



2023 Customer Survey Results

299 Surveys Received

Overview

- Survey conducted on fixed routes April 3 – April 11, 2023.
- Survey conducted on demand response April 3 – April 14, 2023.
- Survey was available on all COAST vehicles in paper format with pencils provided. There was no electronic option.
- Except where noted, results are shown with both modes combined.
- In many cases, respondents checked more than one box. Each answer is represented separately.
- Many respondents did not answer every question. Percentages are based on number of answers received, not the total number of respondents.

Survey Response Rates

Estimated Fixed Route*: 35%

Demand Response**: 66%

* For fixed route, COAST extrapolated out from the answers to question 7 (how often do you ride COAST services) to get an estimated number of rides respondents may have taken during the survey period. This was then compared to the total boardings counted during this period to get an estimated response rate. Note there is uncertainty in this figure because we do not know the actual number of rides each respondent took during this period. Further, we do not know how many boardings they took during any one day of riding (a single day of riding could equal one to four, or more, boardings). This could swing these response percentages considerably. It was assumed every respondent boarded twice on any day they rode (one round trip with no transfers).

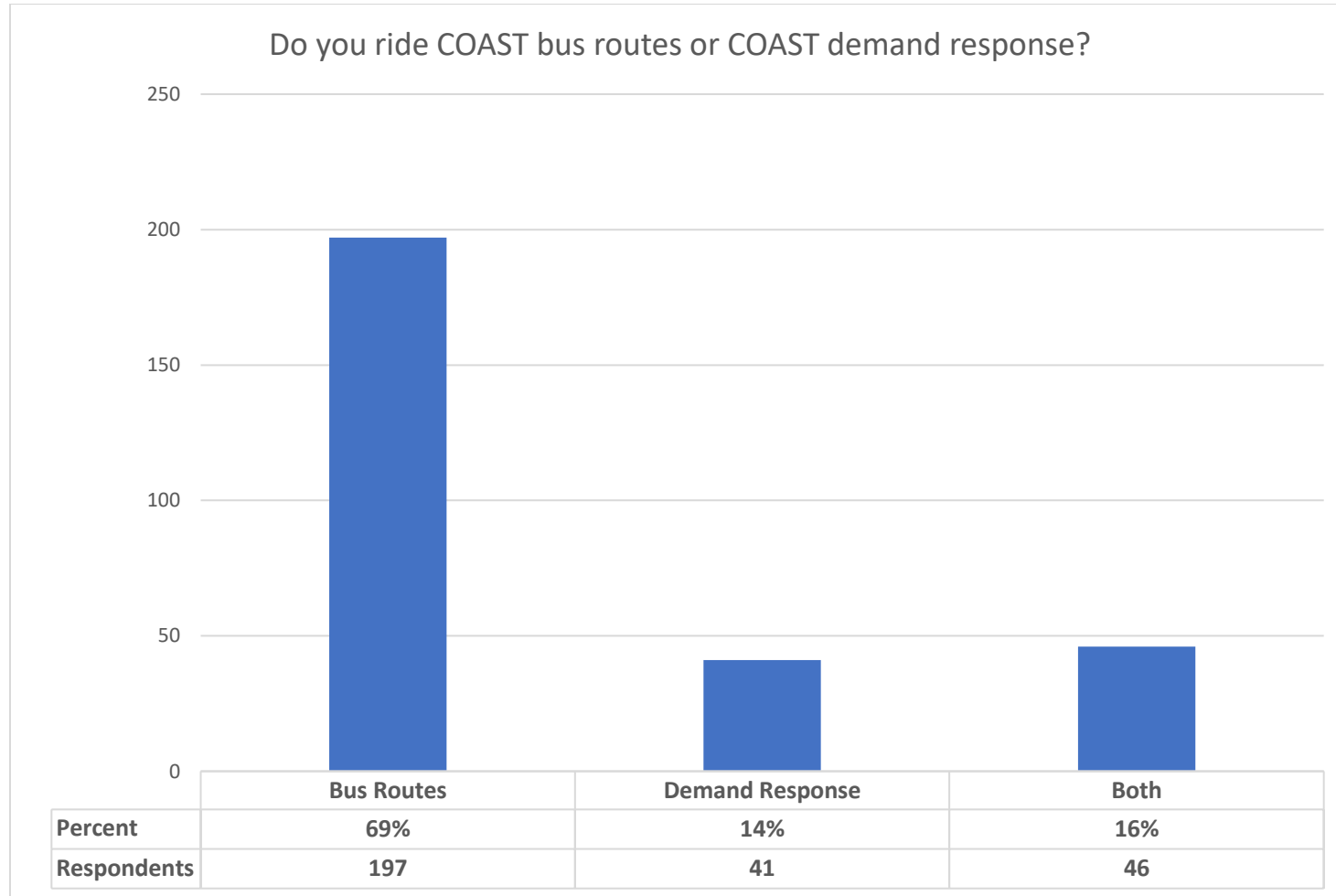
** Demand Response rate is based on the total number of respondents who indicated they ride demand response services. The number of unduplicated riders and the number of surveys where respondents indicated they rode demand response are both known. This includes respondents who said they rode both modes, and we don't know if they rode demand response during this time period or just the bus routes. Therefore, there could be some error here. Surveys received with this question left blank were not included in the response rate.

1. Do you ride COAST bus routes or COAST demand response (where you make a reservation)?

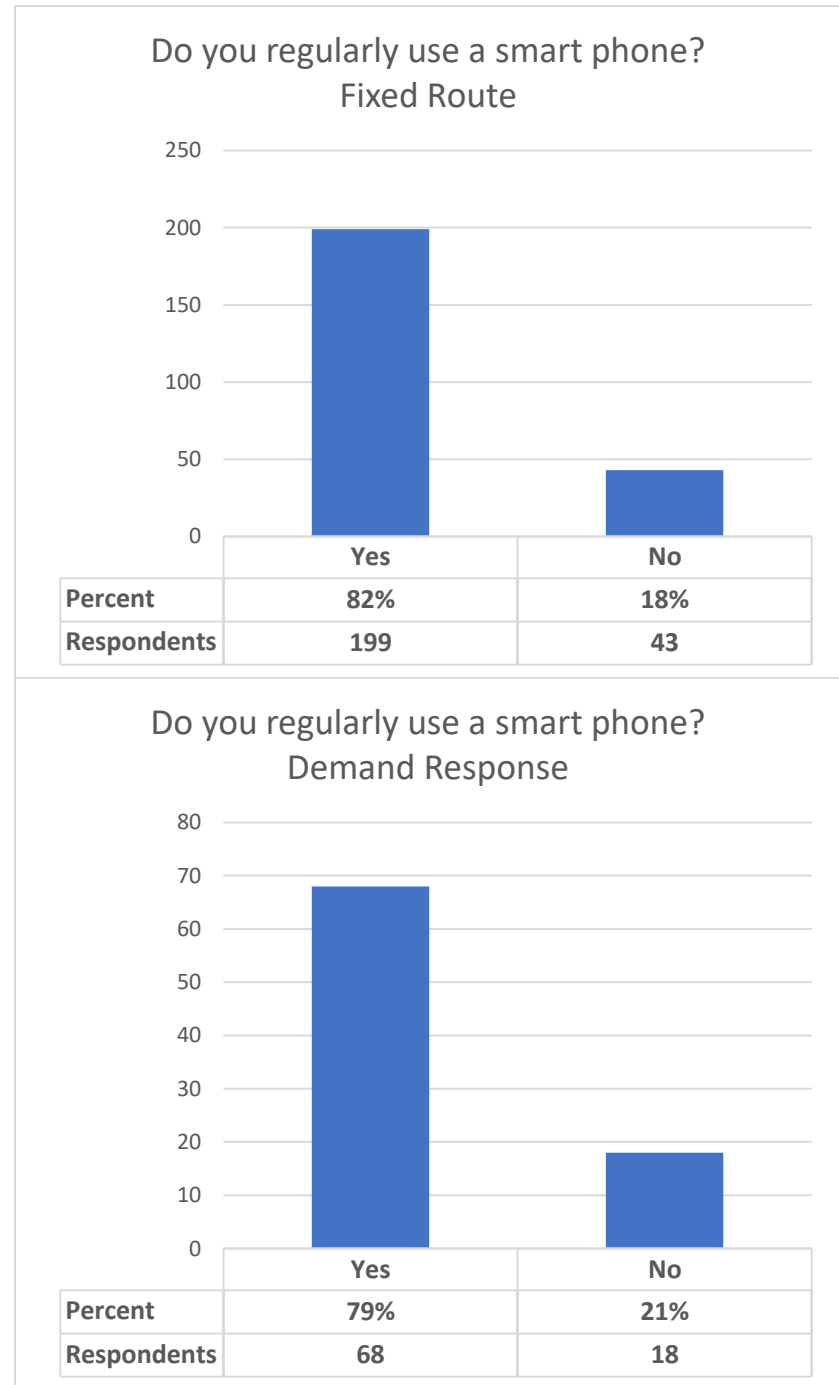
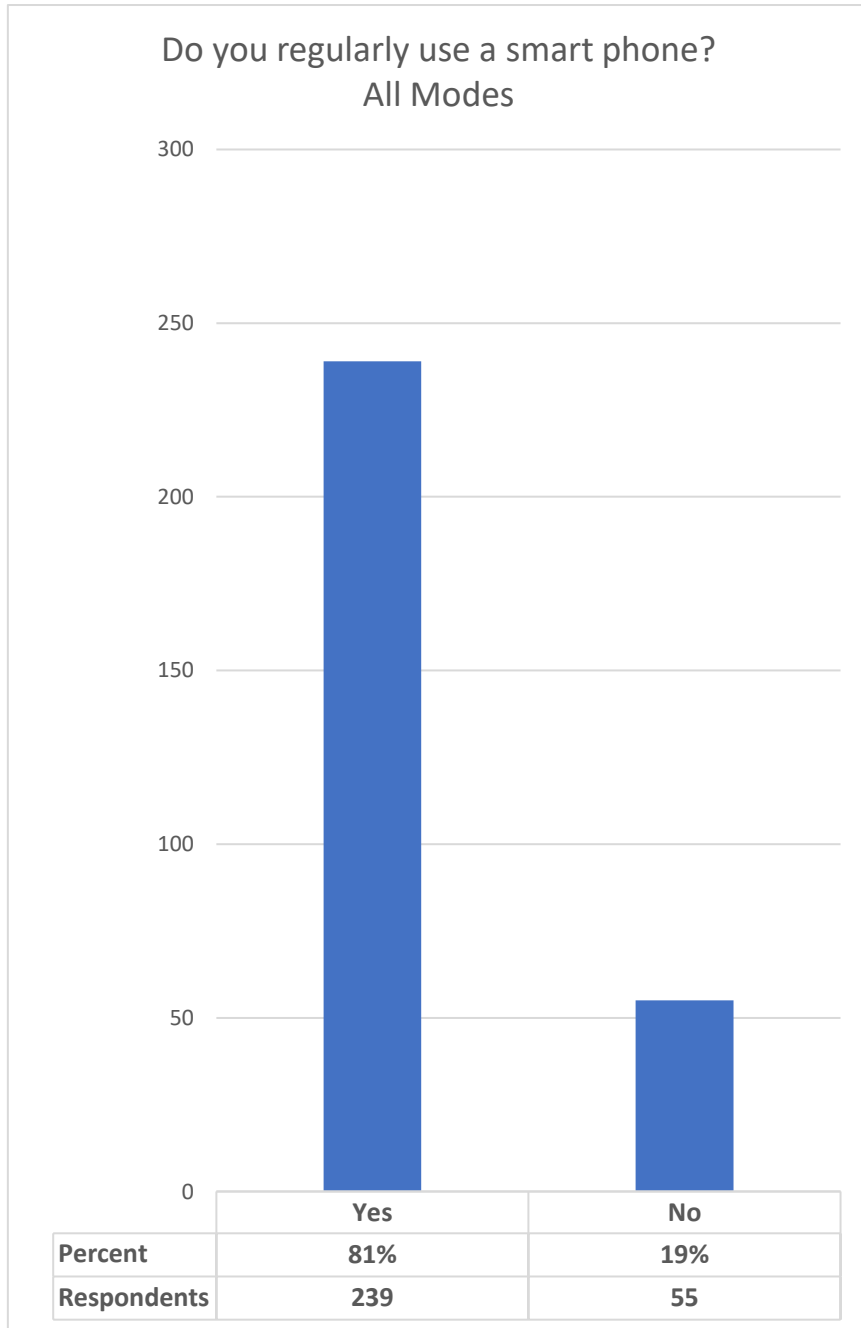
Bus Routes

Demand Response

Both

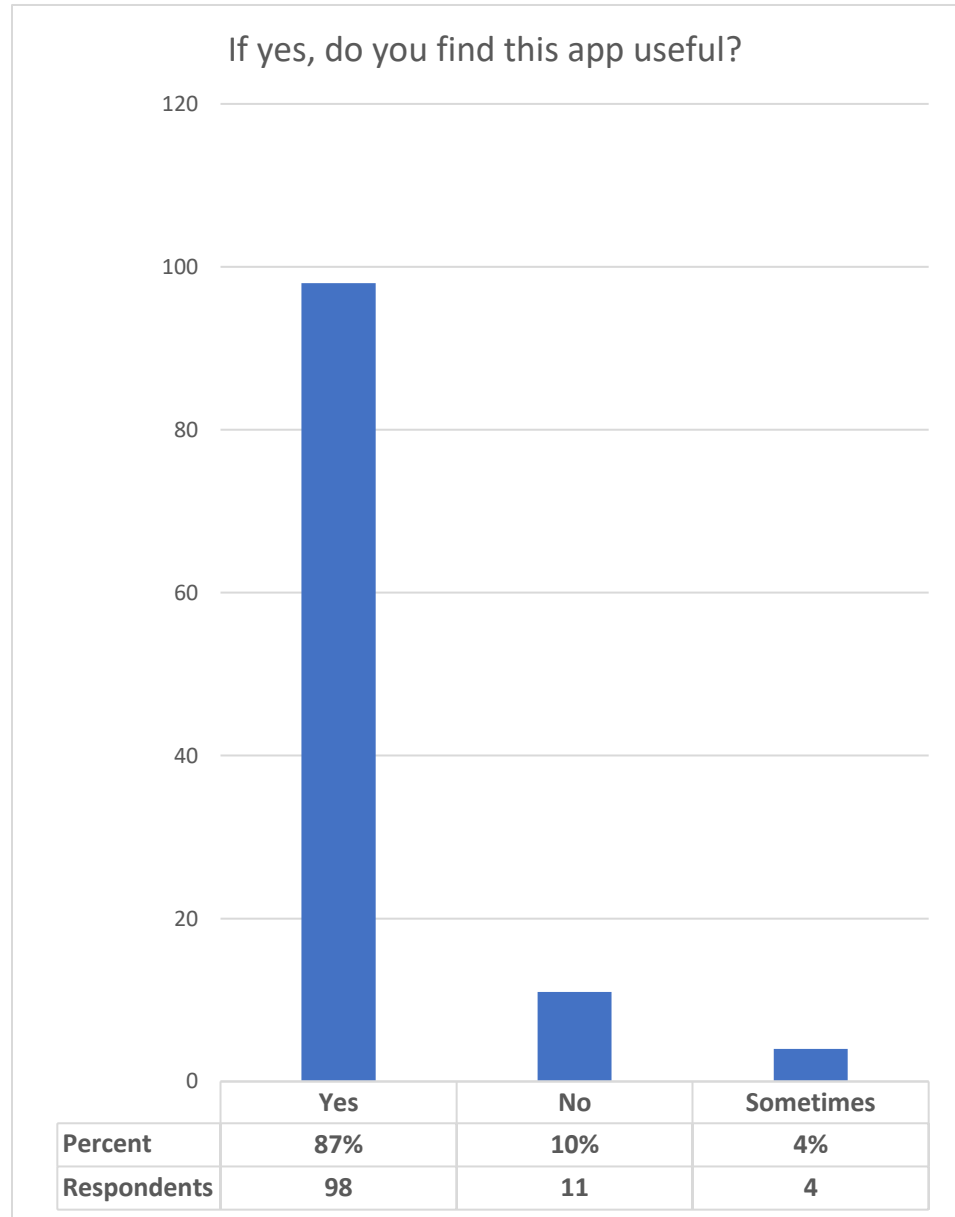
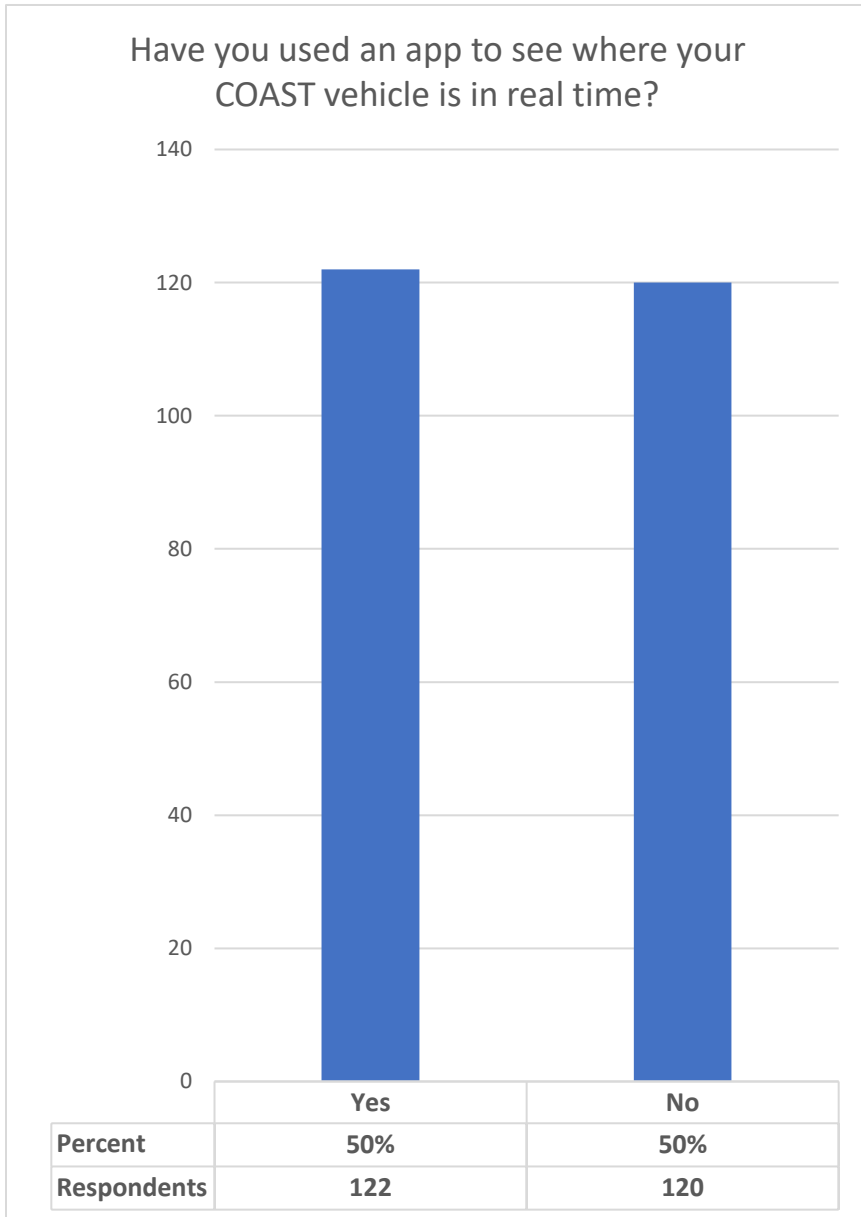


2. Do you regularly use a smart phone? Yes No



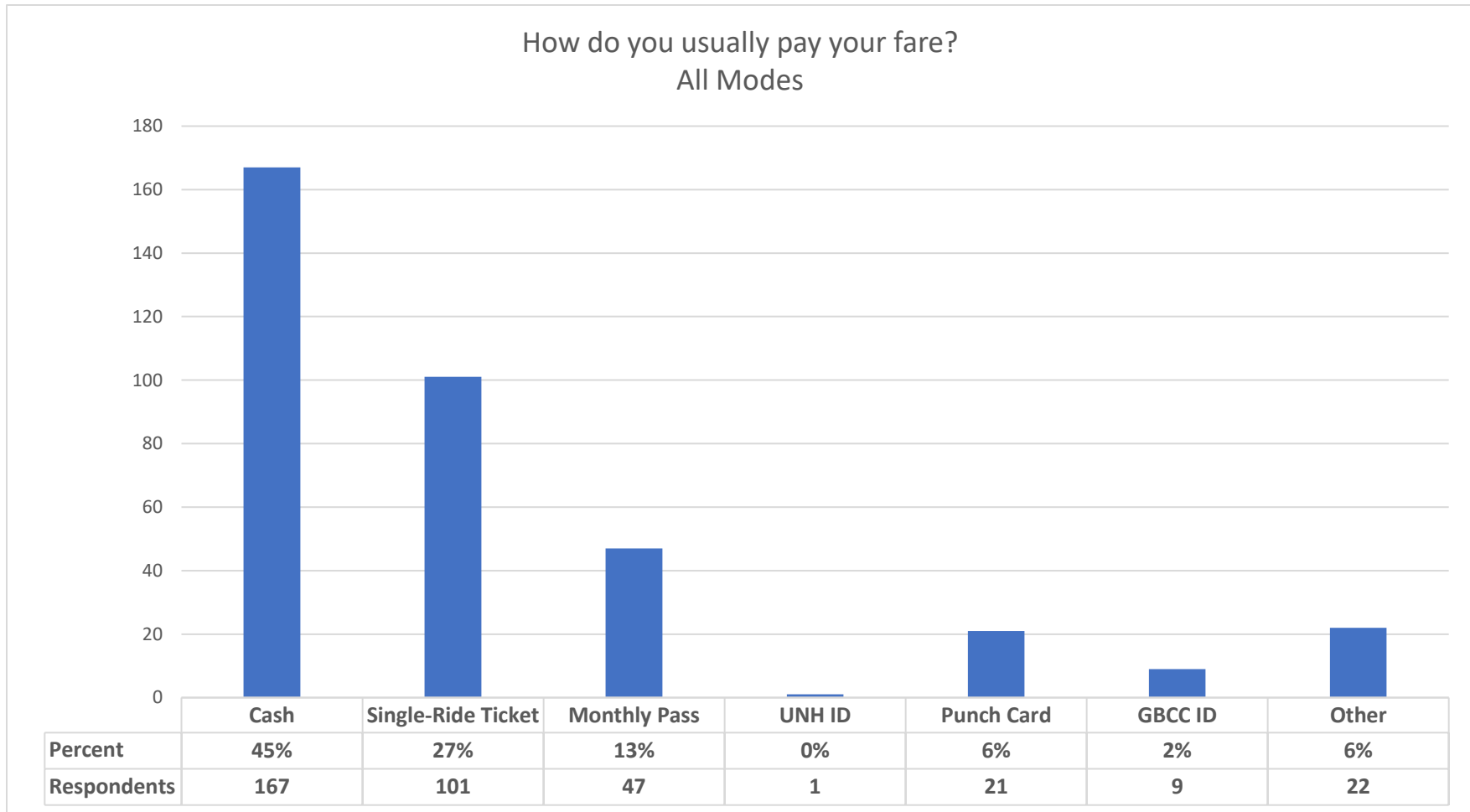
3. Have you used an app to see where your COAST vehicle is in real time? Yes No

If yes, do you find this app useful? Yes No

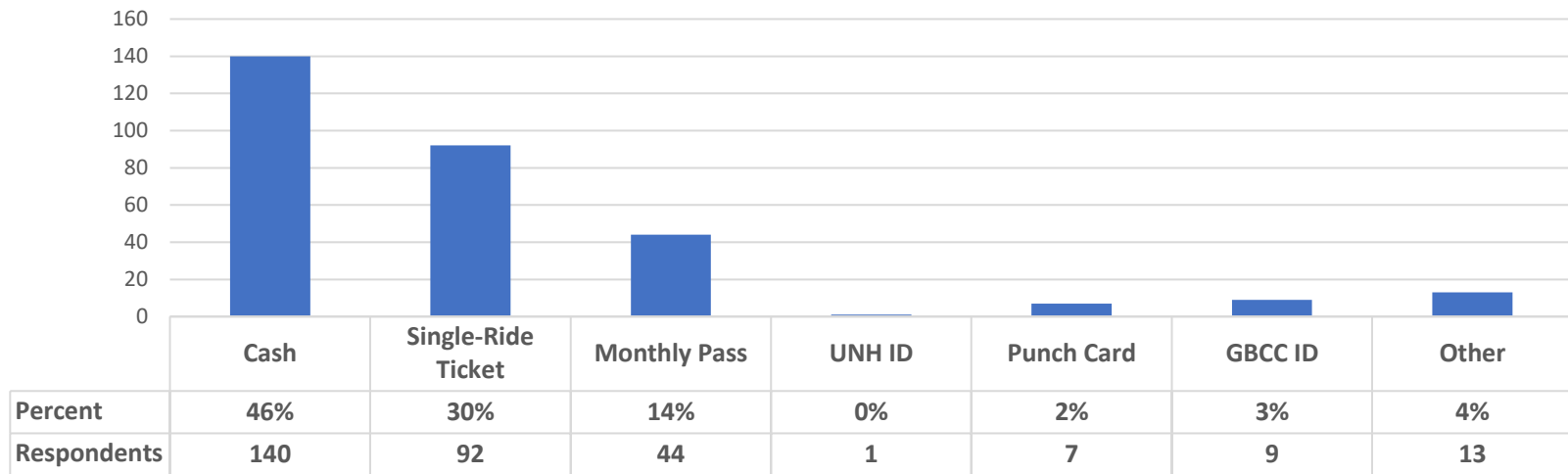


4. How do you usually pay your fare?

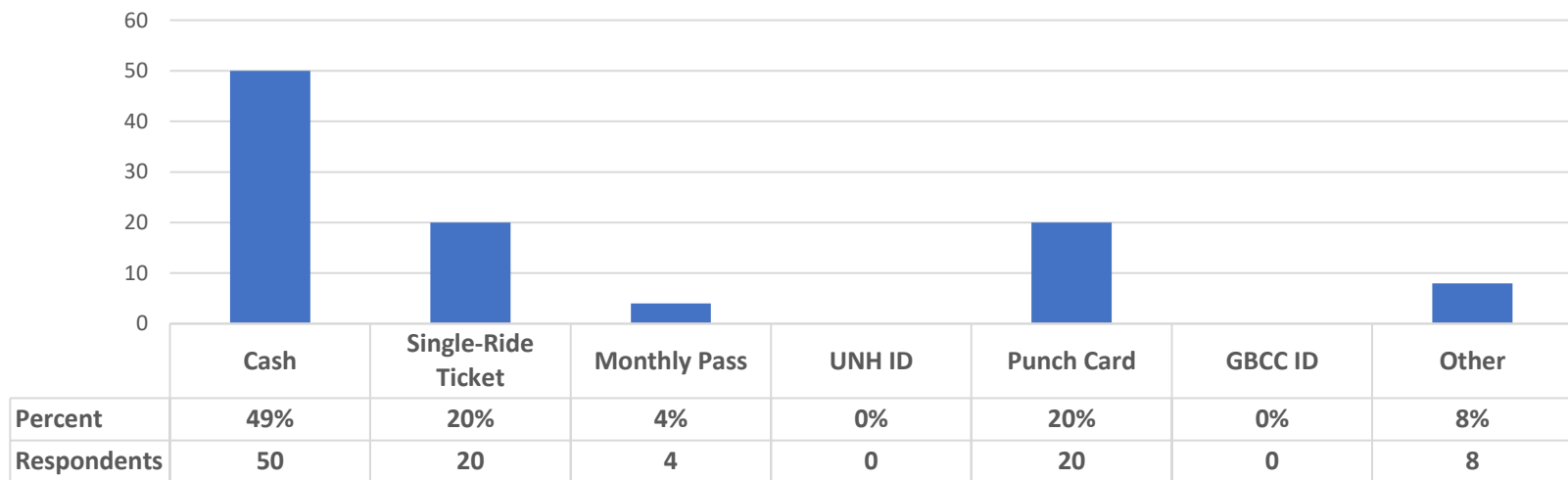
- Cash
 Single-Ride Ticket
 Monthly Pass
 UNH ID
 Punch Card
 Great Bay Community College ID
 Other: _____



How do you usually pay your fare? Fixed Route



How do you usually pay your fare? Demand Response

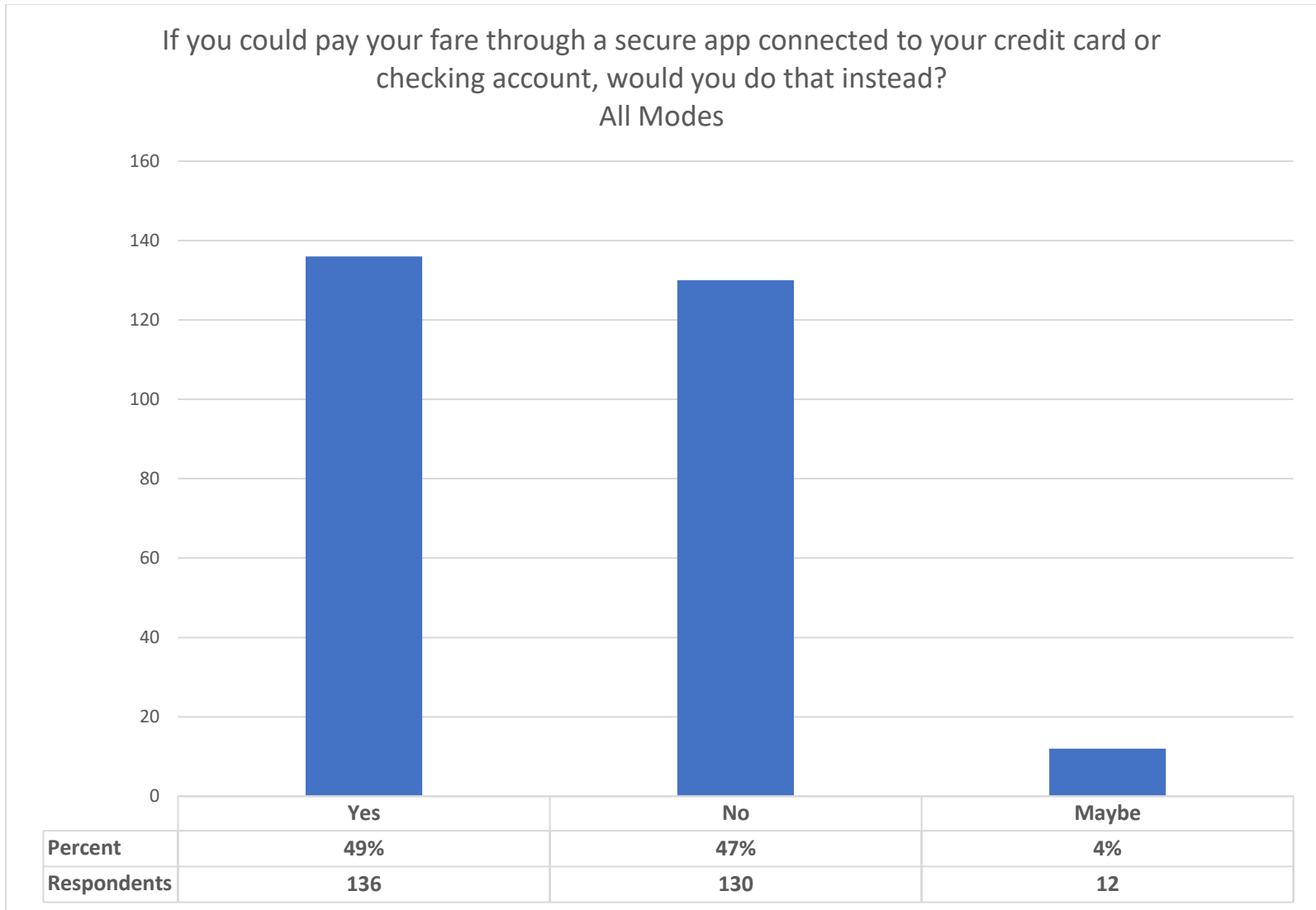


5. If you choose not to buy a monthly pass, why?

For this question, responses are categorized by reason, as many people expressed similar reasons, but with different wording.

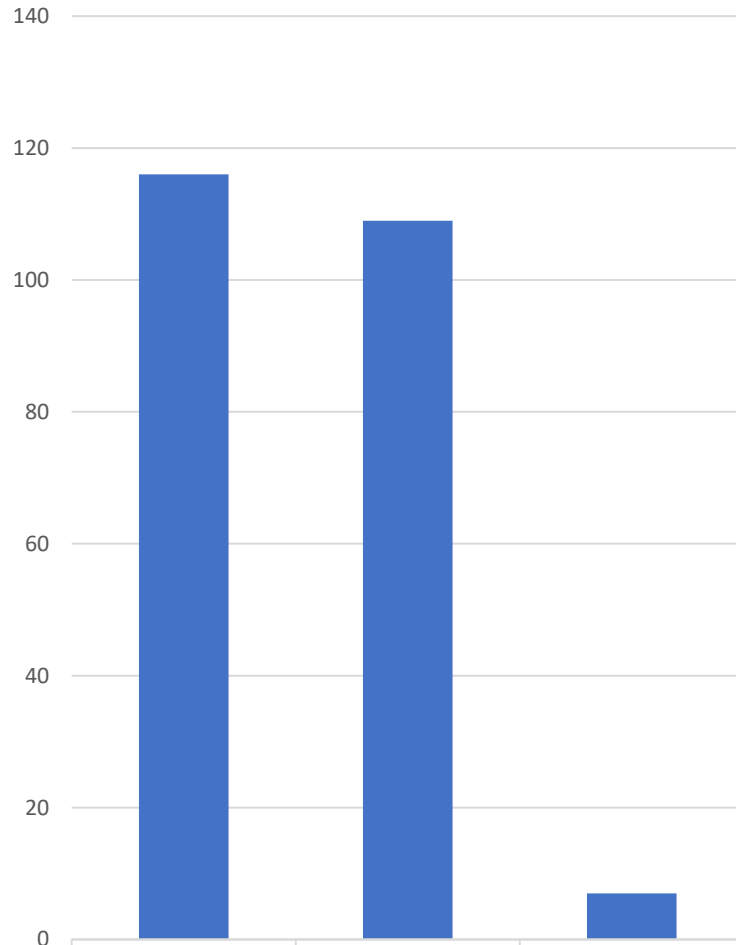
Reason	Number of Responses
I don't ride enough to justify it.	62
The pass is too expensive	31
I don't know why / just haven't gotten around to it / just figuring things out / no other reason given	24
Getting one is too inconvenient (delays in mail, trying to get to the office to pick one up)	15
I pay half-fare, and the monthly pass is not offered for half-fare eligible customers.	12
I just prefer other options.	11
I get free rides or pay for service through a different program (CAP, GBCC, UNH ID, PST Medical, etc.)	11
I don't know how to get one.	7
Other answers too vague to understand	3

6. If you could pay your fare through a secure app connected to your credit card or checking account (either as a single ride, a monthly pass, or potentially new options like a weekly pass), would you do that instead? Yes No



If you could pay your fare through a secure app connected to your credit card or checking account, would you do that instead?

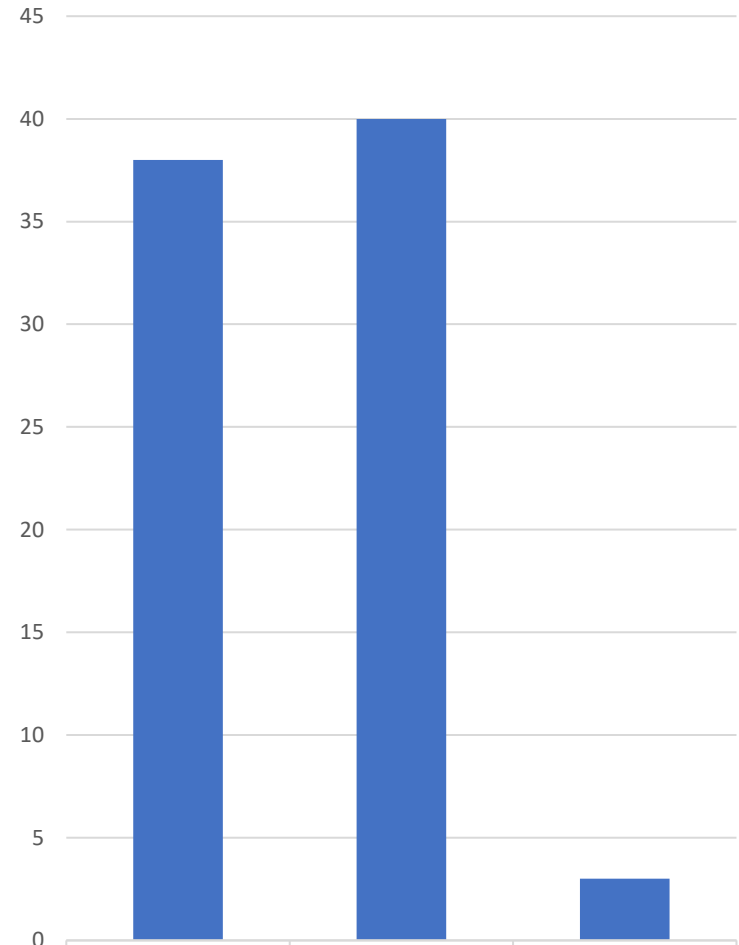
Fixed Route



	Yes	No	Maybe
Percent	50%	47%	3%
Respondents	116	109	7

If you could pay your fare through a secure app connected to your credit card or checking account, would you do that instead?

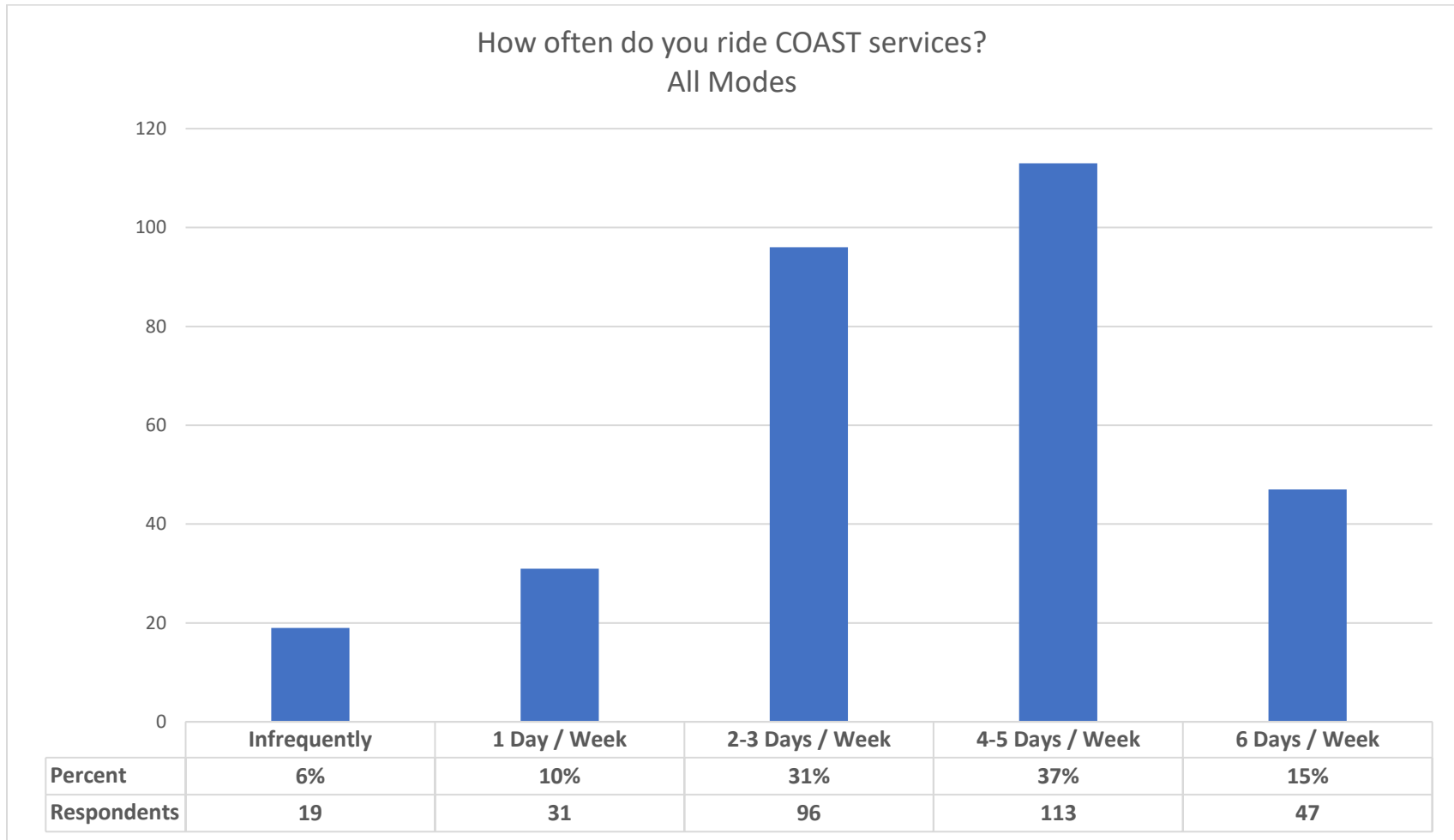
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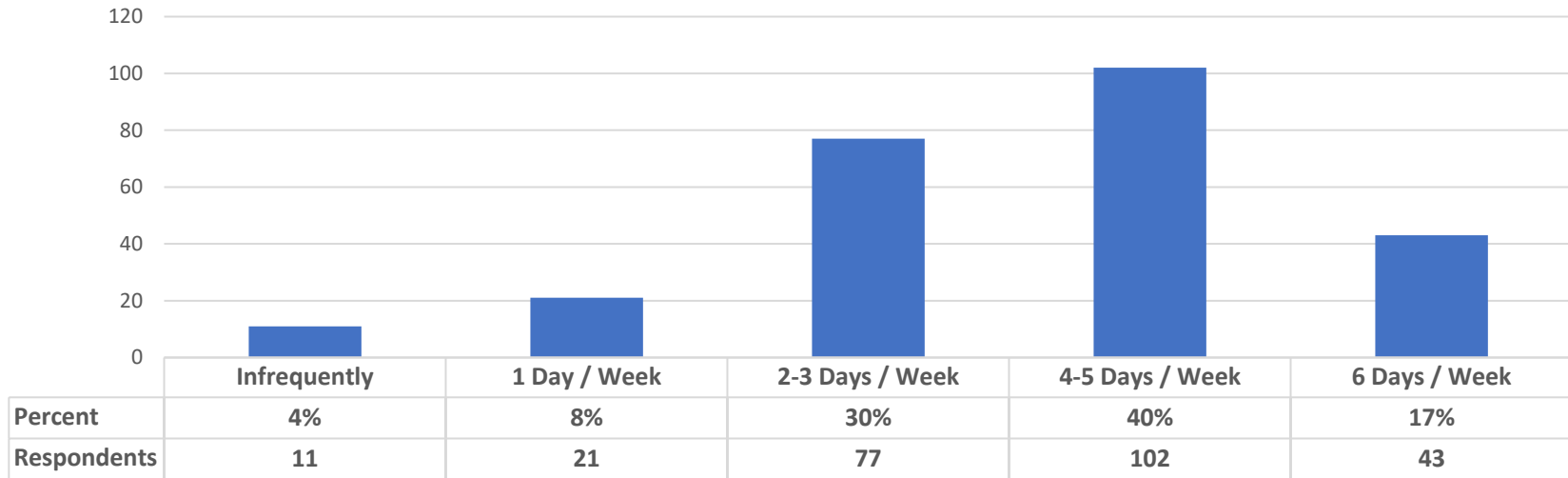
	Yes	No	Maybe
Percent	47%	49%	4%
Respondents	38	40	3

7. How often do you ride COAST services?

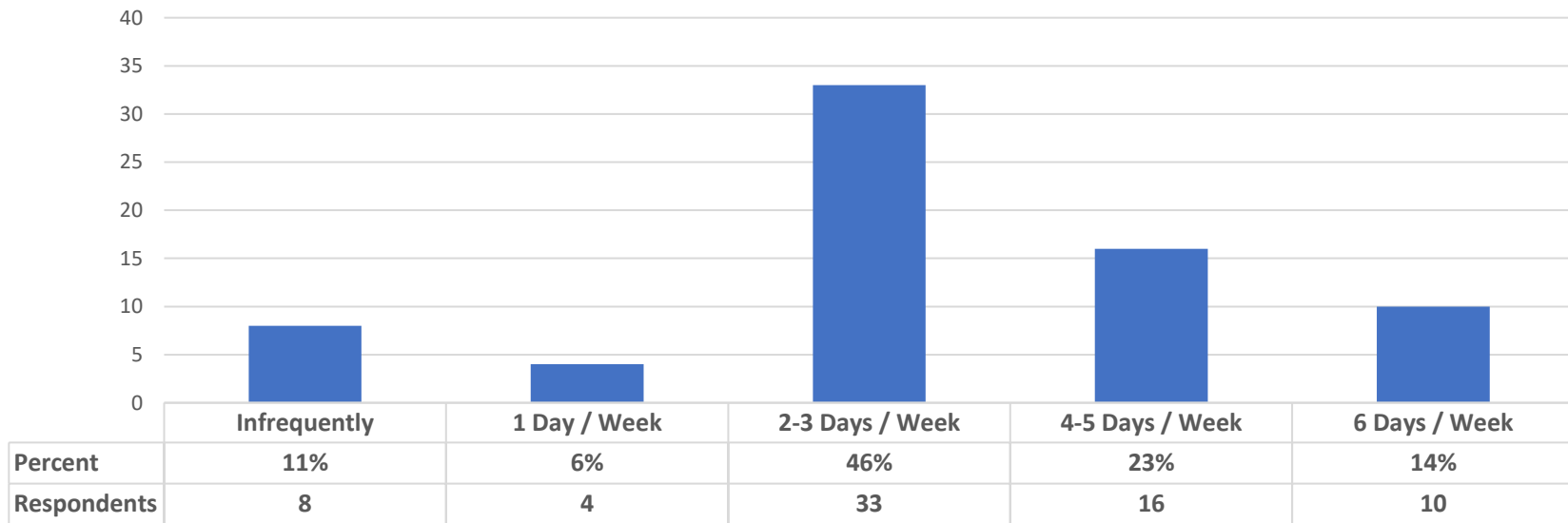
- Infrequently
 1 day/week
 2-3 days/week
 4-5 days/week
 6 days/week



How often do you ride COAST services? Fixed Route

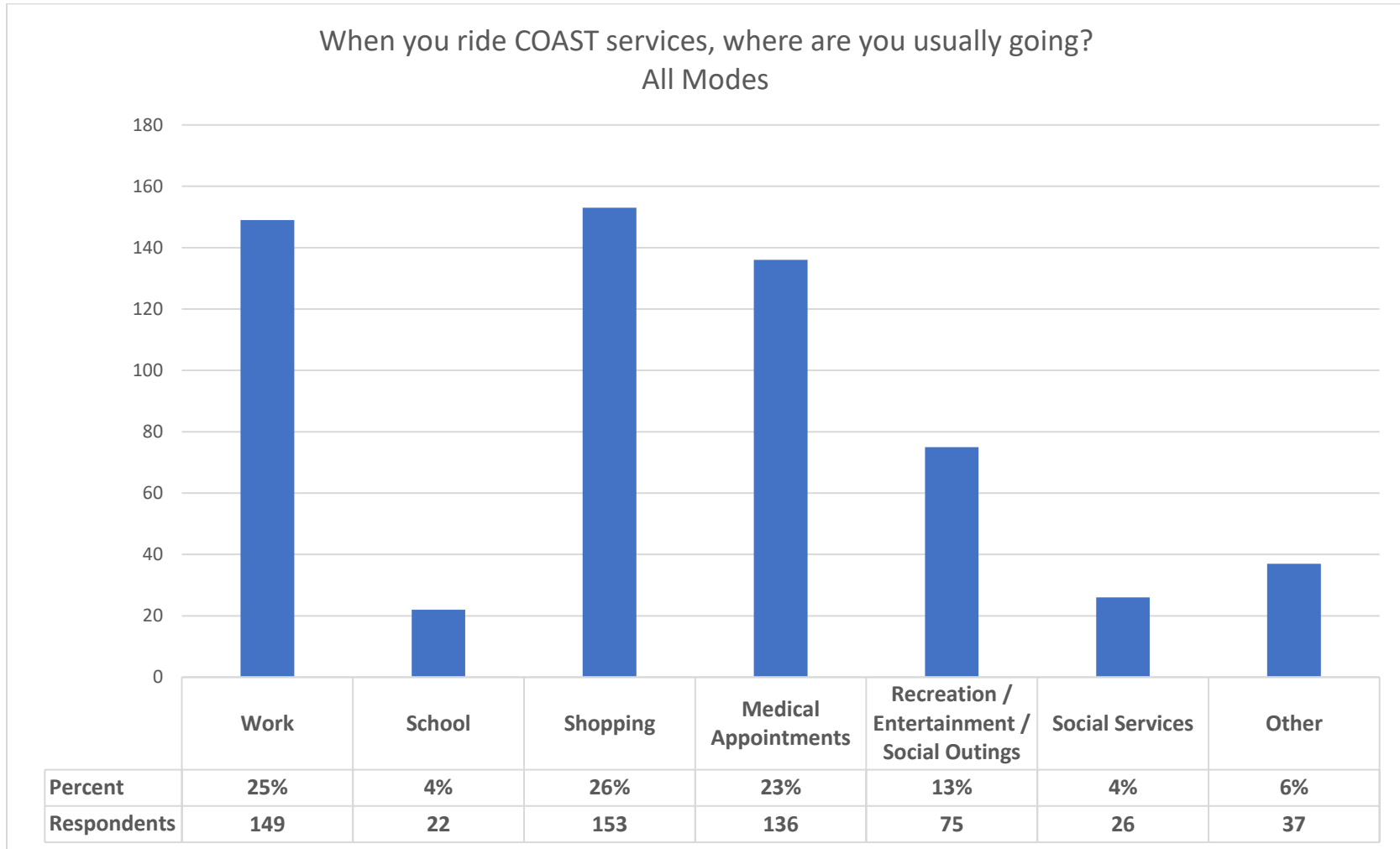


How often do you ride COAST services? Demand Response

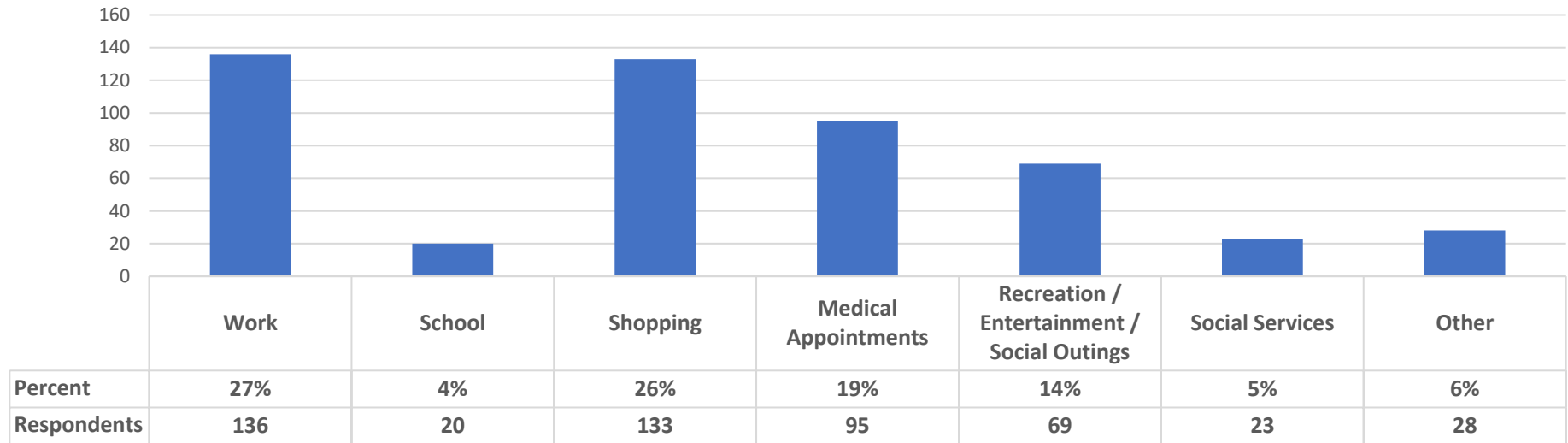


8. When you ride COAST services, where are you usually going? *Please check all that apply.*

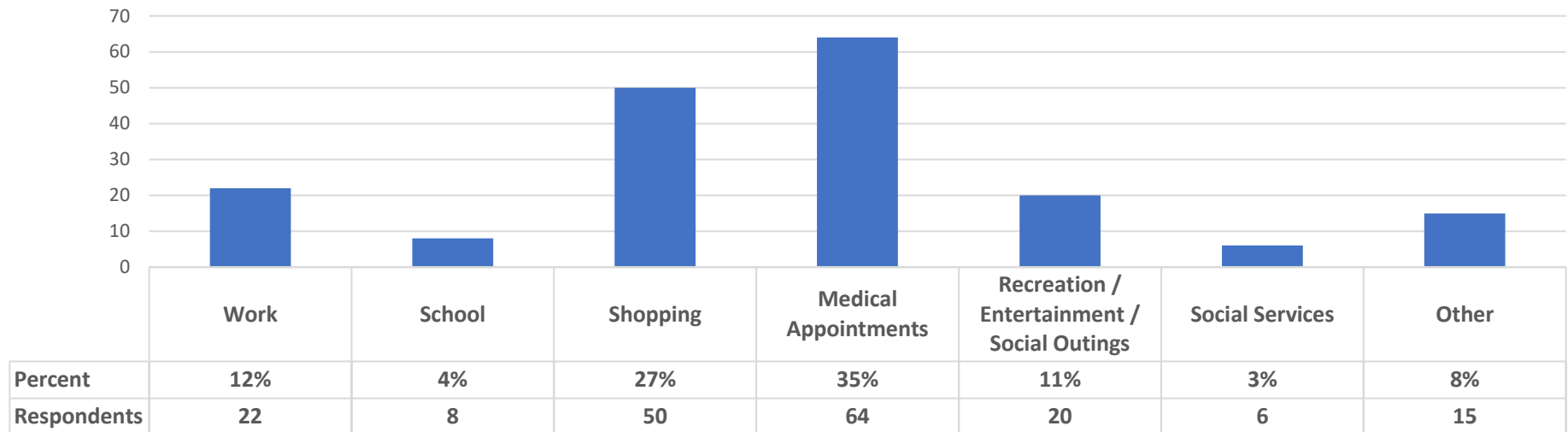
- Work
 School
 Shopping
 Medical Appointments
 Recreation/Entertainment/Social Outings
 Social Services
 Other: _____



When you ride COAST services, where are you usually going?
Fixed Route

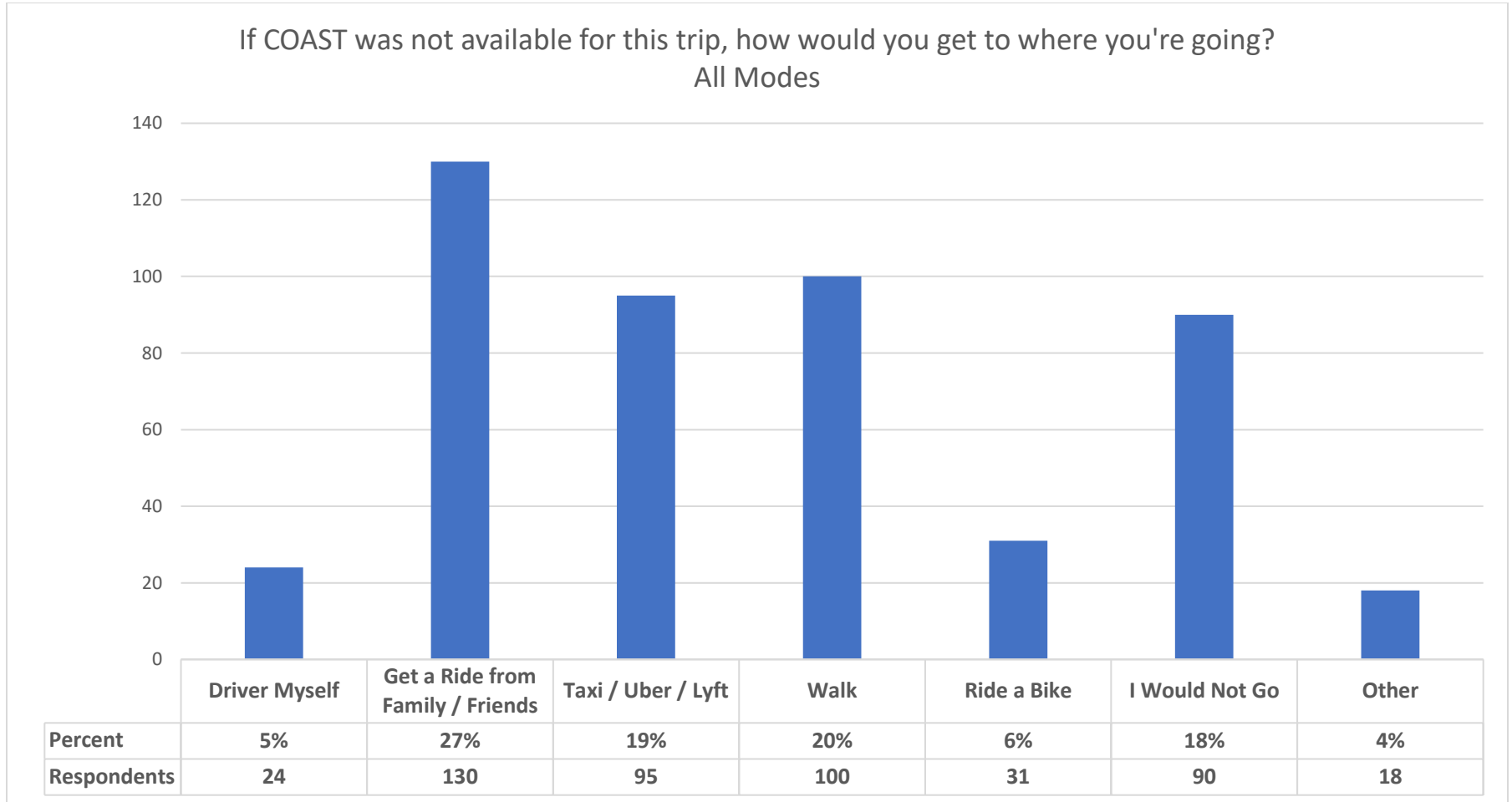


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Demand Response

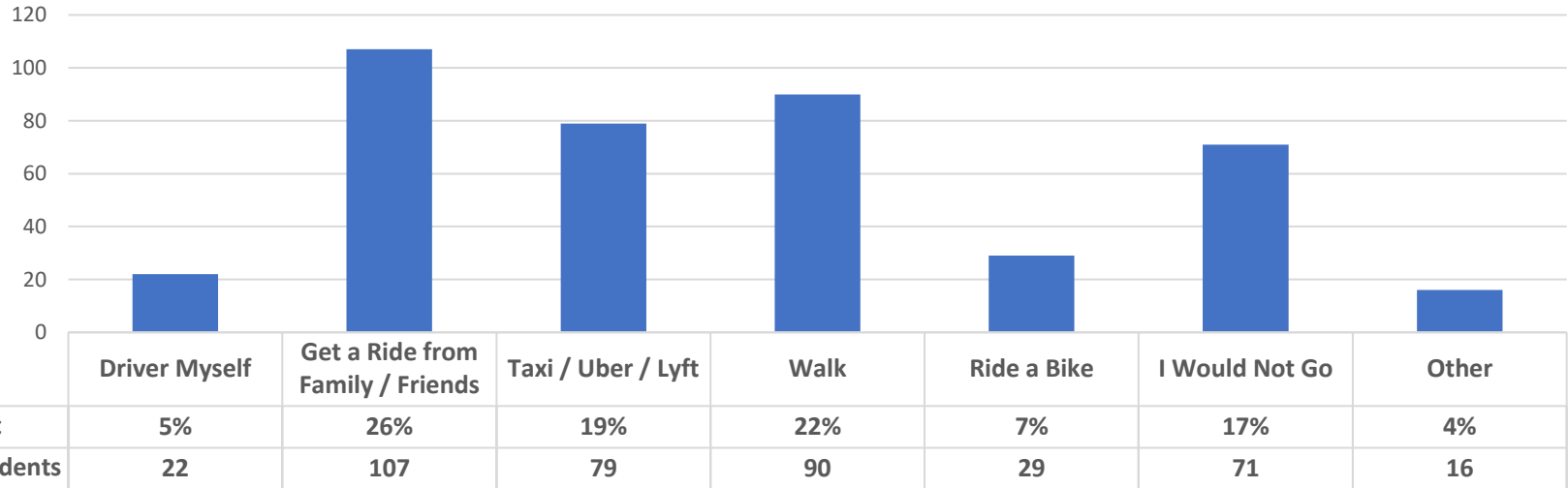


9. If COAST was not available for this trip, how would you get to where you're going?

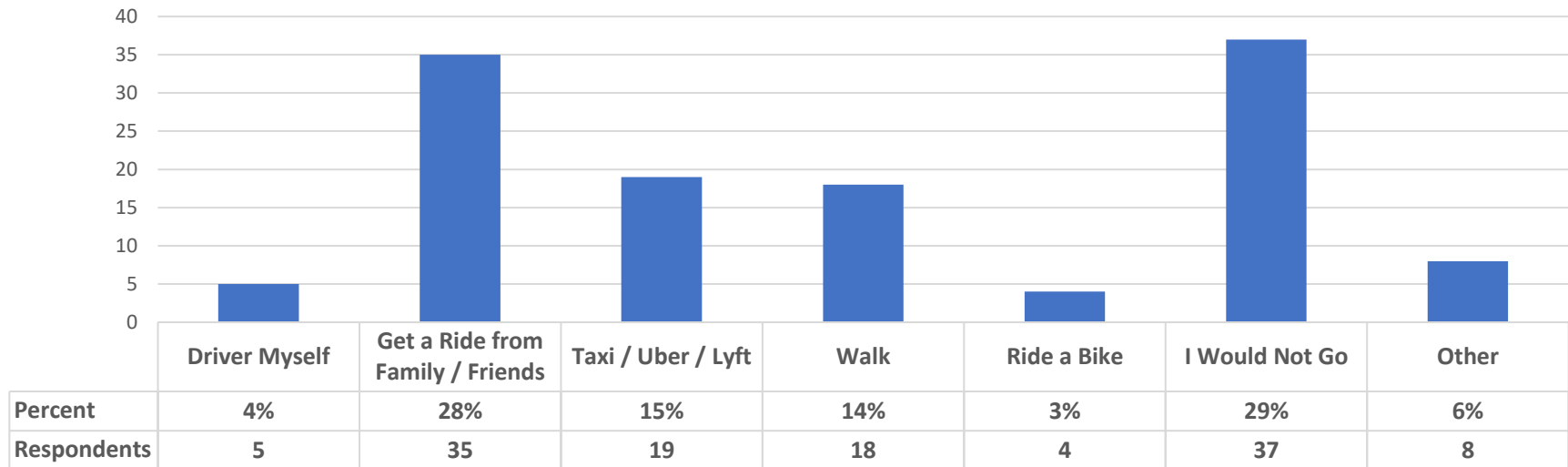
- Drive myself Get a ride from family/friends Taxi / Uber / Lyft
 Walk Ride a bike I would not go Other: _____



If COAST was not available for this trip, how would you get to where you're going?
Fixed Route

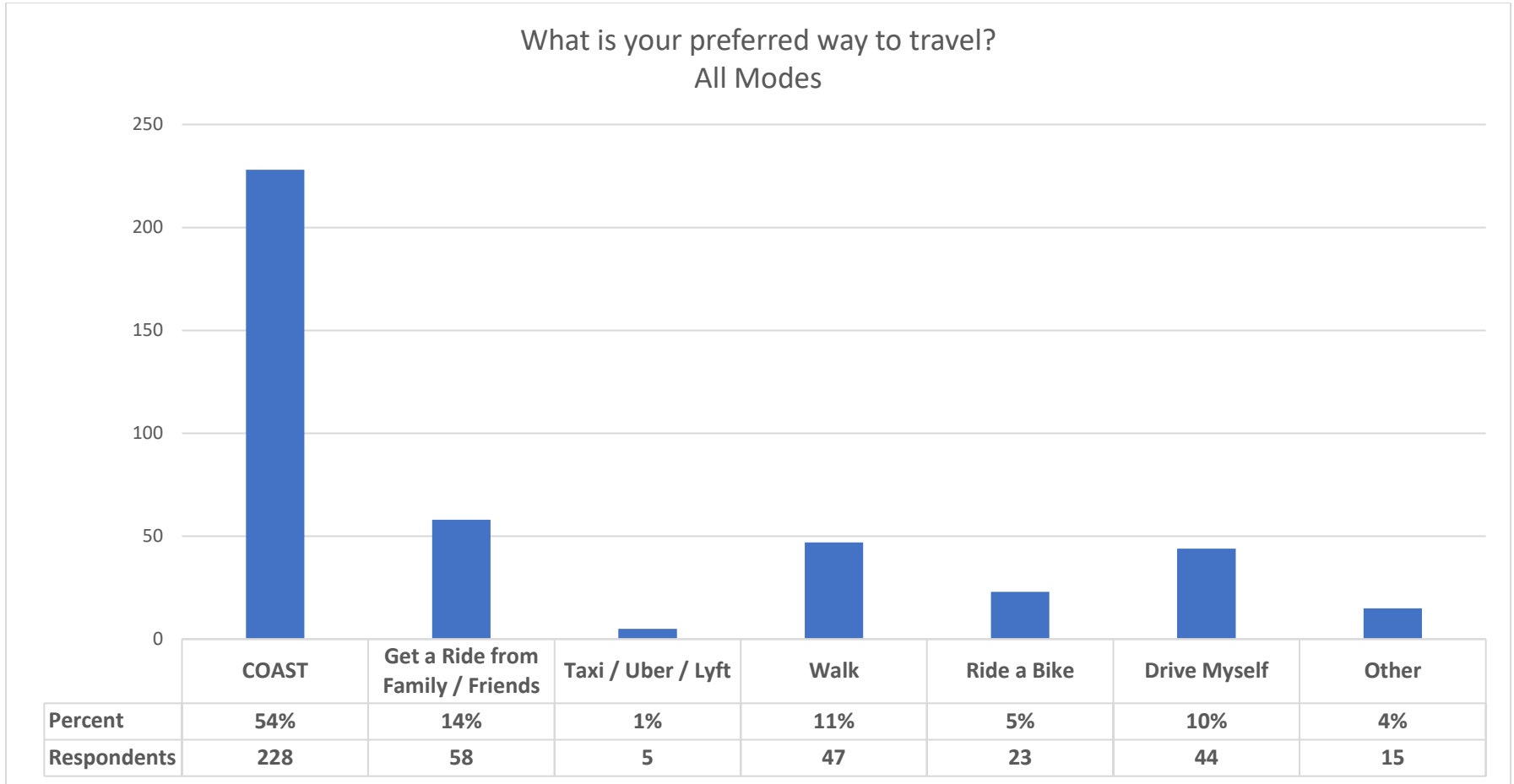


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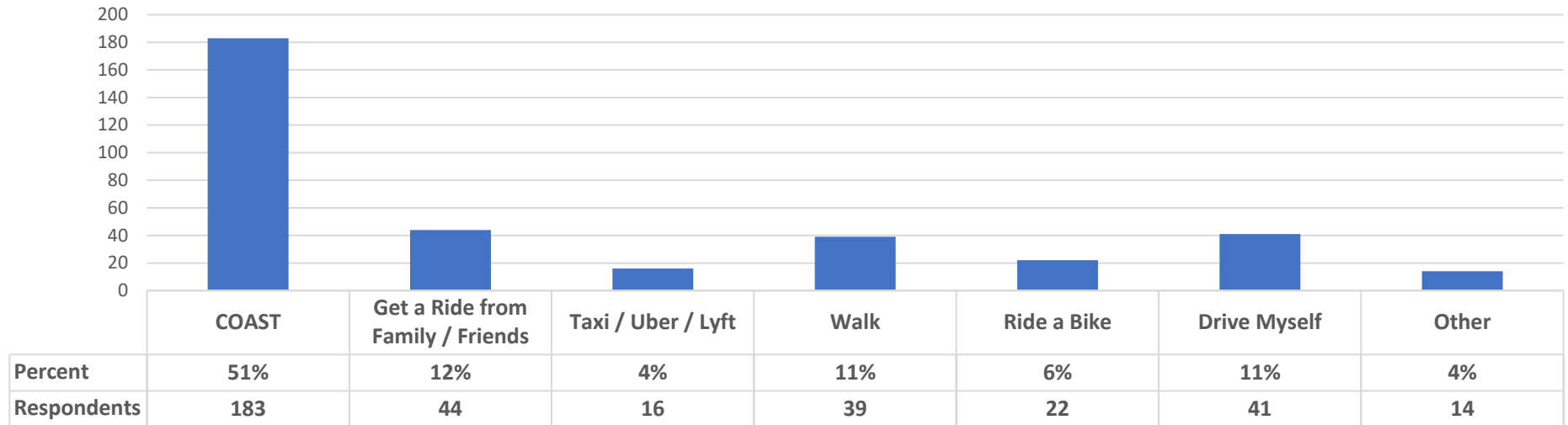


10.What is your preferred way to travel?

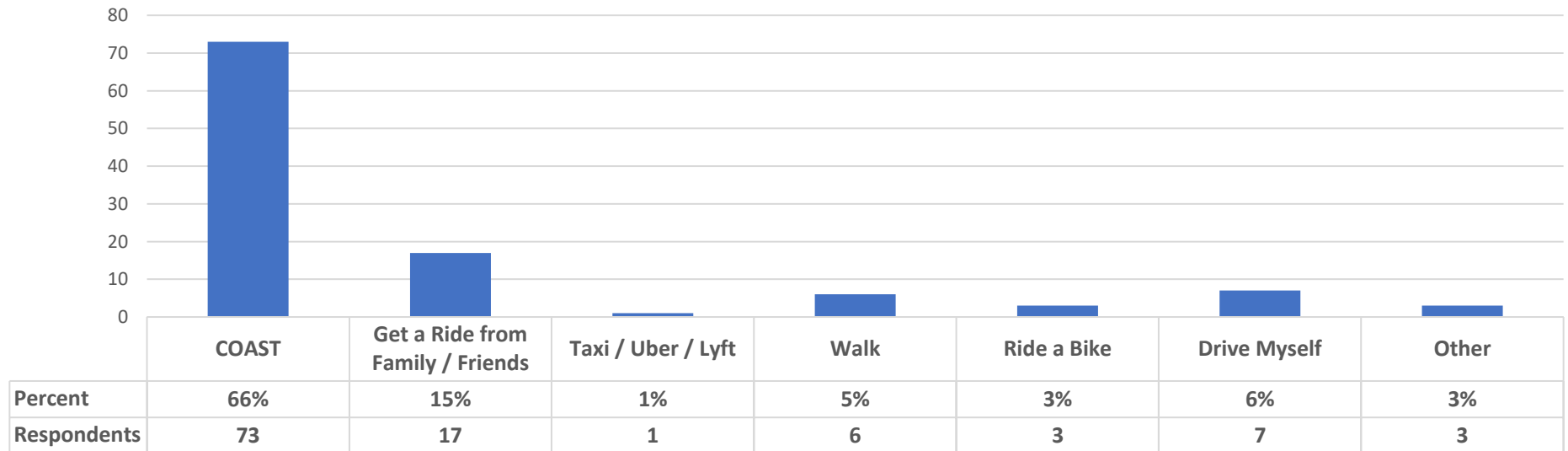
- COAST
- Get a ride from family/friends
- Taxi / Uber / Lyft
- Walk
- Ride a bike
- Drive myself
- Other: _____



What is your preferred way to travel? Fixed Route

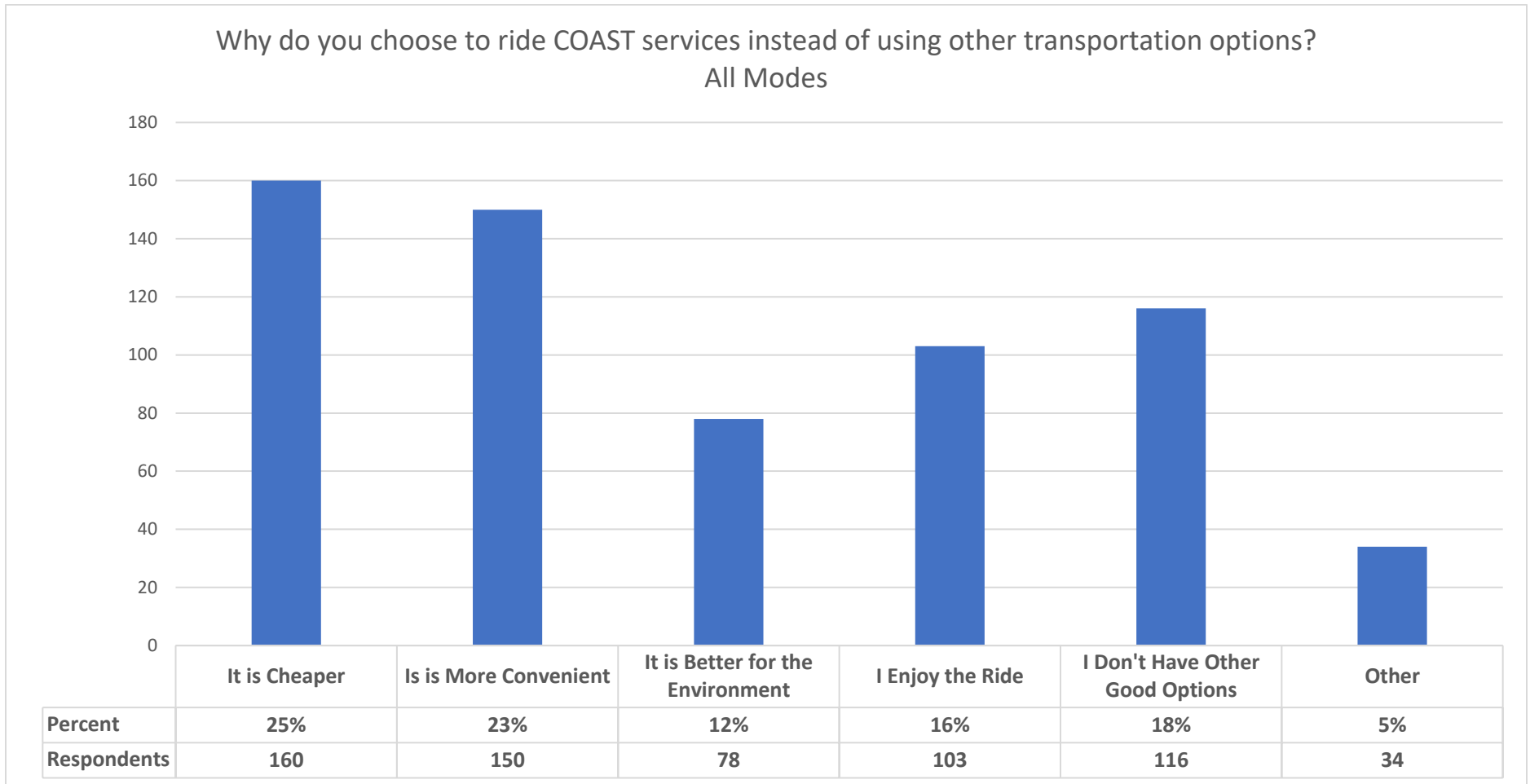


What is your preferred way to travel? Demand Response

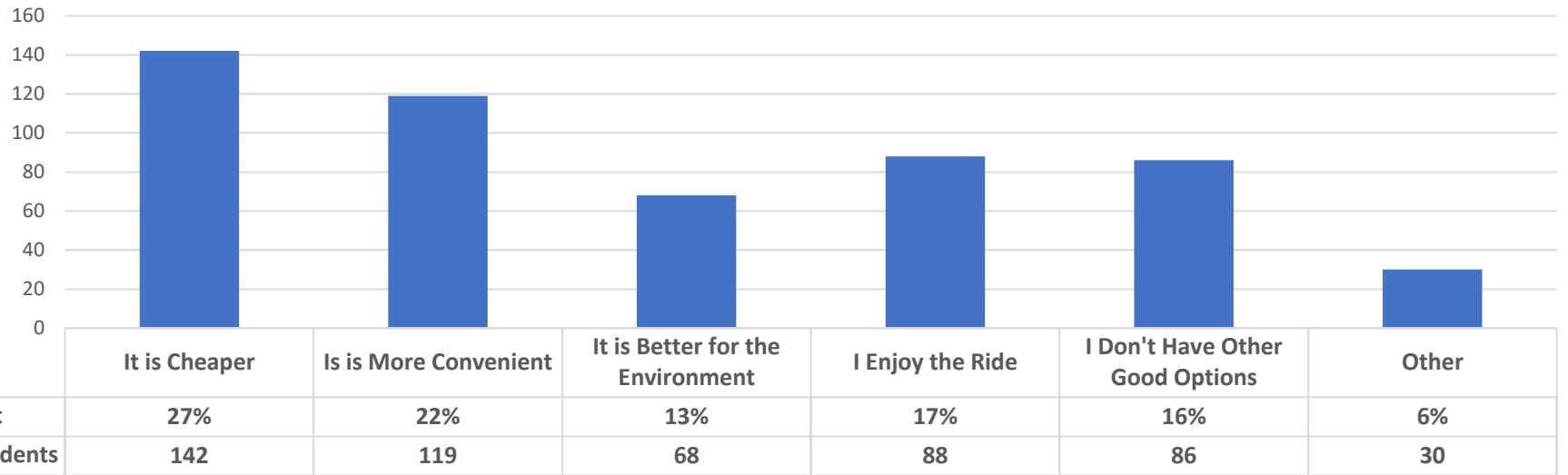


11. Why do you choose to ride COAST services instead of using other transportation options? *Please check all that apply.*

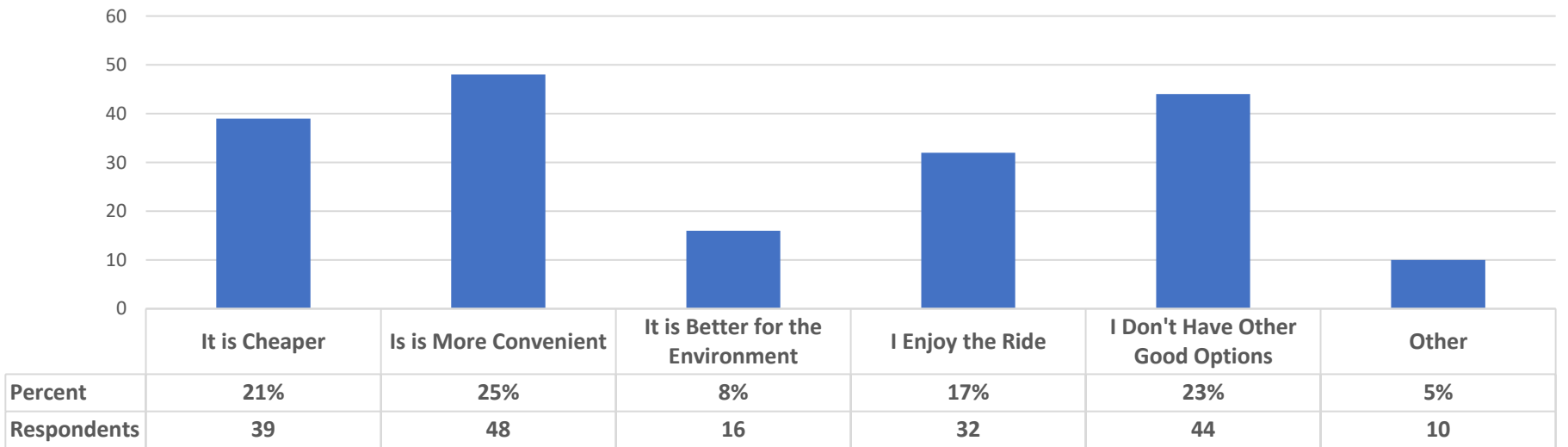
- It is cheaper
 It is more convenient
 It is better for the environment
 I enjoy the ride
 I don't have other good options
 Other: _____



Why do you choose to ride COAST services instead of using other transportation options?
Fixed Route

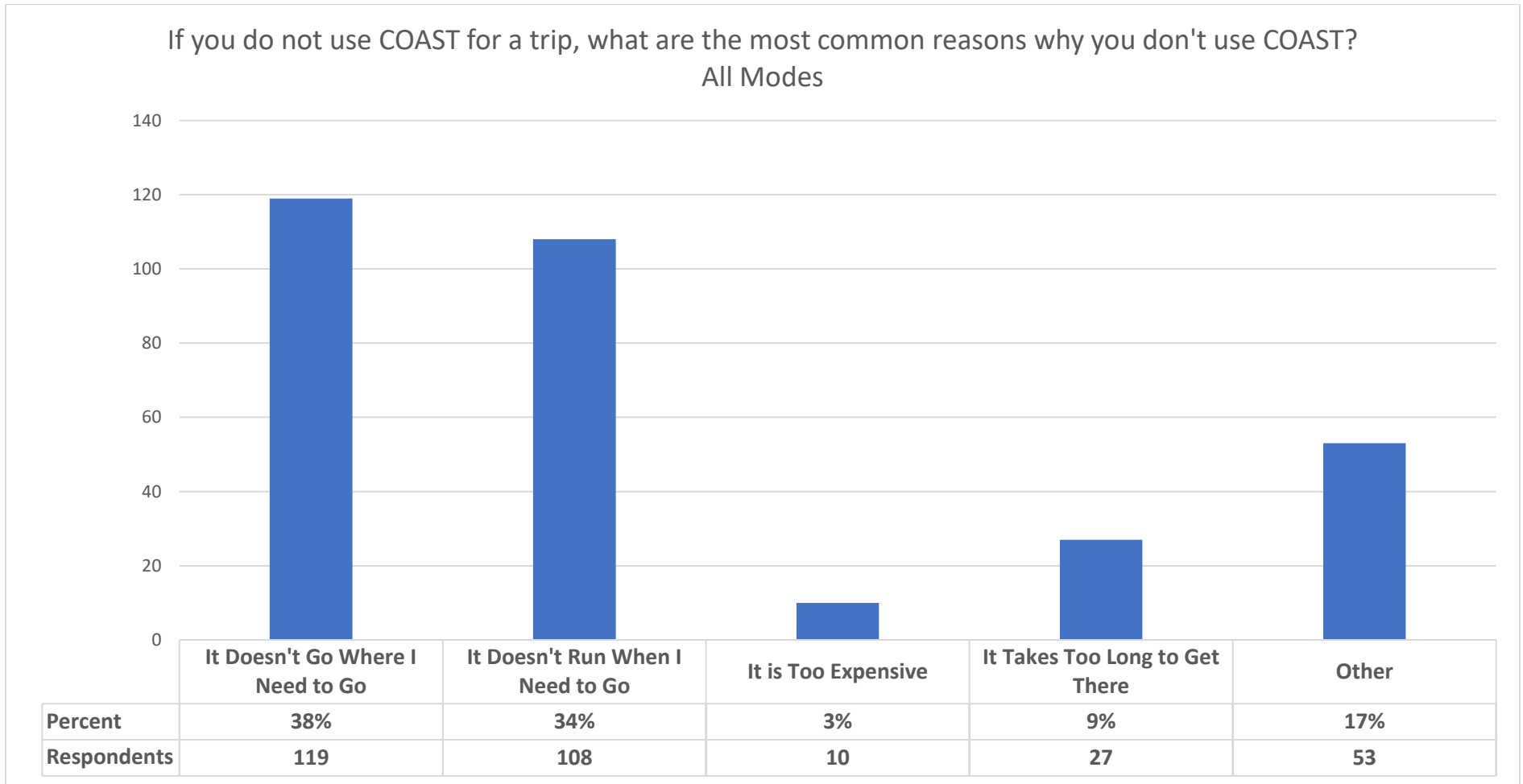


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Demand Response

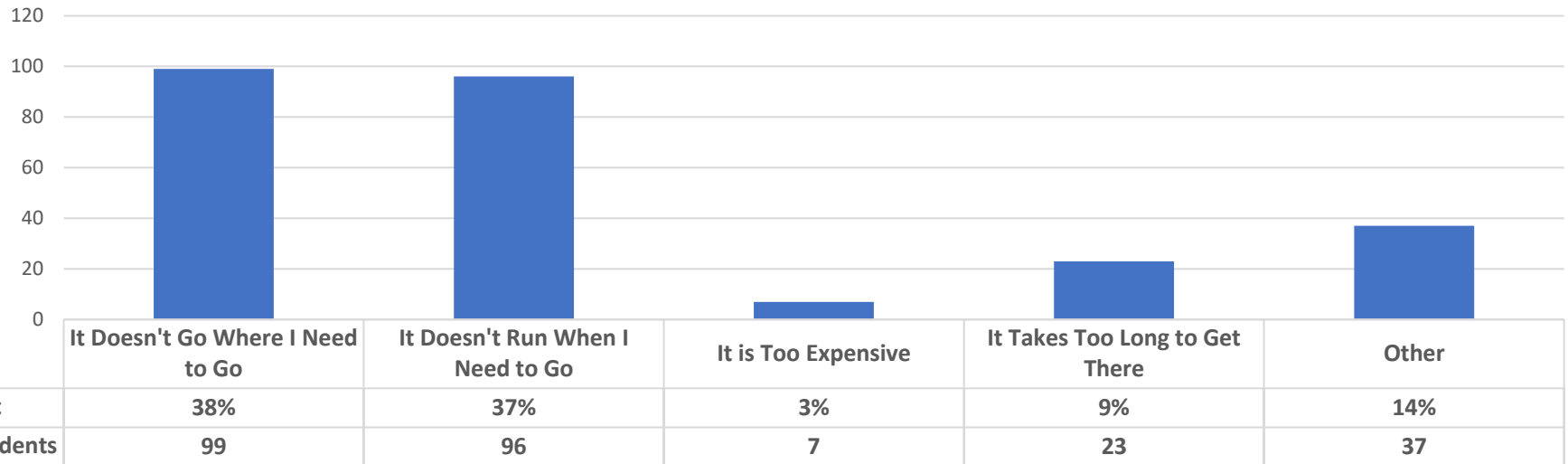


12.If you do not use COAST for a trip, what are the most common reasons why you don't use COAST? Please check all that apply.

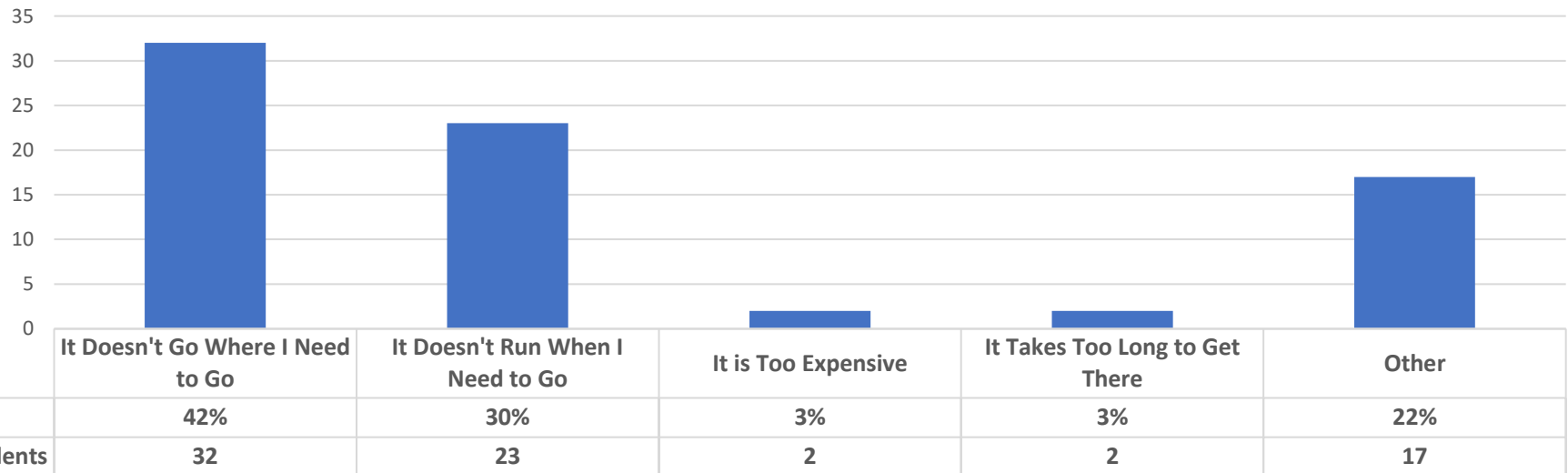
- It doesn't go where I need to go
- It doesn't run when I need to go
- It is too expensive
- It takes too long to get there
- Other: _____



If you do not use COAST for a trip, what are the most common reasons why you don't use COAST?
Fixed Route



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Demand Response

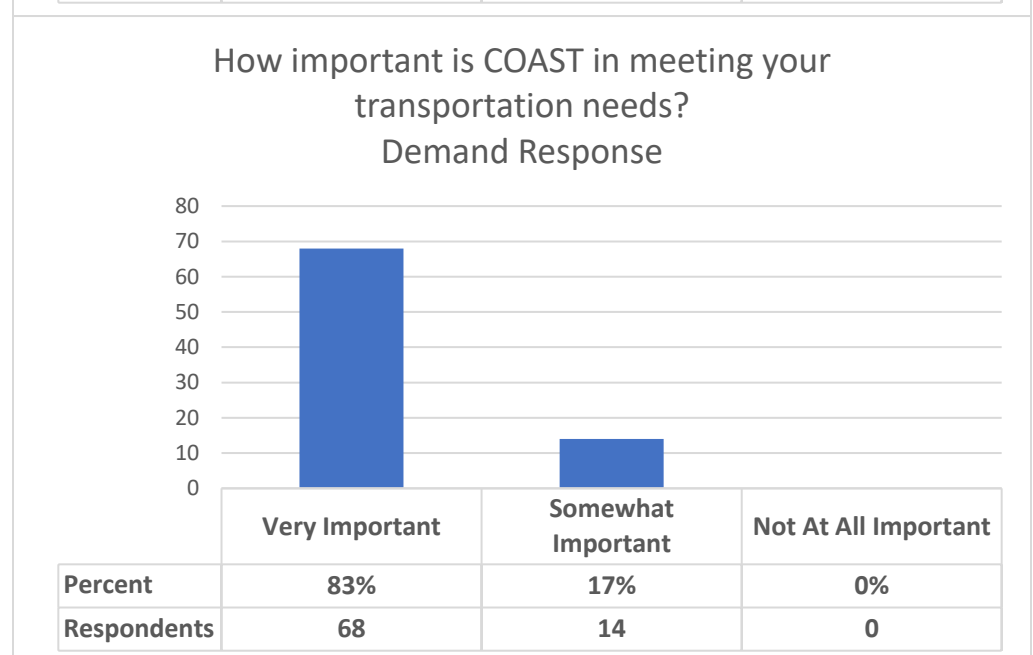
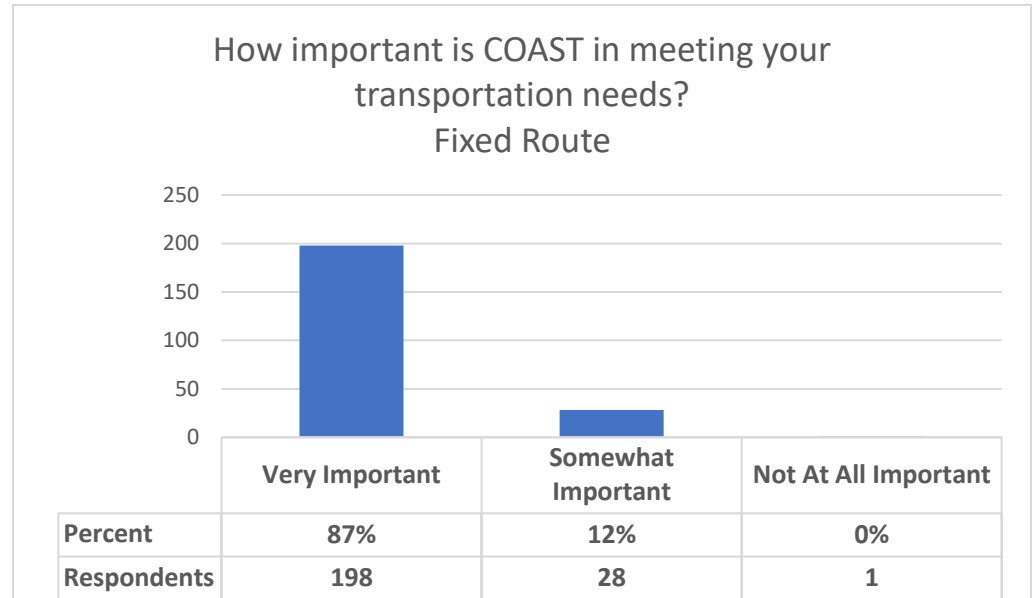
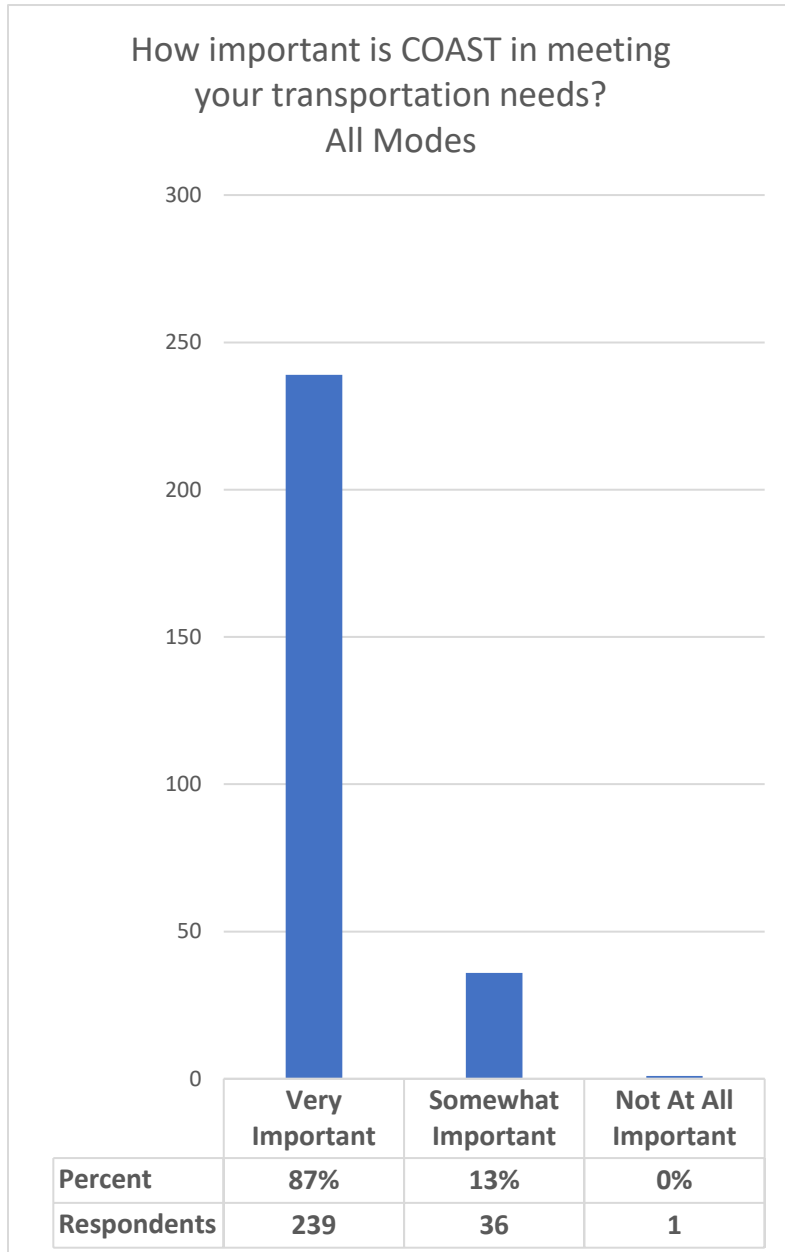


13. How important is COAST in meeting your transportation needs?

Very Important

Somewhat Important

Not at All Important



14. Please respond to the following statements based on your opinion, ranging from strongly disagree (1) to neutral (3) to strongly agree (5).

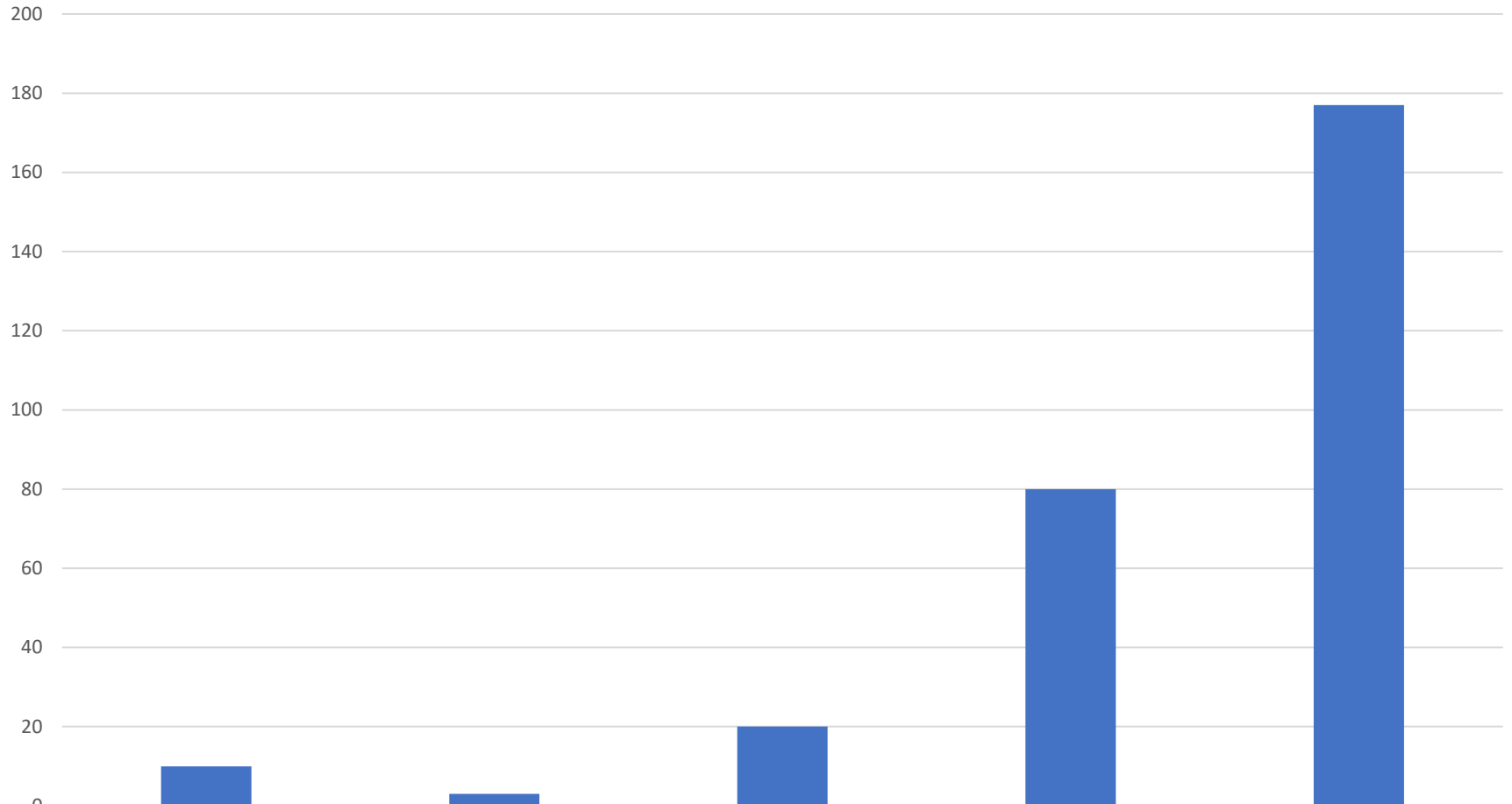
	<i>Strongly Disagree</i> 1	<i>Disagree</i> 2	<i>Neutral</i> 3	<i>Agree</i> 4	<i>Strongly Agree</i> 5
COAST drivers are friendly and helpful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COAST schedules are easy to understand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COAST schedules are easy to find	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COAST fares are fairly priced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COAST vehicles are clean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel safe using COAST	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COAST vehicles run on-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COAST office staff are helpful when I have called, texted, emailed or visited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COAST provides a high-quality service for residents of the Seacoast region	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would recommend COAST to my friends/family/co-workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes on Results:

- *For these questions, some people checked more than one box, and in some cases left notes on why. Anytime more than one box was checked, it was logged as one response in both columns. Notes were added to the general comments section.*
- *One survey wrote “Strongly Disagree” for all categories, but their comments made explicit that they thought they were checking “Strongly Agree.” For this response, the answers were logged as “Strongly Agree.”*
- *Four surveys marked “Strongly Disagree” for all categories, but their other comments on the survey were positive. It is possible they misread the scale and meant to write “Strongly Agree”, but we cannot be certain. These were left in the “Strongly Disagree” category.*

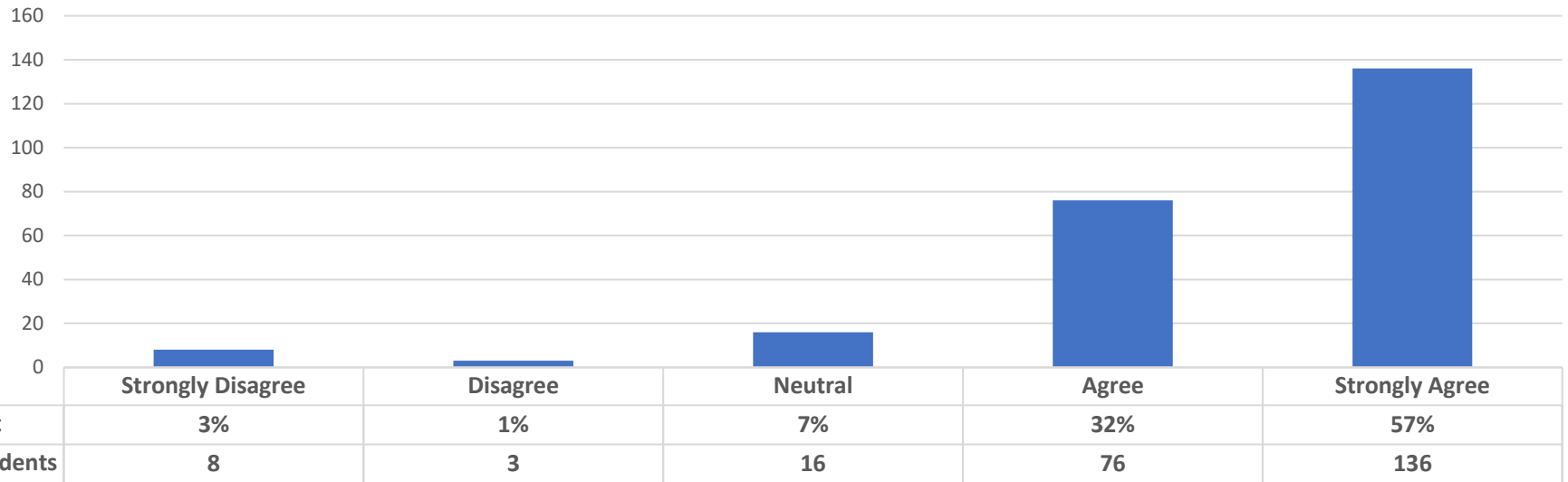
14-a. COAST drivers are friendly and helpful.

COAST drivers are friendly and helpful.
All Modes

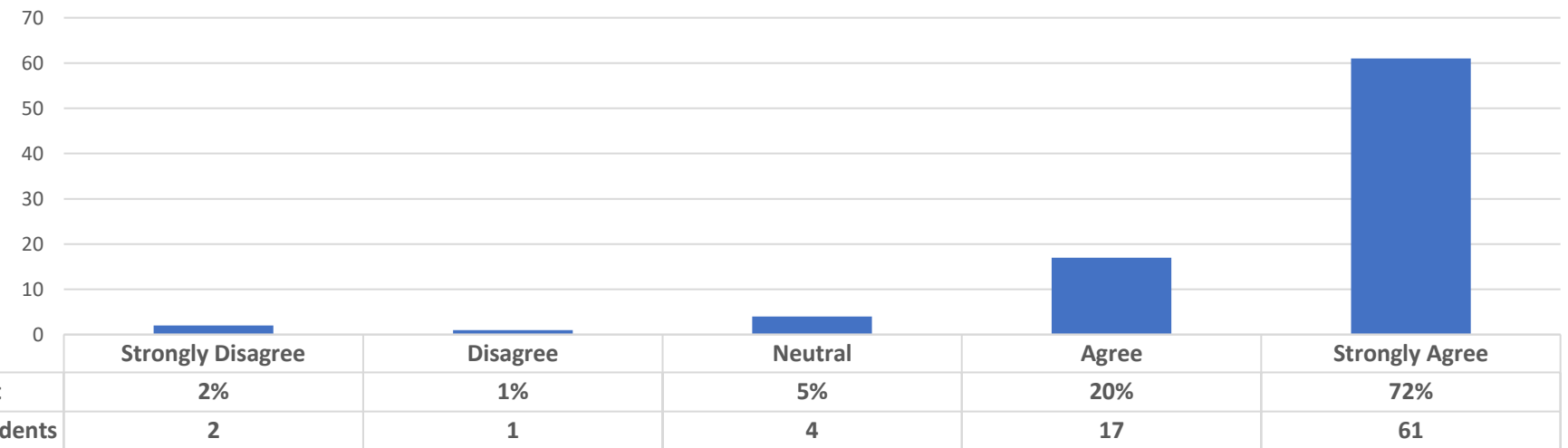


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Percent	3%	1%	7%	28%	61%
Respondents	10	3	20	80	177

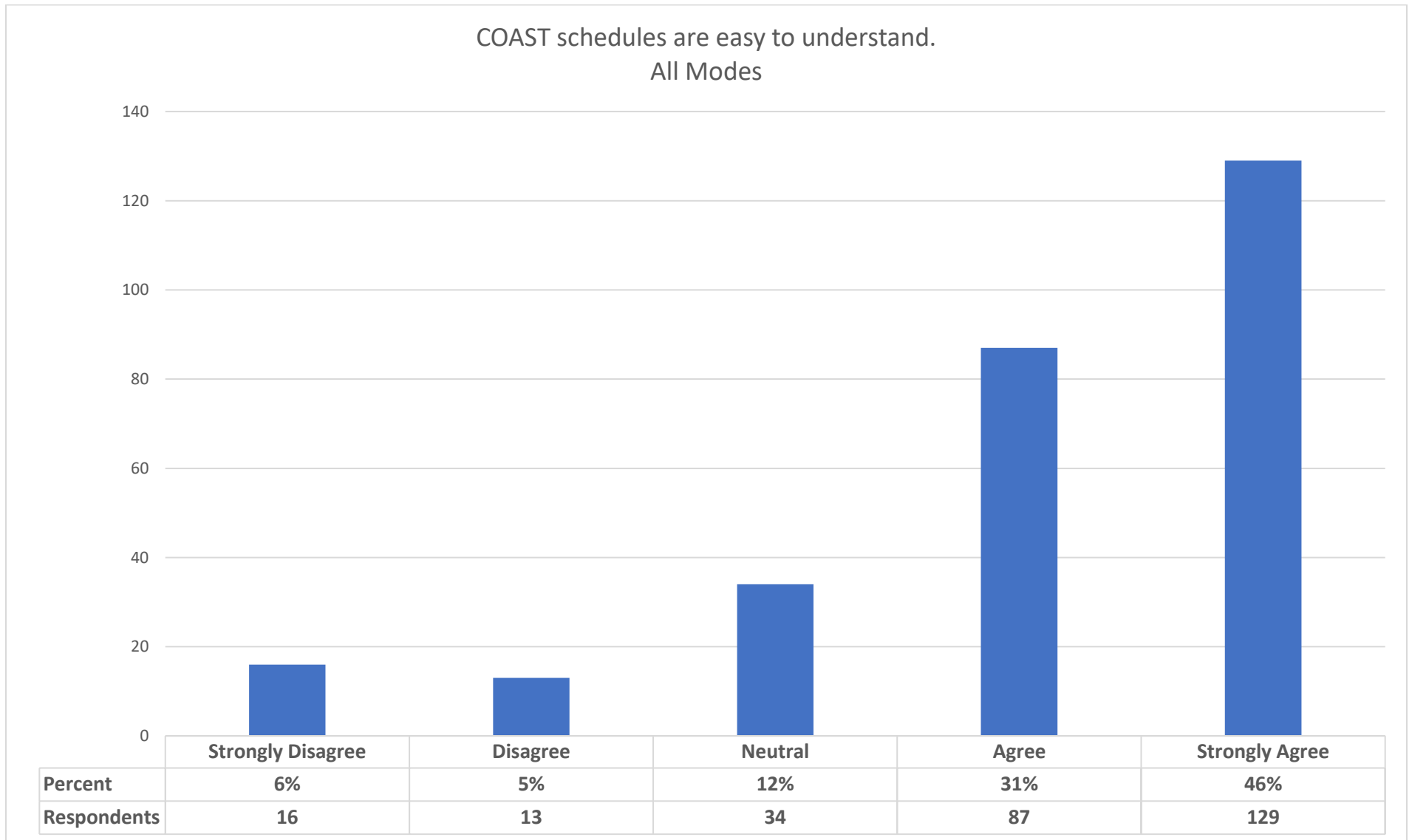
COAST drivers are friendly and helpful.
Fixed Route



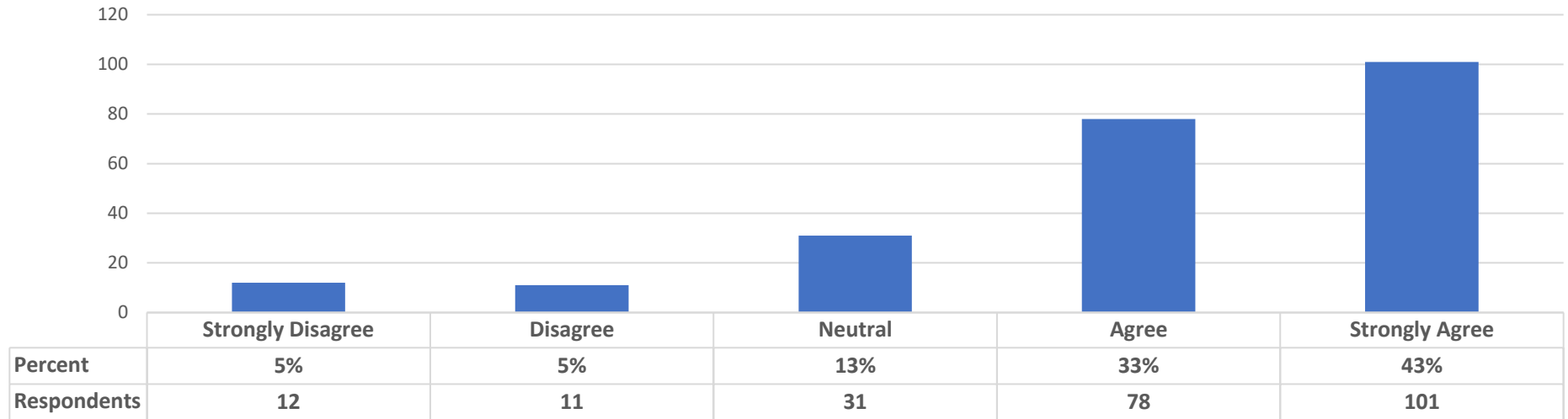
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Demand Response



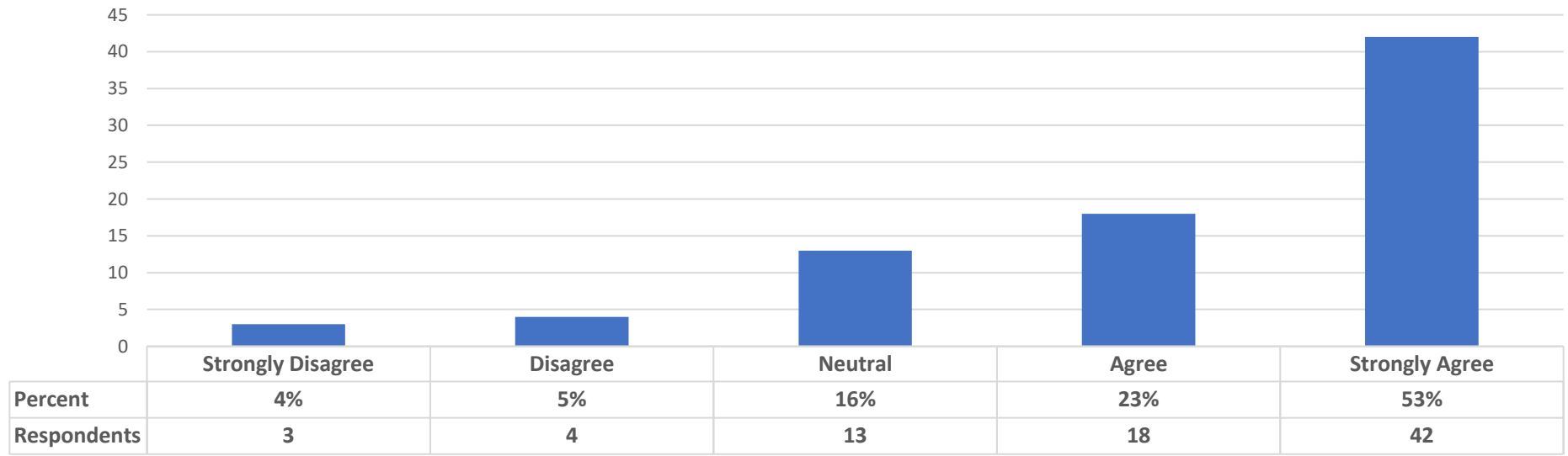
14-b. COAST schedules are easy to understand.



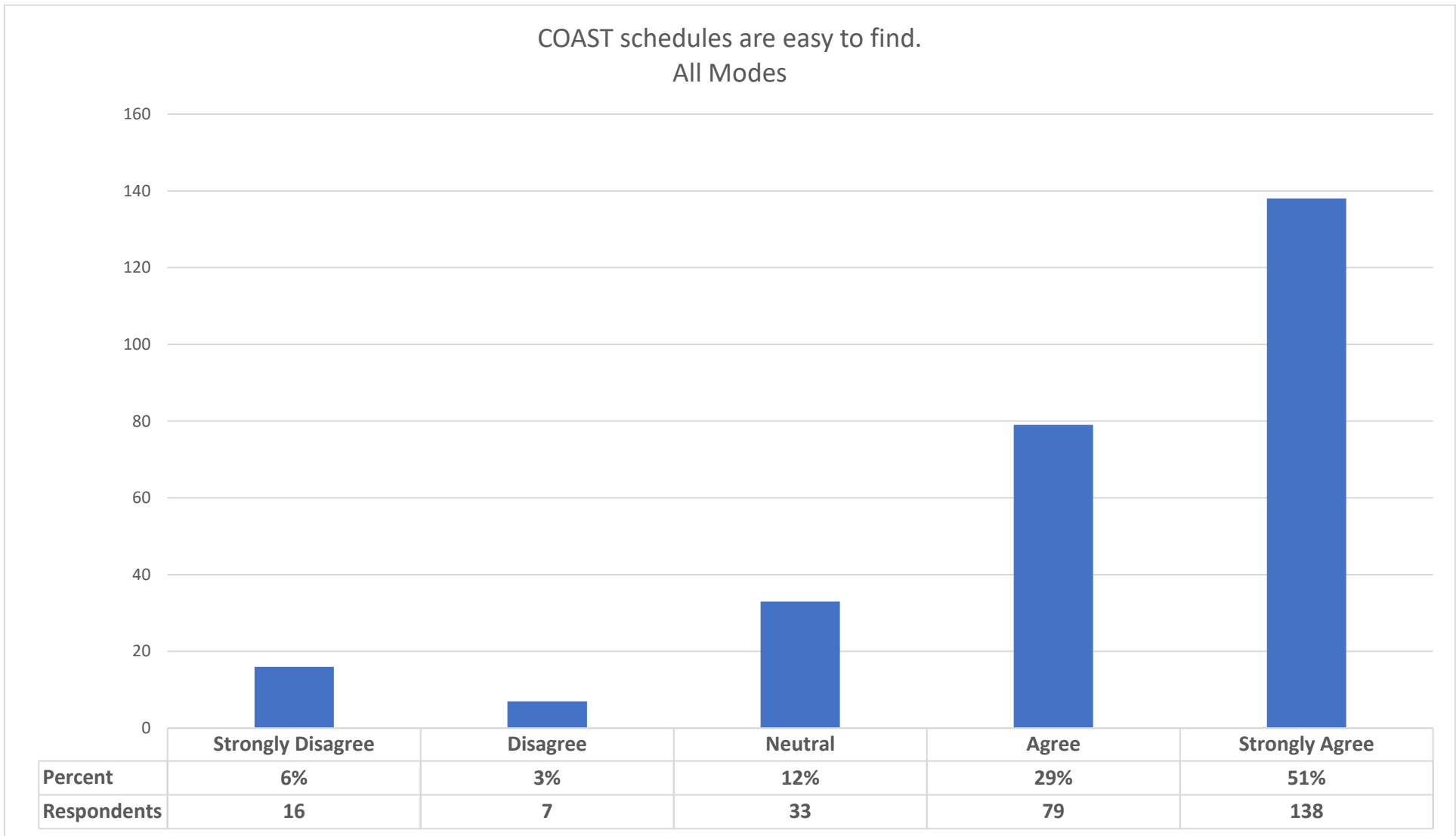
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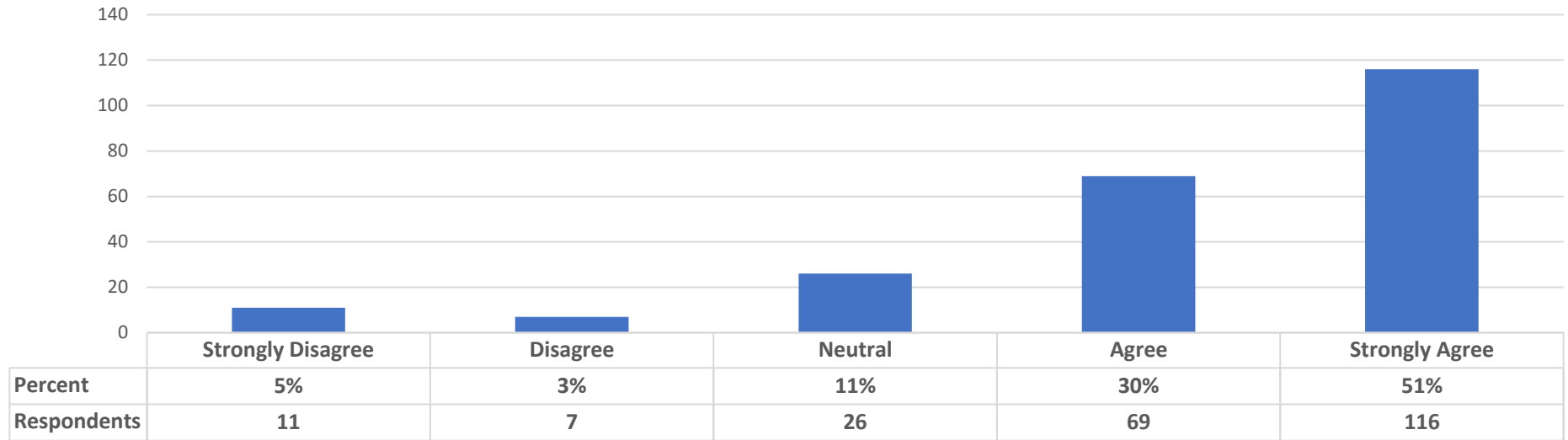
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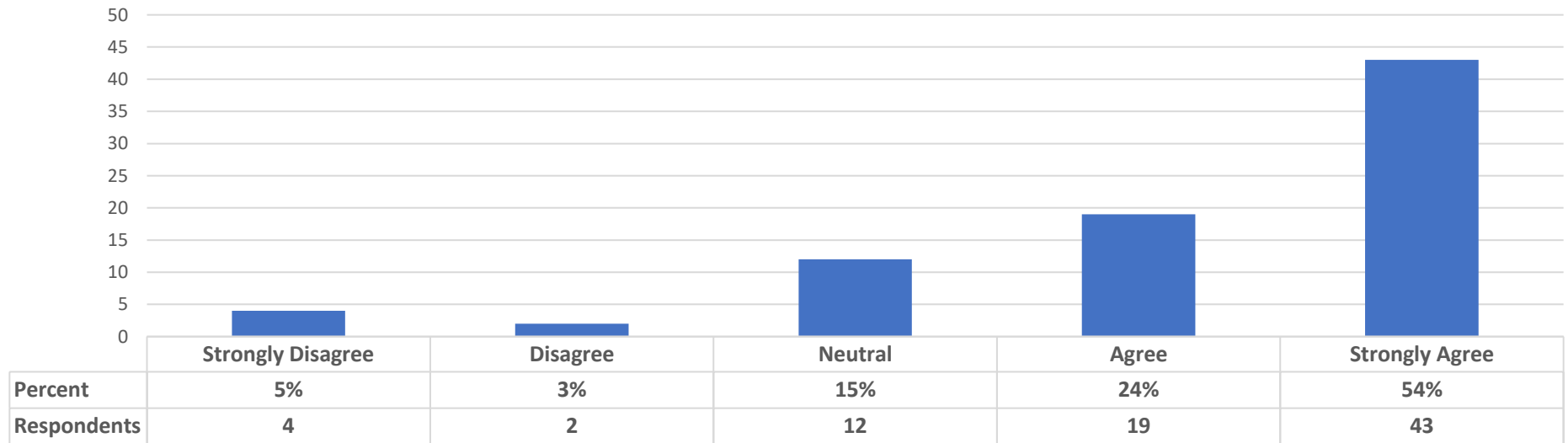
14-c. COAST schedules are easy to find.



COAST schedules are easy to find.
Fixed Route

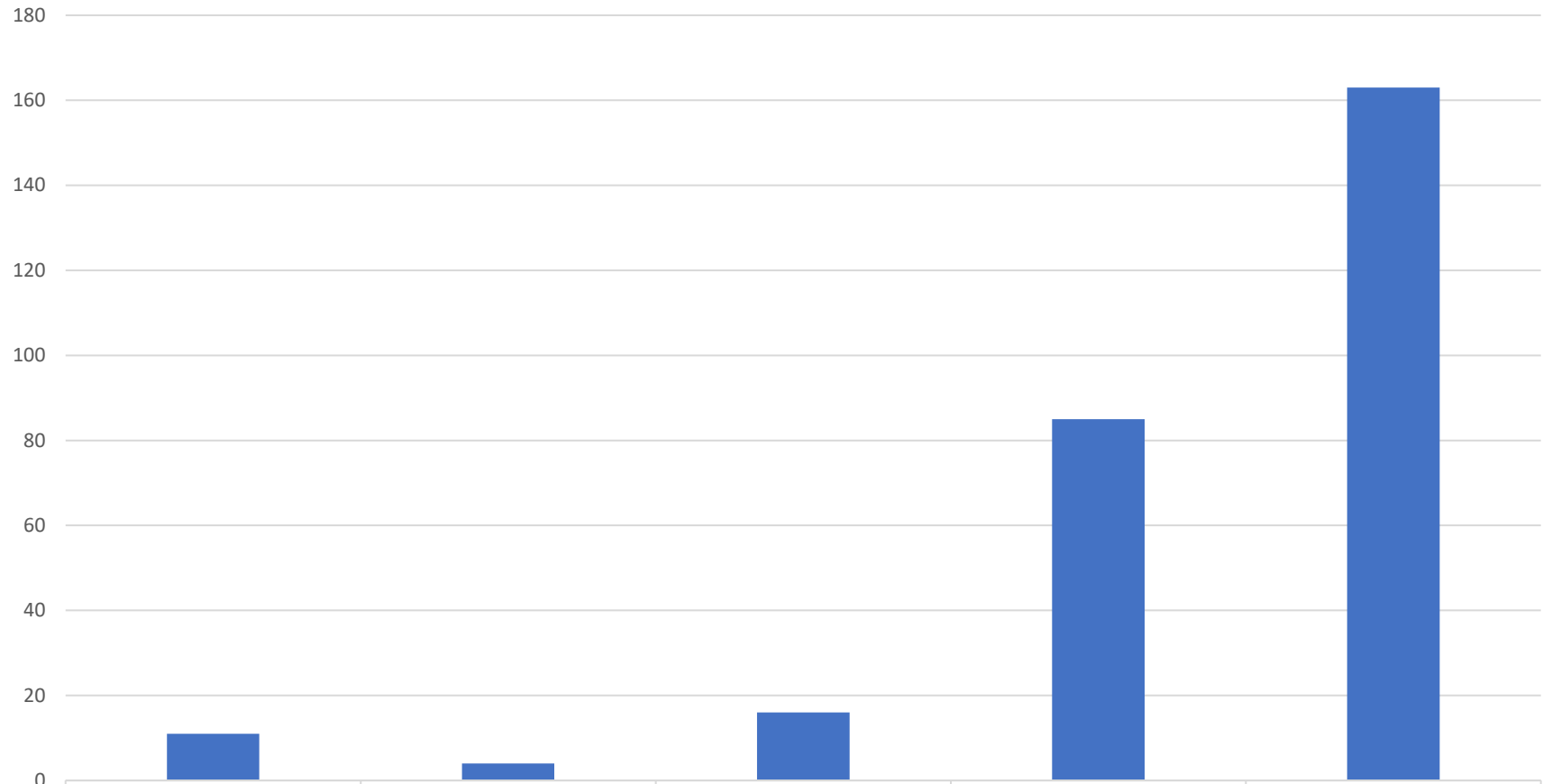


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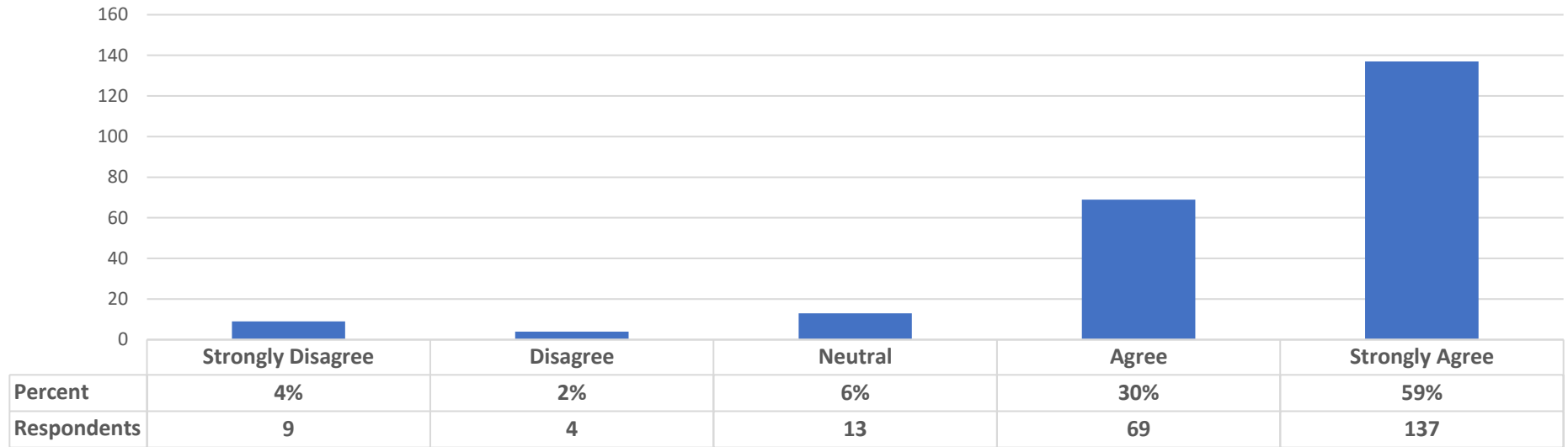
14-d. COAST fares are fairly priced.

COAST fares are fairly priced.
All Modes

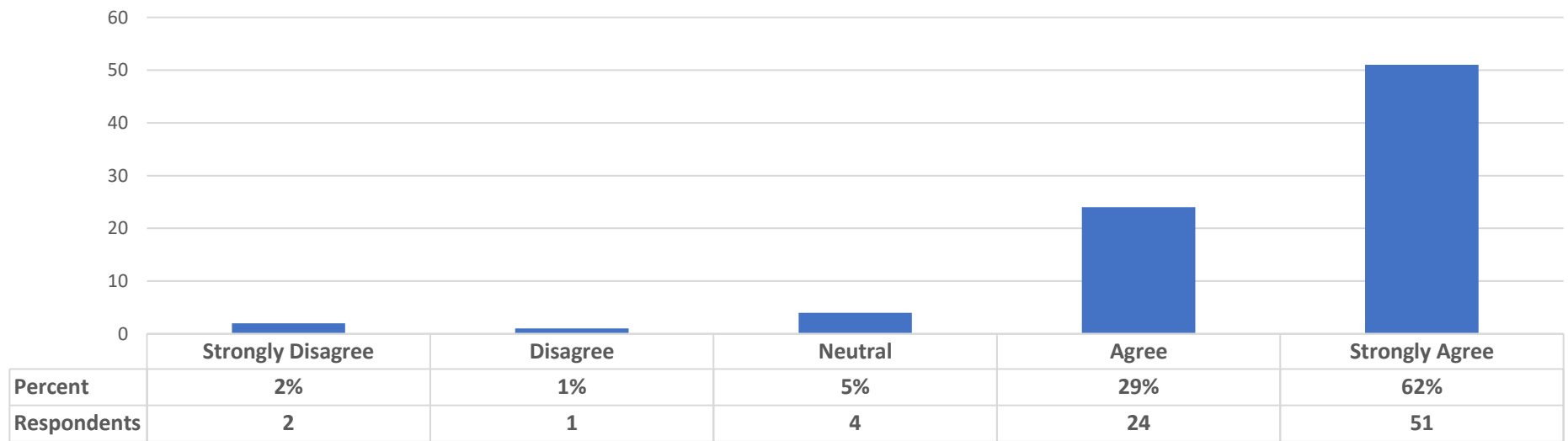


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Percent	4%	1%	6%	30%	58%
Respondents	11	4	16	85	163

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Fixed Route

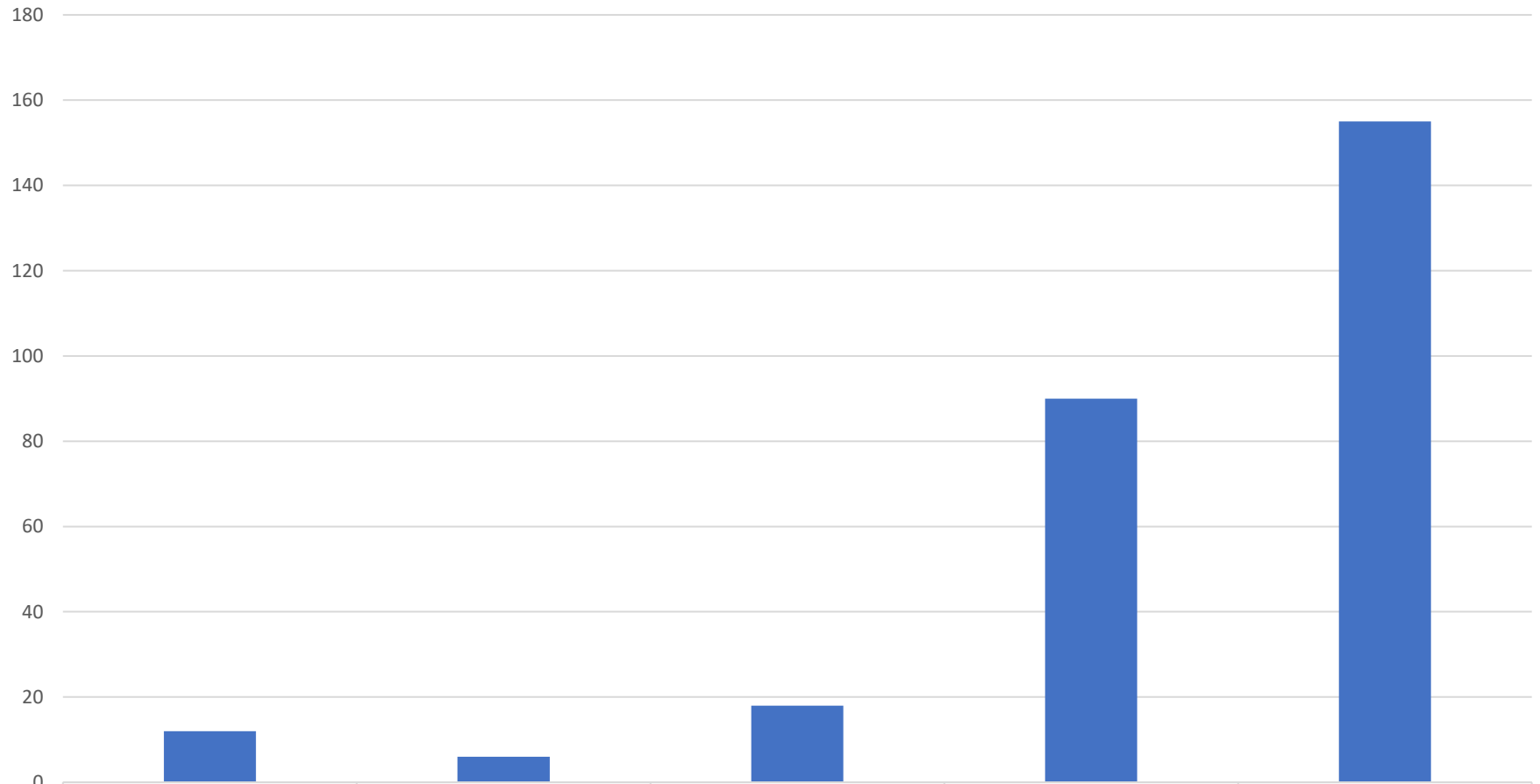


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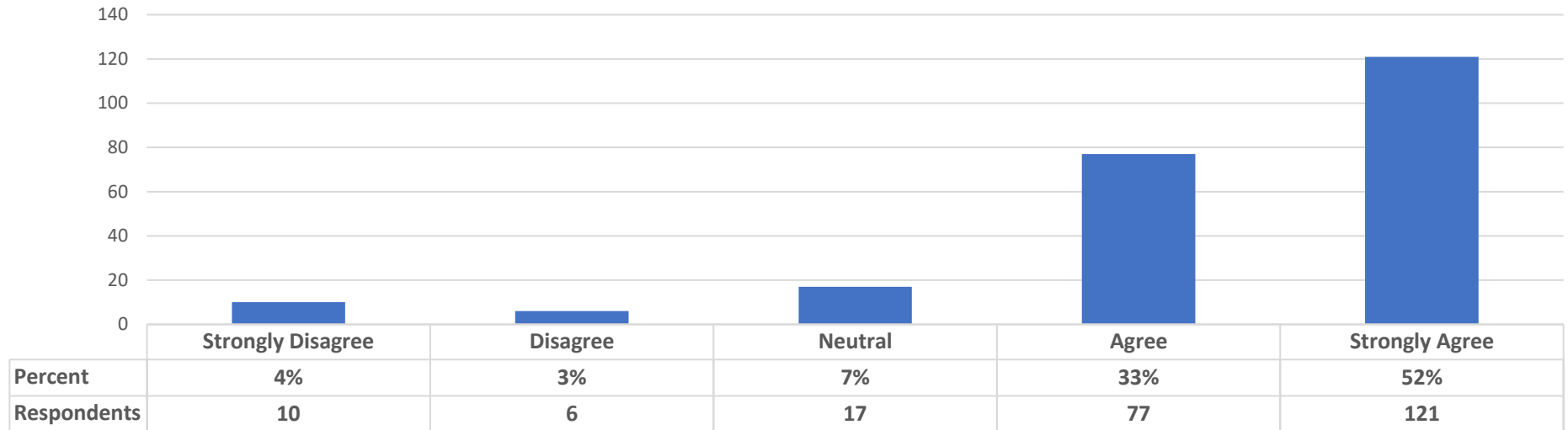
14-e. COAST vehicles are clean.

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All Modes

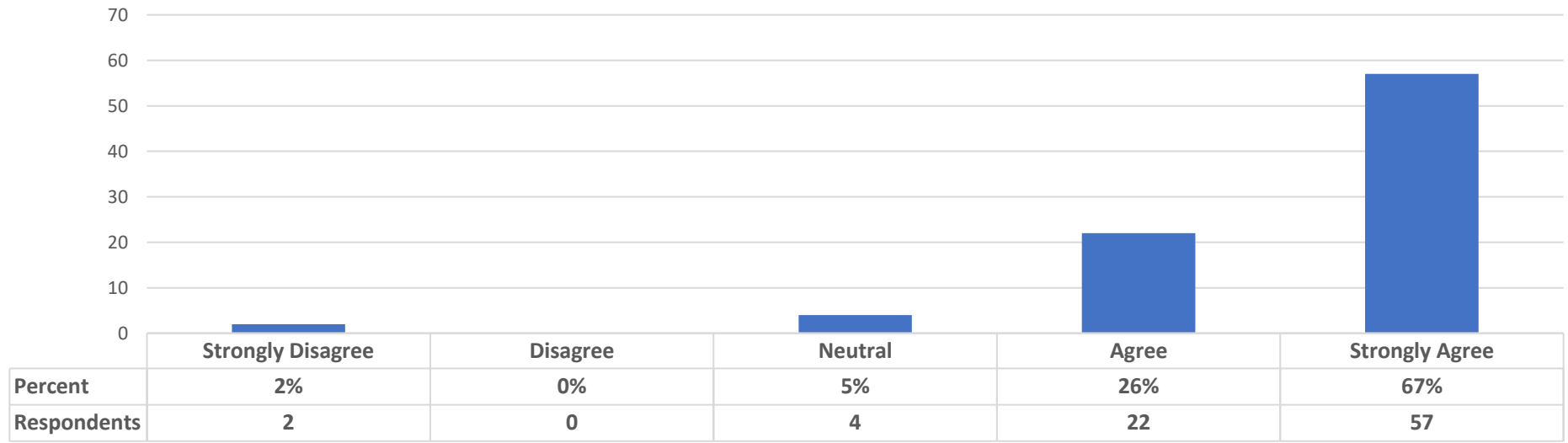


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Percent	4%	2%	6%	32%	55%
Respondents	12	6	18	90	155

COAST vehicles are clean.
Fixed Route

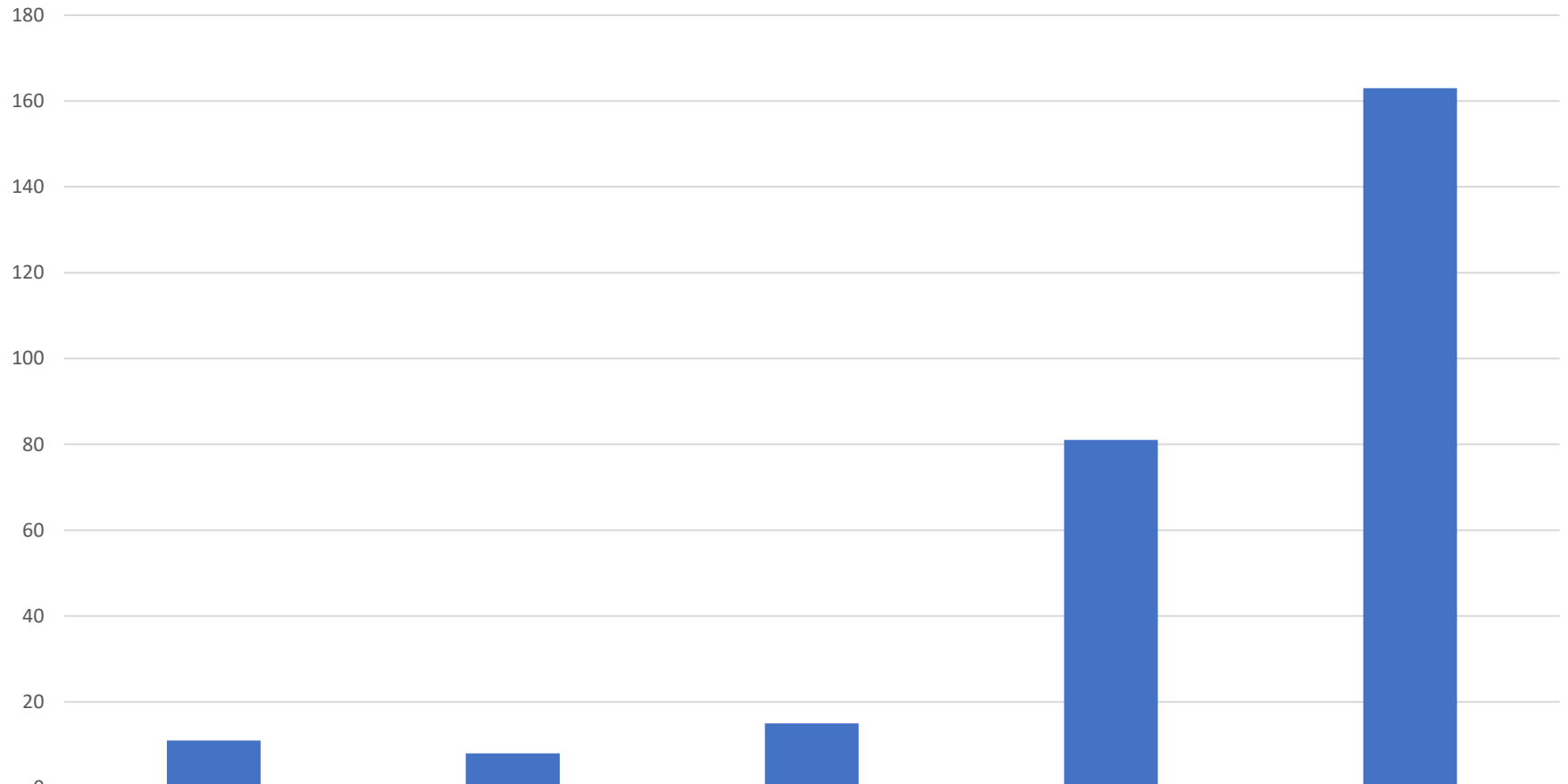


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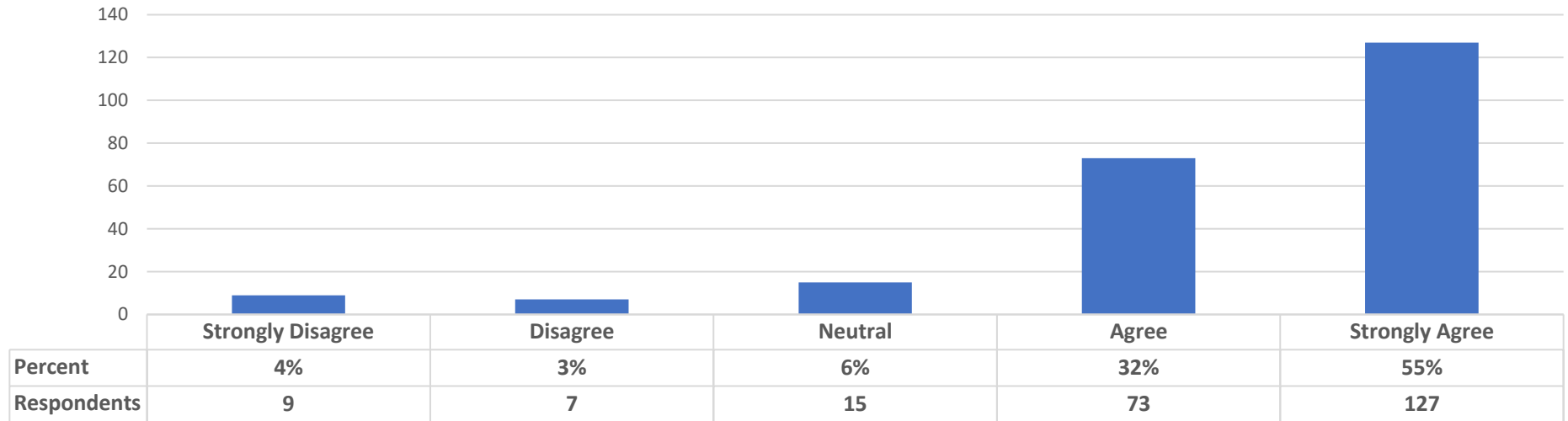
14-f. I feel safe using COAST.

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All Modes

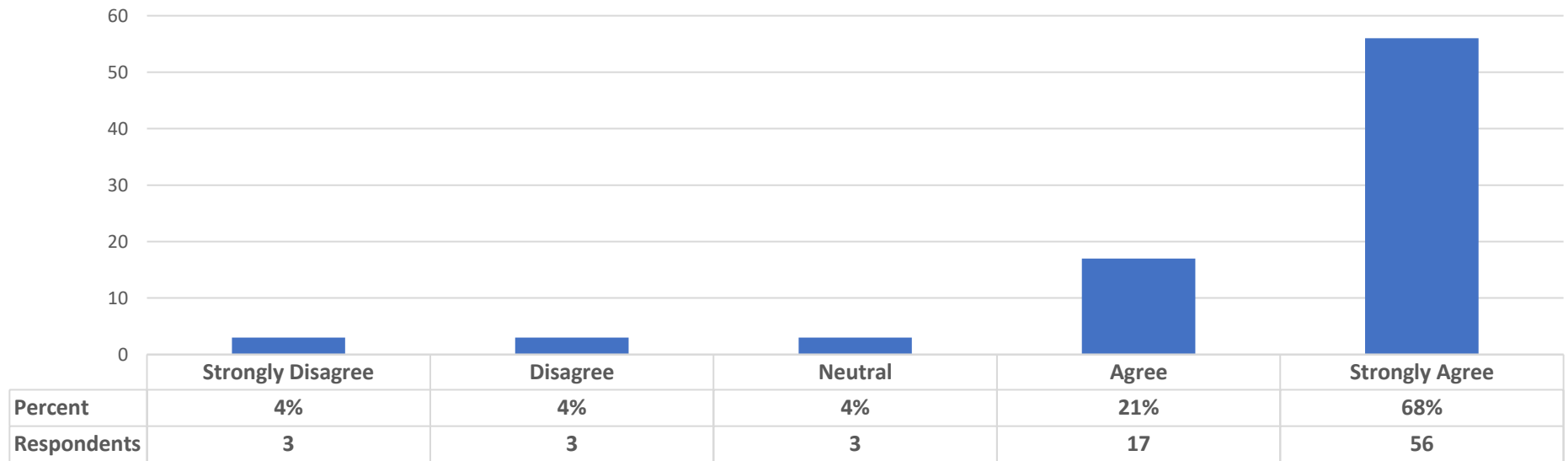


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Percent	4%	3%	5%	29%	59%
Respondents	11	8	15	81	163

I feel safe using COAST.
Fixed Route

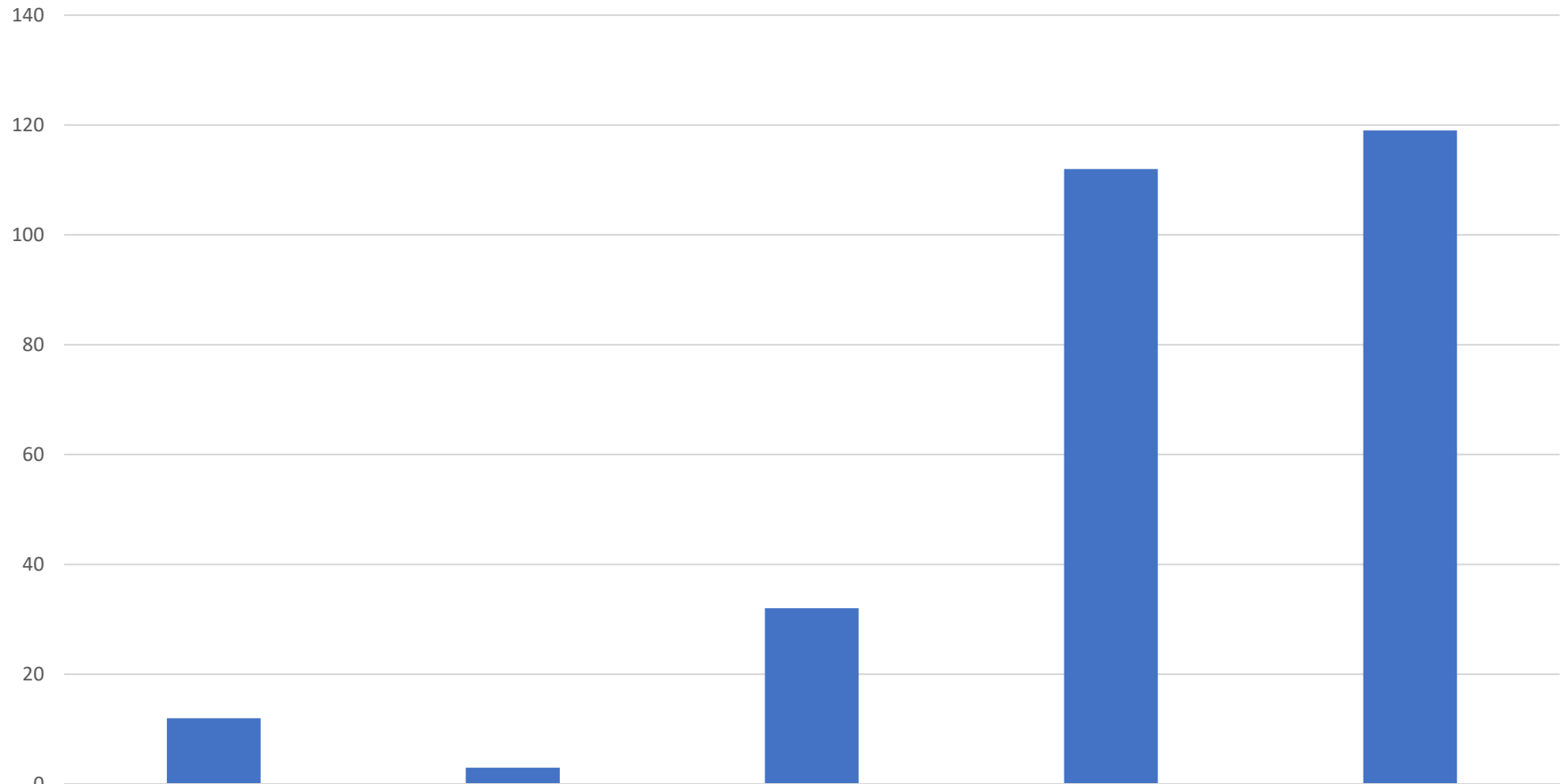


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Demand Response



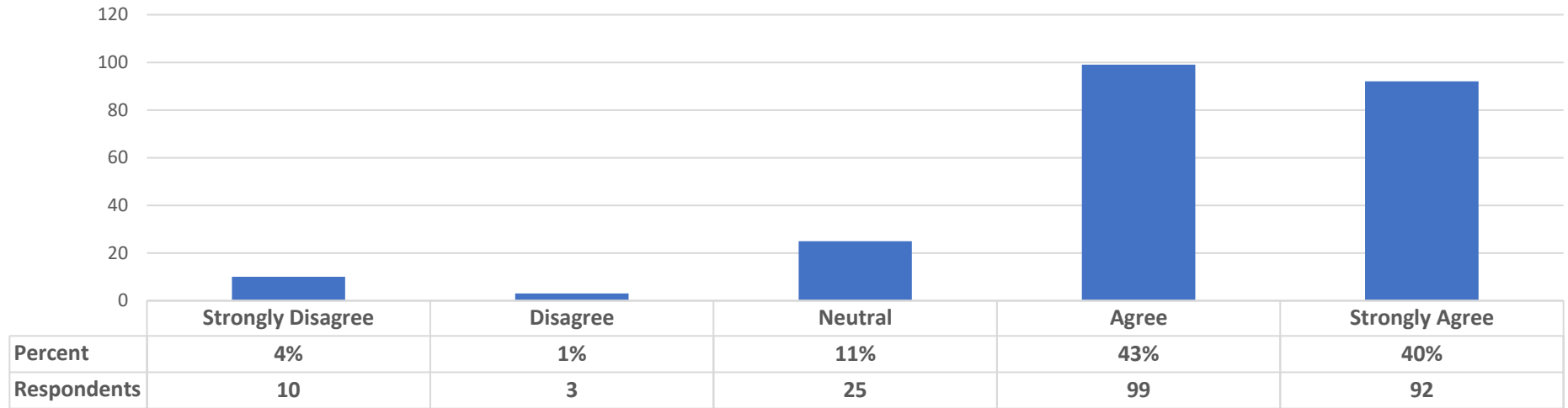
14-g. COAST vehicles run on-time.

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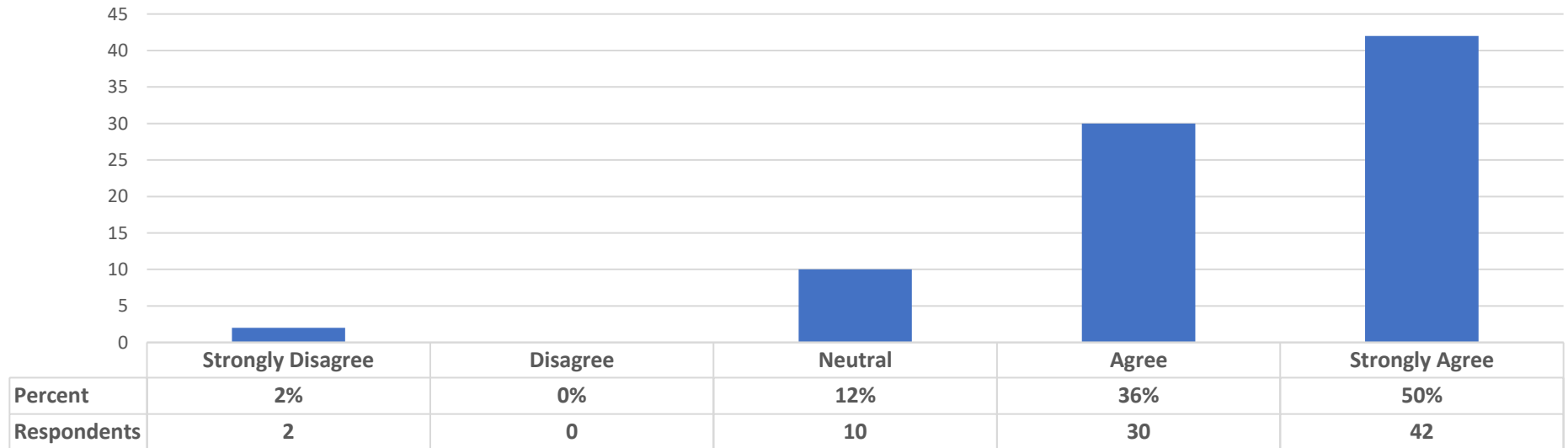


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Percent	4%	1%	12%	40%	43%
Respondents	12	3	32	112	119

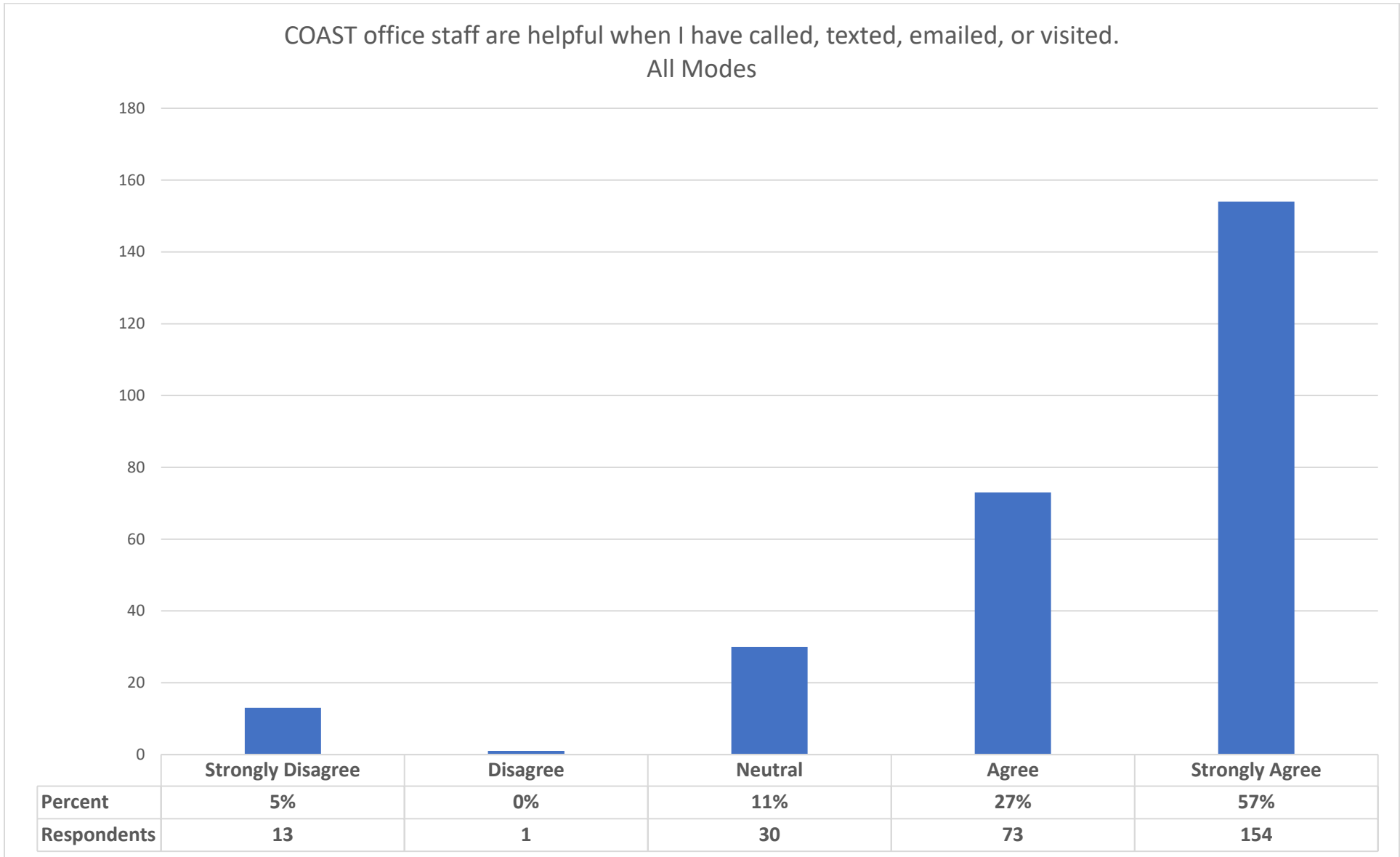
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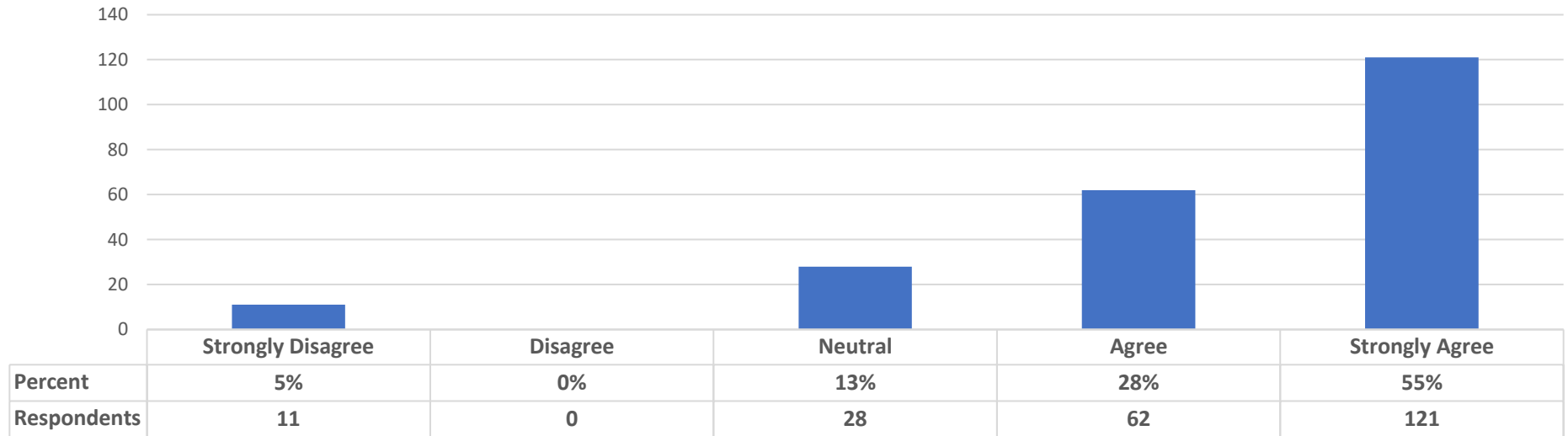
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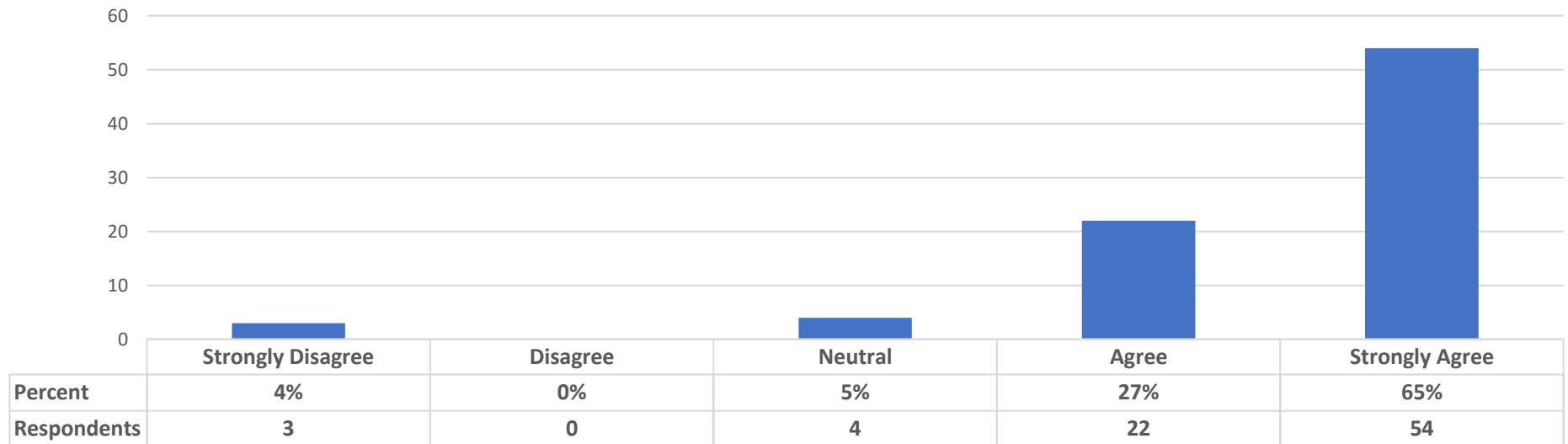
14-h. COAST office staff are helpful when I have called, texted, emailed or visited.



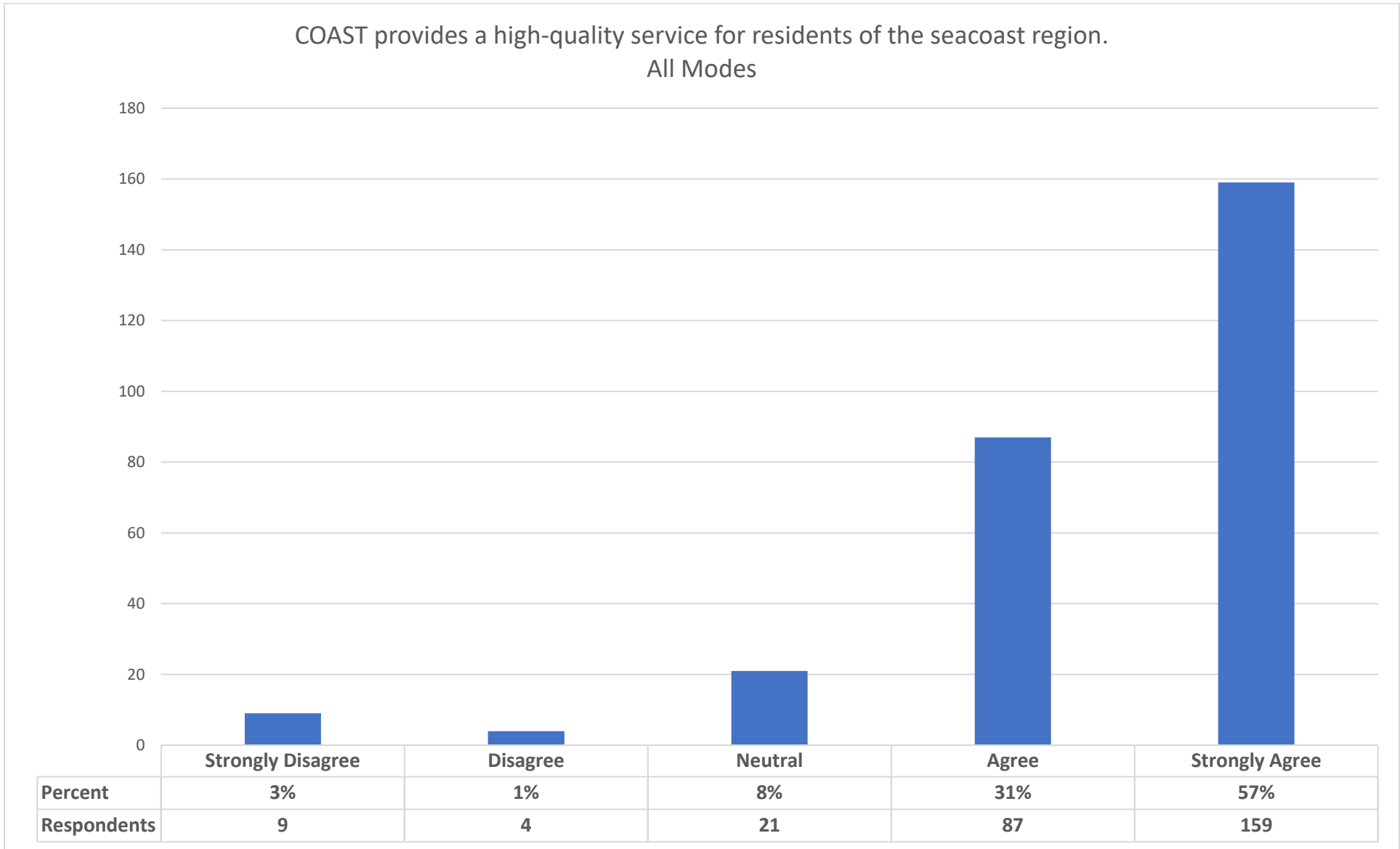
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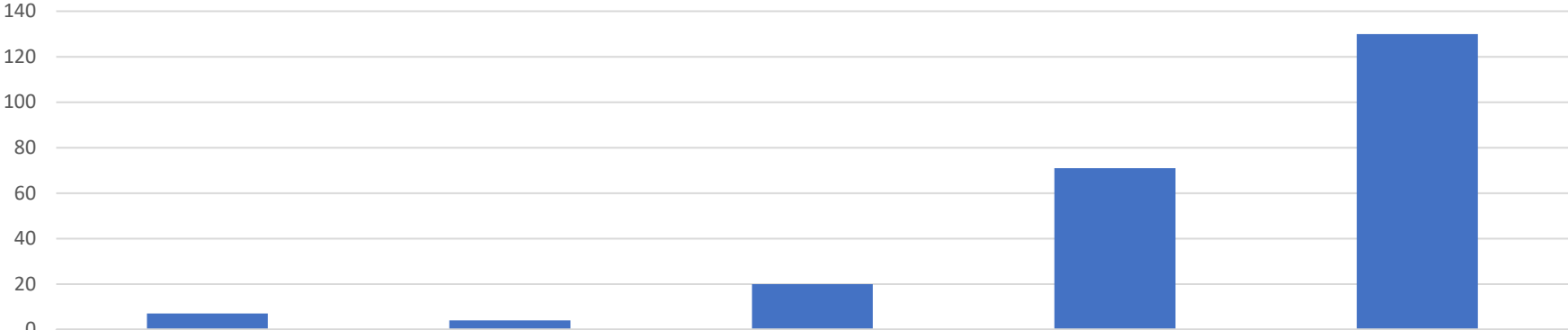
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14-i. COAST provides a high-quality service for residents of the Seacoast region.

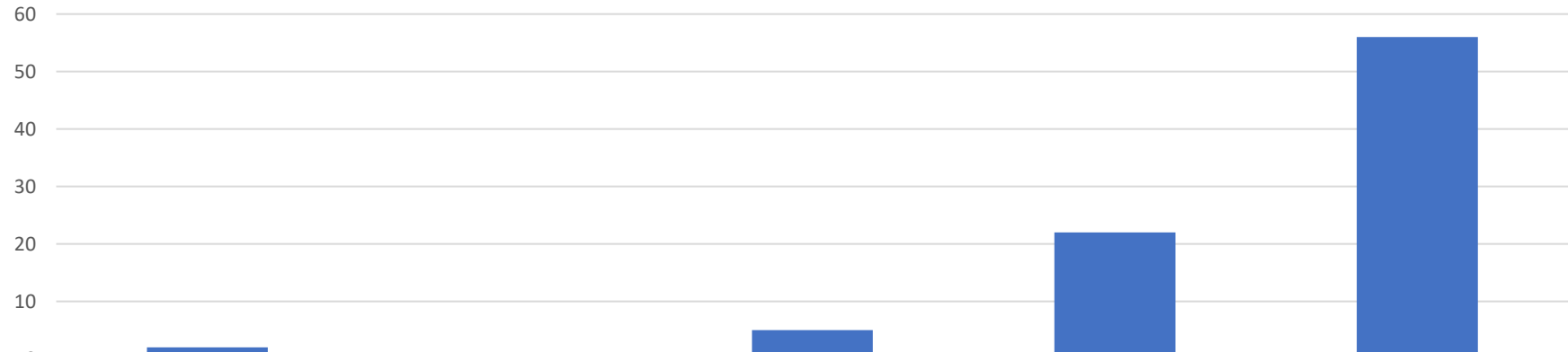


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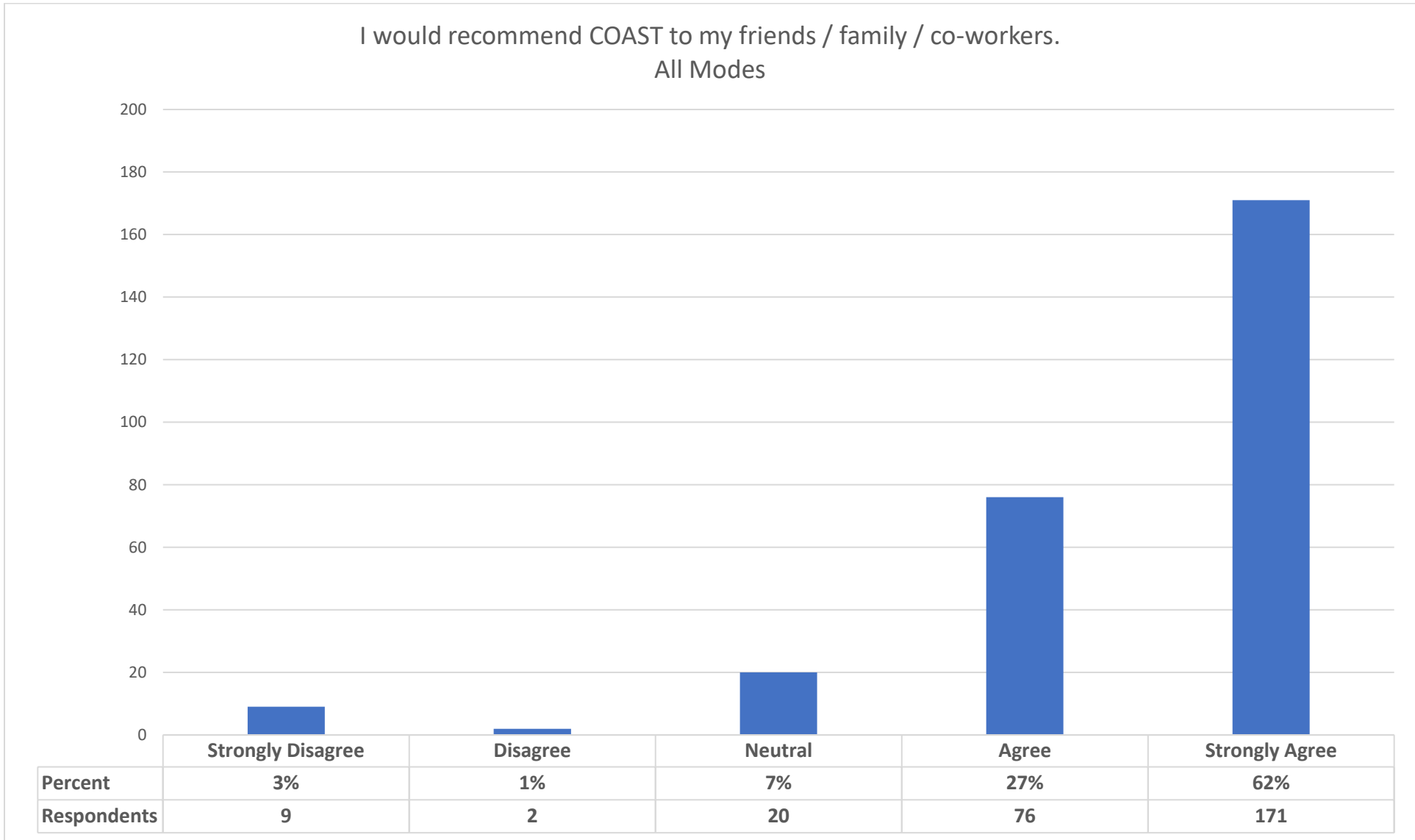
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Percent	3%	2%	9%	31%	56%
Respondents	7	4	20	71	130

COAST provides a high-quality service for residents of the seacoast region.
Demand Response

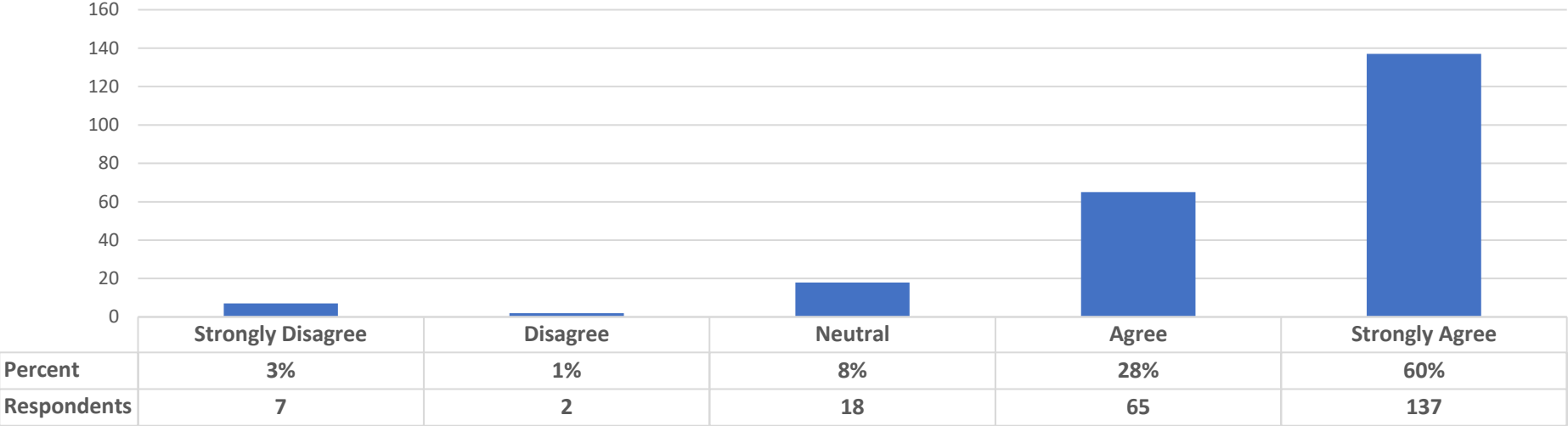


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Percent	2%	0%	6%	26%	66%
Respondents	2	0	5	22	56

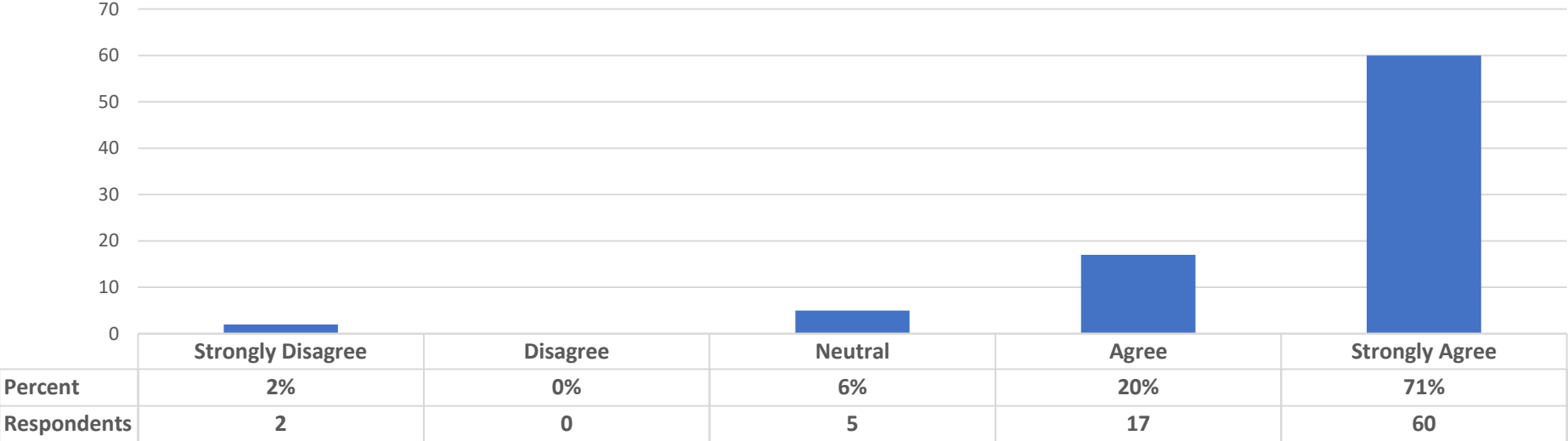
14-j. I would recommend COAST to my friends / family / co-workers.



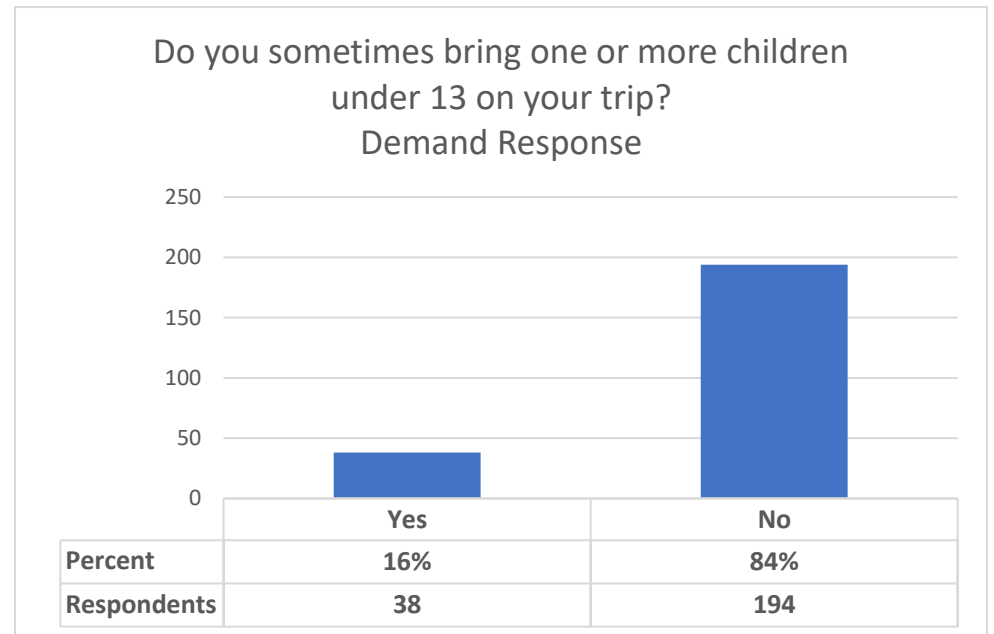
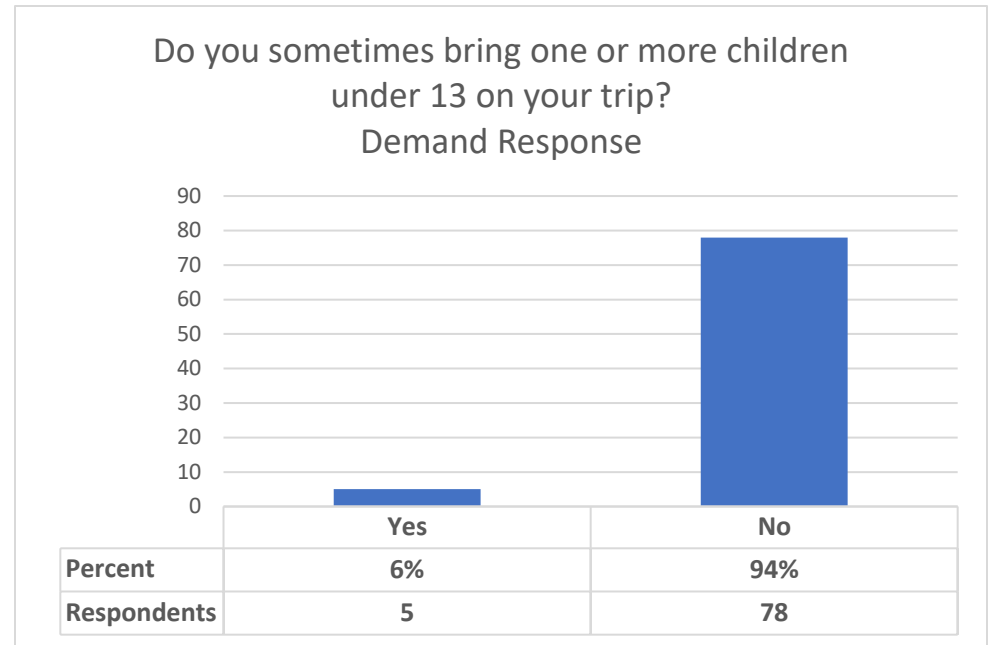
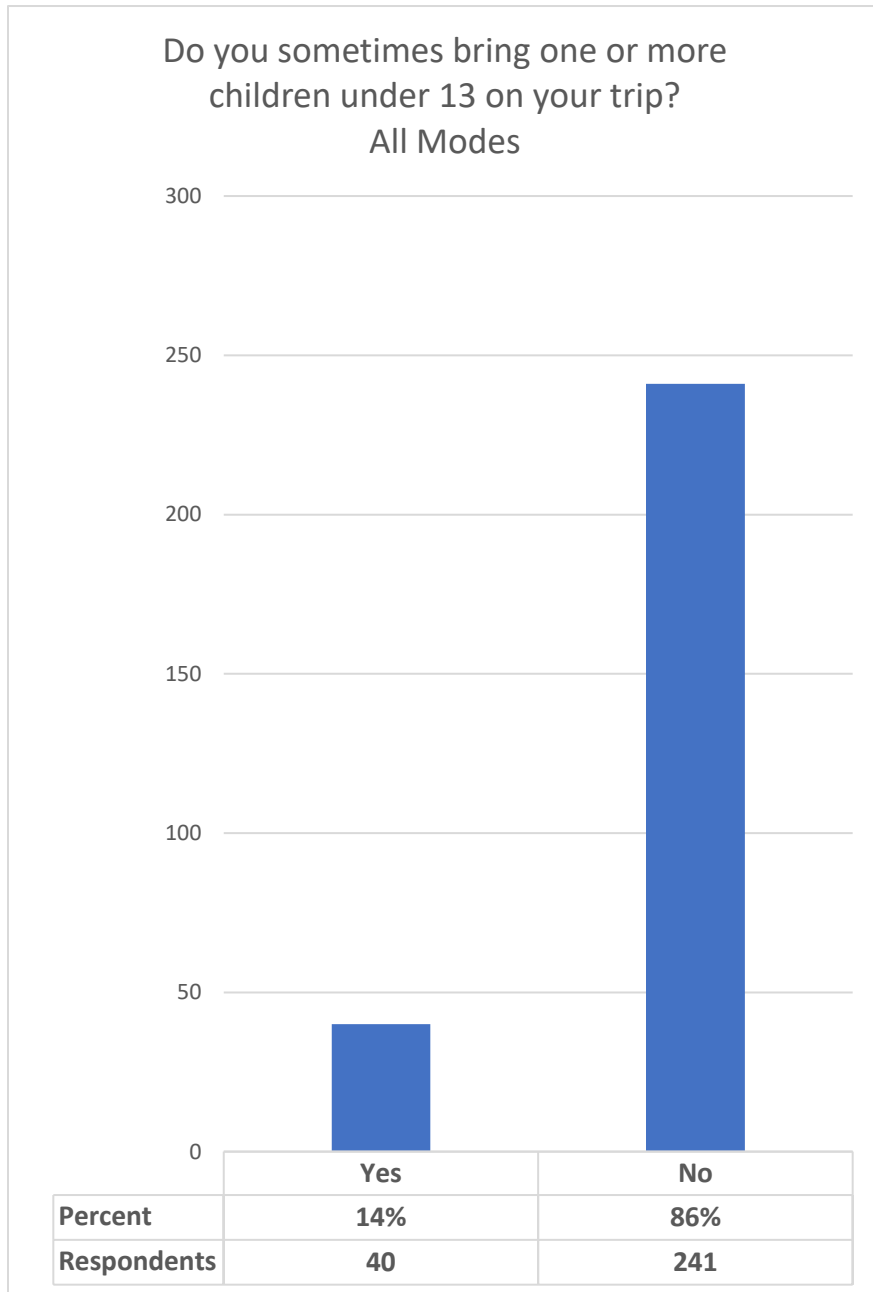
I would recommend COAST to my friends / family / co-workers.
Fixed Route



I would recommend COAST to my friends / family / co-workers.
Demand Response



15. Do you sometimes bring one or more children under 13 on your trip? No Yes

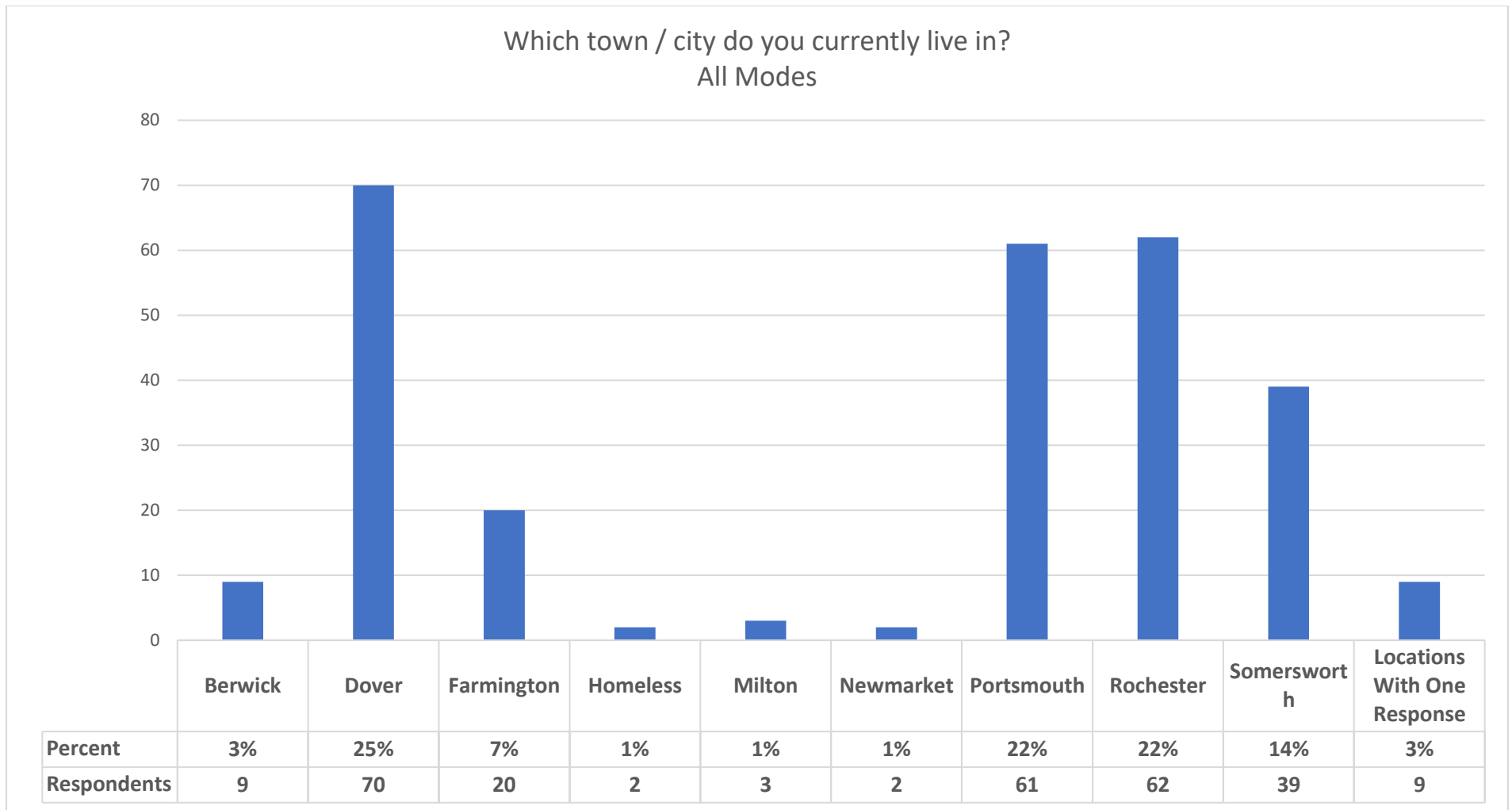


16. Are there any other comments you would like to share?

Theme	Number of Comments
Positive comments such as, "I love COAST bus," "Drivers are friendly and helpful."	44
Request for expanded service (earlier runs, later runs, more frequent runs, more Saturday service, Sunday service, or service to new areas).	39
Positive comment about a specific COAST employee.	25
Request to modify or change some aspect of how we deliver service (deviate a route, change how we make reservations, etc.).	9
Comment about how significant their need for COAST, or our accessible features, is.	8
Negative comment about a specific COAST employee.	6
Request to change some aspect of the service to improve accessibility (such as a different type of vehicle on a route, or adding amenities at a stop).	6
Request for reduced fares, such as free fares or that those who qualify for SNAP should get free rides.	5
Rides are uncomfortable: braking too hard, temperature on vehicle not comfortable, etc.	5
Request that we are stricter enforcing our rules.	4
Comment that it is hard to reach someone in the office or visit to get information, passes, etc.	4
Request for a different fare / pass option (such as a yearly pass).	4
Negative comment about the ability to obtain and understand our physical schedules.	4
Negative comment about COAST employees in general.	4
Recommendation on new technology.	3

Demand Response trip request windows are too broad.	3
Negative comment about real time apps, notifications, or other technology features.	3
Commentary unrelated to COAST services.	3
Need to improve cleanliness of vehicles.	2
Request to leave some aspect of the schedule alone (keep it as it is).	2
General comment about respondent's preferences.	2
Positive comment about real time apps, notifications, or other technology features.	1
Request to be more animal friendly.	1
Positive comment about our physical schedules.	1
Request to sell beer on board.	1
Vague negative comment without context.	1
Commentary on other COAST customers.	1

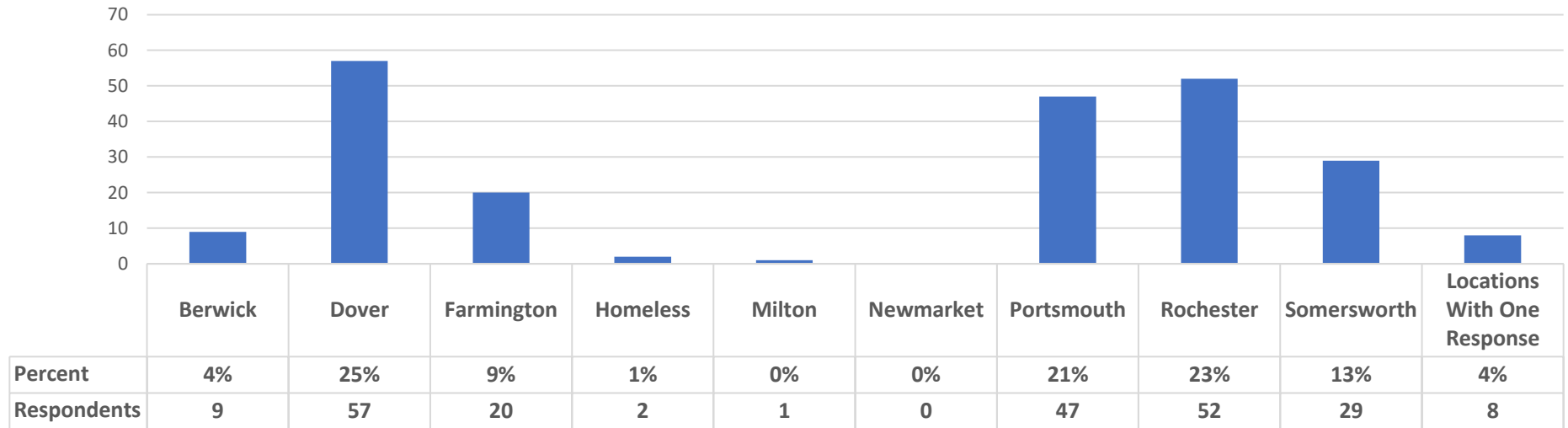
17. Which town/city do you currently live in?



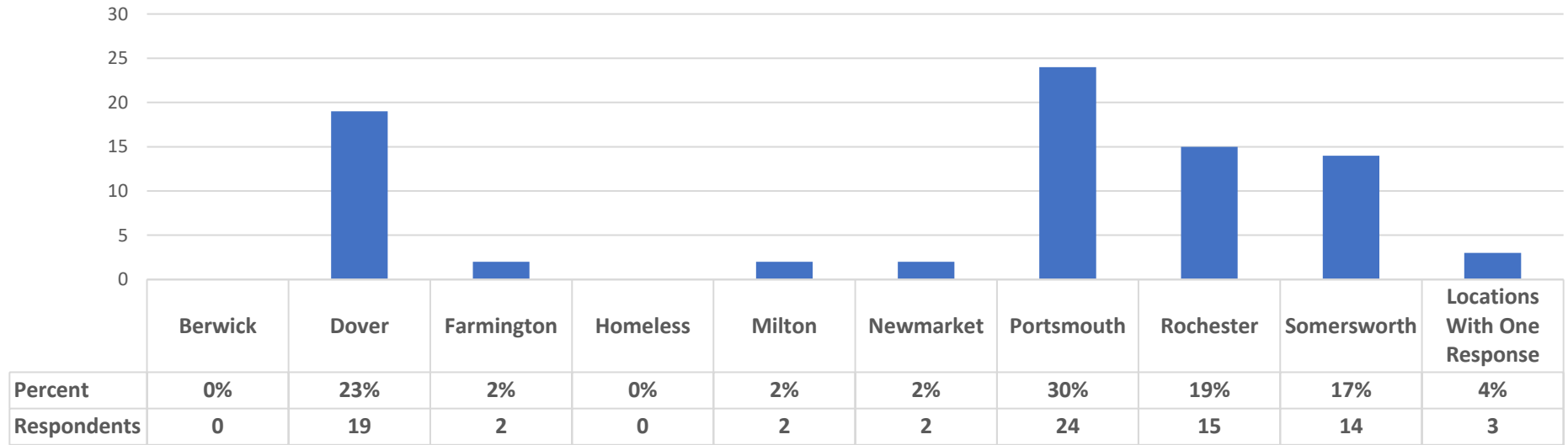
The following locations had one response each:

- Alton Bay
- North Hampton
- Rye
- Boston
- Ossipee
- Salem
- Lebanon
- Quincy
- Scarborough

Which town / city do you currently live in?
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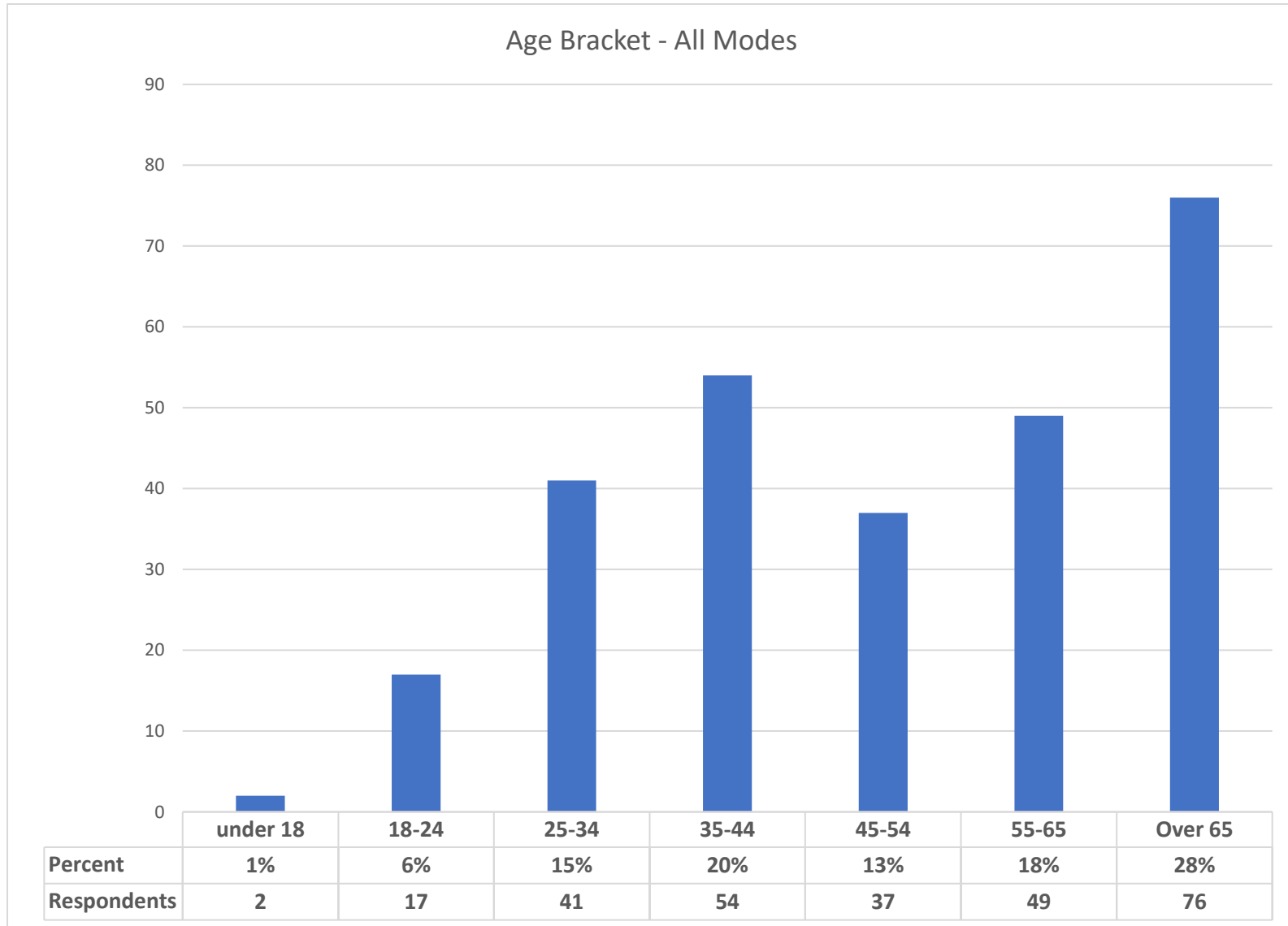


Which town / city do you currently live in?
Demand Response

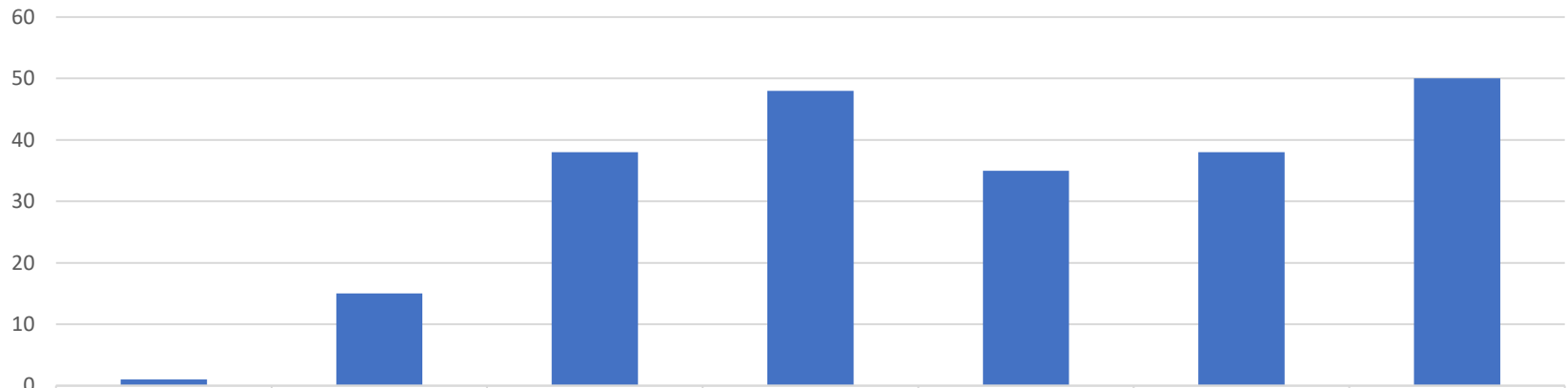


18. Age bracket

Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-65 Over 65

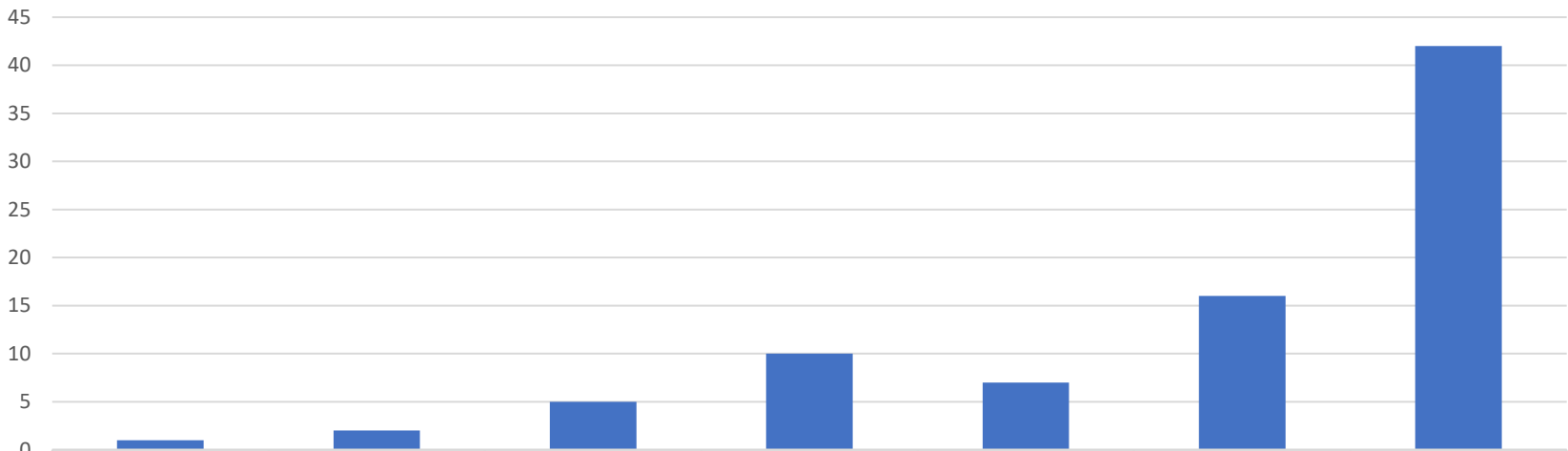


Age Bracket - Fixed Route



	under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-65	Over 65
Percent	0%	5%	14%	17%	13%	14%	18%
Respondents	1	15	38	48	35	38	50

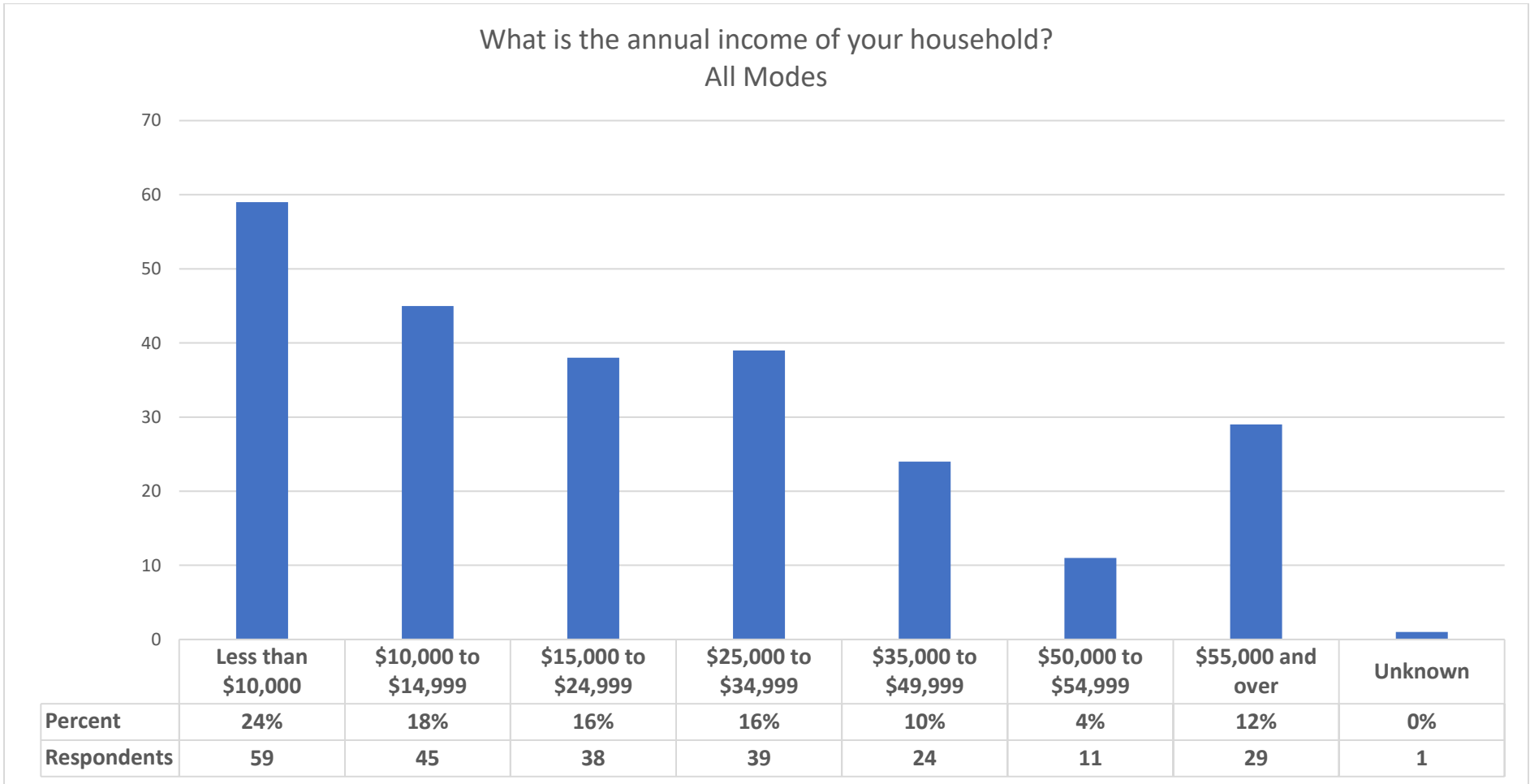
Age Bracket - Demand Response



	under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-65	Over 65
Percent	1%	2%	6%	12%	8%	19%	51%
Respondents	1	2	5	10	7	16	42

19. What is the annual income of your household?

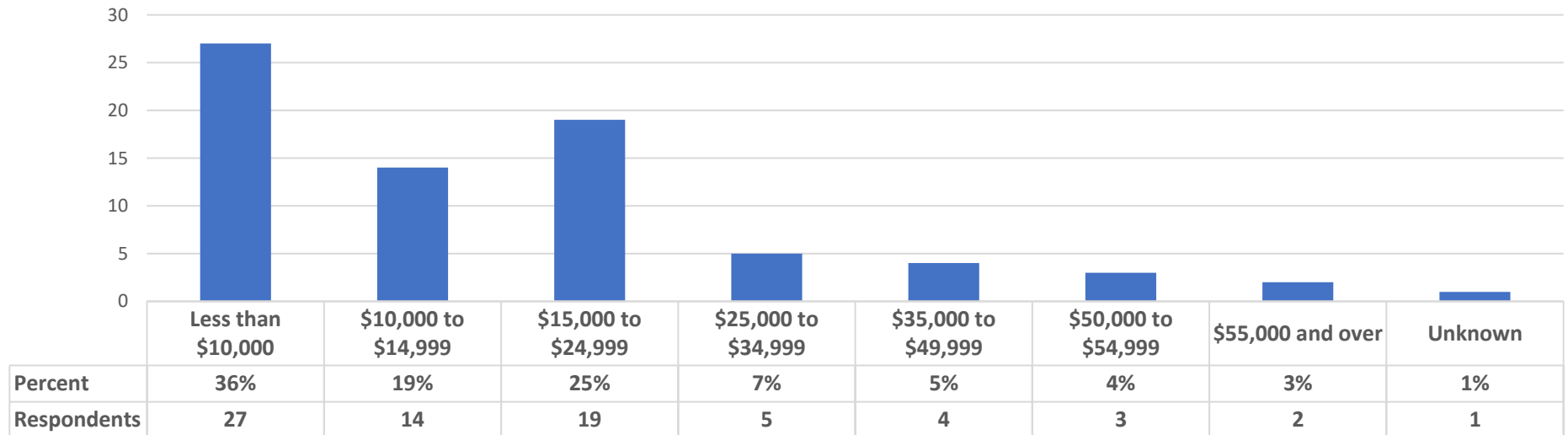
- Less than \$10,000 \$10,000 to \$14,999 \$15,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$34,999 \$35,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$54,999
- \$55,000 and over



What is the annual income of your household?
Fixed Route



What is the annual income of your household?
Demand Response



20. Do you speak a language other than English at home?

No

Yes

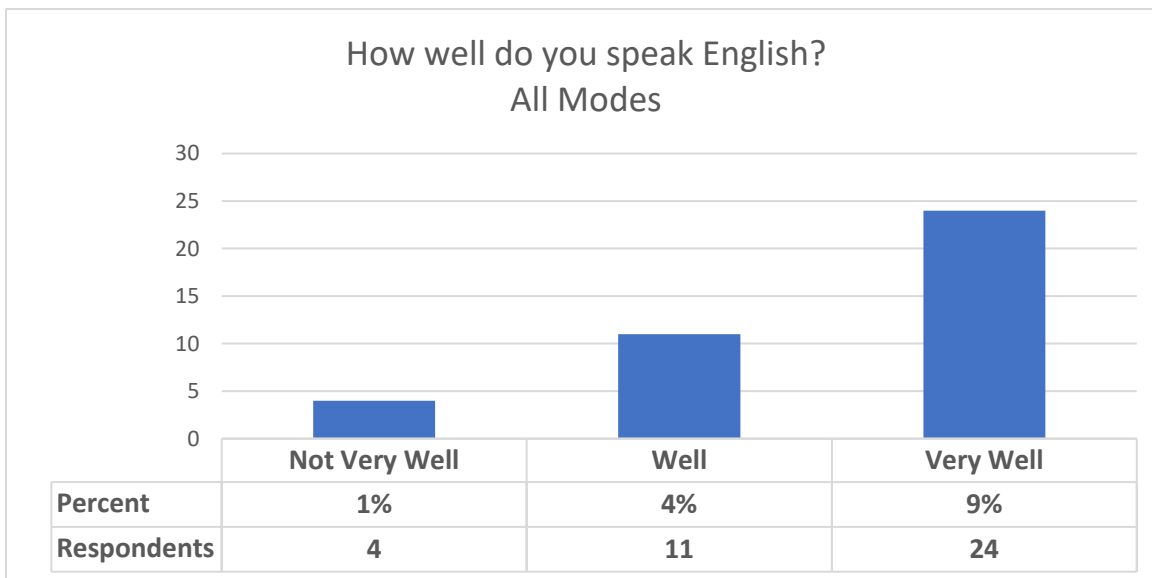
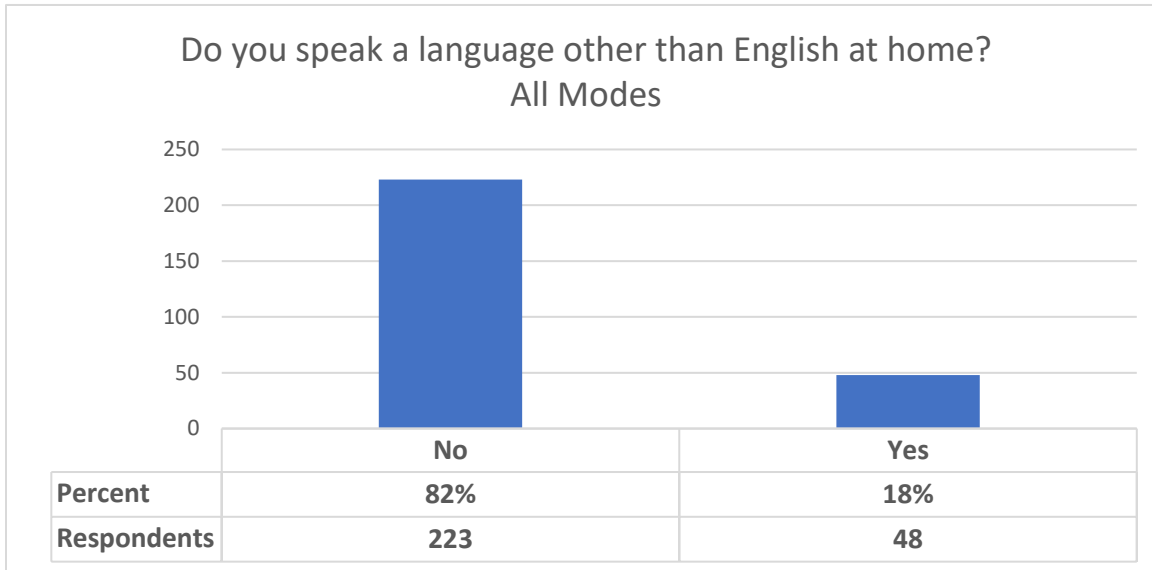
If you answered yes, which language? _____

How well do you speak English?

Very well

Well

Not very well

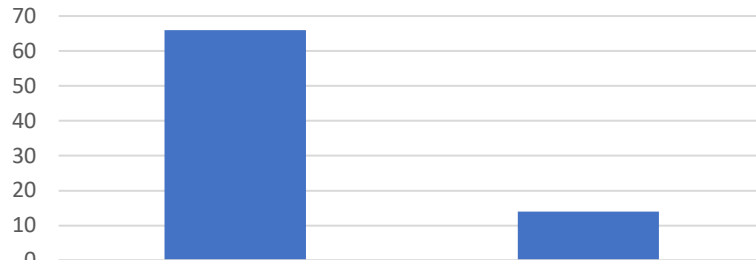


Languages Spoken*	Respondents
Arabic	1
American Sign Language	1
Bisaya	1
Burmese	2
Creole	1
French	3
German	1
High Valarian	1
Hindi	1
Indonesian	3
Nigeria	1
Russian	1
Spanish	11
Swahili	1
Tagalog	1
Tamil (Indian)	1
Ukrainian	2

* Language names are listed as written by the respondents.

Do you speak a language other than English at home?

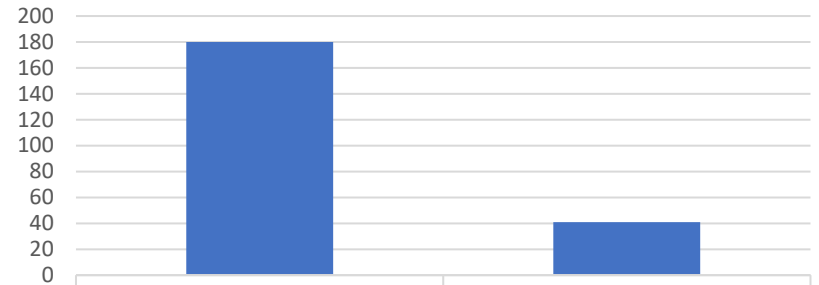
Demand Response



	No	Yes
Percent	24%	5%
Respondents	66	14

Do you speak a language other than English at home?

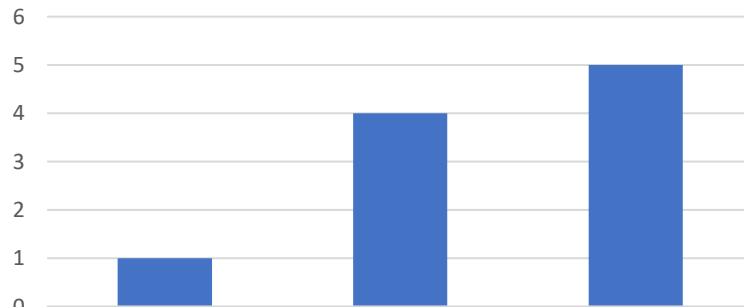
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	No	Yes
Percent	66%	15%
Respondents	180	41

How well do you speak English?

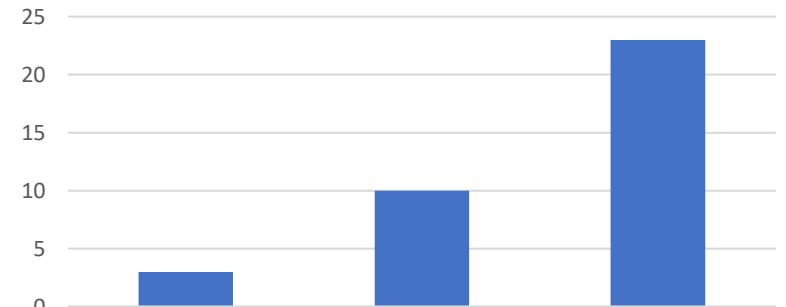
Demand Response



	Not Very Well	Well	Very Well
Percent	0%	1%	2%
Respondents	1	4	5

How well do you speak English?

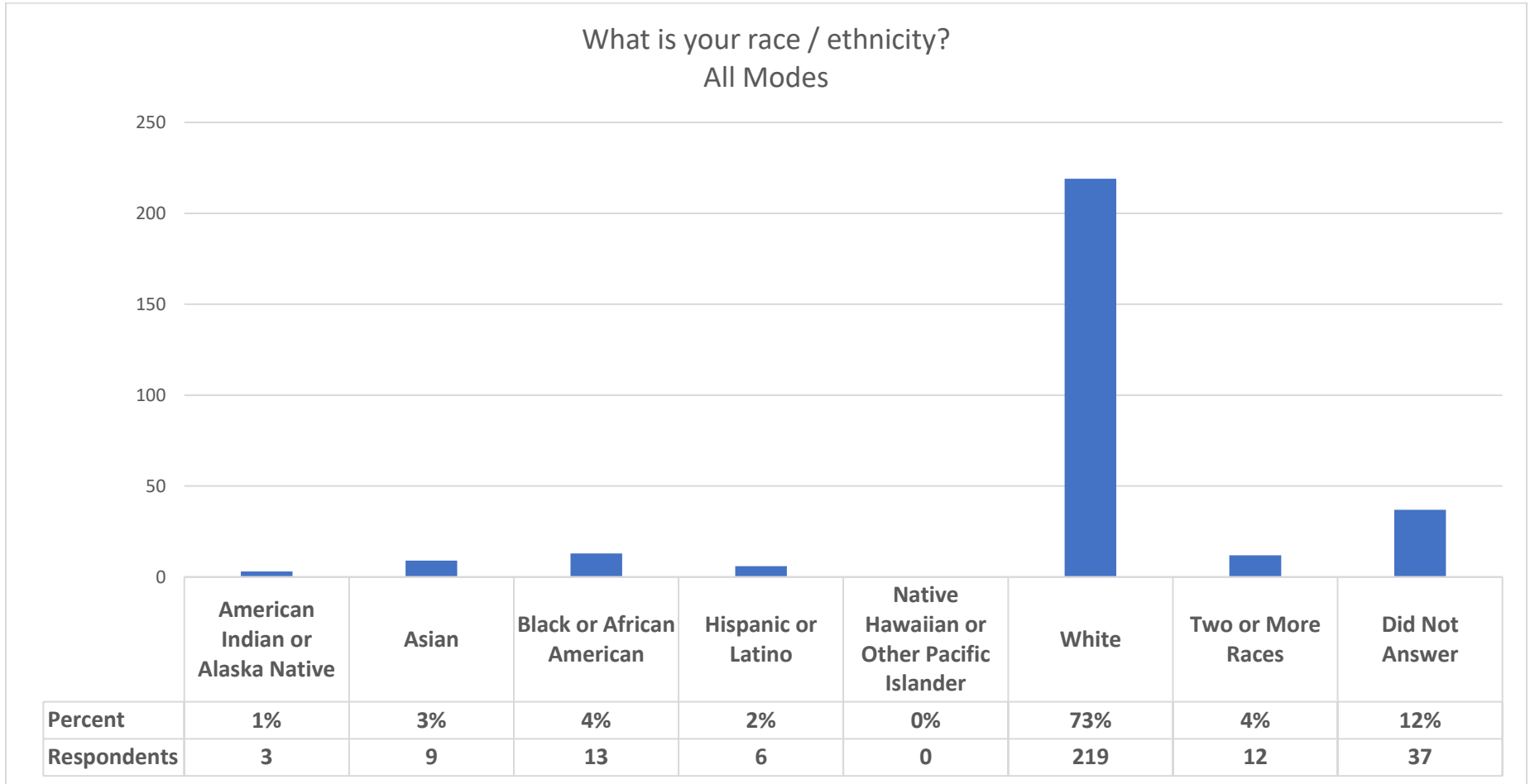
Fixed Route



	Not Very Well	Well	Very Well
Percent	1%	4%	8%
Respondents	3	10	23

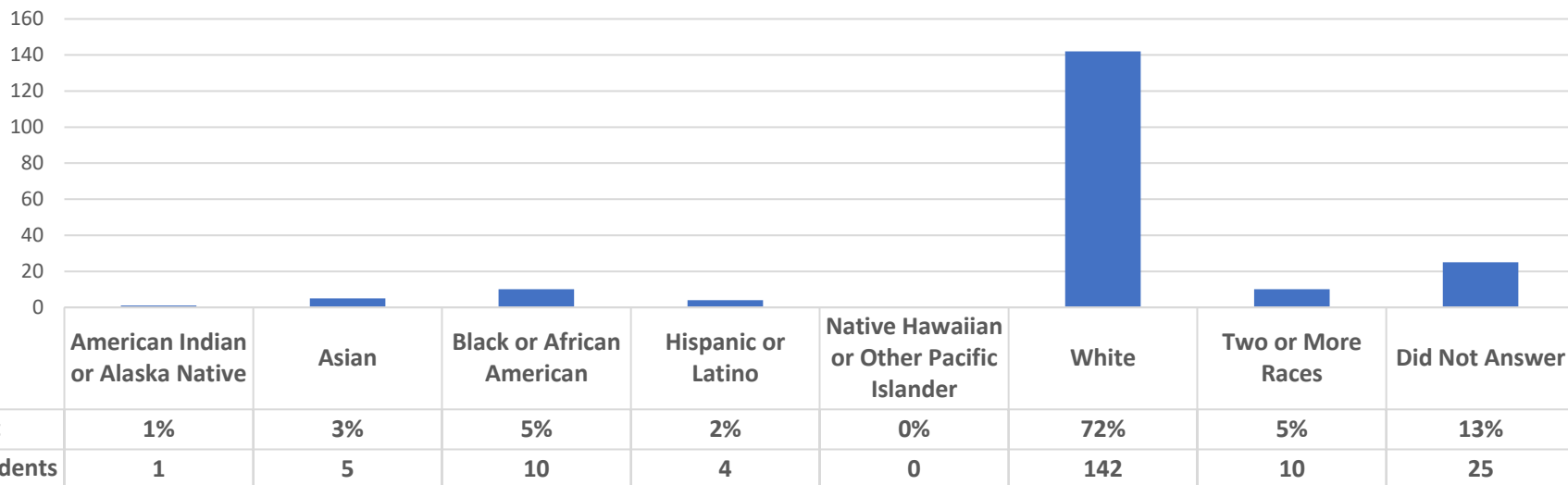
21. What is your Race/Ethnicity? Please check all that apply.

- American Indian/Alaska Native
 Asian
 Black/African American
 Hispanic/Latino
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 White
 Other: _____

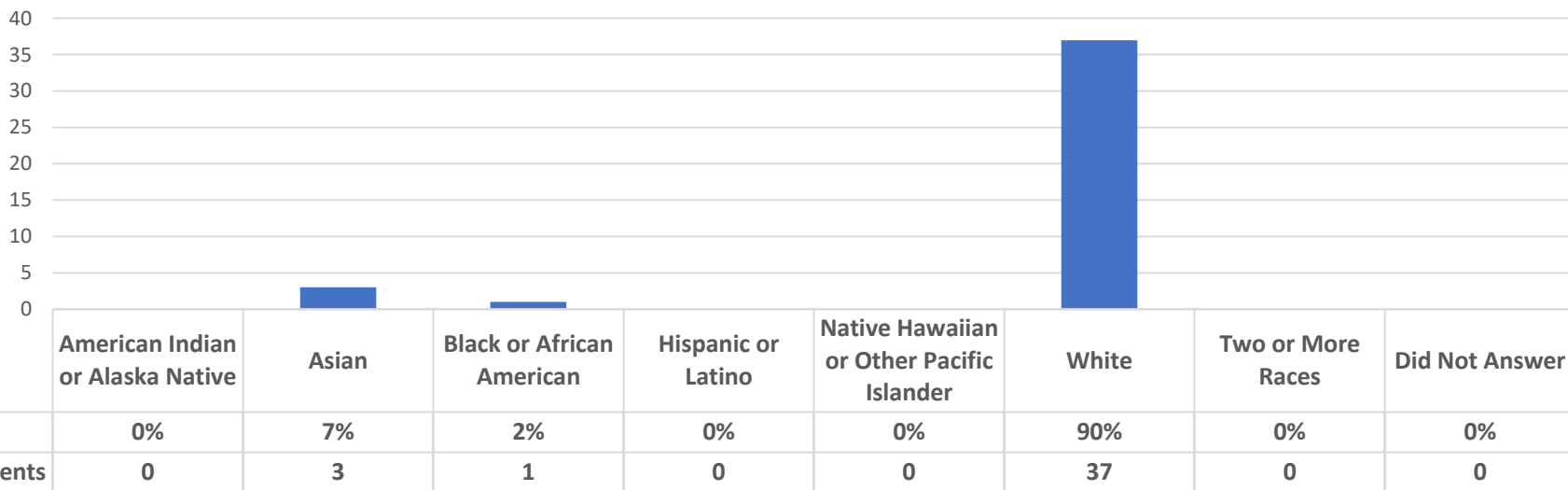


This data categorized per EEOC rules.

What is your race / ethnicity? Fixed Route

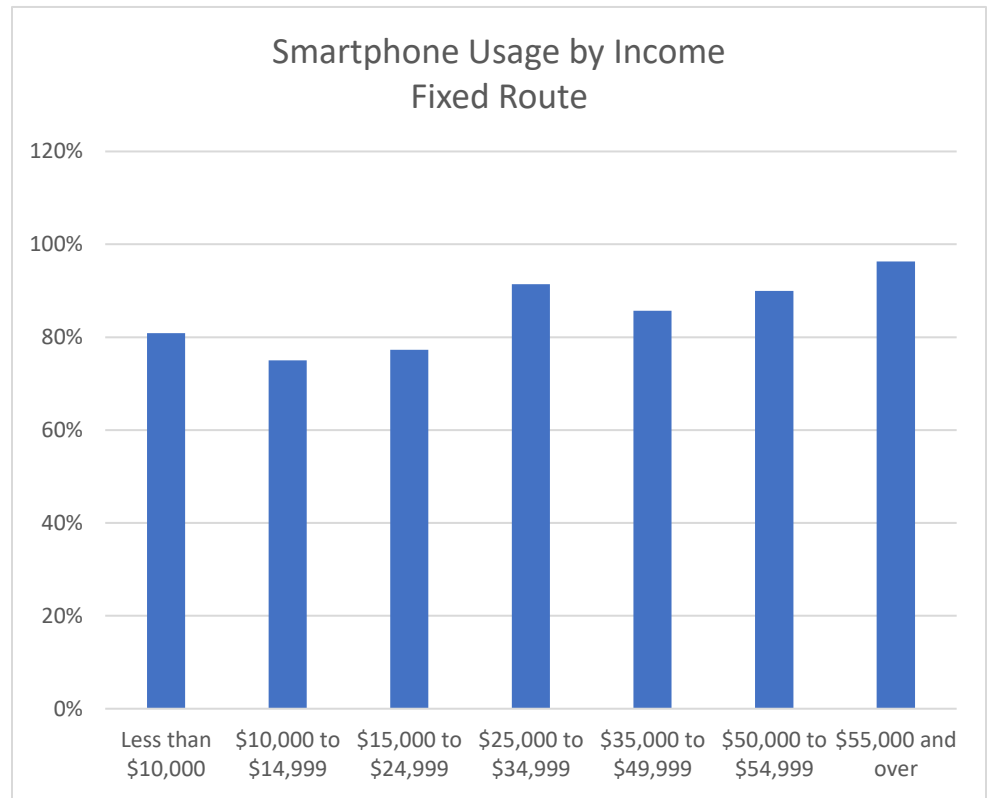
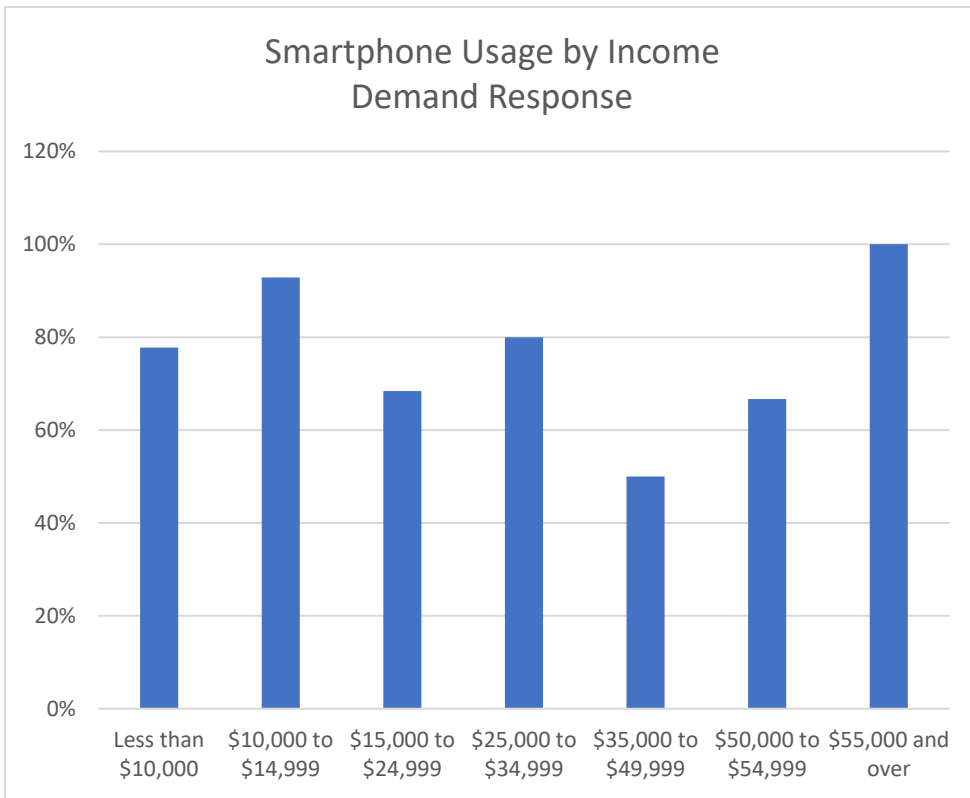
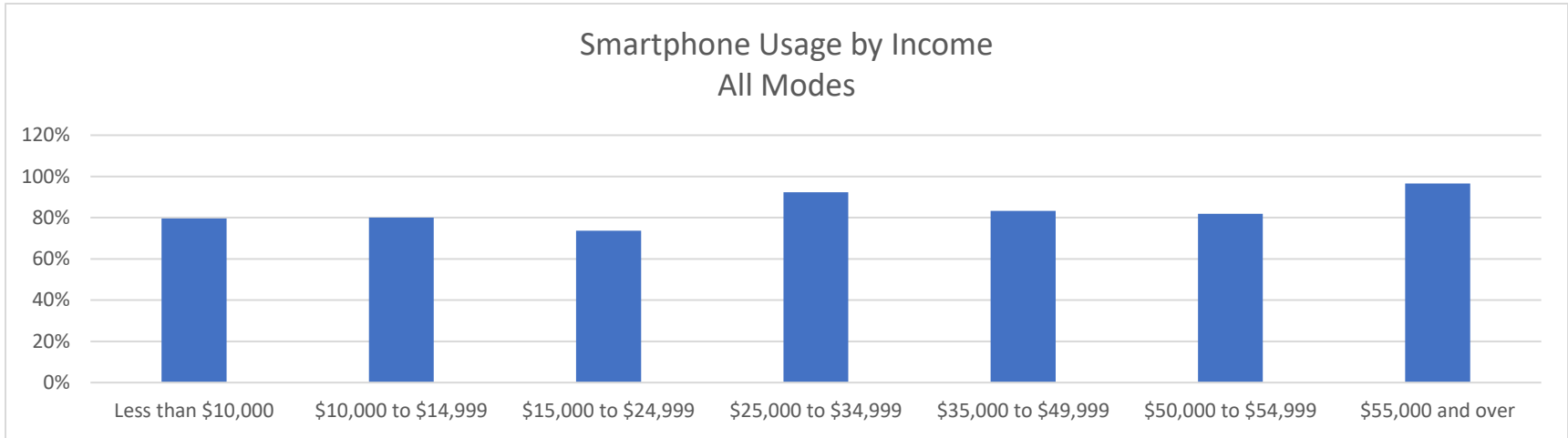


What is your race / ethnicity? Demand Response



Other Correlations

Smartphone Usage by Income



Smartphone Usage by Age

