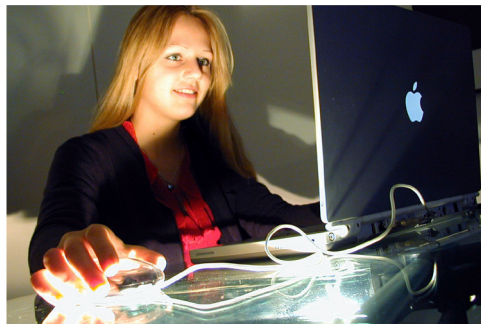


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Methodology



<i>Sample size</i>	5,000 Latin American immigrant adults*
<i>Dates of interviews</i>	February 9 – 23, 2008
<i>Margin of error</i>	1.4 percentage points
<i>Language of interview</i>	Spanish

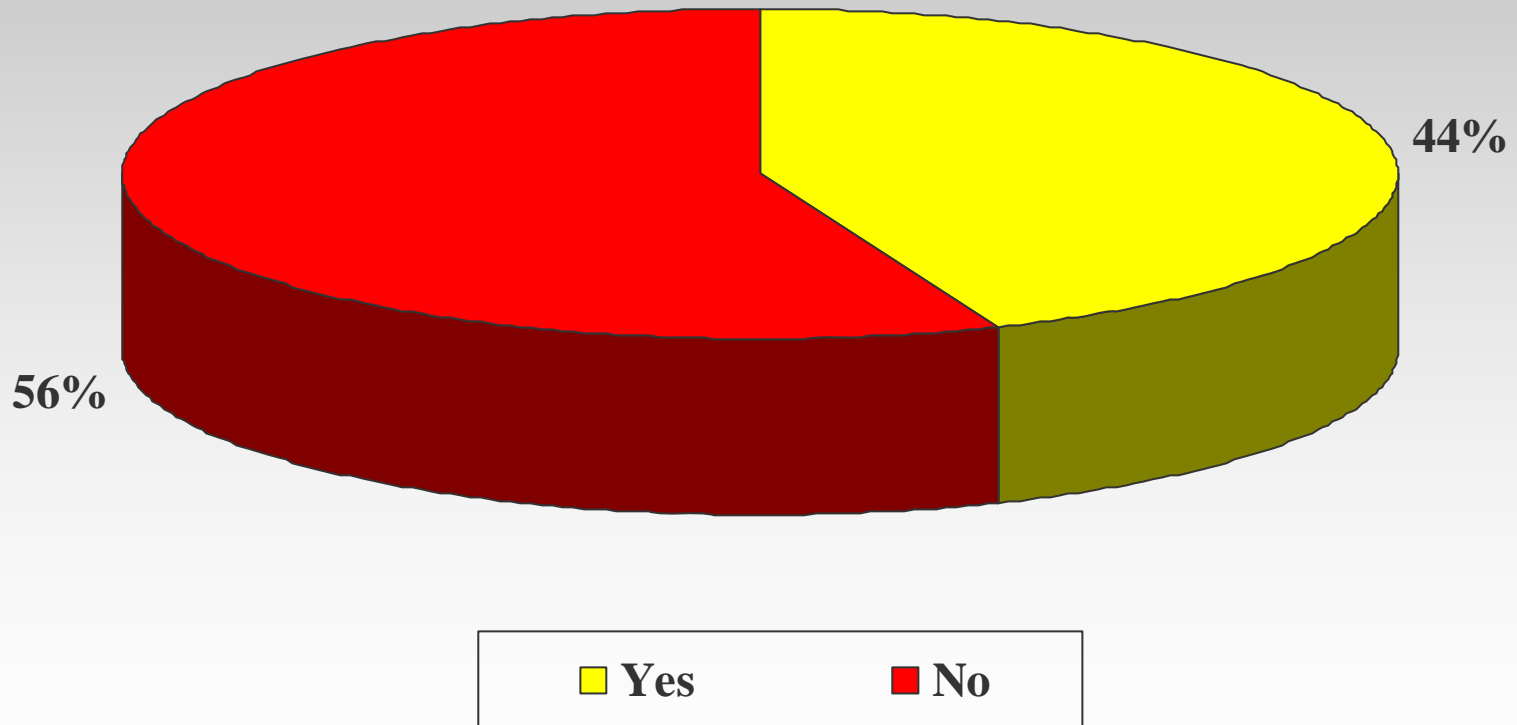
*Immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, or English-speaking Caribbean nations not included

Latin American Immigrants in the United States:

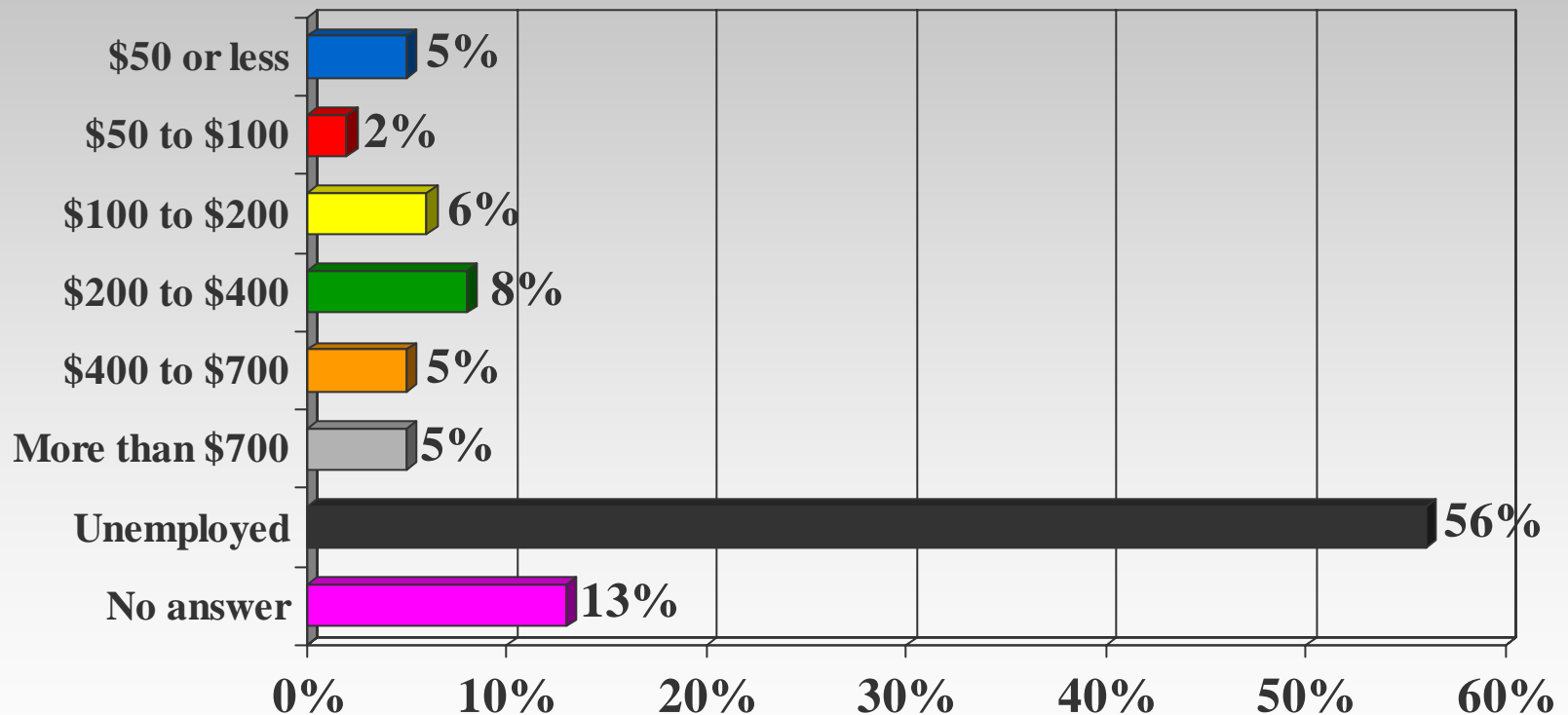
Migration Dynamics and Patterns



Were you employed full-time in Latin America the year before coming to the United States?

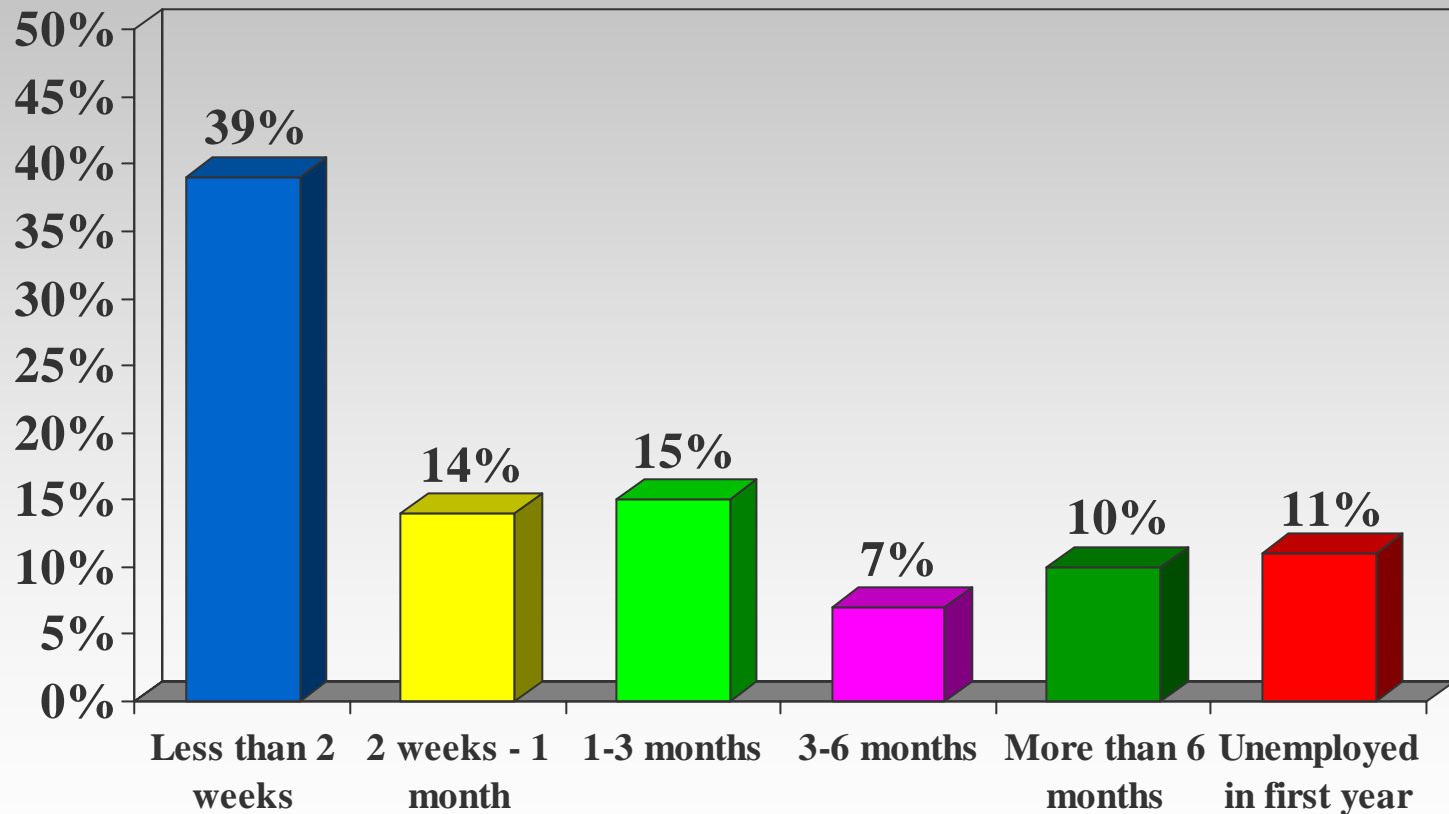


More or less, how much money did you earn monthly in dollars in your last job in Latin America?



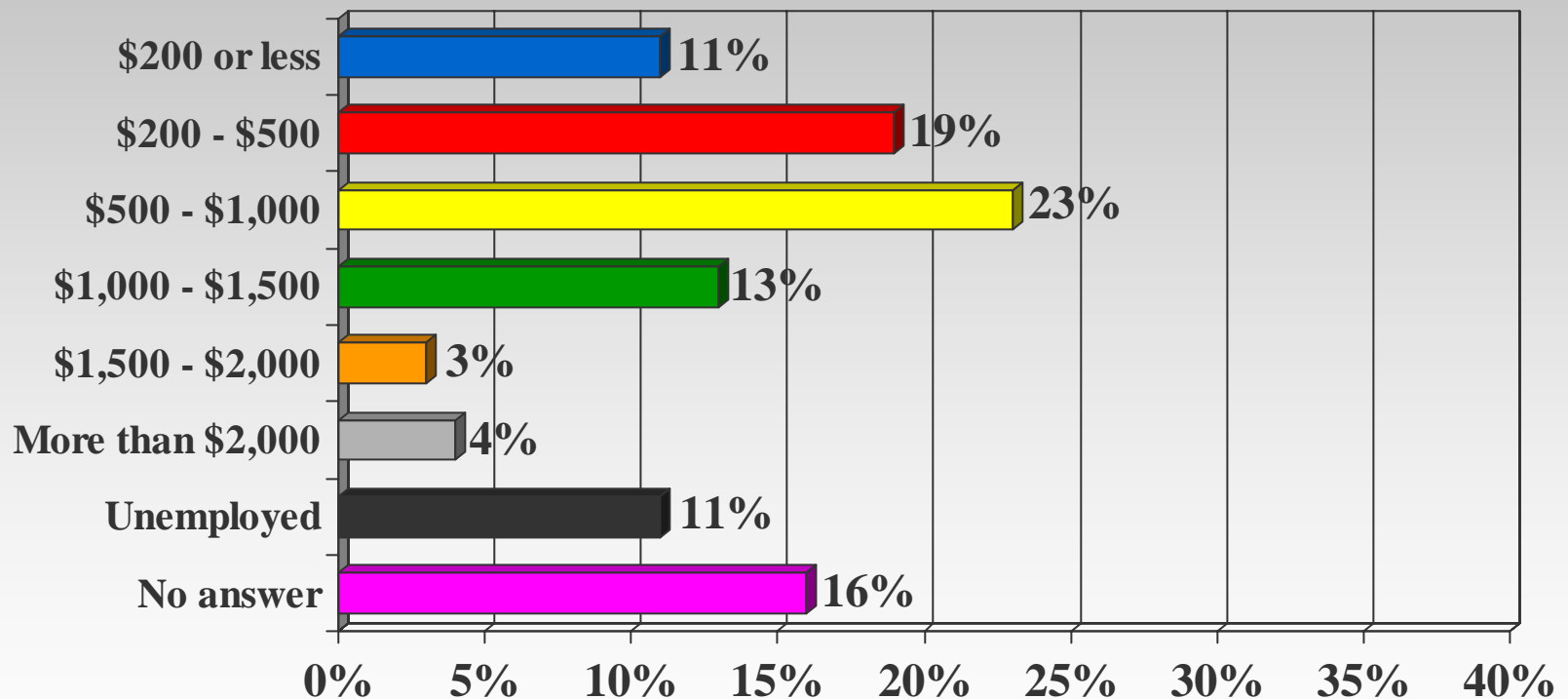
Average: \$160 per month

How long did it take you to find your first job when you first arrived in the U.S.?



Average: 1 month

More or less, how much money did you earn monthly in dollars in your first job in the U.S.?



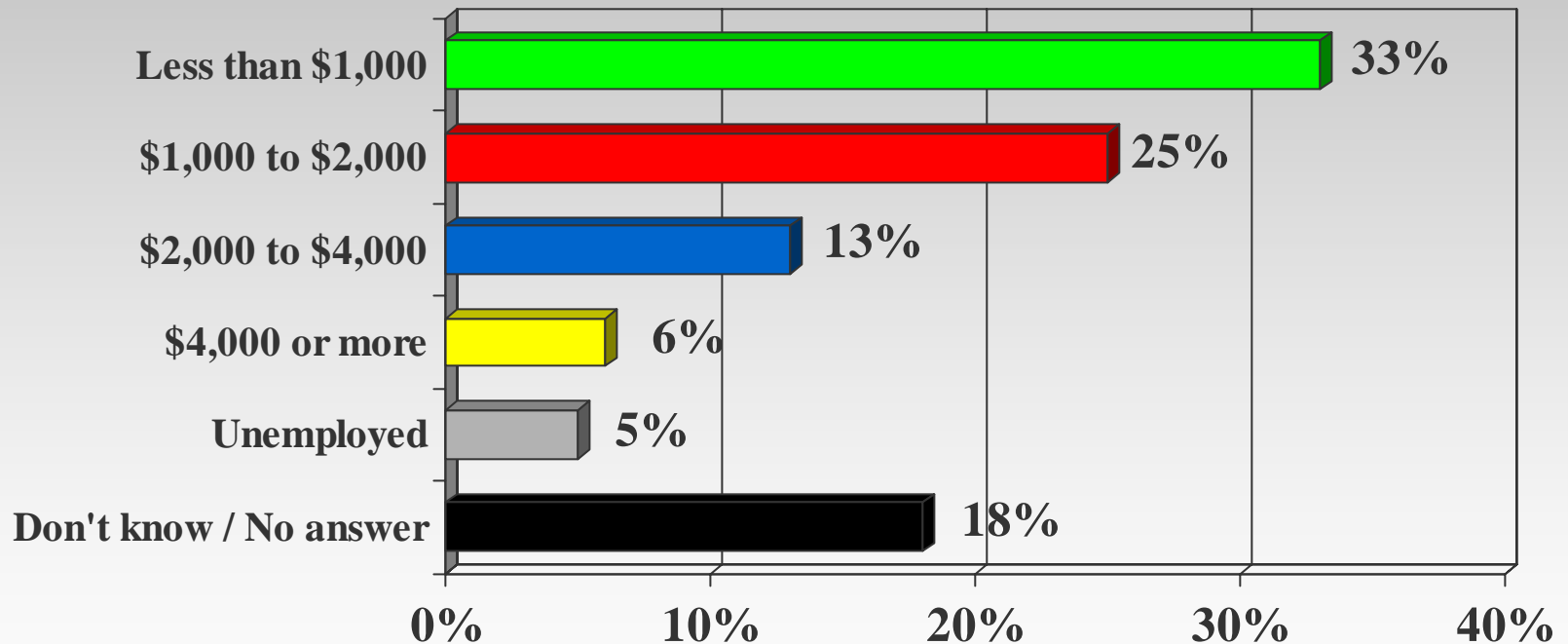
Average: \$900 per month

What type of work do you currently do in the United States?



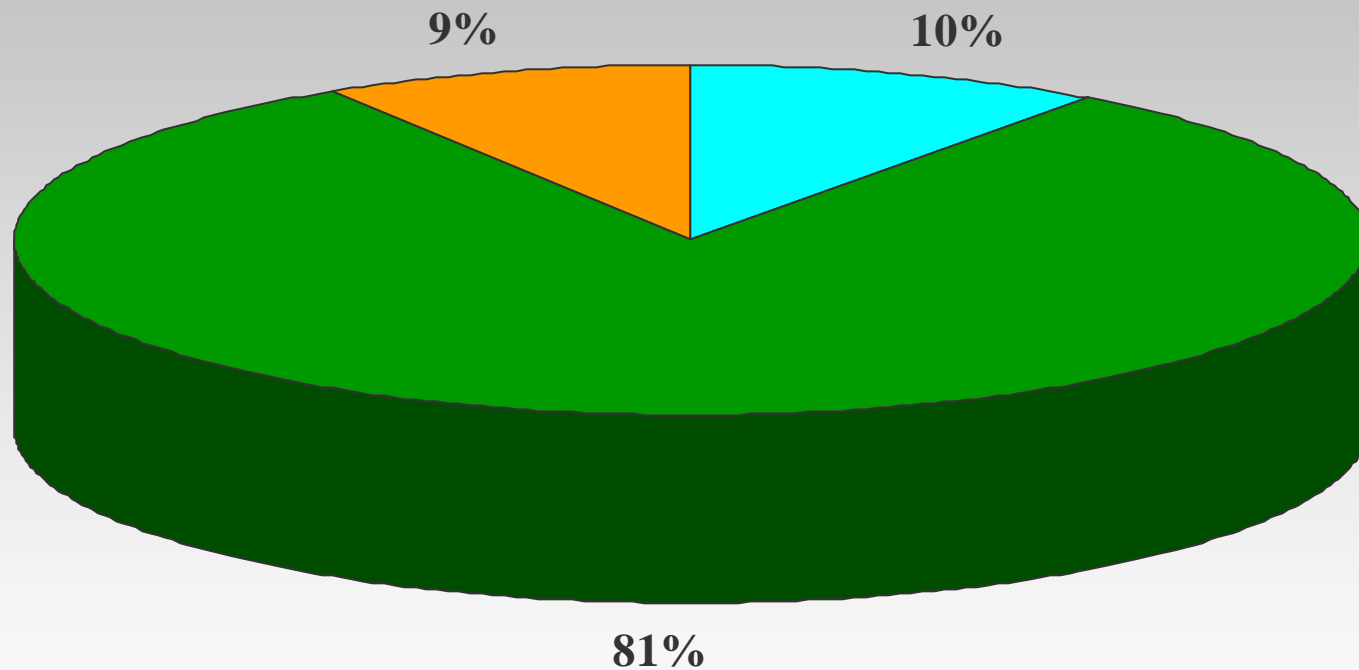
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|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| • Construction | 14% | • Unemployed | 5% |
| • Manufacturing | 11% | • Day laborer | 3% |
| • Domestic services | 10% | • Hotel | 2% |
| • Restaurant | 7% | • Clerk / Cashier | 2% |
| • Agriculture | 6% | • Mechanic / Taxi | 1% |
| • Administrative | 6% | • Other | 1% |
| • Professional | 6% | • Housewife | 15% |
| | | • Student / Retired | 7% |

Monthly Household Income



Average: \$1,600 per month

Do you think it is easier or more difficult now than a year ago to get a good-paying job in the U.S.?



■ Easier now

■ More difficult now

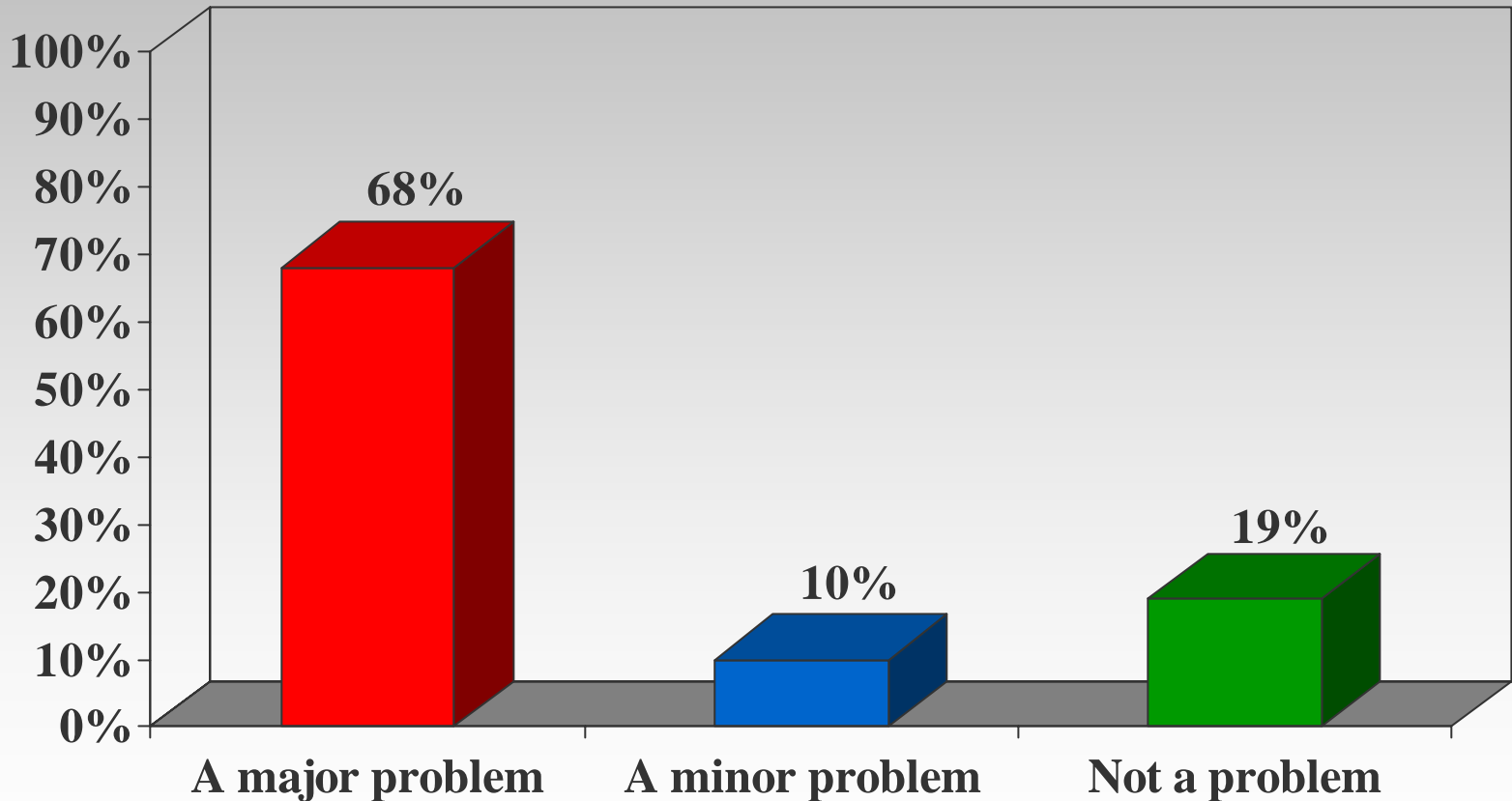
■ Don't know / No answer

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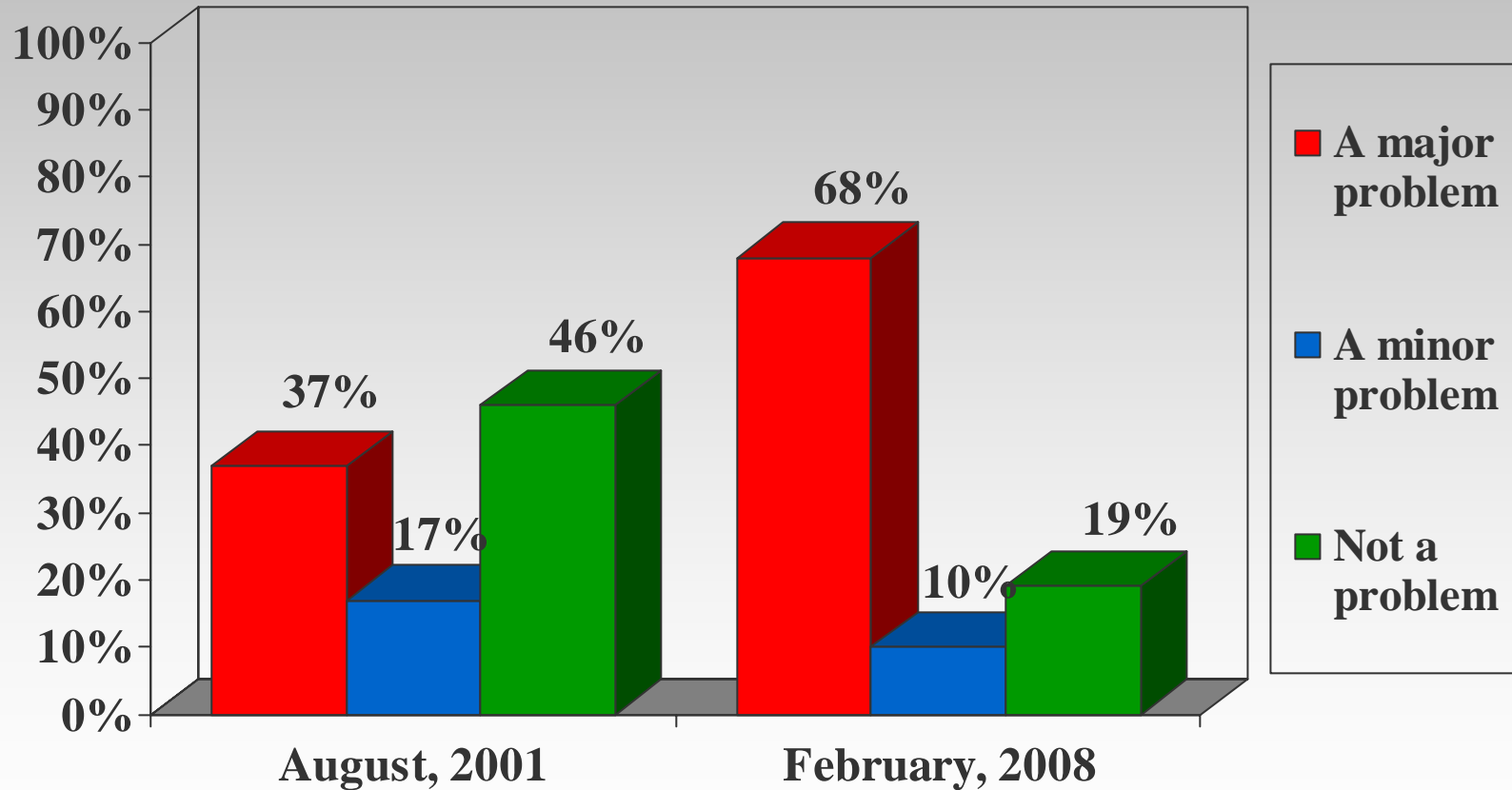
Discrimination



Do you consider discrimination against immigrants a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem for you and your family?

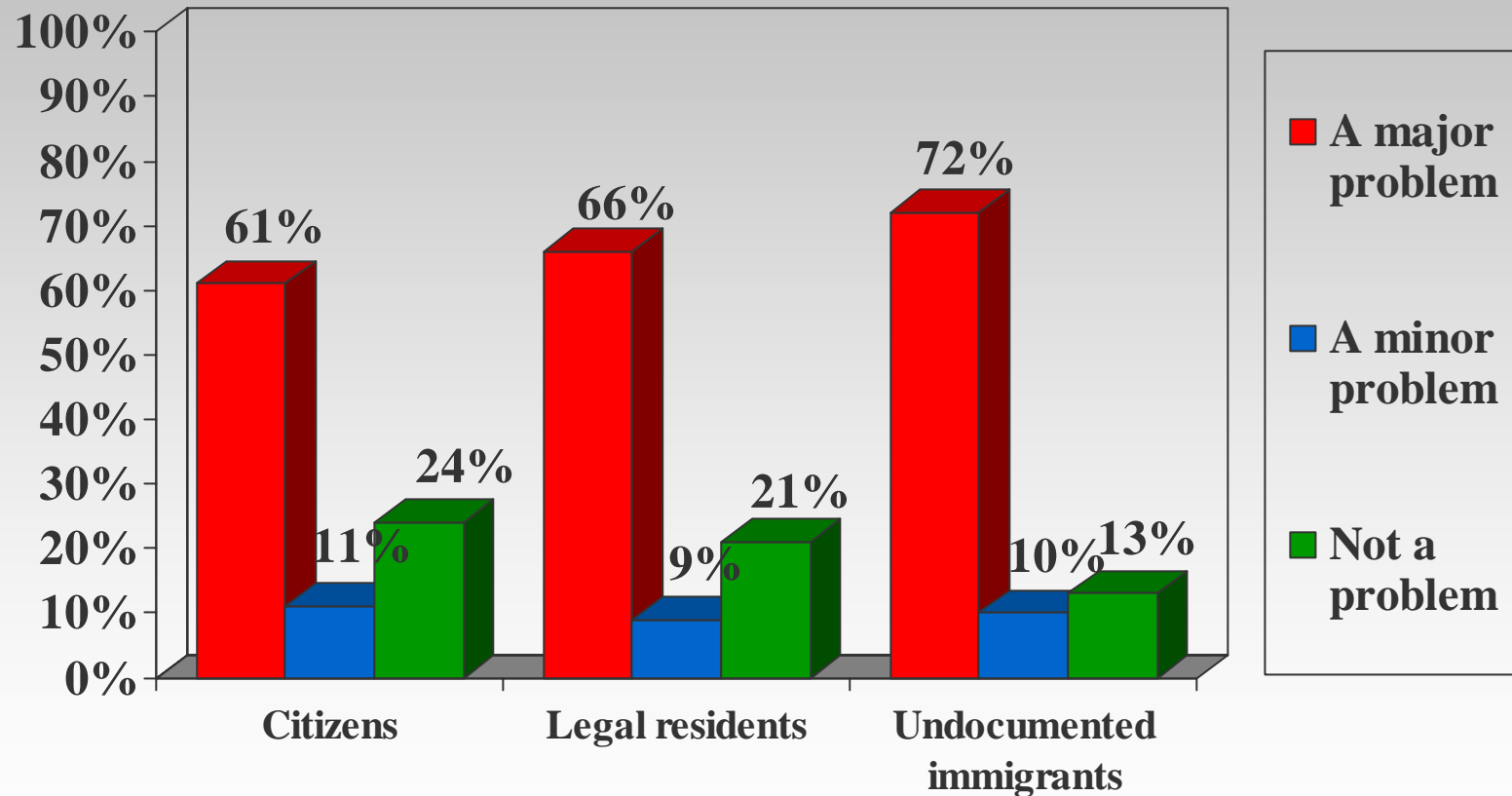


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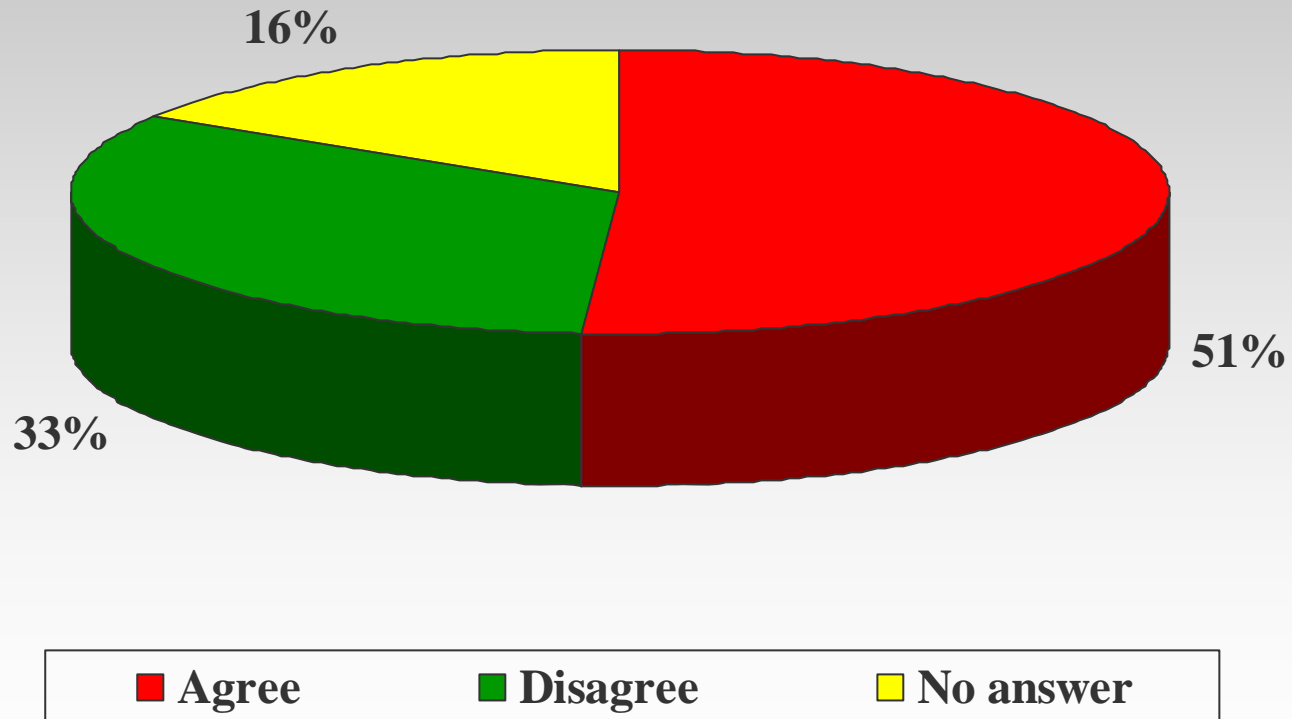


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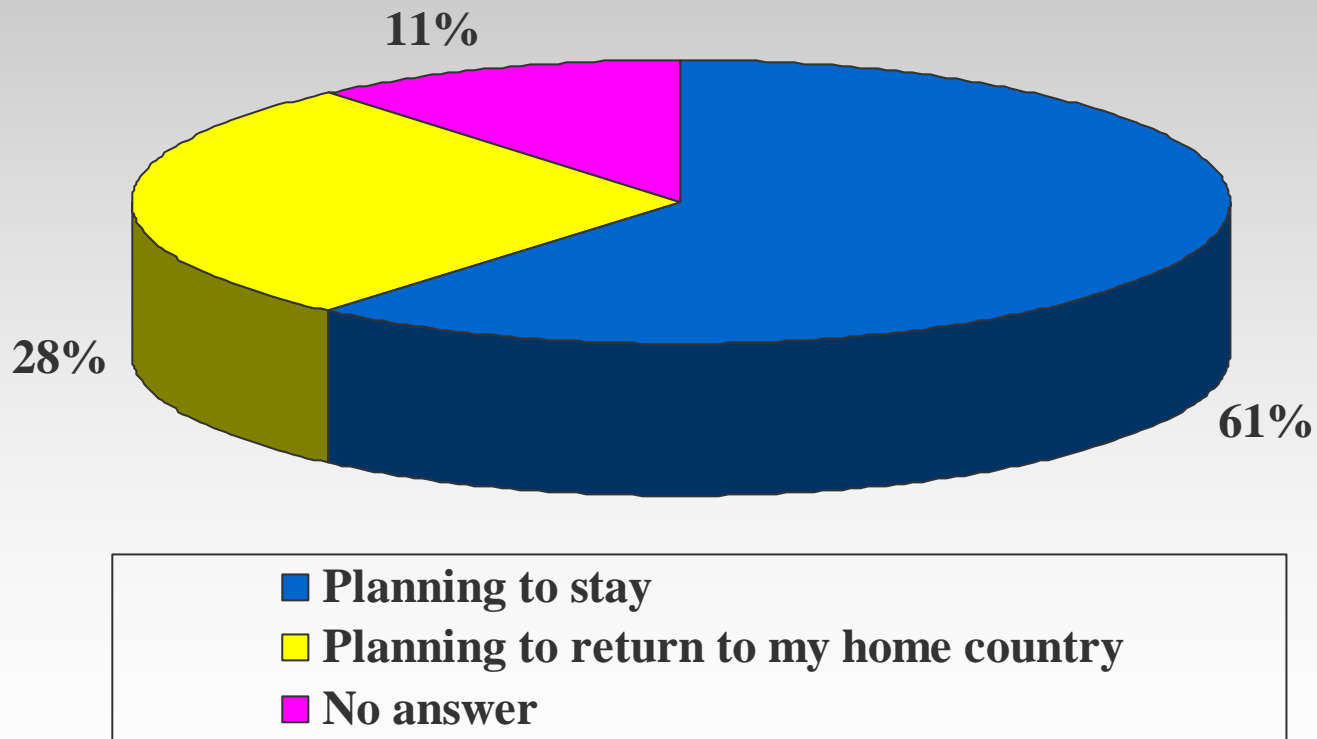
By Legal Status




The anti-immigrant sentiment in the United States is making it more difficult to send money to my family.



Thinking about the next few years, are you planning to stay in the U.S., or are you considering returning to your home country?



What is the main reason that you are planning to move back to Latin America?

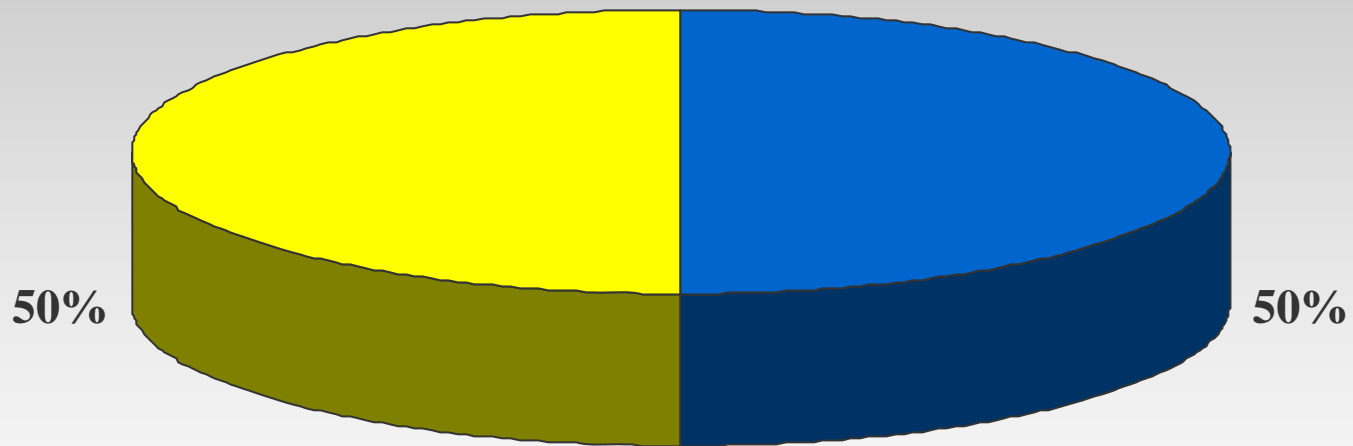
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- Miss my family in Latin America 28%
 - Lack of jobs in USA 17%
 - Discrimination in USA 11%
 - Bad economy in USA 10%
 - Prefer life in Latin America 10%
 - Legal status in USA 6%
 - Only came for a short time 4%
 - Do not like life in USA 4%
 - Want to retire to Latin America 2%
 - Lack of health care in USA 1%
 - Other 7%

Remittances:

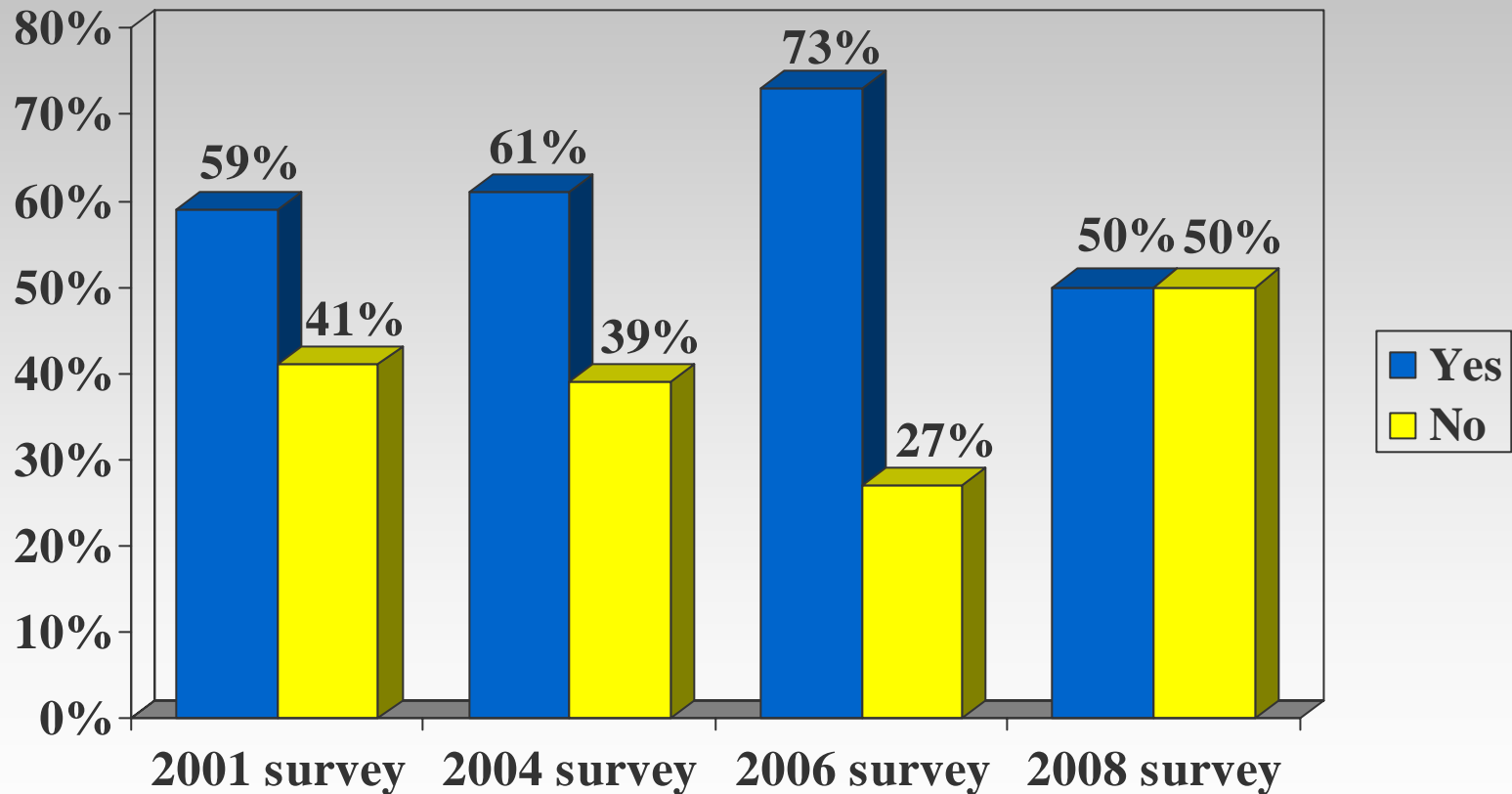
United States to Latin America



Do you currently send money on a regular basis
to your family member in Latin America?

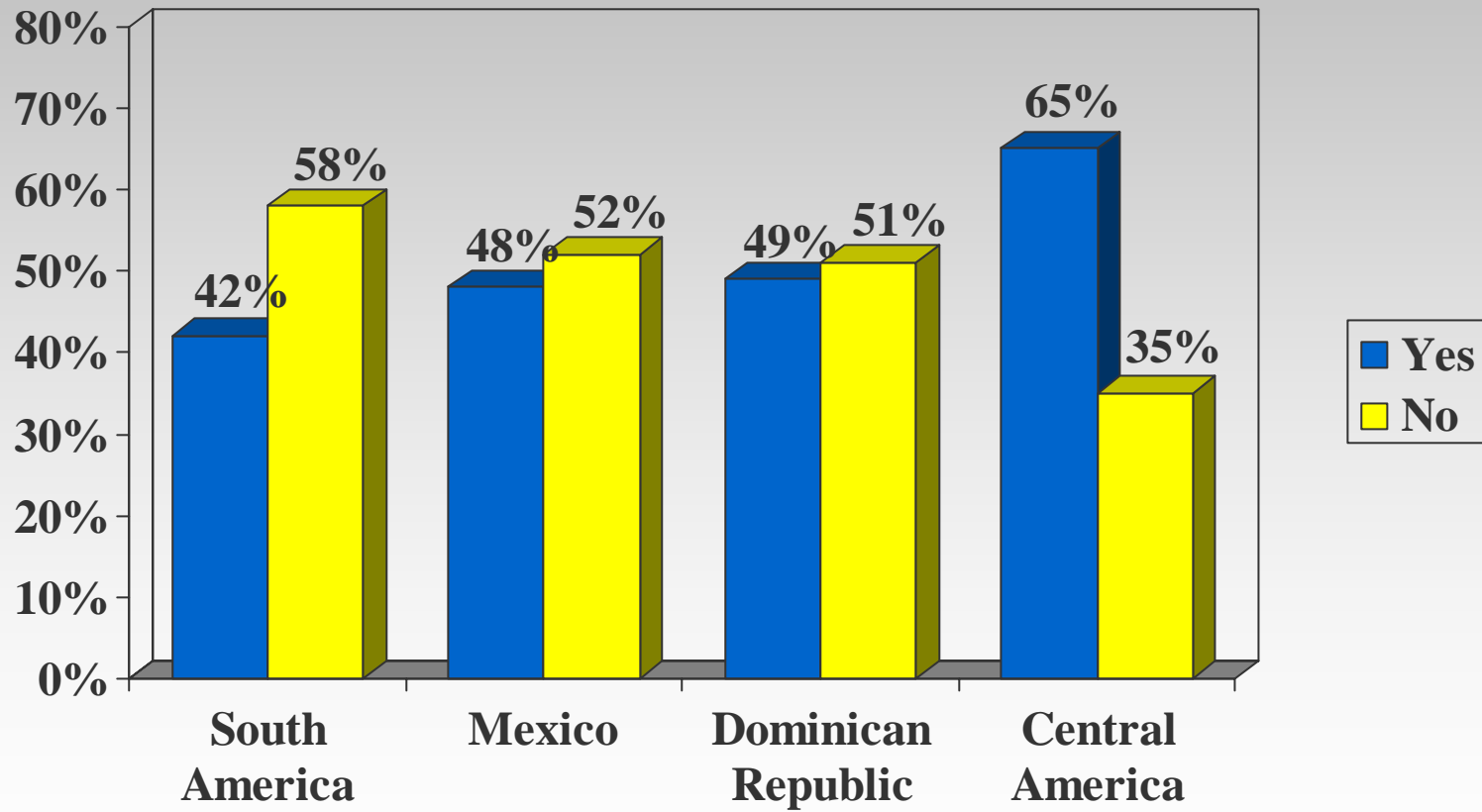


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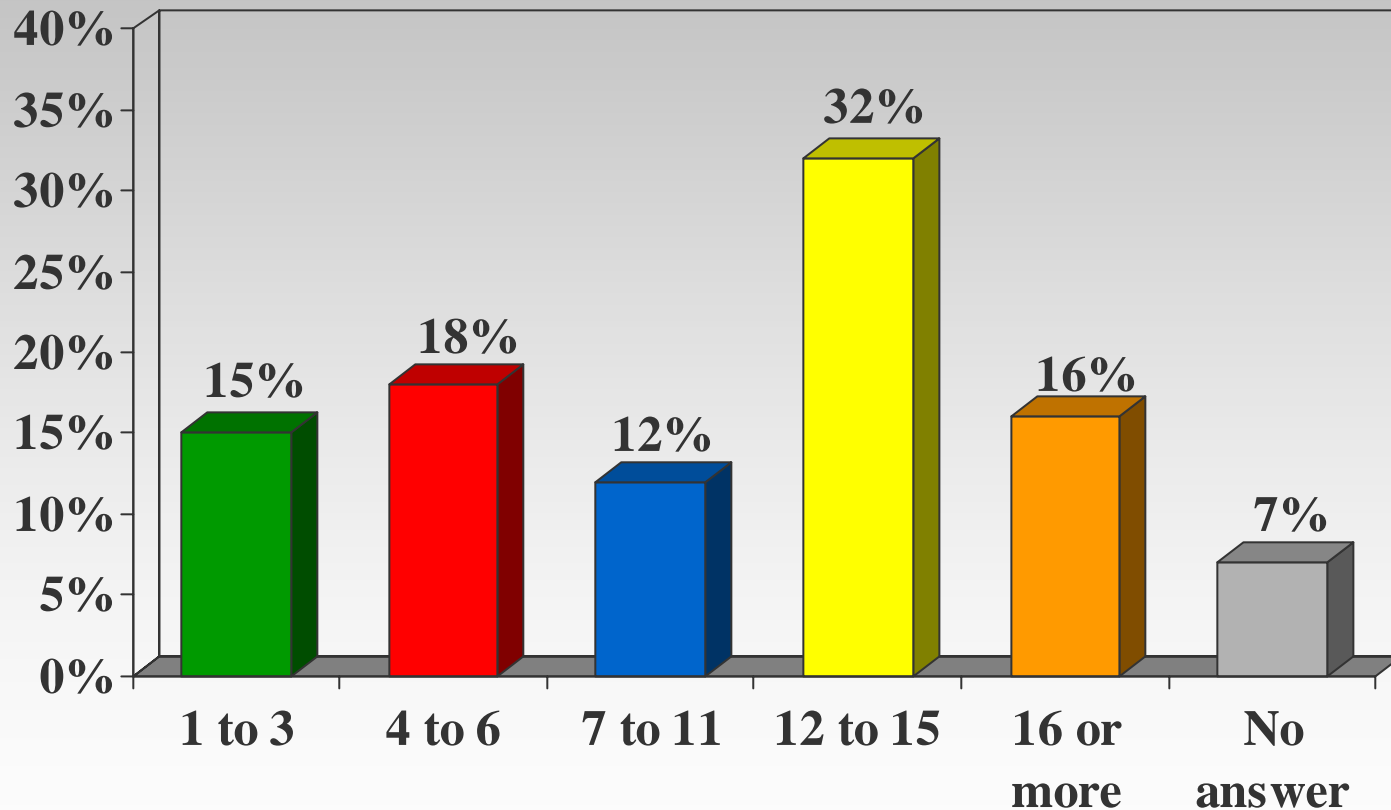


Do you currently send money on a regular basis to your family member in Latin America?

By Country of Birth

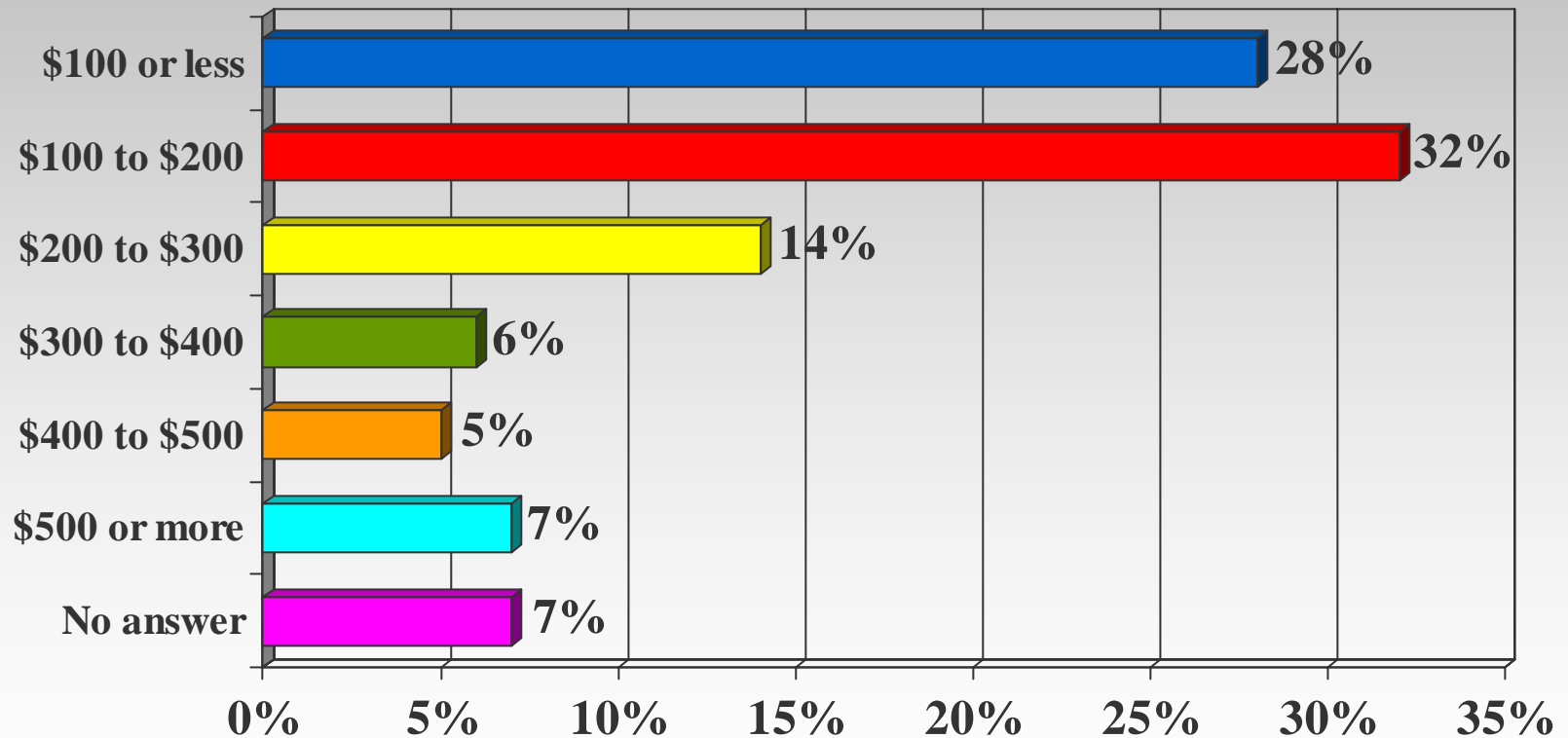


How frequently do you send money to your family?



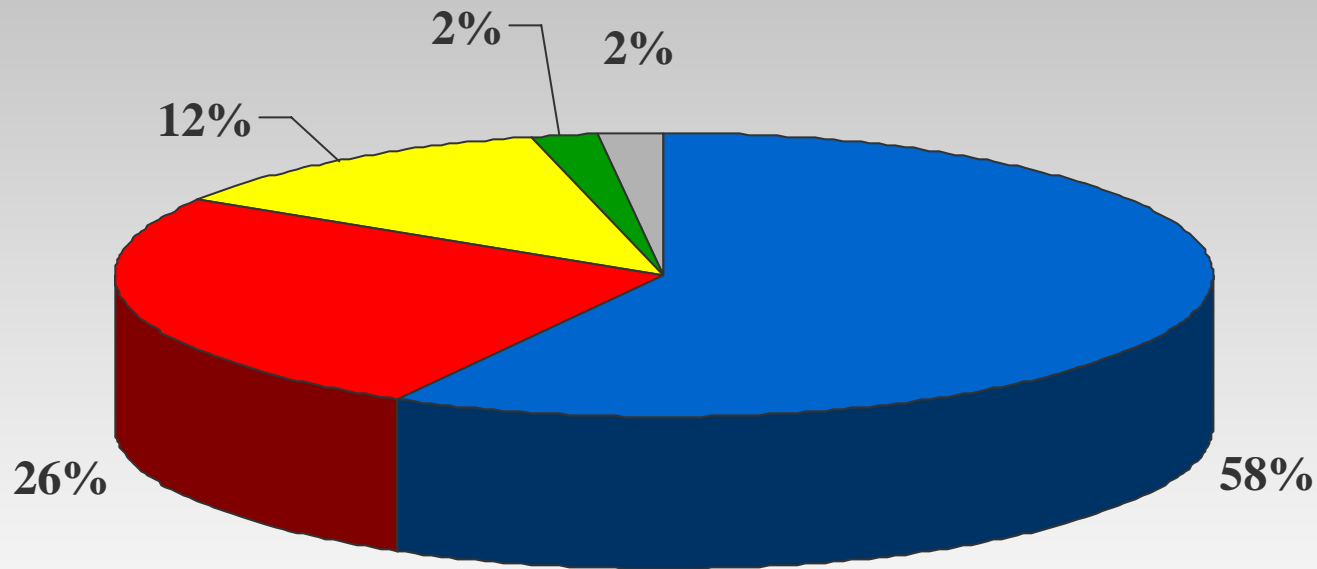
Average: 15 times a year

Approximately how much money do you send each time you send money to your family?



Average: \$325

How do you usually send money to your family?



Remittance company

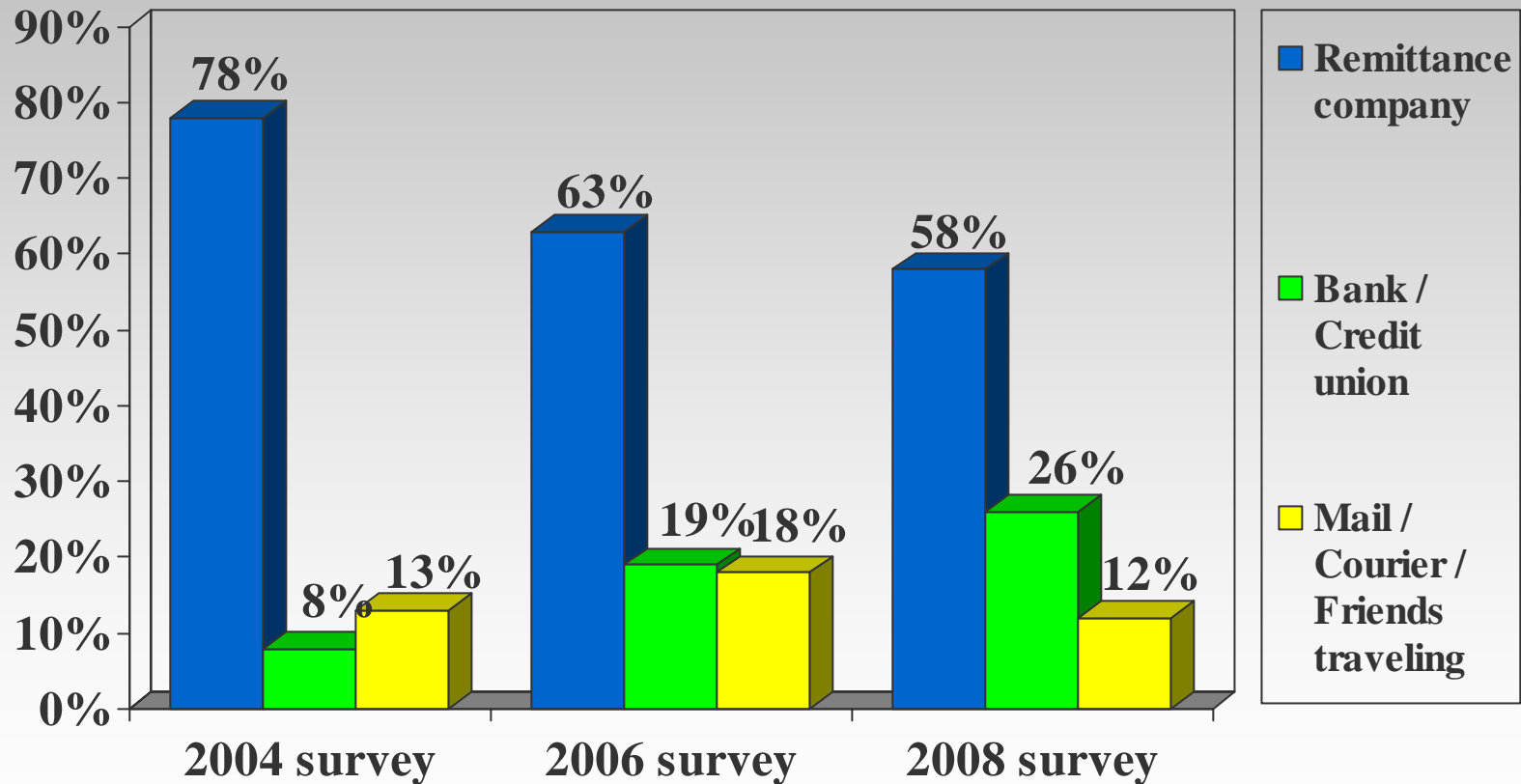
Bank / Credit union

Mail / Courier / Friends traveling

ATM / Debit card / Internet

No answer

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Latin American Remittances:

2008 Estimates

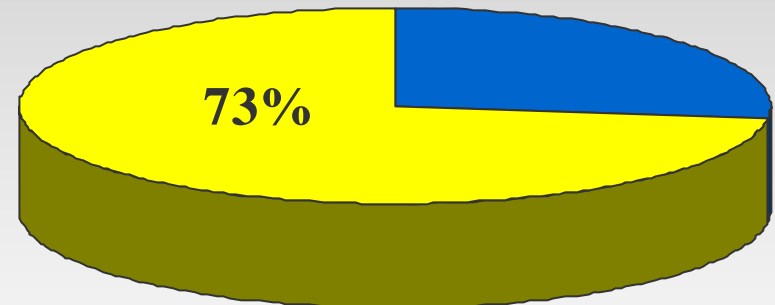
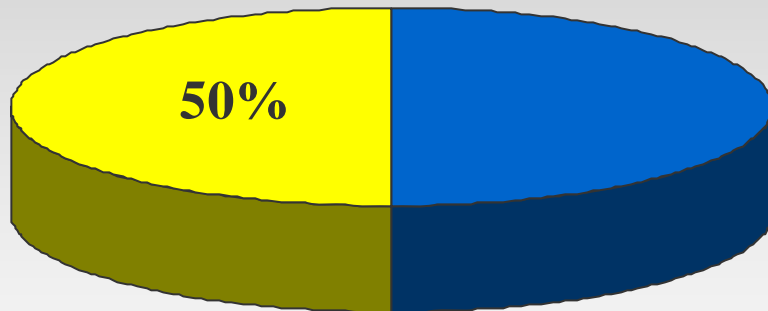


Percent that sends remittances regularly



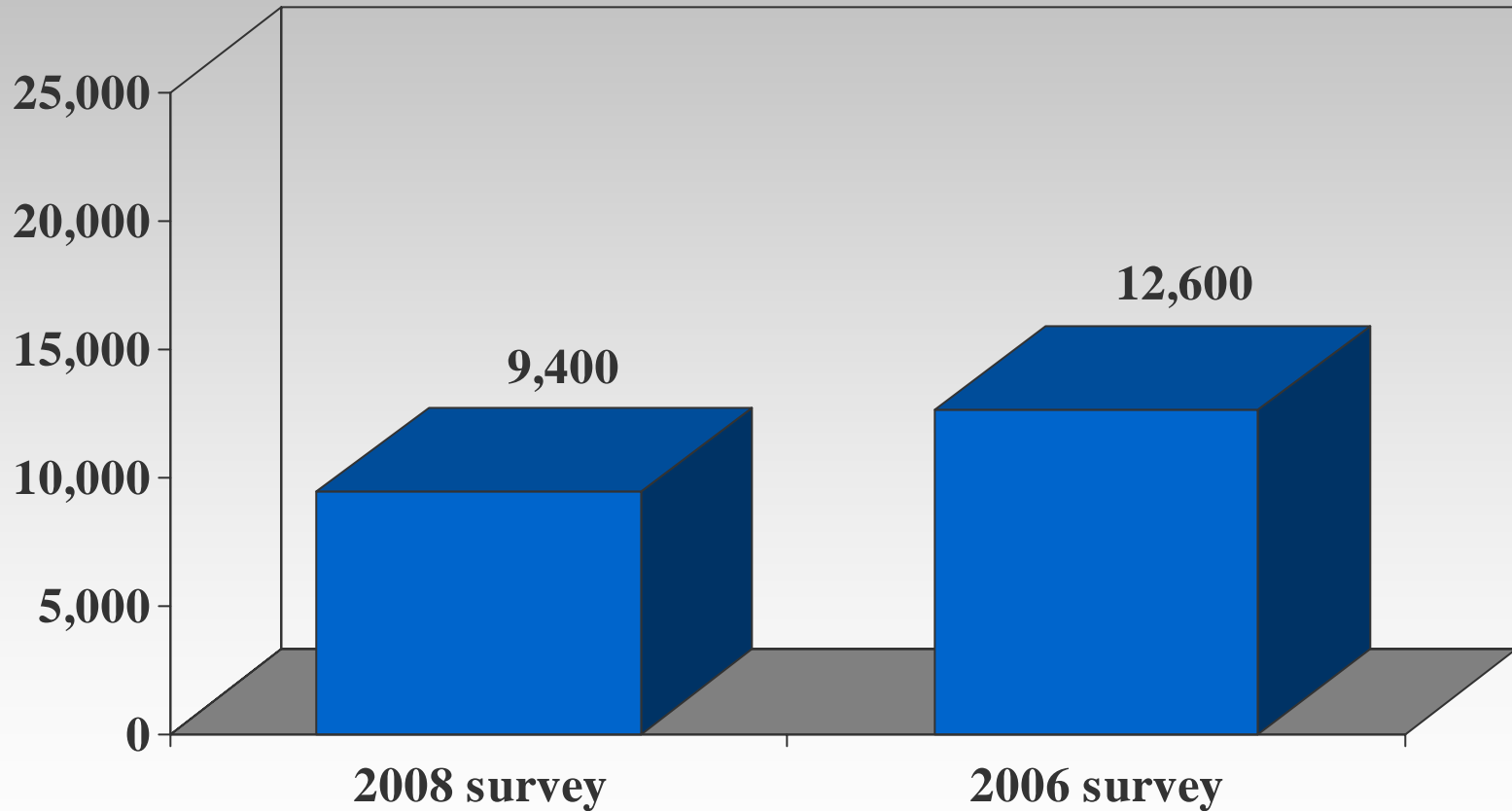
2008 survey

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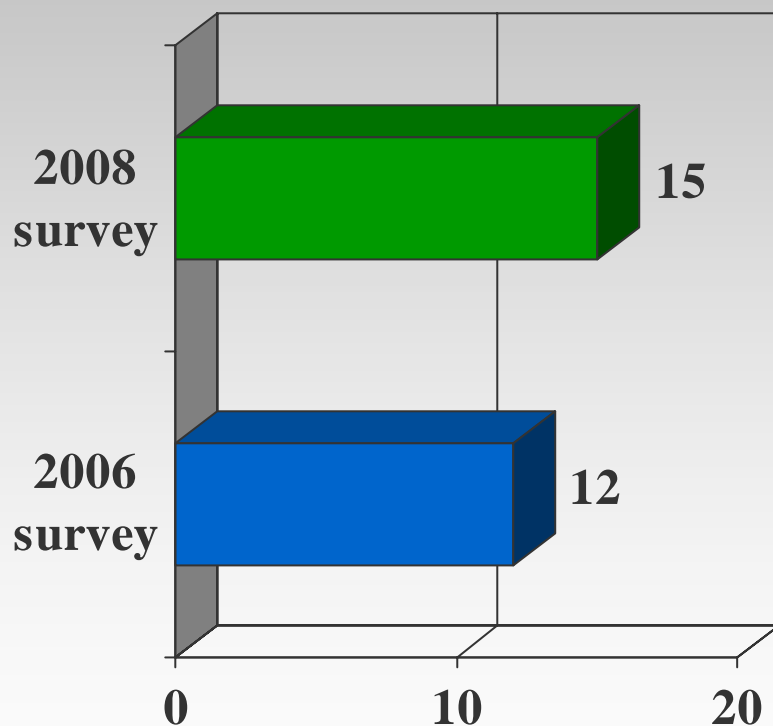


Remittances to Latin America from the United States

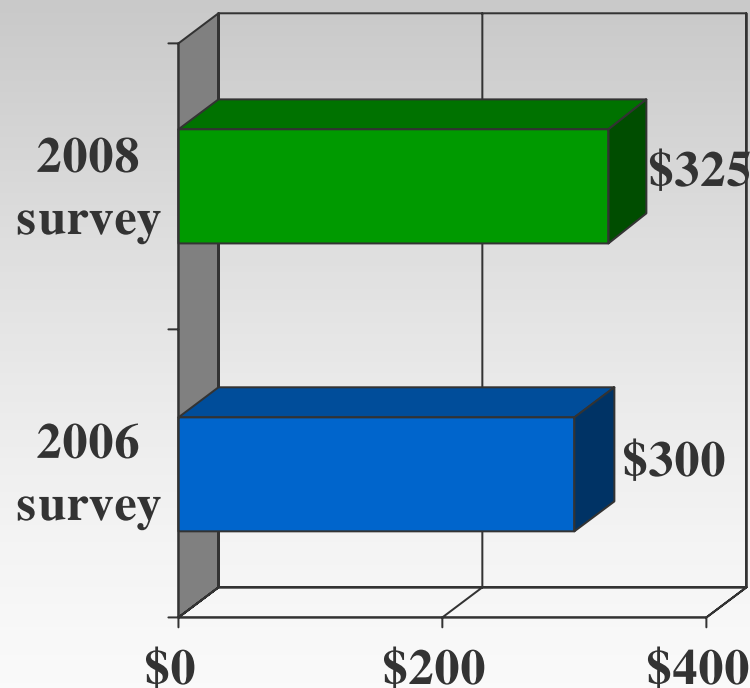
Population that sends remittances (in thousands)



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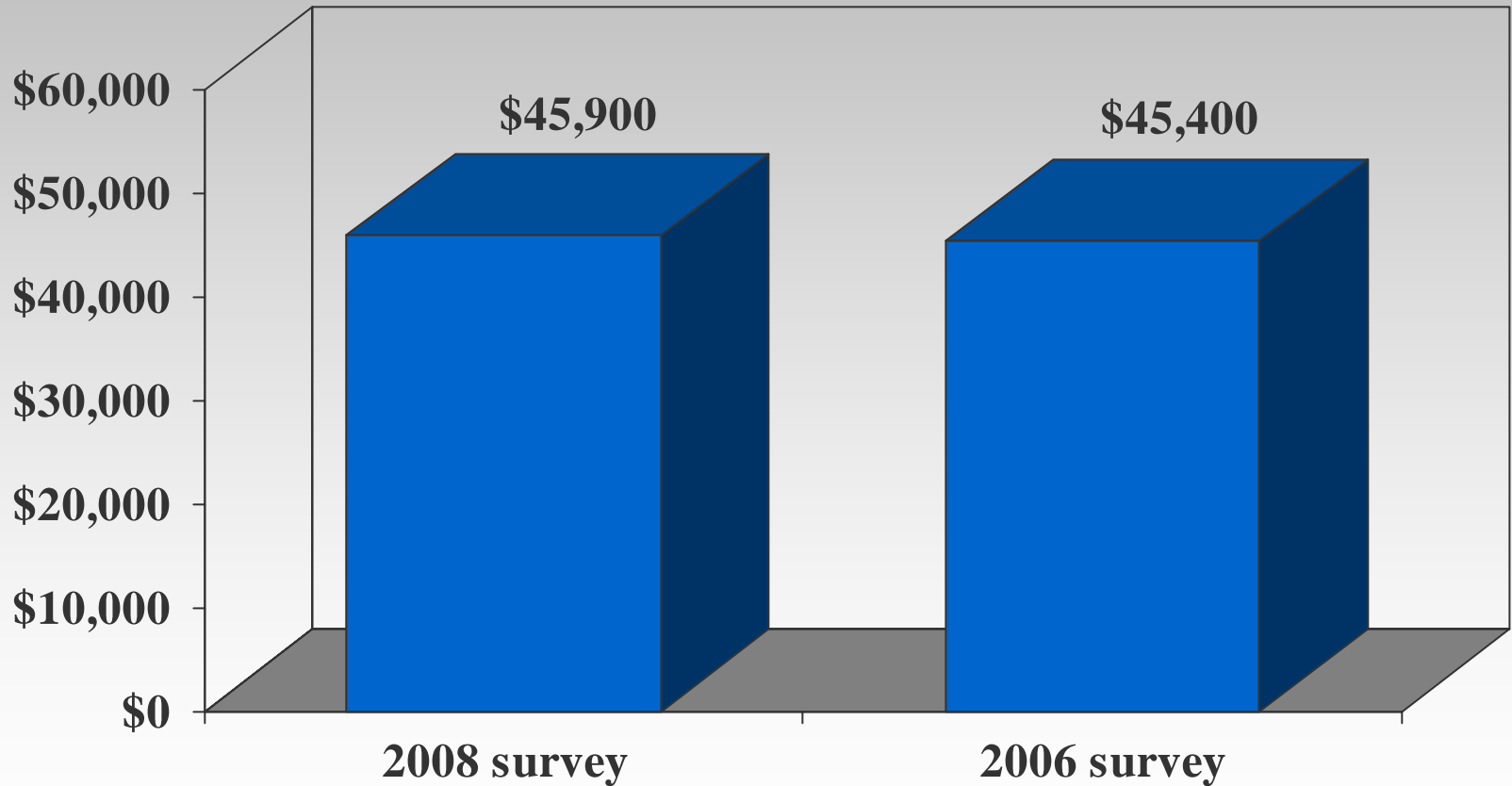
Frequency (times per year)




Average amount per remittance

Remittances to Latin America from the United States

Total remittances (in millions)

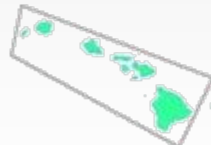


Destination of Remittances




	2008 Foreign born adults (in thousands)	Percentage that sends remittances	Frequency	Average amount	Total (in millions)
Mexico	12,434	48%	14	\$295	\$24,700
Central America	2,857	65%	16	\$360	\$10,700
South America	2,741	42%	17	\$420	\$8,300
Dominican Republic	824	49%	16	\$330	\$2,200
Total	18,856	50%	15	\$325	\$45,900

Month	Percentage
March	80%
May	10%




Geographic Distribution of Remittances




	2008 Foreign born adults (in thousands)	Percentage that sends remittances	Frequency	Average amount	Total (in millions)
California	5759	52%	15	\$325	\$14,599
Texas	2799	30%	16	\$320	\$4,299
New York	1427	53%	16	\$325	\$3,933
Florida	1354	48%	15	\$315	\$3,071
Illinois	924	58%	15	\$350	\$2,813
New Jersey	704	56%	17	\$290	\$1,943
Georgia	460	53%	16	\$370	\$1,443
Arizona	694	39%	17	\$295	\$1,357
North Carolina	371	59%	16	\$355	\$1,243
Virginia	314	59%	16	\$345	\$1,023

Geographic Distribution of Remittances




	2008 Foreign born adults (in thousands)	Percentage that sends remittances	Frequency	Average amount	Total (in millions)
Maryland	261	55%	17	\$335	\$818
Nevada	311	49%	18	\$280	\$768
Colorado	325	49%	15	\$320	\$764
Massachusetts	303	45%	15	\$320	\$654
Washington	231	44%	15	\$375	\$572
Connecticut	158	52%	16	\$330	\$434
Oregon	175	55%	14	\$320	\$431
Tennessee	139	58%	15	\$340	\$411
Wisconsin	124	44%	15	\$370	\$399
Indiana	146	49%	16	\$340	\$389

Geographic Distribution of Remittances




	2008 Foreign born adults (in thousands)	Percentage that sends remittances	Frequency	Average amount	Total (in millions)
Pennsylvania	146	44%	16	\$360	\$370
New Mexico	186	31%	15	\$400	\$346
Minnesota	107	58%	15	\$370	\$344
Michigan	124	49%	16	\$340	\$331
South Carolina	110	58%	15	\$340	\$325
Utah	130	31%	15	\$400	\$242
Alabama	75	57%	15	\$340	\$218
Oklahoma	114	36%	16	\$325	\$213
Ohio	79	49%	16	\$340	\$211
Louisiana	71	57%	15	\$340	\$206

Geographic Distribution of Remittances



	2008 Foreign born adults (in thousands)	Percentage that sends remittances	Frequency	Average amount	Total (in millions)
Rhode Island	68	52%	15	\$330	\$175
Iowa	52	58%	15	\$370	\$167
Arkansas	86	46%	14	\$300	\$166
Kentucky	55	58%	15	\$340	\$163
Idaho	65	55%	14	\$320	\$160
Kansas	81	36%	16	\$325	\$152
Nebraska	58	51%	15	\$305	\$135
Missouri	63	46%	14	\$300	\$122
Delaware	44	52%	15	\$330	\$113
Mississippi	34	57%	15	\$340	\$99

Geographic Distribution of Remittances



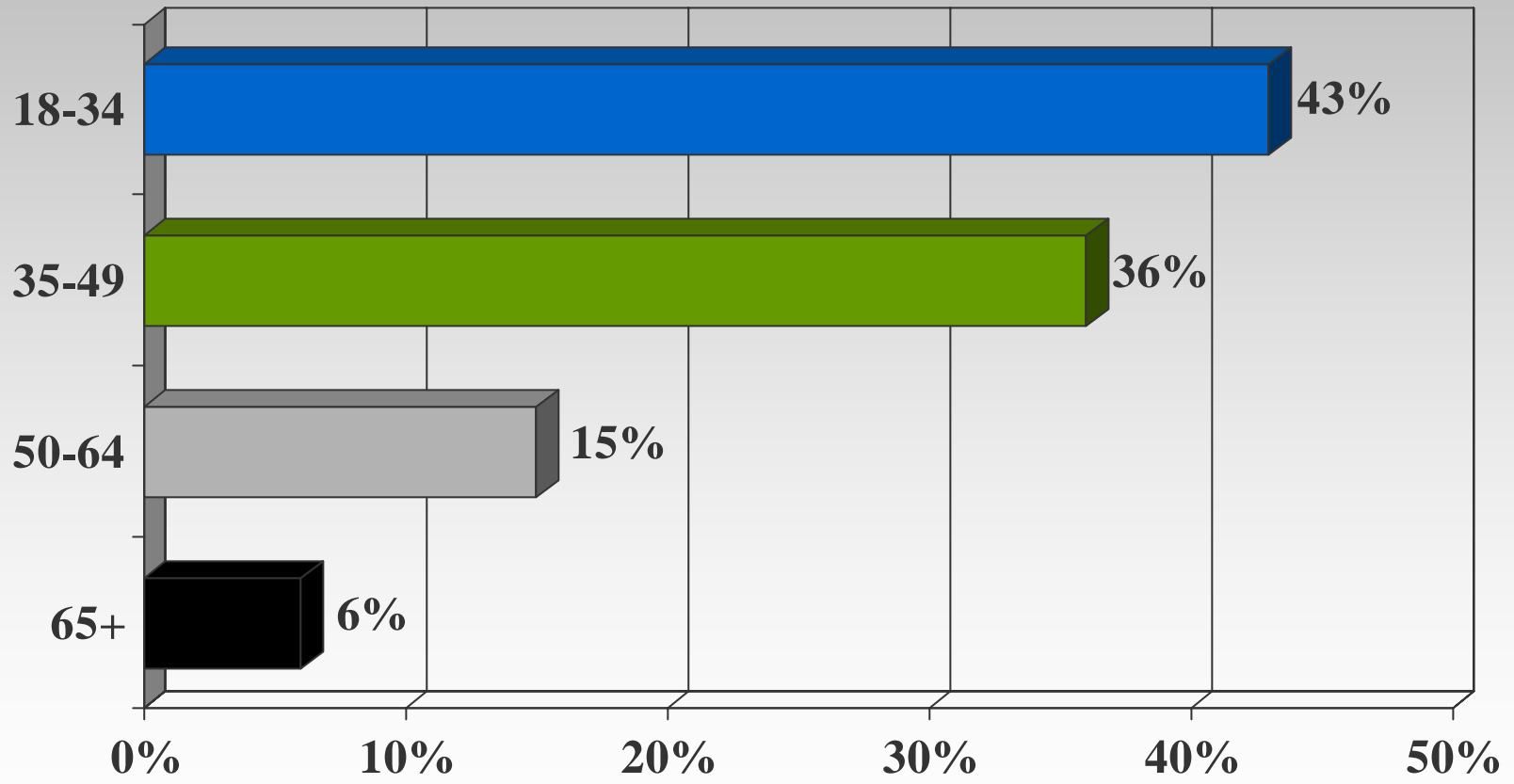
	2008 Foreign born adults (in thousands)	Percentage that sends remittances	Frequency	Average amount	Total (in millions)
District of Columbia	29	52%	15	\$330	\$75
Hawaii	16	49%	14	\$430	\$47
Alaska	15	49%	14	\$430	\$44
New Hampshire	17	41%	15	\$385	\$40
Wyoming	15	51%	15	\$305	\$35
Maine	11	41%	15	\$385	\$26
South Dakota	9	51%	15	\$305	\$21
North Dakota	6	51%	15	\$305	\$14
Vermont	5	41%	15	\$385	\$12
West Virginia	4	49%	16	\$340	\$11
Montana	2	51%	15	\$305	\$5
Total					\$45,900

Latin American Remittance Senders:

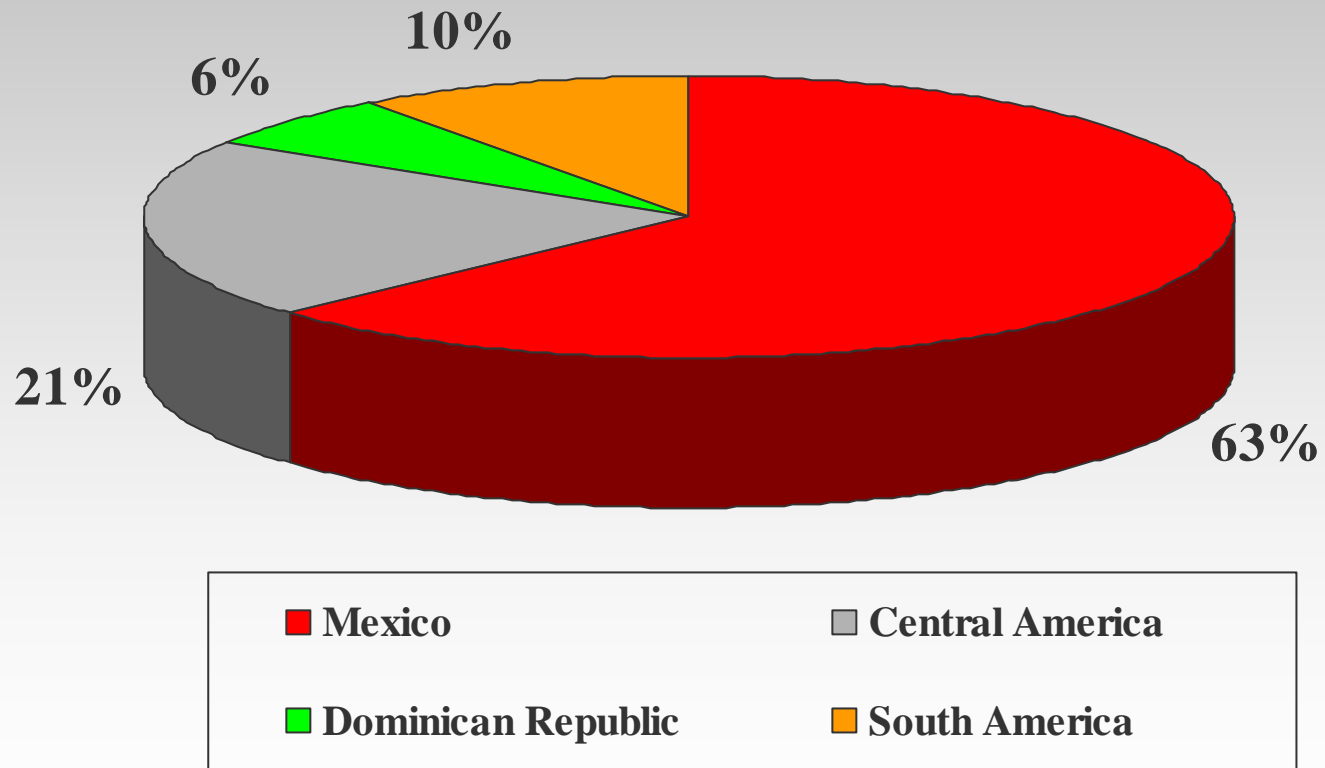
Demographics



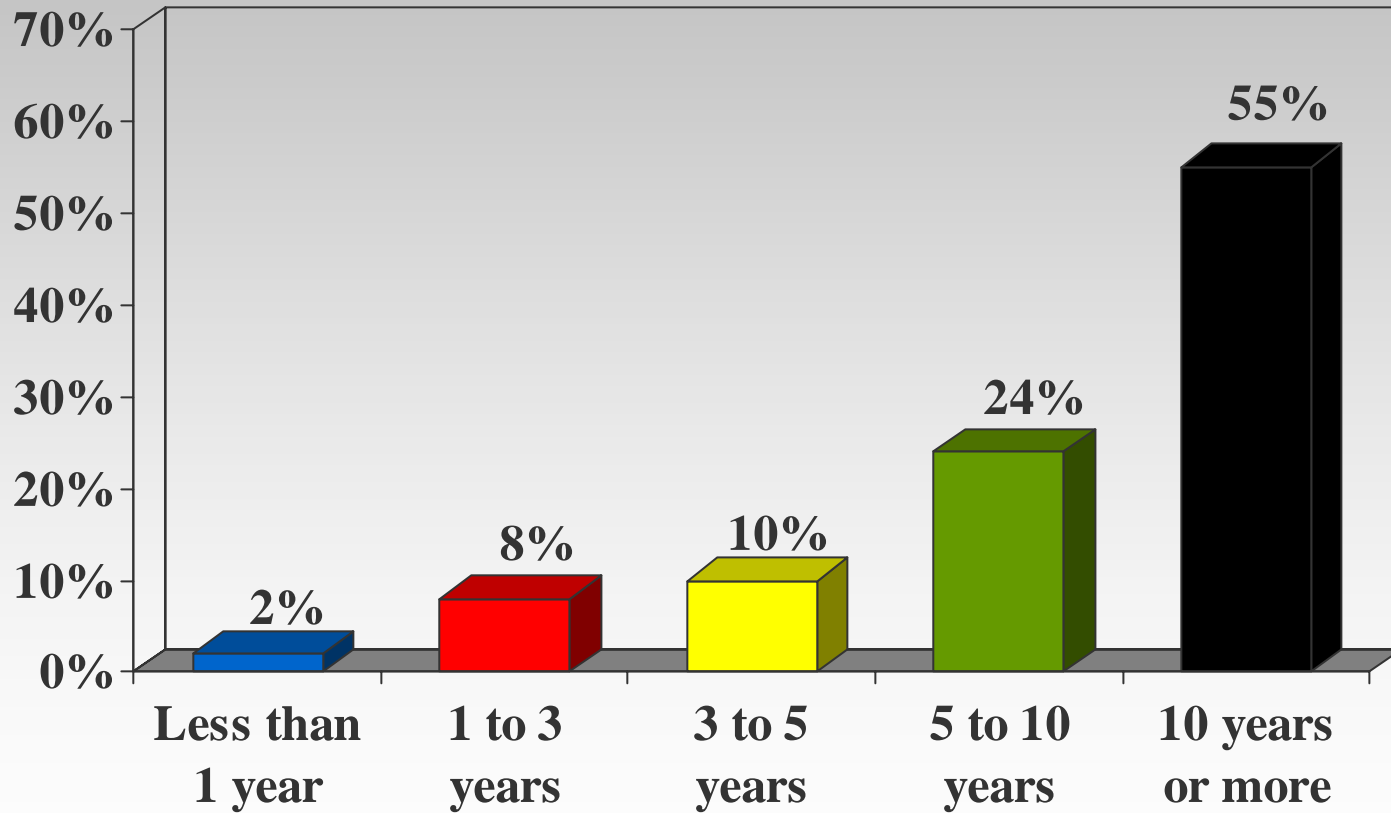
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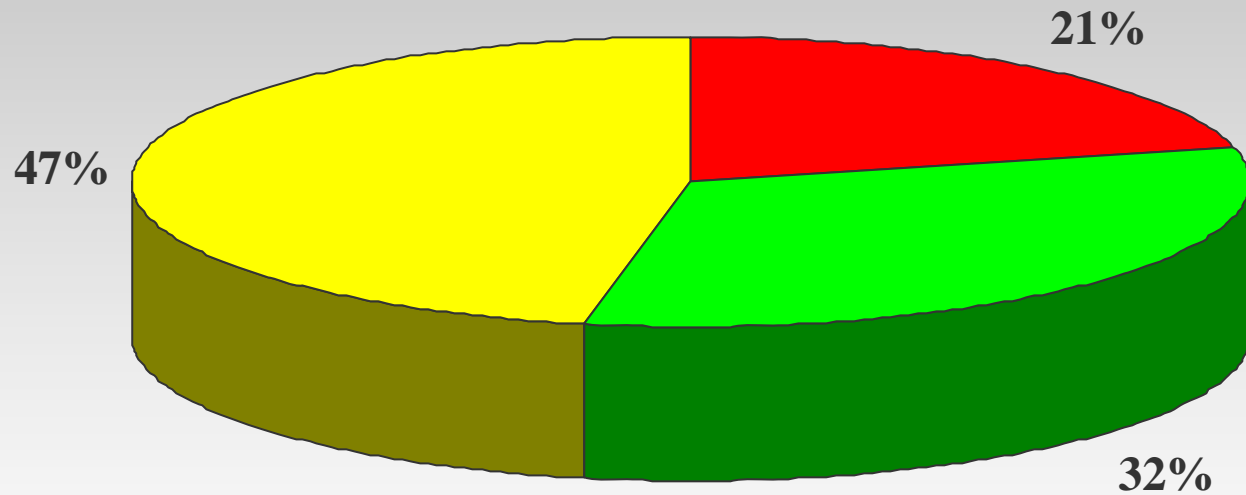
Country of Birth



Residency in the United States



Legal Status



■ Citizen

■ Legal resident

■ Undocumented immigrant



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