

Adult Bible Study Groups

A SURVEY OF ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS MINISTRY LEADERS

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Methodology

- The online survey of 1,021 adult Bible study groups ministry leaders was conducted May 27, 2024 – June 27, 2024
- Contact lists of adult Bible study groups ministry leaders and pastors were developed from both Lifeway's lists and outside lists.
- Each interview was conducted with the person most responsible for Bible study groups for adults at the church
- Each respondent was screened to ensure they were able to describe their church's Bible study groups for adults and that their church is Protestant or Non-denominational Christian in the U.S.
- Southern Baptist churches were oversampled. The 639 SBC responses were weighted down to reflect their correct proportion of Protestant churches.
- Responses were weighted by region, church size, and denominational category to more accurately reflect the population
- The completed sample is 1,021 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed $\pm 4.6\%$ This margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Limitations

Probability samples for Protestant adult Bible study groups ministry leaders do not exist. When representative sampling is not possible, it is important to obtain as wide a variety of respondents as possible. Three broad sources were used:

- Protestant Pastors who have opted in for future research on previous probability surveys
- Southern Baptist Ministers of Education, Sunday School Directors, and Discipleship Directors shared by congregations as part of the Annual Church Profile census
- Adult Bible study groups ministry leaders who have interacted with Lifeway's research, events, or communications

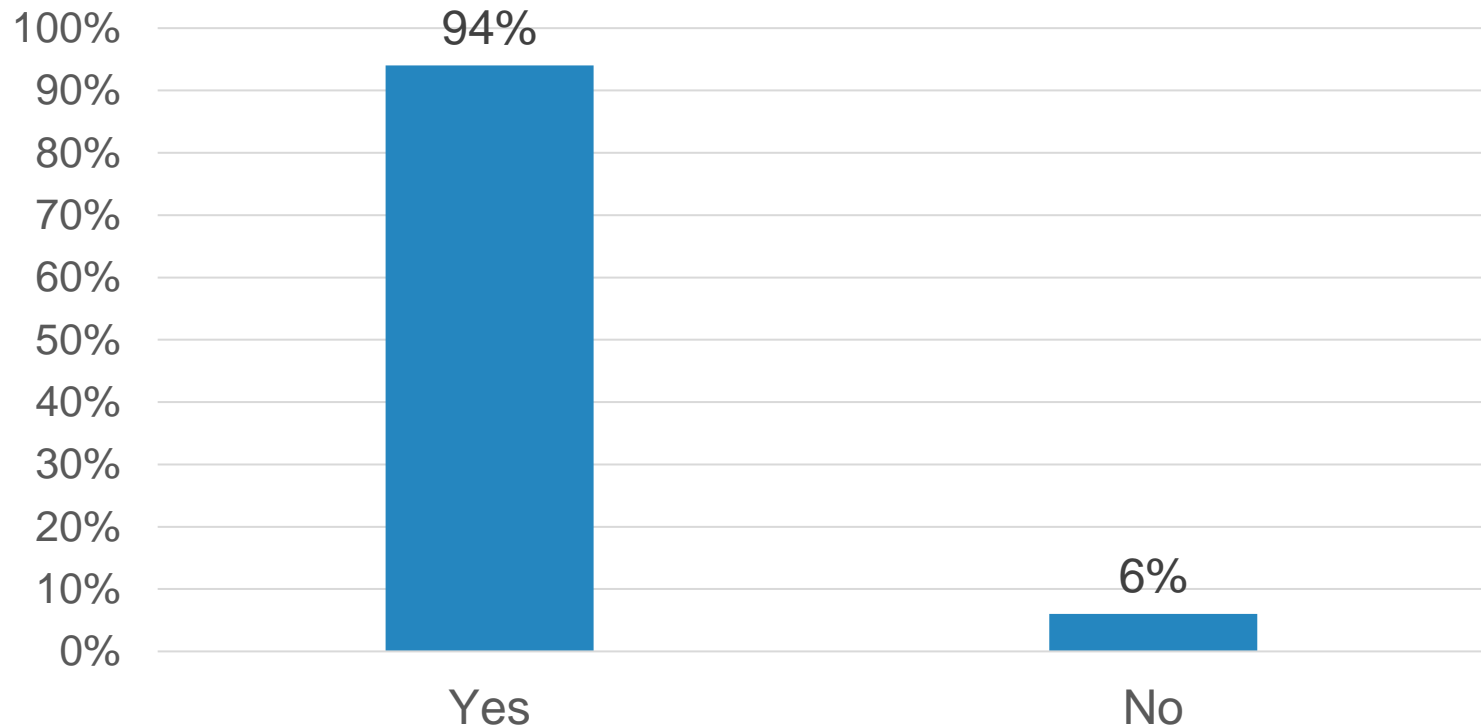
Note that some groups are less represented because the scope of this study does not include churches that do not have adult Bible study groups ministry activities. Groups that interact with Lifeway less will be underrepresented in this study.

Indications of the breadth of the sample prior to weighting include:

- Sizes of churches participating (21% <50, 25% 50-99, 25% 100-249, 29% 250+)
- Ages of respondents (33% 18-49, 37% 50-64, 30% 65+)
- Region of churches participating (5% Northeast, 23% Midwest, 64% South, 9% West)

94% of participating churches have ongoing adult Bible study groups

Among Adult Bible Study Groups Ministry Leaders



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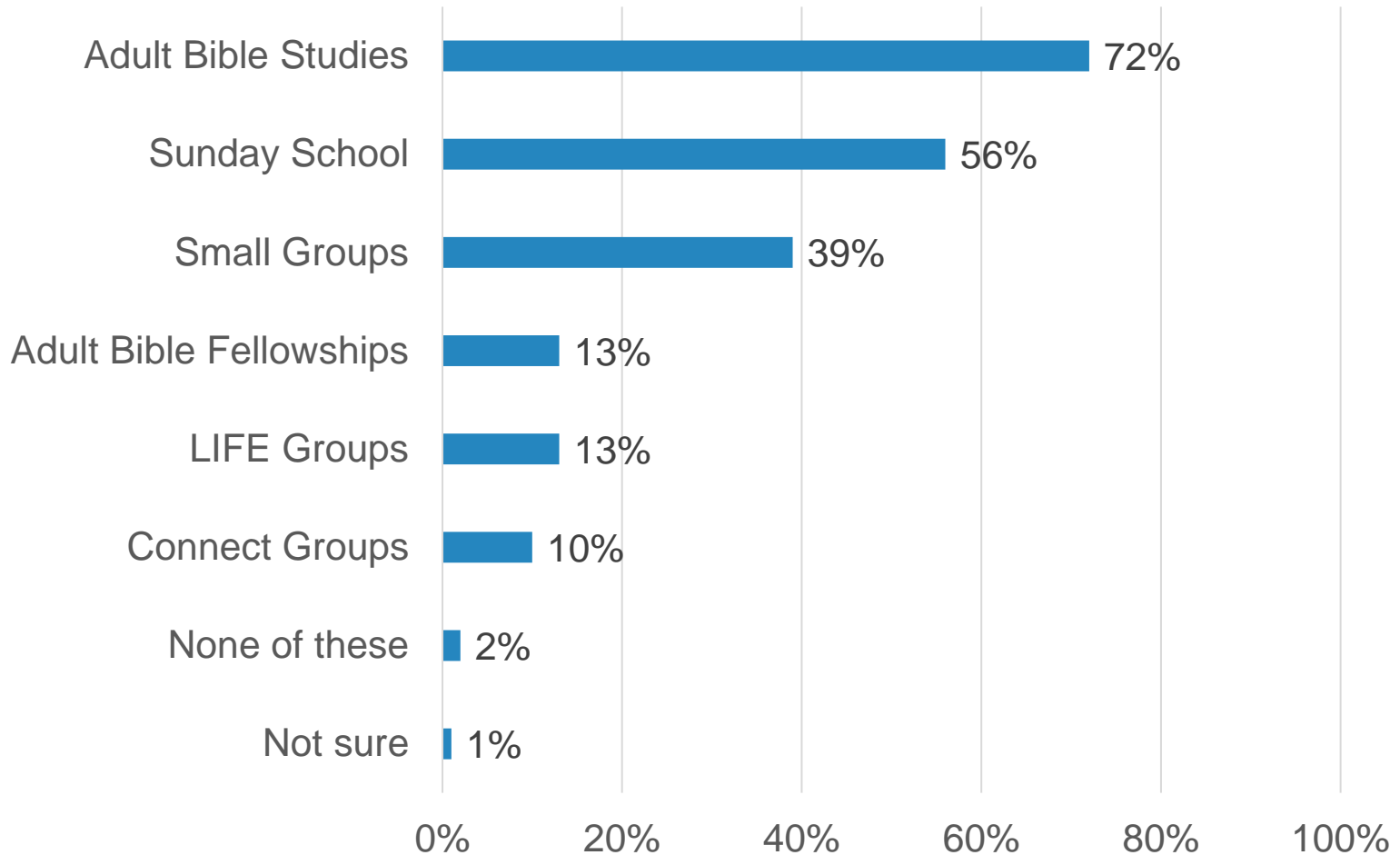
Ongoing Groups Names

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

Bible Study Groups	45%
Sunday School	17%
Small Groups	10%
Groups (Men, Women, Recovery, etc.)	8%
Life Groups	6%
Discipleship Groups	4%
Community Groups	2%
Connect/Connection Groups	2%
Prayer Groups	2%
Adult Groups	1%
Bible Fellowships	1%
Core/Cell Groups	1%
Grow/Growth Groups	1%
Home Groups	1%
Don't know/None	<1%

“If someone used these generic labels for types of groups, which would fit your church’s ongoing groups?”

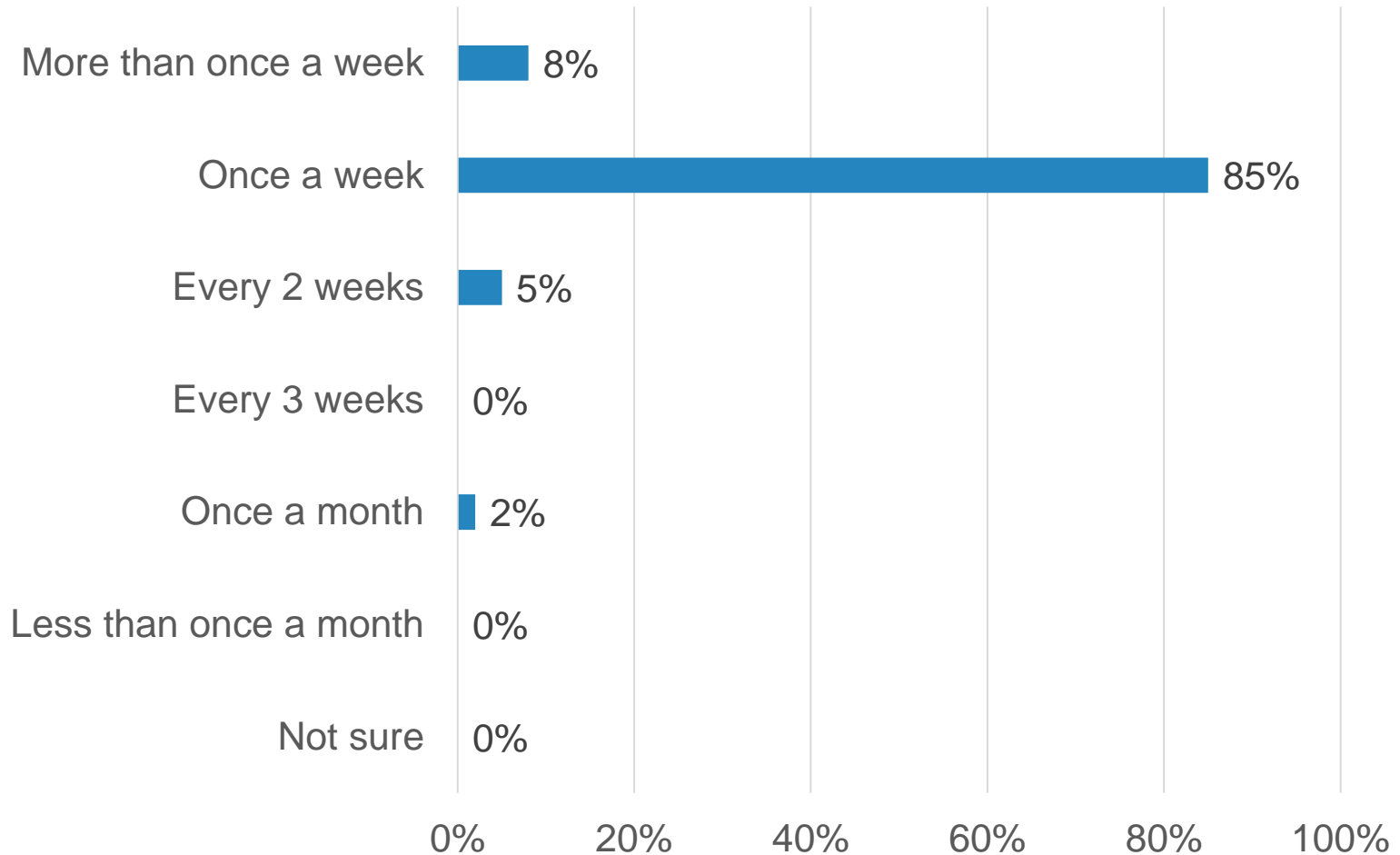
Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups



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93% say most of their ongoing adult groups meet at least once a week

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

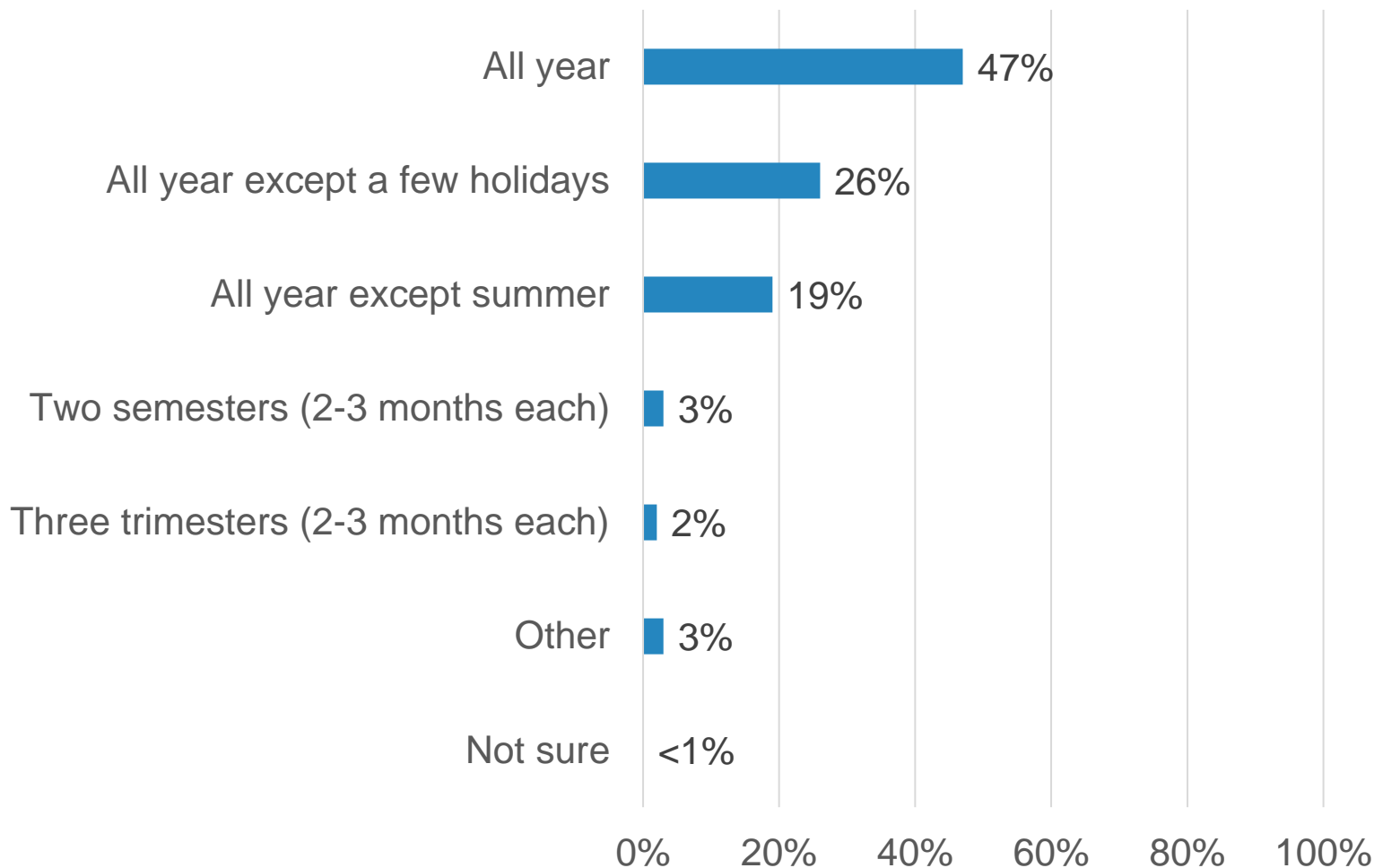


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Q10: "How often do most of your ongoing groups for adults meet? (Select one)" n=986

73% say their ongoing groups meet all year (including 26% who do not meet on some holidays)

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

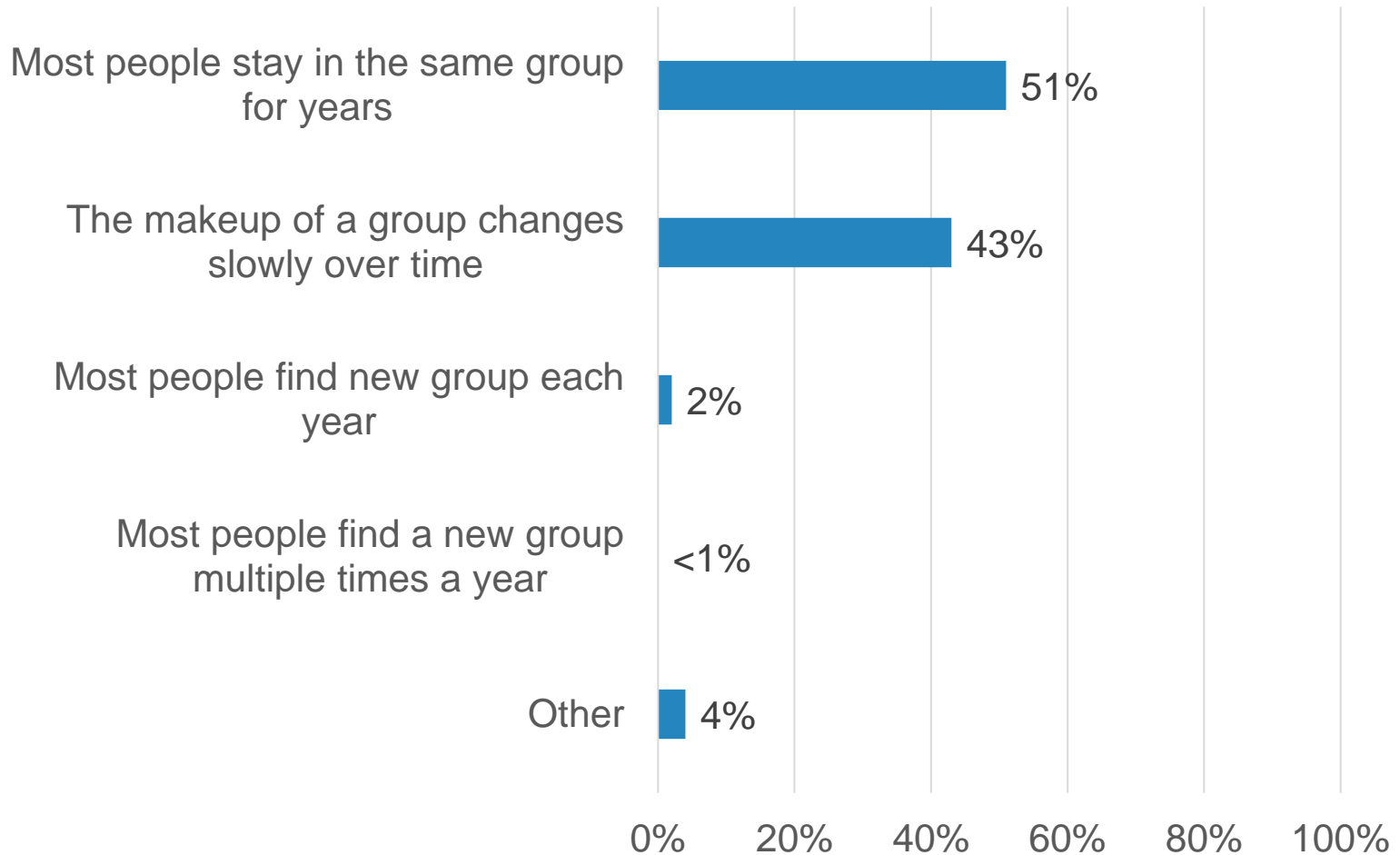


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Q11: "How much of the year do your ongoing groups for adults meet? (Select one)" n=986

51% say that most people do not change groups; 43% say that groups change slowly over time

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups



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Average number of groups and participants in ongoing groups for adults

Current number of ongoing groups for adults:

Mean=7

Median=3

Adults attending ongoing groups in a typical week:

Mean=69

Median=25

Adults who have attended an ongoing group in the last 3 months

Mean=91

Median=30

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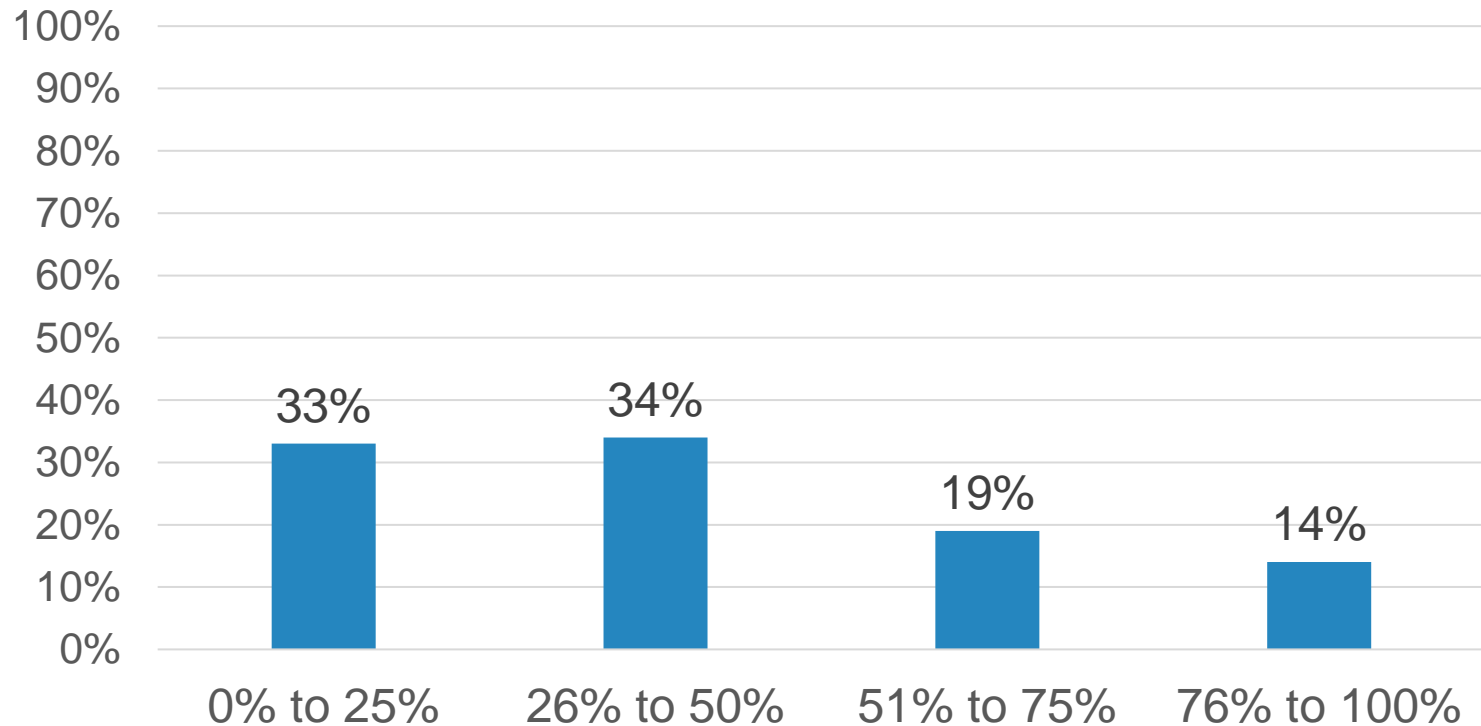
Q13: "How many ongoing groups does your church currently have for adults?" n=986

Q14: "In a typical week that your groups are meeting, how many adults attend your church's ongoing groups?" n=986

Q16: "About how many individual adults have attended an ongoing group for adults in the last 3 months at your church (including regular and occasional attendees and visitors)?" n=986

67% say that half or less of adults in worship attend ongoing groups

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups



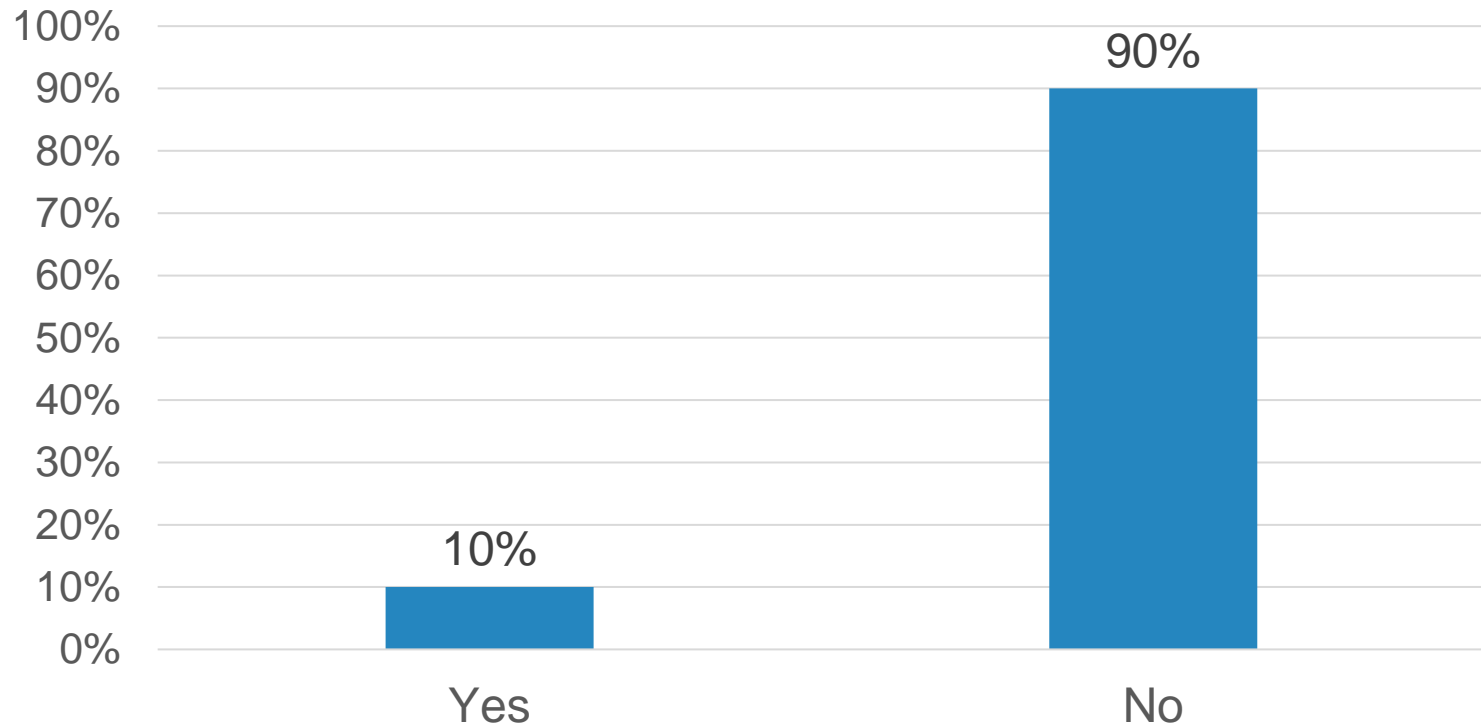
Mean: 44%

Median: 40%

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90% do not limit the size of an ongoing adult group

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

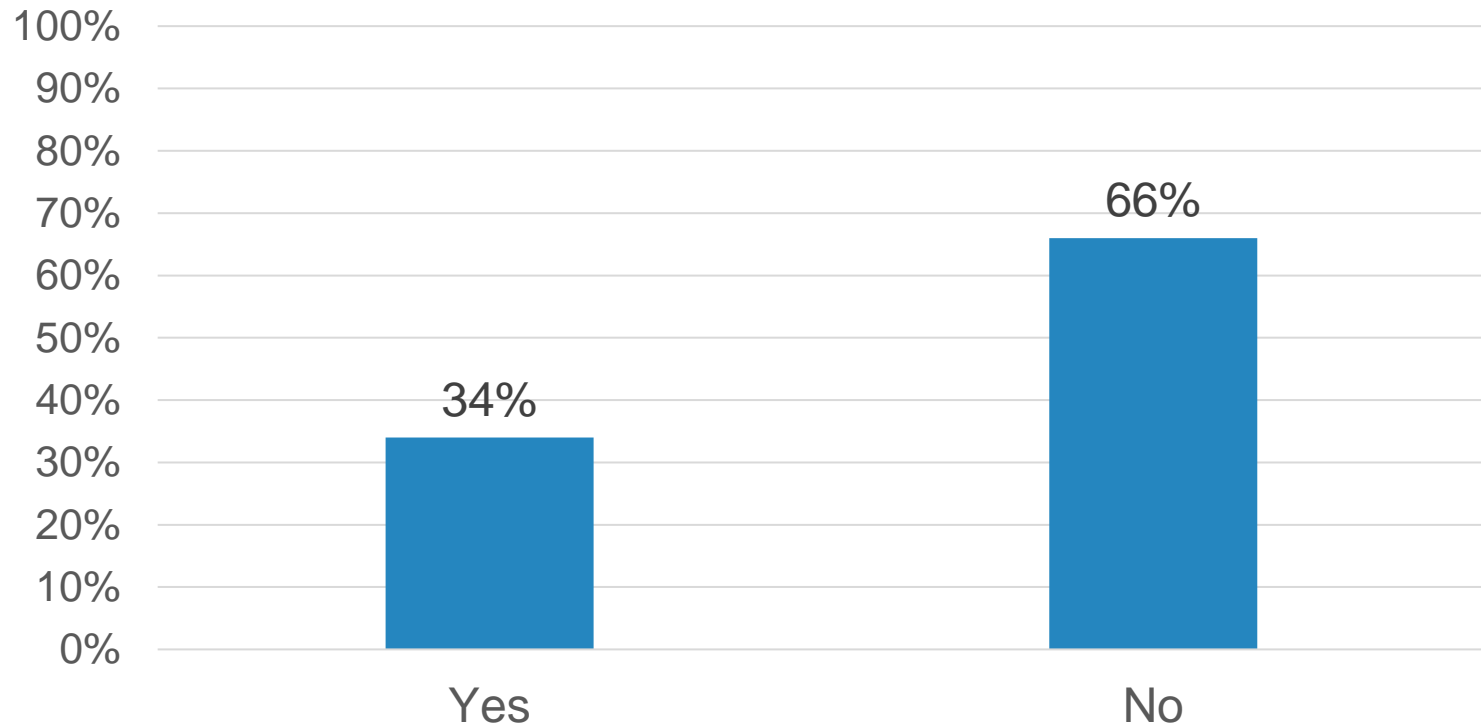


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Q17: "Do you limit the size of ongoing adult Bible study groups?" n=986

34% say they have started new ongoing adult Bible study groups in 2024

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

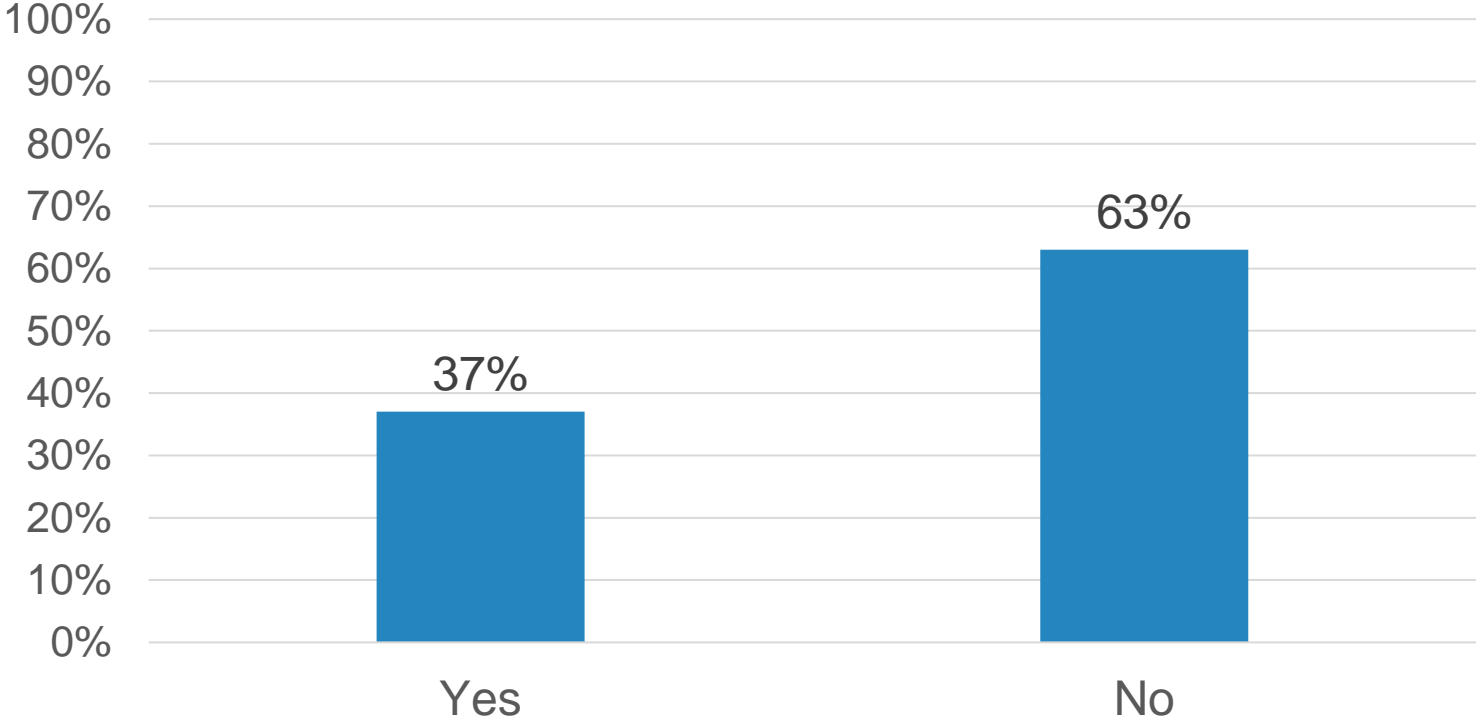


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Q18: "Have you started any new ongoing adult Bible study groups in 2024?" n=986

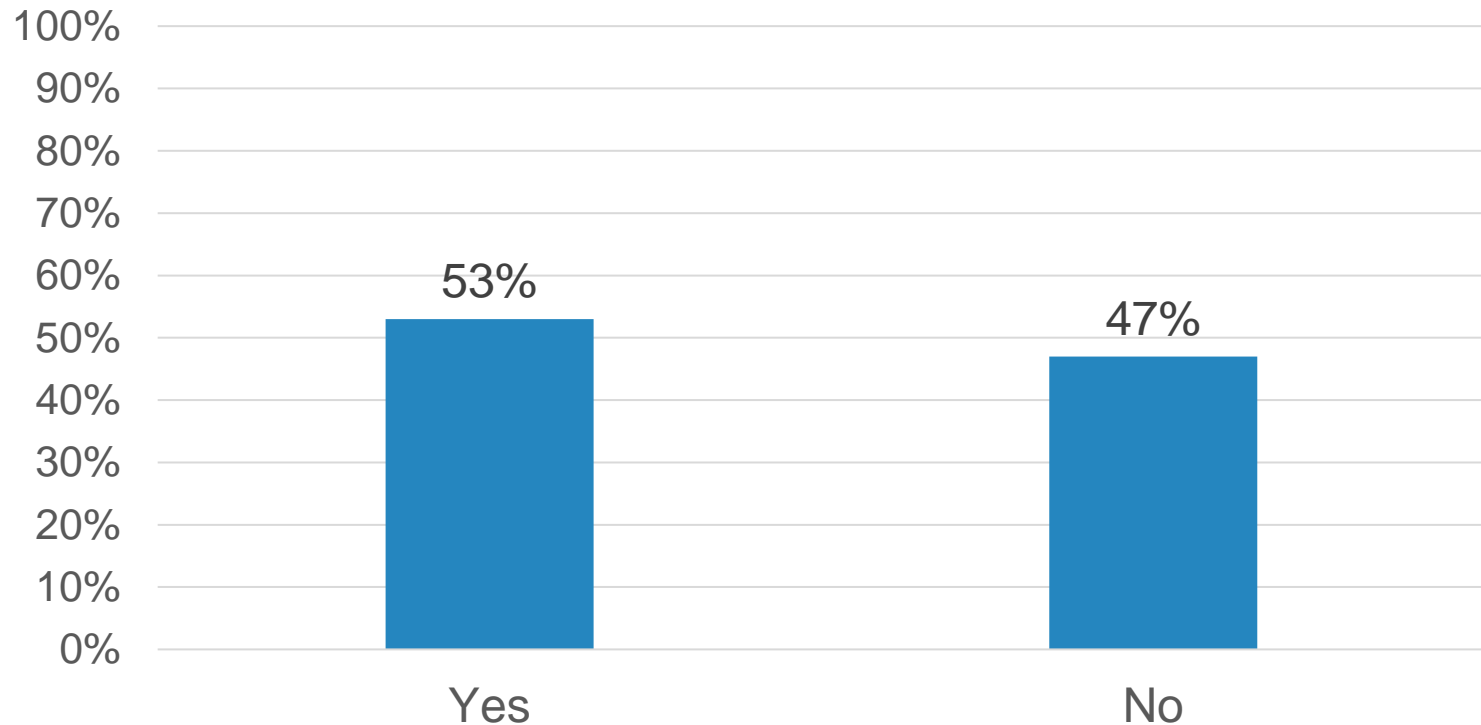
37% say they have recruited new ongoing group leaders in 2024

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups



53% say they track attendance in their adult ongoing groups

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

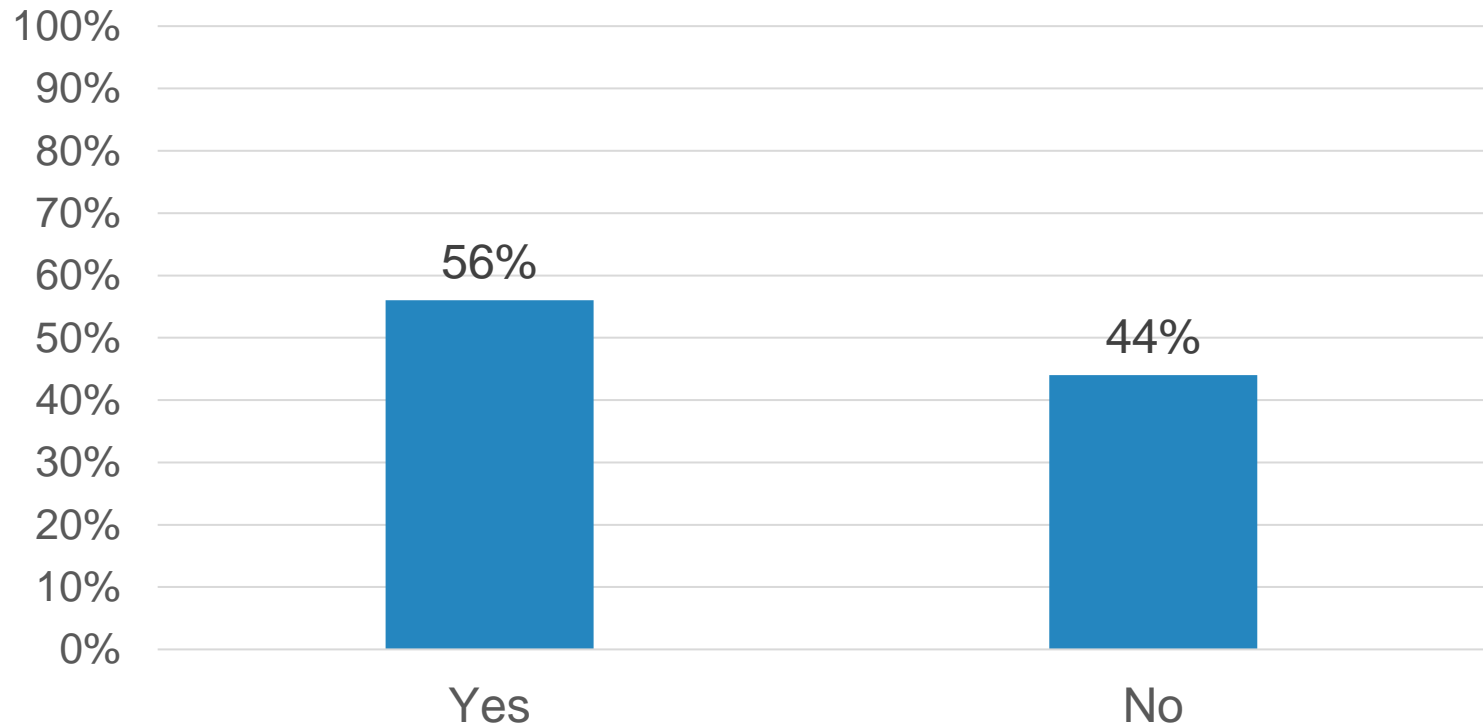


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Q20: "Does your church track attendance in your adult ongoing groups each time they meet?" n=986

56% say they maintain a roster of who is in each ongoing adult Bible study group

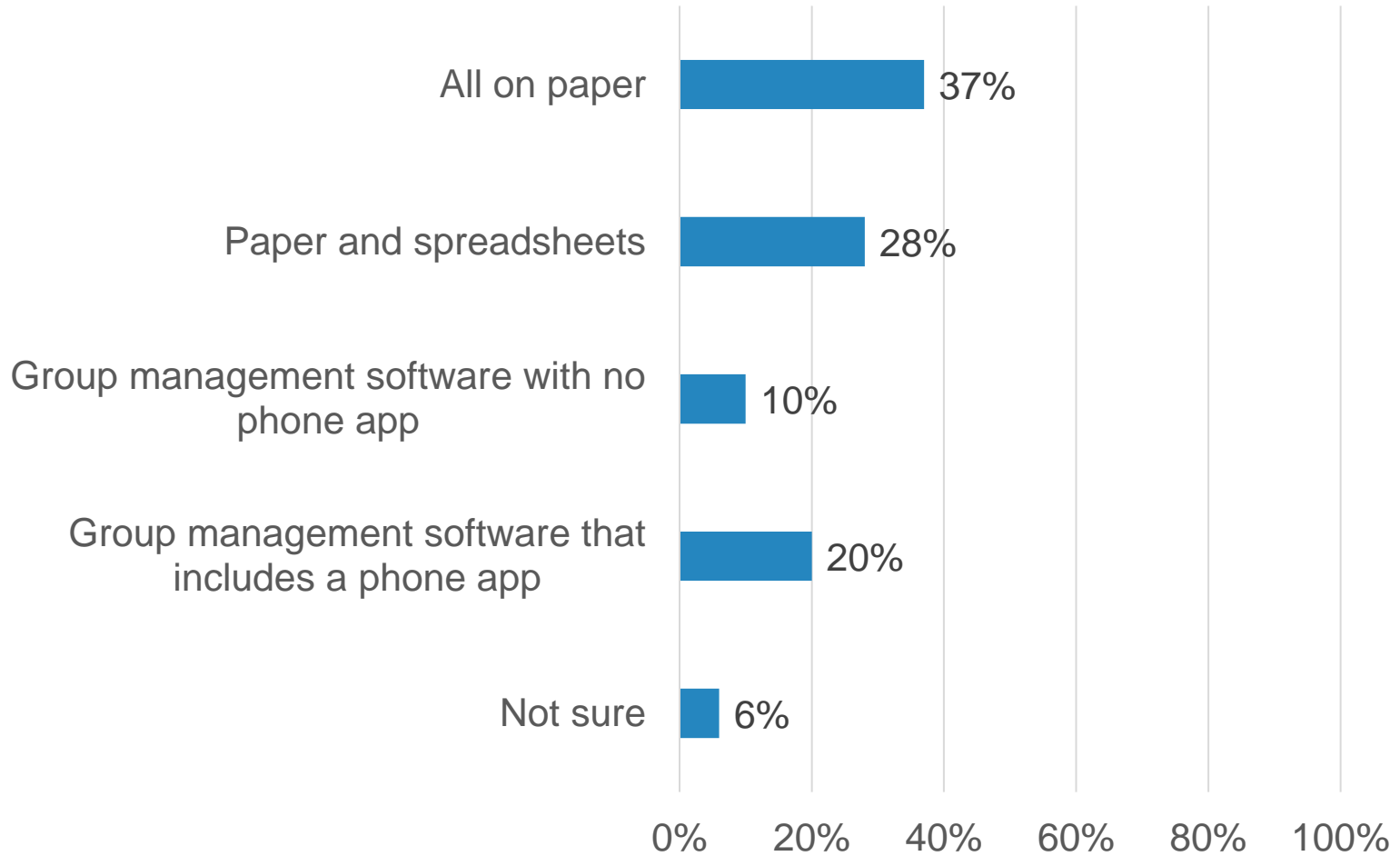
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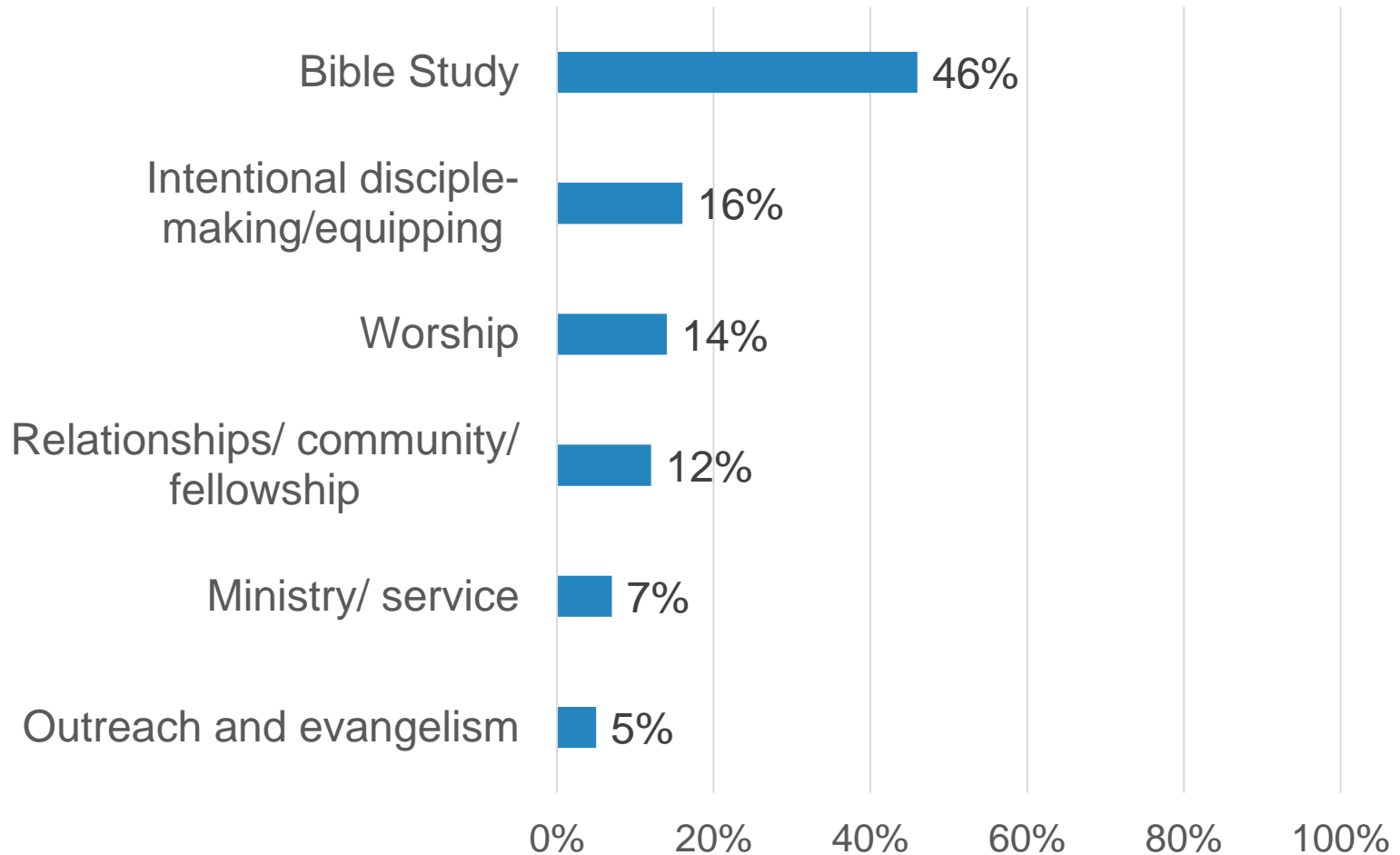
64% utilize paper or spreadsheets to keep records

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups
And Have a Roster or Take Attendance



46% rank Bible Study as the highest objective for ongoing adult groups

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

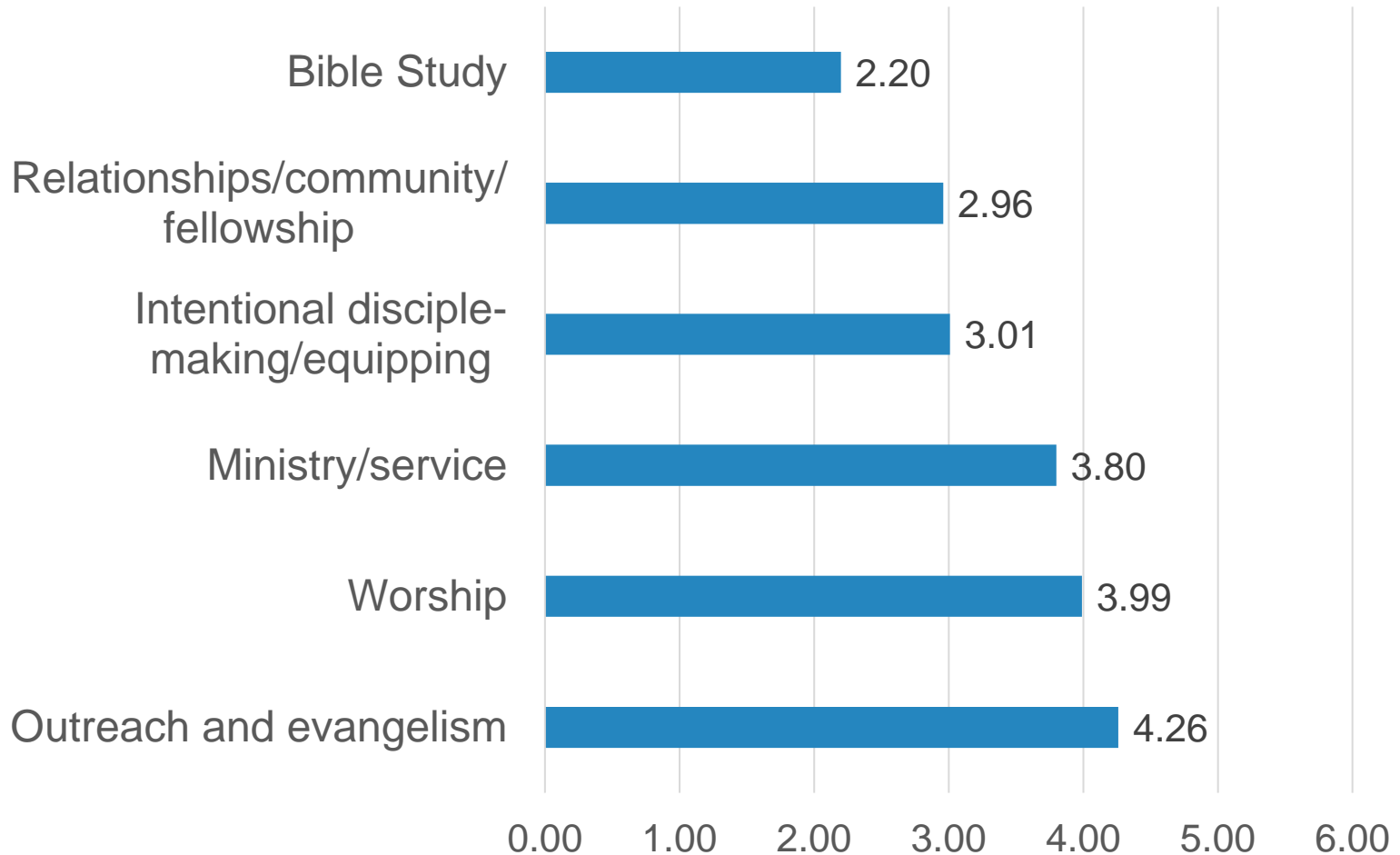


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Q23: "Please rank the following potential objectives for your church's ongoing adult Bible study groups by selecting a number 1-6 in each row, 1 being the "highest" ranked objective and 6 being the "lowest" ranked objective in terms of the class/group's overall purpose." n=965

Average (mean) ranking of objectives for ongoing adult groups

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

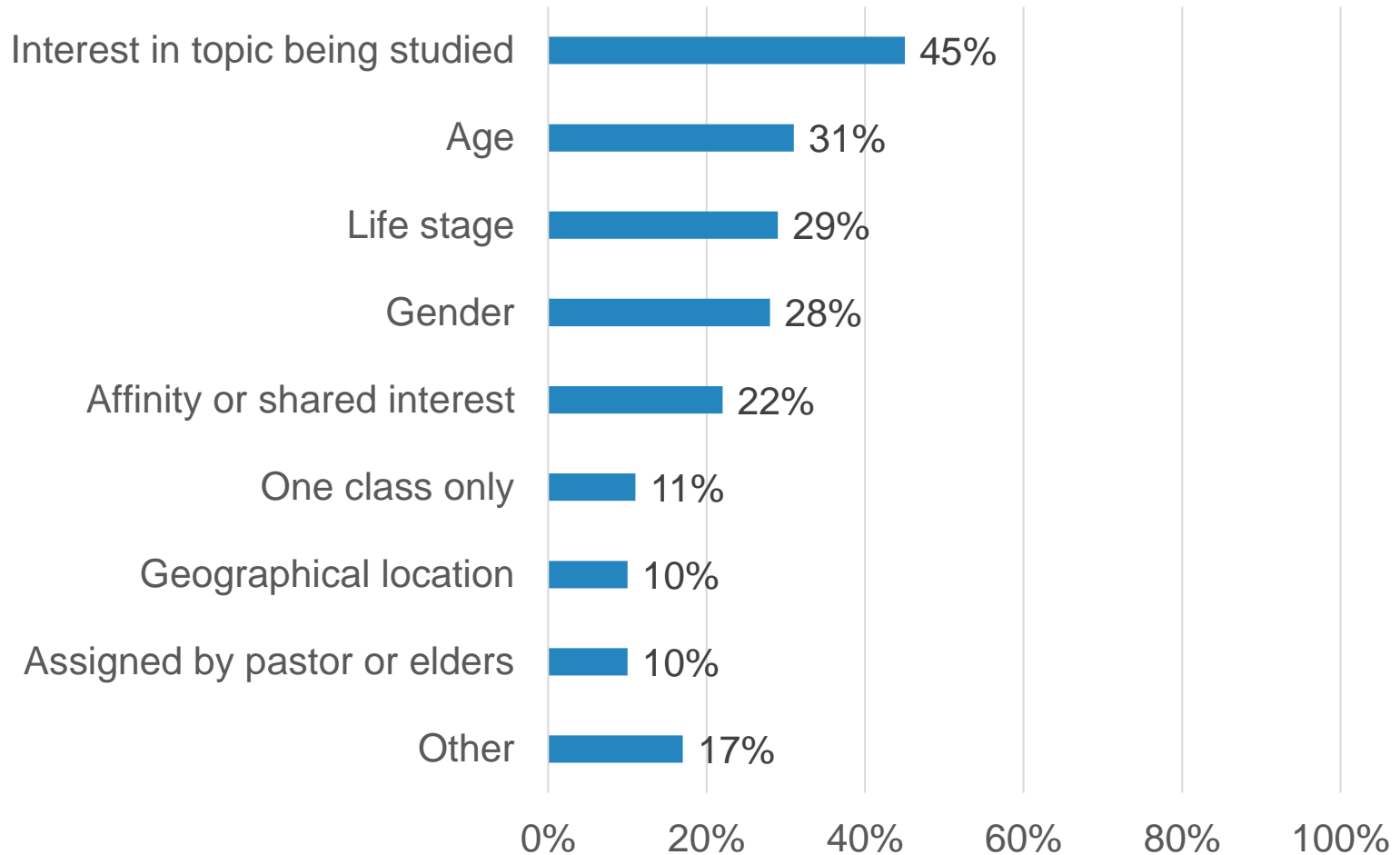


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Q23: "Please rank the following potential objectives for your church's ongoing adult Bible study groups by selecting a number 1-6 in each row, 1 being the "highest" ranked objective and 6 being the "lowest" ranked objective in terms of the class/group's overall purpose." n=965

“How are your ongoing adult Bible study groups organized? By...”

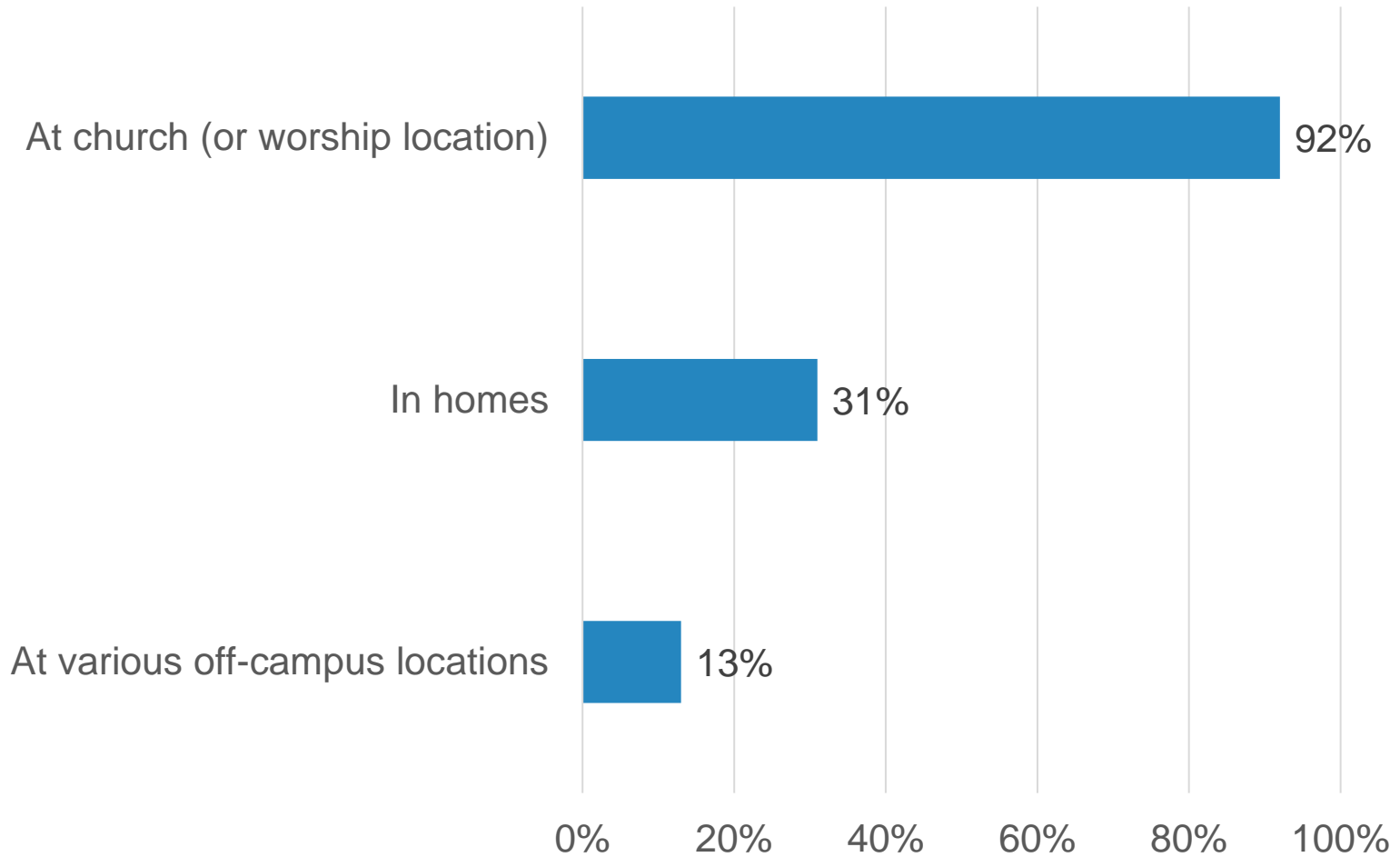
Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups



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“Where do your adult ongoing groups meet?”

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

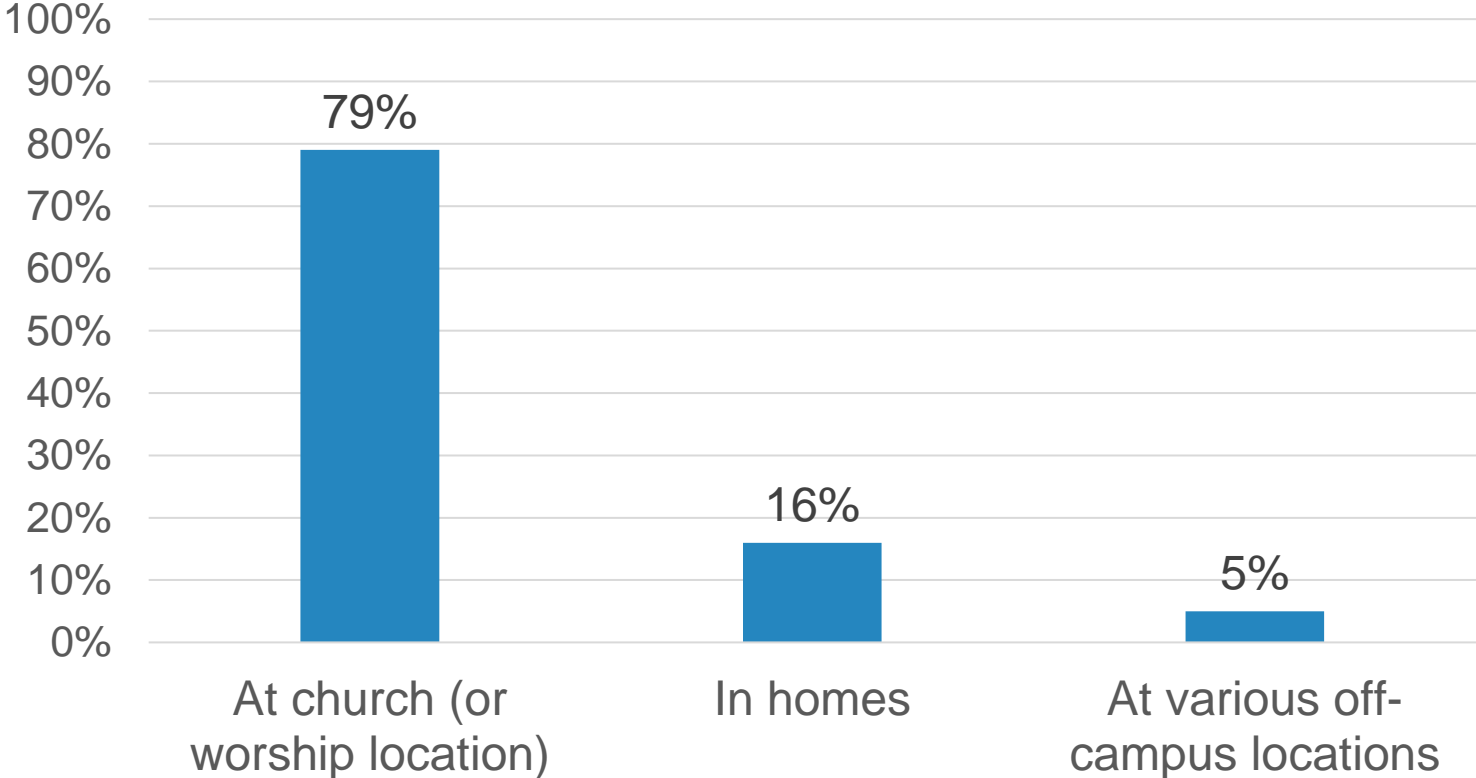


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Q27: “Where do your adult ongoing groups meet? (Select all that apply)” n=986

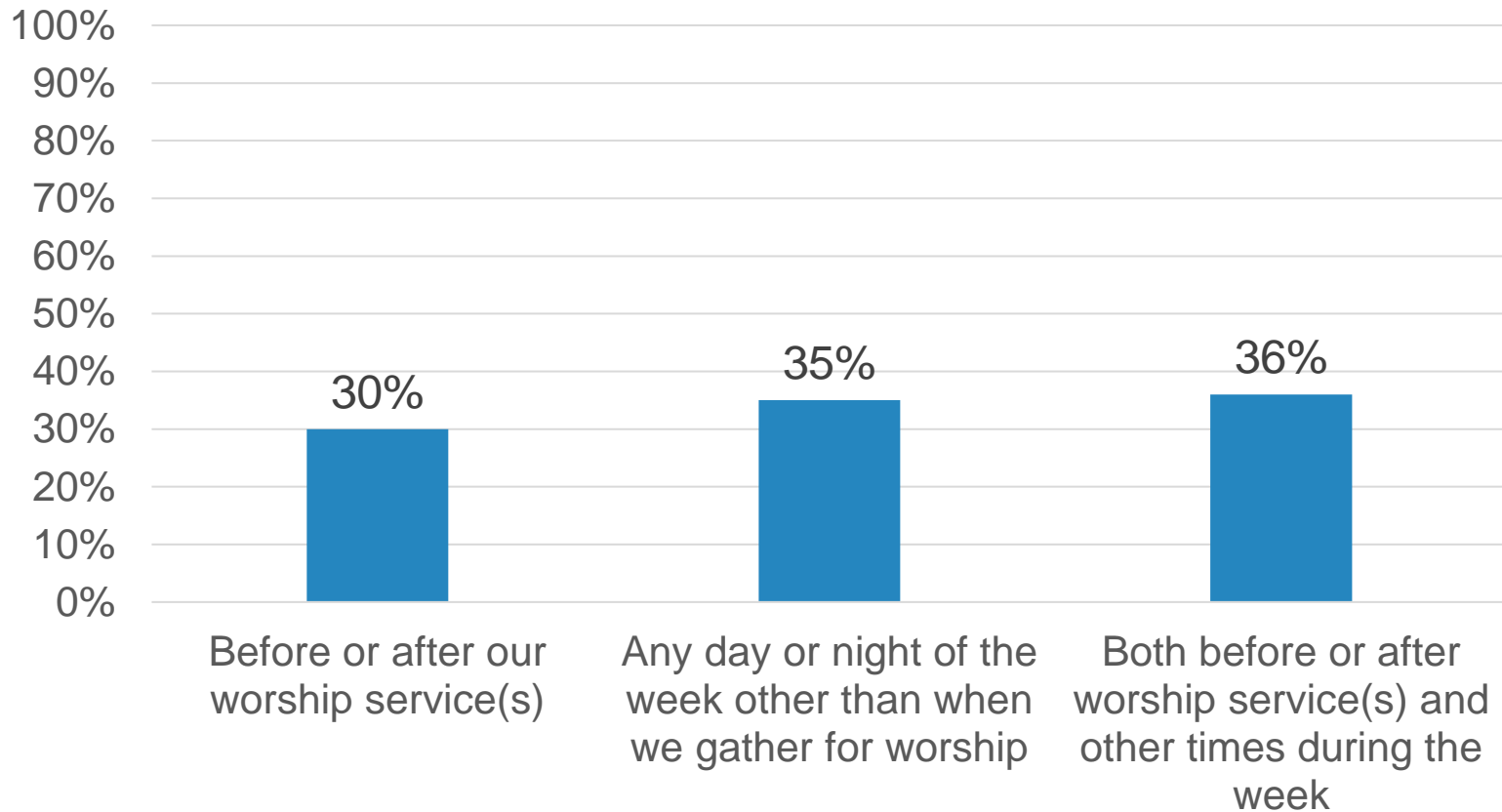
On average, 79% of groups meet at the church or worship location

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups



65% of churches have ongoing adult Bible study groups that meet before/after worship; 70% have groups that meet at other times during the week

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups



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Q29: "When do your ongoing adult Bible study groups meet? (Select One)" n=986

Challenges Experienced by Ongoing Groups

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

Attendance	18%
Consistency/Commitment	11%
Finding/Developing leaders	8%
Participation/Involvement	8%
Scheduling/Availability	7%
Meeting times	6%
Discussion/Engagement	5%
Studying/understanding the Bible	4%
Discipleship	3%
Finding curriculum	3%
Growth	3%
Interest	3%
Application	2%
Evangelism/Outreach	2%
New members/attendees	2%
Spaces to meet	2%
Age	1%

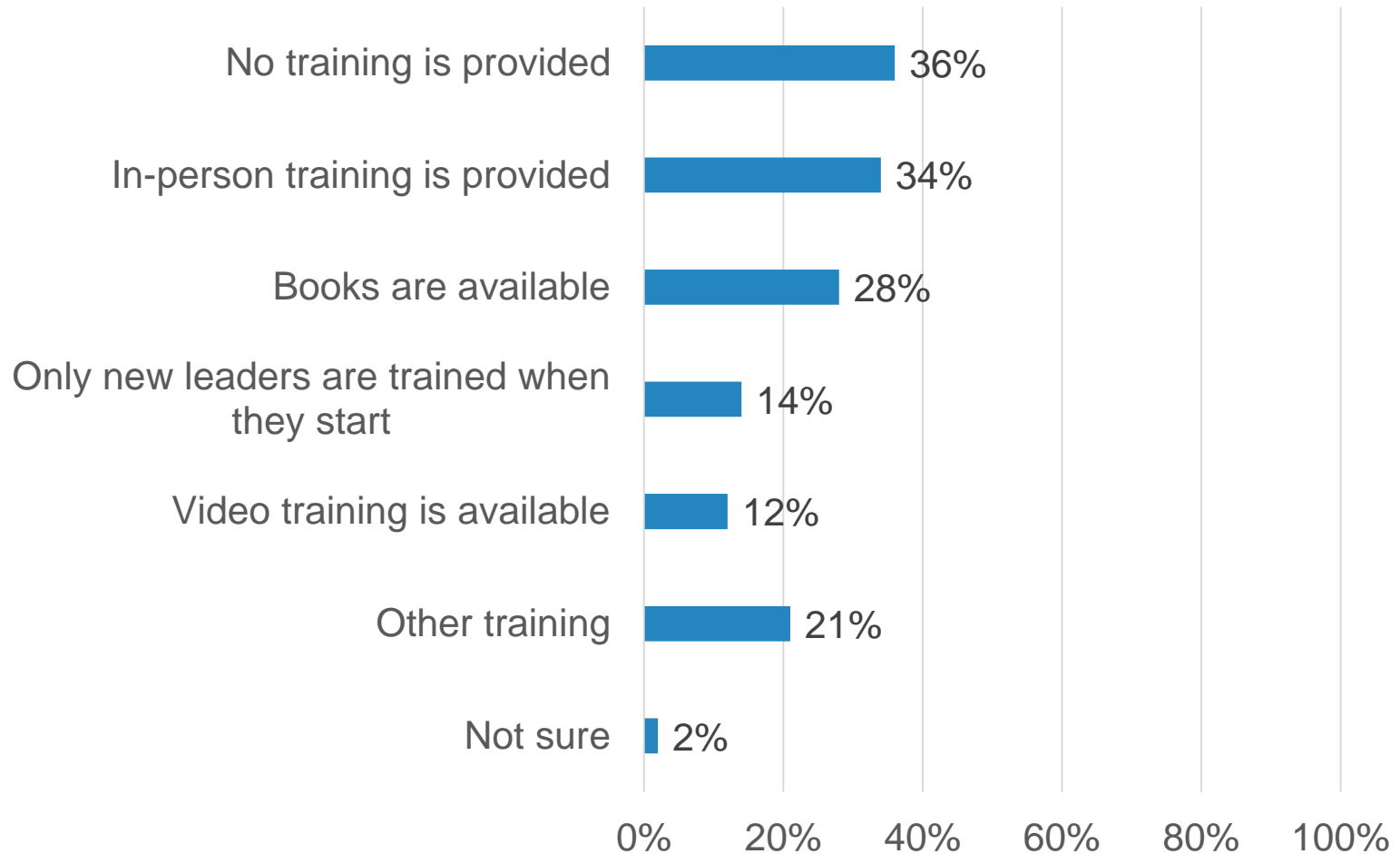
Challenges Experienced by Ongoing Groups

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

Apathy	1%
Childcare	1%
Community	1%
Diversity	1%
Multiplication (groups, leaders)	1%
Personalities	1%
Starting new groups	1%
Assimilation	<1%
Change	<1%
Fellowship	<1%
Preparing/reading for the group meeting	<1%
Priority	<1%
Young adults	<1%
Nothing/Don't know	3%

“Which of the following describe the training, if any, that ongoing adult Bible study group leaders receive at your church?”

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

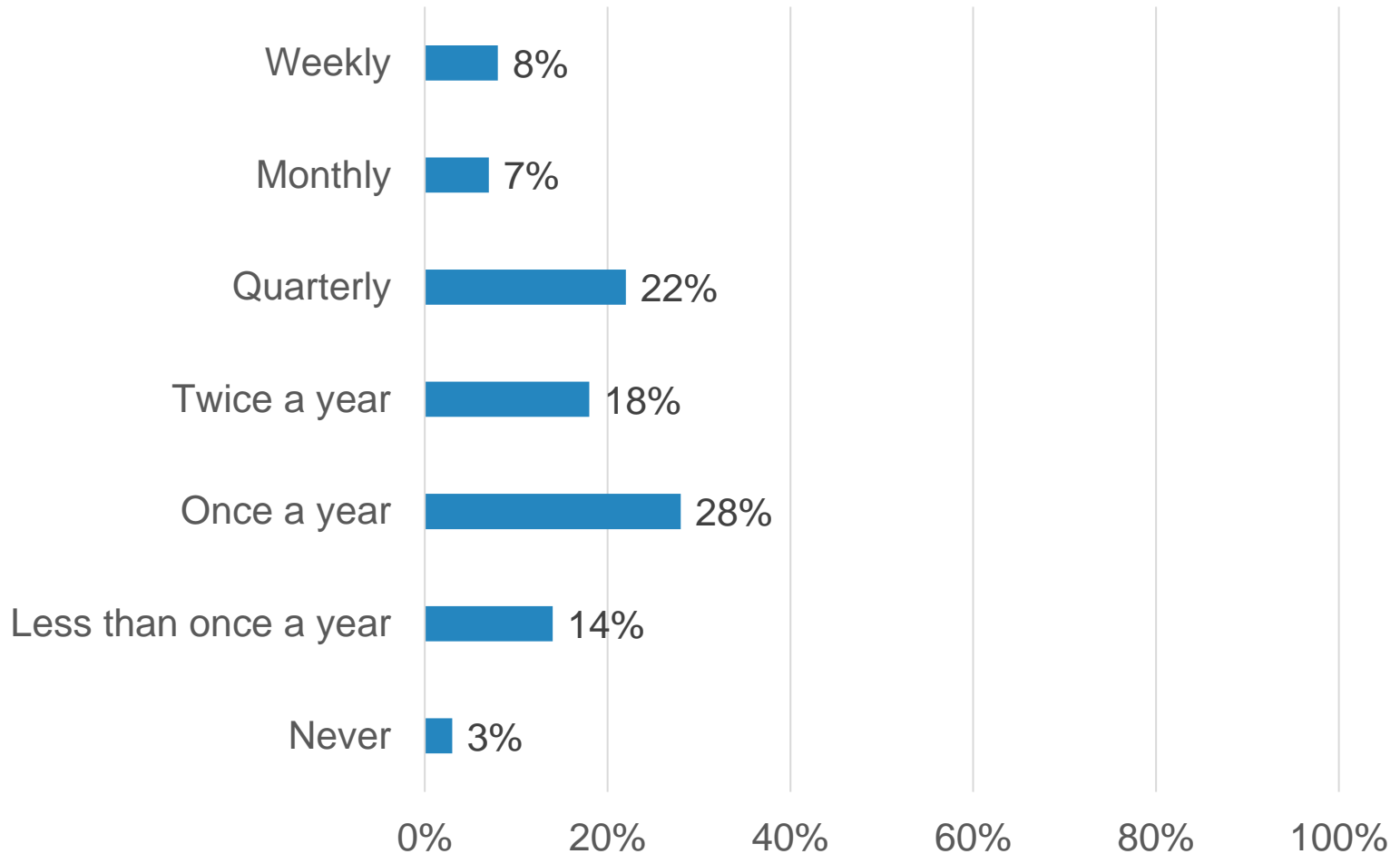


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Q31: “Which of the following describe the training, if any, that ongoing adult Bible study group leaders receive at your church? (Select all that apply)” n=986

83% of churches who offer leader training do so at least once a year

Among Churches That Offer In-person Leader Training

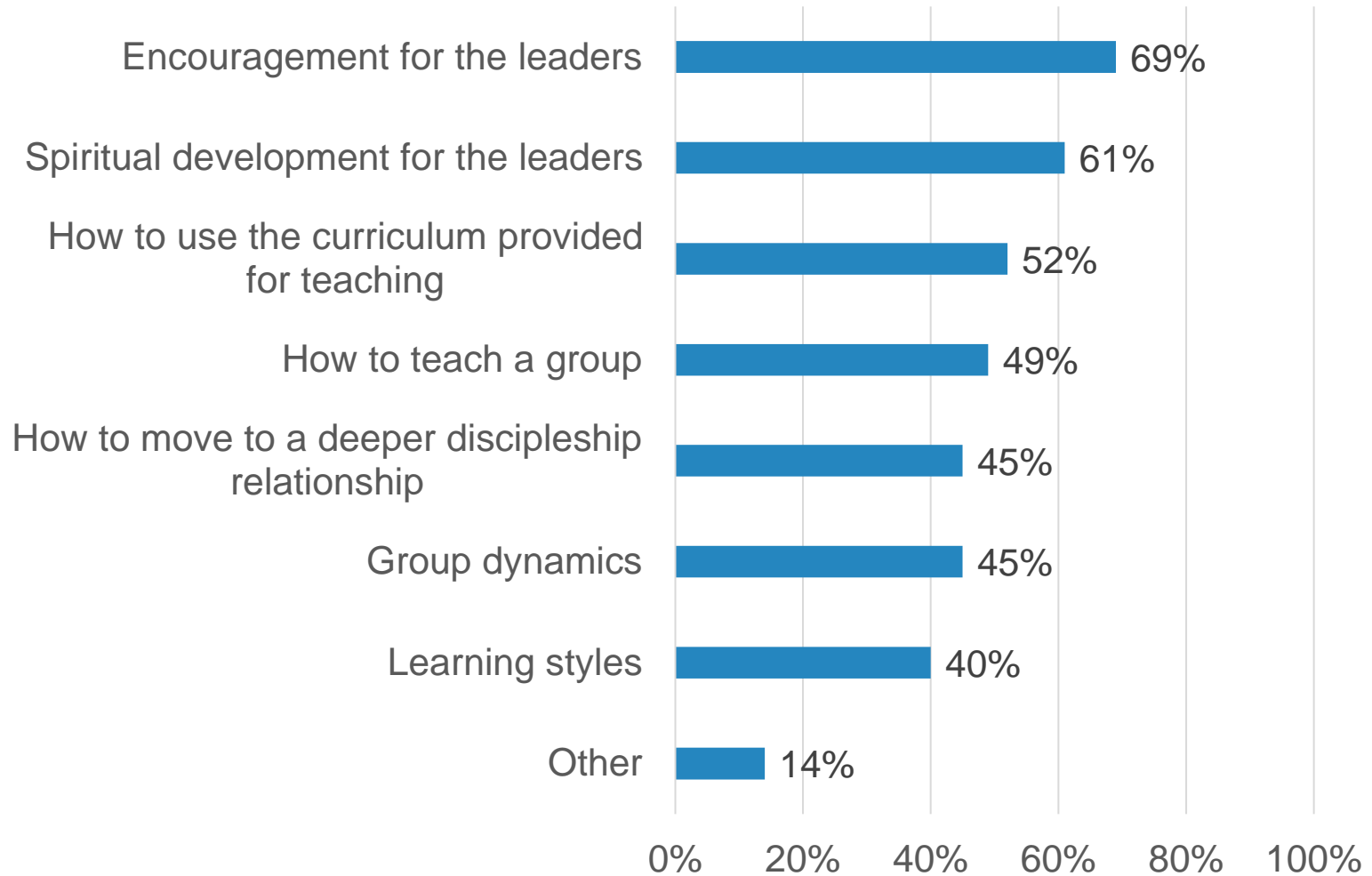


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Q32: "How often are ongoing adult Bible study group leaders trained? (Select one)" n=419

“What training topics have you addressed in the last two years with leaders of adult Bible study groups?”

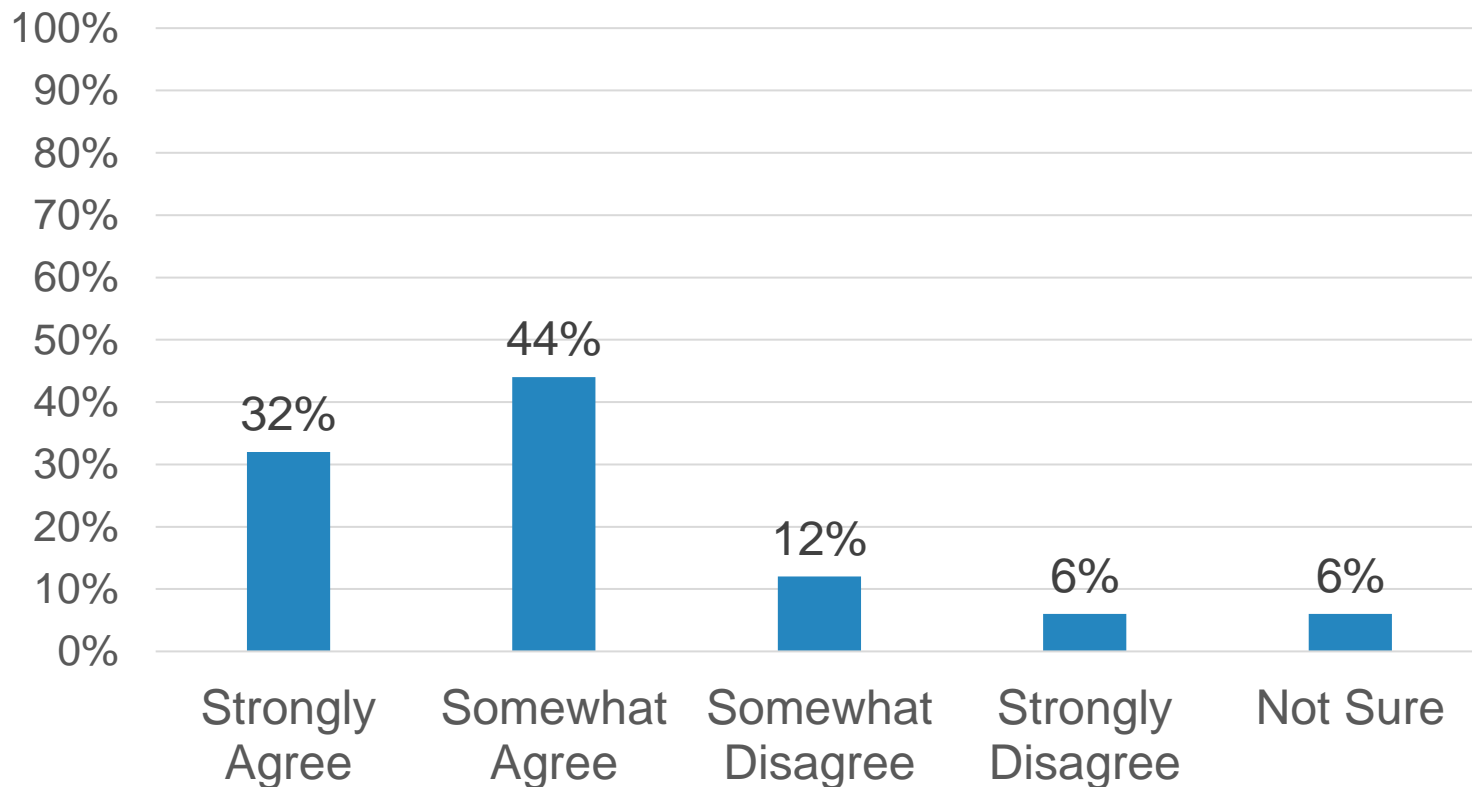
Among Churches That Offer In-person Leader Training



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76% agree that their church needs to make more training available to Bible study leaders

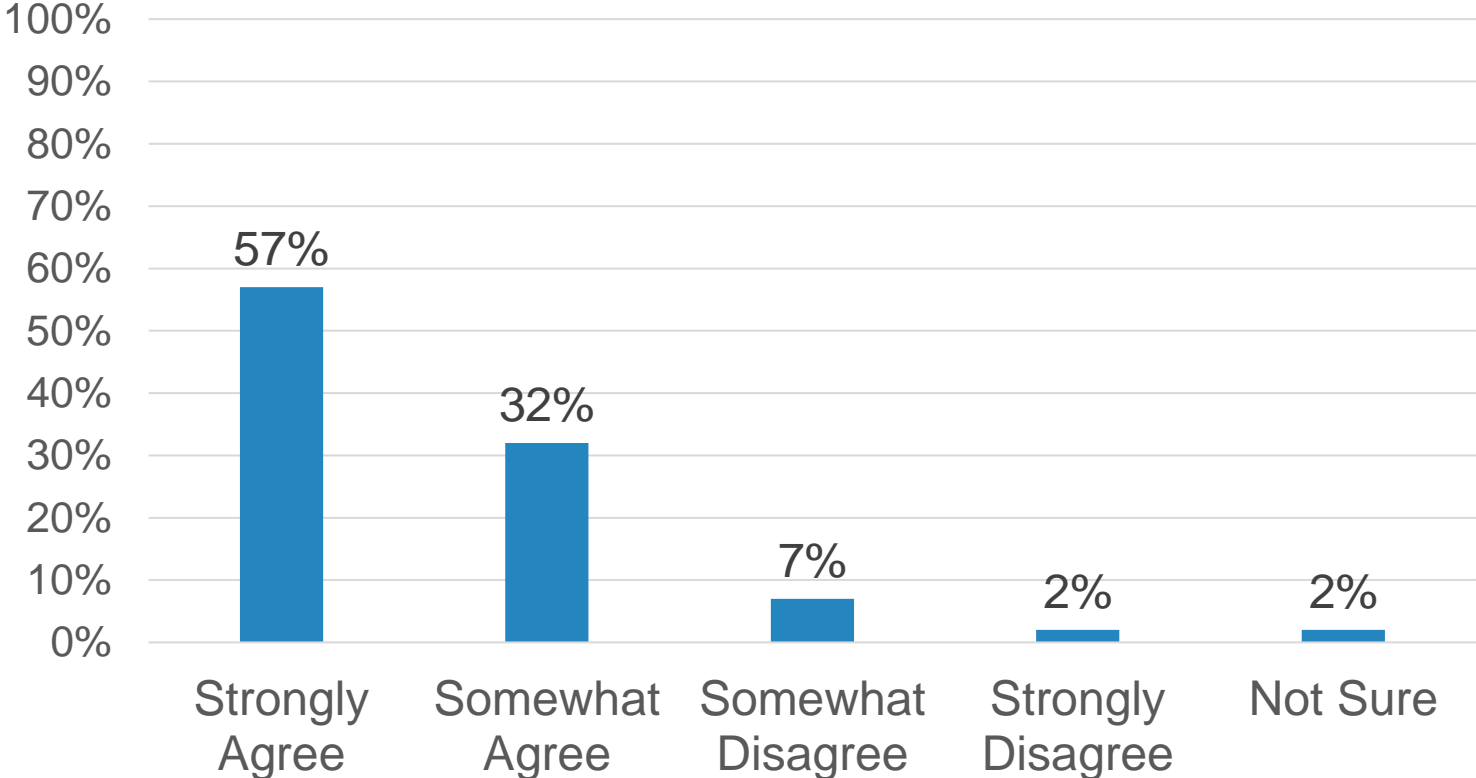
Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups



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89% agree that most group participants have been in the same group for at least two years

Among Churches With Ongoing Adult Bible Study Groups

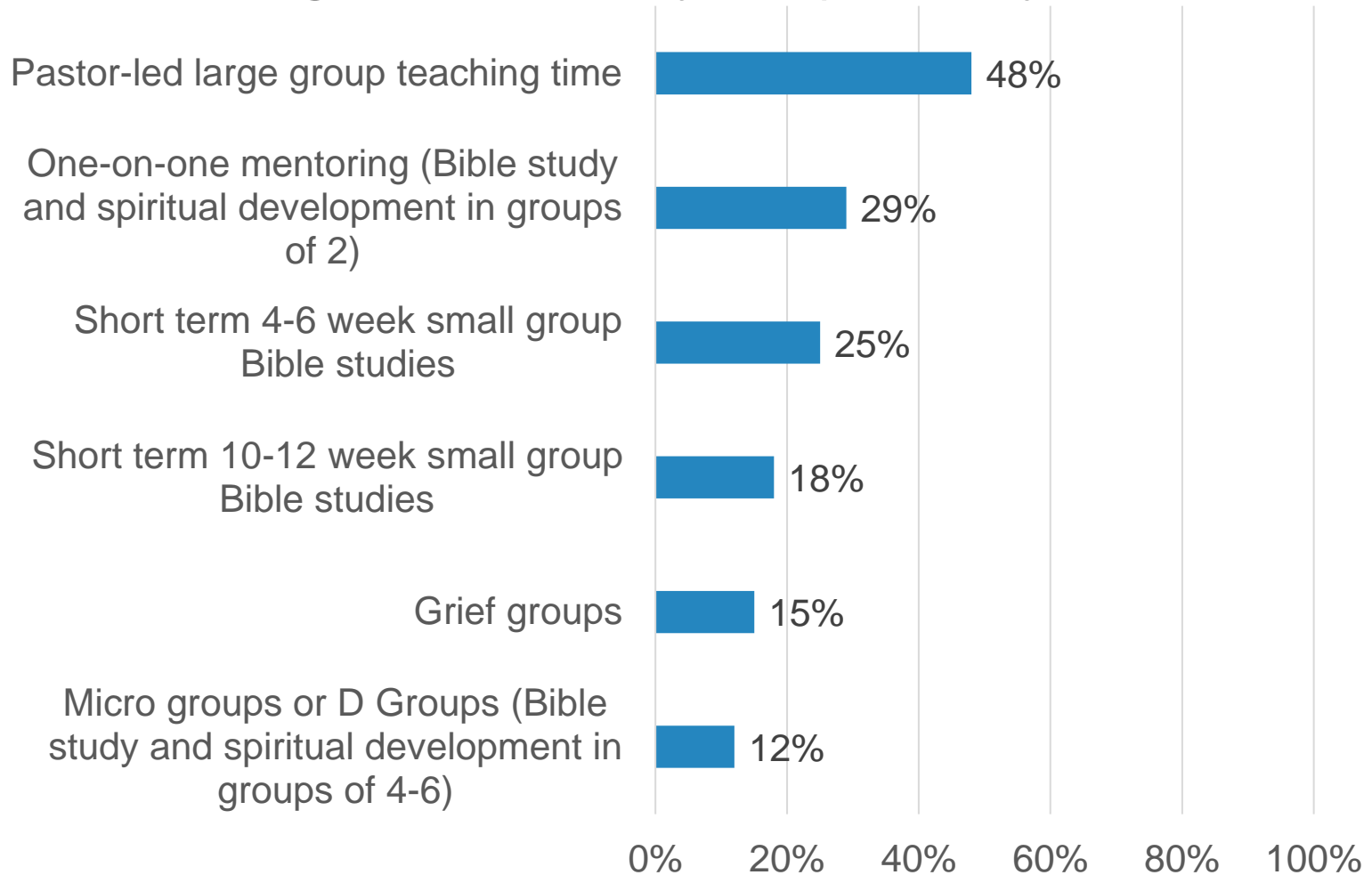


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Q35: "Most adult ongoing Bible study group participants have been in a group with the same people for two or more years." n=986

“What discipleship strategies for adults is your church using this year other than ongoing groups or weekly worship services?”

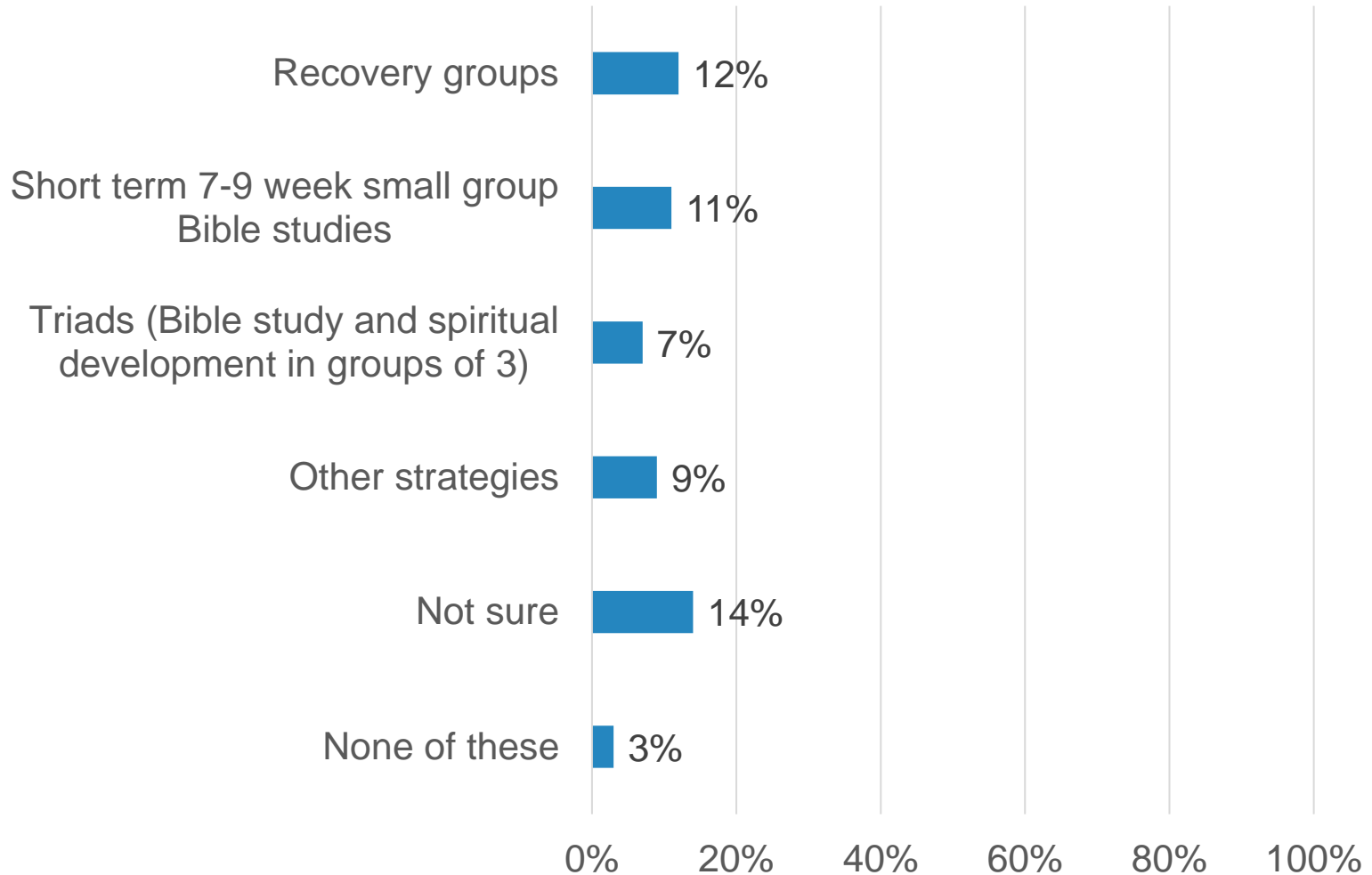
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“What discipleship strategies for adults is your church using this year other than ongoing groups or weekly worship services?” *continued*

Among Adult Bible Study Groups Ministry Leaders



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Significant Differences

Region

Age

Average Attendance

Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among the leader's age and the church's region and average attendance.

REGION	AGE	ATTENDANCE
Northeast (Sample too small to report)	18-49	0-49
South	50-64	50-99
Midwest	65+	100-249
West		250+

Note: Region is defined by the US Census locations

“If someone used these generic labels for types of groups, which would fit your church’s ongoing groups?”

Sunday School

- Leaders in the South are the most likely to select (63%)
- Leaders in the West are the least likely to select (39%)
- Leaders age 18-49 are the most likely to select (64%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 100-249 (60%) are more likely to select than leaders at churches with attendance of 50-99 (49%)

Small Groups

- Leaders in the West (49%) are more likely to select than leaders in the Midwest (38%)
- Leaders age 65+ are the least likely to select (29%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 100-249 (53%) and 250+ (60%) are more likely to select than leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (23%) and 50-99 (37%)

“If someone used these generic labels for types of groups, which would fit your church’s ongoing groups?” *Continued*

Adult Bible Studies

- Leaders in the Midwest (75%) are more likely to select than those in the South (66%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 0-49 (77%) and 59-99 (80%) are more likely to select than leaders at churches with attendance of 100-249 (64%) and 250+ (64%)

Adult Bible Fellowship

- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ (23%) are more likely to select than leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (10%) and 100-249 (10%)

“If someone used these generic labels for types of groups, which would fit your church’s ongoing groups?” *Continued*

LIFE Groups

- Leaders age 18-49 (15%) are more likely to select than leaders age 65+ (9%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (29%)

Connect Groups

- Leaders age 18-49 (13%) are more likely to select than leaders age 65+ (8%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (26%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 are the least likely to select (3%)

“How often do most of your ongoing groups for adults meet?”

- Leaders in the South (12%) are more likely to select “More than once a week” than leaders in the Midwest (5%) and West (2%)
- Leaders in the Midwest (7%) are more likely to select “Every 2 weeks” than leaders in the South (2%)
- Leaders age 18-49 are the most likely to select “Once a week” (90%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 100-249 (90%) and 250+ (91%) are more likely to select “Once a week” than leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (83%) and 50-99 (80%)

“How much of the year do your ongoing groups for adults meet?”

- Leaders in the South are the most likely to select “All year” (55%)
- Leaders in the South (31%) and West (32%) are more likely to select “All year except a few holidays” than those in the Midwest (20%)
- Leaders age 65+ (54%) are more likely to select “All year” than leaders age 18-49 (40%)
- Leaders age 18-49 (30%) are more likely to select “All year except a few holidays” than leaders age 65+ (21%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 0-49 (53%) are more likely to select “All year” than leaders at churches with attendance of 100-249 (40%) and 250+ (37%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance of 100-249 (25%) and 250+ (23%) are more likely to select “All year except summer” than leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (16%)

“How much do the people within your ongoing adult groups change over time (either intentionally or unintentionally)?”

- Leaders in the South (54%) are more likely to select “Most people stay in the same group for years” than leaders in the West (43%)
- Leaders age 65+ are the most likely to select “Most people stay in the same group for years” (59%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 0-49 are the most likely to select “Most people stay in the same group for years” (61%)

“Do you limit the size of ongoing adult Bible study groups?”

- Leaders age 65+ are more likely to select “No” (95%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 0-49 (95%) and 50-99 (94%) are more likely to select “No” than leaders at churches with attendance of 100-249 (85%) and 250+ (78%)

“Have you started any new ongoing adult Bible study groups in 2024?”

- Leaders in the South (41%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the Midwest (30%)
- Leaders age 50-64 are the most likely to select “Yes” (39%)
- Differences in responses are statistically significant for all church sizes. Percentage selecting “Yes” 0-49 (19%), 50-99 (29%), 100-249 (46%), and 250+ (60%)

“Have you recruited any new ongoing adult Bible study group leaders in 2024?”

- Leaders in the South (43%) and West (44%) are more likely to select “Yes” than leaders in the Midwest (29%)
- Leaders age 50-64 are the most likely to select “Yes” (46%)
- Differences in responses are statistically significant for all church sizes. Percentage selecting “Yes” 0-49 (18%), 50-99 (32%), 100-249 (50%), and 250+ (73%)

“Does your church track attendance in your adult ongoing groups each time they meet?”

- Leaders in the South are the most likely to select “Yes” (65%)
- Leaders in the West are the most likely to select “No” (66%)
- Leaders age 65+ (59%) are more likely to select “Yes” than leaders age 50-64 (50%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select “Yes” (77%)

“Does your church maintain a list of who is in each ongoing adult Bible study group (i.e., a roster or enrollment)?”

- Leaders in the South (61%) are more likely to select “Yes” than leaders in the Midwest (52%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select “Yes” (88%)

“Is your record keeping done...”

- Leaders in the West (29%) are more likely to select “Group management software that includes a phone app than those in the Midwest (16%)
- Leaders age 65+ are the most likely to select “All on paper” (54%)
- Leaders age 18-49 (27%) and 50-64 (22%) are more likely to select “Group management software that includes a phone app” than those age 65+ (12%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 0-49 are the most likely to select “All on paper” (54%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance of 100-249 (26%), and 250+ (55%) are more likely to select “Group management software that includes a phone app” than those with attendance of 0-49 (3%) and 50-99 (6%)

“Please rank the following potential objectives for your church’s ongoing adult Bible study groups...” Top choice

- Leaders in the Midwest (51%) are more likely to select “Bible Study” than leaders in the West (40%)
- Leaders in the South (18%) and West (20%) are more likely to select “Worship” than leaders in the Midwest (9%)
- Leaders age 65+ (51%) are more likely to select “Bible Study” than leaders age 18-49 (43%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 0-49 (49%) and 50-99 (50%) are more likely to select “Bible Study” than leaders at churches with attendance of 250+ (36%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance of 250+ are the most likely to select “Relationships/community/fellowship” (20%)

“How are your ongoing adult Bible study groups organized? By...”

Geographic location

- Leaders in the West (16%) are more likely to select than leaders in the Midwest (8%) and South (9%)
- Leaders age 65+ are the least likely to select (4%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 50-99 are the least likely to select (3%)

Age

- Leaders in the South are the most likely to select (41%)
- Leaders age 18-49 (36%) are more likely to select than leaders age 65+ (26%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (58%)

“How are your ongoing adult Bible study groups organized? By...” *Continued*

Gender

- Leaders in the South (31%) and West (33%) are more likely to select than leaders in the Midwest (23%)
- Leaders age 18-49 are the most likely to select (38%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (53%)

Life stage

- Leaders in the South are the most likely to select (36%)
- Leaders age 18-49 are the most likely to select (39%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (63%)

“How are your ongoing adult Bible study groups organized? By...” *Continued*

Affinity or shared interest

- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ (28%) are more likely to select than leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (19%)

Interest in topic being studied

- Leaders at churches with attendance 50-99 (51%) are more likely to select than leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (41%)

Assigned by pastor or elders

- Leaders in the Midwest are the most likely to select (19%)

“How are your ongoing adult Bible study groups organized? By...” *Continued*

One class only

- Leaders in the West (15%) are more likely to select than leaders in the Midwest (8%)
- Leaders age 18-49 are the least likely to select (4%)
- Leaders in churches with attendance of 0-49 are the most likely to select (18%)

“Where do your adult ongoing groups meet?”

At church (or worship location)

- No significant differences

In homes

- Leaders in the Midwest (36%) and West (42%) are more likely to select than leaders in the South (26%)
- Leaders age 65+ are the least likely to select (23%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 100-249 (42%) and 250+ (48%) are more likely to select than leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (21%) and 50-99 (23%)

At various off-campus locations

- Leaders age 65+ are the least likely to select (7%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (24%)

“When do your ongoing adult Bible study groups meet?”

- Leaders in the West (47%) are more likely to select “Any day or night of the week other than when we gather for worship” than leaders in the Midwest (35%) and South (30%)
- Leaders in the South are the most likely to select “Before or after our worship service(s)” (38%)
- Leaders age 18-49 are the most likely to select “Both before or after worship service(s) and other times during the week” (42%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ (43%) are more likely to select “Both before or after worship service(s) and other times during the week” than leaders at churches with attendance of 50-99 (32%)

“Which of the following describe the training, if any, that ongoing adult Bible study group leaders receive at your church?”

No training is provided

- Leaders in the Midwest (43%) are more likely to select than leaders in the South (31%)
- Leaders age 18-49 (39%) are more likely to select than leaders age 65+ (31%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 0-49 are the most likely to select (46%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the least likely to select (17%)

Only new leaders are trained when they start

- Leaders age 18-49 (18%) are more likely to select than leaders age 50-64 (10%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 0-49 are the least likely to select (7%)

“Which of the following describe the training, if any, that ongoing adult Bible study group leaders receive at your church?” *Continued*

In-person training is provided

- Leaders in the South are the most likely to select (41%)
- Leaders age 18-49 (38%) are more likely to select than leaders age 65+ (28%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (65%)

Video training is available

- Leaders in the Midwest (13%) and South (13%) are more likely to select than leaders in the West (6%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (25%)

“Which of the following describe the training, if any, that ongoing adult Bible study group leaders receive at your church?” *Continued*

Books are available

- Leaders in the South (32%) are more likely to select than leaders in the West (20%)

“How often are ongoing adult Bible study group leaders trained?”

- Leaders in the Midwest (31%) are more likely to select “Quarterly” than leaders in the West (13%)
- Leaders in the South are the least likely to select “Once a year” (21%)
- Leaders age 65+ (21%) are more likely to select “Less than once a year” than leaders age 50-64 (10%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 100-249 (26%) and 250+ (32%) are more likely to select “Twice a year” than leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (5%) and 50-99 (2%)

“What training topics have you addressed in the last two years with leaders of adult Bible study groups?”

How to use the curriculum provided for teaching

- Leaders in the Midwest (60%) and West (73%) are more likely to select than leaders in the South (46%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 50-99 are the least likely to select (30%)

Encouragement for the leaders

- Leaders in the Midwest are the most likely to select (82%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 100-249 (76%) and 250+ (76%) are more likely to select than leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (62%) and 50-99 (57%)

“What training topics have you addressed in the last two years with leaders of adult Bible study groups?” *Continued*

Spiritual development for the leaders

- Leaders age 50-64 (67%) are more likely to select than leaders age 65+ (51%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 0-49 (72%) are more likely to select than leaders at churches with attendance of 100-249 (52%) and 250+ (55%)

How to move to a deeper discipleship relationship

- No statistically significant differences

Learning styles

- No statistically significant differences

“What training topics have you addressed in the last two years with leaders of adult Bible study groups?” *Continued*

Group dynamics

- Leaders in the West (64%) are more likely to select than leaders in the South (41%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ (58%) are more likely to select than leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (38%) and 50-99 (29%)

How to teach a group

- Leaders in the Midwest (63%) are more likely to select than leaders in the West (36%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 50-99 are the least likely to select (27%)

“Our church needs to make more training available to ongoing adult Bible study group leaders.”

- Leaders in the South (82%) are more likely to Agree than leaders in the Midwest (71%)
- Leaders age 18-49 are the most likely to Agree (84%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 0-49 are the most likely to Disagree (26%)

“Most adult ongoing Bible study group participants have been in a group with the same people for two or more years.”

- Leaders in the South (92%) are more likely to Agree than leaders in the Midwest (86%) and West (79%)
- Leaders age 65+ (92%) are more likely to Agree than leaders age 50-64 (86%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 100-249 are the most likely to Agree (94%)

“What discipleship strategies for adults is your church using this year other than ongoing groups or weekly worship services?”

Pastor-led large group teaching time

- Leaders in the South (51%) are more likely to select than leaders in the West (41%)
- Leaders age 18-49 are the most likely to select (57%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 50-99 (53%) are more likely to select than leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (44%)

One-on-one mentoring (Bible study and spiritual development in groups of 2)

- Leaders in the South are the least likely to select (22%)
- Leaders age 18-49 are the most likely to select (35%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 0-49 are the least likely to select (21%)

“What discipleship strategies for adults is your church using this year other than ongoing groups or weekly worship services?” *Continued*

Triads (Bible study and spiritual development in groups of 3)

- No significant differences

Micro groups or D Groups (Bible study and spiritual development in groups of 4-6)

- Leaders age 18-49 (16%) are more likely to select than leaders age 50-64 (9%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (36%)

“What discipleship strategies for adults is your church using this year other than ongoing groups or weekly worship services?” *Continued*

Recovery groups

- Leaders age 65+ are the least likely to select (7%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (35%)

Grief groups

- Leaders age 18-49 (19%) are more likely to select than leaders age 50-64 (13%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (48%)

“What discipleship strategies for adults is your church using this year other than ongoing groups or weekly worship services?” *Continued*

Short term 4-6 week small group Bible studies

- Leaders in the South (28%) are more likely to select than leaders in the West (17%)
- Leaders age 65+ are the least likely to select (16%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (42%)

Short term 7-9 week small group Bible studies

- Leaders in the South (14%) are more likely to select than leaders in the West (5%)
- Leaders age 65+ are the least likely to select (5%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (27%)

“What discipleship strategies for adults is your church using this year other than ongoing groups or weekly worship services?” *Continued*

Short term 10-12 week small group Bible studies

- Leaders at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (39%)

Not sure

- Leaders in the Midwest (18%) and West (21%) are more likely to select than leaders in the South (10%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (22%) and 50-99 (15%) are more likely to select than those with attendance of 100-249 (8%) and 250+ (2%)

None of these

- Leaders in the West are the least likely to select (<1%)
- Leaders age 65+ are the most likely to select (8%)
- Leaders at churches with attendance of 0-49 (5%) and 50-99 (5%) are more likely to select than those with attendance of 100-249 (2%)

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