



What **YOUNG**  
Australia  
Thinks ...

2022

# GENERATION

THE 10 YEAR YOUTH JOURNEY



# What do **youth** think?

National report

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and  
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**GENERATION** is a survey of Year 10 students and will follow the journey of some students for the next ten years. **GENERATION** seeks to find out what students are doing at school and what their future plans might be.

This summary report provides selected results from **GENERATION** in 2022. Not all Year 10 students will have participated in the survey and the results should be considered indicative rather than representative.

**15,331 students took part in GENERATION in 2022.**

Year 10 students from more than 500 schools were invited to take part in **GENERATION** in 2022. This report allows you to make comparisons back to National data.

We hope that the information provided is beneficial and we thank you for your support for the project.

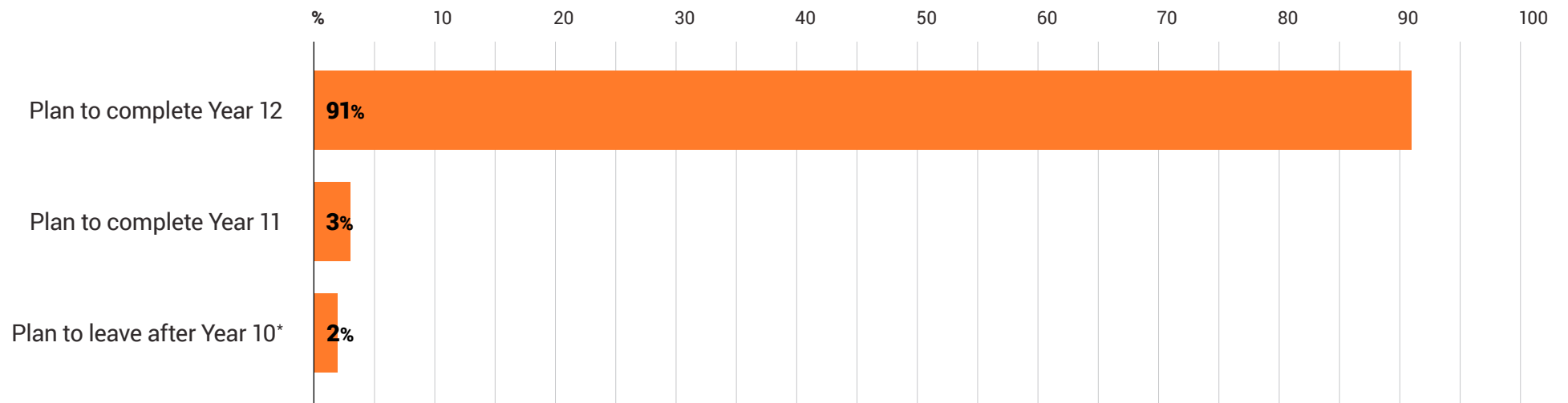
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# Future plans



## Intentions to finish school



\*This could include students who may leave during Year 10.



# Future plans



## Uncertainty about future plans

**56%**

of students know  
their future plans

**15%**

of students are  
not sure of their  
future plans

**28%**

of students  
don't know their  
future plans

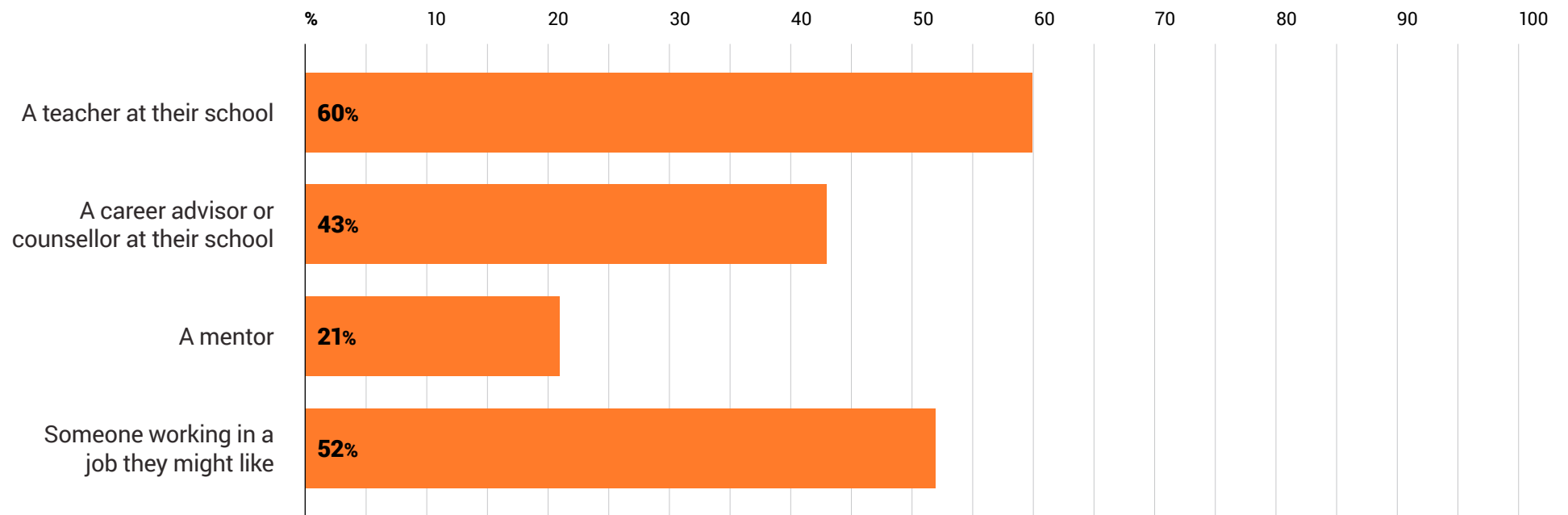


# Future plans

what students did in 2022 to help them make decisions about their futures



## They spoke to people about their career plans



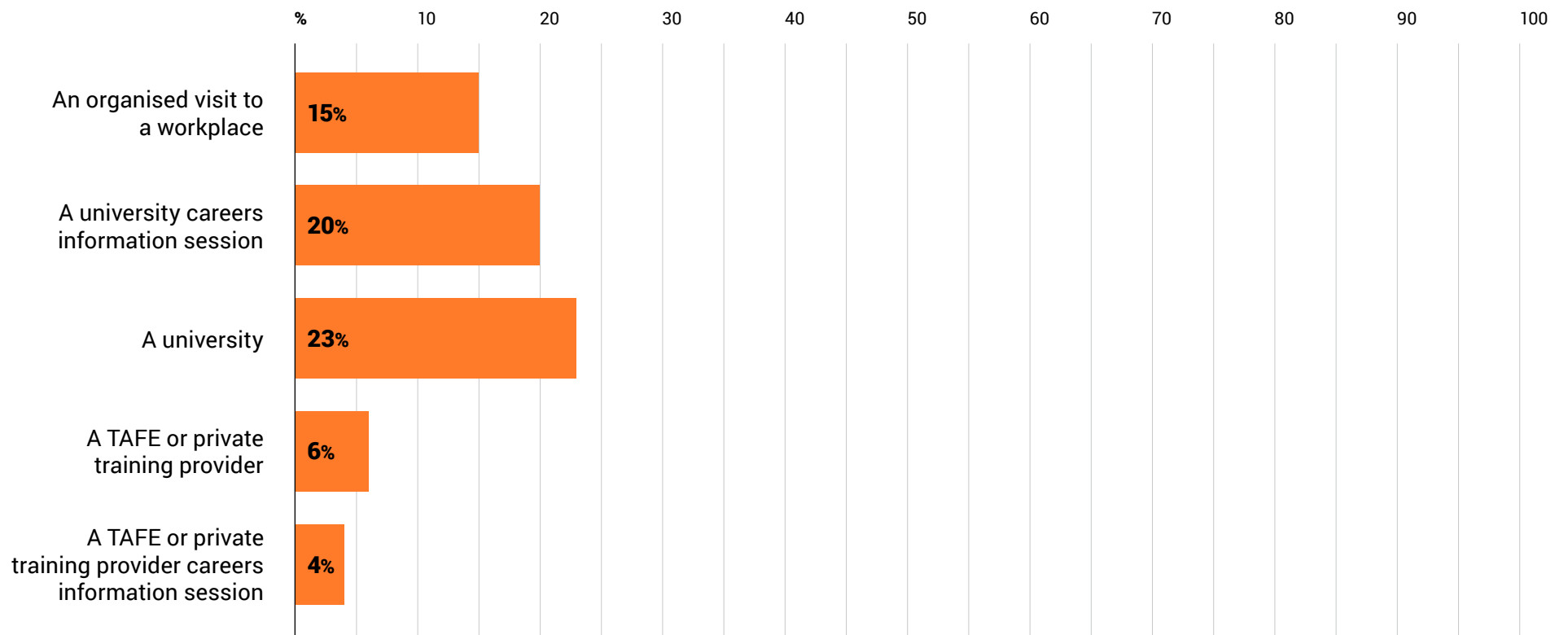


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## They attended or visited



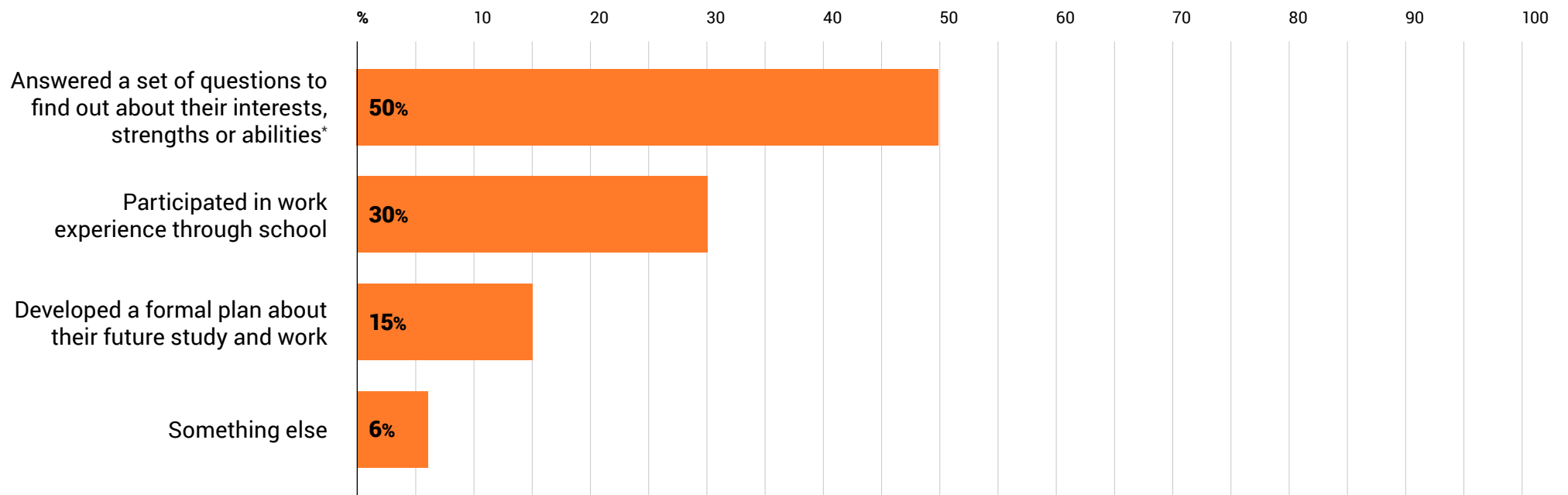


# Future plans

what students did in 2022 to help them make decisions about their futures



## Other activities



\*Please note that this question was asked prior to students completing the set of questions about their career interests.





# Career interest areas



## REALISTIC

People with **Realistic** interests like work that includes practical, hands-on problems and answers. Often people with Realistic interests do not like careers that involve paperwork or working closely with others.

**They like working with plants and animals, real-world materials like wood, tools, and machinery, outside work.**

## INVESTIGATIVE

People with **Investigative** interests like work that has to do with ideas and thinking rather than physical activity or leading people.

**They like searching for facts, figuring out problems.**

## ARTISTIC

People with **Artistic** interests like work that deals with the artistic side of things, such as acting, music, art, and design.

**They like creativity in their work, work that can be done without following a set of rules.**

## SOCIAL

People with **Social** interests like working with others to help them learn and grow. They like working with people more than working with objects, machines, or information.

**They like teaching, giving advice, helping and being of service to people.**

## ENTERPRISING

People with **Enterprising** interests like work that has to do with starting up and carrying out business projects. These people like taking action rather than thinking about things.

**They like persuading and leading people, making decisions, taking risks for profits.**

## CONVENTIONAL

People with **Conventional** interests like work that follows set procedures and routines. They prefer working with information and paying attention to details rather than working with ideas.

**They like working with clear rules, following a strong leader.**

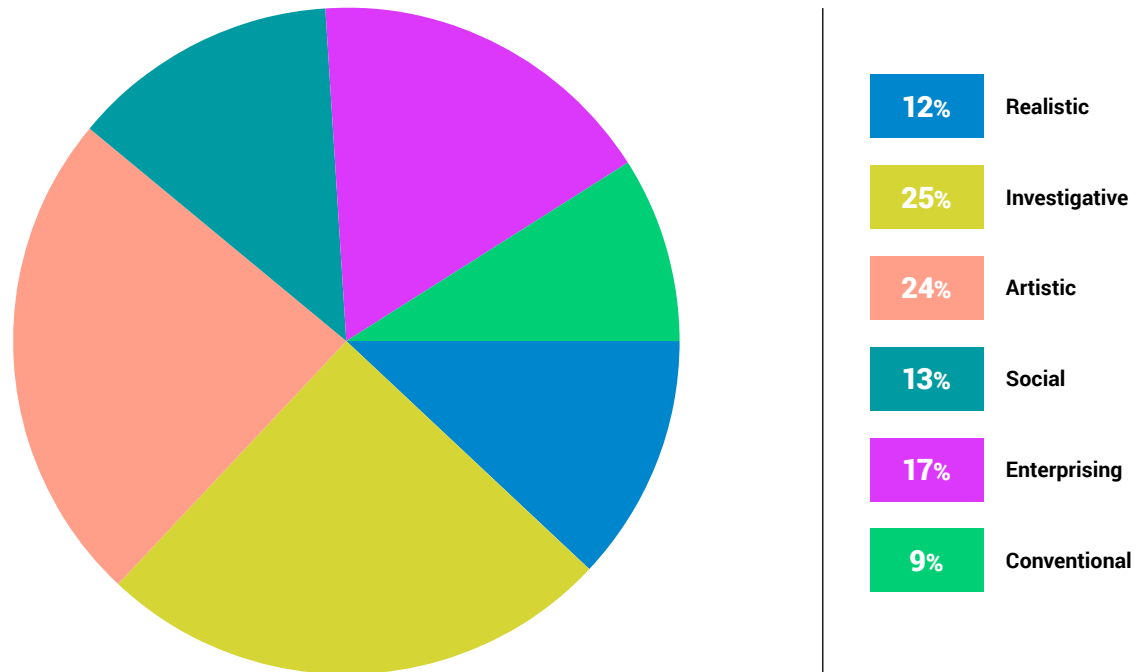


# Career interest areas



% of students whose top interest area was

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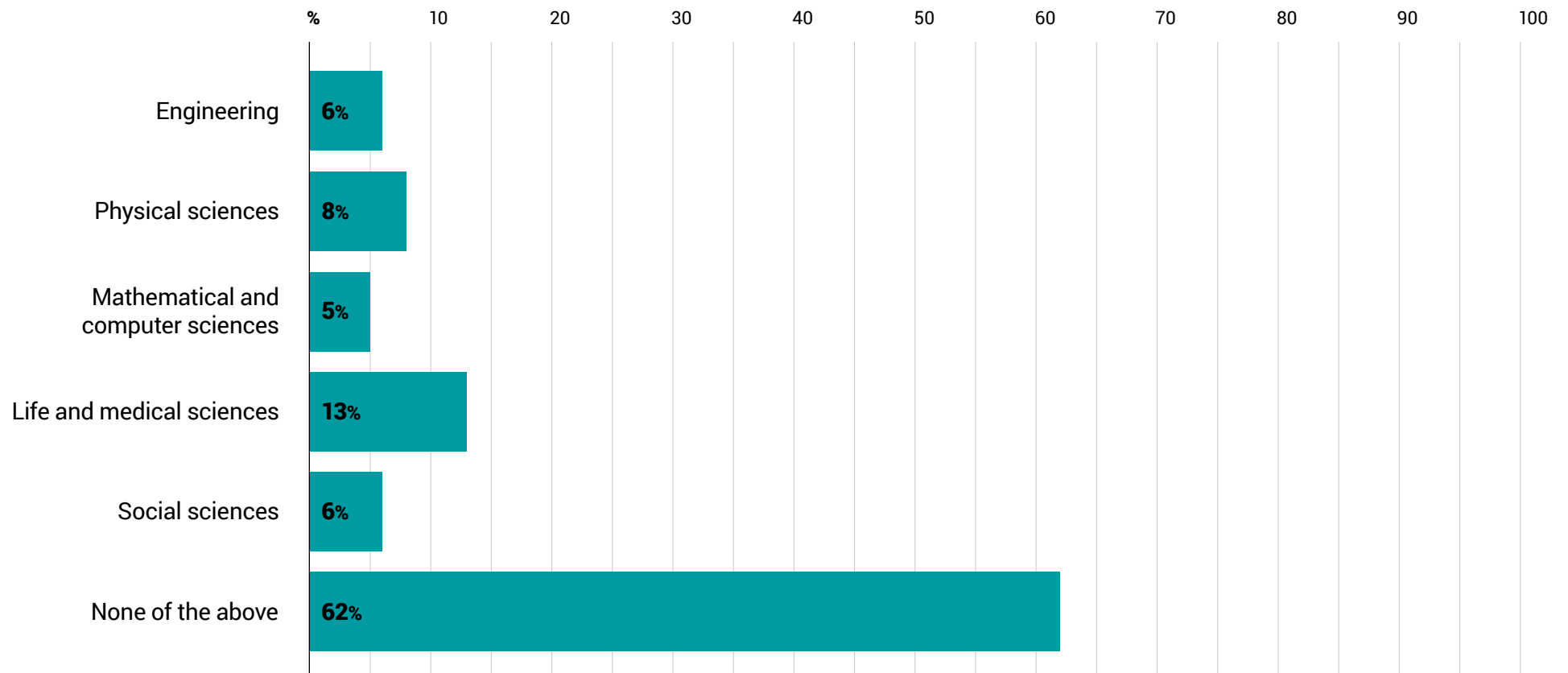




# Career interest areas



## % of students whose top basic interest was STEM or social science

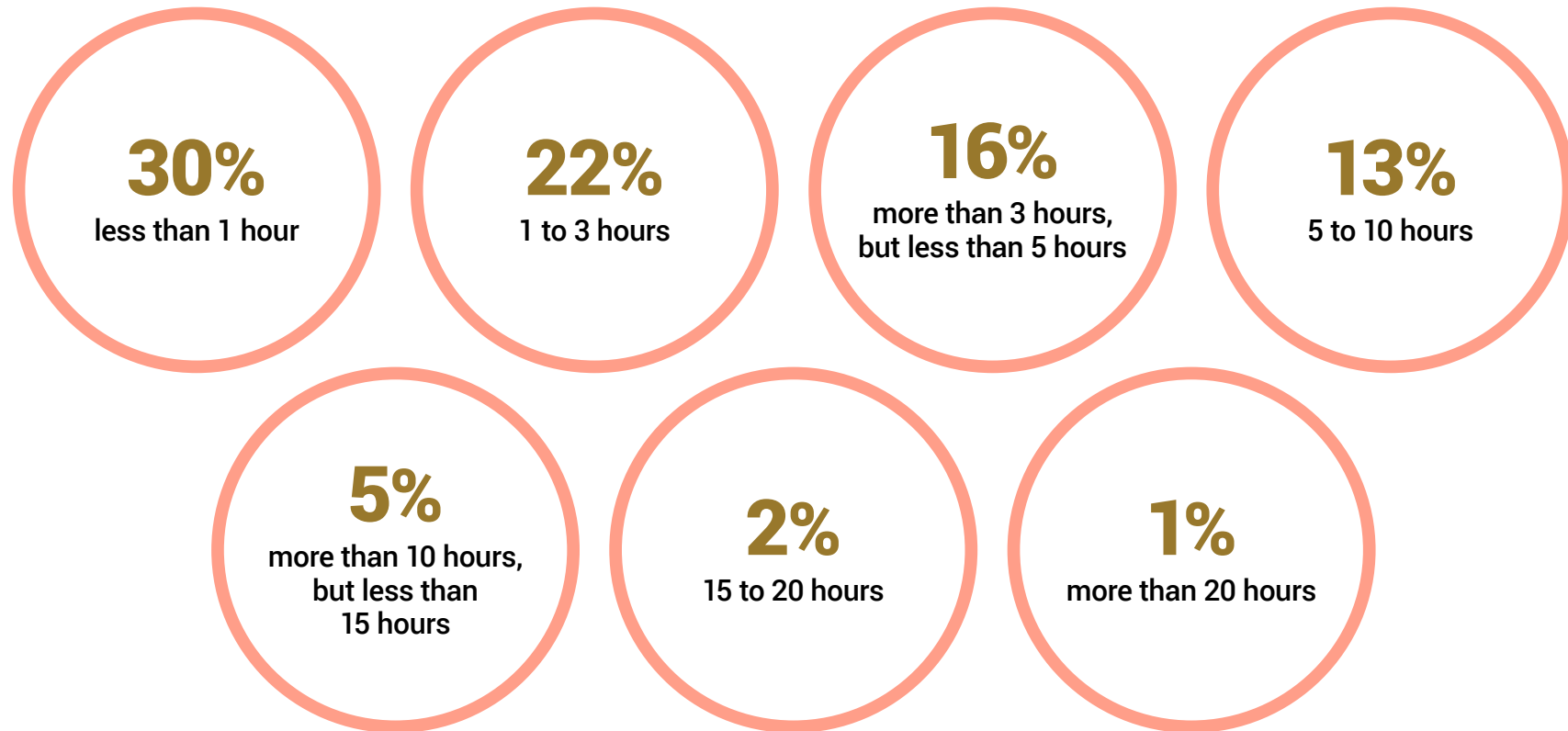


In cases where a student has tied highest scores, their response has been weighted evenly across the tied interest areas. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.



# Homework and tutoring

## Homework in the last week\*



\*In the week prior to survey completion.



## Homework and tutoring

### Access to tutoring outside of school hours in the last 12 months\*

**6%**

have a tutor more  
than once per week

**15%**

have a tutor  
once per week

**5%**

have a tutor less  
than once per week

**69%**

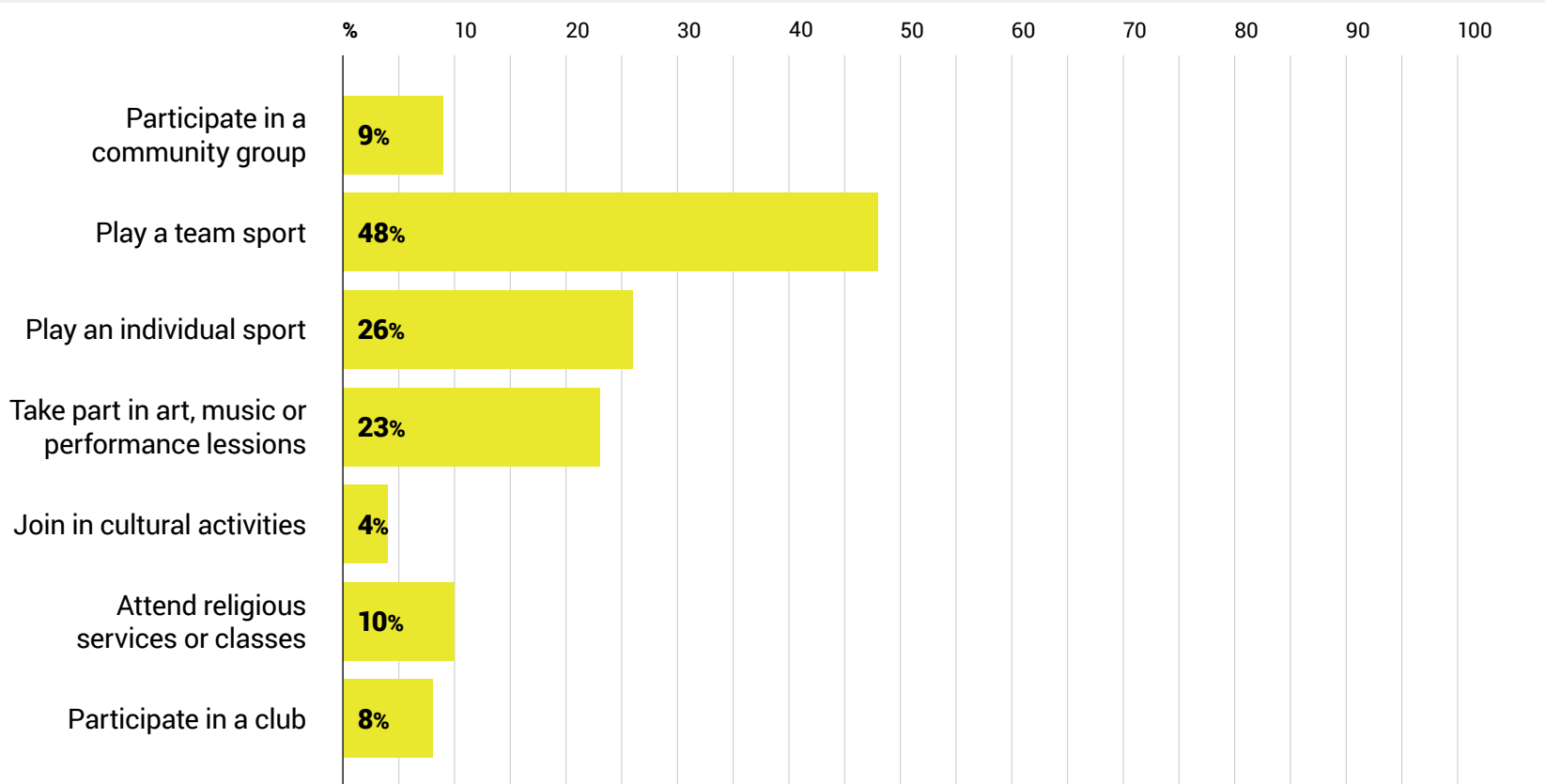
did not have a tutor



# Employment and extra-curricular activities



**% of students who participated in extra-curricular activities in the year (at least once per week, for 3 or more months)**



\*In the 4 weeks prior to survey completion.

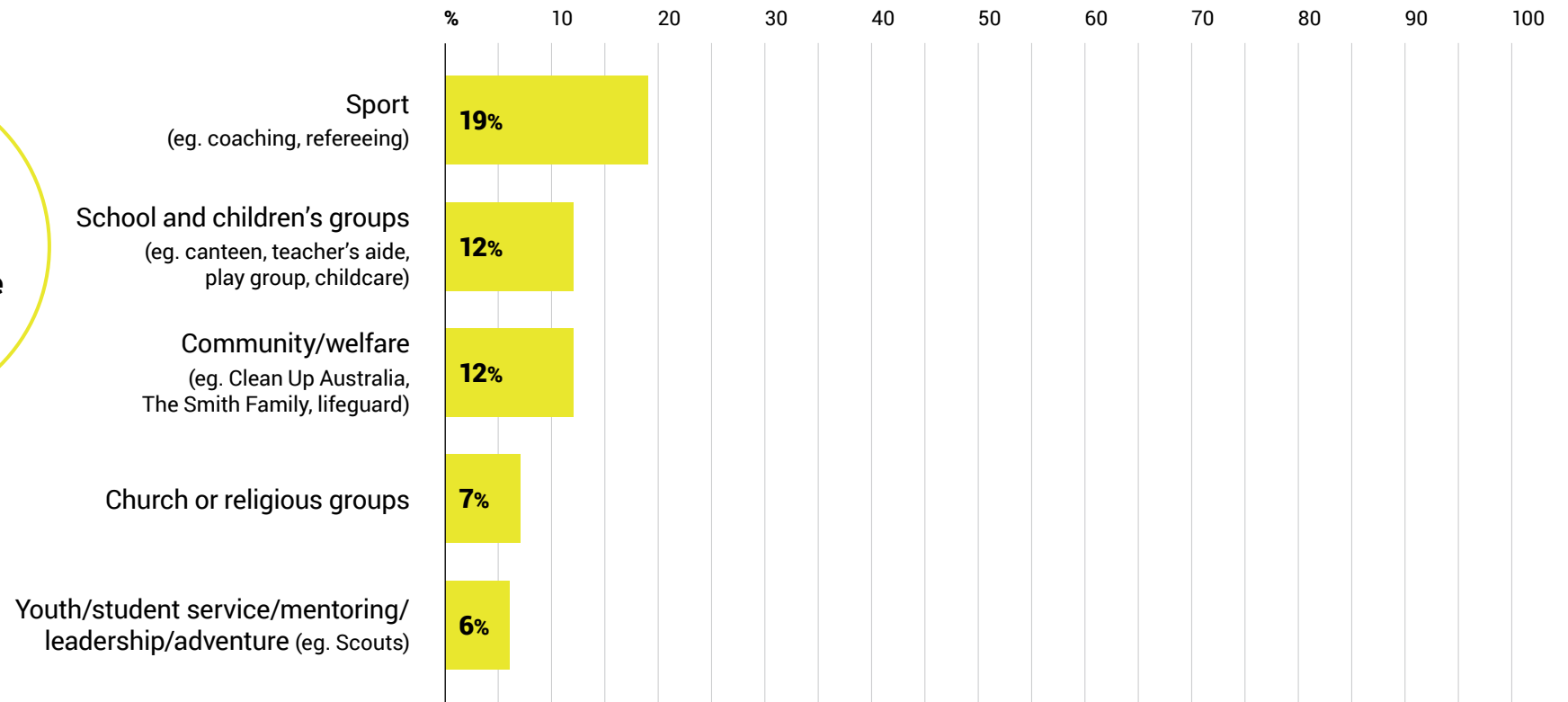


# Employment and extra-curricular activities



## % of students who did any unpaid voluntary work in the last 12 months with the following

**40%**  
of students  
volunteered in the  
past 12 months\*



\*In the 12 months prior to survey completion.



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*GENERATION acknowledges and celebrates the First Australians on whose traditional lands we live, work and study. We seek to better understand who we are as a nation and where we might be going together in the future.*