

Community Childcare Needs Assessment

Ellis County Results

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Survey Data

121 Total Responses

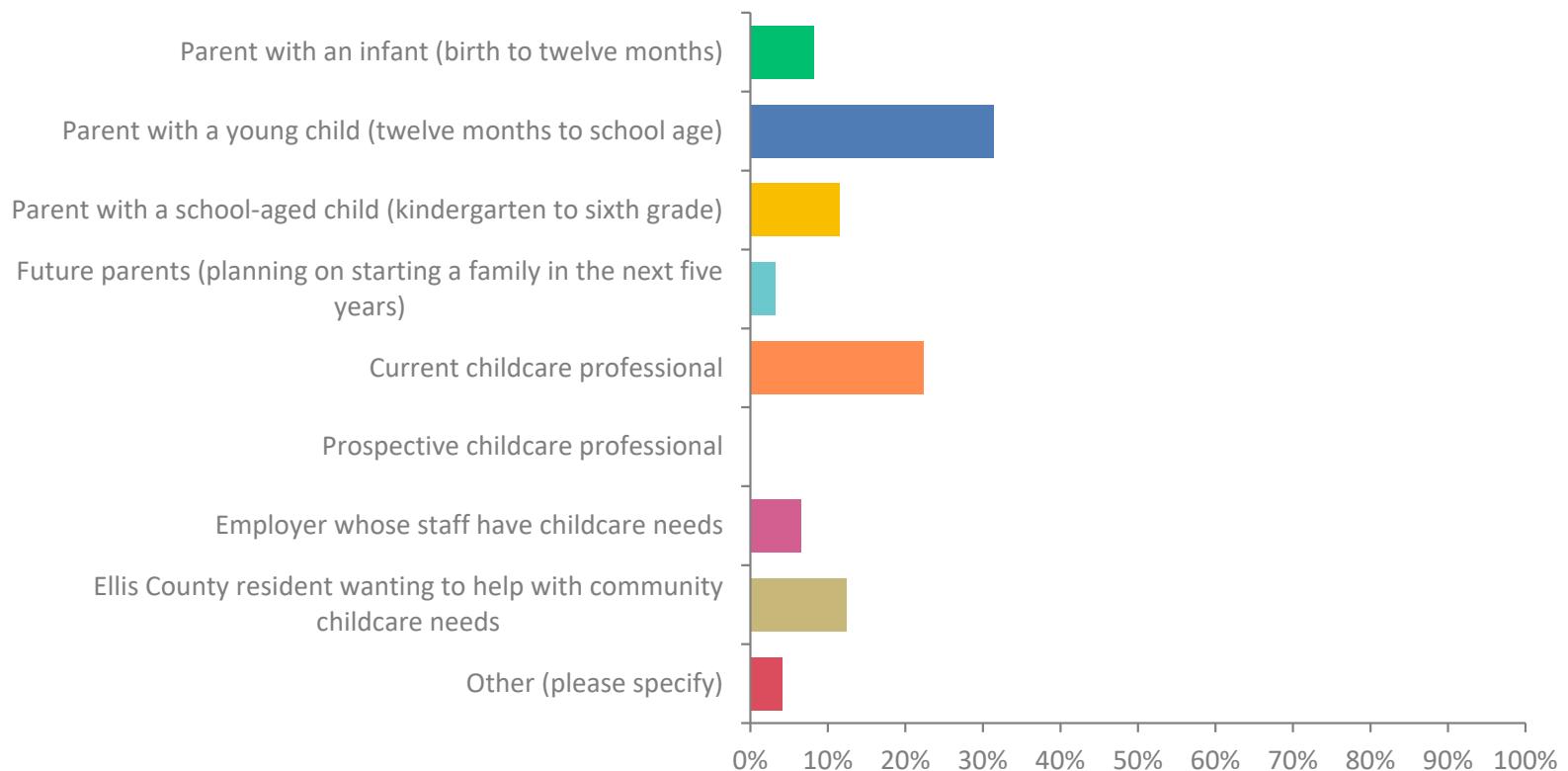
Date Created: Tuesday, March 04, 2025

Date Closed: Monday, May 5, 2025

This survey utilizes skip patterns. Skip patterns are a type of logic that direct the flow of questions based on the responses given. For example, if you ask a question about whether someone owns a car, you can use a skip pattern to skip the questions about car maintenance and preferences for those who answer no. For this survey, each response will indicate the number of respondents that answered a question.

Q1: Which statement best describes you. Please select only one.

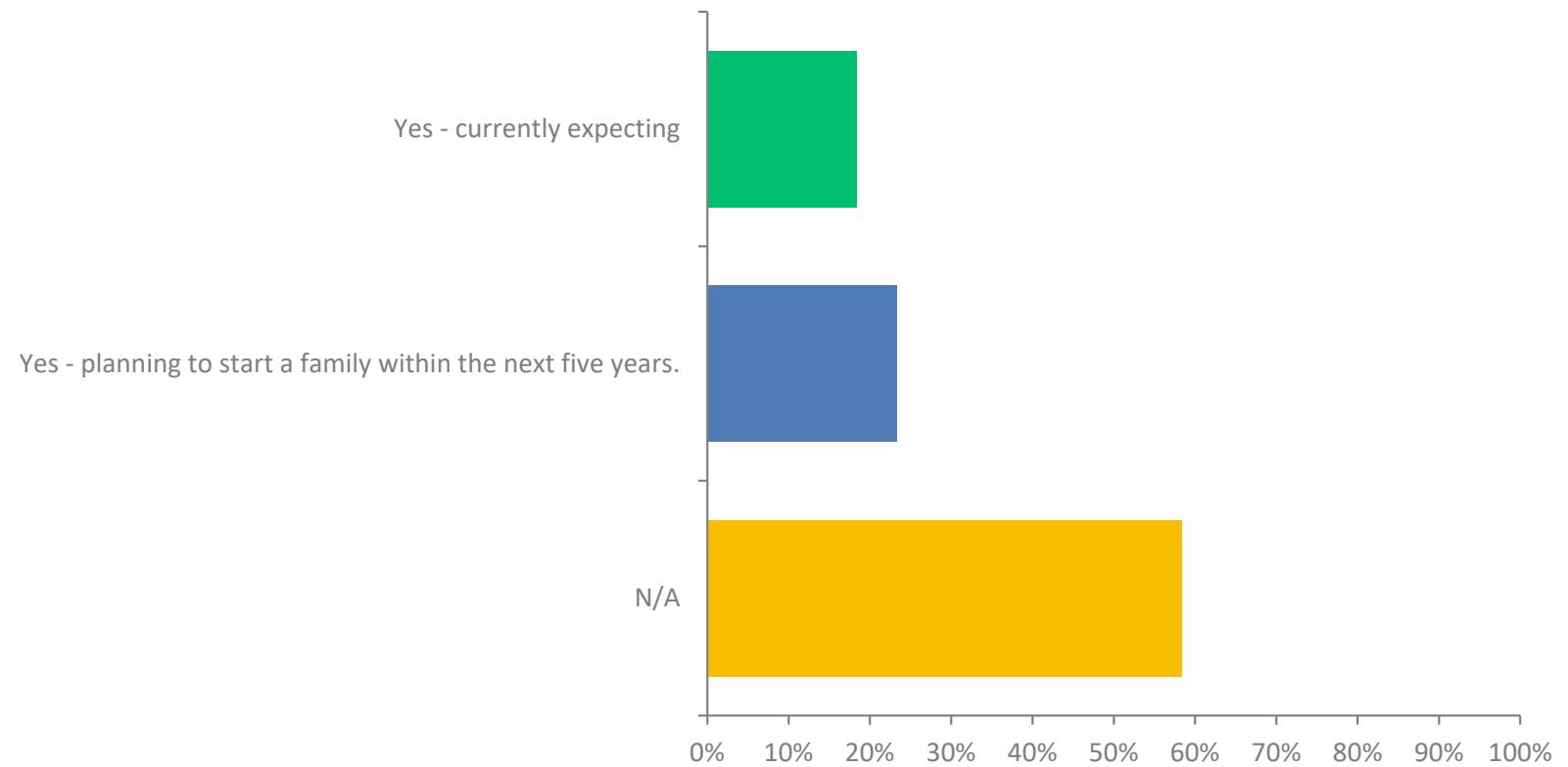
Answered: 121 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parent with an infant (birth to twelve months)	8.26%	10
Parent with a young child (twelve months to school age)	31.40%	38
Parent with a school-aged child (kindergarten to sixth grade)	11.57%	14
Future parents (planning on starting a family in the next five years)	3.31%	4
Current childcare professional	22.31%	27
Prospective childcare professional	0.00%	0
Employer whose staff have childcare needs	6.61%	8
Ellis County resident wanting to help with community childcare needs	12.40%	15
Other (please specify)	4.13%	5
TOTAL		121

Q2: Are you planning to either start a family or have additional children in the next five years? Mark only one.

Answered: 60 Skipped: 61



Responses from Parents & Future Parents

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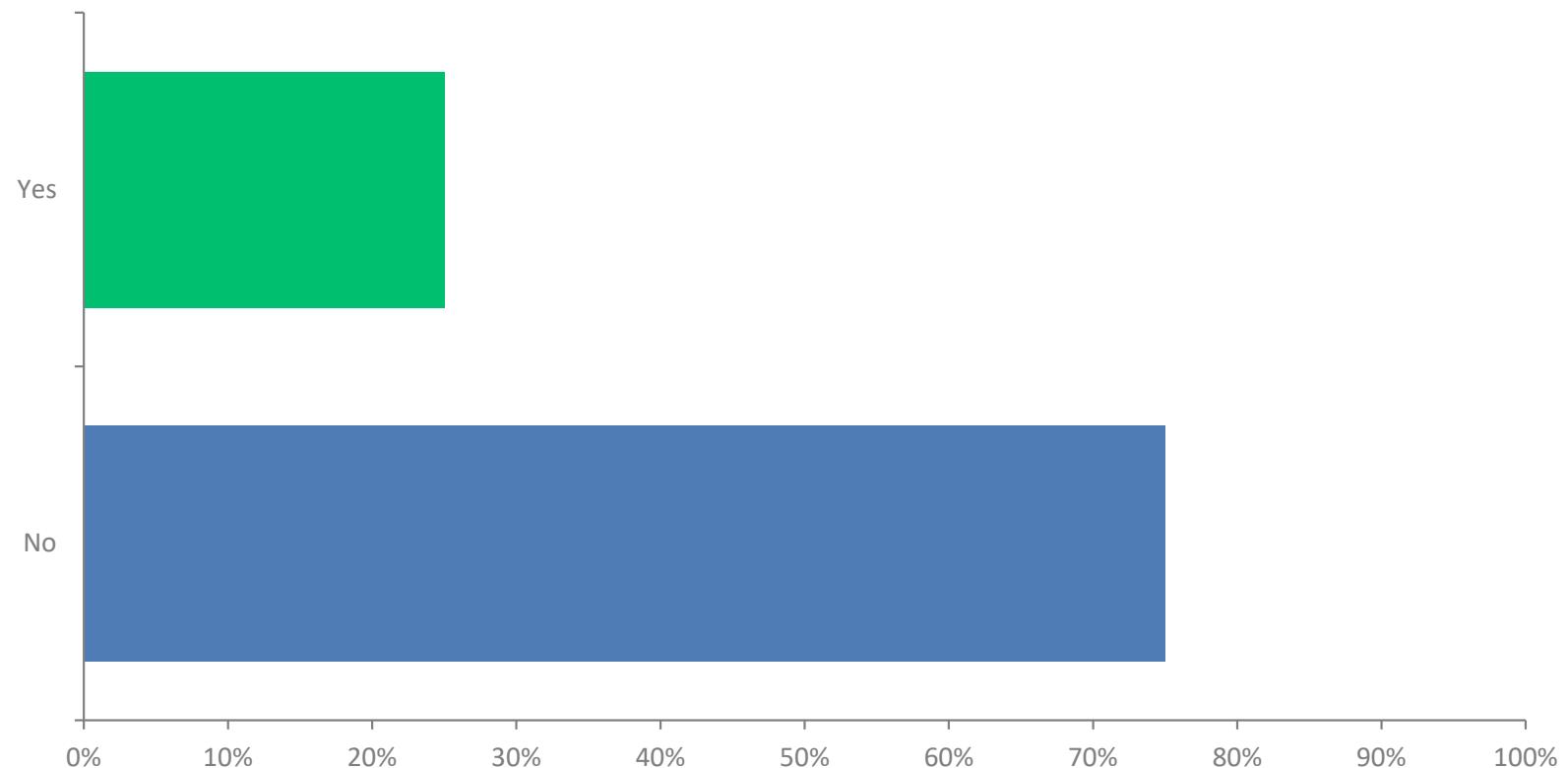
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes - currently expecting	18.33%	11
Yes - planning to start a family within the next five years.	23.33%	14
N/A	58.33%	35
TOTAL		60

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q3: Are you searching for childcare now?

Answered: 60 Skipped: 61



Responses from Parents & Future Parents

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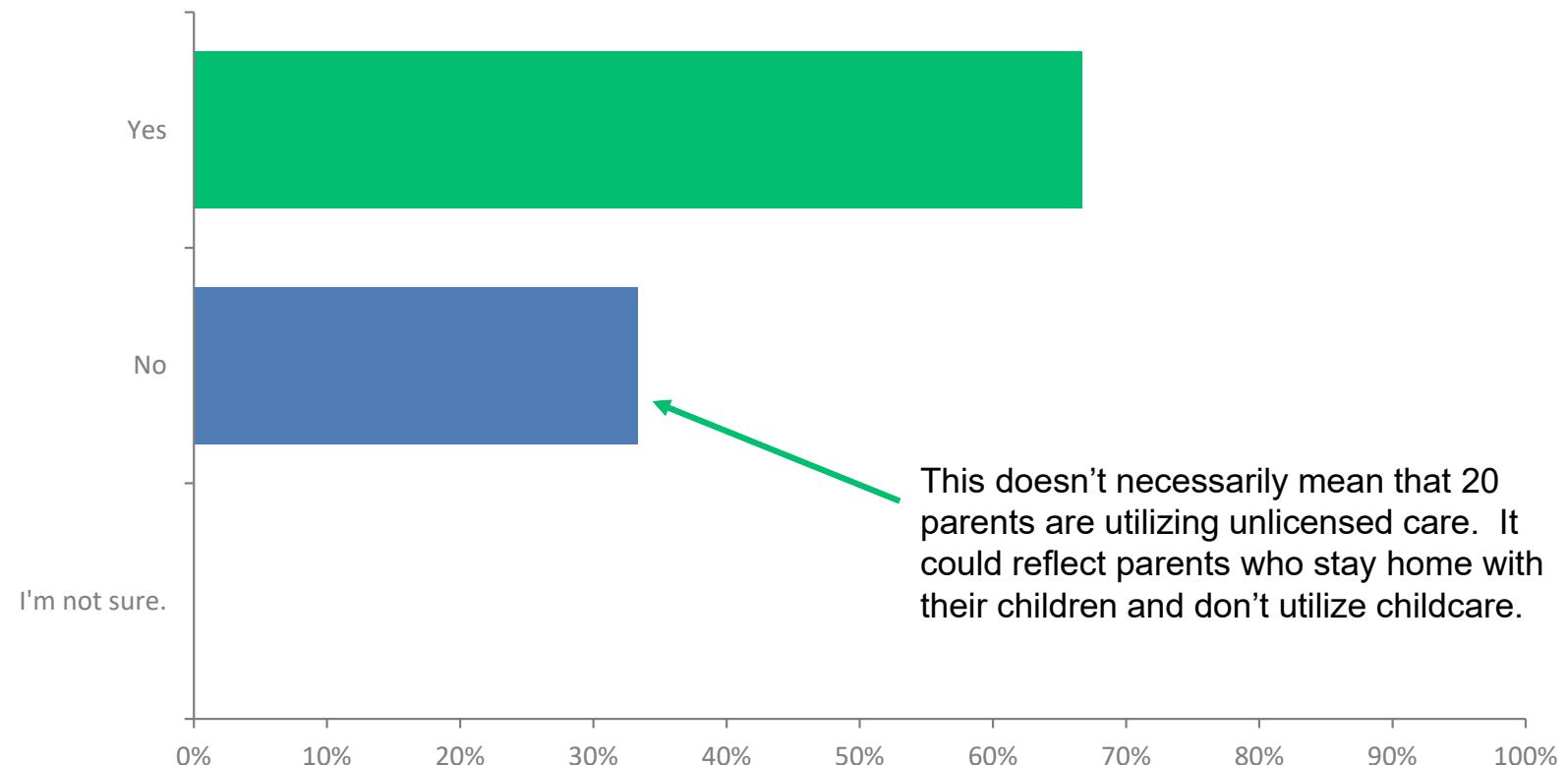
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	15
No	75.00%	45
TOTAL		60

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q4: Are your children currently in licensed childcare? Licensed childcare is childcare that meets minimum health and safety requirements as prescribed by KDHE.

Answered: 60 Skipped: 61



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Answered: 60 Skipped: 61

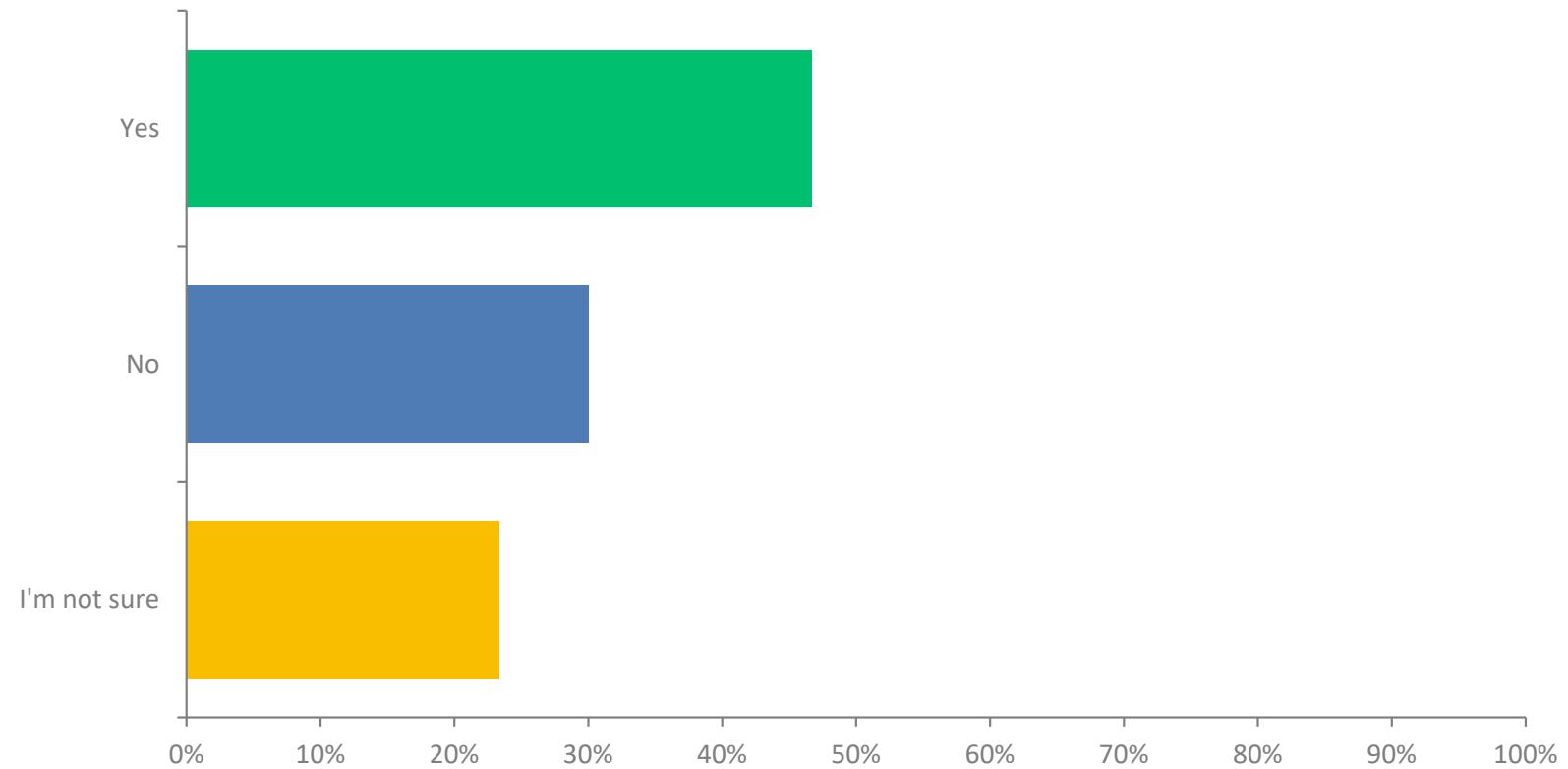
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.67%	40
No	33.33%	20
I'm not sure.	0.00%	0
TOTAL		60

This doesn't necessarily mean that 20 parents are utilizing unlicensed care. It could reflect parents who stay home with their children and don't utilize childcare.

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q5: Does your childcare provider receive paid time off for vacation, sick leave, holidays, and/or professional development required for licensure?

Answered: 60 Skipped: 61



Responses from Parents & Future Parents

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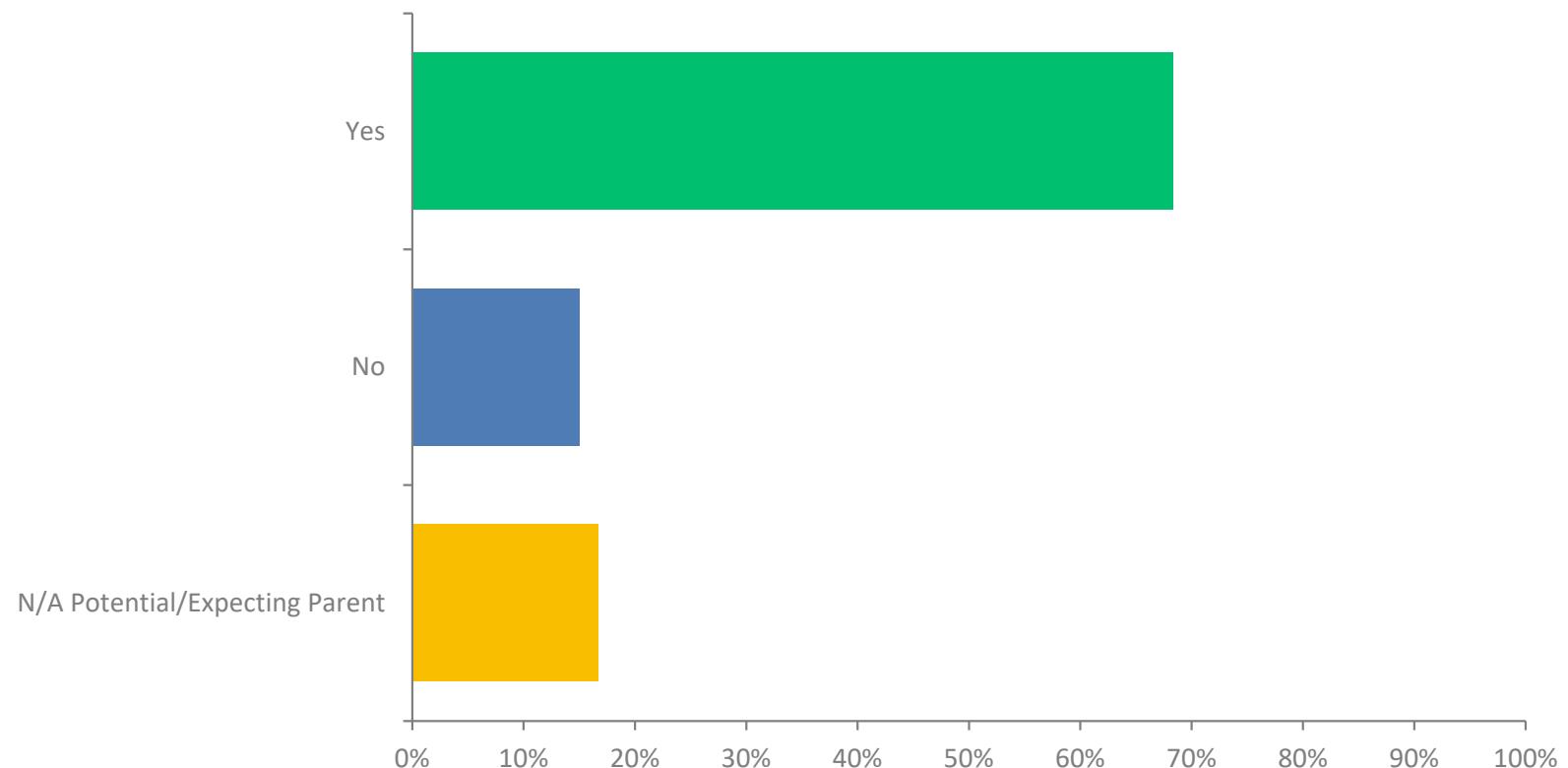
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.67%	28
No	30.00%	18
I'm not sure	23.33%	14
TOTAL		60

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q6: Are you satisfied with your current childcare arrangements?

Answered: 60 Skipped: 61



Responses from Parents & Future Parents

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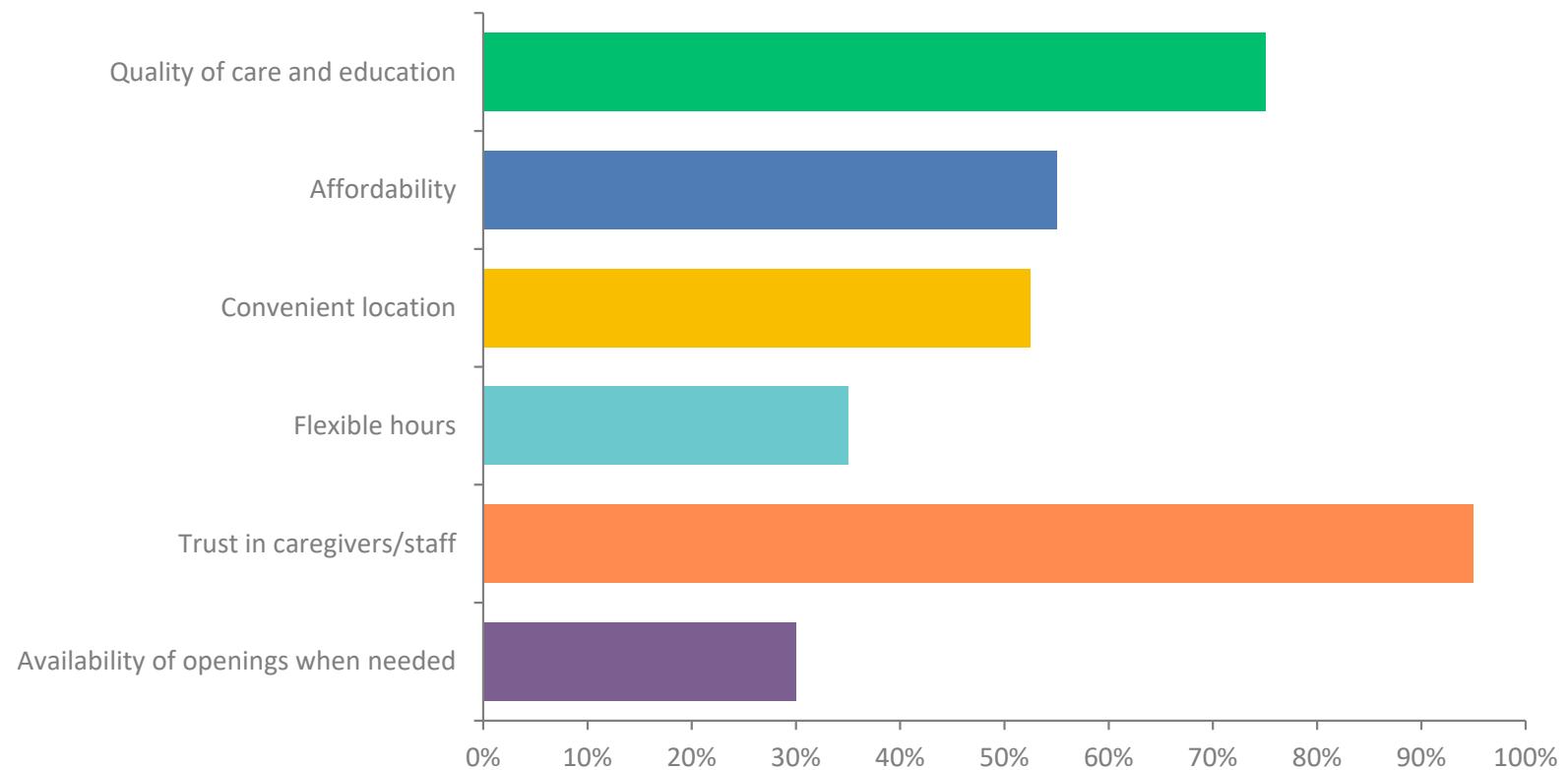
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	68.33%	41
No	15.00%	9
N/A Potential/Expecting Parent	16.67%	10
TOTAL		60

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q7: What aspects of your current childcare arrangements contribute most to your satisfaction? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 40 Skipped: 81



Responses from Parents & Future Parents

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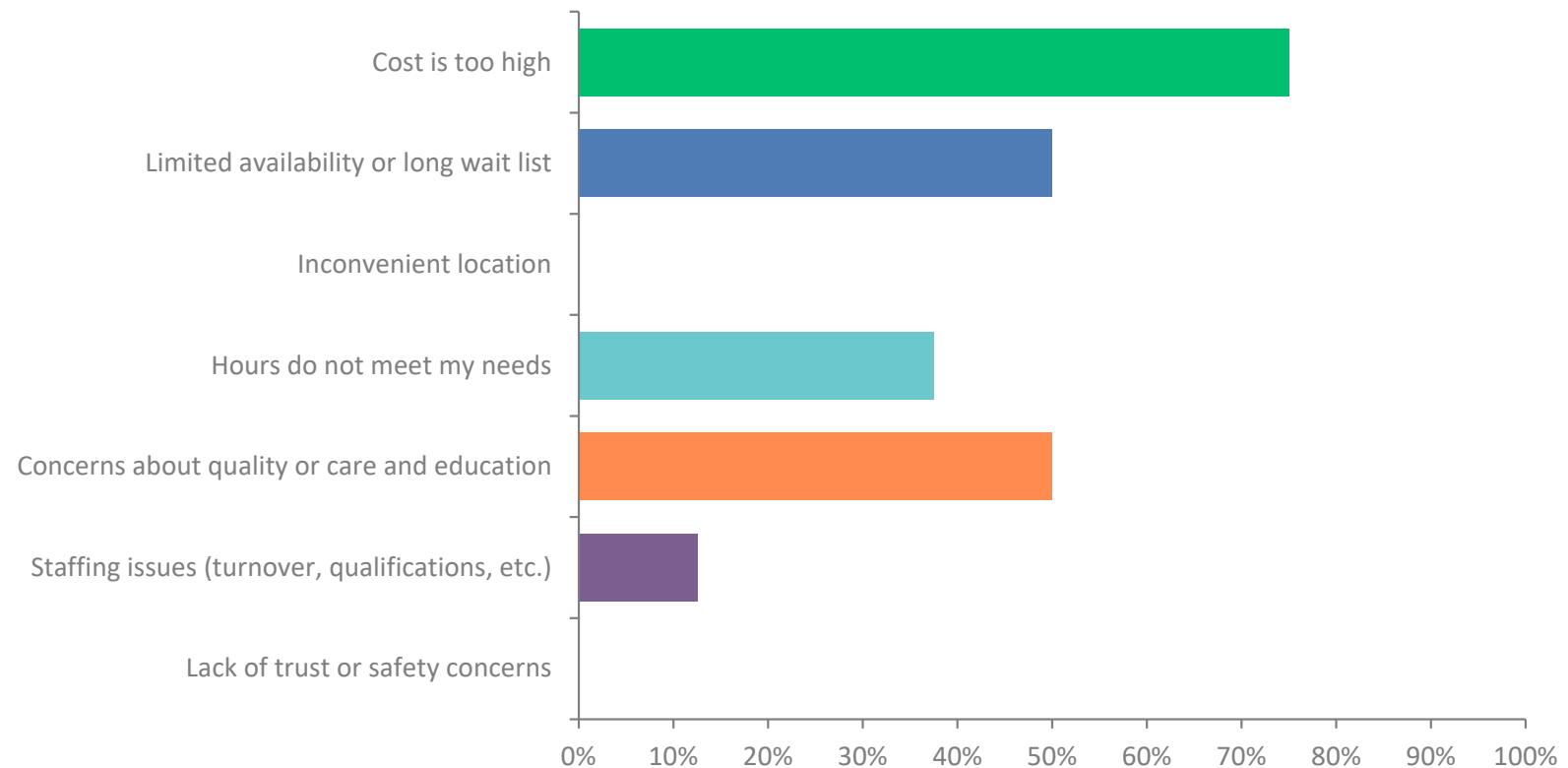
Answered: 40 Skipped: 81

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Quality of care and education	75.00%	30
Affordability	55.00%	22
Convenient location	52.50%	21
Flexible hours	35.00%	14
Trust in caregivers/staff	95.00%	38
Availability of openings when needed	30.00%	12
TOTAL		137

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q8: What are the primary reasons for your dissatisfaction with your current childcare arrangements? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 8 Skipped: 113



Responses from Parents & Future Parents

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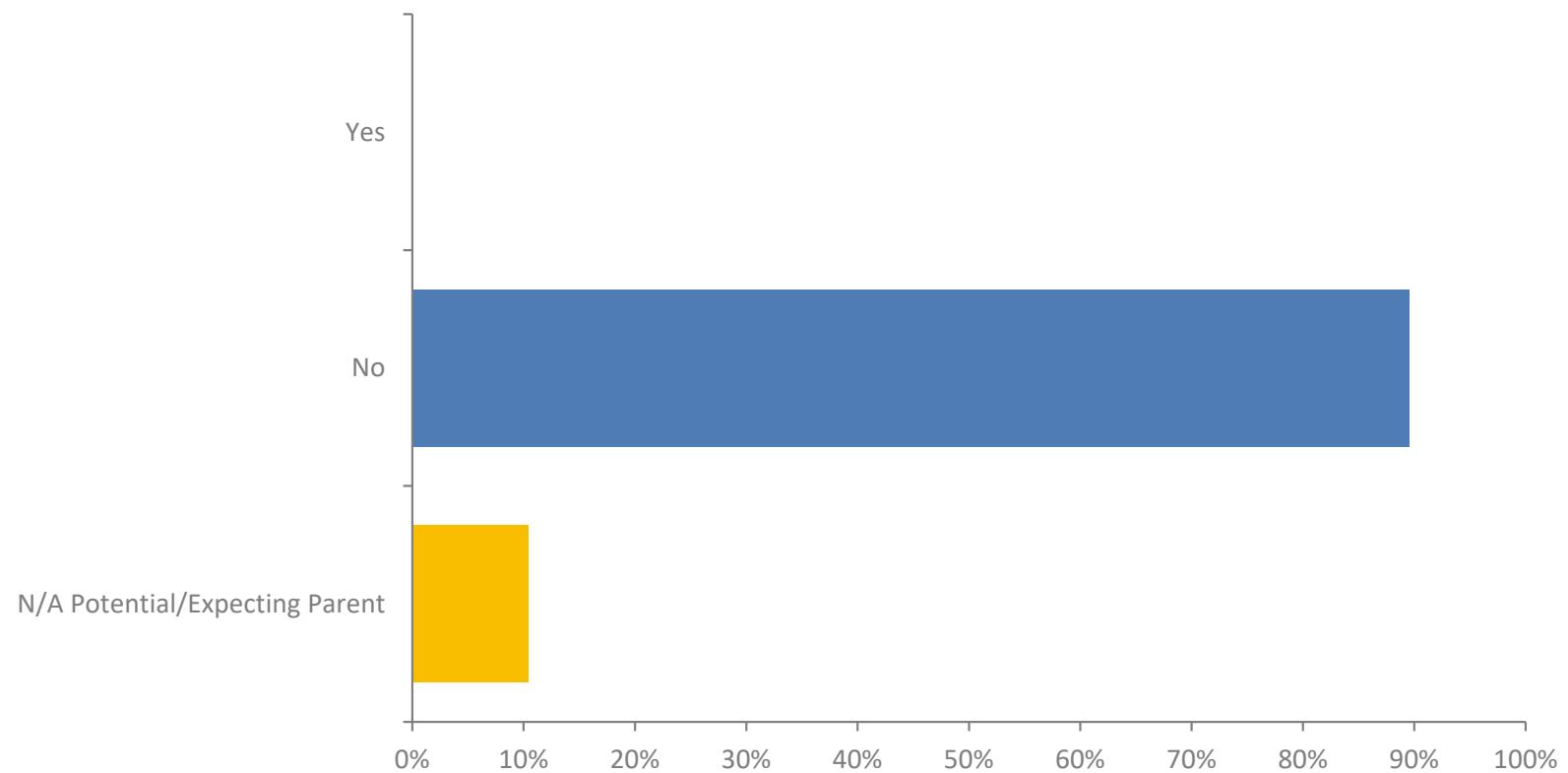
Answered: 8 Skipped: 113

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cost is too high	75.00%	6
Limited availability or long wait list	50.00%	4
Inconvenient location	0.00%	0
Hours do not meet my needs	37.50%	3
Concerns about quality or care and education	50.00%	4
Staffing issues (turnover, qualifications, etc.)	12.50%	1
Lack of trust or safety concerns	0.00%	0
TOTAL		18

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q9: If your child/children is/are currently in childcare, do you travel outside of Ellis County for that placement?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 73



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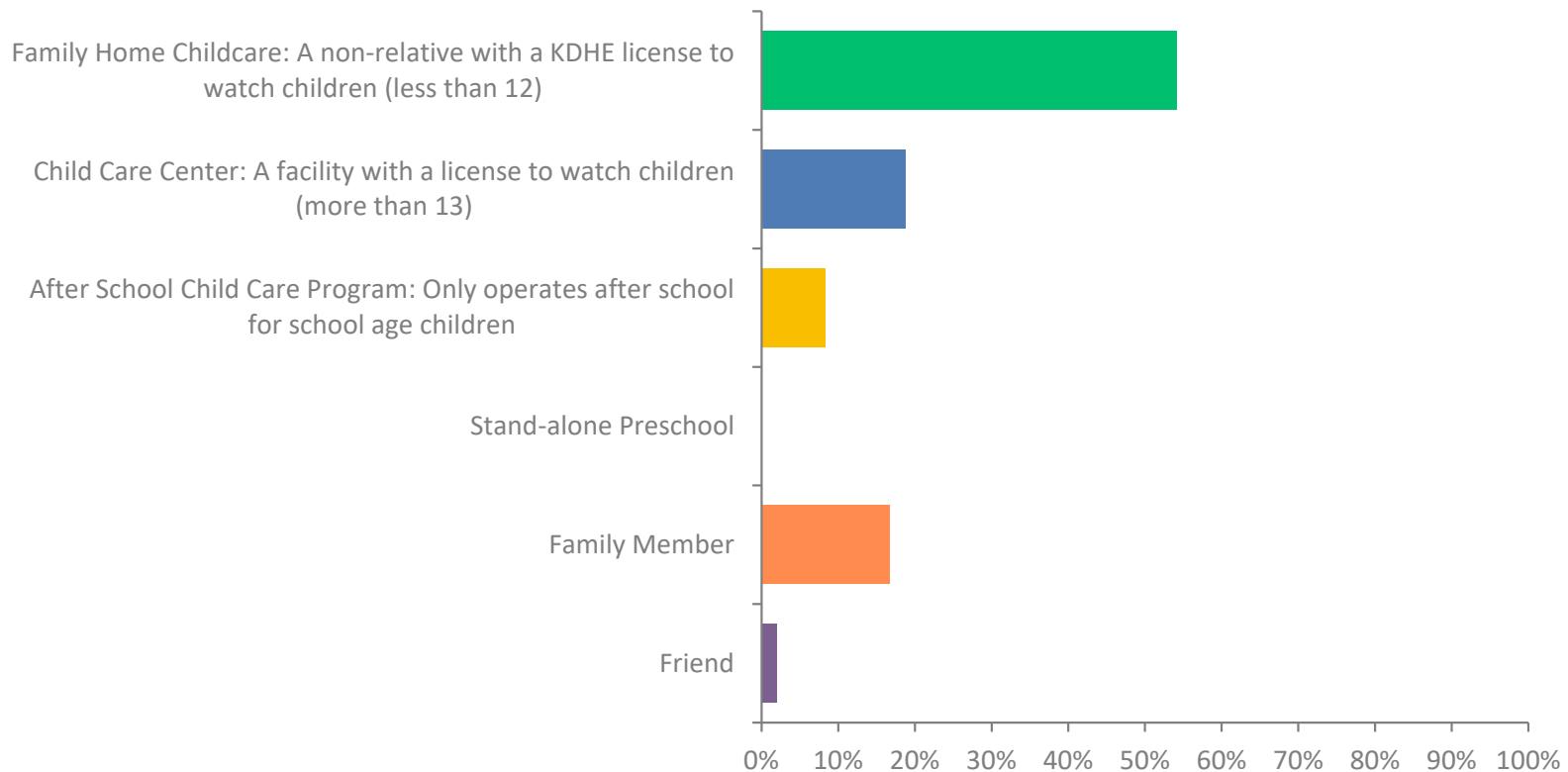
Answered: 48 Skipped: 73

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	0.00%	0
No	89.58%	43
N/A Potential/Expecting Parent	10.42%	5
TOTAL		48

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q10: Select the type of childcare setting you are currently UTILIZING. Mark only one

Answered: 48 Skipped: 73



Responses from Parents & Future Parents

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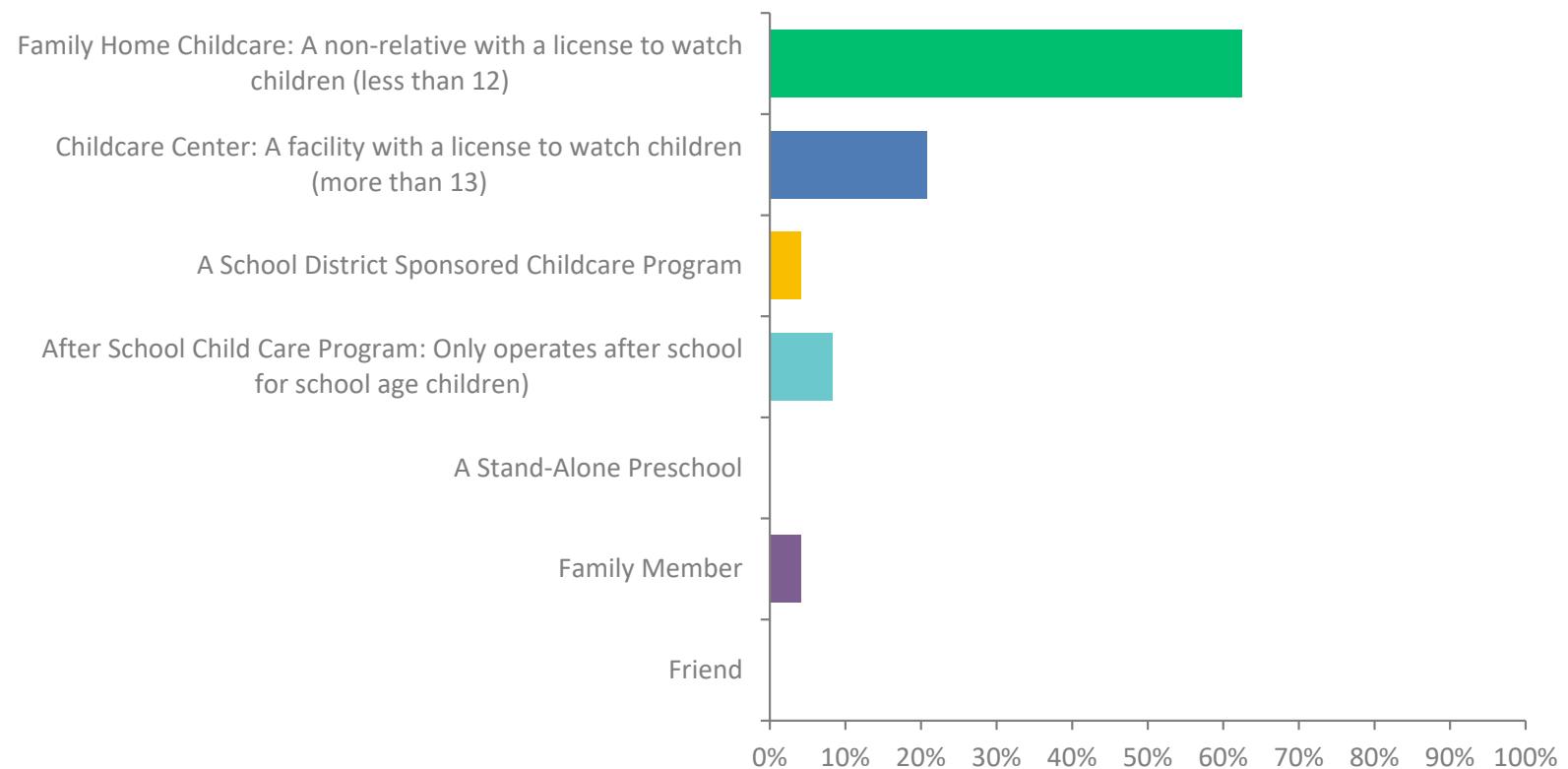
Answered: 48 Skipped: 73

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Family Home Childcare: A non-relative with a KDHE license to watch children (less than 12)	54.17%	26
Child Care Center: A facility with a license to watch children (more than 13)	18.75%	9
After School Child Care Program: Only operates after school for school age children	8.33%	4
Stand-alone Preschool	0.00%	0
Family Member	16.67%	8
Friend	2.08%	1
TOTAL		48

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q11: Please select the type of childcare setting you PREFER. Mark only one.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 73



Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q11: Please select the type of childcare setting you PREFER. Mark only one.

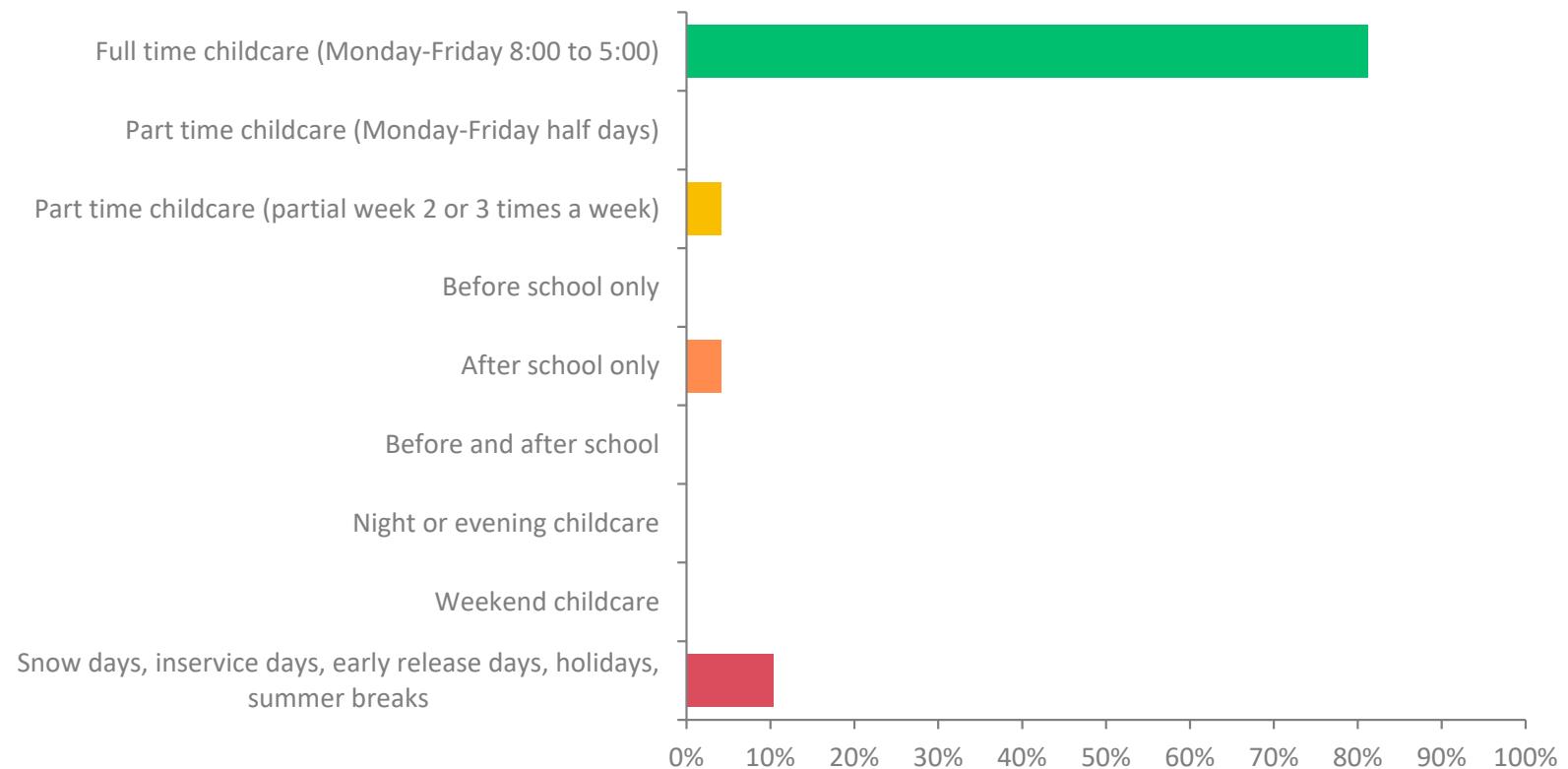
Answered: 48 Skipped: 73

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Family Home Childcare: A non-relative with a license to watch children (less than 12)	62.50%	30
Childcare Center: A facility with a license to watch children (more than 13)	20.83%	10
A School District Sponsored Childcare Program	4.17%	2
After School Child Care Program: Only operates after school for school age children)	8.33%	4
A Stand-Alone Preschool	0.00%	0
Family Member	4.17%	2
Friend	0.00%	0
TOTAL		48

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q12: Select the type of schedule you need or will need. Mark all that apply.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 73



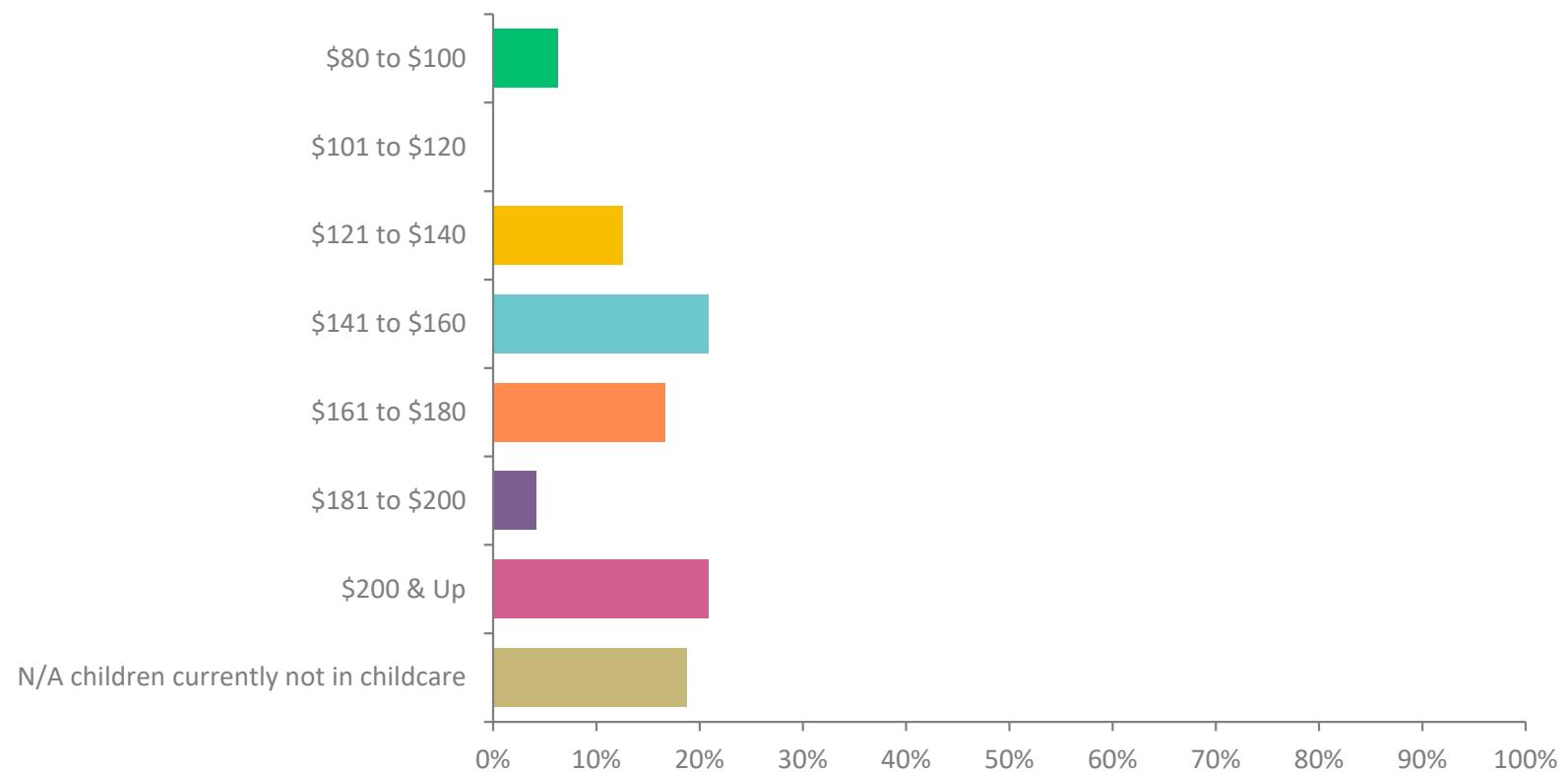
Responses from Parents & Future Parents

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full time childcare (Monday-Friday 8:00 to 5:00)	81.25%	39
Part time childcare (Monday-Friday half days)	0.00%	0
Part time childcare (partial week 2 or 3 times a week)	4.17%	2
Before school only	0.00%	0
After school only	4.17%	2
Before and after school	0.00%	0
Night or evening childcare	0.00%	0
Weekend childcare	0.00%	0
Snow days, inservice days, early release days, holidays, summer breaks	10.42%	5
TOTAL		48

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q13: Please select the average amount you currently pay for childcare PER WEEK/PER CHILD during the regular school year. Mark only one.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 73



Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q13: Please select the average amount you currently pay for childcare PER WEEK/PER CHILD during the regular school year. Mark only one.

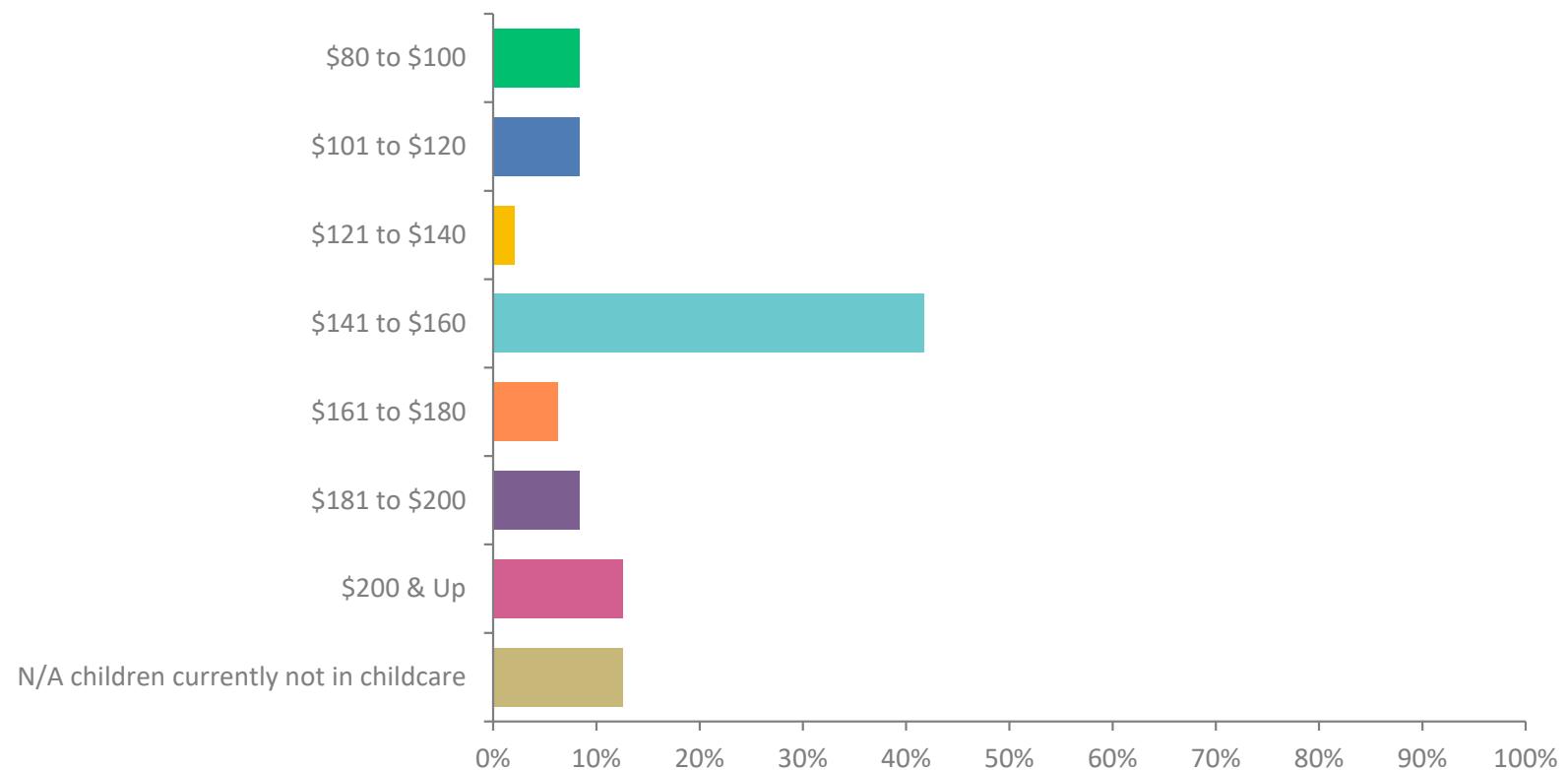
Answered: 48 Skipped: 73

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$80 to \$100	6.25%	3
\$101 to \$120	0.00%	0
\$121 to \$140	12.50%	6
\$141 to \$160	20.83%	10
\$161 to \$180	16.67%	8
\$181 to \$200	4.17%	2
\$200 & Up	20.83%	10
N/A children currently not in childcare	18.75%	9
TOTAL		48

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q14: Please select the average amount you would consider paying when looking for childcare PER WEEK/PER CHILD during the regular school year. Mark only one.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 73



Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q14: Please select the average amount you would consider paying when looking for childcare PER WEEK/PER CHILD during the regular school year. Mark only one.

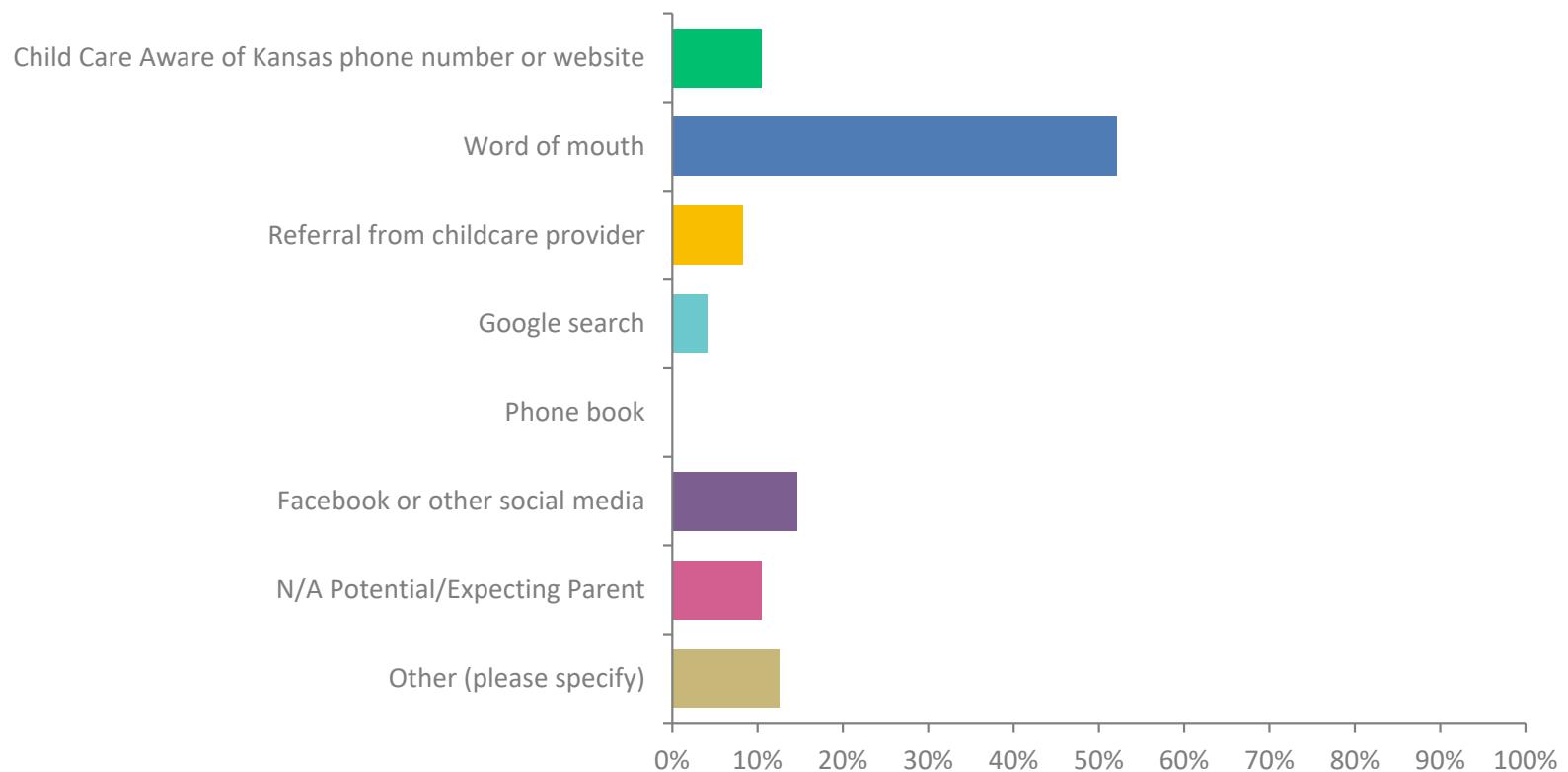
Answered: 48 Skipped: 73

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$80 to \$100	8.33%	4
\$101 to \$120	8.33%	4
\$121 to \$140	2.08%	1
\$141 to \$160	41.67%	20
\$161 to \$180	6.25%	3
\$181 to \$200	8.33%	4
\$200 & Up	12.50%	6
N/A children currently not in childcare	12.50%	6
TOTAL		48

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q15: How did you find your current childcare arrangement?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 73



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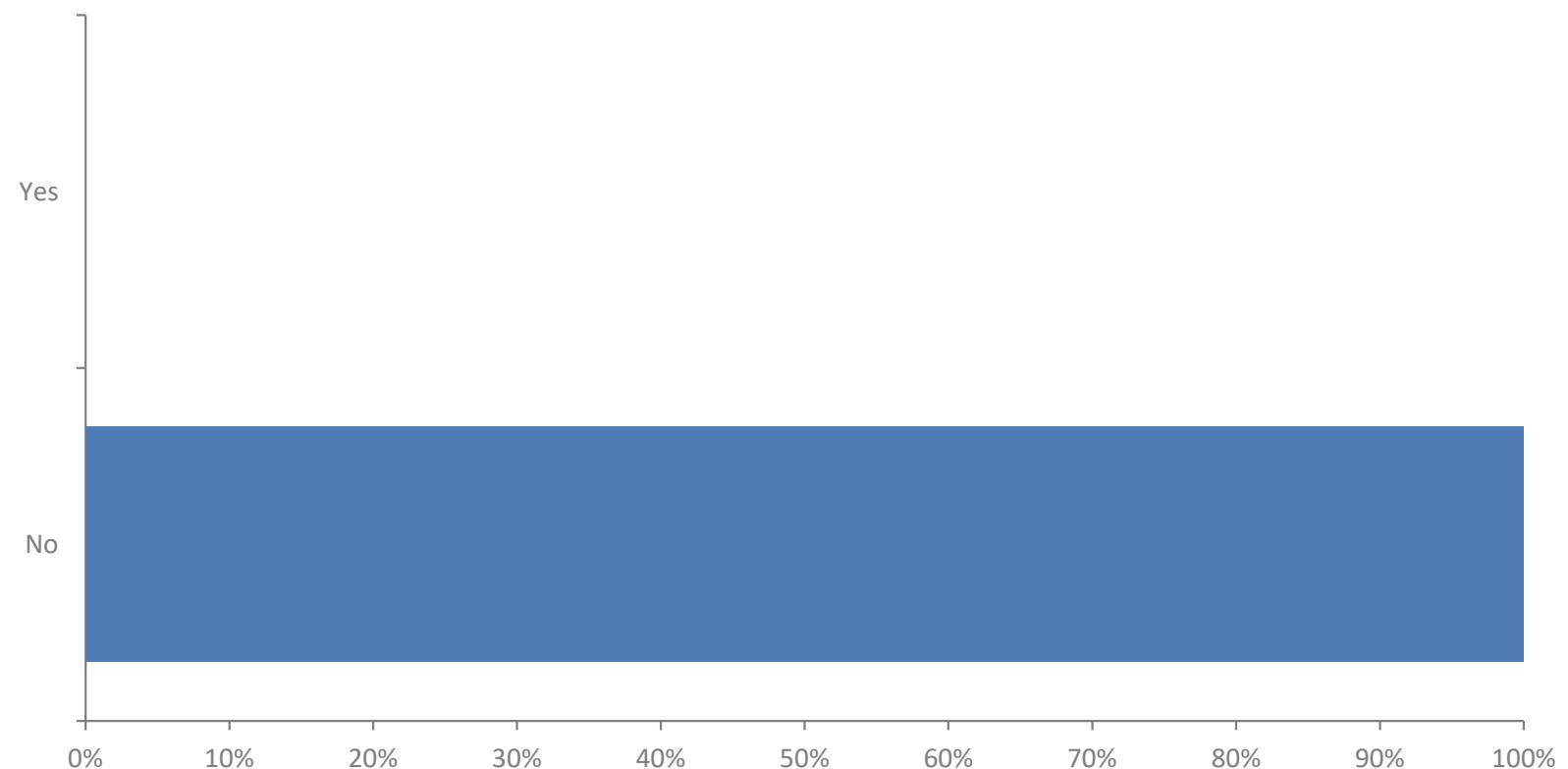
Answered: 48 Skipped: 73

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Child Care Aware of Kansas phone number or website	10.42%	5
Word of mouth	52.08%	25
Referral from childcare provider	8.33%	4
Google search	4.17%	2
Phone book	0.00%	0
Facebook or other social media	14.58%	7
N/A Potential/Expecting Parent	10.42%	5
Other (please specify)	12.50%	6
TOTAL		54

Responses from Parents & Future Parents

Q16: Is your business interested in providing discounted services, rates, or products that are used during the business day for childcare professionals? If yes, please enter your contact information in the comment field below.

Answered: 4 Skipped: 117



Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q16: Is your business interested in providing discounted services, rates, or products that are used during the business day for childcare professionals? If yes, please enter your contact information in the comment field below.

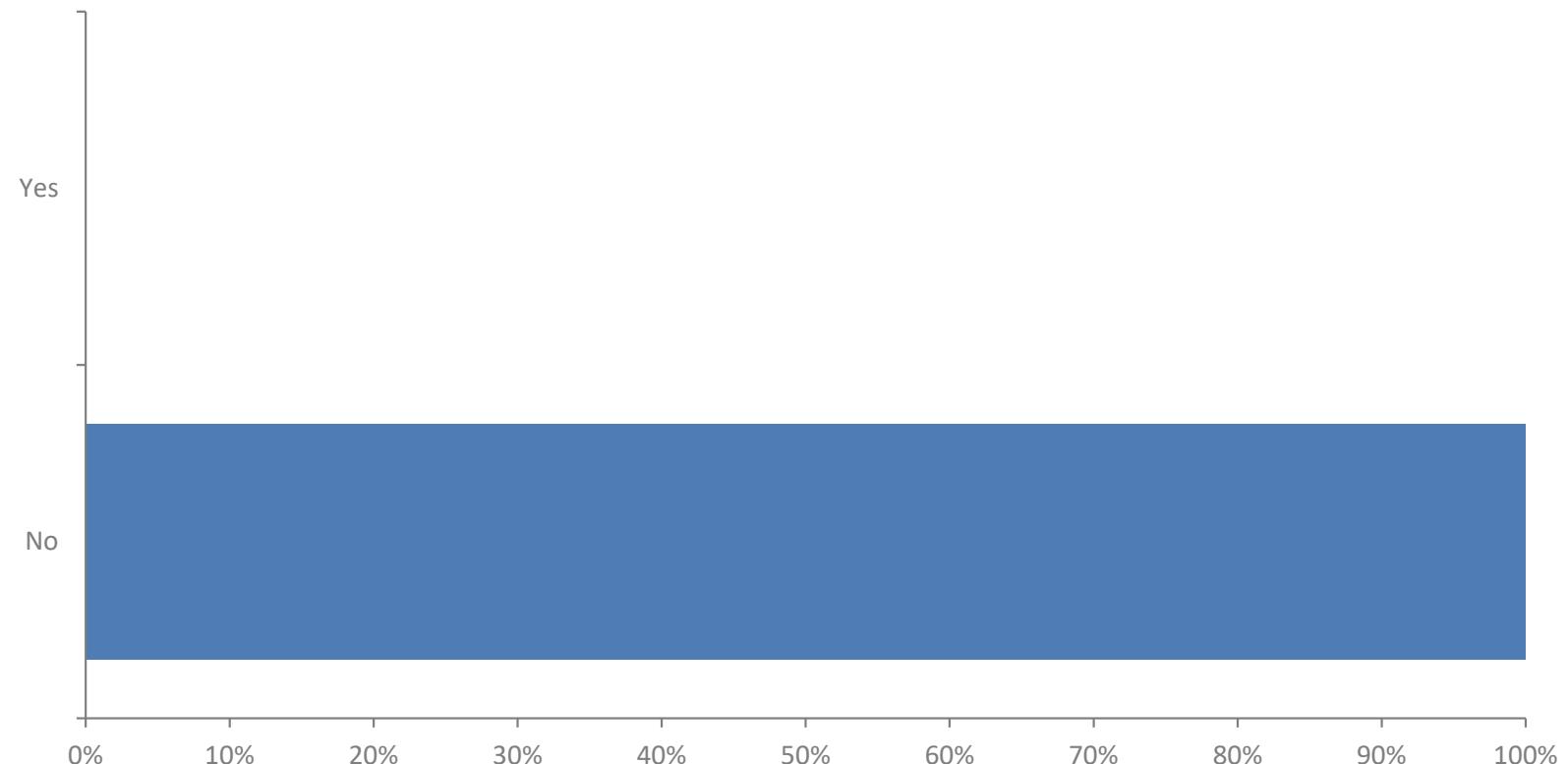
Answered: 4 Skipped: 117

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	0.00%	0
No	100.00%	4
TOTAL		4

Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q17: Is your business interested in learning more about having in-house childcare provided for your employees? If yes, please enter your contact information in the comment field below.

Answered: 4 Skipped: 117



Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q17: Is your business interested in learning more about having in-house childcare provided for your employees? If yes, please enter your contact information in the comment field below.

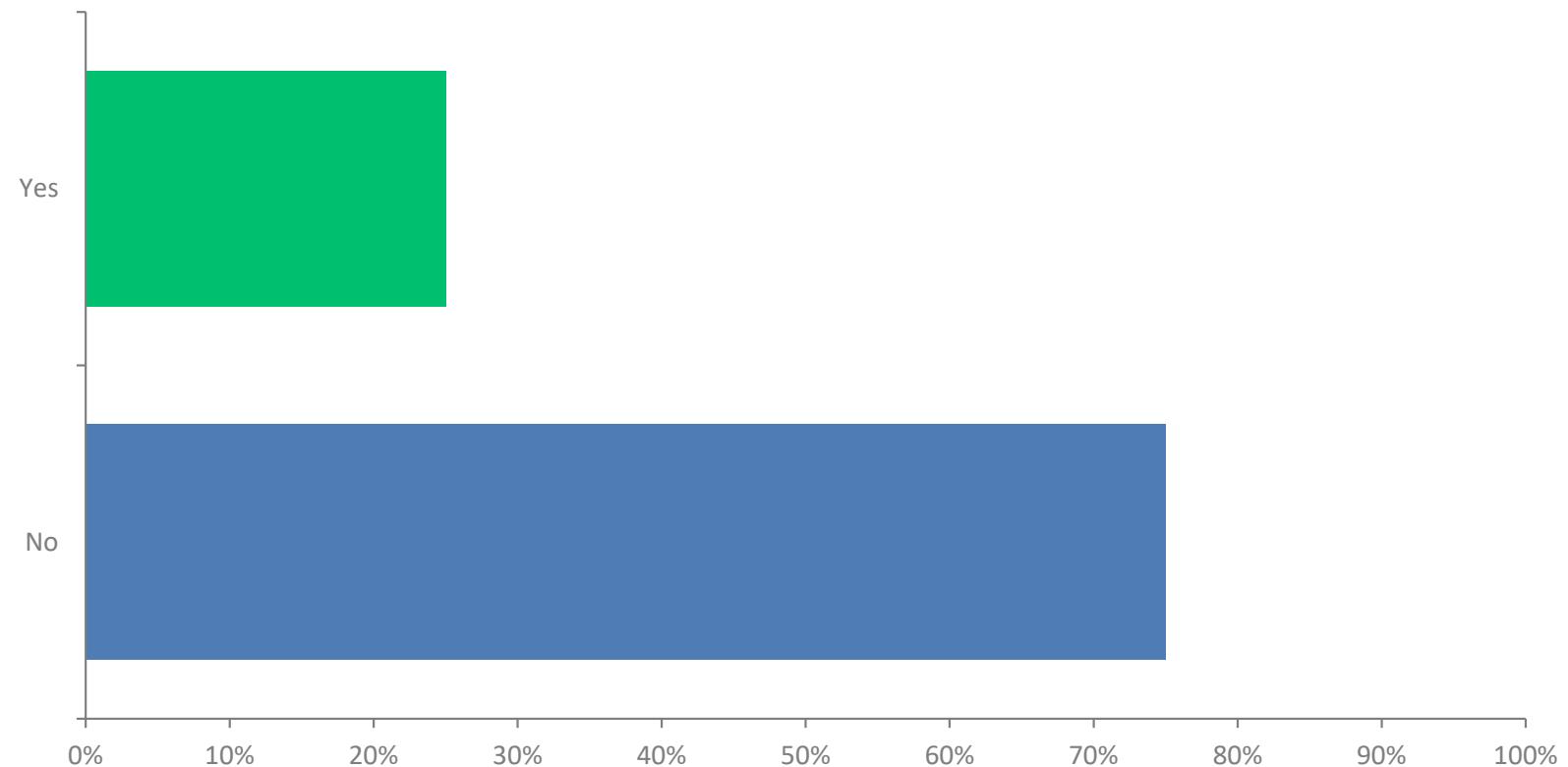
Answered: 4 Skipped: 117

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	0.00%	0
No	100.00%	4
TOTAL		4

Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q18: Is your business interested in learning more about having in-house childcare provided for your employees? If yes, please enter your contact information in the comment field below.

Answered: 4 Skipped: 117



Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q18: Is your business interested in learning more about having in-house childcare provided for your employees? If yes, please enter your contact information in the comment field below.

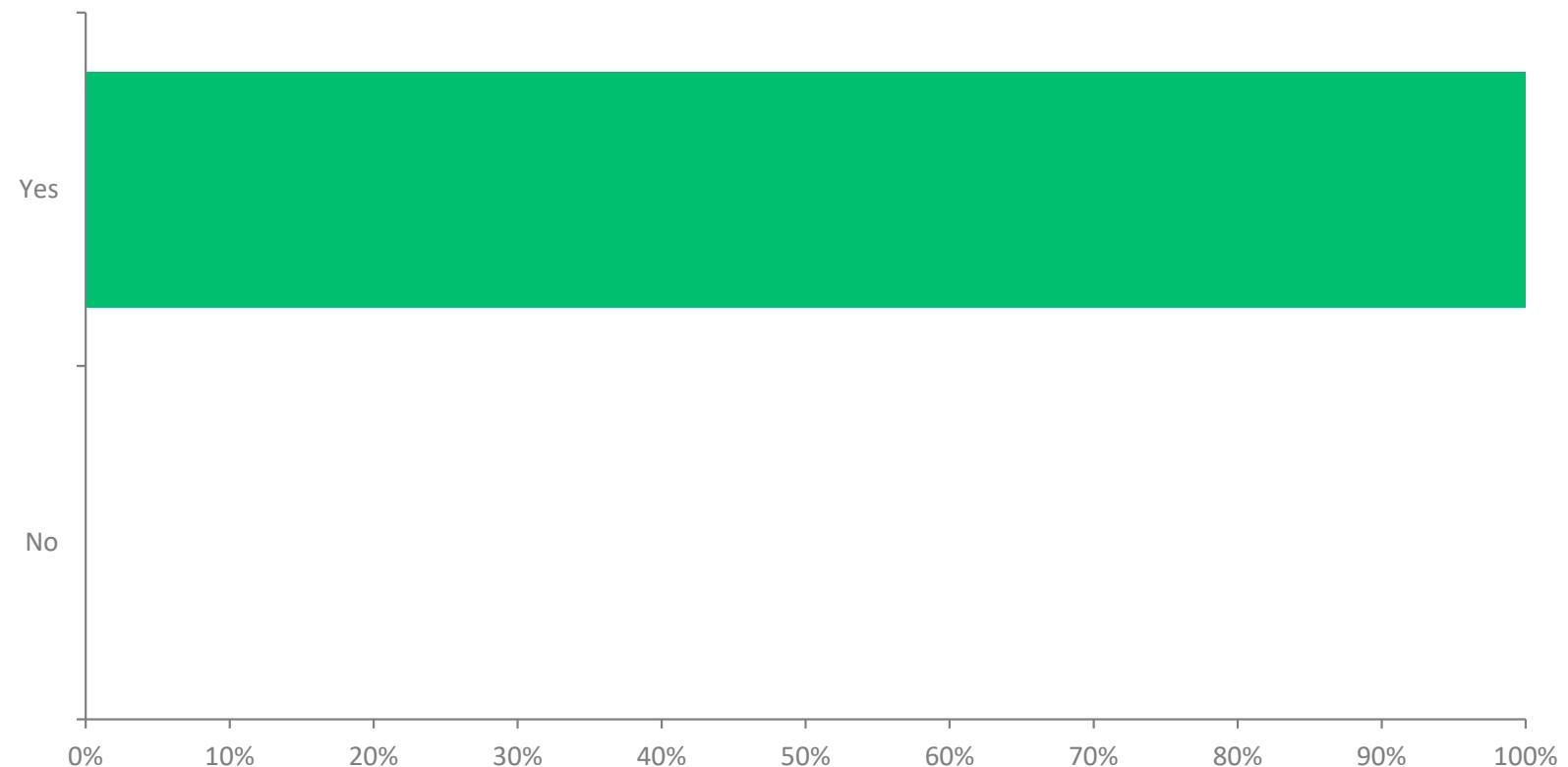
Answered: 4 Skipped: 117

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	1
No	75.00%	3
TOTAL		4

Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q19: Does your business currently experience gaps in workforce due to lack of childcare for your employees?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 117



Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q19: Does your business currently experience gaps in workforce due to lack of childcare for your employees?

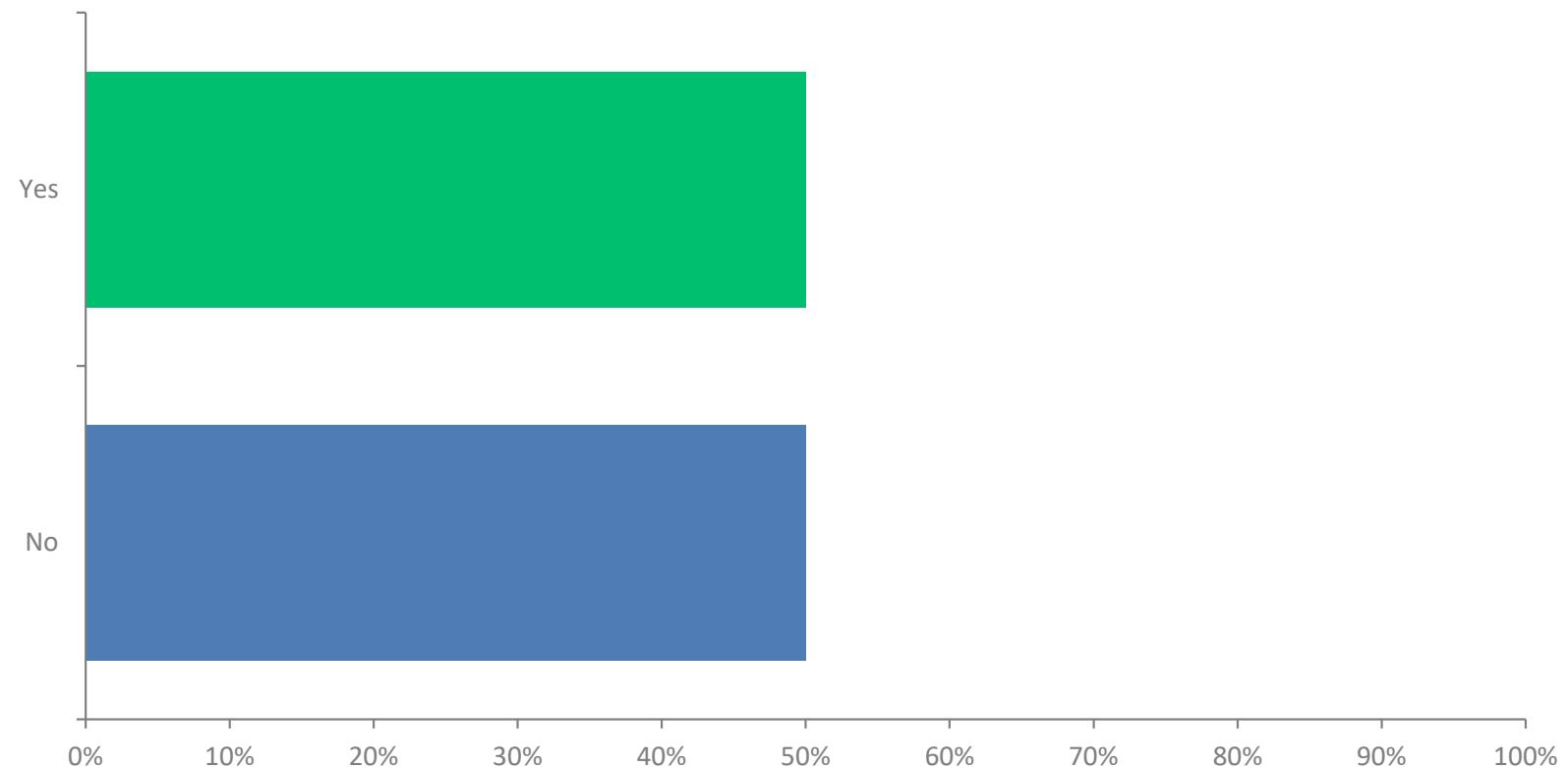
Answered: 4 Skipped: 117

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q20: How many hours of productivity does your business lose per week due to lack of childcare.

Answered: 4 Skipped: 117



Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q20: How many hours of productivity does your business lose per week due to lack of childcare.

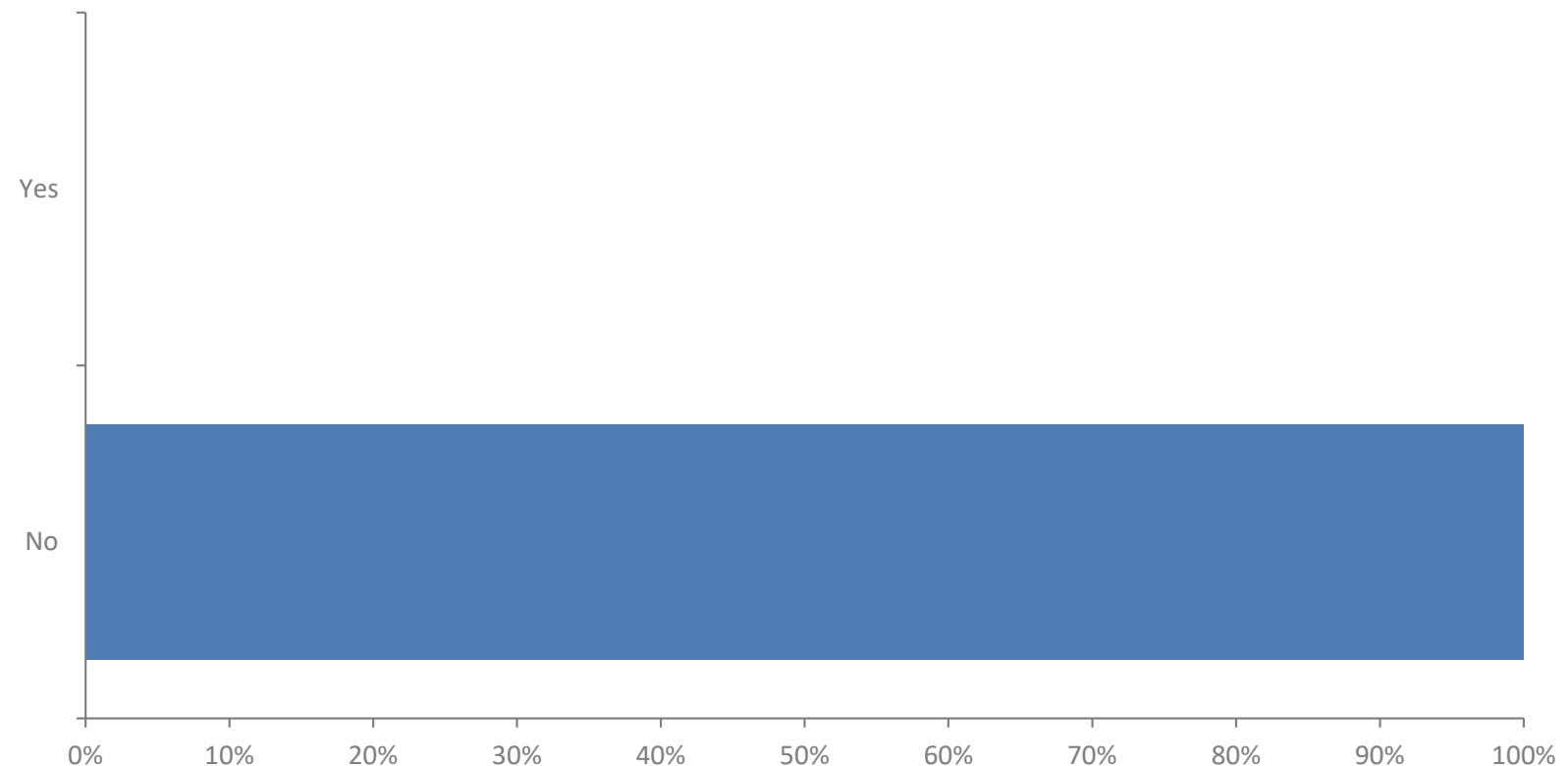
Answered: 4 Skipped: 117

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.00%	2
No	50.00%	2
TOTAL		4

Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q21: Does your business currently offer the ability for your staff to bring infant children to work after they are born?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 117



Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

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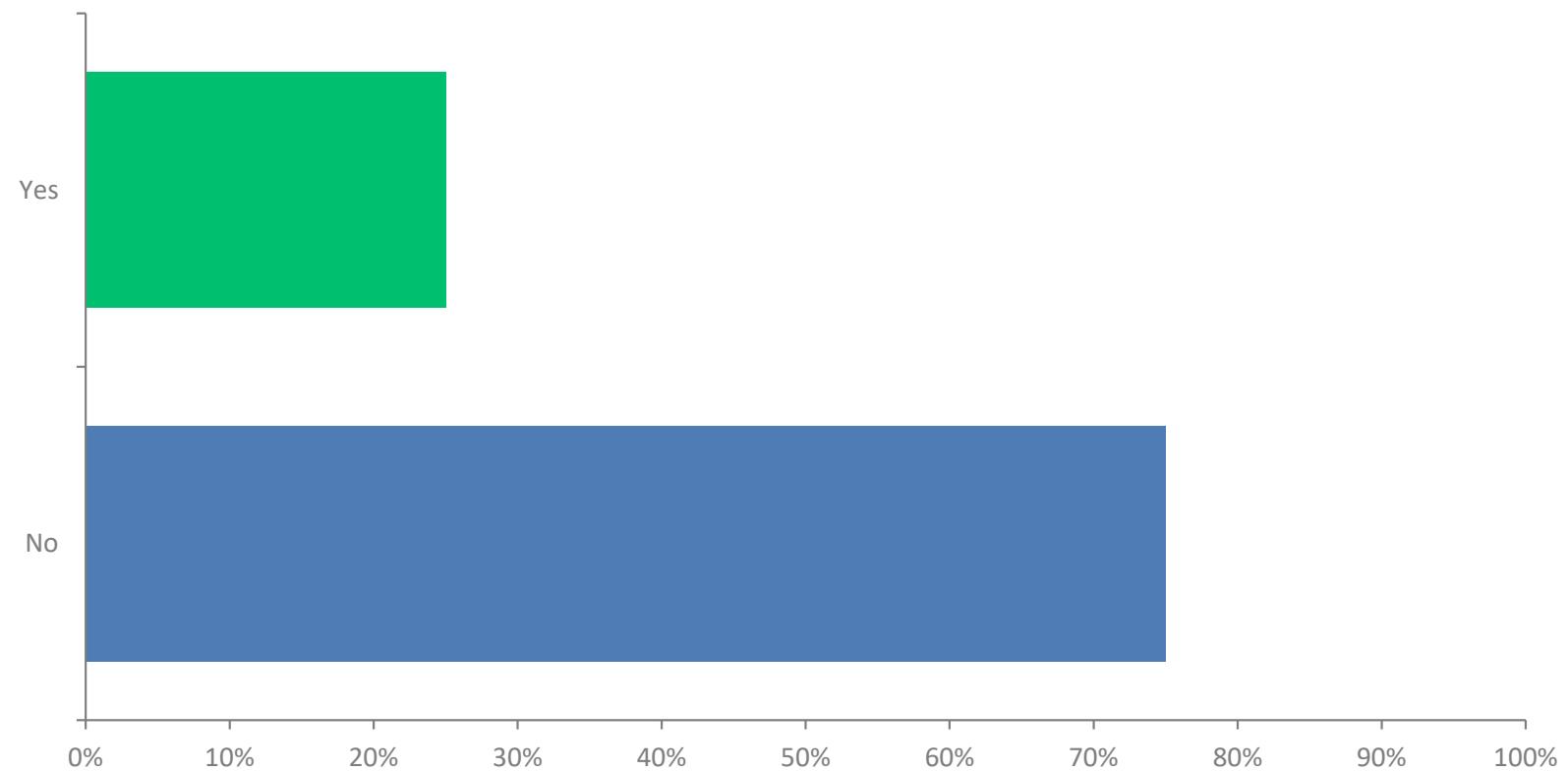
Answered: 4 Skipped: 117

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	0.00%	0
No	100.00%	4
TOTAL		4

Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q22: Does your business allow employees to bring children to work after school?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 117



Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q22: Does your business allow employees to bring children to work after school?

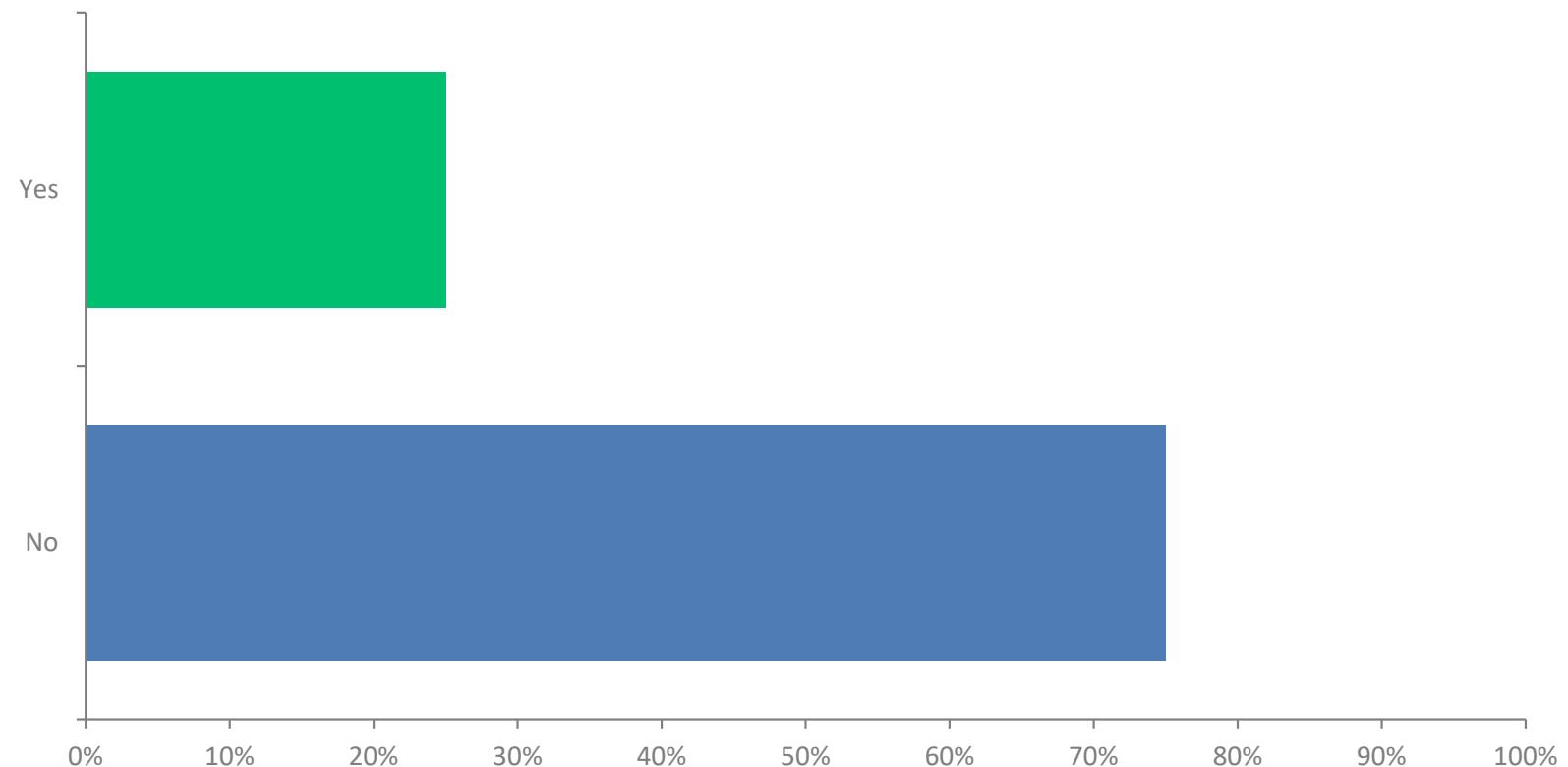
Answered: 4 Skipped: 117

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	1
No	75.00%	3
TOTAL		4

Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q23: Does your business allow employees to work from home if employees lack access to childcare?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 117



Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q23: Does your business allow employees to work from home if employees lack access to childcare?

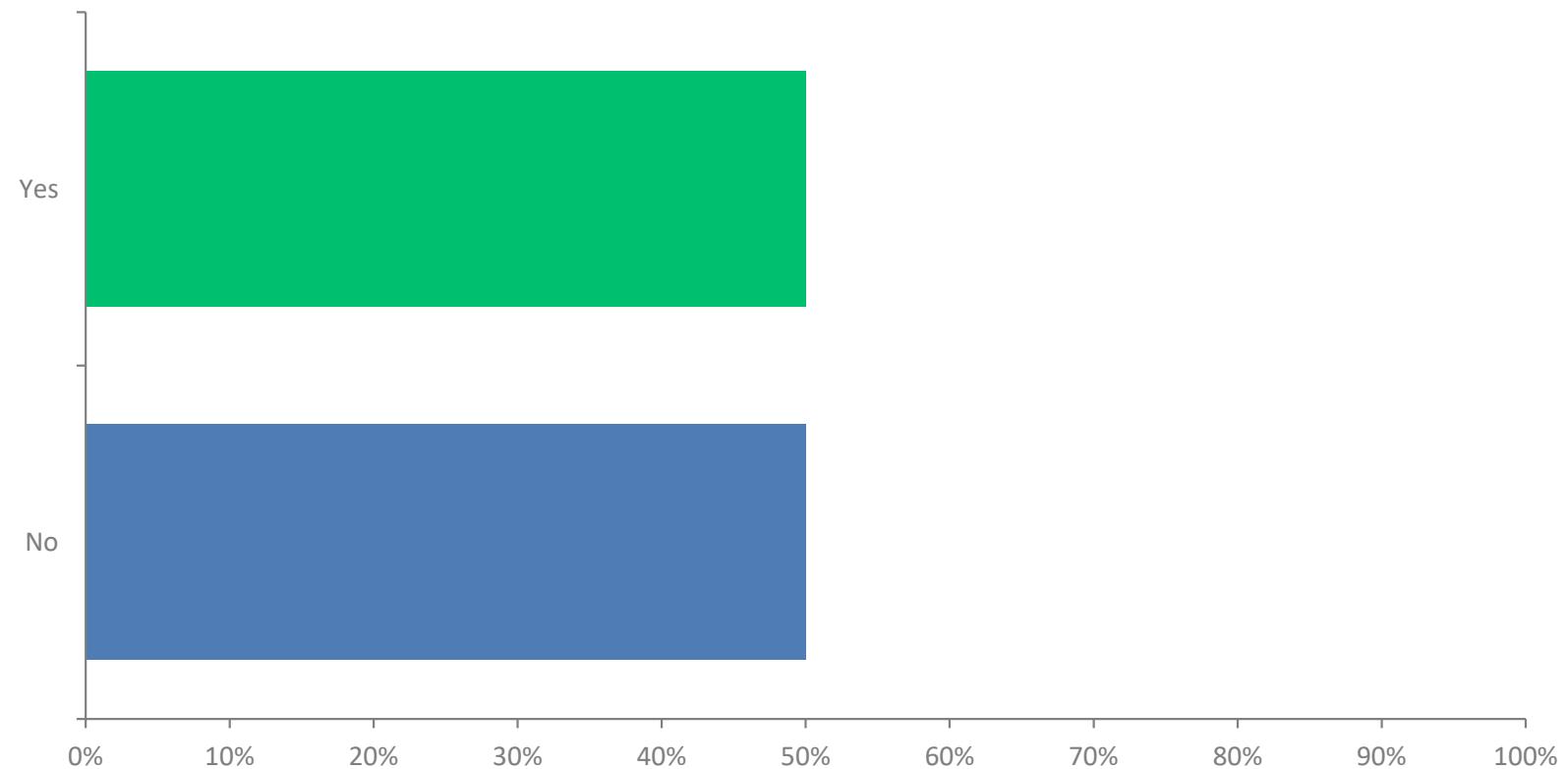
Answered: 4 Skipped: 117

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	1
No	75.00%	3
TOTAL		4

Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q24: Would your business be interested in learning more about how it can support local childcare providers?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 117



Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

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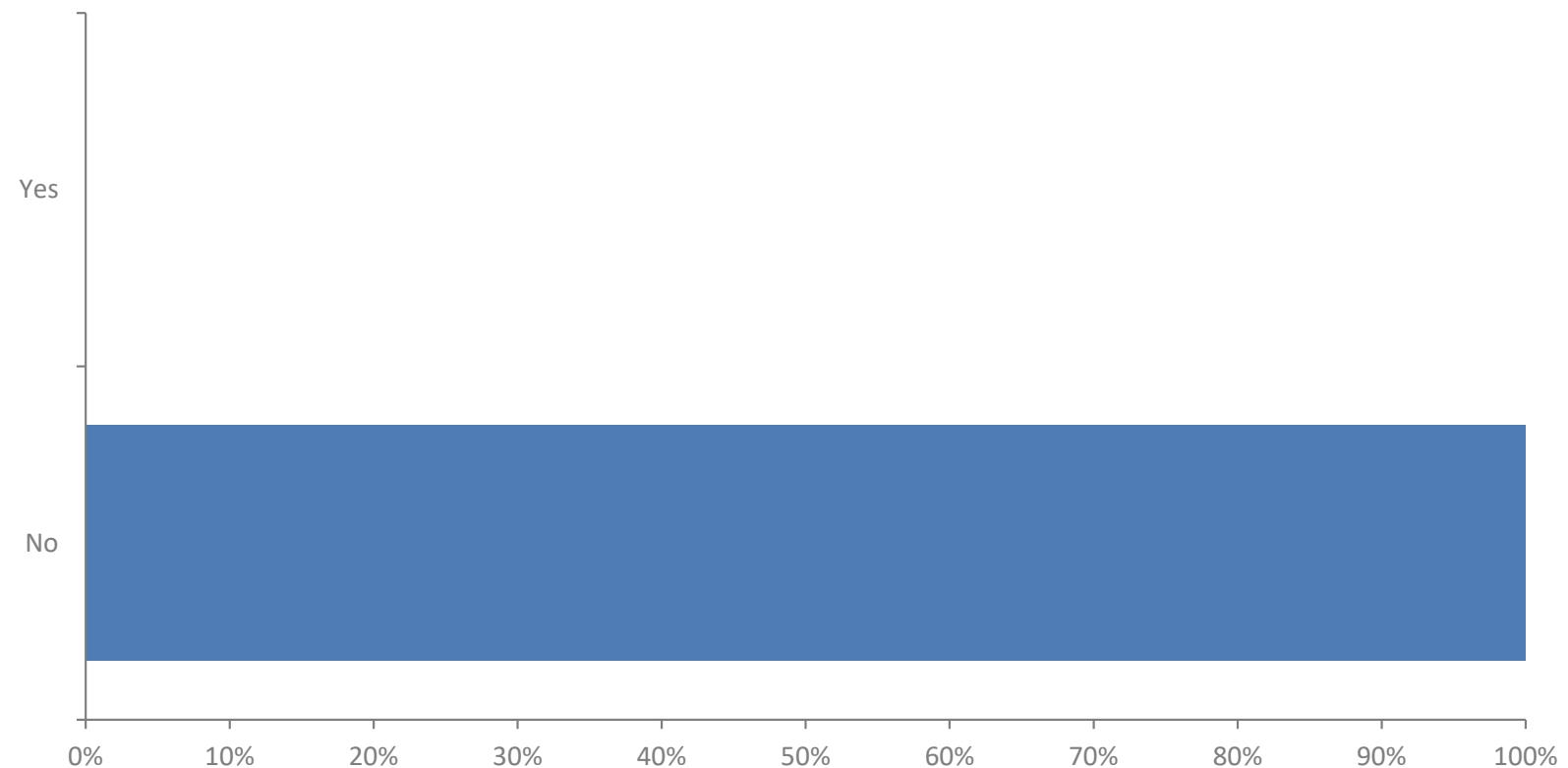
Answered: 4 Skipped: 117

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.00%	2
No	50.00%	2
TOTAL		4

Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q25: Would your business be interested in supporting the Annual Child Care Provider Appreciation event that is held in june?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 117



Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

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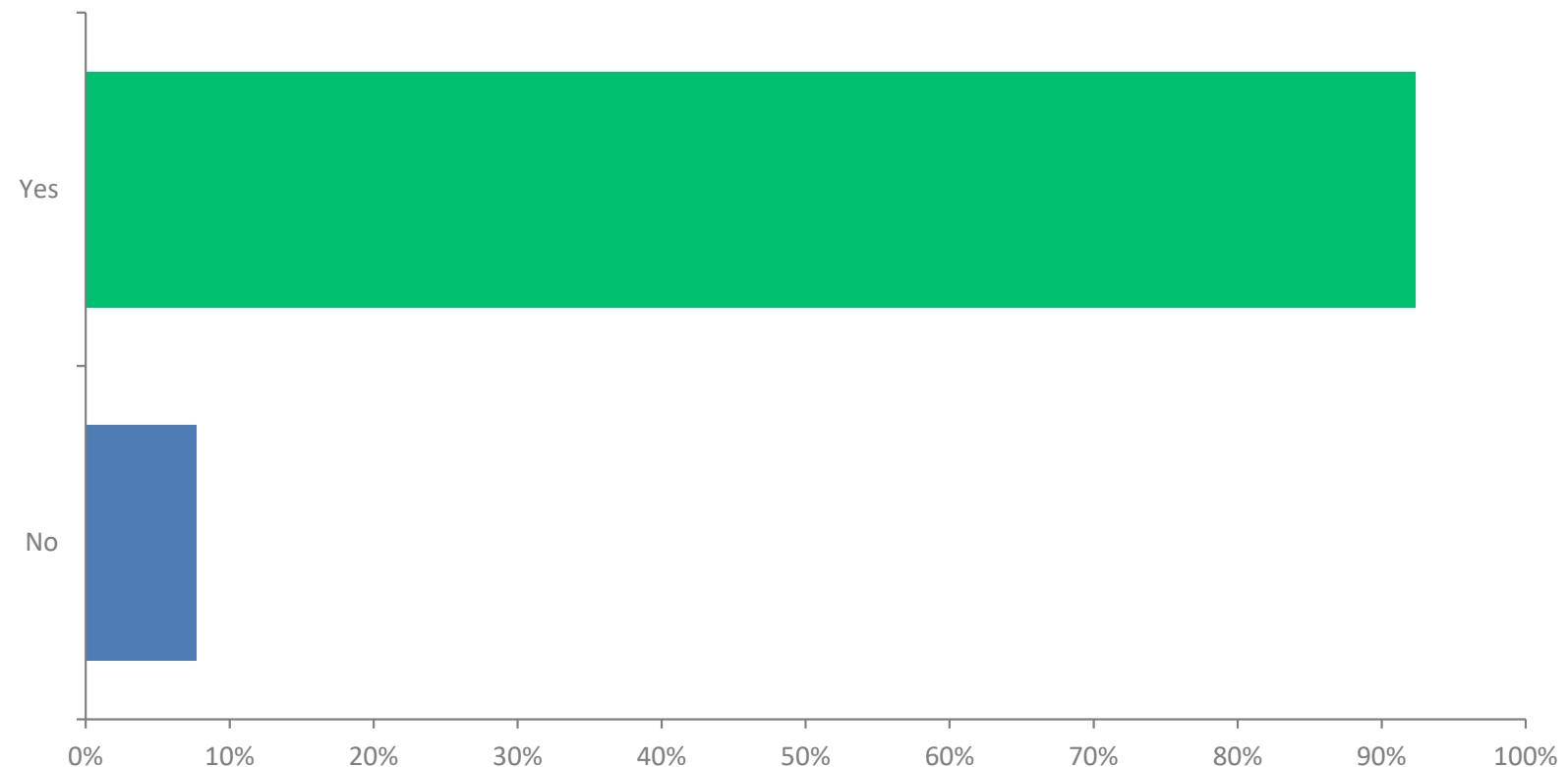
Answered: 4 Skipped: 117

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	0.00%	0
No	100.00%	4
TOTAL		4

Responses from Employers whose staff have childcare needs

Q28: Do you accept infants into your care?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 95



Responses from current childcare providers.

Q28: Do you accept infants into your care?

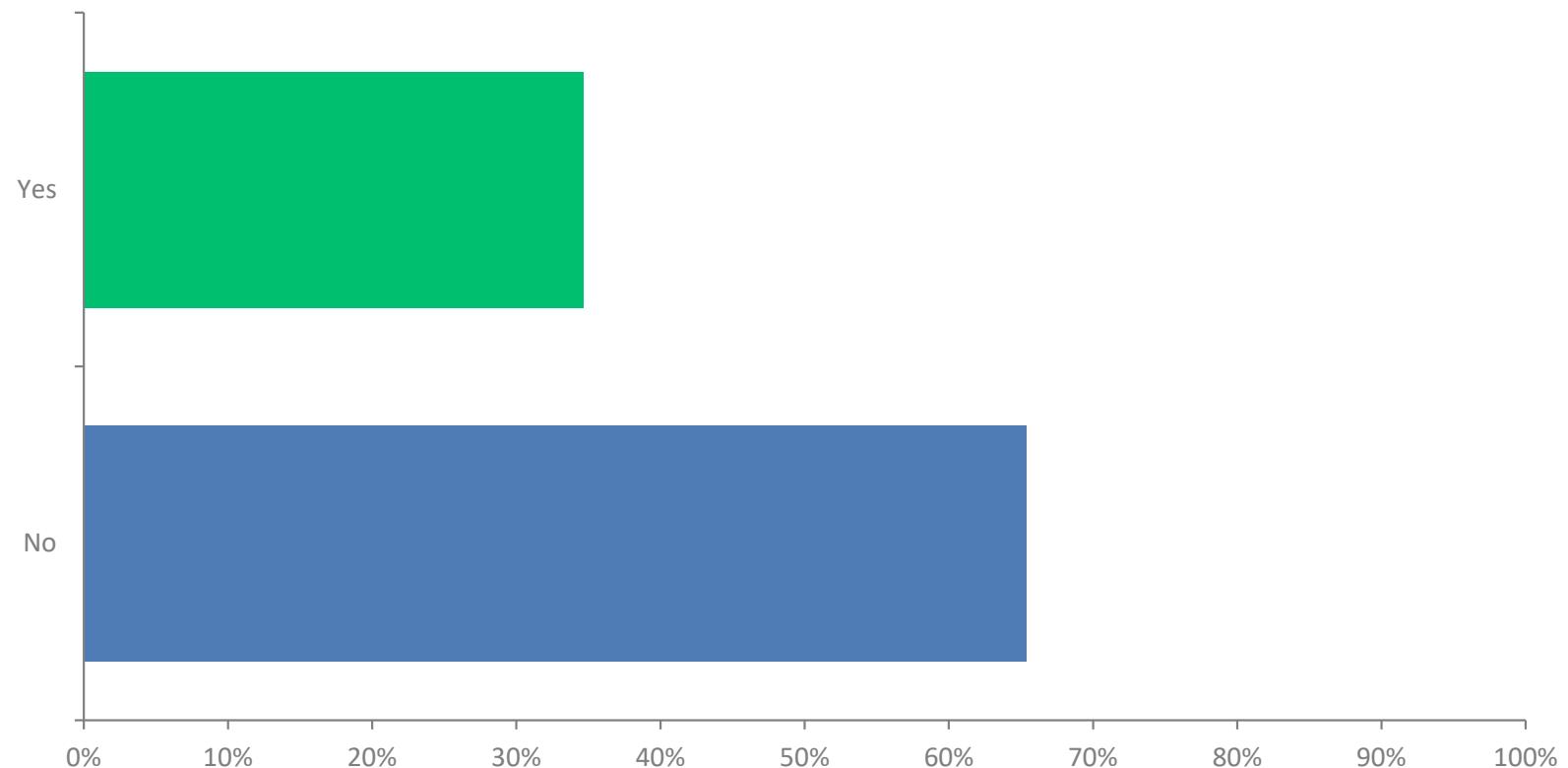
Answered: 26 Skipped: 95

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	92.31%	24
No	7.69%	2
TOTAL		26

Responses from current childcare providers.

Q29: Are you DCF certified?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 95



Responses from current childcare providers.

Q29: Are you DCF certified?

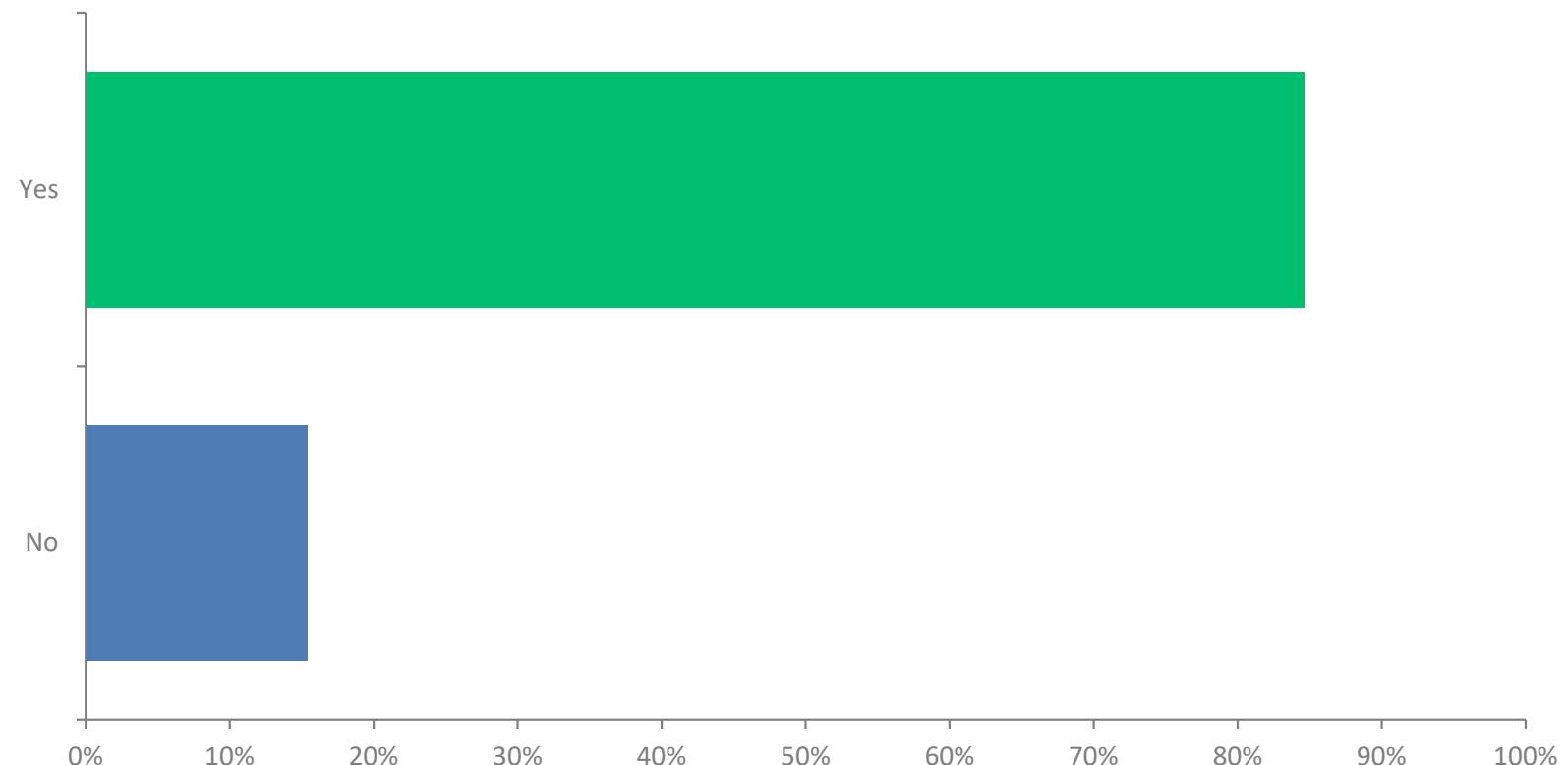
Answered: 26 Skipped: 95

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.62%	9
No	65.38%	17
TOTAL		26

Responses from current childcare providers.

Q33: Do you currently get paid time off for vacation, sick days, or holidays?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 95



Responses from current childcare providers.

Q33: Do you currently get paid time off for vacation, sick days, or holidays?

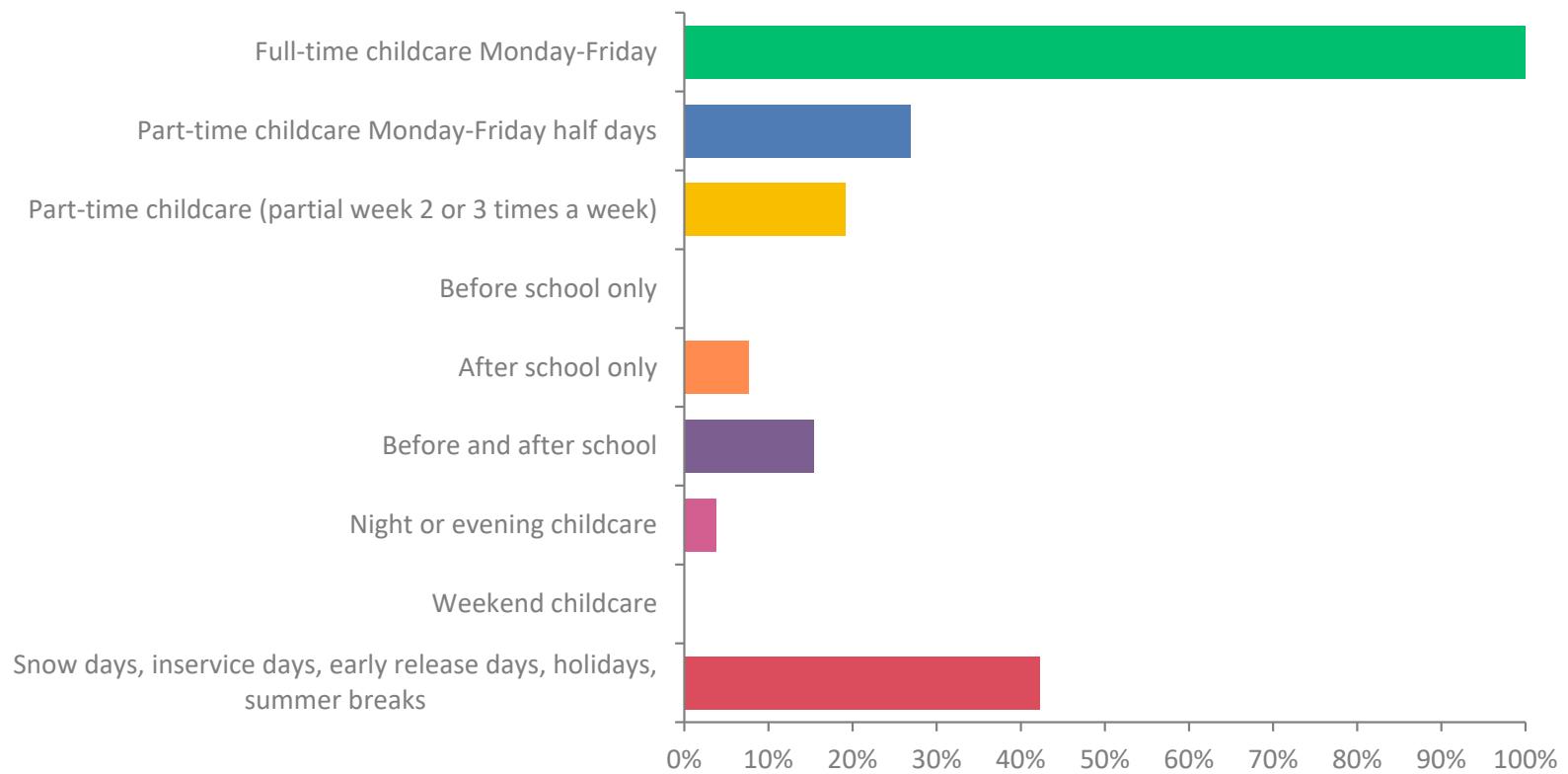
Answered: 26 Skipped: 95

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.62%	22
No	15.38%	4
TOTAL		26

Responses from current childcare providers.

Q35: What time do you offer care for children?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 95



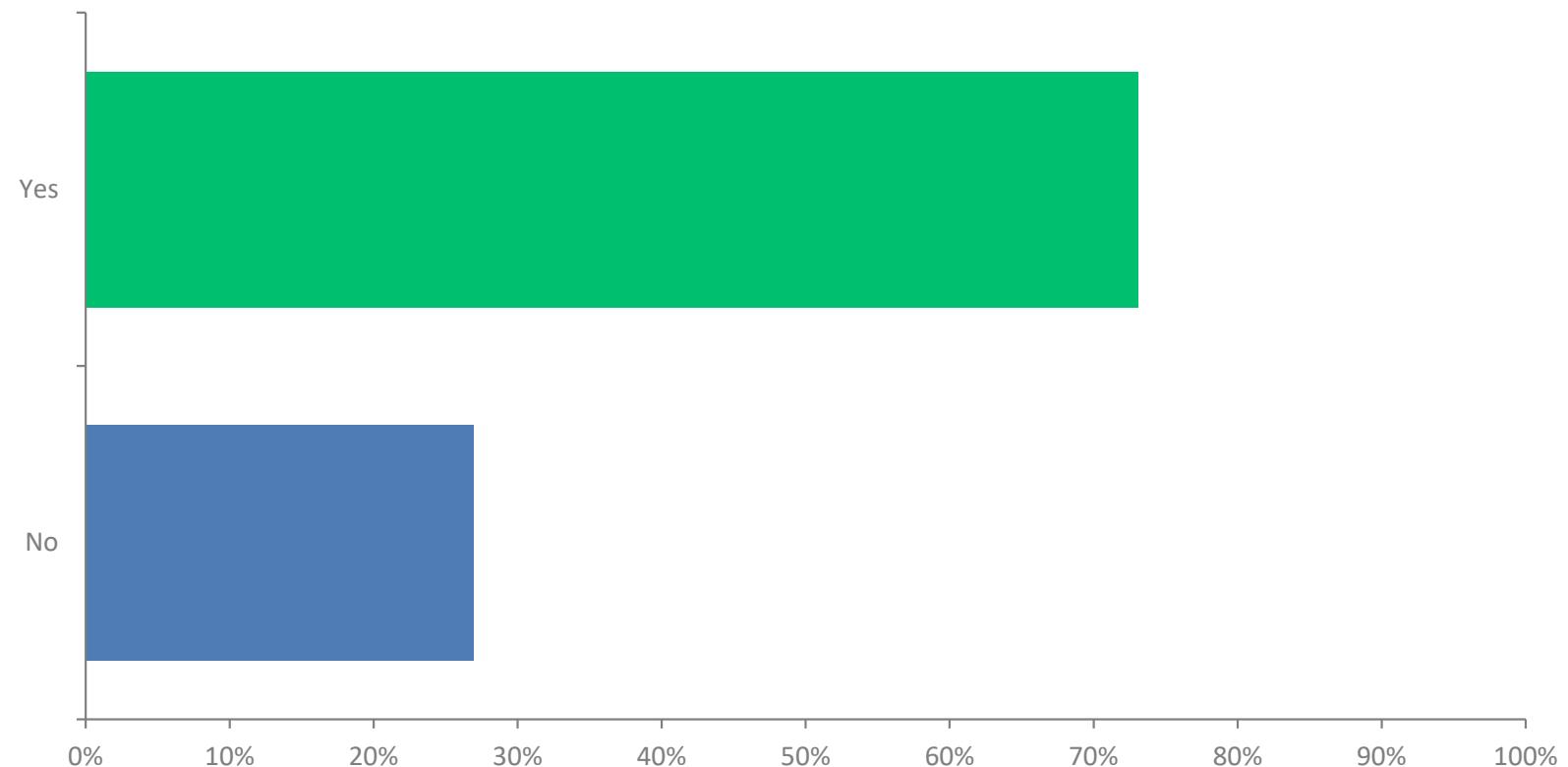
Responses from current childcare providers.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time childcare Monday-Friday	100.00%	26
Part-time childcare Monday-Friday half days	26.92%	7
Part-time childcare (partial week 2 or 3 times a week)	19.23%	5
Before school only	0.00%	0
After school only	7.69%	2
Before and after school	15.38%	4
Night or evening childcare	3.85%	1
Weekend childcare	0.00%	0
Snow days, inservice days, early release days, holidays, summer breaks	42.31%	11
TOTAL		56

Responses from current childcare providers.

Q36: Do you currently utilize CACFP for meal reimbursement?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 95



Responses from current childcare providers.

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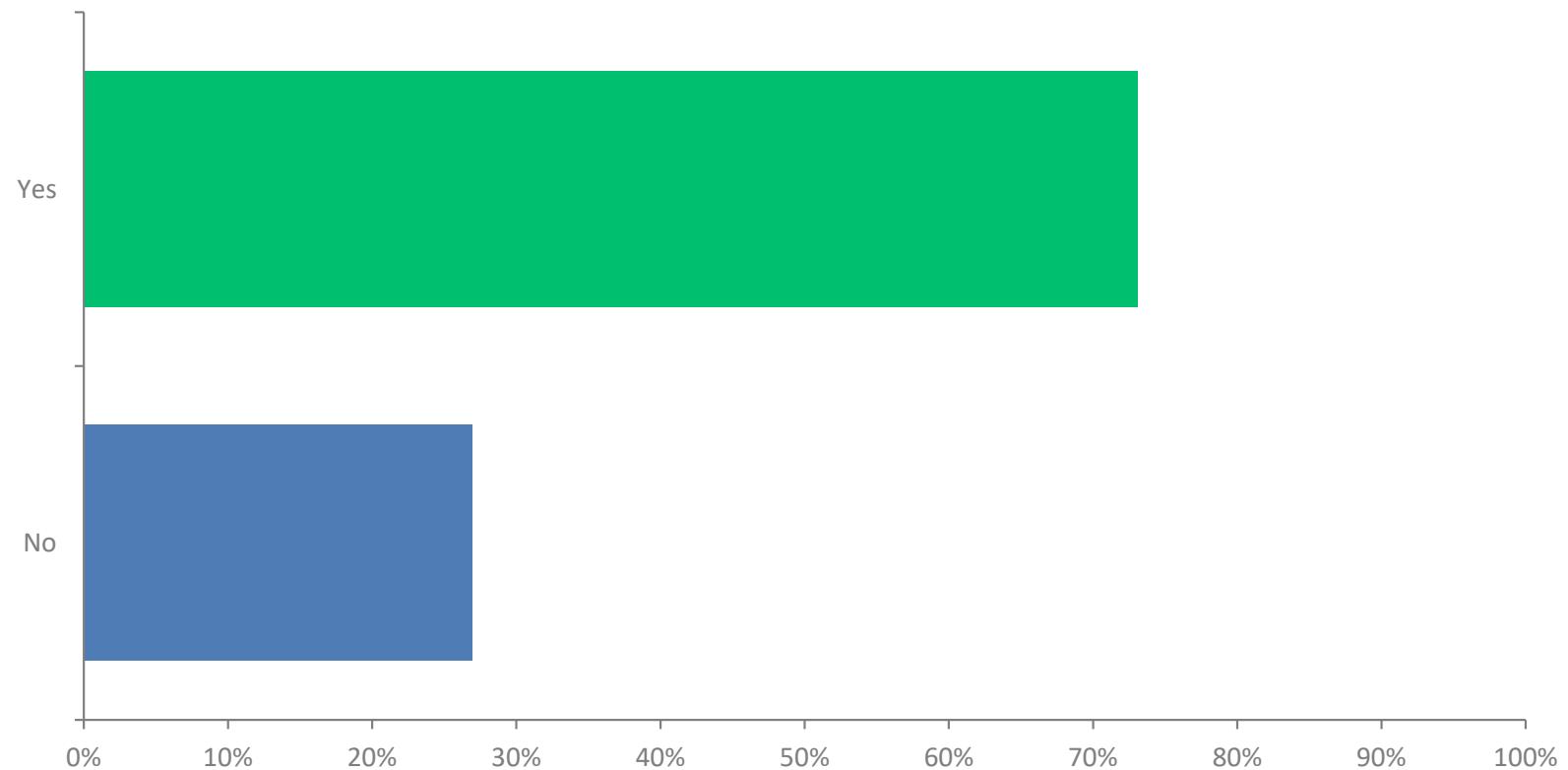
Answered: 26 Skipped: 95

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.08%	19
No	26.92%	7
TOTAL		26

Responses from current childcare providers.

Q37: Do you submit your capacity openings to Child Care Aware of Kansas as it changes?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 95



Responses from current childcare providers.

Q37: Do you submit your capacity openings to Child Care Aware of Kansas as it changes?

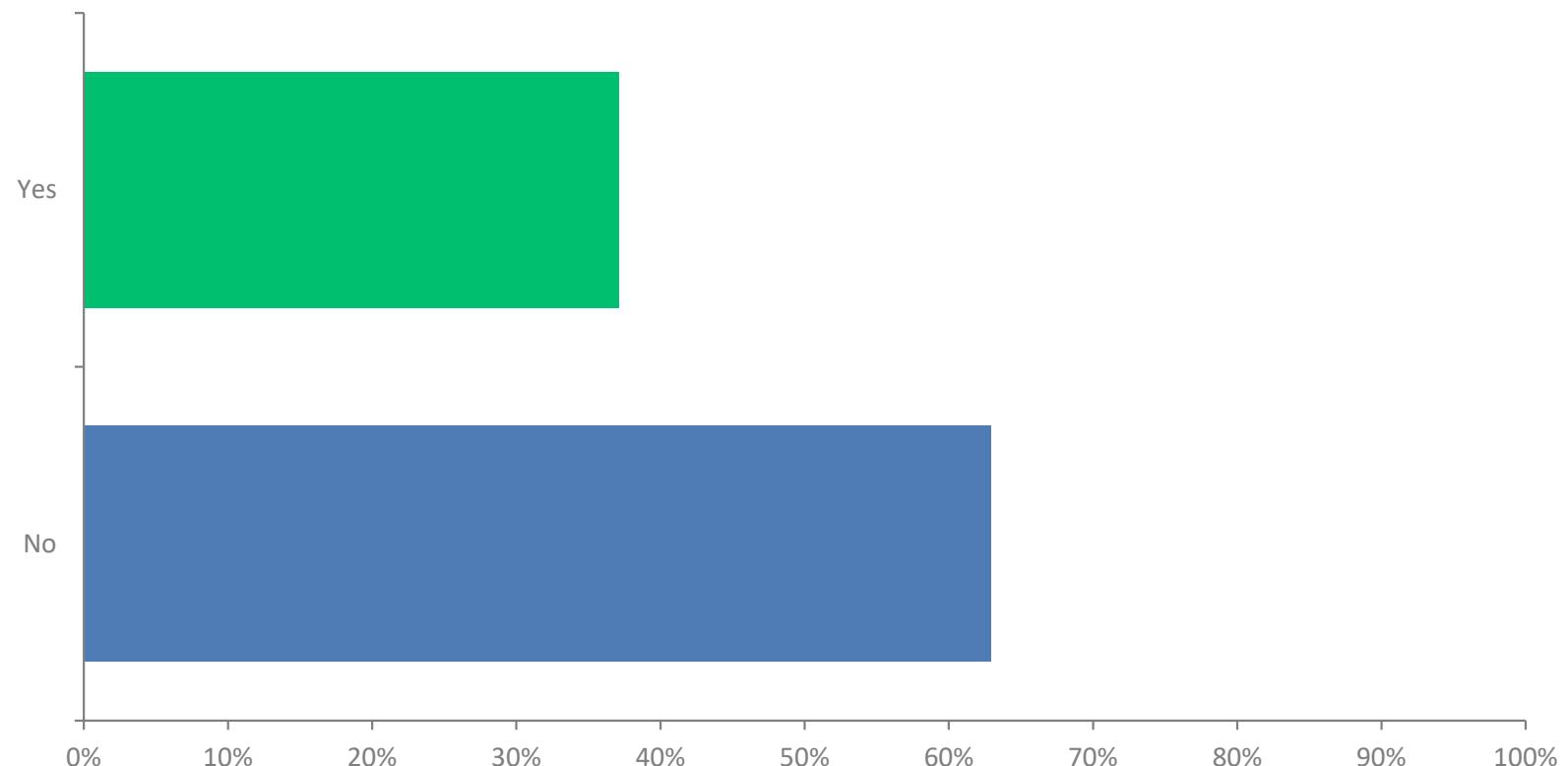
Answered: 26 Skipped: 95

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.08%	19
No	26.92%	7
TOTAL		26

Responses from current childcare providers.

Q40: Do you think Ellis County has an adequate supply of quality childcare?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 32



Response from all respondents who chose to reply.

Q40: Do you think Ellis County has an adequate supply of quality childcare?

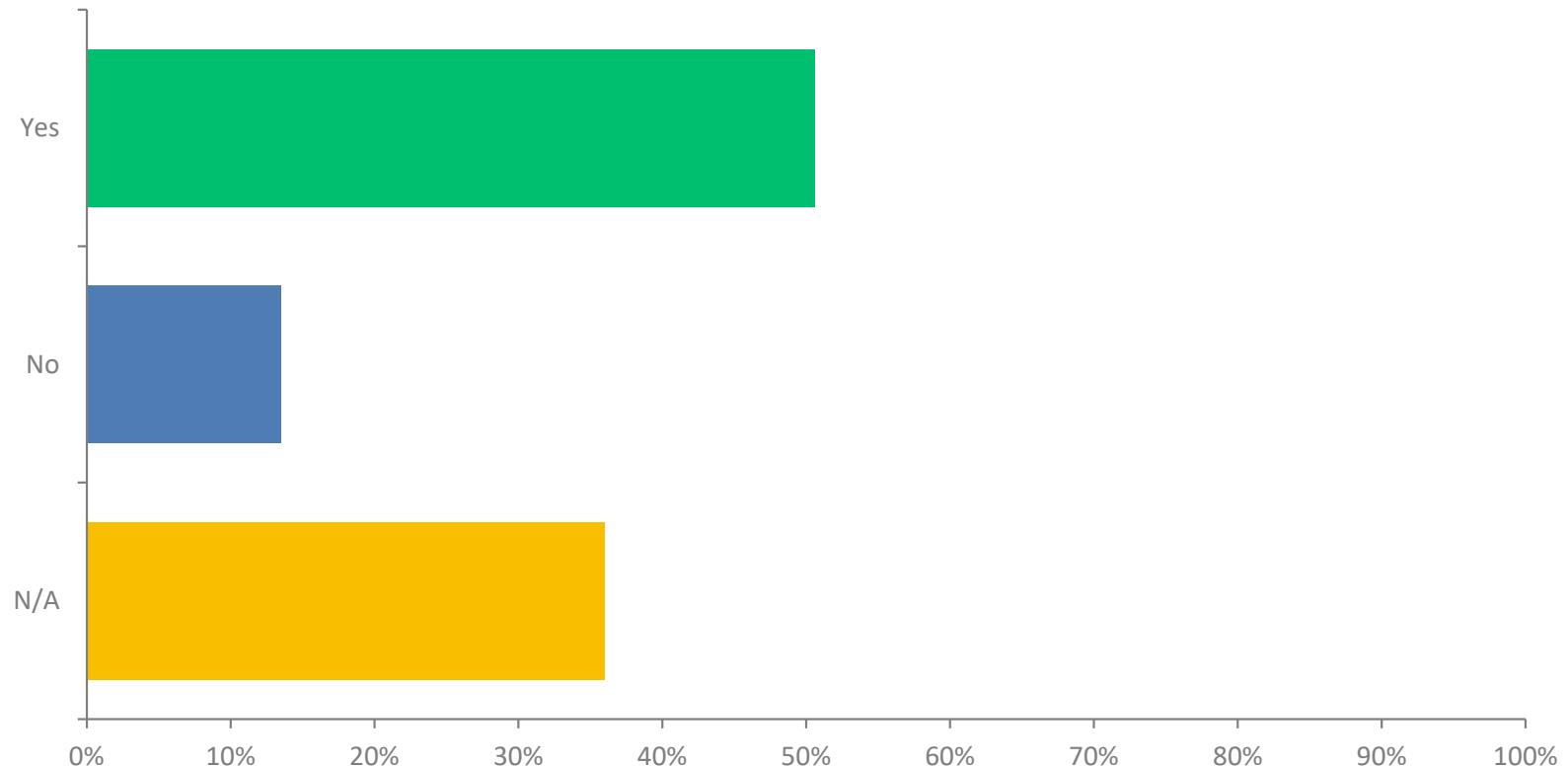
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	37.08%	33
No	62.92%	56
TOTAL		89

Response from all respondents who chose to reply.

Q42: Have you missed work due to childcare needs?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 32



Response from all respondents who chose to reply.

Q42: Have you missed work due to childcare needs?

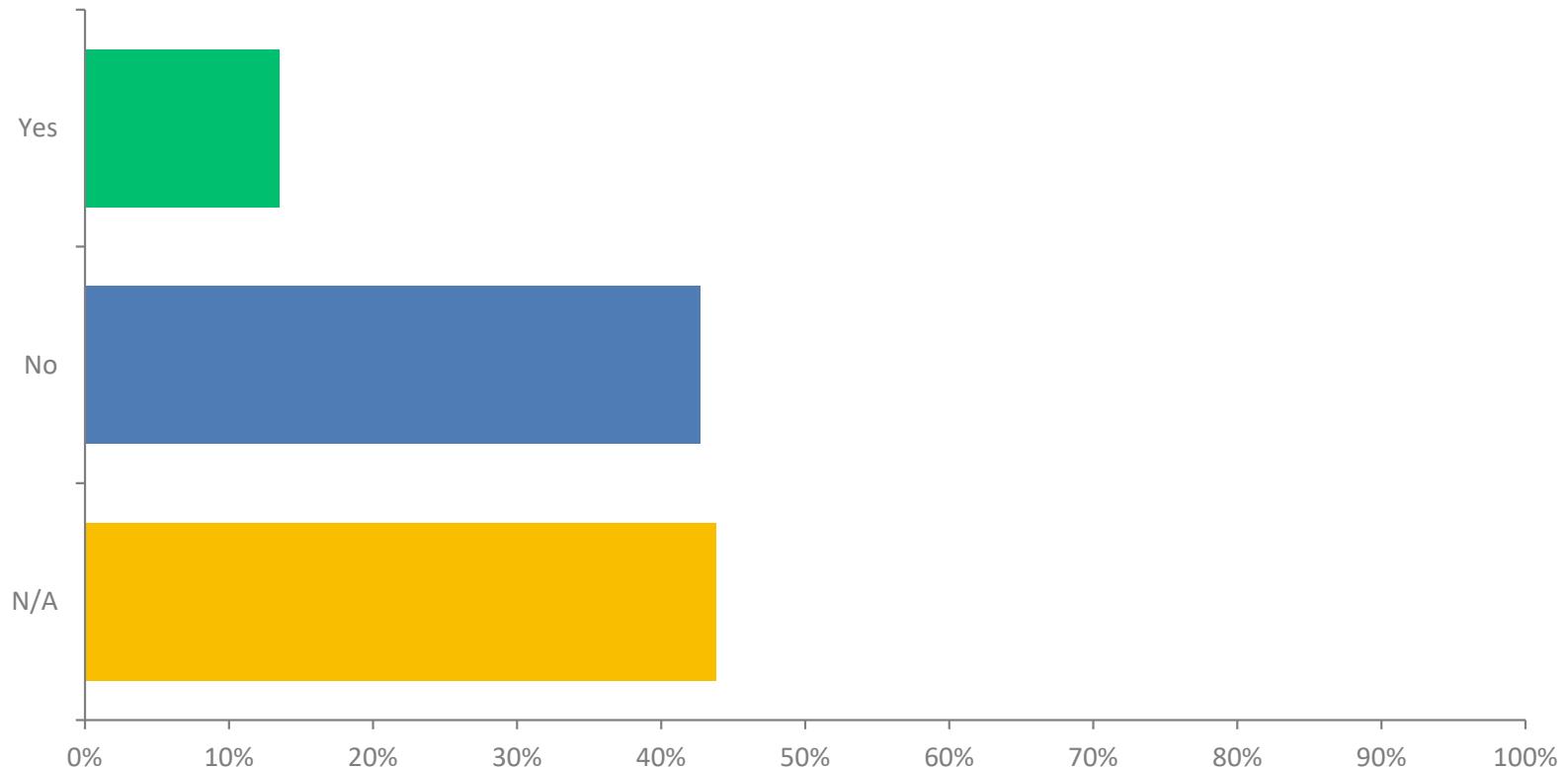
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.56%	45
No	13.48%	12
N/A	35.96%	32
TOTAL		89

Response from all respondents who chose to reply.

Q43: Have you delayed entering or reentering the workforce due to lack of childcare?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 32



Response from all respondents who chose to reply.

Q43: Have you delayed entering or reentering the workforce due to lack of childcare?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 32

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	13.48%	12
No	42.70%	38
N/A	43.82%	39
TOTAL		89

Response from all respondents who chose to reply.