

Utah County Law Enforcement & UVU Student Comparative Survey

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Purpose

Many studies have been done regarding the public's perspective and opinions on law enforcement. The purpose of our study is to specifically attempt to understand the perspective of UVU students in regards to the enforcement of traffic violations in Utah County by Utah County Police Officers.

IRB Application

We didn't have a total number of Utah County police officers. This made it difficult to determine a proper sample size. However, the total respondents of Law Enforcement officers to our survey was 74.

Determine Sample Size

Confidence Level: 95% 99%

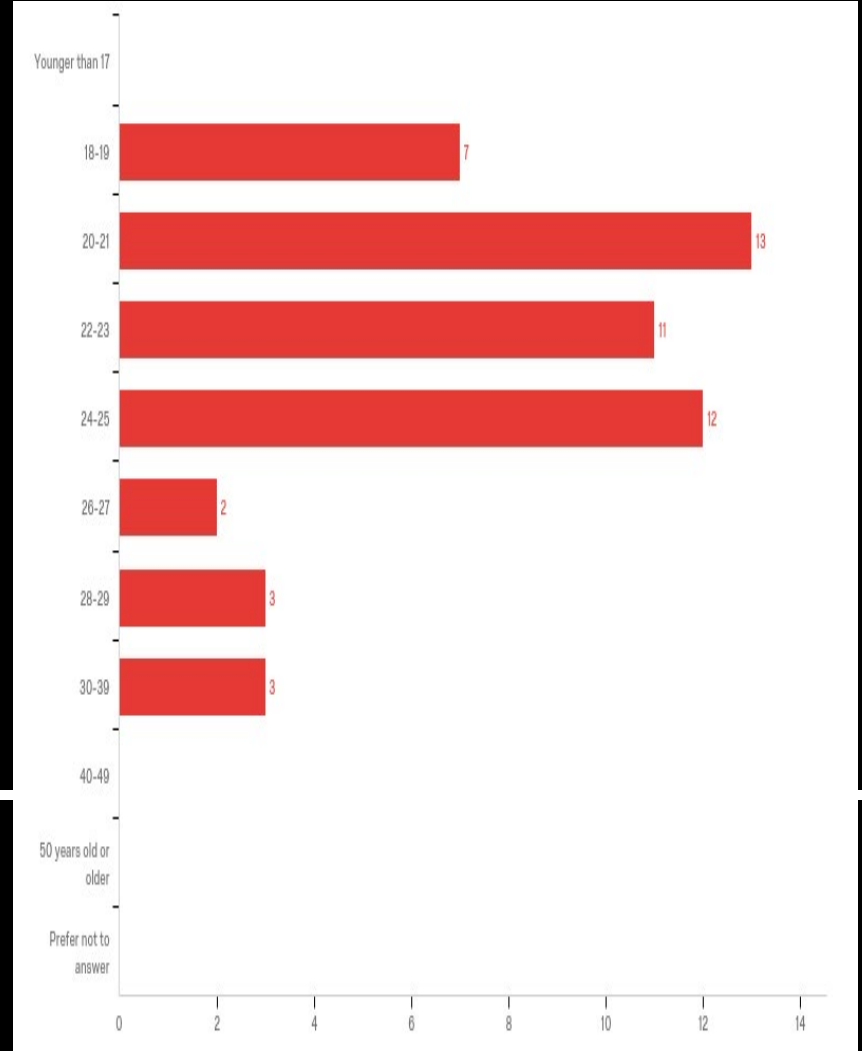
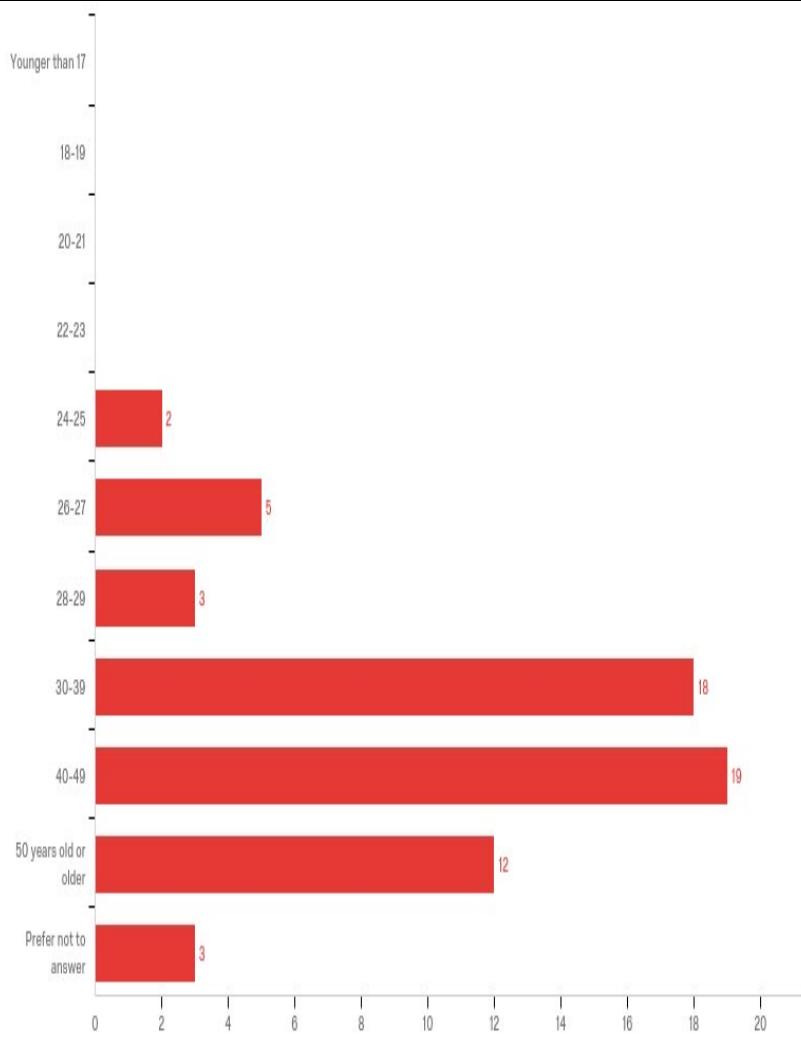
Confidence Interval:

Population:

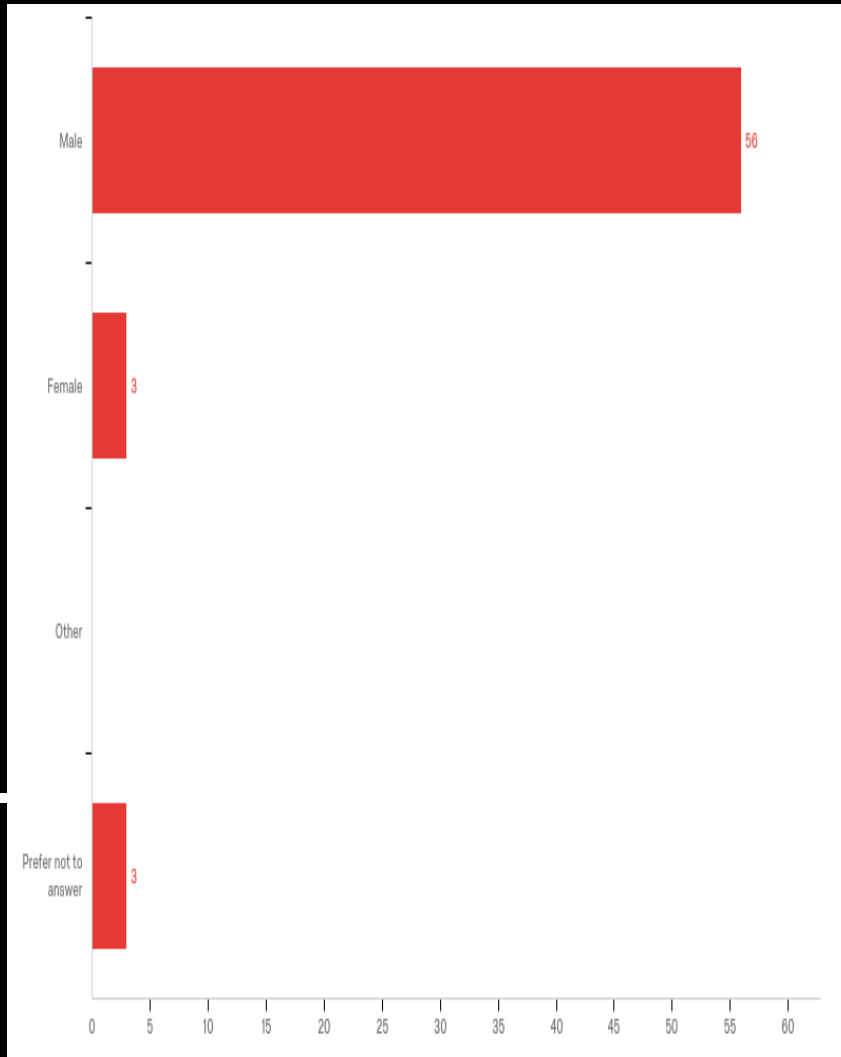
Sample size needed:

Literature Review

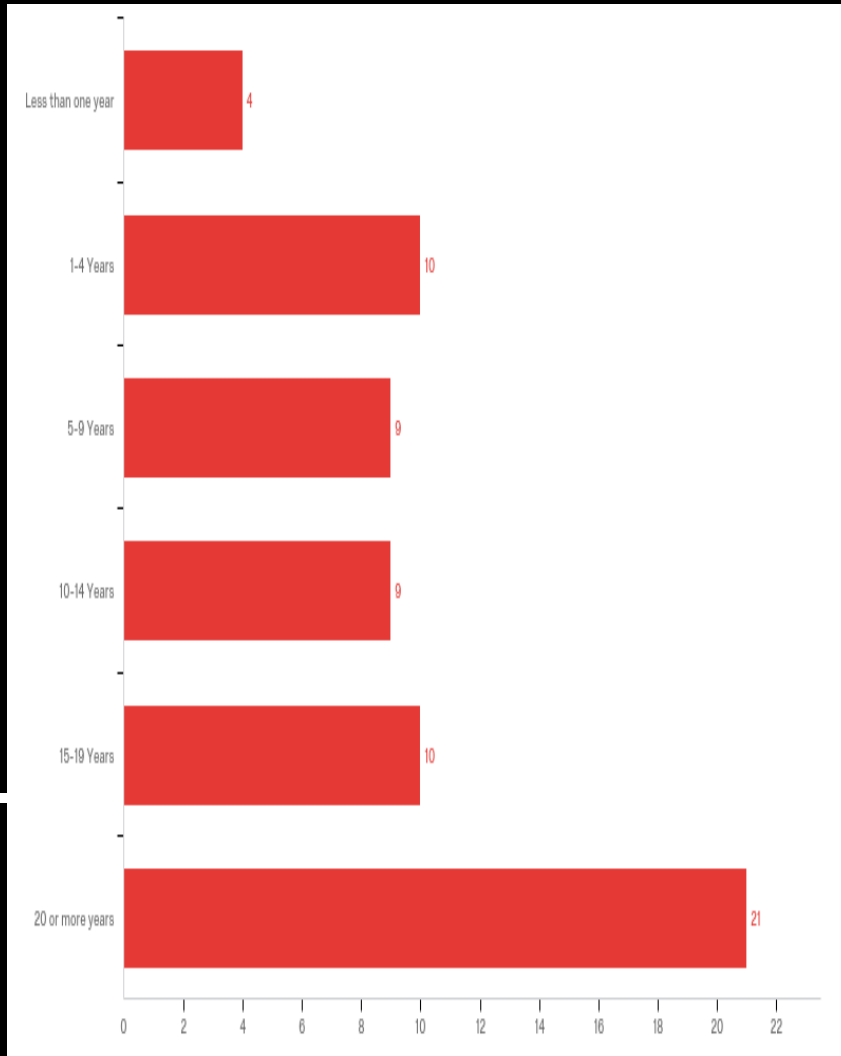
What is your age?



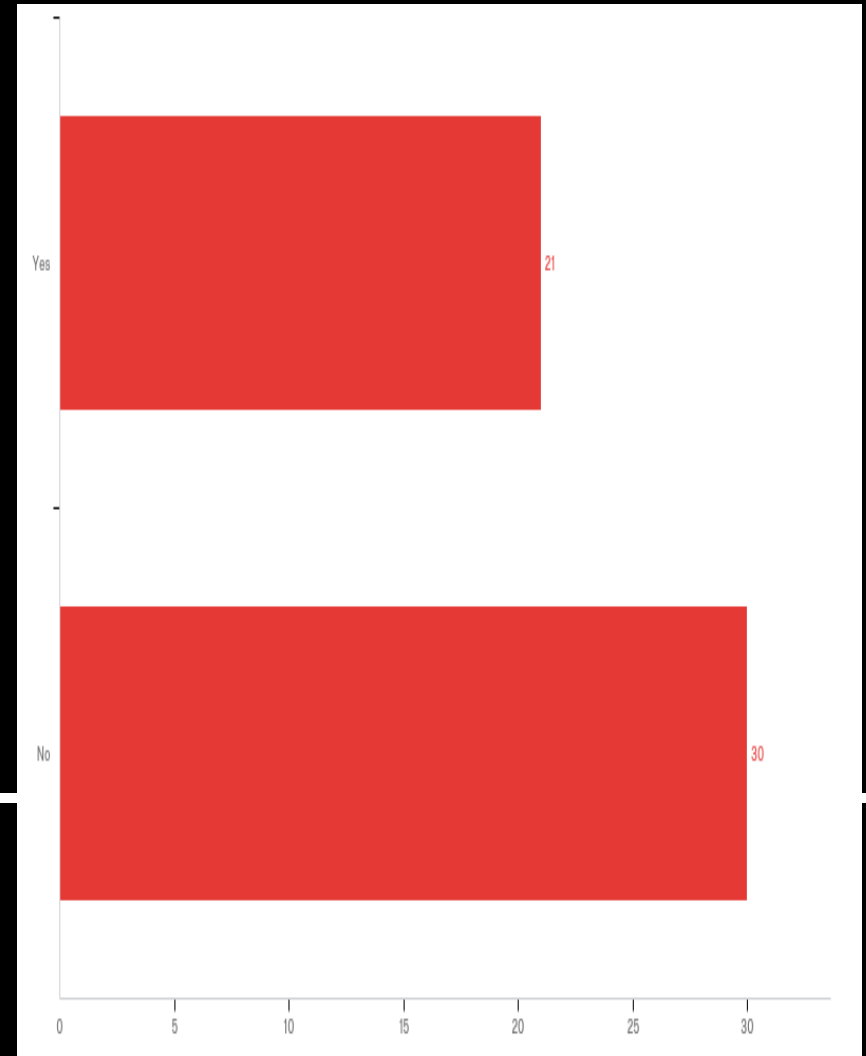
What is your gender?



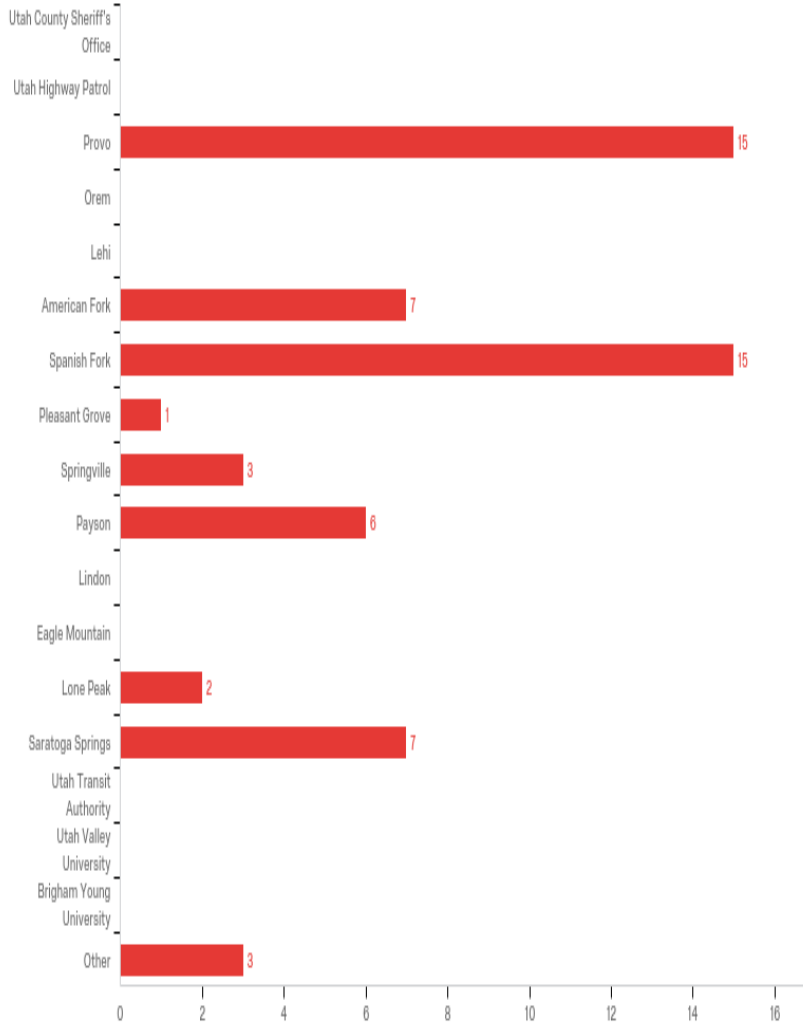
How long have you been a Police Officer?



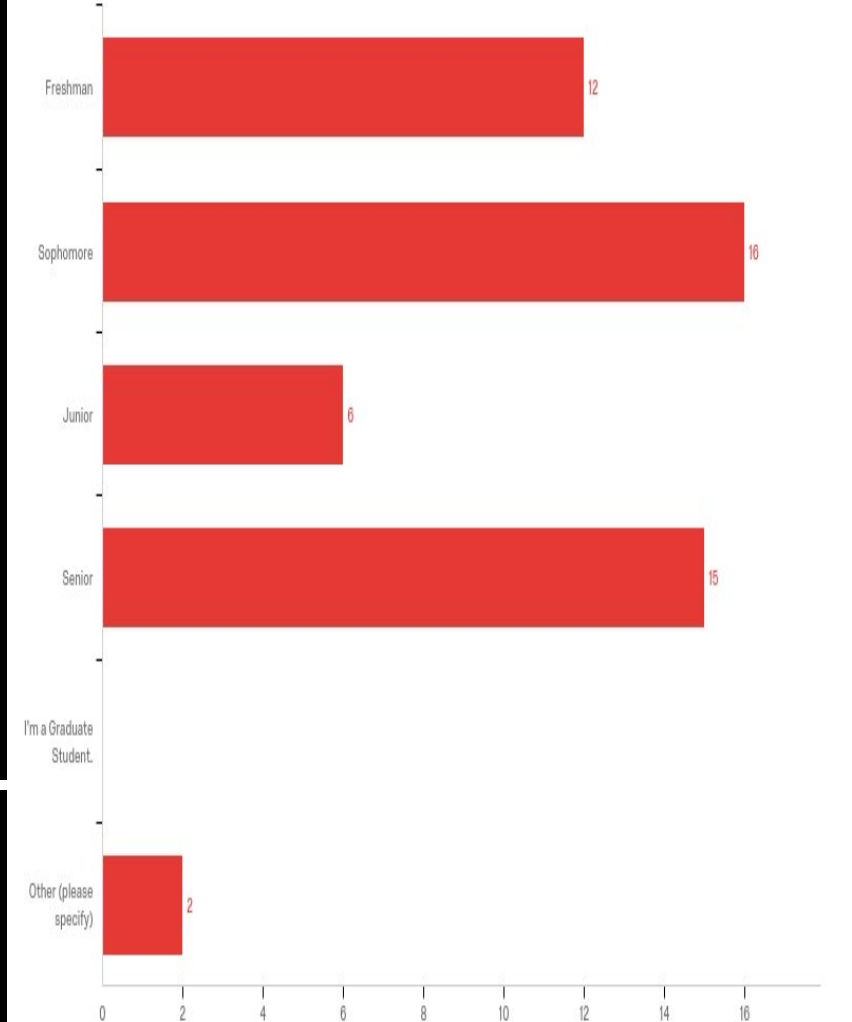
Do you have any relatives/close friends in Law Enforcement?



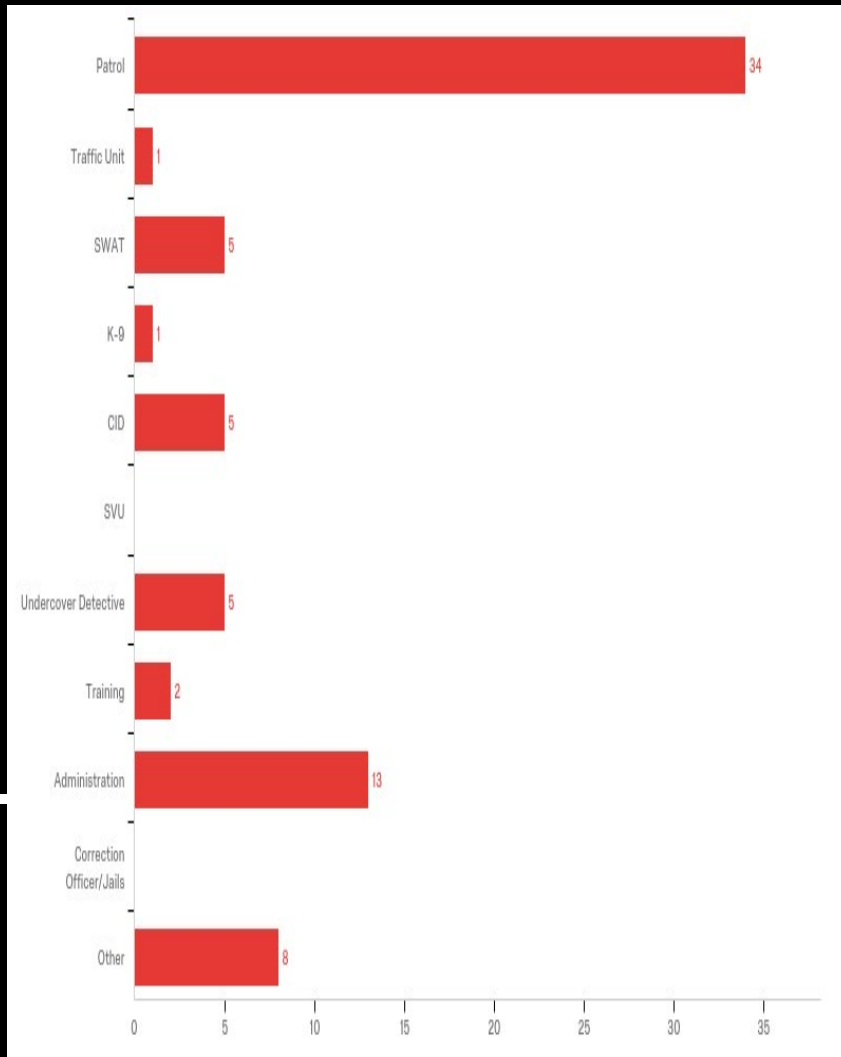
What Police Department are you currently working for?



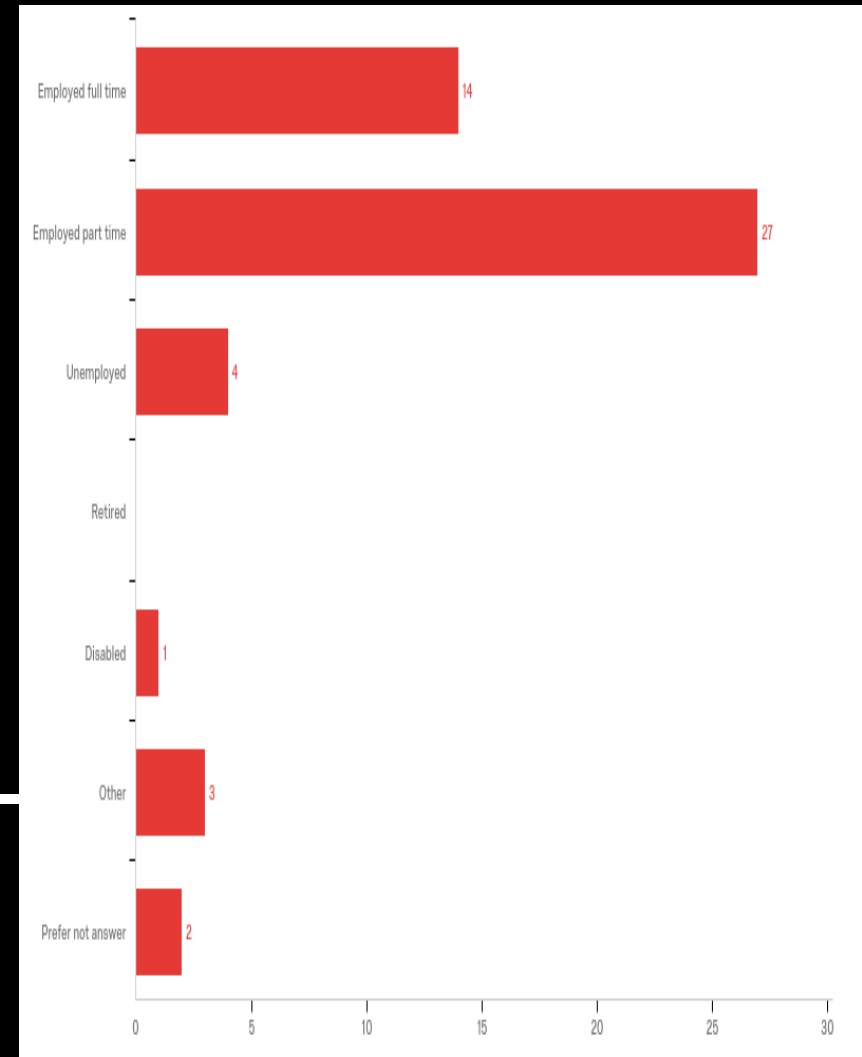
What is your current year at UVU?



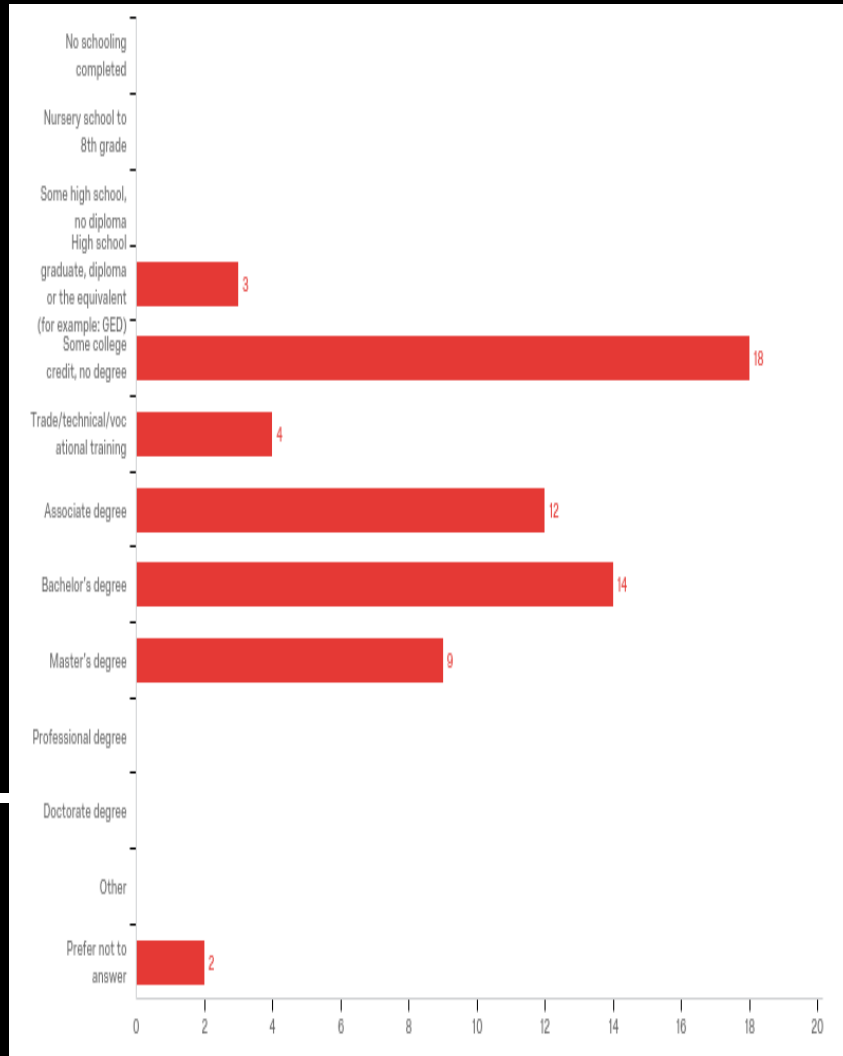
What is/are your current assignment(s)?



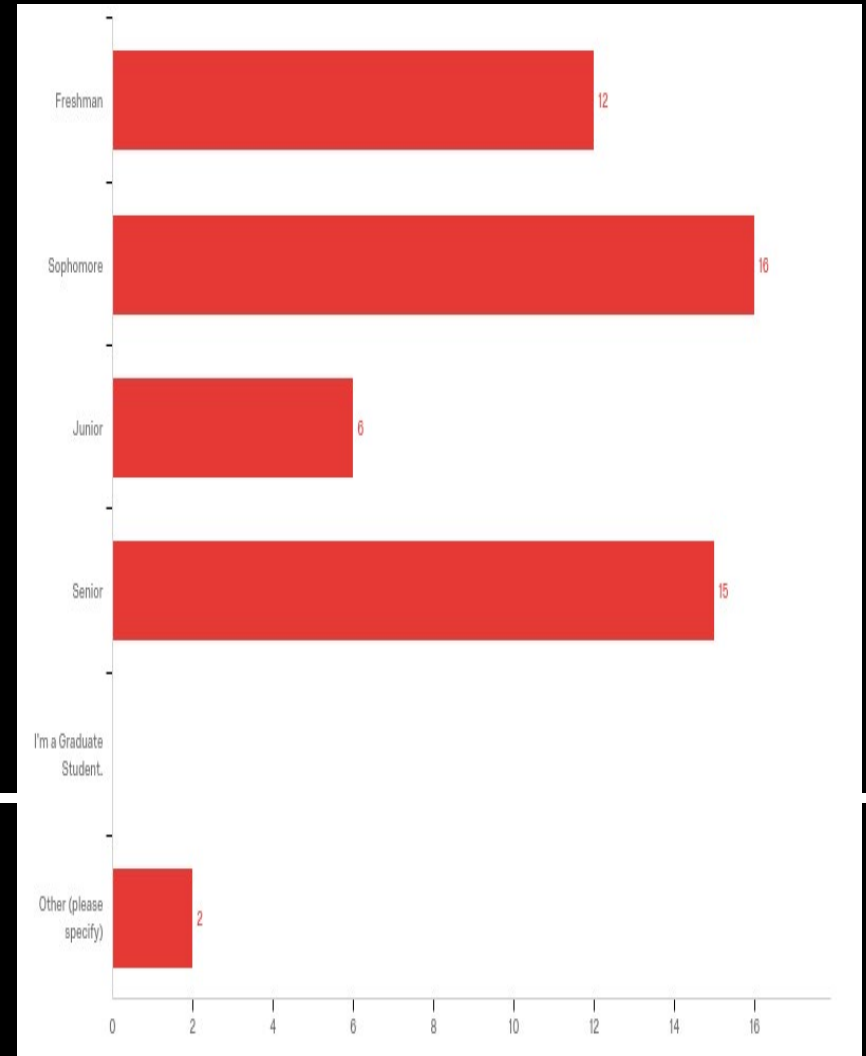
What is your current employment status?



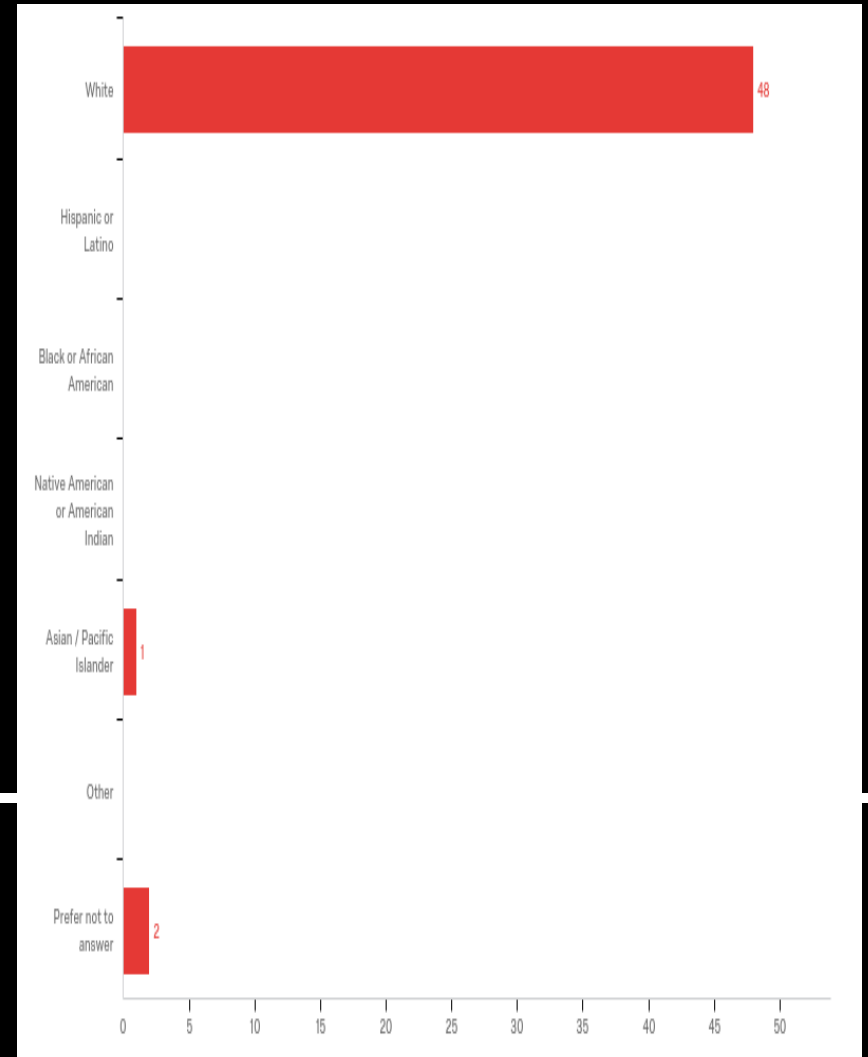
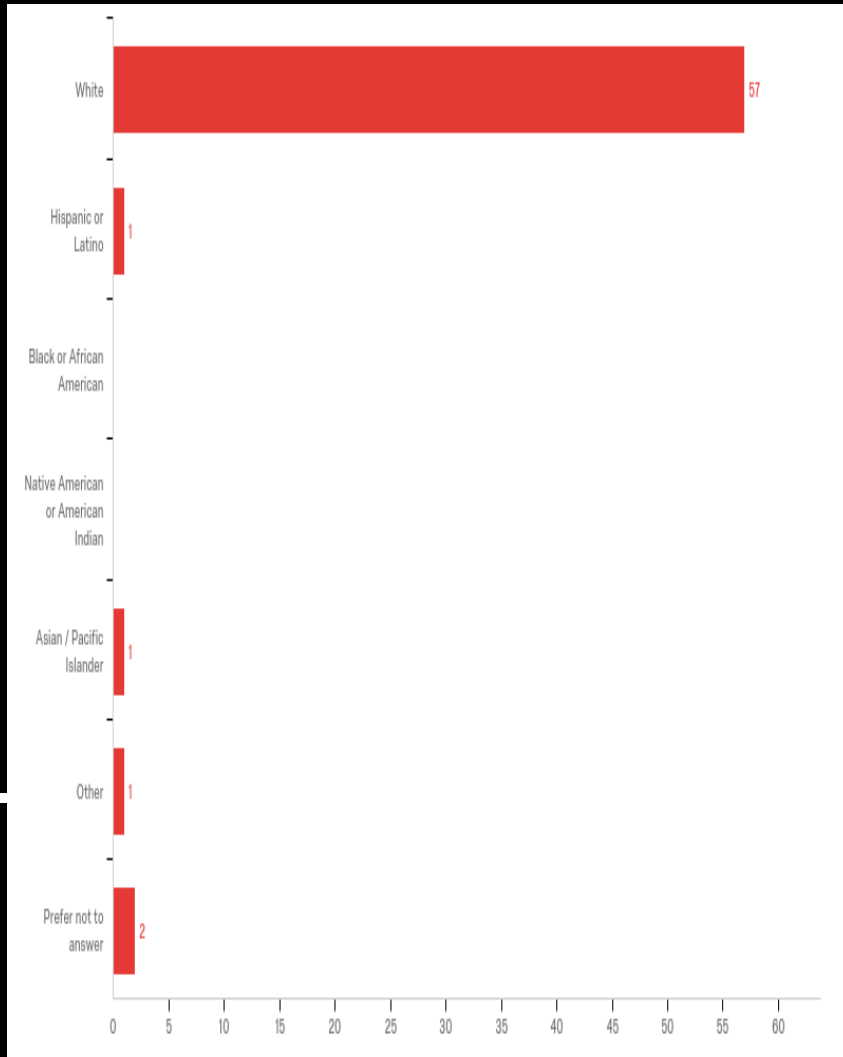
What is your highest level of education?



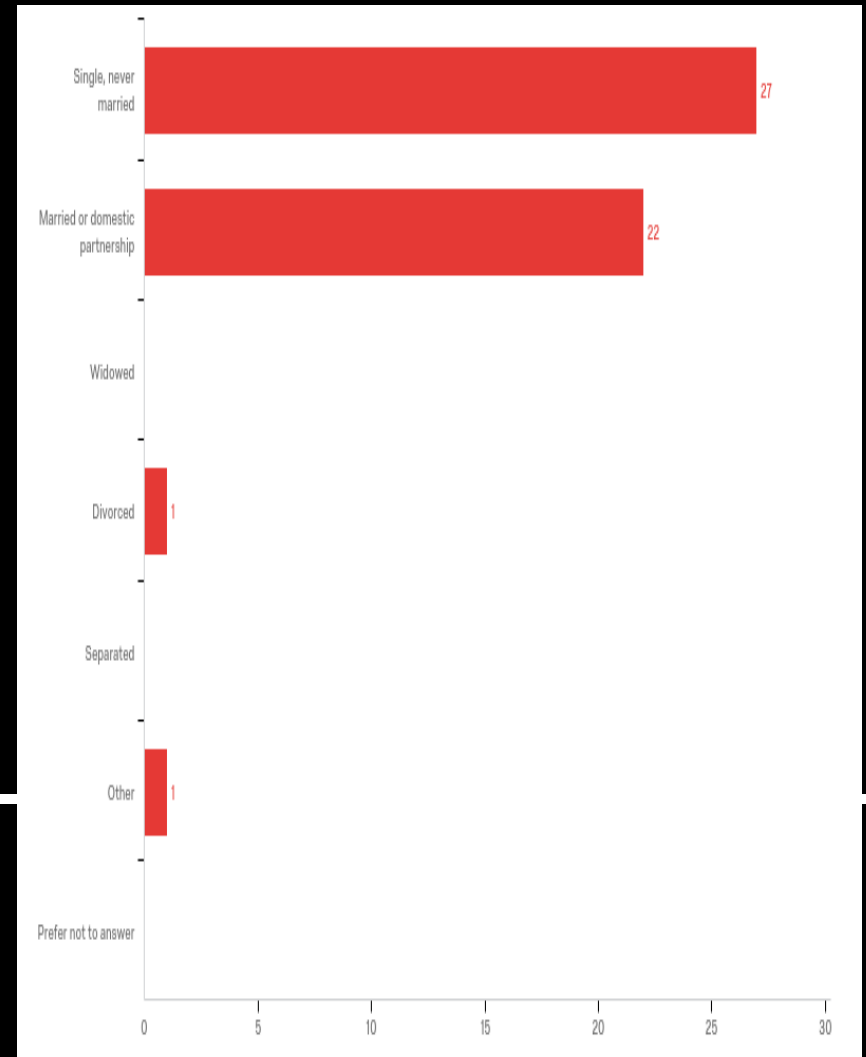
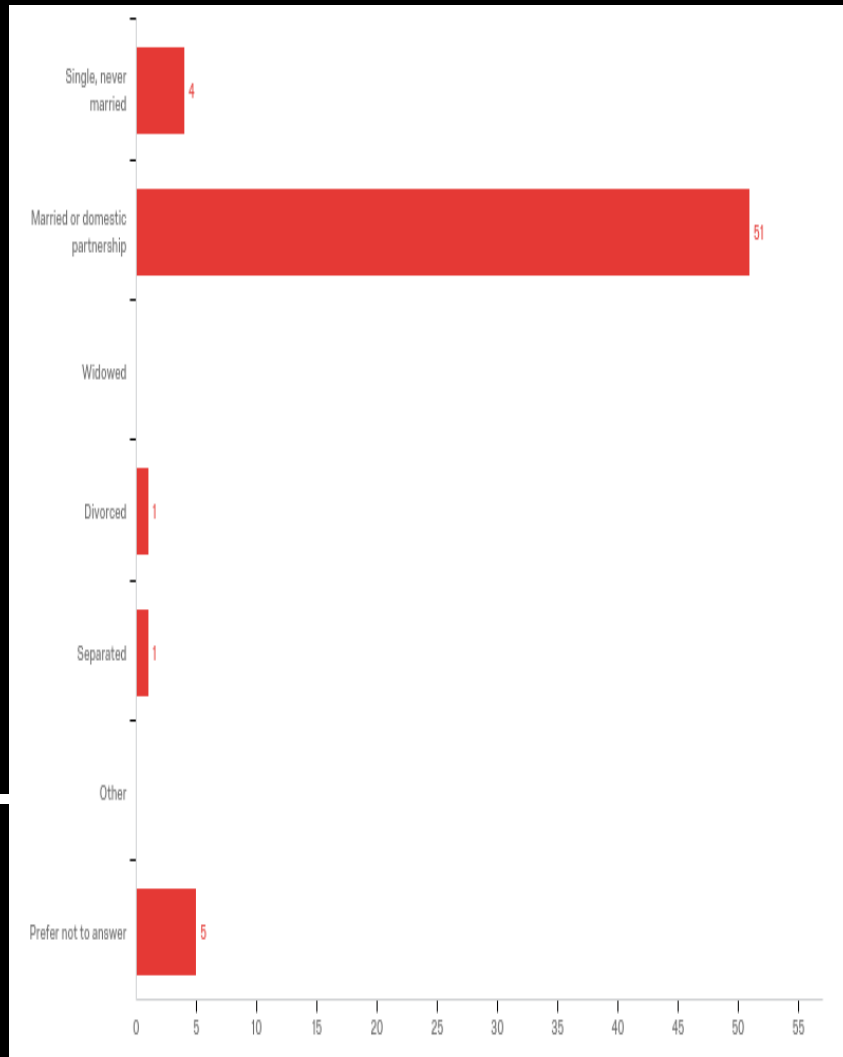
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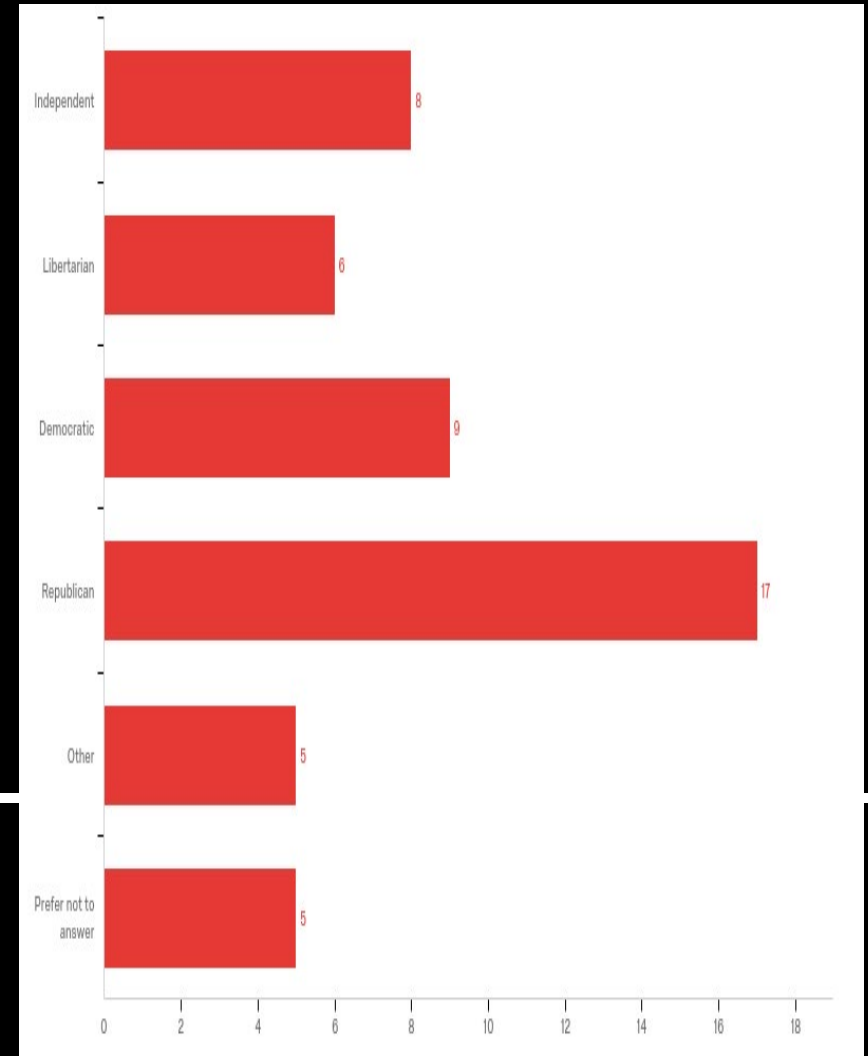
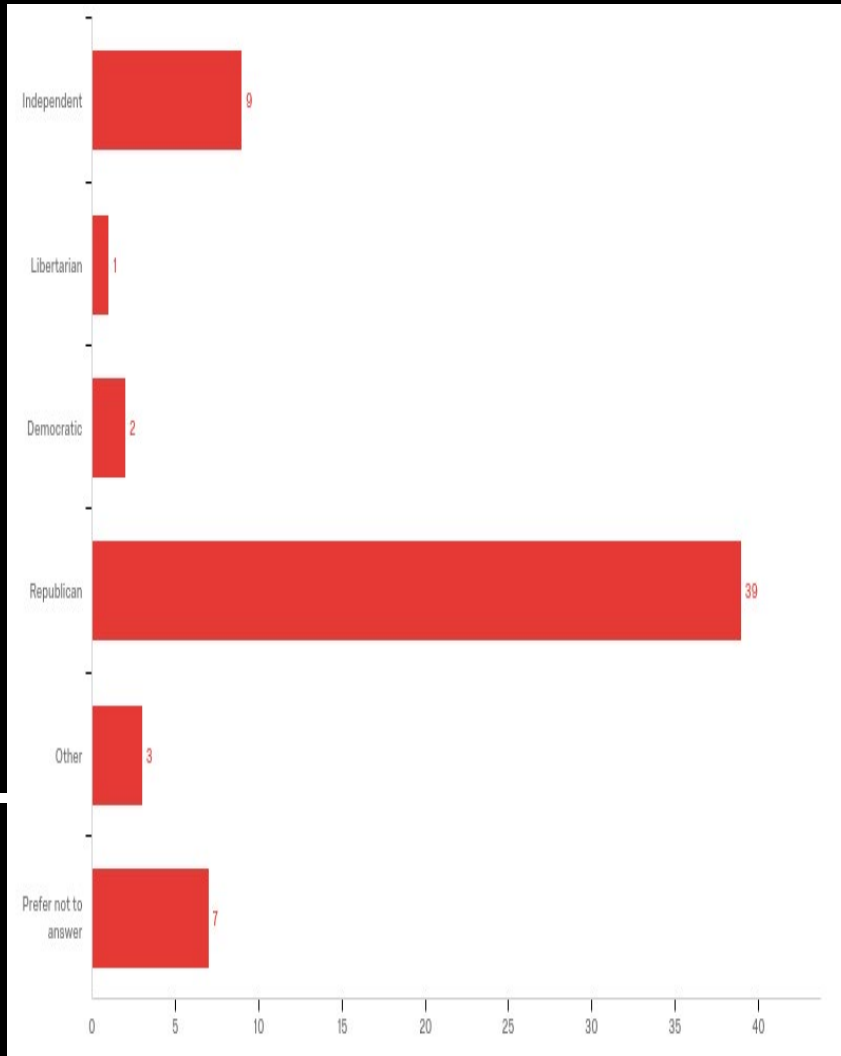
What is your ethnicity?



What is your marital status?

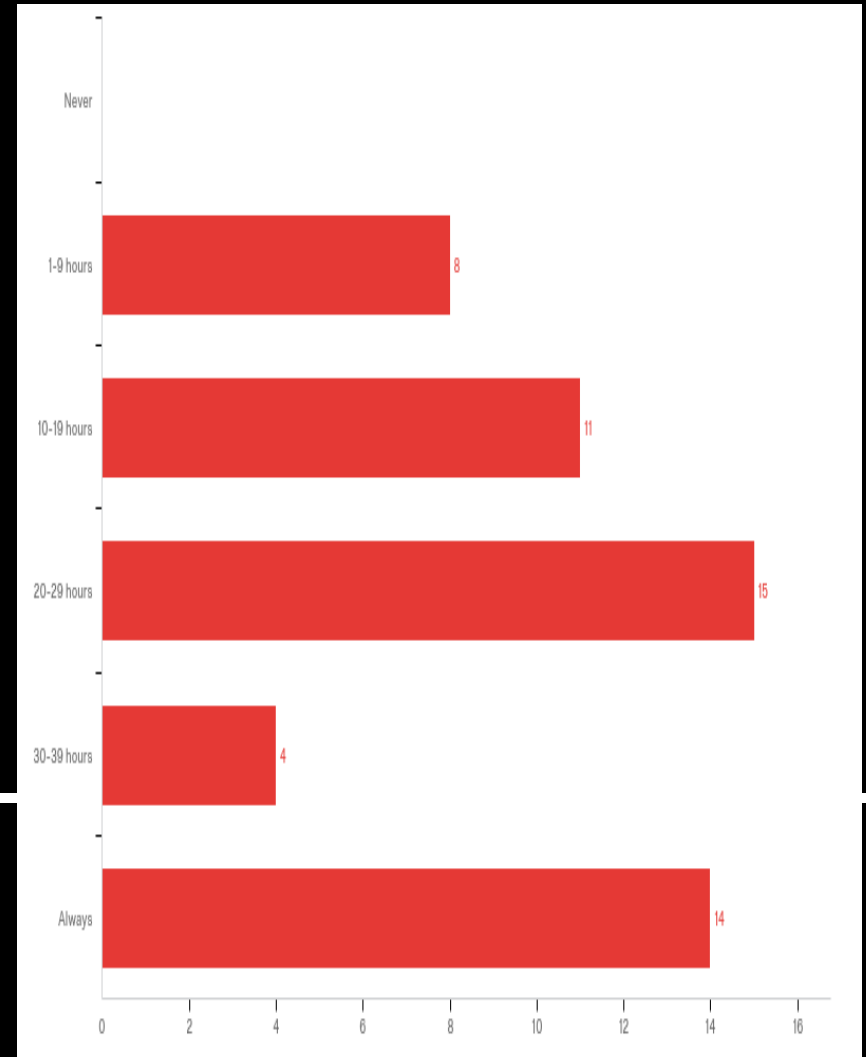
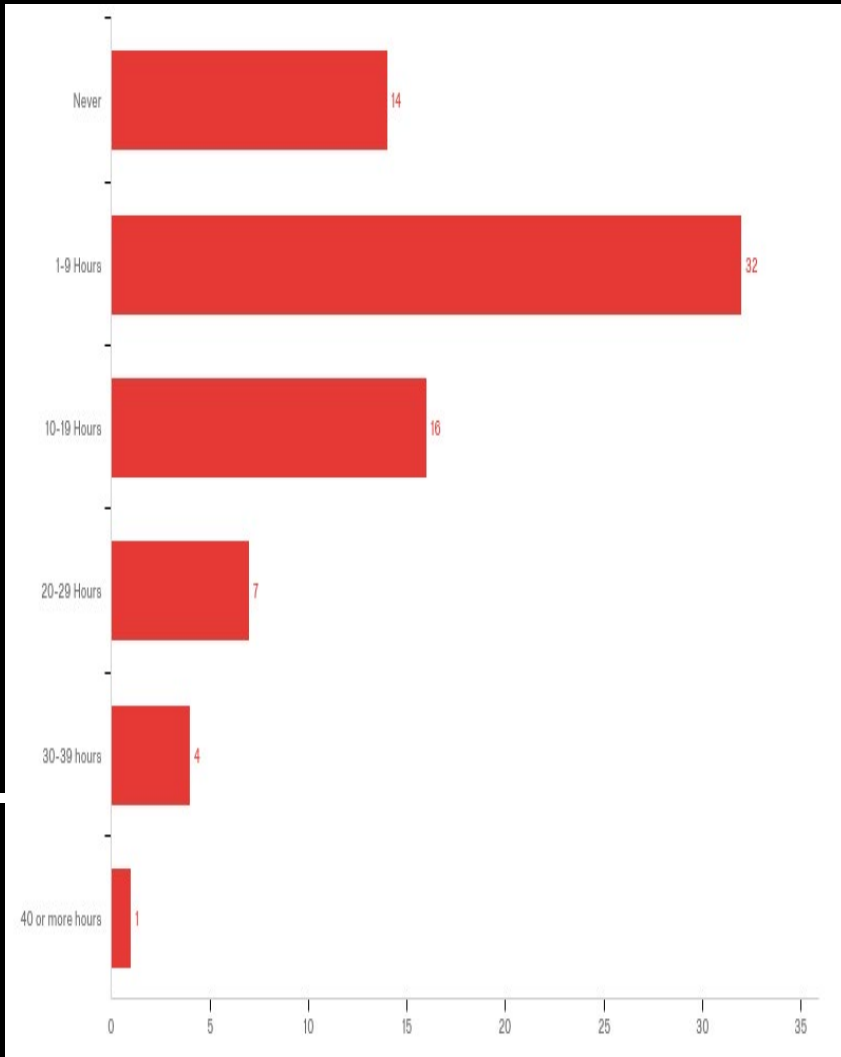


Of the following political parties, which one do you most align your views with?

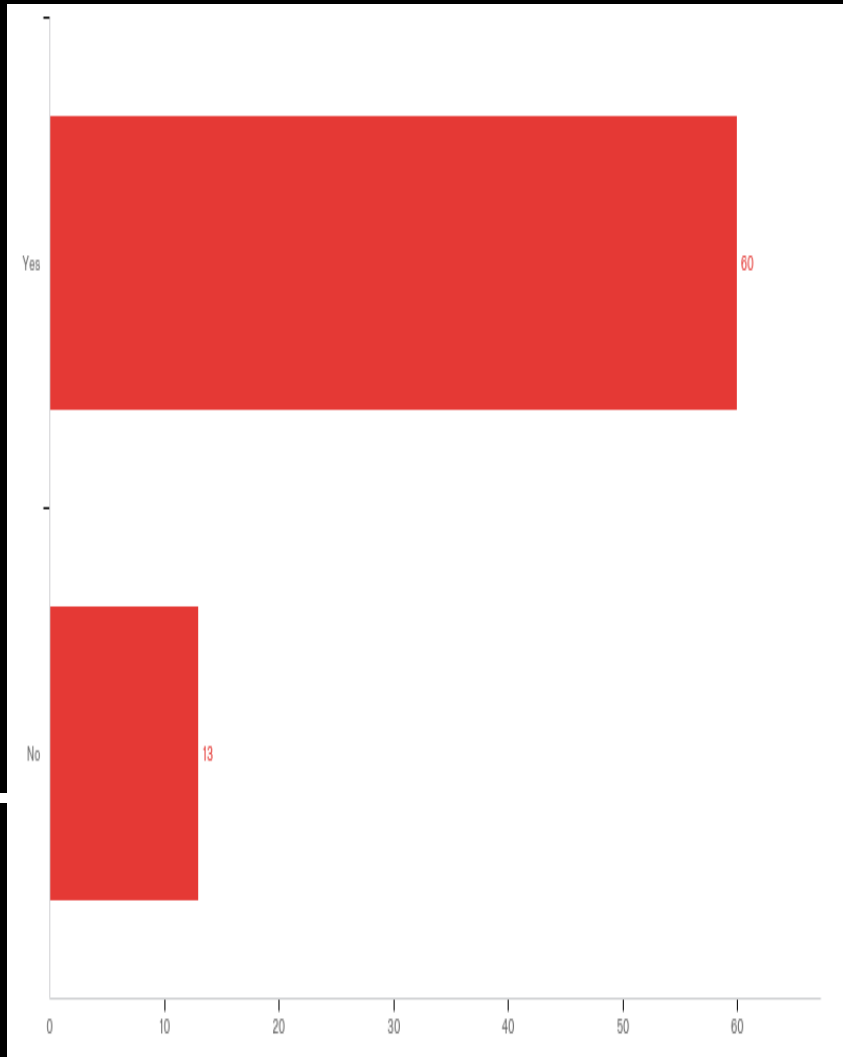


How many hours in a work week do you spend enforcing traffic laws?

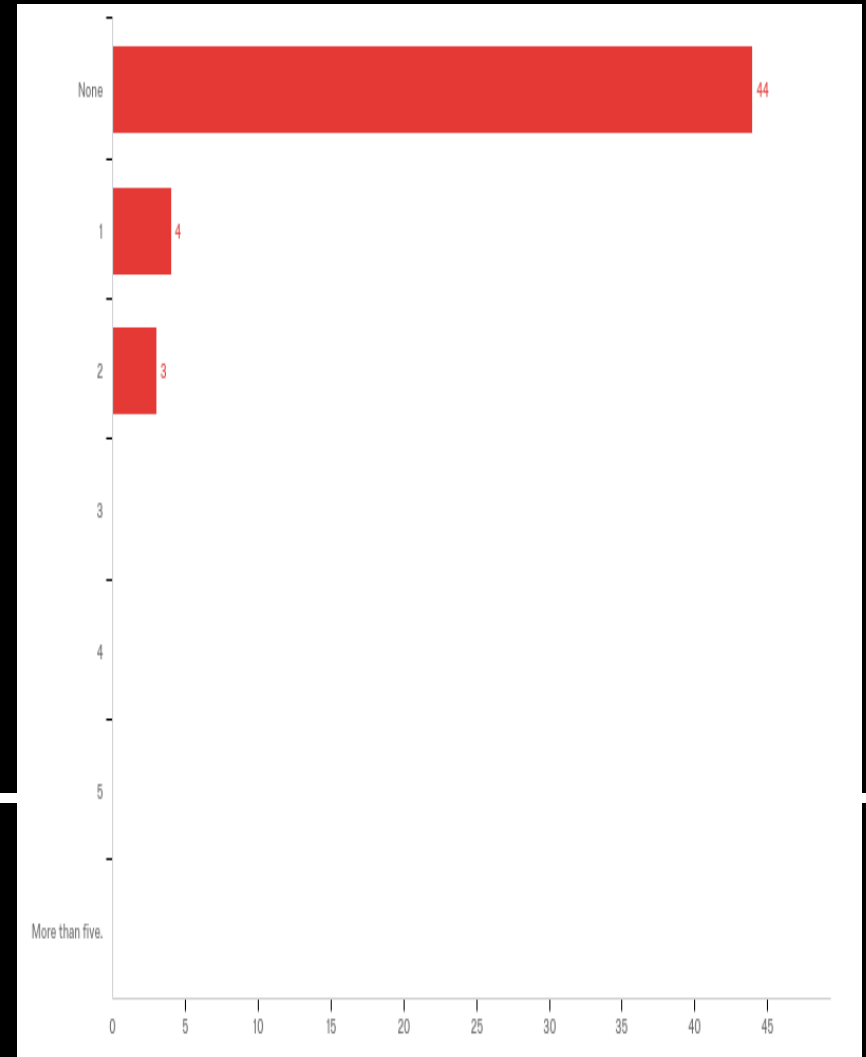
How many hours a work week do you believe police officers spend enforcing traffic laws? (i.e. speeding, running a stop sign/light, failure to signal when changing a lane or turning, etc..)



Have you initiated a traffic stop in the past month?

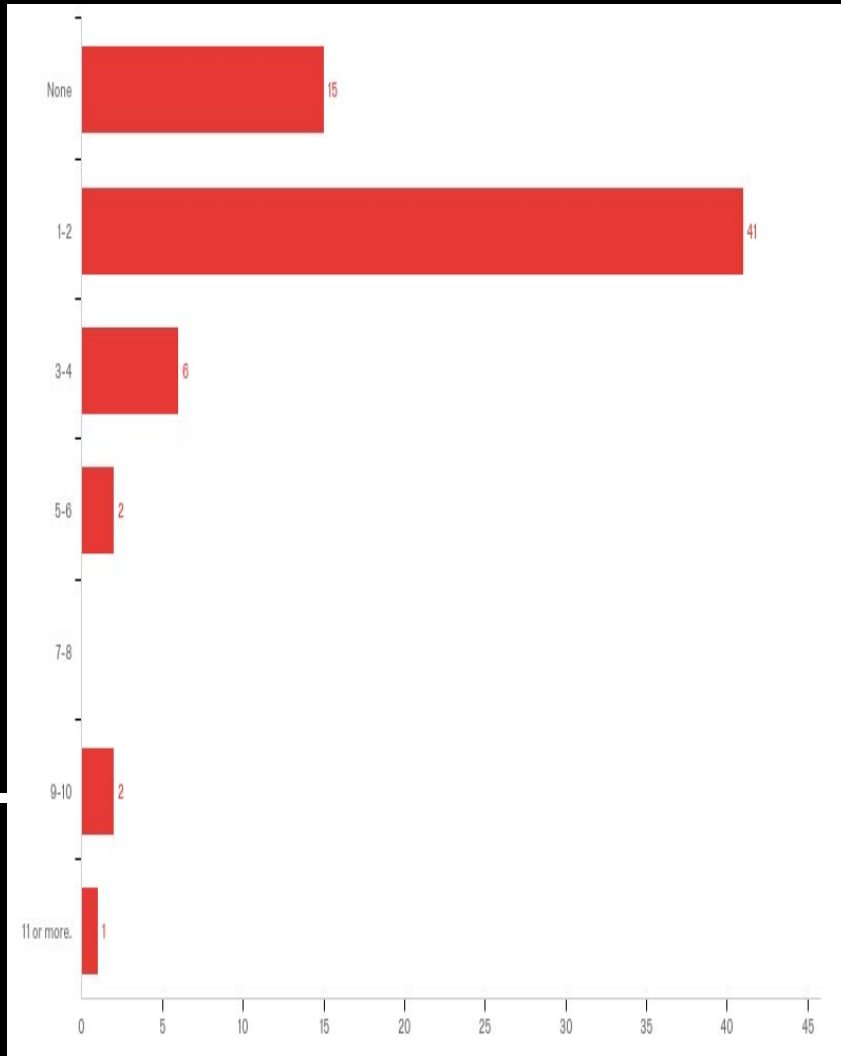


How many traffic citations have you been issued in the last three months?

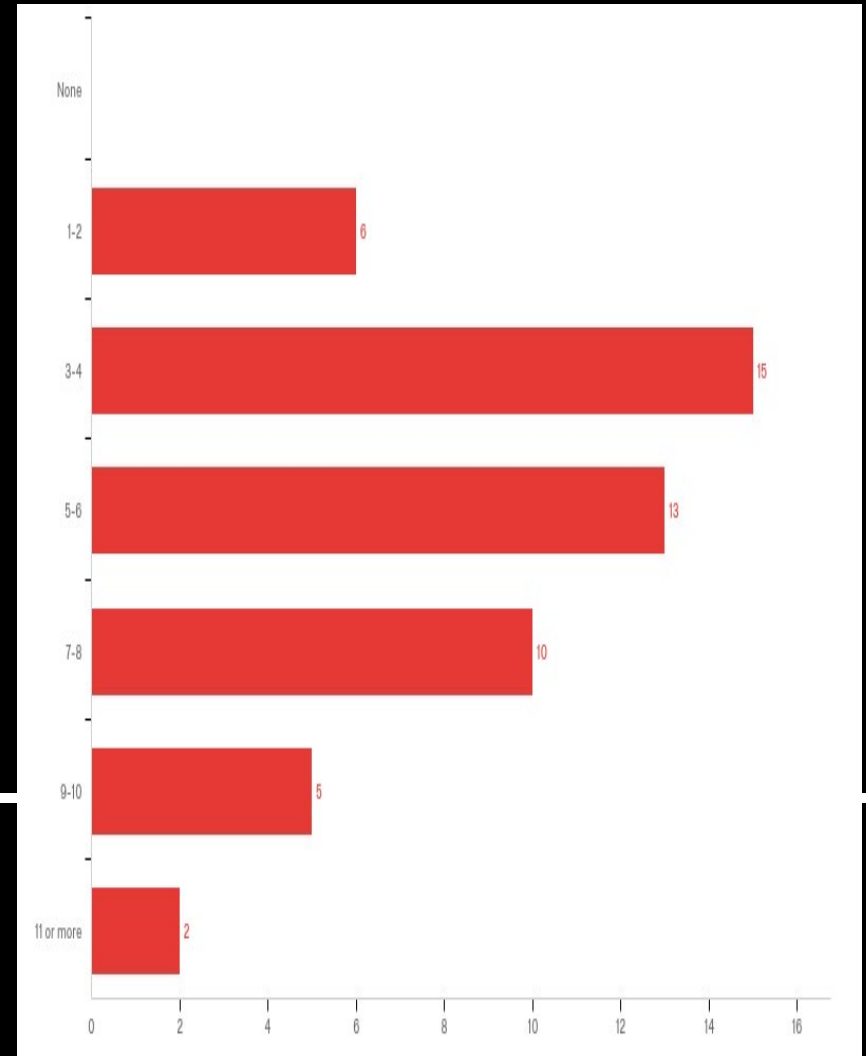




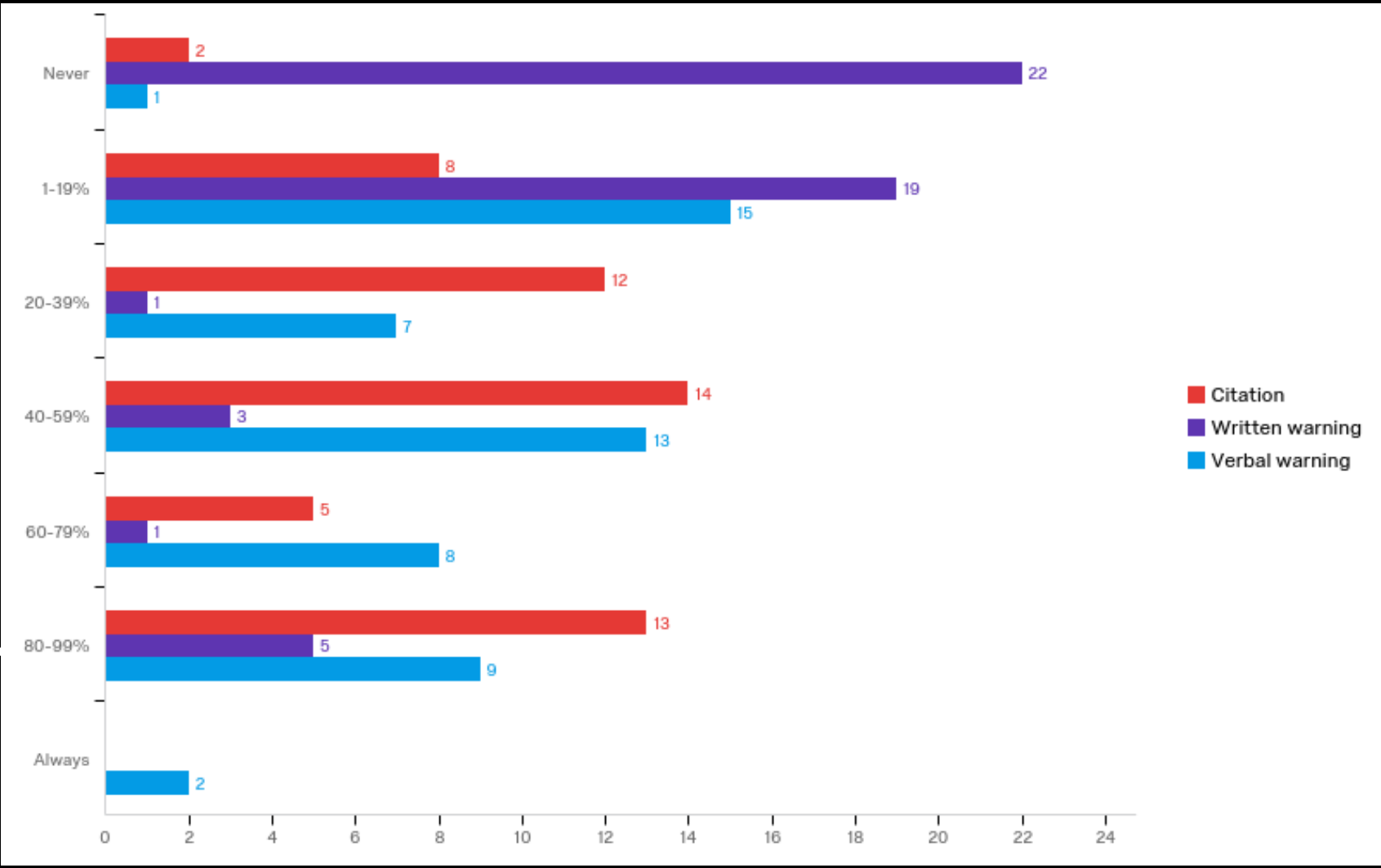
On average, in an 8-10 hour shift, how many traffic citations do you issue?



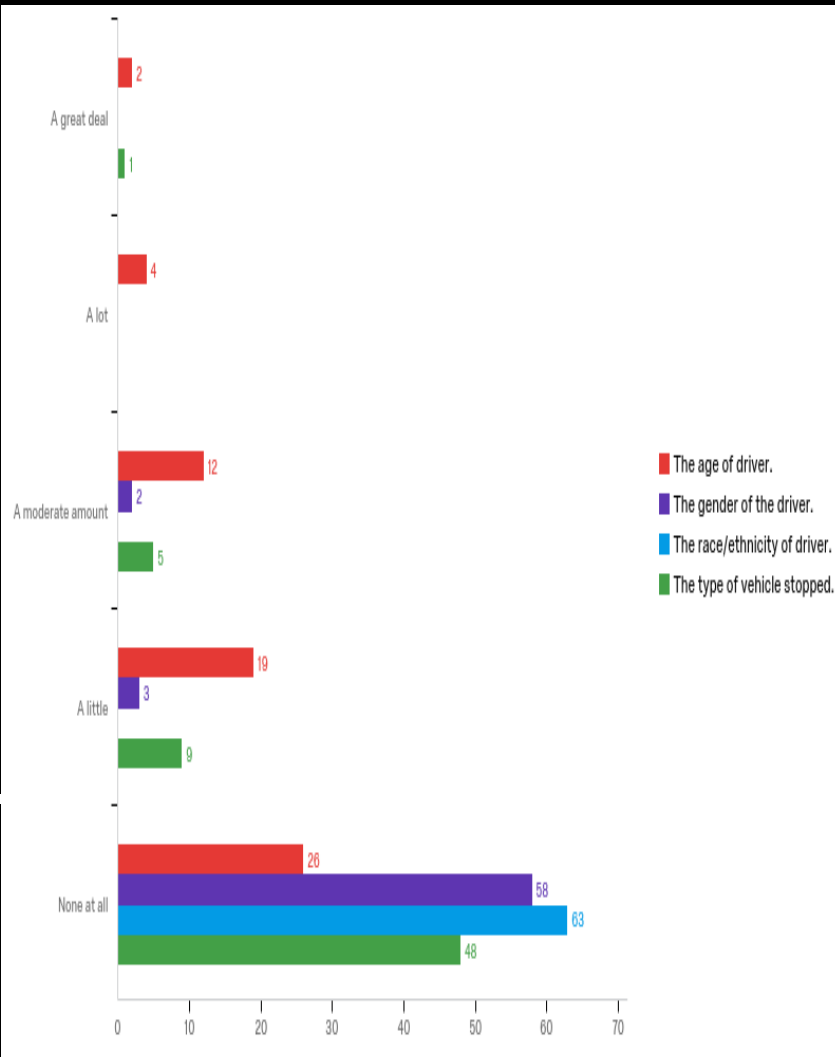
On average, how many traffic citations do you believe a police officer issues in an 8-10 hour shift?



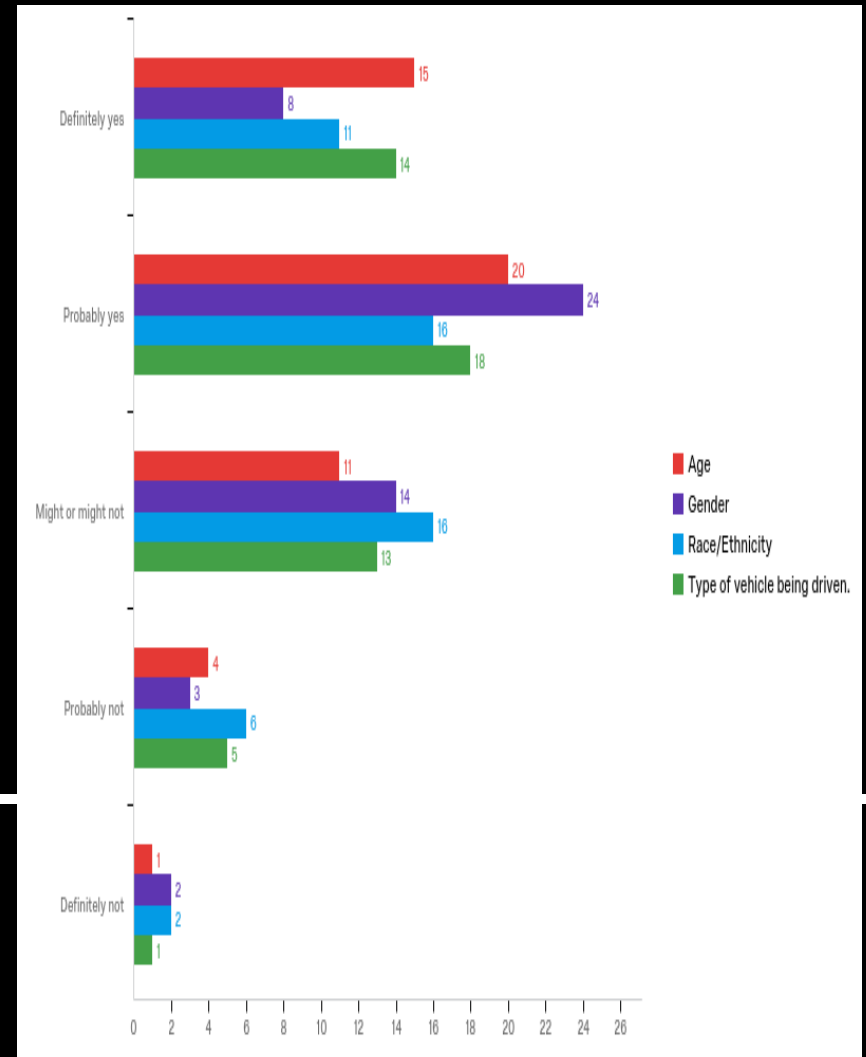
Of the traffic stops you've initiated in the past month, about what percentage of those stops have you issued the following?



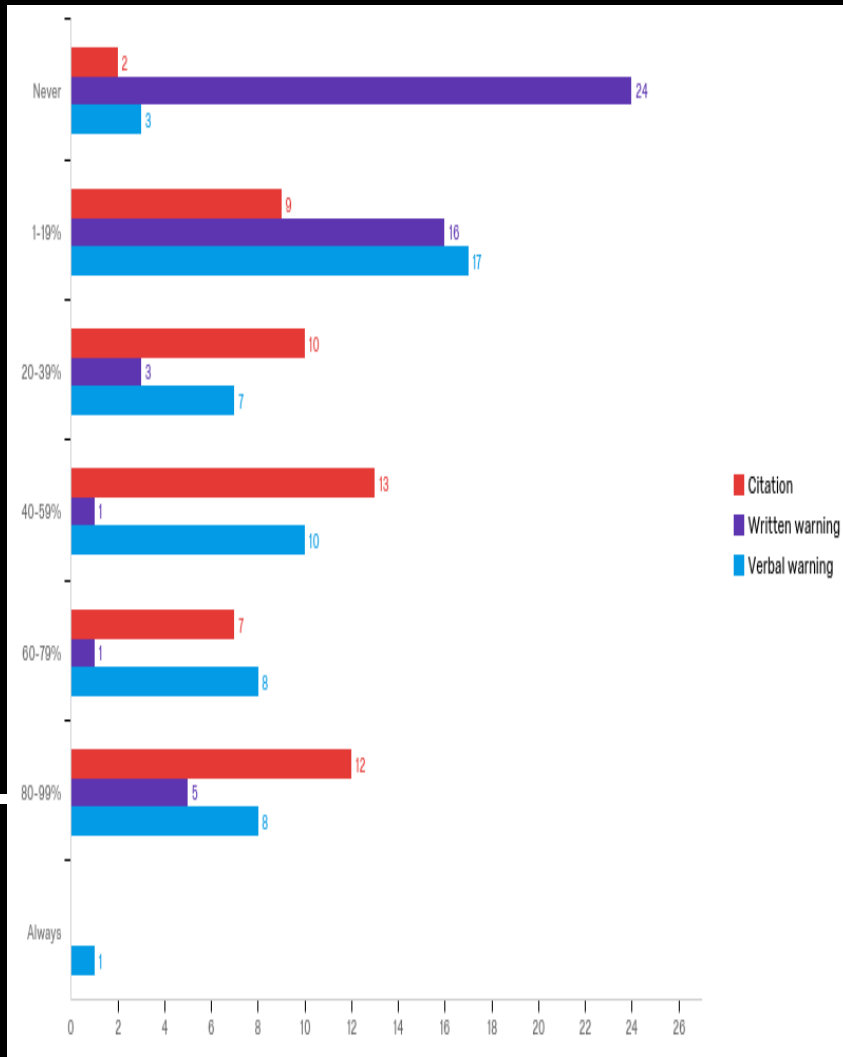
Throughout the course of a traffic stop, how much of the following play a factor into whether or not you'll issue a citation?



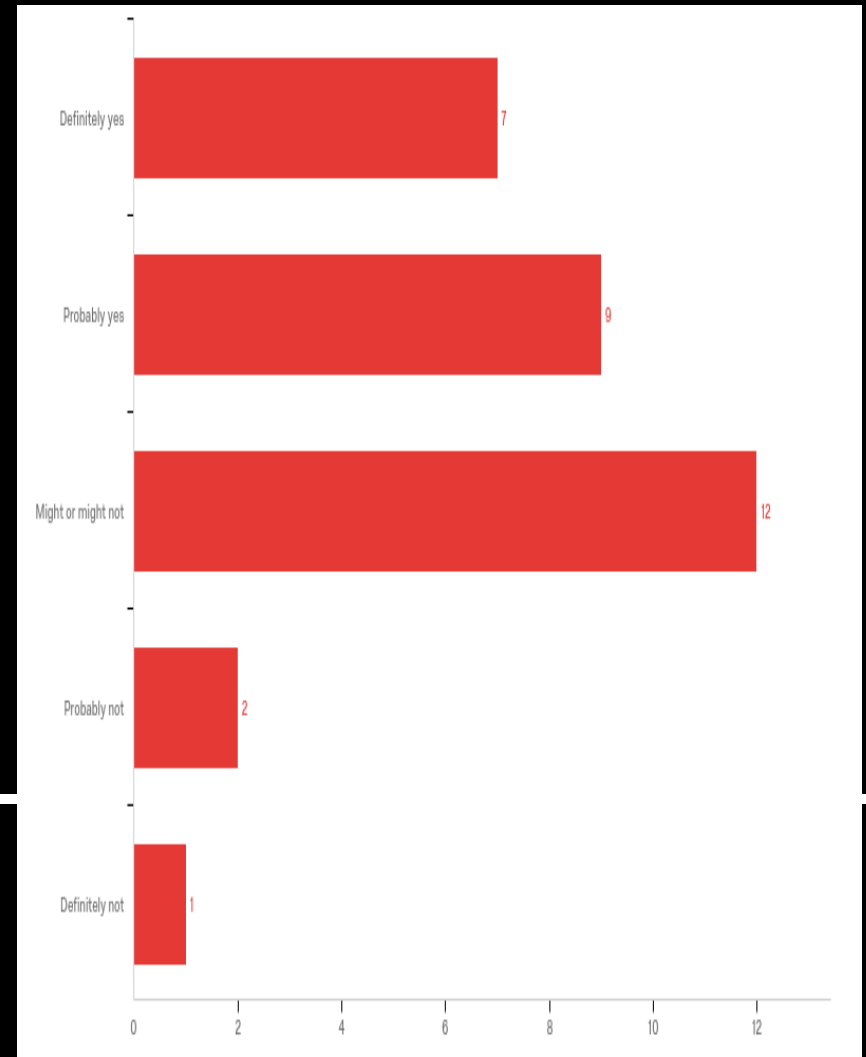
When an individual is stopped for a traffic violation, do you believe any of the following play a factor in whether that driver receives a citation over a written/verbal warning?



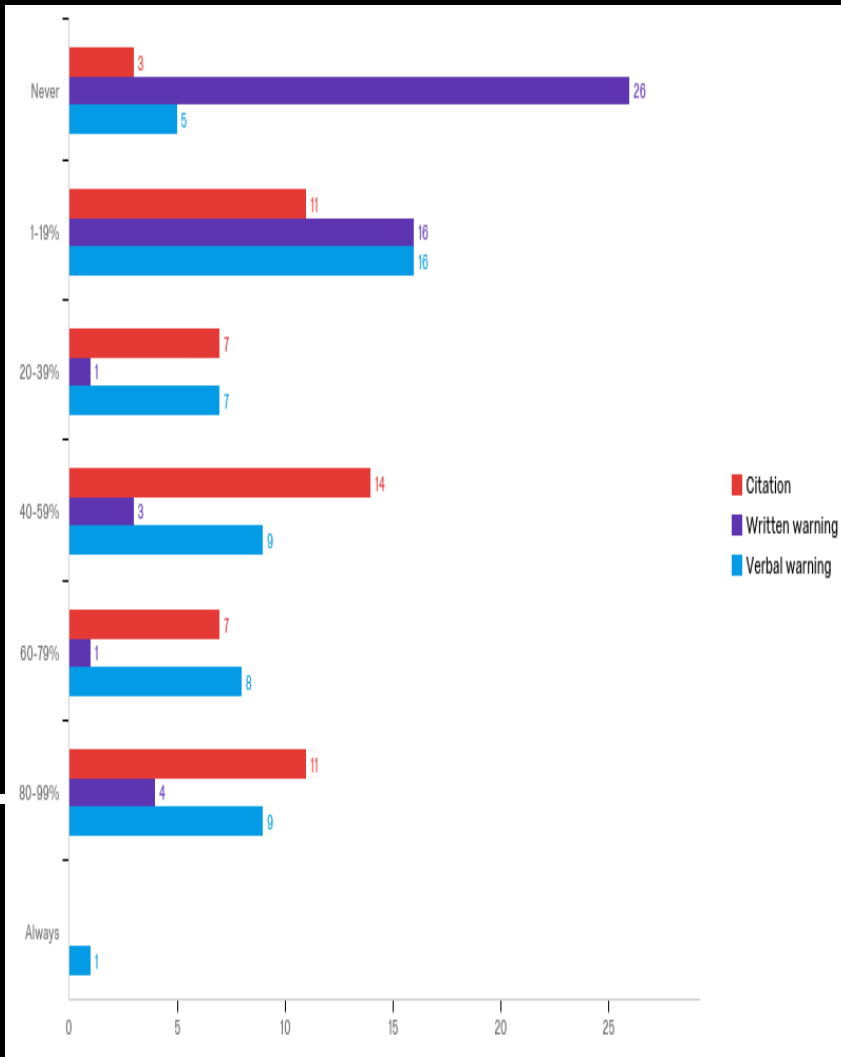
In the past month, of the stops you've initiated when the driver was a male, about what percent of the following have you issued?



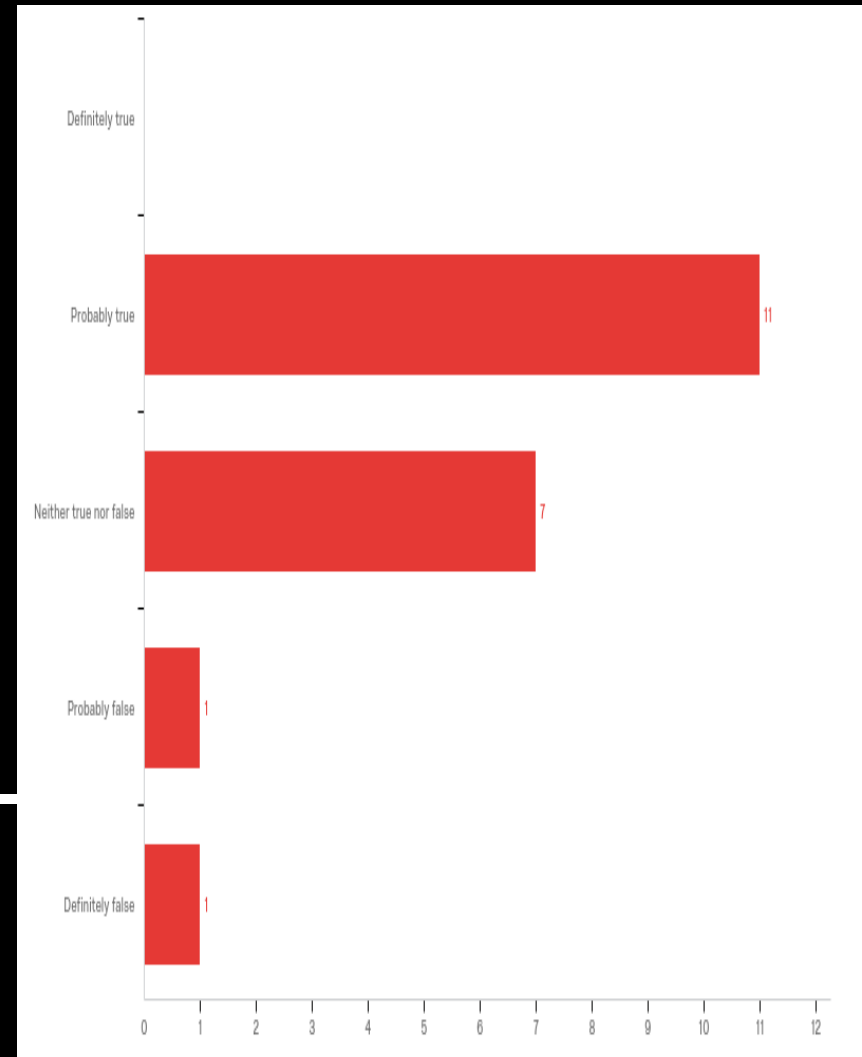
As a male, when stopped by a police officer for a traffic violation, do you believe you are more or less likely to receive a citation than a female, stopped for the same offense?



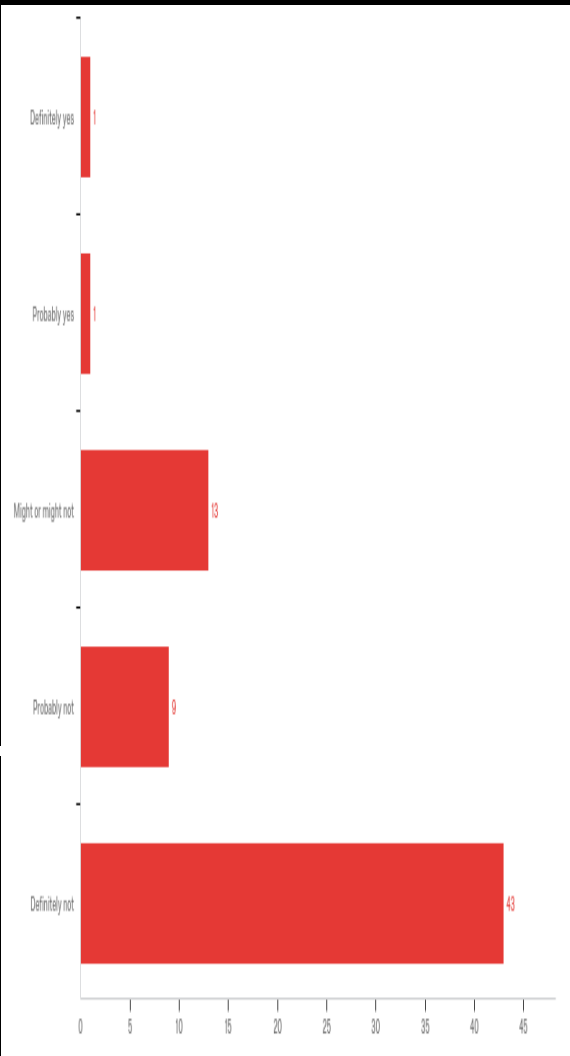
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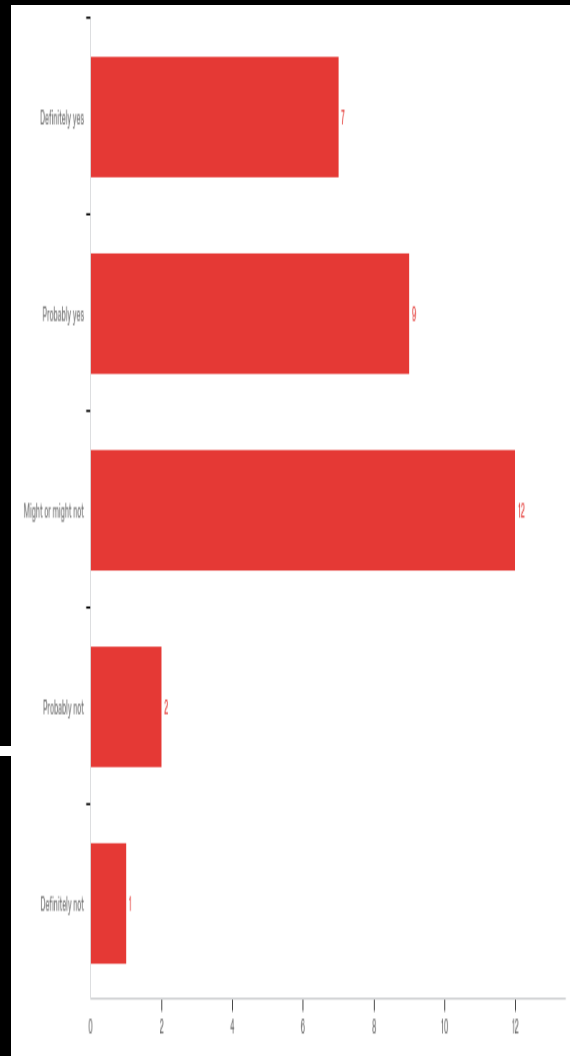
As a female, when stopped by a police officer for a traffic violation, do you believe you are more or less likely to receive a citation than a male stopped for the same offense?



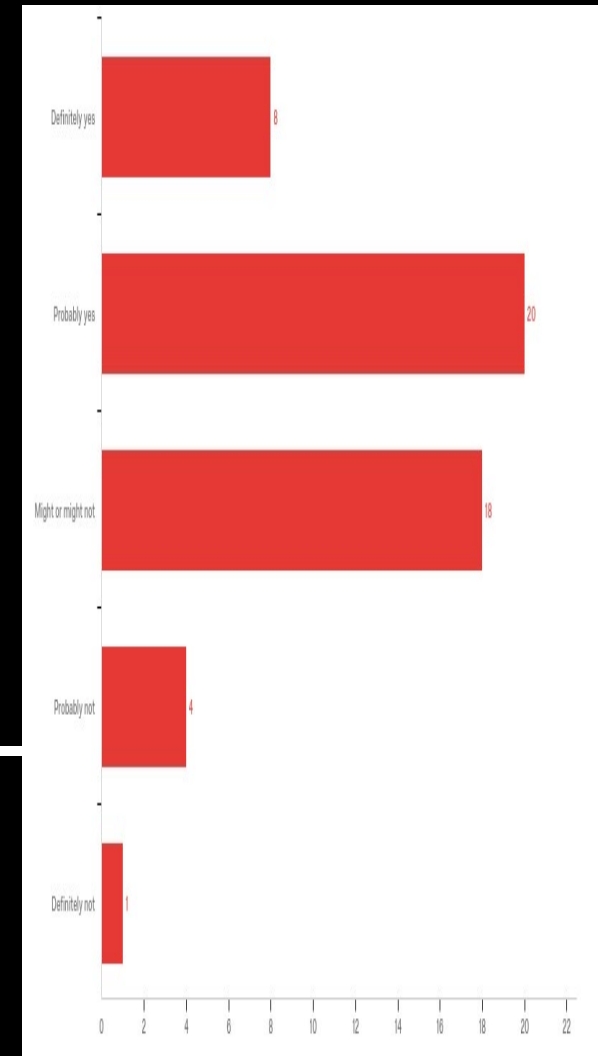
Are you more inclined to issue a citation to a male over a female when you've stopped them for violating a traffic law?



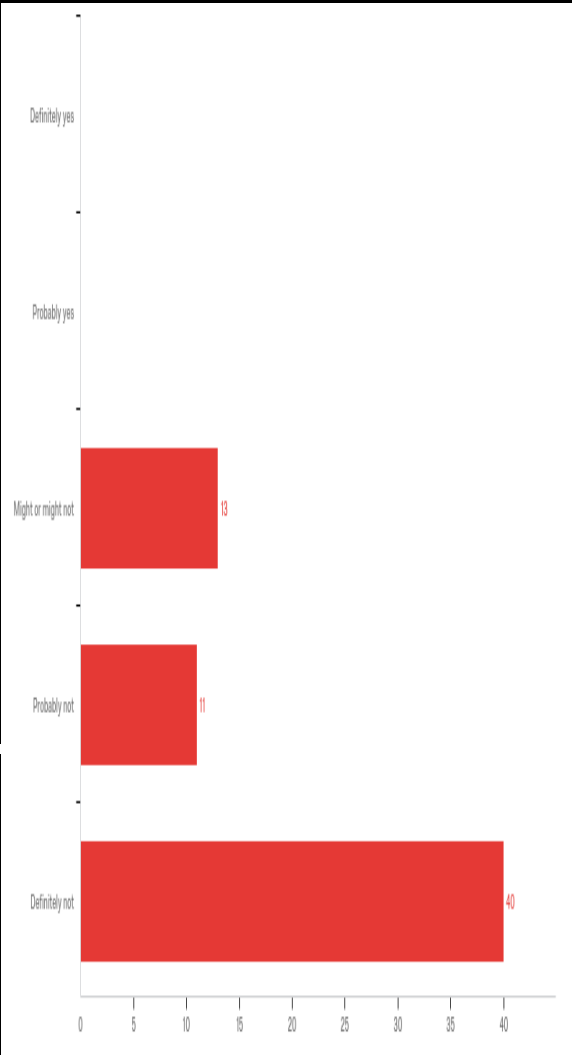
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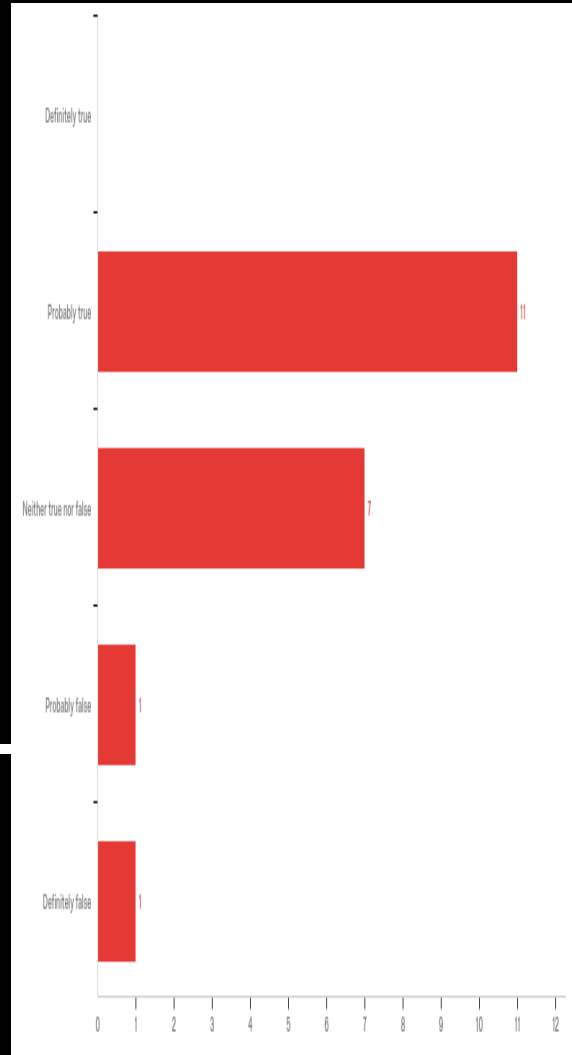
Do you believe men are more likely to receive a citation than women when stopped for violating a traffic offense?



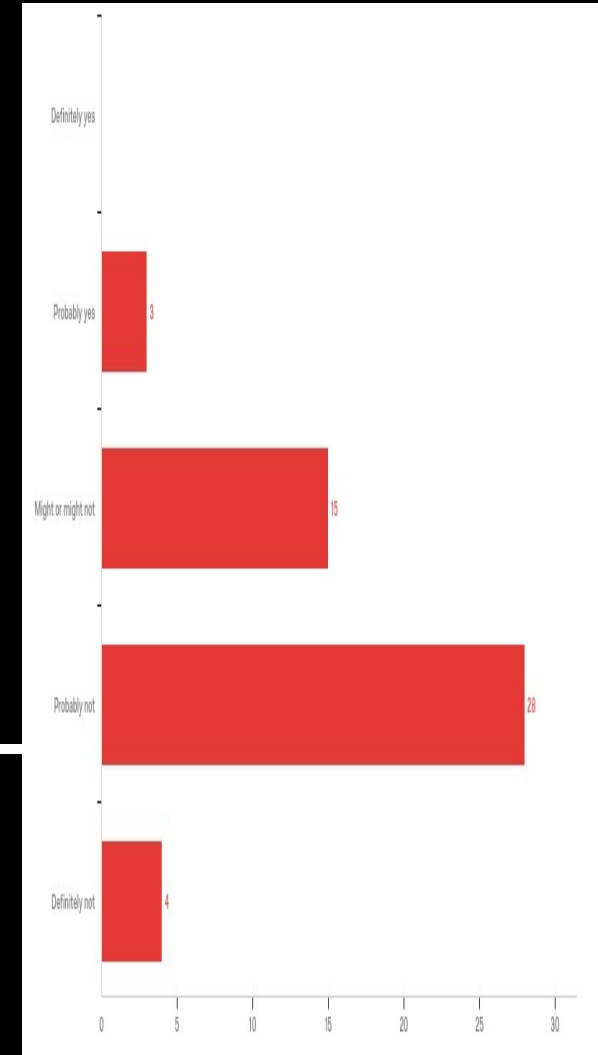
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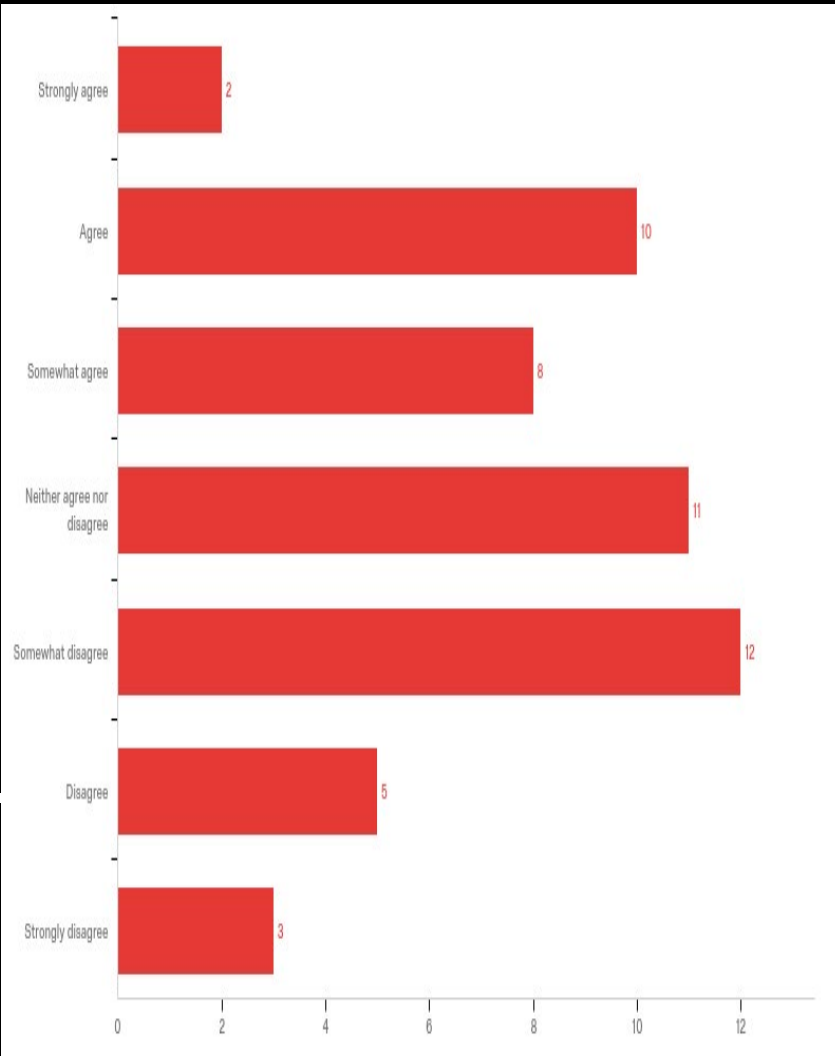
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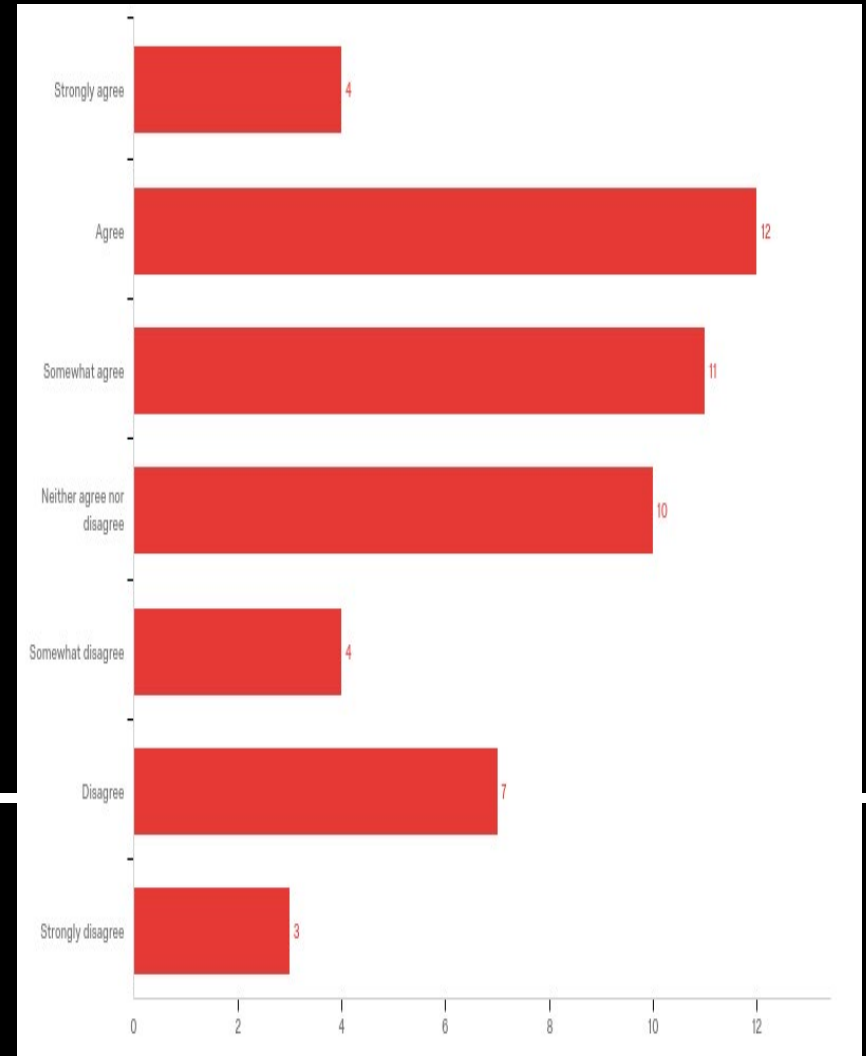
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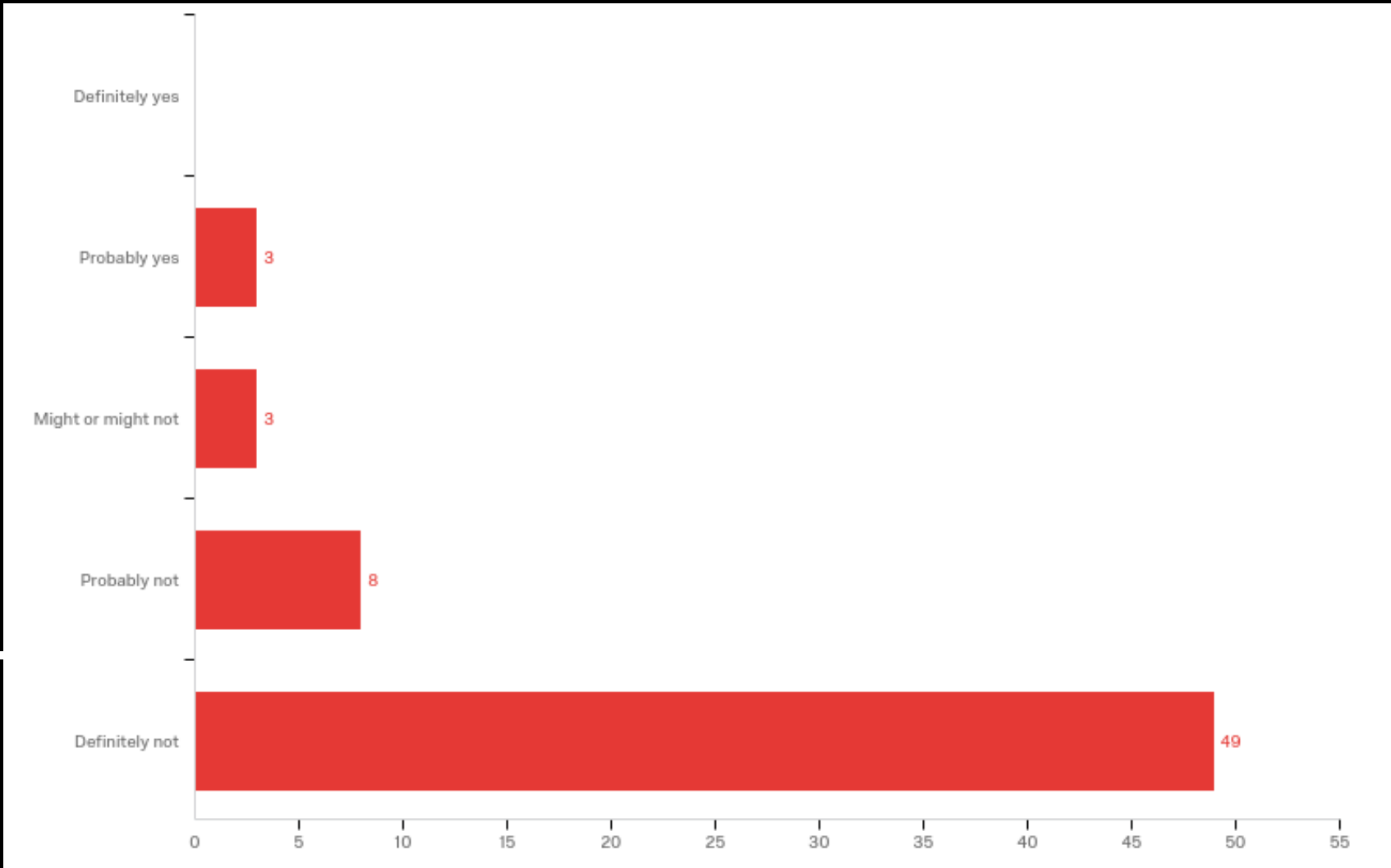
When an individual of Caucasian descent is stopped for a traffic violation, do you agree that he/she has a higher likelihood of being issued a written/verbal warning over receiving a citation?



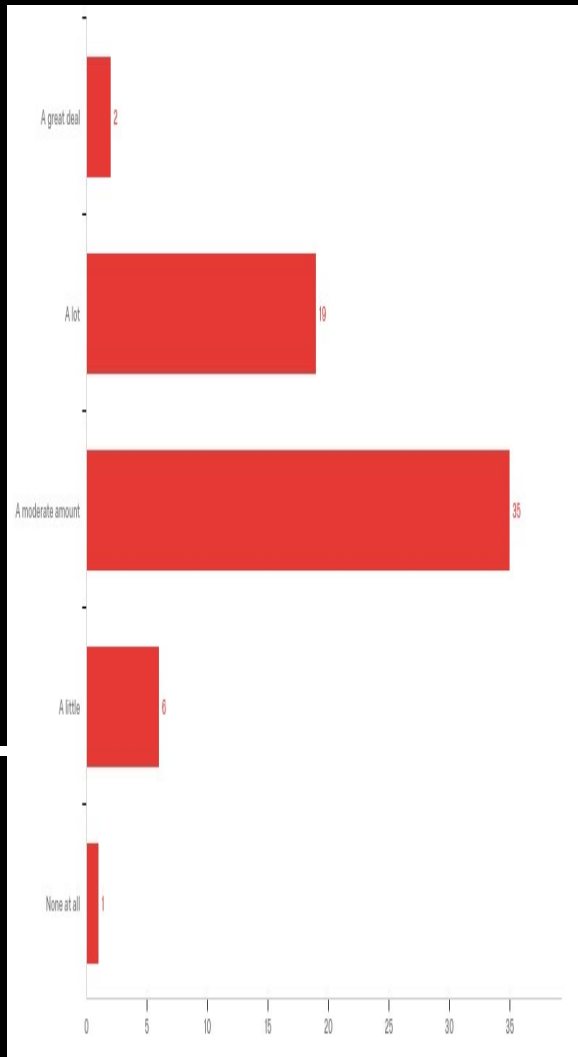
When an individual of a minority descent is stopped for a traffic violation, do you agree that he/she has a higher likelihood of being issued a citation over a written/verbal warning?



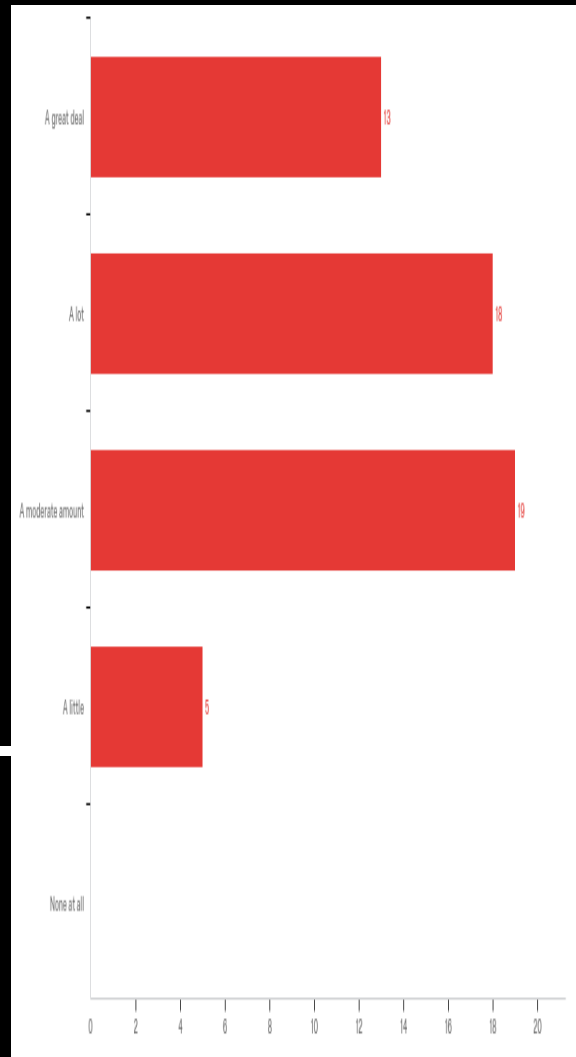
As a police officer, when responding to a call for help, do you have any prejudices or bias such as age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status or education level that play a factor in how you respond to that call for help?



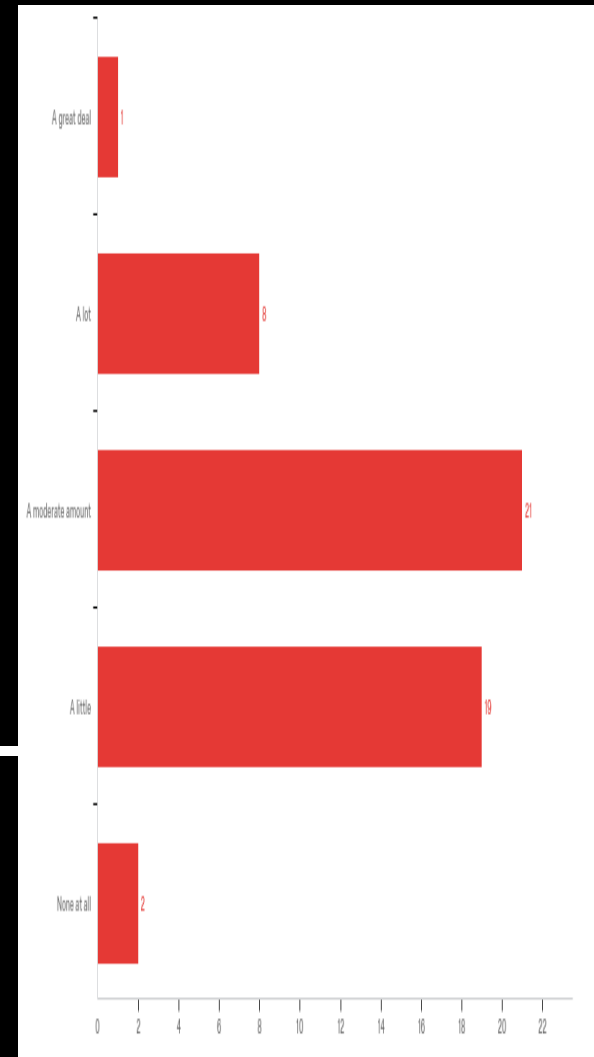
How much trust do you believe the public has in Law Enforcement right now?



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Improvements

- Obtain more explanation and information from police officers.
 - Ask the UVU students why they were stopped.
 - Correlate better the questions between UVU Students and Police officers
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Conclusion

The perspective of UVU Students of police officer in Utah County varies significantly to the reality of the enforcement of traffic violations.

Questions?

Thank You!
