

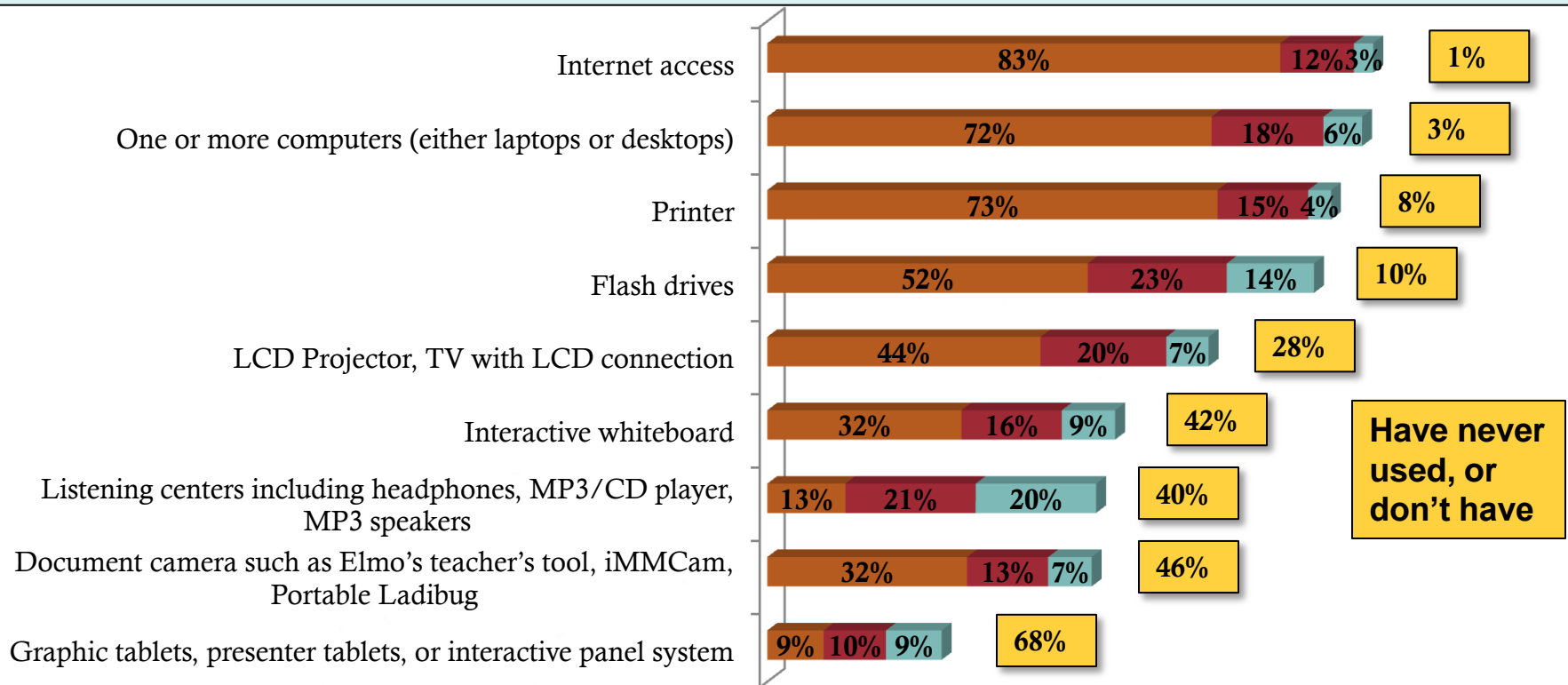
**Technology, Professional
Development, New Teacher
Training, DonorsChoose.org, Group
Life**

Horace Mann Educator Advisory Panel
December 2010

Technology

How useful are each of these classroom technology tools to you?

Tools that are commonly found in classrooms such as computers, Internet access, and printers are extremely useful to teachers, but presenter tools such as document cameras and graphic tablets are less available and are proportionally less useful by those who do have them.



- Extremely Useful
- Very Useful
- Somewhat Useful

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Other technology tools used by teachers:

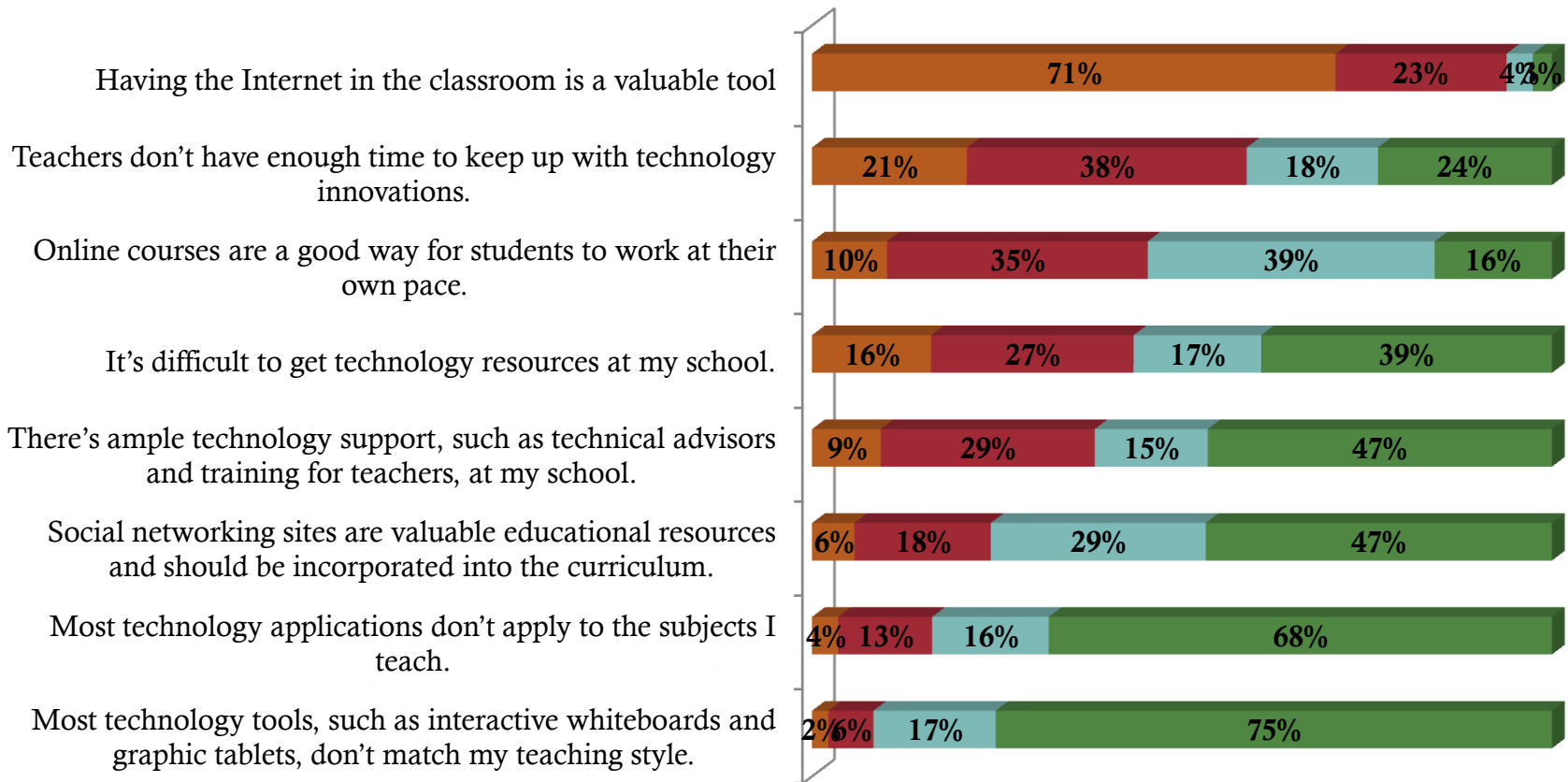
- Classroom response systems
- Graphing calculators
- Electronic readers
- GPS
- Heart rate monitors/pedometers.



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Technology

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about technology use?



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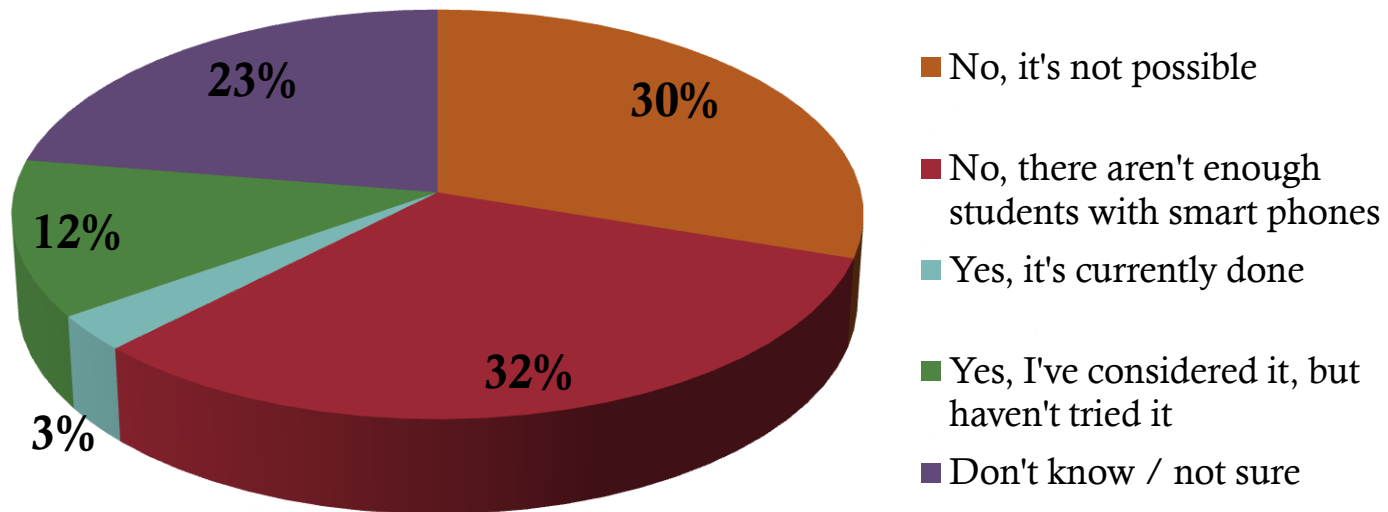
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree



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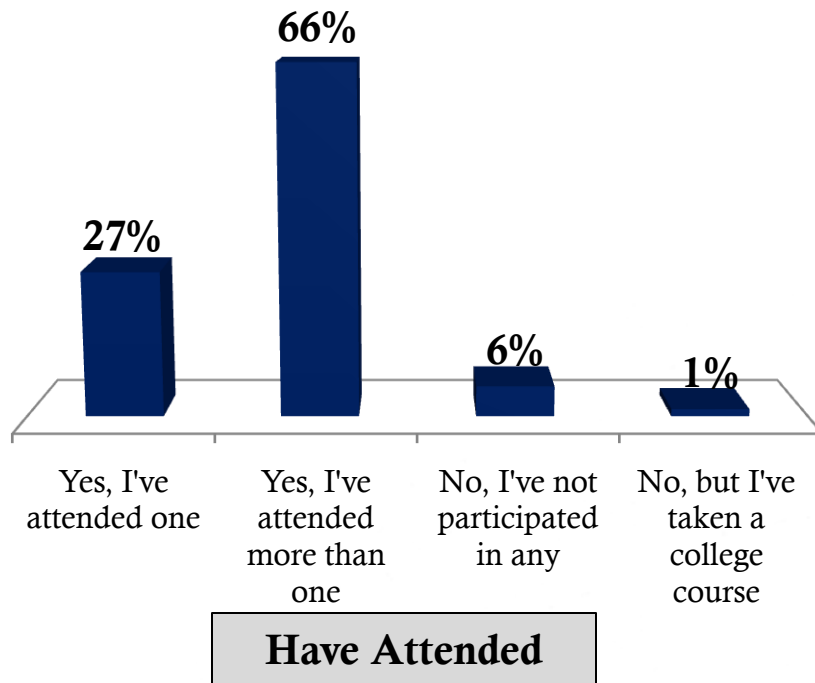
Have you ever considered incorporating student smart phones into the classroom or homework assignments?



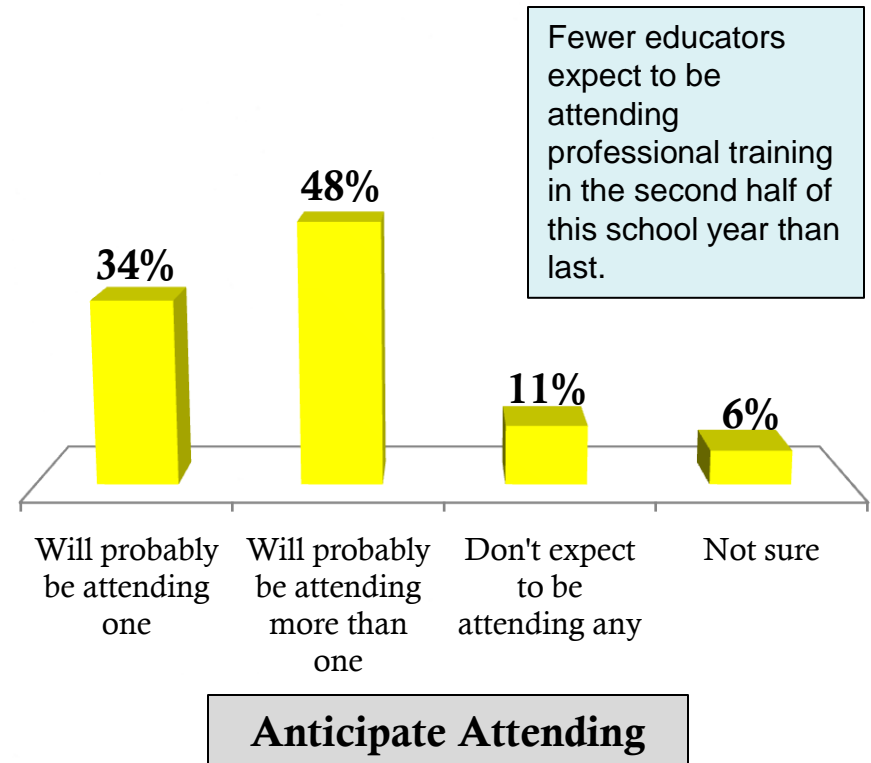
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Professional Development

1. Have you participated in a professional development seminar/workshop during the last school year?
2. Do you anticipate attending a professional development seminar/workshop before the end of the school year?



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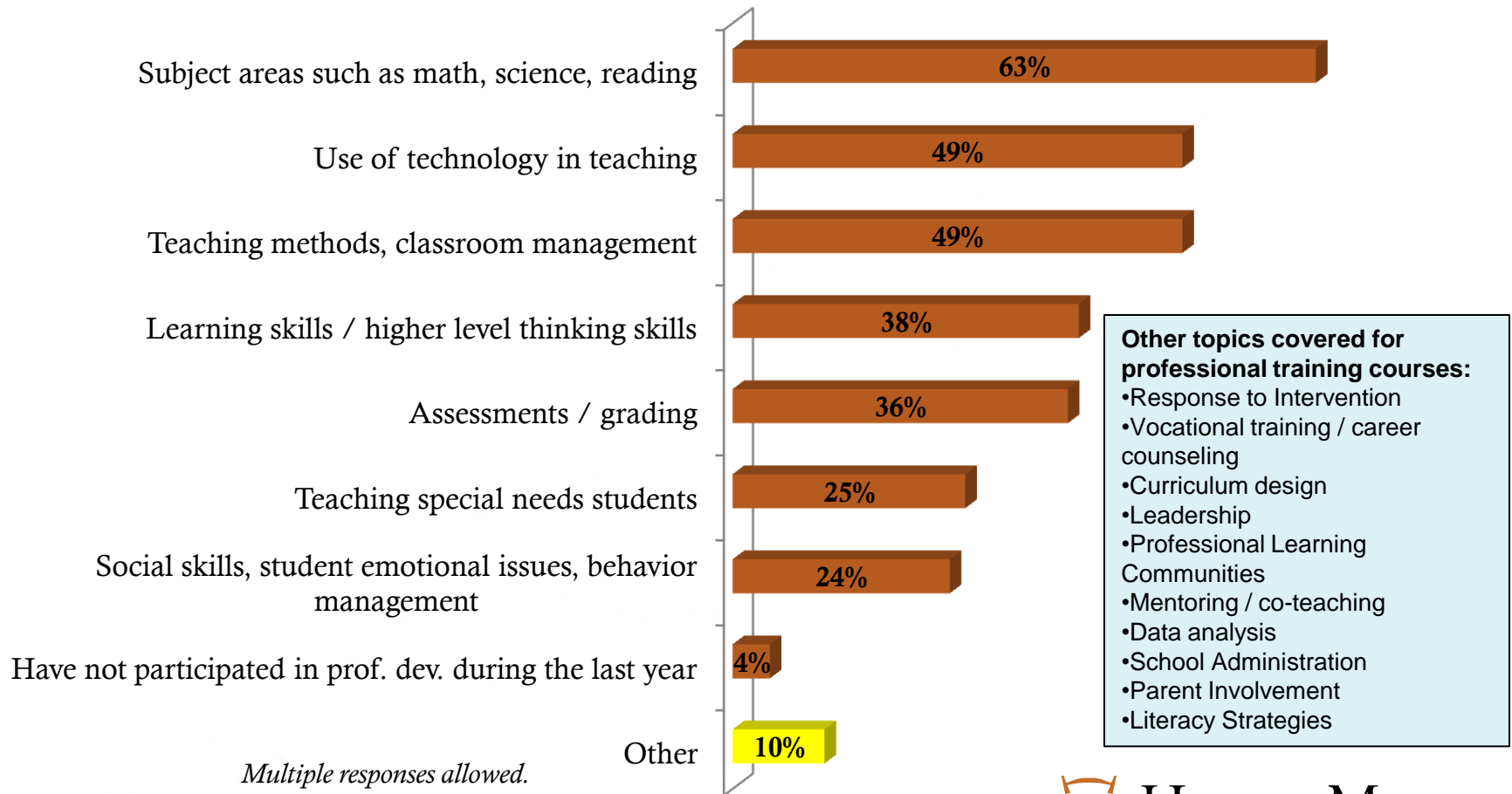
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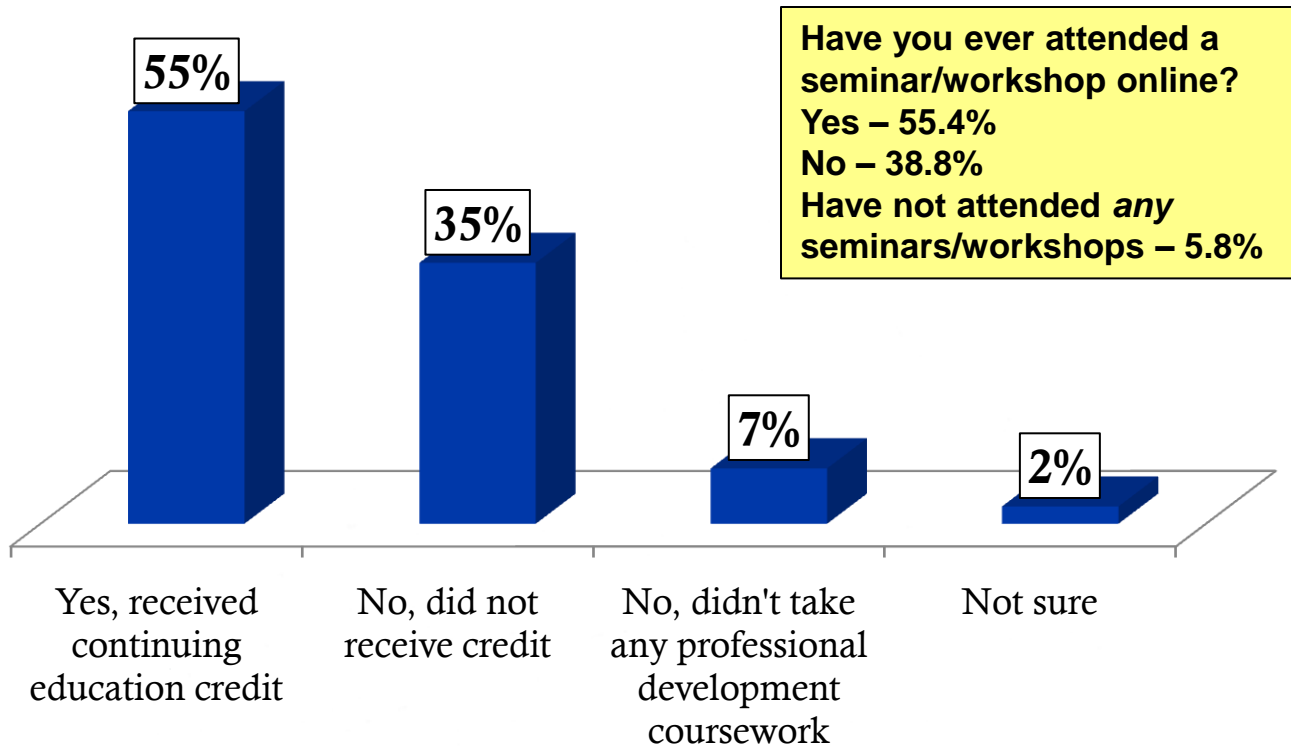
If you took any professional training during the past school year, what topics were covered?



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Professional Development

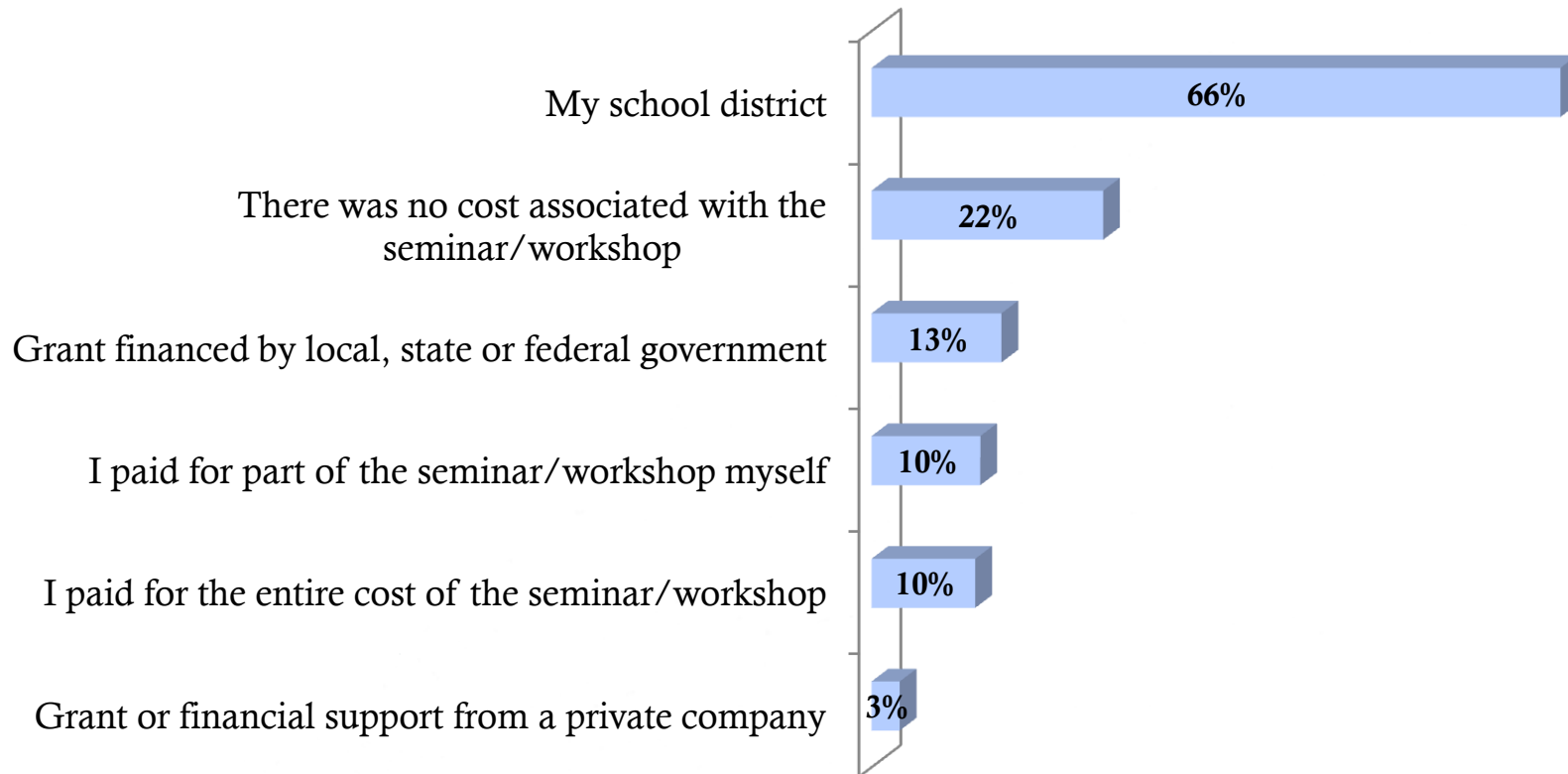
Did you receive continuing education credit for any professional development courses that you took during the last school year?



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Professional Development

Who paid for your most recent professional development seminar/workshop?



Multiple responses allowed.

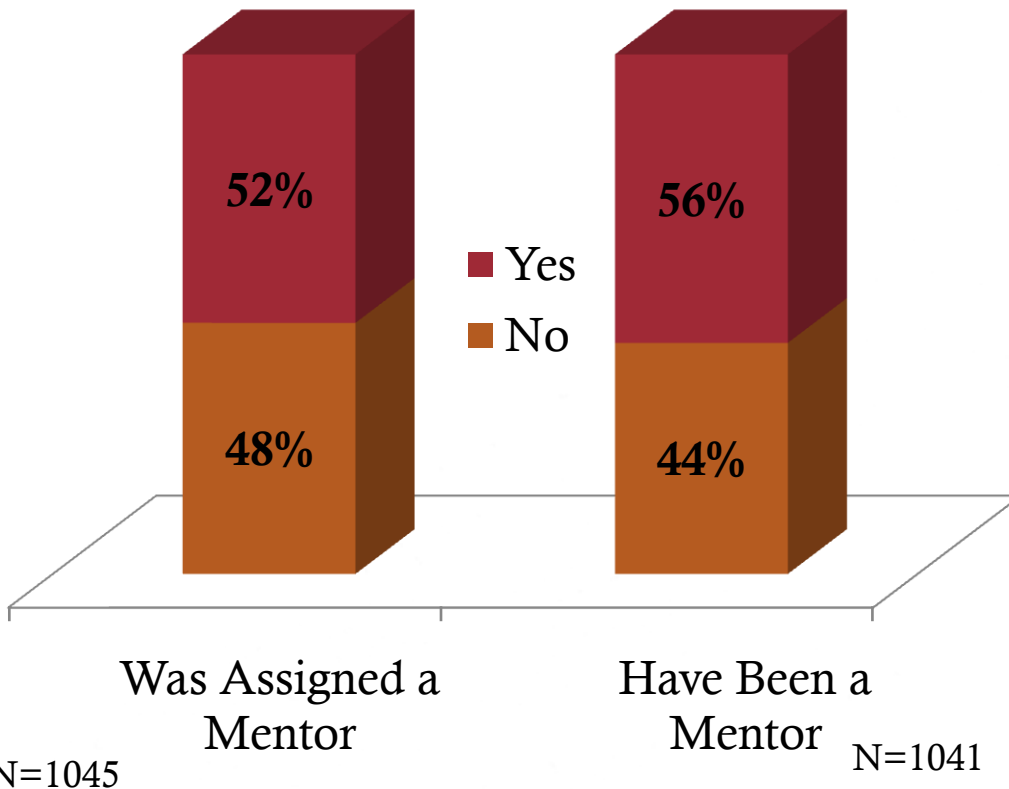
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New Teacher Training

Were you assigned a mentor when you first started teaching?

Have you been a mentor to a new teacher?

There's a greater likelihood that educators hired in 2000 or later have benefited from a mentor than those hired prior to 2000.



Were you assigned a mentor?

	Years of Teaching				
	4 or less	5-10	11-15	16-20	More than 20
Yes	85%	84%	64%	42%	18%
No	15%	16%	36%	58%	82%

Have you been a mentor?

	Years of Teaching				
	4 or less	5-10	11-15	16-20	More than 20
Yes	13%	36%	57%	72%	69%
No	87%	64%	43%	28%	31%

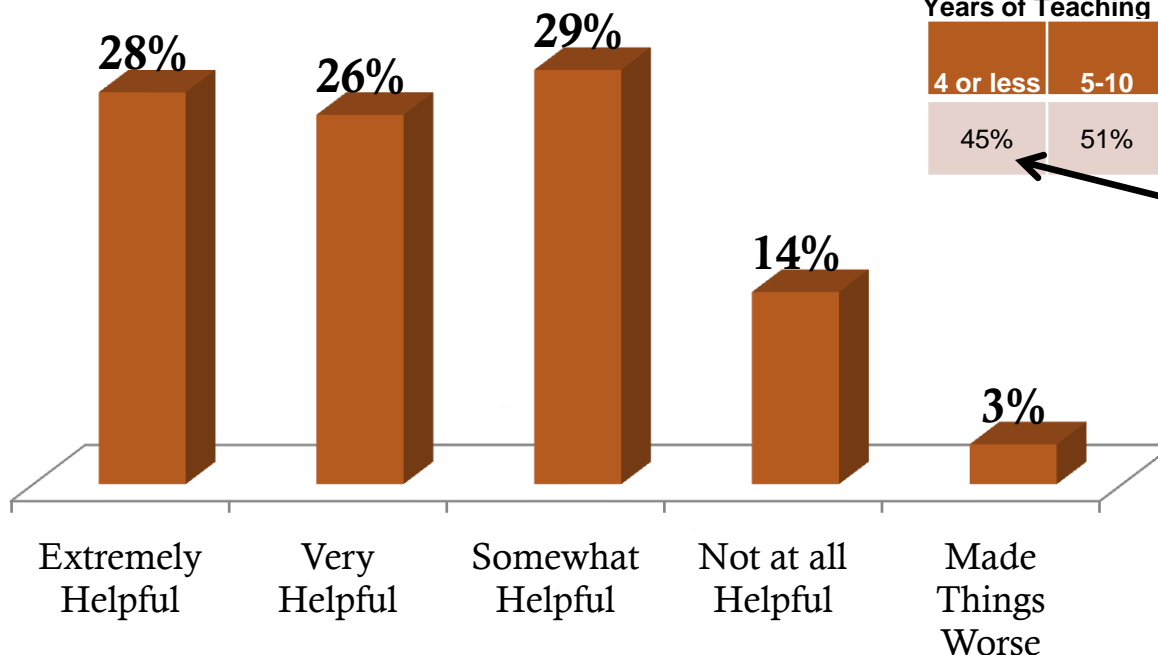
New Teacher Training

If you were assigned a mentor, how helpful was your mentor in training you for your first teaching experience?

Percent of Educators who selected
Extremely Helpful and Very Helpful

Years of Teaching

4 or less	5-10	11-15	16-20	More than 20
45%	51%	59%	58%	55%



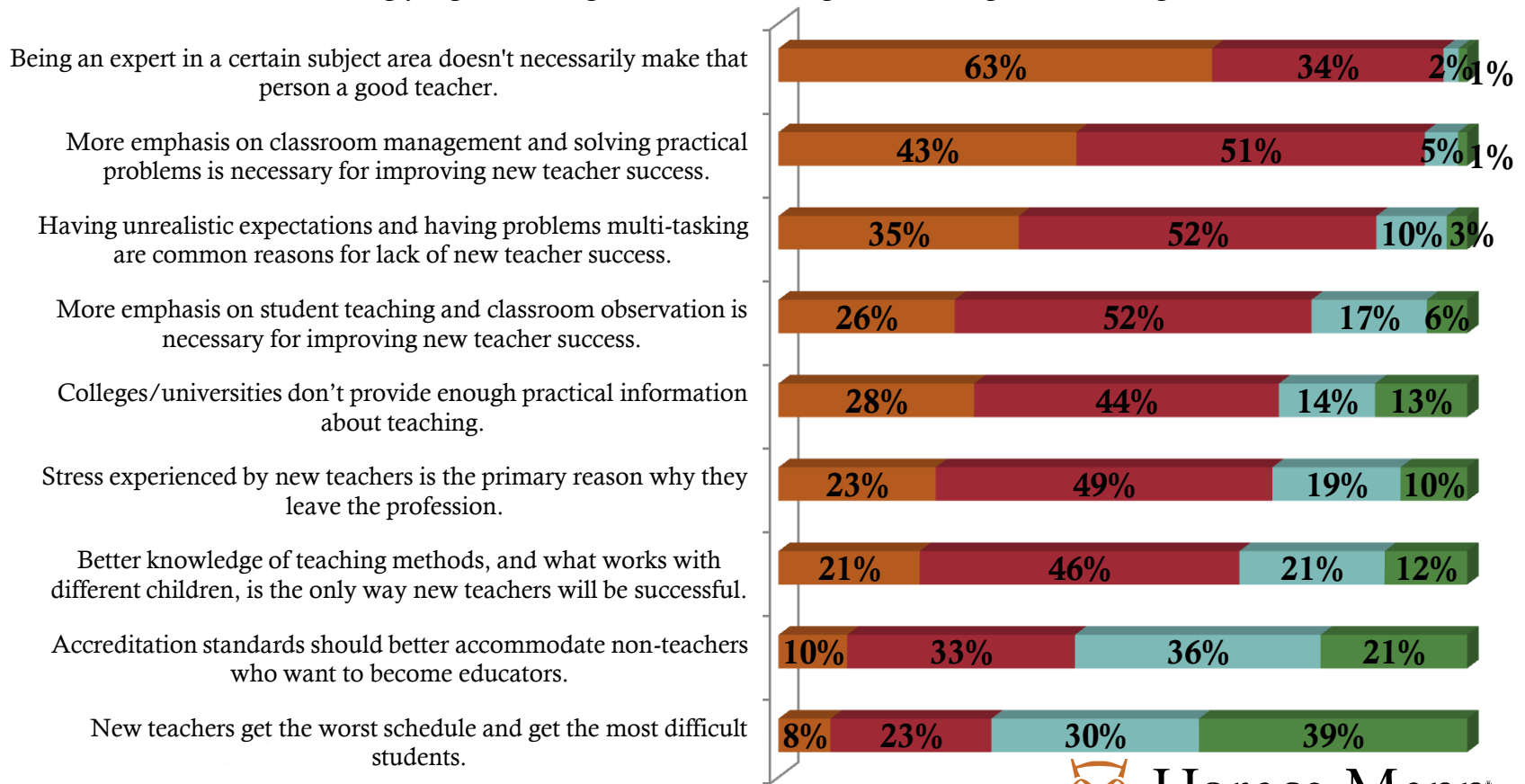
Among educators who've had a mentor, the newest educators are least likely to believe that their mentor was very helpful or extremely helpful.

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New Teacher Training

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about new teacher training?

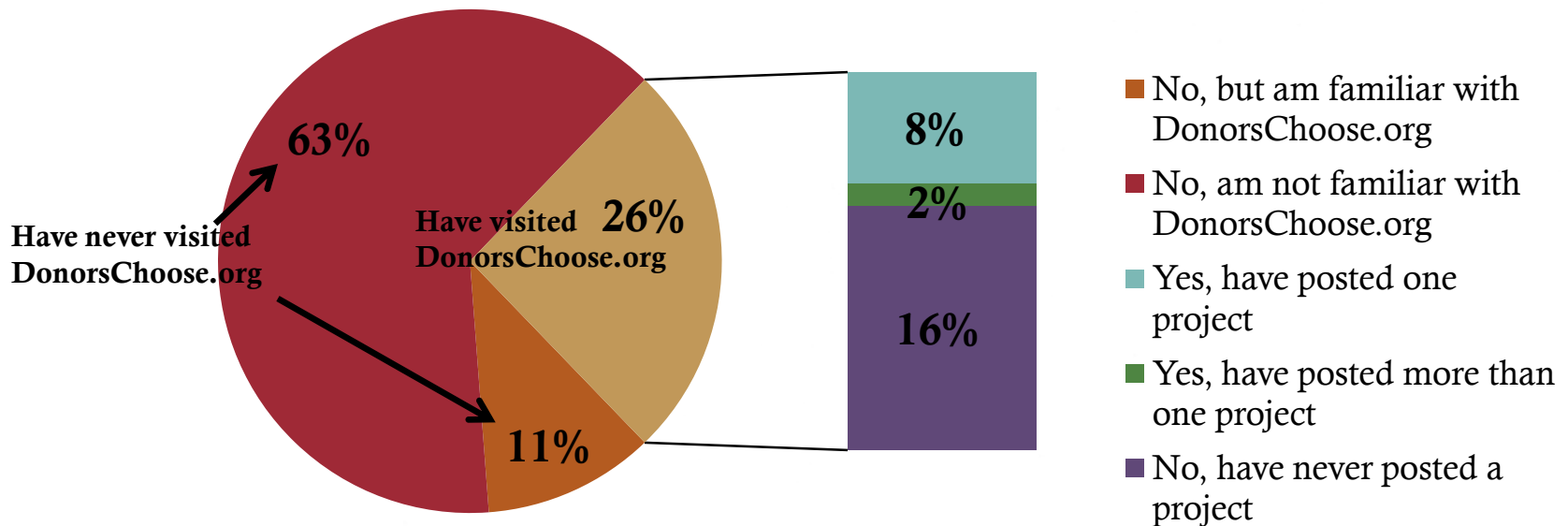
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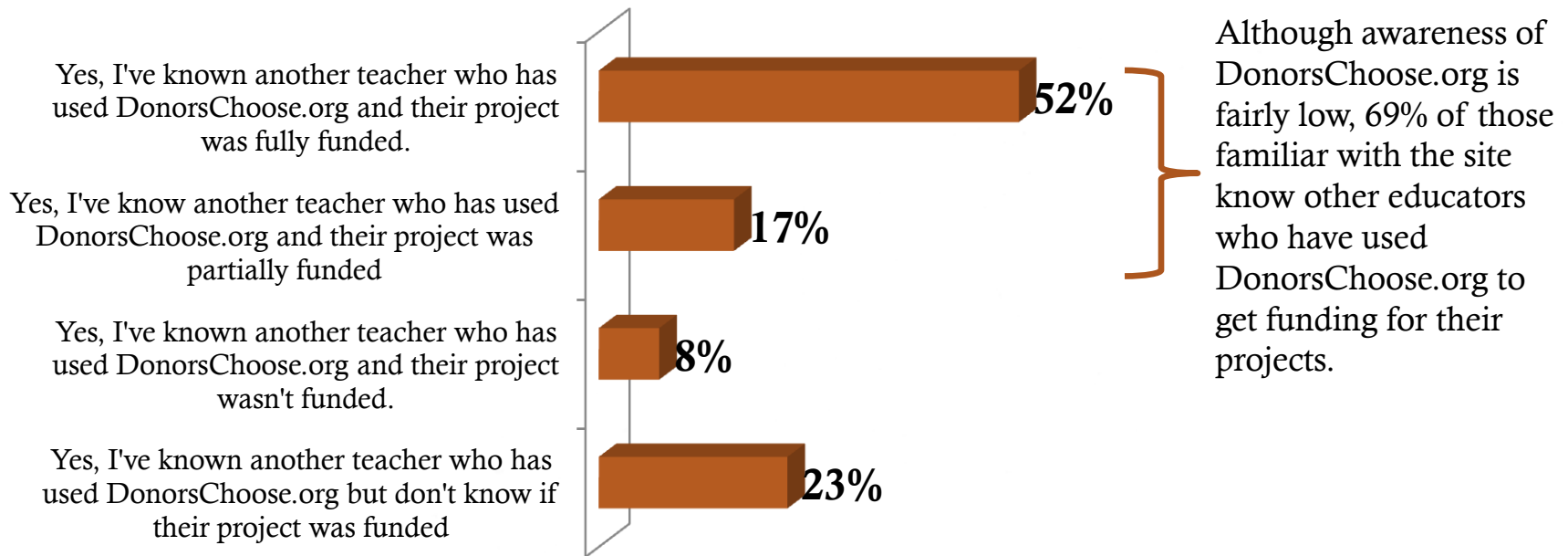
DonorsChoose.org

1. Have you ever visited the DonorsChoose.org website?
2. Have you ever posted a project on DonorsChoose.org?



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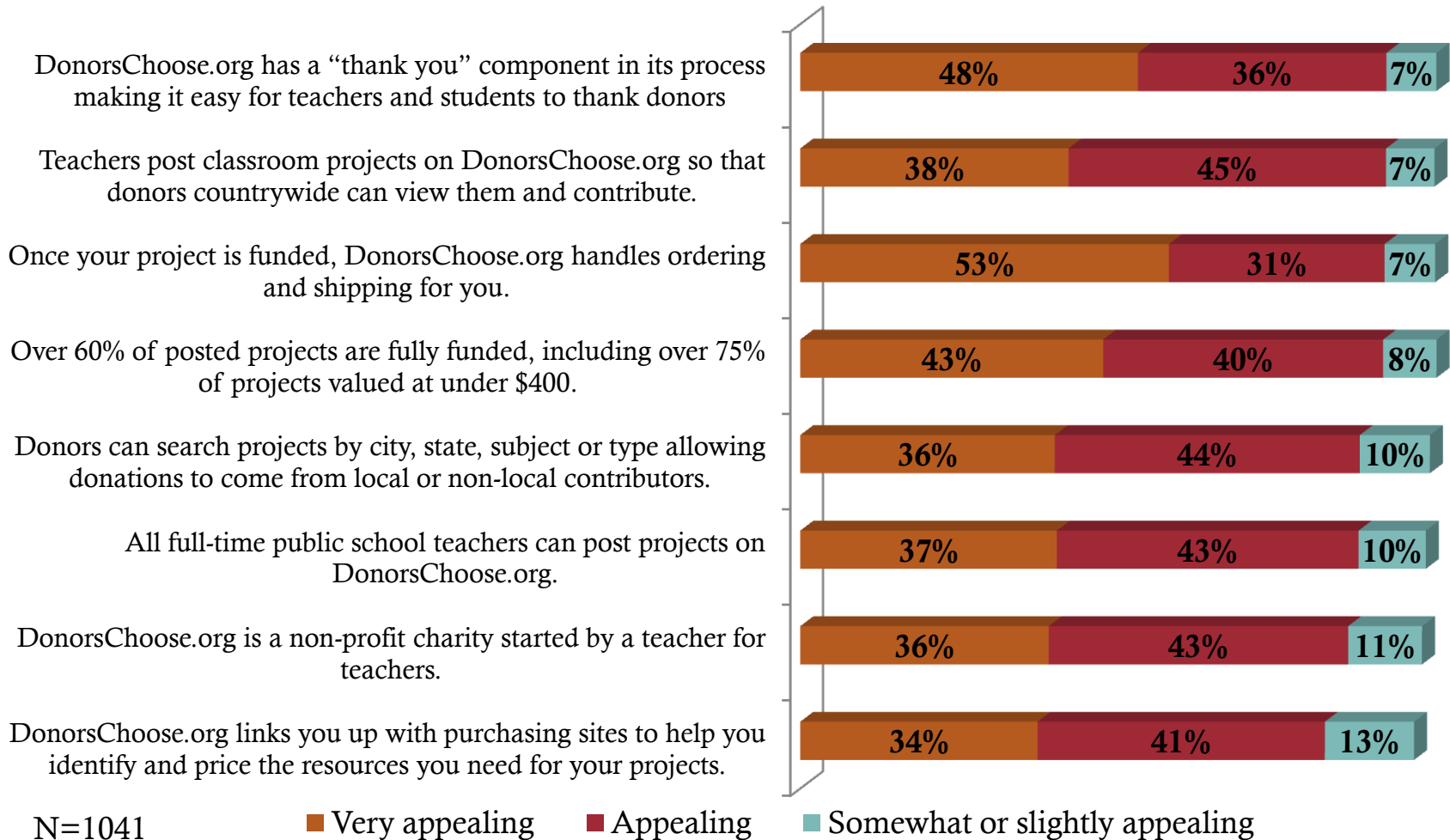
Have you known any other teacher who has posted a project on DonorsChoose.org and was that person successful in getting funds for their project?



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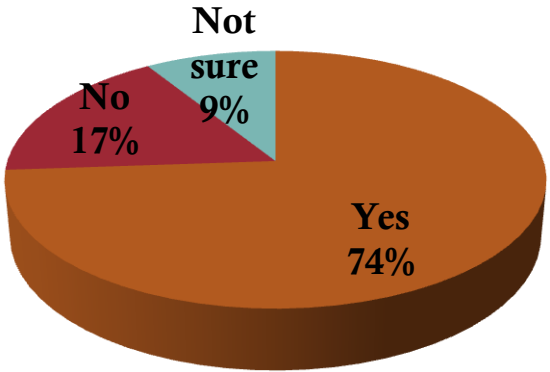
Of those educators who posted a project on DonorsChoose.org, 39% report that their project was fully funded and 7% report that their project was partially funded.

Which characteristics of DonorsChoose.org should be promoted to teachers like yourself?

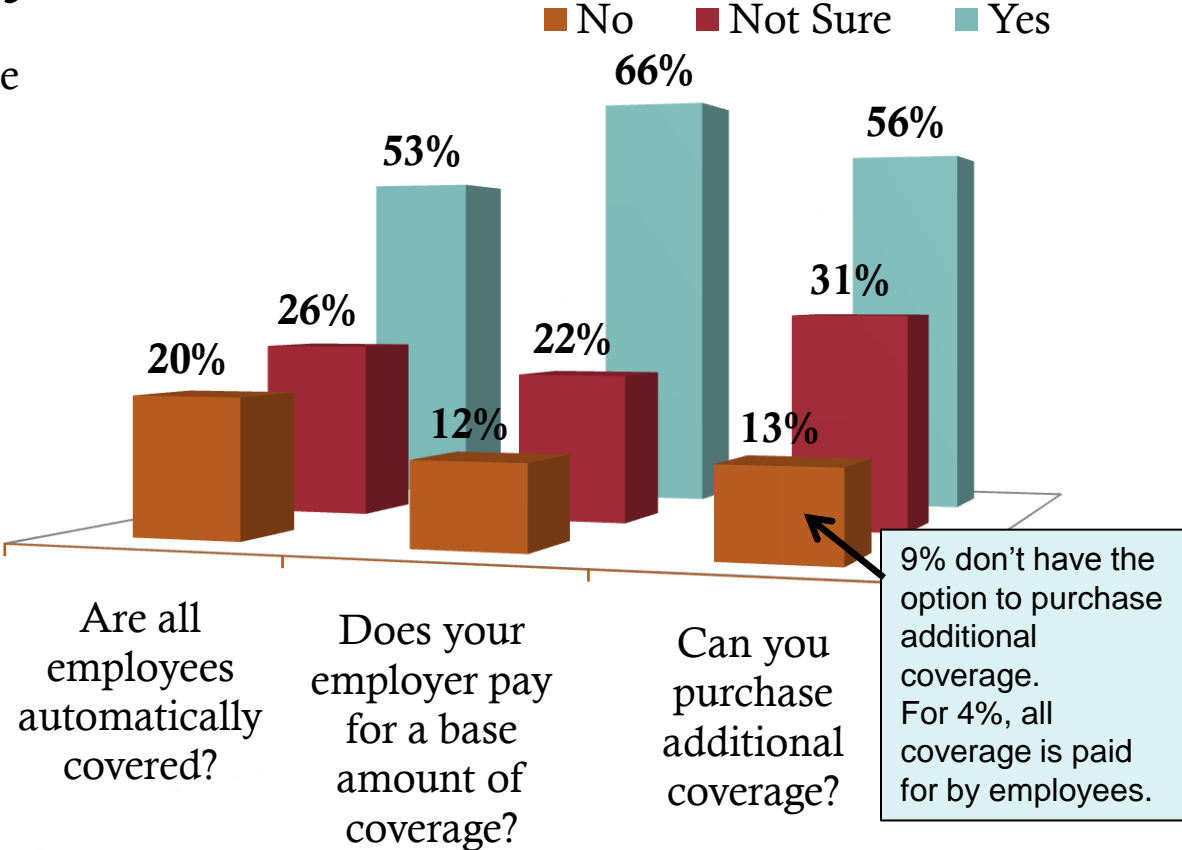


Employer based Group Life Insurance

Do you have group life insurance through your school district or employer?



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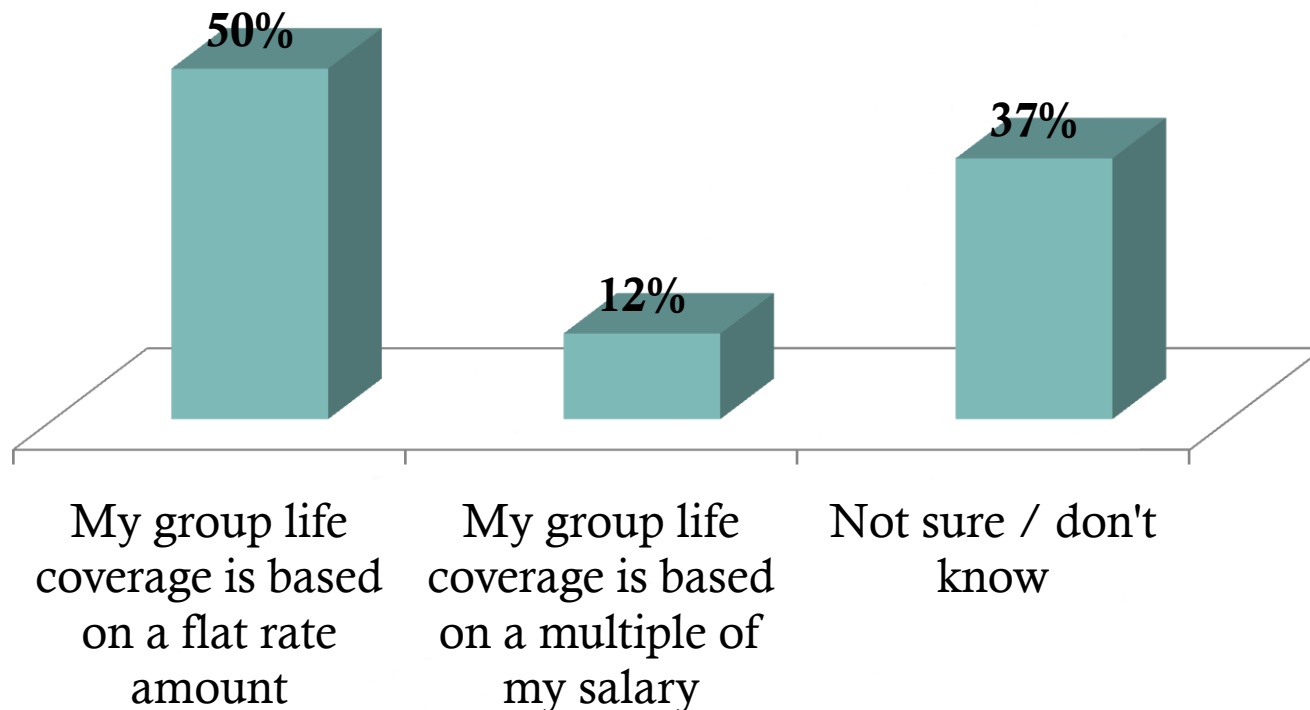


9% don't have the option to purchase additional coverage. For 4%, all coverage is paid for by employees.

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Group Life

Is your group life insurance coverage benefit amount defined as a flat rate or defined based upon your salary?



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