

Teen Services Questionnaire

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

28 March 2025 - 05 May 2025

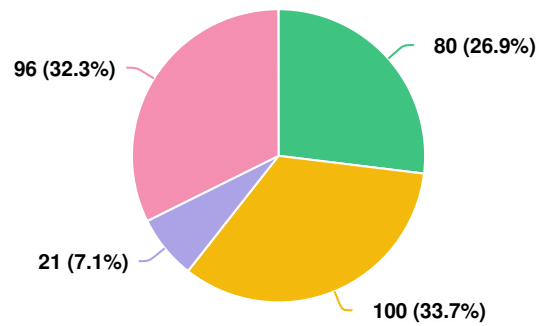
PROJECT NAME:

Teen Services



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Which of the following best describes you?



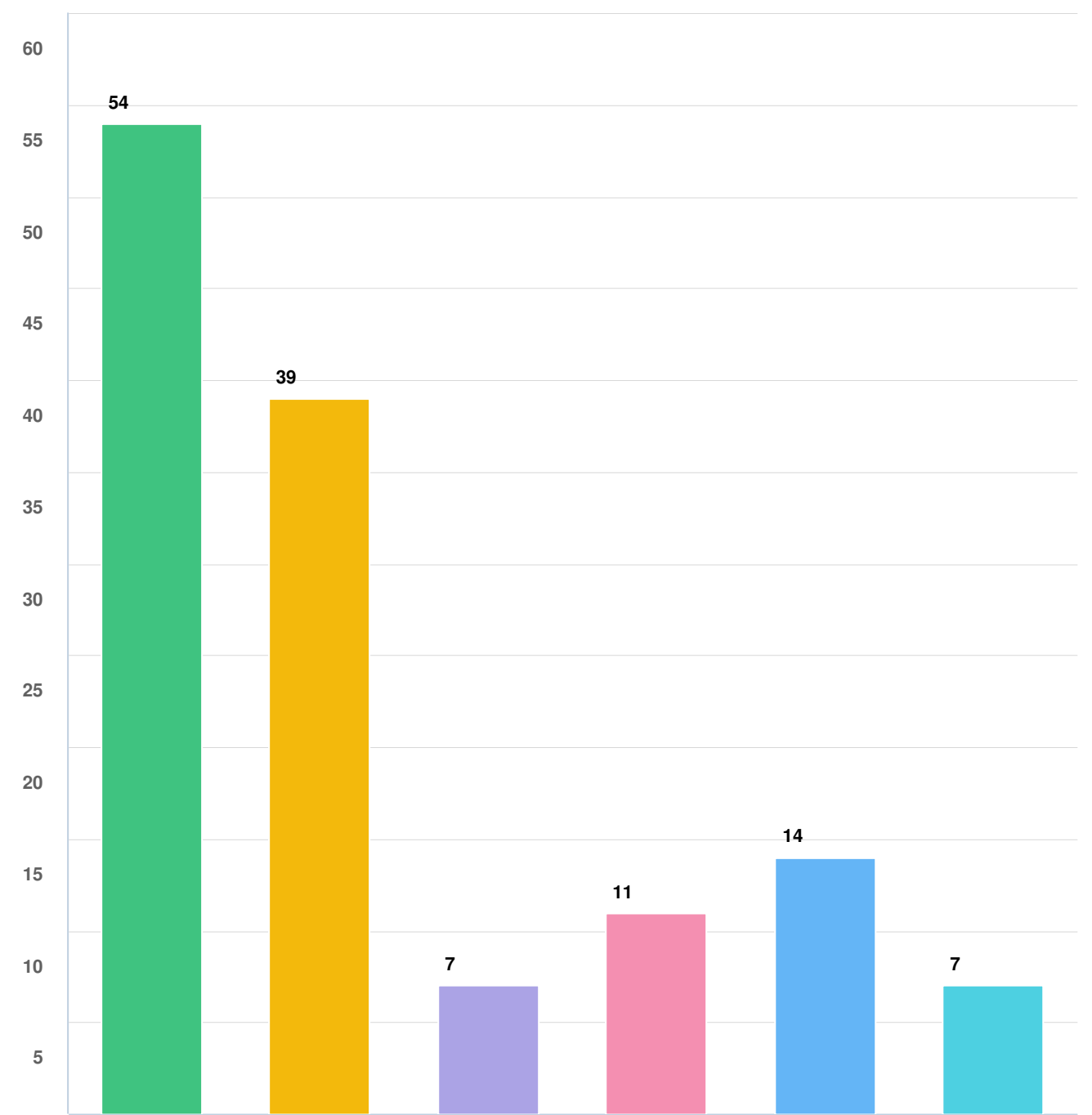
Question options

- I am a current or future teen (between 11 and 19 years old)
- I am a parent, guardian, or caregiver of a current teen (about 13 to 19 years old) or a future teen (about 11 to 12 years old)
- I work for a school, community organization, service provider, or other organization that provides teen services and resources
- I am another type of community member

Mandatory Question (297 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

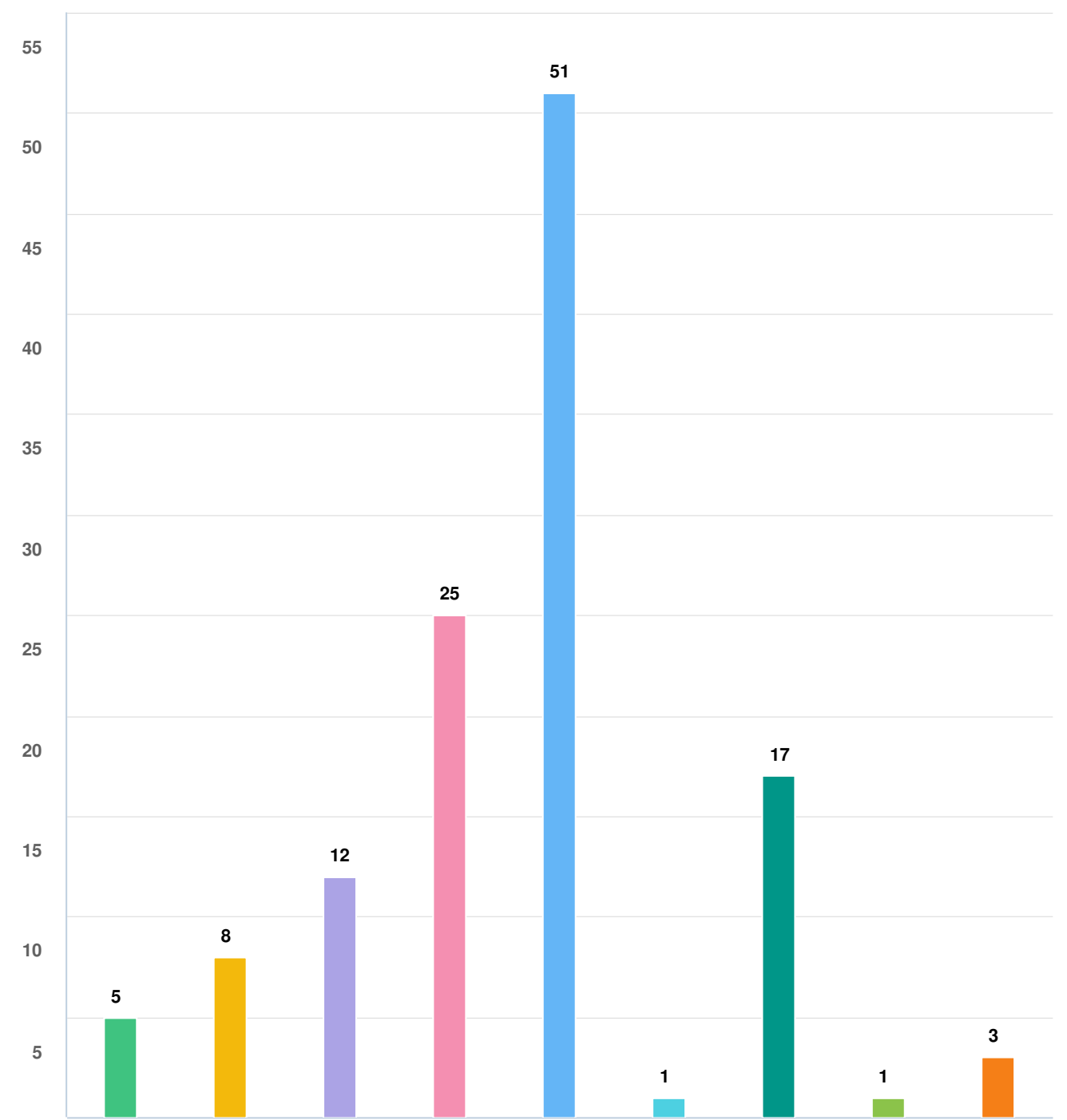
Q2 Which City teen services or programs do you participate in?



- Question options**
- Teen-centered events and classes at Redmond community centers focused on art, sports, music, and social activities
 - Redmond community center drop-in spaces to hang out with friends, do homework, use the arts supplies, play games, etc.
 - Free counseling services offered through Youth Eastside Services
 - (RYPAC) Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee
 - None of the above
 - Other (fill in)

Mandatory Question (80 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q3 Do you belong or have you belonged to any of the following groups?

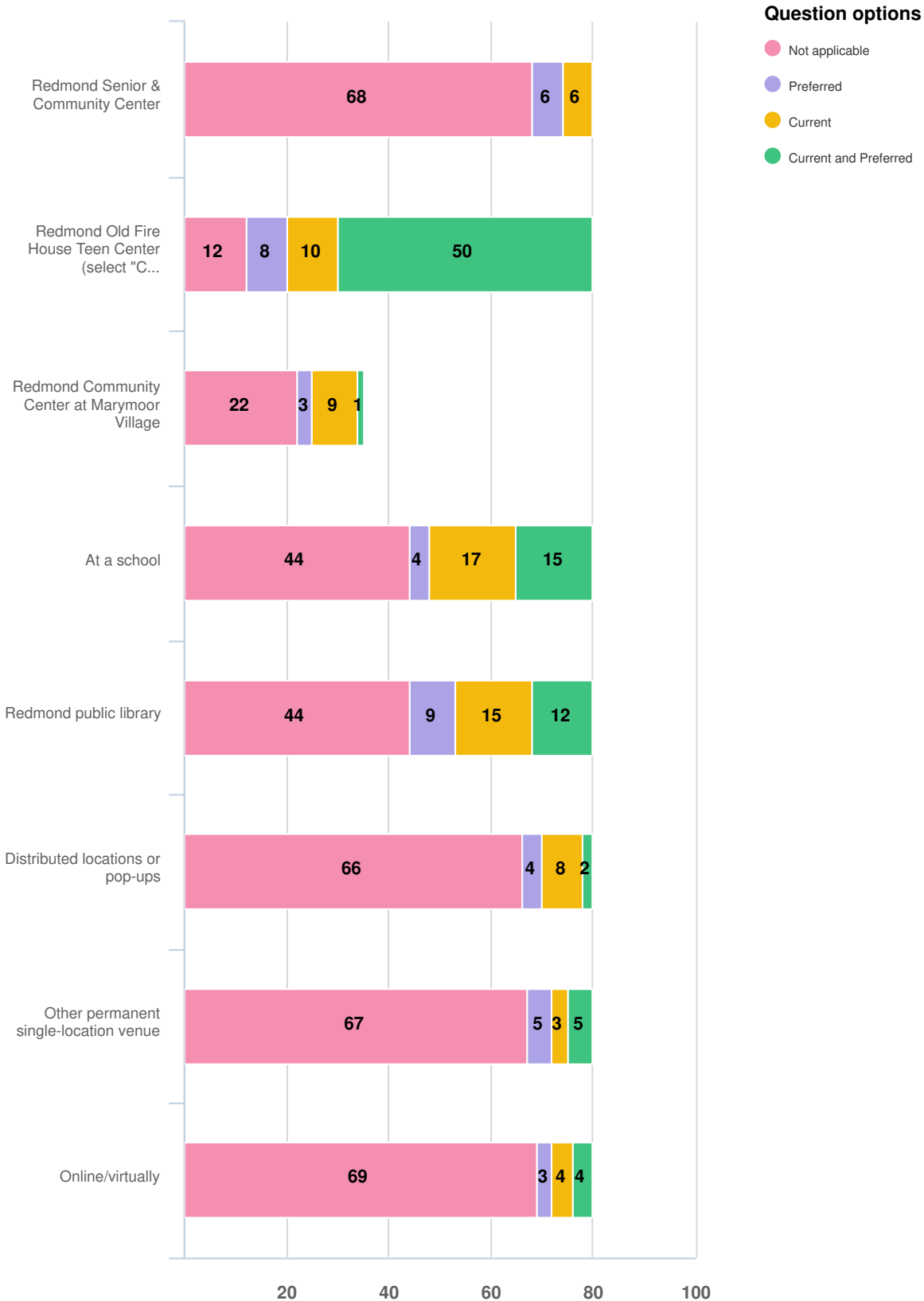


Question options

- Experiencing housing insecurity
- Experiencing food insecurity
- Experiencing income insecurity
- First or second generation U.S. immigrants
- LGBTQIA+
- Limited English proficiency
- Possessing a disability
- In the foster care system
- Other (fill in)

Optional question (66 response(s), 231 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

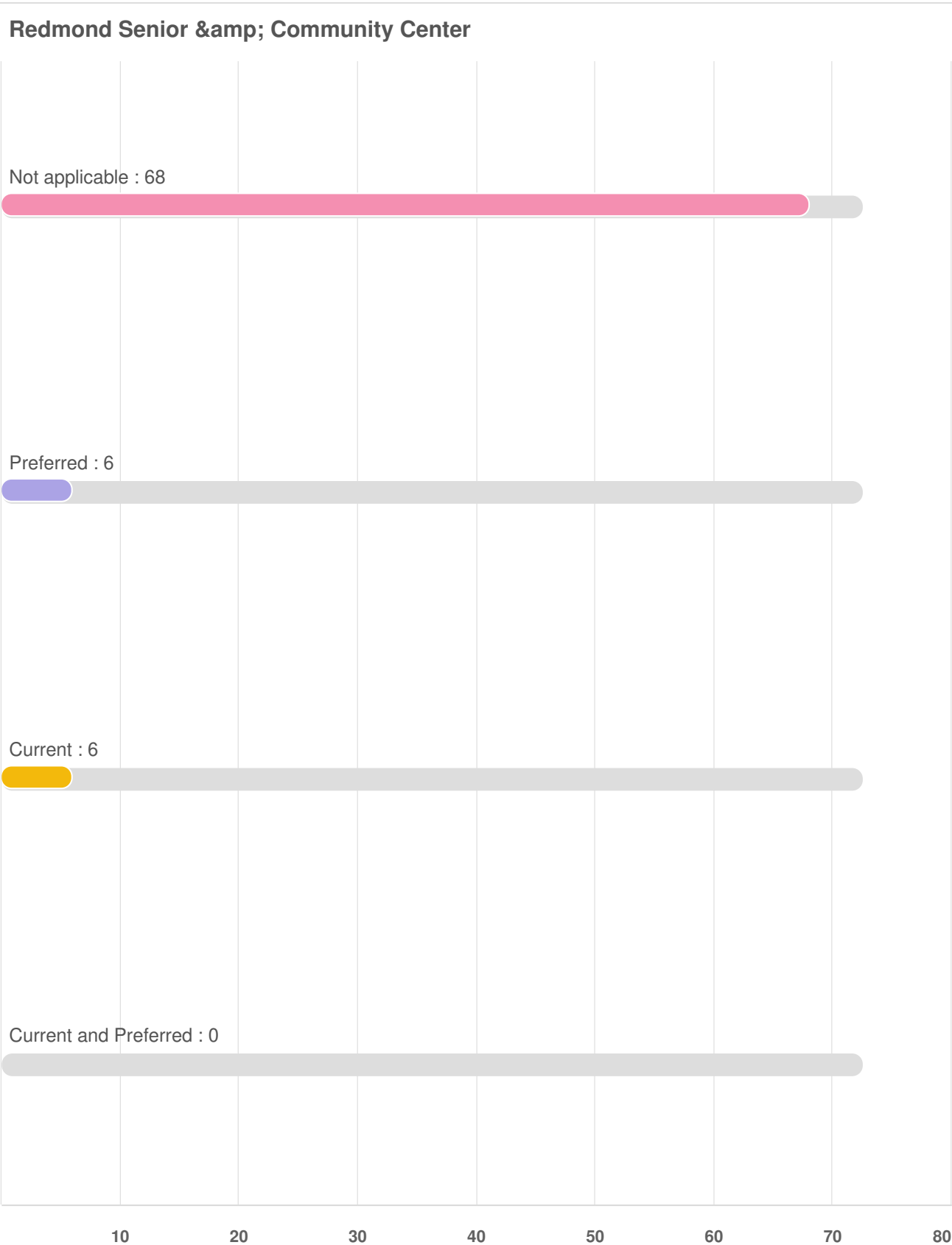
Q4 | Where do you currently go for City teen services or other programs and services beyond school? Which locations do you prefer?



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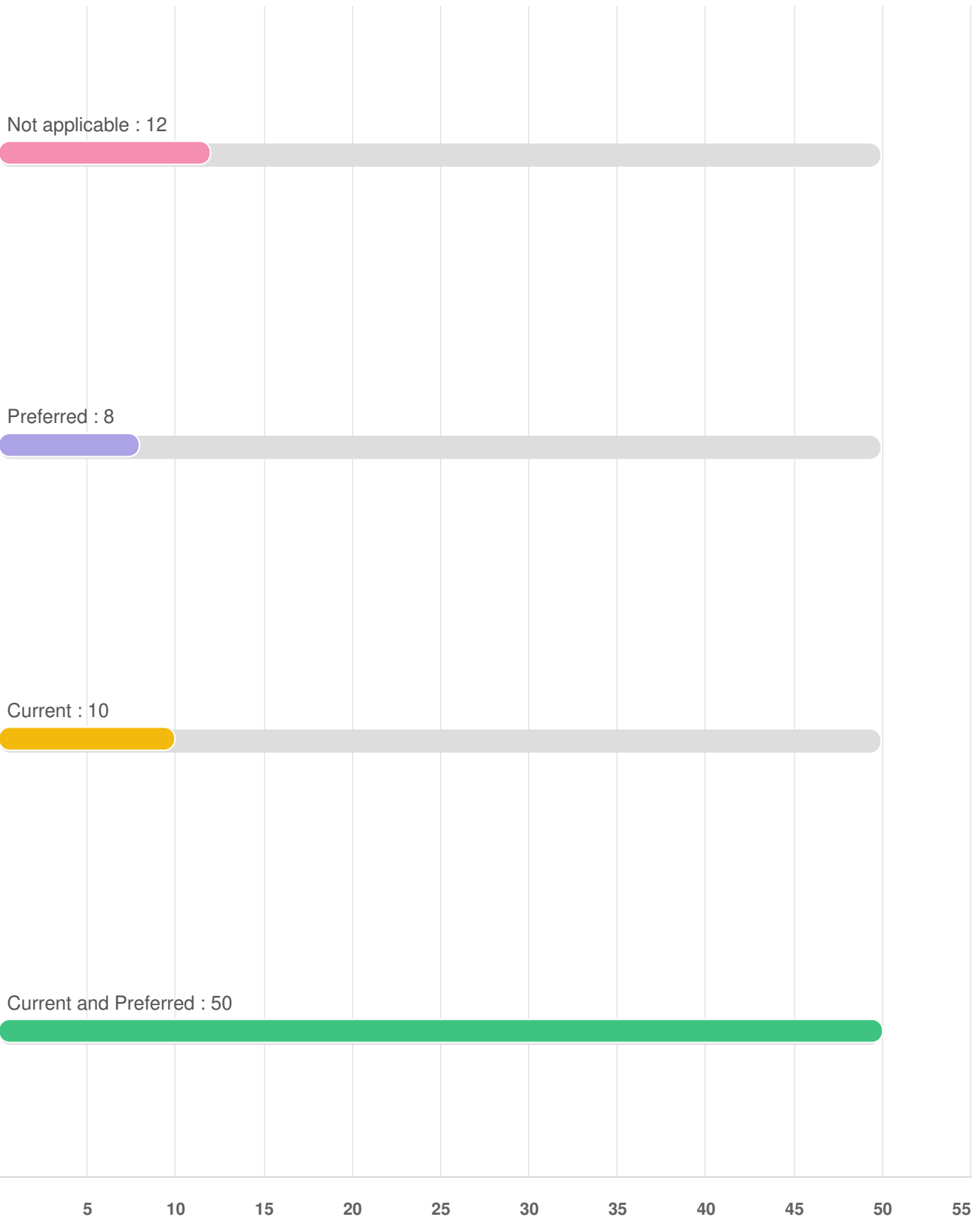
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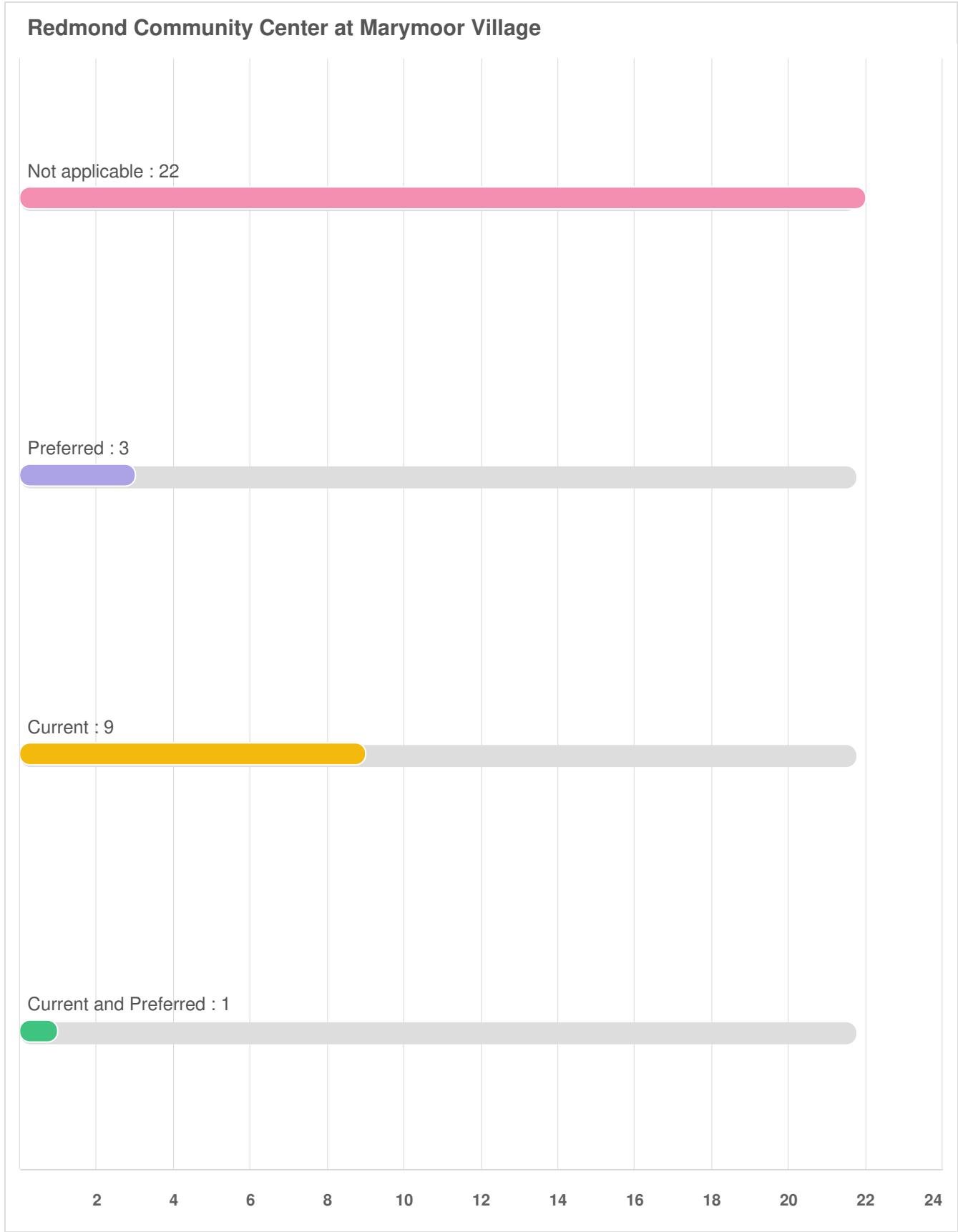
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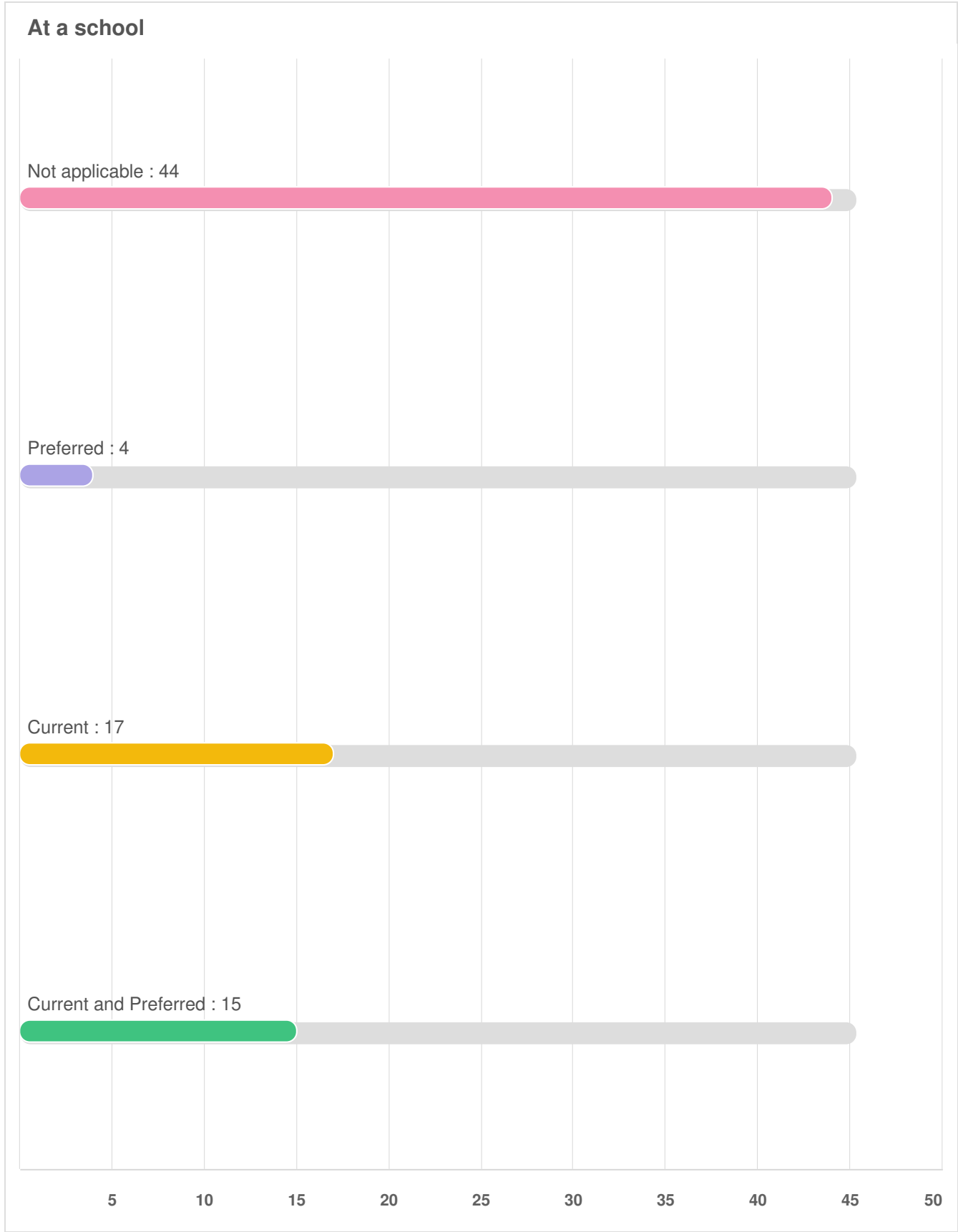


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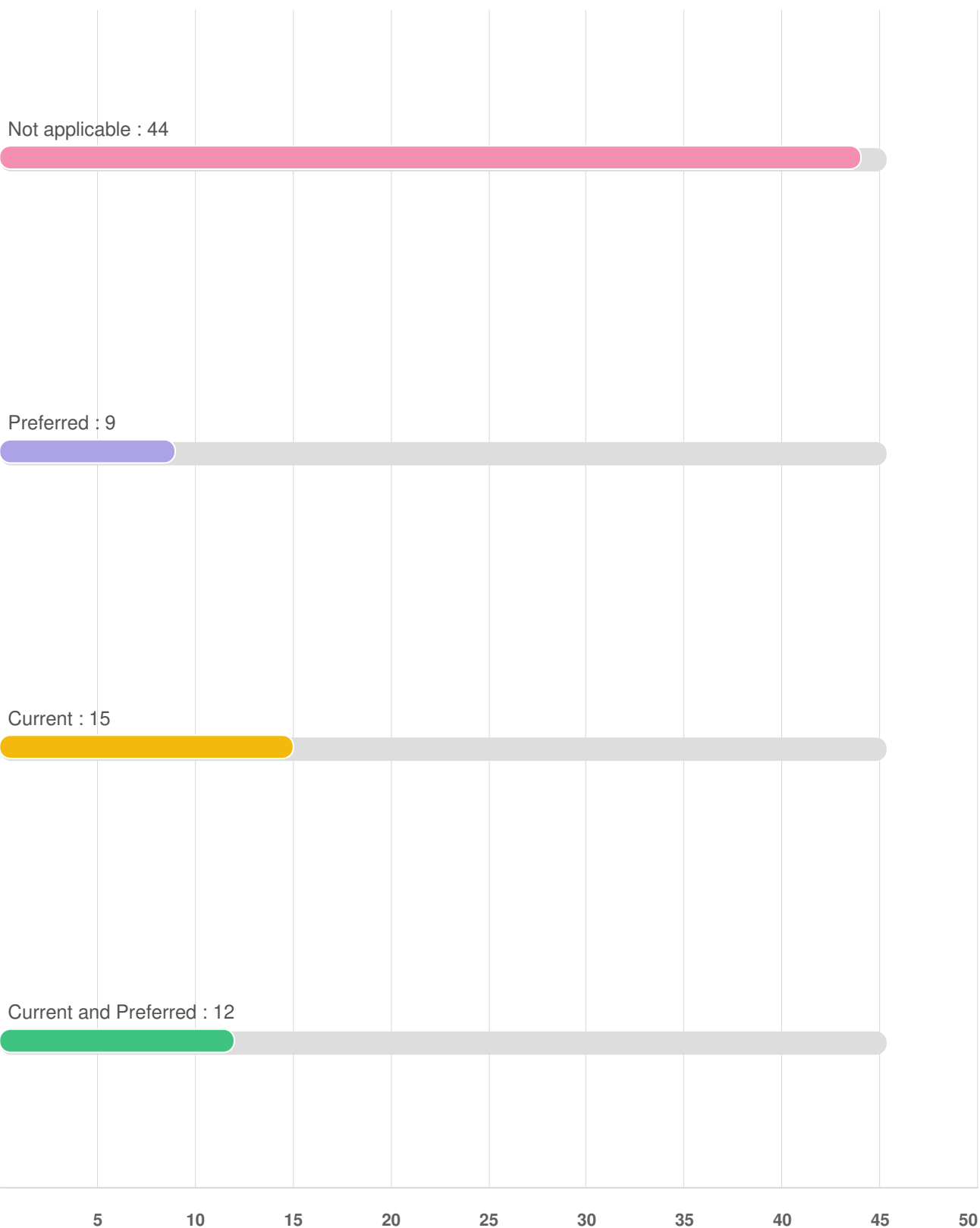
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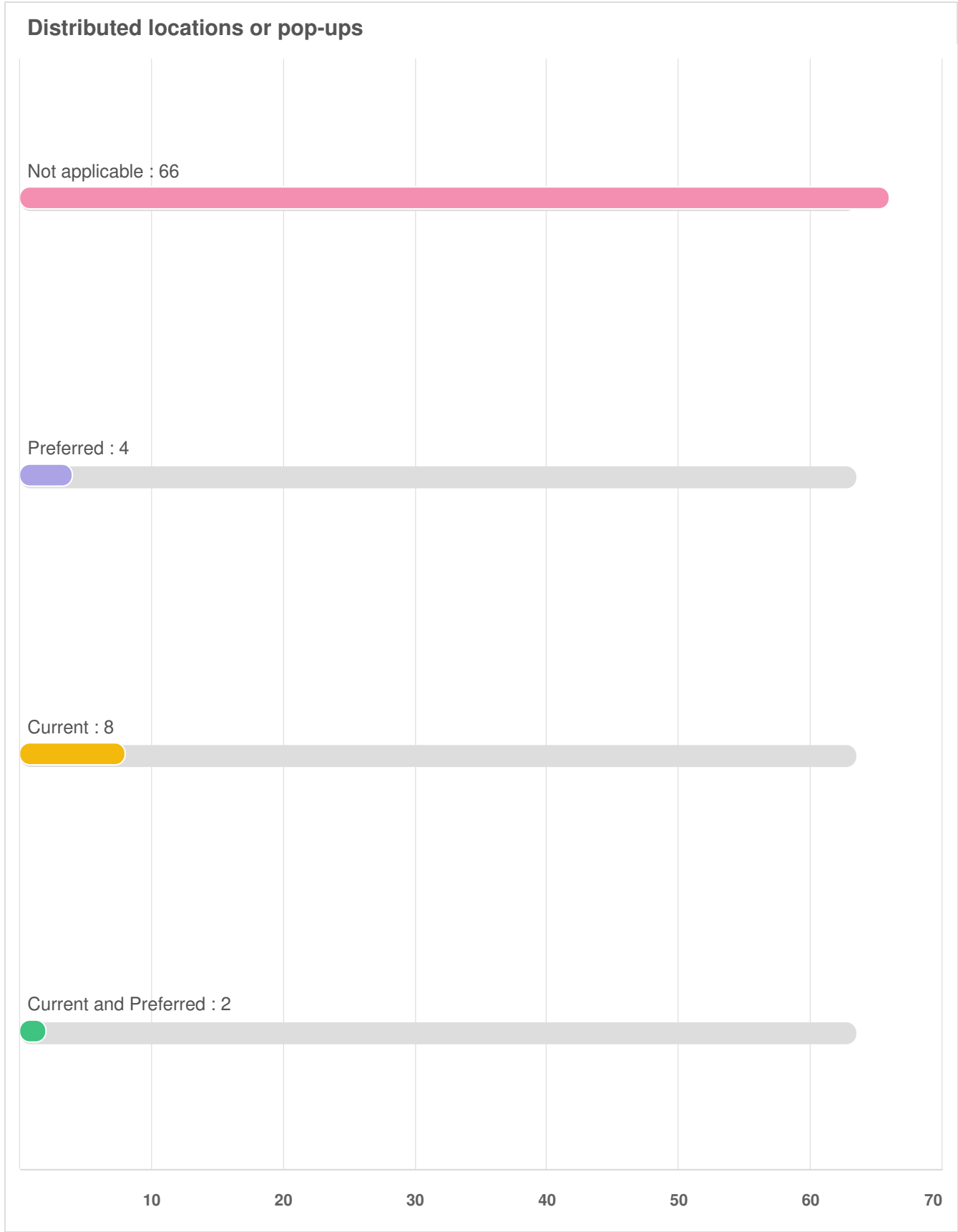


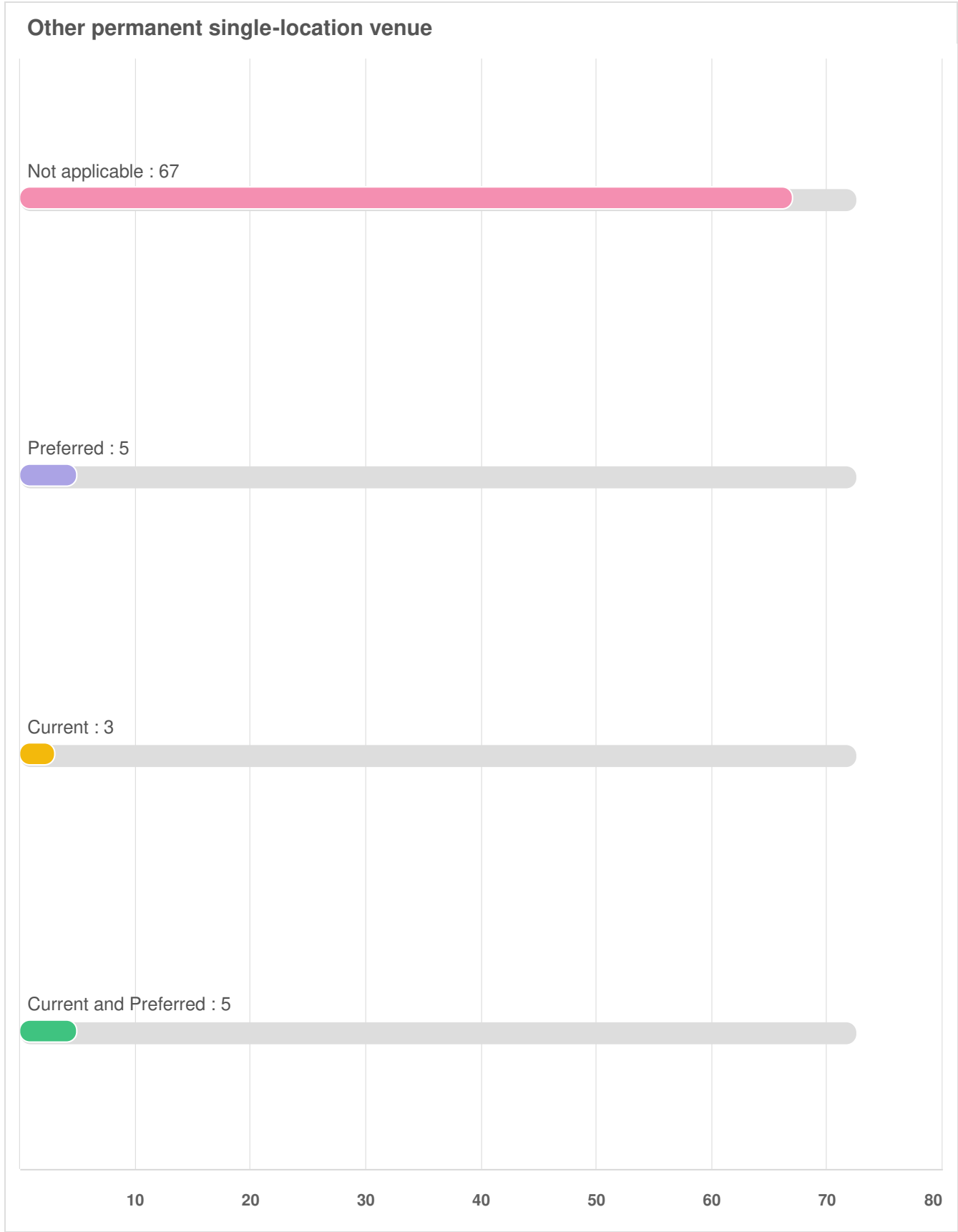


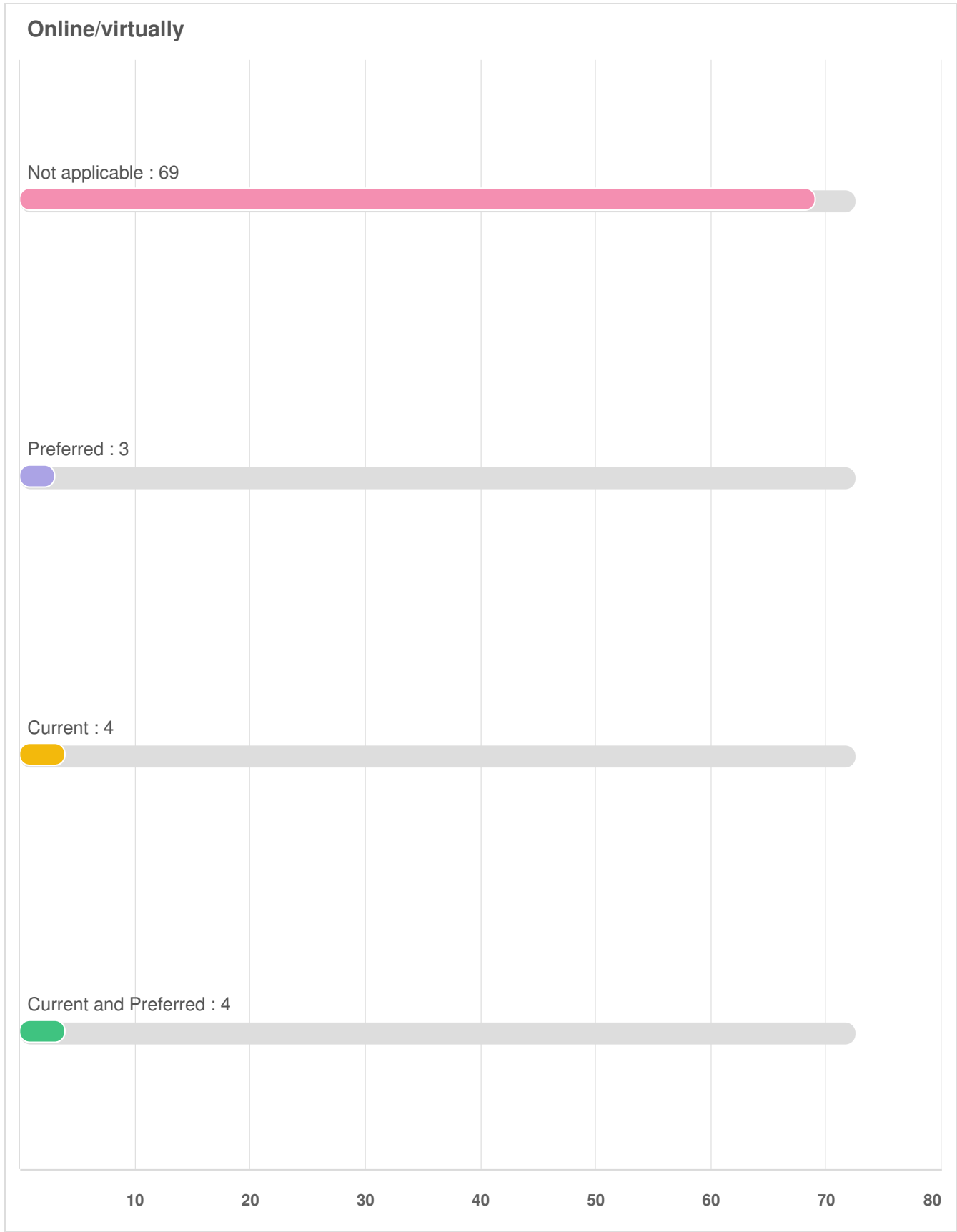


Redmond public library

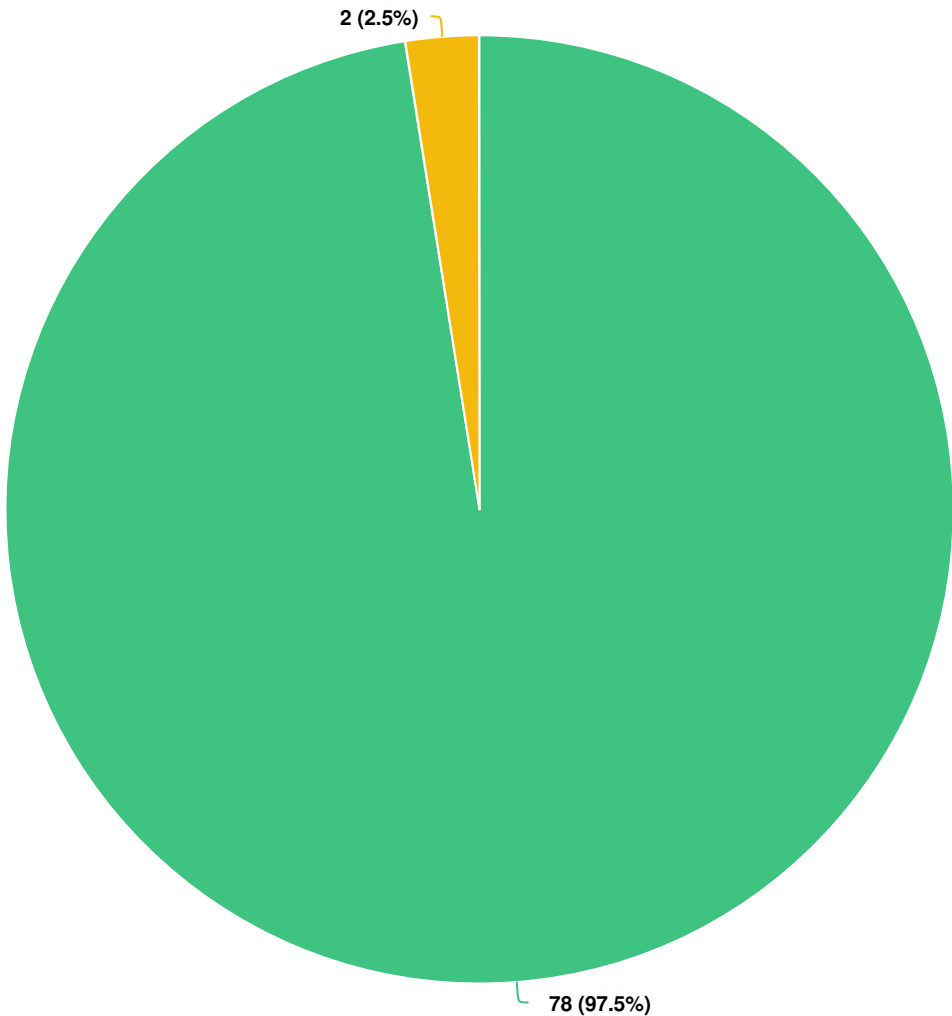








Q5 | Is there anywhere not listed above that you currently go for City teen services or other programs and services beyond school?

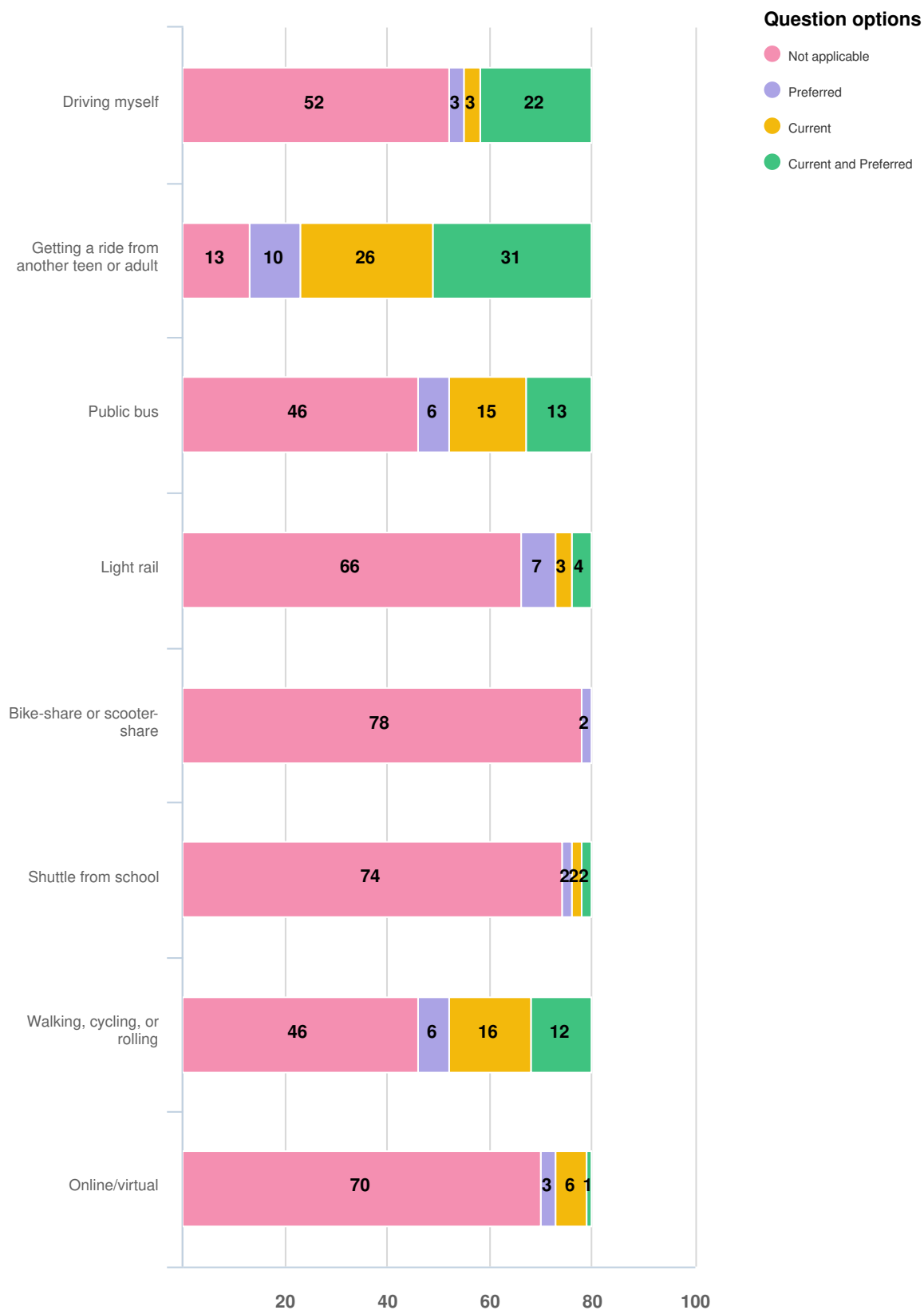


Question options

- ☐ Yes (please explain) ☒ No

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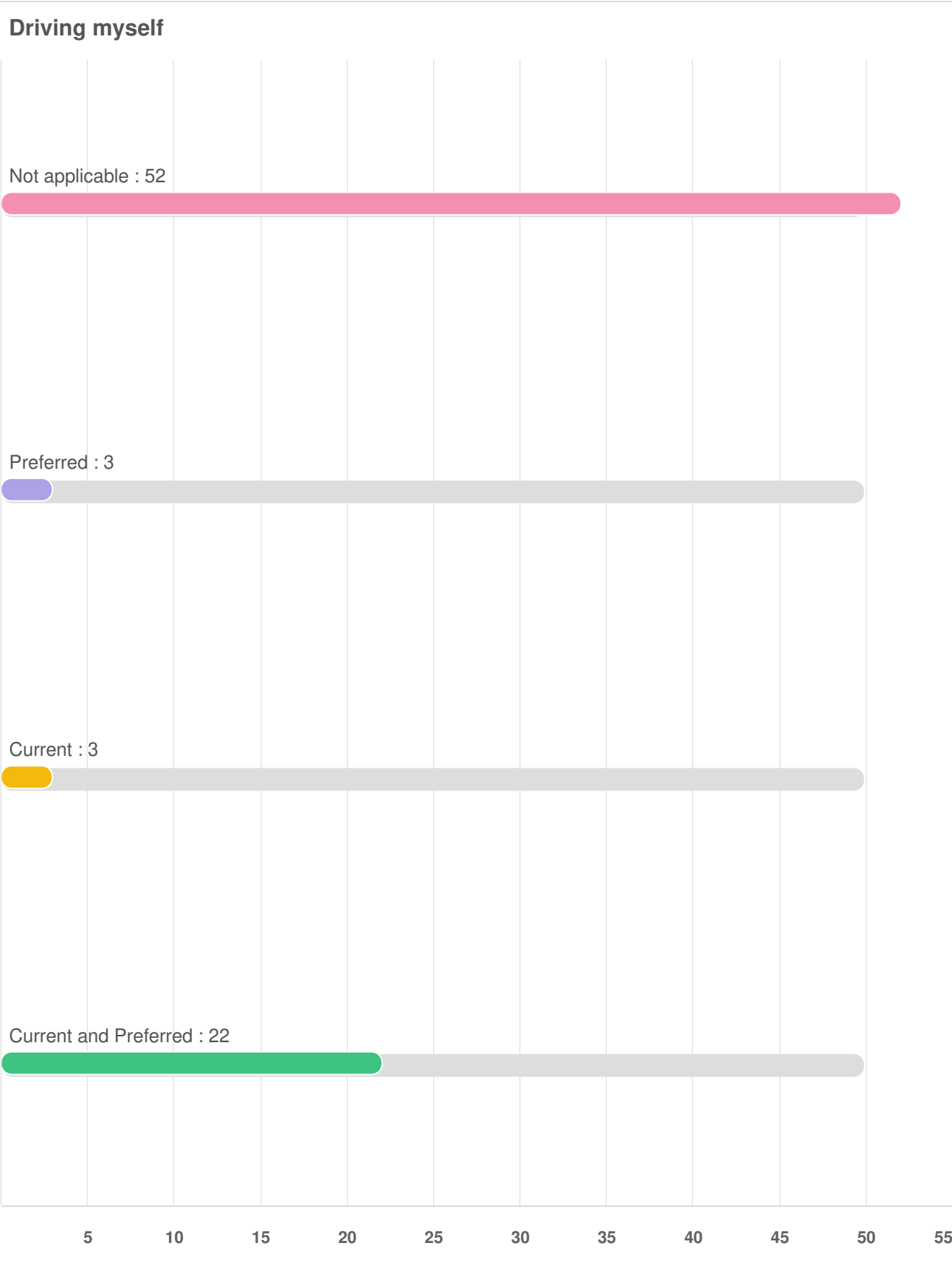
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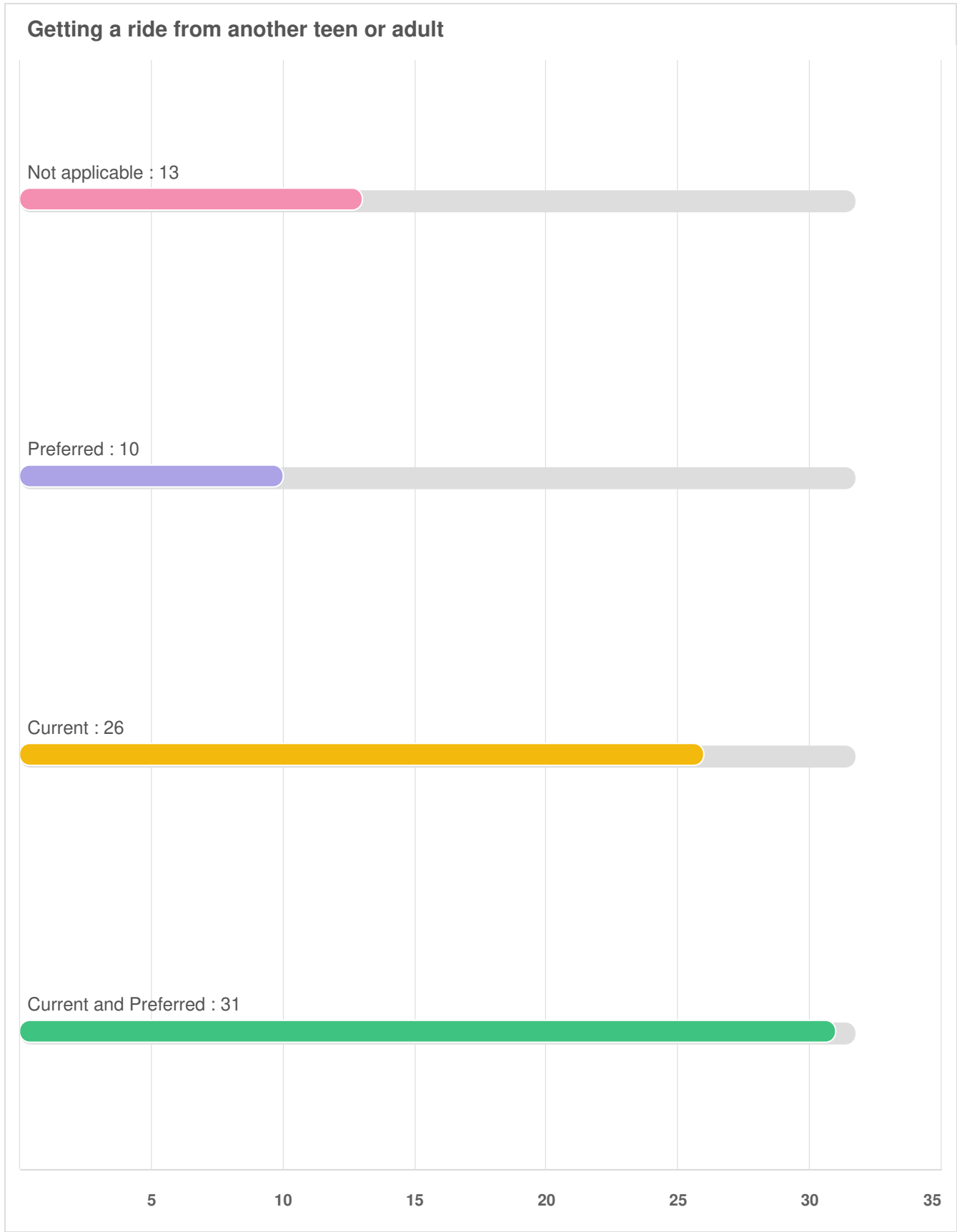
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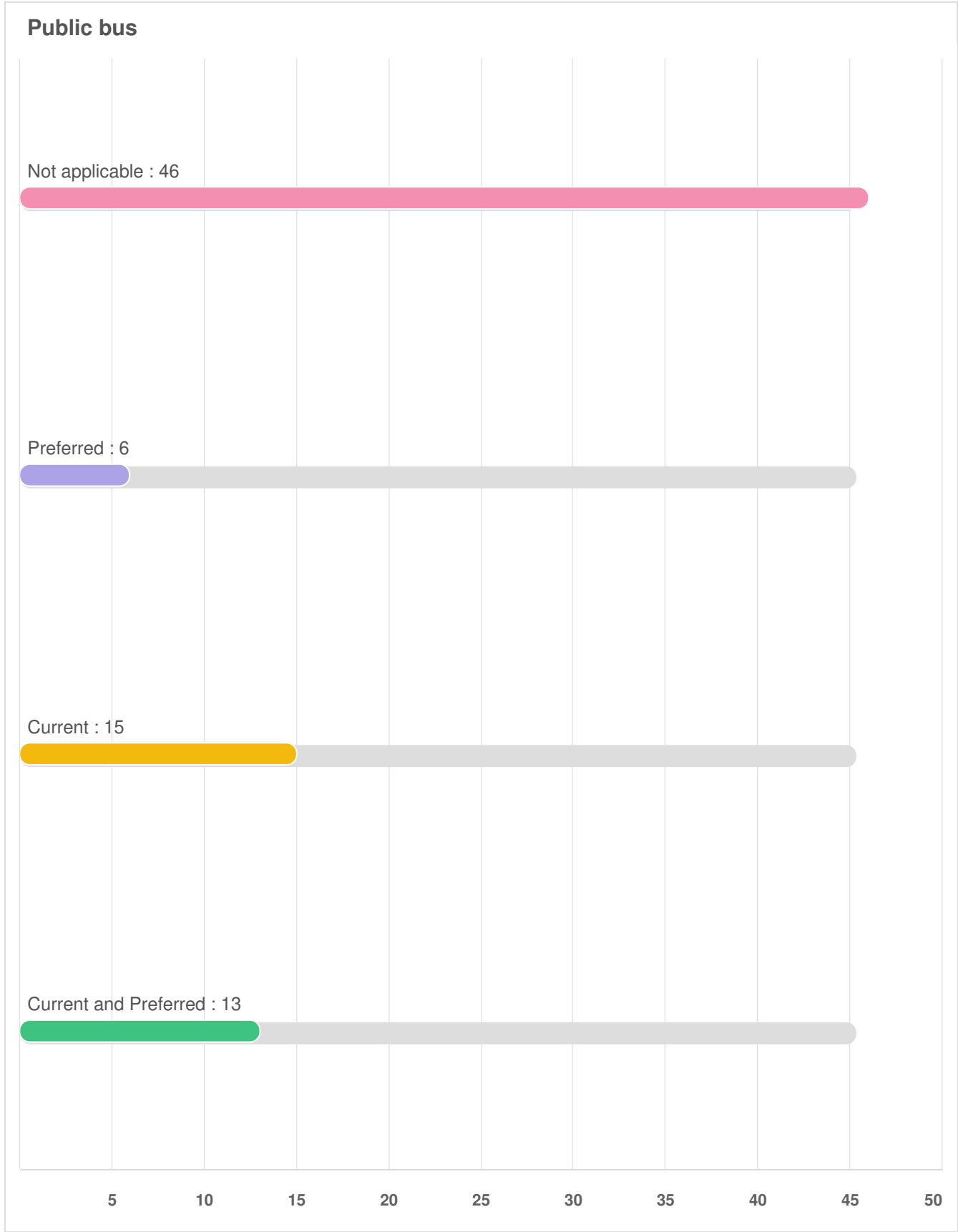
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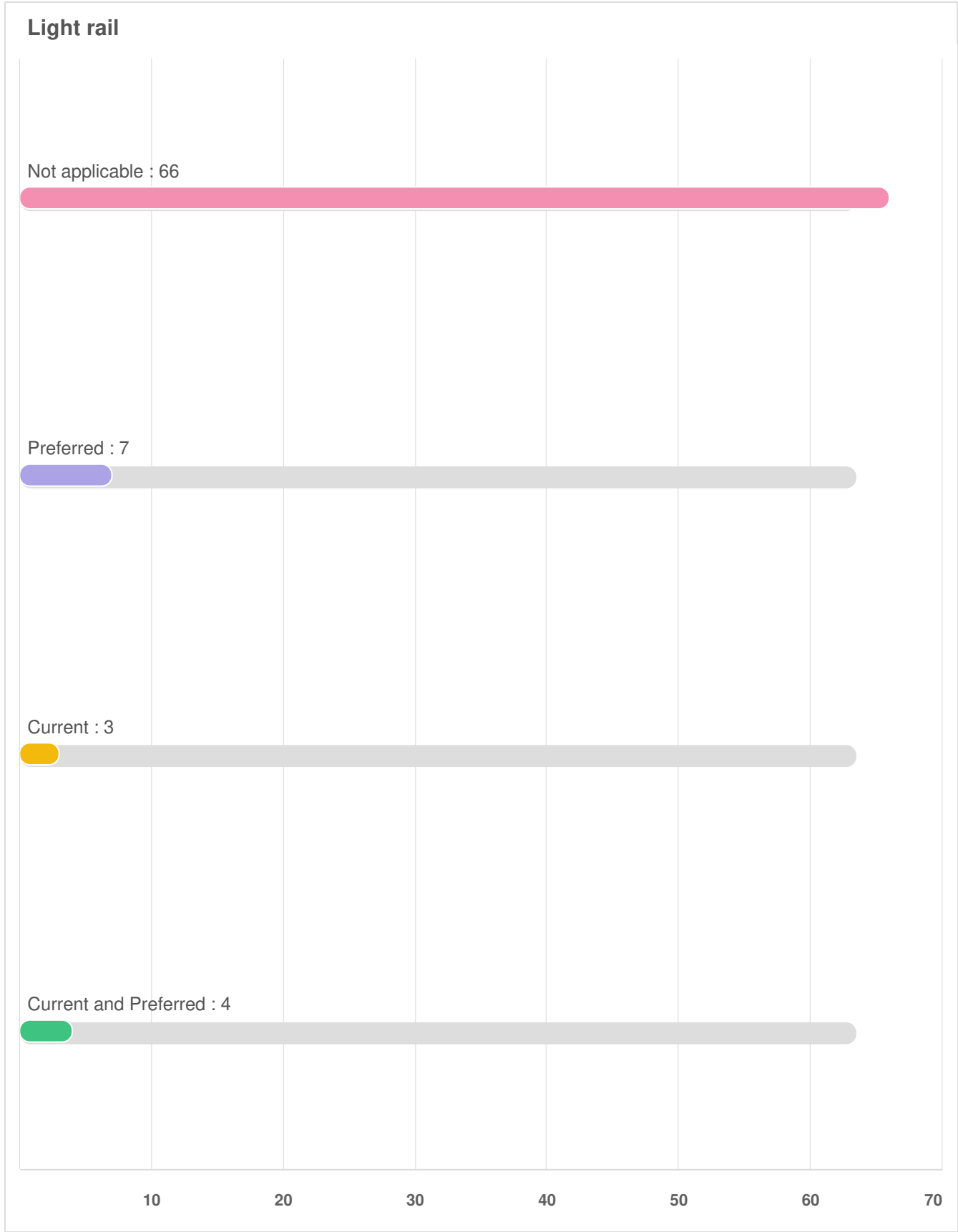
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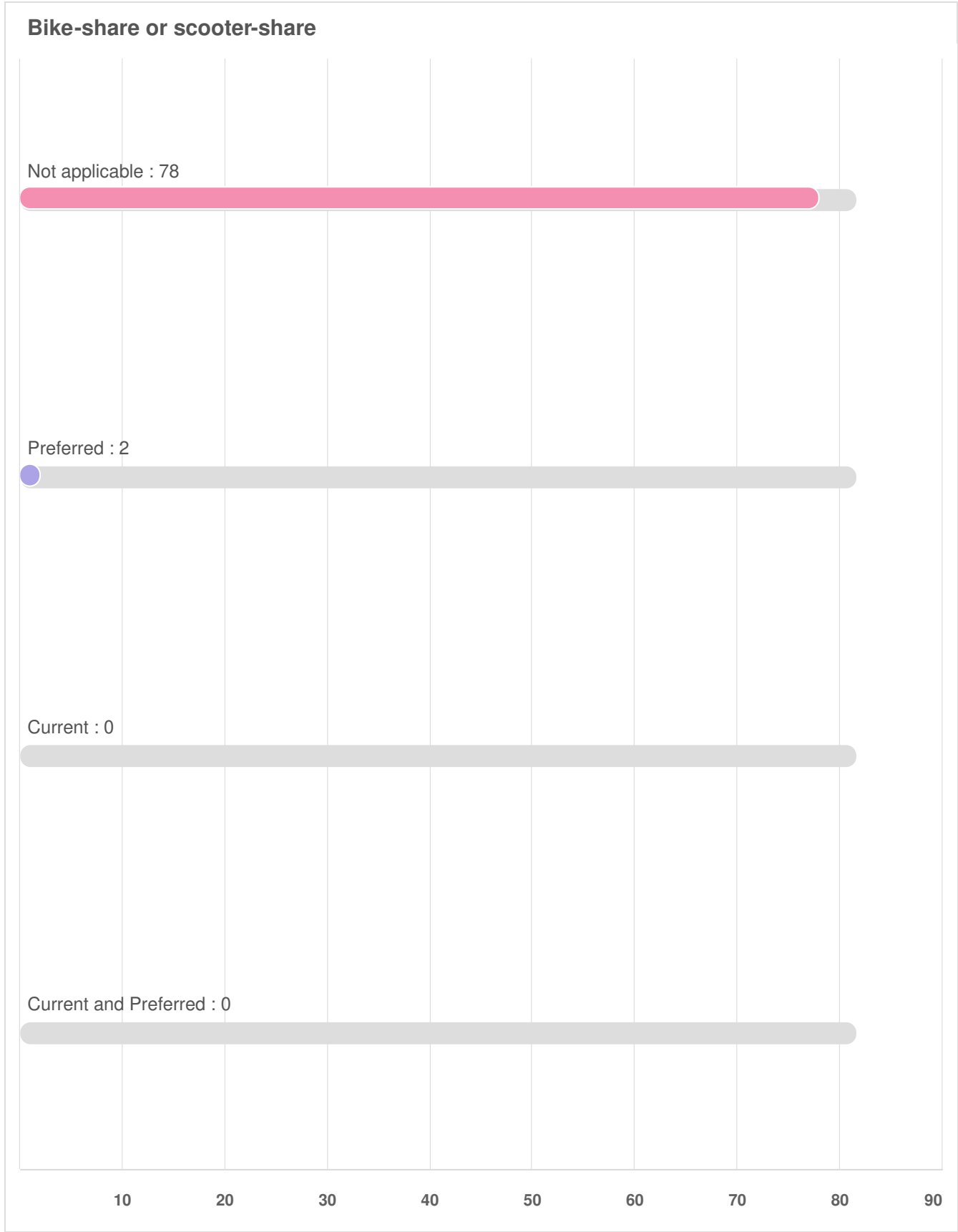


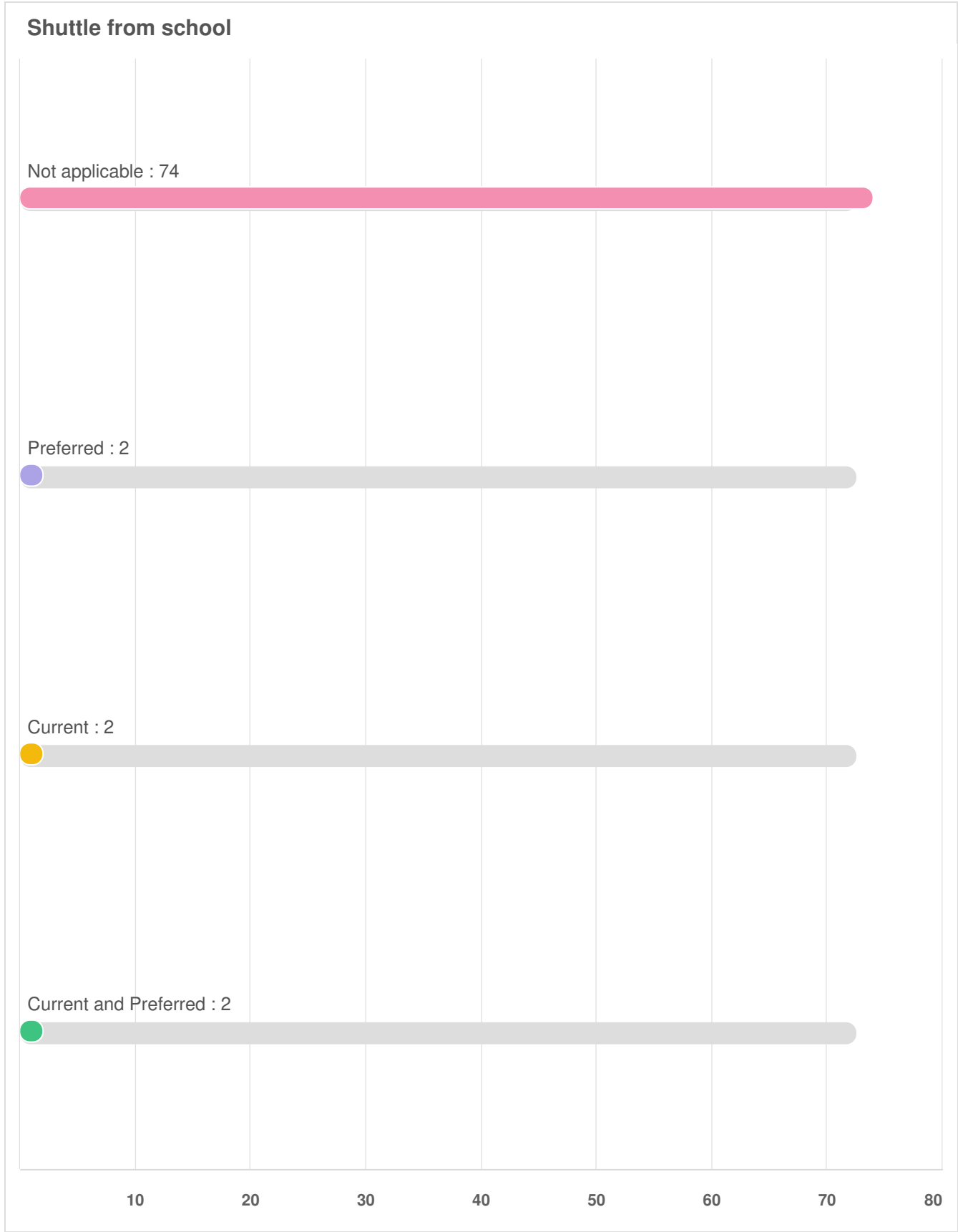
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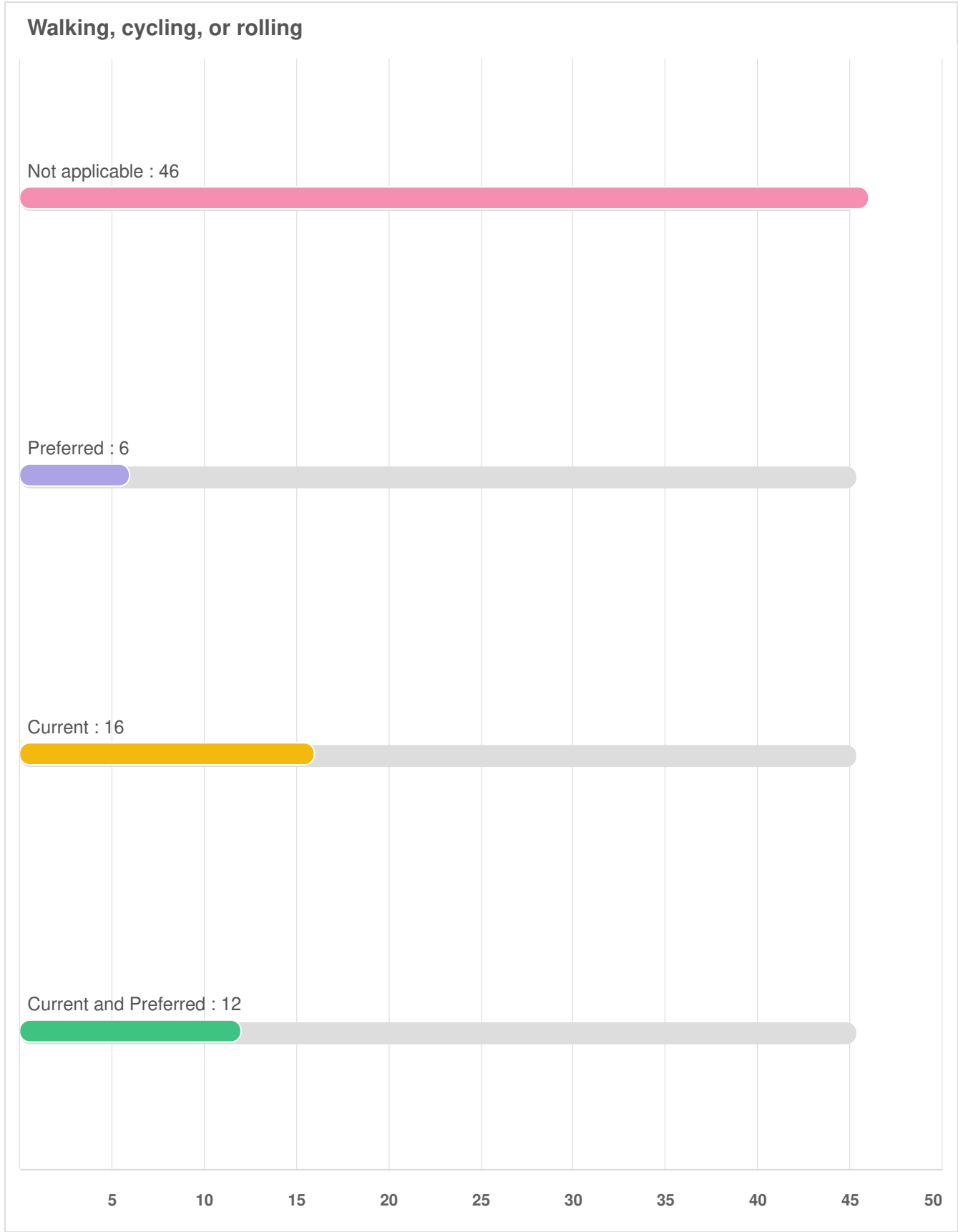


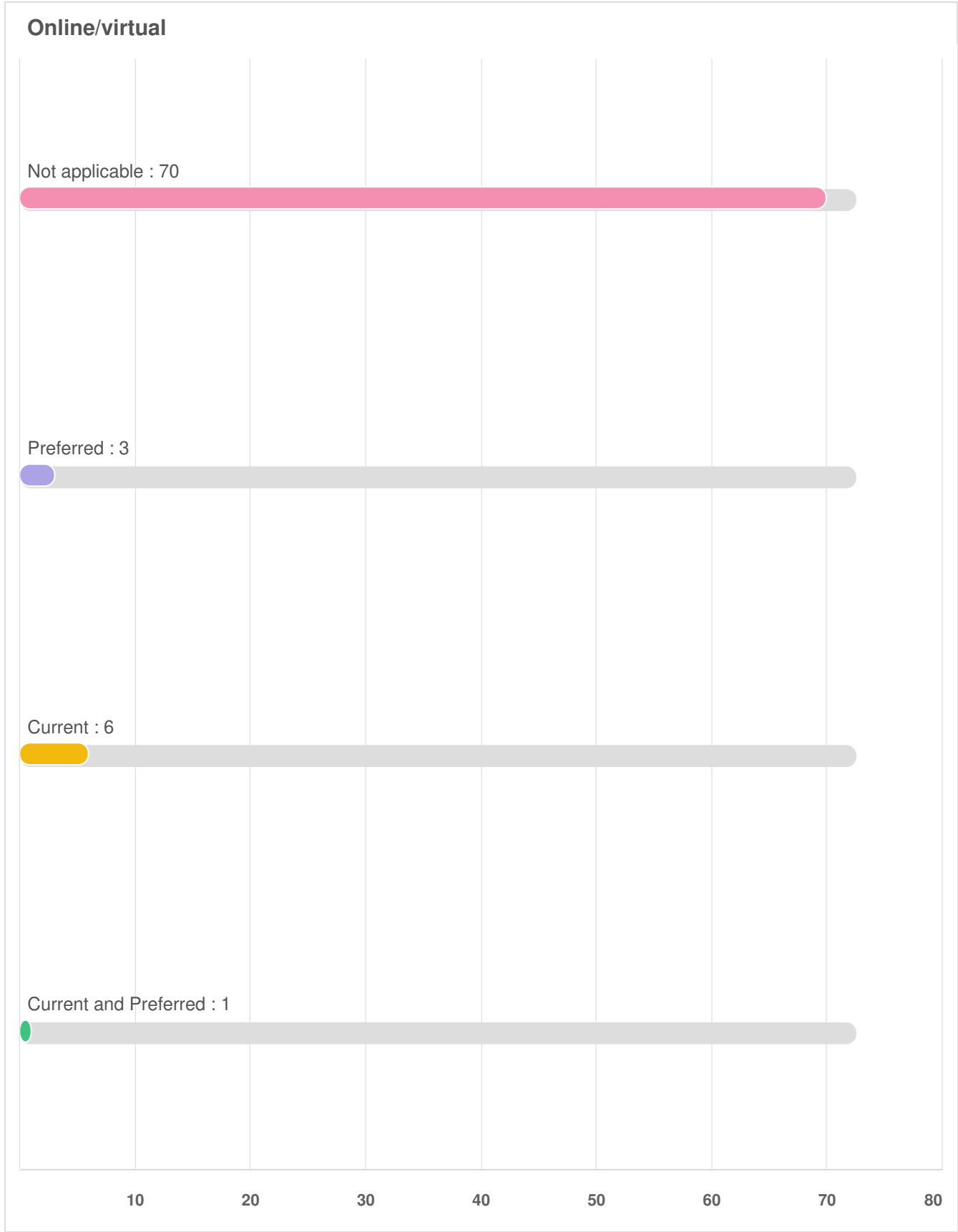




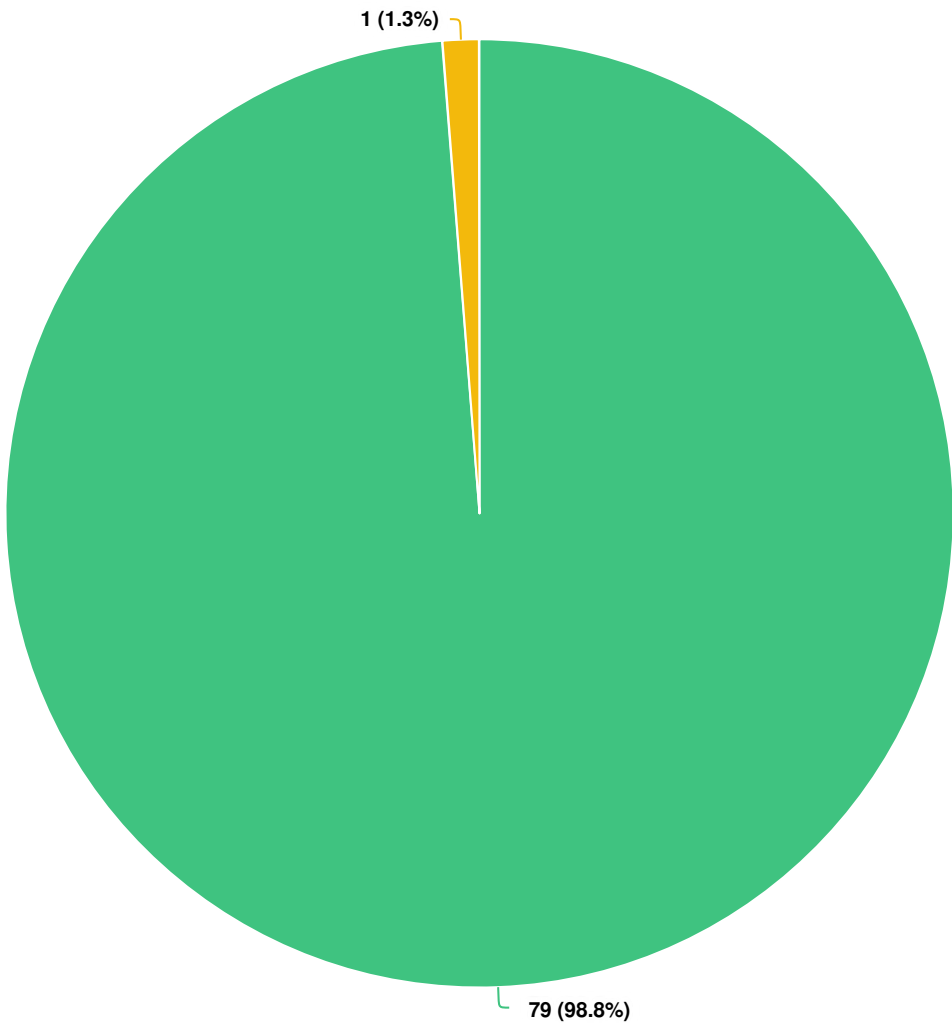








Q7 | Are there other ways not listed above you use to get to or access City teen services or other programs and services beyond school? How do you prefer to get to or access them?

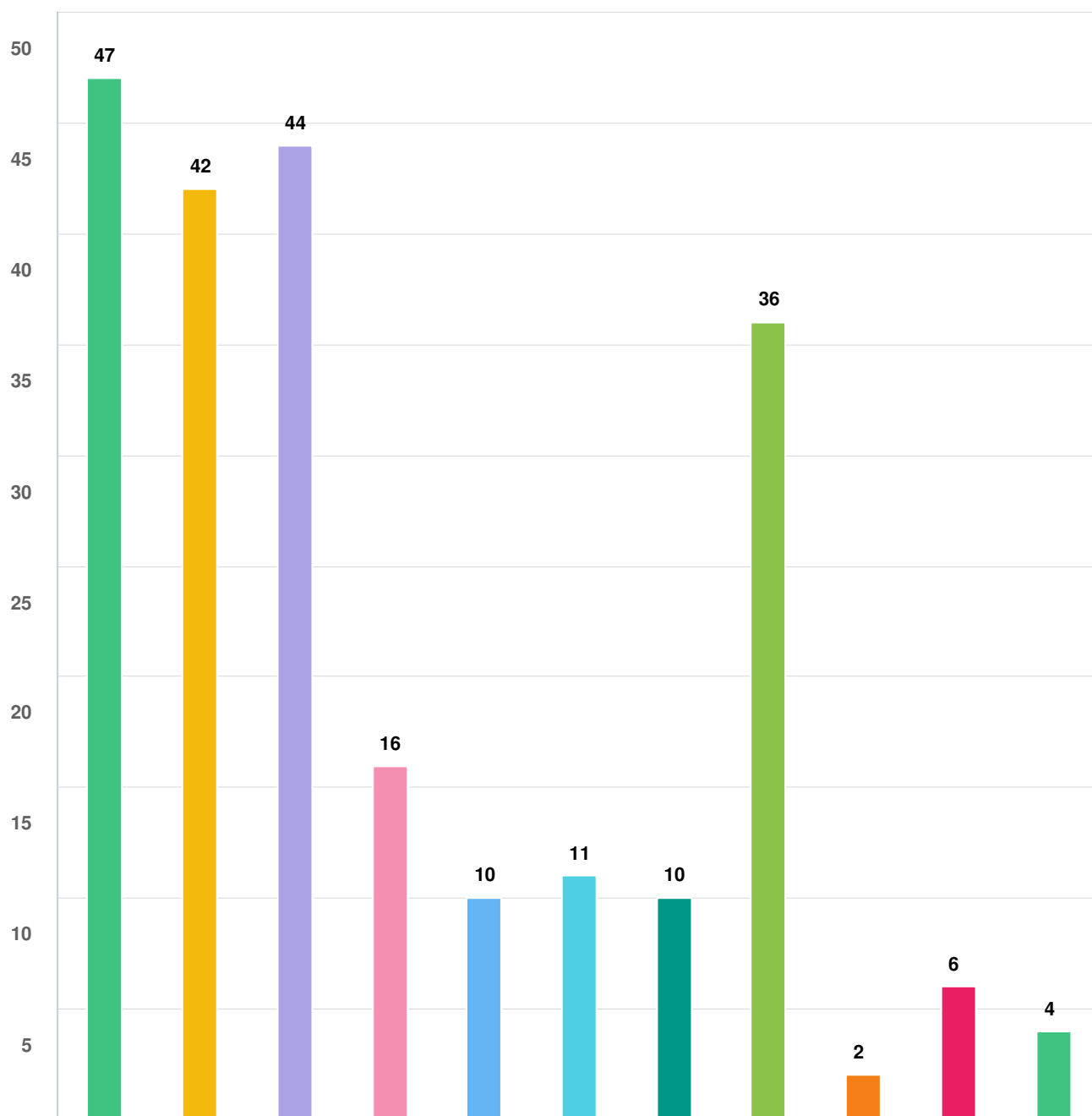


Question options

- Yes (please explain)
- No

Mandatory Question (80 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 What are the top three needs that City teen services meet for you?



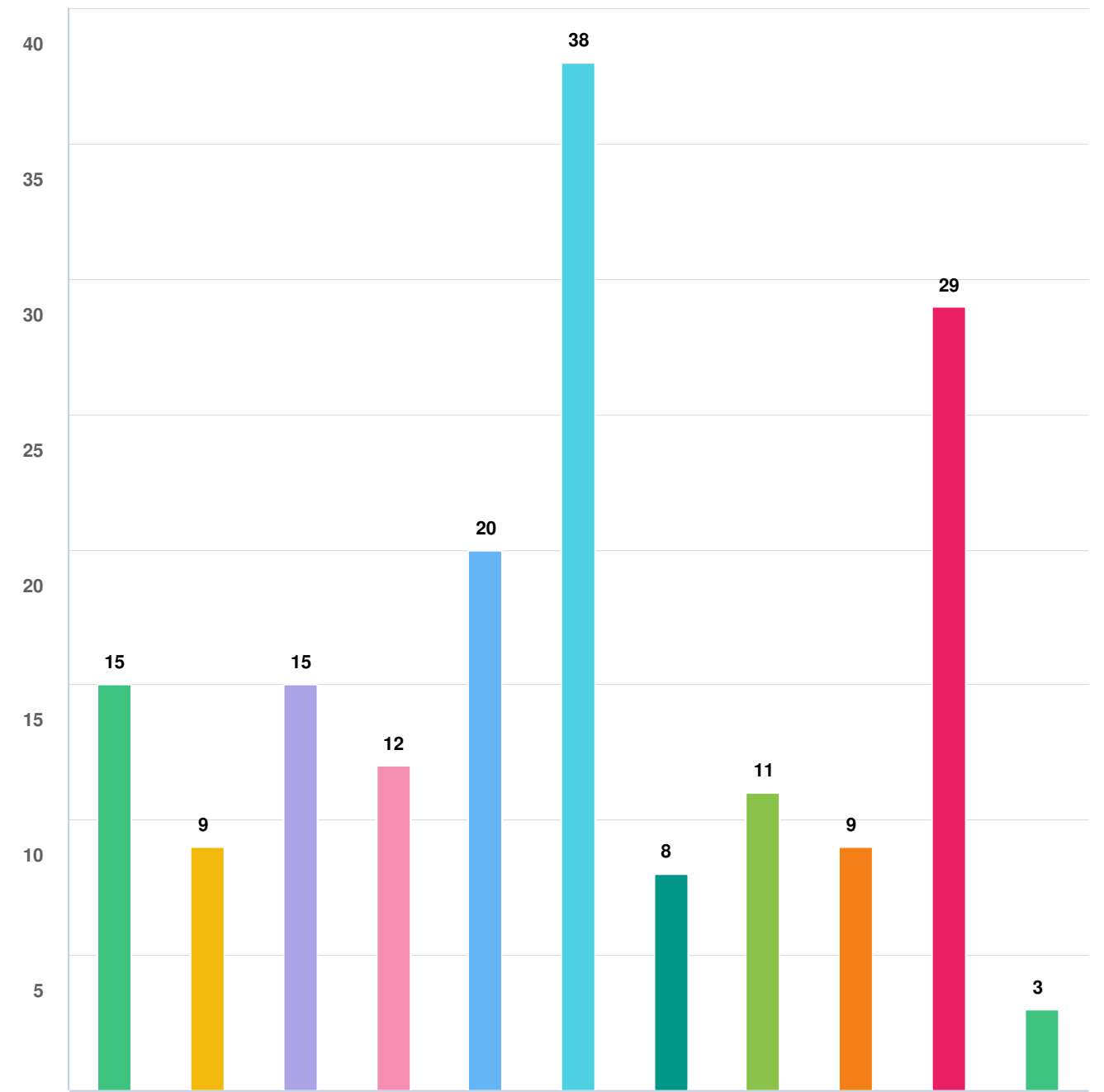
Question options

- Other (fill in)
 ● None of the above / not applicable
 ● Access to food or other resources
- A place to have fun and relax
 ● Access to resources that support mental health and well-being
- A platform to have teen voices heard in City decisions
 ● Support for future career and academic success
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills and give back to the community
 ● A space to create or practice music and art
- A safe and supportive environment
 ● A stronger sense of belonging and connection with other teens

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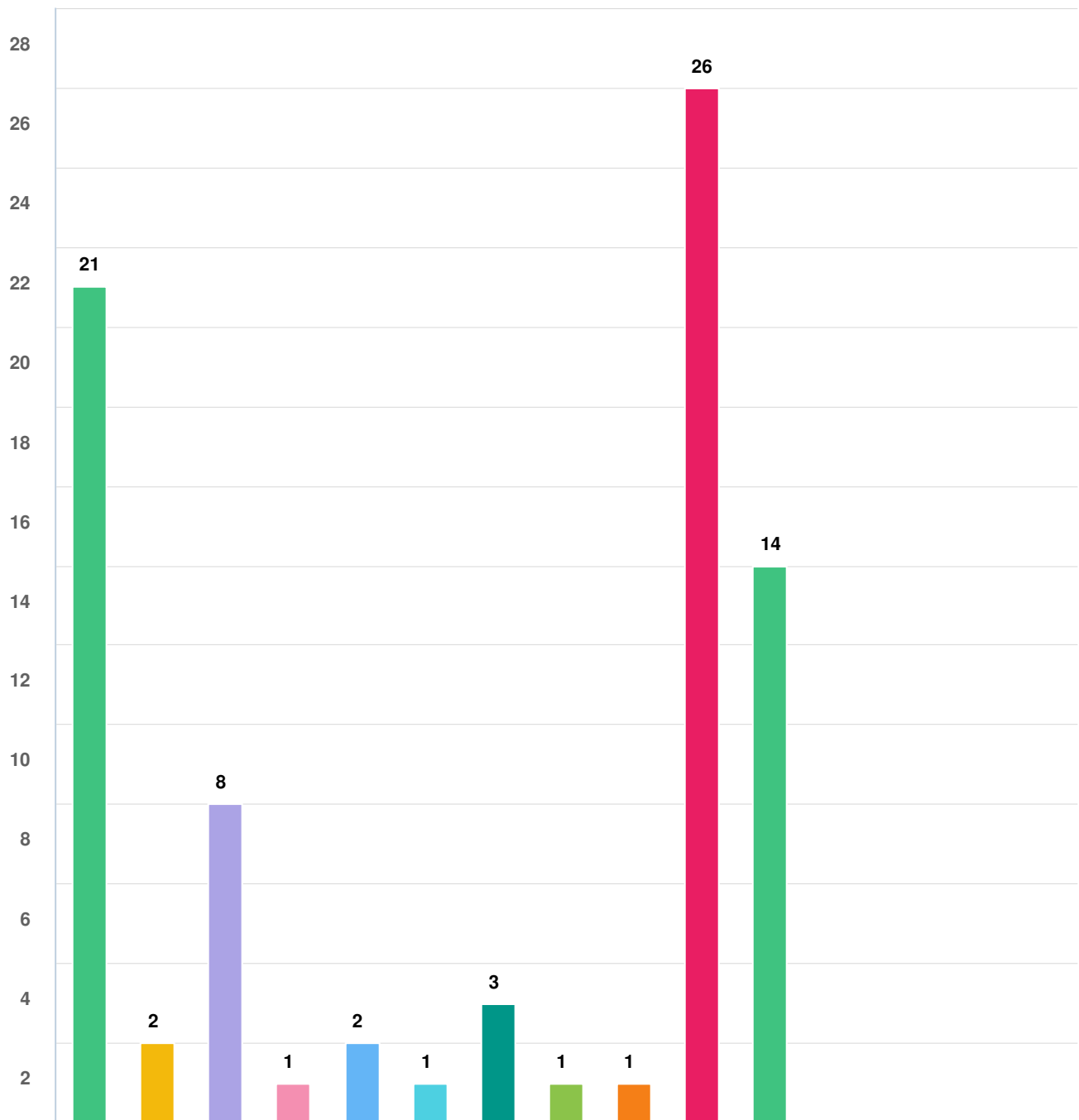
Q9 Think about which of your needs are not being met by City teen services or other services or programs. What are your top three unmet needs?



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Q10 Which school do you attend? Select one.



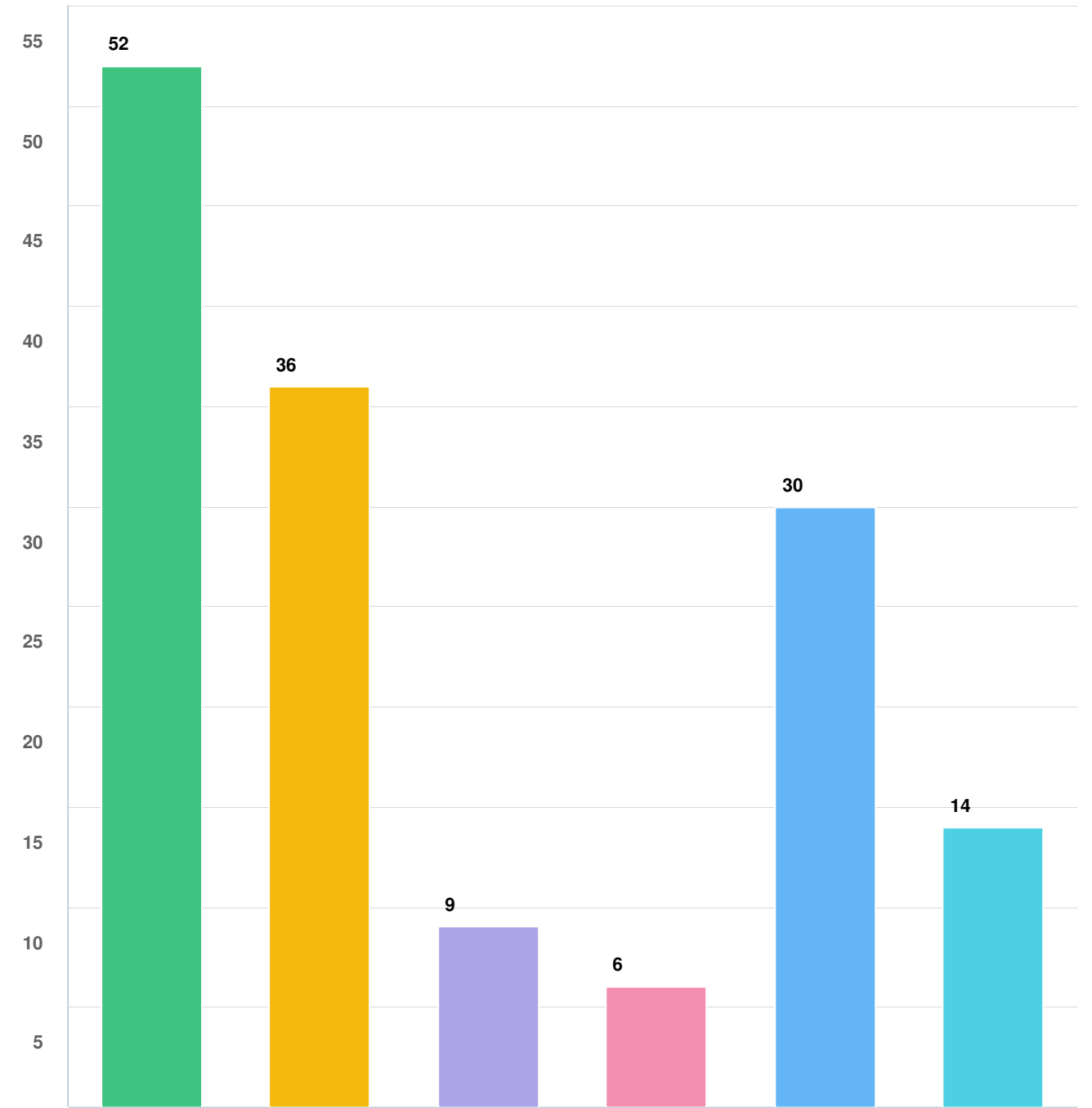
Question options

- Stella Schola Middle School
 ● Timberline Middle School
 ● Willows Preparatory School
 ● Brightmont Academy
- Other (fill in)
 ● Not connected with any Redmond schools
 ● Homeschooled in Redmond
 ● Rose Hill Middle School
- Redmond Middle School
 ● Evergreen Middle School
 ● The Overlake School
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Mandatory Question (80 response(s))

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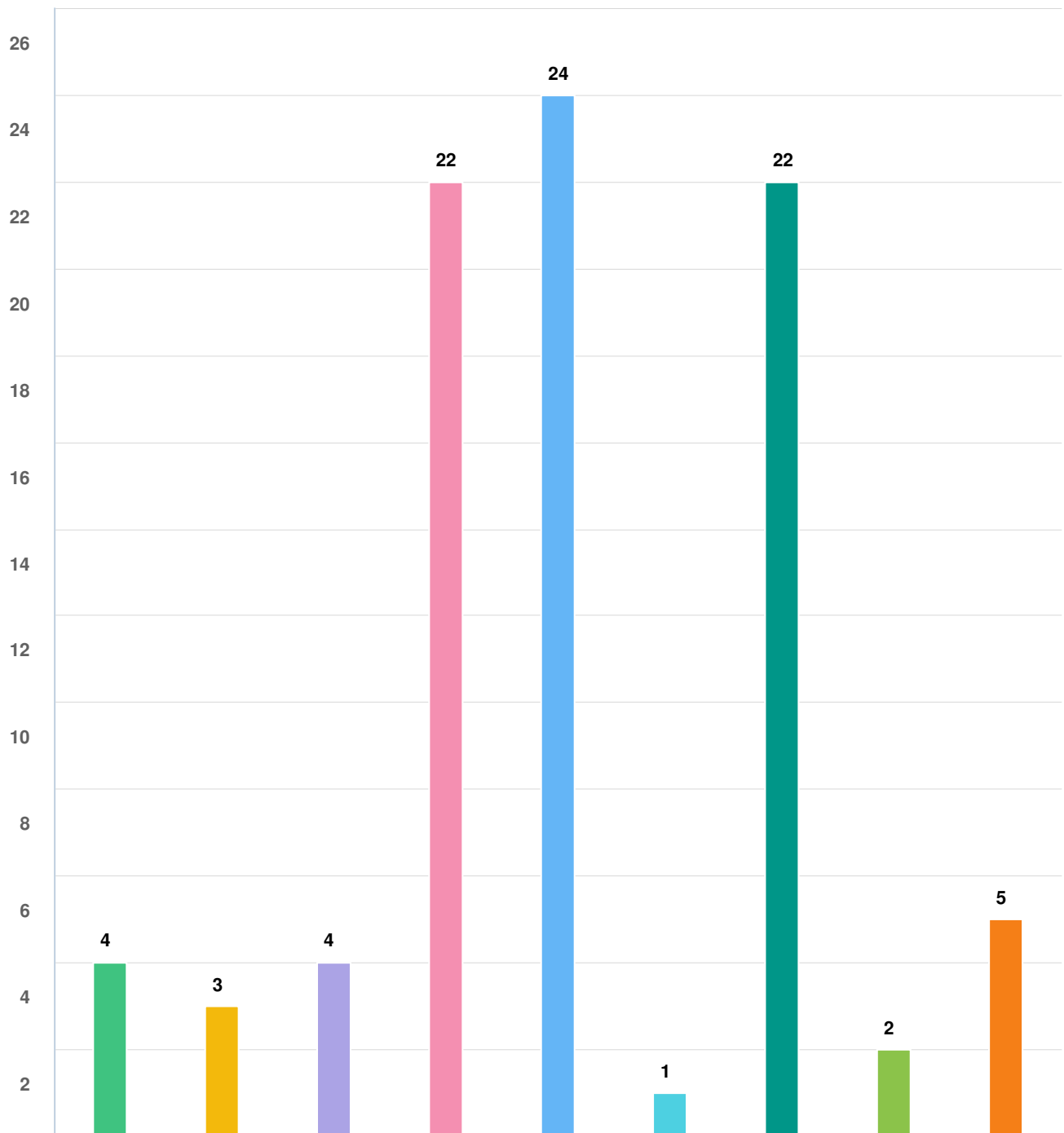
Q11 Which City teen services or programs does your teen participate in?



- Question options**
- Other (fill in)
 - None of the above
 - (RYPAC) Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee
 - Free counseling services offered through Youth Eastside Services
 - Redmond community center drop-in spaces to hang out with friends, do homework, use the arts supplies, play games, etc.
 - Teen-centered events and classes at Redmond community centers focused on art, sports, music, and social activities

Mandatory Question (100 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q12 Does your teen belong or have they belonged to any of the following groups?

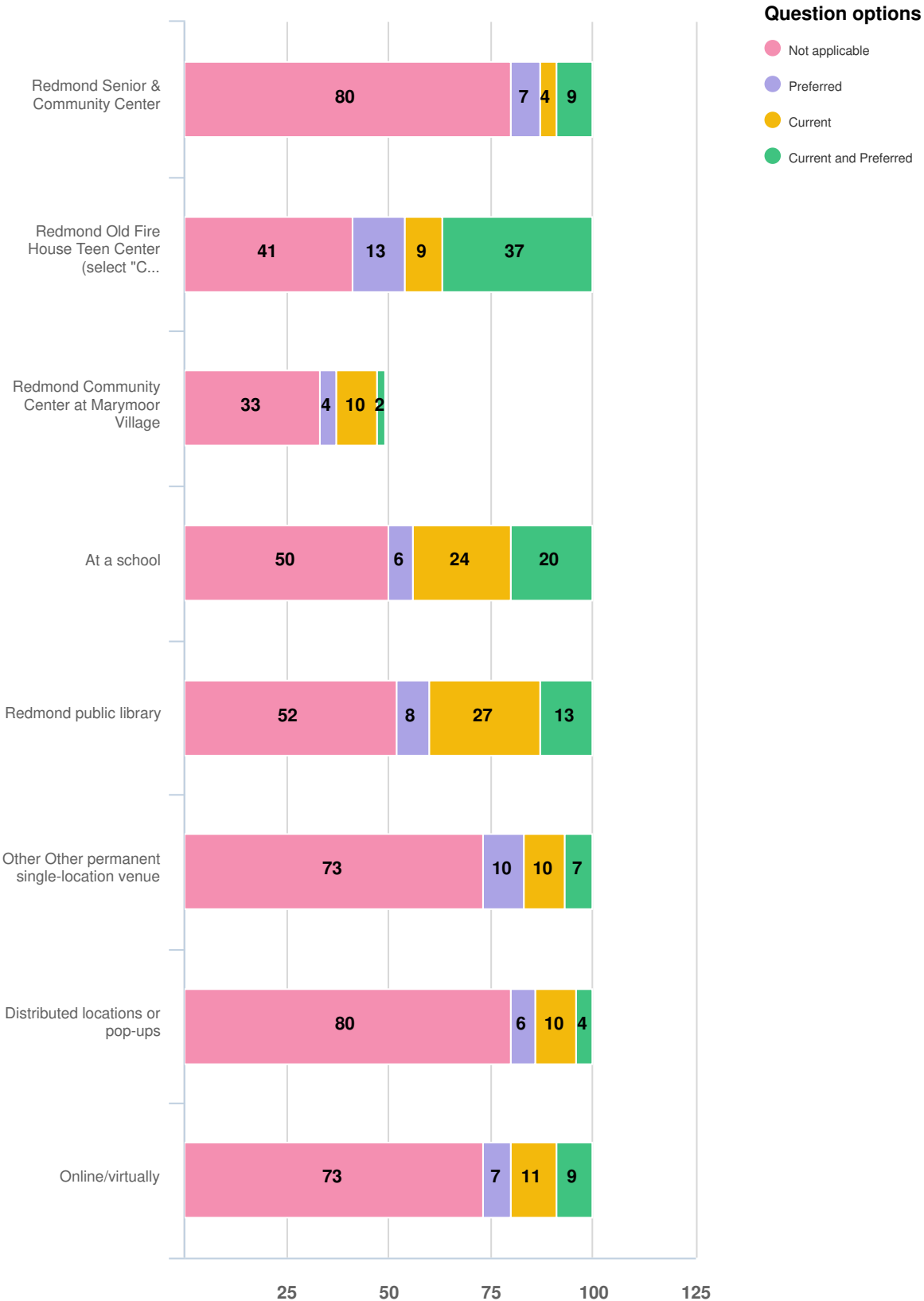


Question options

- Other (fill in)
 ● In the foster care system
 ● Possessing a disability
 ● Limited English proficiency
 ● LGBTQIA+
- First or second generation U.S. immigrants
 ● Experiencing income insecurity
 ● Experiencing food insecurity
- Experiencing housing insecurity

Optional question (59 response(s), 238 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

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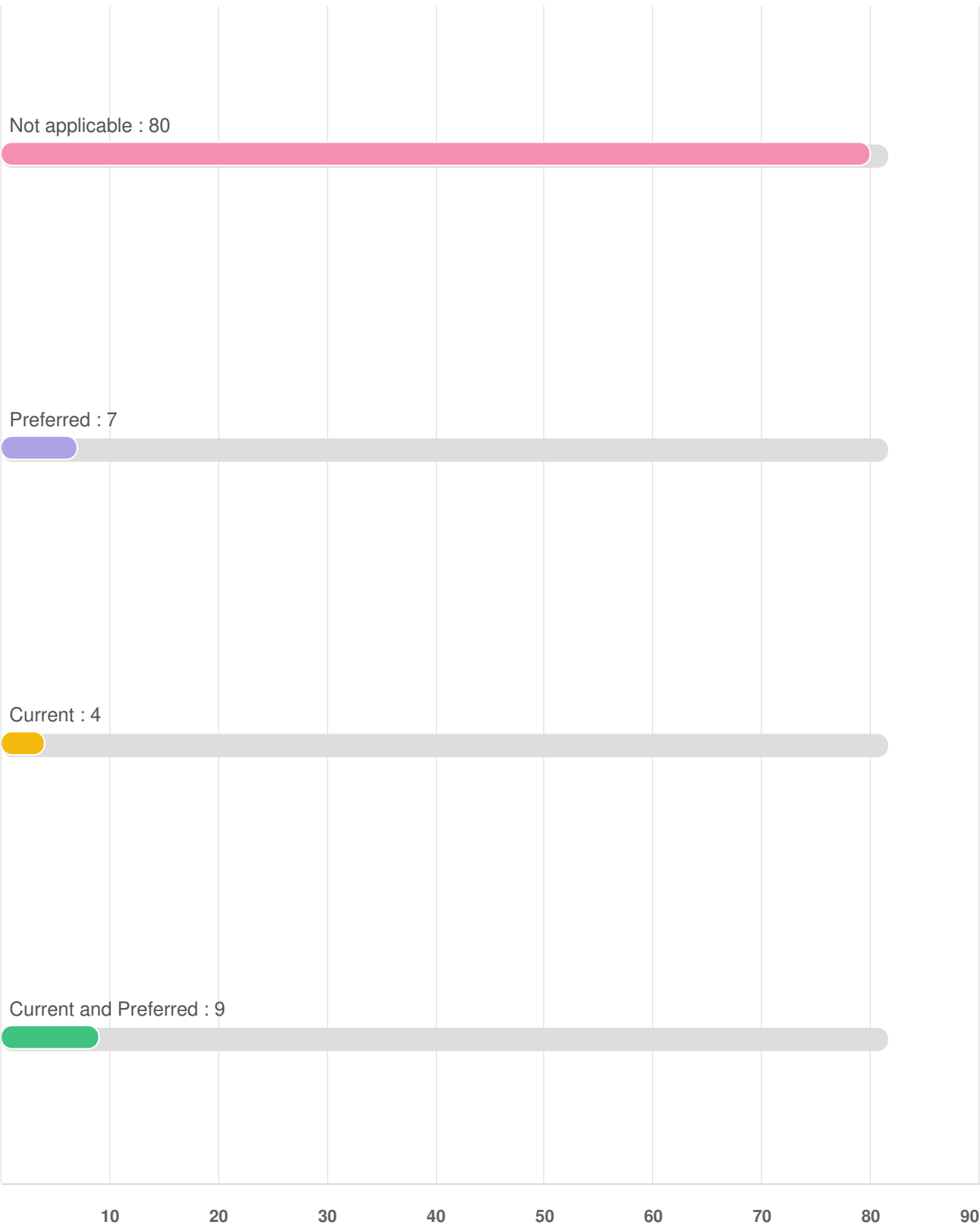


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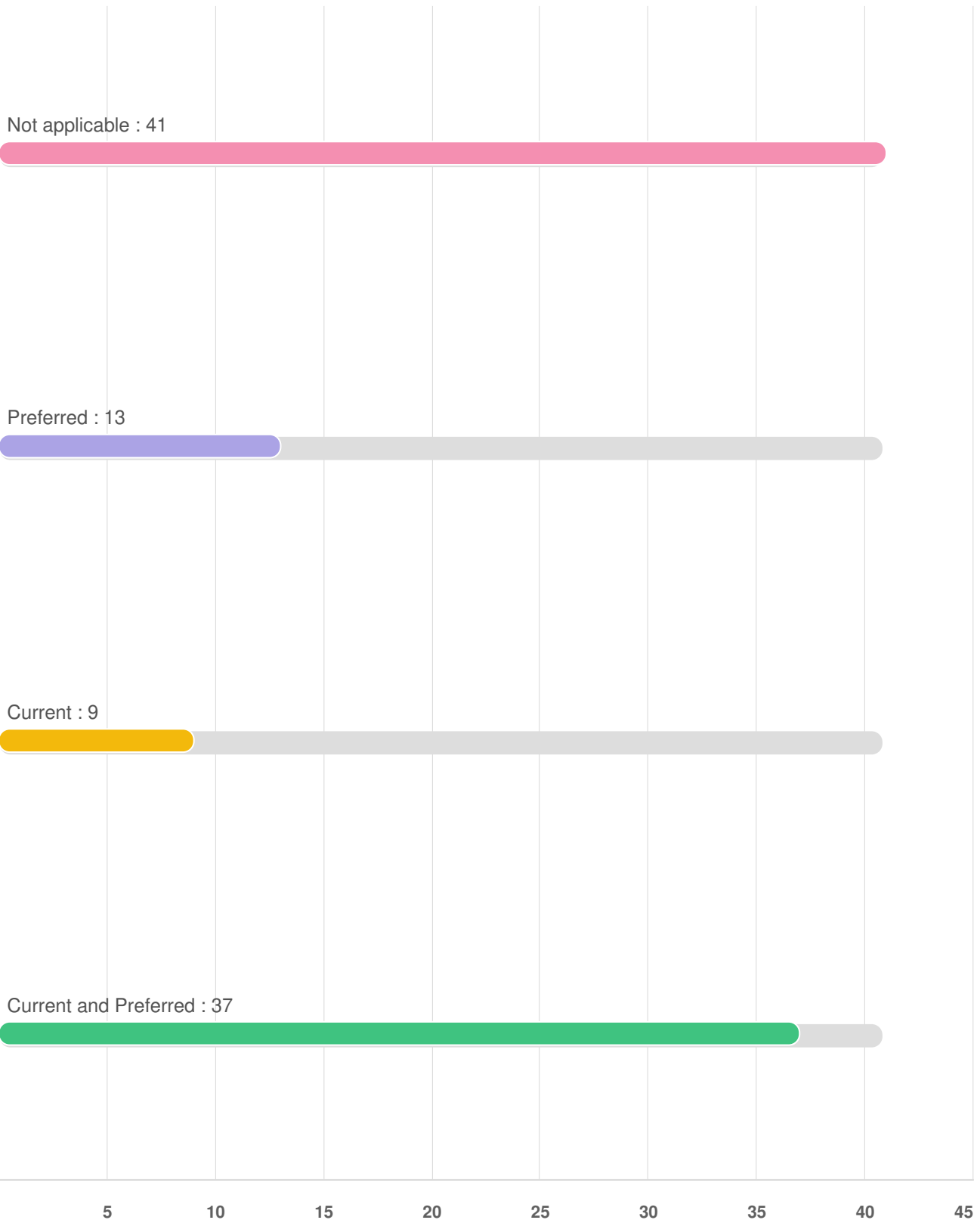
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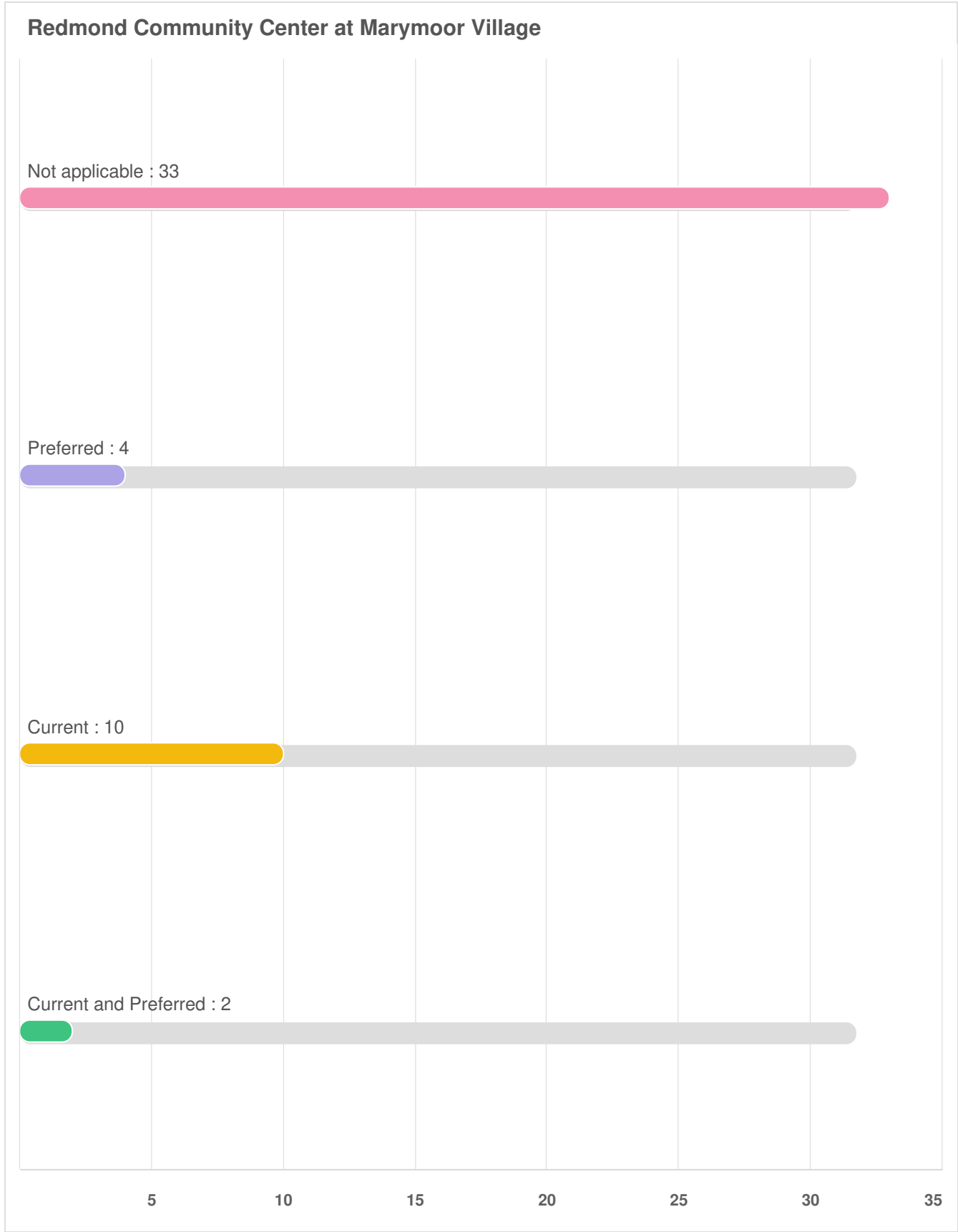
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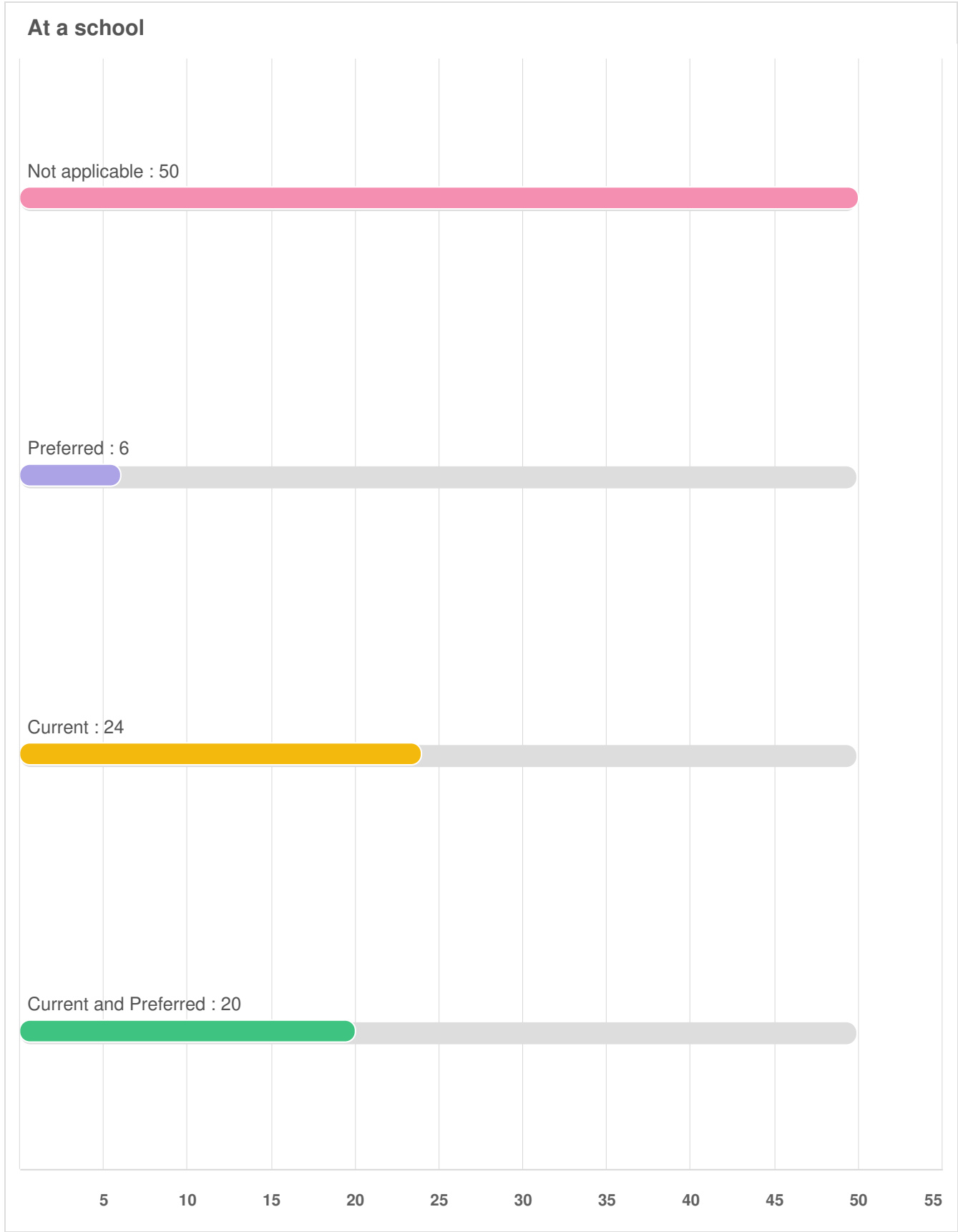


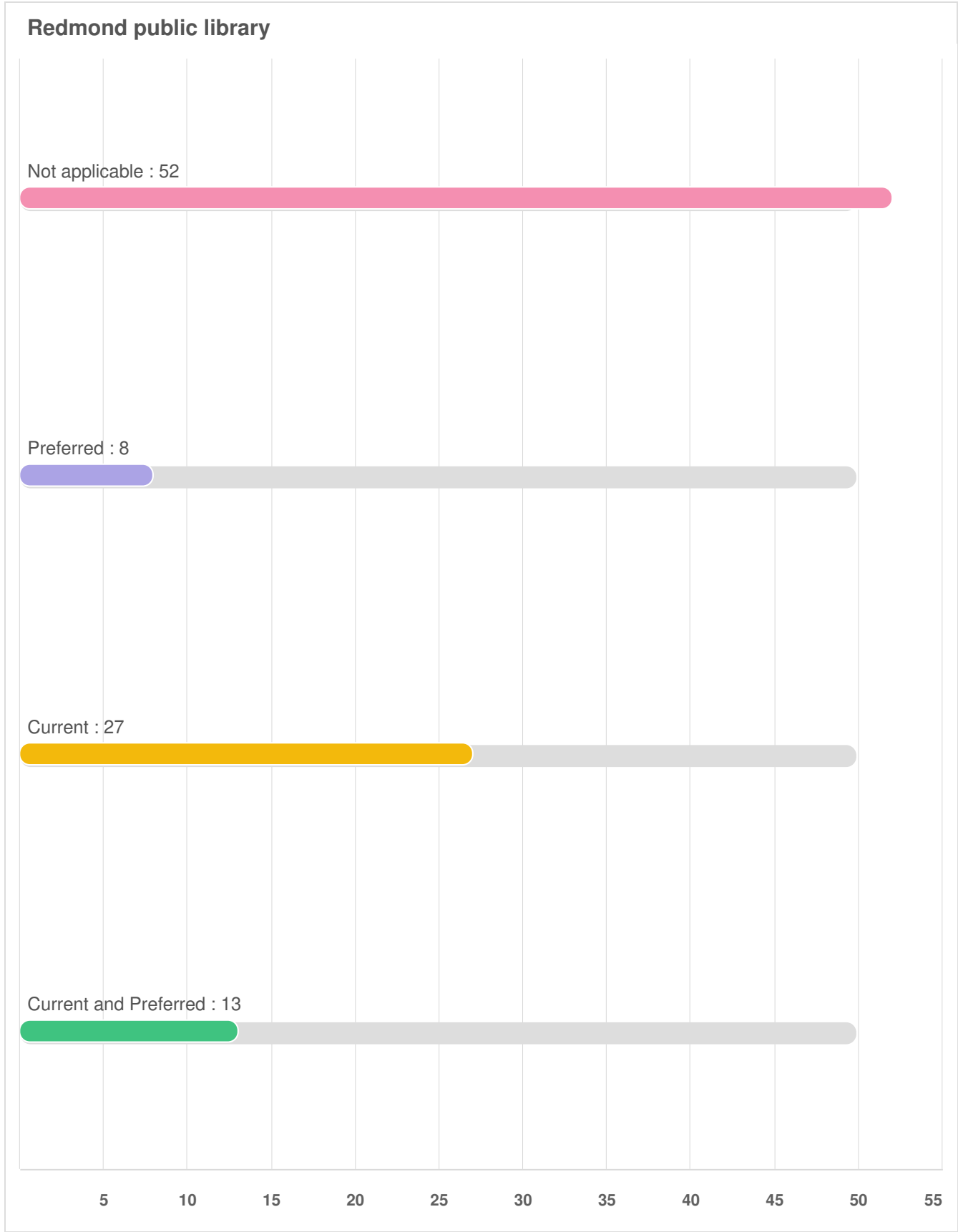
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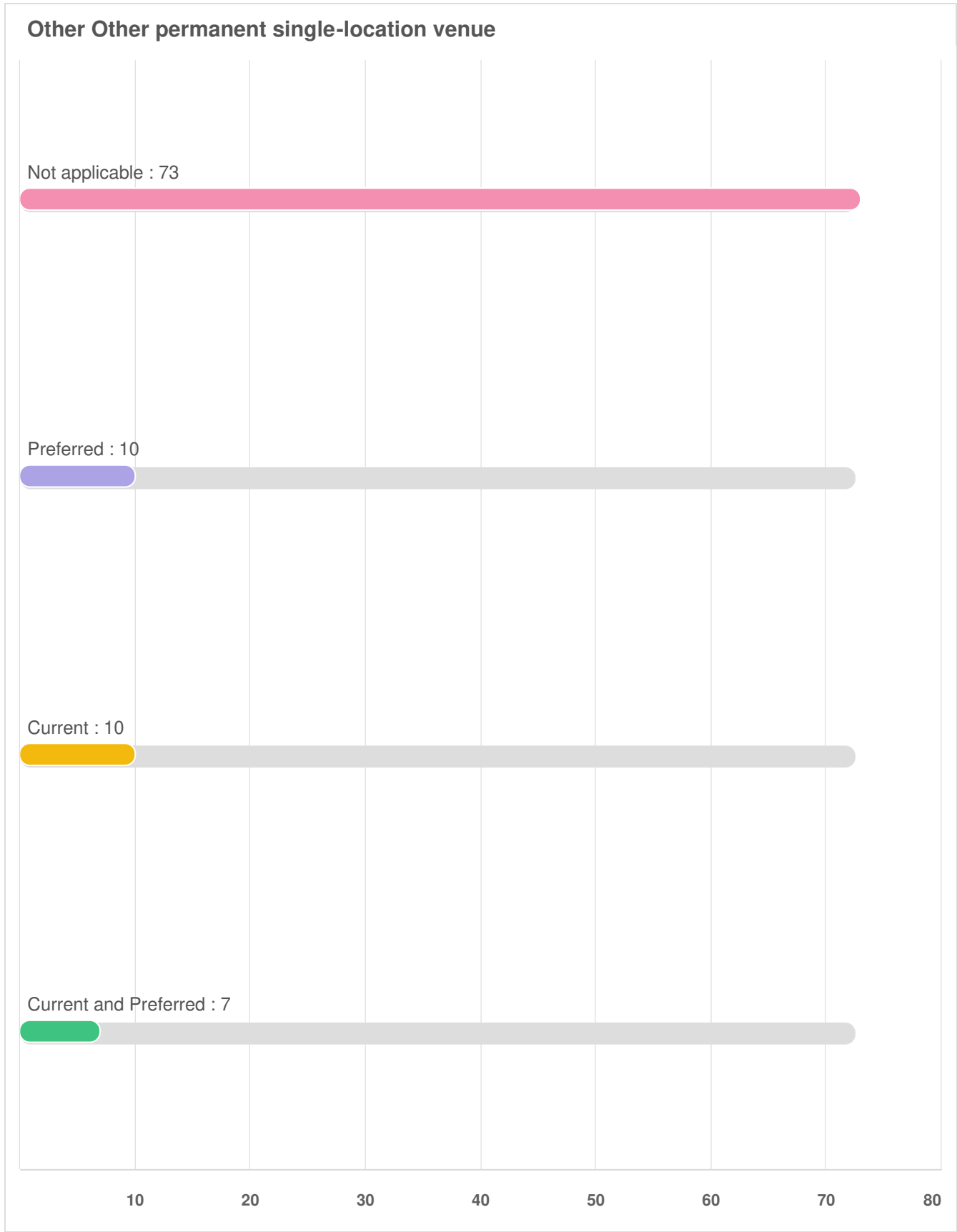
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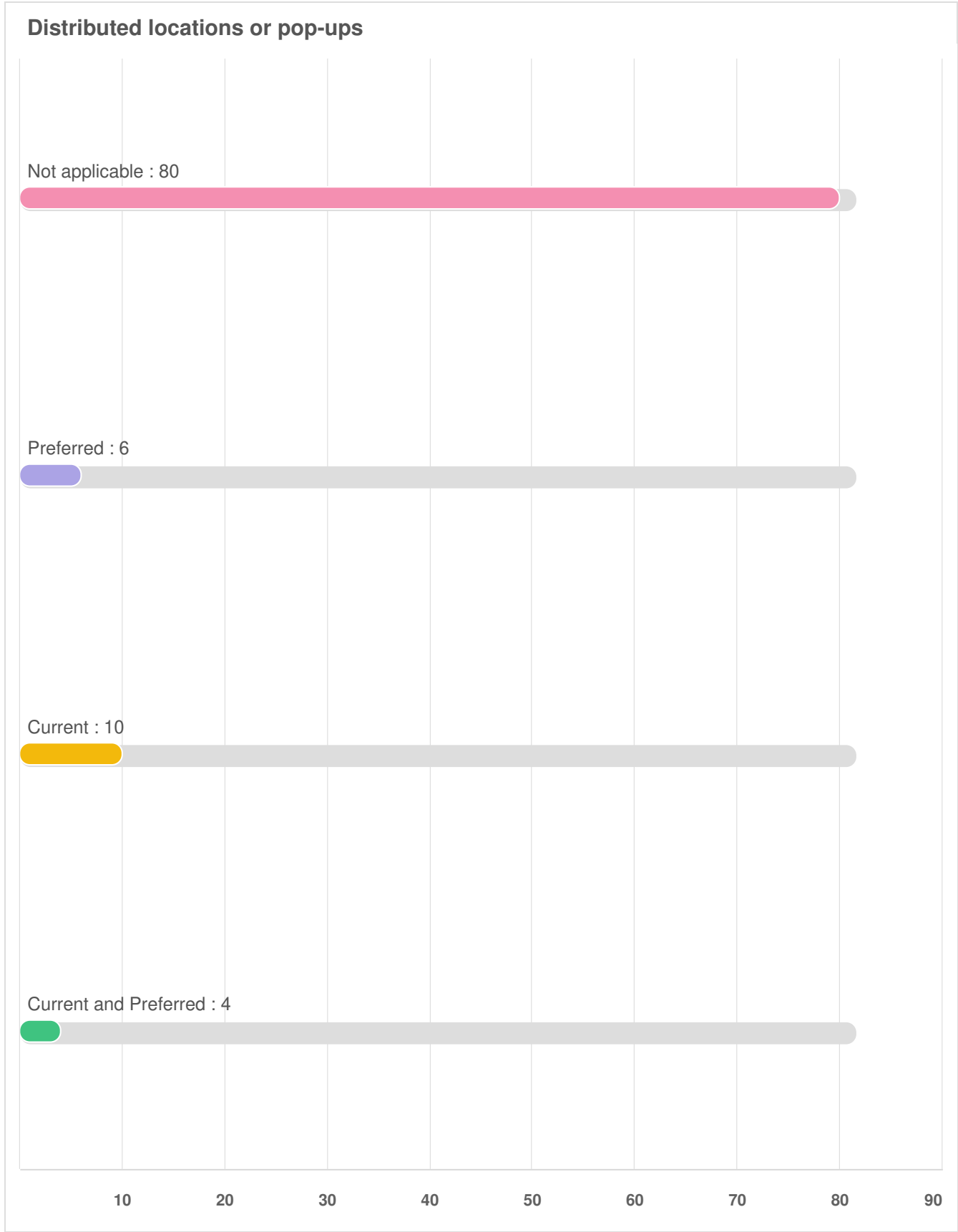


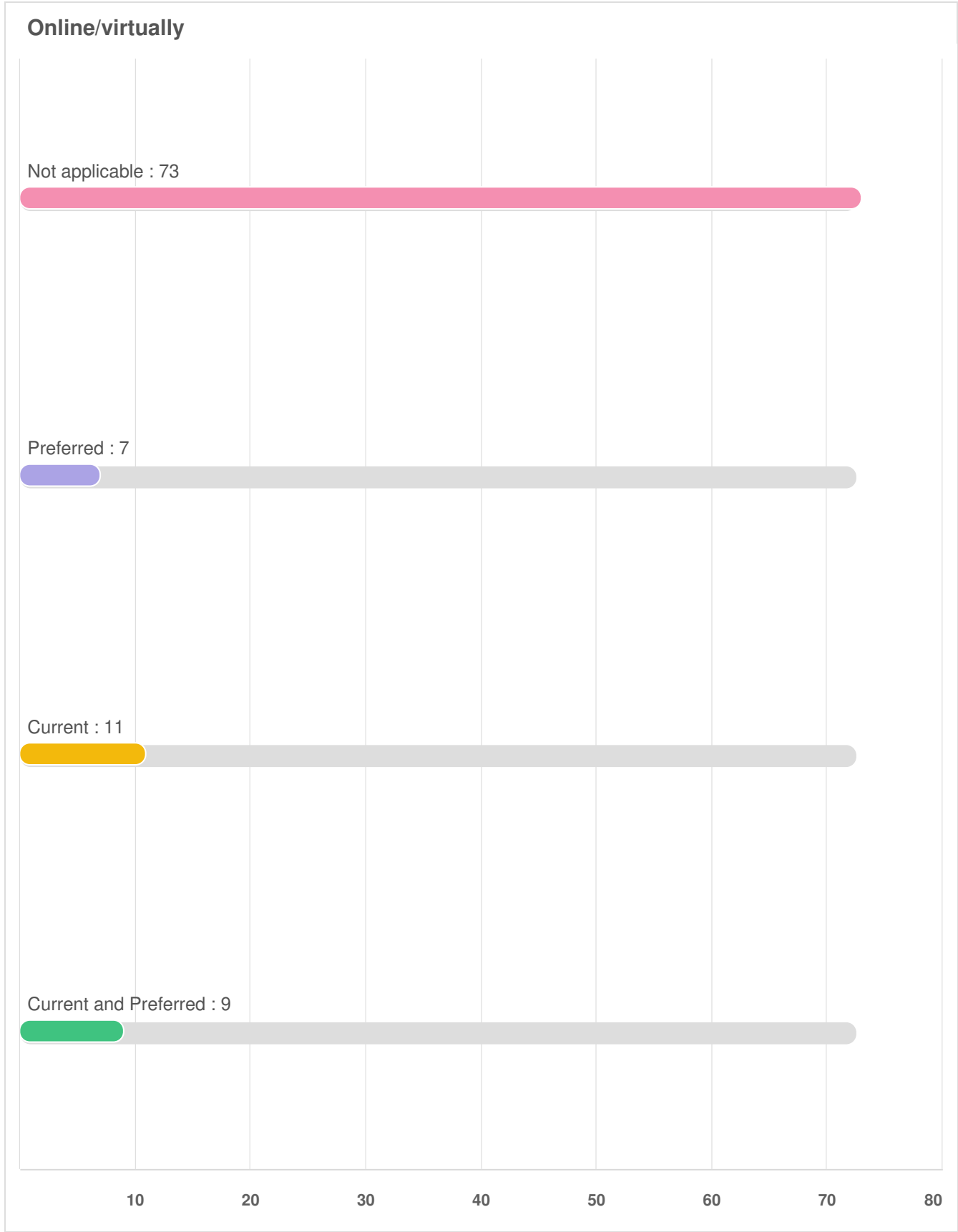




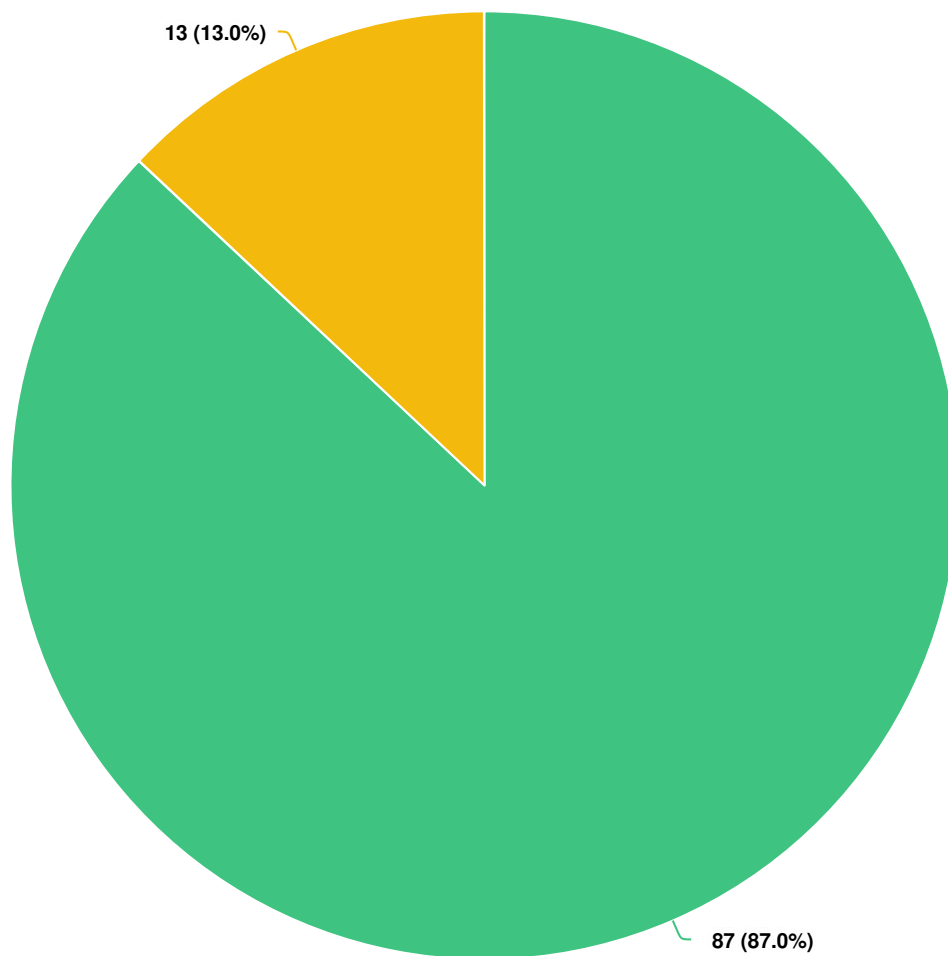








Q14 | Are there any other locations not listed above where your teen currently go to access City teen services or other programs and services beyond school? Which locations do you prefer for your teen?

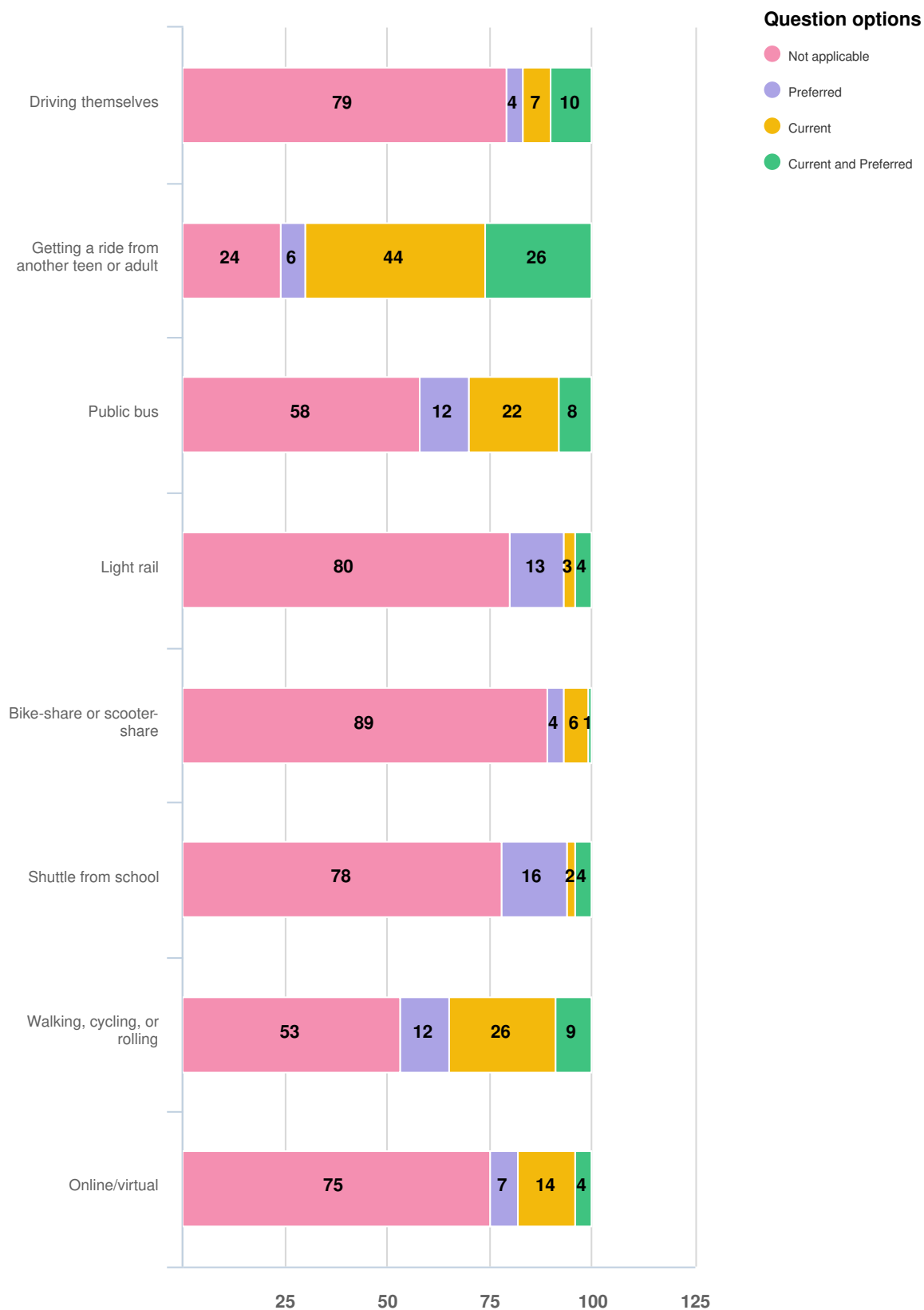


Question options

● Yes (please explain) ● No

Mandatory Question (100 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q15 | How does your teen get to or access City teen services or other programs and services beyond school? How do you prefer that your teen gets to or accesses them?

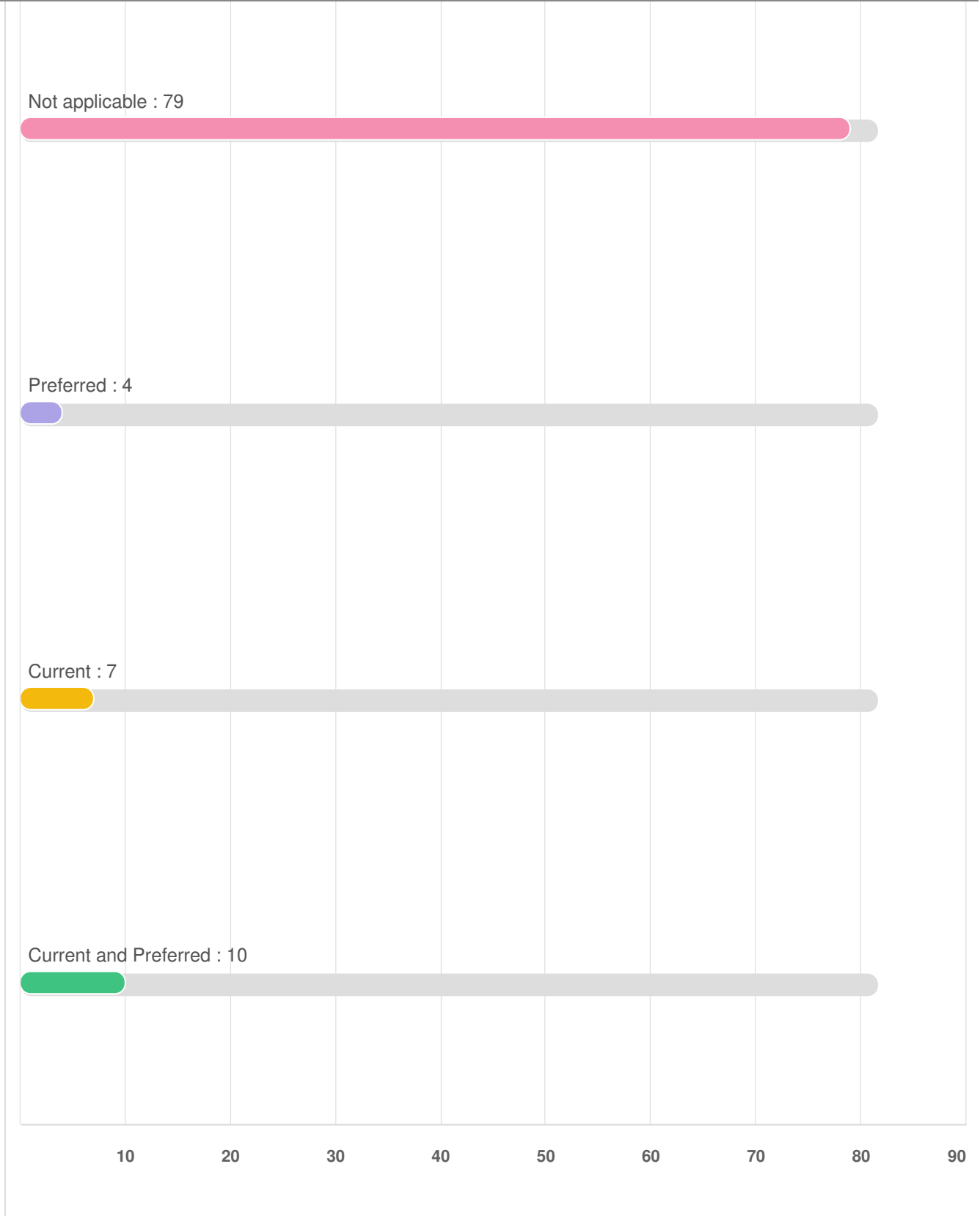


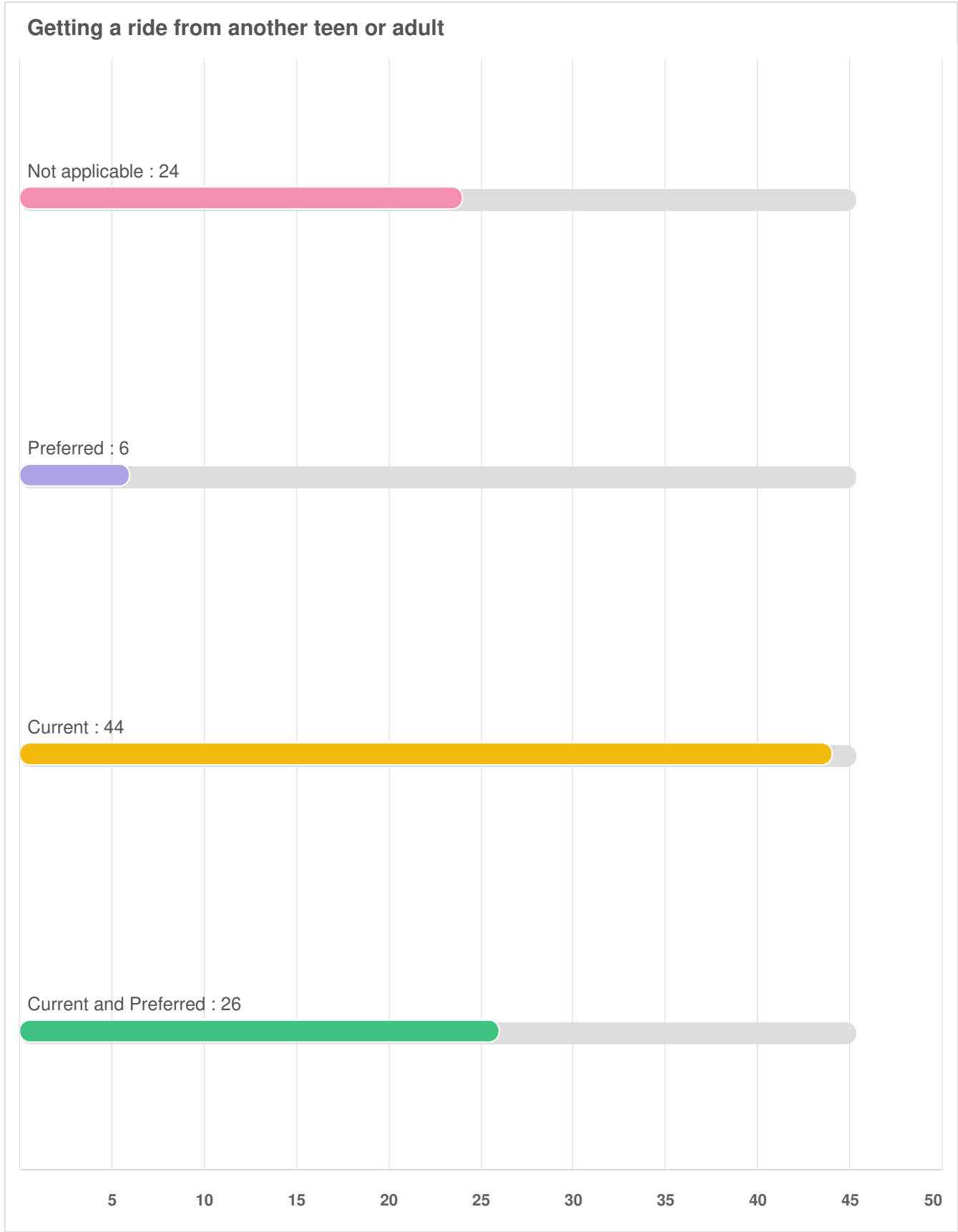
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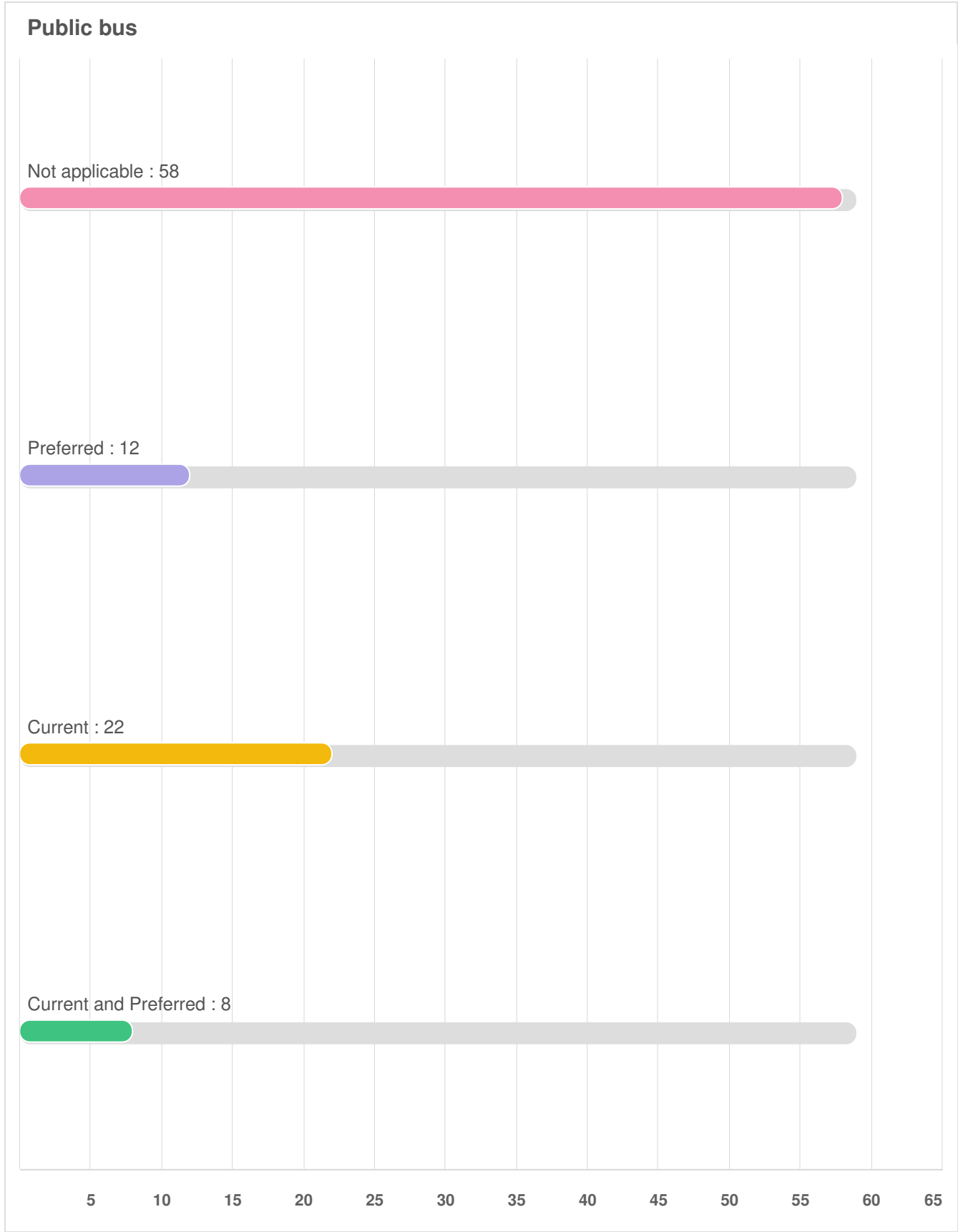
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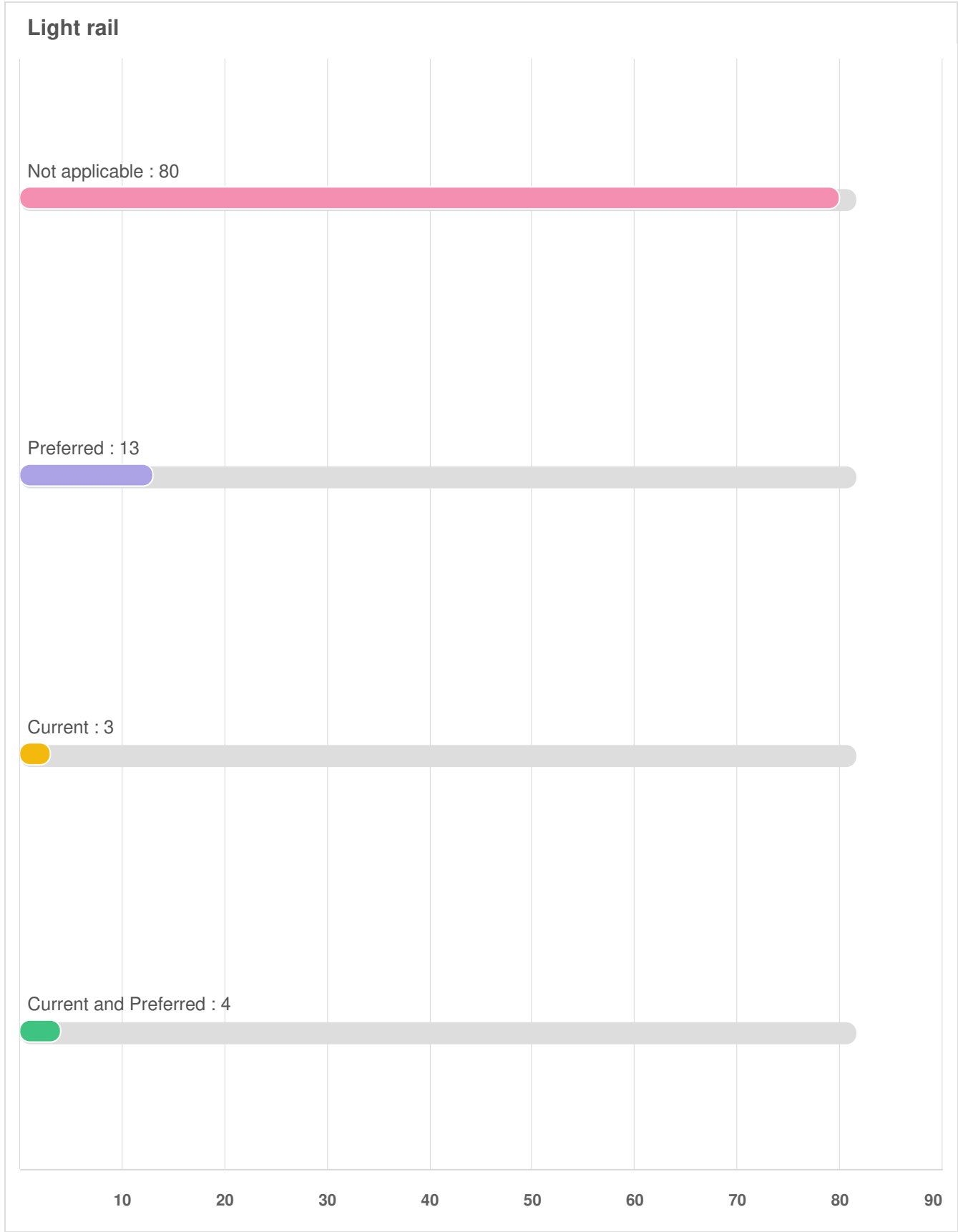
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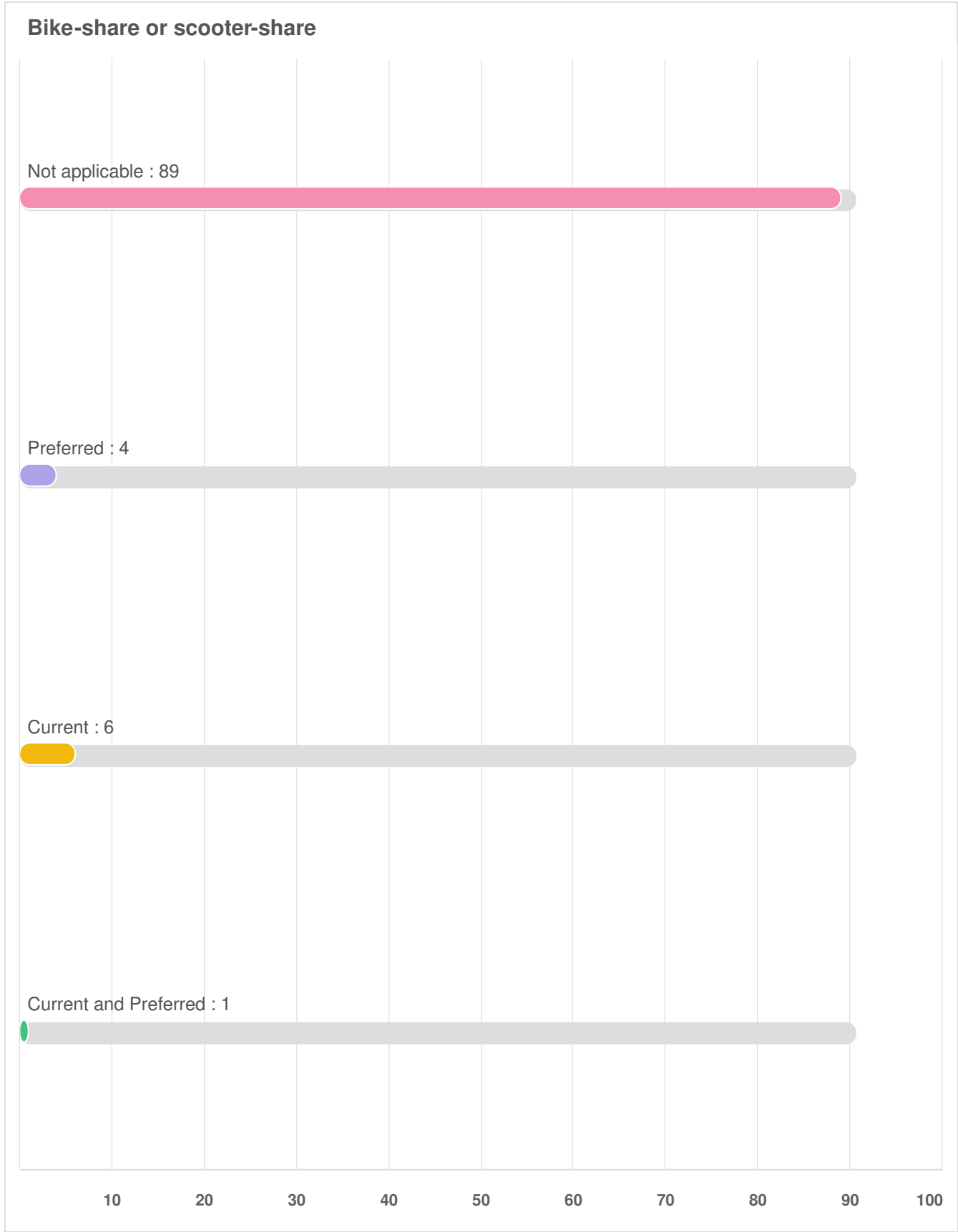
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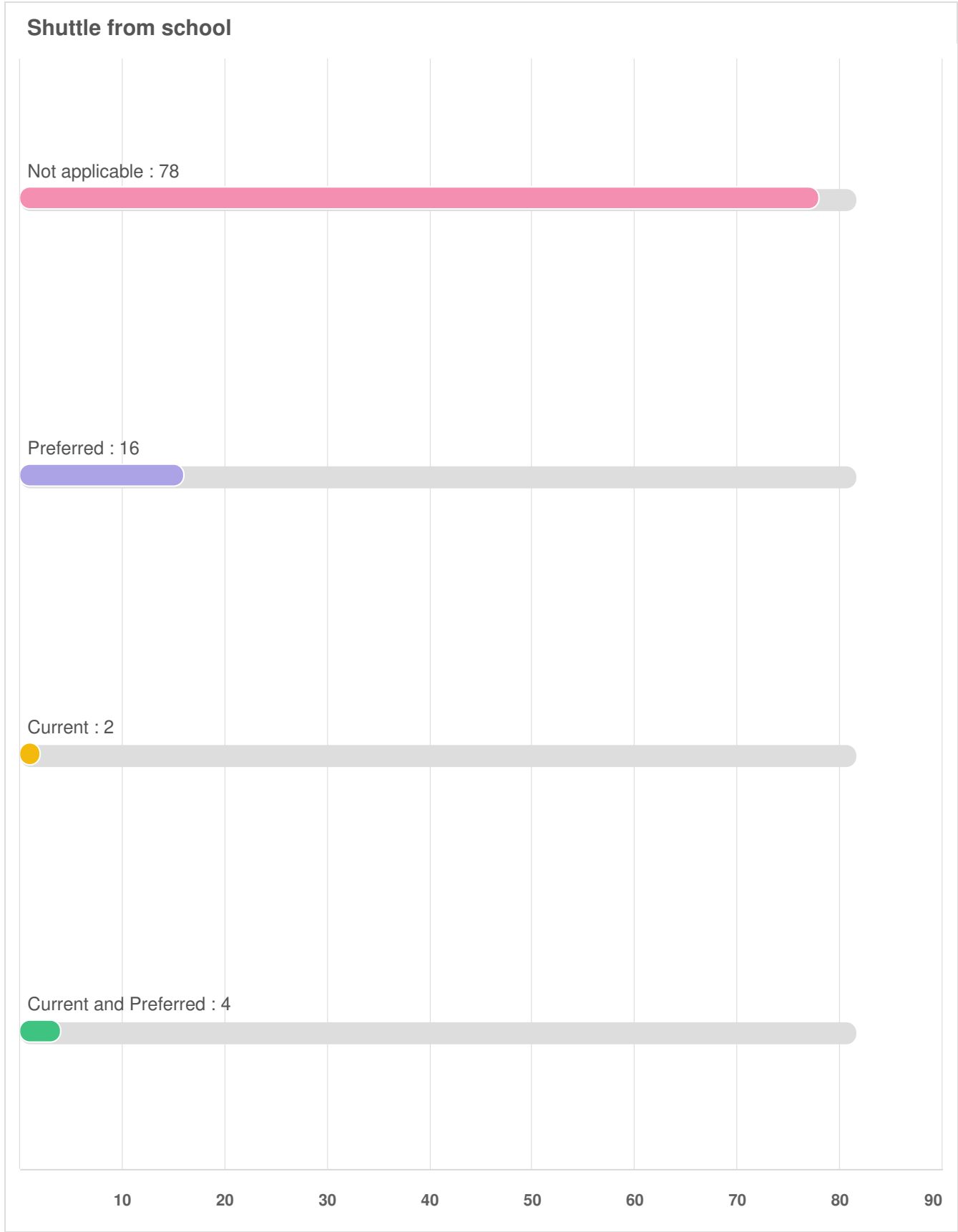


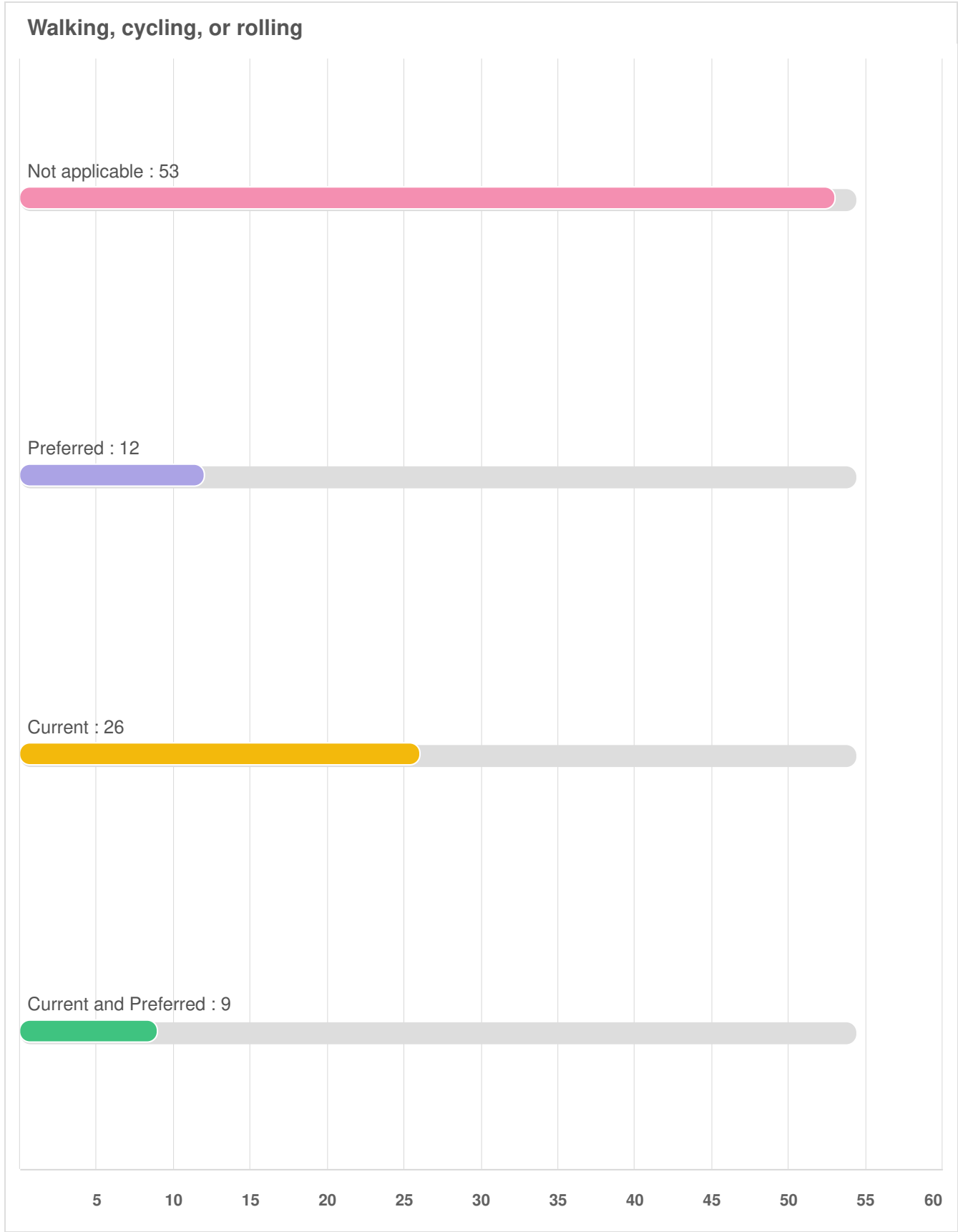


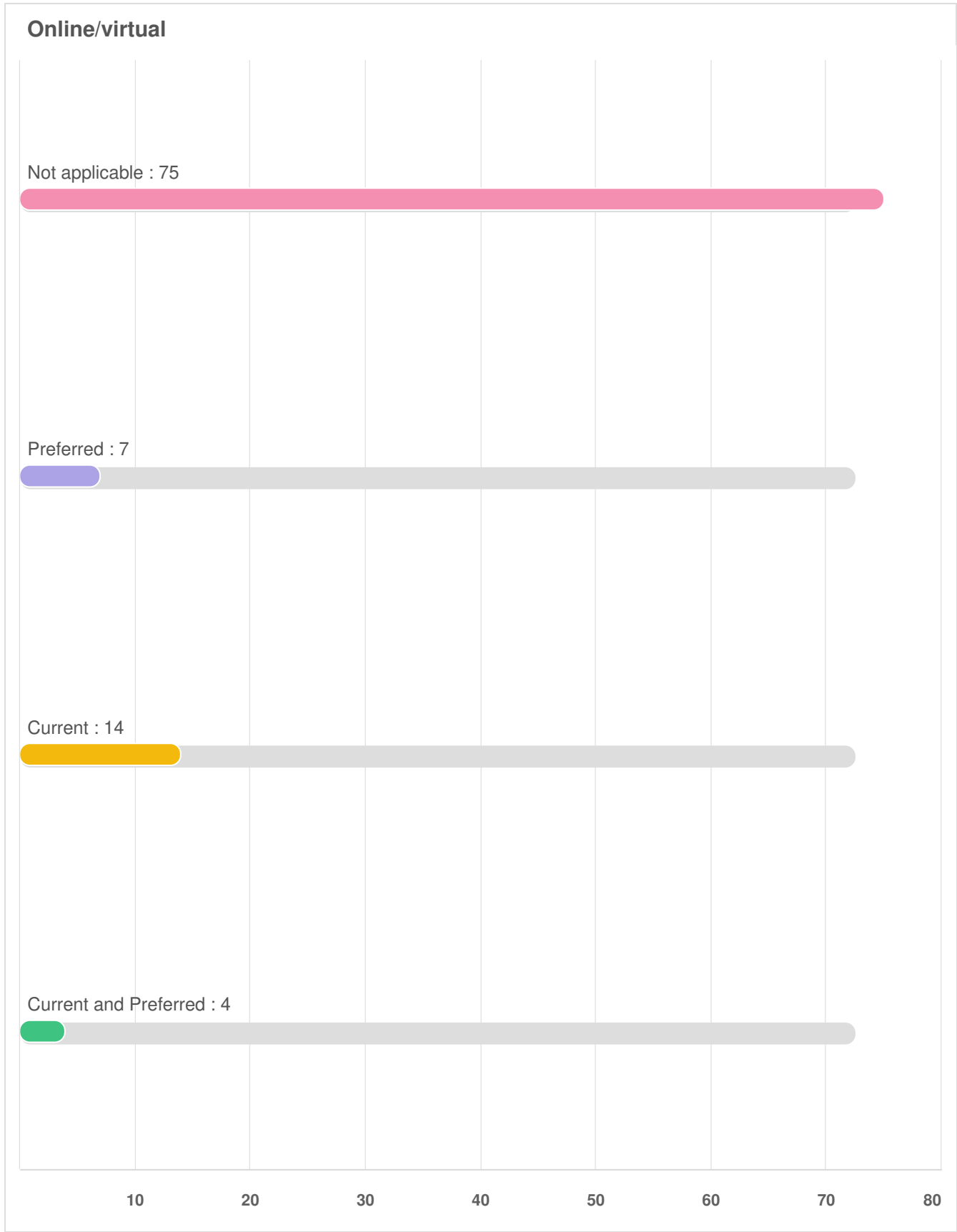




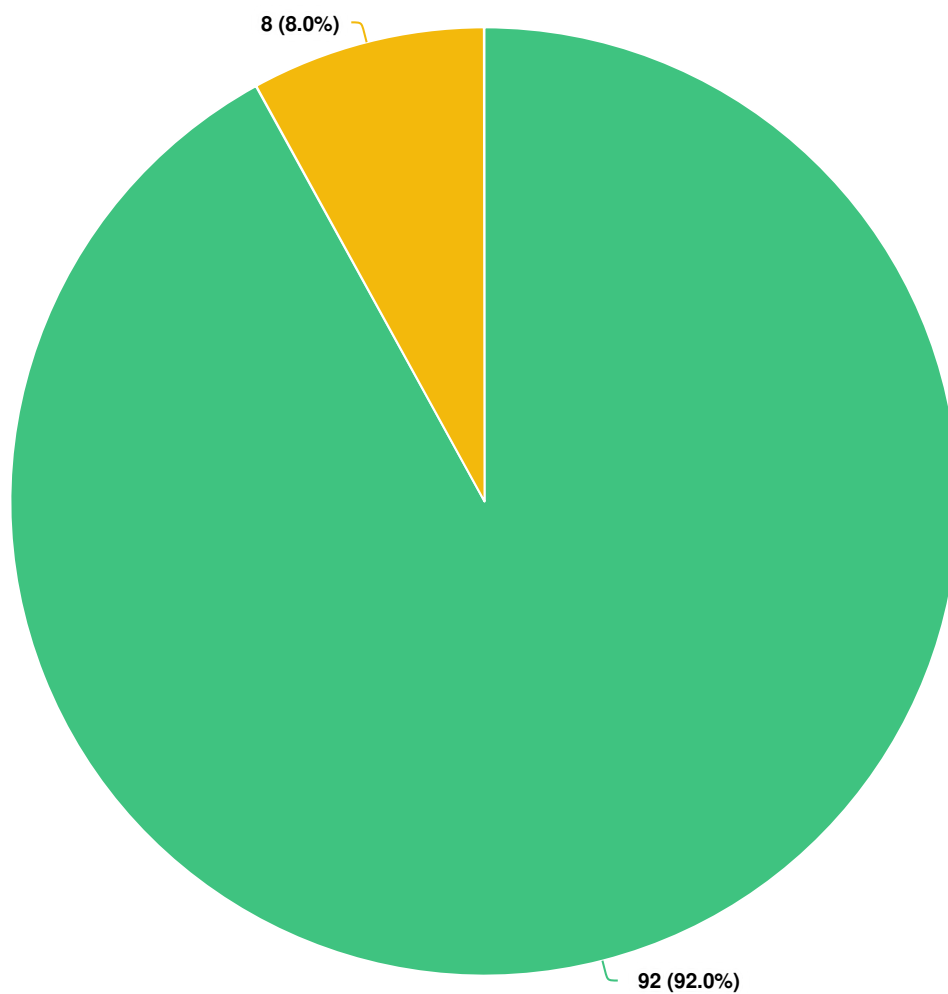








Q16 Are there other ways not listed above that your teen uses to get to or access City teen services or other programs and services beyond school? How do you prefer that your teen gets to or accesses them?

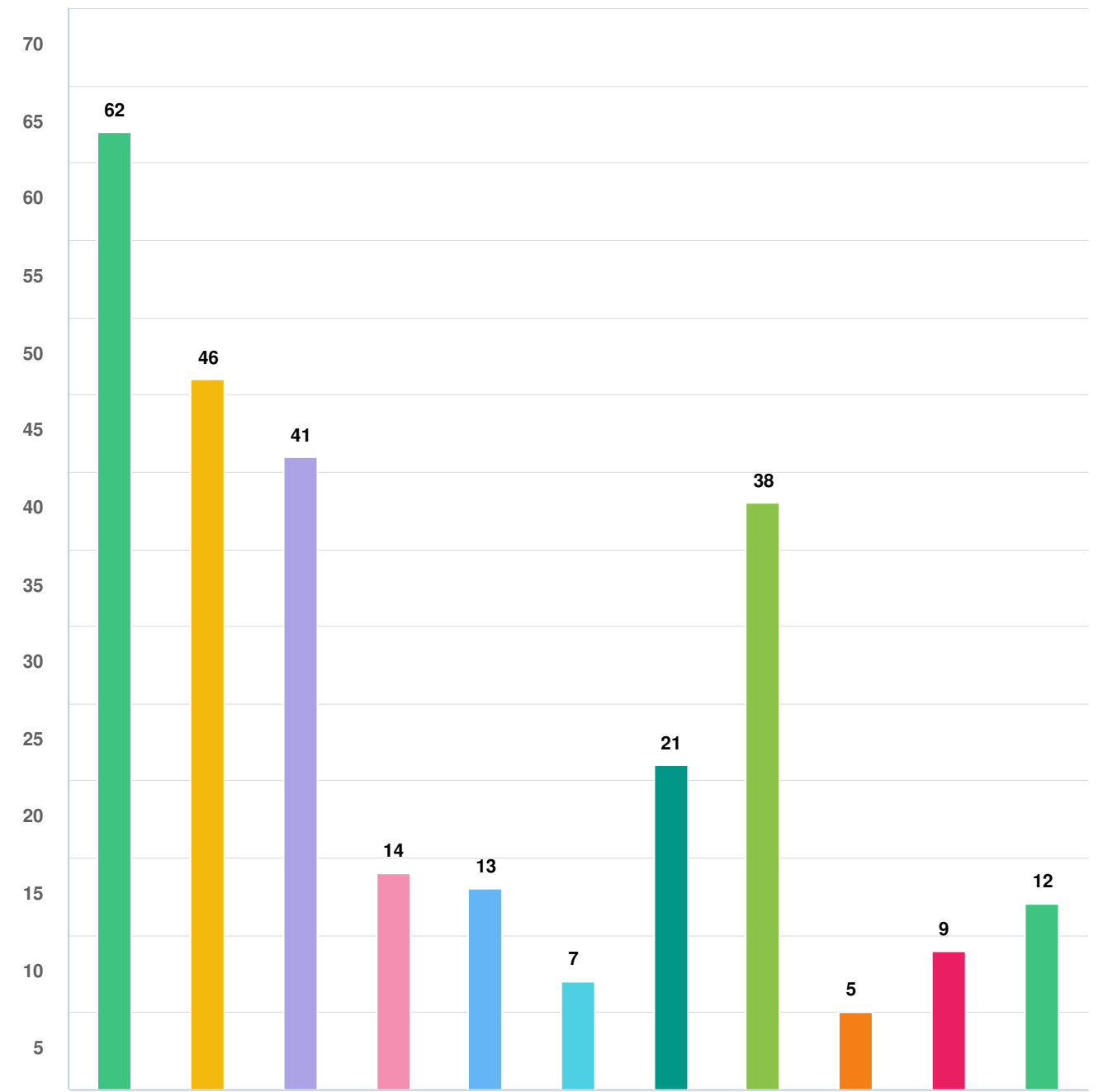


Question options

● Yes (please explain) ● No

Mandatory Question (100 response(s))
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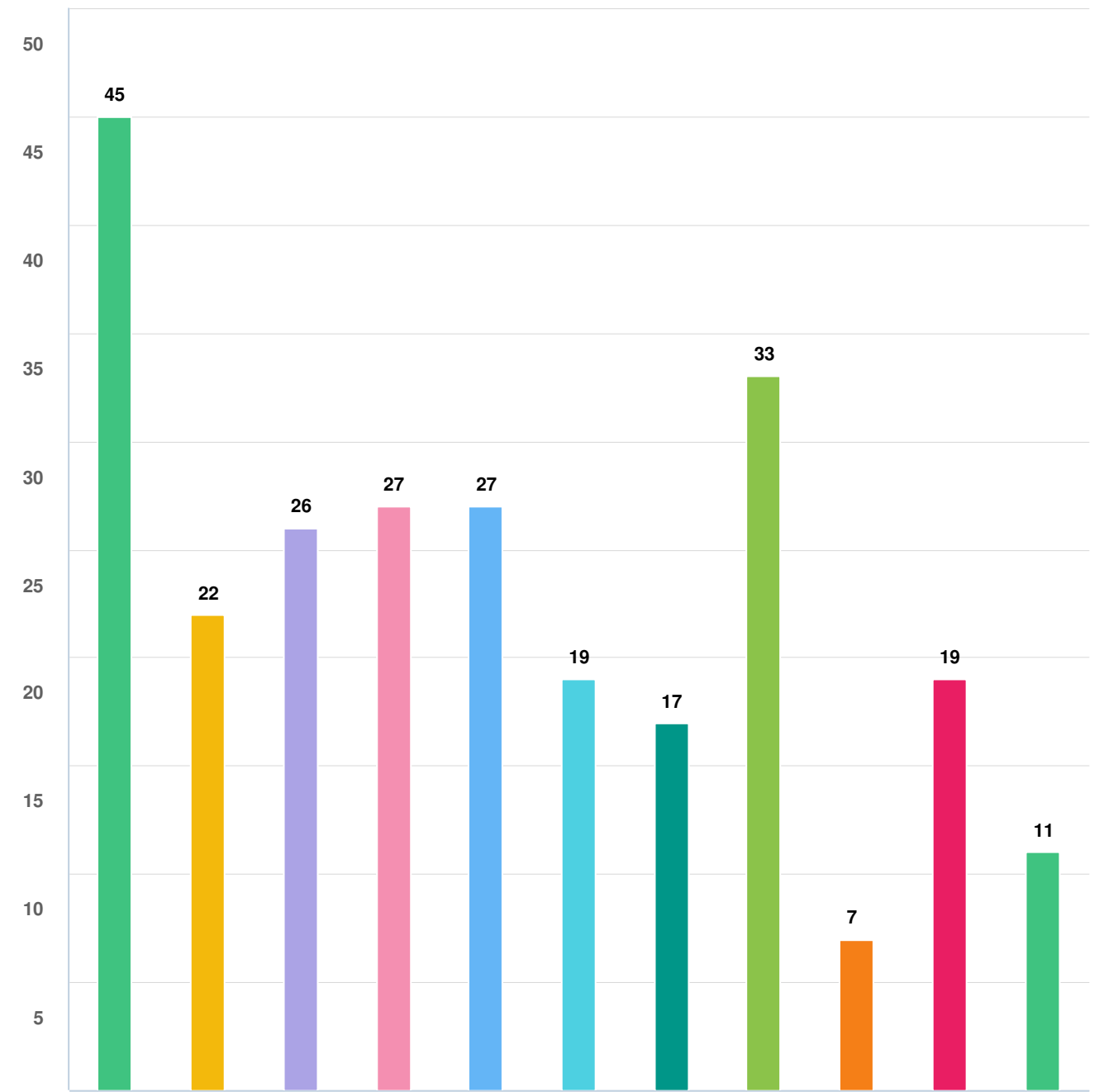
Q17 What are the top three needs that City teen services meet for your teen?



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- Other (fill in)
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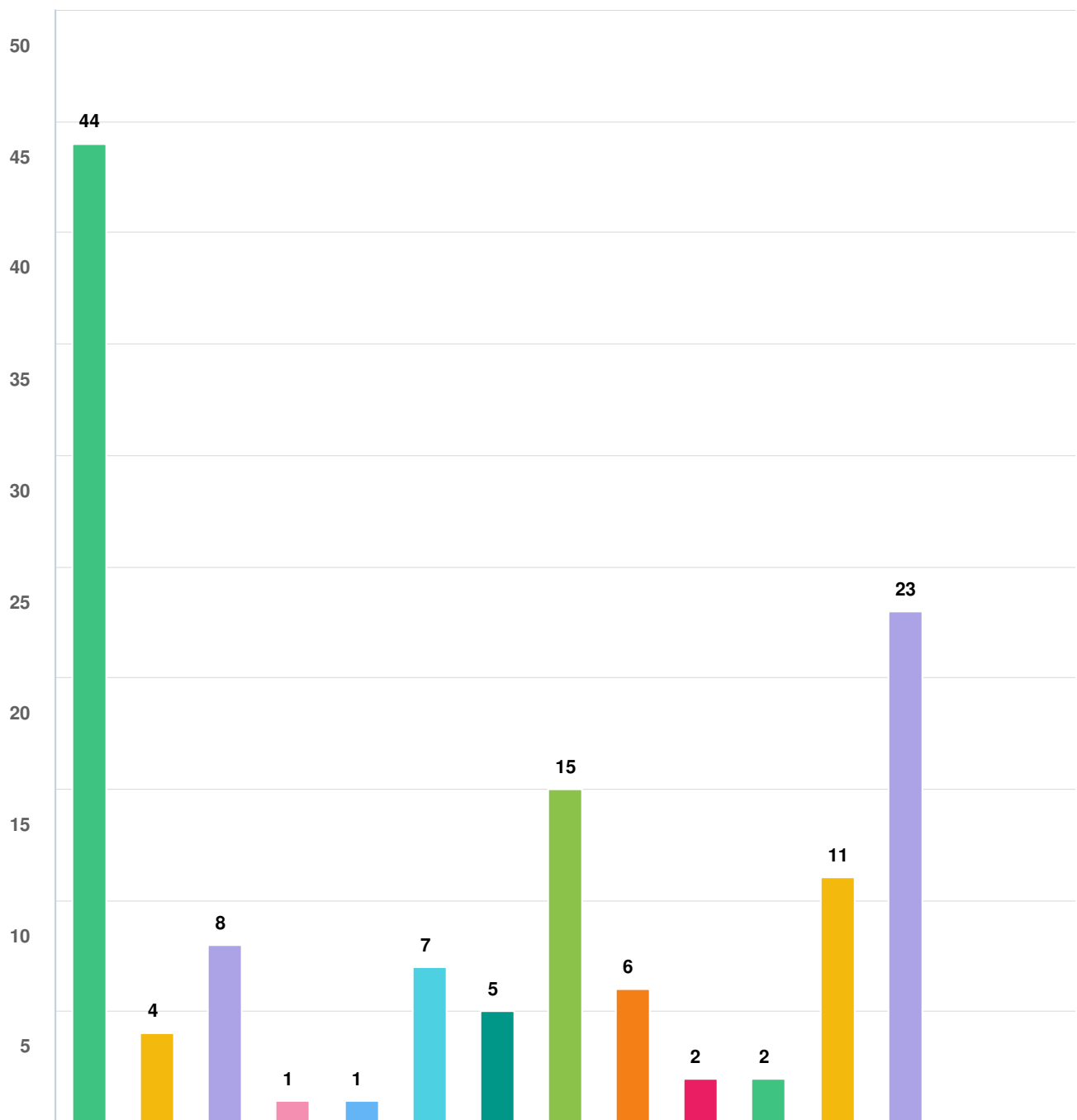
Q18 Think about which of your teen’s needs are not being met by City teen services or other services or programs. What are your teen’s top three unmet needs?



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Mandatory Question (100 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q19 Where do your current or future teens go to school? Select all that apply.

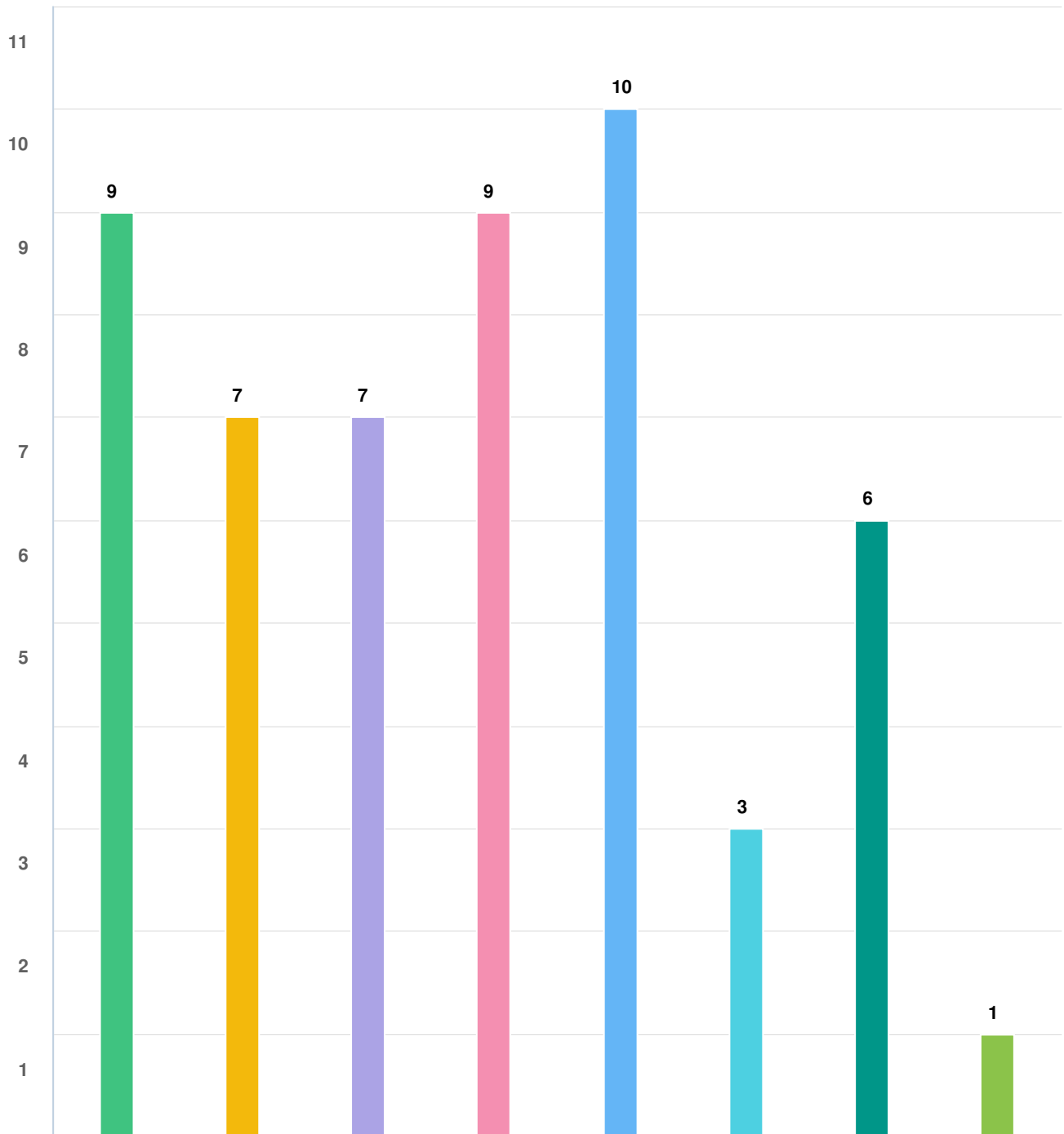


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Q20 Which of the following categories best describe your service or program offerings for Redmond teens?



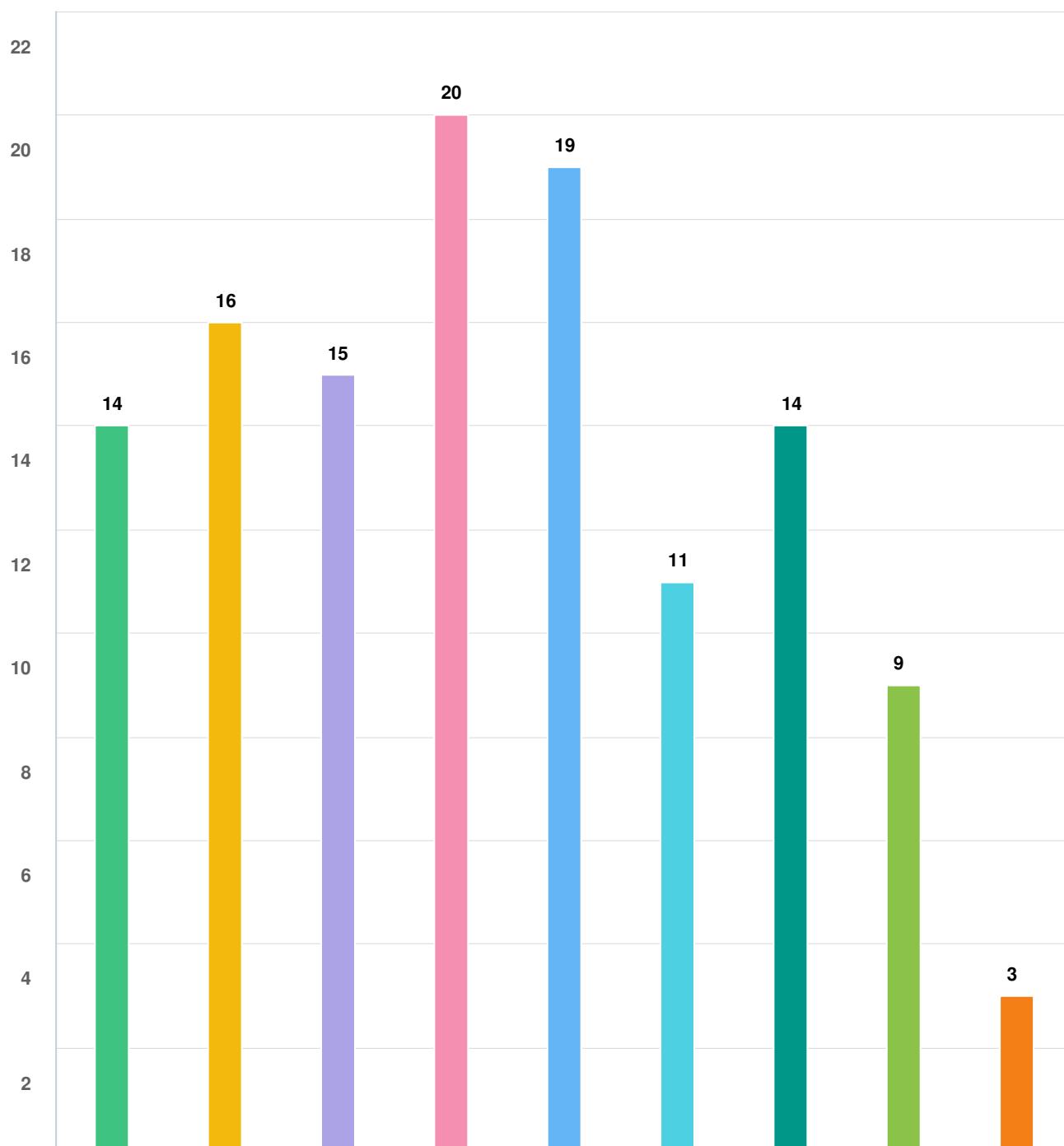
Question options

- Other (fill in)
 ● Social services (e.g., housing, food, financial assistance)
 ● Community or culturally-specific services
- Mental or behavioral health care
 ● Teaching, tutoring, or academics
 ● Music and performance
 ● Creative arts
- Sports, athletics, or recreation activities

Mandatory Question (21 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q21 Do the teens you serve belong to any of the following groups?



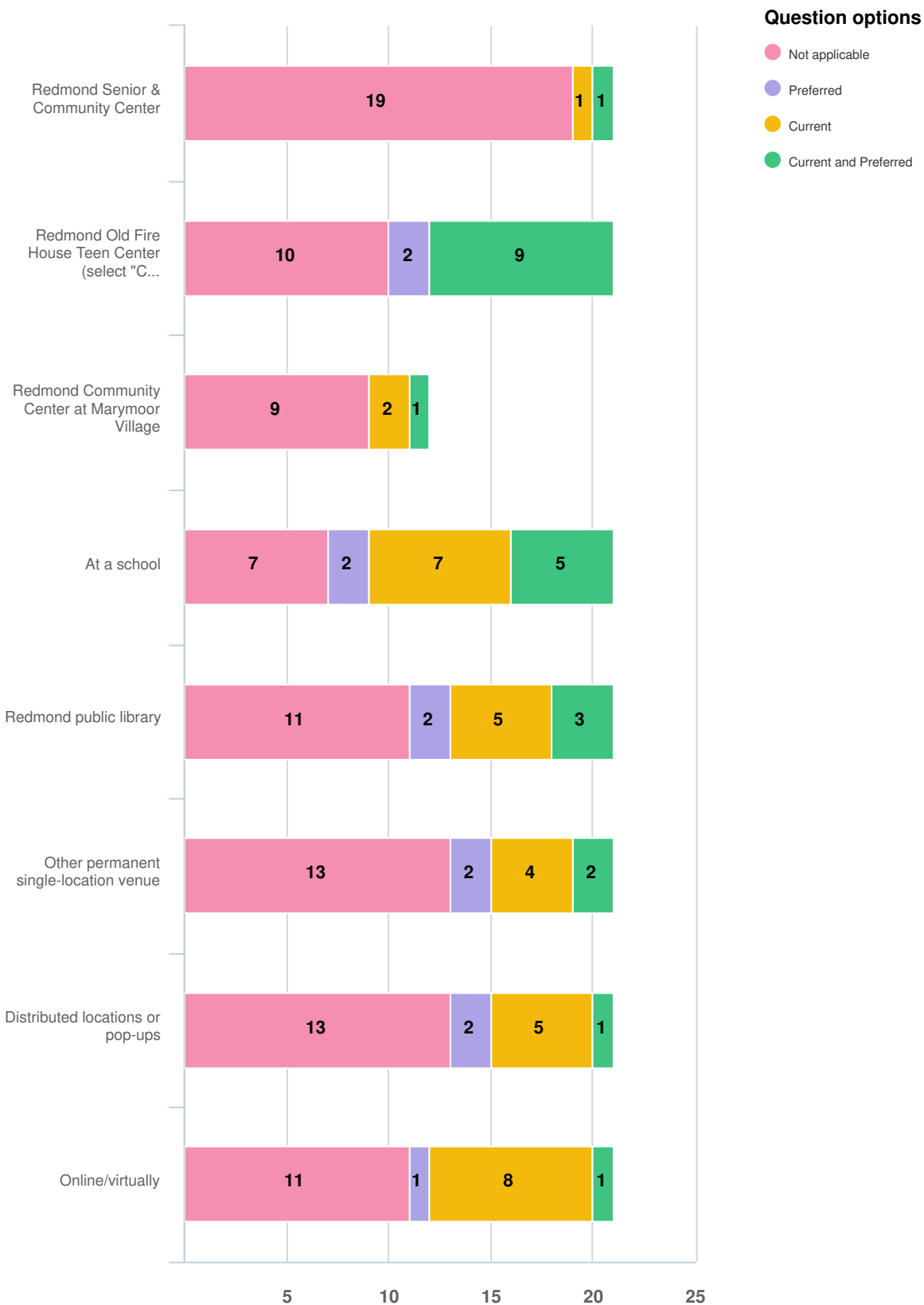
Question options

- Other (fill in)
- In the foster care system
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Optional question (21 response(s), 276 skipped)

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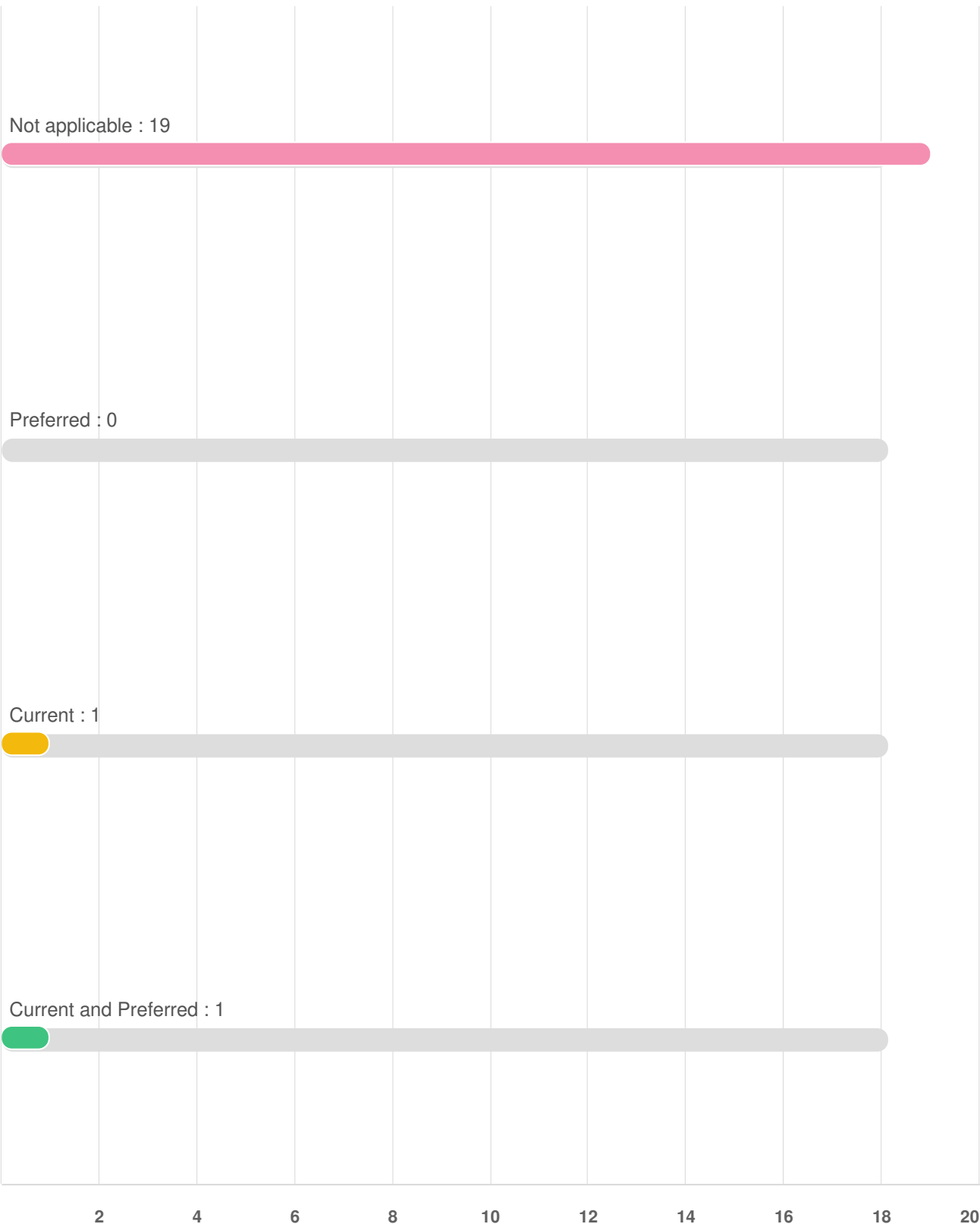
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What are teens' preferred locations for the services you provide?



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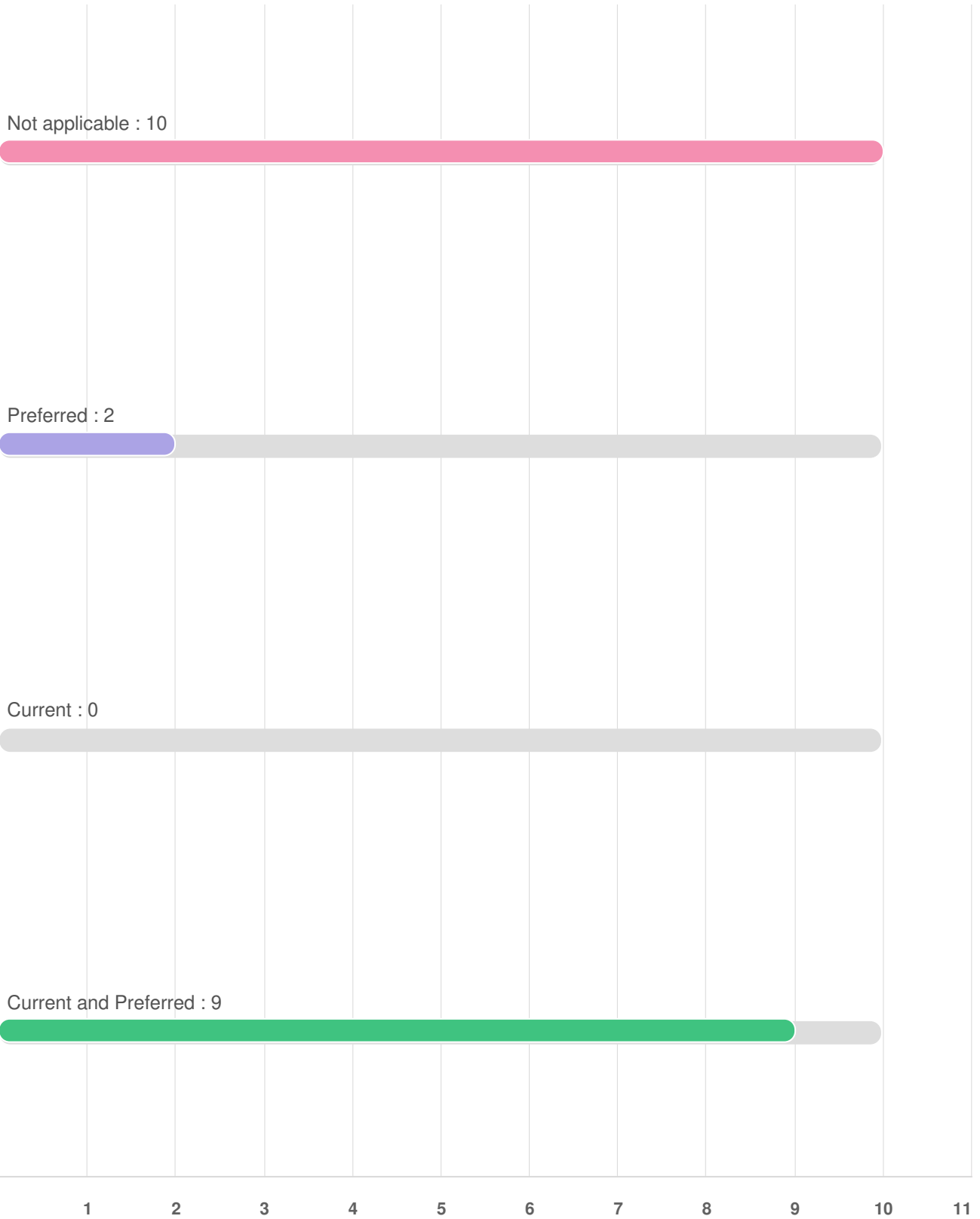
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Redmond Senior & Community Center



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Redmond Old Fire House Teen Center (select "Current" if used prior to teen program relocation)



Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village

Not applicable : 9



Preferred : 0



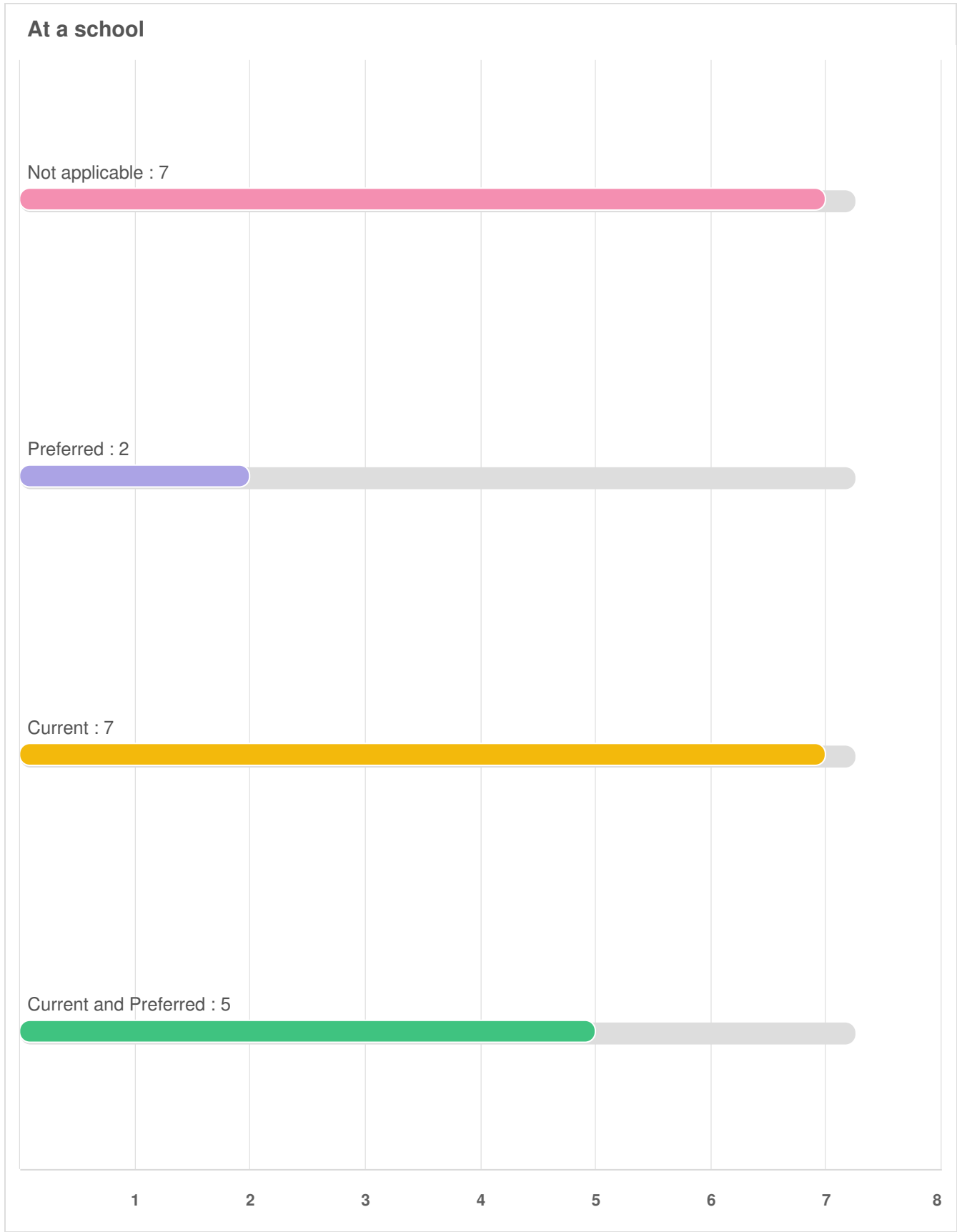
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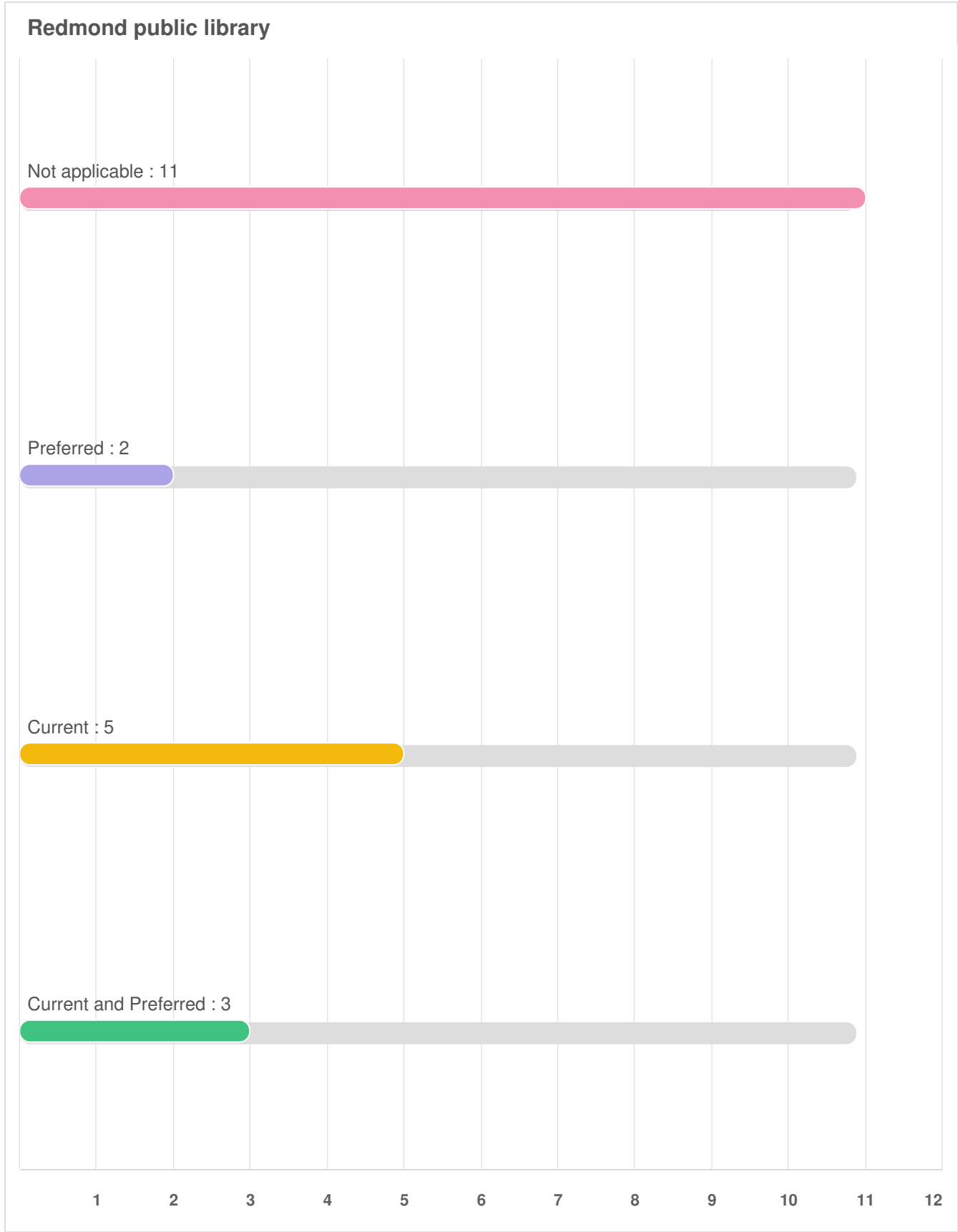


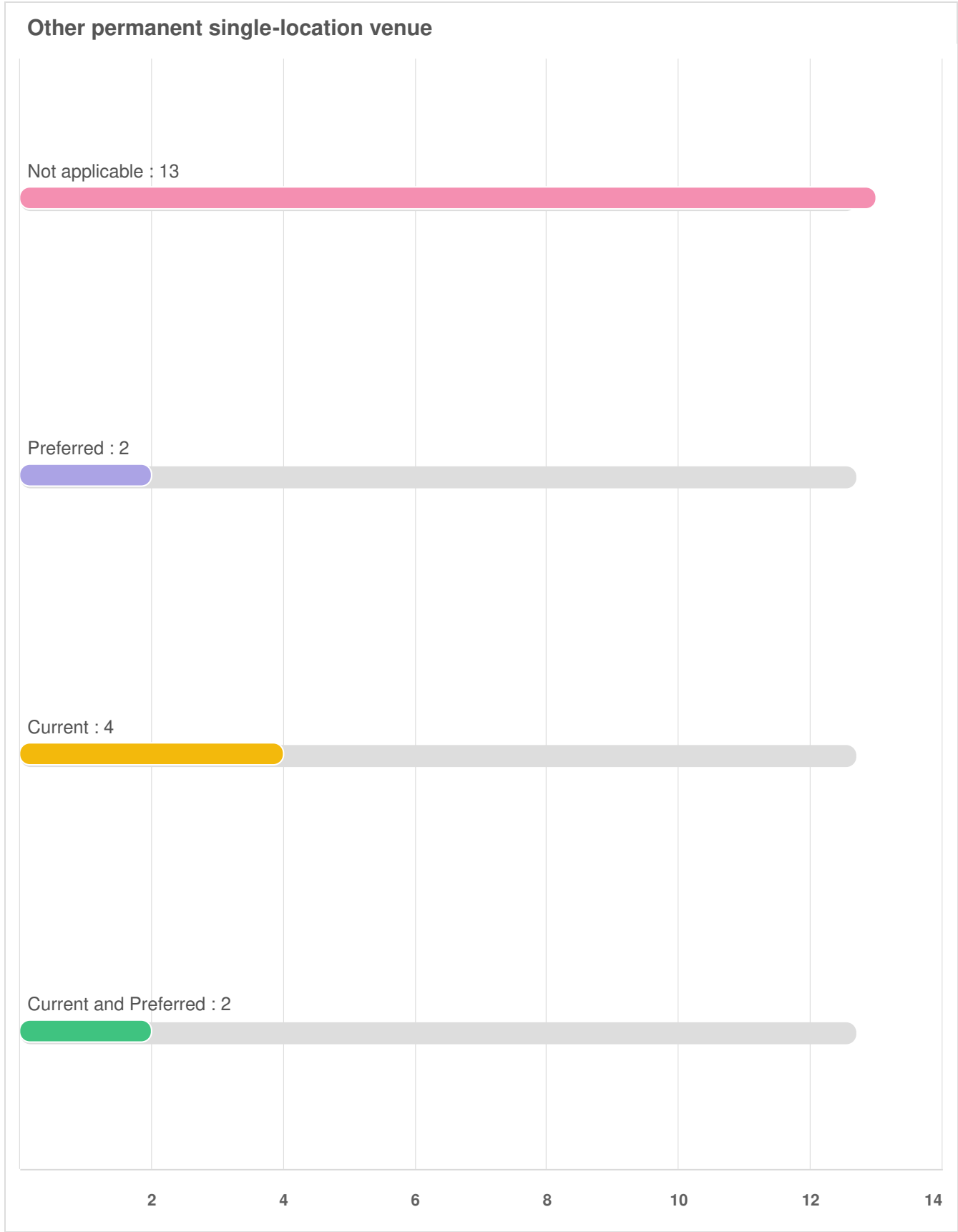
Current and Preferred : 1

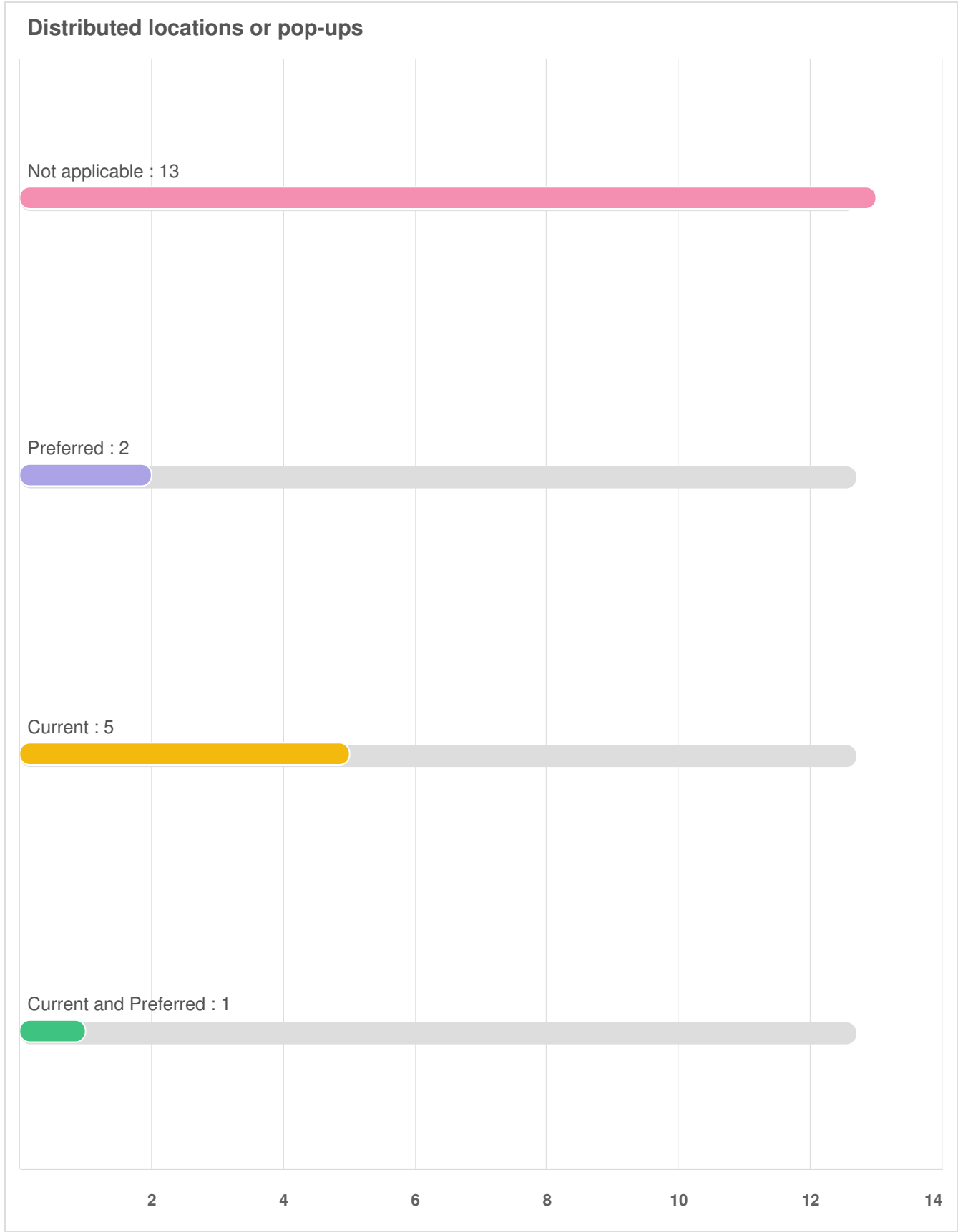


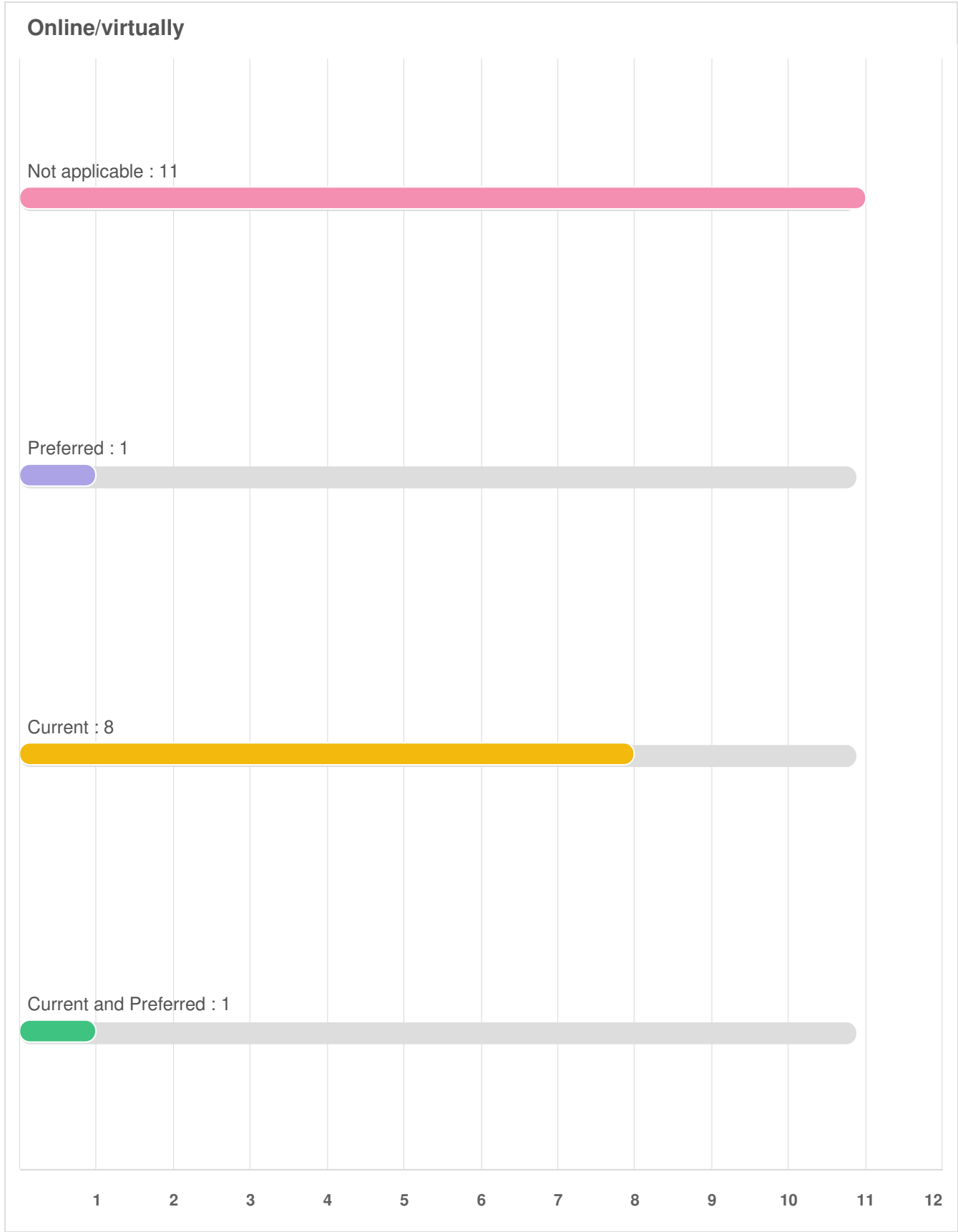
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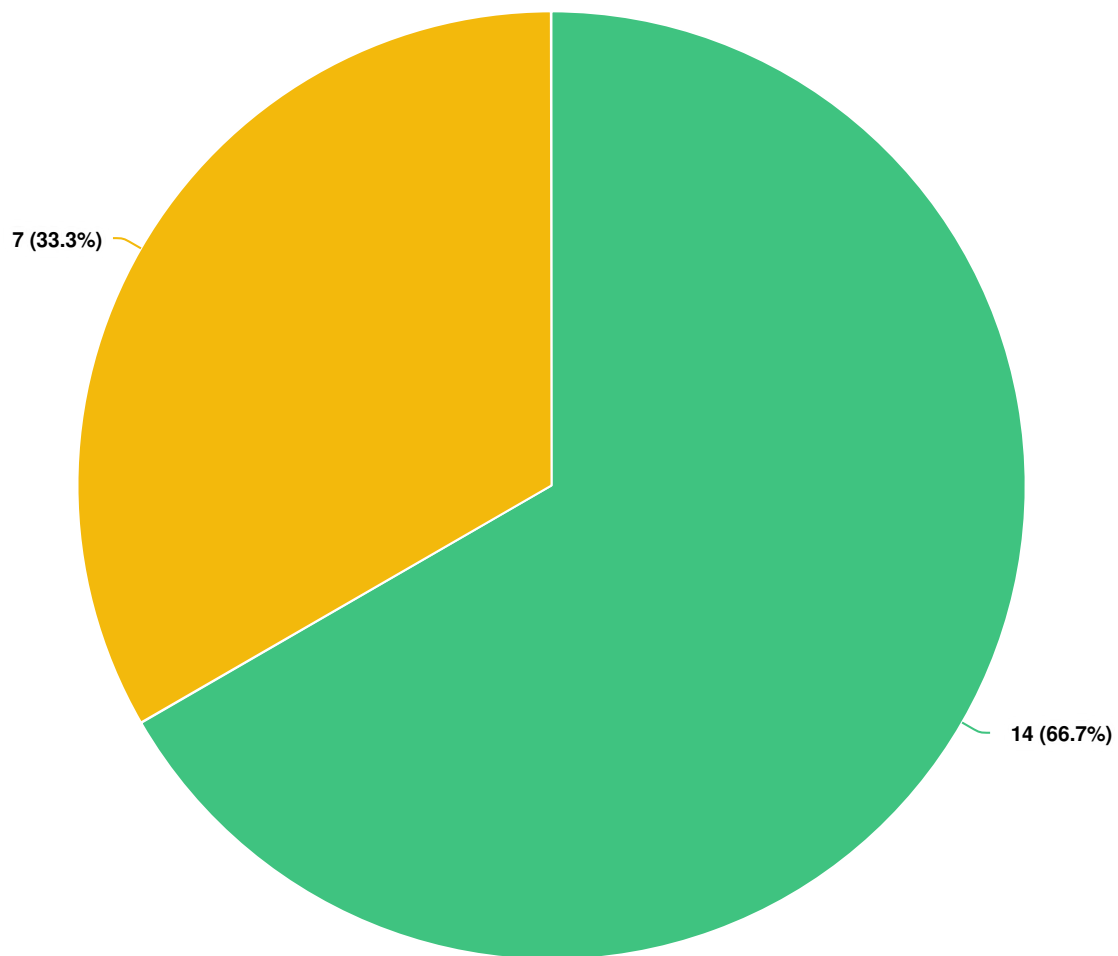








Q23 | Are there other locations not listed above where the teens you serve go to receive your services or participate in programs? What are teens' preferred locations for the services you provide?



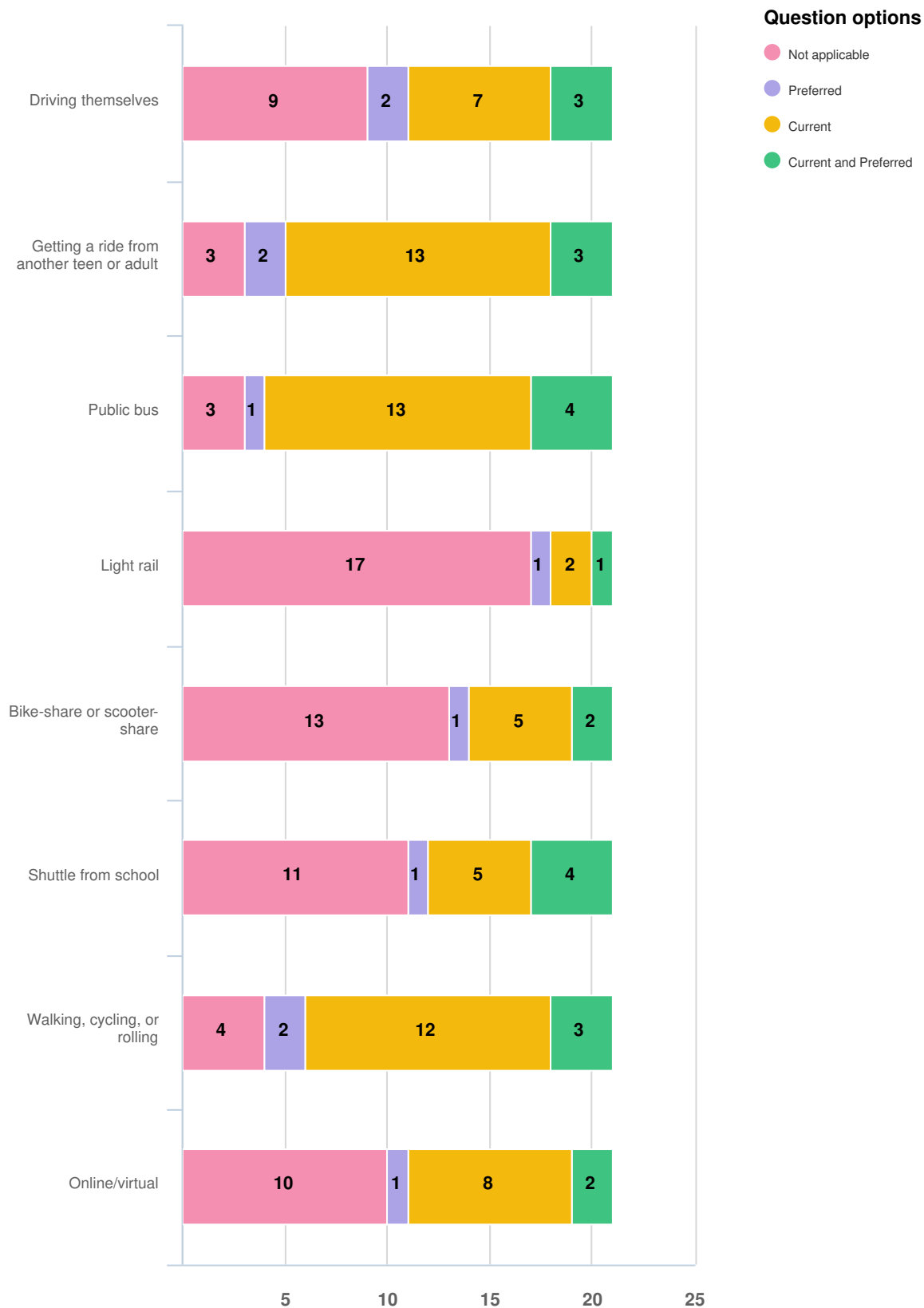
Question options

● Yes (please explain) ● No

Mandatory Question (21 response(s))

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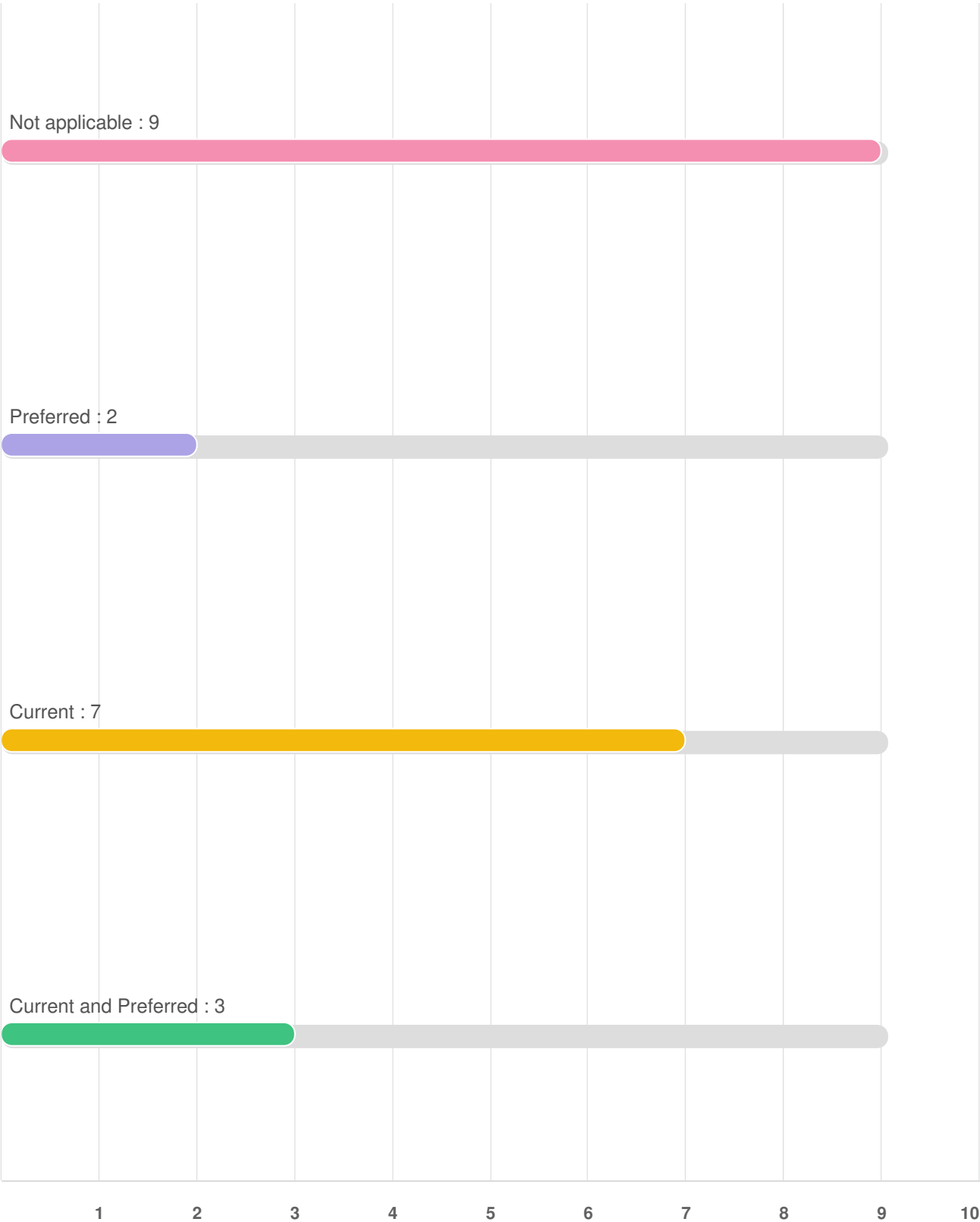
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How do you prefer that teens get to or access them?**



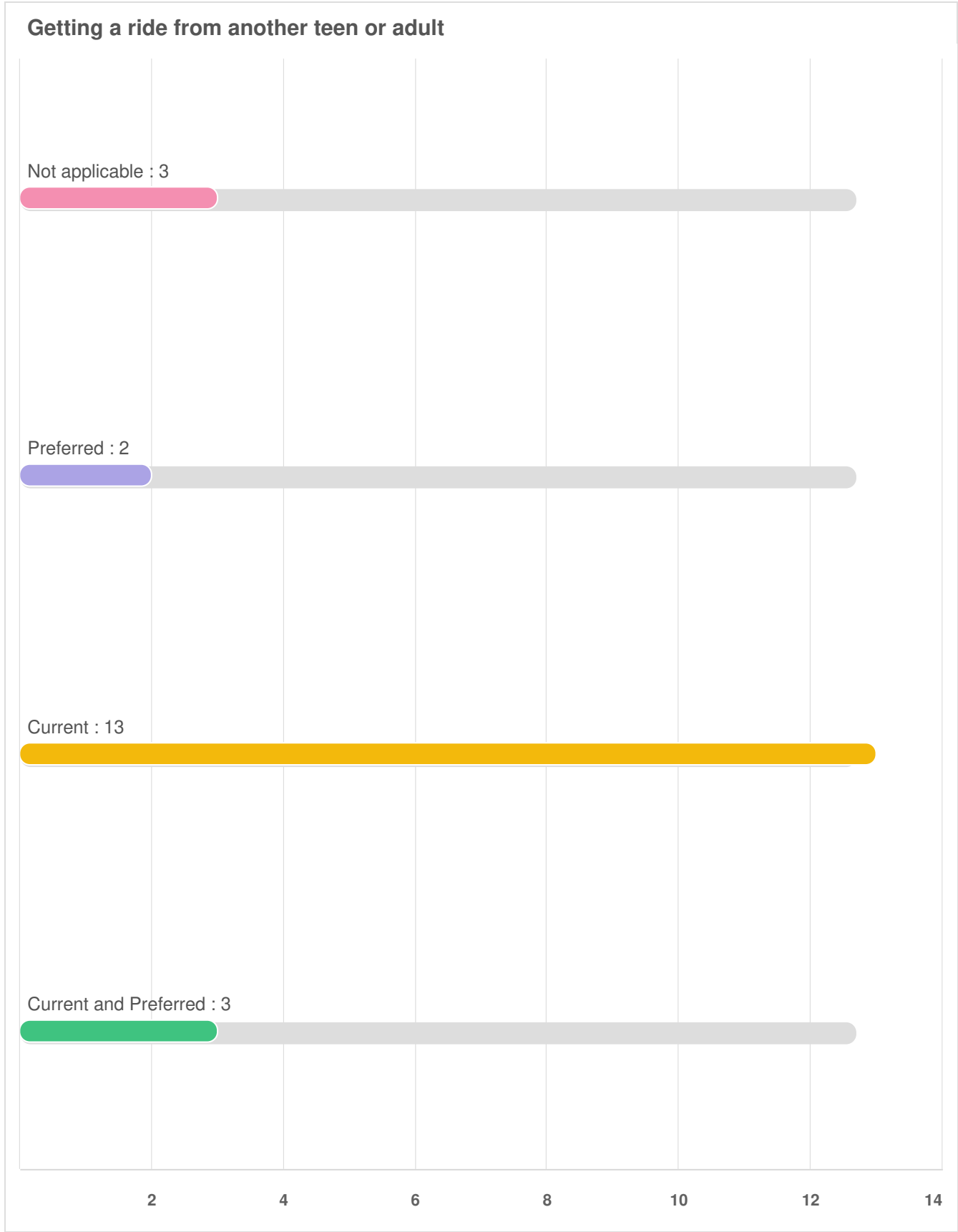
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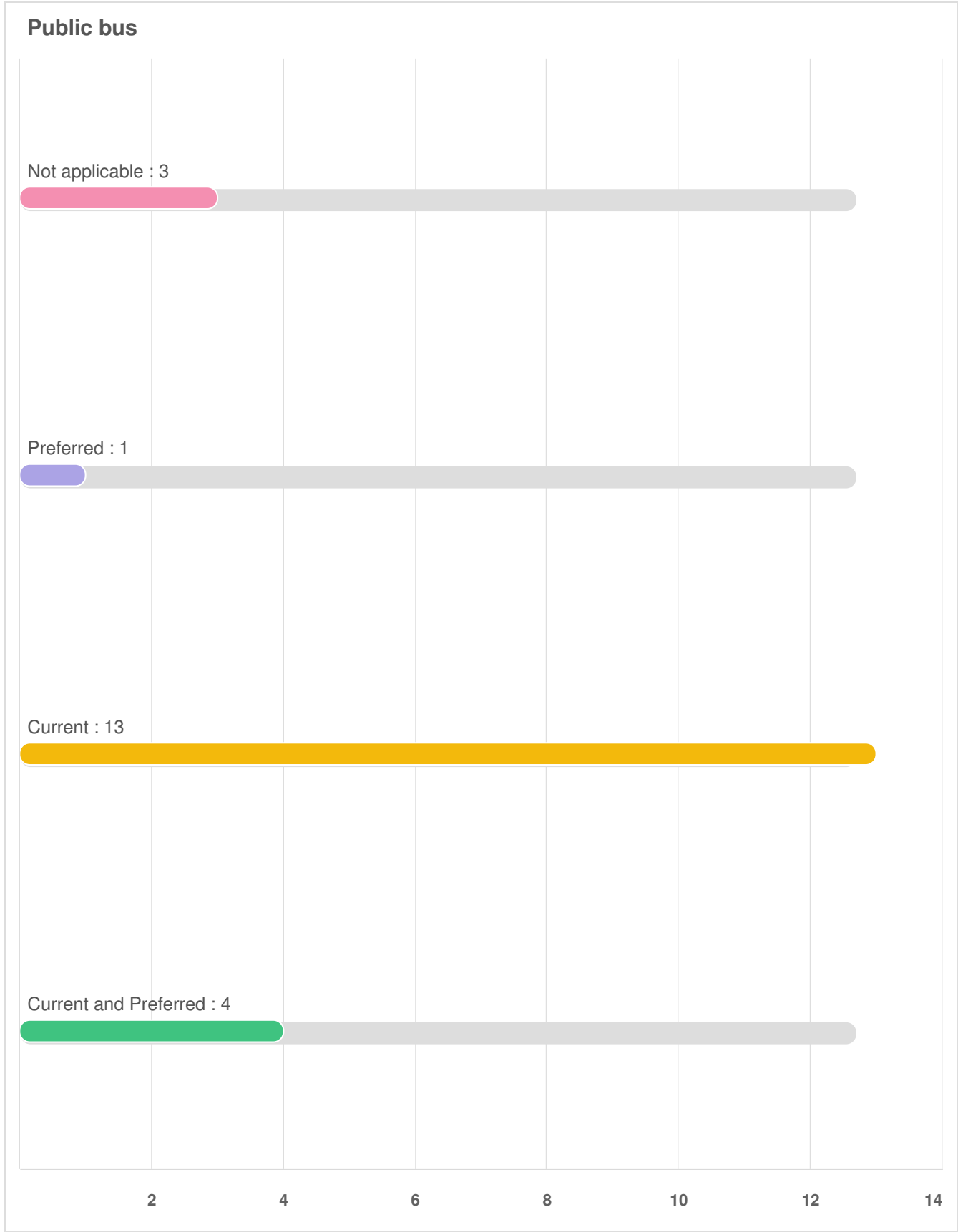
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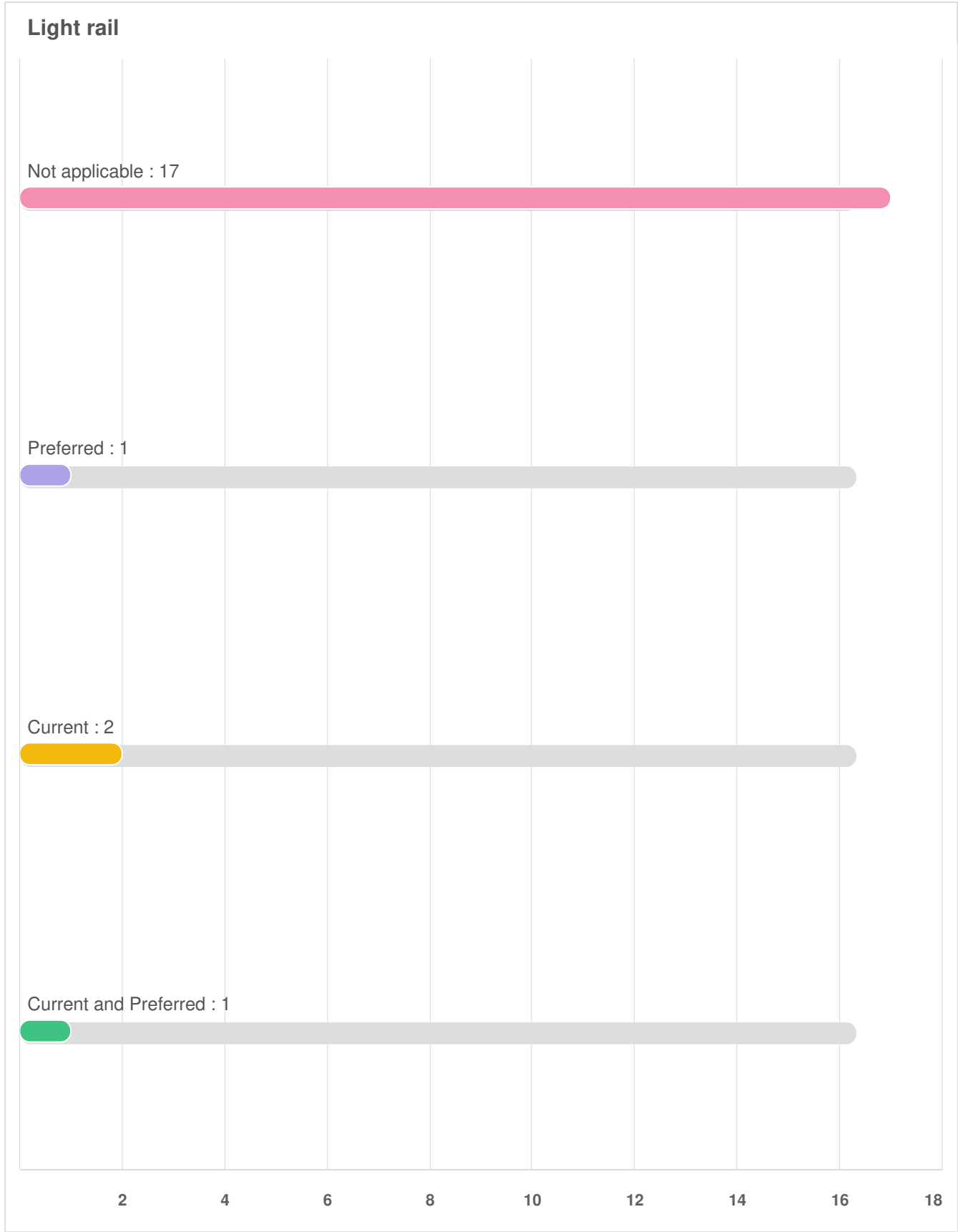
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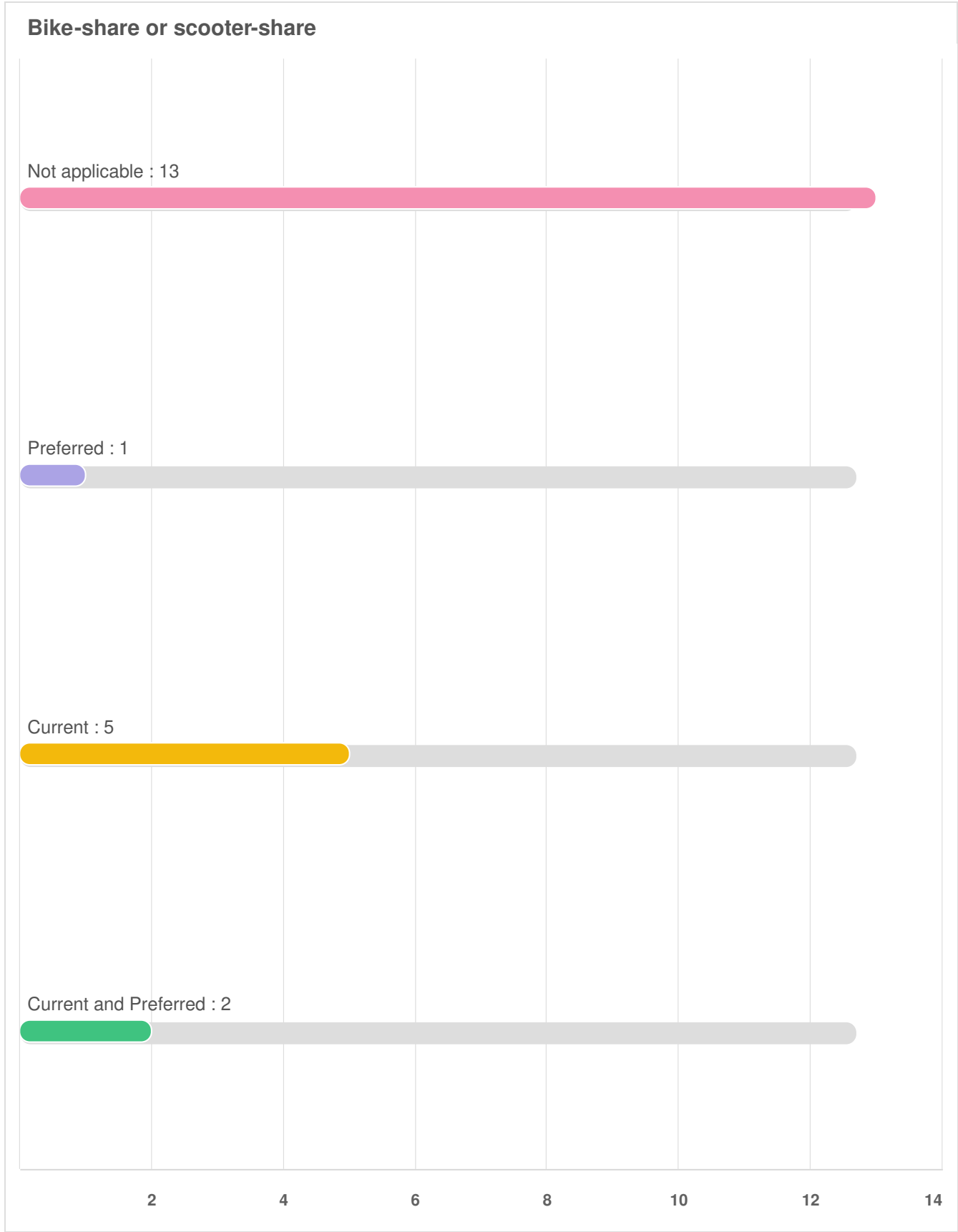


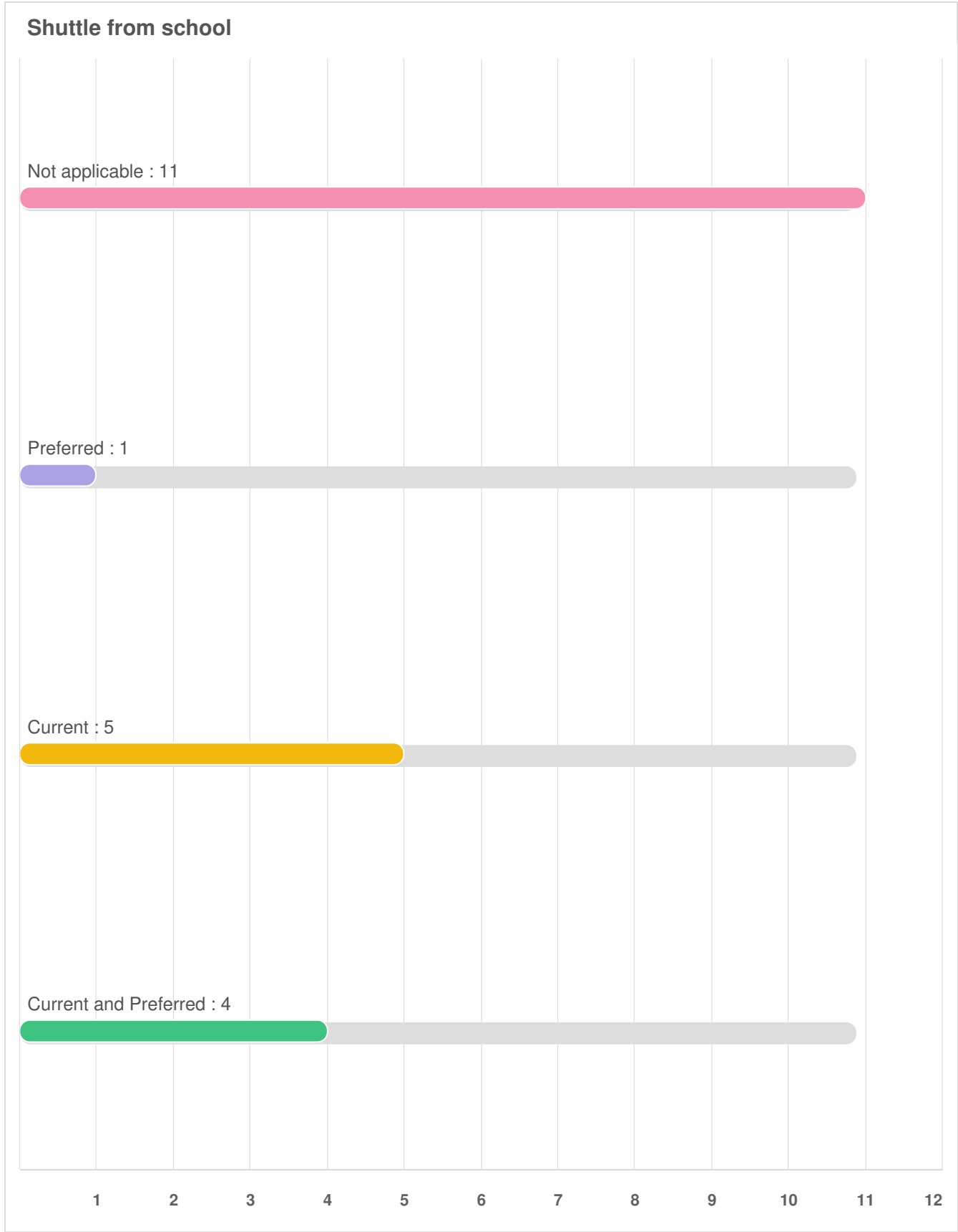
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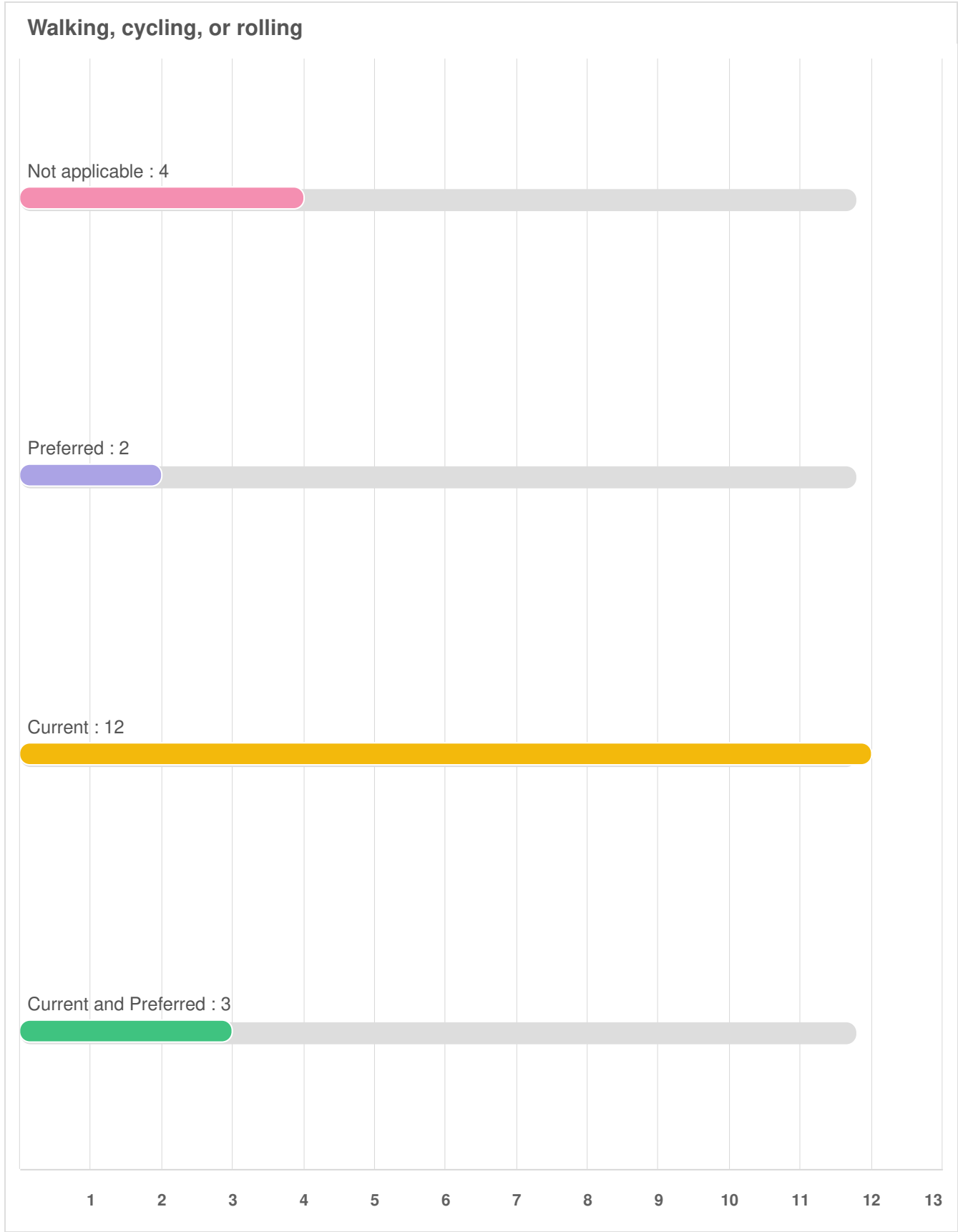


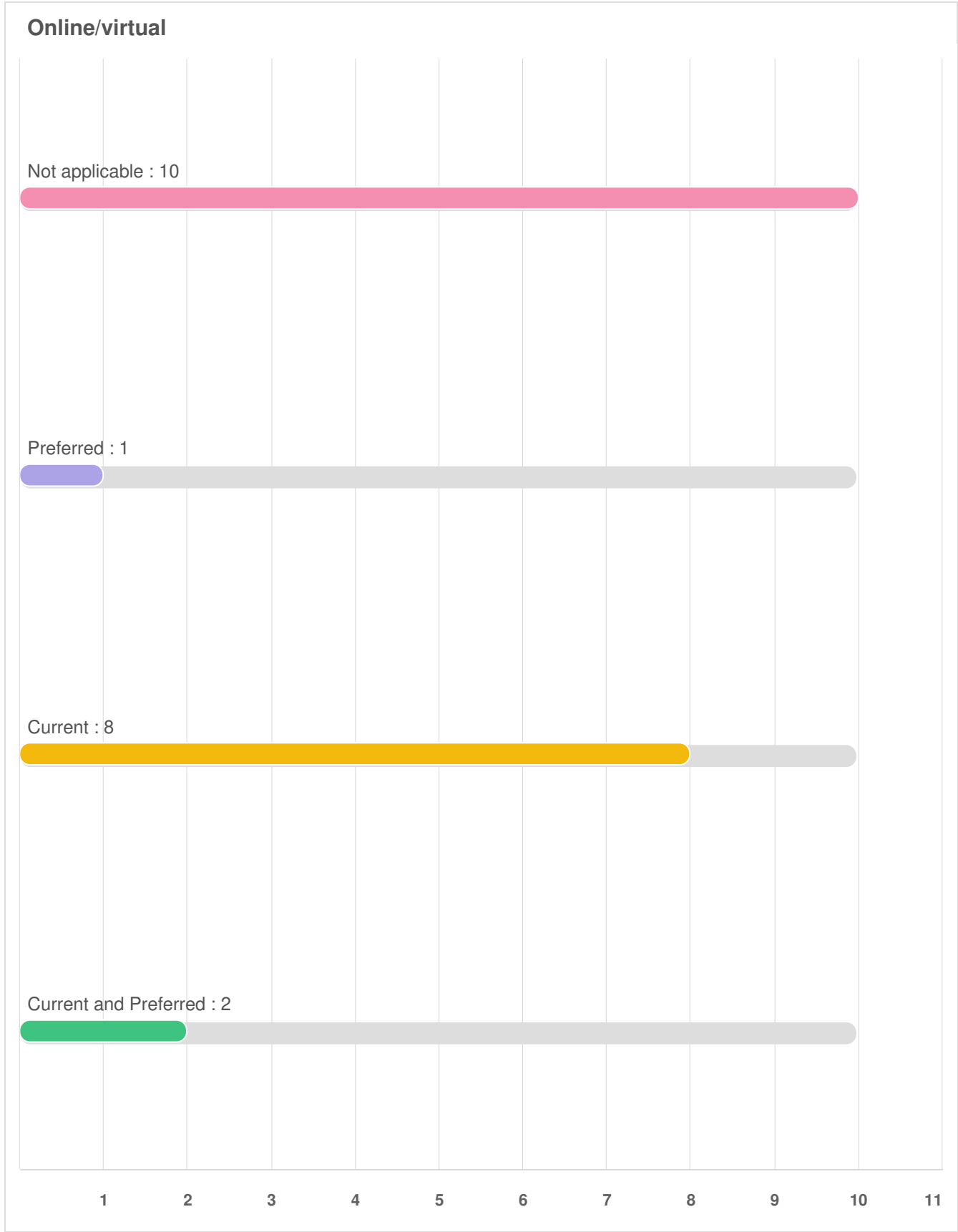




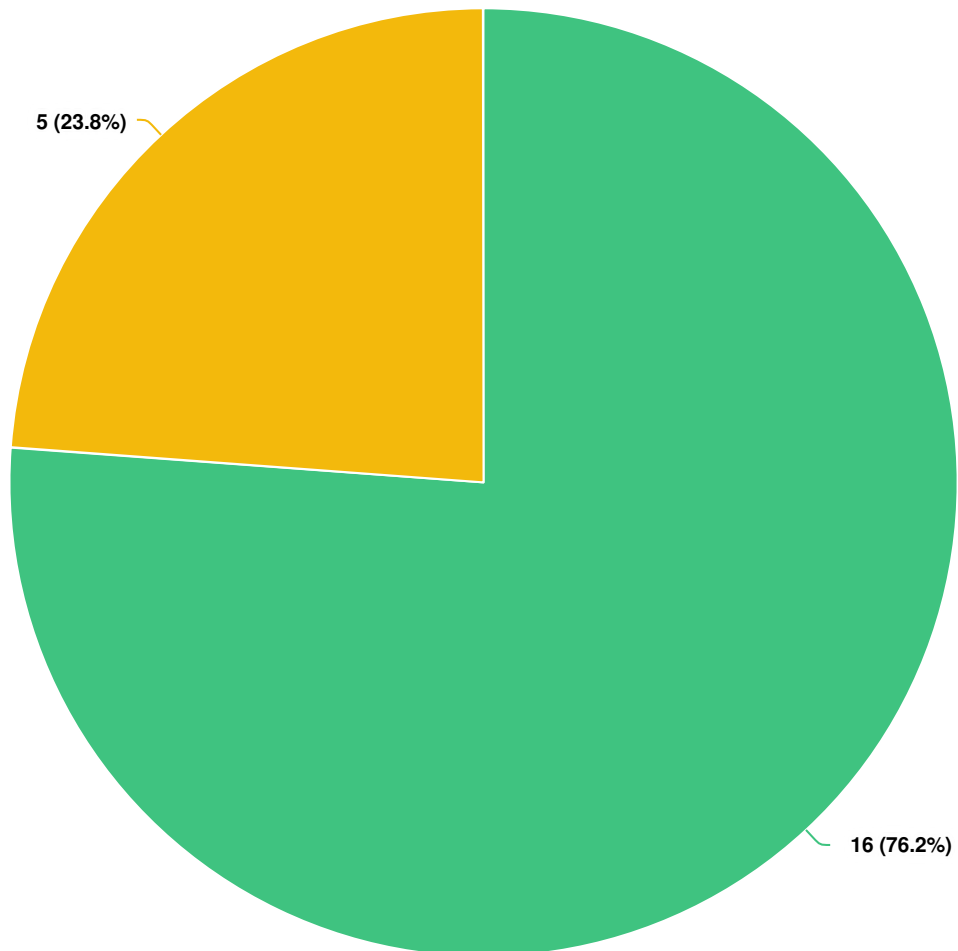








Q25 | Are there any other ways the teens you serve get to or access your services or participate in programs? How do you prefer that teens get to or access them?



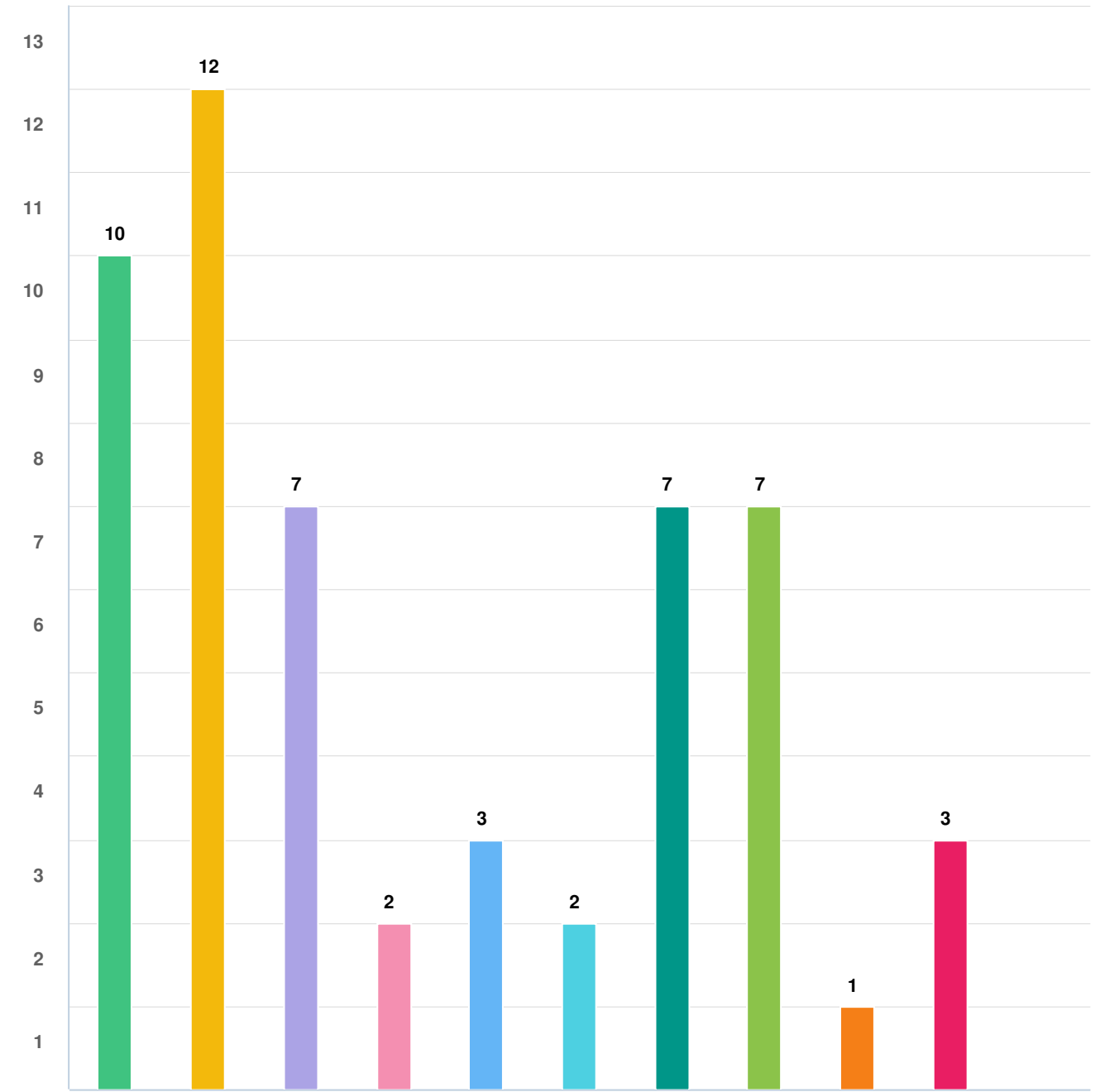
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Mandatory Question (21 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q26 What are the top three needs that City teen services meet for the teens you serve?

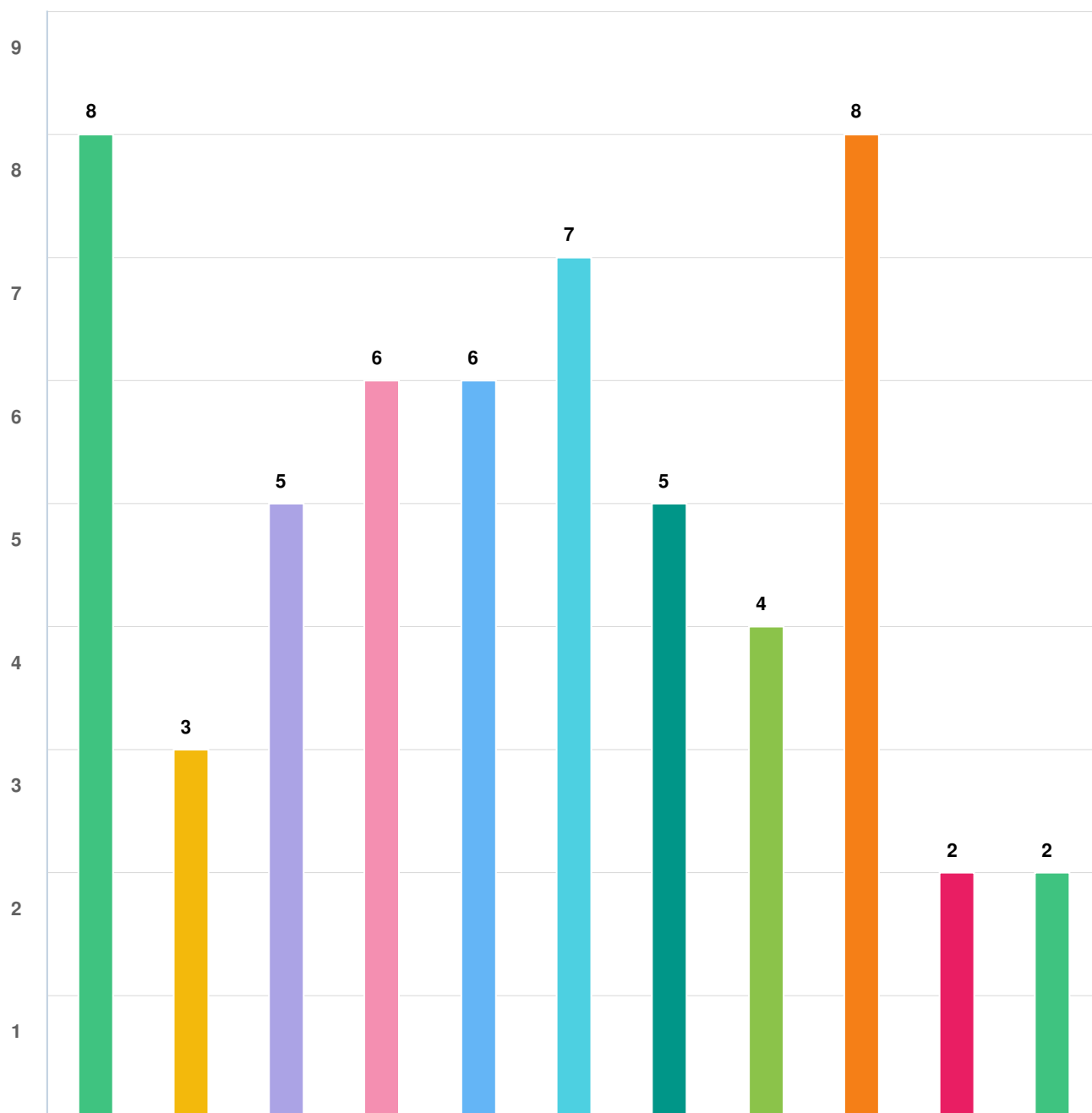


Question options

- Other (fill in)
- None of the above / not applicable
- Access to food or other resources
- A place to have fun and relax
- Access to resources that support mental health and well-being
- A platform to have teen voices heard in City decisions
- Support for future career and academic success
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills and give back to the community
- A space to create or practice music and art
- A safe and supportive environment
- A stronger sense of belonging and connection with other teens

Mandatory Question (21 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q27 Think about the needs of the teens you serve that are not being met by City teen services or other services or programs. What are the top three unmet needs for the teens you serve?



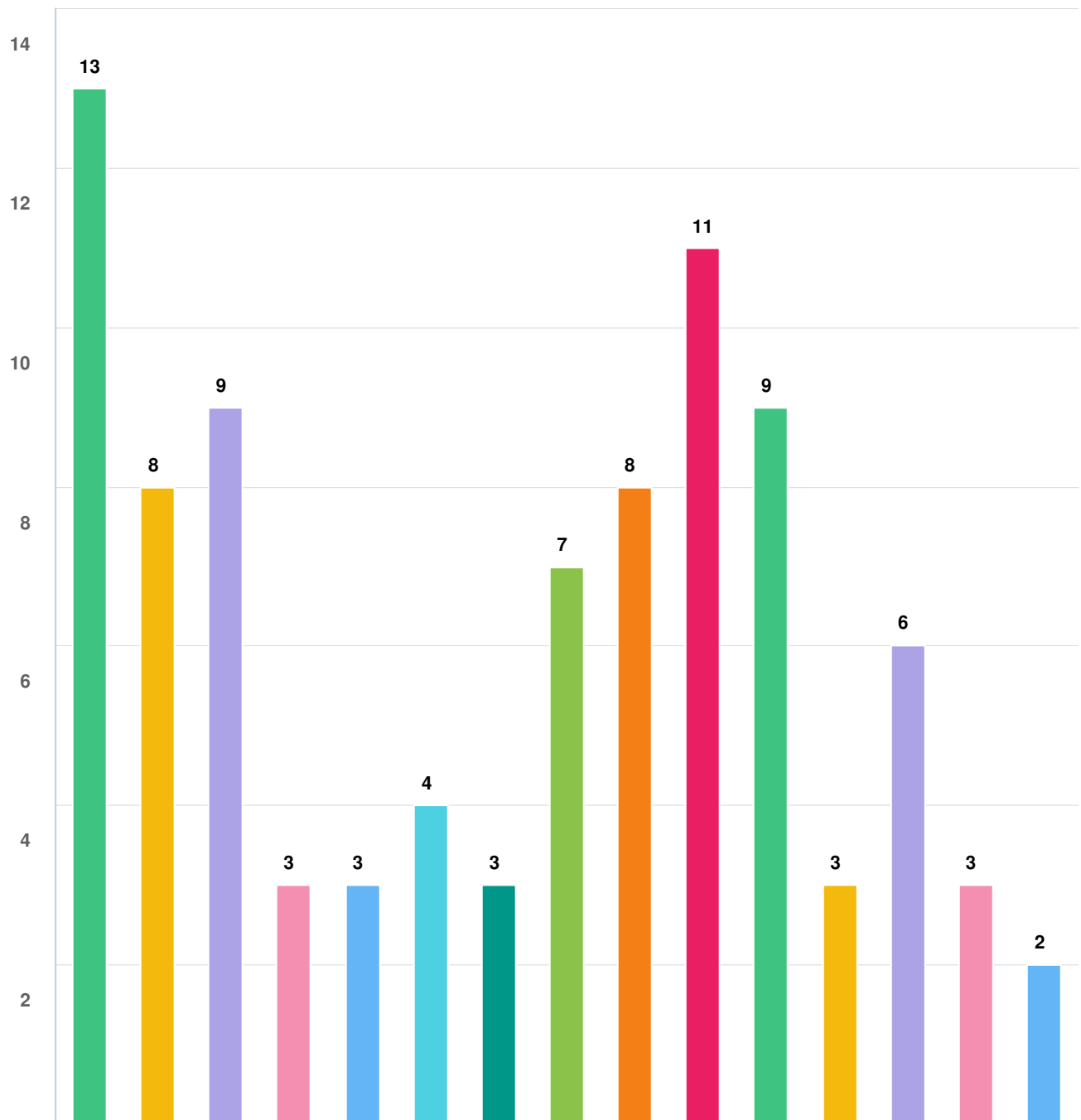
Question options

- Other (fill in)
 ● None of the above / not applicable
 ● Access to food or other resources
- A place to have fun and relax
 ● Access to resources that support mental health and well-being
- A platform to have teen voices heard in City decisions
 ● Support for future career and academic success
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills and give back to the community
 ● A space to create or practice music and art
- A safe and supportive environment
 ● A stronger sense of belonging and connection with other teens

Mandatory Question (21 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q28 Where do the teens you serve go to school? Select all that apply.

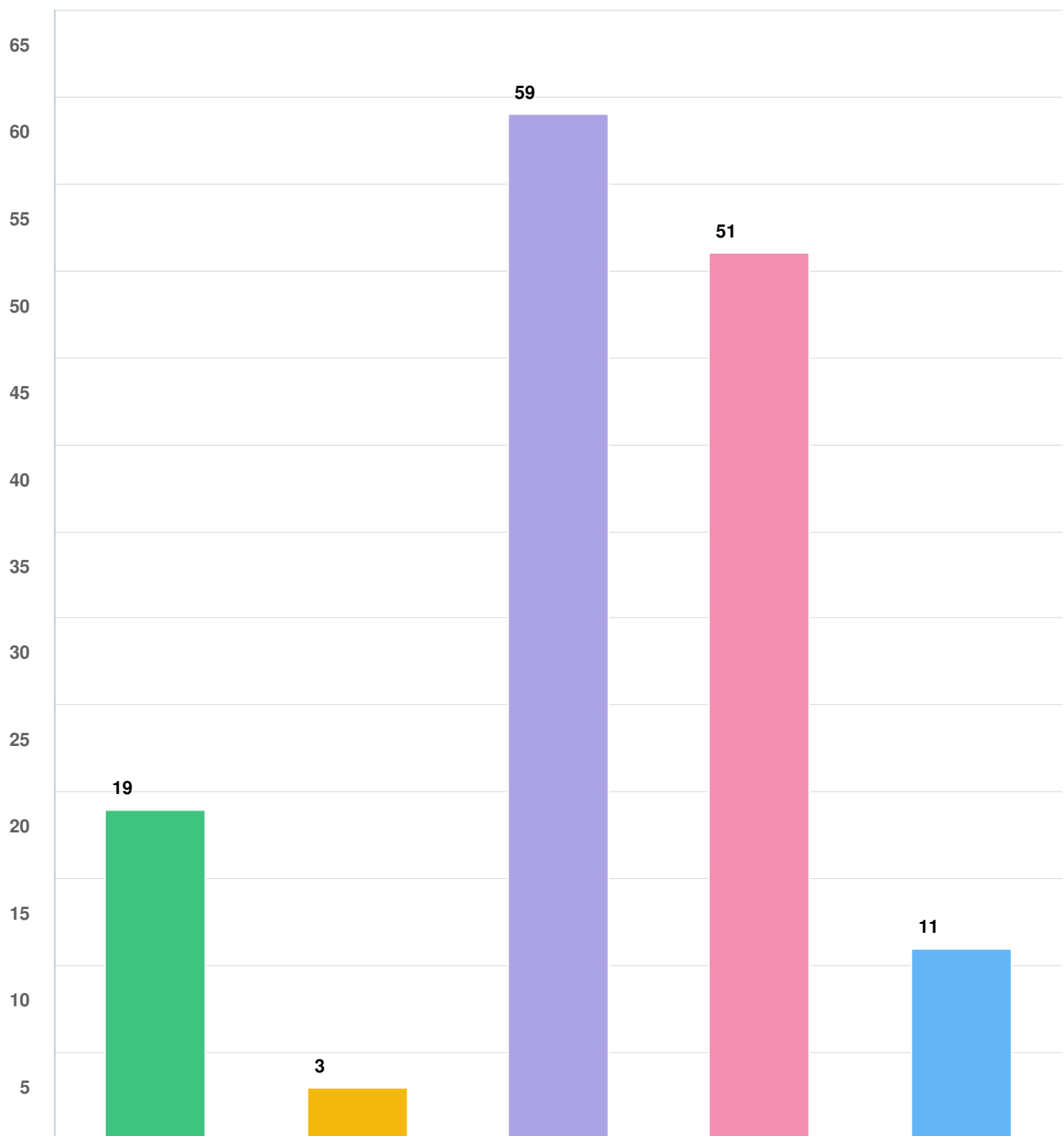


Question options

- Other (fill in)
 ● Not connected with any Redmond schools
 ● Homeschooled in Redmond
- Stella Schola Middle School
 ● Rose Hill Middle School
 ● Redmond Middle School
 ● Timberline Middle School
- Evergreen Middle School
 ● Willows Preparatory School
 ● The Overlake School
 ● The Bear Creek School
- Brightmont Academy
 ● Lake Washington High School
 ● Nikola Tesla STEM High School
 ● Redmond High School

Mandatory Question (21 response(s))
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q29 What is your relationship to current or future teens in Redmond?



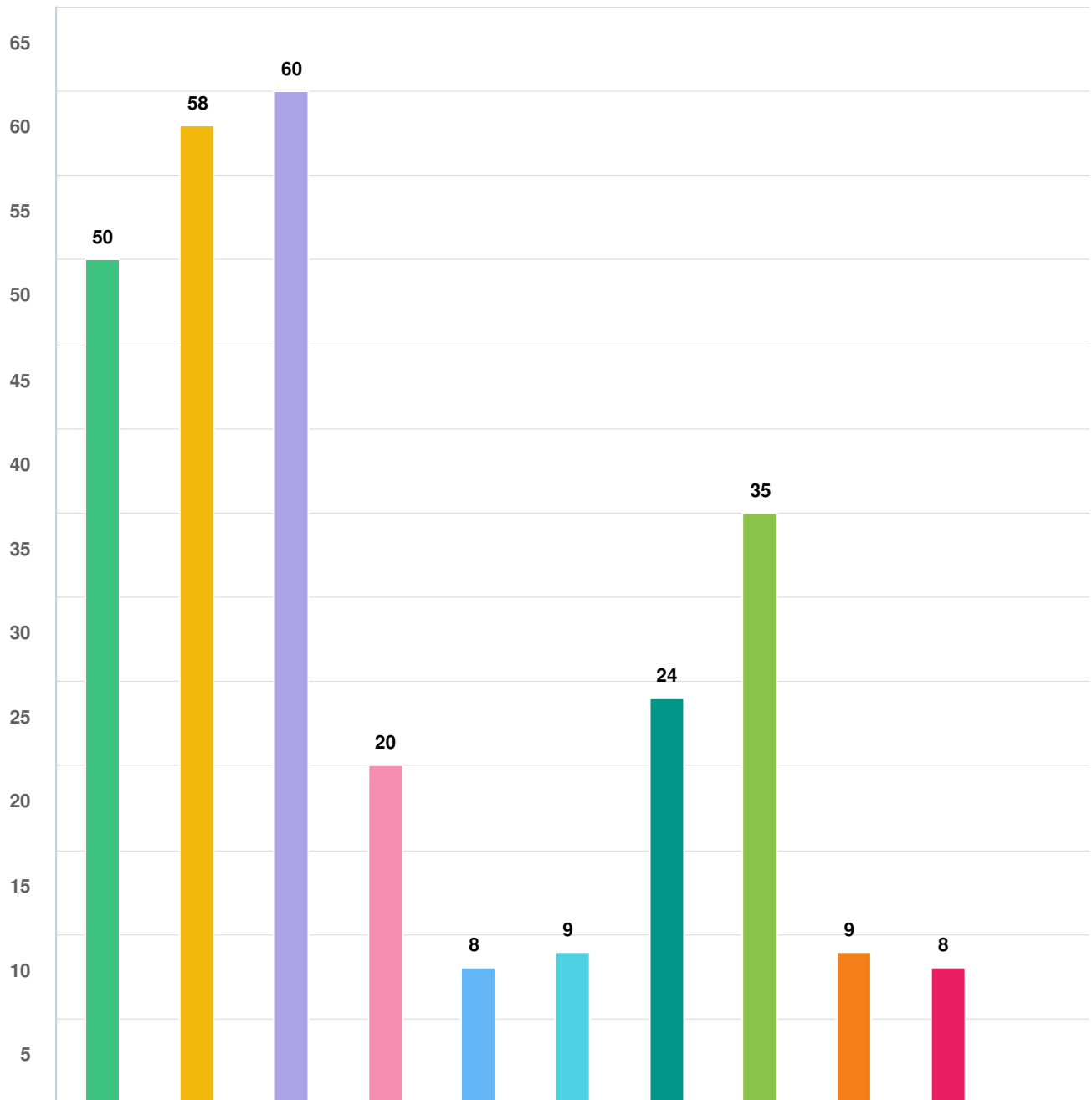
Question options

- ☐ Other (fill in)
- ☐ I used to use, receive, or participate in Redmond teen services
- ☐ I am a neighbor and community member invested in teen well-being
- ☐ I employ teens in Redmond
- ☐ I am a family member or friend of a current or future teen

Mandatory Question (96 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q30 What are the top three needs that City teen services should address for Redmond teens?



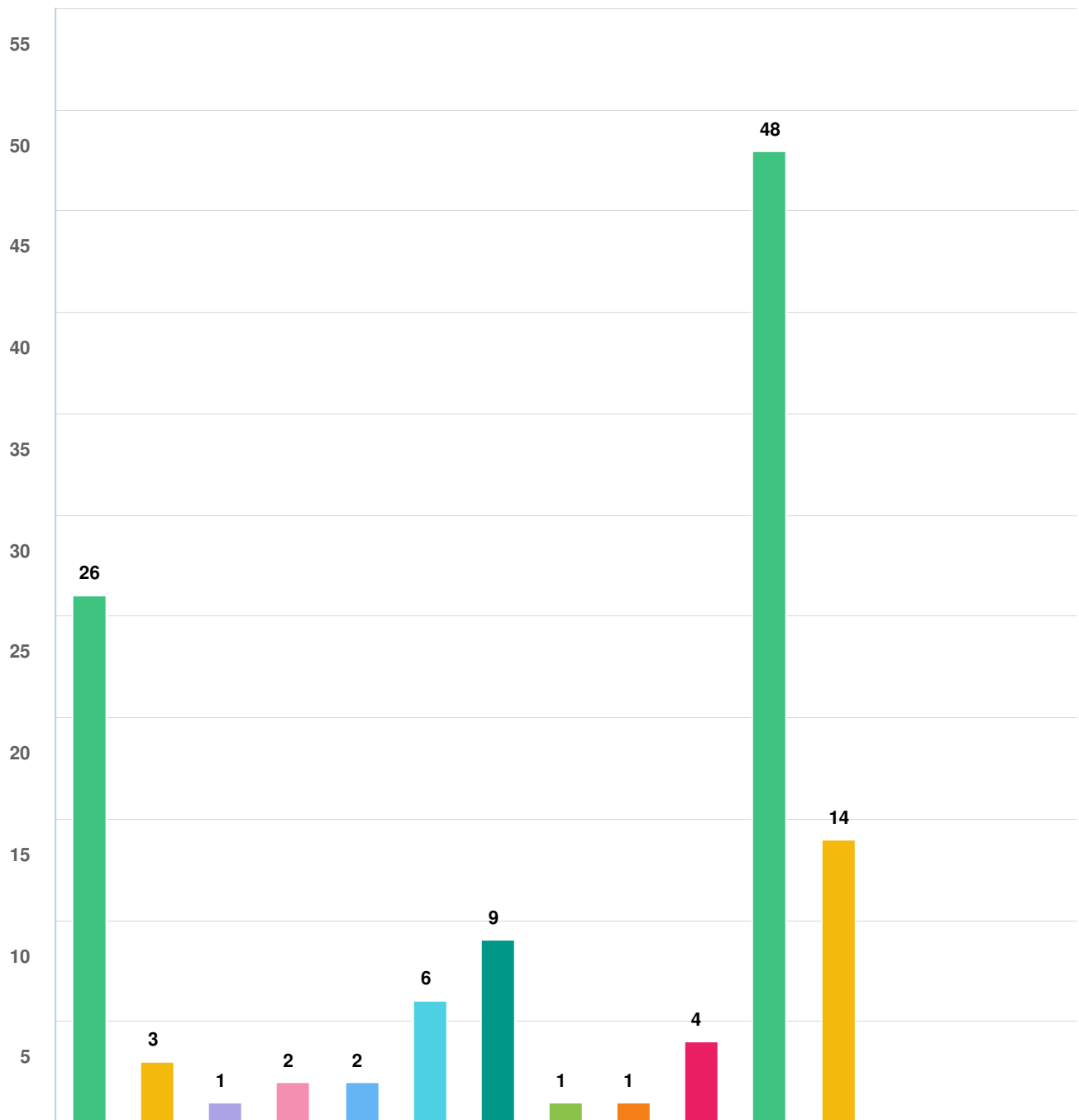
Question options

- None of the above / not applicable
 ● Other (fill in)
 ● Access to food or other resources
- A place to have fun and relax
 ● Access to resources that support mental health and well-being
- A platform to have teen voices heard in City decisions
 ● Support for future career and academic success
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills and give back to the community
 ● A space to create or practice music and art
- A safe and supportive environment
 ● A stronger sense of belonging and connection with other teens

Mandatory Question (96 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q31 Are you connected with any Redmond schools? If so, which ones? Select all that apply.

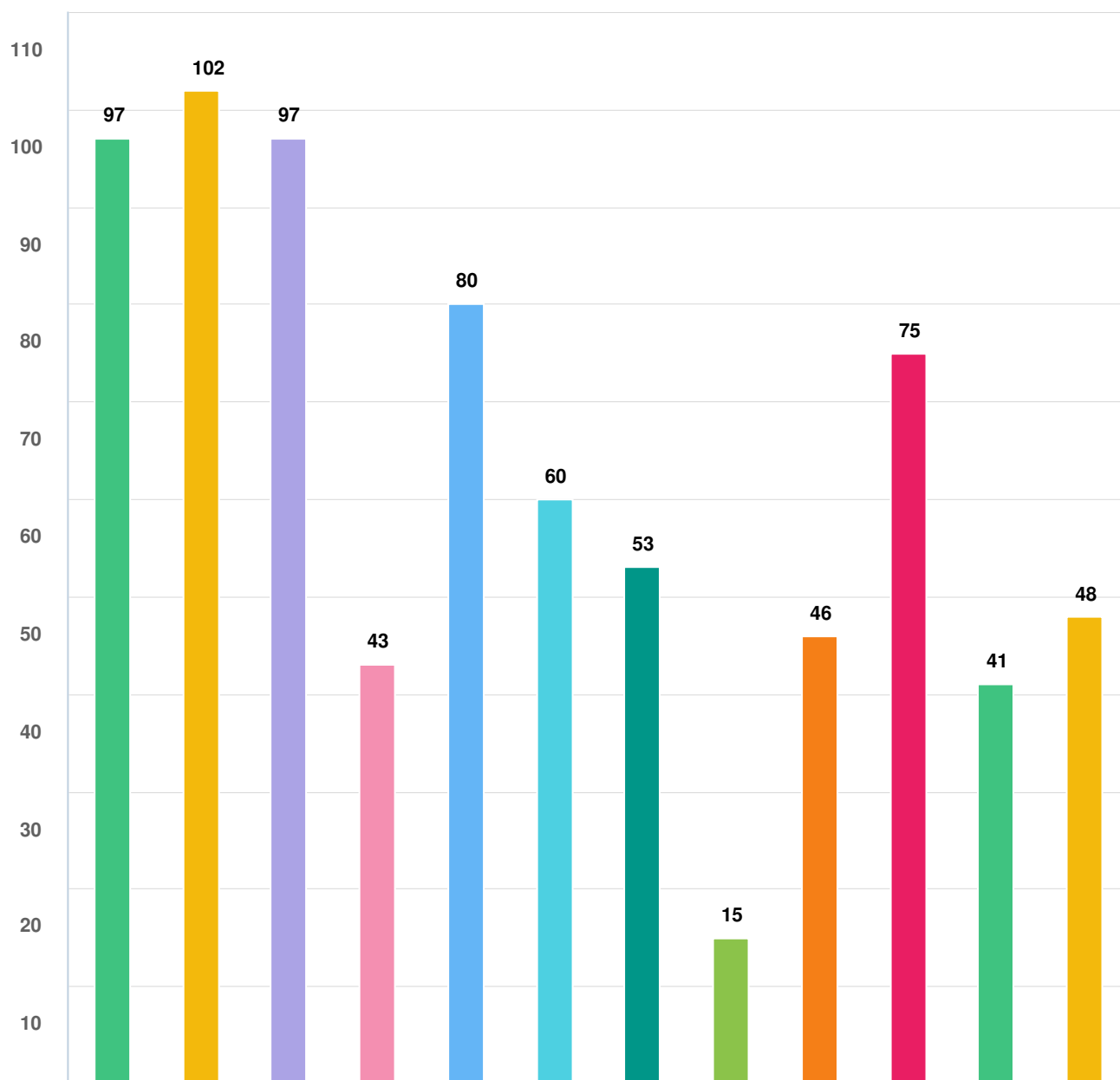


Question options

- Timberline Middle School
 ● Willows Preparatory School
 ● Brightmont Academy
 ● Other (fill in)
- Not connected with any Redmond schools
 ● Homeschooled in Redmond
 ● Stella Schola Middle School
- Rose Hill Middle School
 ● Redmond Middle School
 ● Evergreen Middle School
 ● The Overlake School
- The Bear Creek School
 ● Lake Washington High School
 ● Nikola Tesla STEM High School
 ● Redmond High School

Mandatory Question (96 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q32 What are the top three improvements you would like to see from City teen services?



Question options

- Other (fill in)
 ● More services and programs that reflect my culture, community, or interests
- Employment opportunities available through City teen services
 ● More basic needs met through City teen services (i.e., food)
- Services and programs that are more accessible to my needs and abilities (i.e., adaptive recreation)
- Better transportation to services and programs
 ● More affordable services and programs
- Services offered in locations that I can get to more easily
 ● Services offered in more locations
- Greater frequency or availability of service or program offerings
- More service or program offerings of a particular type (i.e., arts)
 ● Wider variety of services and programming

Mandatory Question (297 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q33 In your own words, how can the City address these needs?

Anonymous

3/28/2025 06:07 PM

KEEP OLD FIREHOUSE TEENCENTER OPEN

Anonymous

3/28/2025 06:09 PM

The city of Redmond needs a place where teenagers can socialize and connect that appeals to a broader outreach of teenagers. While I love the Firehouse, it really only appeals to musicians and artsy teens, which is great but lacking for teenagers who are interested in other fields such as sports or STEM. I wish I saw a more diverse crowd at the Firehouse.

youngjchoe

3/28/2025 06:13 PM

Keep the OFH to continue the legacy as renovating the bldg safe.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 09:46 PM

by telling us what the issues with the building are and allowing us time to fundraise for the issues so they can be fixxed

Anonymous

3/28/2025 09:49 PM

The City could address these needs by investing more in existing teen programs and spaces, especially the Old Firehouse Teen Center. Relocating these programs will only decrease the likelihood of teens having their currently filled or unfulfilled needs met.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 09:58 PM

Things for young people to do either need to be cheap or free, not everyone can spend money every day, the focus should be on public services rather than developing an economic structure that is built for profiting of off recreation.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 09:59 PM

Keep the Old Firehouse Teen Center open, and invest in building improvements to address maintenance issues.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 09:59 PM

Not tearing down dedicated teen centers

Anonymous

3/28/2025 10:00 PM

Either extend the deadline and wait for us to make the money for repairs, or help fund the building.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 10:02 PM

Not closing the old firehouse teen center would be a start

Anonymous

3/28/2025 10:05 PM

I think they can start by keeping the Old Firehouse. That place has been a home for so many teens over the years. What we need is a home where it is just us teens. We need a place to keep our culture of Redmond alive and the old firehouse is iconic in Redmond history and I would want to send my kids there in the future.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 10:08 PM

By listening to teens who are in these spaces more directly. Also, extend the date of closing the old firehouse teen center so people have more time, if the building is safe for occupancy and only has long-term issues, there's no reason the "relocation" couldn't take more time. Give a set space, away from adults/not in a shared space where adults can roam around, in reasonable distance to where the ofh teen center is located, and is accessible with no costs and open consistently (atleast 3 times a week or, preferably, more).

Anonymous

3/28/2025 10:11 PM

The city can address my needs as a teen by keeping the teen center where it is, and putting in the money and effort into retaining this amazing community. currently marymoor is entirely inaccessible to me, and therefore I am deprived of a resource that is incredibly important to me.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 10:22 PM

DON'T CLOSE THE FIREHOUSE!!! It's a vital, accessible, historical space that the teens love.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 11:15 PM

Keeping the Firehouse alive

Anonymous

3/28/2025 11:52 PM

The City, for a start, needs to amend their current action if trust can even begin to be rebuilt. Old Firehouse Teen Center should be kept open; it's going to be continued to be maintained, so there's no point to vacating the lot if the City will continue spending money to keep it safe regardless. Rather than allocate funds for a new dedicated teen space that fulfills OFH's role in the community, and rather than giving up and shuffling it into a mixed building without further thought, aforementioned funds should be dedicated to the perpetuation of OFH so that it may continue operating its variety of services and programs. Maintaining OFH, whatever it may cost to bring it to the City's esoteric standards considering it is only deigned a potential future liability but perfectly safe at present, is surely less costly than an entirely new building for its services *and* whatever it takes to preserve its legacy; a legacy which could instead remain alive.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 08:52 AM

In the past, OFH has been an incredible resource for youth to develop their capacities in self directed ways with the assistance of adults who they see as friends. Maintaining this dynamic of youth lead programming that fills the gaps that aren't attended to in the traditional school system is vital. This means opportunities to raise youth into leadership positions within a microculture that they themselves dictate, based on their own interests, that is protected and supported by adults.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 11:42 AM

The Old Redmond Firehouse teen center has been a cornerstone of youth programming in Redmond for years. Youth culture and music are intertwined, and a program that ties together teen services, events, and activities that all have the opportunity to participate in is a tremendous resource for the city. The OFH has a legacy of "coolness" that is impossible to recreate, and giving teens the opportunity to perform on the same stage as local music greats is as inspiring as it gets.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 11:56 AM

The City can address these needs by partnering with purpose-driven initiatives that equip youth with the skills, confidence, and faith needed to build a strong foundation for their future. We aim to collaborate by providing programs that foster financial literacy, job opportunities, and community engagement, all while reinforcing the values of faith, self-confidence, and mutual care. By creating a supportive environment that empowers young people to trust in God, believe in themselves, and recognize the importance of unity and family, we can inspire a generation to build a thriving, connected community. Through mentorship, hands-on learning, and smart technology solutions, we can prepare youth for a positive and impactful future.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 01:33 PM

Provide an environment that fosters creativity in an accessible location for those who utilize the services. Removing teen programs from centralized downtown Redmond to Southeast Redmond would be a detriment to the future of Redmond teens.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 01:40 PM

Retain the current location at the old fire house

Anonymous

3/29/2025 02:12 PM

You must listen carefully to a wide variety of teens, teen professionals of all backgrounds, the community and respond with direct action correlated to the information you have gathered from those groups. Quite often we as adults and those responsible for making decisions

quite often want to take the easy and less risk oriented routes when providing programming and support. The term "at risk" that was used in the past has "risk" in the title. And we as adults must take some risks in reaching out and supporting our young people to give them what they truly need, not what would be easiest to provide. A community that invests in their youth, invest in the future well being and prosperity of their community.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 02:44 PM

Keeping the old fire house teen center. it is literally the most accessible for me and so many others.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 02:46 PM

Building more buildings and listening to teens needs and wants.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 03:12 PM

Keep the firehouse open

Anonymous

3/29/2025 07:44 PM

Fund the old firehouse

Anonymous

3/29/2025 08:03 PM

Maintain programs already in place and build upon them by increasing accessibility, available hours, and program offerings. The fire house is a historic place and maintaining that history is important to the function of the space. As a teen I immediately felt at home there because it was space that had been a home for other misfits for decades. That can't be replaced. It's not just Redmond history - it's Washington state history. It's iconic and is such an inspiring space for all.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 08:22 PM

Keep the old fire station center open and running!

Anonymous

3/29/2025 08:55 PM

By not shutting the old firehouse down

Anonymous

3/29/2025 09:50 PM

Maintain the location of the redmond firehouse. More regular art activities/classes and programs.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 12:02 AM

By repairing or replacing the Old Firehouse Teen Venter

Anonymous

3/30/2025 12:38 AM

The city can do better by reconsidering their decision to close the firehouse, which has been such a pivotal space for myself and so many others for decades already. It is a space for those who feel like they didn't belong to feel safe and supported, and the spirit of the place isn't something that can be so easily "relocated". At the very least, the city should carefully consider the impact their decisions would make on current and future teens, as well as involve us more in matters that so clearly directly affect our livelihoods and development as the future of the city.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 02:11 AM

Keep OFH open!

Anonymous

3/30/2025 07:26 AM

Keep Old Redmond firehouse open for teens. Combining it with community center defeats the entire purpose of a teen center. The point is a Dade, welcome third space for teens, not just programs shoehorned into a senior center. Redmond is losing its entire character

Anonymous

3/30/2025 07:55 AM

Giving teens a platform to do performances and make art for each other. The firehouse was great for this because the space felt like a space specifically for teens and music.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 09:28 AM

By having a dedicated space for teens in mind, such as the Old Fire House.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 12:19 PM

Preserving and restoring the historic Old Firehouse building for continued use as a teen center, re-implementing programs such as Teen Feed and access to social and mental health resources like an onsite counsellor, ensuring that majority of programming is free and drop-in hours are maintained, and including teen voices in decisions made regarding their community.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 01:32 PM

Bring back the original intent of the Old Redmond Fire House Teen Center. The downtown local, the programs, the counseling services.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 03:39 PM

Providing a space the teens can call their own- a space used only for teen programs, not a multipurpose room in a community center. Only when a space can provide that sense of belonging and ownership to teens will they show up as fully themselves. The world tells teens they don't have room for them yet, and spaces like the Old Redmond Firehouse are special because they are theirs alone.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 03:46 PM

Complete necessary repairs and reopen the firehouse

Anonymous

3/30/2025 03:53 PM

Keeping the teen firehouse open is a start. It already has a community

Anonymous

3/30/2025 03:55 PM

The current old Redmond fire house is located at the heart of the city and is easily accessible for teens after school. I believe the city should fight to preserve this space for teens. I believe the city should listen to the community and specifically the teens who see this space as a first, second, or third home. The city should fight to keep spaces like this accessible to teens. I believe the city should provide spaces to hear from teens and to empower them to voice their opinions. Too many spaces are being taken away from teens to express themselves, have a safe space, and to have a creative outlet outside of school.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 04:43 PM

Keep The Old Fire House open, have it open more often and have a variety of cultural activities

Anonymous

3/30/2025 04:51 PM

I am not sure what funding is available but teen spaces are a great way for young people to connect outside of school or the internet. Sometimes transportation is a huge barrier to students or teens being able to go somewhere as many may not have licenses. Being able to provide a shuttle or something similar is a great way for teens to access those spaces. There could also be options for hybrid / virtual events to make events more accessible.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 09:51 PM

Have more teen/minor hangout areas that don't cost anything! Libraries and teen centers are really the only budget friendly options, while others like cafes or stores usually don't allow people to linger long without buying anything. Having more options to meet others besides school and other friends would encourage a larger community for all

Anonymous

3/30/2025 11:00 PM

Keep the Old Forwhouse Teen Center Open. It is not sufficient to divide the services to different locations .

Anonymous

3/30/2025 11:07 PM

Support the Old Fire House Teen Center and keep it open.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 12:09 AM

The city can rebuild the firehouse in its existing location to continue serving teens in Redmond and surrounding cities in a way that honors the OFH legacy

Anonymous

3/31/2025 01:25 AM

The trend of Redmond need the old fire house teen center. As a teen who grew up in Redmond in the late 90s and early 2000s this service was an absolute life saver for myself and others growing up in the area. It gave us a place of community, something to do, and seek help in a safe environment.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 01:40 AM

The OFH is a beautiful and historic part of Redmond and deserves to have its legacy continued on.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 07:11 AM

By investing in improvements to the current teen center at the old fire house! It is in a central, walkable location to so many teens and has a long history of service that has consistently engaged the community over the years. Most importantly, it's location and operation feels independent of the adult world- something that is key to gaining and maintaining consistent community engagement from teens in Redmond into the future.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 07:26 AM

Keep the Redmond Fire House Open, actively recruit youth workers and grow paid positions for youth and ensure kids who can't drive or pay to park have access to these places.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 07:57 AM

Keep OFH open and making it the focal point of teen services and community programs for teens.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 08:12 AM

Keeping the OFH open and available for the teenagers to use!!

Anonymous

3/31/2025 08:14 AM

Keep the old firehouse open!! Young musicians on the Eastside have NO OTHER venues to play at which are as accessible and safe as the firehouse!

Anonymous

3/31/2025 09:38 AM

Sports clubs (ie running) that meet in a variety of locations during the 'off season'. Opportunities to volunteer. Opportunities to interact with adults for mock interviews or help with applications for jobs or college.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 09:49 AM

Keep OFH open!

Anonymous

3/31/2025 09:50 AM

The current Old Firehouse facility has a wide variety of activities and support options not available elsewhere. Teens want a space of their own, just as seniors wanted a space of their own and did not get it. The Old Firehouse has a tremendous record of supporting musical productions.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 10:00 AM

Have space available, trustworthy adults to direct and guide and support as needed.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 10:47 AM

Redmond can address the needs of Redmond youth by having a stand-alone teen center; For teens, by teens, youth only.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 10:47 AM

Keep the Old Firehouse, a historic landmark that has positively impacted several generations of teens who passed through the Redmond education system, open and well funded. Future generations should not miss out on the OFH.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 11:17 AM

Help fund the development of spaces for STEAM programs for teens and the adult supervision required and needed. Talk to Redmond Stem Center. Also exams are this spring for teens just be aware of that as you are asking for their feedback - kind of a busy time of year for them. Are you reaching out to the schools to distribute if allowed?

Anonymous

3/31/2025 11:29 AM

Listen to current and past community members that have used the city services and how they have affected their lives.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 11:47 AM

To help teens choose to join the teen center (instead of being signed up by their parents), it would be great if the course listings were sent to the middle and high schools, and included info kids need to know (do they need to pay? do they need parent permission? what do they need to bring? how long do they stay? how do they get there?). I think it would be a much more attractive option to teens in Redmond, and that scaffolding would foster some good independence skills.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 11:52 AM

Keeping the Old Firehouse open for teens!

Anonymous

3/31/2025 01:07 PM

Maintain and keep the Old Redmond Firehouse. Understand its value and importance in the community as a safe space for teens. We need to preserve this life changing space

Anonymous

3/31/2025 01:24 PM

The city is already addressing these needs. The OFH teen center provides countless services to teens in Redmond, as well as being a welcoming meeting place for teens in the greater Seattle area. The importance of having a city-central space (close to schools, food, transit, parks, retail, etc) that teens can call their own and can be molded to what is needed as kids cycle in/out can't be over stated. The OFH building itself has been "well loved" over the years, and certainly has some wear-and-tear, but it is exactly THAT that makes it welcoming to teens. It's not a school or library space, or a sterile government building. It feels like their room. I they have ownership of it. Comparing it to the space that Ground Zero, in Bellevue, moved from and to. Or the Kirkland Teen Union Building. Or the Sammamish teen center. Or the Garage in issaquah. None of these spaces can hold a candle to what Redmond has in the Old Firehouse. There is a genuine, history-filled, well loved, LEGENDARY space in downtown Redmond, and it is appalling that anyone in city government would consider trading that for anything.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 02:12 PM

It is important that teen services reach the whole of Redmond, not just the downtown core. I think expanding into Marymoor is great as well as into Overlake.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 04:15 PM

Open and transparent communication to the community. Get feedback before making changes.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 04:35 PM

Do not close down locations, children and teens are already lacking 'third-space' areas (ie. public areas that are not school or home) where they feel safe and comfortable in. It's important to show youth that we care about their well-being, especially in recent years when they are forced to endure horrible levels of stress and uncertainty of their future while struggling to survive the present.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 06:46 PM

The City should address these needs by engaging with teens and listening to what they are saying they want/need. The City needs to ensure that services are provided in a place where teens feel comfortable and can access without having to have a car to get there.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 07:39 PM

It's understandable why the firehouse has to be closed but the city needs to provide another location. That is just 14s. They are not going to go to the senior community center where they might run into a grandparent or parent, they aren't going to feel like it's their space. The same for the Mary community center. They need their own space. Not to provide that is going to put teens most at risk in the grave of danger. Teens that don't fit in want to be in other places with other teens and supportive services. I urge the city to consider renting space perhaps an unused space at Redmond town center? And then rebuild a teen center.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 08:10 PM

The city can address these needs by refurbishing the old firehouse, a haven for teens to discover and explore the arts and community. The space is accessible, and has the capacity to support a wide variety of programs if refurbished.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 09:31 PM

Keeping the Old Firehouse would be a major success for the city. Instead of removing it, use it as the incredible existing teen support system that it is. Invest in it - ask them what they want there and support it.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 10:11 PM

Invest money into the voiced needs of our youth

Anonymous

4/01/2025 12:14 AM

By not moving it. Marymoor community center does not have the space to comfortably accommodate for everyone who wants to be there. Especially for concerts. The old fire house is roomy and has a space for concerts! Part of concerts is the dancing, we can not do that in the Marymoor community center.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 03:49 AM

They need to safe this place remain in the center heart of Redmond where it is now

Anonymous

4/01/2025 06:15 AM

Don't get rid of the Old Firehouse. Plenty of my friends frequent the location and I can tell you the impact it's had on their lives. Taking away third spaces is not going to solve our society's loneliness. If anything, it'll make it worse. Listen to us.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 08:49 AM

I think it is incredibly important that the City maintain a place like the Old Firehouse Teen Center for teens to have access to a space where they can build community, engage in the arts and music, and for it to be accessible to ALL teens. Moving the firehouse from

downtown would greatly hinder the accessibility of this place for teenagers. It is so important that it's walking distance from the transit center, so that anyone regardless of economic status could come to shows and events there. Moving it to Marymoor would make this so much more difficult. It is also very important that the Teen Center is embedded in the fabric of the town, that it is in the historic urban center of Redmond, in a central location that emphasizes its central importance and relatedness to the broader town community. It was an absolutely vital part of my upbringing and I want that to remain the case for future generations of teens as well. The musical legacy, especially, would be so greatly hindered by moving it to a location where it would be difficult to host concerts and events. For a place with so much history, this would be a great disservice.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 03:02 PM

Have a area where everyone is welcome and have wheelchair accessibility and a place where neurodivergents are welcome and noticed and fit in.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 03:07 PM

The city needs to keep the cold Redmond Firehouse for teens. What is the matter with you people that you would take away a perfectly wonderful place for teens that you already own. A place where teens already know they can go. A place where parents already know there teens like to hang out. I hope people remember this at the next election. I certainly will. All you people on the council and especially the mayor need to be voted out of office. You need to keep the Old Redmond Firehouse for teens

Anonymous

4/01/2025 04:51 PM

By moving the teen programs out of the city center, the city is making them less accessible to teens, especially those who can't drive or don't have access to a car. Keeping the Old Fire House location helps many more teens to access the programs.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 04:55 PM

Make access a priority: location and getting to a facility.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 05:18 PM

Be transparent about what is happening with Redmond Teen Center just shut down?

Anonymous

4/01/2025 05:34 PM

By letting the community speak at the town hall meetings and/or putting it in a ballot

Anonymous

Listen to the people using these services. Do not make decisions

4/01/2025 07:29 PM

without including them - like getting rid of the Old Firehouse Teen Center without efforts to fundraise for the facility's required improvements.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 07:43 PM

The City should have a location that's central to transit and walkable for the highest number of people, like in downtown Redmond.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 09:00 PM

If the Firehouse is to close, more teen services need to be accessible in the heart of Redmond, not off in Marymoor.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 07:39 AM

career development center w internship opportunities and lots of resources and support. also college support for juniors and seniors to know what to do before college (classes to take, extracurricular, SAT and ACT, etc) and help with application process (including essay writing) and decision making

Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:10 AM

Prefer the not spreading agenda of LGBTQ in public school and in community. Please this topic aside.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:28 AM

Moving the teen center to marymoor Park will inhibit kids from attending due to transportation challenges. Kids also need more accessible/affordable community spaces they can hang out at with friends without needing to sneak in due to funds. This will take teens off the streets and reduce engagement in drugs and smoking as they will have something to do in this town. It's a really big problem with them having nothing to do unless they are in club sports that are funded by their well off parents or have money to go eat at restaurants.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:37 AM

Social groups for neurodivergent teens are so needed in the area. Dungeons and Dragons would be great, a girls group, etc.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:38 AM

See above.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:43 AM

The parks and rec has cooking classes for families, but they only go up to age 12. My 13 year old would love to take cooking classes and I would love to attend with him. This is one example of a class that we would love to see offered. Cooking is a life skill and also a creative outlet.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:45 AM

There is no spot for them now so anything is better. Stop with programmed activities. They are cringe.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:49 AM

By keeping OFH open. Teens need their own space, not a shared location.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:54 AM

the center in Marymoor Park is just too far from most of downtown kids. We really need a place in downtown Redmond close to where the old Firestation Teen Center is located. Please and thank you.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 11:01 AM

Please DO NOT CLOSE the teen center! This age group already has so few places to come together. It is so sad to me that the first place to go is something that supports our youth. WHAT A SHAME IF THIS LOCATION BECOMES MORE CONDOS!!!

Anonymous

4/02/2025 11:02 AM

I think a dedicated space just for teens like the old redmond fire house gives them a sense of maturity and belonging.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 11:11 AM

We live in overlake area and my kids attend Redmond high school and Redmond middle school. The public transportation is extremely inconvenient for activities during work hours. The survey mentioned shuttles from school to activities, what shuttle? conducting teen activities at marymoor location is extremely inconvenient and will render is useless to us. Senior and community center is a much better option and my kids have been enjoying gym and doing homework there. Also please address the homelessness situation at the library. My kids refuse to go there now due to them not feeling safe there. The library is not a shelter, we now have the together center.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 11:30 AM

Safe transportation

Anonymous

4/02/2025 11:30 AM

More communication and advertisement.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 11:43 AM

It's becoming financially very challenging to access these services, if getting community together and involved has to start with roping them in young it has to be diverse and financially subsidized for younger members of society. Even summer camps were so expensive this

year. Making a youth a member of a community center costs as much as a senior

Anonymous

4/02/2025 11:45 AM

I can imagine a variety of solutions: (1) volunteer board that lists upcoming opportunities, (2) a mentorship matching program like Big Brothers/Sisters, (3) a 'call for program ideas' from community members and grants to support us running programs for the teens, etc. For example, I had an idea about running a Girls GLOW program (<https://www.glowprogram.com/>) for teens, but I am not even sure if that's possible or needed in our community.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 12:06 PM

Keep Redmond School open. The kids want this. What does city want with this building. These kids deserve to have their place. If your plan is to put another apartment building. Are t you taking away all the charm of Redmond. Most people can't afford those apartments anymore. Stop!!!

Anonymous

4/02/2025 12:07 PM

Do more outreach for teen programs

Anonymous

4/02/2025 12:26 PM

With the exception of the public library or park, teens have nowhere to go other than the mall. It's the fault of our emphasis on capitalism vs people. We allow developers to take up city space and then that space goes to businesses and not services for citizens. Open up more indoor space throughout Redmond for gathering that doesn't involve spending money or eating and drinking.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 12:32 PM

I think having a dedicated space for teens is really important in creating a safe environment and sense of belonging. It doesn't have to be the firehouse but sharing a space and having temporary locations doesnt create a strong community. Having a space that is solely theirs helps create a sense of ownership empowerment and accountability.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 12:55 PM

Keep the teens at their current location.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 01:02 PM

Apprenticeships offered from local businesses to teens to help them build work skills.

Anonymous

By giving more opportunities for teens to connect in art or other fun

4/02/2025 01:29 PM

classes. Providing a safe space where they can hang out and do various fun activities. Affordable and fun experiences and activities.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 02:04 PM

Keep teen programs in one easy to access location

Anonymous

4/02/2025 02:11 PM

Theater, drama, arts

Anonymous

4/02/2025 02:19 PM

The center for teen services needs to be located where the teens can get to them. It needs to be more centrally located to downtown Redmond.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 02:23 PM

The City needs to take a serious look at how they are developing the broader city as a whole. It is now building a transitional housing facility in downtown that had no to little opportunity from the community. Add to this light rail - both of those elements are likely to bring in increased crime and incidents into the downtown. What was once a space that I felt comfortable in sending my teens to enjoy by themselves, I am planning to have my teens avoid the downtown area particularly at night. The City also has always lacked core activities for teens to encourage them to come into the city, gather, and participate in activities. In my more than 20 years living in Redmond, I have found activities for ages 0-10 to be adequate, but once you get in the 12 years plus, Redmond is quite lacking for pre-teen and teen engagement.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 02:27 PM

Provide a location that feels like a legitimate teen center with employees that actively promote Redmond's mission and vision.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 03:24 PM

I would love to see a summer youth employment program similar to NYC's. It creates an opportunity for Teens to plug into the community, work, and offer services to their town. Research these programs, which have been available for over 40 years, and see how they have perfected it. For example, a program like this can make summer camp counselors available for younger campers who need all-day daycare now that parents must go into the office. I can name all the benefits of this symbiotic relationship connecting teens to their community. You can include private businesses that employ these teens, providing them the opportunity to learn real-world skills. I also learned that Boston had a grant to teach every child how to swim because they were surrounded by so much water. In turn, we can find a way to create something similar and expand it, teaching them about

the outdoors that surrounds us. I can go on, but I remember nothing but fond memories as a result of programs like this.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 03:39 PM

Provide spaces for activities. Performance arts require both practice and performance spaces to practice, meeting rooms work for individual practice but not for practicing live performance, especially in groups (acting needs stage awareness, music needs echoing room feedback, photography needs darkrooms or photo editing software). These spaces also need room for teens to hang out and observe each other as they take feedback from other creative teens better than from adults.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 04:49 PM

The (bad) performance space is invaluable for any budding music performer, because as a new performer, they will need to be able to cope with bad spaces. I'm not joking here, you don't start out playing Carnegie Hall, or at least most of us don't. Rather one starts in old, noisy bars, restaurants, outdoor venues. Furthermore, rehearsal space (both solo and ensemble) are important, both "good" and "not so good".

Anonymous

4/02/2025 04:51 PM

More options! Ask the Teens themselves - Ask at every school in LWSD what Teens need and want more of. Teens regularly identify mental health as their biggest issue - more needs to be done in our communities to support them for in-person connection with peers and doing a wide variety of activities they enjoy.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 06:57 PM

Offer more places for teens and transportation to get from school to the center.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 07:16 PM

Listen to the teens who are giving testimony to council on 4/1, and who fill in this survey. Know that teens and youth are suffering and struggling right now and need a place to go that is safe and welcoming. Establish a teen advisory council to make decisions of this magnitude. You are not serving Redmond and Eastside youth, or parents, by making this sweeping decision without a transparent public process. Teens need to be at the table - their voices need to be heard.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 07:40 PM

by continuing what works, teens love redmond community offerings! keep OFH!

Anonymous

4/02/2025 08:17 PM

Making it easier to find teen service information. I never go on redmond.org unless it's from emails, and the only other calendar i can think of was in the OFH. More flyers for events or calendars put up around streets/town center and schools would really help.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 08:22 PM

Provide opportunities with businesses to job shadow.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 09:40 PM

More places for teens to hang out and do homework

Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:33 PM

More sports open to everyone

Anonymous

4/03/2025 06:19 AM

Better transparent communication with teens and the community well in advance of any permanent decisions made. Keep the Fire House location and create a new Teen Center space for the teens of the community to have a place of their own.

Anonymous

4/03/2025 08:18 AM

Reopening a dedicated space for Teens is the ideal approach. A safe, fun space where they can gather, explore and keep developing their hobbies in art, music and sports . Teens nowadays don't have dedicated spaces where to assemble , while at the same time, fulfill a sense of privacy and independence for/during their free time. This is a priority as it shapes their involvement and future impact on our local communities.

Anonymous

4/04/2025 03:26 AM

By supporting me in the beginning stages of teen thrive

Anonymous

4/04/2025 11:28 AM

None

Anonymous

4/04/2025 11:44 AM

DONT SHUT DOWN THE OLD FIREHOUSE !!!!

Anonymous

4/04/2025 12:59 PM

Ensure that all programming for teens is inclusive and accessible to ANYONE who would like to participate regardless of their support needs.

Anonymous

You need to keep the old Redmond Fire House open. It makes no

4/04/2025 05:34 PM

sense to ask us how to improve teen services on one hand and then take away the old Redmknd Fire house (that had many many teen services) on the other. What is the matter with you? I know who I won't be voting for in the next election. All of you. All current council members and the mayor.

Anonymous

4/05/2025 04:08 PM

Keep critical spaces for teens, like the Old Firehouse, so that teens have opportunities to thrive and express themselves in third places that aren't a Starbucks. If you want teens to thrive, they need their own space with trusted mentors who listen to their needs. They need access to free food, hygiene products, resources for when they're dealing with tough times. A lot of my friends experienced homelessness and food insecurity when I lived on the Eastside, or were flat out rejected by their parents. They needed community where their family could not suffice.

Anonymous

4/05/2025 05:12 PM

They had good programming daily. I think having their own space to be a teen, with like minded kids is critical.

Anonymous

4/05/2025 06:56 PM

Safety is my top priority, but I think teens do better with their own place for classes and events.

Anonymous

4/05/2025 08:18 PM

Help kids with their basic needs and then with their creative needs

Anonymous

4/05/2025 08:53 PM

By prioritizing re-opening the old fire house teen center, once renovated for safe occupancy.

Anonymous

4/07/2025 09:23 AM

Provide free fitness center access for teens for weightlifting and sports. Teen classes or events such as budgeting, managing money, investing, starting your own business, etc. could be good.

Anonymous

4/07/2025 09:25 AM

Teen mental health and stigma amongst families is high, more support on this front and move family involvement to destigmatize is needed

Anonymous

4/07/2025 09:30 AM

Nutrition, classes, injury, prevention, fitness classes, employment Training

Anonymous

Keep Existing Spaces open and develop new spaces

4/07/2025 09:46 AM

Anonymous

4/07/2025 09:48 AM

Move teen activities back to the firehouse. Teens need a space of their own. Having them in different locations doesn't provide community. The Marymoor location is awful. It feels impersonal and not like a teen hangout area. The location is very inconvenient. Traffic is awful in that part of Redmond. Having it in a central location gives better accessibility. The Marymoor location isn't equitable location for all families. It's not within walking distance to the downtown area or local schools.

Anonymous

4/07/2025 11:11 AM

More opportunities for teens to have free open gym space for sports like basketball and volleyball (limited to teens only). More programs partnered with certain schools to allow teens to build connection with their peers in neighboring schools.

Anonymous

4/07/2025 11:57 AM

Keep the teen services in a location that is centralized to Redmond downtown area. Marymoor is not a good option due to its inaccessibility to transportation and city services. Teens deserve to feel valued and respected as important members of our community. Please don't discount their value to the city of Redmond.

Anonymous

4/07/2025 08:09 PM

Carefully and delicately

Anonymous

4/07/2025 11:27 PM

Restore access to the OFH.

Anonymous

4/08/2025 12:59 PM

Having one space where all of these needs occur to create that community and belonging and streamline these needs and also allow for meeting of new people

Anonymous

4/09/2025 10:52 AM

By meeting them.

Anonymous

4/09/2025 06:22 PM

Find a new teen EXCLUSIVE space or actually SAY what the issues are with the OFH and give us an opportunity to crowdfund or since its been stated before, pay for it, it isnt a budget issue like you said

Anonymous

4/09/2025 07:22 PM

Provide information on places where teens can find employment. Maybe teen job fair? Support with resume, applications, and

interviews preparation.

Anonymous

4/10/2025 01:12 AM

There seems to be a focus on at risk teens. No doubt they need support, but sometimes letting kids just be kids is worthwhile too. Make food, a bus pass, tutoring help available. But activities that aren't focused on unmet needs are worthwhile too.

Anonymous

4/10/2025 06:53 AM

Continue offering a location for your musicians to play for their peers

Anonymous

4/10/2025 02:45 PM

Don't tear down the firehouse to build more condos. It's a Redmond historic staple and it should be protected.

Anonymous

4/10/2025 02:45 PM

Save the fire house. Keep it open for teens

Anonymous

4/10/2025 03:27 PM

providing activities at community centers, creating a teen center downtown

Anonymous

4/10/2025 05:48 PM

The city can make it so transportation to existing resources (which do exist) is easier and less time-costly, and especially allows teens to be independent (by taking public transportation, for example) instead of needing assistance.

Anonymous

4/10/2025 07:16 PM

Funding

Anonymous

4/11/2025 06:11 PM

need a place to meet other teens.

Anonymous

4/12/2025 10:10 AM

Just more opportunities for things, this will help teens connect.

Anonymous

4/12/2025 10:12 AM

By centralizing teen services in an easier to get to location

Anonymous

4/12/2025 10:16 AM

Adding more public transportation that can expand beyond the boundaries of Redmond to connect other cities.

Anonymous

4/12/2025 10:21 AM

The city can have multiple places with opportunities fitting to their locations.

Anonymous

4/12/2025 11:29 AM

I would like more teen parties and cosplay.

Anonymous

4/12/2025 12:18 PM

Communicating with teens to get insights into their interests and find a breadth of opportunities for everyone. Not just arts and crafts, but a wide range of activities, maybe like sports as well. Having sports events would be really fun, especially hosting sessions for people to play basketball together.

Anonymous

4/12/2025 01:51 PM

Add more bus routes, make an accessible (good location with many bus stations) new replacement for the OFH teen center

Anonymous

4/12/2025 04:15 PM

I wish there was better public transportation to teen services. We live in SE Redmond. I currently have to drive my teen, regardless of whether it's to the Old Redmond Firehouse or the Marymoor Community Center. Increased 269 service would help. A shuttle the length of Redmond Way would help *immensely*. Once the 269 increases to 15 month service, I think my teens could take it to the Marymoor location. It would be a wait of up to 15 minutes + bus ride + walk from the transit station (assuming they feel safe). However, the Old Redmond Firehouse would require a transfer (bus + bus or bus + 2 Line). The combination of up to 15 minutes + bus + up to 10 minutes + 2 Line + walk is not appealing for using transit to the ORF location when the drive is about 10 minutes.

Anonymous

4/13/2025 03:11 PM

Maintain and expand the current teen center with additions to the building and to staff.

Anonymous

4/13/2025 10:37 PM

Keep the history and current contributions of the firehouse alive by preserving the space :)

Anonymous

4/14/2025 06:57 PM

Keep the teen center where it is at. In the center of Redmond. Please.

Anonymous

4/15/2025 03:29 PM

I am coming at this from the perspective of a childless adult who has lived in Downtown since 2016, and currently lives in a building next door to the current Old Firehouse Teen Center. Redmond has changed a lot since I moved here. Affordable and sustainable third

places in downtown (which is becoming increasingly residential) are disappearing, and that includes third places for adults as well as teens, the latter of whom represent the community's future. If we are going to close down these locations, we need to provide viable alternatives in the same neighborhoods as the old locations for the sake of the existing community. Moving the Old Firehouse Teen Center activities so far away from local schools by foot (see: Marymoor Village) removes a level of accessibility, and forces teens with transportation difficulties to traverse very busy roads that do not have a good history of traffic safety in recent years. I suggest that if the Teen Center is not a safe location to continue hosting activities from inspection, that the city work with new or in-progress property managers to move teen activities in spaces that are still in walking proximity to the schools of the teens they serve.

Anonymous

4/15/2025 07:17 PM

KEEP THE OLD FIREHOUSE OPEN AND ENSURE THAT IT IS MADE A LANDMARK FOR IT TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE NEXT GENERATION AND THE ONE THAT FOLLOWS

Anonymous

4/16/2025 11:26 AM

promote & advertise the teen programs at the high schools so teens know about the services available. Make more options that are free to attend.

Anonymous

4/16/2025 01:00 PM

This is our opportunity to grow for the future. The challenges faced by our teens have evolved over the years. Nowadays you need to teach online safety, money management, and help with It would be wonderful to provide teens with technology labs, and have teens provide a greater role in the site such a leading classes, volunteering on site, and providing a teen written newsletter. We need more space and really need think about how that space can be adapted over time. I also wish the teen centers locally like in Kirkland coordinated with Redmond to share resources, have similar offerings, provide multiple safe spaces for teens to interact with a bigger community.

Anonymous

4/16/2025 01:52 PM

Having a location that kids can walk/bike to.

Anonymous

4/16/2025 02:16 PM

More art and fun activities for teens to make bond with others and have a fun time outside school. They also need a place to hangout with friends and do homework.

Anonymous

4/18/2025 11:38 PM

Talk with the teens and community BEFORE making decisions that will affect them. Actually LISTEN and let the community decide how

to best proceed. Be transparent. (Unlike you have been) Teens need a place to be themselves, find acceptance, relax, attend fun and creative classes, and find support for life issues. It should be located in a place that is close to bus lines, so more teens can participate.

Anonymous

4/19/2025 10:14 PM

We love our space, leave it for us

Anonymous

4/20/2025 07:08 AM

Help network agencies from the Together Center, friends of youth, and boys and girls club houses together.

Anonymous

4/20/2025 08:17 AM

Moving the teen club from downtown Redmond to marymoor ...moving our teens to marymoor is like sending a child to their bedroom to remove them from the center of the household for one reason or another....moving out of the city structure of redmond....shame shame on you....you want to build up marymoor park...and development of redmond ..shame shame...out of sight..out of mind...our teens are our future...treat them like they count...our taxes should keep them in redmond..not our county park....a shame!!!!

Anonymous

4/20/2025 09:38 AM

Repair and keep the Old Fire House center. it's a convenient location. Also, downtown Redmond is starting to look generic with nothing but apartment buildings. Let's try to retain some of the old character.

Anonymous

4/20/2025 09:58 AM

Run programs after school at school sites or nearby parks (easy access); coordinate and work with schools, including advertising

Anonymous

4/20/2025 02:24 PM

Conducting lego, minecraft or Roblox, chess etc clubs and social skills, rules can be taught through a video etc using before the club. In this way, kids with special needs can benefit and community members can become more aware of how to interact with the neurodivergent peers.

Anonymous

4/20/2025 02:32 PM

The Redmond City needs to help students a fun and relaxing place; provide employment opportunities; leadership opportunities. Provide a wide variety of places to make life meaningful. Previous Teen Librarian was very good in getting many teens to be involved in REDTAB while the new Teen Librarian is restricting membership and also putting term limits.

Anonymous

4/20/2025 06:29 PM

Keep the Fire house for those that already enjoy the location. Create a Teen Center similar to the Senior Center. Instead of donating city buildings to companies creating homeless shelters how about creating a Supervised Teen Center?

Anonymous

4/20/2025 08:42 PM

Would like to see outdoor activities e.g.hikes or kayaking organized for teens especially in summer

Anonymous

4/20/2025 10:02 PM

In the current climate (Political, economic, ecologic) Teens and youth need places and spaces where they can feel safe, secure, and heard with programs and locations that are accessible. Queer, disabled, and youth from other minority groups are currently feeling threatened, they see what's going on in the world especially in these times when information moves faster than it ever has. Providing spaces that are accessible to teens from various backgrounds and income levels within the city where they can be creative, build community and a sense of being or belonging among their peers can be life changing for many. It can ease struggle that many teens experience and even elevate some out of that struggle and into a better direction.

Anonymous

4/21/2025 11:29 AM

Reopen old fire house or build an actual teen center.

Anonymous

4/21/2025 02:42 PM

By increasing number of programs for different cultures and backgrounds.

Anonymous

4/21/2025 02:49 PM

By providing a teen only space, a teen dedicated space, a gathering area that will fit up to 50 for musical shows.

Anonymous

4/21/2025 05:11 PM

Please keep the old schoolhouse open for our teens

Anonymous

4/21/2025 11:59 PM

The Old Fire House! Bring it back! The walk to Marymoor is TERRIFYING AND UNSAFE!!!

Anonymous

4/22/2025 09:43 AM

Let us use the firehouse

Anonymous

4/22/2025 02:39 PM

keep the old fire house!

Anonymous

4/22/2025 04:44 PM

Team up with other agencies

Anonymous

4/22/2025 07:46 PM

By not shutting down the Old Fire House Teen Center.

Anonymous

4/23/2025 08:30 PM

Save the old fire house teen center!

Anonymous

4/24/2025 07:29 PM

The music venue and recording studio needs to return to any new space! It's special, unique, and adds culture to our city.

Anonymous

4/26/2025 08:59 AM

The city needs to find a central location as a hub for the teens. You can offer classes at different locations, but they need a central place, not on the outskirts. They also need a place of their own. One they can make be theirs and show their artistic expression.

Anonymous

4/28/2025 08:05 AM

Having these services met at the school is helpful

Anonymous

4/29/2025 08:39 AM

Teenagers need to have their own exclusive space where they feel free and included—a place where they can develop their ideas and be valued as adolescents within society without being judged. A teen center designed exclusively for their use provides a safe and supportive environment that encourages creativity, builds confidence, fosters social connections, and helps them develop essential life skills in a way that respects their unique stage of life.

Anonymous

4/29/2025 06:13 PM

Work with the schools to determine appropriate volunteer opportunities.

Anonymous

4/30/2025 02:27 PM

Teens need consistency, which the Firehouse provides. By splitting up and moving the events and locations not only are you removing them from a safe and familiar environment, you are making it inaccessible to many whether it be due to physical limitations or a lack of clear information (ie how are they meant to know where to go?). If the building has structural damage, the focus should be on repairing it, not tearing down music history.

Anonymous

5/02/2025 10:39 AM

I would enjoy more services based in science and nature, such as ecology lectures/workshops, or things like open mics

Anonymous

5/02/2025 01:58 PM

By providing long-term funding for programs and services. Long-term stability is important for teens.

Anonymous

5/02/2025 05:06 PM

Whatever you do do not close OFH

Anonymous

5/03/2025 06:49 AM

Teens can be used more through out the city so they can be job-ready after highschool. There are jobs they can handle, like perhaps, front desk opportunities, fitness center floor supervisory roles, but also internships, maybe even apprenticeships.

Anonymous

5/04/2025 01:32 AM

City offerings seem to provide resources primarily for at-risk teens and disadvantaged youth. Which is essential. But where's the space for kids who just want to hang out with others? When my teen attended an event, it was uncomfortable how some others were describing their drug habits and using excessive foul language. Teen gatherings don't need to be focused on those aspects of life.

Anonymous

5/04/2025 12:25 PM

Expanding services

Anonymous

5/04/2025 03:27 PM

I would like the Old Fire House to be rebuilt in the same spot and according to the needs and wants of the teens.

Anonymous

5/04/2025 04:02 PM

Reopen the historic and cool OFH!

Anonymous

5/04/2025 04:02 PM

Keep old firehouse as a central convenient location which is possible to walk to from public transportation

Anonymous

5/04/2025 10:06 PM

Don't know

Anonymous

5/05/2025 12:52 PM

If possible, creating a more digestible and comprehensive list of teen resources, preferably on a website. If this already exists, I have been unable to find it.

Anonymous

Repair the old firehouse or provide outdoor venues for amateur teen

5/05/2025 03:48 PM

bands. Create a venue at an existing location.

Anonymous

5/05/2025 04:37 PM

Could the city reopen the Redmond teen center? My sister relied on that space for her community and to play music. It is very missed!

Anonymous

5/05/2025 04:54 PM

Please reopen the old firehouse for music events for teens.

Optional question (218 response(s), 79 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q34 | Is there anything else you would like to share with us about City teen services or programming?

Anonymous

3/28/2025 03:16 PM

I strongly urge you to reconsider the closure of the Old Firehouse Teen Center. For decades, this center has been a vital safe haven for teens, offering a space to build friendships, develop life skills, and access essential mental health support. It keeps teens engaged in positive activities, fostering a sense of belonging and reducing risky behaviors. Closing this center not only erases a cultural and historical landmark but also undermines the well-being of our youth and the larger community. I believe decisions of such impact require greater transparency and community input. Let's prioritize our teens and invest in their future.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 06:07 PM

PLEASE keep the old firehouse open

Anonymous

3/28/2025 06:09 PM

I think a huge issue has been that they are all very poorly publicized. A huge amount of Redmond teens have never even heard of the Teen center because of its lack of media presence and publicity. It's hard to find out about teen programs and access them.

youngjchoe

3/28/2025 06:13 PM

I ask for City to set more budget for teens to create a safe gathering points near downtown

Anonymous

3/28/2025 09:46 PM

the lack of clarity and honesty is awful, show that you care, show that you are human, care for us. dont lie to us and hide things from us.

Anonymous

As the teens of Redmond and the local area, we mean it when we

3/28/2025 09:49 PM

say that the City can help us by keeping the Old Firehouse open for us and future generations. As a city that prides itself on its diversity, acceptance and history, Redmond needs to listen to its youth and prioritize this vital resource.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 09:58 PM

No. Thank you for listening.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 09:59 PM

The Old Firehouse Teen Center has served our community for 30 years, and is worth investing in, rather than distributing its programs to alternative, less accessible, and less historic locations that do not meet our teens' needs.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 10:00 PM

This place has so many memories, and so many people who love and appreciate this space like a home. Removing it is one of the most cruel stunts the city had pulled in these last few years.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 10:08 PM

Teen services are vital to youth, especially youth that is struggling. If you do not provide an adequate place for teens to exist outside of their home and school, the future of this community will be ruined. Centers like the old firehouse teen center keeps kids off the streets or lets them come out of self isolation and flourish in an accepting environment with healthy and good role models. Without this, you have repressed kids who will drown in mental health issues and may even pick up drugs or other substances because they don't have a place outside of home and school to be themselves and breathe freely without the pressures that come with being a teen

Anonymous

3/28/2025 10:22 PM

It's disgusting to close the firehouse with virtually no notice, no plan, and no discussion with the actual users of the facility.

Anonymous

3/28/2025 11:15 PM

no

Anonymous

3/28/2025 11:52 PM

Old Firehouse Teen Center changed the course of my life. It gave me the tools to be successful; it gave me confidence, a voice, a will; it brought me back to life after I'd been sleepwalking for years. It's frustrating to hear the City claim that they're listening to us, only to use it as a cushion the blow, as it doesn't seem like keeping OFH is in the cards. That's depressing and frustrating.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 08:52 AM

The amount of life skills that youth develop in these spaces is absolutely incalculable. I have seen more youth than I could possibly count walk in because of an interest in music and walk out with newfound capacities ranging from: How to organize and host events, write professional emails, run complex technical equipment, operate within a budget, participate in civic consultation, participate in teams of volunteers, and all forms of carrying out projects with wide ranging interdisciplinary skills needed to bring their ideas into reality. The result is a cohort of youth who are educated not only in the information found in a textbook, but in the capacities truly needed to thrive in both work and culture.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 11:42 AM

I was a participant in OFH programing in the early 2000s, and later an employee in the early 2010s. Today I work in music full time, and the legacy of OFH programming is known to everyone in the music community that grew up in the greater Seattle area.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 11:56 AM

Yes, we would love to collaborate with the city to expand teen services by creating a job pipeline, integrating financial literacy education, and fostering economic growth through a smart tech system. Our mission is to provide purpose-driven initiatives that empower youth to develop faith in God, confidence in themselves, and a deep understanding of the value of community and mutual support. By equipping young people with essential life skills, financial knowledge, and career opportunities, we can prepare them for a future filled with hope, unity, and strong family values. Additionally, we recognize that accessibility extends beyond physical disabilities to include mental health challenges, learning differences, and other invisible struggles that can leave certain groups feeling overlooked or left behind. A significant portion of our vulnerable community consists of individuals facing these challenges, and it is essential to create programs that are inclusive, understanding, and tailored to their unique needs. By prioritizing accessibility and sensitivity in our approach, we aim to ensure that all youth—regardless of their abilities or circumstances—have equal opportunities to thrive, contribute, and build a successful future. Through this partnership, we seek to launch a movement in Redmond and beyond—one that strengthens families, uplifts youth, and builds a thriving, connected, and truly inclusive community

Anonymous

3/29/2025 01:33 PM

With so many new buildings going up in Redmond, it is important to honor the history and vibrancy of spaces that are different than the ones that already hold spaces for other participants in the community. Teens need their own place, with a unique identity, where they can feel welcomed and encouraged to be truly themselves, which only

aids in building a strong and colorful community. Redmond teens need space to create artwork, get messy, interact outdoor outdoors, experiment with learning new instruments, performing in a space that appreciates the alternatives, and a space to record music. Redmond's need a hub that they can feel is truly theirs. If the city of Redmond does not invest in retrofitting the old firehouse, they at least deserve a huge say in what spaces they contemporarily and permanently occupy. As someone who attended the firehouse throughout junior high and high school, and then moved on to working for the firehouse as a program leader throughout college at the University of Washington, and continues to support initiatives that the teen center offers, while simultaneously running a \$15 million business based in the city of Redmond, I feel confident that my opinion, as well as all of the other current and past teens of the firehouse deserve a say in the future of teen services and the old firehouse facility moving forward.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 02:12 PM

I hope we are listening and providing support for the frank realities of "all" young people, not just the select few that are easiest and most comfortable for adults to support.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 02:44 PM

again, keep the old fire house teen center.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 02:46 PM

I think the the Fire House is one the best places and that it is important to keep this up.

Anonymous

3/29/2025 03:12 PM

Keep the firehouse open

Anonymous

3/29/2025 07:44 PM

It was greatly beneficial to me in my teen years

Anonymous

3/29/2025 08:03 PM

Save the fire house!!!

Anonymous

3/29/2025 08:55 PM

They were there for me as a teen, and it would be devastating for future generations to not have that

Anonymous

3/29/2025 09:50 PM

I am 30 years old and I used to go to the firehouse as a 15-17 year old. Such an important place. I thought every city had something like the firehouse until I left the Redmond/kirkland area and went to

bellingham. Bellingham had an all ages art space and people were commenting on how unique it is. I didn't realize that other teens didn't have this space. Seeing my peers make music and art was so important. Seeing my friends experiment with queerness (whether they knew it or not at the time) was just so needed. The ORF is something I take pride in being part of and it's part of a larger art history of Seattle and the PNW. Would be a shame to move it or alter it rather than grow it. -D

Anonymous

3/30/2025 12:02 AM

When I first took my teen to the Redmond Firehouse Teen Center, it inspired pride in my city and I never felt bad about the property taxes I pay to live here after that. My five year old was so looking forward to going there when she's a teenager, and had even figured she's still be a teen the first year her little brother can go. We had missed that she would be able to drive him there. Now I feel a hole of loss and a I feel a little bit angry. The city just spent a lot on that new senior center, yet they can't renovate or replace the teen center, an icon of Redmond?

Anonymous

3/30/2025 12:38 AM

Please be more transparent. Oh, and listen to the people.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 07:26 AM

Keep Old Redmond firehouse open for teens. Repair, fix, protect

Anonymous

3/30/2025 07:55 AM

Consider keeping the firehouse as a teen center.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 09:28 AM

no

Anonymous

3/30/2025 12:19 PM

The Old Firehouse Teen Center is a staple of Redmond and one of the many things that makes this city great. It's a promise to keep youth off the streets and help them flourish in a future they choose. It's a guarantee of an after-school activity in a town desperately in need of proper 'third places', or for those who are homeschooled to have a way of socializing so they can grow into well-adjusted people. It's a gem of the Eastside and must be preserved.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 01:32 PM

As a parent of 2 former teens that utilized all the services of the firehouse teen center I see the need for what it was to be even greater now. Teen feed, BGLAD, the music, the councilor service, all of those items saved my 2 kids on many occasions. The plan to move

from the current location to somewhere very inaccessible for the majority of the kids is ridiculous.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 03:39 PM

Please maintain the Old Firehouse Teen Center, or at the very least create a new space for teens to call their own. I was a former member of the Youth Advisory Board at OfH, and was also a Summer Music Intern. The building was at the heart of all my experiences there- I never have felt as comfortable or welcomed in community centers as I did OfH. That building holds space for teens like no other- and Redmond youth deserve to have that space in our community. Relocating them will not only lessen the accessibility of events to teens, but also discourage them from participating. Please keep OfH alive!

Anonymous

3/30/2025 03:46 PM

Our family and my teen's friends really appreciated the firehouse when it was operational. We hope that either it will reopen or you will create another teen-only location for them to have as their own. Sprinkling teen programs around other locations that are shared with other programs is not going to work for my teen.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 03:53 PM

You need to provide more support for all teens

Anonymous

3/30/2025 03:55 PM

The old Redmond fire house was so accessible and holds so much history. I used to go to the old fire house for shows and activities and I felt so safe and connected to my community. It has given my friends and I space to perform and try new things. There were no other spaces to be creative and self expressive like the old Redmond fire house.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 04:51 PM

I was a part of the Youth Advisory Board at the Old Firehouse in high school and it was a great way for teens to create events for themselves or that reflected their own culture. I really loved the open mics that they hosted and was able to perform with my friends. It was also a great way to build my leadership skills!

Anonymous

3/30/2025 11:00 PM

The Old Firehouse teen center had literally been life changing and saving for my teen. Please don't take this vital community center from the teens who need it most.

Anonymous

3/30/2025 11:07 PM

The more the city does to support teens the more likely they are to become healthy community members.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 12:09 AM

Downtown Redmond deserves diverse and creative architecture which reflects the diversity and creativity we want to see embodied in our teens

Anonymous

3/31/2025 01:25 AM

Please for sake of teens growing up in the Redmond do not defund and remove the old fire house teen center, there are so my current teens and future teens that will benefit and learn develop life skills, friends, and memories in safe and creative community.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 01:40 AM

Please do not close the Old Firehouse. It's a crucial part of our community, and something that is a point of pride for our Redmond youth and adults. It makes people feel proud to be from Redmond, Washington!! Thank you.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 07:11 AM

Moving the teen center out of the old fire house will almost certainly result in a significant drop in attendance and community engagement with teen center services. A sense of independence from the adult world is pivotal for teen development and engagement. The location, history, and community of the old fire house creates the perfect balance of independence and community- resulting in a space that is actually cool for teens. If teen programming moves to a location like the community center it will lose this independence and, as a result, it's cool factor, making teens feel embarrassed or ashamed to be taking part in the programing.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 07:26 AM

Mary moor Park is a wonderful resource if you can get there and pay to park...much like a private business. The firehouse is publically accessible and a more accessible to young folks and not affluent adults with spending money/leisure time

Anonymous

3/31/2025 07:57 AM

Teens need outlets that enhance their social structures and give them real life experiences. Redmond is so lucky to have the Old Firehouse. So many towns don't have something like that and the kids in those towns struggle to feel part of a community.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 08:12 AM

The OFH is extremely important to the community of redmond and the heart of the town. It was a great place for me to be as a teen and it's important that that legacy continues!!

Anonymous

3/31/2025 08:14 AM

The old firehouse is SO important to the city's history and memory!!
Don't gloss over decades of music history!

Anonymous

3/31/2025 08:28 AM

Keep the programs at the Old Redmond Old Fire House. The space is big to house existing services, centrally located with easy access, and it is loved by the teenager community. Also, the building is a landmark of the city.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 09:50 AM

The important thing is service to teens, not convenience for the managers

Anonymous

3/31/2025 10:00 AM

Having a space like the Firehouse available can act as a valuable third space for kids of all ages. I'm nearly 30 and employed full-time in the music industry, and my time at the Redmond Firehouse certainly played a part in my early exposure to and love of live music.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 10:47 AM

Why did the Old Firehouse have to close in 2-3 weeks?

Anonymous

3/31/2025 11:17 AM

I'm getting asked about teen internship opportunities at local business. Are there resources for this?

Anonymous

3/31/2025 11:29 AM

These services are essential to creating a community and providing youth with an outlet to grow and learn qualities/ traits about themselves that they may not otherwise have provided at home or in school.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 11:47 AM

More Grasslawn options please! Including casual sports like drop-in dodgeball or other playground games.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 11:52 AM

Save the firehouse

Anonymous

3/31/2025 01:07 PM

When I was a teen, I spent the bulk of my time at the ORF. It changed my life, gave me a place to express myself, see incredible music and art, connect, and have a meal with friends. There is no way my experience growing up would have been as safe, engaging, and supported without this space. We need to do everything in our power to keep the ORF for generations to come. There are not art spaces for teens in the area that compare. This is an essential service to the

community.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 01:24 PM

I grew up going to shows and drop-in at the OFH, and I'm excited for my kids to share that experience when they get to that point. I took my oldest to his first show the other night, at what was apparently the last show in the space. He loved it, loved the space, and keeps asking when we can go see another show.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 01:40 PM

I strongly oppose to the city closing or moving service out of the Old Fire House. Places like this must be preserved and invested in rather than close for the sake of commercial development.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 02:12 PM

Building a partnership with local elementary and middle schools. There is a lot of disconnect and so many teens are unaware of services provided.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 04:15 PM

Keep the firehouse teen center open.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 04:45 PM

The Firehouse teen center has cultural and historic value and significance, and provides a safe, free, welcoming space for teens to be themselves. In post-pandemic times, connection and support for safe time spent together is more critical than ever to combat loneliness and isolation that many teens and children are experiencing. Especially in the age of smartphones, having access to a shared center for music and arts provides an opportunity for connection and artistic expression. It should be preserved to support the local community.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 06:46 PM

Teens should feel ownership of programs/services. They need a space that not only serves their needs but belongs to them. Teen services should help provide that sense of belonging and not just be classes/programs that can be accessed anywhere. Teens should be an integral part of the decision-making process and leadership team. Teen services should provide opportunities for engagement with peers in both a structured and informal (and low cost or free) setting (e.g., classes/programs and safe "hang-out" spot).

Anonymous

3/31/2025 07:39 PM

Teens in our area are experiencing huge amounts of mental health crises. These often go unseen by parents, and are actually sometimes caused by them. They go unseen by school personnel. They might be seen by their fellow teens, but their fellow teens need

a place to go and talk to somebody about it. they're not going to walk into the senior center where they might run into somebody who knows them to talk to a mental health counselor. There really needs to be a space that is just for teens. That's the only way it will work for them. Closing the Redmond firehouse is a loss not only for Redmond teens, but for teens all around the area who's locked to the space especially for music. I heard you to create a safe space for teens while the community and city figures out the next best option.

Anonymous

3/31/2025 08:10 PM

The old redmond firehouse shaped me as a teen who struggled with severe bullying in private middle school. OFH was my safe space where i learned to write, sing, perform, skateboard, and most importantly — build a diverse community. The employees felt like family and kept me alive during an incredibly difficult time.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 12:14 AM

The location of the teen center now is much more convenient than Marymoor. There is a bus stop close to Marymoor, but students will have to cross very busy roads and intersections. Additionally parking is not free. And the park itself is pretty big, which is less convenient for students walking or walking from the bus.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 03:49 AM

Please don't move thd teen center at all

Anonymous

4/01/2025 08:49 AM

I just want to say that I am incredibly grateful to have had a place like the Firehouse growing up and I know so many people who are now in their late 20s and 30s, who have careers in the arts, and who feel similarly grateful to have had a community center like the Firehouse which placed the arts and especially music at the focus. Anything that can be done should be done to preserve it in its current location.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 03:02 PM

No

Anonymous

4/01/2025 03:07 PM

KEEP THE OLD REDMOND FIREHOUSE FOR TEENS.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 04:55 PM

Teens that have things to do, friends to meet up with, places to hang out have fewer mental health problems. Give them accessible spaces to be independent from their homelife and school. Give them options!

Anonymous

Please keep the Old Redmond Firehouse open!

4/01/2025 05:34 PM

Anonymous

4/01/2025 07:29 PM

The Old Firehouse Teen Center must be saved. The room being offered as "equivalent" performance space is not at all equivalent. If necessary, pursue historical status to save the building.

Anonymous

4/01/2025 07:43 PM

I think the biggest issue is ensuring that teens can get to the location under their own power. If they have to be driven to get there, the services will be restricted to kids who are from privileged families who can regularly spare a car and someone to drive it.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 07:39 AM

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Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:28 AM

Provide more interactive learning opportunities or internships to introduce teens to leadership, responsibility and other life skills.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:37 AM

I would love free, drop in social activities for my autistic kids to meet and interact with other kids.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 10:38 AM

See above.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 11:01 AM

Please DO NOT CLOSE the teen center! This age group already has so few places to come together. It is so sad to me that the first place to go is something that supports our youth. WHAT A SHAME IF THIS LOCATION BECOMES MORE CONDOS!!!

Anonymous

4/02/2025 11:11 AM

My kids need places where they can drop by and hang out in an unstructured and safe environment. They don't need organized classes or activities, they need a lounge and a gym where they can simply drop by and feel welcome. The senior center has been a very good option for them. They never felt welcome at the teen center and will not be going to Marymoor village as it's completely out of their way. I don't know how to say this in a non offensive manner so I'm just going to do the best I can - I have two white cis boys and they don't feel like a priority to the city. Everyone needs to feel safe and welcome but my boys feel that unless they're black or Hispanic or not straight, they will be viewed with suspicion and not welcomed. They don't need a class where the first question is about their pronouns, they need a place to hang out that is easy to get to without parental involvement and is free/cheap. We have a major problem with boys

running wild - go to the Kirkland waterfront any summer evening and observe kids smoking and holding impromptu boxing matches. Go to any abandoned building in the area. Boys will find places to congregate and be boys. Boys do need to be boys, as non modern as that sounds. They don't need art classes, they need a place to let the steam off where they learn from positive male role models and not each other. The focus on inclusivity has led to a whole cohort of boys who are not inclusive at all, they're racist and homophobic because tolerance is being taught in an exclusive manner that ignores social and emotional needs to straight boys.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 11:43 AM

I would like to see more standardized ages and ways for teens to volunteer. There are private camps that accept 14yr olds as counselors in training volunteers. Why can't the city standardize that, it engages the kids and gives them a pathway to future paid rolls and gives the city access to volunteers to help provide more services

Anonymous

4/02/2025 12:06 PM

Leave old Redmond School house alone.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 12:26 PM

The new space in Marymoor is worth checking out. I appreciate that Redmond is thinking about the needs of its citizens. Building community requires creating indoor spaces where folks can mingle and engage in activities that have nothing to do with capitalism. Thank you!!

Anonymous

4/02/2025 12:32 PM

We don't have a need for basic needs to be met but I can see this being a great resource for families. Heavily partnering with schools and providing cool activities during drop in time with meals etc could draw more kids in.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 01:29 PM

A safe space for teens

Anonymous

4/02/2025 01:54 PM

I am deeply saddened by the planned closure of the Old Firehouse. The cultural significance and history along with the location make this a building worth saving and renovating.

Anonymous

4/02/2025 02:11 PM

Keep the teen center

Anonymous

What I said in question 12 above.

4/02/2025 02:23 PM

Anonymous

Thank you!

4/02/2025 02:27 PM

Anonymous

Don't shoe horn the teens into the boxes you think they 'ought' to fit in the way you did to the seniors at the old senior center

4/02/2025 03:39 PM

Anonymous

I think "services and programming" sounds way too organized to art students. Some degree of randomness and experimentation is important, and a place to just hang out and chat, likewise. Try not to turn kids into bored adults, please!

4/02/2025 04:49 PM

Anonymous

Affordability

4/02/2025 06:57 PM

Anonymous

Redmond, and its past elected officials, police, social services, arts, music, employment and advocates have worked for years to establish and continue to provide services for teens. Redmond is a well-resourced community and the Old Firehouse Teen Center has grown and flourished as Redmond has also grown. Teens deserve a place to go that's accessible and safe, and Marymoor Village is not what's needed.

4/02/2025 07:16 PM

Anonymous

Bring them to the teen's school

4/02/2025 08:22 PM

Anonymous

More jobs for 15 year olds

4/02/2025 09:40 PM

Anonymous

Outside of the Teen Center there is very limited teen opportunities or space. Invest in our kids more and ensure they are well provided for. Give more funding to teen services and locations to provide more activities and places of mental rest.

4/03/2025 06:19 AM

Anonymous

The teen center is a jewel of our community not to be lost, but to be improved even, if possible. Whatever the City can do to help out teens is greatly appreciated!. Thank you for opening to us in providing input for future planning and decisions. Our communities and children are always grateful for the services you provide!

4/03/2025 08:18 AM

Anonymous 4/04/2025 11:28 AM	Sad to hear the Firehouse is going away. My son plays there and my 50-year old brother used to go there in his 20's
Anonymous 4/04/2025 12:59 PM	There are very few services that are easily accessible to people who live in the Overtake neighborhood
Anonymous 4/04/2025 03:24 PM	No
Anonymous 4/05/2025 04:08 PM	Keep the Old Redmond Firehouse Teen Center! This was the first place I was able to hone my music skills and become significantly more confident in myself. The Firehouse saved my life as a teen, and I want that opportunity for others too
Anonymous 4/05/2025 05:12 PM	No
Anonymous 4/05/2025 08:18 PM	No
Anonymous 4/05/2025 08:53 PM	The old fire house teen center is an important cornerstone of the community. It needs to be renovated and reopened, not permanently closed.
Anonymous 4/07/2025 09:23 AM	Some teens thrive on movement, and there seems to be a shortage of movement activities for teens, especially outside of structured team activities (aka sports). A gym would be good.
Anonymous 4/07/2025 09:30 AM	Love, Laugh and Diversity is Qi keeping it real and all inclusive with Genuine concern for the well-being of all
Anonymous 4/07/2025 09:48 AM	It would be nice to provide more activities to teens. Cutting the music program and sound internship that was at the teen center is a disservice. Teens need a place of their own. Not a sterile unwelcoming location like the Marymoor location.
Anonymous 4/07/2025 08:09 PM	I think it's important to have a space and the old Firehouse energy needed to be We done Change is good We just need somewhere Where perhaps the children can have even a place to make music place play music DJ make beats they used to do that at the Bellevue

boys and girls club And play soccer Sport sports sports more sports

Anonymous

4/08/2025 12:59 PM

Dispersed services are not the way to go because what I've loved about the OFH has been the people that I've met and relationships I've made - the space has become a home because of the people and the by-product of the community

Anonymous

4/09/2025 10:52 AM

Consistency is needed for these children at this time. If they cannot have the same location, at a minimum, they need the same services / programs / activities at the same times, and it needs to be easily accessible by public transportation which the Marymoor community center is not.

Anonymous

4/09/2025 06:22 PM

We cant make merrymore our own, let us have a space to ourselves, that promotes creativity, not make us feel less creative, OFH promoted creativity, a former school space will never and can never produce creativeity likethe OFH could

Anonymous

4/10/2025 01:12 AM

Adult supervision has been lacking. One fundamental thing about working with teens is that the facilitators / leaders in the group need to be the adult in the room first, and liked by the kids second. Both are important, but being responsible and setting group expectations is paramount.

Anonymous

4/10/2025 02:45 PM

Stop being stupid and compared a classroom setting to what the firehouse has.

Anonymous

4/10/2025 05:48 PM

Needing to rely on a car to access the new teen center is unfortunate and makes it difficult to feel connected.

Anonymous

4/10/2025 07:16 PM

No

Anonymous

4/12/2025 10:10 AM

No, thank you.

Anonymous

4/12/2025 10:12 AM

N/A

Anonymous

Not at the moment.

4/12/2025 12:18 PM

Anonymous

4/12/2025 01:51 PM

I think the top priority should be to get a new replacement for the OFH but not the RCCMV, it's not that accessible (bus routing there is bad) and that it's not that isolated (one big advantage in the OFH is its location)

Anonymous

4/12/2025 04:15 PM

Since discovering RTC, we're so pleased that the city makes these services and supports available to teens *for free!* We're relative new-comers to the area and to the Redmond Teen Center and don't have deep emotional attachment to the ORF. I understand that many people are deeply upset because of nostalgic feelings and because of the historical role the ORF has played in the Seattle Music Scene. (During this switch, I was surprised to learn that many of my favorite bands got their start at the ORF!) However, what I am most interested in is teens getting to have an *interesting* location to gather, play, and perform that they can really make *theirs*.

Anonymous

4/13/2025 03:11 PM

The fire house is a cherished, irreplaceable treasure that has significant meaning to many people in the community. It offered a comfortable and unique environment to my child when she was exploring her independence and understanding of self. Our family has strong heartfelt connections to the place and its stories that cannot be replaced by a different facility. The uniqueness and grittiness of the firehouse contribute it to Redmond's soul!

Anonymous

4/13/2025 10:37 PM

The firehouse was such a good influence on my life as a teen. I am a better person because of it :)

Anonymous

4/14/2025 06:57 PM

They are wonderful opportunities for our youth. Just please continue to meet them where they're at, not in a building on the edge of town where they can't get to and doesn't feel like home, like the OFH does now.

Anonymous

4/15/2025 07:17 PM

From what I see it's quite lacking and a far cry from a fully thought out plan and approach to create a "solution" to something that has already existed for YEARS prior. PLEASE DO WHATS RIGHT AND KEEP THE FIRE HOUSE OPEN!!

Anonymous

4/16/2025 11:26 AM

Please provide a space for teens, they need a place for community geared toward their age's & interests

Anonymous

4/16/2025 01:52 PM

My son recorded his CD at the teen center 15 years ago and it was impactful for his life. I am very thankful he got to have that experience.

Anonymous

4/16/2025 02:16 PM

Not much classes for teens in Redmond

Anonymous

4/16/2025 03:33 PM

Please don't let the Old Redmond Firehouse go!!! This is a precious spot for teens. The recording studio and stage area lets them explore, create, and feel independent in a supportive environment. This is a precious space for our area.

Anonymous

4/18/2025 11:38 PM

Ask the teens what they need and what they would like to find at a Teen Center.

Anonymous

4/19/2025 10:14 PM

We don't belong at the Marymoor community center, it's just a small corner

Anonymous

4/20/2025 08:17 AM

Moving to marymoor not convenient for students walking to after school... ANY transportation to and from marymoor....let's meet our students needs..our teens...not the city council...let's move you to marymoor...guarantee that wouldn't go over...come on now redmond... As you can tell I think redmknd needs yo make repairs to the old fire station...not sell to contractors....it's a shame...I believe in changes...moving our teens out of downtown Redmond ...shame on each and everyone of you.....in the near future it will be THESE teens replacing YOU sitting on the council....just saying..

Anonymous

4/20/2025 02:32 PM

Let kids be invloved

Anonymous

4/20/2025 06:29 PM

I have lived in Redmond for 25 years. Raised two kids and now I am raising two more. Redmond is and has always been horrible when it comes to catering for teenagers.

Anonymous

4/20/2025 10:02 PM

Seattle has an extremely rich Music scene spanning a massive variety of genres and an even richer history. For over 15 years I've been a musician in a band while my two band mates have been immersed in that scene even longer since they were in late elementary school. If it wasn't for Teen centers like KTUB or the Old

Redmond Firehouse and others around that offered stages and a venue for young musicians like we were 15 years ago, I have no idea where we'd be. The opportunity these venues gave us to play, in my case personally, changed my life. It gave me confidence to play on stage I never thought I would have. It provides safer venues and safer entry points into the music scene and community. Not only for myself, but several musicians who are still going that I met half my current lifetime ago in those teen centers would not be where they are now without the opportunities that teen and other youth friendly venues provided them. These places can be life-changing for many and even Life-SAVING for a few.

Anonymous

4/21/2025 11:29 AM

The city has devastating teens by closing old fire house. The new community center is not adequate or safe for teens.

Anonymous

4/21/2025 02:42 PM

No

Anonymous

4/21/2025 11:59 PM

I'm shocked you didn't consult in advance and chose disenfranchisement instead. Disgraceful

Anonymous

4/22/2025 09:43 AM

This new location is seriously lame. The firehouse is a beacon of hope for many teens especially because of its historical significance.

Anonymous

4/22/2025 02:39 PM

keep. the. old. firehouse !!!

Anonymous

4/22/2025 04:44 PM

nope

Anonymous

4/22/2025 07:46 PM

Do not shut down the Old Fire House Teen Center.

Anonymous

4/23/2025 08:30 PM

Save the old fire house teen center!

Anonymous

4/24/2025 07:29 PM

The firehouse is an incredible location for teen services. I hope this land is able to safely house teen services again

Anonymous

4/26/2025 08:59 AM

It's a damned shame that you are not willing to fix the OFH. That place is a city icon to generations of kids and adults.

Anonymous

4/29/2025 08:39 AM

Prioritize creating an exclusive space for teenagers—this is a critical stage in their lives where they can either become valuable contributors to society or risk becoming a part of its challenges.

Anonymous

4/29/2025 06:13 PM

I'm very thankful for the comprehensive, thorough information gathering!

Anonymous

4/30/2025 02:27 PM

By closing the Firehouse and not having any consistent replacements whether it be permanent or temporary, you are directly destroying the community you seek to build.

Anonymous

5/02/2025 01:58 PM

There used to be a twice-monthly program at the Redmond Library, but when the Librarian who was facilitating that program got a new job, the program did not continue. I'm not aware of any LGBTQ+ specific youth programming in Redmond, outside of GSAs in schools. We know that many LGBTQ+ youth will not go to the GSA in their school because it risks outing them to their peers and that can get back to their parents at home. Having a long-term stable community based program will serve as a life-saving resource for those youth especially. Many students who do go to their GSA also express a need for more opportunities to find and make friends outside of school.

Anonymous

5/04/2025 04:02 PM

The pedestrian access around Marymoor teen center is not safe. It is not near schools and drivers are not used to pedestrians.

Anonymous

5/05/2025 12:52 PM

Thank you! I personally may not have made much use of these services, but I have acquaintances who have. This is important, and I'm glad these services exist.

Anonymous

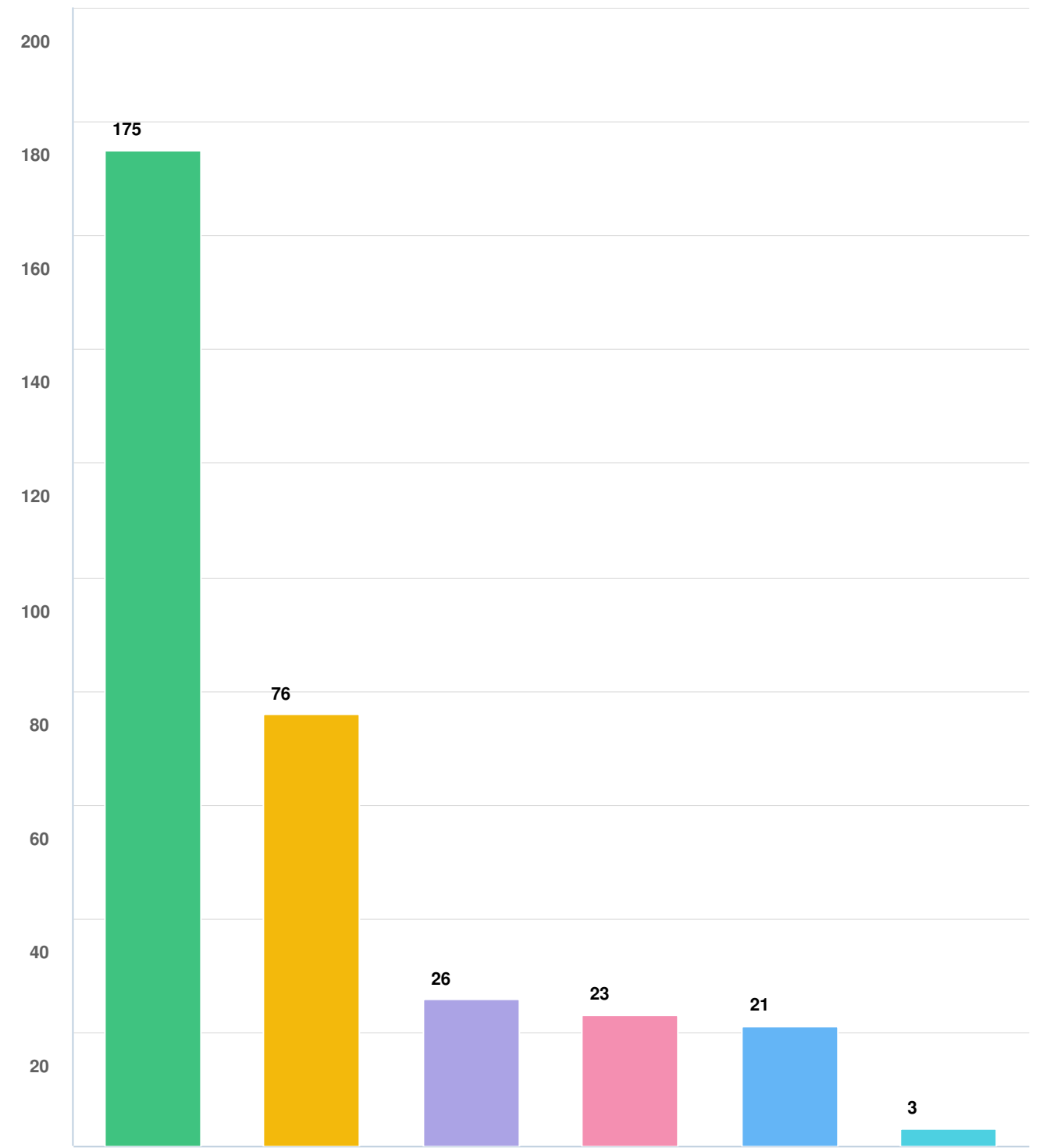
5/05/2025 03:48 PM

Thank you for everything! My teens confidence and happiness soared after she found the Old Firehouse. She has always been interested in music and not sports. The Old Firehouse provided a community for her.

Optional question (150 response(s), 147 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q35 What gender do you identify with?

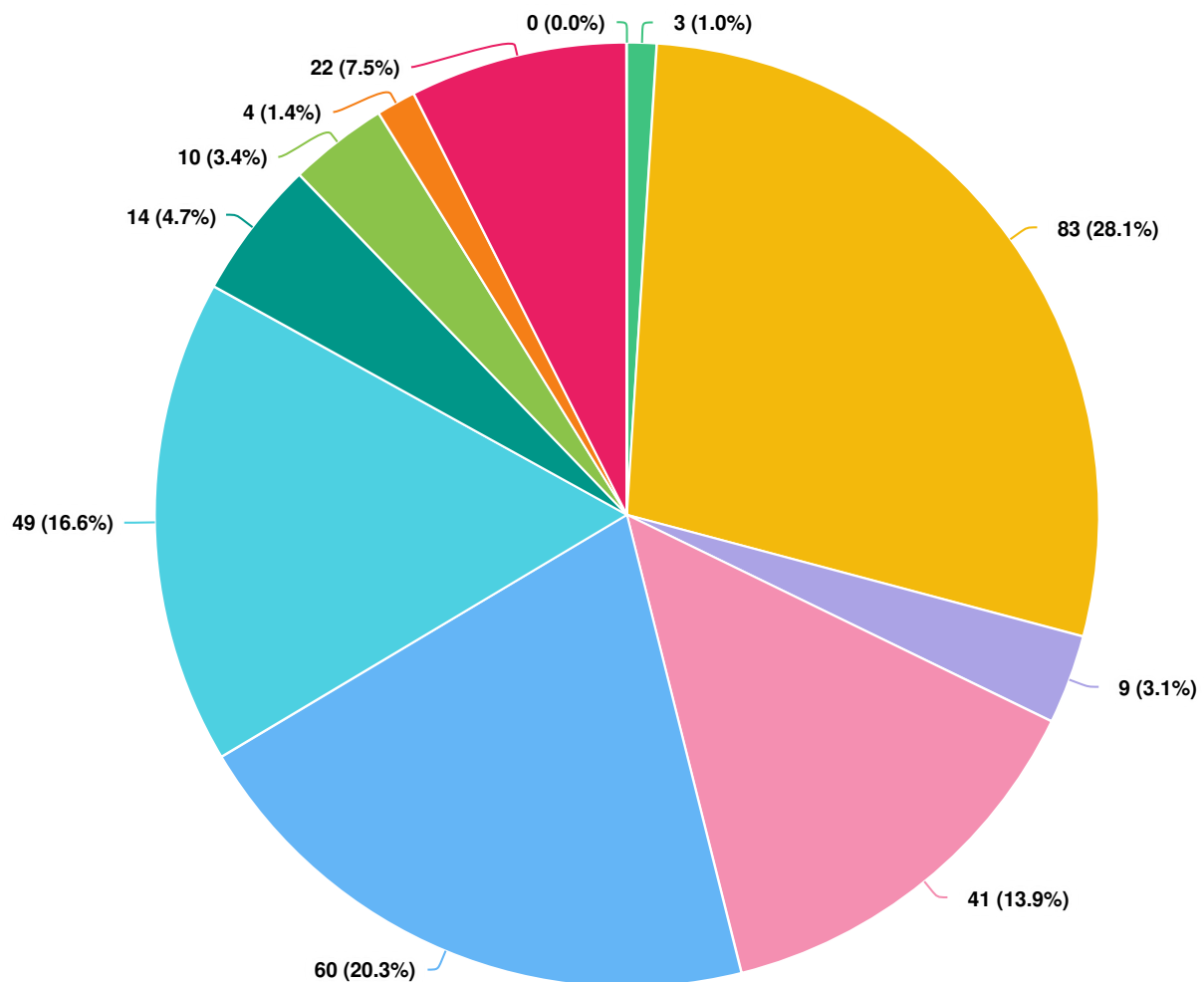


Question options

Other (fill in) I prefer not to answer Transgender/Gender-variant Non-binary Male Female

Optional question (296 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q36 In which year range were you born?

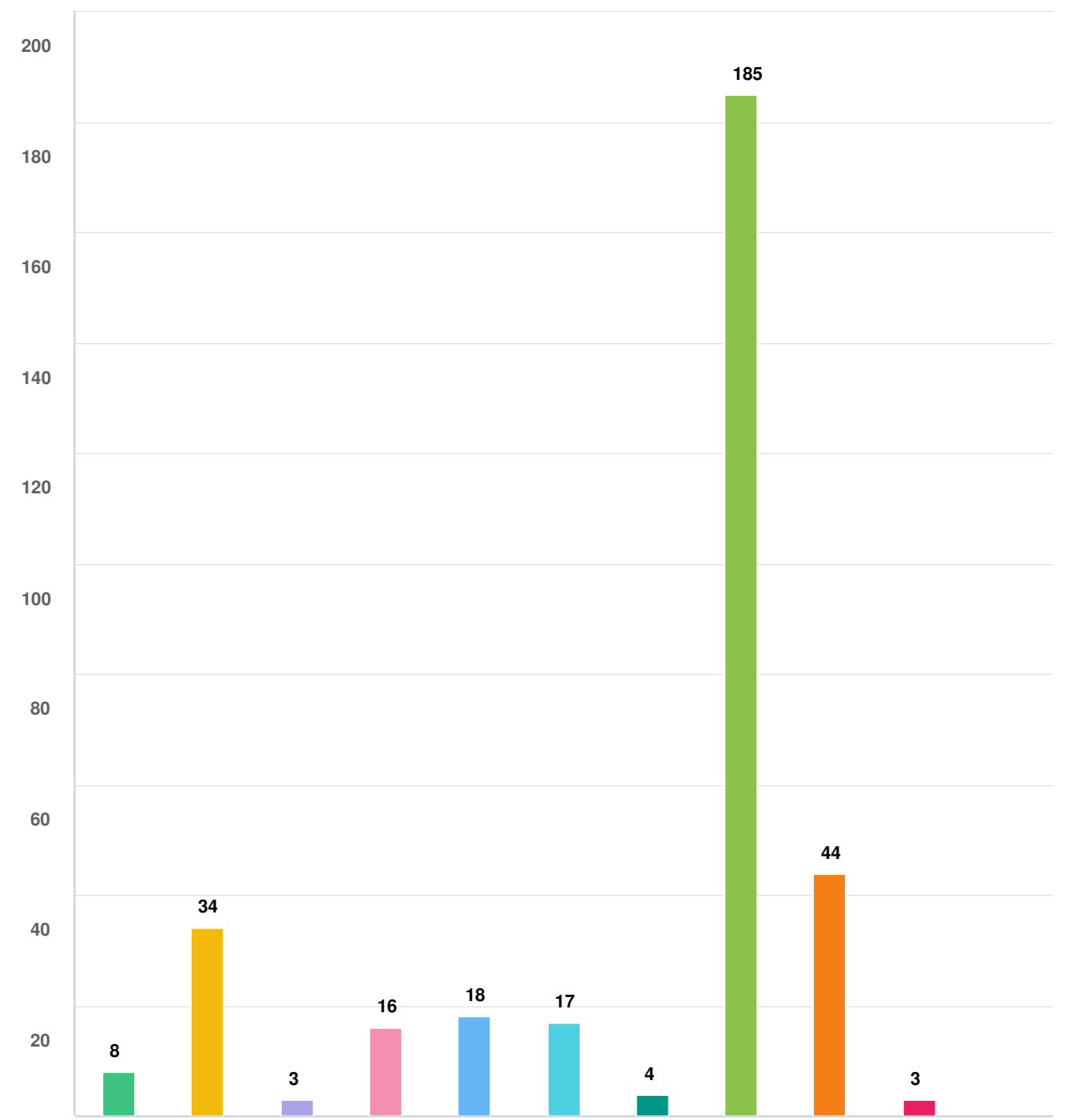


Question options

● Before 1940
 ● I prefer not to answer
 ● 1940-1949
 ● 1950-1959
 ● 1960-1969
 ● 1970-1979
● 1980-1989
 ● 1990-1999
 ● 2000-2005
 ● 2006-2012 (ages 13 through 19)
 ● After 2012

Optional question (295 response(s), 2 skipped)
 Question type: Radio Button Question

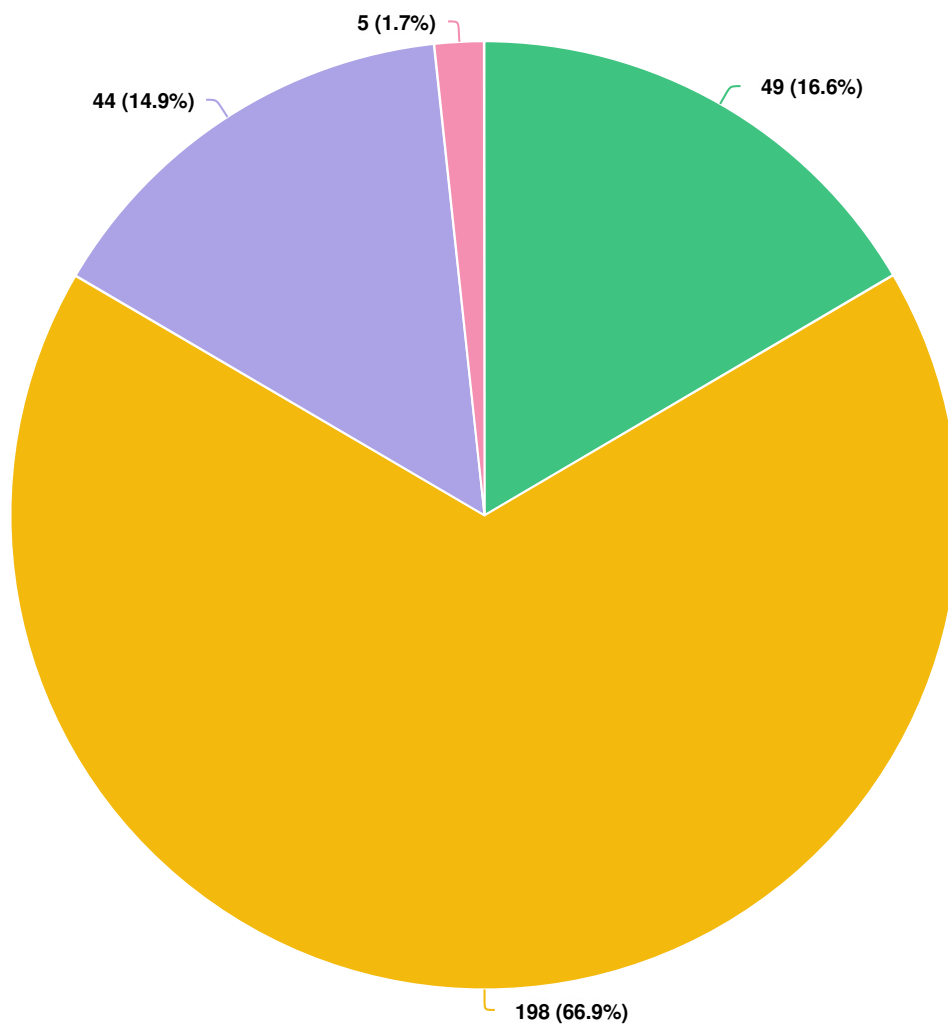
Q37 Which of the following best describes your racial and ethnic heritage?



- Question options**
- Arab American
 - Other (fill in)
 - I prefer not to answer
 - White/Caucasian
 - American Indian/Alaska Native
 - Multiracial
 - Hispanic/Latinx
 - South Asian
 - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
 - Asian American
 - Black/African American

Optional question (297 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q38 Do you identify with having a disability?

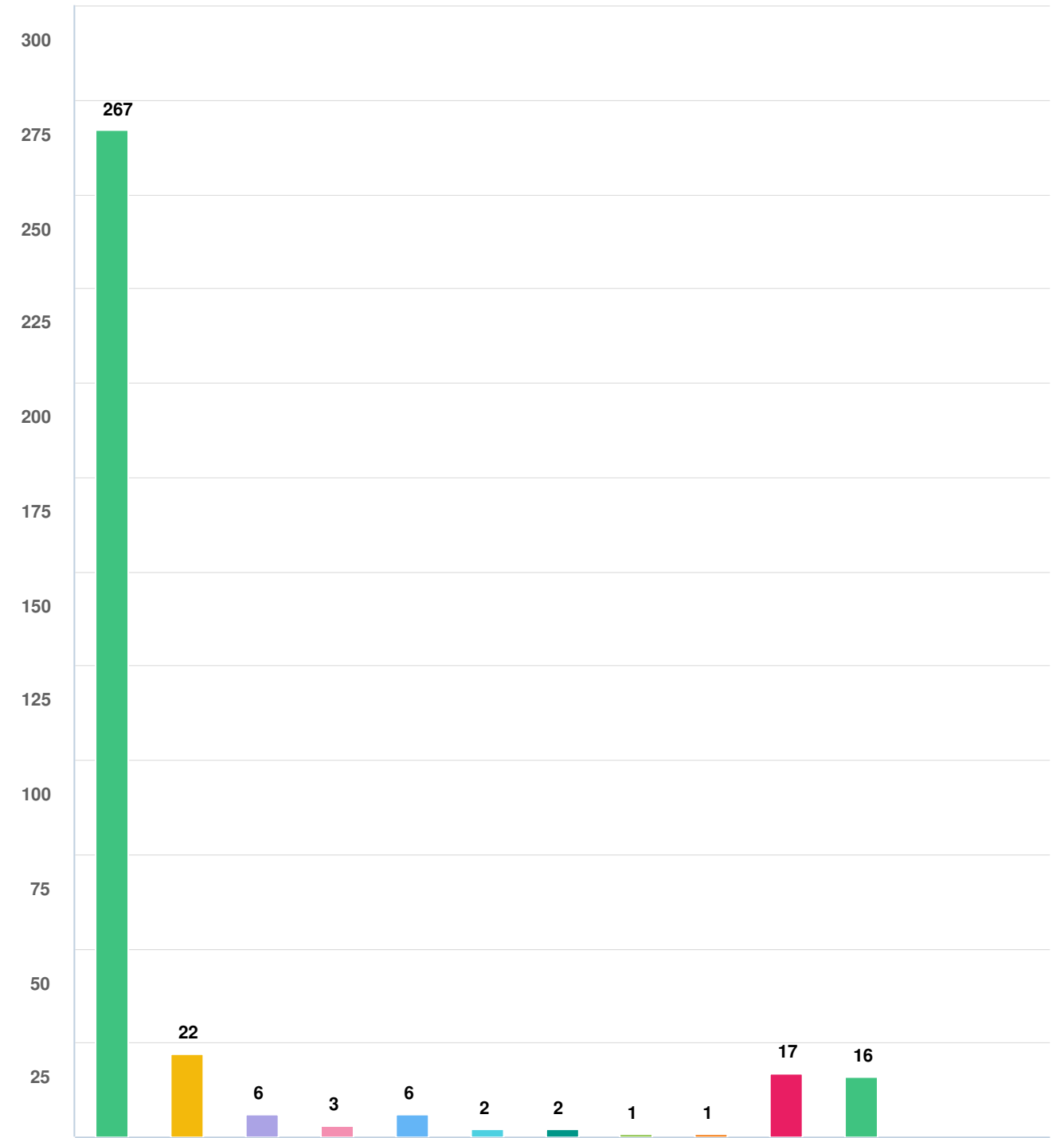


Question options

☐ Other (fill in) ☐ Prefer not to answer ☐ No ☐ Yes

Optional question (296 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q39 What languages do you primarily speak at home?



- Question options**
- Arabic
 - Japanese
 - Other (fill in)
 - I prefer not to answer
 - Urdu
 - Guajarati
 - French
 - Hebrew
 - Russian
 - Hindi
 - Chinese
 - Spanish
 - English

Optional question (295 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question