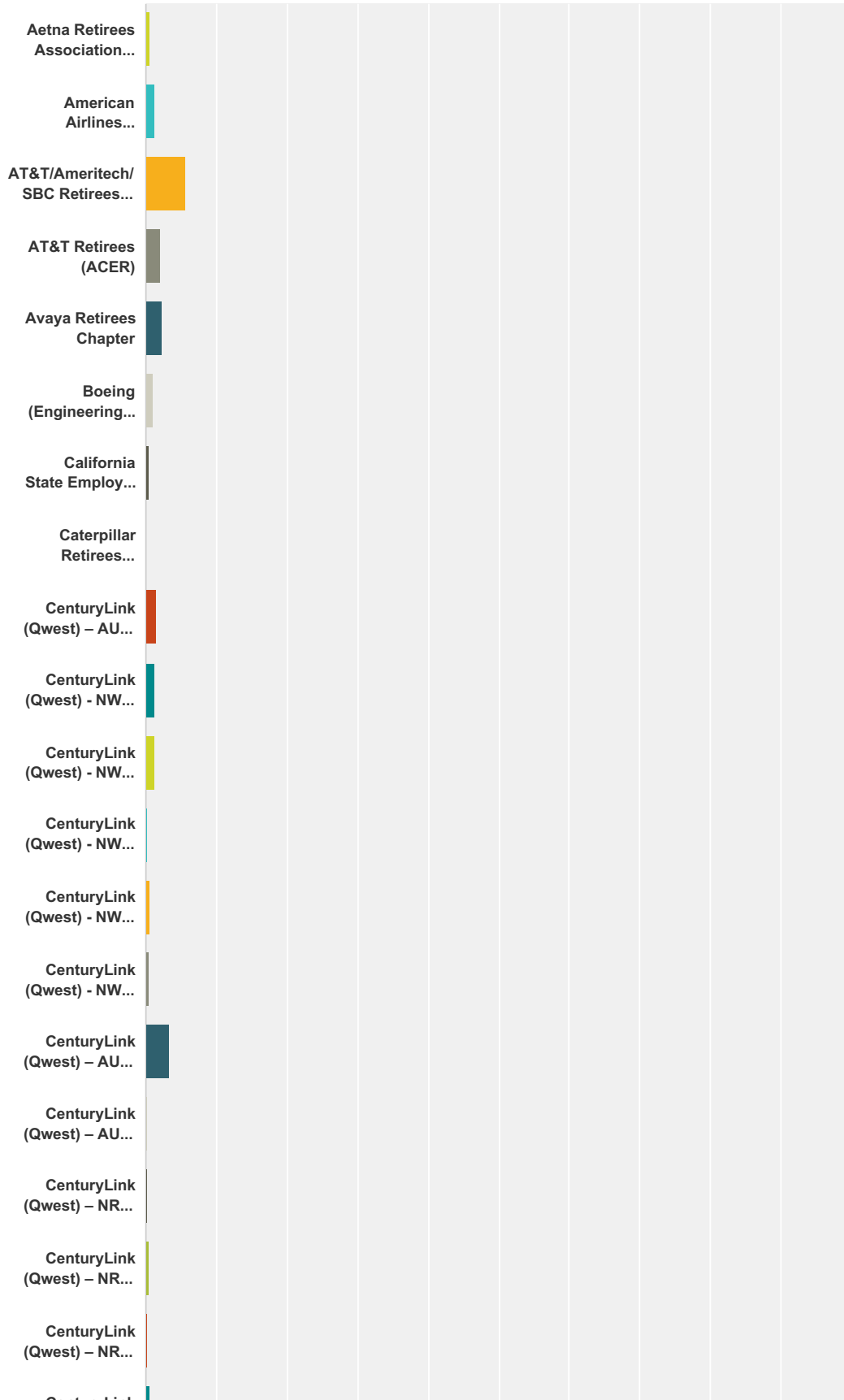
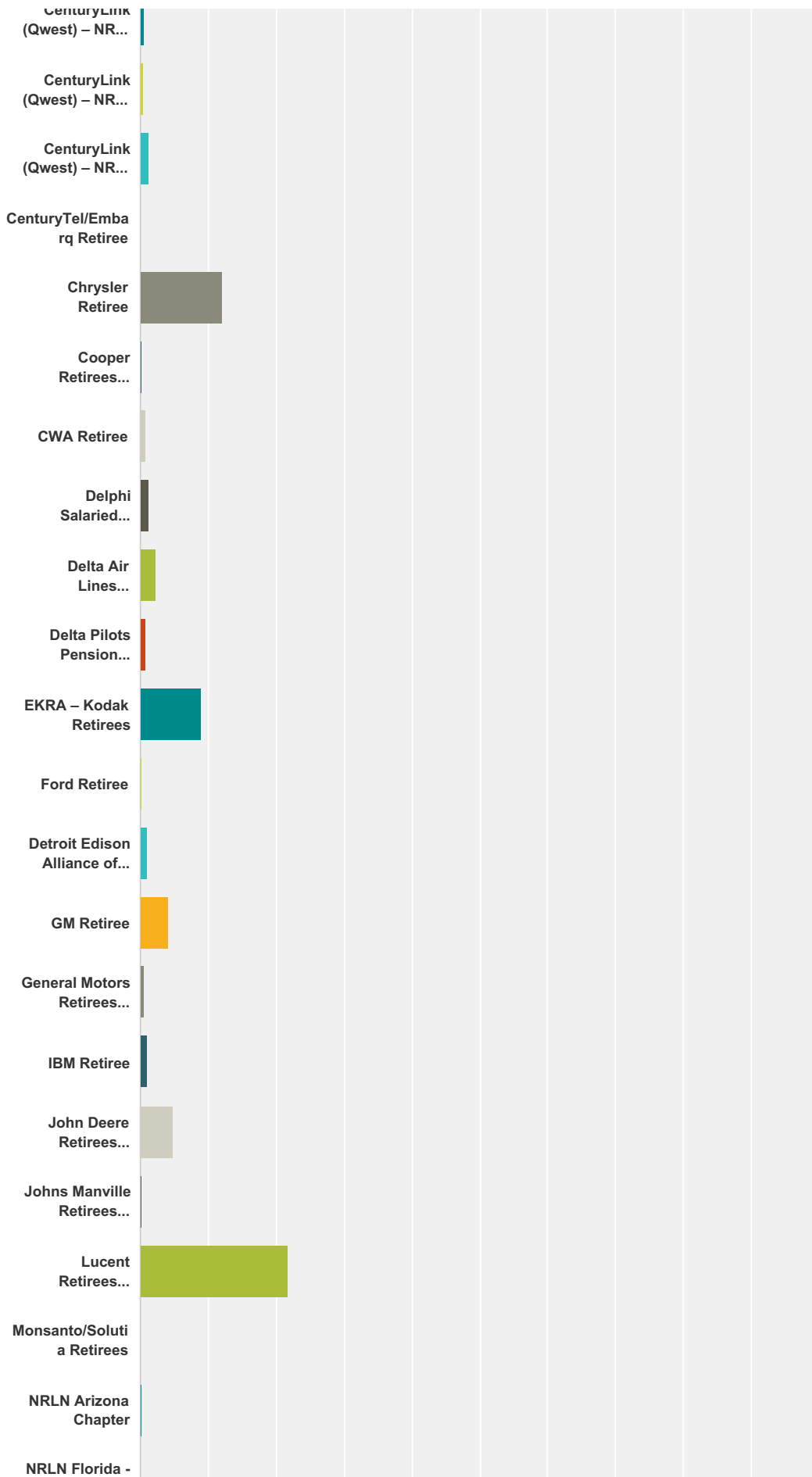


### Q1 My retiree association affiliation is:

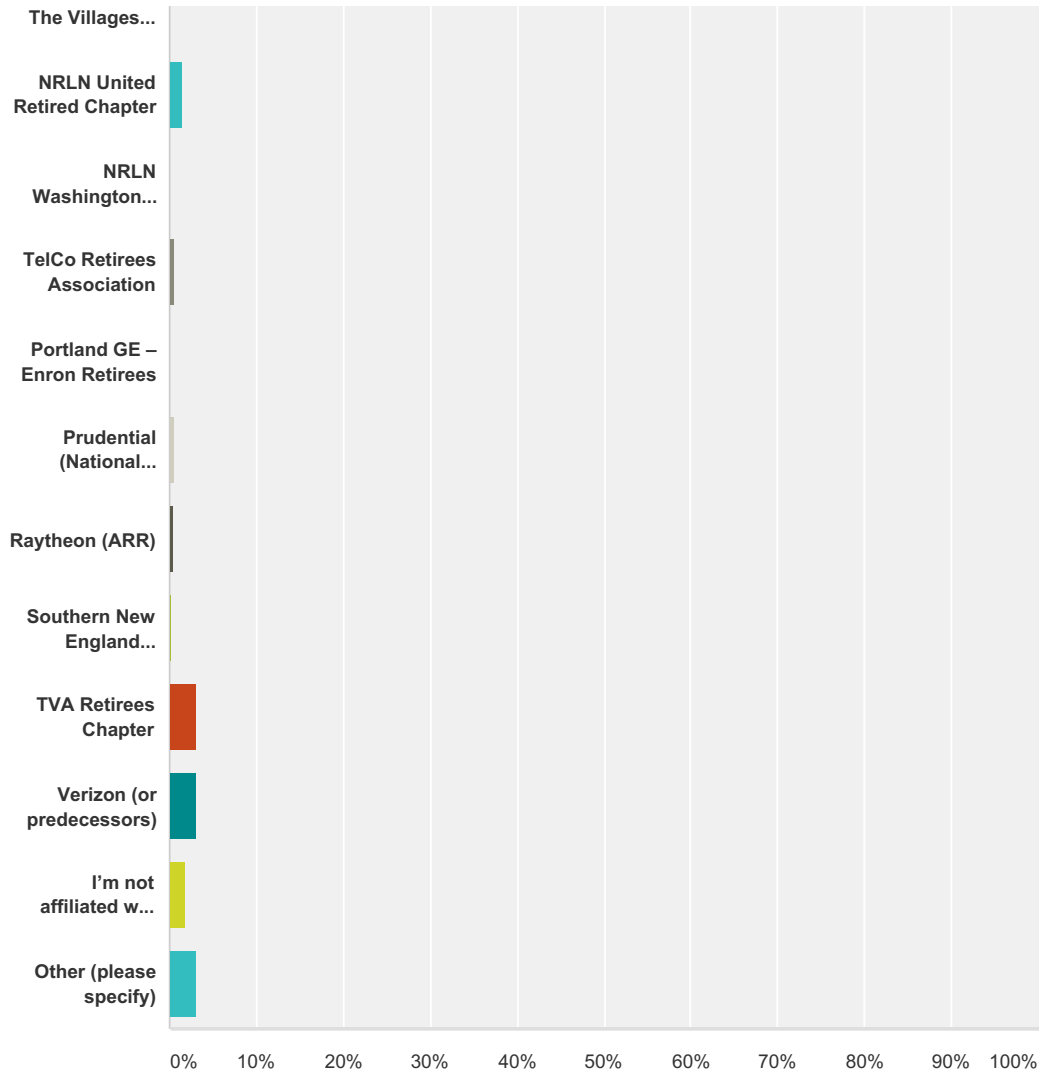
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Answer Choices	Responses
Aetna Retirees Association (ARA)	0.68% 46
American Airlines Retirement Committee (AMRRC)	1.22% 82
AT&T/Ameritech/SBC Retirees (AASBCR)	5.73% 386
AT&T Retirees (ACER)	2.05% 138
Avaya Retirees Chapter	2.26% 152
Boeing (Engineering Retirees Society)	1.02% 69
California State Employees Association (RECSEA)	0.36% 24
Caterpillar Retirees Association	0.03% 2
CenturyLink (Qwest) – AUSWR - AZ	1.53% 103
CenturyLink (Qwest) - NWB-U S WEST-Qwest Retiree Association - IA	1.17% 79
CenturyLink (Qwest) - NWB-U S WEST-Qwest Retiree Association - MN	1.17% 79
CenturyLink (Qwest) - NWB-U S WEST-Qwest Retiree Association - ND	0.18% 12

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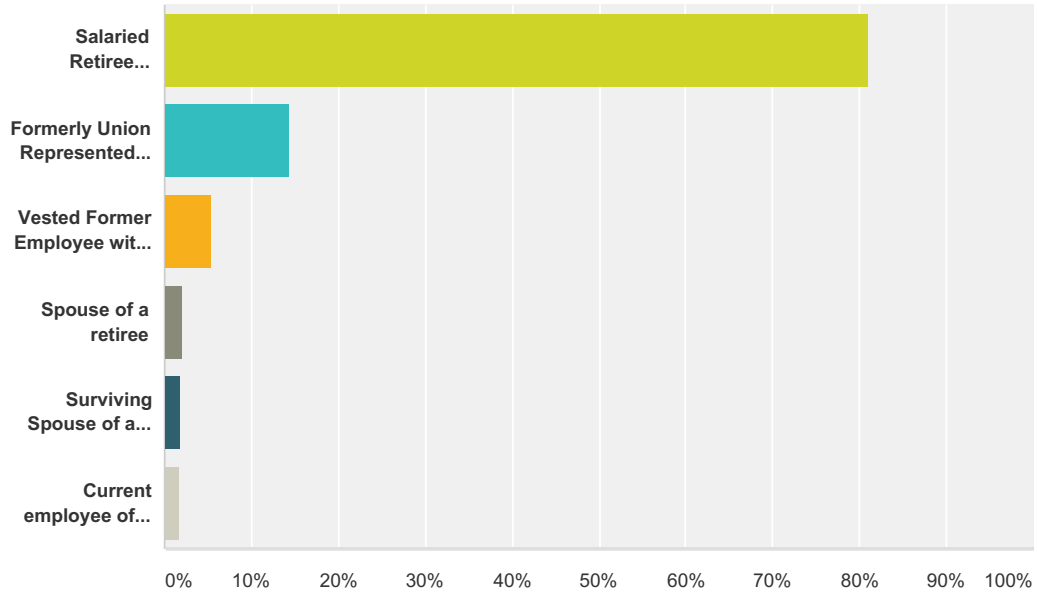
CenturyLink (Qwest) - NWB-U S WEST-Qwest Retiree Association - NE	0.53%	36
CenturyLink (Qwest) - NWB-U S WEST-Qwest Retiree Association - SD	0.33%	22
CenturyLink (Qwest) – AUSWR – CO	3.35%	226
CenturyLink (Qwest) – AUSWR – WY	0.30%	20
CenturyLink (Qwest) – NRLN New Mexico Chapter	0.27%	18
CenturyLink (Qwest) – NRLN Idaho Chapter	0.37%	25
CenturyLink (Qwest) – NRLN Montana Chapter	0.15%	10
CenturyLink (Qwest) – NRLN Utah Chapter	0.55%	37
CenturyLink (Qwest) – NRLN Oregon Chapter	0.40%	27
CenturyLink (Qwest) – NRLN Washington Chapter	1.22%	82
CenturyTel/Embarq Retiree	0.07%	5
Chrysler Retiree	12.10%	815
Cooper Retirees Organization	0.19%	13
CWA Retiree	0.82%	55
Delphi Salaried Retirees Association	1.23%	83
Delta Air Lines Retirement Committee (DALRC)	2.39%	161
Delta Pilots Pension Preservation Organization (DP3)	0.77%	52
EKRA – Kodak Retirees	9.01%	607
Ford Retiree	0.21%	14
Detroit Edison Alliance of Retirees (DEAR)	0.96%	65
GM Retiree	4.22%	284
General Motors Retirees Chapter	0.71%	48
IBM Retiree	0.98%	66
John Deere Retirees Association (JDRO)	4.78%	322
Johns Manville Retirees Association	0.18%	12
Lucent Retirees Organization	21.66%	1,459
Monsanto/Solutia Retirees	0.06%	4
NRLN Arizona Chapter	0.16%	11
NRLN Florida - The Villages Chapter	0.06%	4
NRLN United Retired Chapter	1.47%	99
NRLN Washington State Chapter	0.06%	4
TelCo Retirees Association	0.56%	38
Portland GE – Enron Retirees	0.00%	0
Prudential (National Association of Prudential Retirees)	0.71%	48

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Raytheon (ARR)	<b>0.37%</b>	25
Southern New England Telephone Retiree	<b>0.22%</b>	15
TVA Retirees Chapter	<b>3.12%</b>	210
Verizon (or predecessors)	<b>3.03%</b>	204
I'm not affiliated with a retiree association	<b>1.84%</b>	124
Other (please specify)	<b>3.19%</b>	215
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,737</b>

**Q2 I am a:(check all that apply)**

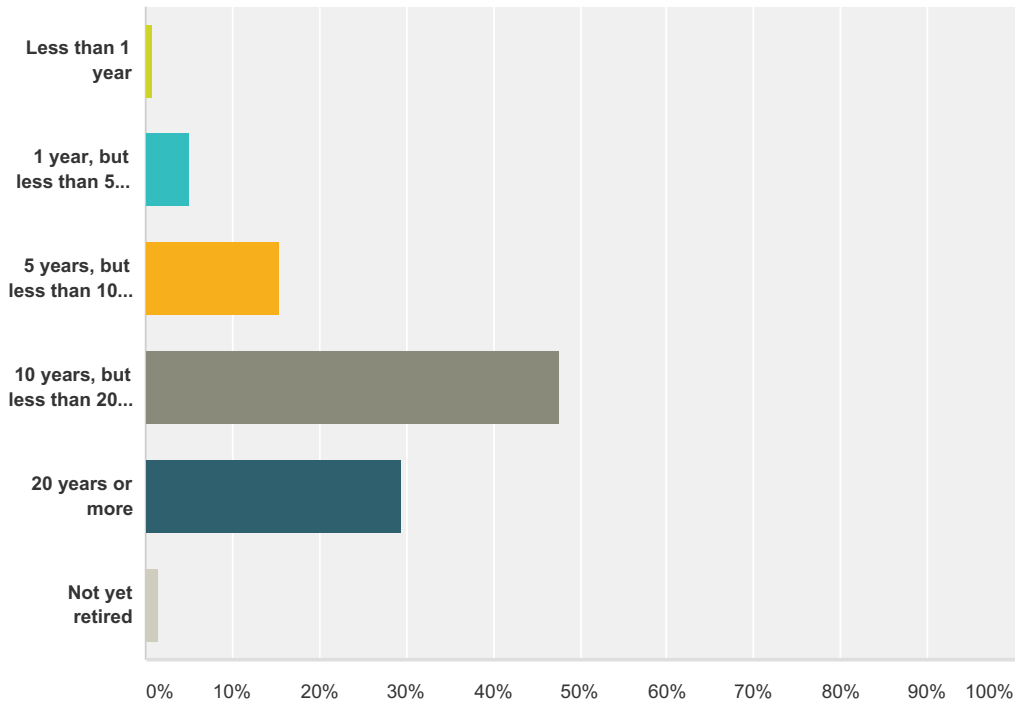
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Salaried Retiree (Supervisory, Non-Supervisory, and/or Technical-Professional)	81.09%	5,210
Formerly Union Represented Retiree (CWA, IBEW, UAW, etc.)	14.40%	925
Vested Former Employee with future pension	5.43%	349
Spouse of a retiree	2.15%	138
Surviving Spouse of a deceased retiree	1.81%	116
Current employee of (please specify employer)	1.73%	111
<b>Total Respondents: 6,425</b>		

### Q3 I have been retired:

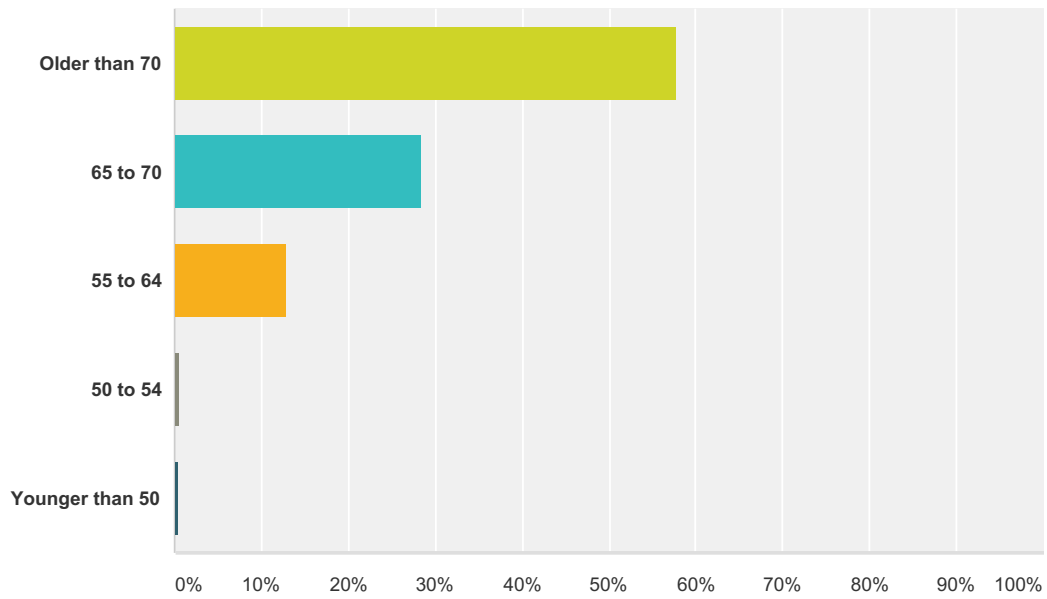
Answered: 6,425 Skipped: 312



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Less than 1 year	0.84%	54
1 year, but less than 5 years	5.00%	321
5 years, but less than 10 years	15.47%	994
10 years, but less than 20 years	47.63%	3,060
20 years or more	29.51%	1,896
Not yet retired	1.56%	100
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,425</b>

### Q4 My age is:

Answered: 6,425 Skipped: 312

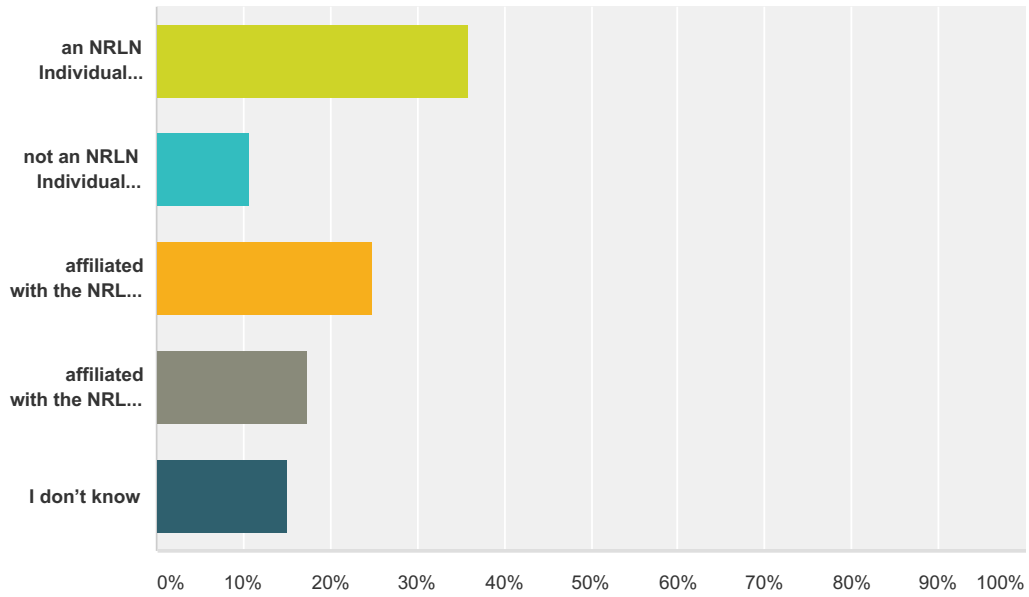


Answer Choices	Responses
Older than 70	57.88% 3,719
65 to 70	28.30% 1,818
55 to 64	12.92% 830
50 to 54	0.56% 36
Younger than 50	0.34% 22
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,425</b>



### Q5 I am...

Answered: 6,425 Skipped: 312



Answer Choices	Responses
an NRLN Individual Member (annual contributor)	35.91% 2,307
not an NRLN Individual Member (not an annual contributor)	10.61% 682
affiliated with the NRLN through my Retiree Association or Chapter (annual contributor)	24.79% 1,593
affiliated with the NRLN through my Retiree Association or Chapter (not an annual contributor)	17.23% 1,107
I don't know	14.97% 962
<b>Total Respondents: 6,425</b>	

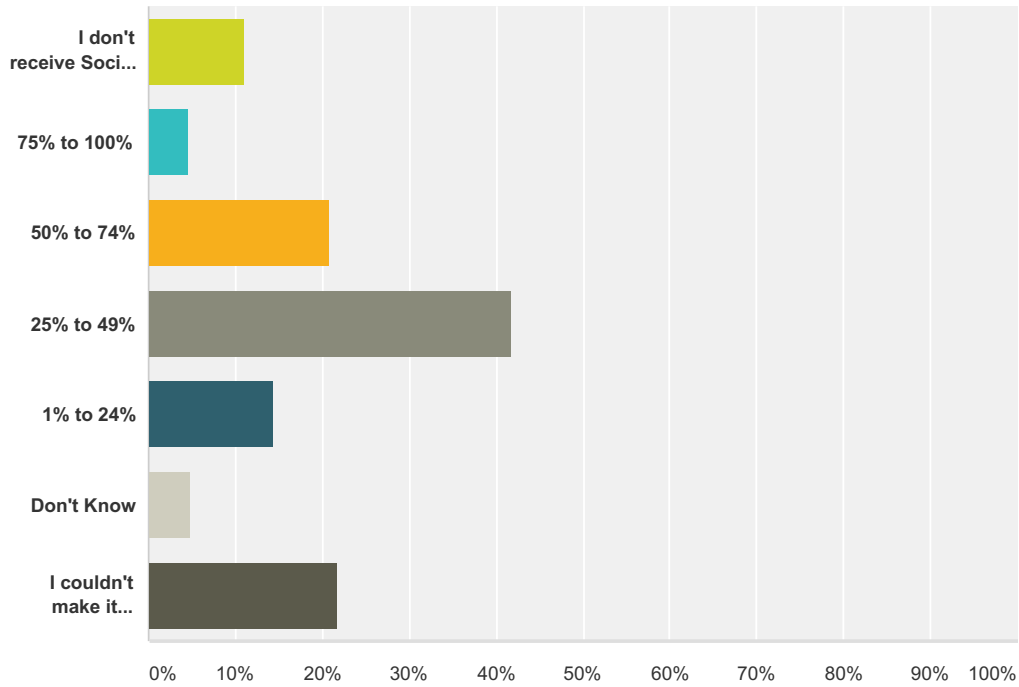
**Q6 If you are not receiving NRLN emails and would like to receive NRLN emails provide the following information:**

Answered: 610 Skipped: 6,127

Answer Choices	Responses	
FIRST NAME	99.67%	608
LAST NAME	98.20%	599
EMAIL ADDRESS	98.20%	599
STATE	98.52%	601
ZIP CODE	98.20%	599
+4 ZIP CODE (if known)	40.49%	247

**Q7 If you receive Social Security, what percent of your total annual gross income is from Social Security. After selecting one of the four % choices or “Don’t Know”, then please also check the last choice if it applies to you.**

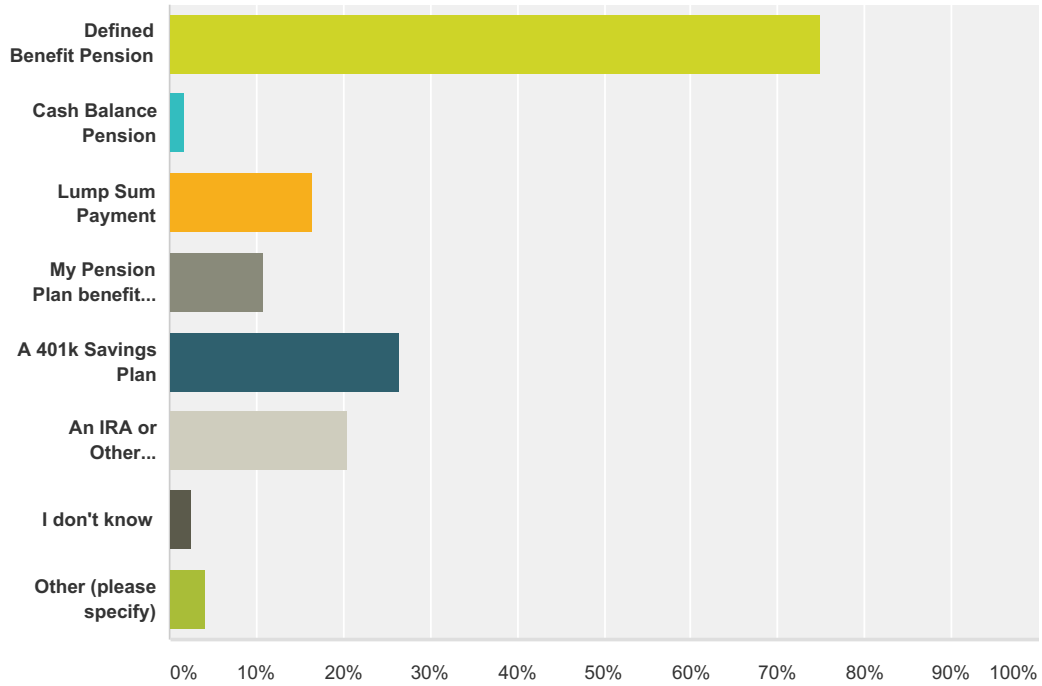
Answered: 6,240 Skipped: 497



Answer Choices	Responses	
I don't receive Social Security	10.99%	686
75% to 100%	4.66%	291
50% to 74%	20.79%	1,297
25% to 49%	41.79%	2,608
1% to 24%	14.49%	904
Don't Know	4.74%	296
I couldn't make it financially if my Social Security payment was reduced.	21.78%	1,359
<b>Total Respondents: 6,240</b>		

**Q8 I retired with a:(check all that apply)**

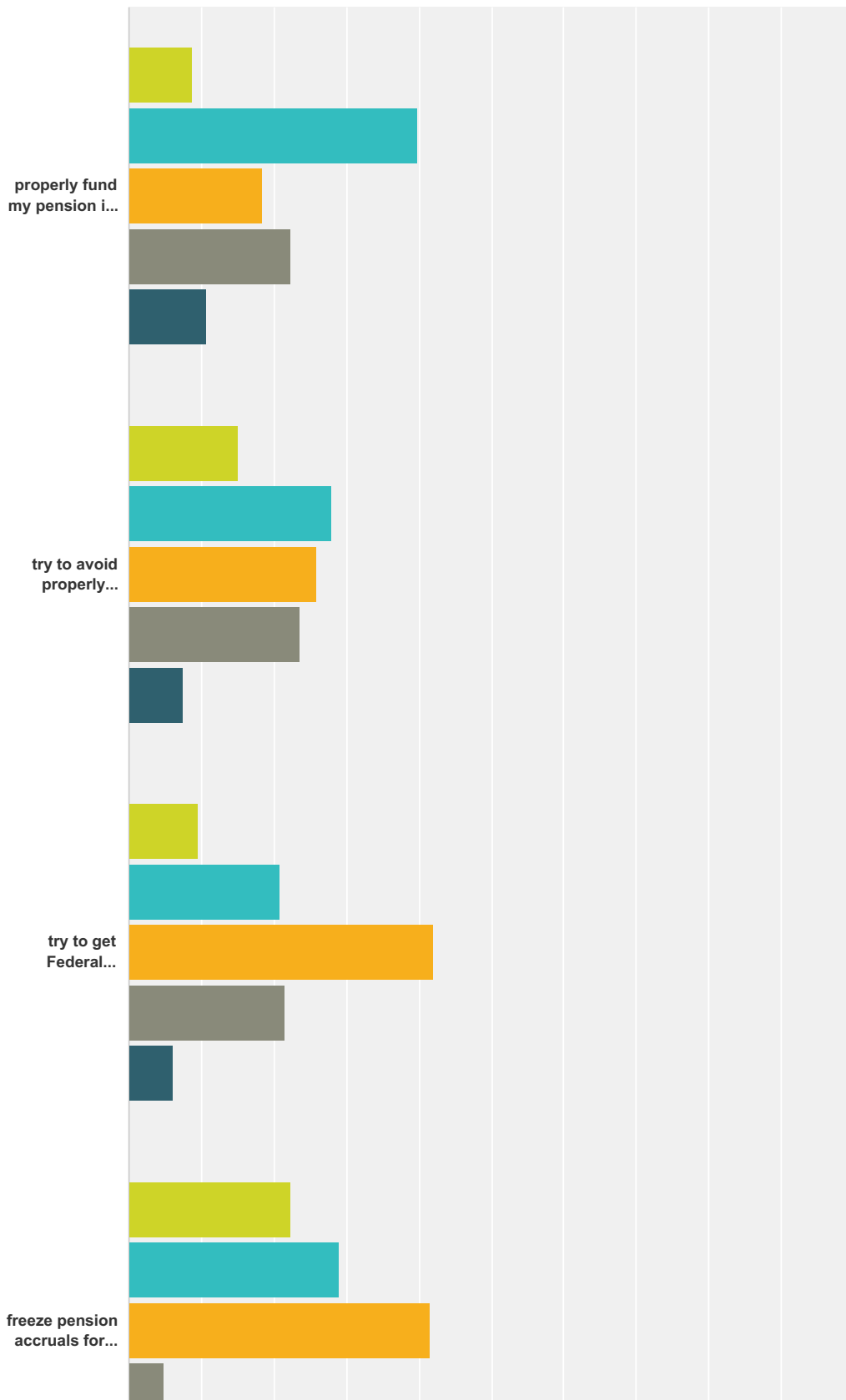
Answered: 6,254 Skipped: 483



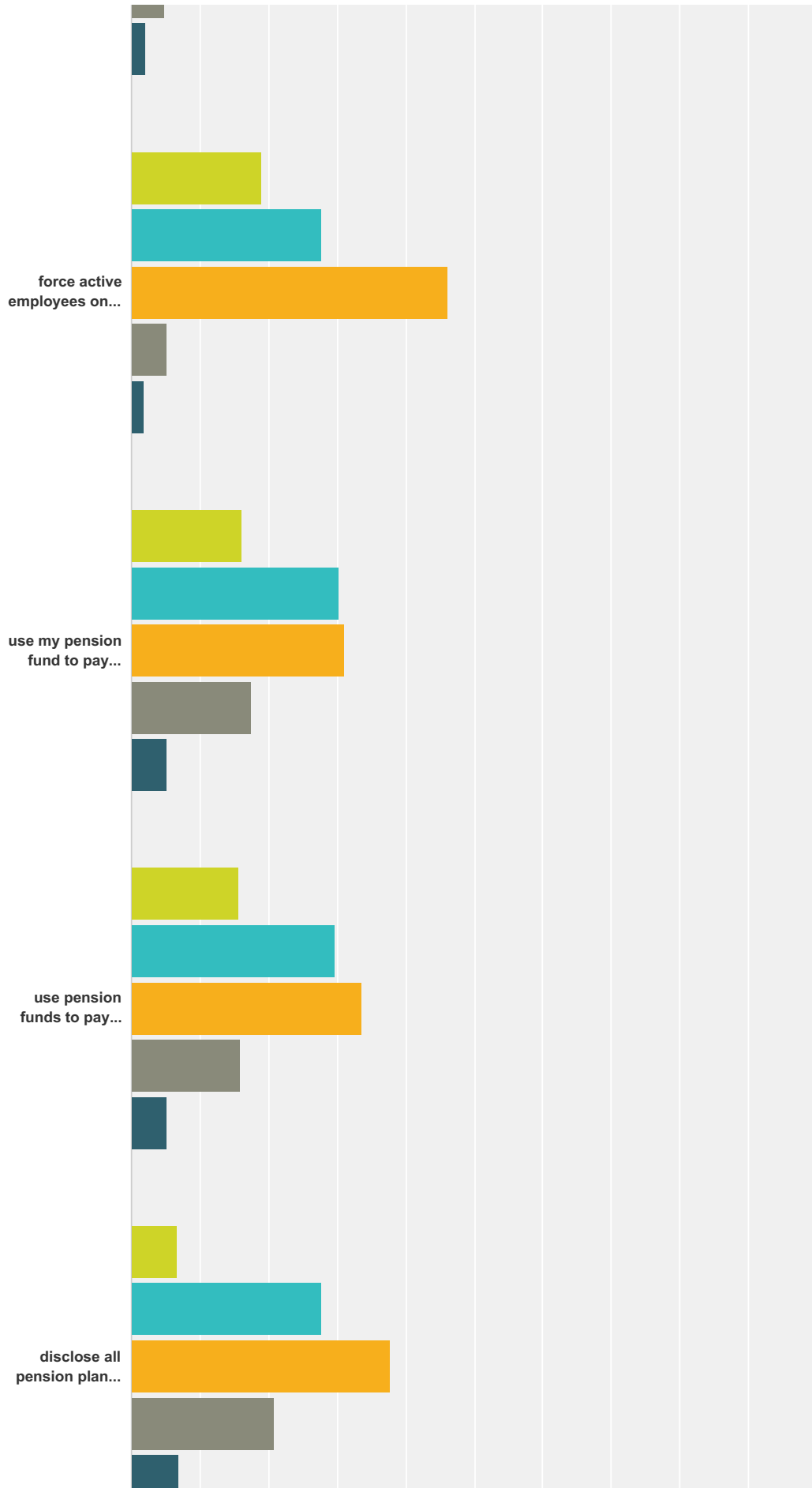
Answer Choices	Responses	
Defined Benefit Pension	<b>74.99%</b>	4,690
Cash Balance Pension	<b>1.65%</b>	103
Lump Sum Payment	<b>16.41%</b>	1,026
My Pension Plan benefit is now an annuity paid by Prudential or another insurance company	<b>10.78%</b>	674
A 401k Savings Plan	<b>26.43%</b>	1,653
An IRA or Other Retirement Savings Plan	<b>20.43%</b>	1,278
I don't know	<b>2.48%</b>	155
Other (please specify)	<b>4.08%</b>	255
<b>Total Respondents: 6,254</b>		

**Q9 I believe my former employer will:  
(please respond to all 10 items)**

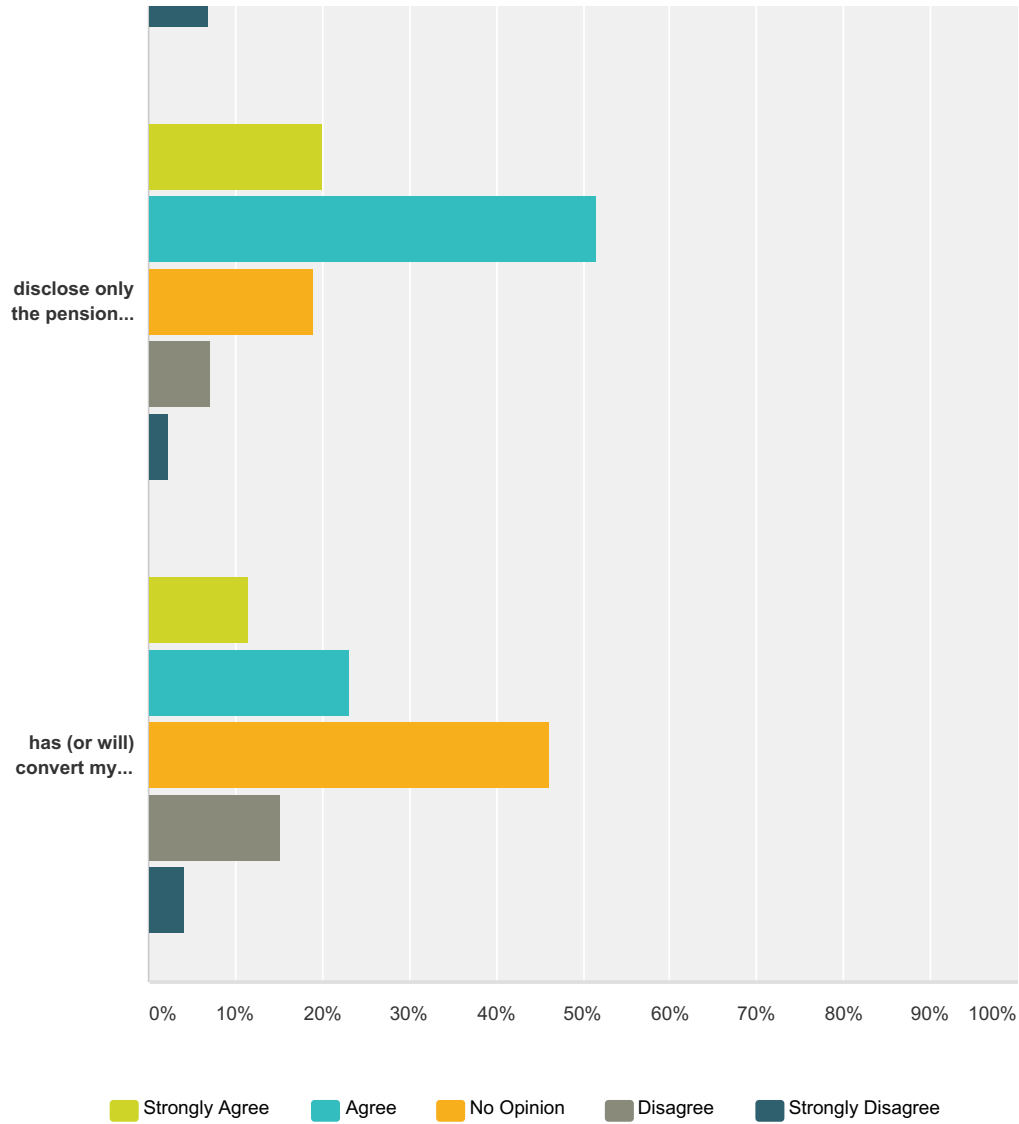
Answered: 4,614 Skipped: 2,123



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	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
properly fund my pension in the future	8.80% 399	39.81% 1,806	18.43% 836	22.38% 1,015	10.58% 480	4,536
try to avoid properly funding my pension	14.99% 655	27.92% 1,220	25.89% 1,131	23.62% 1,032	7.58% 331	4,369
try to get Federal Government (PBGC) takeover	9.57% 417	20.91% 911	41.94% 1,827	21.56% 939	6.01% 262	4,356
freeze pension accruals for active employees	22.39% 974	29.03% 1,263	41.54% 1,807	4.87% 212	2.16% 94	4,350
force active employees onto a cash balance plan	18.91% 822	27.80% 1,208	46.18% 2,007	5.13% 223	1.98% 86	4,346
use my pension fund to pay non-pension expenses	16.00% 699	30.29% 1,323	31.04% 1,356	17.49% 764	5.17% 226	4,368
use pension funds to pay separation and layoff bonuses	15.67% 682	29.73% 1,294	33.63% 1,464	15.83% 689	5.15% 224	4,353
disclose all pension plan information requested by me	6.62% 288	27.77% 1,208	37.70% 1,640	20.92% 910	6.99% 304	4,350

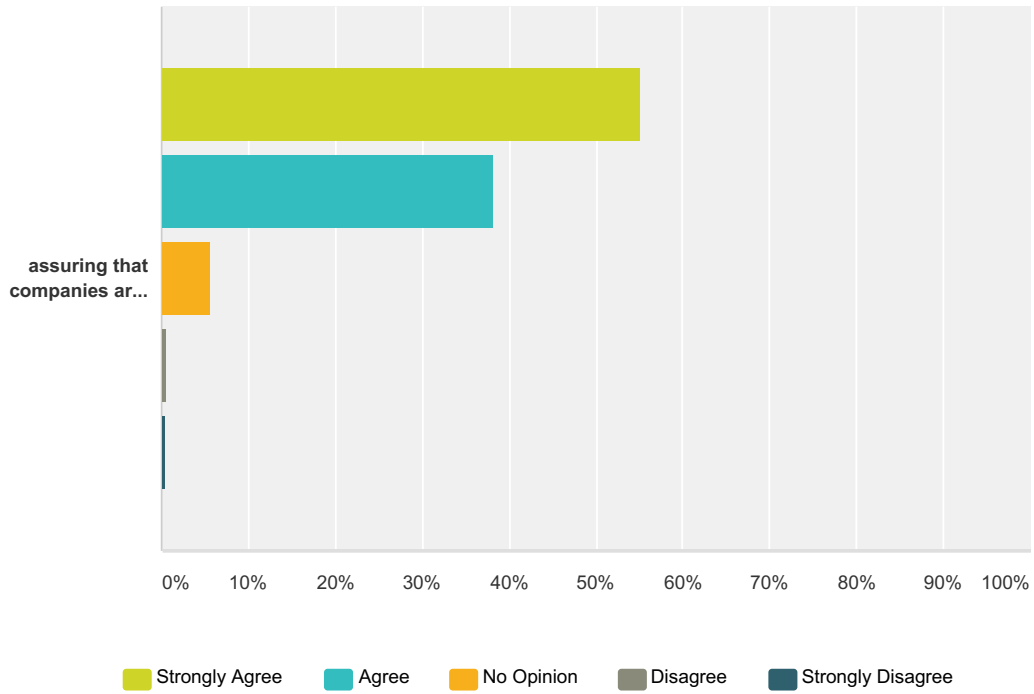
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disclose only the pension information required by law	<b>20.07%</b> 877	<b>51.54%</b> 2,252	<b>19.04%</b> 832	<b>7.14%</b> 312	<b>2.20%</b> 96	4,369
has (or will) convert my pension to an annuity from an insurance company	<b>11.47%</b> 501	<b>23.07%</b> 1,008	<b>46.10%</b> 2,014	<b>15.27%</b> 667	<b>4.10%</b> 179	4,369



**Q10 The NRLN's highest priority has been...**

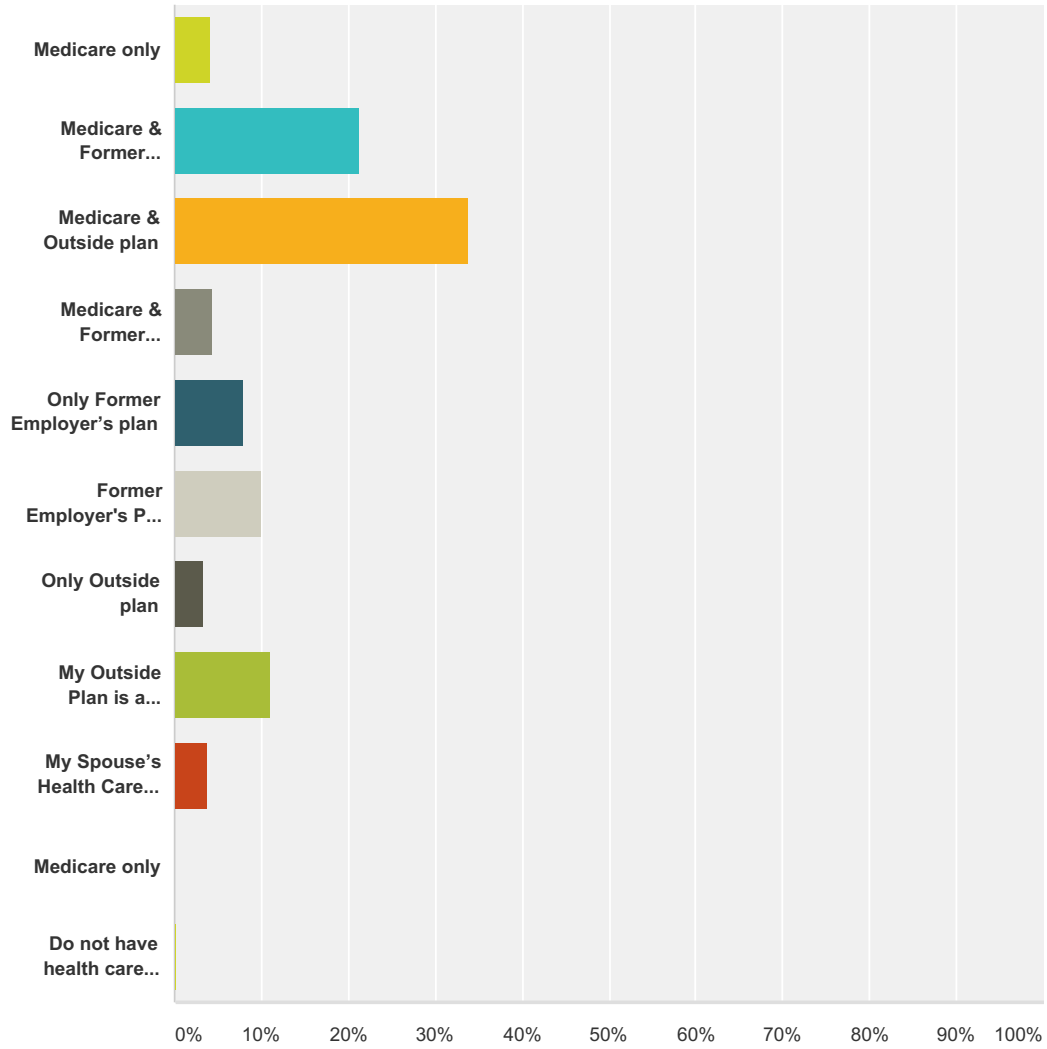
Answered: 4,605 Skipped: 2,132



	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
assuring that companies are able to pay pensions as promised by getting strong pension laws passed	55.07% 2,536	38.26% 1,762	5.67% 261	0.65% 30	0.35% 16	4,605

### Q11 My 2016 healthcare insurance is from:

Answered: 6,040 Skipped: 697



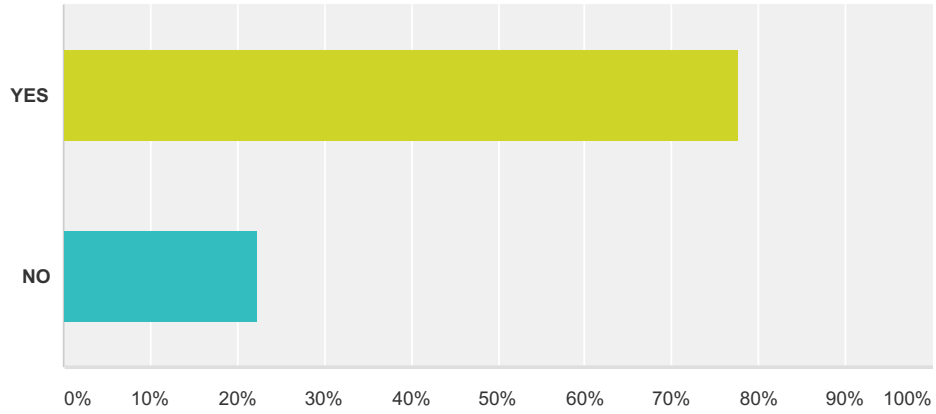
Answer Choices	Responses
Medicare only	4.27% 258
Medicare & Former Employer's plan	21.29% 1,286
Medicare & Outside plan	33.81% 2,042
Medicare & Former Employer's plan & Outside plan	4.30% 260
Only Former Employer's plan	8.01% 484
Former Employer's Plan is a Medicare Advantage Plan	10.05% 607
Only Outside plan	3.34% 202
My Outside Plan is a Medicare Advantage Plan	11.03% 666
My Spouse's Health Care Plan	3.69% 223
Medicare only	0.00% 0

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Do not have health care insurance	0.20%	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,040</b>

**Q12 If you are a Medicare participant, do you have a Medigap supplemental (such as UnitedHealthCare, Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Mutual of Omaha, etc.)?**

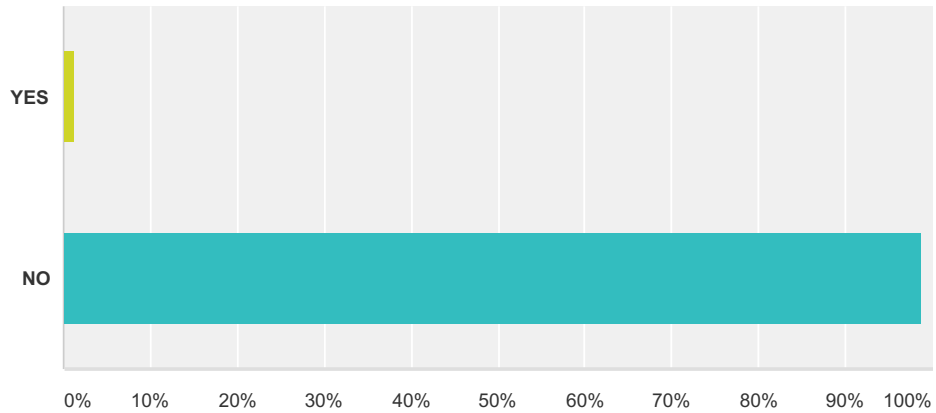
Answered: 3,785 Skipped: 2,952



Answer Choices	Responses
YES	77.75% 2,943
NO	22.25% 842
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,785</b>

**Q13 Have you ever spent three days or more in a hospital but then were denied rehabilitation treatment by Medicare in a skilled nursing facility because some hospital inpatient days had been classified as “observation” days?**

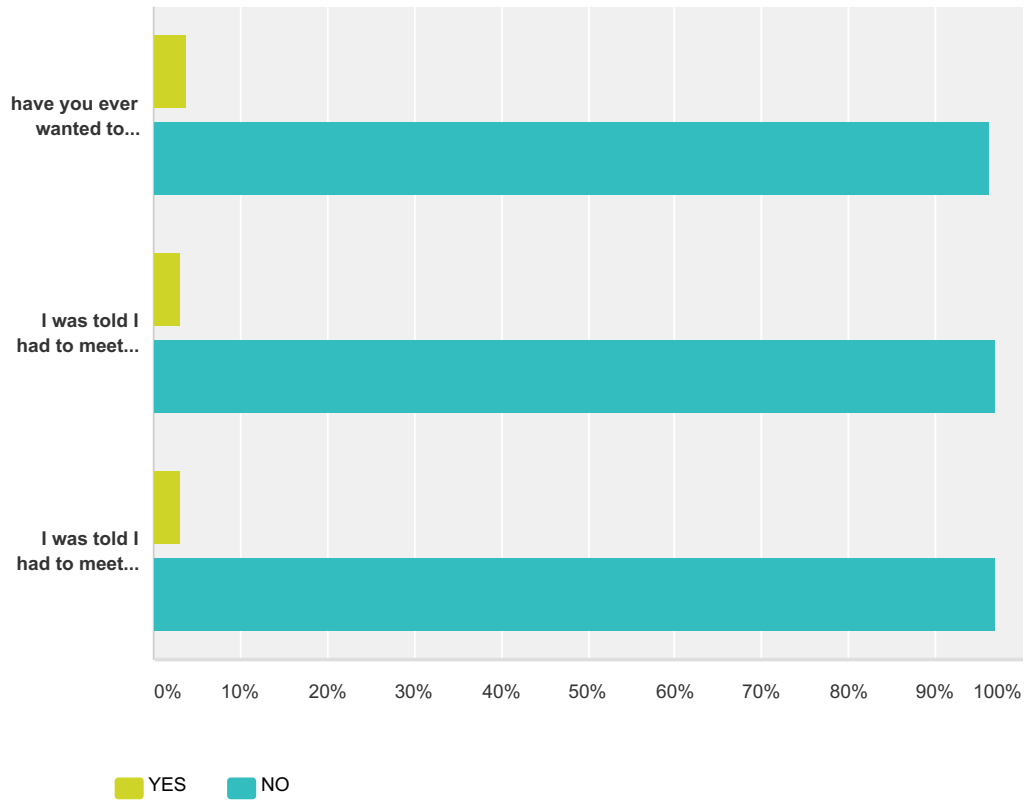
Answered: 3,791 Skipped: 2,946



Answer Choices	Responses
YES	1.19% 45
NO	98.81% 3,746
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,791</b>

### Q14 If you are Medicare eligible and are on a Medicare Advantage plan

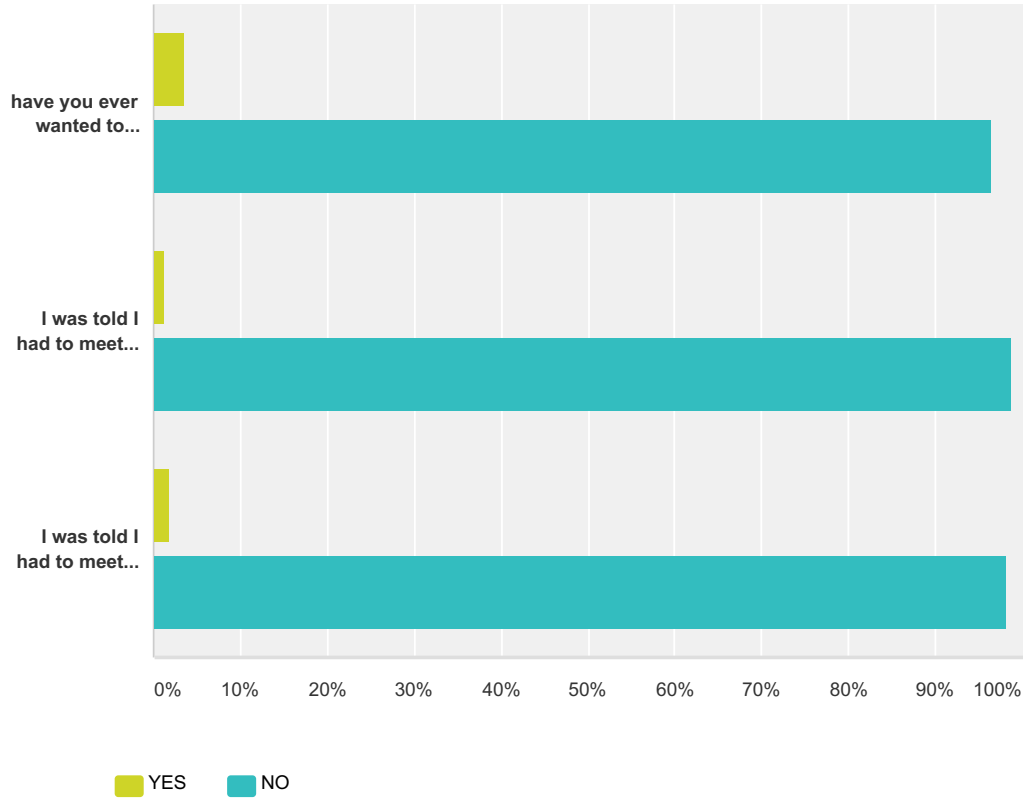
Answered: 1,225 Skipped: 5,512



	YES	NO	Total
have you ever wanted to change your plan back to Medicare and a Medigap plan but were told you were not eligible for a Medigap supplemental plan because you have a pre-existing medical condition (such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, taking new medications, etc.)?	3.77% 46	96.23% 1,174	1,220
I was told I had to meet pre-existing conditions or I would not be accepted	3.08% 29	96.92% 914	943
I was told I had to meet pre-existing conditions or pay higher premiums	3.08% 29	96.92% 914	943

### Q15 . If you are Medicare Advantage plan participant have you ever wanted to change your plan to another Medicare Advantage plan

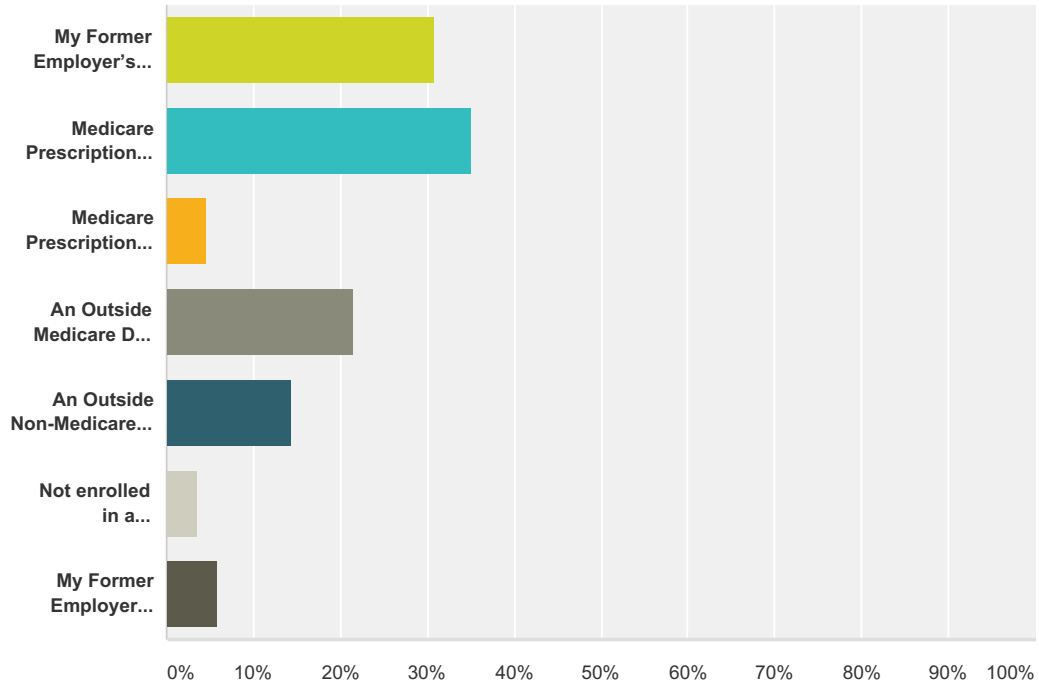
Answered: 1,214 Skipped: 5,523



	YES	NO	Total
have you ever wanted to change your plan to another Medicare Advantage plan and were told you were not eligible because you have a pre-existing medical condition (such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, taking new medications, etc.)?	3.47% 42	96.53% 1,168	1,210
I was told I had to meet preexisting conditions or I would not be accepted	1.29% 12	98.71% 921	933
I was told I had to meet preexisting conditions or pay higher premiums	1.94% 18	98.06% 911	929

**Q16 I'm enrolled in: (check all that apply)**

Answered: 5,392 Skipped: 1,345



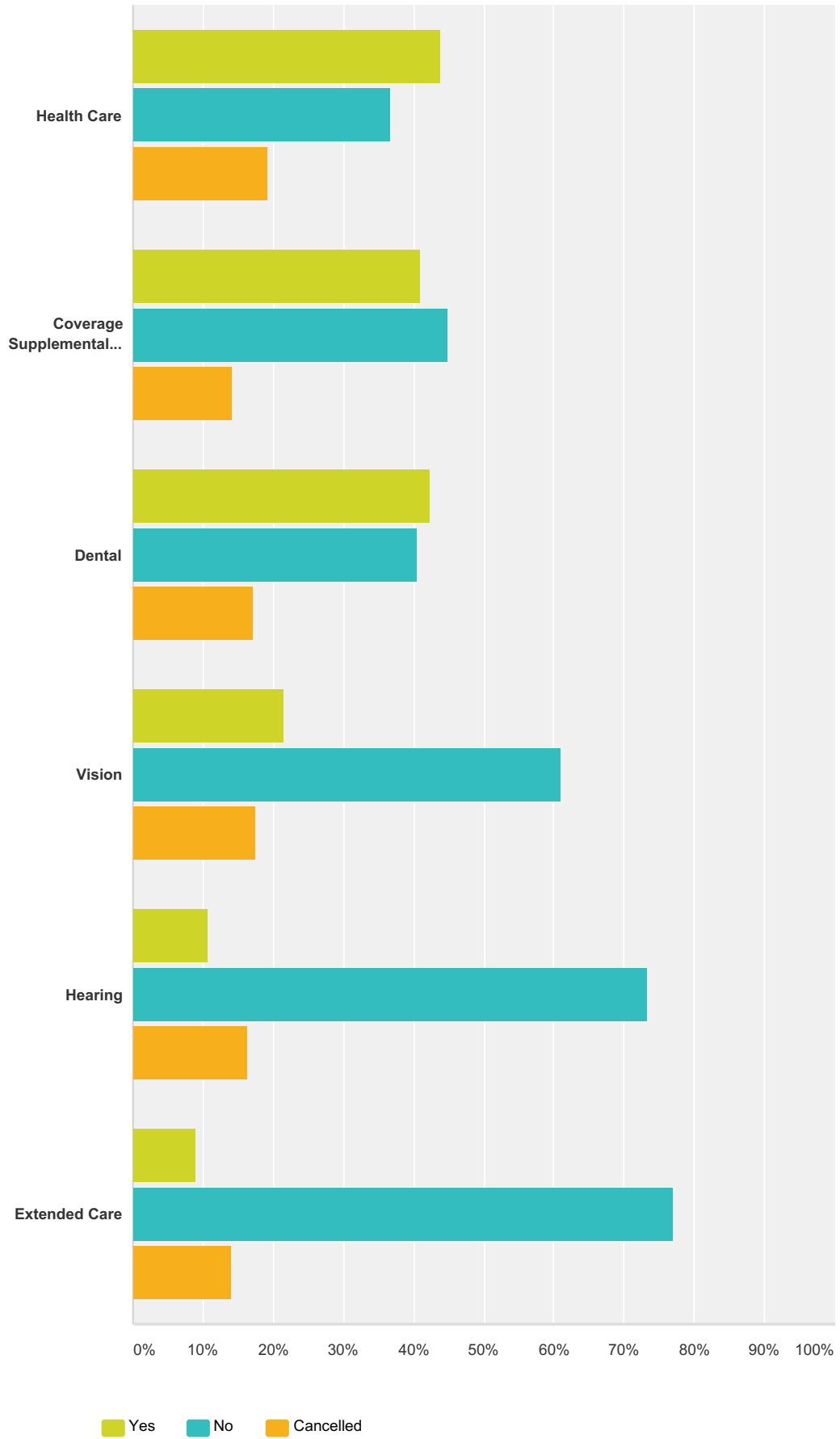
Answer Choices	Responses
My Former Employer's Prescription Drug plan	30.84% 1,663
Medicare Prescription Drug plan (Medicare Part D)	35.01% 1,888
Medicare Prescription Drug plan that covers Part D "Doughnut Hole"	4.60% 248
An Outside Medicare D Prescription Drug Plan that is part of a Medicare Advantage Plan	21.51% 1,160
An Outside Non-Medicare Prescription Drug plan	14.43% 778
Not enrolled in a Prescription Drug plan	3.56% 192
My Former Employer Cancelled My Prescription Drug plan	5.75% 310
<b>Total Respondents: 5,392</b>	



**Q17 My former employer provides the following insurance... (check all that apply)**

Answered: 5,149 Skipped: 1,588

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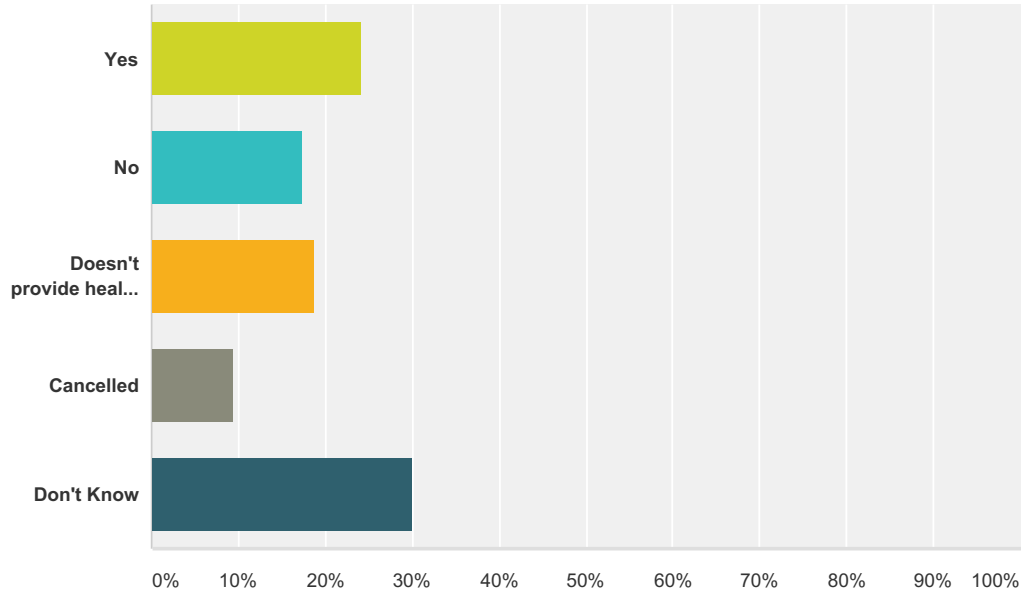


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	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>	<b>Total</b>
Health Care	<b>43.91%</b> 2,058	<b>36.83%</b> 1,726	<b>19.27%</b> 903	4,687
Coverage Supplemental to Medicare	<b>41.00%</b> 1,841	<b>44.86%</b> 2,014	<b>14.14%</b> 635	4,490
Dental	<b>42.30%</b> 2,043	<b>40.50%</b> 1,956	<b>17.20%</b> 831	4,830
Vision	<b>21.50%</b> 929	<b>60.93%</b> 2,633	<b>17.57%</b> 759	4,321
Hearing	<b>10.58%</b> 426	<b>73.24%</b> 2,950	<b>16.19%</b> 652	4,028
Extended Care	<b>9.07%</b> 348	<b>77.04%</b> 2,956	<b>13.89%</b> 533	3,837

**Q18 My former employer's health care plan for retirees includes Catastrophic Coverage (out-of-pocket limit)**

Answered: 5,345 Skipped: 1,392

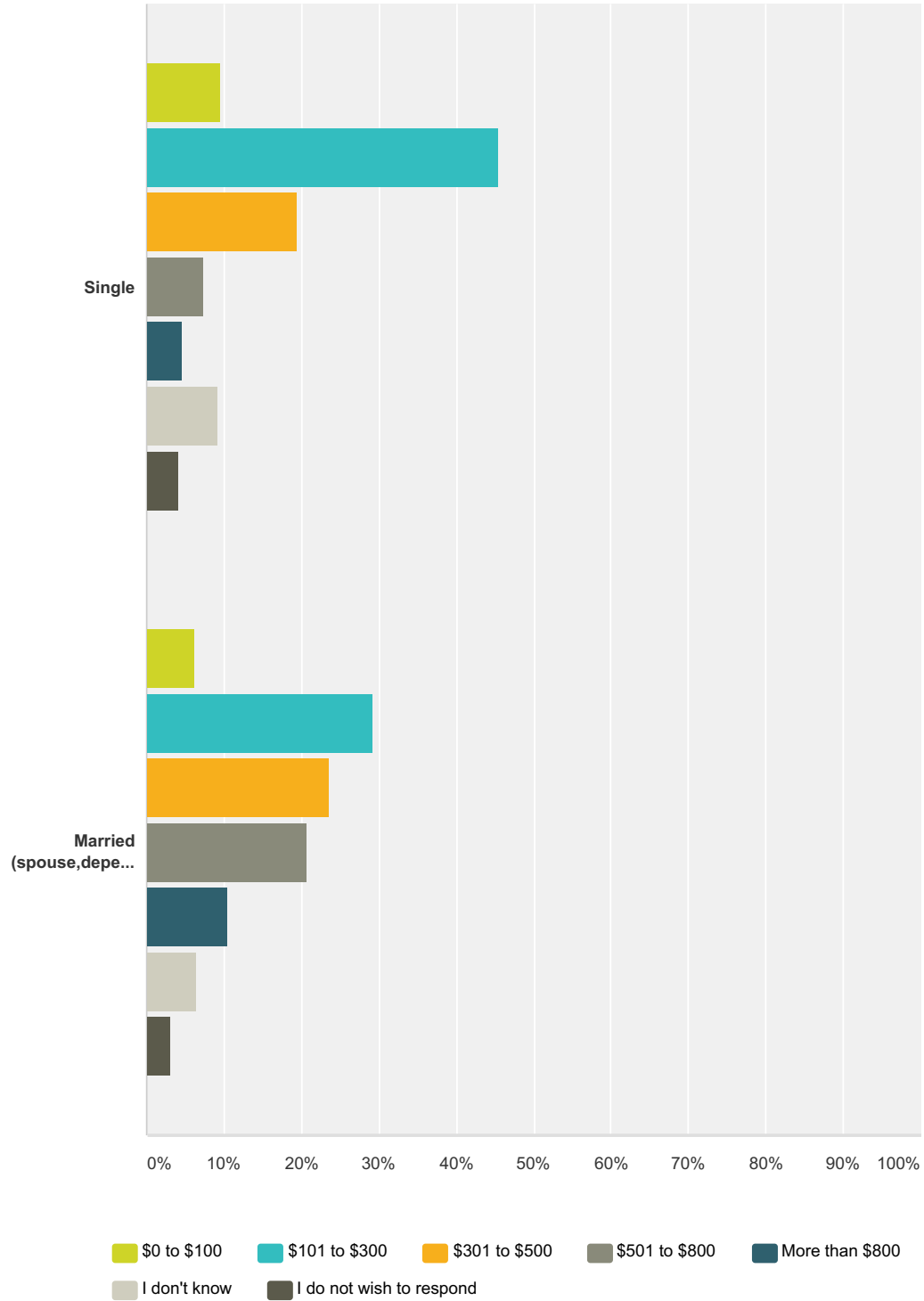


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	24.30% 1,299
No	17.42% 931
Doesn't provide health care	18.84% 1,007
Cancelled	9.41% 503
Don't Know	30.03% 1,605
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,345</b>

**Q19 How much is your total health care/dental/drugs monthly insurance premium for you and your spouse/dependent, including the Medicare premium for part B (currently \$104.90 per person monthly for most beneficiaries) which is deducted from your Social Security income:**

Answered: 5,387 Skipped: 1,350

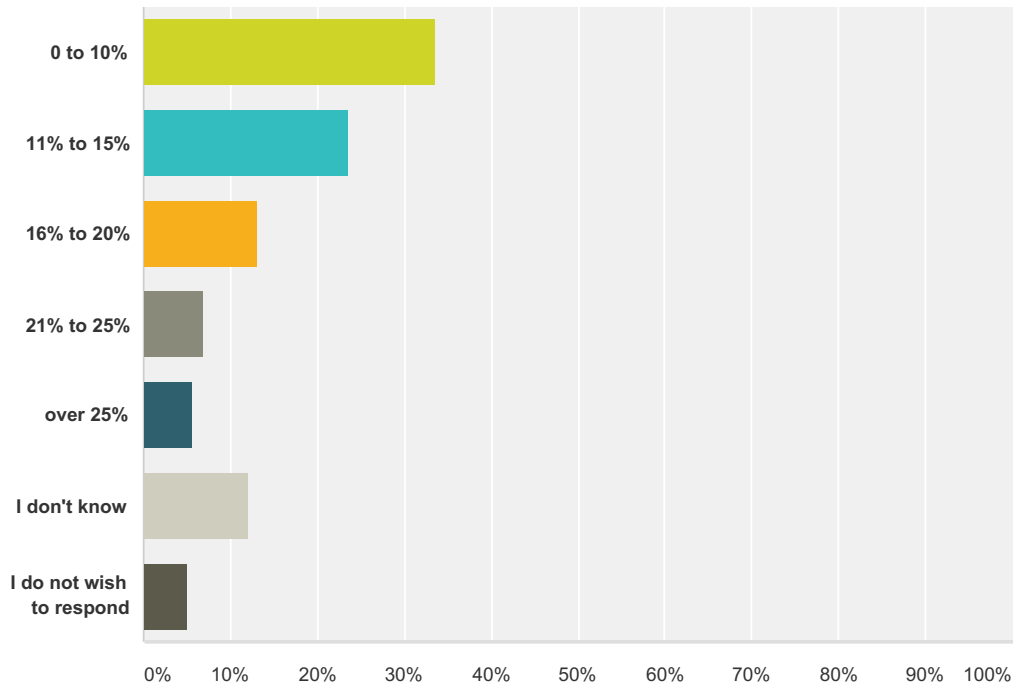
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	\$0 to \$100	\$101 to \$300	\$301 to \$500	\$501 to \$800	More than \$800	I don't know	I do not wish to respond	Total
Single	9.68% 217	45.52% 1,020	19.41% 435	7.41% 166	4.69% 105	9.10% 204	4.19% 94	2,241
Married (spouse, dependents)	6.22% 230	29.22% 1,081	23.60% 873	20.68% 765	10.52% 389	6.54% 242	3.22% 119	3,699

**Q20 Based on the montly cost identified in the last question, what percent of your family’s total monthly after tax income goes to pay health care insurance premiums: (Responses to this question will help the NRLN communicate to Congress just how much of a bite out of retirees’ income, as a group, is being taken by health care insurance costs.)**

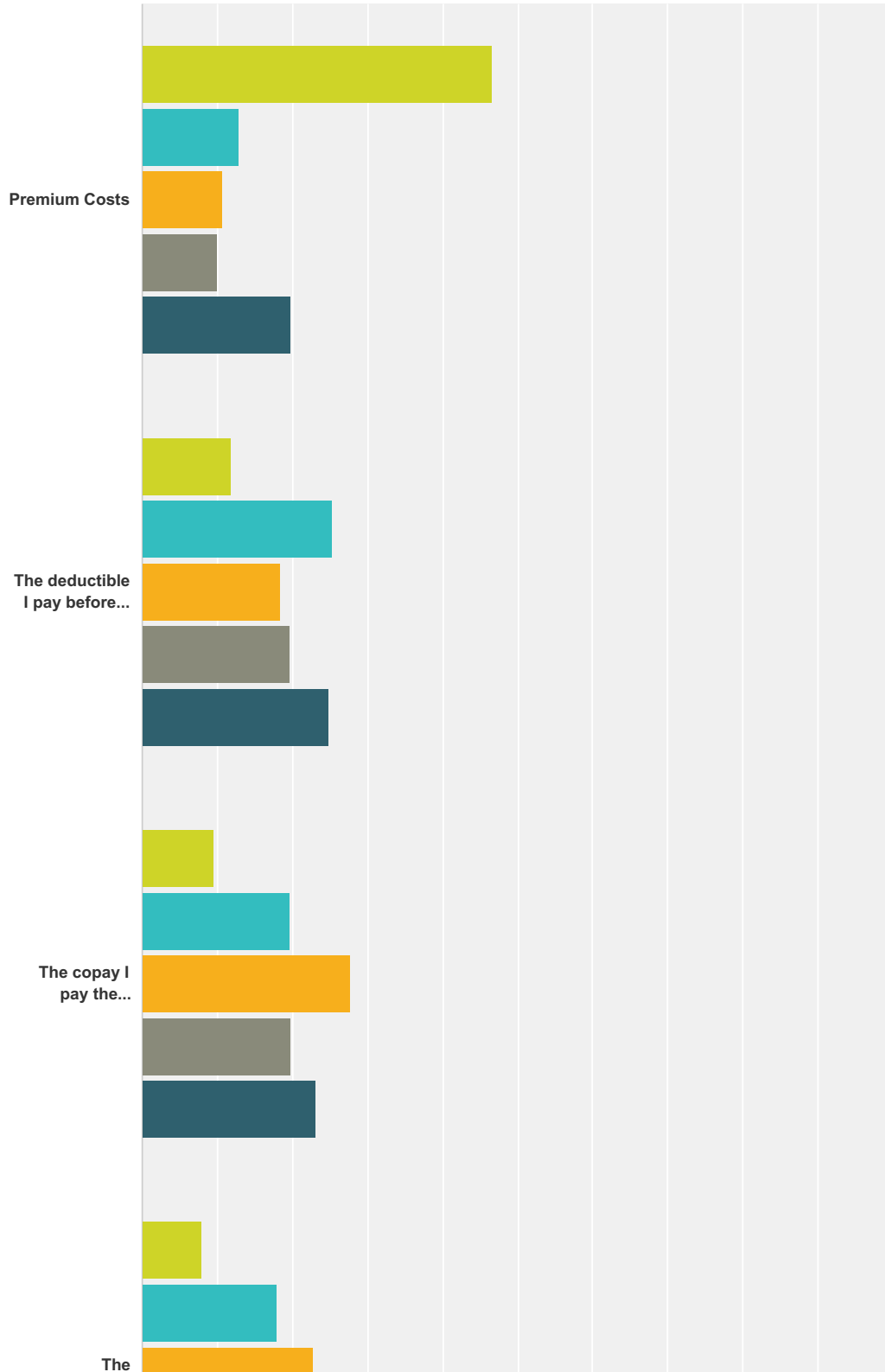
Answered: 5,366 Skipped: 1,371



Answer Choices	Responses
0 to 10%	33.58% 1,802
11% to 15%	23.54% 1,263
16% to 20%	13.06% 701
21% to 25%	6.93% 372
over 25%	5.68% 305
I don't know	12.09% 649
I do not wish to respond	5.11% 274
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,366</b>

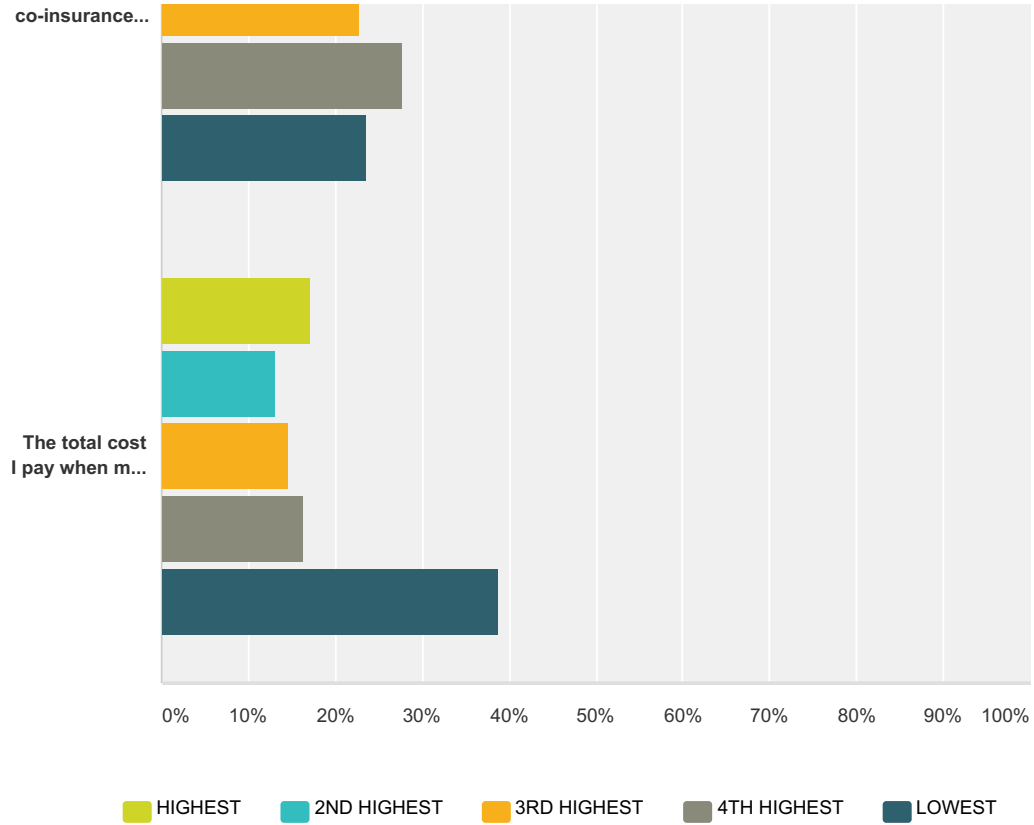
**Q21 Please rank order the Health Care cost factors, including premium costs that affect your annual budget, on a Highest to Lowest scale. (requires 5 responses)**

Answered: 5,063 Skipped: 1,674





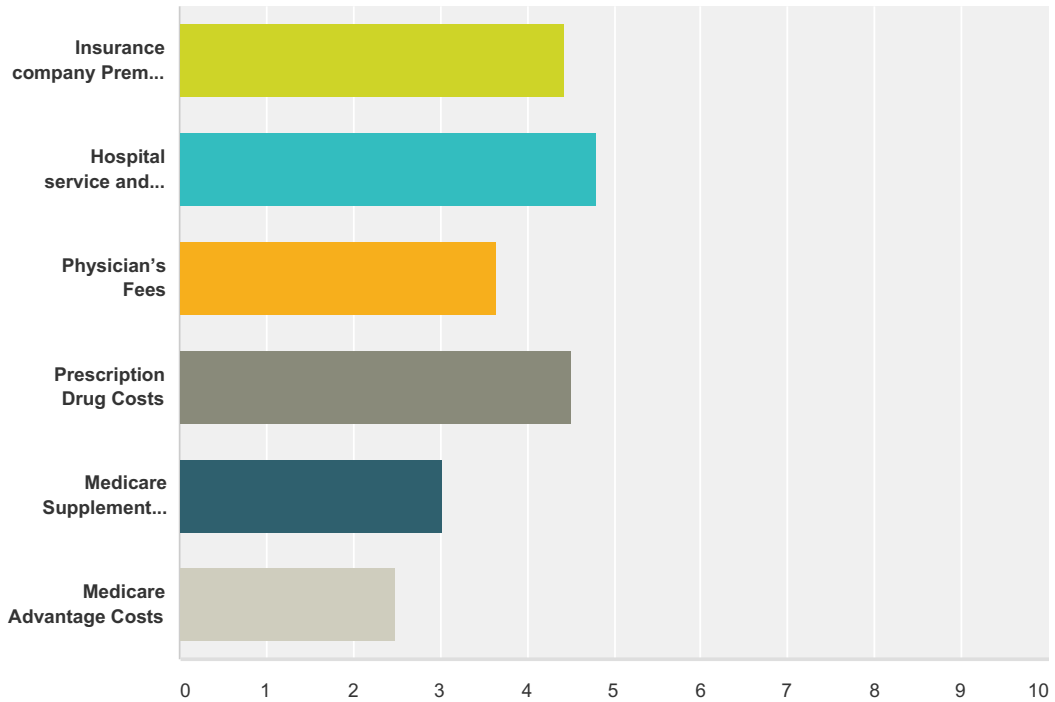
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	HIGHEST	2ND HIGHEST	3RD HIGHEST	4TH HIGHEST	LOWEST	Total
Premium Costs	<b>46.57%</b> 2,297	<b>12.98%</b> 640	<b>10.67%</b> 526	<b>9.94%</b> 490	<b>19.85%</b> 979	4,932
The deductible I pay before coverage kicks in.	<b>11.98%</b> 576	<b>25.16%</b> 1,210	<b>18.34%</b> 882	<b>19.59%</b> 942	<b>24.93%</b> 1,199	4,809
The copay I pay the Hospitals, Doctors or Rx Drug providers every time I have a claim.	<b>9.56%</b> 465	<b>19.72%</b> 959	<b>27.74%</b> 1,349	<b>19.74%</b> 960	<b>23.24%</b> 1,130	4,863
The co-insurance I pay – the amount I am liable for after premium, deductible, copay and insurance payments.	<b>7.88%</b> 381	<b>18.00%</b> 871	<b>22.78%</b> 1,102	<b>27.74%</b> 1,342	<b>23.60%</b> 1,142	4,838
The total cost I pay when my insurance simply does not cover or pay anything for treatment.	<b>17.22%</b> 829	<b>13.23%</b> 637	<b>14.56%</b> 701	<b>16.22%</b> 781	<b>38.77%</b> 1,867	4,815

**Q22 Based upon what you know, from what you hear, see and have experienced, please rank order from HIGHEST TO 4TH HIGHEST, which health care annual cost increases you believe are out of control (least rational). (requires 6 responses)**

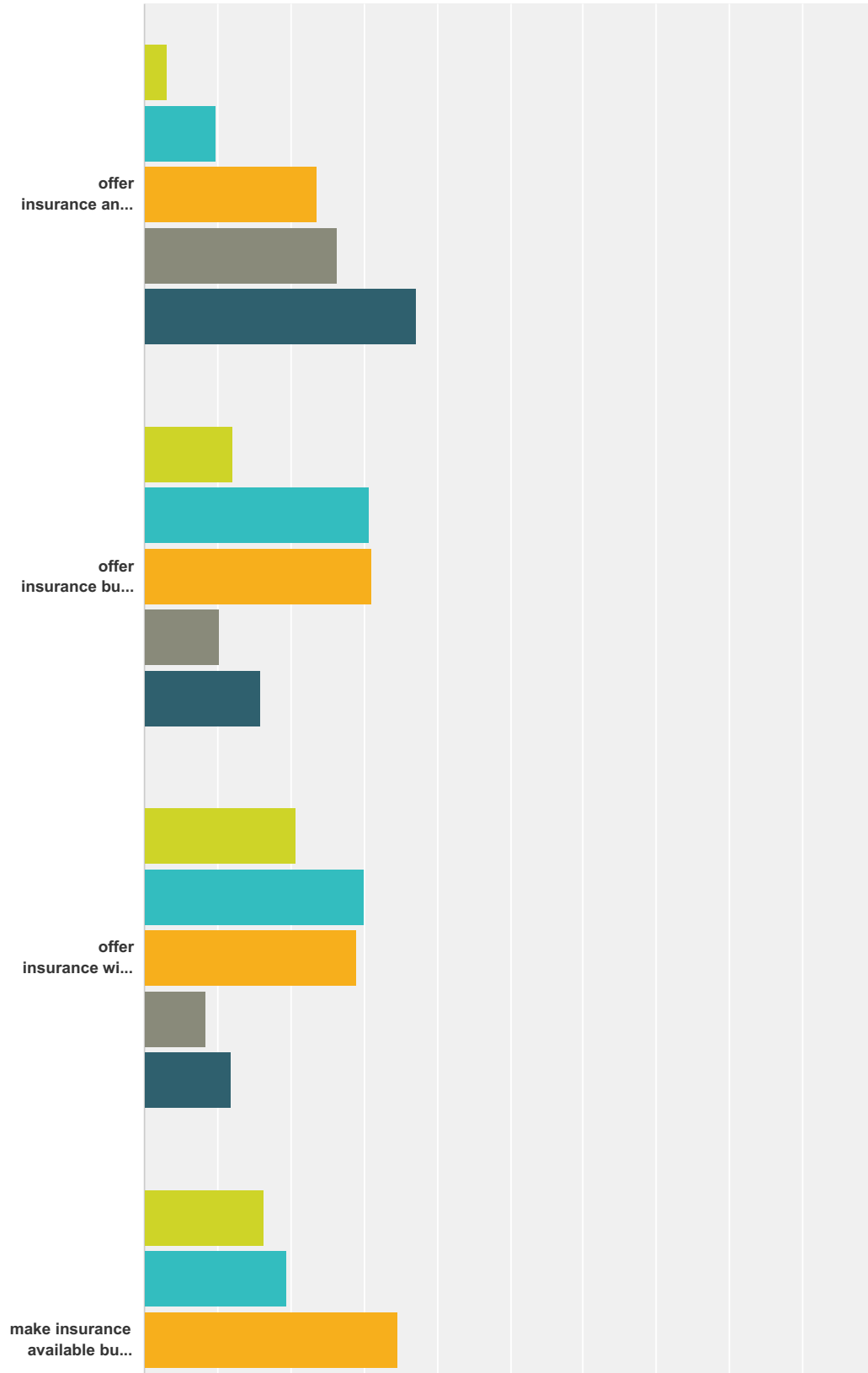
Answered: 5,092 Skipped: 1,645



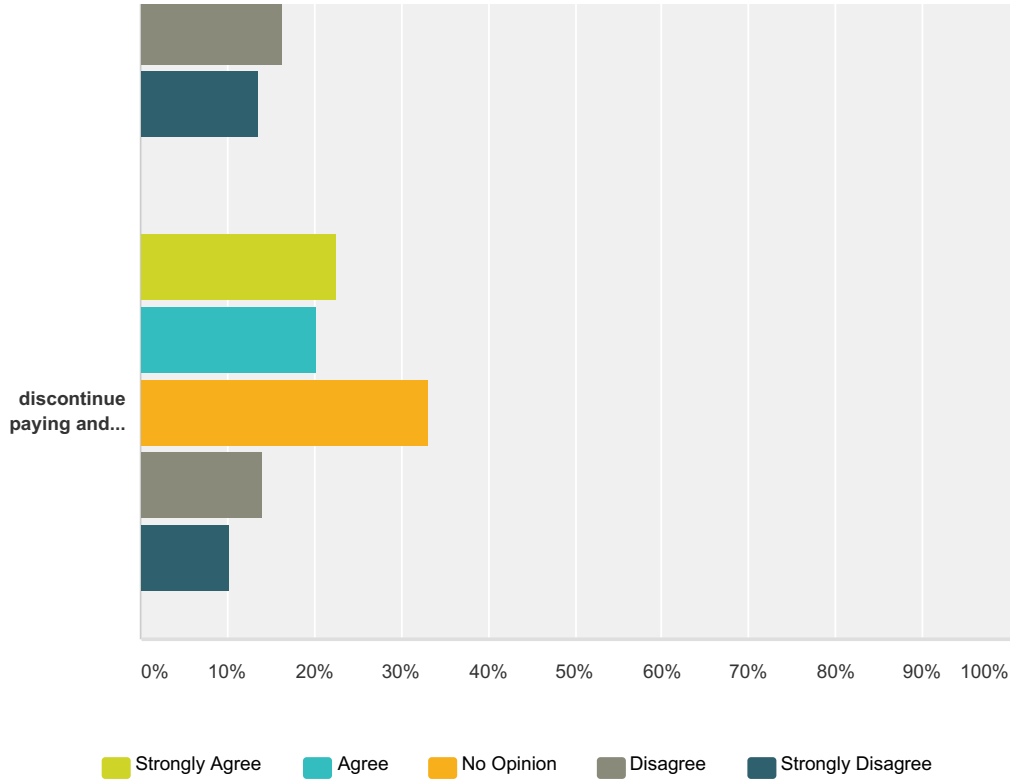
	HIGHEST	2ND HIGHEST	3RD HIGHEST	4TH HIGHEST	5th HIGHEST	LOWEST	Total	Weighted Average
Insurance company Premium Costs	34.47% 1,691	19.77% 970	19.32% 948	13.98% 686	5.77% 283	6.69% 328	4,906	4.43
Hospital service and Materials Costs	39.25% 1,943	29.45% 1,458	15.76% 780	7.66% 379	4.40% 218	3.47% 172	4,950	4.81
Physician's Fees	9.96% 482	19.35% 936	27.25% 1,318	22.49% 1,088	11.00% 532	9.94% 481	4,837	3.65
Prescription Drug Costs	35.17% 1,756	21.23% 1,060	18.09% 903	15.12% 755	5.43% 271	4.97% 248	4,993	4.51
Medicare Supplement (Medigap) Costs	9.43% 432	11.59% 531	14.76% 676	18.06% 827	29.02% 1,329	17.14% 785	4,580	3.03
Medicare Advantage Costs	7.77% 347	8.37% 374	11.30% 505	12.13% 542	17.99% 804	42.44% 1,896	4,468	2.48

### Q23 If your former employer provides health care insurance, do you believe that in the future your former employer will:

Answered: 4,067 Skipped: 2,670



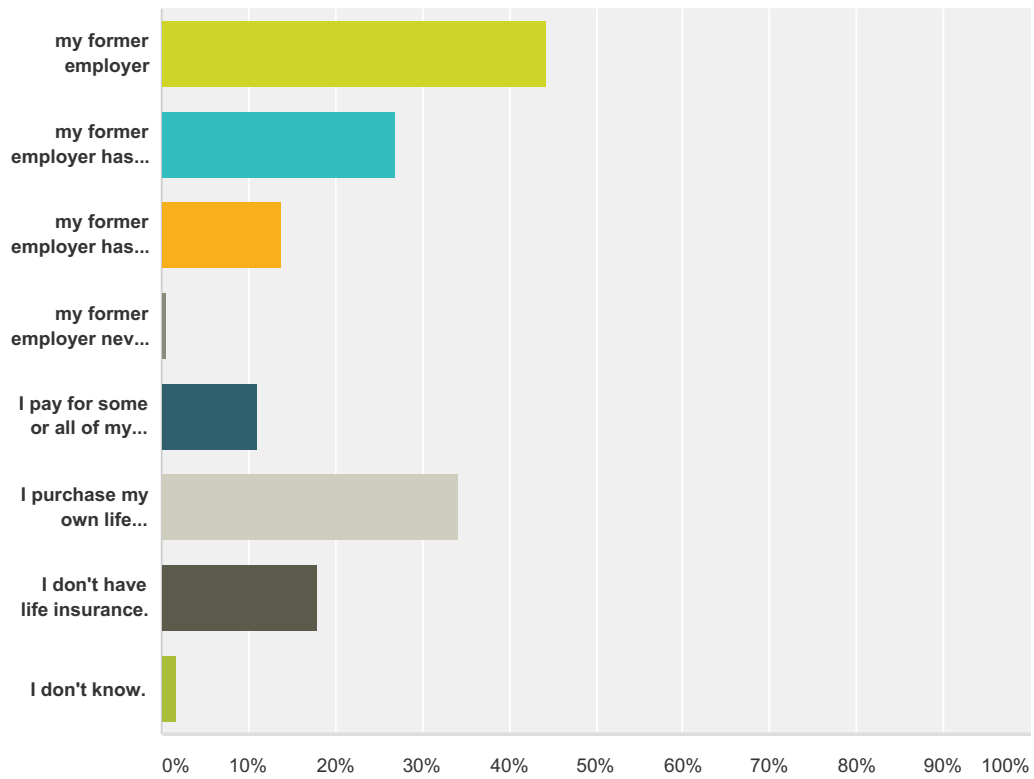
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
offer insurance and pay for my cost including inflation	3.23% 126	9.72% 379	23.62% 921	26.29% 1,025	37.14% 1,448	3,899
offer insurance but with annual cap on company subsidies	12.03% 465	30.66% 1,185	31.20% 1,206	10.32% 399	15.78% 610	3,865
offer insurance with all annual cost increases paid by me	20.66% 797	30.09% 1,161	28.93% 1,116	8.37% 323	11.95% 461	3,858
make insurance available but I will pay 100% of the cost	16.23% 625	19.35% 745	34.59% 1,332	16.26% 626	13.58% 523	3,851
discontinue paying and offering health care insurance	22.46% 881	20.19% 792	33.24% 1,304	13.97% 548	10.15% 398	3,923

**Q24 I have a life insurance benefit from...  
(check all that apply)**

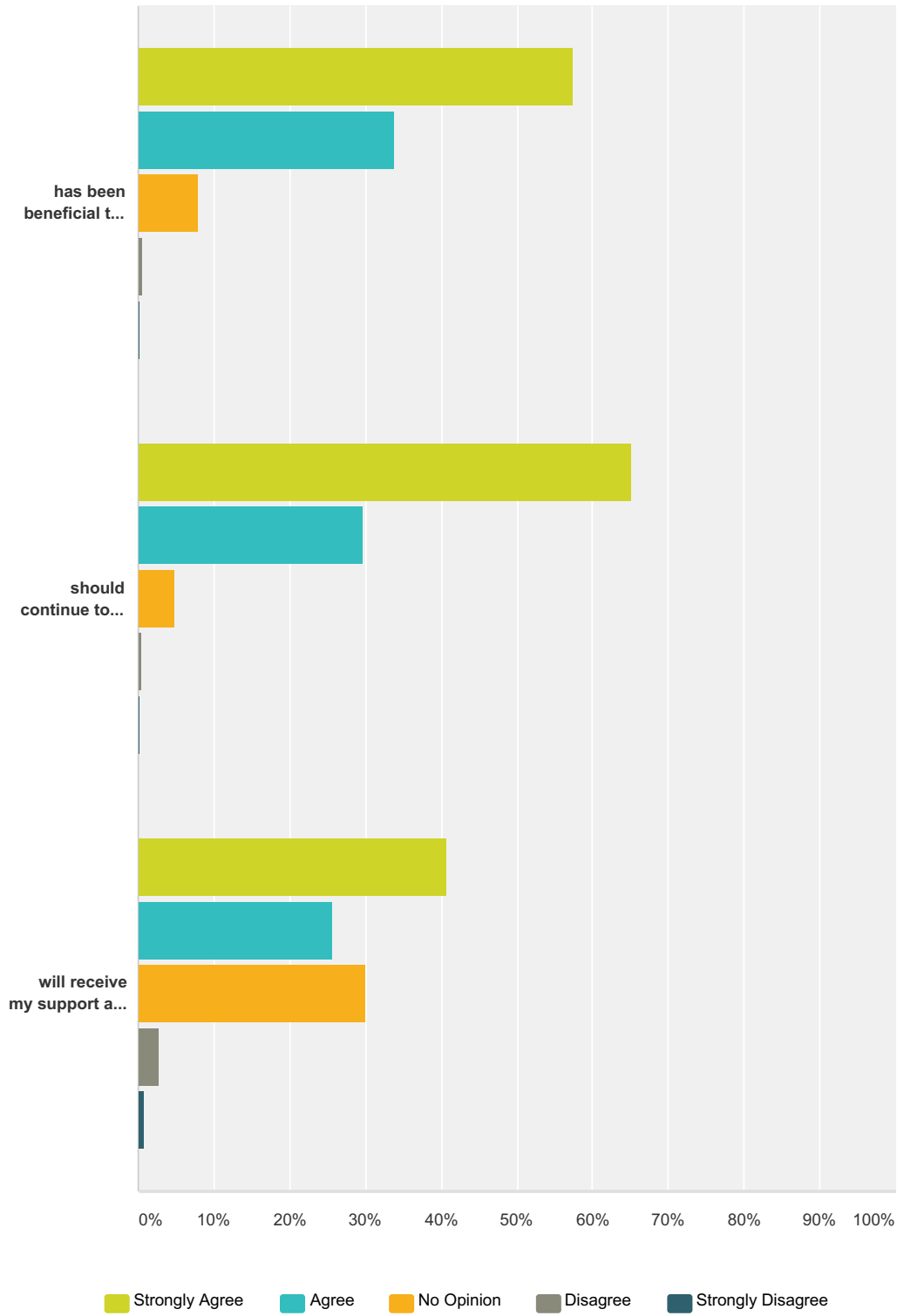
Answered: 5,377 Skipped: 1,360



Answer Choices	Responses
my former employer	44.24% 2,379
my former employer has reduced this benefit	26.91% 1,447
my former employer has eliminated this benefit	13.86% 745
my former employer never provided this benefit	0.71% 38
I pay for some or all of my life insurance benefit from my former employer.	11.10% 597
I purchase my own life insurance from another source.	34.31% 1,845
I don't have life insurance.	18.06% 971
I don't know.	1.60% 86
<b>Total Respondents: 5,377</b>	

### Q25 I believe the NRLN...

Answered: 5,180 Skipped: 1,557



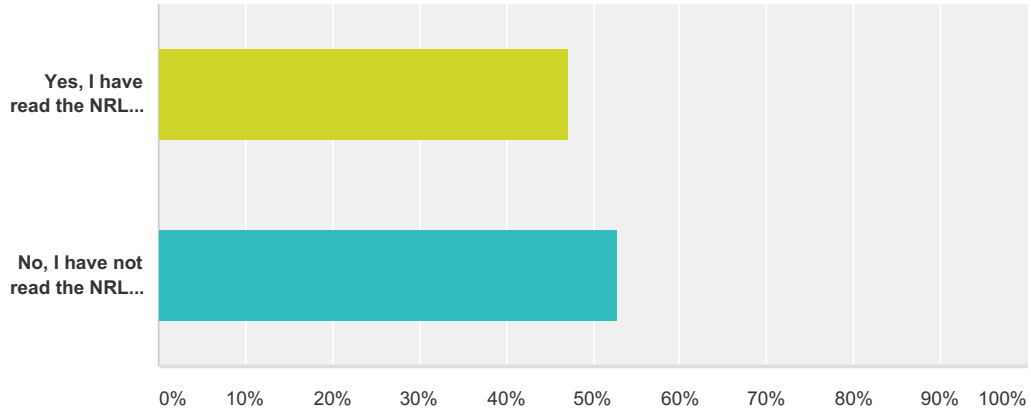
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
has been beneficial to retirees	57.48% 2,963	33.77% 1,741	7.90% 407	0.62% 32	0.23% 12	5,155

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should continue to exist	<b>65.09%</b> 3,322	<b>29.62%</b> 1,512	<b>4.74%</b> 242	<b>0.31%</b> 16	<b>0.24%</b> 12	5,104
will receive my support as a dues-paying member	<b>40.77%</b> 2,048	<b>25.58%</b> 1,285	<b>30.08%</b> 1,511	<b>2.67%</b> 134	<b>0.90%</b> 45	5,023

### Q26 Have you read the NRLN's 2016 Legislative Agenda on www.nrln.org ?

Answered: 5,106 Skipped: 1,631

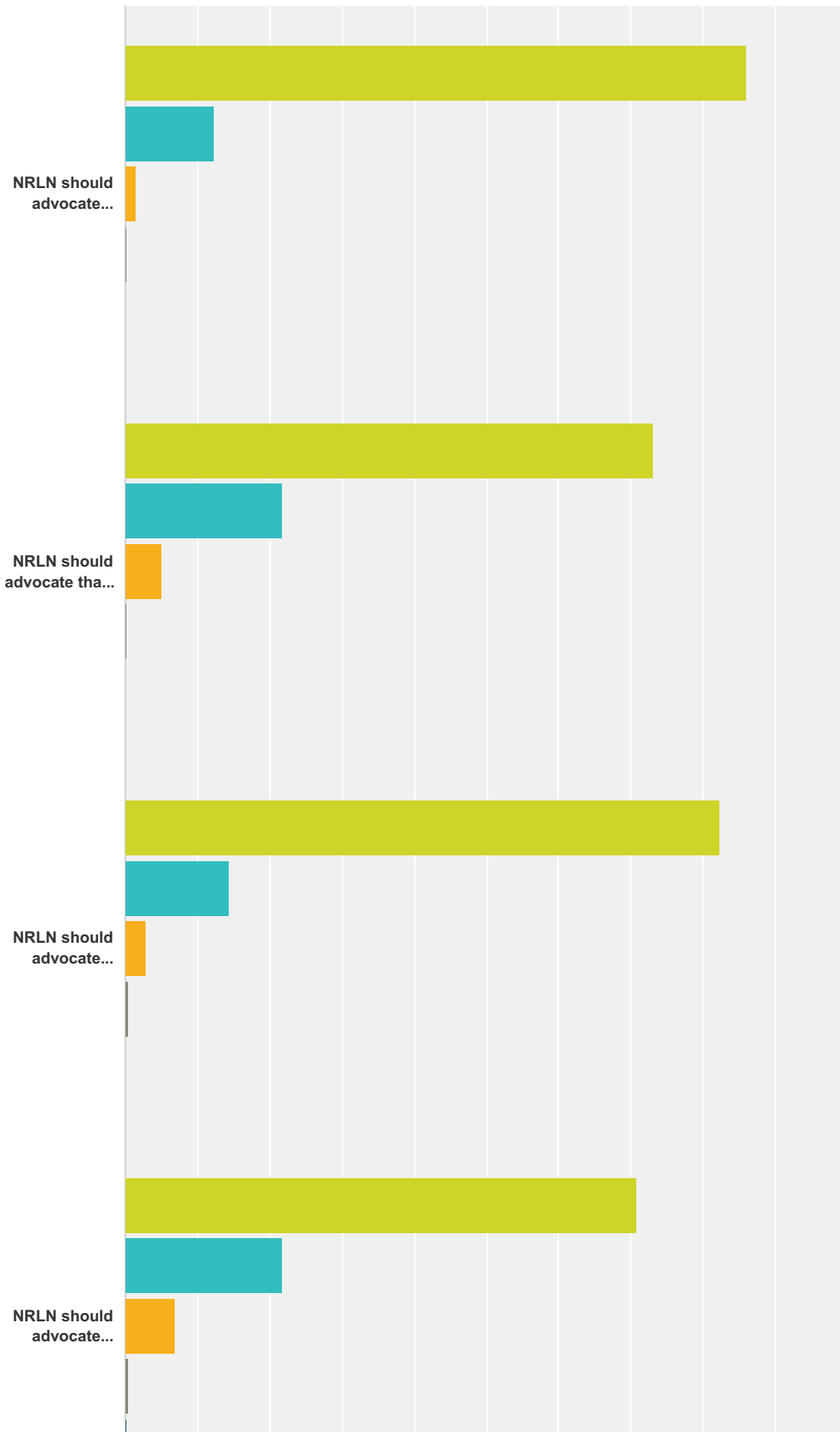


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes, I have read the NRLN's Legislative Agenda	47.12%	2,406
No, I have not read the NRLN's Legislative Agenda	52.88%	2,700
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,106</b>

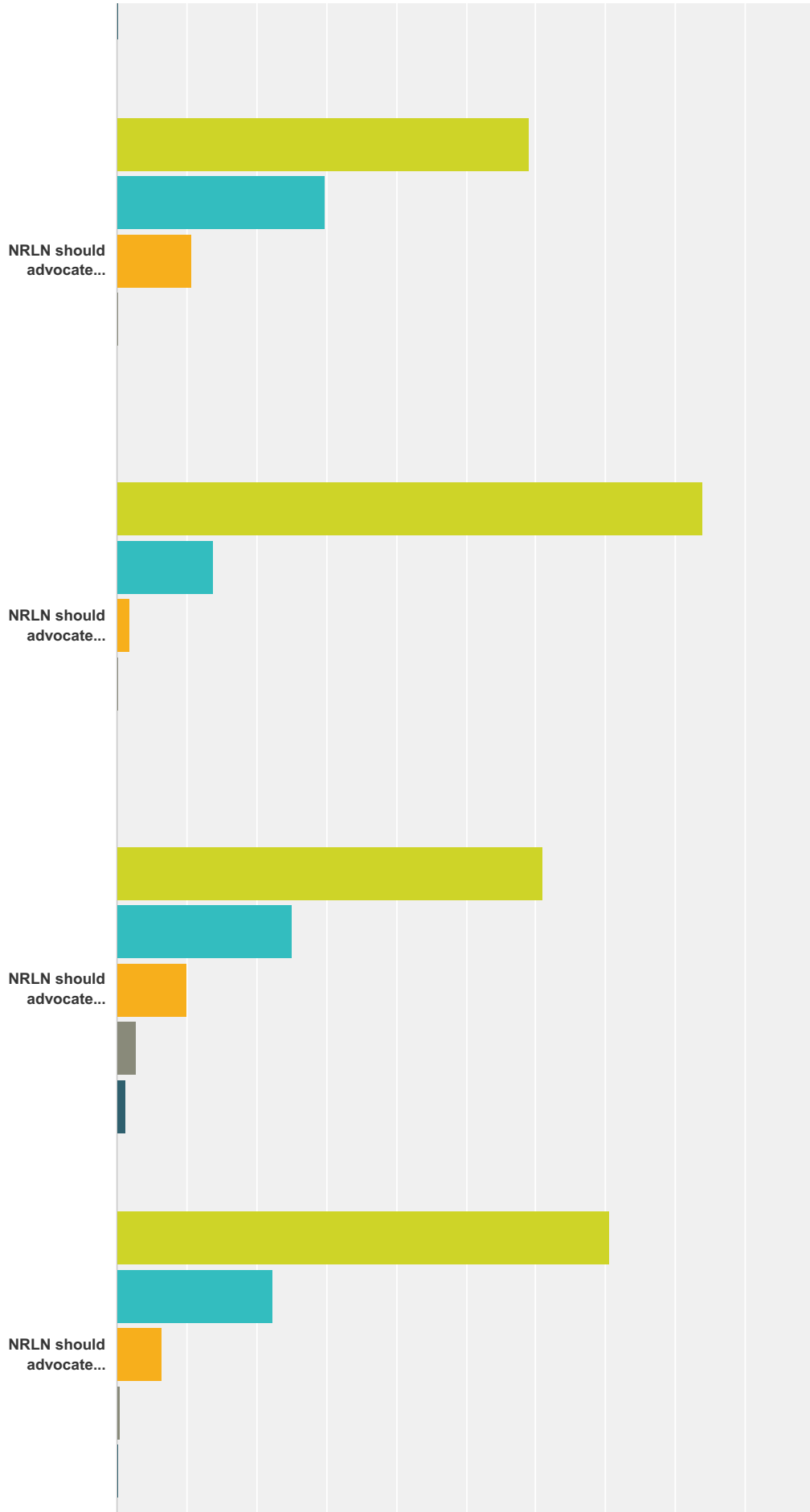


### Q27 I believe... (requires 8 responses)

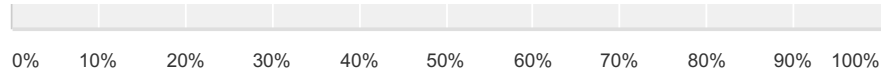
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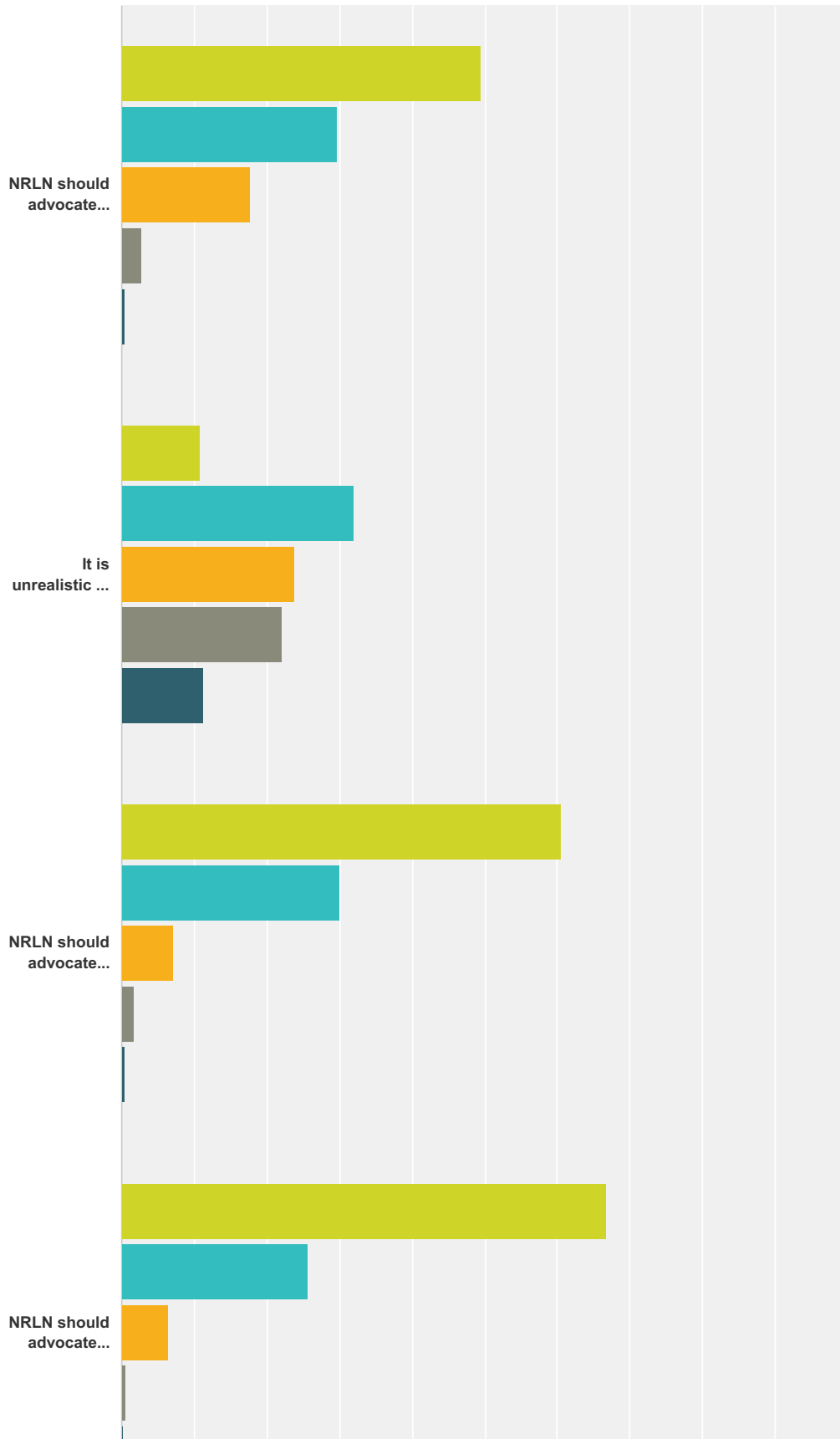


■ Strongly Agree   
 ■ Agree   
 ■ No Opinion   
 ■ Disagree   
 ■ Strongly Disagree

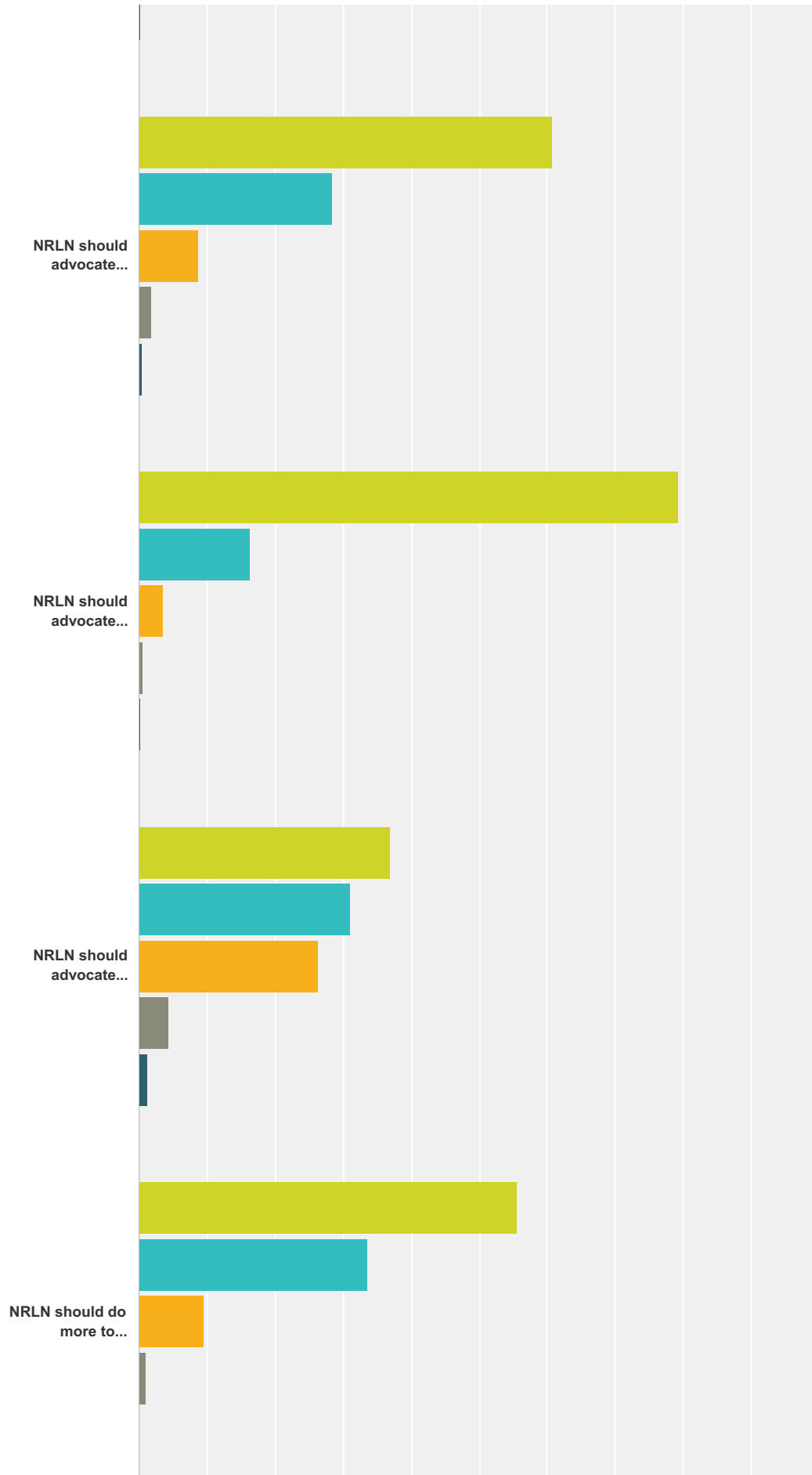
	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Total</b>
NRLN should advocate legislation that stops corporations from taking pension assets to use for non-pension expenses.	<b>85.95%</b> 4,386	<b>12.33%</b> 629	<b>1.49%</b> 76	<b>0.14%</b> 7	<b>0.10%</b> 5	5,103
NRLN should advocate that the Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation be required to ensure equitable calculations of benefit payments	<b>73.06%</b> 3,704	<b>21.78%</b> 1,104	<b>4.95%</b> 251	<b>0.14%</b> 7	<b>0.08%</b> 4	5,070
NRLN should advocate bankruptcy reform that place retirees' pensions and benefits on a list of obligations that companies can't shed	<b>82.23%</b> 4,184	<b>14.33%</b> 729	<b>2.89%</b> 147	<b>0.45%</b> 23	<b>0.10%</b> 5	5,088
NRLN should advocate legislation or regulations protecting retirees in "de-risking" situations when a pension plan sponsor converts a pension plan to an annuity	<b>70.69%</b> 3,575	<b>21.77%</b> 1,101	<b>6.98%</b> 353	<b>0.40%</b> 20	<b>0.16%</b> 8	5,057
NRLN should advocate legislation or regulations to expand disclosures in the Annual Funding Notices (AFNs) that pension plan participants receive by the end of April each year to include funding data that best describes my personal risk.	<b>59.18%</b> 2,987	<b>29.84%</b> 1,506	<b>10.62%</b> 536	<b>0.26%</b> 13	<b>0.10%</b> 5	5,047
NRLN should advocate legislation that protects retirees pensions and benefits in corporate mergers, acquisitions and spin-offs.	<b>84.02%</b> 4,253	<b>13.87%</b> 702	<b>1.94%</b> 98	<b>0.12%</b> 6	<b>0.06%</b> 3	5,062
NRLN should advocate protection of Social Security by a small increase in the payroll tax rate and increasing the cap on maximum wages taxed	<b>61.05%</b> 3,085	<b>25.03%</b> 1,265	<b>10.01%</b> 506	<b>2.73%</b> 138	<b>1.17%</b> 59	5,053
NRLN should advocate legislation to require pension plan sponsors to submit a proposal to the Department of Labor, Treasury Department and/or the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. before merging plans.	<b>70.64%</b> 3,558	<b>22.26%</b> 1,121	<b>6.41%</b> 323	<b>0.50%</b> 25	<b>0.20%</b> 10	5,037

Q28 I believe..... (requires 9 responses)

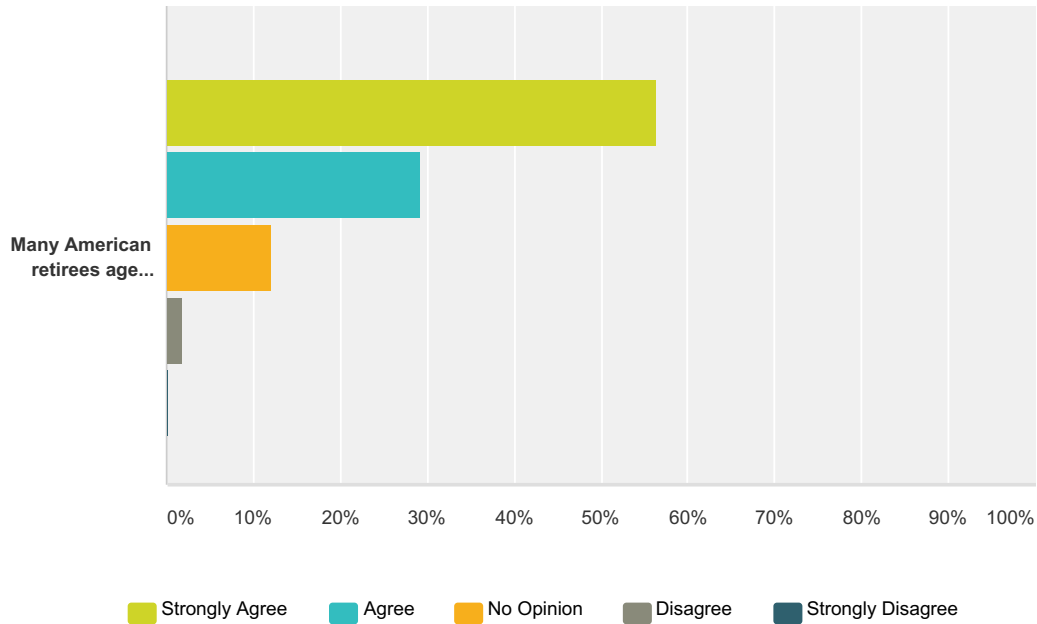
Answered: 5,061 Skipped: 1,676



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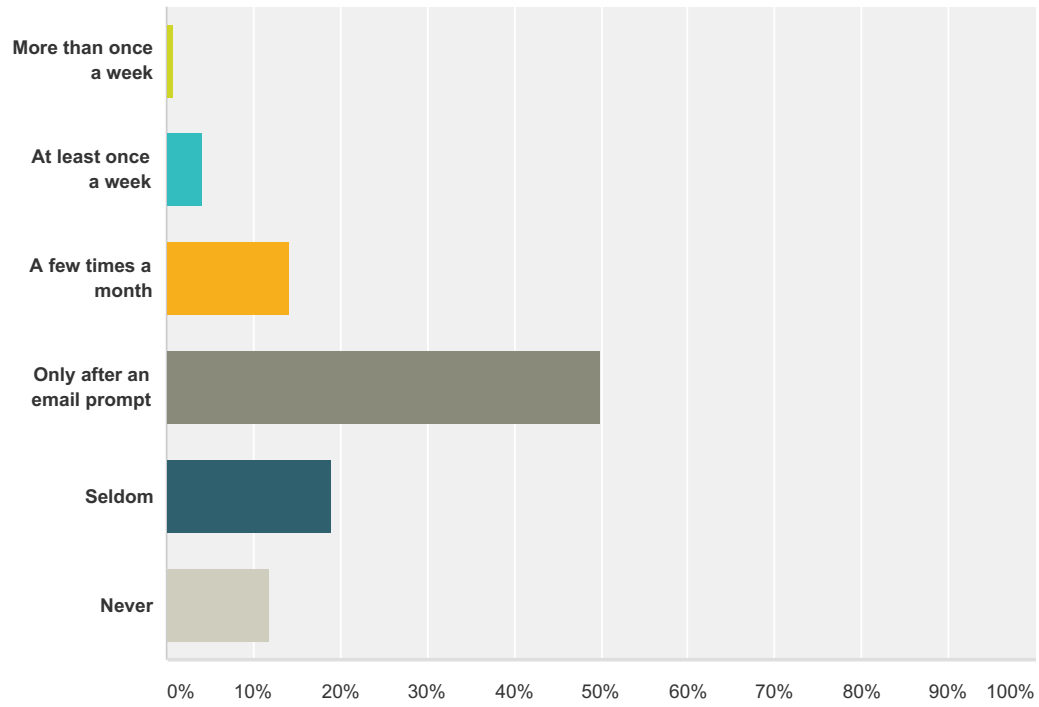
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
NRLN should advocate legislation to force corporations to pay retiree health care Maintenance of Cost Protection when benefits are reduced or eliminated	<b>49.38%</b> 2,481	<b>29.66%</b> 1,490	<b>17.83%</b> 896	<b>2.65%</b> 133	<b>0.48%</b> 24	5,024
It is unrealistic for the NRLN to advocate legislation to force companies to retroactively restore benefits already eroded or eliminated	<b>10.85%</b> 543	<b>31.99%</b> 1,601	<b>23.72%</b> 1,187	<b>22.12%</b> 1,107	<b>11.31%</b> 566	5,004
NRLN should advocate legislation to legalize the importation of safe and cheaper prescription drugs	<b>60.62%</b> 3,047	<b>30.12%</b> 1,514	<b>7.18%</b> 361	<b>1.59%</b> 80	<b>0.48%</b> 24	5,026
NRLN should advocate legislation to require Medicare to take competitive bids for prescription drugs	<b>66.84%</b> 3,358	<b>25.74%</b> 1,293	<b>6.51%</b> 327	<b>0.68%</b> 34	<b>0.24%</b> 12	5,024
NRLN should advocate legislation to accelerate bringing generic drugs to market	<b>60.68%</b> 3,054	<b>28.29%</b> 1,424	<b>8.78%</b> 442	<b>1.87%</b> 94	<b>0.38%</b> 19	5,033
NRLN should advocate legislation that prevents drug companies from colluding to control pricing or subvert free markets.	<b>79.38%</b> 3,974	<b>16.32%</b> 817	<b>3.58%</b> 179	<b>0.56%</b> 28	<b>0.16%</b> 8	5,006
NRLN should advocate legislation to protect Medicare by increasing the payroll tax until the taxes fund 60-65% of the Medicare budget	<b>36.85%</b> 1,842	<b>31.19%</b> 1,559	<b>26.27%</b> 1,313	<b>4.46%</b> 223	<b>1.22%</b> 61	4,998
NRLN should do more to advocate for legislation that would increase competition to lower retiree's cost of all health care services and products.	<b>55.63%</b> 2,786	<b>33.57%</b> 1,681	<b>9.62%</b> 482	<b>1.08%</b> 54	<b>0.10%</b> 5	5,008
Many American retirees age 65 and older who are Medicare eligible are held hostage to higher costs for their Medicare supplement (Medigap) plans or their Medicare Advantage plan because of a pre-existing medical condition. NRLN should advocate legislation to end this discriminatory practice	<b>56.41%</b> 2,832	<b>29.32%</b> 1,472	<b>12.21%</b> 613	<b>1.79%</b> 90	<b>0.26%</b> 13	5,020

**Q29 I access the NRLN website:**

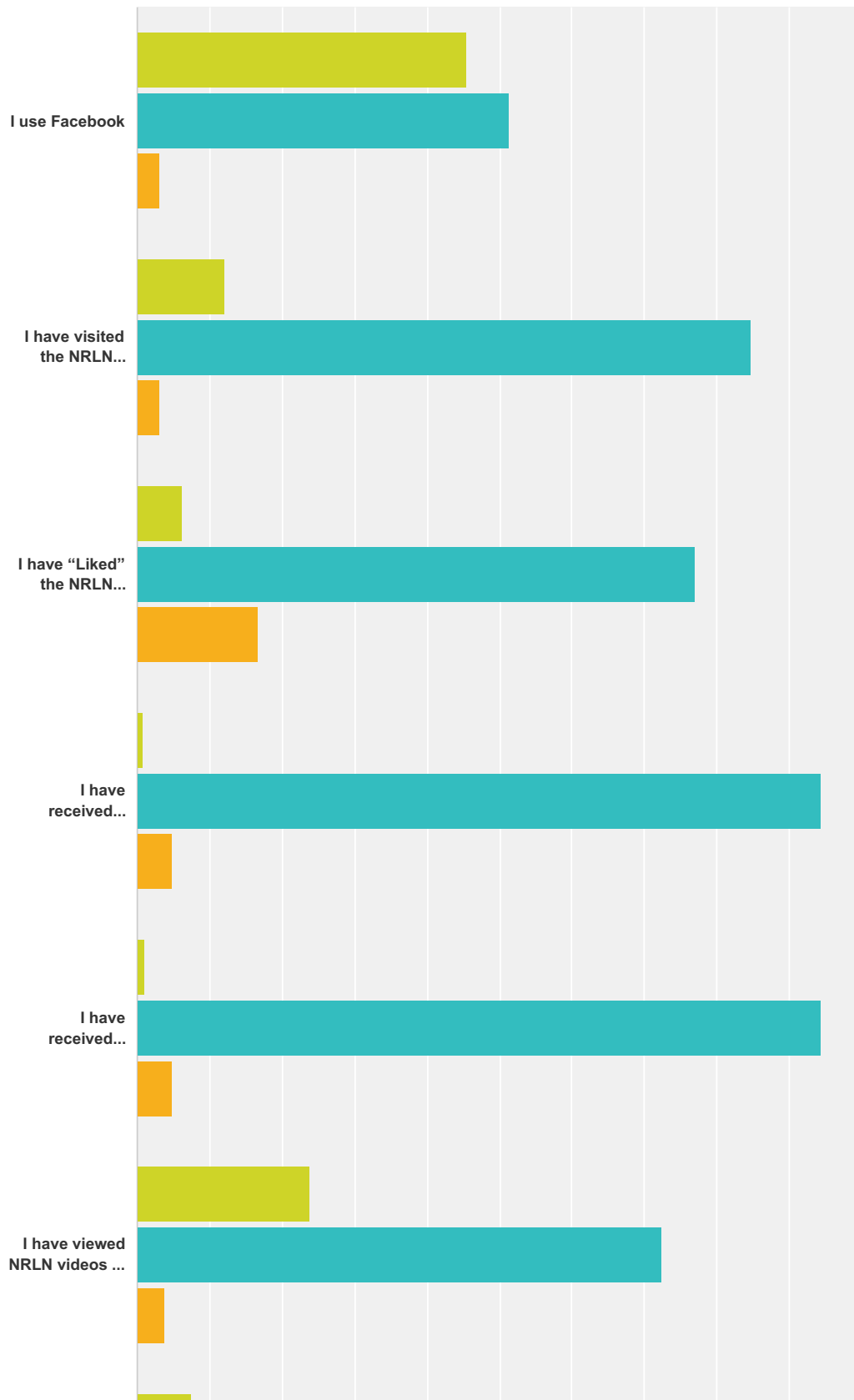
Answered: 5,067 Skipped: 1,670



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
More than once a week	0.91%	46
At least once a week	4.14%	210
A few times a month	14.21%	720
Only after an email prompt	49.85%	2,526
Seldom	19.04%	965
Never	11.84%	600
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,067</b>

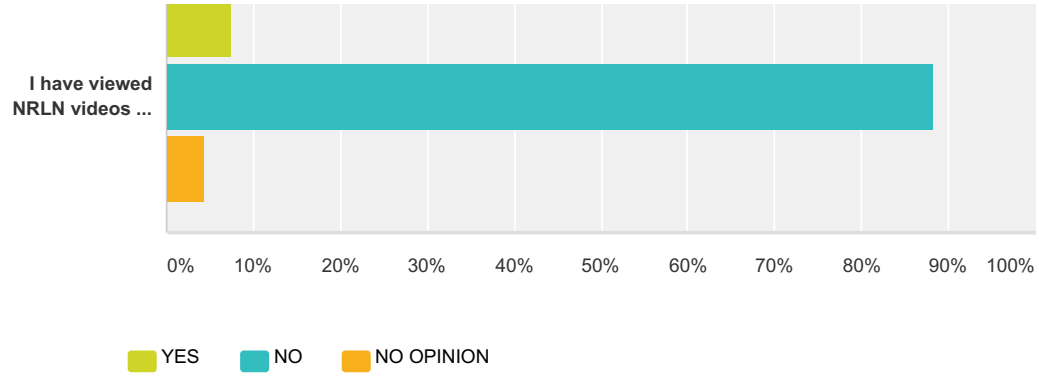
### Q30 Social networking on the Internet: (check all that apply)

Answered: 5,010 Skipped: 1,727





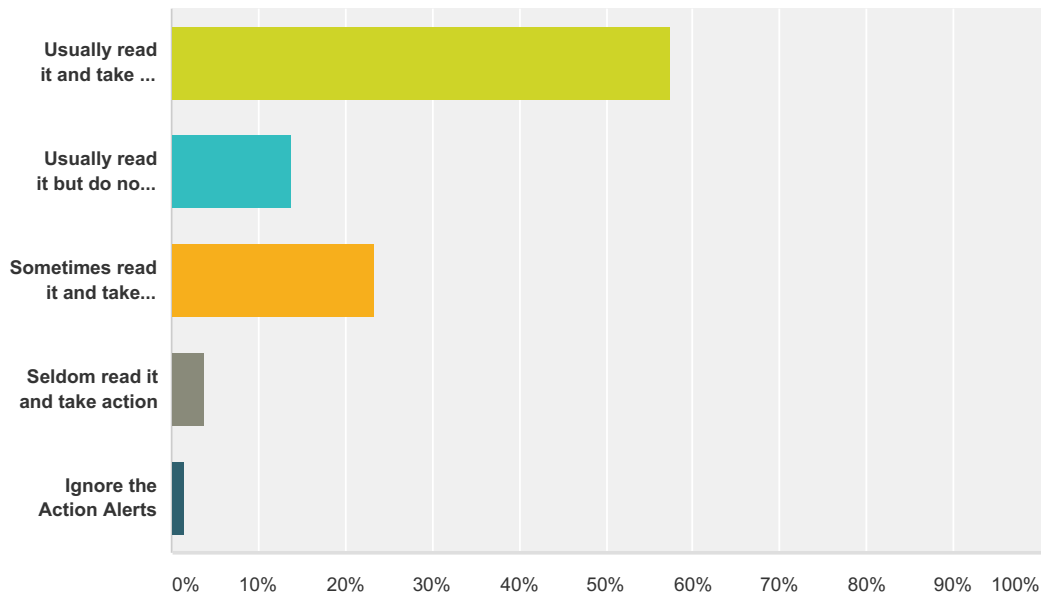
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	YES	NO	NO OPINION	Total
I use Facebook	<b>45.46%</b> 2,251	<b>51.43%</b> 2,547	<b>3.11%</b> 154	4,952
I have visited the NRLN Facebook page	<b>12.05%</b> 586	<b>84.80%</b> 4,123	<b>3.15%</b> 153	4,862
I have "Liked" the NRLN Facebook page	<b>6.36%</b> 306	<b>76.96%</b> 3,700	<b>16.68%</b> 802	4,808
I have received Twitter messages from @NRLN3	<b>0.83%</b> 40	<b>94.42%</b> 4,568	<b>4.75%</b> 230	4,838
I have received Twitter messages from @NRLNupdate	<b>0.97%</b> 47	<b>94.28%</b> 4,550	<b>4.75%</b> 229	4,826
I have viewed NRLN videos on the NRLN website at www.nrln.org	<b>23.73%</b> 1,161	<b>72.45%</b> 3,545	<b>3.82%</b> 187	4,893
I have viewed NRLN videos on YouTube at www.nrln.org	<b>7.42%</b> 359	<b>88.23%</b> 4,267	<b>4.34%</b> 210	4,836

### Q31 When the NRLN sends out an email or Action Alert, I:

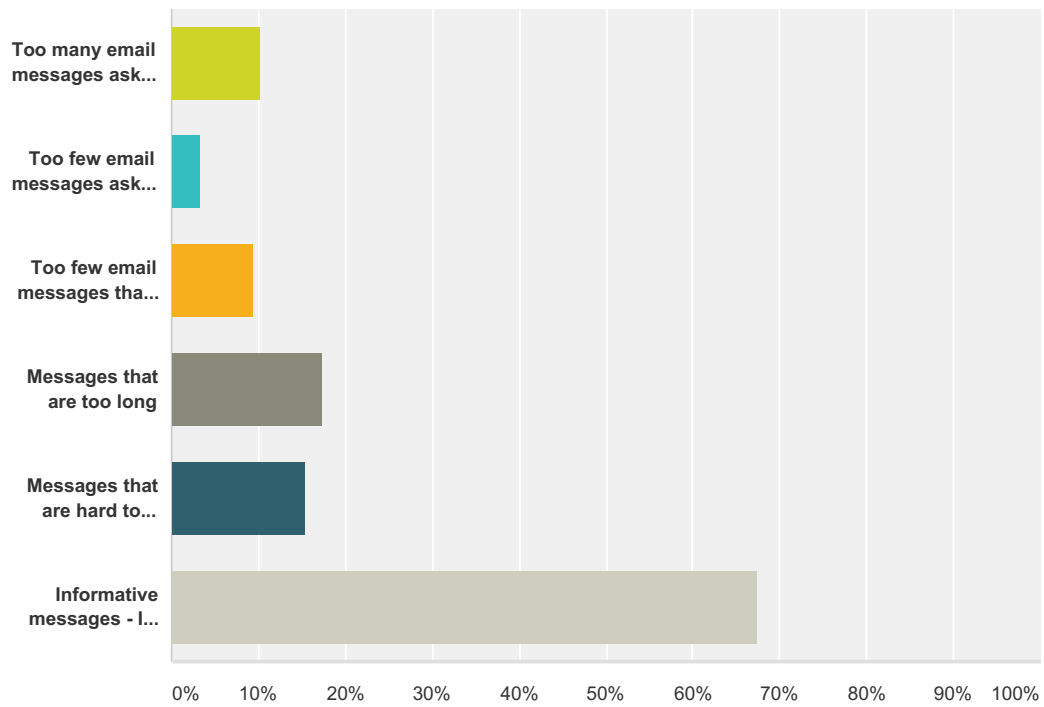
Answered: 4,967 Skipped: 1,770



Answer Choices	Responses
Usually read it and take the action requested	57.42% 2,852
Usually read it but do not take any action	13.87% 689
Sometimes read it and take action	23.41% 1,163
Seldom read it and take action	3.81% 189
Ignore the Action Alerts	1.49% 74
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,967</b>

**Q32 I think the NRLN sends: (Check all that apply)**

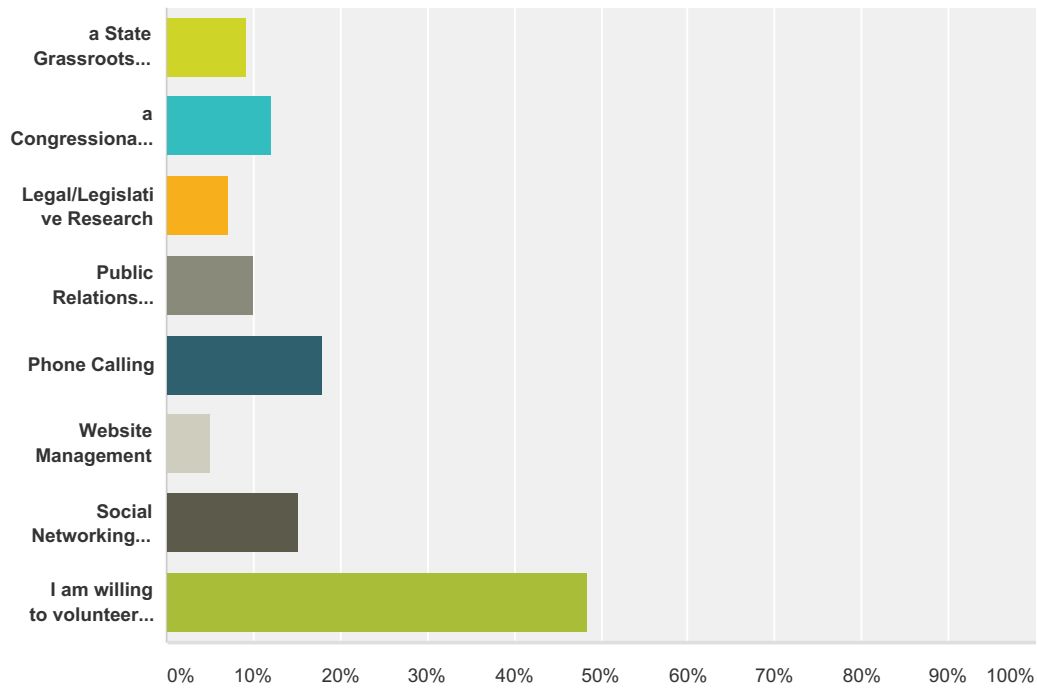
Answered: 4,582 Skipped: 2,155



Answer Choices	Responses
Too many email messages asking for my grassroots lobbying help	10.30% 472
Too few email messages asking for my grassroots lobbying help	3.34% 153
Too few email messages that contain information about what I feel I need to know	9.43% 432
Messages that are too long	17.39% 797
Messages that are hard to understand	15.43% 707
Informative messages - I look forward to reading them and sending messages to Congress	67.44% 3,090
<b>Total Respondents: 4,582</b>	

**Q33 The NRLN Grassroots Network is our most important tool to influence Congress on legislation. NRLN grassroots leaders who live in a state and congressional district are at times called on to send letters and make contact with their U.S. Senators and Representative. Our belief is that the most important effort comes from people in the home states where elected officials live and have to be reelected. To help the NRLN pass its Legislative Agenda, I'm willing to serve as:**

Answered: 711 Skipped: 6,026



Answer Choices	Responses
a State Grassroots Network Leader	9.14% 65
a Congressional District Grassroots Network Leader	12.10% 86
Legal/Legislative Research	7.03% 50
Public Relations Functions	9.99% 71
Phone Calling	18.00% 128
Website Management	5.06% 36
Social Networking (Facebook & Twitter) Skills	15.33% 109

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I am willing to volunteer for other tasks that would not take a great deal of my time (please specify)	48.38%	344
<b>Total Respondents: 711</b>		

**Q34 If you are willing to volunteer as a grassroots leader or other task , complete the following**

Answered: 218 Skipped: 6,519

Answer Choices	Responses	
First Name	98.17%	214
Last Name	97.25%	212
Email Address	97.25%	212
State	96.33%	210
Zip Code	95.41%	208
+4 Zip Code(if known)	41.28%	90

**Q35 If Other Task Volunteer, list your abilities.**

Answered: 154 Skipped: 6,583

**Q36 Please provide any additional comments for what the NRLN's priorities should be to better serve its members.**

Answered: 500 Skipped: 6,237