



The YEP Project's Youth Survey

2025 Findings

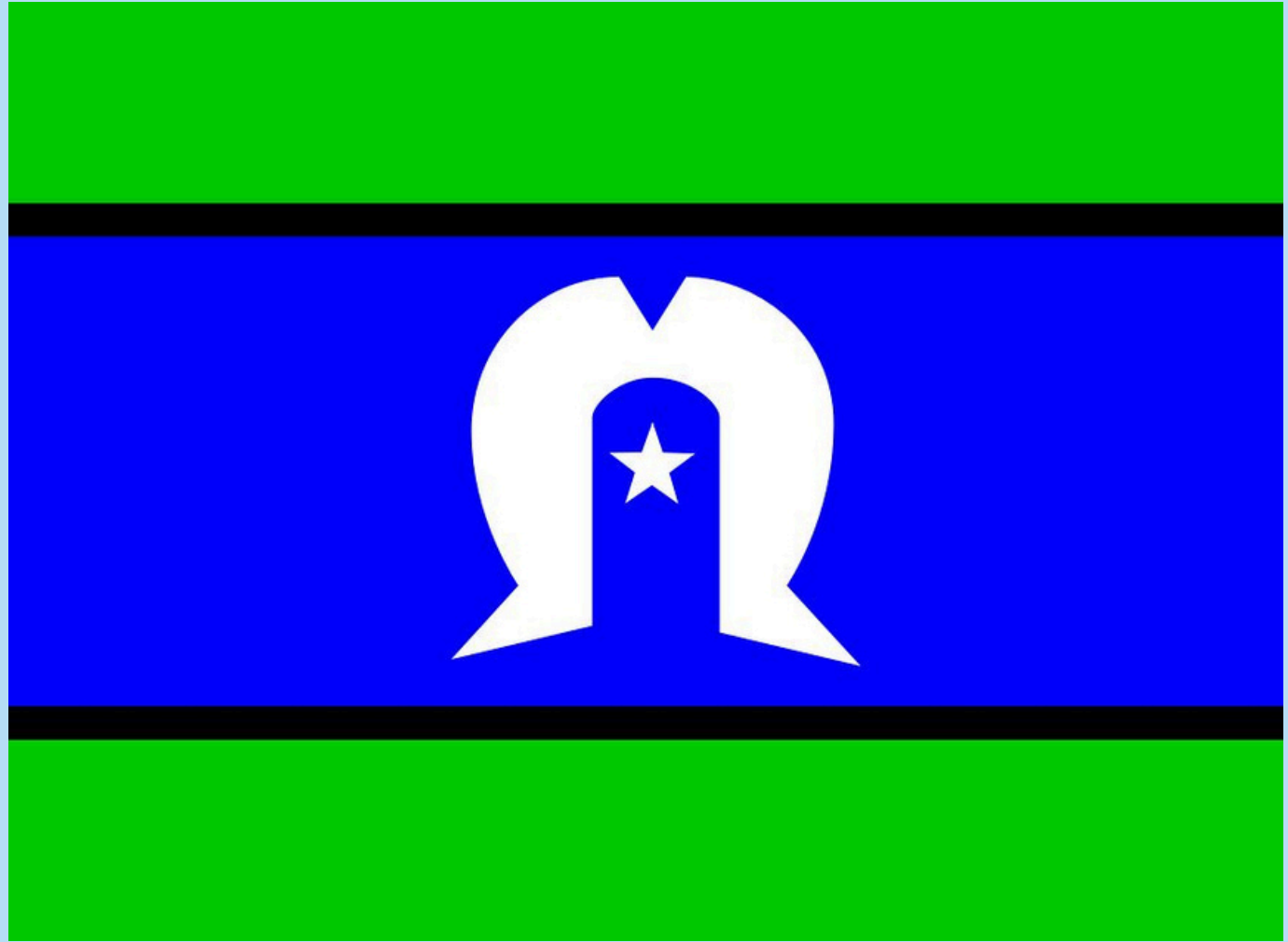




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About the Youth Survey



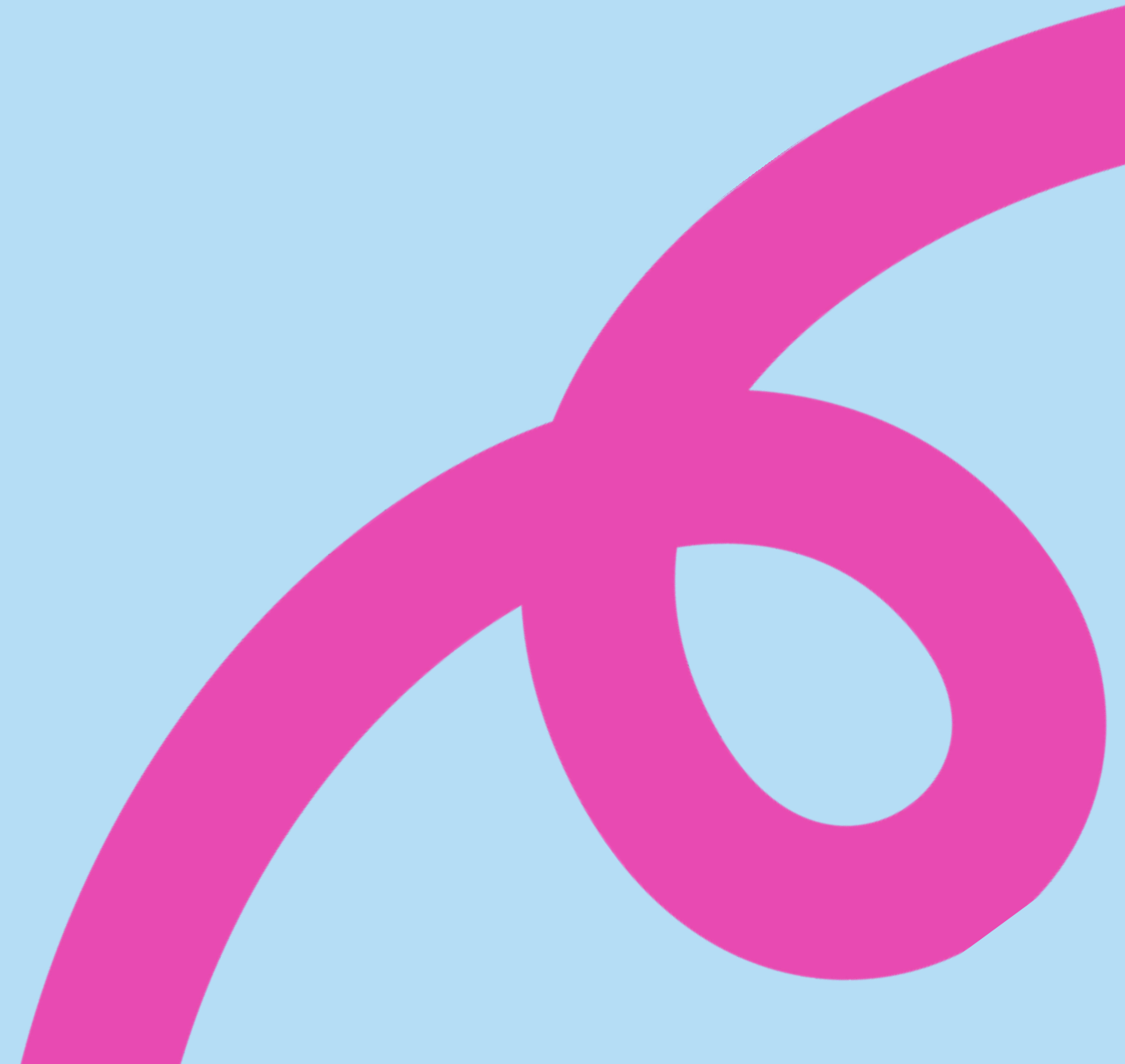
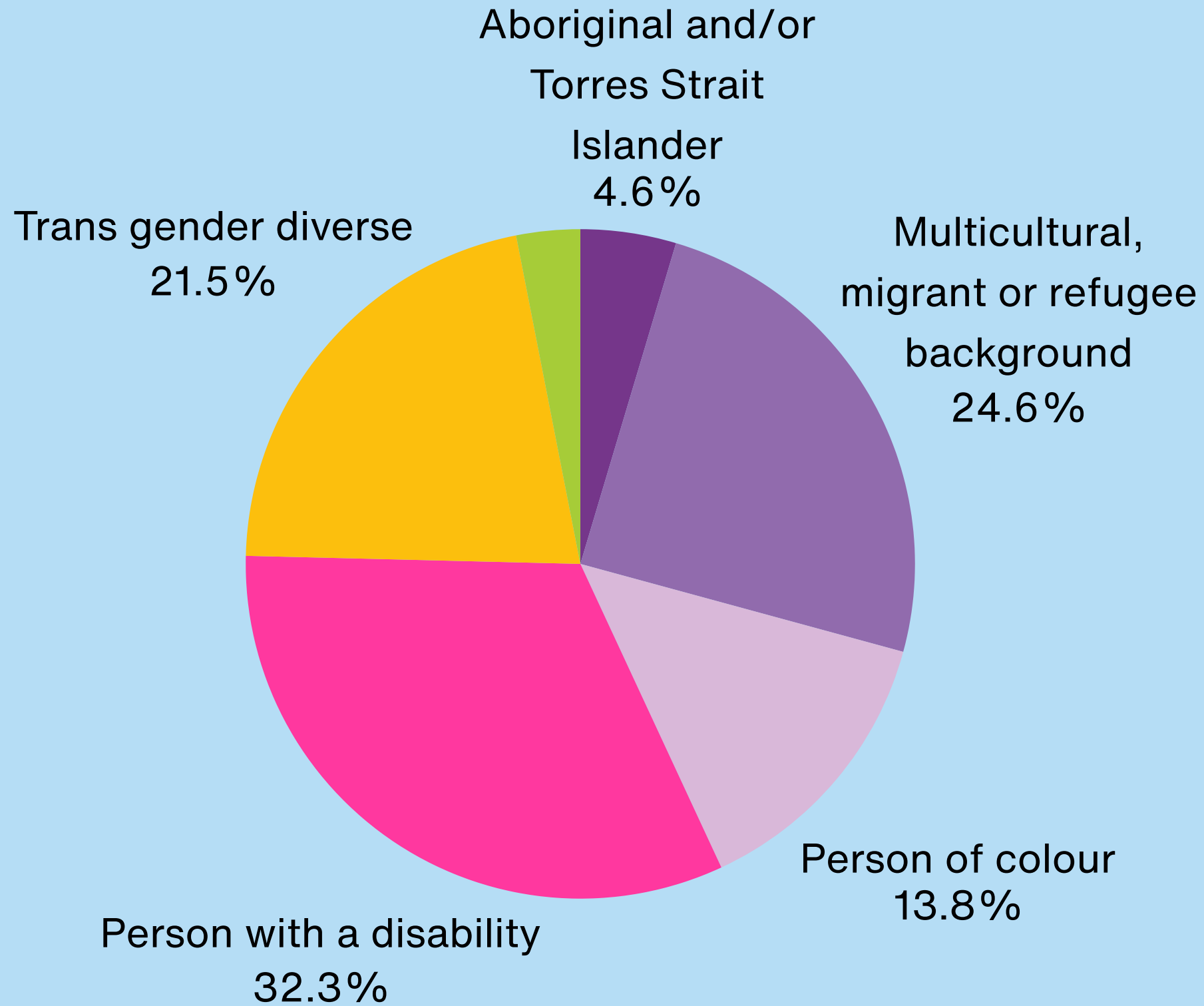
- This survey asks young people ages 12-25 what they want to see changed in sexual health services and education (including us!).
- Each year we use the information provided to improve how we run the YEP Project, as well as to make positive change in other services!



Participants: Demographics



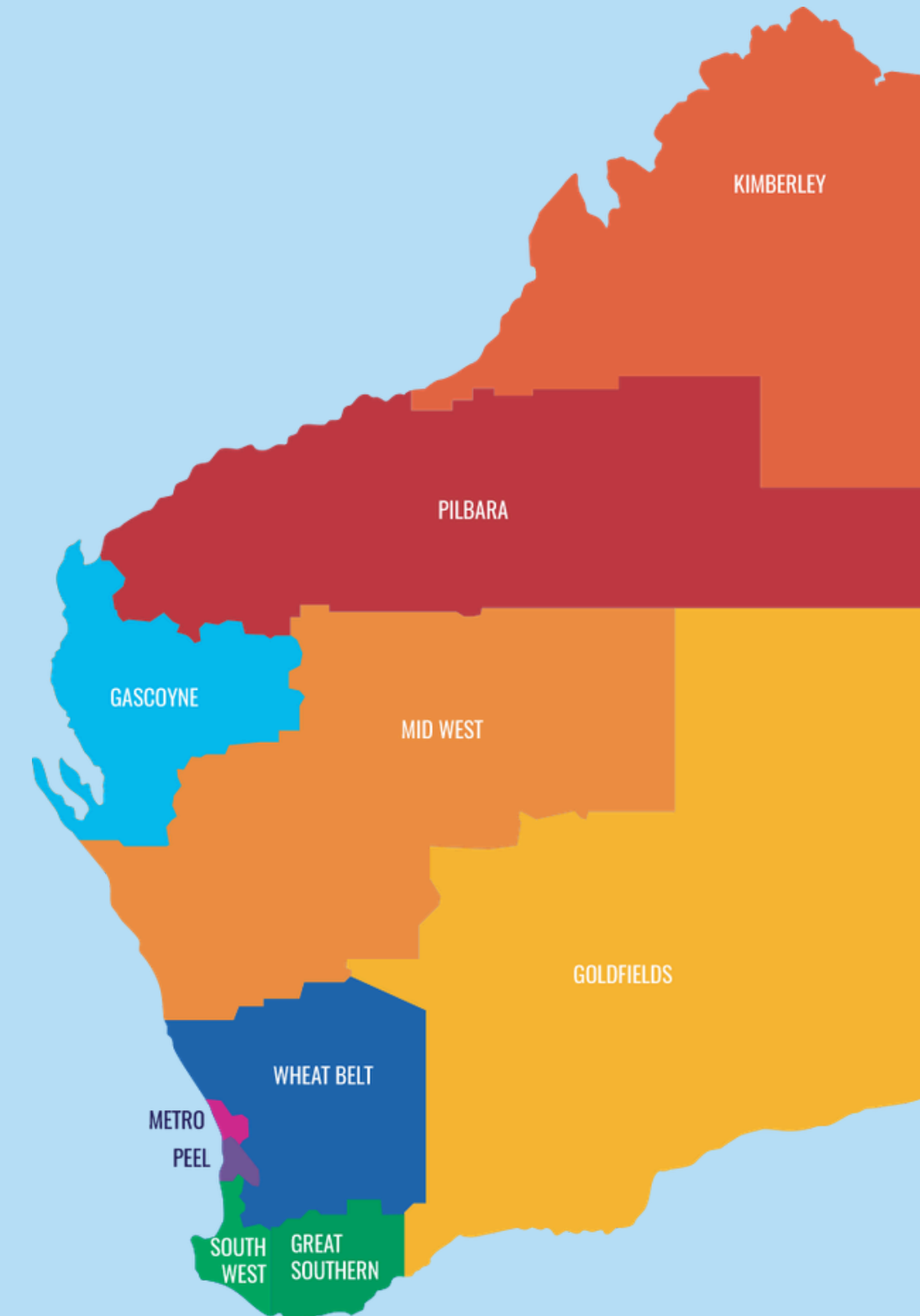
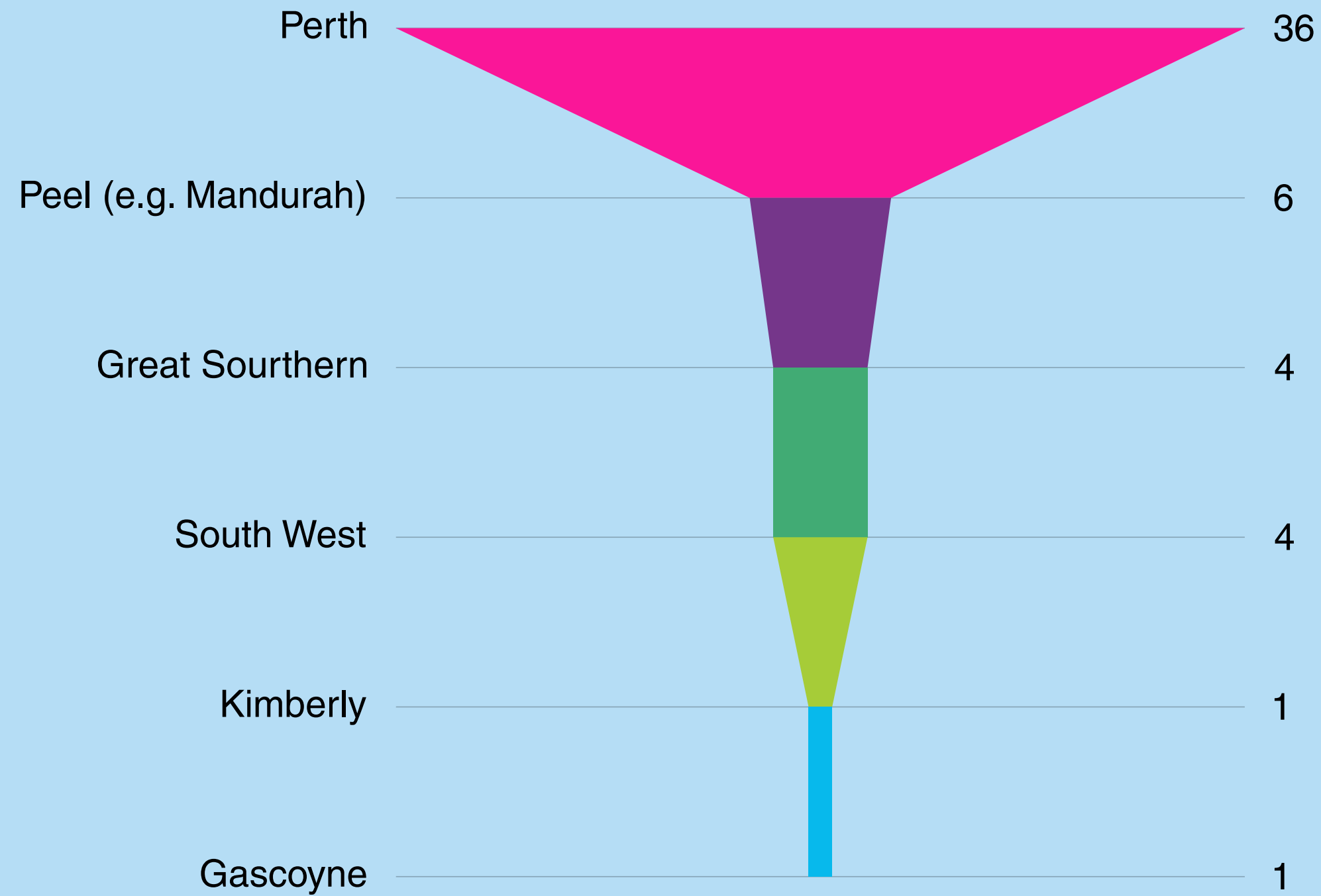
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Participant: Regions



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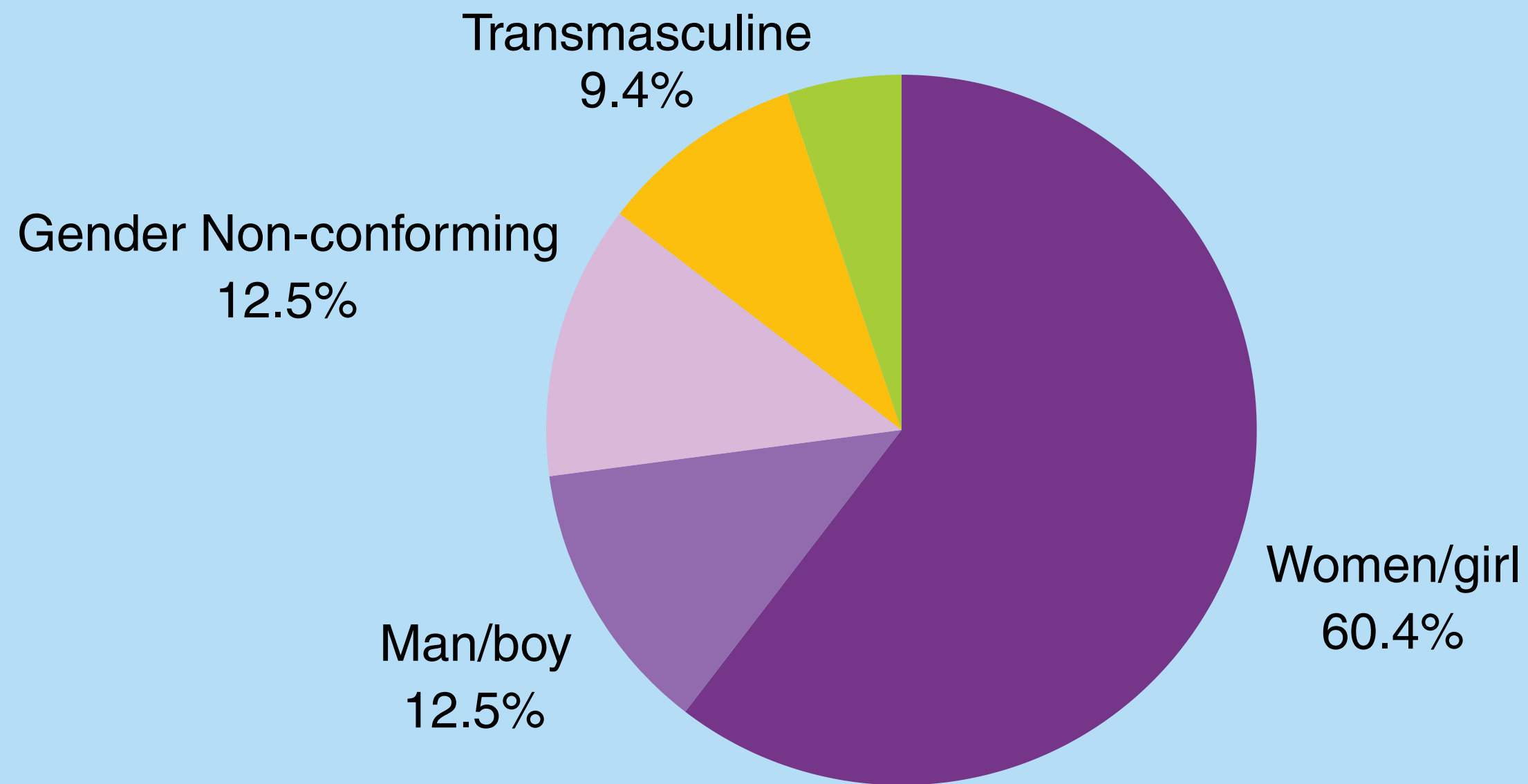
Participant: Gender Identity



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- Participants were asked what gender they identify with:



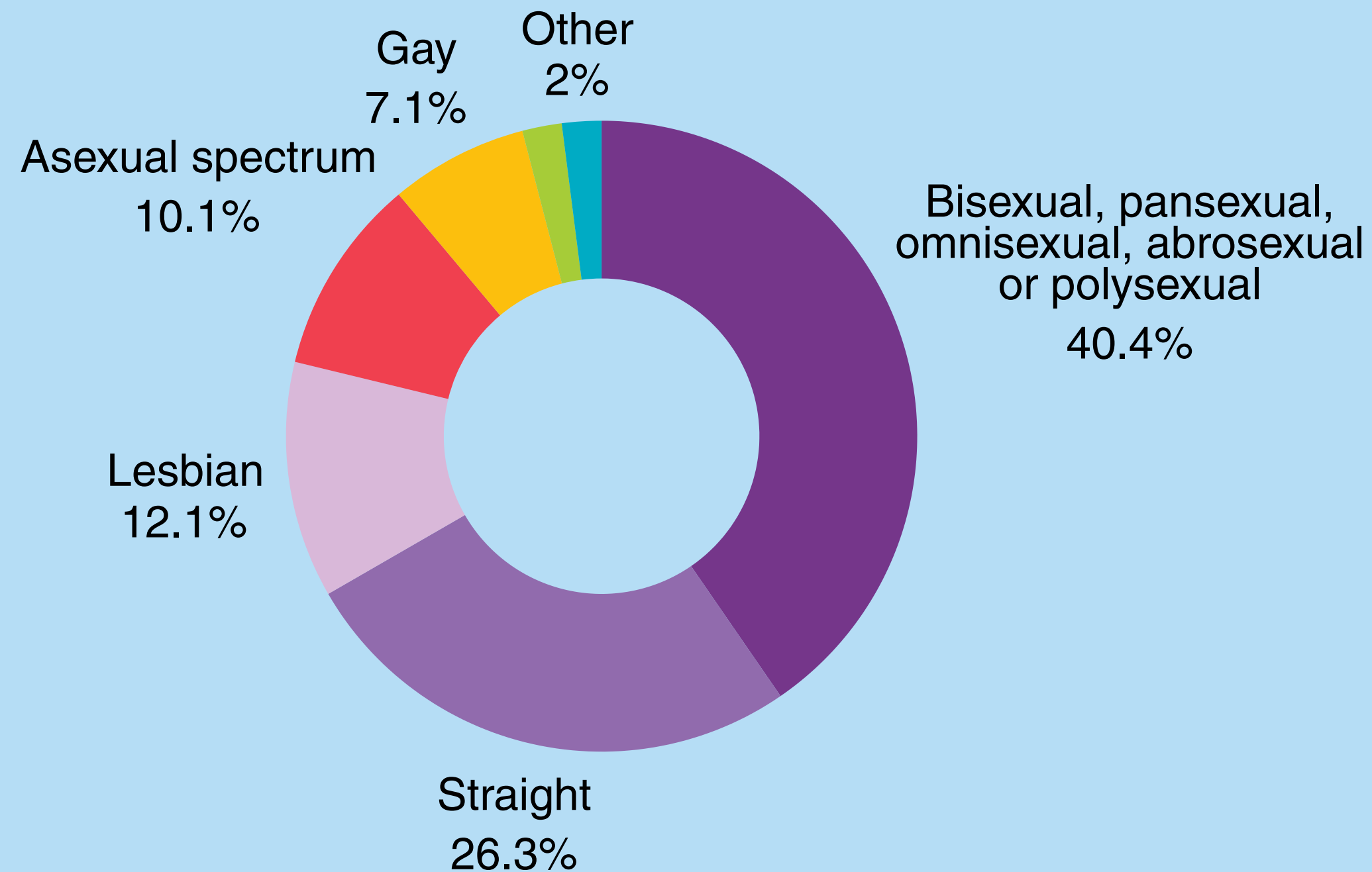
Participant: Sexuality



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- Participants were asked what sexuality they identify with:



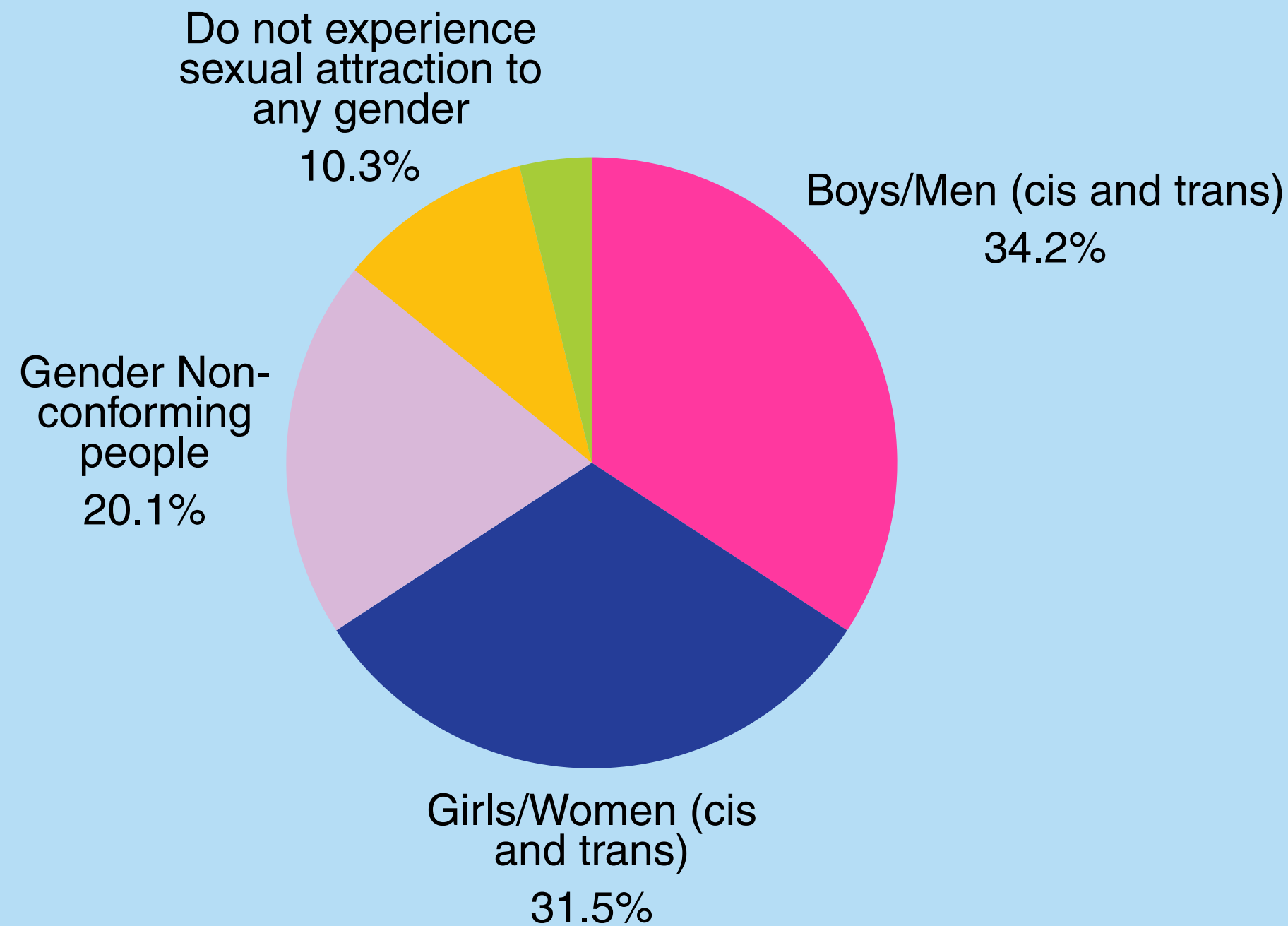
Participant: Sexual Attraction



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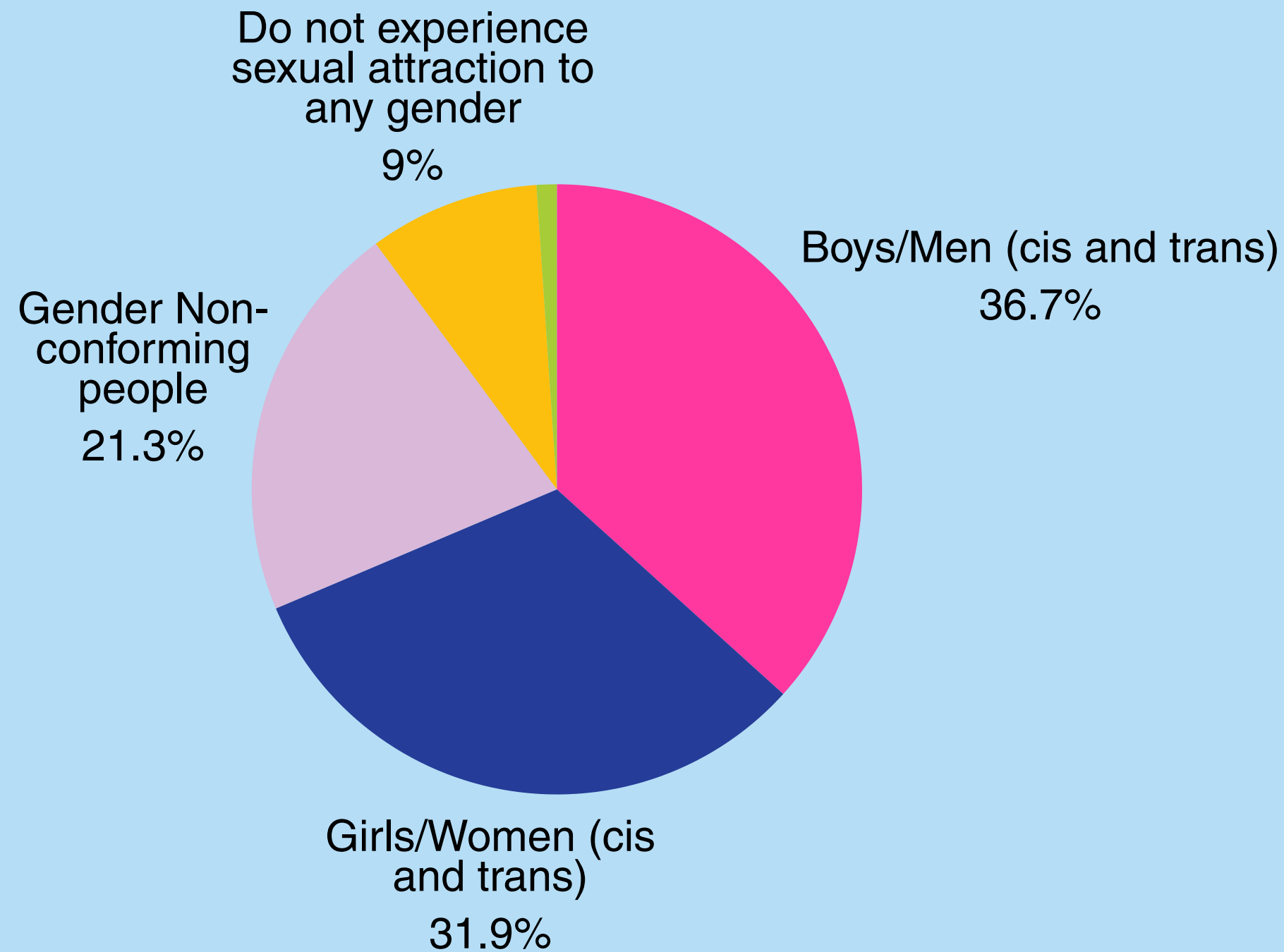
- Participants shared they have sexual feelings for:



Participant: Romantic Attraction



- Participants shared they have romantic feelings for:



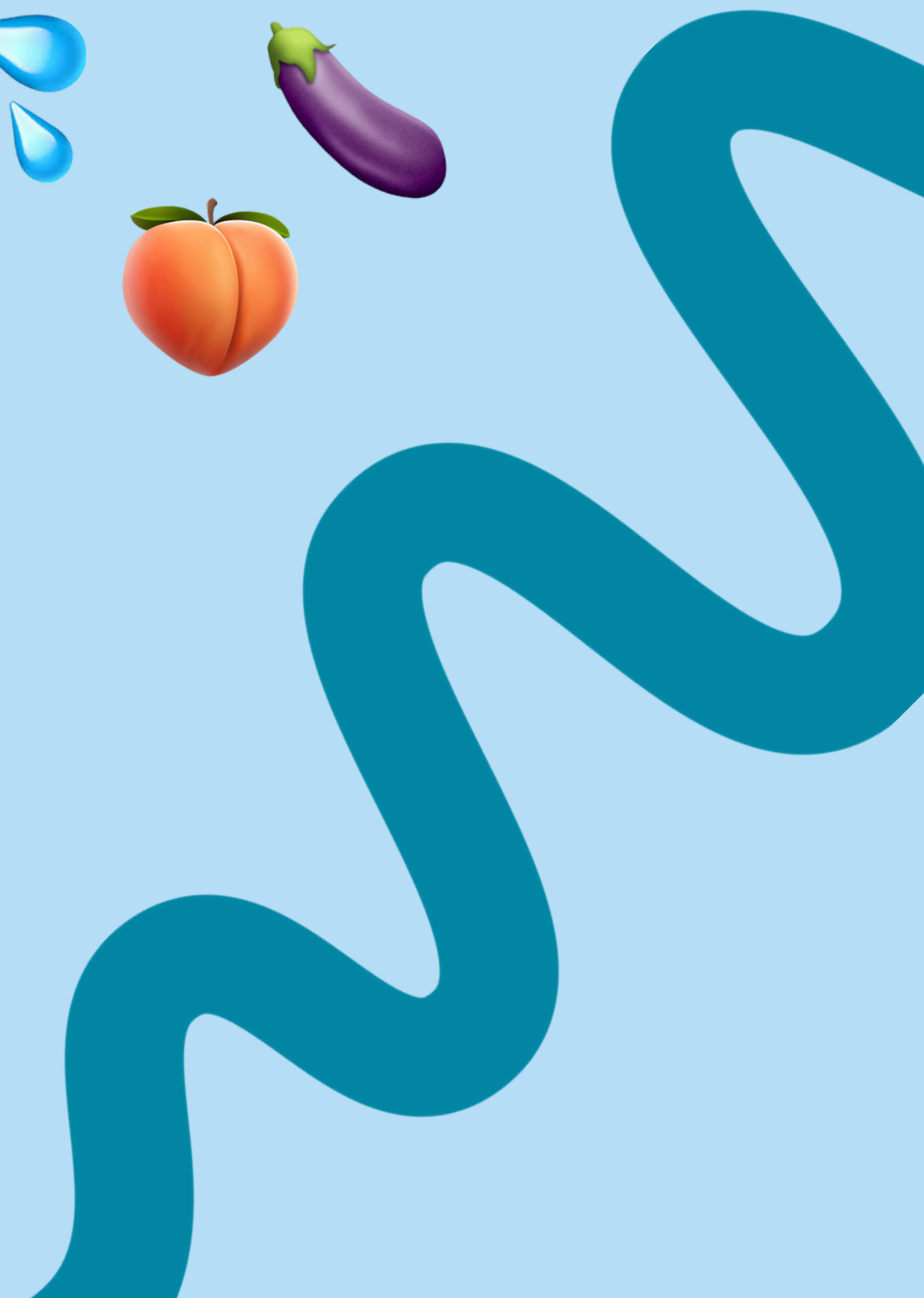
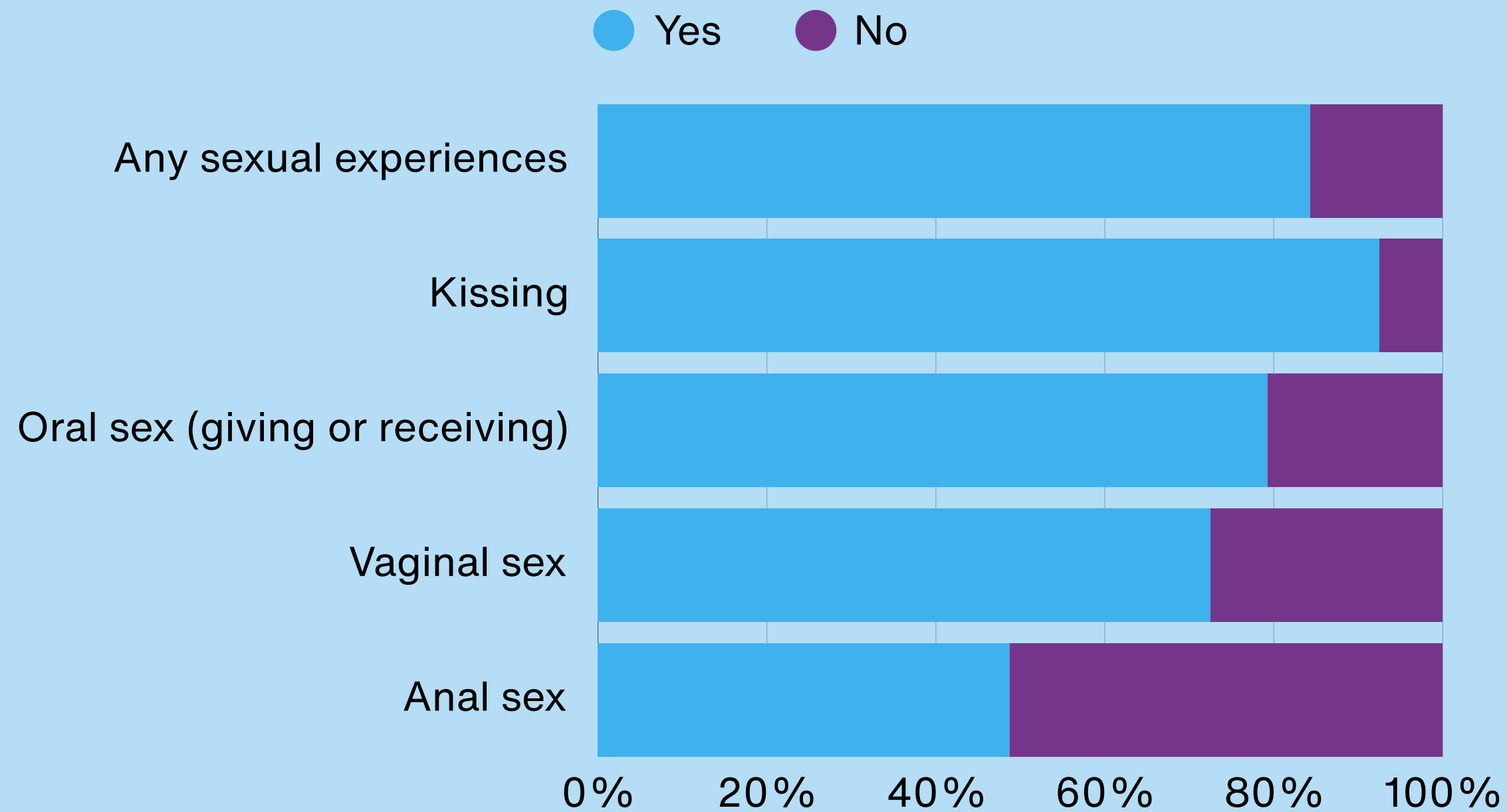
Sexual Behaviours



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- Participants told us about their sexual behaviors:



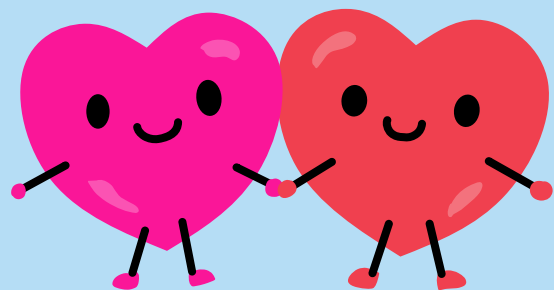
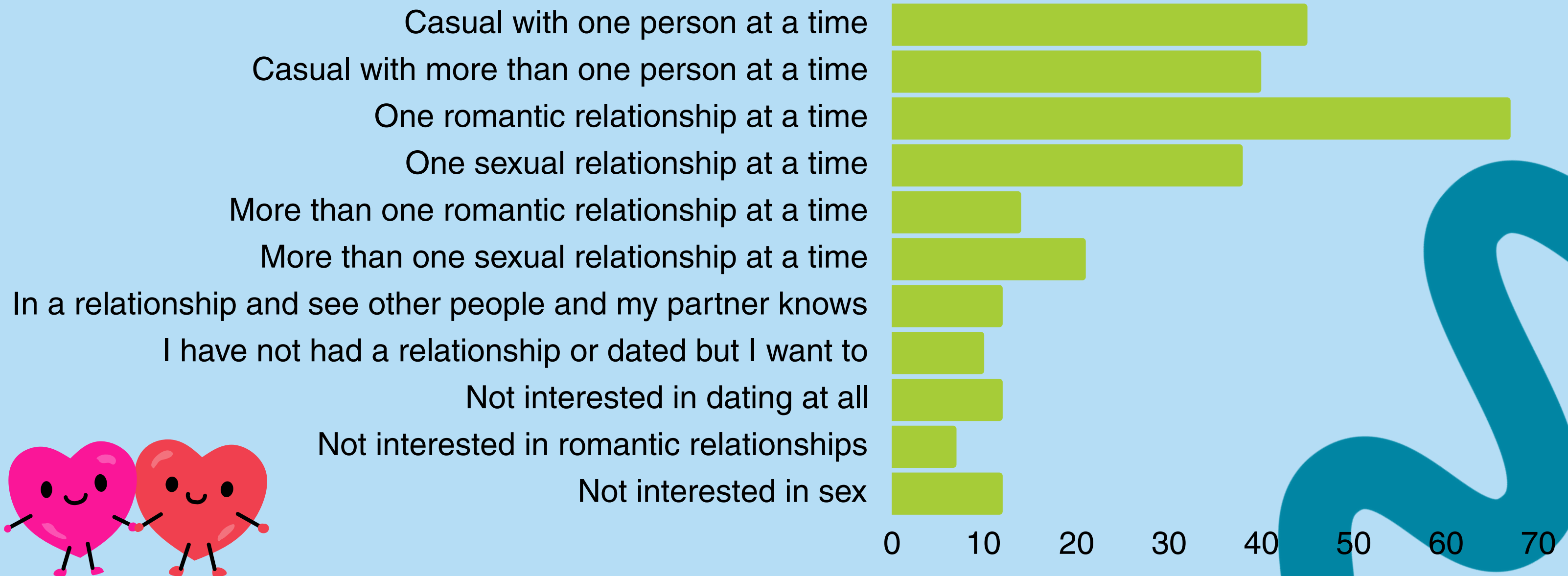
Dating/Hooking up



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- Participants selected what applies/applied to their experience of dating/hooking up



Who would you like sexual health information from?



- Young people shared **who** they would rather receive relationships and sexual health information and education from:

1. A young person (ages 18-25) trained in sexual health
2. A health professional
3. A youth worker
4. Your parent or guardian
5. A school nurse



Trained Young Person

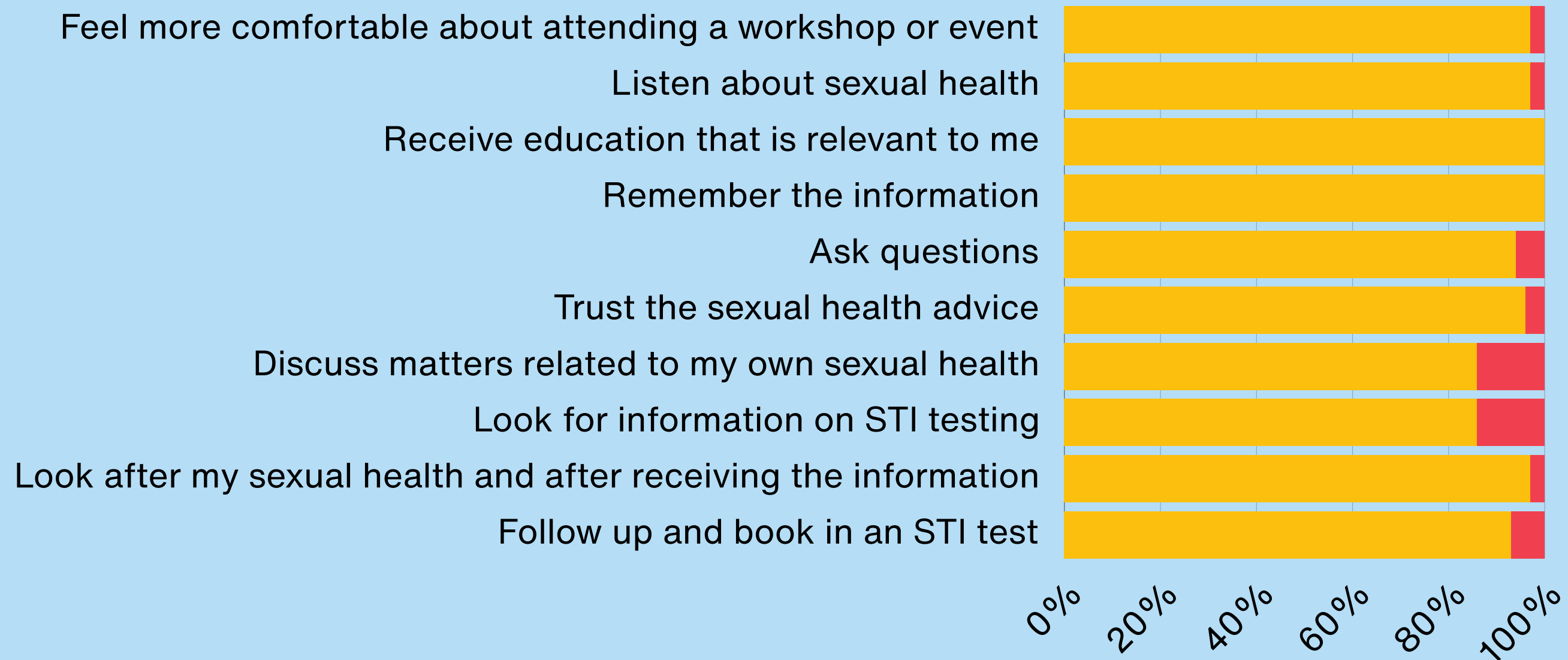


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- When receiving education from a **trained young person** rather than an adult, I am more likely to...

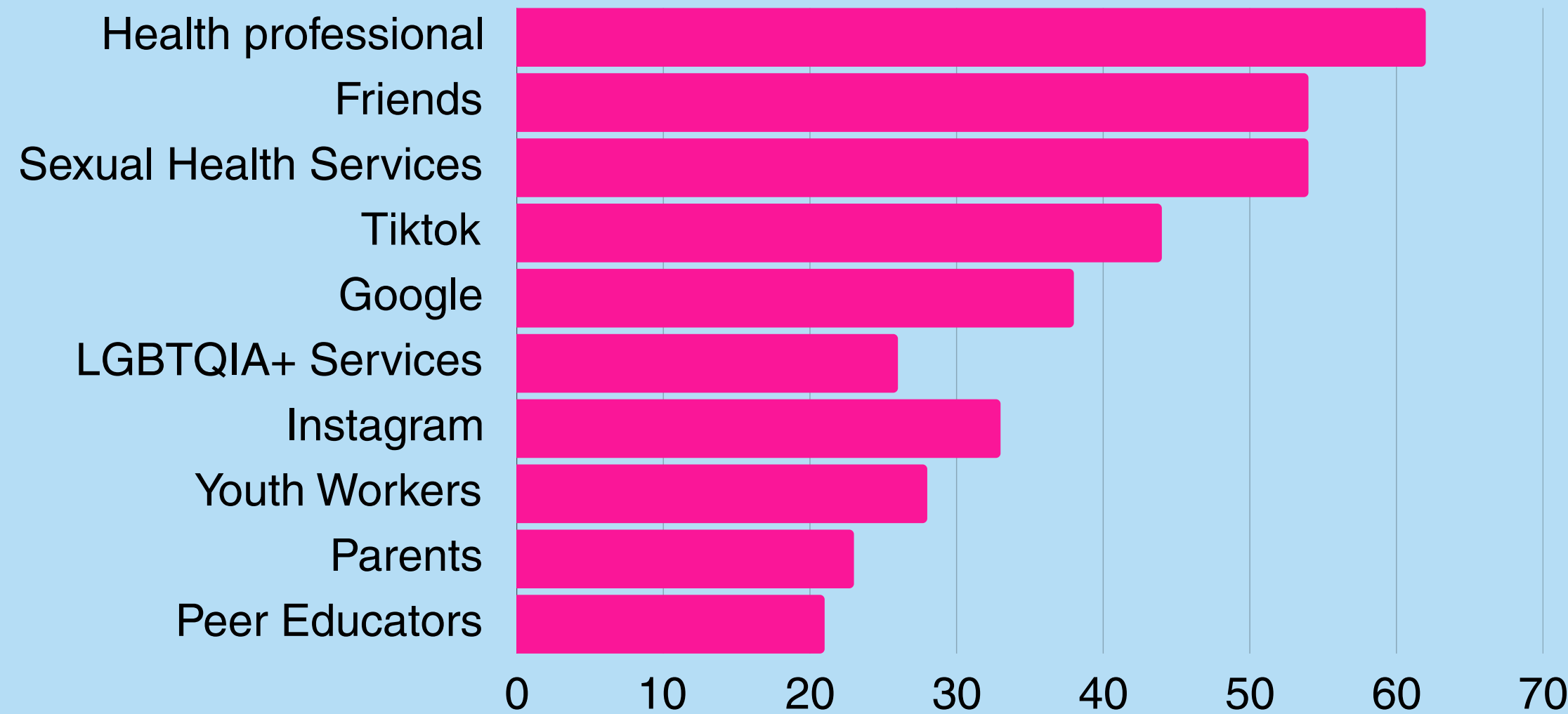
● Agree ● Disagree



Sources of Information



- We asked participants where they got **sexual health information** from this year:



STI/BBV Testing

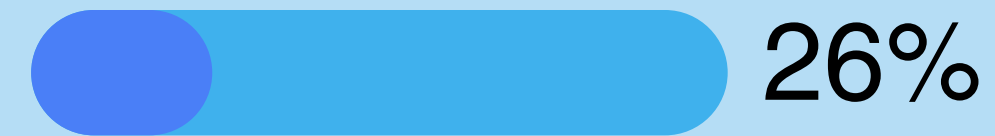


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Have you had a **Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)** or **Blood-Borne Virus (BBV)** check/test ever?

Yes both an STI & BBV test



Neither an STI or BBV test but I have had oral, vaginal or anal sex



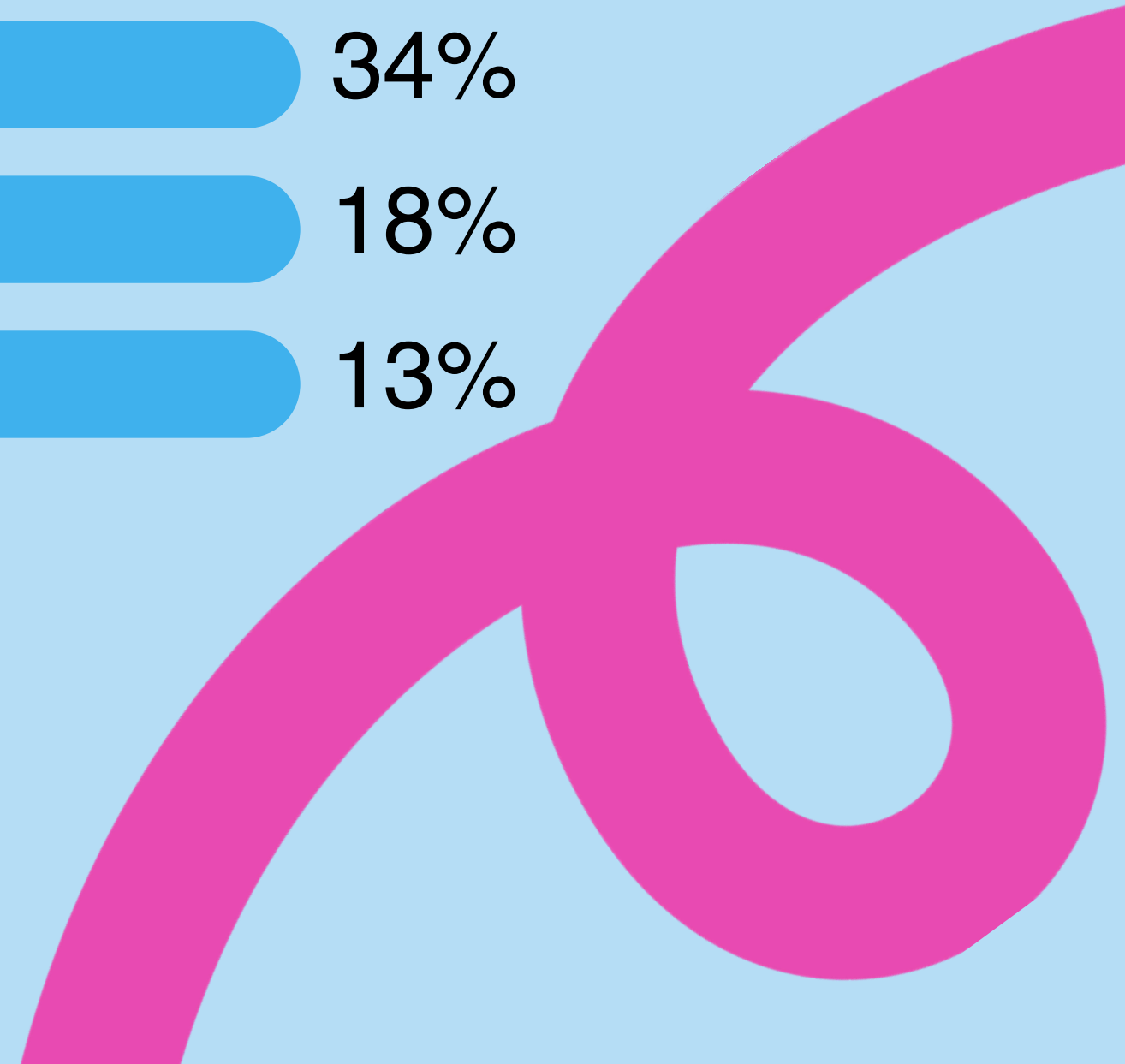
Neither an STI or BBV test but I have not had oral, vaginal or anal sex



I don't know



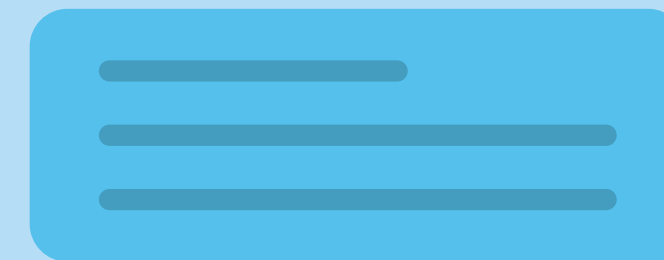
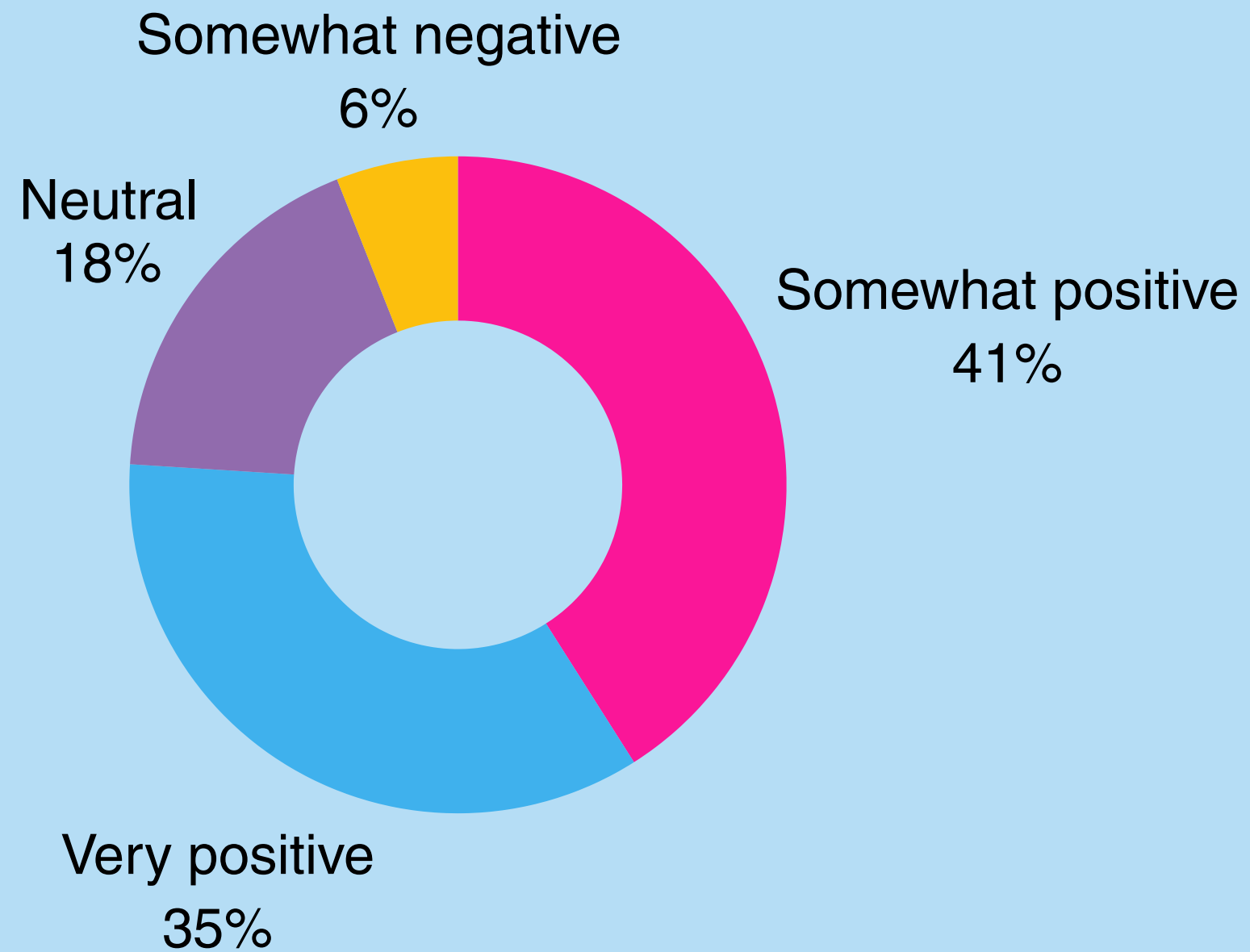
"I get fully tested usually around once a month! Better safe than sorry"



Testing Experience



We asked those that had a STI/BBV test in the last year to **describe their experience:**

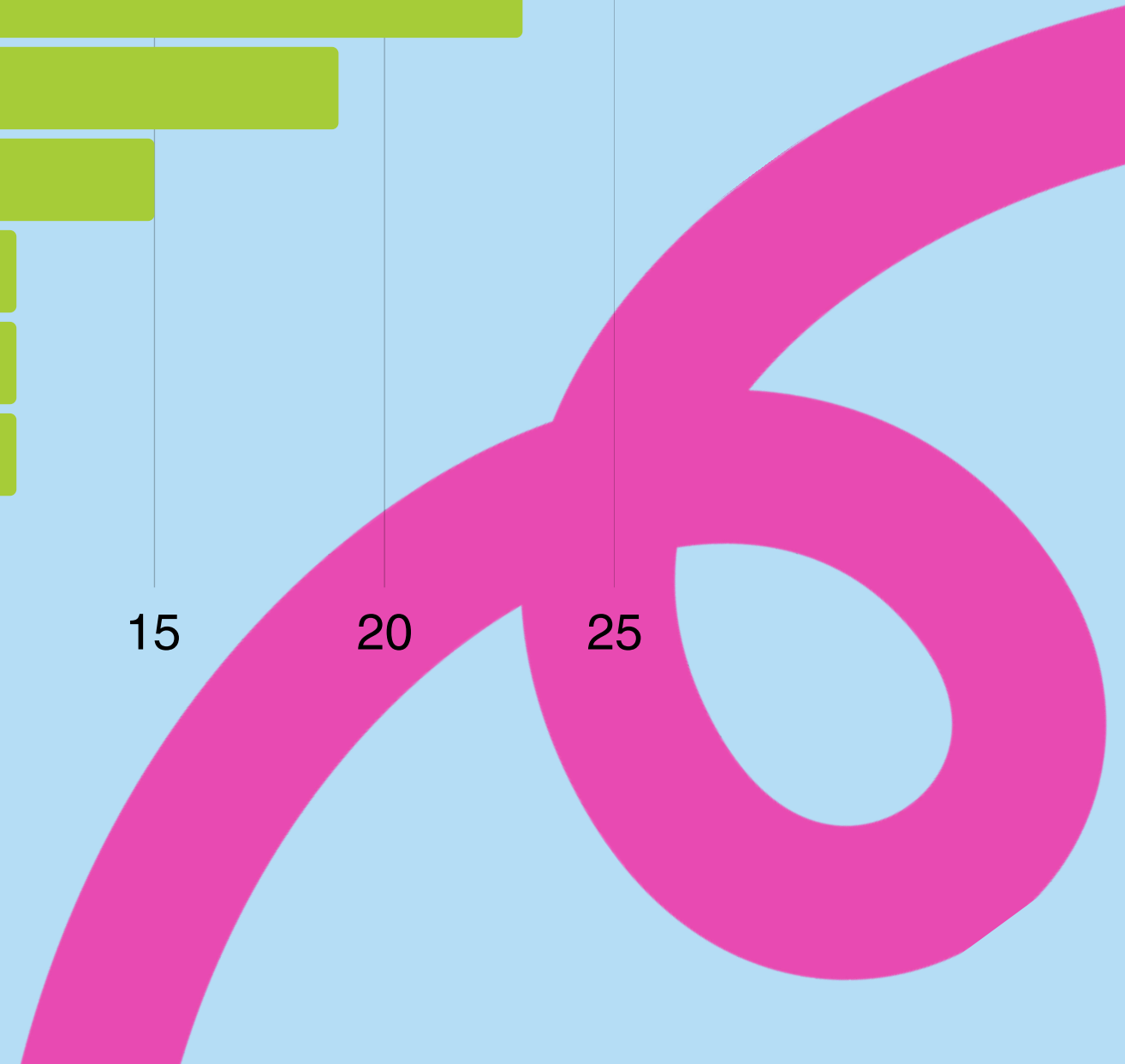
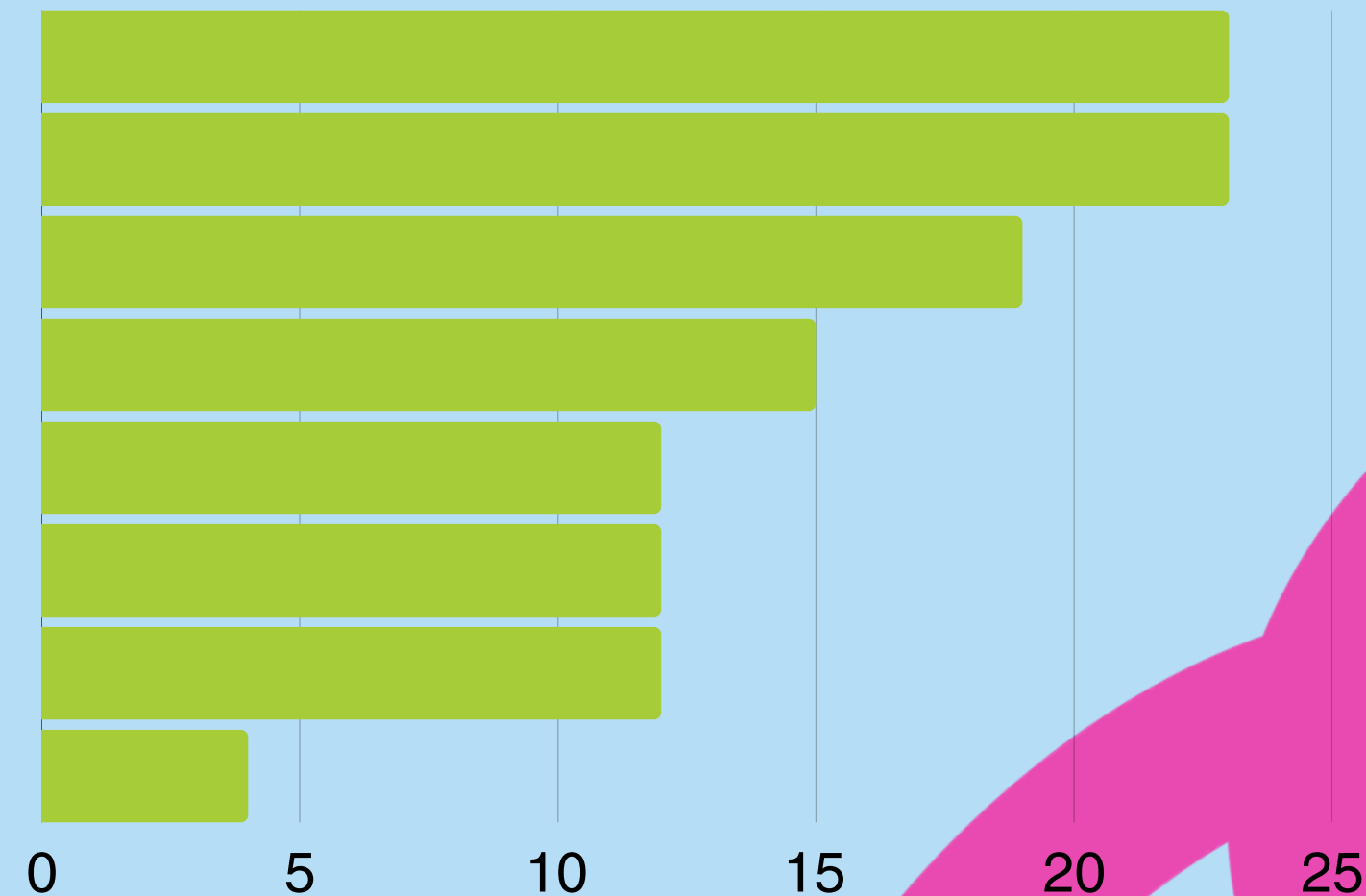


Testing Motivation



We asked participants **what motivated** them to get a STI/BBV test:

A health professional (like a doctor) suggested or referred me
Something I saw on social media
A youth worker
A friend sharing they had got tested / encouraging me to
Sexual partner sharing they had got tested / encouraging me to
Someone I slept with tested positive for an STI/BBV
I was showing symptoms which I thought might be an STI
Sex ed at school



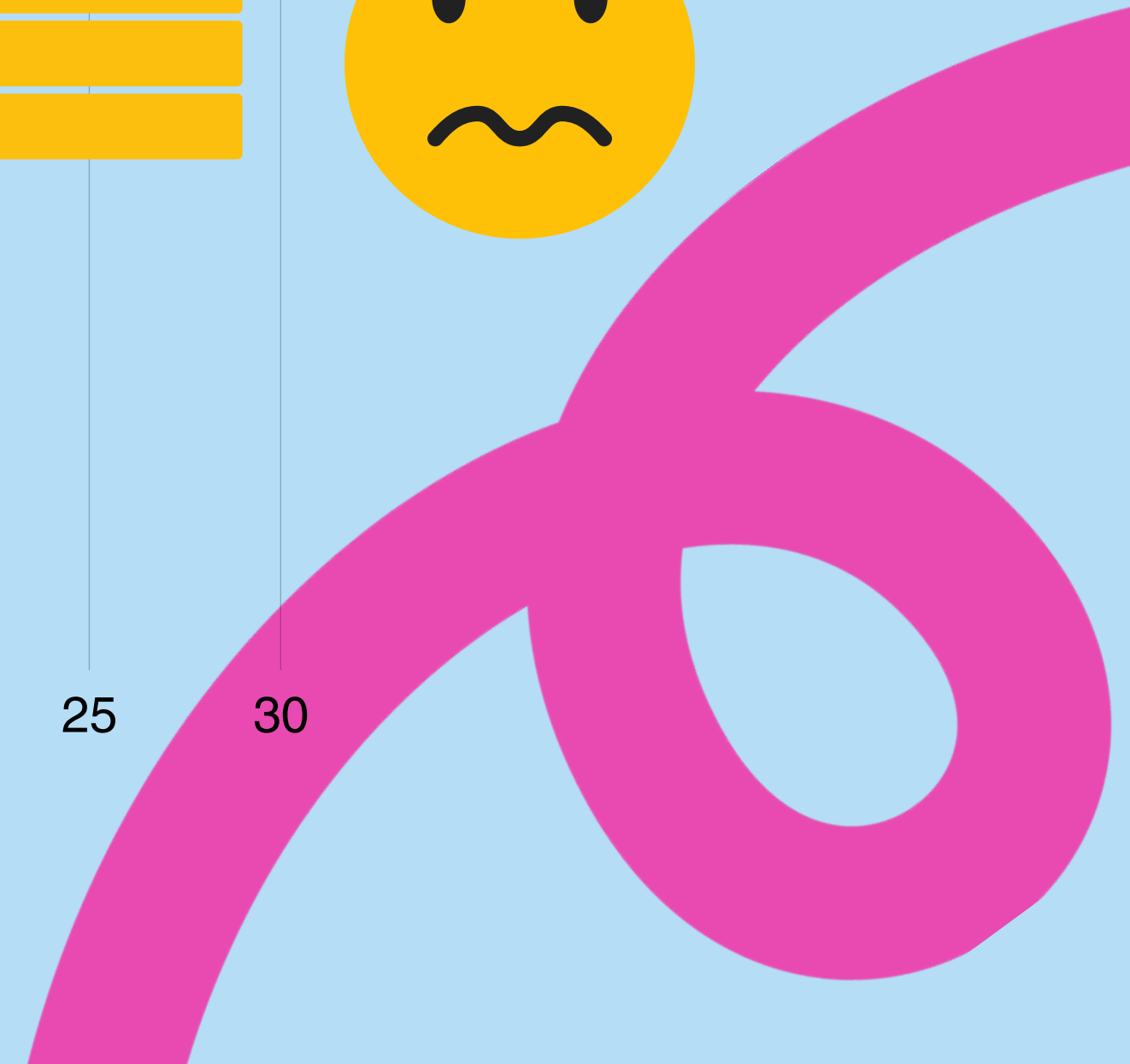
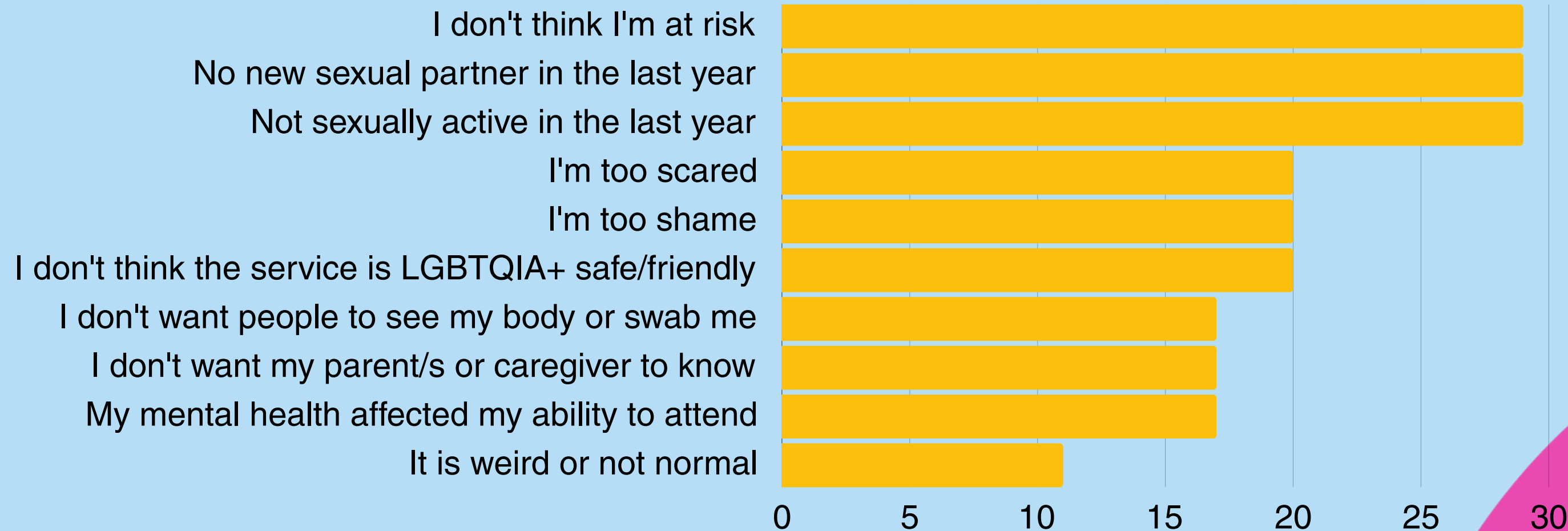
Avoiding Testing



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We asked participants those that ever **felt hesitant/avoided** getting a test what the **reasons** are/were
Top 10 reasons:

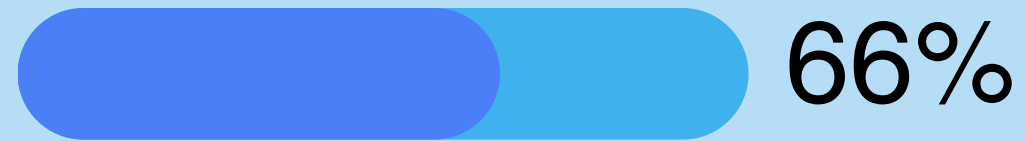


STI Risk Factors

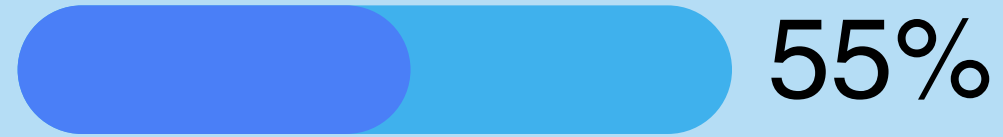


Ever had:

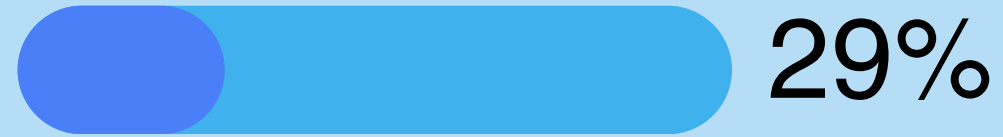
Unprotected oral sex (without condom or dam)



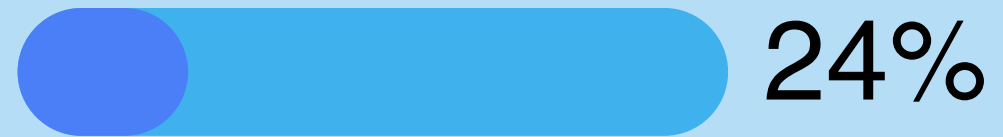
Unprotected vaginal sex (without a condom)



Unprotected anal sex (without a condom)



Shared sex toys (without a barrier method)



Any contact with genitals (e.g. fingering, hand job, rubbing genitals together) without a barrier method



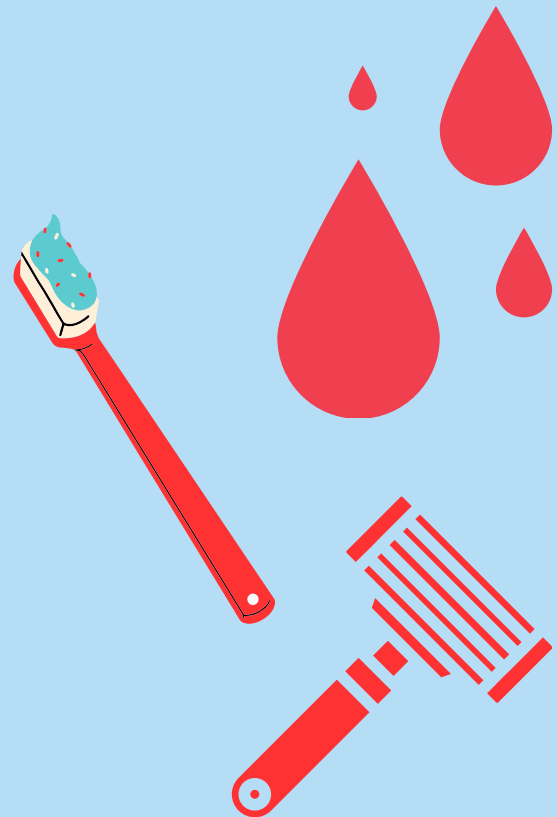
“Look I’m safe now I promise.”

“All occurred before I was knowledgeable about sexual health.”

BBV Risk Factors

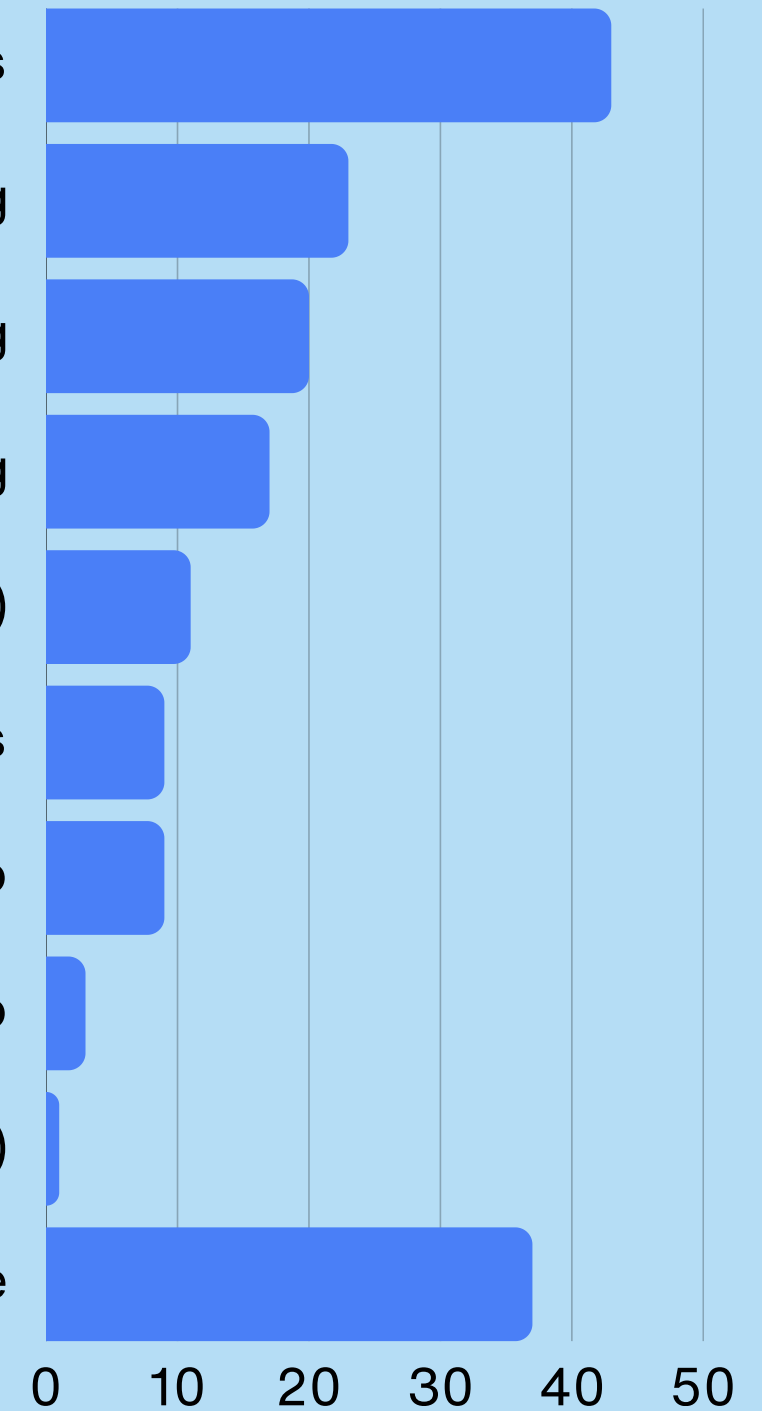


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- Shared a toothbrush or razor with others
- Had oral, vaginal or anal sex whilst someone is on their period/menstruating
- Been in a physical fight that resulted in you and another/others bleeding
- Had a collision whilst playing sport that resulted in you and another/ others bleeding
- Been in contact with others blood (e.g. blood brothers, smileys, blood rituals etc.)
- Shared any piercing equipment (e.g. needle, jewelry) with others outside of a professional piercing studio
- Shared any tattoo equipment (e.g. needle, ink, paper towel) with others outside of a professional tattoo studio
- Shared injecting equipment with others (e.g. steroids, hormones, drugs)

None of these



Sexual Health Topics



- Top 10 **sexual health topics** you want to know more about:

Healthy and unhealthy characteristics in relationships

Exploring your own relationship red and green flags

How to communicate about not giving consent or denying consent

Skills in connecting to your body & being able to tell when you are or are not comfortable

Managing conflict with partners

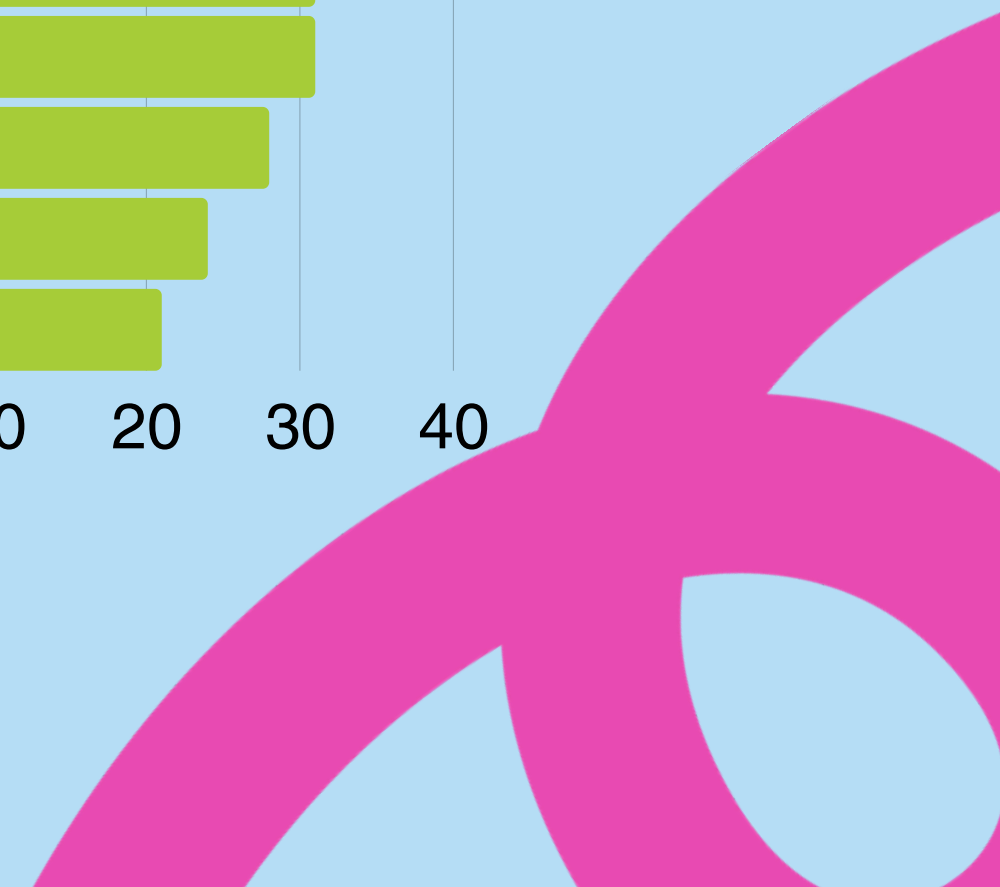
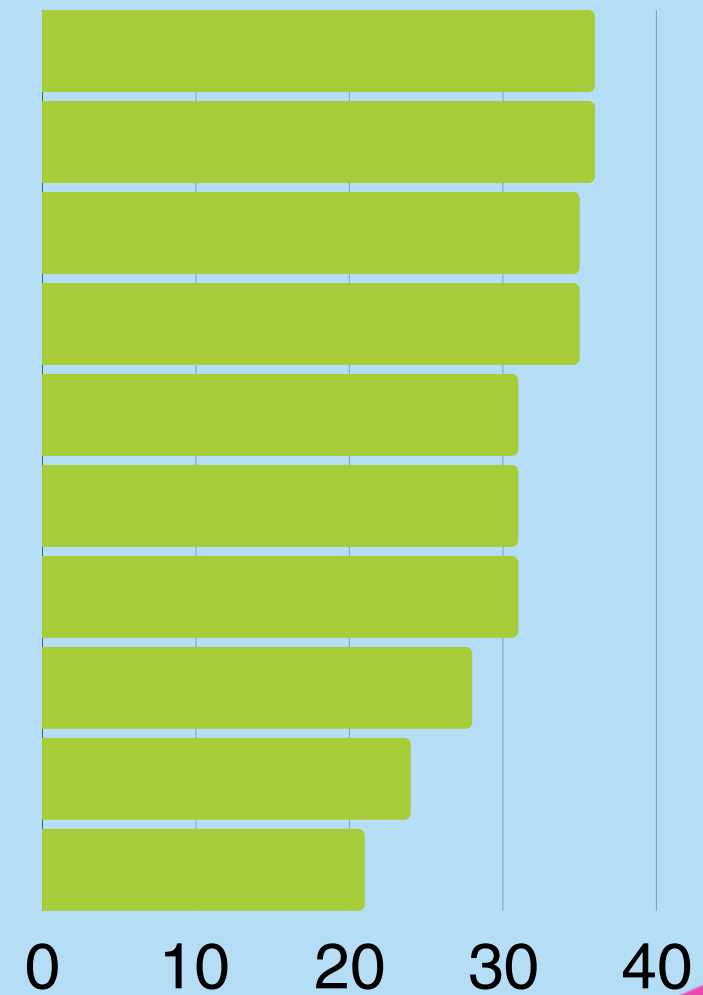
Managing rejection

Skills in exploring what you are comfortable and uncomfortable with

How to communicate about asking for consent

Boundaries

Negotiation



Safer Sex Topics



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- Top 10 safer sex topics you want to know more about:

Blood Borne Viruses (BBVs)

Vaccines for safer sex

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs)

Pros and cons to each barrier method (condoms, gloves, dams)

STI & BBV Testing (what to expect, different kind of tests, self collection)

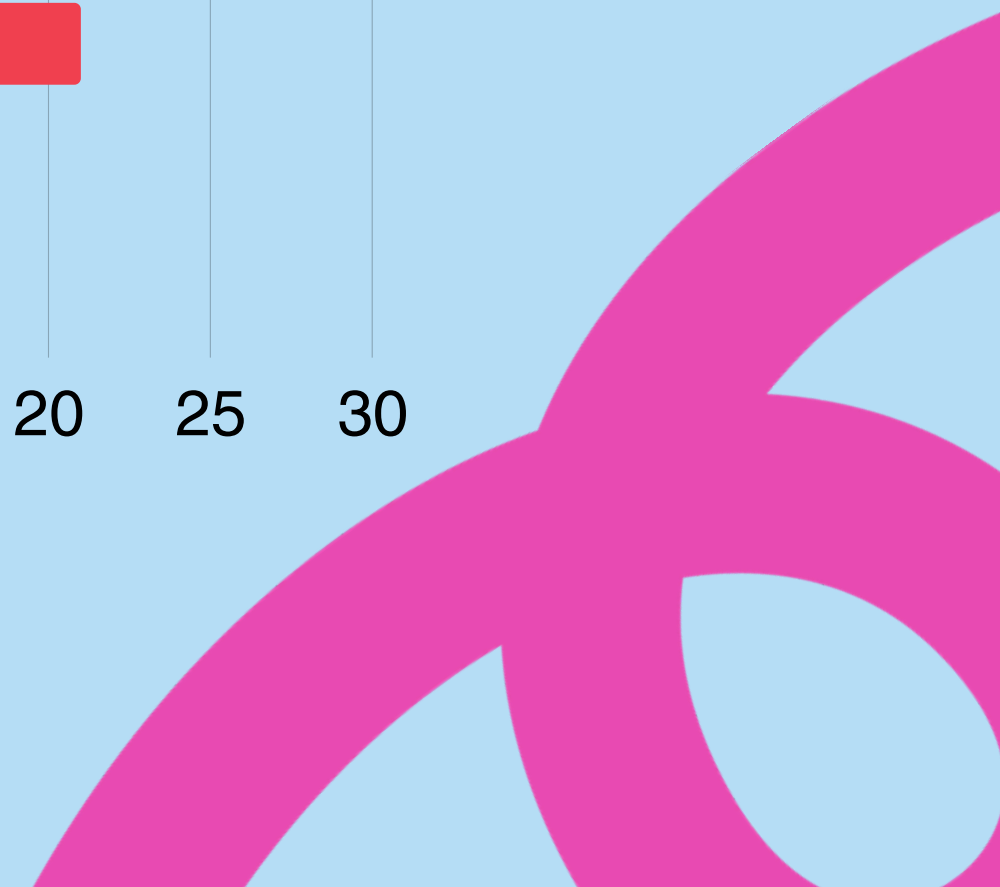
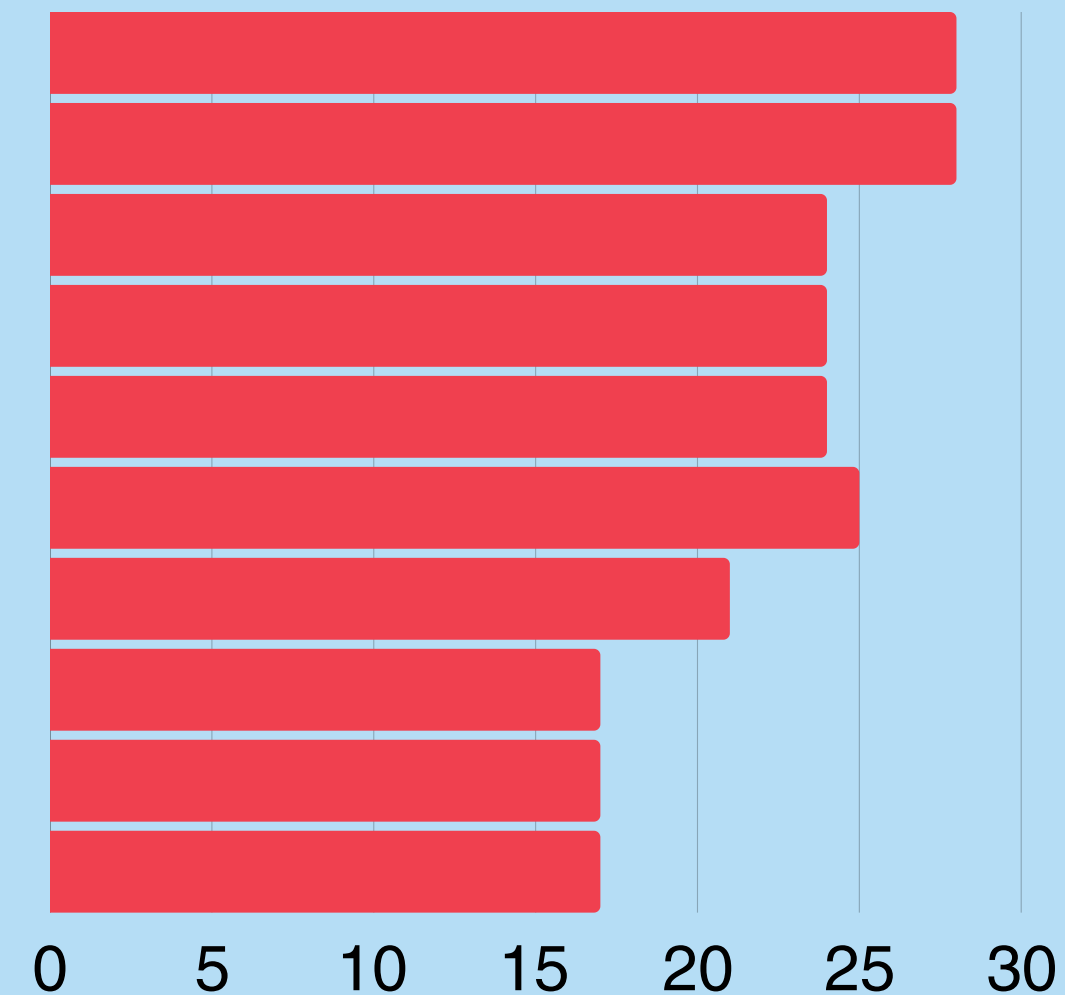
Process after a positive STI result- how to communicate with partners

How to communicate about STI/BBV status with partners

How to use a dam (for oral sex on a vulva or anus)

How to make a dam from a condom

How to use gloves for safer sex



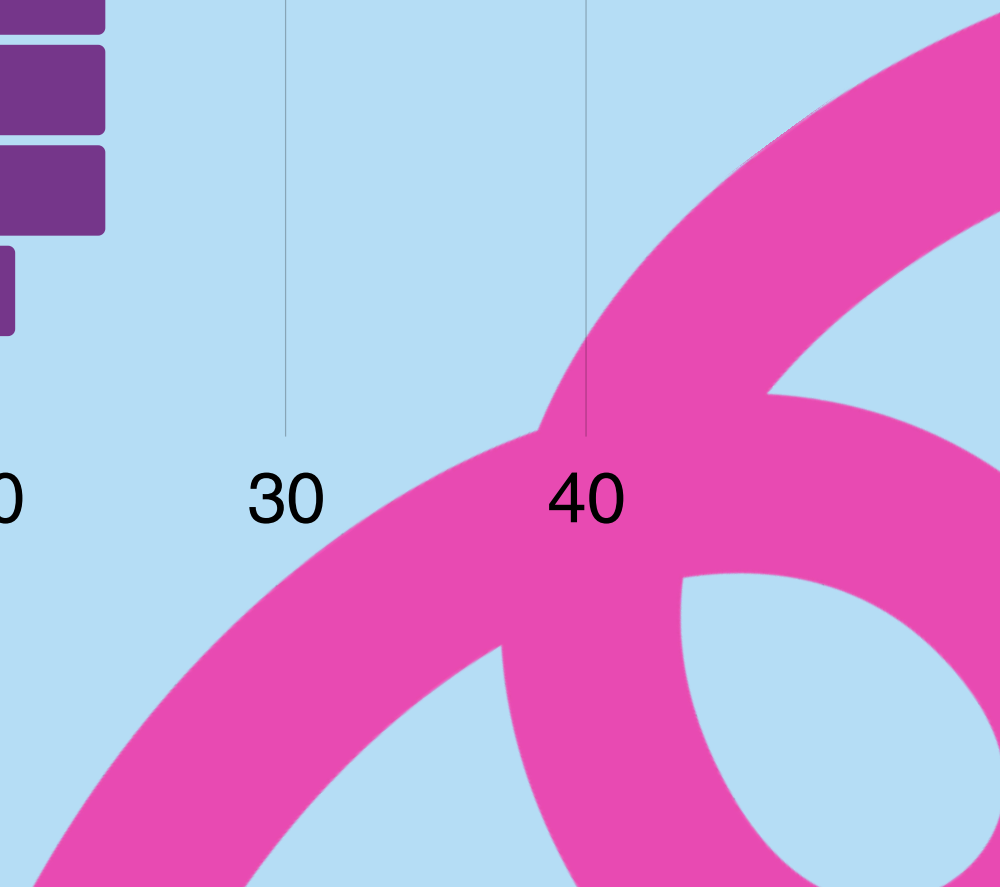
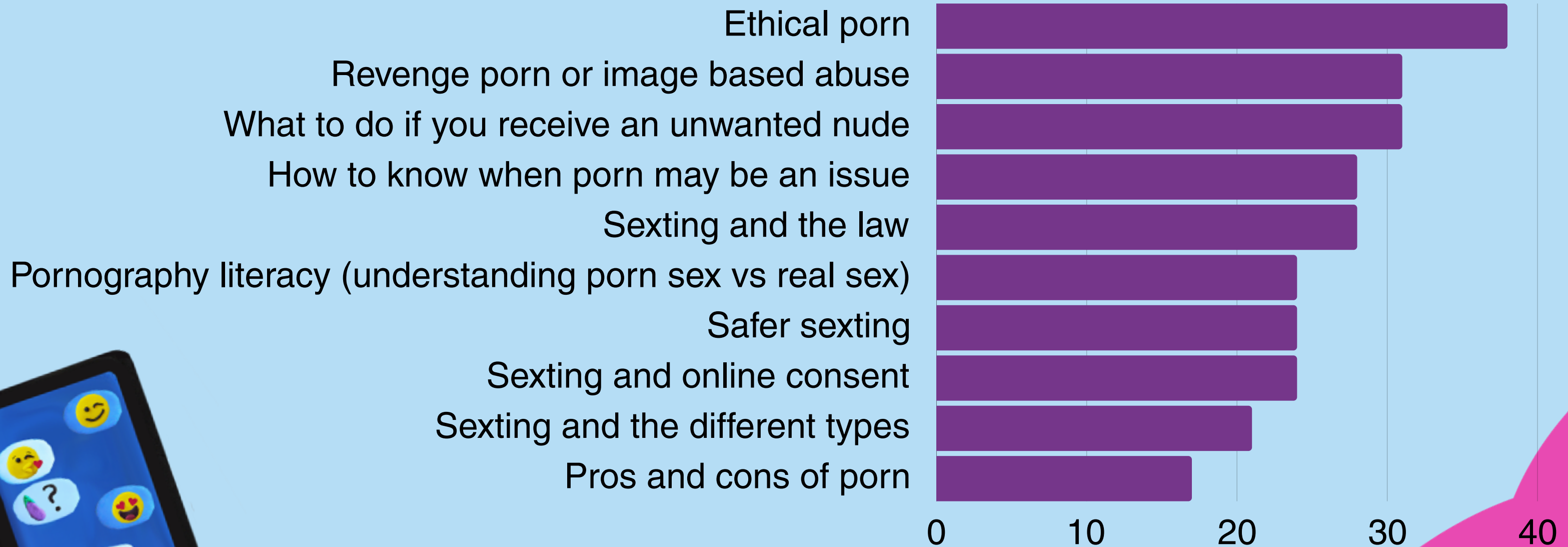
Online Topics



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- Top 10 **online sexuality topics** you want to know more about:

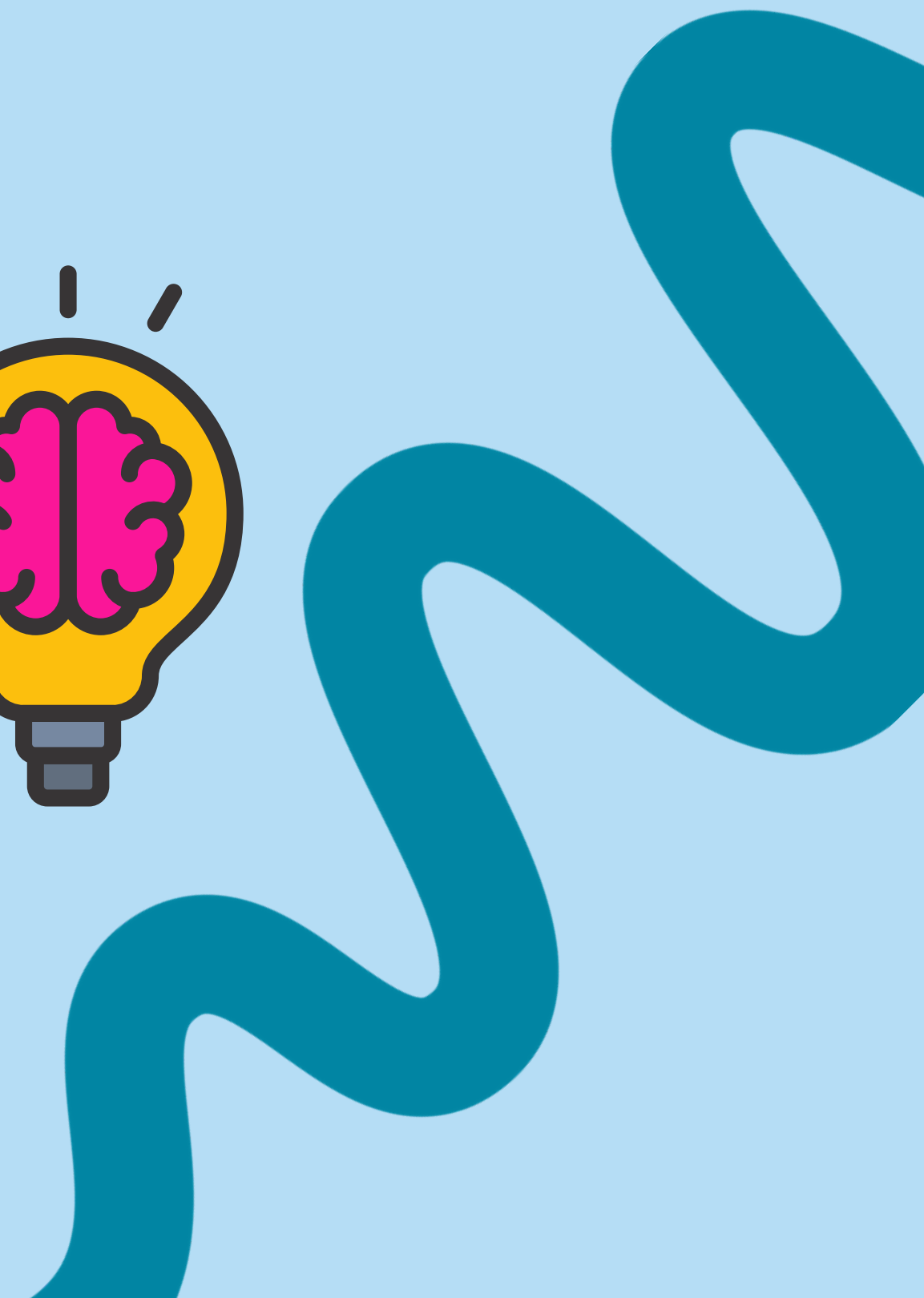


Preferred Education



- When asked how you would like to receive relationships and sexuality education:

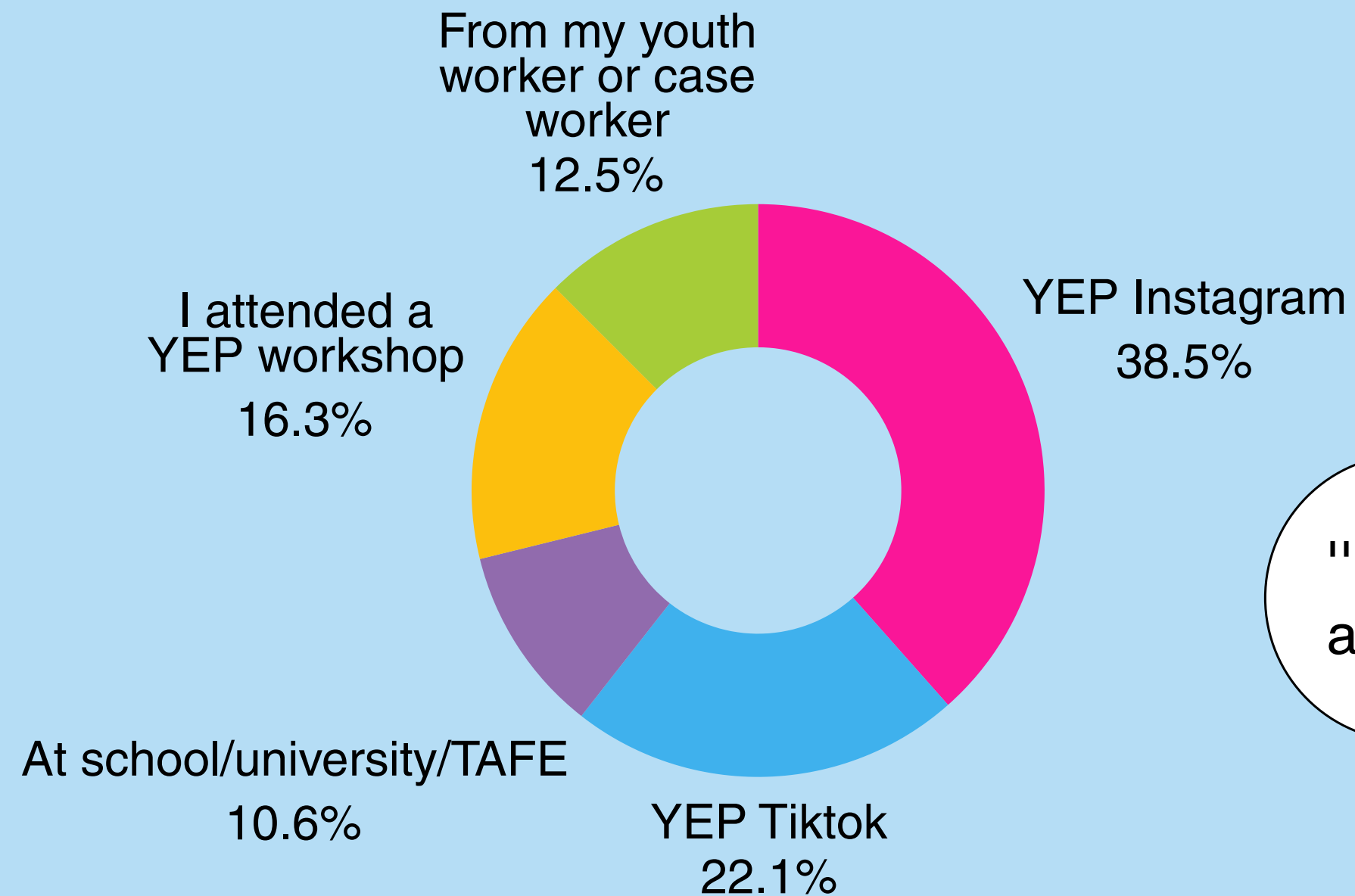
1. Infographics
2. Short video (under one minute)
3. Interactive social media (e.g. ask boxes)
4. Posters in places I visit
5. Medium length videos (up to three minutes)



How did you hear about YEP?



- Top 5 ways you heard about the Youth Educating Peers Project/ this survey:



"From a friend that worked for YEP"

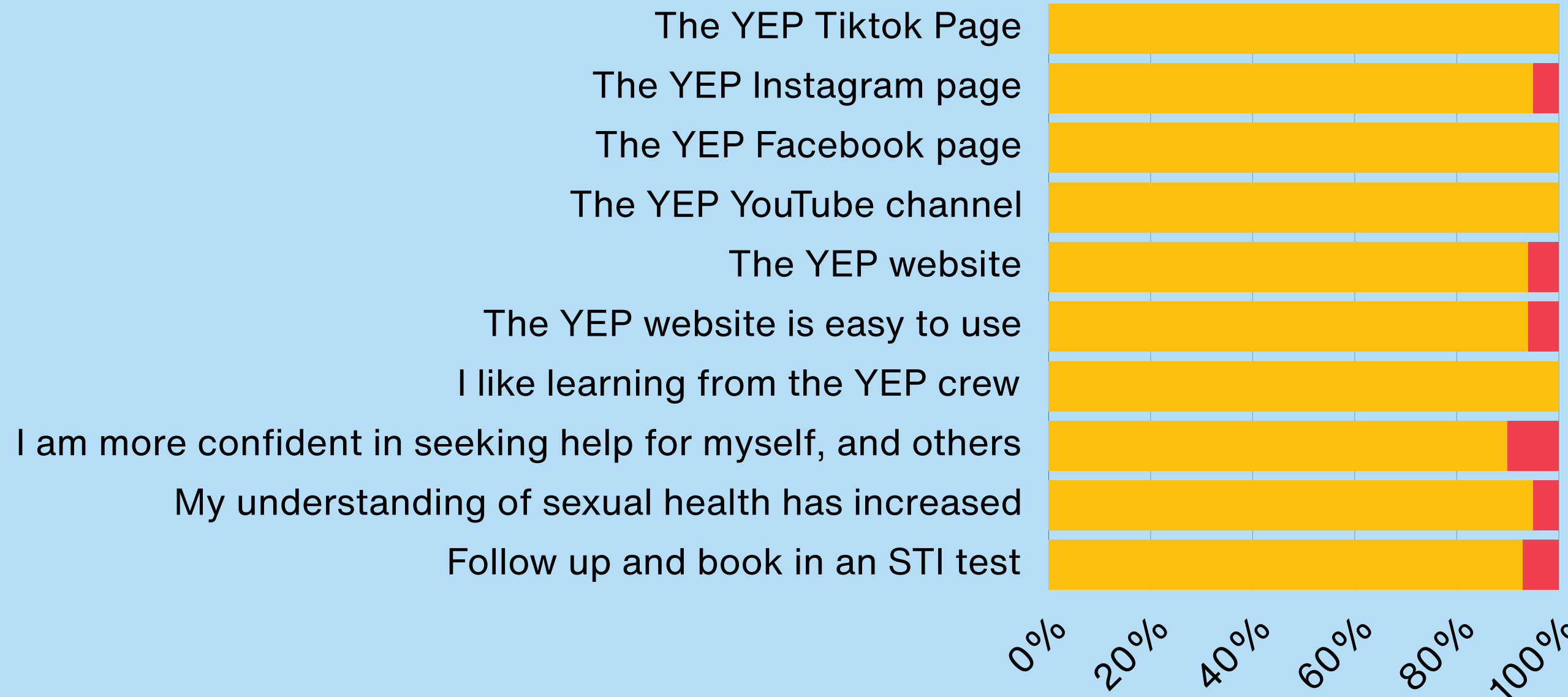
"Randomly popped up as an ad on Instagram"

YEP's Usefulness



- We asked about the **usefulness** of information/advice about youth sexual health, events, resources and news on our **social media** platforms:

● Agree ● Disagree



Connection



- We asked what the YEP Project can do to **better connect** with WA young people like yourself on sexual health stuff:

"Talk about it more on socials"

"Probs stuff like listening to feedback from this survey"

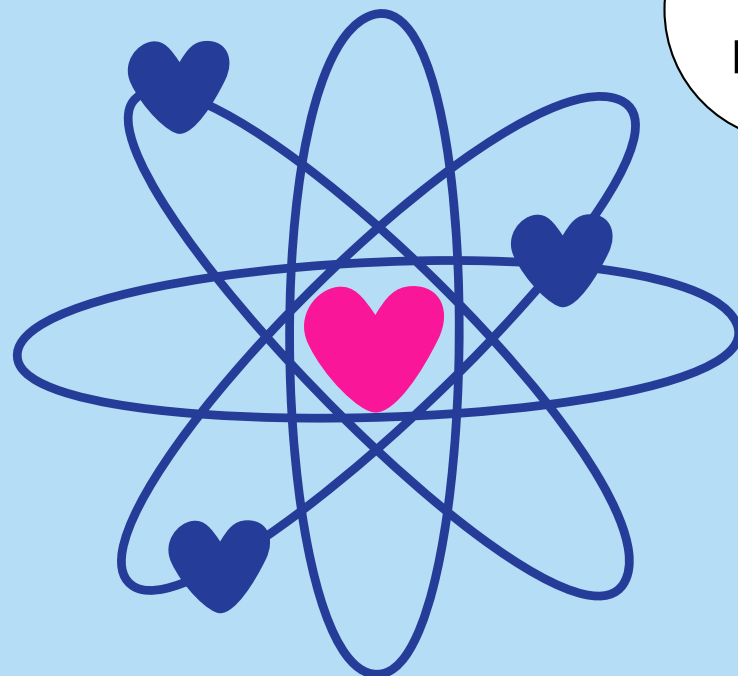
"Podcasts can be a great way of reaching people"

"Do more in the rural parts of WA"

"Community outings/uni stalls would be great "

"More interactive stories or memes that can be shared"

"Would love to see workshops on issues like pleasure not mentioned as often"



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