


Survey of Undocumented Immigrants in the United States


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Methodology

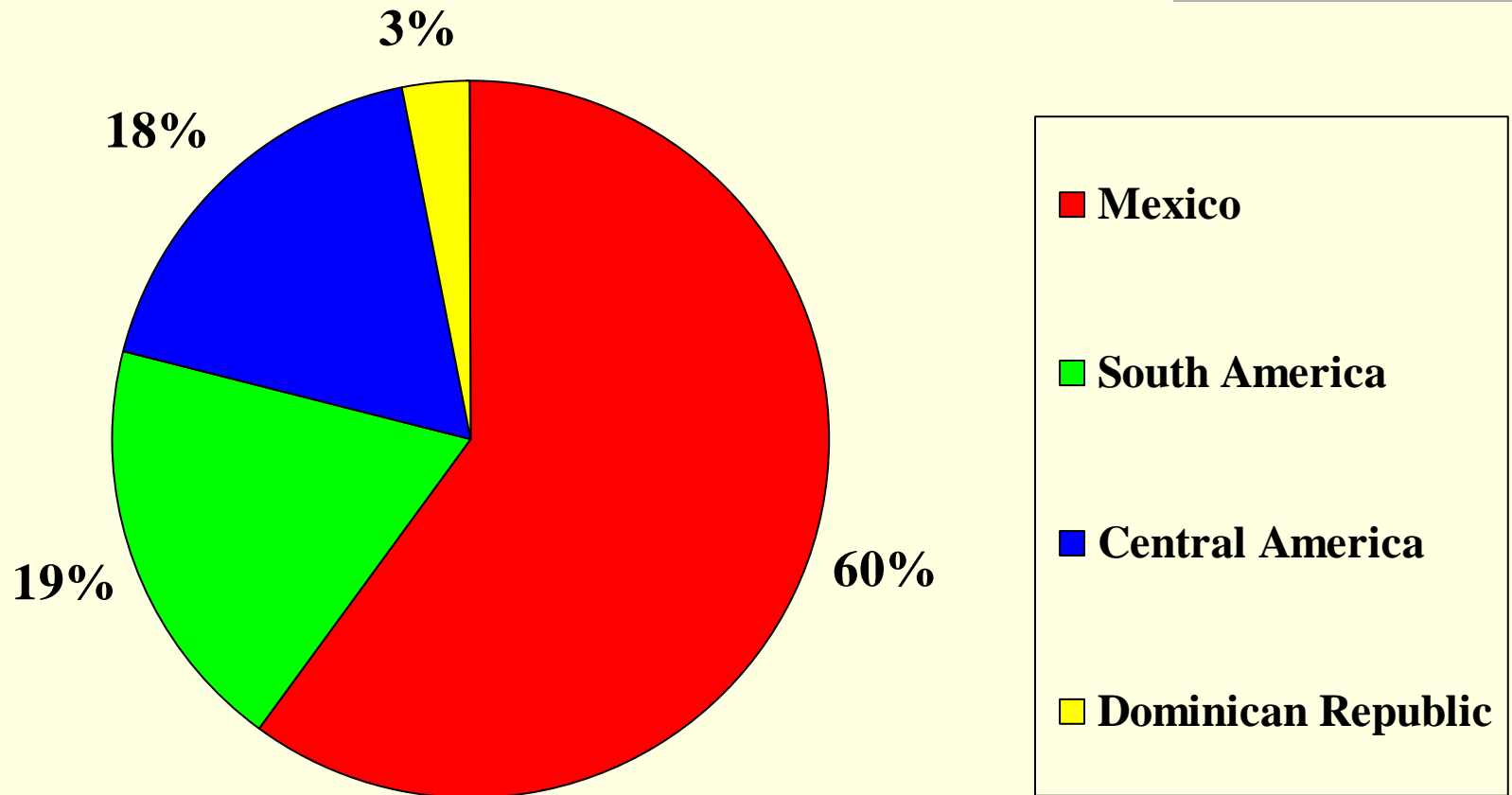
<i>Sample Size</i>	233 total “executive” interviews; 84 in Los Angeles, 82 in Miami, 67 in Chicago
<i>Dates of Interviews</i>	October 11-15, 2005
<i>Margin of Error</i>	6.5 percentage points
<i>Language of Interview</i>	Spanish



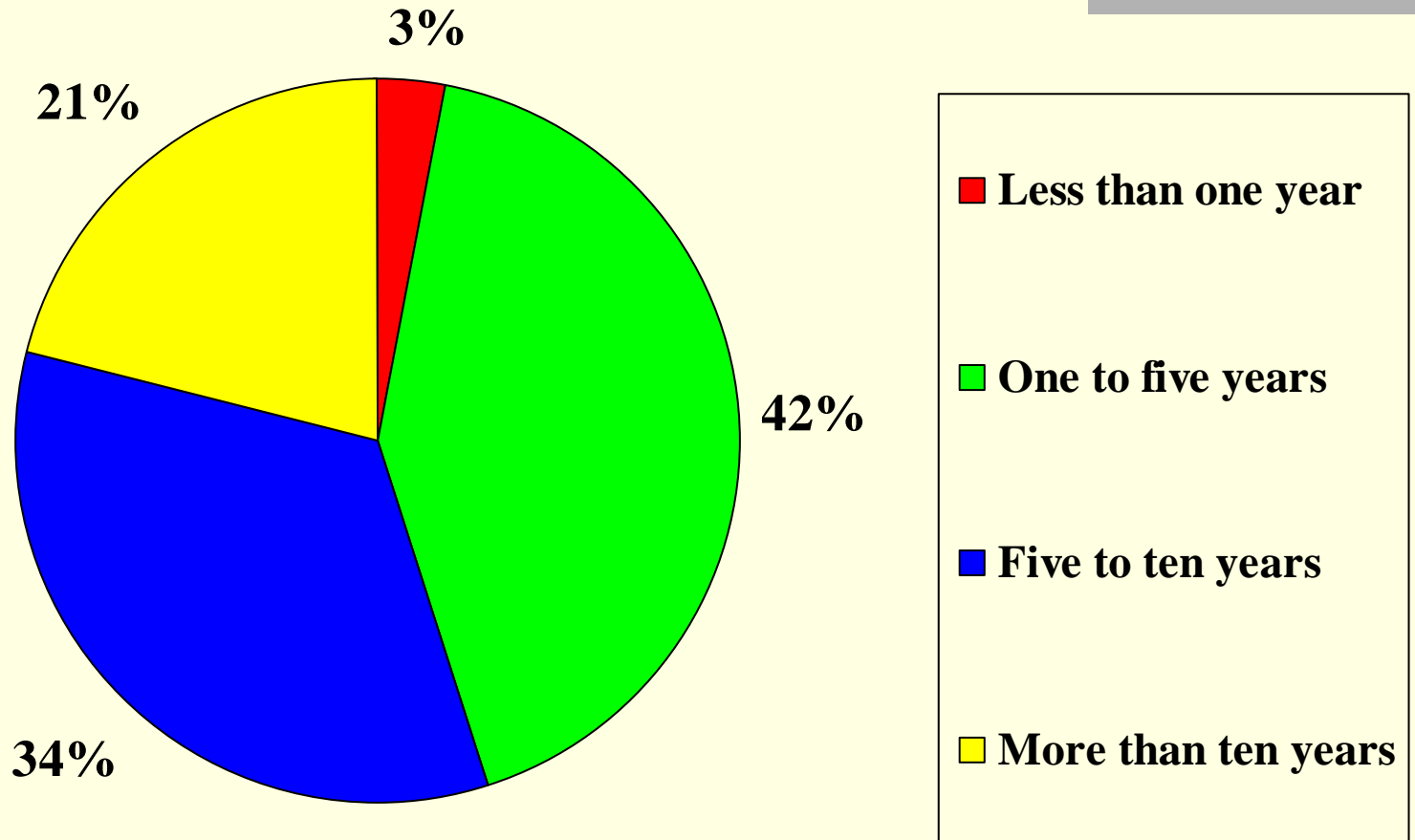
Demographics,
English-language Skills and
Criminal Records of
Undocumented Immigrants



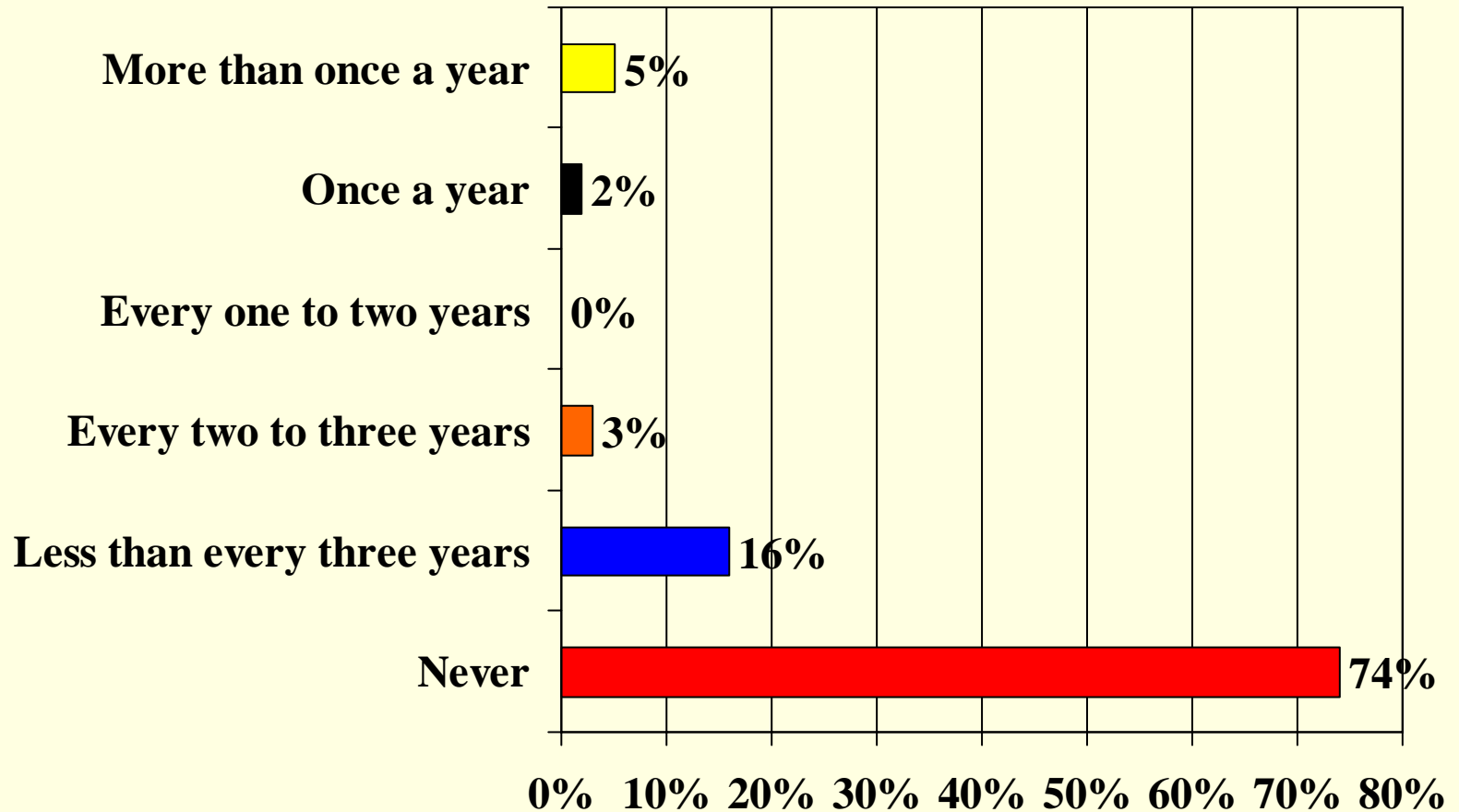
Country of Birth



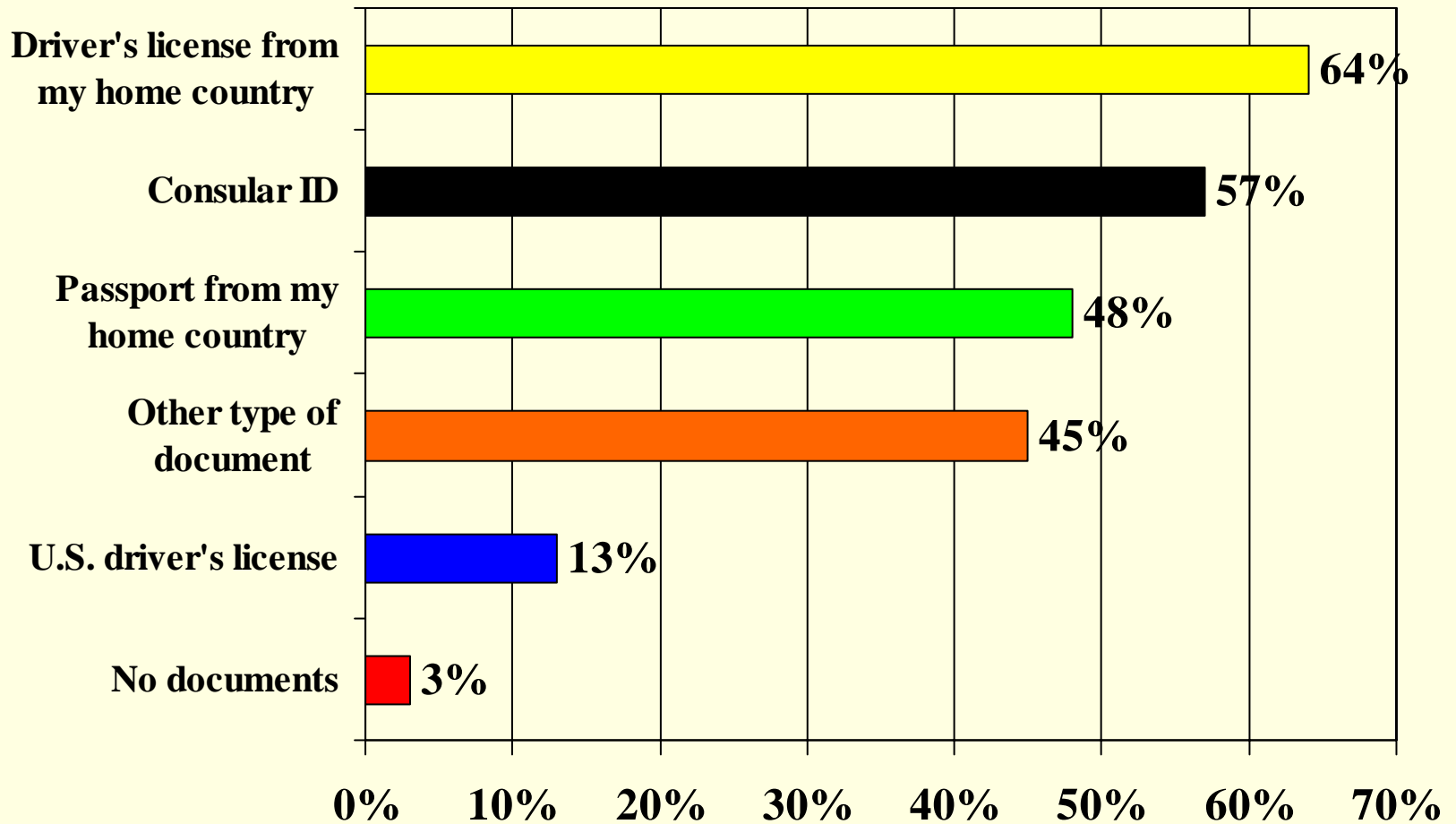
How many years have you been in this country?



How often do you travel back to your home country?

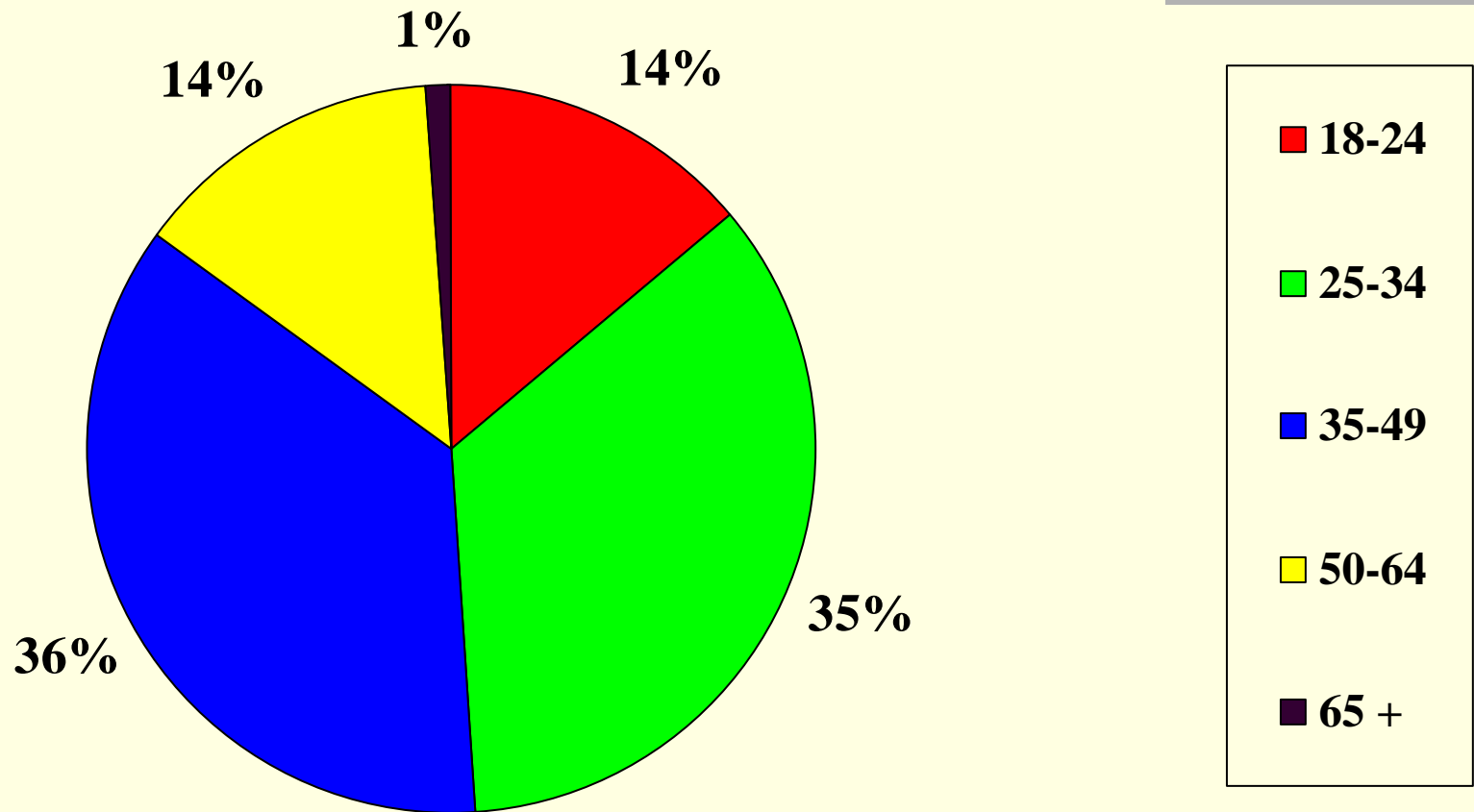


What personal identification documents do you have?

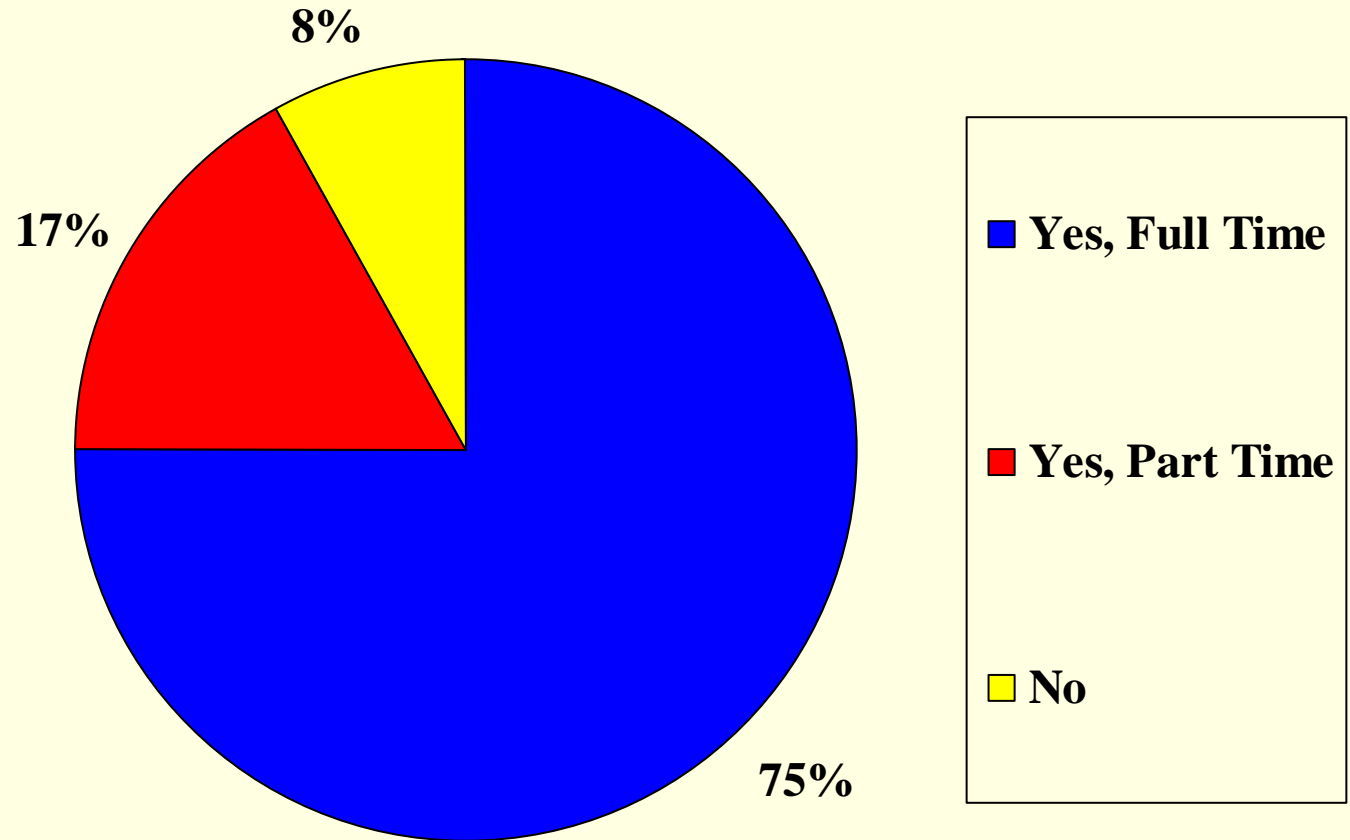


(Multiple responses accepted)

Age



Do you work on a regular basis?



What kind of work do you do most often?

- Restaurant / cook / baker
- Agriculture/landscaping
- Mechanic
- Driver
- Maid
- Waitress
- Business owner
- Cleaning services
- Salesperson
- Store worker
- Cashier
- Hotel worker
- Construction / masonry / woodworking

What kind of work do you do most often? (continued)

- Hairdresser
- Air conditioning
- Child care
- Church
- Industry
- Manicurist
- Musician
- Office worker
- Computer instructor
- Computer salesperson
- Distributor
- Electrician

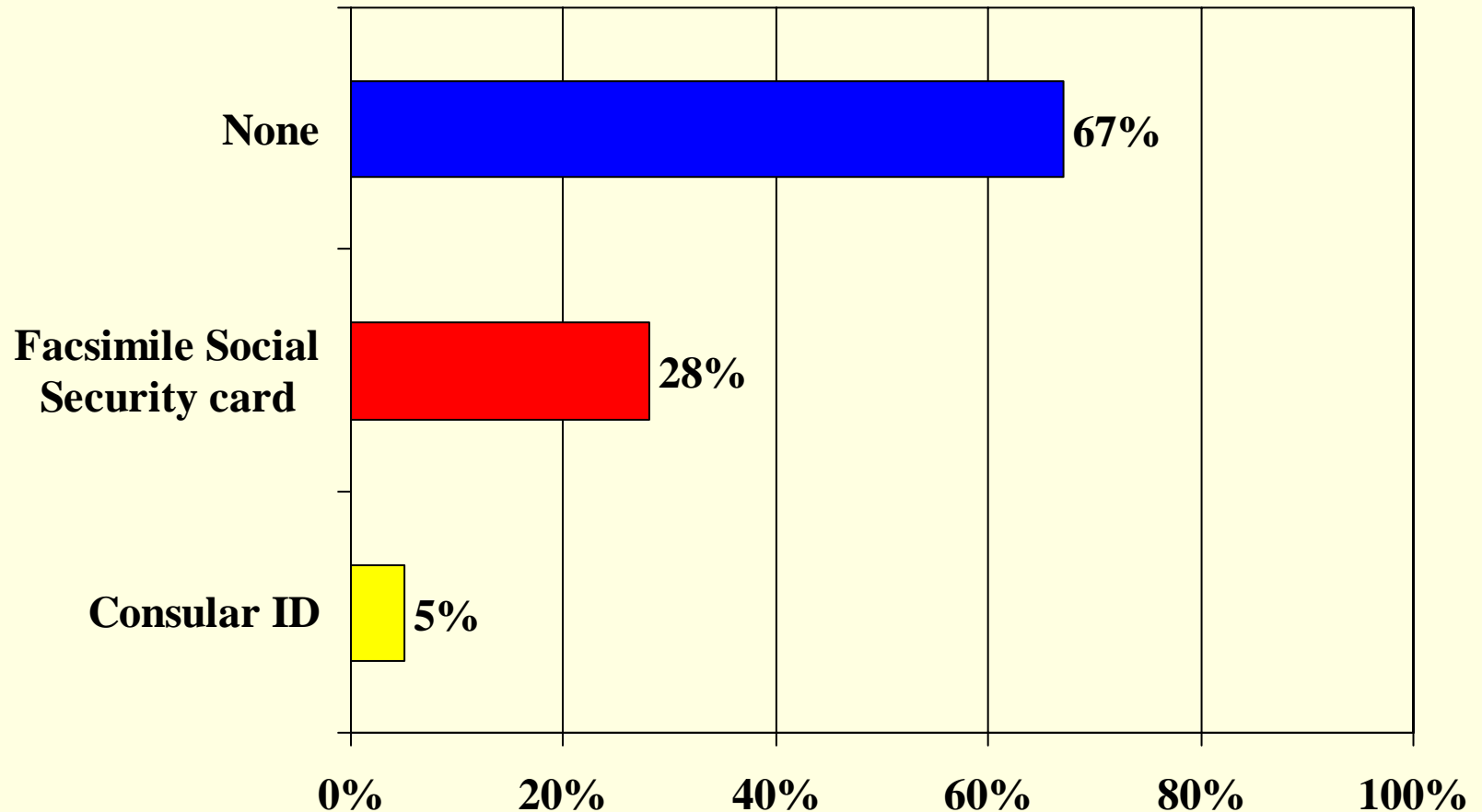
What kind of work do you do most often? (continued)

- Factory worker
- Freelance
- Gas station attendant
- Industry - aluminum
- Industry - clothing
- Industry - shoes
- Industry textiles
- Insurance
- Maintenance
- Market worker
- Masseuse

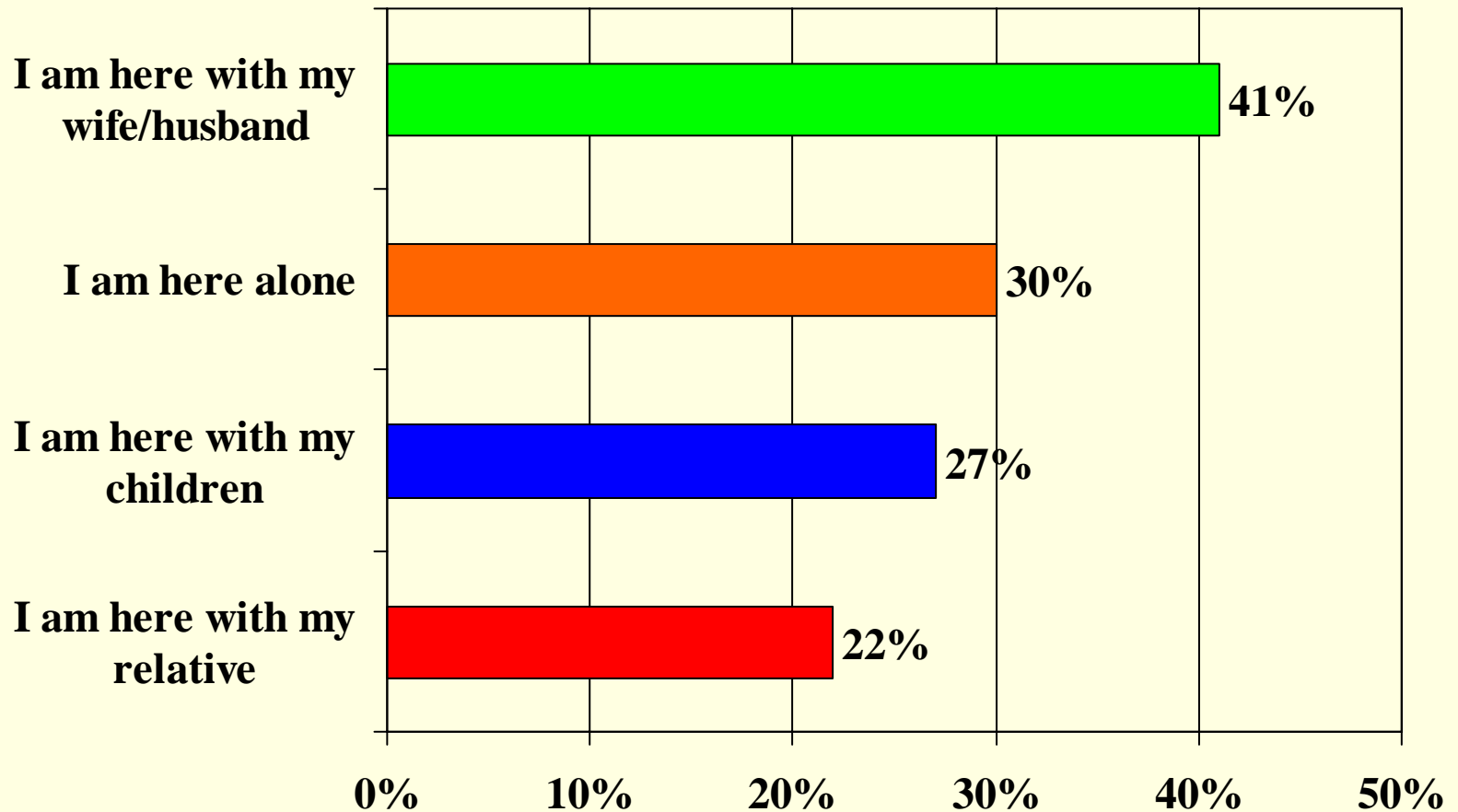
What kind of work do you do most often? (continued)

- Painter
- Plumber
- Print shop worker
- Real estate
- Roof repair
- Seamstress
- Secretary
- Security systems installer
- Store manager
- Television repair
- Upholstery
- Parking attendant

What documents if any do you need to show your employer before you are given a job?

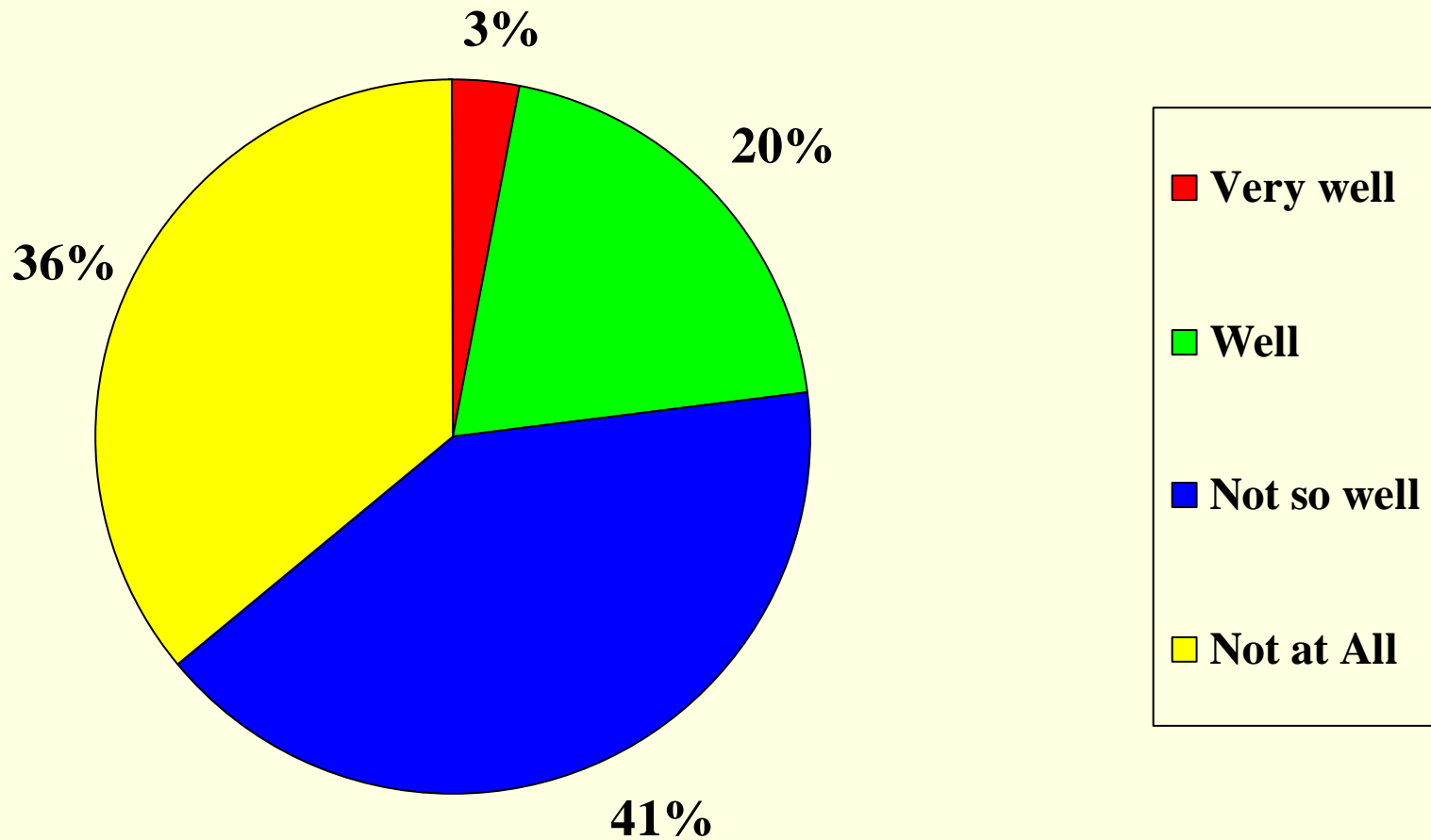


Are you here with your husband (wife) and / or children or are you here alone ?

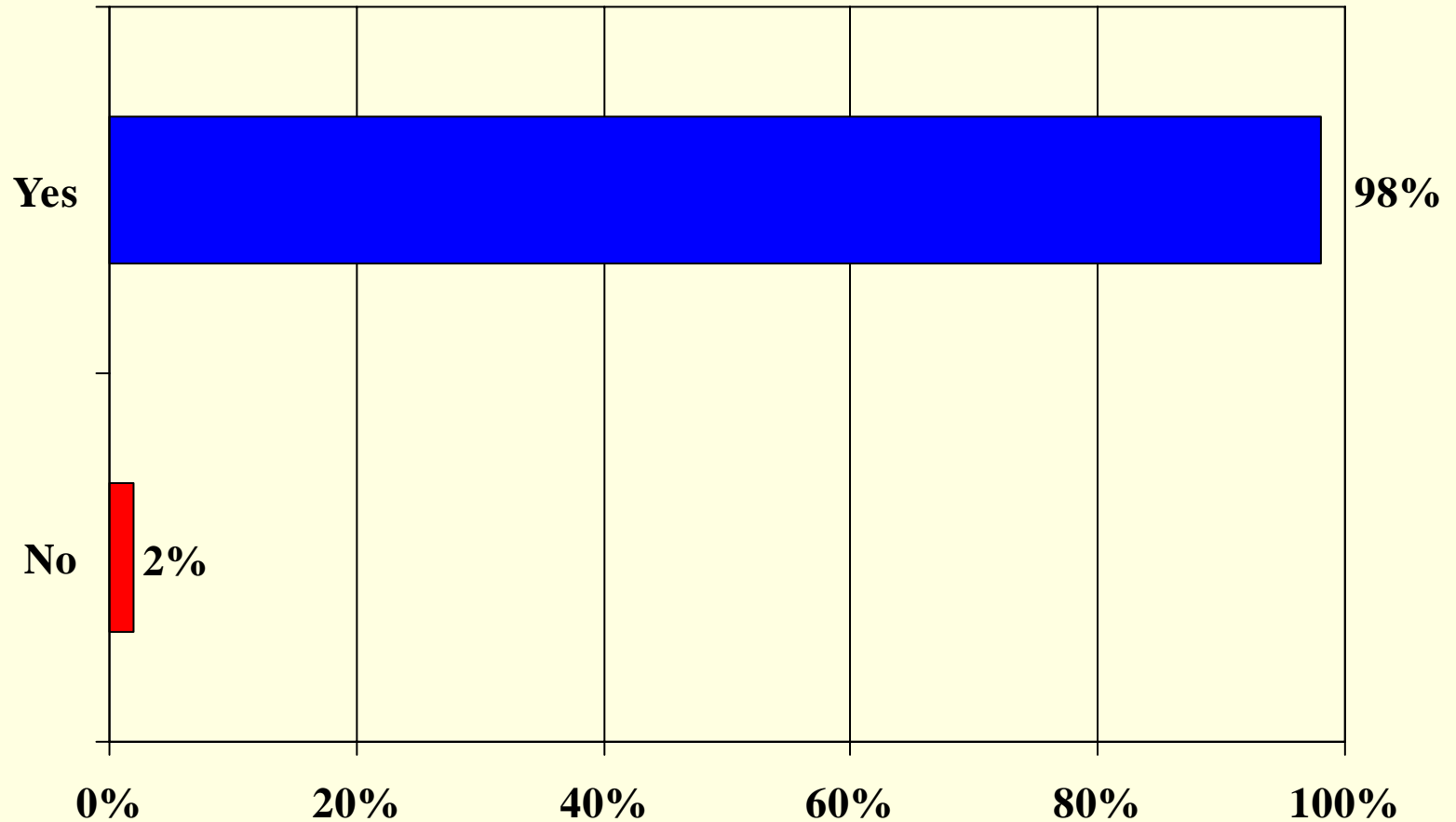


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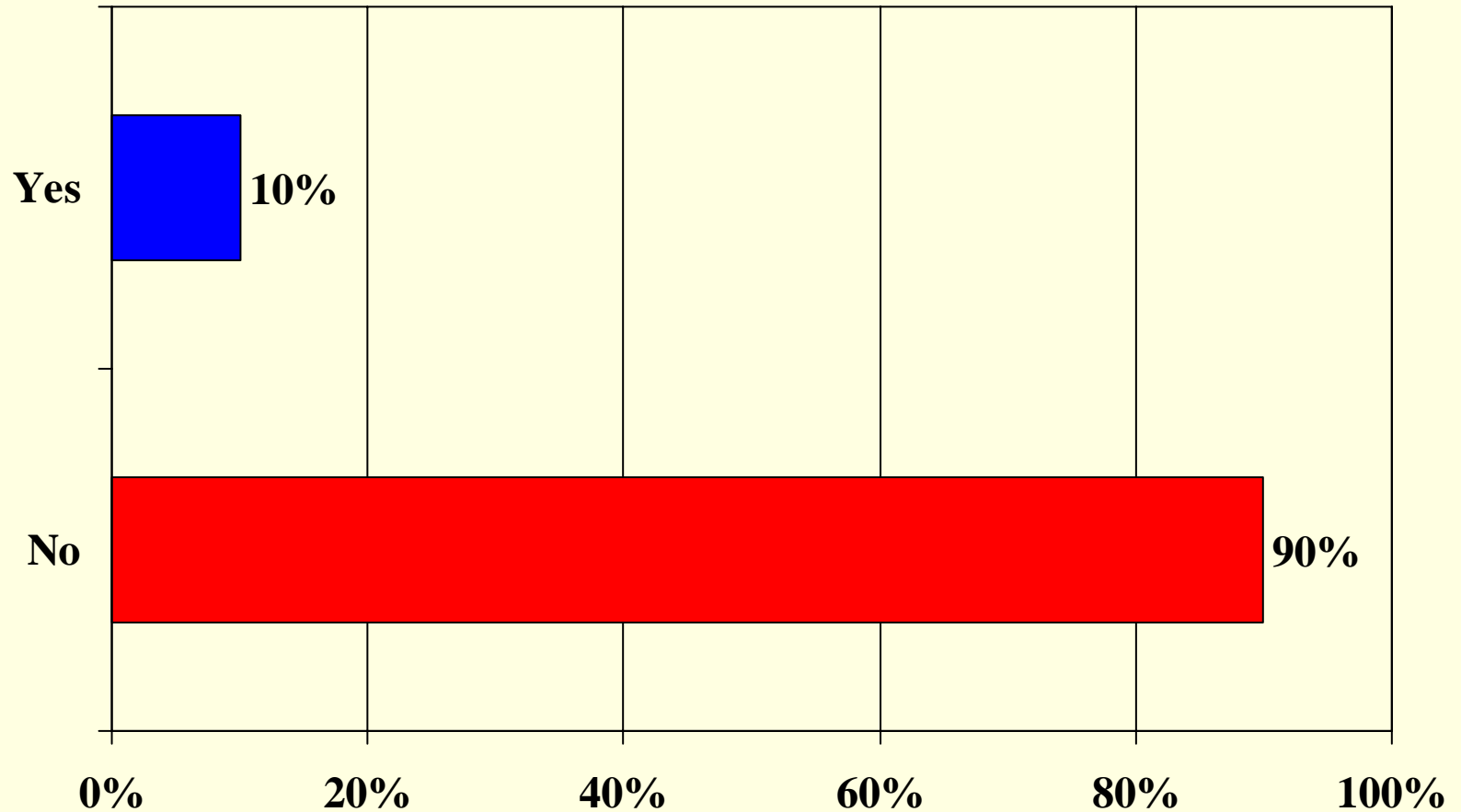
How well do you speak English?



Would you like to learn to speak English?



Have you ever been arrested by the police in the United States?

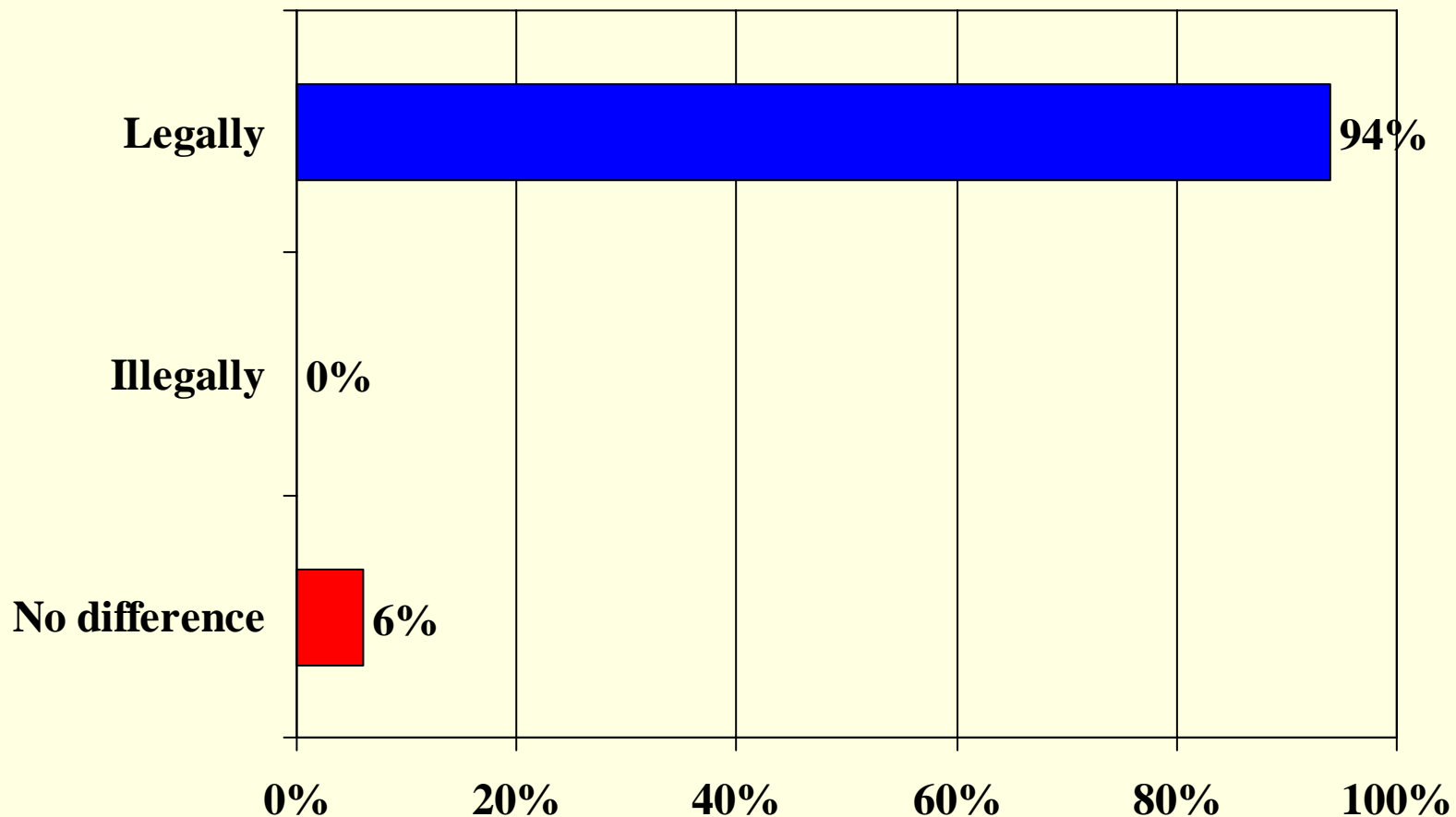




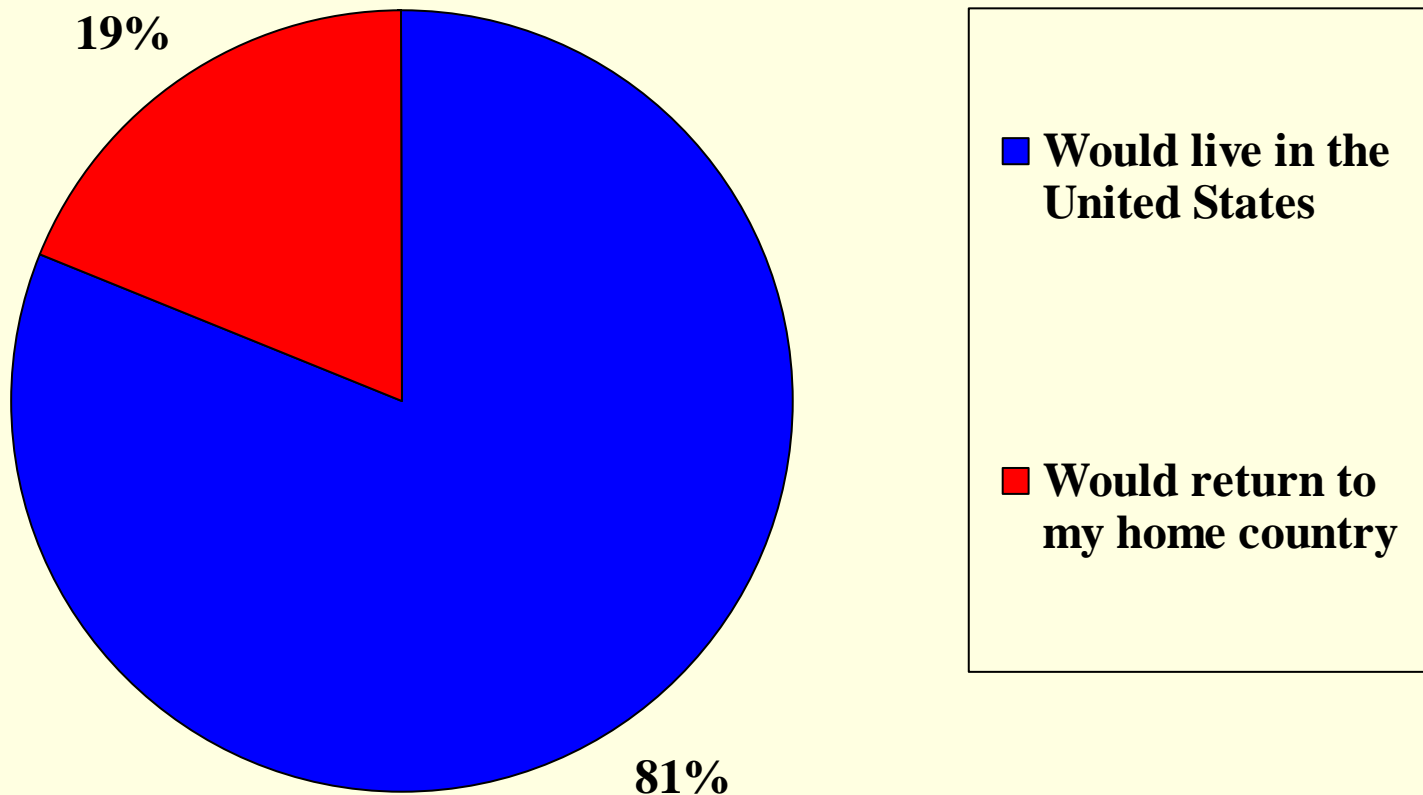
The Mindset of the Undocumented Immigrant



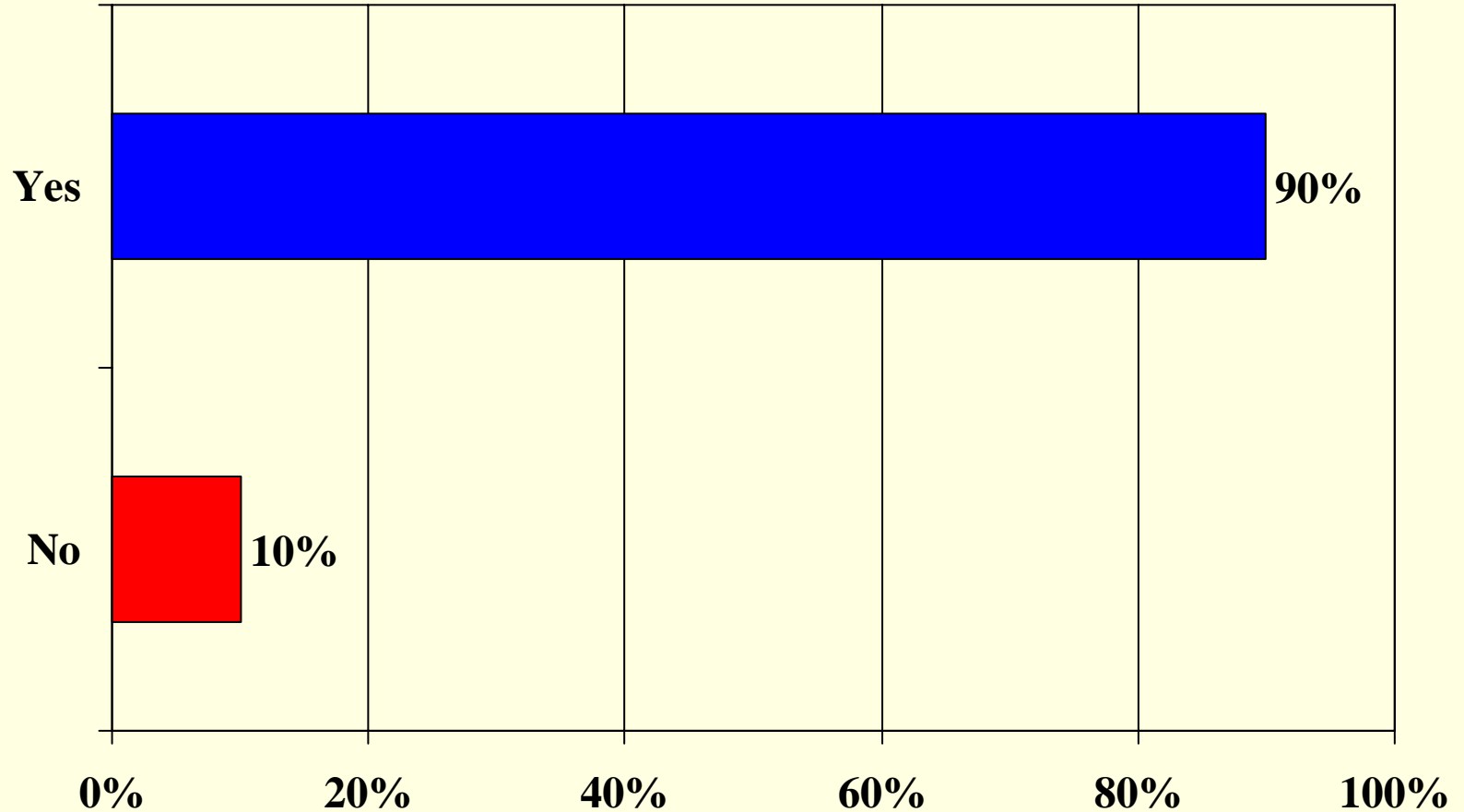
Based on your personal experience, is it better to come to the United States legally or illegally?



If you were able to legalize your status, would you live and work in the United States for the rest of your life or would you return to your home country in the future and live and work there permanently?



If it were possible, would you become a citizen of the United States?

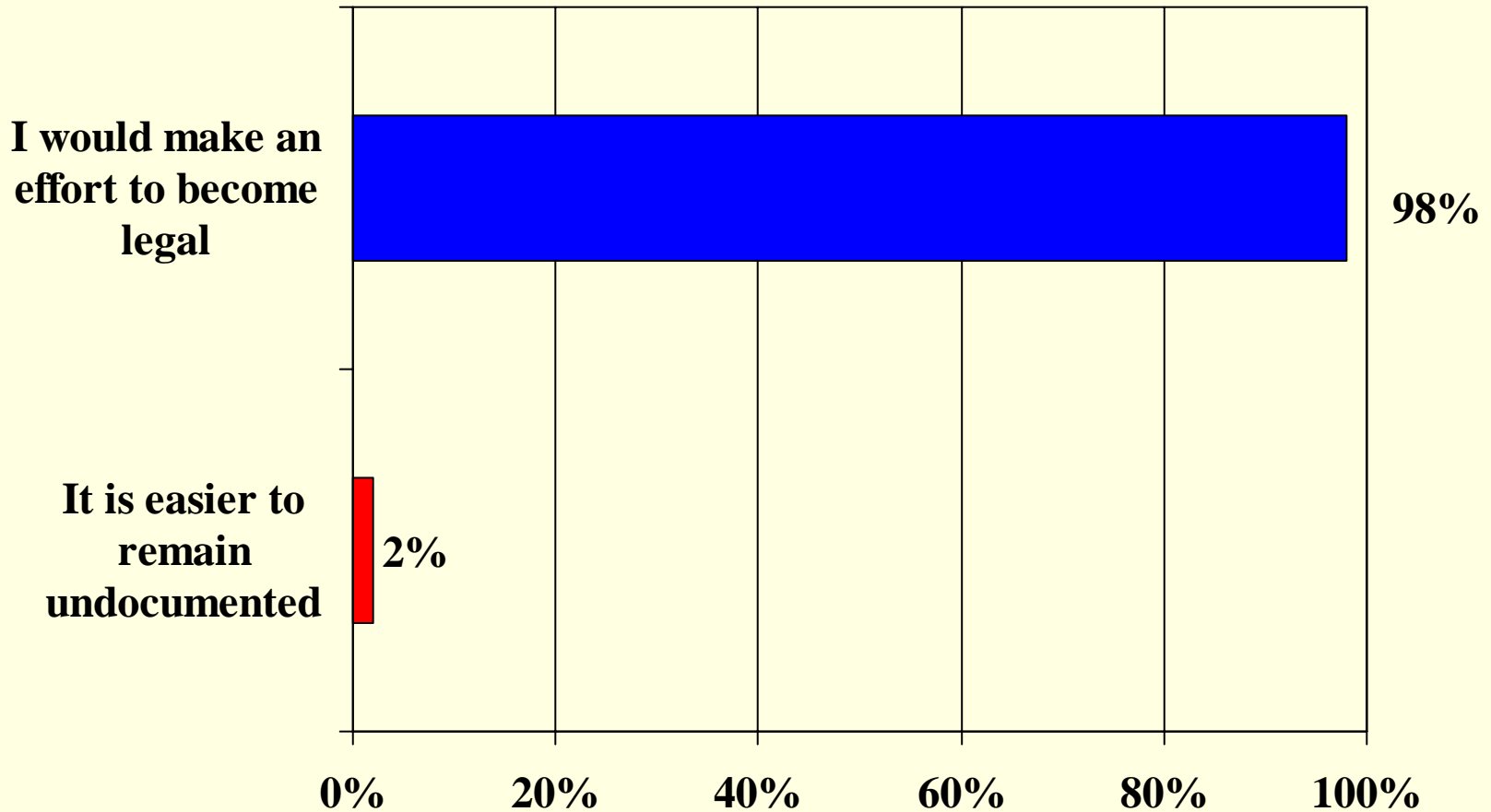




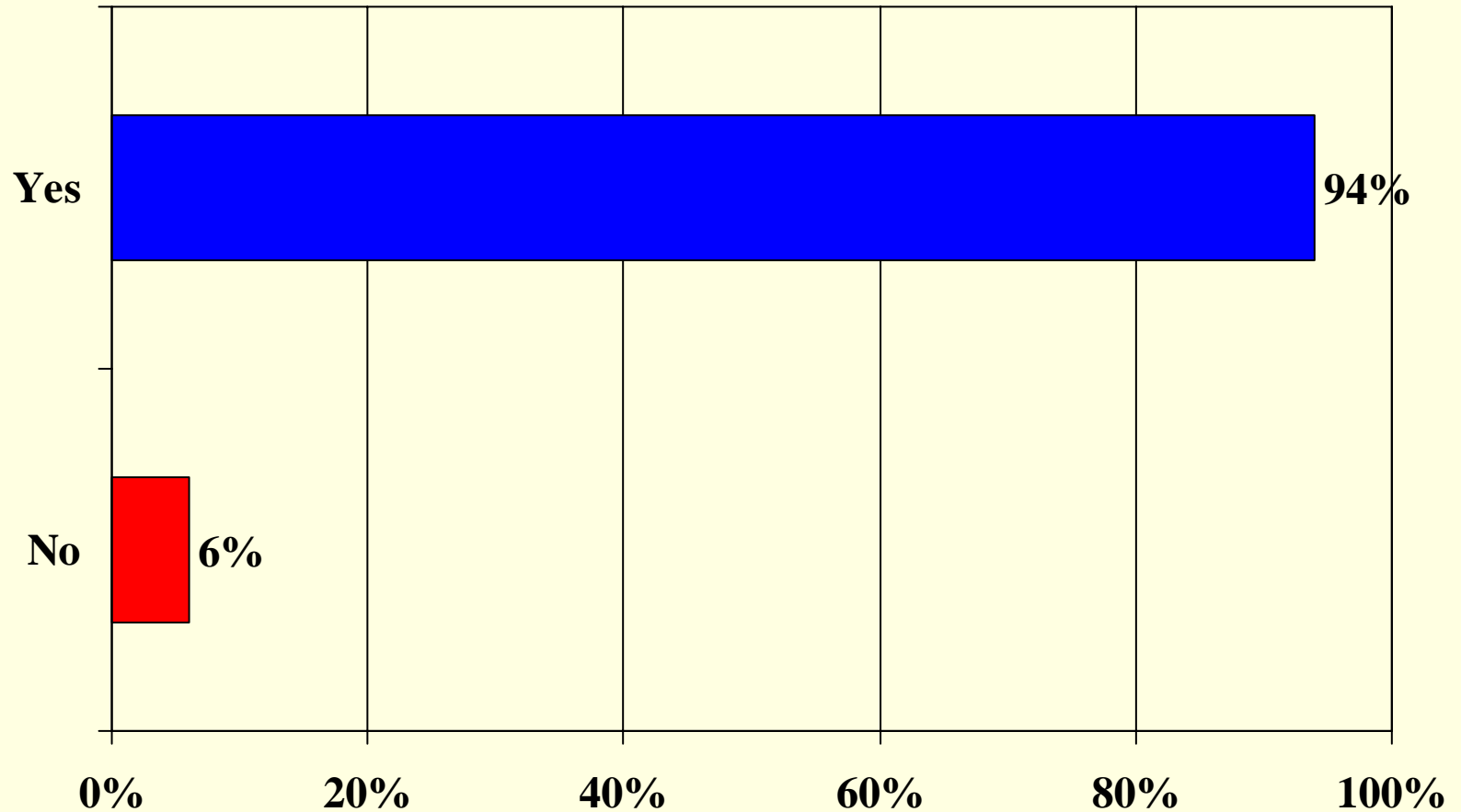
Legalizing their Status



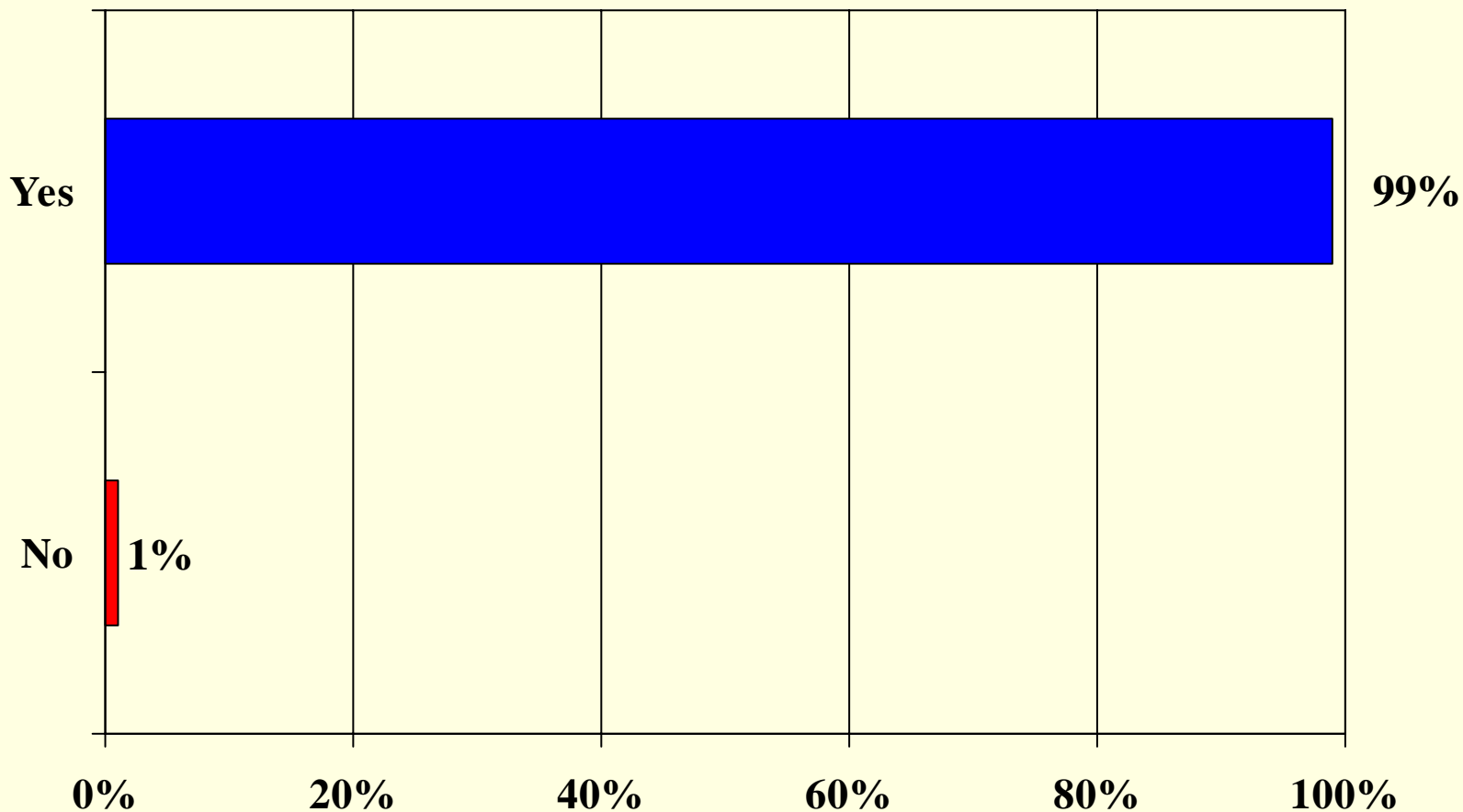
If the government of the United States approved a new law that would allow the undocumented to legalize their status, would you make an effort to become legal or is it just easier to remain undocumented?



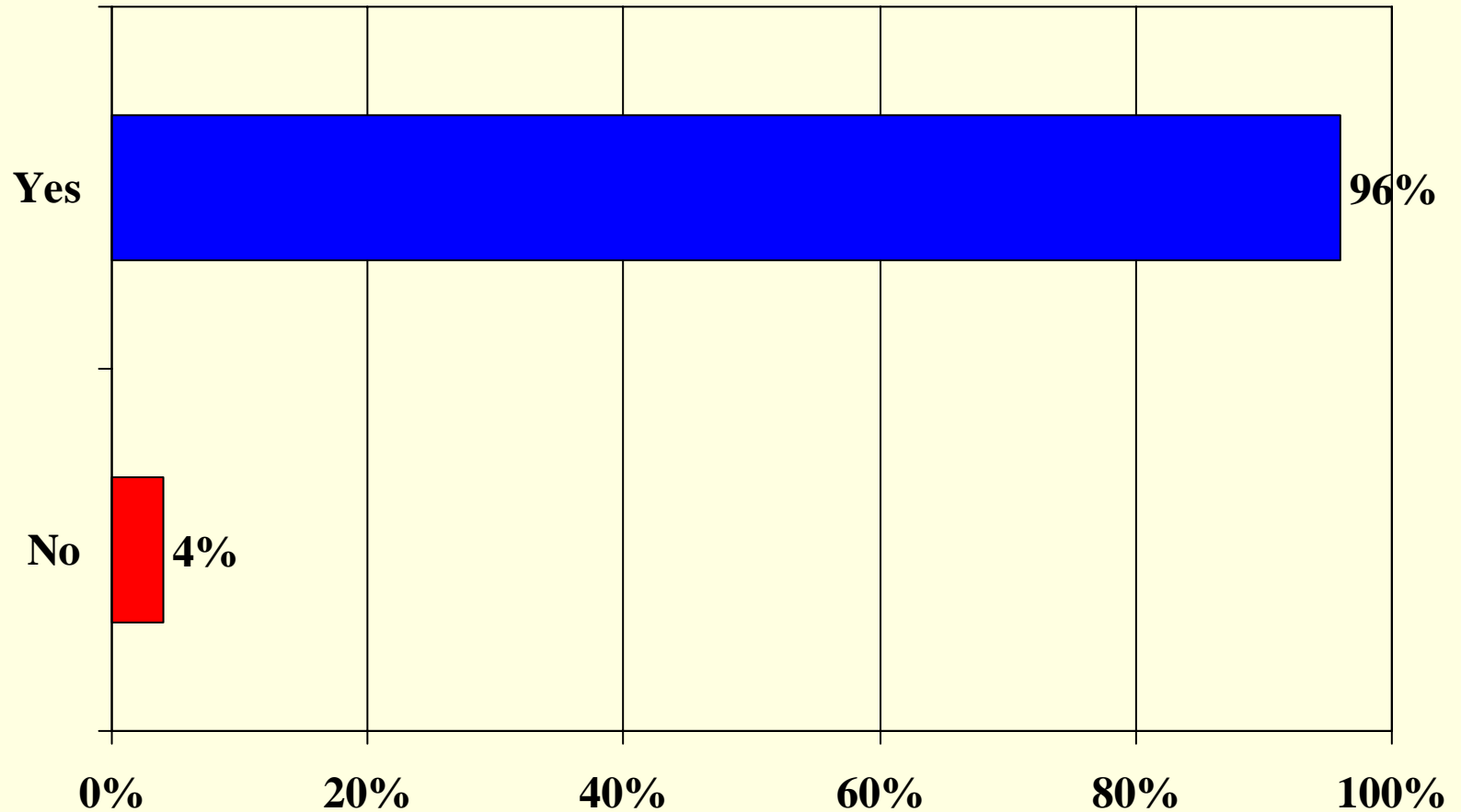
Would you be willing to go to a government office, admit that you were here illegally and give them your real name and other information if this was the first step to legalize your status in the United States?



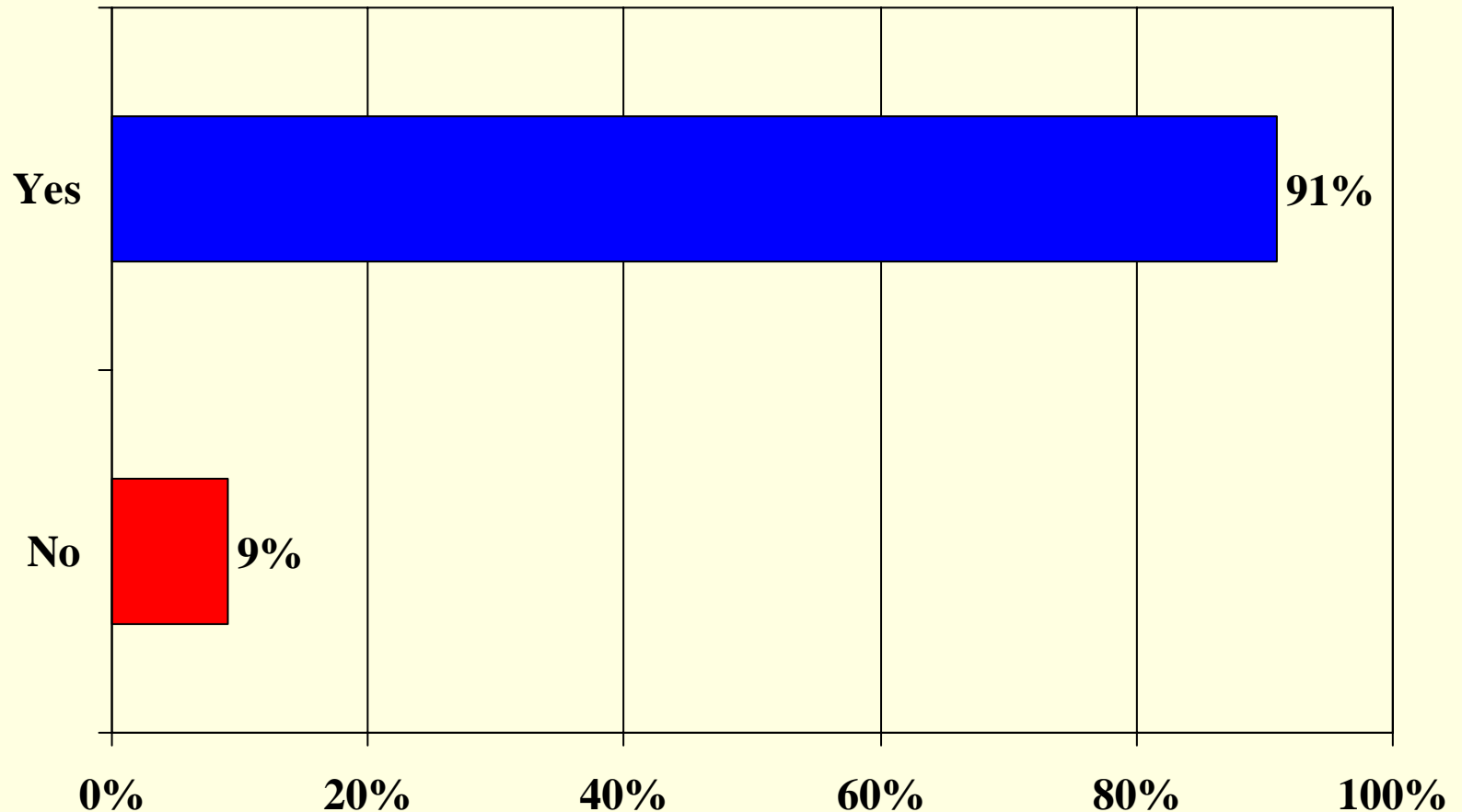
Would you be willing to notify the government of any address changes during the time that your status was being legalized?



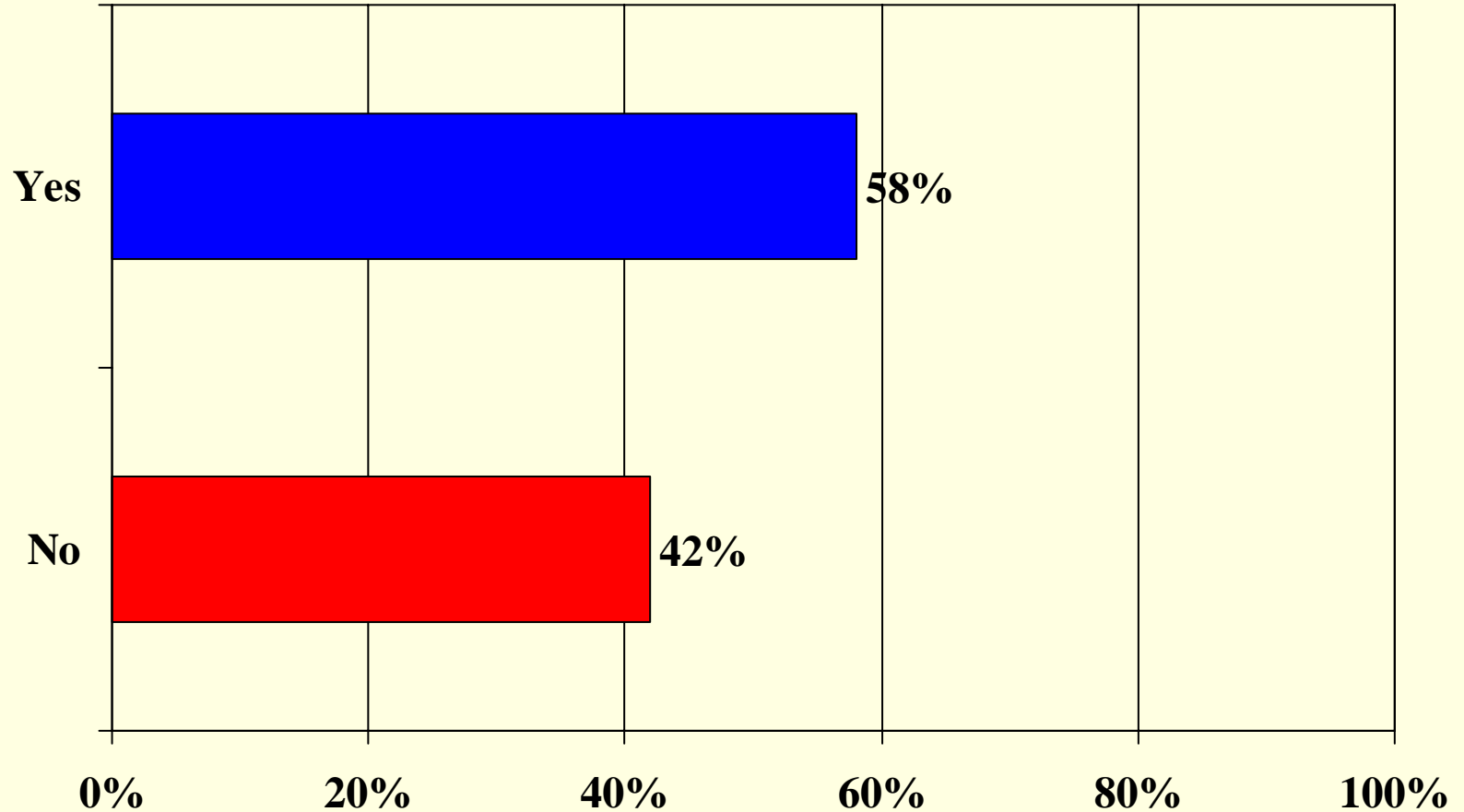
Would you be willing to be fingerprinted and agree to a criminal background check as part of the process that would legalize your status?



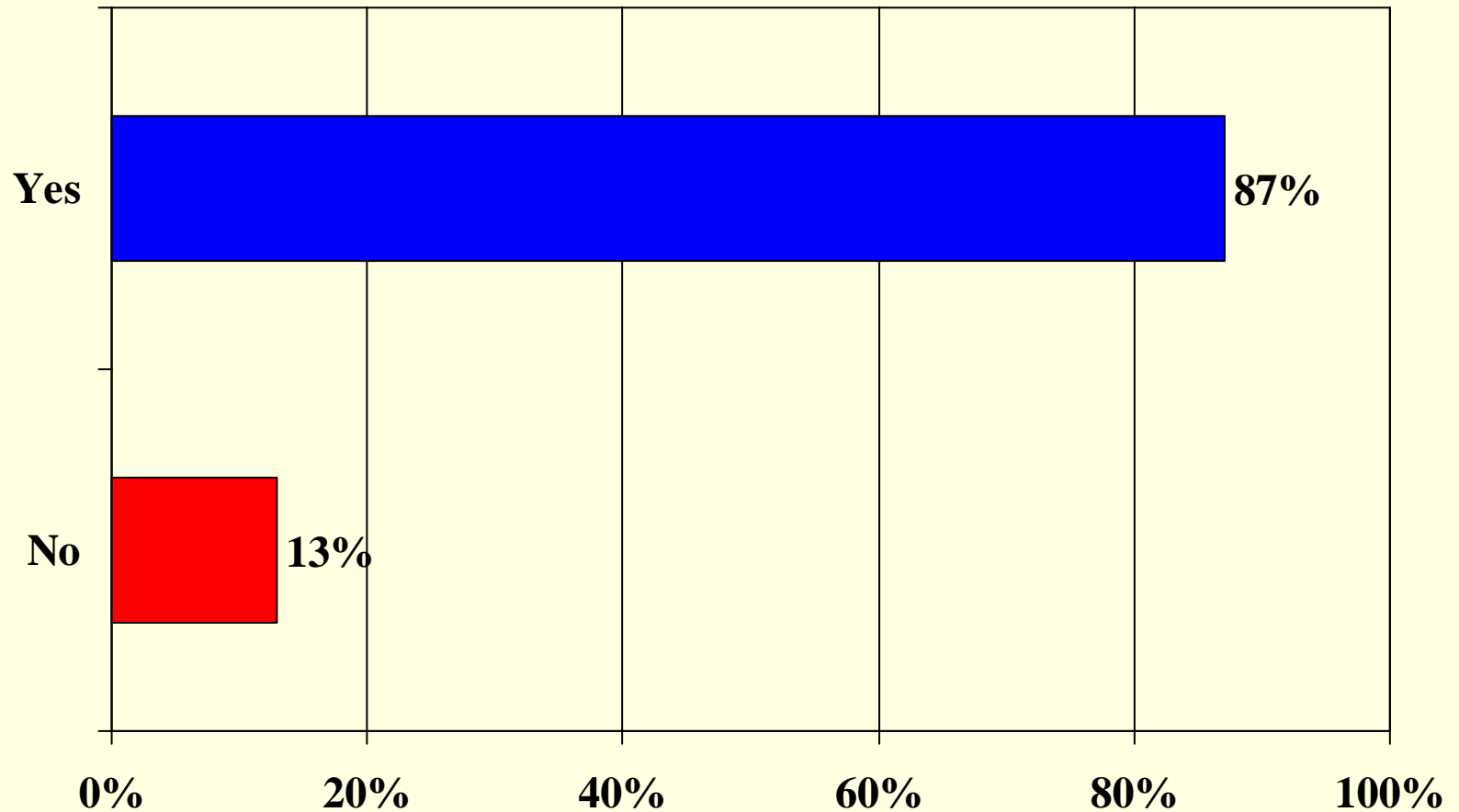
Would you be willing to pay a fine of \$1,000 to the government as a condition to begin the process of legalizing your status?



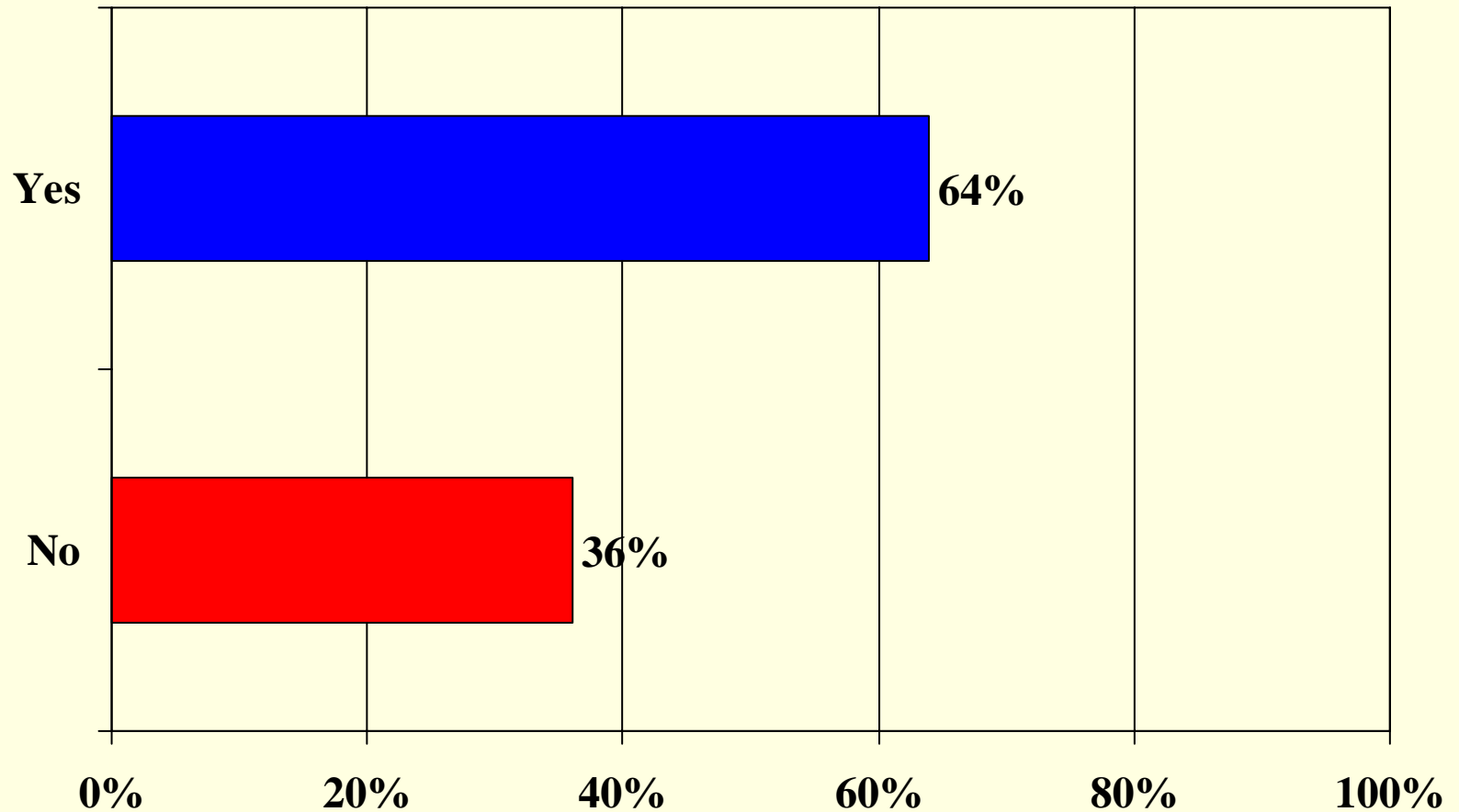
What if the fine was \$2,000



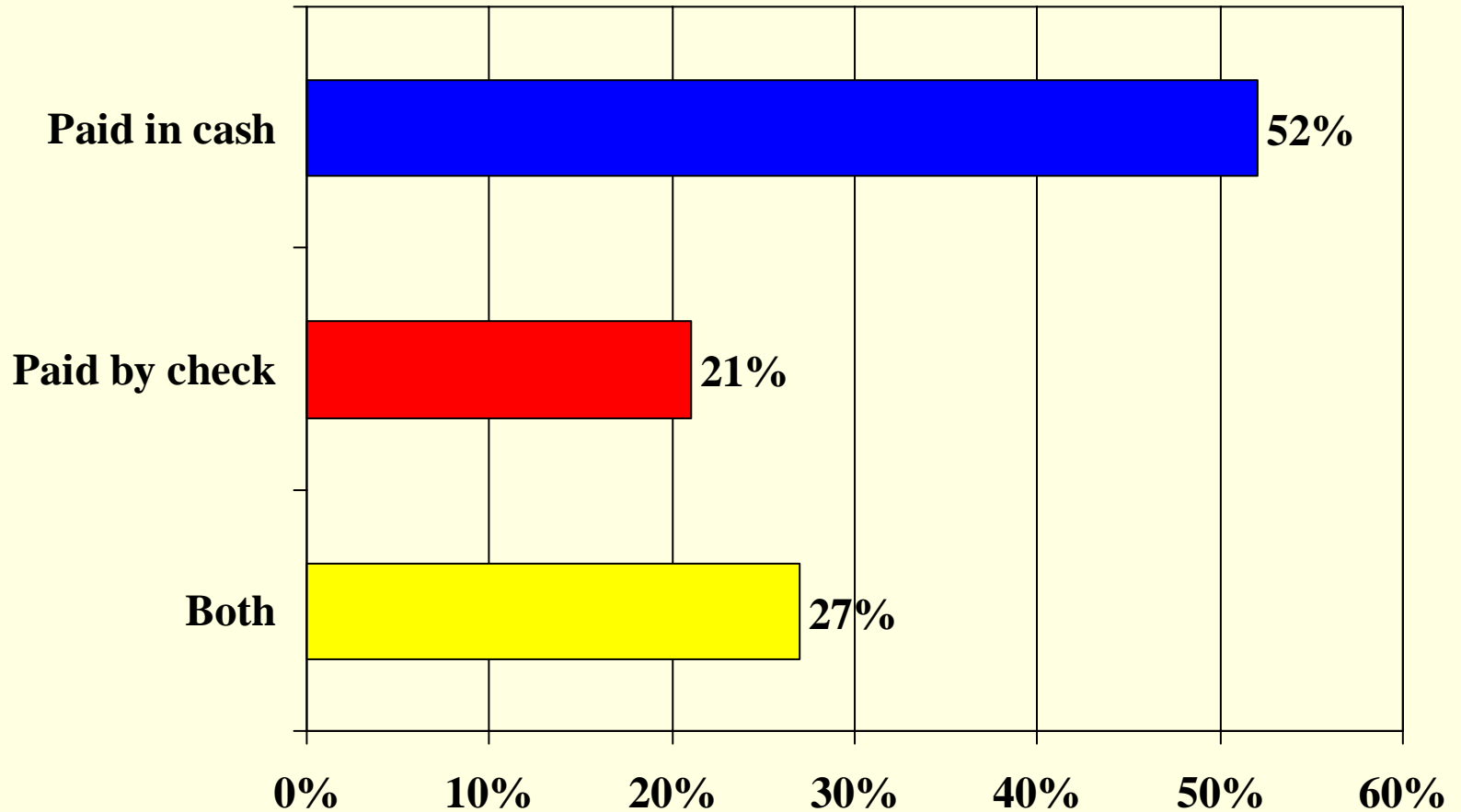
Would you be willing to enroll in a class that would help you learn to speak English as part of the process to legalize your status?



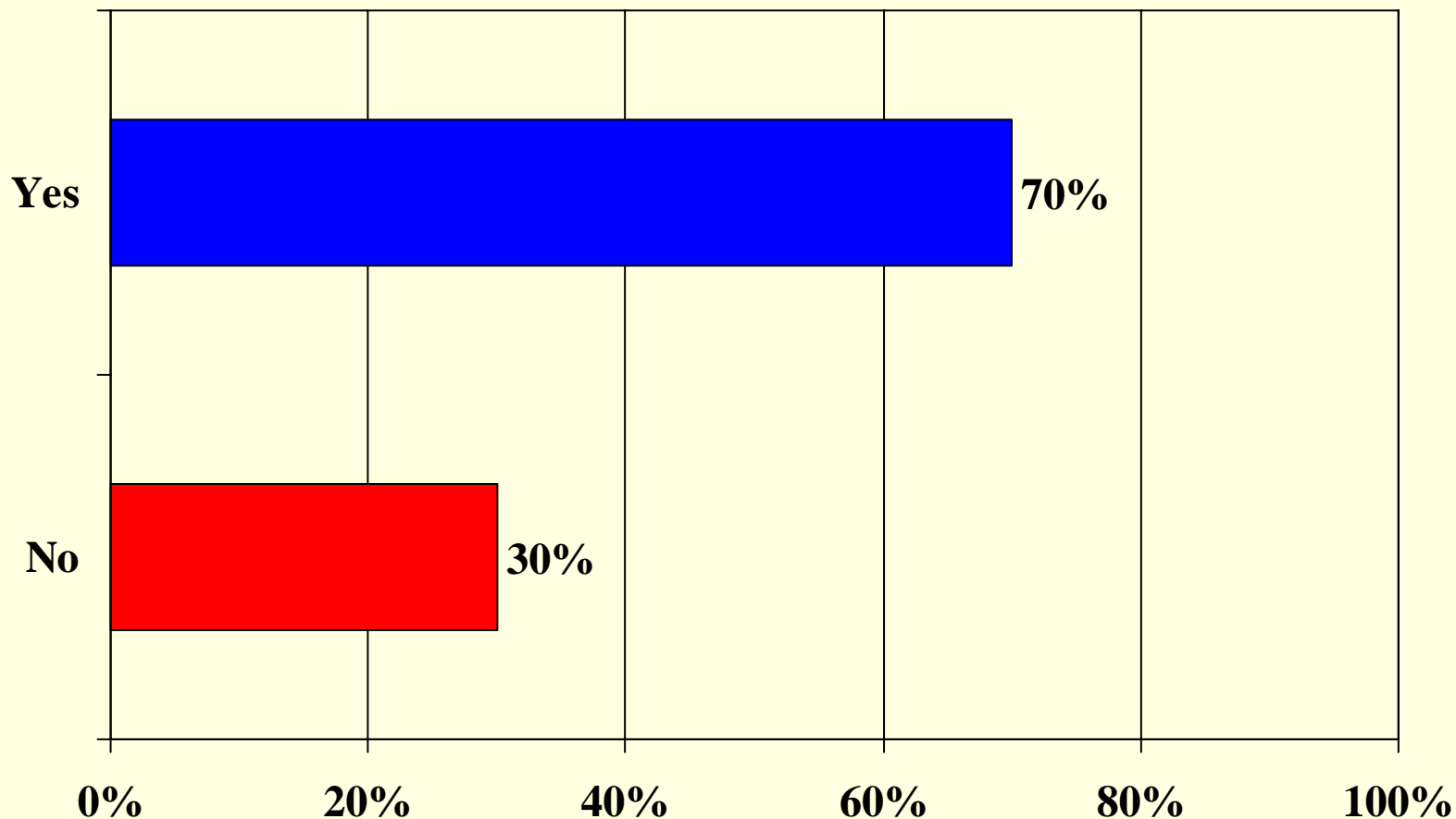
Would you be able to prove that you have worked in the United States since you arrived?



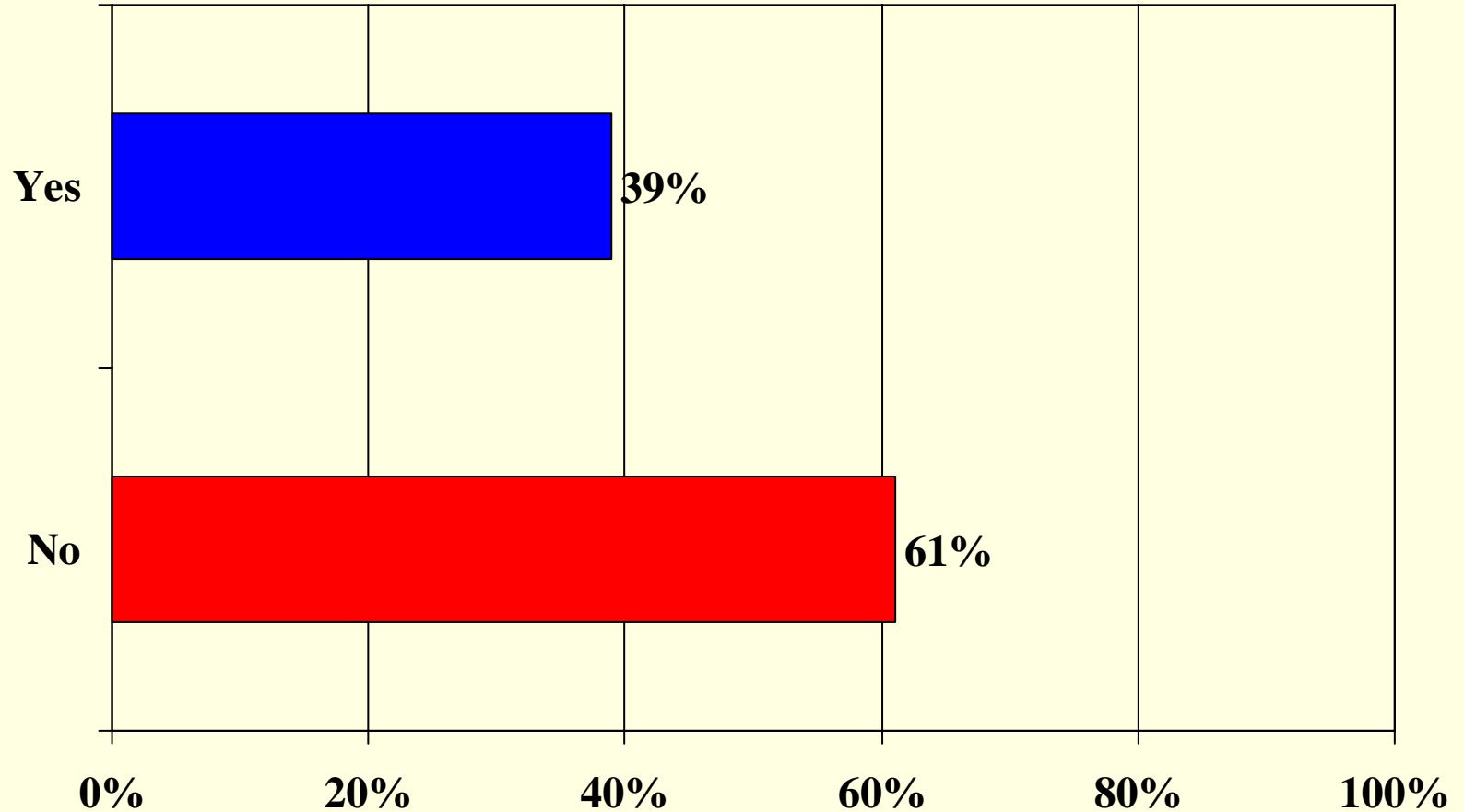
Do you get paid mostly in cash or do you get paid by check?



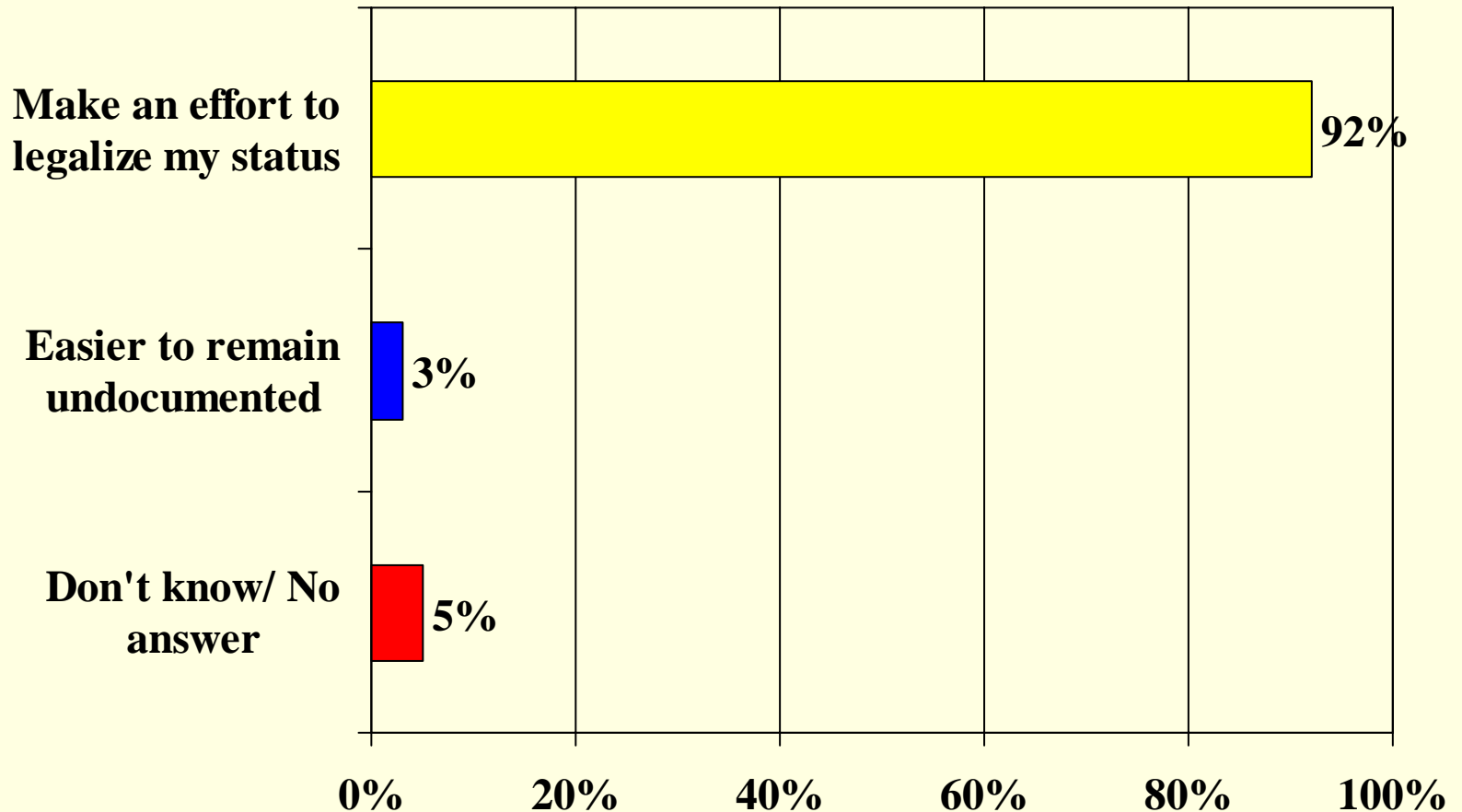
Would you be willing to pay any taxes that you owe as part of the process to legalize your status?



Does money get deducted from your pay check to pay taxes?



Let's summarize. The new law would require you to ... If the new law was approved, would you make the effort to legalize your status or is it easier to remain undocumented ?



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