

The Alberta Pharmacists' Pharmacy Practice & Wage Survey Report 2025



About the 2025 Membership & Wage Survey Report



- The Alberta Pharmacists' Association (RxA) is pleased to present the findings of our 2025 Membership & Wage Survey. The survey was open from January 16, 2025, to February 18, 2025, and had 231 respondents.
- This survey provides members with a snapshot of compensation and benefits among Alberta pharmacists and management.
- Please note that this is not a survey of employers, nor a report of salary ranges. RxA recommends using a number of sources when evaluating salaries and income levels.
- Please email Kendall.Franklin@rxa.ca with areas you would like to see further data on or other ways to improve the survey.

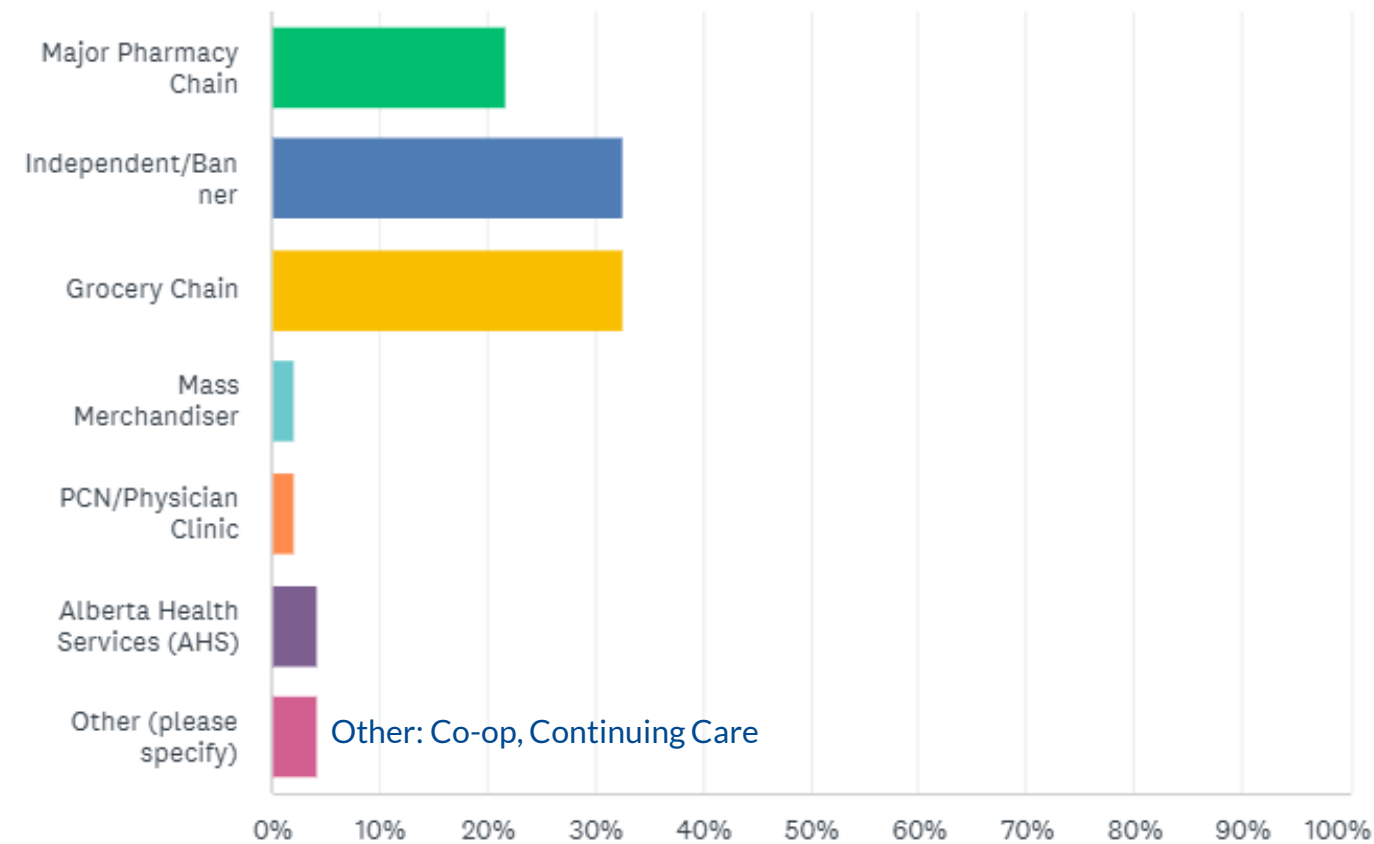


Which best describes your position?

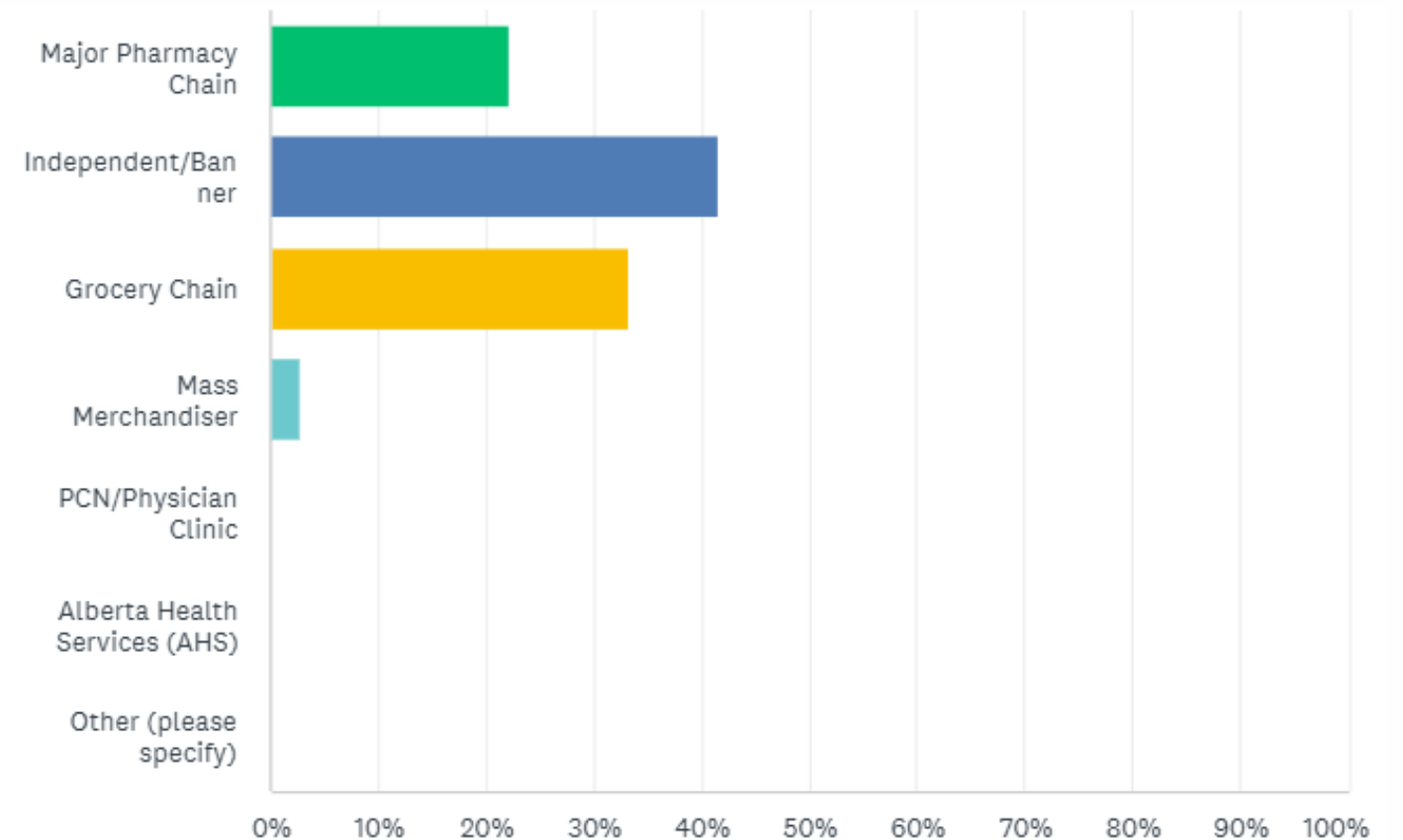


Which best describes your practice area?

Pharmacist

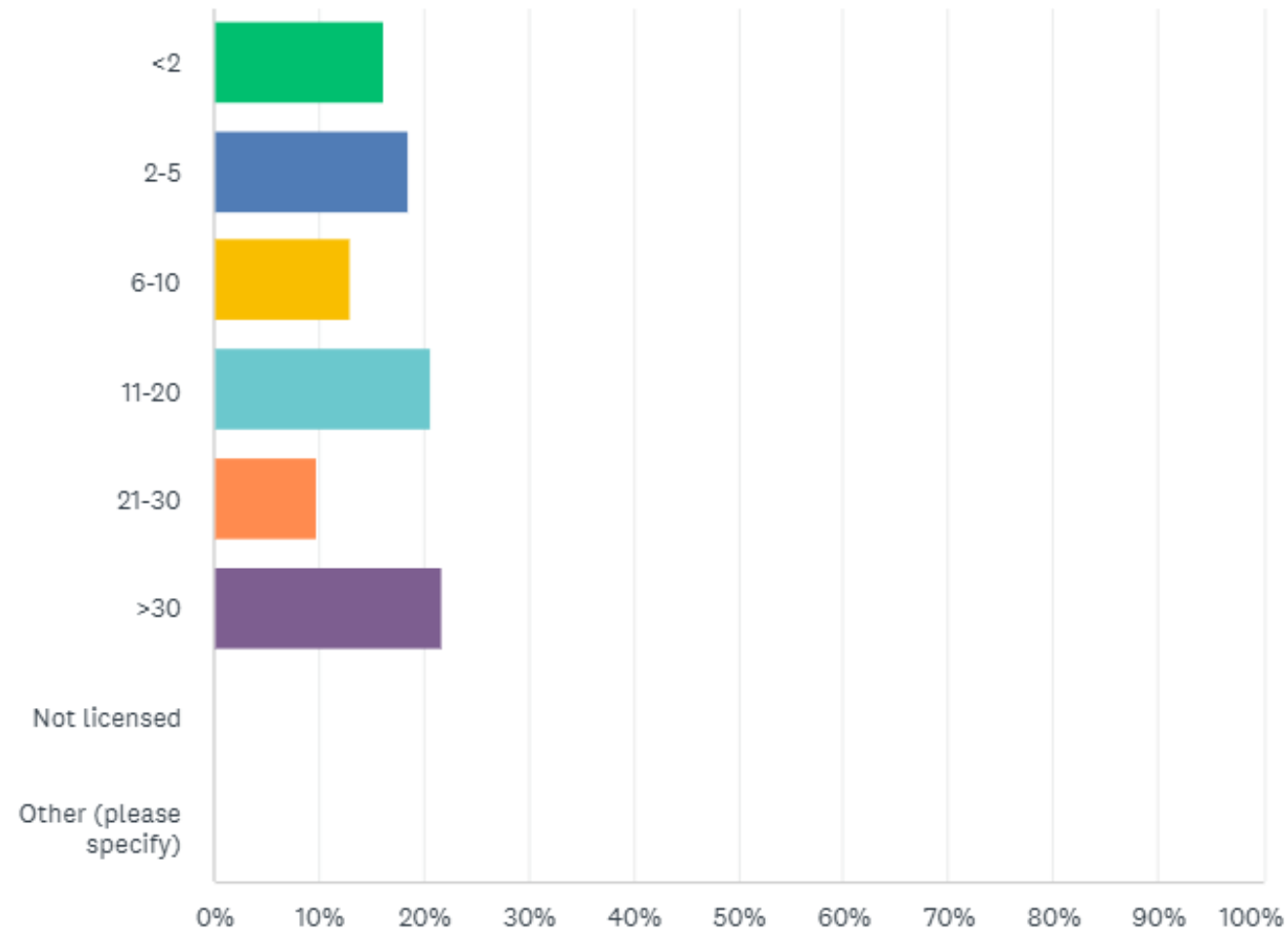


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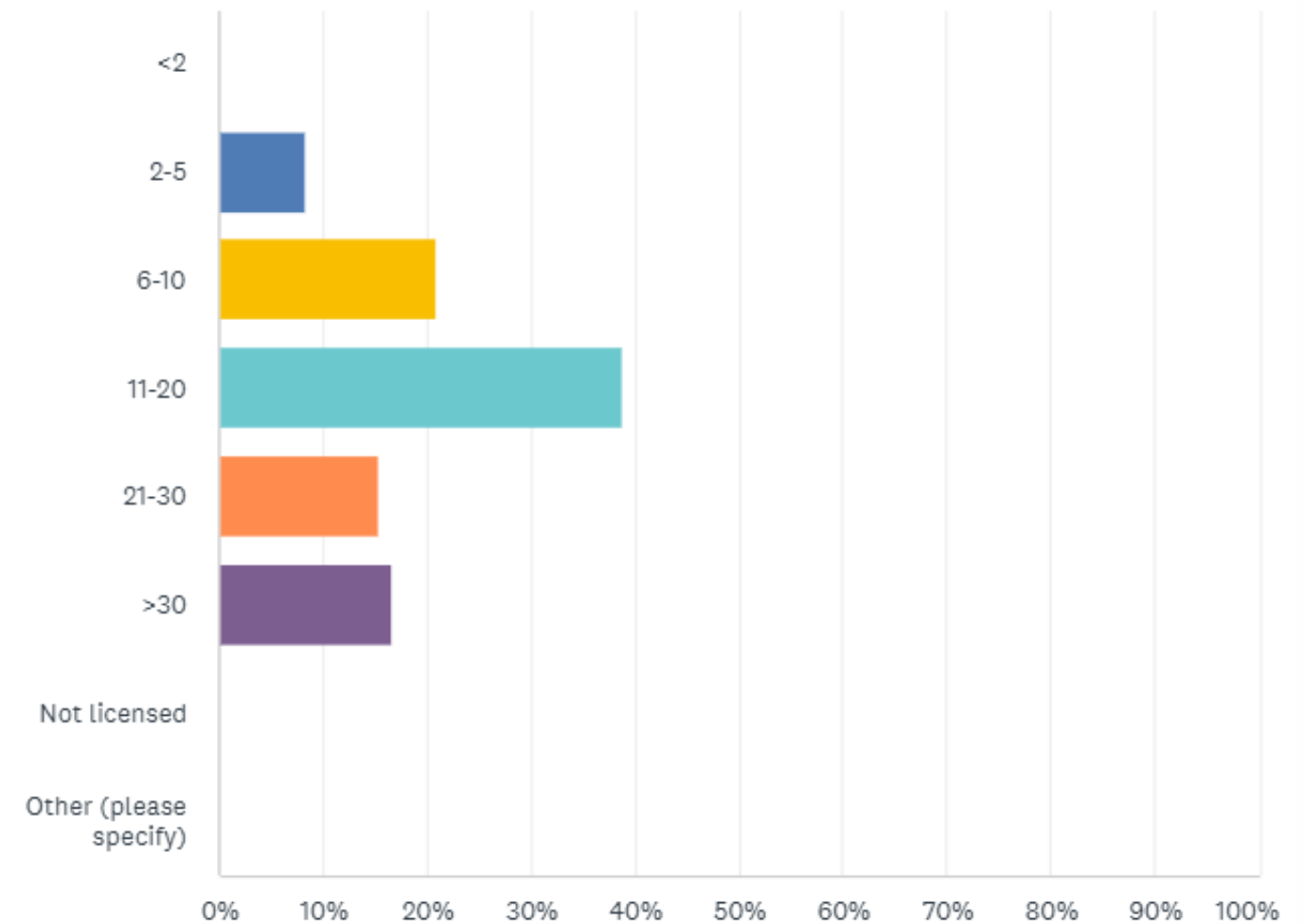


How many years have you been practicing?

Pharmacist

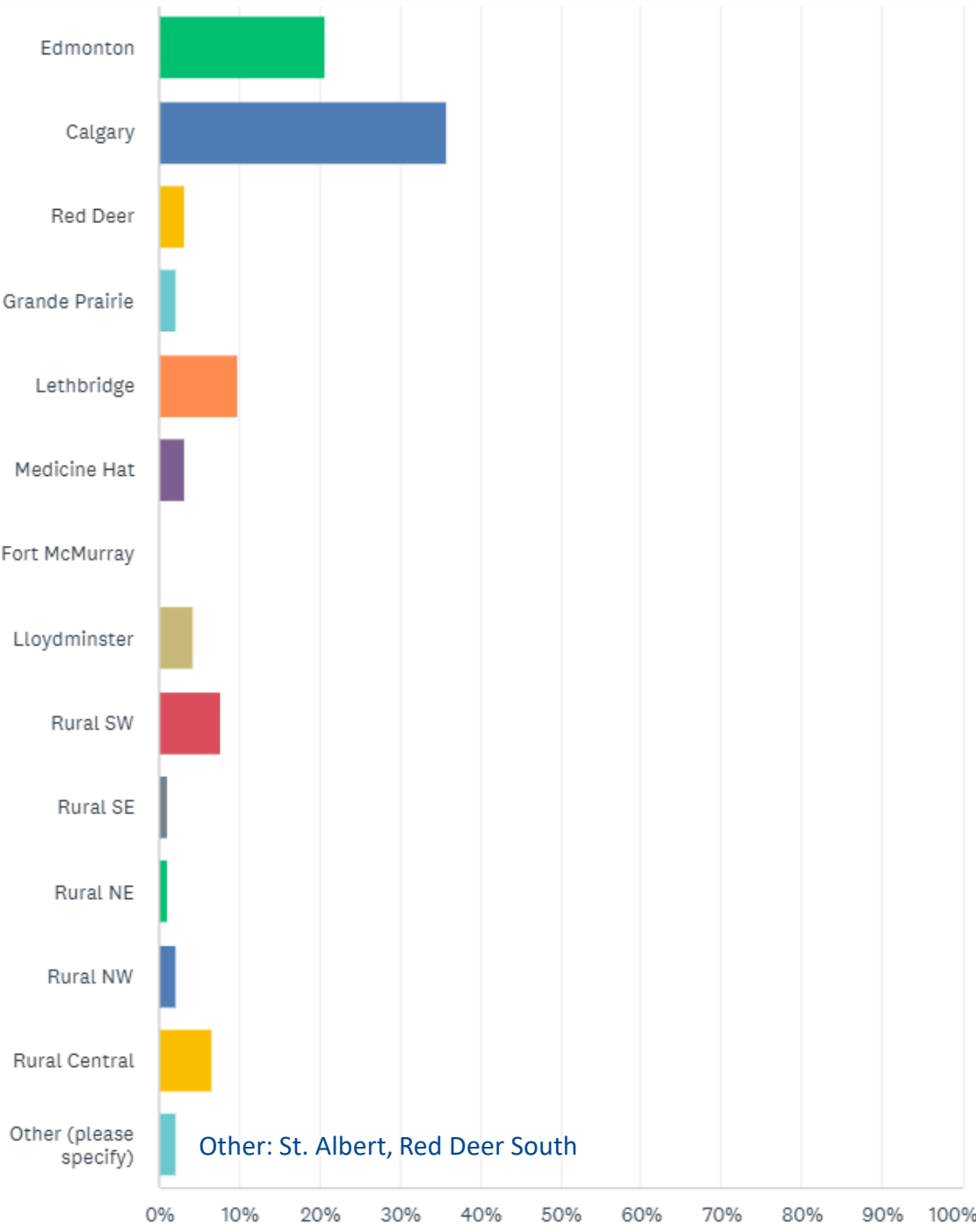


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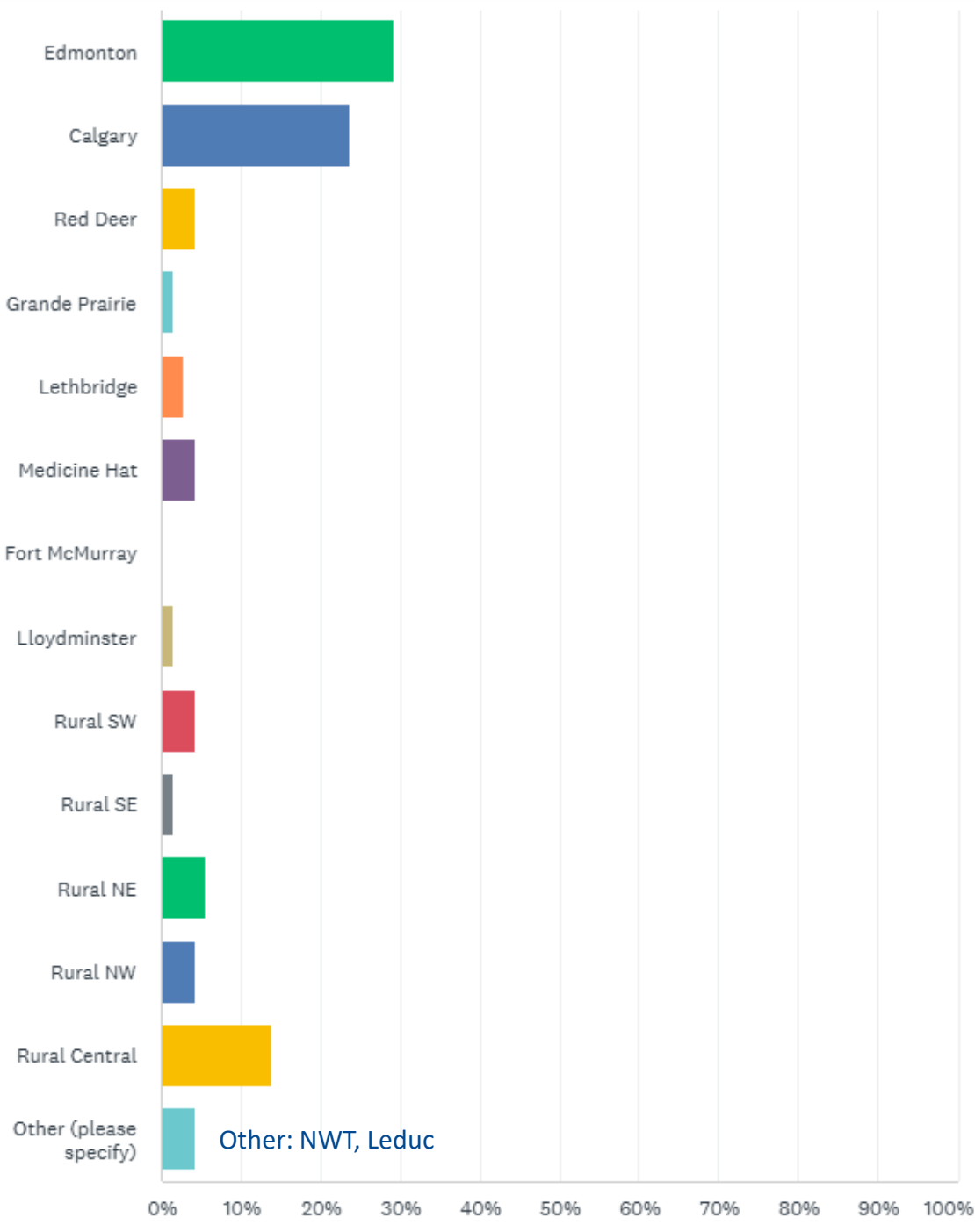


What area of the province do you work in?

Pharmacist

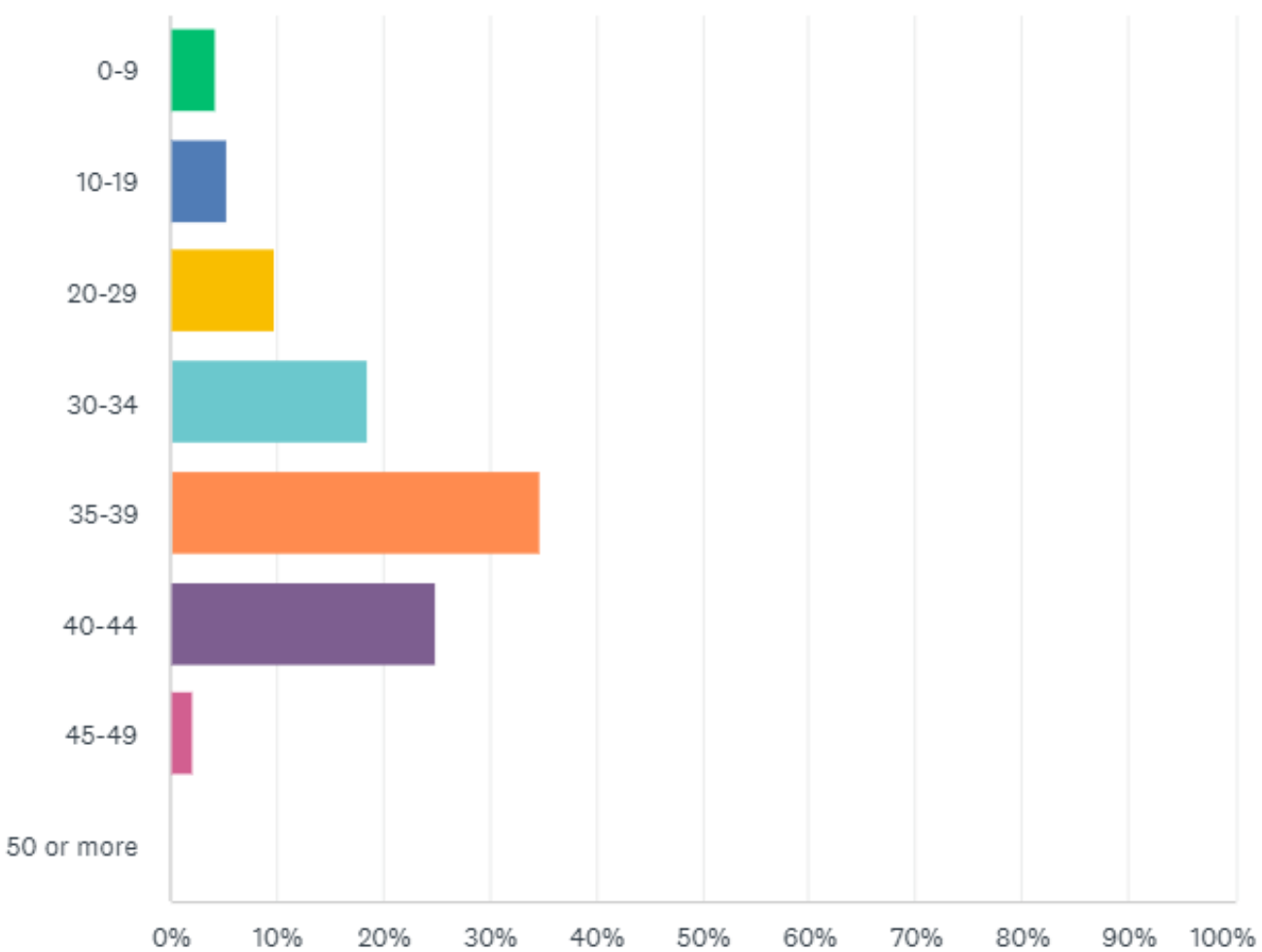


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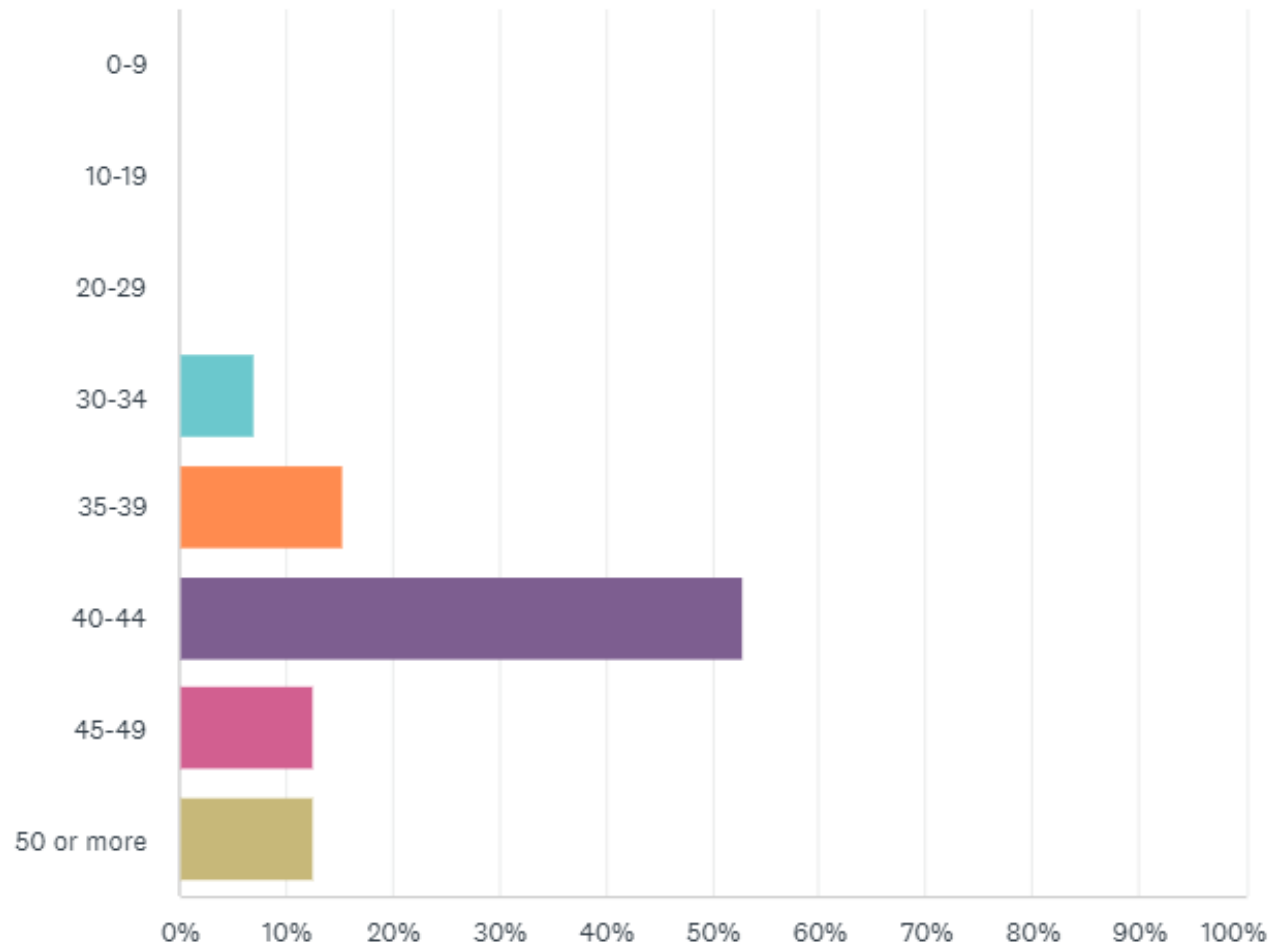


On average, how many hours do you work per week?

Pharmacist

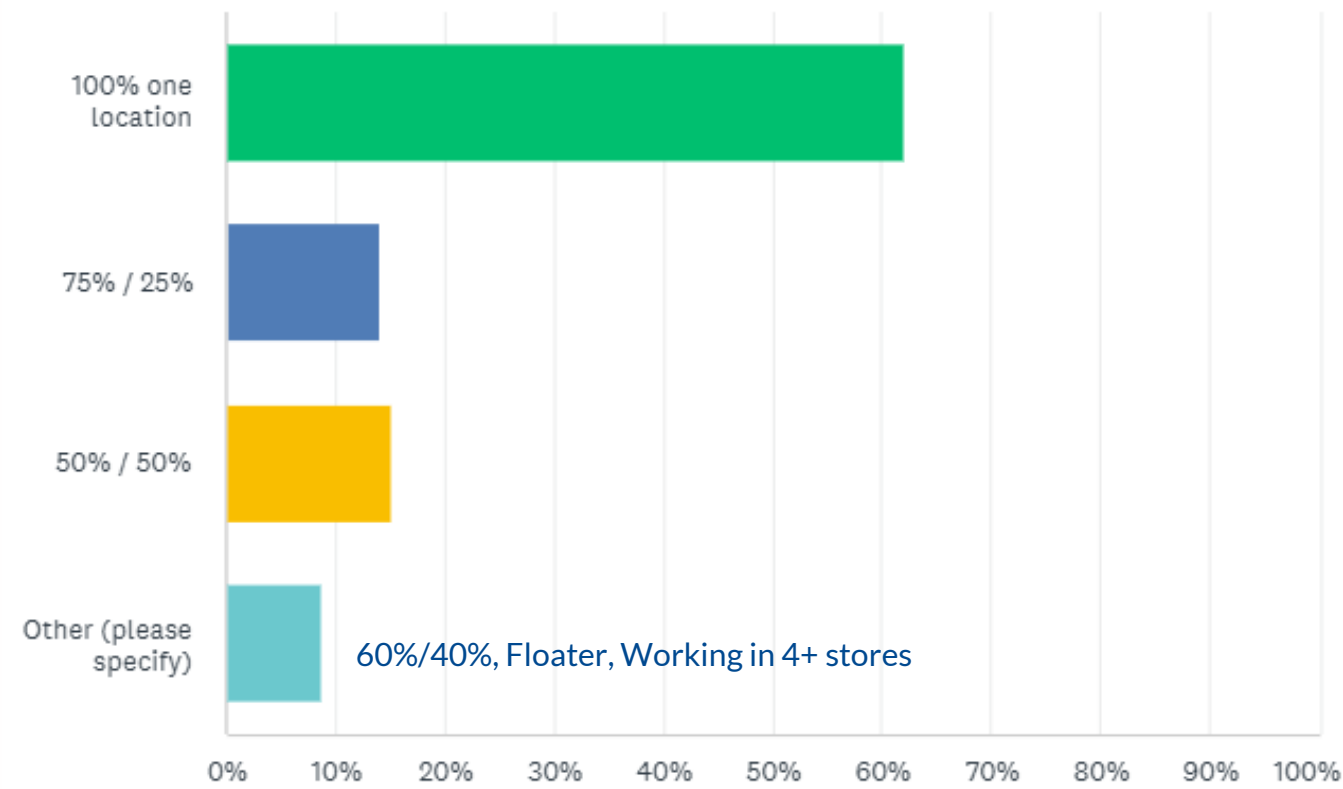


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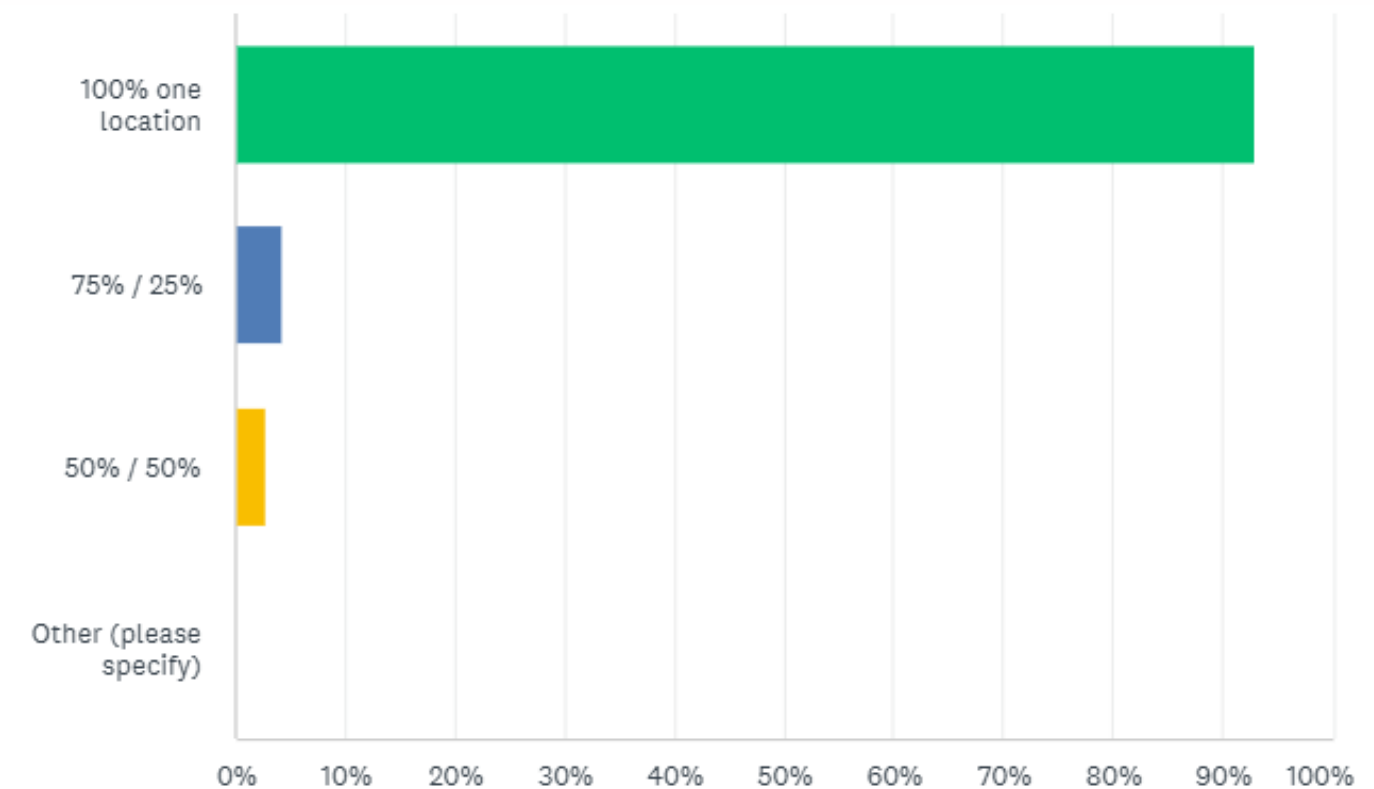


What proportion do you work in one pharmacy location to multiple locations?

Pharmacist

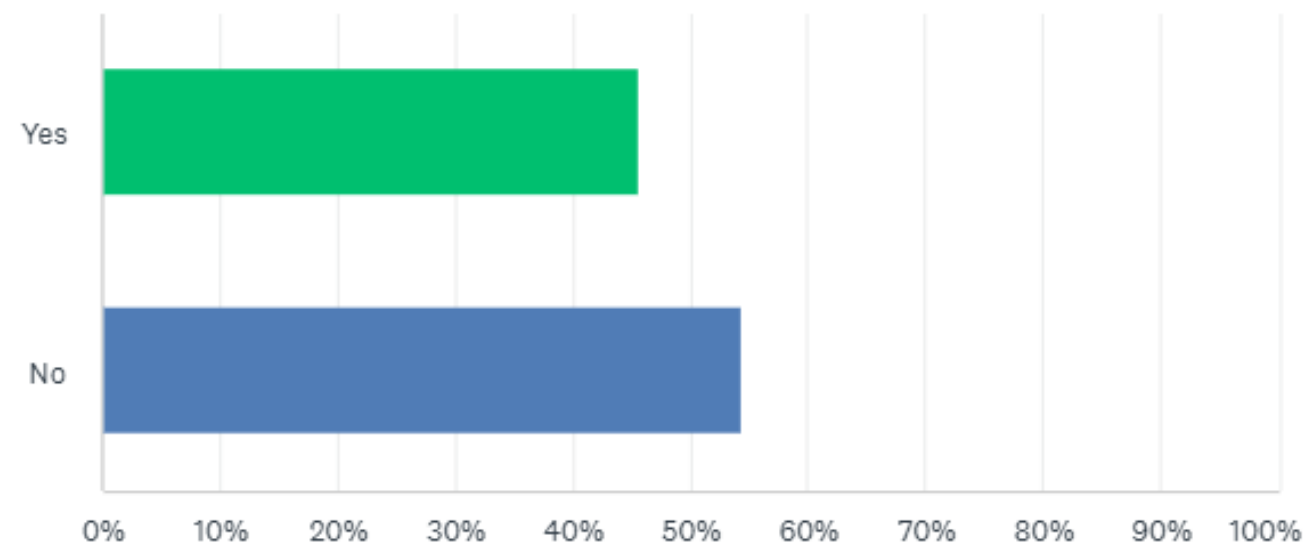


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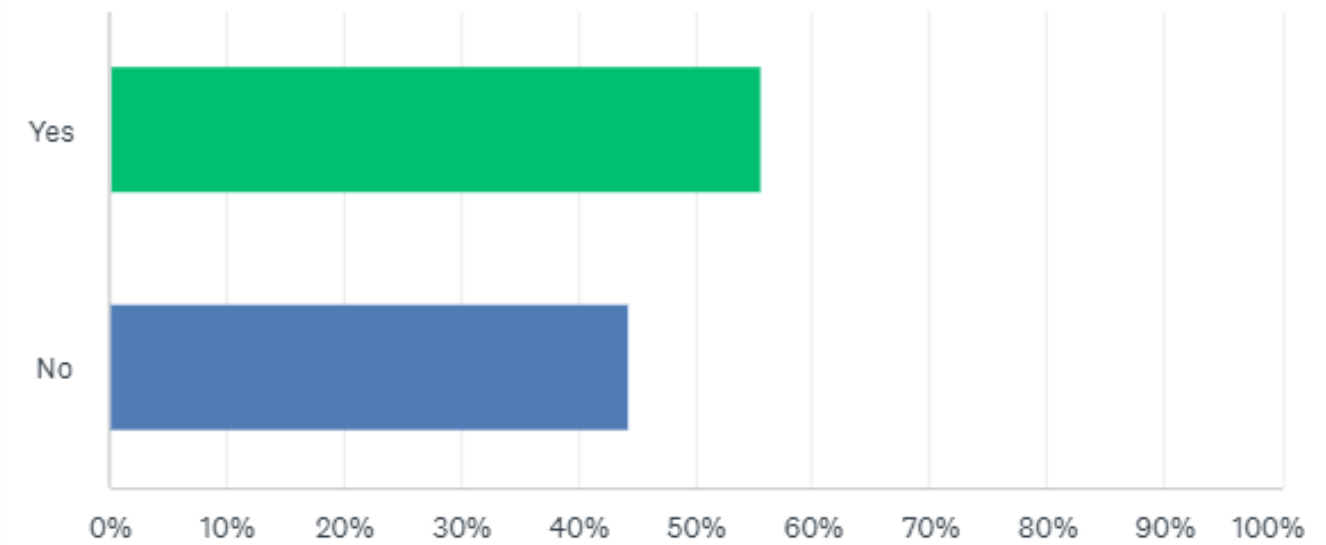


Has your wage changed within the past year?

Pharmacist

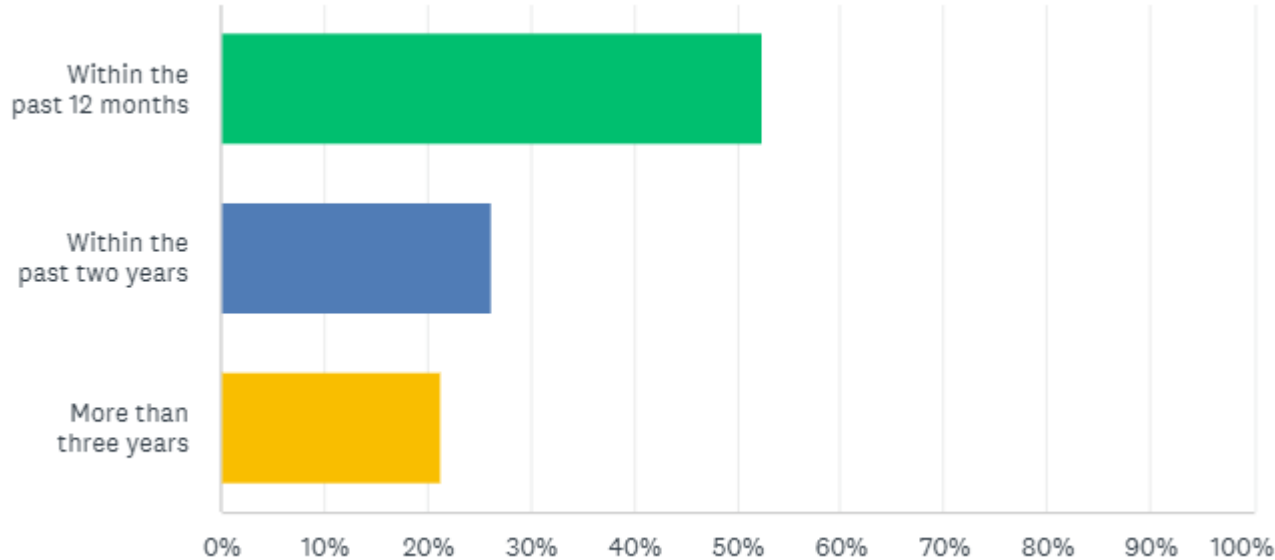


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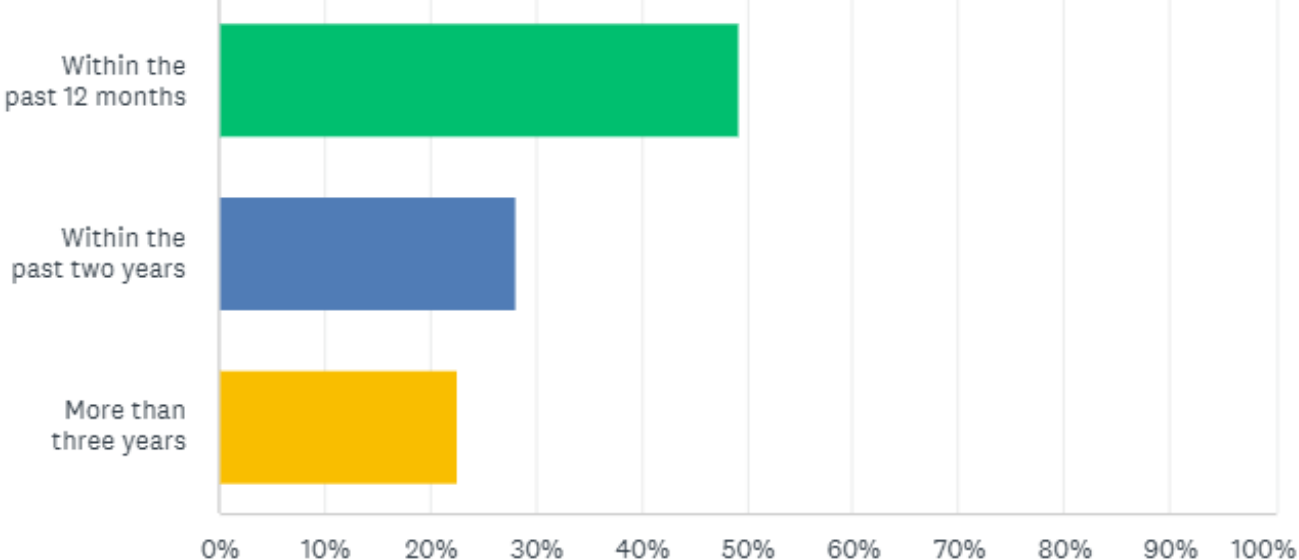


When was your last wage increase?

Pharmacist



Manager



Hourly wage summary

Overall average (\$ per hour)			
2025	2024	2023	2022
58.84	57.69	55.78	53.90

Overall average includes all pharmacists responding to this survey in all practice areas.

Average by type of practice (\$ per hour)				
	2025	2024	2023	2022
Major Pharmacy Chain (e.g., Rexall, Shoppers)	58.96	55.20	56.41	53.39
Independent/Banner (e.g., IDA, Guardian)	59.02	55.66	55.48	52.84
Grocery Chain (e.g., Safeway, Save-On)	58.69	55.08	55.12	53.95
Mass Merchandiser (e.g., Walmart)	70.46	58.58	58.58	58.85
PCN/Physician Clinic	51.75	54.22		
Alberta Health Services	60.80	58.39	57.12	56.66

Hourly wage summary

Community Pharmacist Average by type of practice (\$ per hour)	
	2025
Major Pharmacy Chain (e.g., Rexall, Shoppers)	55.64
Independent/Banner (e.g., IDA, Guardian)	57.29
Grocery Chain (e.g., Safeway, Save-On)	55.85
Mass Merchandiser (e.g., Walmart)	64.50

Manager Average by type of practice (\$ per hour)	
	2025
Major Pharmacy Chain (e.g., Rexall, Shoppers)	62.29
Independent/Banner (e.g., IDA, Guardian)	60.74
Grocery Chain (e.g., Safeway, Save-On)	61.52
Mass Merchandiser (e.g., Walmart)	76.43



Hourly wage summary

Average by position type (\$ per hour)				
	2025	2024	2023	2022
Manager/ Owner	61.74	61.86	58.54	54.62
Community Pharmacist	56.23	55.31	53.12	52.05
Hospital Pharmacist	61.04	58.39	57.12	56.66

Overall average by years of experience (\$ per hour)				
	2025	2024	2023	2022
Less than 2 years	55.30	55.00	51.74	49.41
2 to 5 years	58.76	56.37	56.50	51.46
6 to 10 years	59.22	56.85	56.92	52.82
11 to 20 years	60.43	59.29	56.78	54.59
21 to 30 years	59.34	61.45	54.89	55.82
>30	58.79	55.88		

Overall average includes all pharmacists responding to this survey in all practice areas.



Hourly wage summary

Overall average by distribution of responses (\$ per hour)				
	2025	2024	2023	2022
Edmonton	56.68	56.29	53.14	50.26
Calgary	56.70	55.52	53.44	51.48
Red Deer	61.17	62.97	54.86	58.02
Grande Prairie	67.67	65.63	62.66	63.50
Lethbridge	61.16	59.80	55.78	51.71
Medicine Hat	60.49	58.40	55.46	53.31
Fort McMurray	N/A	N/A	65.00	52.00
Lloydminster	61.00	62.00	55.00	52.00
Rural SW	61.75	56.60	57.57	54.88
Rural SE	57.69	57.50	51.25	52.75
Rural NW	65.61	60.63	62.50	61.61
Rural NE	61.17	61.19	61.00	56.00
Rural Central	60.24	60.88	54.64	55.64

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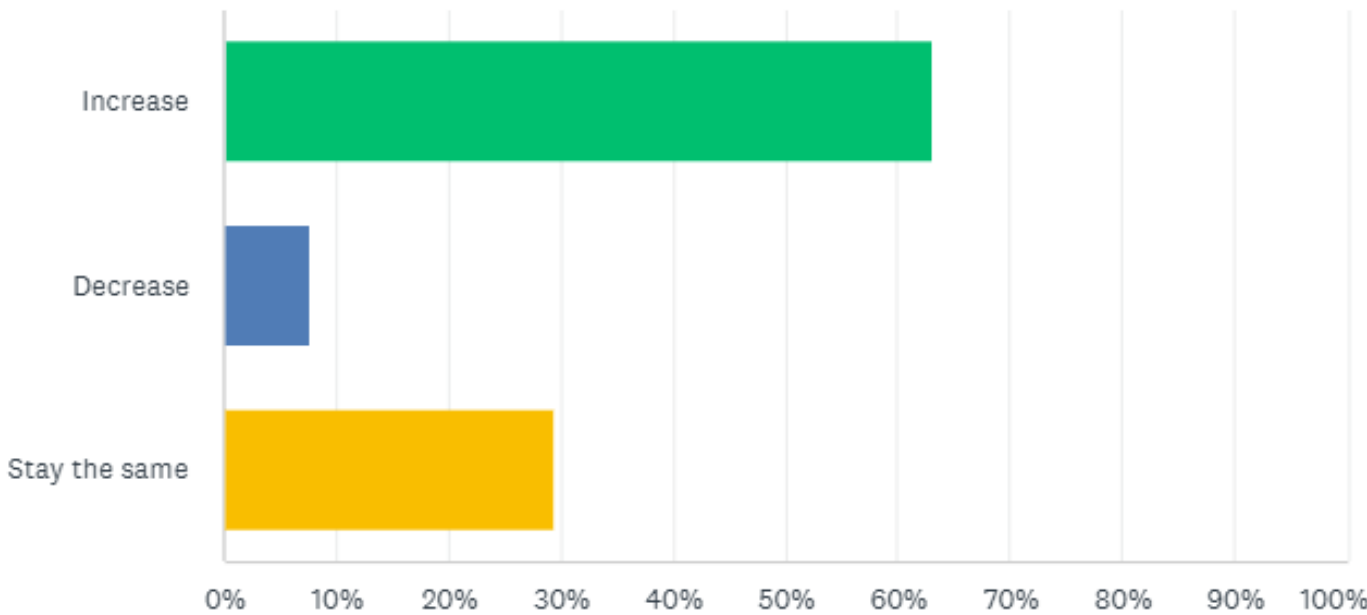
Last wage increase summary

Average by position type (\$ per hour)				
	2025	2024	2023	2022
Manager/Owner	4.34	3.29	2.99	1.57
Community Pharmacist	3.15	3.08	1.73	1.67
Hospital Pharmacist	1.67	1.67	1.13	N/A

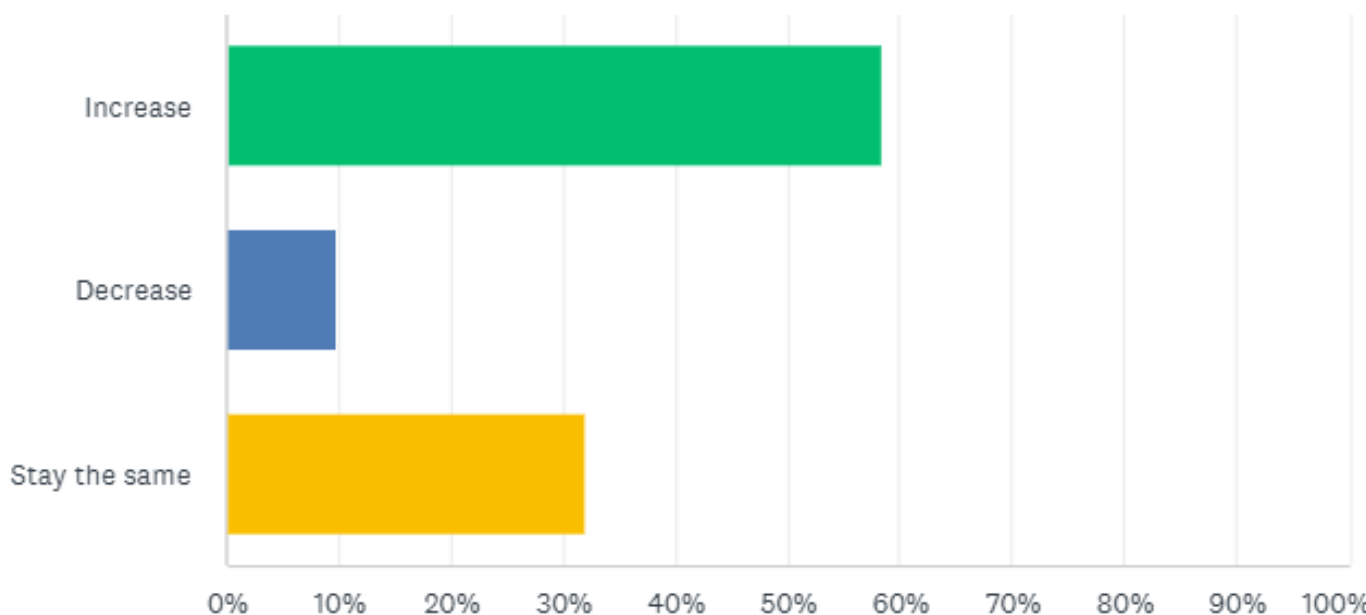


Pharmacy practice and economics are shifting across the country; do you expect your wage to:

Pharmacist

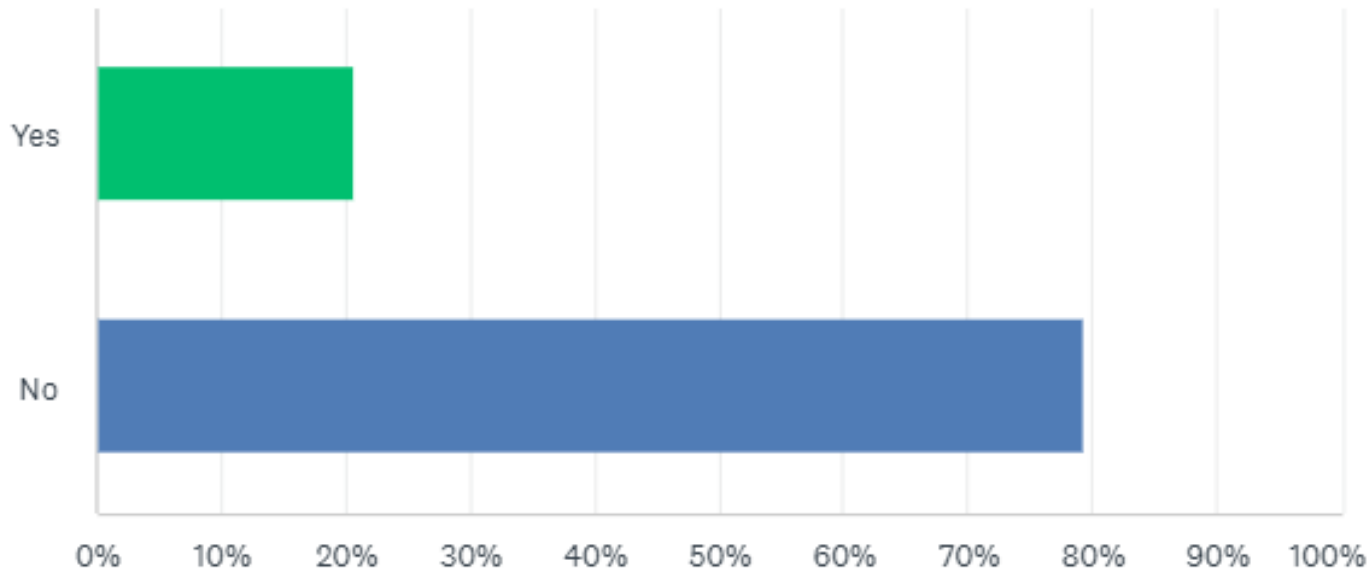


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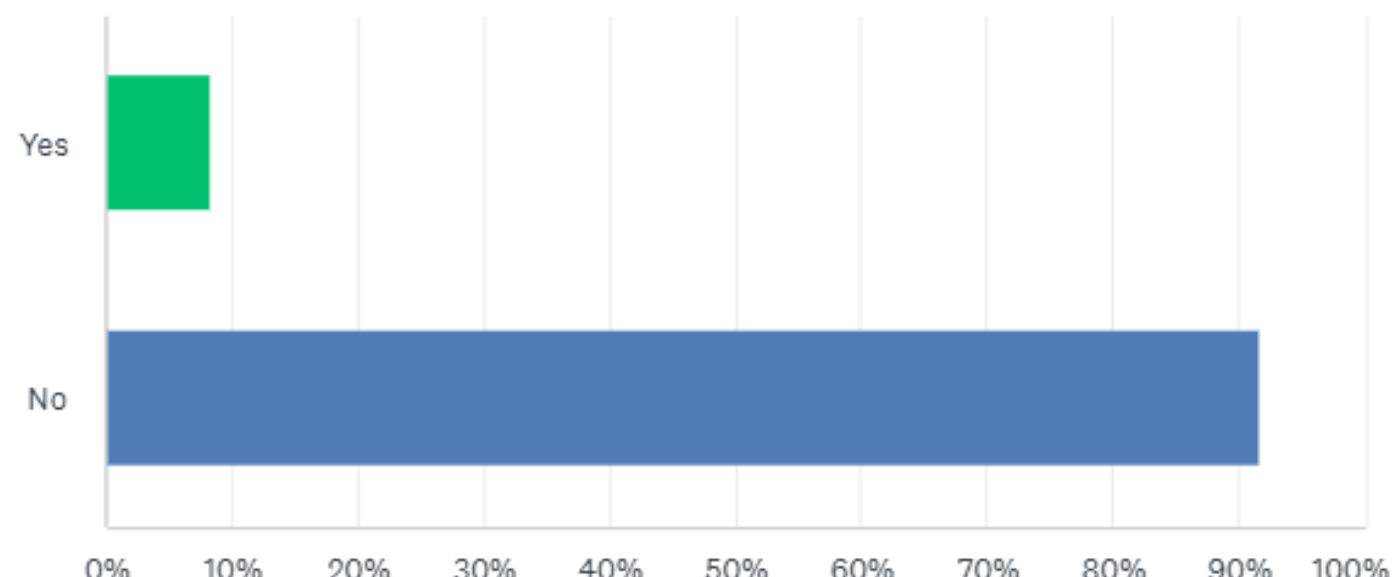


Do you receive Shift Differential (e.g., increased wage for working nights, weekends and/or holidays)?

Pharmacist

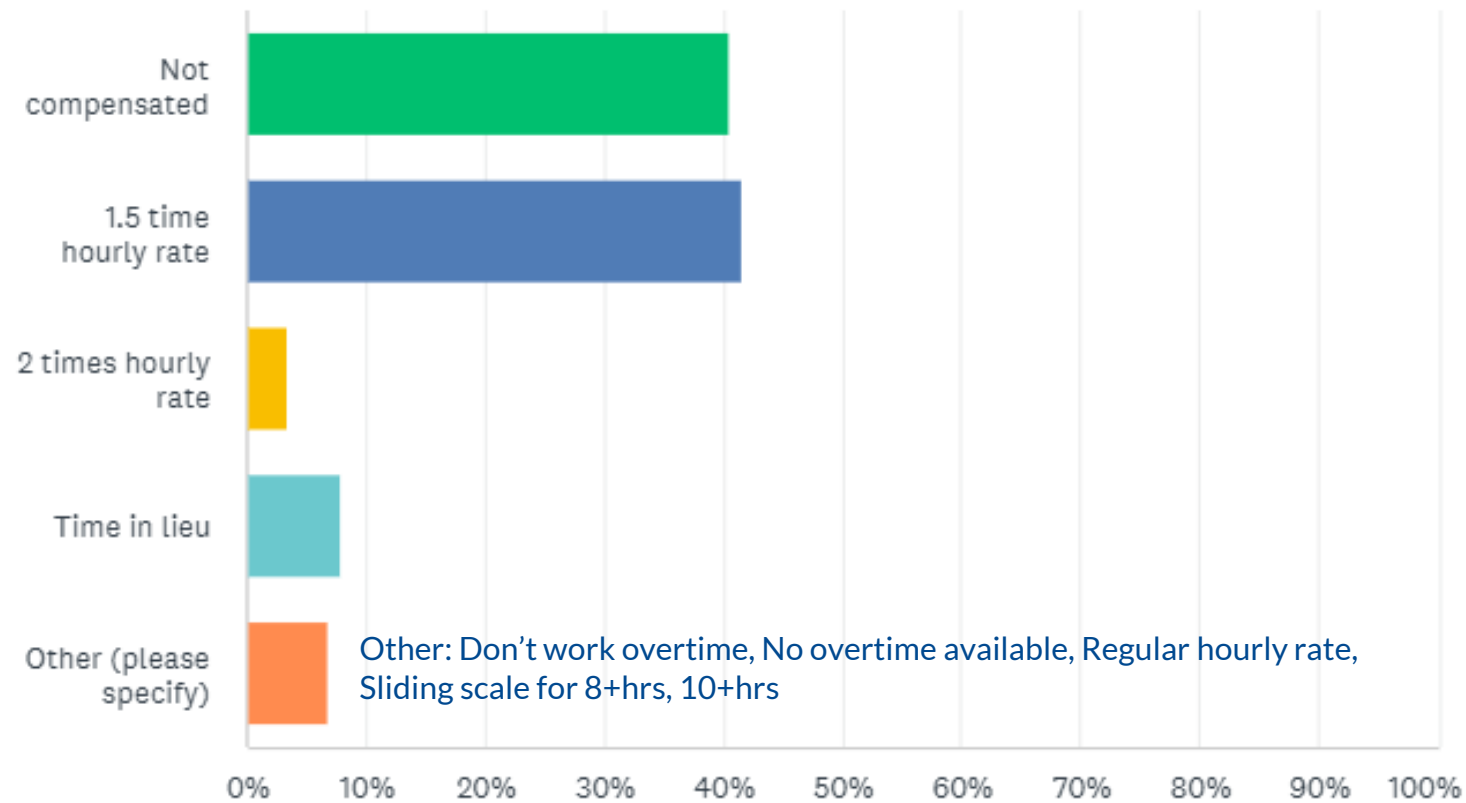


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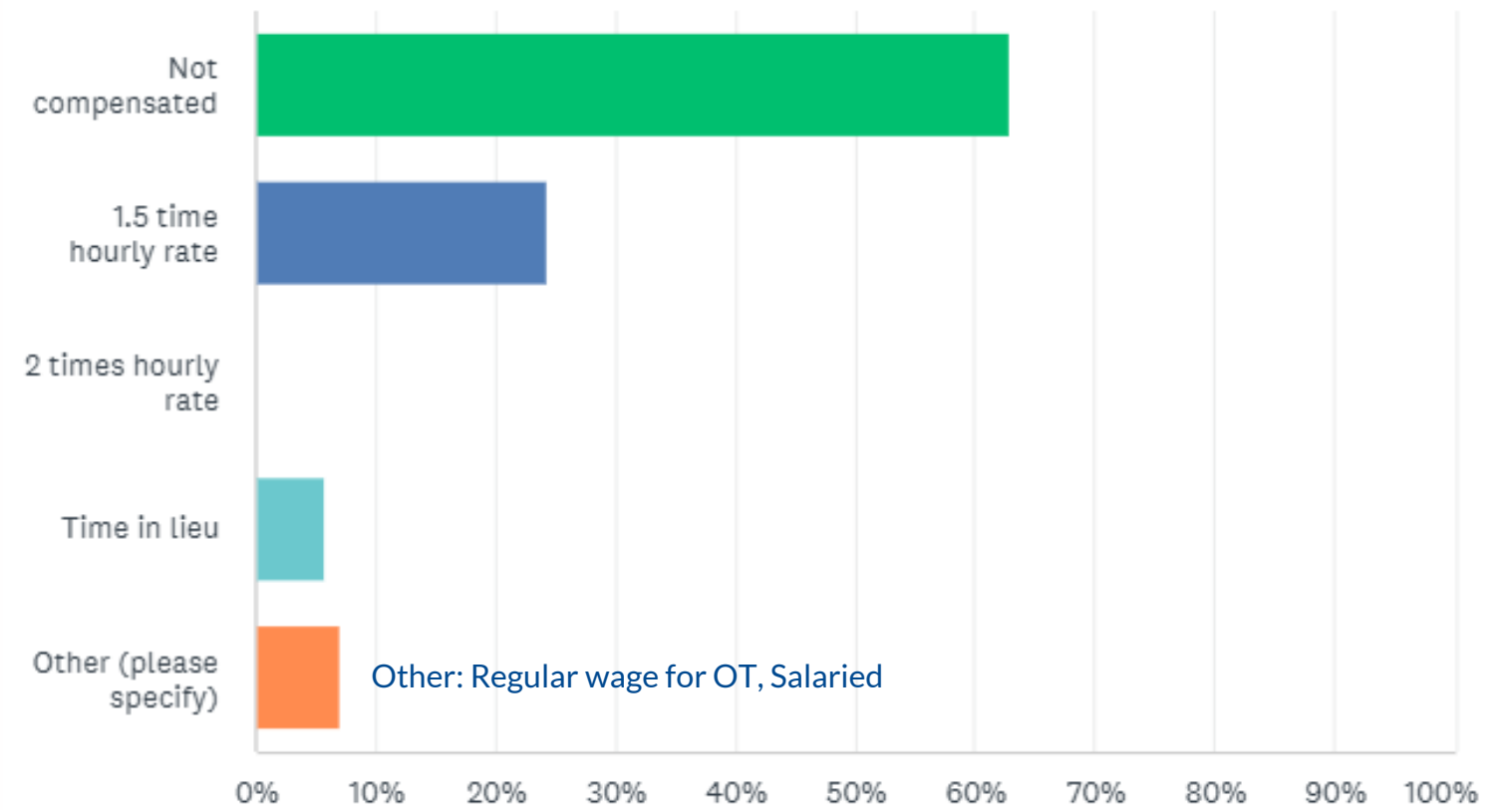


Do you receive compensation for working overtime?

Pharmacist

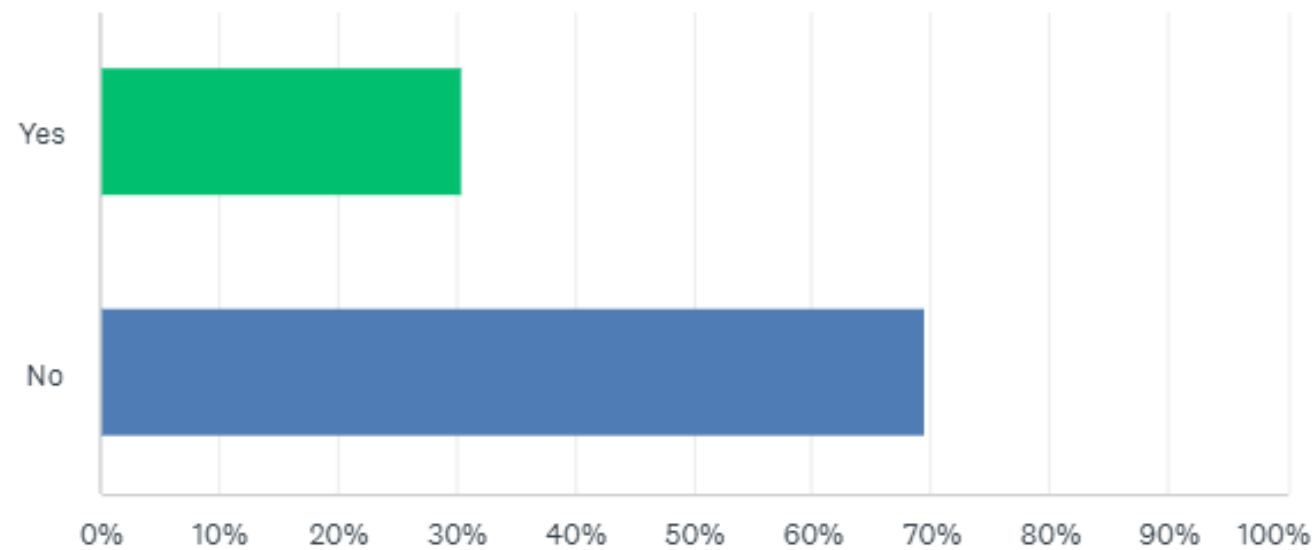


Manager



Does your pharmacy incent pharmacists to provide pharmacy services?

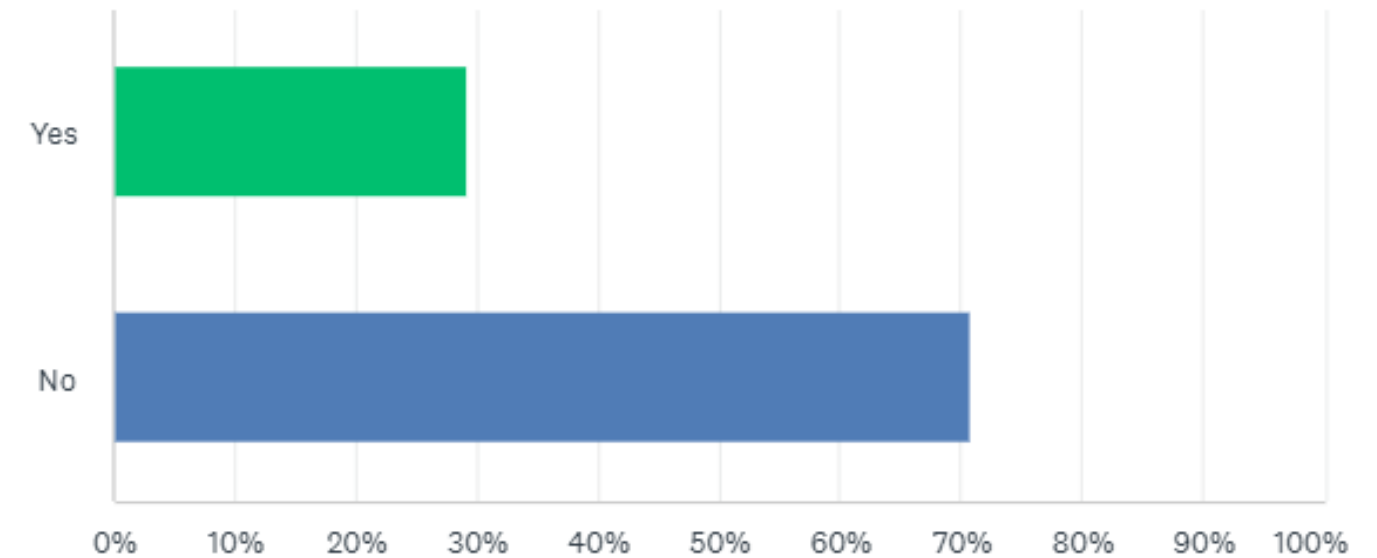
Pharmacist



If yes, please describe.

- Bonuses
- Percentage of billed services (2% - 40%)

Manager



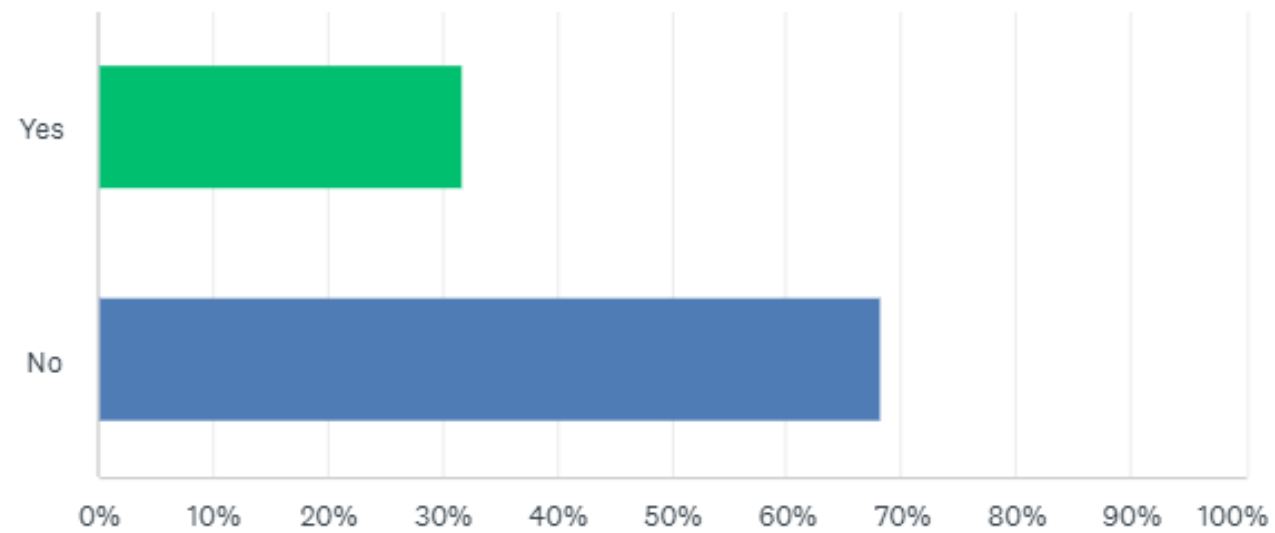
If yes, please describe.

- Bonuses
- Percentage of billed services (10% - 50%)
- Percentage of store total



Does your pharmacy mandate pharmacists to provide pharmacy services?

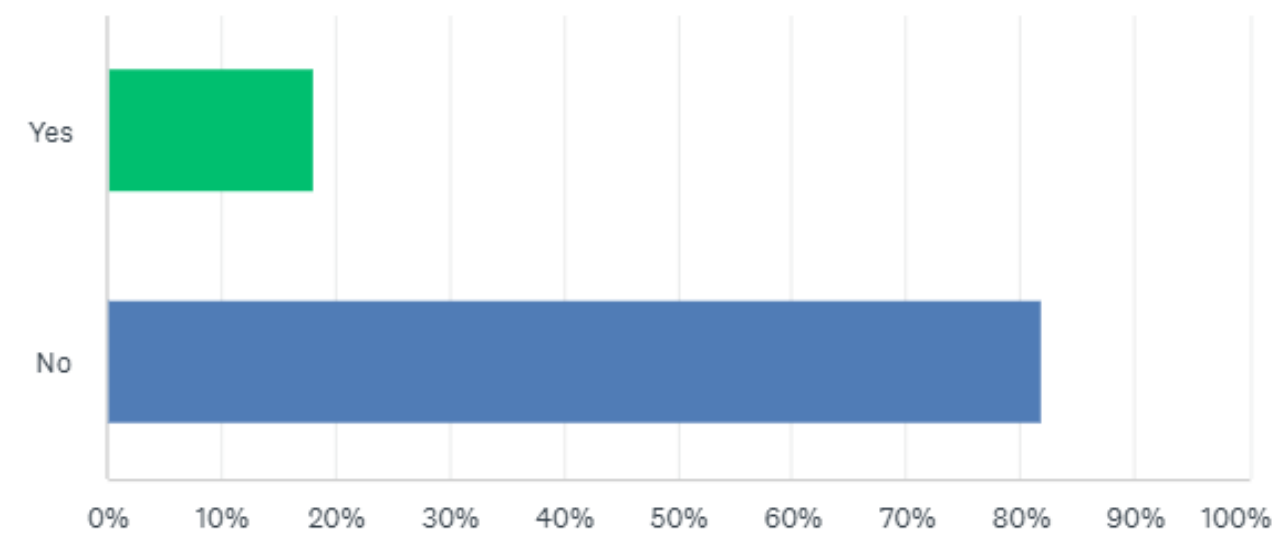
Pharmacist



If yes, please describe.

- Daily/Weekly/Annual pharmacy quota
- Clinical services expected

Manager



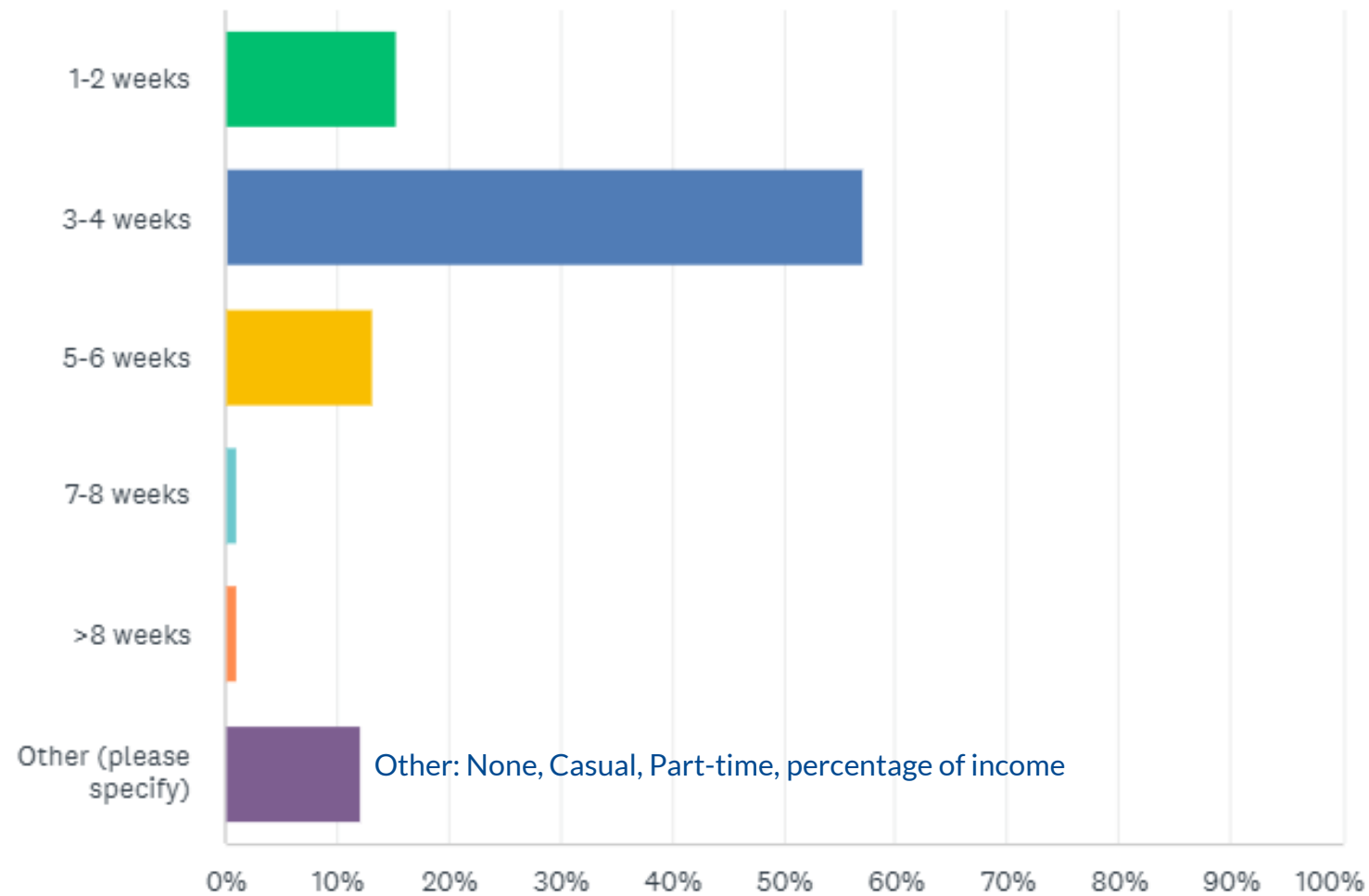
If yes, please describe.

- Daily/Weekly/Annual pharmacy quota
- Clinical services expected
- APA required

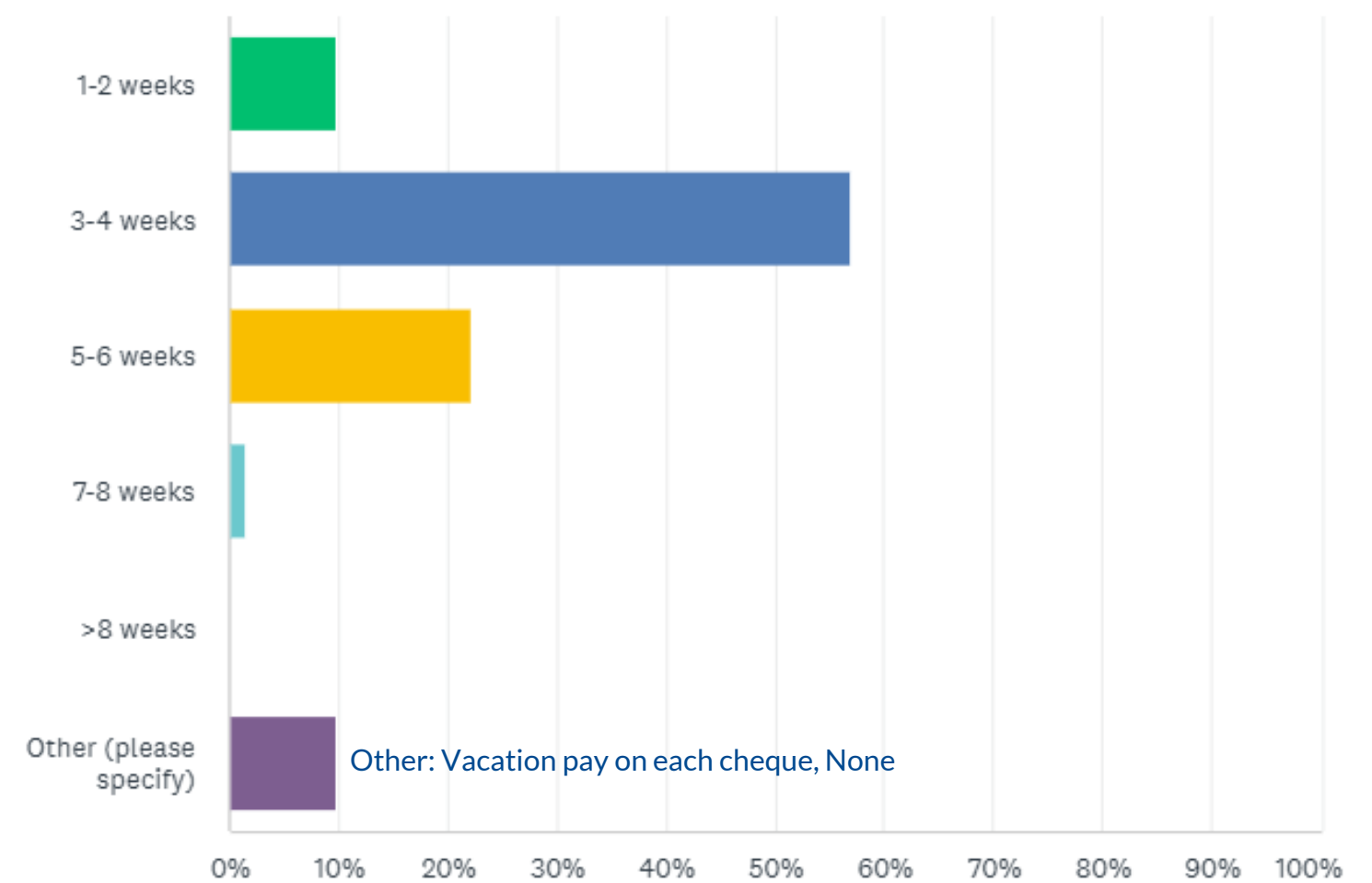


How many weeks of paid vacation do you receive?

Pharmacist

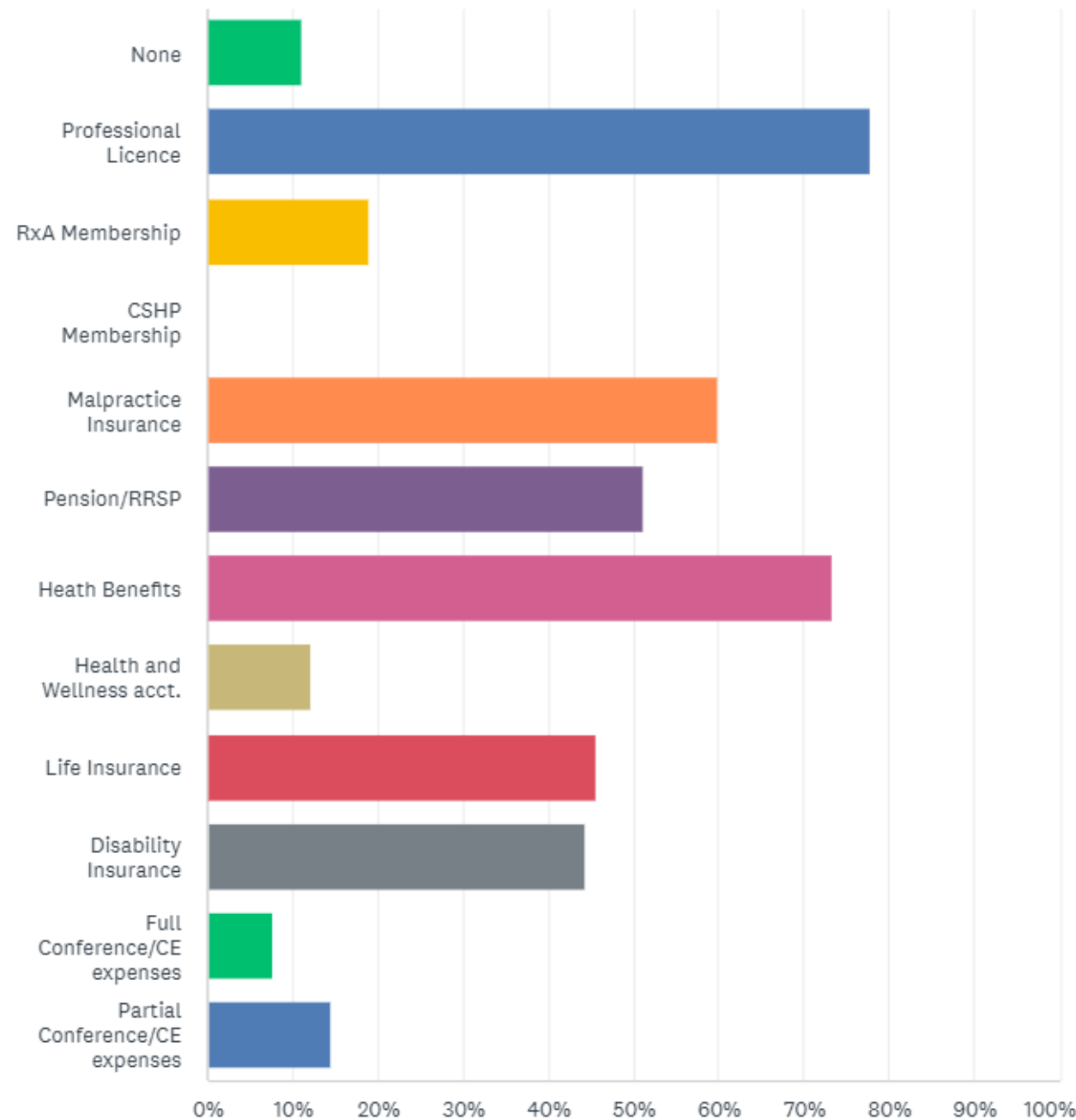


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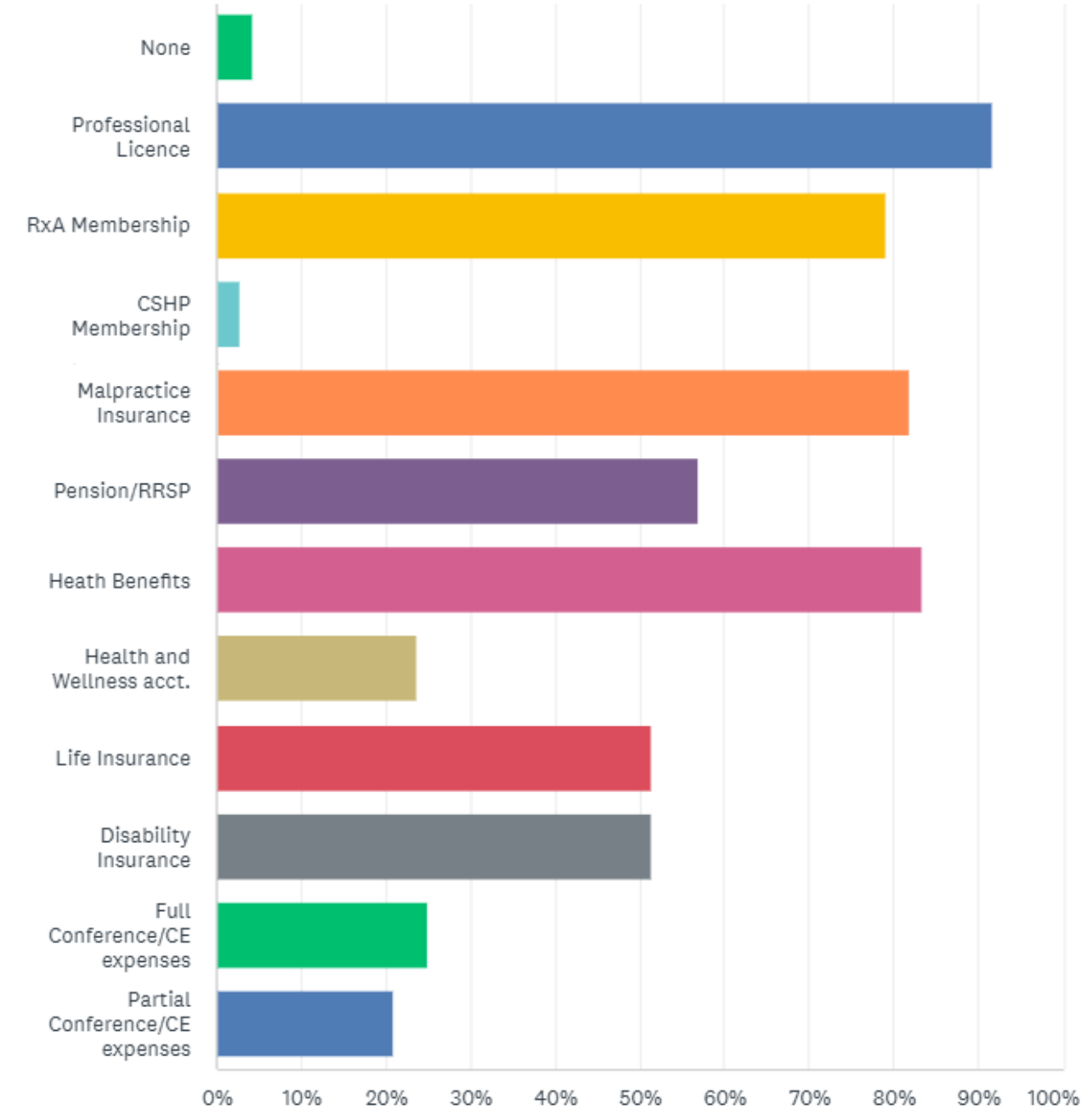


Please indicate if you receive any of the following paid benefits:

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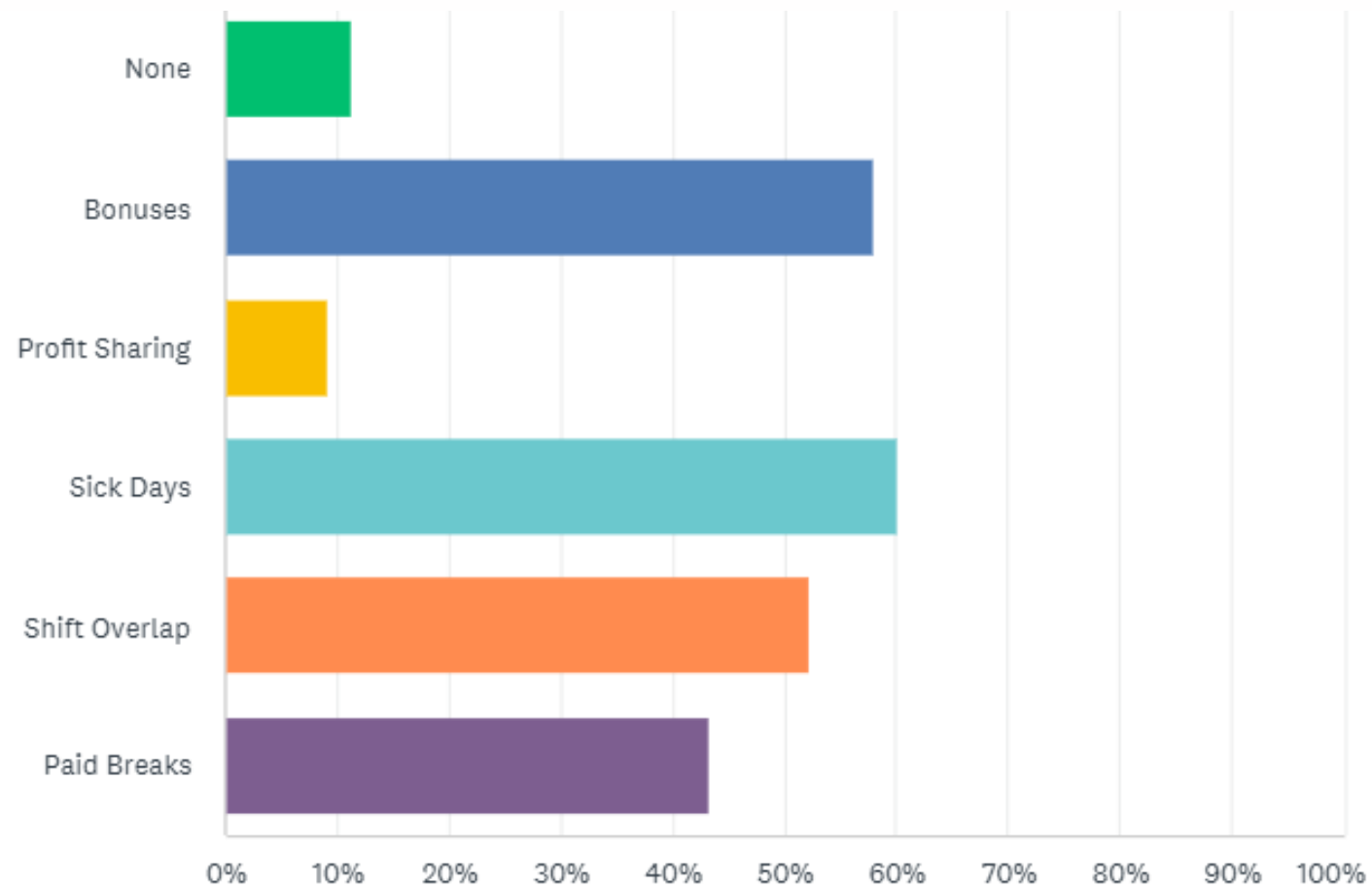


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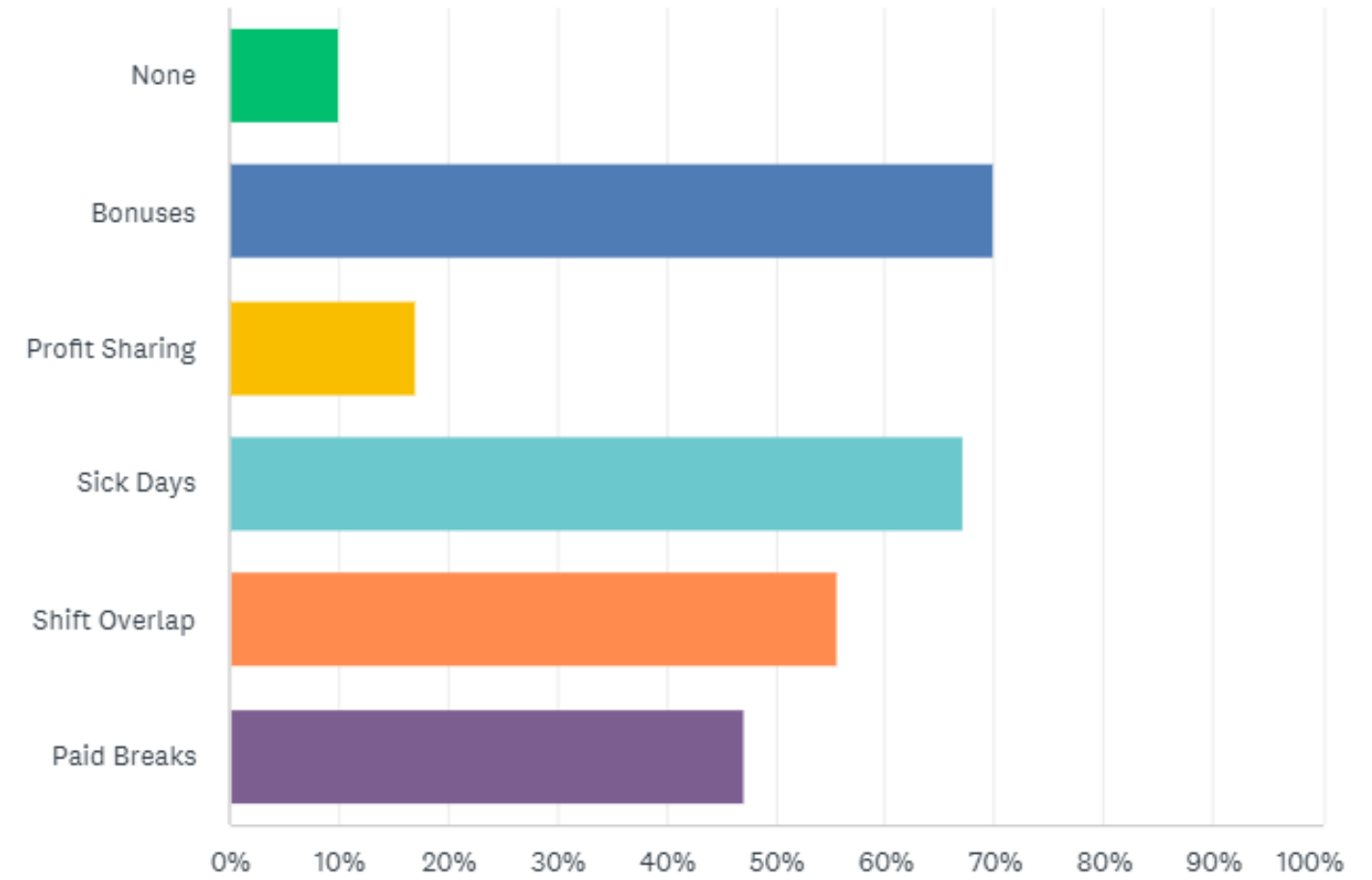


Does your employer provide?

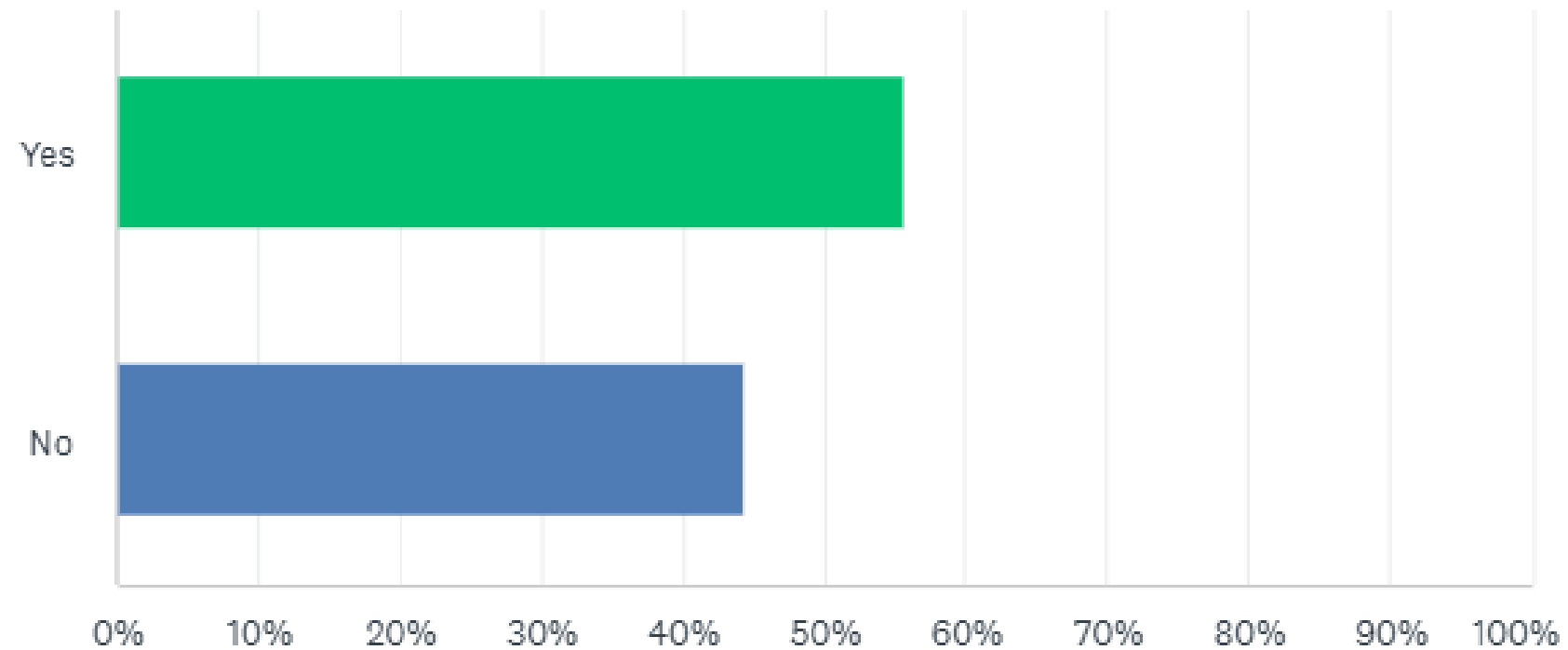
Pharmacist



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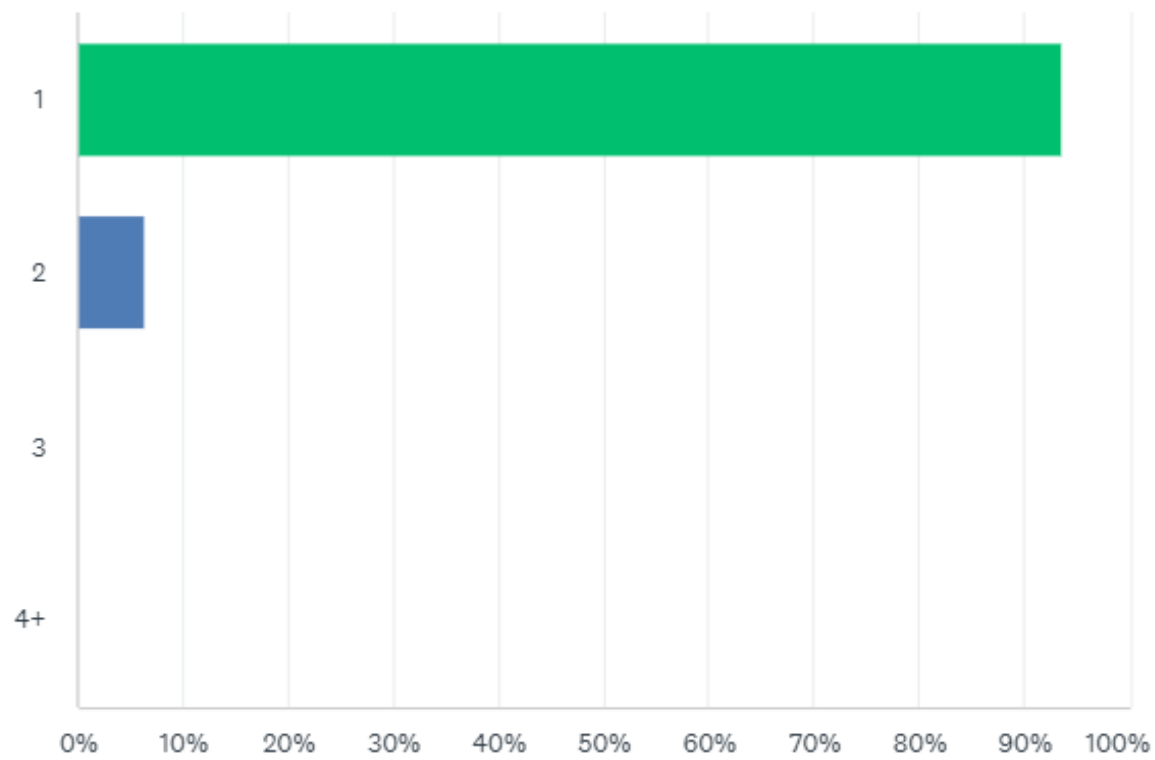


Manager: Have you experienced issues recruiting pharmacists?

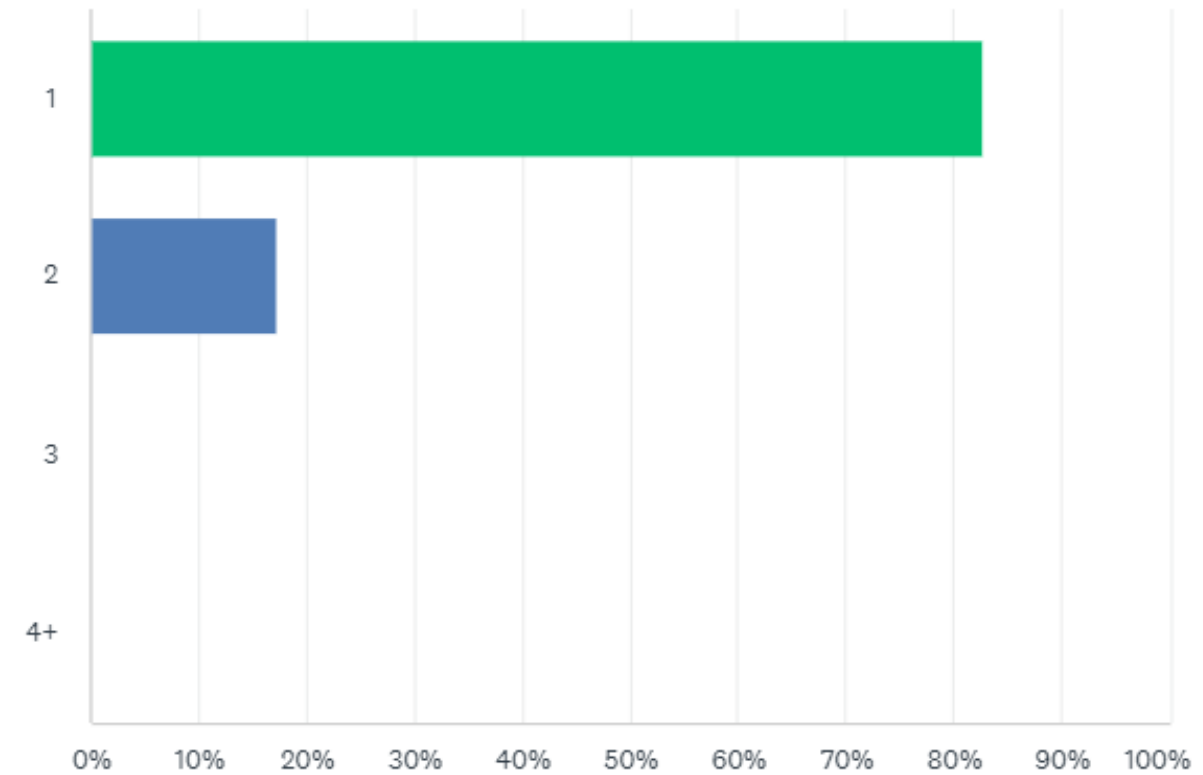


Manager: If yes, how many pharmacist positions are you recruiting for?

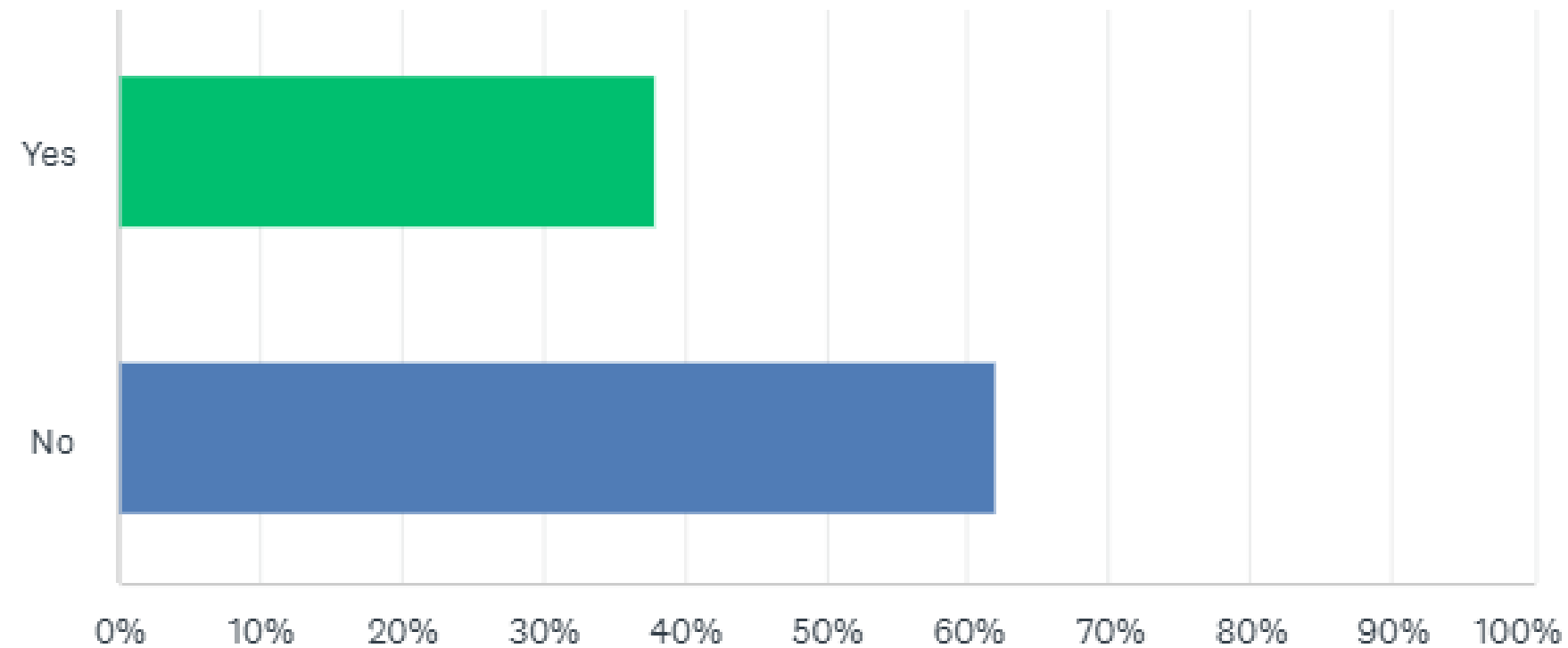
Part-Time



Full-Time

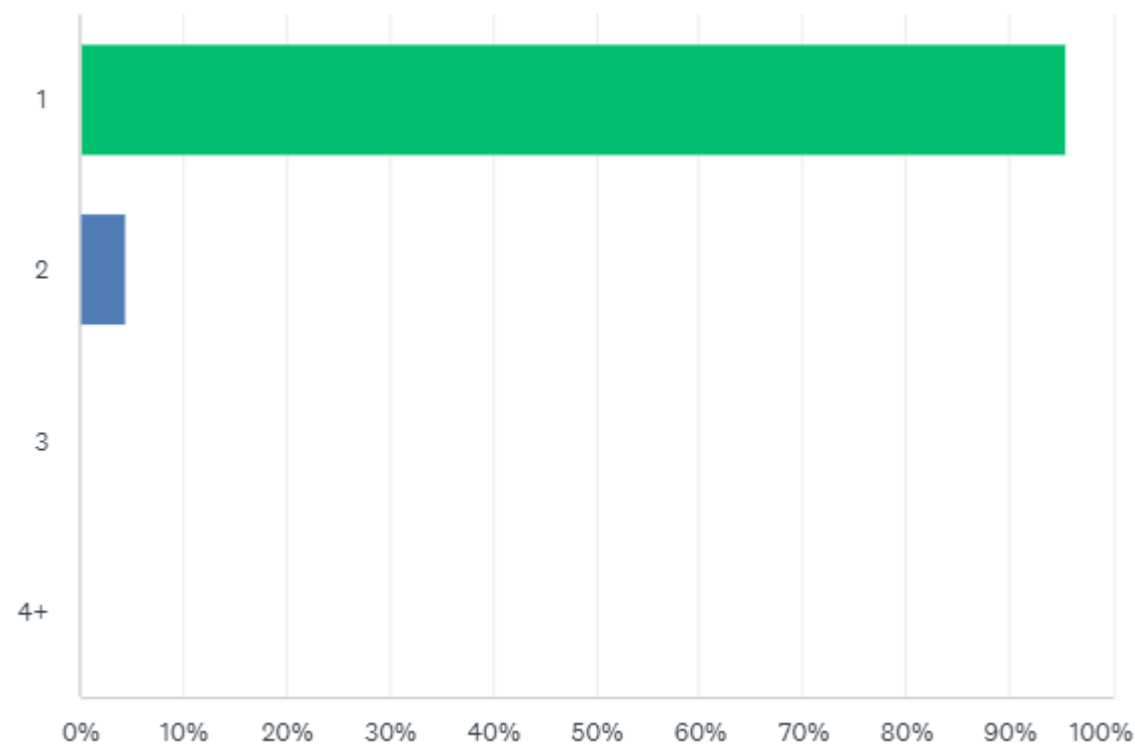


Manager: Have you experienced issues recruiting pharmacy technicians?

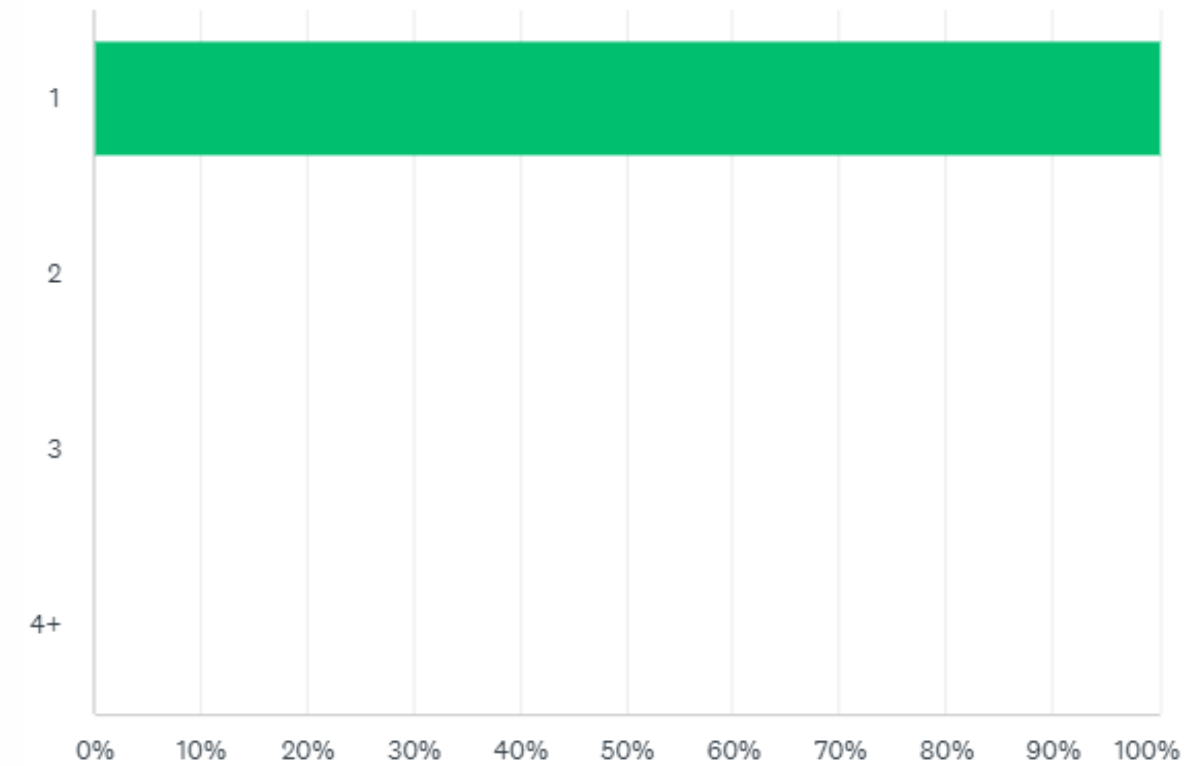


Manager: If yes, how many pharmacy technician positions are you recruiting for?

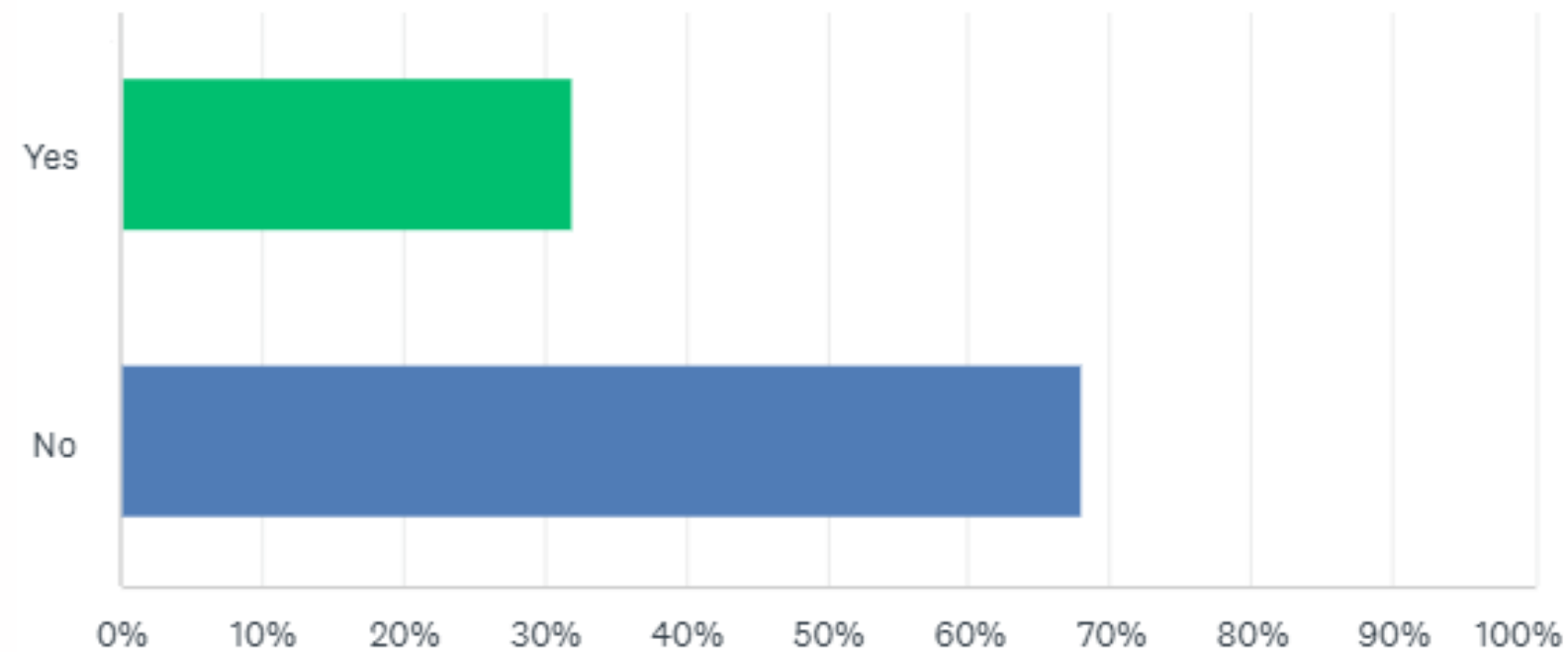
Part-Time



Full-Time



Manager: Do you employ pharmacy students (excluding rotation/practicum)?



Year	Average wage (\$ per hour)
First Year	20.05
Second Year	22.59
Third year	24.29
Fourth Year	26.50



Questions?

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