

Compensation and Insurance

SBC Compensation Study 2022

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Methodology

- The SBC Compensation Study was conducted by Baptist state conventions along with GuideStone Financial Resources and Lifeway Research
- The study was conducted between April 1 and June 30, 2022
- Data acquired by the study can be accessed at www.lifeway.com/compensationsurvey
- Responses from 6,671 full-time senior pastors, staff ministers, and office personnel were used in this report
- Responses for senior pastors were weighted by average attendance to more accurately reflect the population

What is included in Compensation?

- **Office and Custodial Personnel:** Salary (Part-time salary is calibrated to reflect 50 weeks per year at median number of hours: 15)
- **Non-Ordained Ministers:** Salary (Part-time salary is calibrated to reflect 50 weeks per year at median number of hours: 15)
- **Ordained Ministers:** Salary + Housing Allowance + Fair Rental Value of Church-owned Housing + Utilities for Church-owned Housing (Part-time salary is calibrated to reflect 50 weeks per year at median number of hours: 20)

What is included in Pay Package?

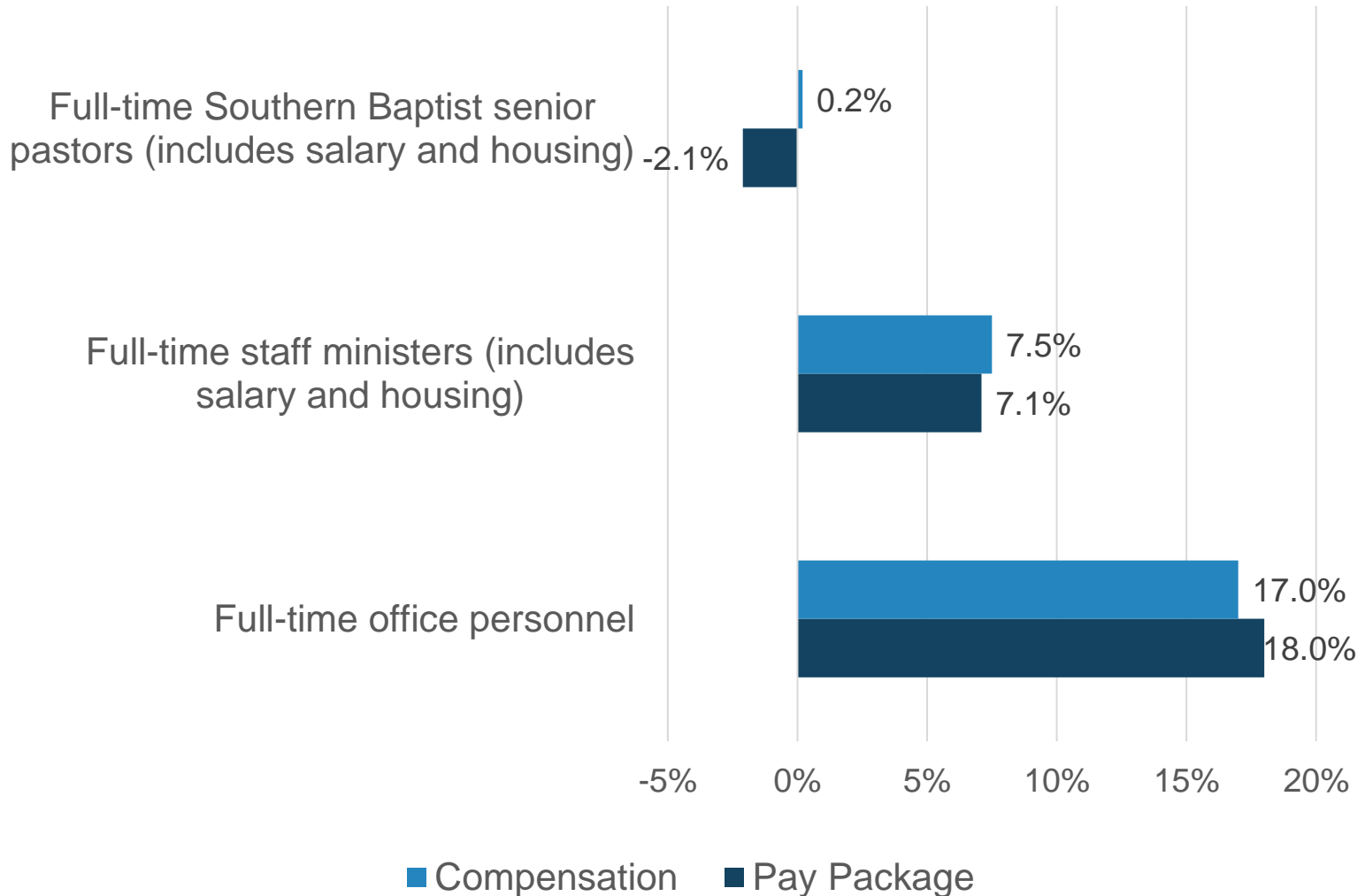
- **Office and Custodial Personnel***: Salary + Retirement Benefits Paid by the Church + Insurance Paid by the Church
- **Non-Ordained Ministers***: Salary + Retirement Benefits Paid by the Church + Insurance Paid by the Church
- **Ordained Ministers**: Salary + Housing Allowance + Fair Rental Value of Church-owned Housing + Utilities on Church-owned Housing + Social Security Equivalent** + Retirement Benefits Paid by the Church + Insurance Paid by the Church

* The Employer portion of Social Security is not included in the figure for Pay Package. The study assumes that the church pays the employer portion of Social Security for these employees.

**While the Social Security Equivalent could be included with compensation since it is taxable, the Compensation Study has chosen for a number of years to treat the Social Security Equivalent as a benefit so as to be consistent with the general treatment of social security for non-ministers.

Changes to church staff compensation and complete pay package over the last four years (2018 – 2022)

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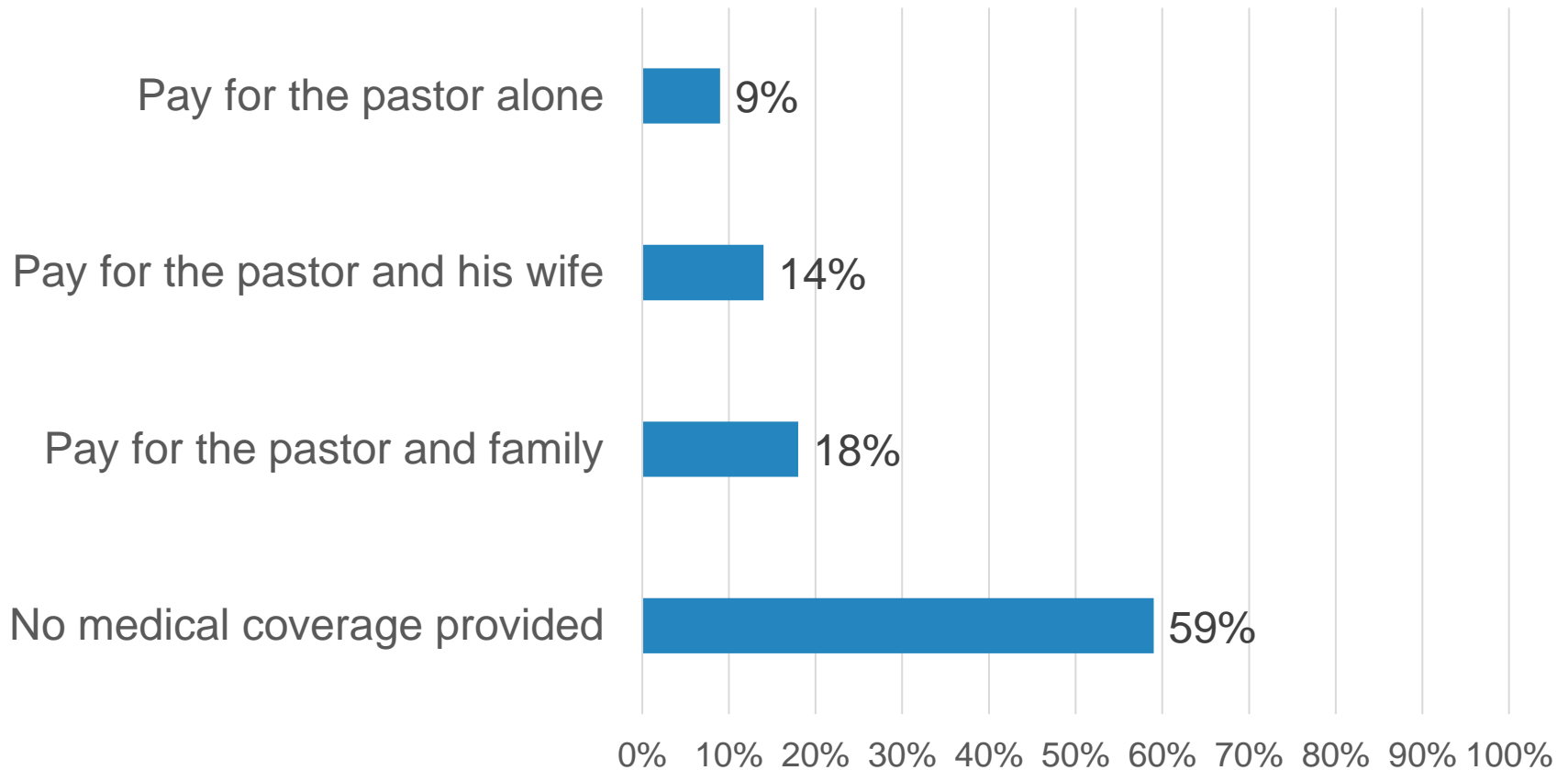


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Note: The Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for this four-year period is +17.6%

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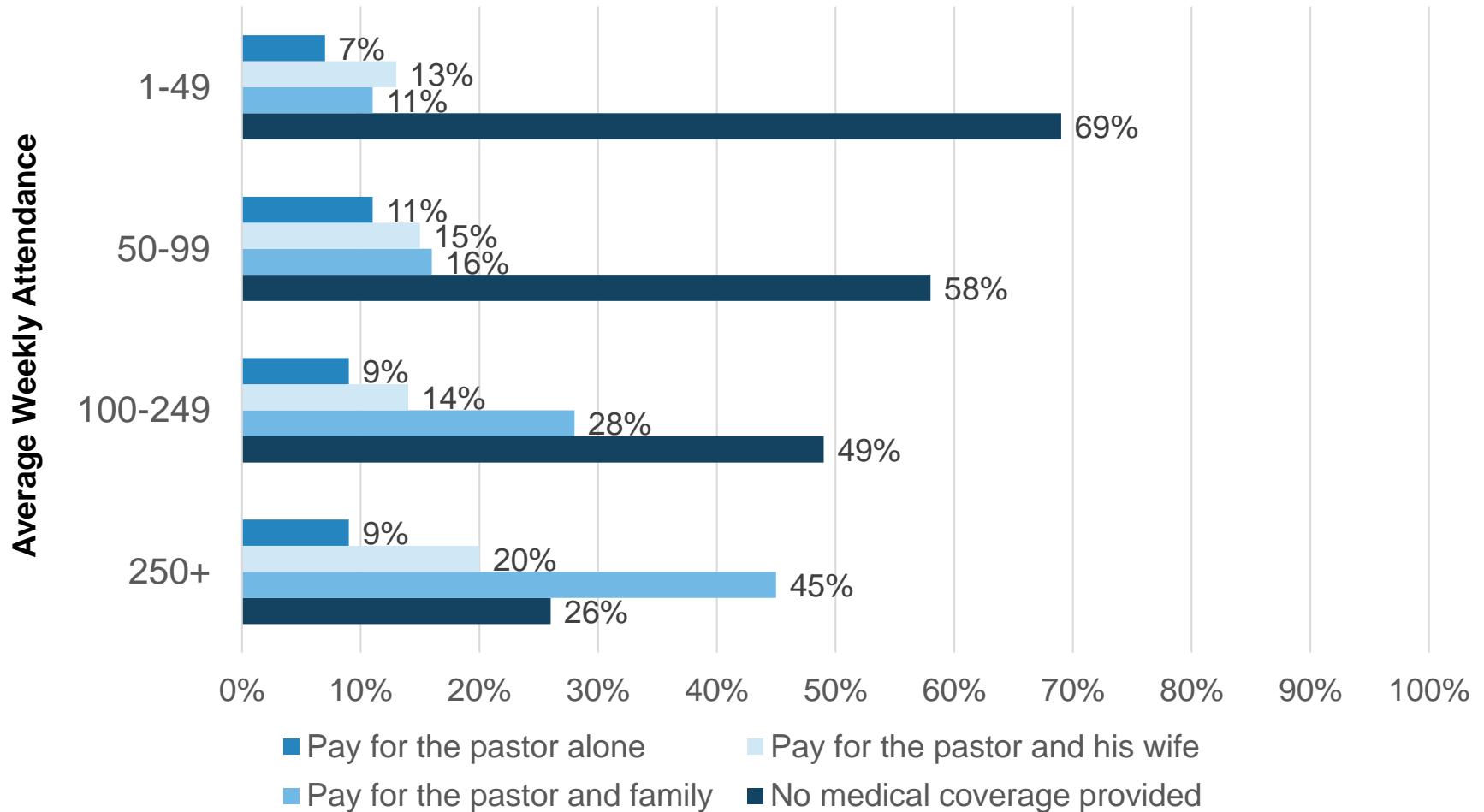
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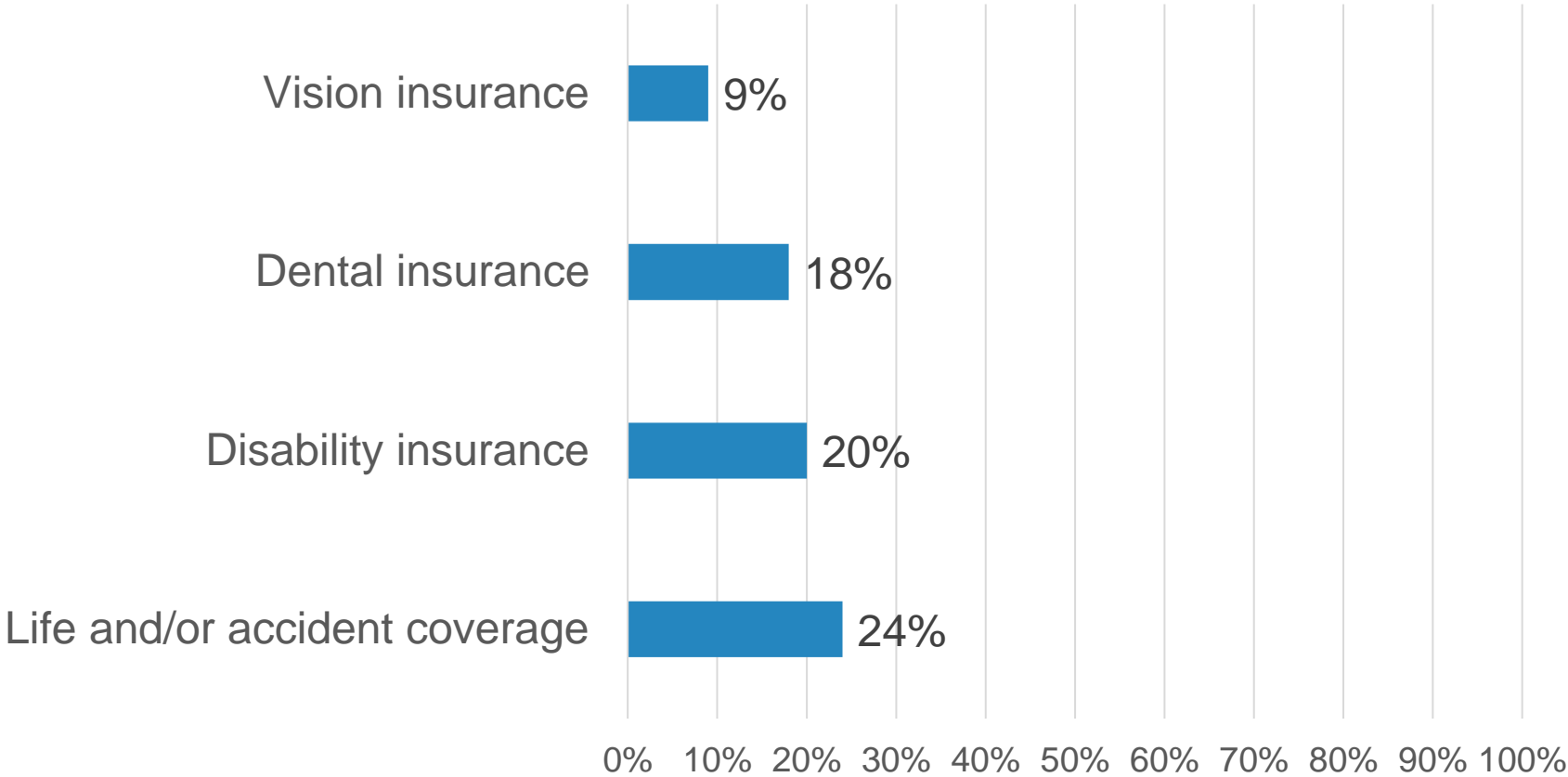
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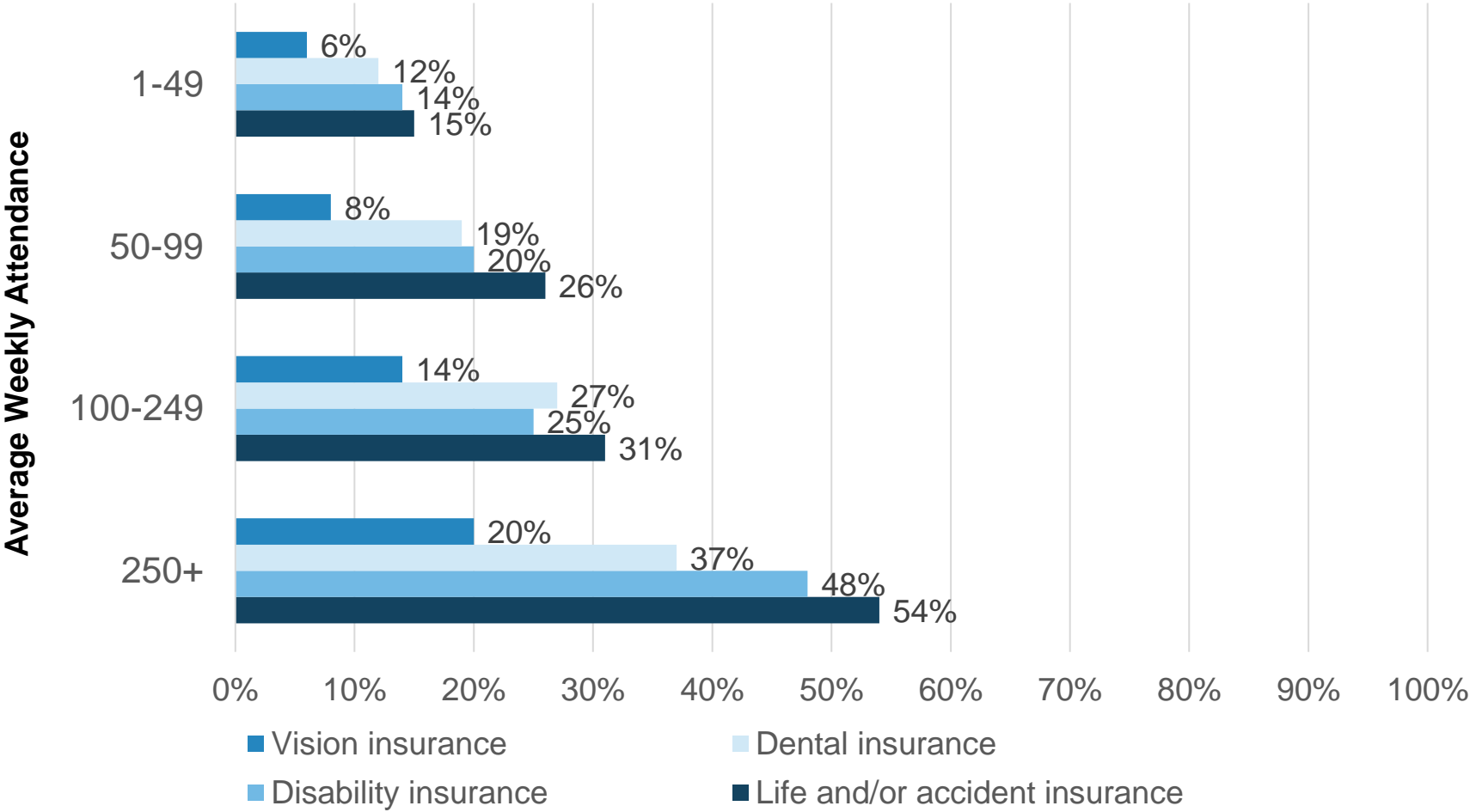
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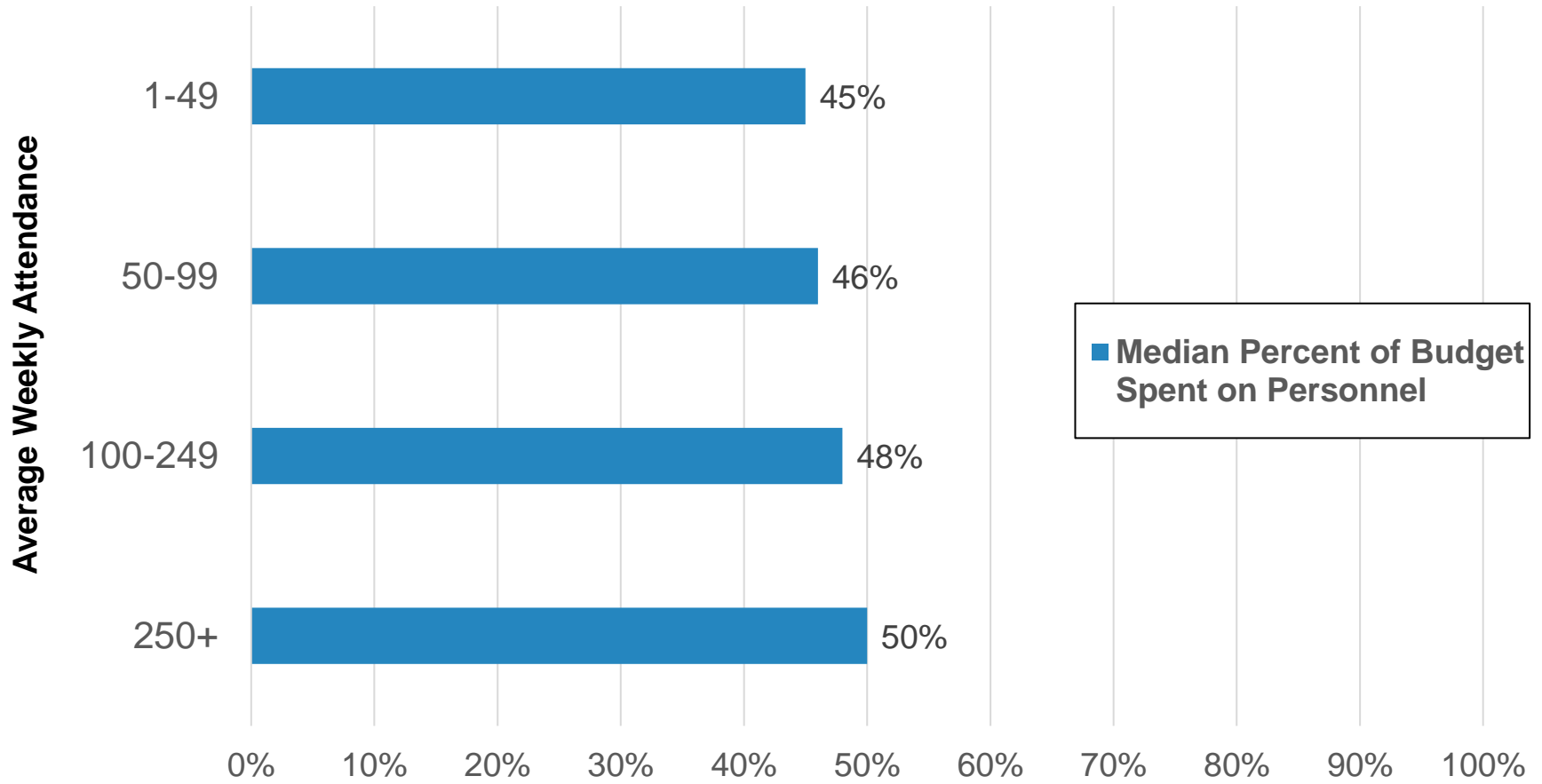
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SBC churches spend an average of 46% (and a median of 48%) of their budget on employee compensation and benefits

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