



What YOUNG
Australia thinks

2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031

GENERATION

THE 10 YEAR YOUTH JOURNEY



What do **youth** think?

Independent sector **report**

**Future
plans**

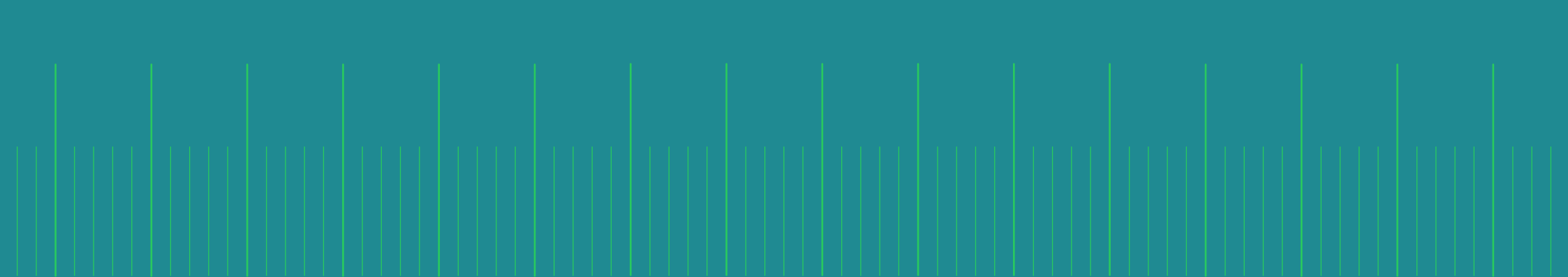
**Study plans
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GENERATION began as a survey of Year 10 students in 2022 and will follow the journey of some participants for the next ten years. **GENERATION** seeks to find out what young people are doing and what their future plans might be.

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.

1,558 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 Independent sector 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.



Future plans



Have your post-school plans changed since last year?

50%

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

48%

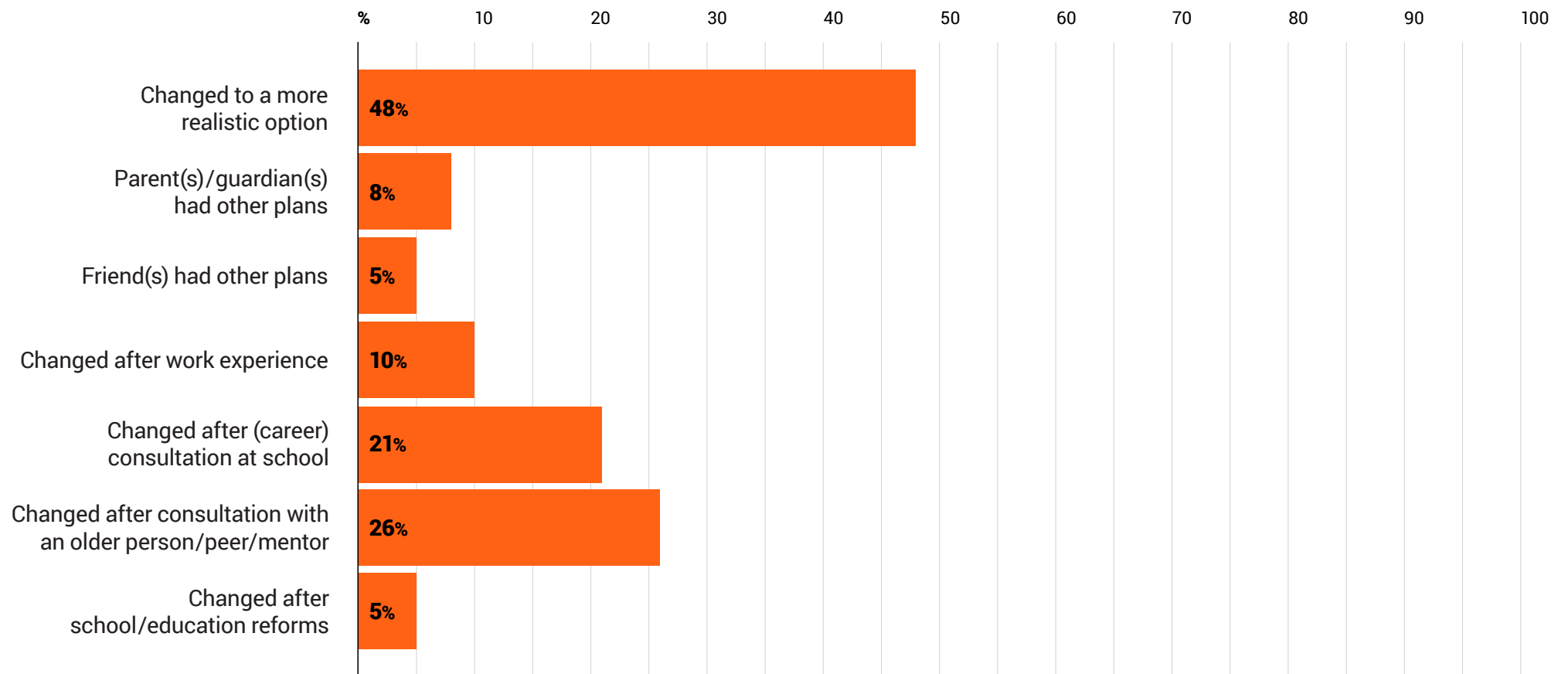
of young people said
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Future plans



Why did plans change?



Note: These results are based on responses from 783 young people who said their post-school plans had changed.

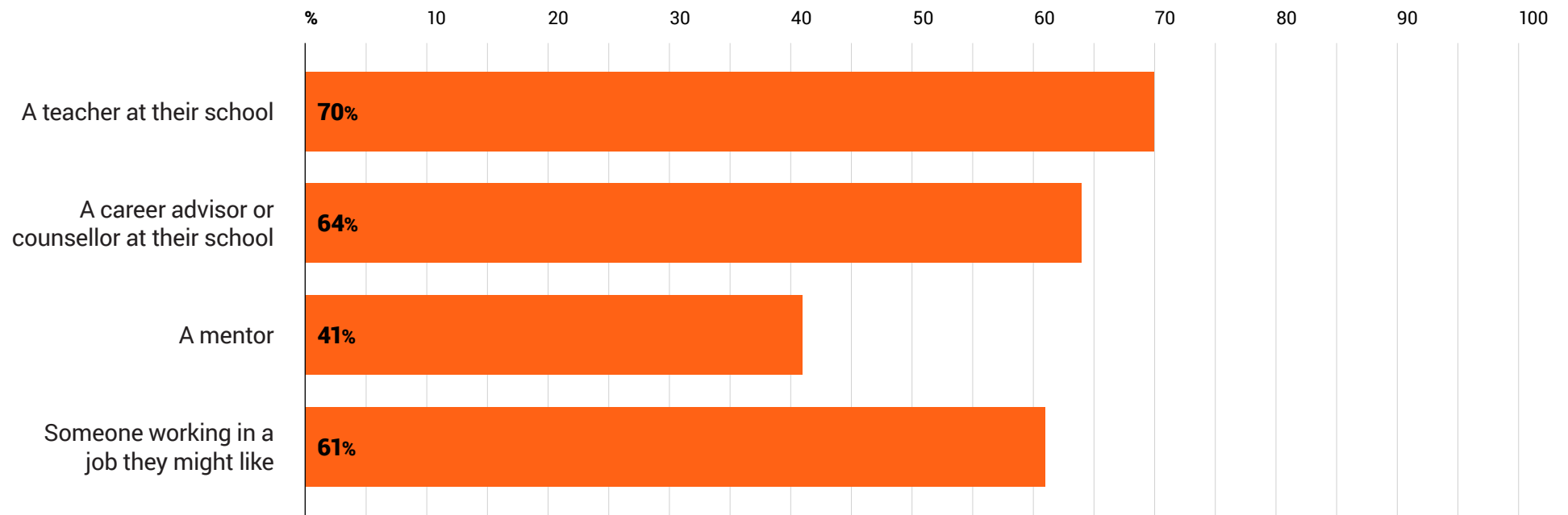


Future plans

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



They spoke to people about their career plans



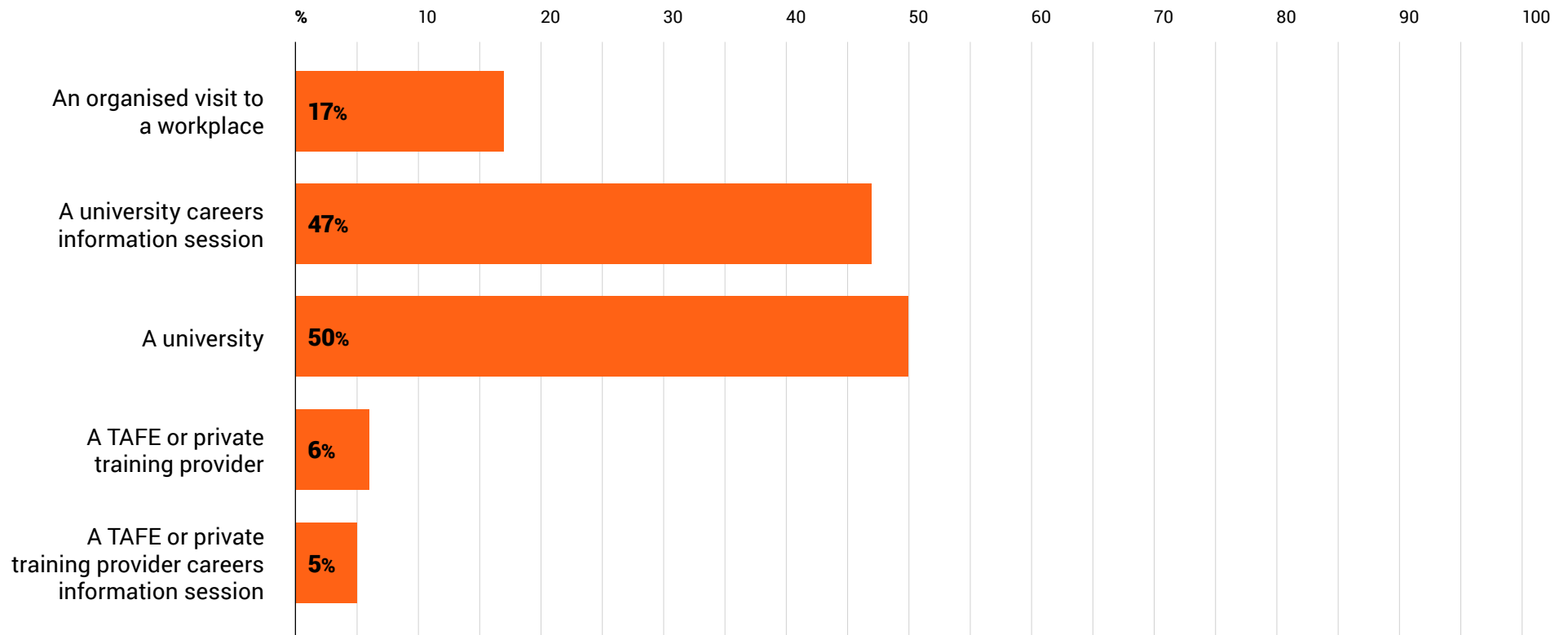


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They attended or visited



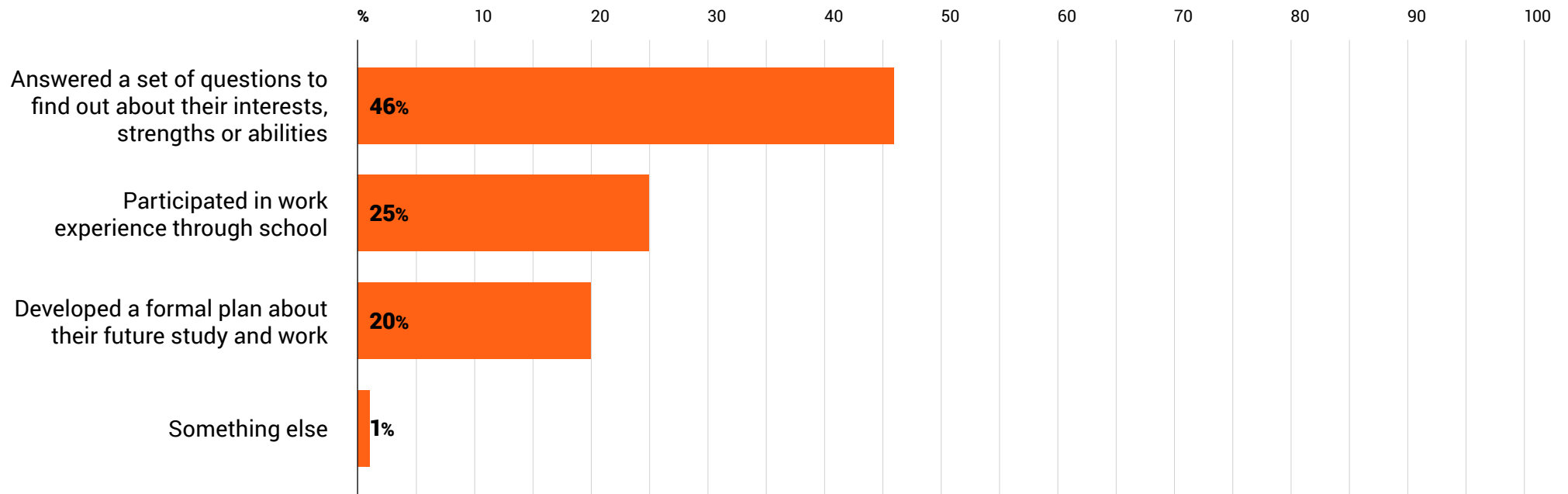


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Other activities



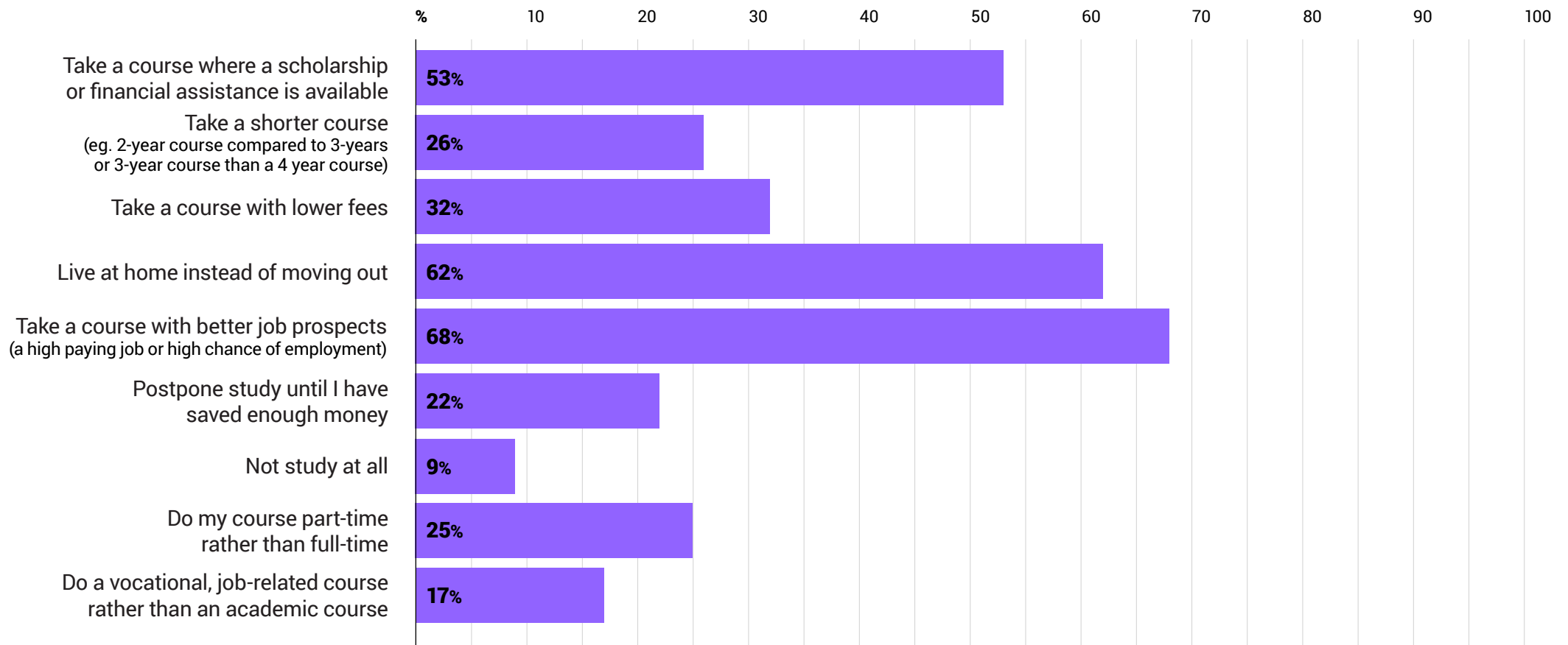


Study plans

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.

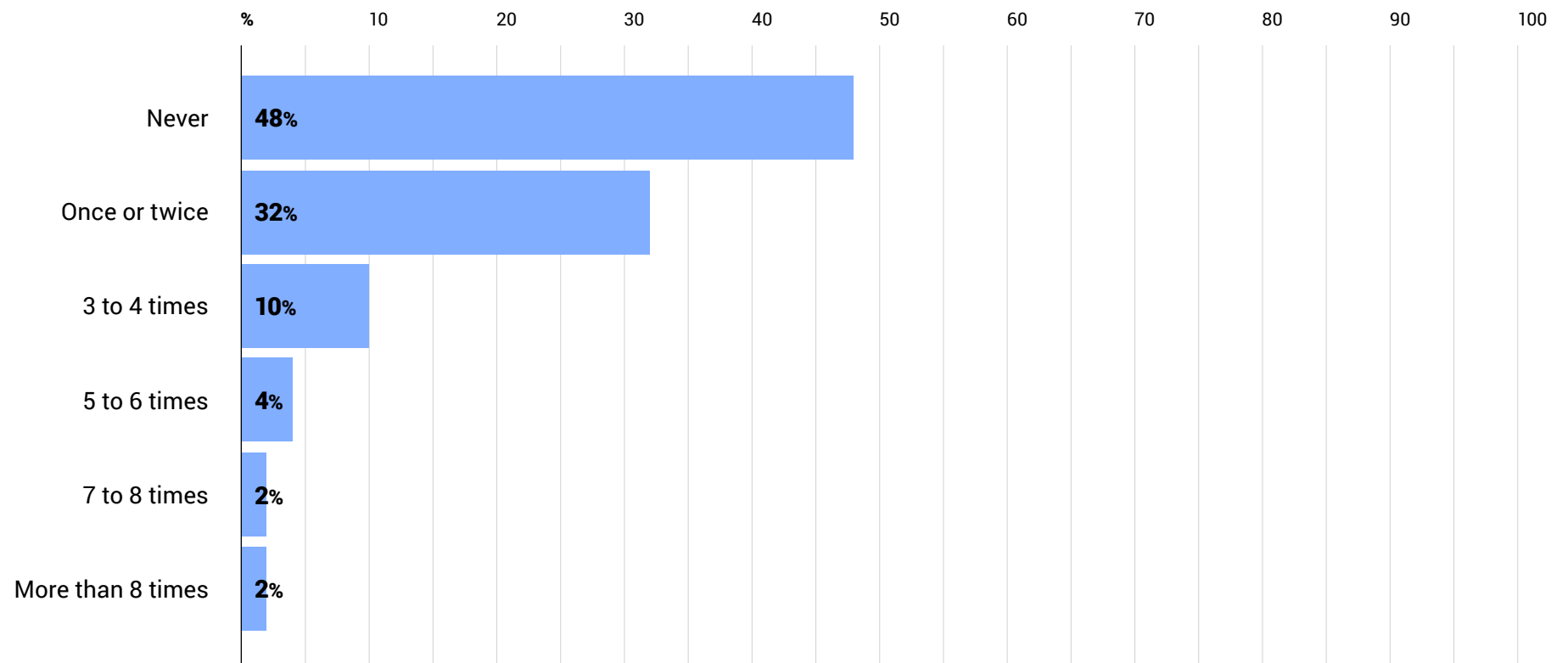


Mobile phone use

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 1527 young people who said they are still in school.

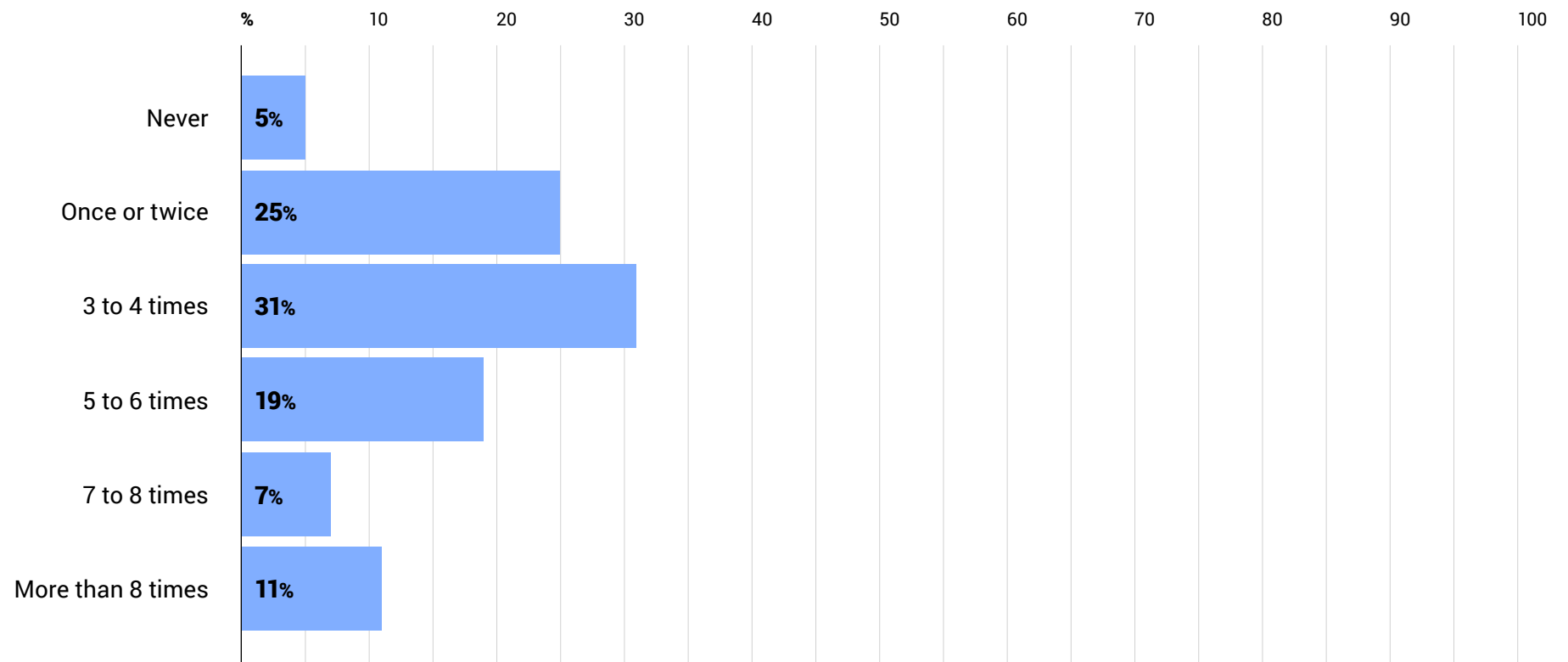


Mobile phone use

During a typical hour when studying at home



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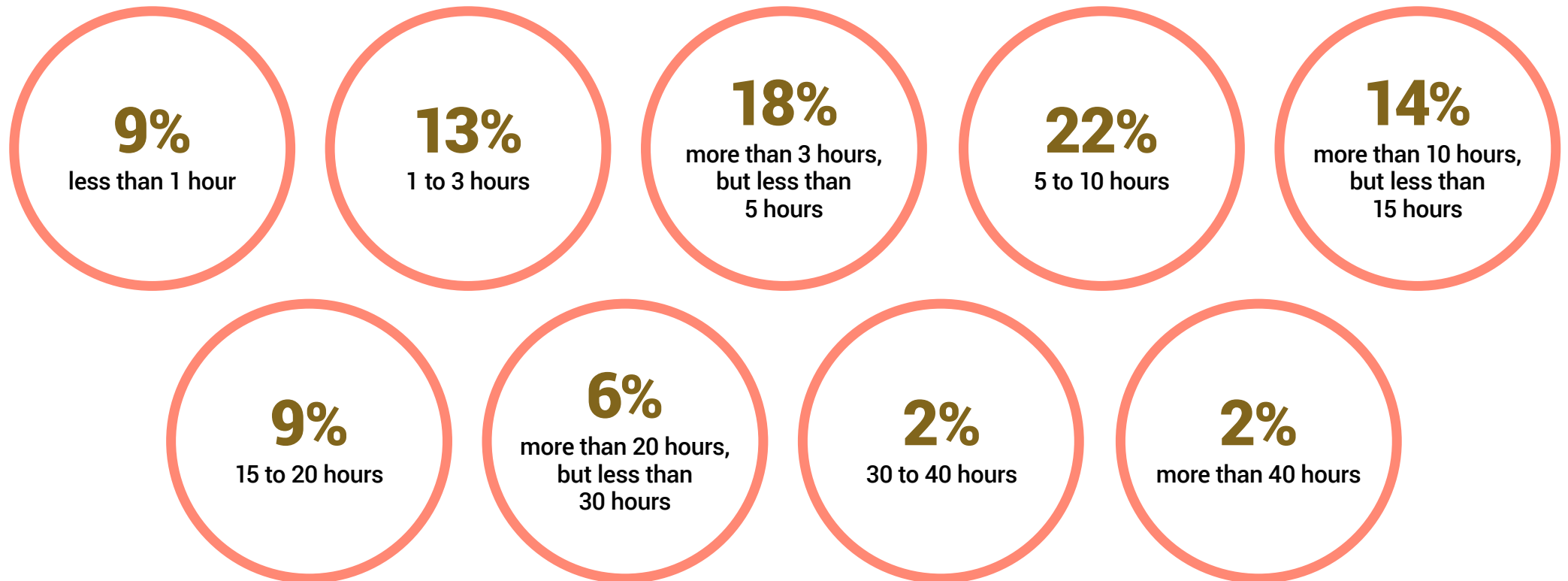
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Homework and tutoring

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

21%

have a tutor
once per week

6%

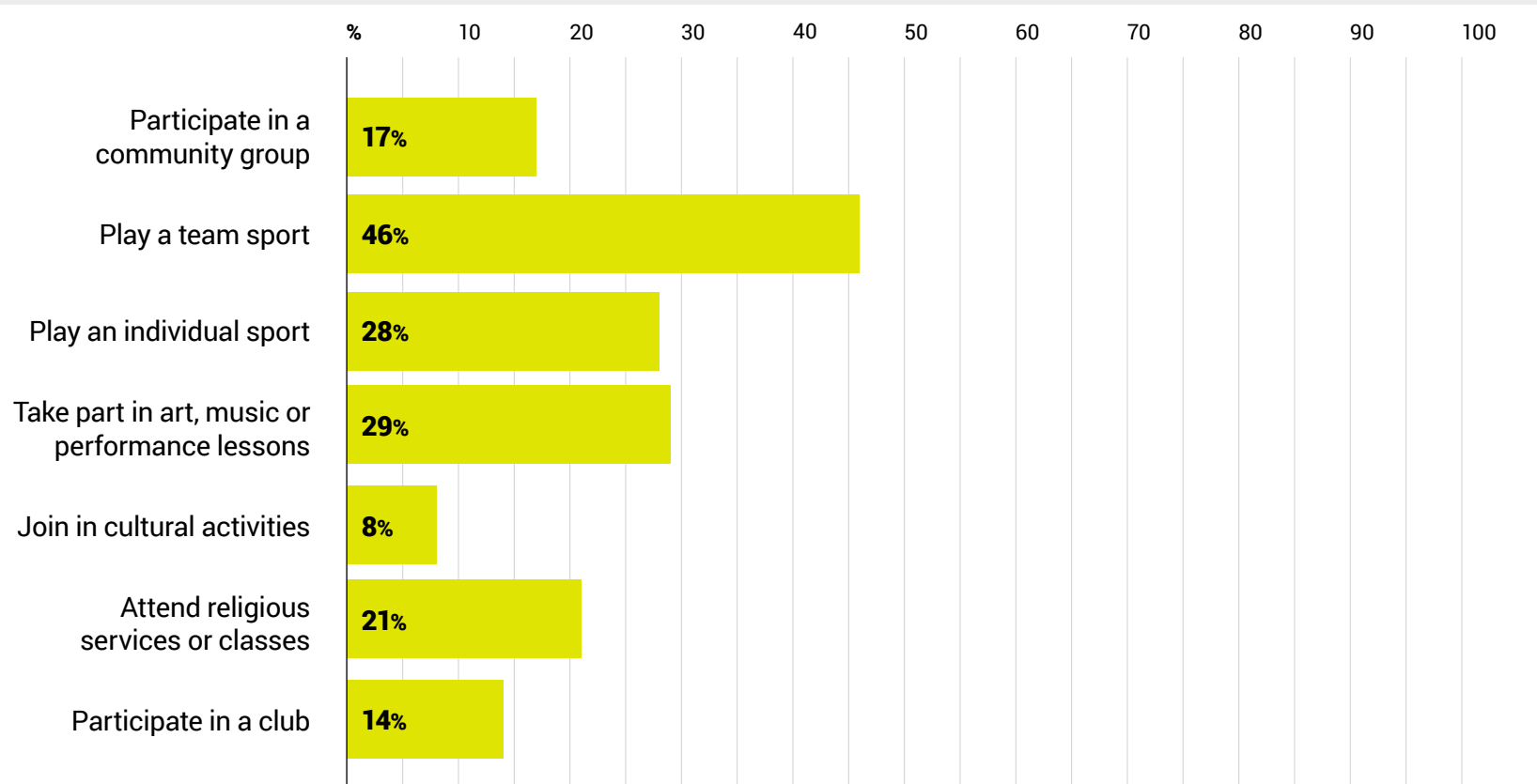
have a tutor less
than once per week

59%

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 998 young people who had worked in the last 4 weeks.

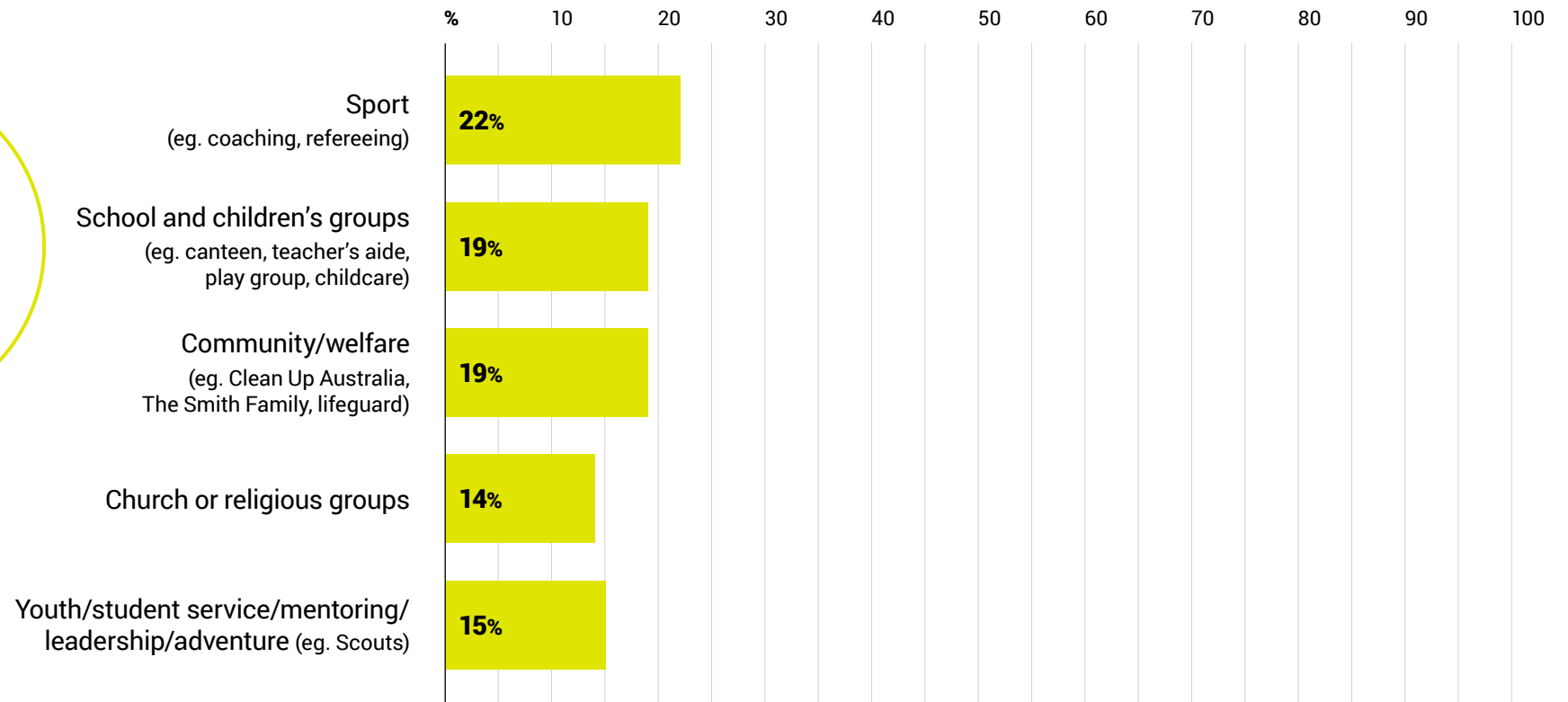


Employment and extra-curricular activities



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

57%
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.