



What YOUNG  
Australia thinks

2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031

# GENERATION

THE 10 YEAR YOUTH JOURNEY



# What do **youth** think?

Australian Capital Territory **report**

**Future  
plans**

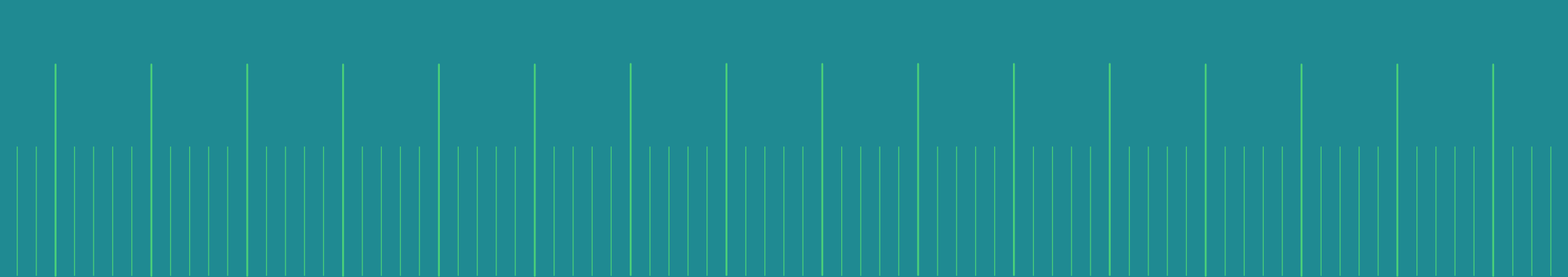
**Study plans  
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**GENERATION** began as a survey of Year 10 students in 2022 and will follow the journey of some participants for the next ten years. **GENERATION** seeks to find out what young people are doing and what their future plans might be.

This summary report provides selected results from **GENERATION** in 2024. Not all Year 10 students may have participated in 2022 and not all of those who participated in 2022 may have continued with the survey in 2024 and the results should be considered indicative rather than representative.

## **266 young people took part in GENERATION in 2024.**

Young people from 340 schools took part in **GENERATION** in 2024. Please note, not all participants were still at school at time of survey. At a national level, approximately 95% of young people surveyed were still at school at time of contact. Only 5% of young people were not at school, or said “prefer not to say” when asked.

This report allows you to make comparisons back to Australian Capital Territory data.

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

If you are interested in further details, please contact us at [generation@anu.edu.au](mailto:generation@anu.edu.au).



# Future plans



**Have your post-school plans changed since last year?**

**55%**

of young people said  
their post-school  
plans had changed  
since last year

**44%**

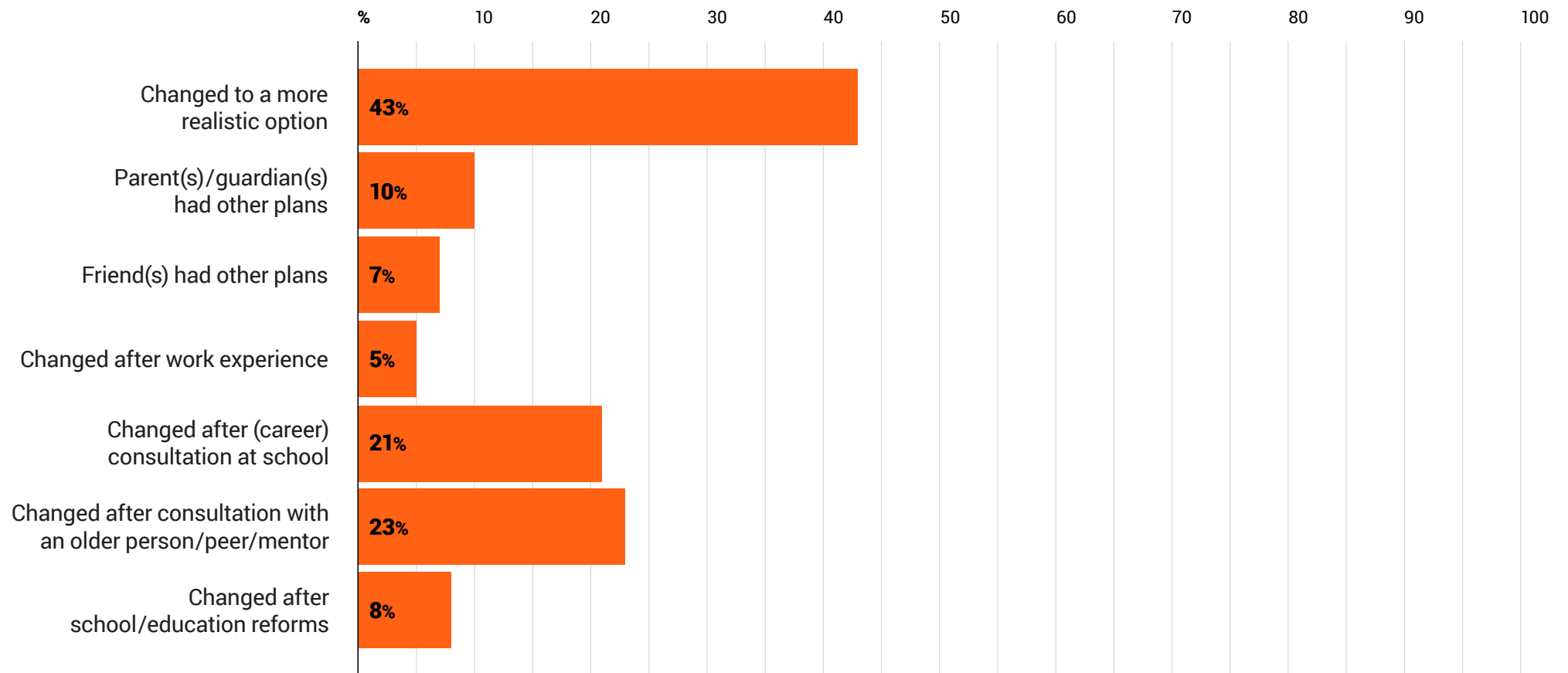
of young people said  
their post-school plans  
had not changed  
since last year



# Future plans



## Why did plans change?



Note: These results are based on responses from 146 young people who said their post-school plans had changed.

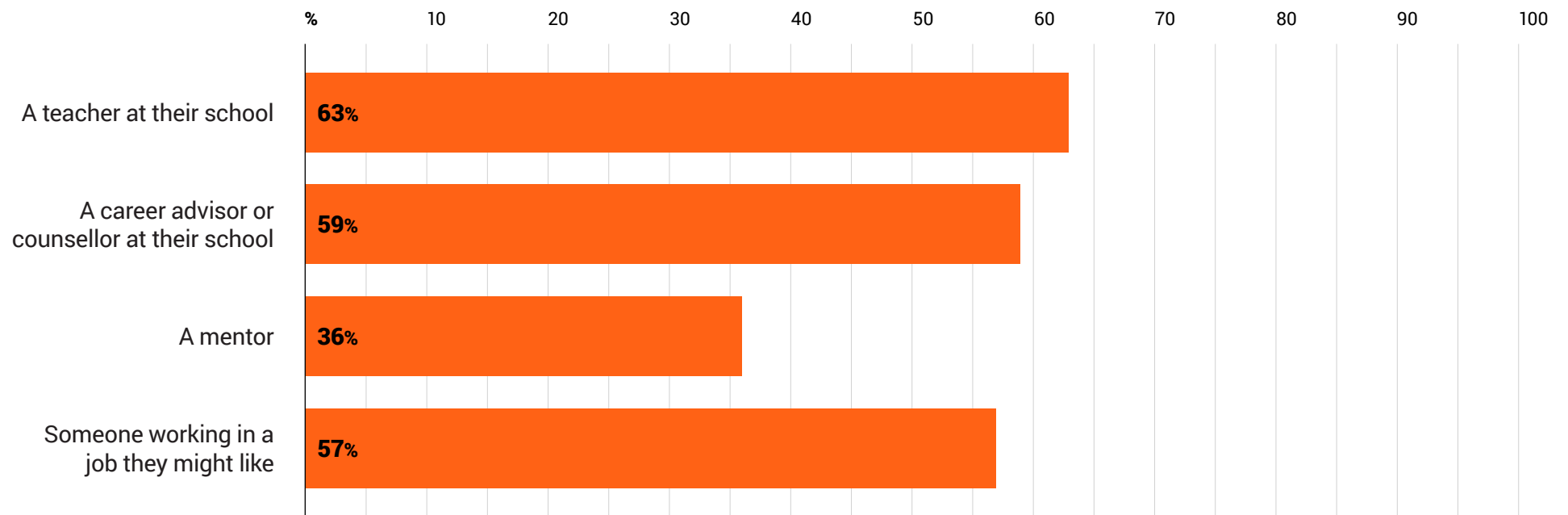


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what young people did in 2024 to help them make decisions about their futures



## They spoke to people about their career plans



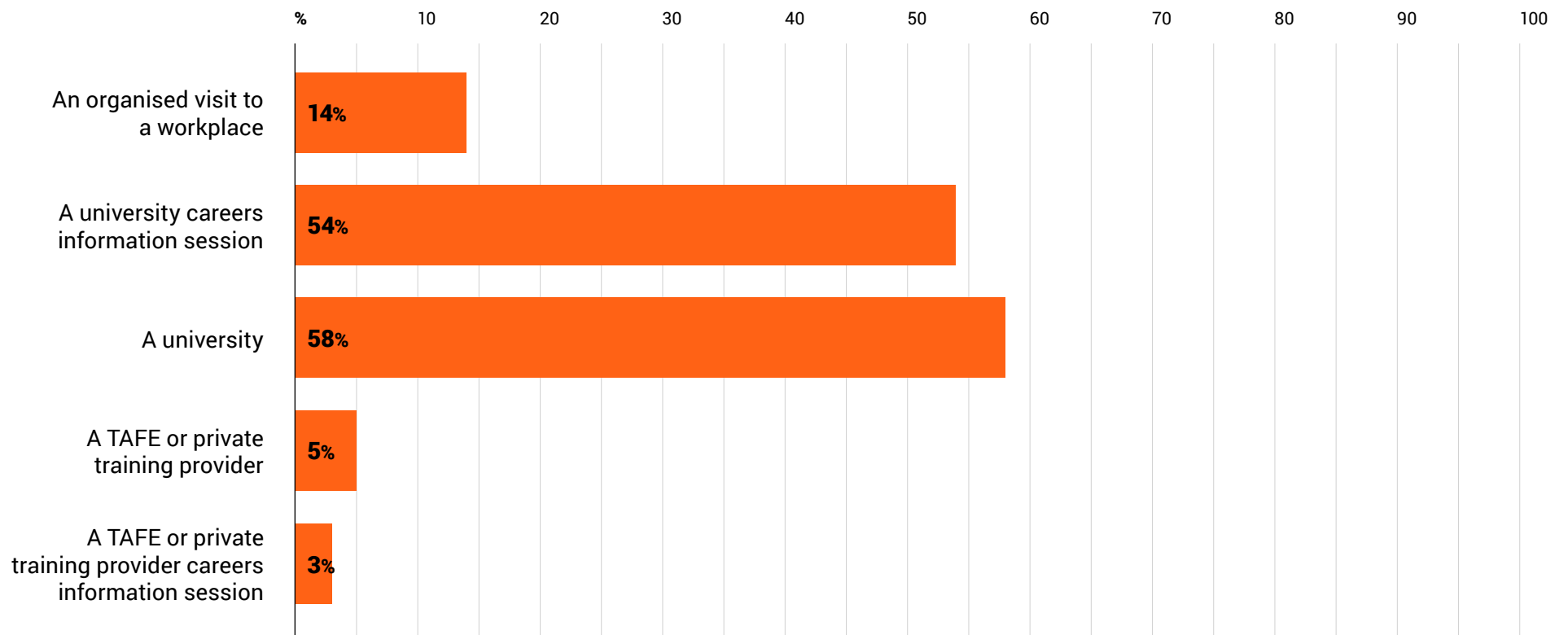


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## They attended or visited



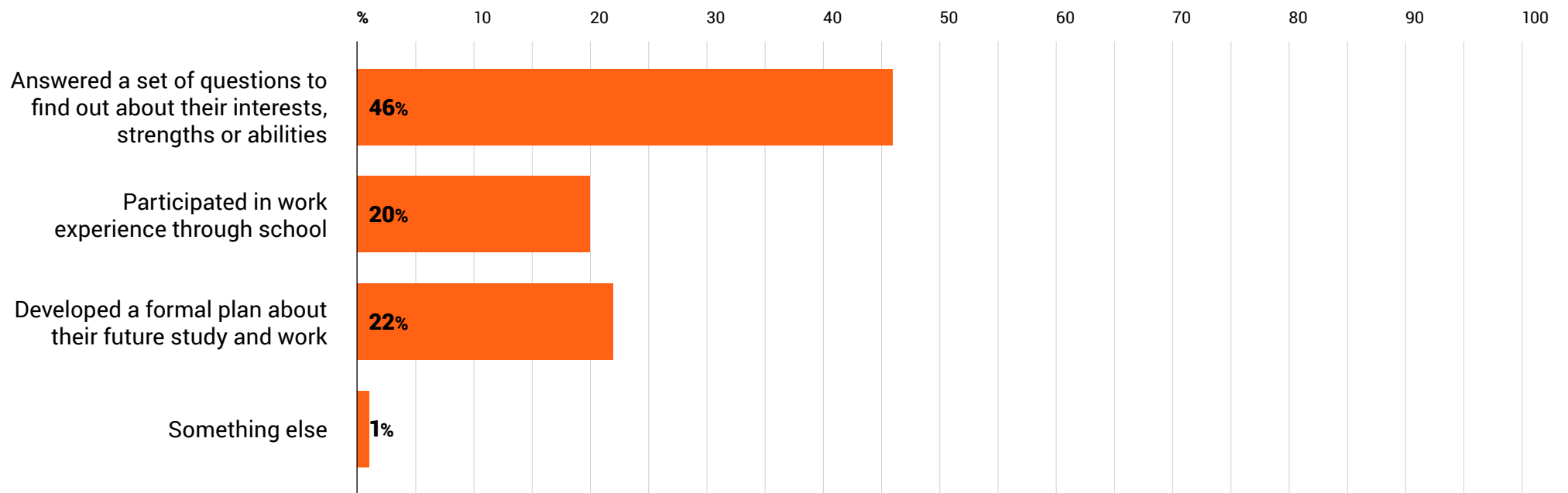


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## Other activities





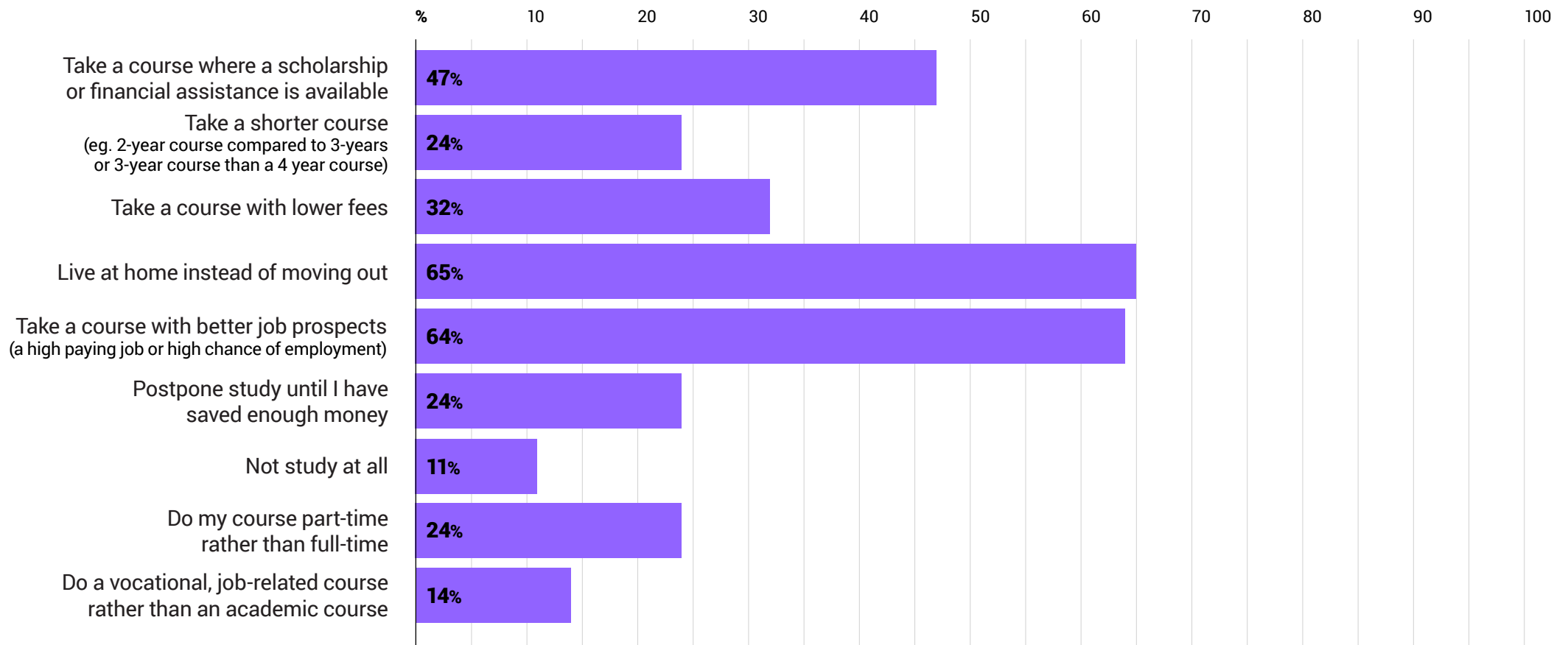


# Study plans

Does the cost of study or training after school affect students' plans?



## Because of cost, are you planning to



Note: Results are a percentage of those who selected agree / strongly agree.

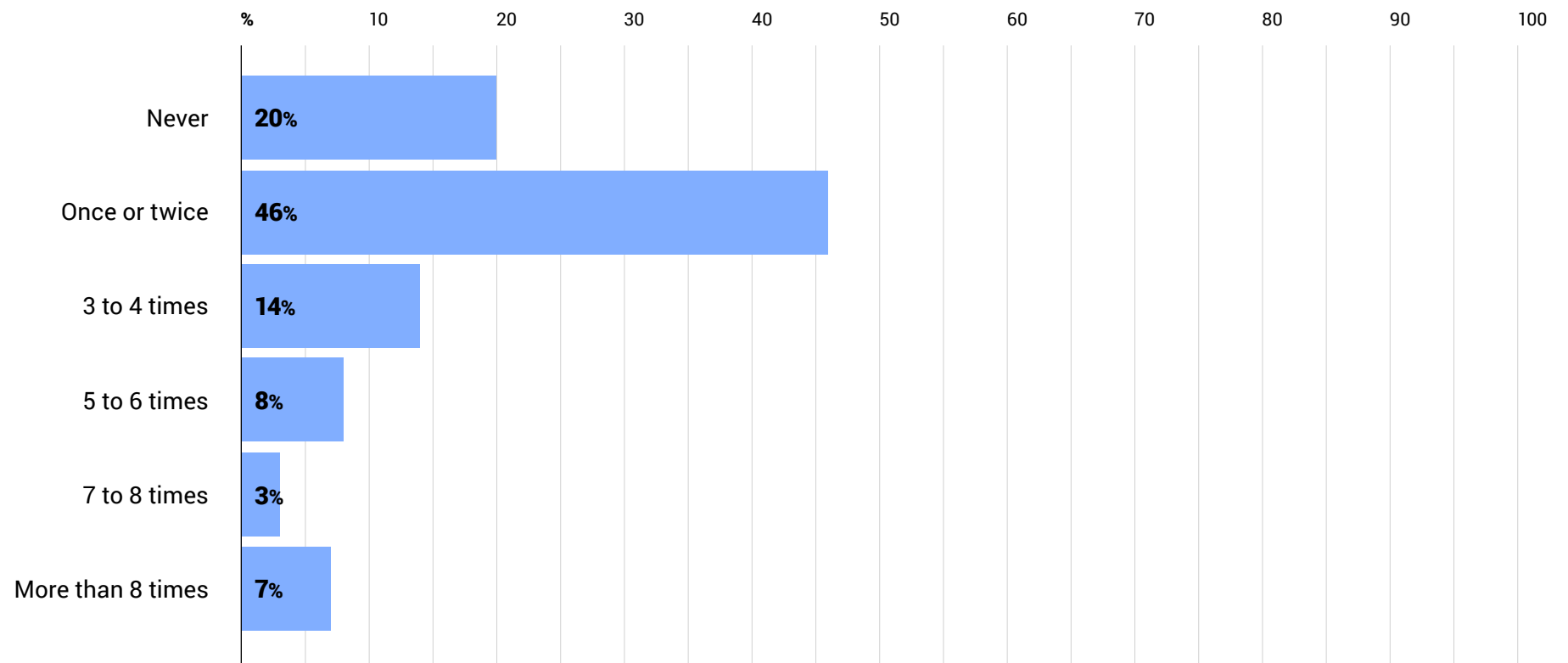


# Mobile phone use

During a typical hour in class



## How often do you check your phone for something other than the time?



Note: These results are based on responses from 262 young people who said they are still in school.

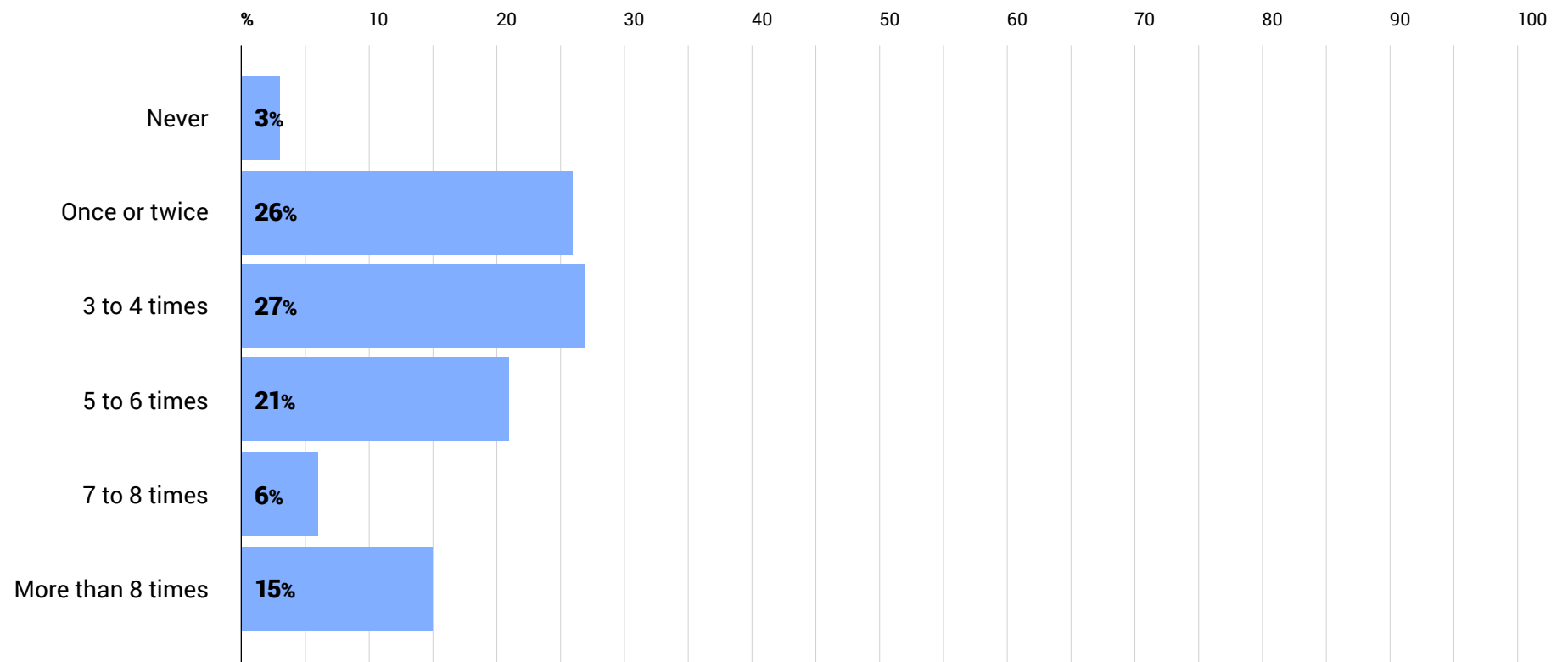


# Mobile phone use

During a typical hour when studying at home



## How often do you check your phone for something other than the time?

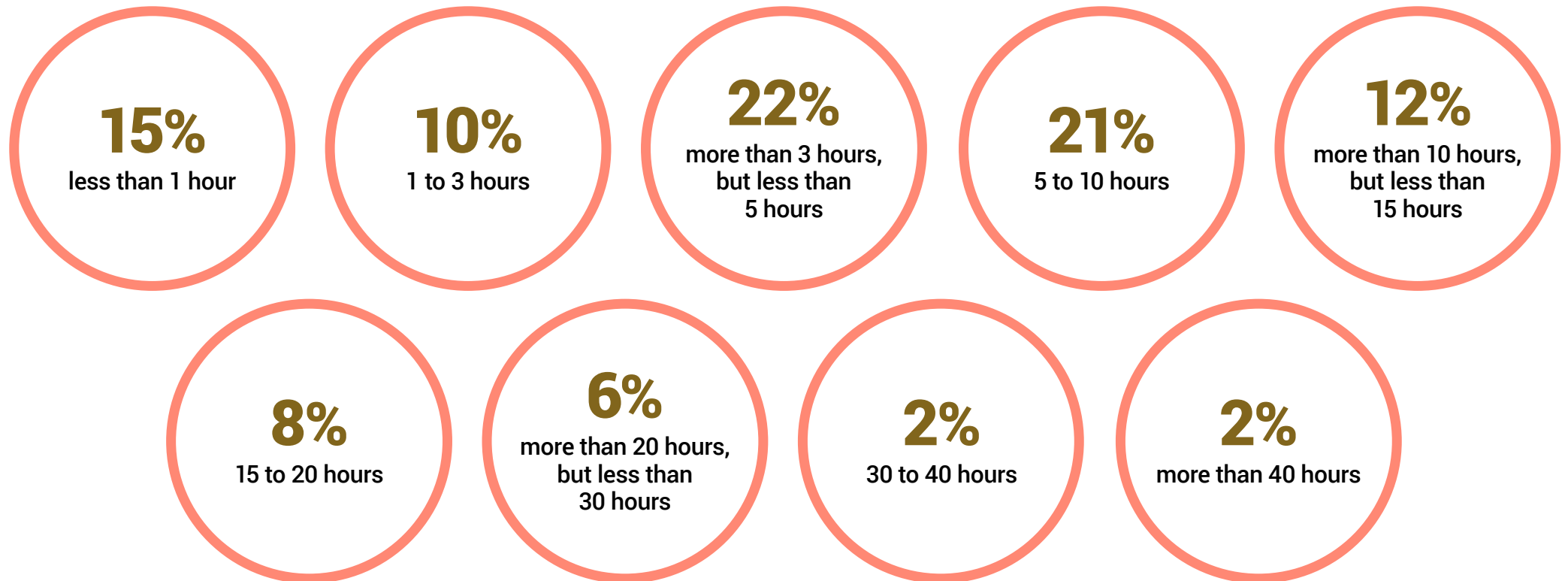


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# Homework and tutoring

## Homework in the last week



Note: Item was asked of young people still at school. Last week refers to week prior to survey completion.



## Homework and tutoring

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

**9%**

have a tutor more  
than once per week

**18%**

have a tutor  
once per week

**5%**

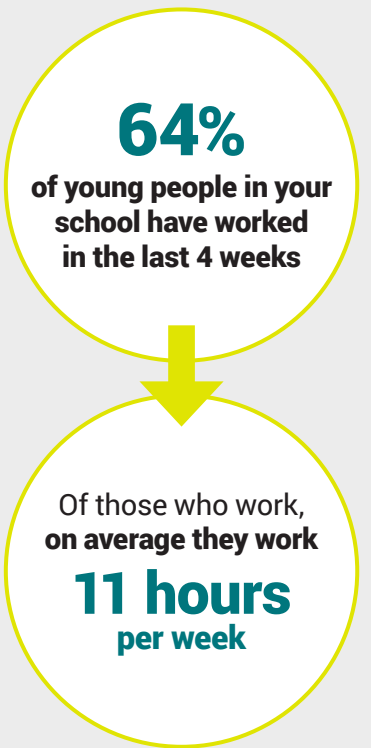
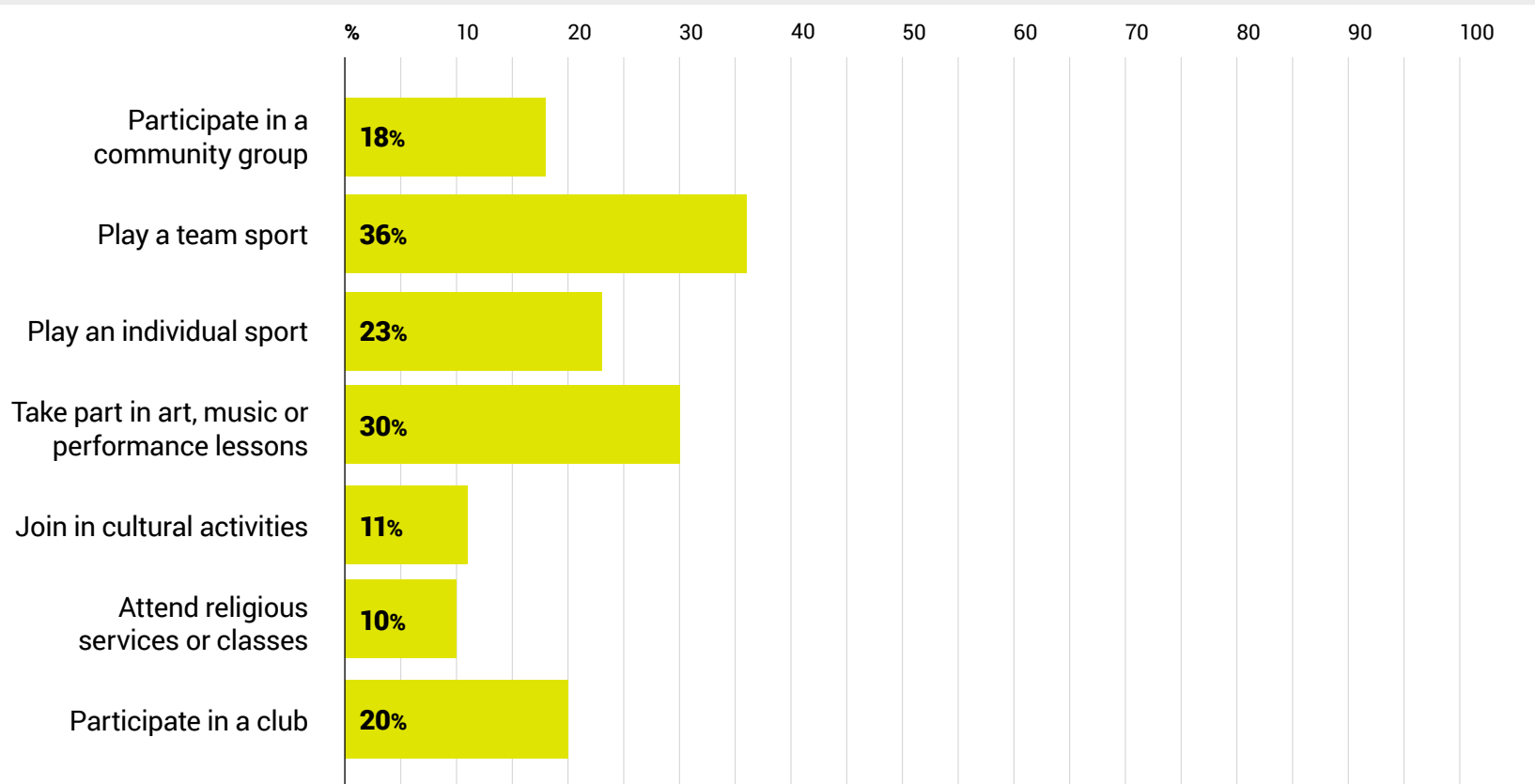
have a tutor less  
than once per week

**65%**

did not have a tutor

# Employment and extra-curricular activities

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



Note: The result for average hours worked is based on responses from 169 young people who had worked in the last 4 weeks.

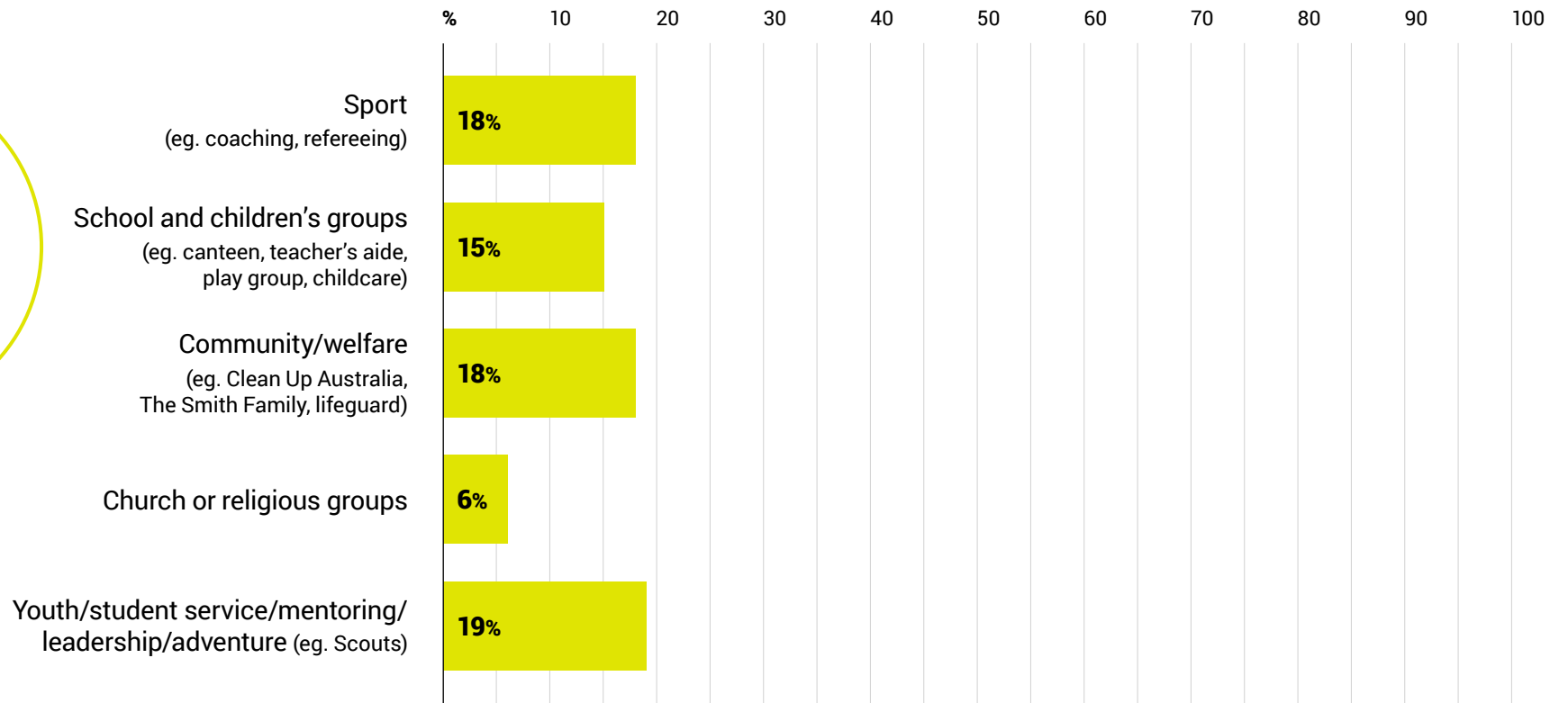


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## % of young people who did any unpaid voluntary work in the last 12 months with the following

**54%**  
of young people  
volunteered in the  
past 12 months



Note: In the past 12 months refers to 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.*