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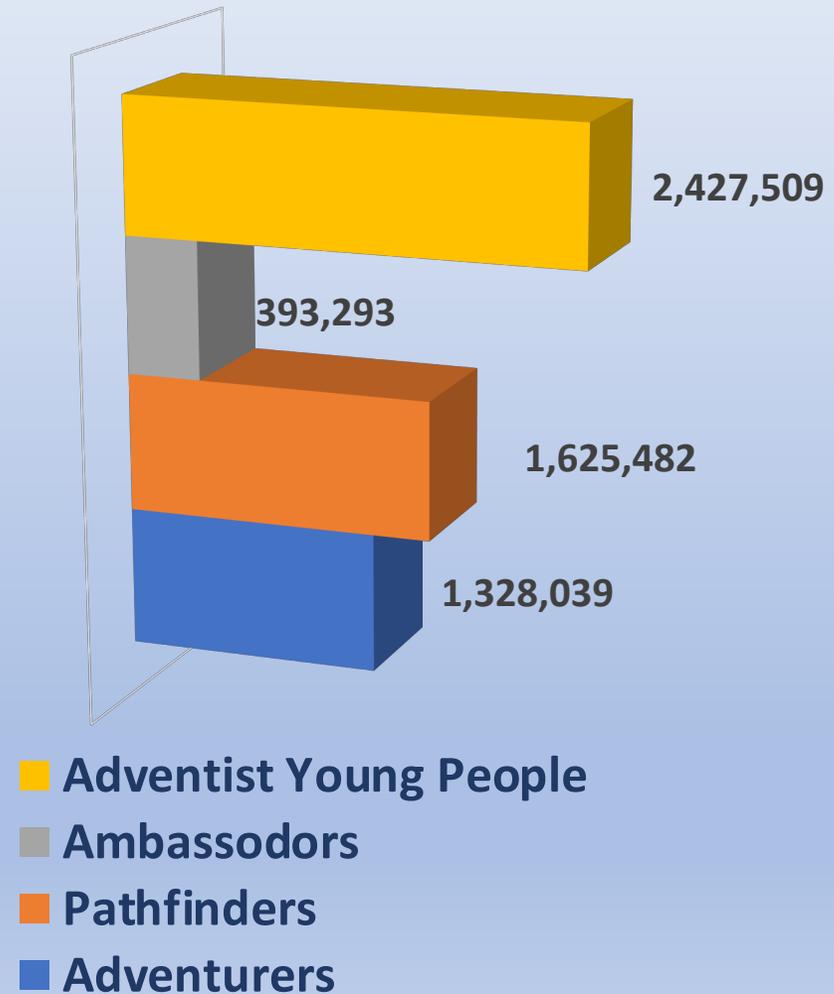
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What does the 2017-18 Global Research Reveal about Adventist Young People?

Adventist Kids, Youth, & Young Adults around the World (as of 2017)

Adventurers – ages 4-9
Pathfinders – 10-15
Ambassadors –16-21
Young adults – 21-30+

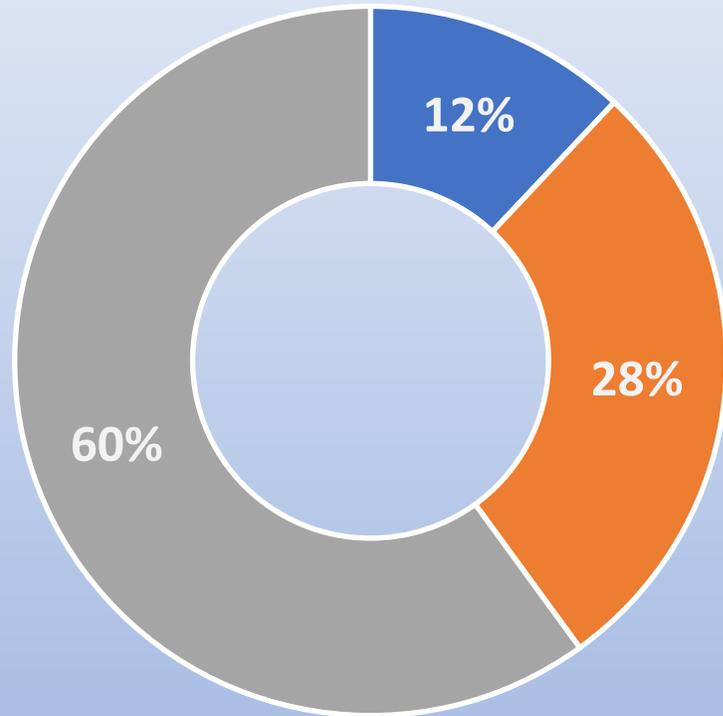


2017-18 Global Church Member Survey Subsamples

Total: N=63,756

21-35 years of age: N=17,970

Up to 20 years old: N= 7,490

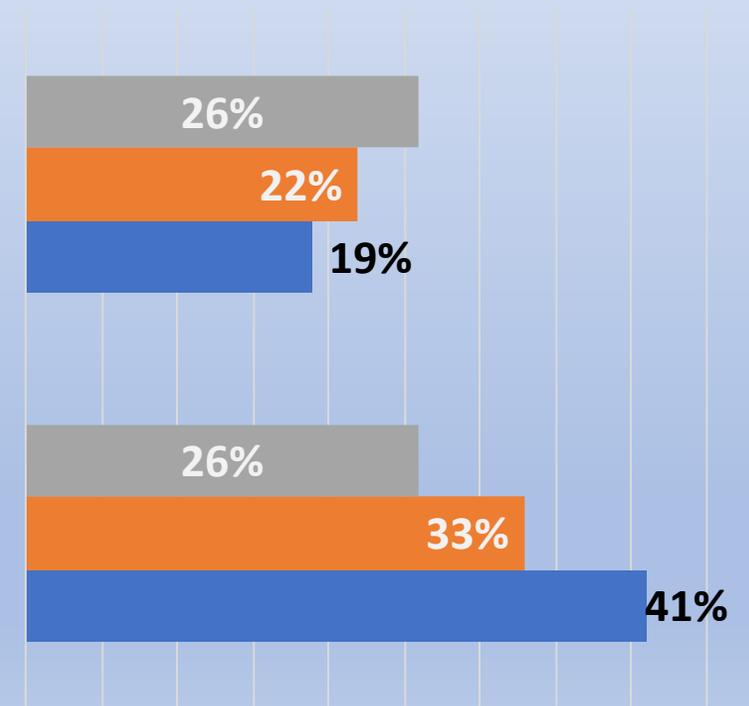


■ Youth up to 20 ■ Young people 21-35
■ Members 36+

Generations of Adventists

4th & 5th generation Adventists

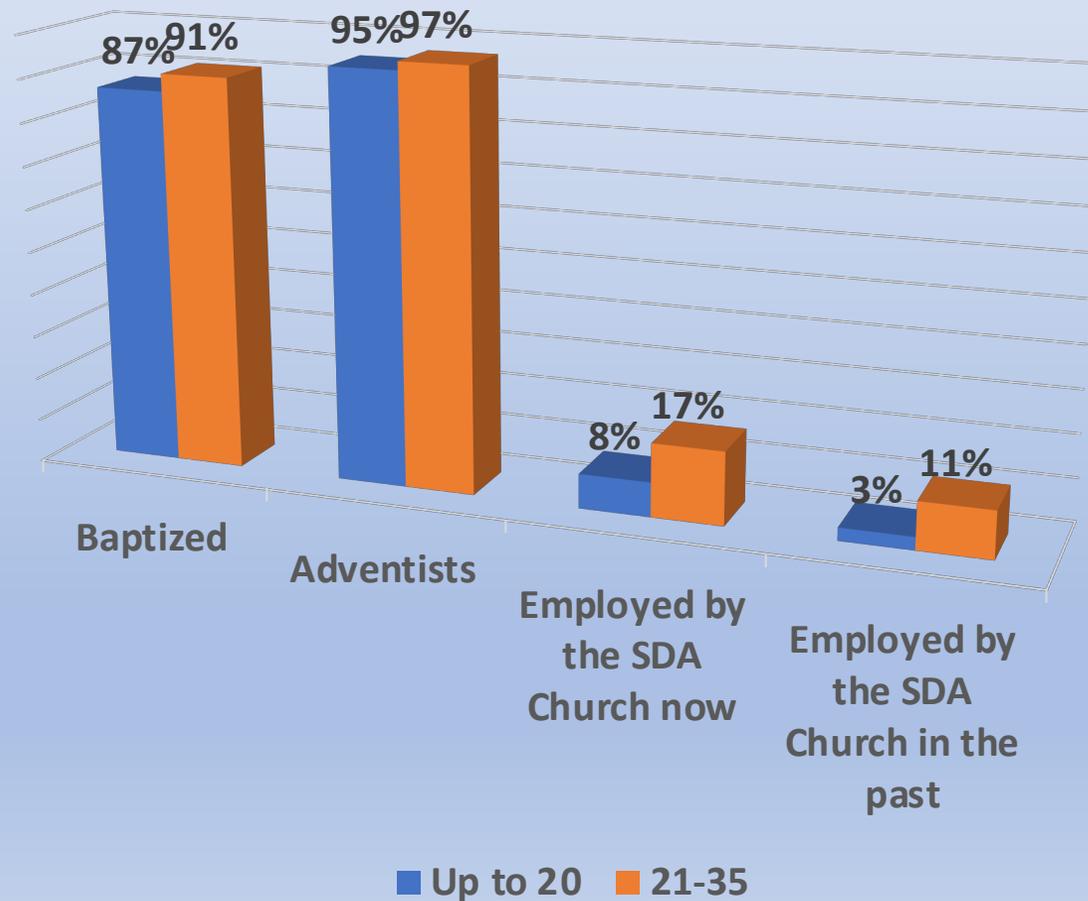
1st generation Adventists



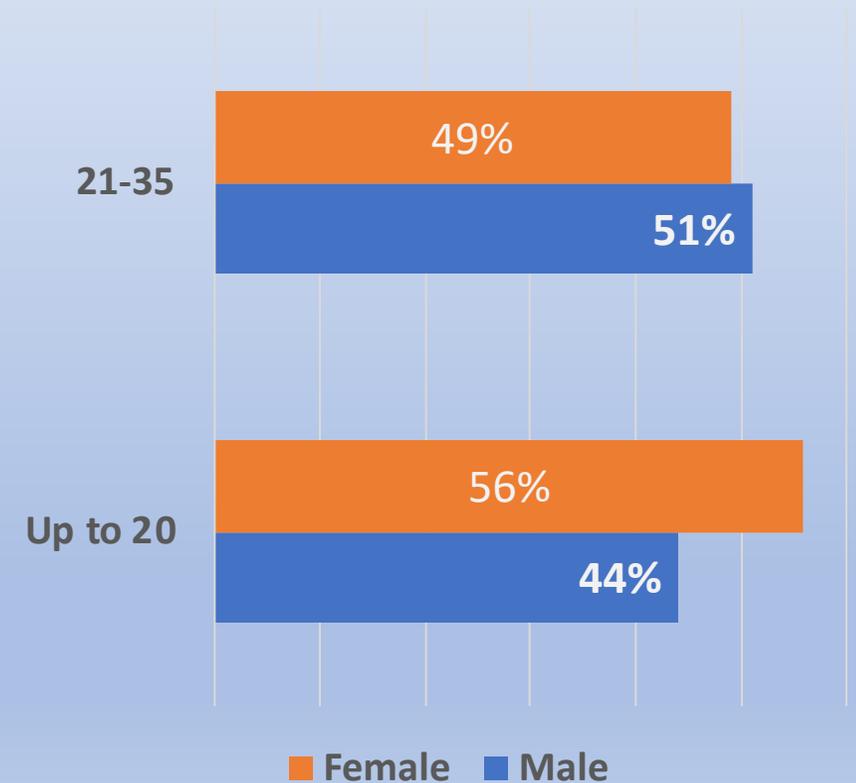
■ Up to 20 ■ 21-35 ■ Total

Gender & Relationships with the Adventist Church

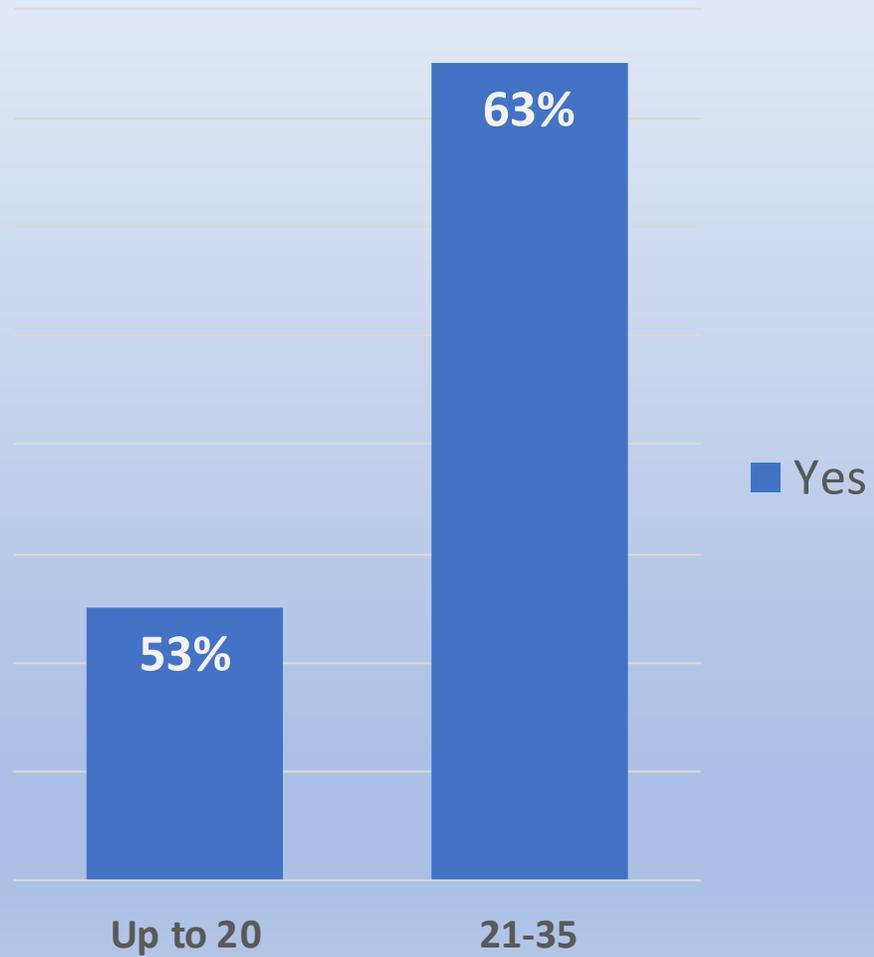
Relationship with the Adventist Church



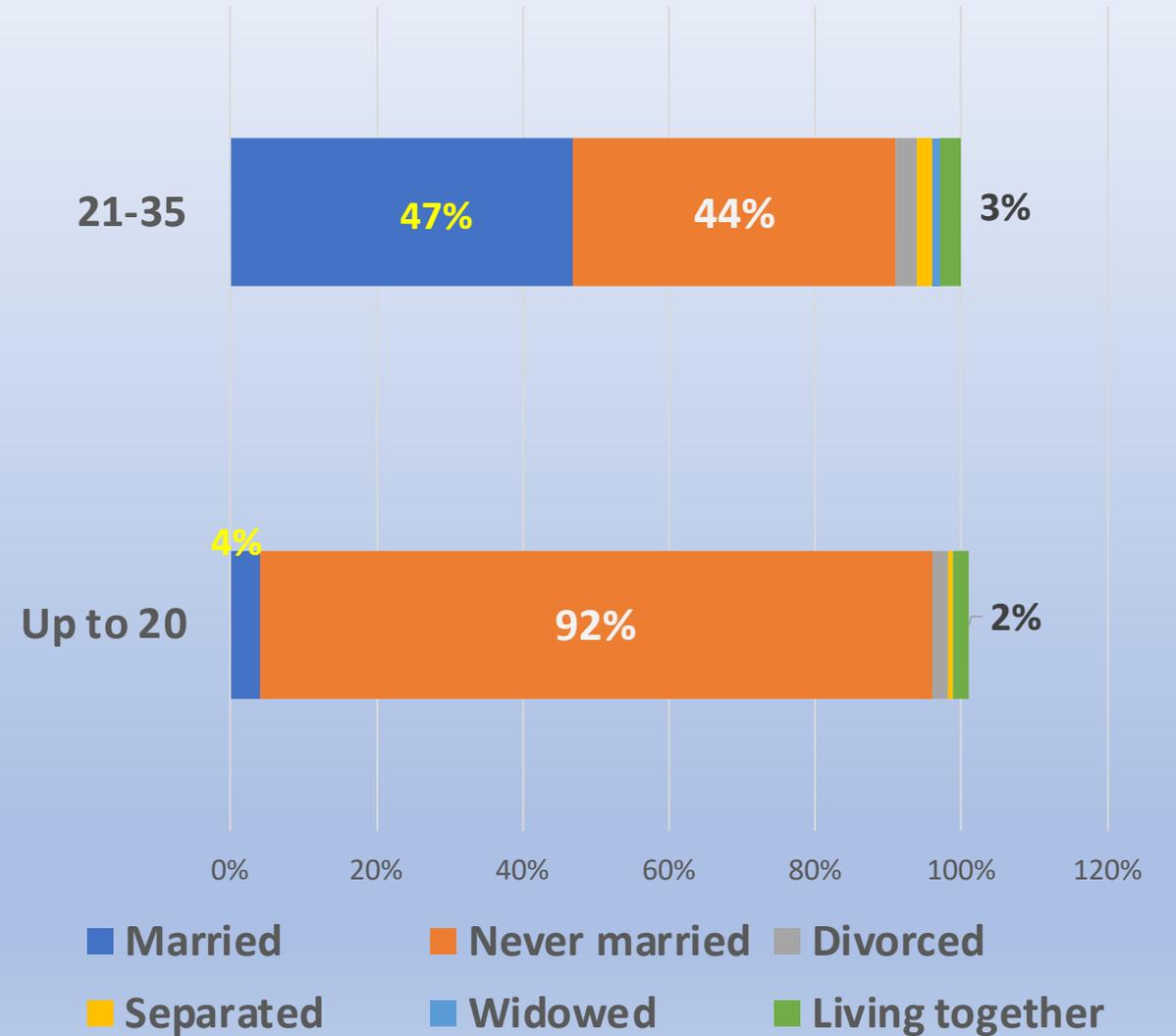
Gender



Whole Household Celebrates the Sabbath



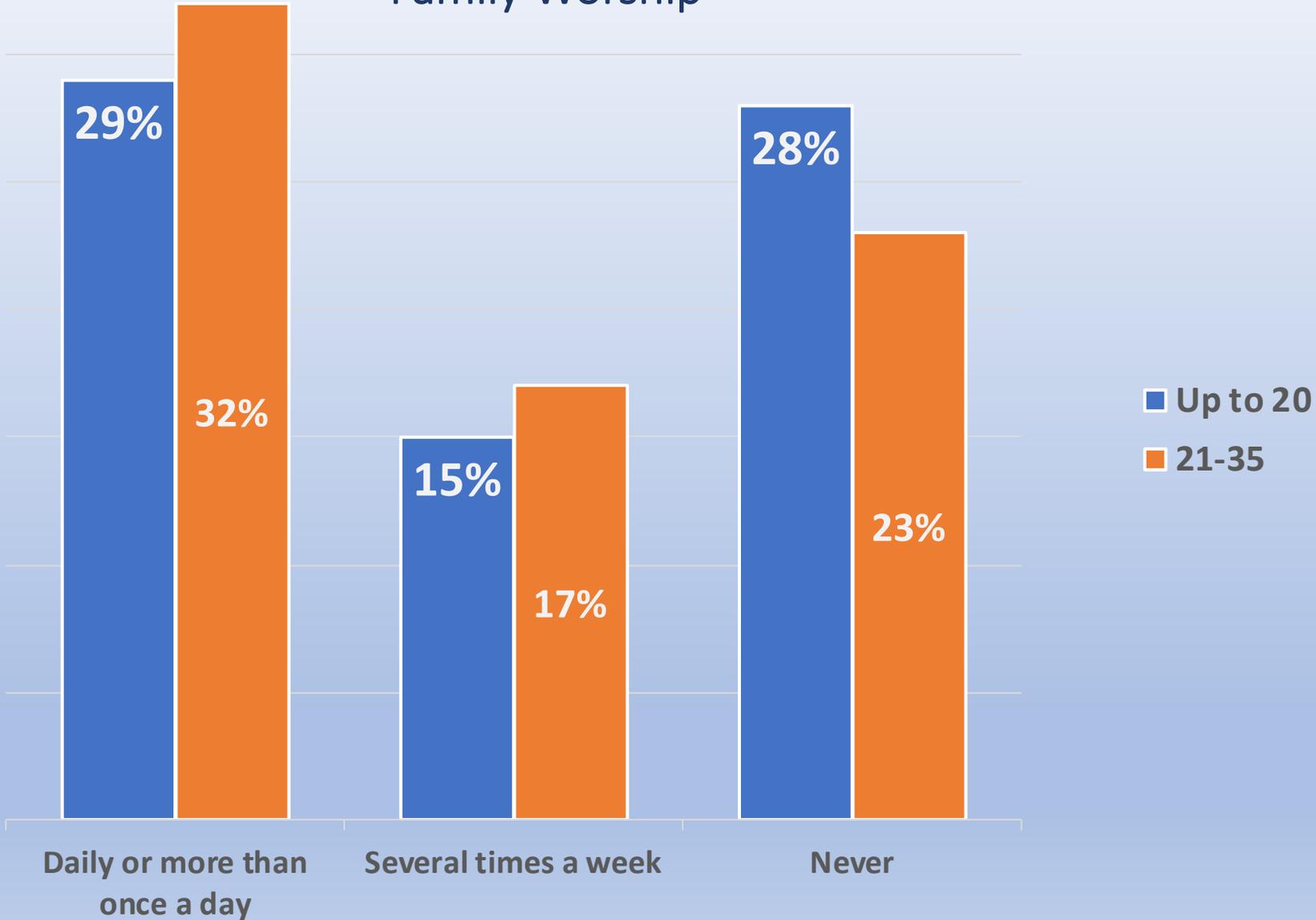
Marital Status



Devotional Practices



Family Worship



Young Adults:

- 44% have children
- 42% have at least one child or teenager living at home
- 86% have all living children Adventists, 14% have not
- 4% of youth have children living with them at home

How Often do you Engage in these Activities? [Daily or more often than once a day]

**Daily or more often +
more than once a week:**
Sabbath School:

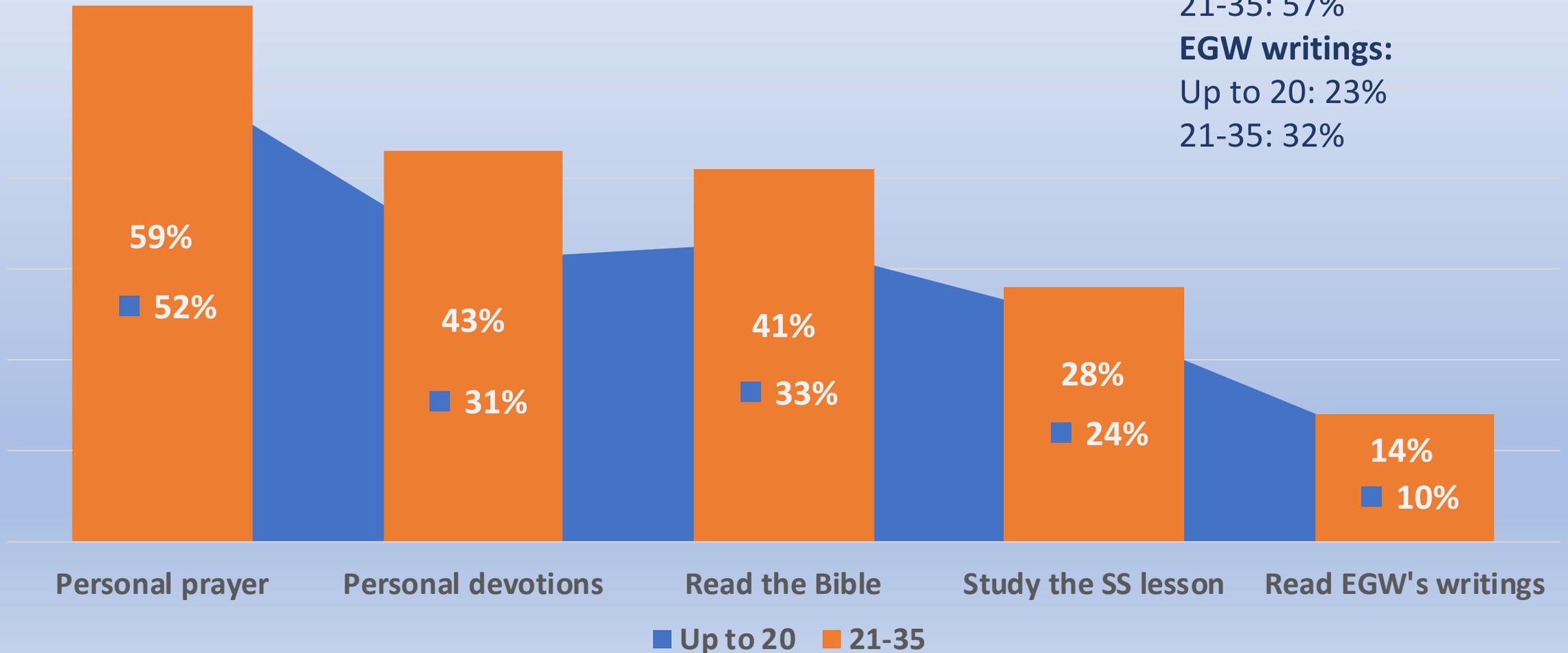
Up to 21: 46%

21-35: 57%

EGW writings:

Up to 20: 23%

21-35: 32%

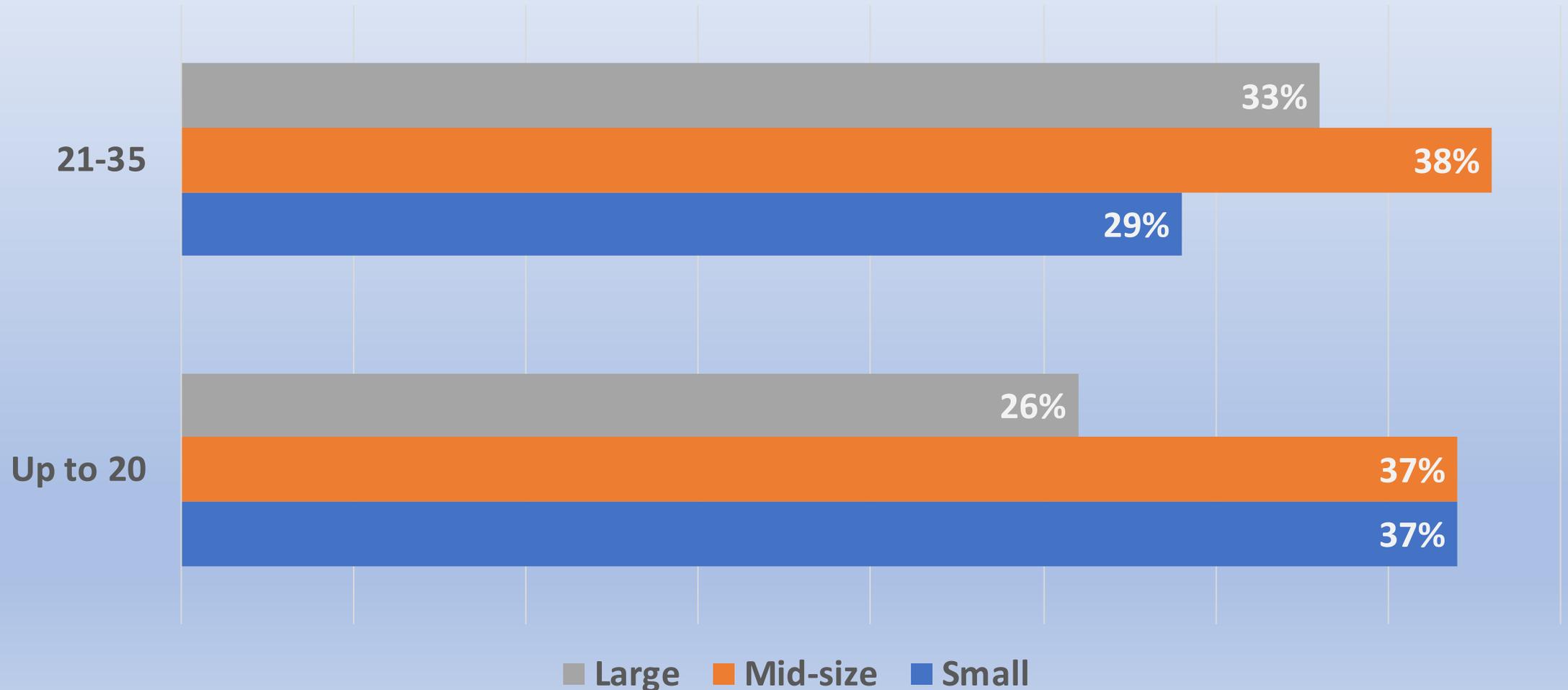


Church Attendance, Location, & Climate

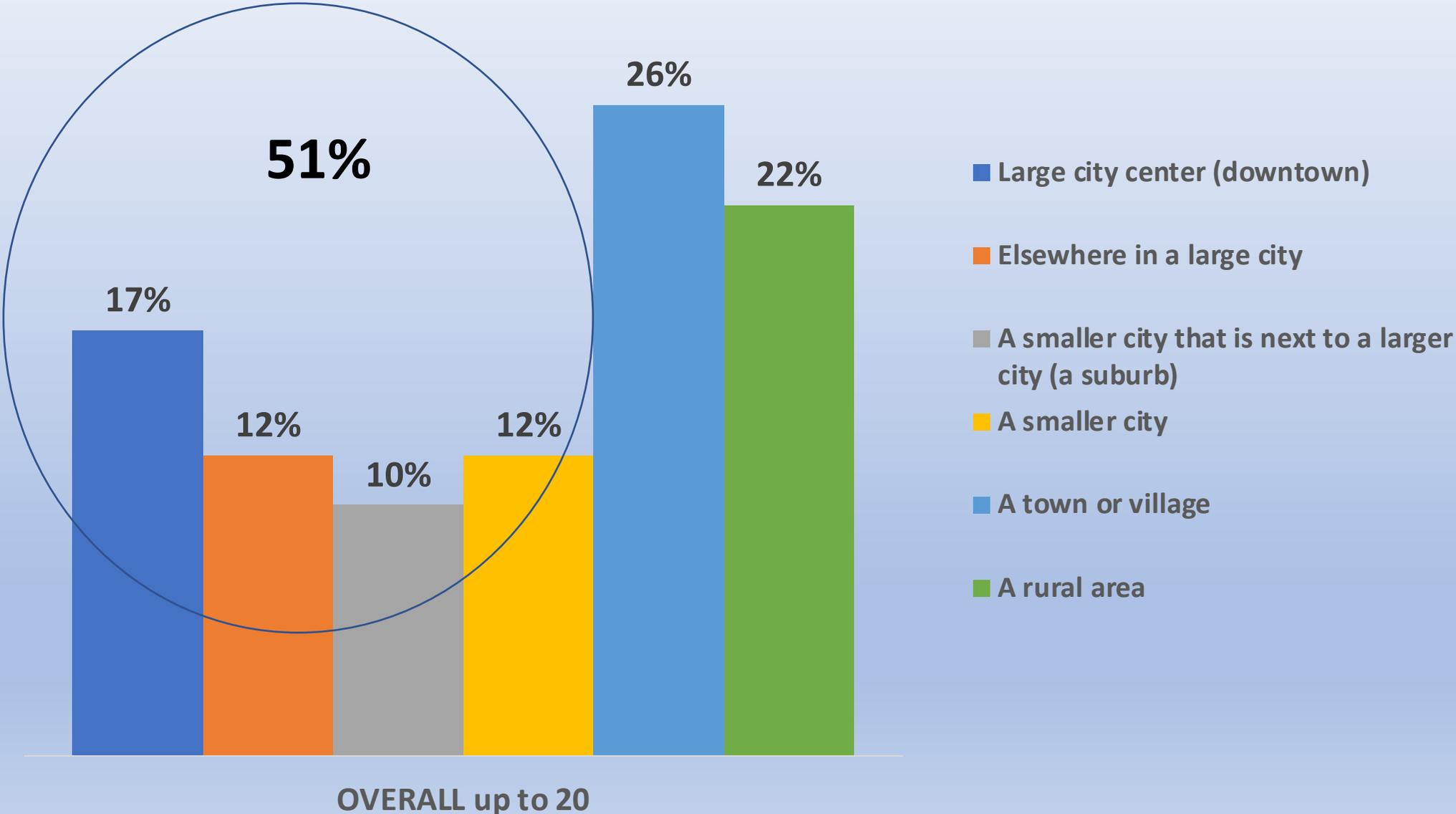


Perceived Church Attendance

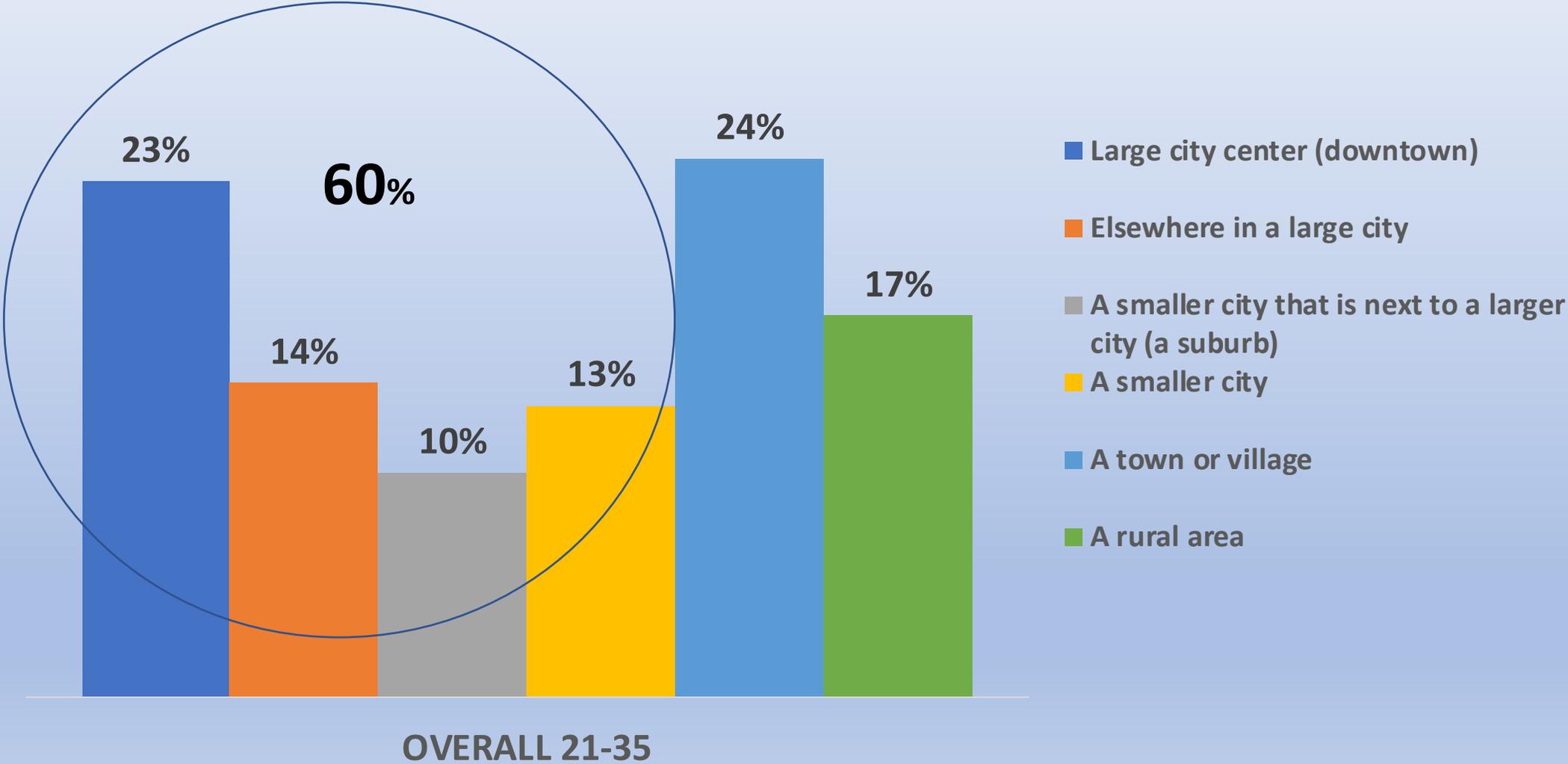
Approximately How Many People Attend your Church on a Typical Sabbath?



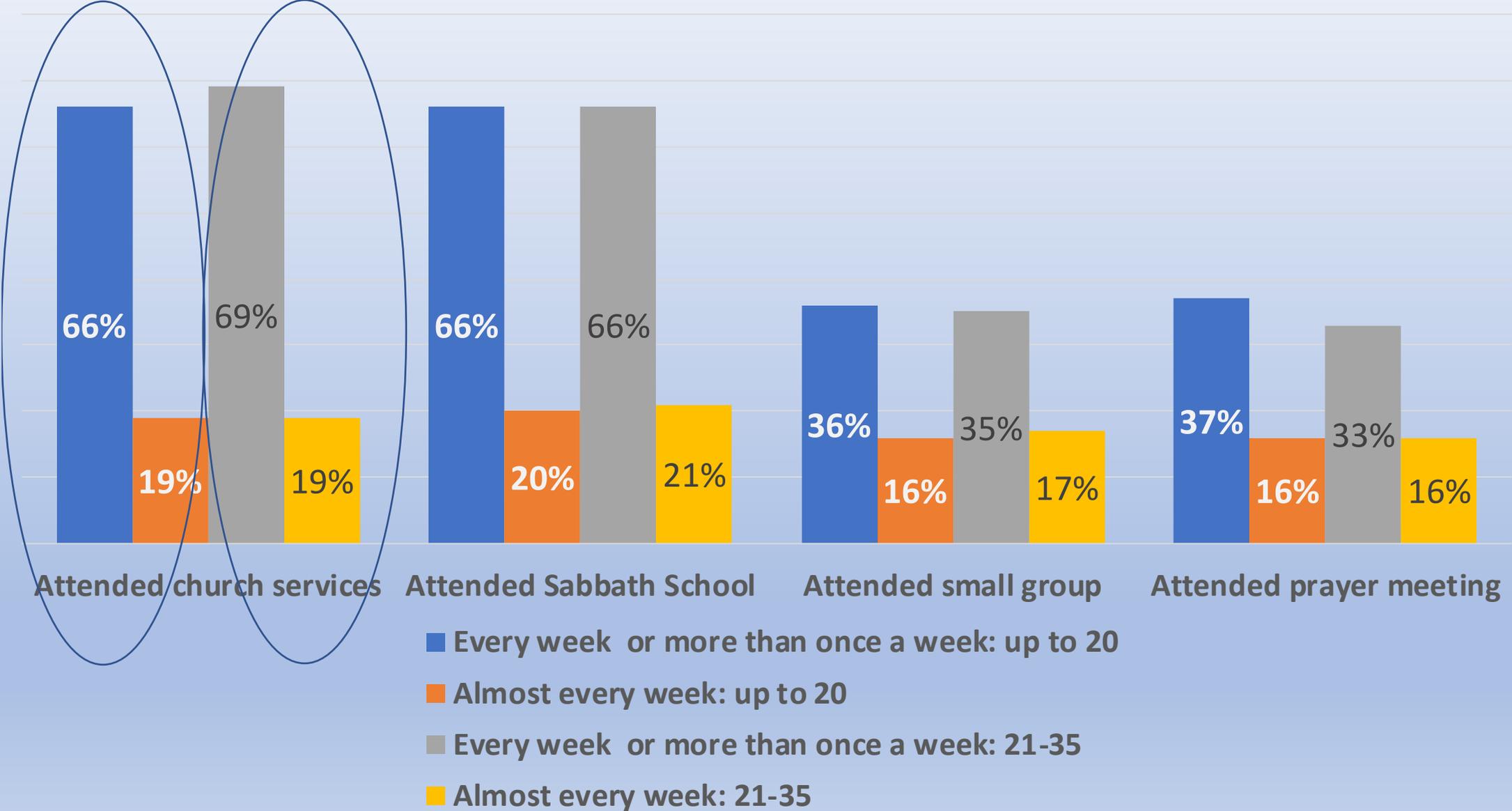
Church Location



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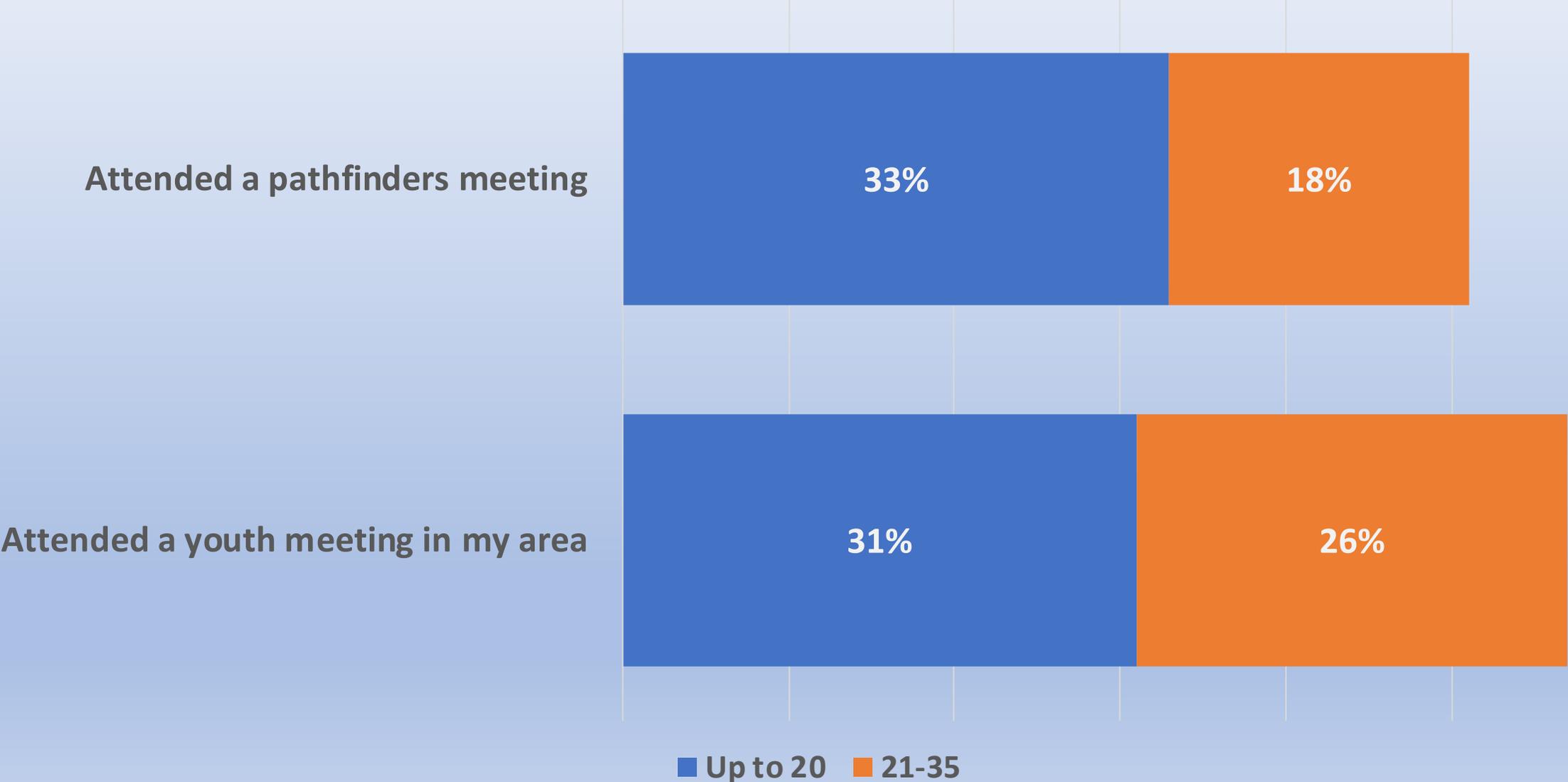


Attendance during the Last 12 Months



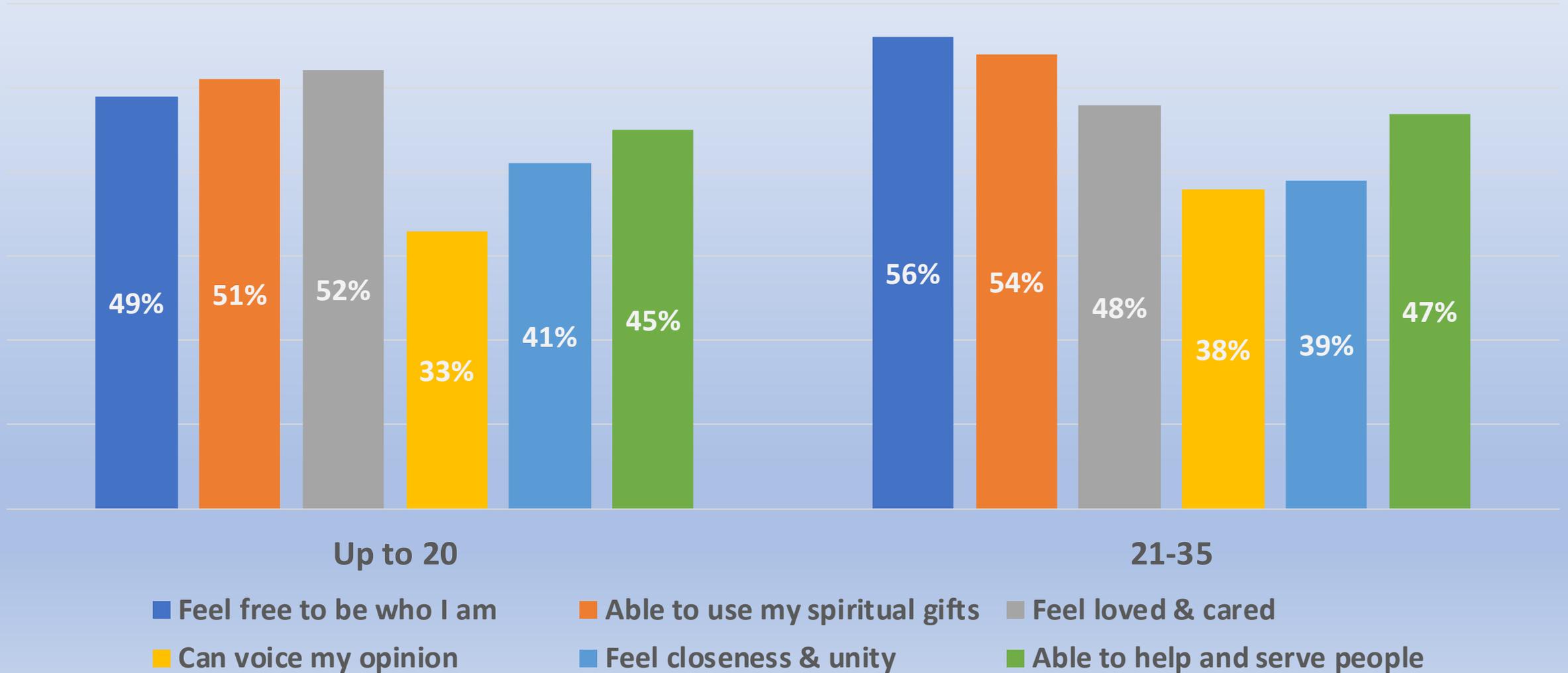
How Often during the Last 12 Months?

[Every week or more than once a week]

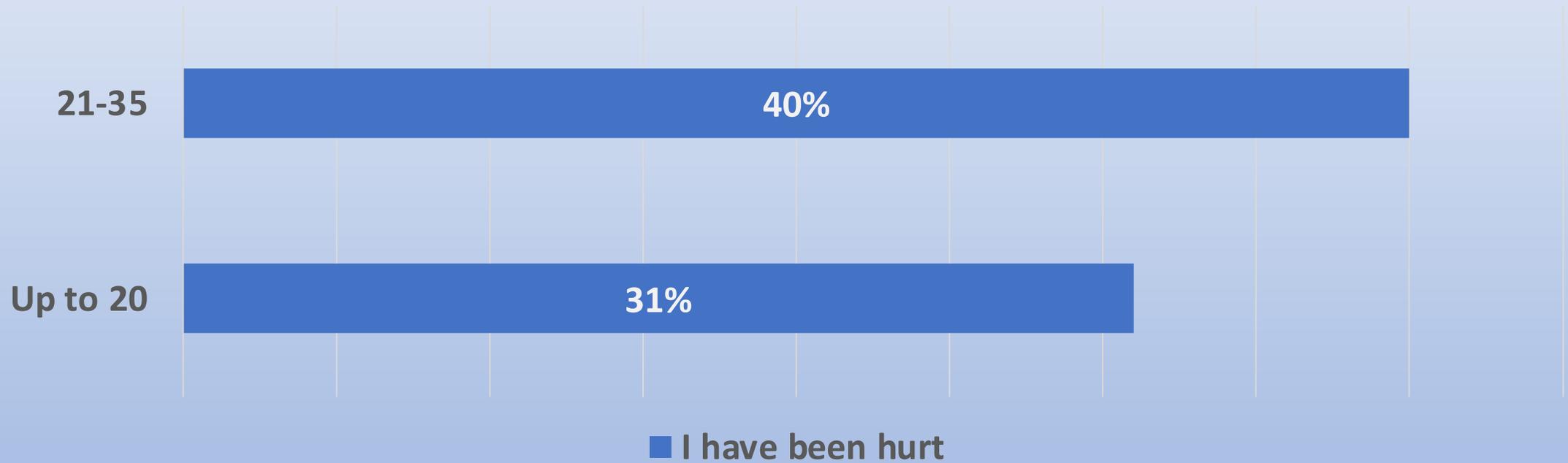


When I am at Church, I ...

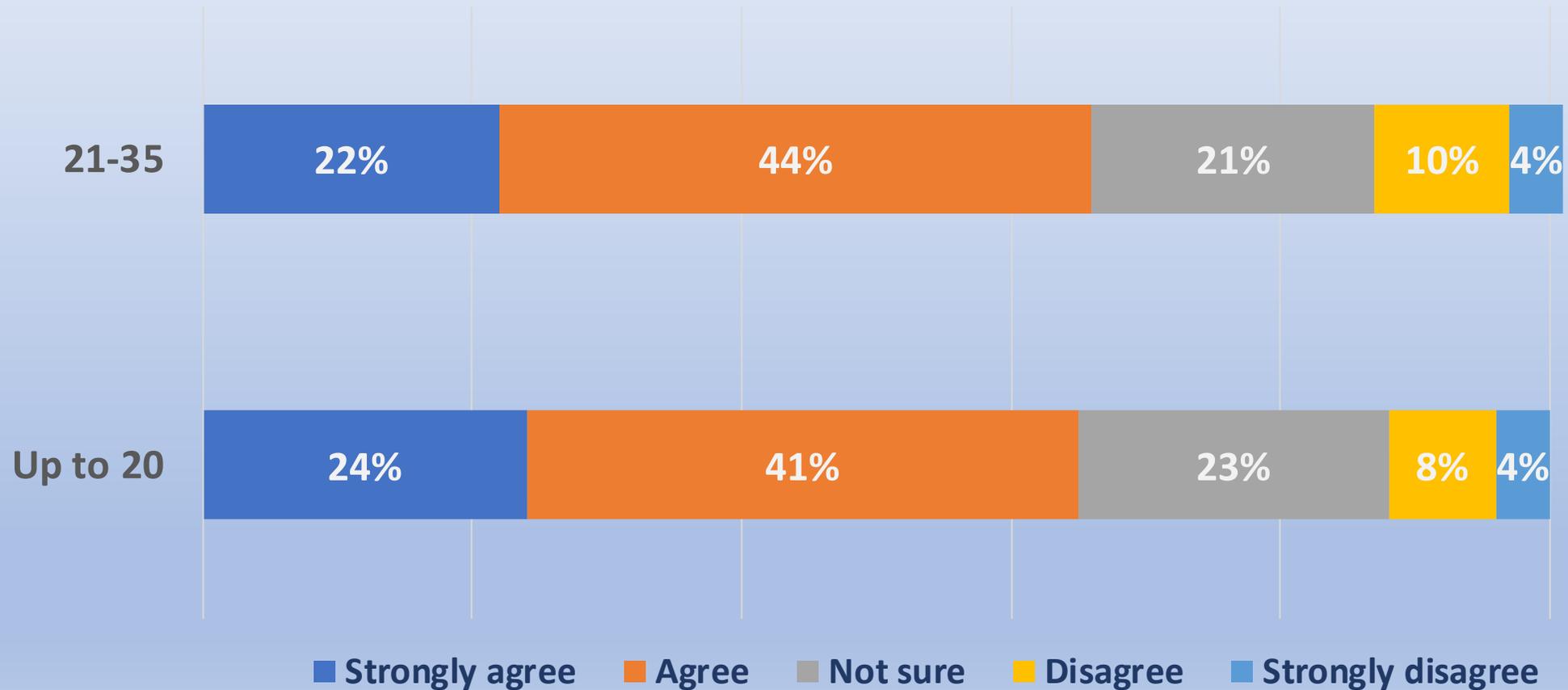
At Church I ... (responses for "Very true")



I Have Been Hurt by Leaders, People, or Incidents in my Church



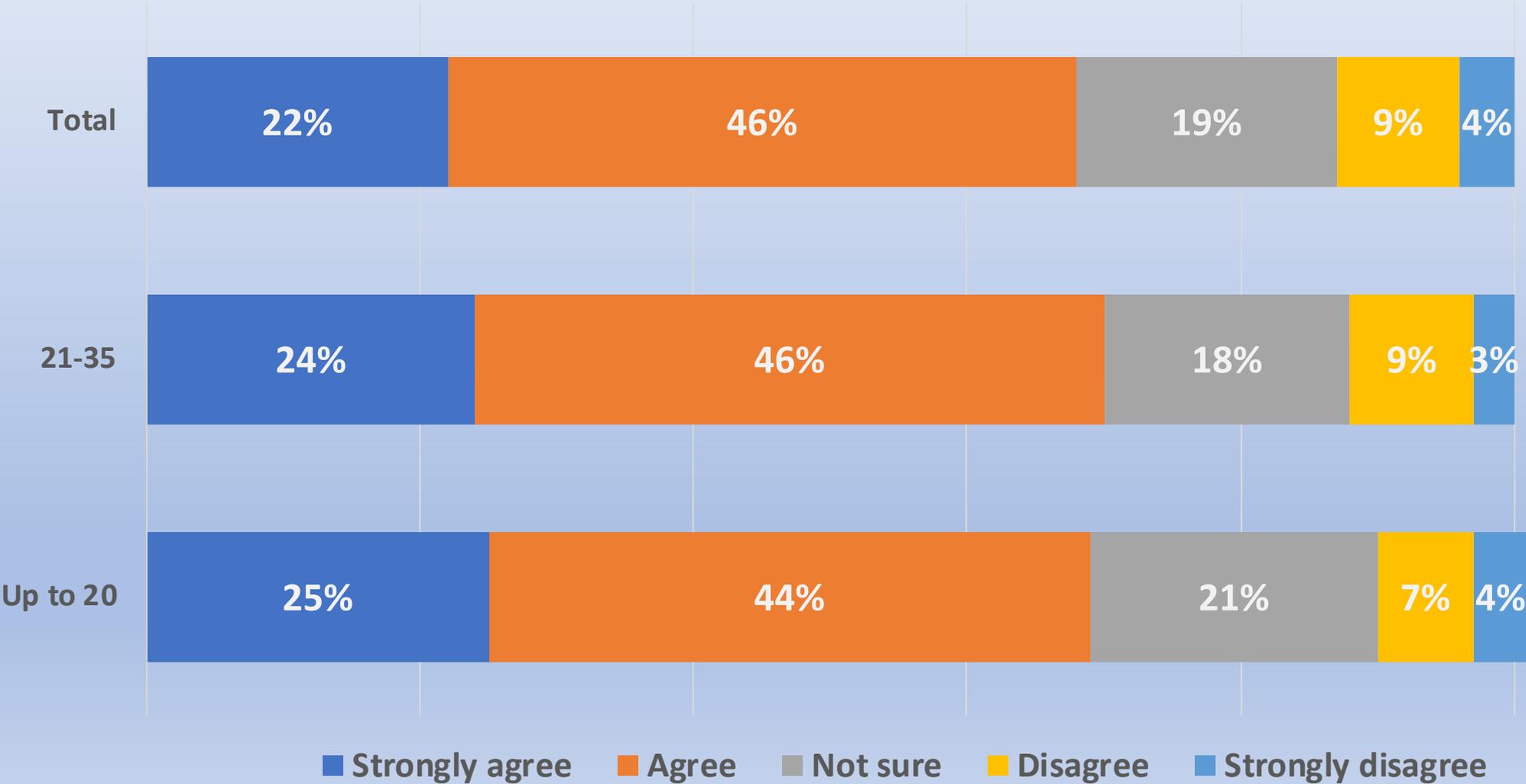
Young and Young Adults Play an Important Role in Decision-Making in My Local Church



Involvement

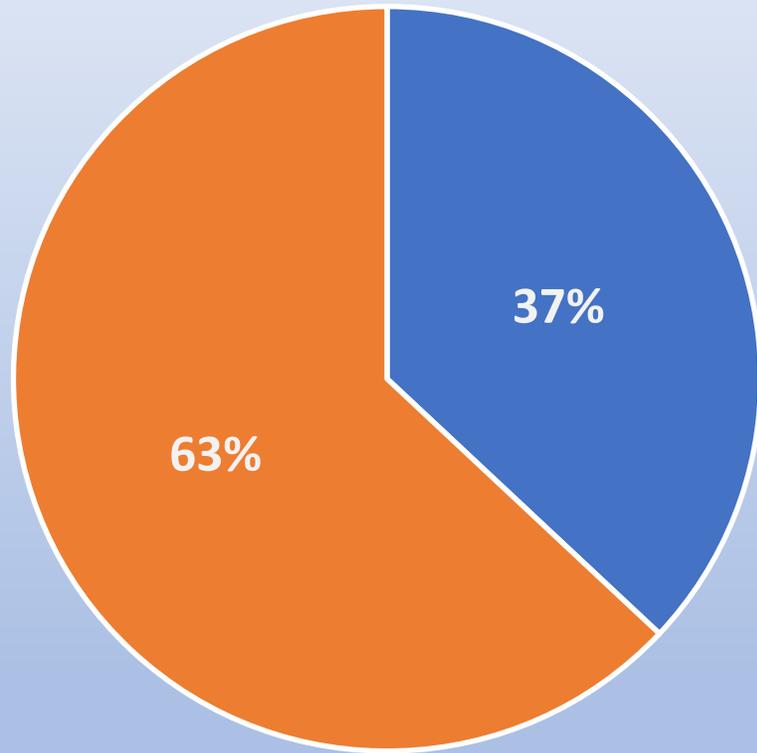


Youth and Young Adults are Actively Involved in Carrying out the Mission of my Local Church



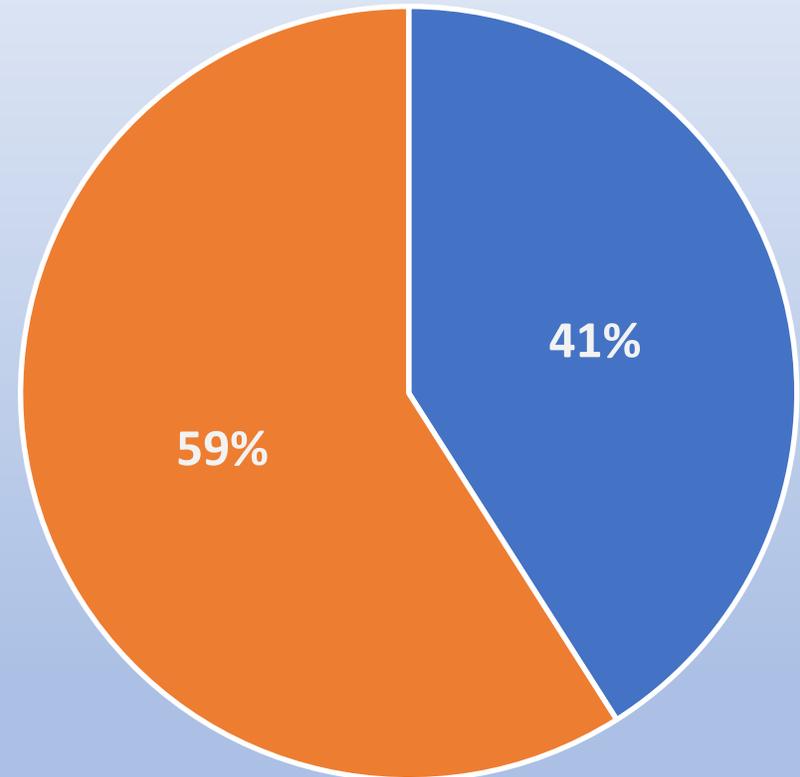
Do you Hold a Church Office at your Local Church?

Up to 20



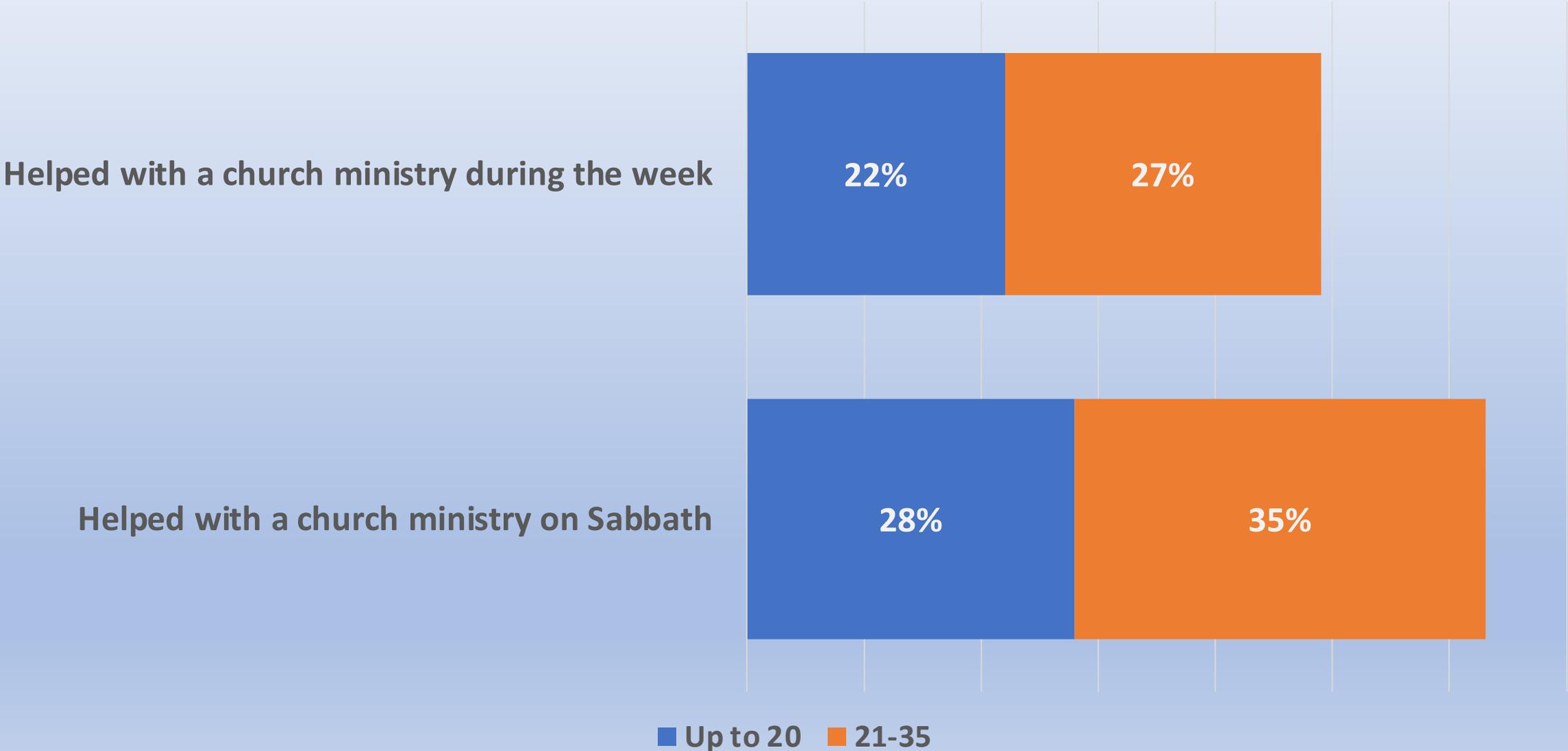
■ Yes ■ No

21-35

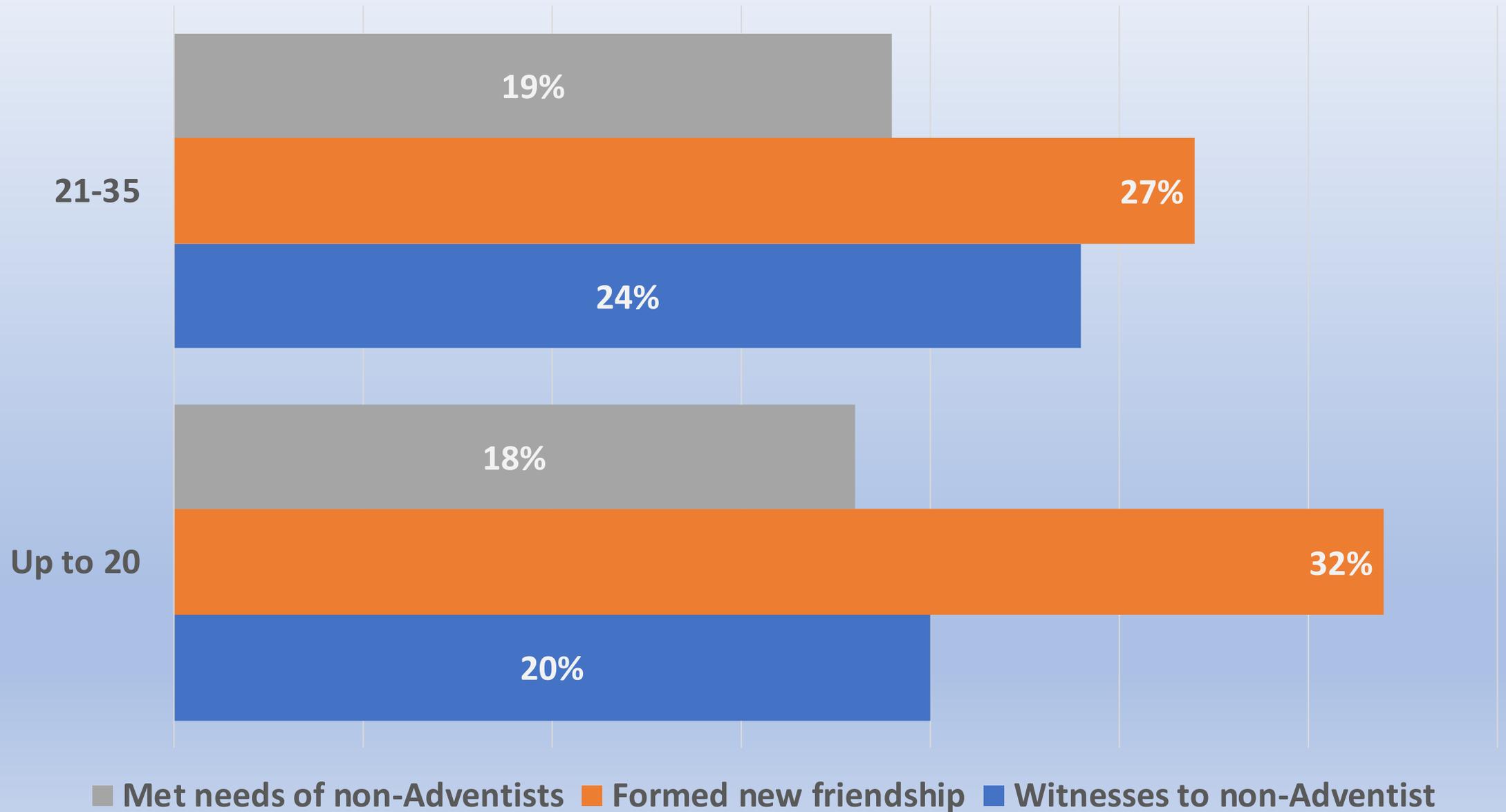


■ Yes ■ No

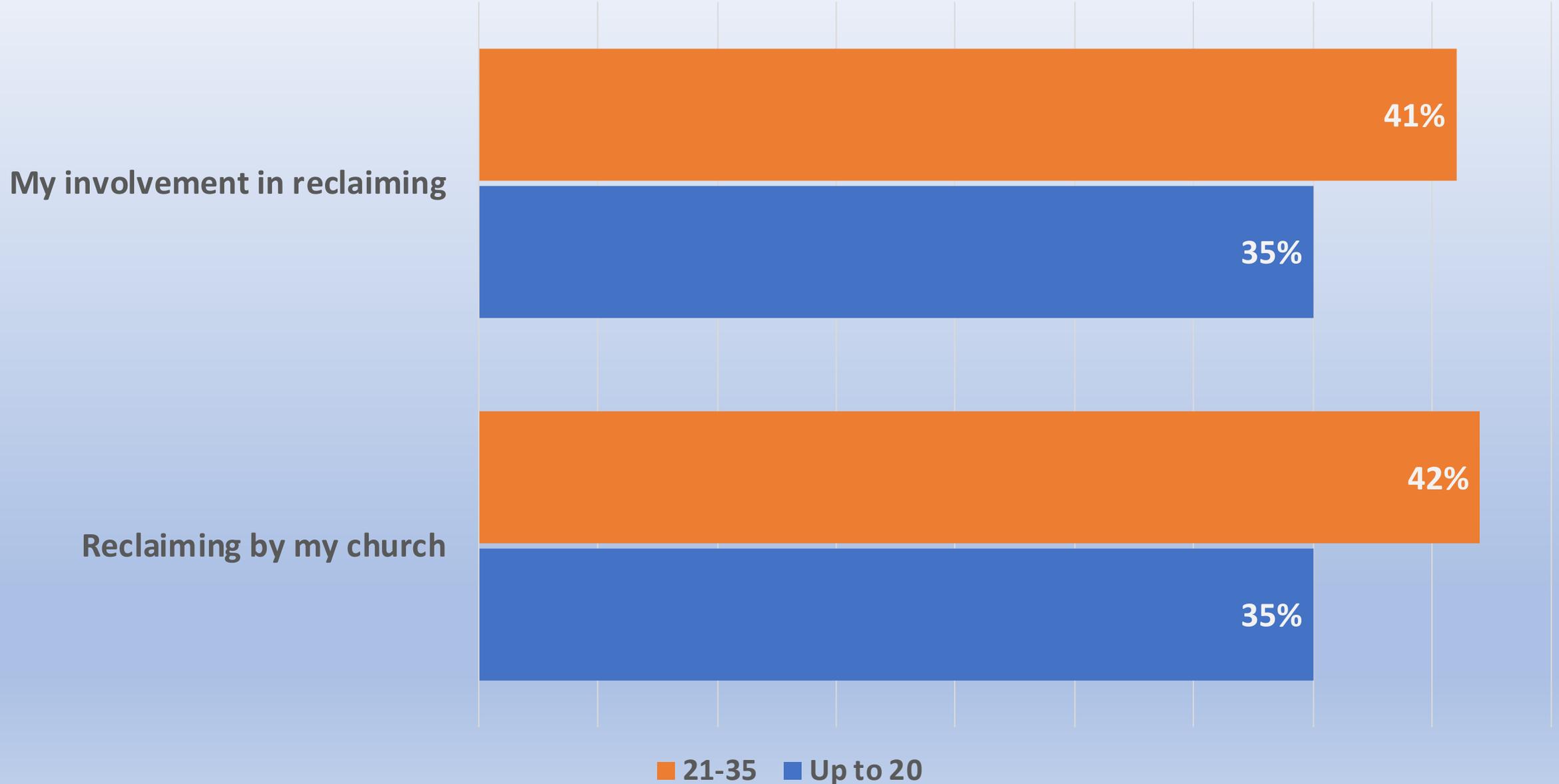
Involvement in Church Ministry during the Last 12 Months (Every week or more than once a week)



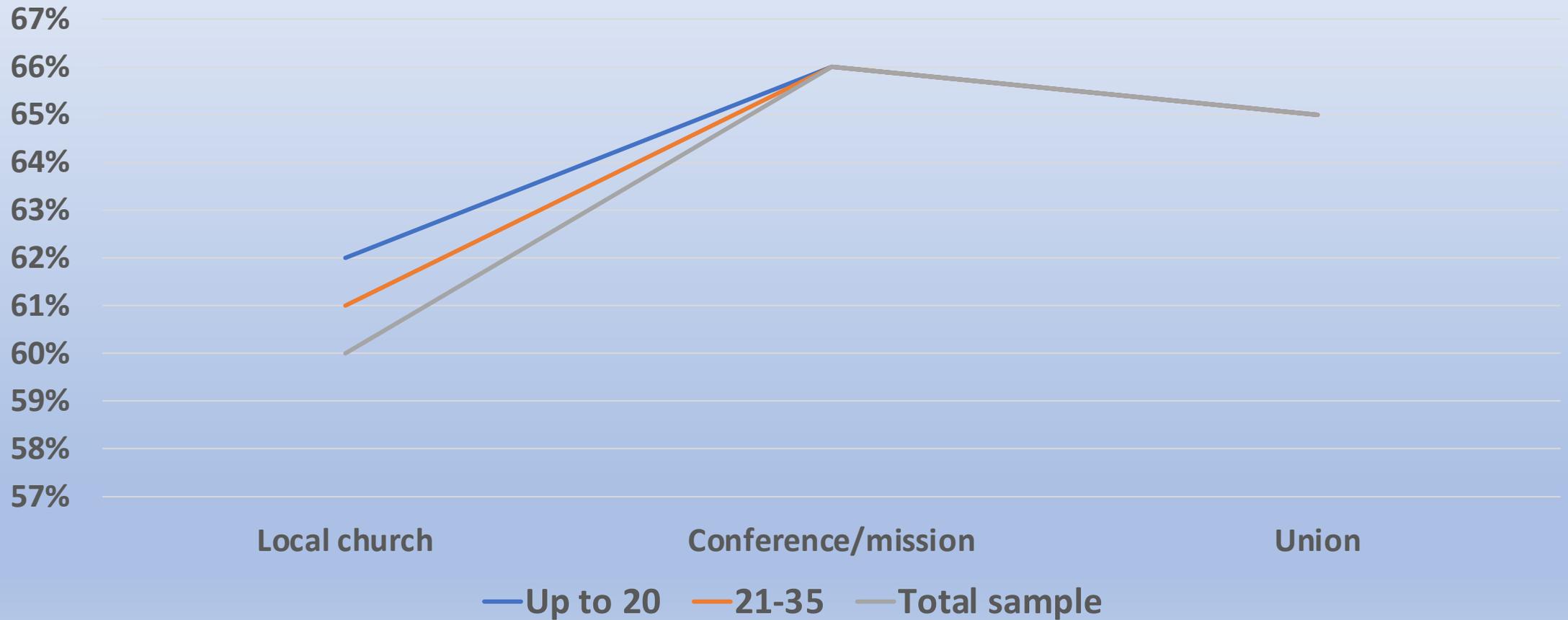
Evangelism [once a week or more often]



Reclaiming of Former Members (needs to increase greatly)



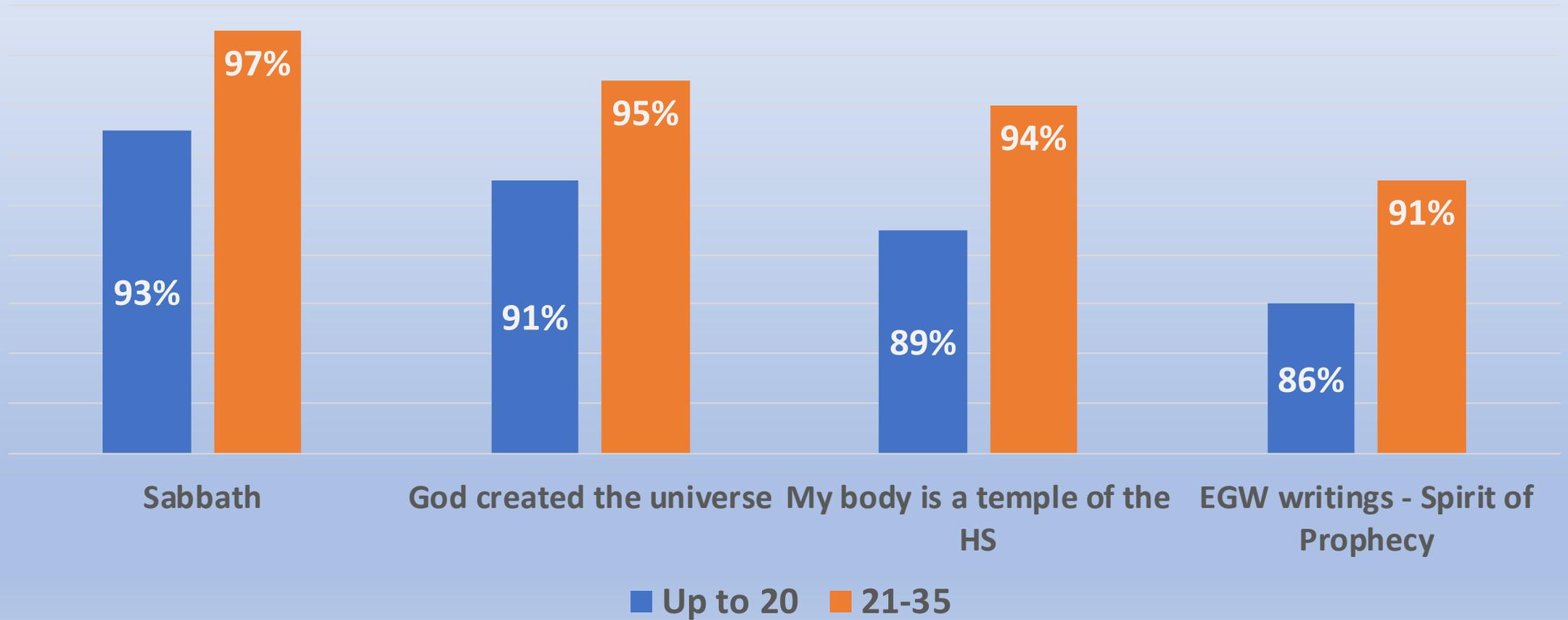
My Church Has a Program for Preparing Young People to Become Leaders (strongly agree or agree)



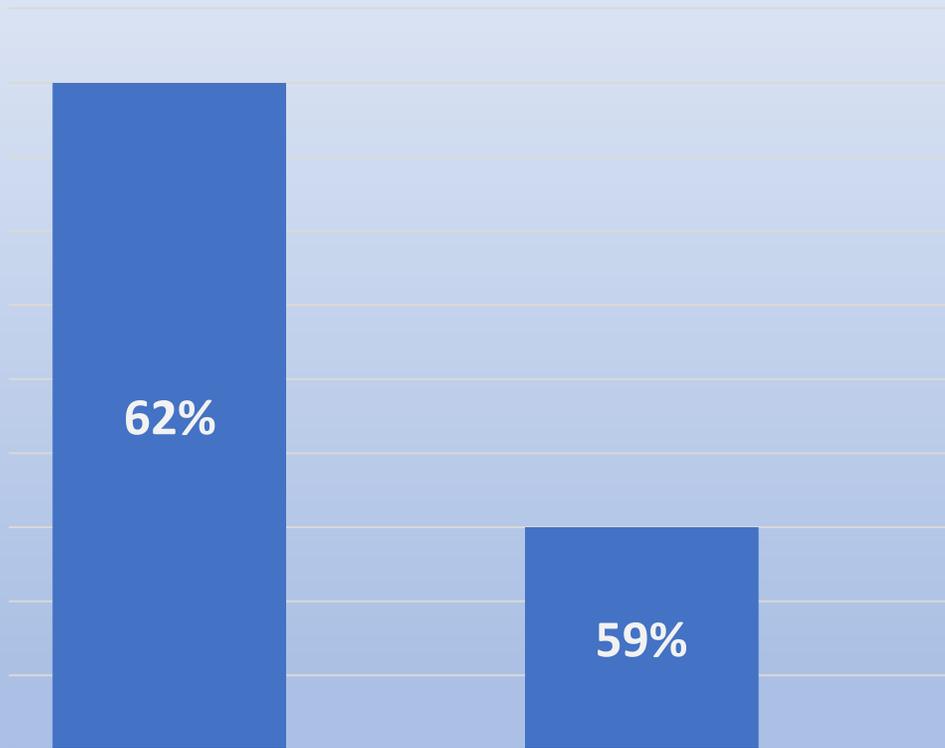
Church Doctrines



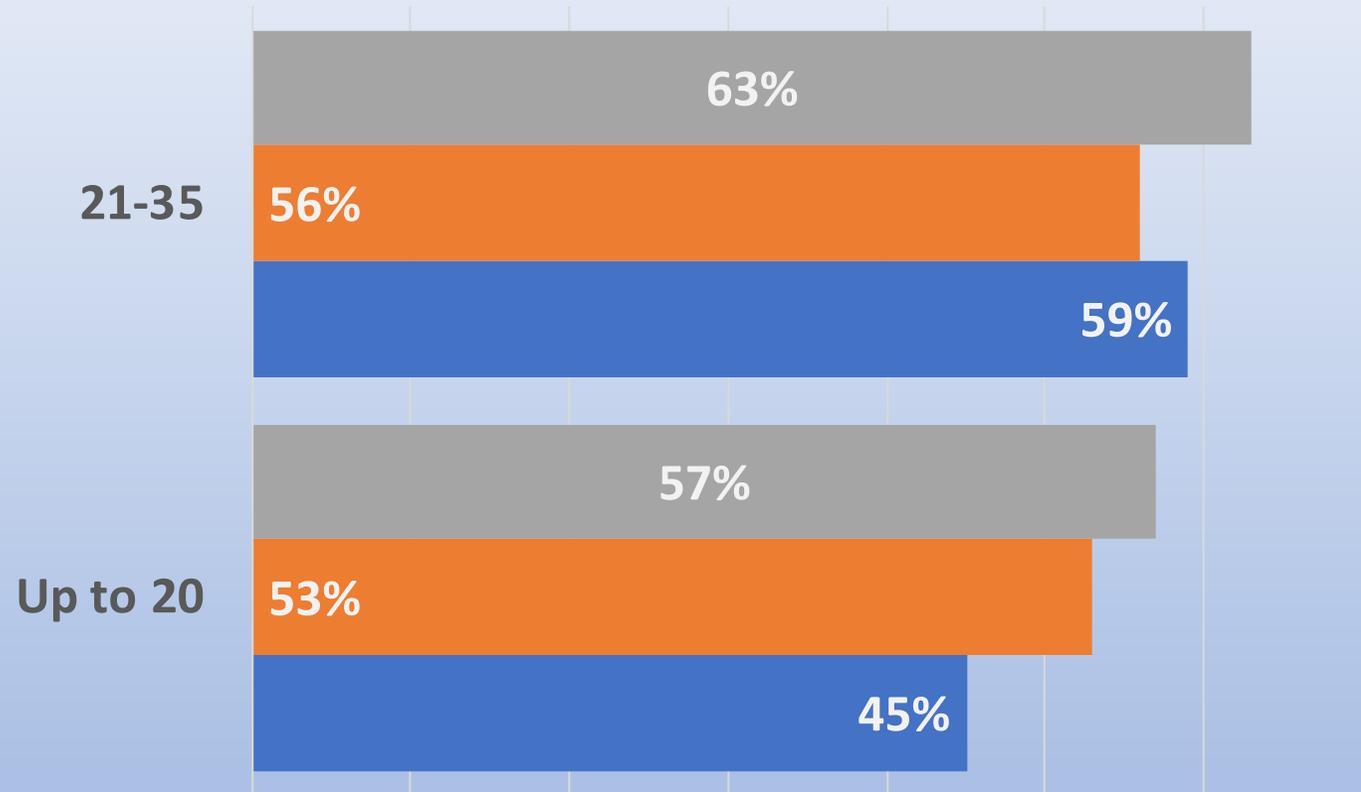
Doctrines—Support



Some More Results on Doctrines

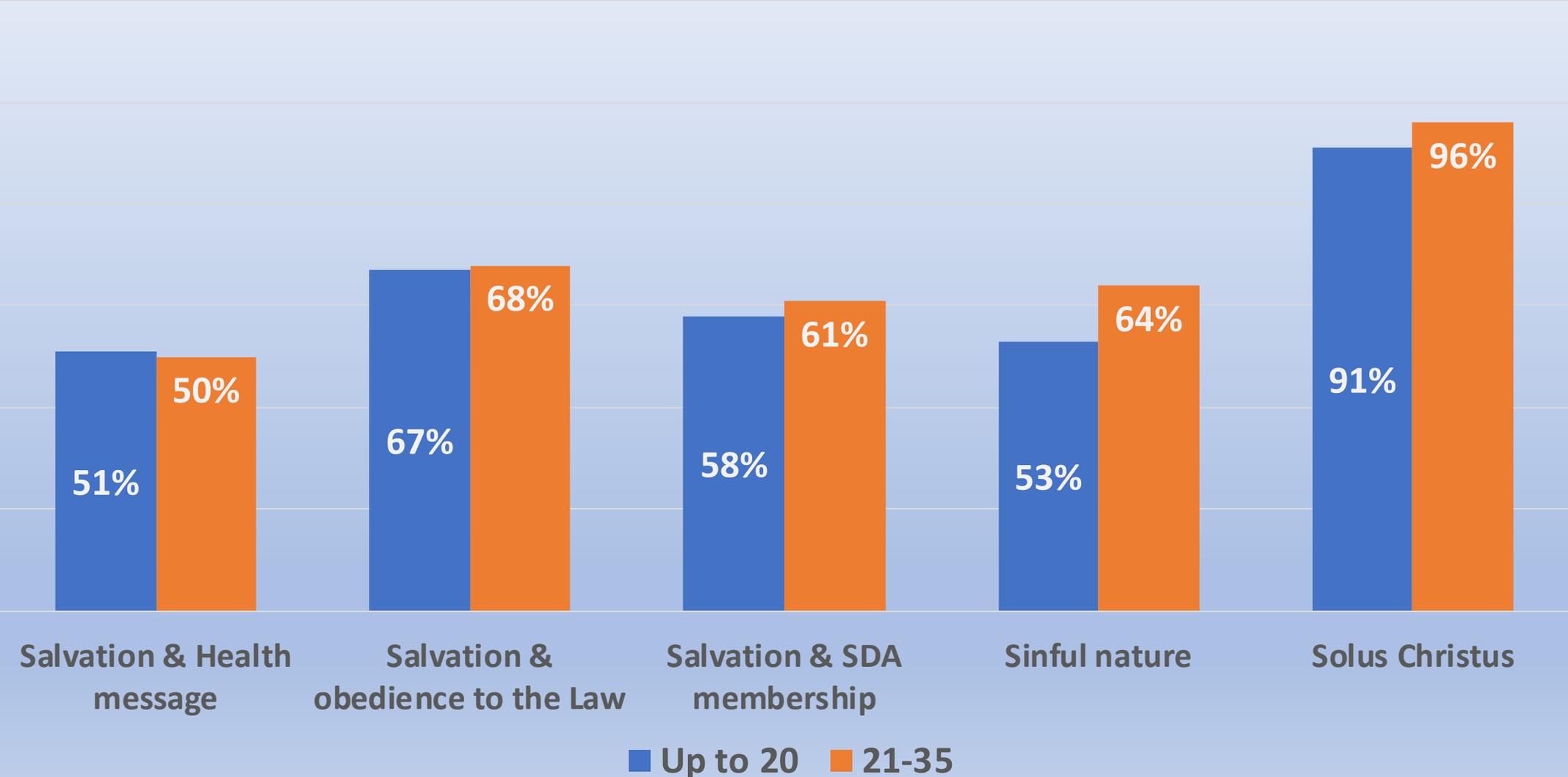


■ Jesus will return in my life time ■ ■

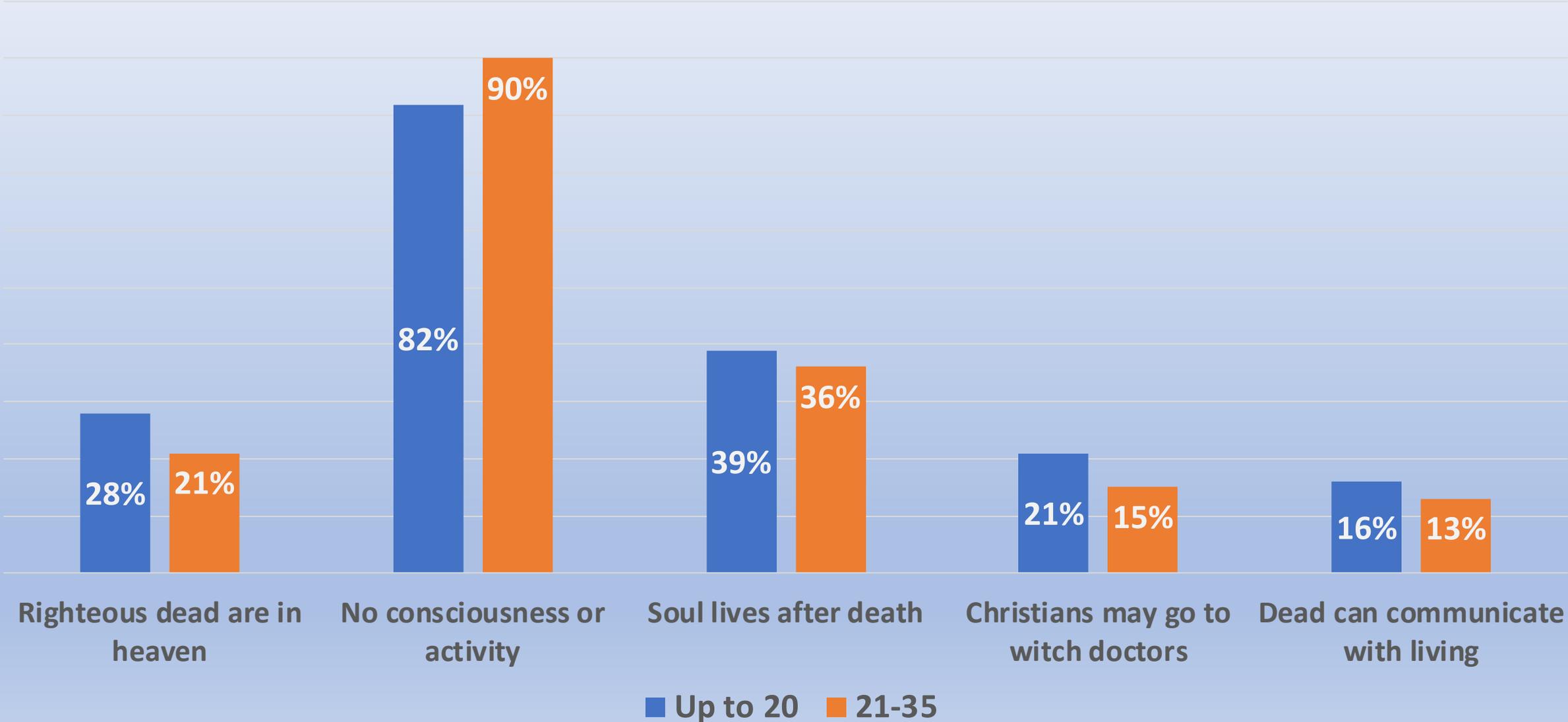


■ Church interpretation of end-time prophecies
■ Before Christ returns, God will decide who is saved & lost
■ Pre-Advent judgment began in 1844

Doctrines: Salvation

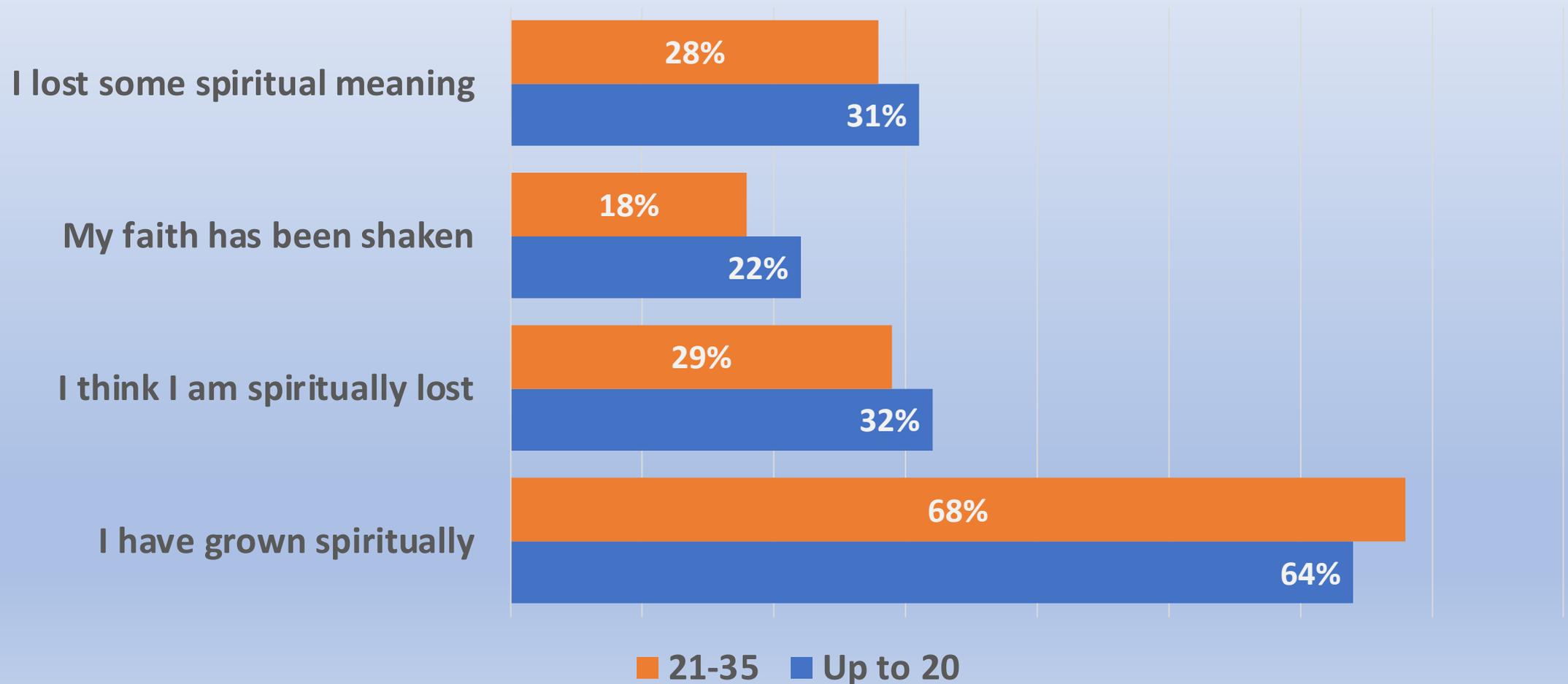


Doctrines: State of the Dead

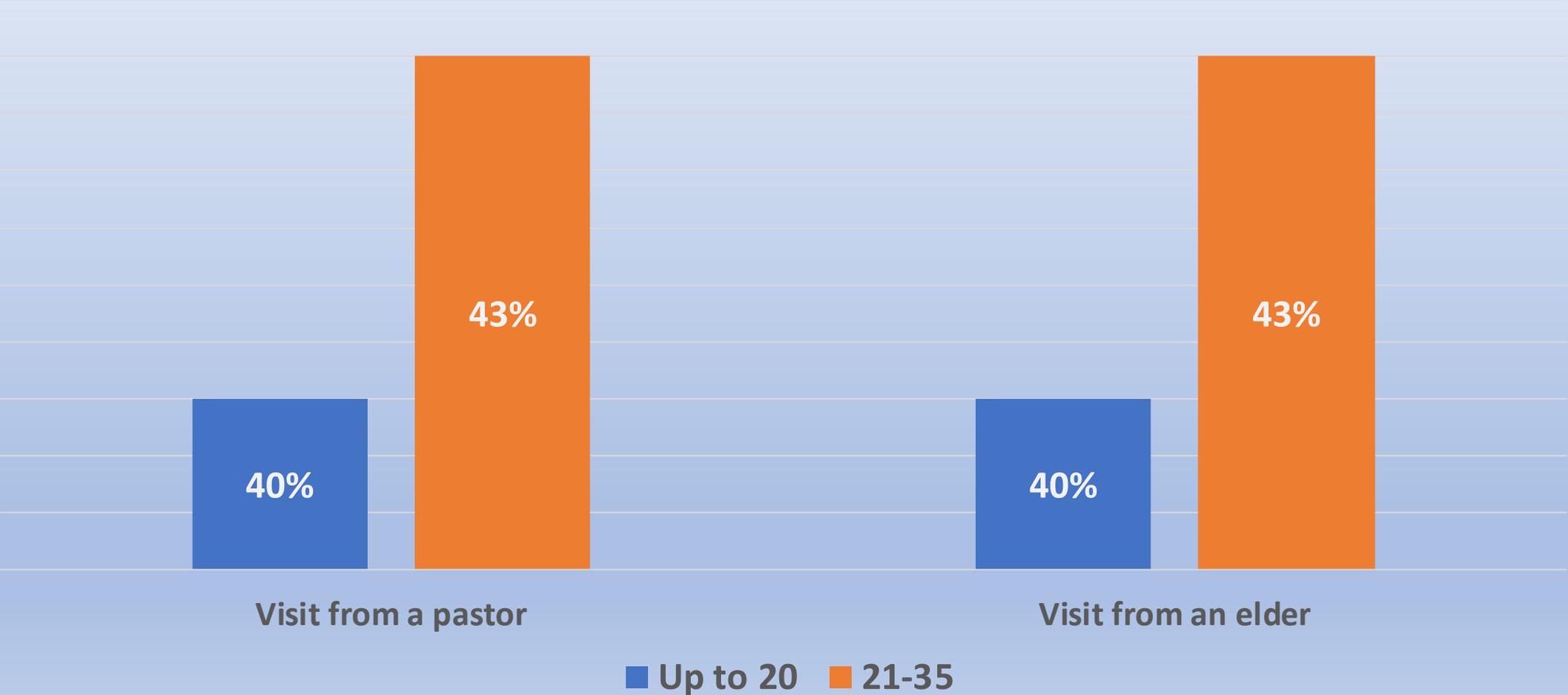


Spiritual Progress & Struggle

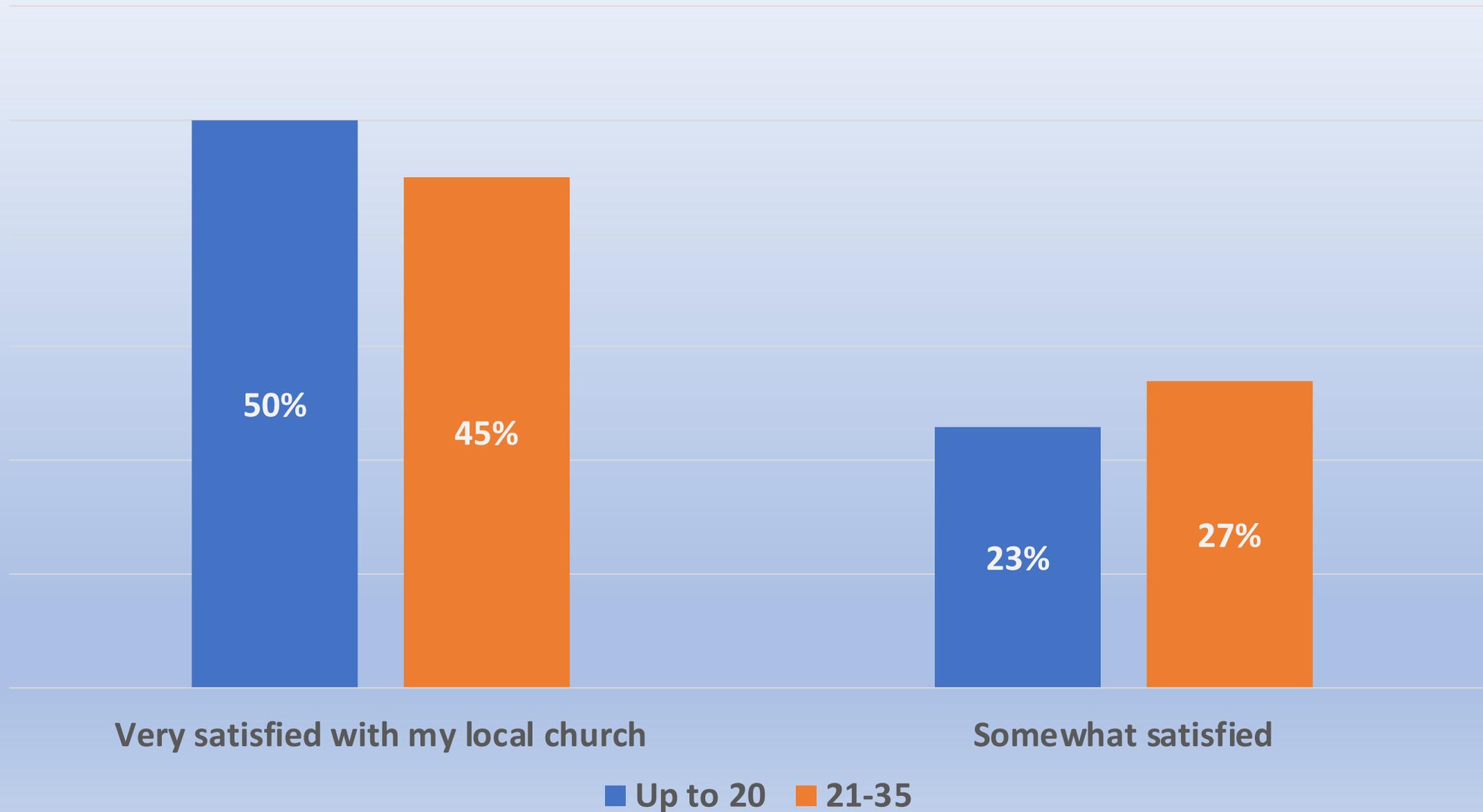
Somewhat true + true of me a great deal



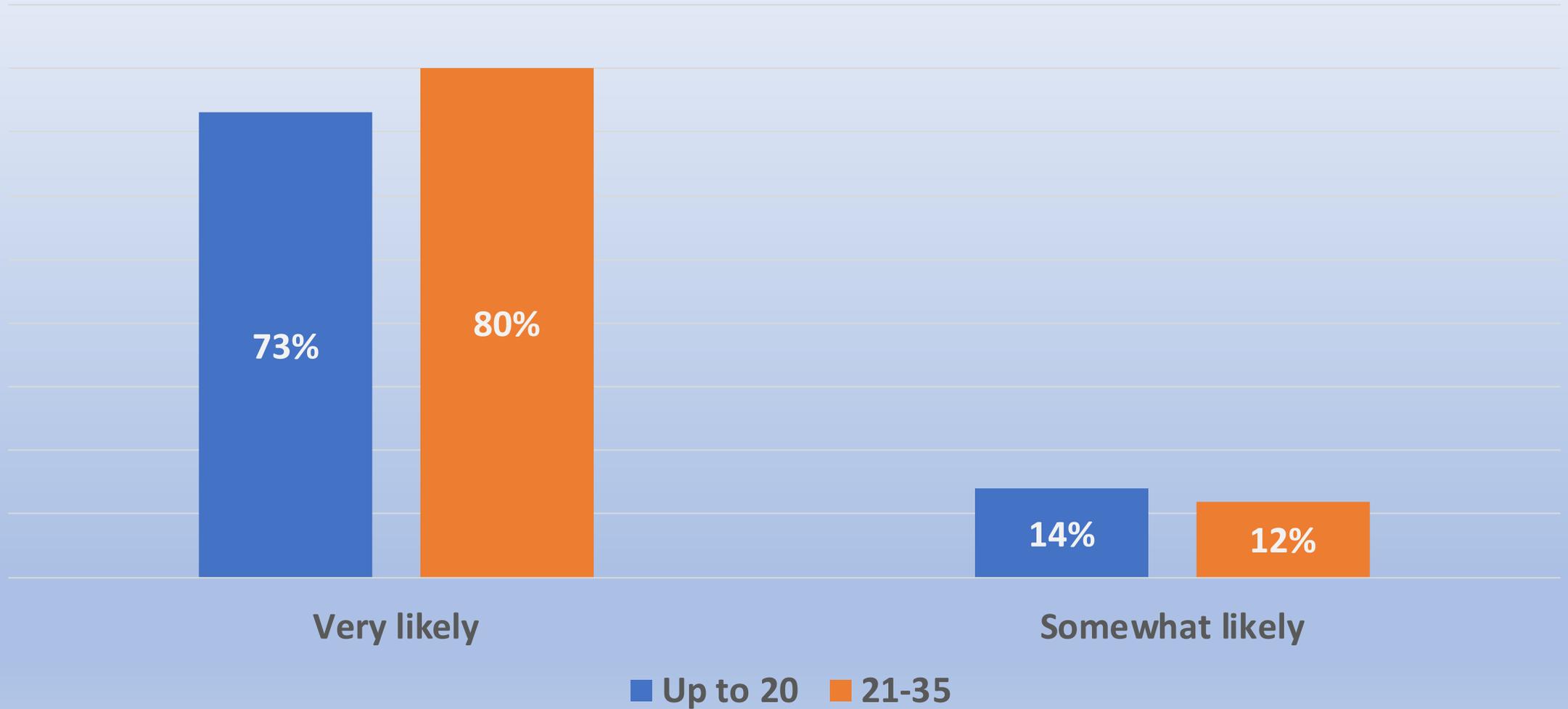
Never Received a Visit from my Pastor or Elder



How Satisfied are you with your Local Church?



How Likely is it that you will Be Attending a Seventh-day Adventist Church for the Rest of your Life?

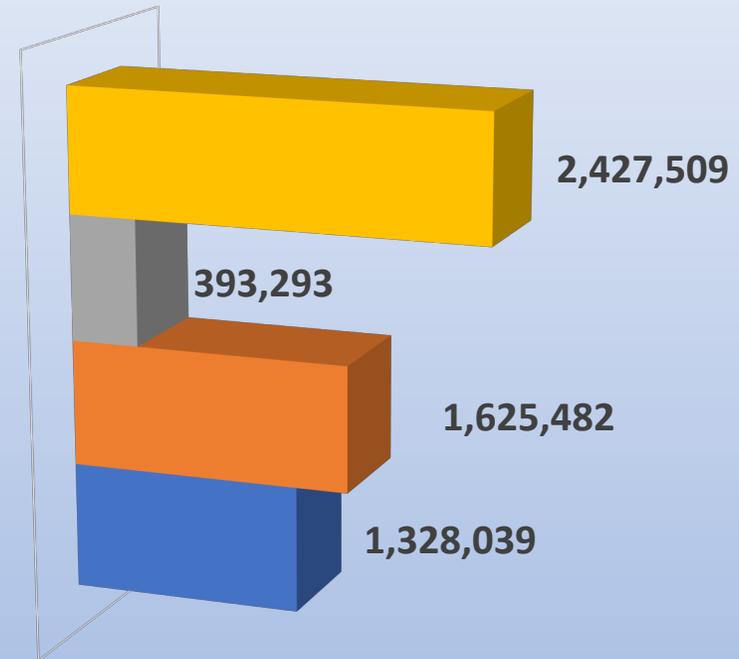


Recommendations

1. Focus on young people, especially 16-21 age group (Ambassadors, high school and college students), in all aspects of their spiritual life and service

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- Adventist Young People
- Ambassadors
- Pathfinders
- Adventurers

Recommendations

2. Intentional discipling of young people in local churches: model their spiritual life and involve them in ministry to the church and community
3. Create a safe environment for young people to feel loved and needed, to safely voice their opinion, ask questions, and be involved in the decision-making process in their local churches