



*Building an evidence base for victim services*



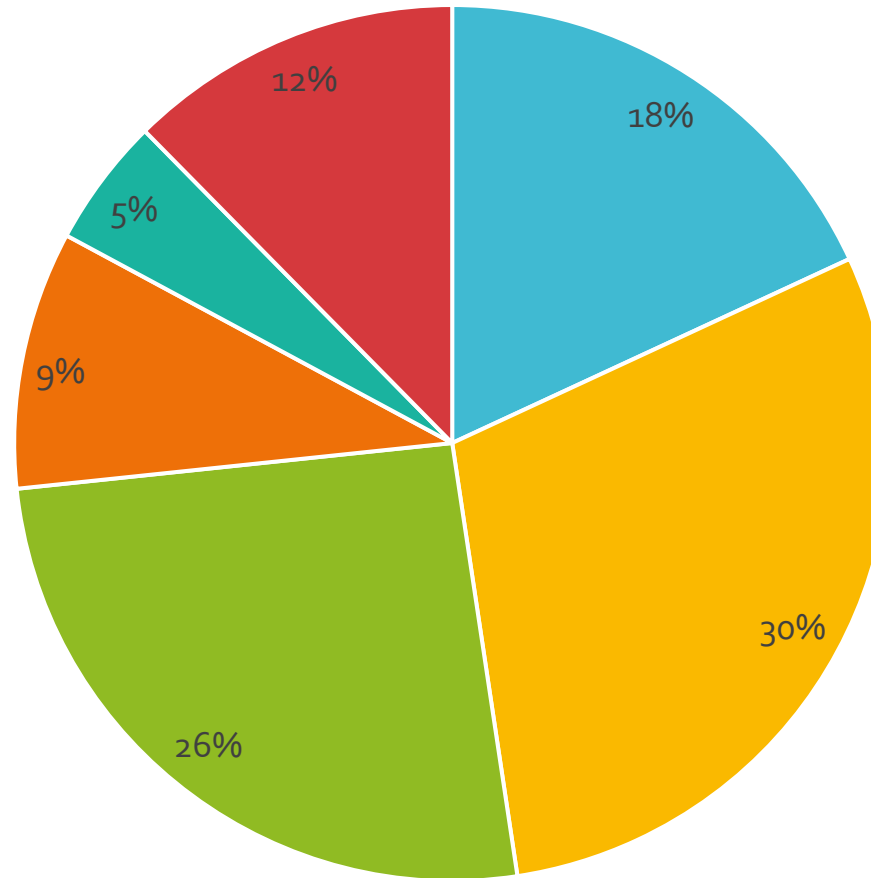
# Center for Victim Research & Texas Victim Services Association Research Survey

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# Research, Data, & Evaluations

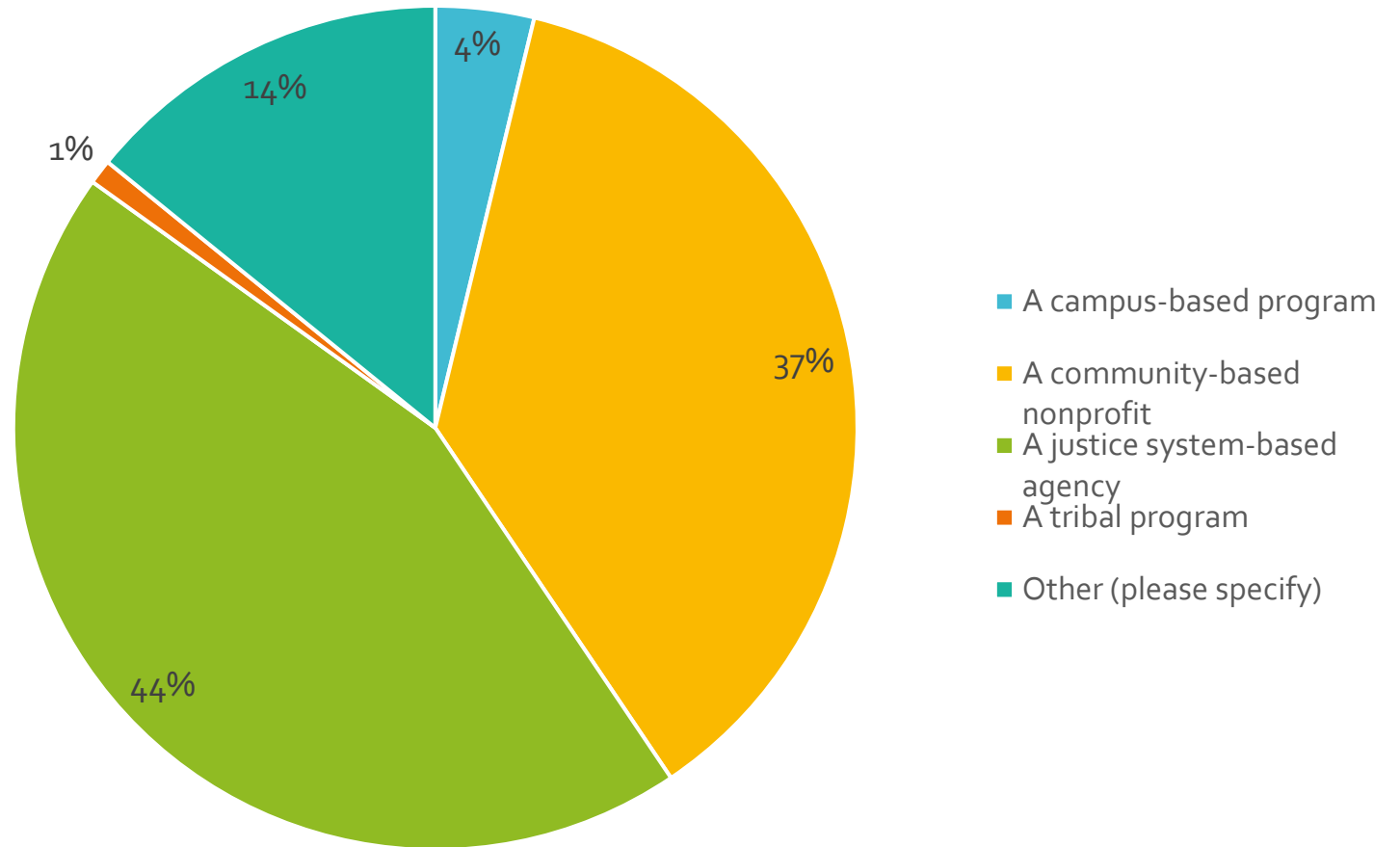
- The Center for Victim Research (CVR) and the Texas Victim Services Association (TVSA) conducted a survey to better understand participants' interest in and use of research, data, and empirical evidence to better inform service provision. CVR and TVSA were also interested in how to best support its users, given their interests.
- The survey included eight questions about users' interest and needs regarding research, five questions about their organization and agency, four questions about TVSA, and four questions specific to CVR.
- Survey Participants: 130

## What type of position BEST describes your current position:

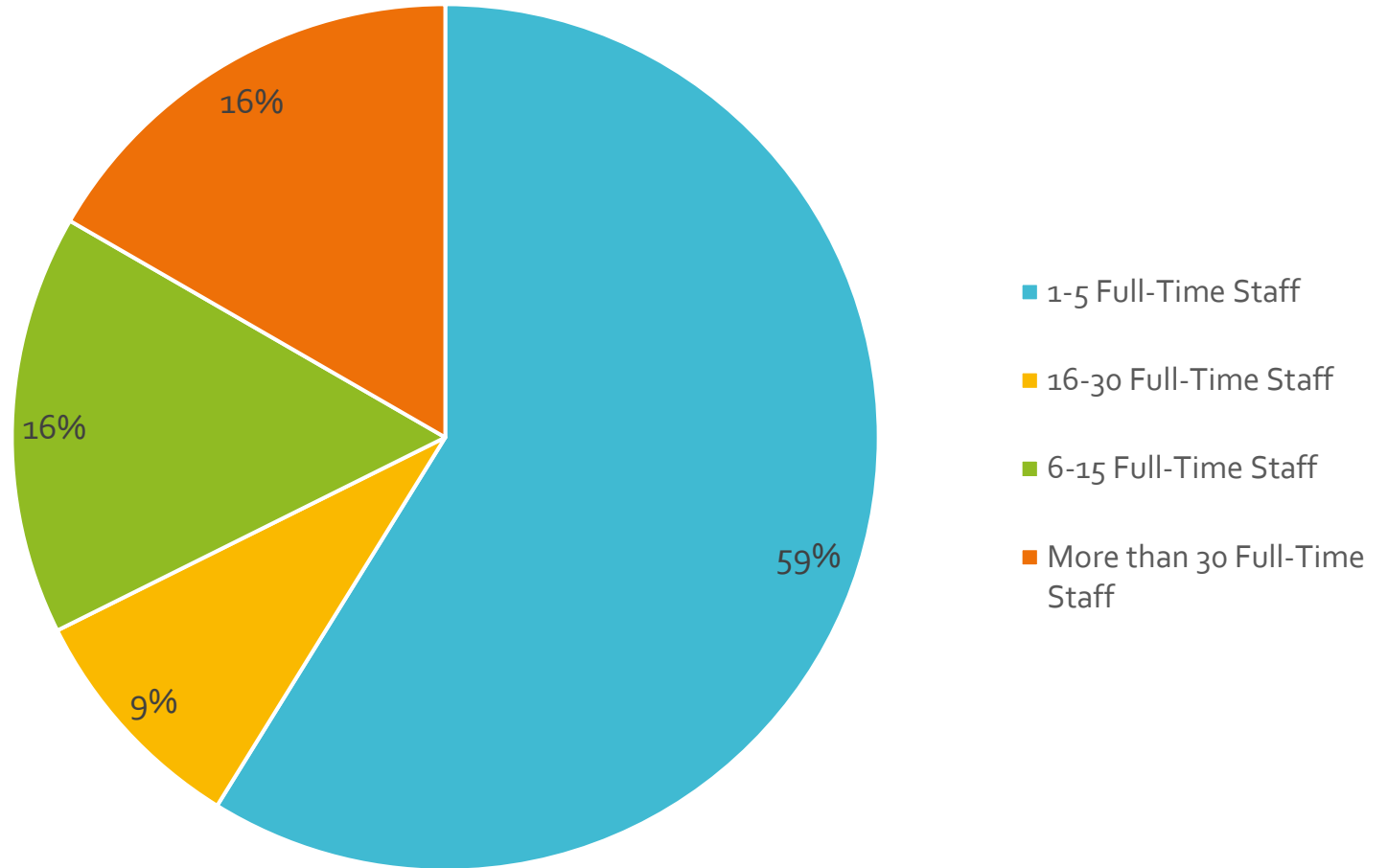


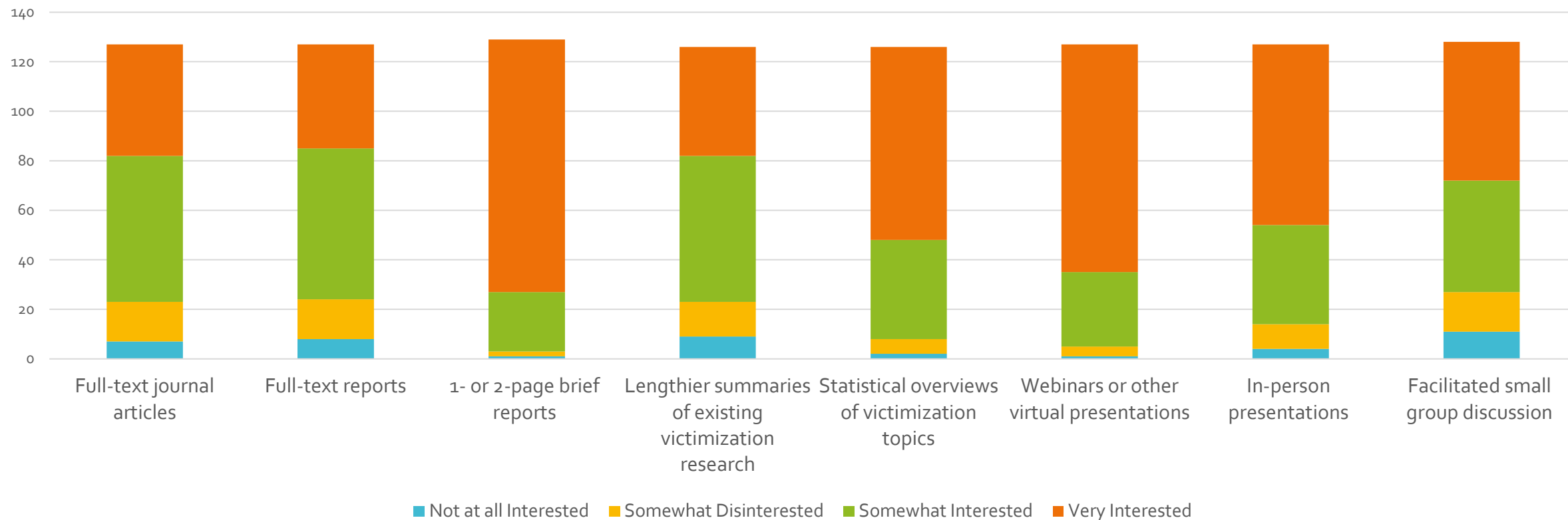
- Executive director/upper management
- Front line staffer, directly serve victims
- Mid-level or program manager
- Other (please specify)
- Program support (grant writer, outreach/communications, finance, etc.)
- We are a small shop – I have multiple roles

My organization/agency can best be described as:

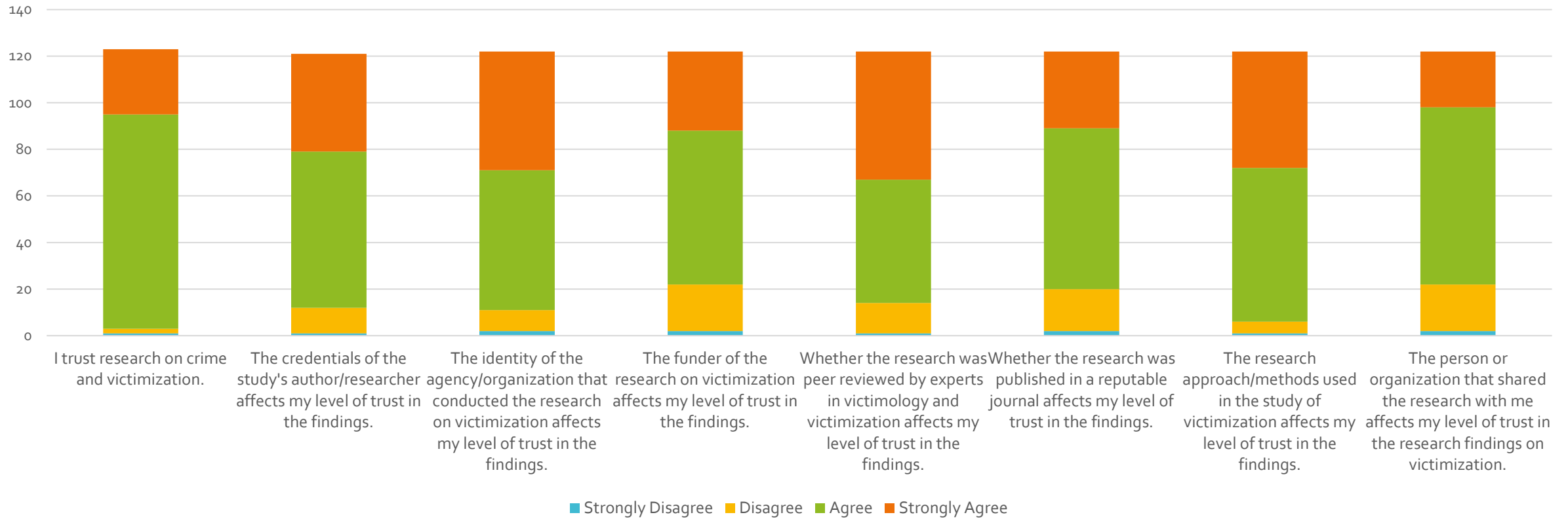


How many full-time staff are part of your victim service program (not the overall agency unless the whole agency is a victim service organization)?





**Research information can come in many forms. Please rate your interest in each of the following formats of research information on victimization and victim services?**

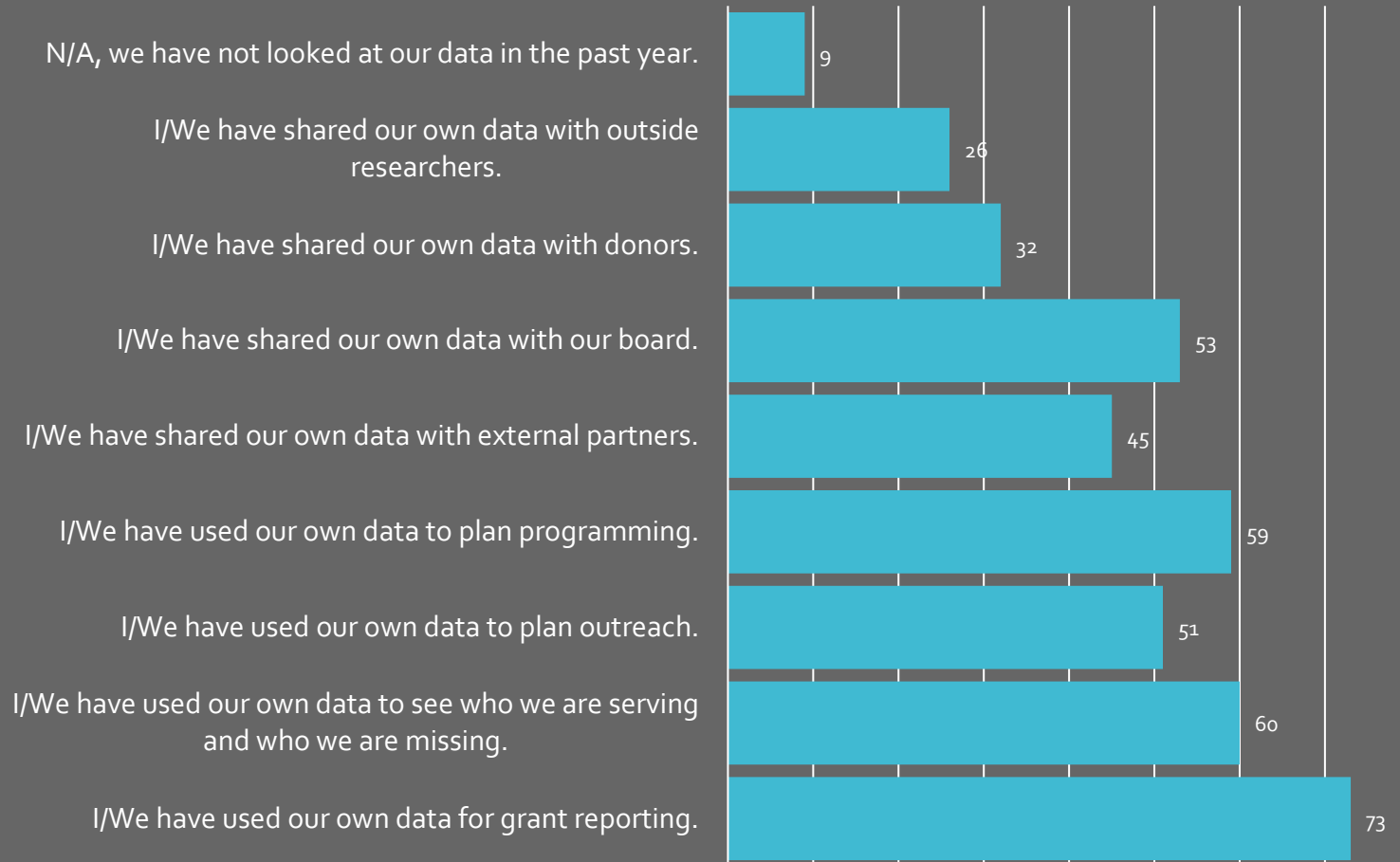


Please rate your agreement/disagreement with the following statements.

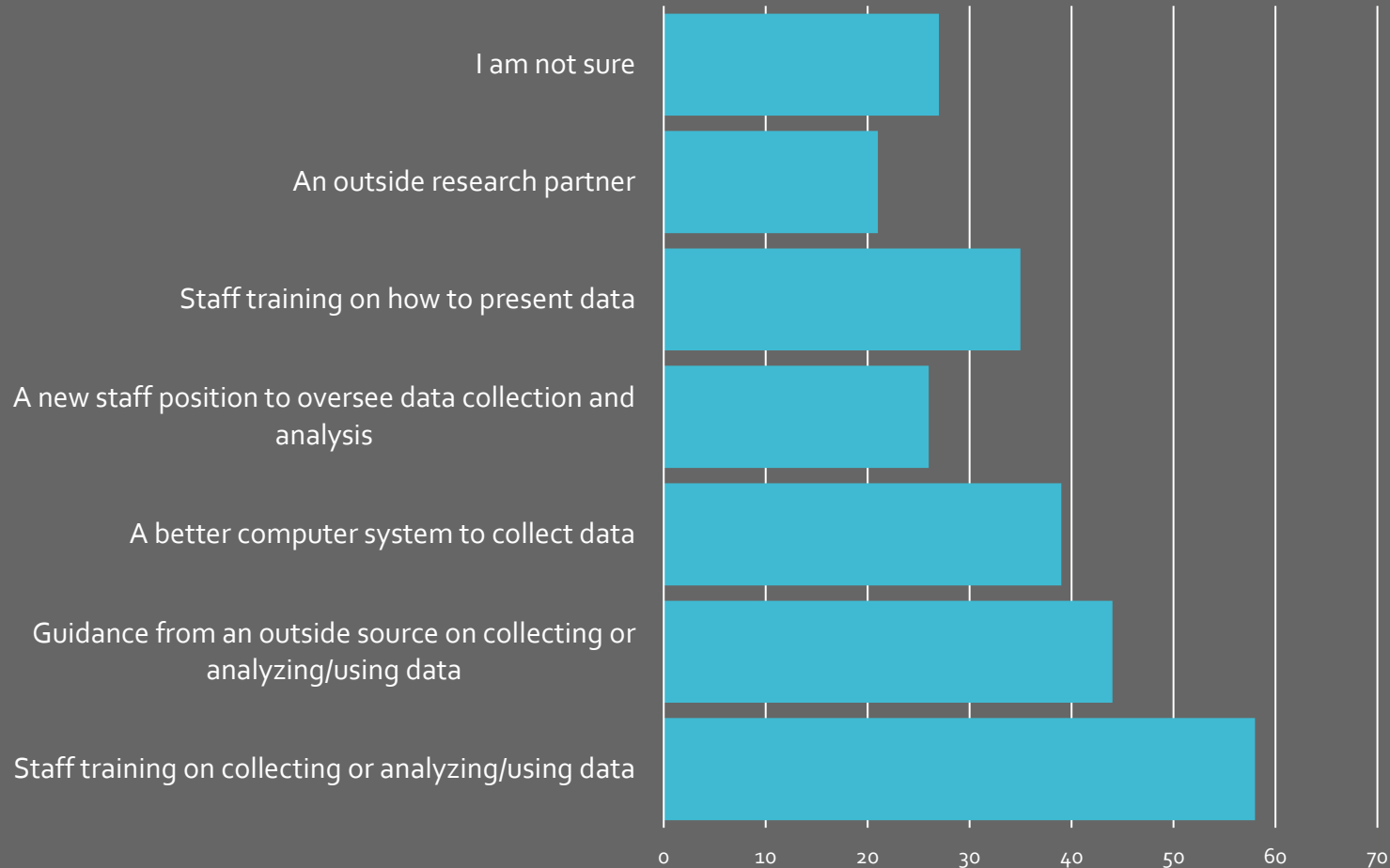


**How likely are you to trust research information shared by the following:**

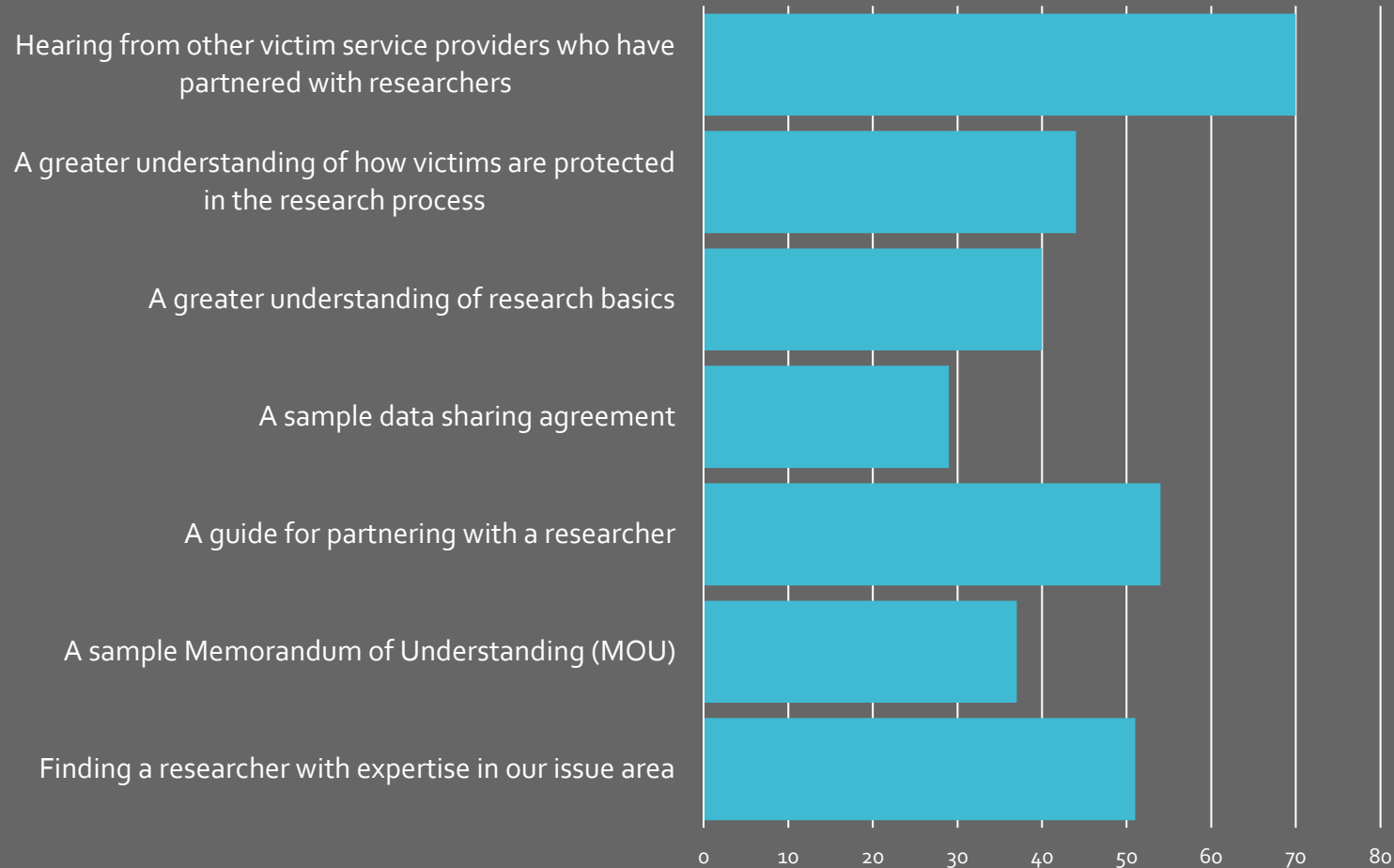




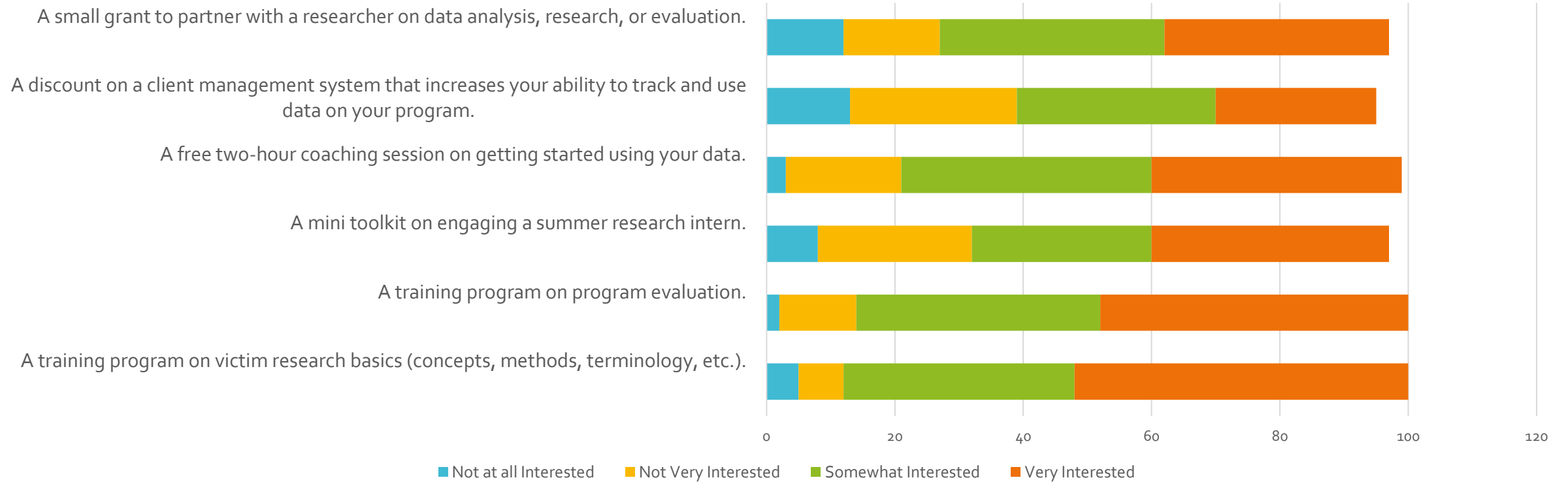
**How have you or your organization used your own data in the past year? (check all that apply):**



**What would be most useful to help your organization make better use of your own victim services data? (check all that apply):**



**In addition to funding, what would help facilitate your efforts in partnering with a researcher? (check all that apply):**



**How interested would you be in the following:**

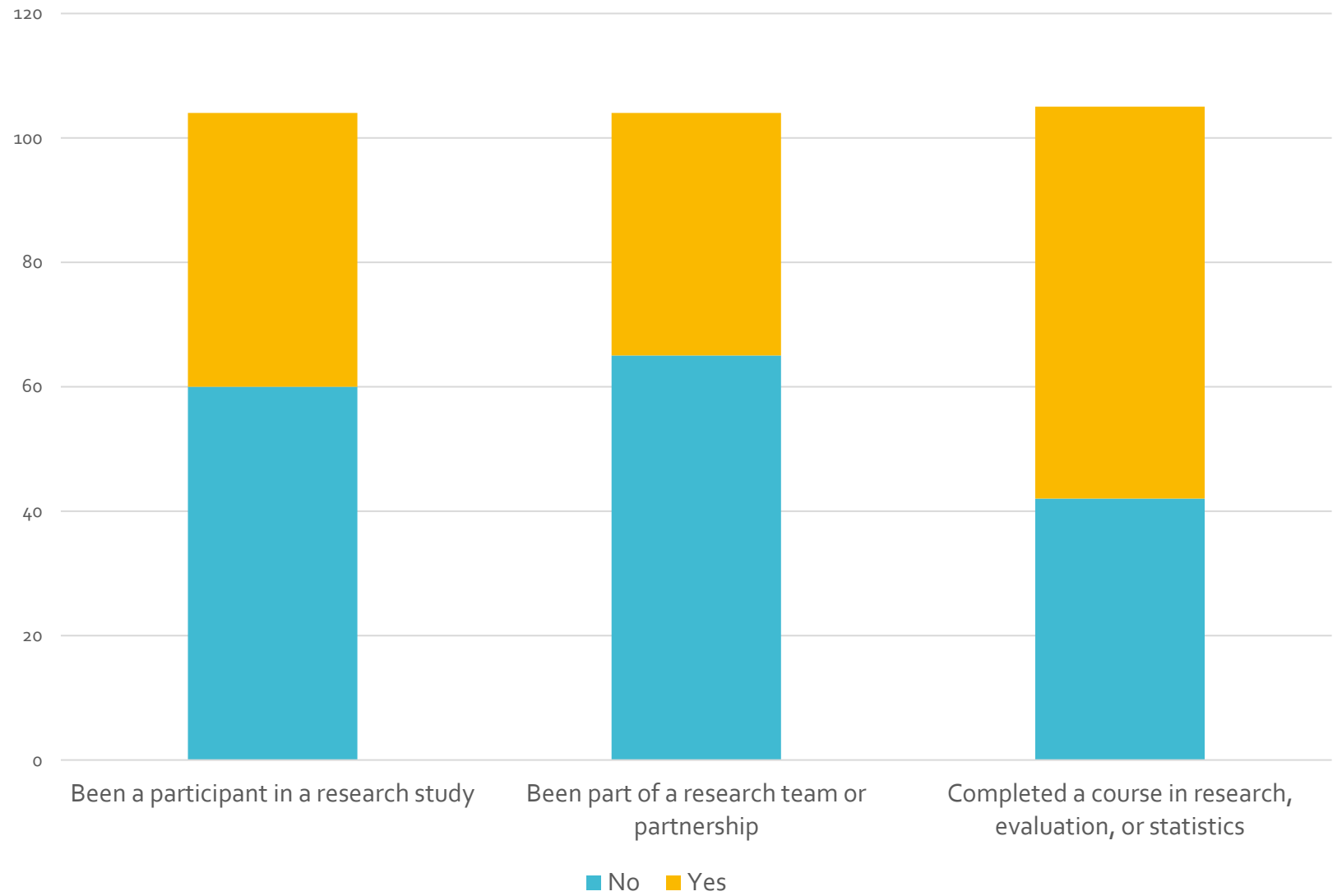
## Question 8

- What hinders victims most from seeking help?
- How many victims are receiving the support they need for self-care?
- Is the system less sympathetic to men who are victims of crime?
- What percentage of undocumented victims report domestic violence?
- How do small, rural communities with limited resources overcome the language barrier?
- What is the correlation between victimization and living below the poverty line?
- Is there a correlation between victims receiving services and victims cooperating in the criminal justice process?

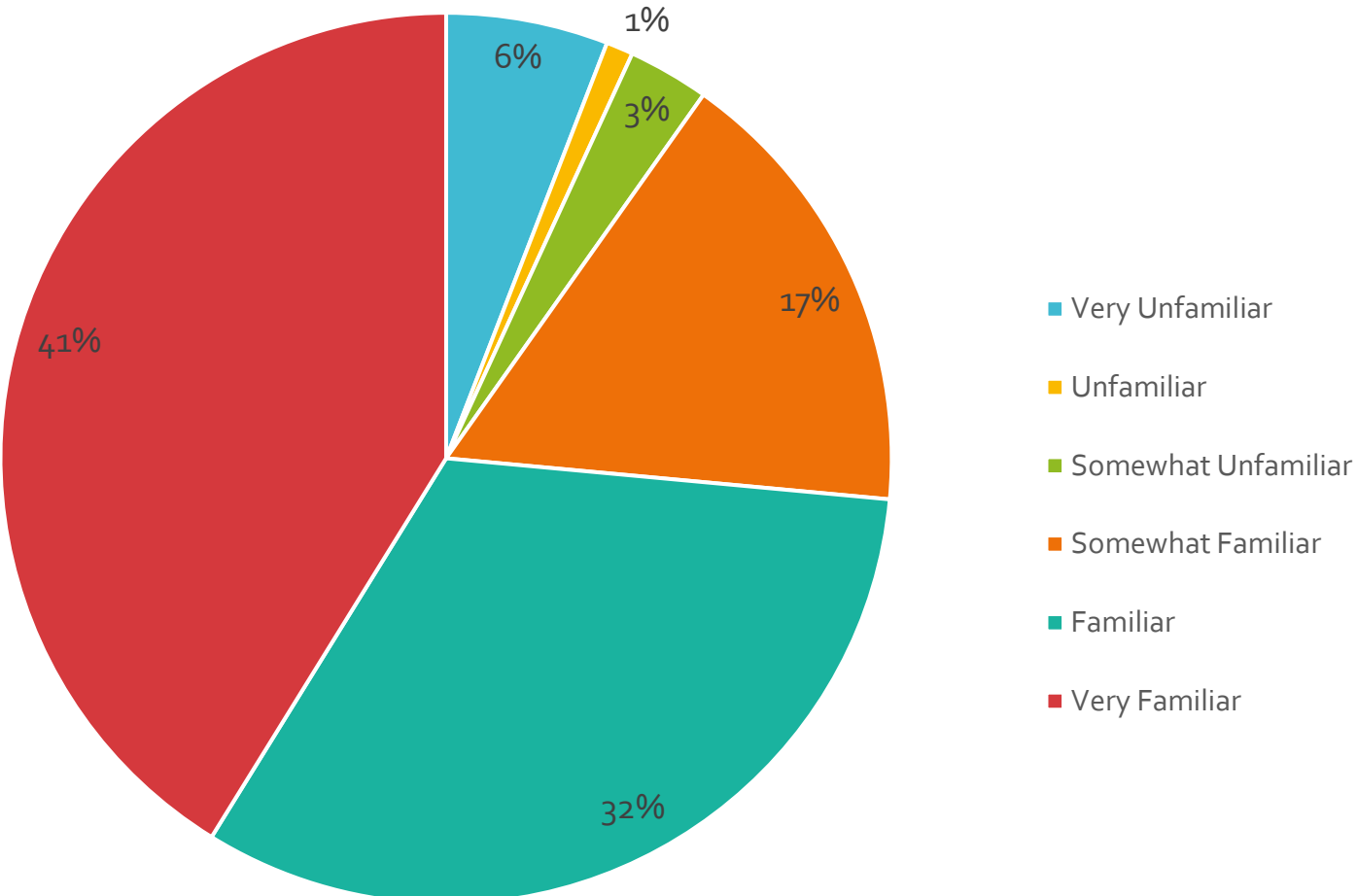


**What forms of victimization does your agency primarily focus on? (check all that apply):**

Have you ever:

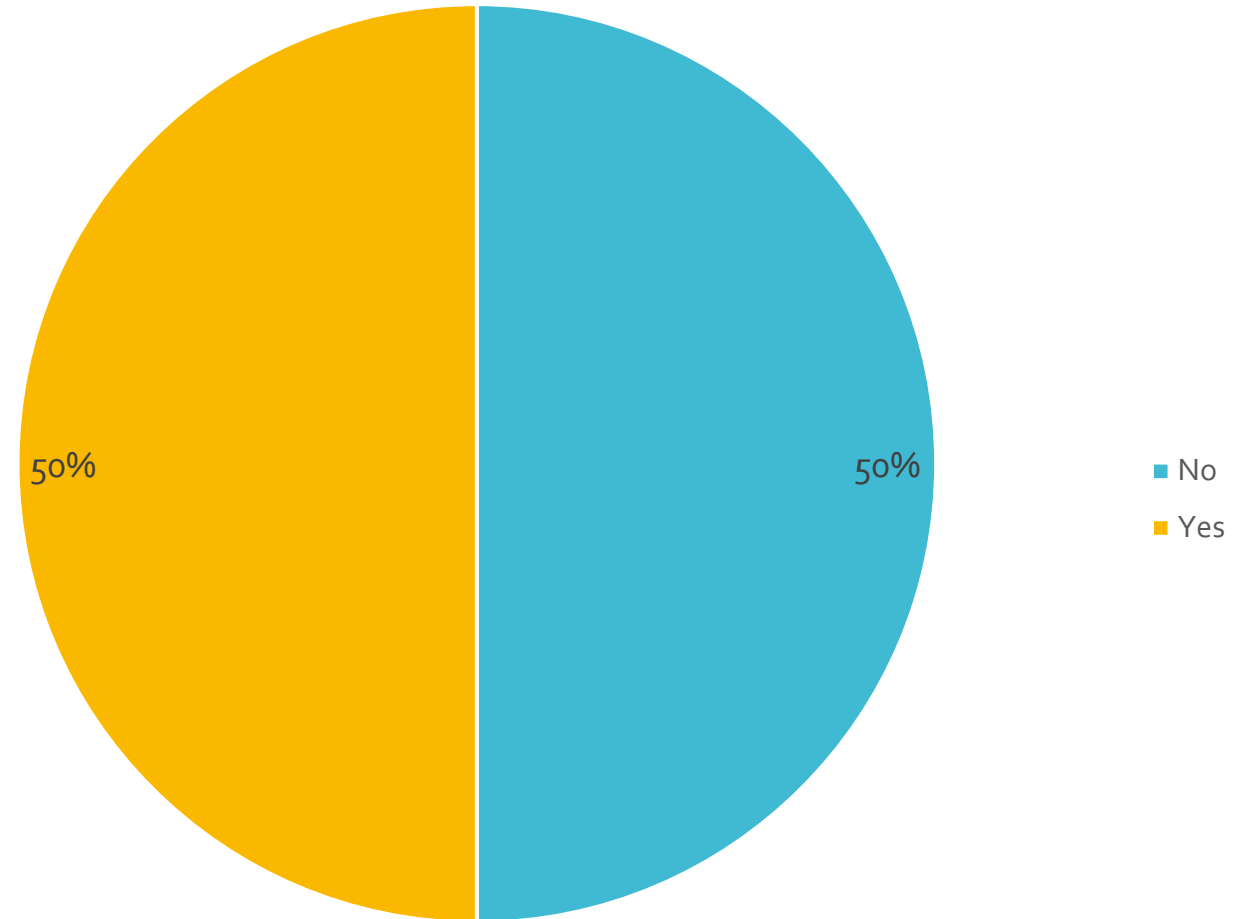


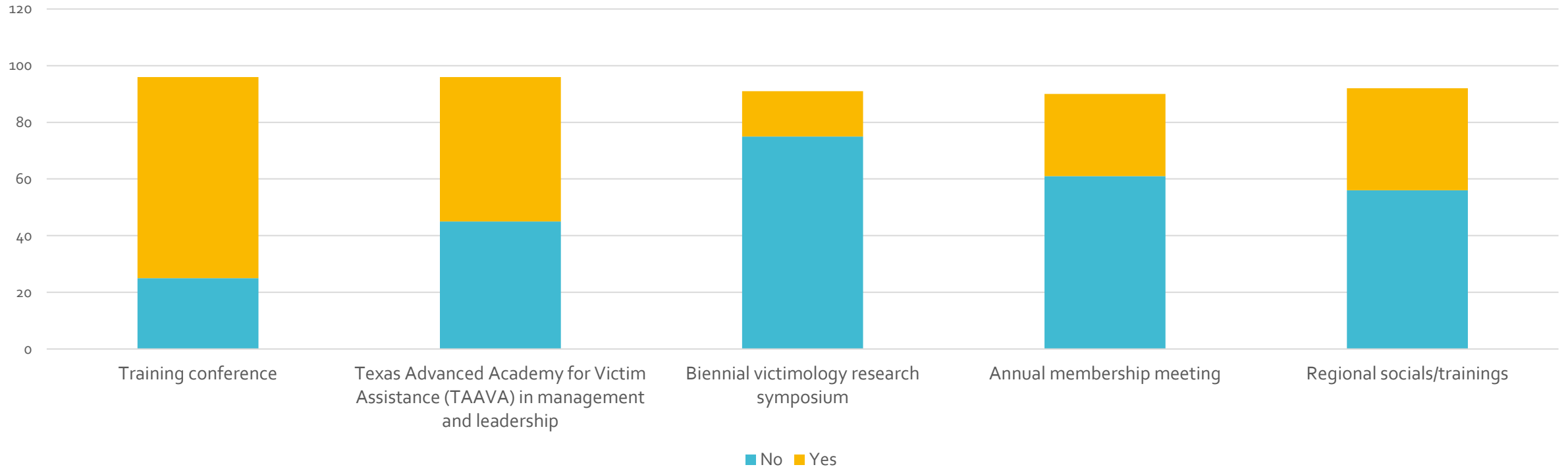
# How familiar are you with the Texas Victim Services Association (TVSA)?





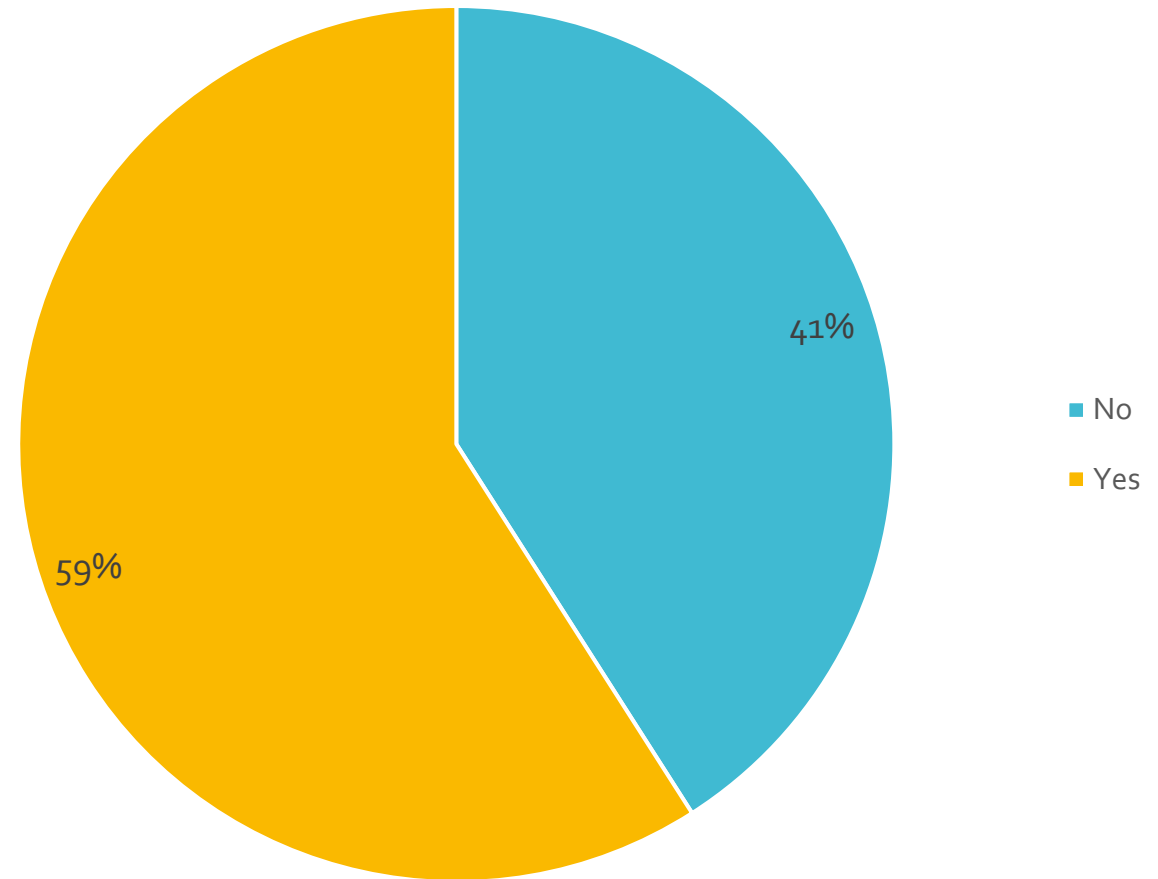
Are you a current member of TVSA?





**In the past, have you participated in any of the following TVSA events/programs?**

Are you familiar with the OVC-funded Center for Victim Research (CVR)?



I asked CVR for research technical assistance or library assistance.

I searched the CVR directory of victim researchers.

I read or used CVR tools and quick guides on research, victim protection, partnering with researchers, etc.

I got a free login for the CVR library of journal subscriptions.

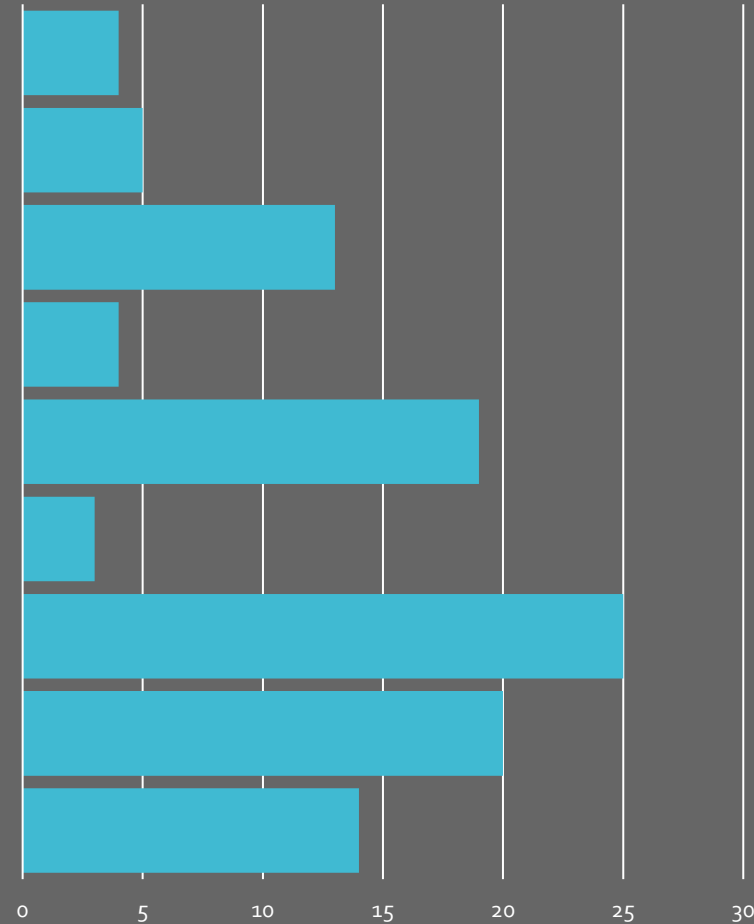
I searched the CVR open access library.

I listened to a CVR podcast.

I watched a CVR webinar.

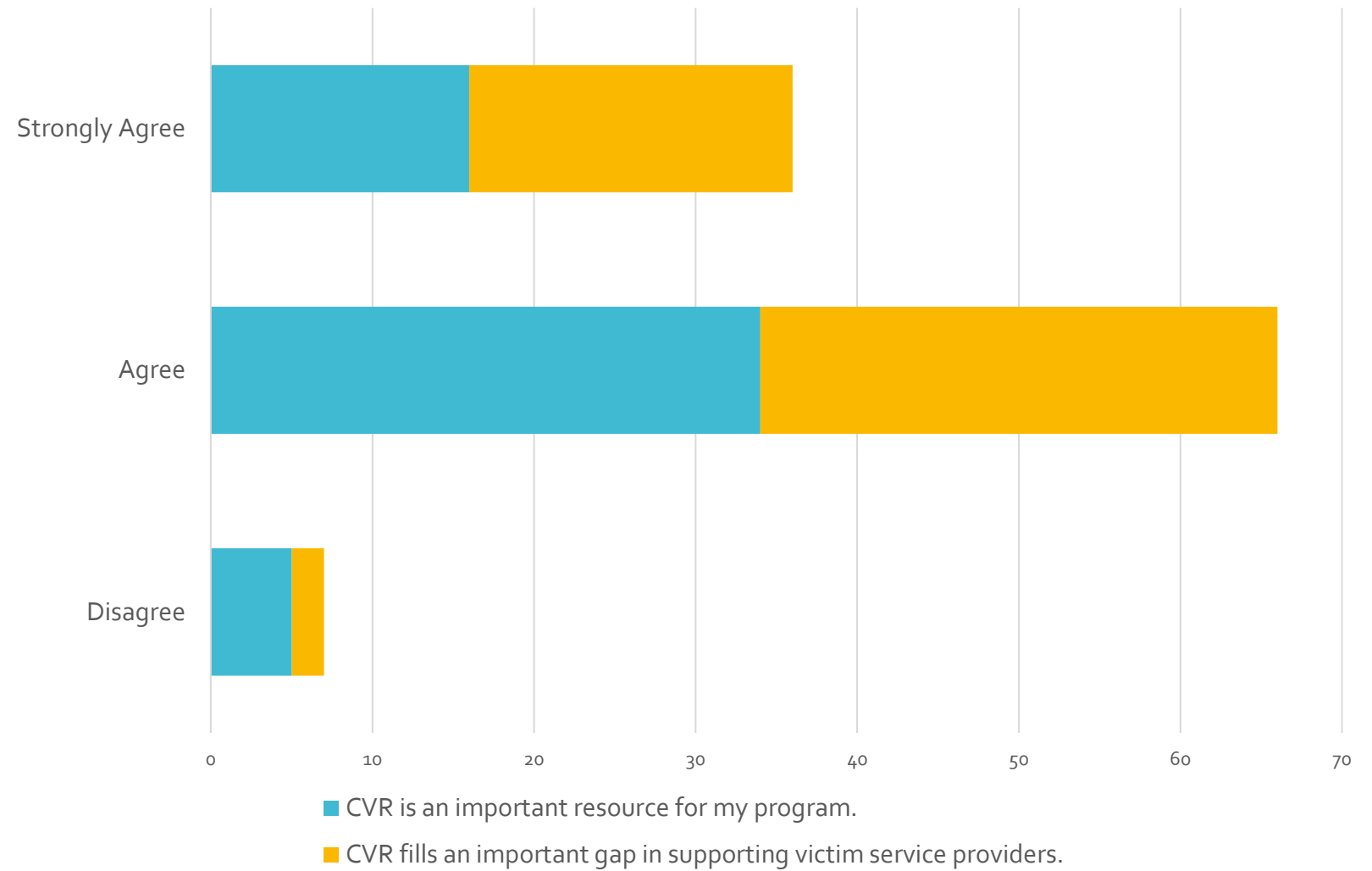
I saw CVR at a conference.

I saw CVR postings on social media.



**Please tell us about your interaction with CVR's free information and resources (check all that apply):**

How much do you agree with the following statements:



How satisfied were you with your experience working with or using CVR resources?

