

Survey of Massachusetts Land Trusts 2020



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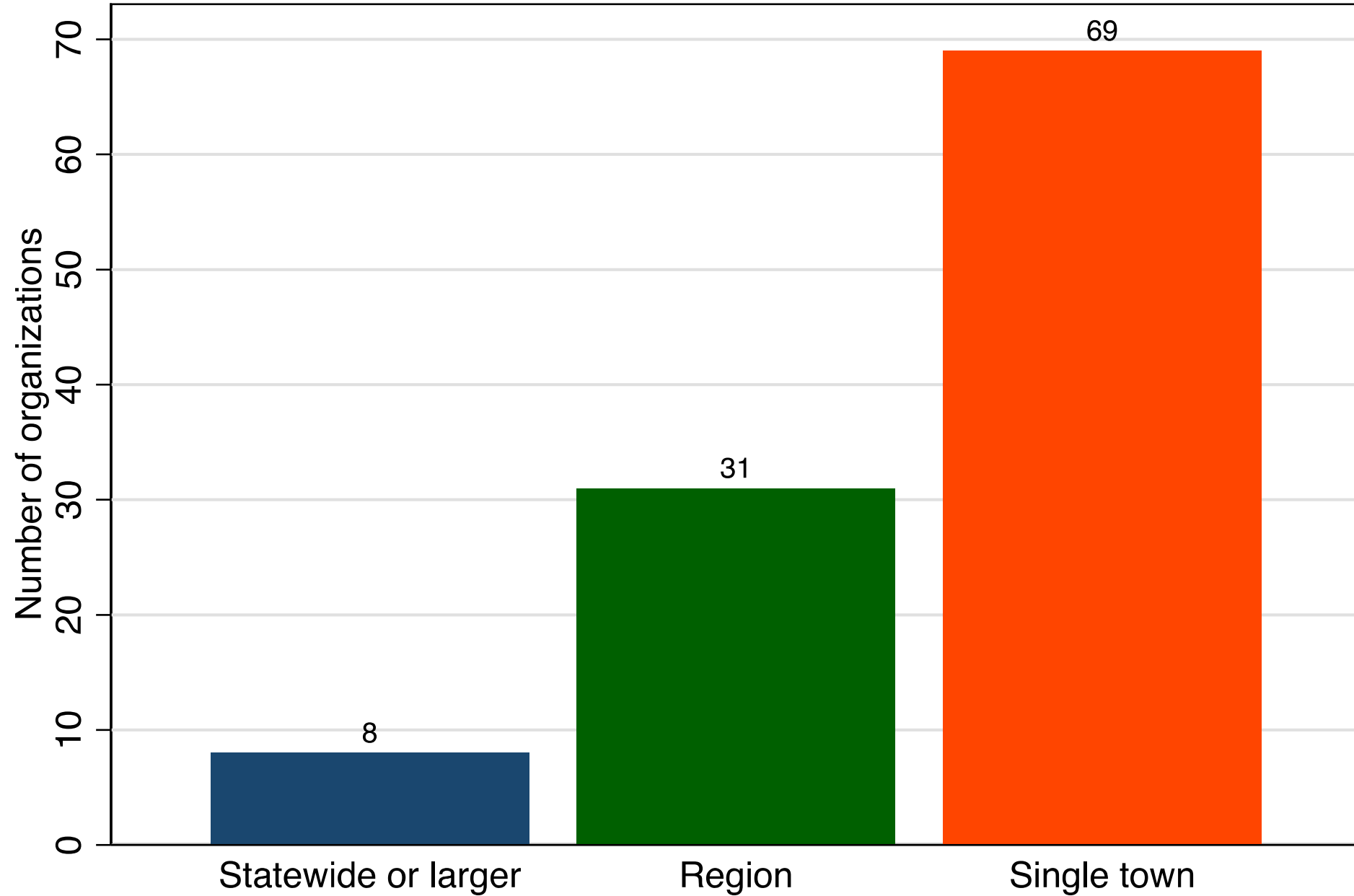
- Private funding from 4 anonymous donors

Methods

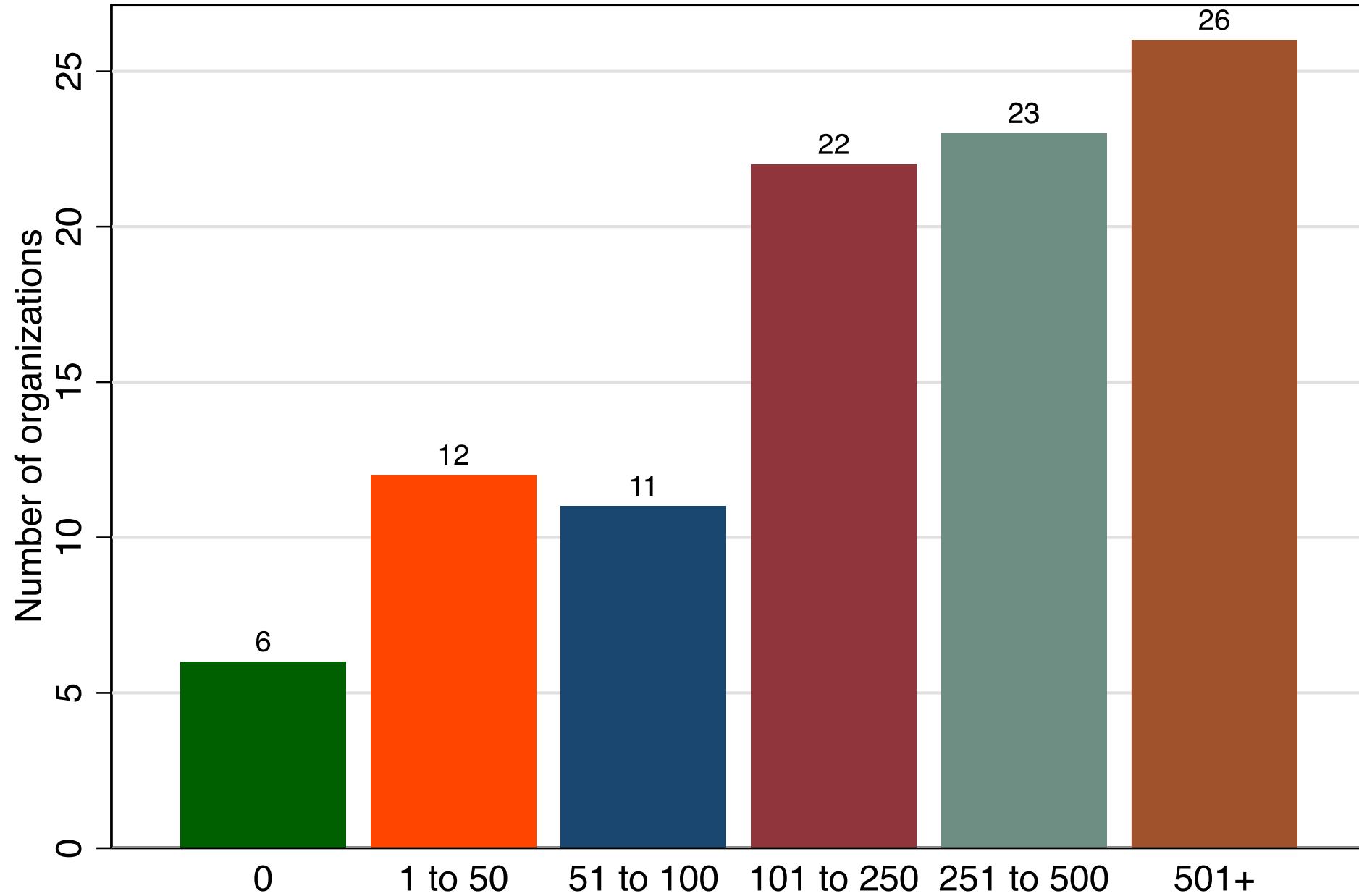
“Modified Dillman”

- Identified land conservation organizations using MLTC list: 147 organizations
- Email survey announcement (November 19, 2019)
- Email survey link to land trusts five times (once a week starting November 26, 2019)
- MLTC follow-up with non-responders (January)
- Survey cut-off (February 15, 2020)
- Total number of responses: 113 (current participation rate 77%)
- Data cleaning & analysis (February and April 2020)

Organization coverage area

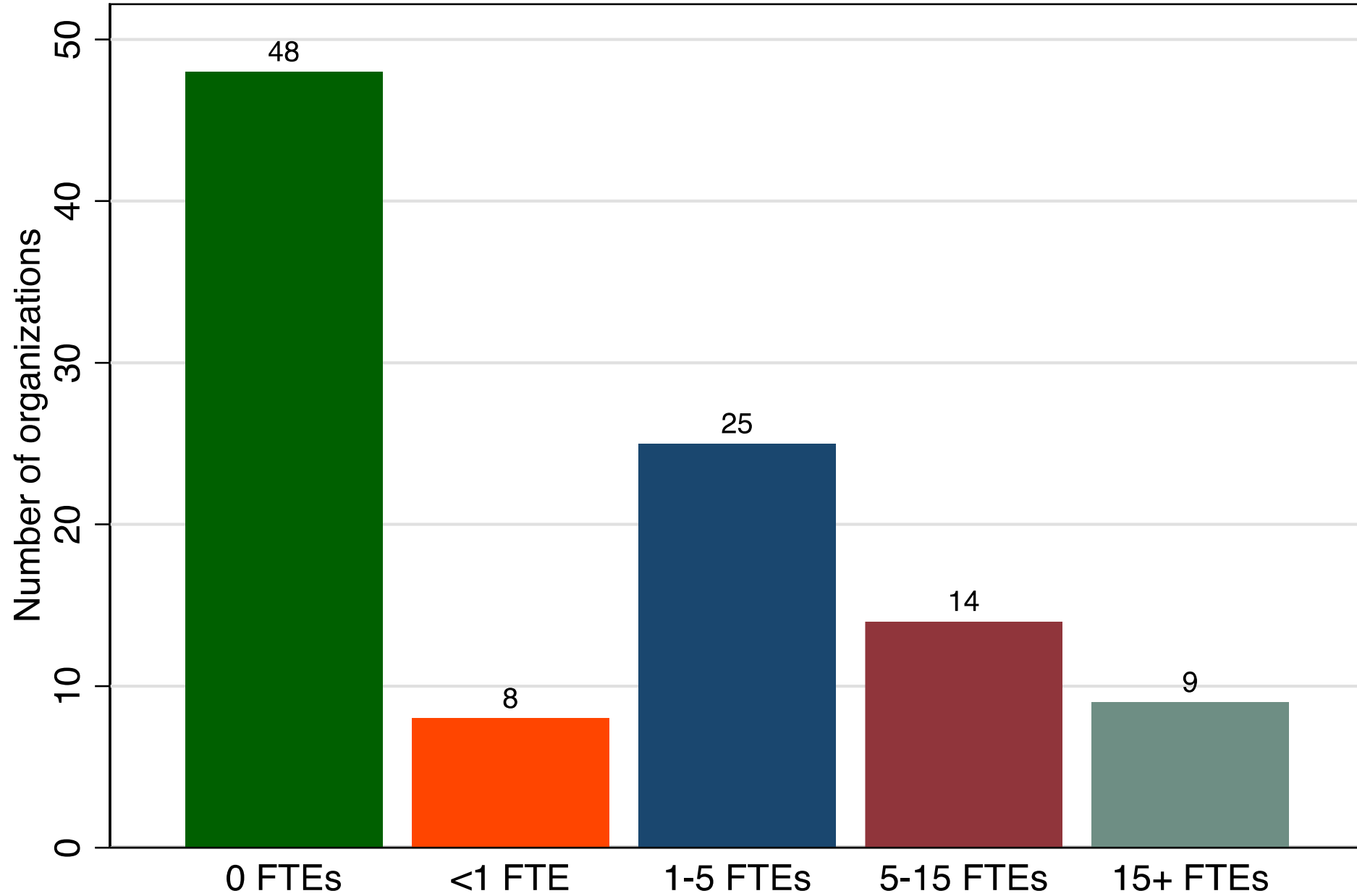


Paid members and other financial supporters

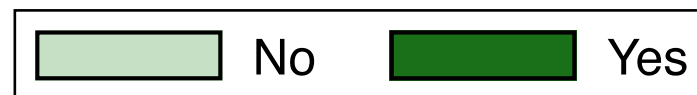
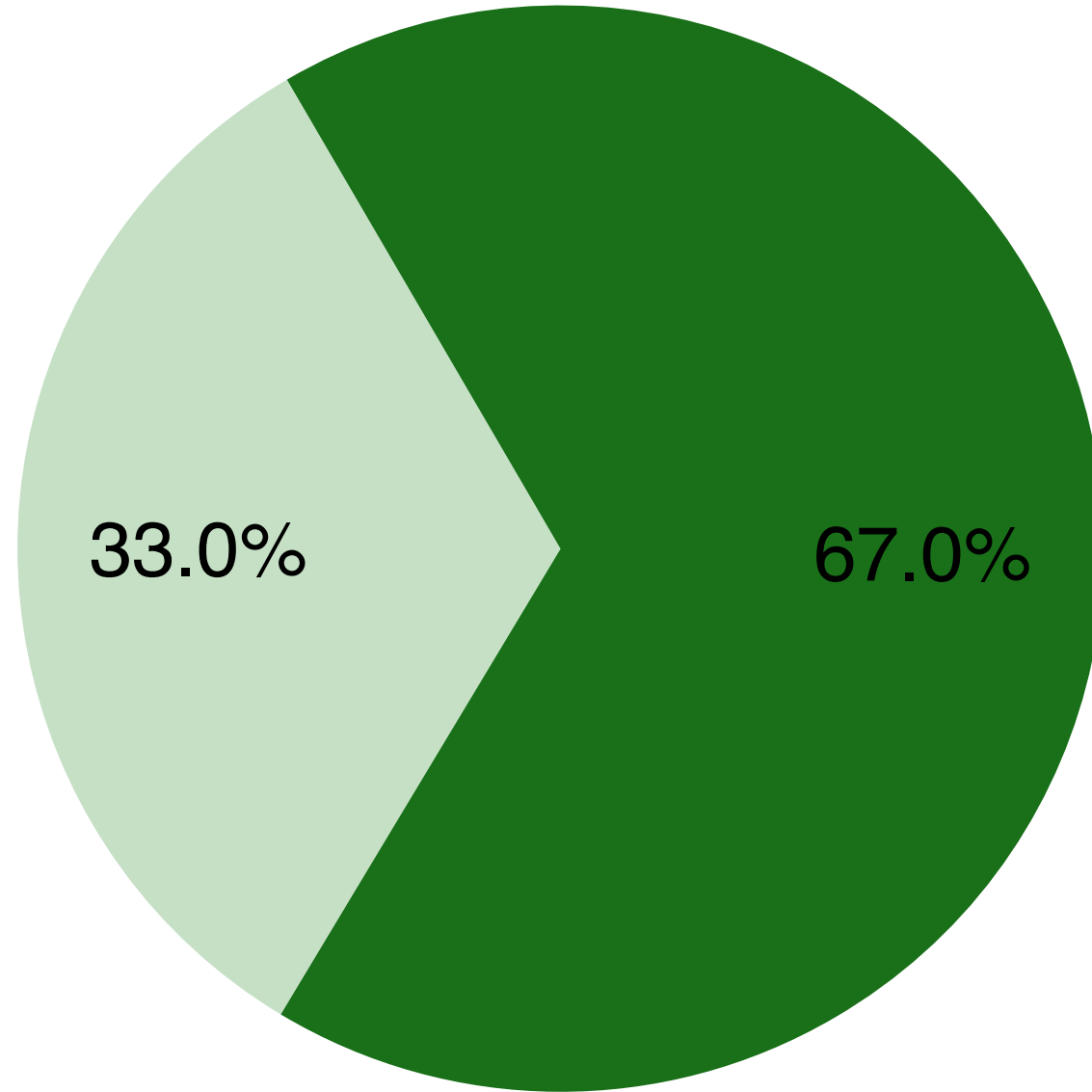


100 valid responses

Paid full-time equivalent (FTE) staff or contractors

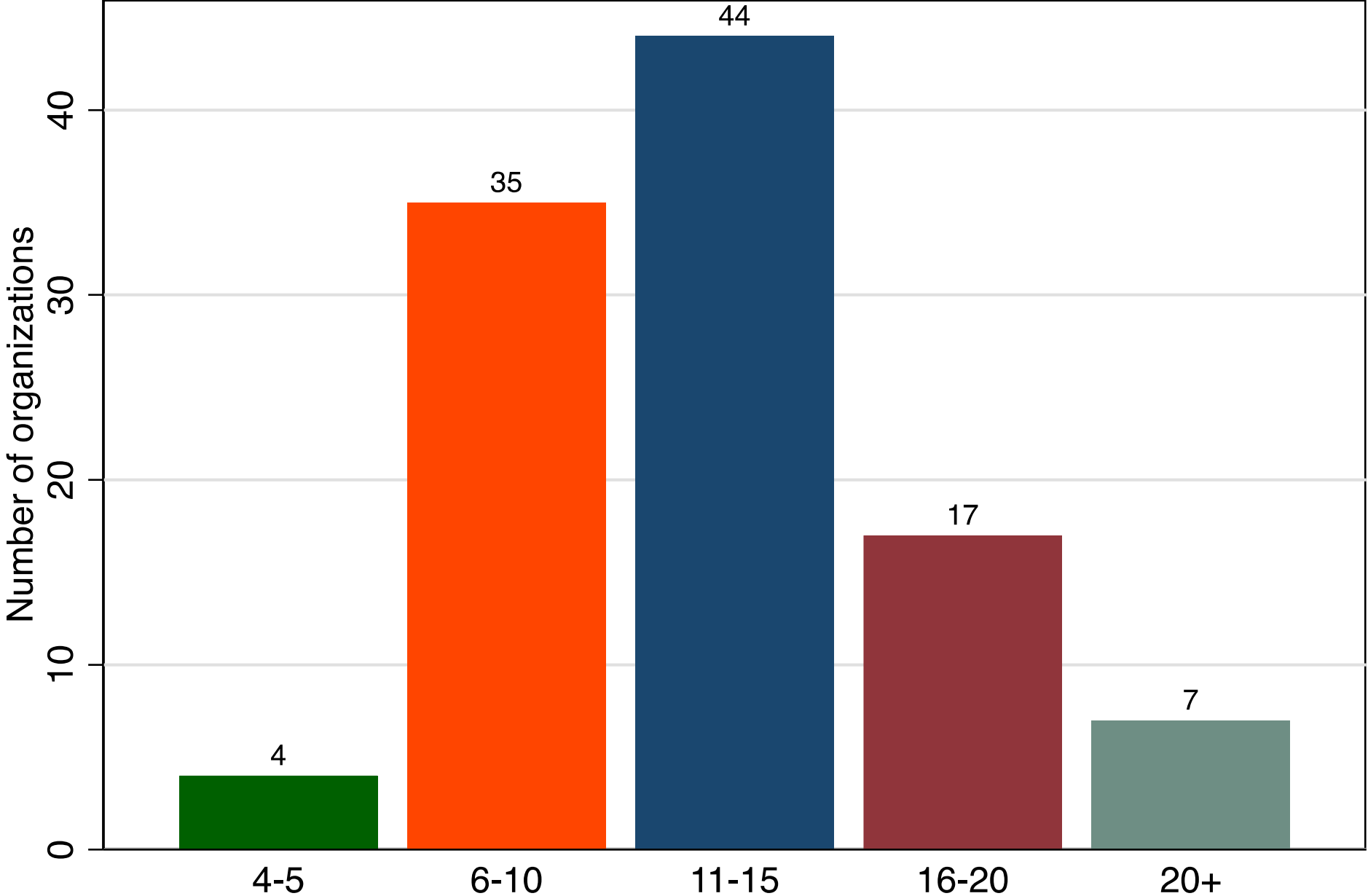


Use of volunteer staff or contractors in 2019



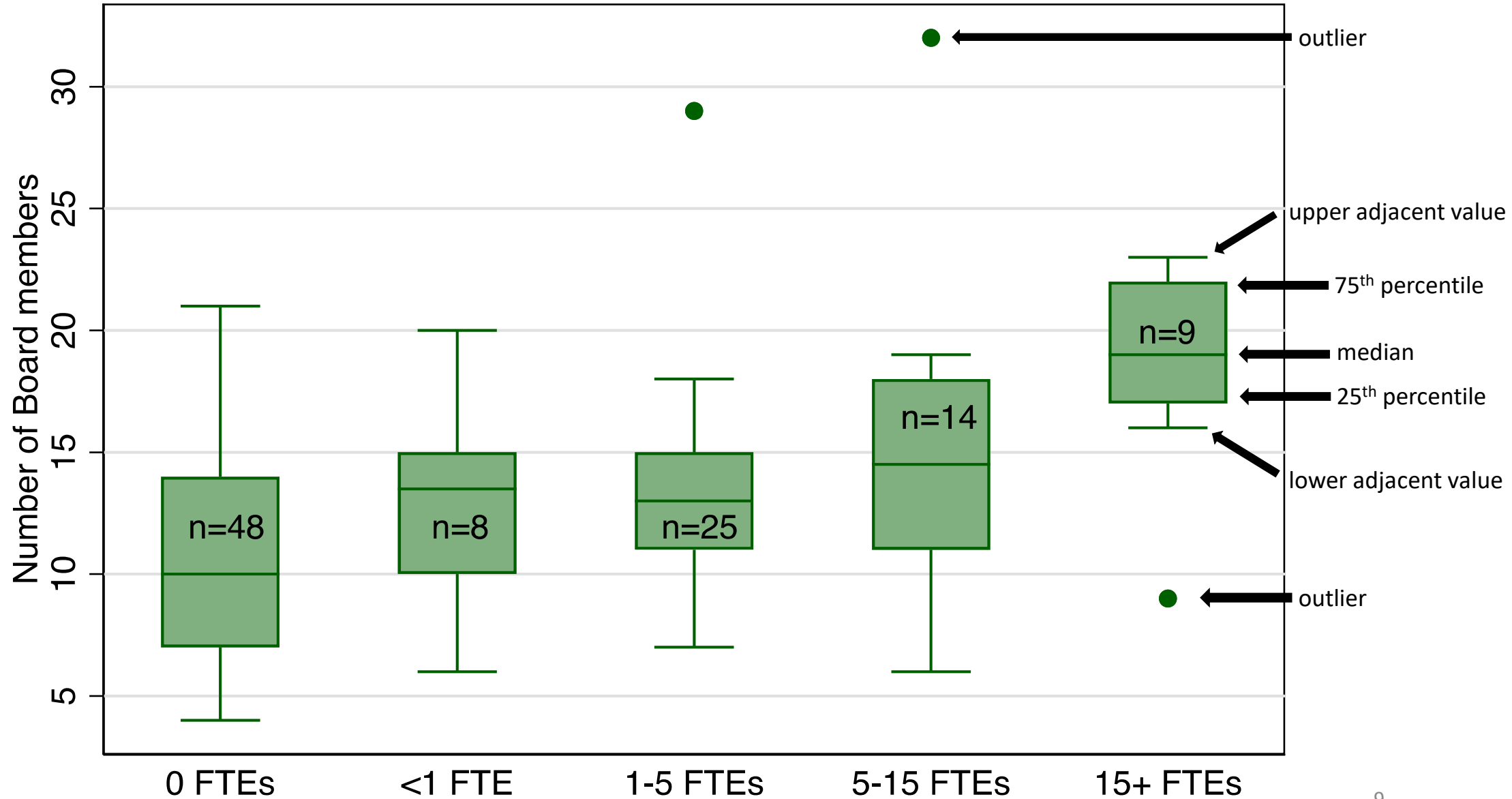
94 valid responses

Number of Board members

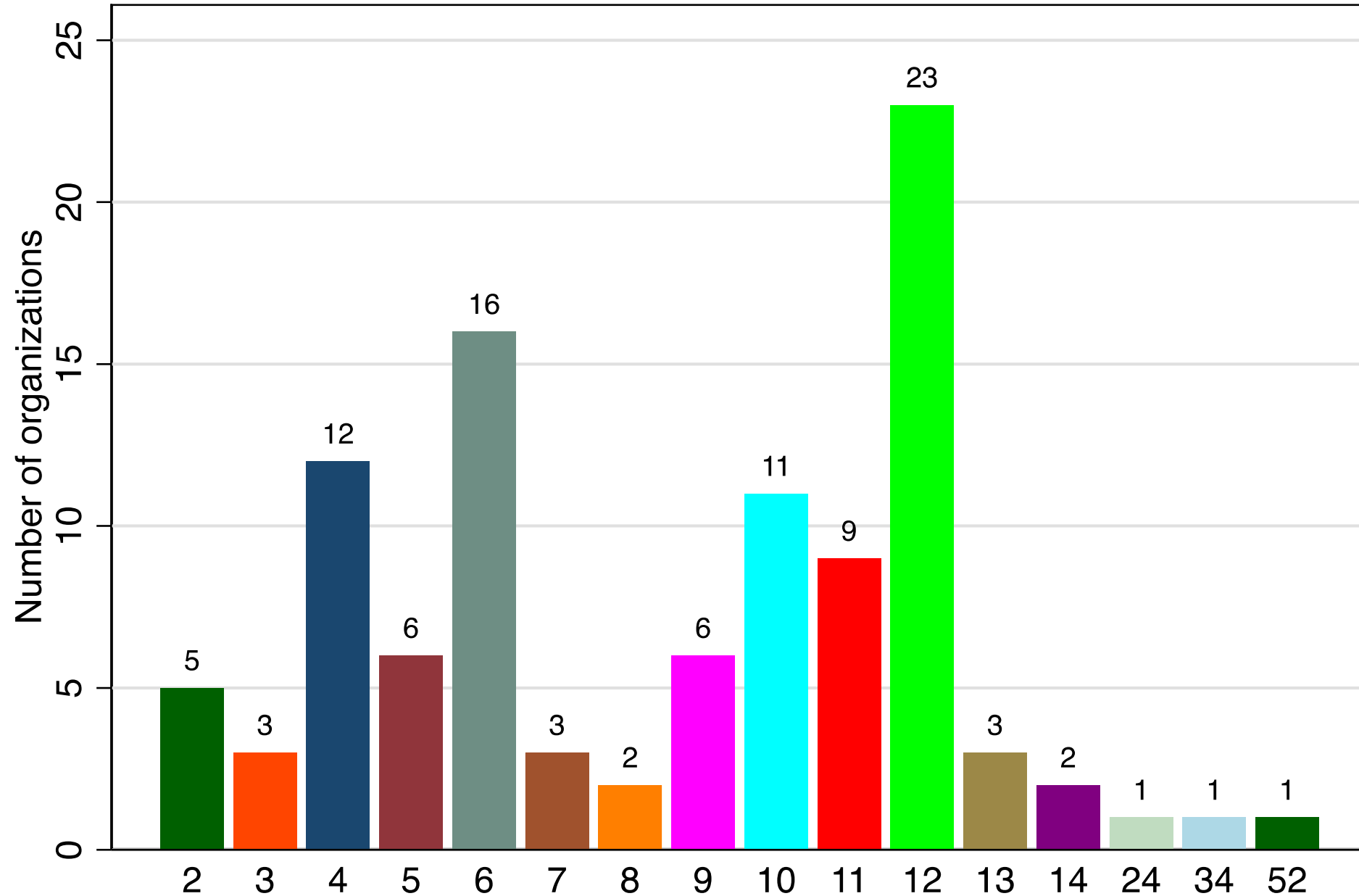


107 valid responses

Number of Board members, by paid staff size

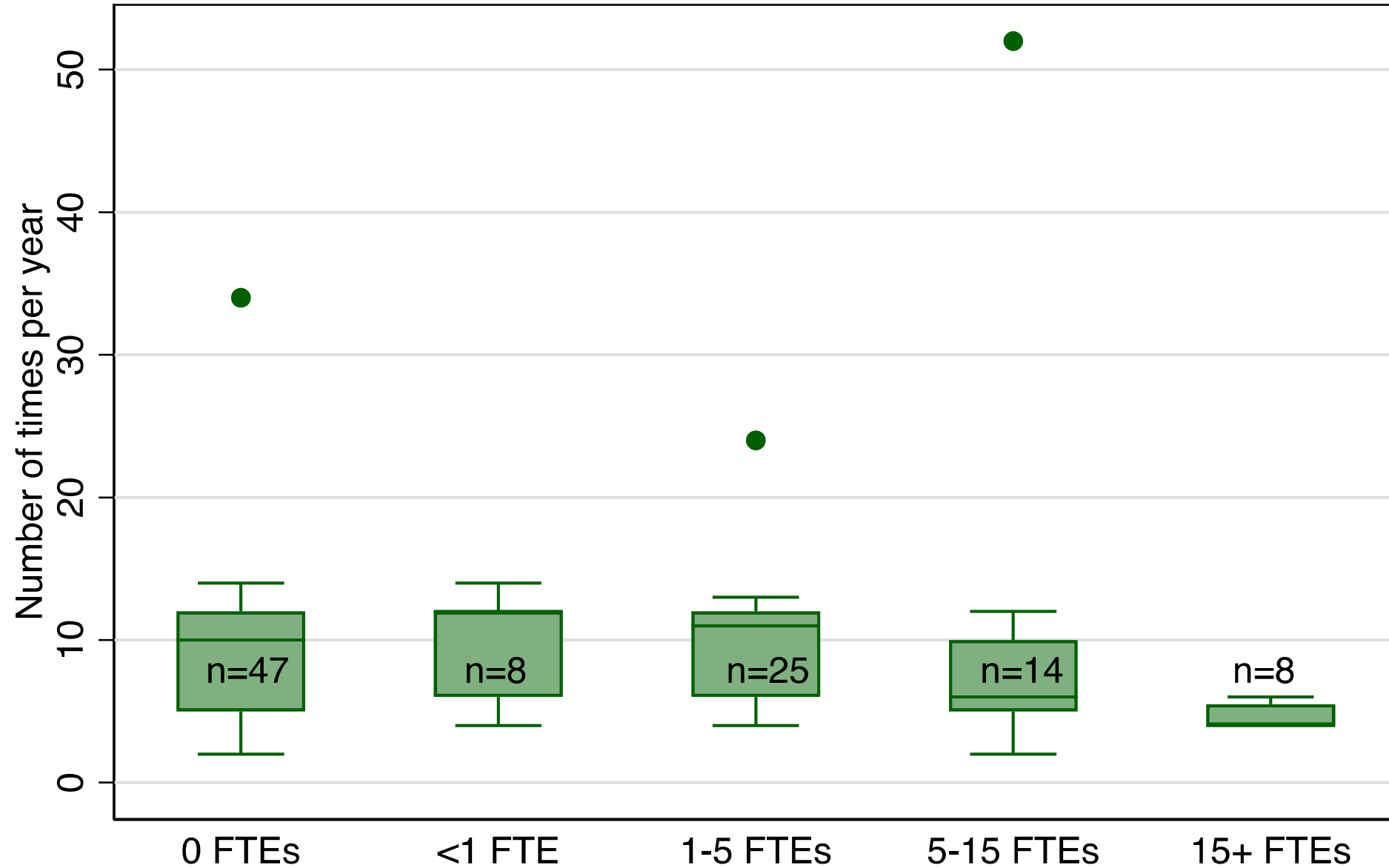


How many times a year the Board meets

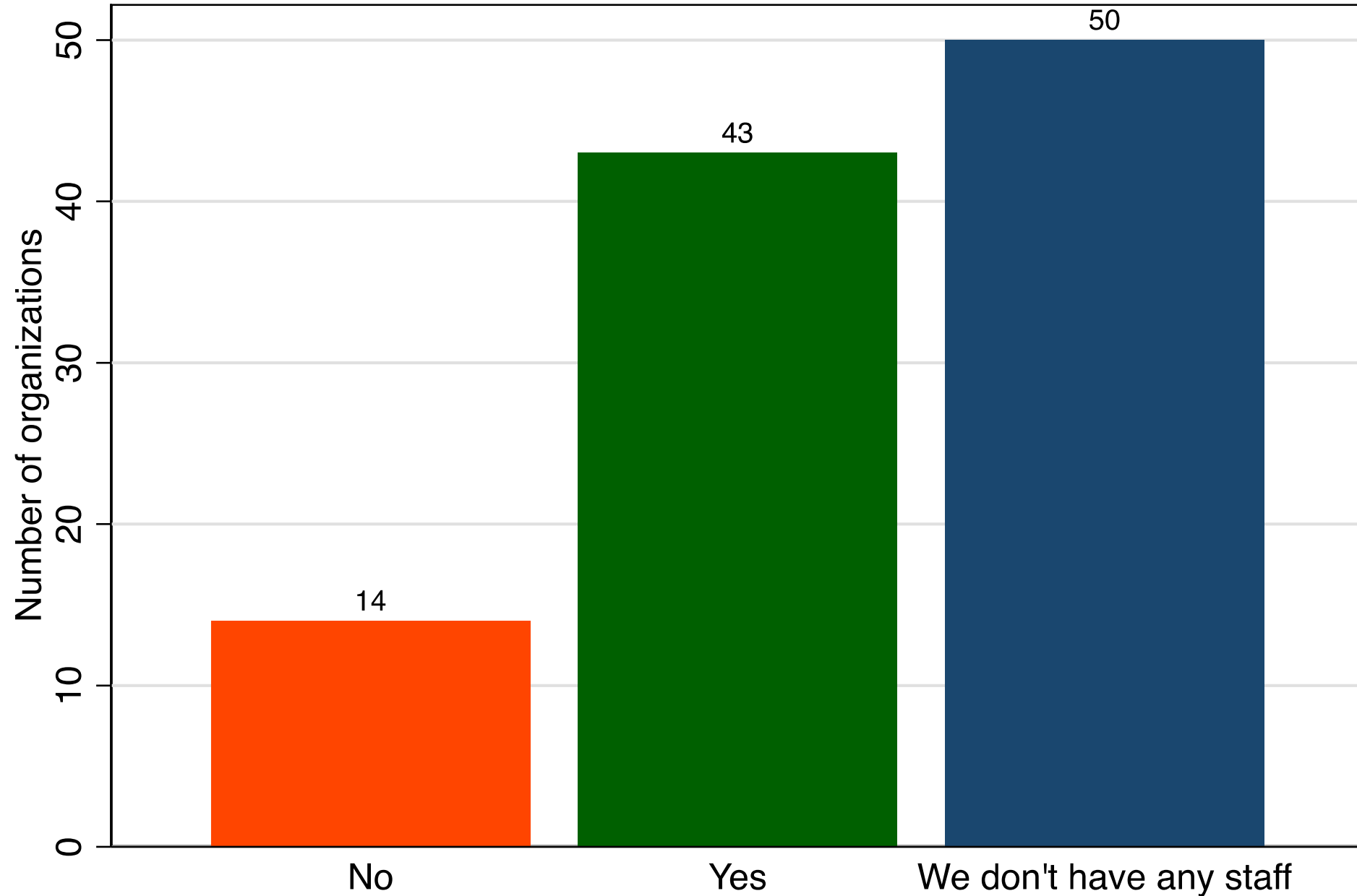


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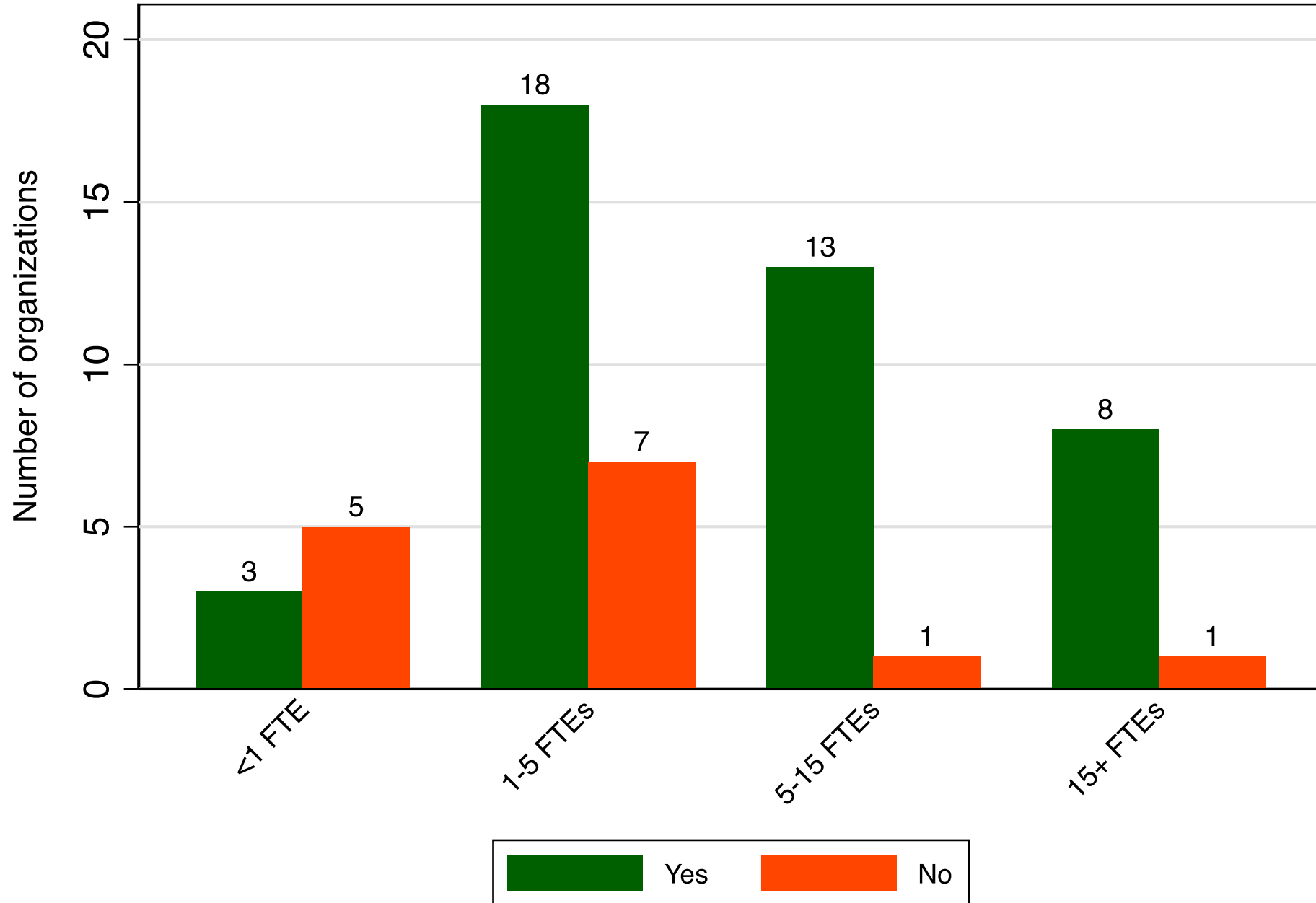
Board member meeting frequency, by paid staff size



Whether staff received formal training in 2019

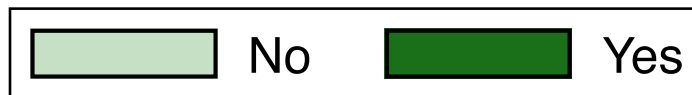
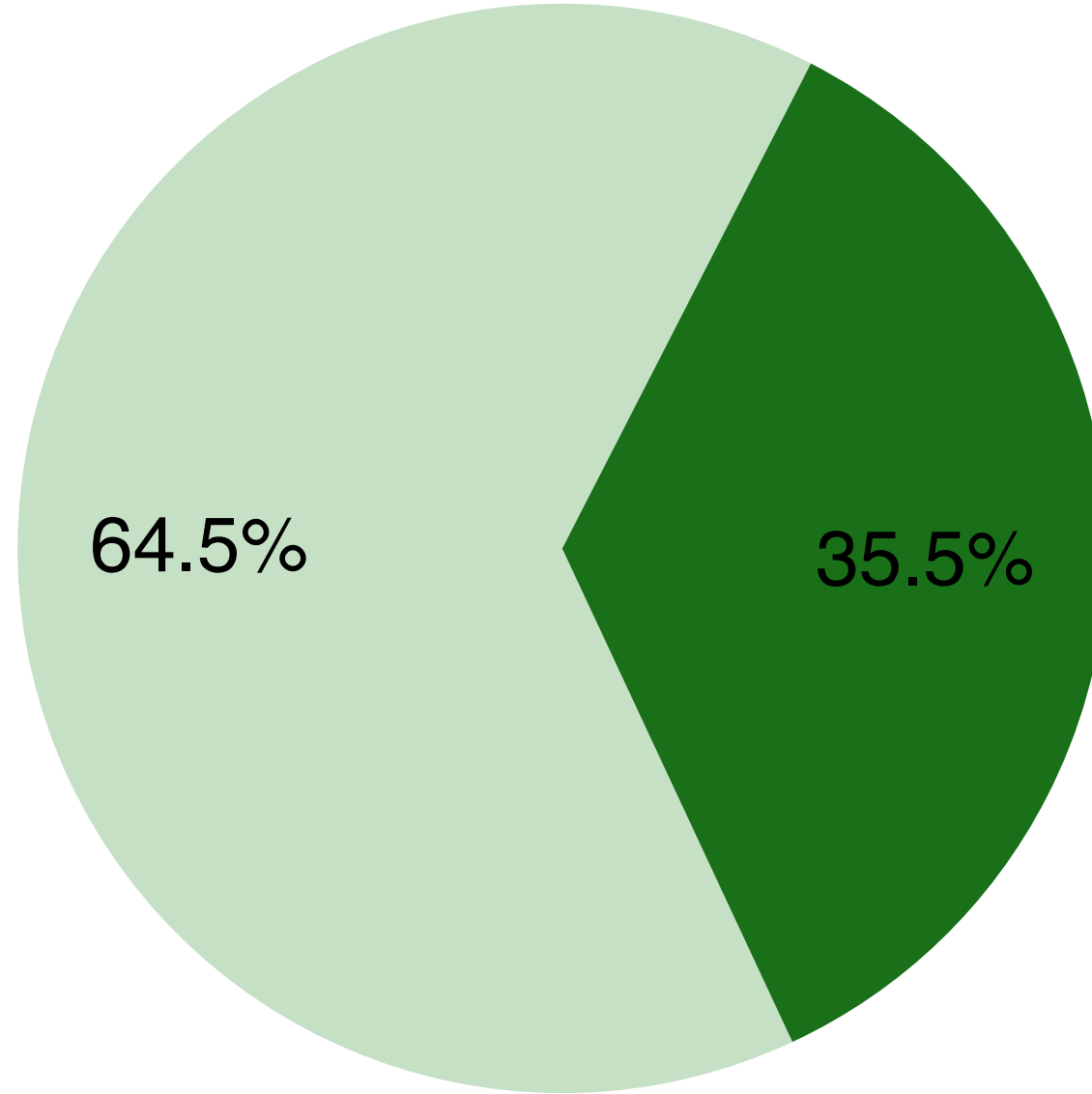


Whether staff has received formal training in 2019, by paid staff size

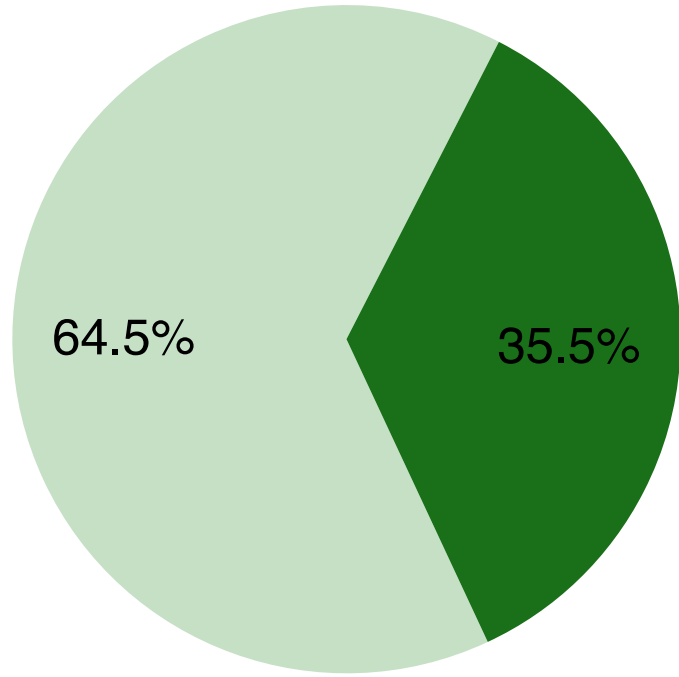


57 organizations have staff. Of these, 56 responded.

Have Board members received formal training in 2019?



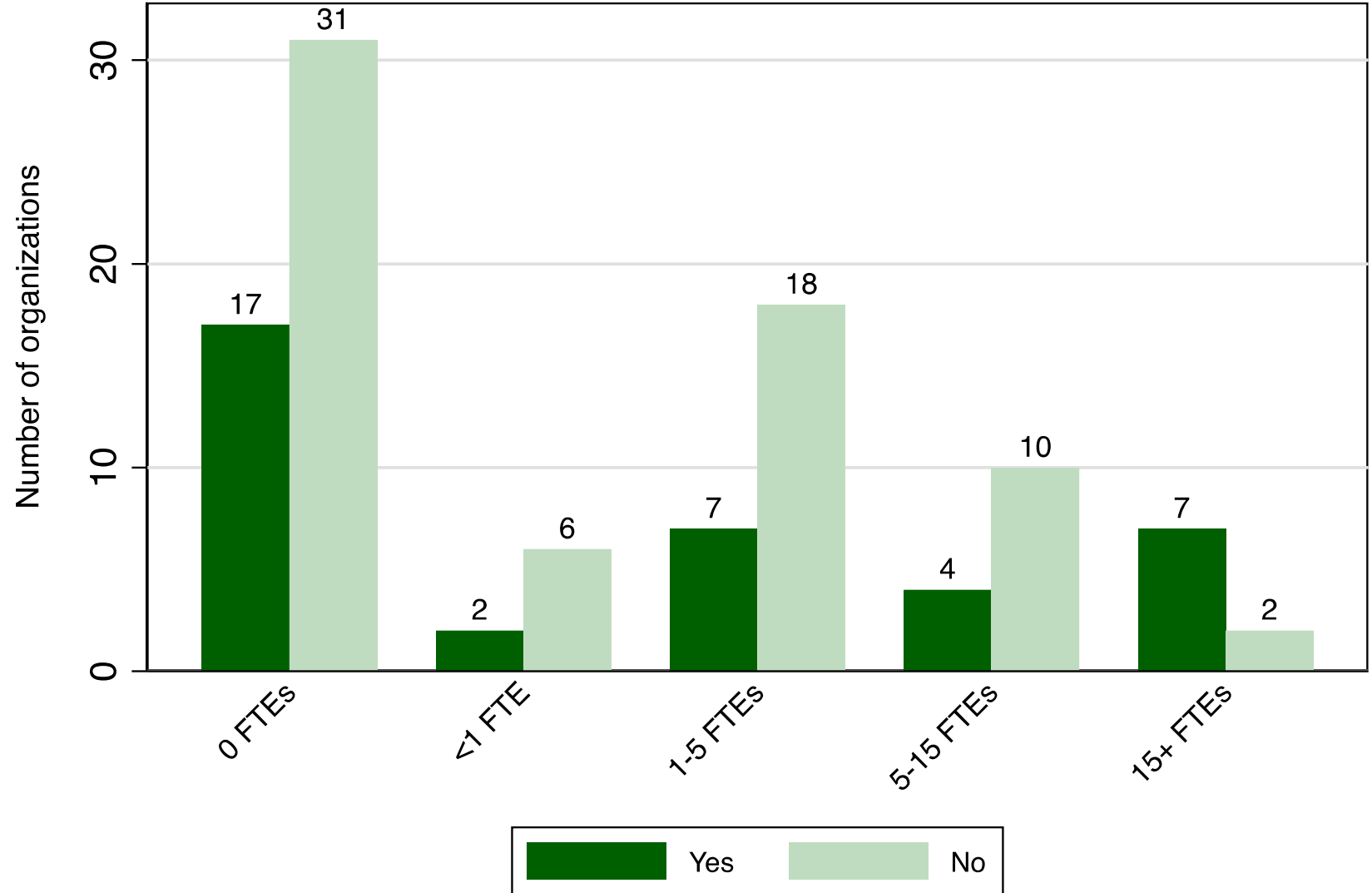
Board members received formal training in 2019?



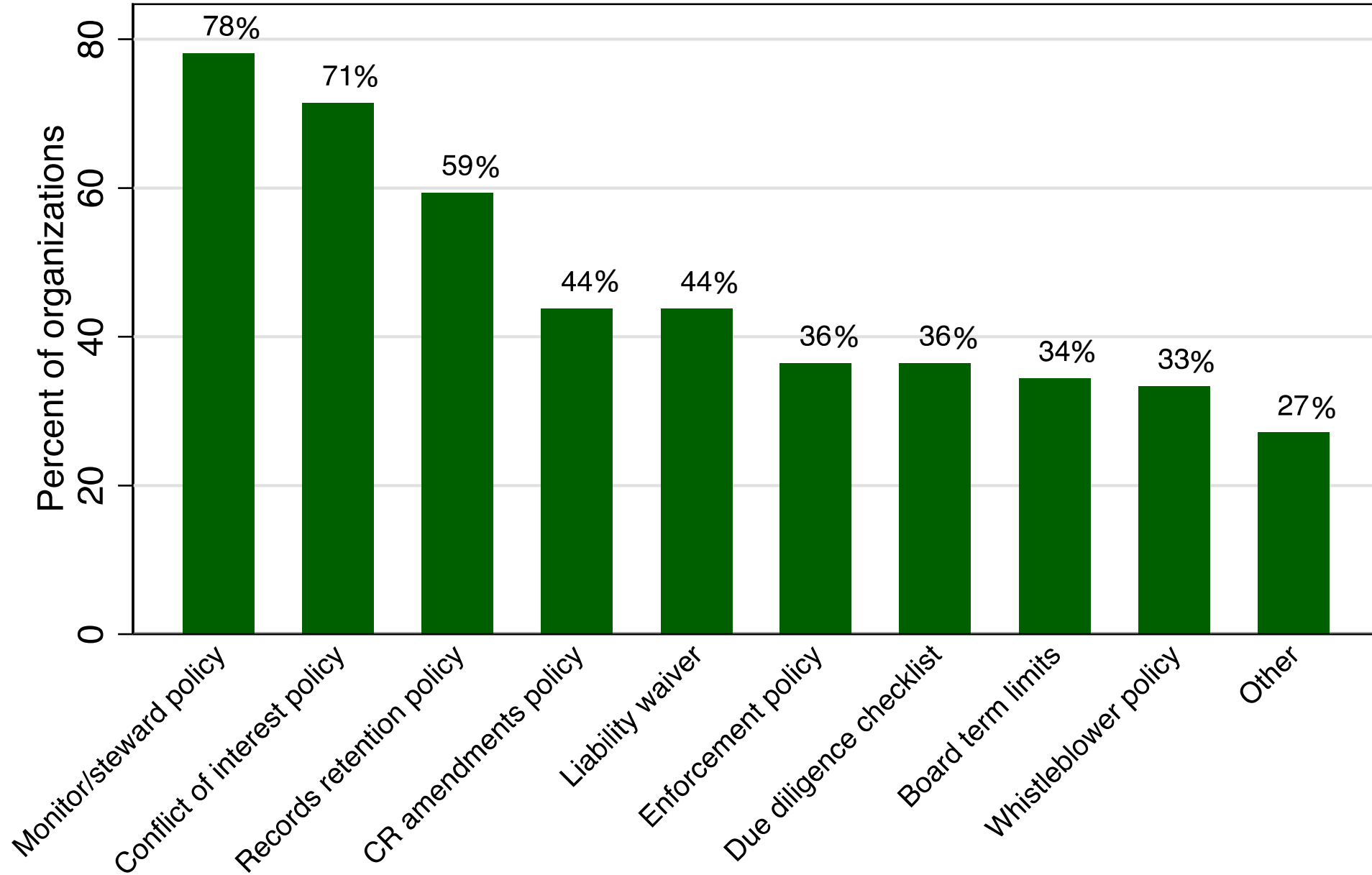
No Yes

107 valid responses

Whether Board members had formal training in 2019 by paid staff size

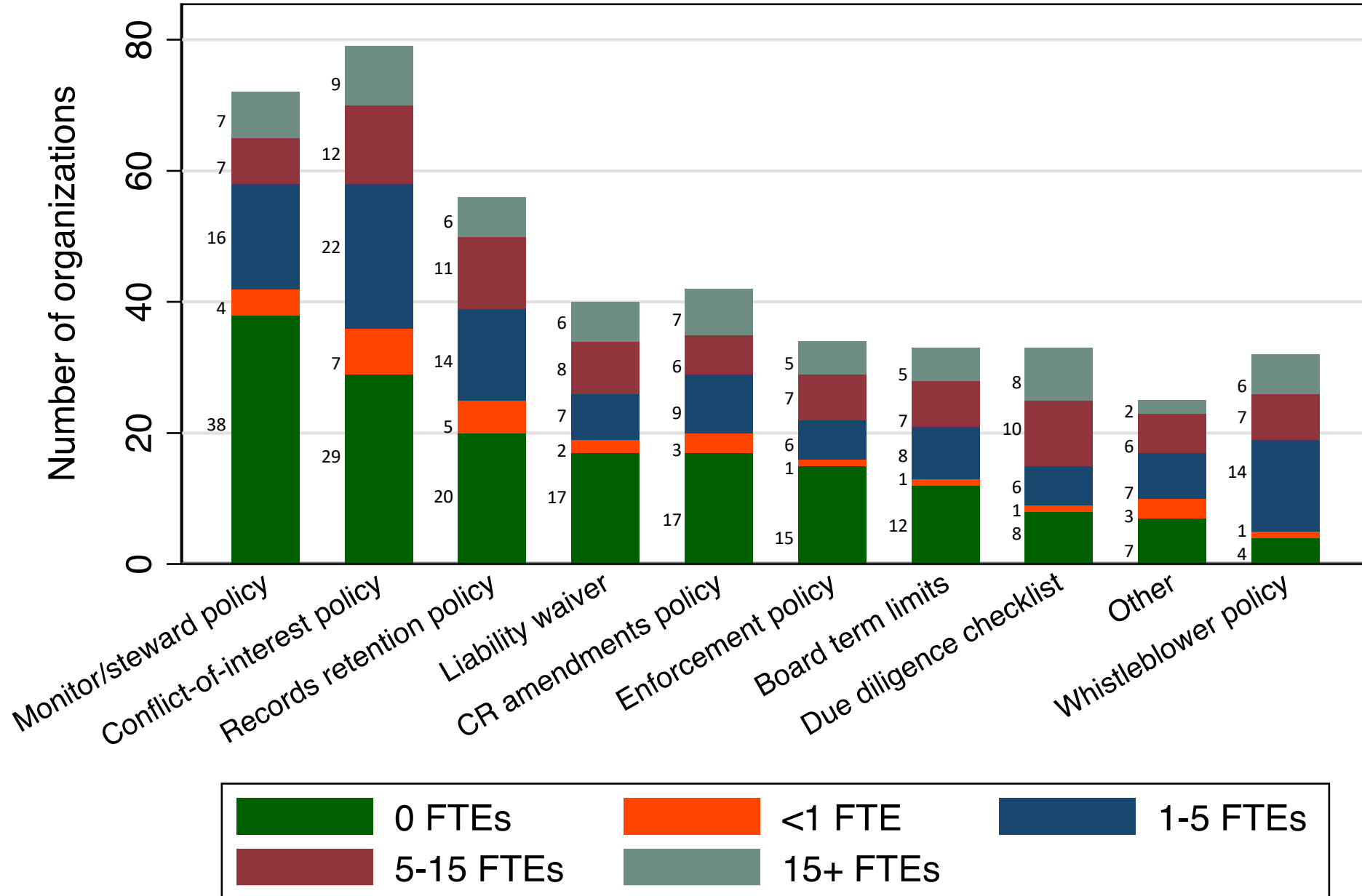


Items organization has approved or reviewed

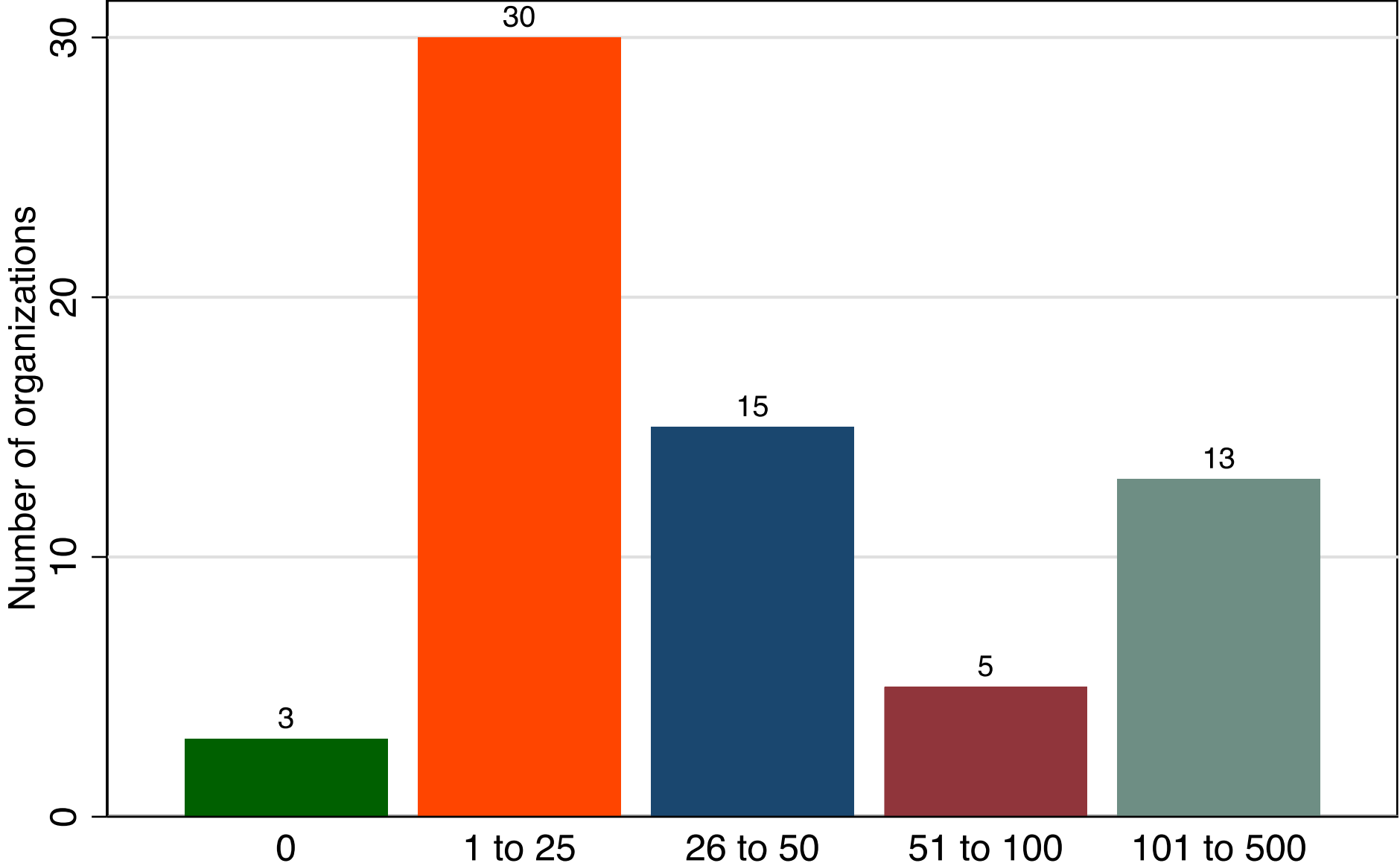


Category responses not mutually exclusive. 112 valid responses.

Approved or reviewed, by paid staff size

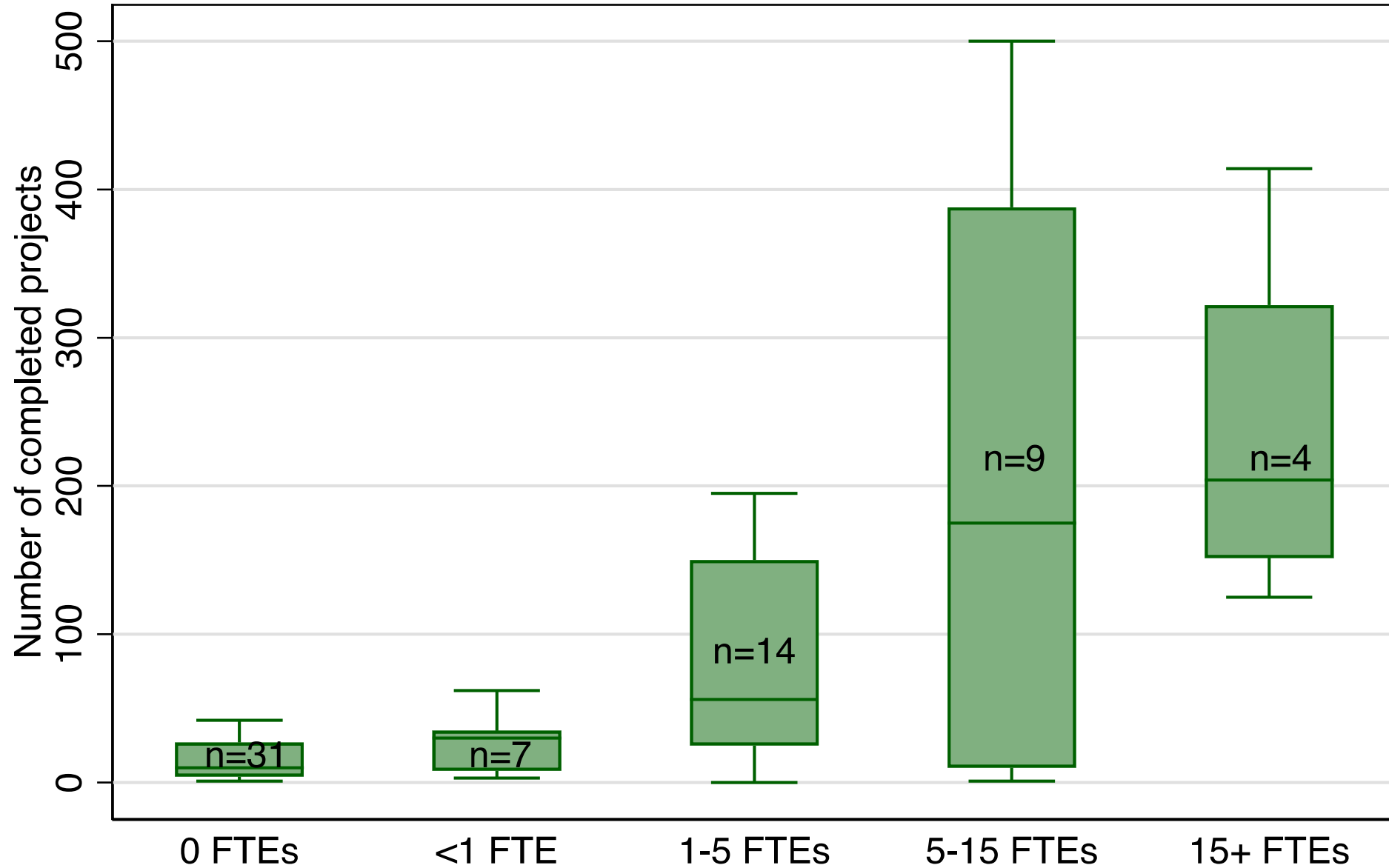


Number of completed land conservation projects in Massachusetts

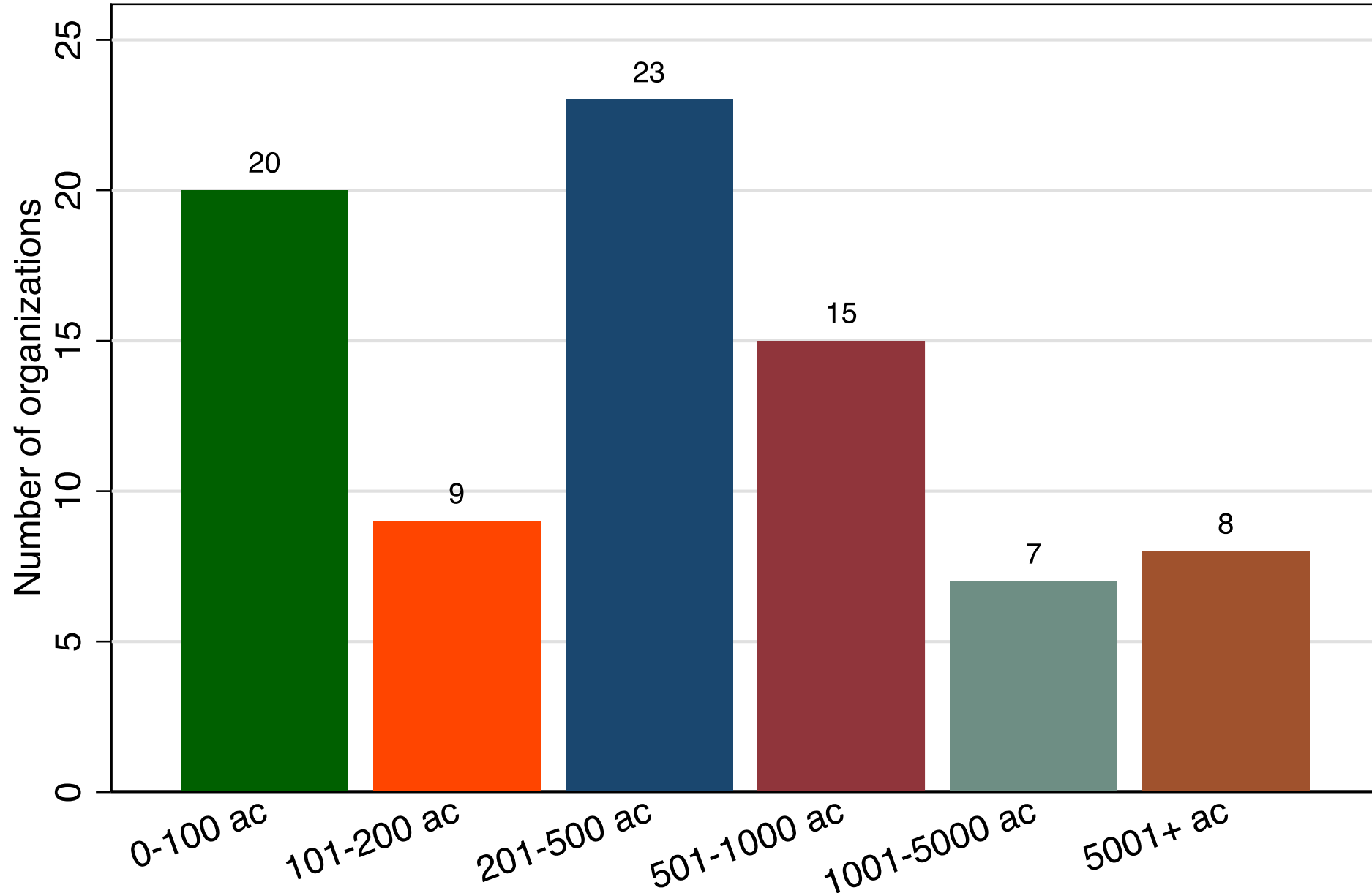


66 valid responses. Excludes 1 organization that works nationally.

Total completed projects, by paid staff size

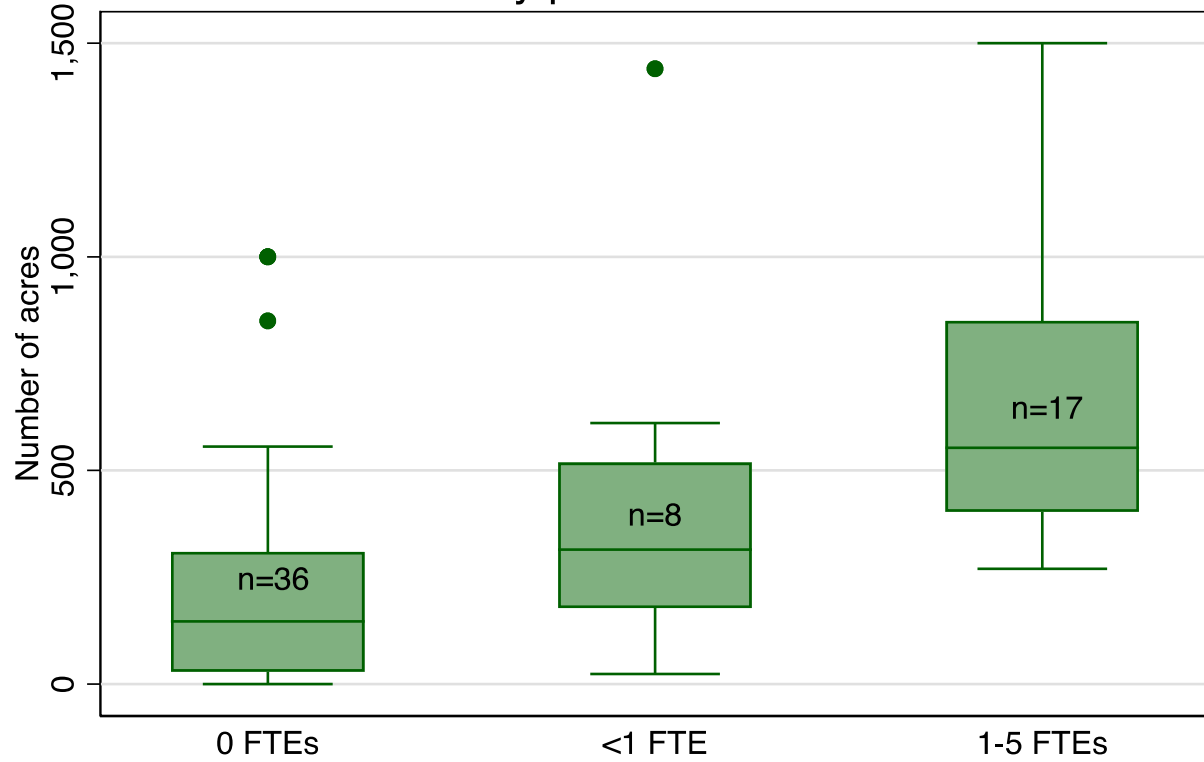


Acres held in fee

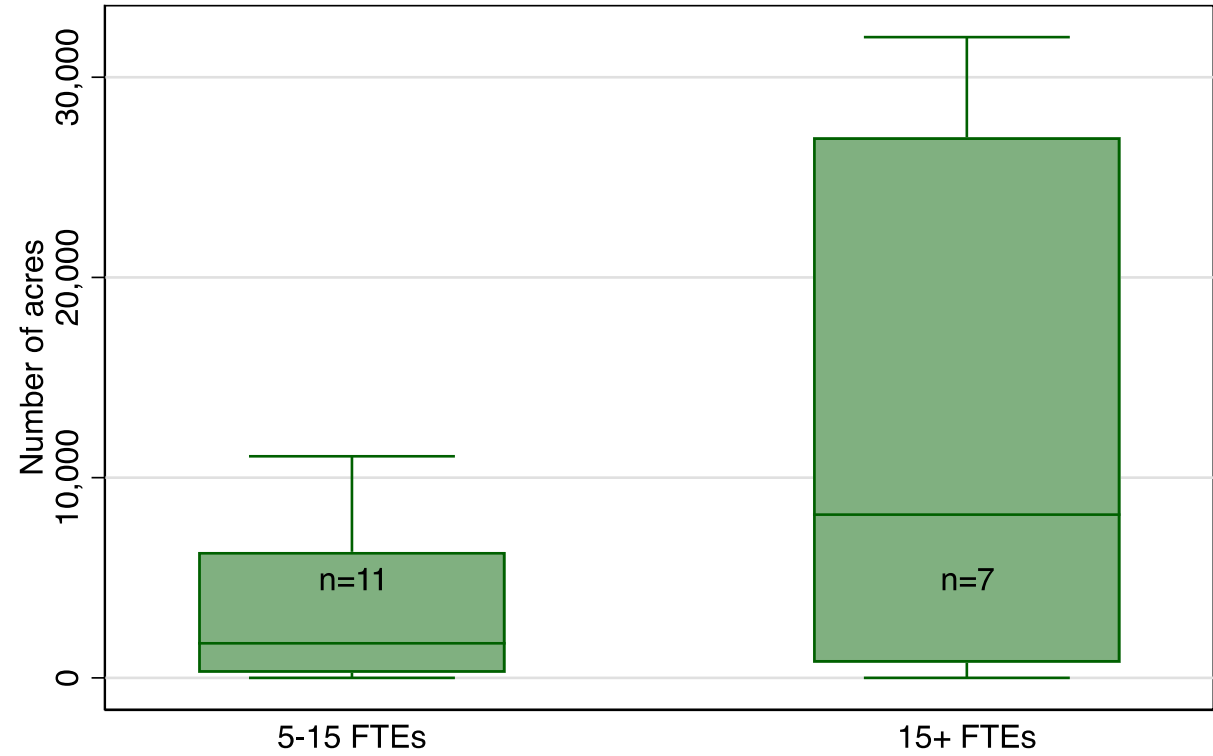


Total Massachusetts acres held in fee: 144,481 ac

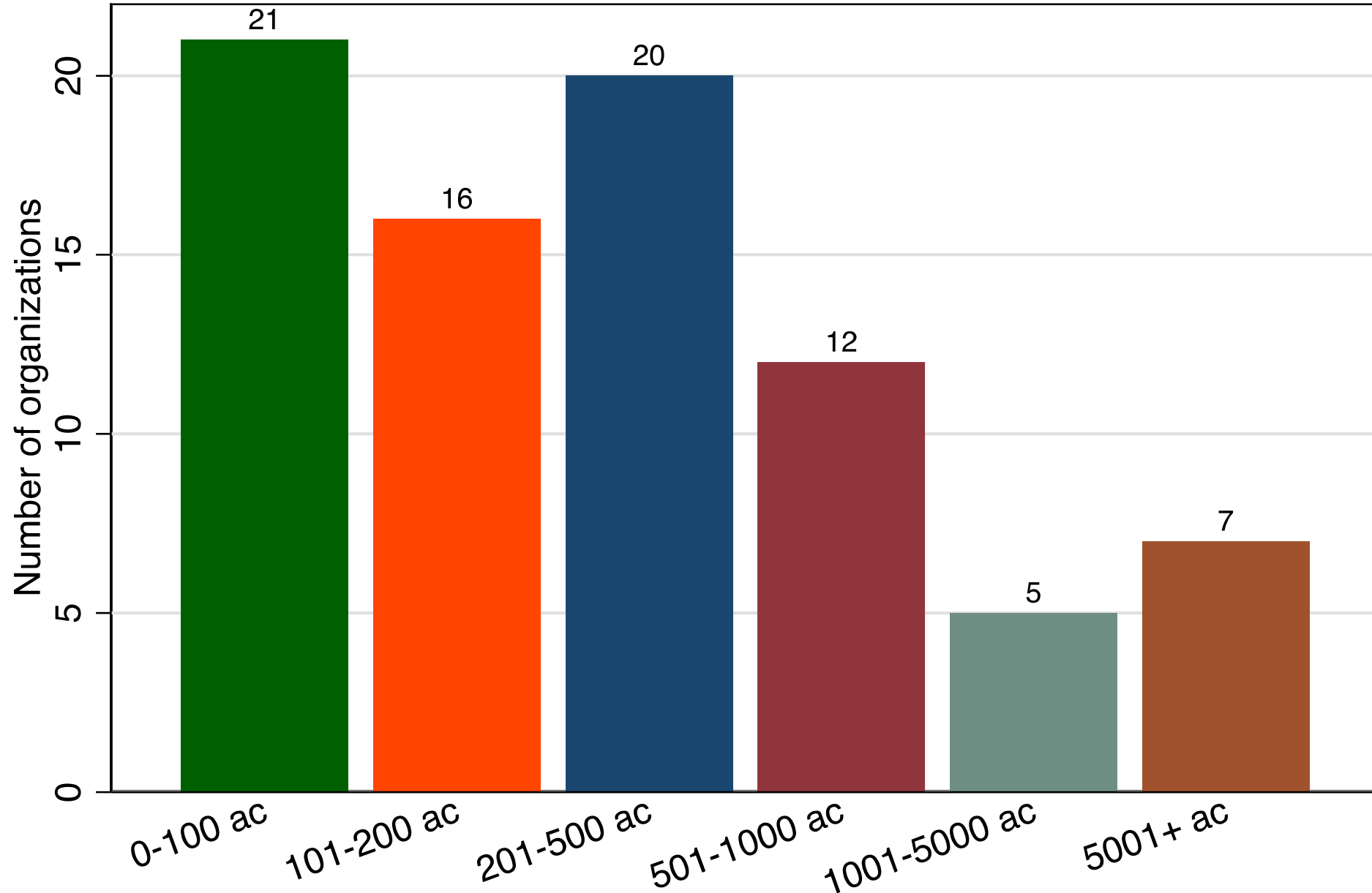
Acres held in fee,
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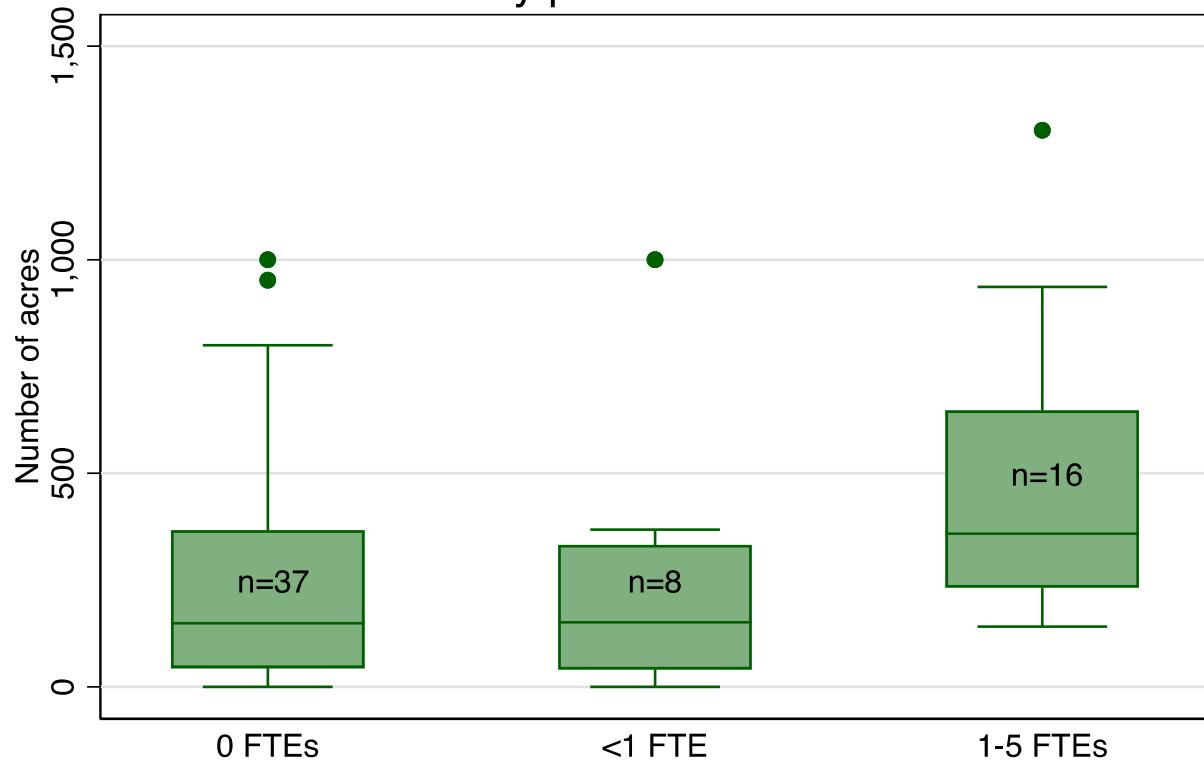


Acres held under CR

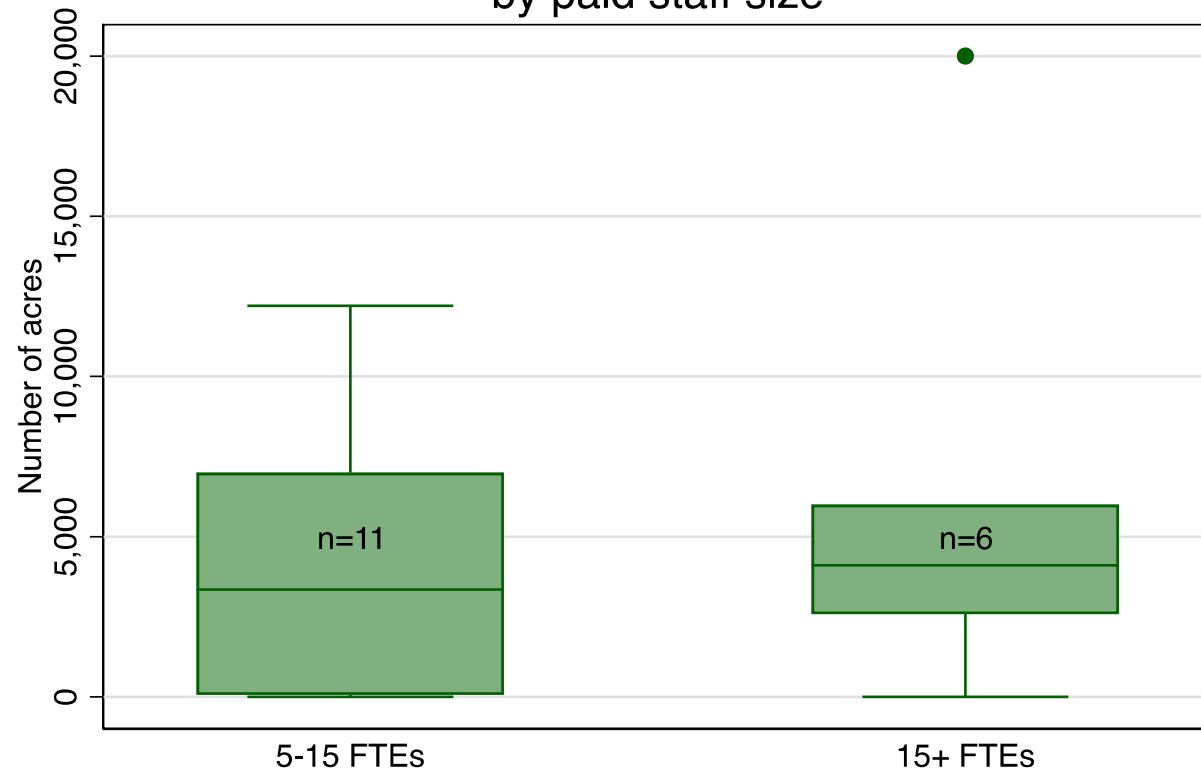


Total Massachusetts acres held under CR: 98,307 ac

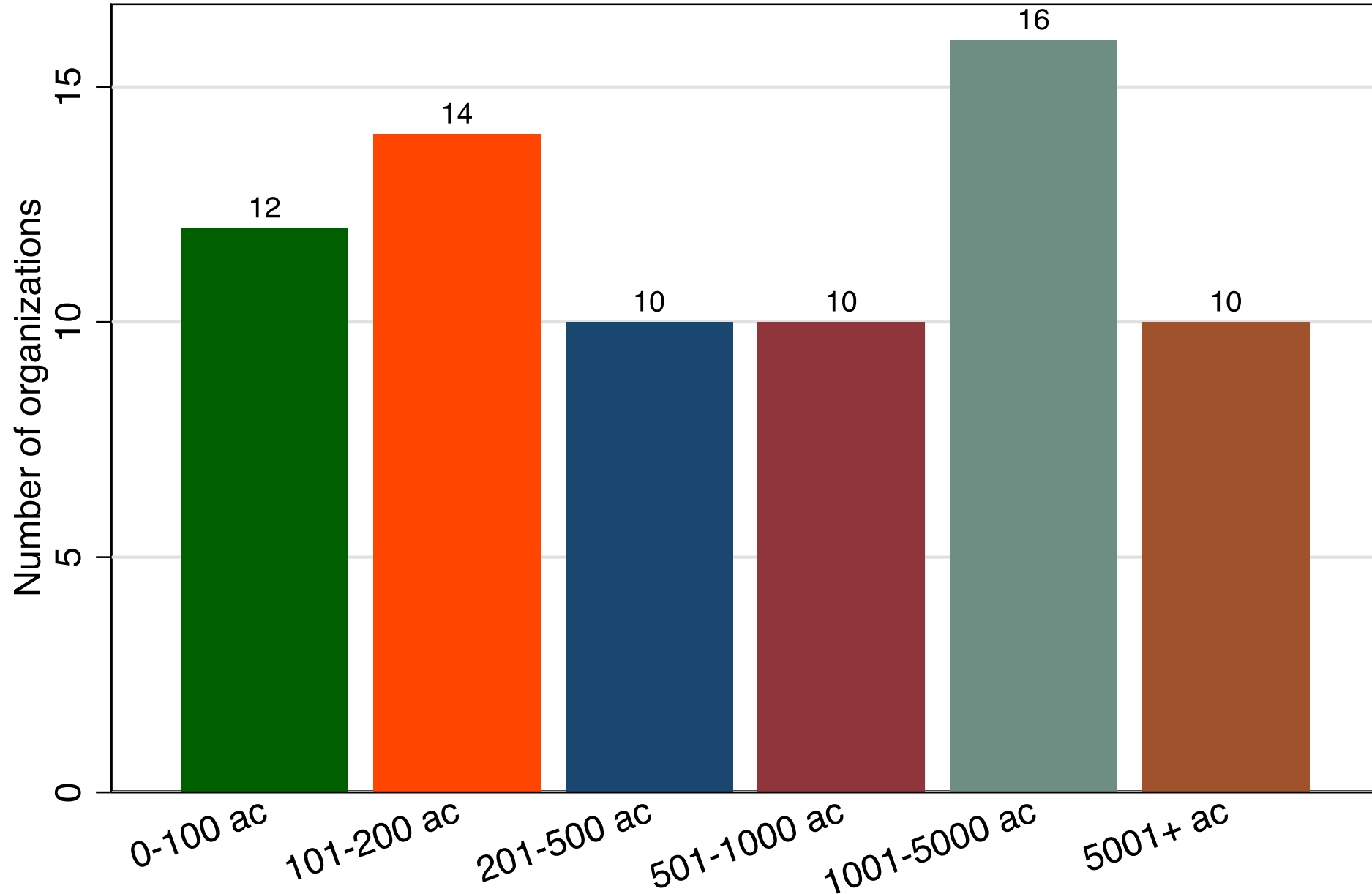
Acres held under CR,
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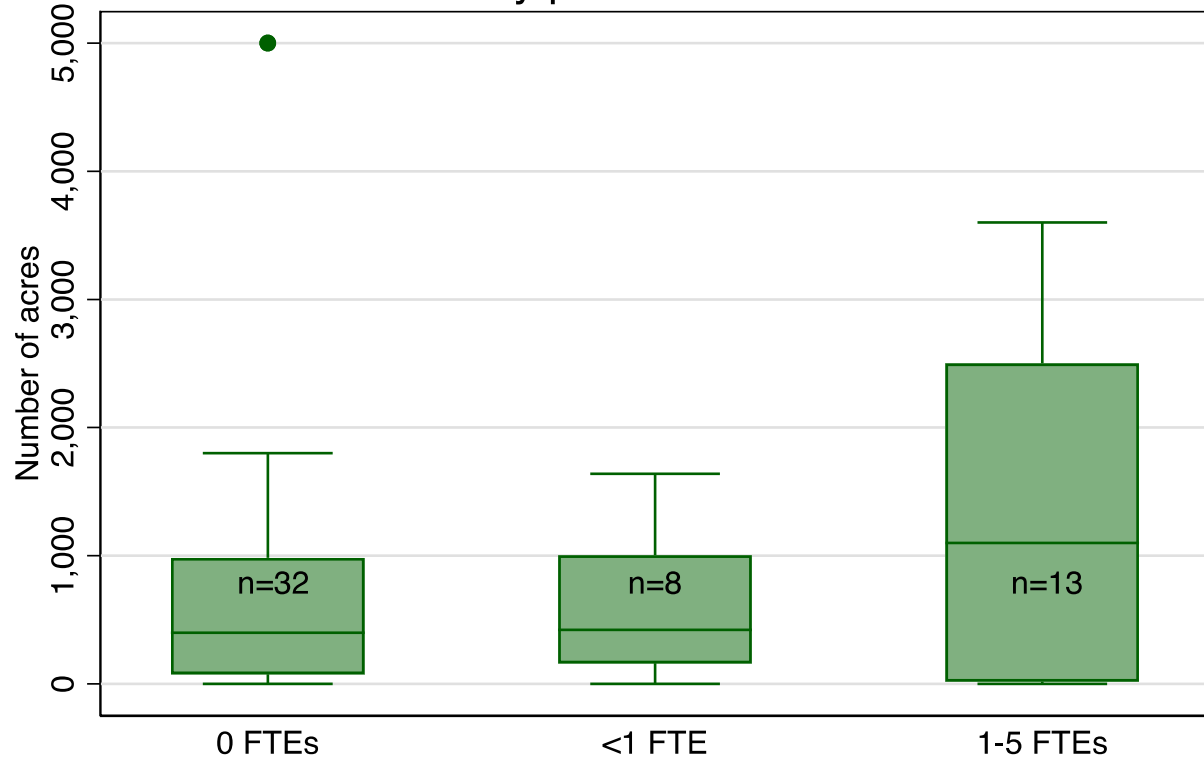


Acres protected with organization assistance

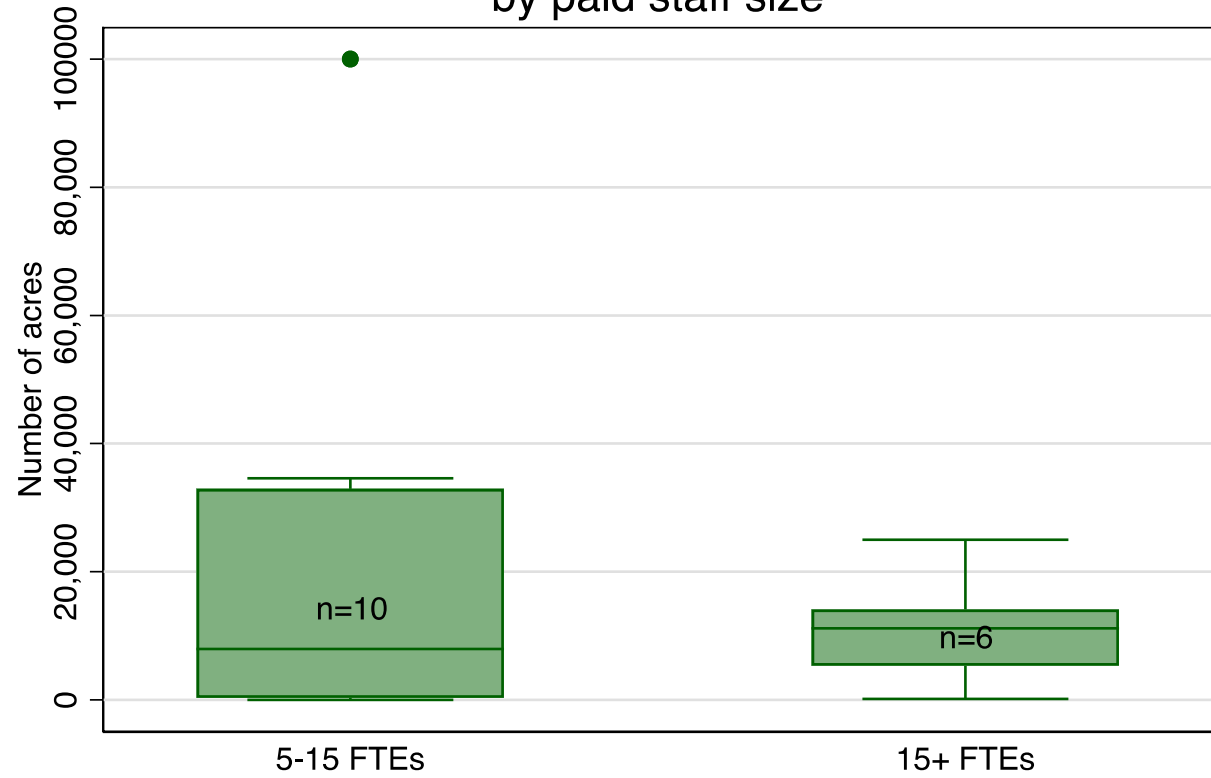


Total Massachusetts acres protected with organization assistance: 319,312 ac

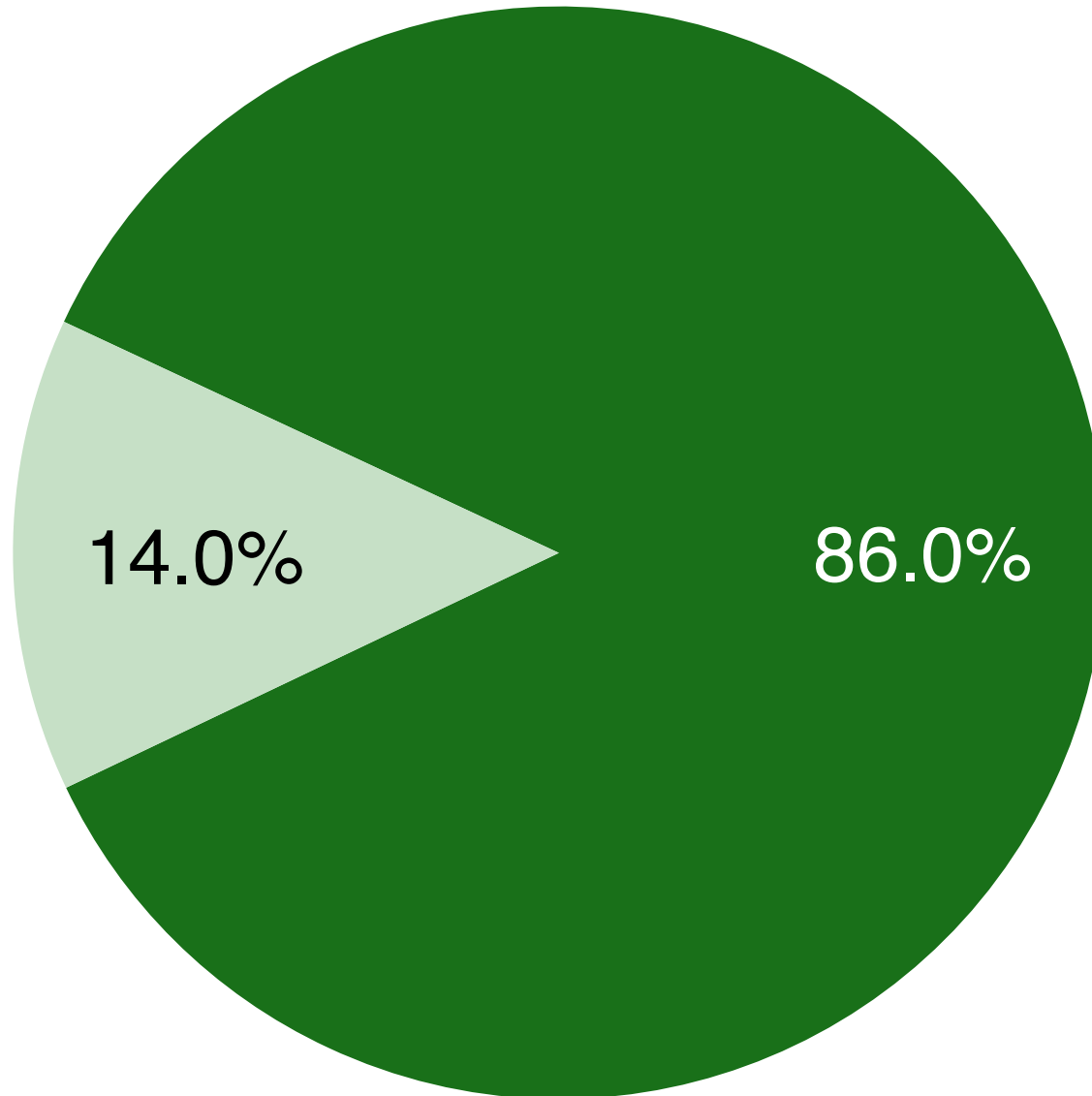
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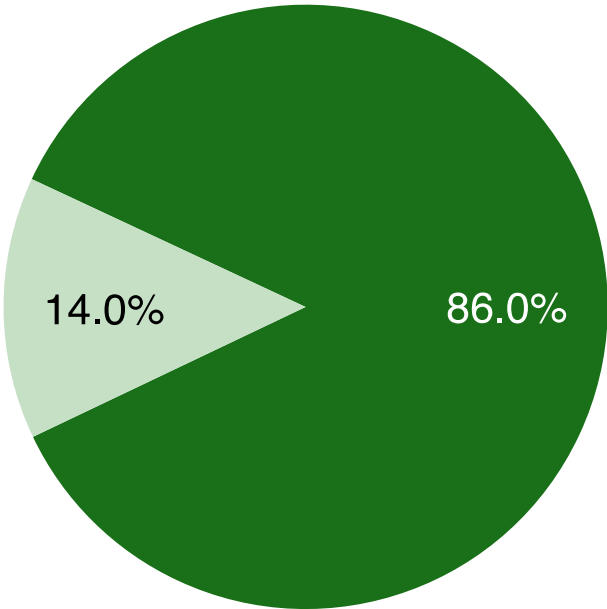


Organizations currently having active land protection projects



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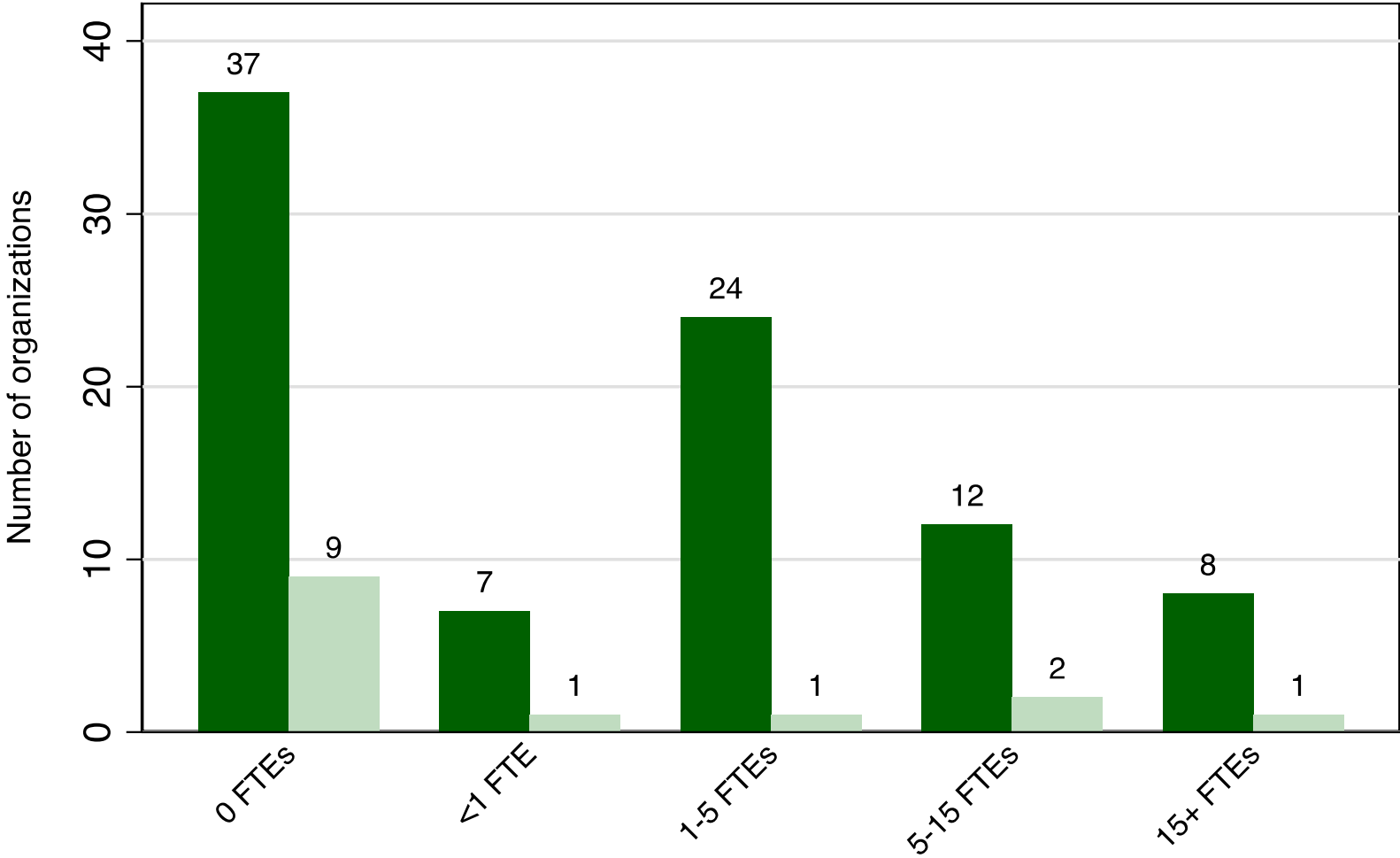
Organizations currently having active land protection projects



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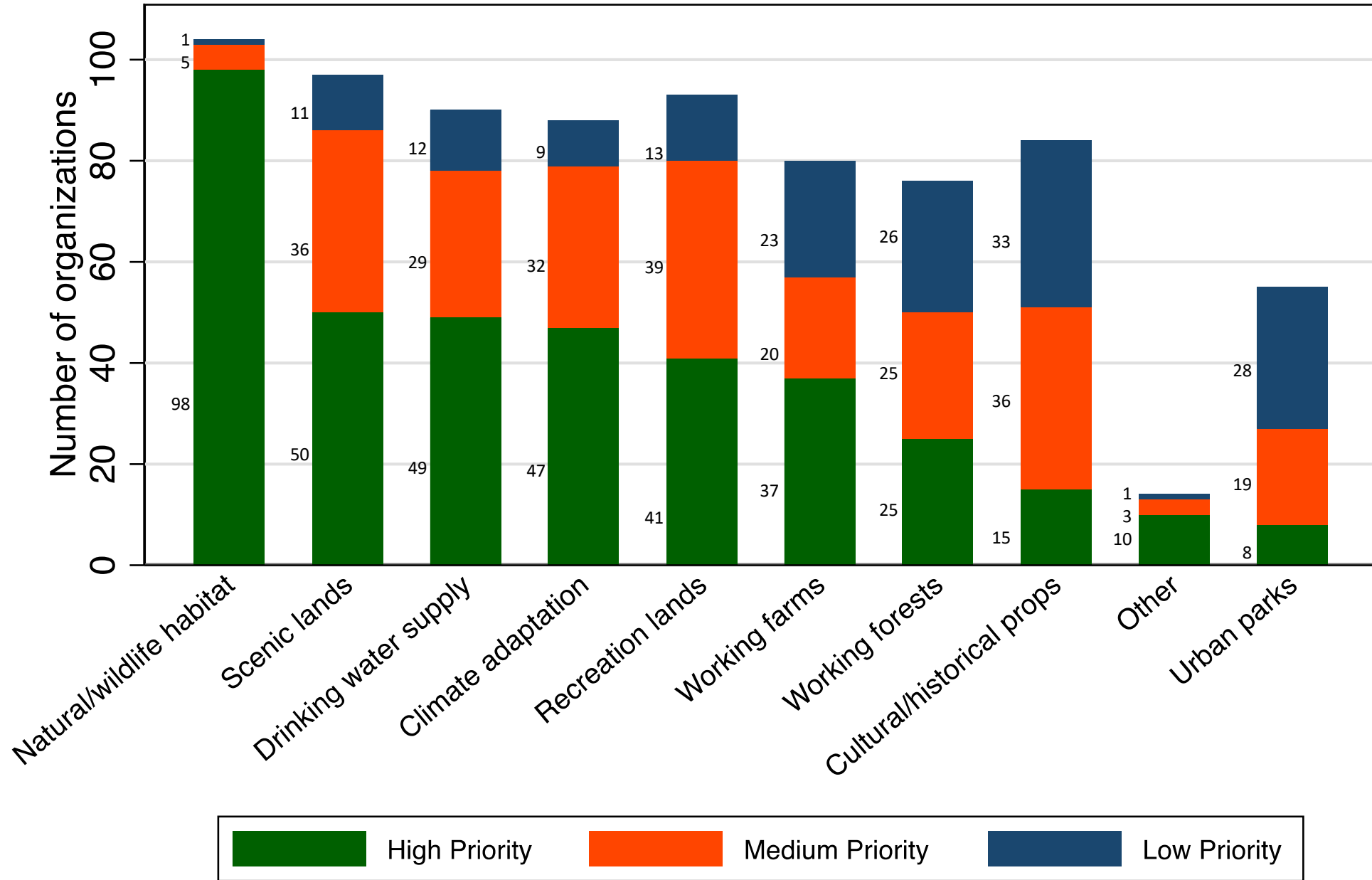
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Whether organization has active projects, by paid staff size



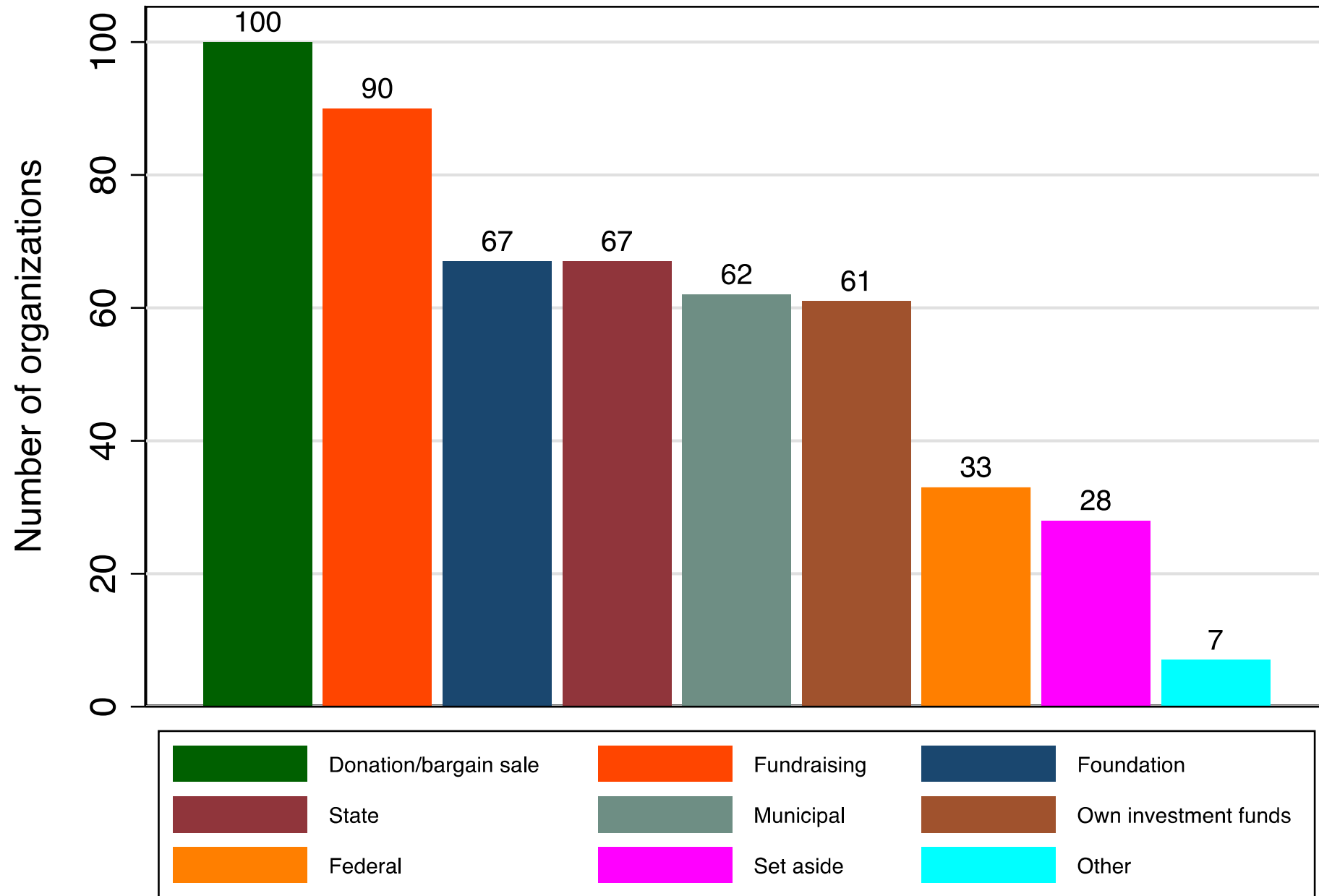
Yes No

Land protection priorities



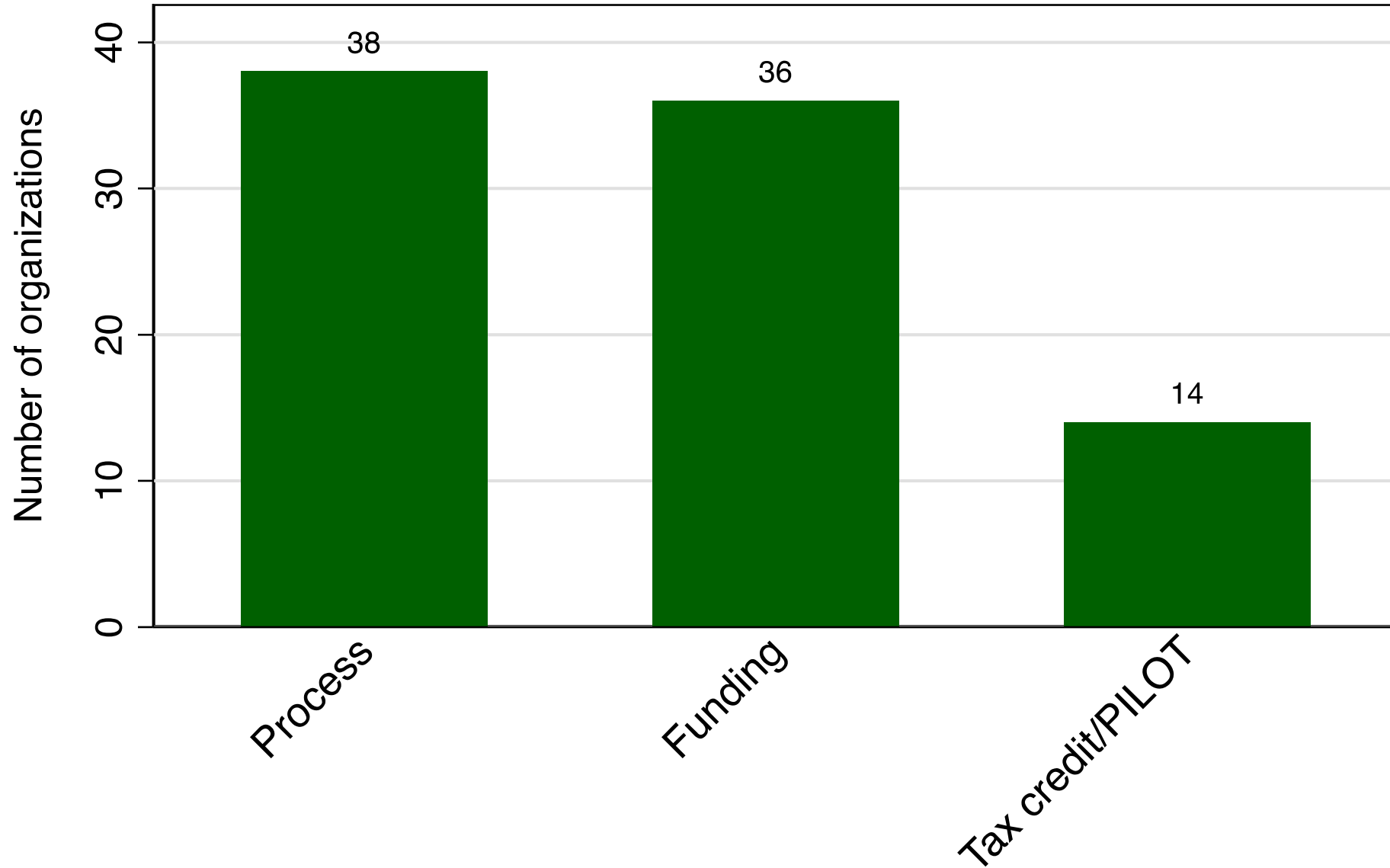
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Funding sources for land protection projects



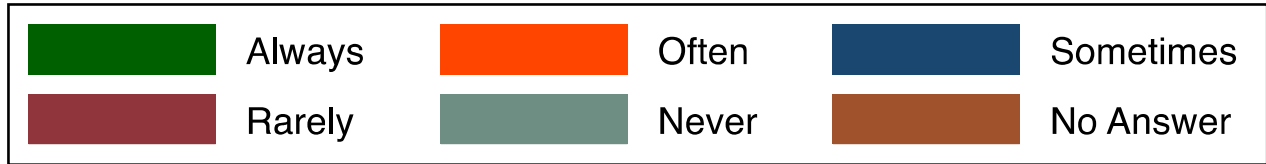
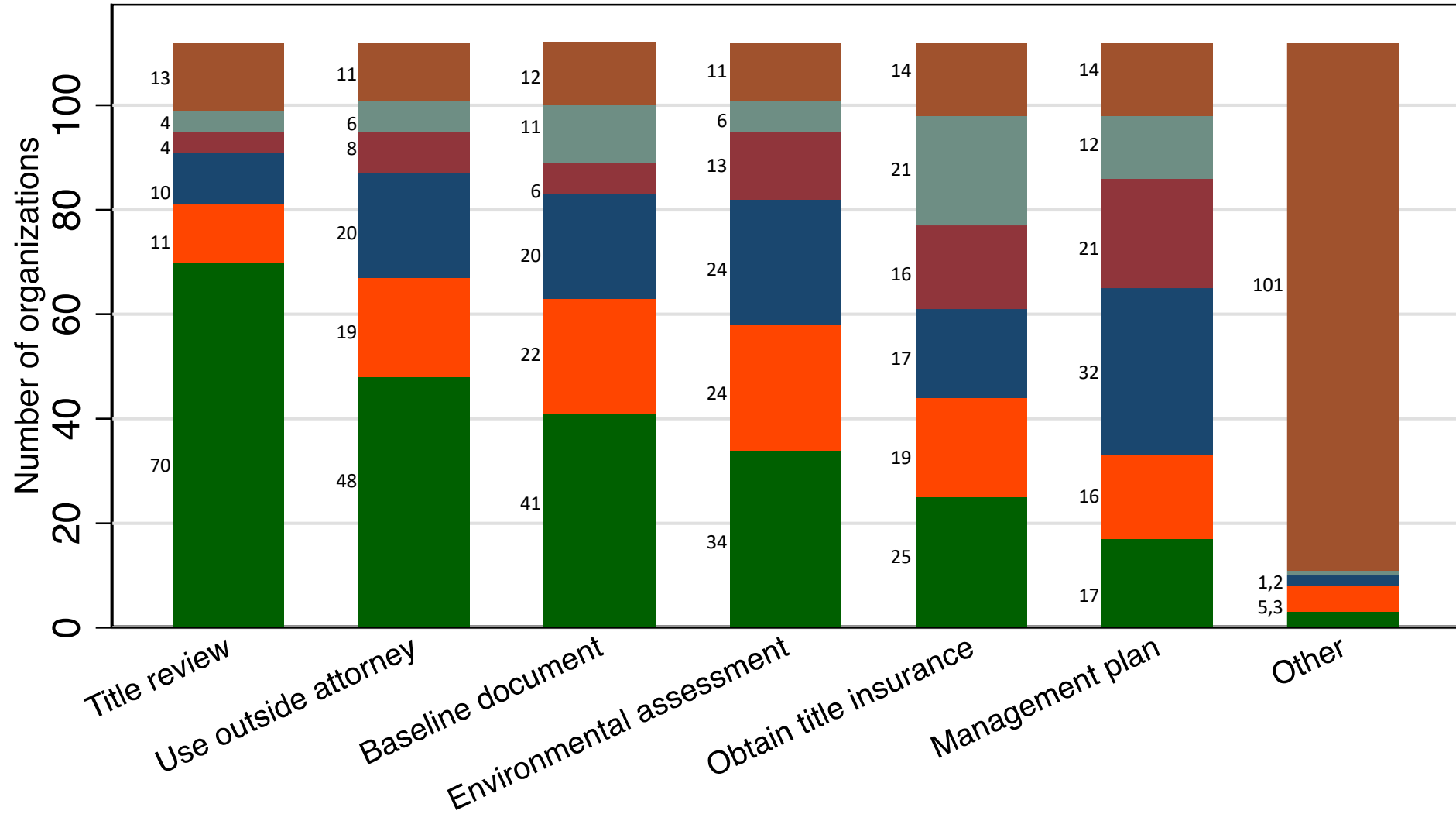
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Needed State improvements for funding conservation programs

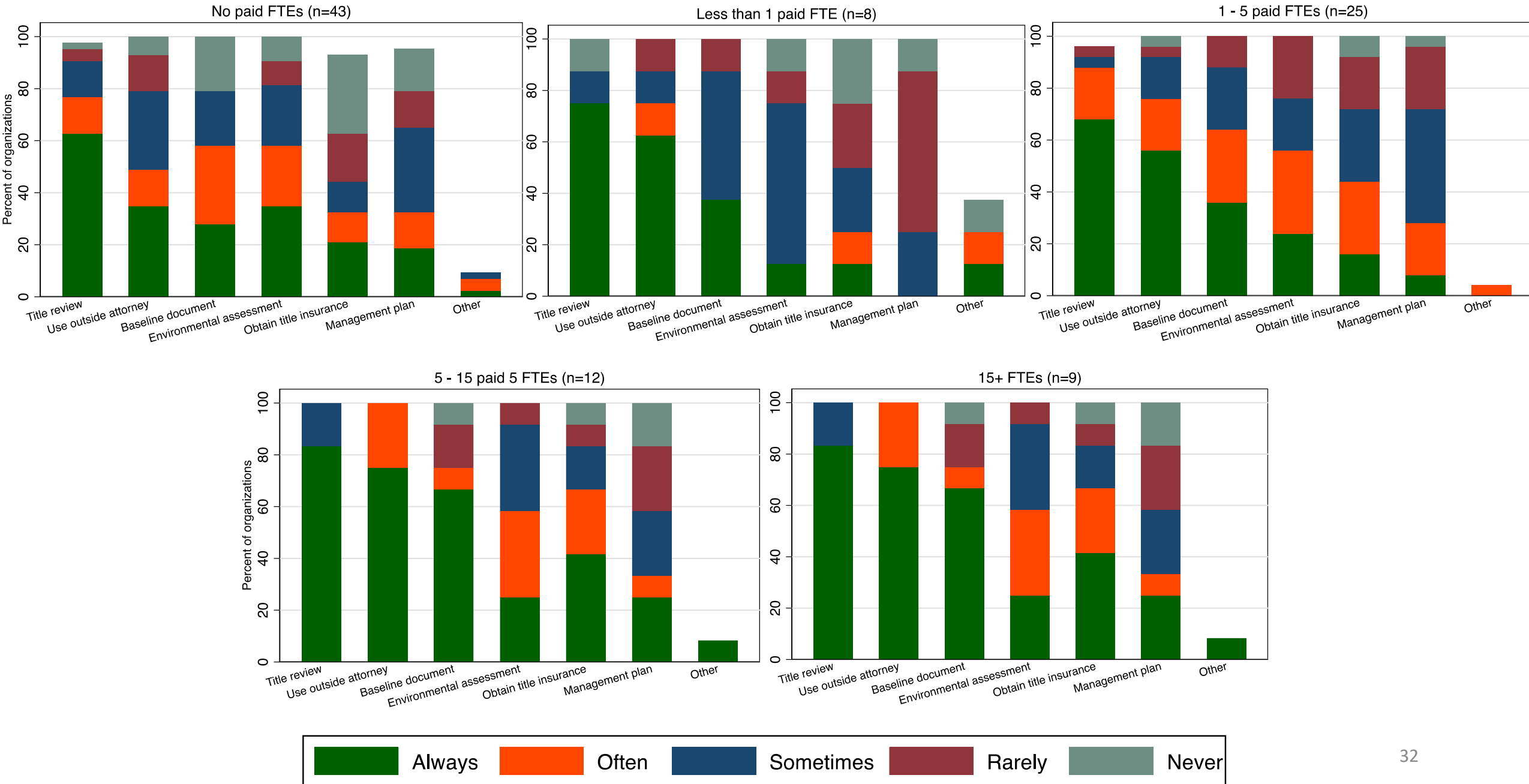


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Actions when completing land transactions



Frequency of land transaction actions by paid staff size

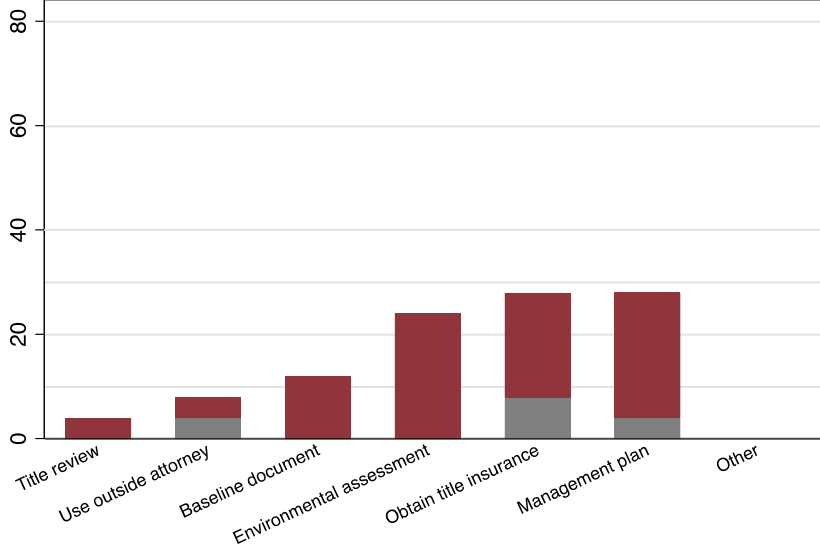
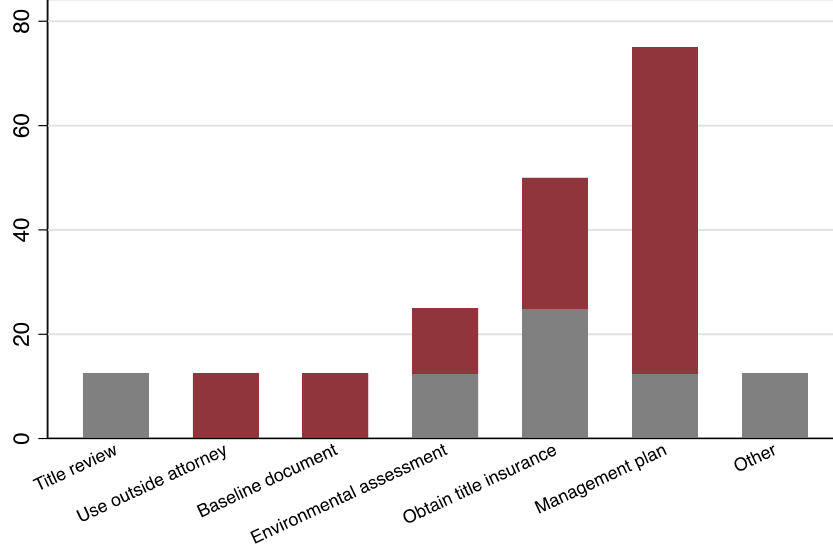
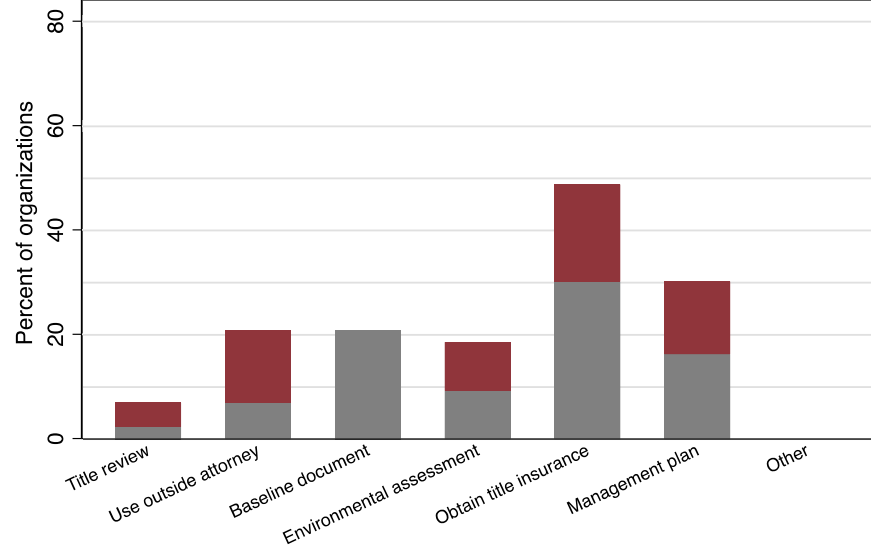


Percent of organizations that “Rarely”/”Never” participated in specified land transaction actions, by paid staff size

No paid FTEs (n=43)

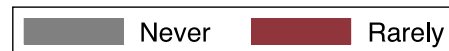
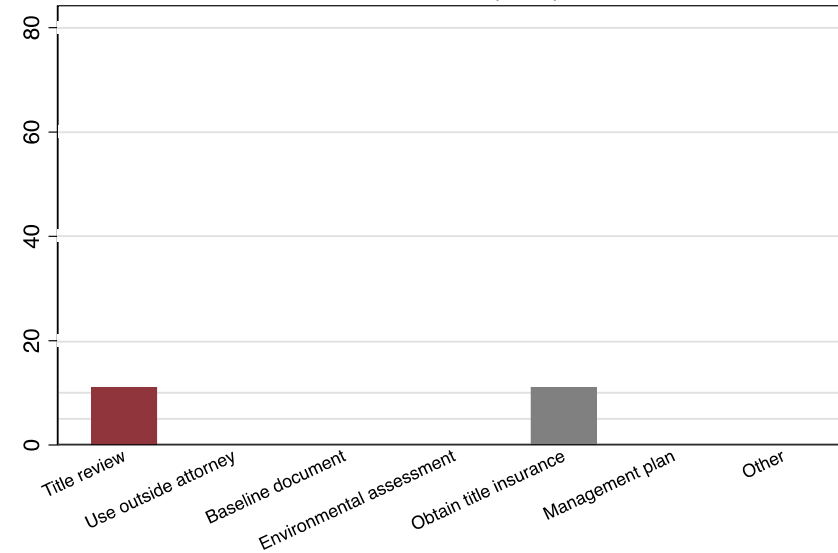
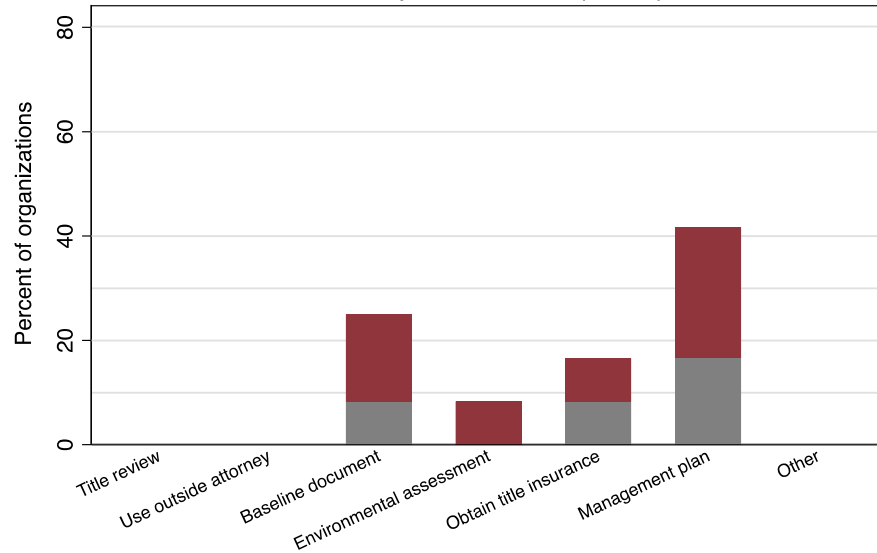
Less than 1 paid FTE (n=8)

1 - 5 paid FTEs (n=25)

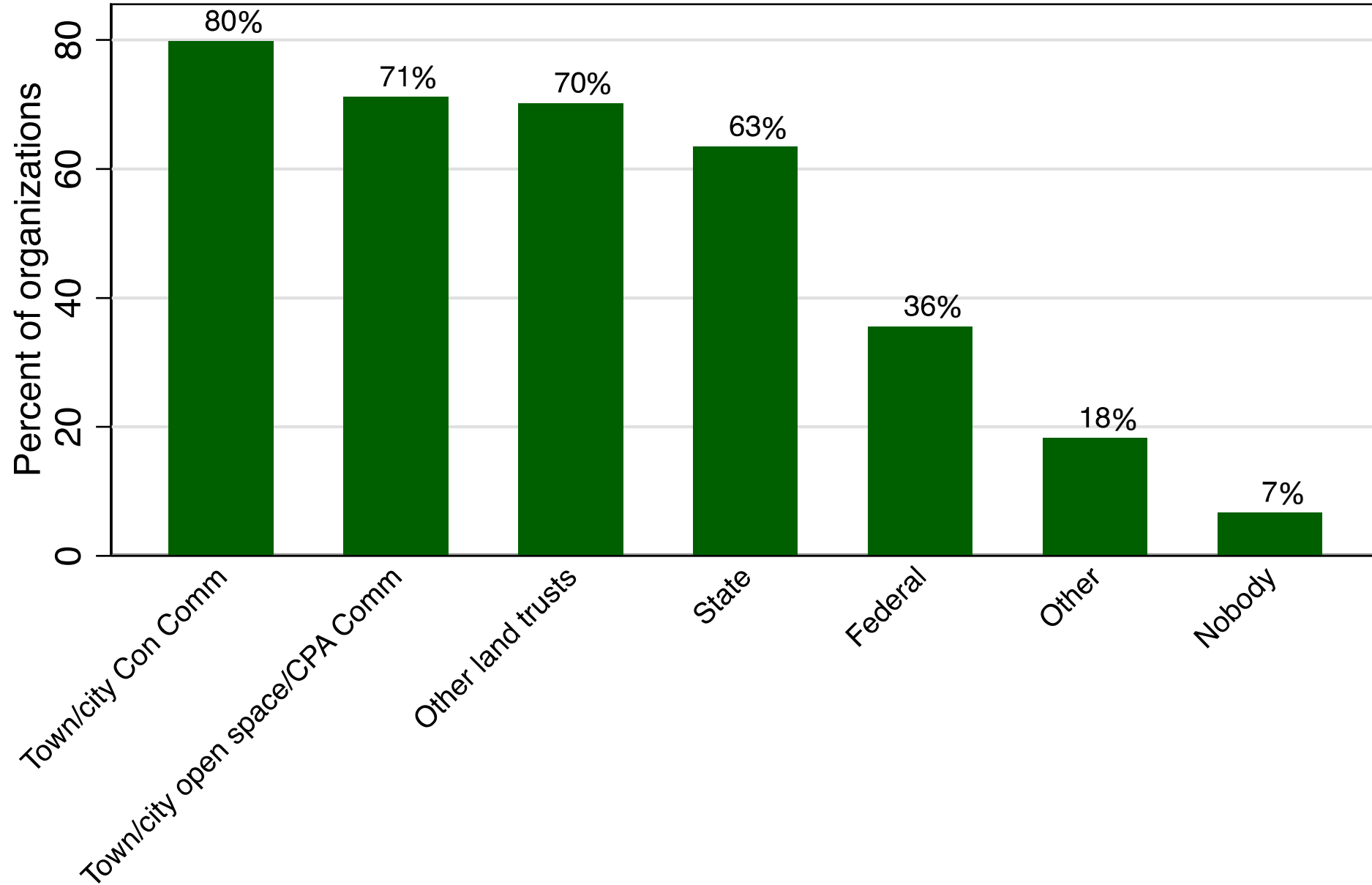


5 - 15 paid 5 FTEs (n=12)

15+ FTEs (n=9)

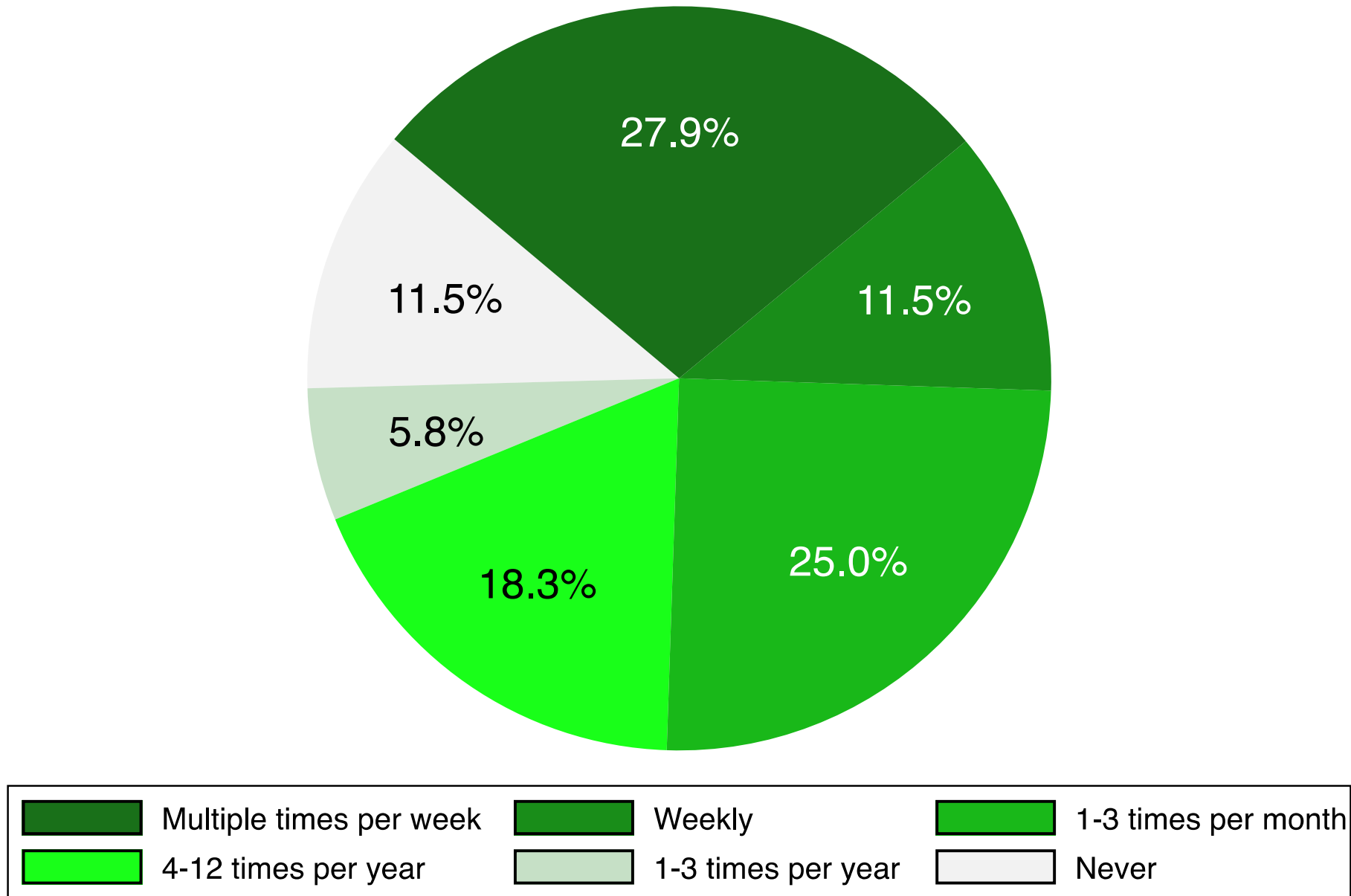


Partners in protecting land

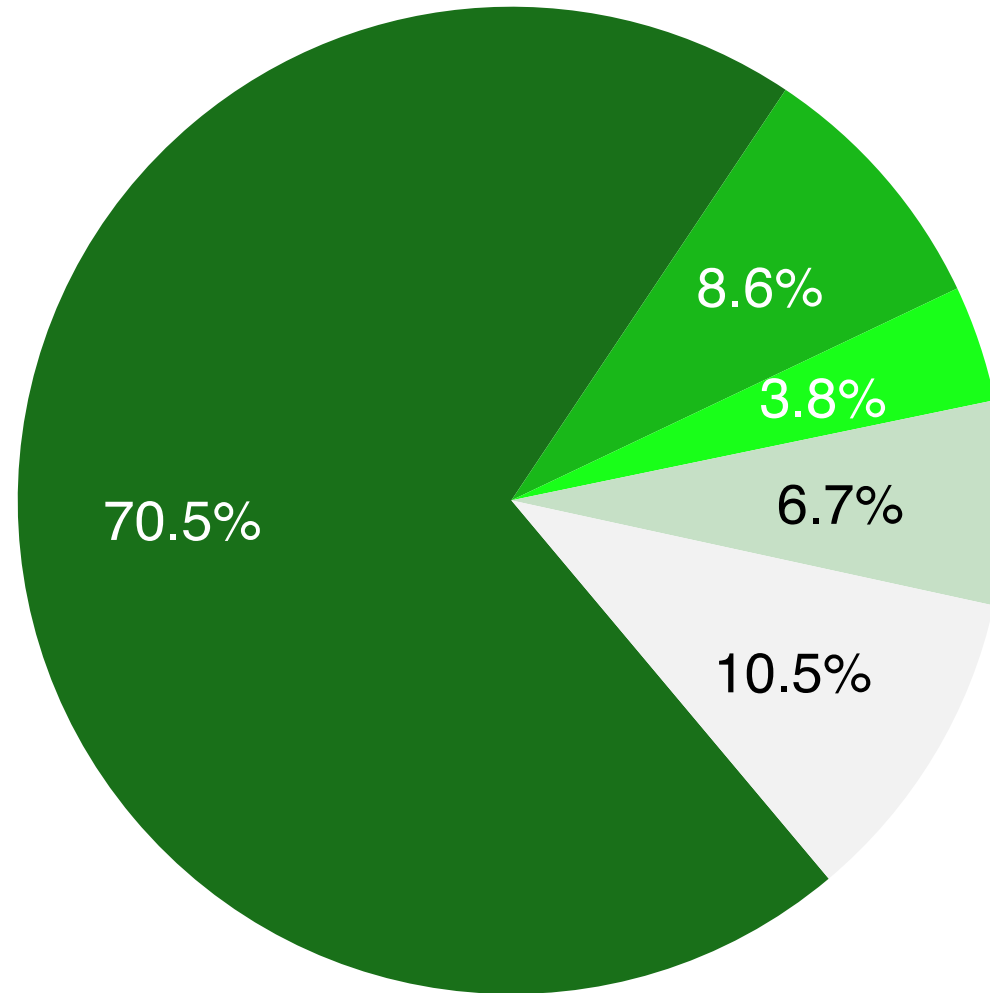


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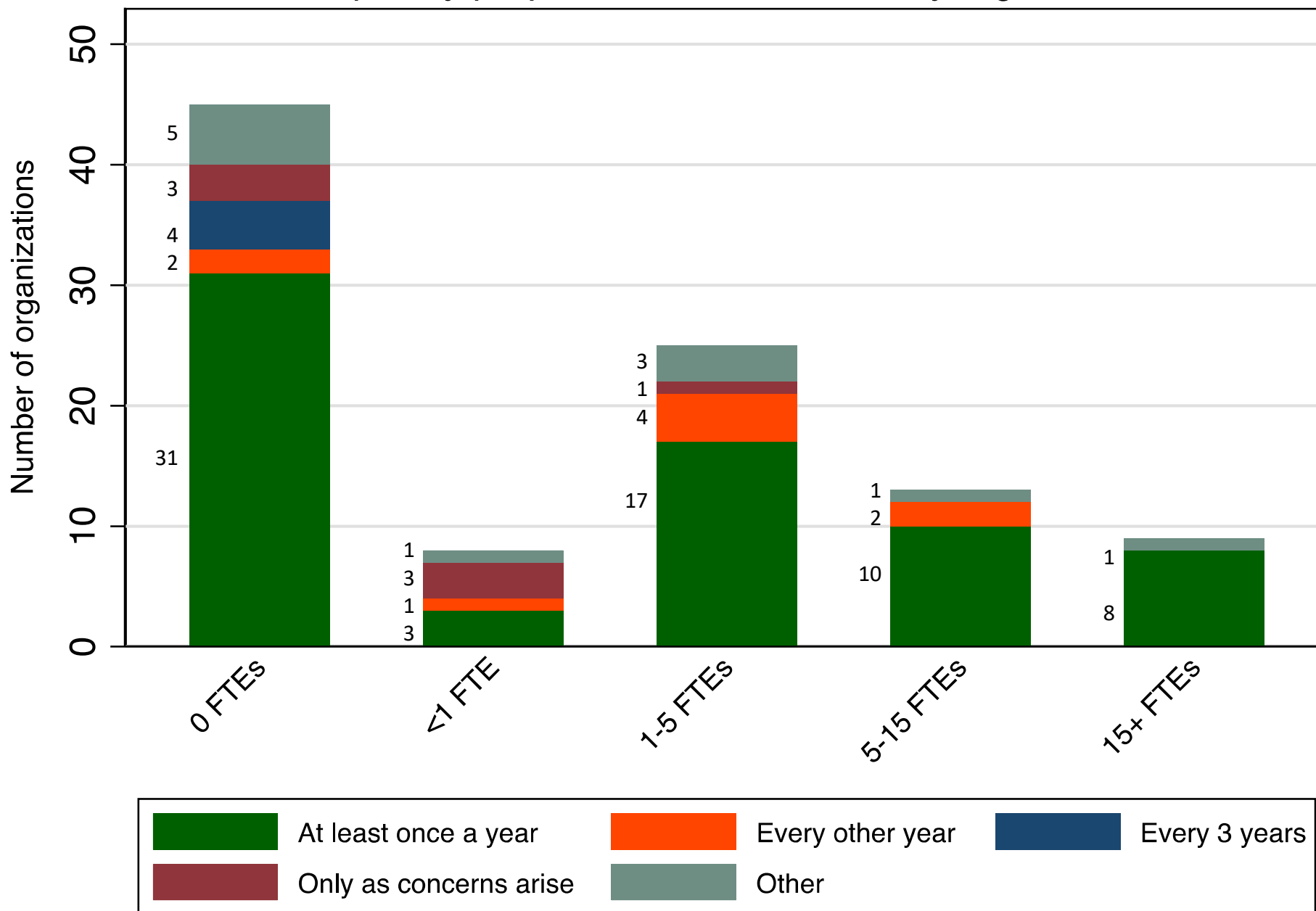
Use of social media to share info about organization



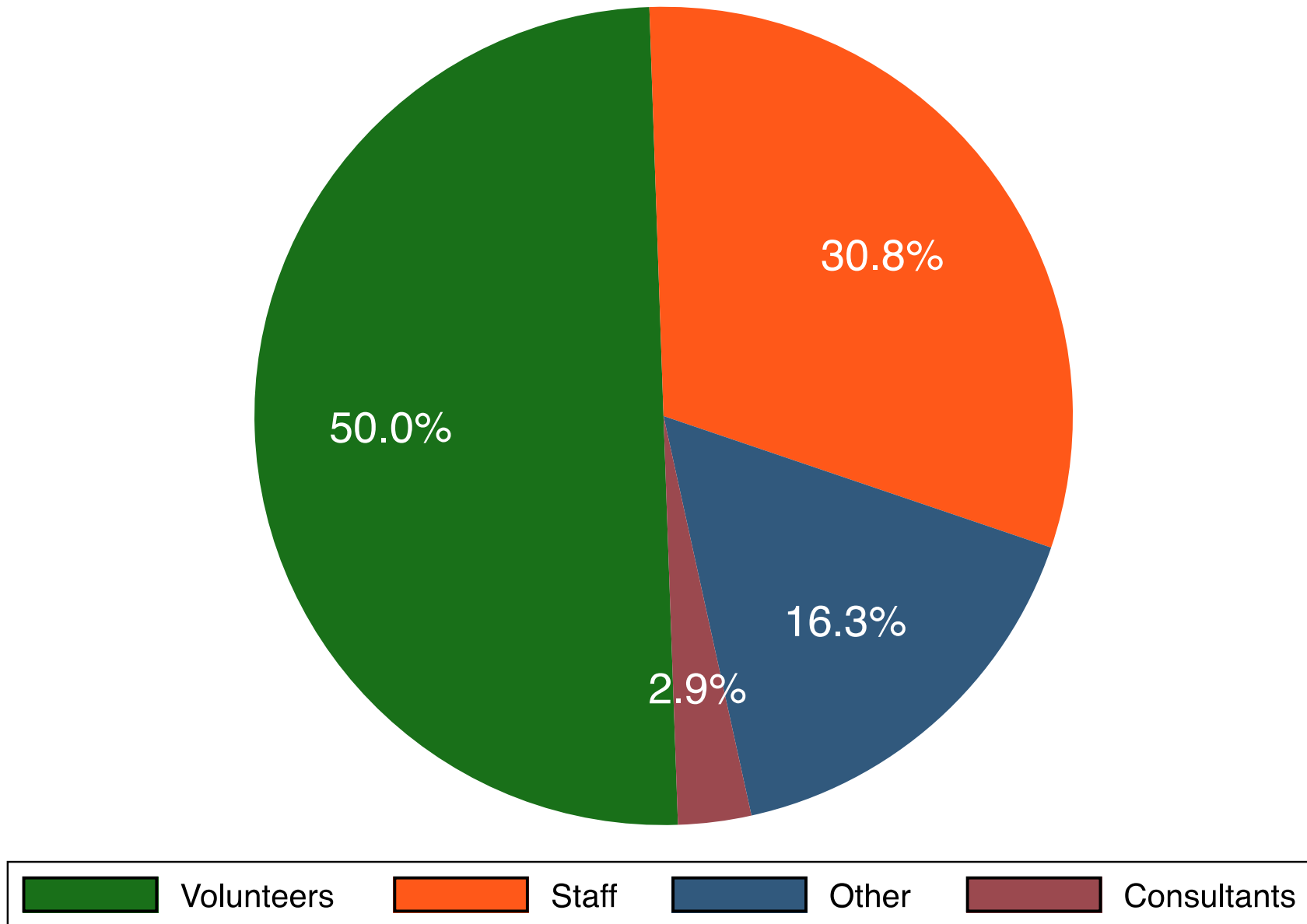
How frequently properties are monitored



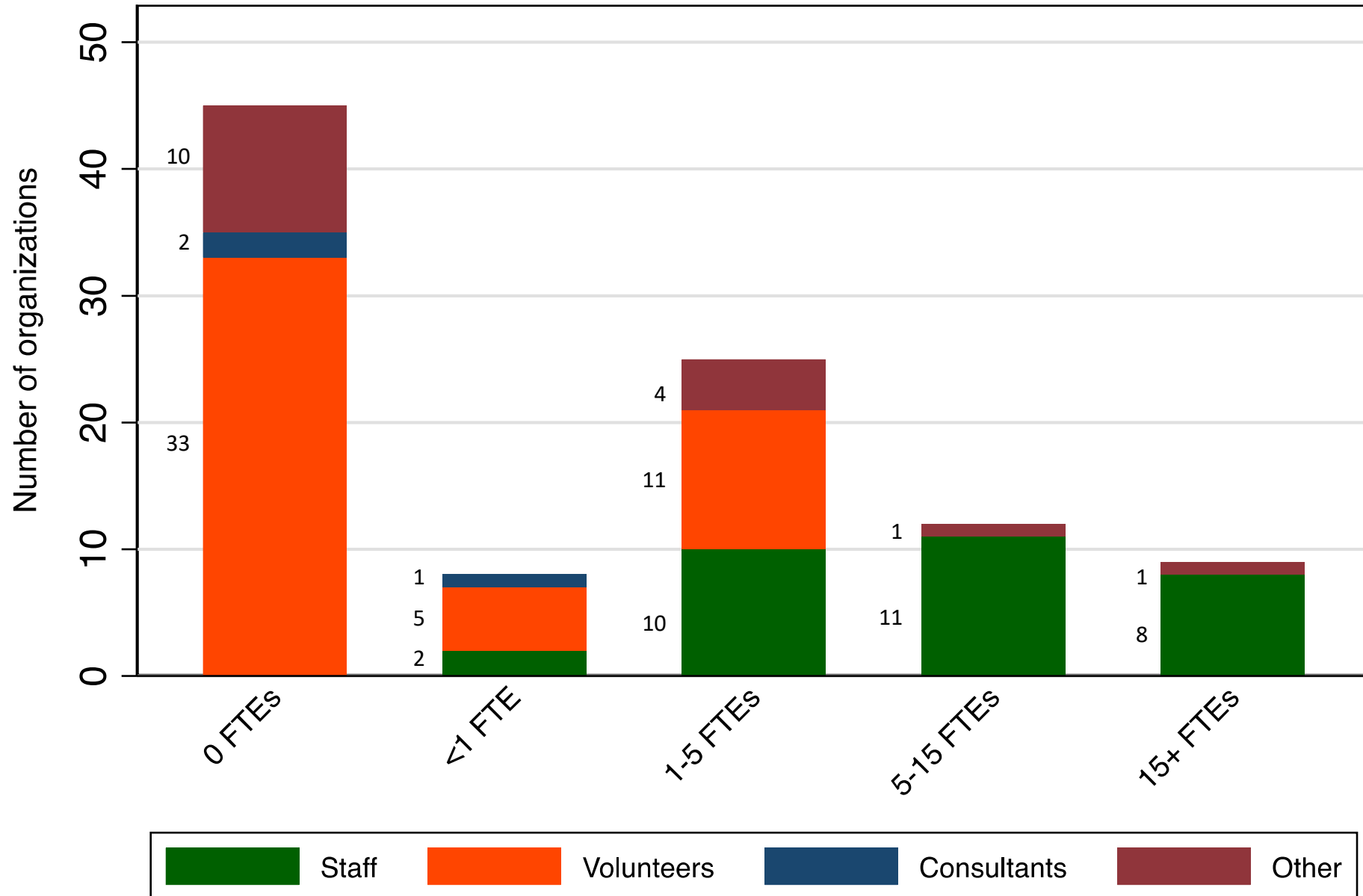
How frequently properties are monitored, by organization size



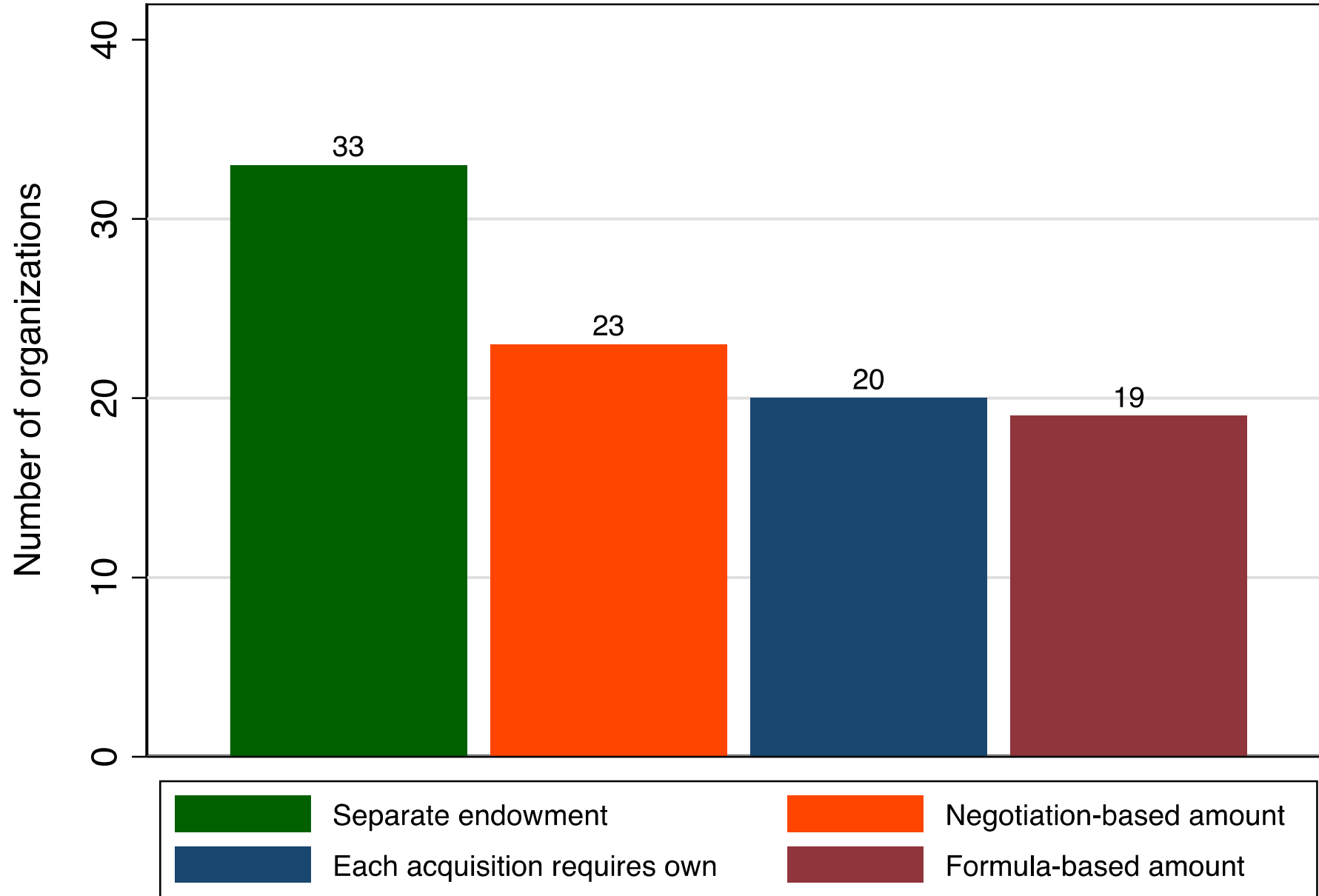
Who does most of the monitoring for the organization



Who does most of the monitoring for the organization, by paid staff size

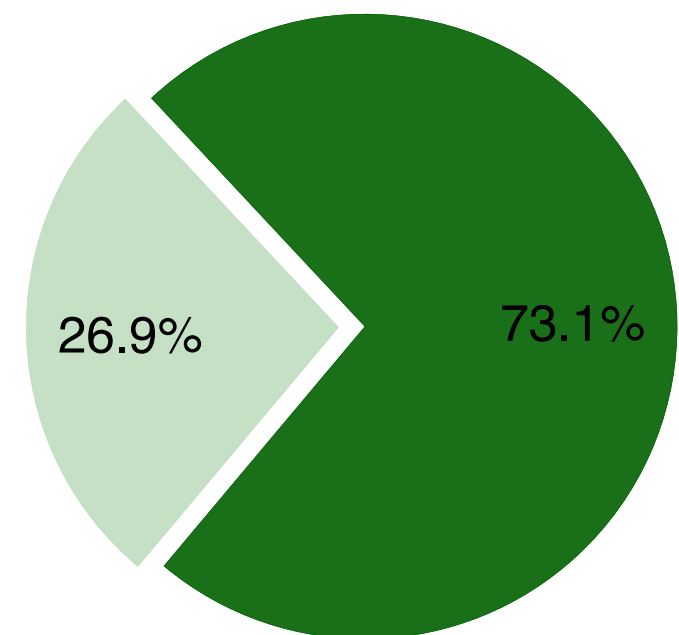


How monitoring is funded



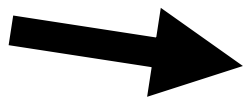
Category responses not mutually exclusive. Valid responses from 60 organizations.

Experienced land encroachment or CR violation

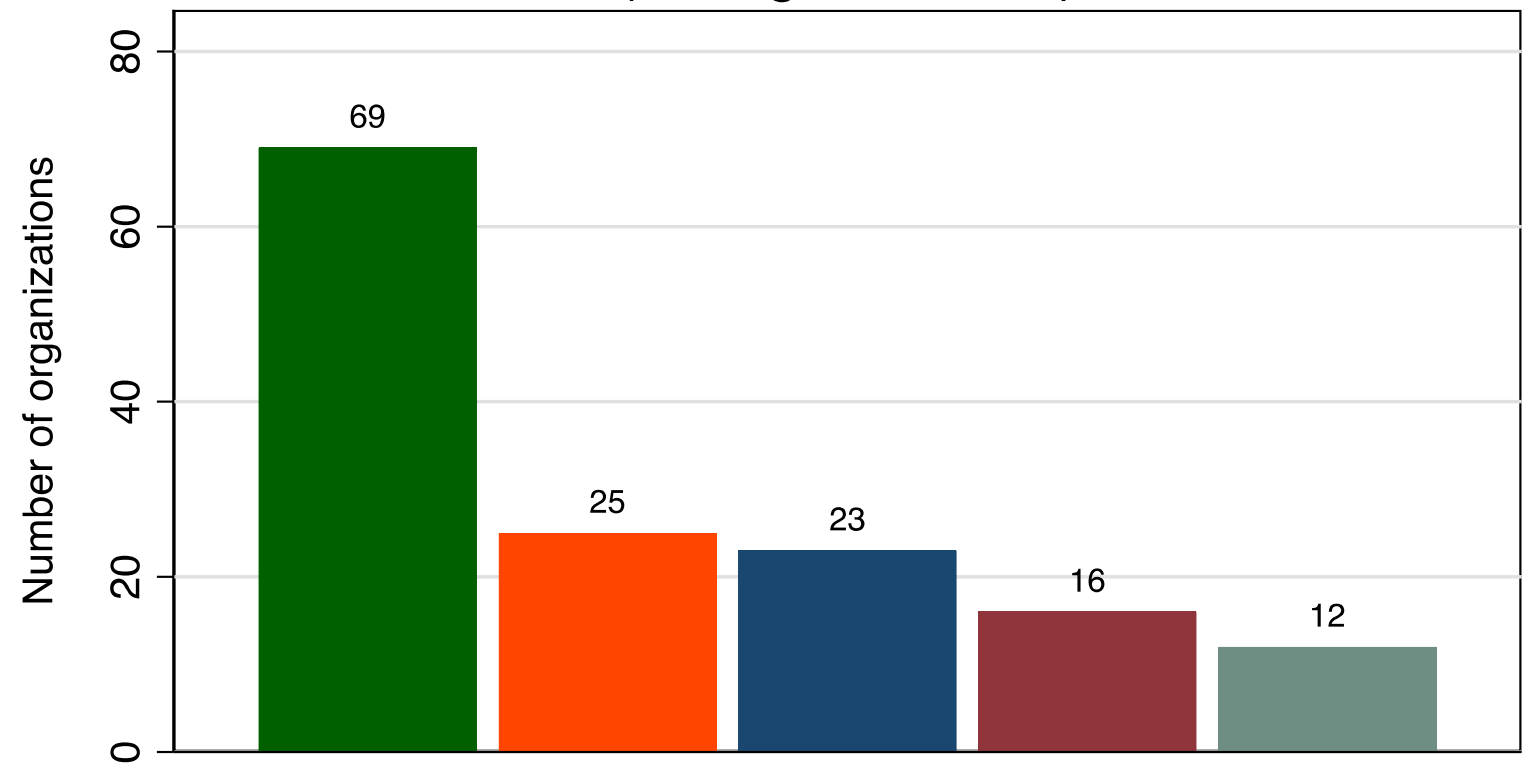


No Yes

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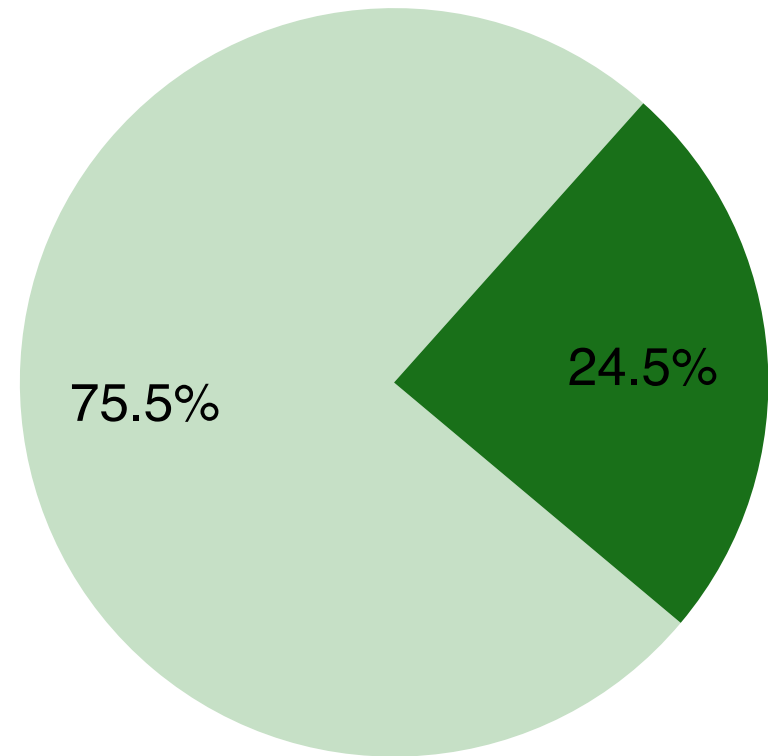
Encroachment or violation resolution (75 organizations)



Worked with party Spent enforcement funds
Took legal action Left unresolved
Other

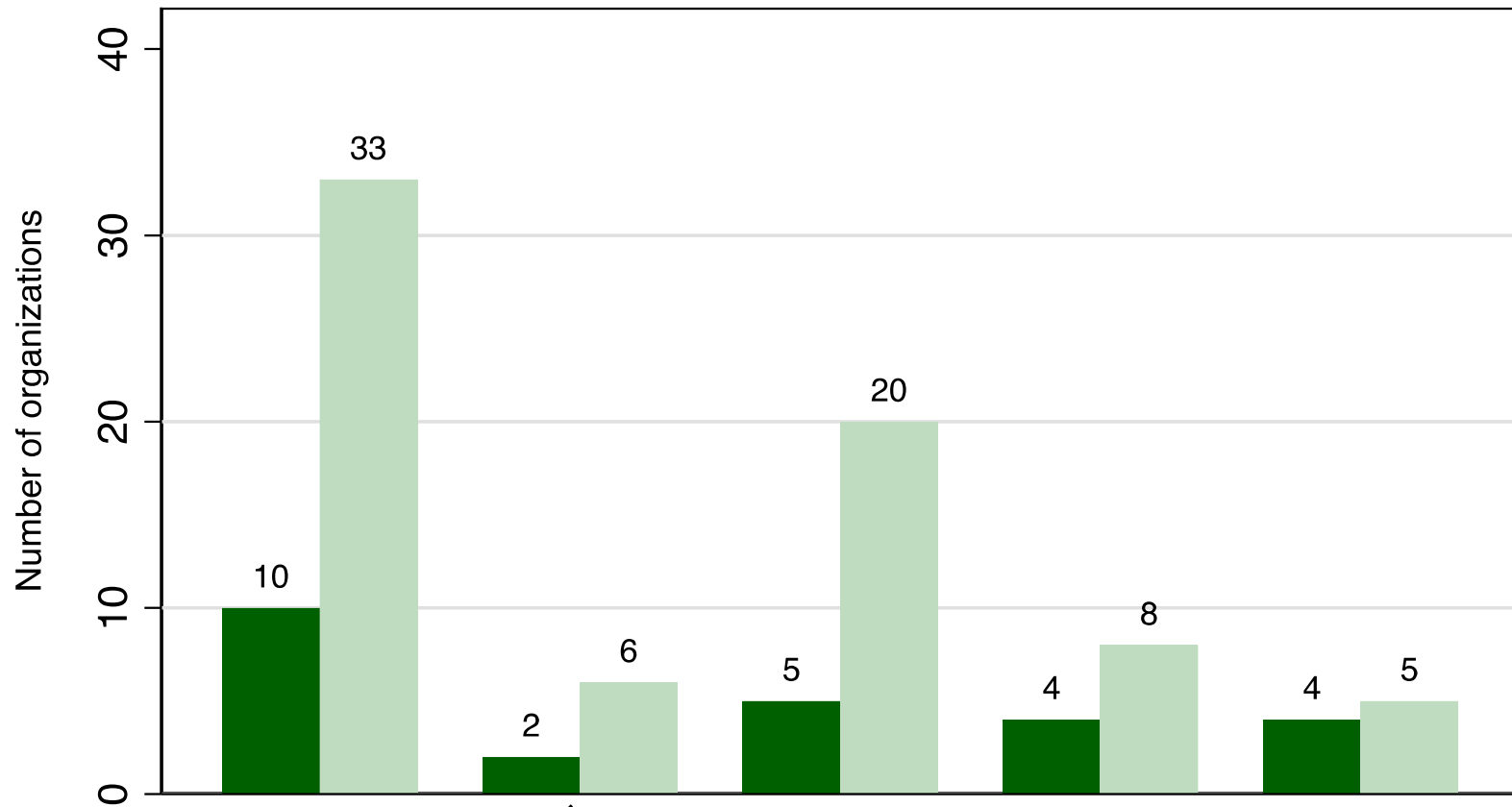
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Has TerraFirma insurance

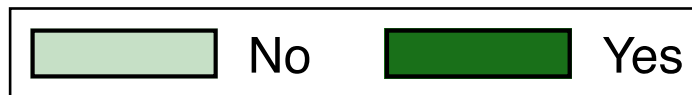
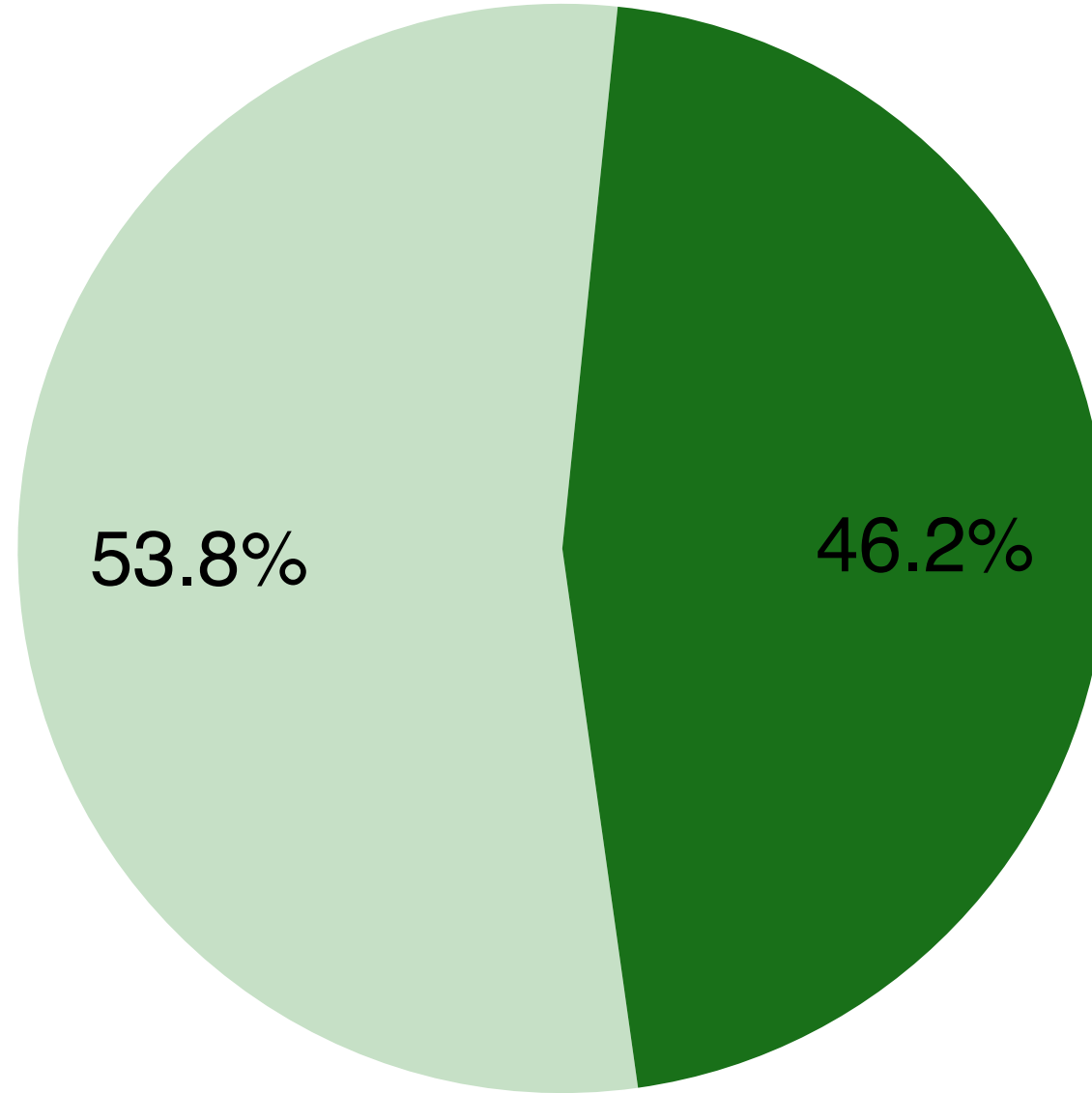


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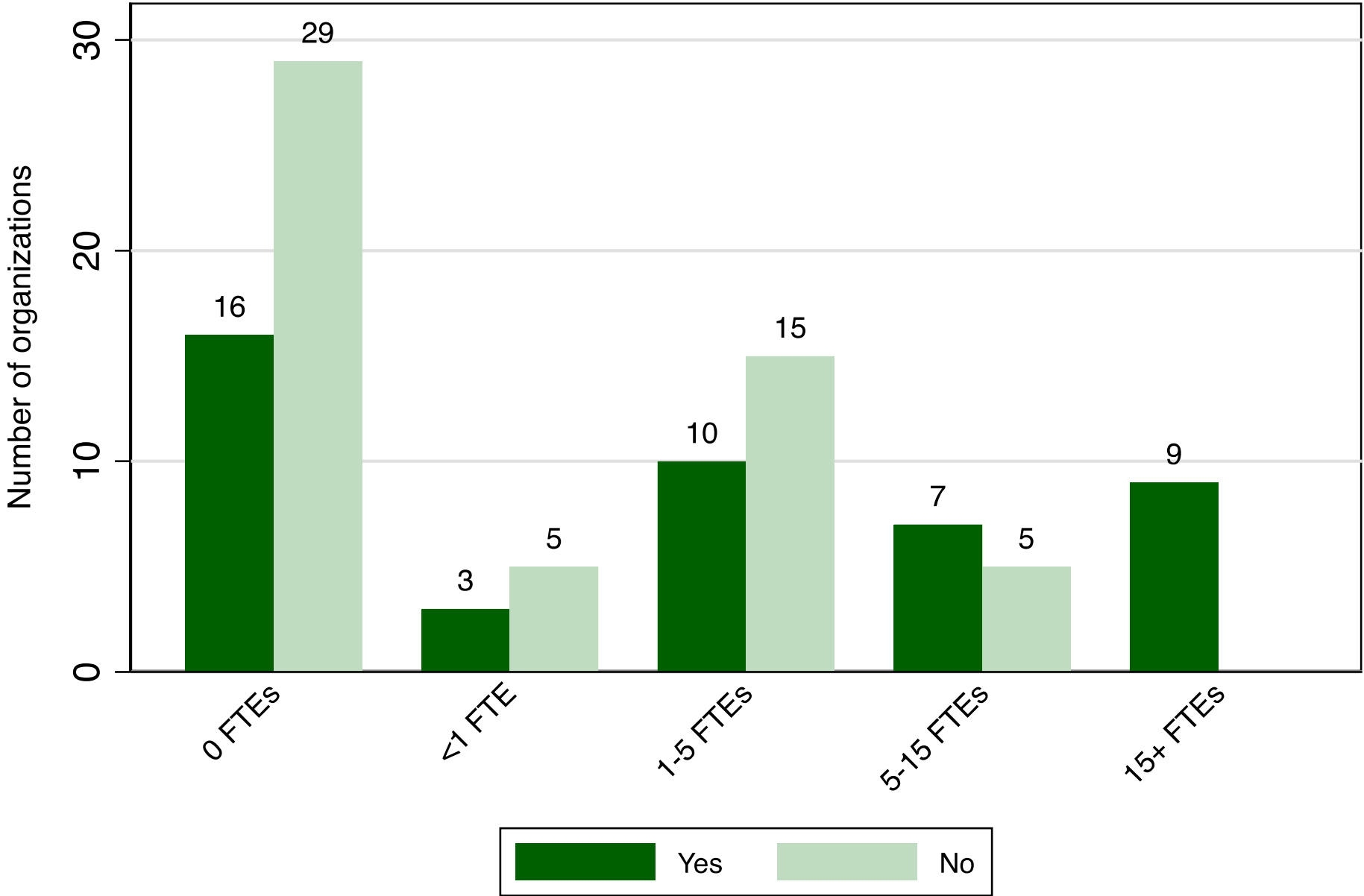
Whether organization has TerraFirma, by paid staff size



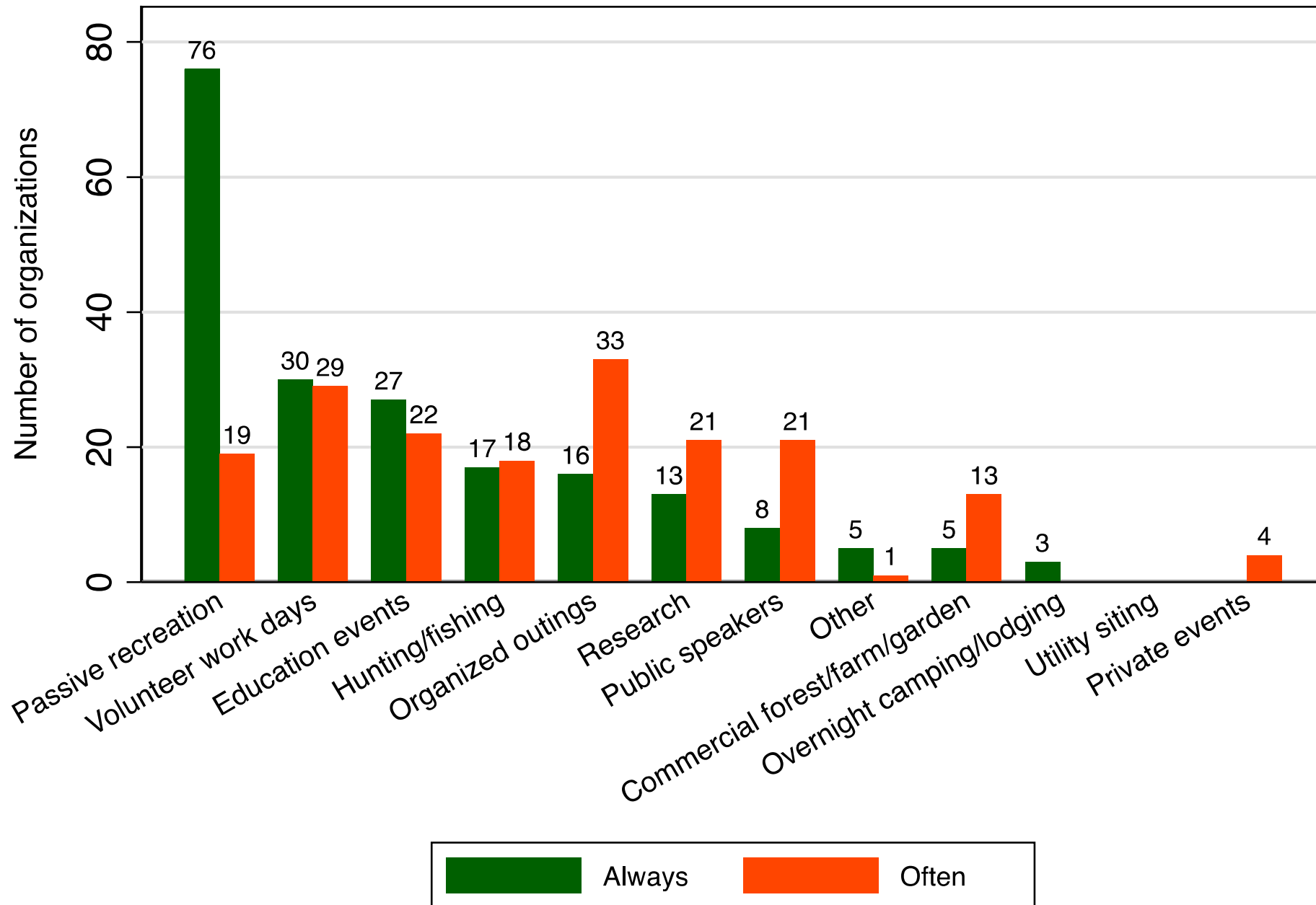
Has current management plan for each property



Whether organization has management plans for each of its properties by paid staff size

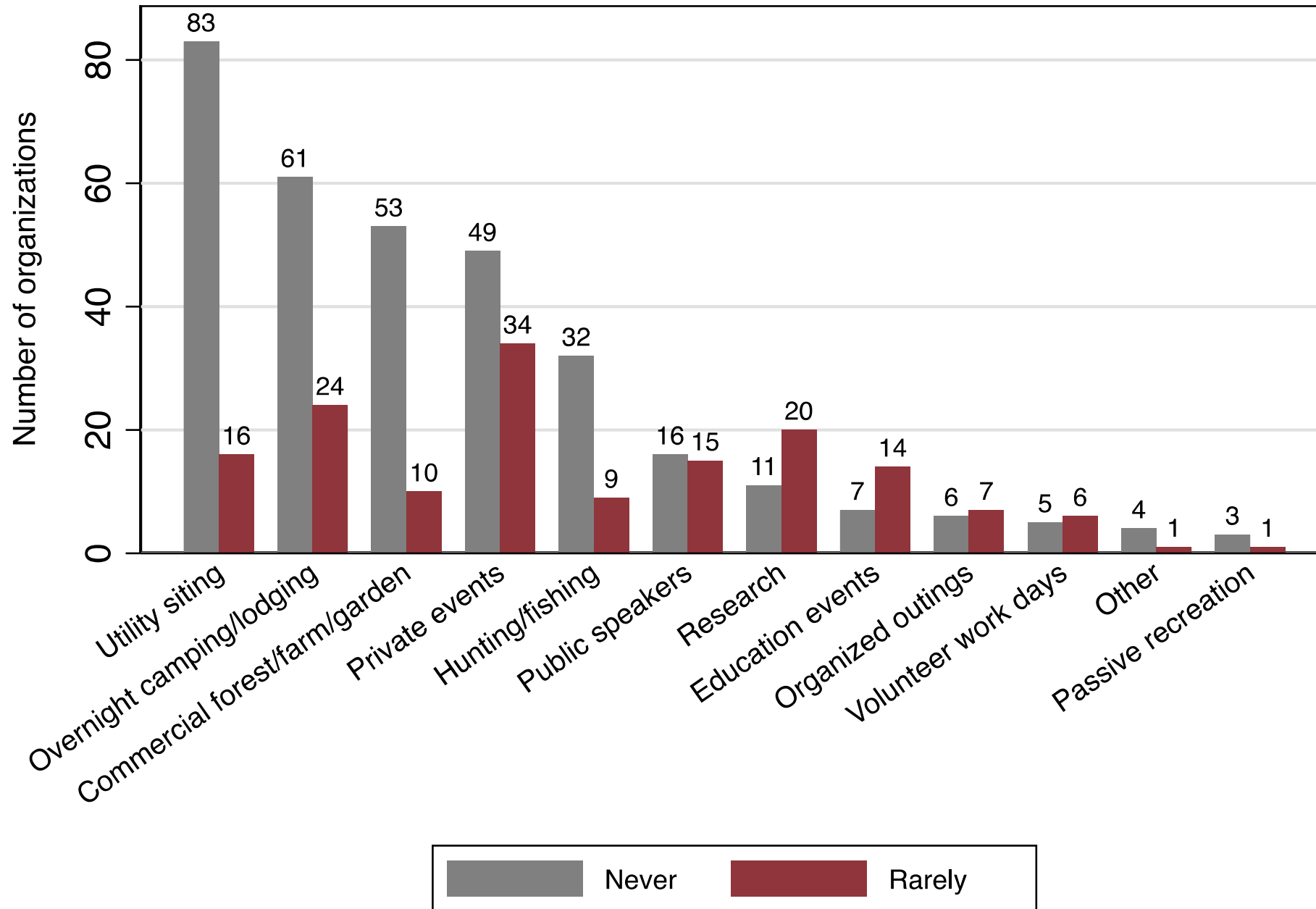


Activities allowed on lands



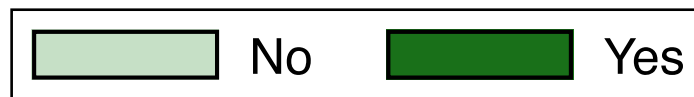
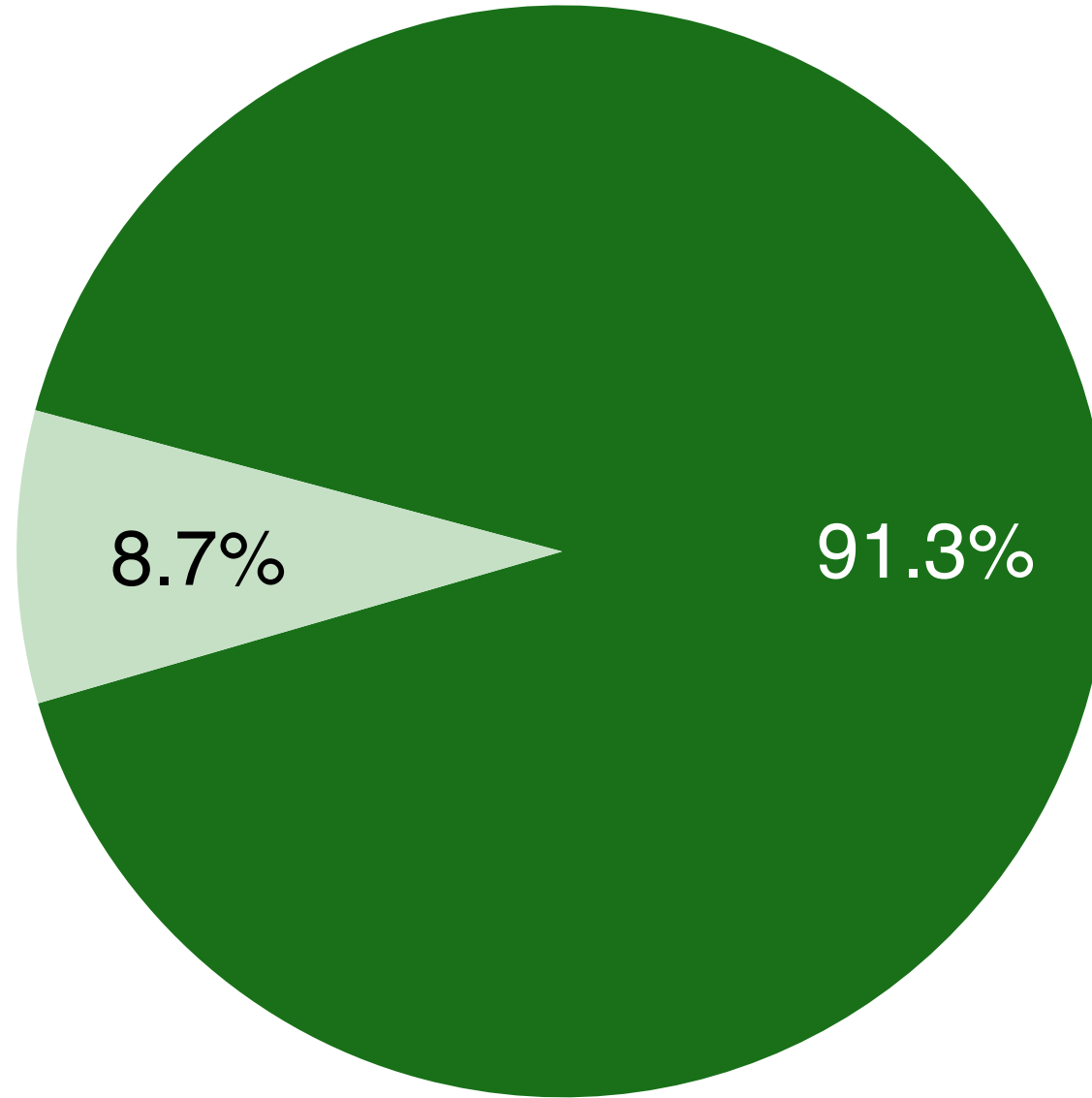
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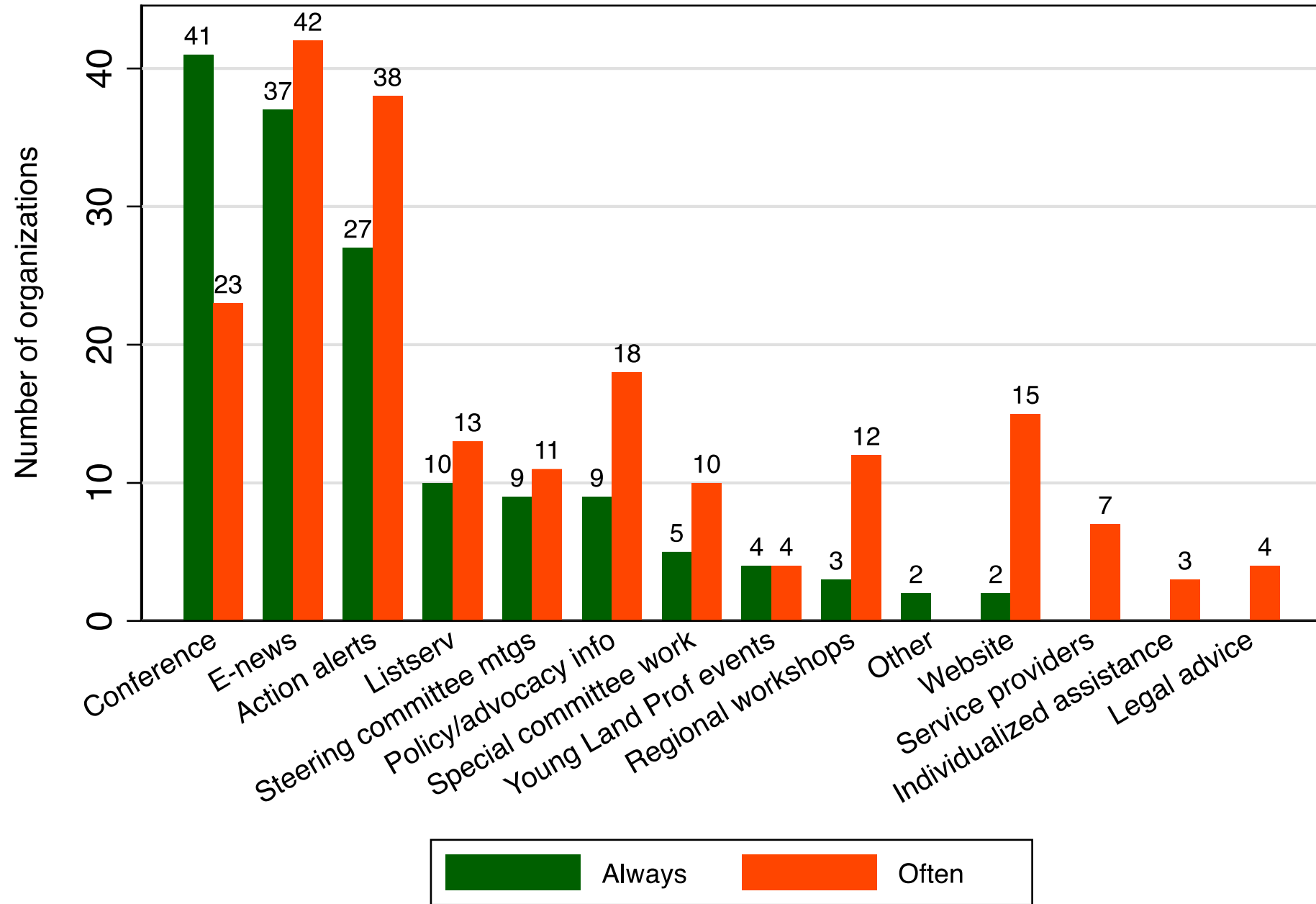


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Current MLTC members

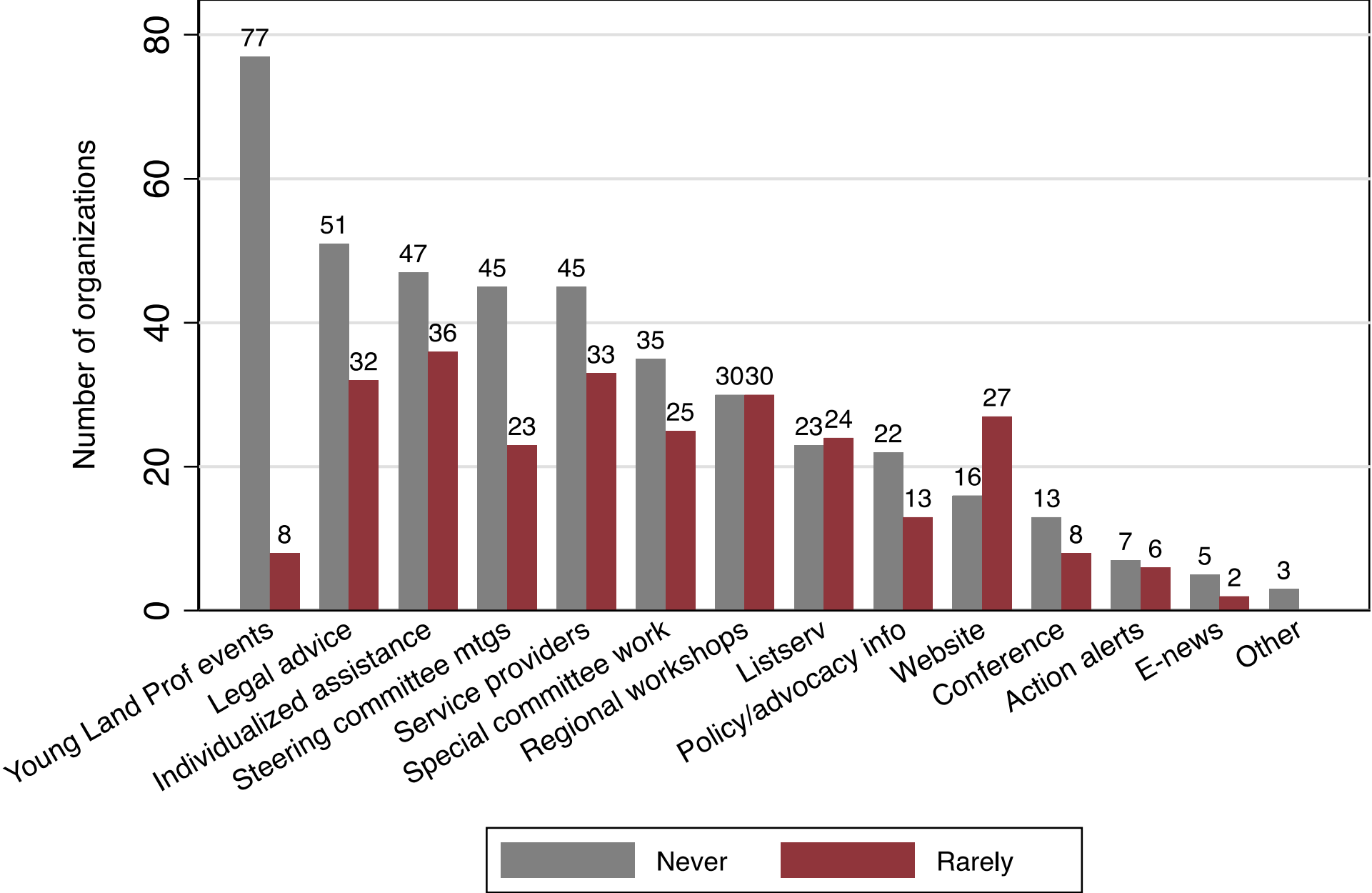


Use of MLTC Services



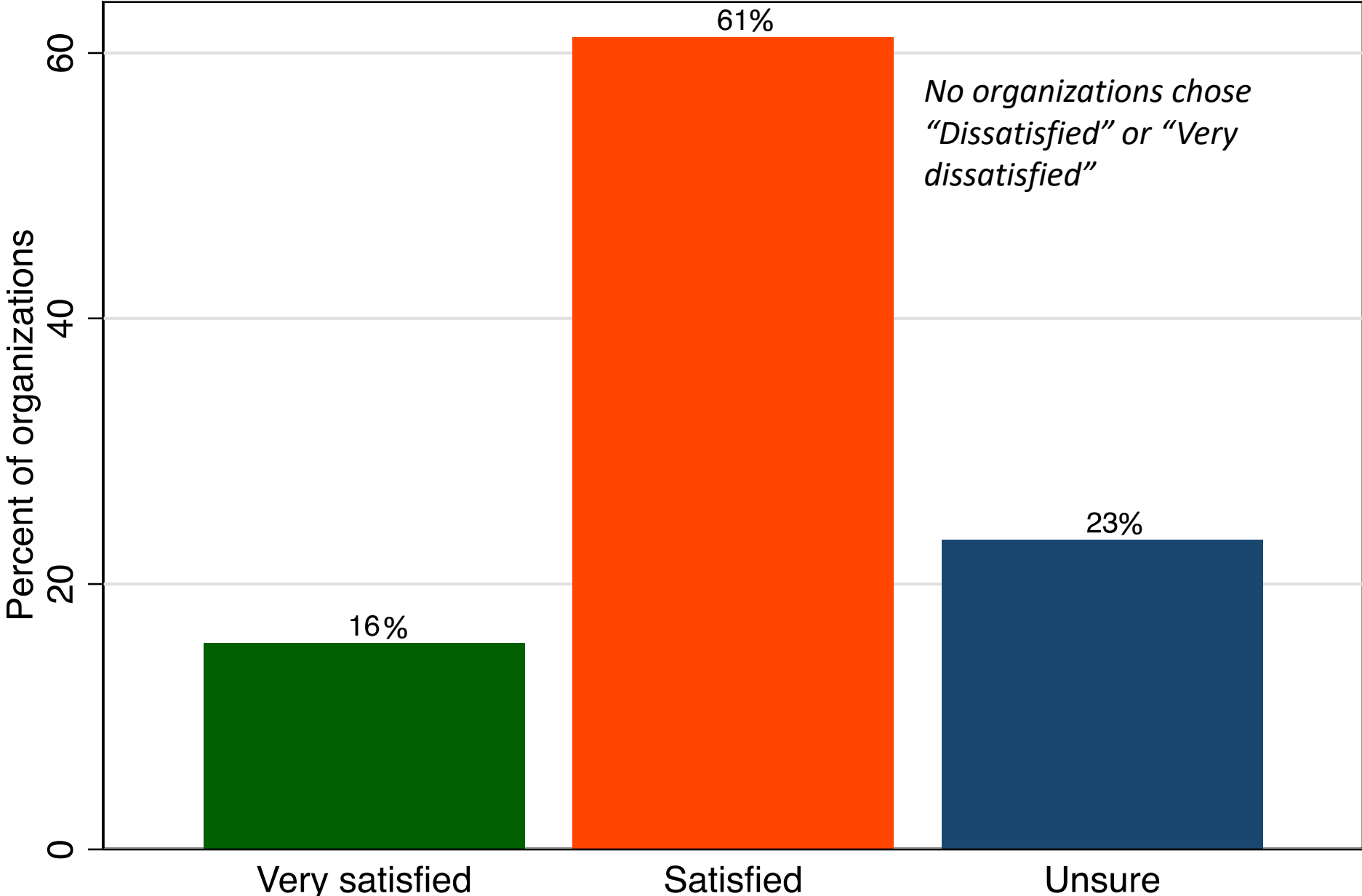
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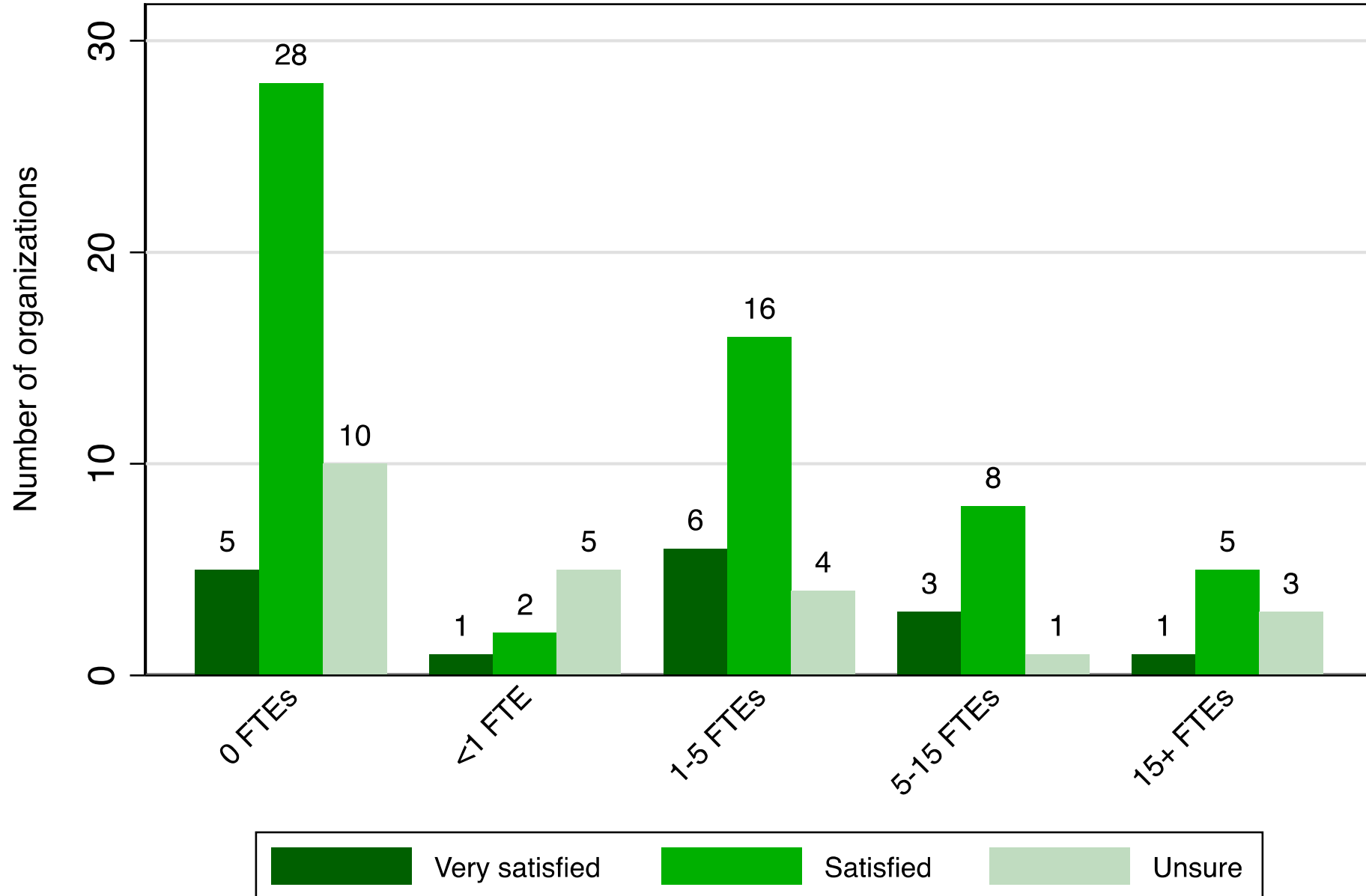


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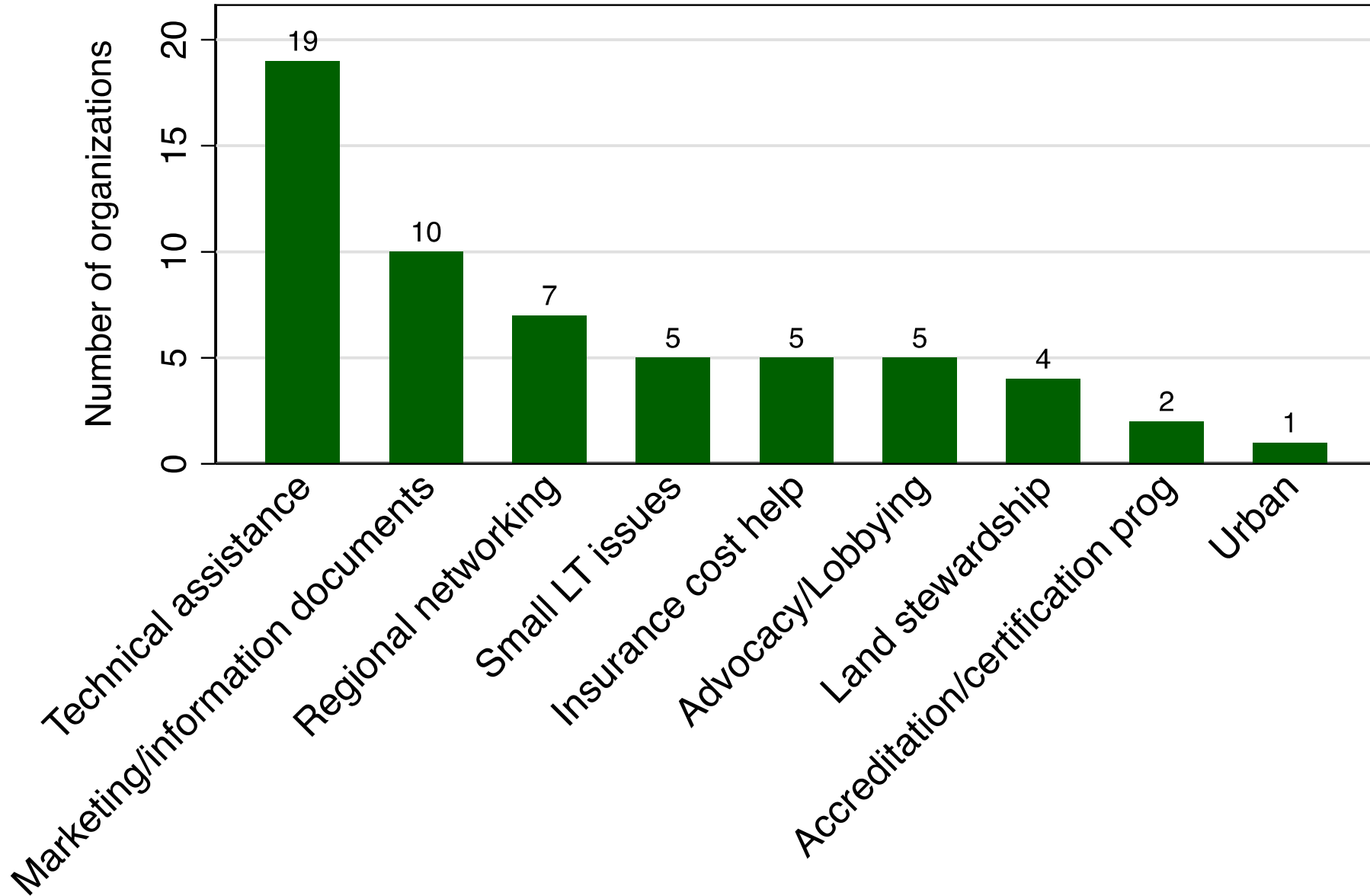
Overall satisfaction with MLTC



Overall satisfaction with MLTC, by paid staff size

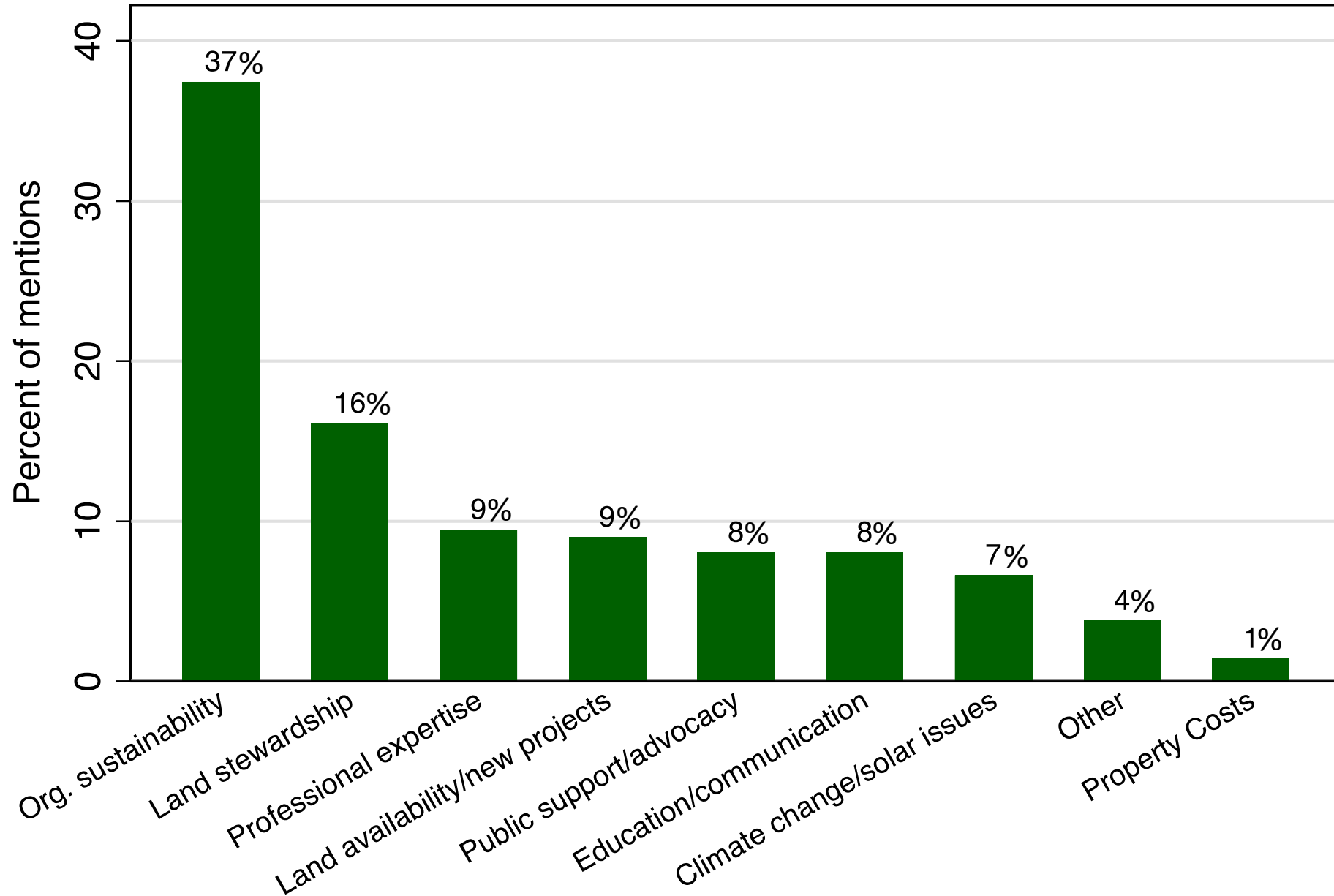


New programs MLTC could offer to help



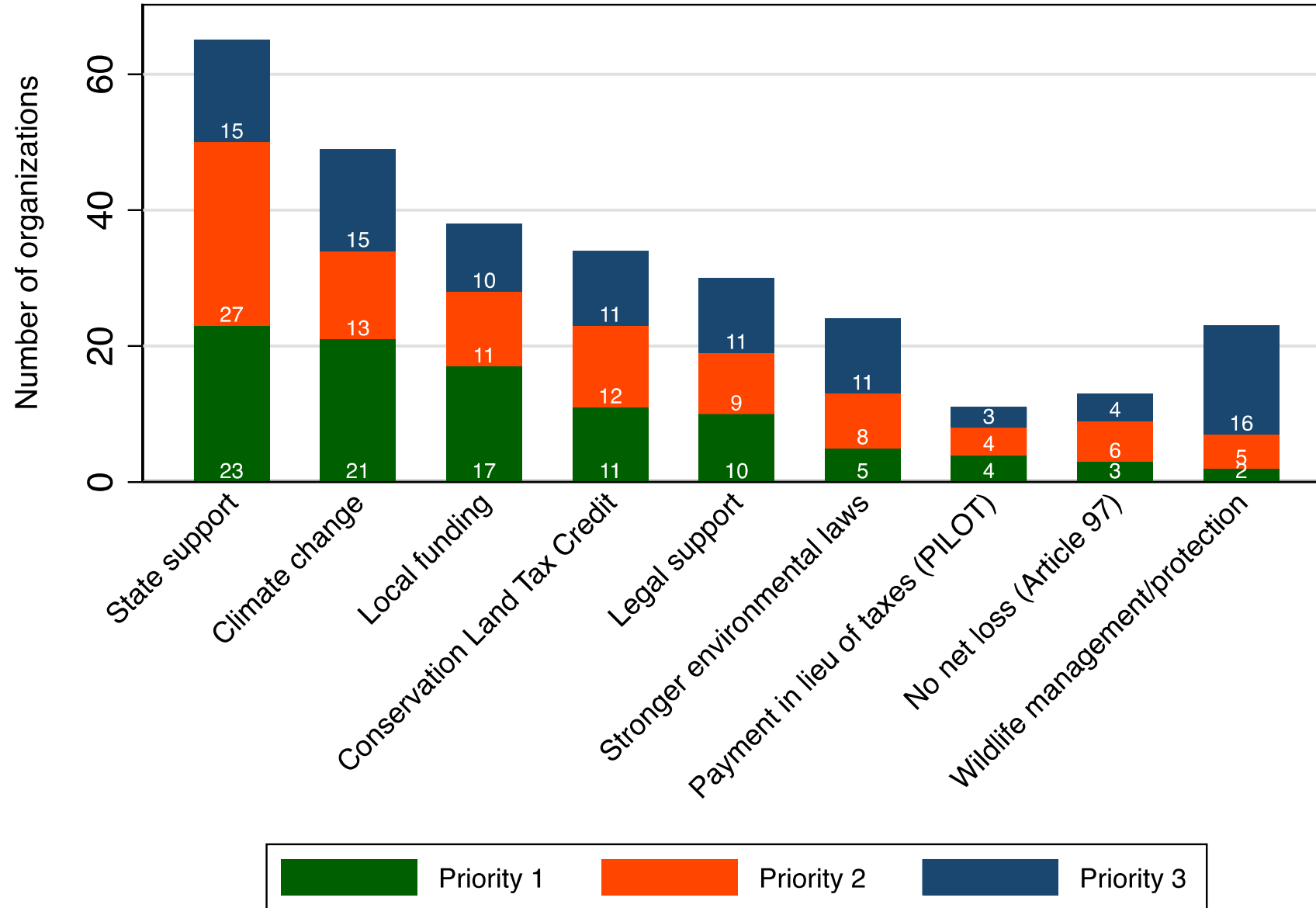
39 valid responses. Category responses not mutually exclusive.

Challenges organizations are facing (excluding funding)

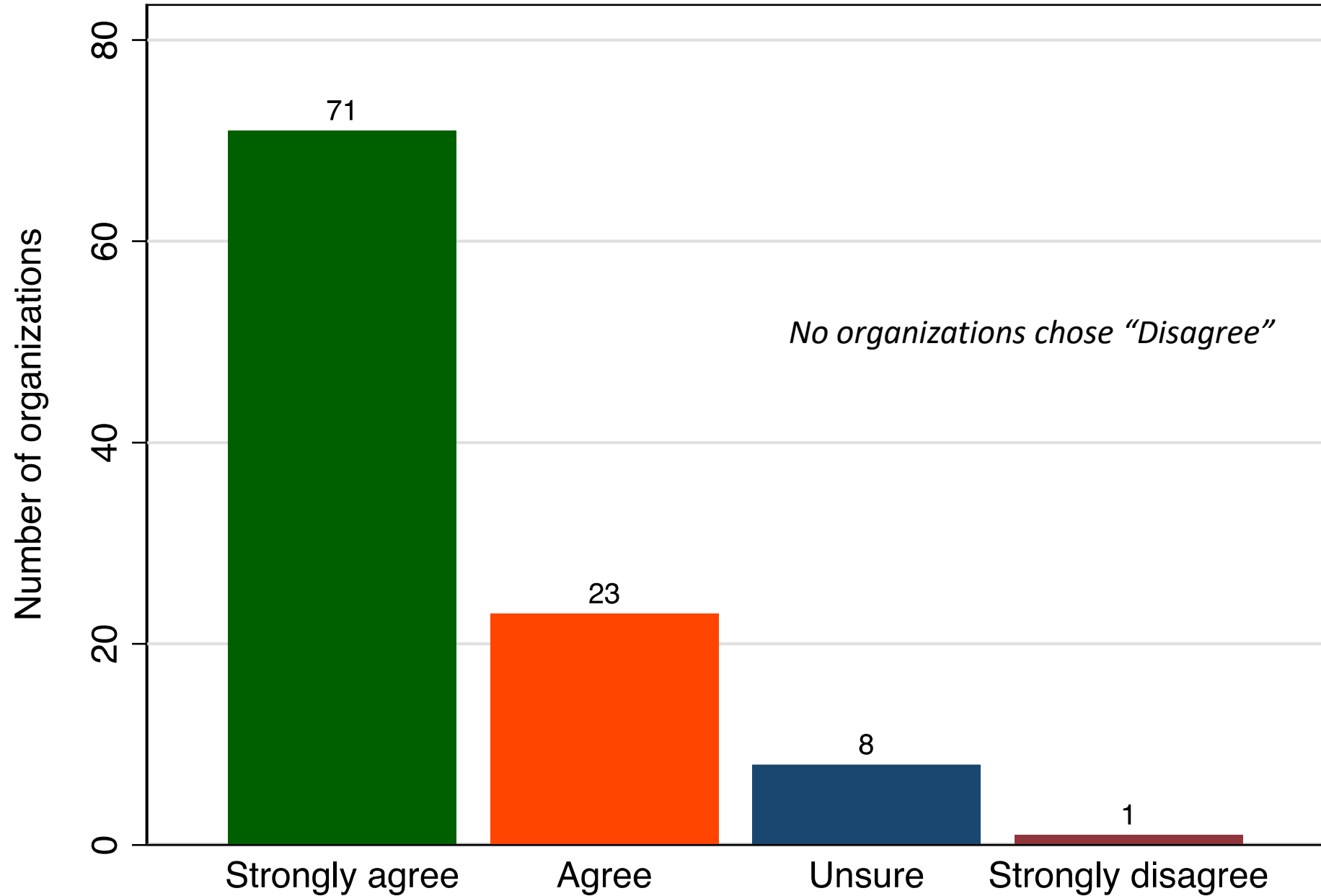


84 valid responses. Responses not mutually exclusive.

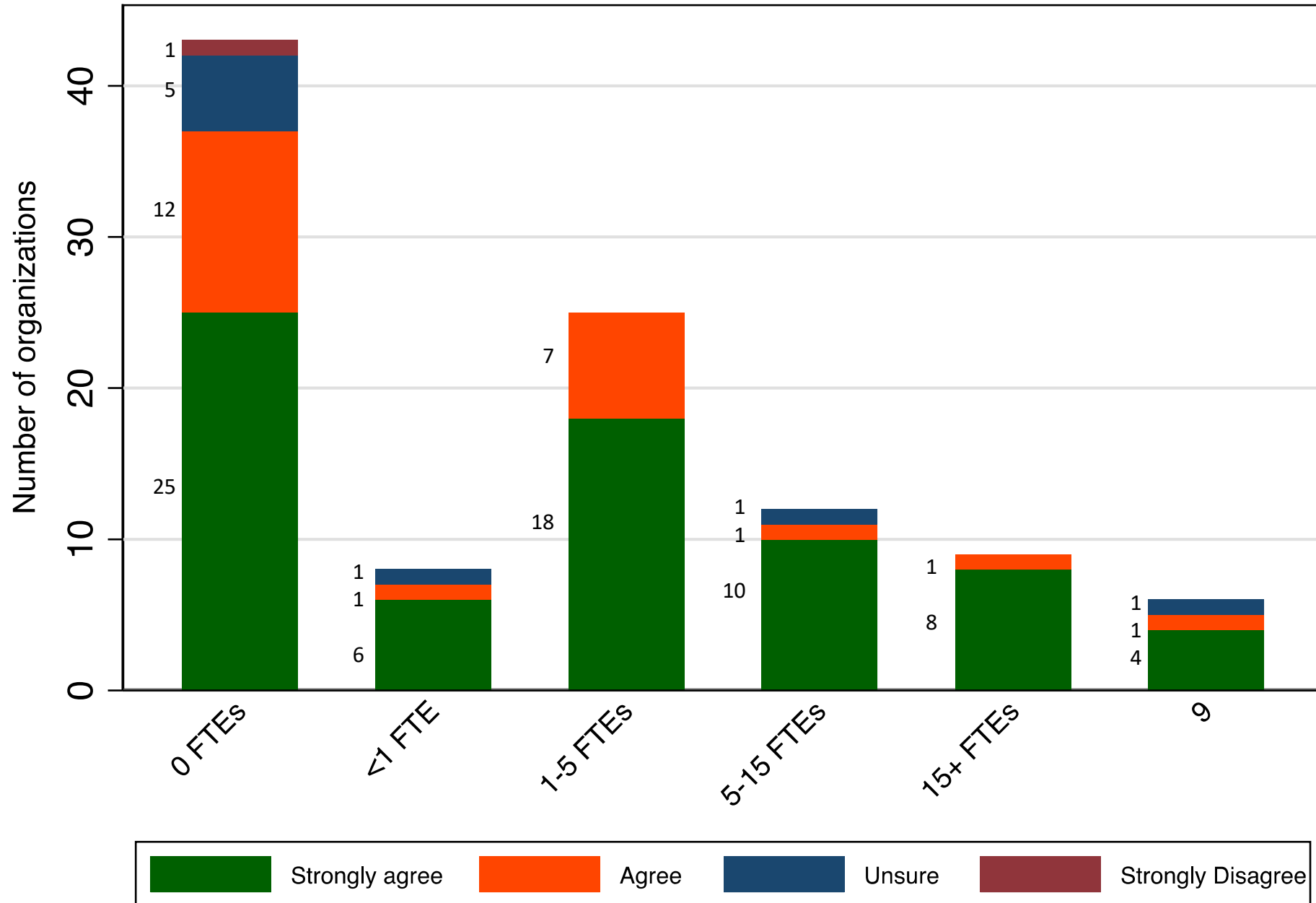
Priority policy areas for MLTC to focus



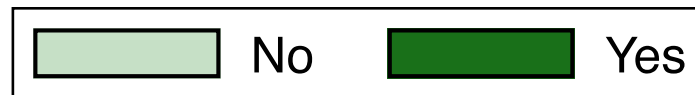
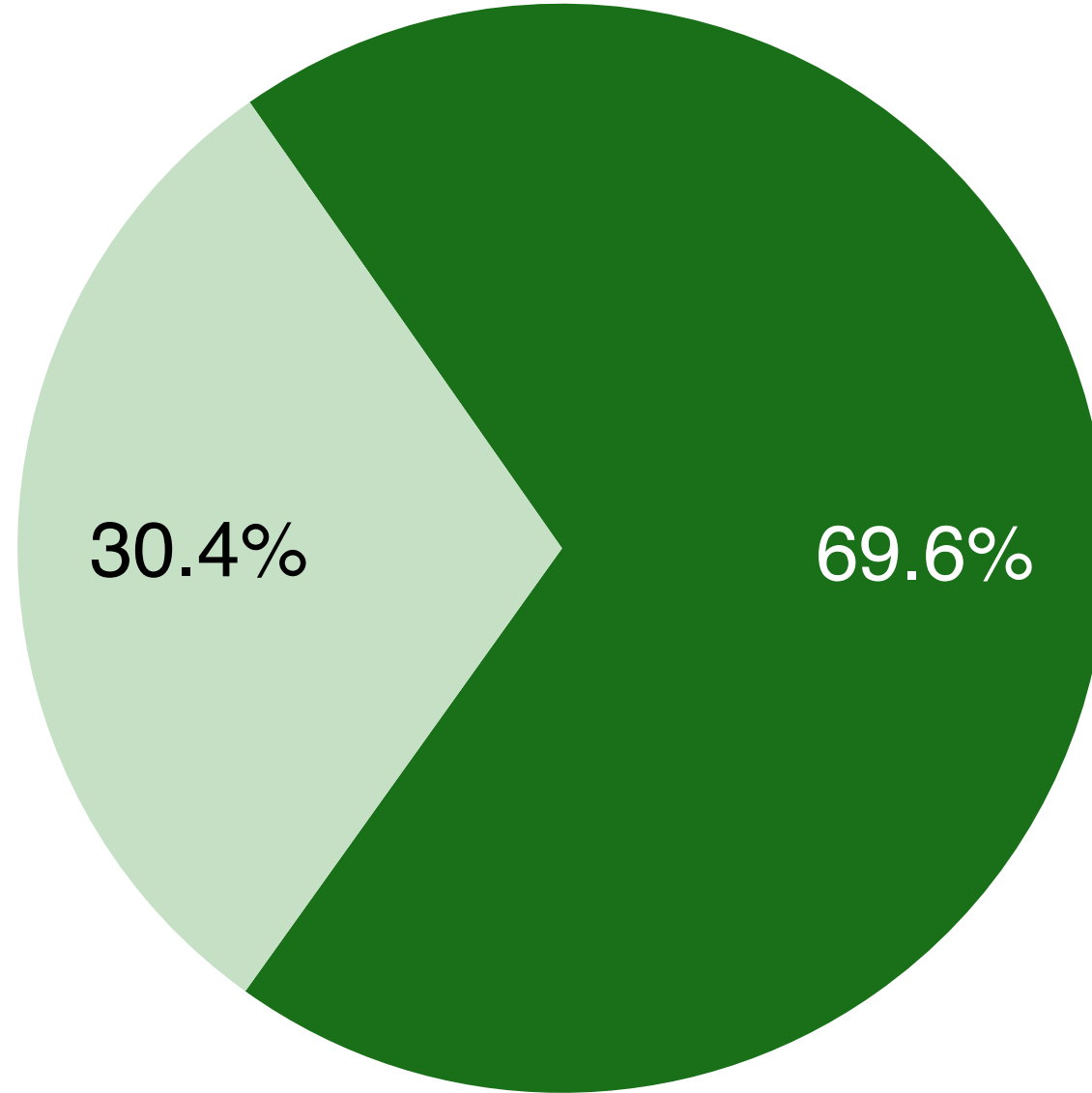
Will actively be conserving land in 5 years



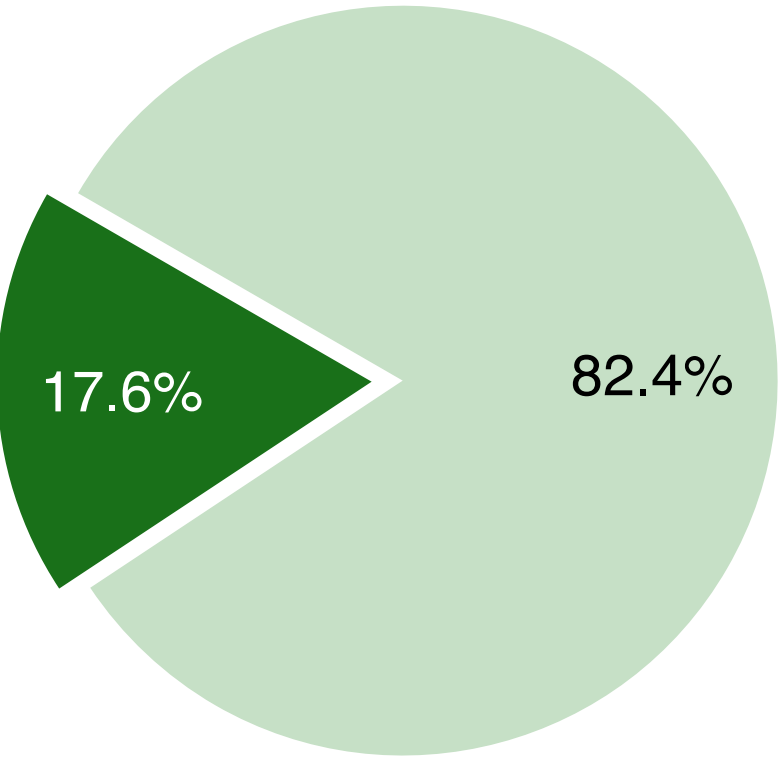
Will actively be conserving land in 5 years, by paid staff size



Current LTA members



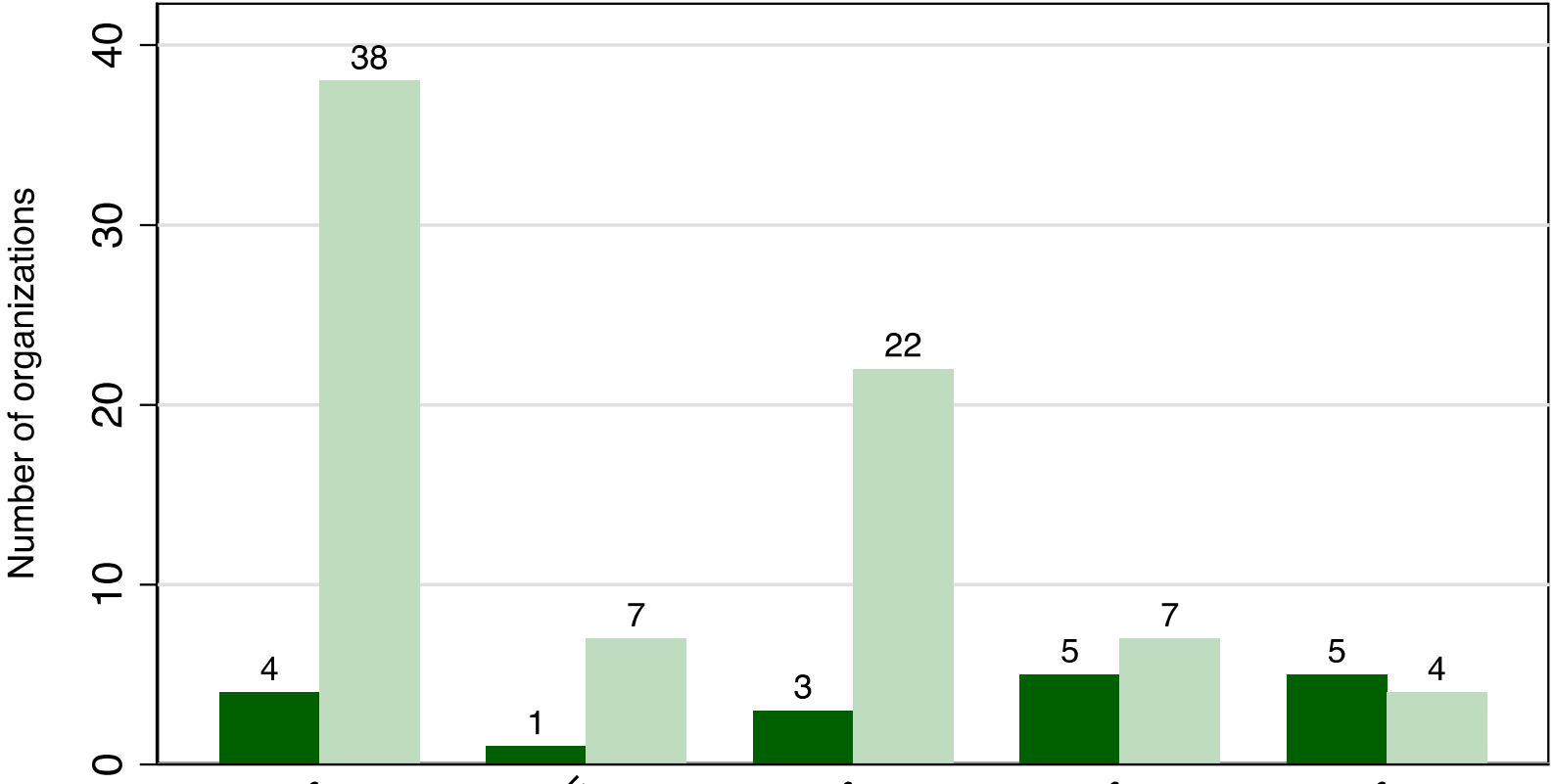
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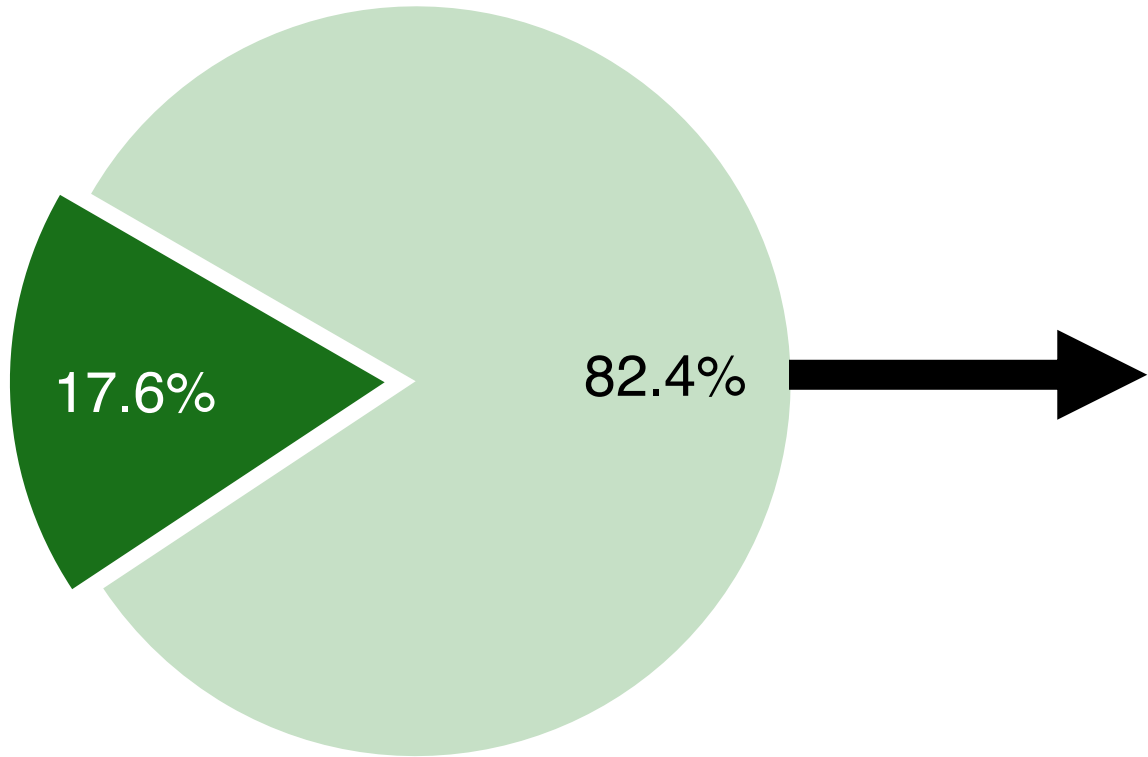
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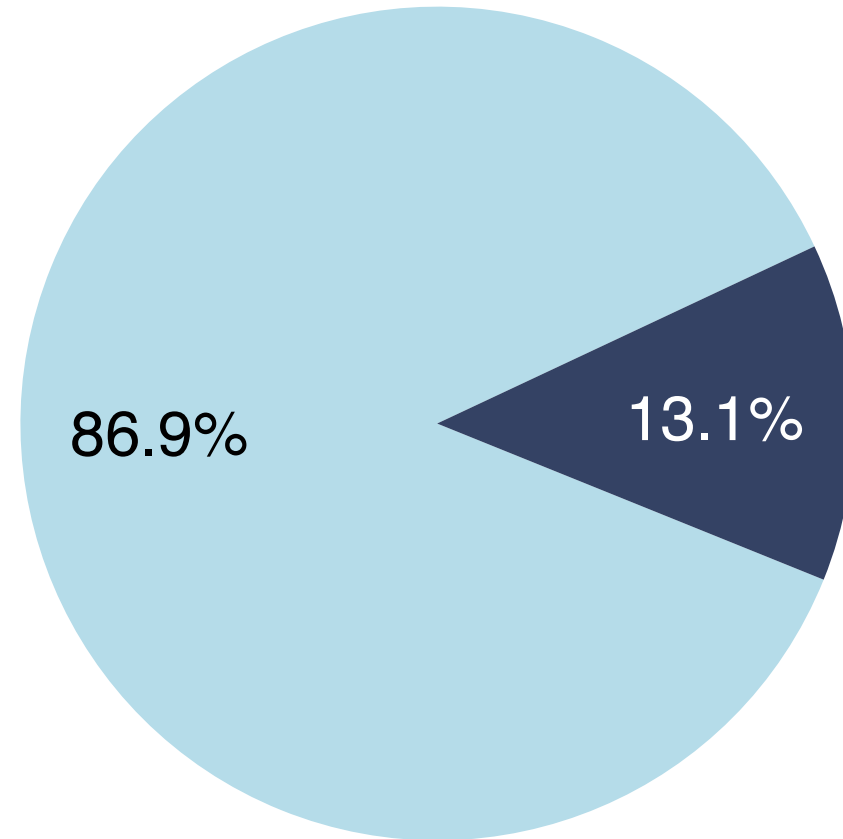
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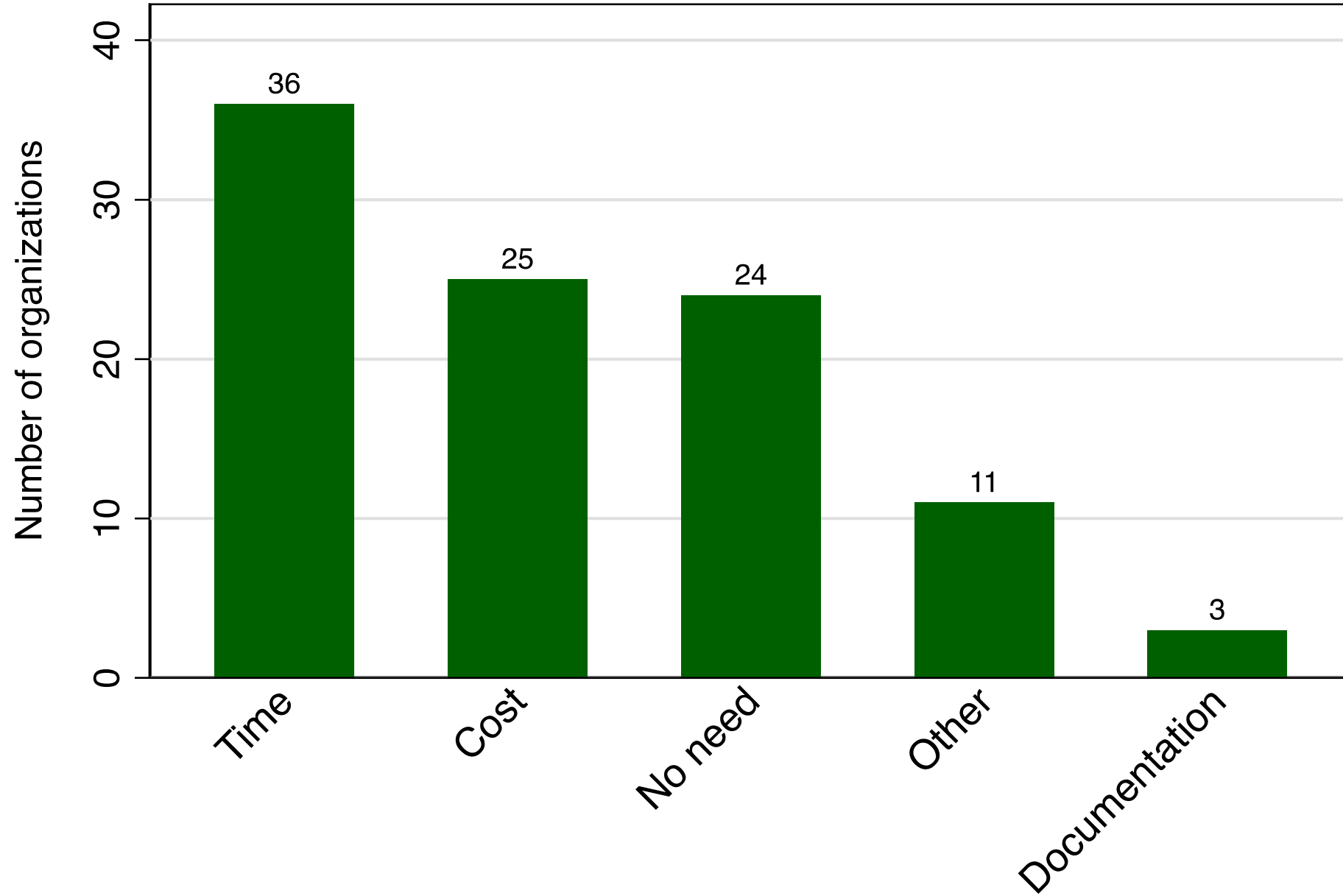
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Of those not accredited:
Intention about future LTA accreditation



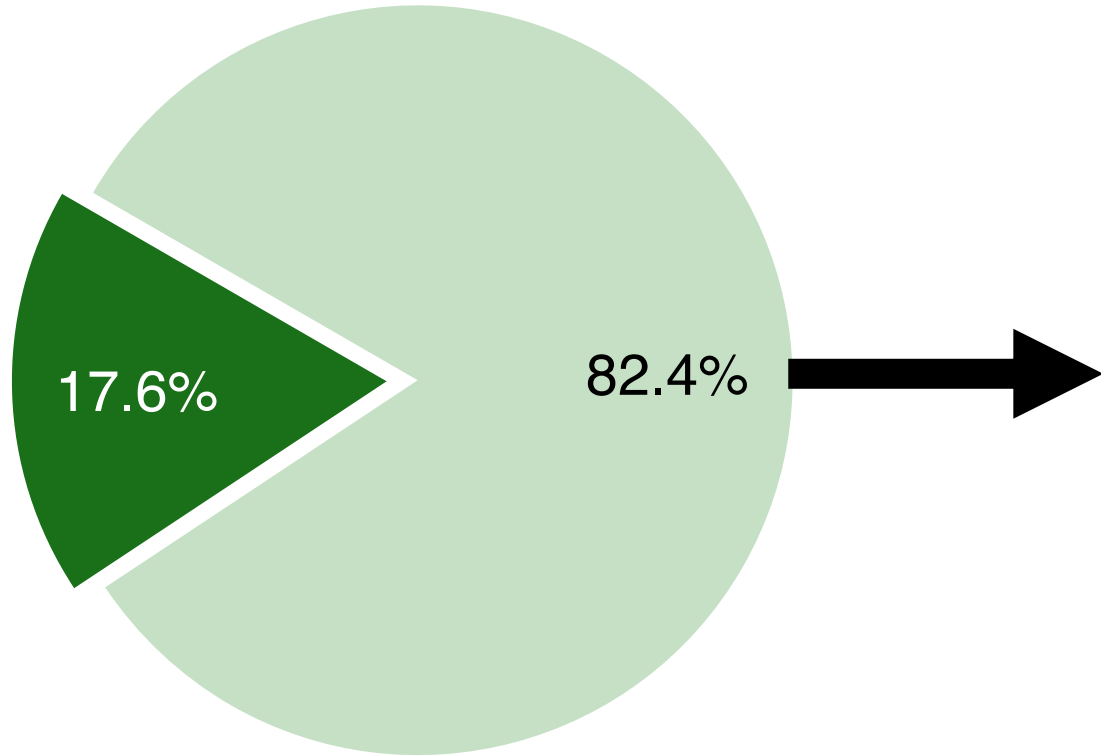
84 organizations

Why no intention to seek LTA accreditation



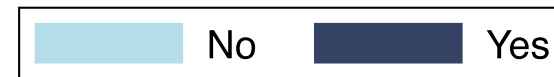
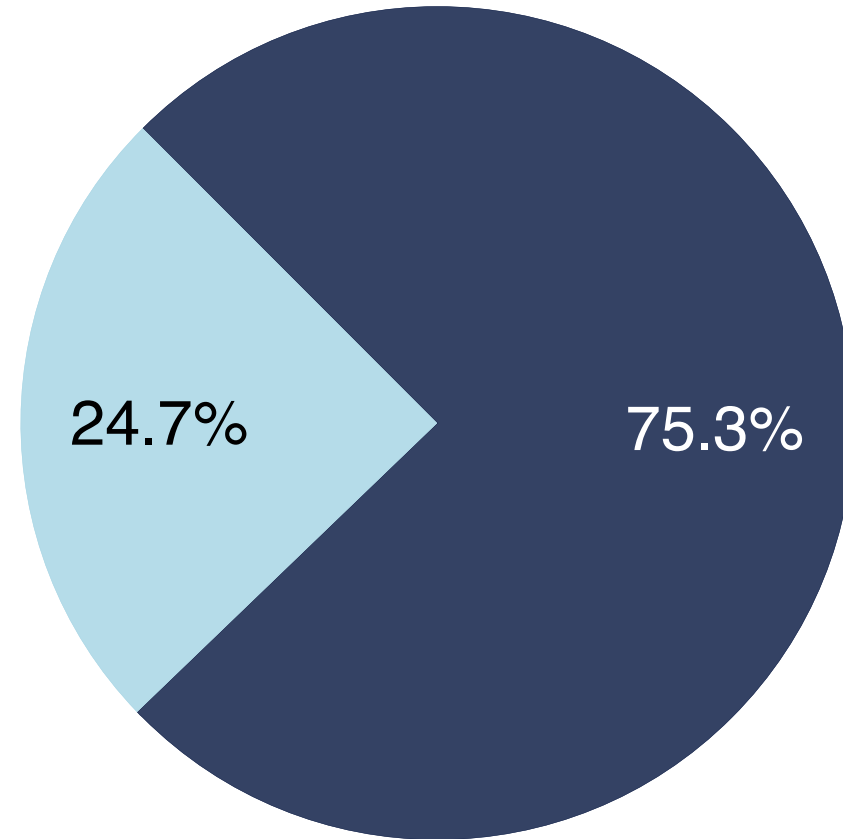
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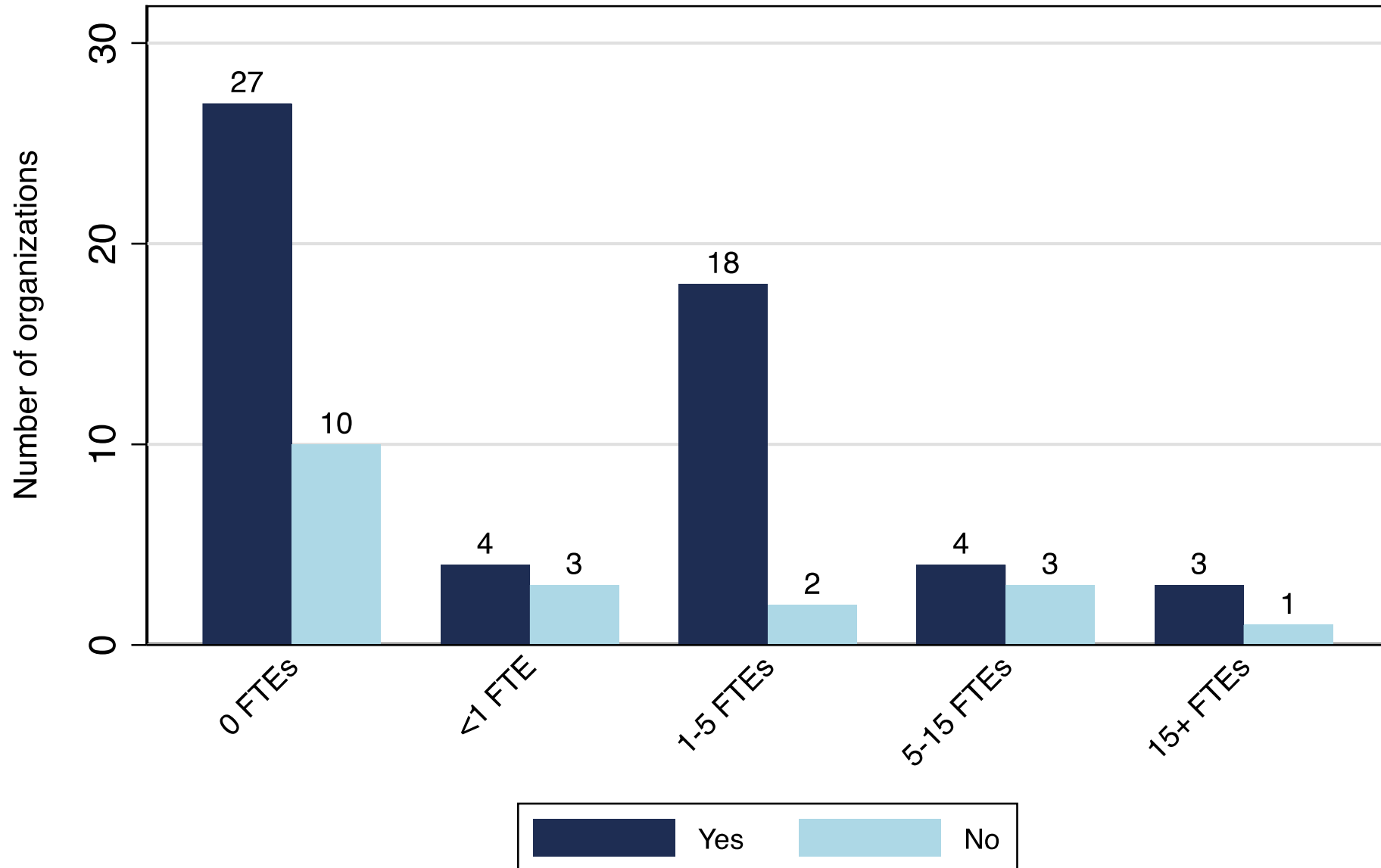
102 valid responses

Of those not accredited:
Adopted LTA Standards and Practices in principle?



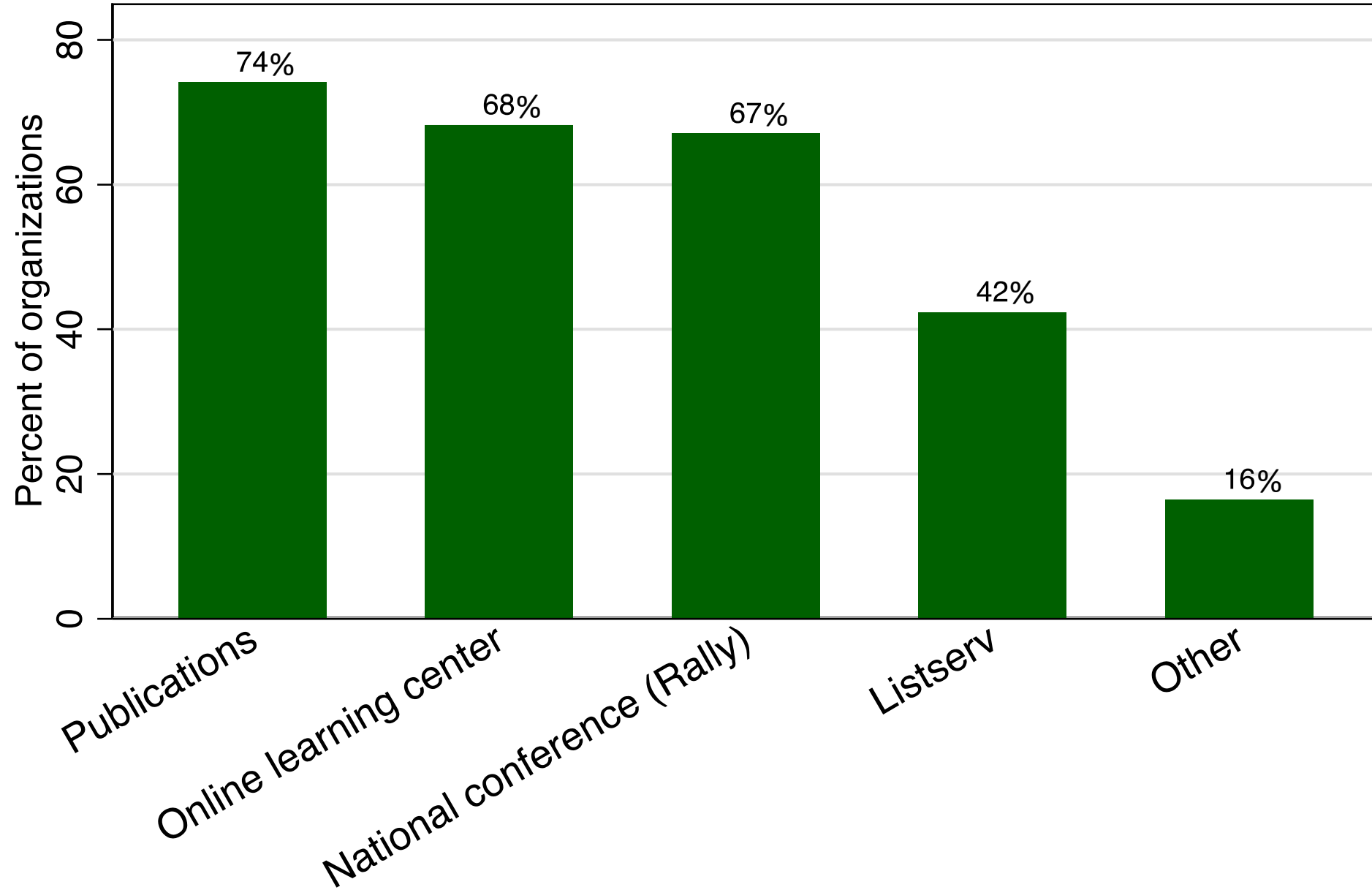
81 valid responses (of 84 not accredited)

Non LTA-accredited organizations
adopting LTA Standards and Practices in principle,
by paid staff size



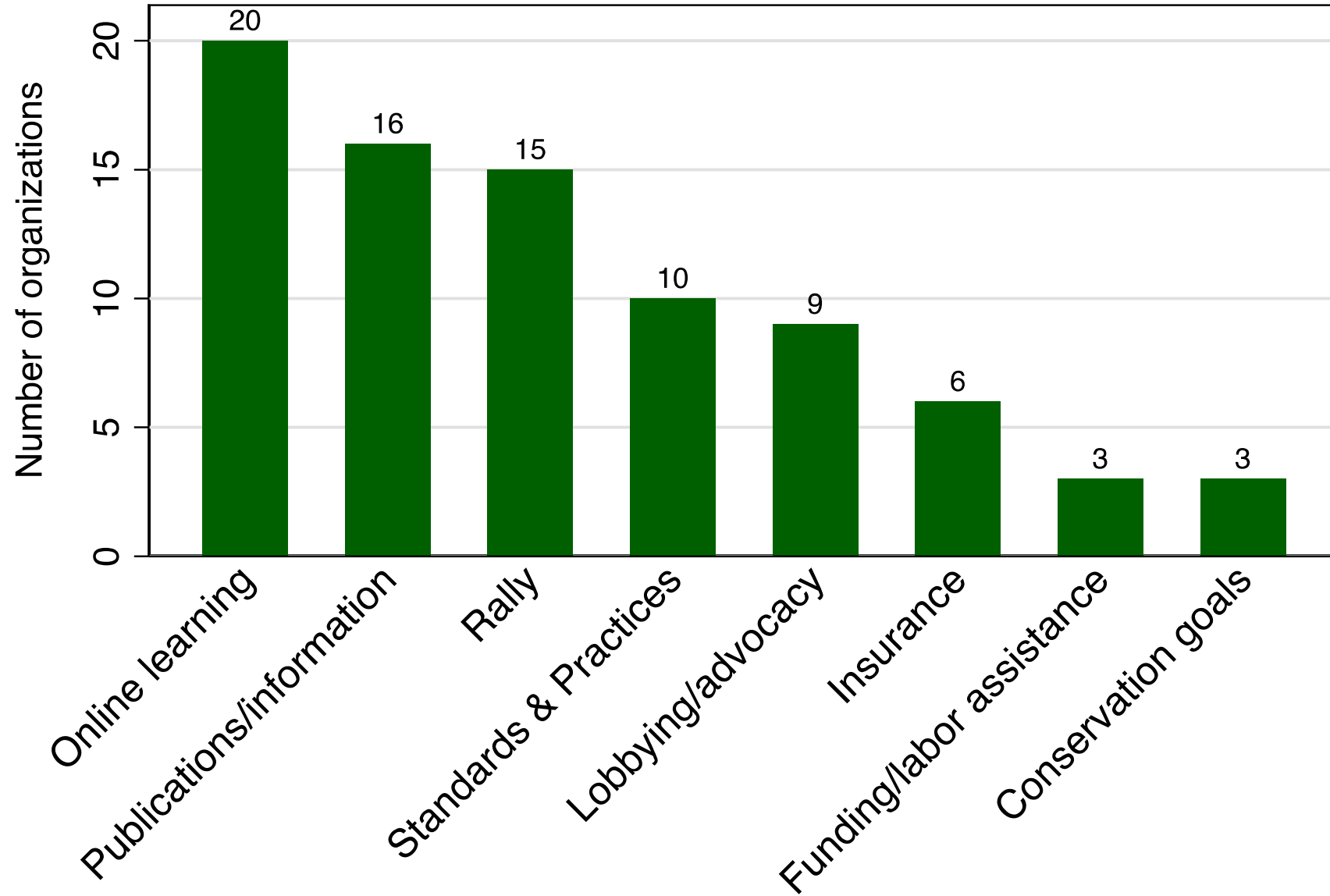
75 valid responses (of 84 not accredited)

Attendance or use of LTA resources



Category responses not mutually exclusive. 85 valid responses.

LTA services valued most



58 valid responses. Category responses not mutually exclusive.