

# 2001 NCSL International Benchmarking Survey

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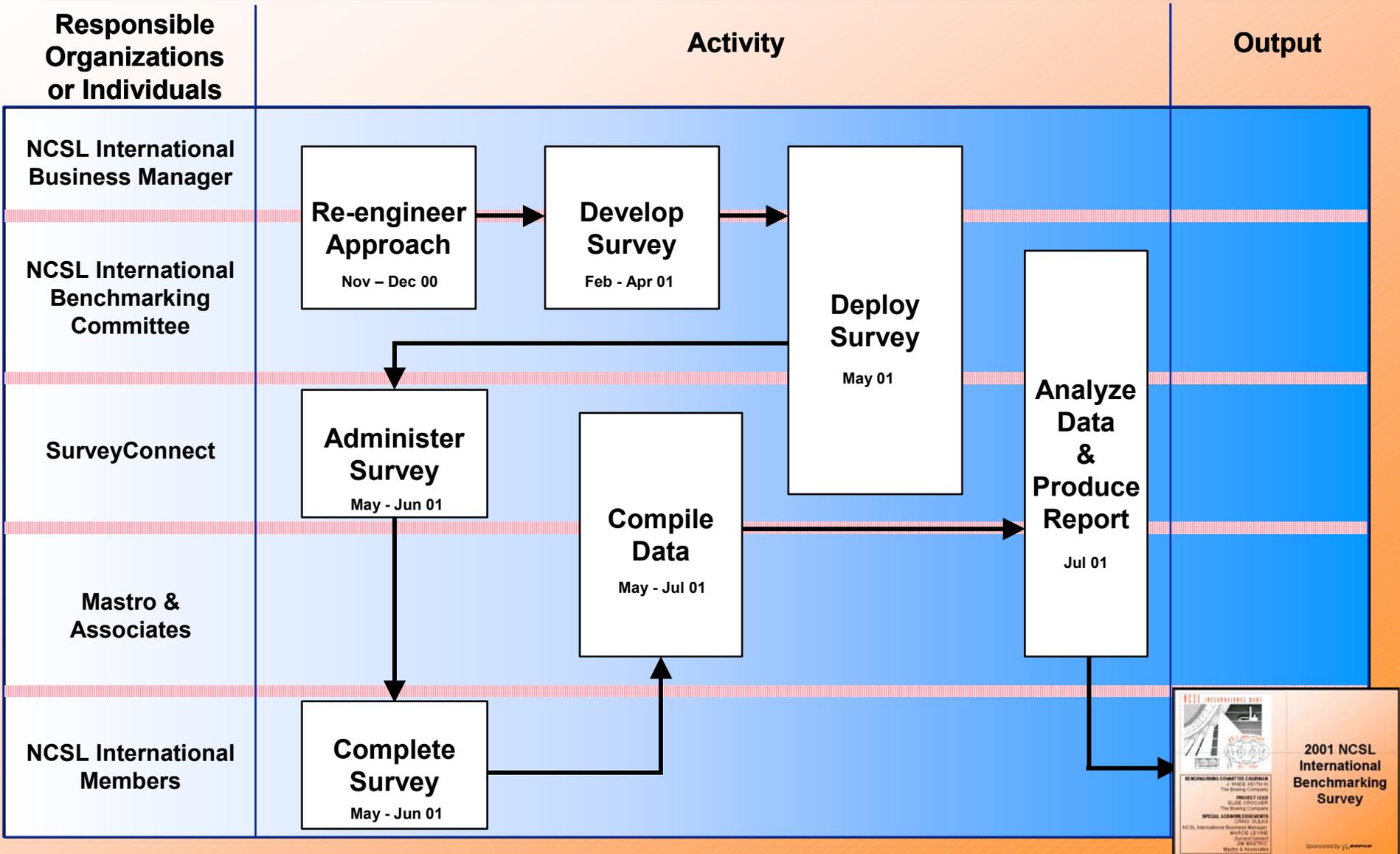
# Purpose

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The purpose of the NCSL International's Benchmarking Survey is to provide the membership with high quality data for use as a documented resource to baseline personnel compensation, laboratory performance, industry compliance, and continuous improvement objectives for your business and the metrology industry.



# 2001 Benchmarking Survey Process





# Web-based Survey

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- Third-party website
  - Administered by SurveyConnect
- New capability:
  - Print and edit responses
  - Anonymous and secure information
  - Real-time feedback and data collection
- Hard copy surveys also available
  - 8 received



# Survey Changes

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- Changed for 2001:
  - Clarification of questions
  - Ranges for Personnel information
  - Offload work distribution
  - Definition of supplier equipment needs
  - Expected change in headcount
  - Training questions
  - Added open-ended comments
- Not changed for 2001:
  - Data accuracy
    - 3 sigma filter for salary information
  - Trends where possible

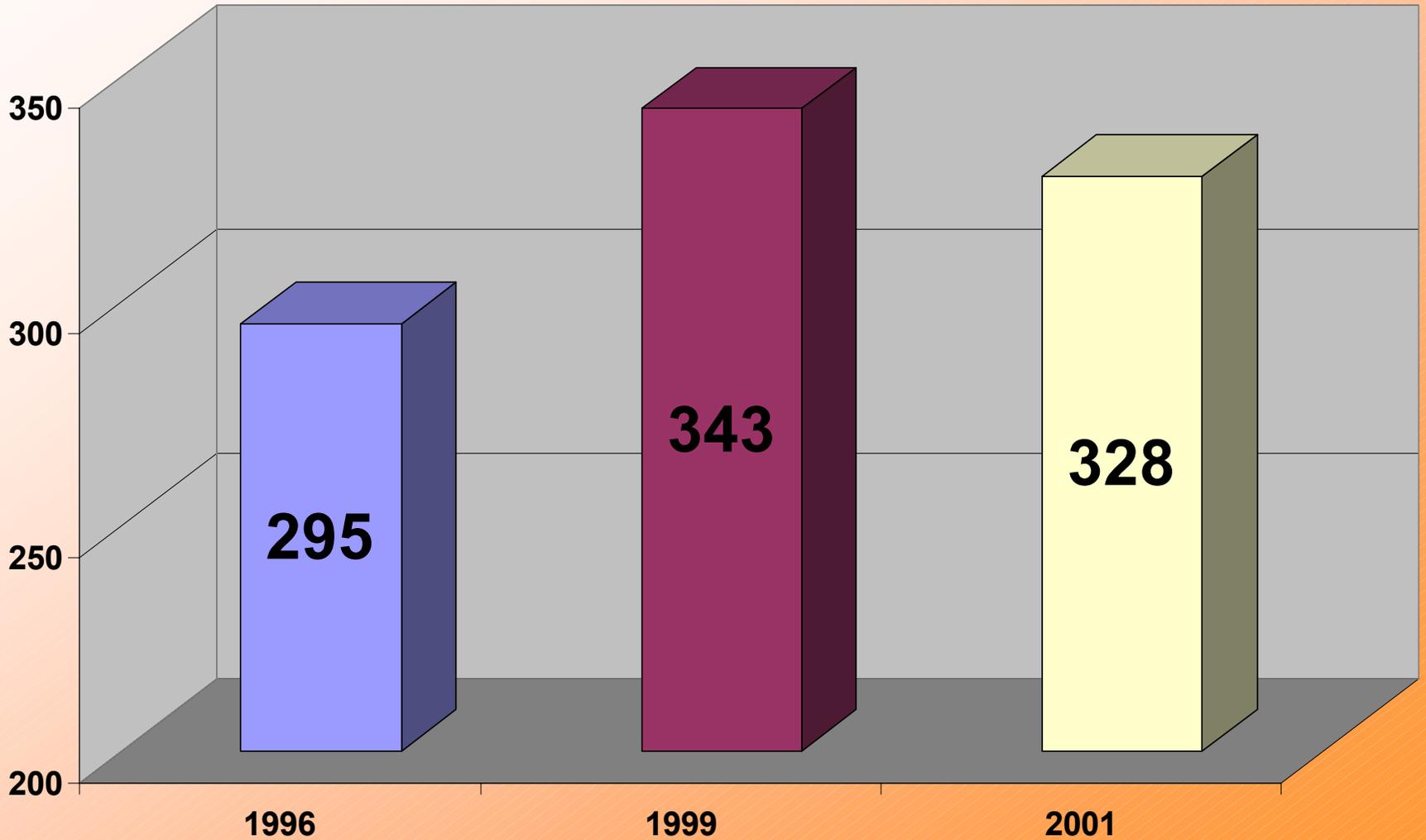


# Summary of Survey Responses

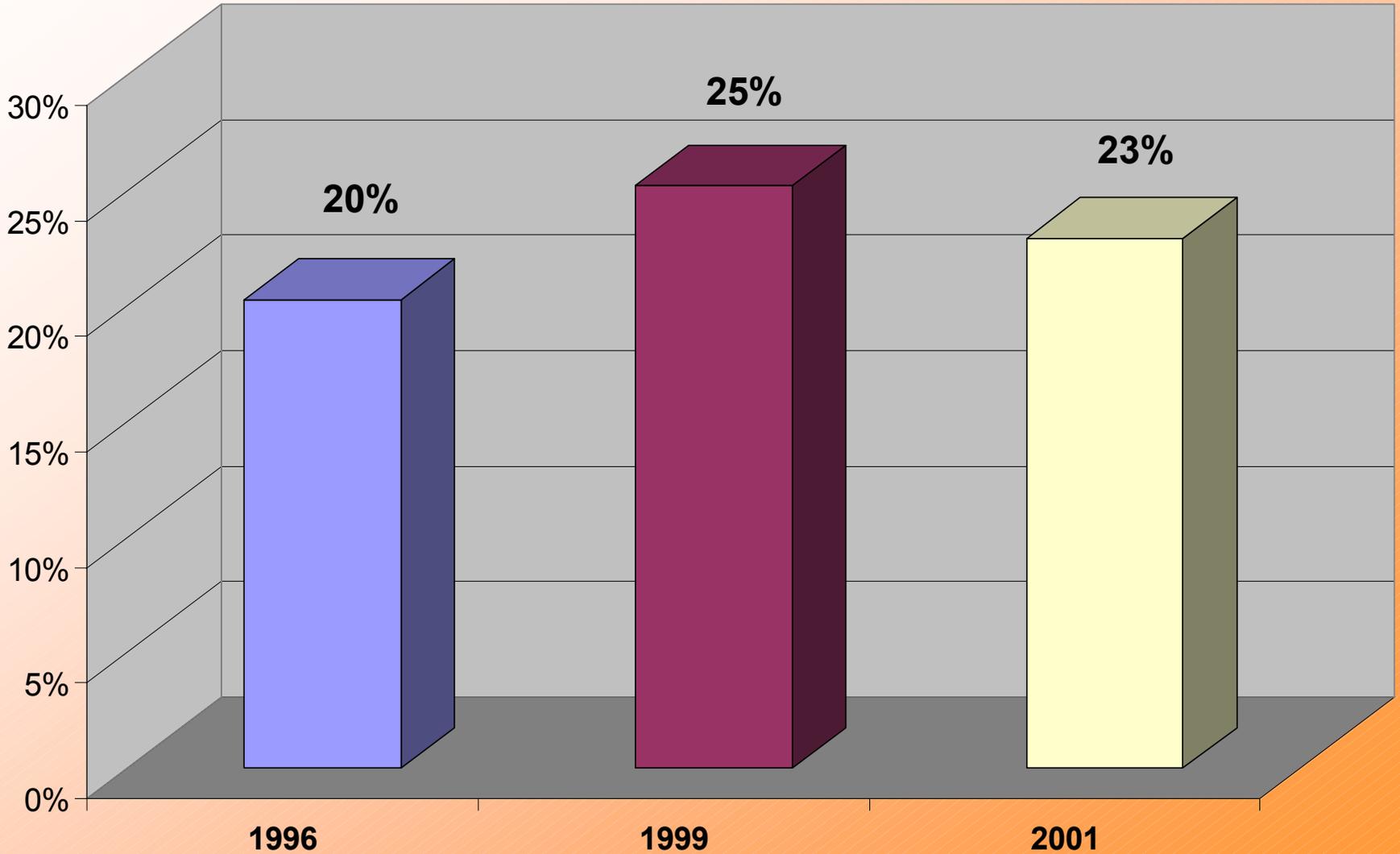
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- 1430 total survey notices sent
- 328 completed surveys received (22.9%)
- Results
  - Presented at 2001 NCSL International Workshop and Symposium
  - Also included in the upcoming members-only 2002 Laboratory Managers CD

# Survey Responses



# Completed Surveys vs. Total Sent





# Scope of Survey

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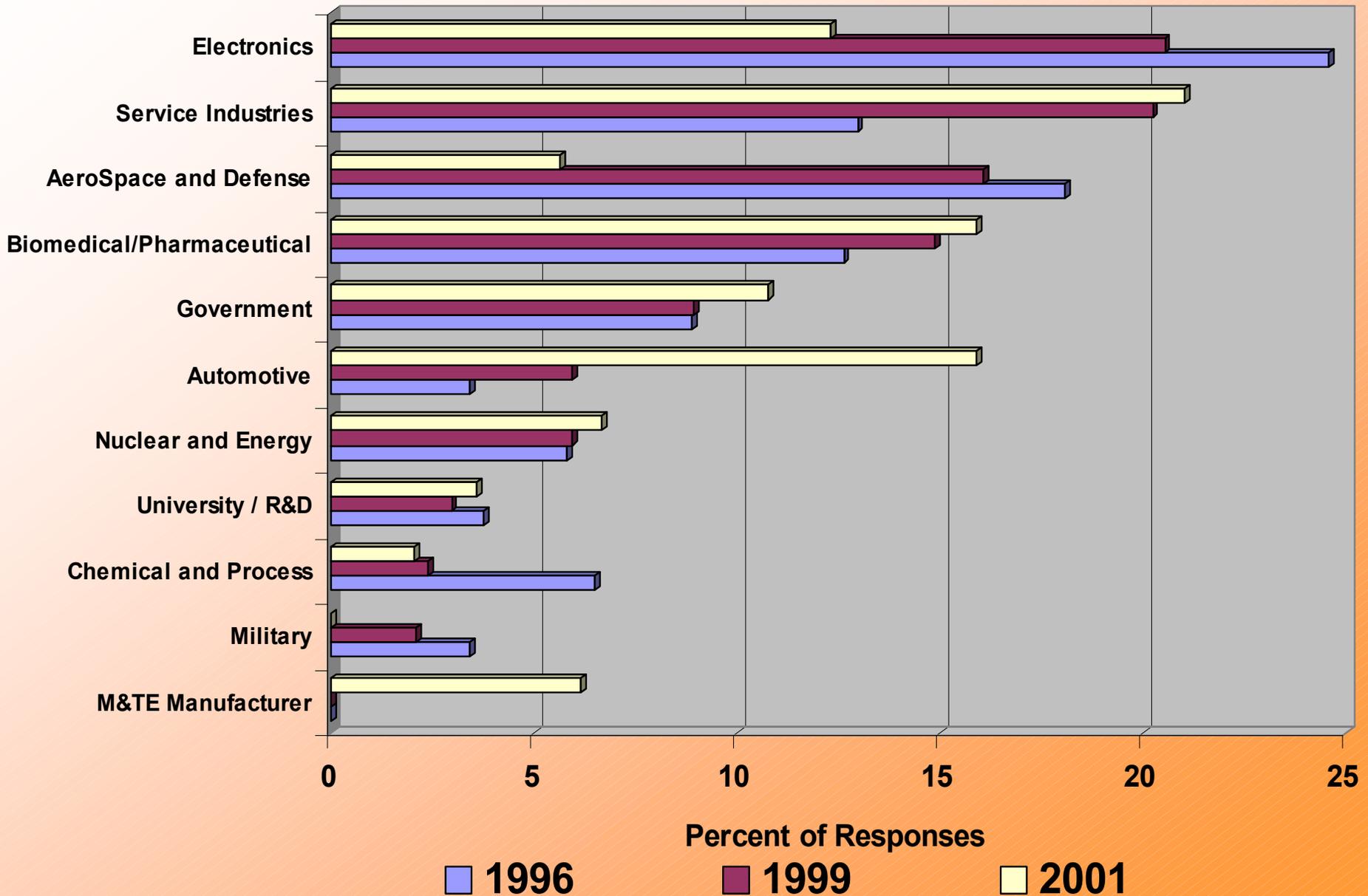
- Section A: Demographics
- Section B: Lab Capabilities
- Section C: Productivity
- Section D: Requirements/Compliance
- Section E: Personnel



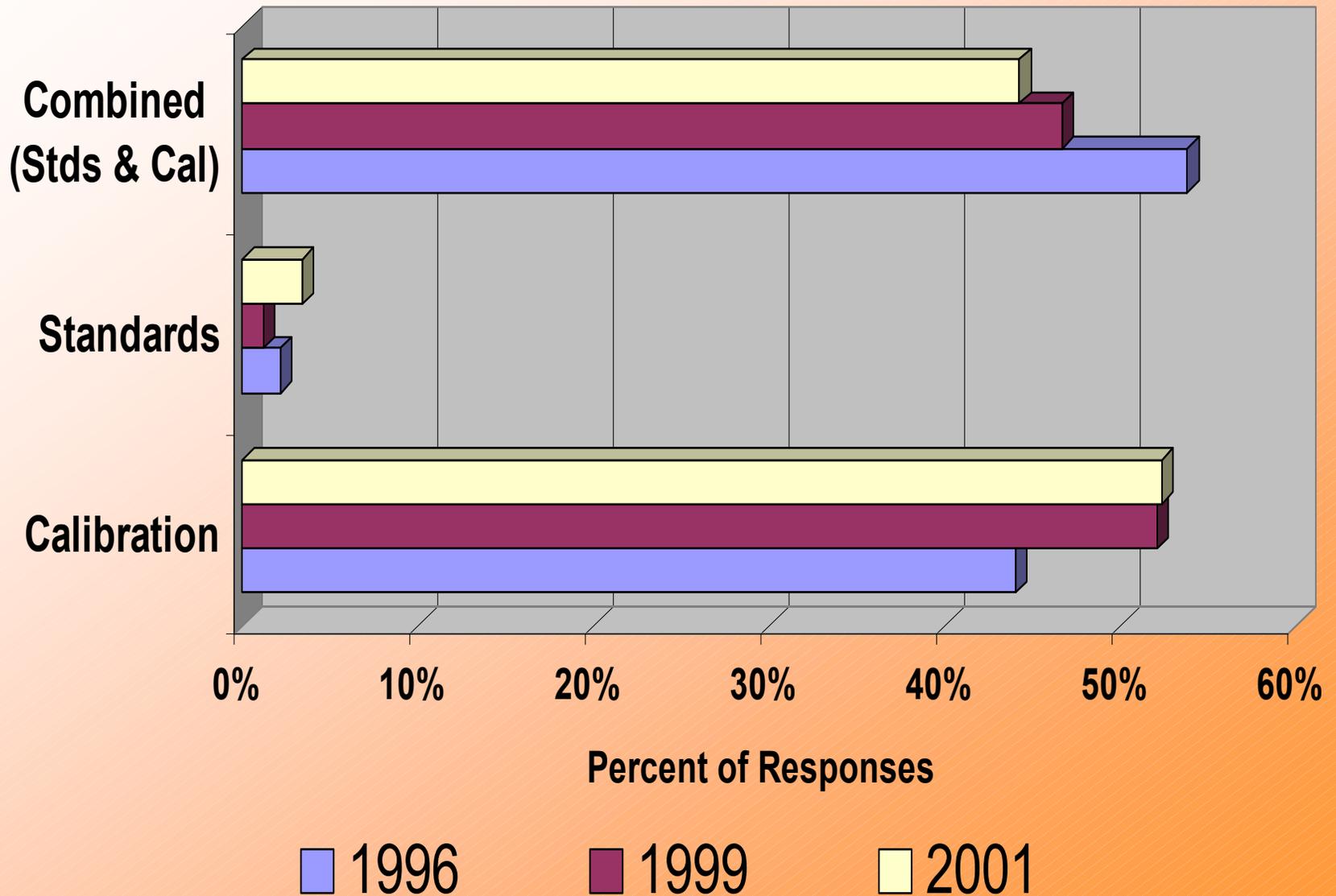
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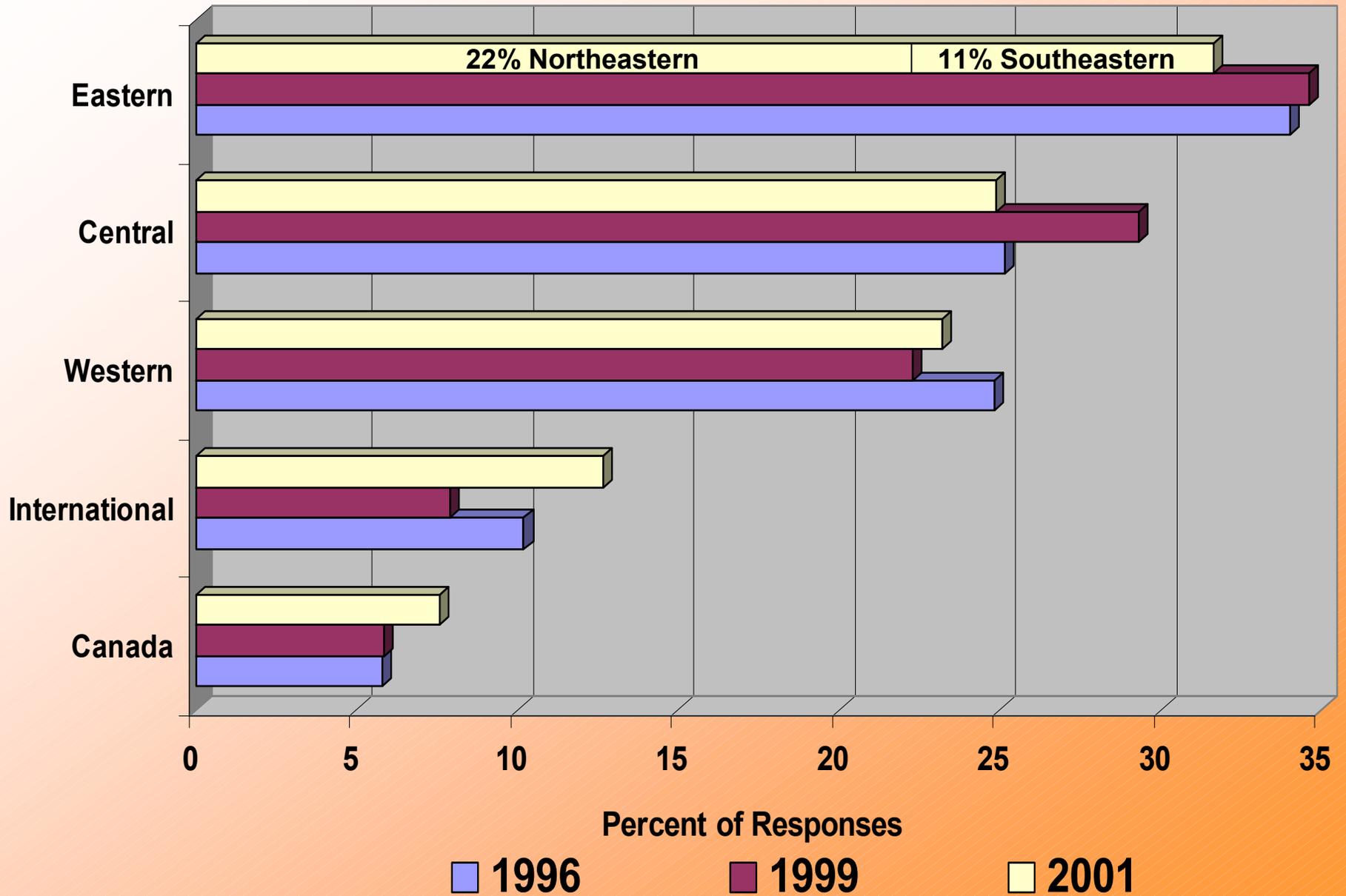
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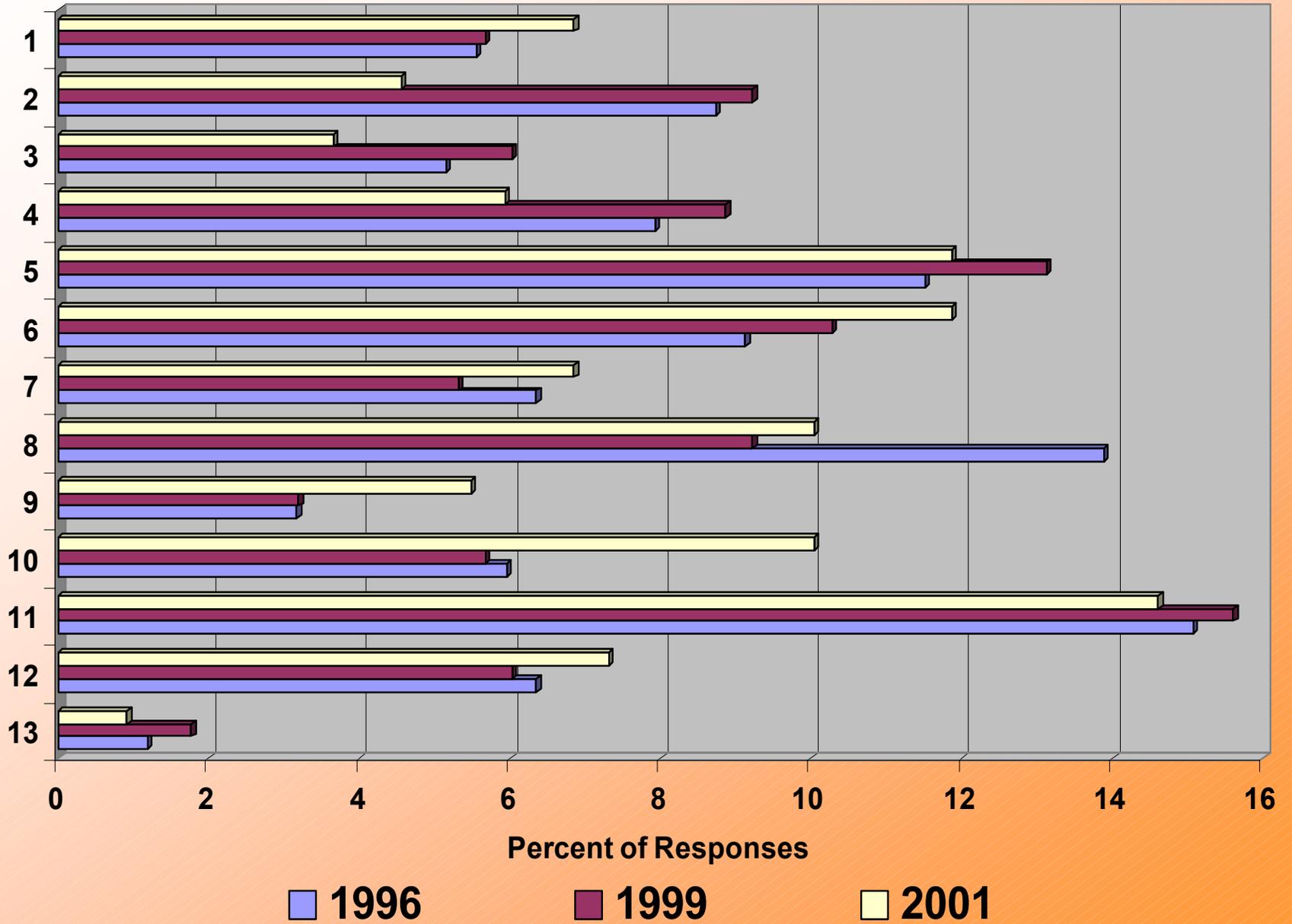
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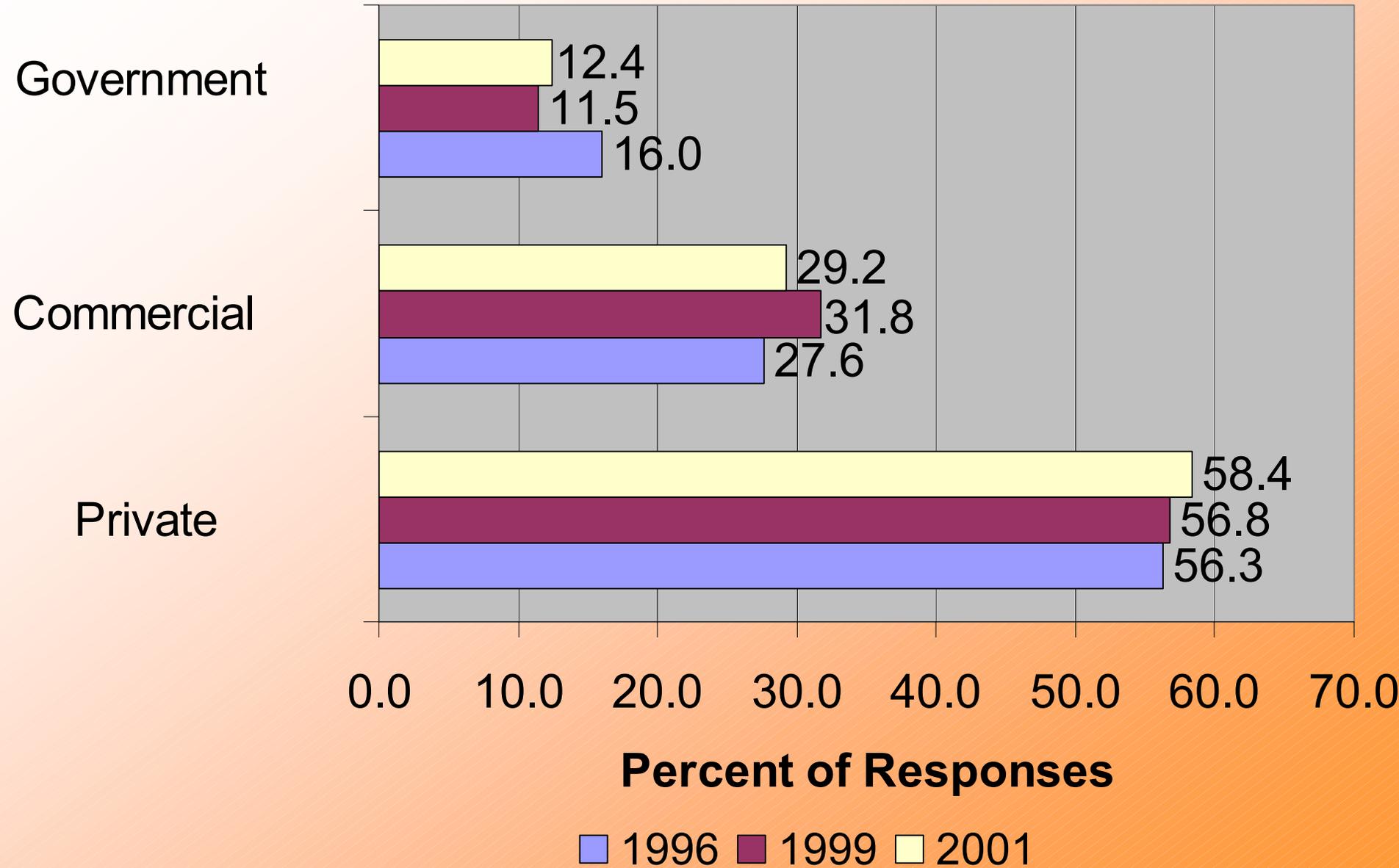
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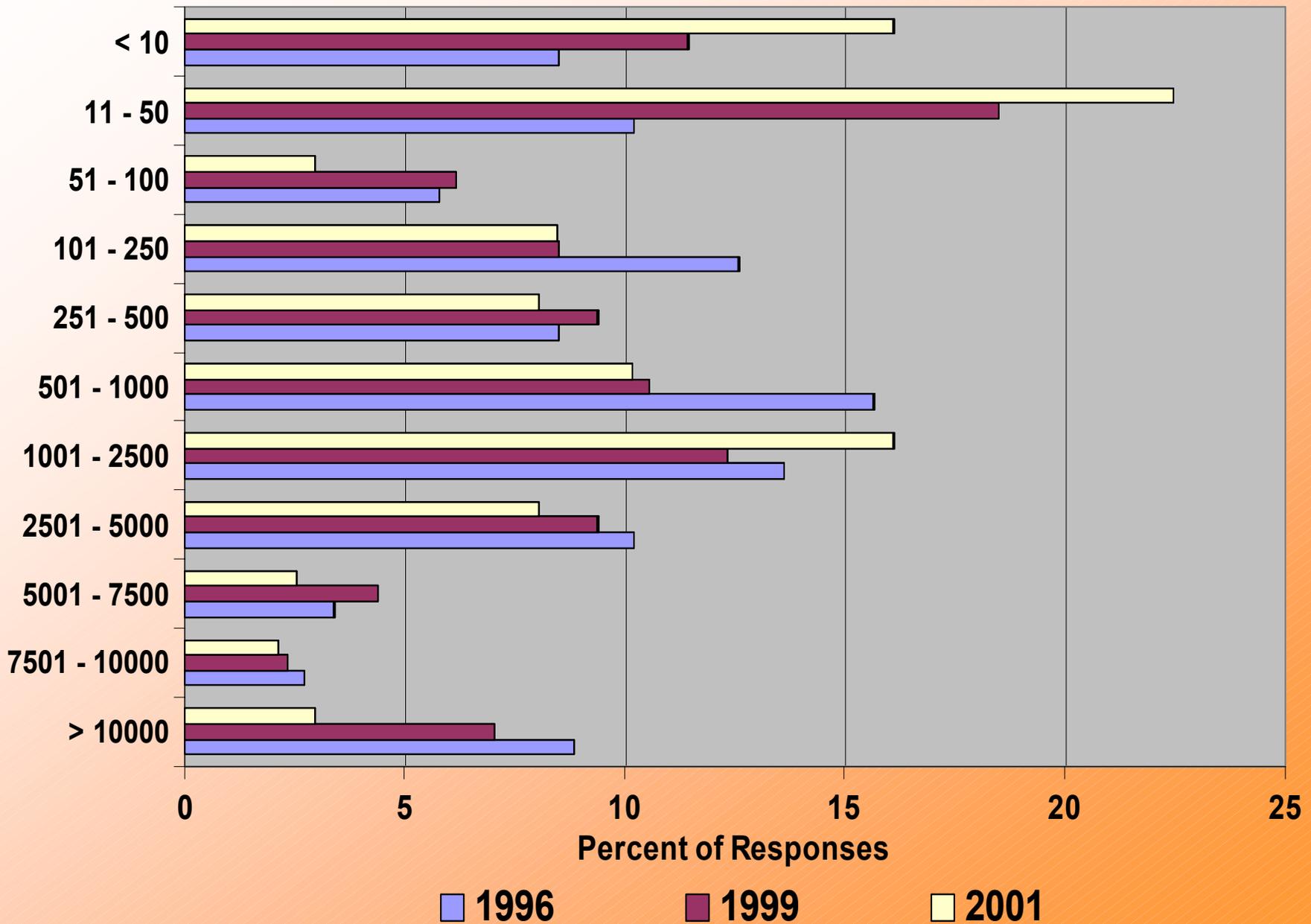
# Region



# Lab Type



# Employees at Site

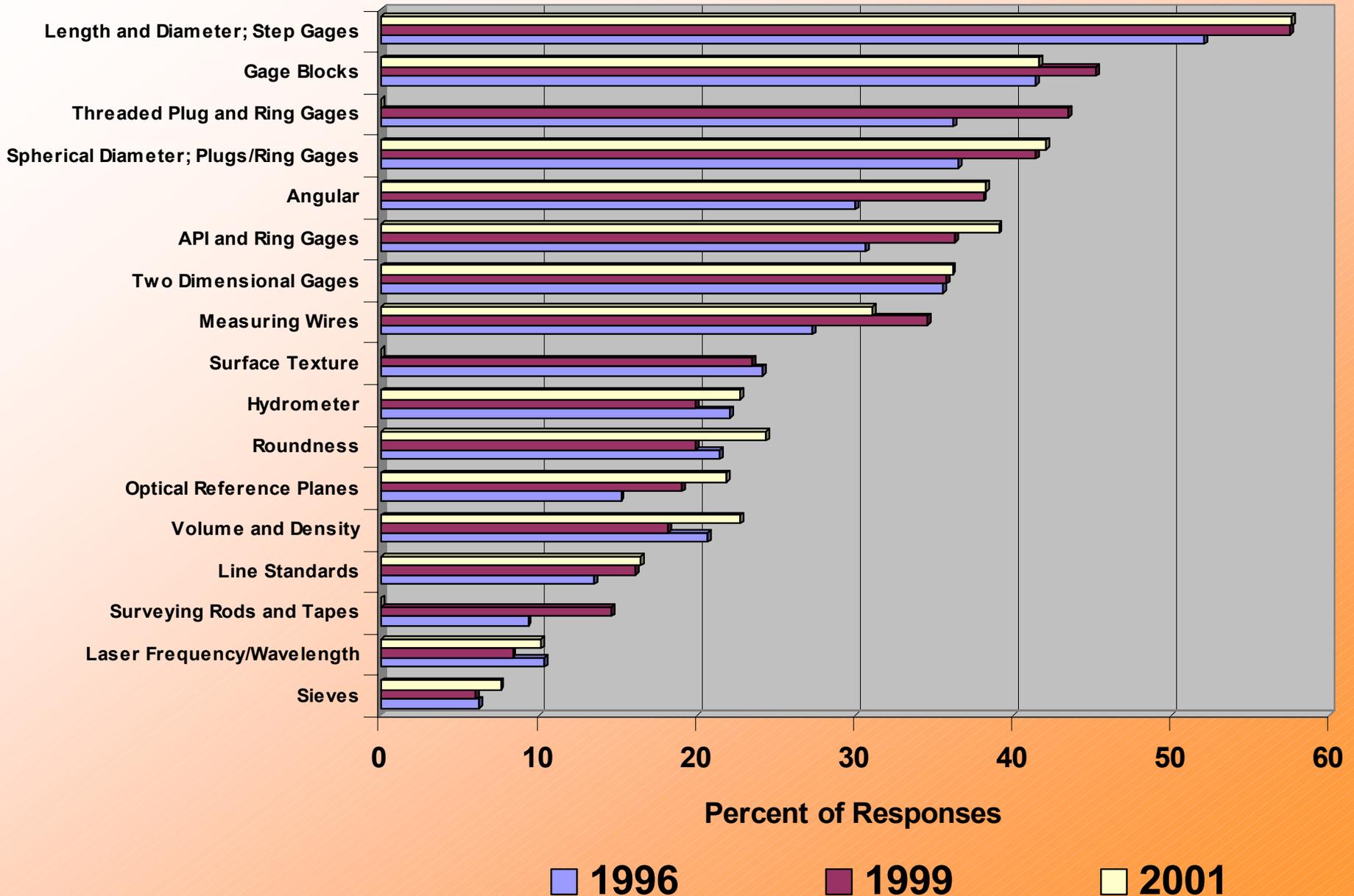




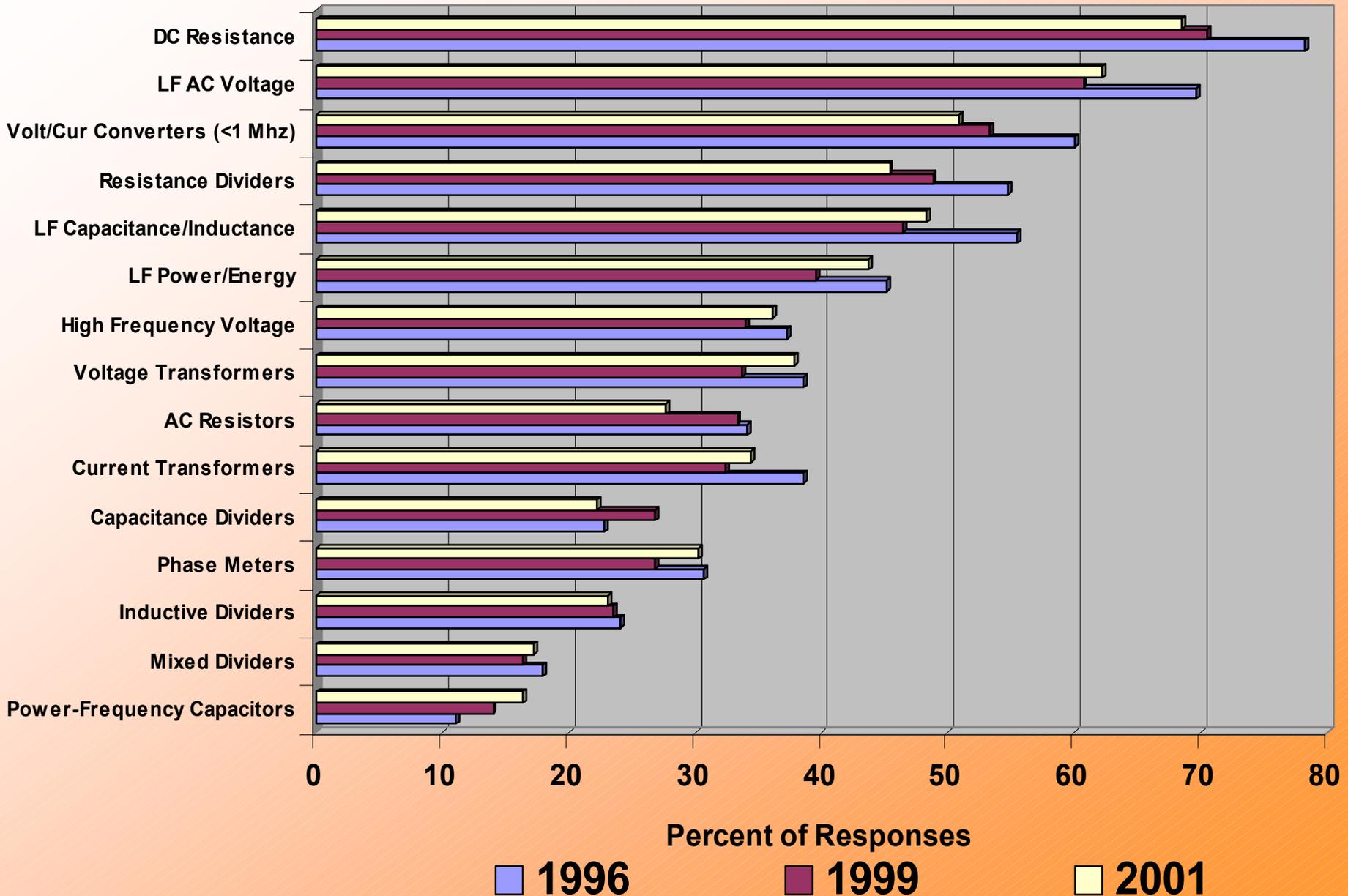
# Section B: Lab Capabilities

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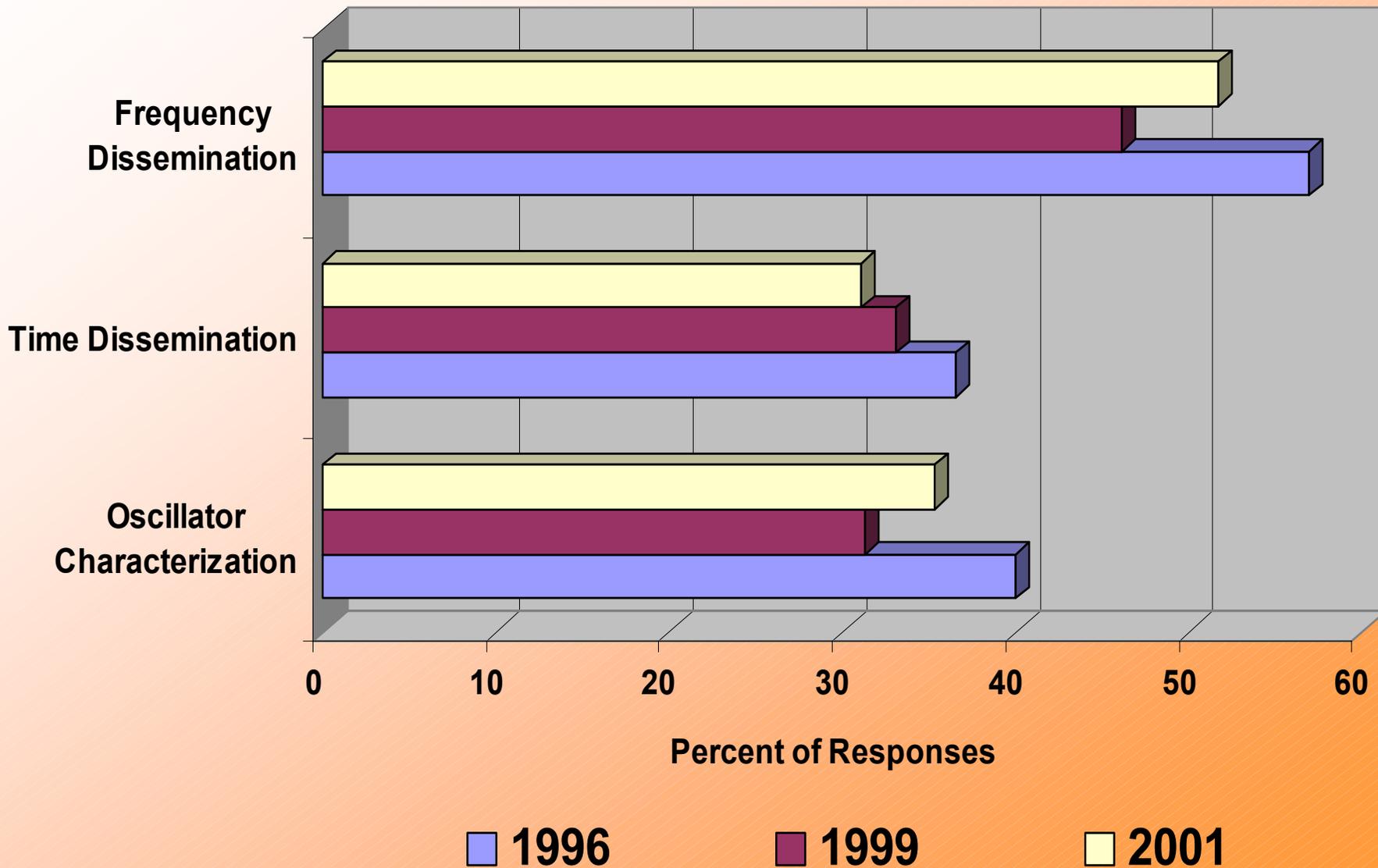
# Dimensional Capabilities



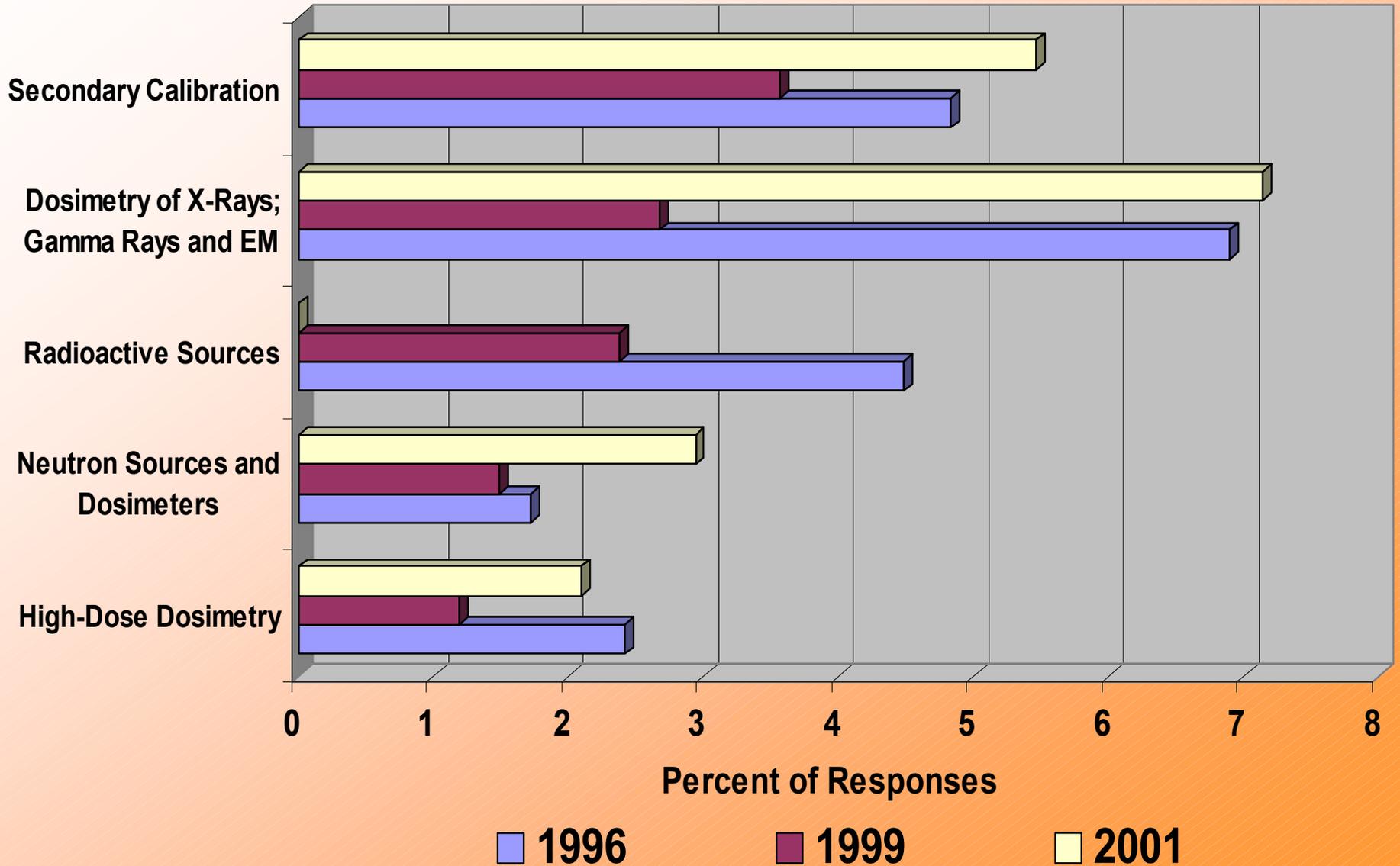
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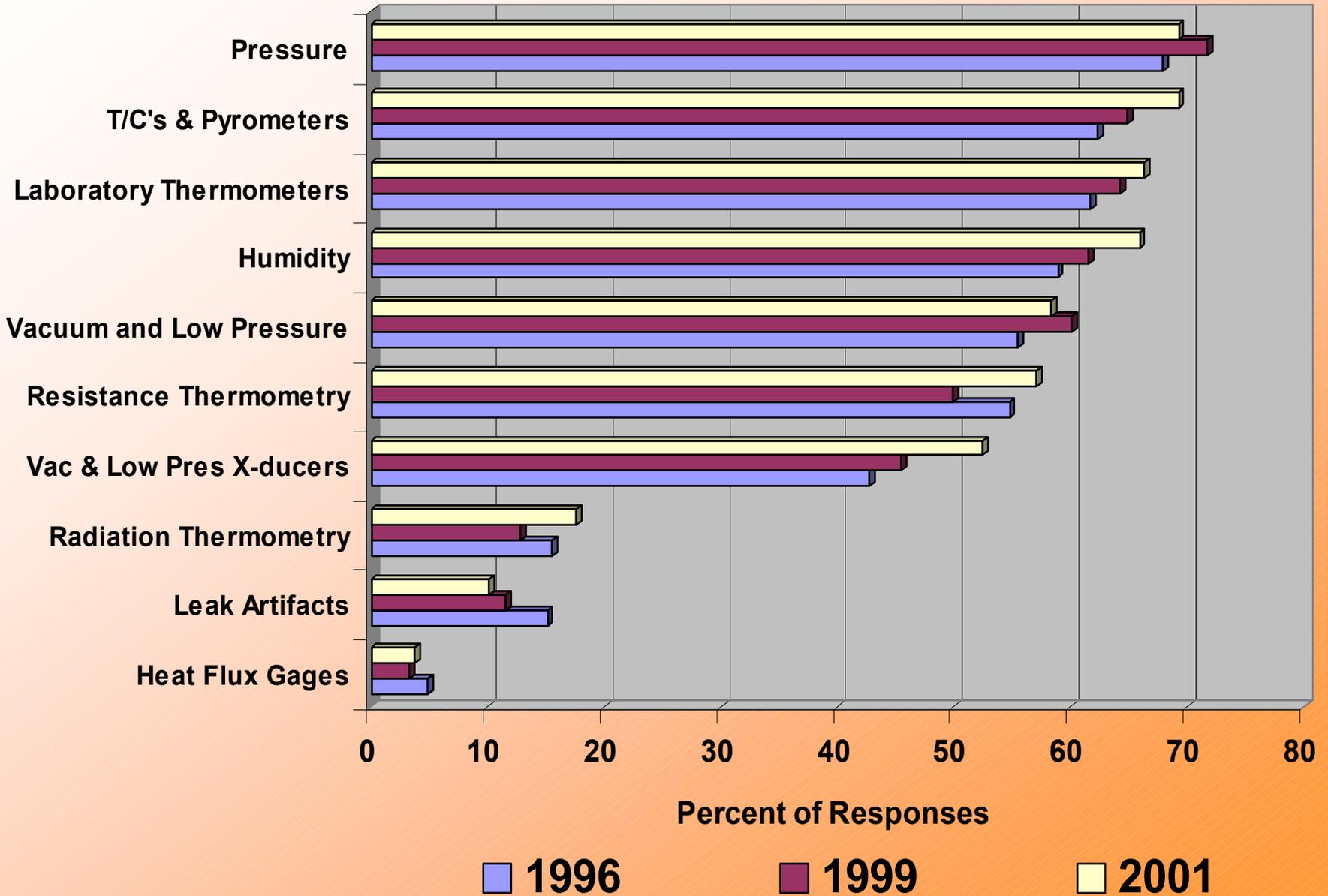
# Time & Frequency Capabilities



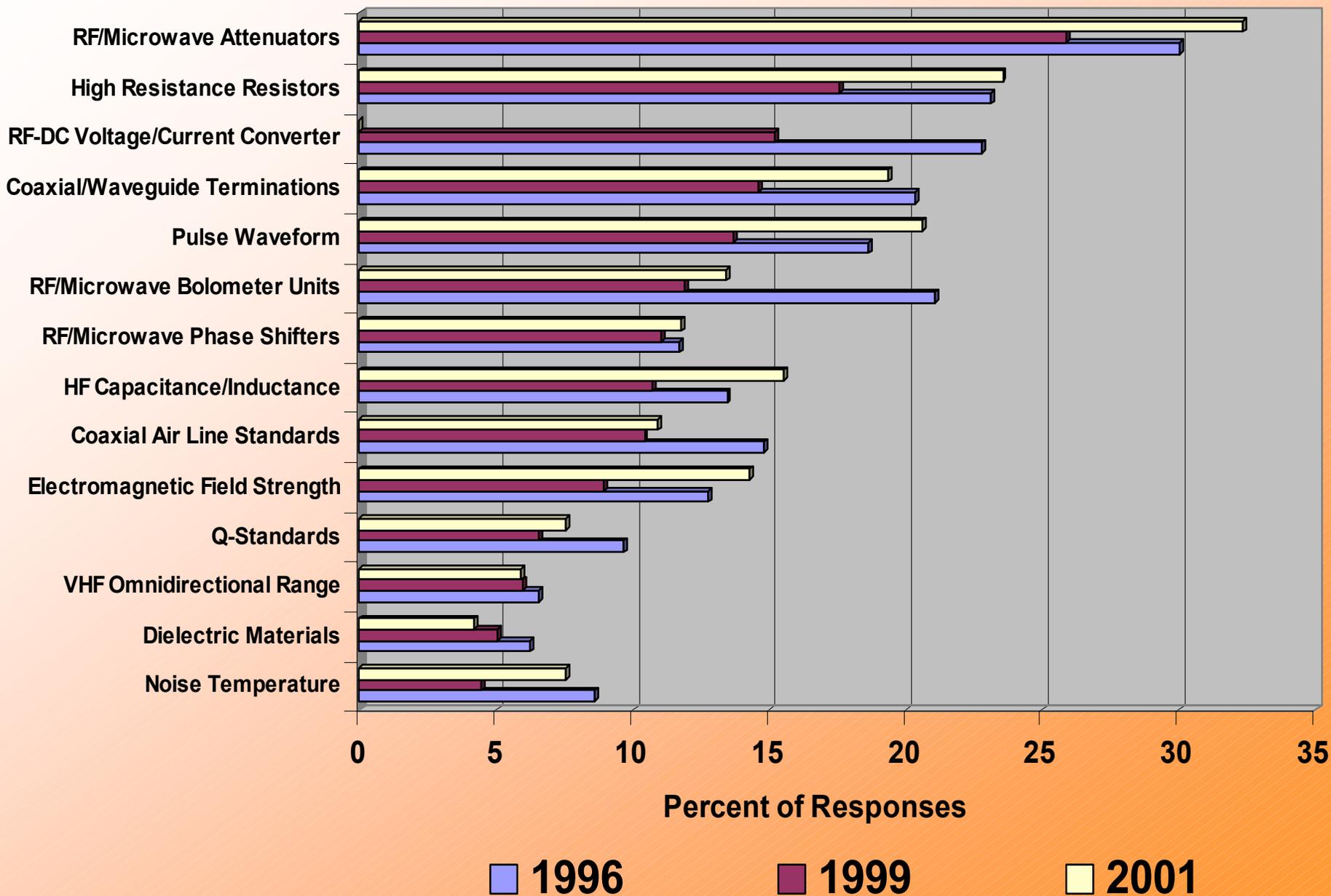
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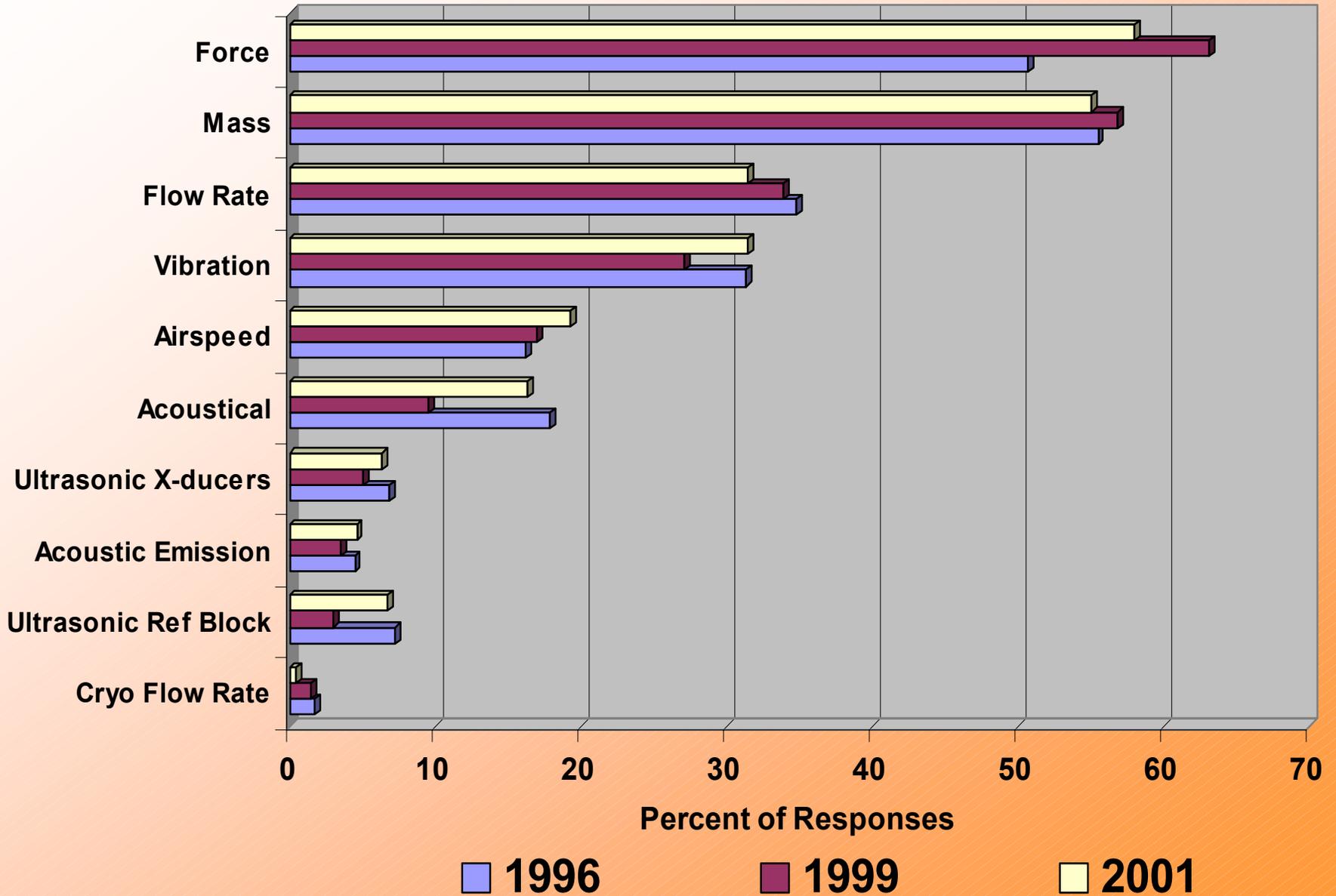
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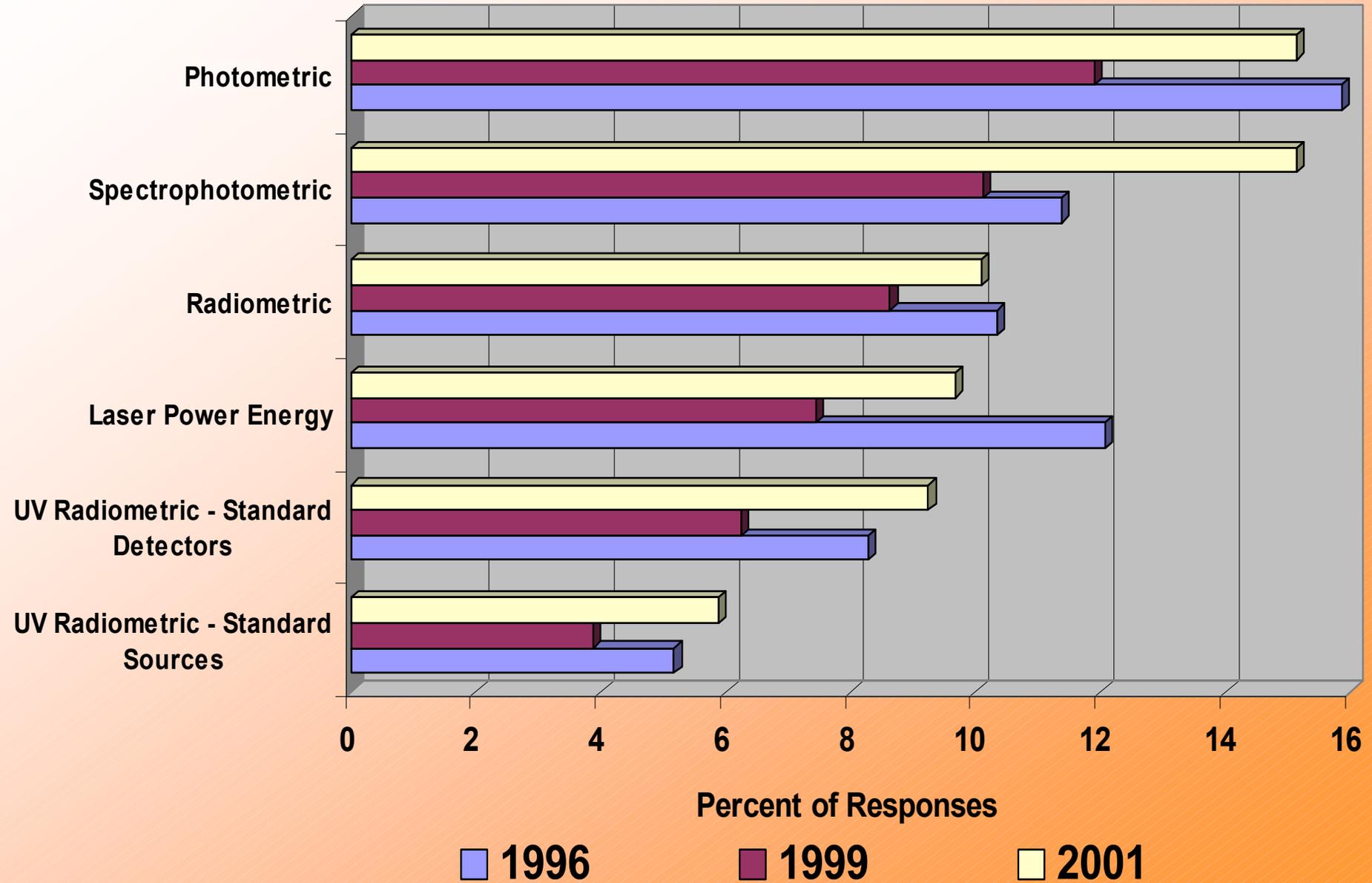
# EM - RF/High Frequency Capabilities



# Mechanical Capabilities



# Optical Radiation Capabilities

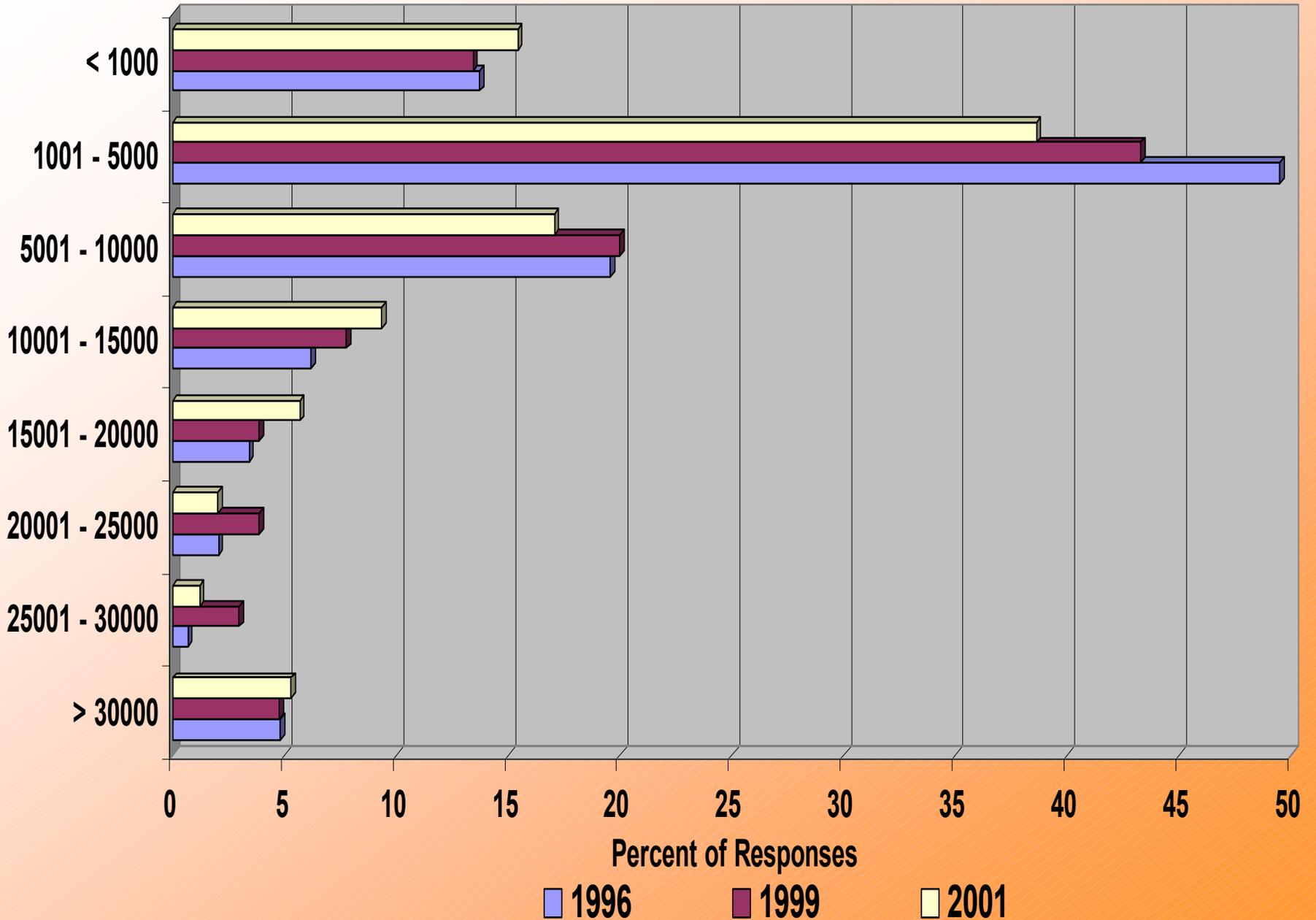




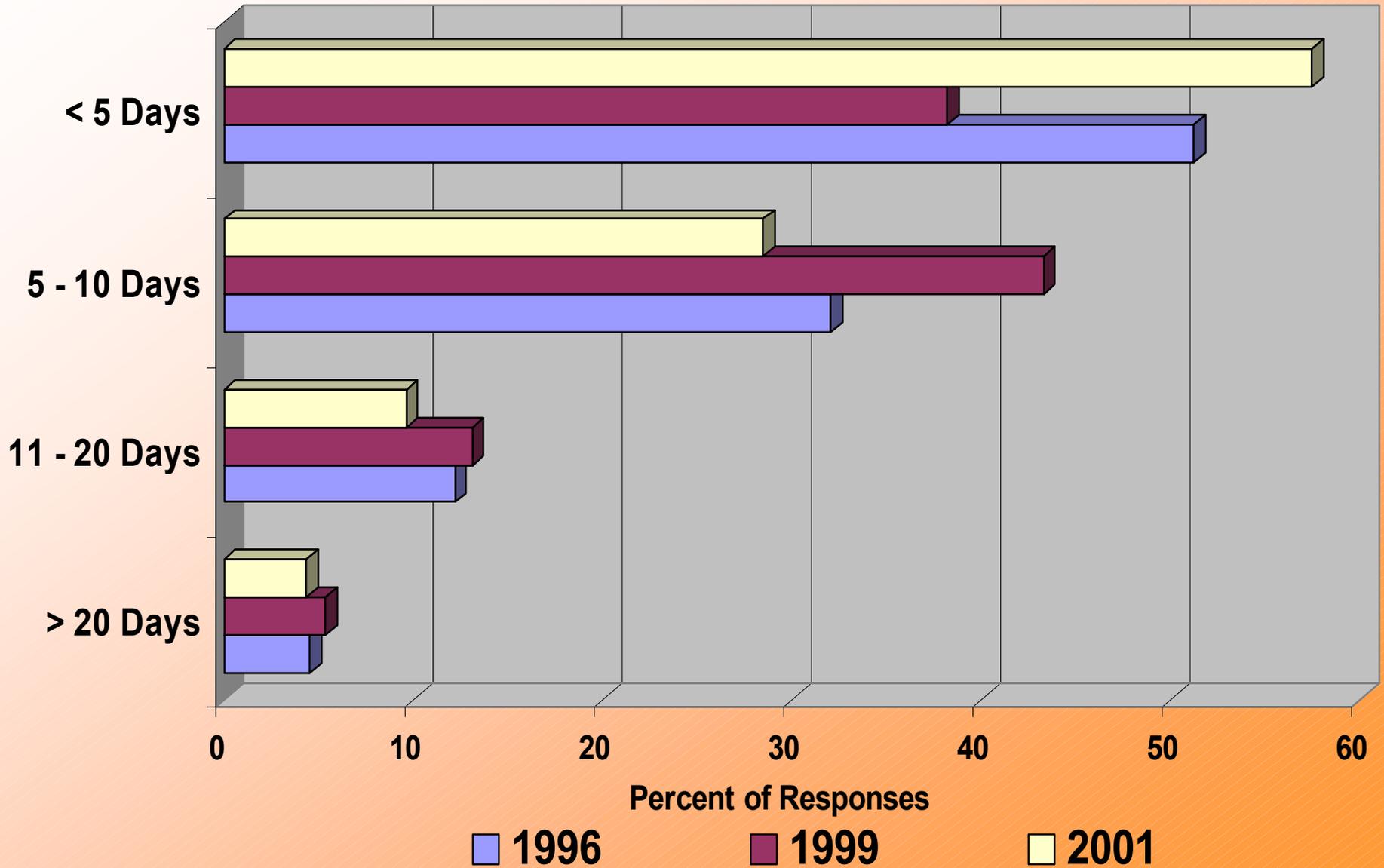
# Section C: Productivity

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# Calibrations Per Year



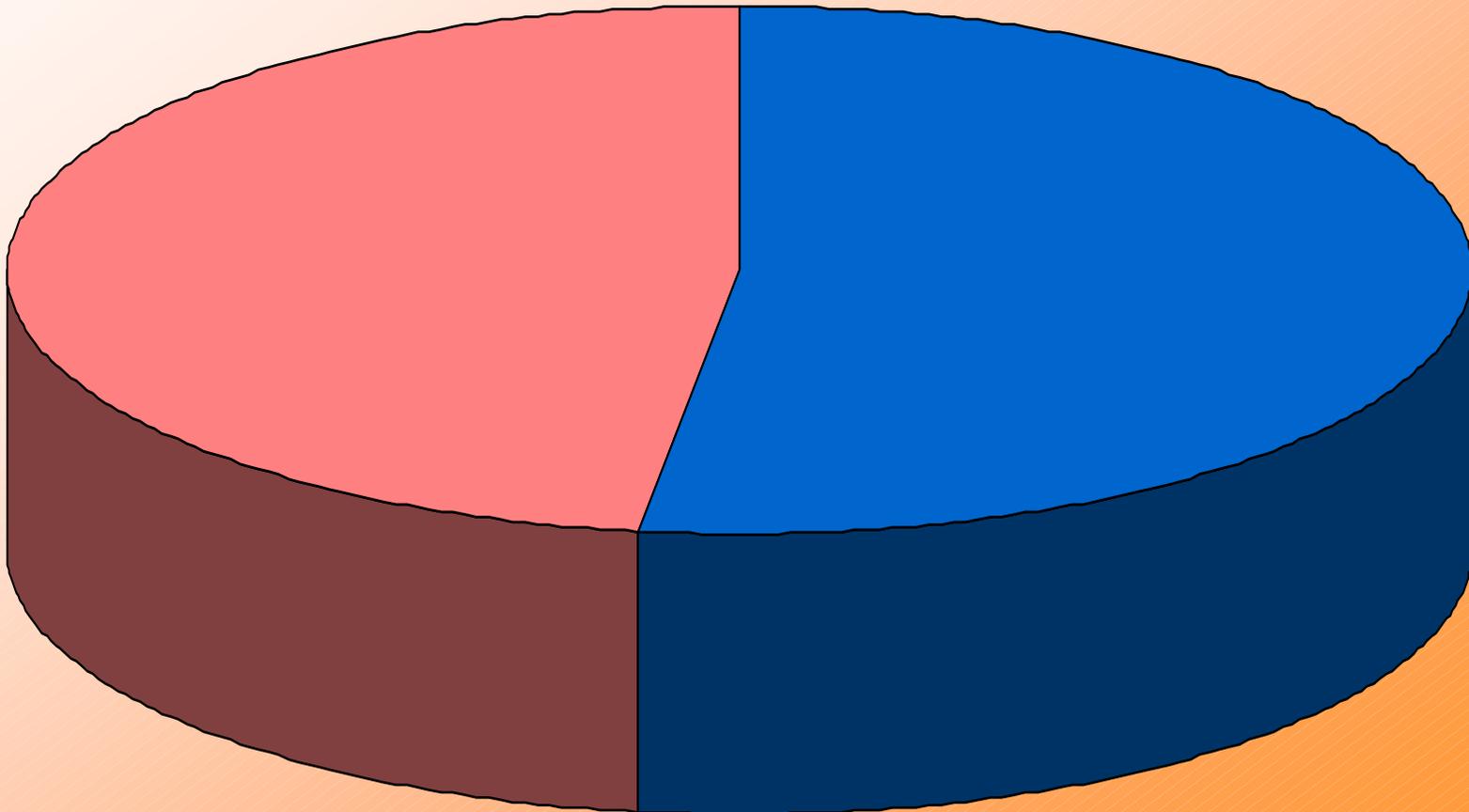
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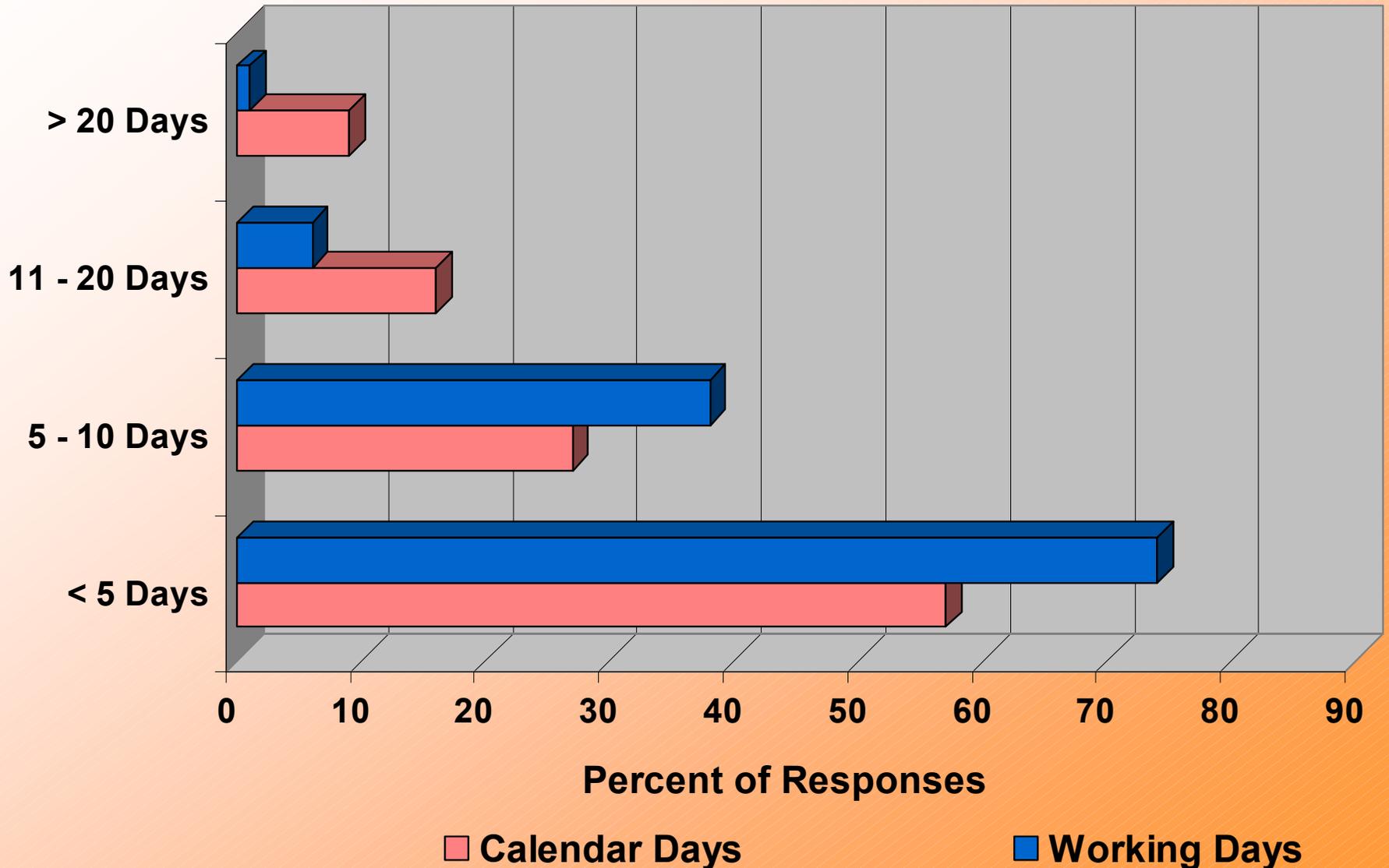
# Day Type Used in Cycle Time

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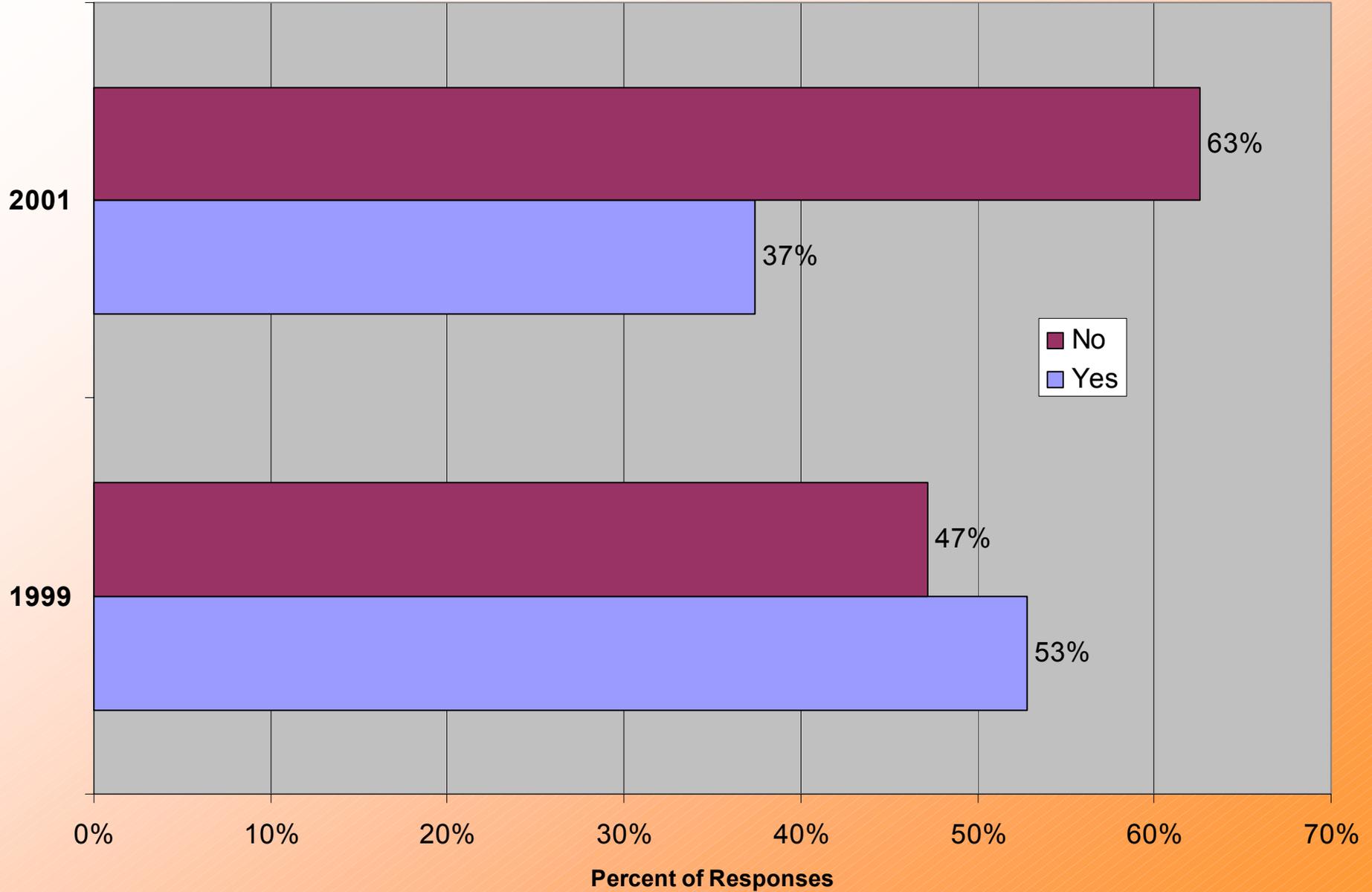
**Working Days**  
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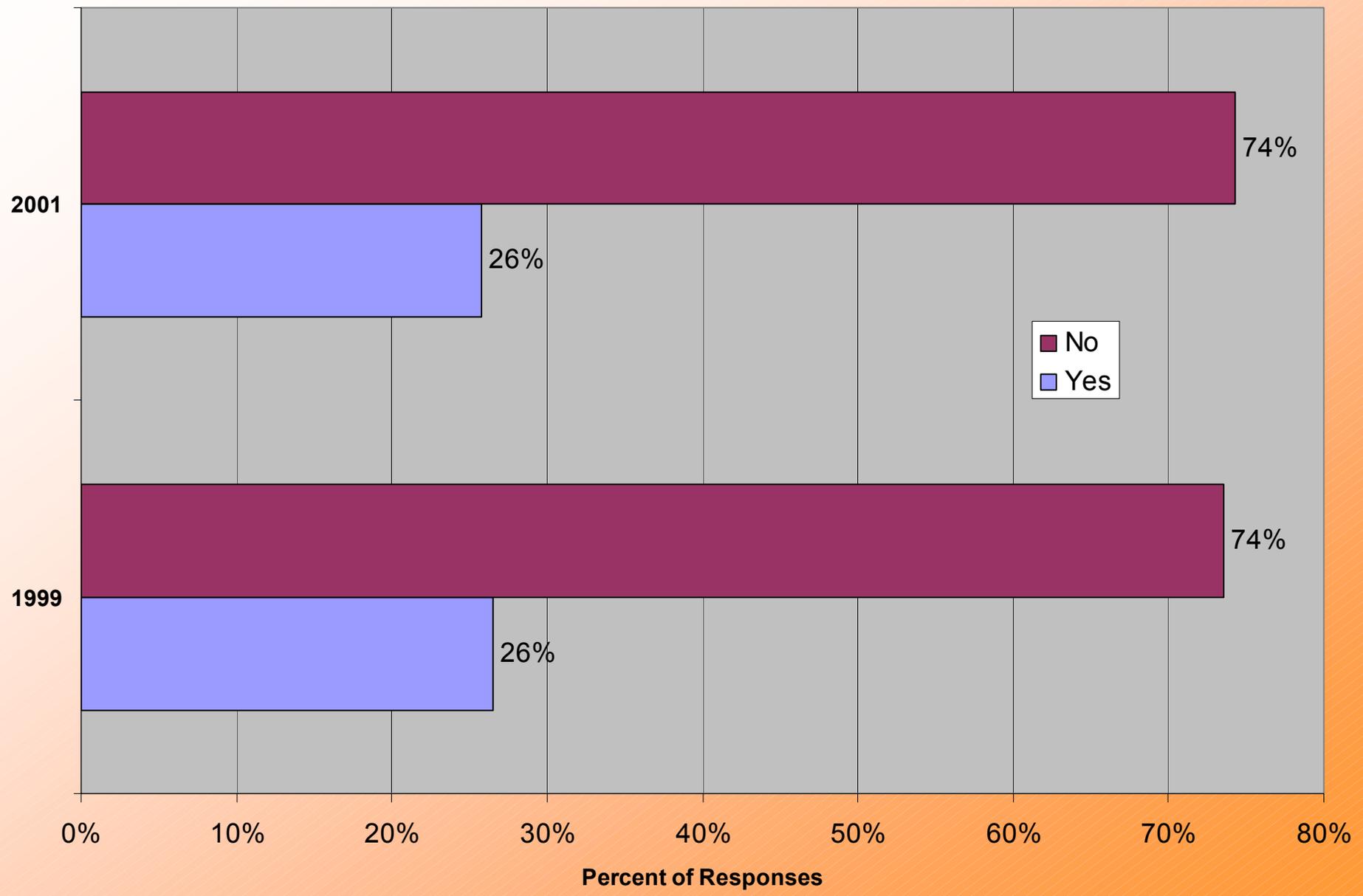
# Cycle Time vs. Day Type



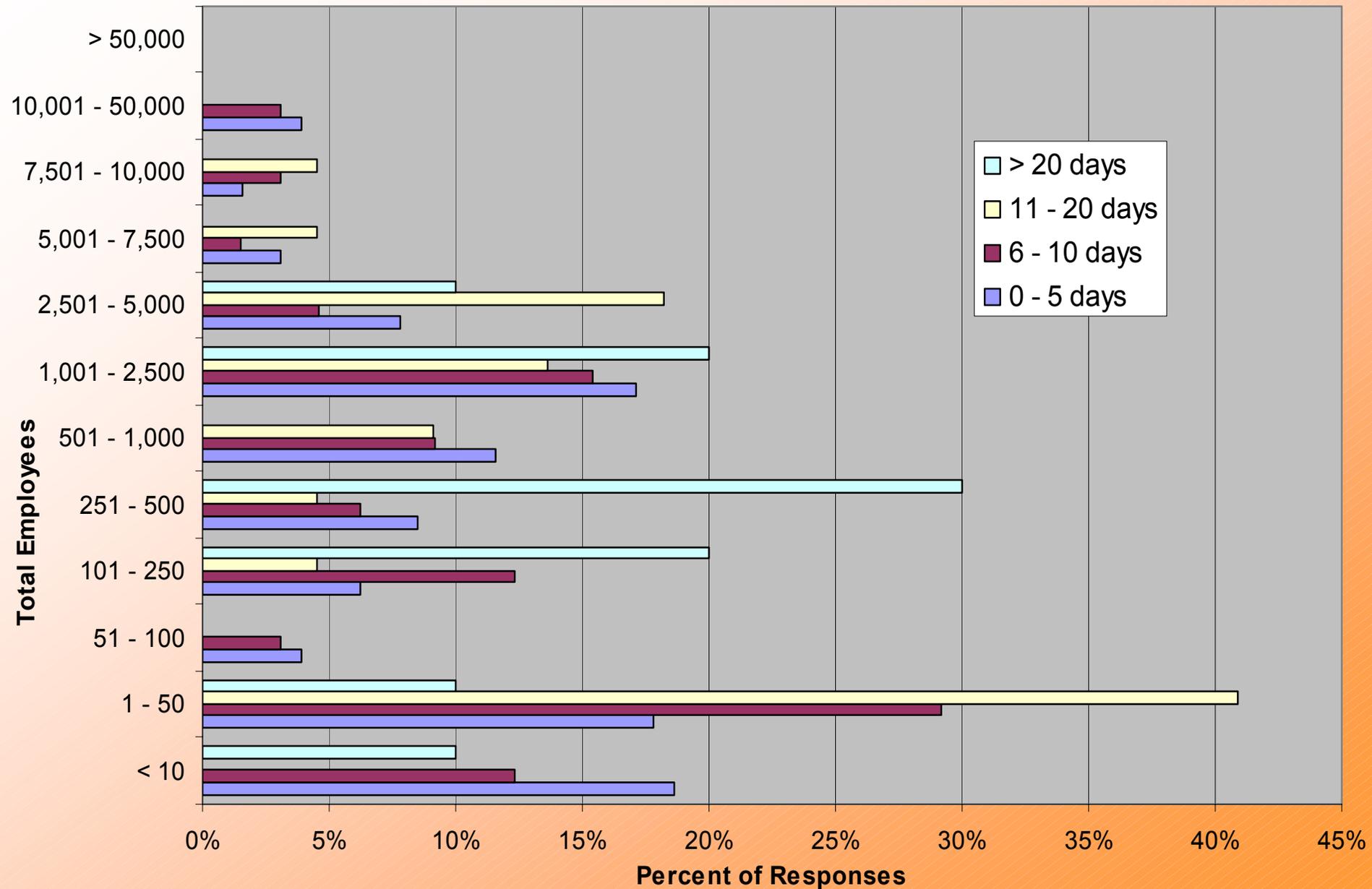
# Repairs Included in Cycle Time?



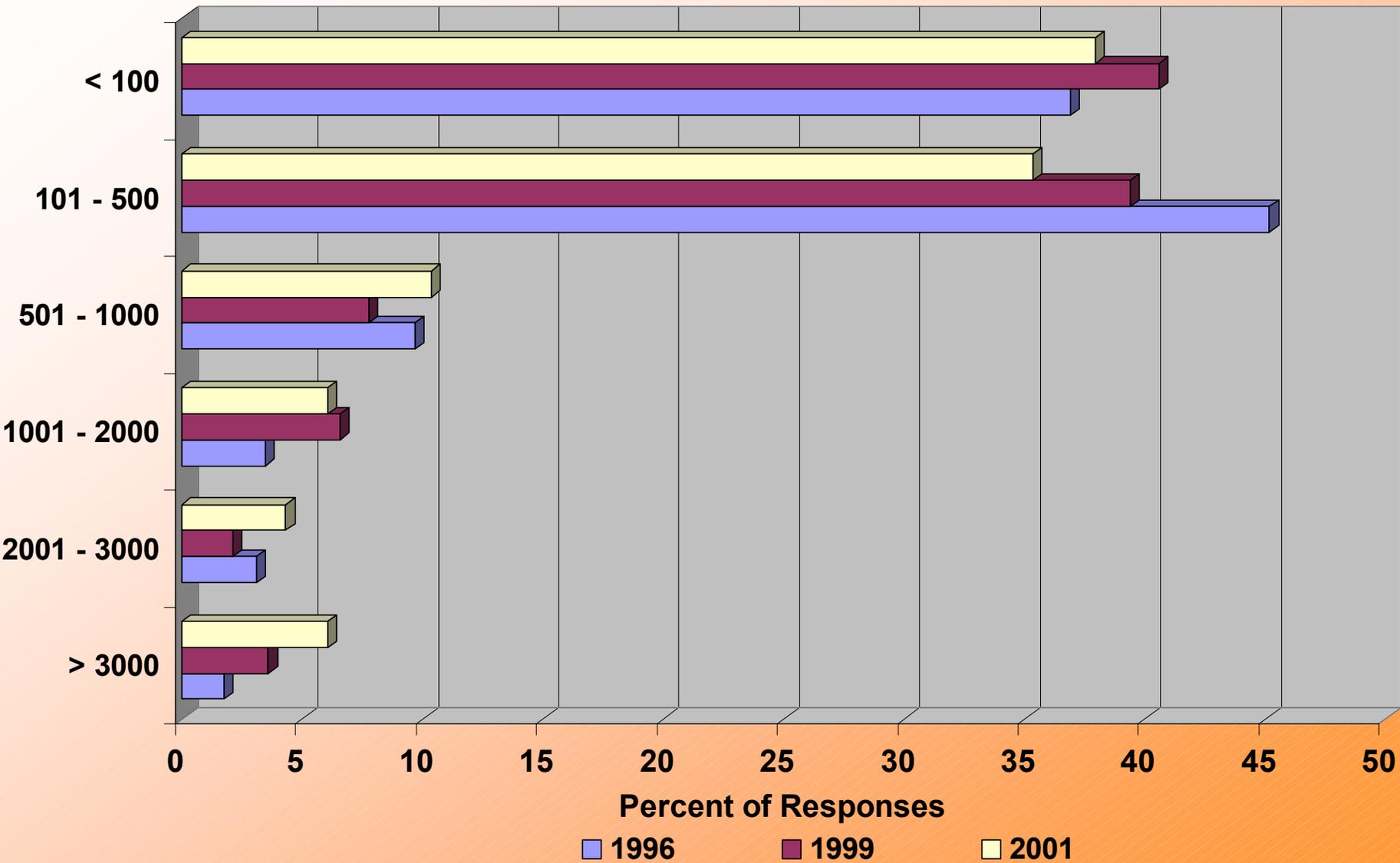
# Vendor/Supplier Outsourced Work Included in Cycle Time?



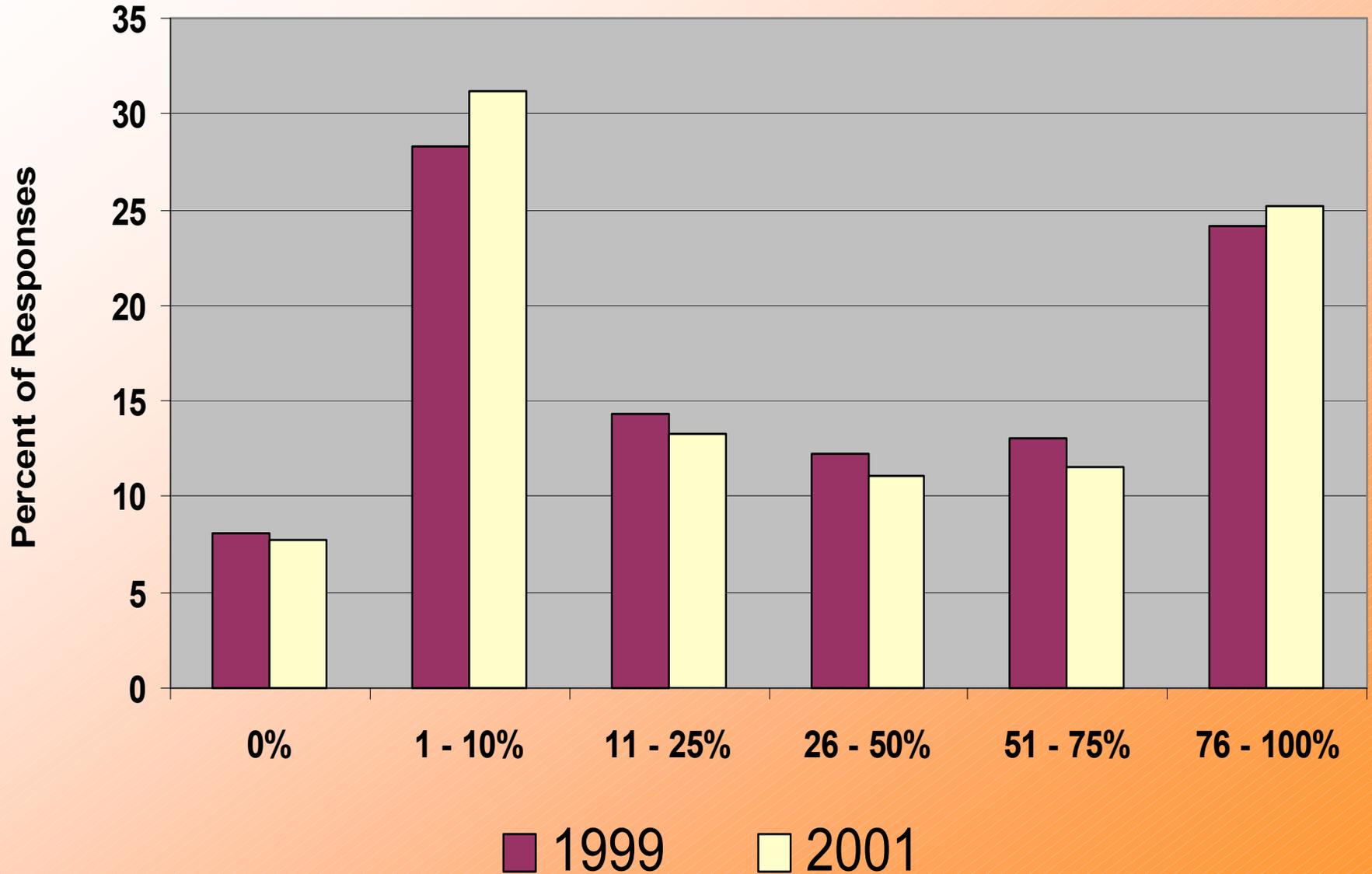
# Cycle Time vs. Company Size



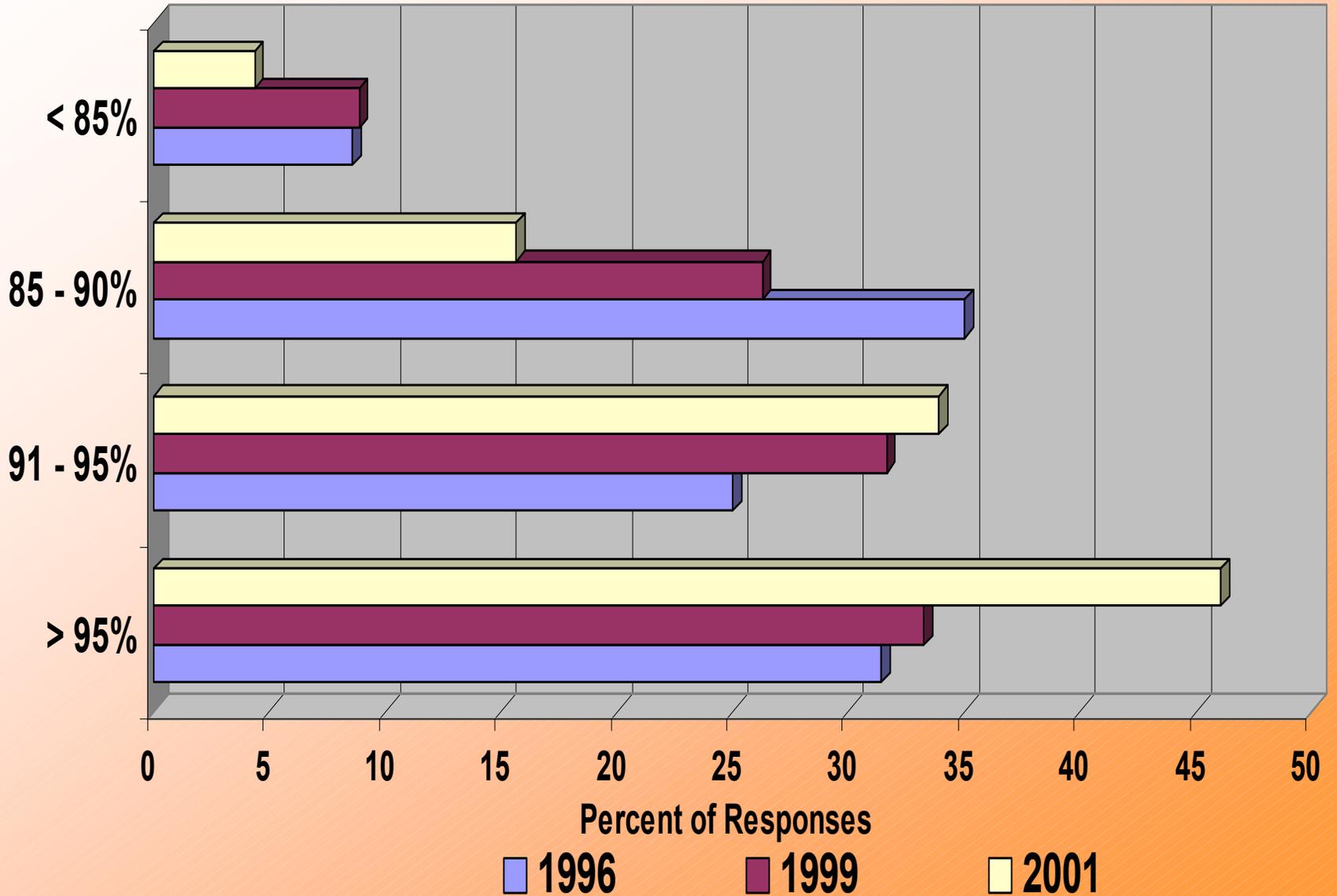
# Active Items



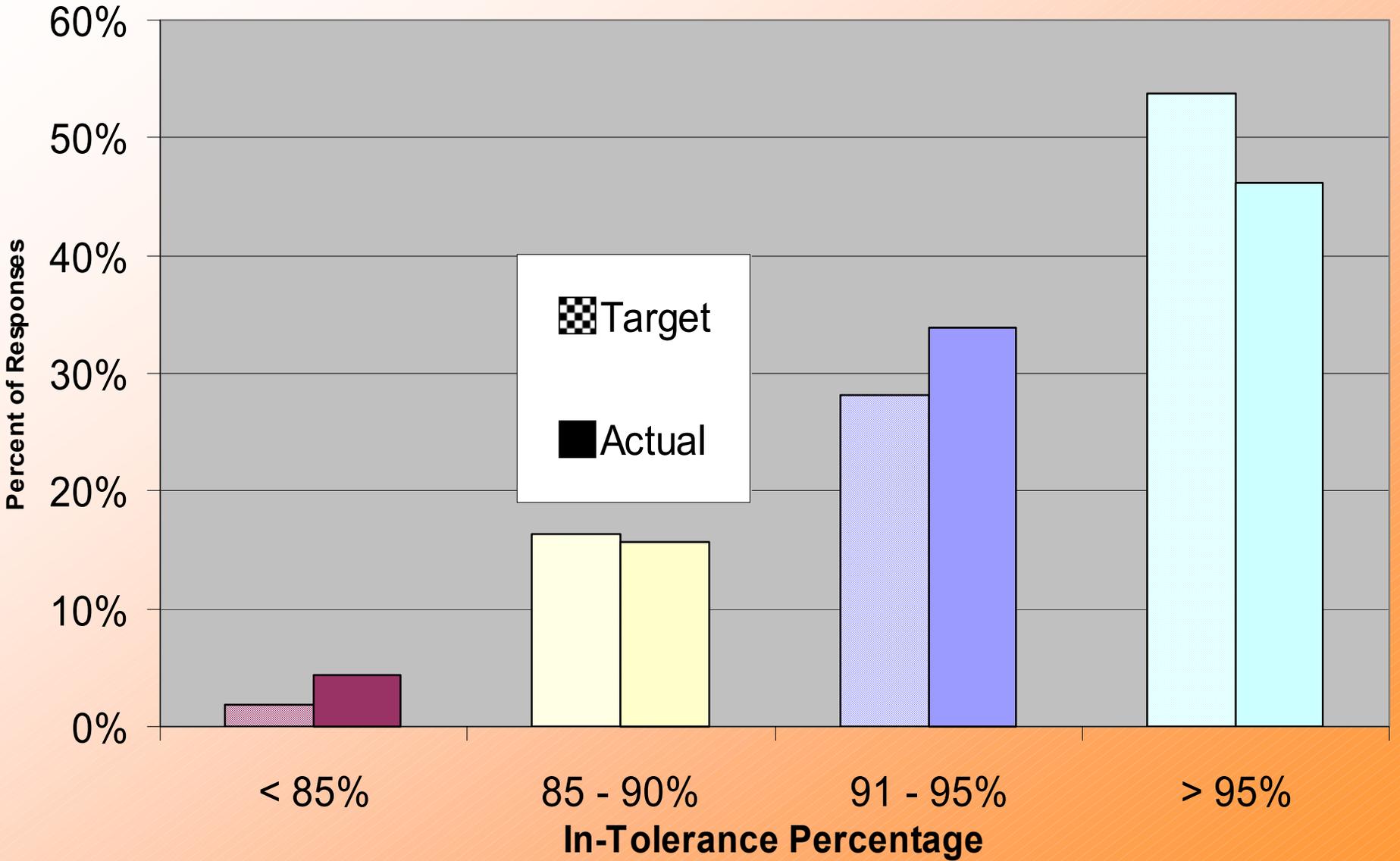
# On-Site / In-Situ Calibrations



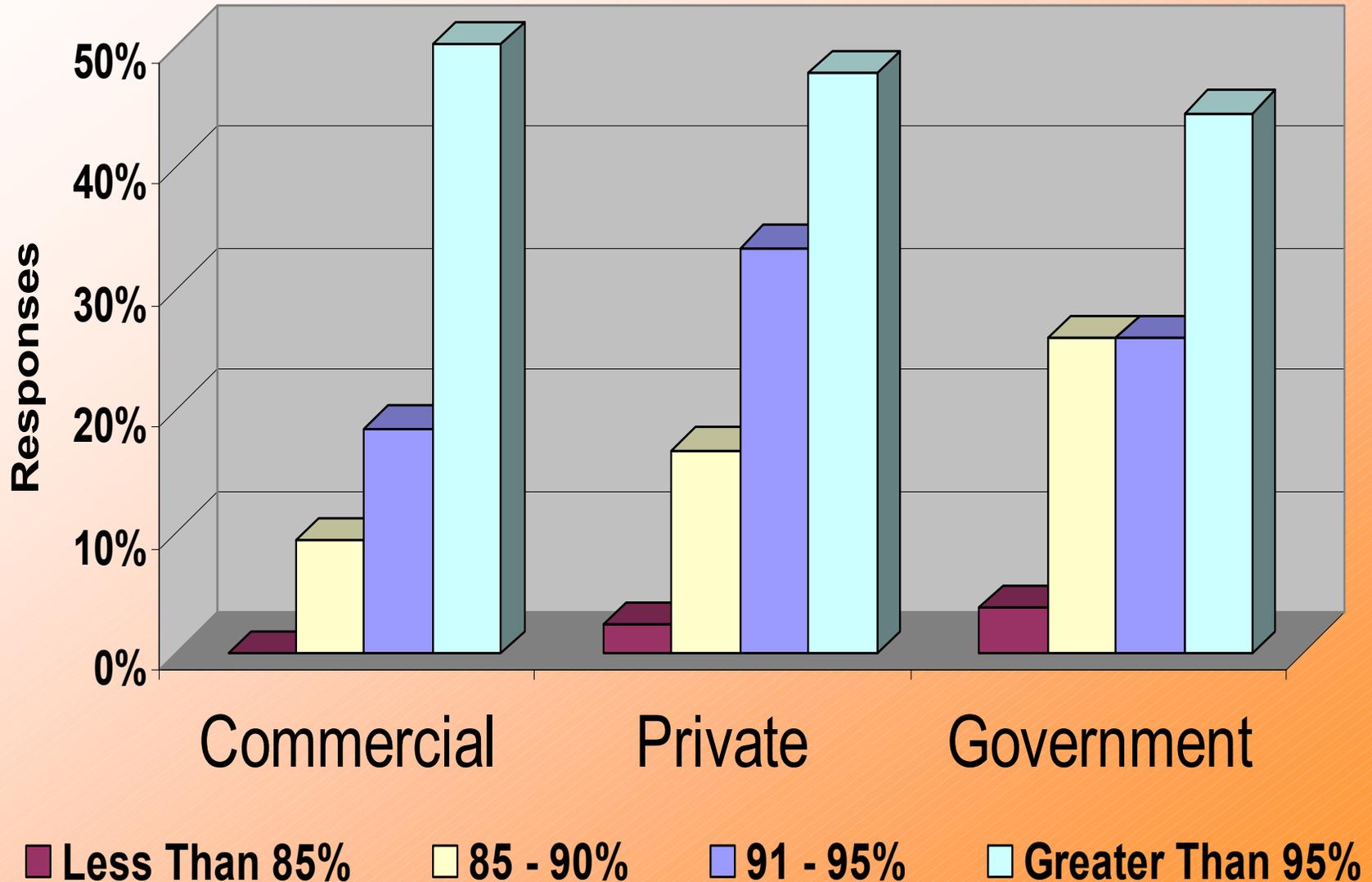
# Actual In-Tolerance



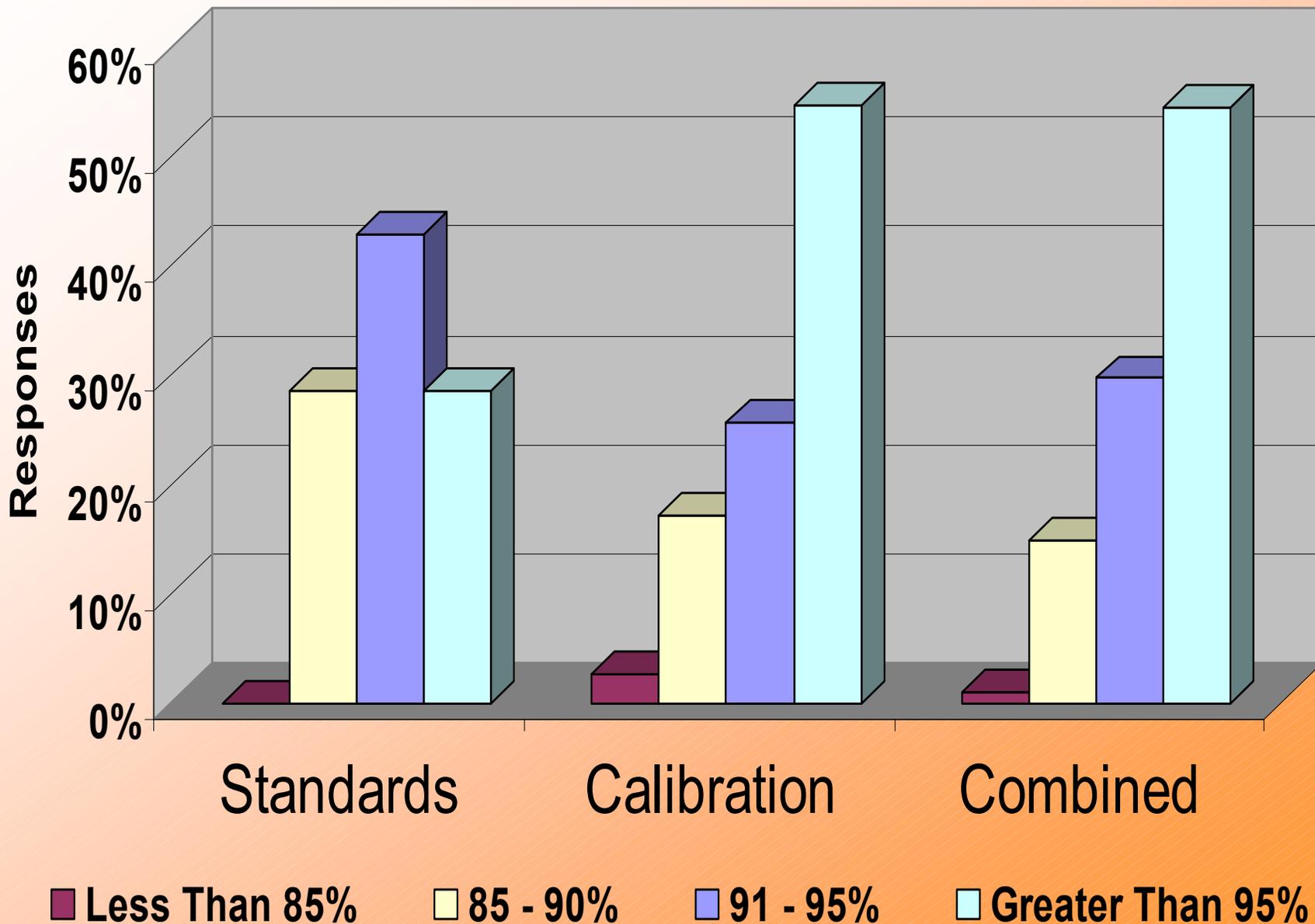
# Target vs. Actual In-Tolerance



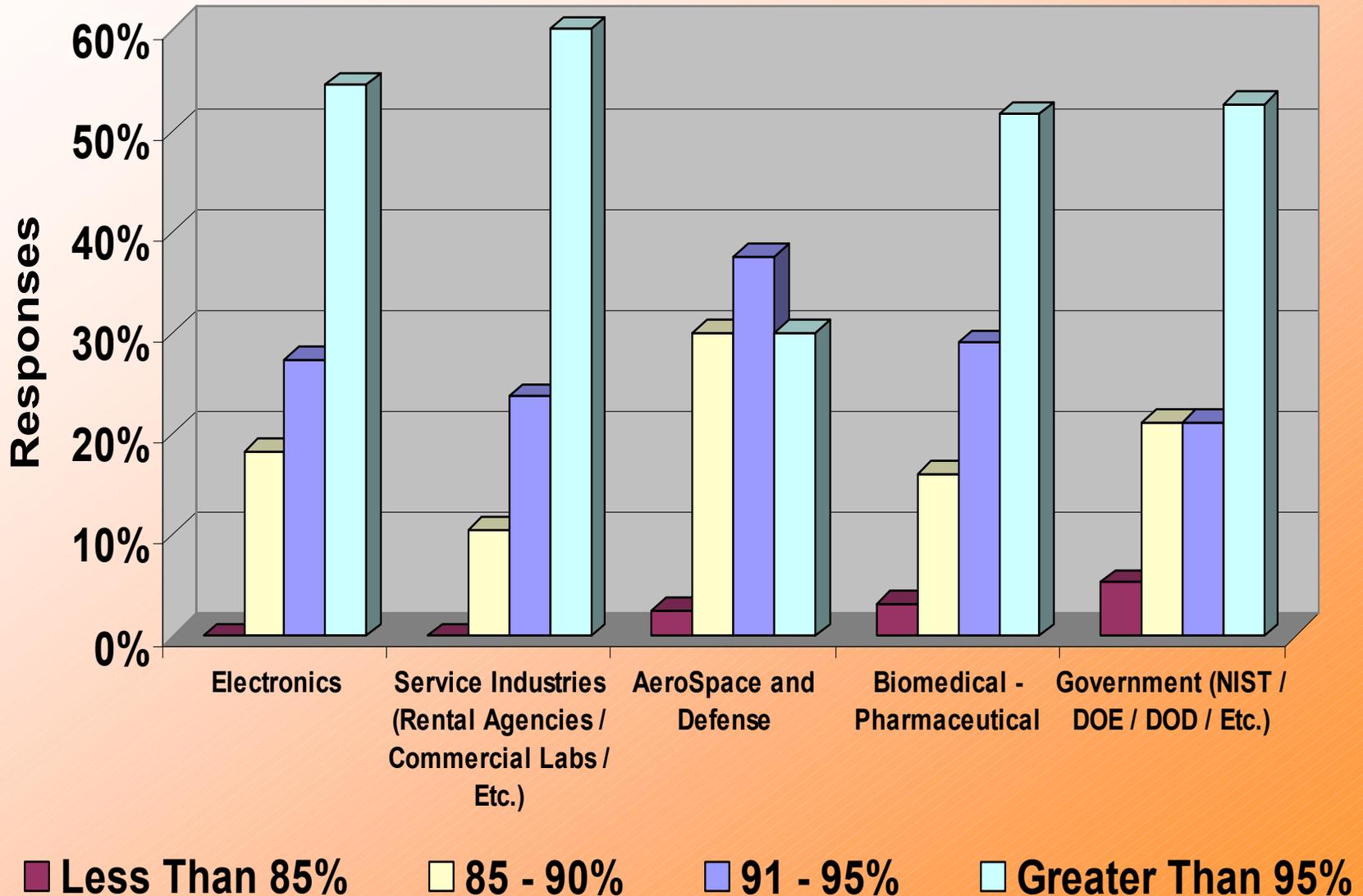
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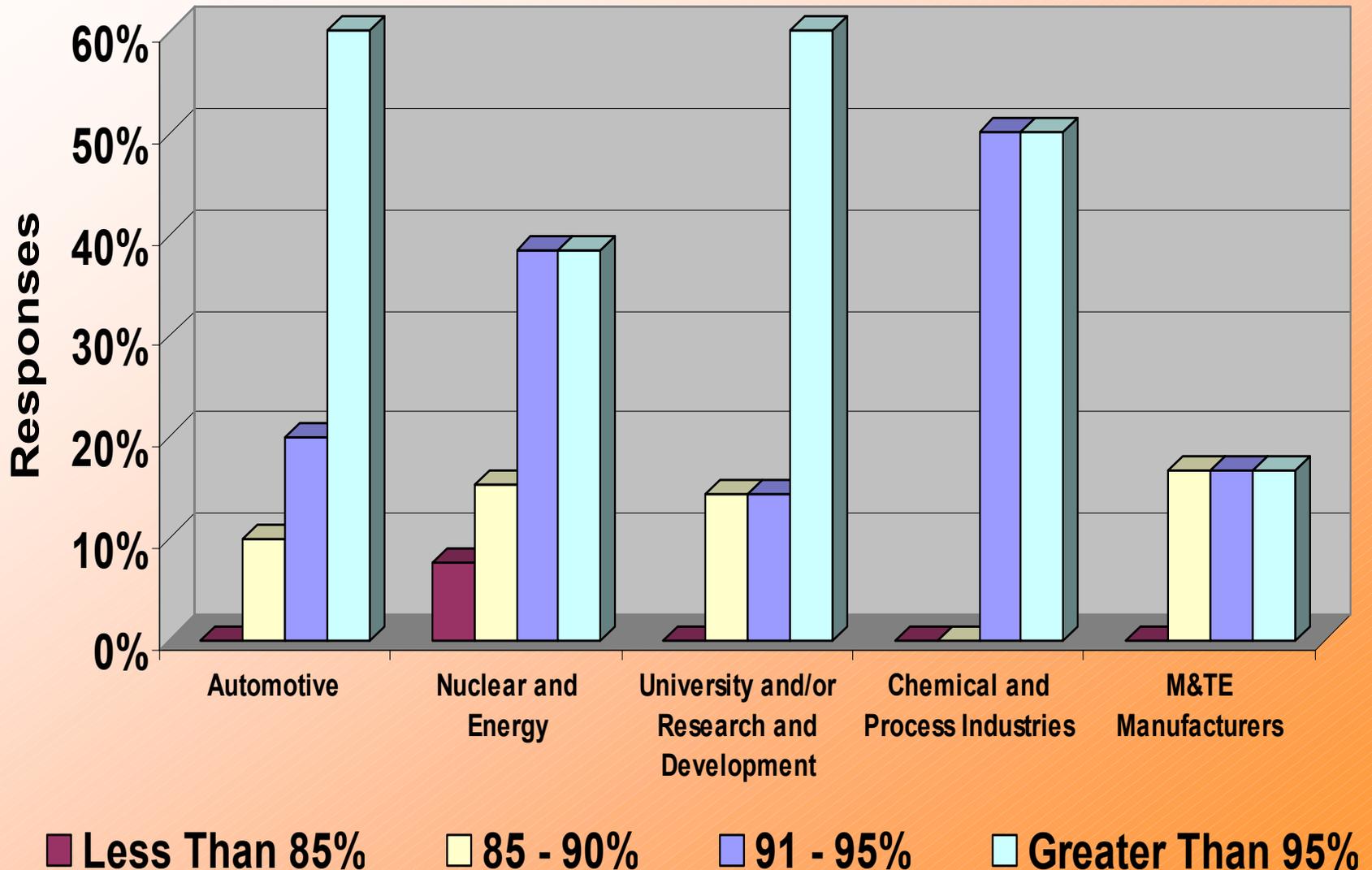
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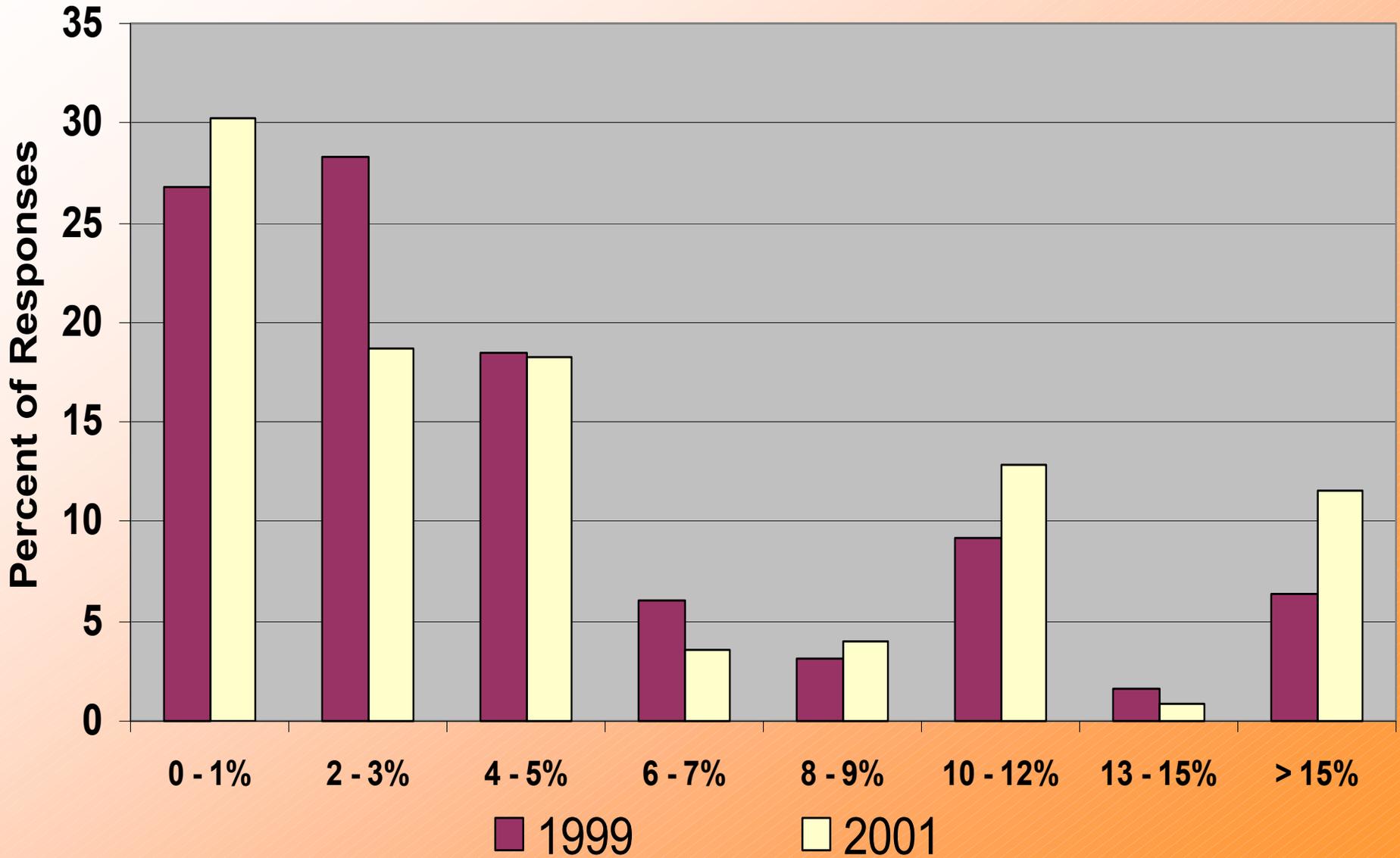
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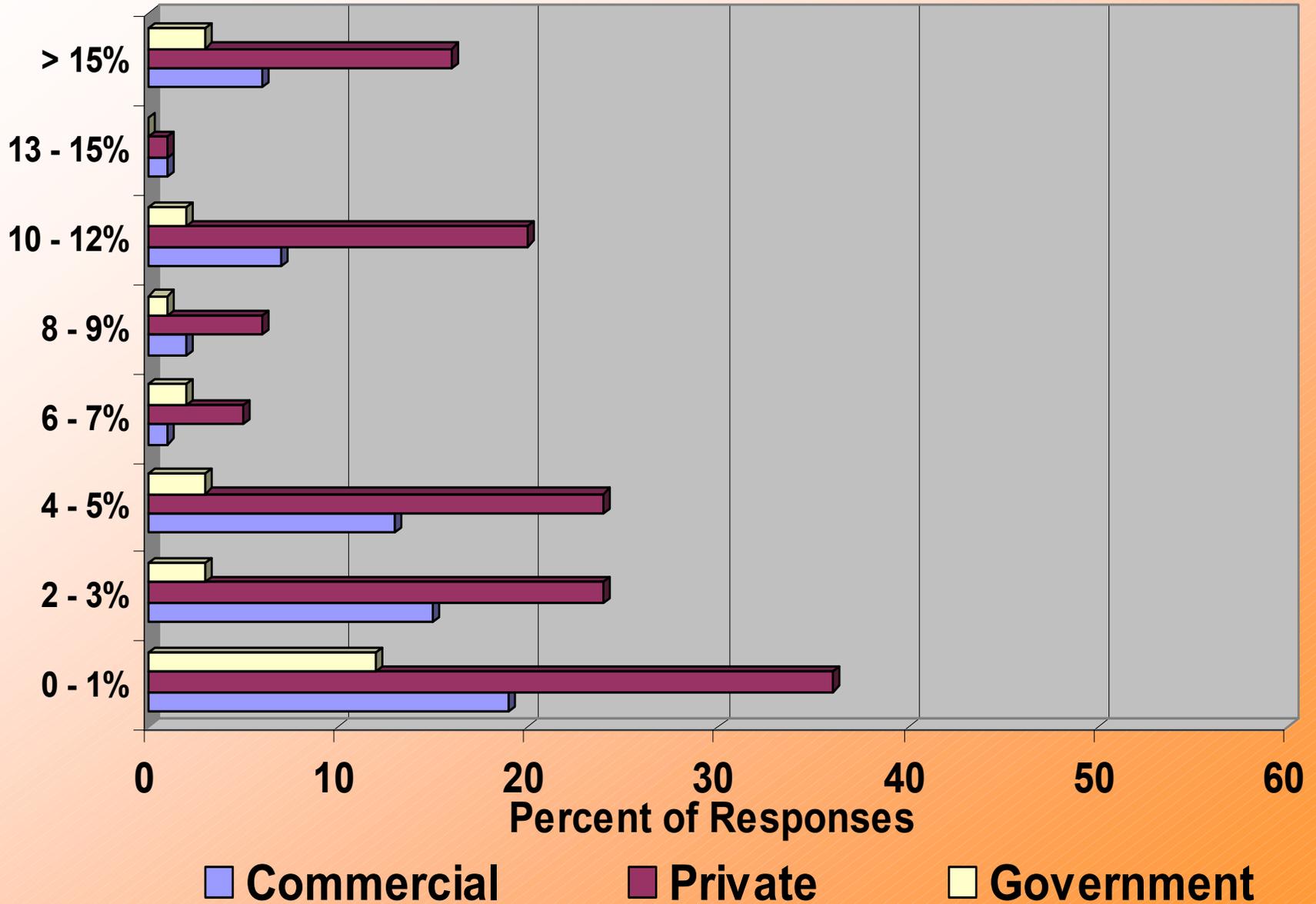
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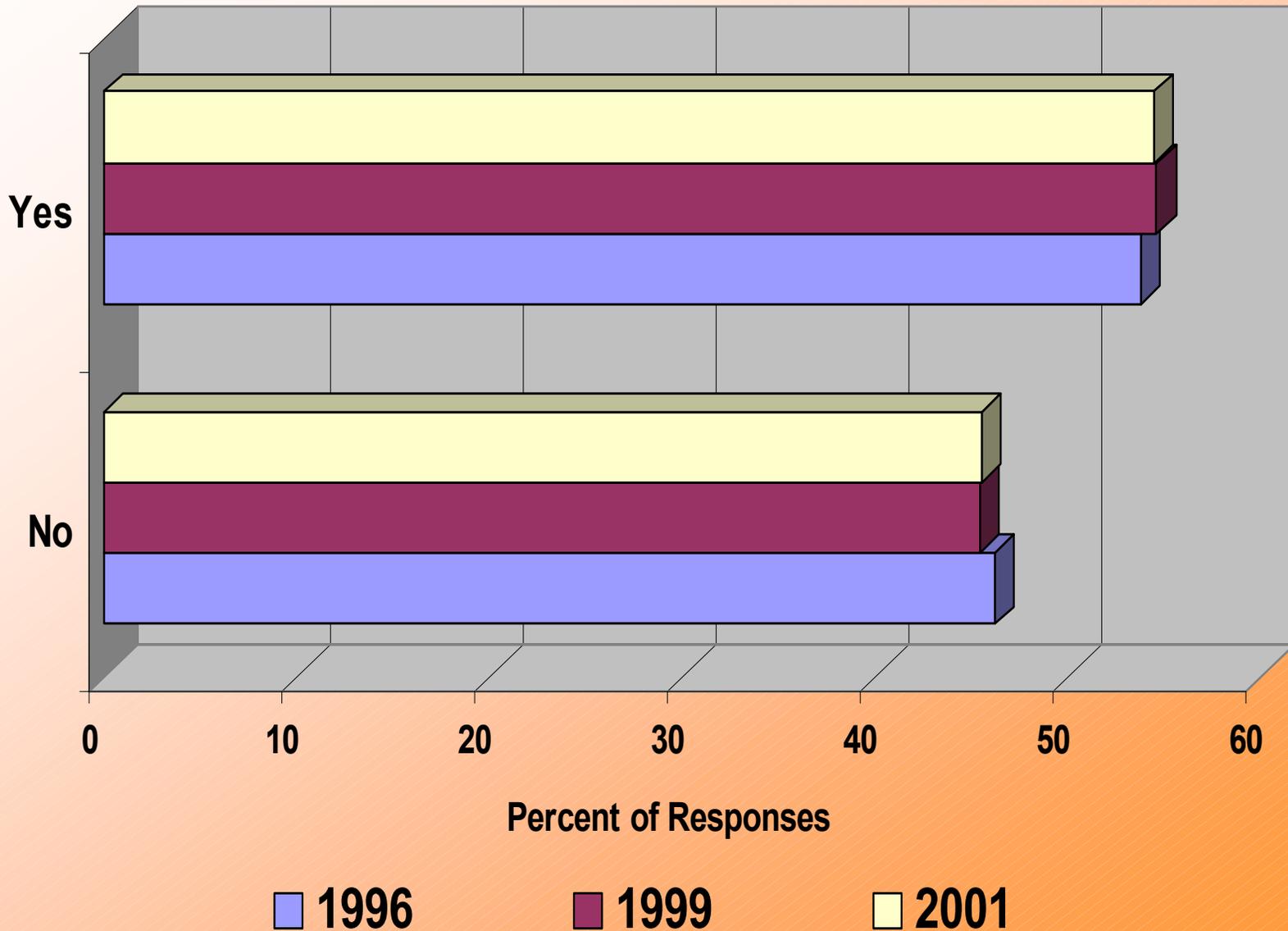
# Average Delinquency Rate



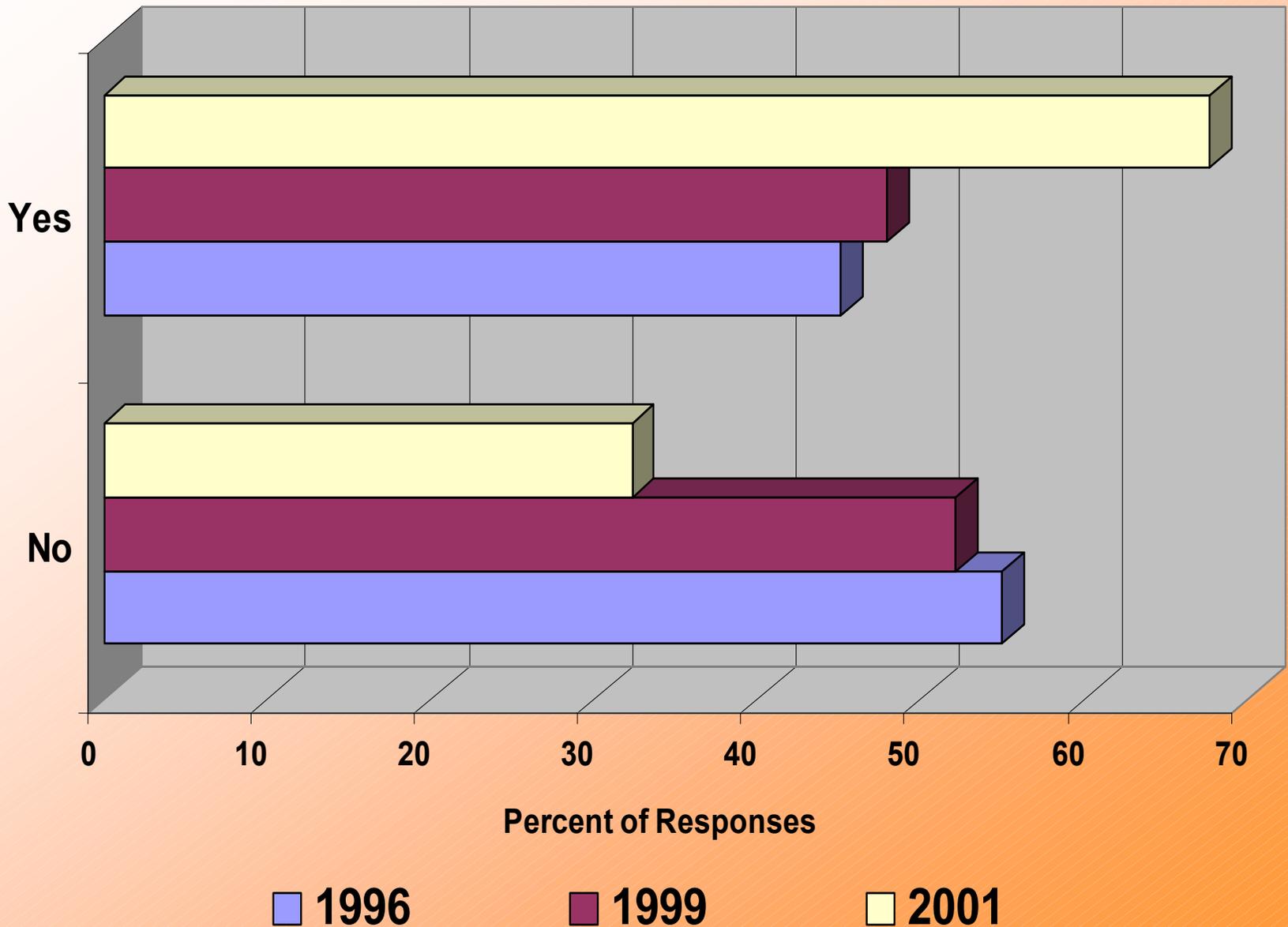
# Lab Type vs. Delinquency Rate



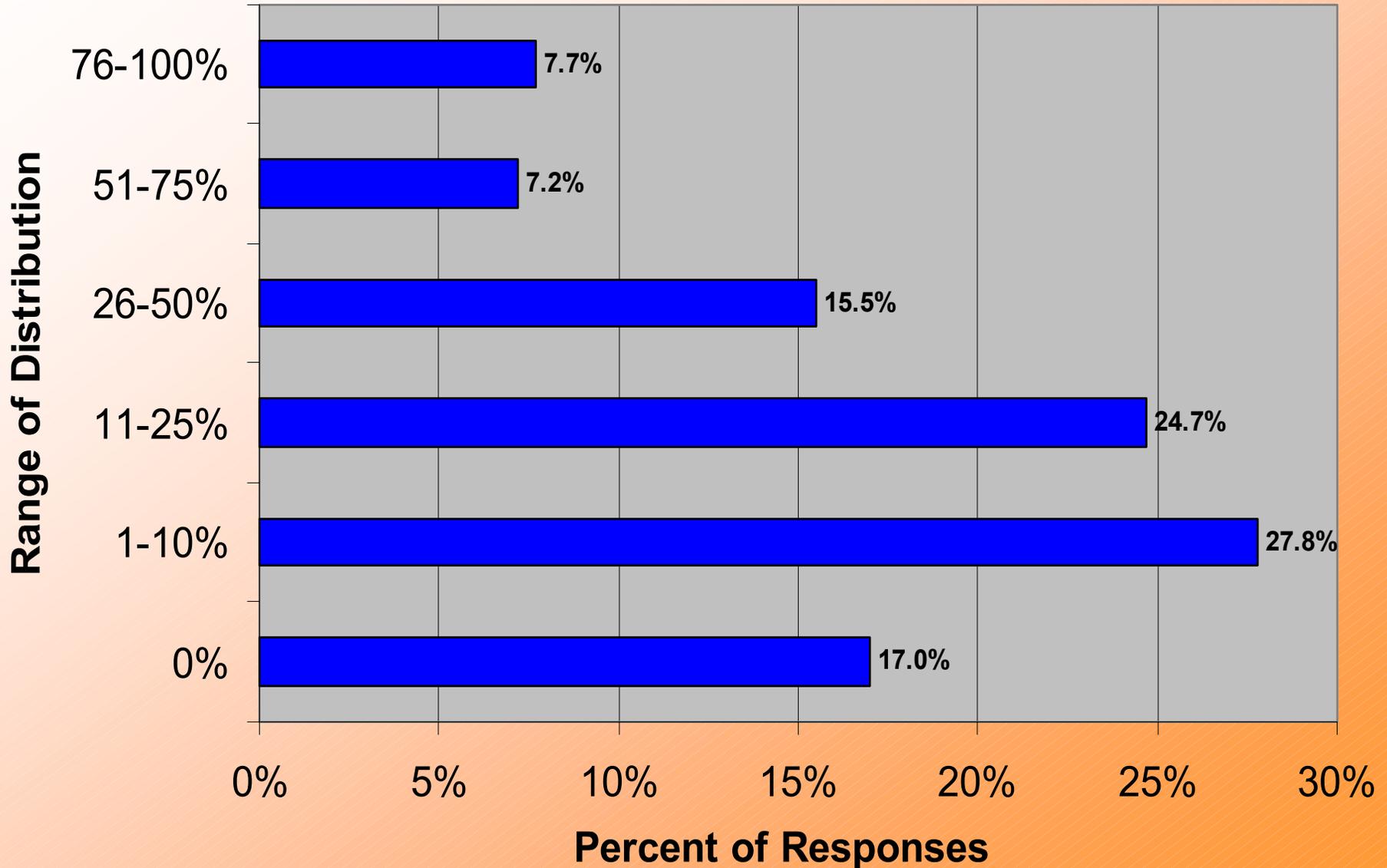
# Pick Up & Delivery Service Offered?



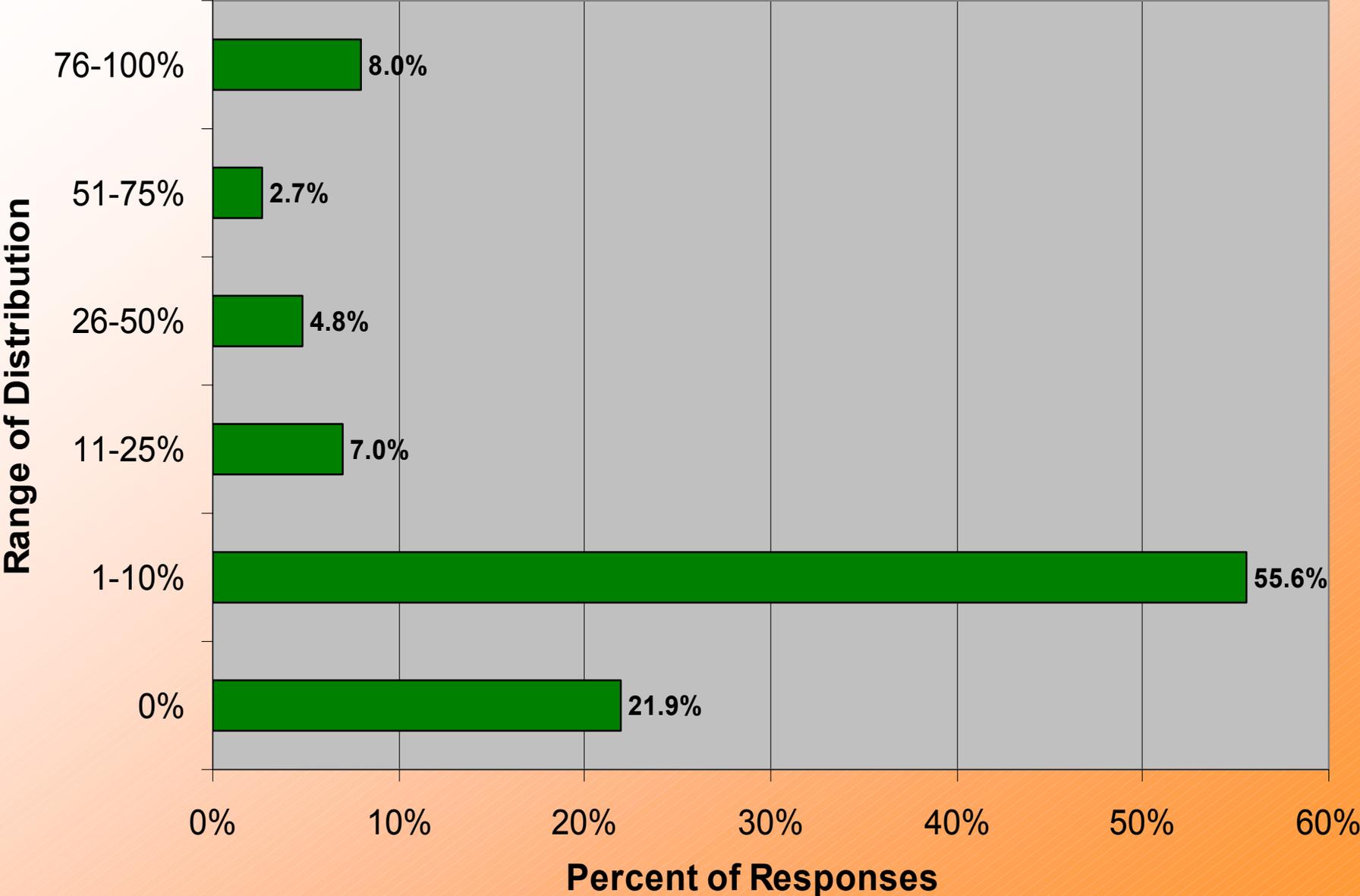
# Do You Offer An Equipment Mgmt. Function?



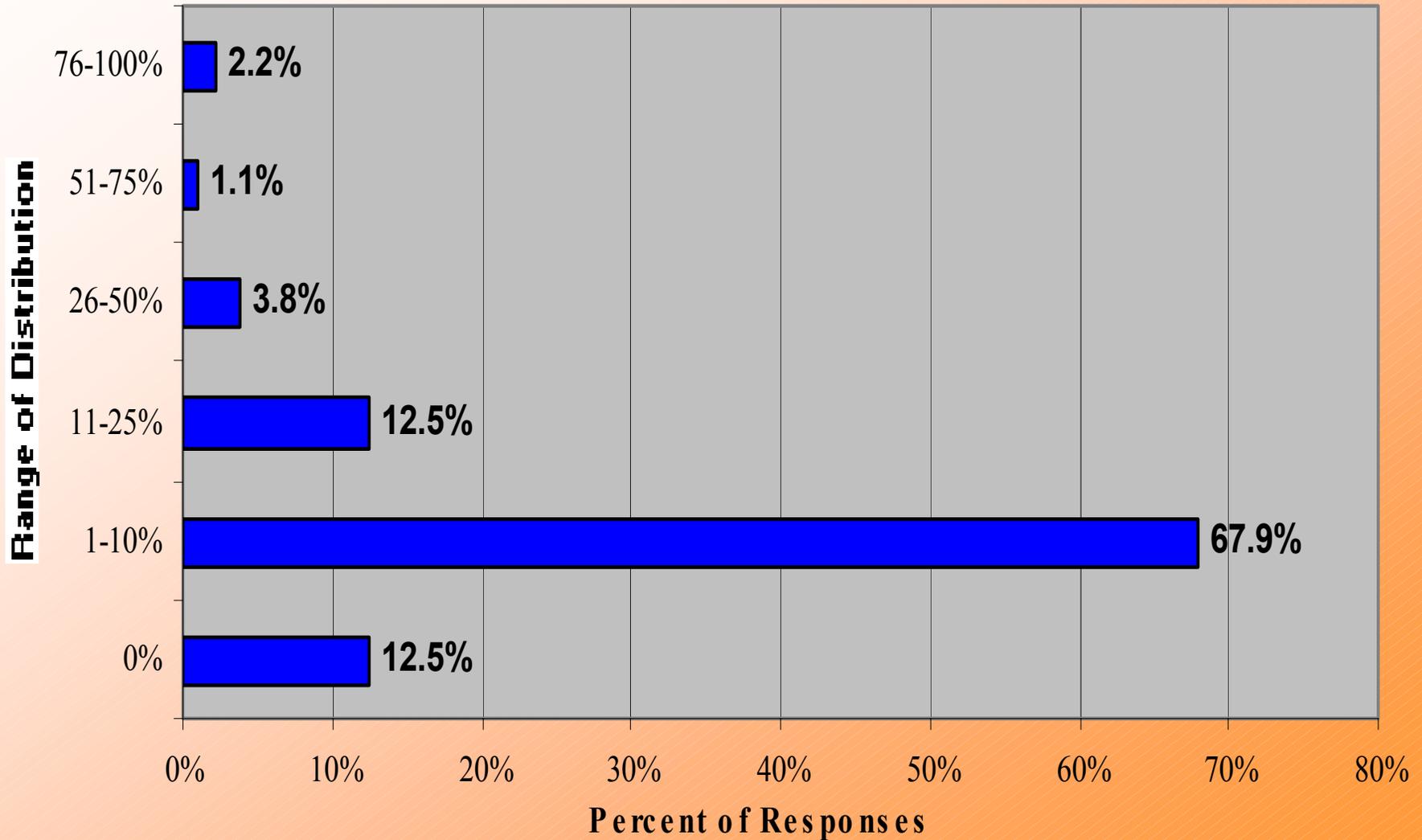
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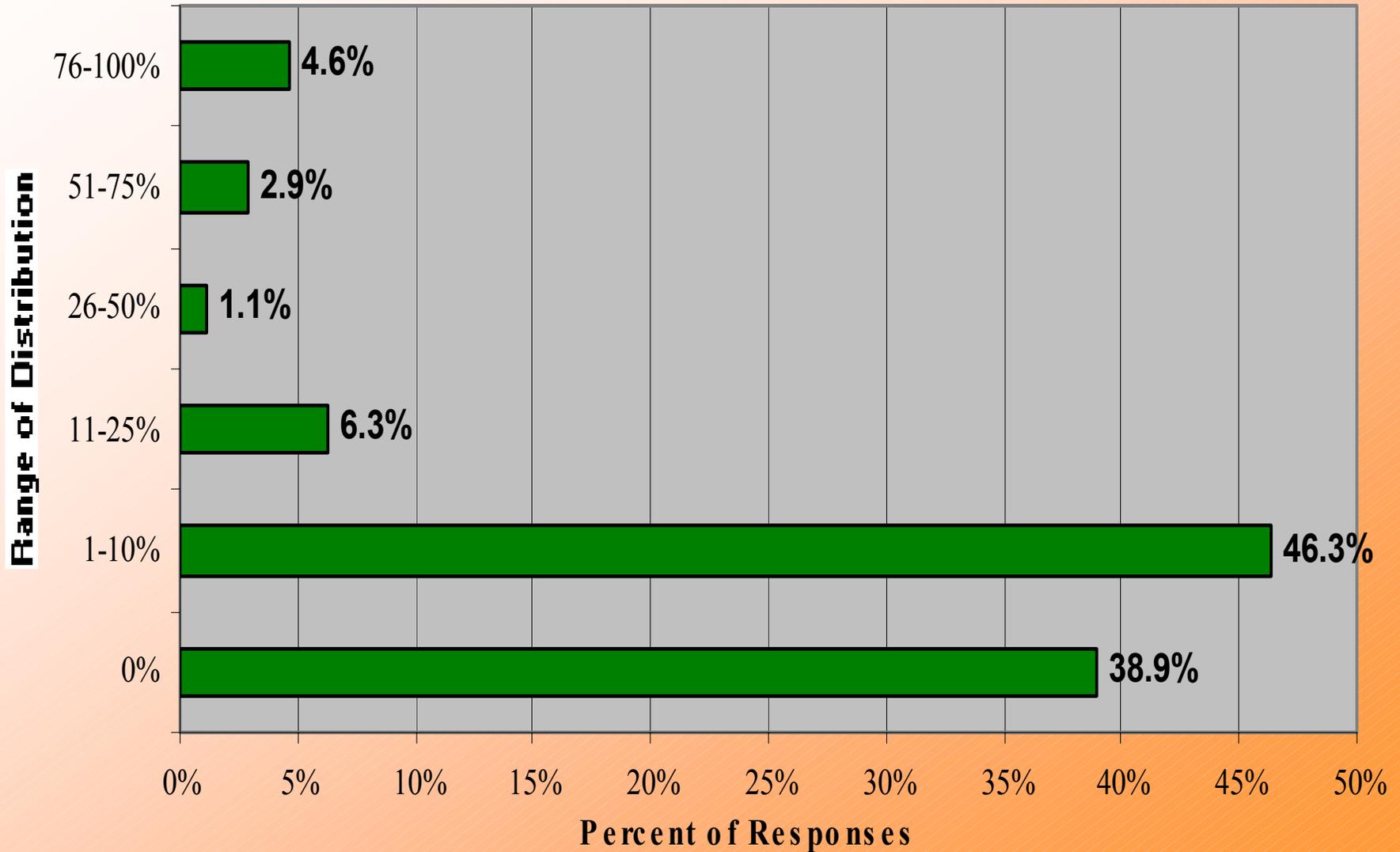
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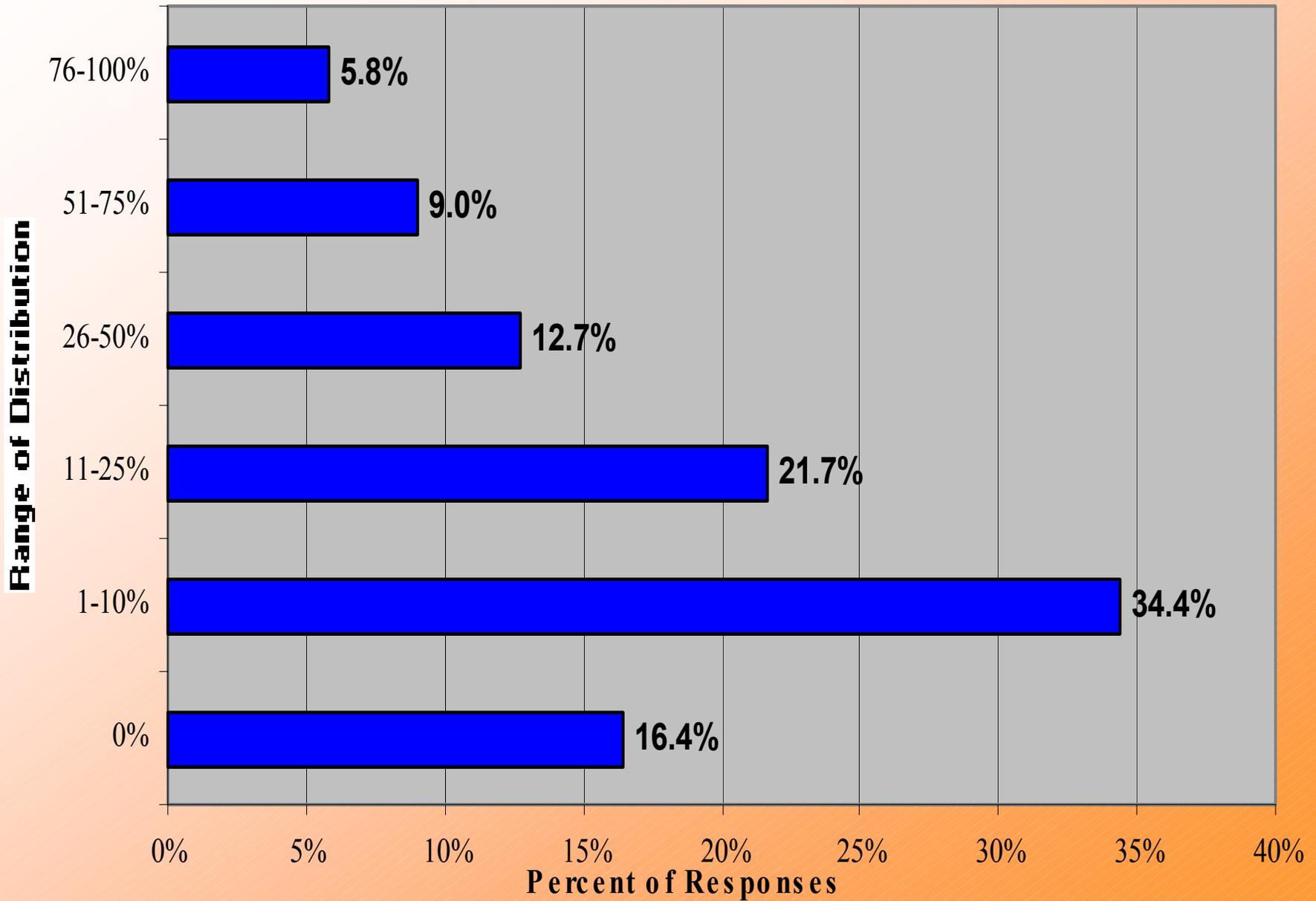
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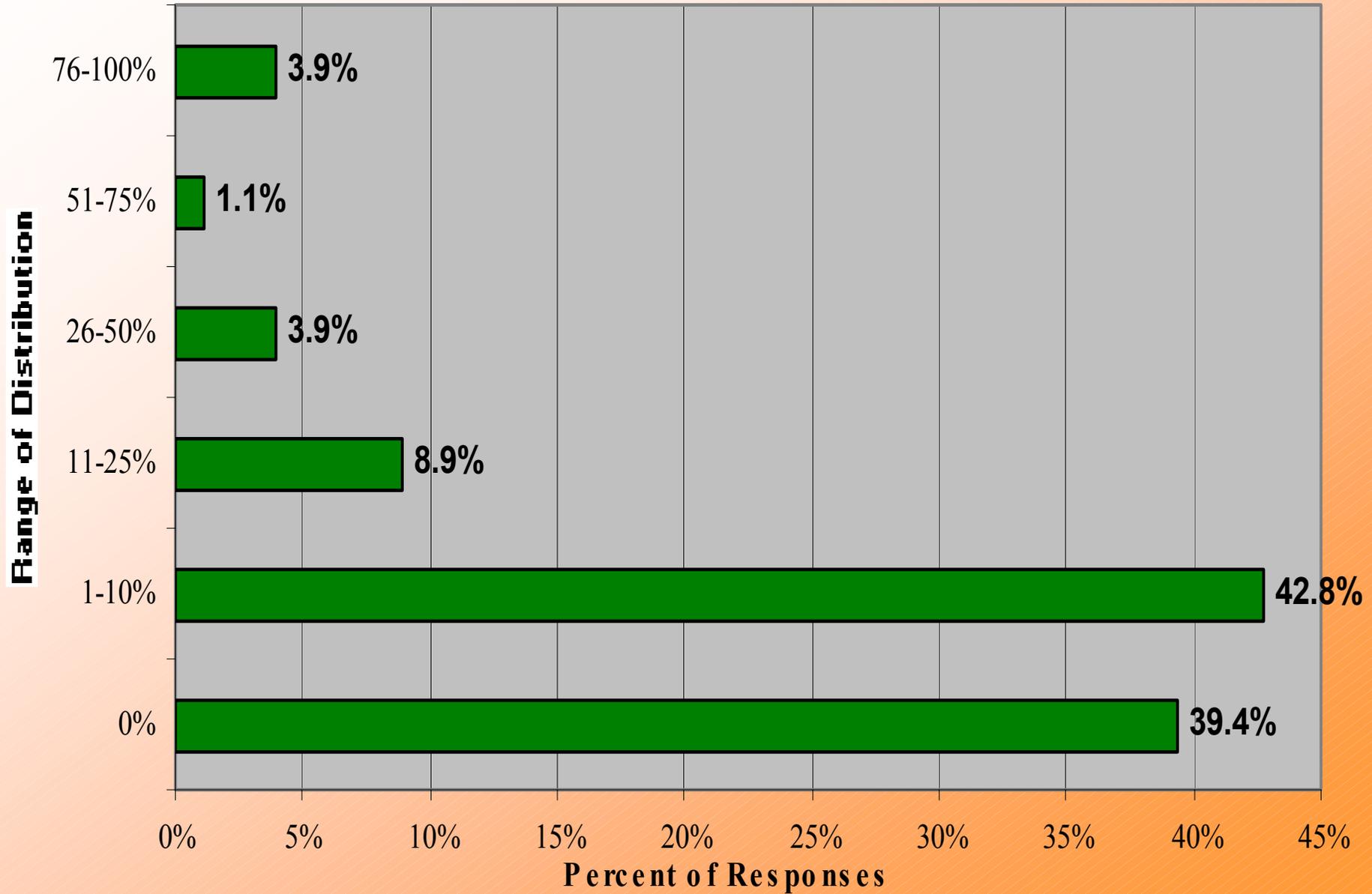
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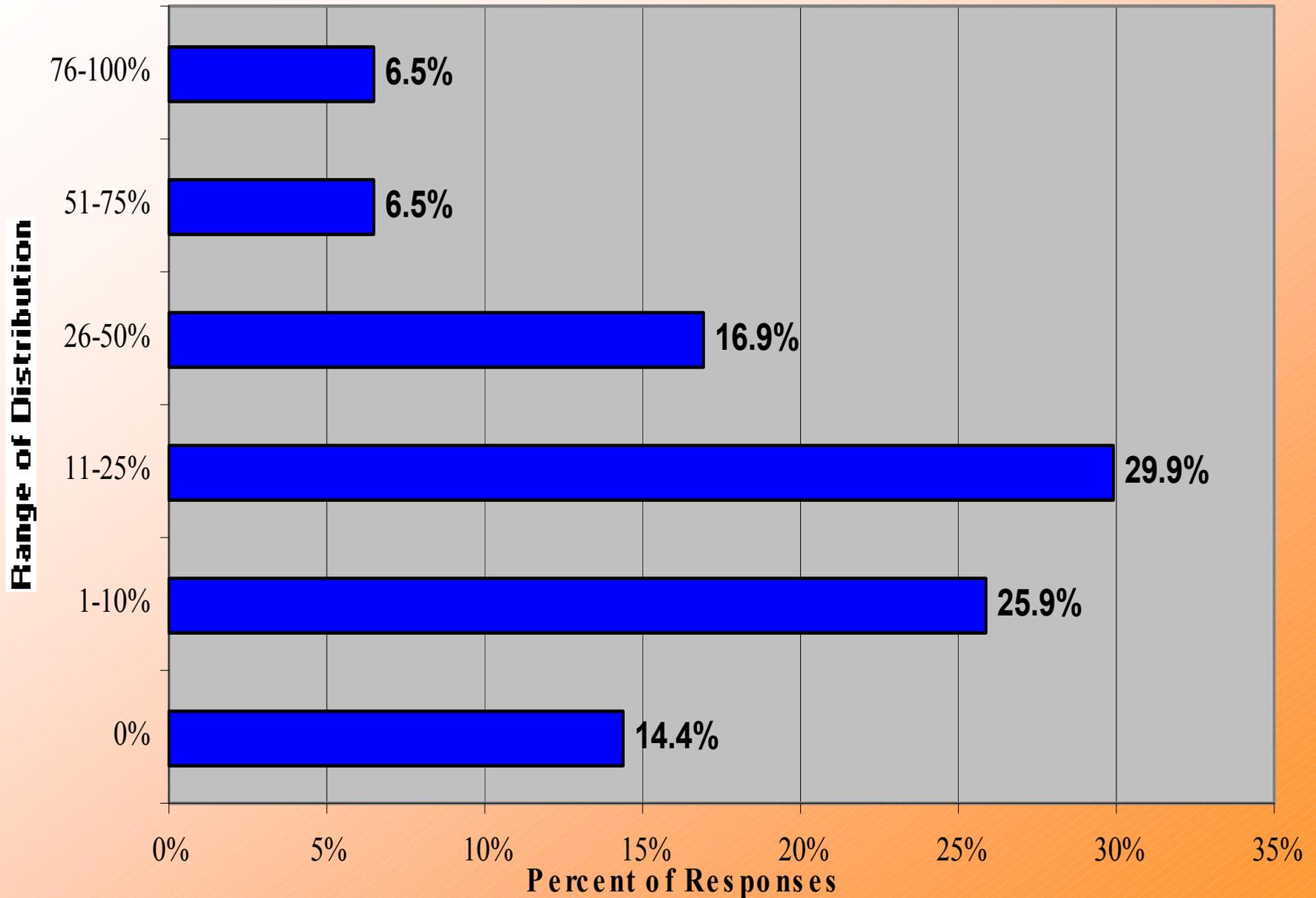
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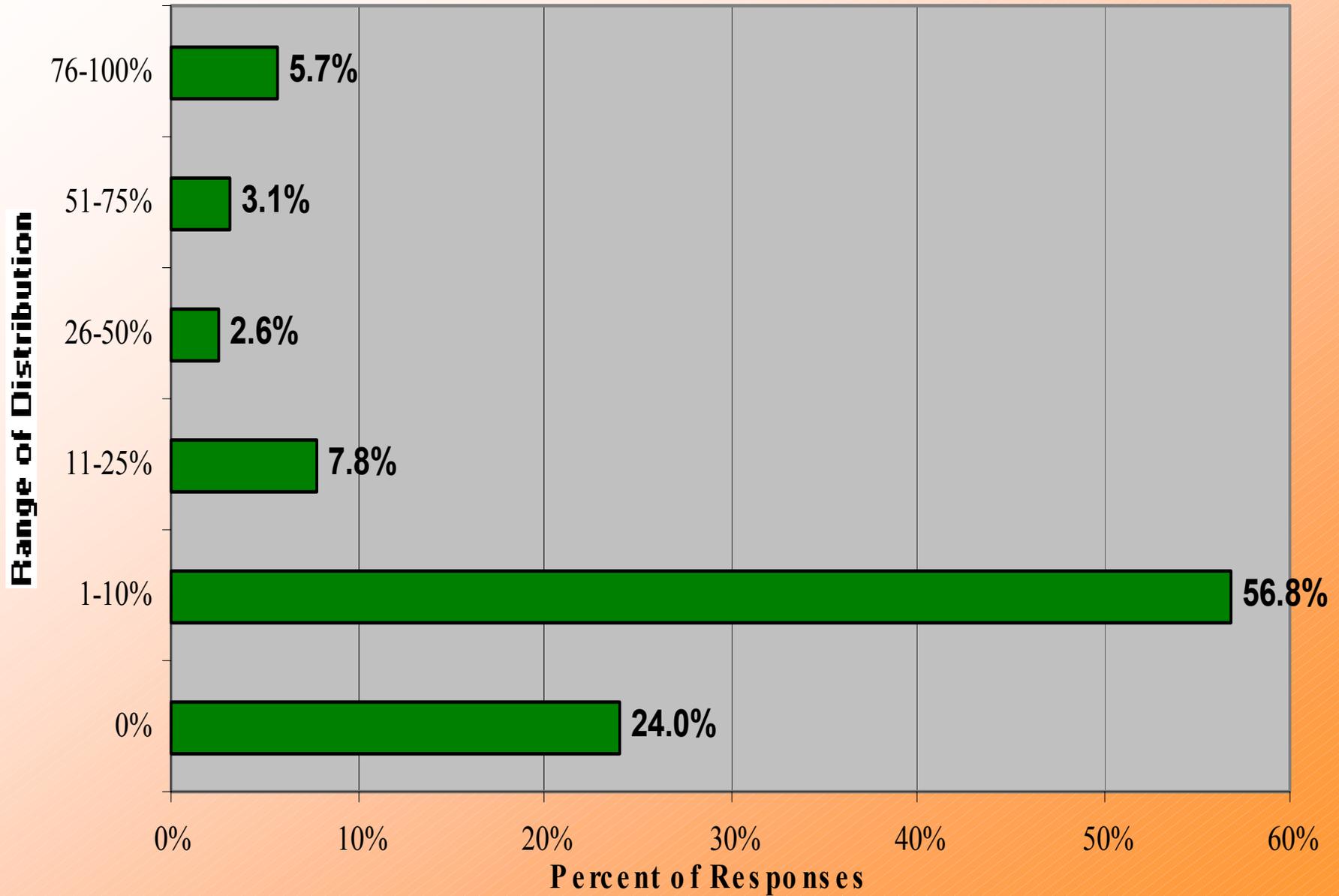
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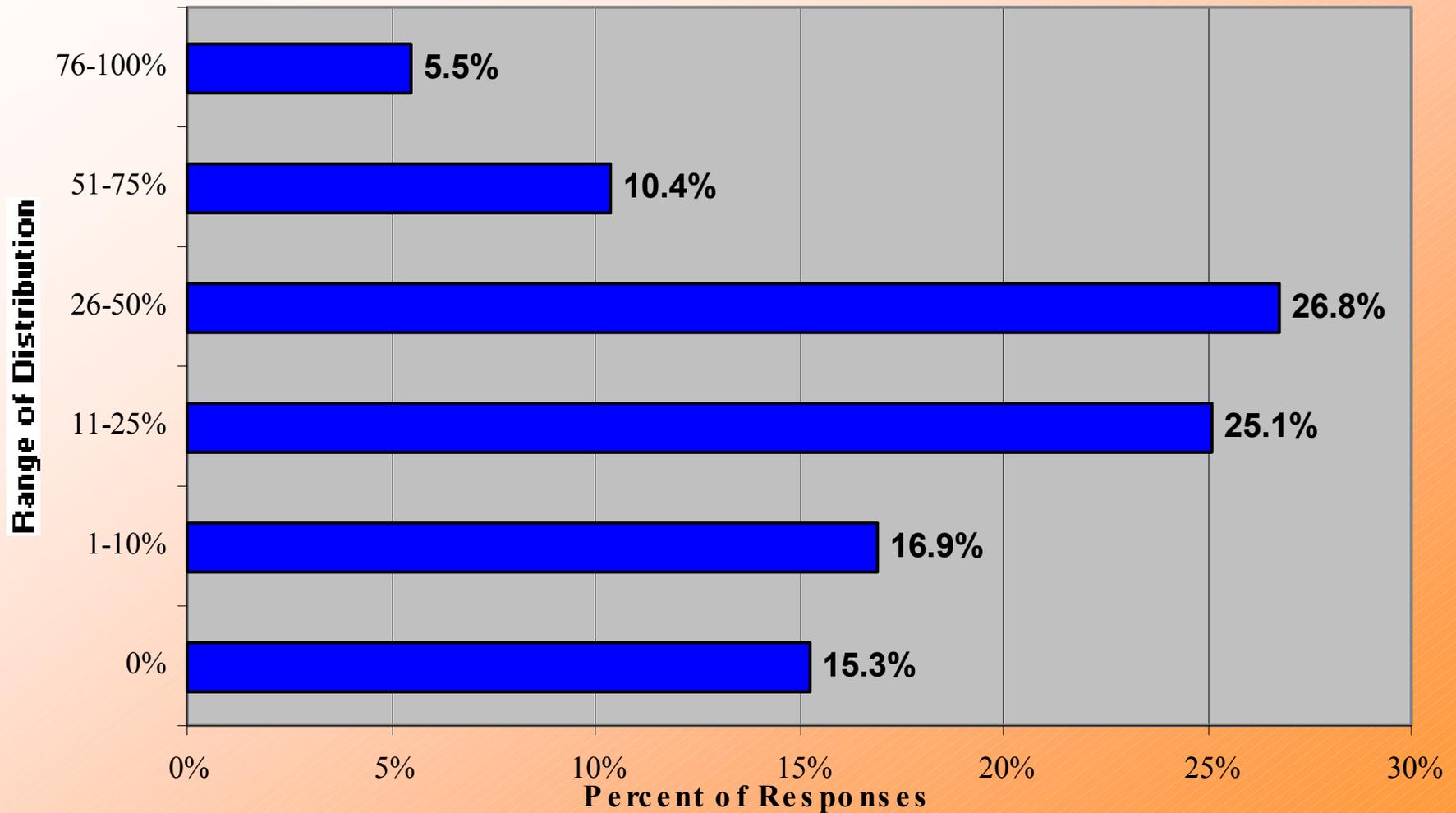
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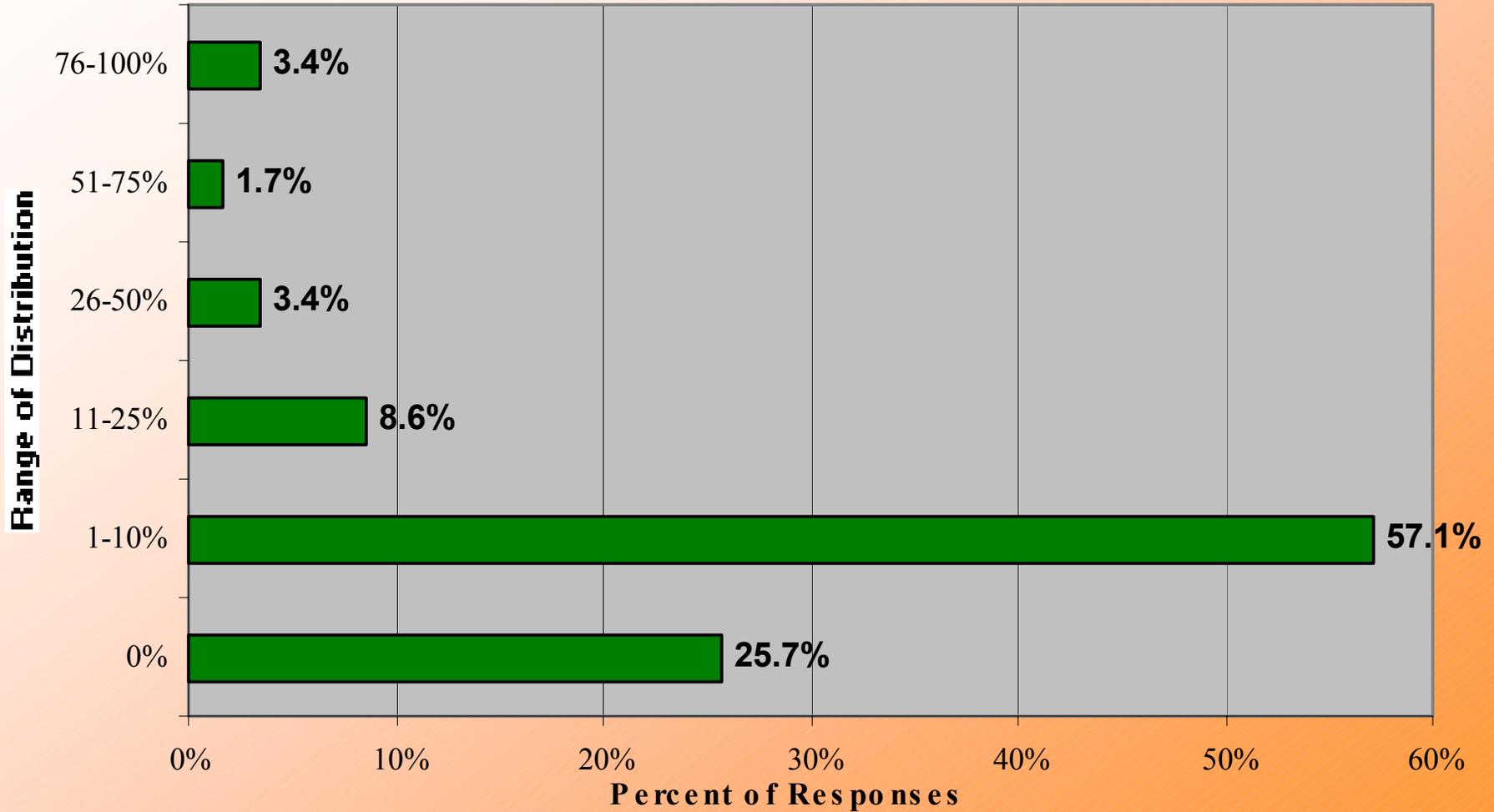
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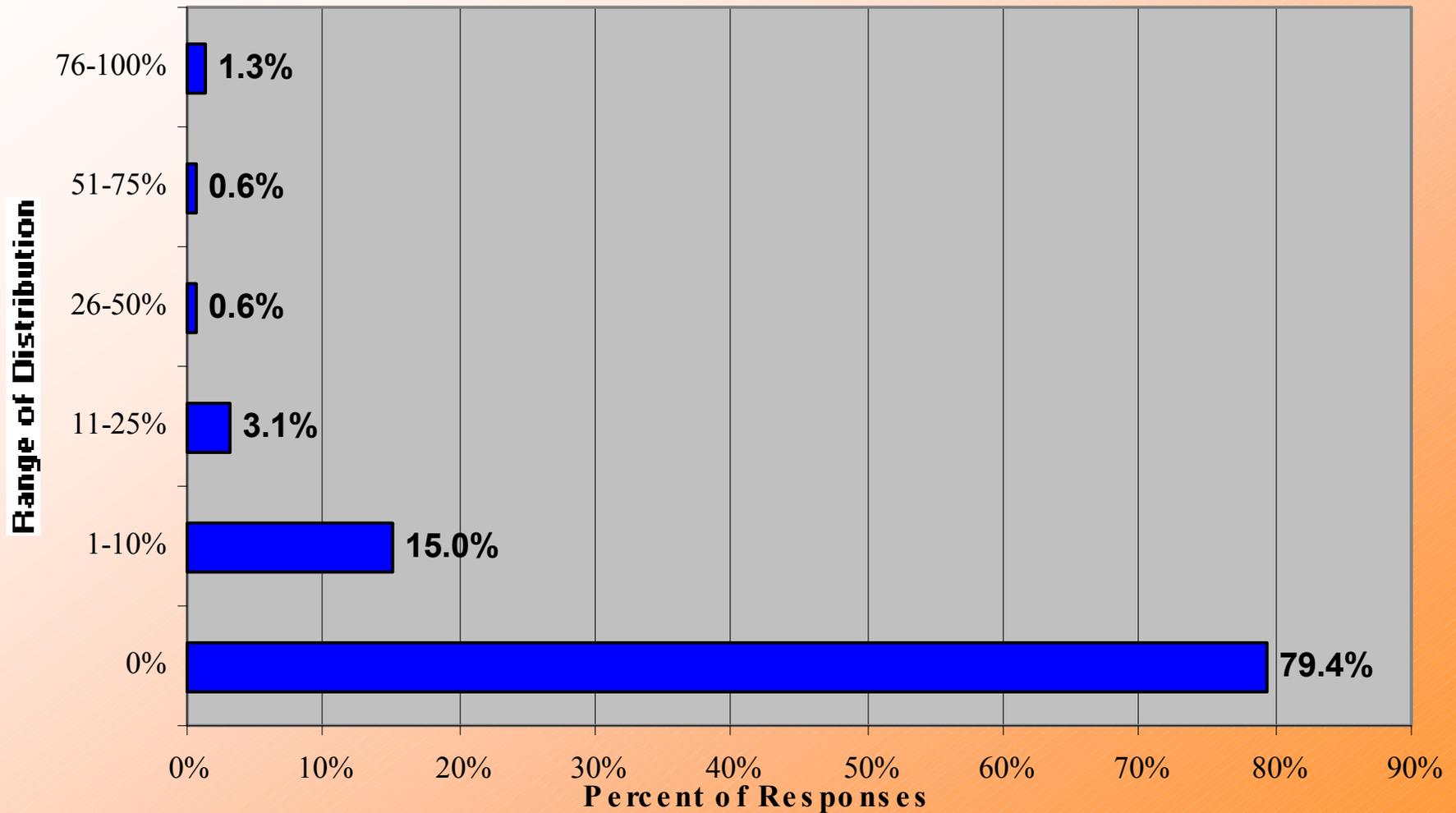
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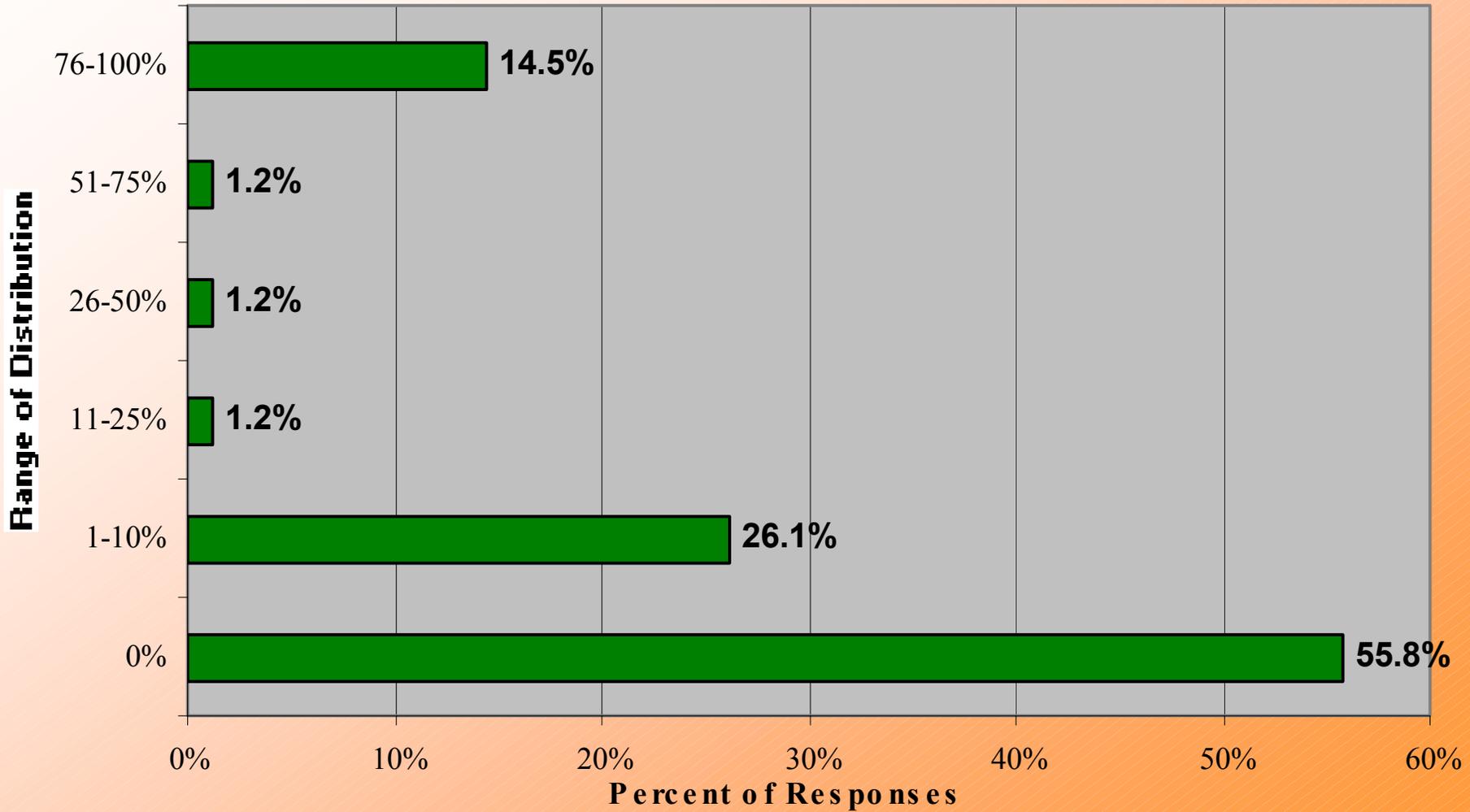
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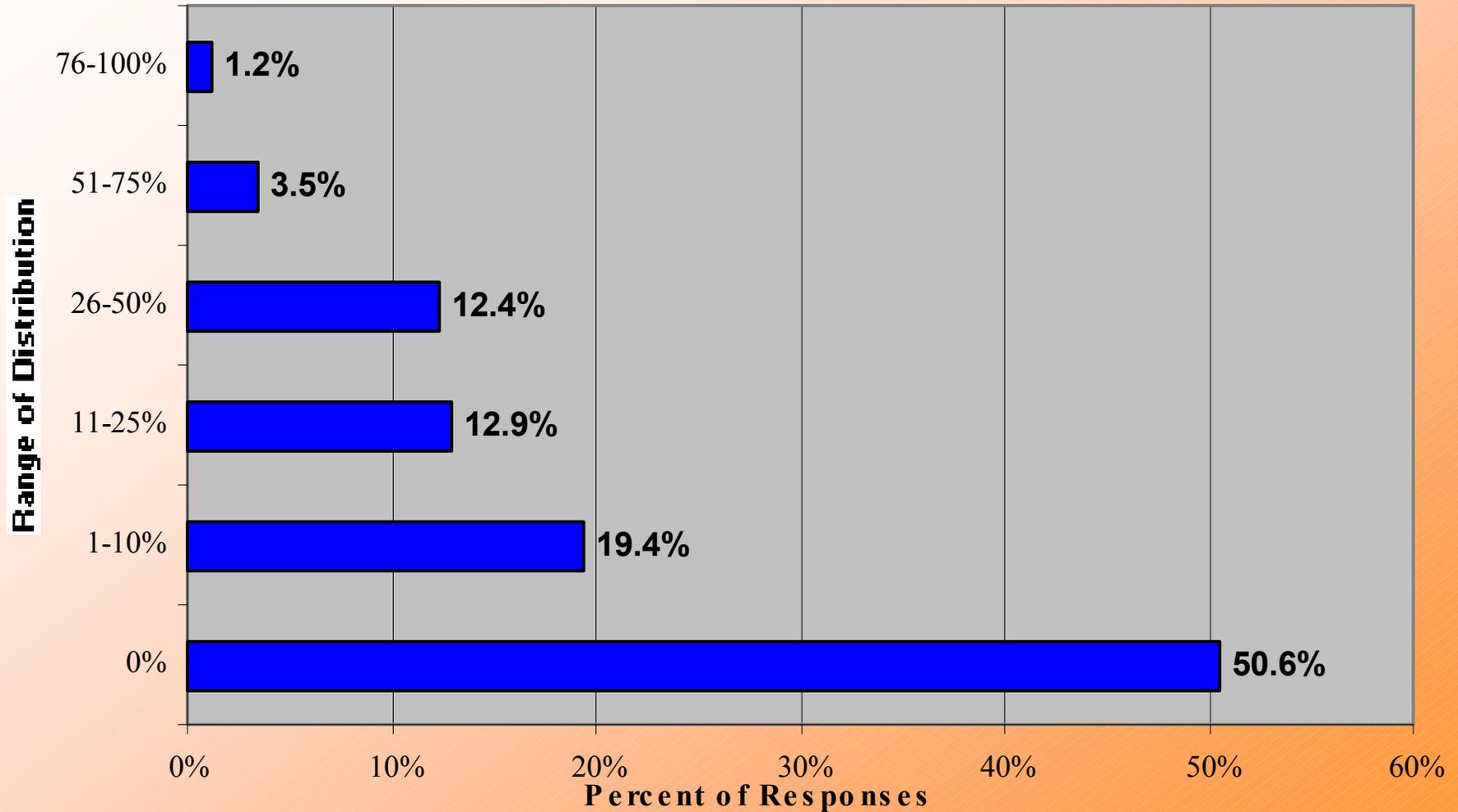
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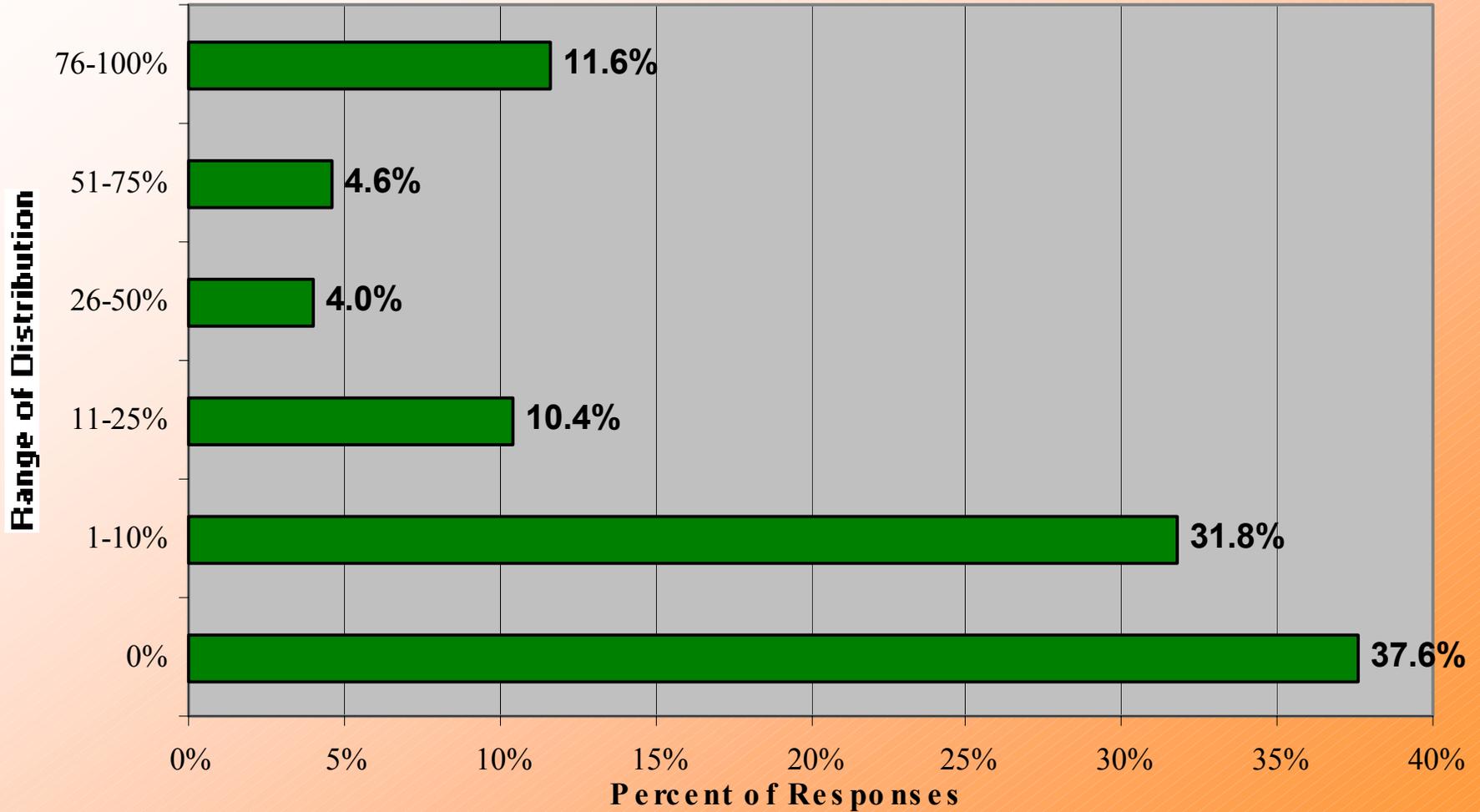
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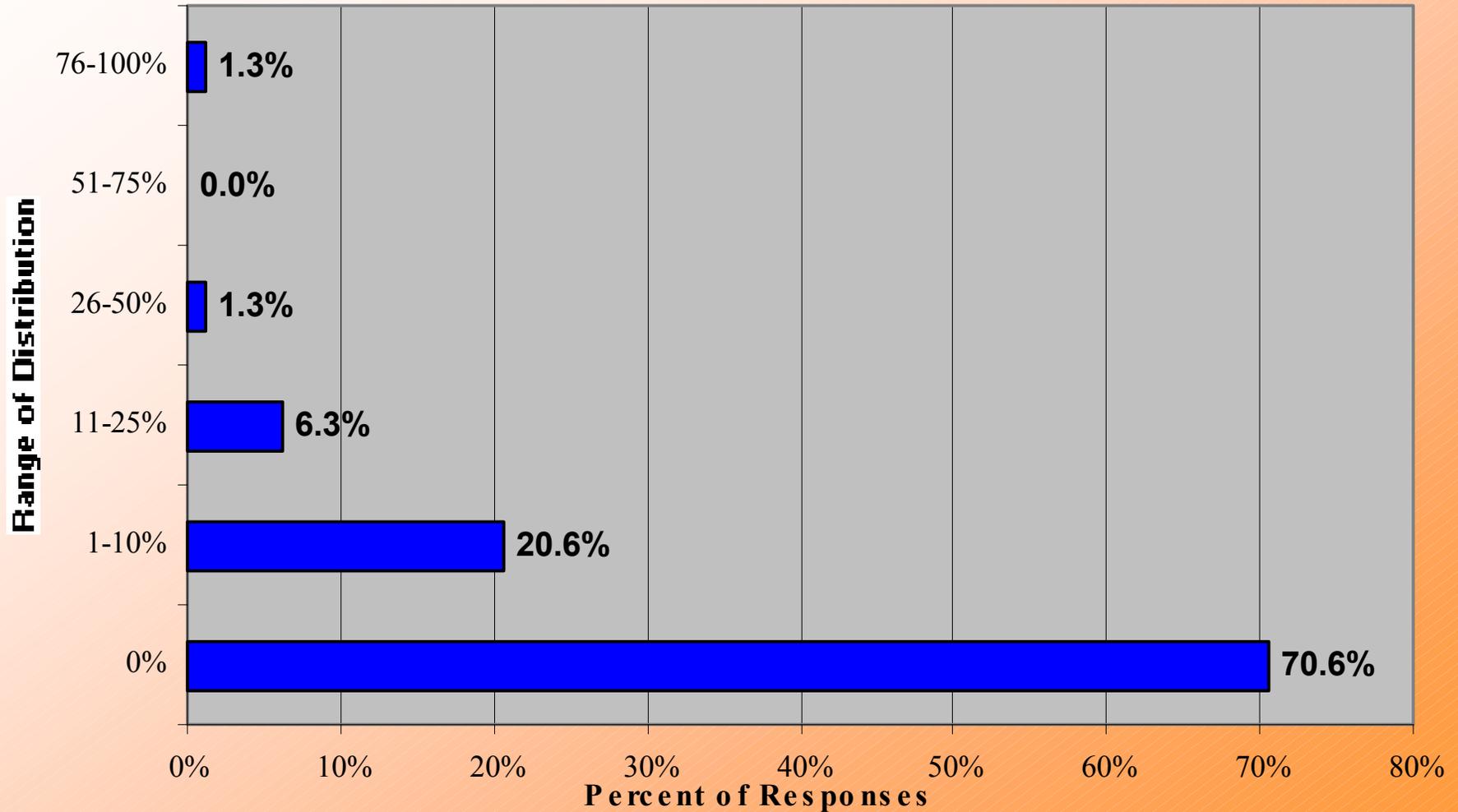
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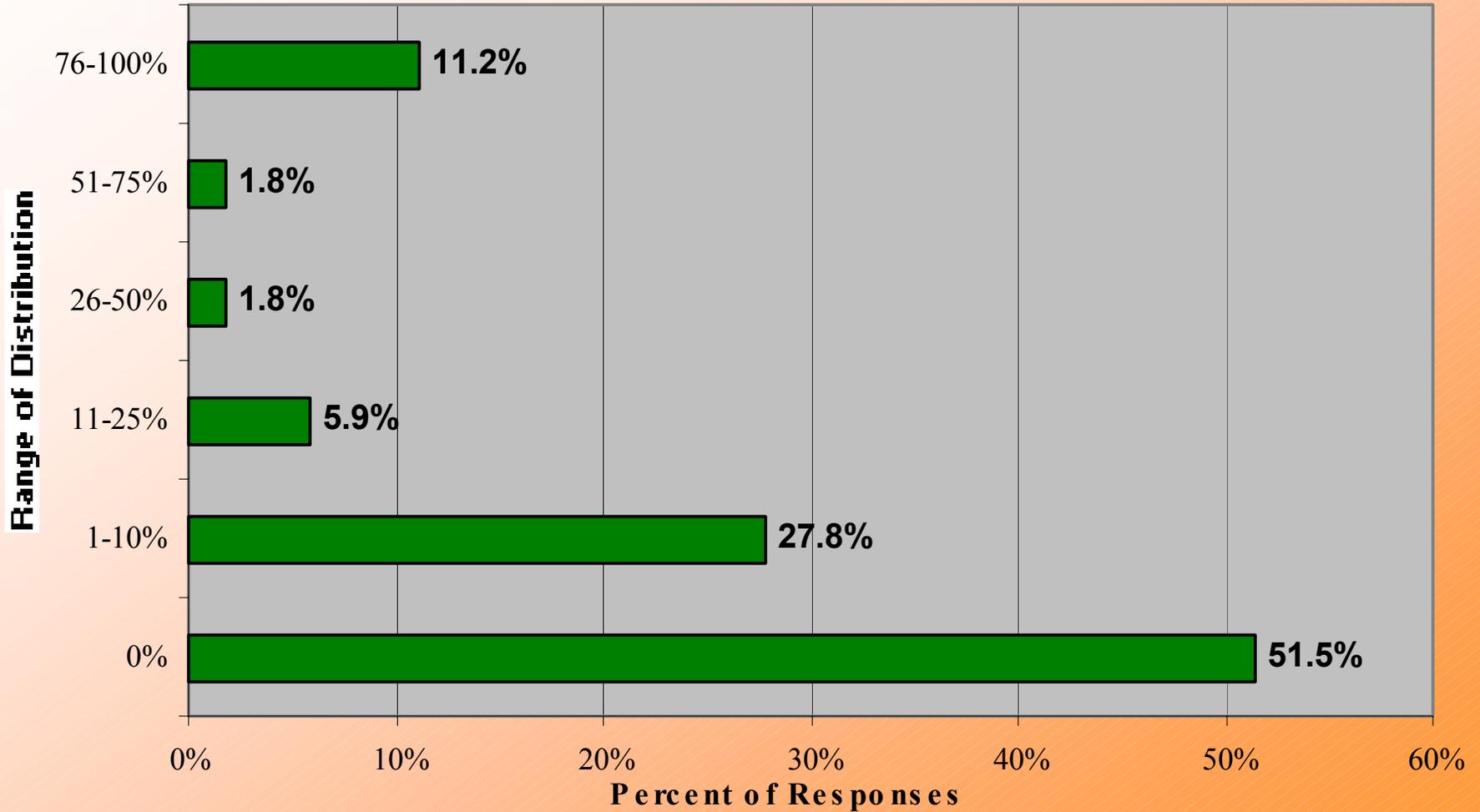
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# Optical Radiation Workload



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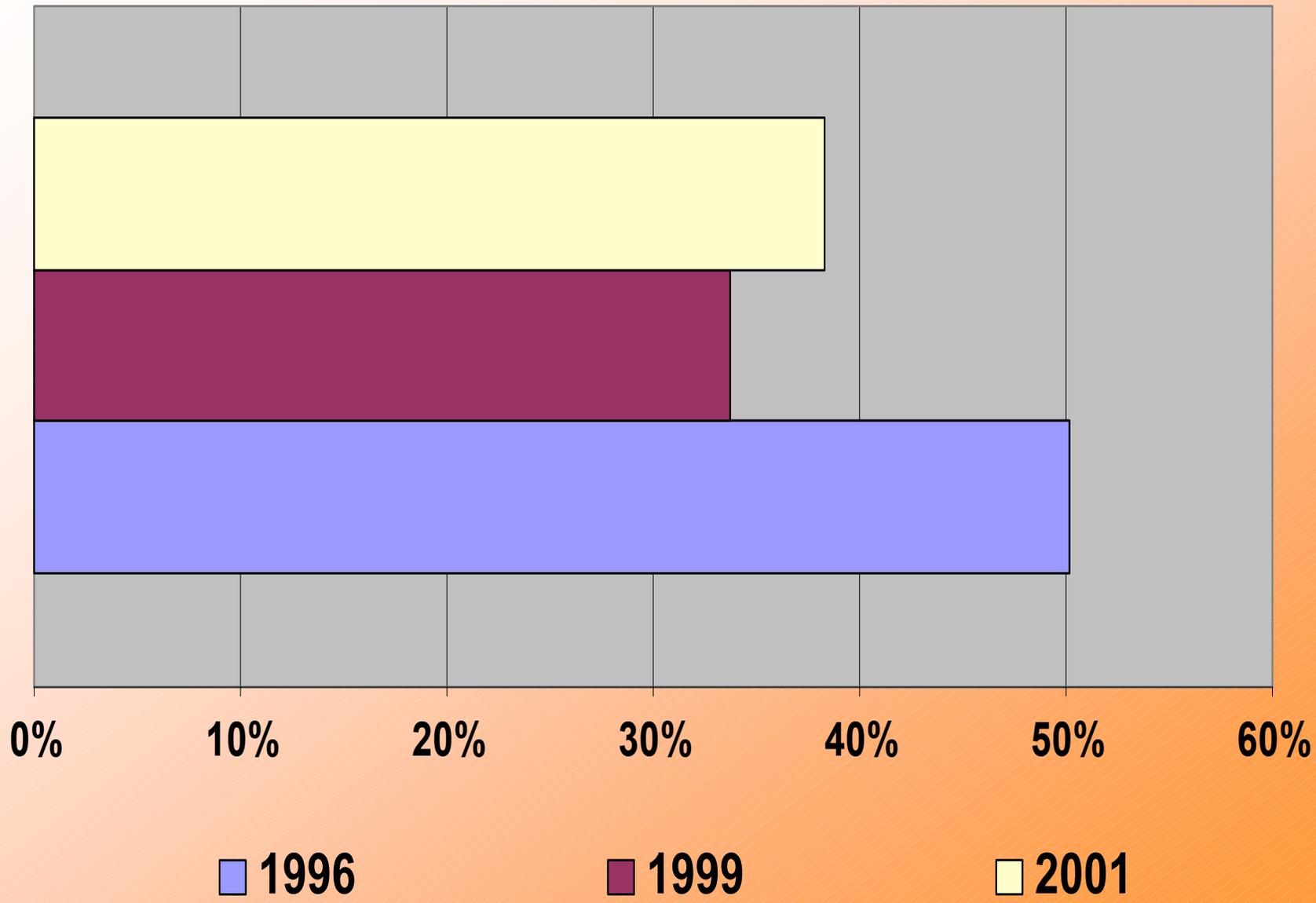




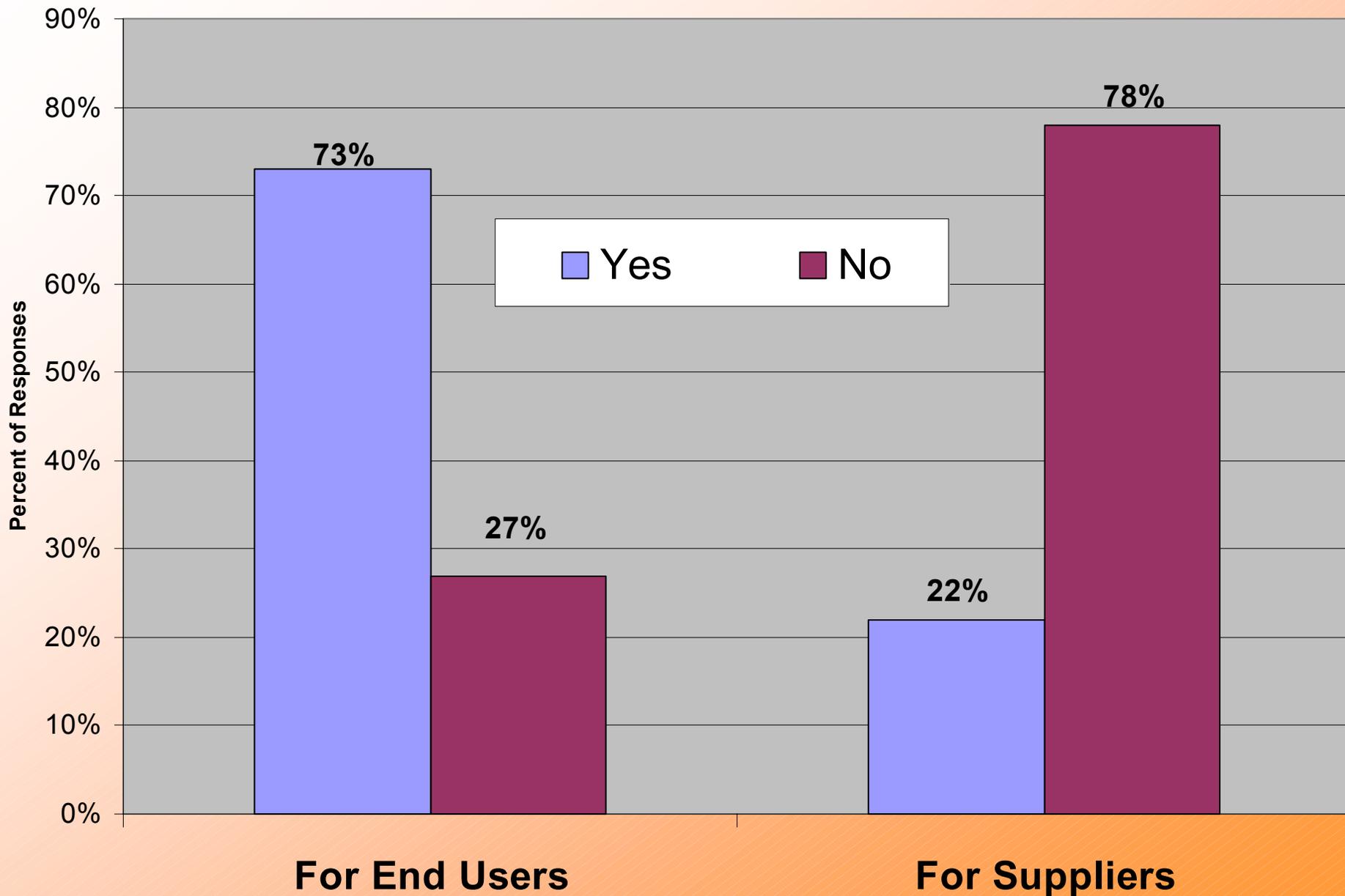
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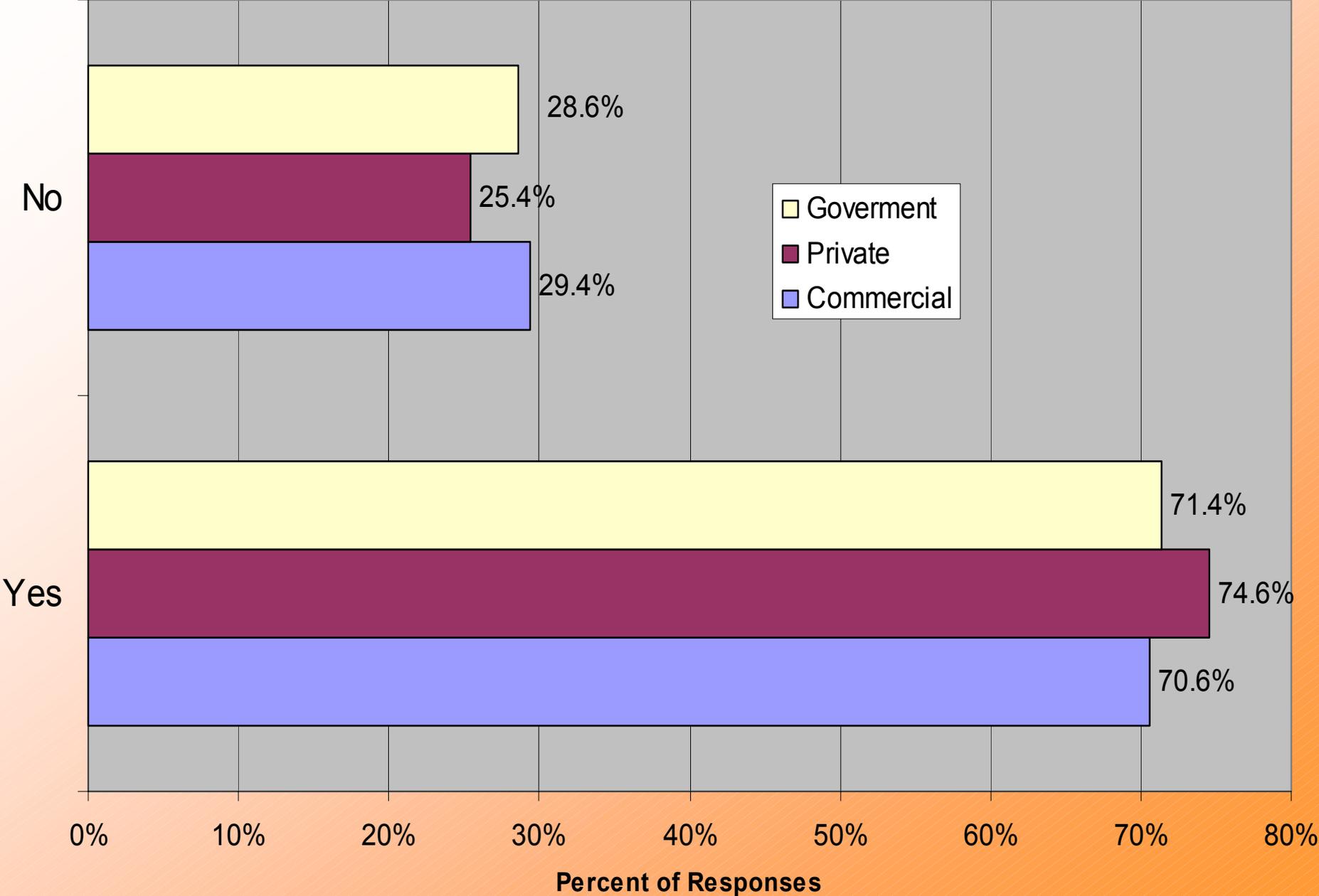
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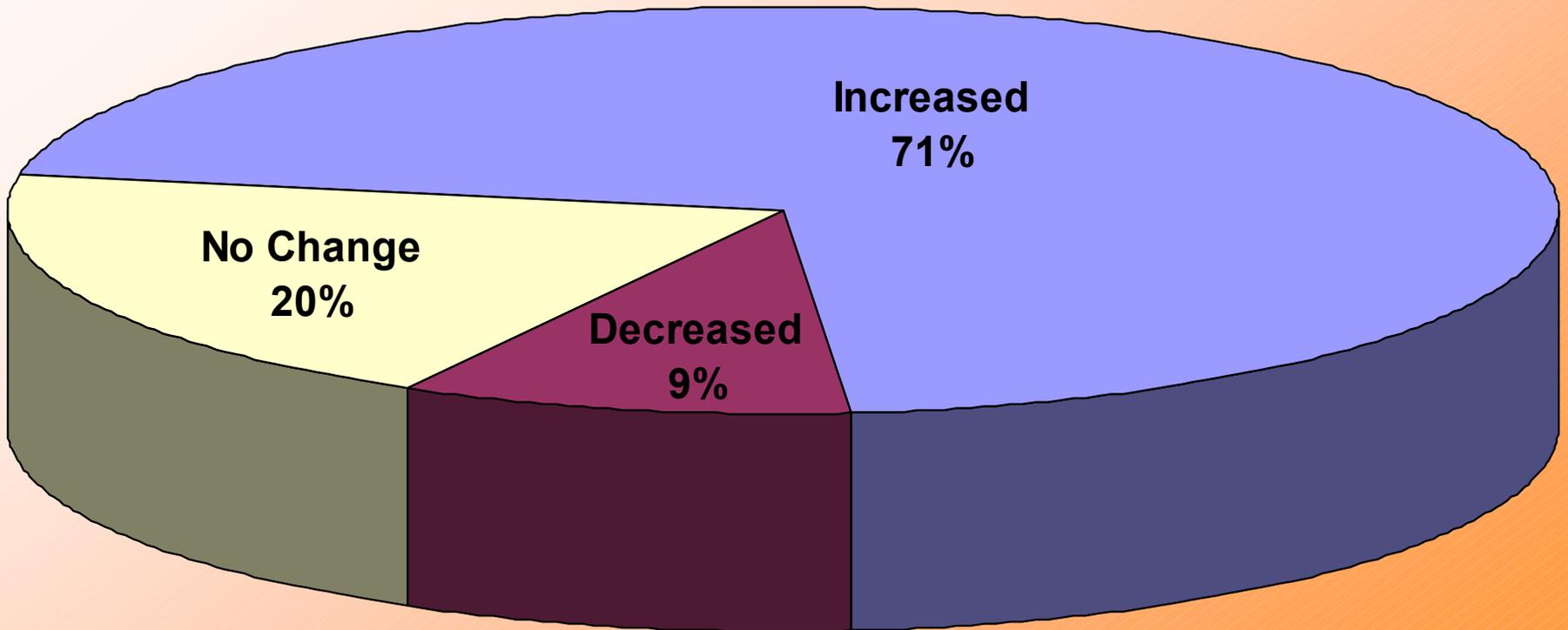
# Does Your Lab Help Define Equipment Needs?



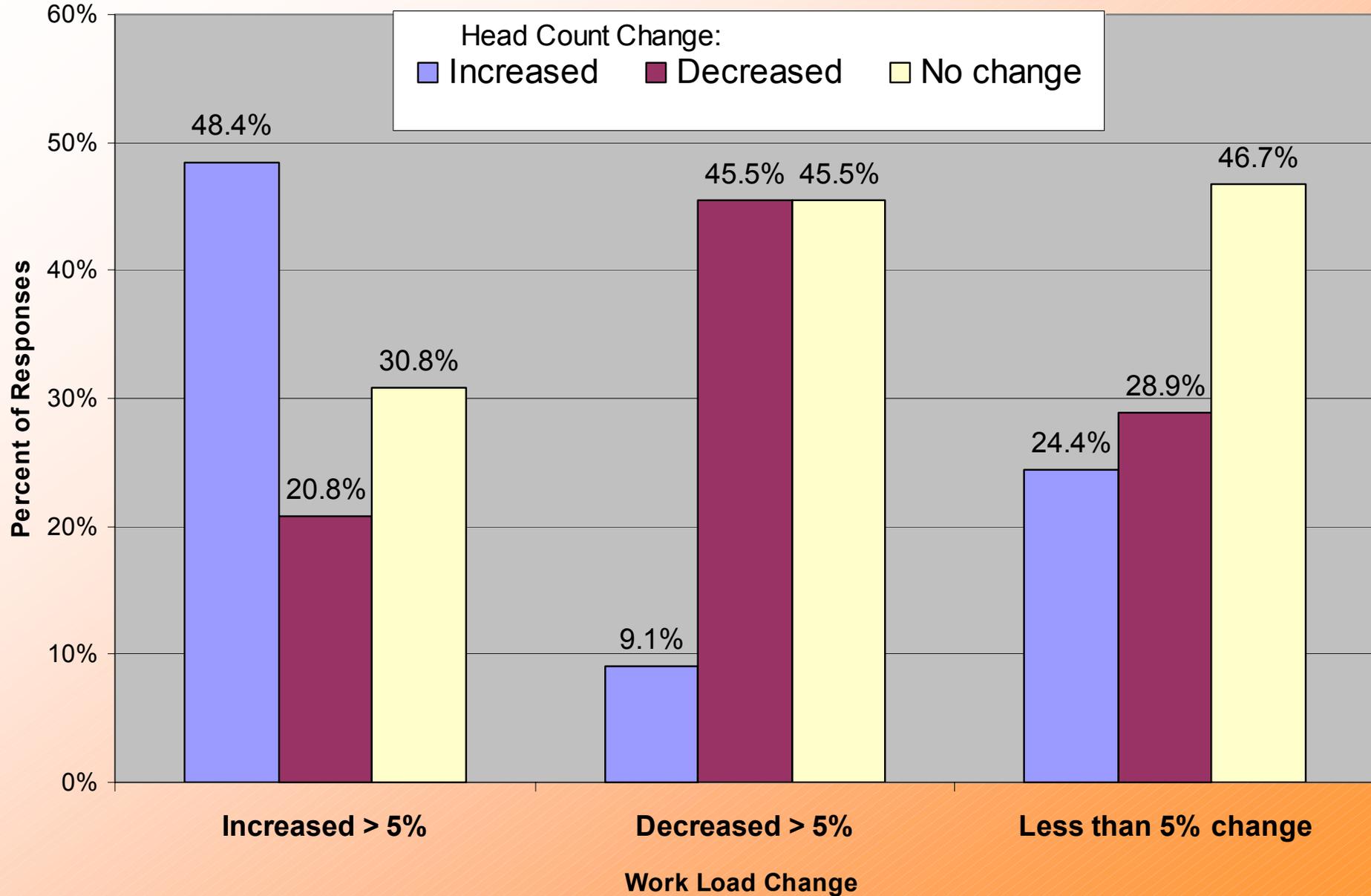
# Definition of End User Equipment Needs By Lab Type



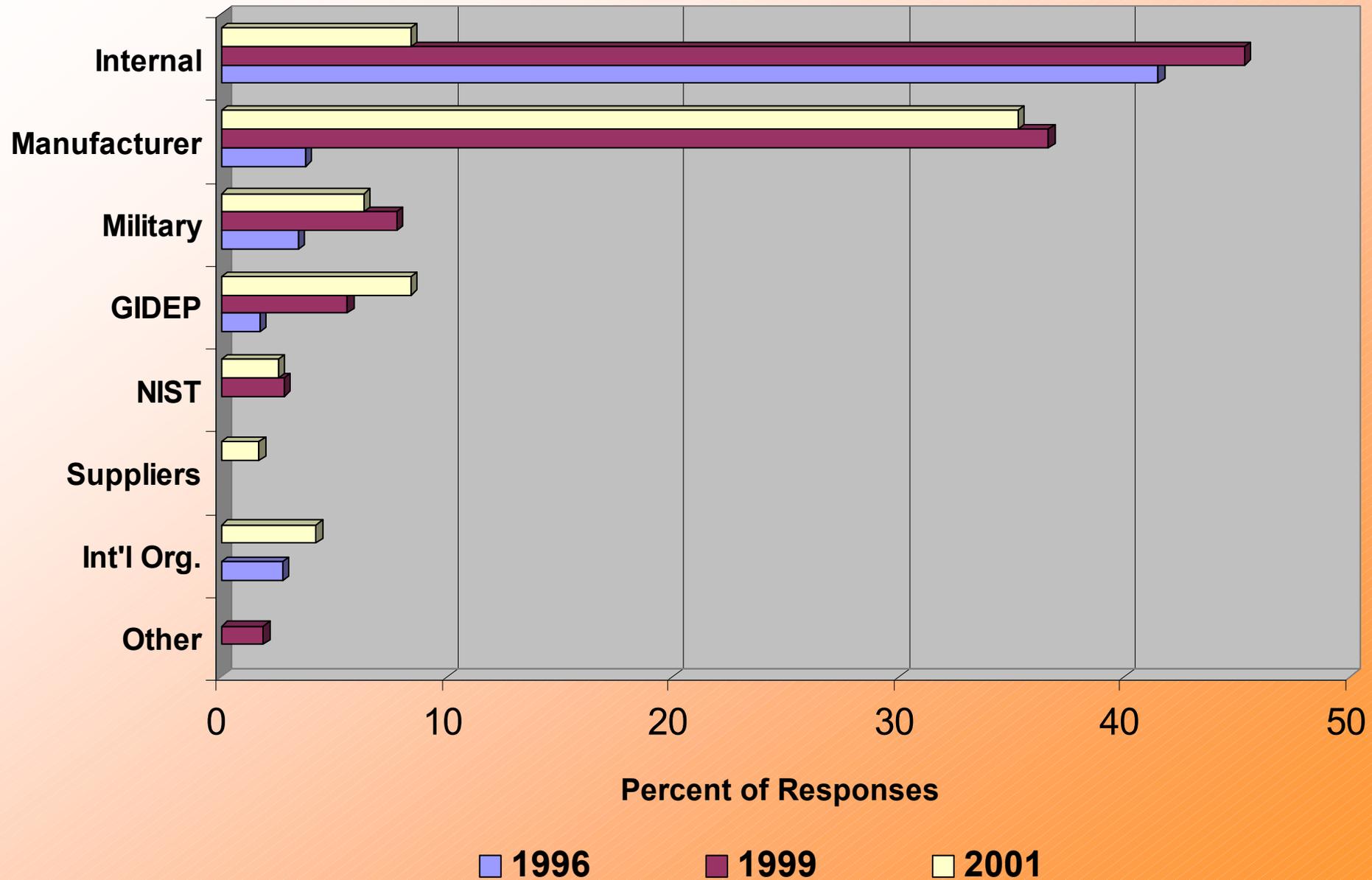
# Work Load Change Since 1999



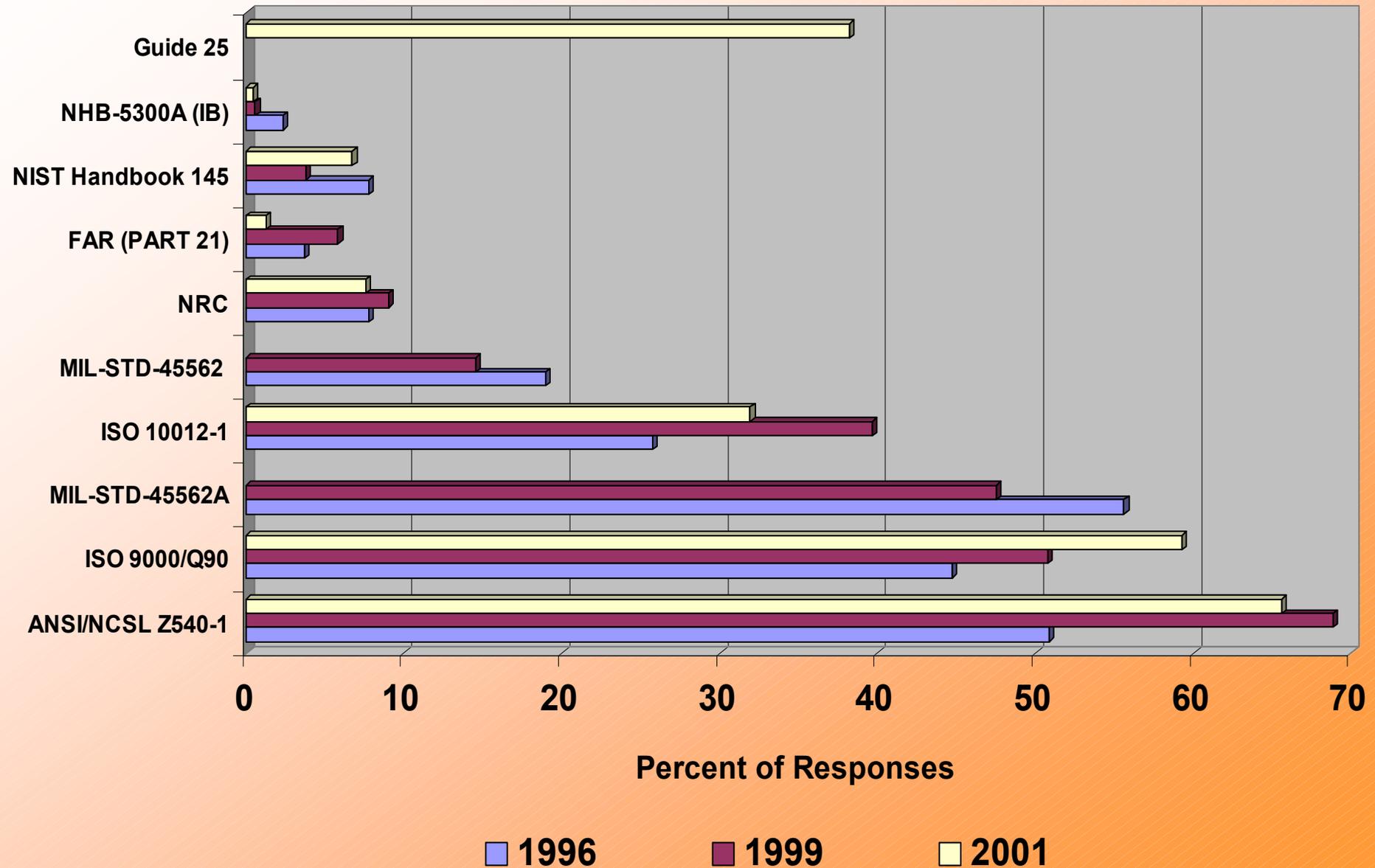
# Work Load vs. Head Count Since 1999



# Calibration Procedure Source Most Used

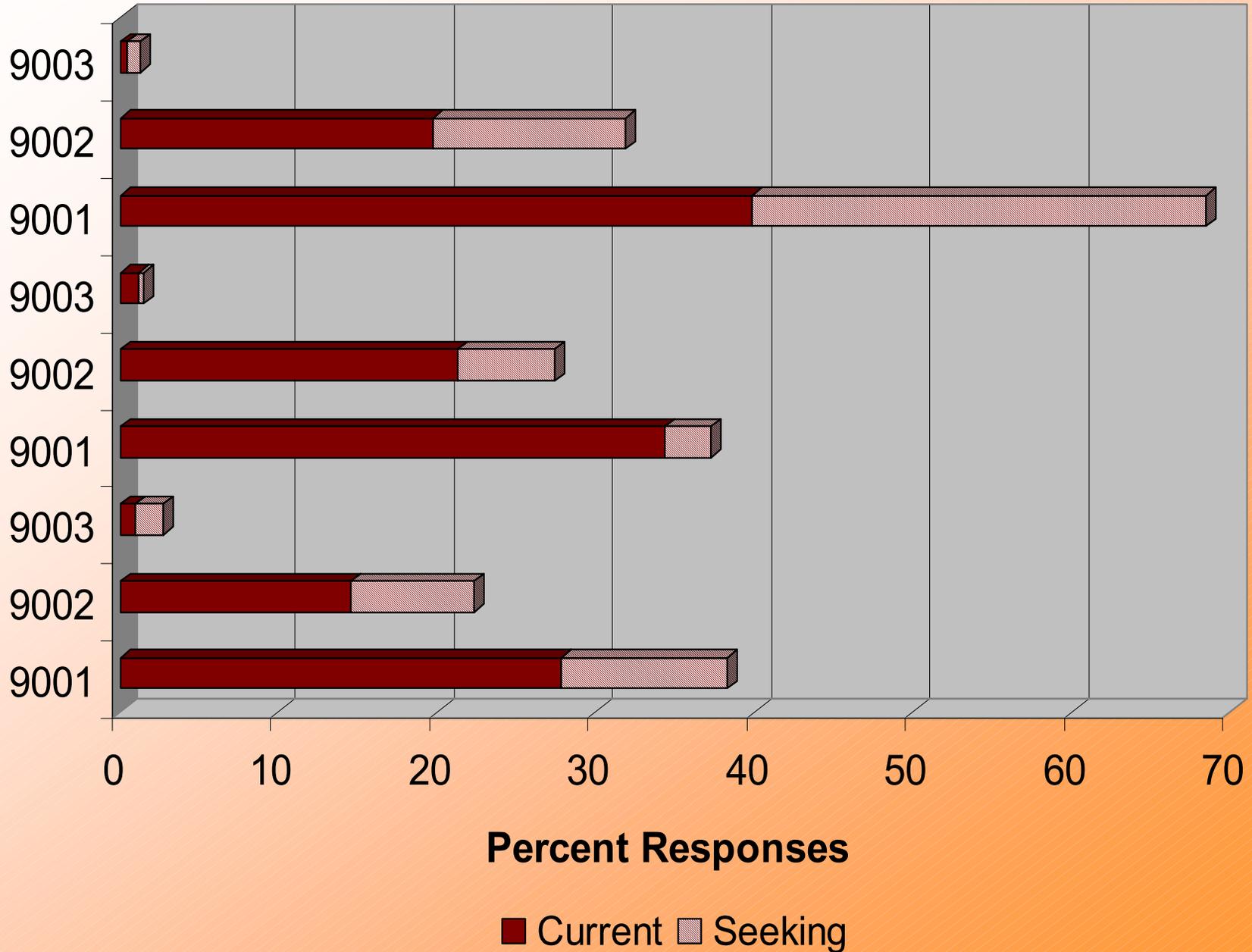


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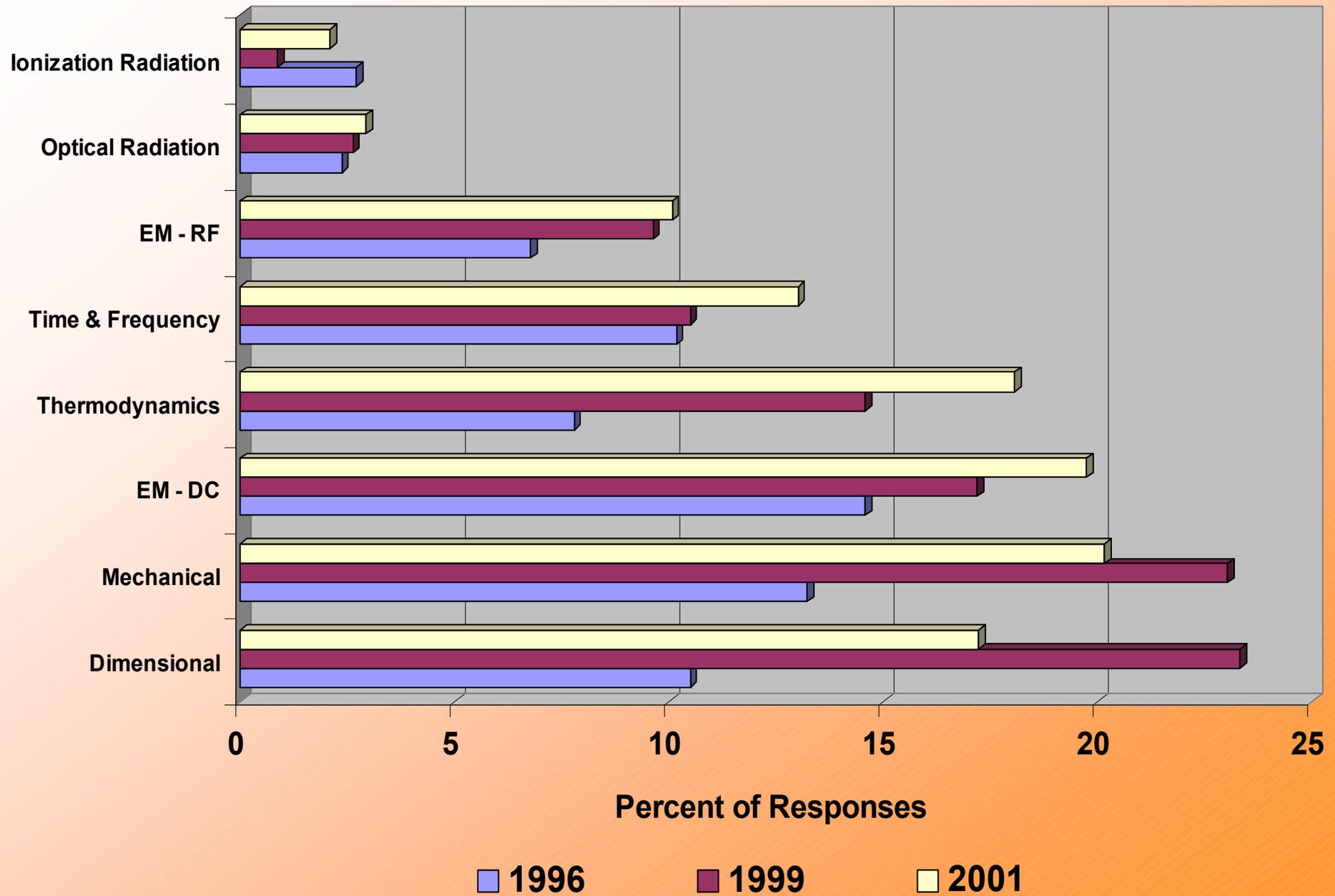


# ISO Registrations Current and Seeking

1996 - 1999 - 2001



# Upcoming Voluntary Accreditations

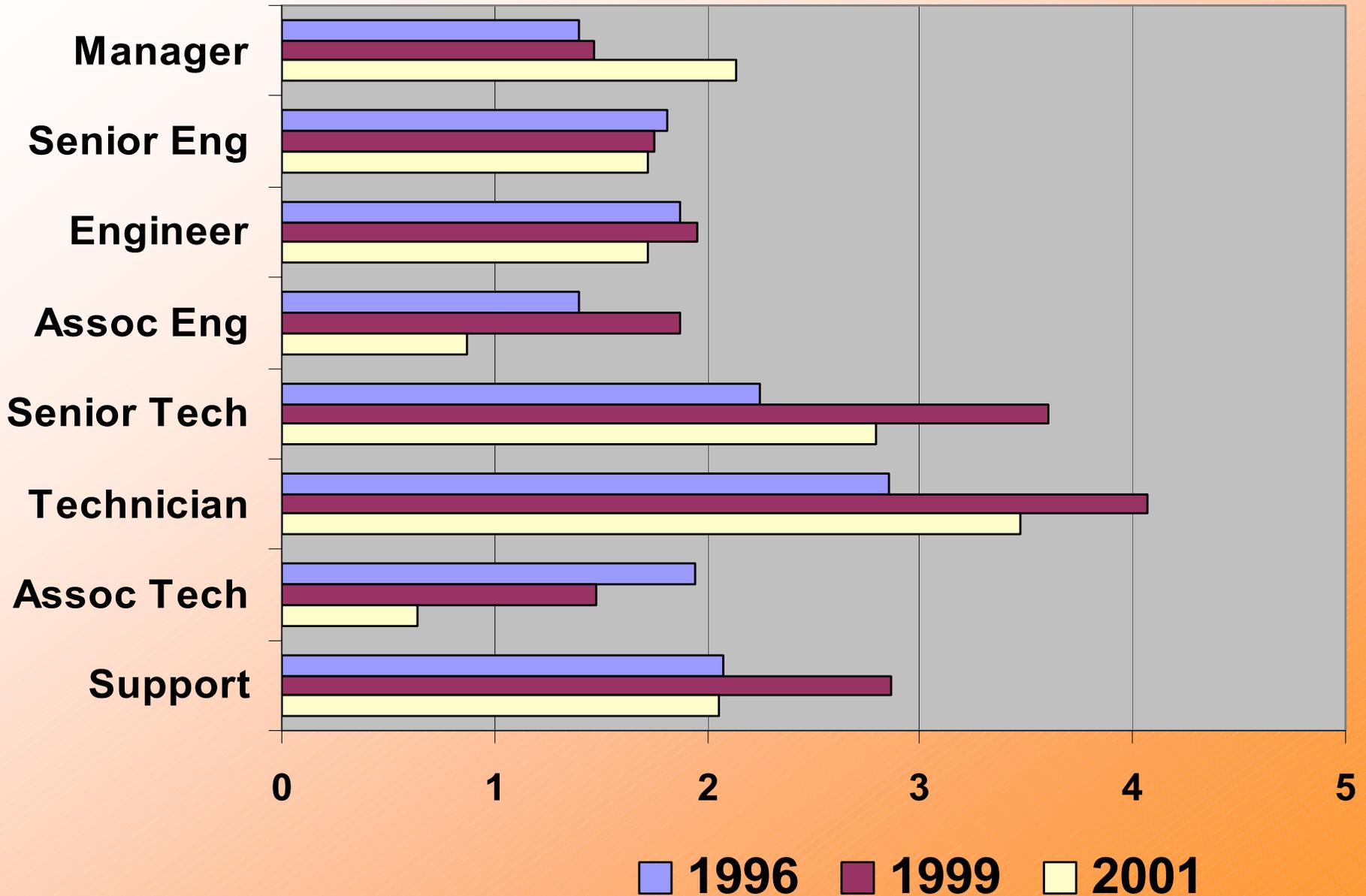




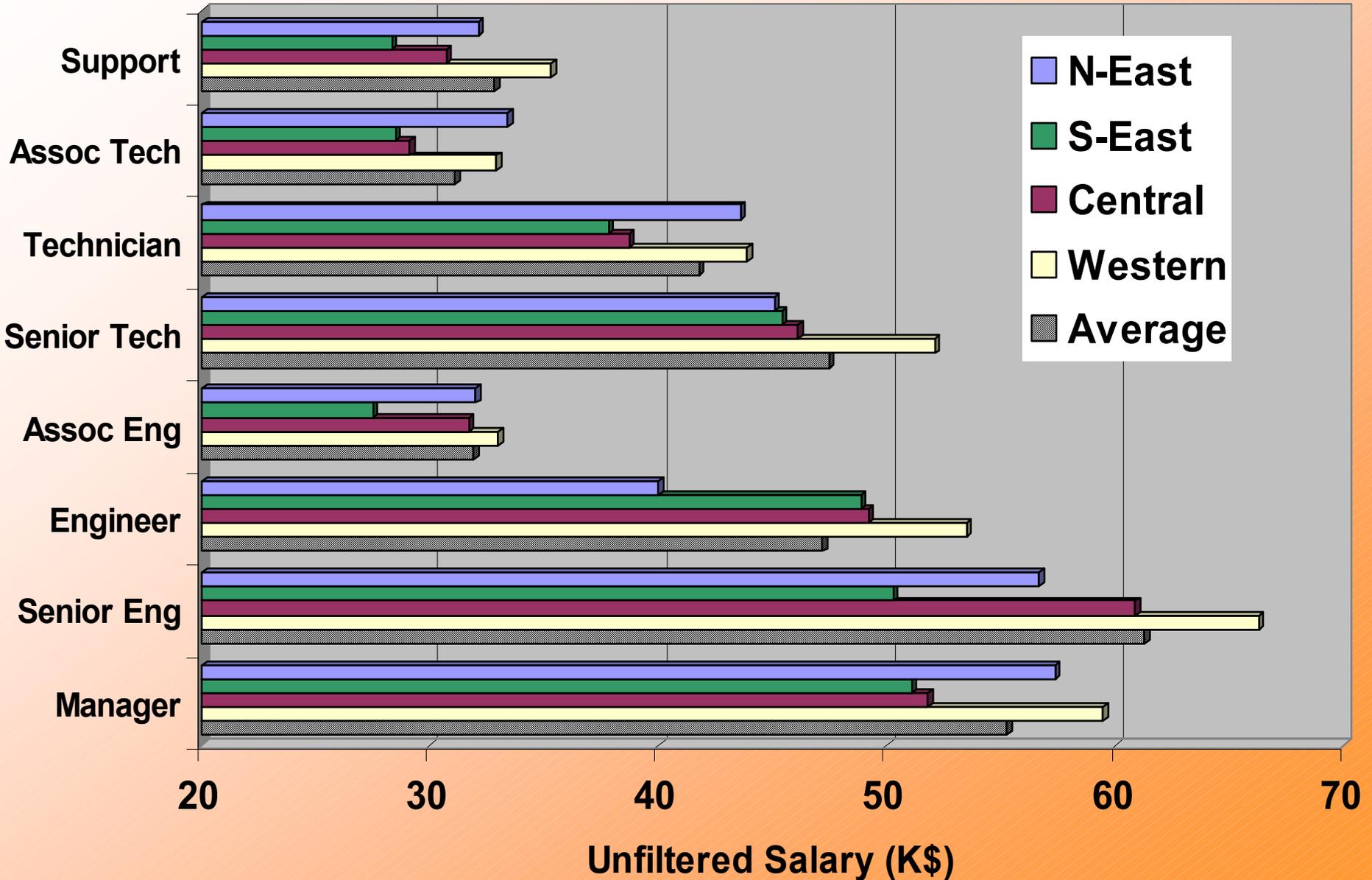
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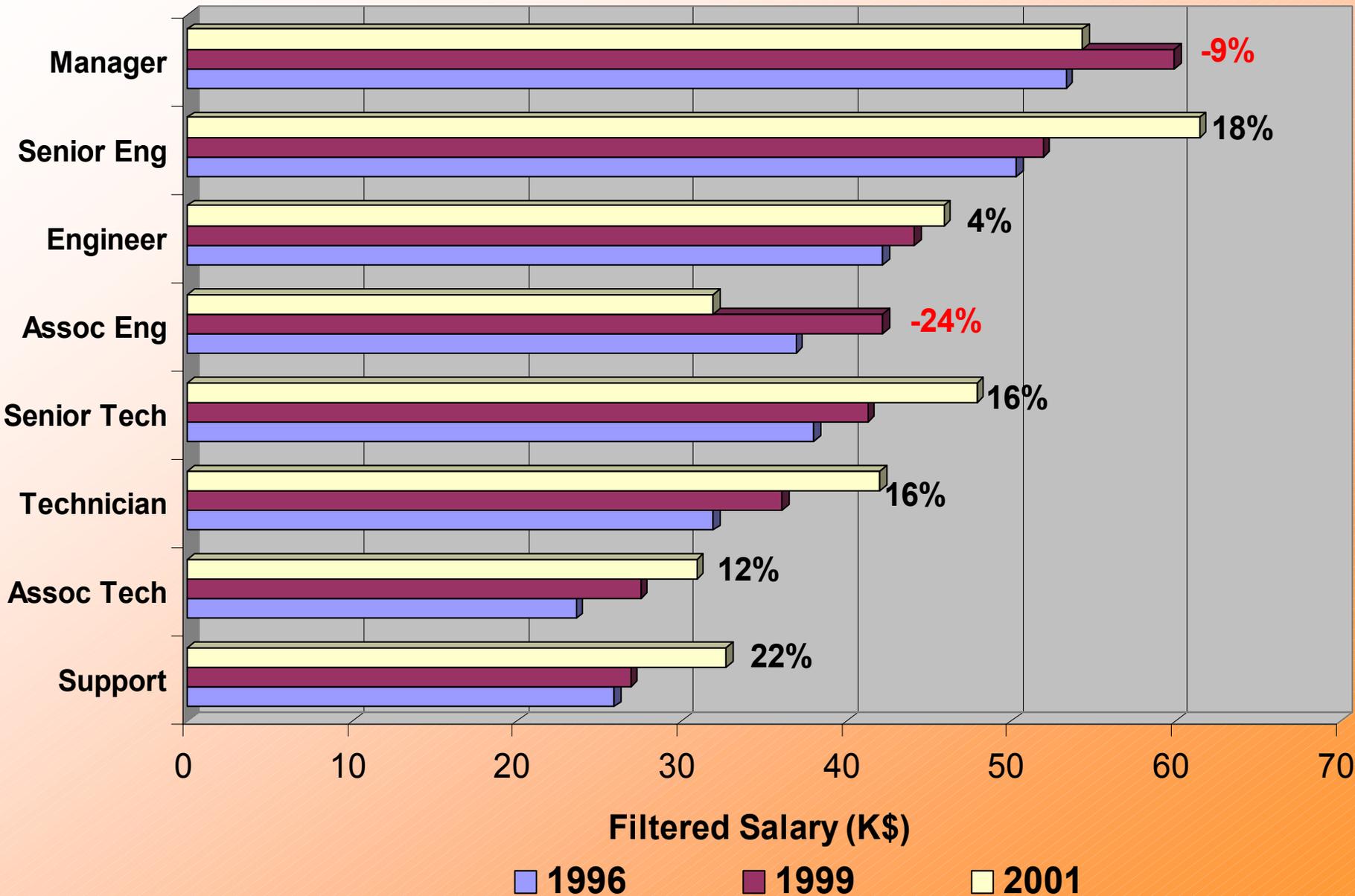
# Personnel Per Job Classification 1996-2001



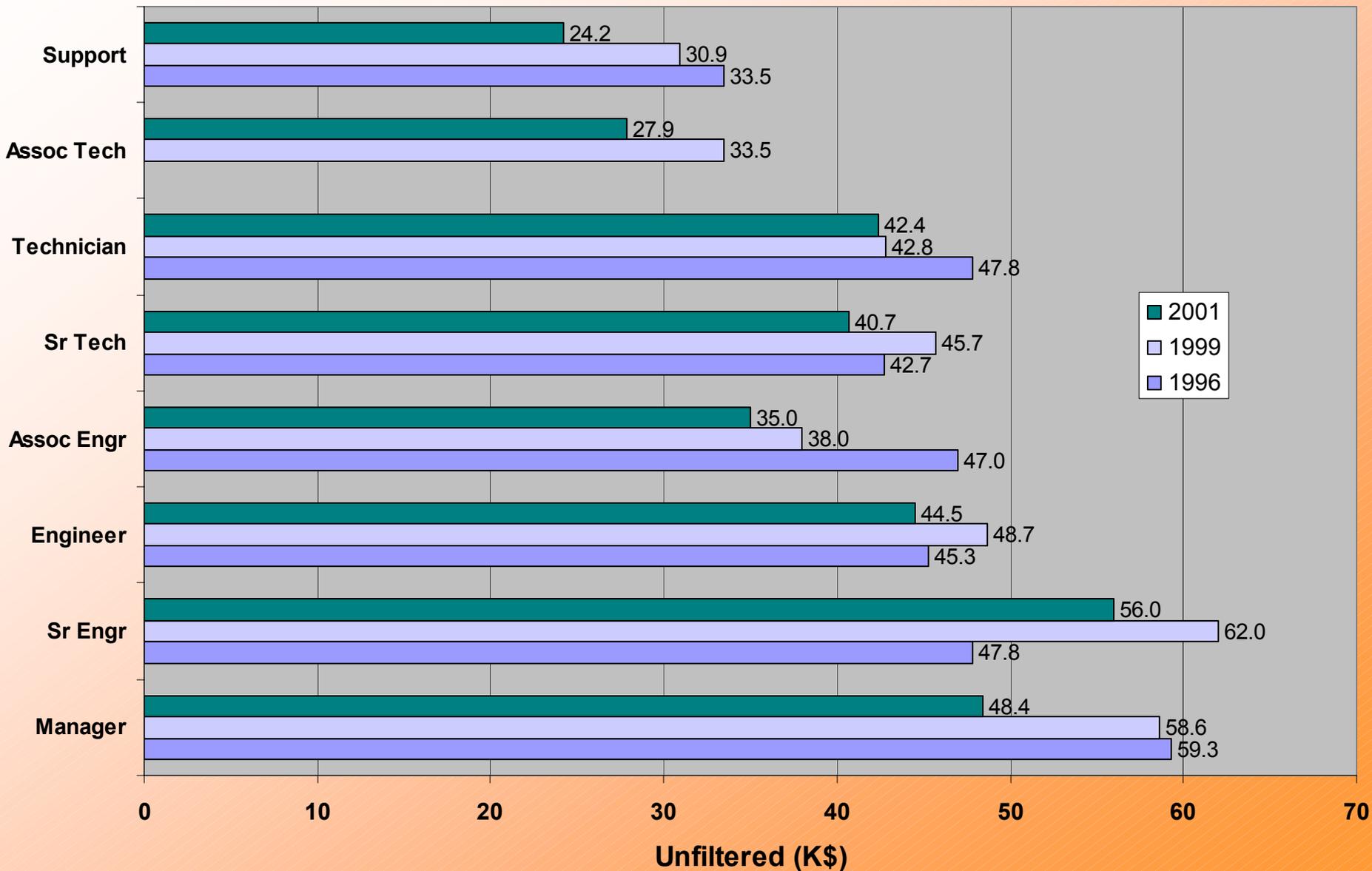
# Salary By Geographic Location 2001 & Job Classification (USA Only)



# Salary By Job Classification 1996-2001 & Percent of Salary Change (USA Only)



# Salary By Job Classification 1996-2001 (CANADA Only)

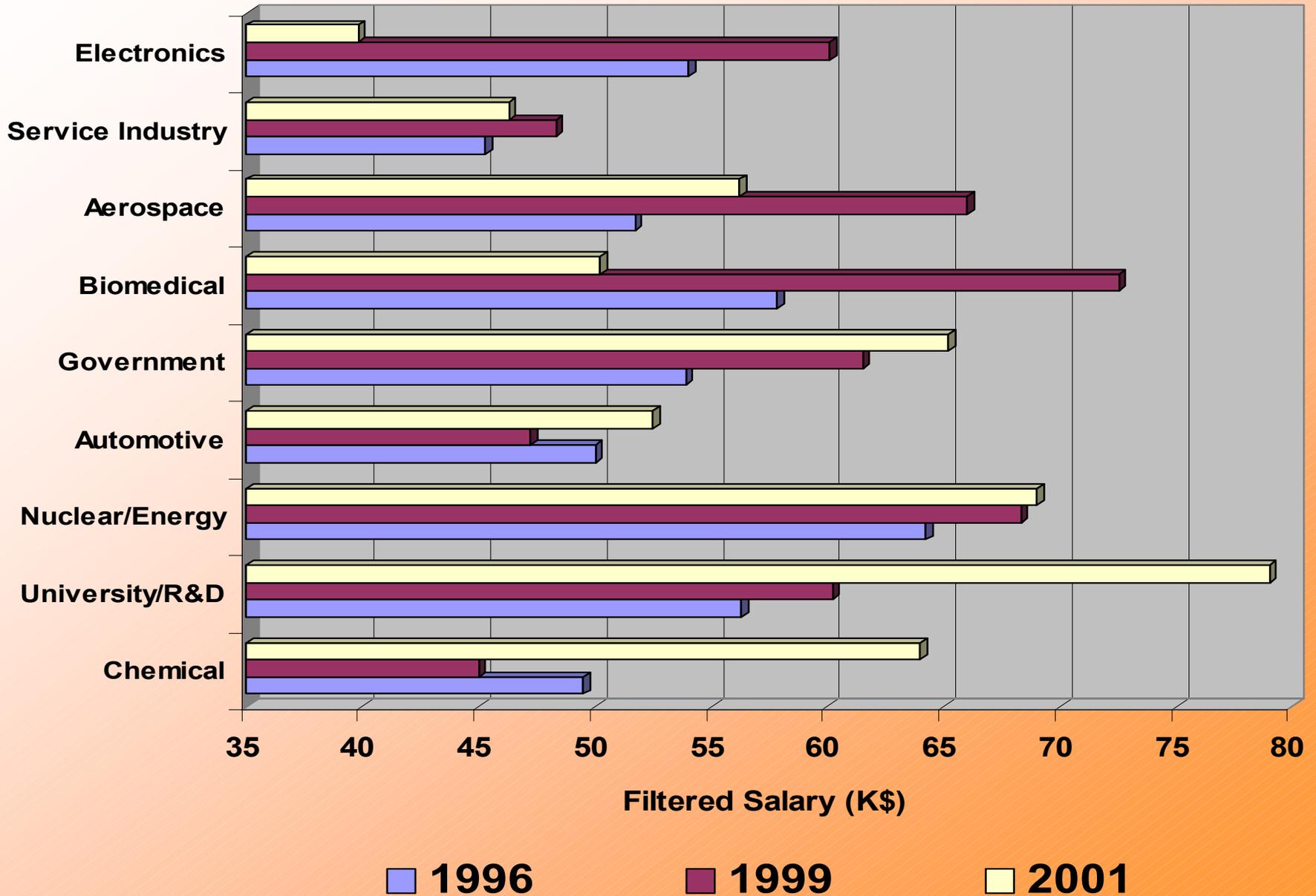




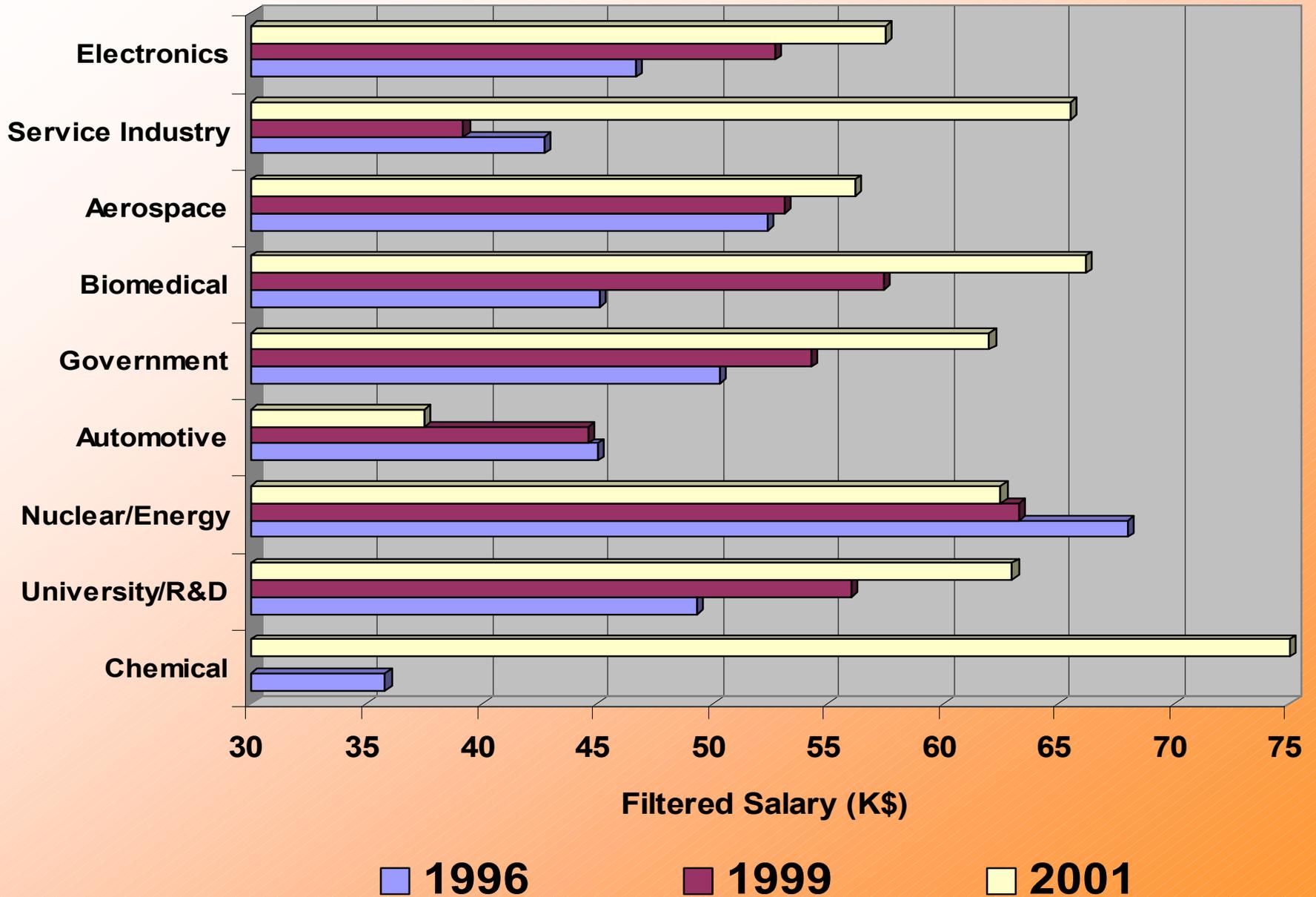
# International Salary Ranges

<b>Job Classification</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Std. Dev.</b>
Manager	\$10K	\$125K	10.7
Sr. Engineer	\$10K	\$120K	4.5
Engineer	\$10K	\$80K	2.3
Assoc. Engineer	\$10K	\$55K	2.7
Sr. Technician	\$10K	\$65K	3.1
Technician	\$10K	\$70K	2.7
Assoc. Technician	\$10K	\$50K	9.2
Support	\$10K	\$50K	2.2

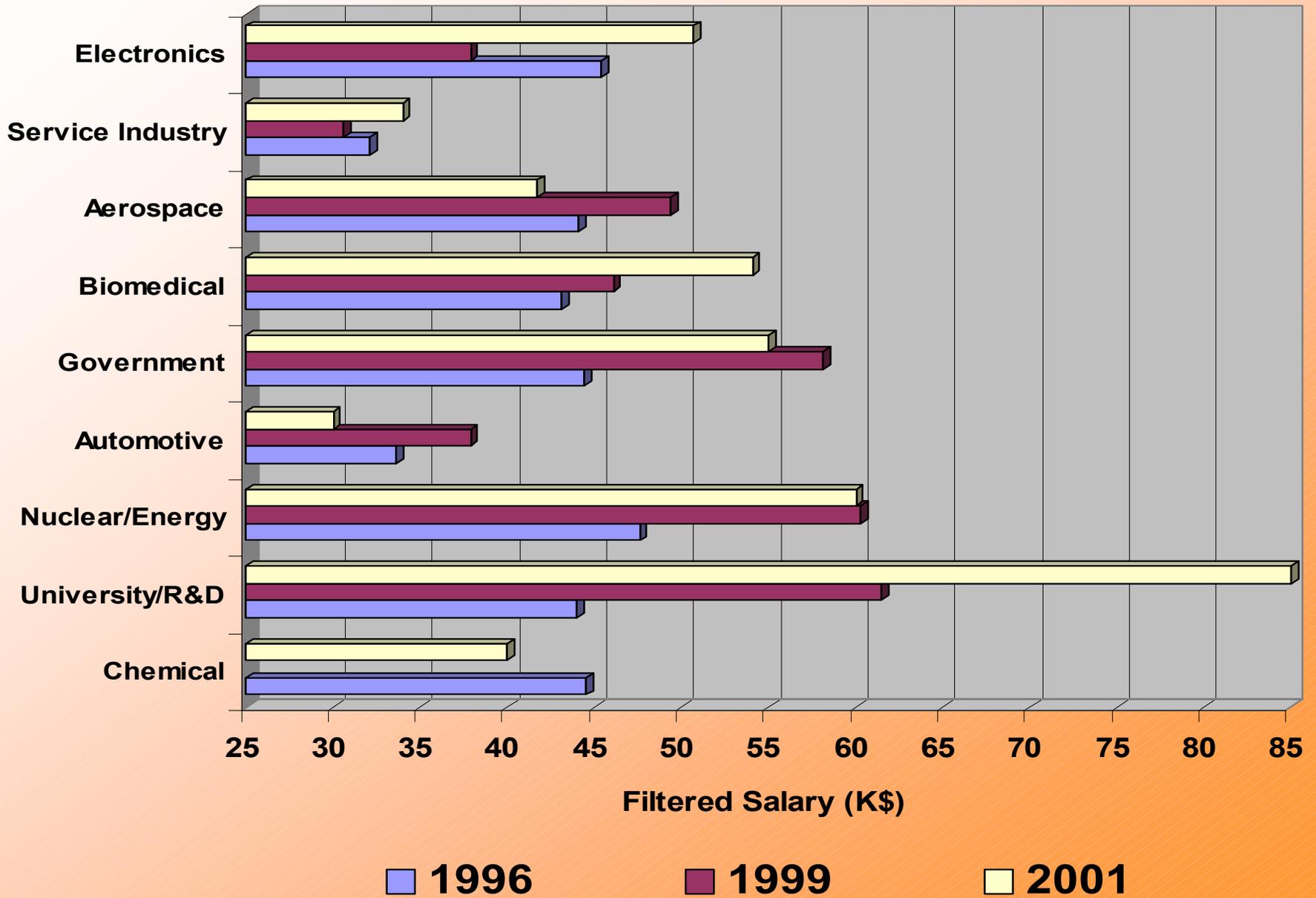
# Manager Salaries By Industry (USA)



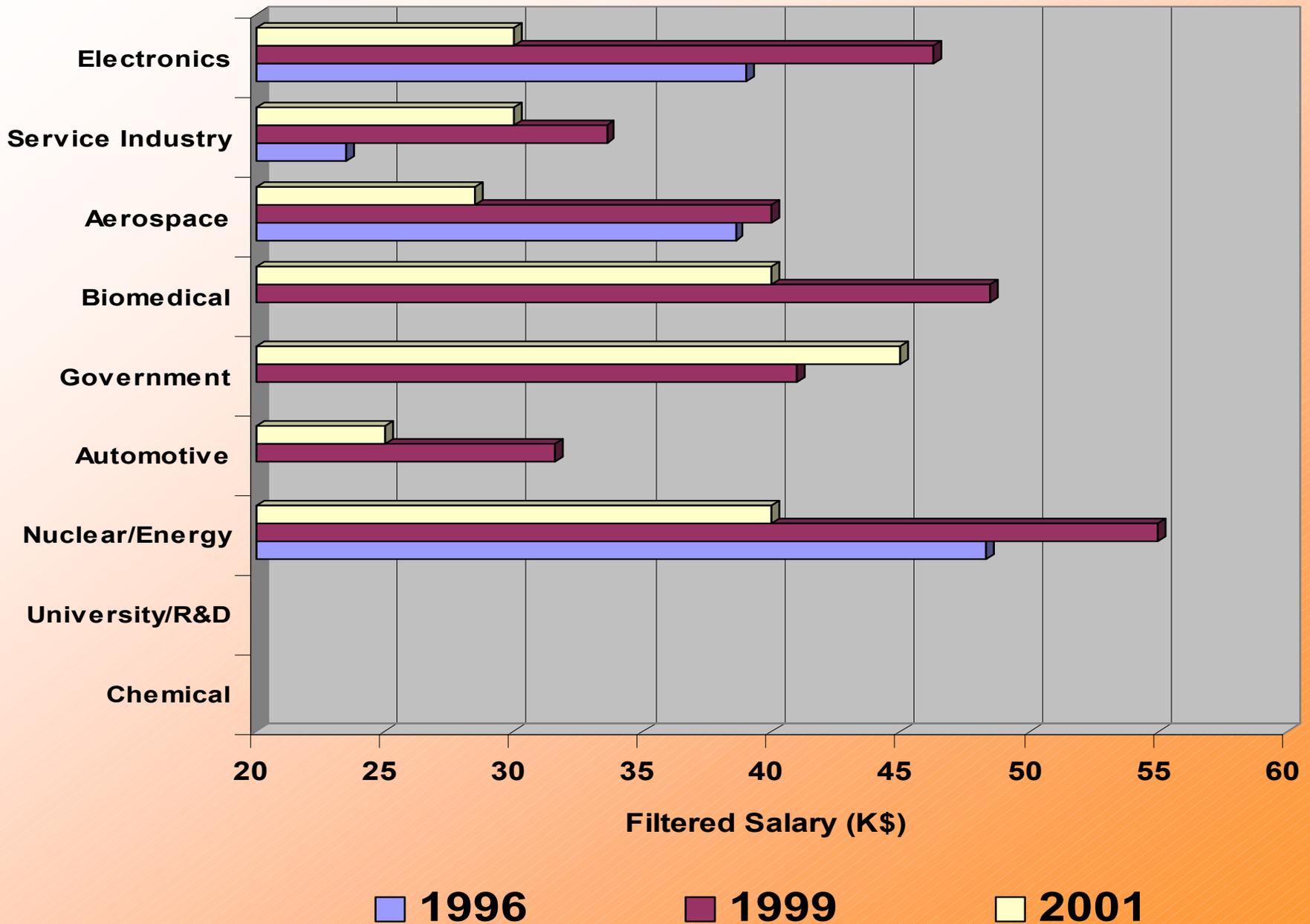
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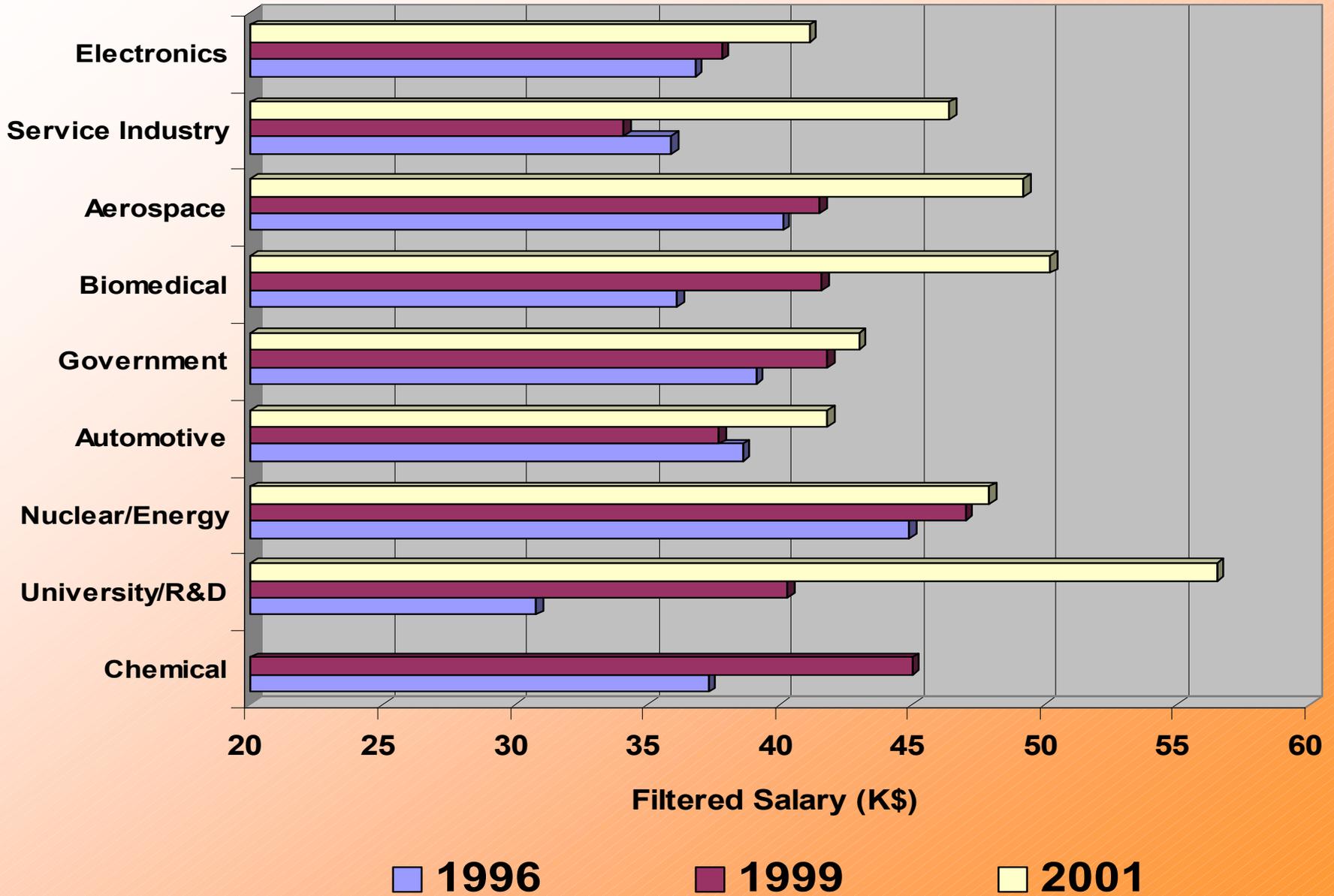
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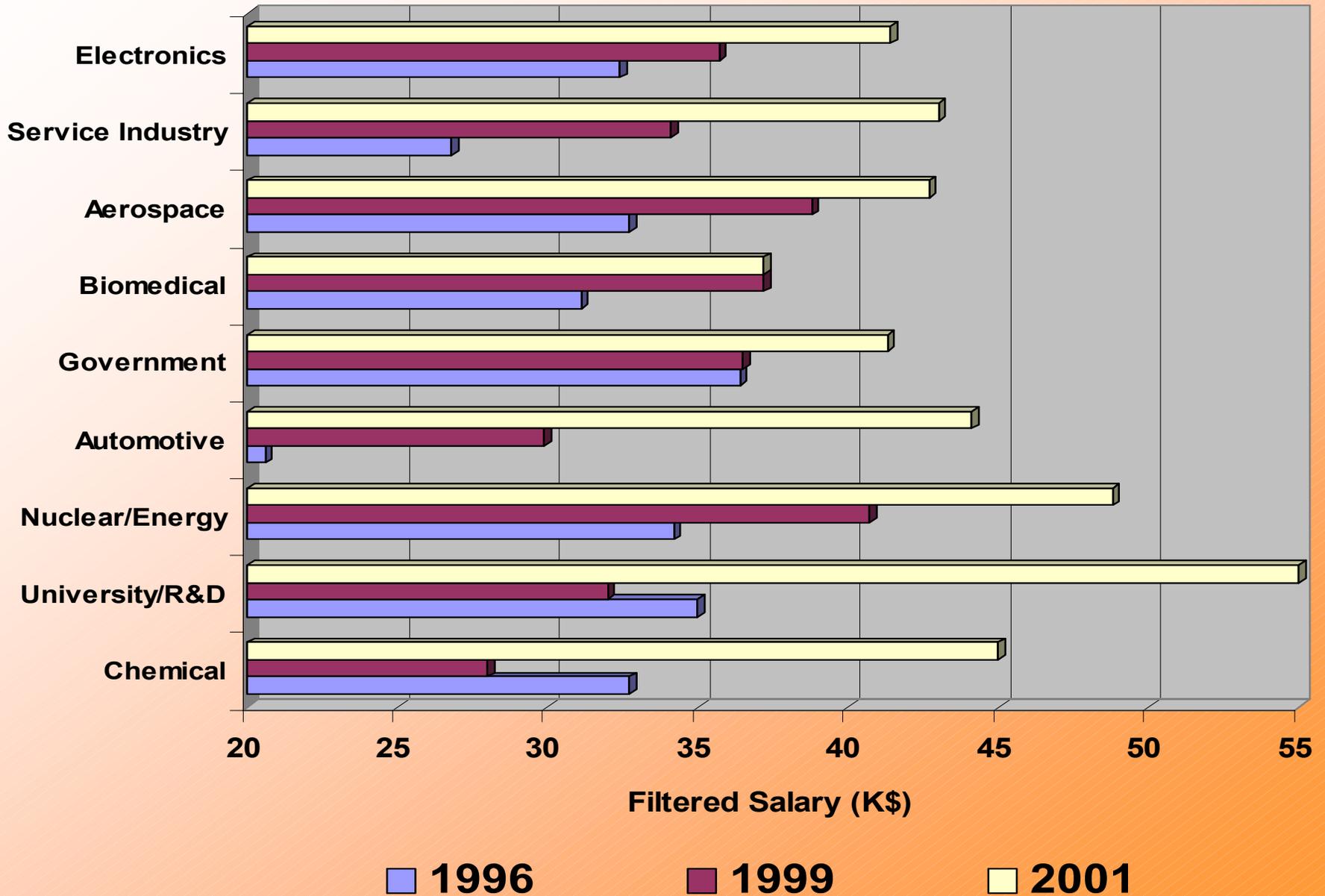
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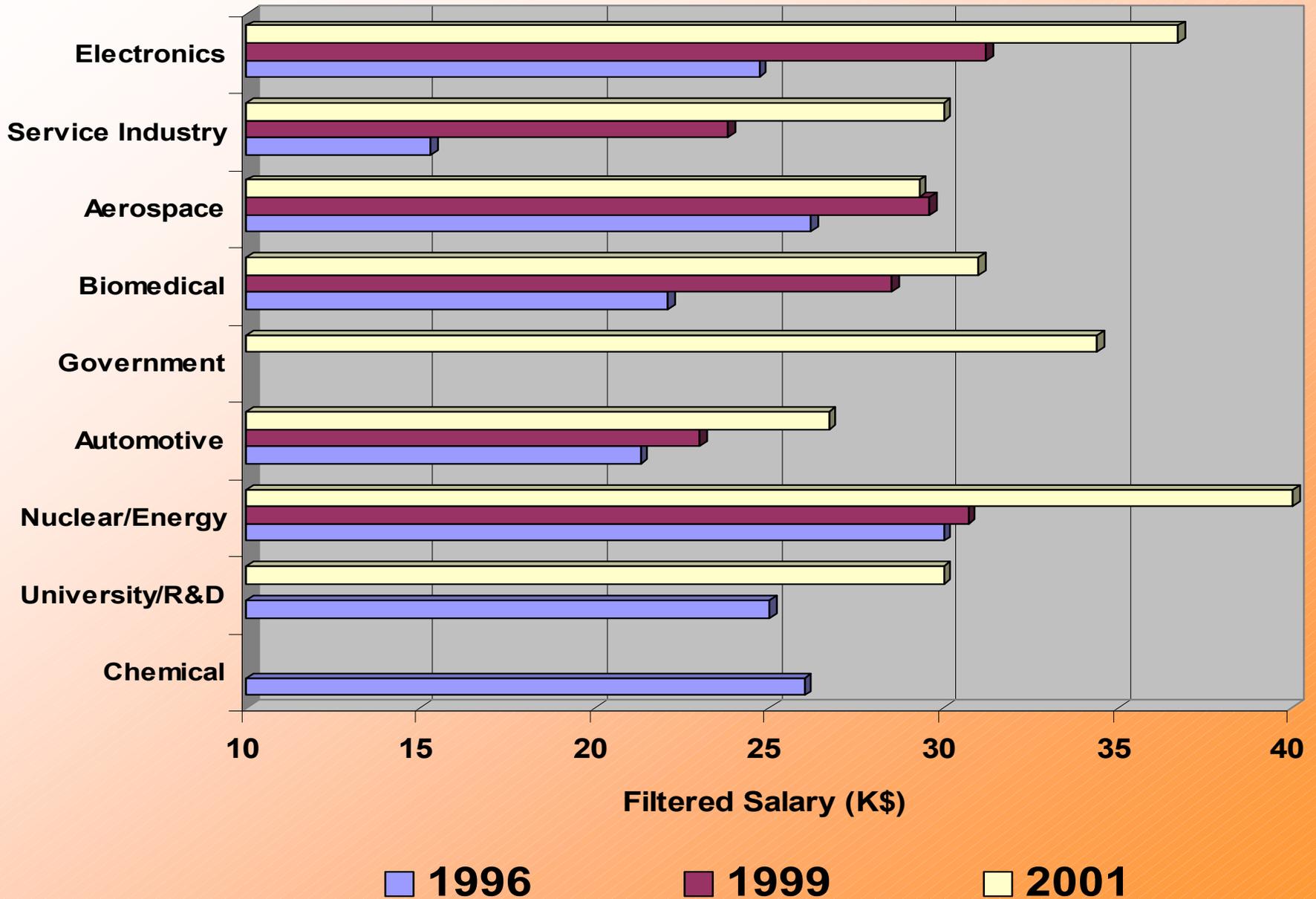
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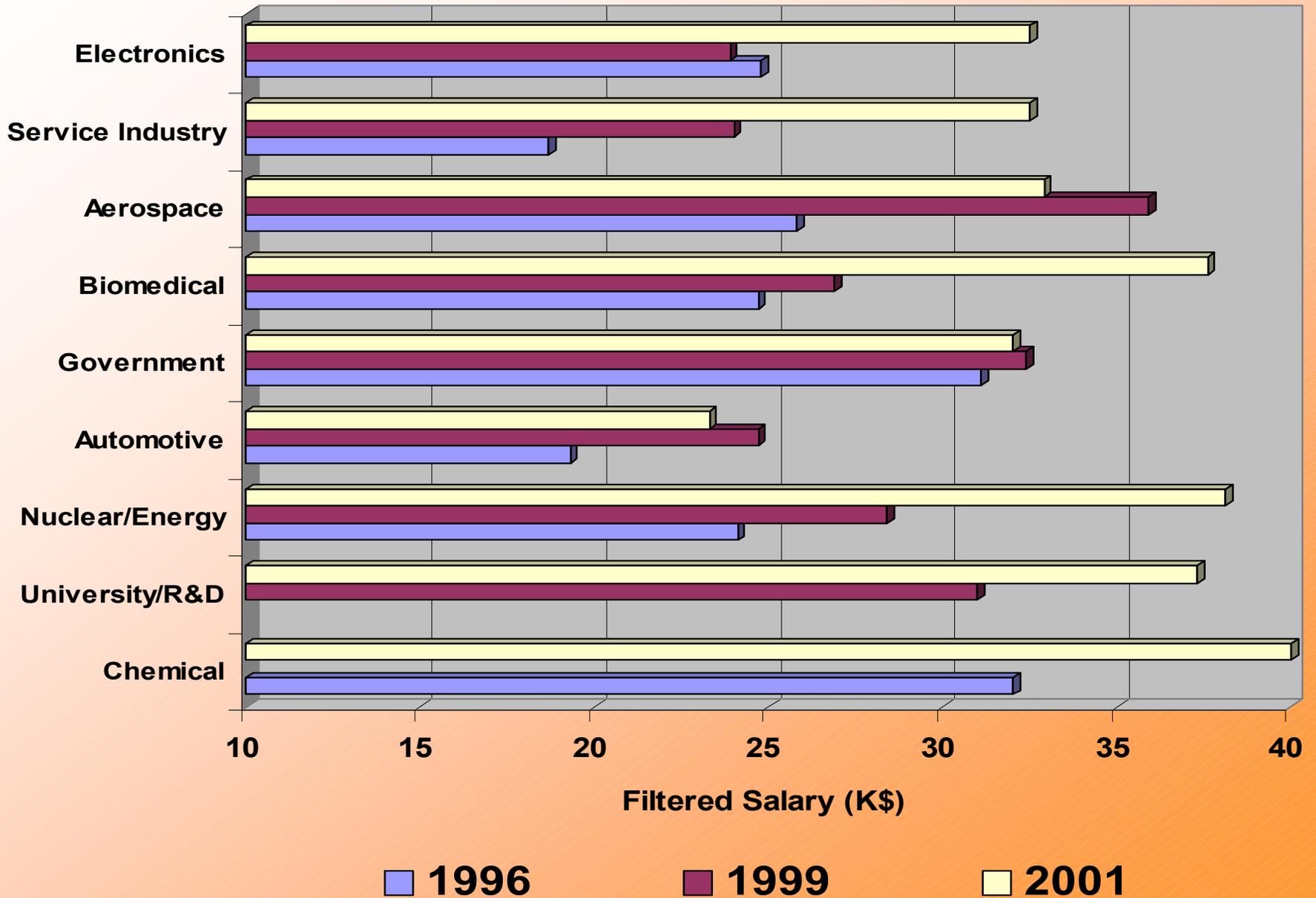
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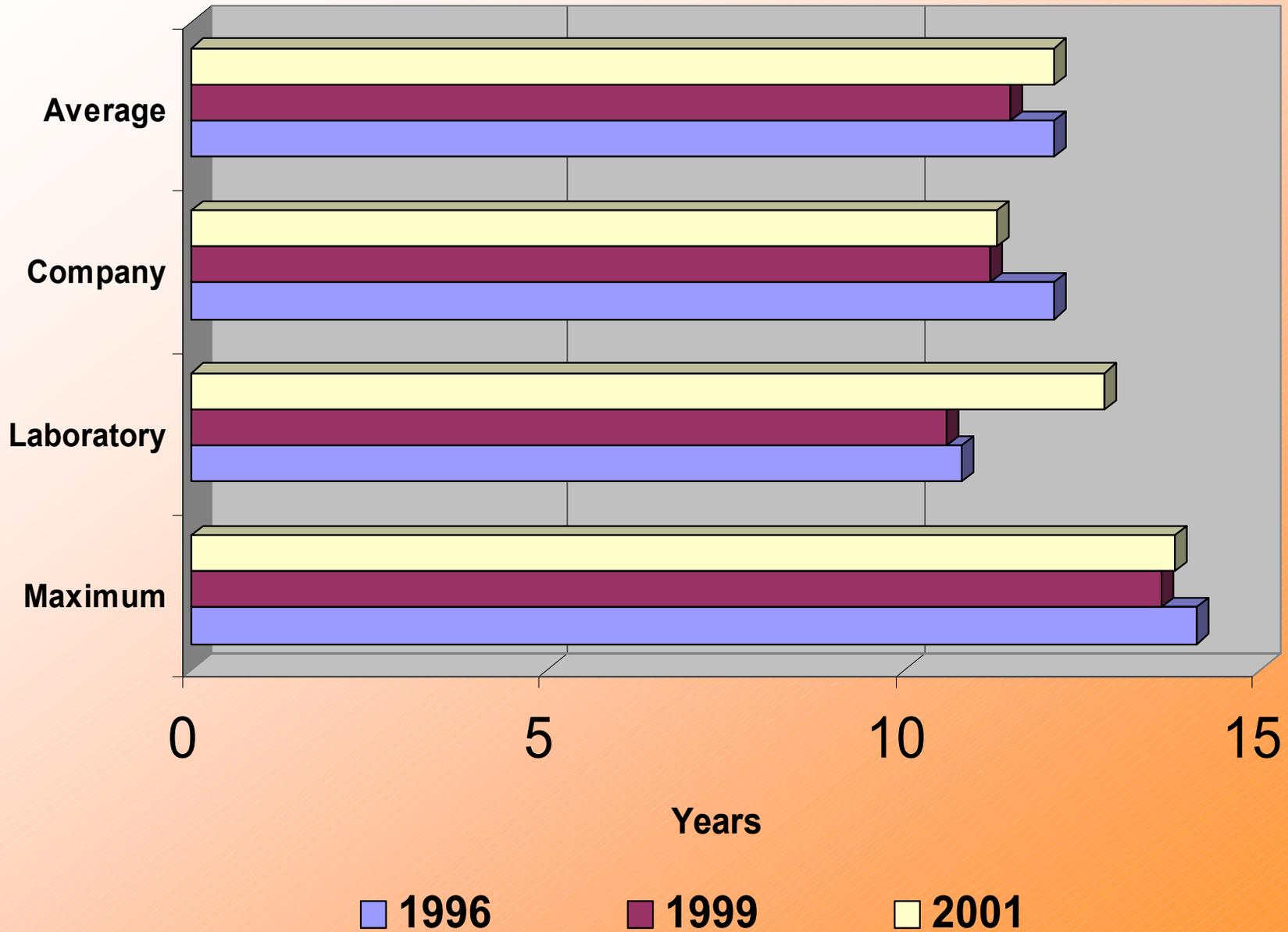
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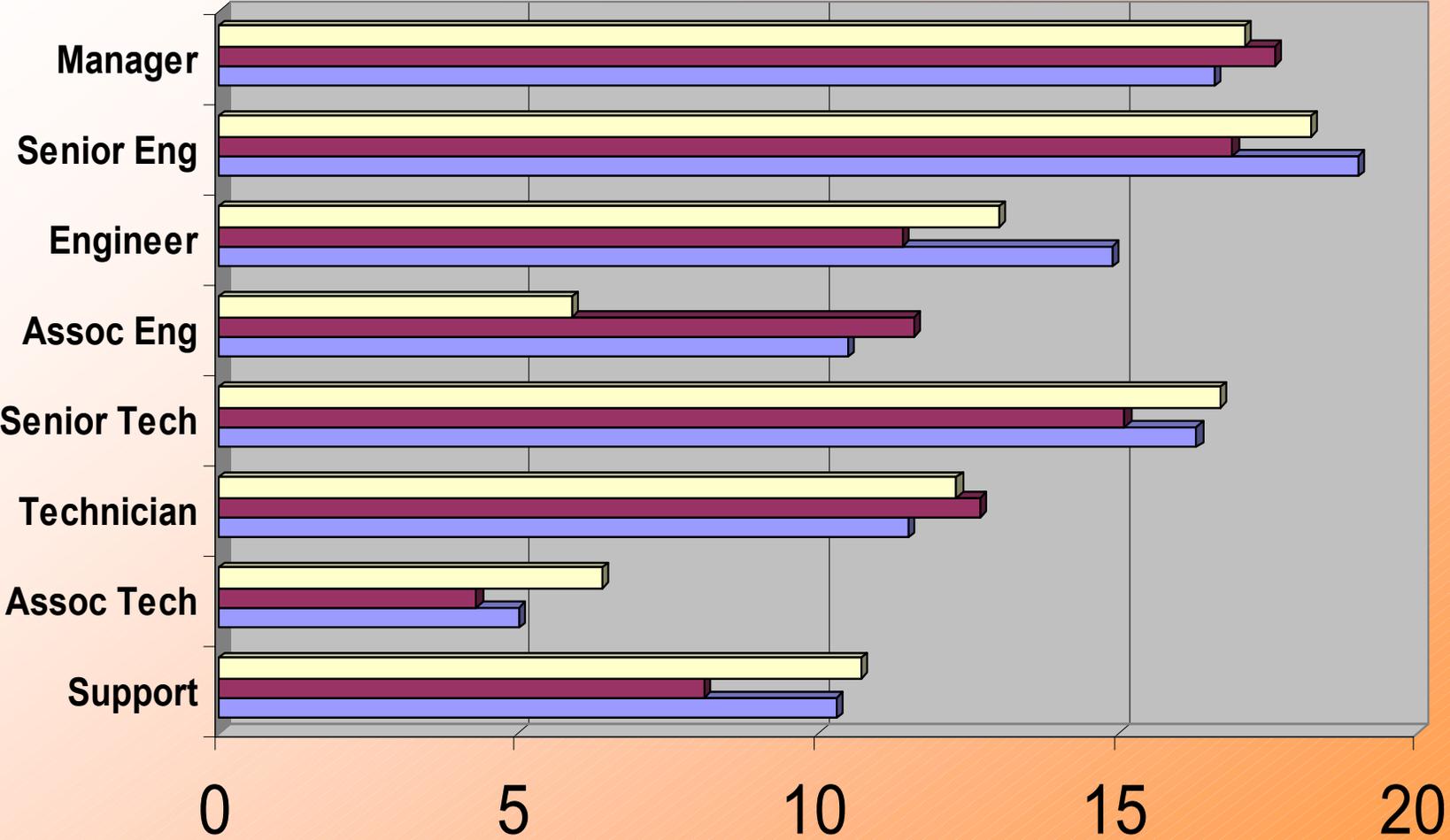
# Support Salaries By Industry (USA)



# Experience (USA)



# Max Experience\* By Job Classification (USA)



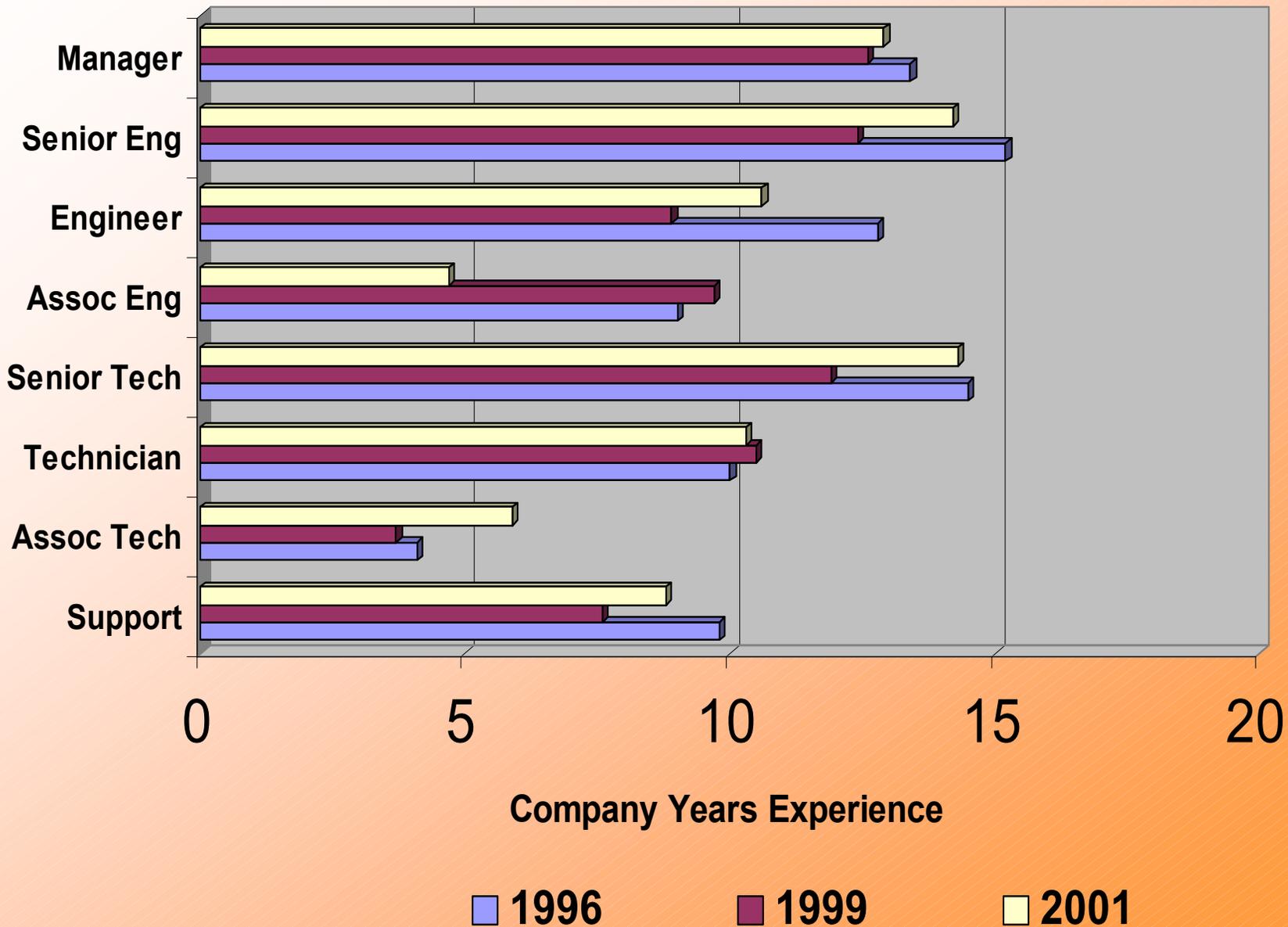
Years (\*Maximum Years With Company or Lab )

1996

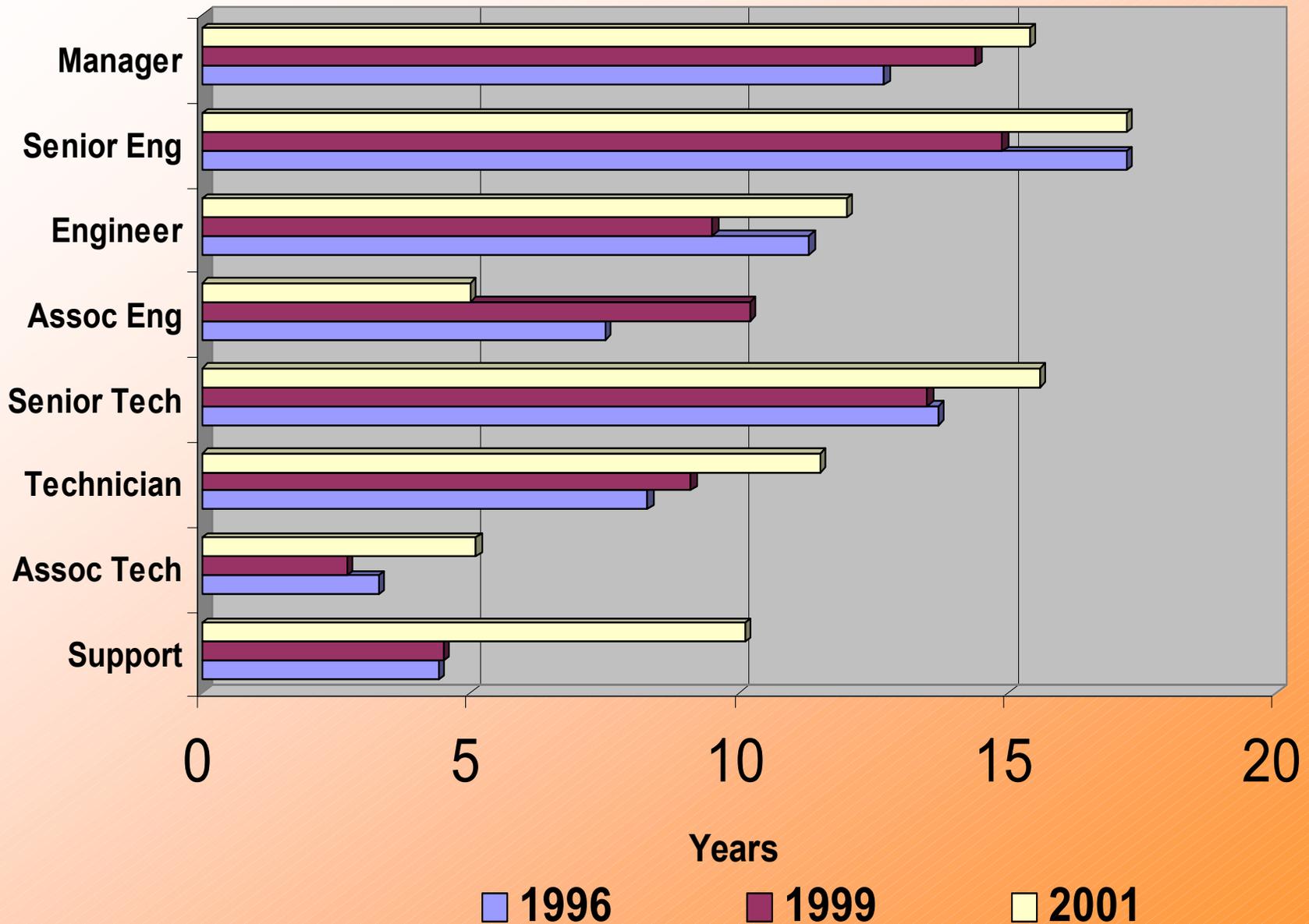
1999

2001

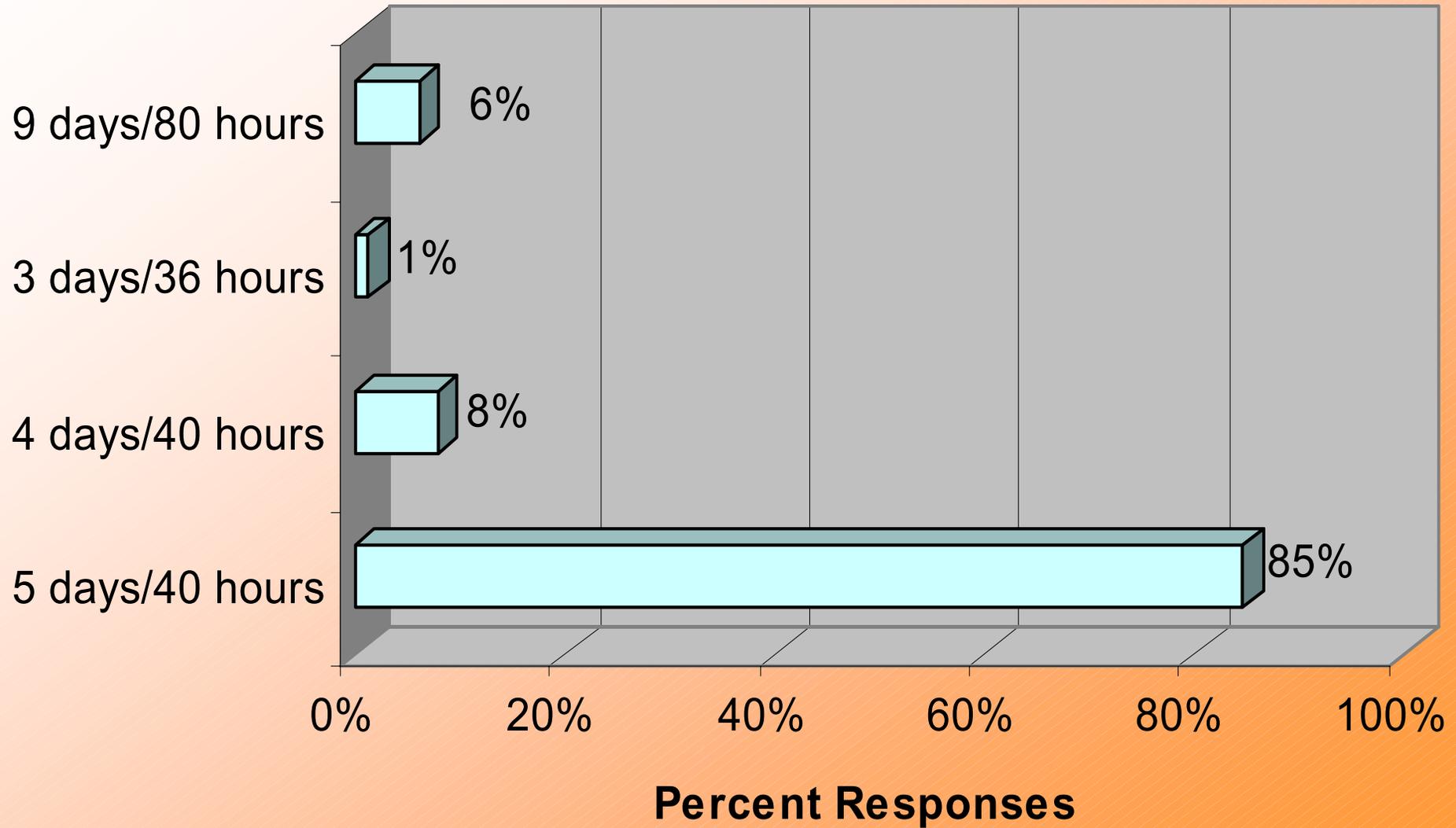
# Company Experience By Job Classification (USA)



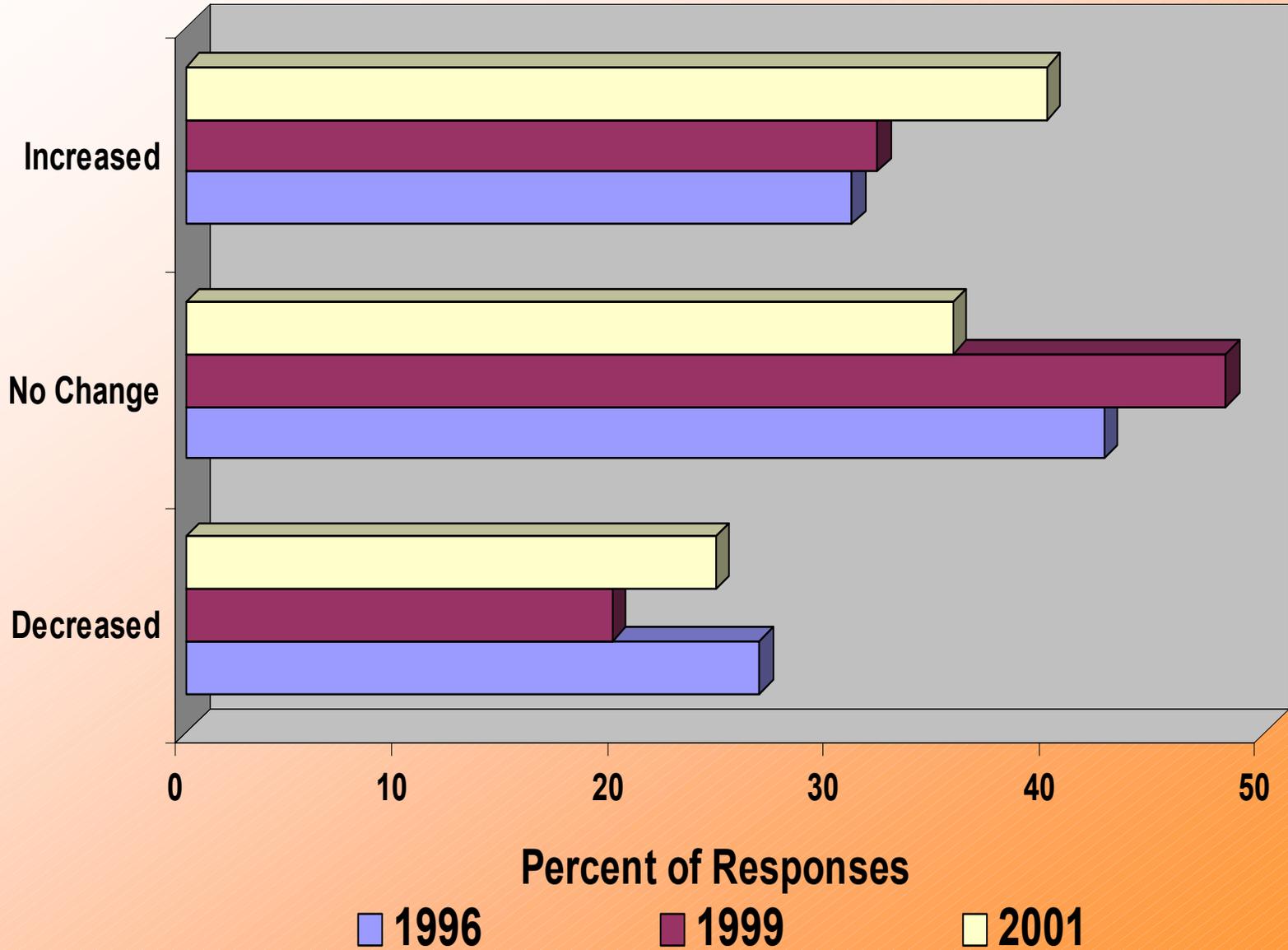
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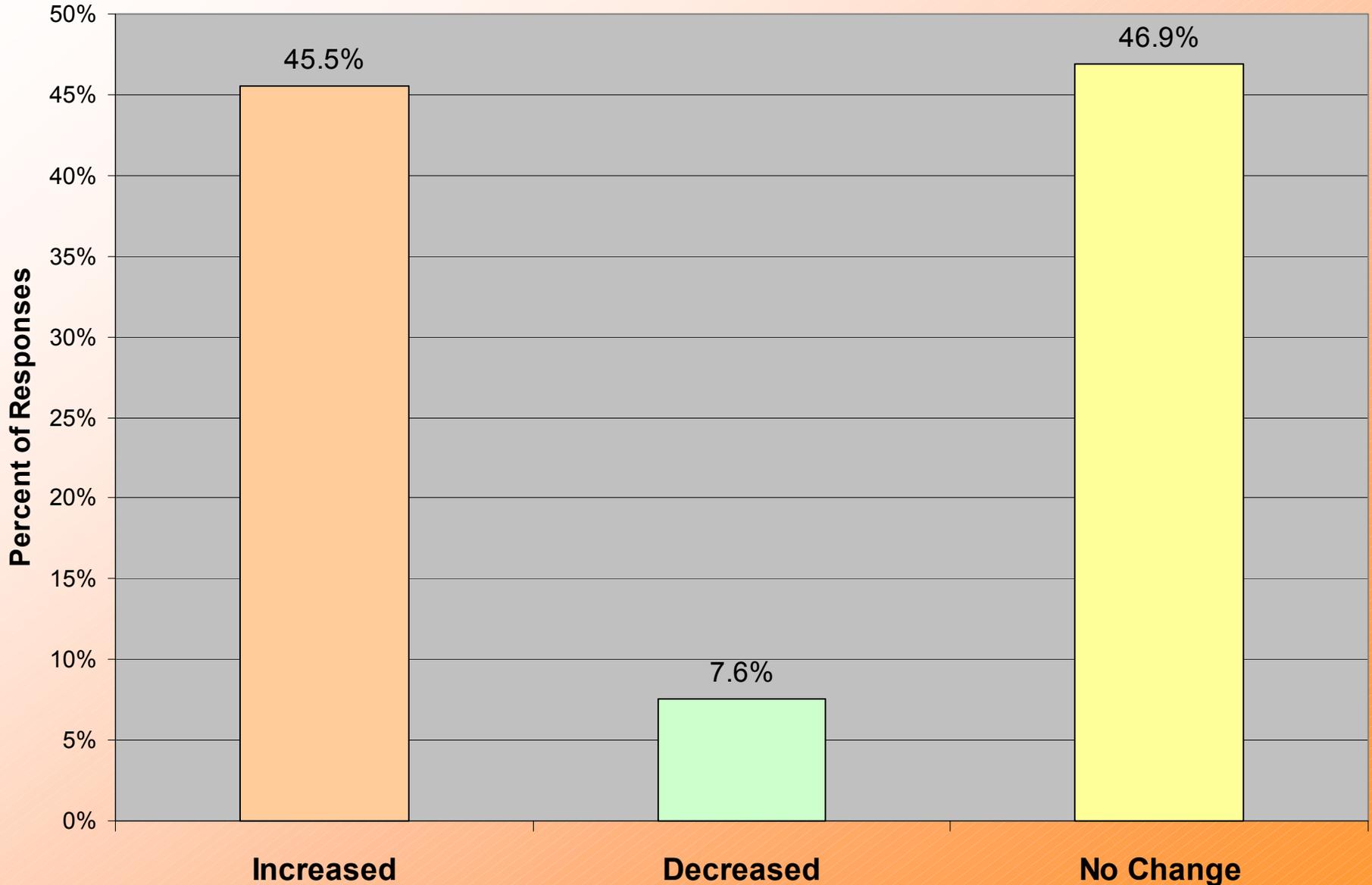
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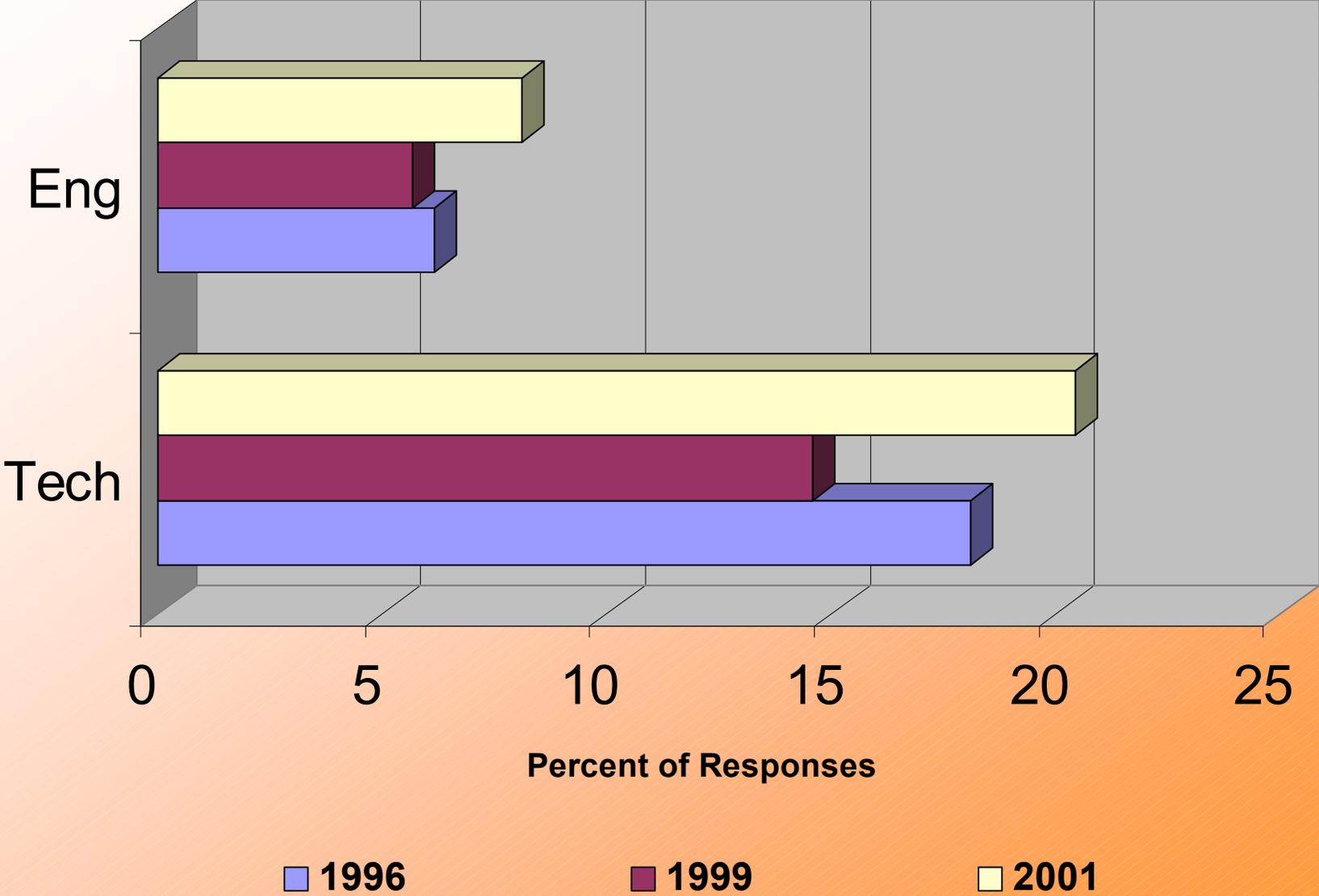
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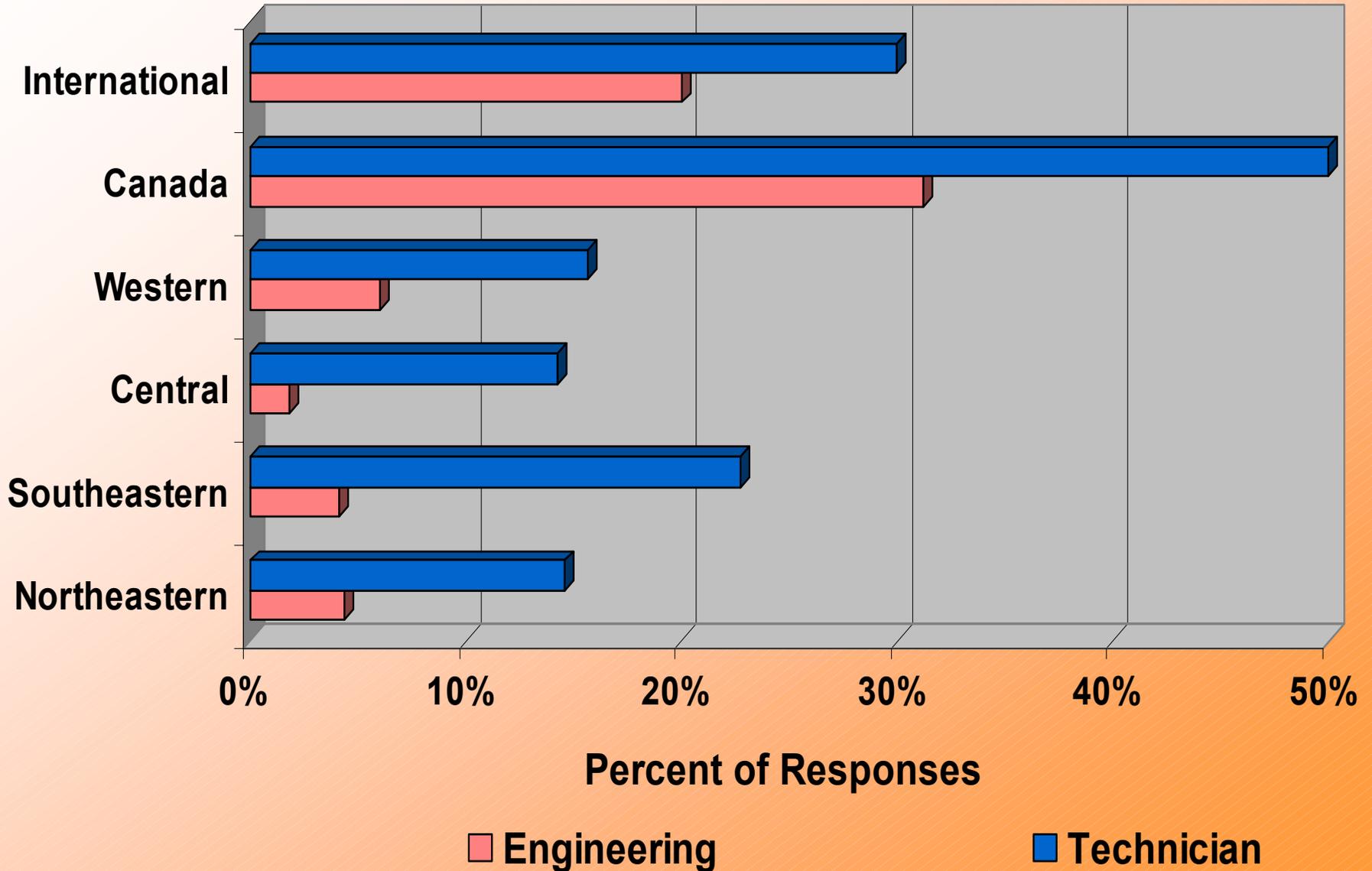
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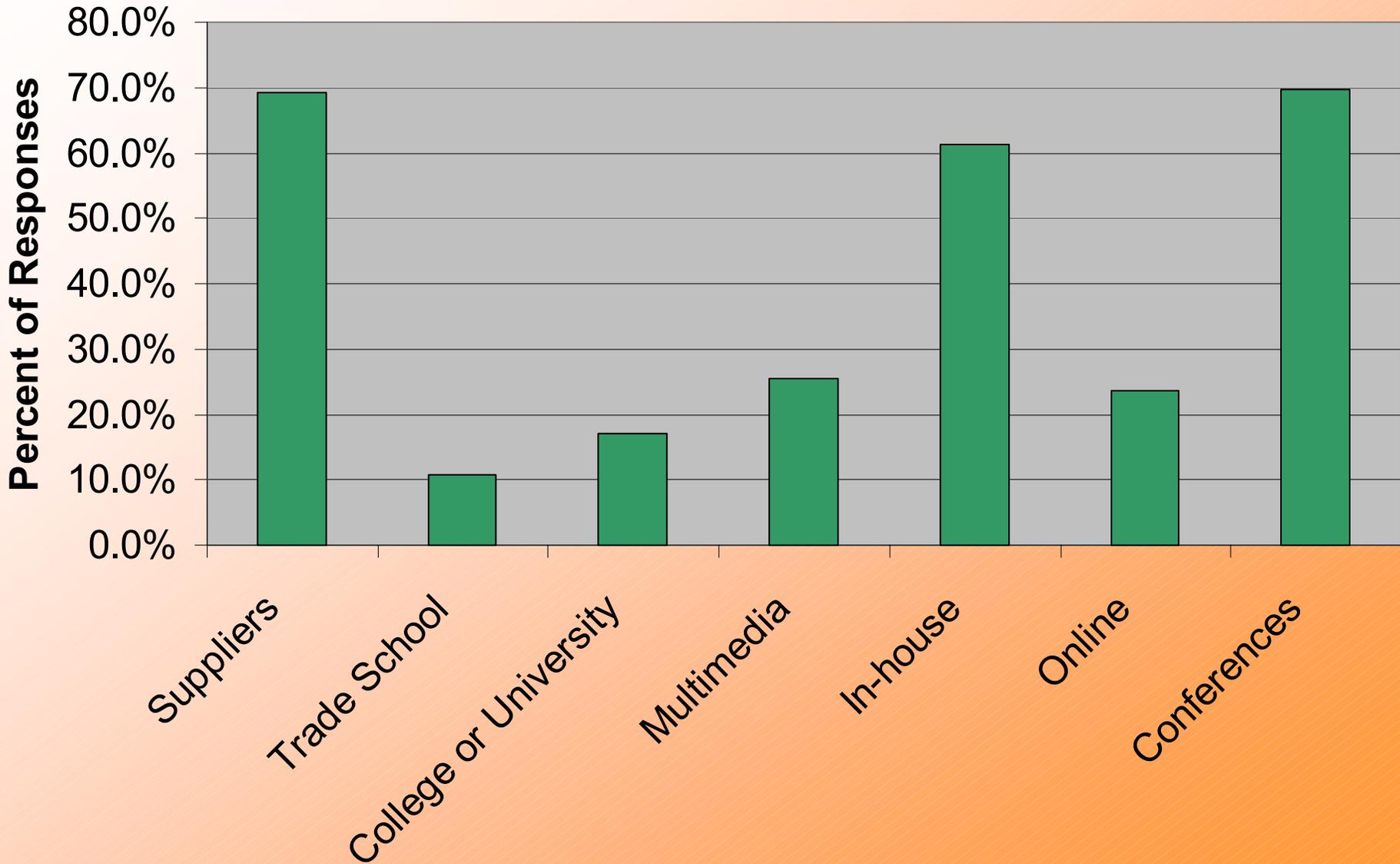
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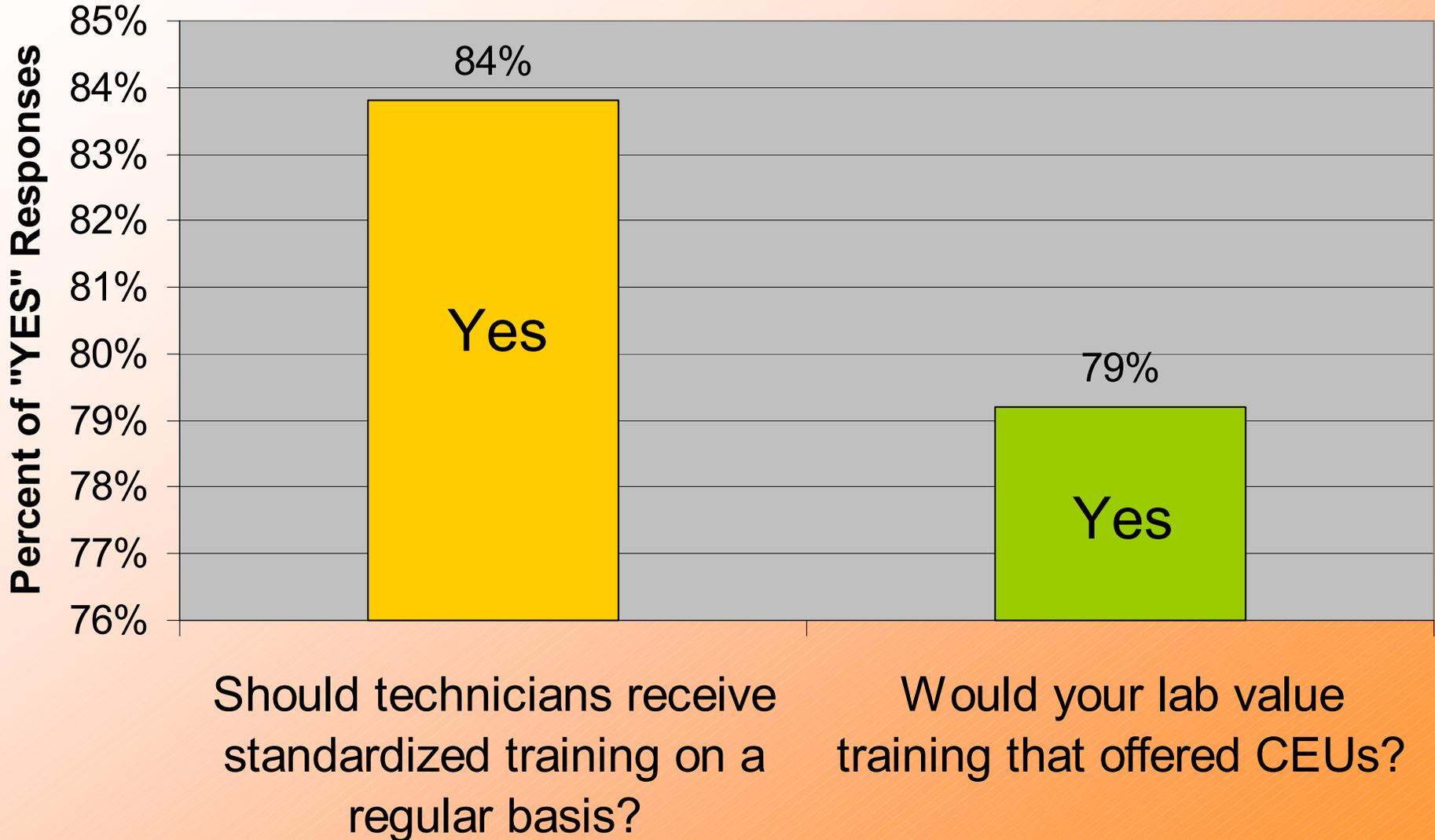
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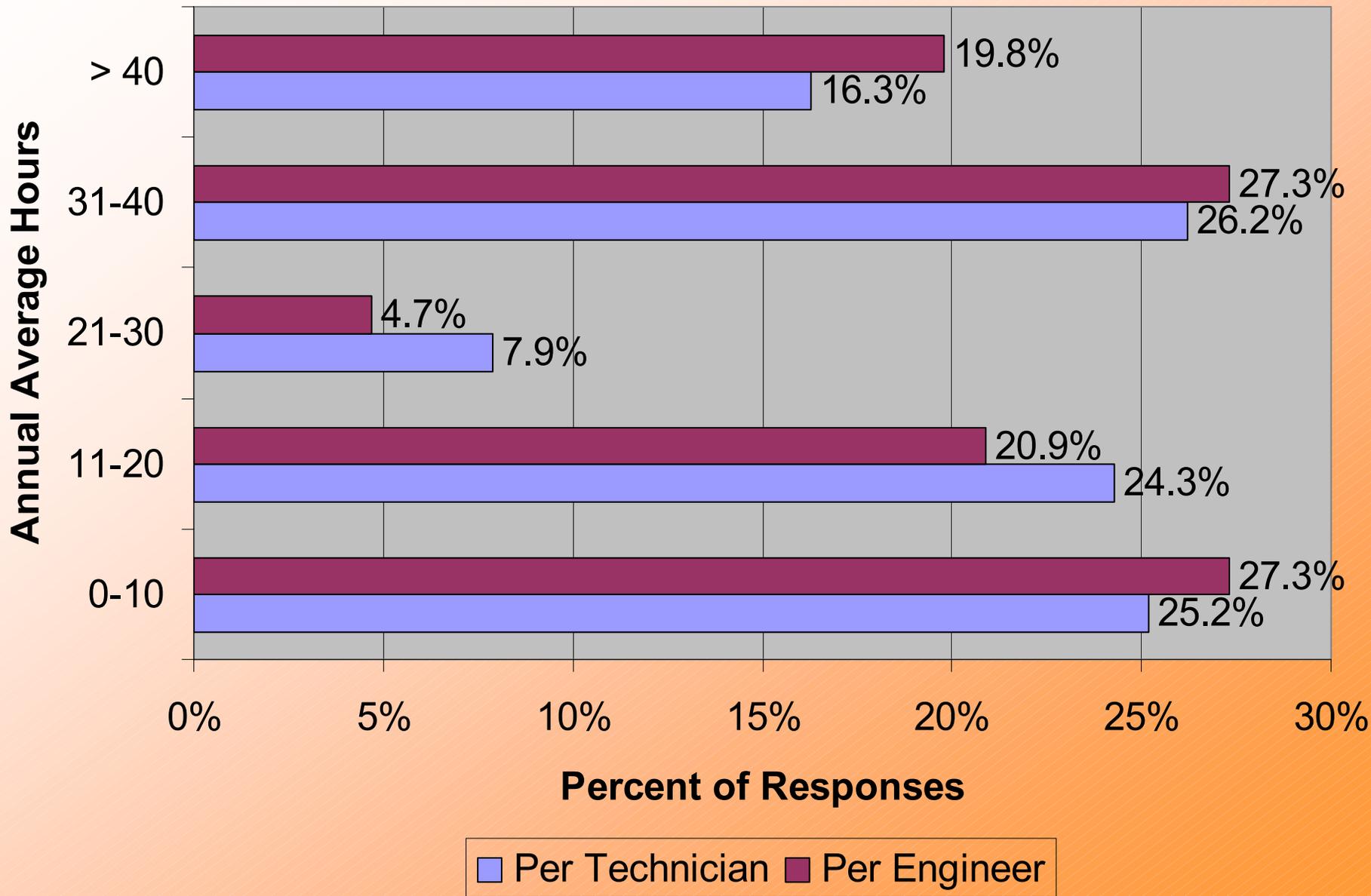
# Metrology Training Source



# Training Perspective



# Annual Training Hours Goal





# Typical Laboratory Profile

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Based on the results of the 2001 NCSL International Benchmarking Survey, the typical participant laboratory has the following profile:

- Is within the service industry
- Classified as a calibration laboratory
- Located in the central part of the USA
- Part of Region 11
- Part of a site with 11 - 50 employees
- Performs 1001 to 5000 calibrations per year



# Typical Laboratory Profile (cont.)

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- Maintains cycle time  $< 5$  working days
- Does not factor repairs into it's cycle time
- Does not factor vendor/supplier outsourced work into it's cycle time
- Maintains less than 100 active items
- Target and actual in-tolerance rate is  $> 95\%$
- Delinquency rate is  $< 1\%$
- Provides pick-up and delivery service
- Provides/uses an Equipment Mgmt. Center



# Typical Laboratory Profile (cont.)

- Has the following workload distribution:
  - **EM - DC/Low Hz workload is 26-50% of inventory**
    - 1-10% of EM - DC/Low Hz workload is offloaded
  - **Mechanical workload is 11-25% of inventory**
    - 1-10% of Mechanical workload is offloaded
  - **Dimensional workload is 1-10% of inventory**
    - 1-10% of Dimensional workload is offloaded
  - **Time & Freq. workload is 1-10% of inventory**
    - 1-10% of Time & Freq. workload is offloaded
  - **Thermodynamic workload is 1-10% of inventory**
    - 1-10% of Thermodynamic workload is offloaded
  - **Has no Ion./Rad., Microwave, or Opt./Rad. work**



# Typical Laboratory Profile (cont.)

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- Does not participate in a MAP
- Does not help define equipment needs for users
- Defines equipment needs for suppliers
- Has increased it's workload since 1999
- Has increased it's headcount since 1999
- Uses mostly manufacturer procedures
- Adheres to Z540-1
- Is ISO 9001 certified
- Uses a 40 hours standard work week
- Is a non-union shop



# Typical Laboratory Profile (cont.)

- Has the following personnel mix and profiles:

<b>Lab Classification</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Years In Company</b>	<b>Years of Lab Exper.</b>
Manager	2	\$47K	13	16
Sr. Engineer	1	\$65K	14	17
Engineer	1	\$30K	11	12
Assoc. Engineer	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sr. Technician	2	\$47K	14	16
Technician	3	\$43K	10	12
Assoc. Technician	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Support	2	\$33K	8	10



# Closing

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- Clarification of survey questions has yielded solid results
- On-line survey solution is a great tool
- Participation still lower than desired
  - Target was 30%
  - Only 23% participated
- Next survey release: **Spring 2003**