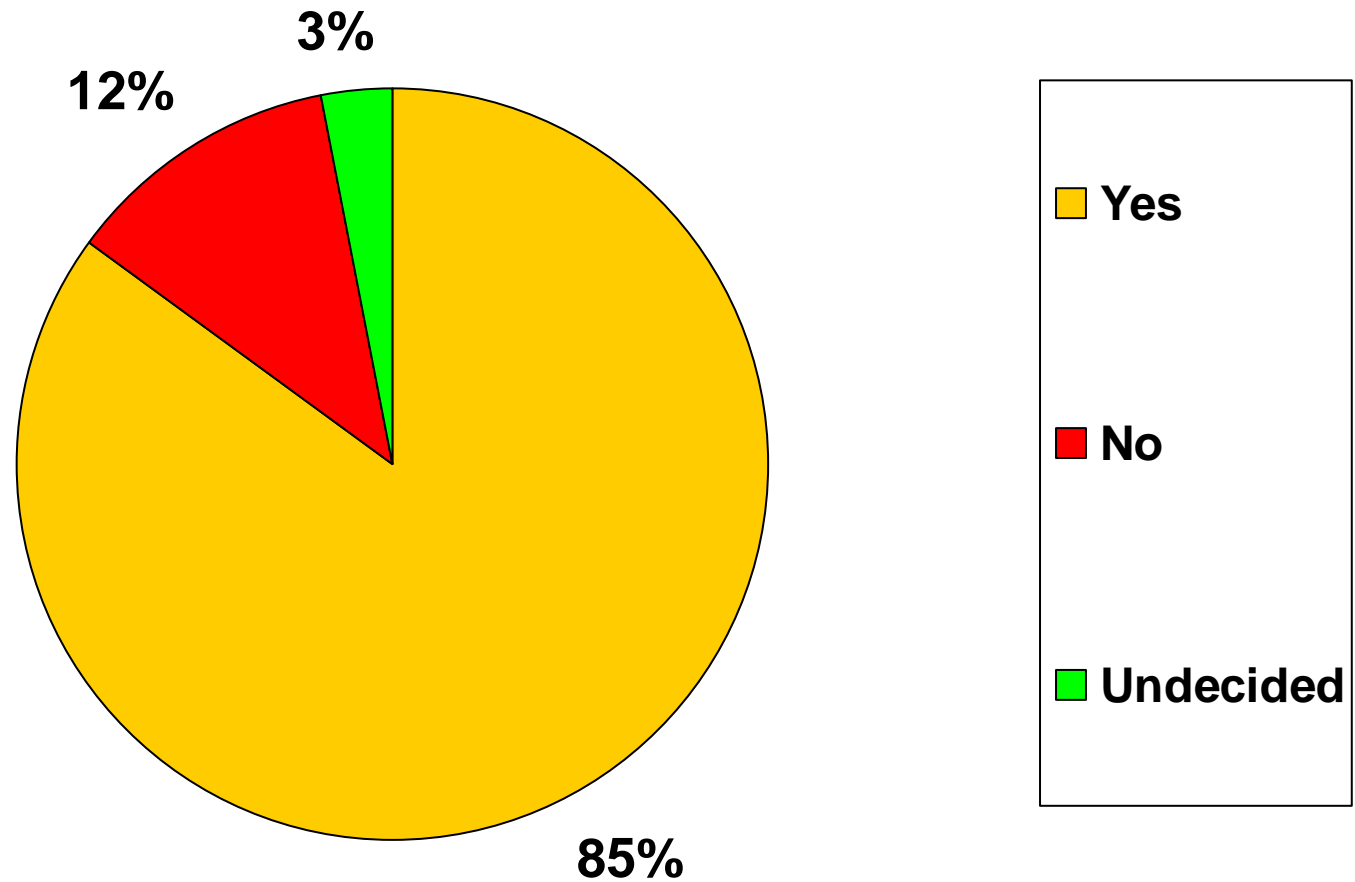
“Green Card” and Citizenship

How interested would you be in getting a “green card” and eventually becoming a citizen of the United States if this new law is approved?

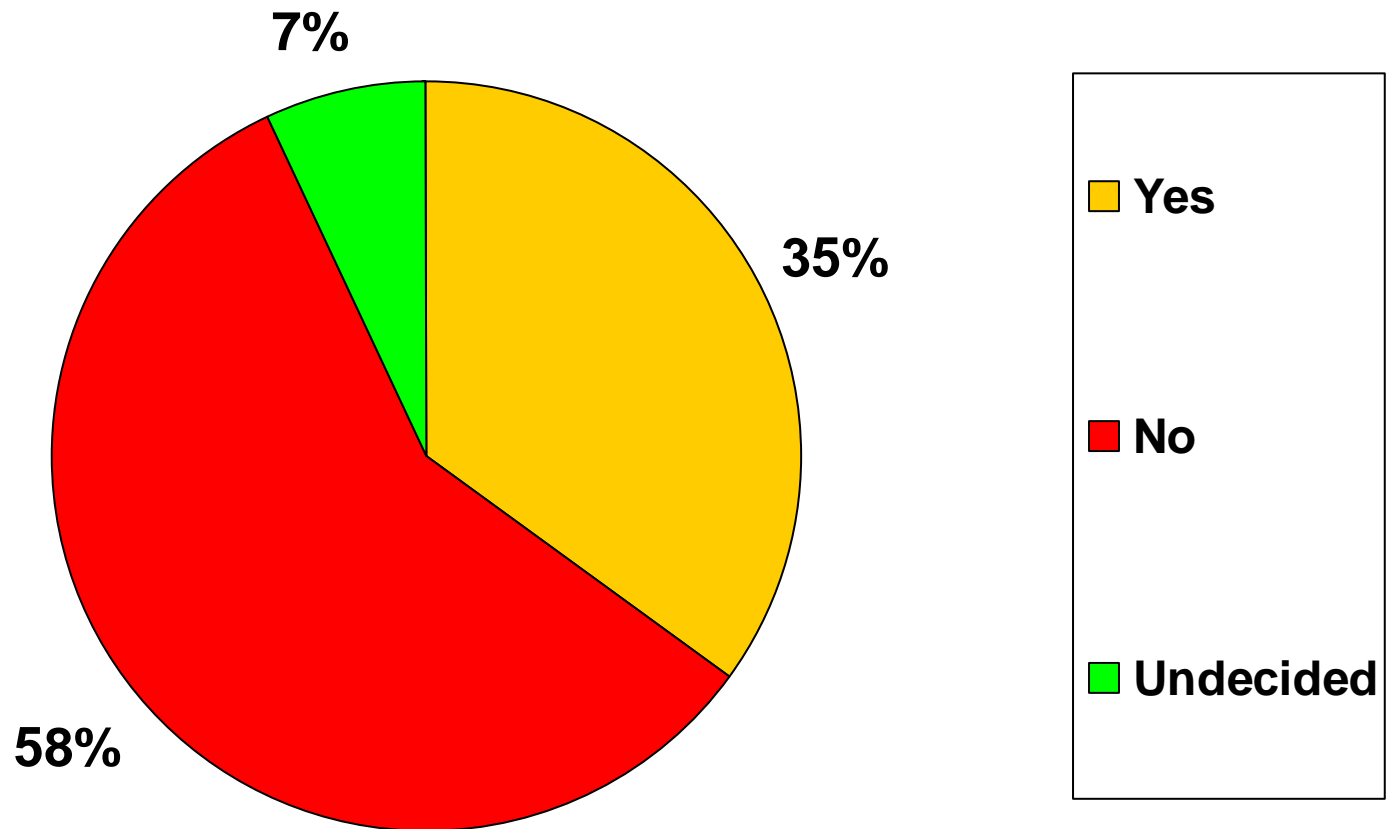
“Z” Visa Applicants



If you were guaranteed that you could return to the United States without a problem, would you be willing to return to your home country for a short period of time to complete an application for a “green card” at the U.S. consulate?

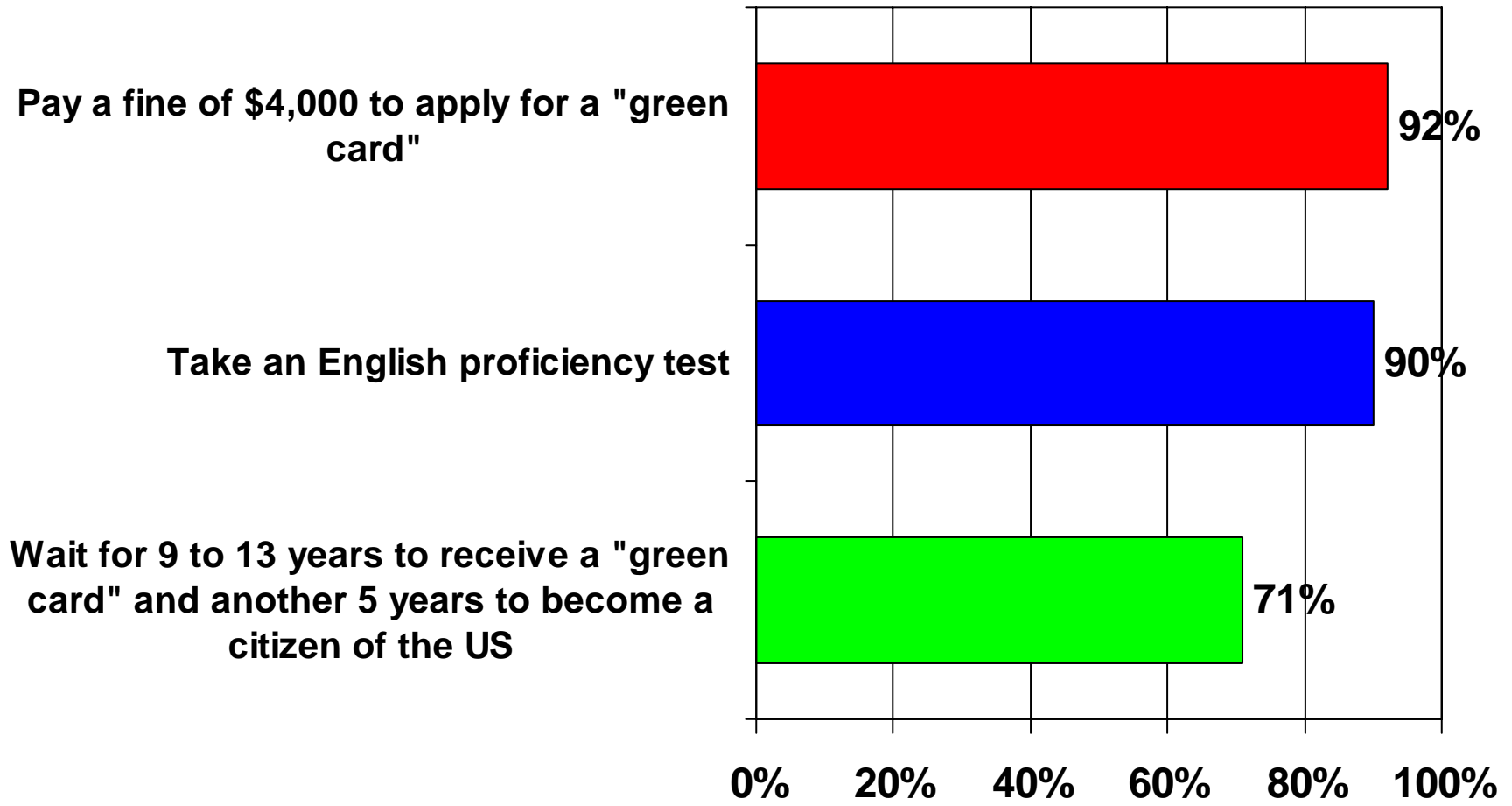


If you were not guaranteed that you could return to the United States, would you be willing to return to your home country for a short period of time to complete an application for a “green card” at the U.S. consulate?

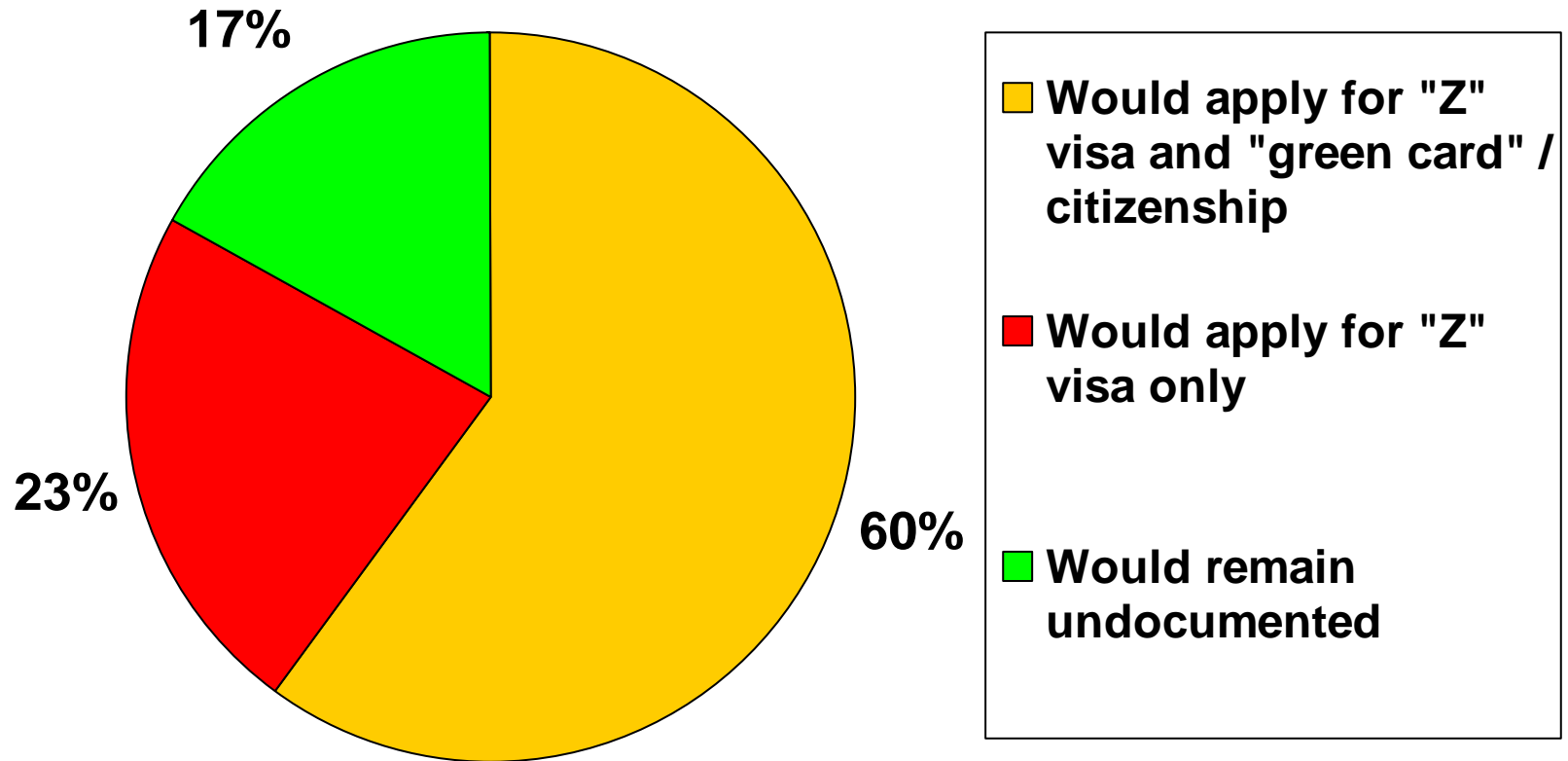


“Green Card” and Citizenship Requirements

“Yes” answers only



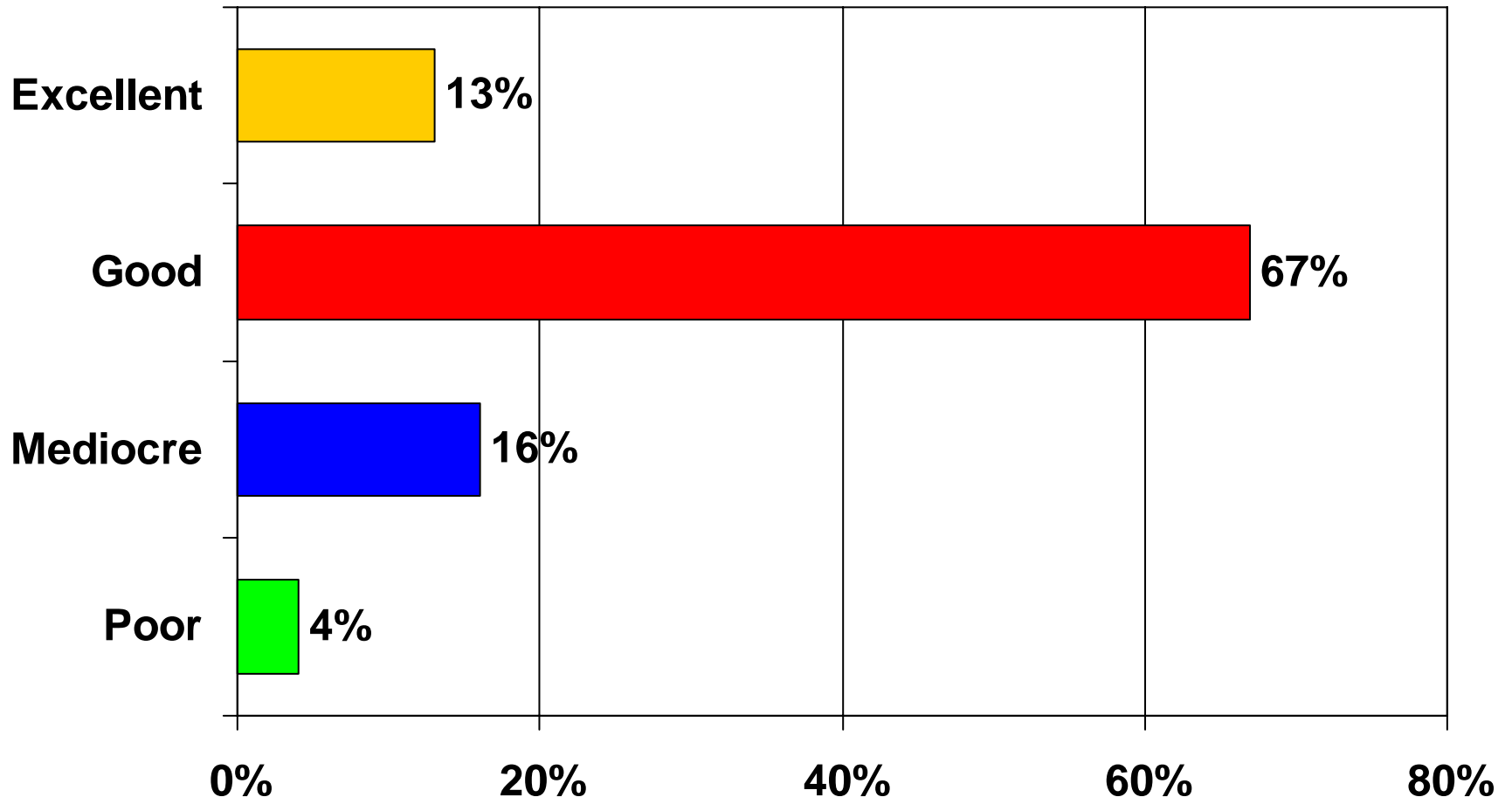
“Z” Visa and “Green Card” / Citizenship



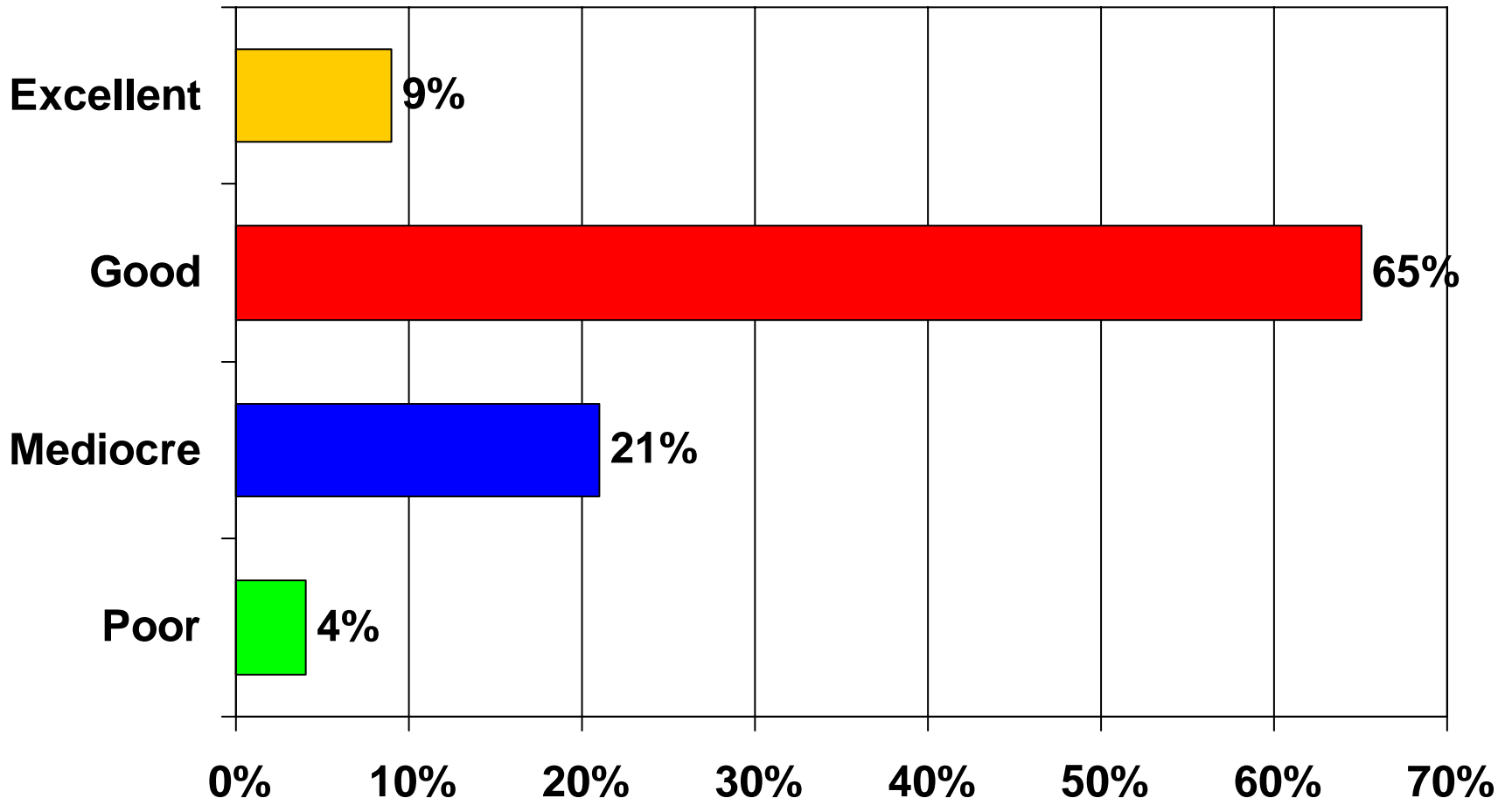
Quality of Life of the Undocumented Latin American Immigrant



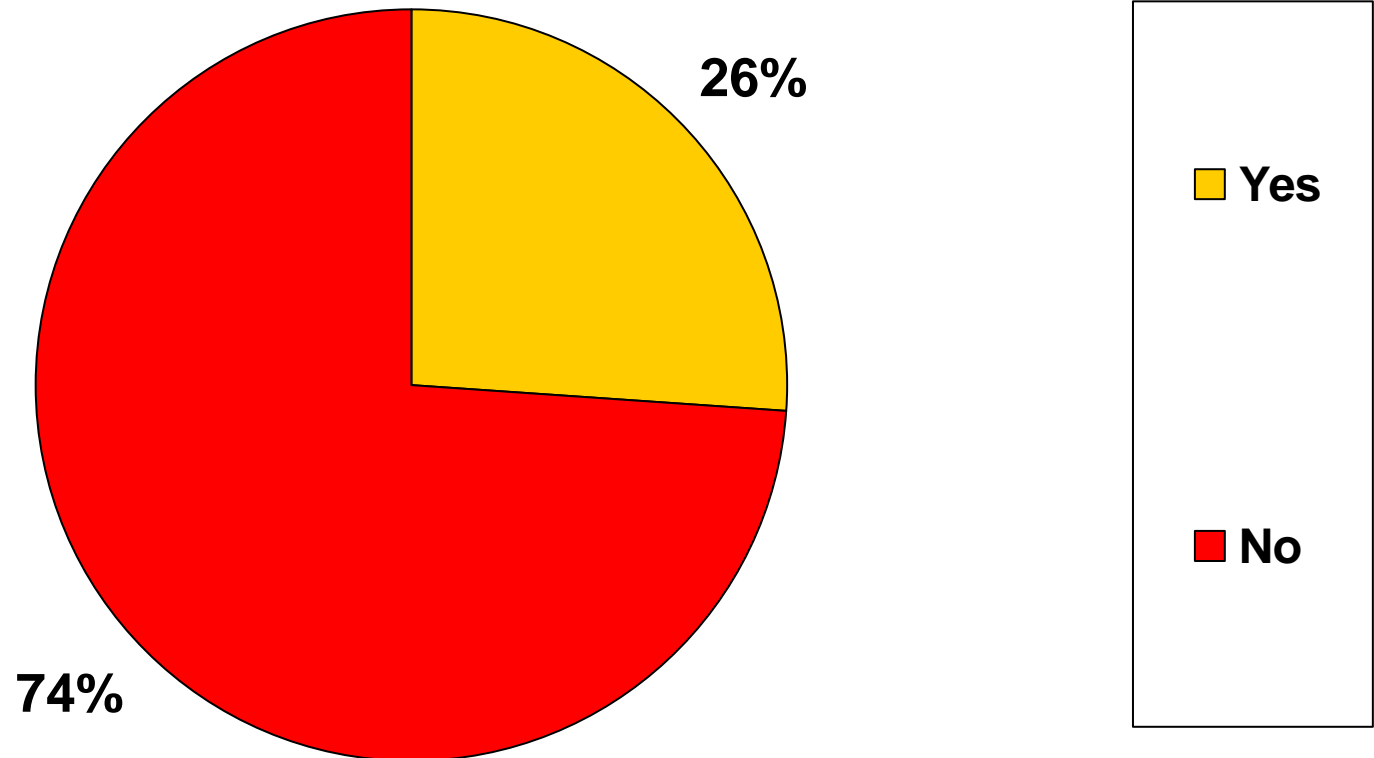
How would you rate the quality of your life in the United States?



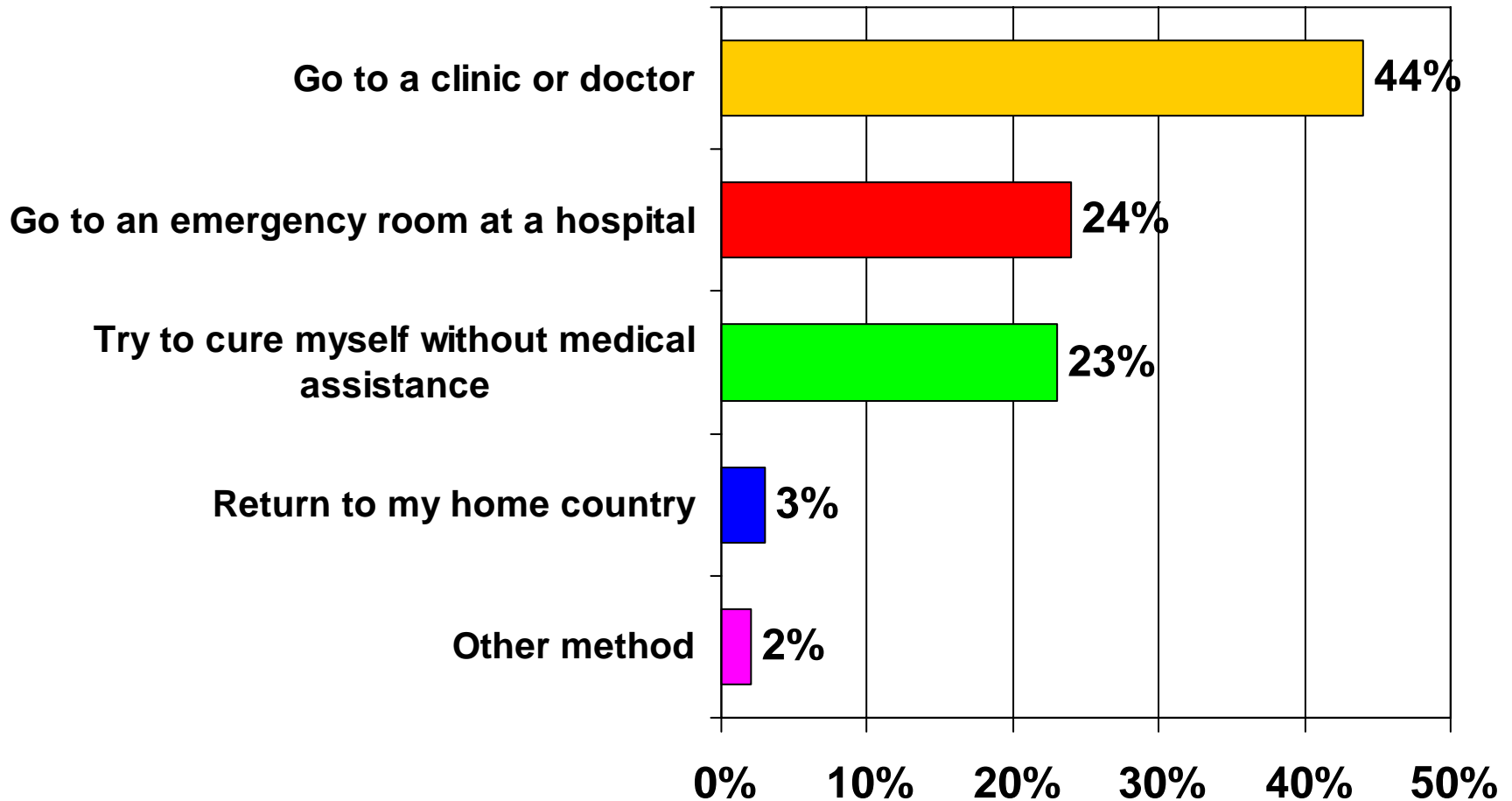
How would you rate the economic situation of your family in the United States?



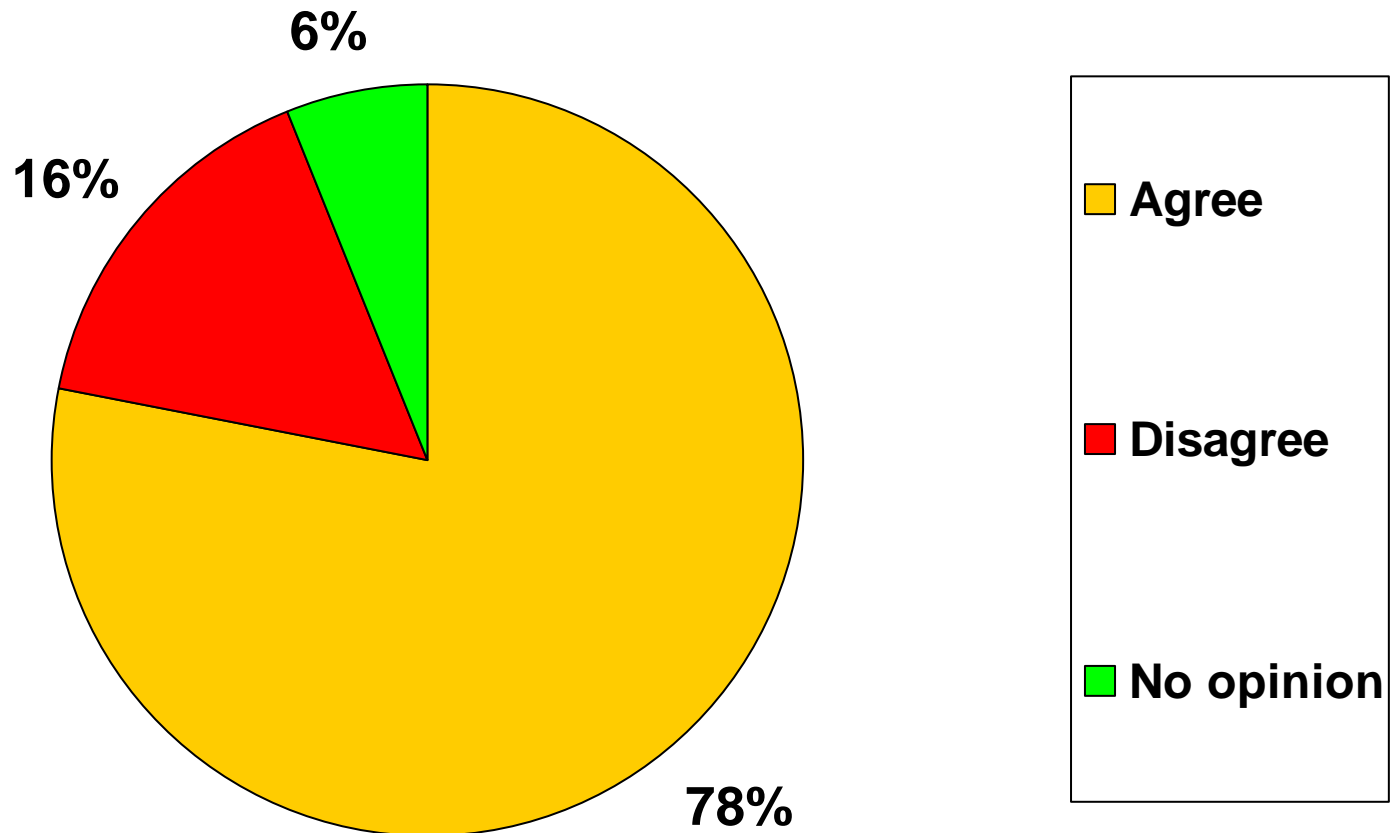
Do you have health insurance?



When you or a family member gets sick, what do you do?



The anti-immigrant sentiment is growing in the United States.



The anti-immigrant sentiment in this country has affected me and my family.

