

Western Settlement Outcomes Survey

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Objectives

- ▶ To examine immigrants' settlement and integration experiences and outcomes
 - ▶ Four provinces of the new Western CIC region
- ▶ To provide information that may inform policies, programs, services, and resources to improve settlement outcomes
- ▶ Focus today on use of internet, desire for pre-arrival information, economic integration, and feelings of belonging



Methodology

- ▶ 2936 immigrants
 - ▶ Minimum 18 years of age
 - ▶ Living in one of the western provinces for 3-60 months
 - ▶ Permanent resident in Canada within last 5 years
- ▶ British Columbia: 744 respondents
- ▶ Alberta: 729 respondents
- ▶ Saskatchewan: 713 respondents
- ▶ Manitoba: 750 respondents
 - ▶ Margin of error +/- 4%; confidence level of 95%
- ▶ Contact information provided by CIC



Methodology

Computer-assisted telephone interviewing

- ▶ Social Sciences Research Laboratories (U Sask)
 - ▶ Manitoba
 - ▶ British Columbia
 - ▶ 30,060 calls (27% response rate)

- ▶ Population Research Laboratory (U of A)
 - ▶ Alberta
 - ▶ Saskatchewan
 - ▶ 18,103 calls (38% response rate)



Methodology

Survey Instrument

- ▶ Subset of questions from Alberta Settlement Outcomes Survey (edited to CLB5)
 - ▶ 6 new questions added
 - ▶ Majority used 7-point scales
- ▶ English, French, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish
- ▶ PRL surveys: 90% completed in English
- ▶ 23 minutes to complete





Respondents

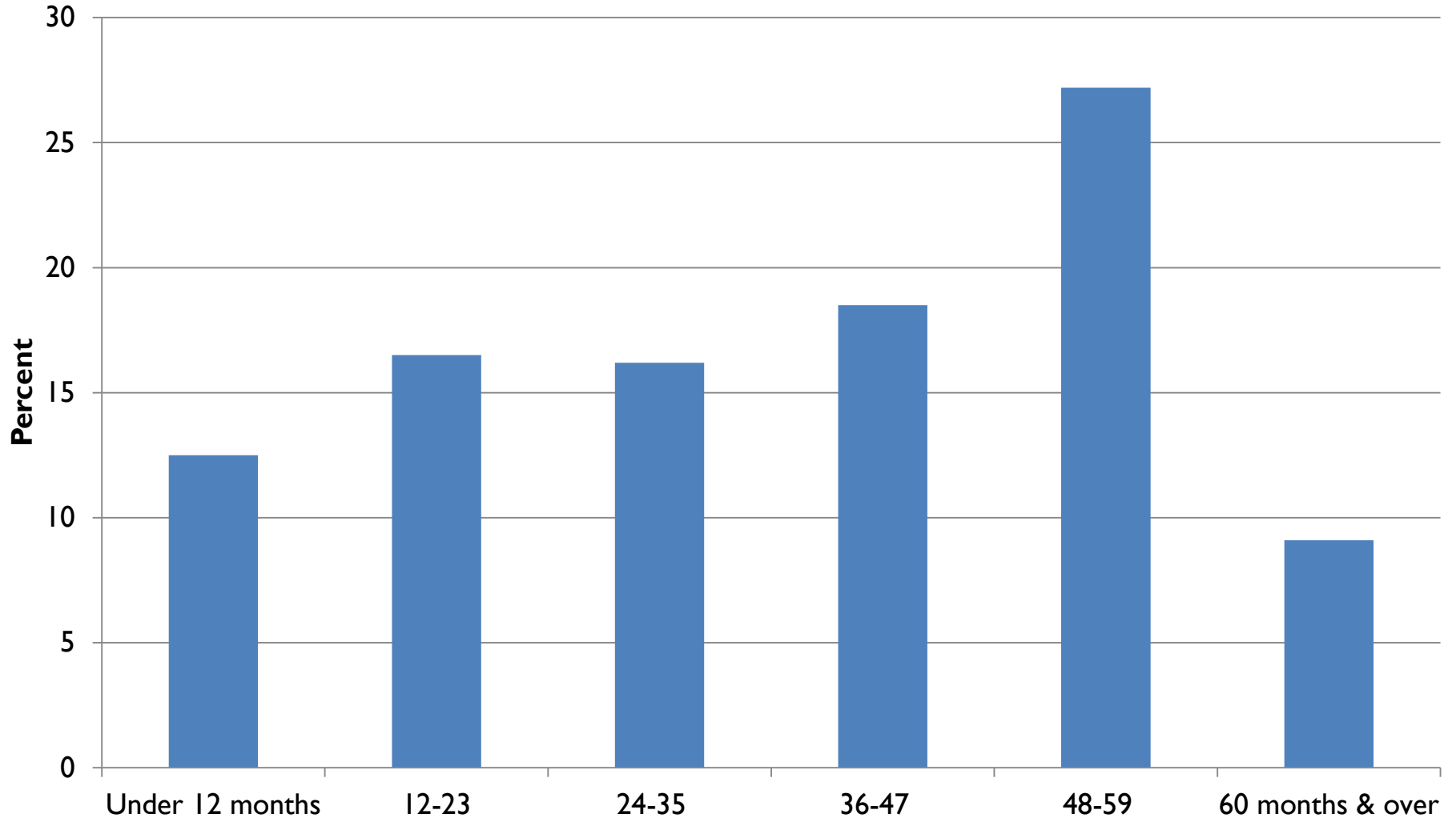


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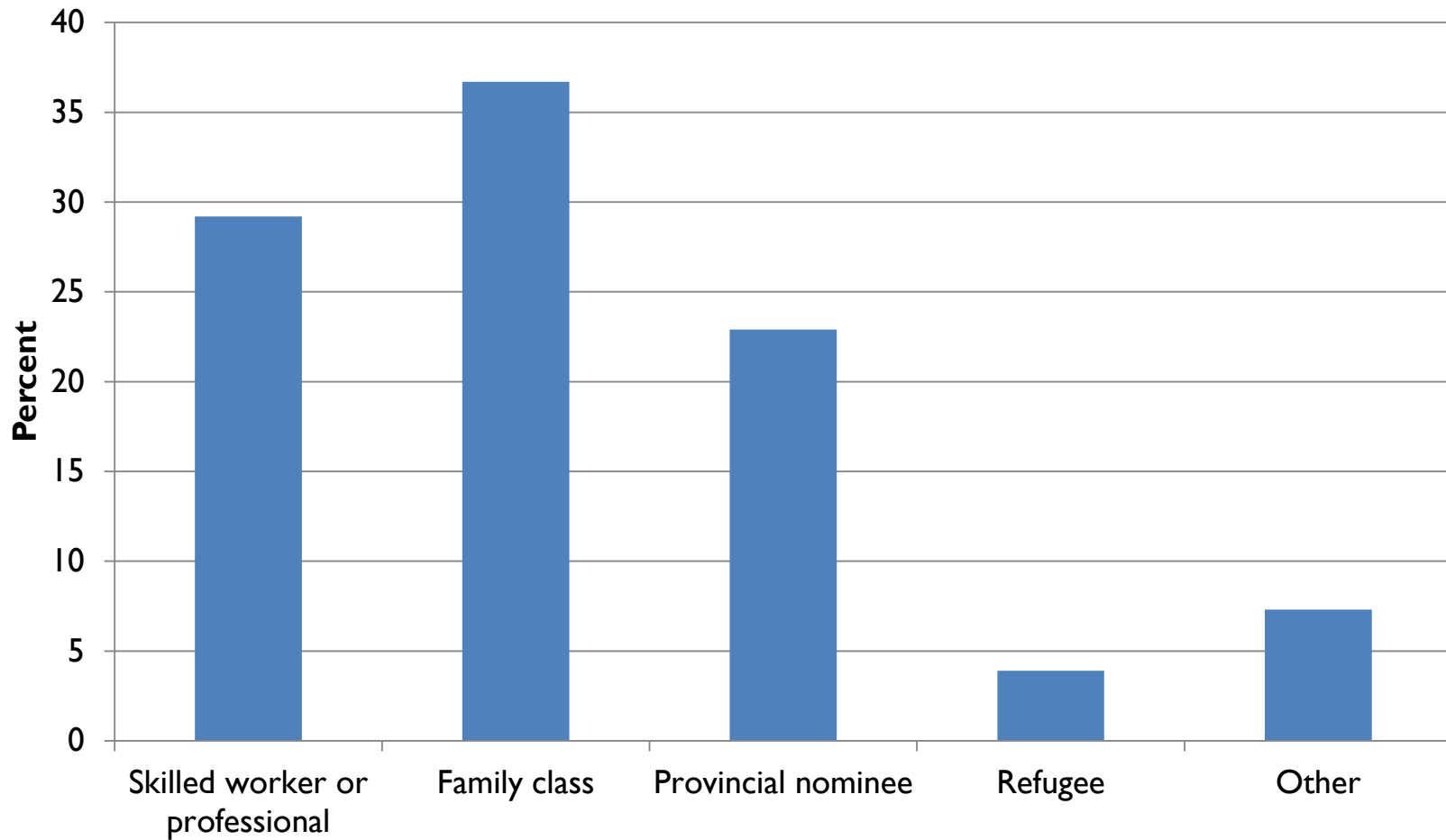
- ▶ Age range 18-85 years ($M = 37$, $SD = 10$)
- ▶ 51% women, 49% men



Length of Time in Province



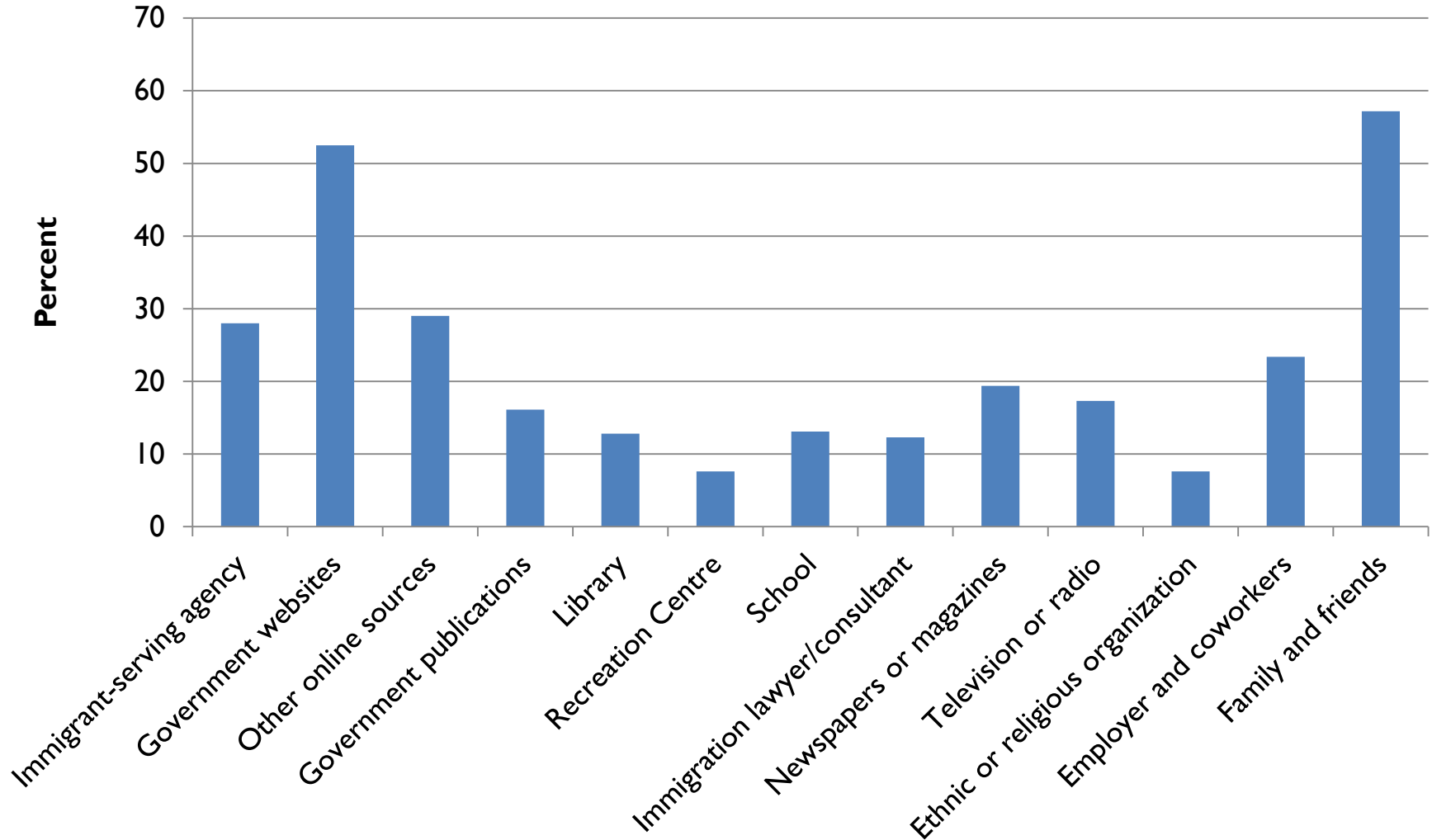
Immigration Category



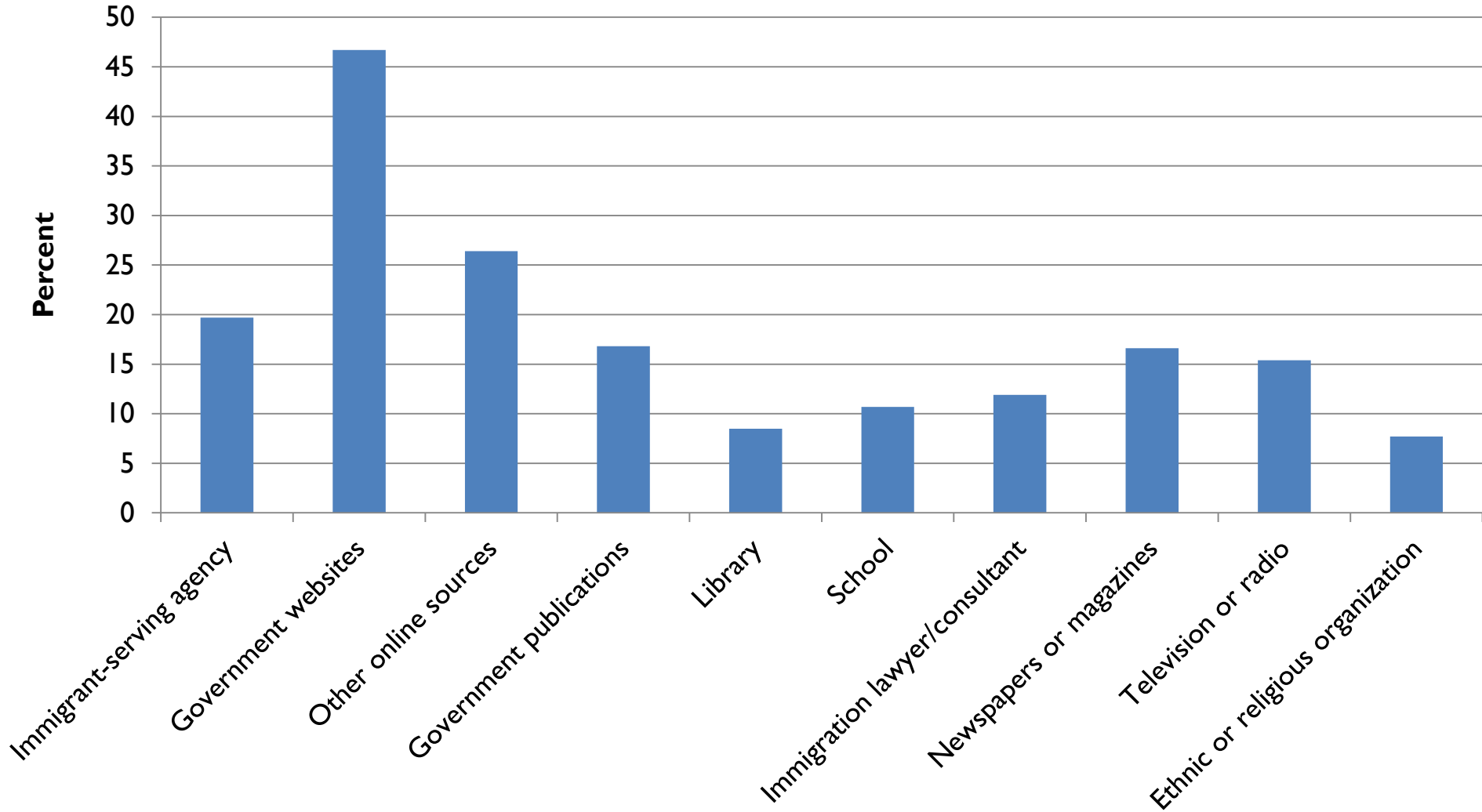


Information Needs & Use; Use of Internet

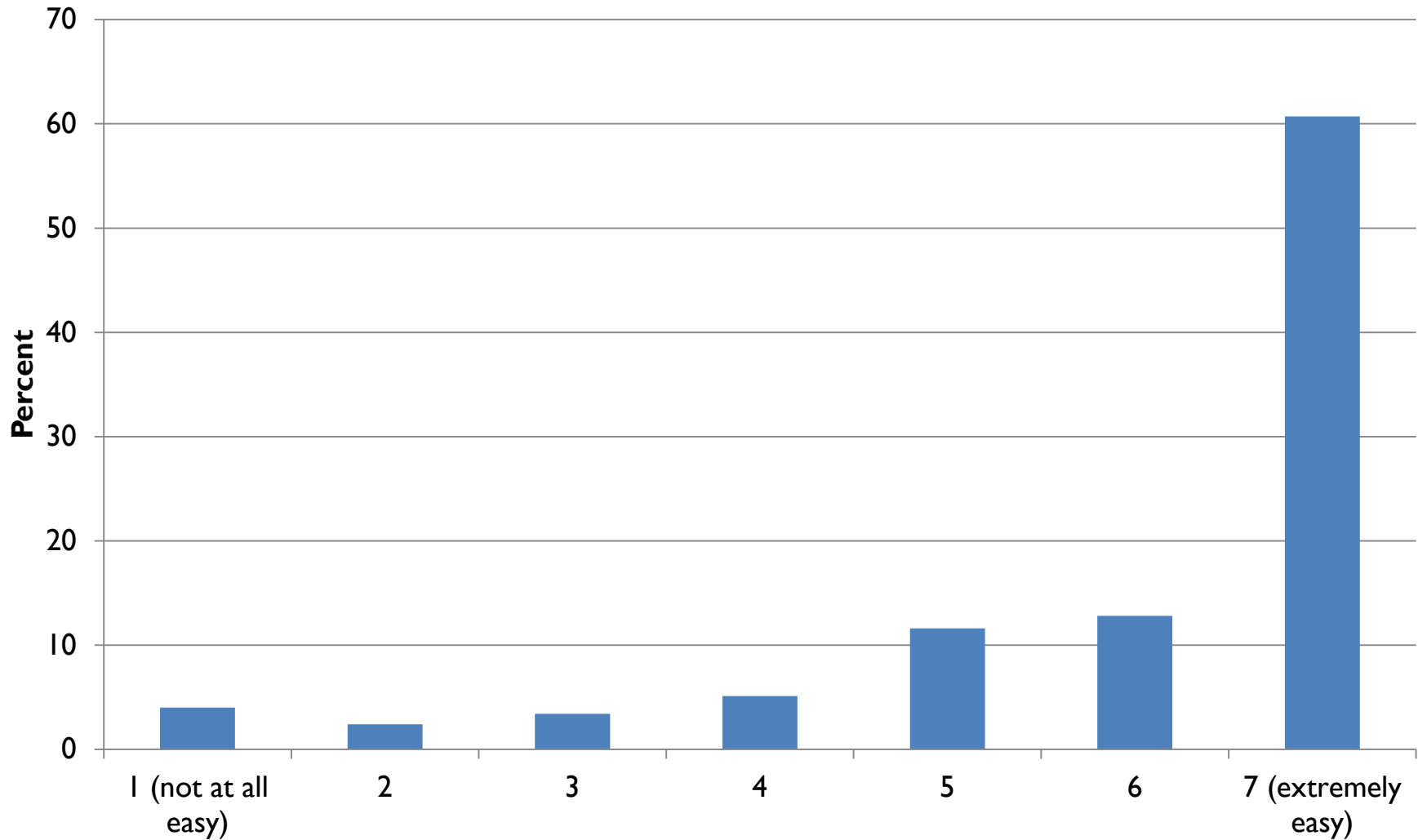
Where Settlement Information was Accessed



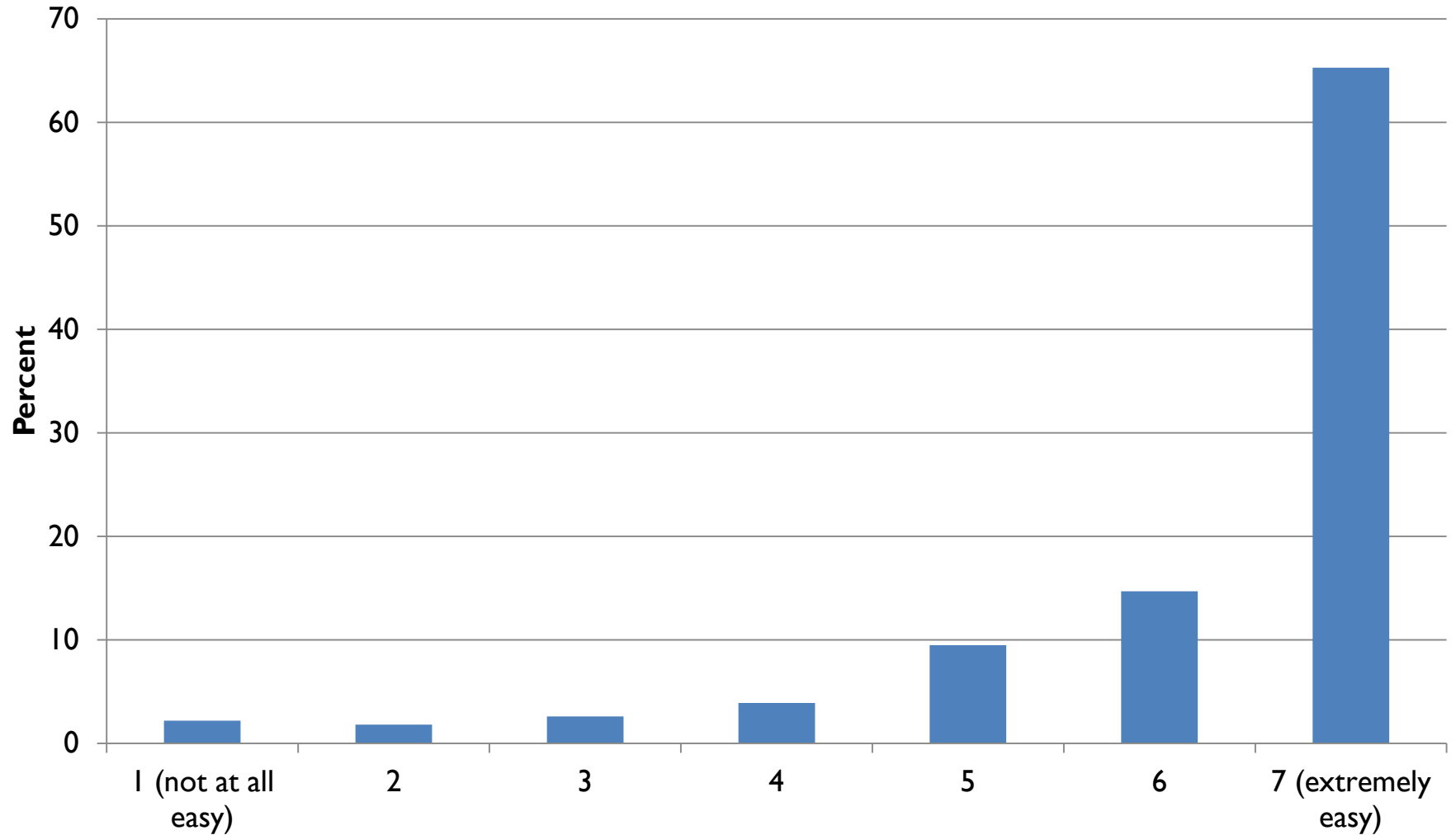
Where Family and Friends Obtained Information



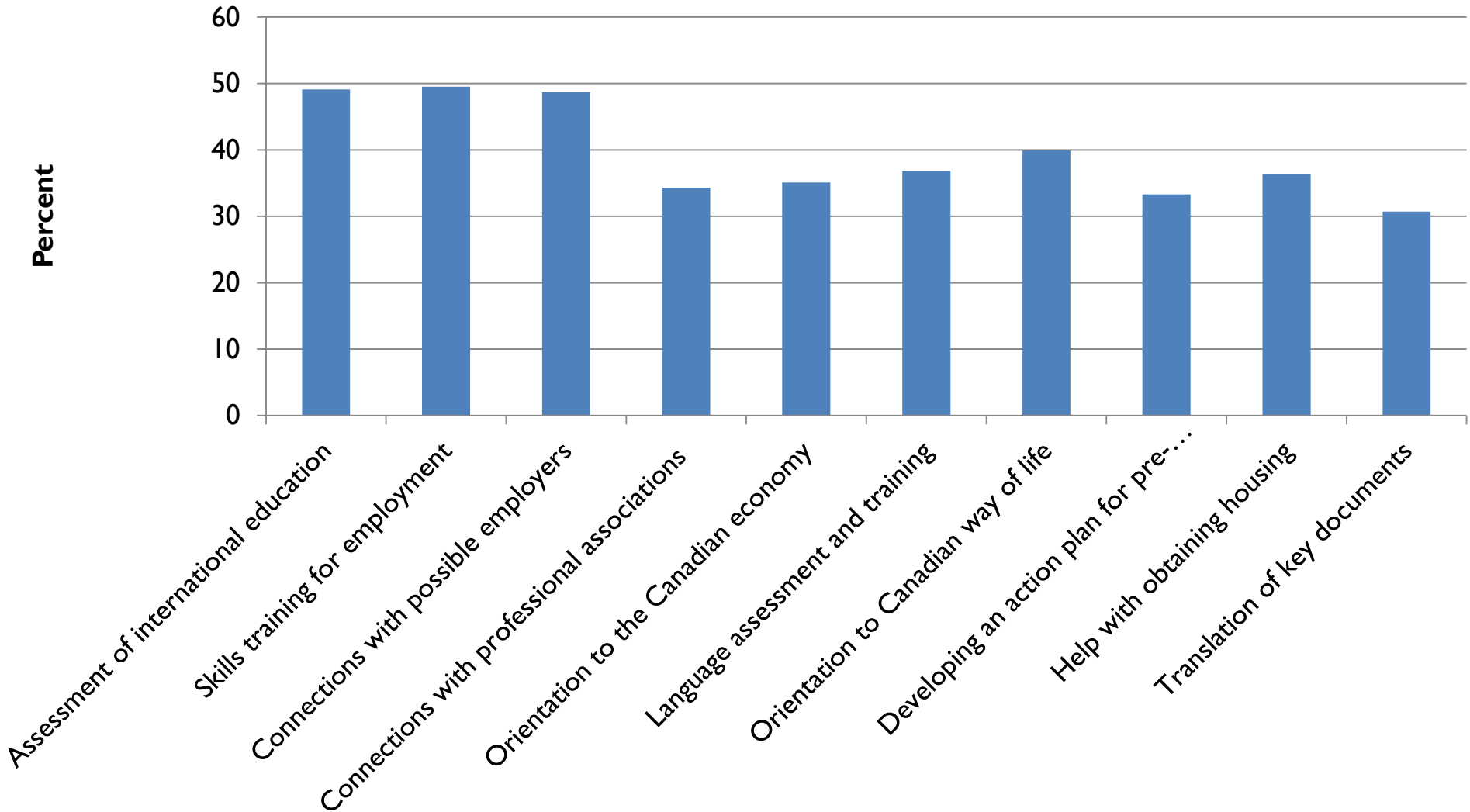
Ease of Internet Use Pre-Arrival



Ease of Internet Use Within First 6 Months After Arrival



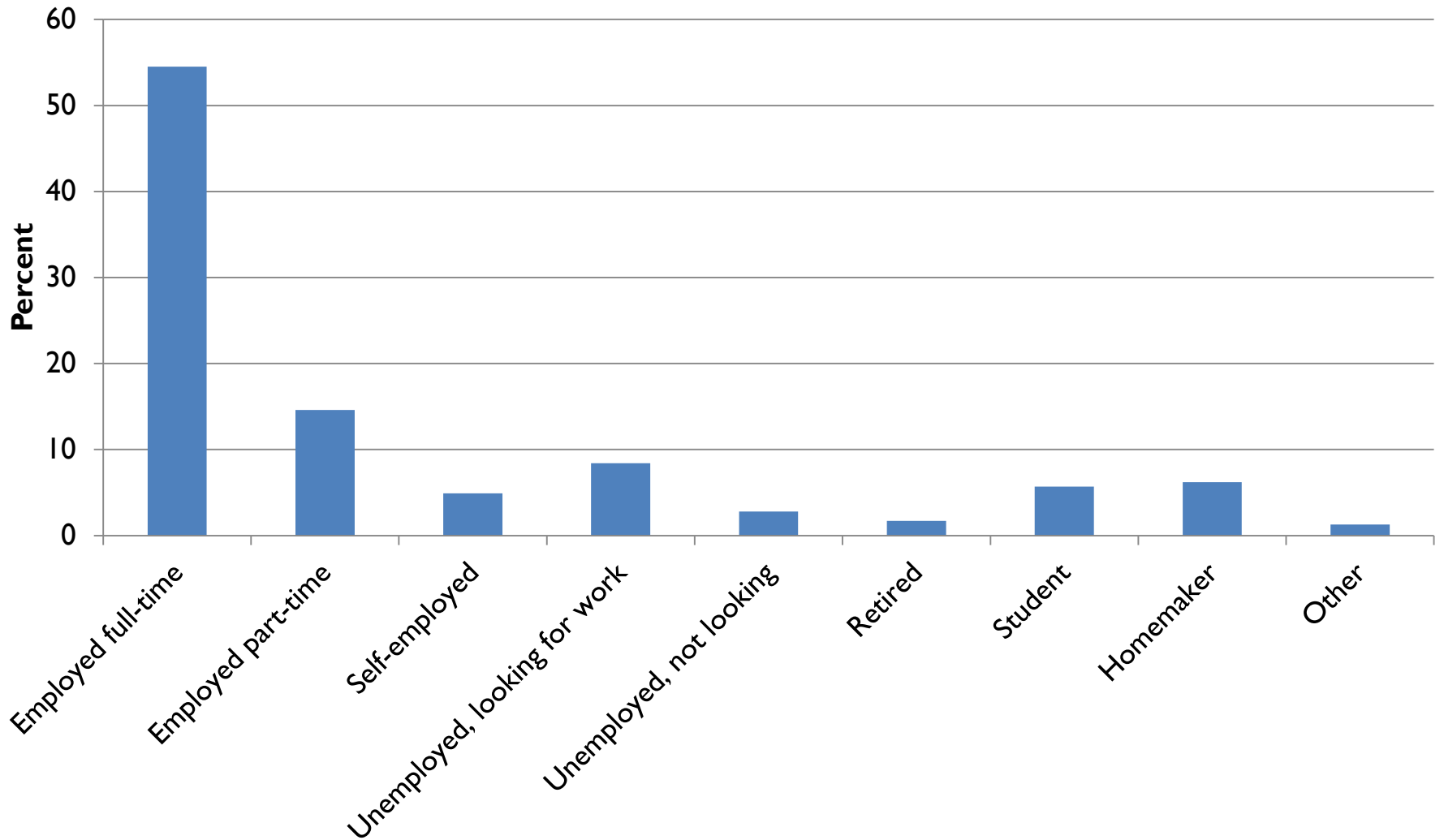
Services Useful Prior to Arrival



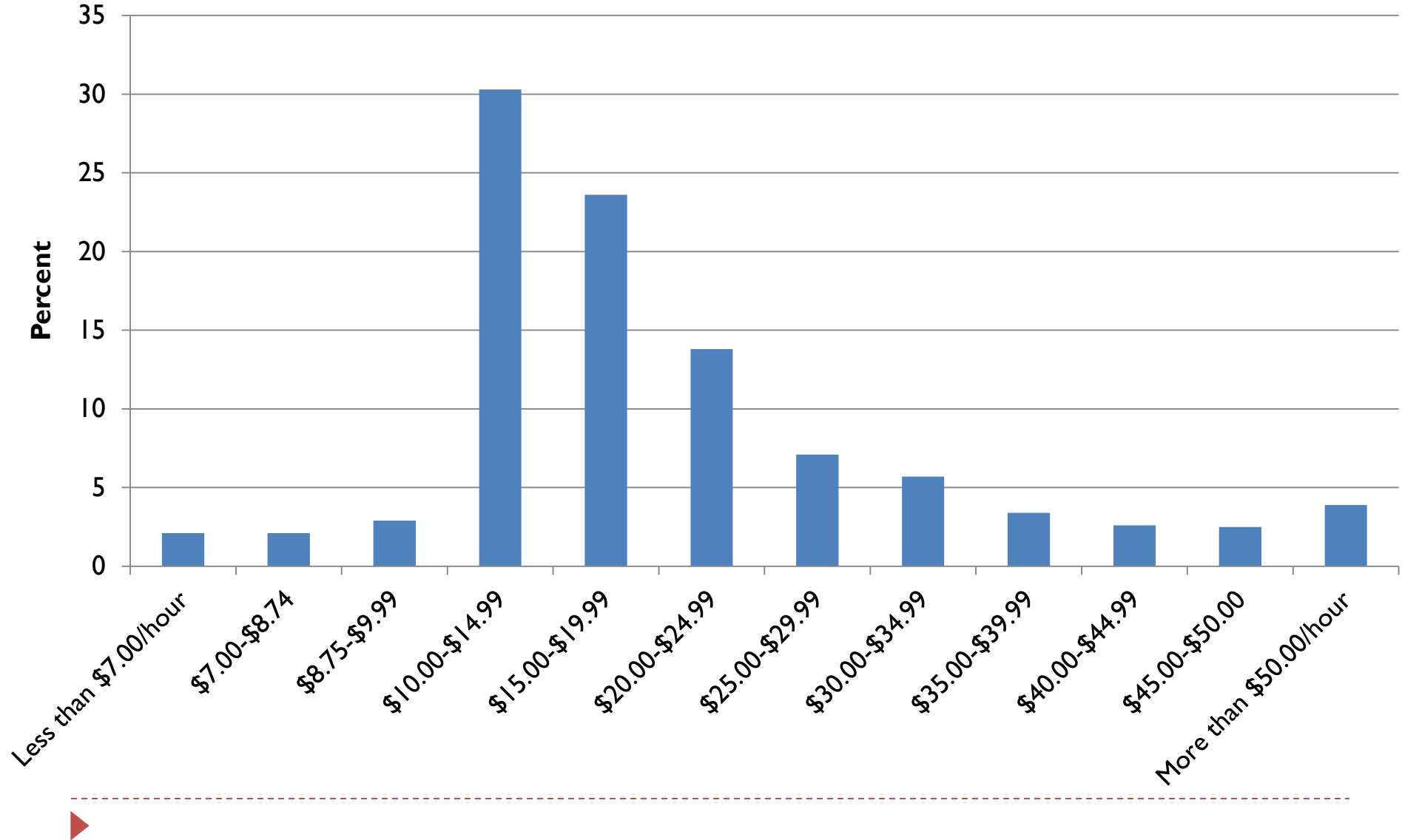


Economic Integration

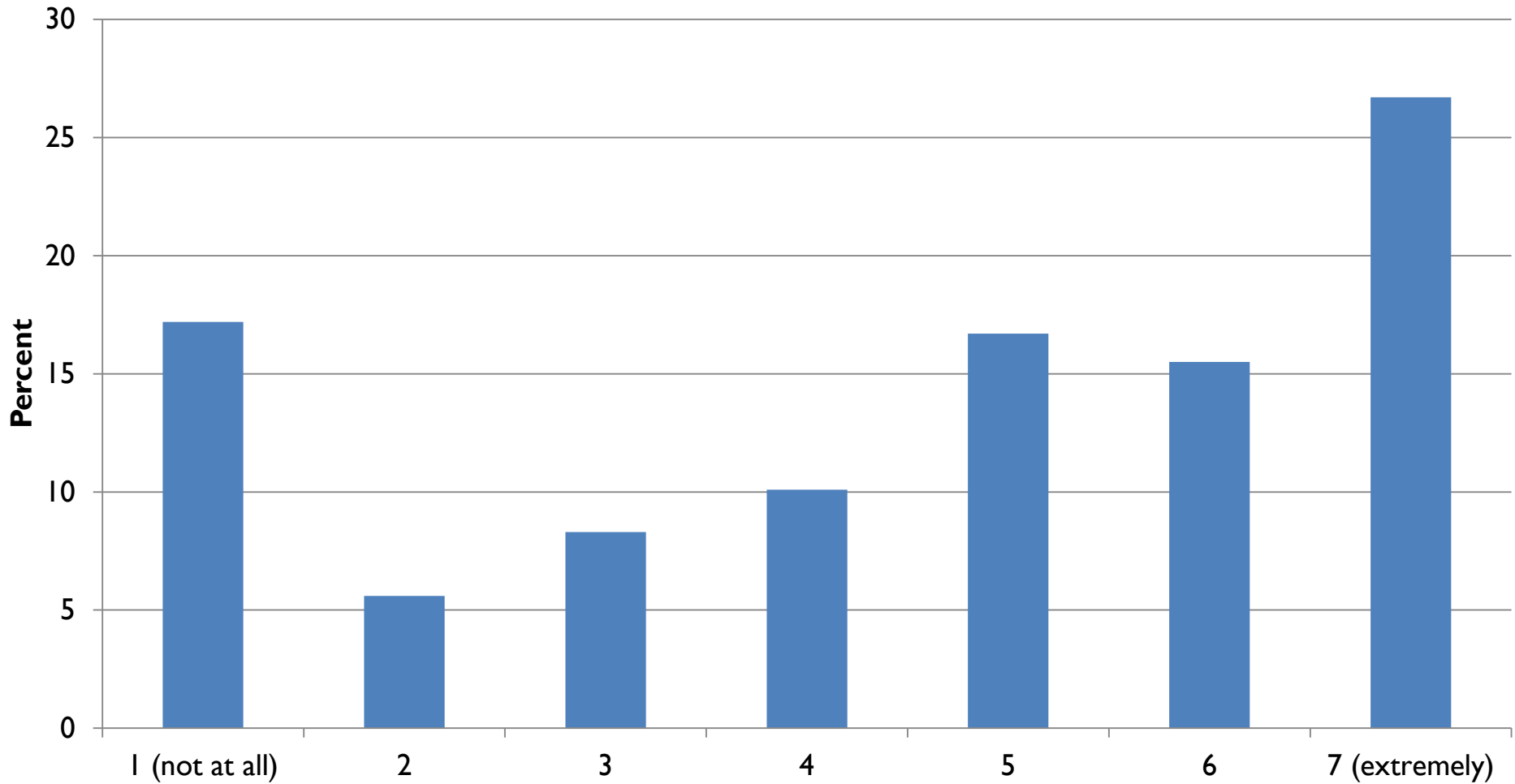
Current Employment Status



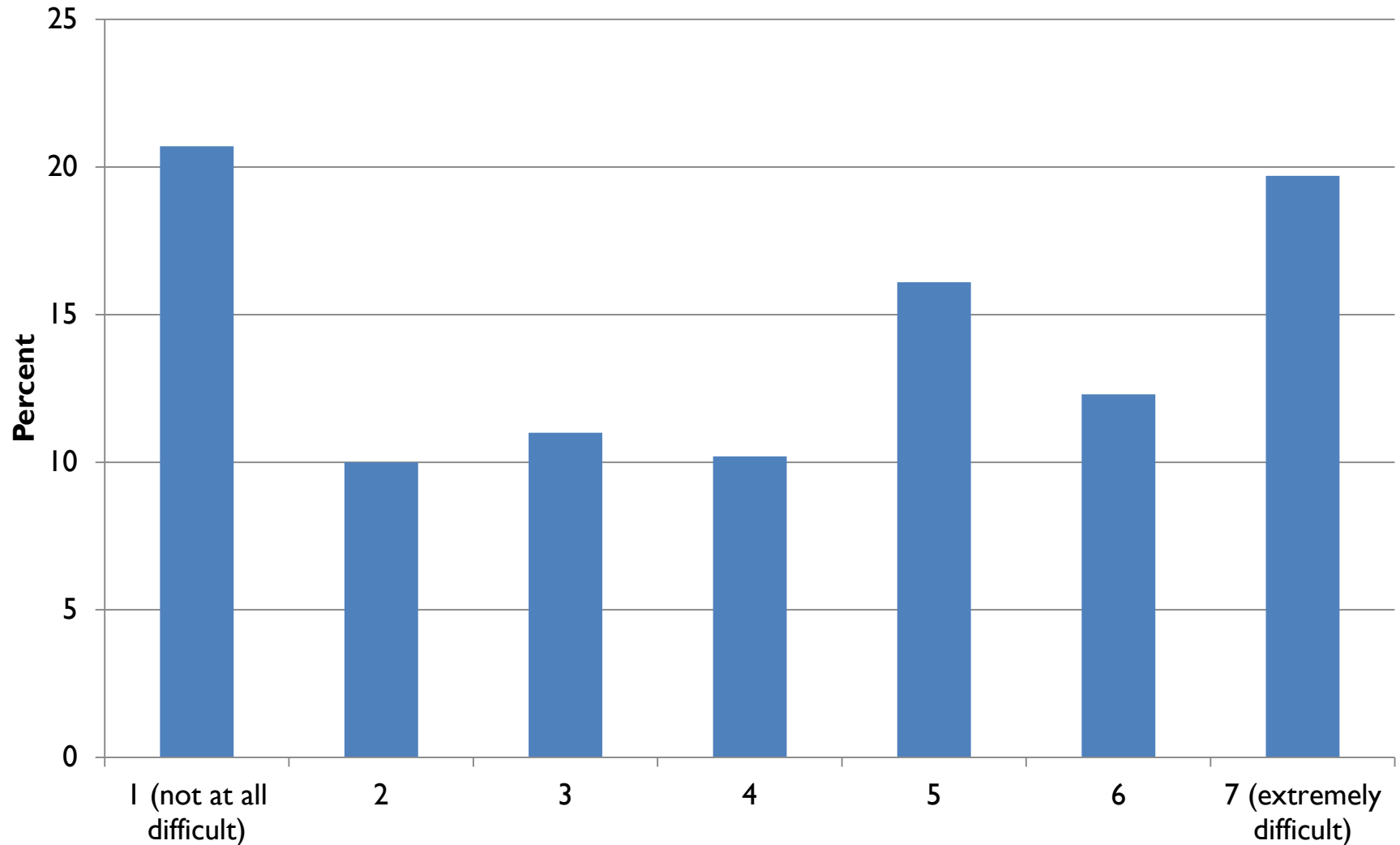
Hourly Income



Skill Utilization



Difficulty in Finding a Job that Makes Use of Qualifications

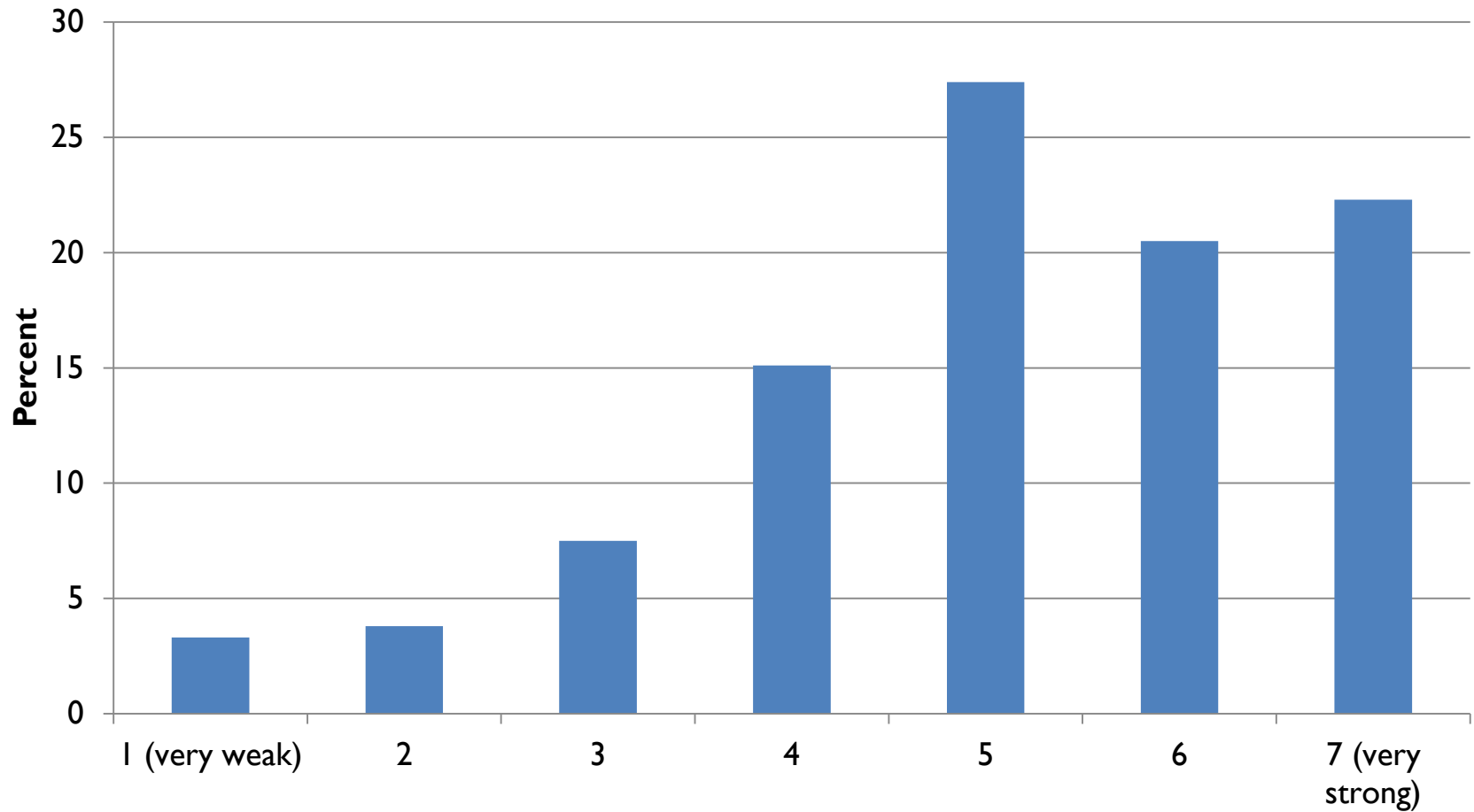




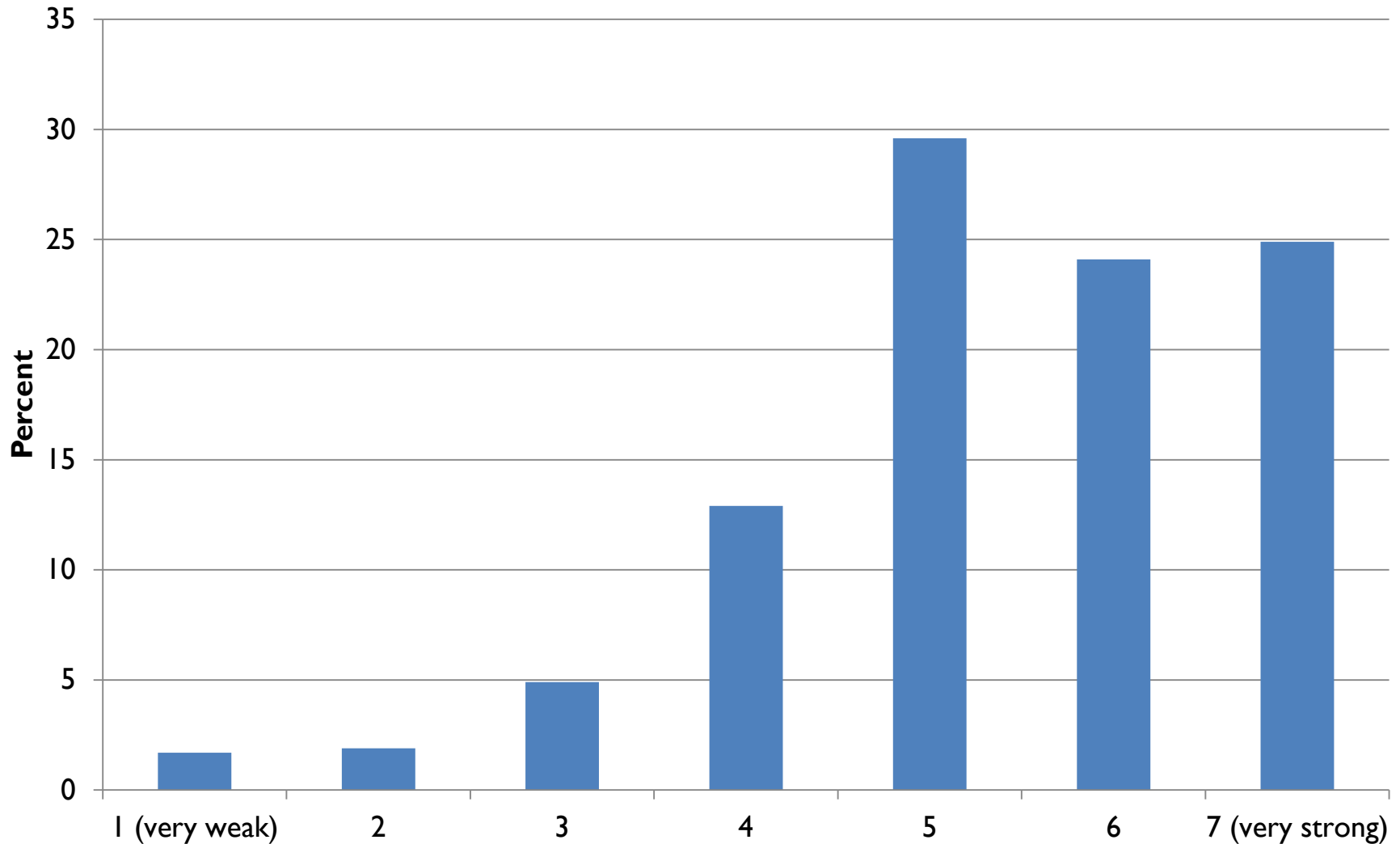
Sense of Belonging



Sense of Belonging to Local Community



Sense of Belonging to Canada



Recommendations for Further Analyses

- ▶ Additional analyses are required before definitive program and policy advice can be provided
 - ▶ Cross-tabulations by demographic and other factors
 - ▶ Multivariate analyses
 - ▶ Comparisons across provinces



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Questions?

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<http://p2pcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Western-Settlement-Outcomes-Survey.pdf>

