



# Customer Experience Surveys - Wave 3

Fixed Route Bus, Bus Rapid Transit, Rail, & Paratransit

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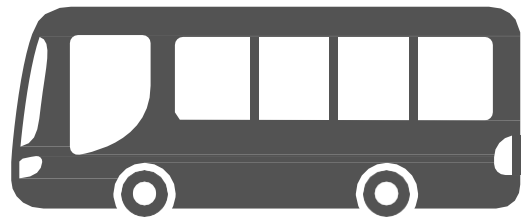
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# Methodology

*Fixed Route Bus, BRT,  
Rail*



Targeted customers riding or waiting for the bus throughout the day on weekdays, Saturday, and Sunday to obtain a representative sample based on latest RTA ridership data



Surveyed every 4th customer to ensure random sampling.



Fixed Route Bus	BRT	Rail
426 completed surveys	428 completed surveys	429 completed surveys
+/-4.8% at the 95% level of confidence	+/-4.8% at the 95% level of confidence	+/-4.8% at the 95% level of confidence



**10 days in the field**

September 11-21, 2023

Administered by trained surveyors using paper questionnaires, tablet interviews, and QR codes.

Customers were given one all day pass and an incentive for completing the survey.

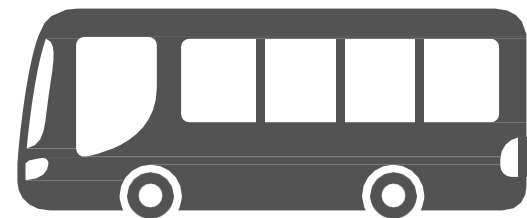
# Methodology

## *Paratransit*



Conducted during  
September 2023

ETC Institute used their hybrid approach to collect over 400 surveys.



Received list of RTA Paratransit customers including name, address, and phone number. Mailed survey and cover letter to over 2,000 individuals who used Paratransit services in the last quarter.



Paratransit
<b>400</b> completed surveys
<b>+/-4.9%</b> at the 95% level of confidence

After mailing survey material, ETC followed up with text messages phone calls to recipients.

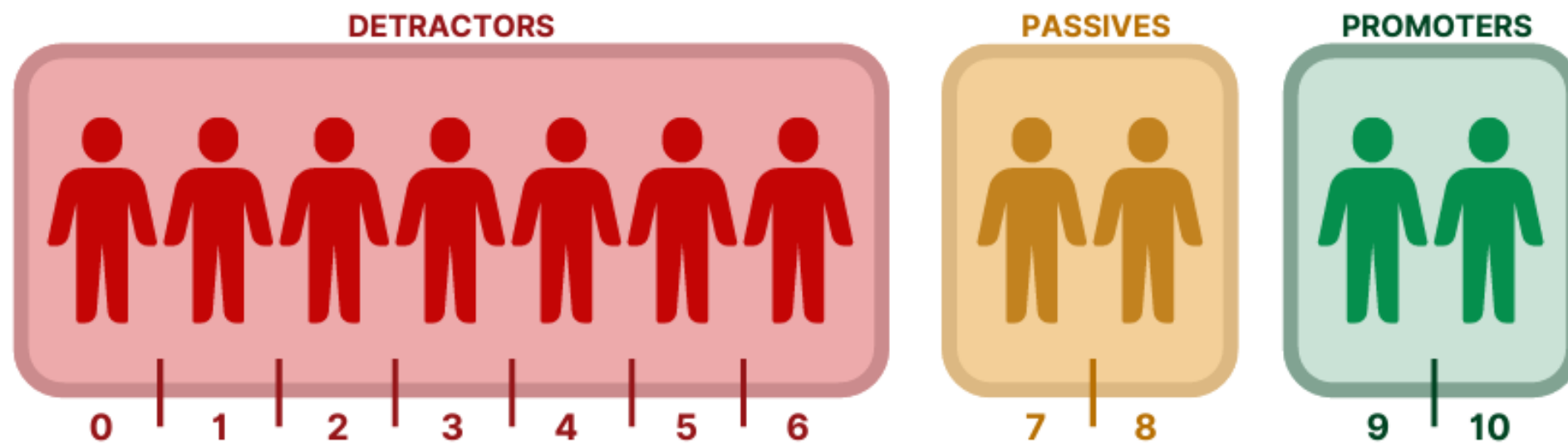
# Customer Impressions

*Fixed Route Bus*

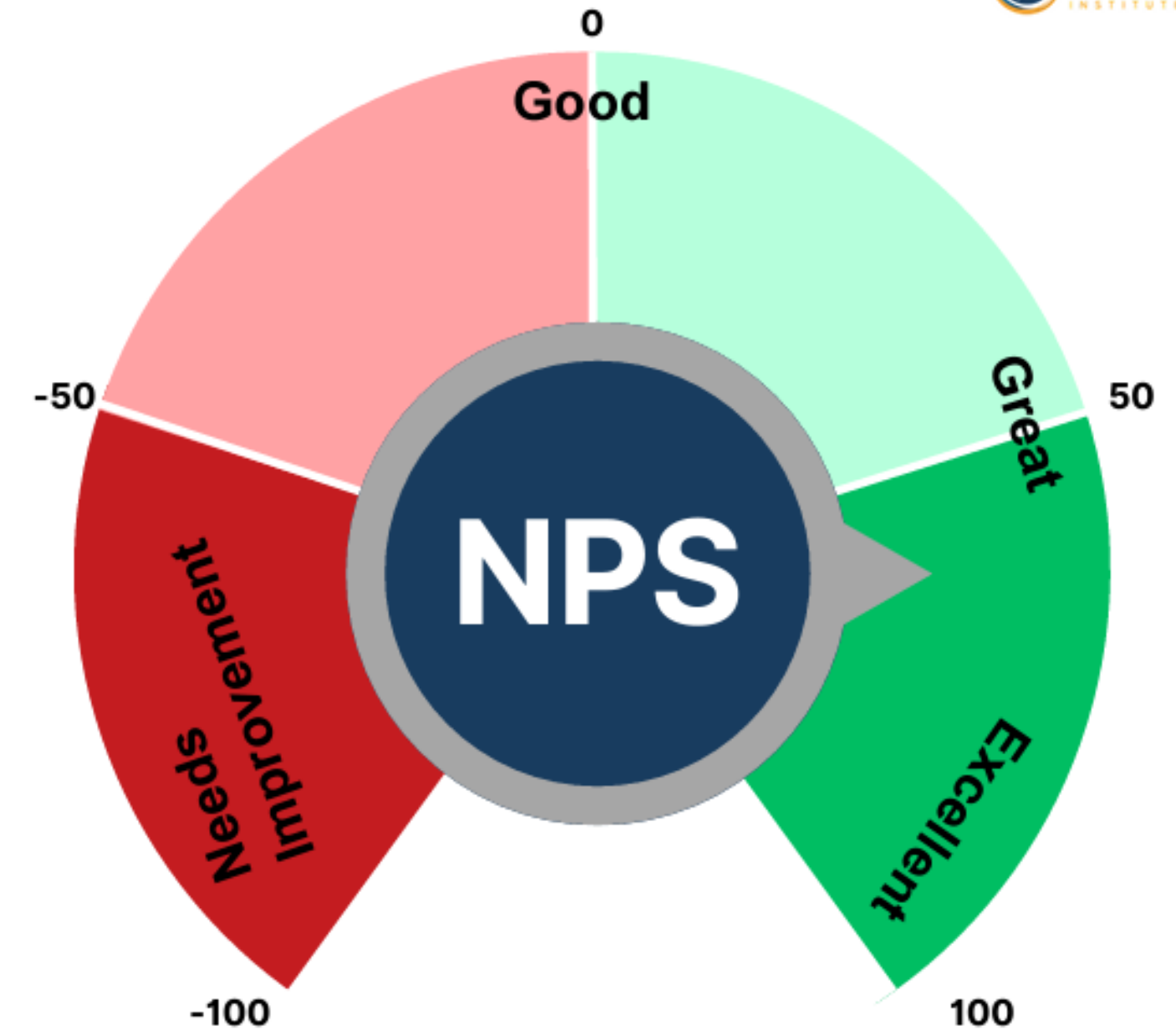
# Net Promoter Score (NPS)

NPS poses the ultimate question:

"How likely would you be to recommend riding RTA to a friend or neighbor?"



$$\text{Net Promoter Score} = \% \text{Promoters} - \% \text{Detractors}$$



NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	-100-0
GOOD	0-30
GREAT	30-70
EXCELLENT	70-100

# Fixed Route Bus

(FR)





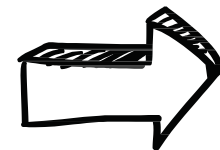


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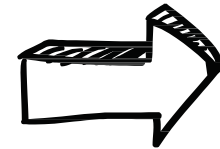
**57%** of customers are satisfied with bus service.

**83%** of customers believe the RTA system provides value to the community.

## Customers are **MOST** satisfied with...

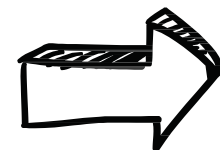
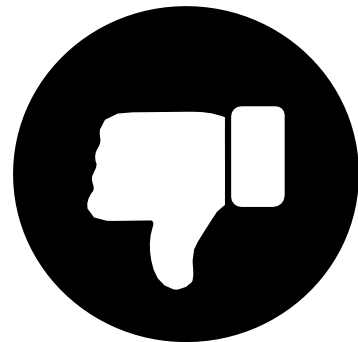


Buses routes are conveniently located (79%)

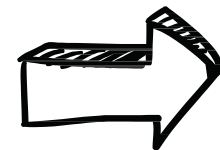


Understanding RTA's routes and confidently navigating the system (77%)

## Customers are **LEAST** satisfied with...



Cleanliness of buses (56%)



Safety & security waiting for bus (61%)

## Top Most Important Elements of Bus Service to Customers...

1. On-time performance
2. Bus cleanliness
3. Safety while riding
4. Safety while waiting



# Customer Characteristics

*Fixed Route Bus*

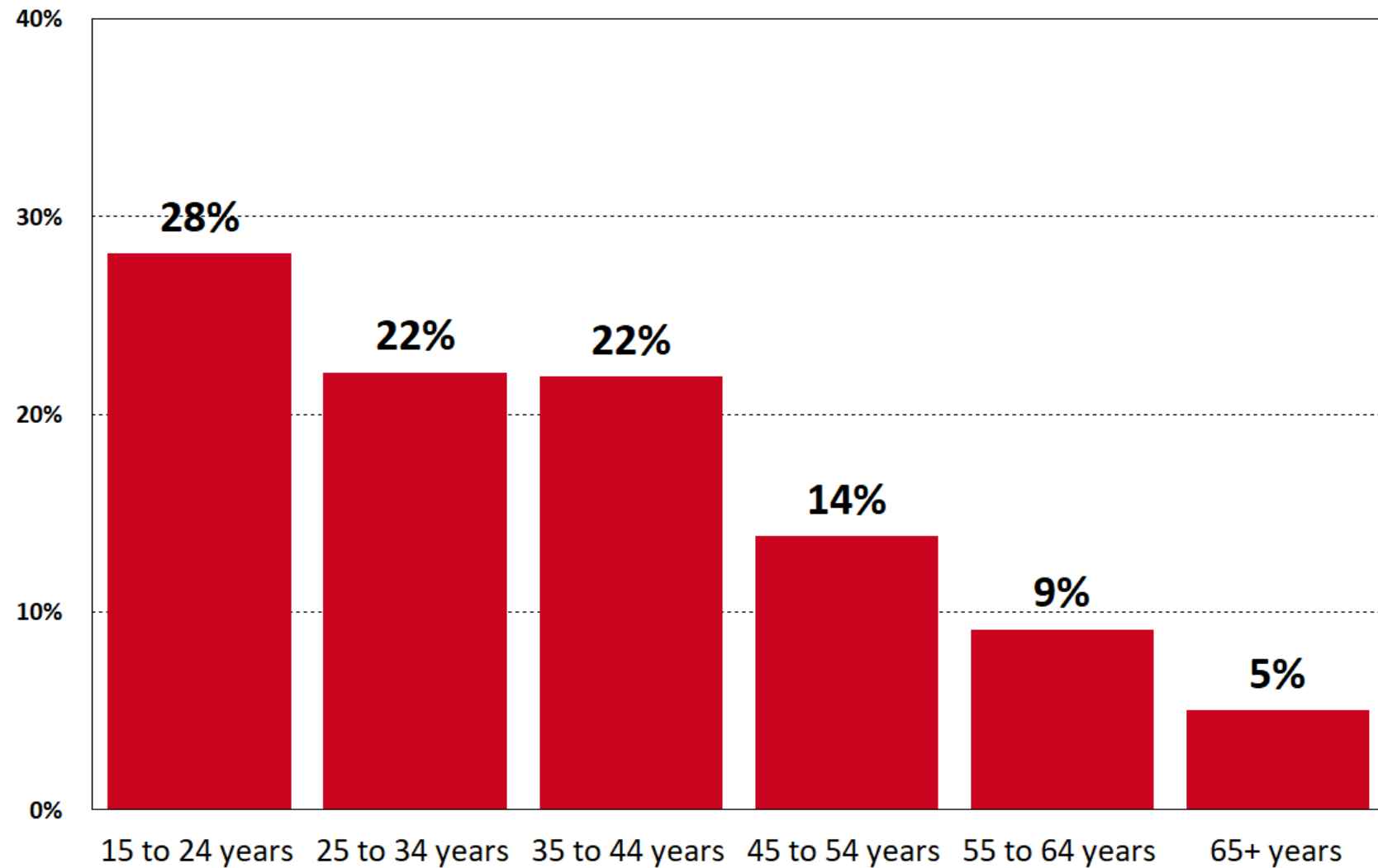


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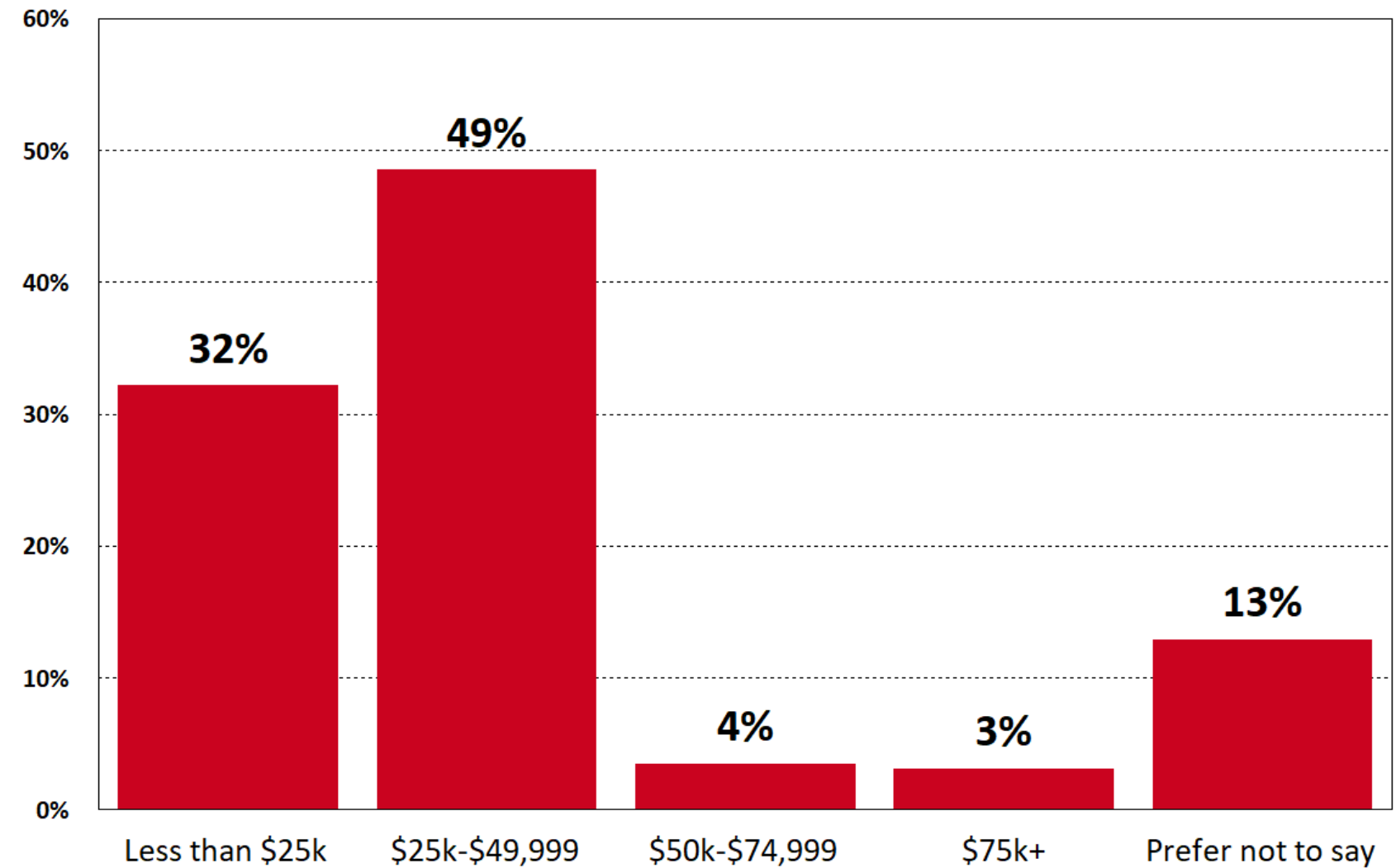


- 28% of FR customers are between 15 and 24 years old. 81% of FR customers make less than \$50,000.

What is your age?



What category best describes your total annual household income?



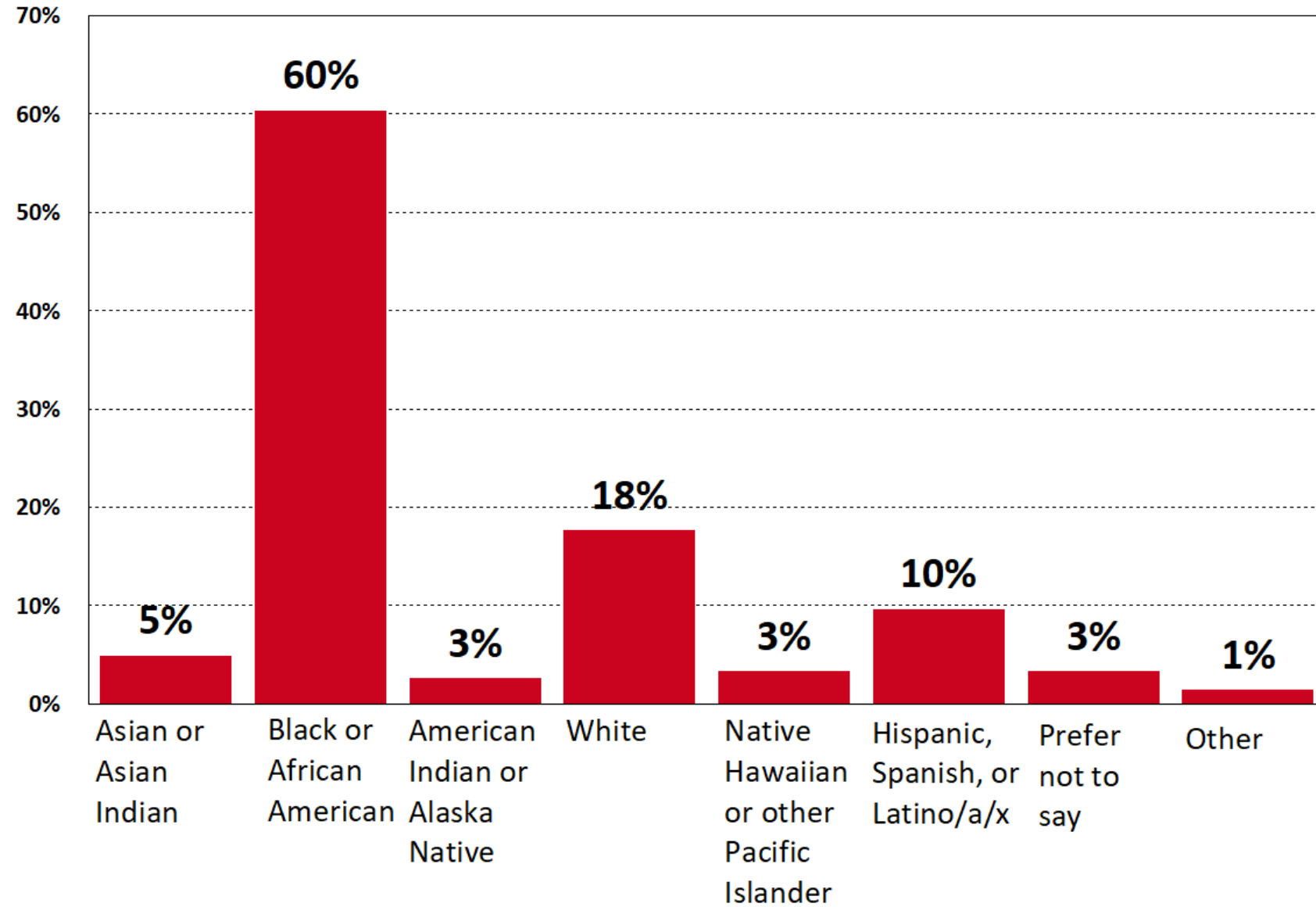


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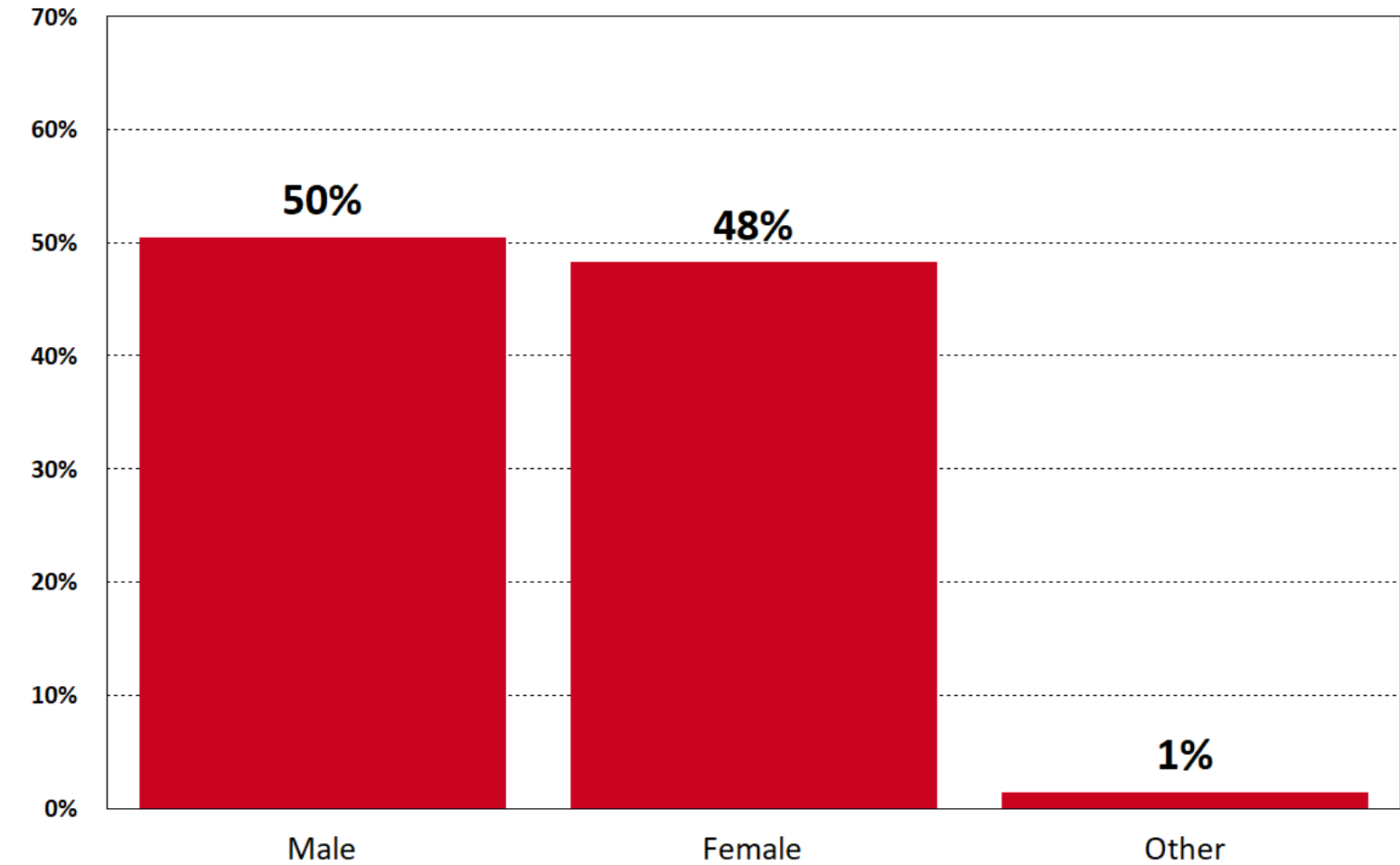


- The typical FR customer is a Black/African American (60%) male (50%)

What is your race/ethnicity?



What is your gender?



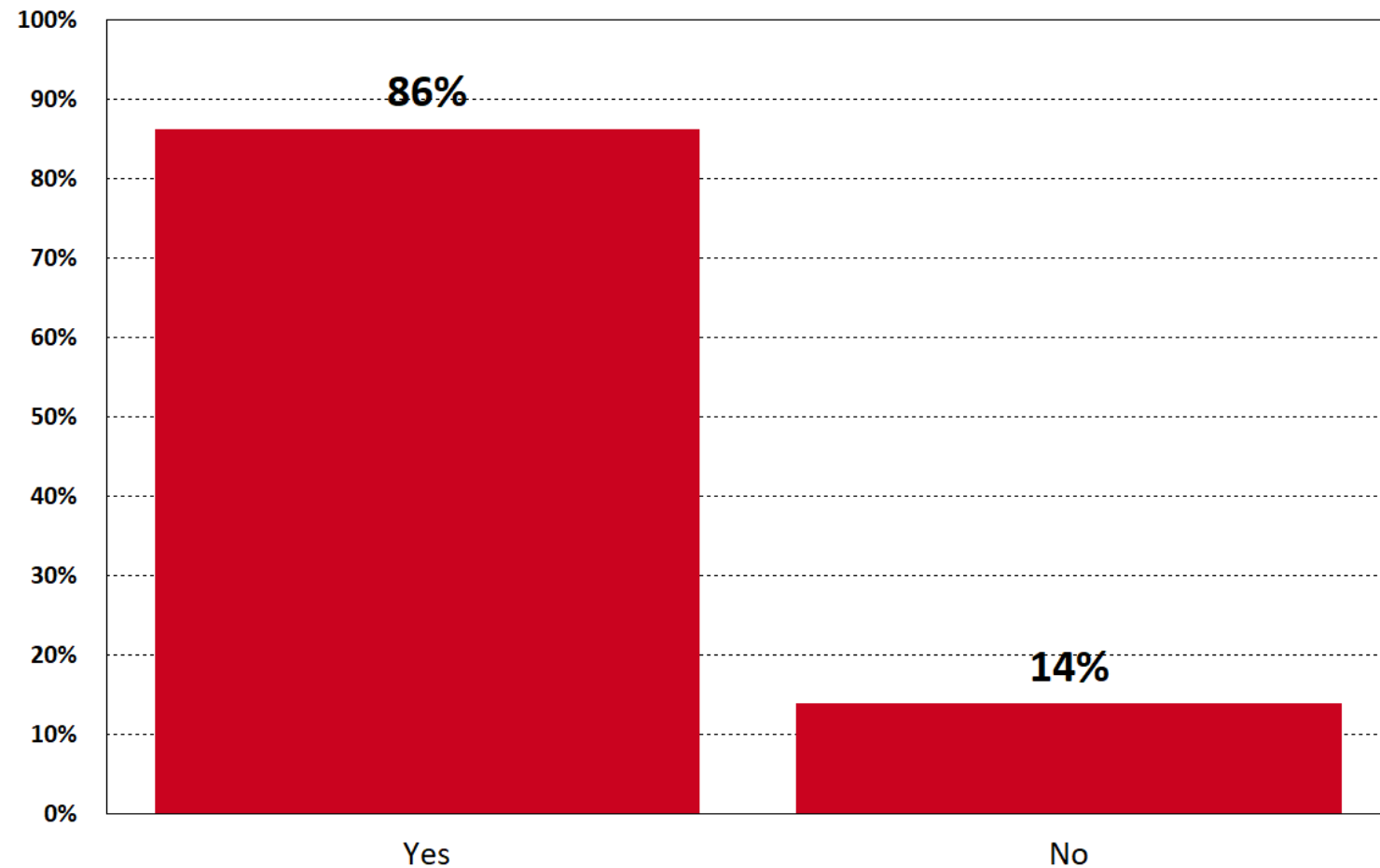


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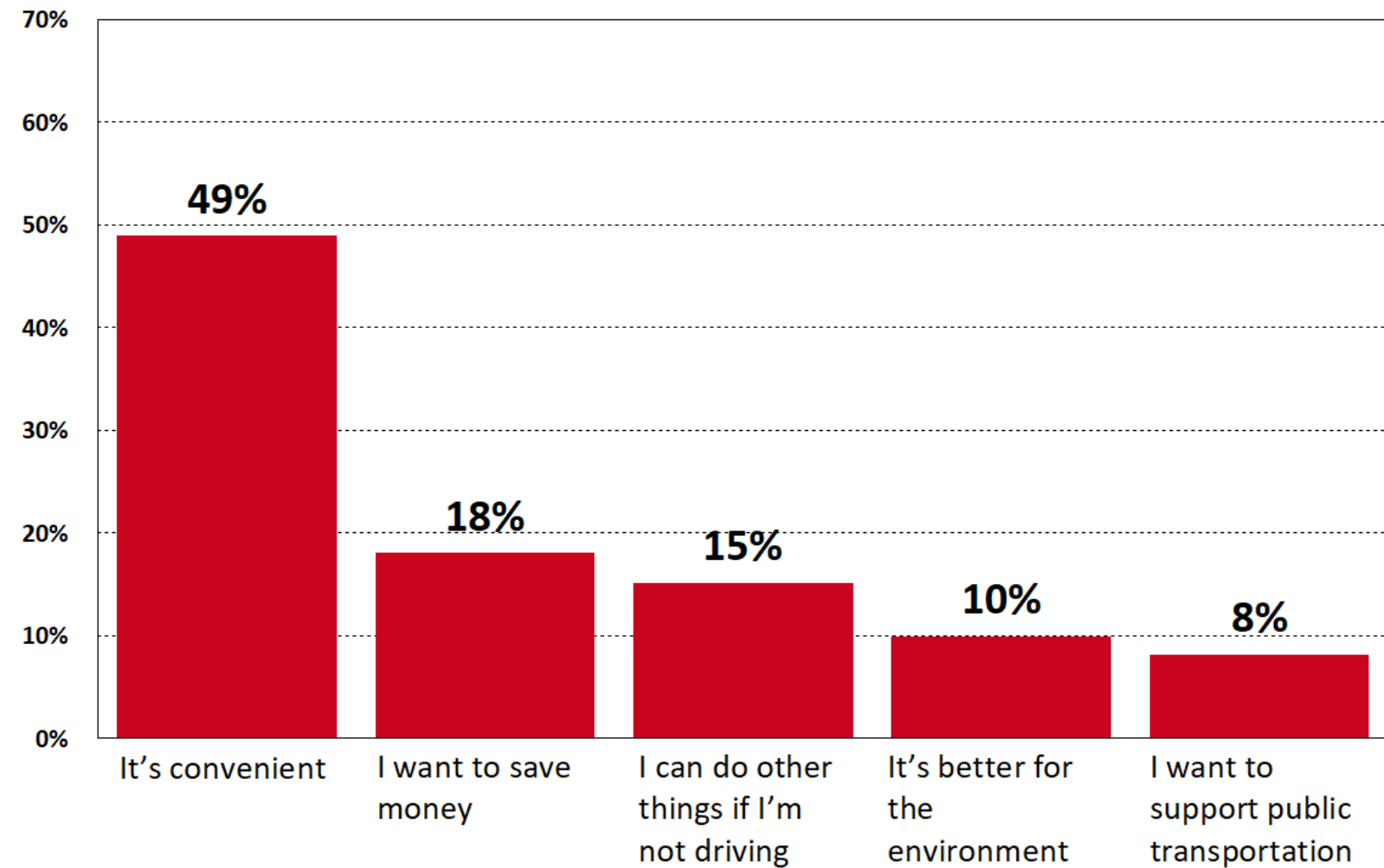


- 86% of FR customers are dependent on using RTA buses for travel.
- For FR customers who have other transportation options, "It's convenient" (49%) is the primary reason for choosing to use RTA bus services.

Are you dependent on using RTA buses to travel to/from your destination?



If you do have other options, what is the #1 reason you choose public transportation?

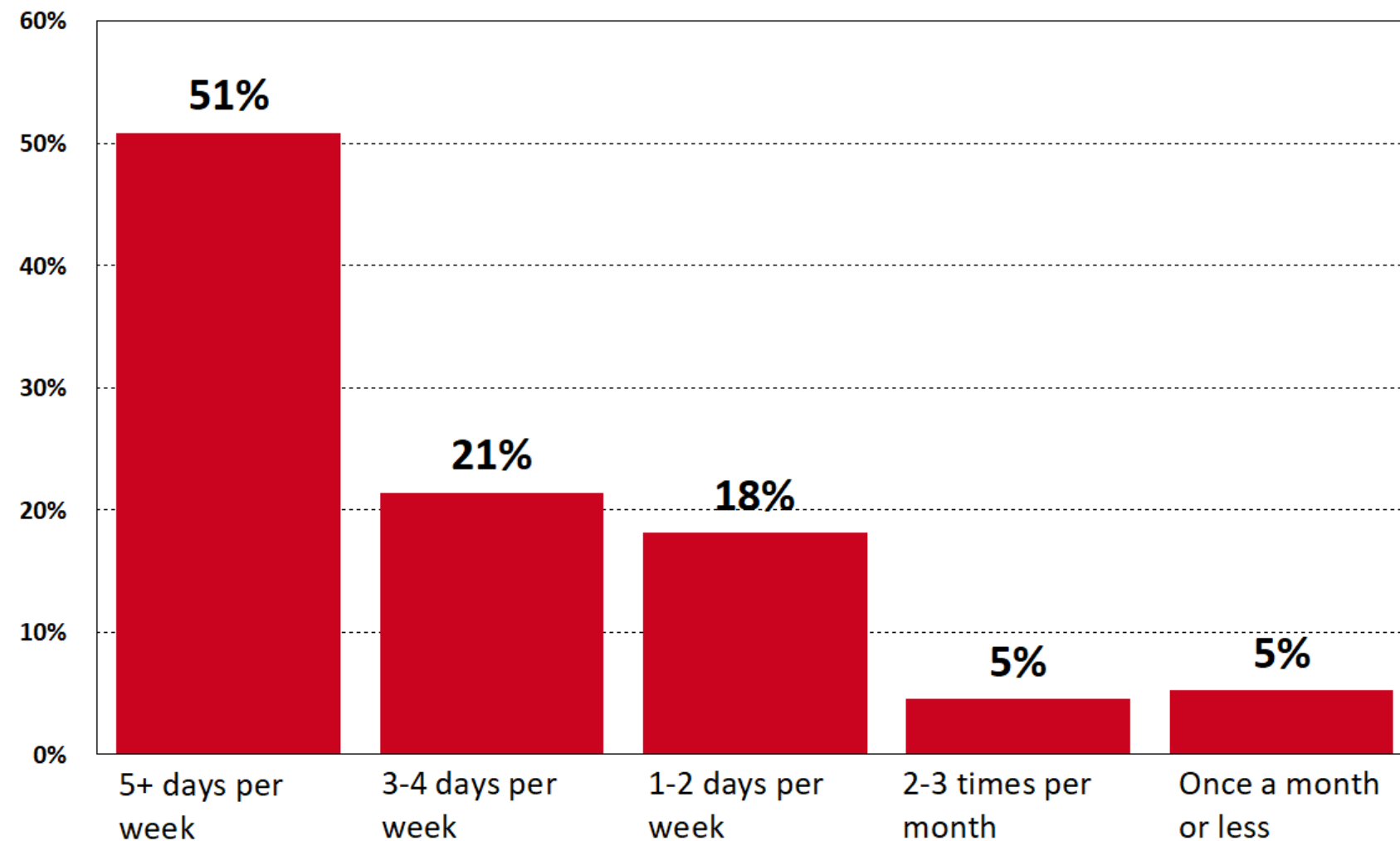




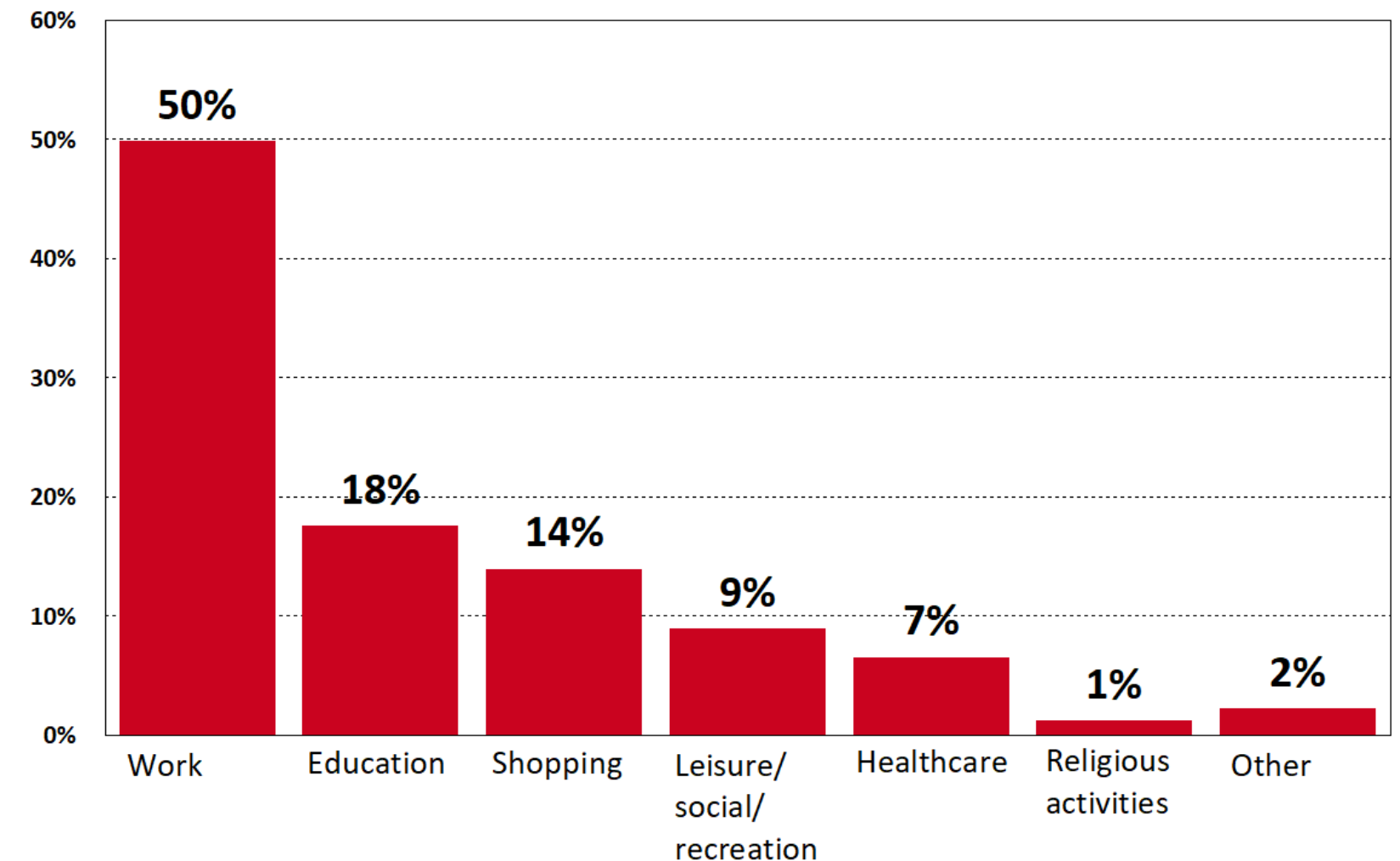
# Trip Frequency and Purpose

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- FR customers most frequently ride the bus for work (50%) and education (18%).

How often do you ride the bus?



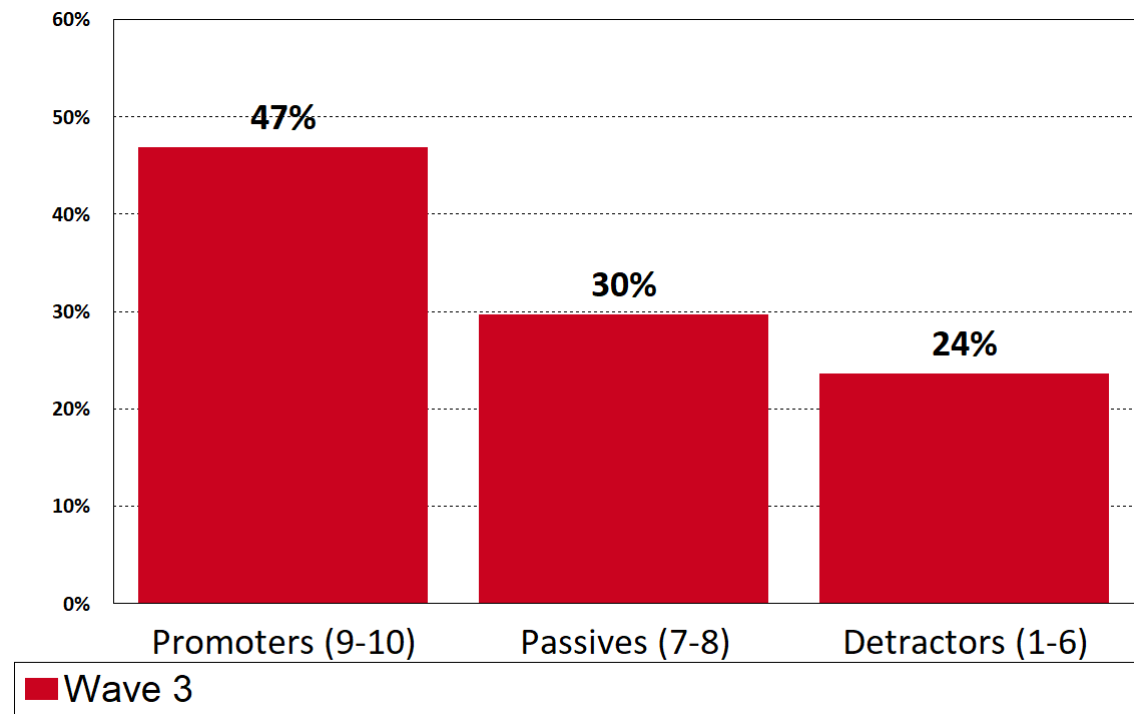
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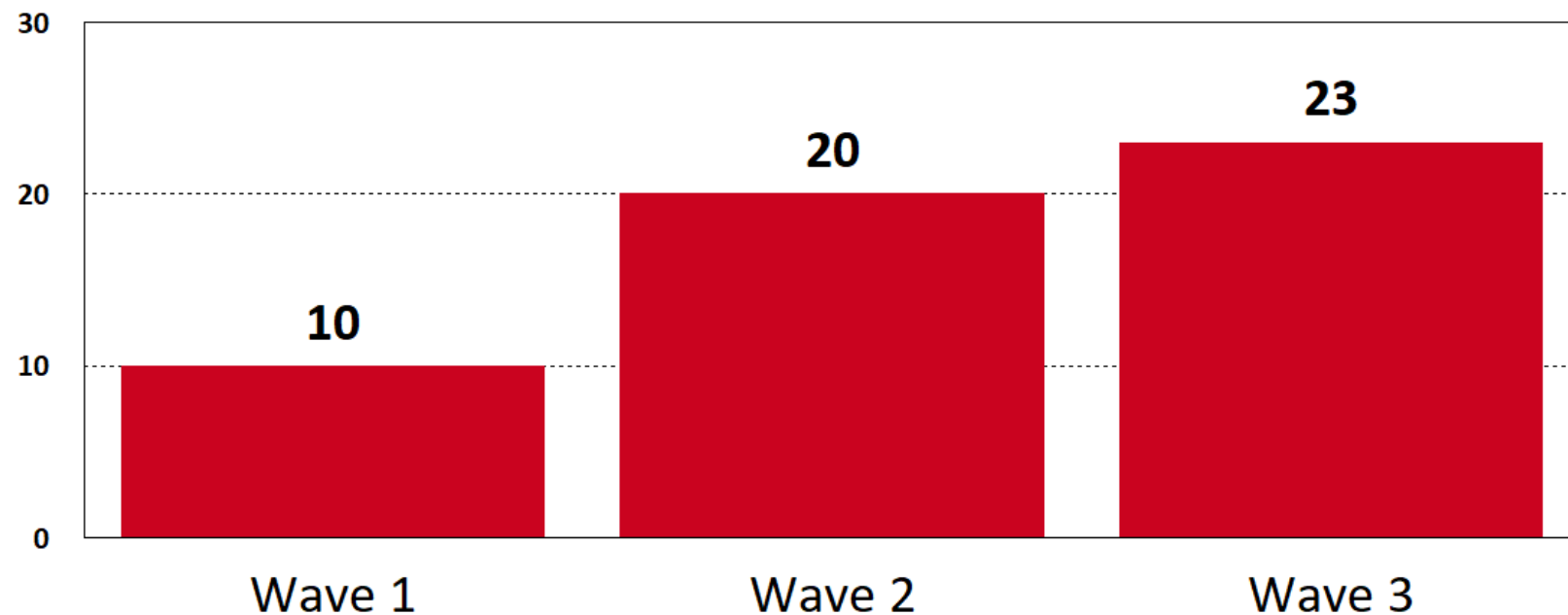
# Net Promoter Score (NPS)

## Fixed Route Bus

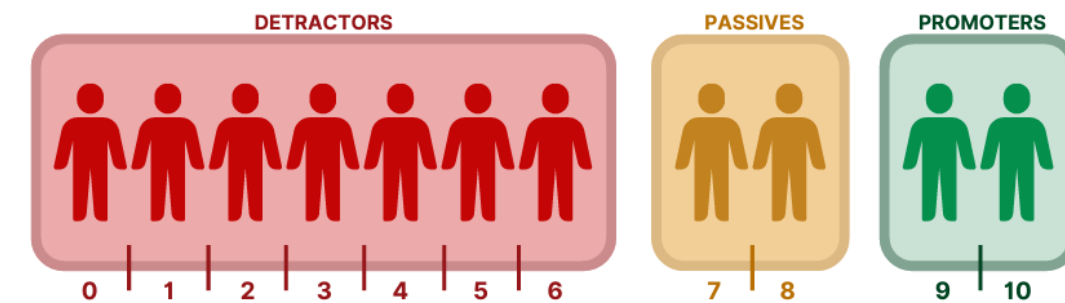
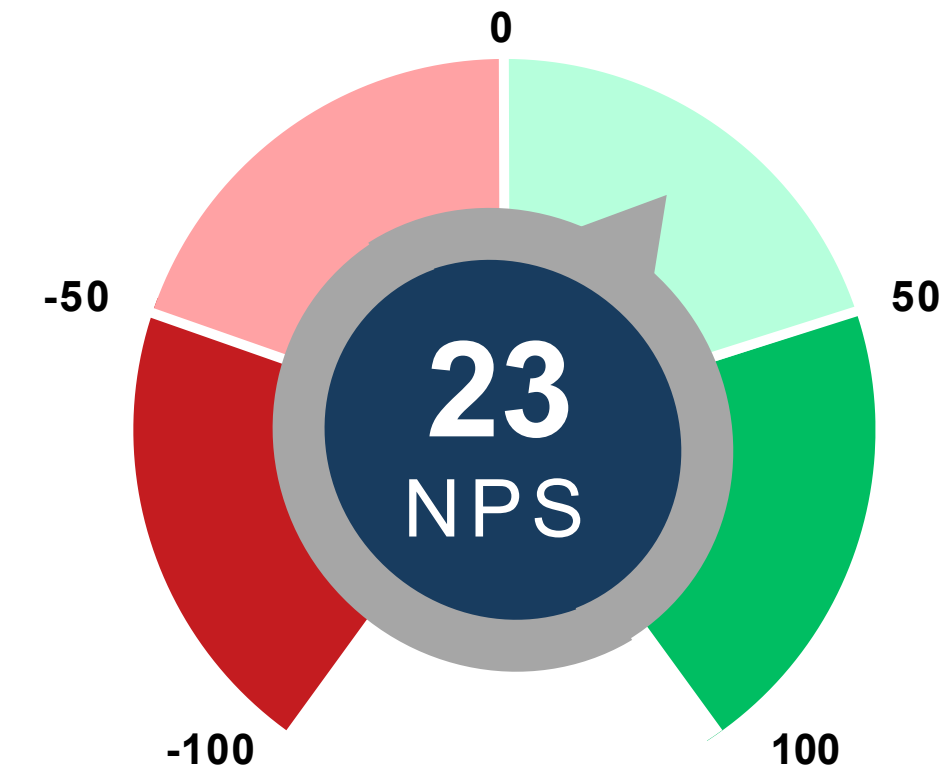
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Net Promoter Score



RTA's FR NPS is up 3 points since Wave 2 from 20 to 23.



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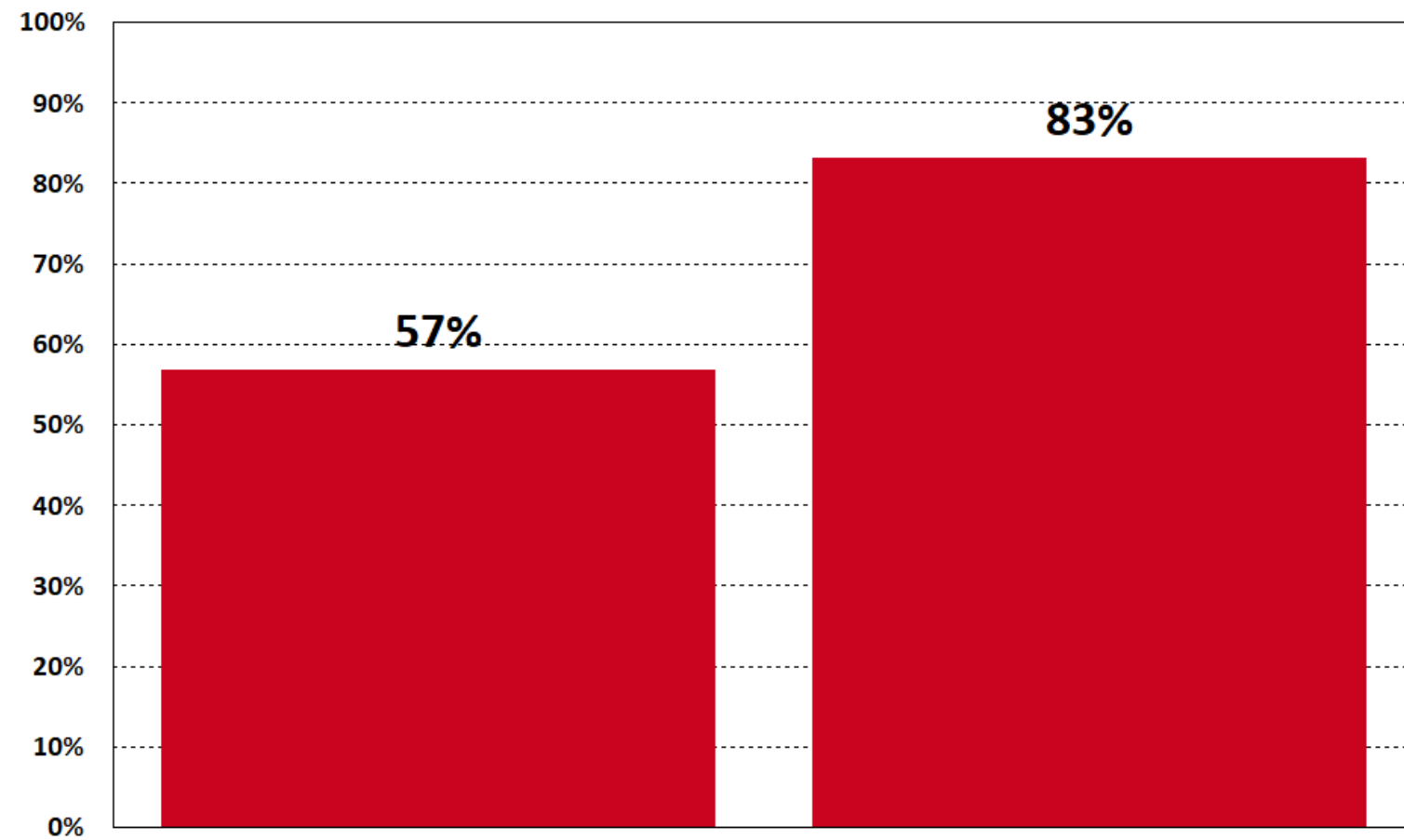
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- In the past year, 26% of FR customers believe the bus service has gotten better.

Overall Satisfaction

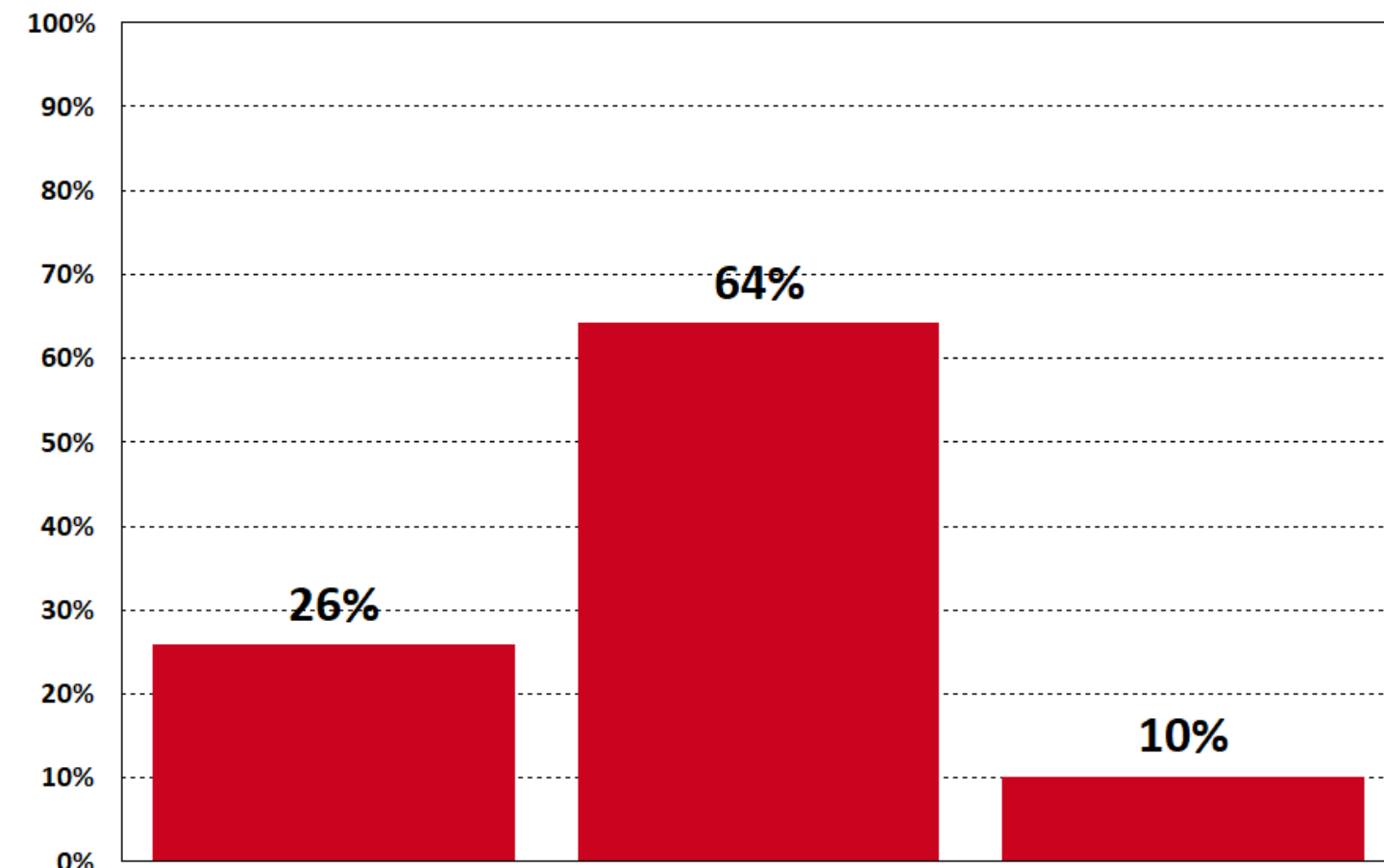
Community Value



How satisfied are you overall with the bus service?

RTA system provides value to the community

In the past year, the bus service has:



Gotten better

Stayed about the same

Gotten worse



# Customer Importance Factors

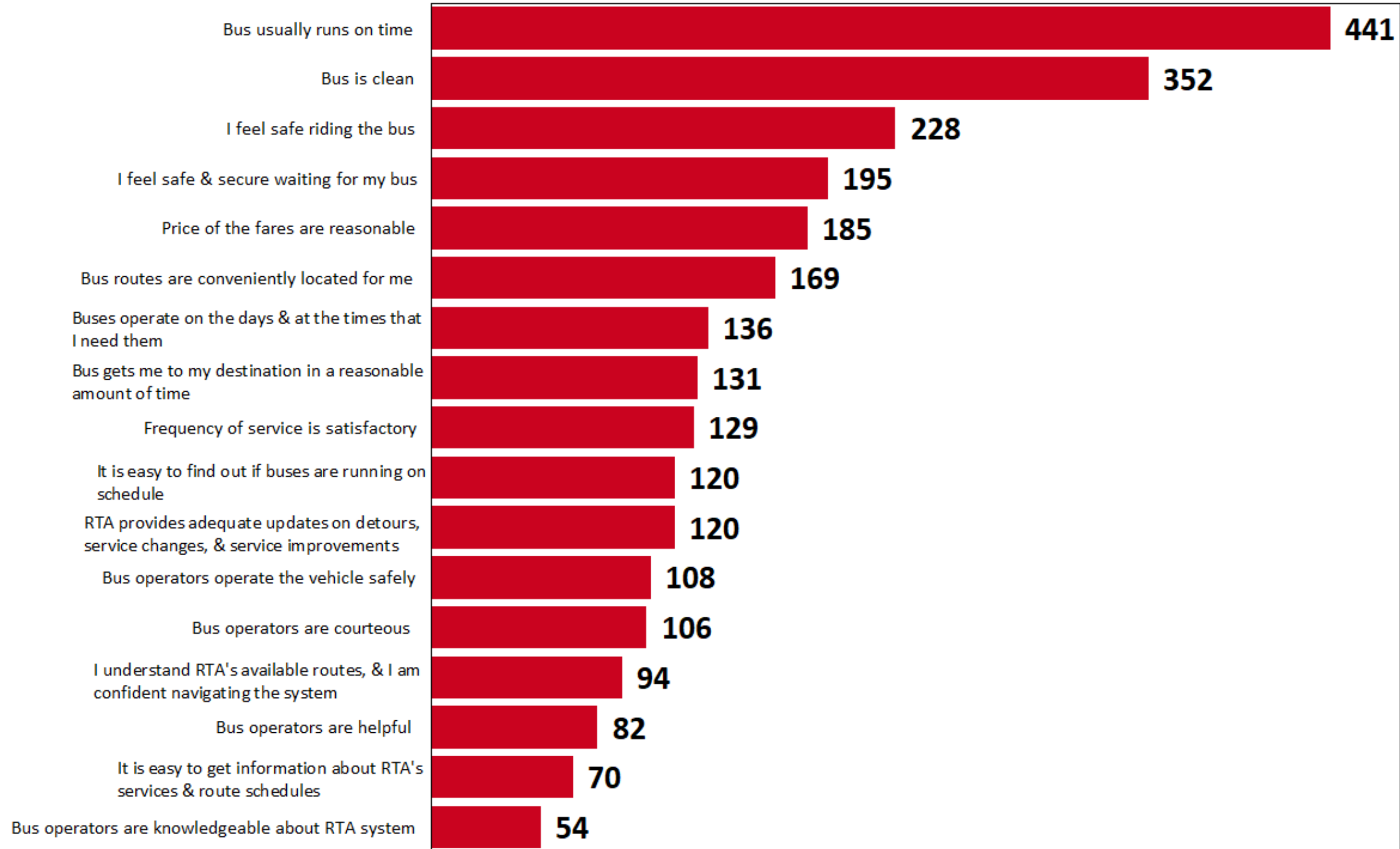
*Fixed Route Bus*



# Top Customer Importance Factors



- The top three importance factors to FR customers are buses running on time (441), cleanliness (352), and safety while riding (228).

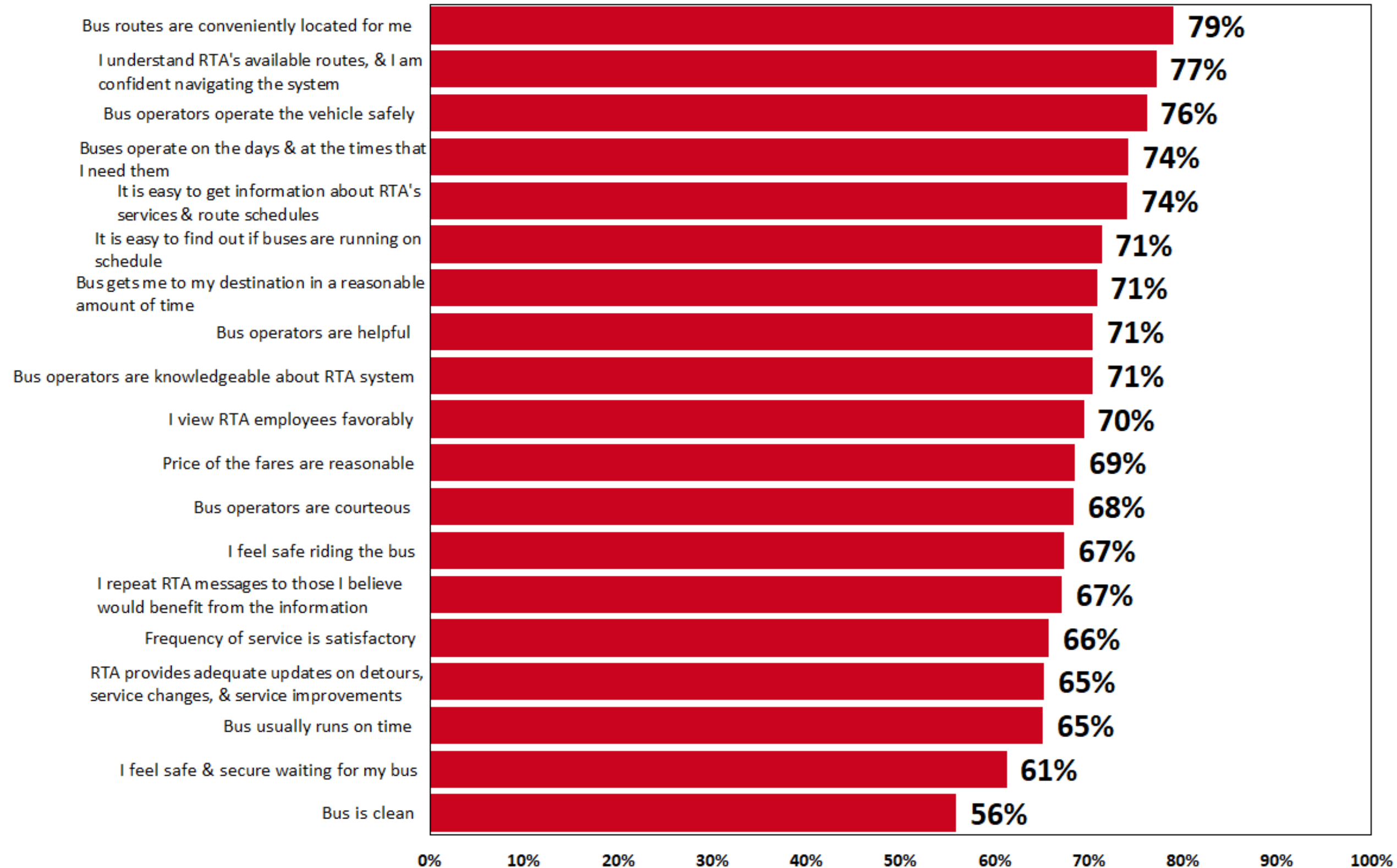




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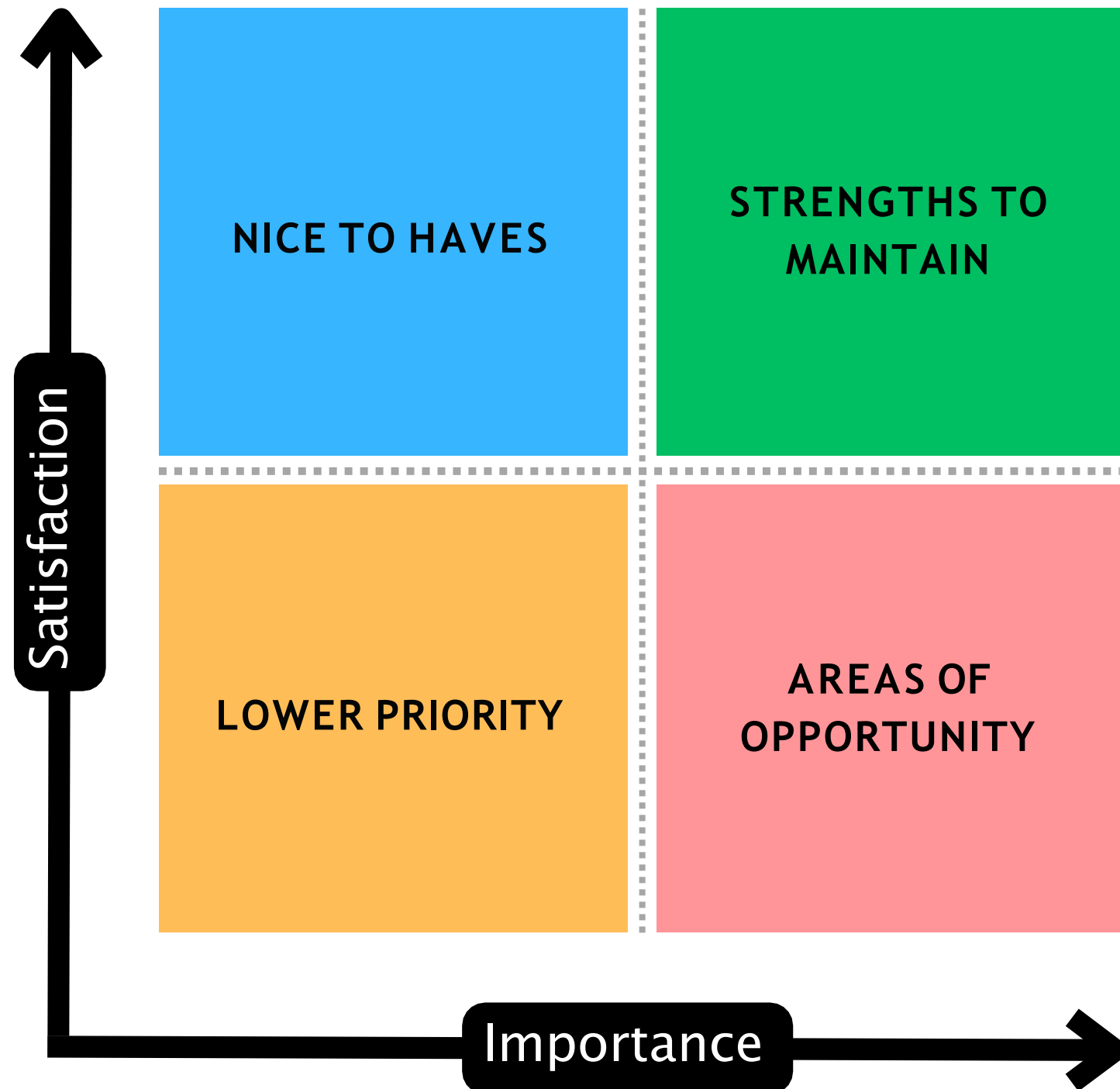


## Fixed Route Bus



# Key Driver Analysis

## Satisfaction vs. Importance

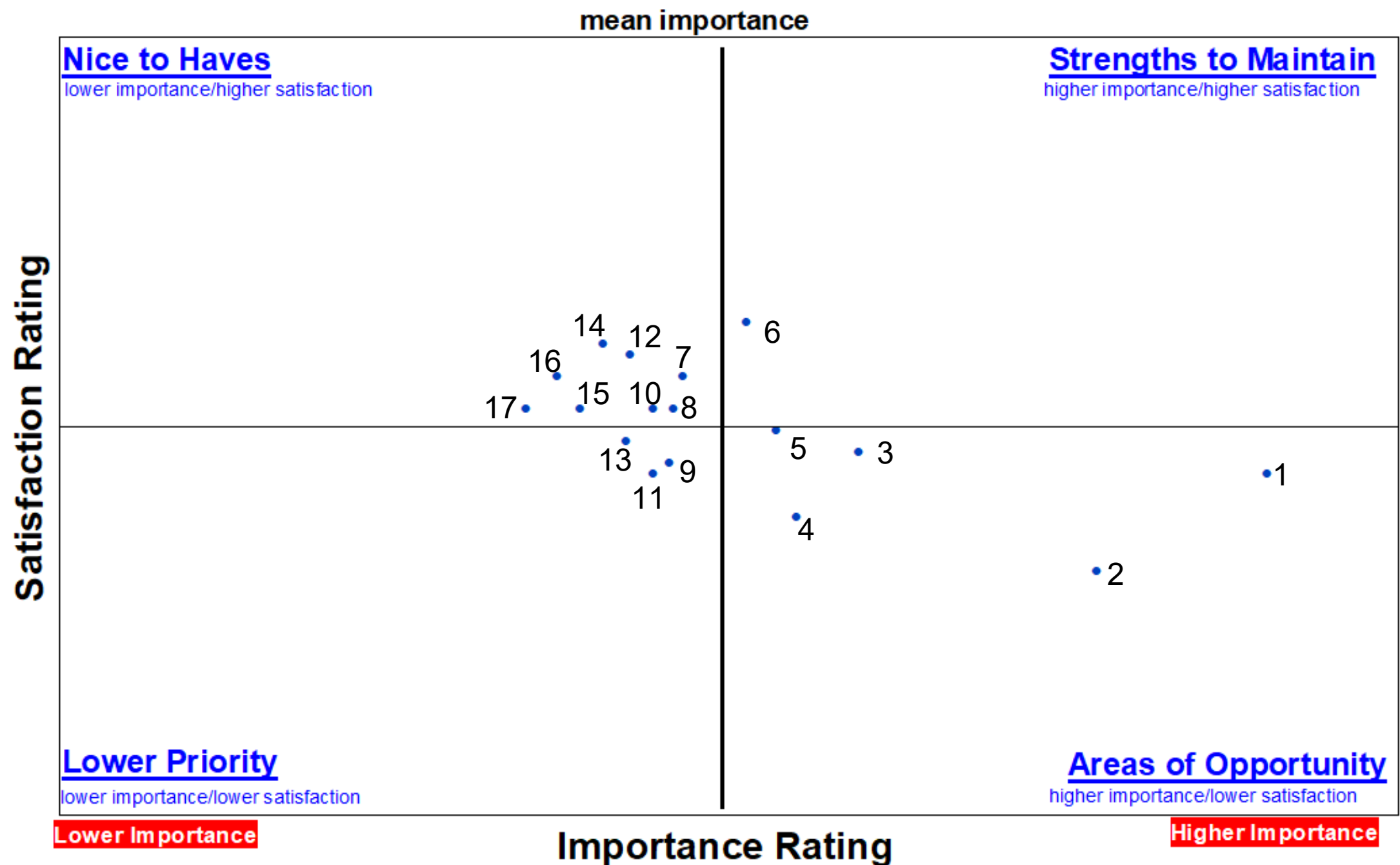


The Key Driver Analysis takes each area of service and compares its customer importance ranking against its customer satisfaction level. The graph is divided into four actional quadrants:

1. **Lower Priority** - This quadrant contains areas of service that have lower importance rankings and lower satisfaction levels. Although these have lower satisfaction levels, they are less important to customers and will have a smaller impact on overall customer satisfaction.
2. **Nice to Haves** - This quadrant contains areas of service that have lower importance rankings and higher satisfaction levels. Although customers are highly satisfied in these areas, these areas are less important to customers and will have a smaller impact on overall customer satisfaction.
3. **Areas of Opportunity** - This quadrant contains areas of service that have higher importance rankings and lower satisfaction levels. These areas are ranked as highly important to customers and will have a larger impact on overall customer satisfaction as the service is improved and satisfaction is raised.
4. **Strengths to Maintain** - This quadrant contains areas of service that have higher importance rankings and higher satisfaction levels. Customers find these areas of high importance and are highly satisfied with the level of service. These satisfaction levels should be maintained in order to continue a positive overall customer satisfaction.

# Key Driver Analysis

Improvements in the "Areas of Opportunity" will most efficiently move the needle by bringing customers more satisfaction in what they value.



## Legend

1. Bus usually runs on time
2. Bus is clean
3. I feel safe riding the bus
4. I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus
5. Price of the fares is reasonable
6. Bus routes are conveniently located for me
7. Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them
8. Bus gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time
9. Frequency of service is satisfactory
10. It is easy to find out if buses are running on schedule
11. RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements
12. Bus operators operate the vehicle safely
13. Bus operators are courteous
14. I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system
15. Bus operators are helpful
16. It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules
17. Bus operators are knowledgeable about RTA system

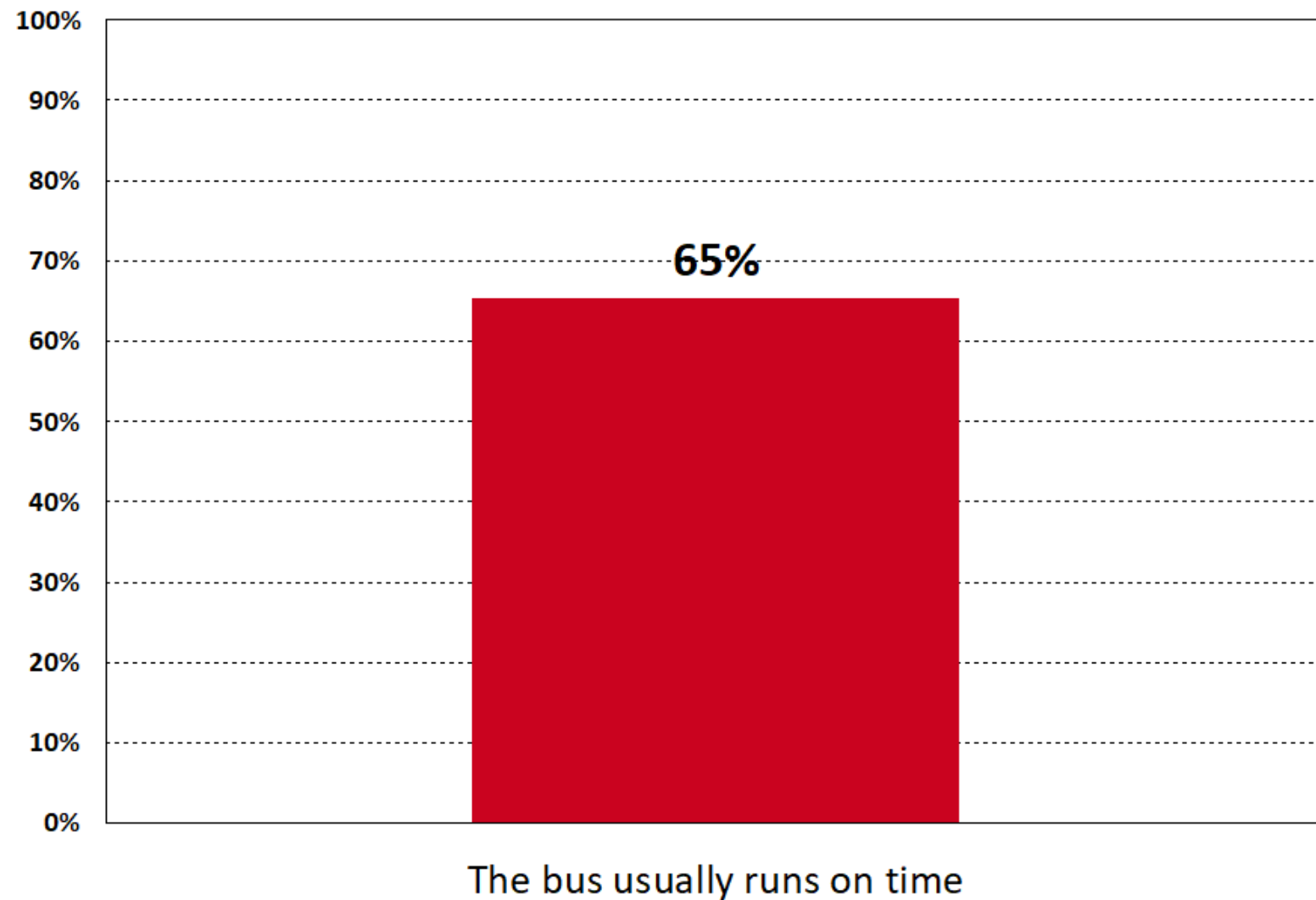


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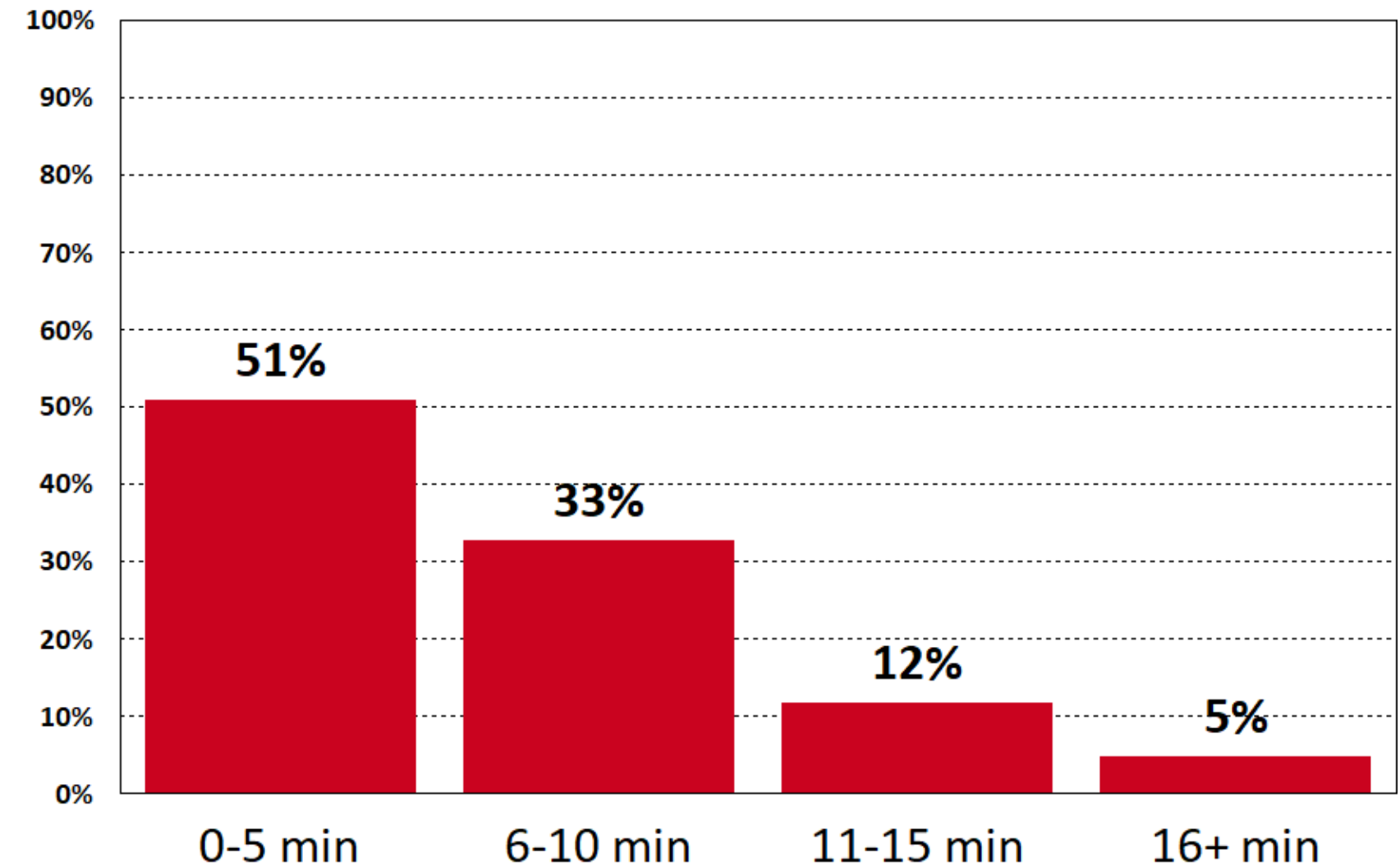


- 65% of FR customers are satisfied with the On-Time Performance.
- 51% of FR customers believe it is acceptable for the bus to arrive 0 to 5-minutes beyond its scheduled time.

On-Time Performance



How many minutes do you feel is acceptable for a bus to arrive beyond its scheduled time?



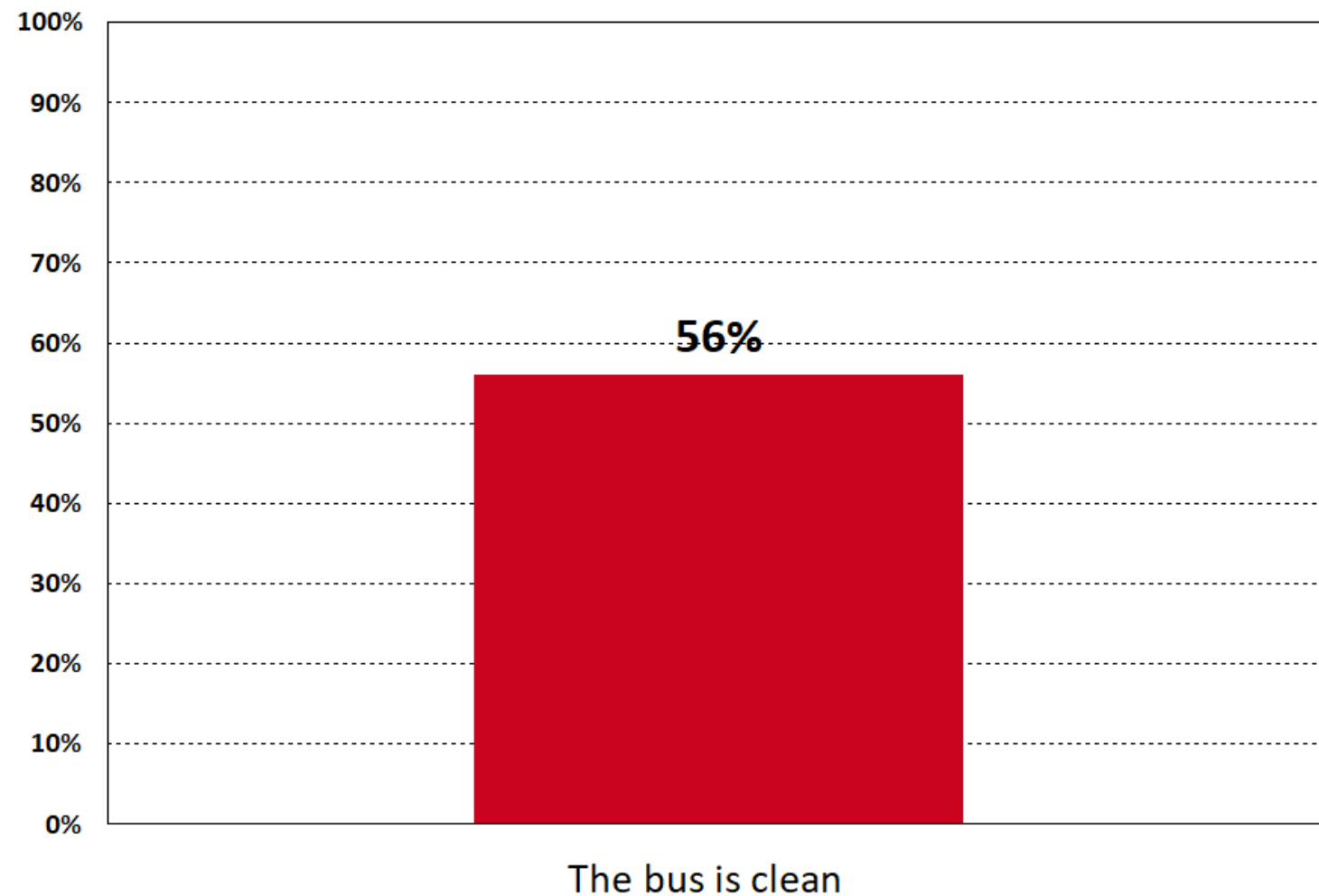


# Cleanliness of Buses

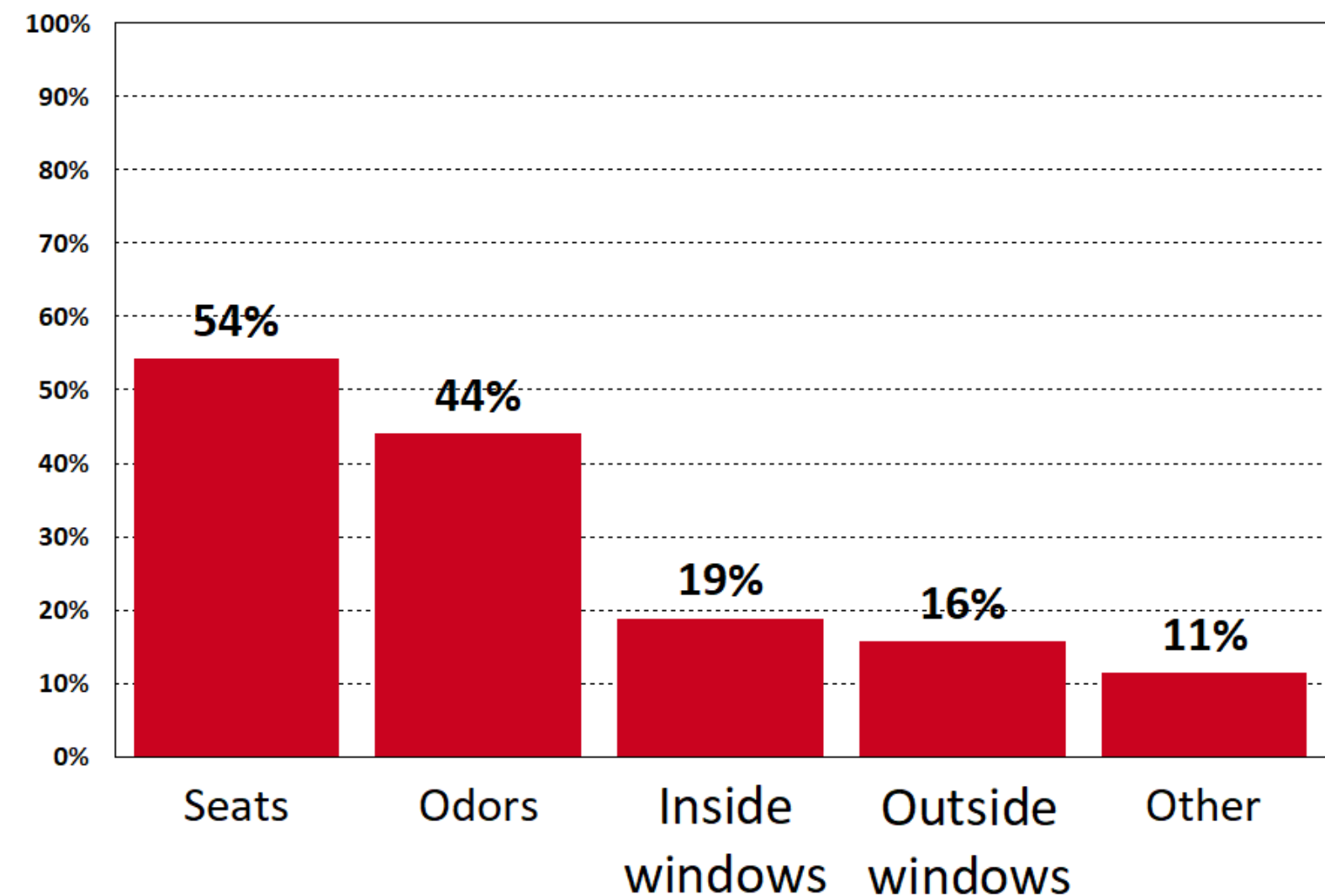


- 56% of FR customers are satisfied with the cleanliness of buses.
- FR customers think focusing on seats (54%) and odors (44%) would improve their satisfaction with bus cleanliness. 19% of the write-in answers were "Floors."

Cleanliness of Buses



Which areas would you like RTA to focus on to improve your satisfaction with bus cleanliness?



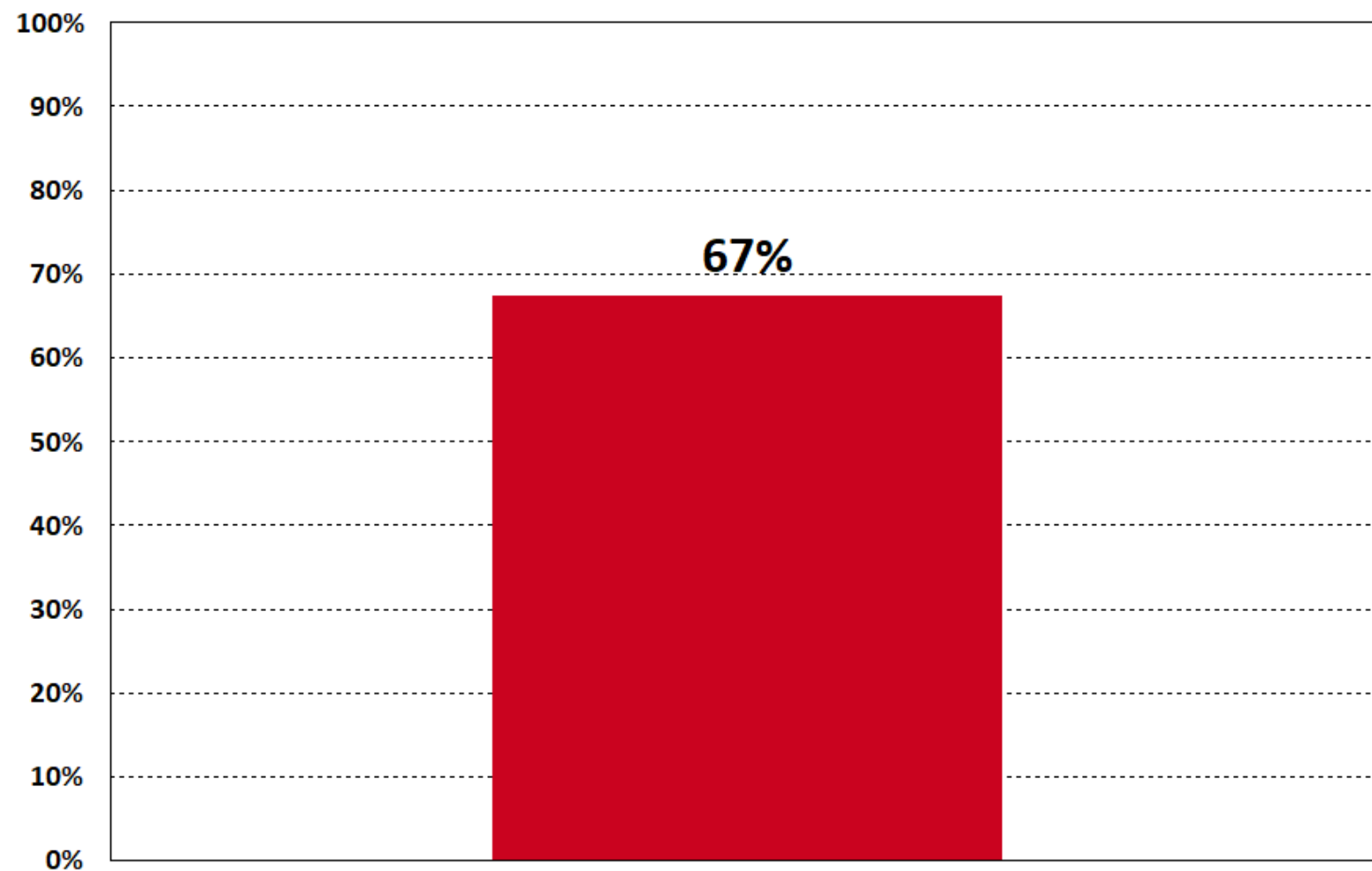




# Bus and Bus Stop Safety

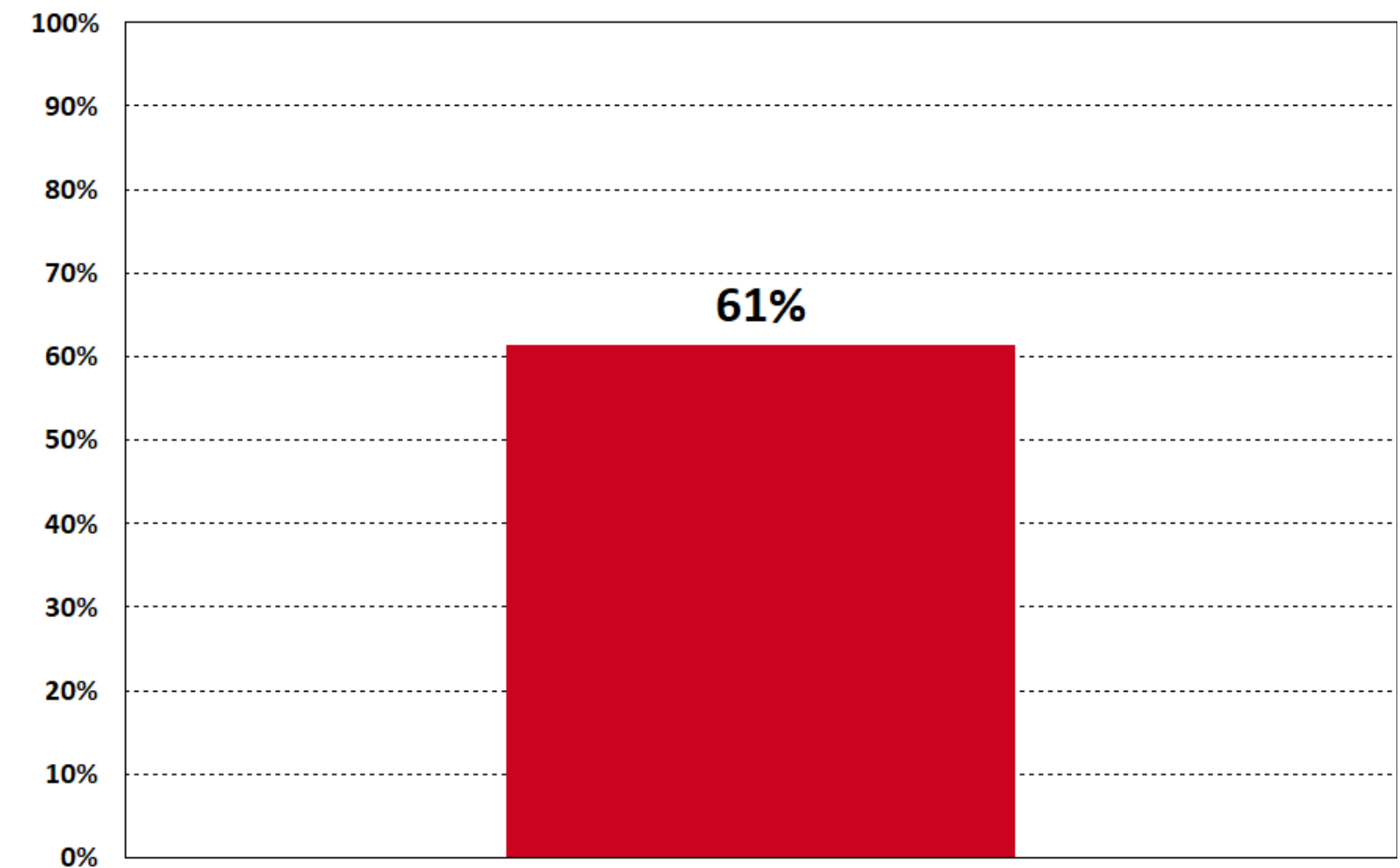
- 67% of FR customers feel safe while riding the bus and 61% of FR customers feel safe while waiting for the bus.

### Bus Safety



I feel safe riding the bus

### Bus Stop Safety



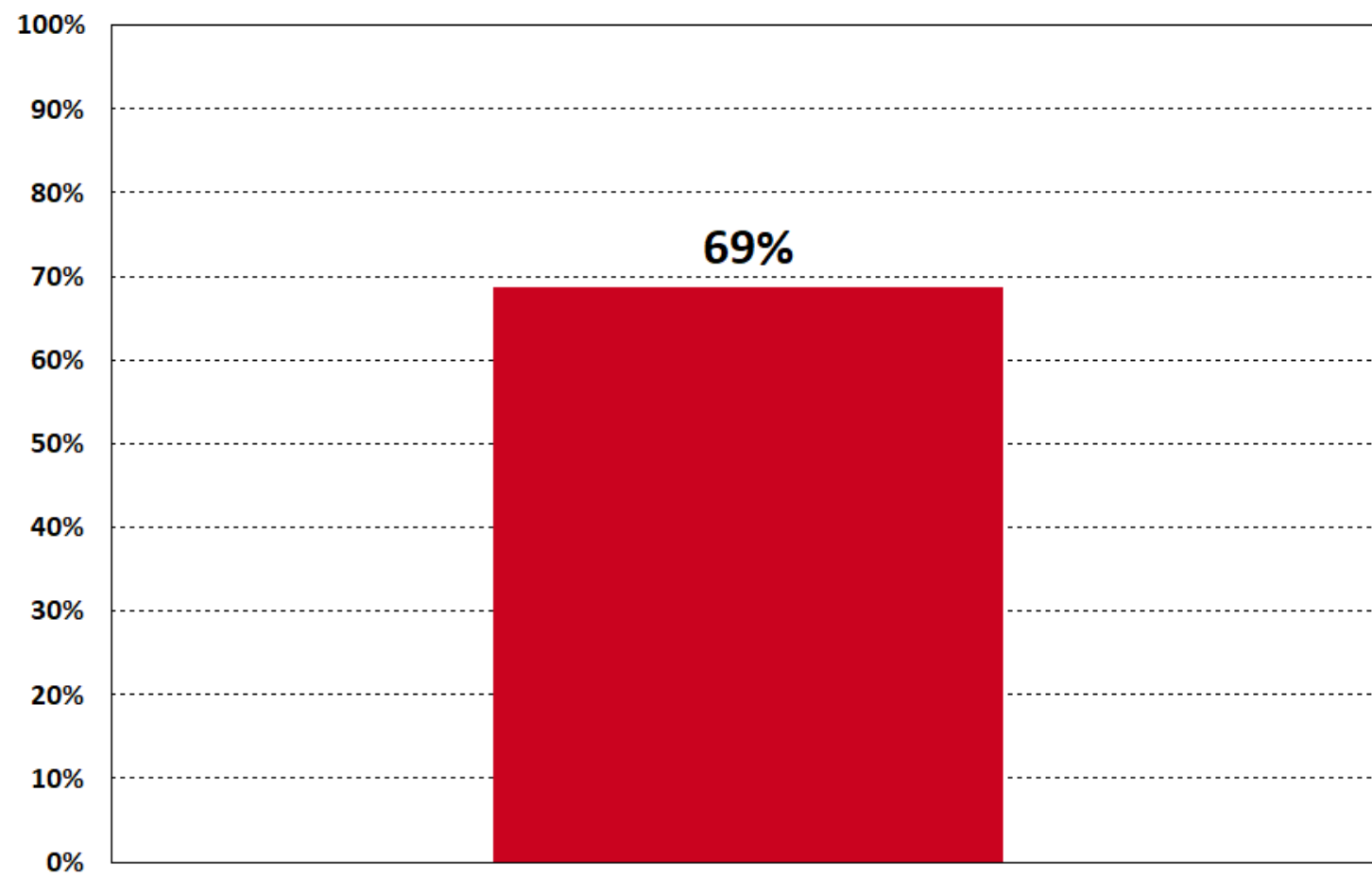
I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus



# Funding

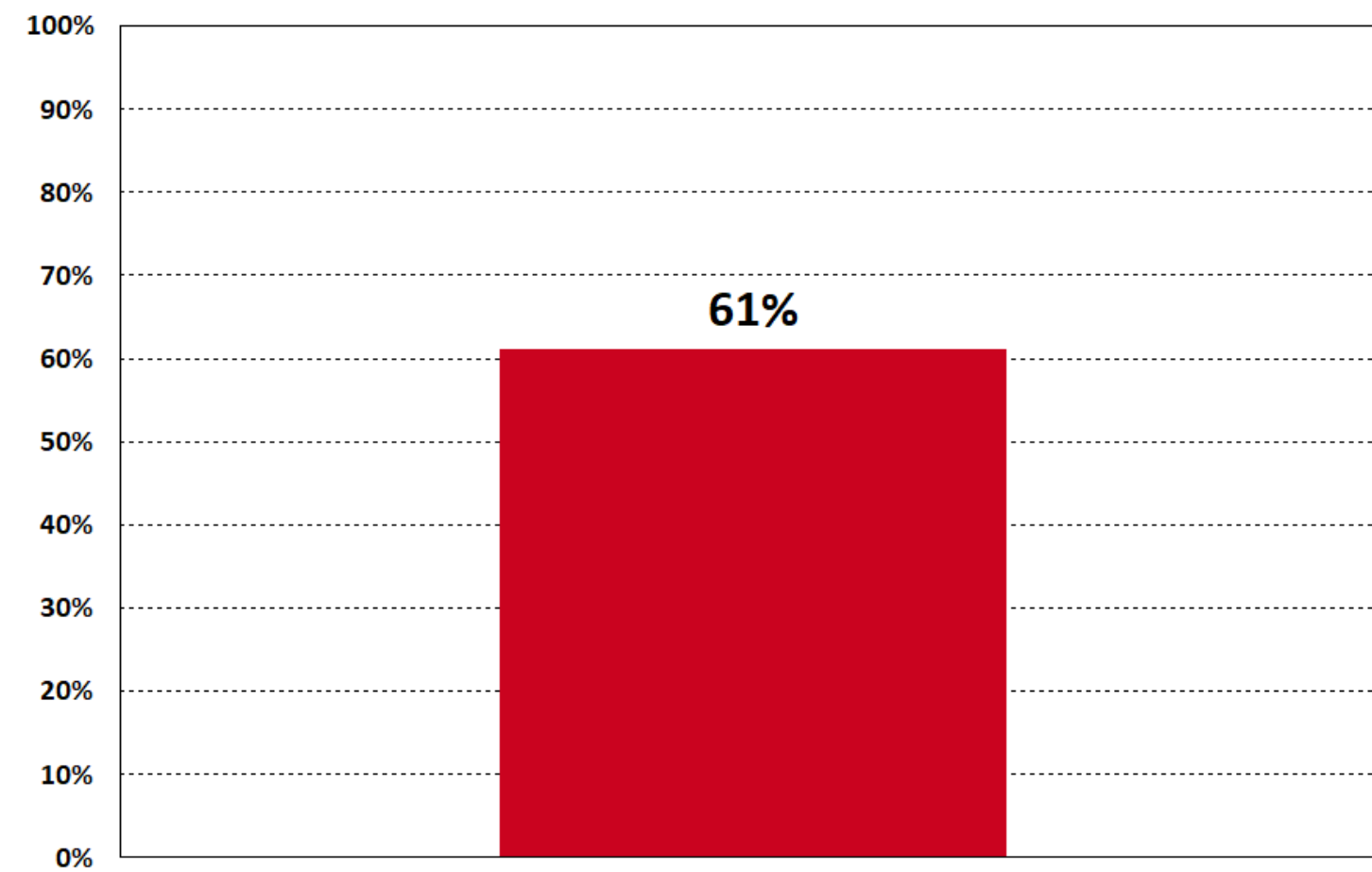
- 69% of FR customers feel the community should consider increasing funding to improve service.
- 61% of FR customers feel RTA manages financial resources appropriately

### Transit Investment



The community should consider increasing funding in order to improve service

### Resource Management



RTA manages their financial resources appropriately

# Customer Service

*Fixed Route Bus*

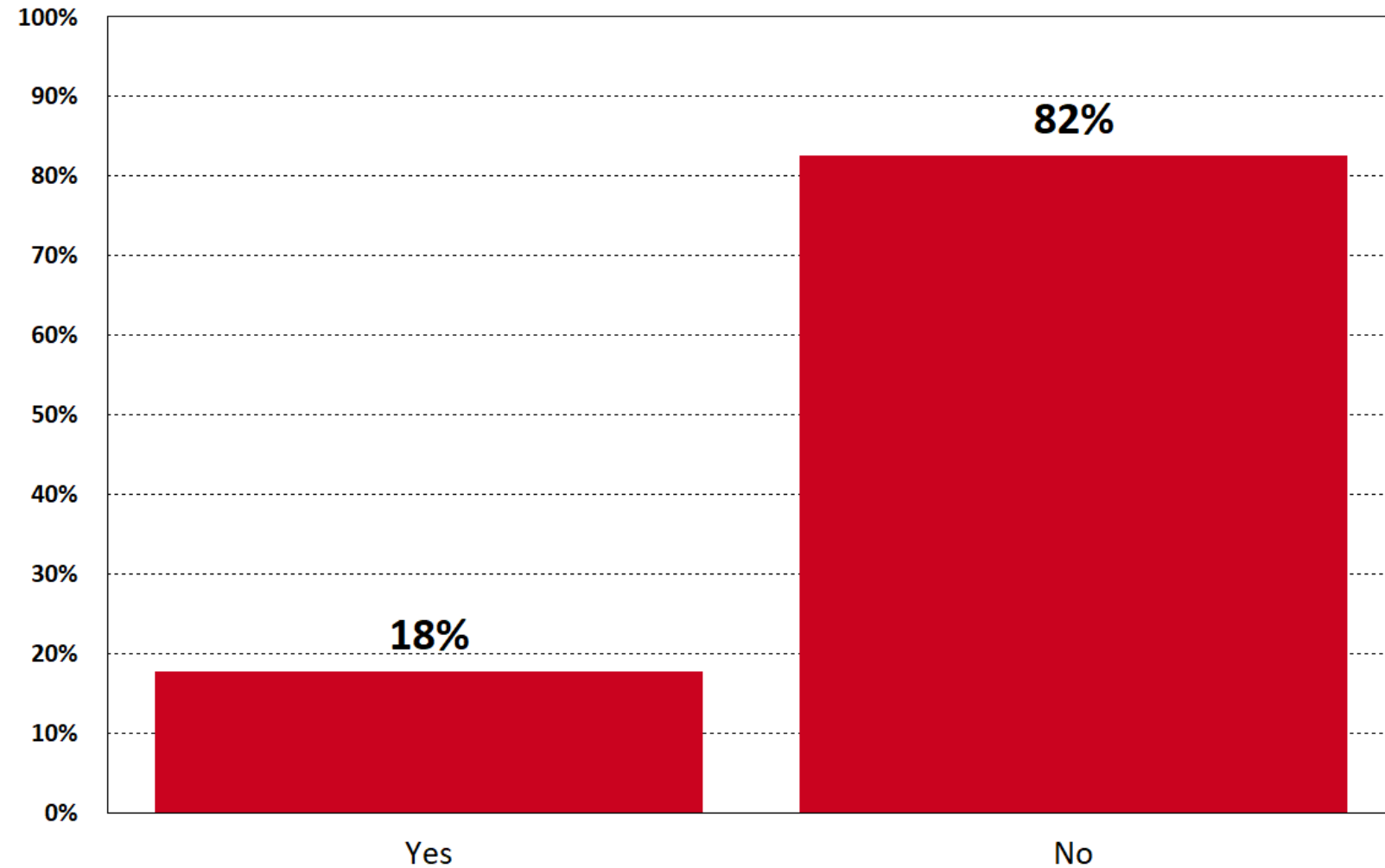


# Communications with Customer Service

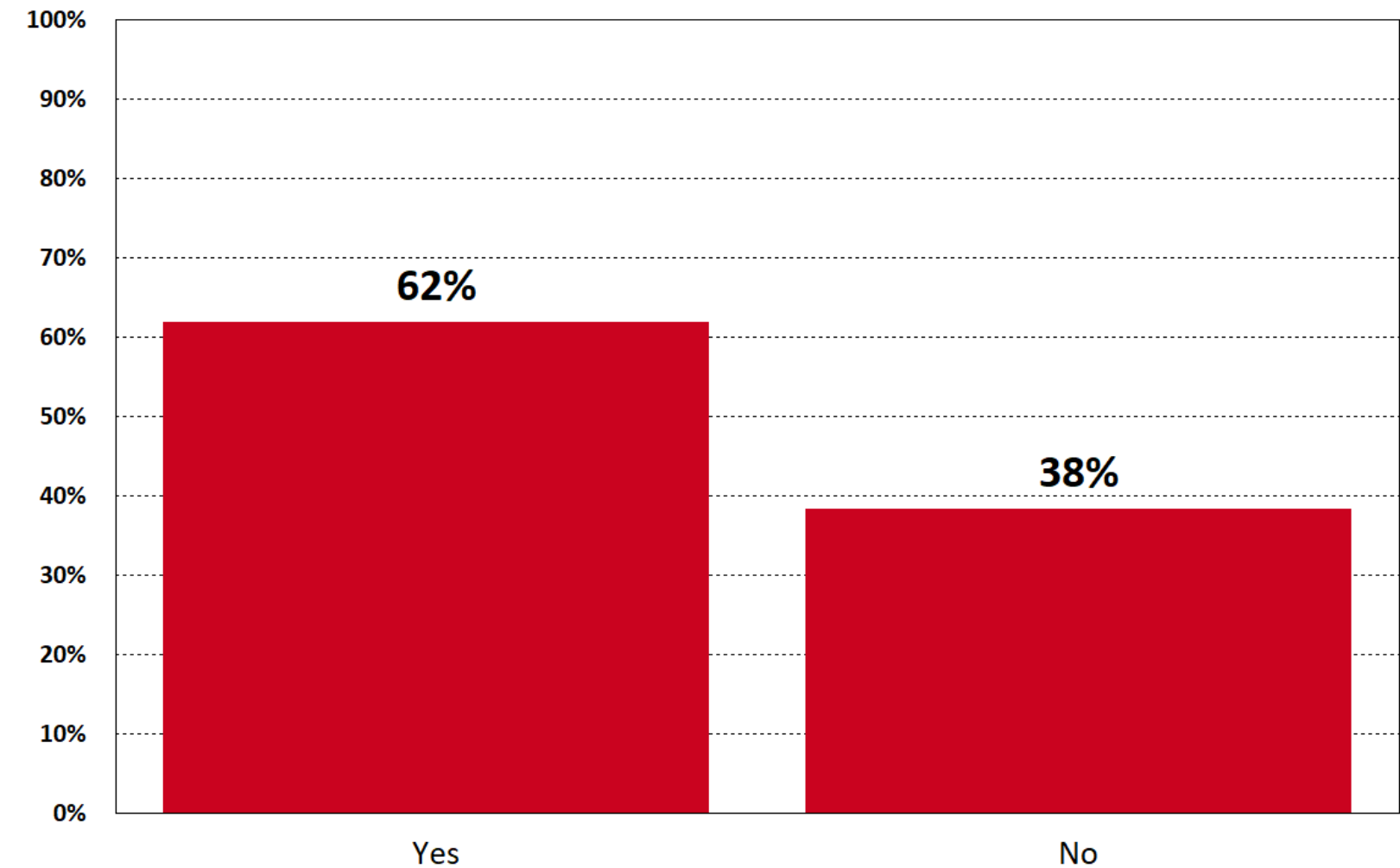


- 18% of FR Customers have contacted RTA in the last 3 months.
- Of the FR Customers who have contacted RTA, 62% have had their issues resolved.

Have you contacted RTA with a question, concern, or complaint in the last 3 months?



Was your issue resolved?



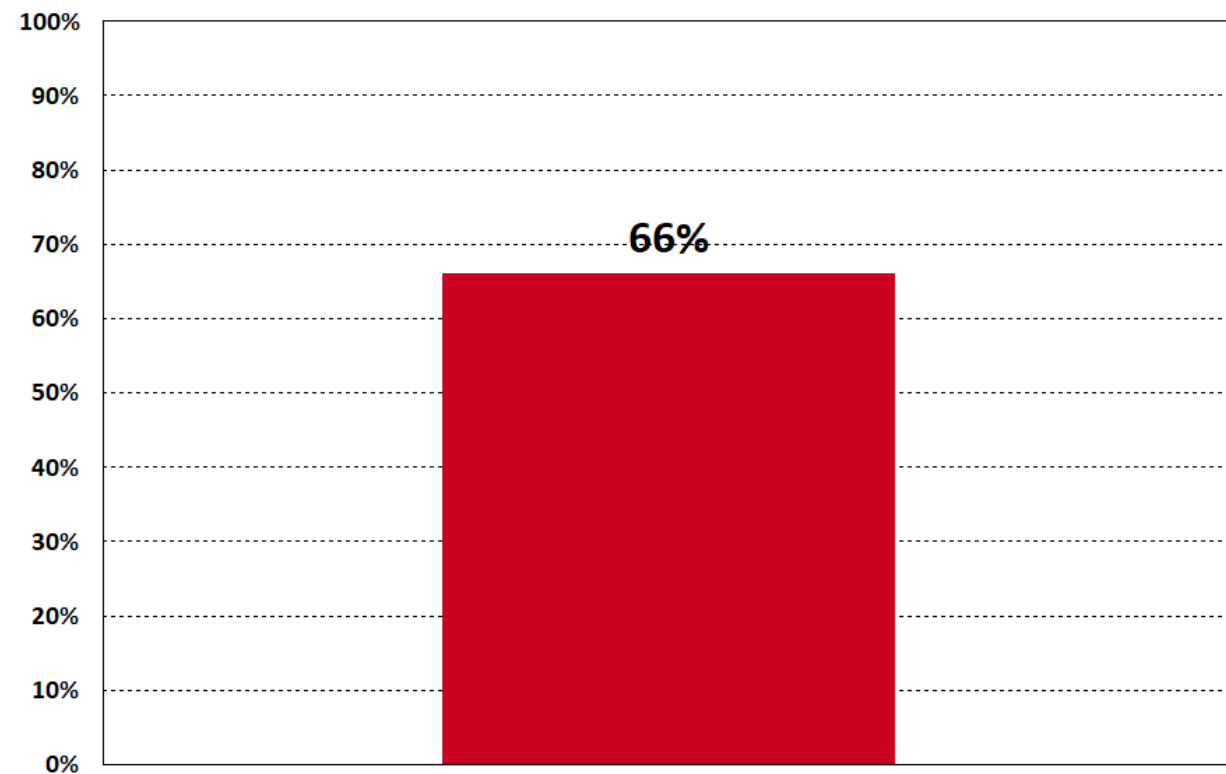


# Overall Communications



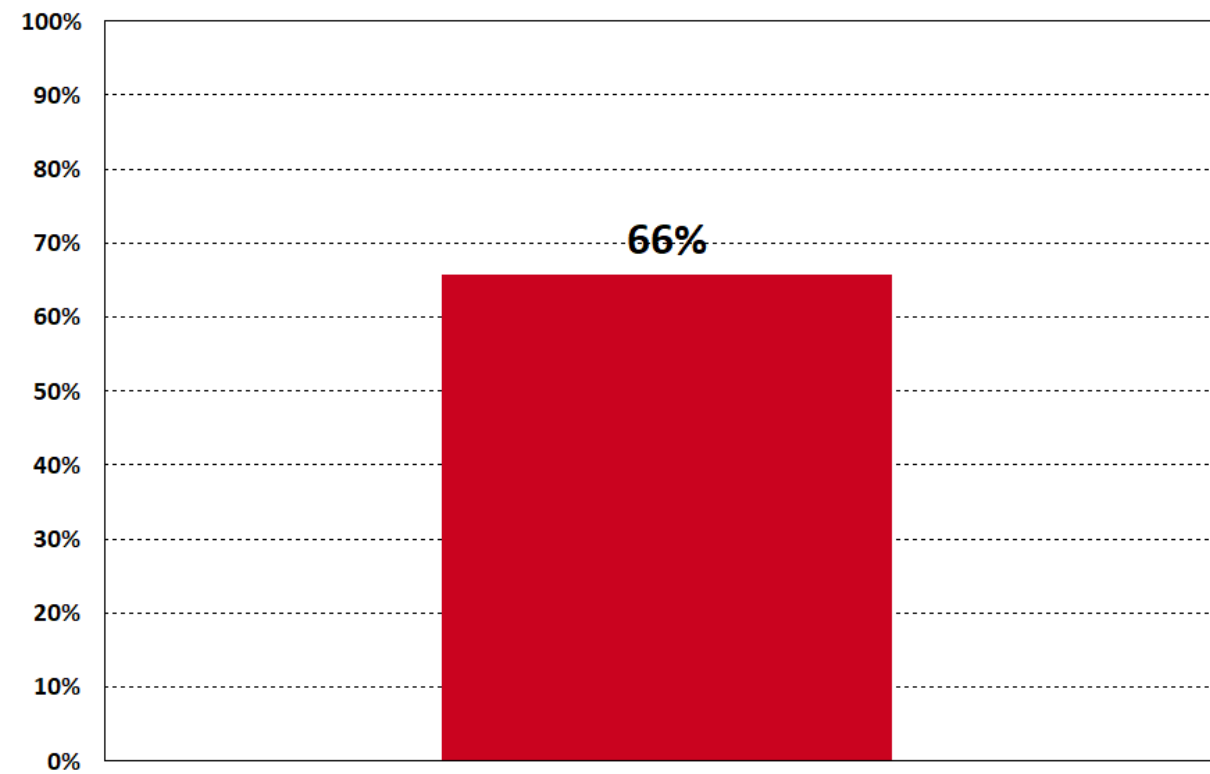
- 58% of FR customers are satisfied with the overall quality of RTA communications material.
- 66% of FR customers agree RTA Customer Service calls are answered promptly, and 66% agree that customer service representatives are helpful and courteous.

### Customer Service Courtesy



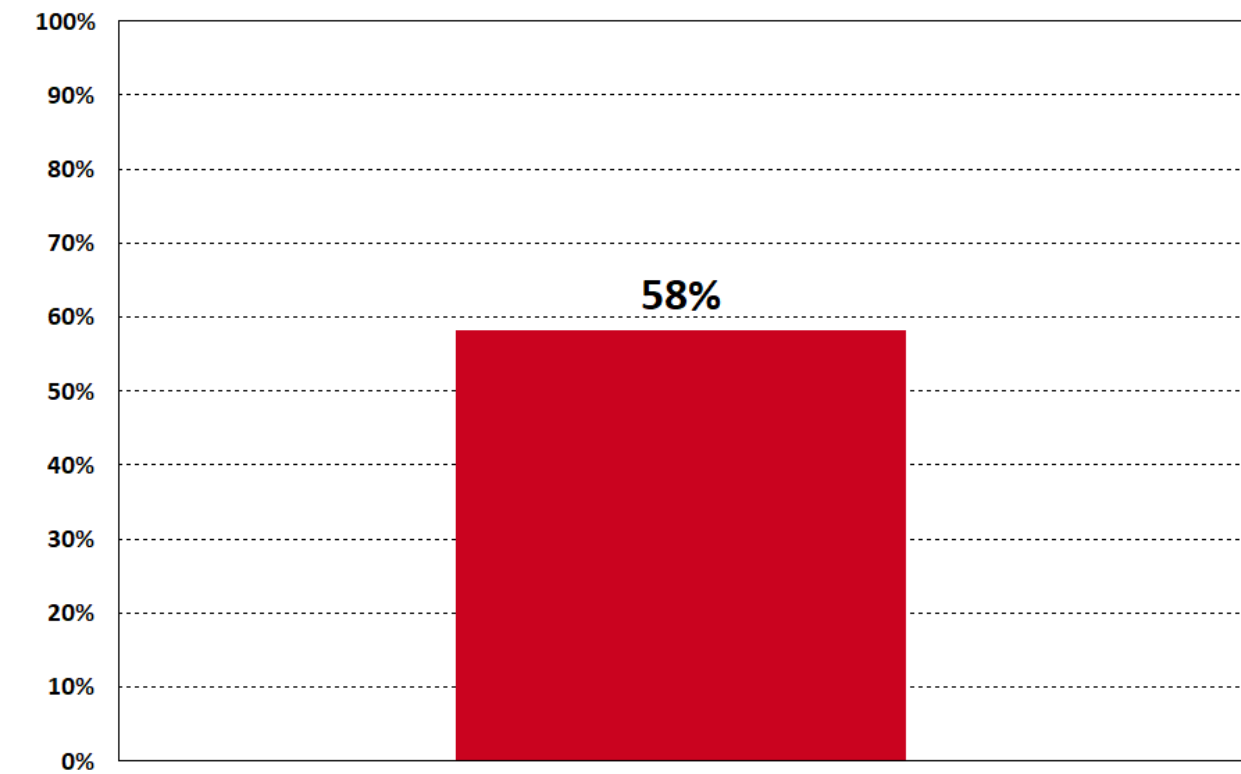
Customer Service Representatives are helpful & courteous

### Contacting Customer Service



When contacting RTA Customer Service by phone, my calls are answered promptly

### Overall Communications Material



How satisfied are you with the overall quality of RTA communications material?

# Bus Rapid Transit

(BRT)

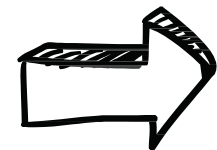




# BRT Results Overview

**49%** of BRT customers are satisfied with BRT service. **61%** of customers think Customer Service Representatives are helpful and courteous.

## Customers are MOST satisfied with...



BRT routes are conveniently located (72%)



Bus operators operating the vehicles safely (72%)

## Customers are LEAST satisfied with...



Cleanliness of buses (49%)



Safety waiting for the bus (60%)

## Top Most Important Elements of BRT Service to Customers...

1. On-time performance
2. Bus cleanliness
3. Safety while riding
4. Bus route location



# Customer Characteristics

*Bus Rapid Transit*

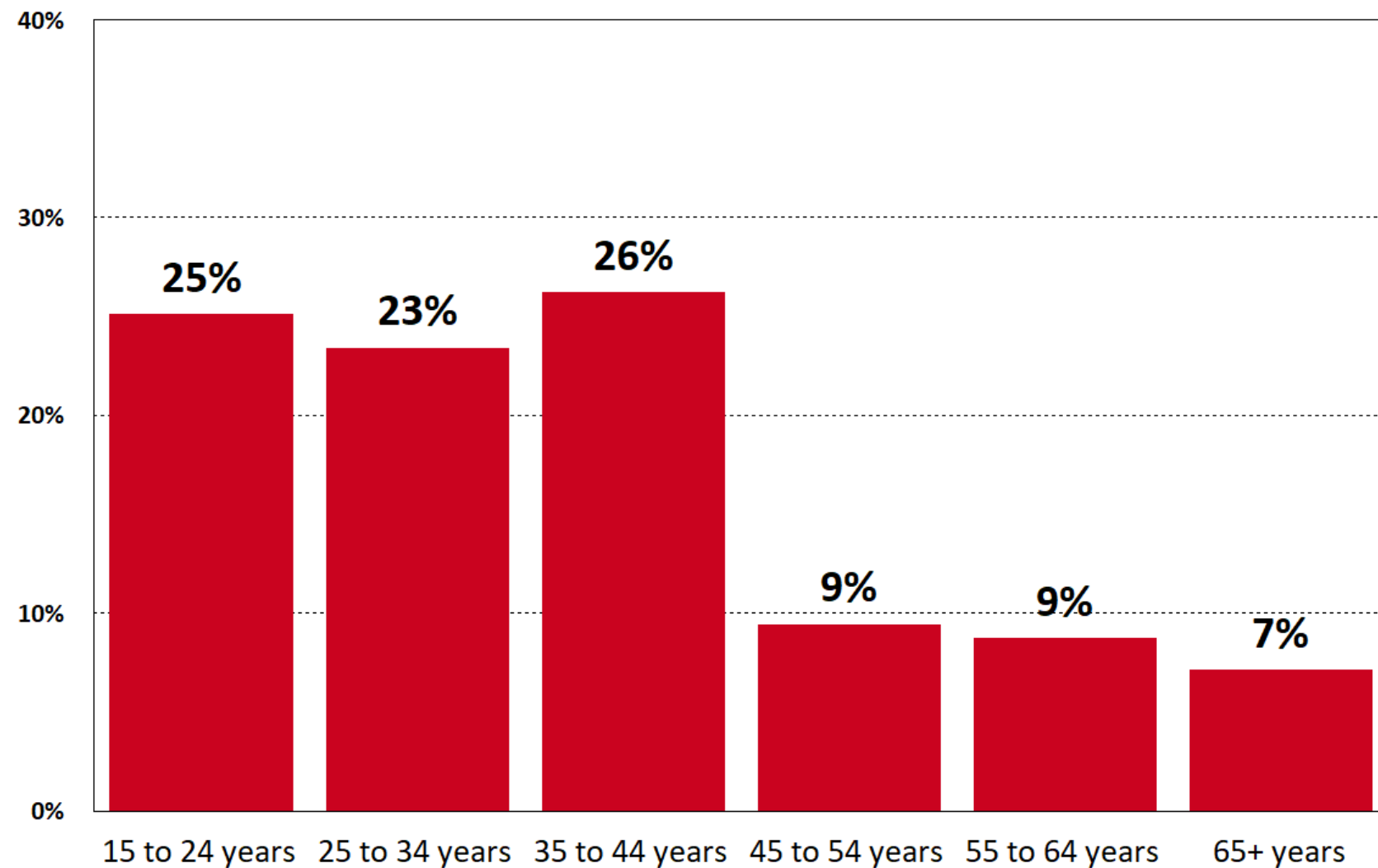


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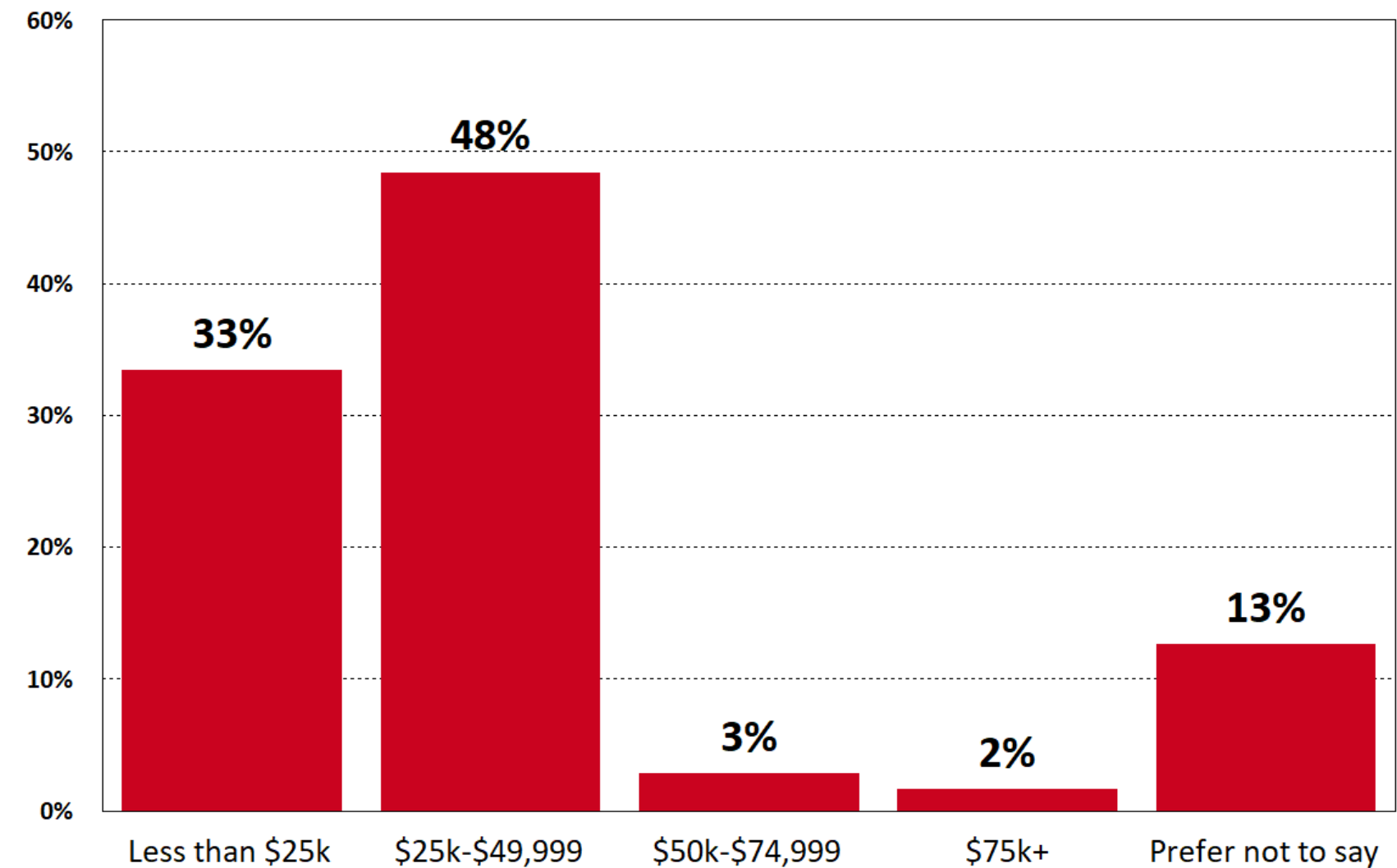


- The typical age of a BRT rider is between 35 to 44 years (26%) with a total household income between \$25k-\$49,999 (48%).

What is your age?



What category best describes your total annual household income?



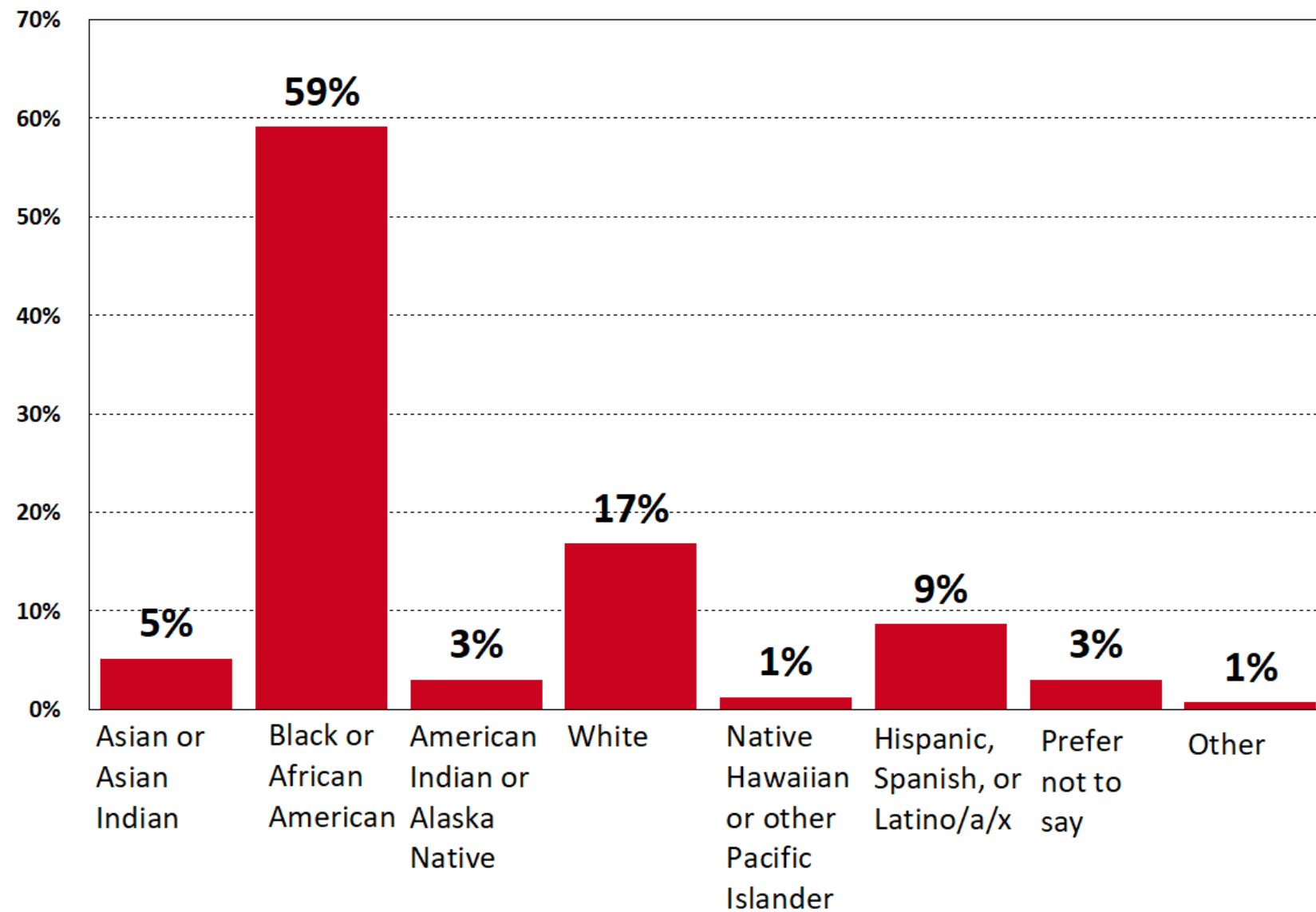


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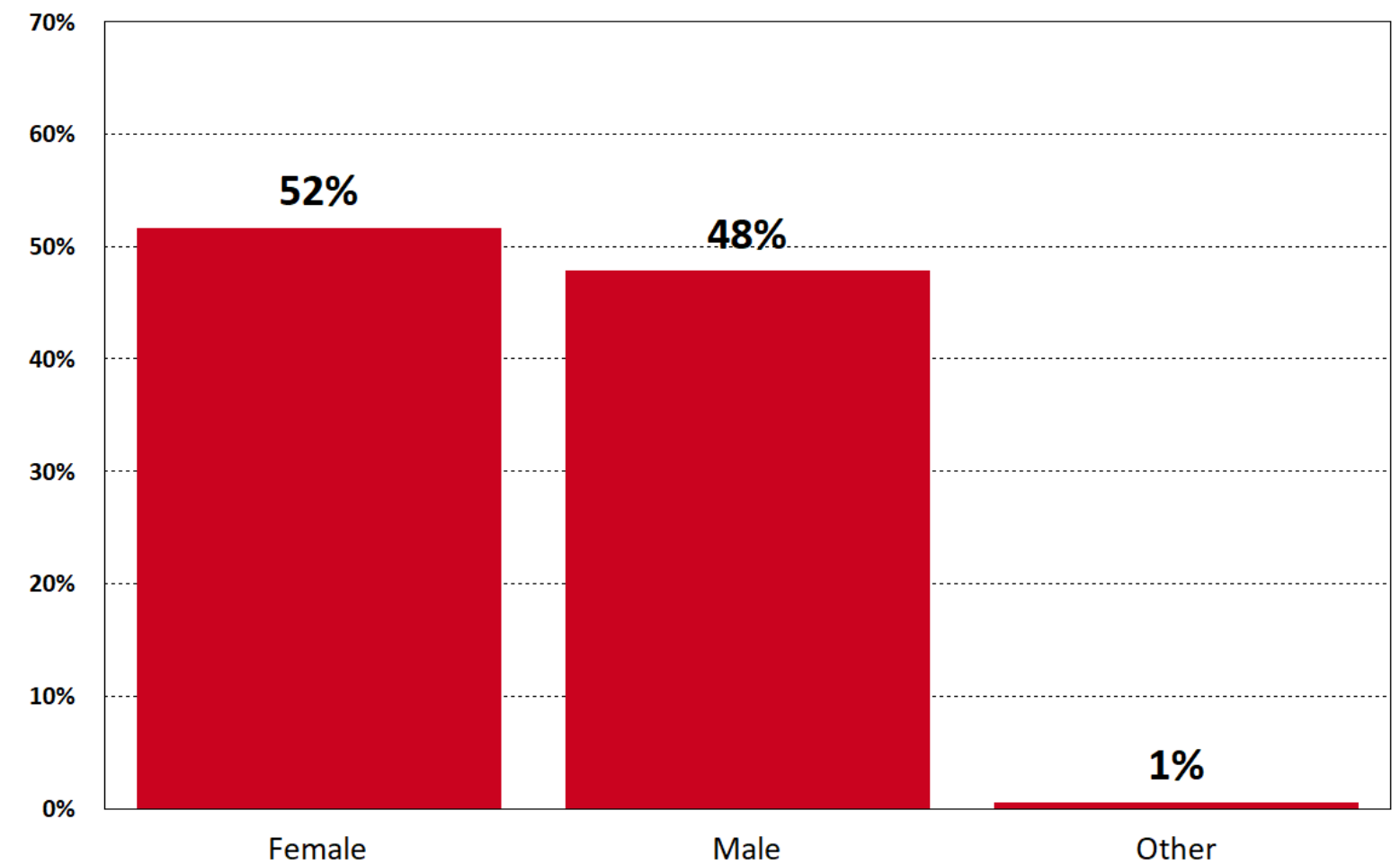


- The typical BRT customer is a Black/African American (59%) female (52%).

What is your race/ethnicity?



What is your gender?



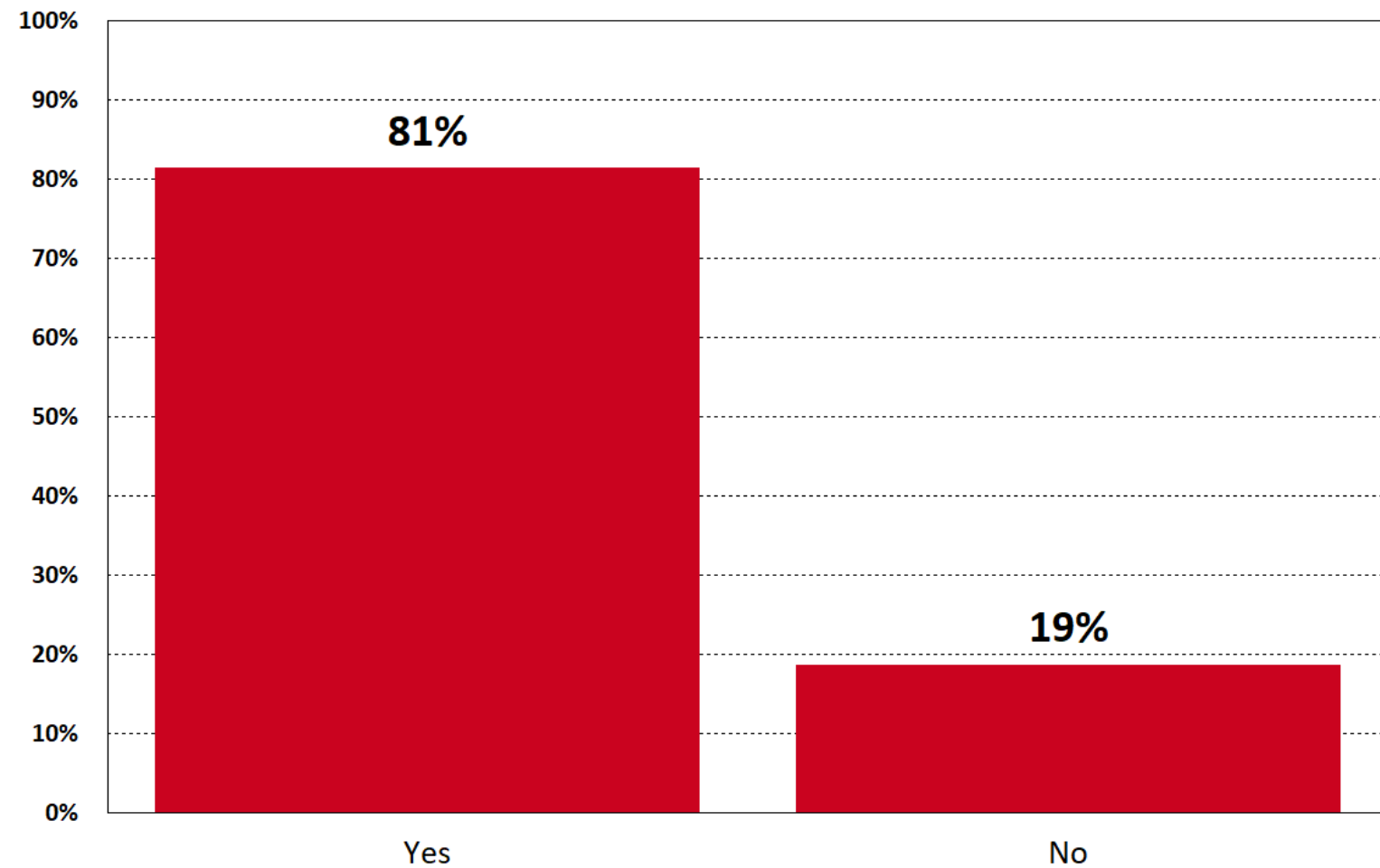


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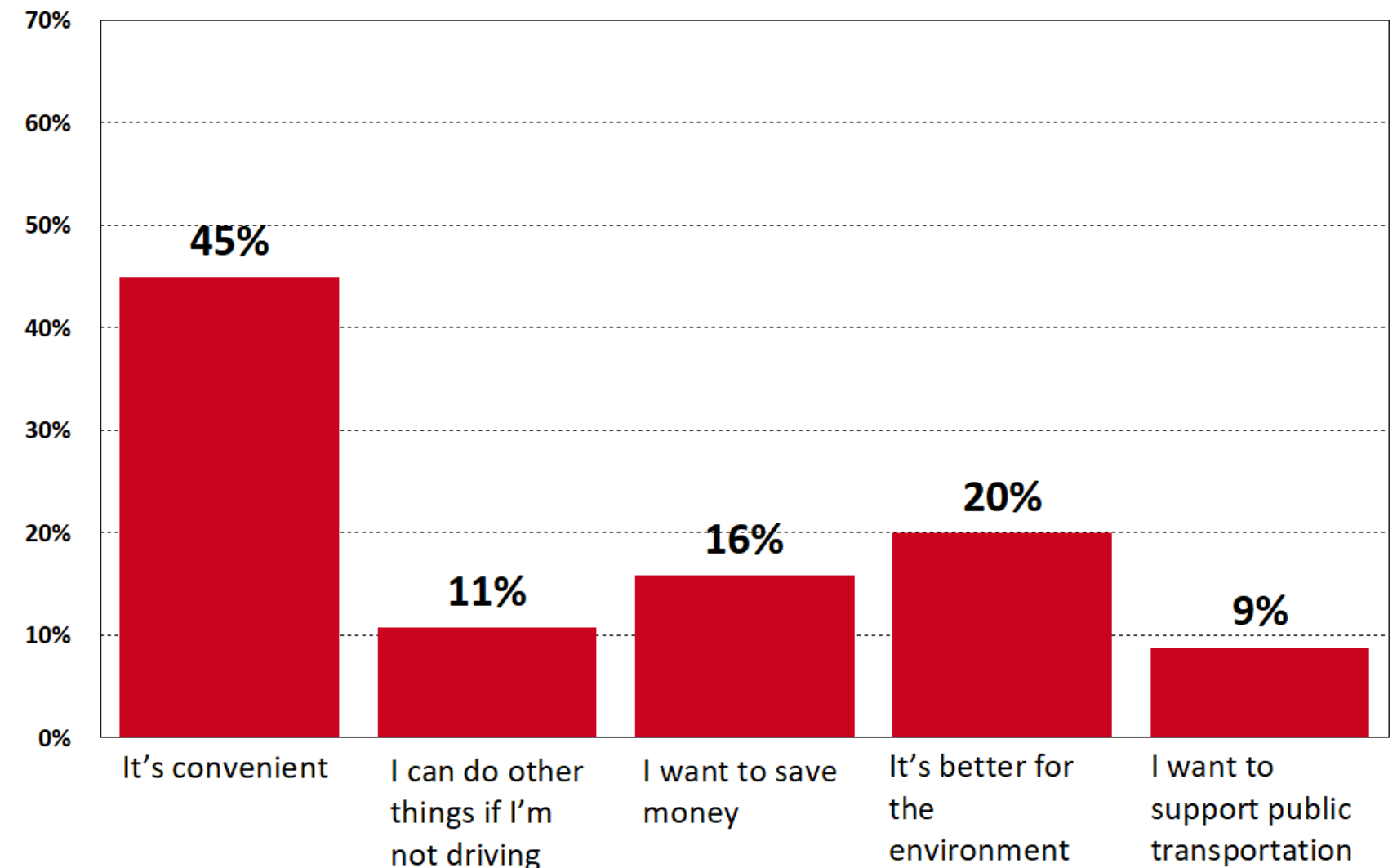


- 81% of BRT Customers are dependent on RTA buses for travel.
- Of the 19% of BRT Customers who have other transportation options, "It's convenient" (45%) is the primary reason for choosing to use RTA bus services.

Are you dependent on using RTA buses to travel to/from your destination?



If you do have other options, what is the #1 reason you choose public transportation?



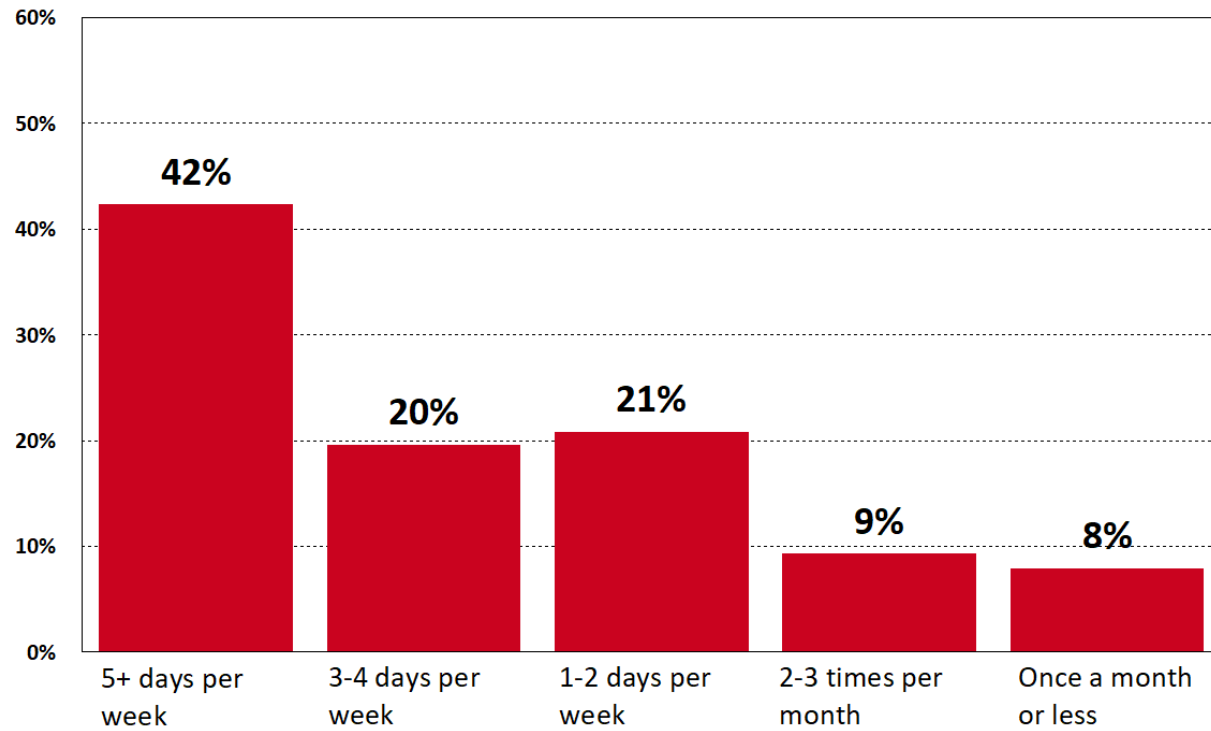


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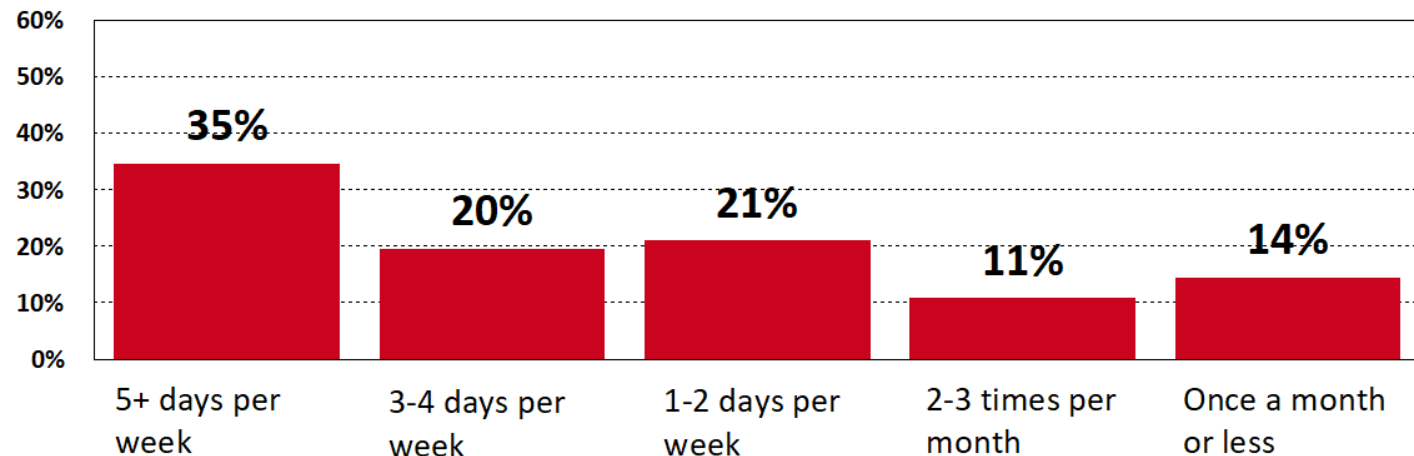


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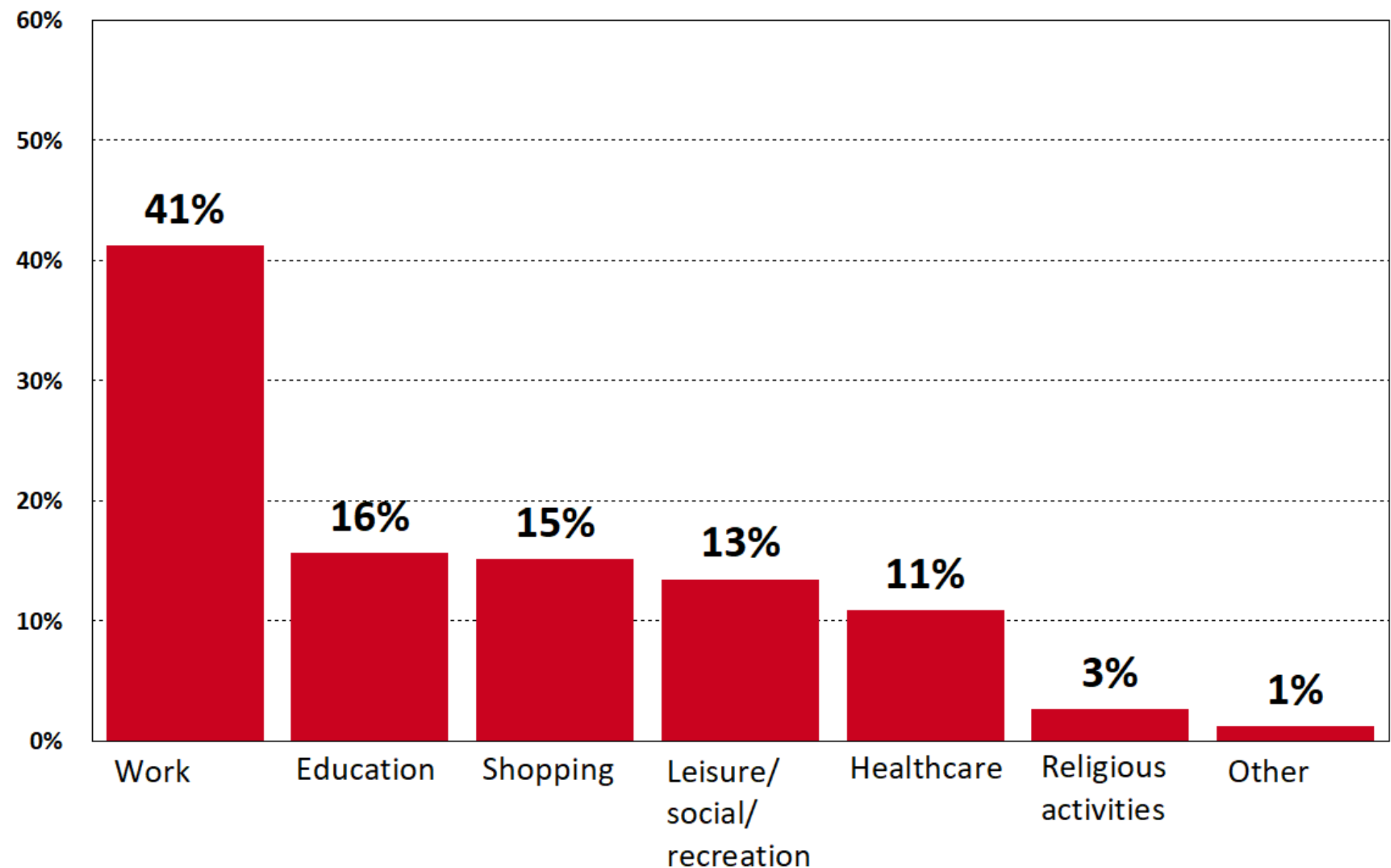
How often do you ride the bus?



How often do you ride other RTA services such as the HealthLine, Red/Blue/Green Lines, or Paratransit?



Why are you taking this trip?

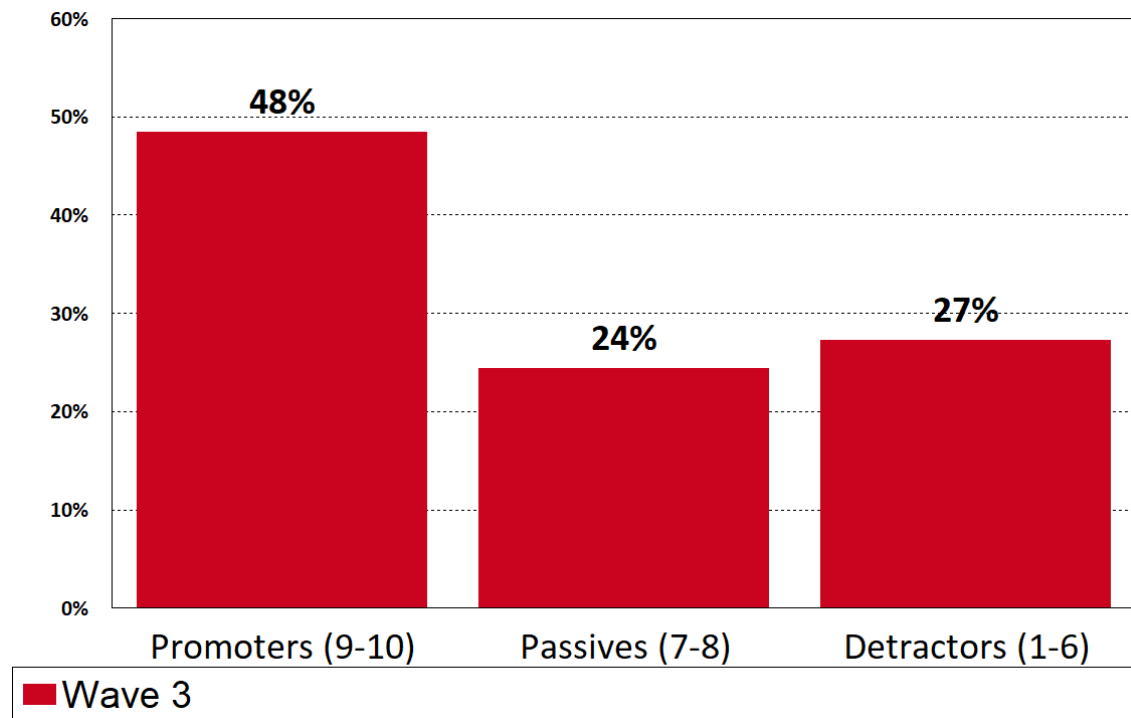




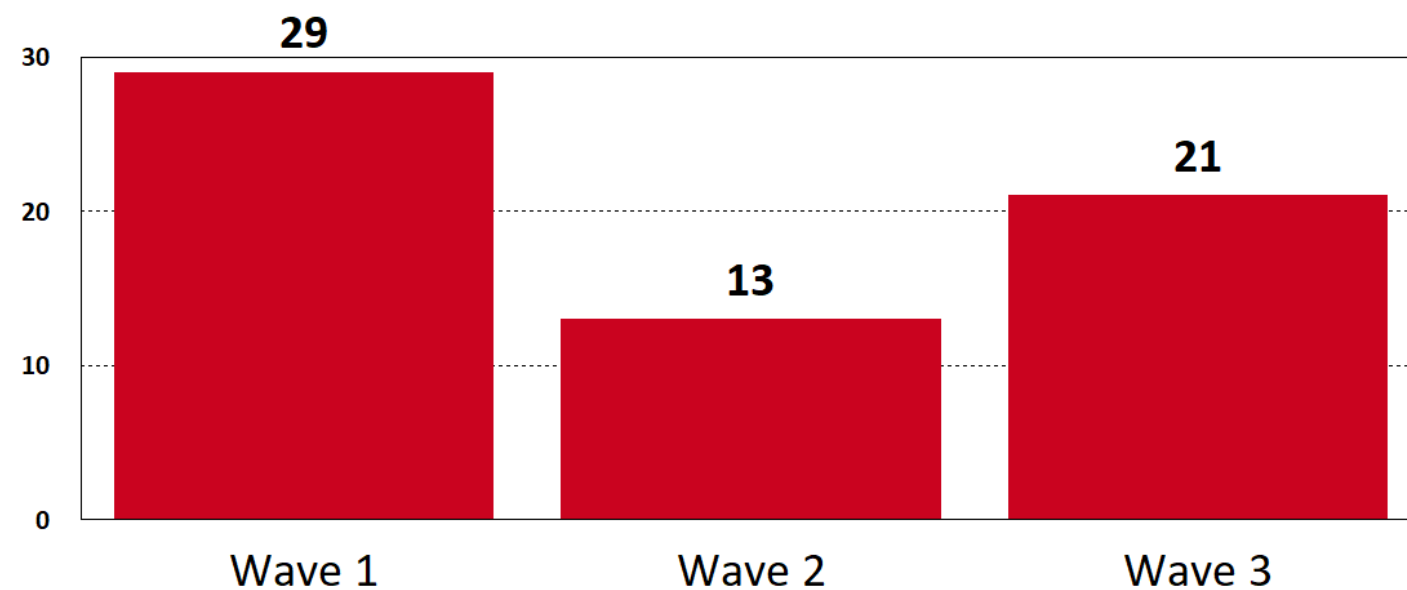
# Net Promoter Score (NPS)

## Bus Rapid Transit

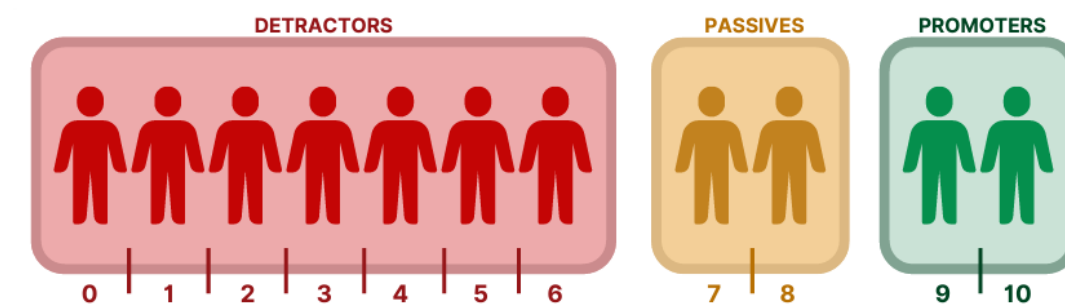
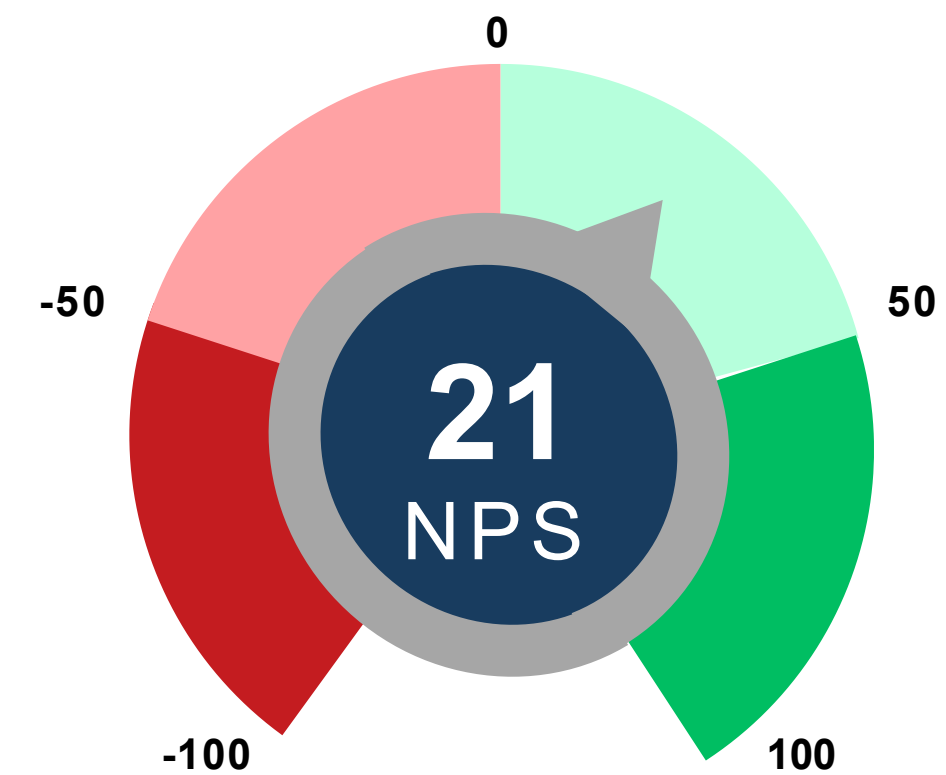
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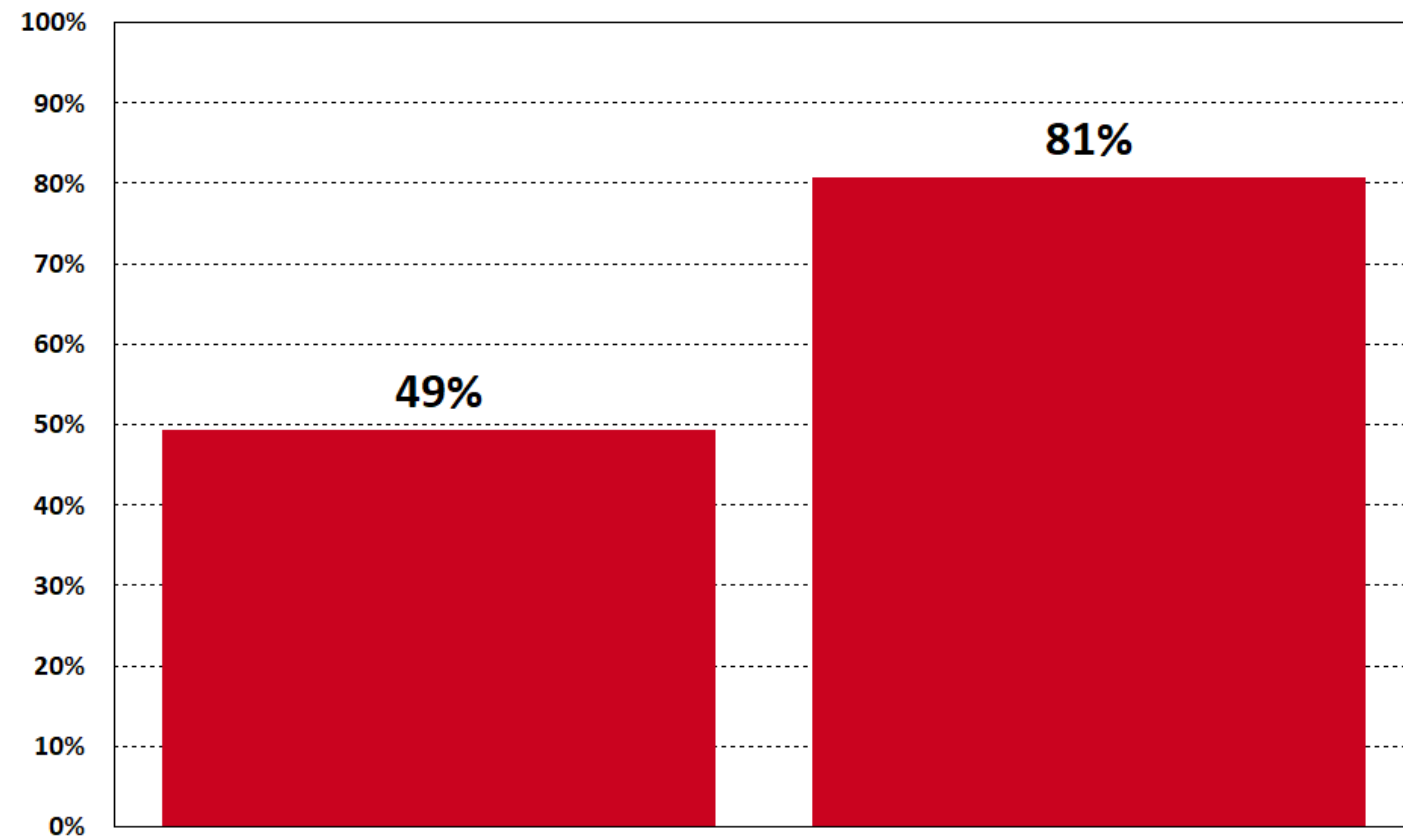


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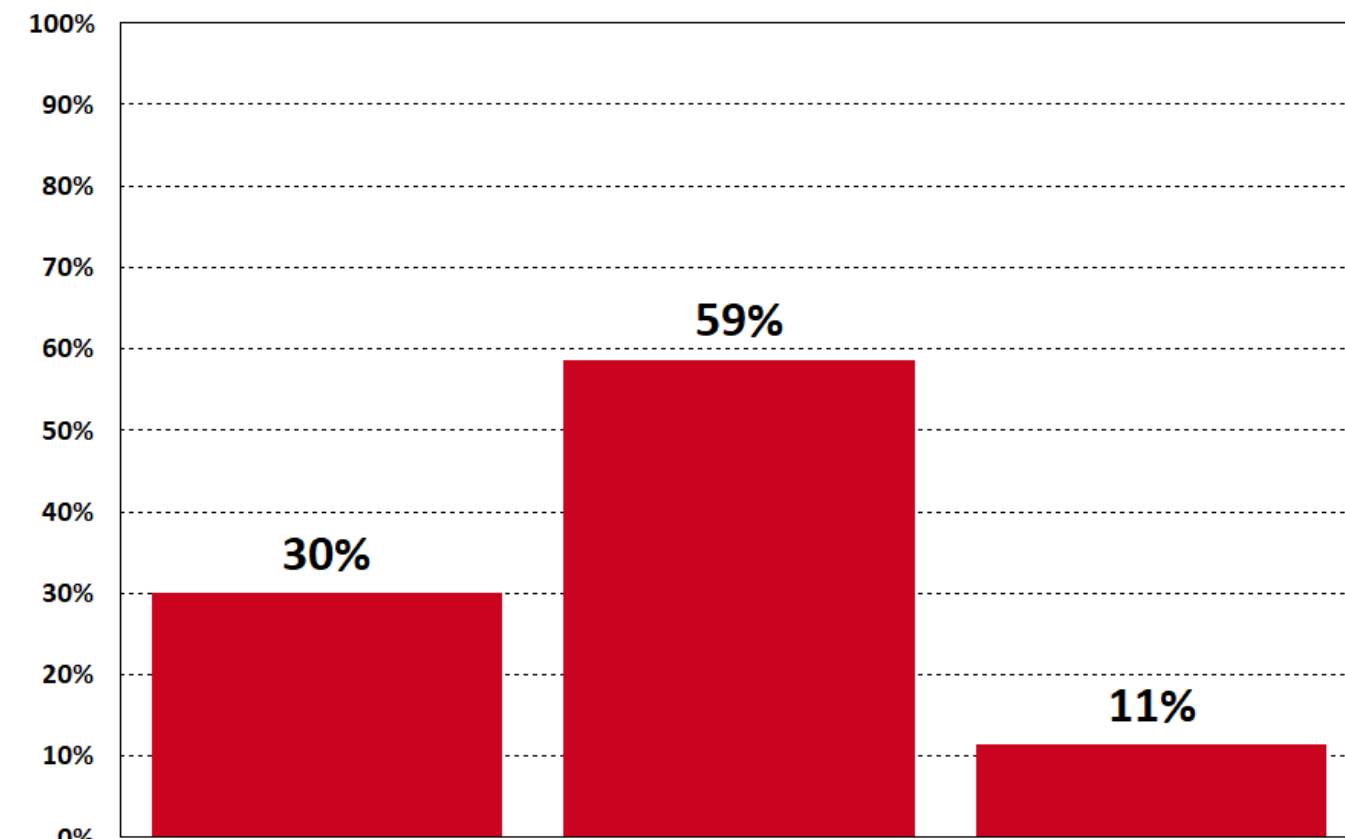
Community Value



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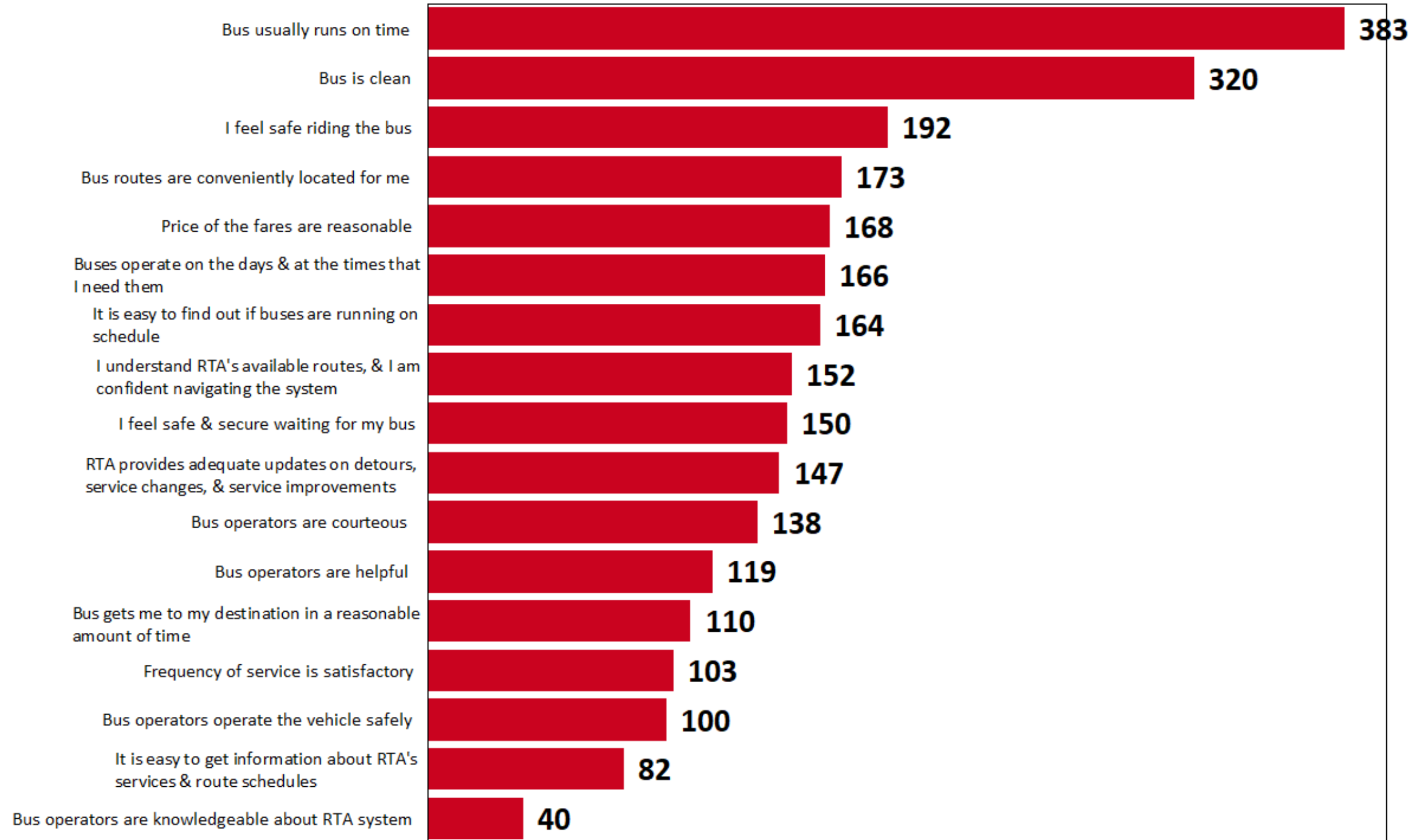
# Customer Importance Factors

*Bus Rapid Transit*



# Top Customer Importance Factors

- The top three importance factors to BRT customers are buses running on time (383), cleanliness (320), and feeling of safety while riding (192).

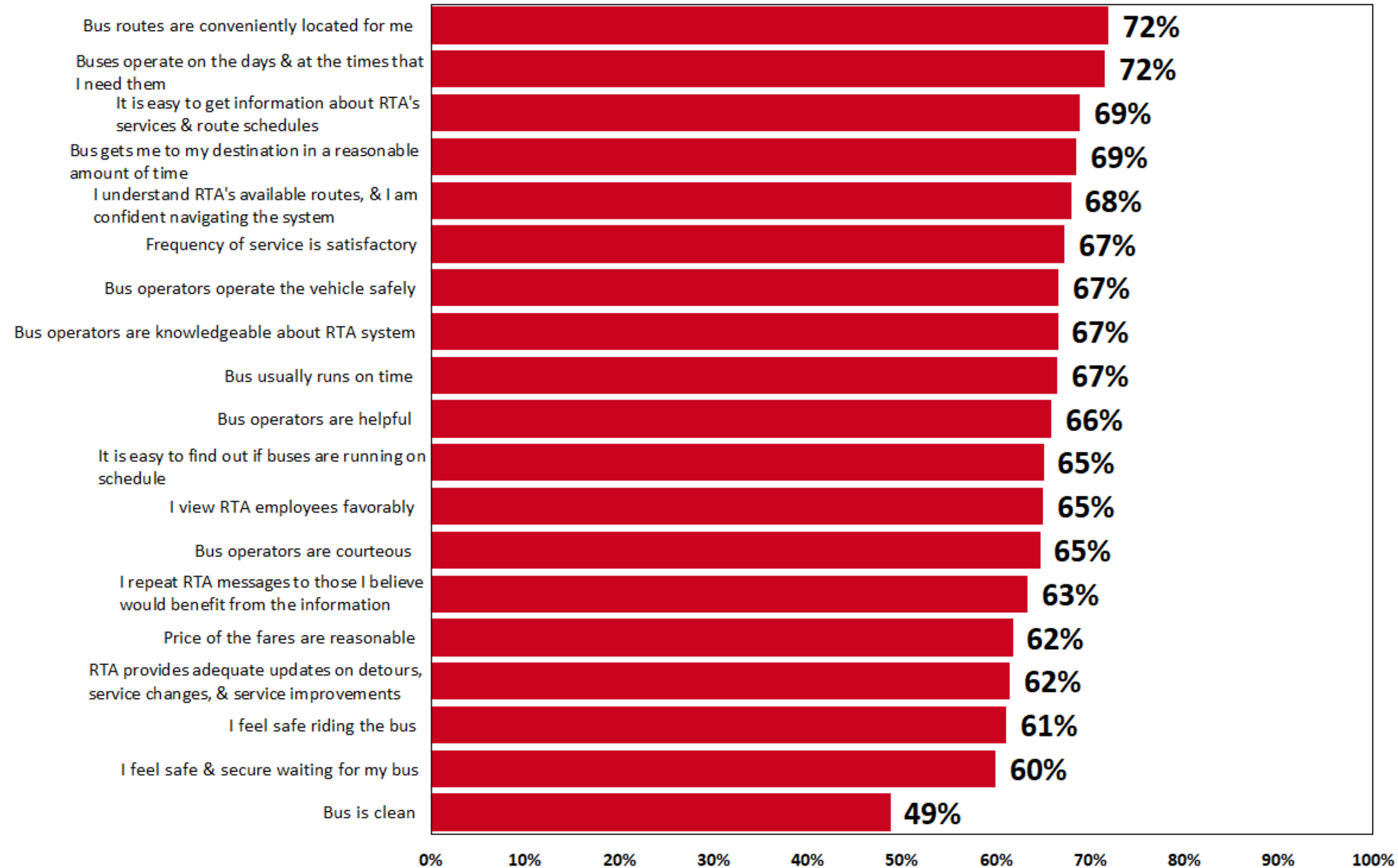




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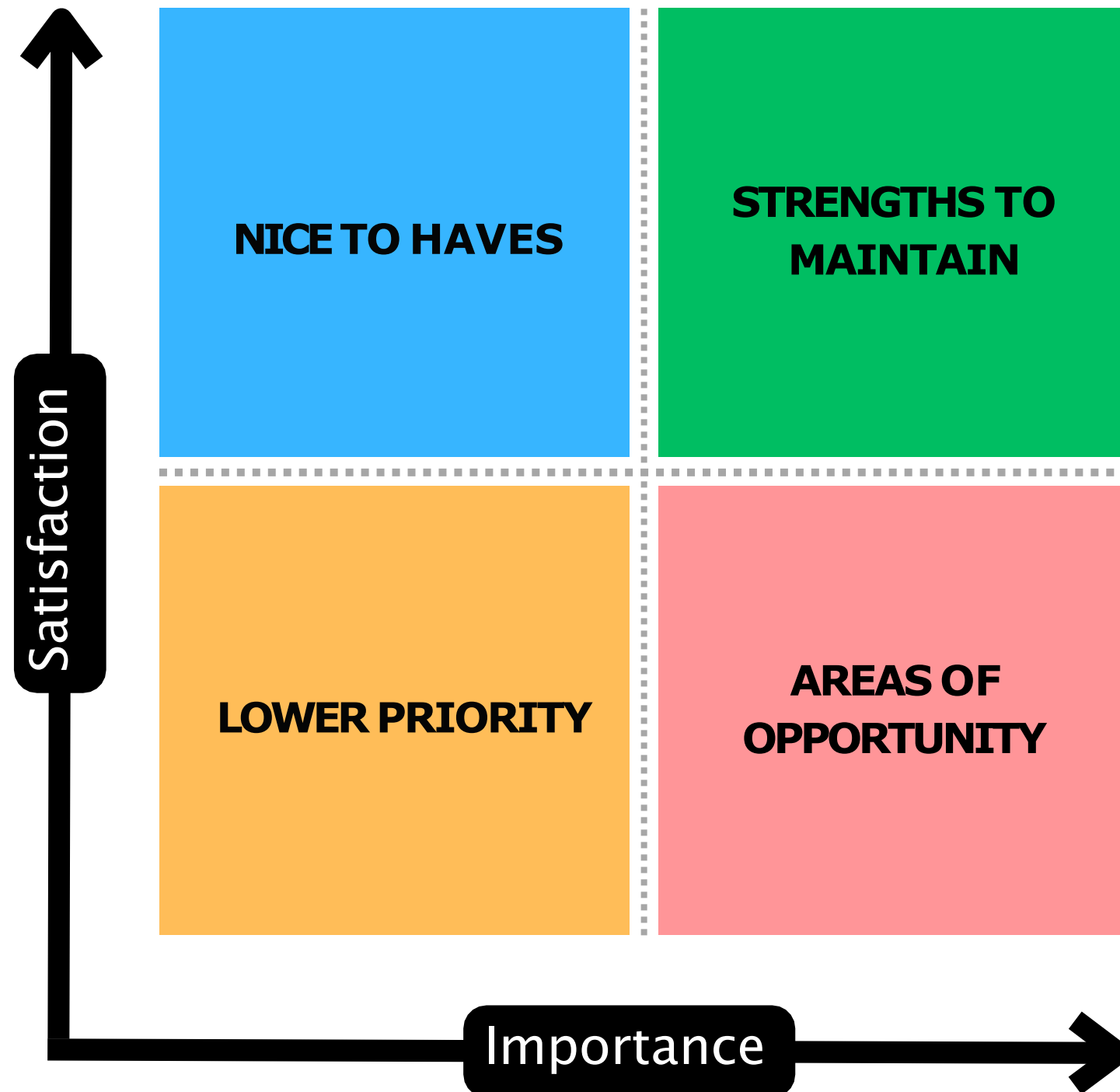
## BRT



# Key Driver Analysis

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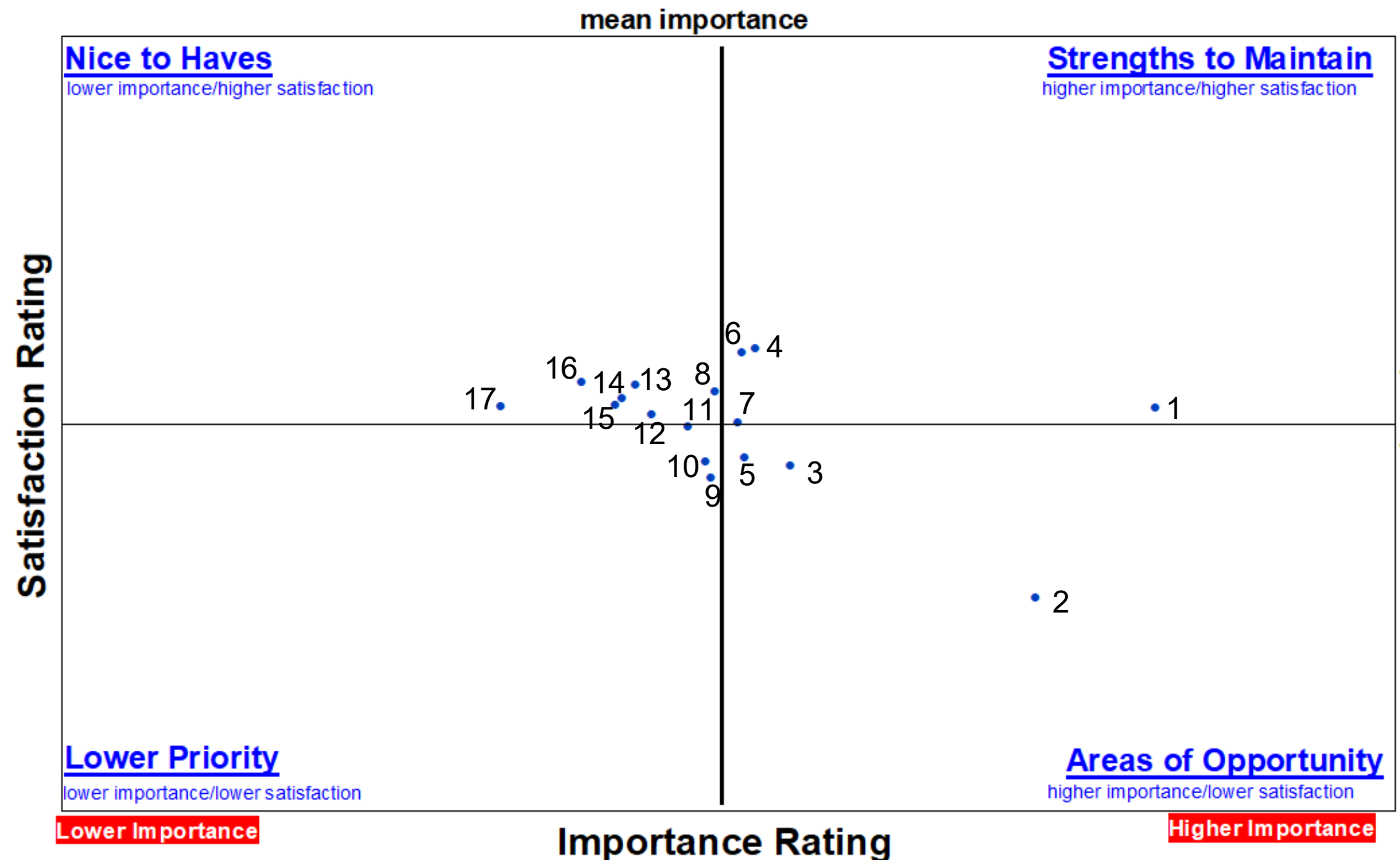
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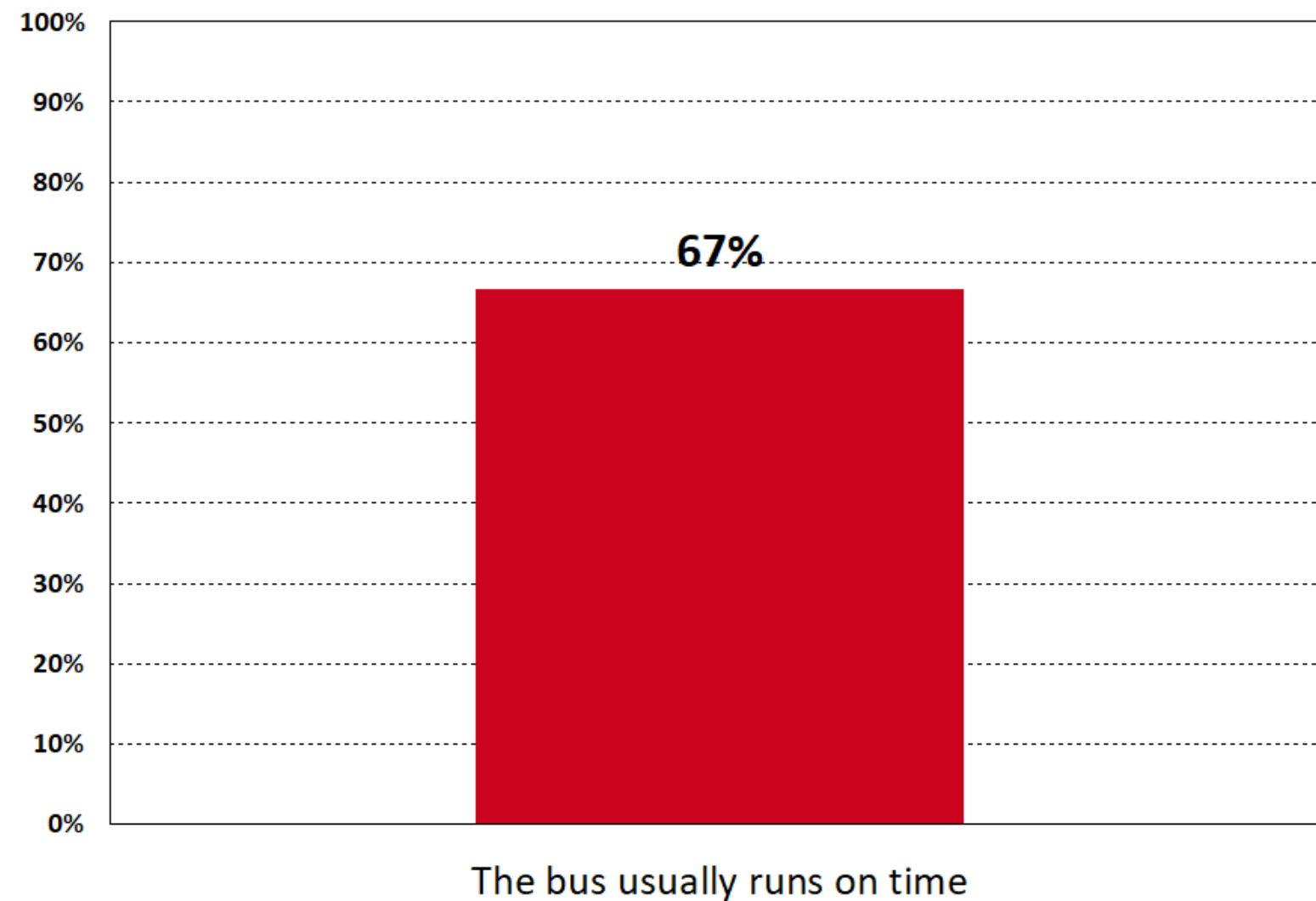


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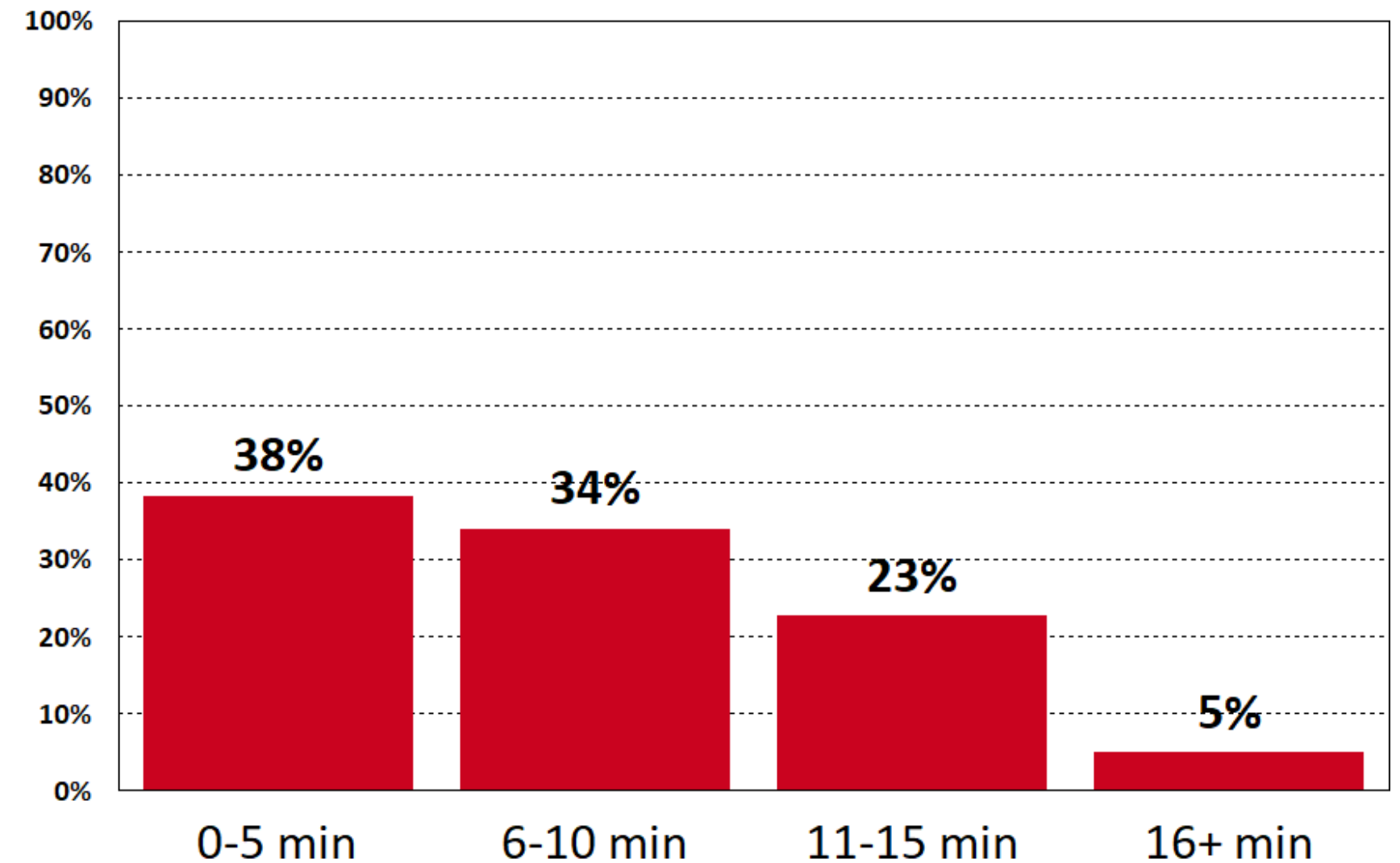


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On-Time Performance



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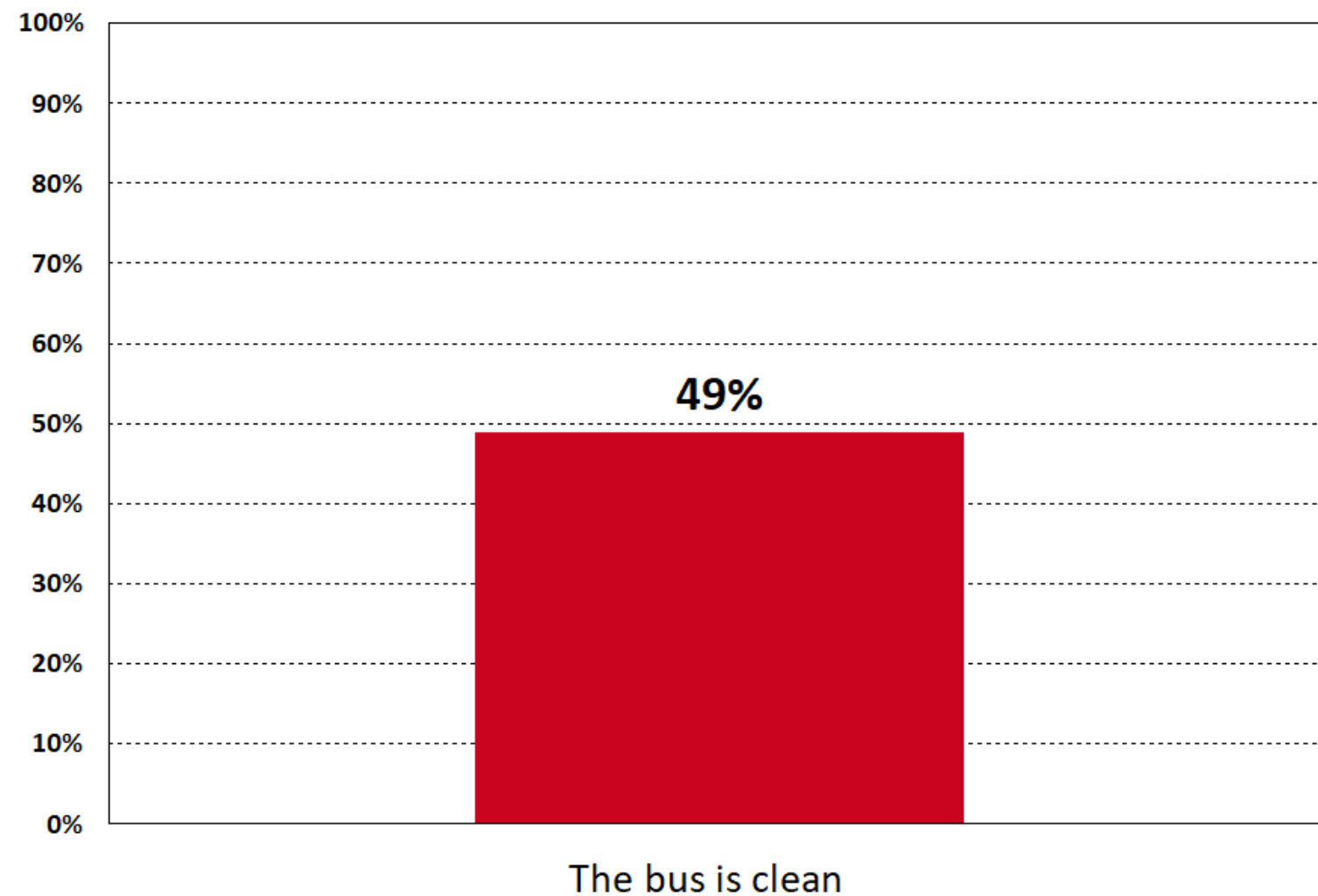


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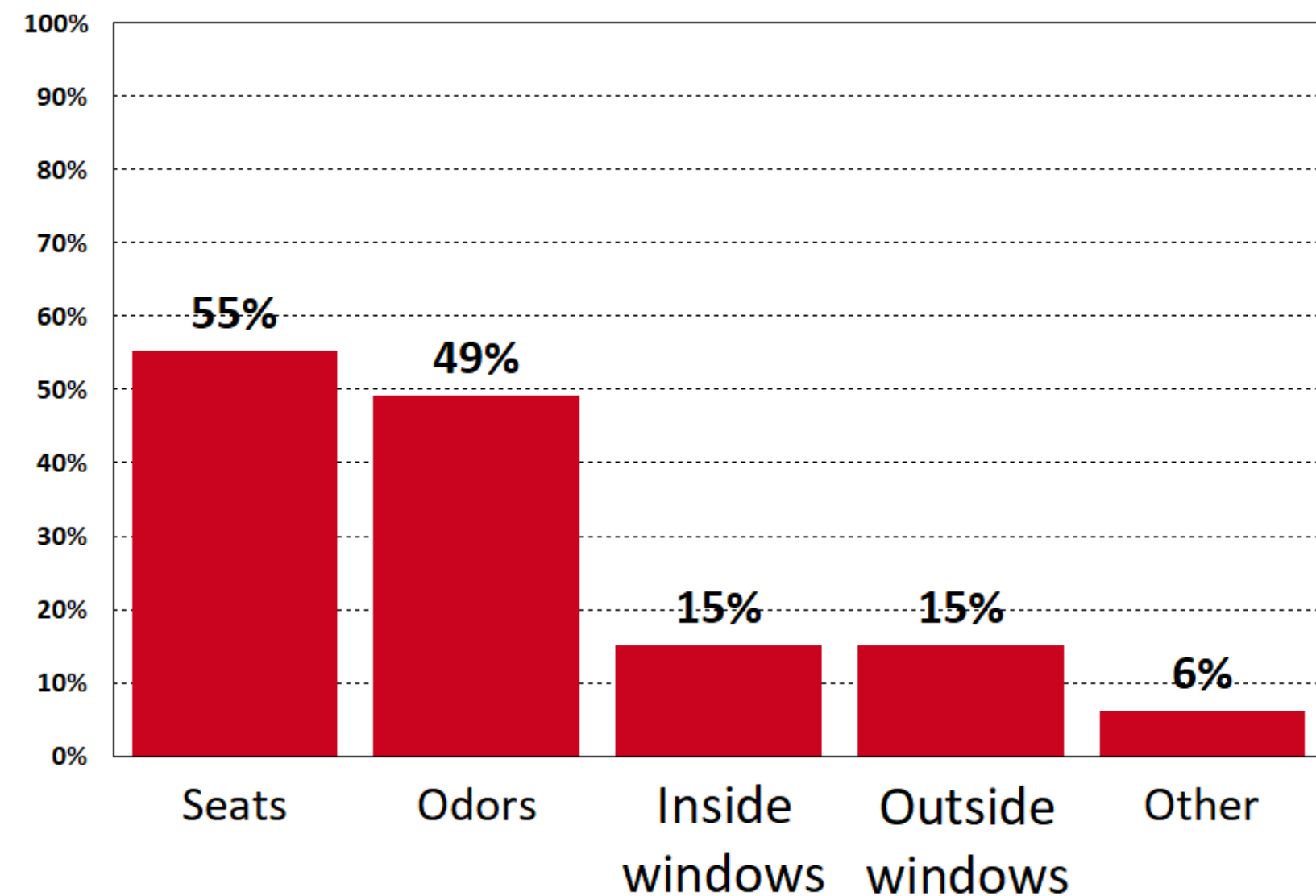


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Cleanliness of Buses



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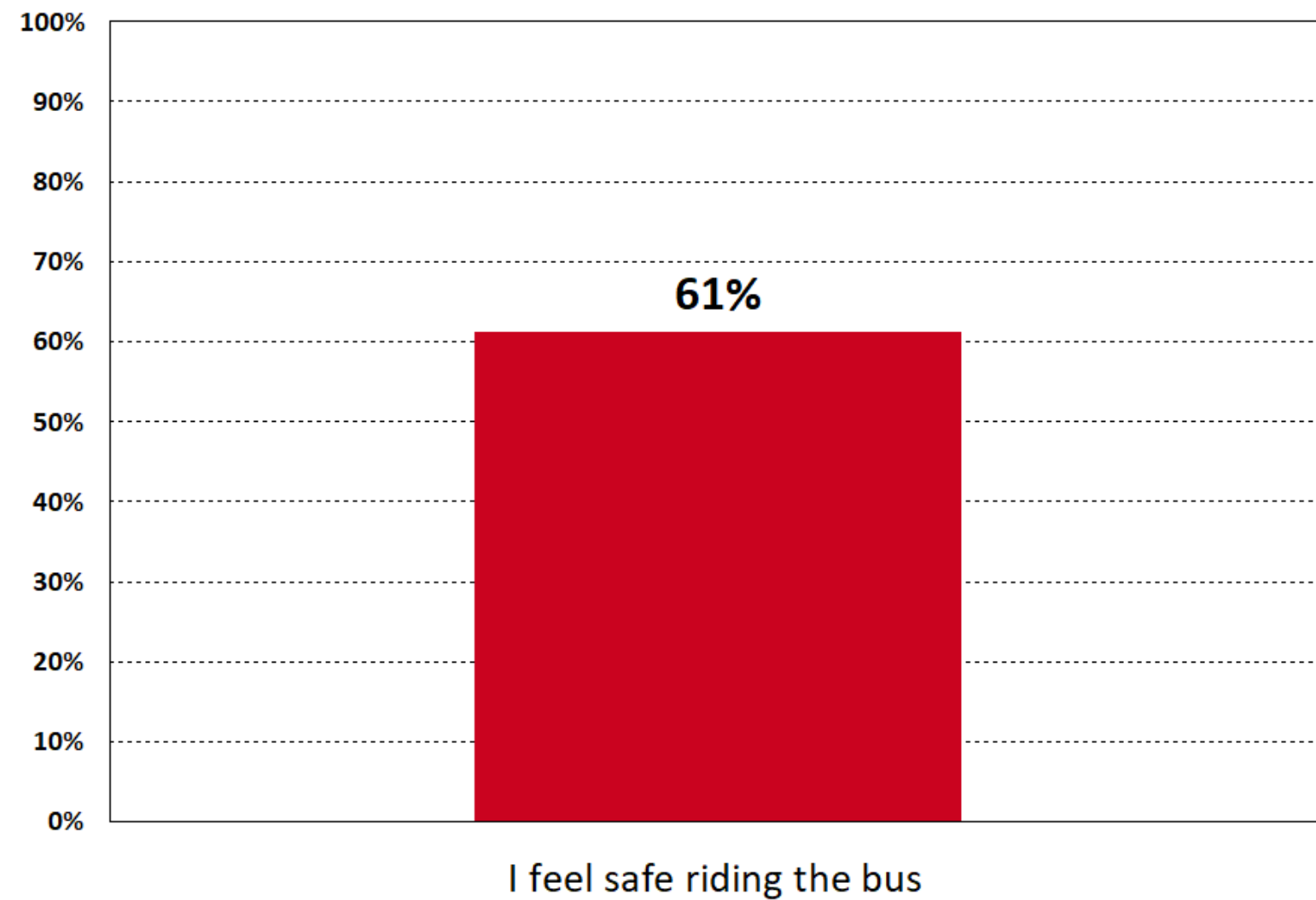


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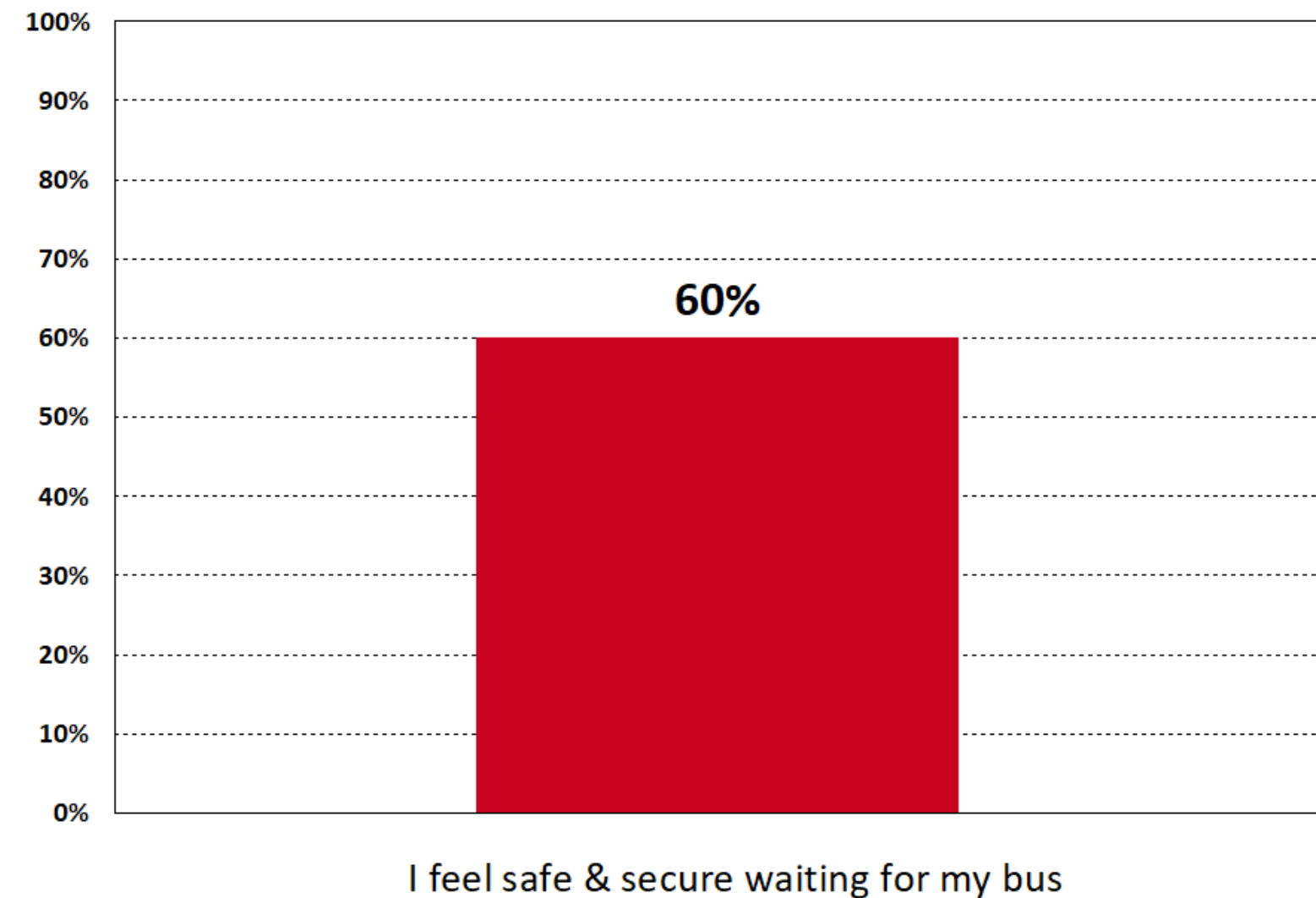


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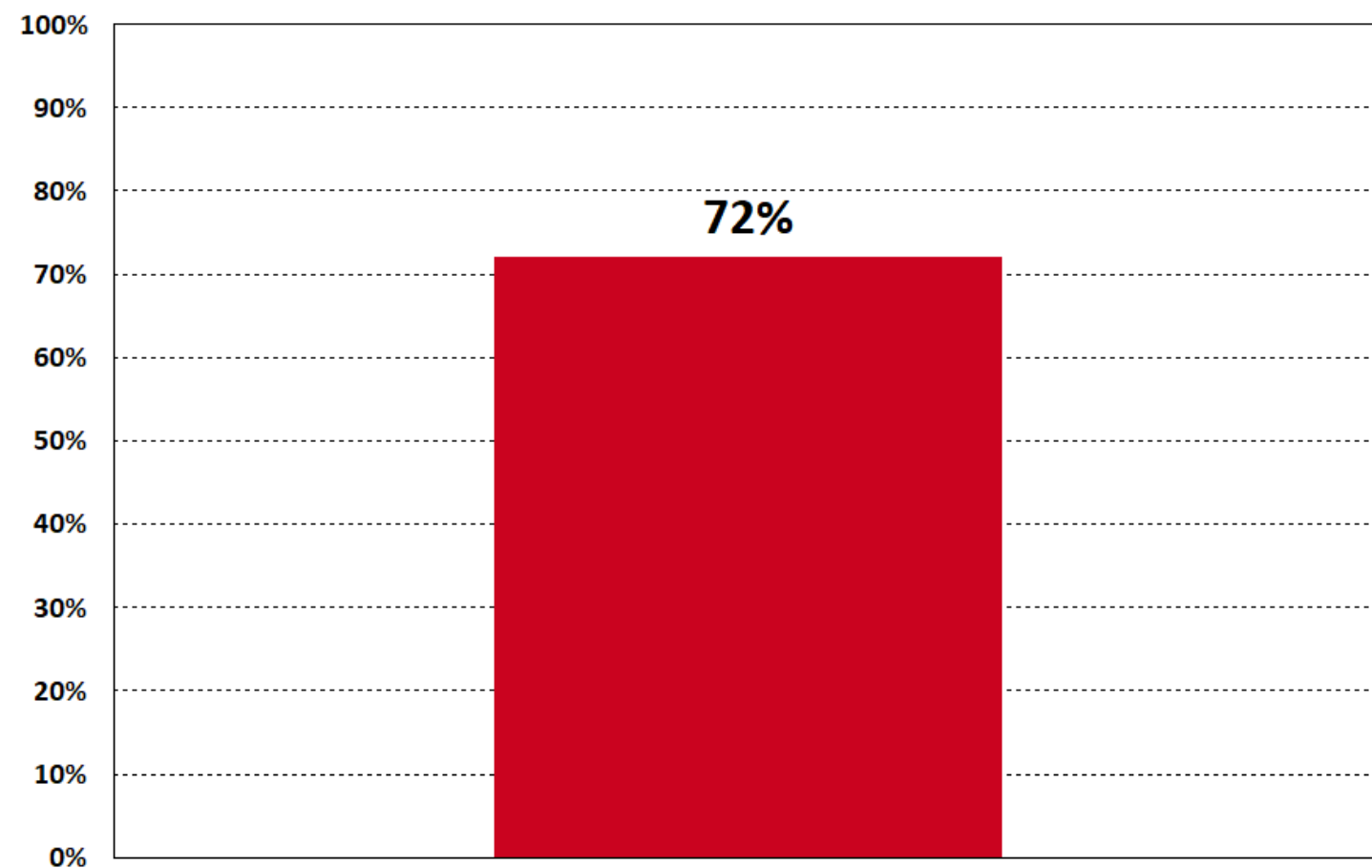


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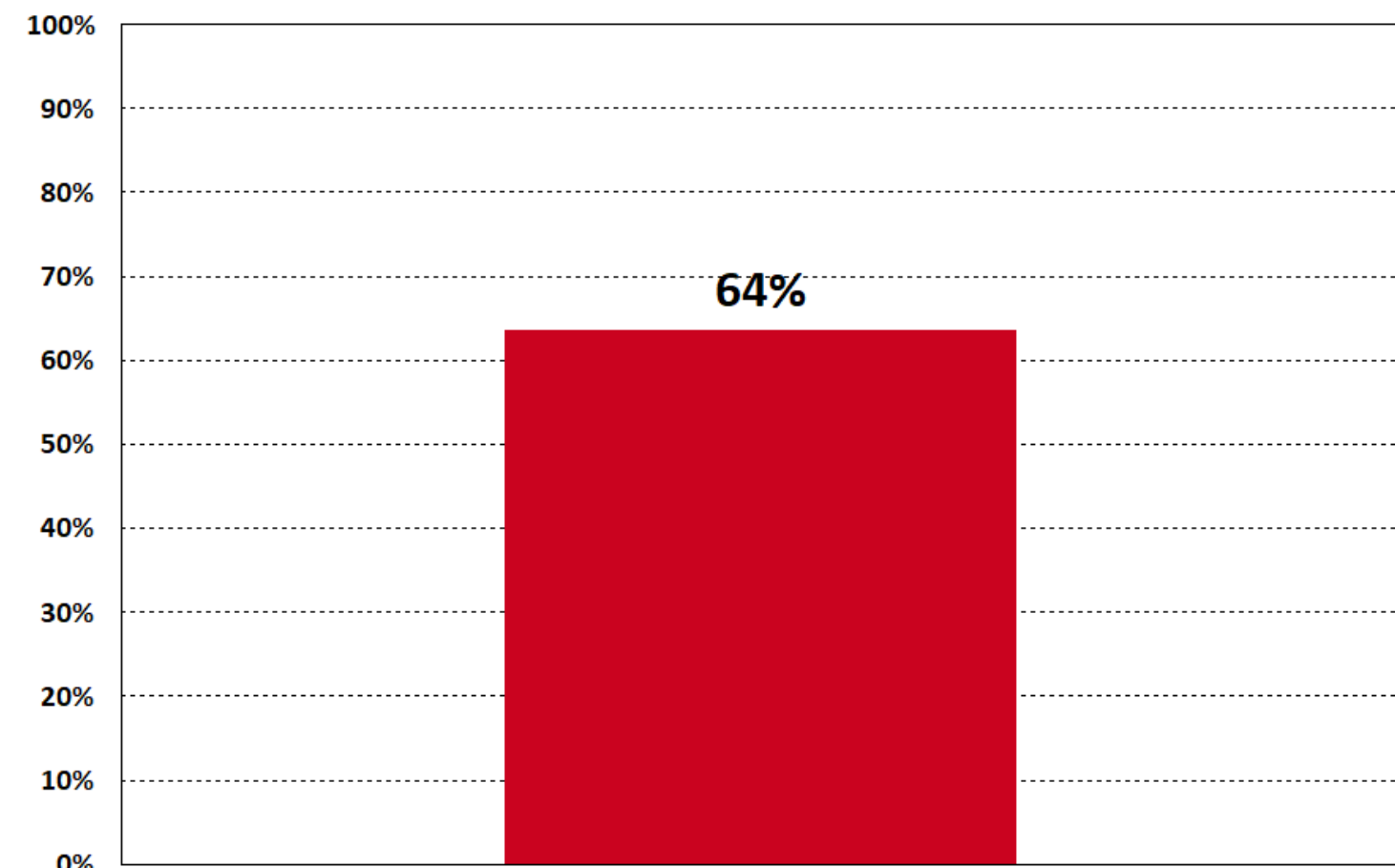
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# Customer Service

*Bus Rapid Transit*

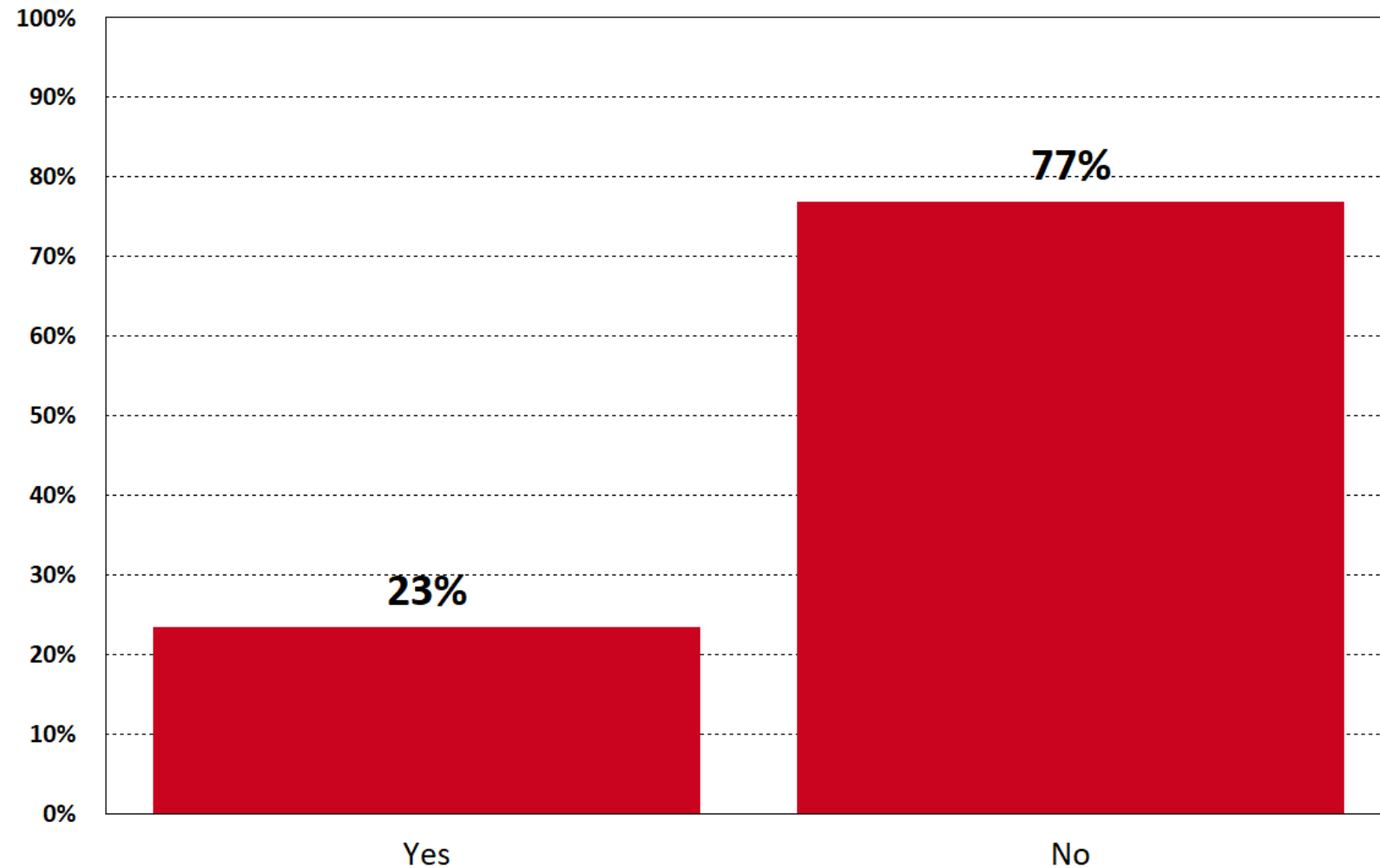


# Communications with Customer Service

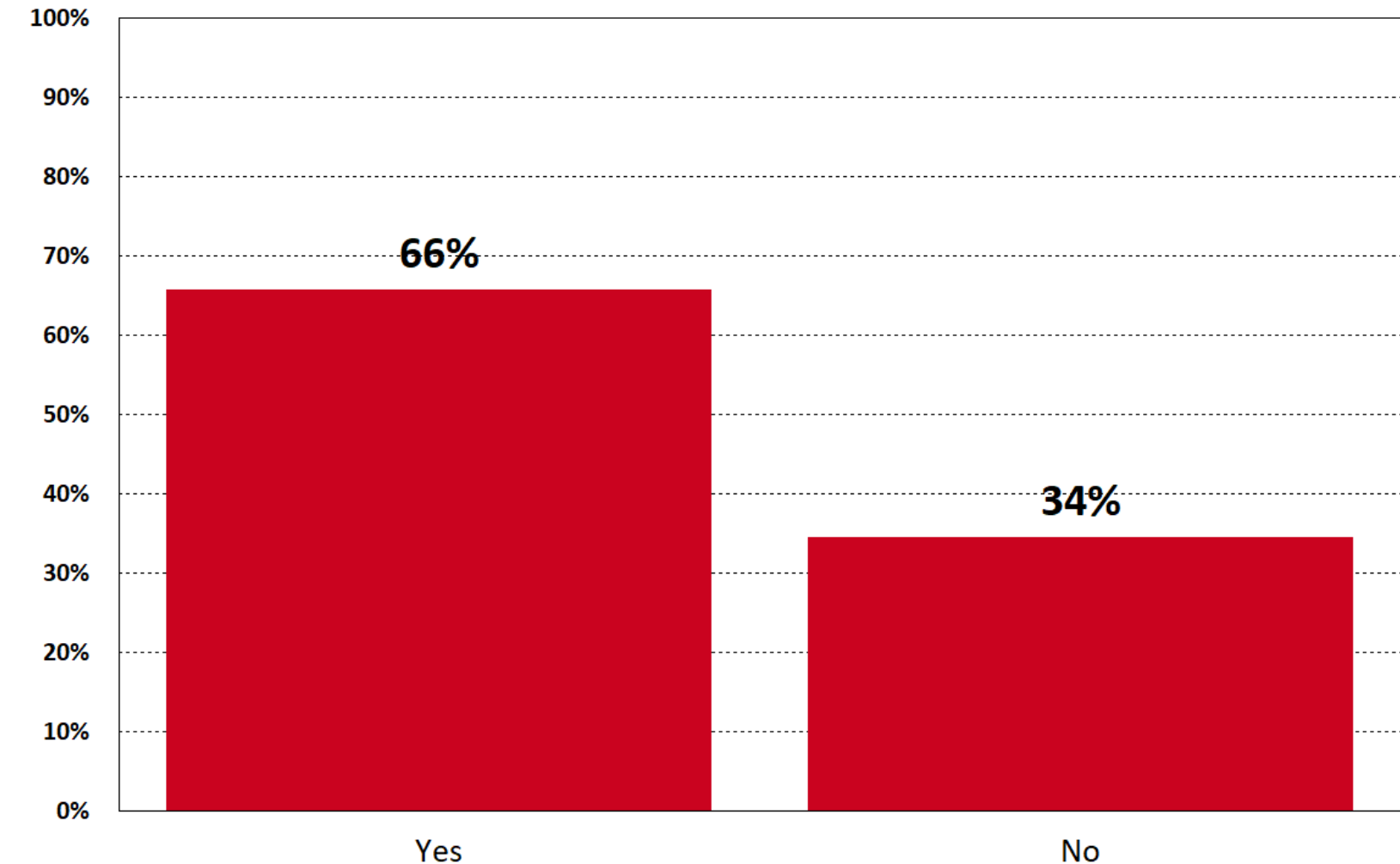


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Have you contacted RTA with a question, concern, or complaint in the last 3 months?



Was your issue resolved?



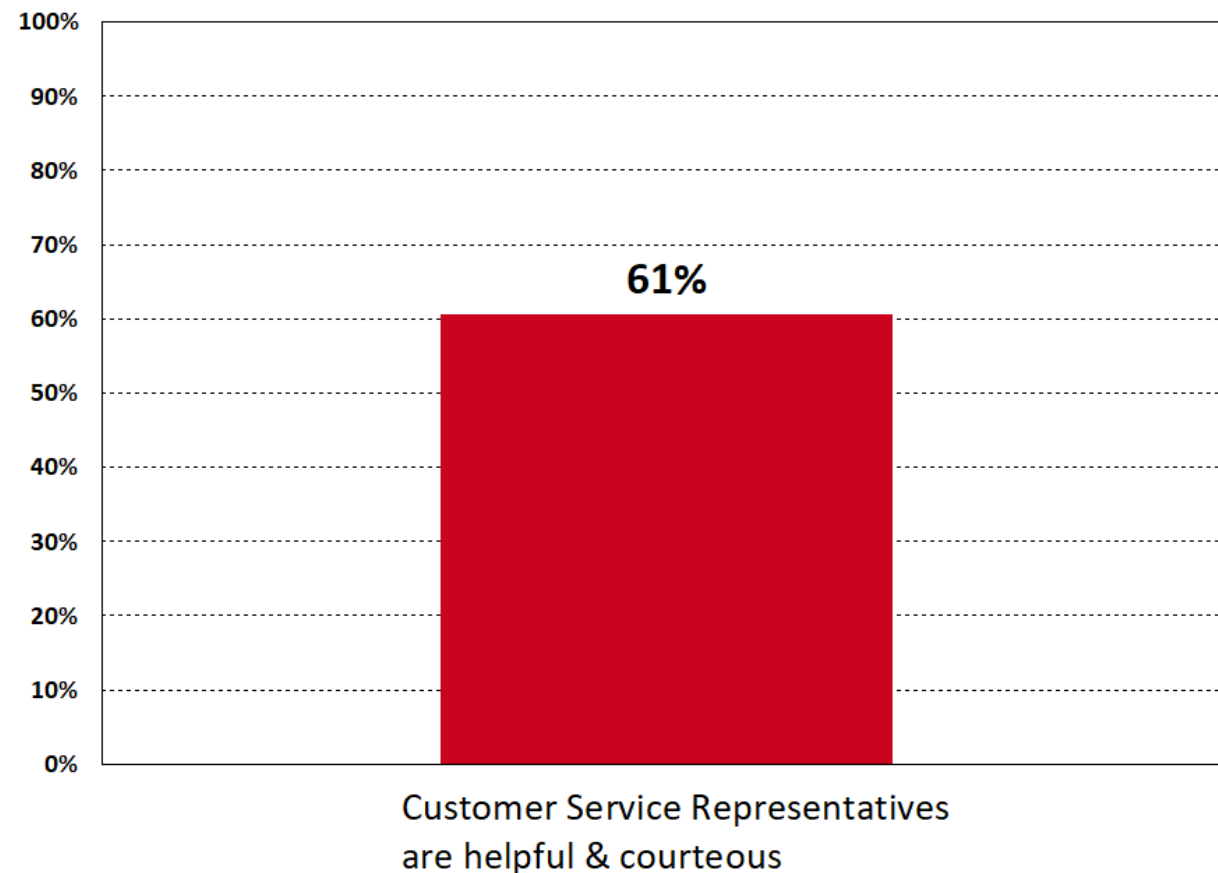


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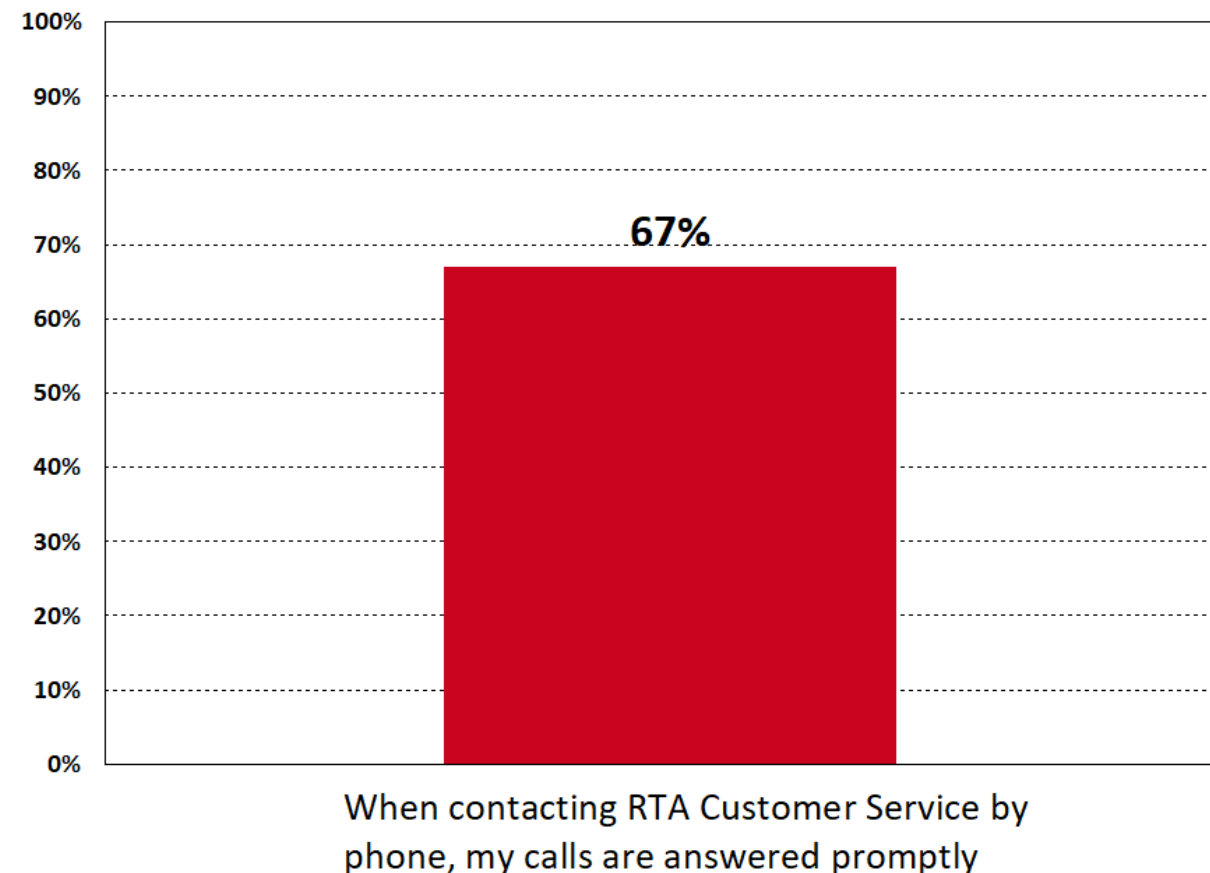


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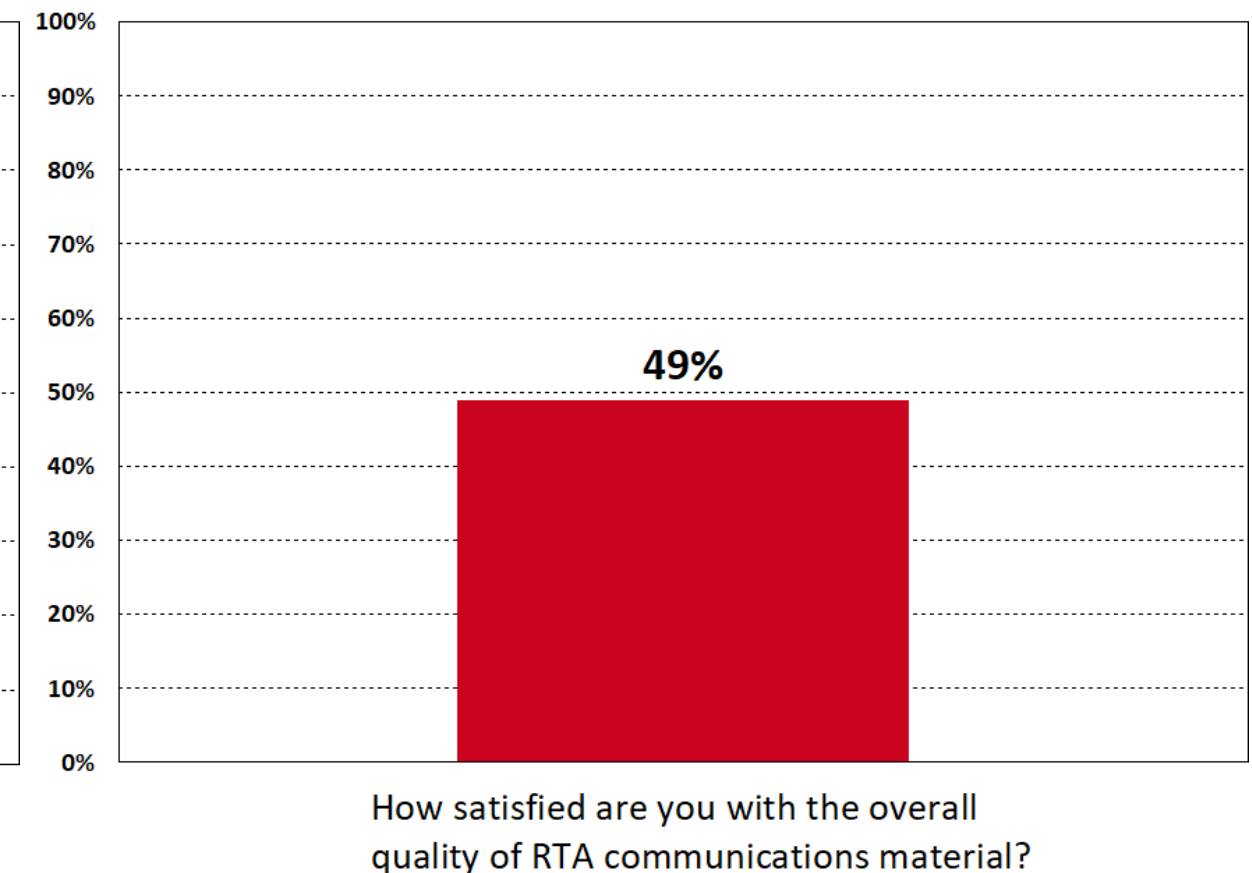
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### Overall Communications Material



# Rail



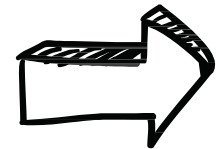


# Rail Train Results Overview

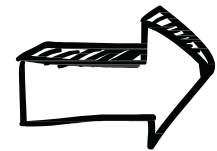
**2 out of 3** customers are satisfied with rail service.

**74%** of customers agree that the train usually runs on time.

## Customers are **MOST** satisfied with...



The train operators operate the vehicle safely (81%)



The train getting them to their destination in a reasonable amount of time (80%)

## Customers are **LEAST** satisfied with...



Cleanliness (45%)



Feeling of safety waiting for the train (57%)

## Top Most Important Elements of Rail Service to Customers...

1. On-time performance
2. Cleanliness
3. Safety while riding
4. Safety while waiting for the train

# Customer Characteristics

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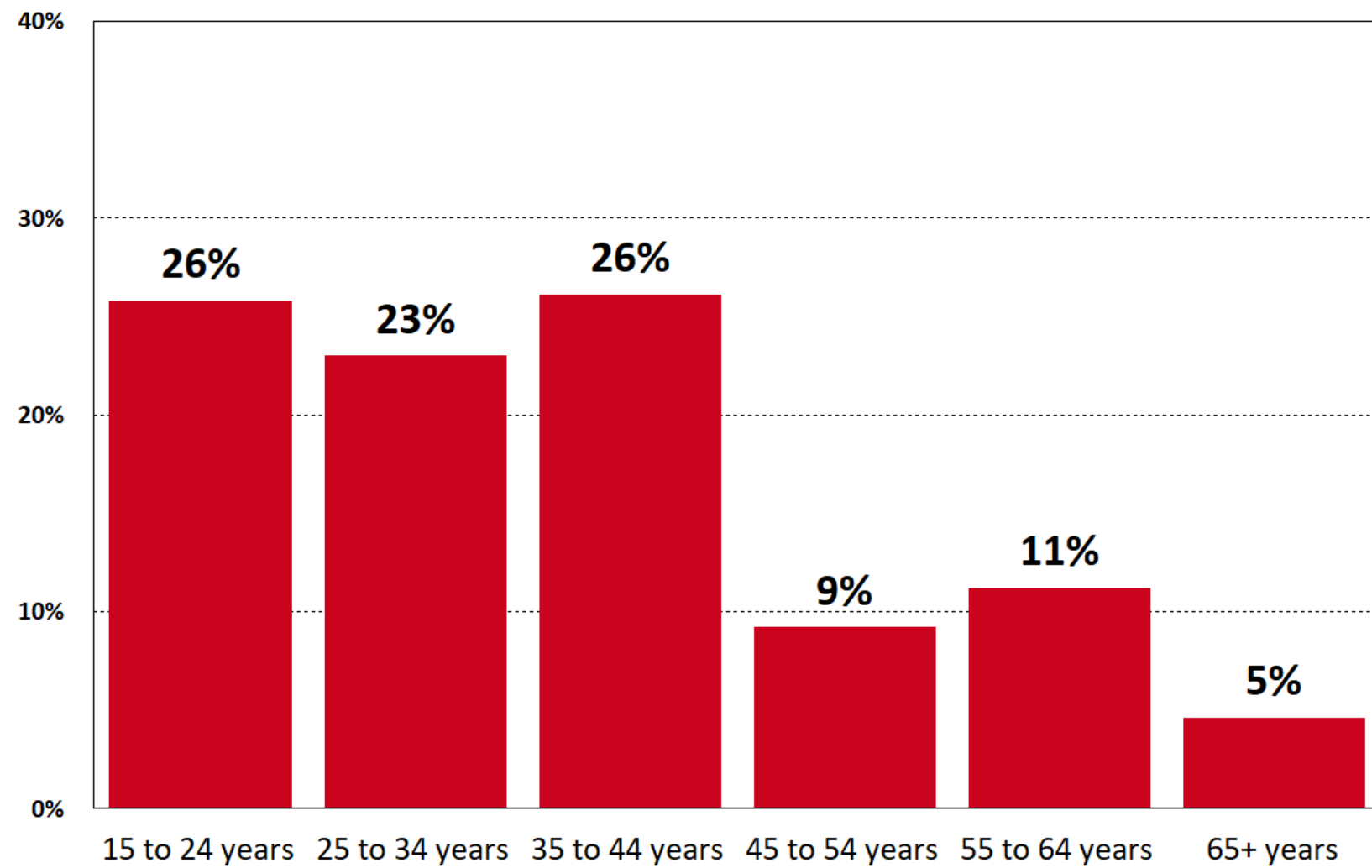


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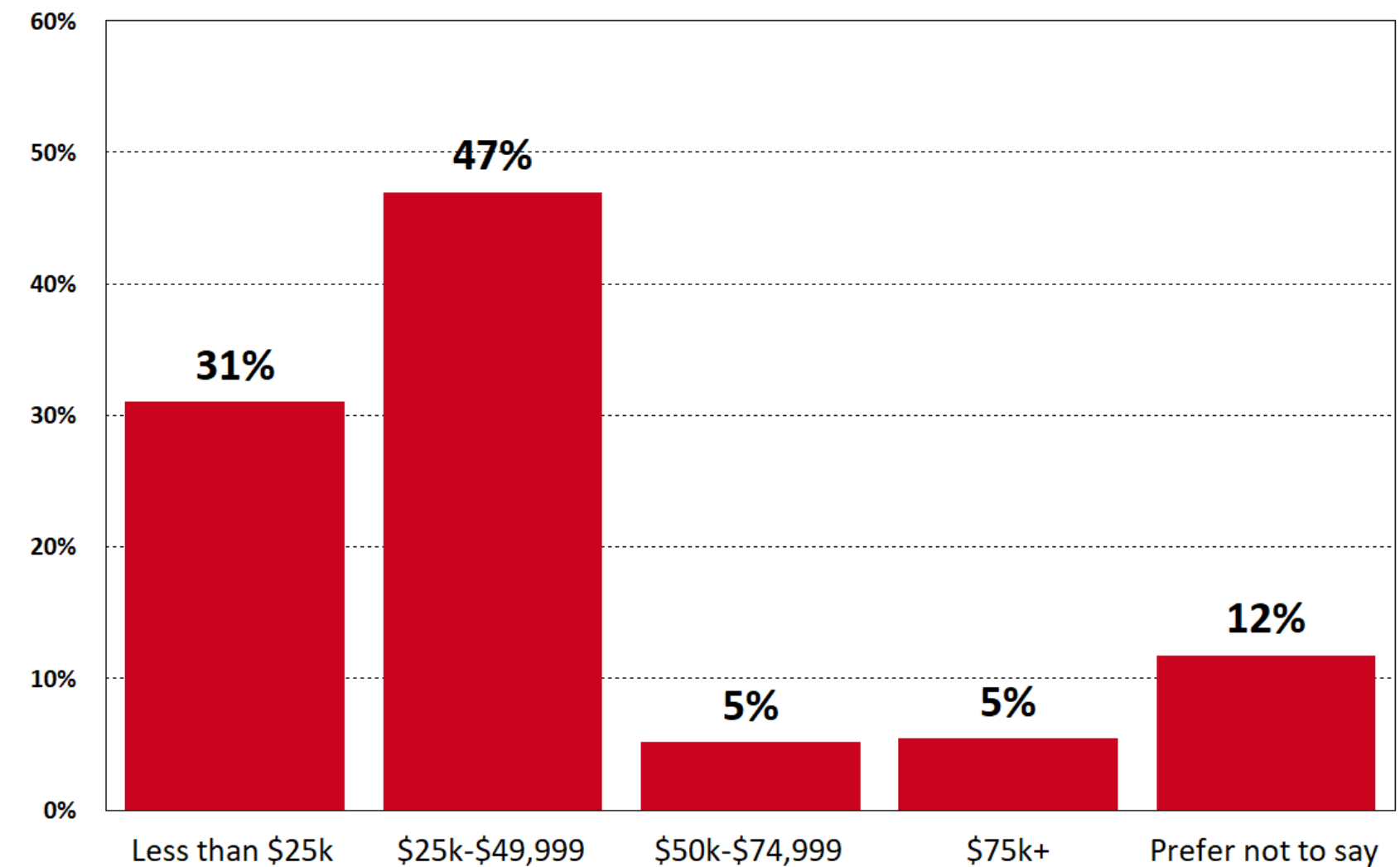


- 26% of rail customers are between 15 and 24 years old.
- 78% of rail customers make less than \$50,000.

What is your age?



What category best describes your total annual household income?





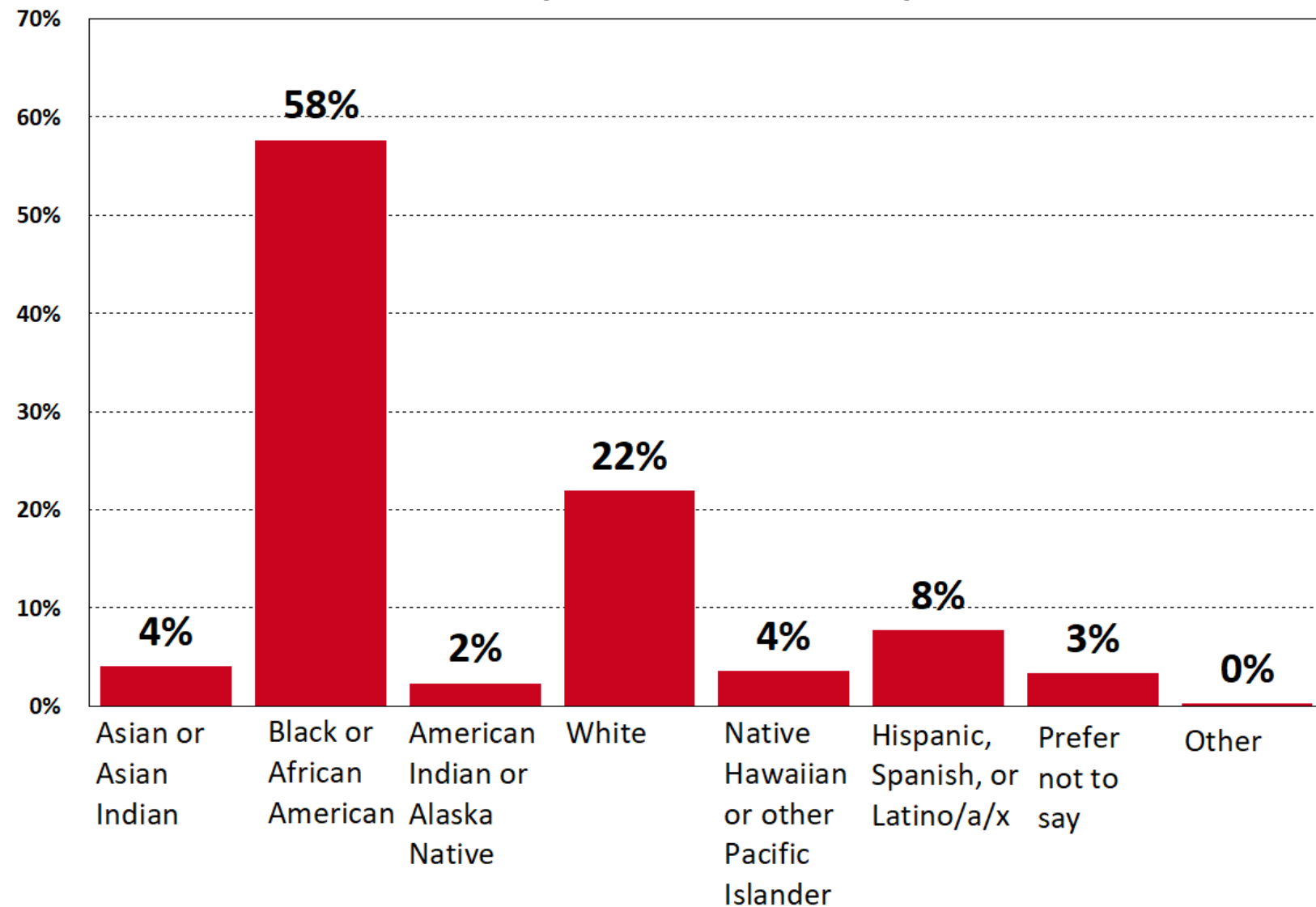


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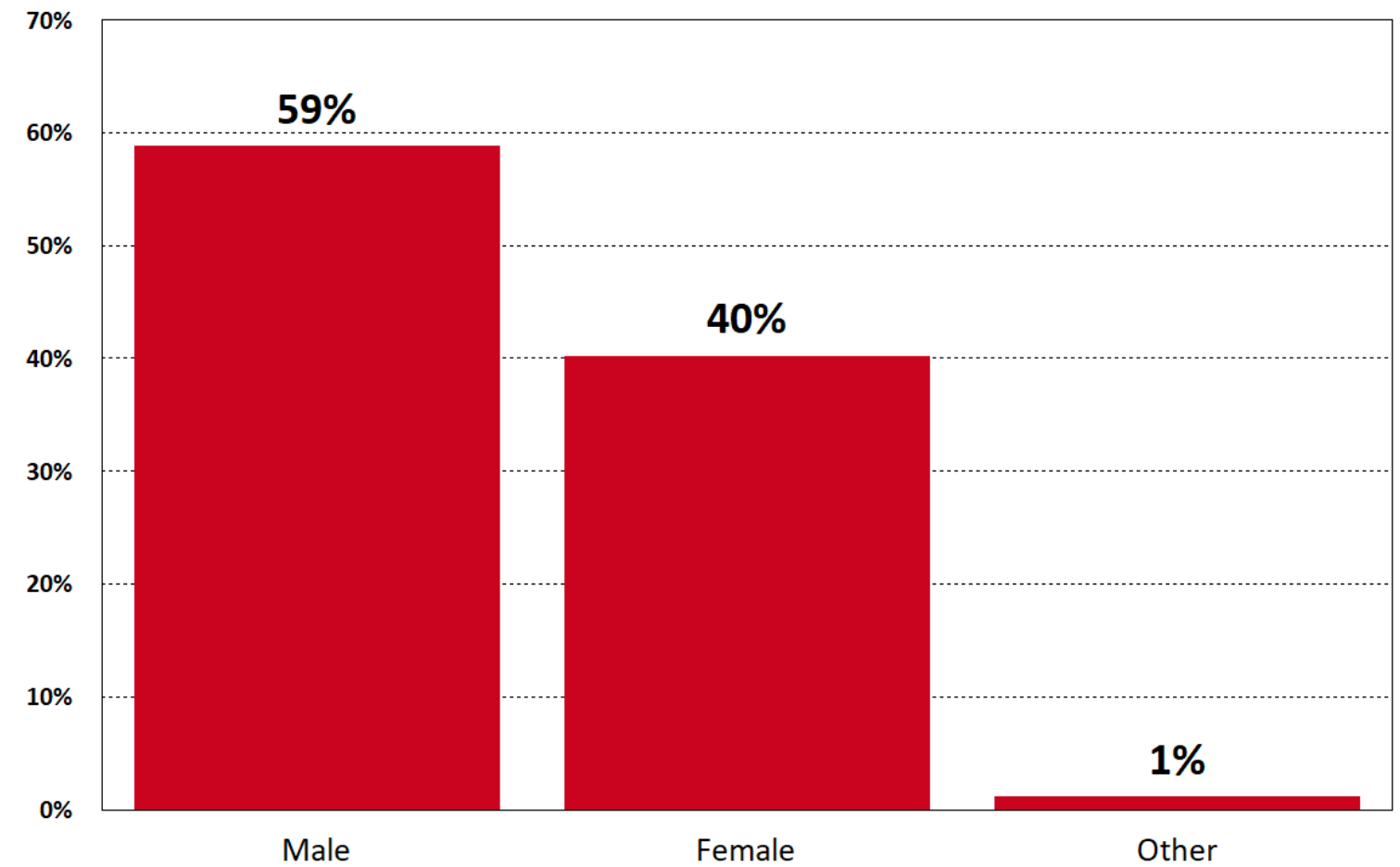


- The typical rail customer is a Black/African American (58%) male (59%).

### What is your race/ethnicity?



### What is your gender?



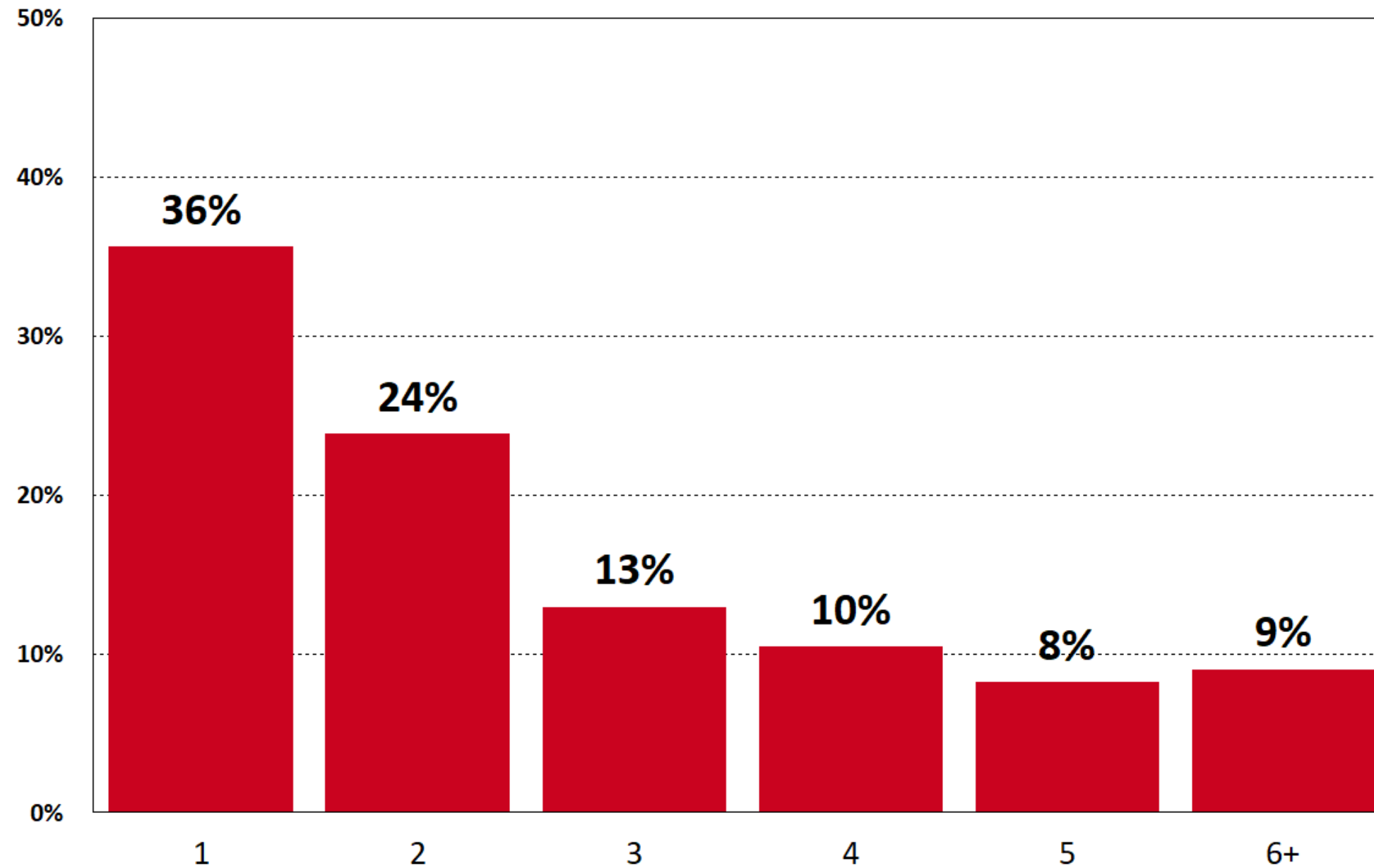


# Customer Characteristics



- The typical rail customer lives in a household with 2 or fewer people (60%).

Including yourself, how many people live in your household?



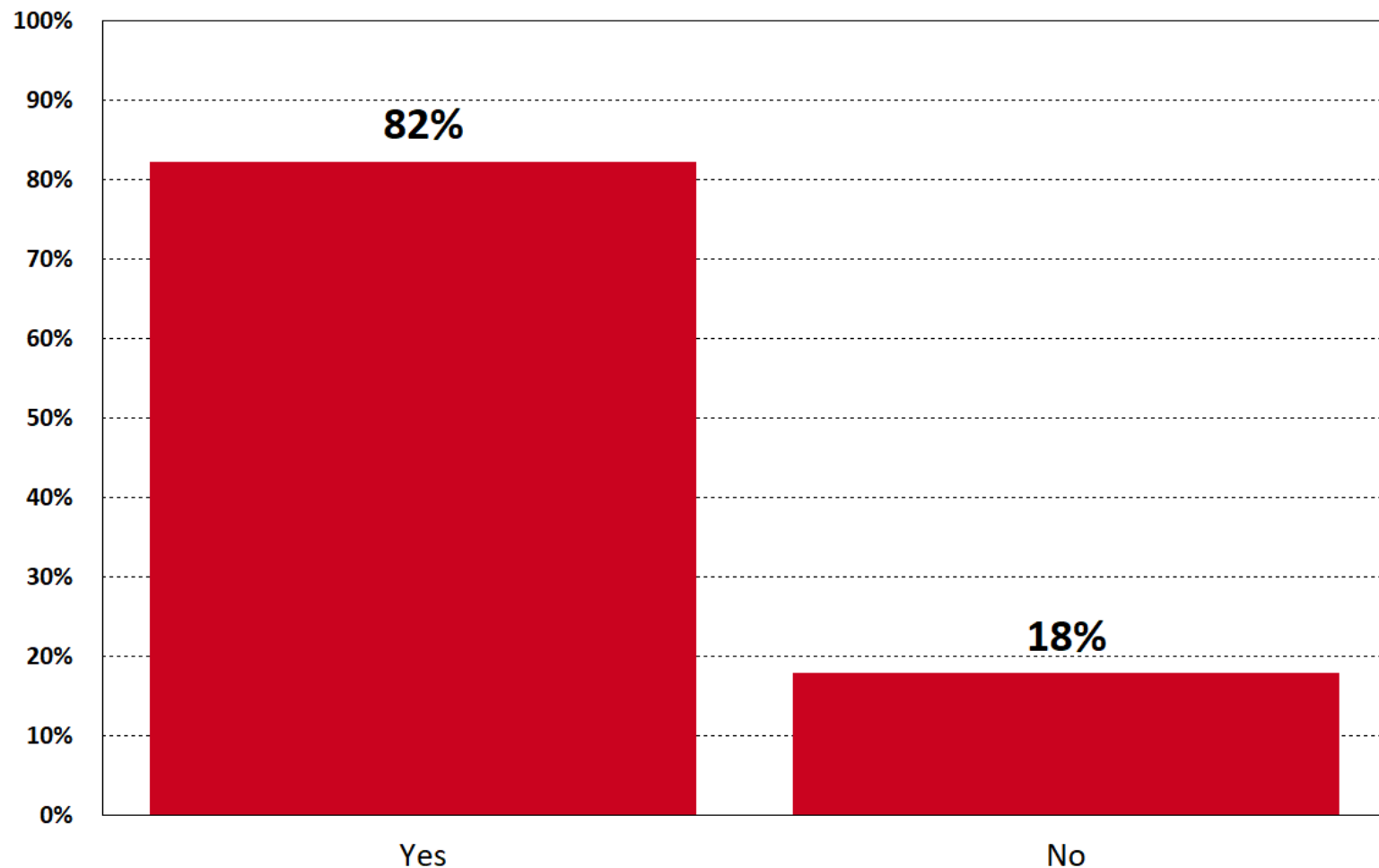


# Transit Dependence and Choice Riders

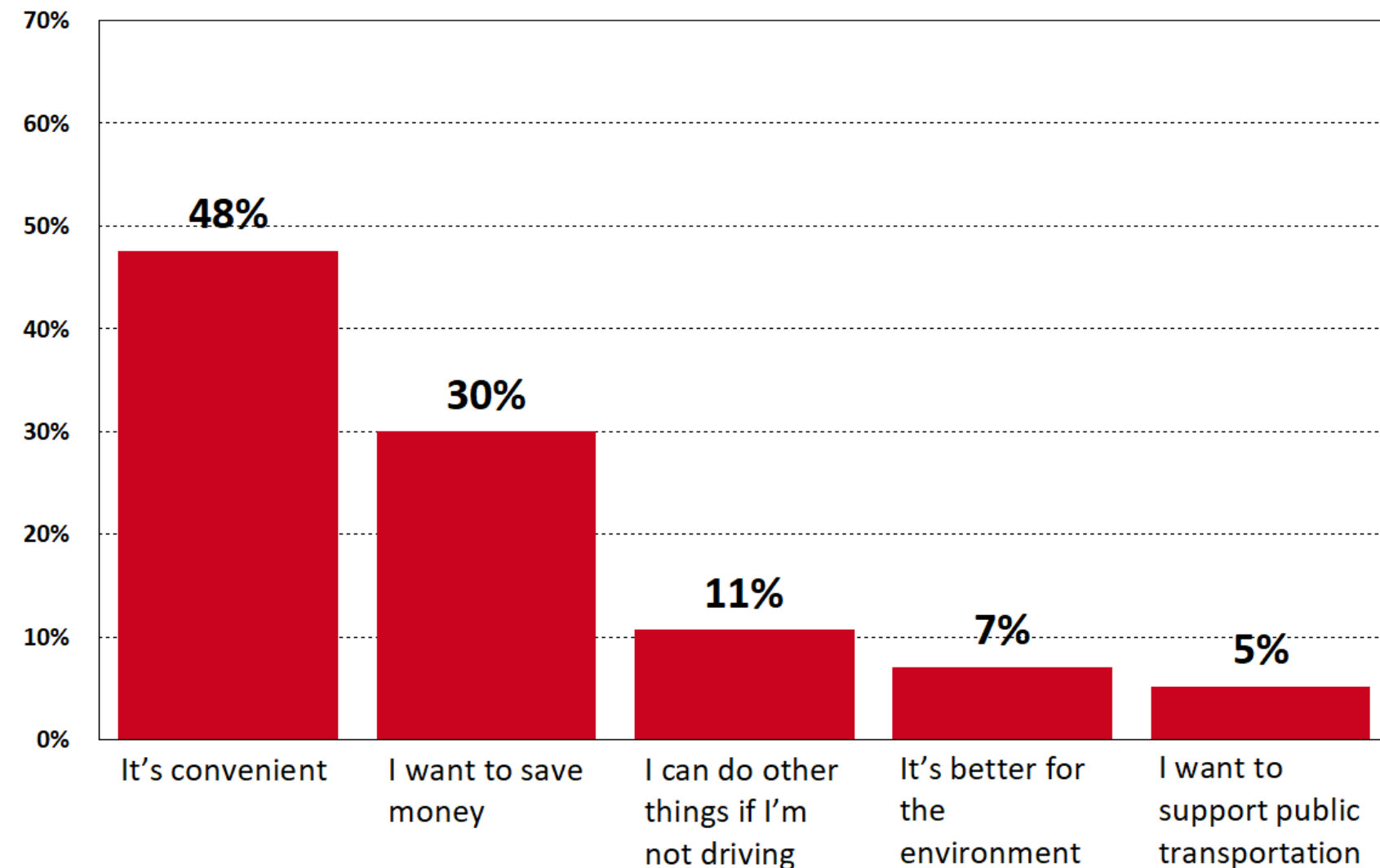


- 82% of rail customers are dependent on using rail train for travel.
- Of the rail customers who have other transportation options, "It's convenient" (48%) is the primary reason for choosing to use rail train services.

Are you dependent on using RTA trains to travel to/from your destination?



If you do have other options, what is the #1 reason you choose public transportation?



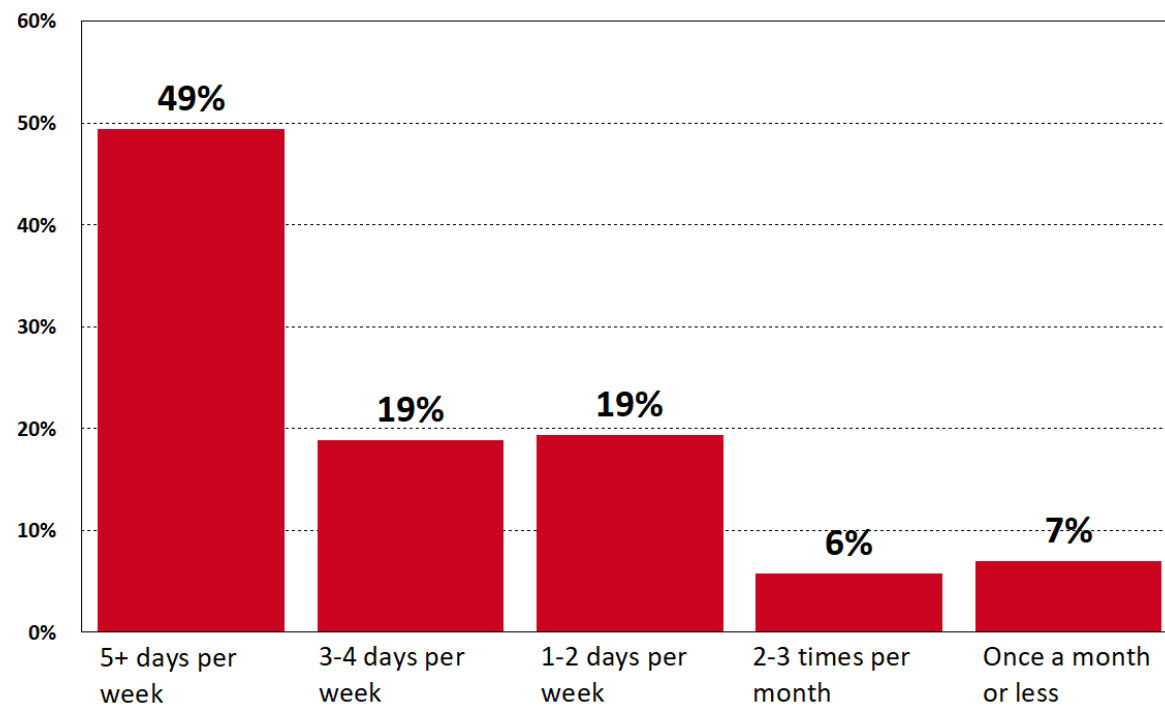


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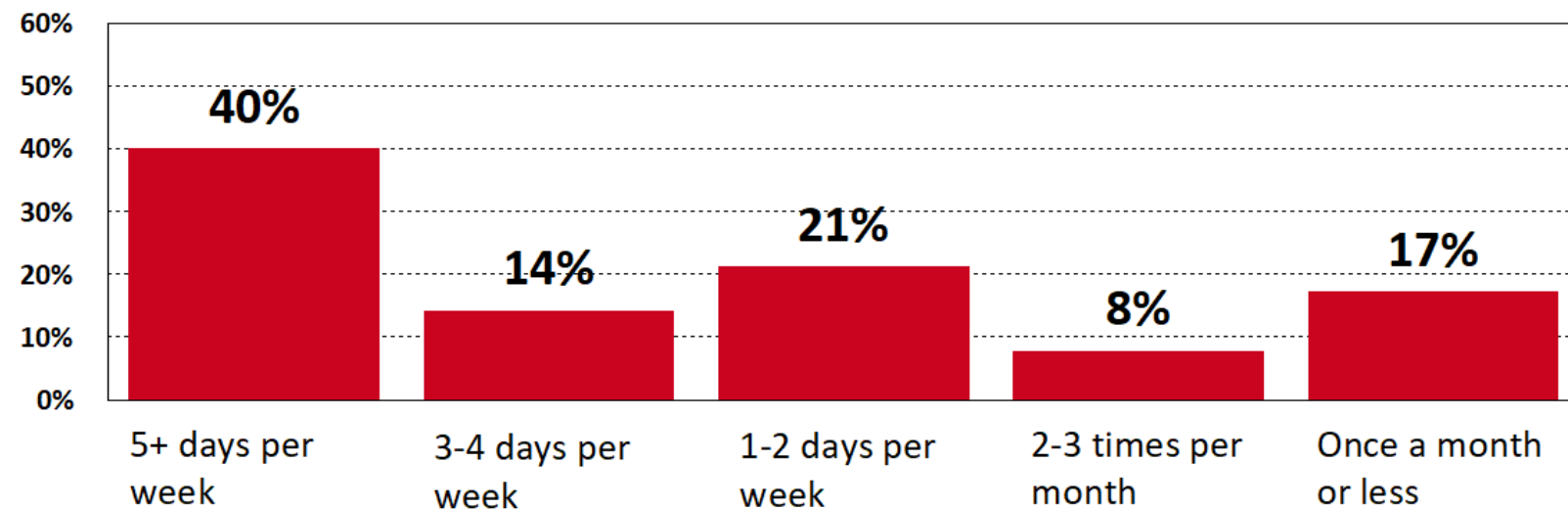


- Rail customers most often ride the rail 5+ days per week (49%), and 40% ride other RTA services 5+ days a week.
- Rail customers most frequently ride the rail for work (51%).

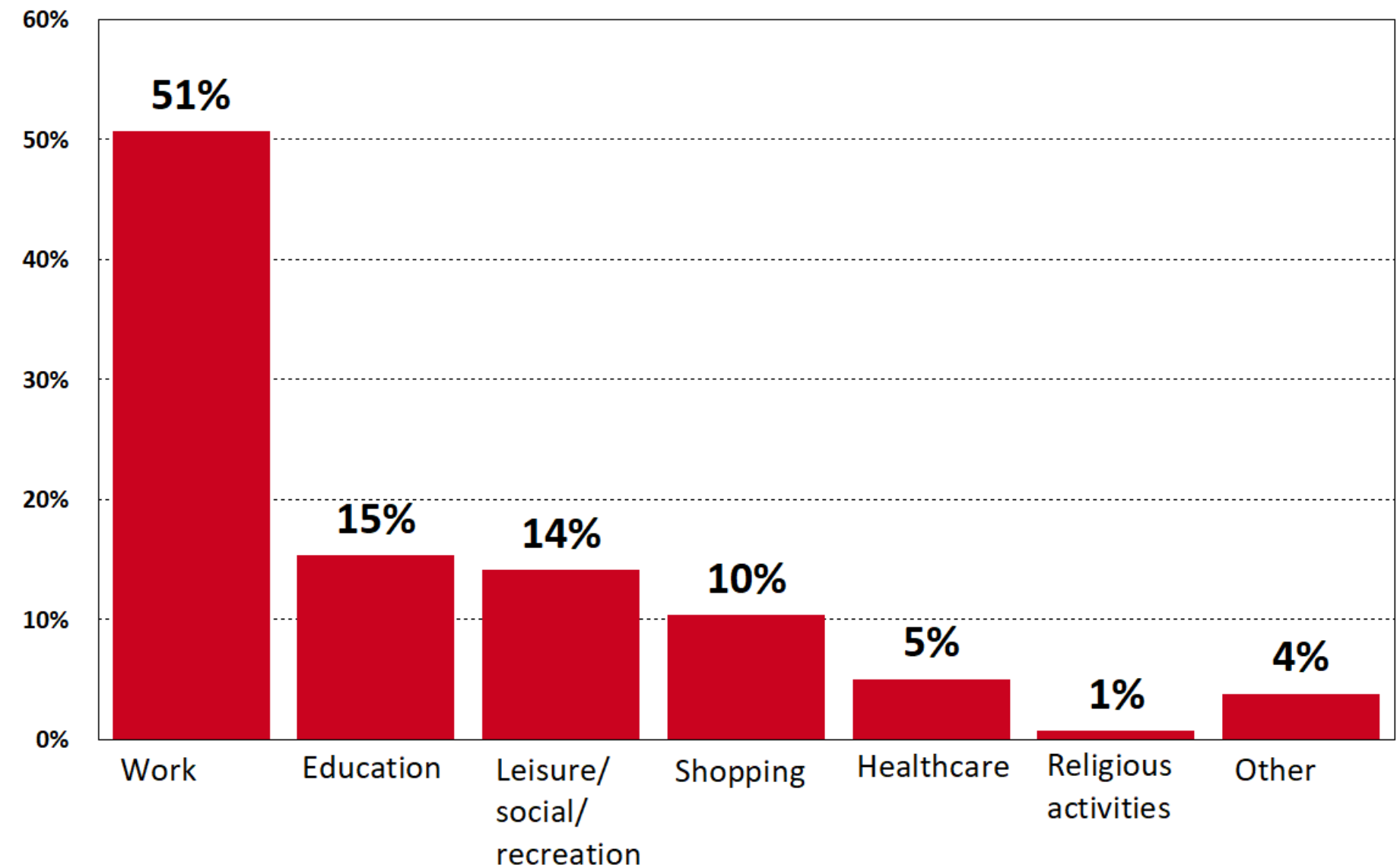
How often do you ride the train?



How often do you ride other RTA service?



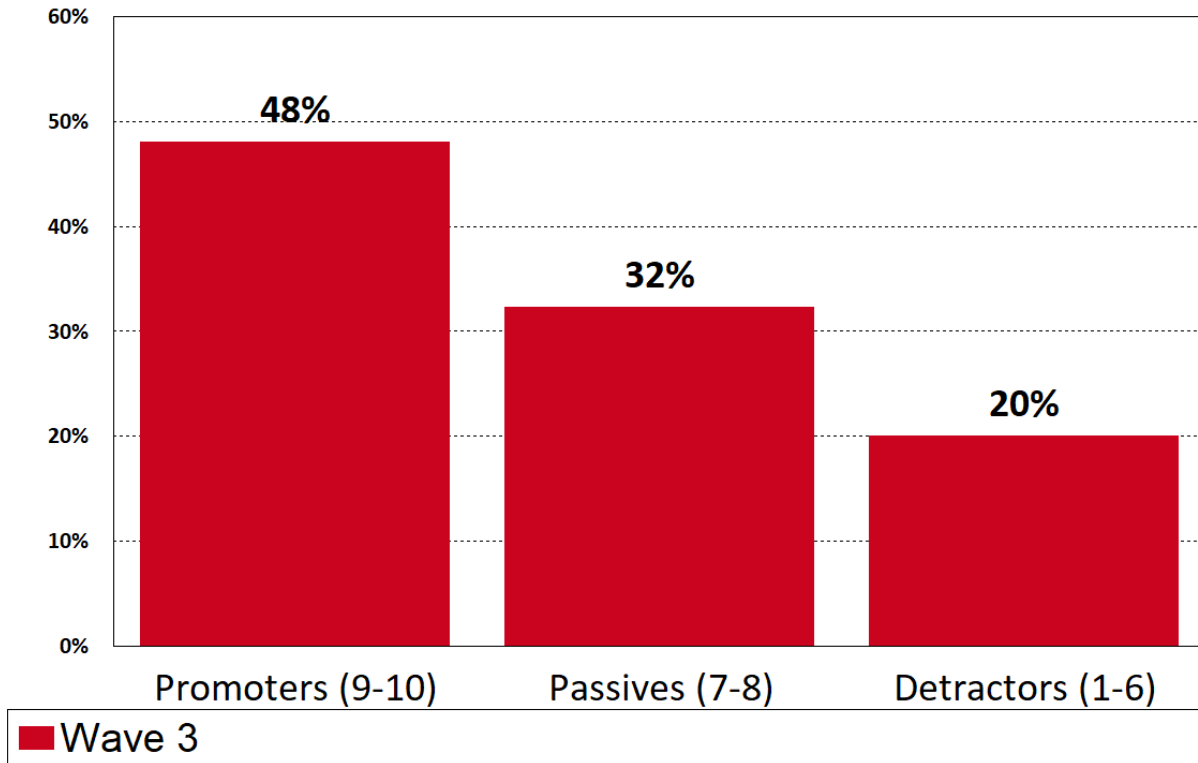
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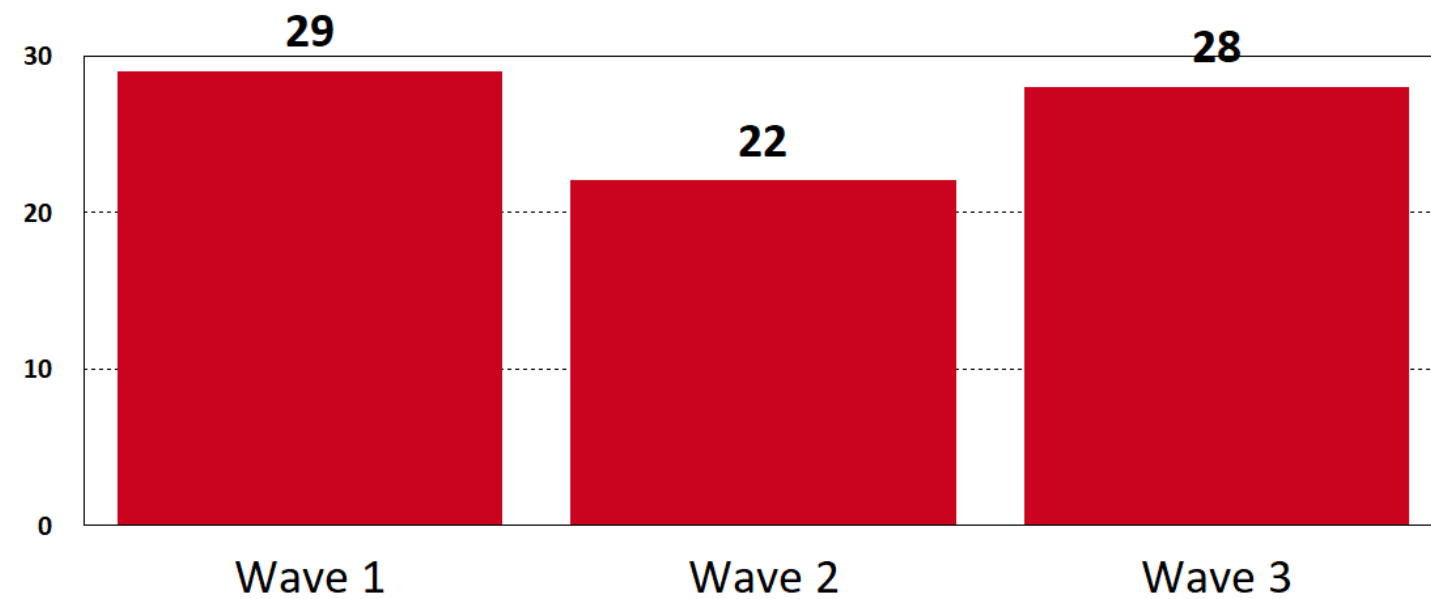


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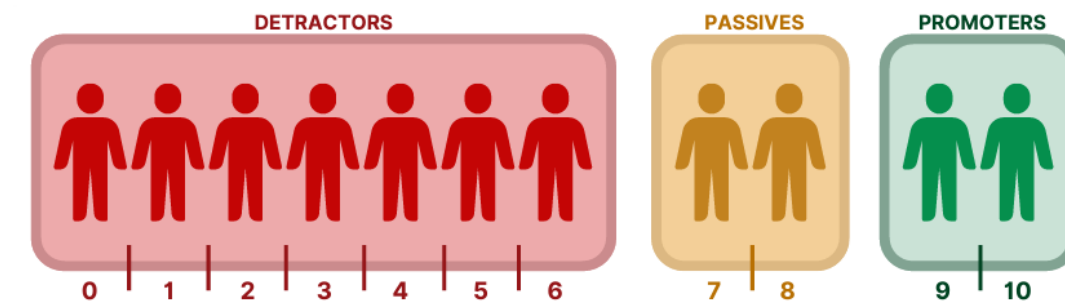
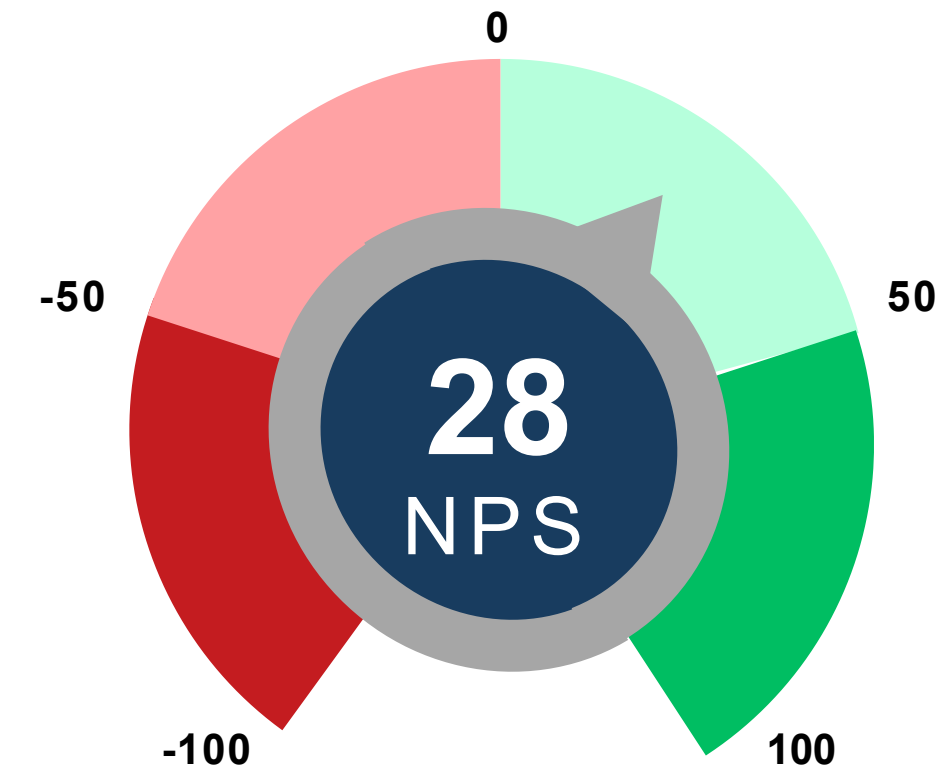
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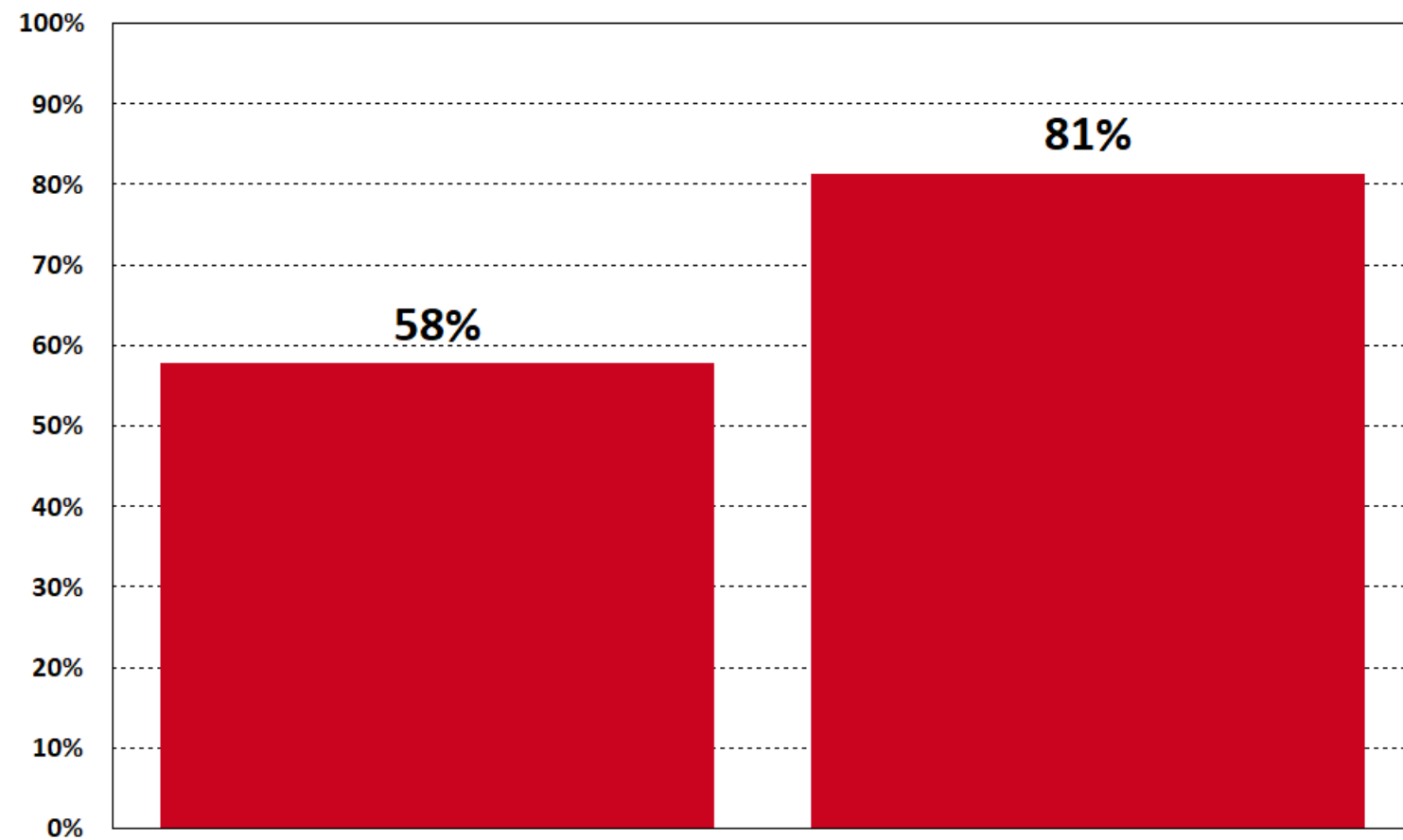
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- 58% of Rail customers are satisfied overall with the train service.
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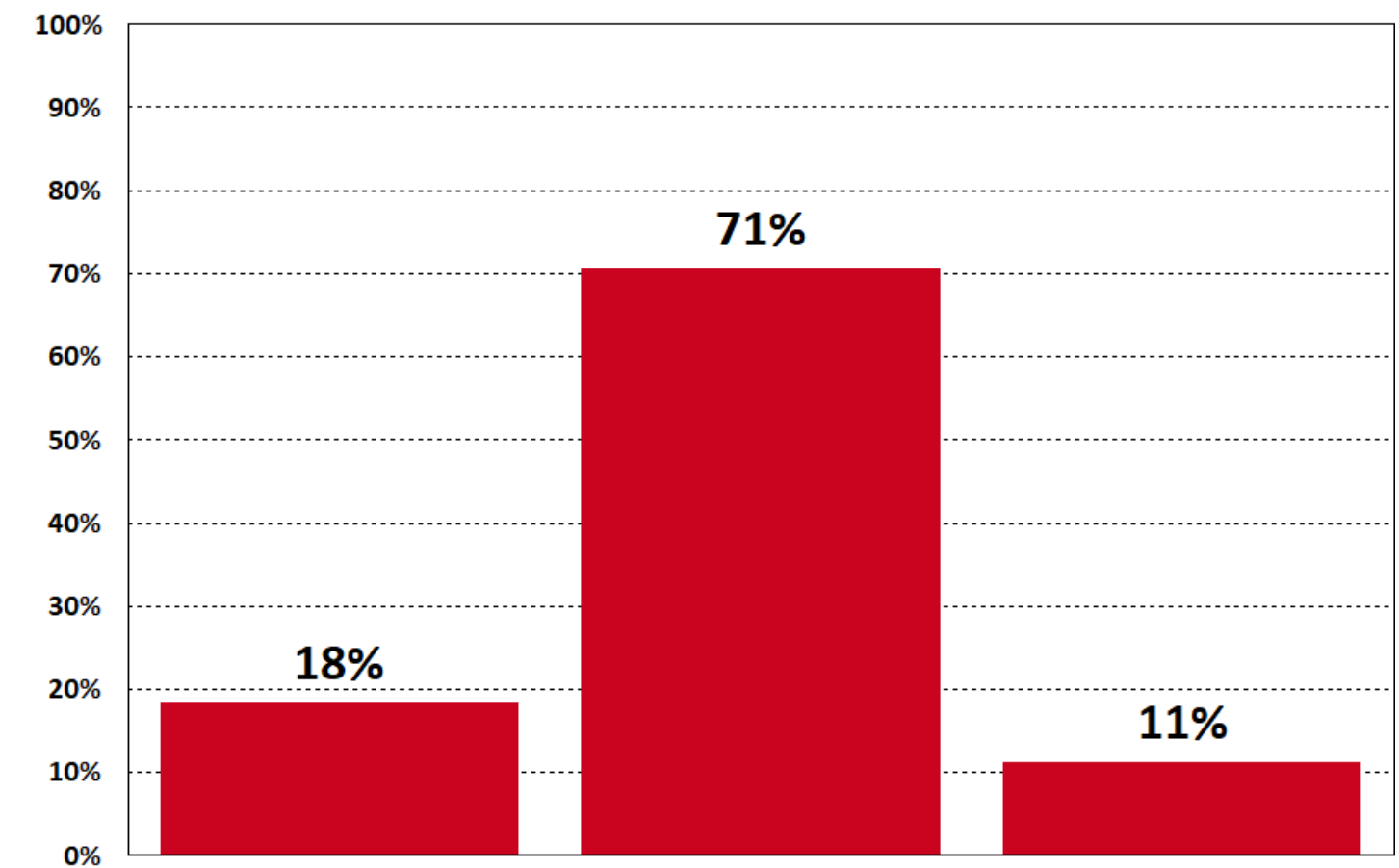
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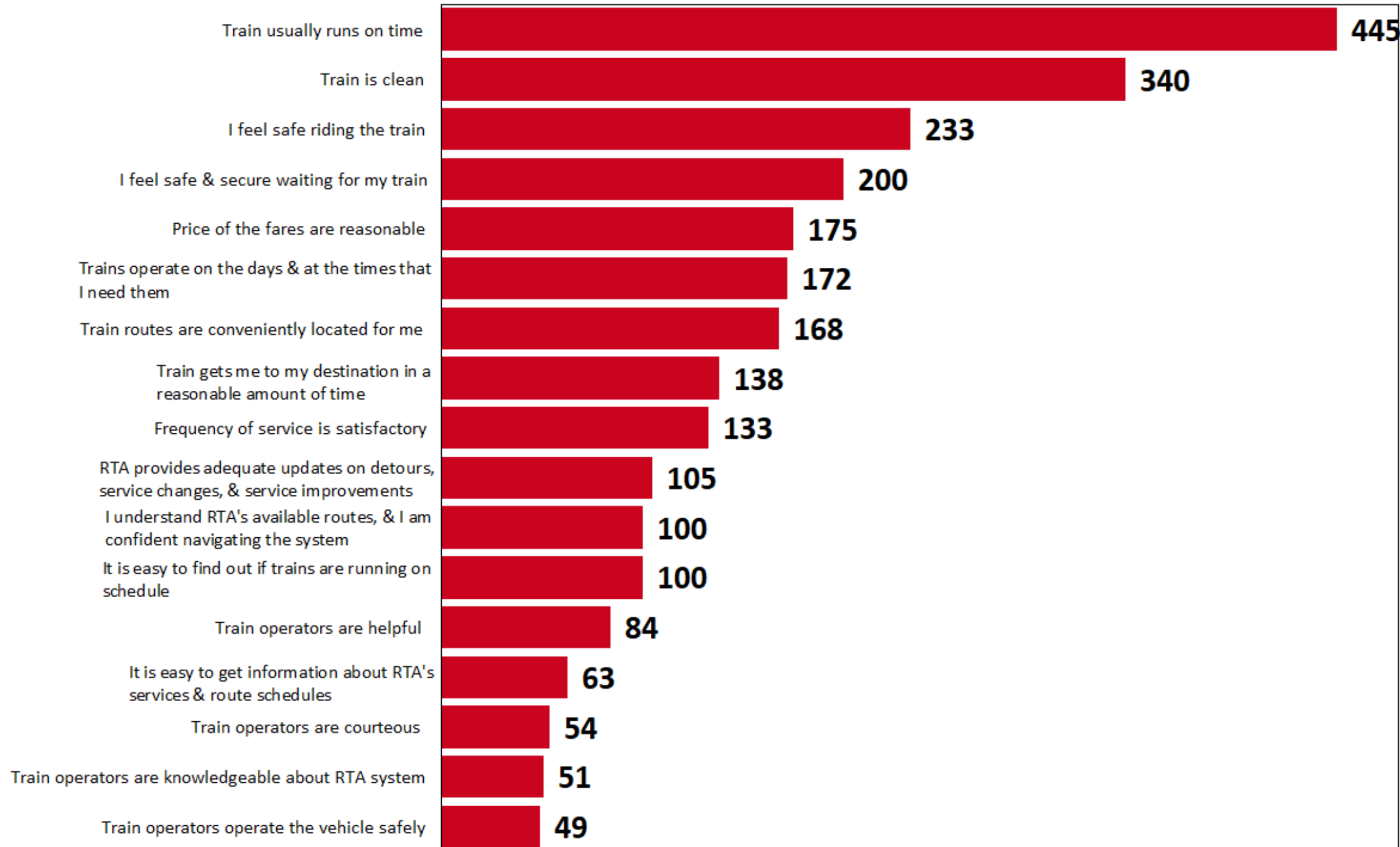
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# Top Customer Importance Factors



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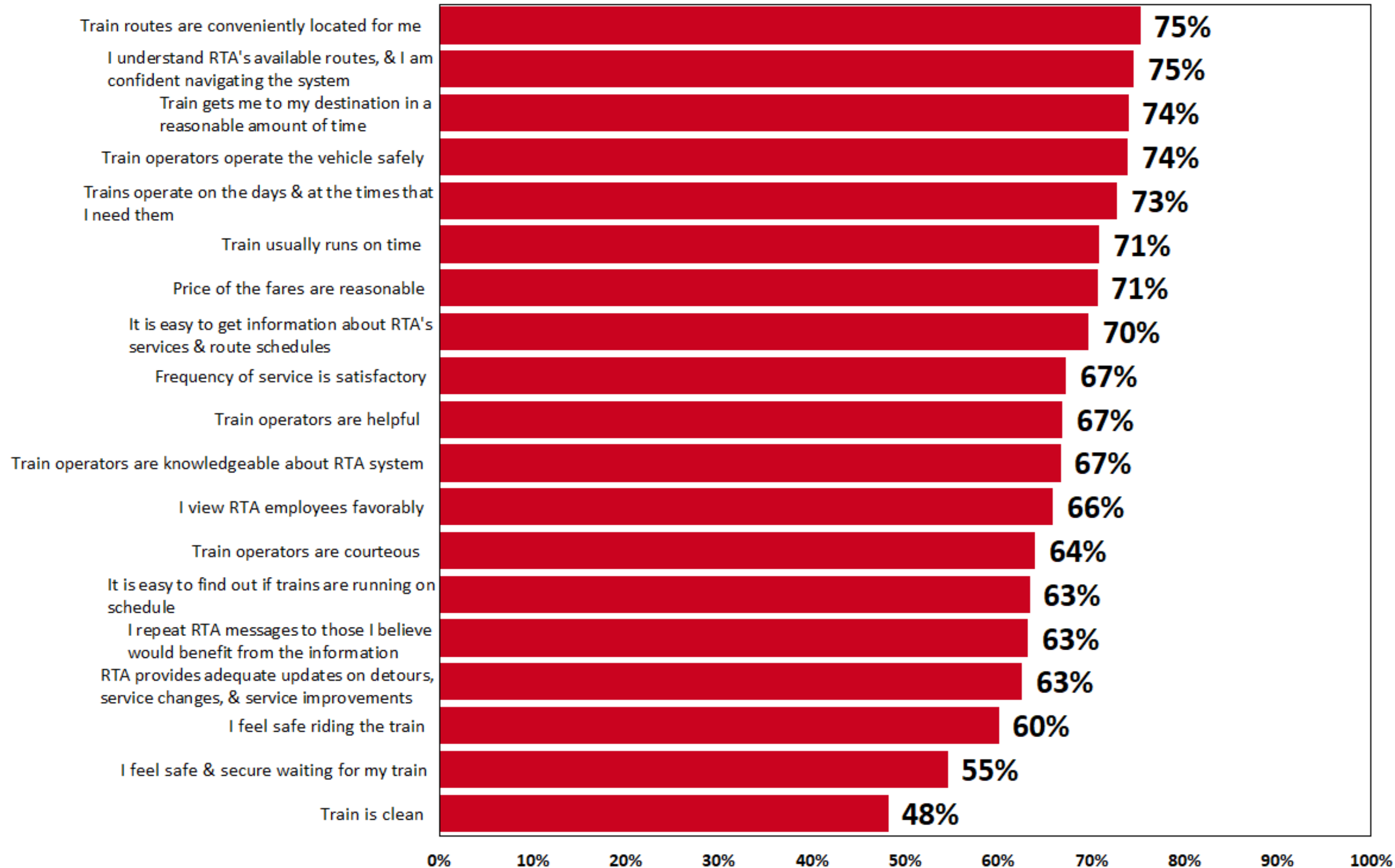




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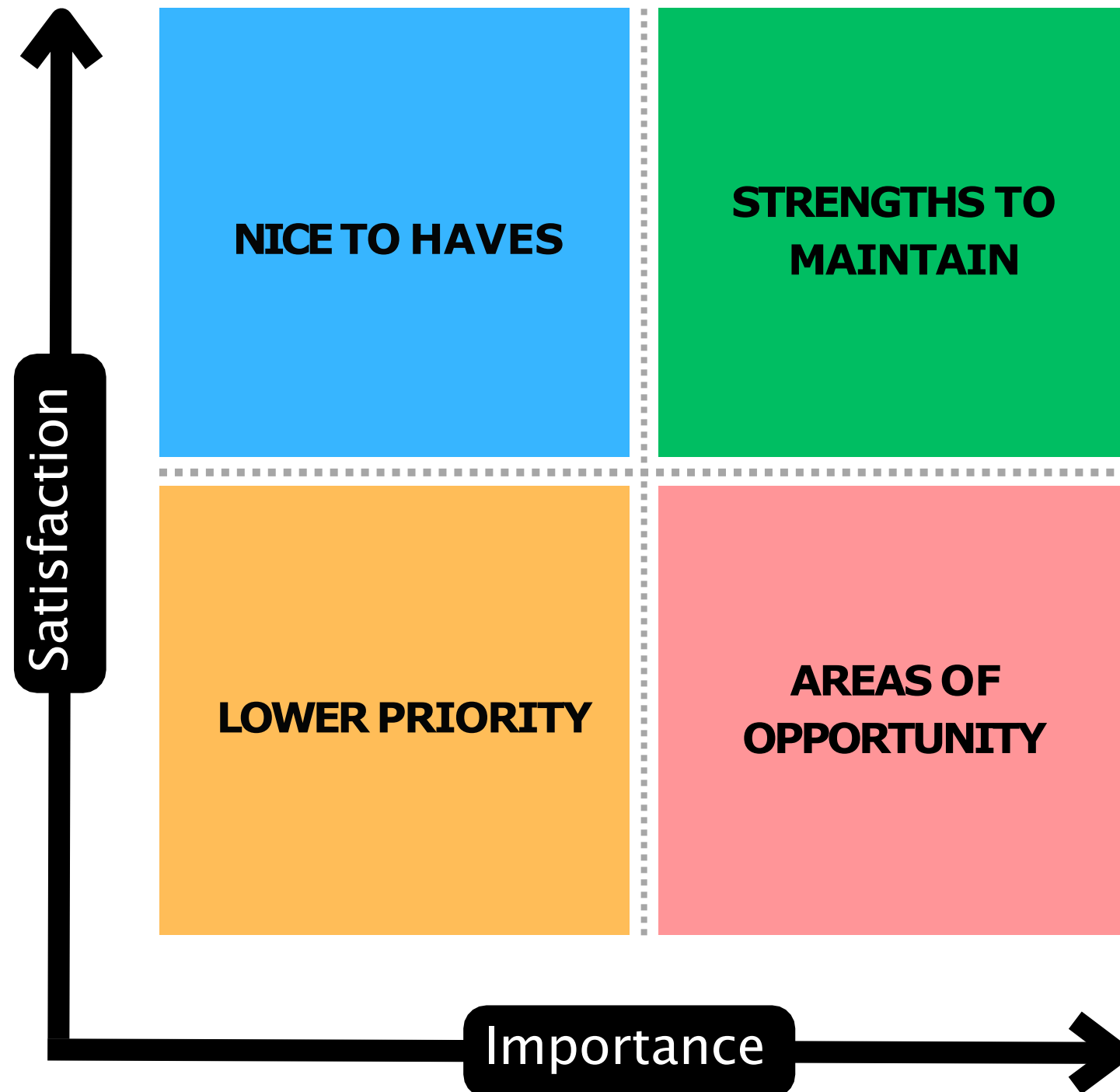
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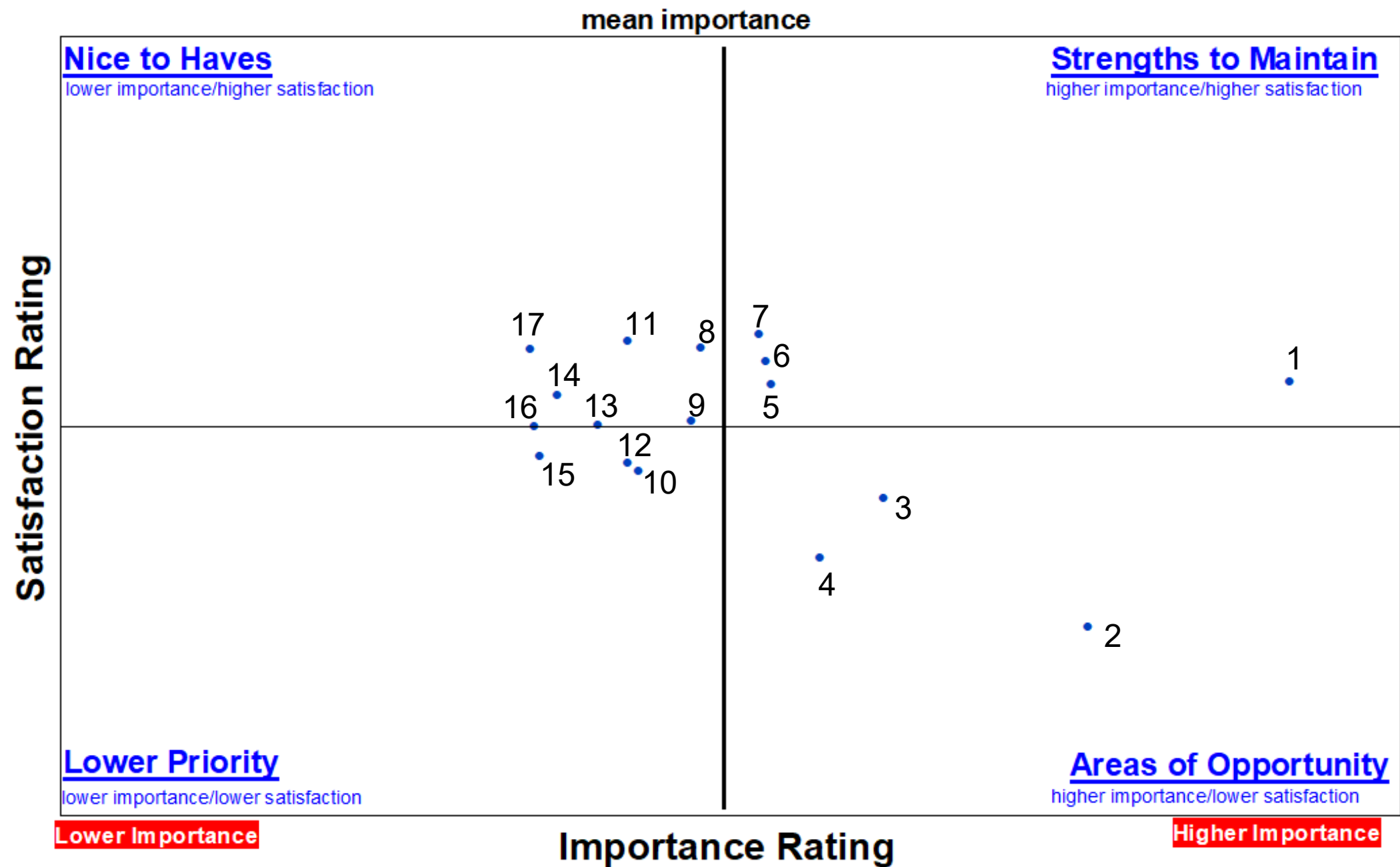
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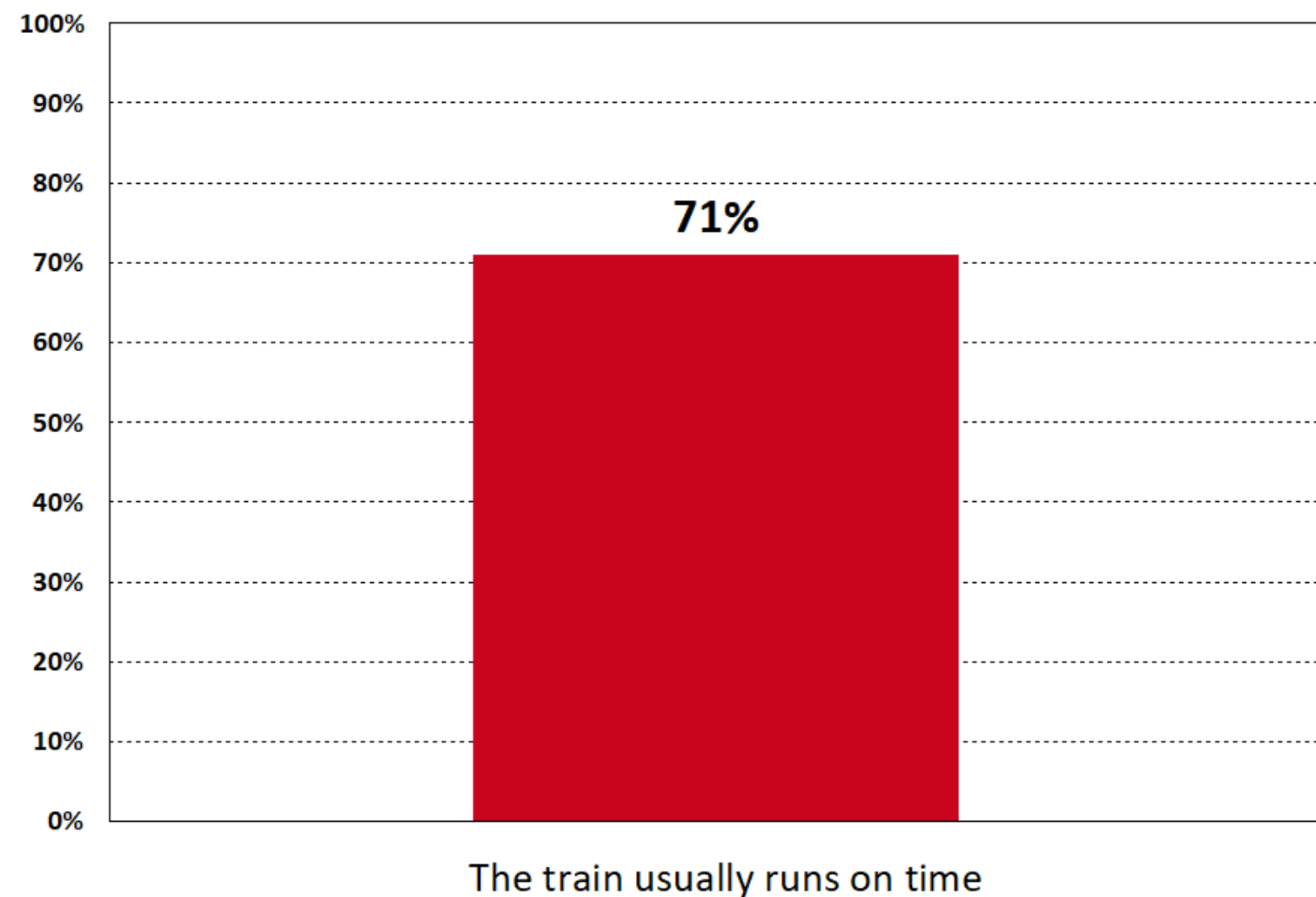


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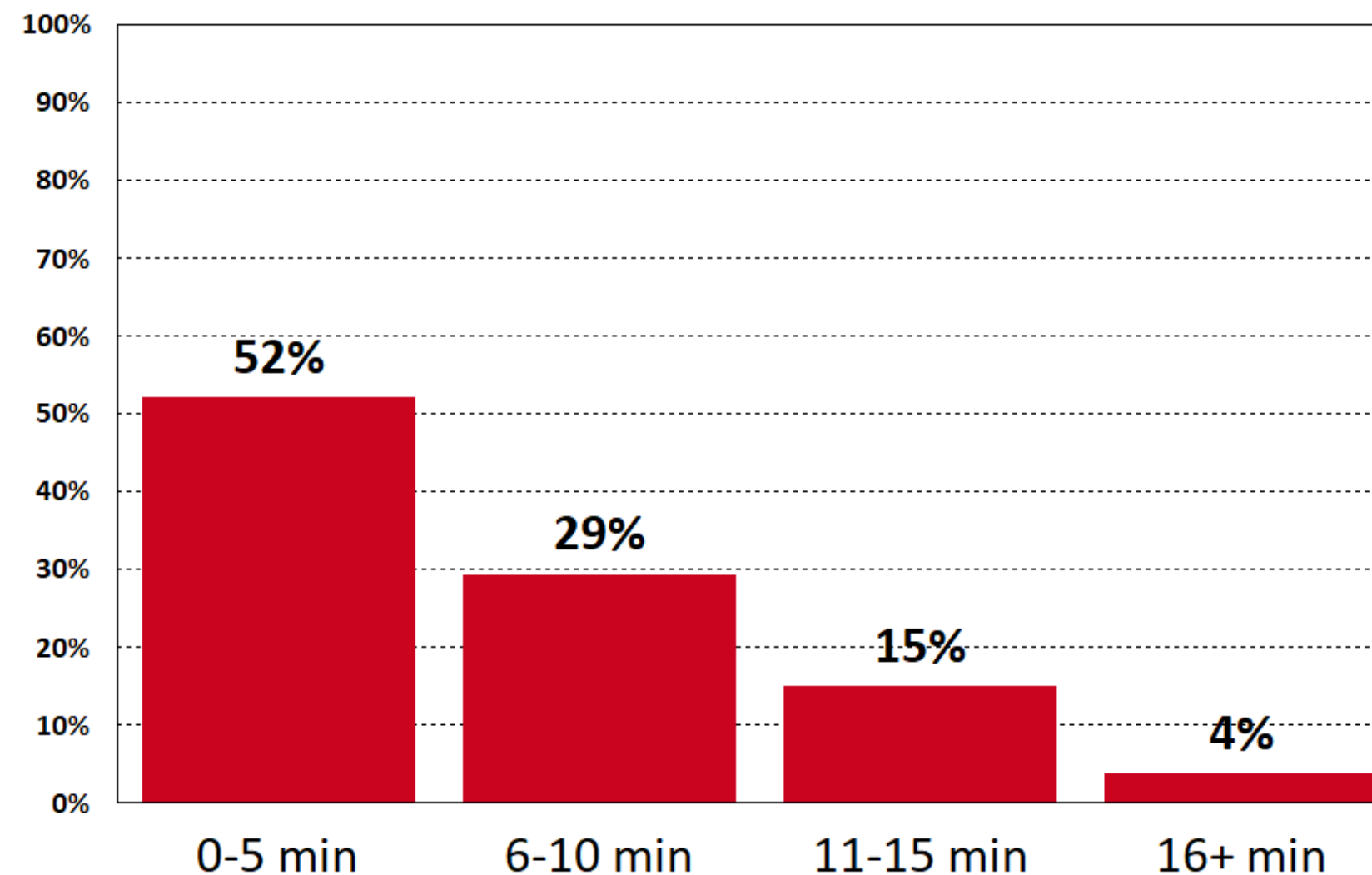


- 71% of Rail customers are satisfied with the On-Time Performance.
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On-Time Performance



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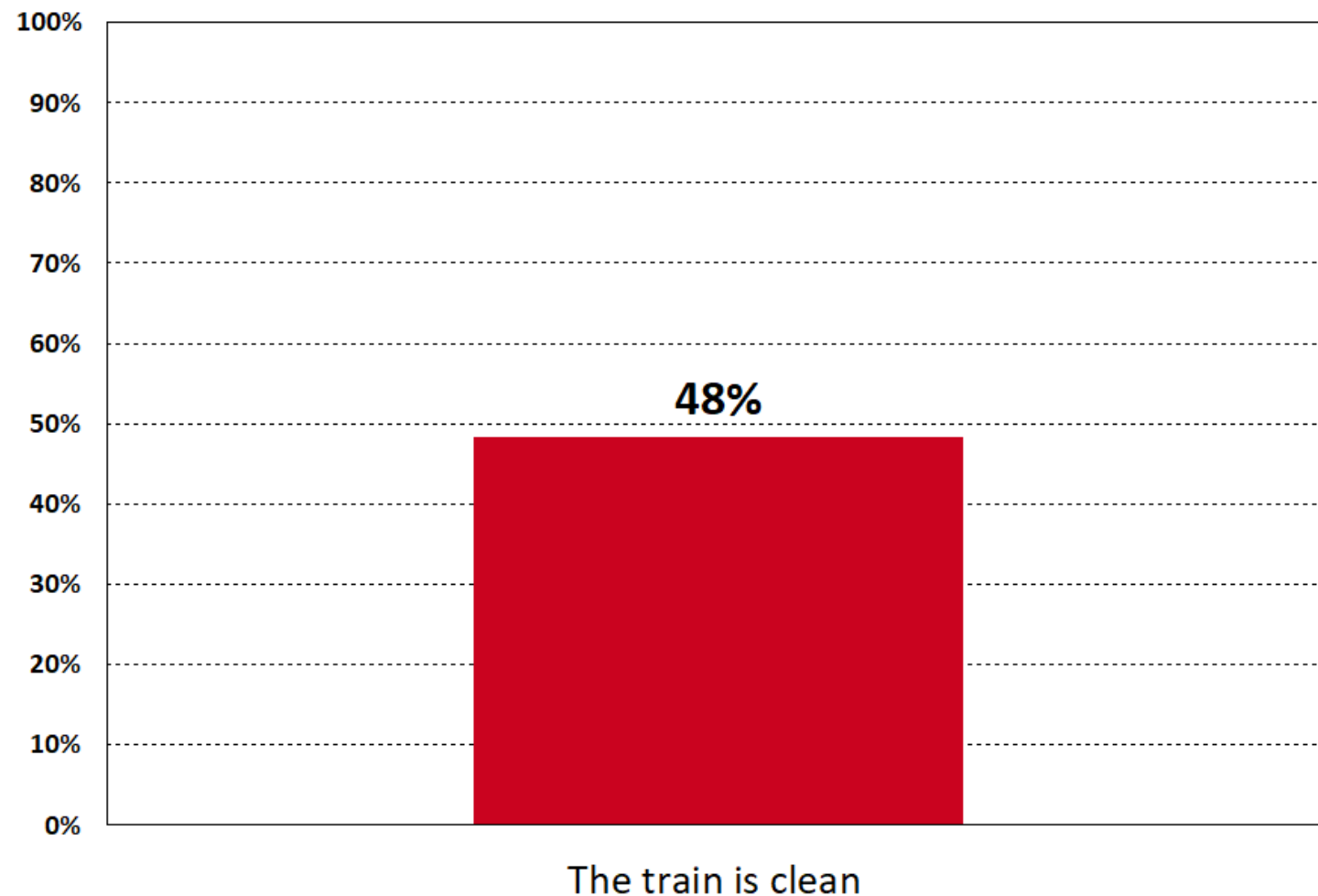




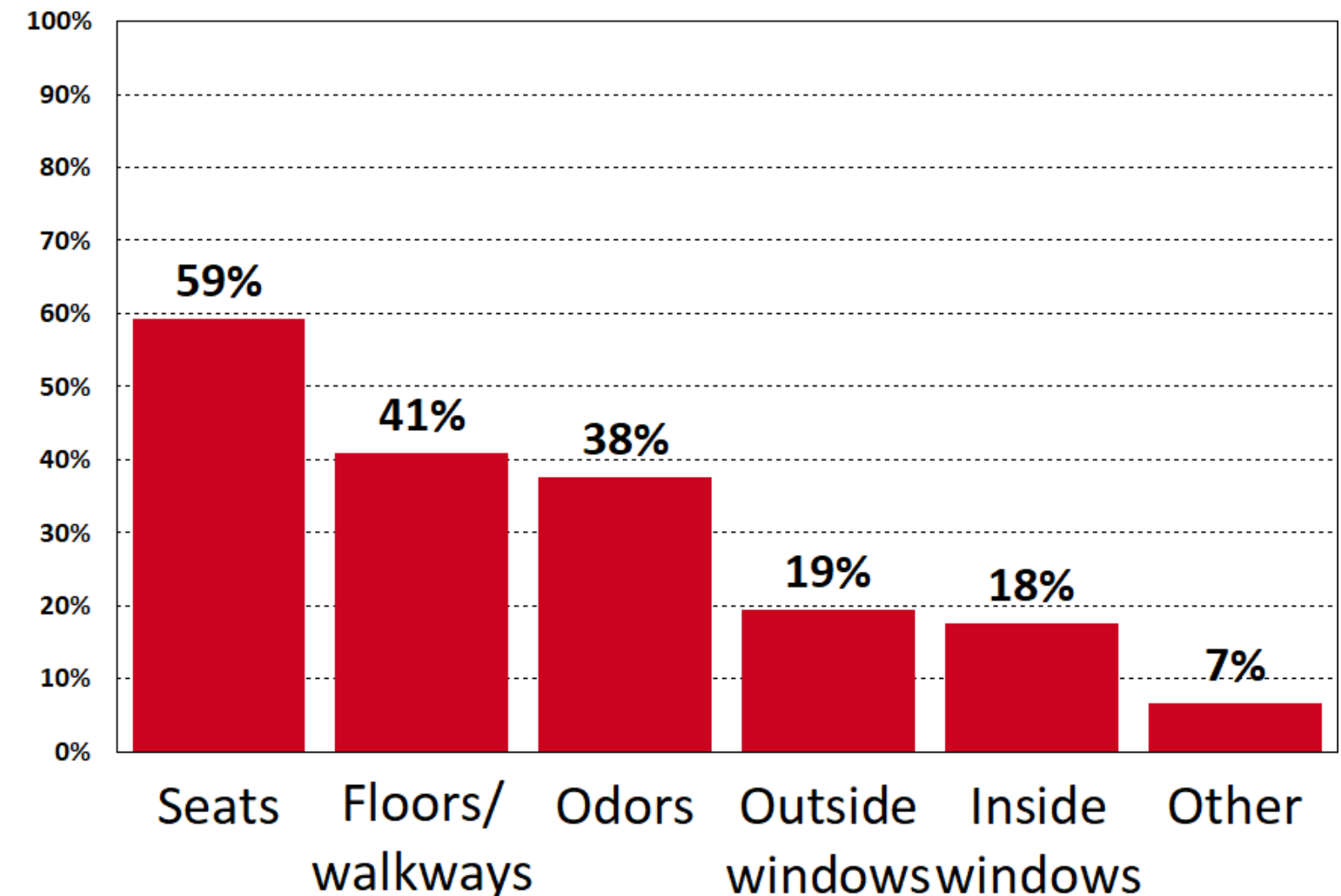
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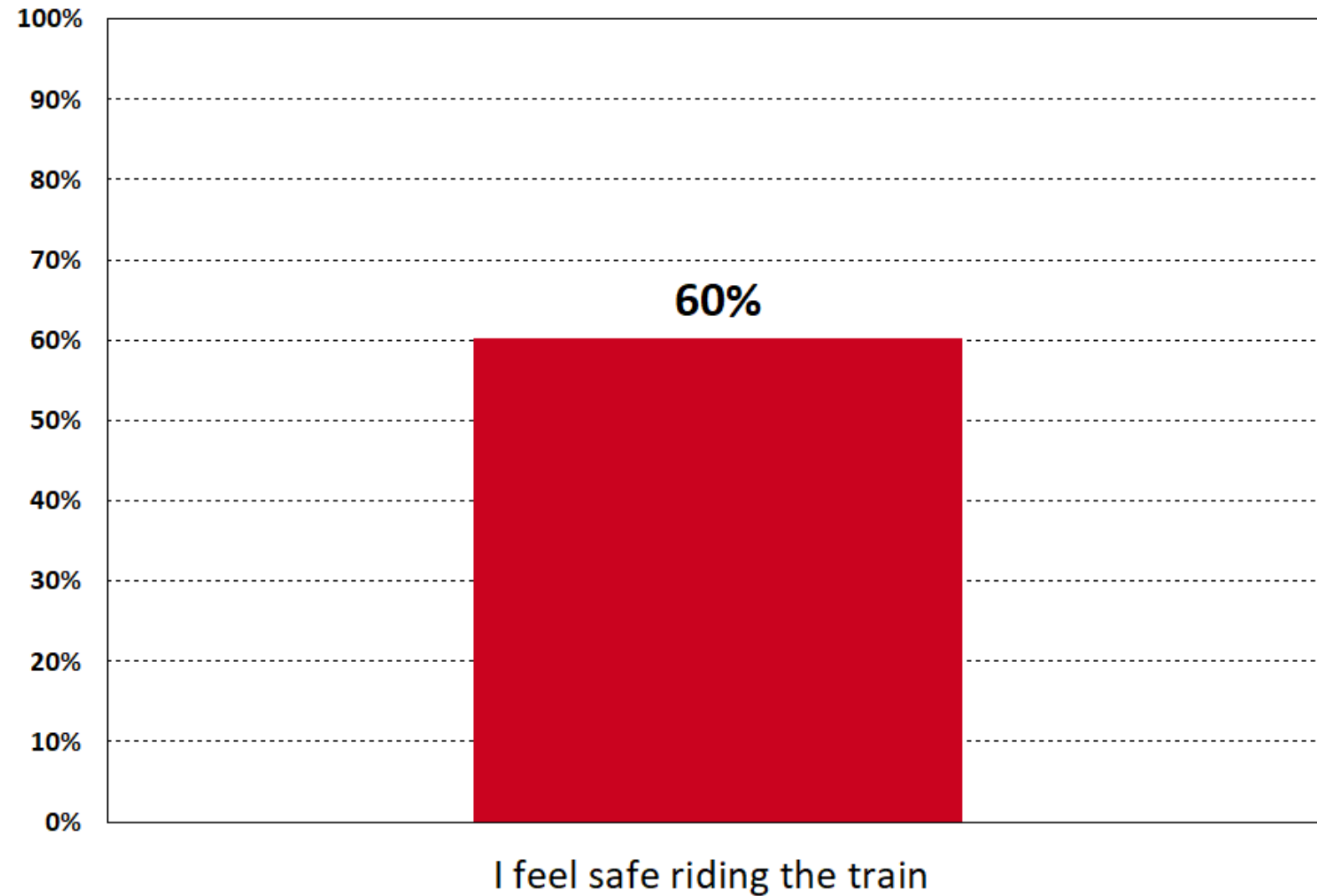


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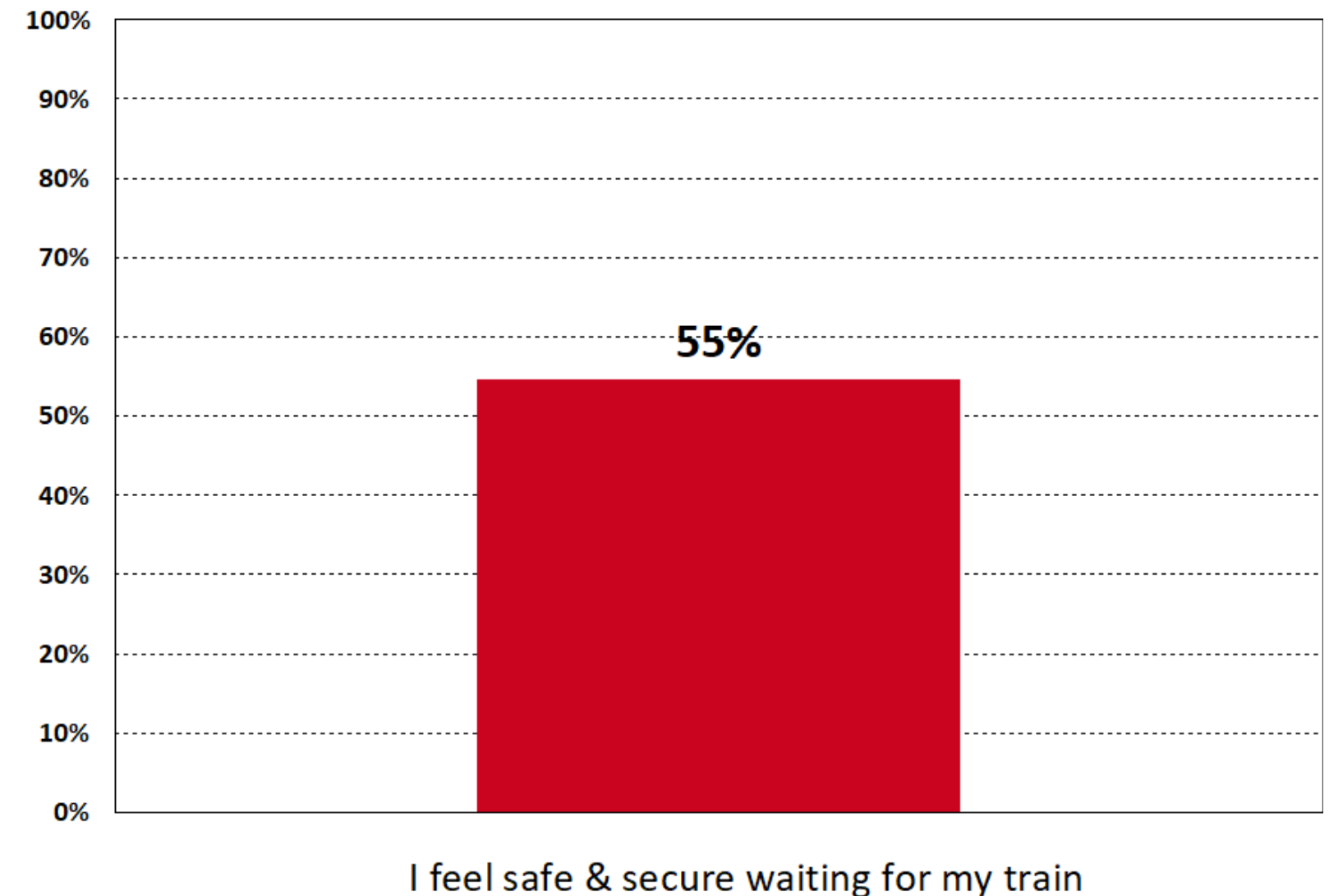


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**Train Safety**



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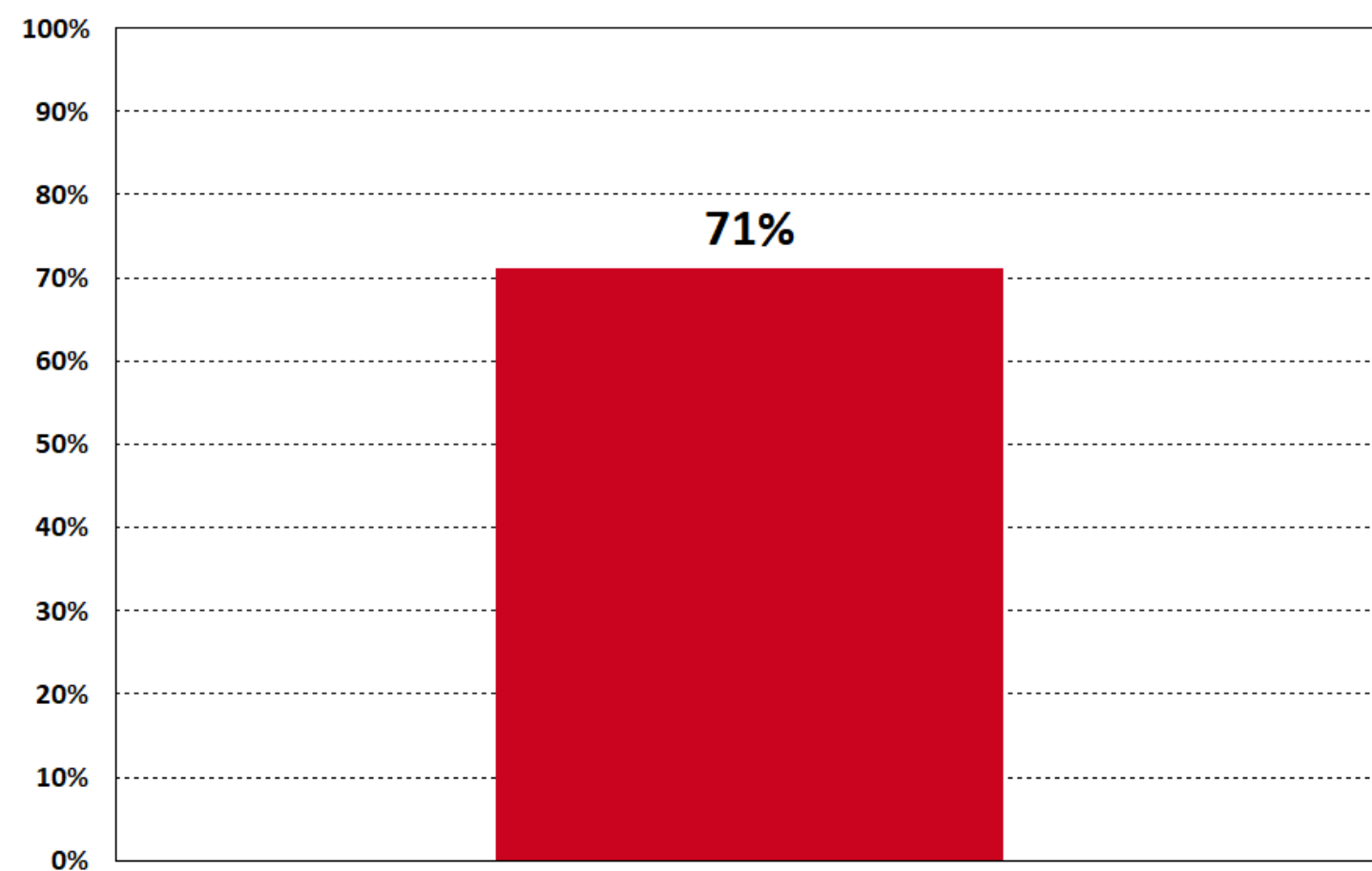




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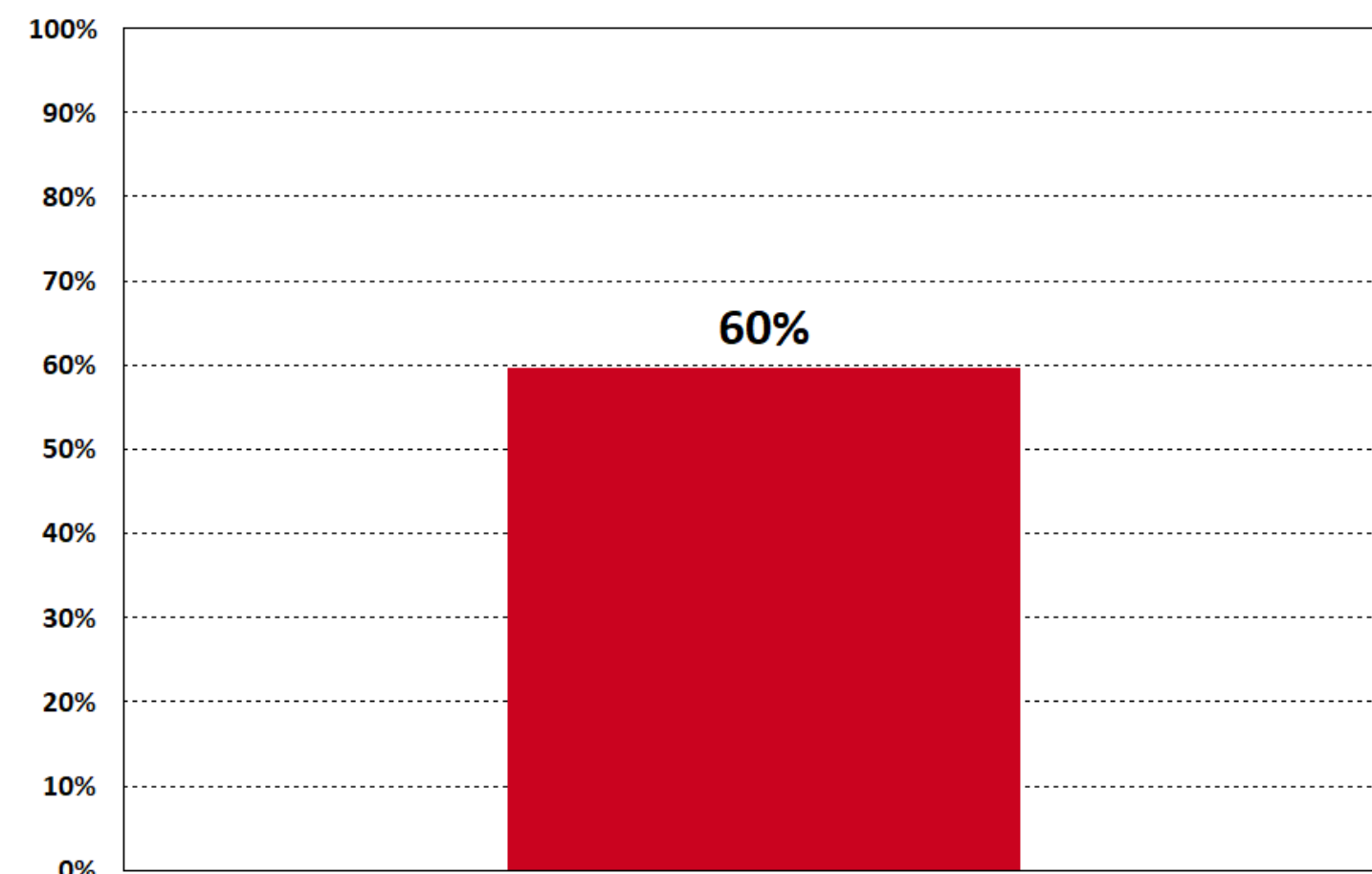
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# Customer Service

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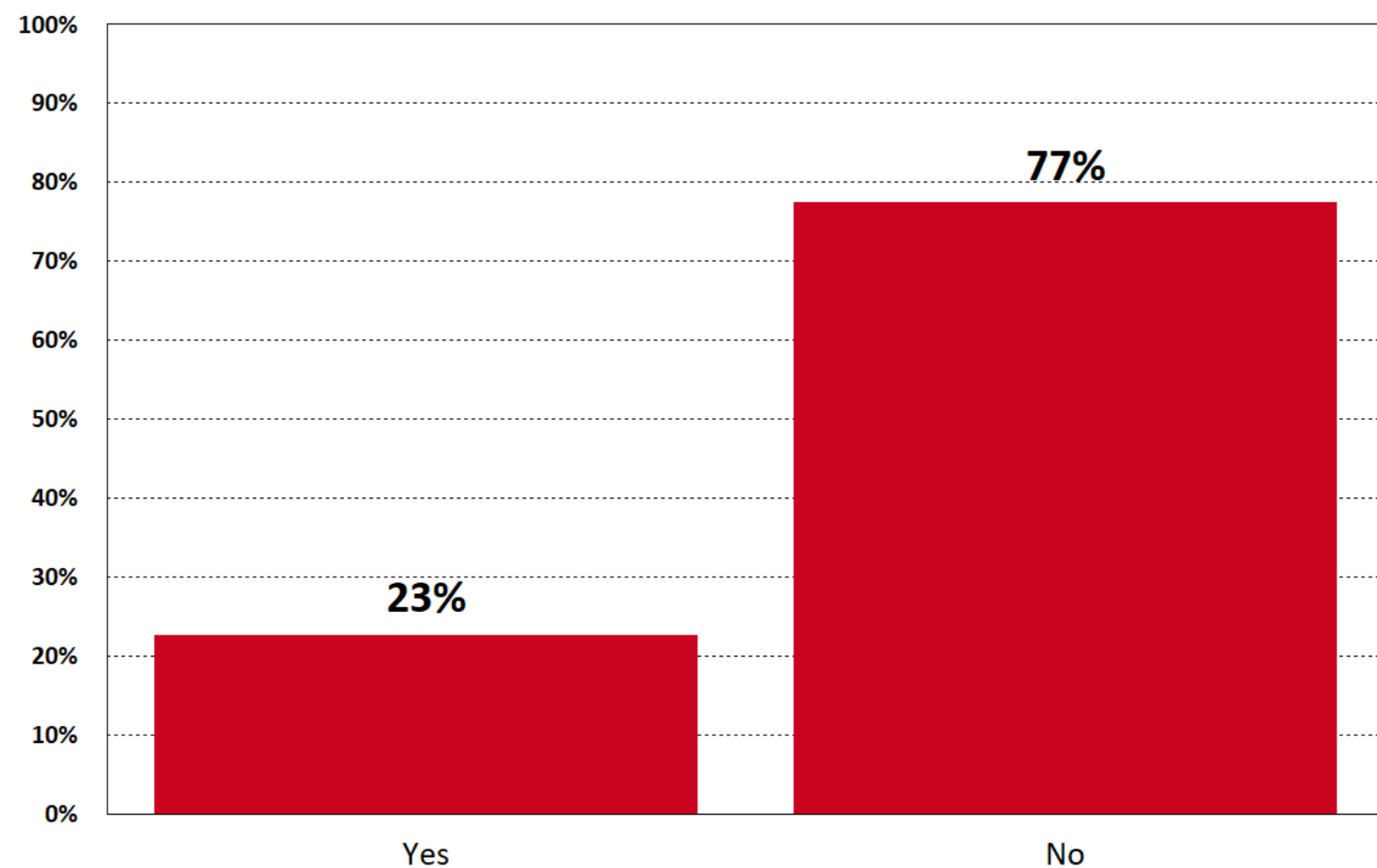


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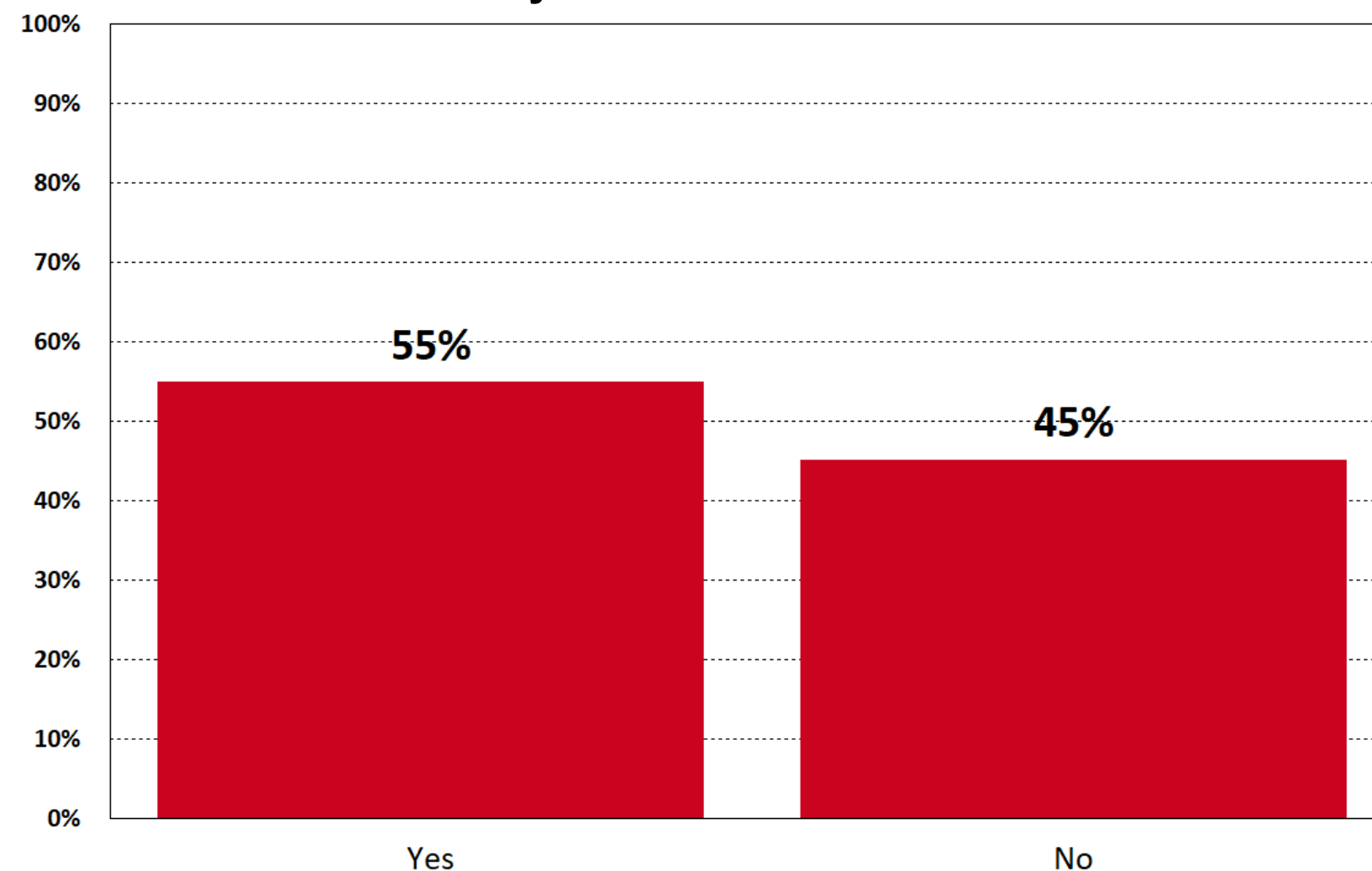


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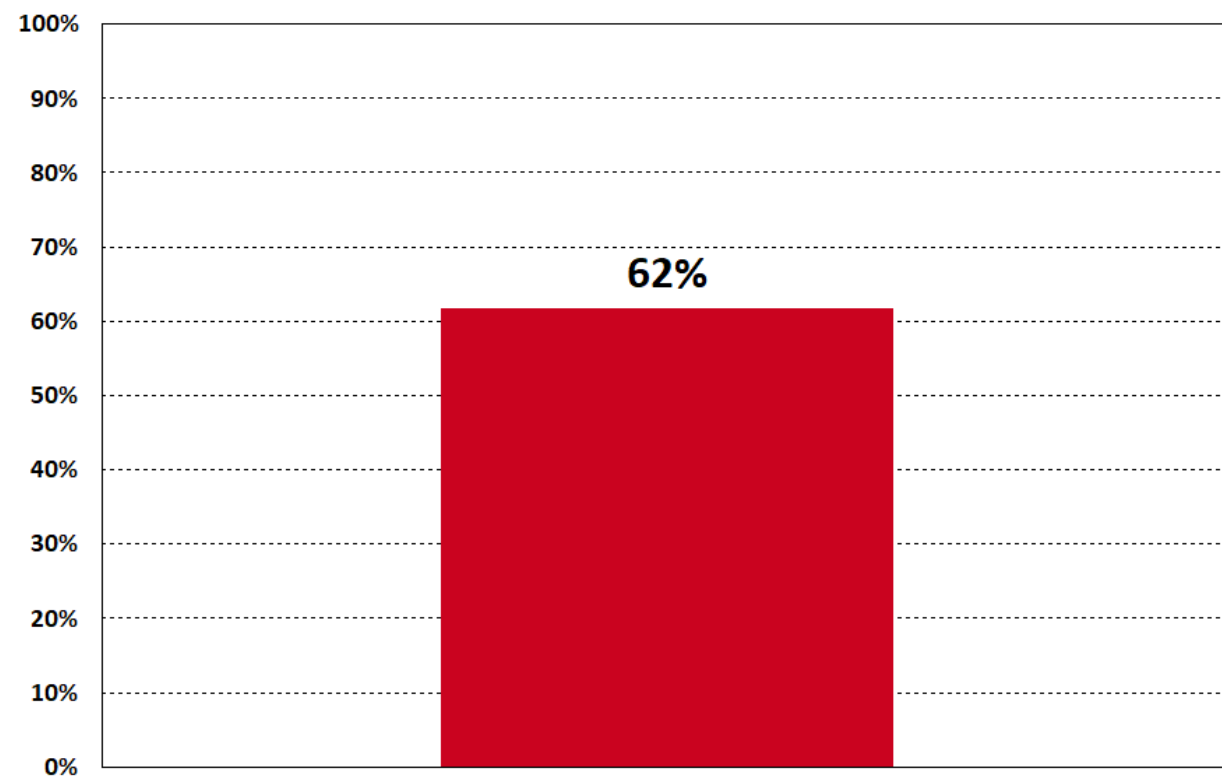




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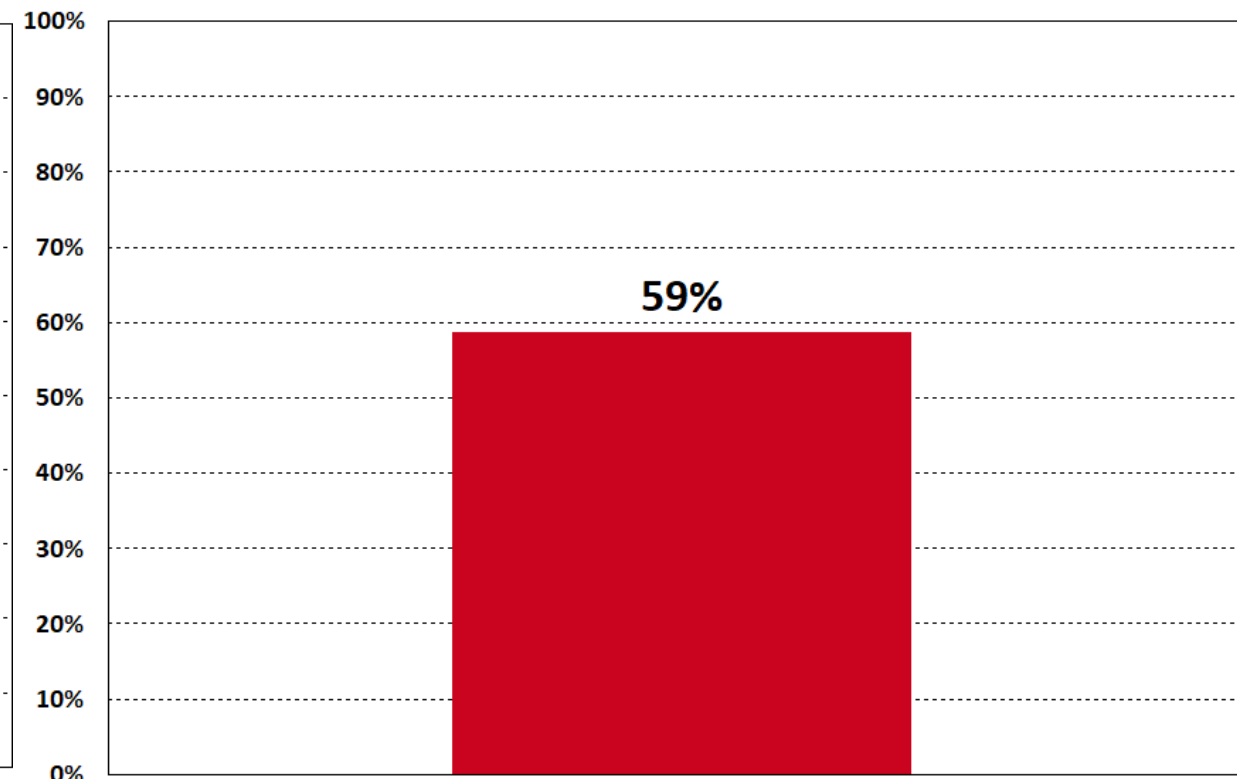
- 57% of rail customers are satisfied with the overall quality of RTA communications material.
- 59% of rail customers agree RTA Customer Service calls are answered promptly, and 62% agree that customer service representatives are helpful and courteous.

### Customer Service Courtesy



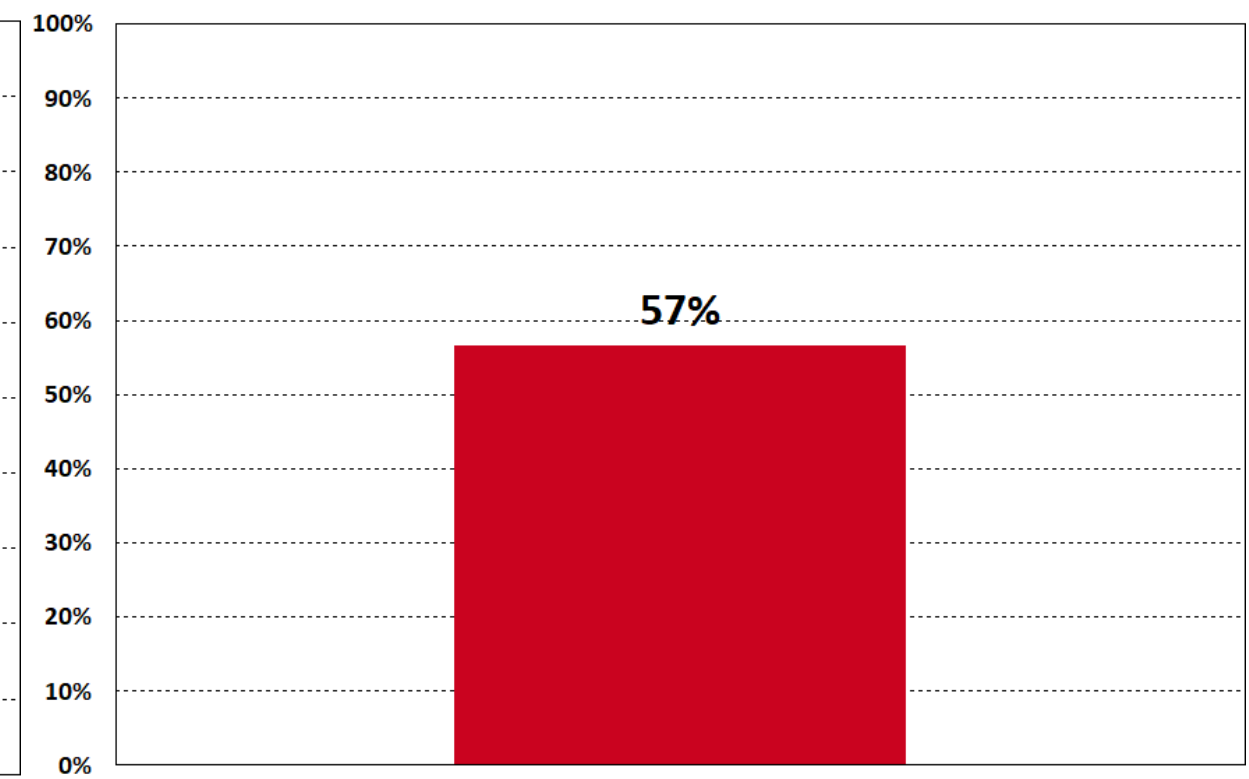
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### Contacting Customer Service



When contacting RTA Customer Service by phone, my calls are answered promptly

### Overall Communications Material



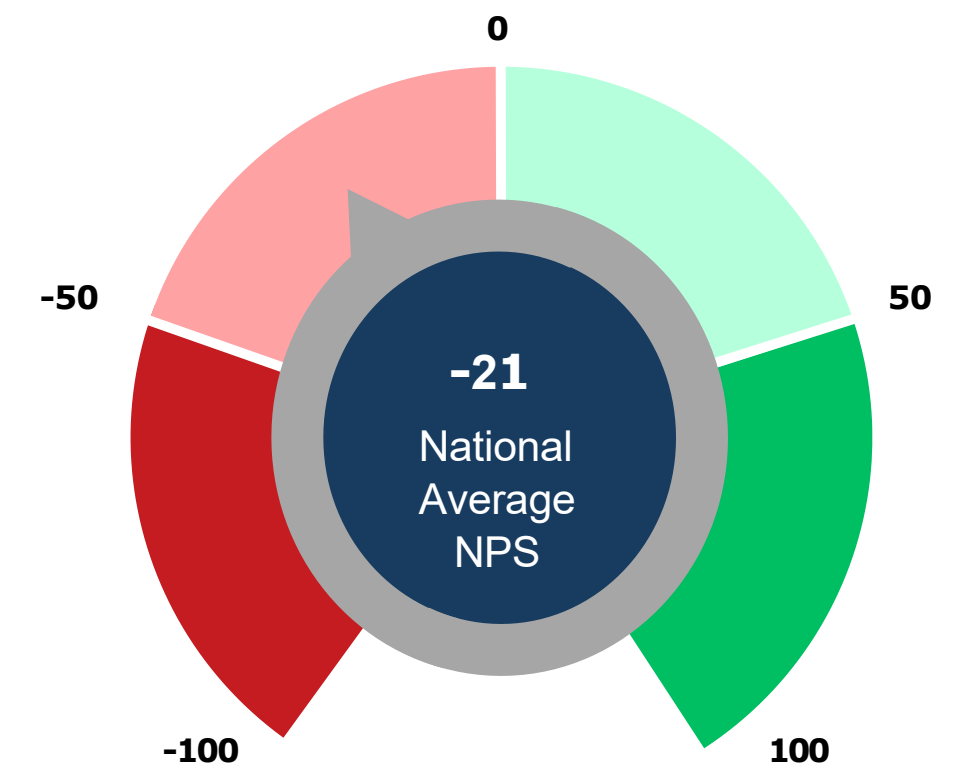
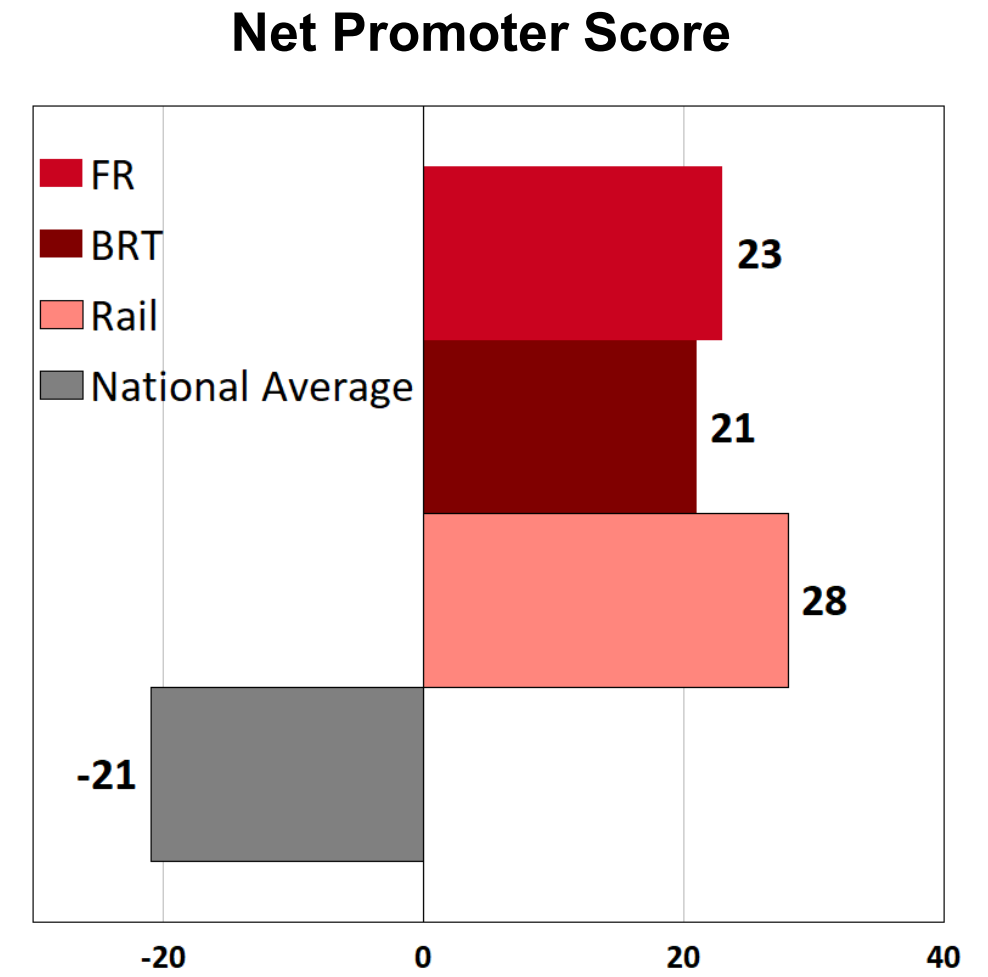
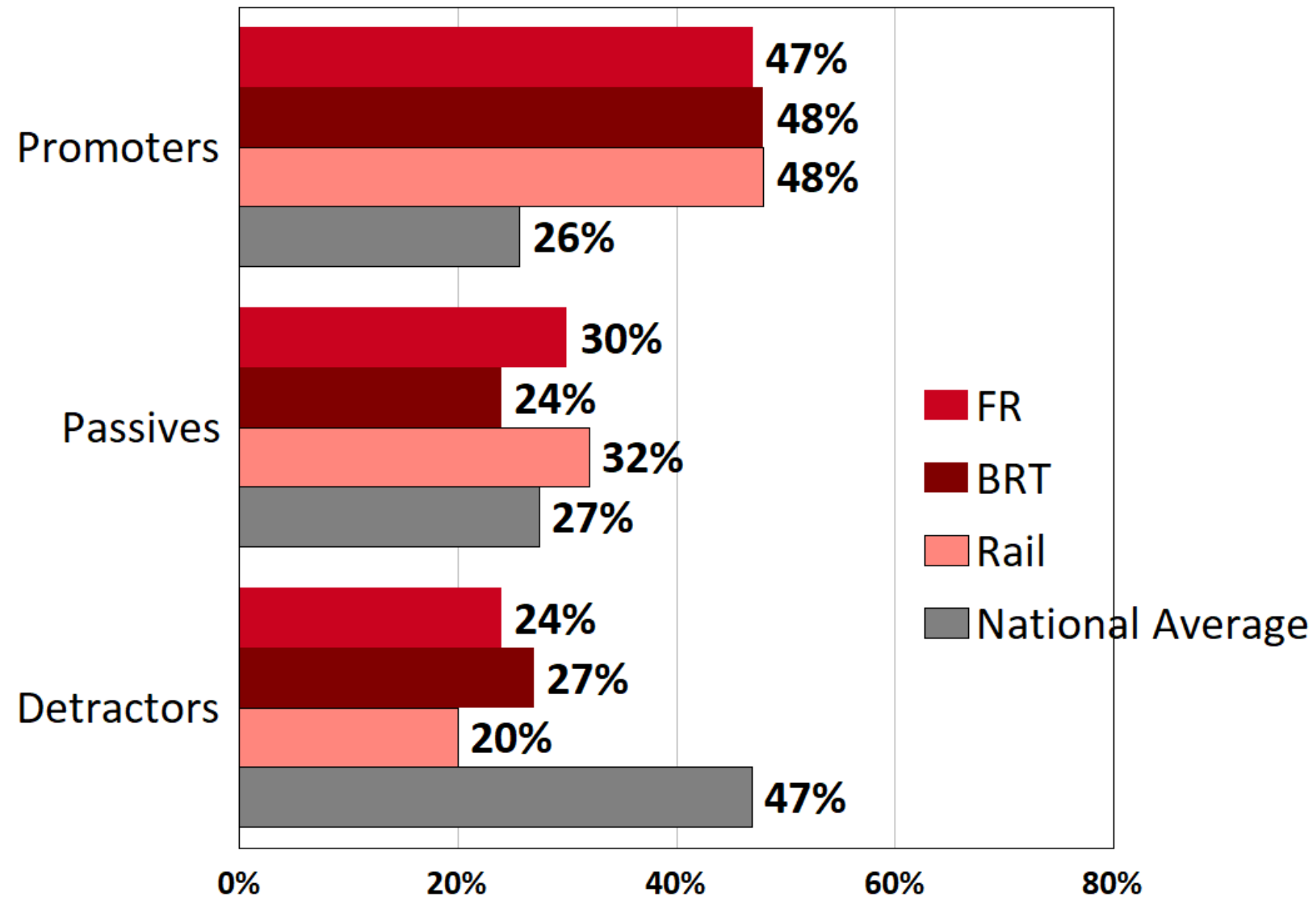
How satisfied are you with the overall quality of RTA communications material?

# Rider Benchmarks



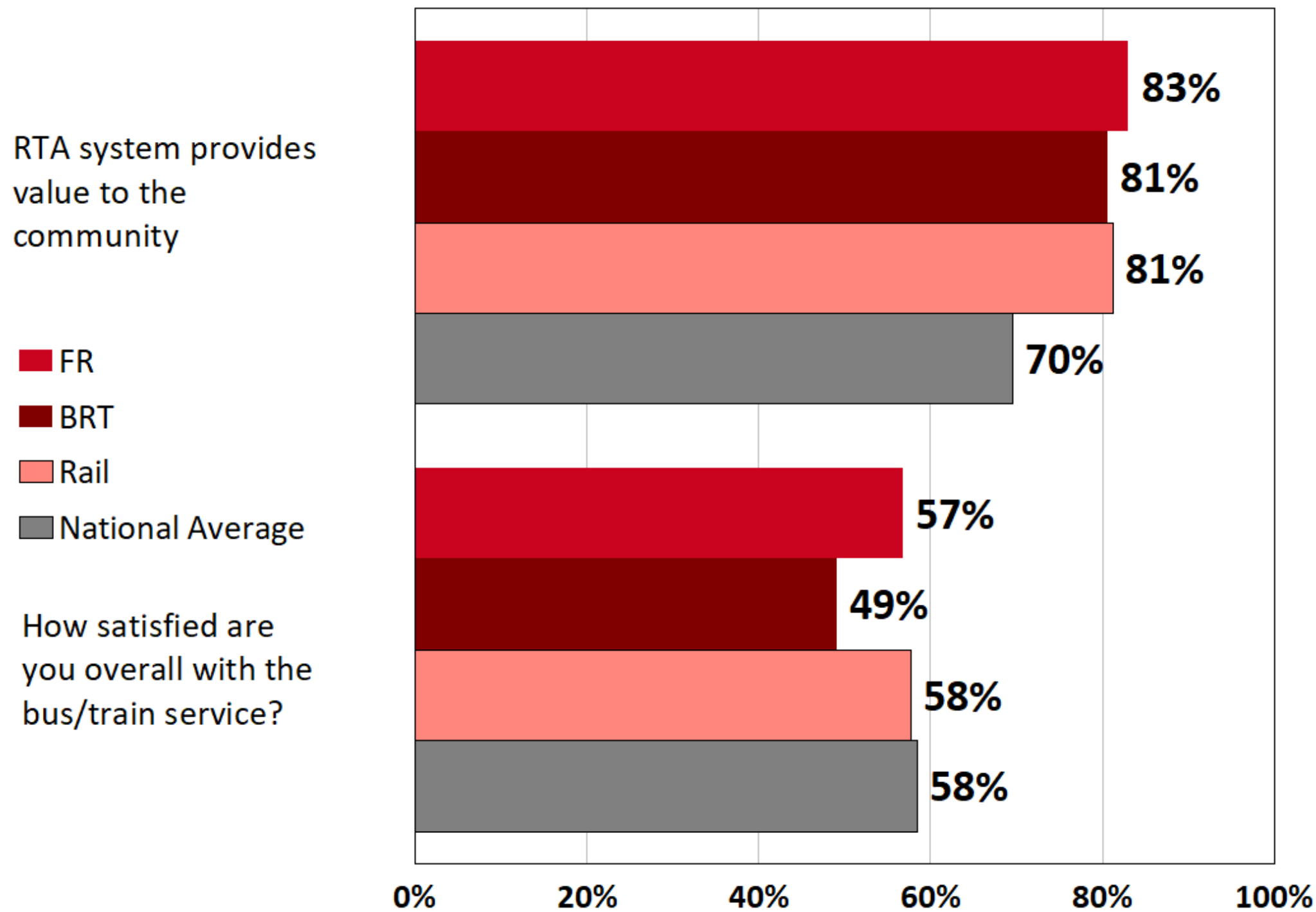
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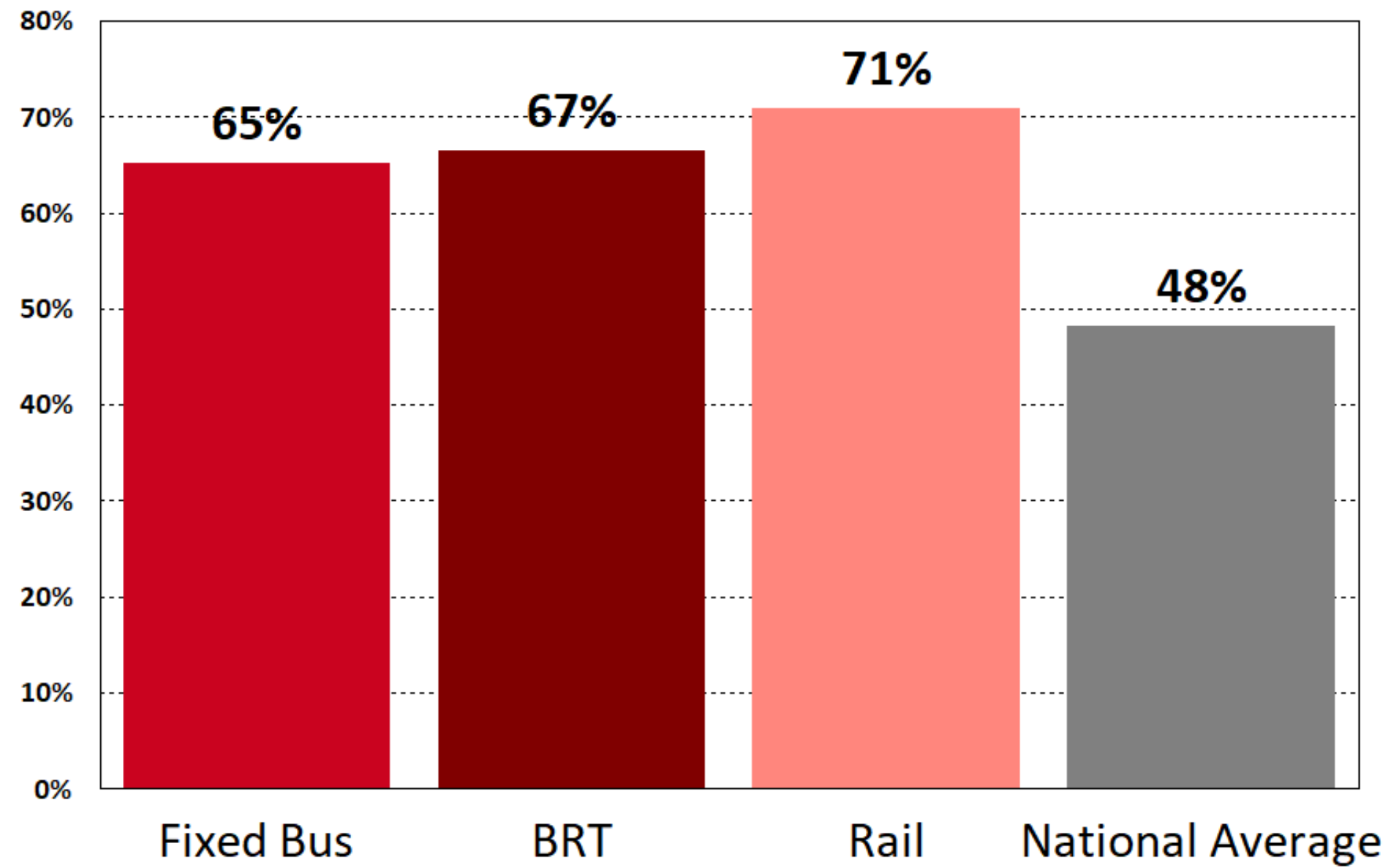
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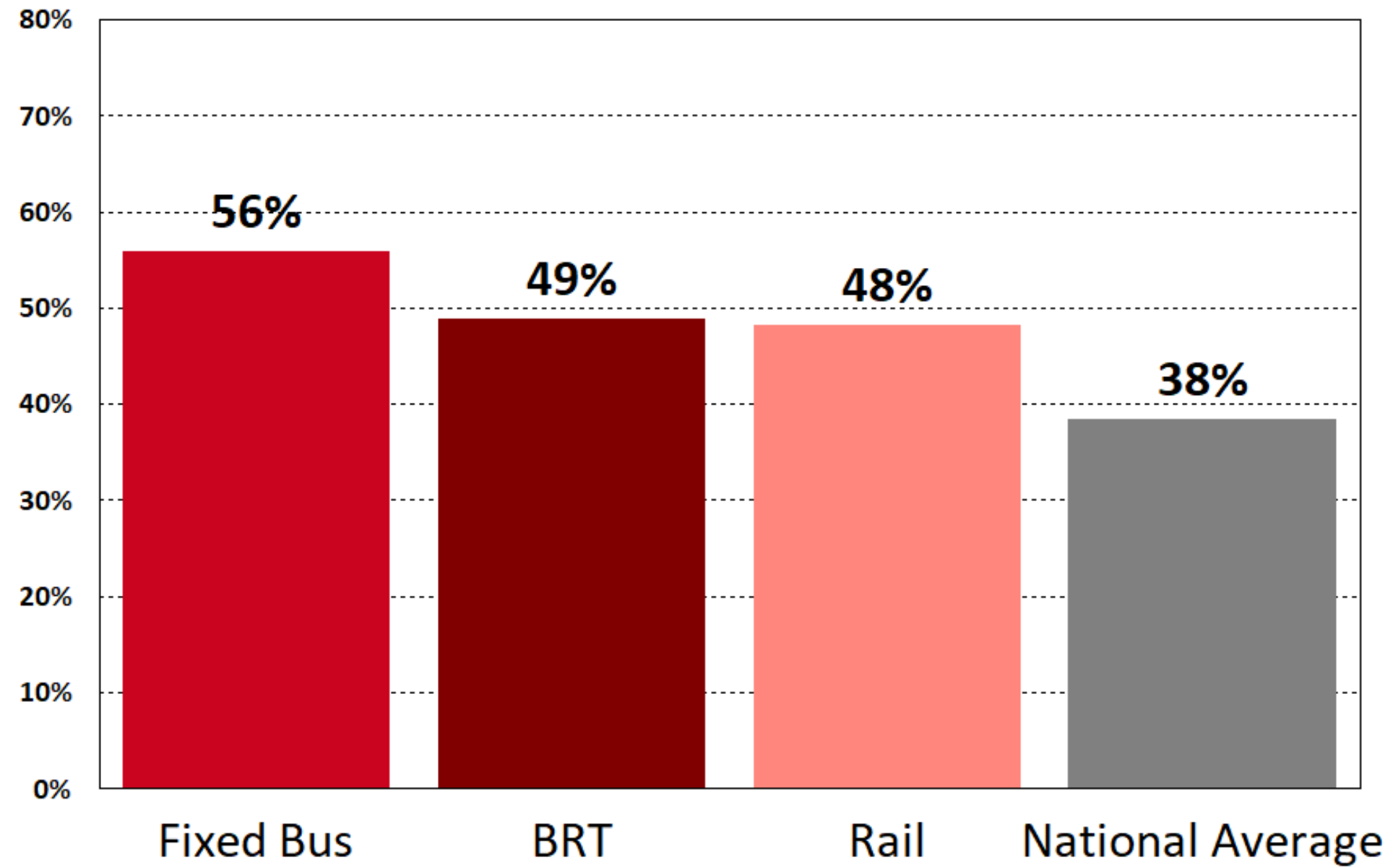
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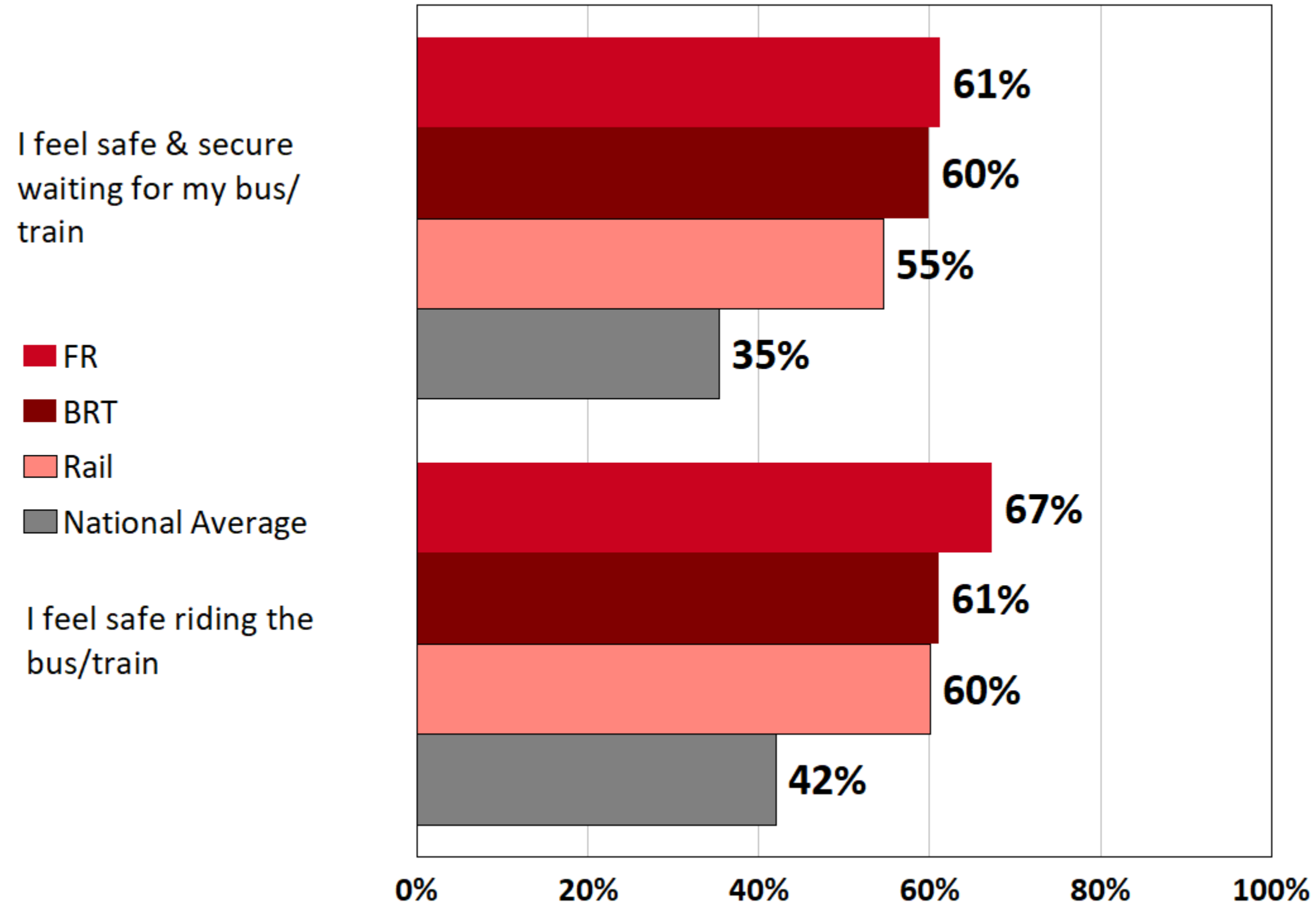
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Cleanliness of Buses/Trains



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### Bus/Train Safety



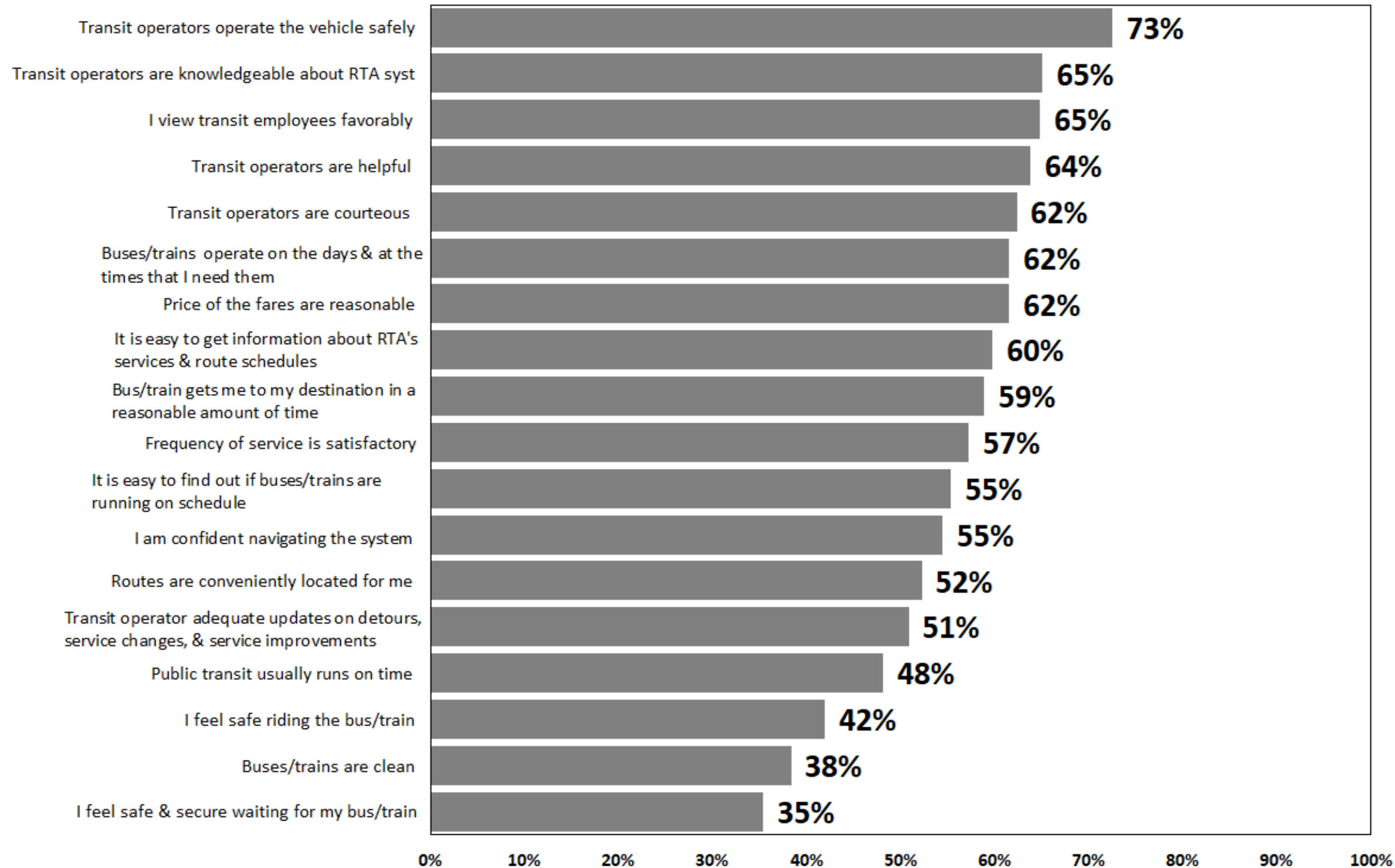




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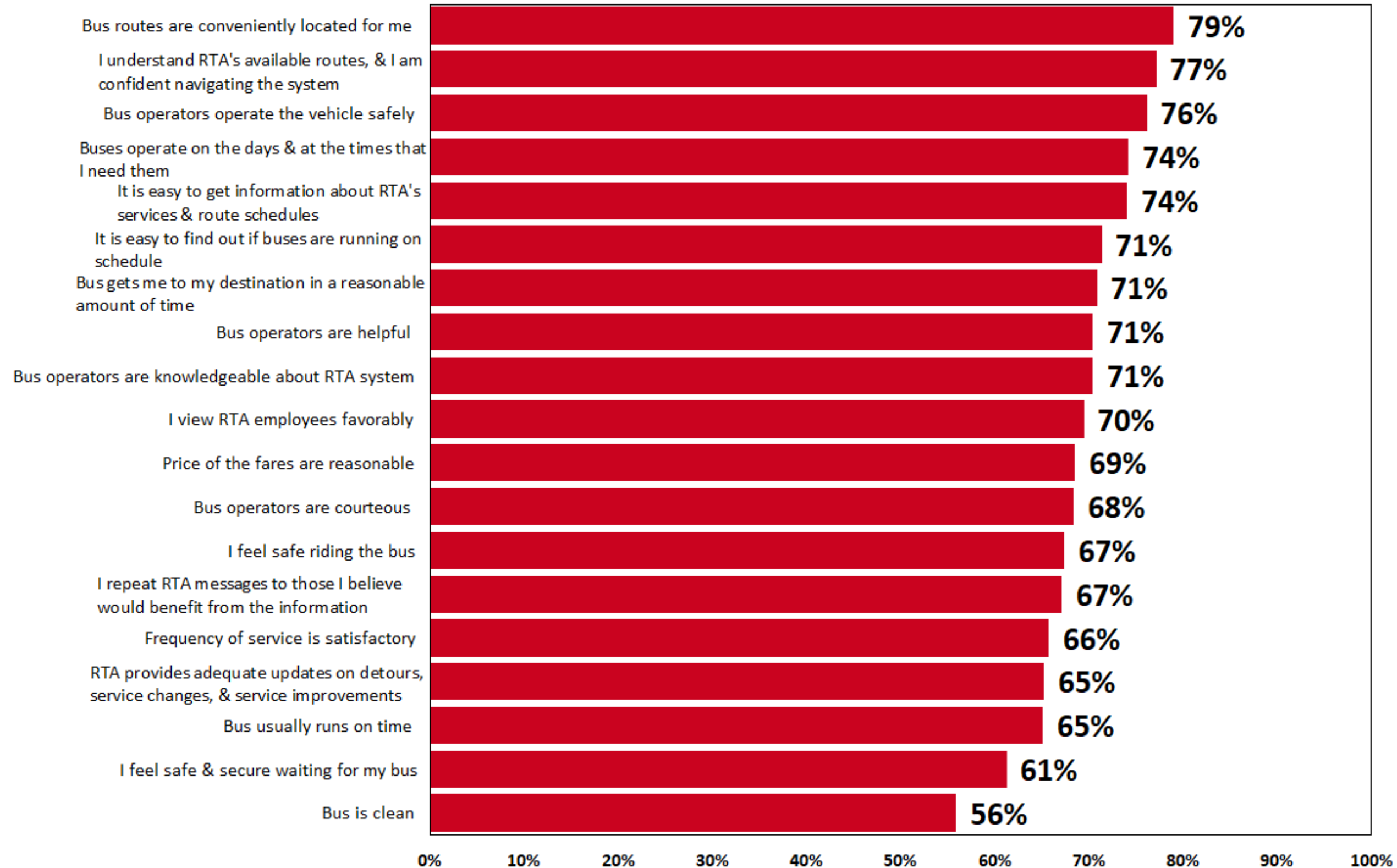




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## Fixed Route Bus

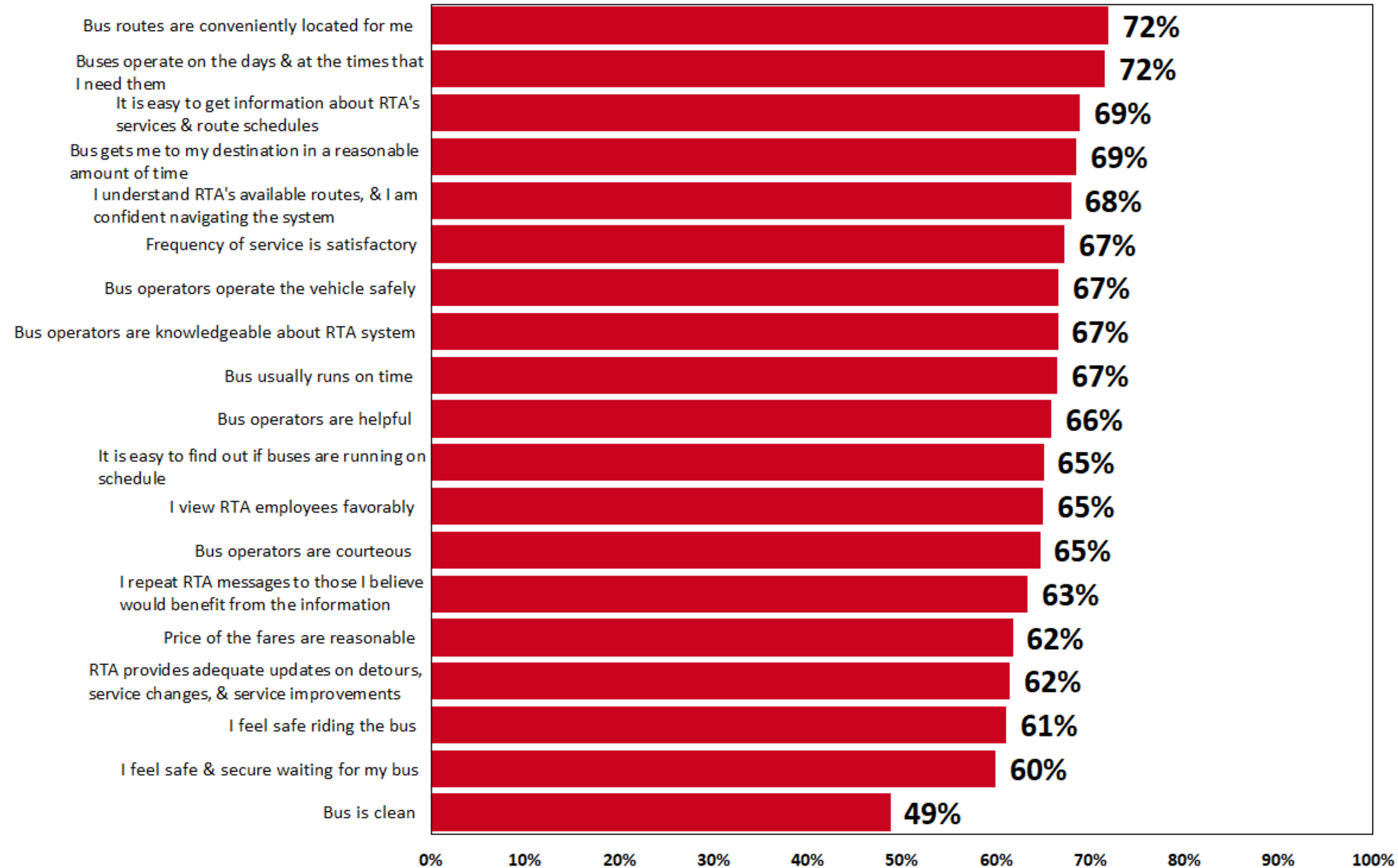




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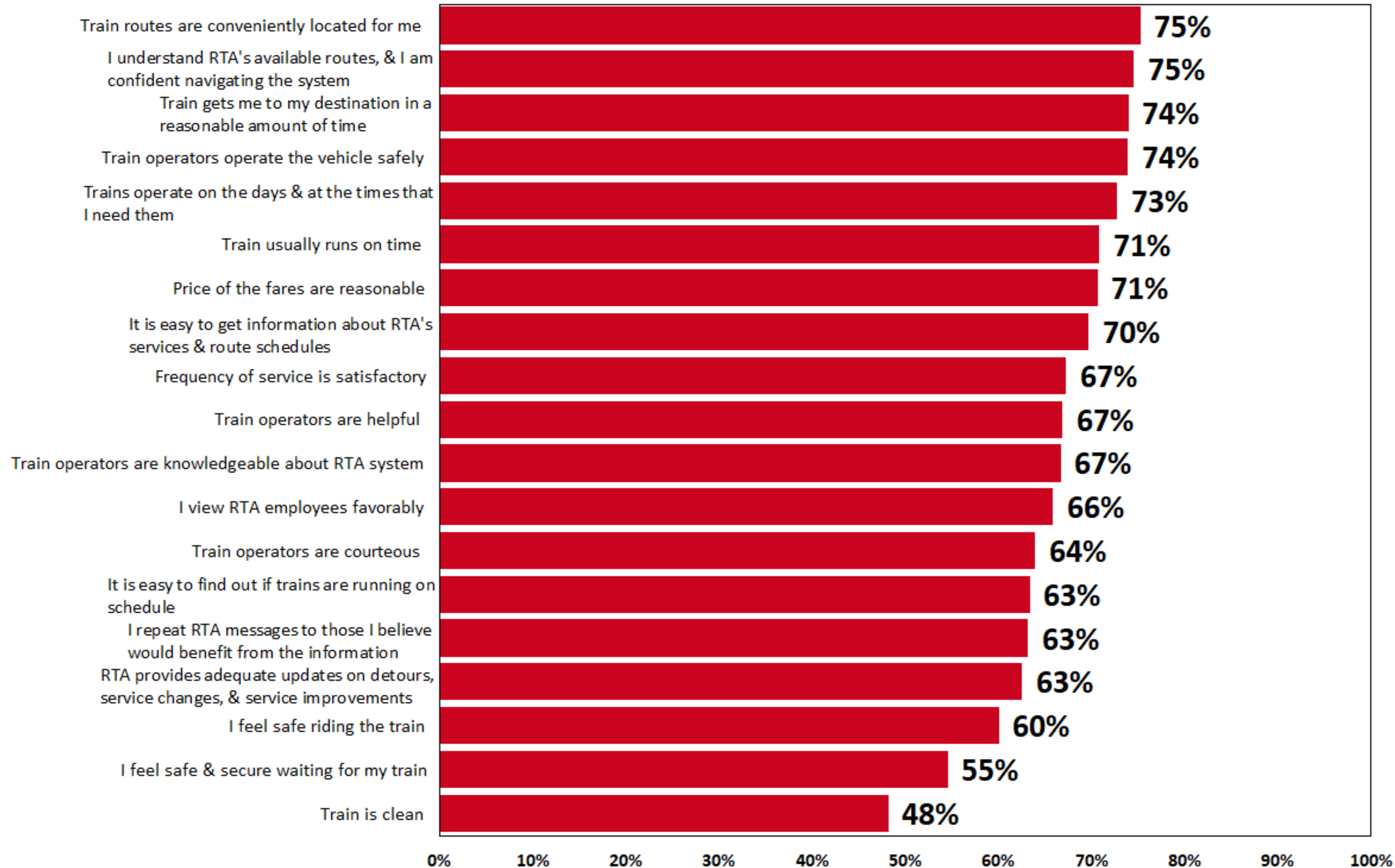




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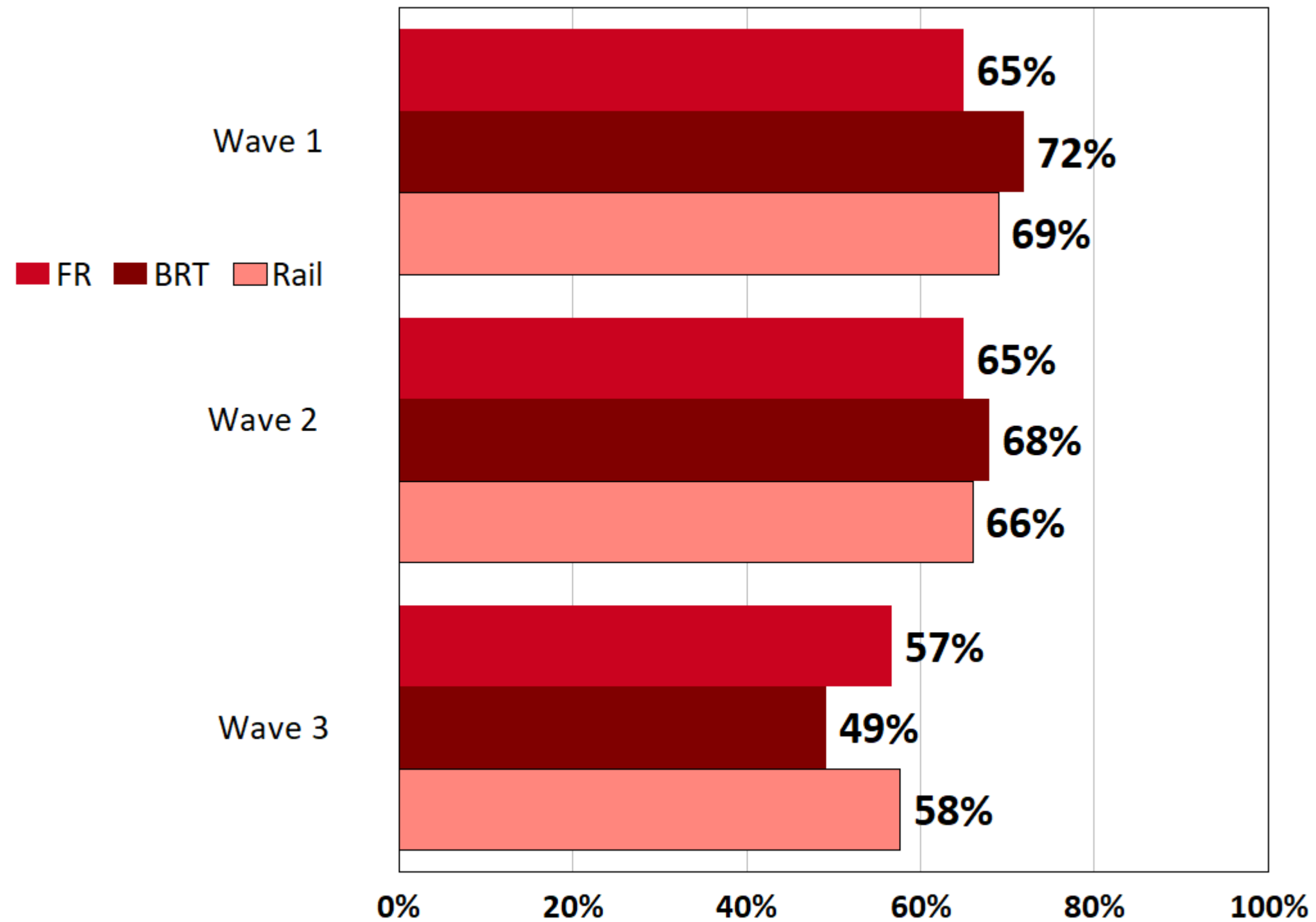


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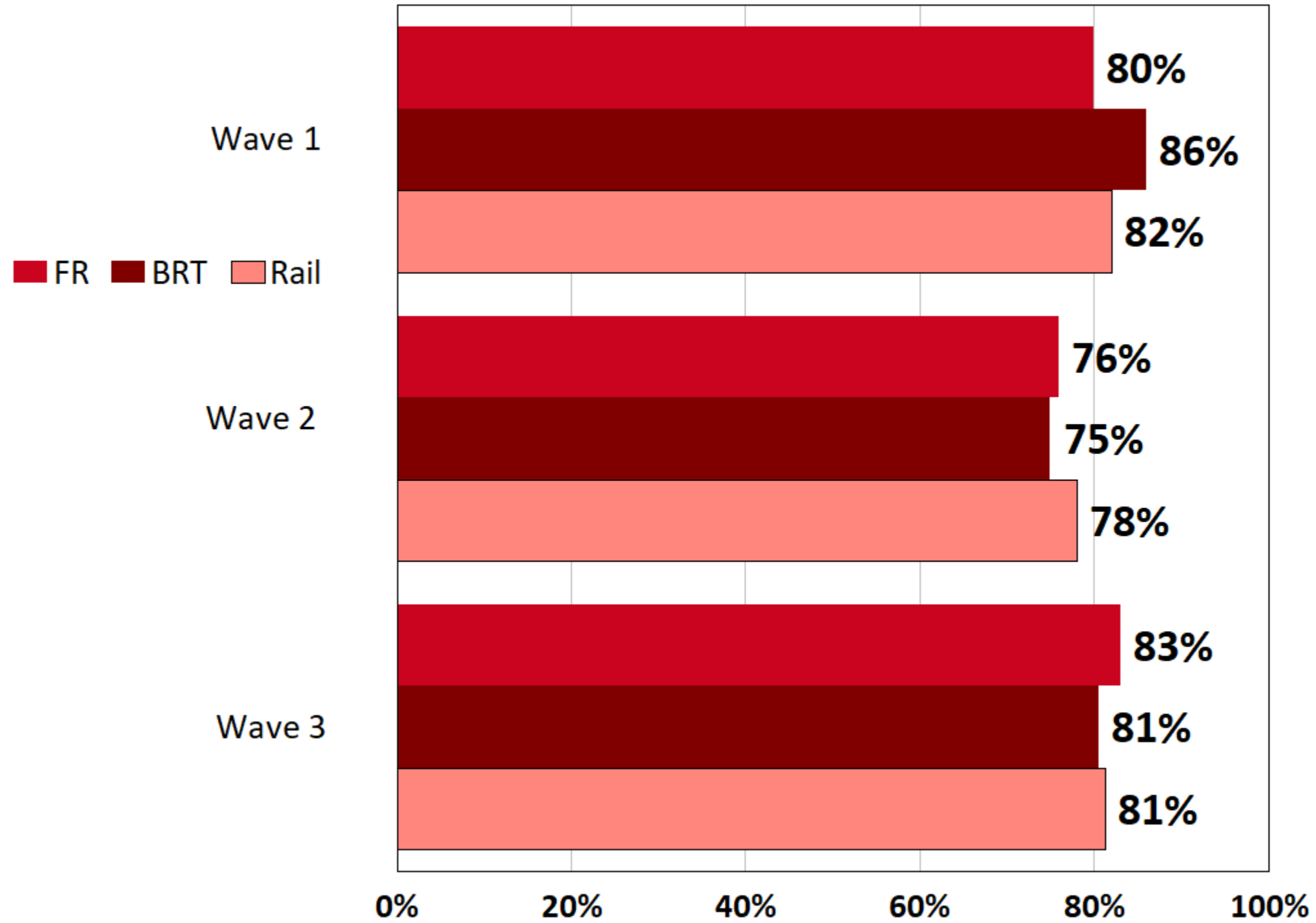
# Satisfaction

How satisfied are you with the overall bus/train service?



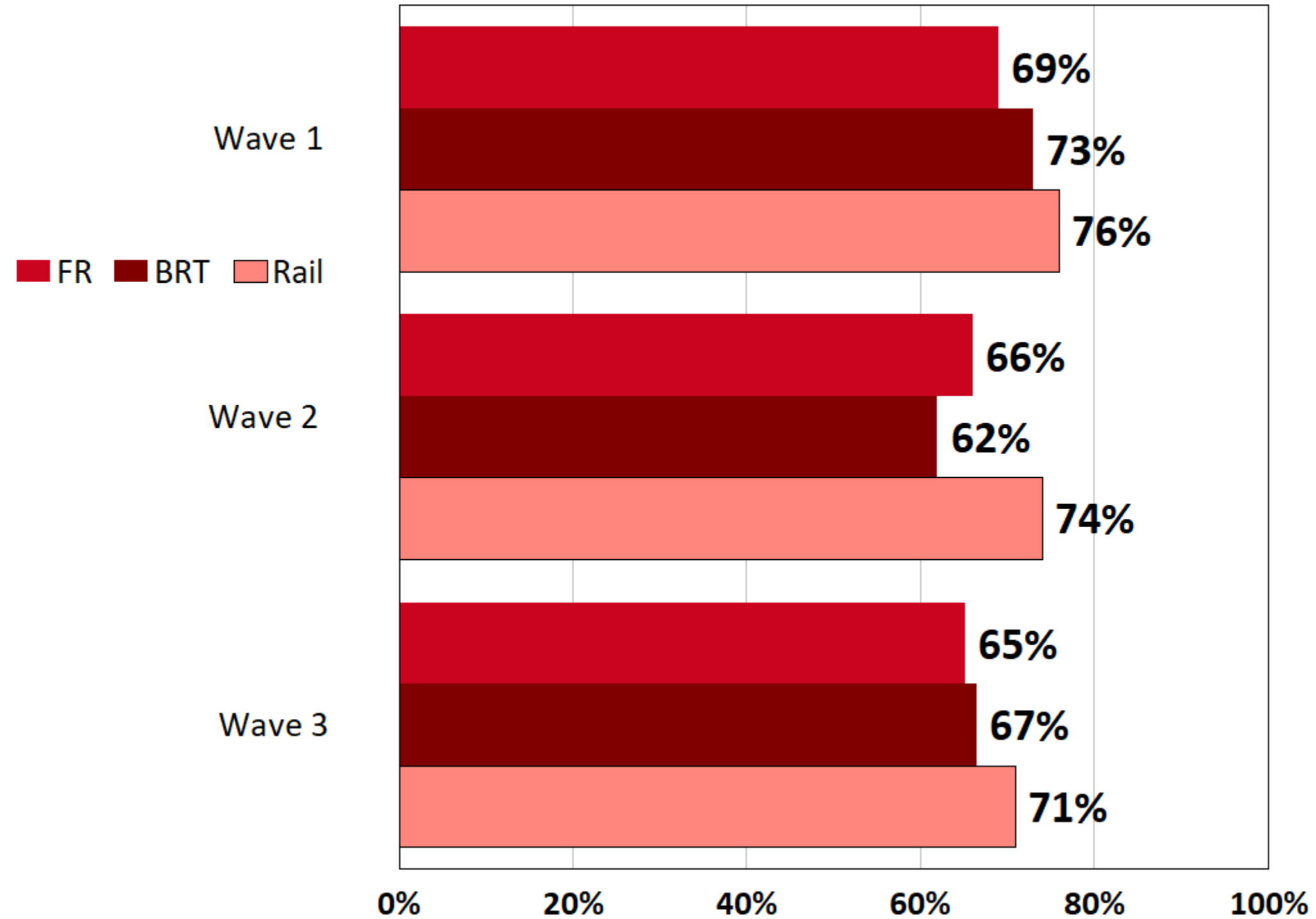
# Community Value

RTA system provides value to the community



# On-Time Performance

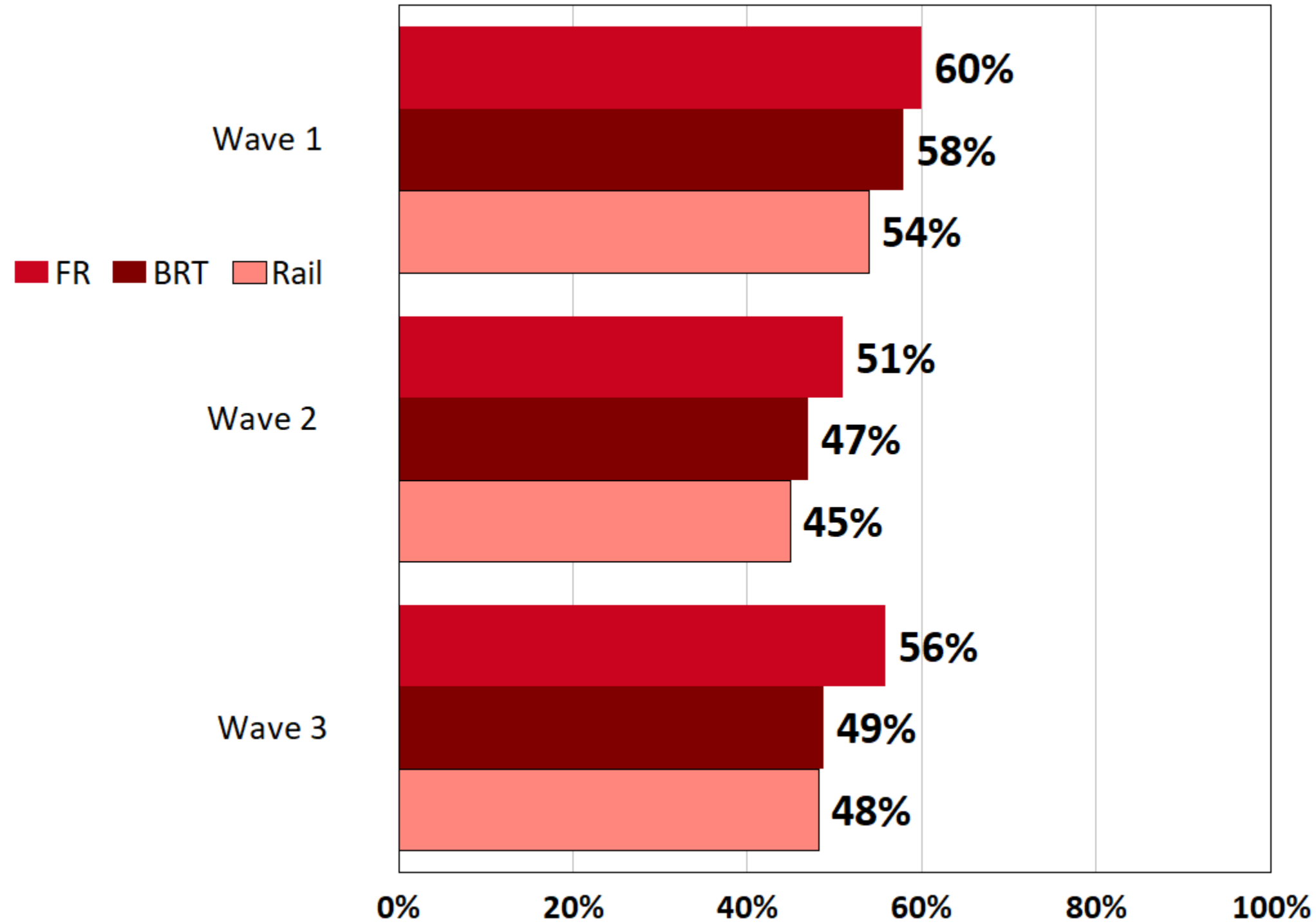
The bus/train usually runs on time





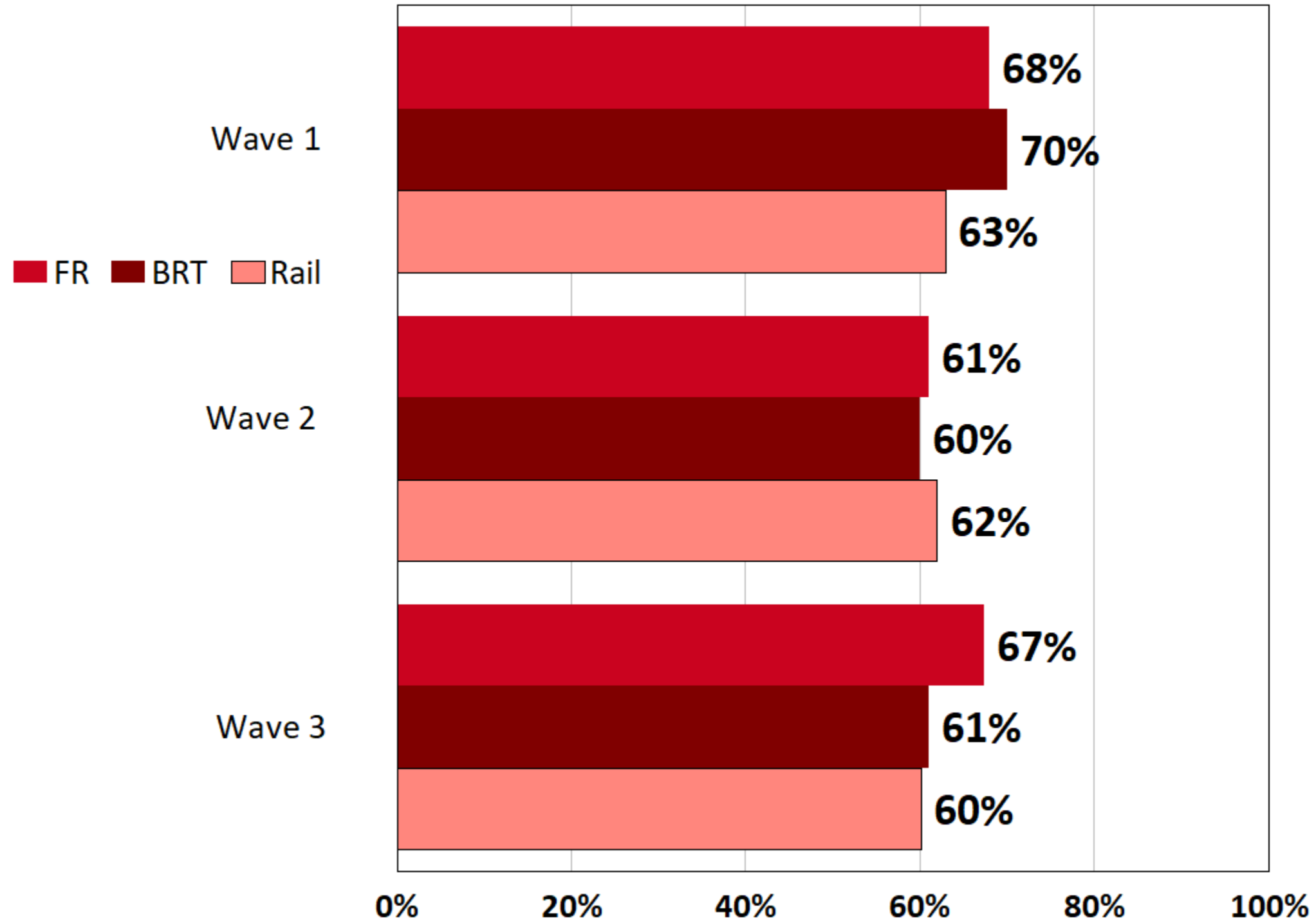
# Cleanliness

Cleanliness of buses/trains



# Safety

### Bus/Train Safety



# Paratransit





# Paratransit Results Overview

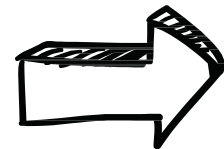


**3 out of 4** customers who contacted RTA had their issues resolved

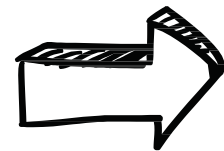
**79%** of customers would recommend riding RTA paratransit

**88%** are satisfied with the overall performance of RTA's customer service staff.

## Customers MOST OFTEN agree...



I feel safe when boarding a vehicle (97%)



I can schedule for the time and date I need (97%)

## Top Most Important Elements of Paratransit service to customers

1. On-time performance
2. Safety while riding
3. Resolving complaints
4. Fare price

# **Customer Characteristics**

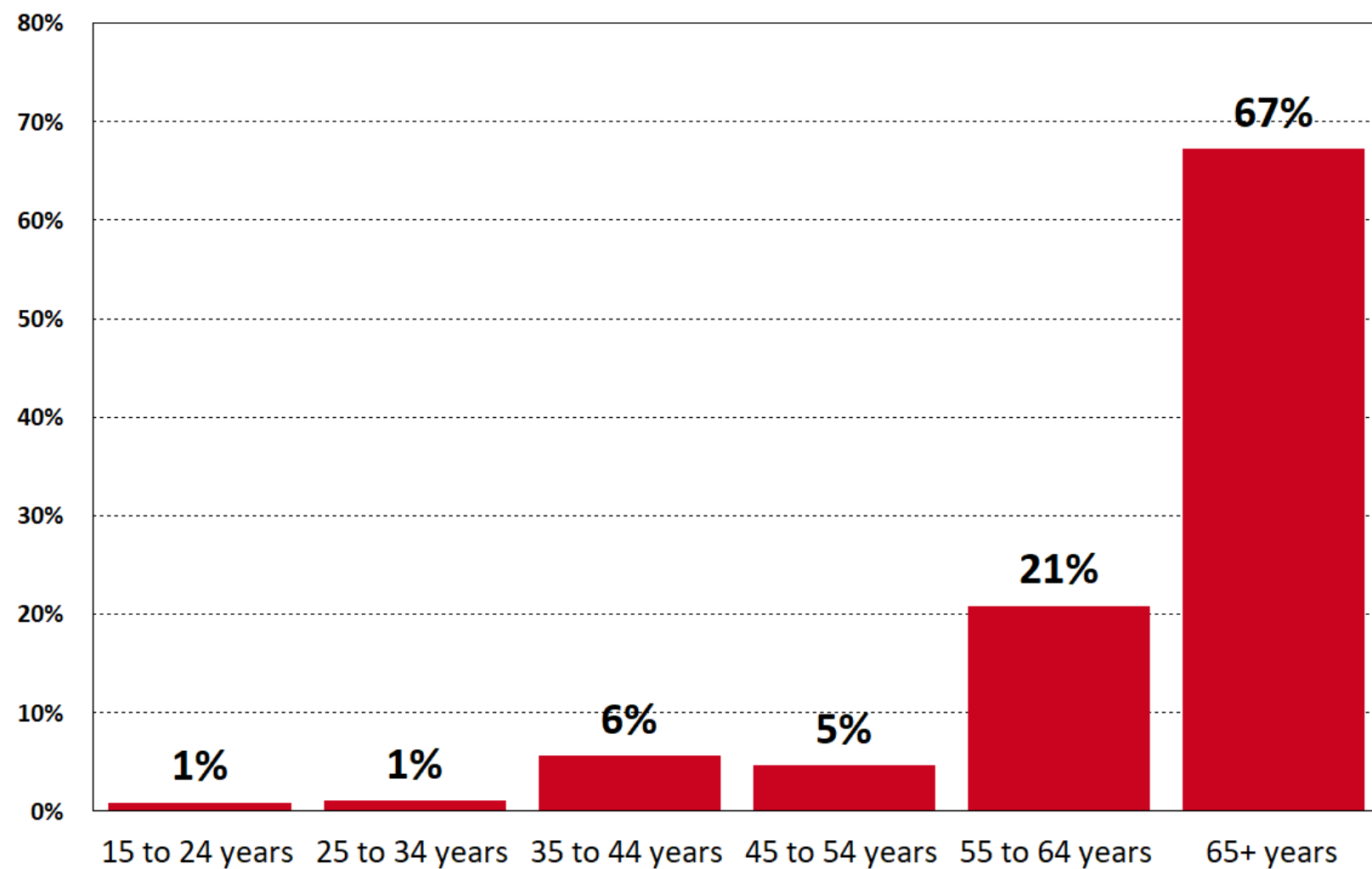
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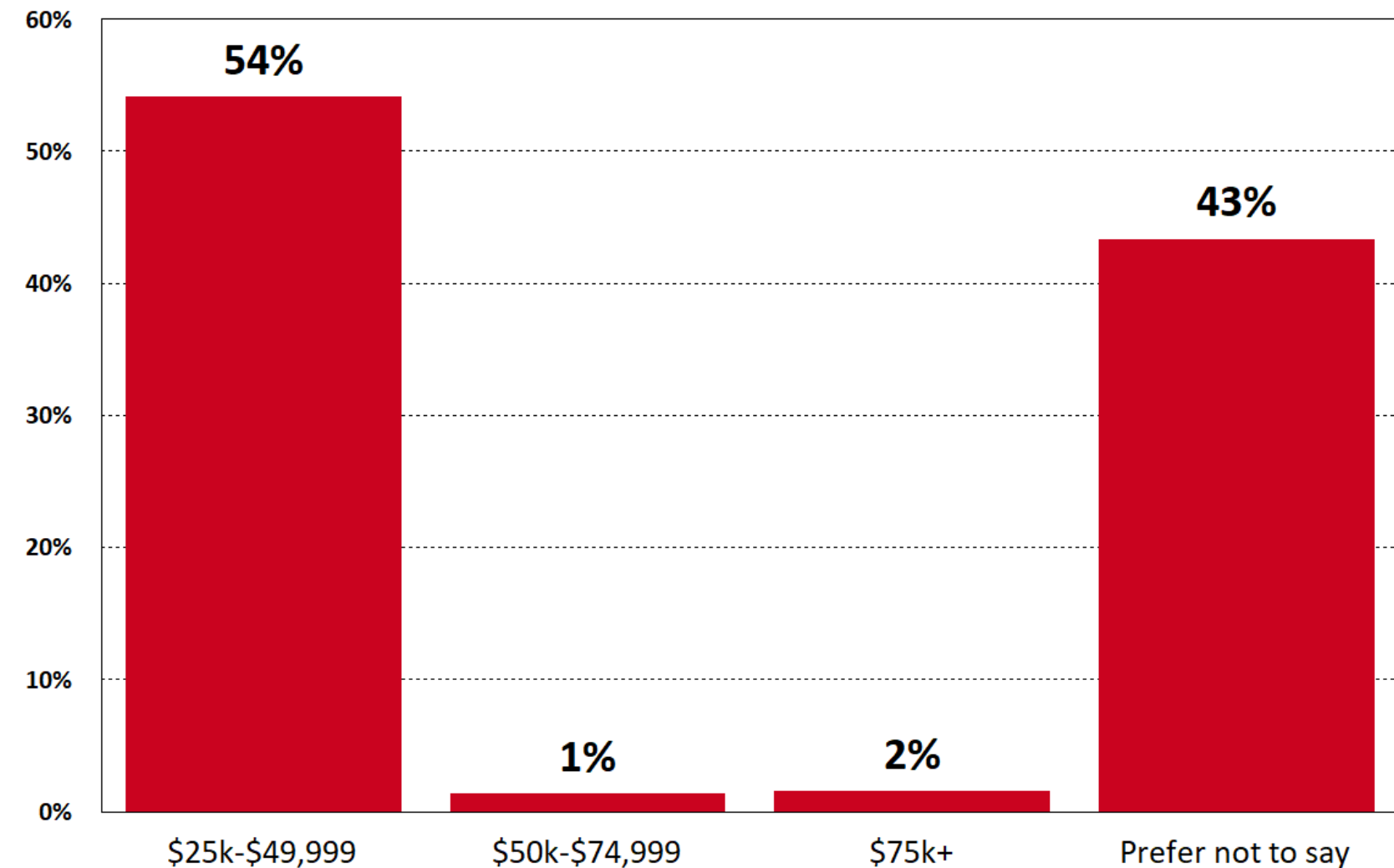
# Customer Characteristics

- 67% of Paratransit customers are 65+ years old
- 54% of respondents make less than \$50,000

What is your age?



What category best describes your total annual household income?

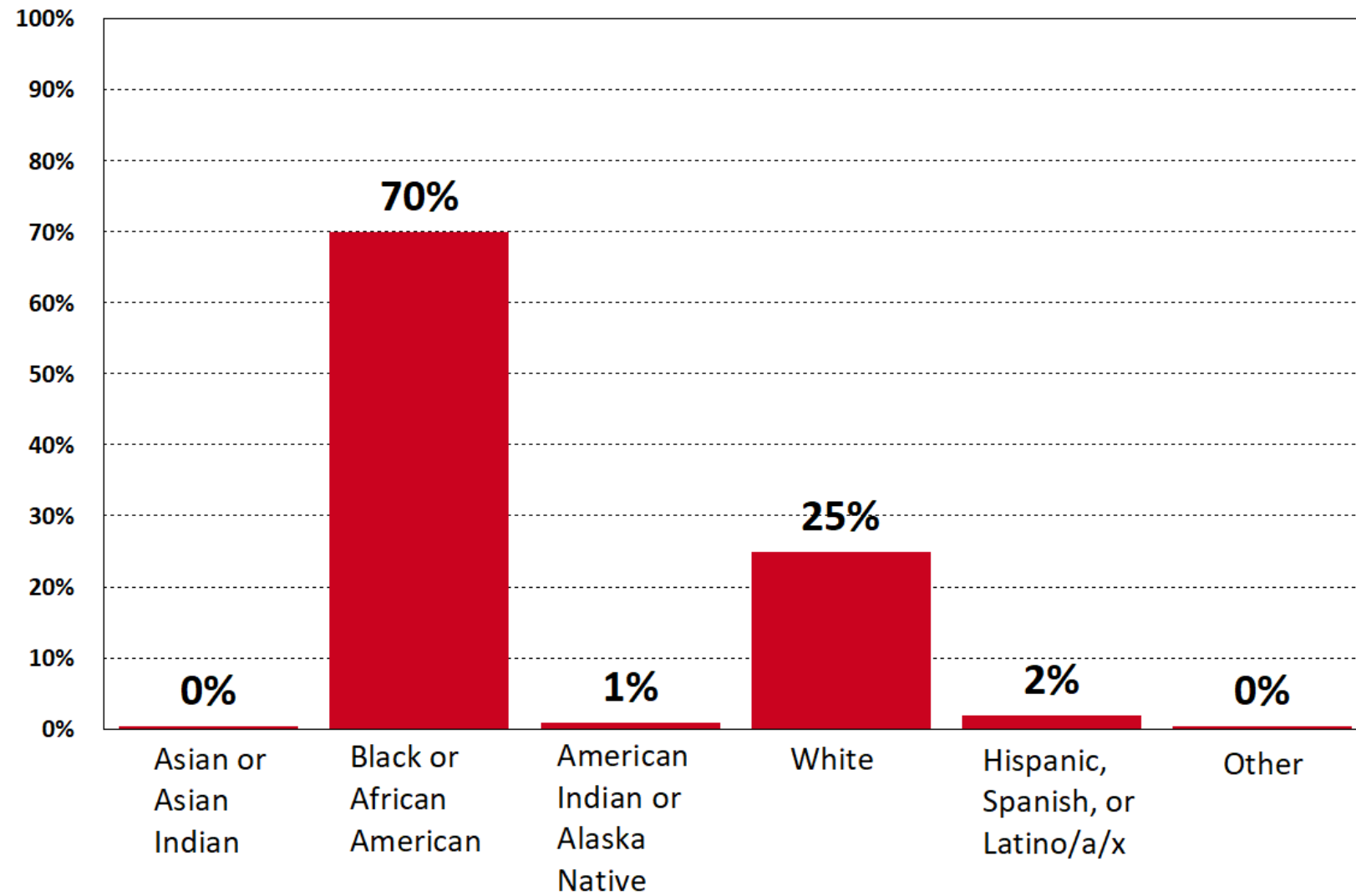




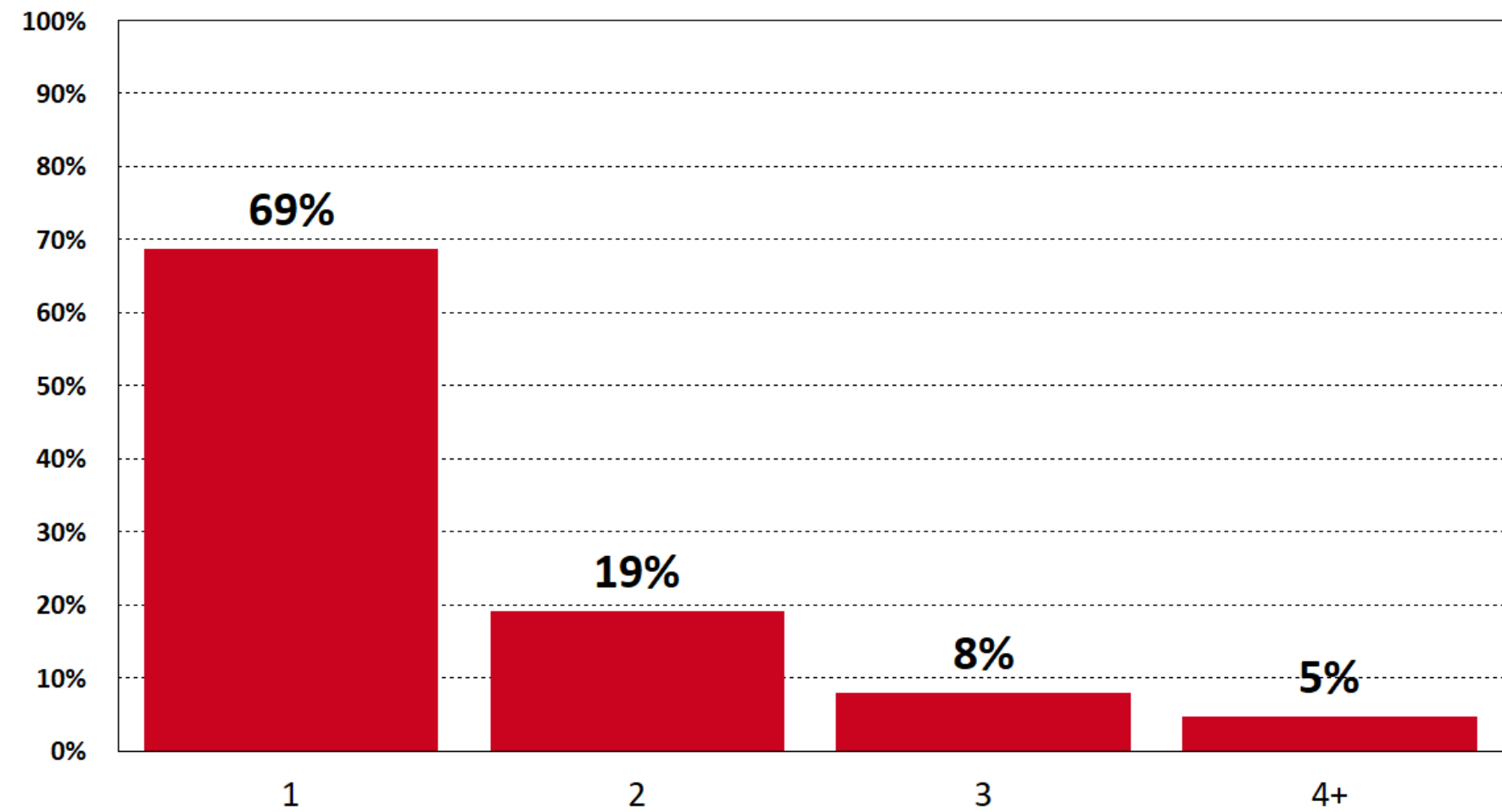
# Customer Characteristics

- 70% of Paratransit customers are Black/African American, and 69% live alone

What is your race/ethnicity?



Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

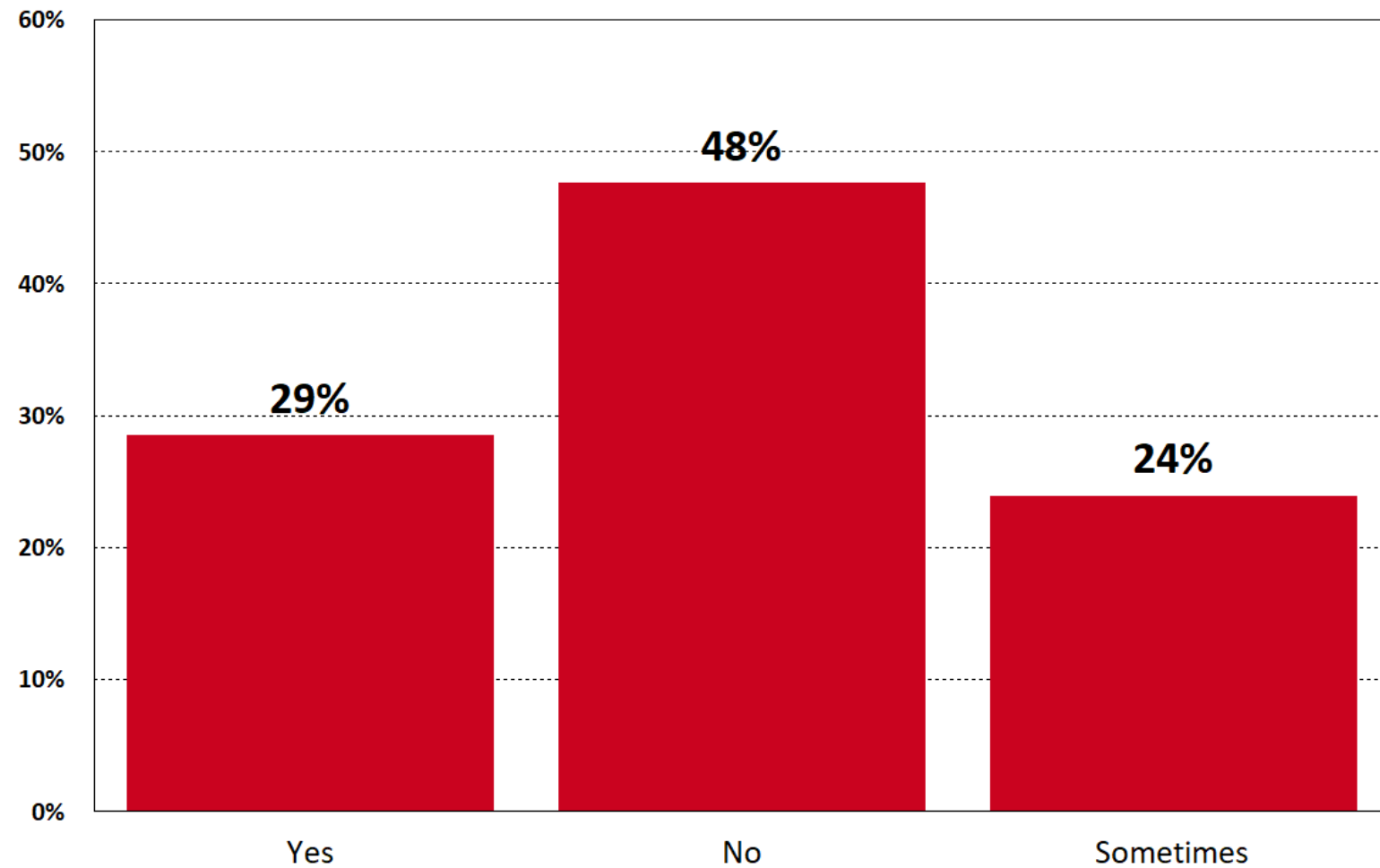




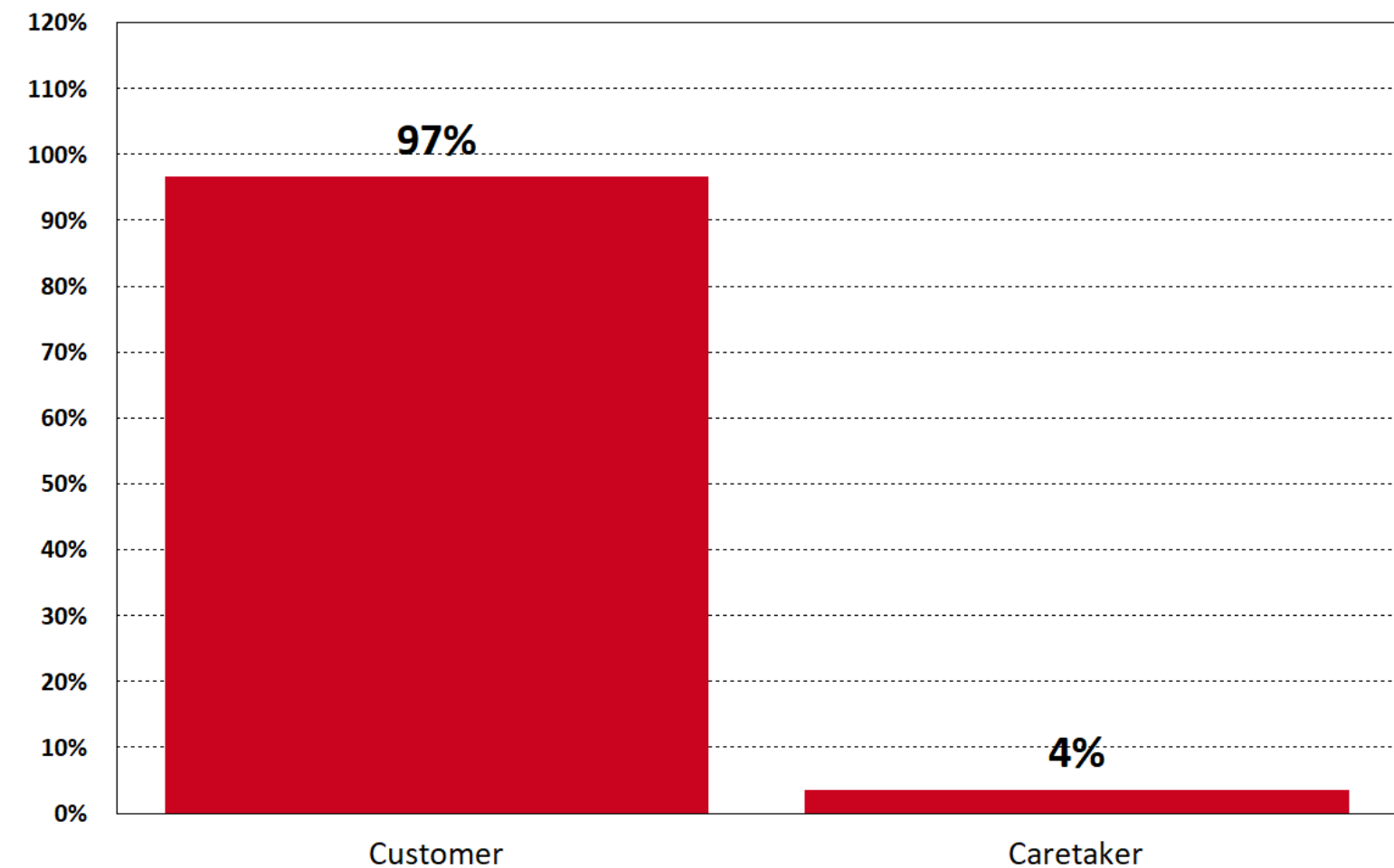
# Customer Characteristics

- 29% of Paratransit customers always require a PCA and 24% sometimes do.

Do you require a Personal Care Assistant (PCA) to travel with you?



Are you the customer using RTA Paratransit, or are you the caretaker or family member of the Paratransit customer?





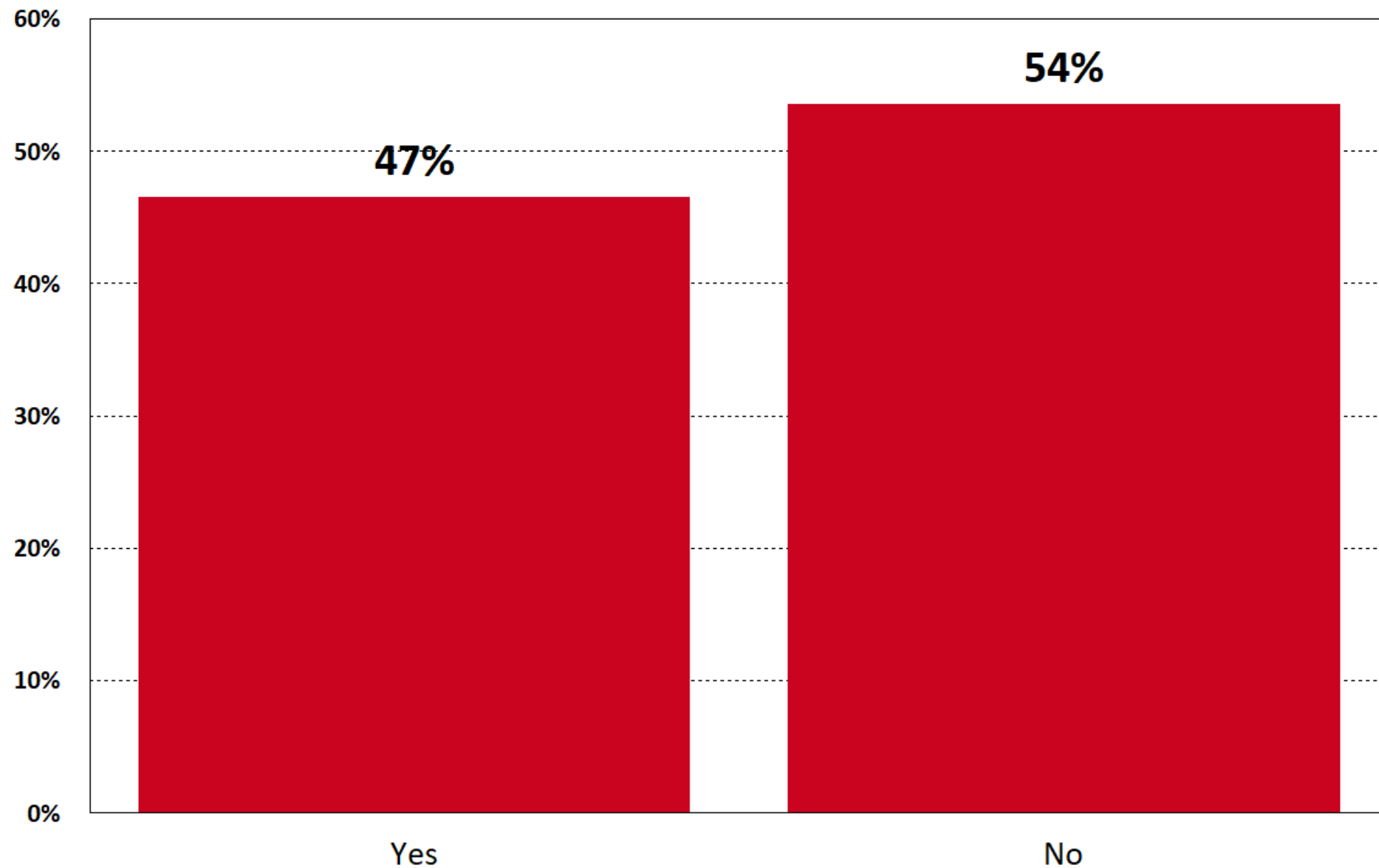


# Customer Characteristics



- Almost half (47%) of Paratransit customers have a mobility device

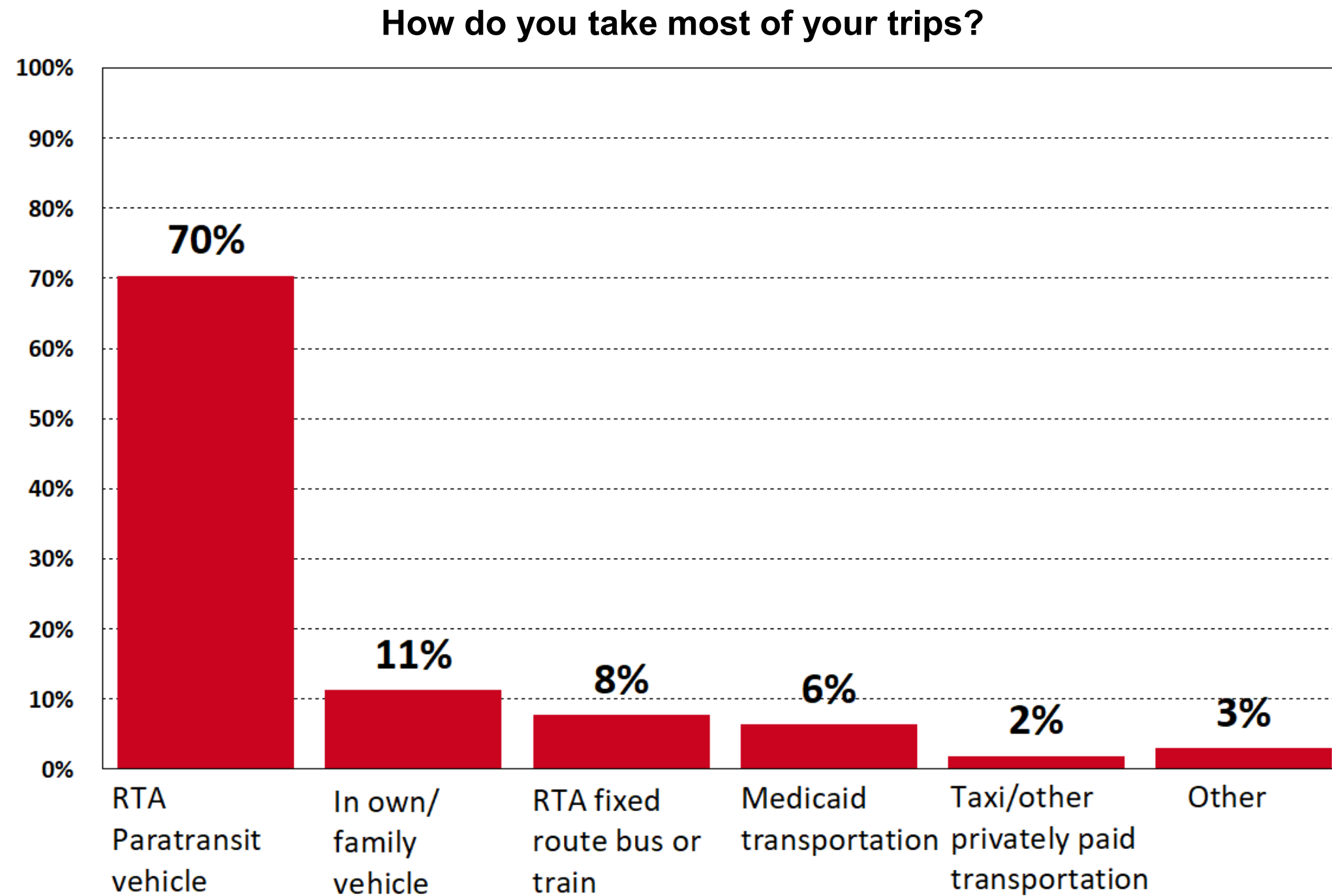
Do you have a wheelchair, scooter, or other mobility device?





# Trip Mode

- 70% of Paratransit customers use Paratransit vehicles to make most of their trips.

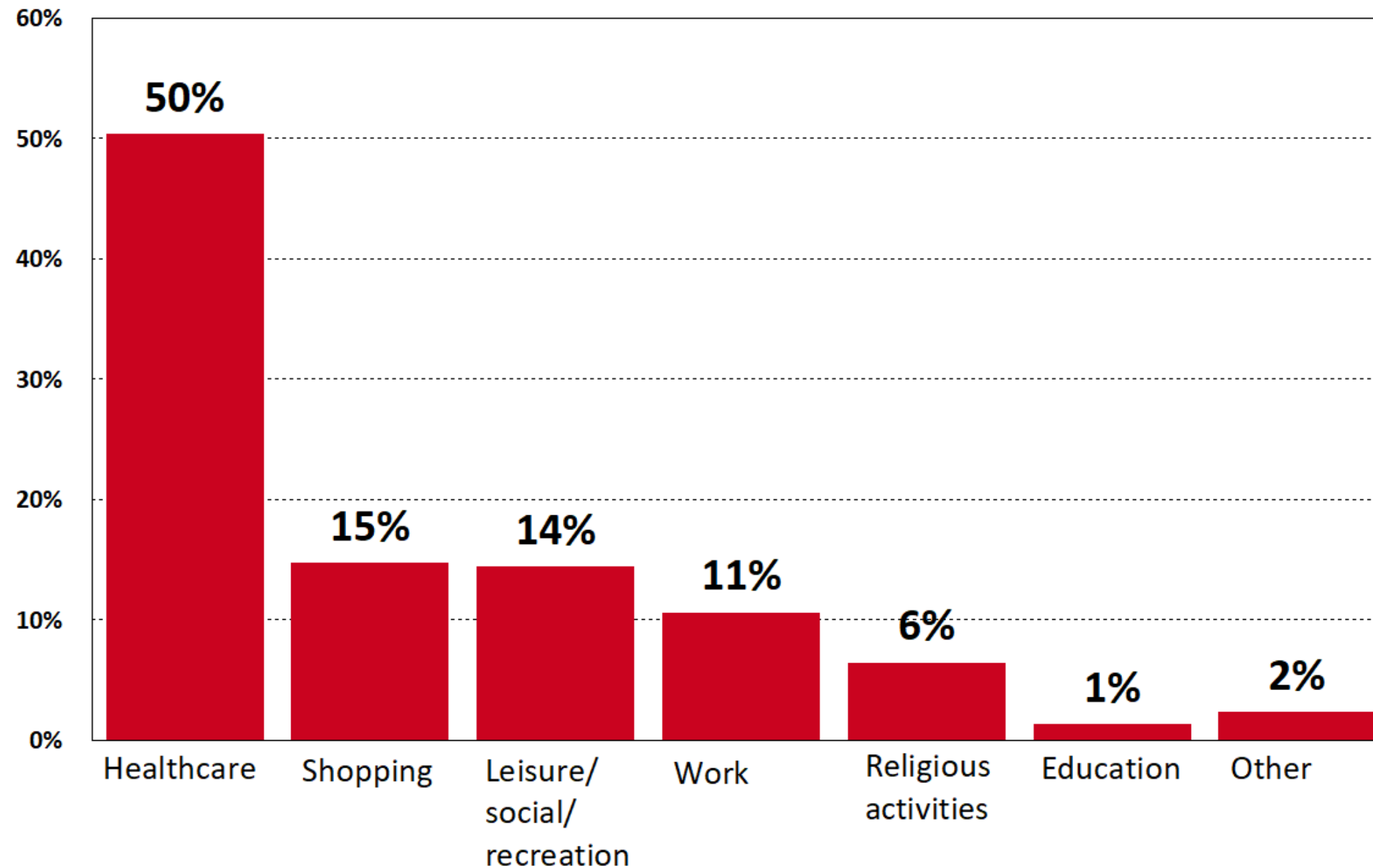




# Trip Purpose

- 50% of Paratransit customers use Paratransit most often for healthcare.

What type of trip do you take most often on RTA Paratransit



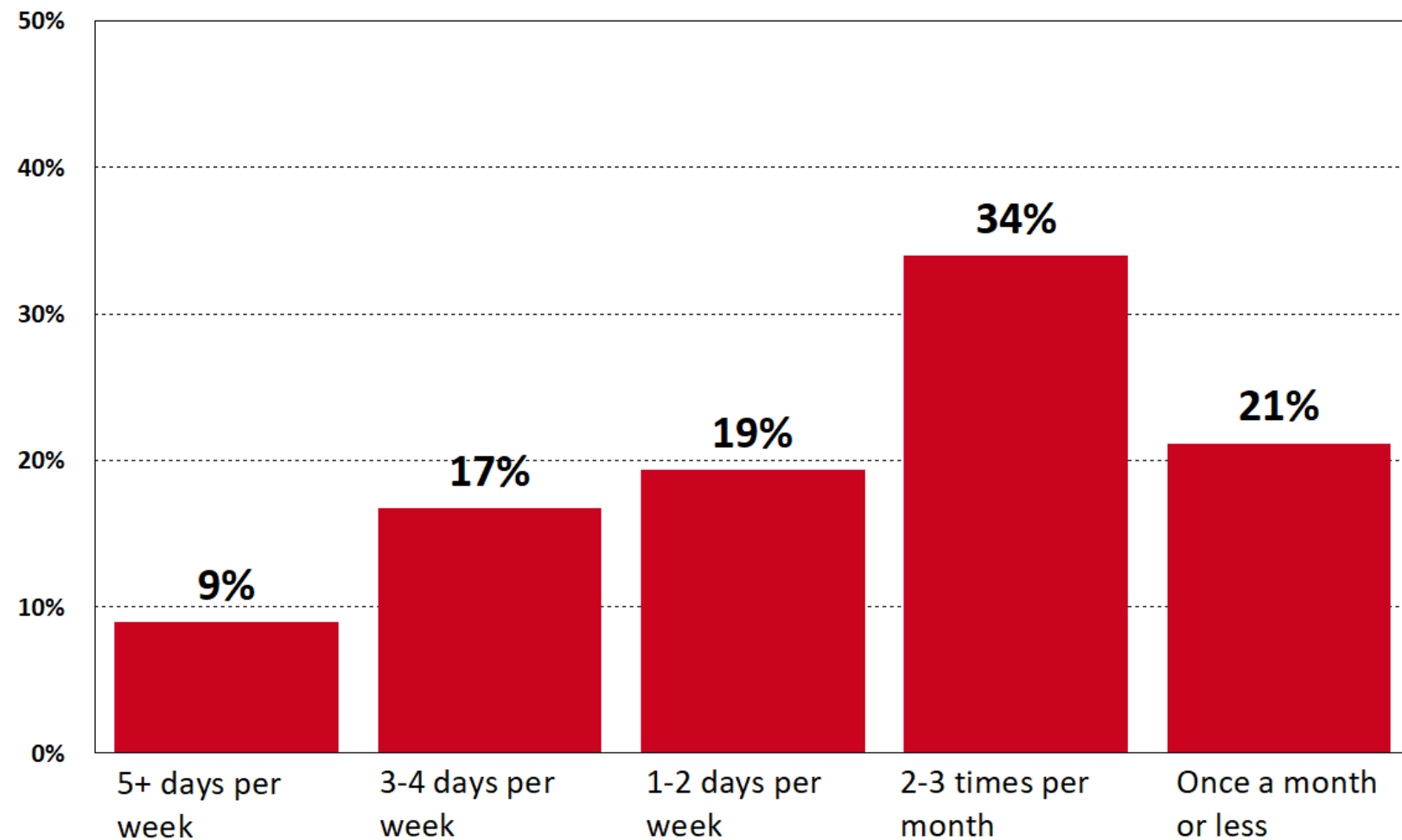


# Trip Frequency

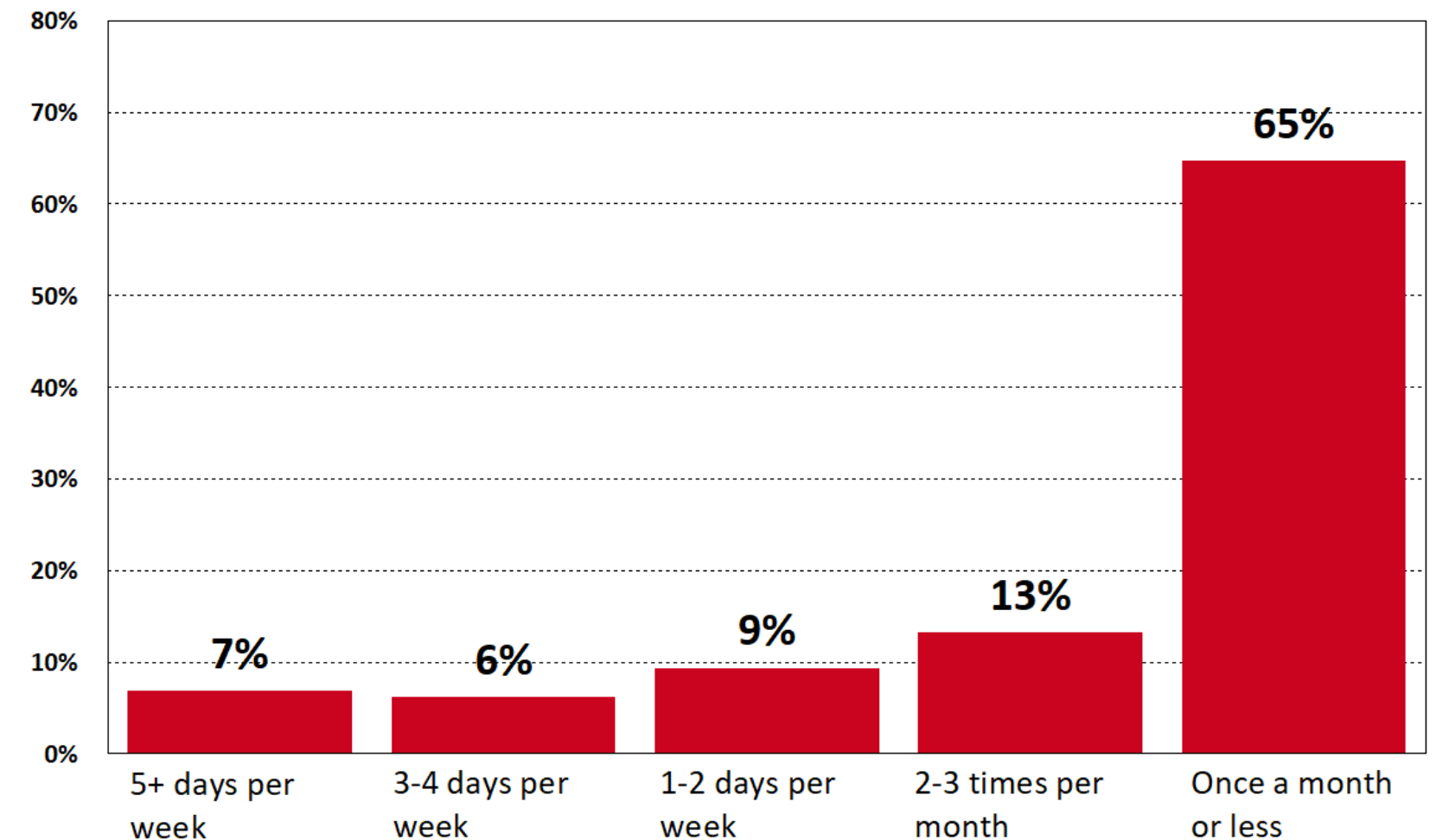


- 34% of Paratransit customers take Paratransit 2-3 times per month.
- 65% of Paratransit customers ride other RTA services once a month or less.

How often do you take RTA Paratransit Trips?



How often do you ride other RTA services such as fixed route buses, the Healthline, or Red/Blue/Green Lines?



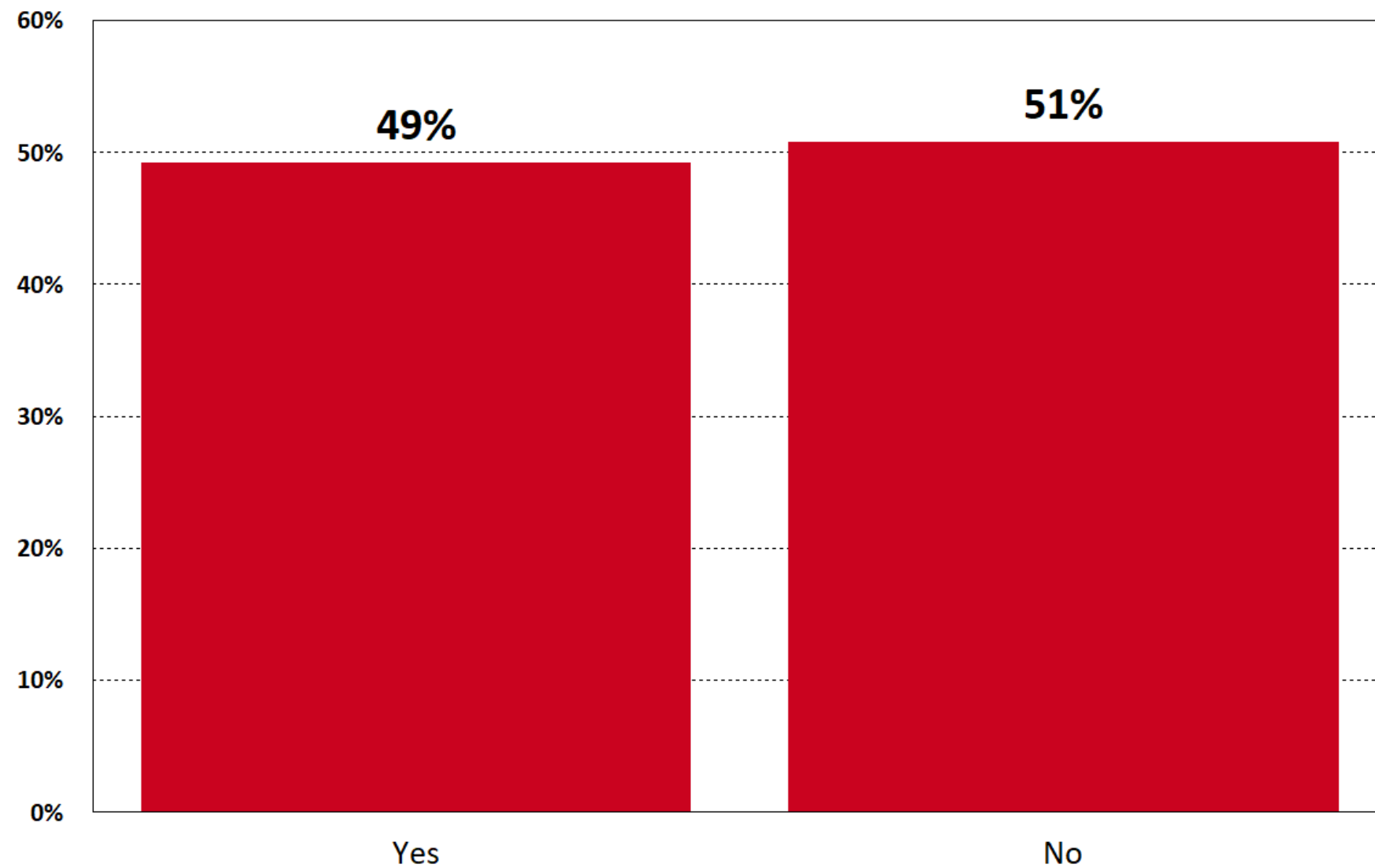


# Policy Questions

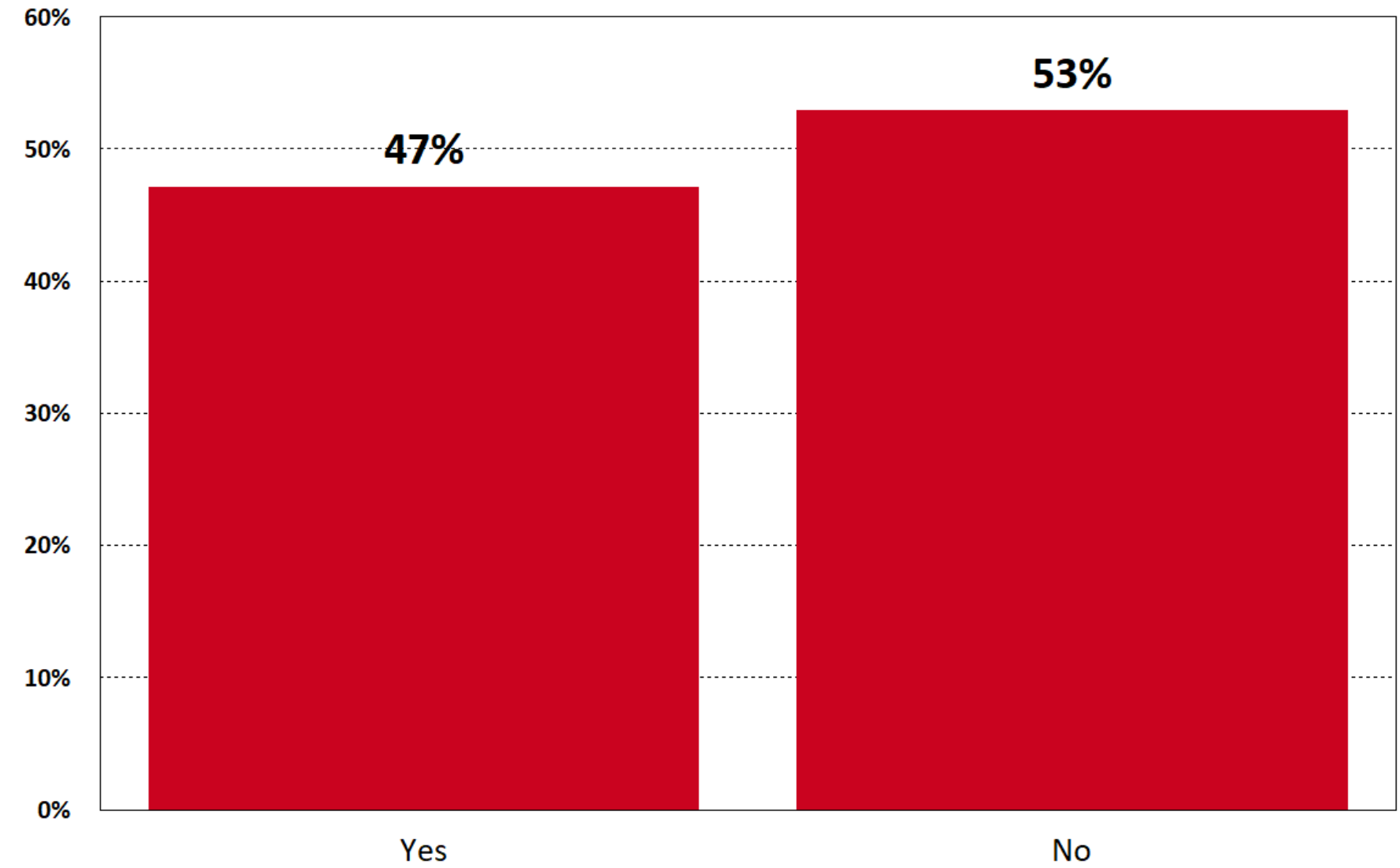


- 49% of respondents would consider a free fixed route or train ride with a travel trainer.
- 47% of respondents are aware of the Senior/Disabled fare for ADA customers.

**Would you consider taking a free ride on RTA fixed route bus or train escorted by an RTA travel trainer to help you?**



**Are you aware that ADA customers pay the Senior/Disabled cash fare of \$1.25 when using fixed-route service?**



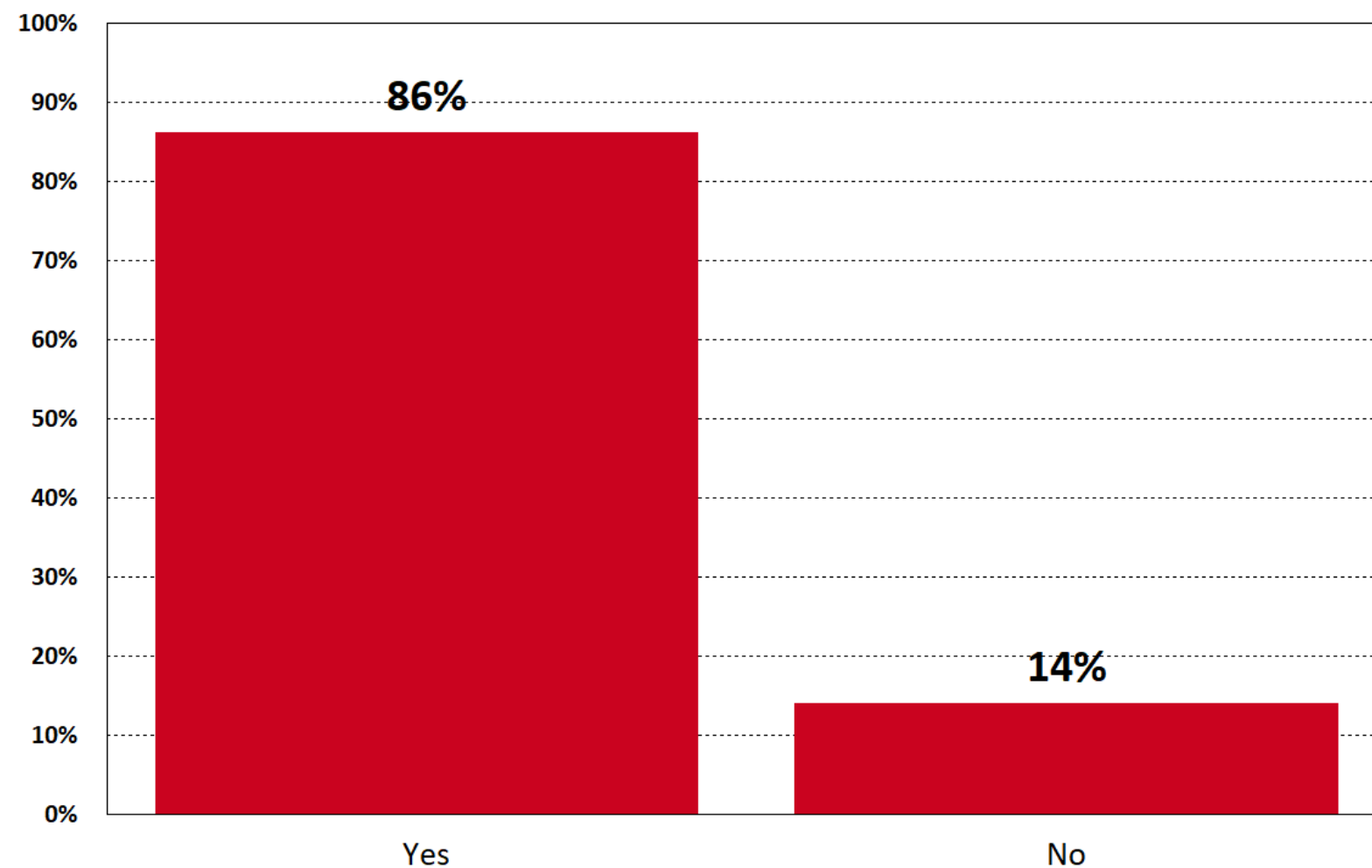


# Policy Awareness

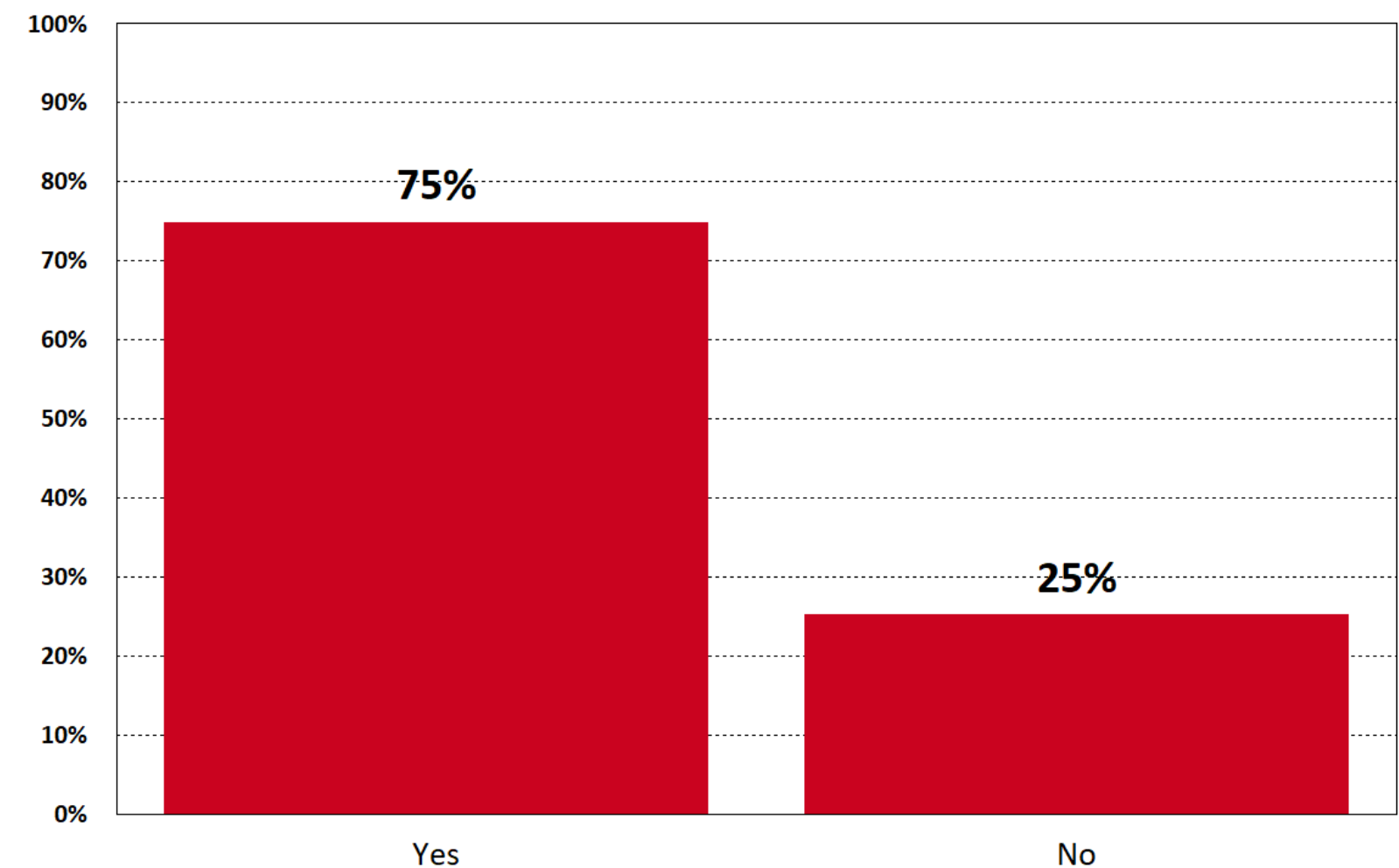


- 86% of respondents are aware of the No-Show policy.
- 75% of respondents are aware of the pickup window.

**Are you aware that if you do not board the vehicle within 5-minutes of the vehicle arriving that you can be marked as a No-Show and the vehicle can depart the location?**



**Are you aware that the pickup window for trips you schedule is 10 minutes before and 20 minutes after the scheduled pickup time?**



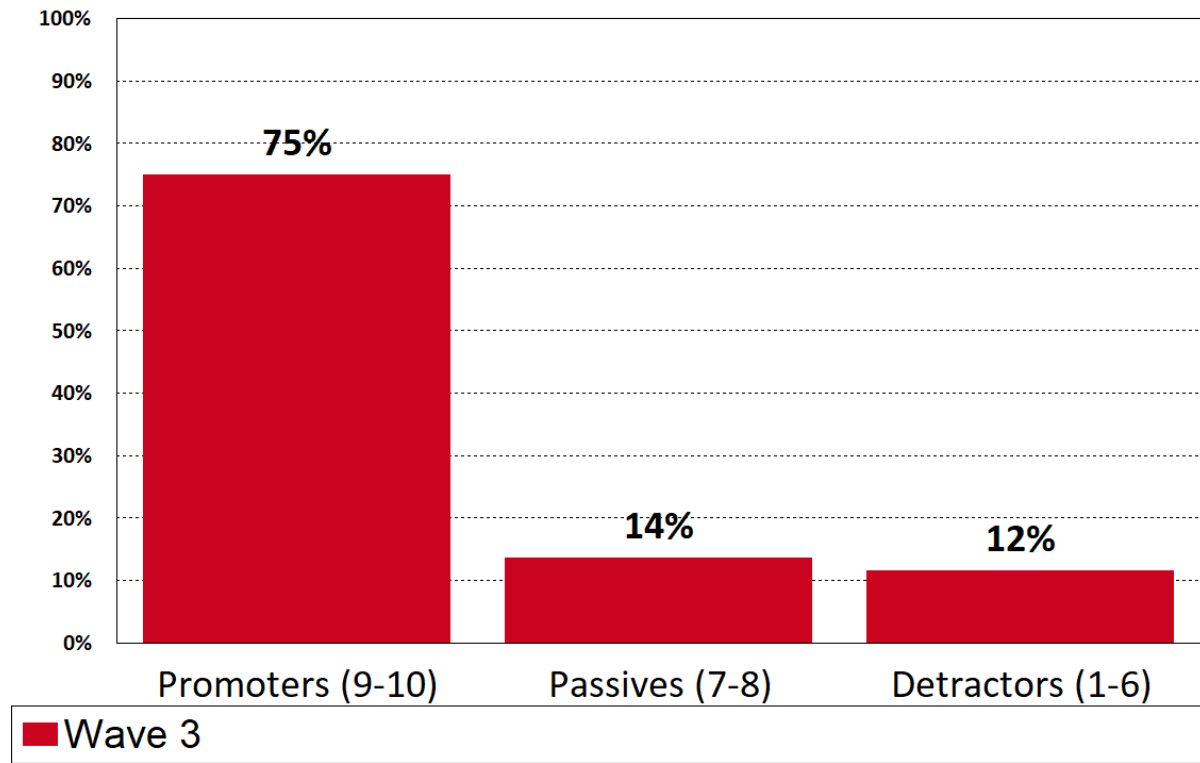
# Customer Impressions

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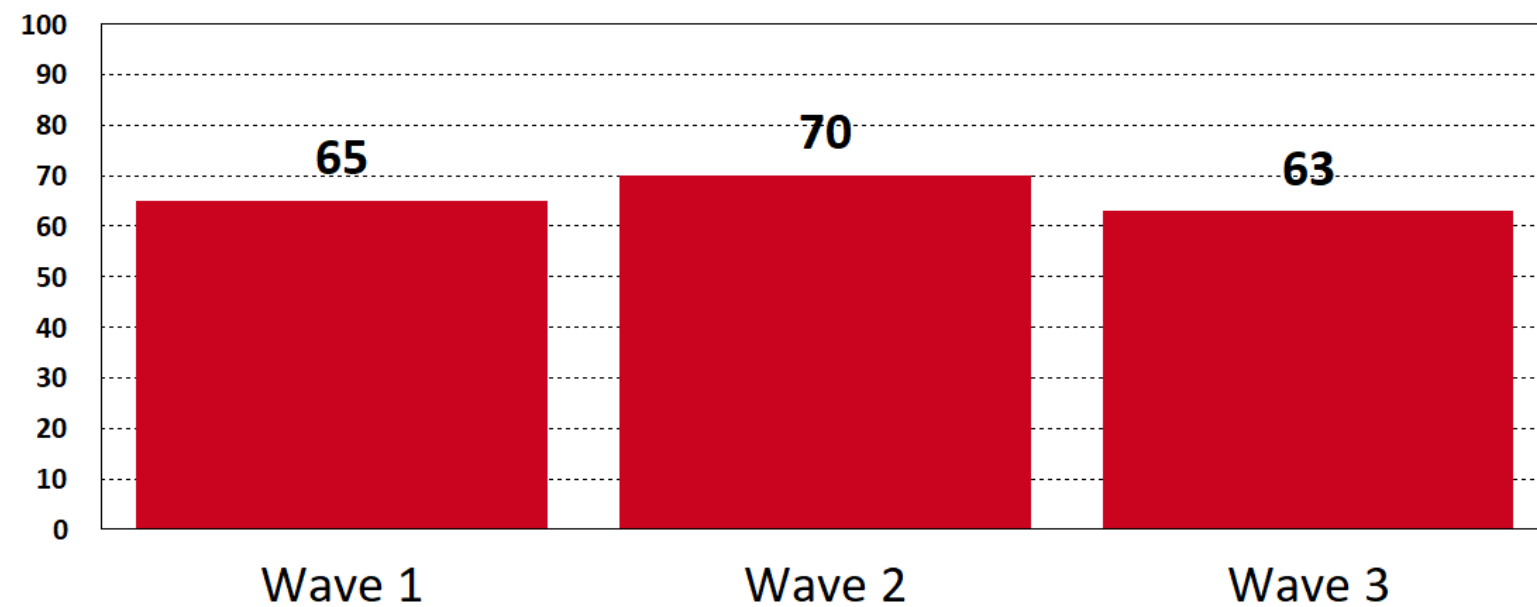


# Net Promoter Score (NPS) Paratransit

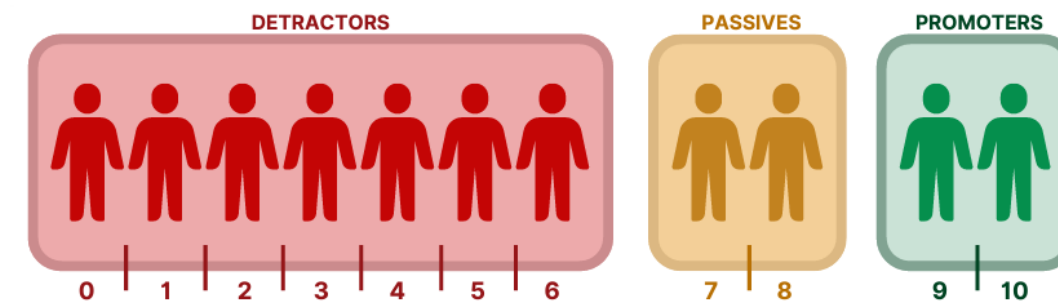
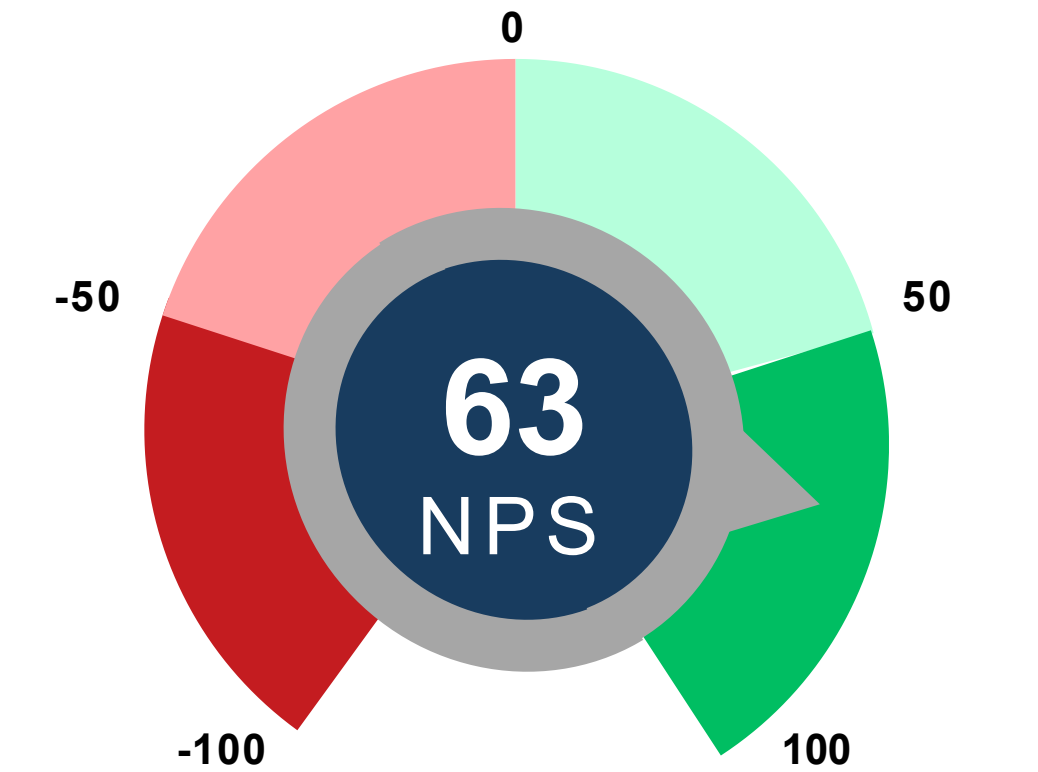
All things considered, how likely would you be to recommend riding RTA paratransit to a friend or neighbor?



Net Promoter Score



RTA's Paratransit NPS is down seven points since Wave 2 from 70 to 63.



Net Promoter Score = %Promoters - %Detractors



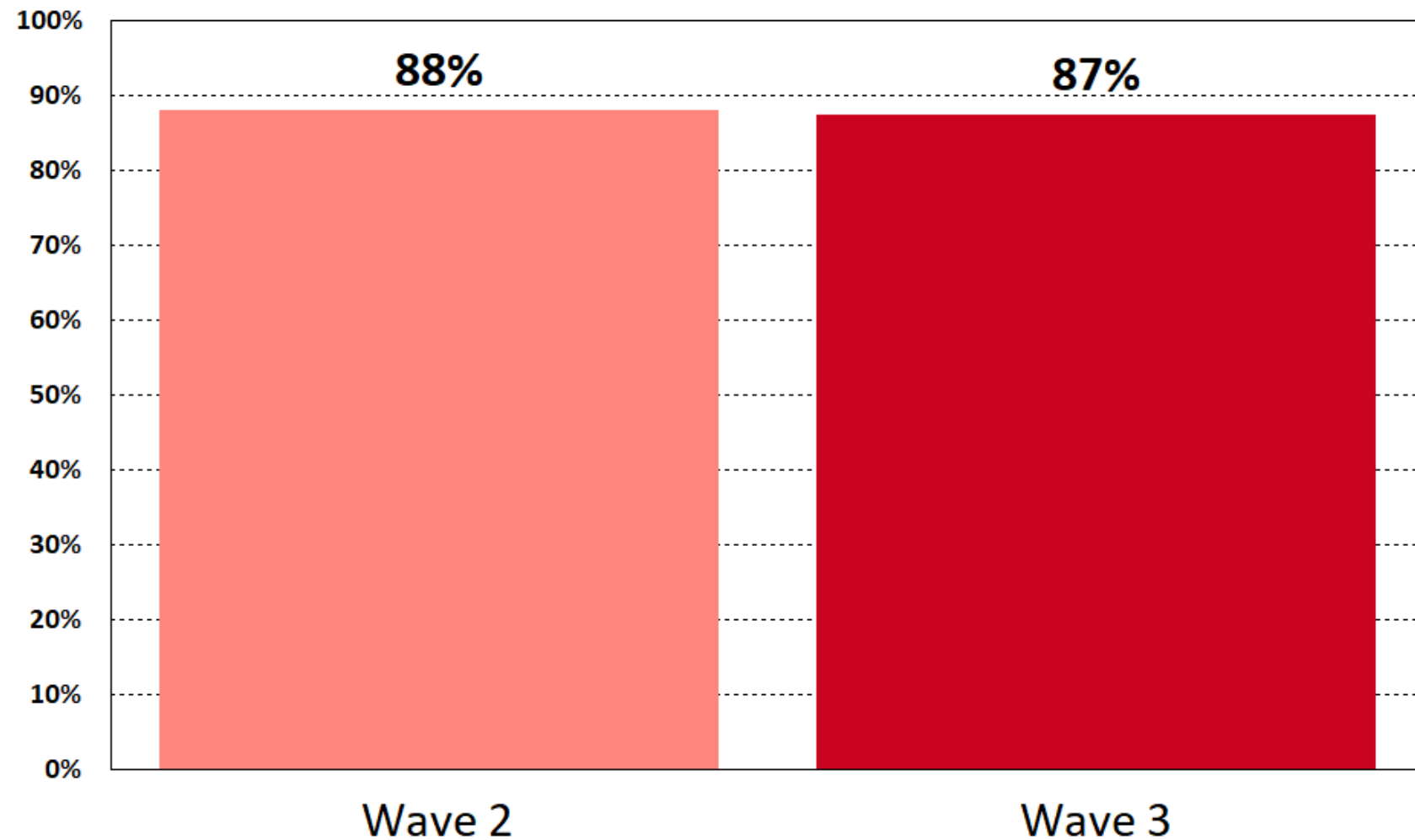


# Paratransit Satisfaction



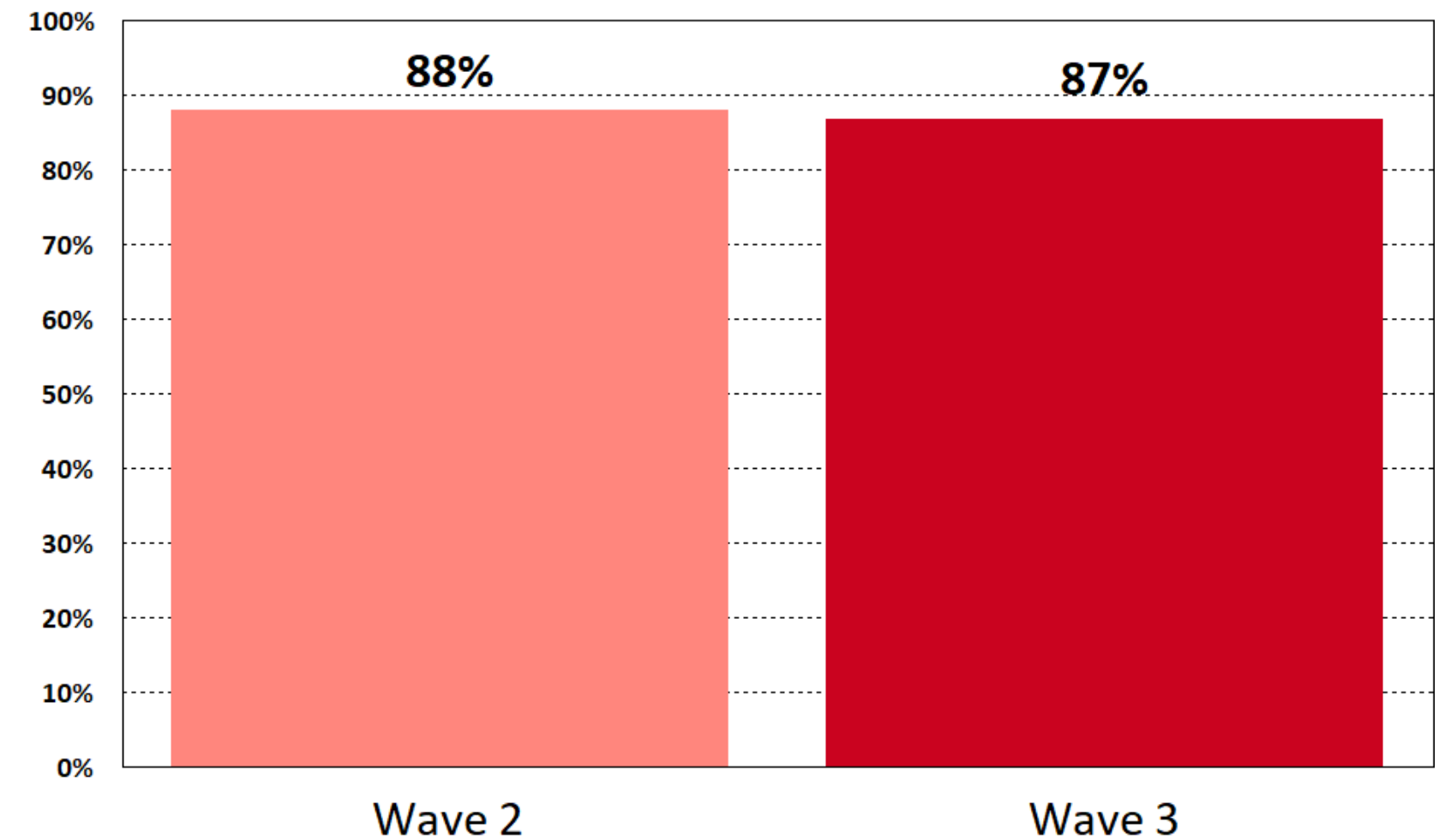
- 87% of respondents are satisfied with the overall quality of RTA Paratransit service.
- 87% of respondents view RTA employees favorably.

Overall Satisfaction with Paratransit Service



How satisfied are you with the overall quality of RTA paratransit service?

Perception of RTA Employees



I view RTA employees favorably

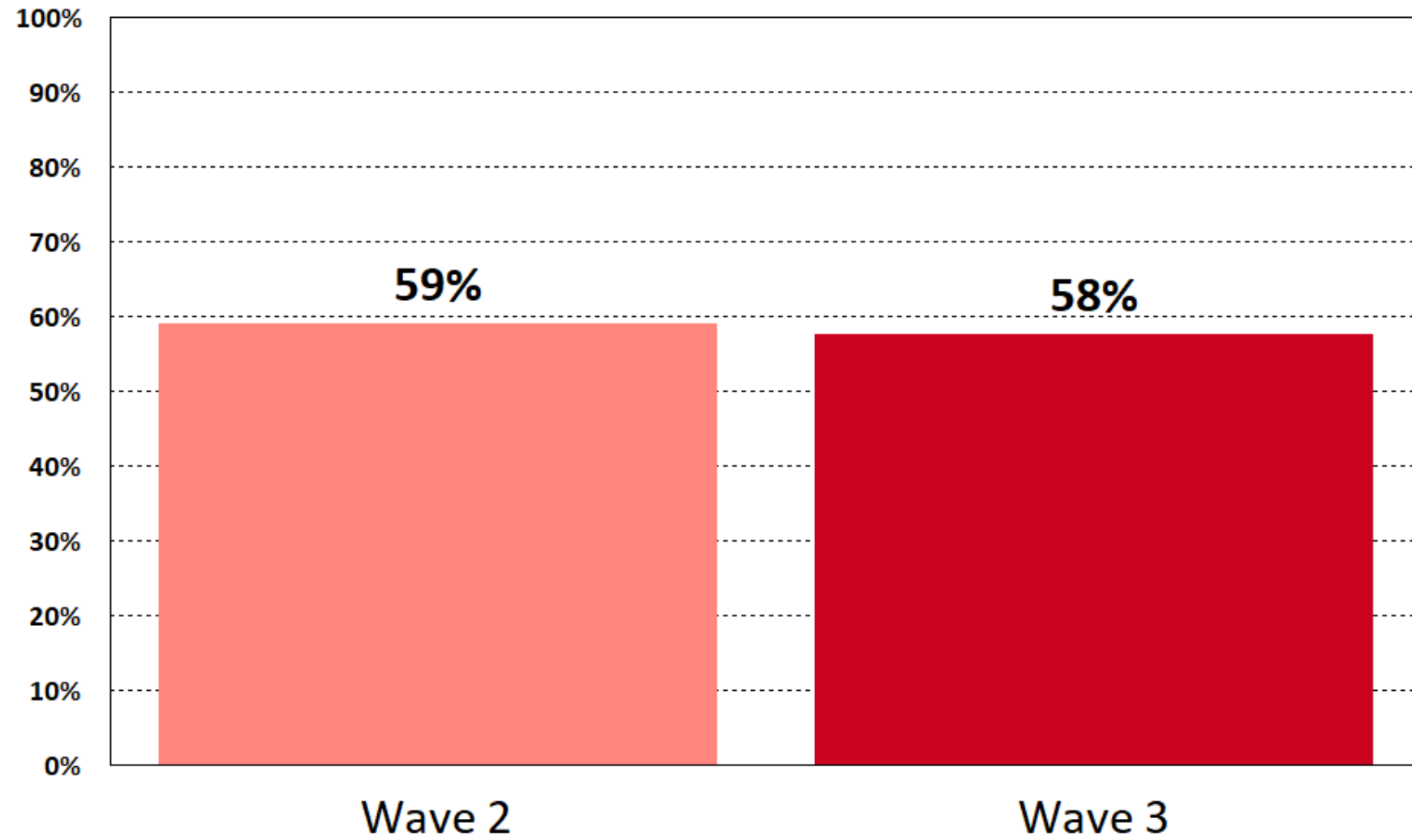


# Funding



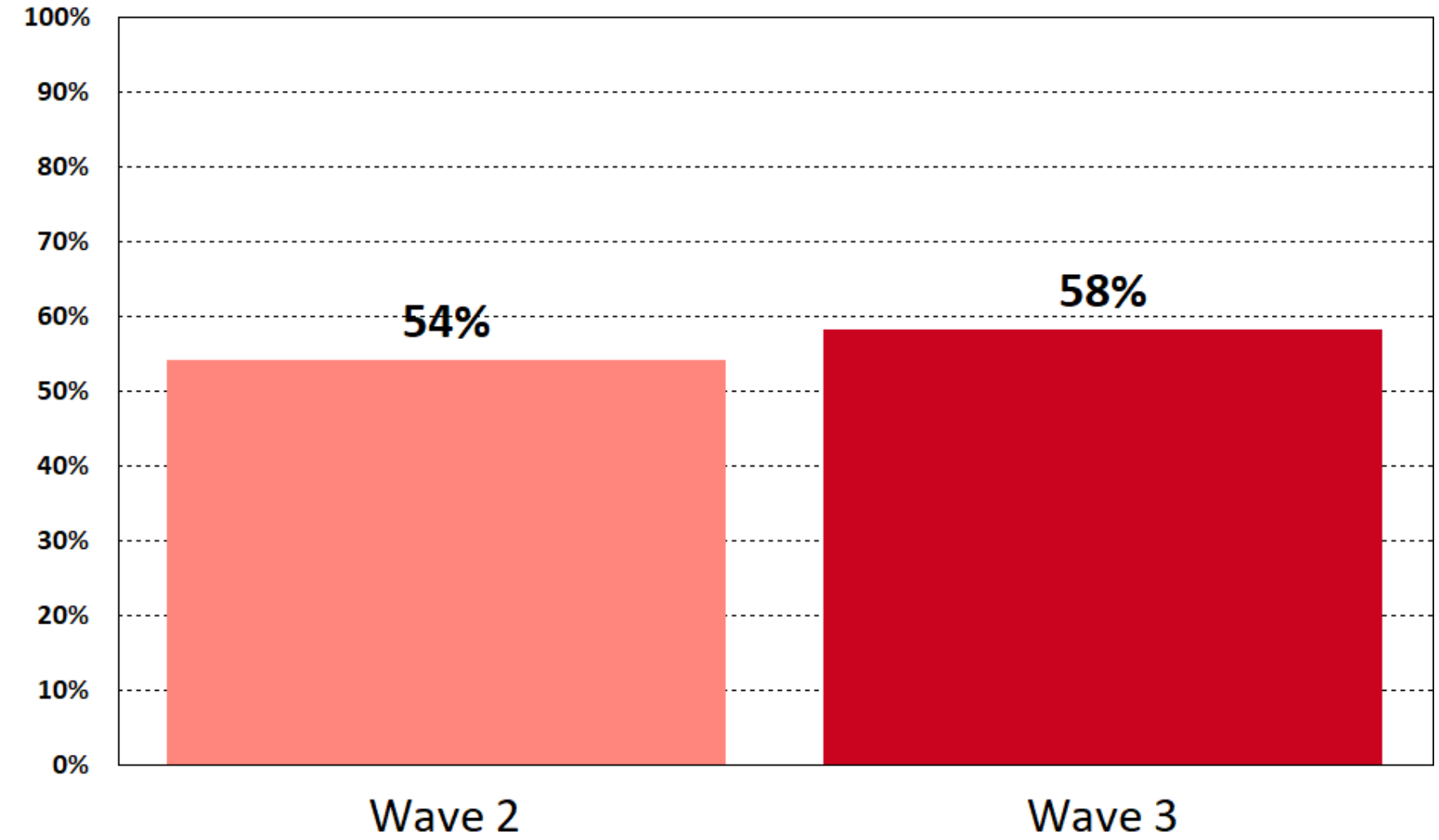
- 58% of respondents believe RTA manages their financial resources appropriately.
- 58% of respondents believe funding should increase to improve service.

### Financial Resources



RTA manages their financial resources appropriately

### Funding



The community should consider increasing funding in order to improve services

# **Customer Importance Factors**

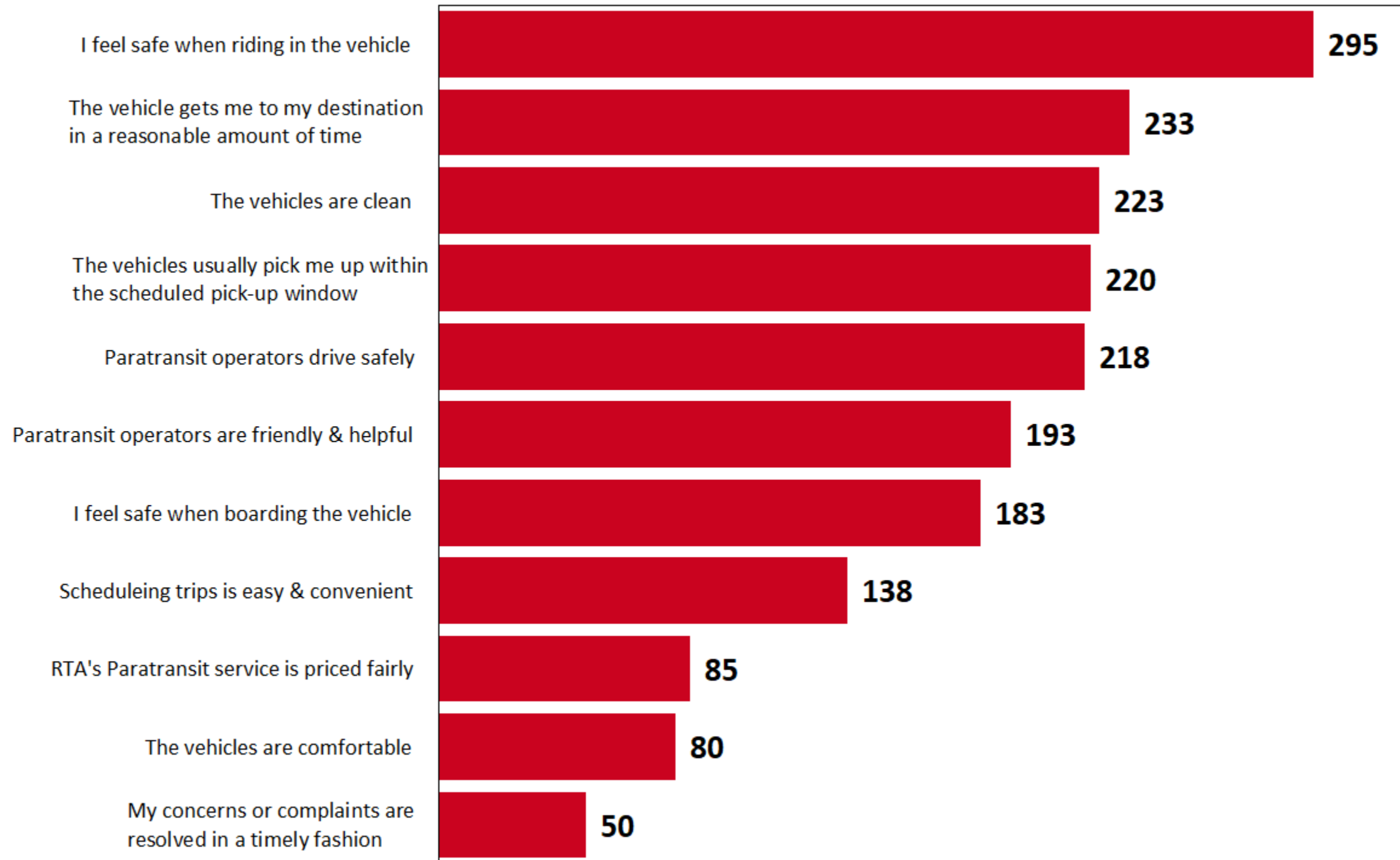
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# Customer Importance Factors



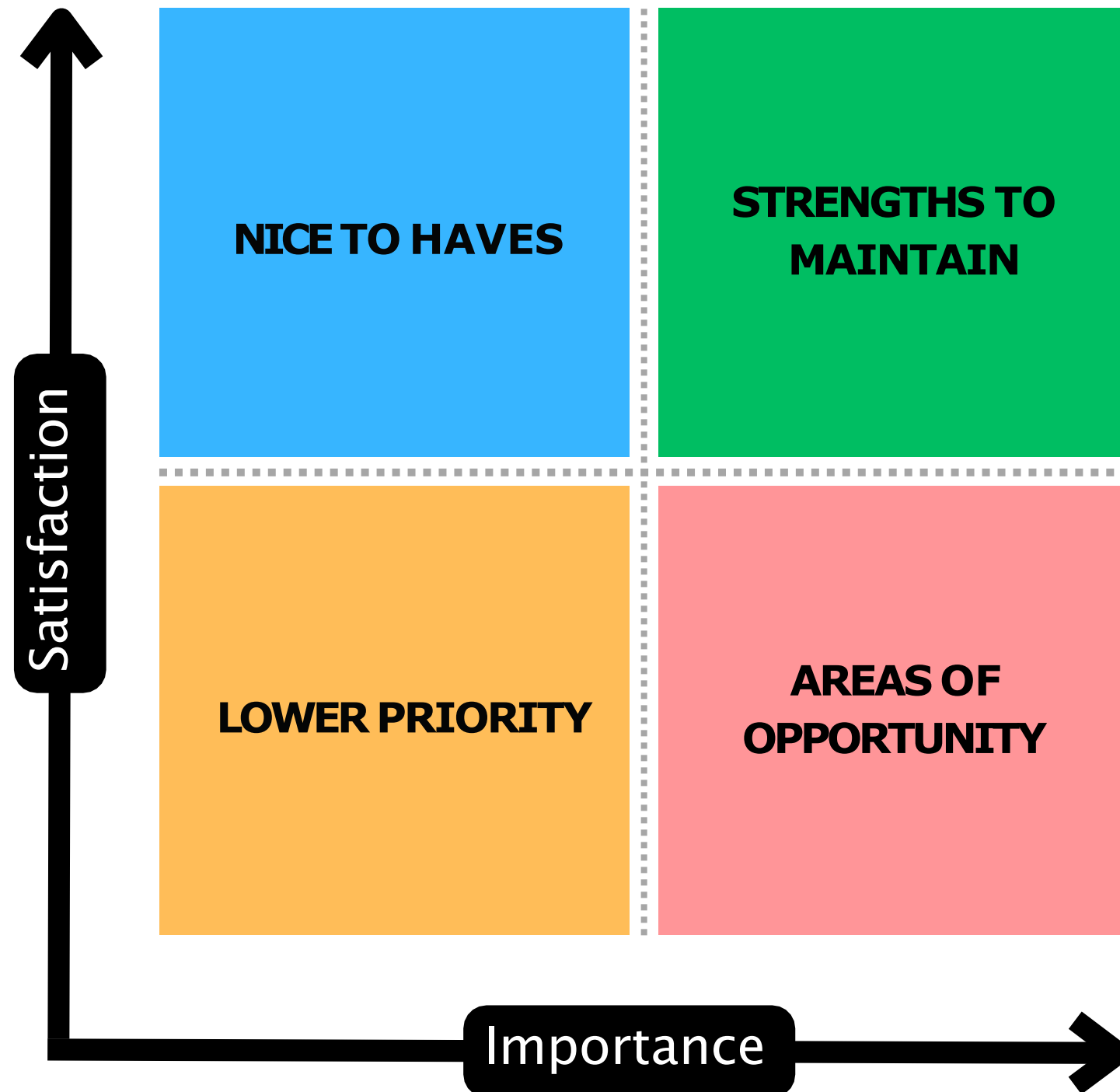
The top customer importance factors were safety while riding (295), travel time (233), and vehicle cleanliness (223).



# Key Driver Analysis

The Key Driver Analysis takes each area of service and compares its customer importance ranking against its customer satisfaction level. The graph is divided into four actional quadrants:

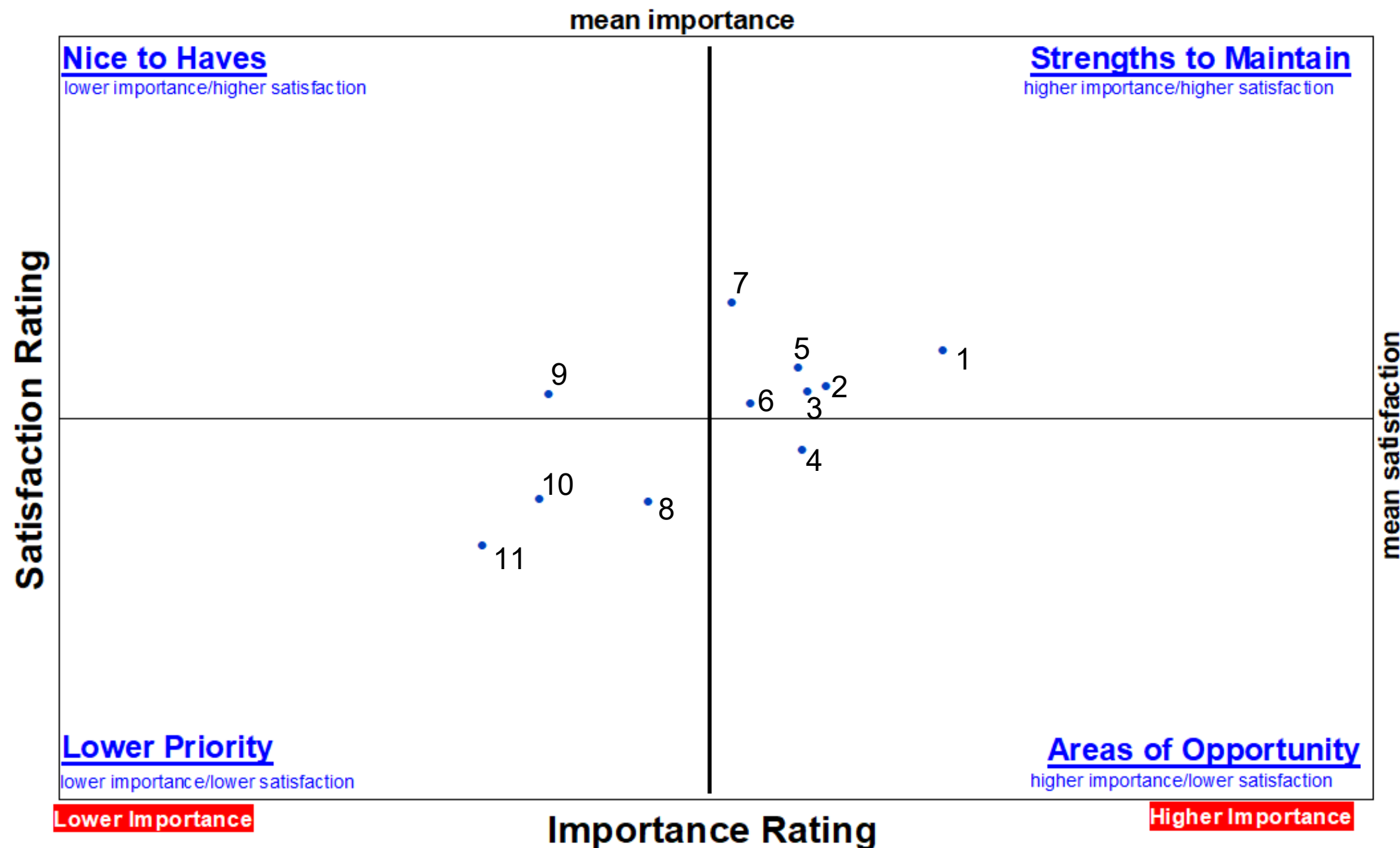
## Satisfaction vs. Importance



1. **Lower Priority** - This quadrant contains areas of service that have lower importance rankings and lower satisfaction levels. Although these have lower satisfaction levels, they are less important to customers and will have a smaller impact on overall customer satisfaction.
2. **Nice to Haves** - This quadrant contains areas of service that have lower importance rankings and higher satisfaction levels. Although customers are highly satisfied in these areas, these areas are less important to customers and will have a smaller impact on overall customer satisfaction.
3. **Areas of Opportunity** - This quadrant contains areas of service that have higher importance rankings and lower satisfaction levels. These areas are ranked as highly important to customers and will have a larger impact on overall customer satisfaction as the service is improved and satisfaction is raised.
4. **Strengths to Maintain** - This quadrant contains areas of service that have higher importance rankings and higher satisfaction levels. Customers find these areas of high importance and are highly satisfied with the level of service. These satisfaction levels should be maintained in order to continue a positive overall customer satisfaction.

# Key Driver Analysis

Improvements in the "Areas of Opportunity" will most efficiently move the needle by bringing customers more satisfaction in what they value.



## Legend

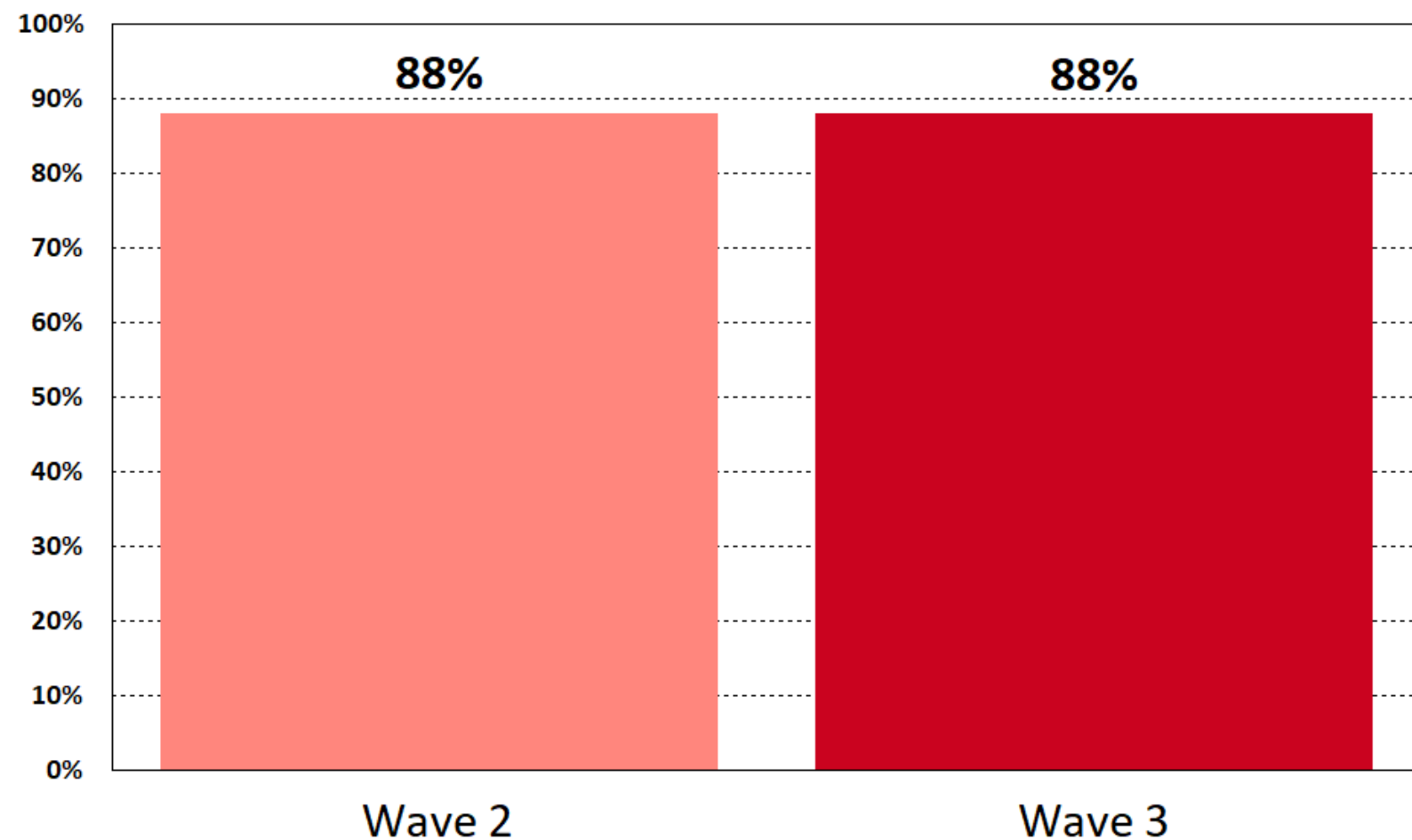
1. Safety on the vehicle
2. Travel time
3. Vehicle cleanliness
4. Vehicles arriving within pick-up window
5. Operators driving safely
6. Operators being friendly & helpful
7. Safety while boarding
8. Ease of scheduling a trip
9. Paratransit being priced fairly
10. Vehicle comfort
11. Concerns & complaints being resolved quickly



# Travel Time & On-Time Performance

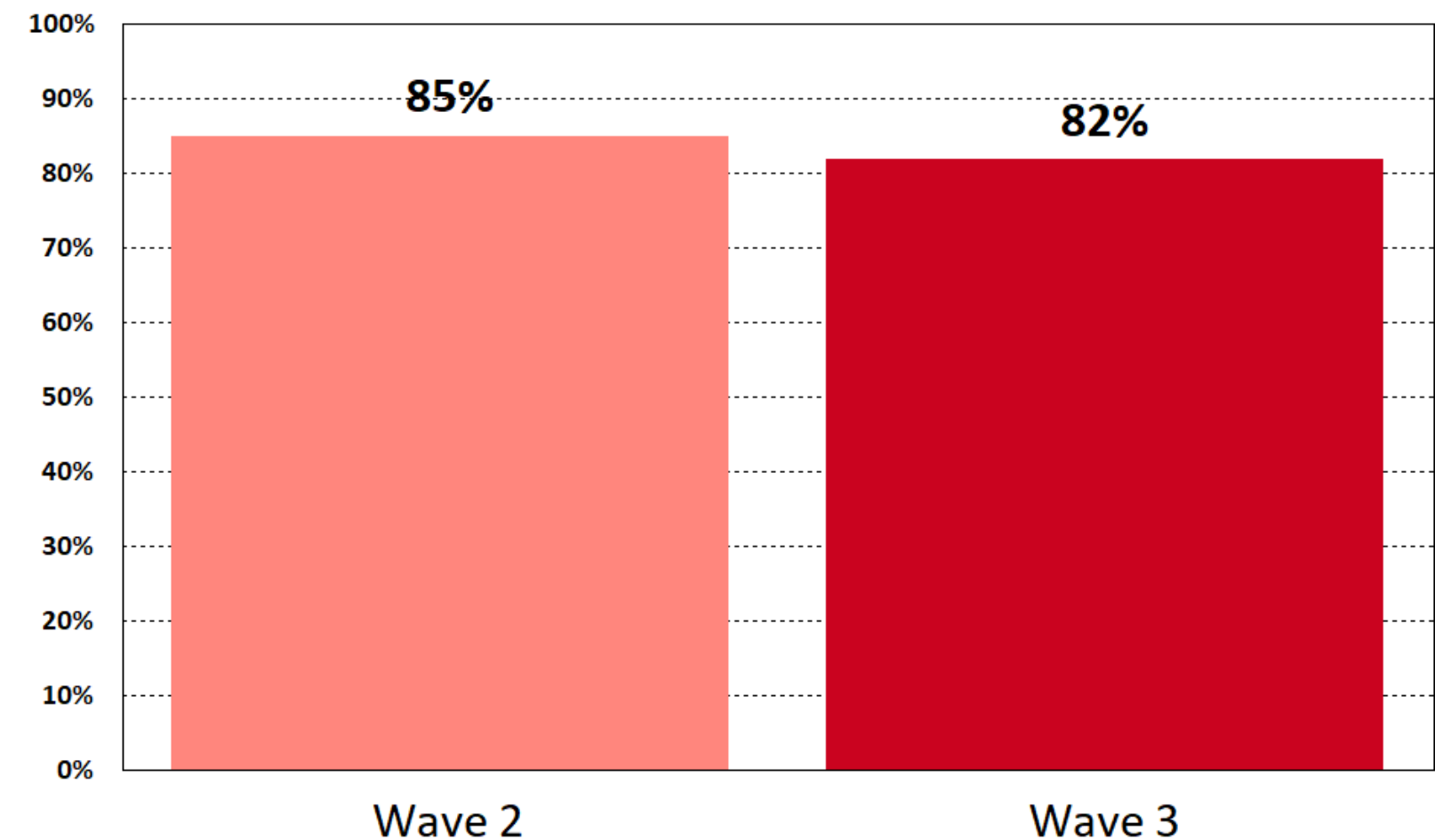
- 88% of respondents believe the vehicle gets them to their destination in a reasonable time.
- 82% of respondents say the vehicles usually arrive during the scheduled window.

### Travel Time



The vehicle gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time

### On-Time Performance



The vehicles usually pick me up within the scheduled 30-minute pick-up window

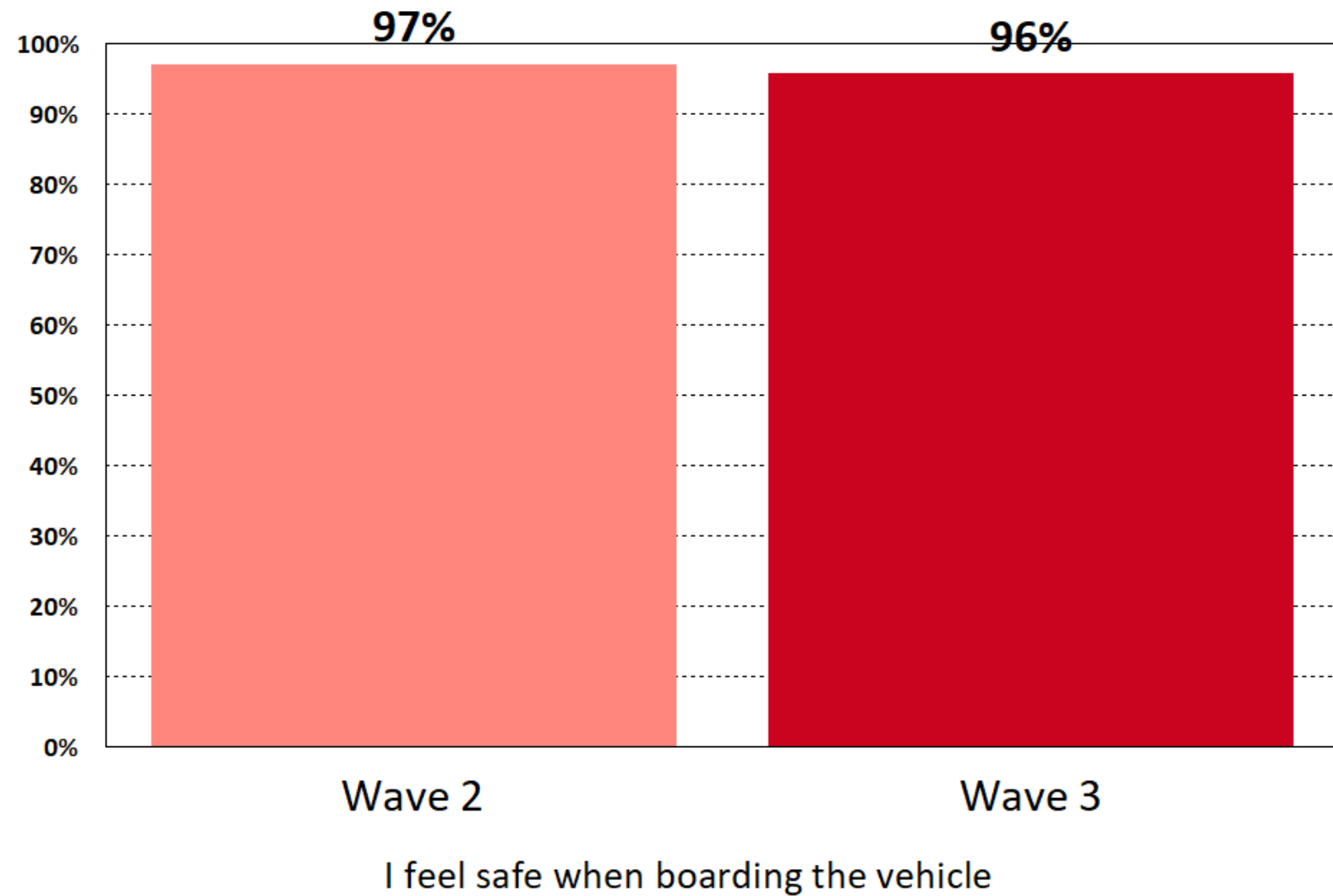


# Safety While Boarding & Riding

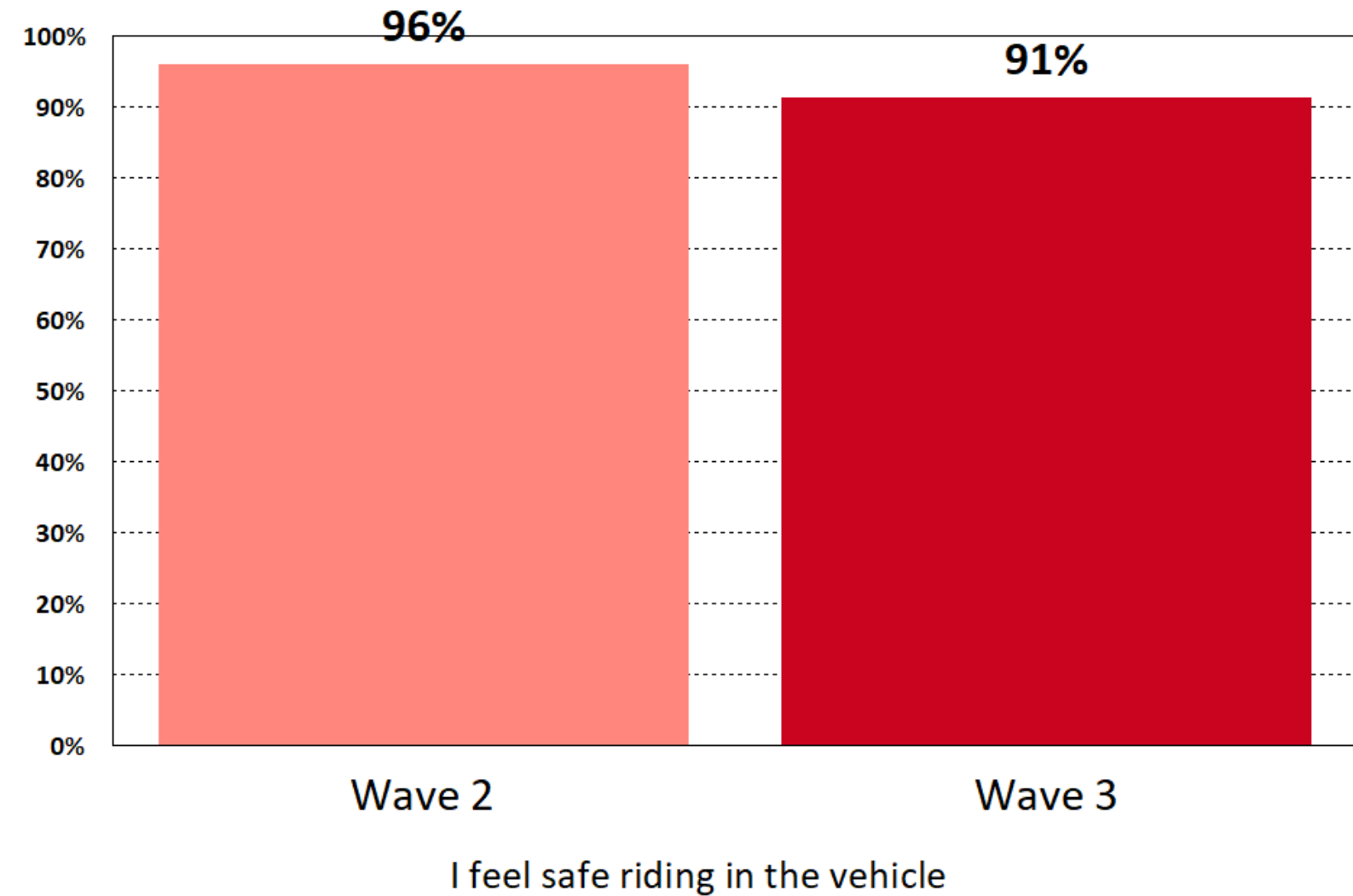


- 96% of respondents feel safe when boarding the vehicle.
- 91% of respondents feel safe riding the vehicle.

### Safety Boarding



### Safety Riding



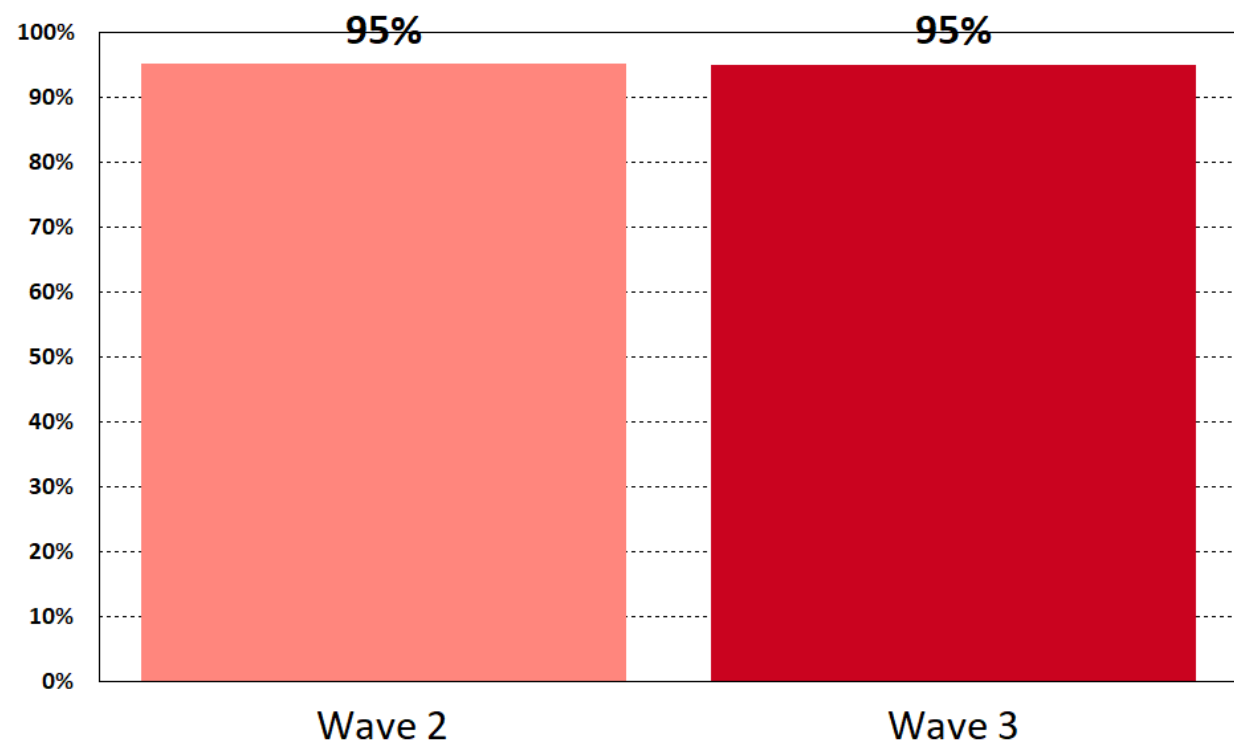




# Trip Availability, Coverage, and Scheduling

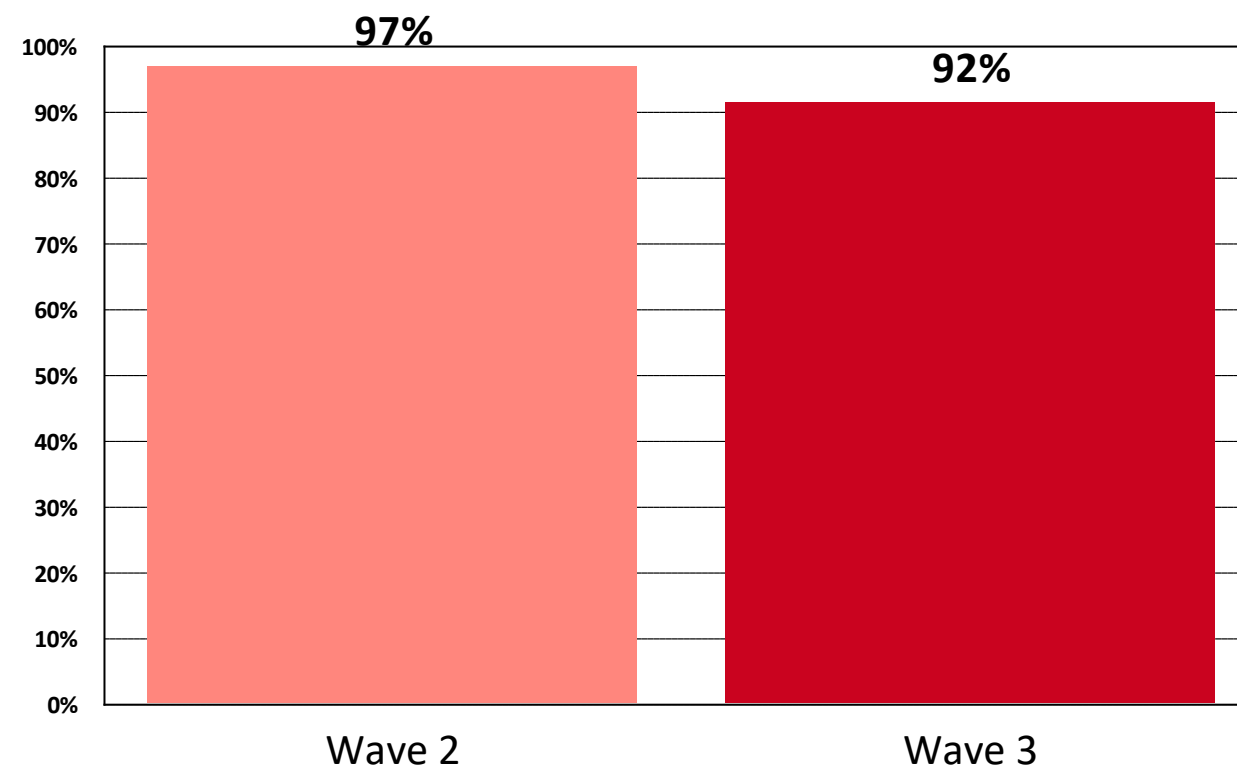
- 95% of respondents say Paratransit can take them where they need to go.
- 92% of respondents say they can schedule a trip for when they need.

### Trip Coverage



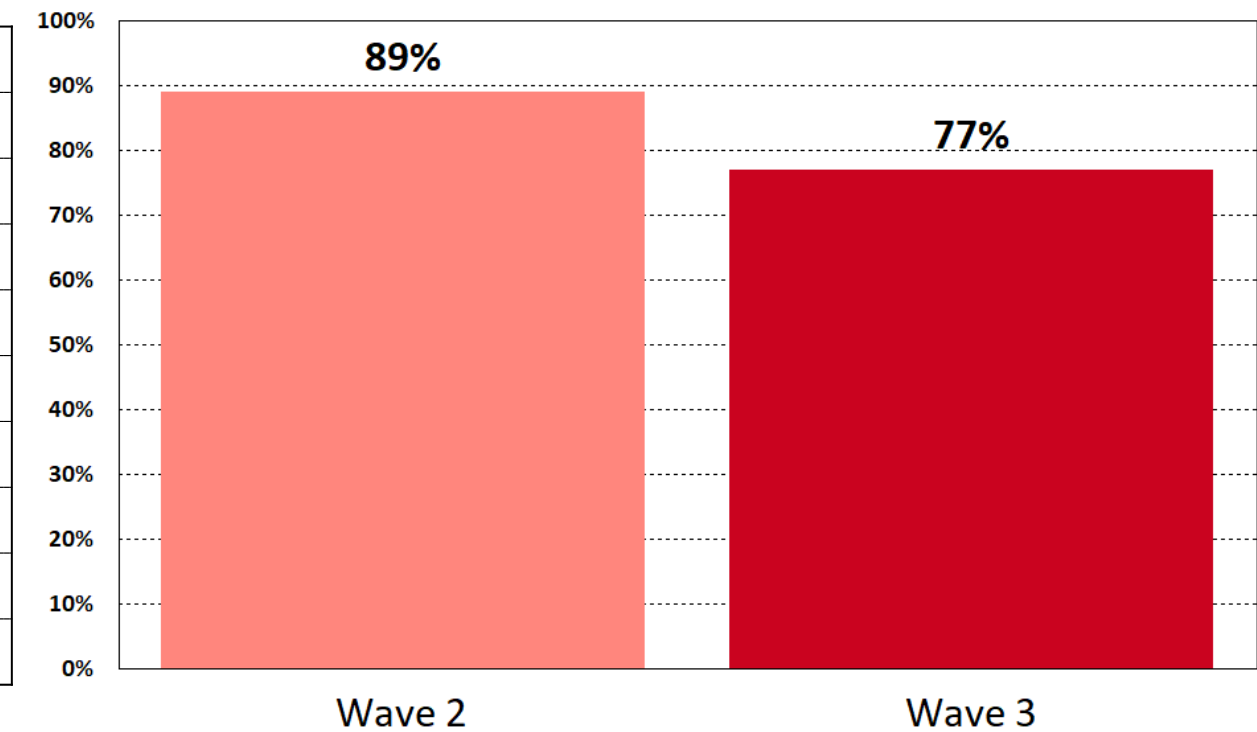
RTA Paratransit can take me to the places I need to go

### Trip Availability



I can schedule a trip for the time and day I need to travel

### Trip Scheduling

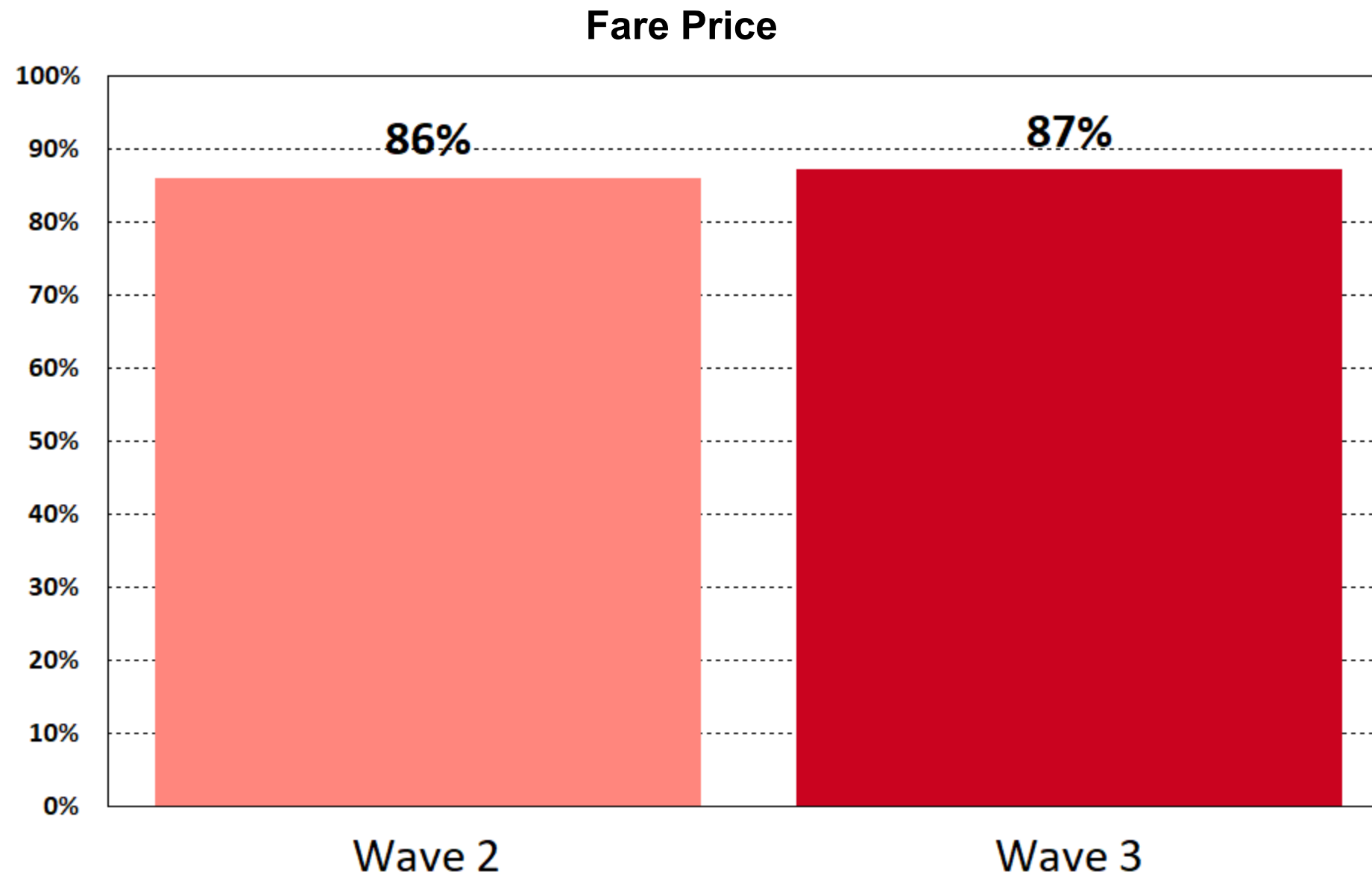


Scheduling a trip is easy and convenient



# Fare Price

87% of respondents say that Paratransit service is priced fairly.



RTA's Paratransit service is priced fairly

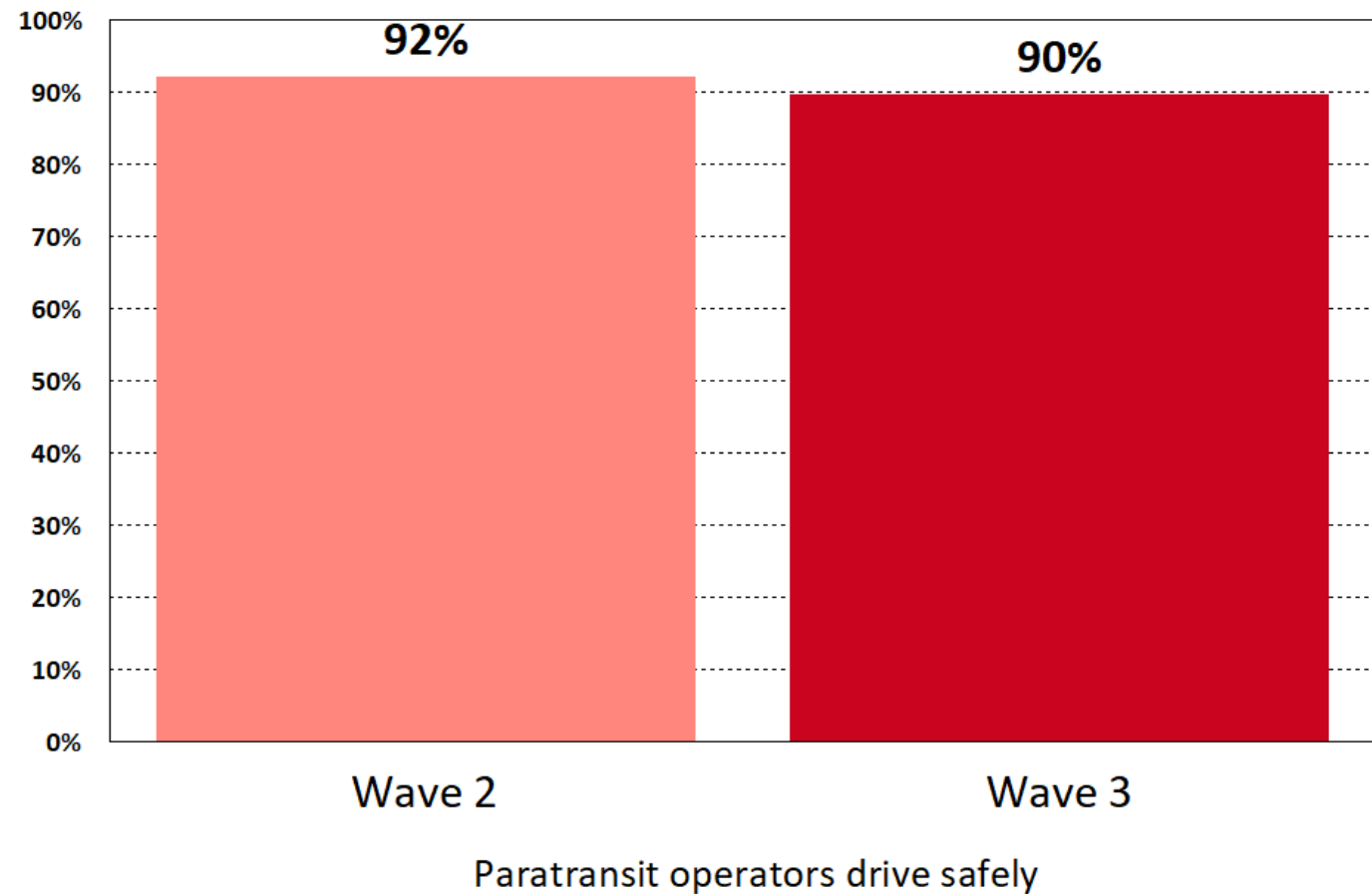


# Perception of Operators

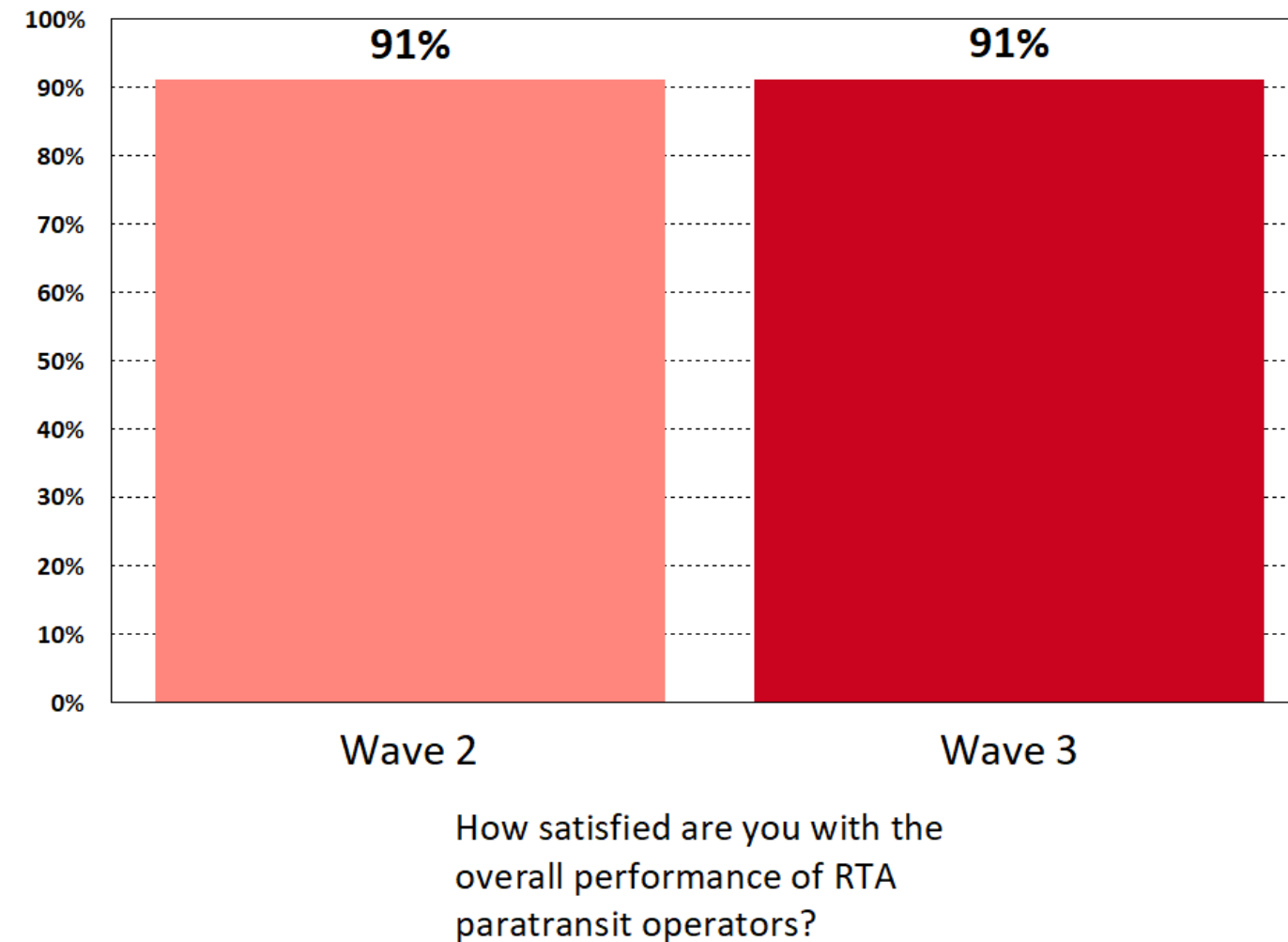


- 91% of respondents are satisfied with the overall performance of operators.
- 90% of respondents say that Paratransit operators drive safely.

### Operator Driving



### Overall Operator Performance

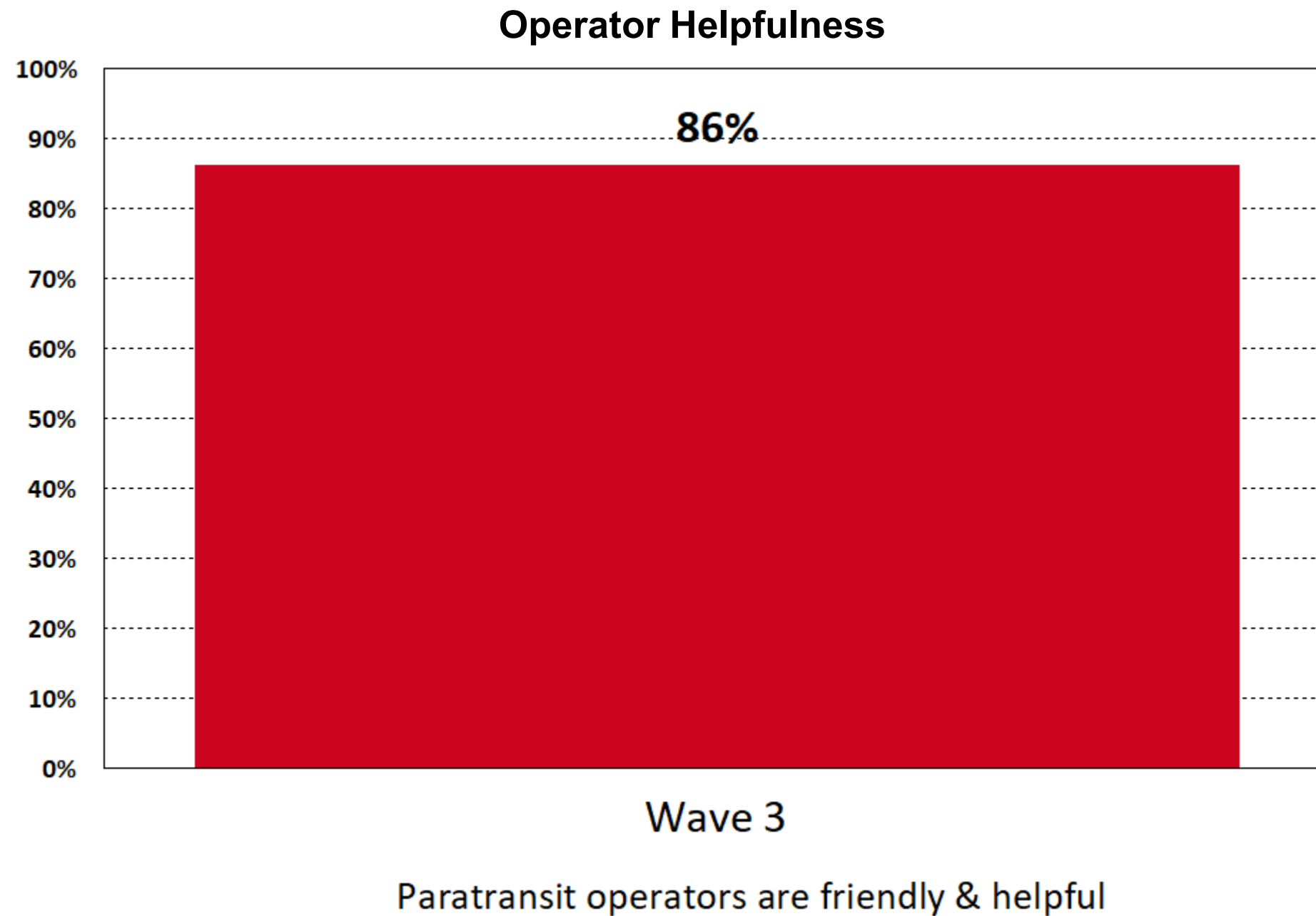




# Perception of Operators



- 86% of respondents are say that Paratransit operators are friendly & helpful.



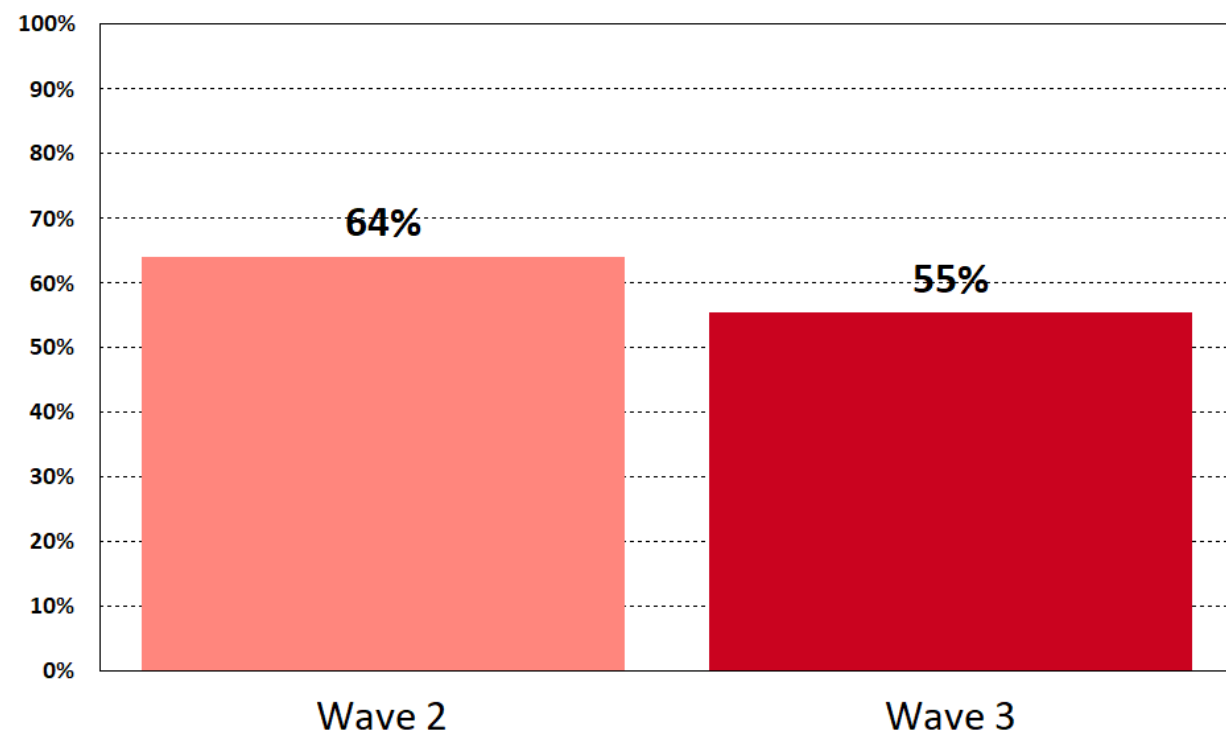


# Customer Service Representatives



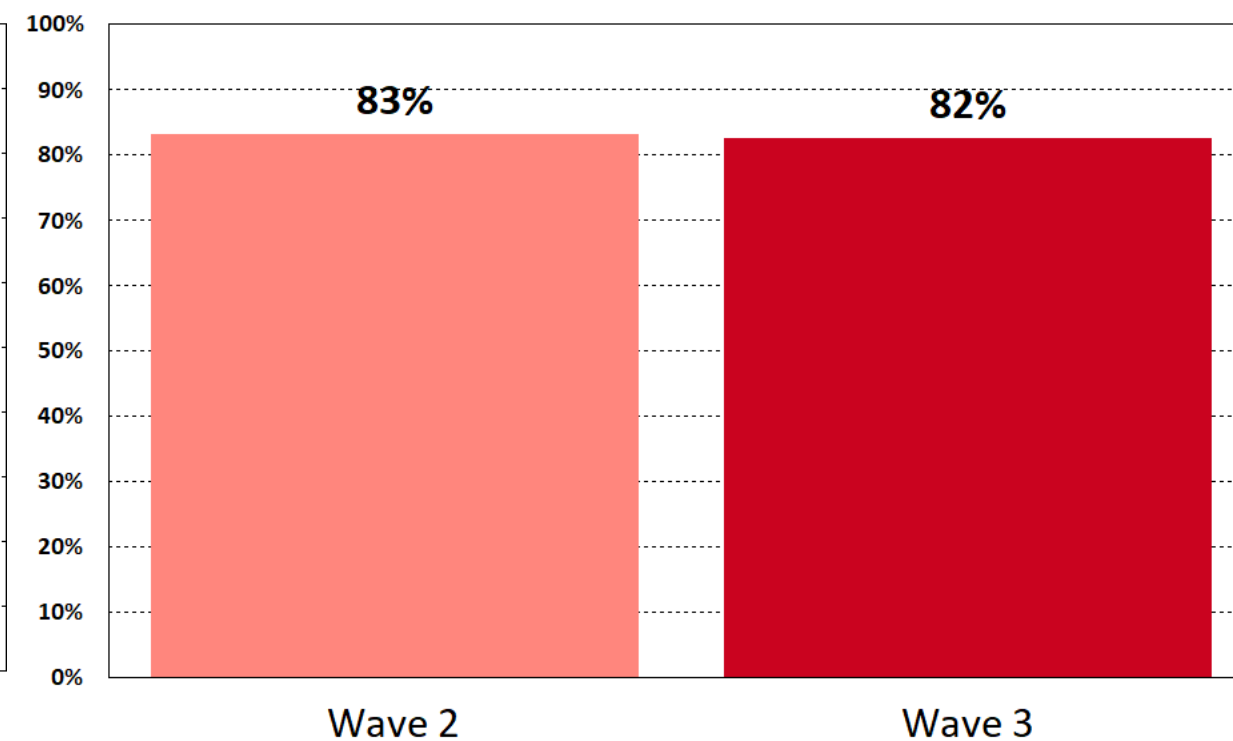
- 83% of respondents are satisfied with the overall performance of customer service staff.
- 87% of respondents say customer service representatives are helpful & courteous.

### Fast Response



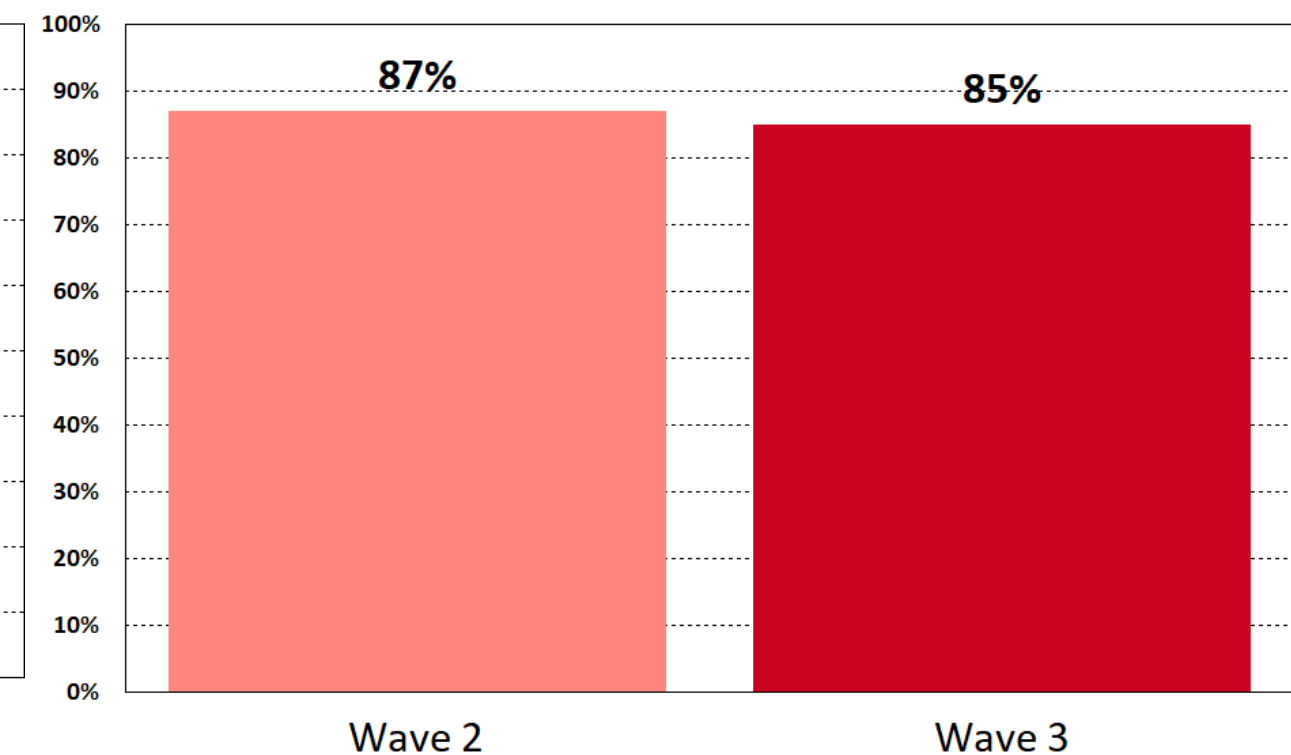
When contacting RTA Customer Service by phone, my calls are answered promptly

### Overall Customer Service Performance



How satisfied are you with the overall performance of RTA's customer service staff?

### Customer Service Courtesy



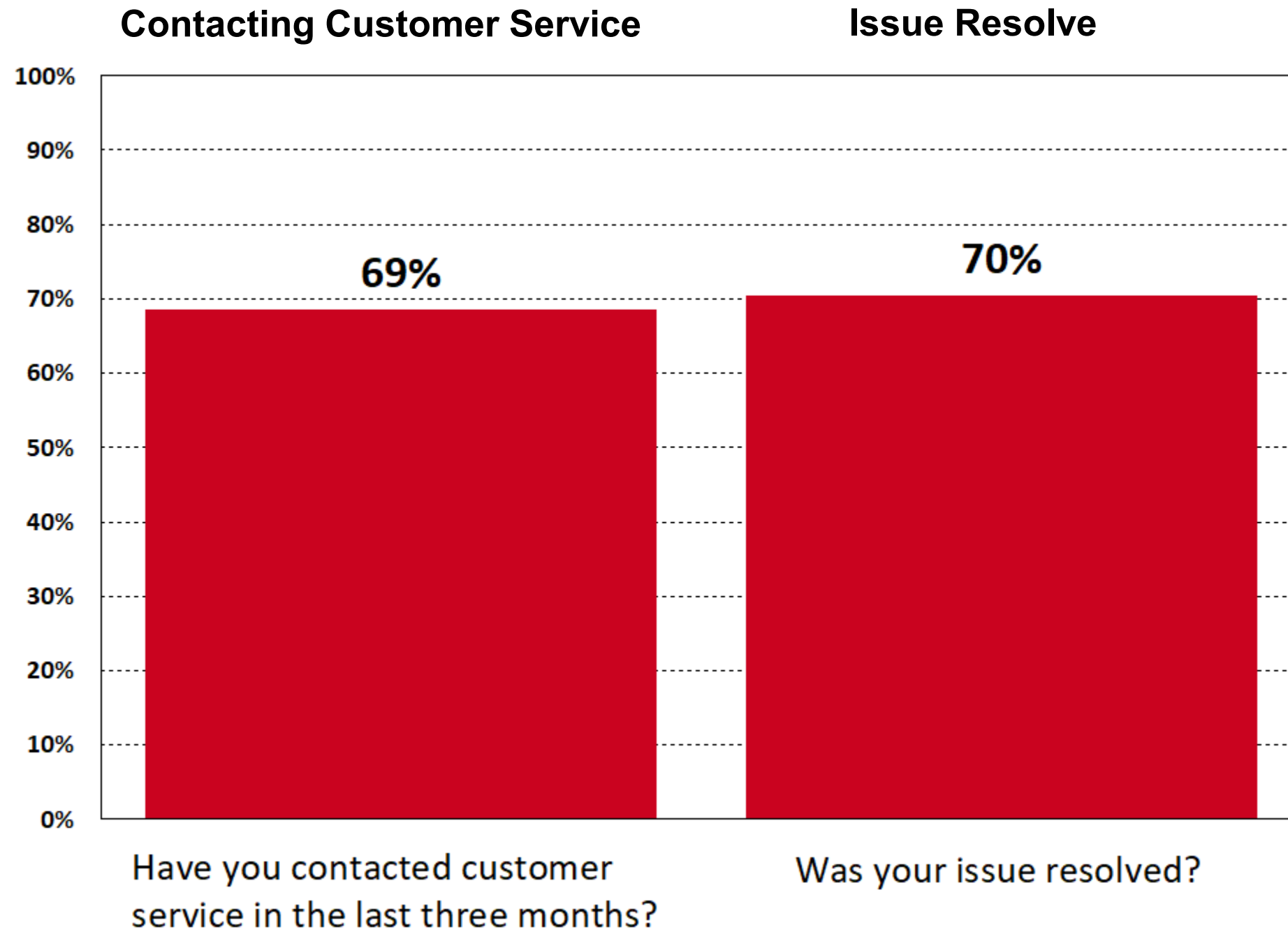
Customer Service Representatives are helpful & courteous



# Issue Resolve



- 69% of respondents have contacted customer service in the last three months, and 70% of their issues were resolved.



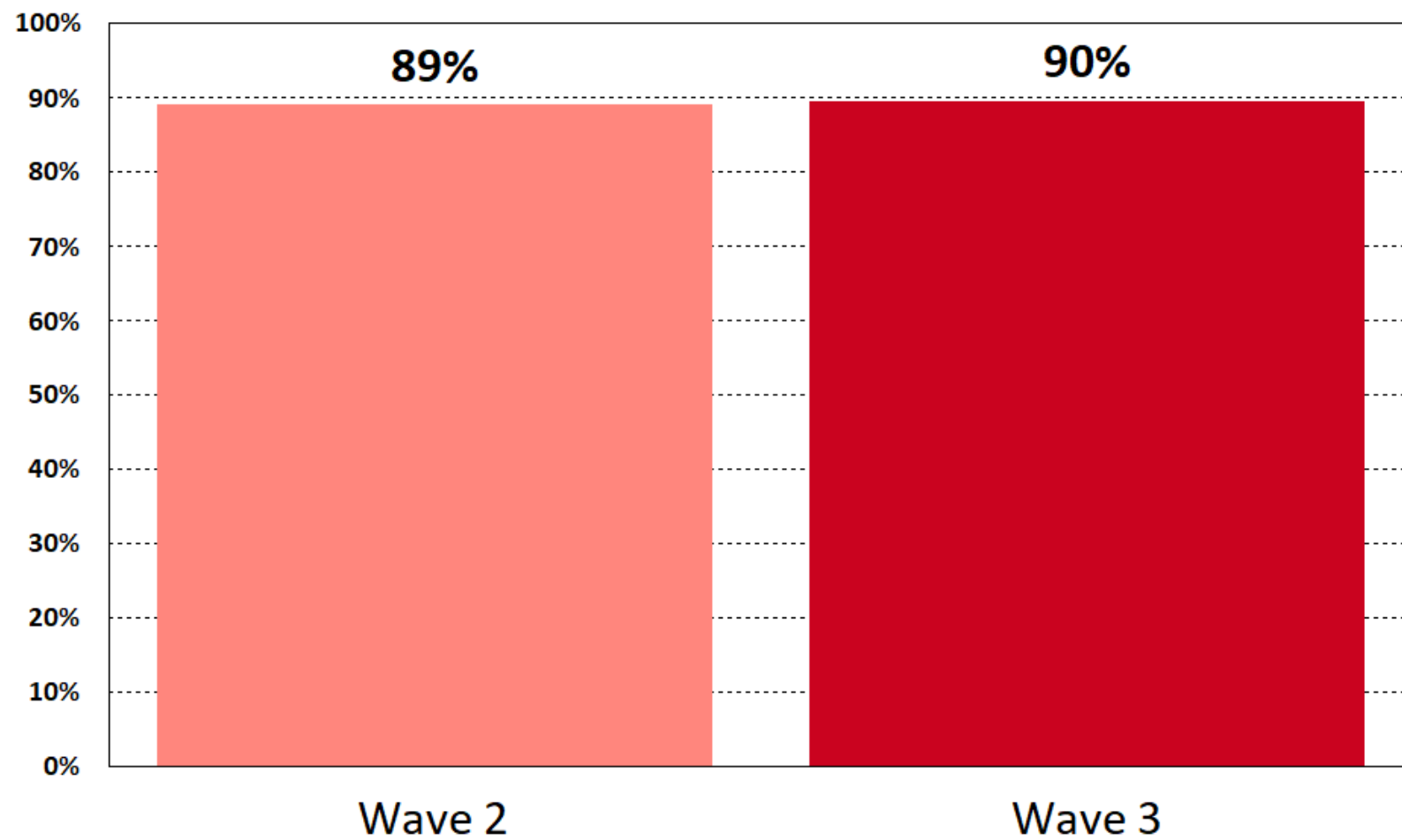


# Mobility Devices



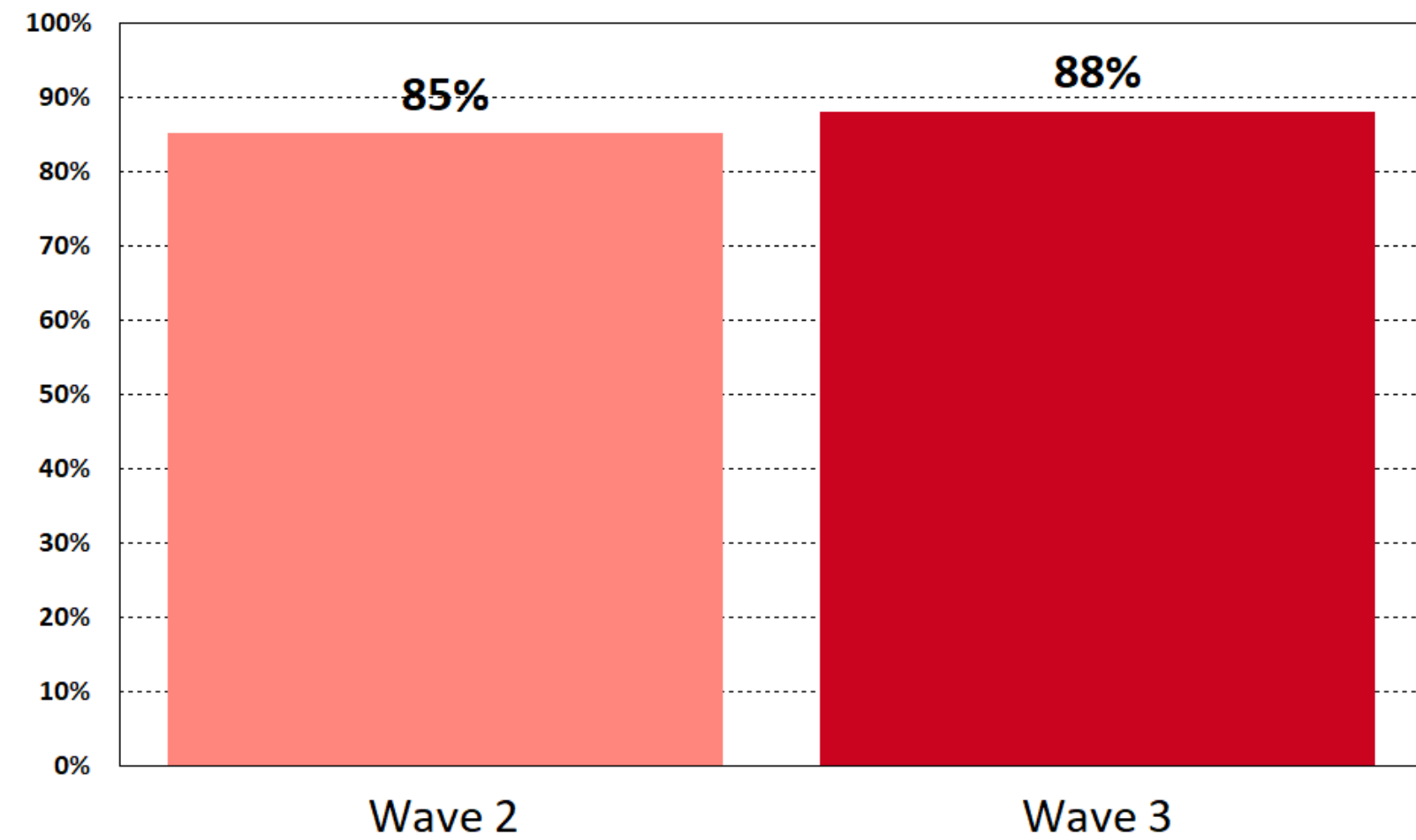
- 90% of respondents say that operators safely secure their mobility device.
- 88% of respondents say that wheelchair lifts are consistently working.

### Operator Device Securance



The operators safely secure my wheelchair, scooter, or other mobility device

### Wheelchair Lift Functionality



Vehicle wheelchair lifts are consistently in working order

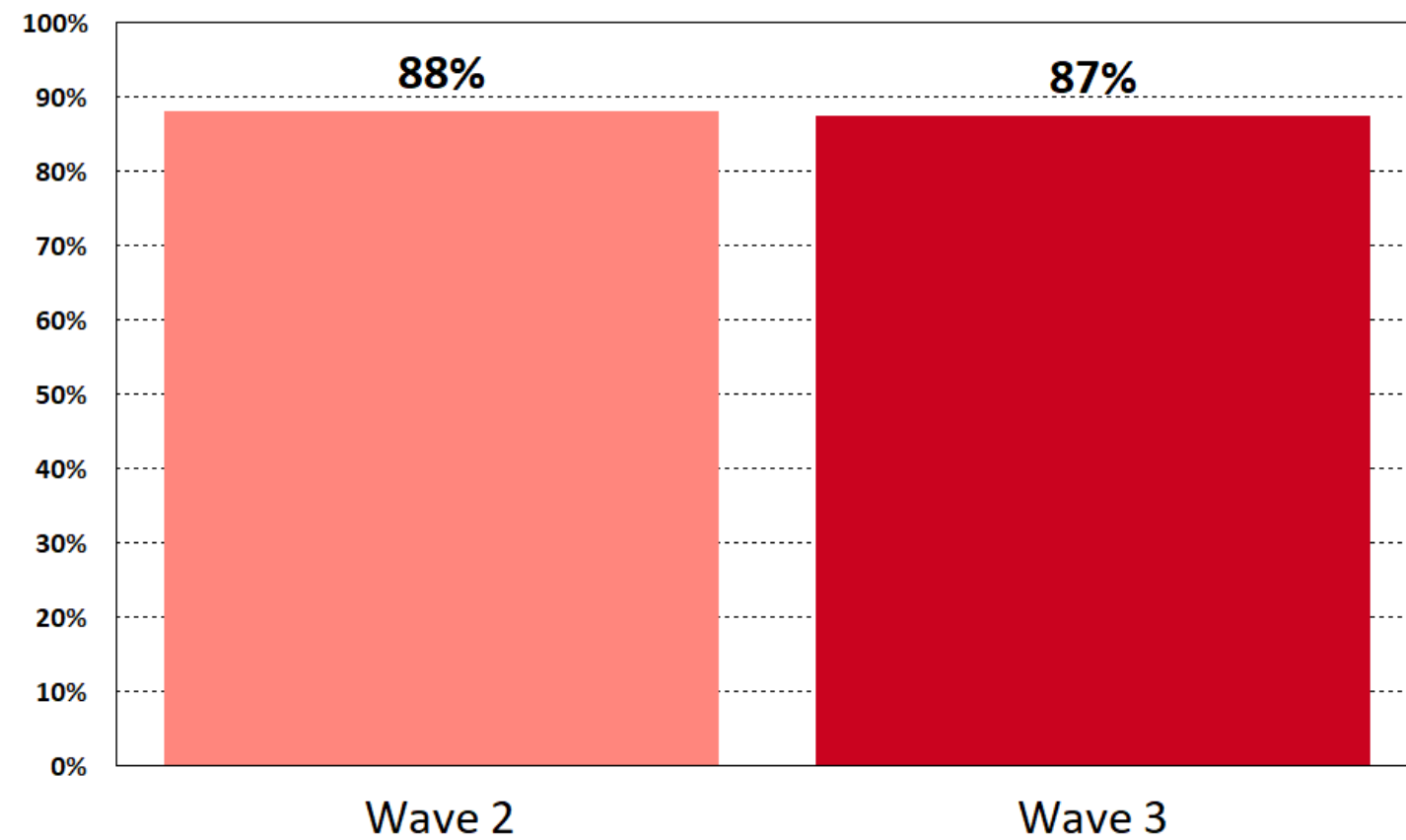


# Vehicle Conditions



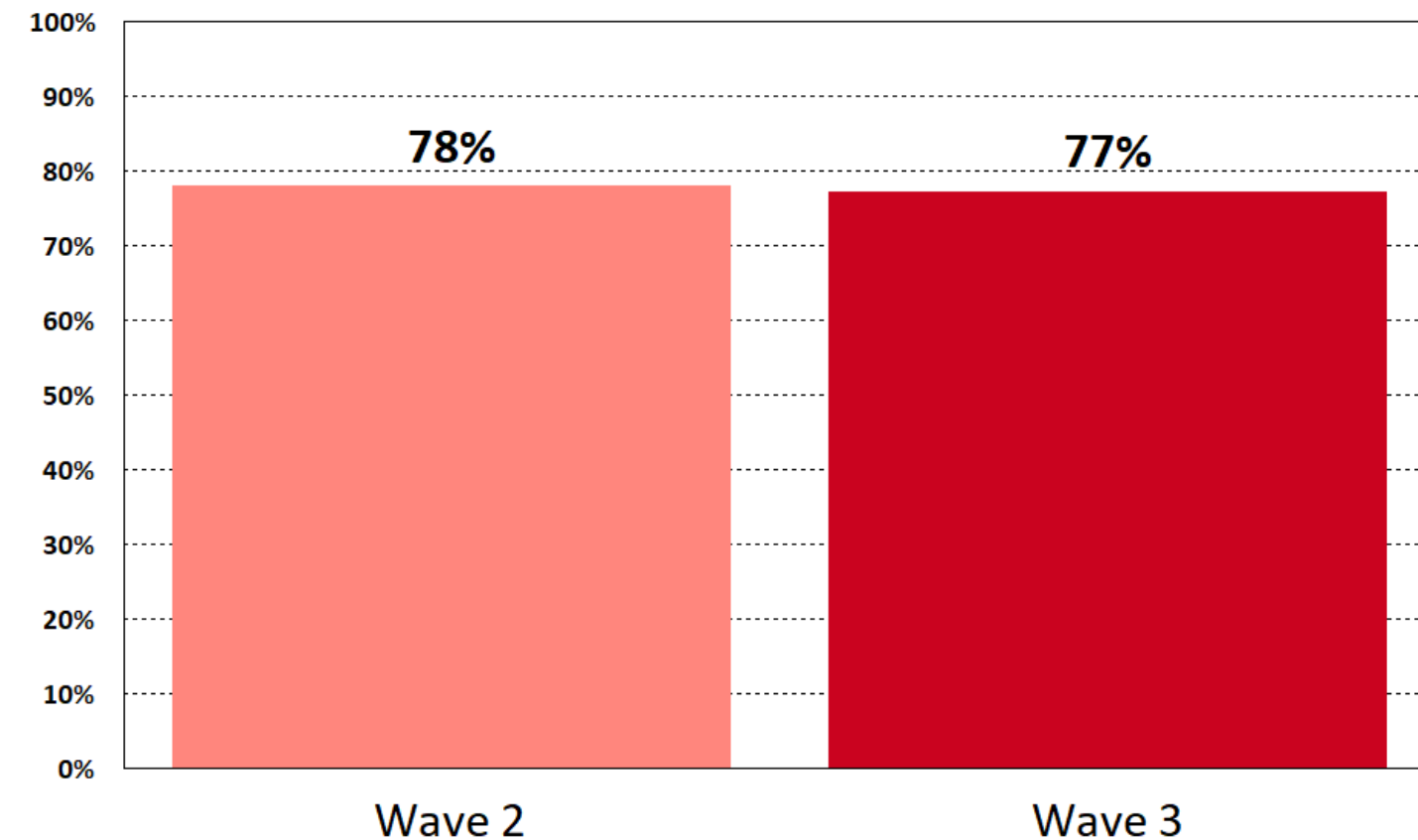
- 87% of respondents say that the vehicles are clean.
- 77% of respondents say that the vehicles are comfortable.

### Cleanliness



The vehicles are clean

### Comfort



The vehicles are comfortable



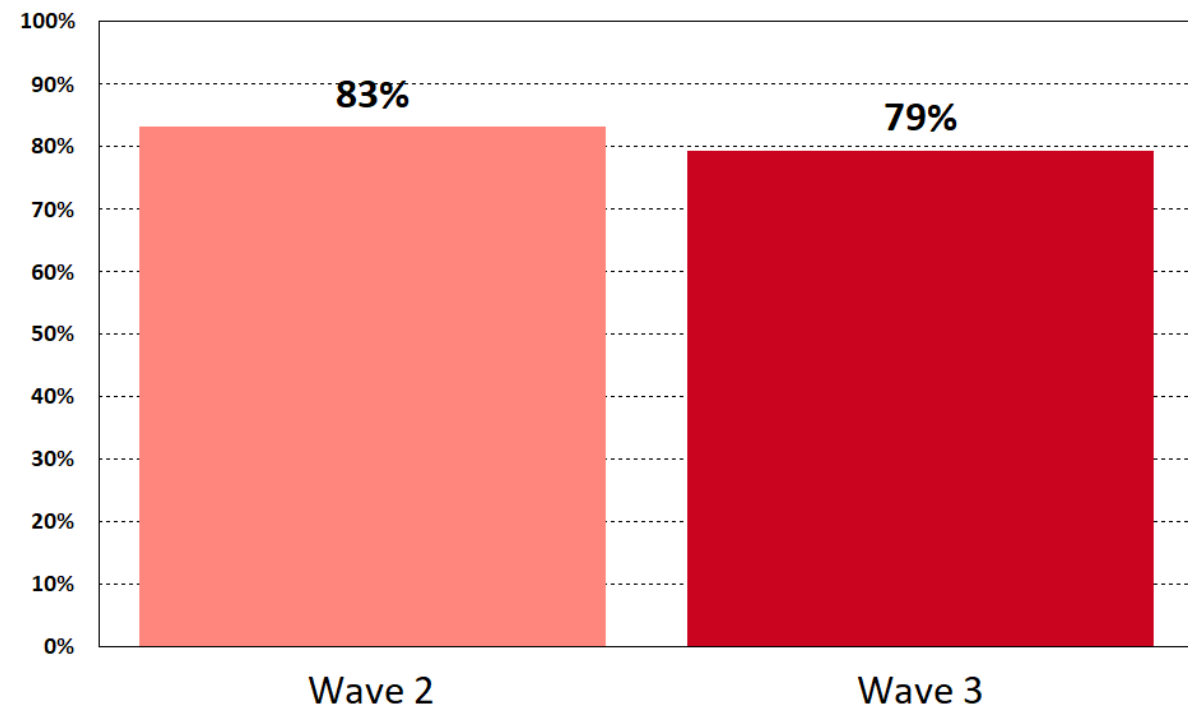


# Communications Material



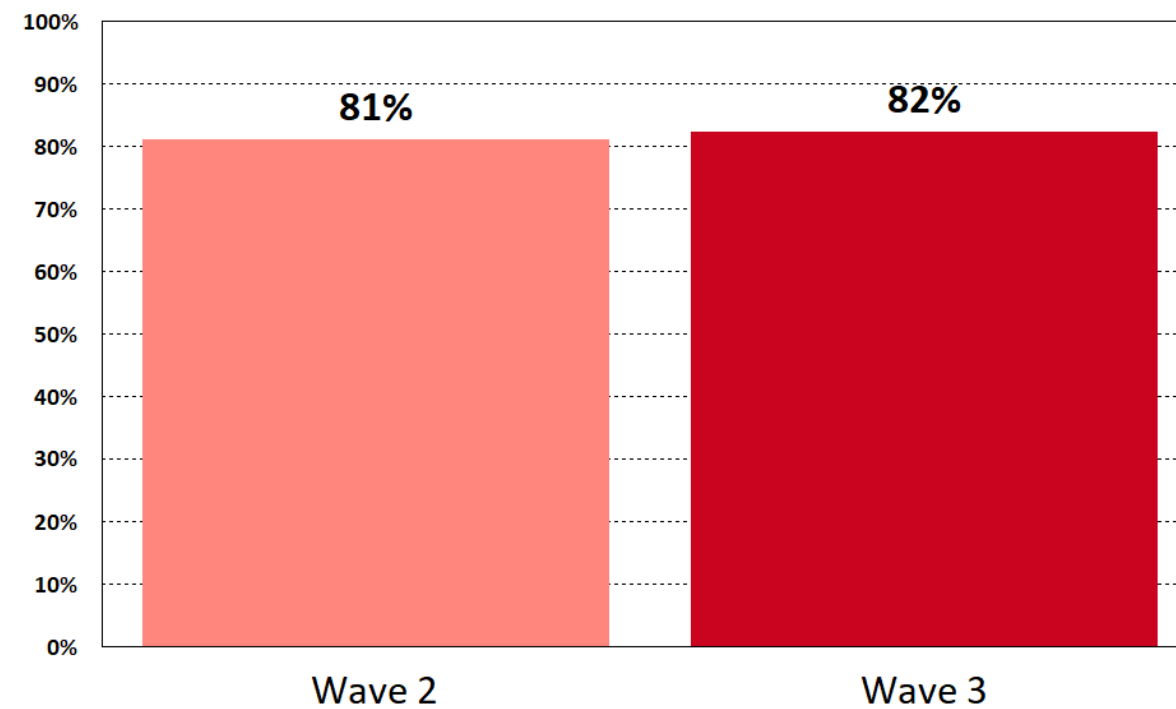
- 79% of respondents repeat RTA messages to those who would benefit.
- 82% of respondents understand the available routes and are confident with navigation.

### Messages



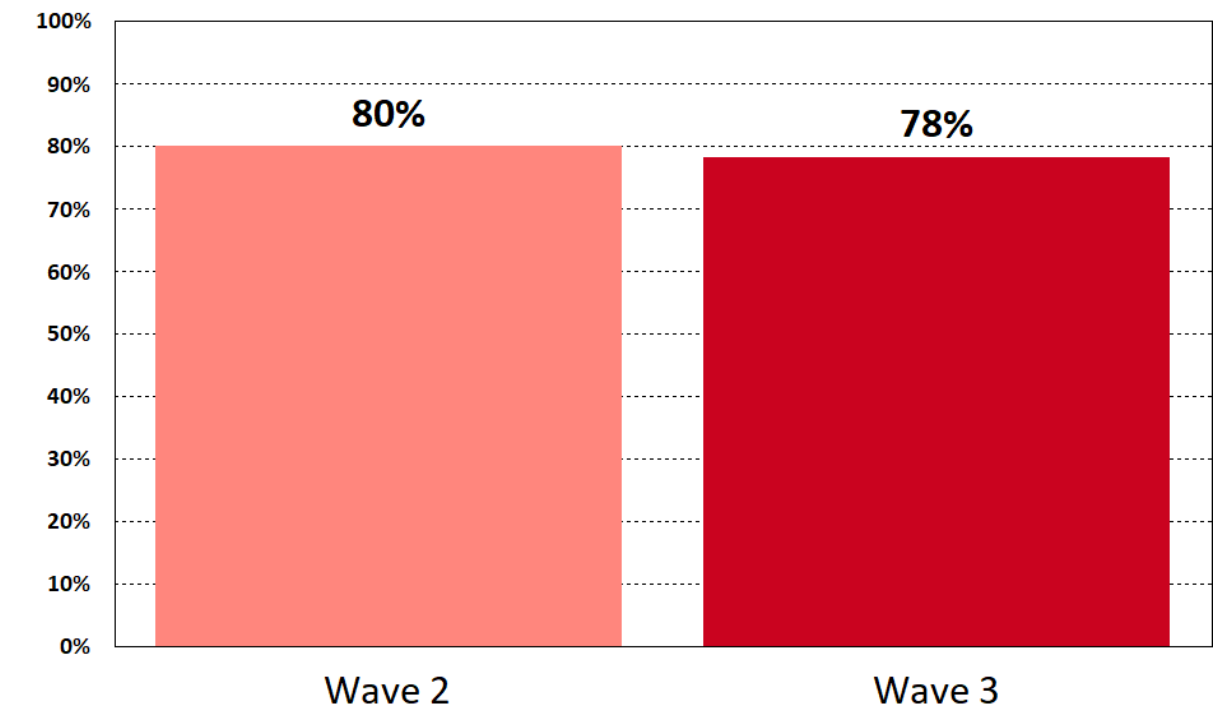
I repeat messages to those I believe would benefit from the information

### Navigation



I understand RTA's available routes, and I am confident navigating the system

### Communications Material



How satisfied are you with the overall quality of RTA communications material