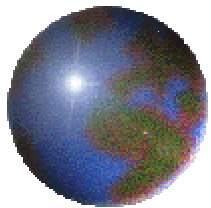


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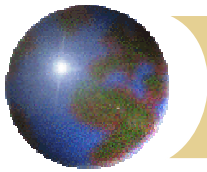


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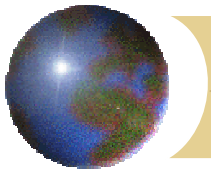
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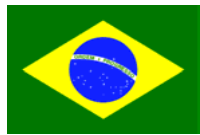


# *I. Methodology*

<b>Sample</b>	<b>Latin American immigrant adults living in Japan.</b>
<b>Number of Interviews</b>	<b>1,070 interviews</b>
<b>Language of Interviews</b>	<b>Portuguese, Spanish and Japanese</b>
<b>Margin of Error</b>	<b>+/-3 percentage points, margin of error is larger for sub-groups</b>
<b>Dates of Interviews</b>	<b>February 2nd – February 28th of 2005</b>



## *Countries represented in the sample*



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Colombia



Peru



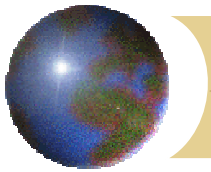
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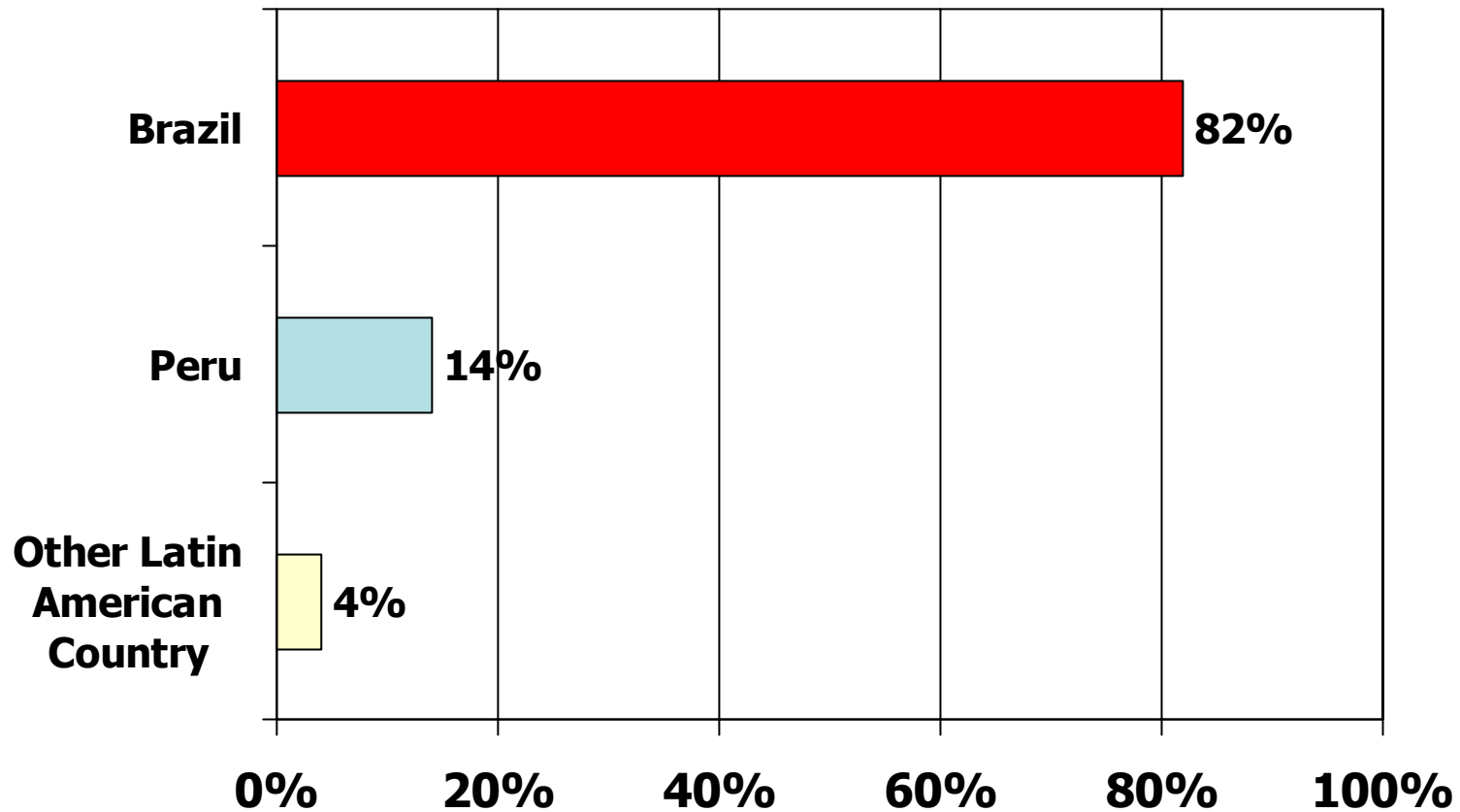
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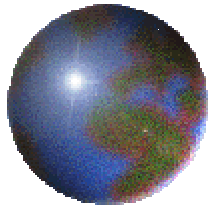


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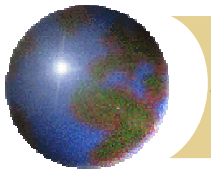


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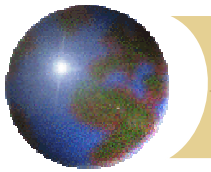




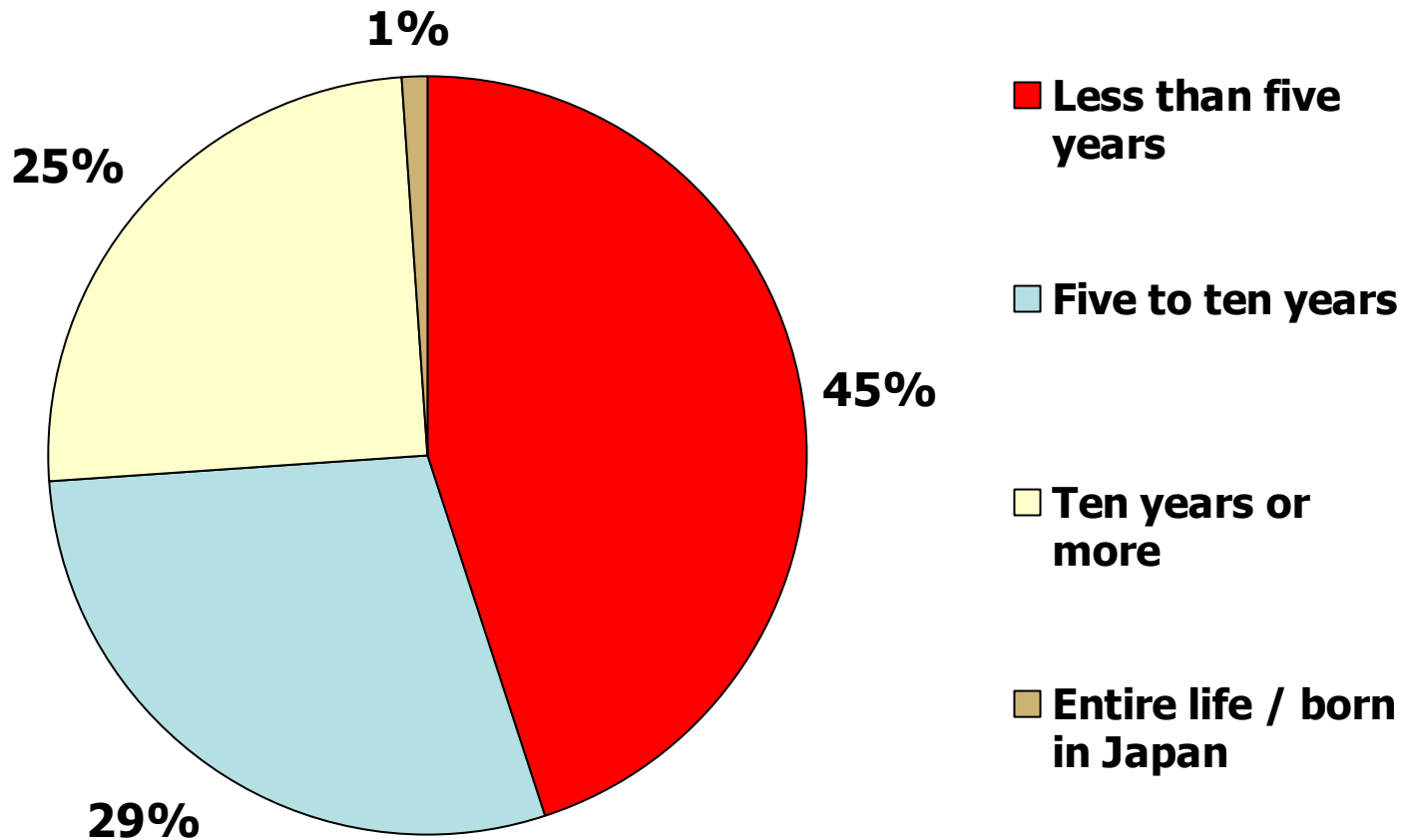
*II. Demographics of Latin  
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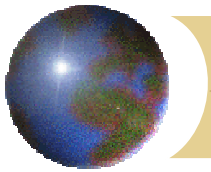


- Latin American immigrants are younger on average than the Japanese population overall.
- Peruvian immigrants have lived in Japan longer than immigrants from Brazil and other Latin American countries.
- Most work as laborers or in manufacturing jobs.

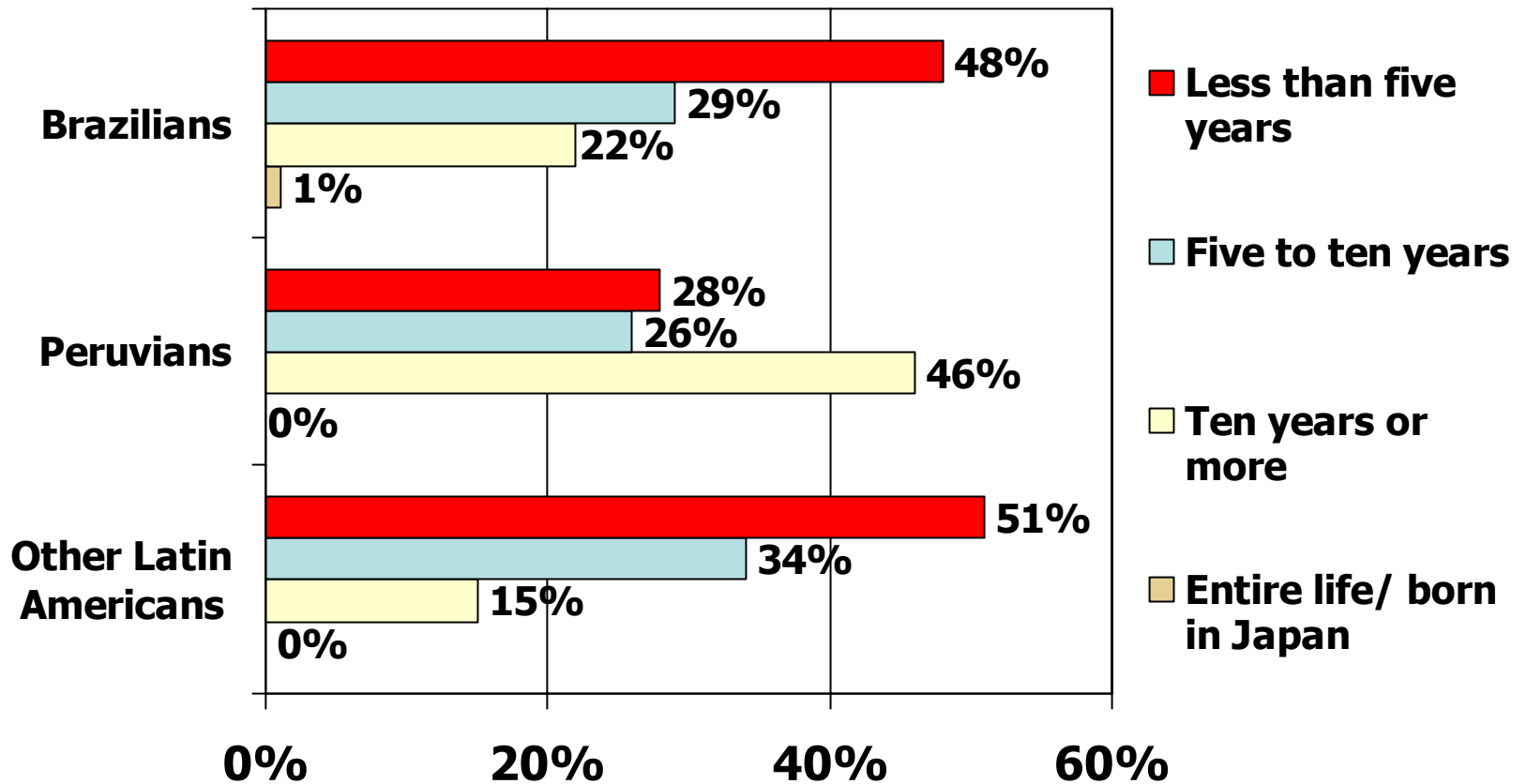


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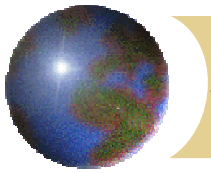




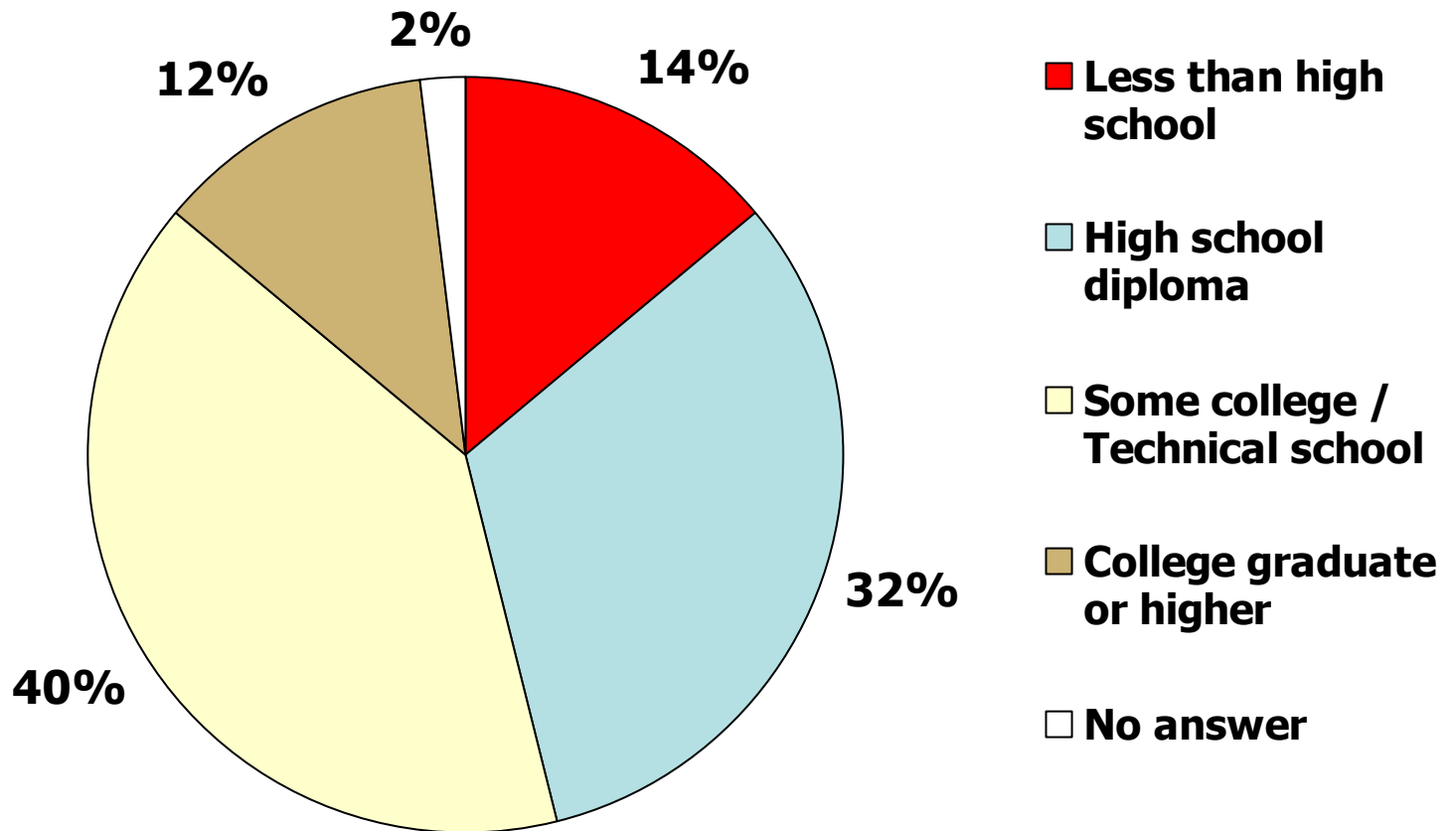
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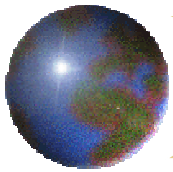




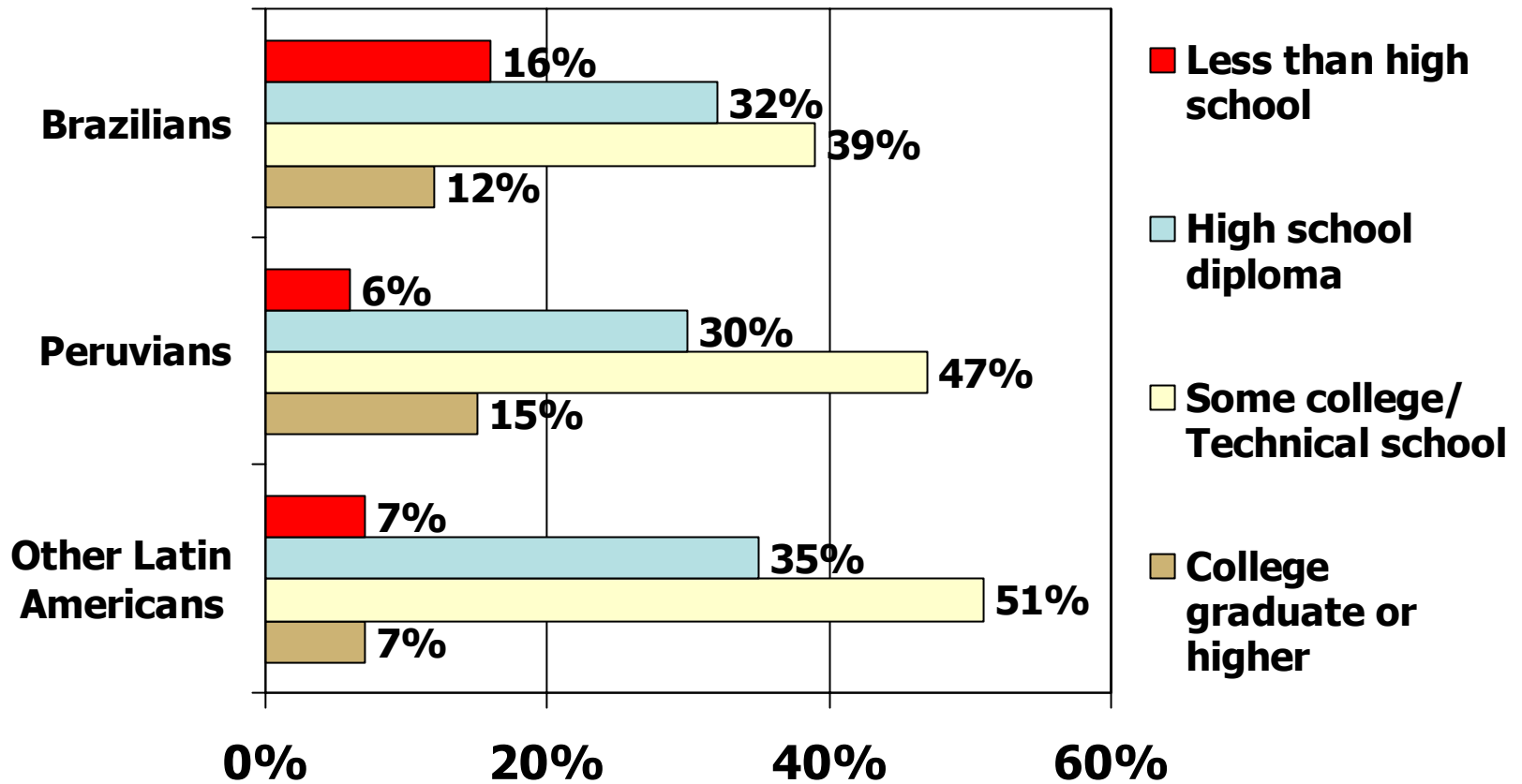


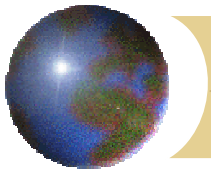
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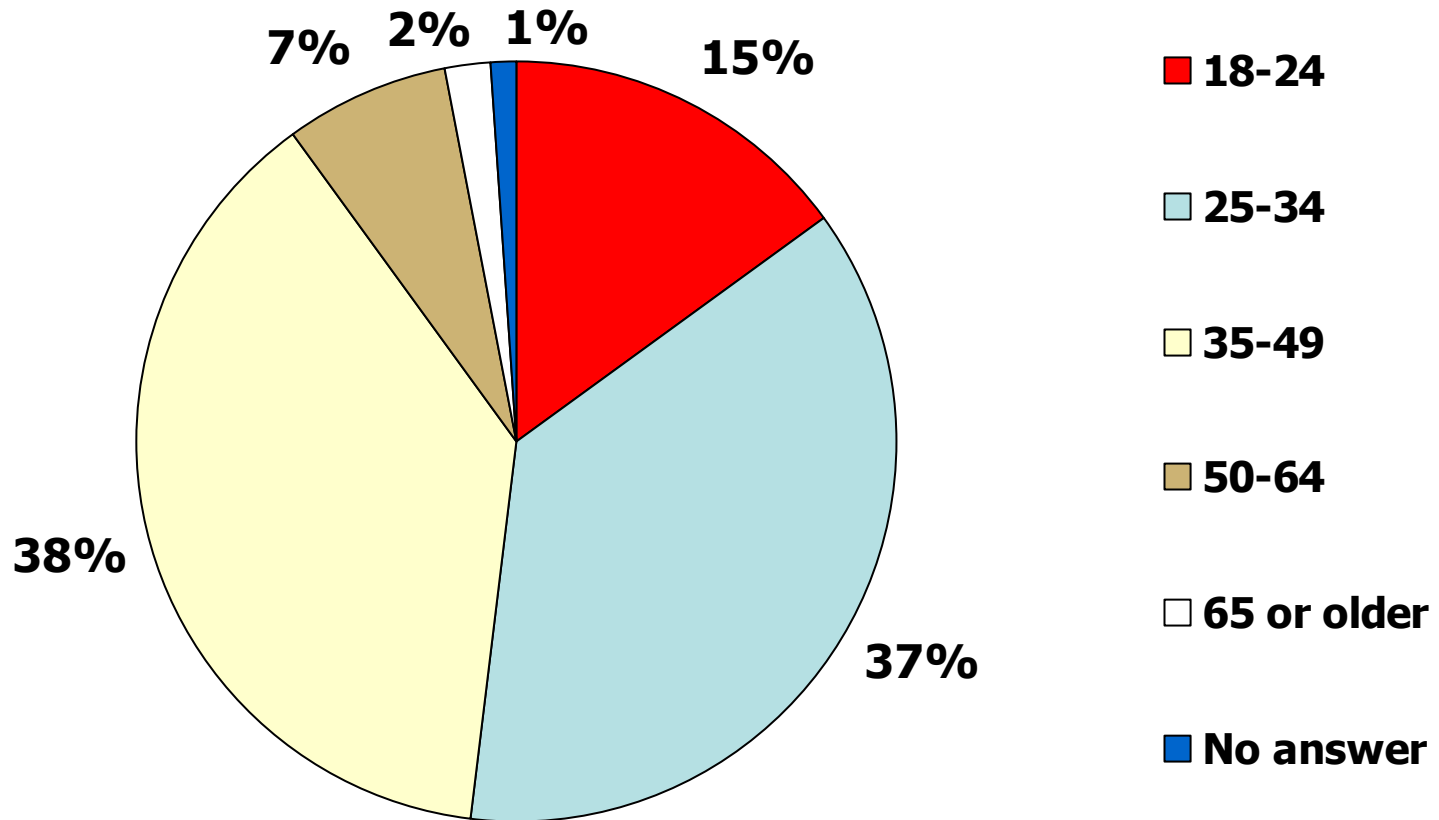


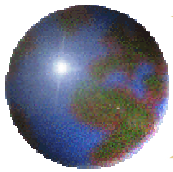
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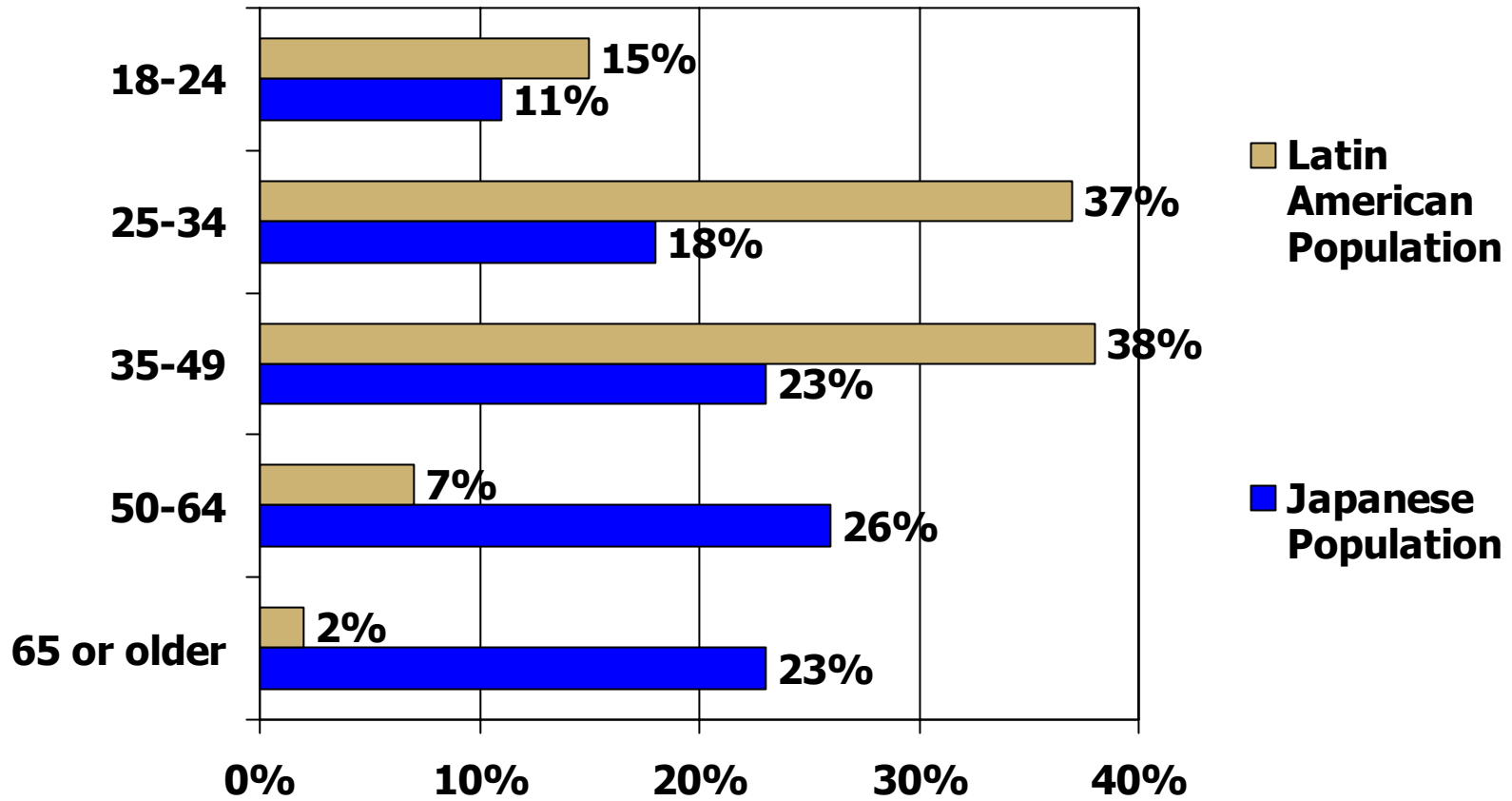


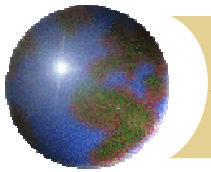
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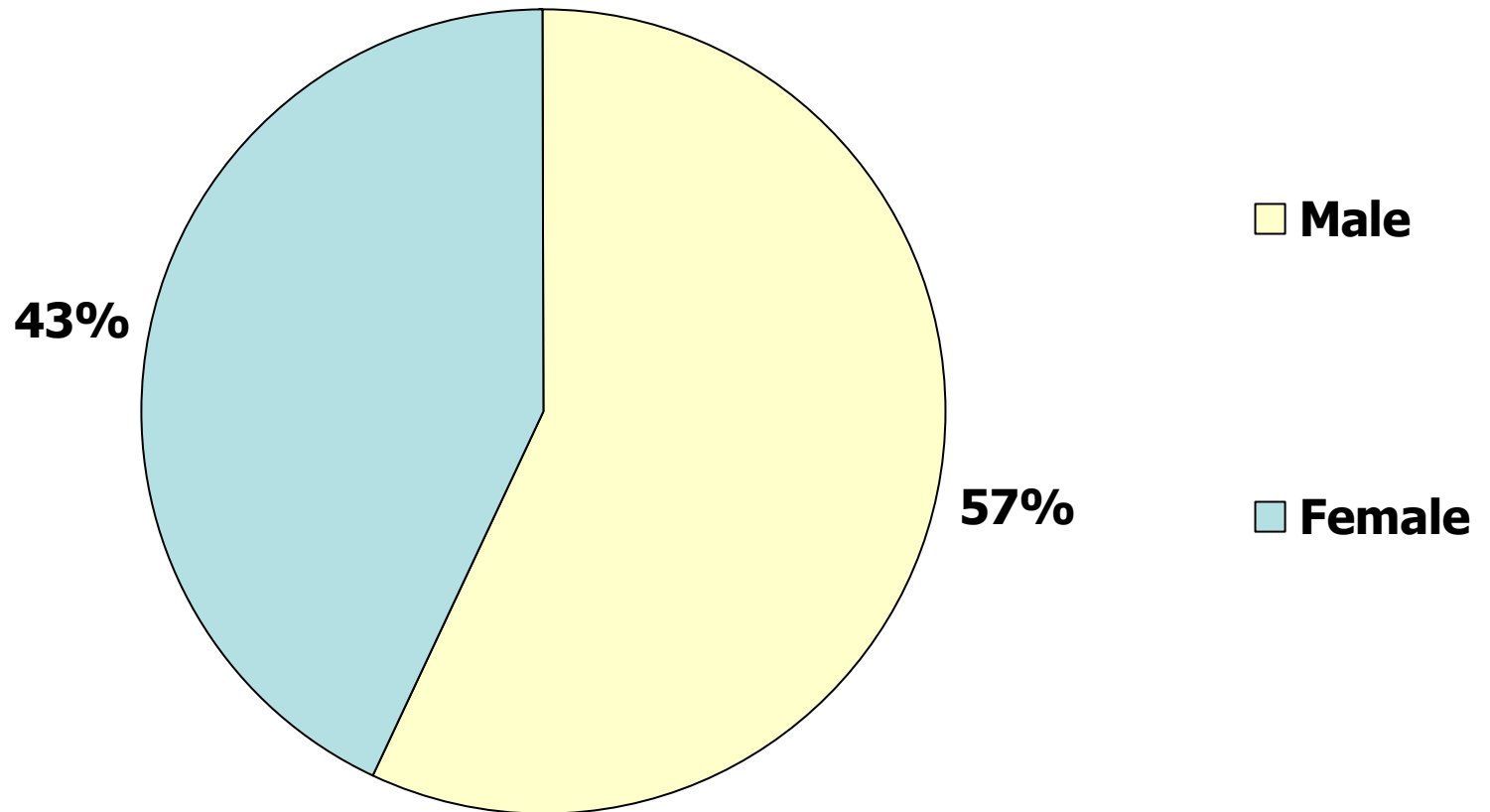


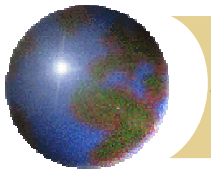
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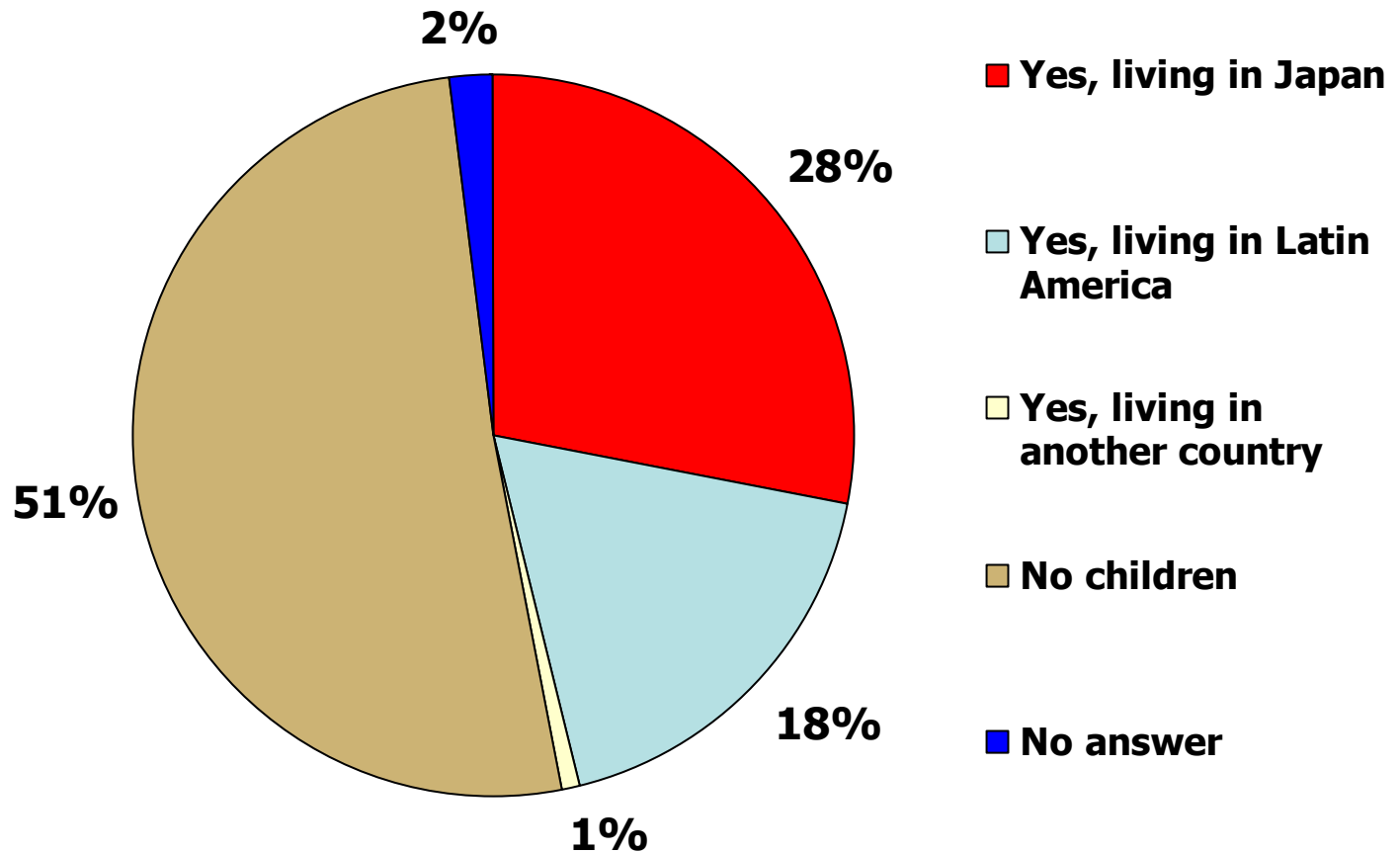


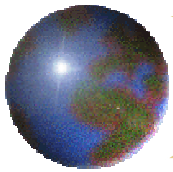
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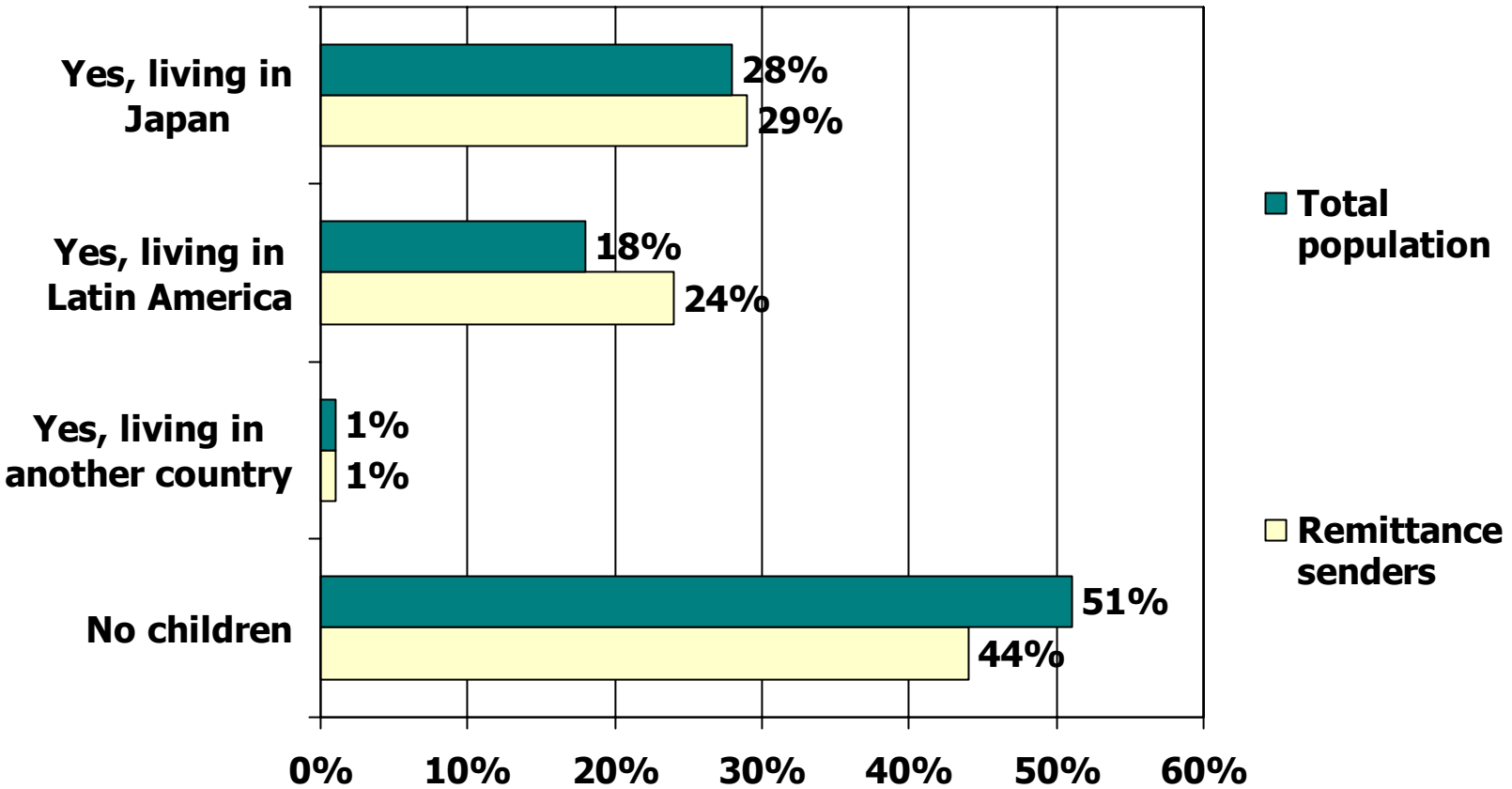


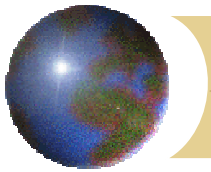
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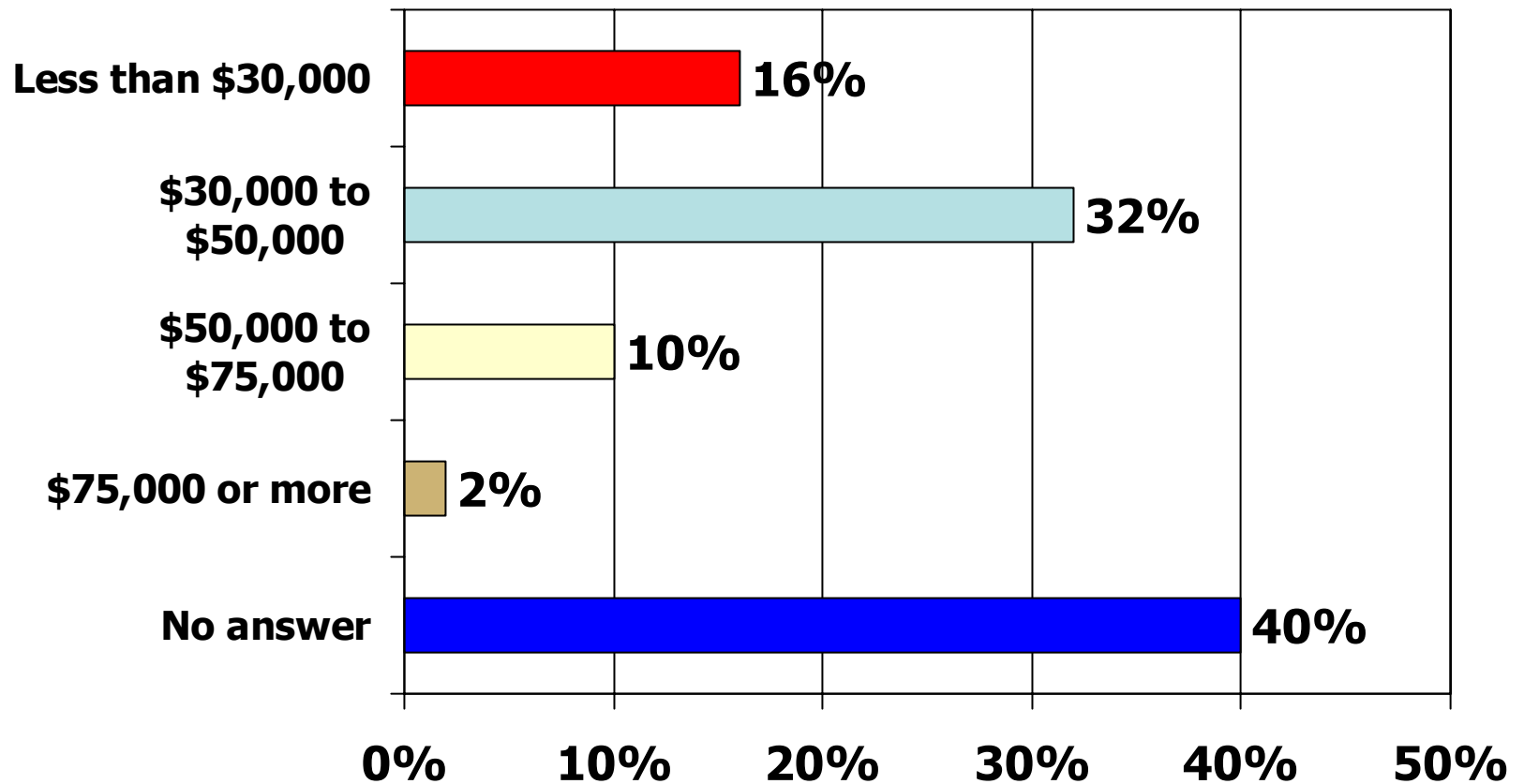


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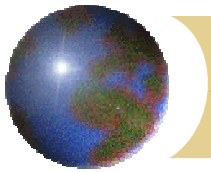




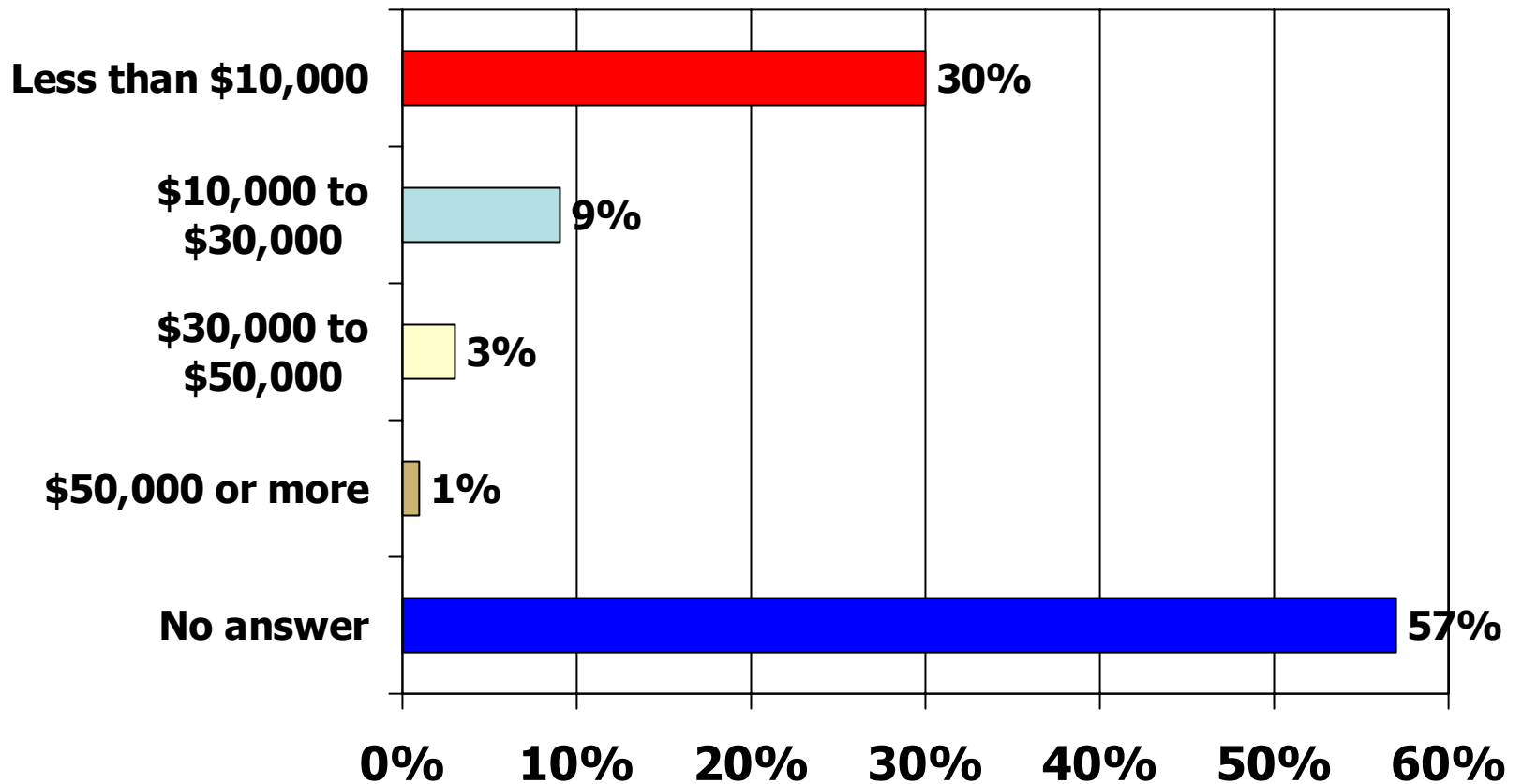
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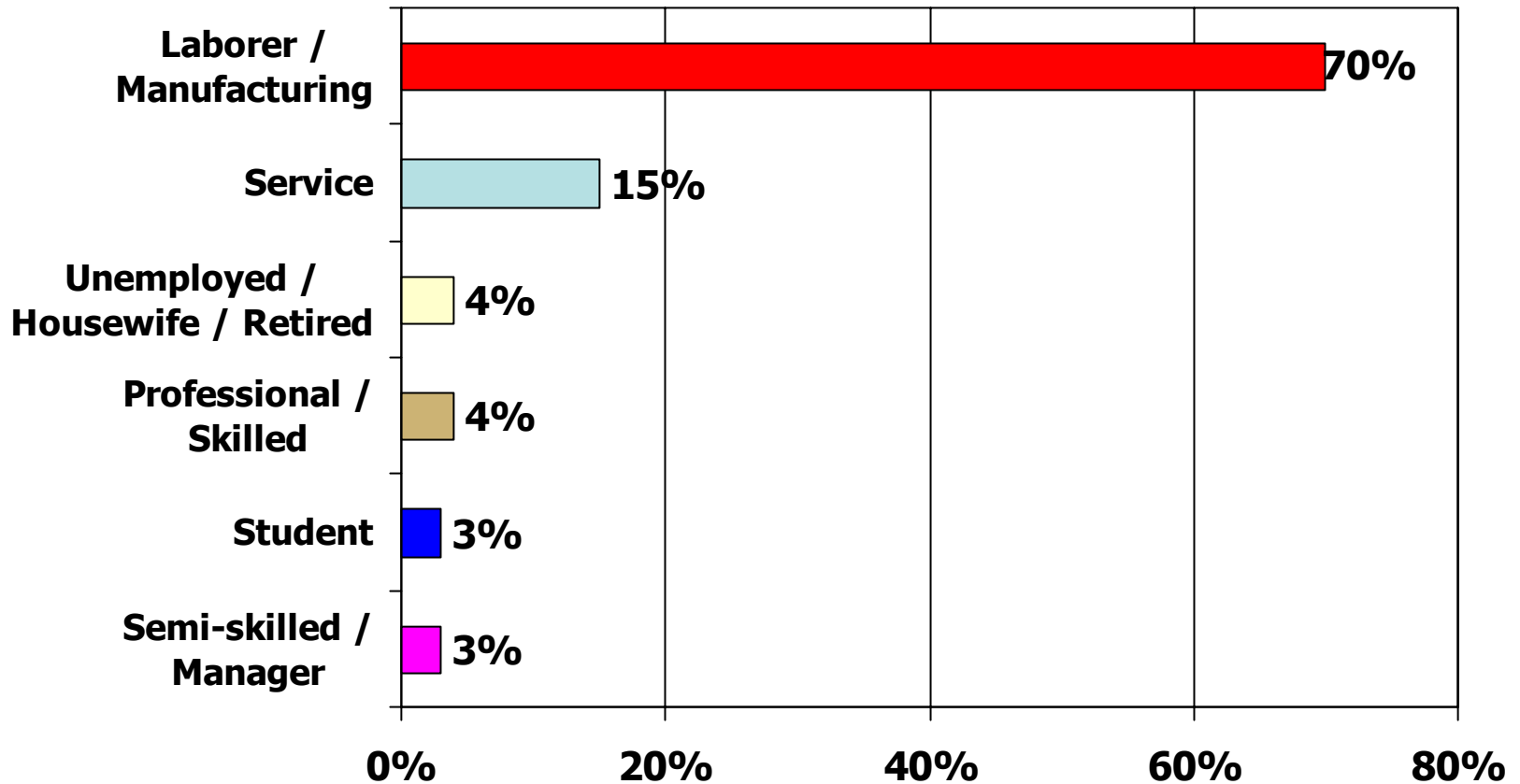


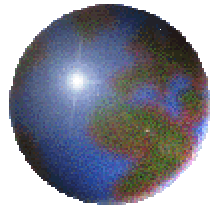
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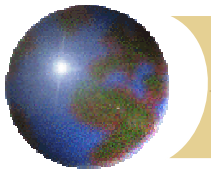


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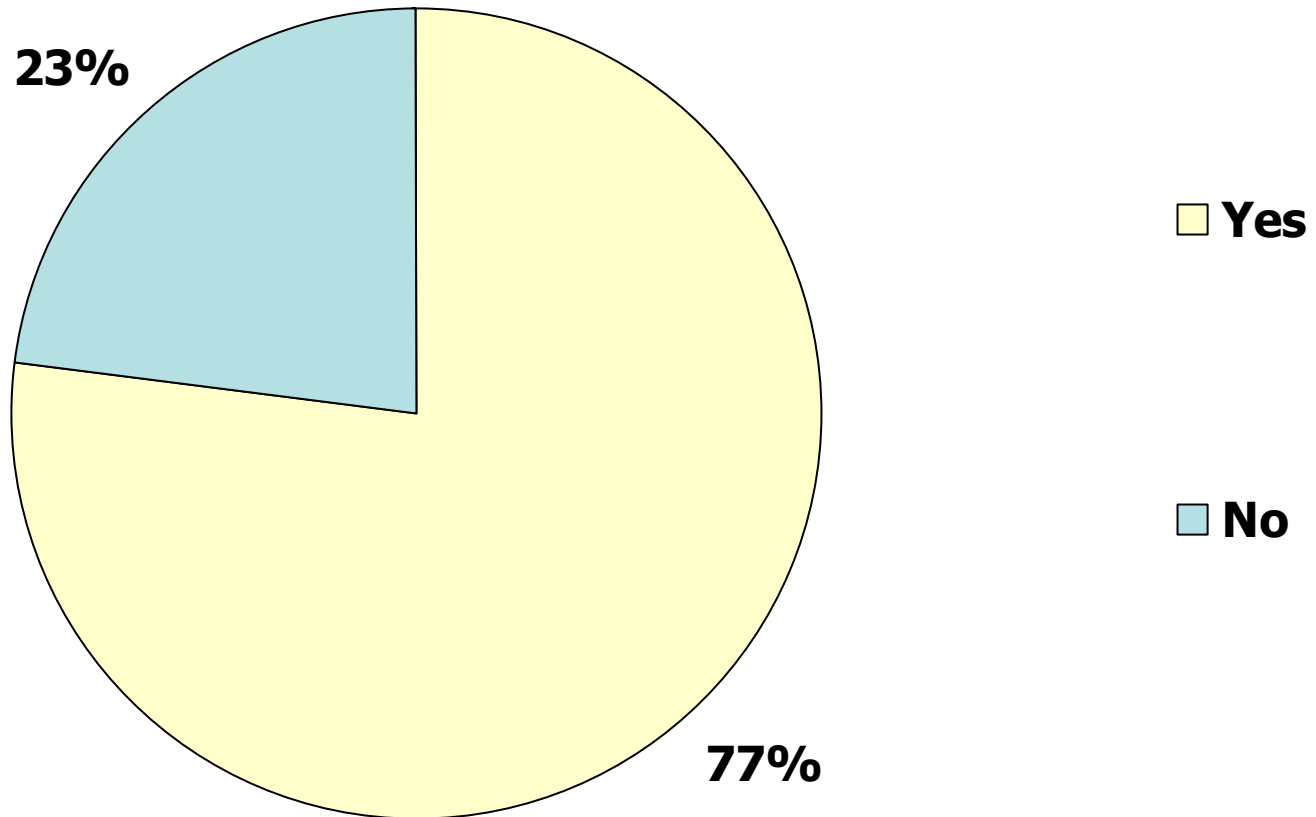


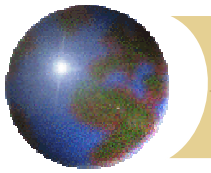


## *III. Migration Patterns*

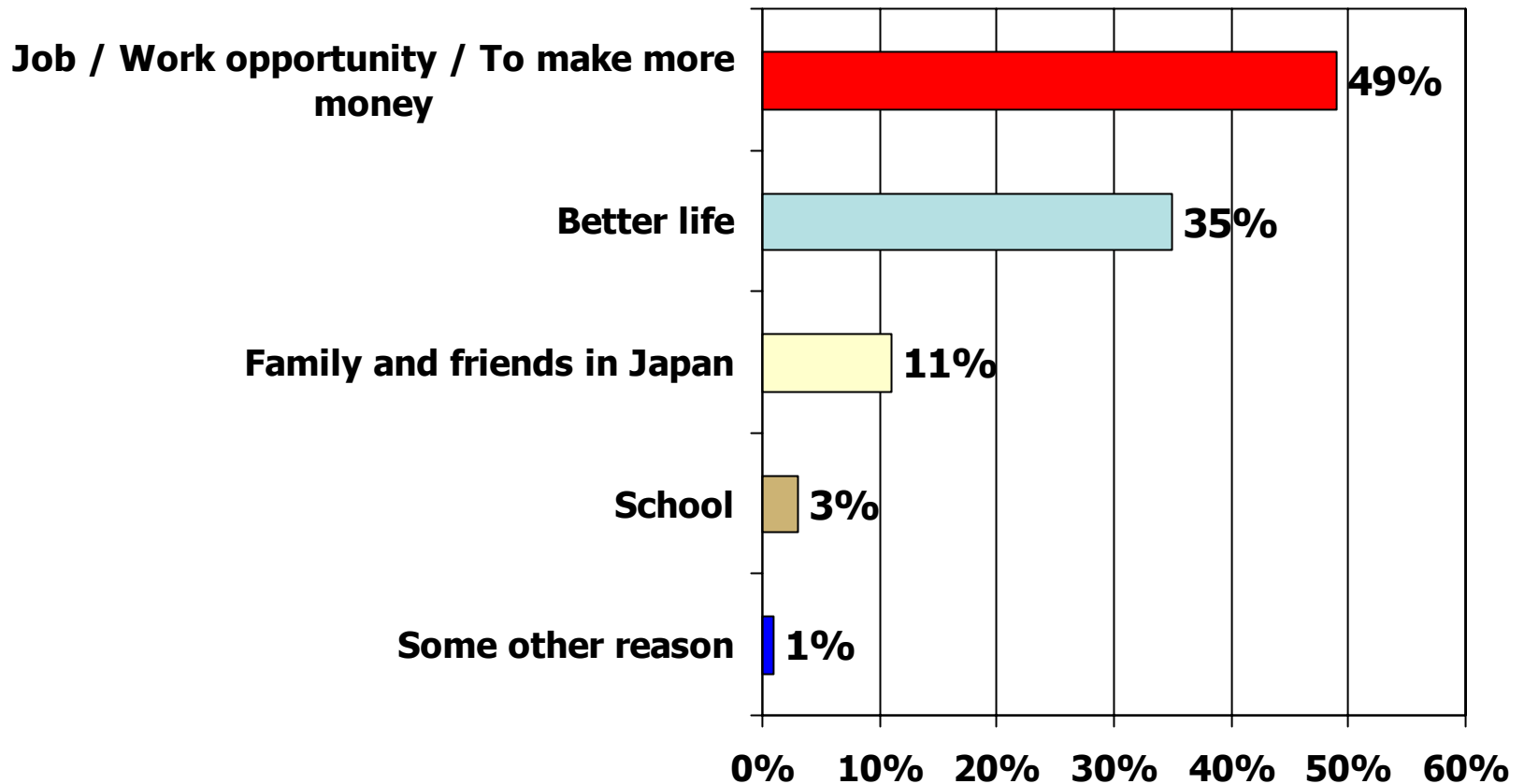


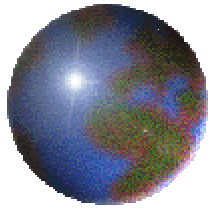
*Is this the first time that you have come to live in Japan?*



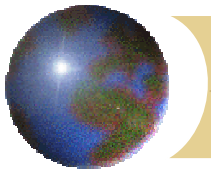


# *What was the main reason you decided to move to Japan?*



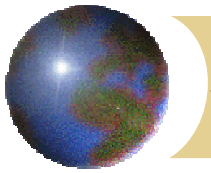


## *IV. Banking Practices*

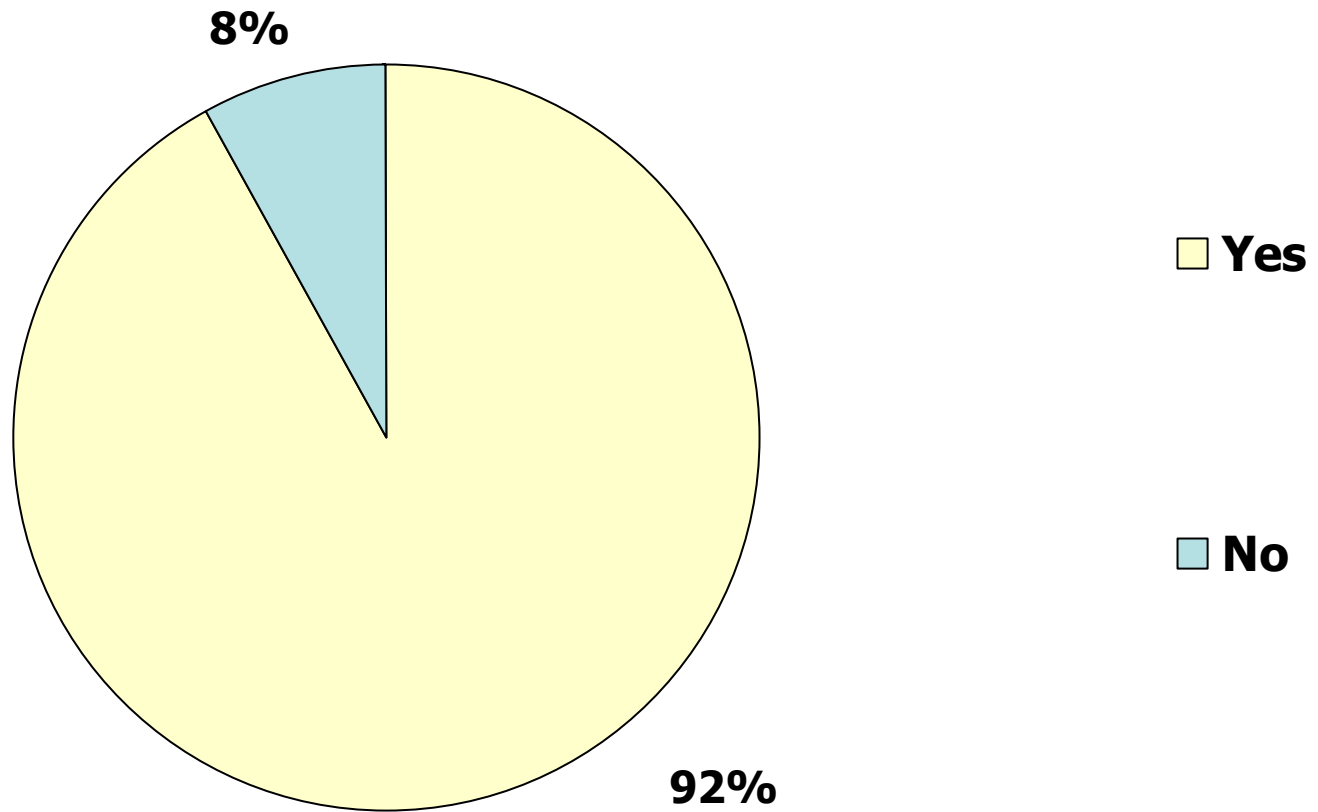


## *Bank Accounts*

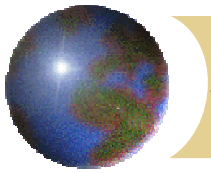
- Over 90 percent of Latin American immigrants living in Japan have a bank account in Japan while less than half have a bank account in their home country.



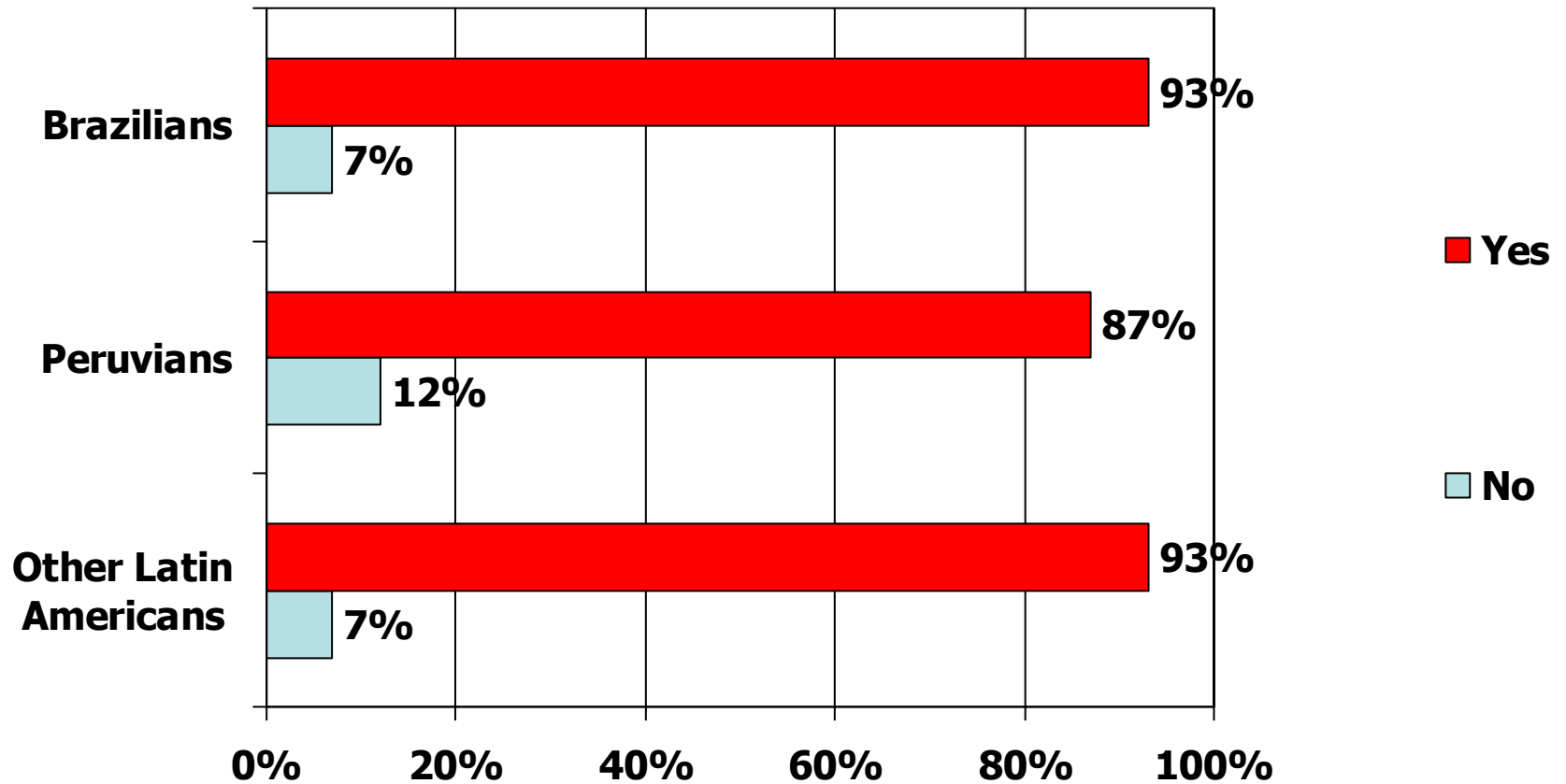
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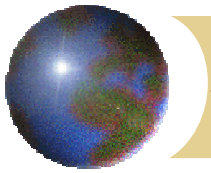




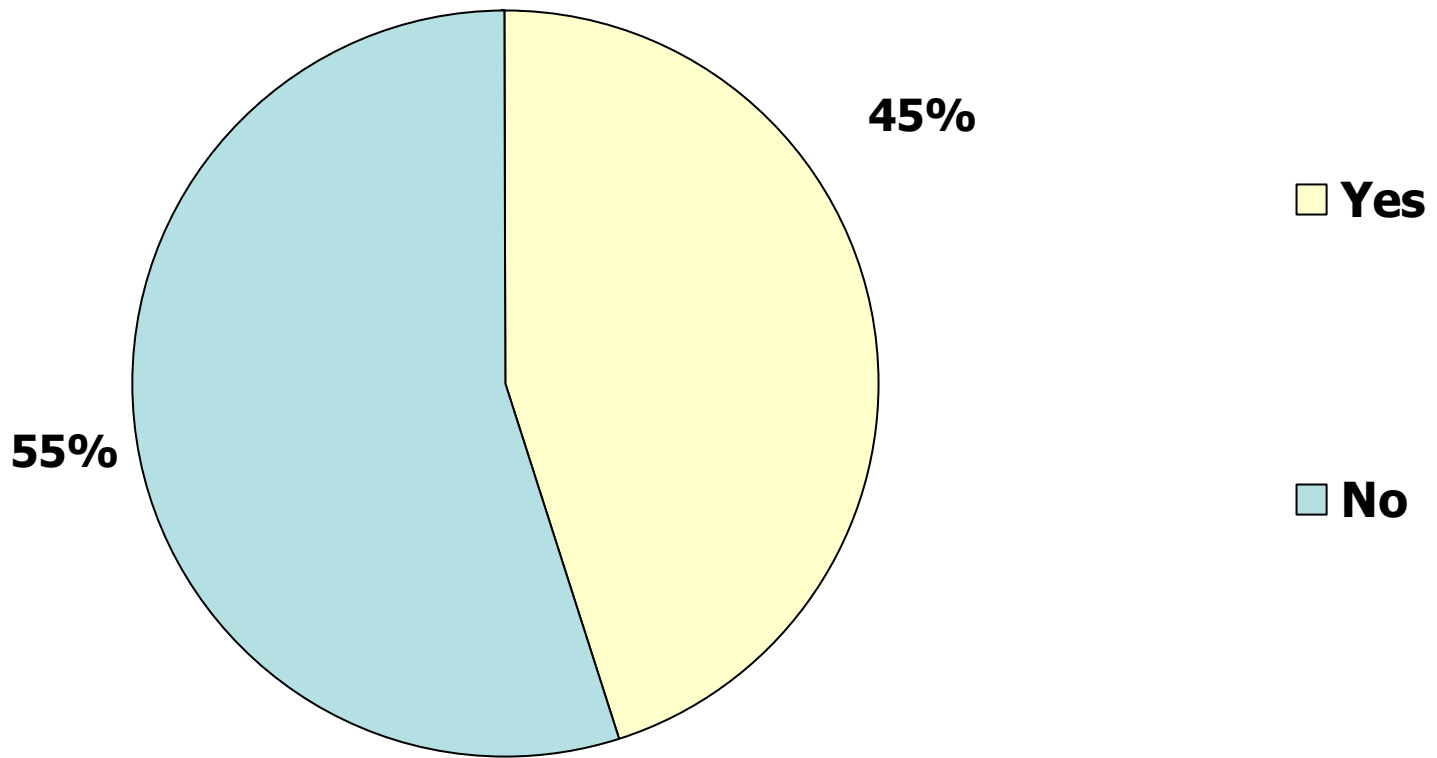


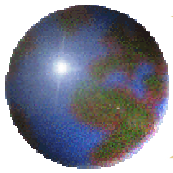
# *Japanese bank accounts by nationality*



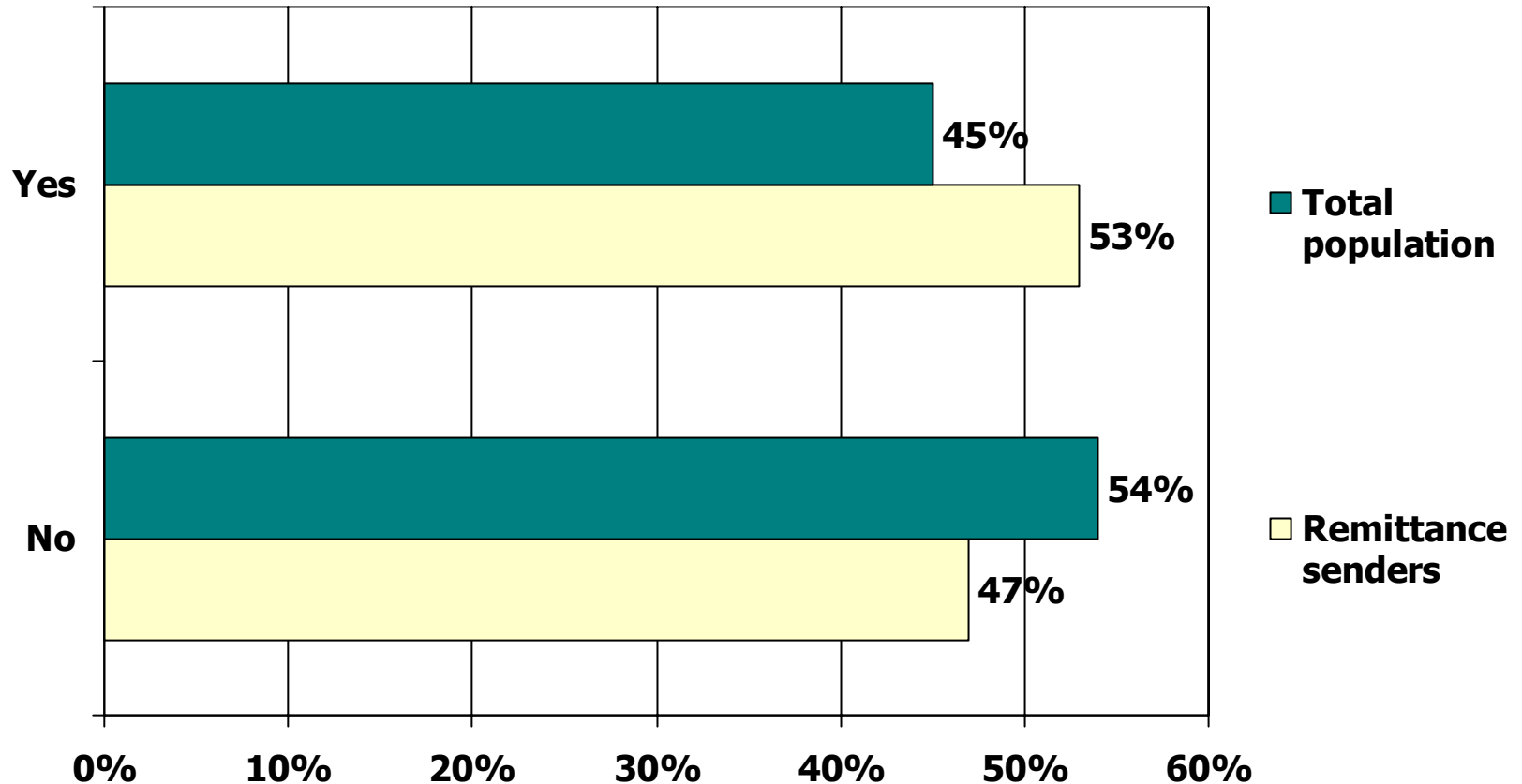


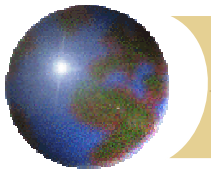
# *Do you have a bank account in your home country?*



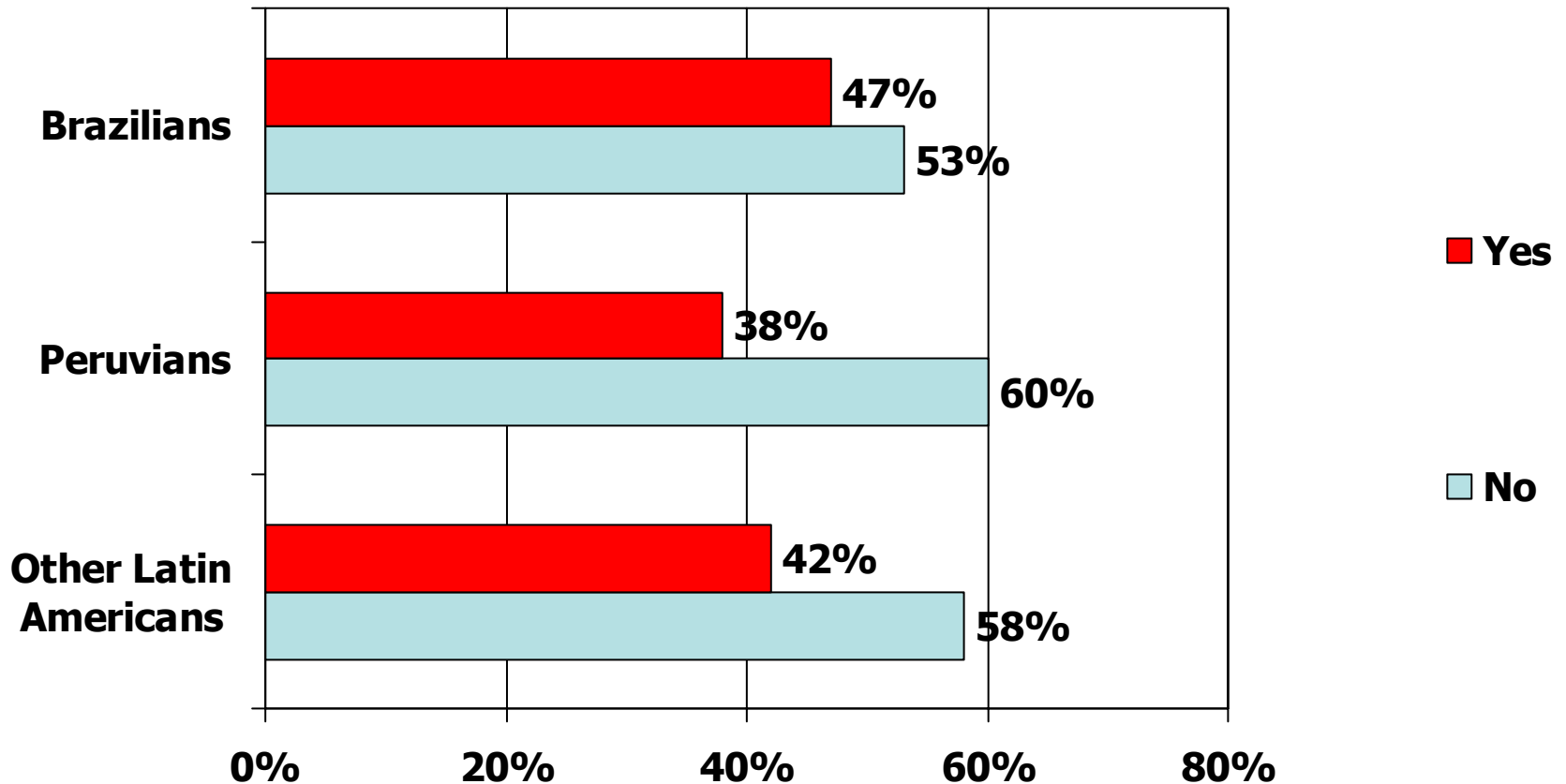


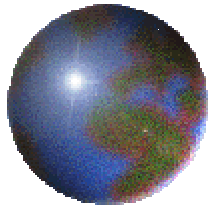
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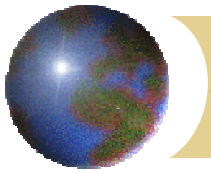


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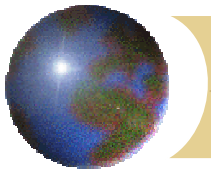


# *V. Savings and Future Business Plans*

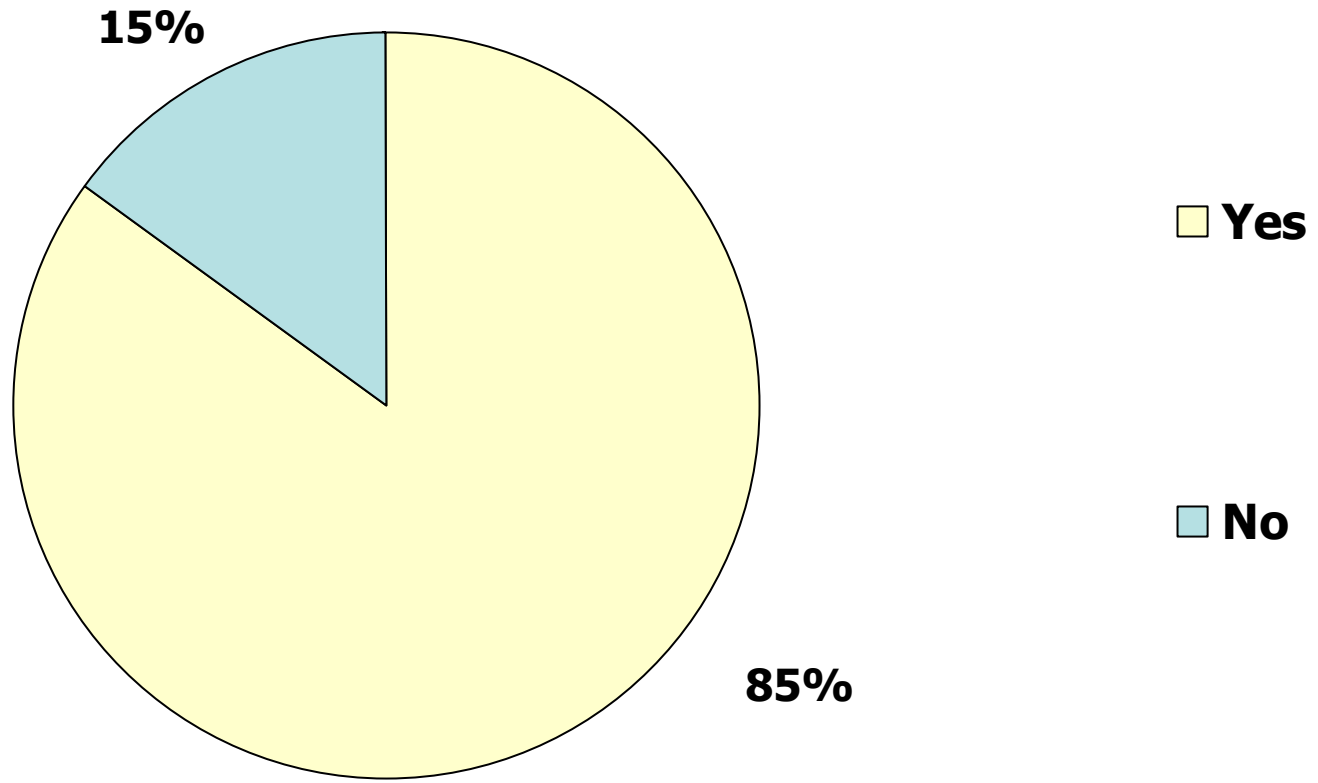


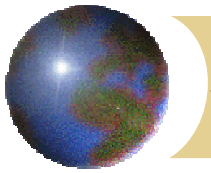
## *Savings and Future Business Plans*

- Most Latin Americans are saving money mainly to improve their quality of life, start a business or buy a home.
- Many Latin American immigrants plan to start a business in the future.



# *Are you currently saving money?*

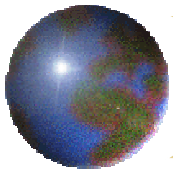




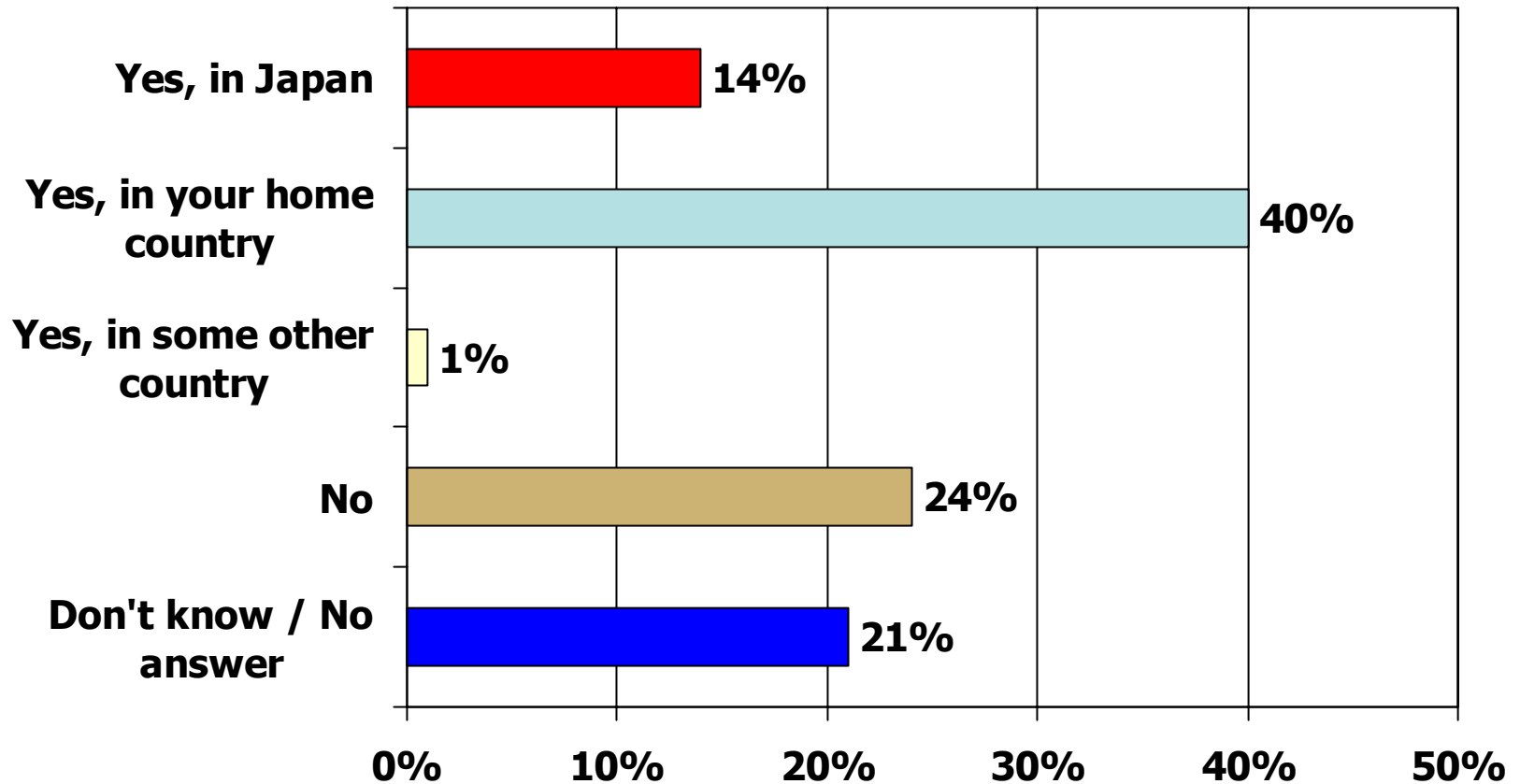
## *What is the main reason that you are saving money?*

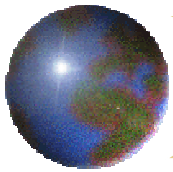
- Improve quality of life (32 percent)
- To start a business in your home country (19 percent)
- To buy a house in your home country (14 percent)
- Education for children (13 percent)
- To start a business in Japan (8 percent)
- So I don't have to work anymore/ retirement (4 percent)
- To buy a house in Japan (4 percent)
- For some other reason/ luxuries (4 percent)



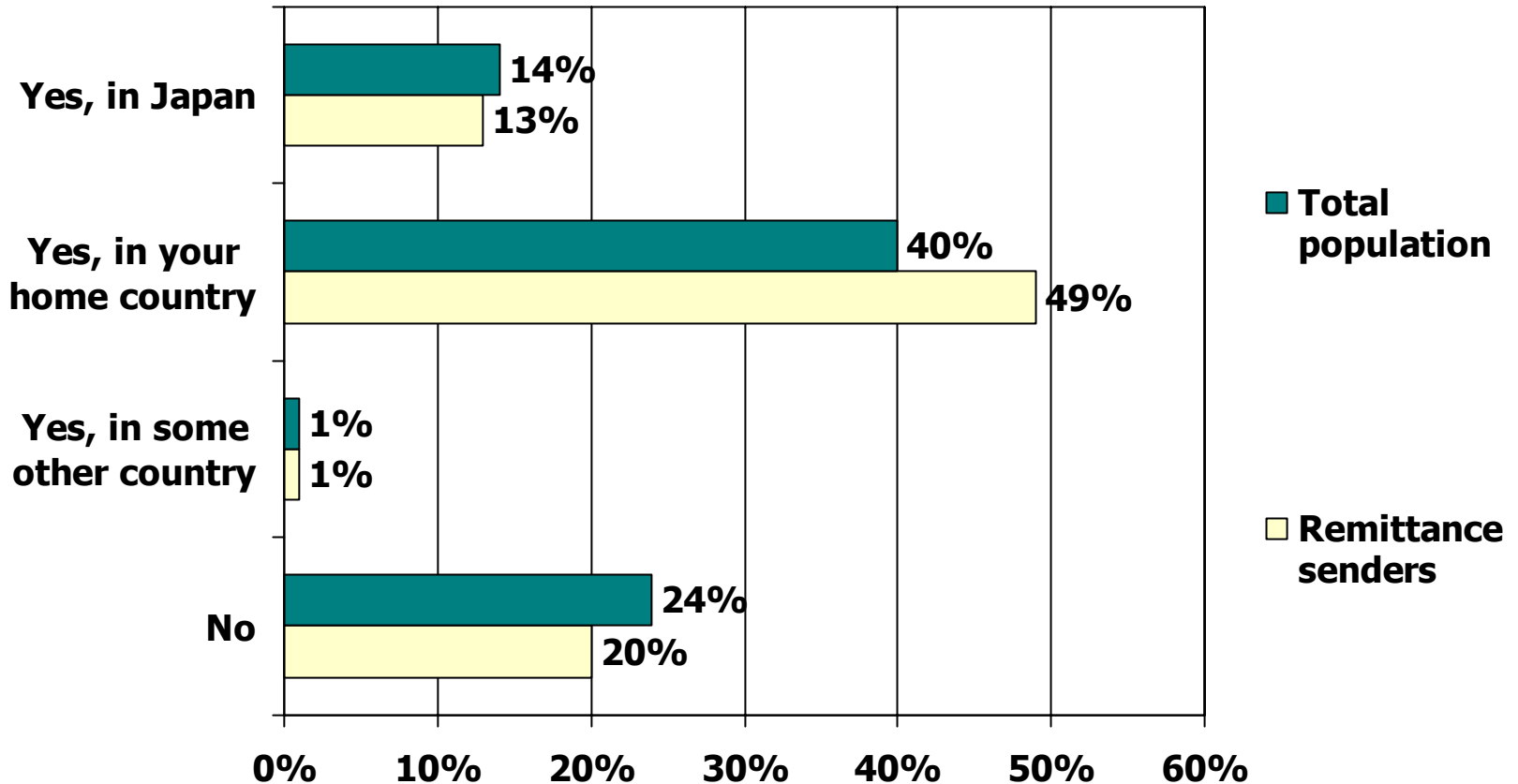


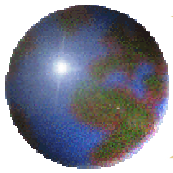
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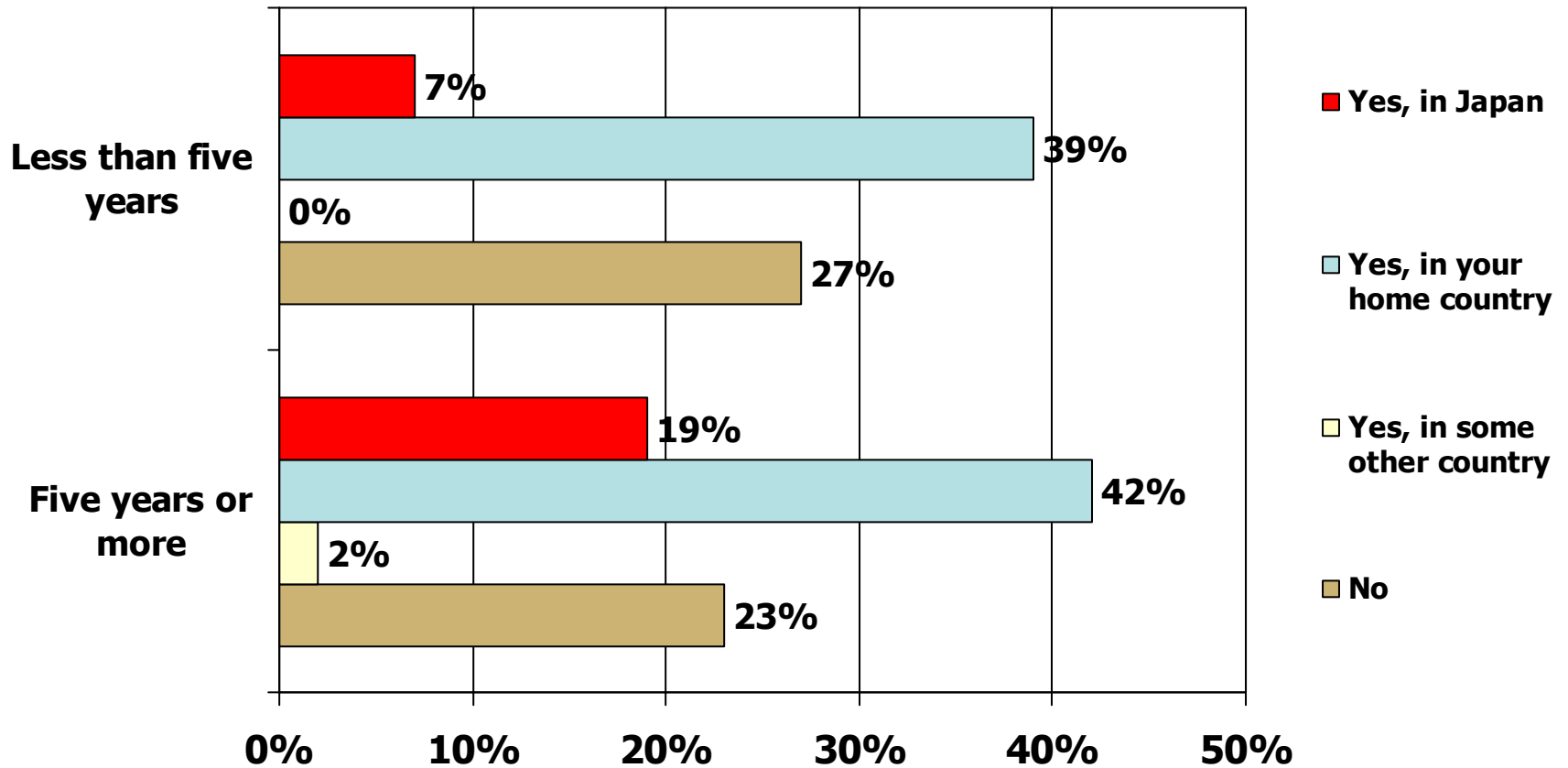
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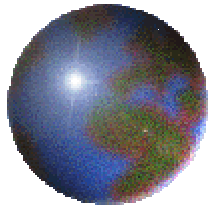




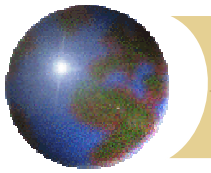
# Plans to start a business in the future

*By Residency in Japan*

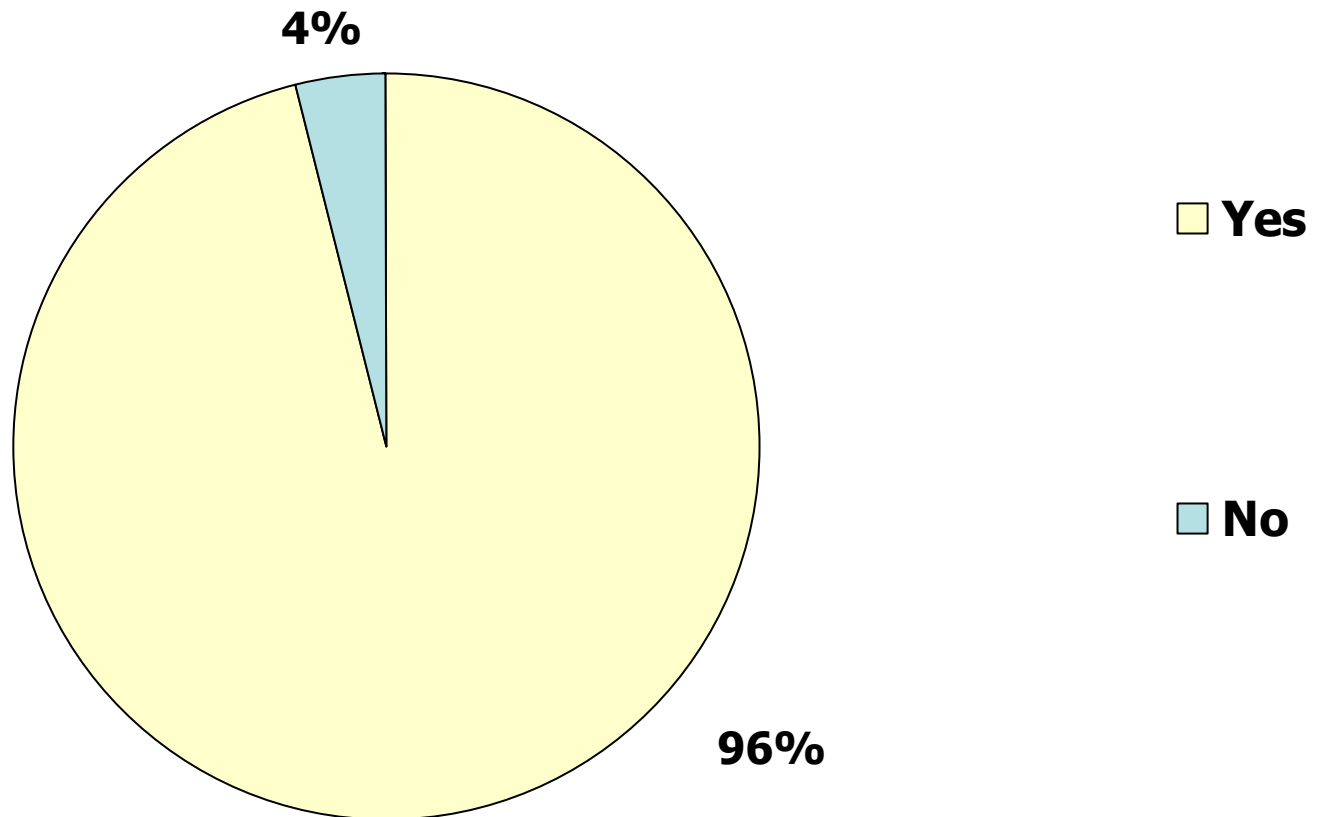


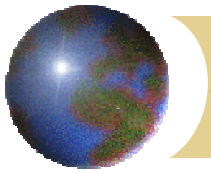


## *VI. Communication with Family and Remittances*

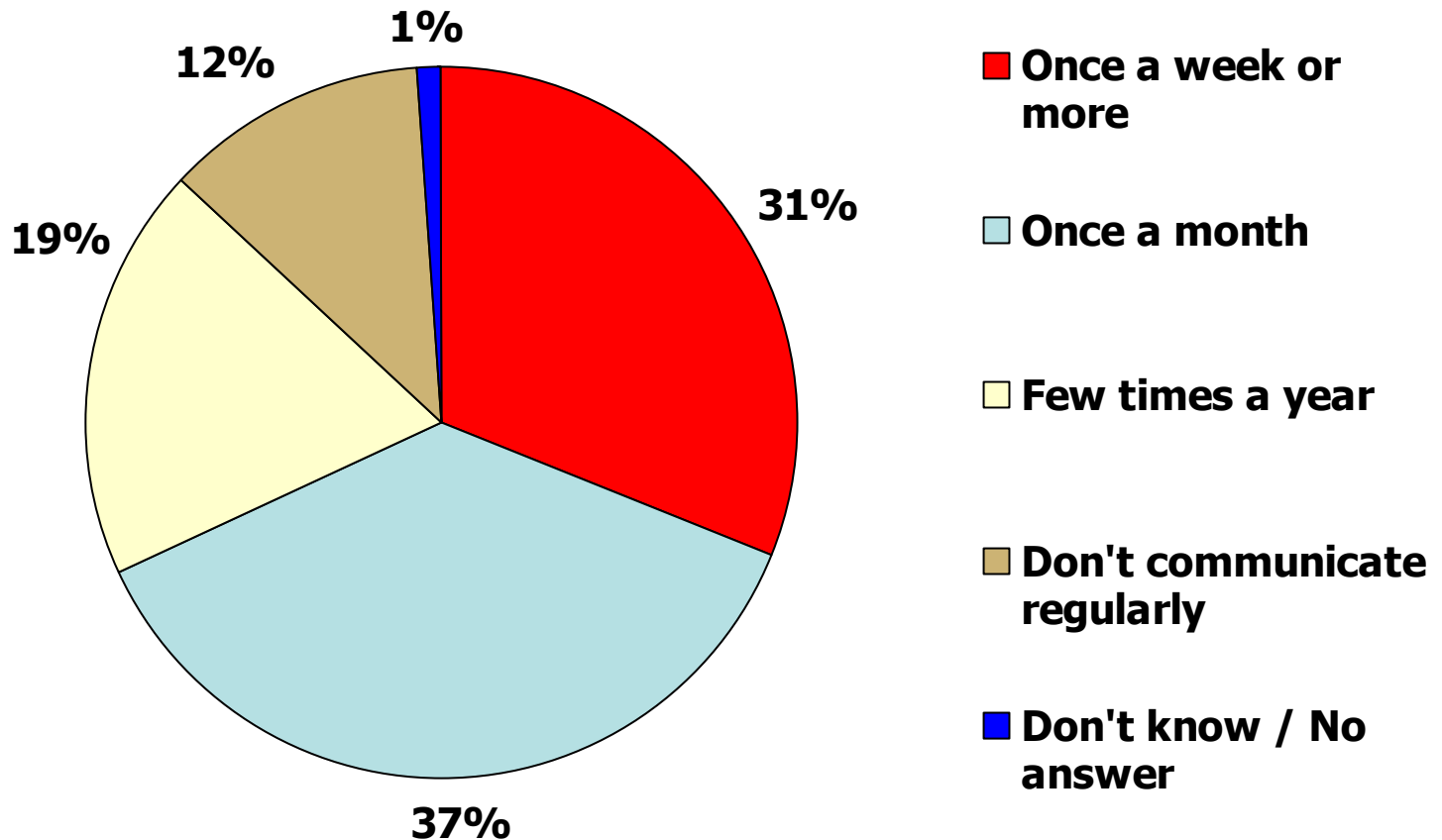


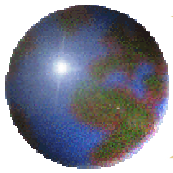
# *Do you have family back home?*



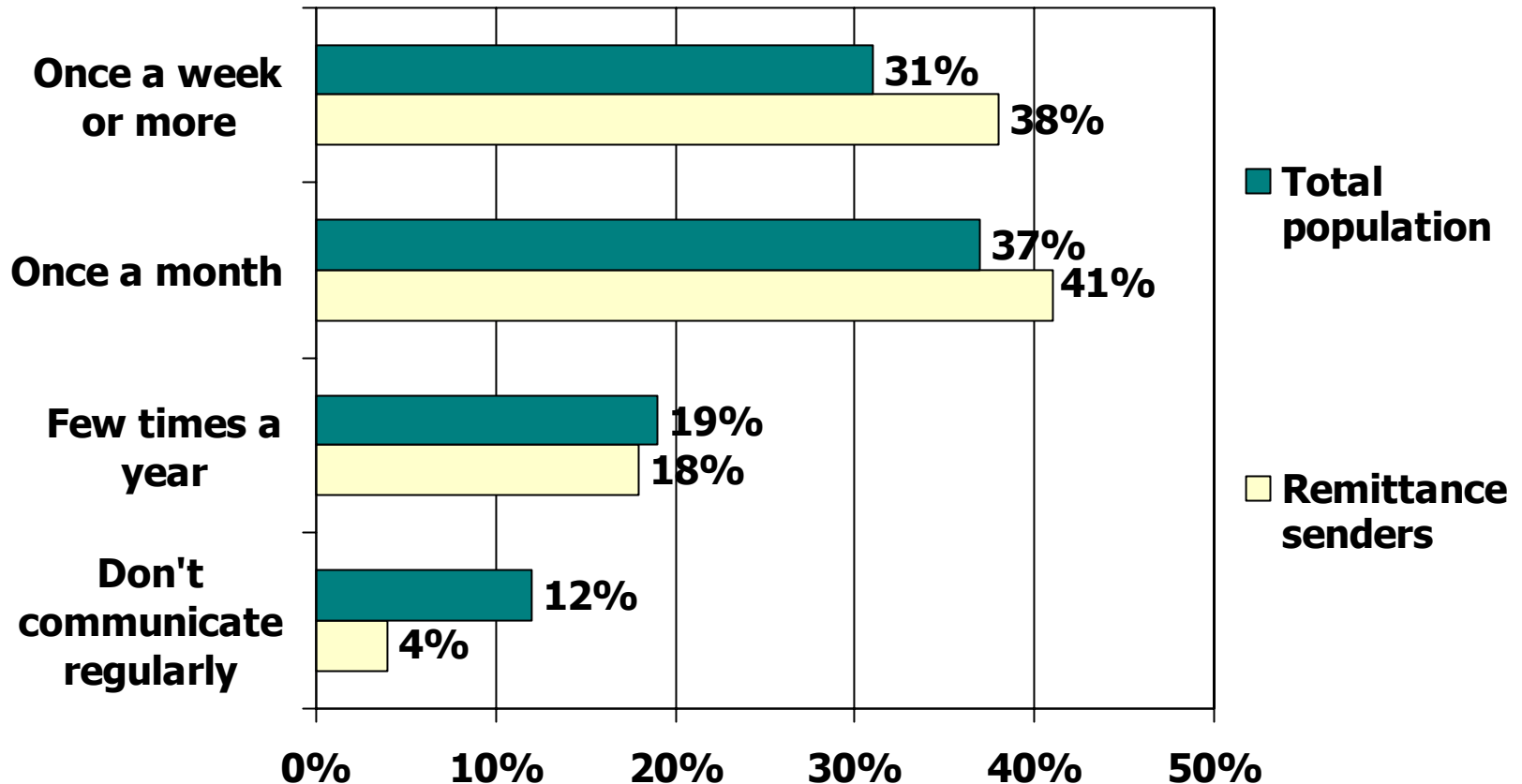


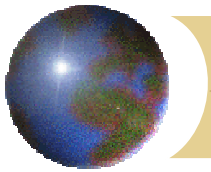
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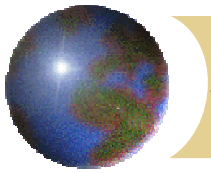
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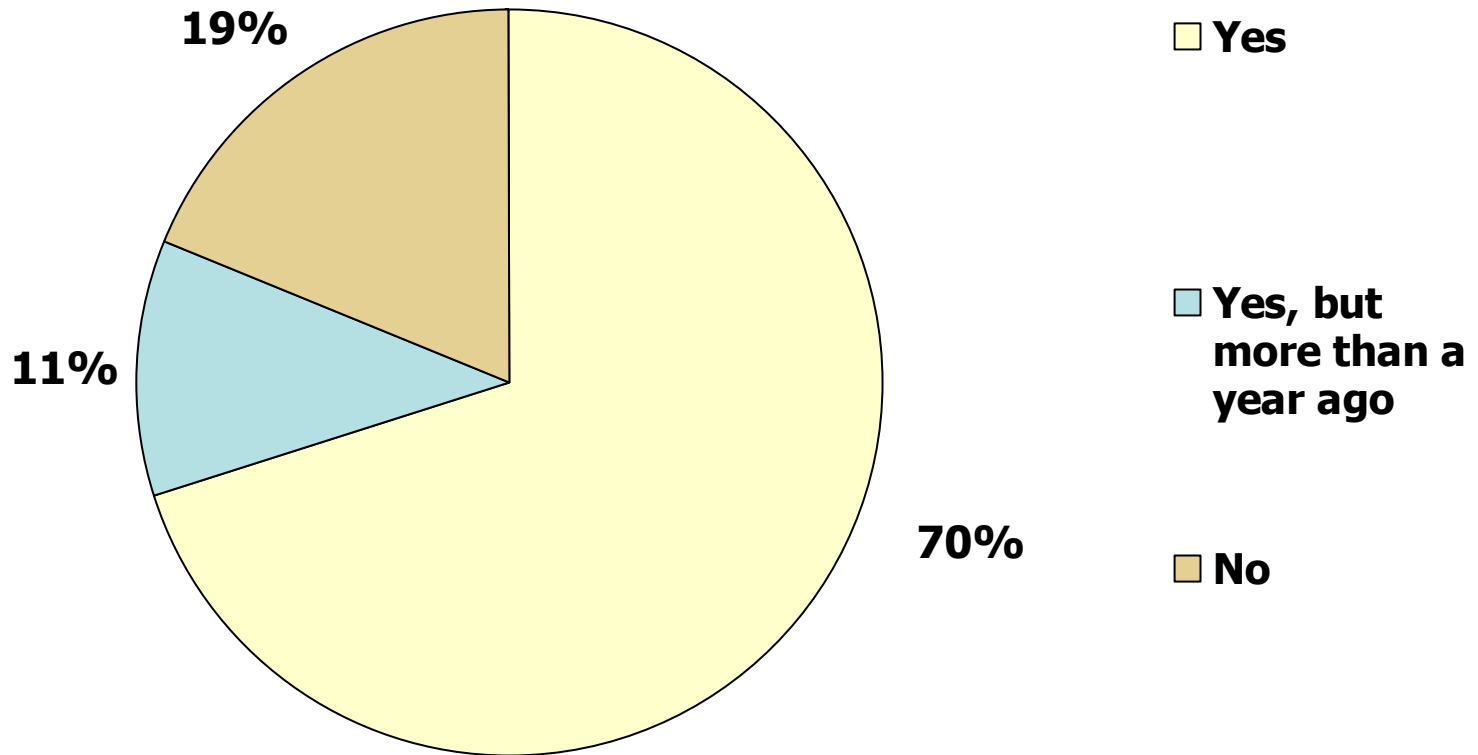


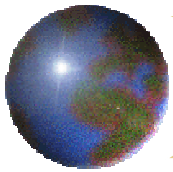
- **70 percent** of the Latin American adult immigrants living in Japan send remittances on a regular basis.
- Our study indicates that **304,824** Latin American immigrants living in Japan send about **\$2.65 billion** to their families on a yearly basis. Each remittance averages approximately **\$600**.
- Our study also indicates that these Latin Americans send money home about **14.5** times a year. Those that send to one person send about **11** times a year and send to an additional relative about **3.5** times a year.



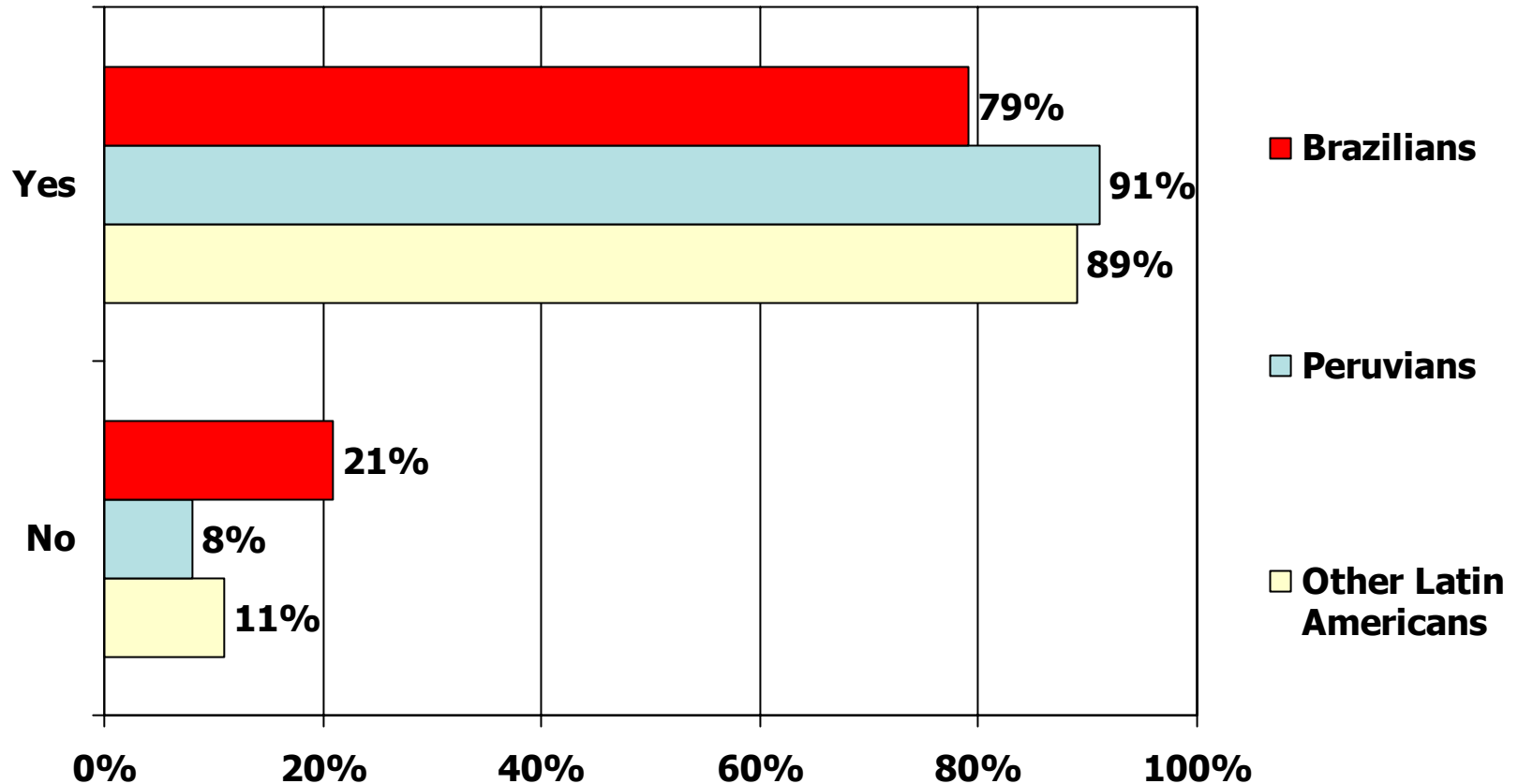


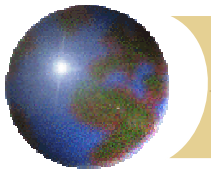
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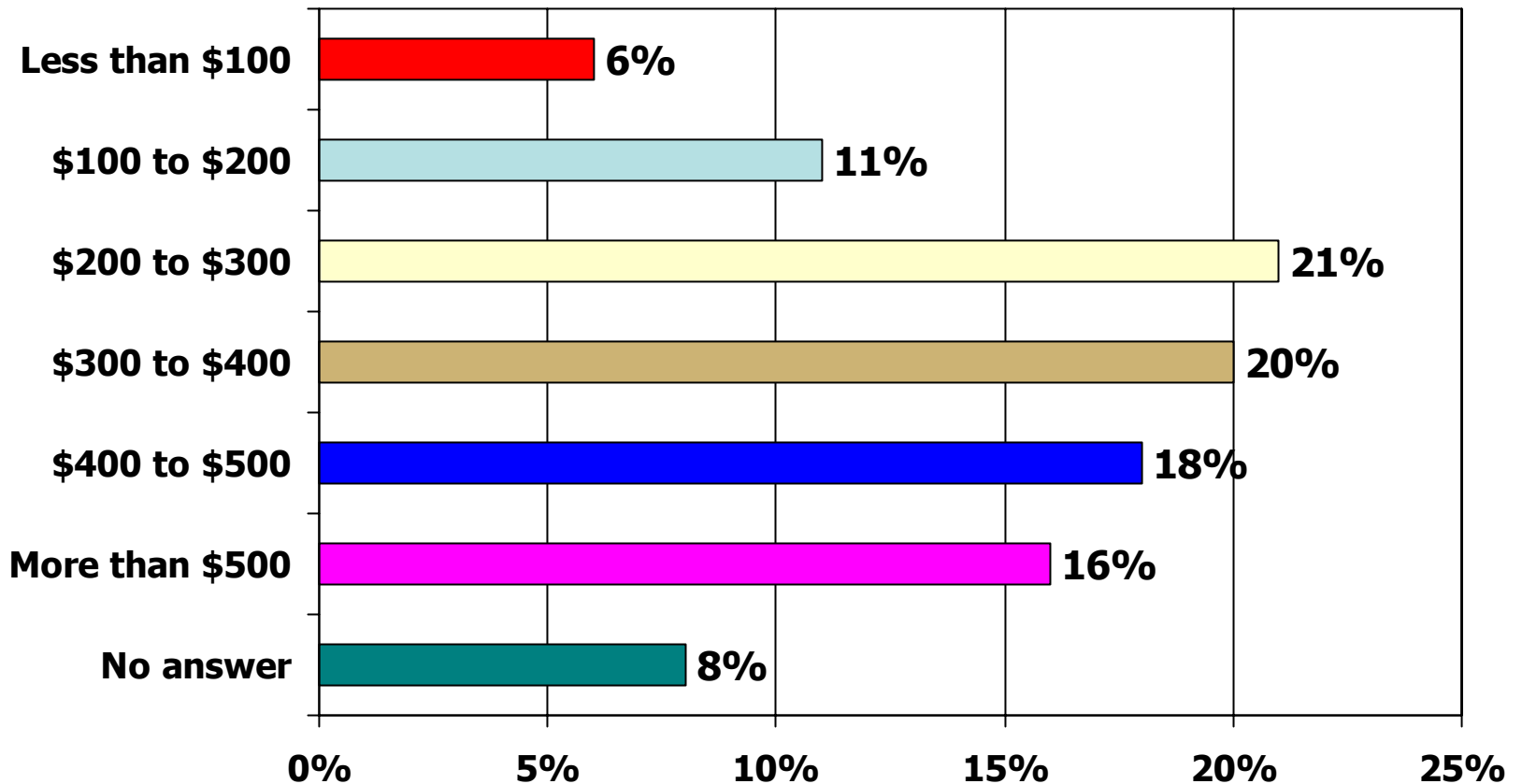


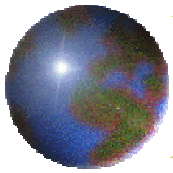
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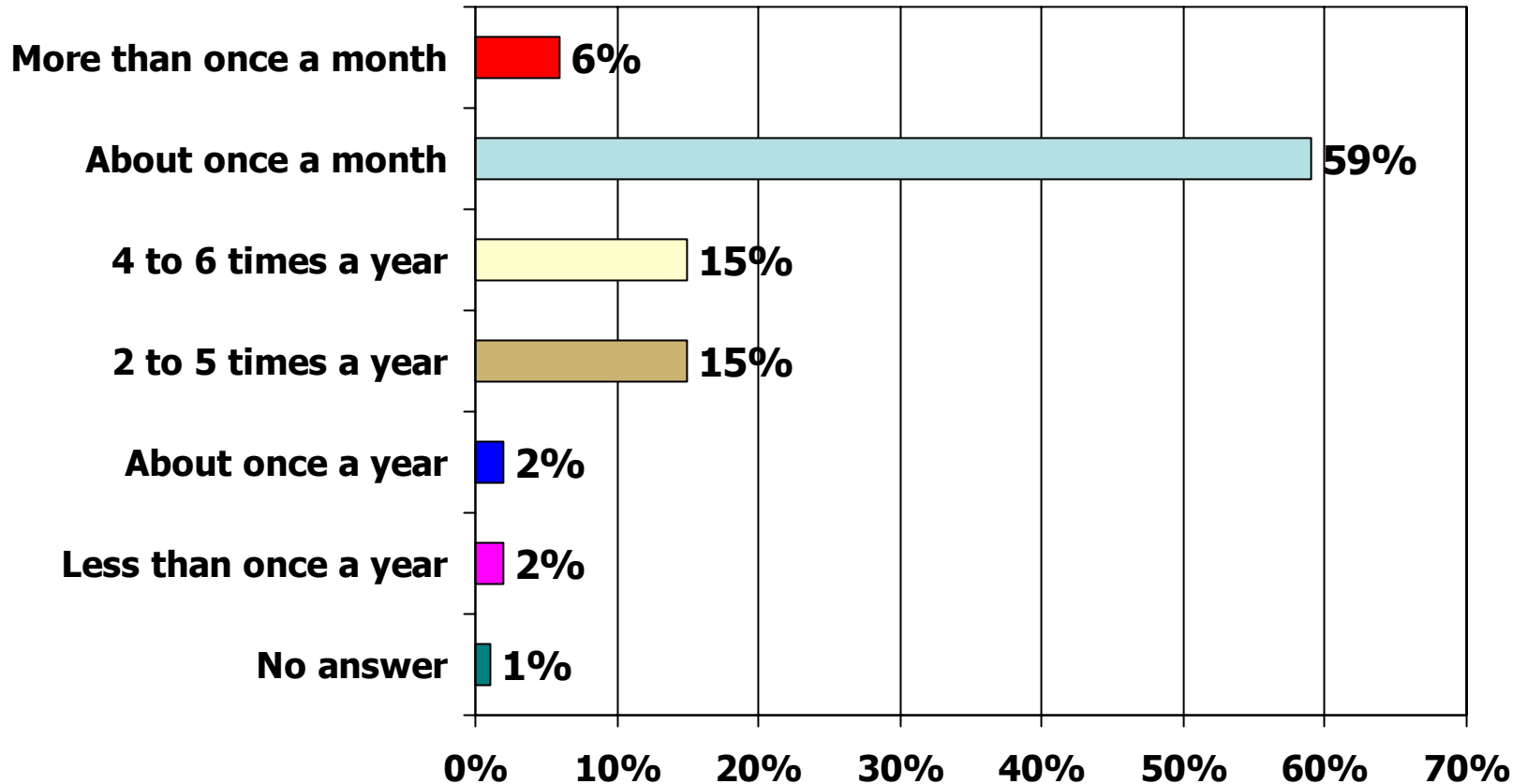


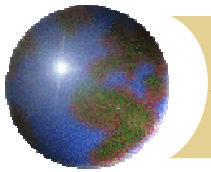
# *How much money – on average – do you send each time?*



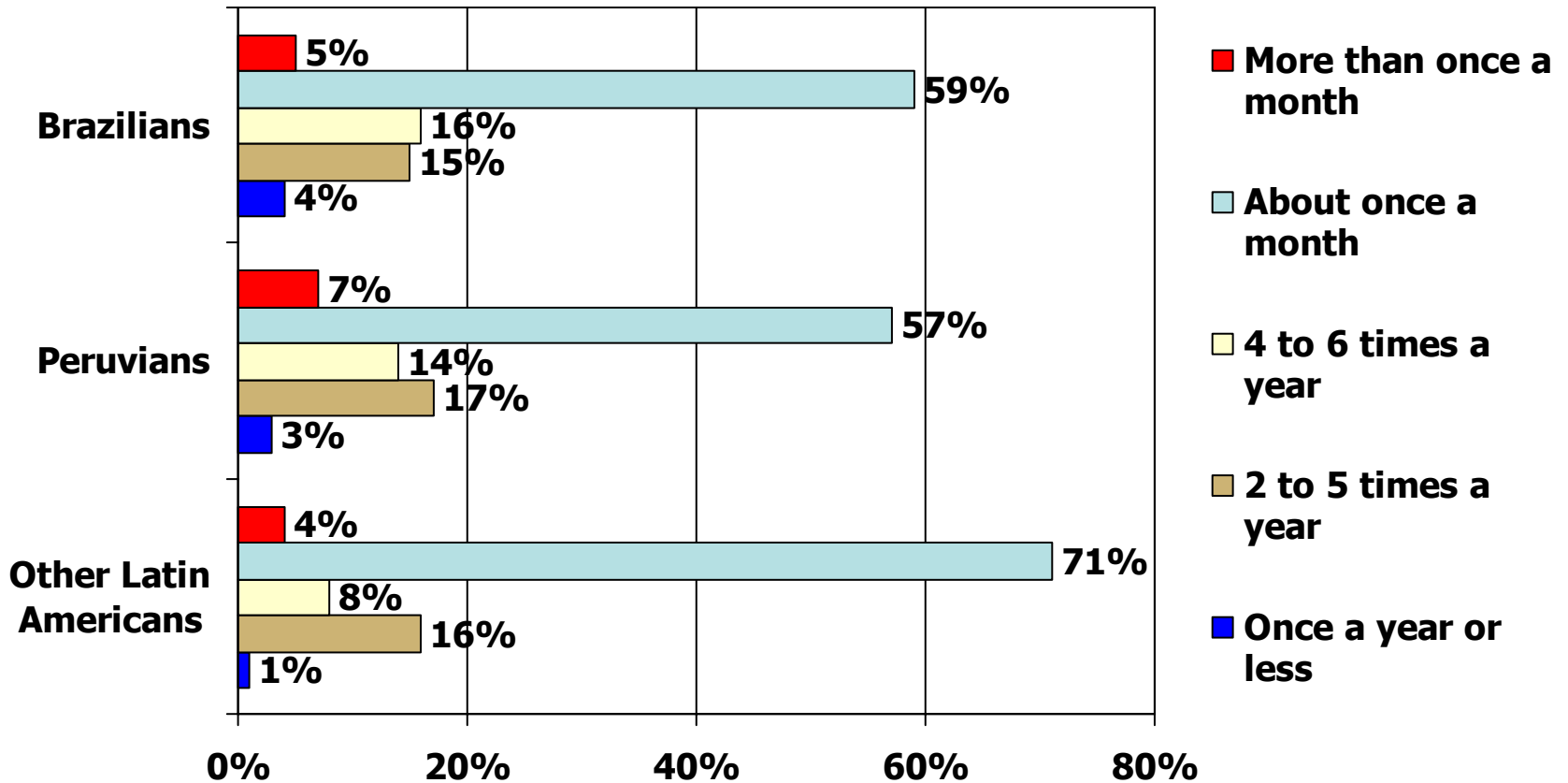


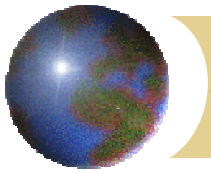
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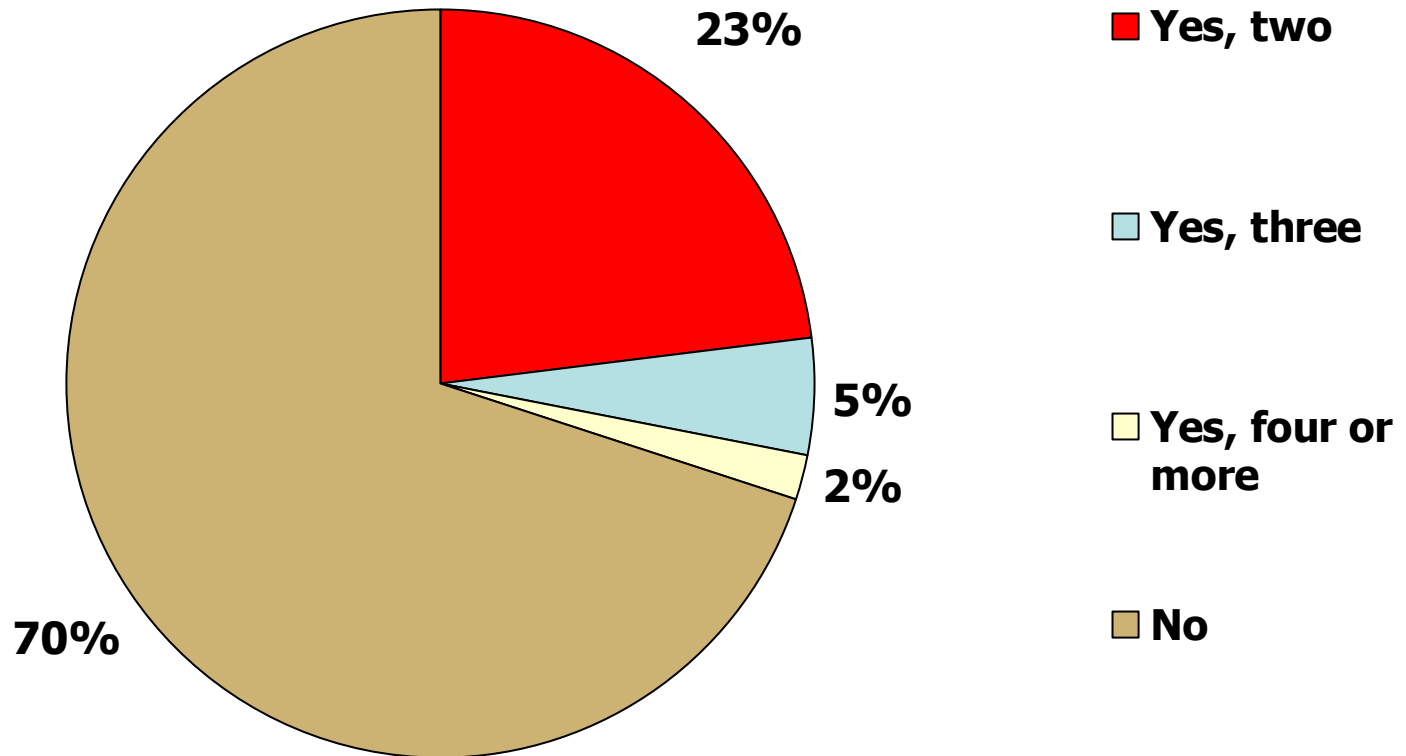


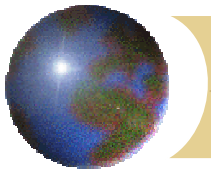
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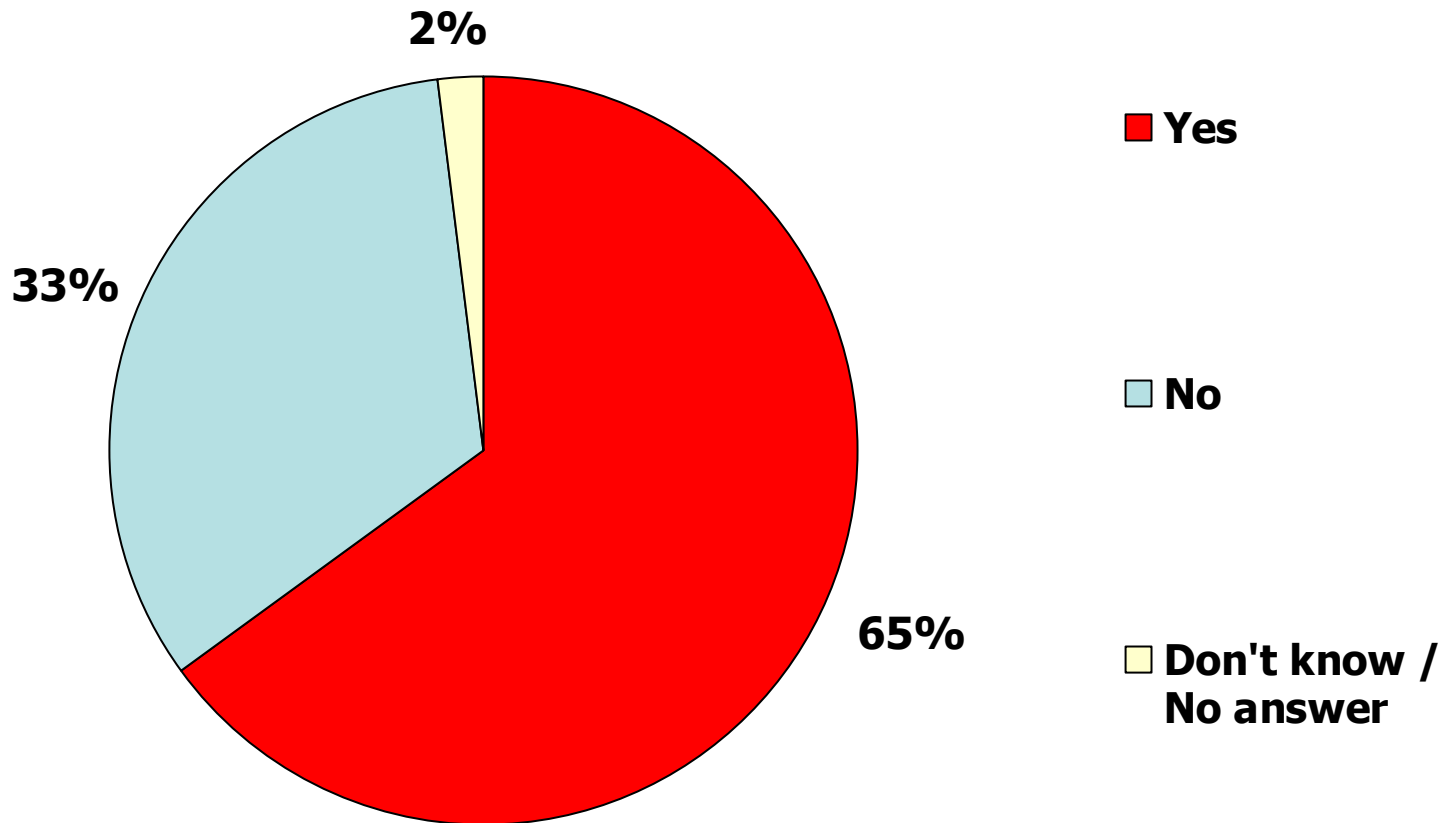


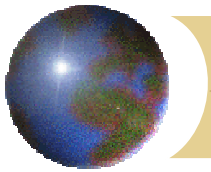
# *Do you regularly send money to more than one family member?*



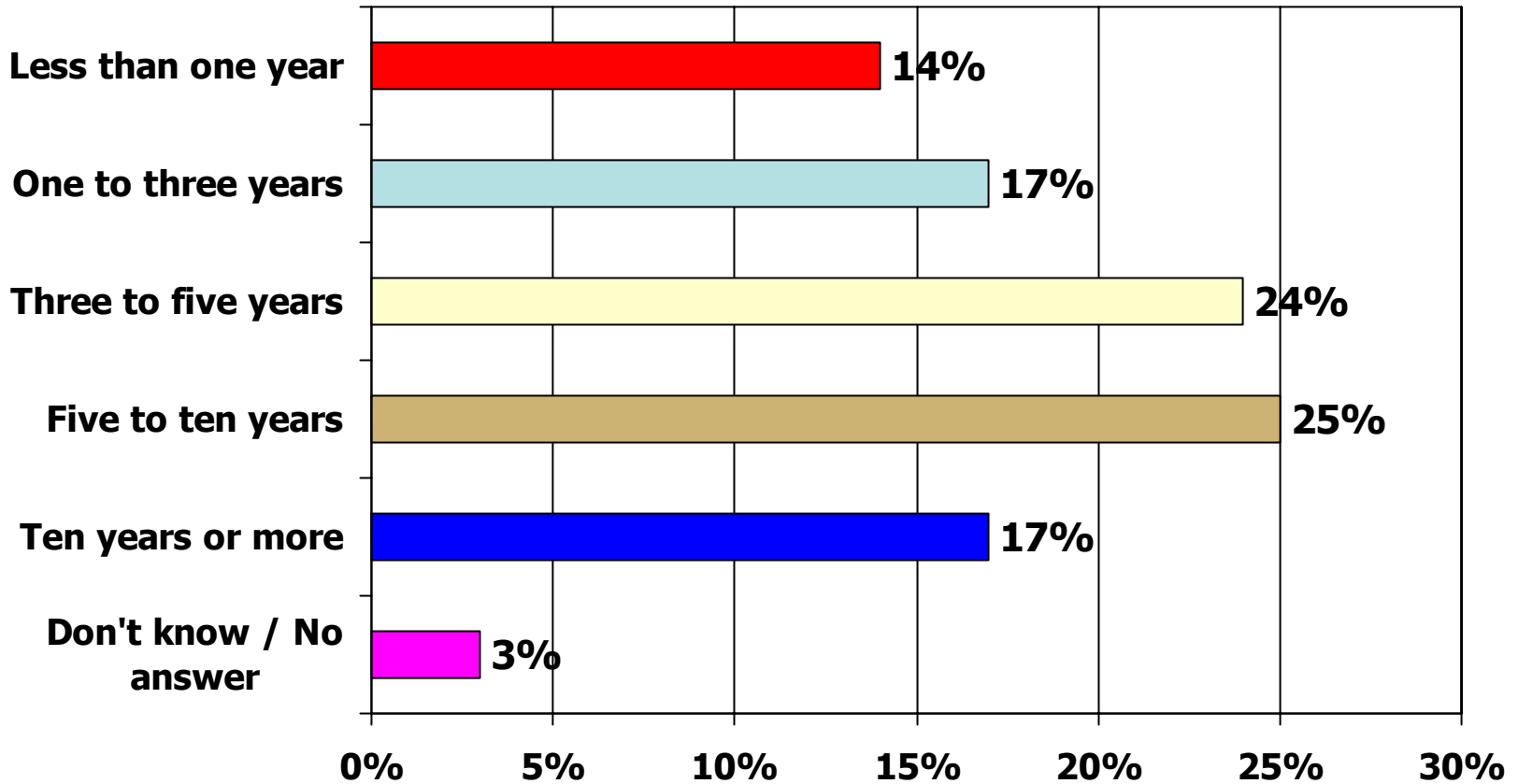


*Is there anyone else in your family or household who sends money to your home country?*

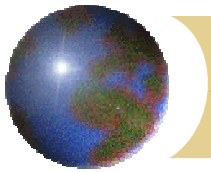




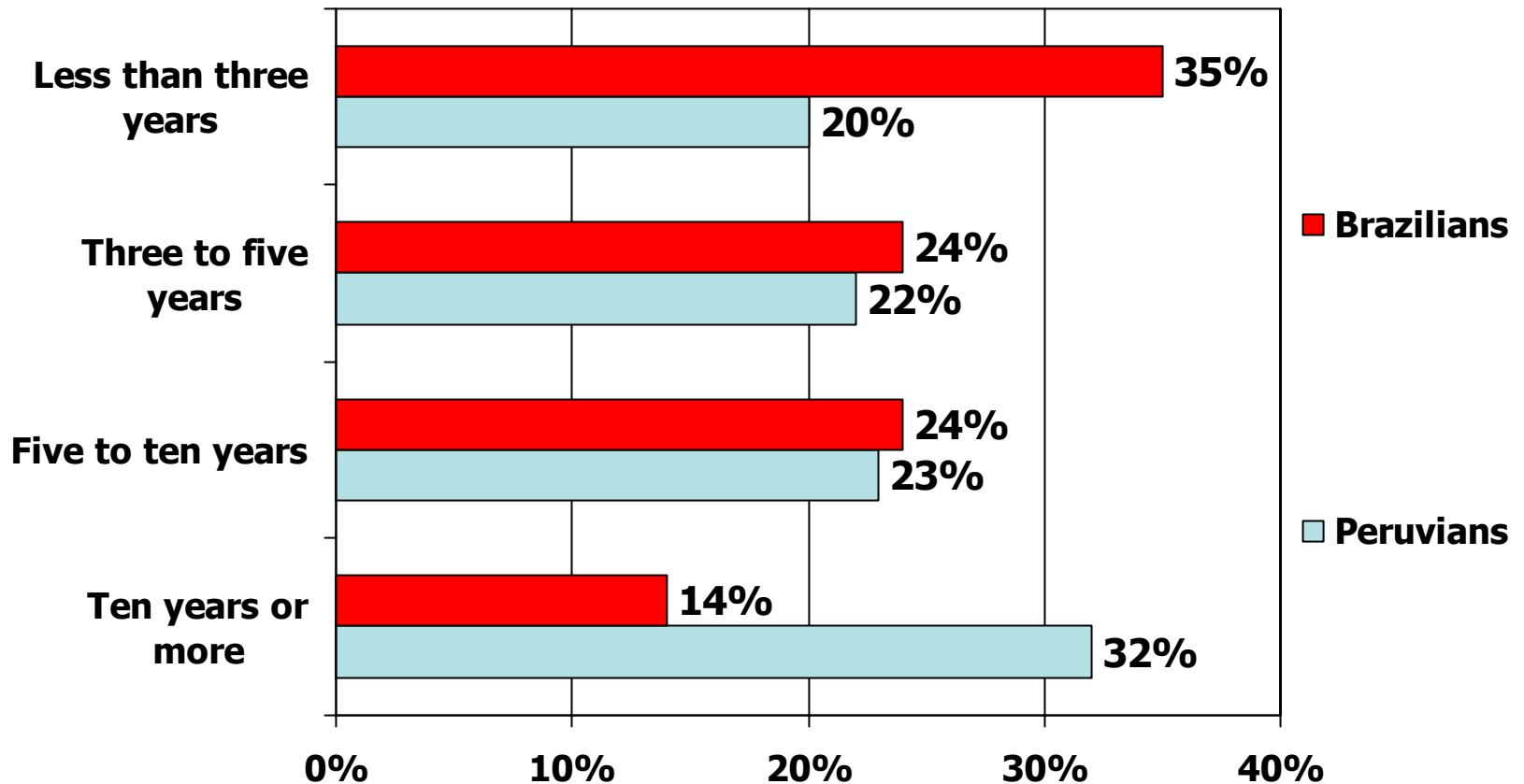
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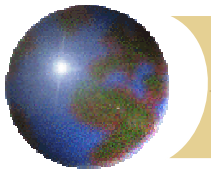
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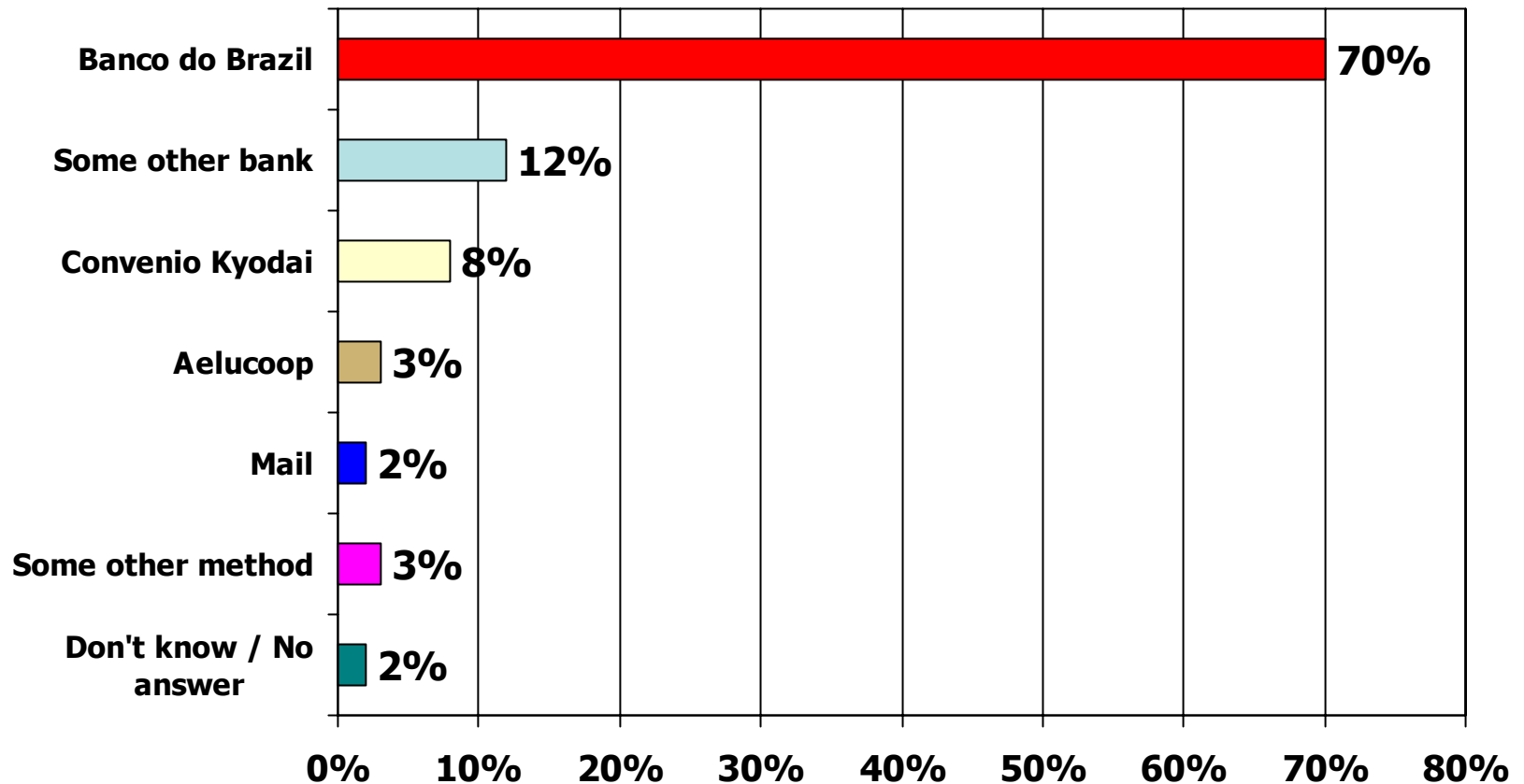


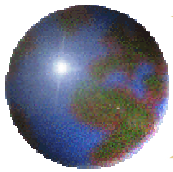
## *Methods of Sending Money*

- A large majority of Brazilian immigrants living in Japan send their money through Banco do Brazil; while most Peruvian immigrants in Japan send money home through Convenio Kyodai or Aelucoop.
- Over half of these remittance senders pay \$10 to \$20 each time they send money.
- Nearly 80 percent of remittance senders say their family members have a bank account in their home country.

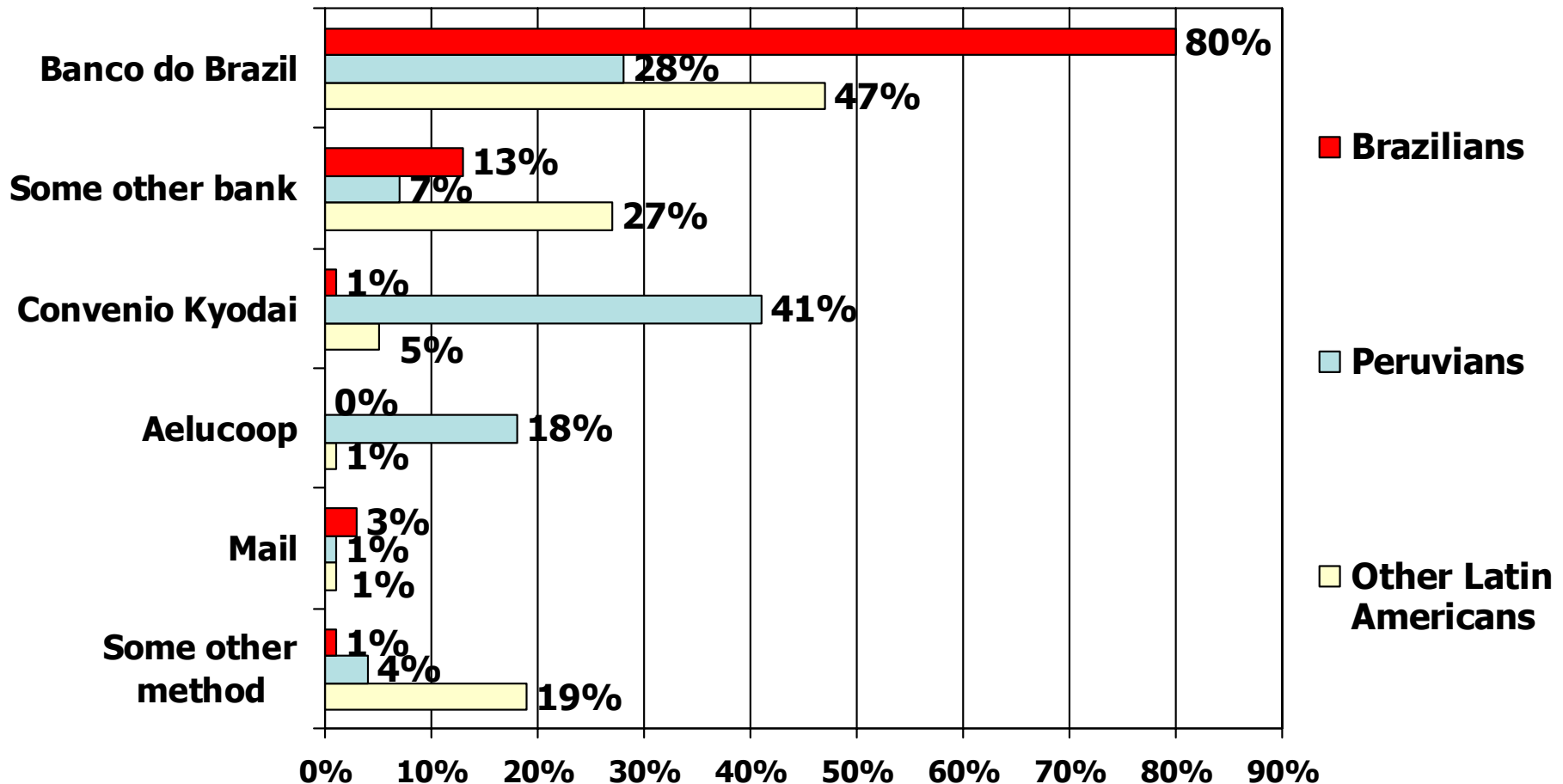


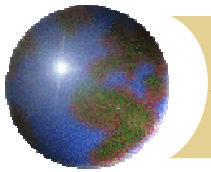
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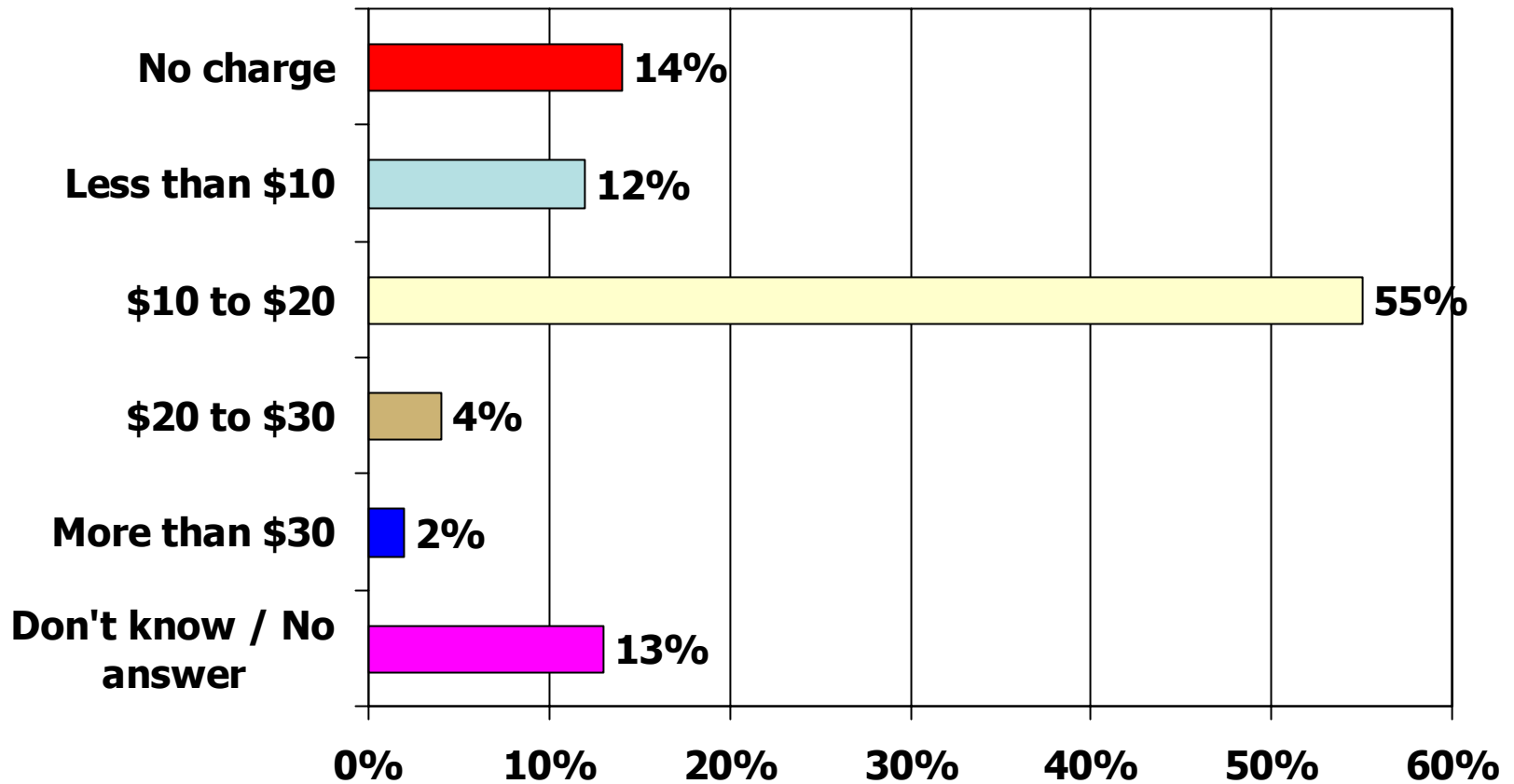


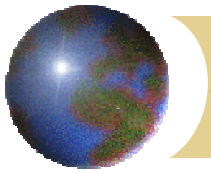
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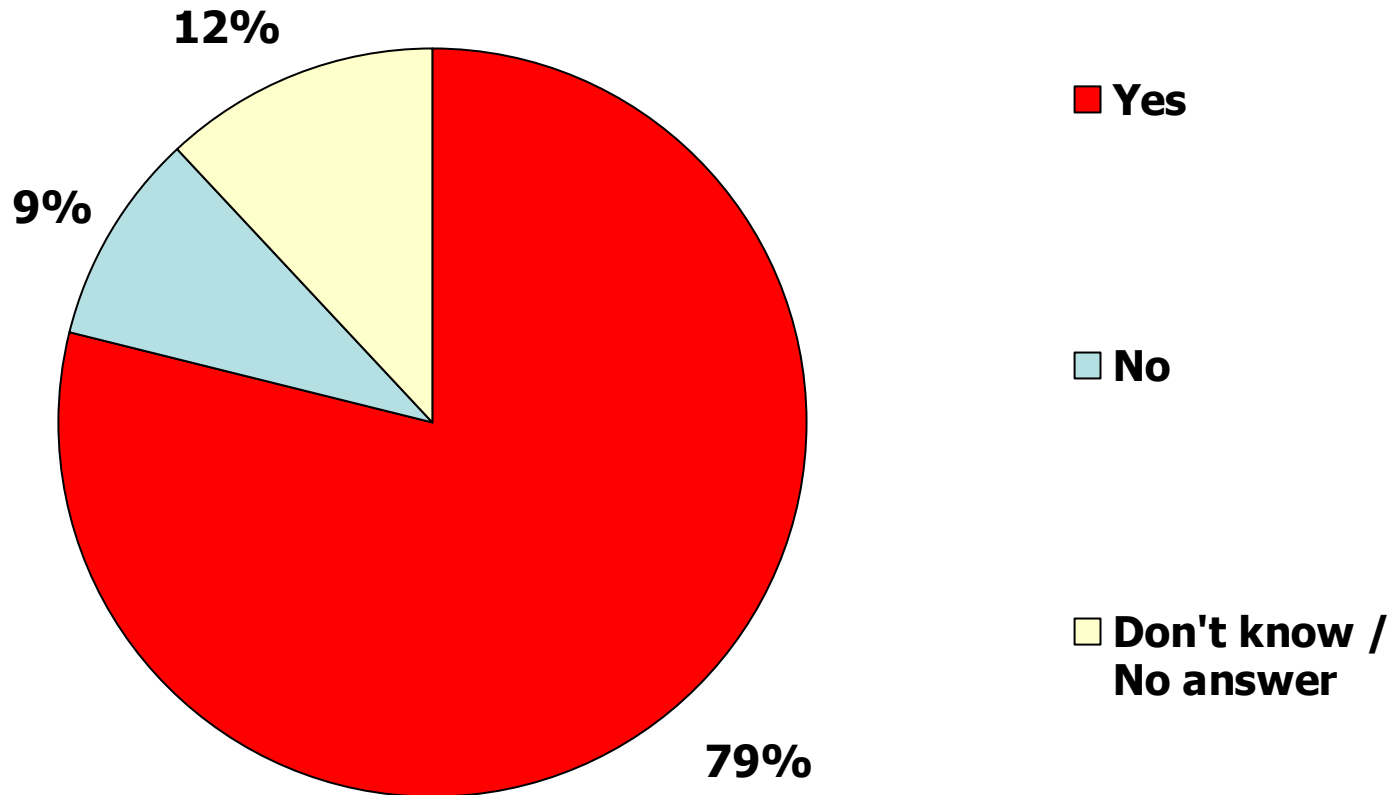


# *What is the amount of the average fee that you pay to send your remittances?*





*Does your family member that you send money to in your home country have a bank account?*





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