



Violence Prevention Coalition
of Greater Los Angeles

VPC Member Survey 2010

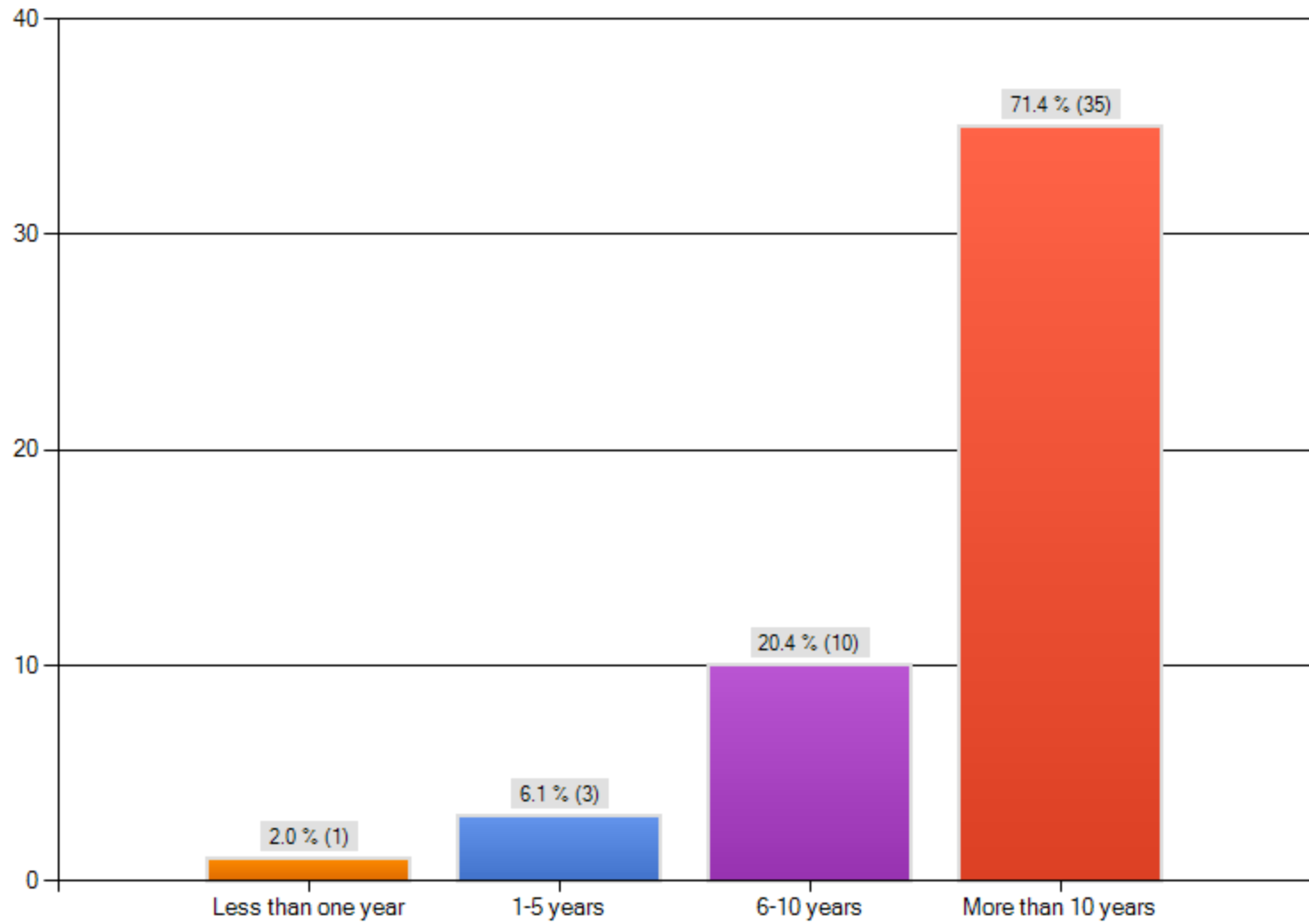
Survey Results
February 17, 2010

Background

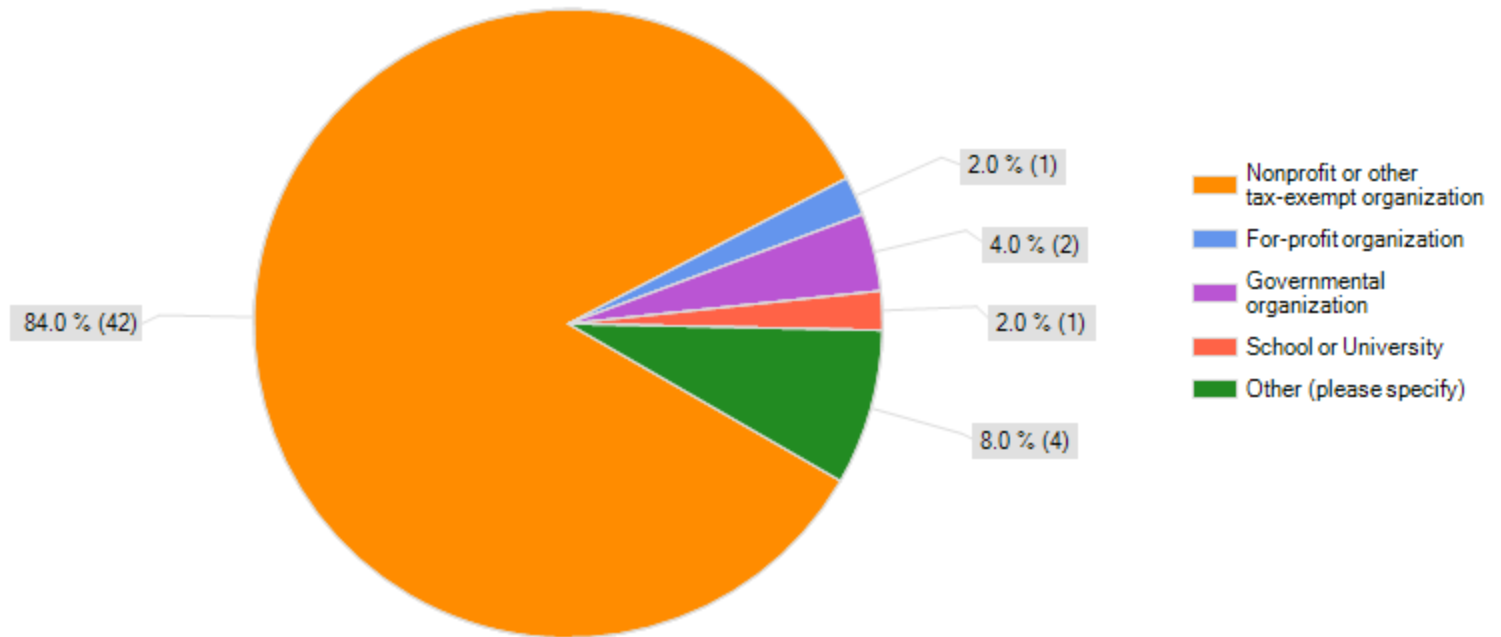
- Online survey using SurveyMonkey.com
- Goals:
 - To assess the current needs, interests and activities of the VPC membership
 - To guide the future direction of the coalition
 - To plan a schedule of trainings and events for 2010
- Invitations sent January 20, 2010
- Response Rate: 54% (53/99)

Organization Information

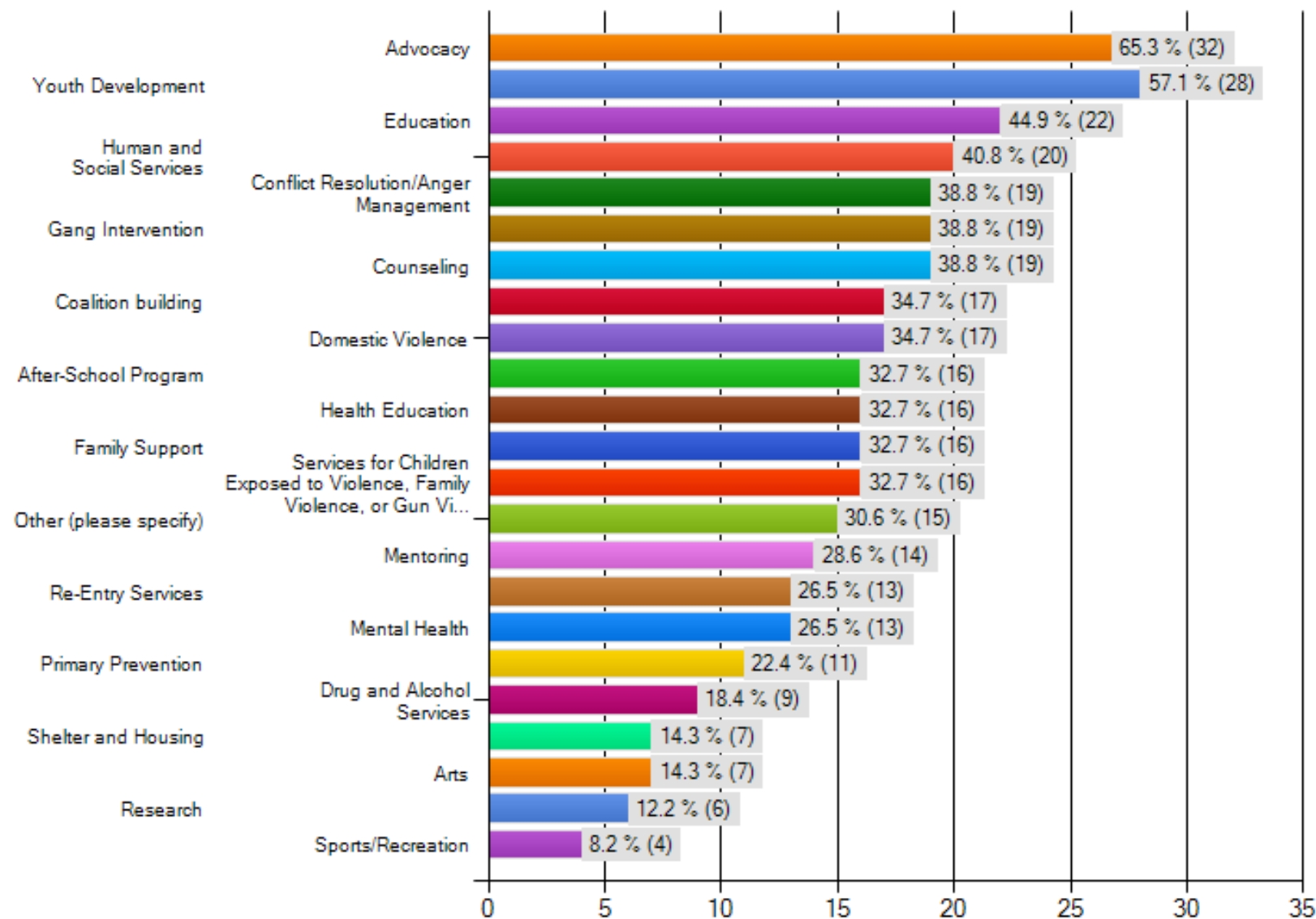
How many years has your organization been in existence?



What type is your organization?

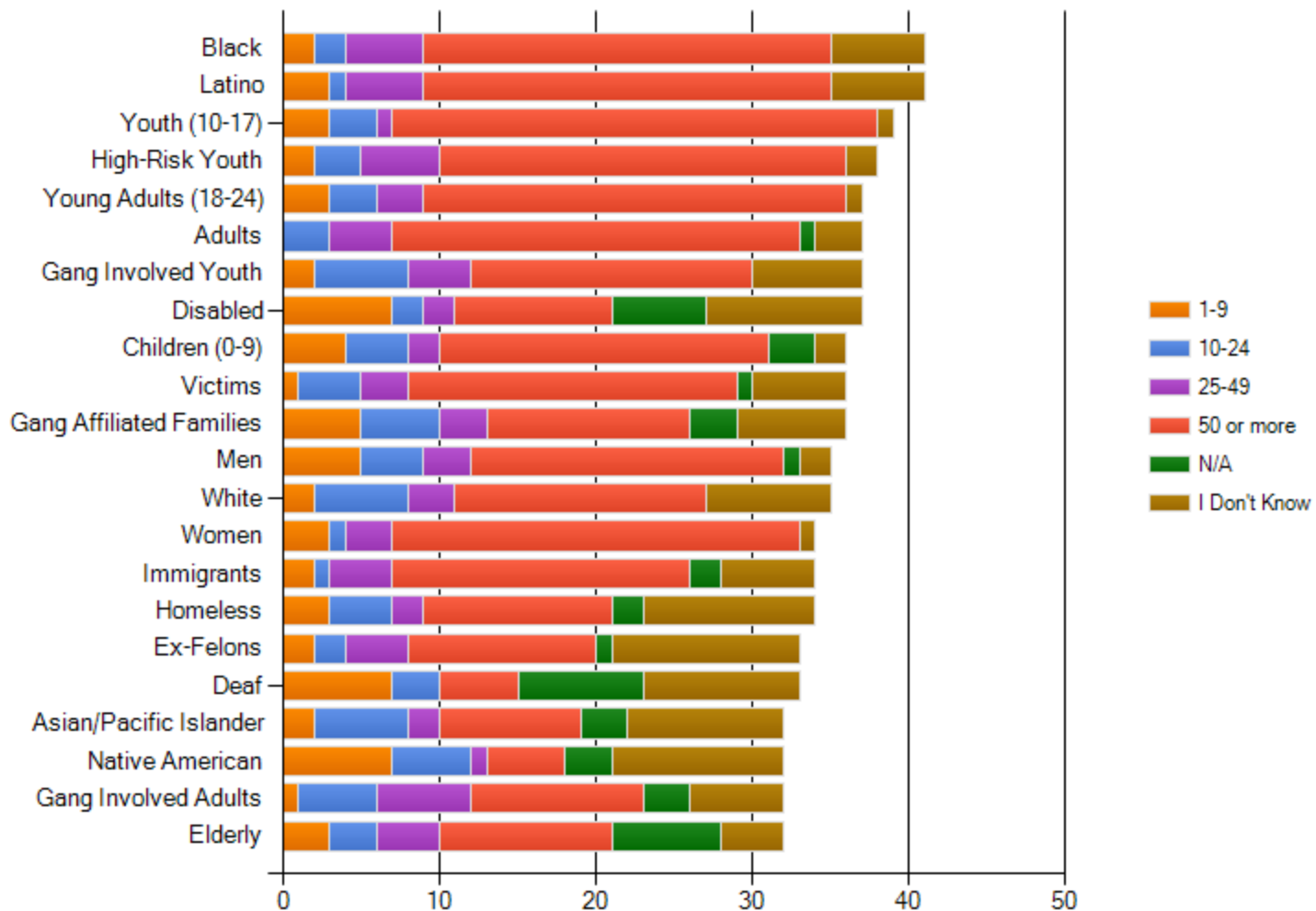


How would you describe the type of services provided by your agency? (Check all that apply)



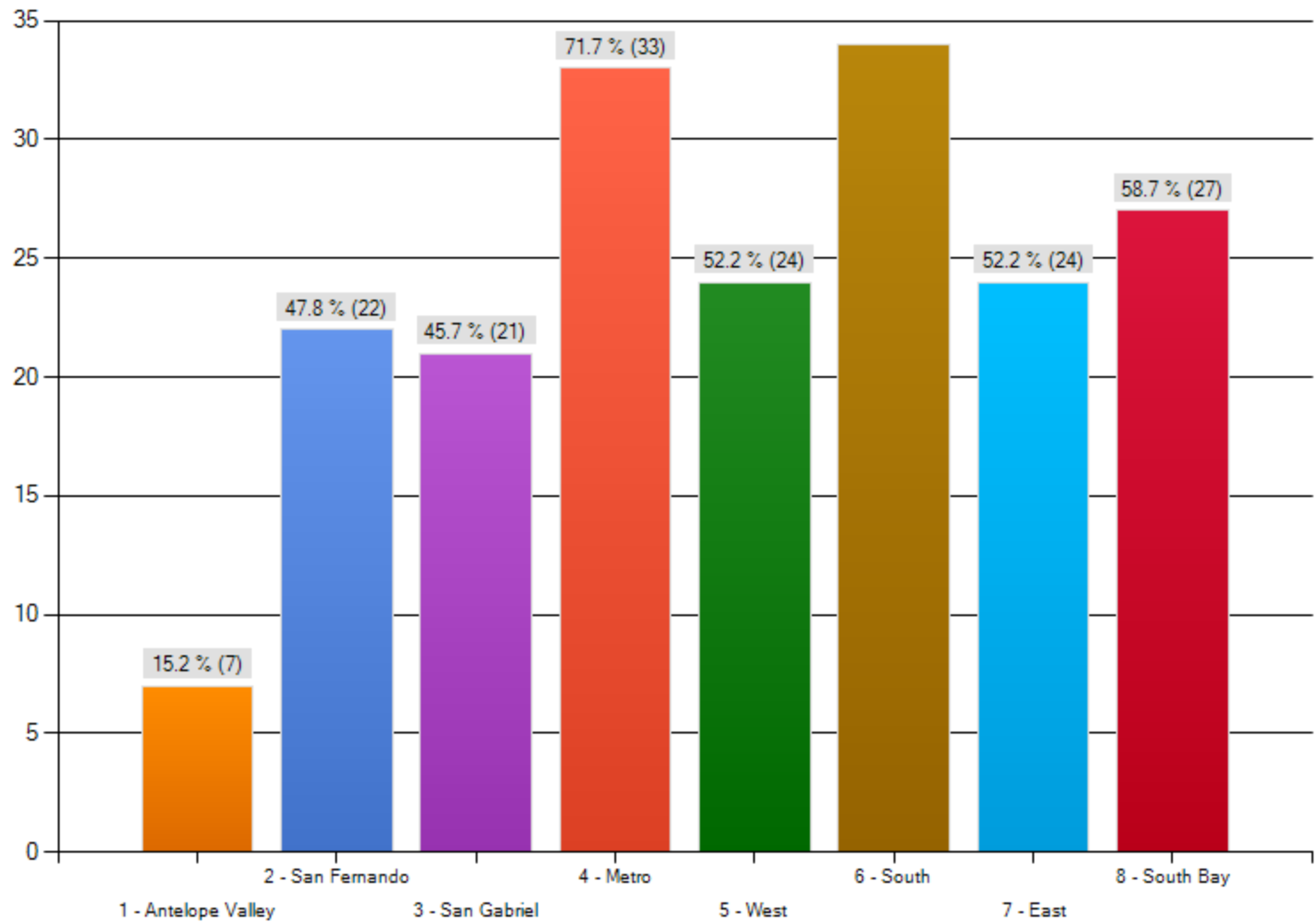


Number of organizations serving various populations and the amount of individuals served

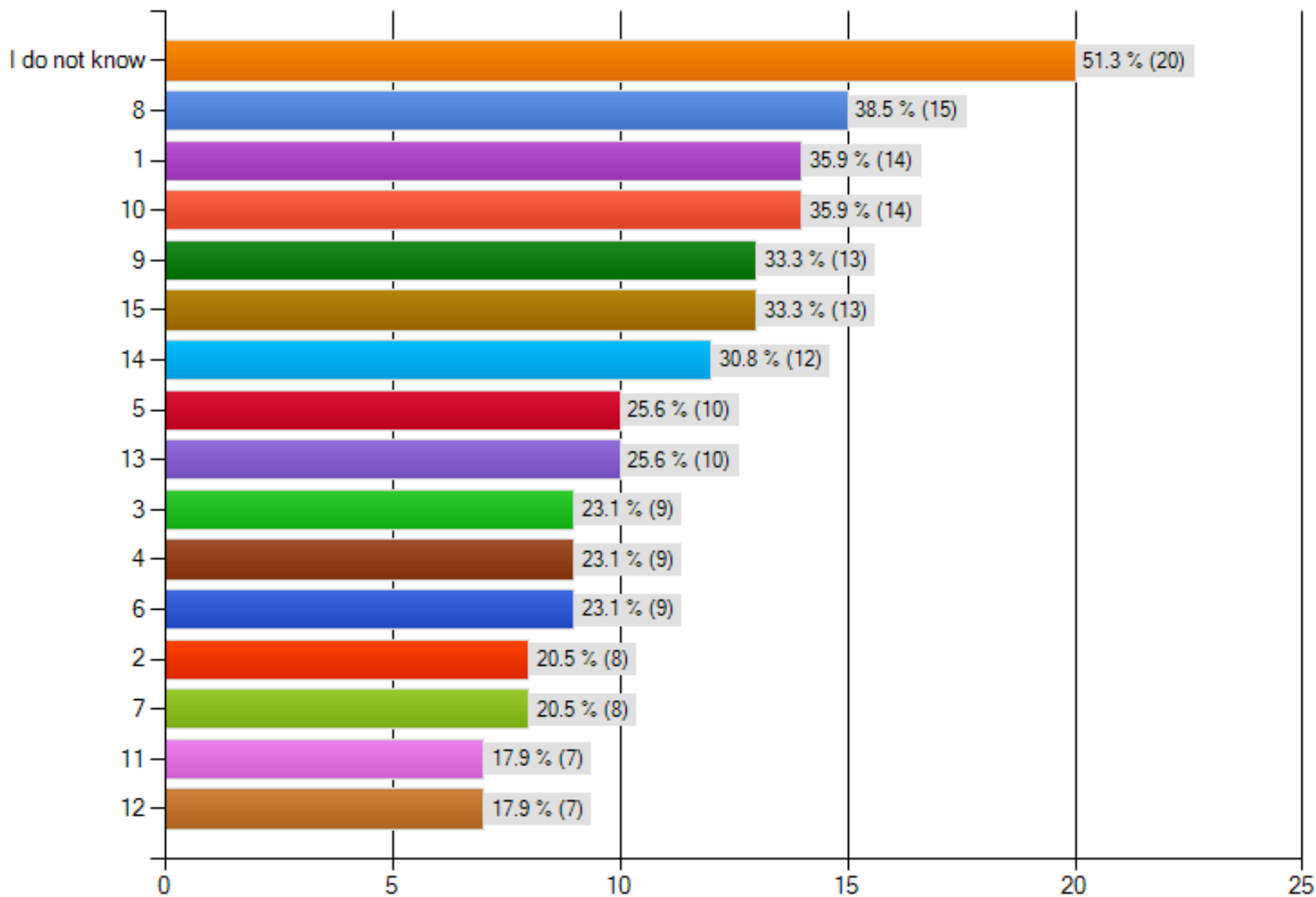




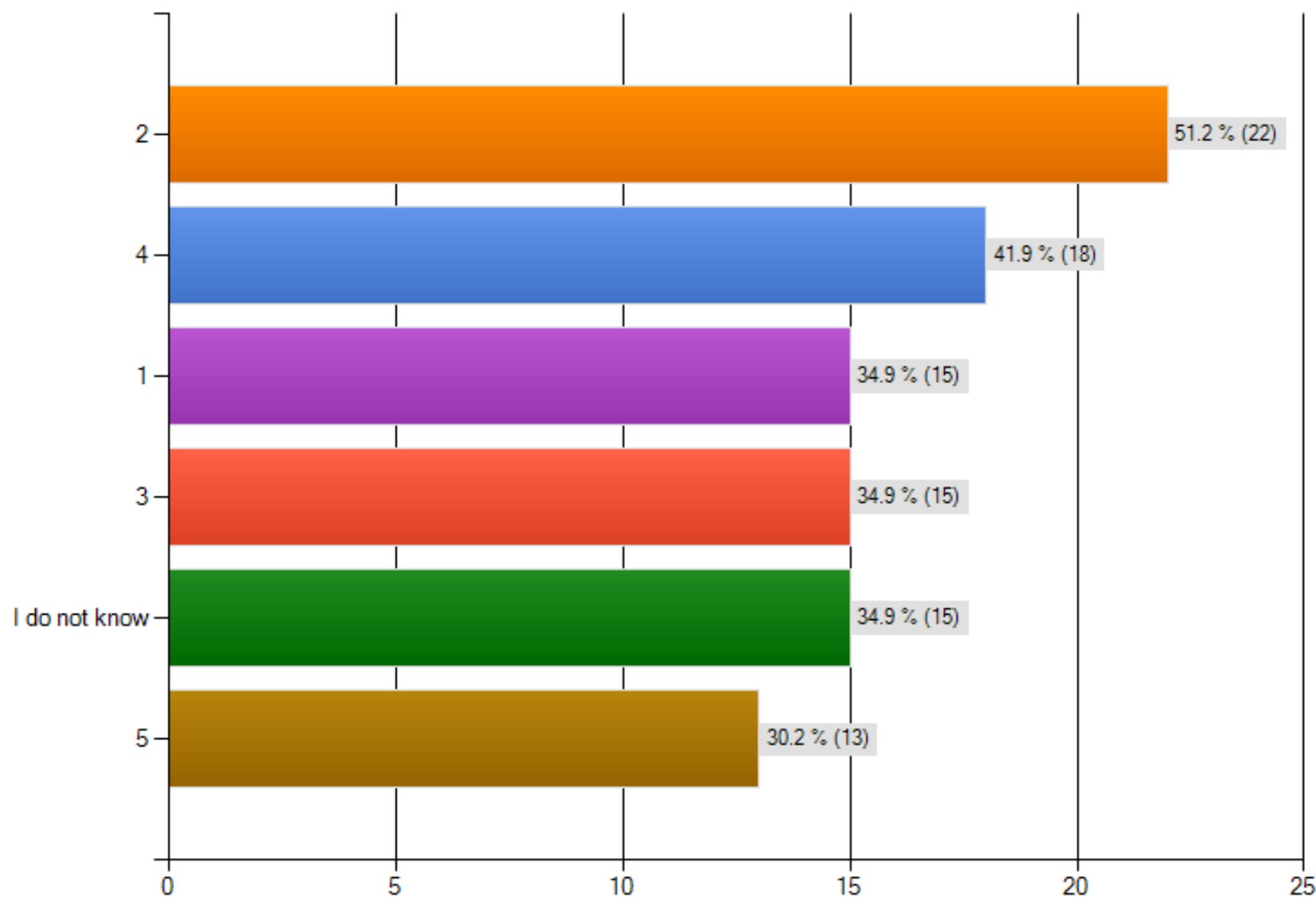
SPAs where populations served are located



Please indicate the Los Angeles City Council District(s) where the population your organization serves is located.

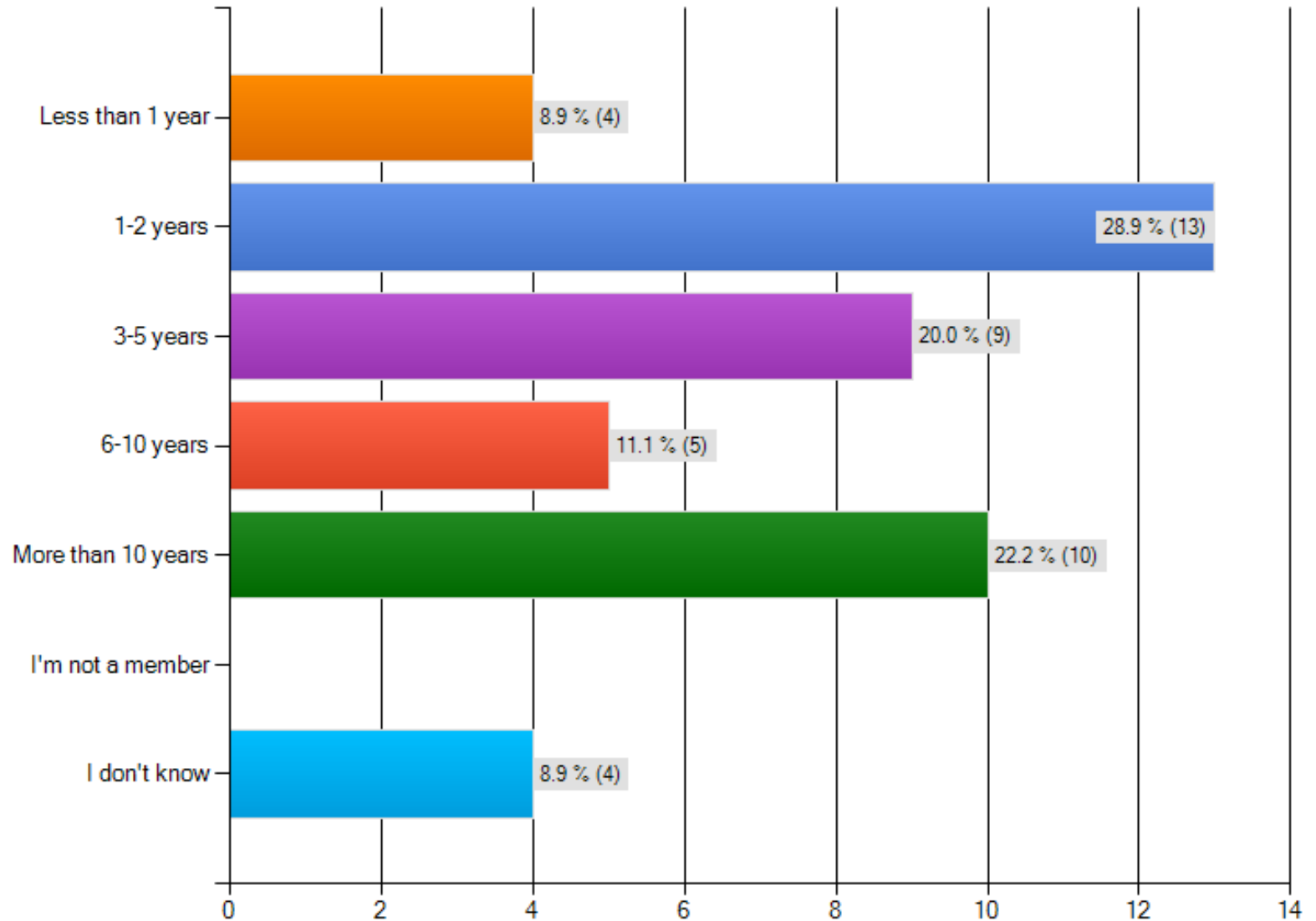


Please indicate the Los Angeles County Supervisorial District(s) where the population your organization serves is located.

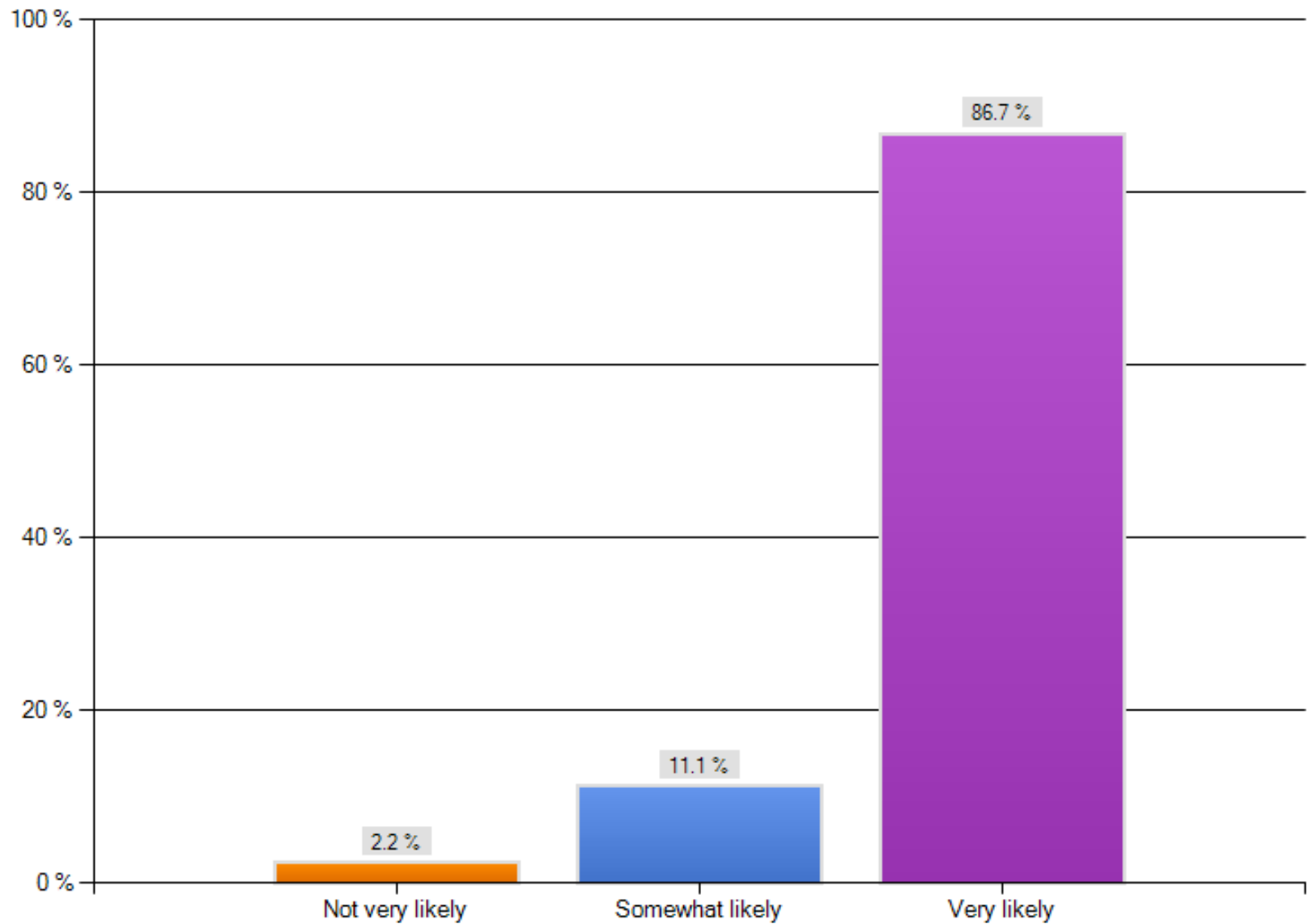


VPC Involvement

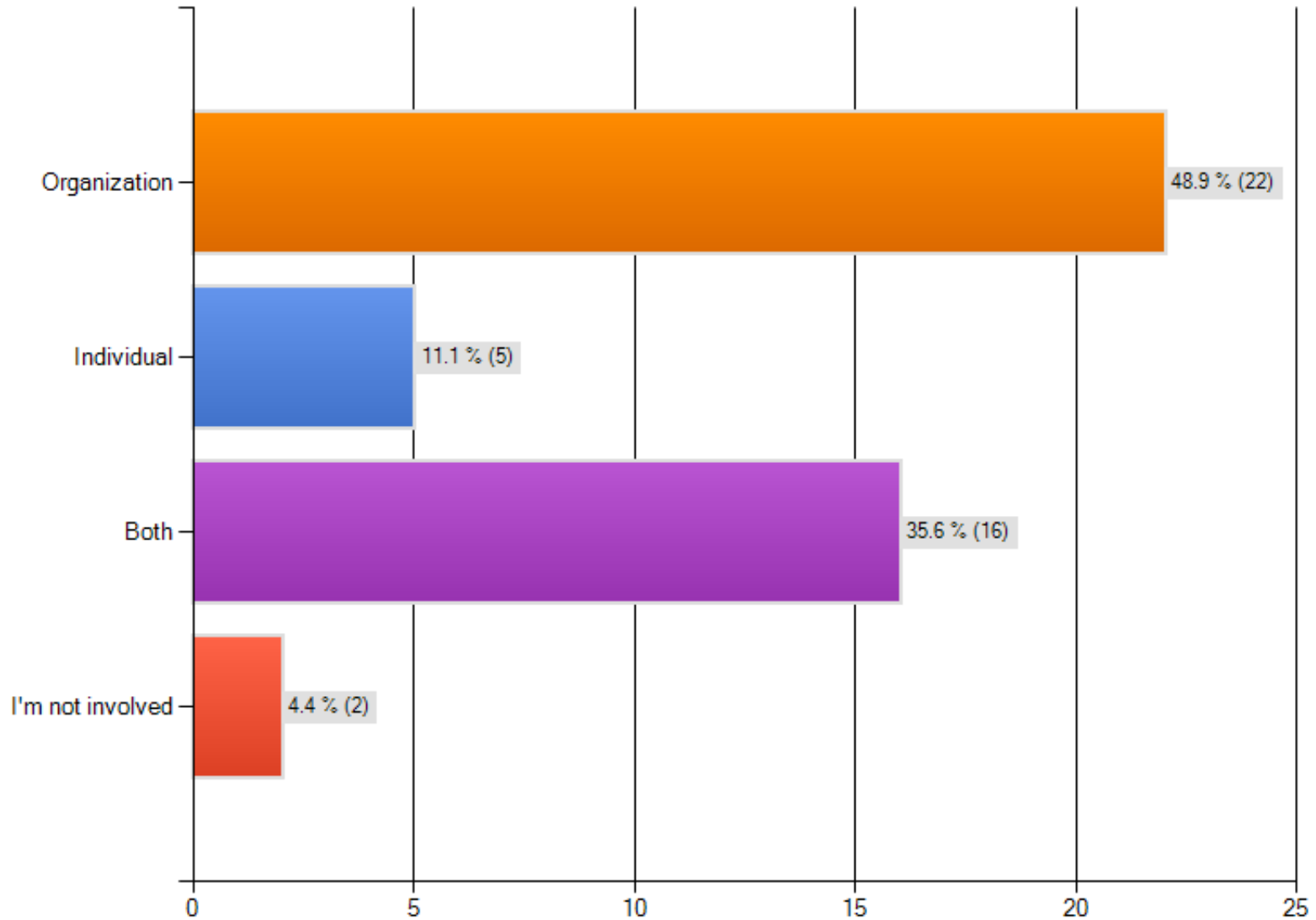
How many years have you been a member of the VPC?



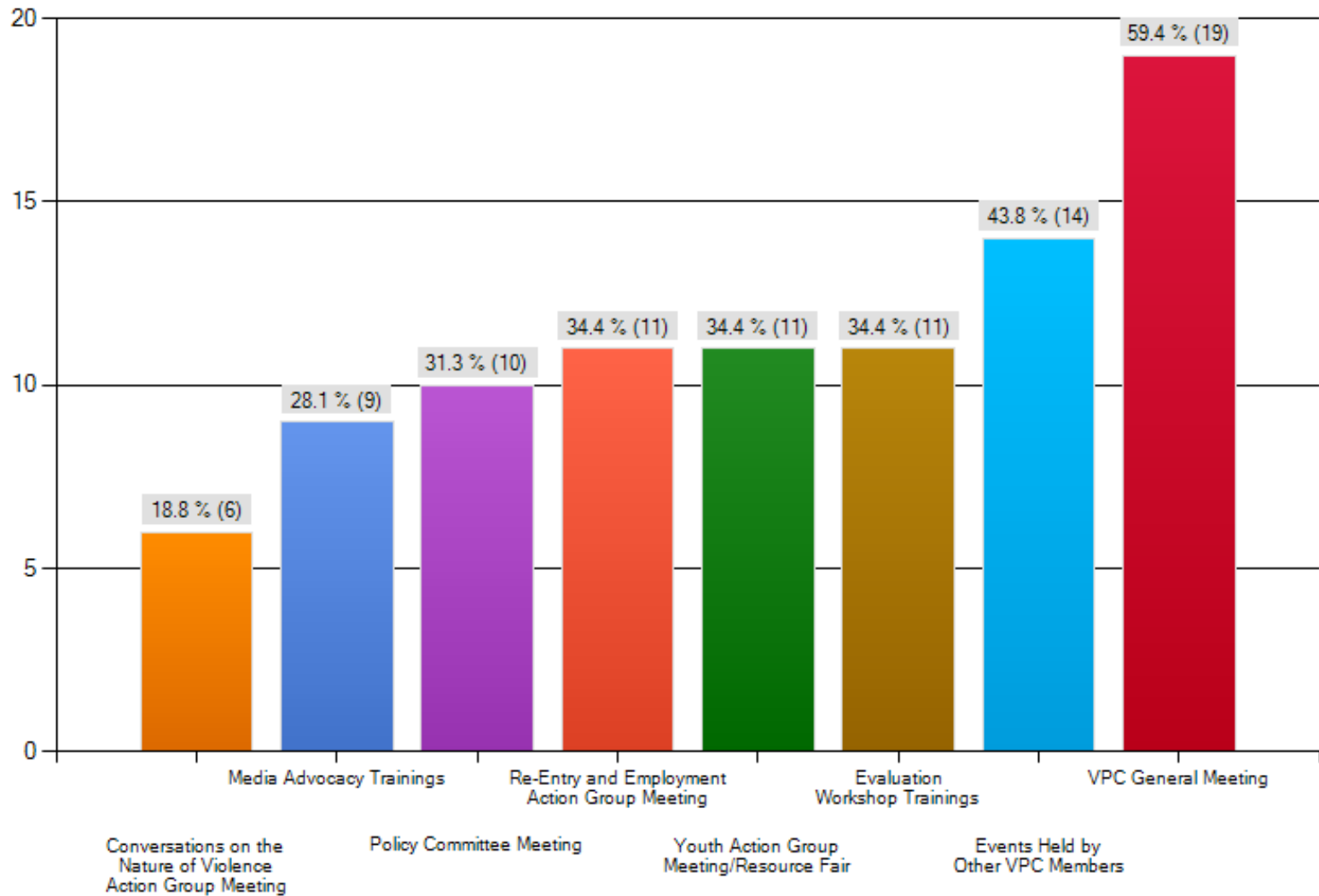
How likely are you to continue your membership with the VPC?



Are you involved with the VPC as an organization, individual, or both?

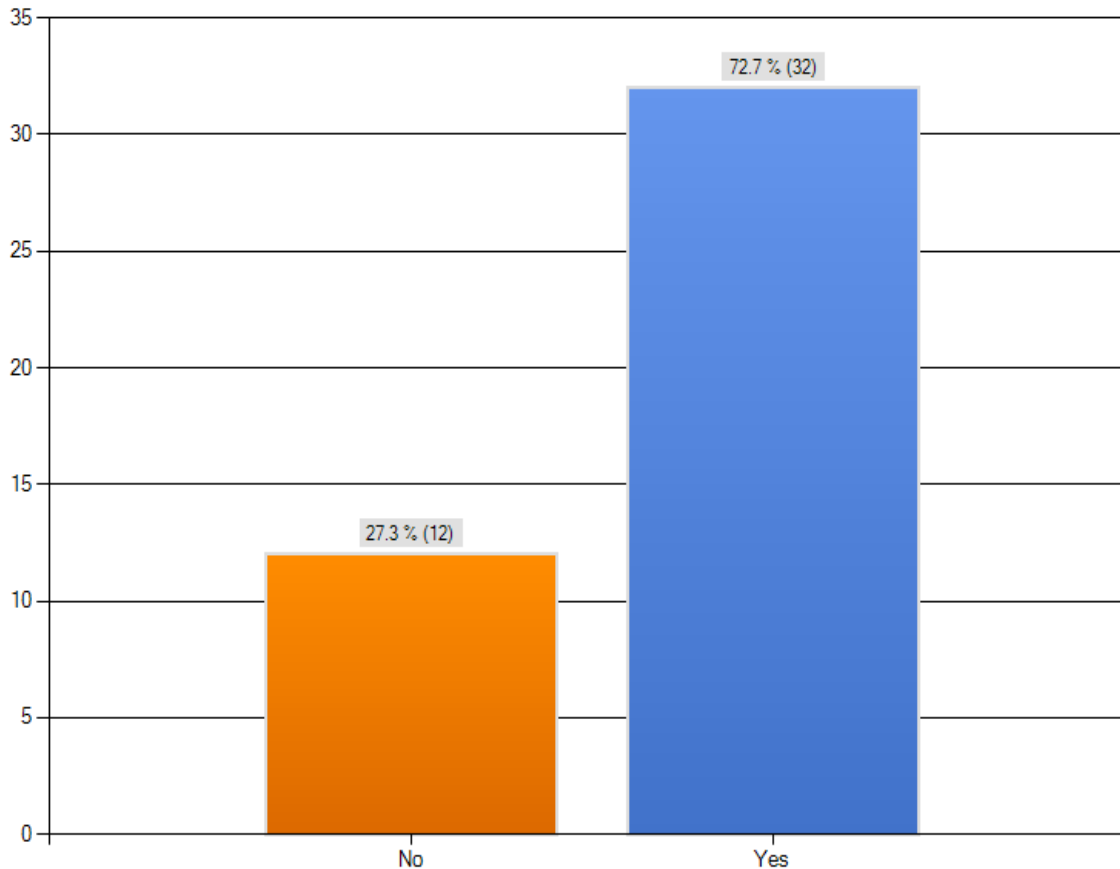


Please indicate which of the following you have attended at least once in the last 6 months:



Barriers to Meeting Attendance

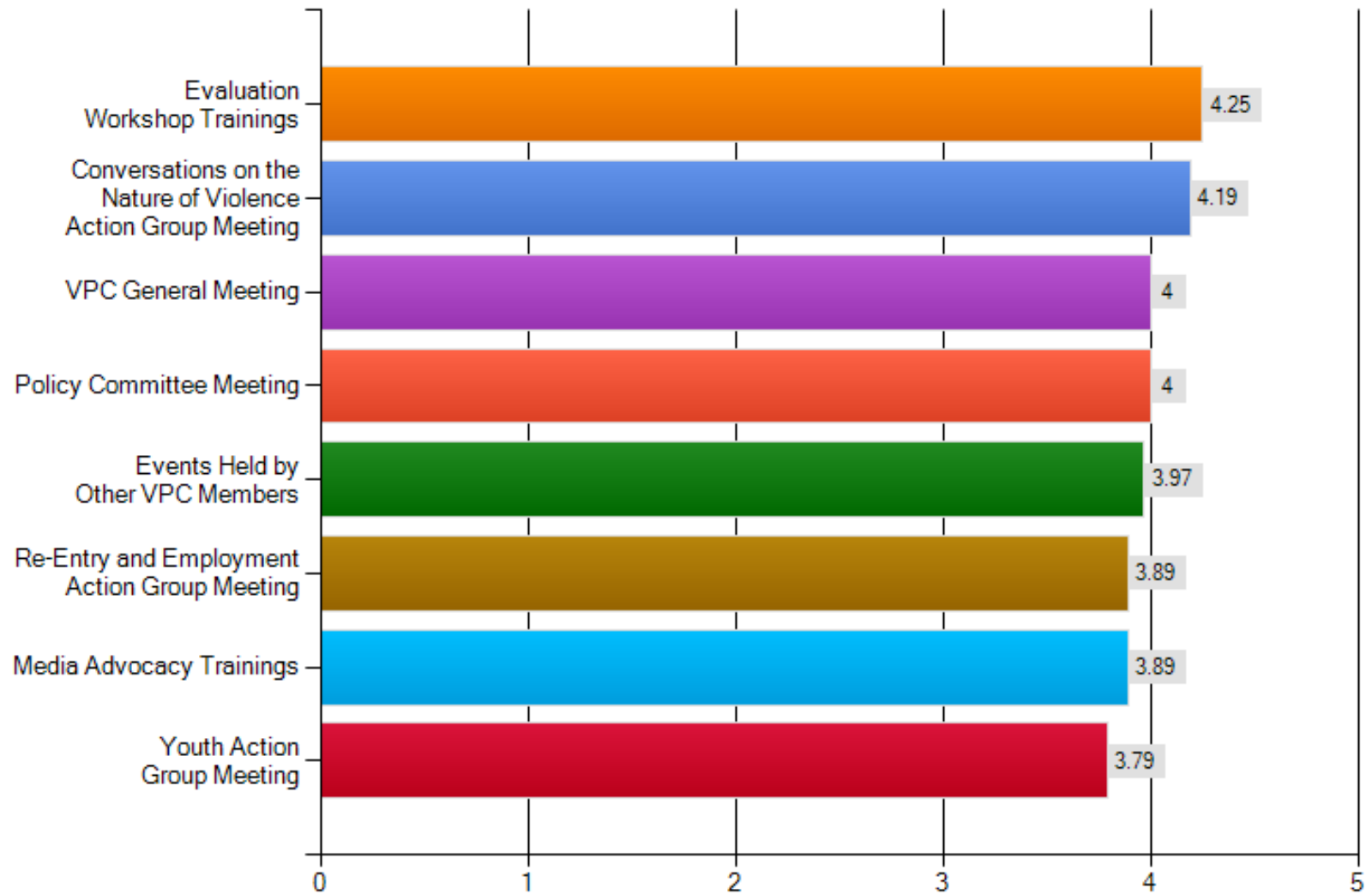
Have you ever not been able to attend a meeting/event that you wanted to attend?



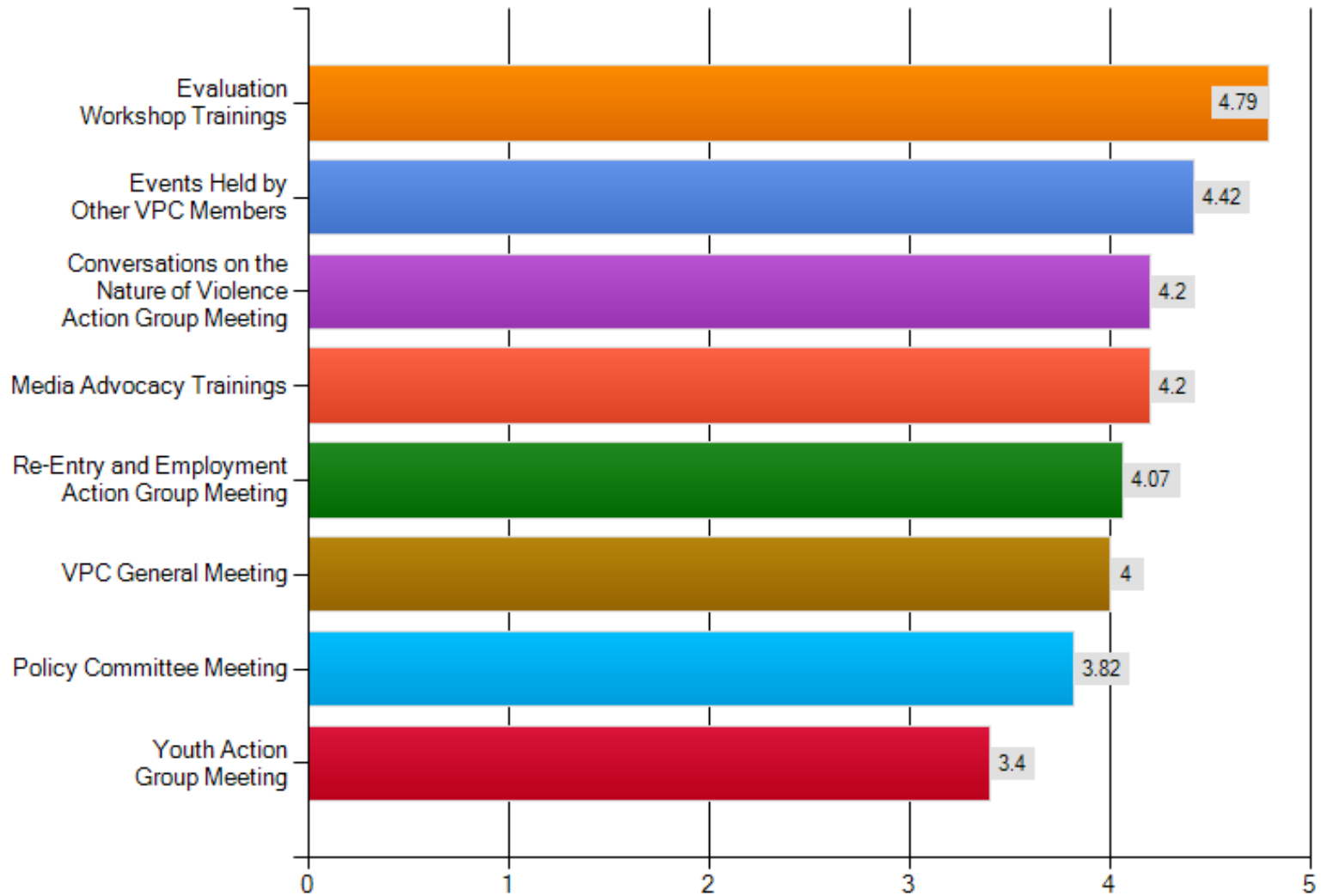
Reasons for not attending meetings:

- Time constraints
- Too many meetings/ responsibilities
- Other priorities/ responsibilities/ commitments
- Transportation/ Distance
- Child care
- Insufficient Notification
- Under funding

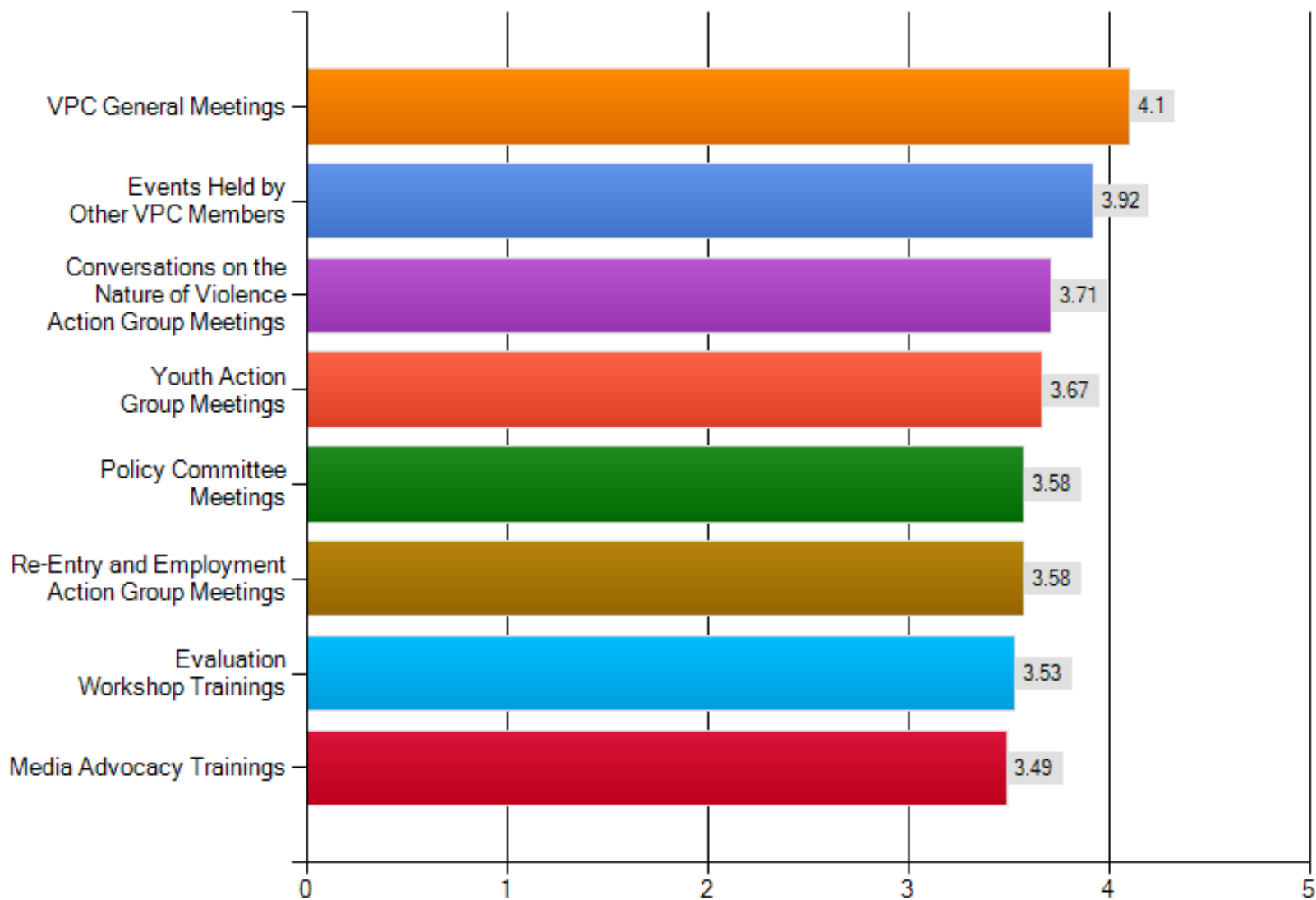
Please indicate the usefulness of attending each of the following as it pertains to the work that you do, on a scale from 1-5, where 5 means very useful. Average values reported.



Please indicate your satisfaction with each of the following, on a scale from 1-5, where 5 means very satisfied. Average values reported.



Please indicate your interest in attending each of the following, on a scale from 1-5, where 5 means very interested. Average values reported.

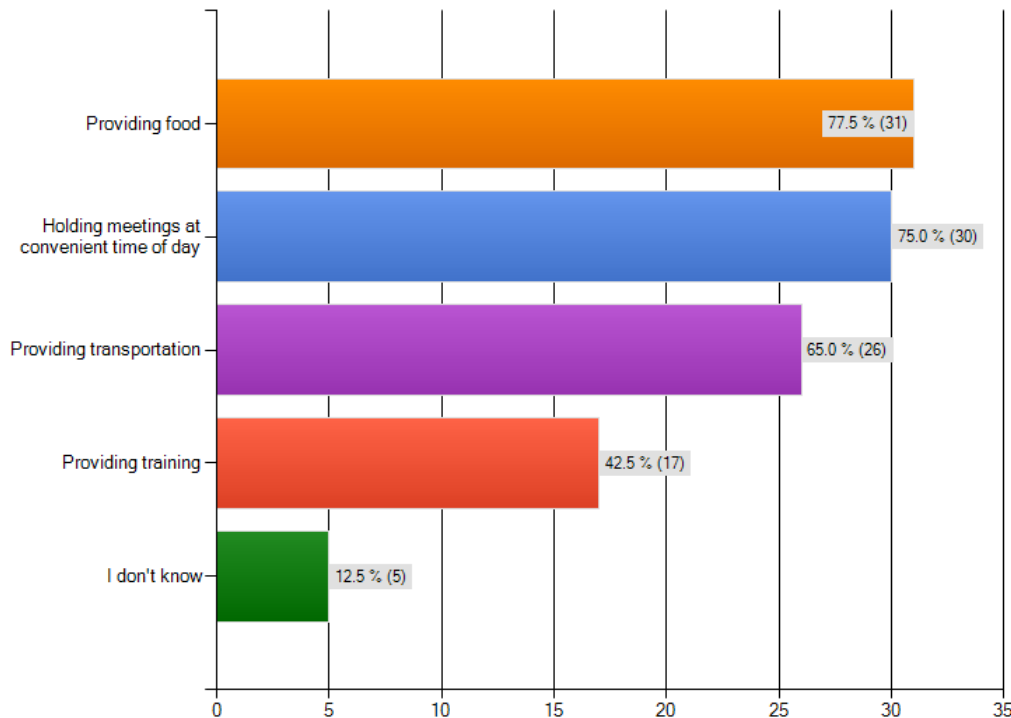


What Would Make Your Participation More Helpful?

- Diverse pool of speakers
- Individuals being recognized
- More networking
- Support
- Publicity
- Structure
- Funding opportunities
- Send agenda in advance
- Meeting topics relevant to my work
- Focused outreach linking my organization's strengths with VPC needs
- Keep meetings to reasonable time frame and on topic
- Host meetings later in the day
- A meetings calendar

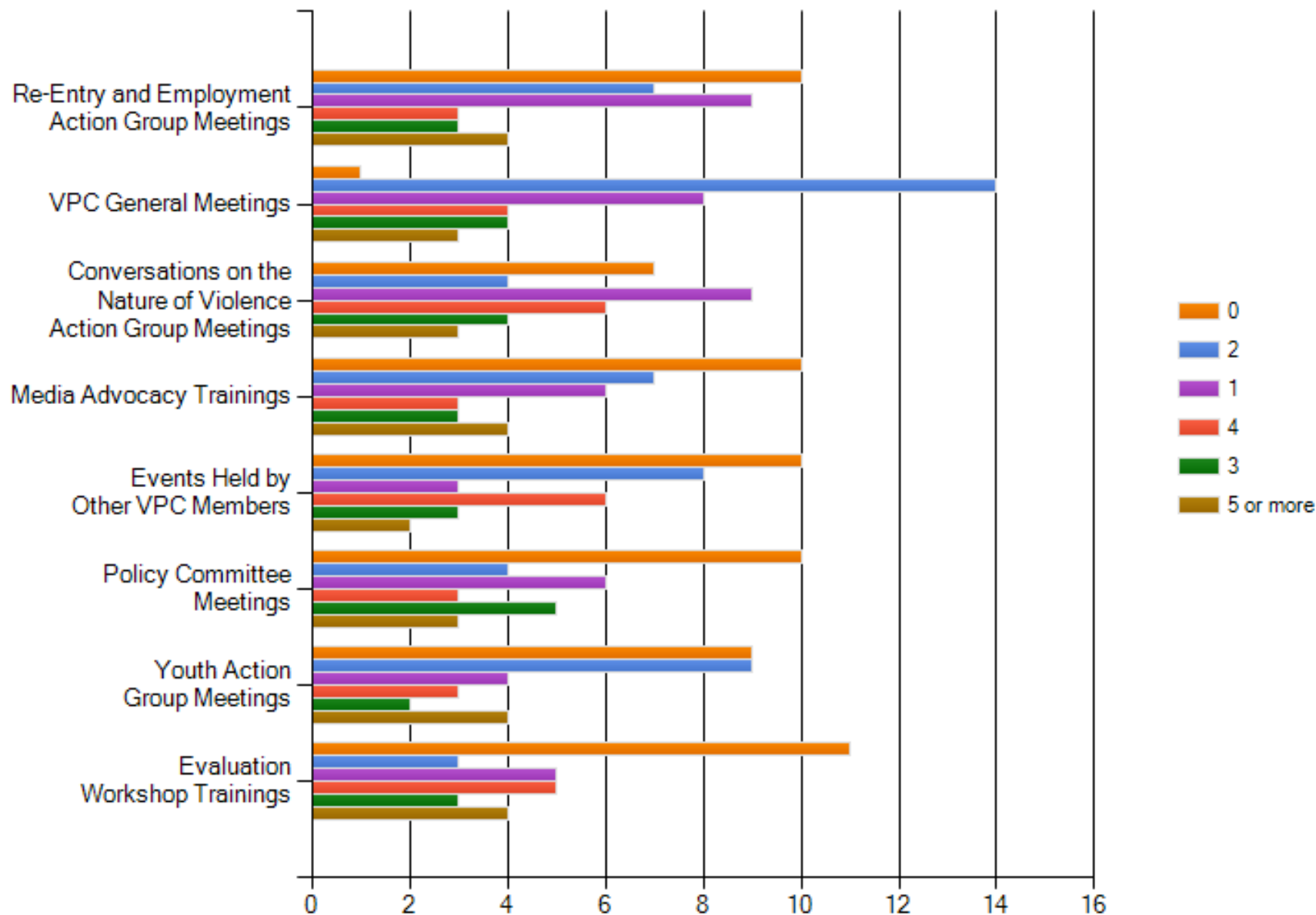
What can the VPC do to make participation in the youth coalition more attractive to the youth in your organization?

What would bring youth to the youth coalition meetings?



- Support projects already underway in member organizations
- Need substantive projects. there was not enough meaningful work.
- Obtaining speakers they can relate to and respect.
- Meetings need to be at the youth serving locations, not the endowment
- Lead by Youth, highlight other Youth who are making great strides to maintain peace.
- Award Ceremonies
- Bring in more Law Enforcement and Funders specific to the needs of the youth.
- Jobs and job referrals
- Youth are overcommitted already
- Provide incentives
- More convenient hours
- Greater exposure
- Make a presentation to the youth
- Transportation
- Workshops and trainings

How many hours per month would you be willing to participate in/work on the following:



What do you hope to get from your participation in the VPC?

- Knowledge and ideas
- Information on policies and pending legislation
- Connections
- Collaboration and synergy
- Statewide presence
- Impact on policy makers
- Coordinated approach to preventing violence across LA
- Resources and a network of funders sensitive to my arena
- Outstanding group of youth versed on the issues
- Technical assistance
- Concrete opportunities
- Enthusiasm
- Data on types of violence
- Training on advocacy
- Larger and more powerful movement for youth and community justice
- Strengthened capacity for our organization

What can the VPC do to make your membership more important to you and your organization?

- Support member organizations' campaigns
- Engage in activities that have concrete results and/or build demonstrable momentum for violence prevention and use of the public health model
- Make more phone calls and e-mail leaders to support each other
- Get leader with passion
- Keep us informed on the current issues in violence prevention
- Deal with the issues at hand - why young men and women are dying
- Making connections with other organizations and getting your support
- Help with fundraising and grant writing tools
- Increase emphasis on the importance of school-based outreach to youth and policy-based problem solving.
- Continue to hold events to inform.
- Provide concrete products/outcomes so that we can talk about what we are connected to.
- Increase networking with local, city and state officials and funders
- Hold face to face meetings on twice a year with admin of member orgs would be helpful, so we get a real feedback loop from the members to the Steering committee.
- Provide informational resources and trainings that would help CBO's to survive in tough times.
- Ask affiliate organizations what "we" can do to make the VPC more important.
- Provide opportunities for me to get active, utilize my skills, and express my concerns

What professional skill(s) are you willing to share with the VPC and its members?

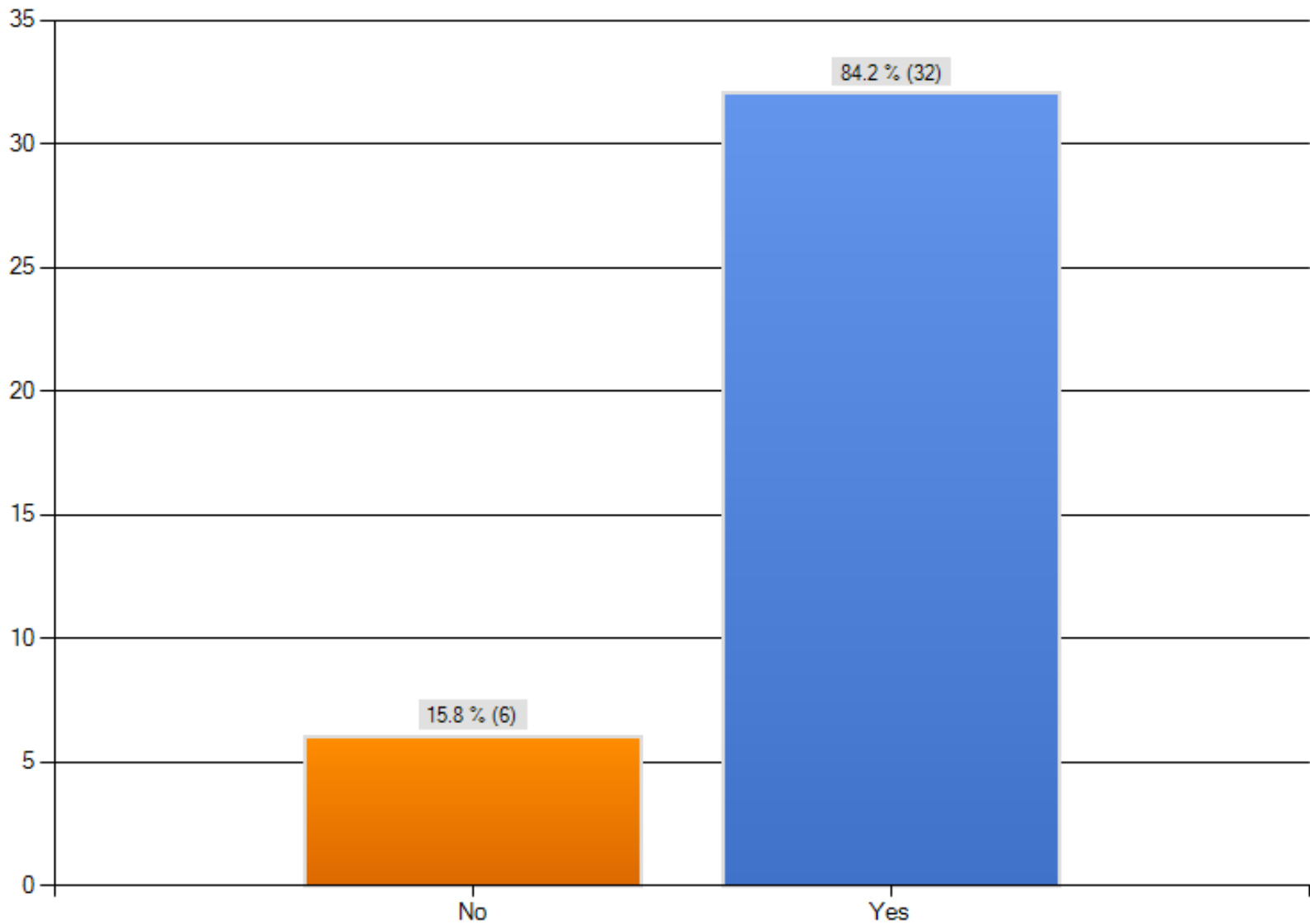
- Legal education
- Restorative justice
- Building alternative
- Engaging youth and parents
- Facilitation
- Advocacy work
- Fund development
- Art
- Conducting presentations, workshops & trainings
- Conflict resolution
- Information
- Outreach
- Community organizing
- Data entry
- Administrative skills

What else would you be willing to share with the VPC and its members?

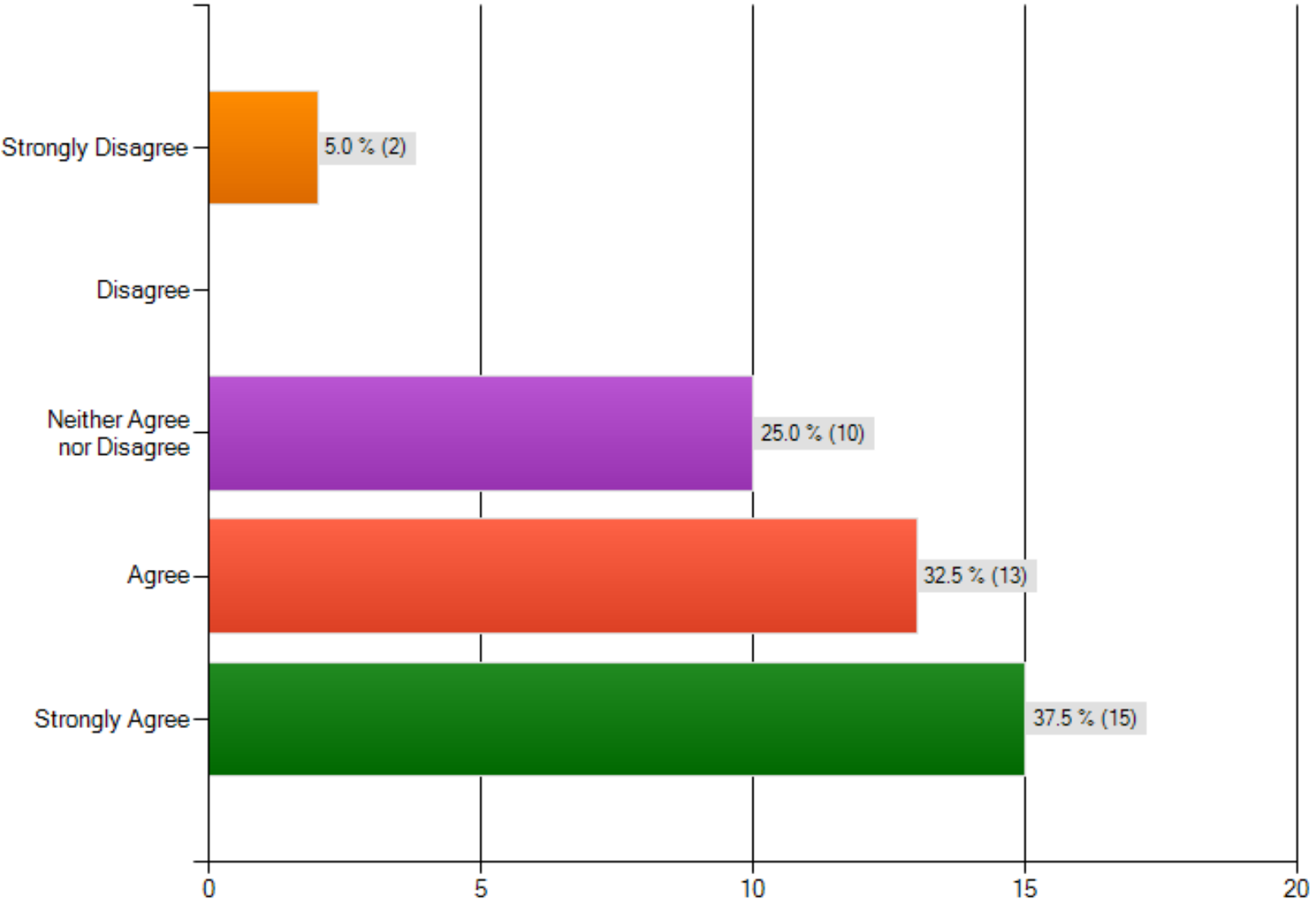
- Free or Low-cost space for events, programs, concerts, etc.
- Knowledge
- Support
- Sharing information
- Collaborative partners
- Community events and activities
- Resources
- Expertise
- Lobbying efforts
- Database, information on populations served and outcomes
- Letters of support
- Educational brochures
- Outreach and recruitment

Public Health Approach

Are you familiar with the VPC Tenets of the Public Health Approach to Violence Prevention?



Please rate your agreement or disagreement with the following statement: "I can explain the public health approach to violence prevention"

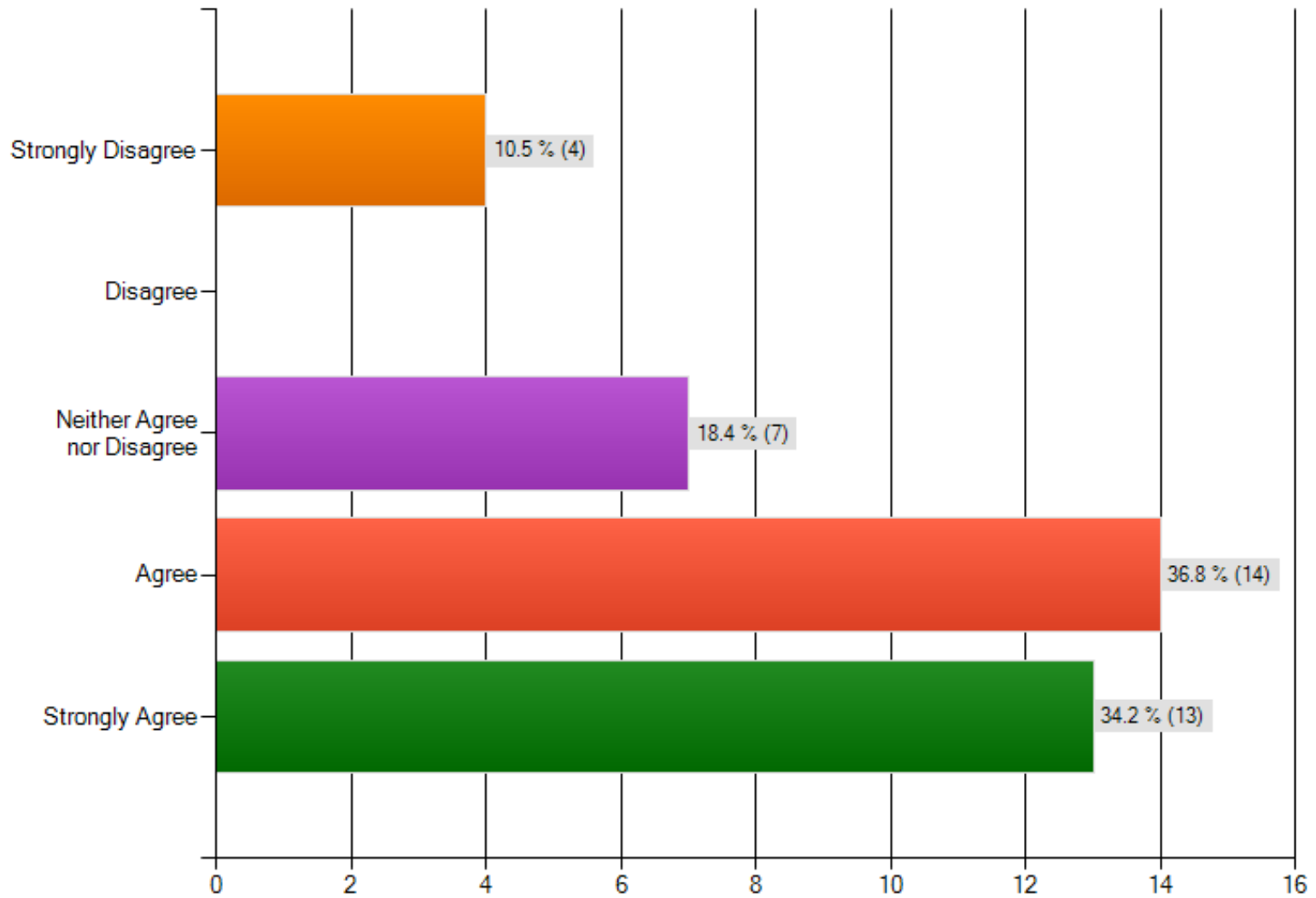




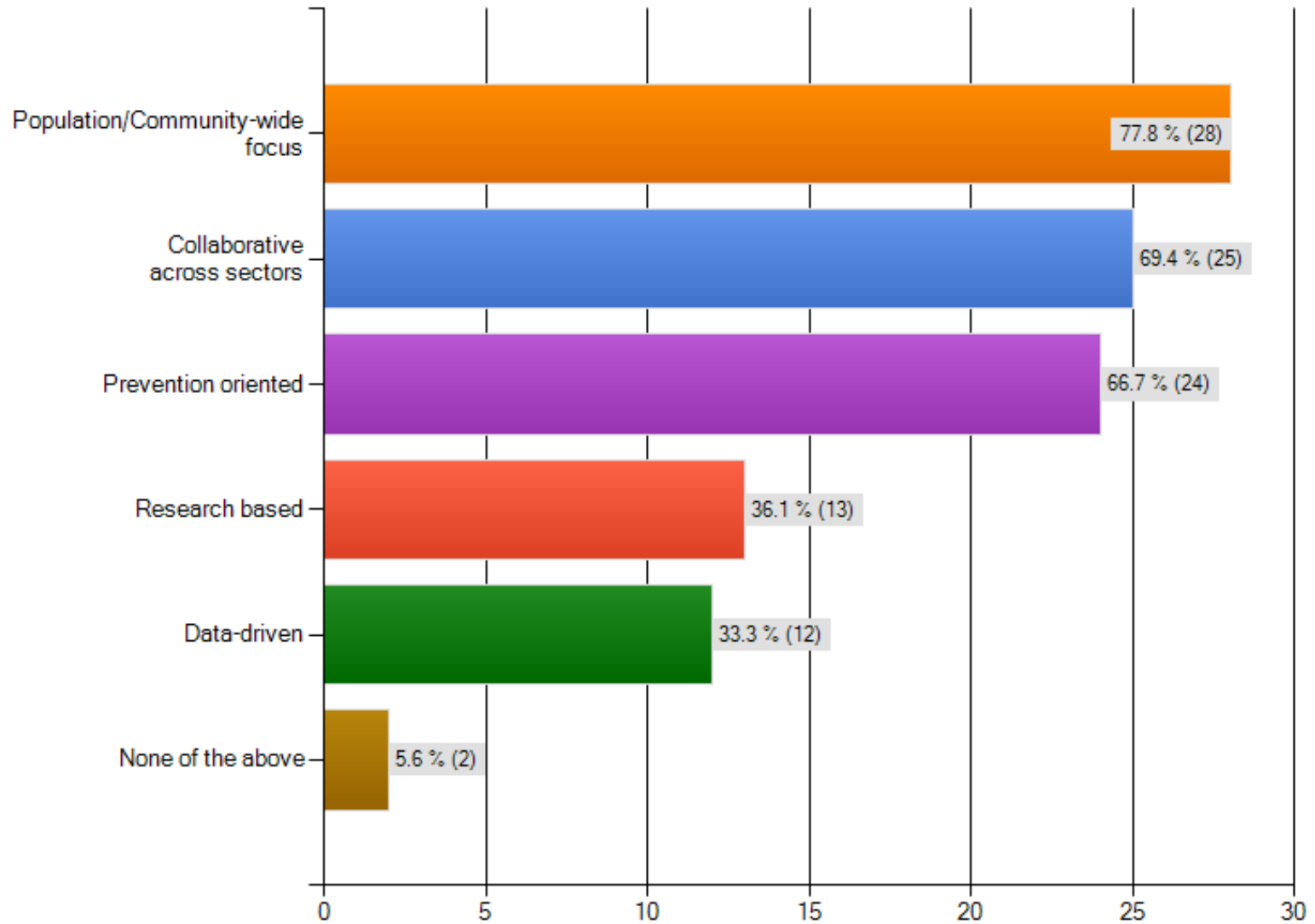
How do you integrate the public health approach to violence prevention into your work?

- Work with youth in the community
- Bring in the “macro” picture
- Connect families to a variety of resources
- Work in partnership with other agencies
- Provide safe, nurturing environment for individuals and families
- Provide education
- Use research and data, evidenced-based programs
- Continuously evaluate
- It is part of our mandate
- We have adopted it for our primary and secondary prevention model
- Demonstrate that violence is a learned behavior

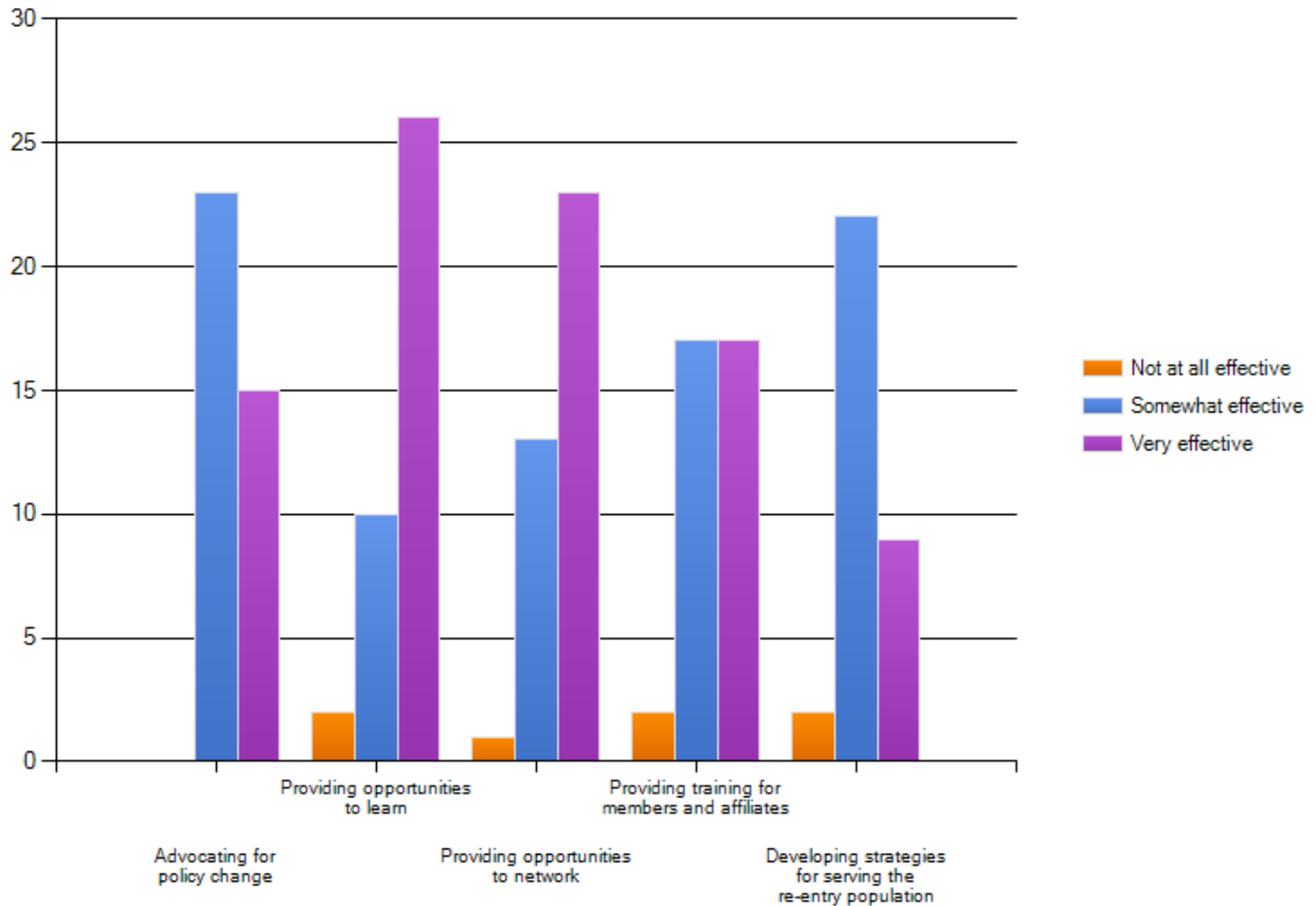
Please rate your agreement or disagreement with the following statement: "I would like to hear about how other organizations have integrated the public health model into their work"



Which aspects of the public health approach characterize your organization?

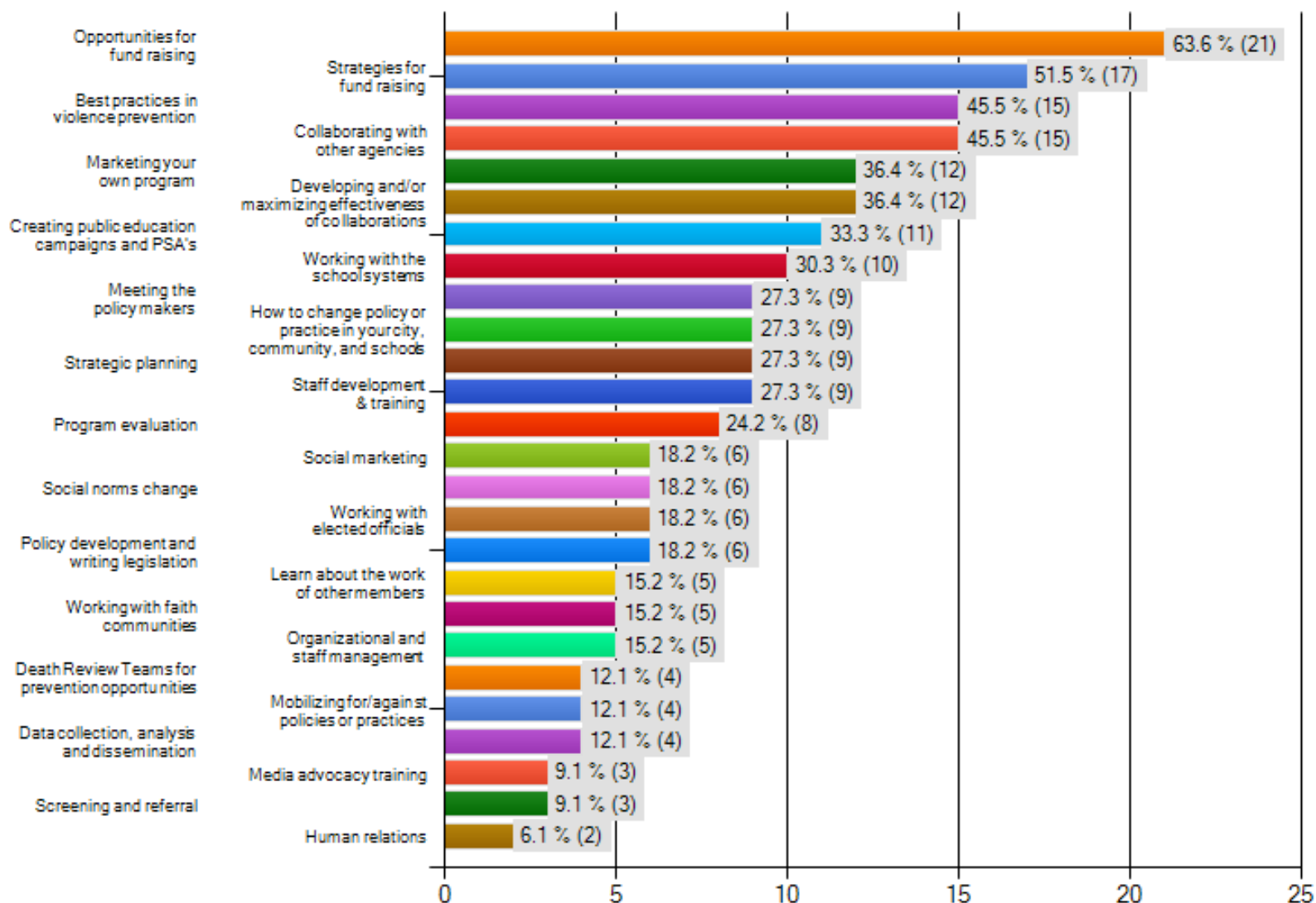


In your opinion, how effective has the VPC been in the following areas?

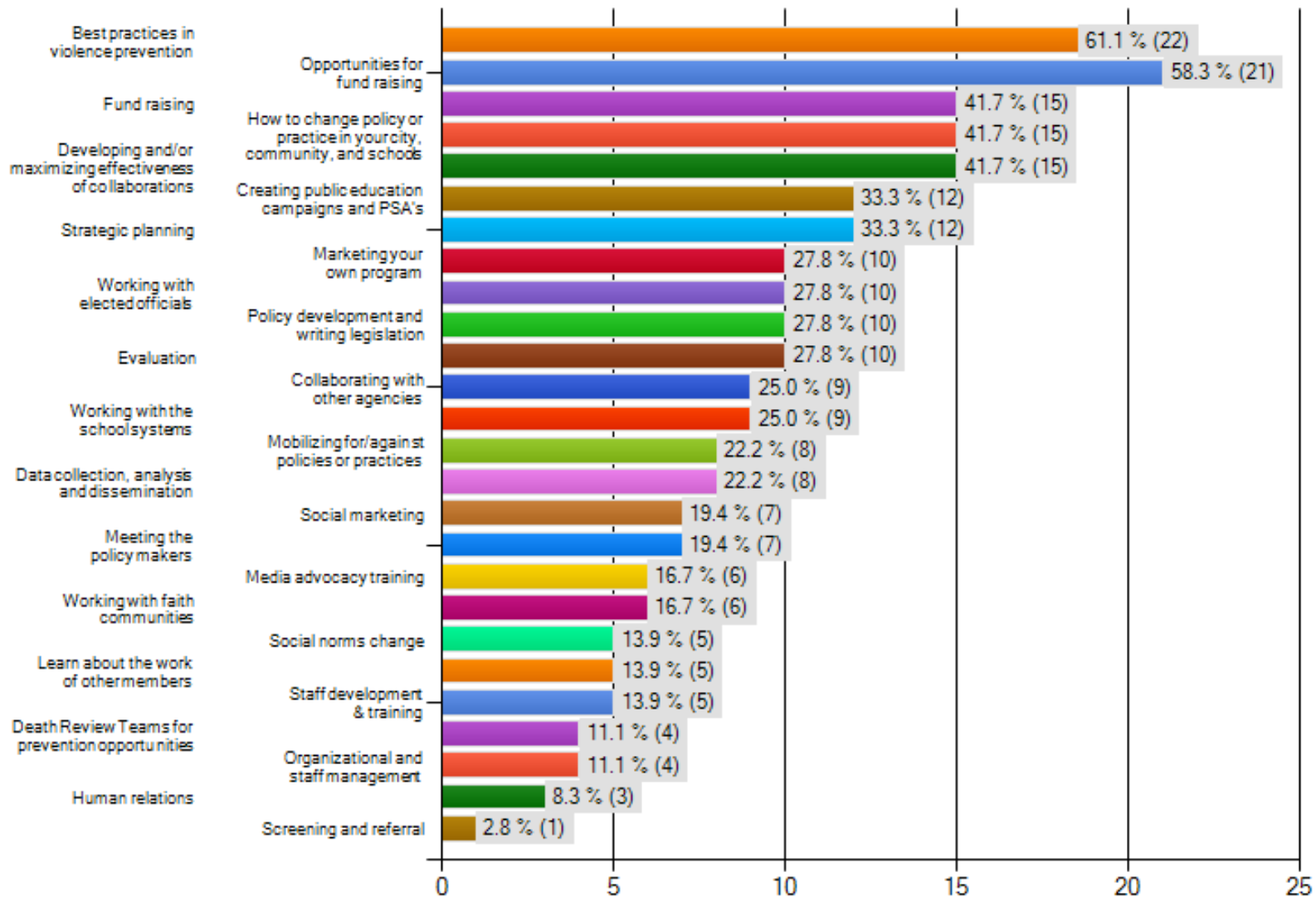


Needs for Technical Assistance and Training

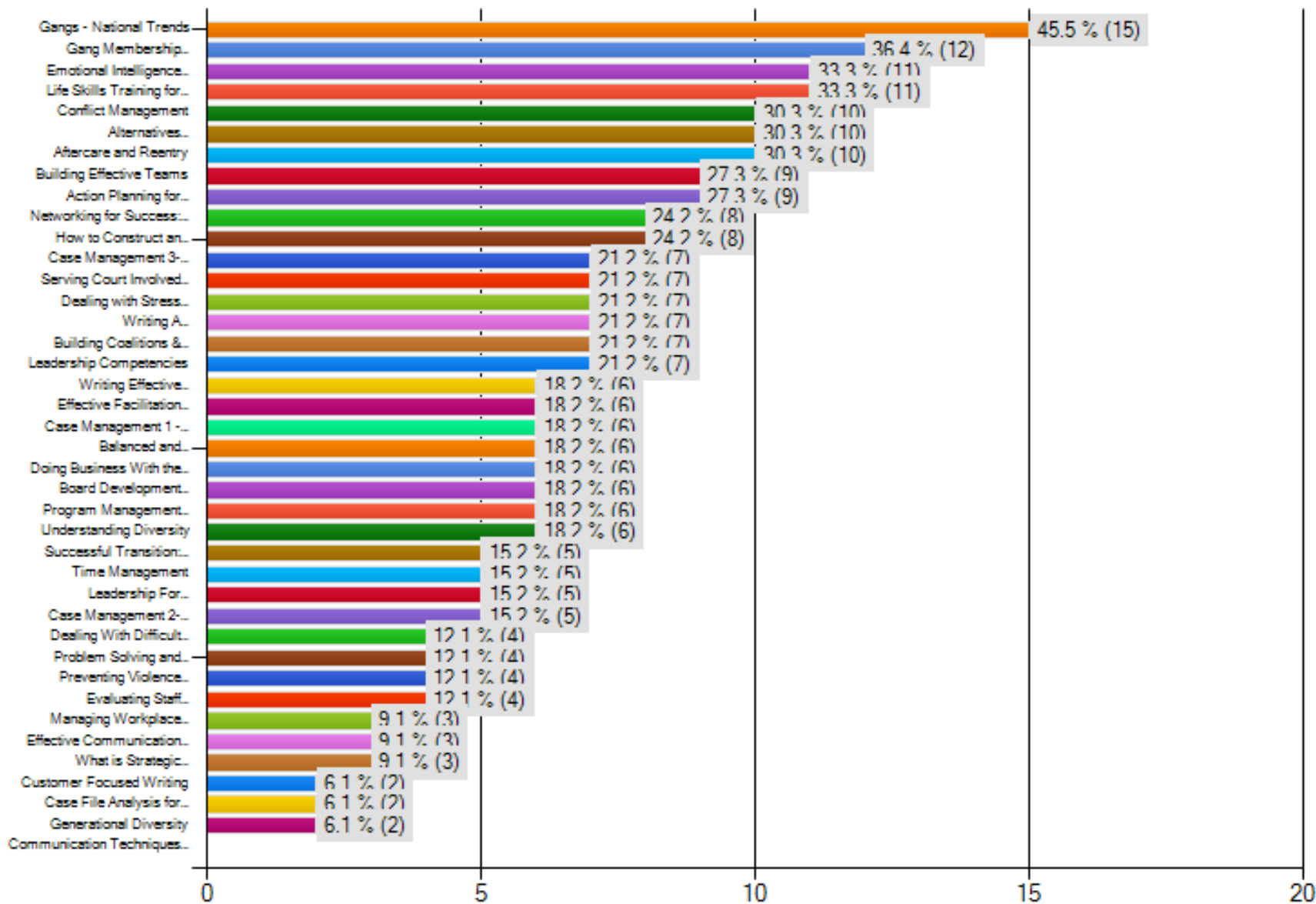
Please identify 5-7 areas that your organization is in greatest need of technical assistance or training from among the following list.



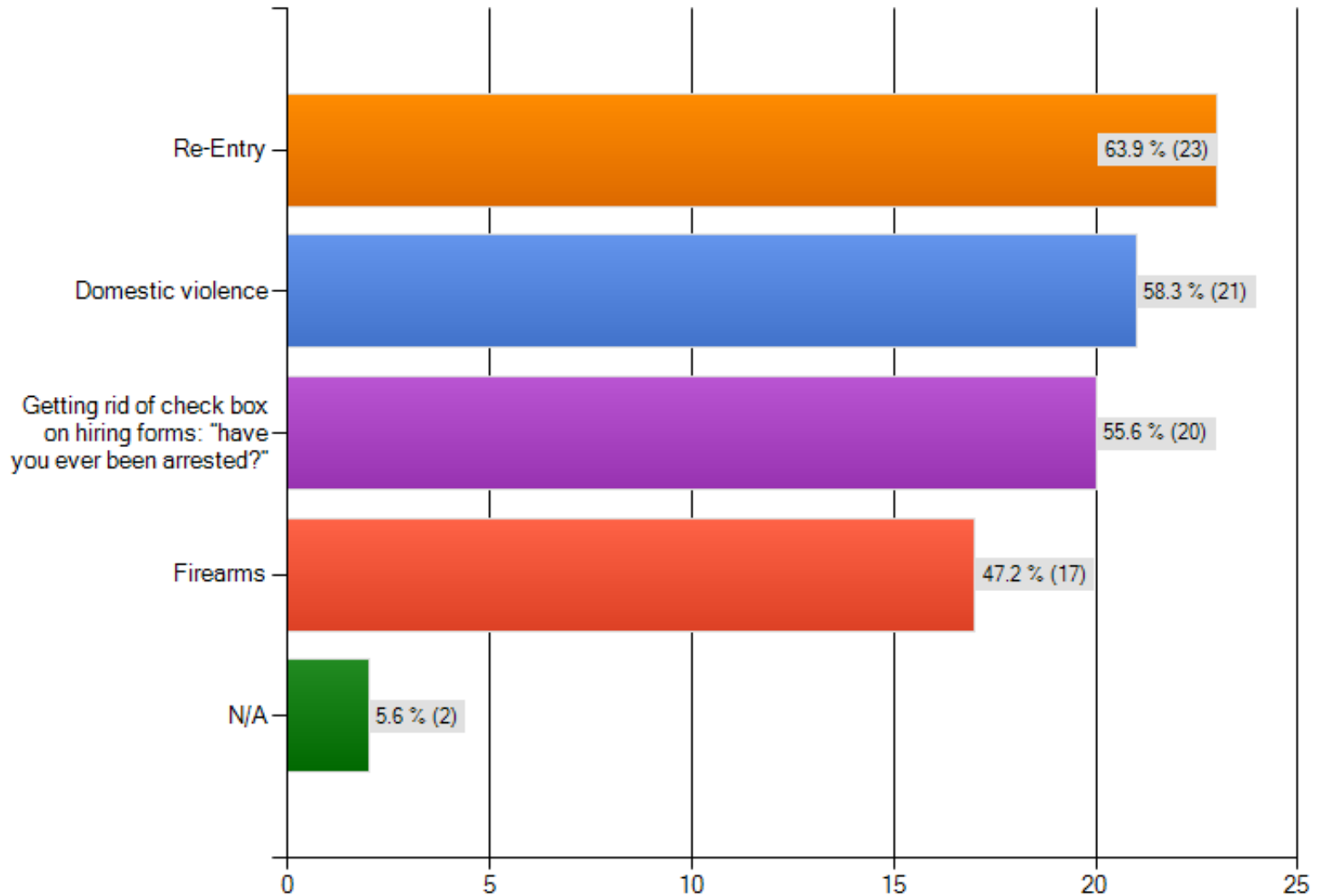
Please select 5-7 training topics that you would like the VPC to offer from among the following list.



Please select 5-7 trainings that you or your organization would be most interested in attending from among the following list.



What specific kinds of policies related to violence prevention do you want the VPC to work on?



What types of conferences or award events would you like the VPC offer?

- Contemporary annual conference with workshops, youth panels
- Angel of Peace
- Community unsung hero
- Youth rising star
- Annual homicide agency award
- Homicide conference
- Tony Bourbon scholarship
- Conference highlighting effective programs and projects
- Multi-disciplinary conference on violence prevention, where members contribute