



EQUITABLE ACCESS STUDENTS SURVEY

This survey received a robust response, with 491 participants contributing their feedback between May 1st and May 10th.

Based on the survey responses, it's evident that our participants primarily consist of graduate students, followed by fourth-year/fifth-year and third-year students. Most respondents are full-time students (81%), with a diverse range of majors, with the top three being Business-Related, Health Professions, and Social Science.

When it comes to purchasing course materials, cost is the primary concern for the majority of students (24%).

In terms of preferred formats, there's a split between depends on the course, digital textbooks, and print textbooks with a digital component. Reasons for preferring digital formats include convenience in terms of not having to carry physical books, access across multiple devices, and immediate access after purchase.

Notably, digital course materials were widely used during the 2023-2024 academic year, with many students accessing them moderately, frequently, or all the time. Additionally, while a majority of respondents were unaware of Equitable Access before the survey, there's substantial support for such a program, with most expressing in favor of such endeavor or a need for more information.

Overall, the majority of respondents view the flat-fee program positively, with a significant portion believing it would be an improvement over current systems.

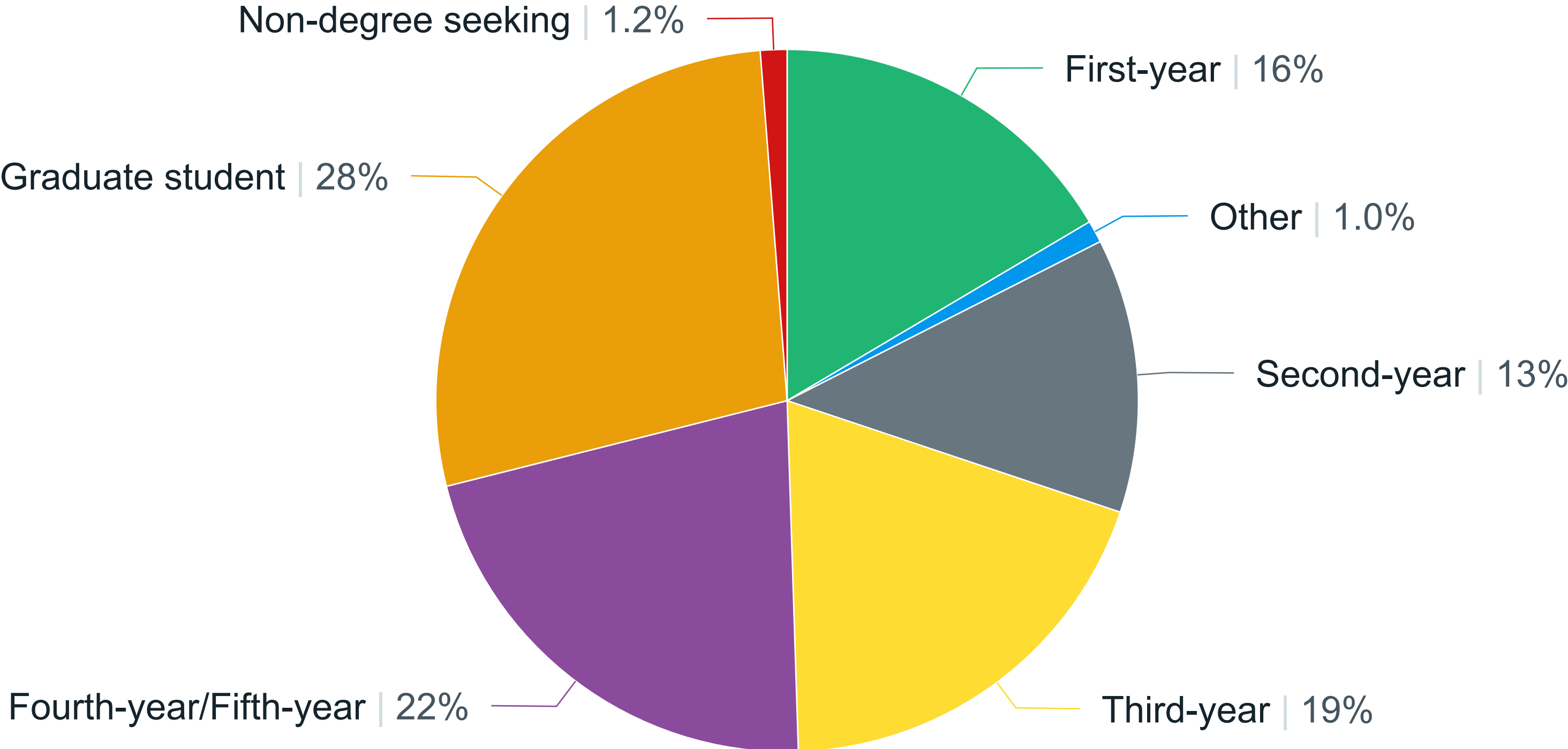
The detailed charts showcasing the results of each question are organized in four parts:

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OUR AUDIENCE

Which of the following best describes your current student status?

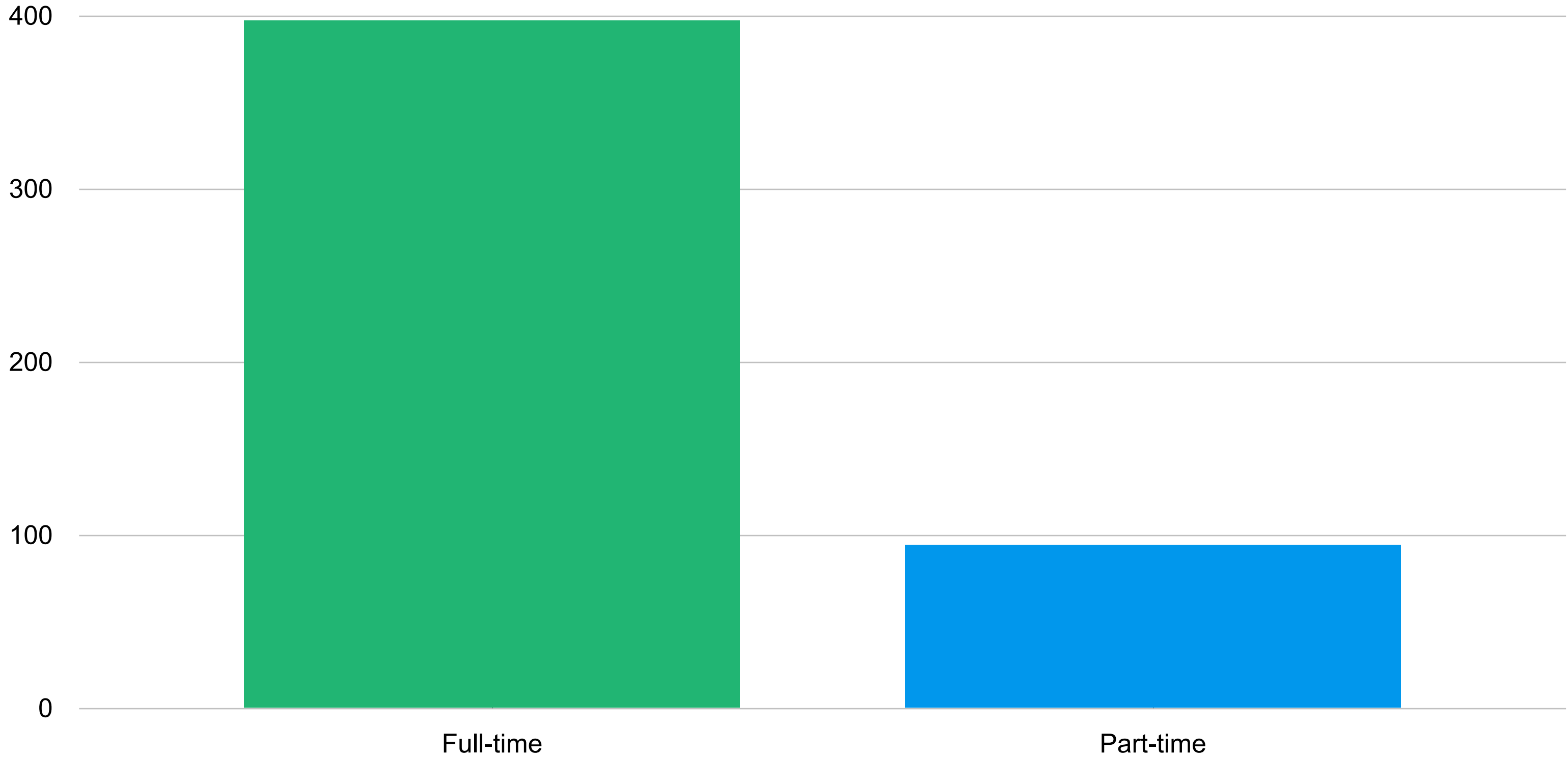
A majority of our respondents are graduate students (28%), then Fourth-year/Fifth-Year (22%) and Third-Year (19%).



OUR AUDIENCE

What best describes your class load?

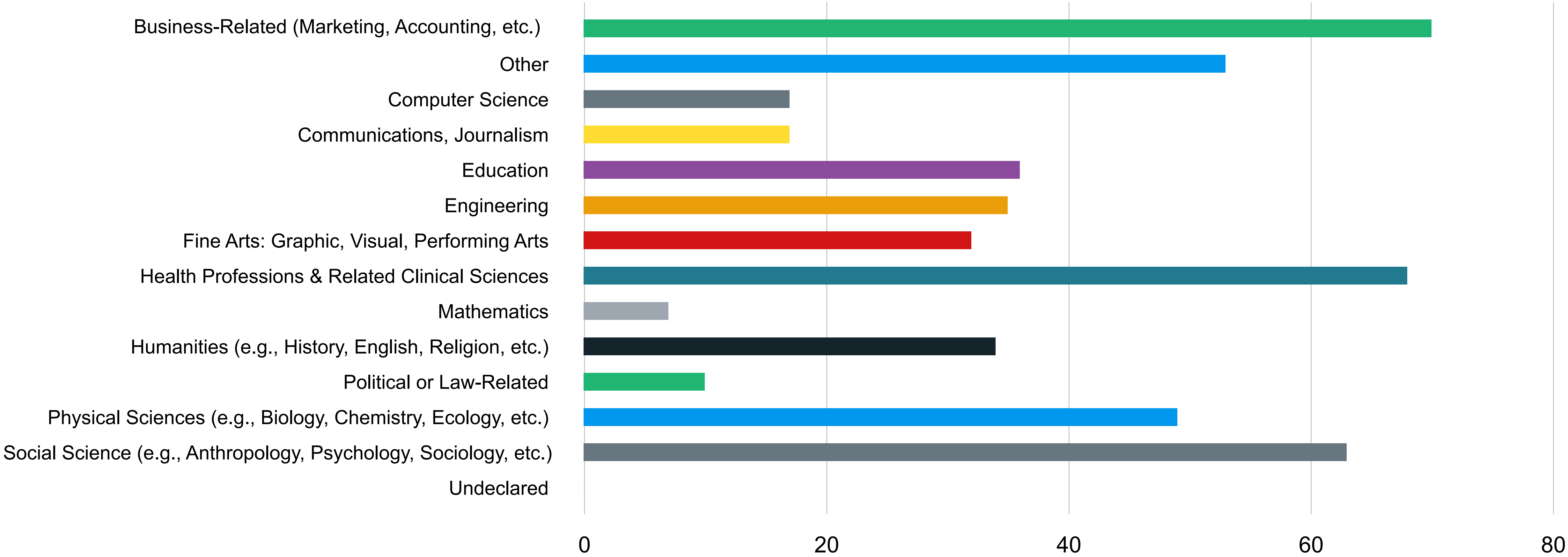
A majority of the respondents are Full-Time students (81%).



OUR AUDIENCE

Which of the following BEST describes your major course of study?

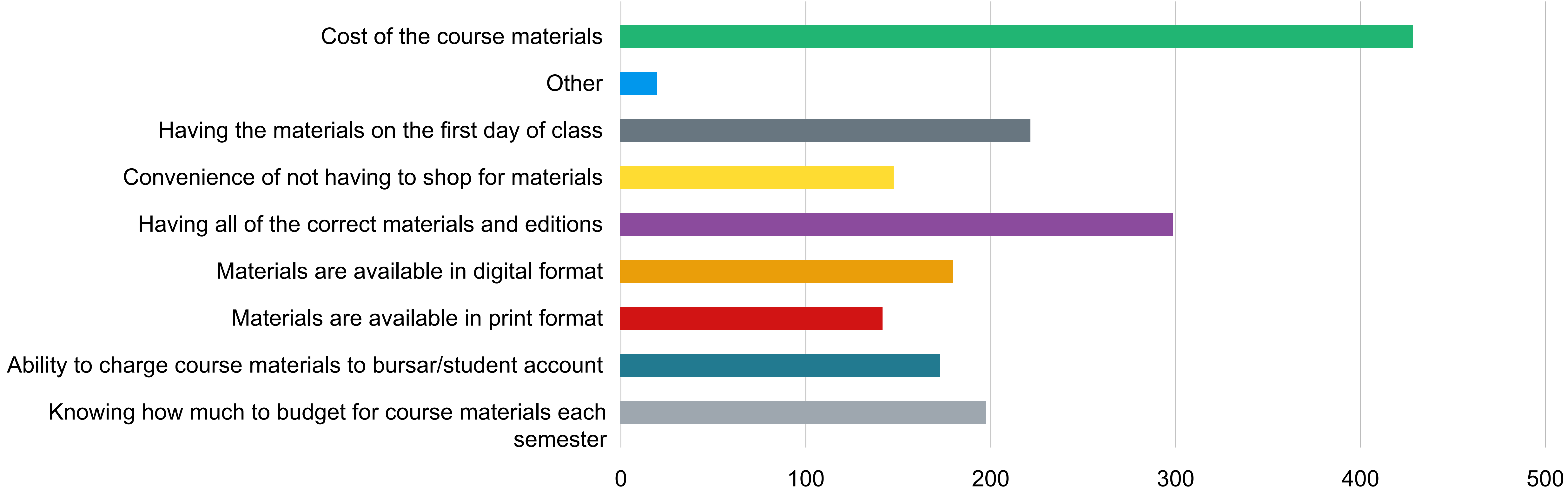
The top 3 majors that answered the survey are: Business-Related (14%), Health Professions (14%) and Social Science (13%).



COURSE MATERIALS

When purchasing course materials for your classes, what are the most important factors you consider?
(please select all that apply)

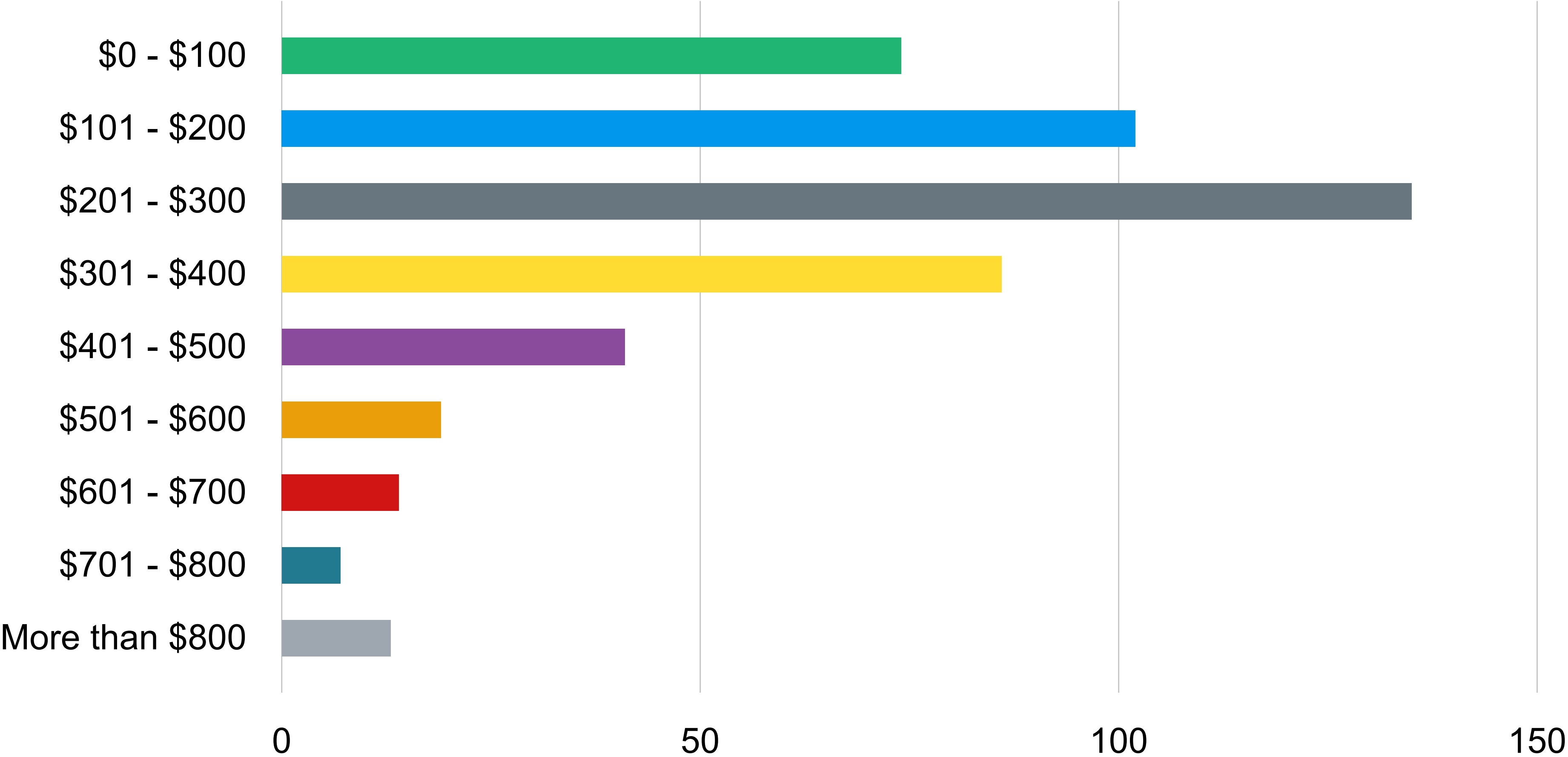
A majority of respondents have selected “cost” as the most important factor when purchasing their course materials (24%).



COURSE MATERIALS

On average, how much do you currently spend on all of your required course materials in a single semester?

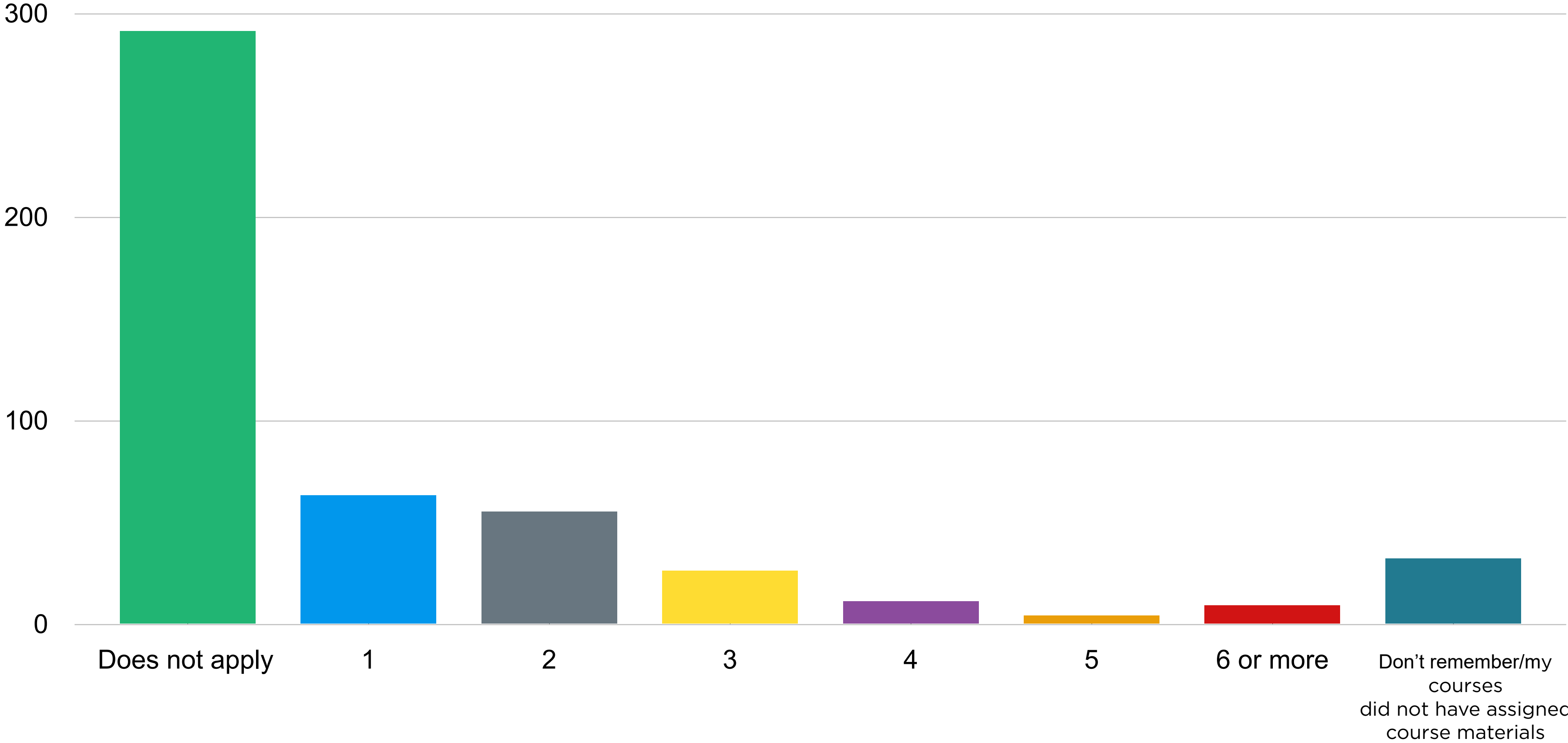
Overall, the responses indicate a wide range of spending on required course materials, with the majority of students falling within the lower to moderate expense categories (27% for \$201-\$300 - 21% for \$101-\$200). However, there is also a notable minority facing relatively high expenses, reflecting the varied costs associated with obtaining course materials.



COURSE MATERIALS

During the 2023-2024 academic year, how many of your assigned course materials did you NOT obtain?

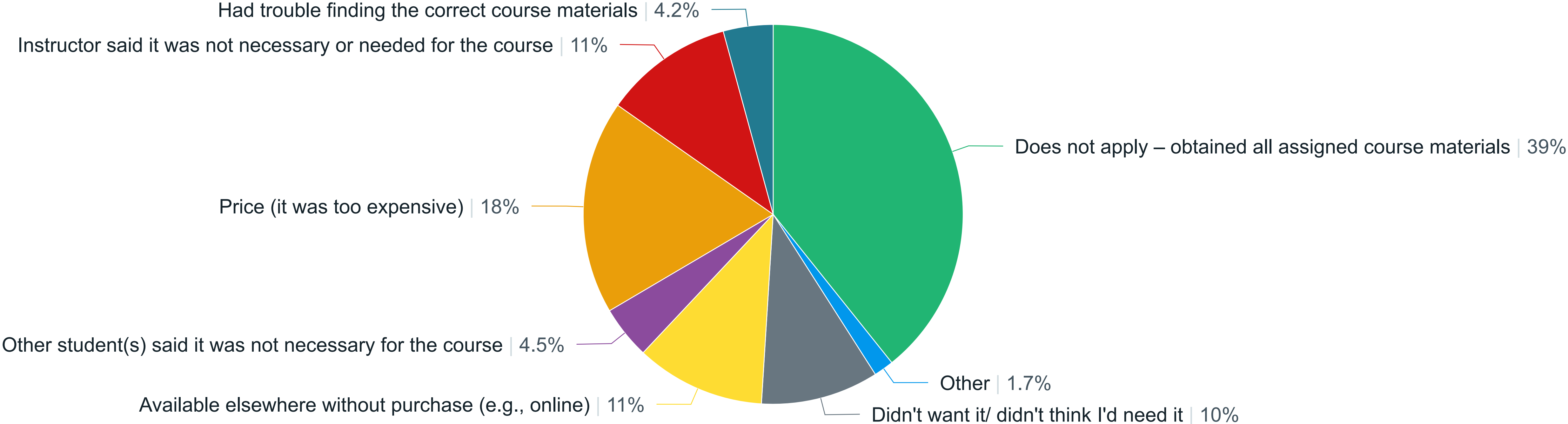
For a majority of the respondents this question did not apply. For the rest, the top answers were 1,2 or “don’t remember/My courses did not have assigned course materials”.



COURSE MATERIALS

What were your primary reasons for NOT purchasing some of your required course materials this year? (please select all that apply)

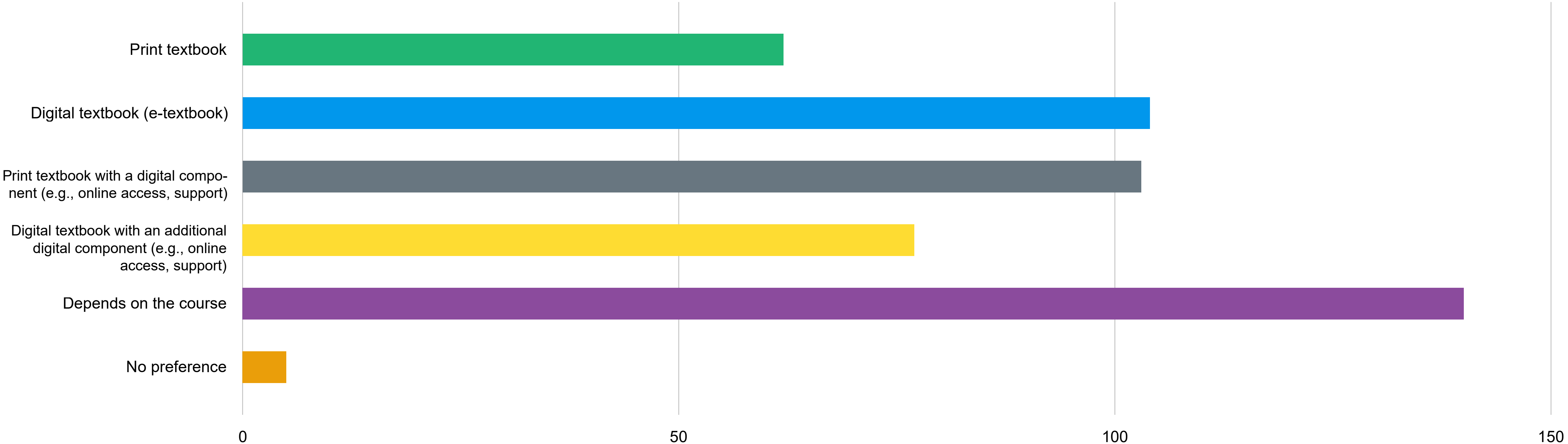
For a majority of the respondents this question did not apply. For the rest, the top answers were the “Price (it was too expensive)”, “Instructor said it was not necessary or needed” and “Available elsewhere without purchase (e.g., online)”.



DIGITAL FORMAT

If you could choose the course material format, what would be your preferred option?

For their preferred course material format, a majority of respondents answered “depends on the course” (29%), “digital textbook” (21%) or “Print textbook with a digital component” (21%).

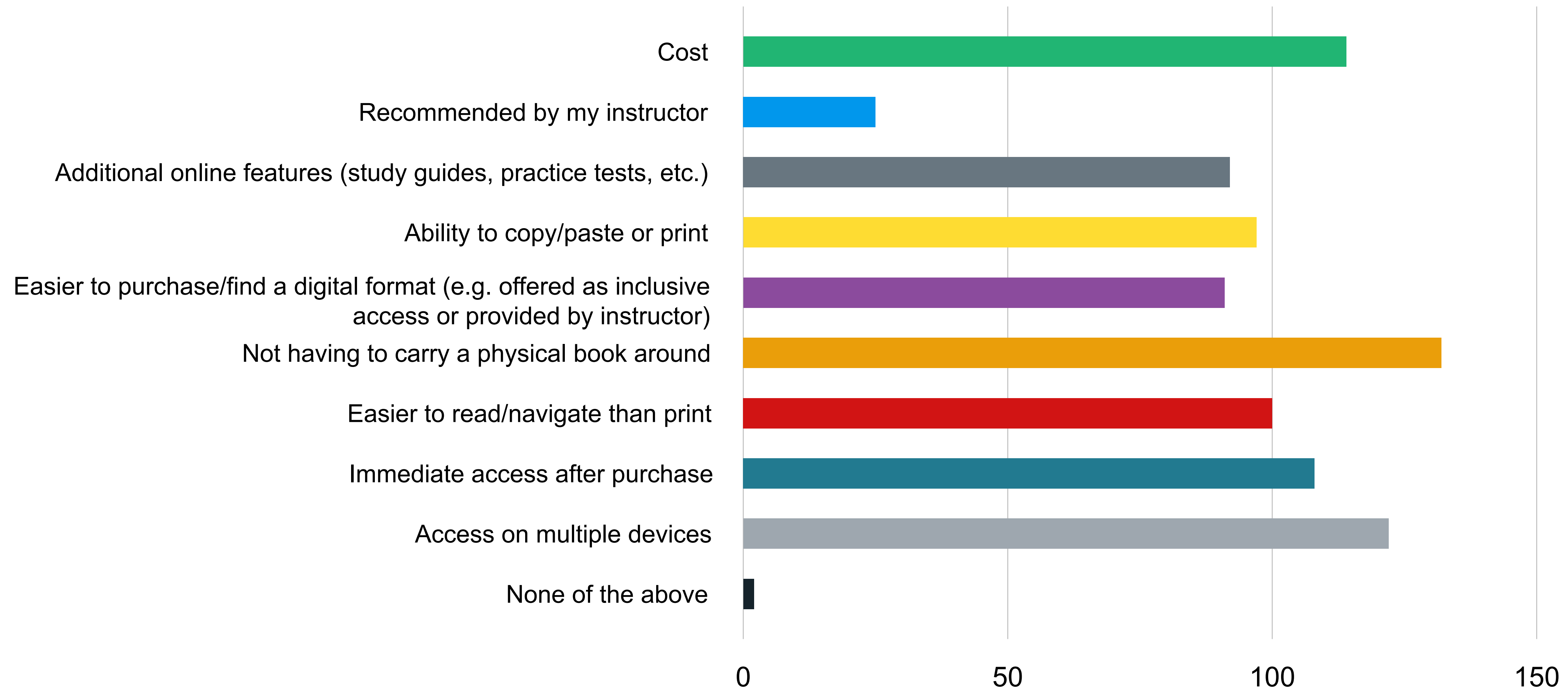


DIGITAL FORMAT

For responders that selected digital formats:

Why did you prefer digital? (please select all that apply)

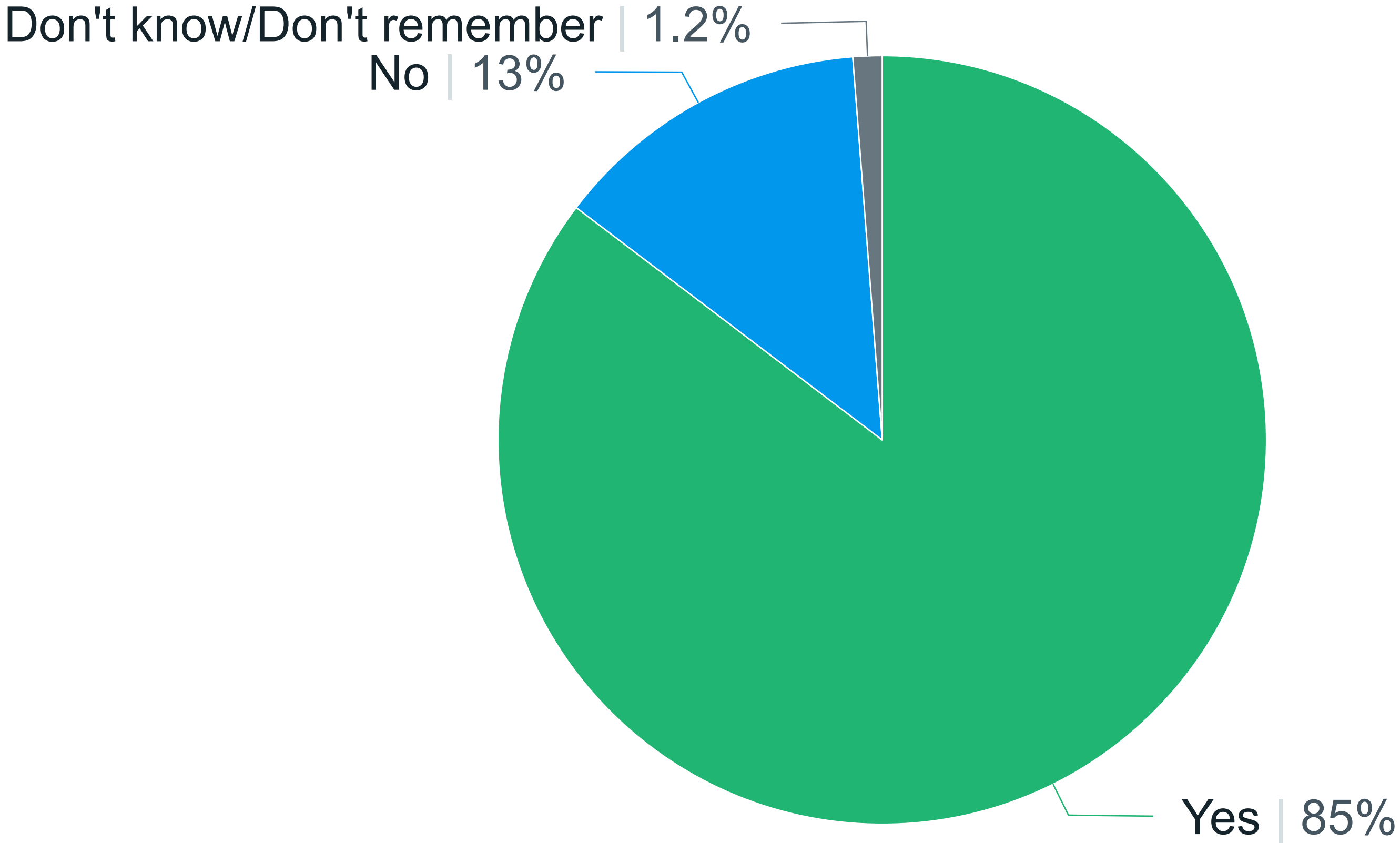
The majority of reasons to prefer digital formats are “Not having to carry a physical book around” (15%), “Access on multiple devices” (14%) and “Immediate access after purchase” (12%).



DIGITAL FORMAT

Did you use any digital course materials (e.g. e-books, Inclusive Access, free materials from the library or your instructor) during the 2023-2024 academic year?

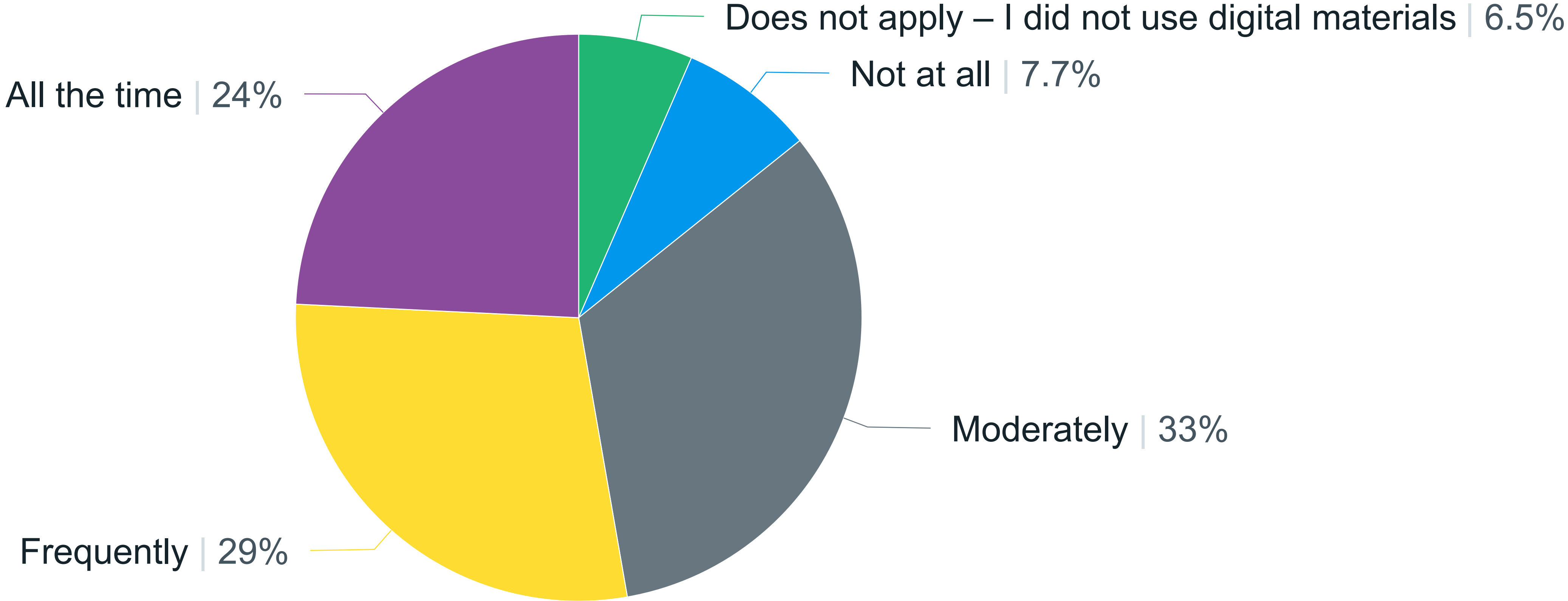
During the 2023-2024 academic year, a vast majority of respondents (85%) utilized digital course materials.



DIGITAL FORMAT

During the 2023-2024 academic year, how much did you engage with your digital course materials?

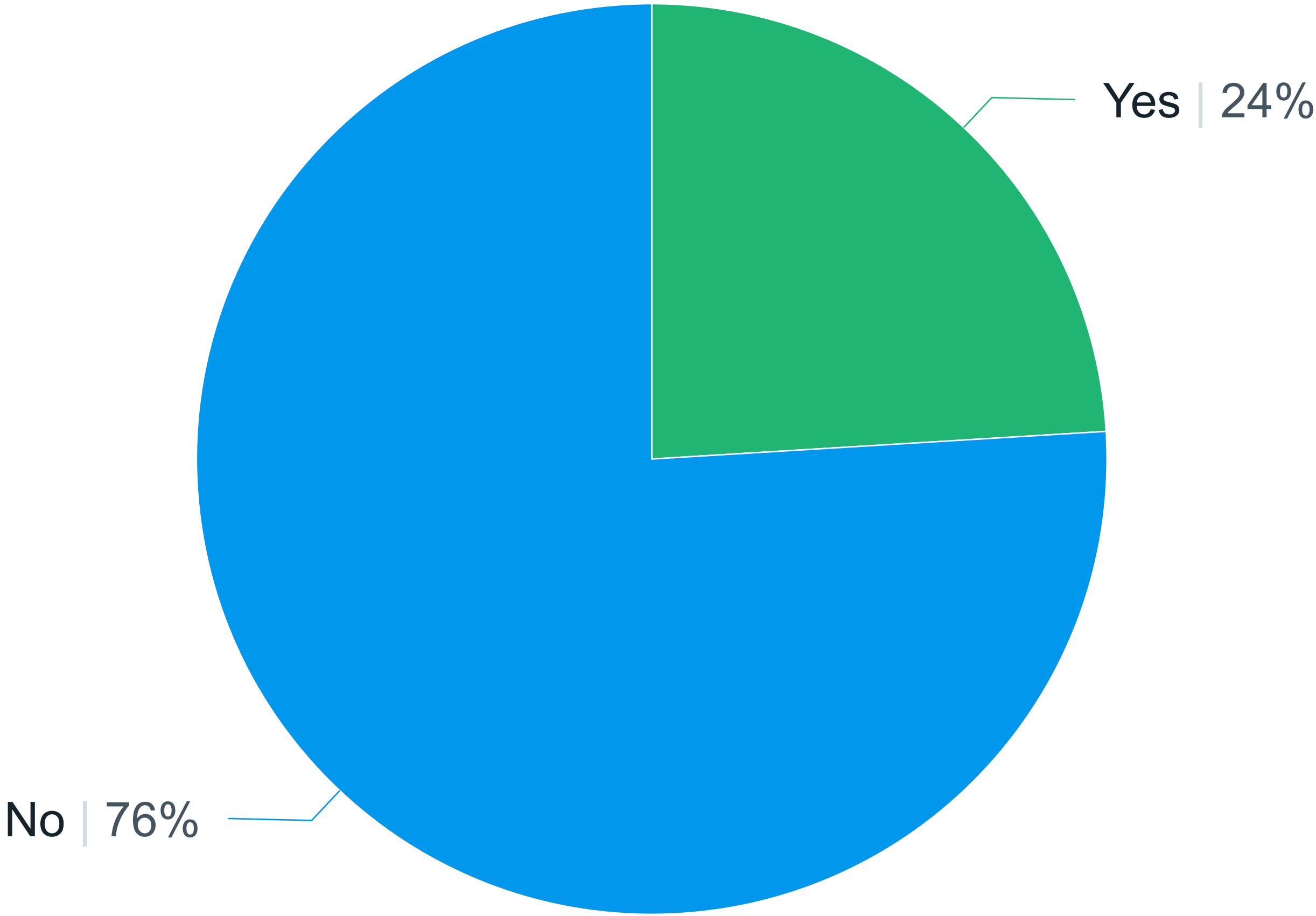
A majority of respondents have used their digital course materials Moderately (33%), Frequently (29%) or All the time (24%).



EQUITABLE ACCESS

Prior to this email, have you heard of Equitable Access?

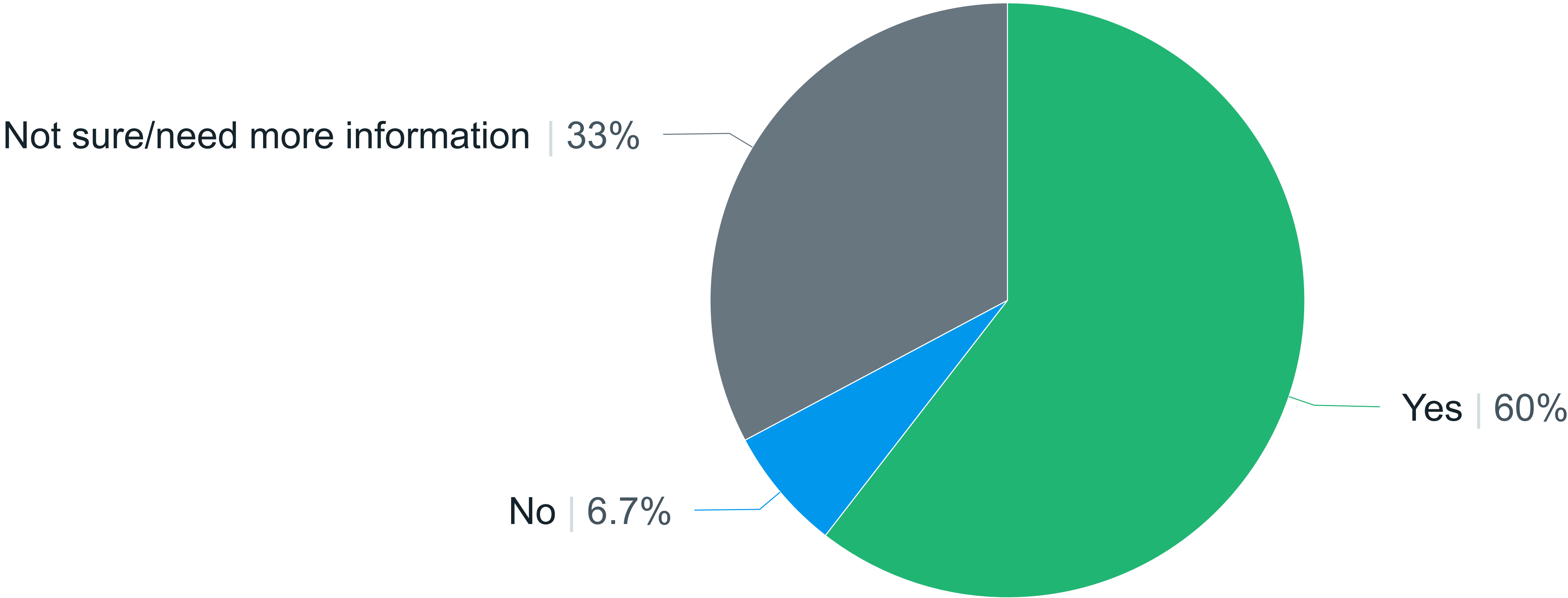
A majority of respondents had not heard of Equitable Access before this email (76%).



EQUITABLE ACCESS

If the University of New Mexico decided to implement an Equitable Access program campus-wide for undergraduate students, would you be in favor of such a program?

60% of respondents expressed support for such a program, while 33% indicated a need for more information before forming an opinion.



EQUITABLE ACCESS

Do you think a flat-fee program as described in the Equitable Access program would be better or worse than the traditional model of obtaining course materials via standard purchasing/renting?

Overall, the majority of respondents (66%) express some level of positivity towards the flat-fee program, with 27% believing it would be much better and 39% seeing it as somewhat better.

