



# Survey of Latin American Immigrants in the United States



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# Methodology

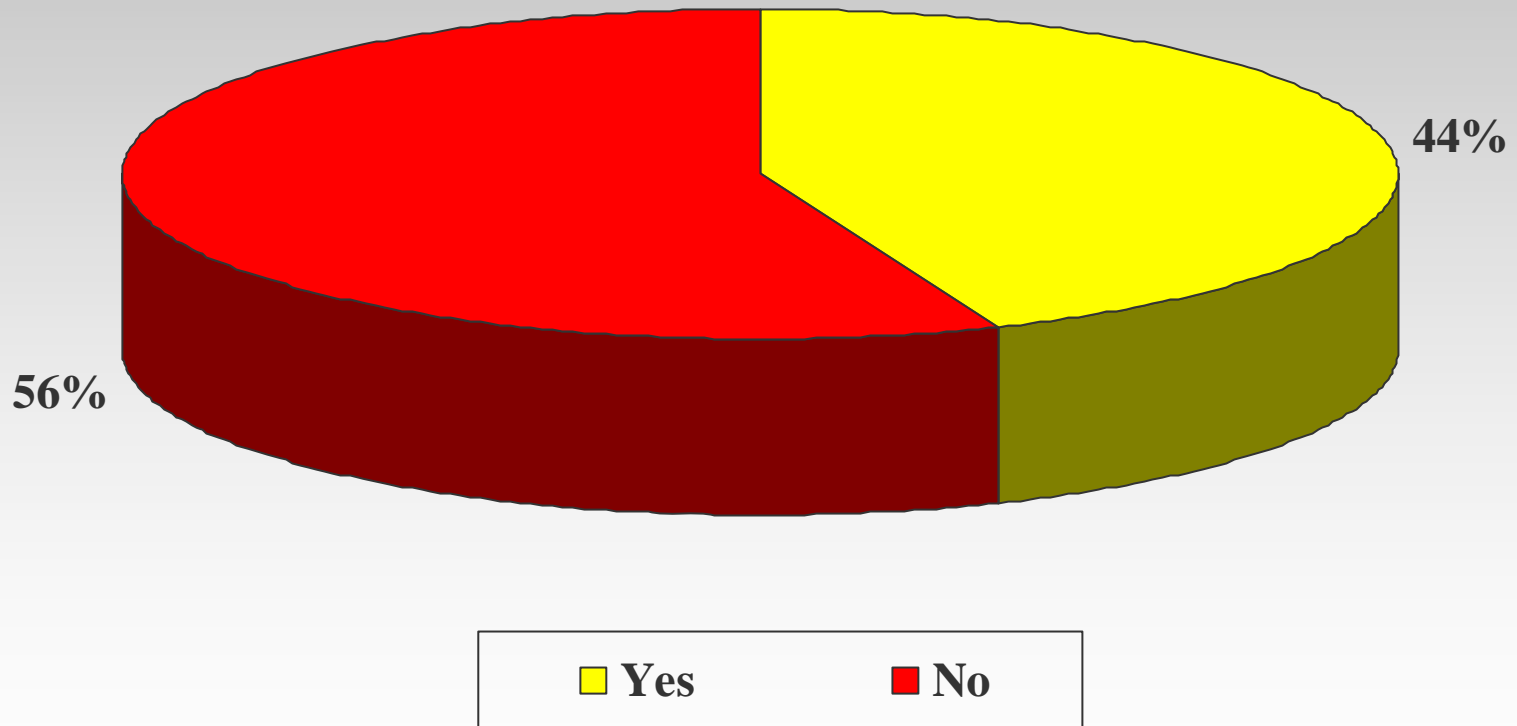
<i>Sample size</i>	5,000 Latin American immigrant adults*
<i>Dates of interviews</i>	February 9 – 23, 2008
<i>Margin of error</i>	1.4 percentage points
<i>Language of interview</i>	Spanish

\*Immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, or English-speaking Caribbean nations not included

# Latin American Immigrants in the United States: *Migration Dynamics and Patterns*

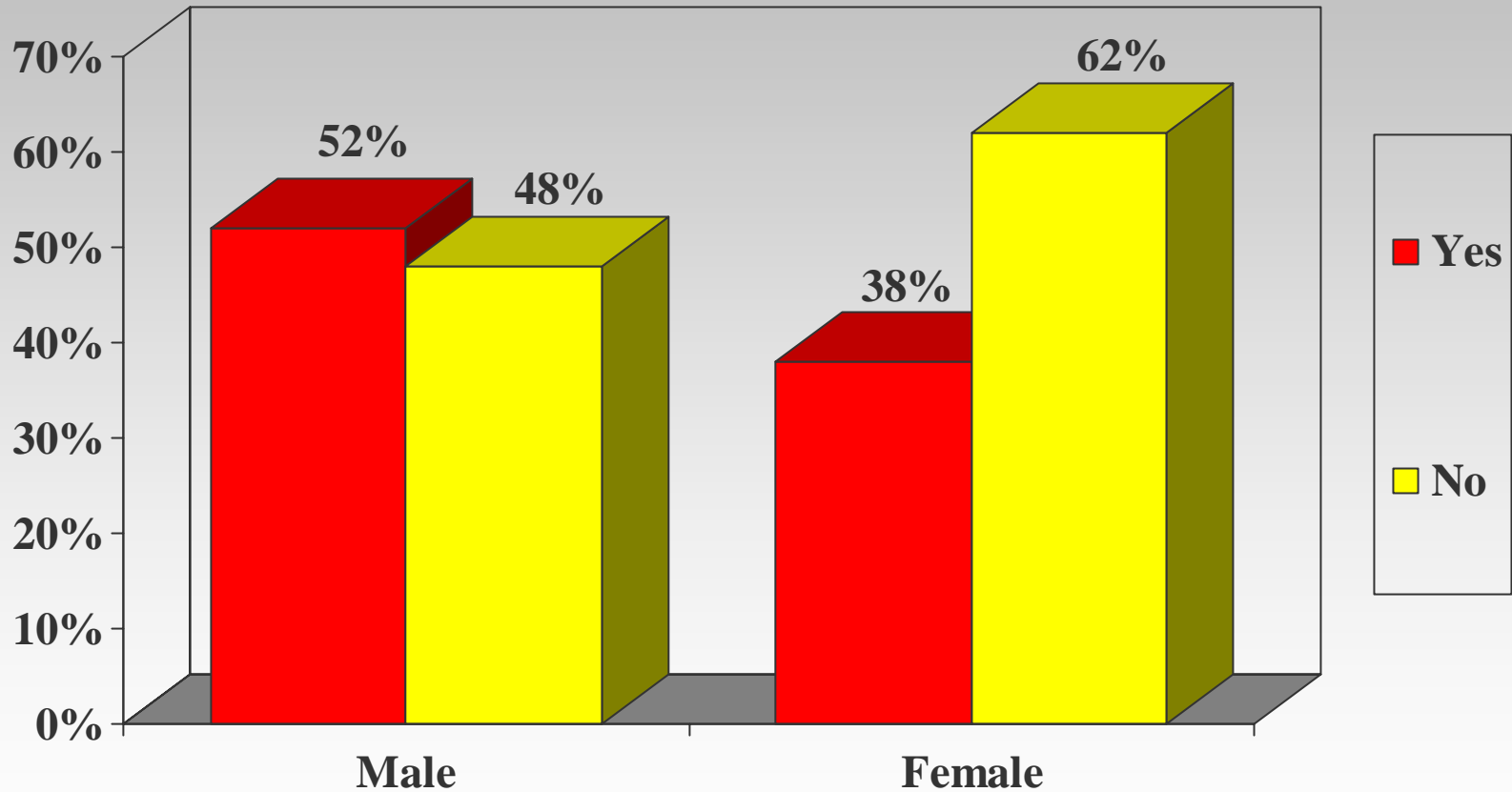


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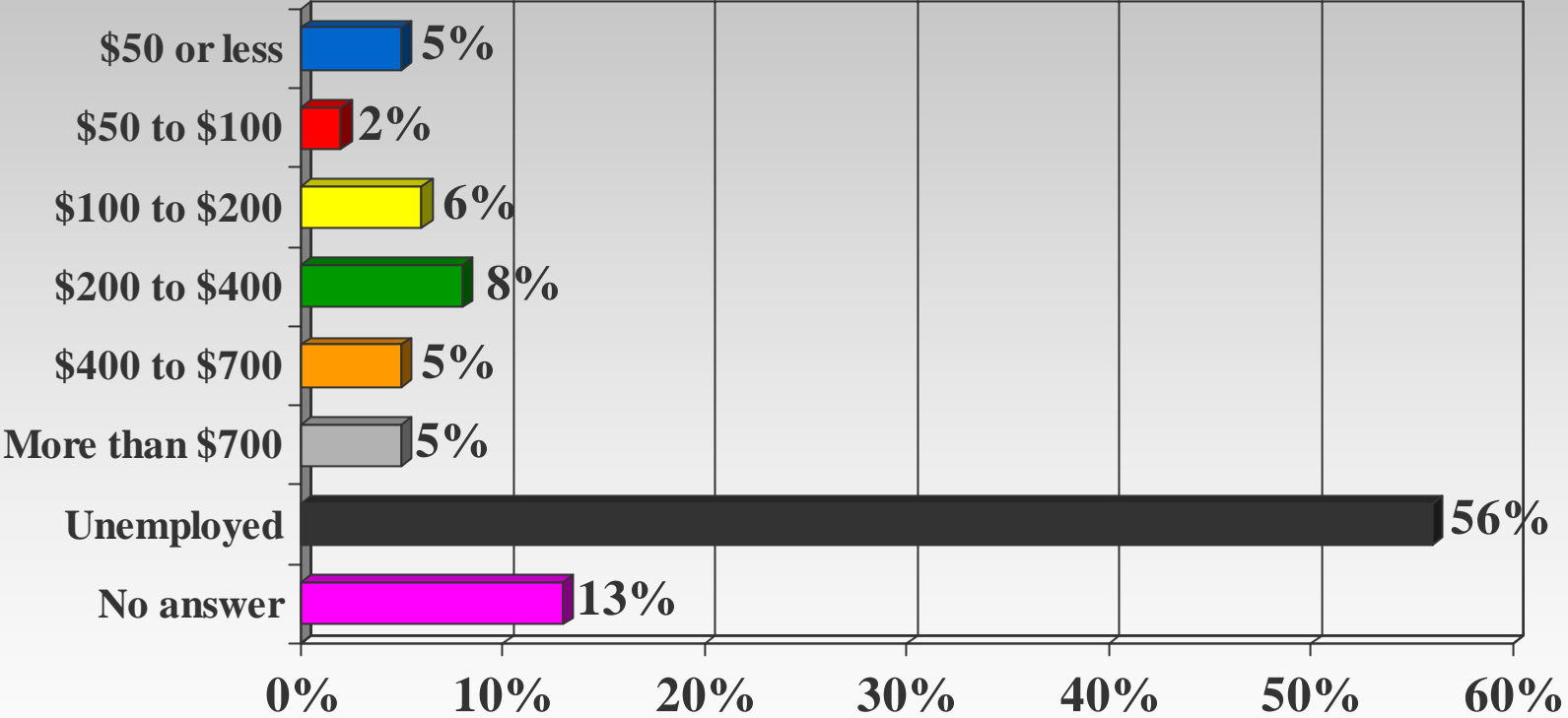


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*By Gender*

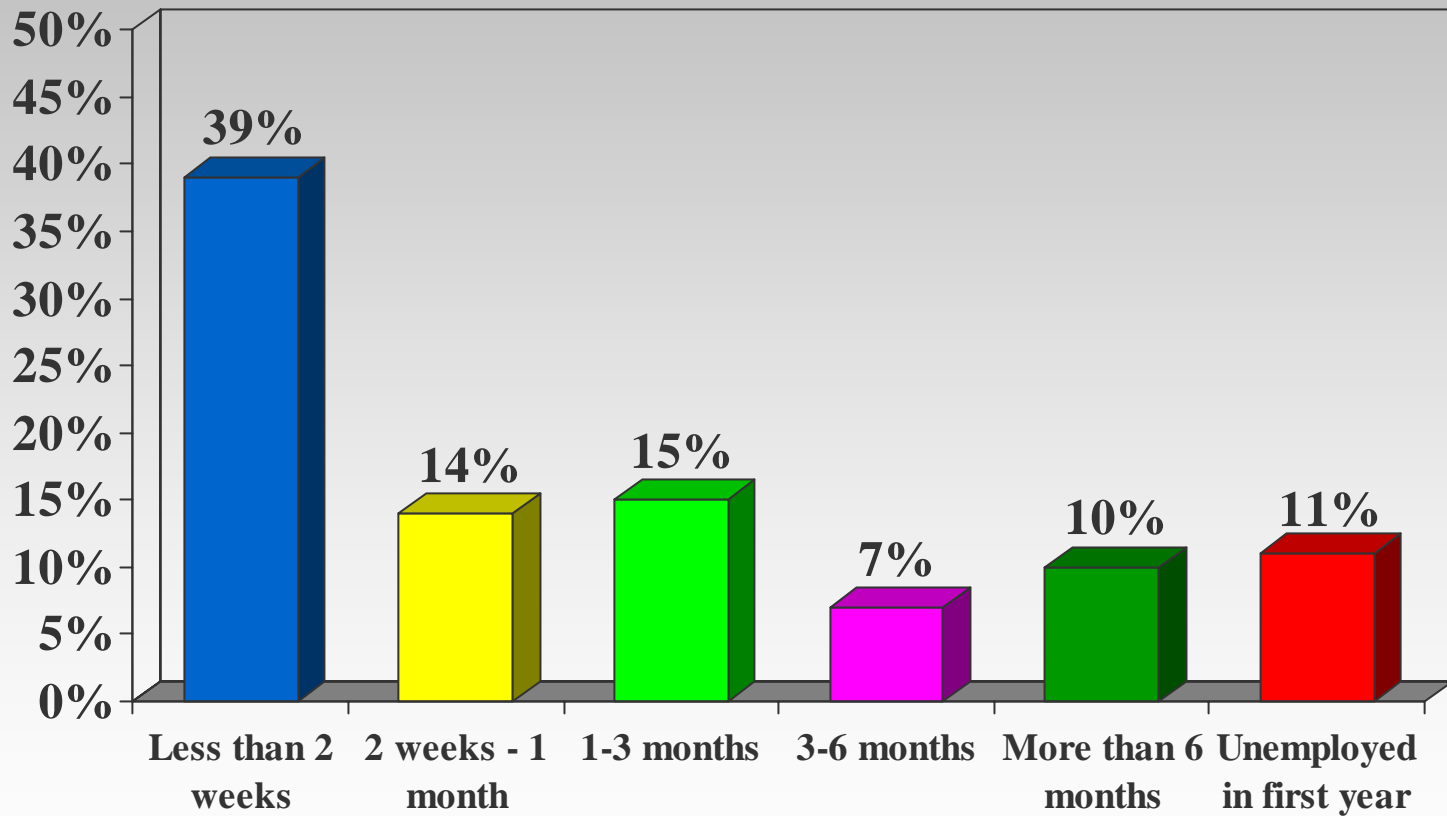


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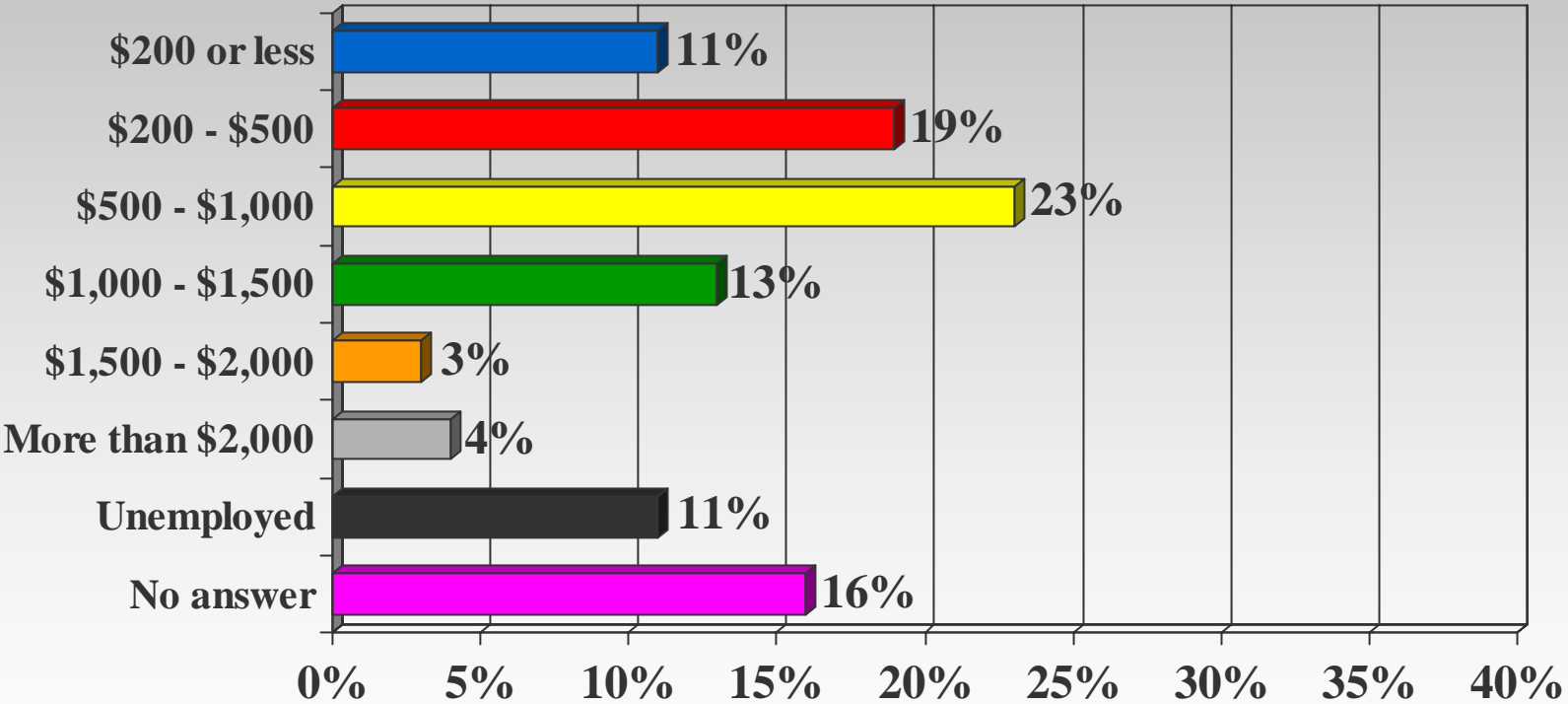
**Average: \$160 per month**

# How long did it take you to find your first job when you first arrived in the U.S.?



**Average: 1 month**

# More or less, how much money did you earn monthly in dollars in your first job in the U.S.?



**Average: \$900 per month**

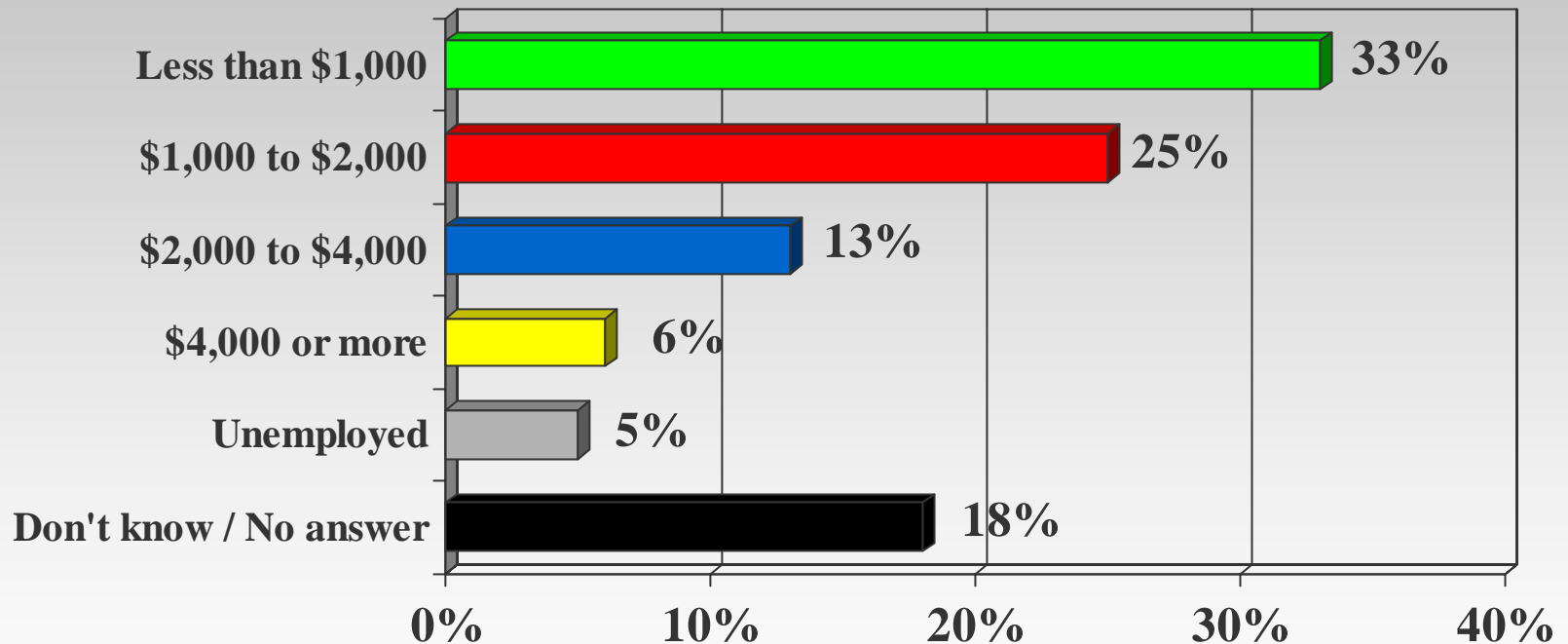


# What type of work do you currently do in the United States?



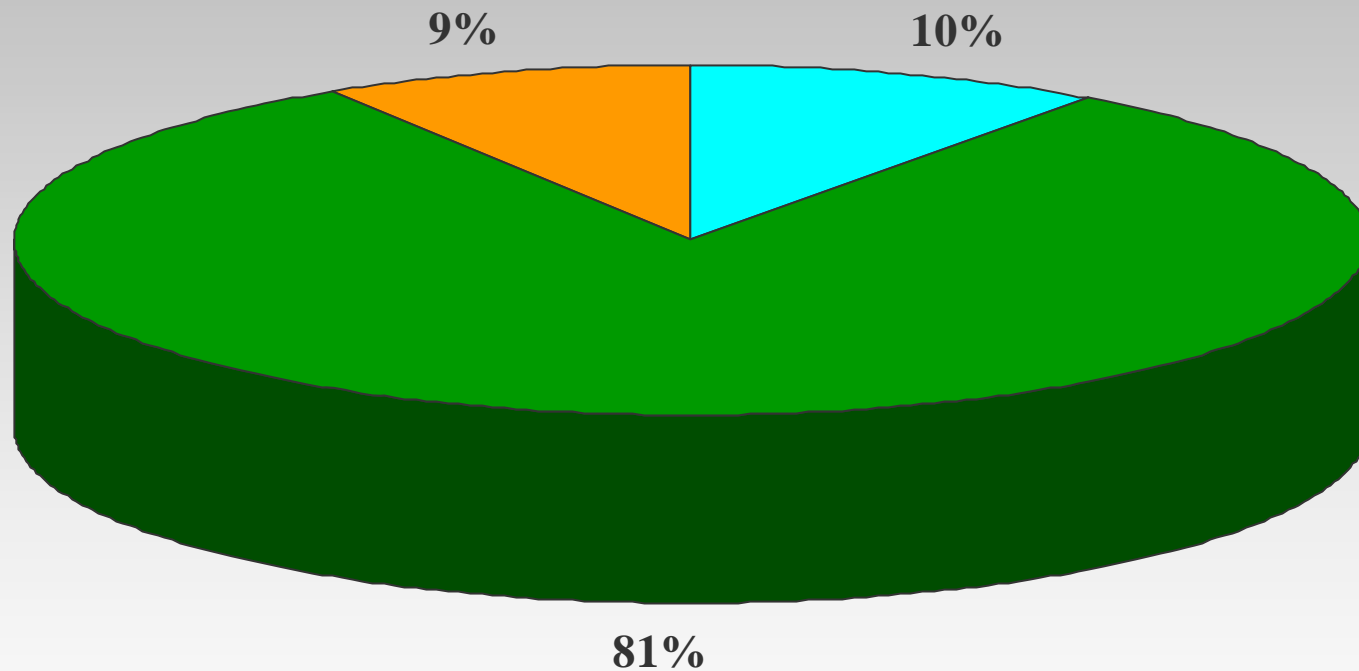
- Construction 14%
- Manufacturing 11%
- Domestic services 10%
- Restaurant 7%
- Agriculture 6%
- Administrative 6%
- Professional 6%
- Unemployed 5%
- Day laborer 3%
- Hotel 2%
- Clerk / Cashier 2%
- Mechanic / Taxi 1%
- Other 1%
- Housewife 15%
- Student / Retired 7%

# Monthly Household Income



**Average: \$1,600 per month**

Do you think it is easier or more difficult now than a year ago to get a good-paying job in the U.S.?




■ Easier now

■ More difficult now

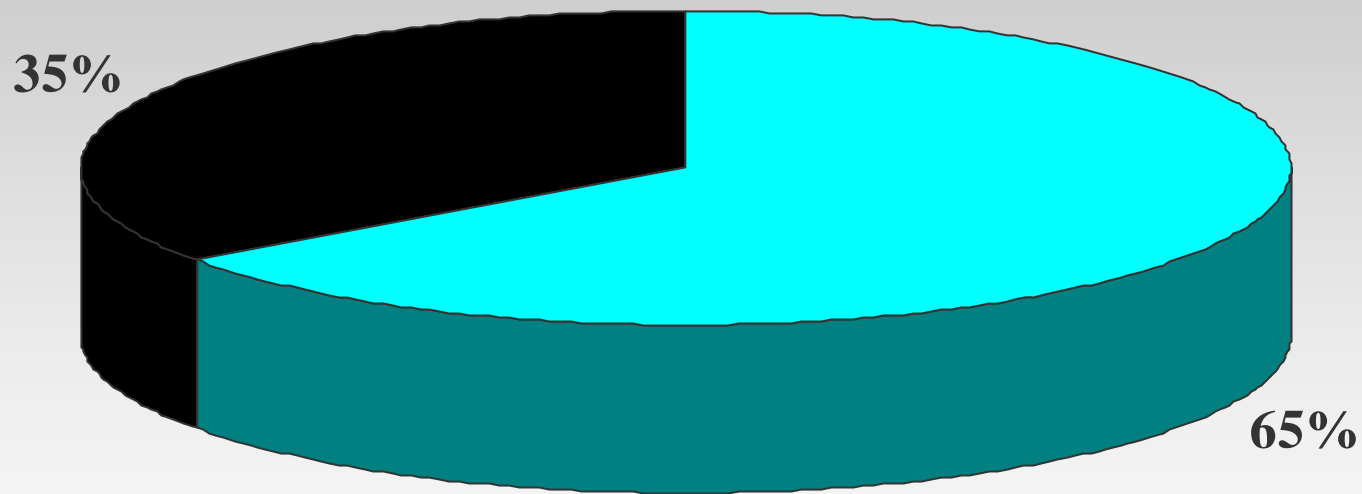
■ Don't know / No answer

# When you first came to the United States, in which state did you live for most of the first year?



• California	21%	• North Carolina	3%
• New York	12%	• Georgia	3%
• Texas	10%	• Washington	3%
• Florida	8%	• Pennsylvania	2%
• Illinois	7%	• Colorado	2%
• Arizona	4%	• Massachusetts	2%
• Virginia	3%	• Remaining 37 states and DC	20%

# Migration Patterns



- Stayed in the same state as when they arrived in the US
- Have moved to another state from their arrival state

# Top Migration States



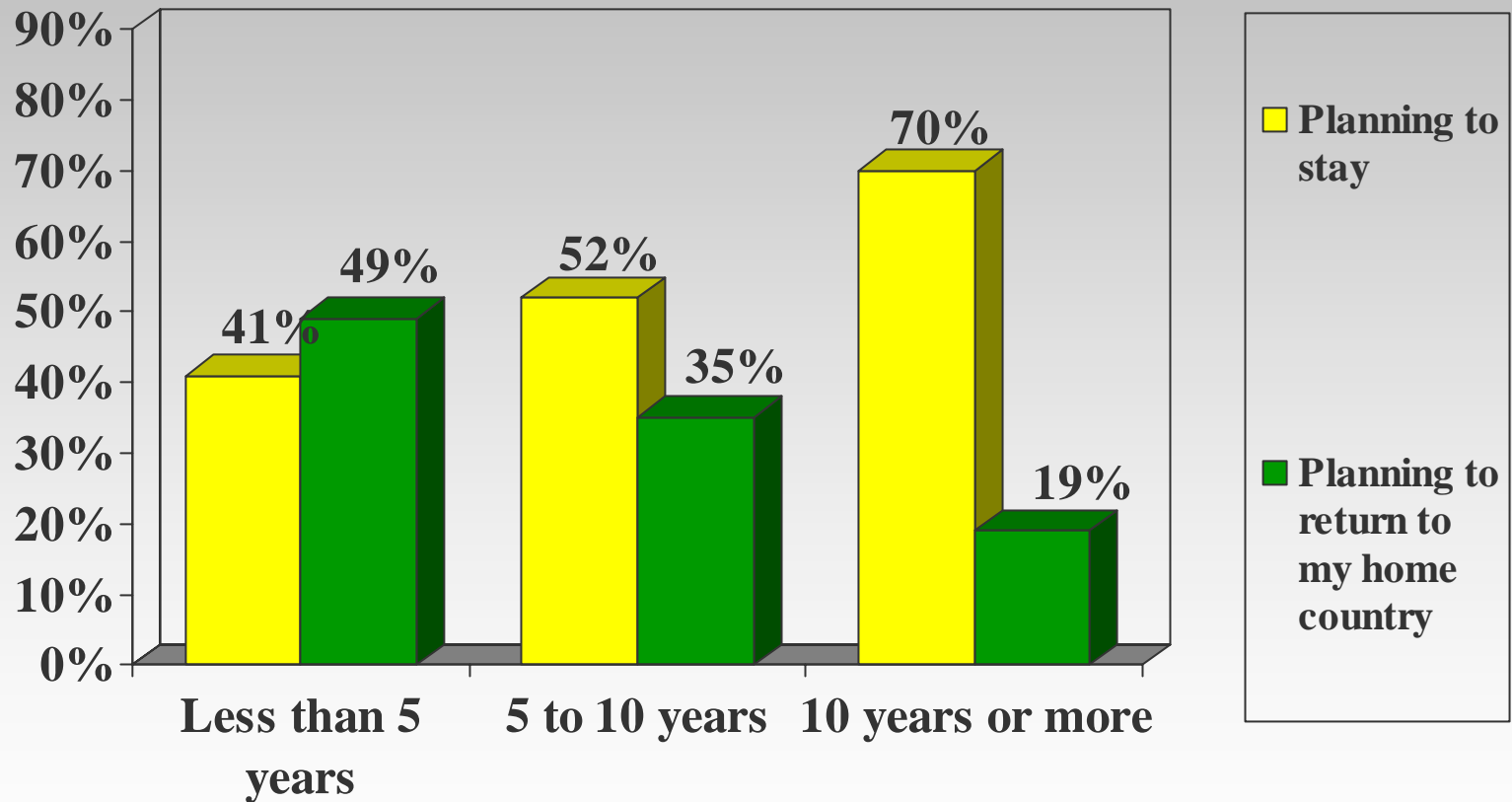
<i>California</i>	<i>Florida</i>	<i>New York</i>	<i>Texas</i>
Arizona	North Carolina	New Jersey	Florida
Washington	Georgia	Florida	Georgia
Nevada	New Jersey	Connecticut	North Carolina

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*By Residency in the United States*





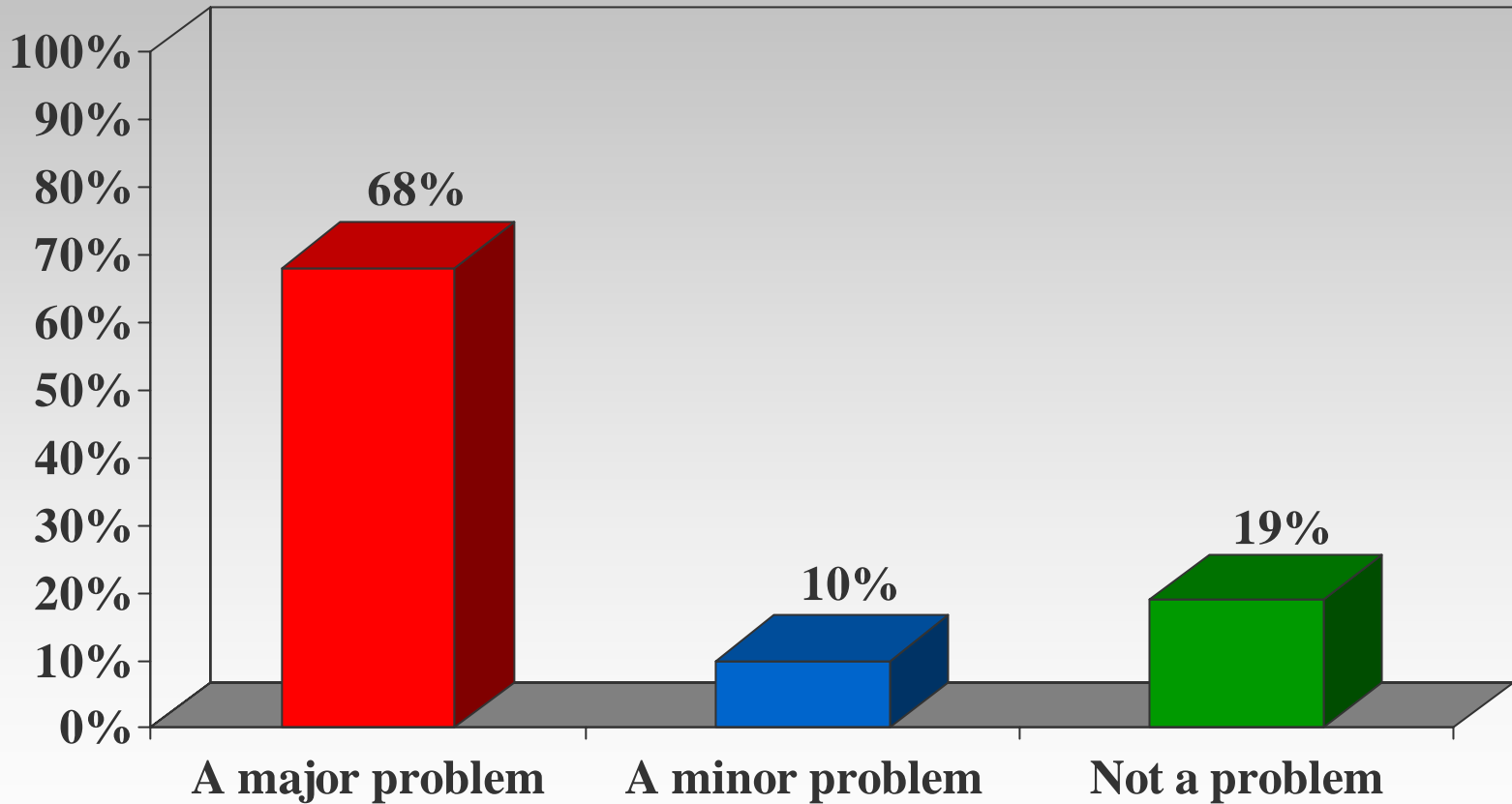
# What is the main reason that you are planning to move back to Latin America?

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- Miss my family in Latin America 28%
  - Lack of jobs in USA 17%
  - Discrimination in USA 11%
  - Bad economy in USA 10%
  - Prefer life in Latin America 10%
  - Legal status in USA 6%
  - Only came for a short time 4%
  - Do not like life in USA 4%
  - Want to retire to Latin America 2%
  - Lack of health care in USA 1%
  - Other 7%

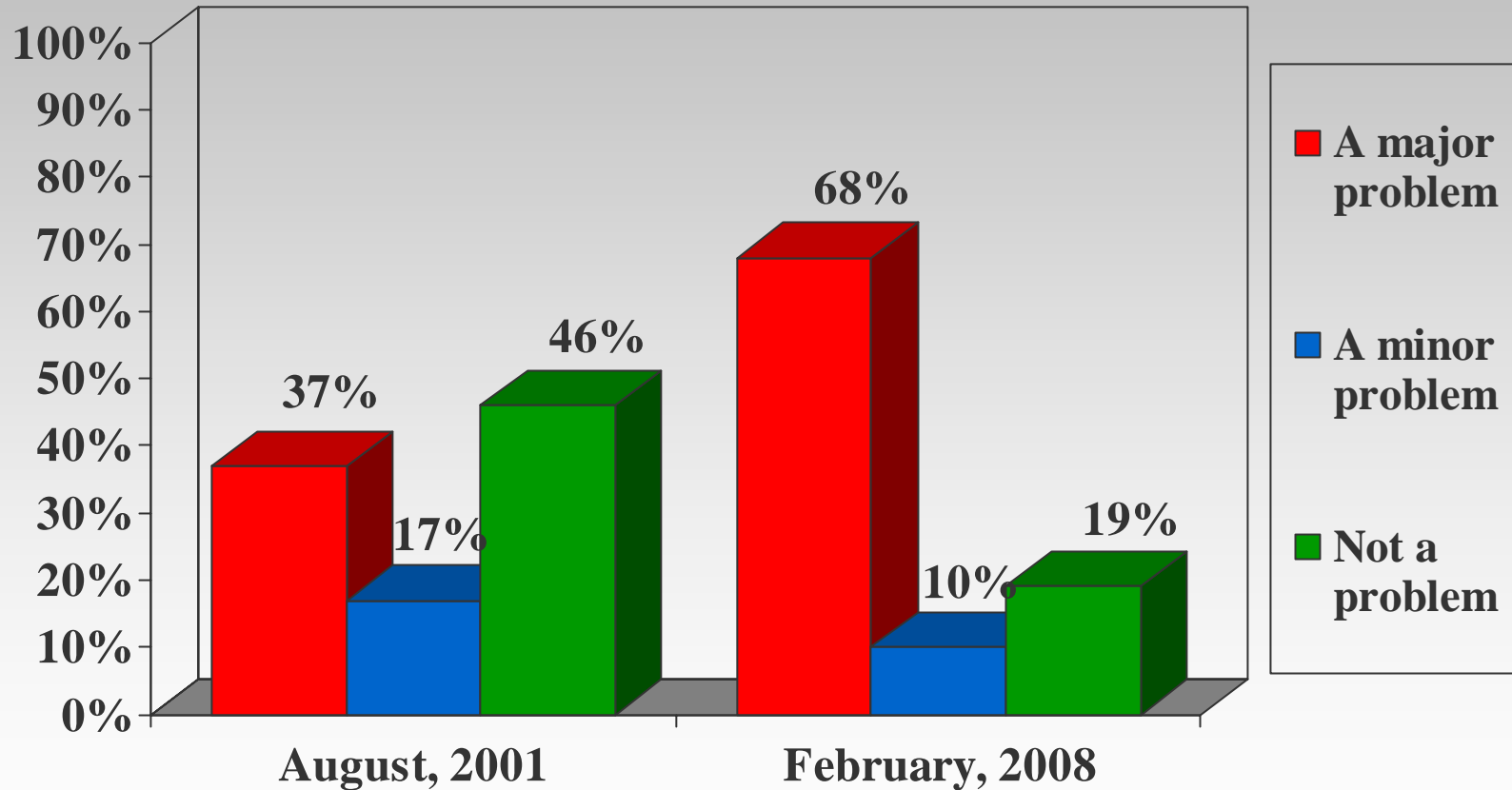
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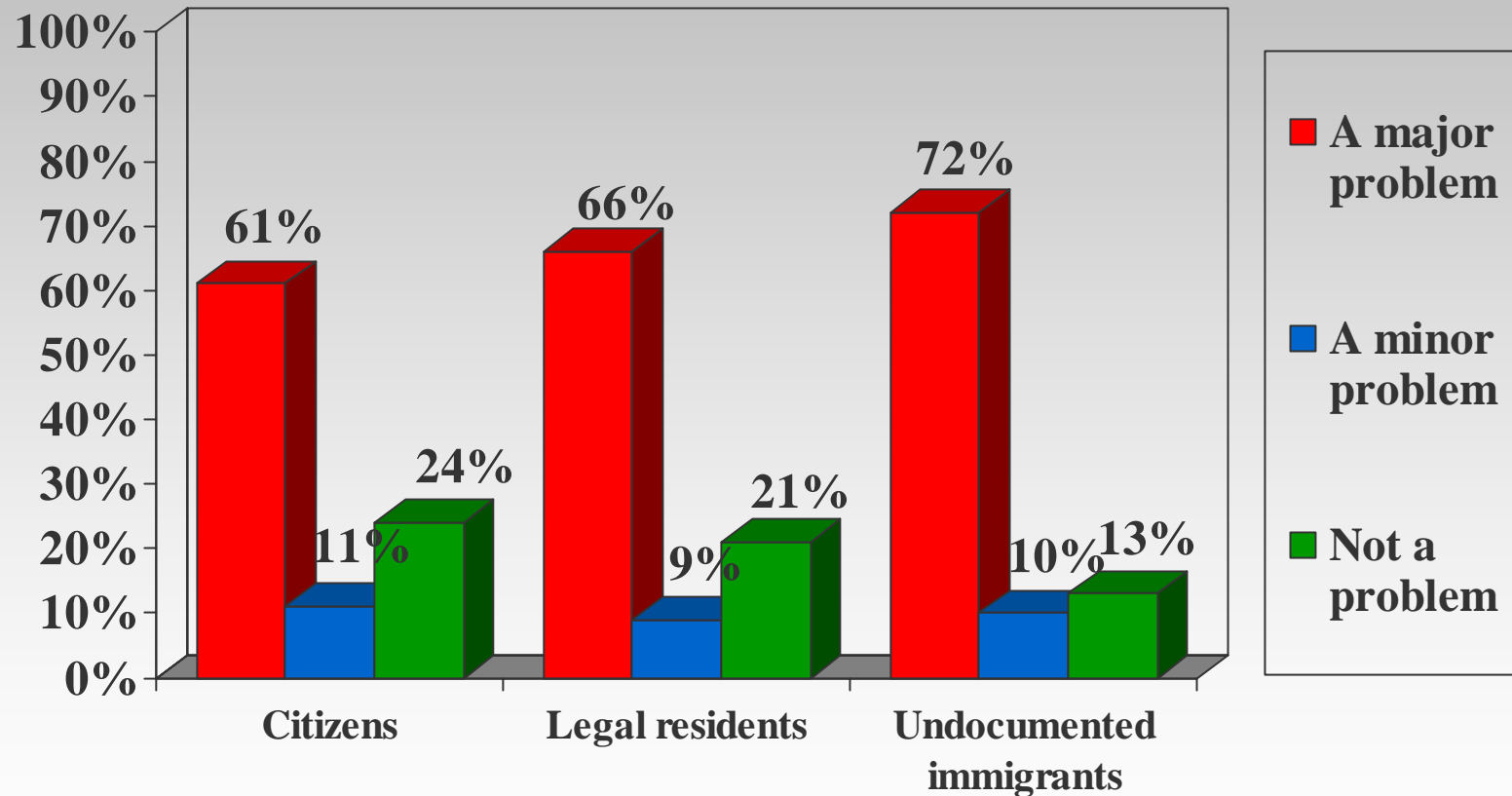


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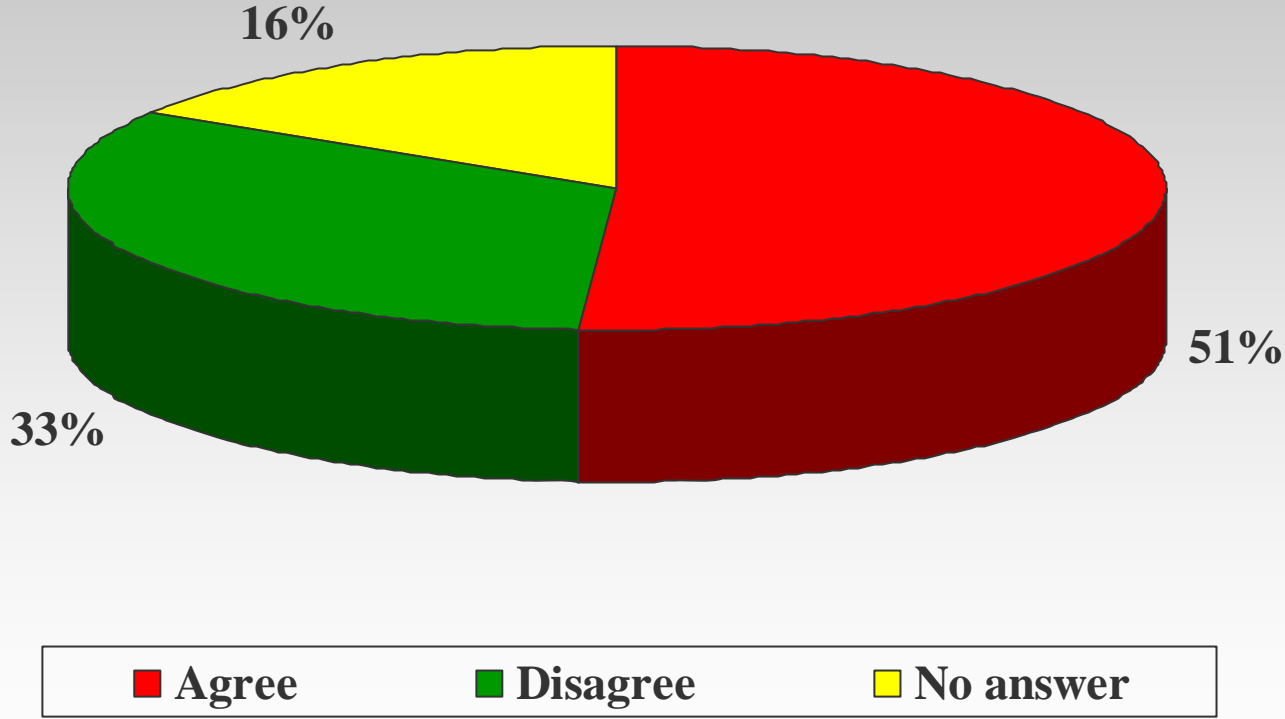


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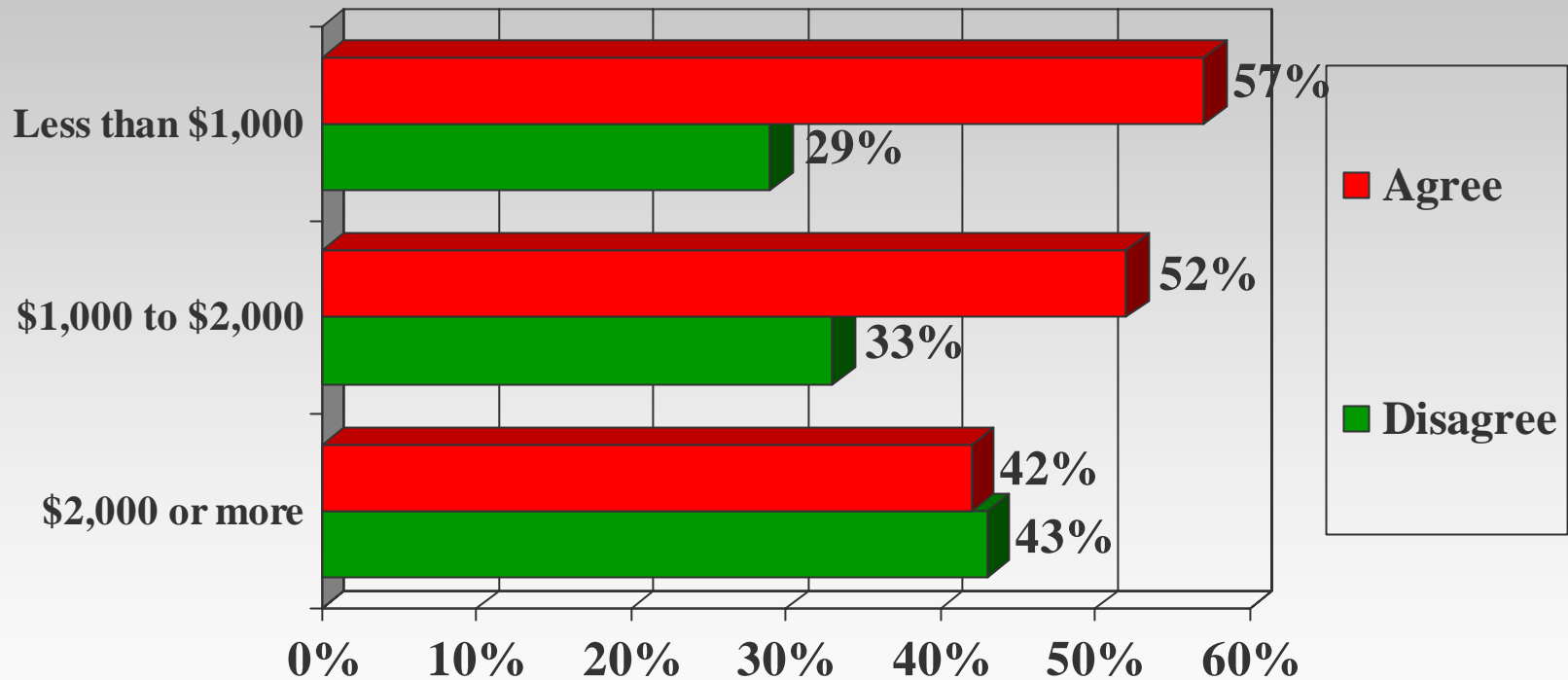


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*By Monthly Household Income*

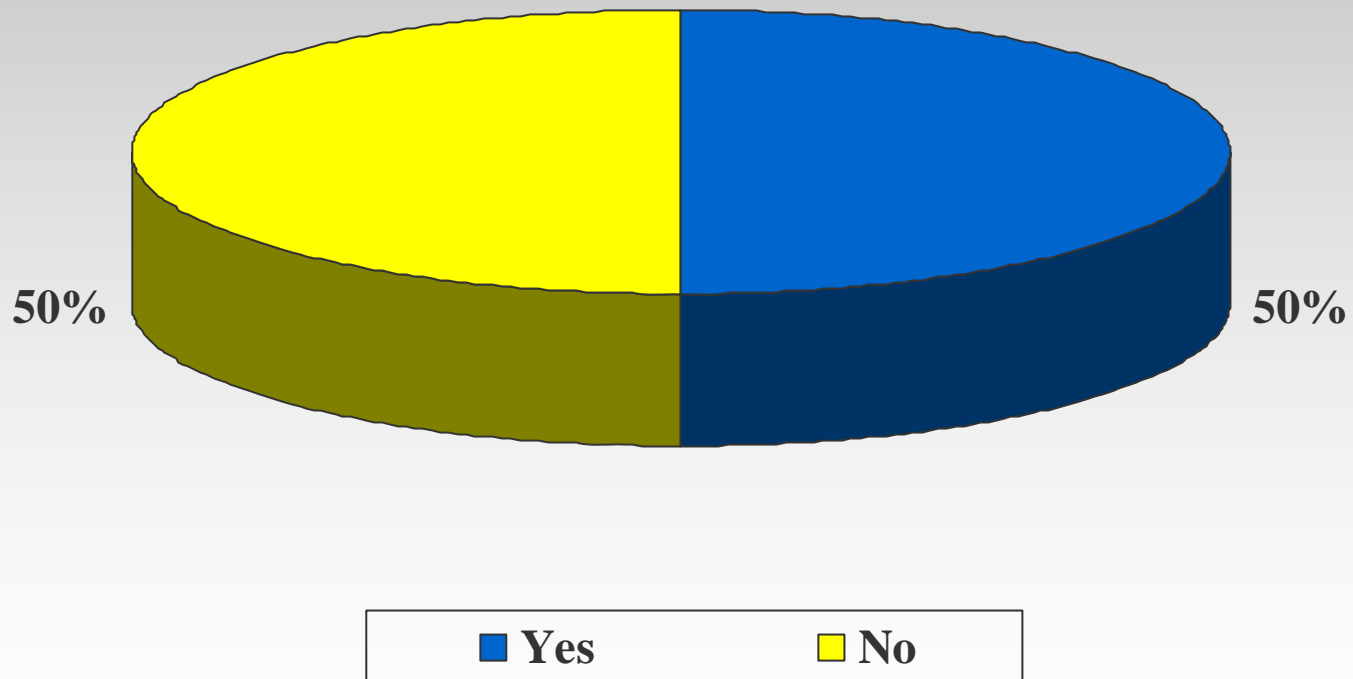


# Remittances: *United States to Latin America*

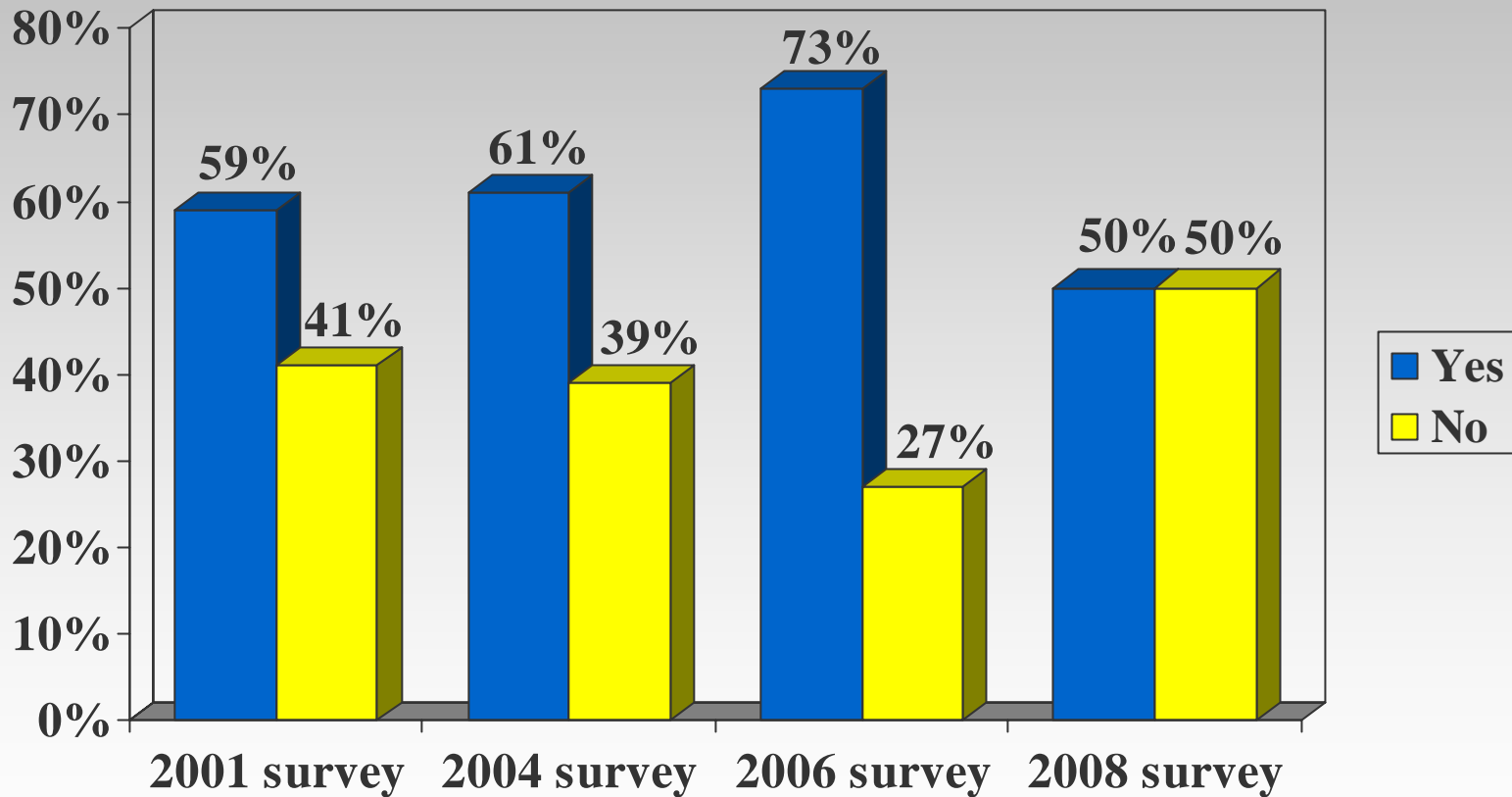




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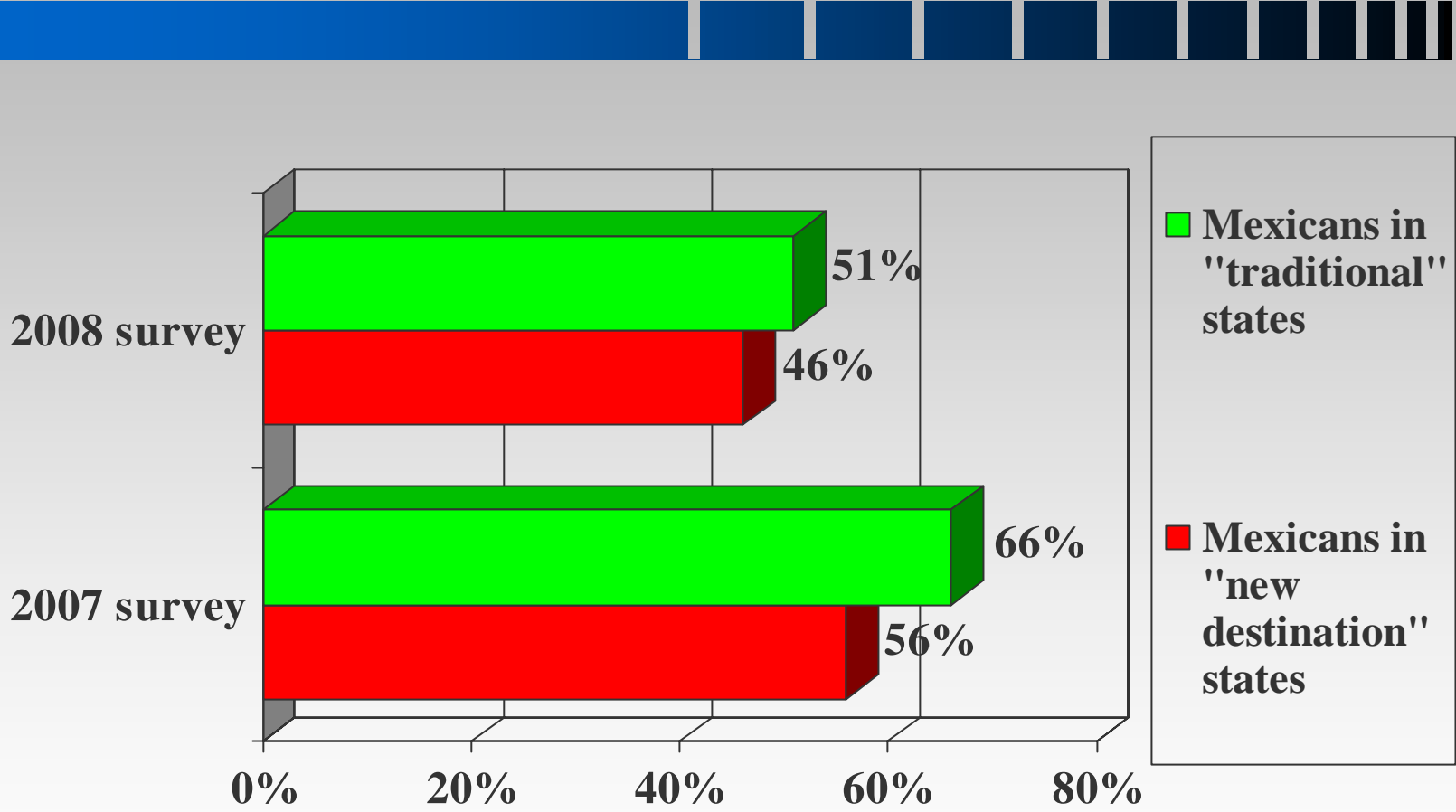


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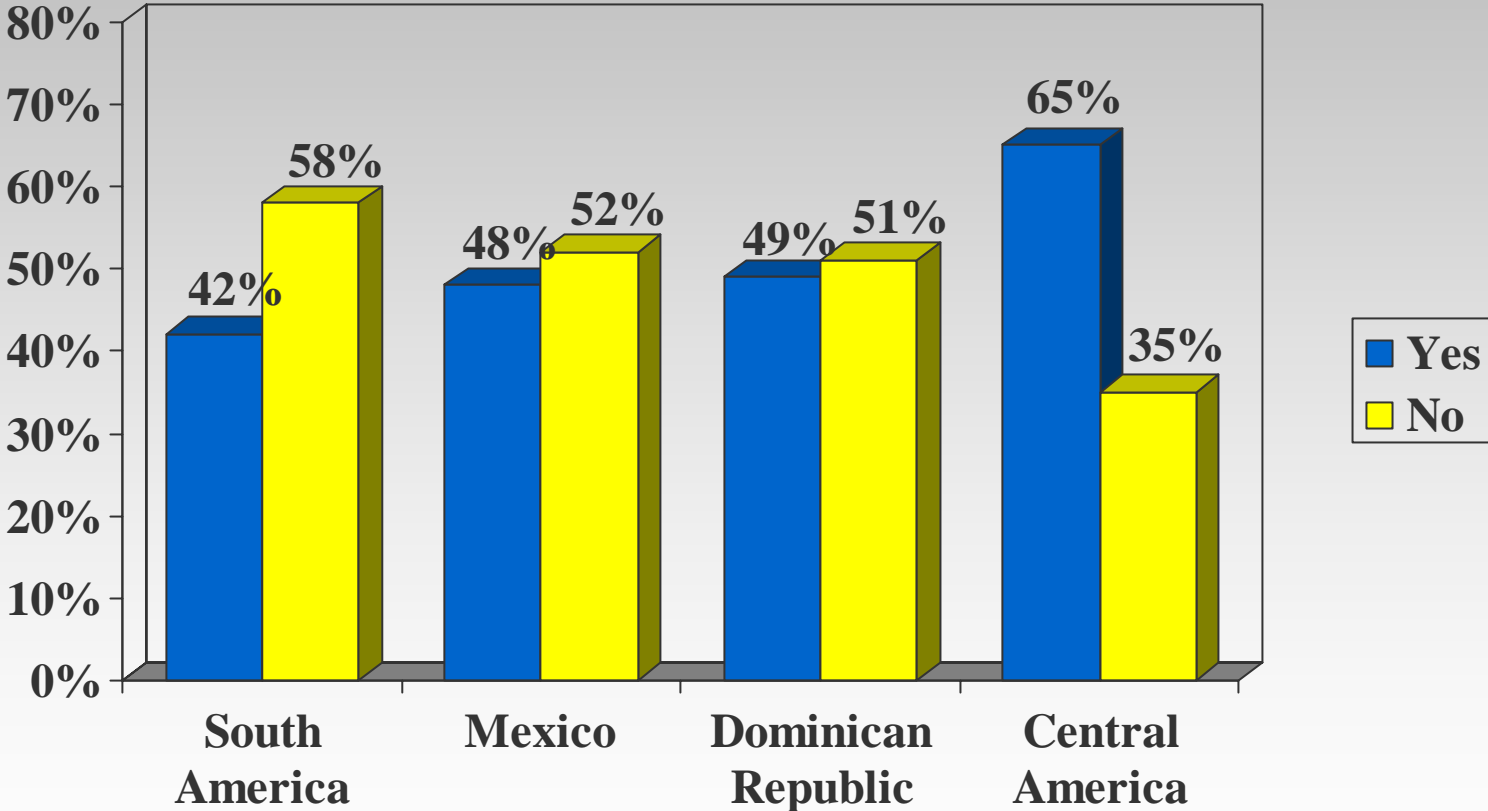
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*By State of Residence*



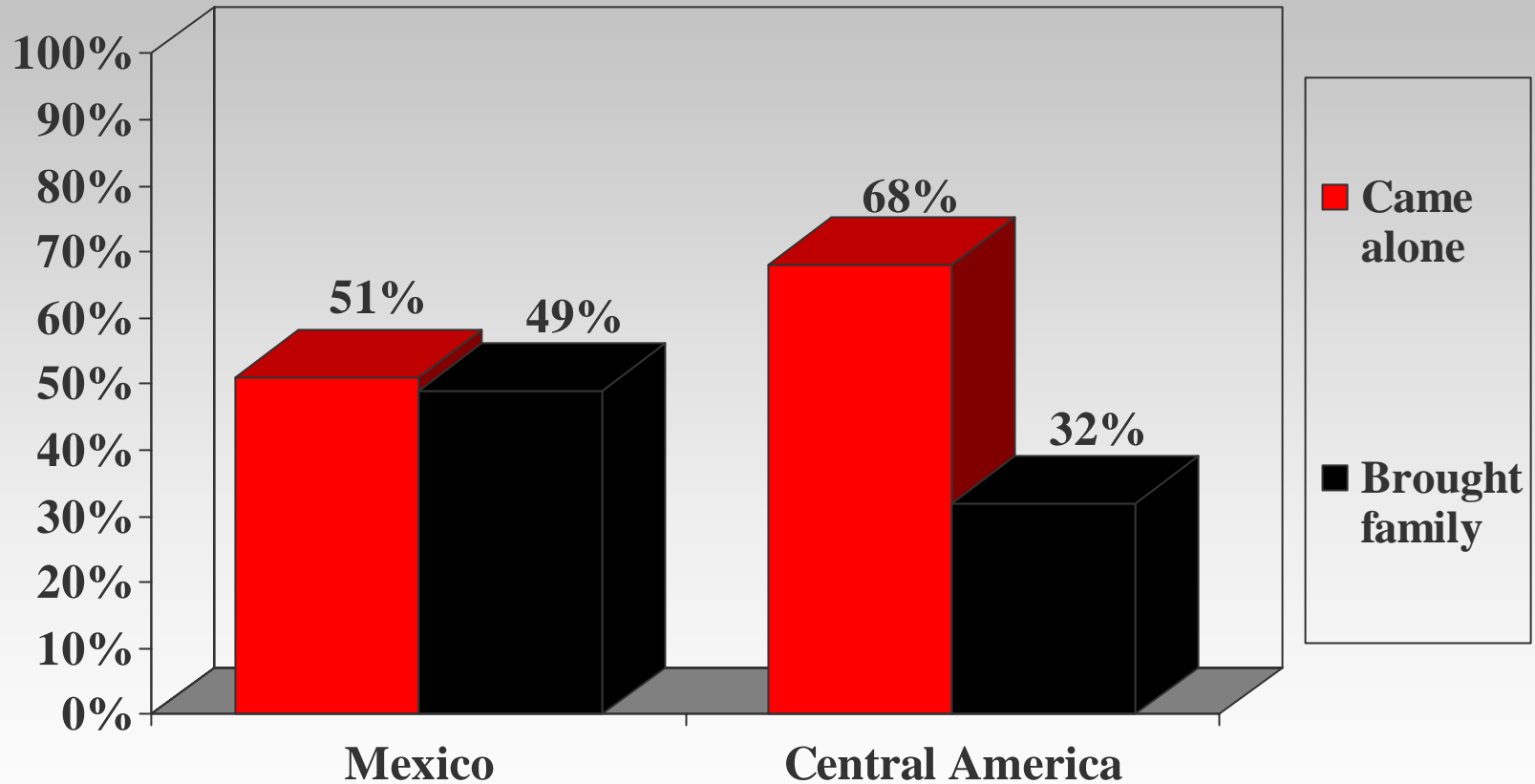
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*By Country of Birth*

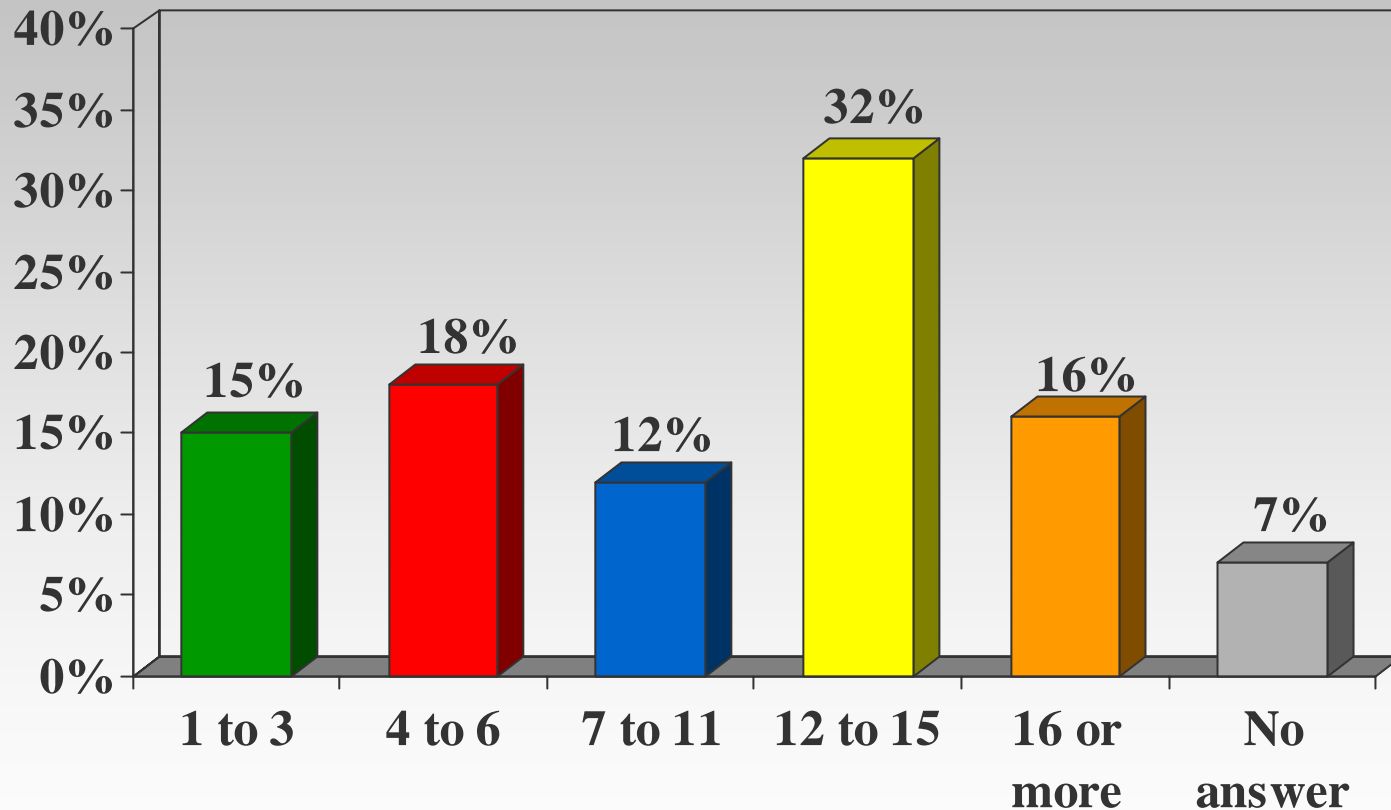


# When you first came to the United States, did you come alone or with your family?

*By Country of Birth*

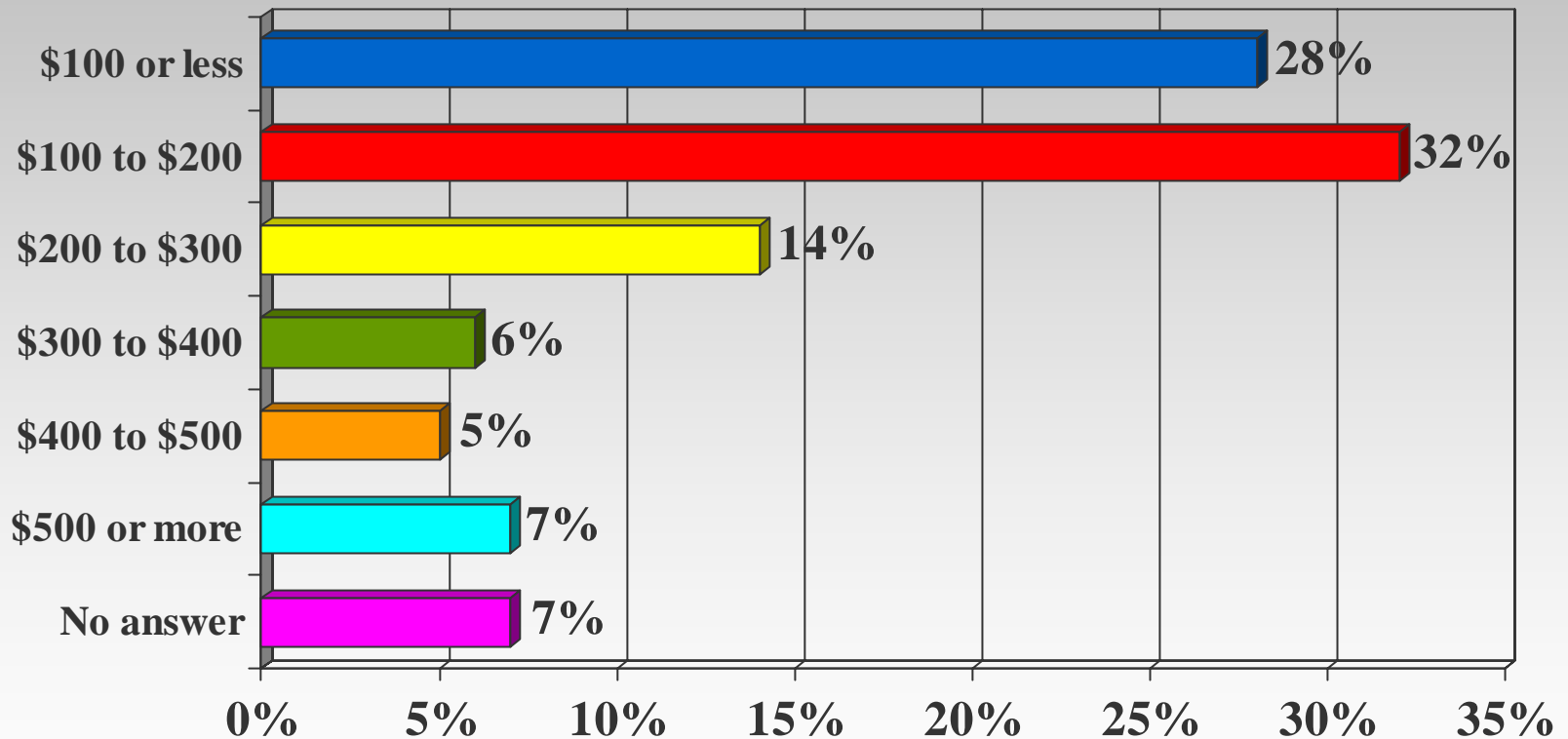


# How frequently do you send money to your family? to your family?



**Average: 15 times a year**

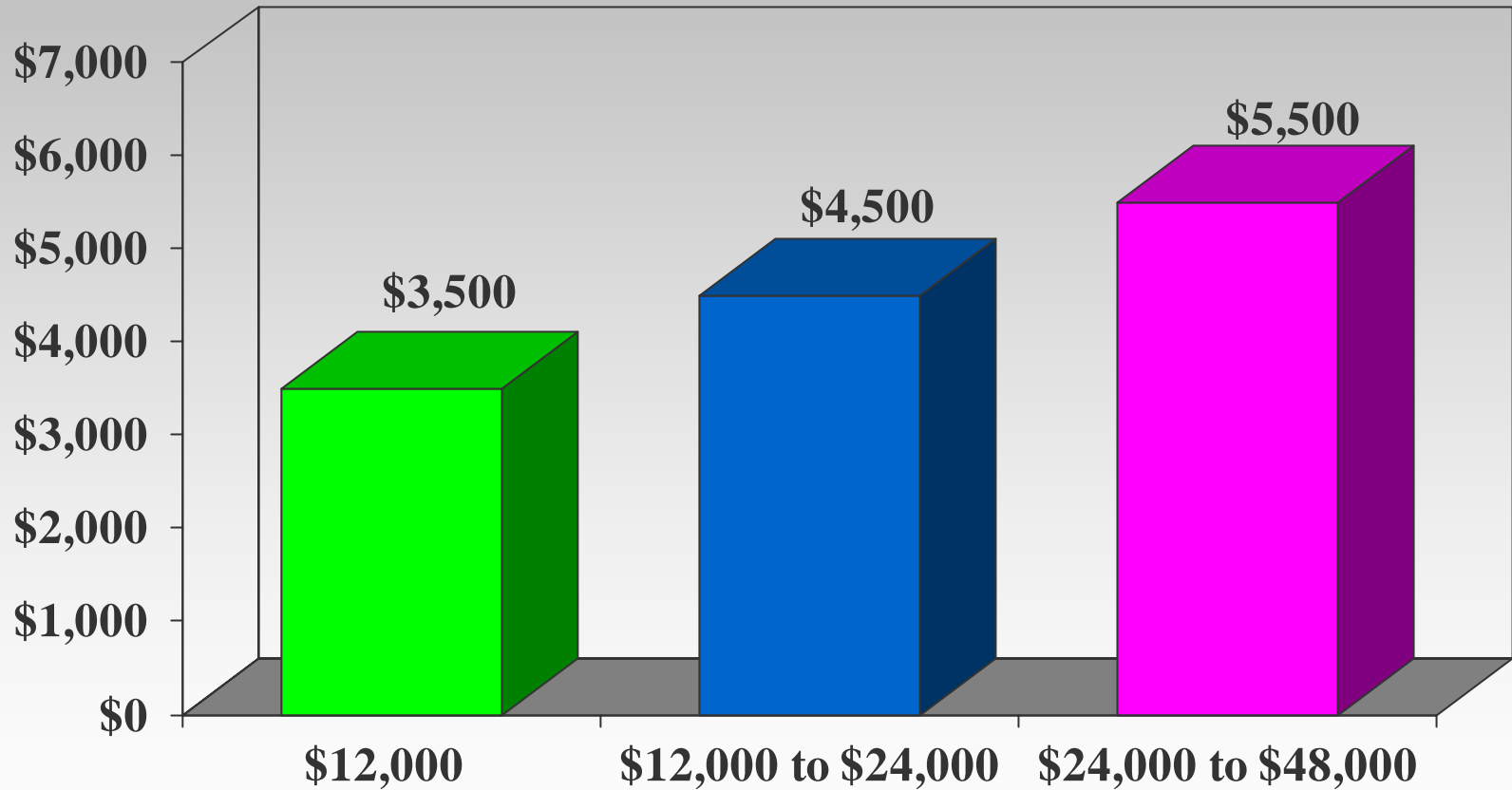
# Approximately how much money do you send each time you send money to your family?



**Average: \$325**

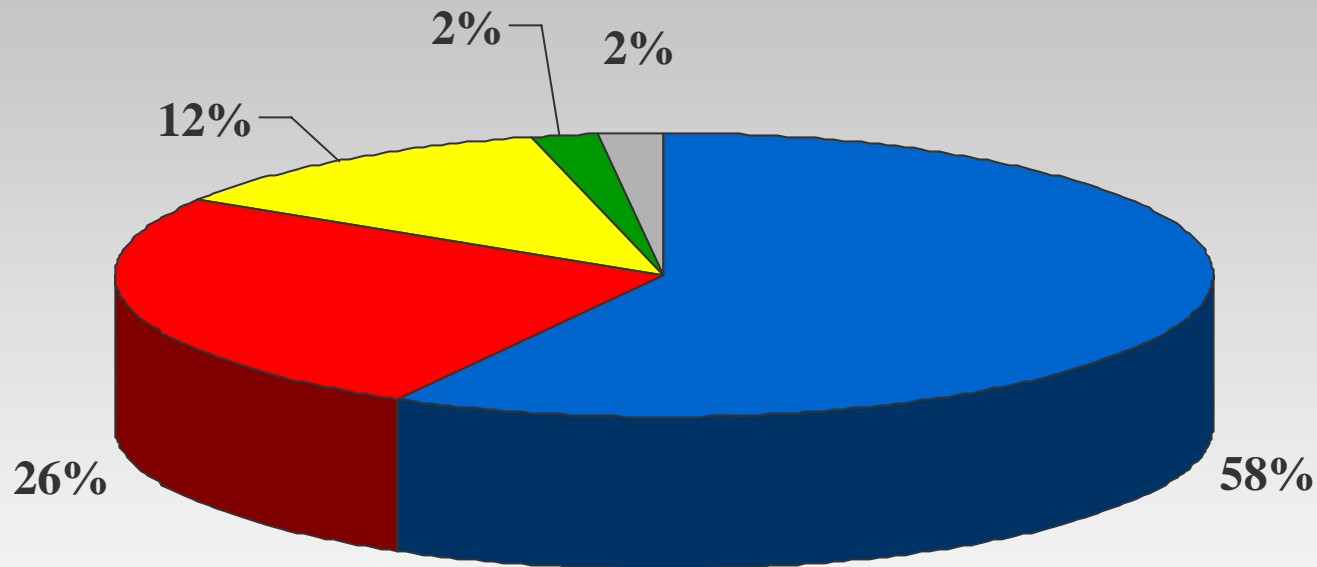
# Average Annual Remittance

## *By Annual Household Income*

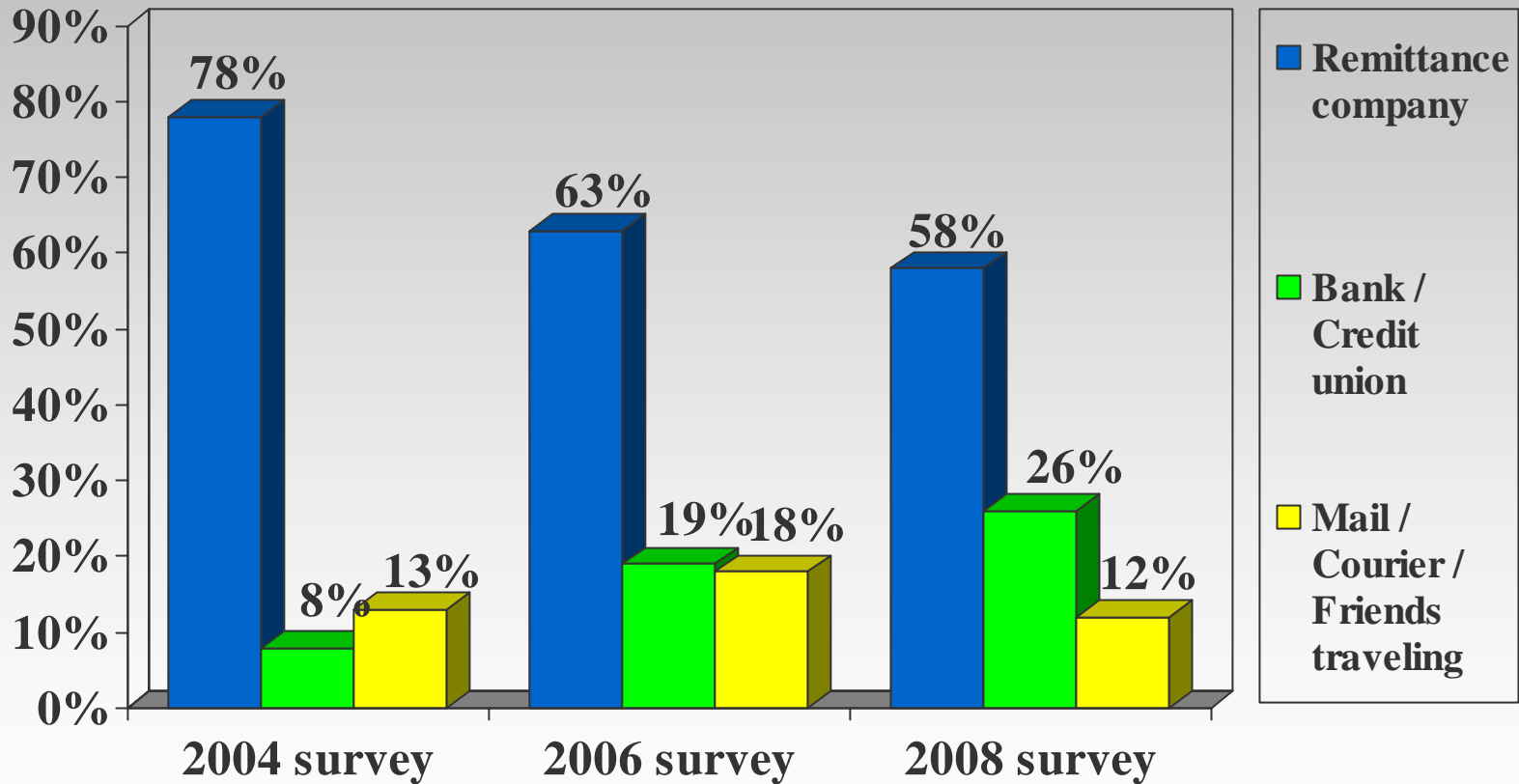




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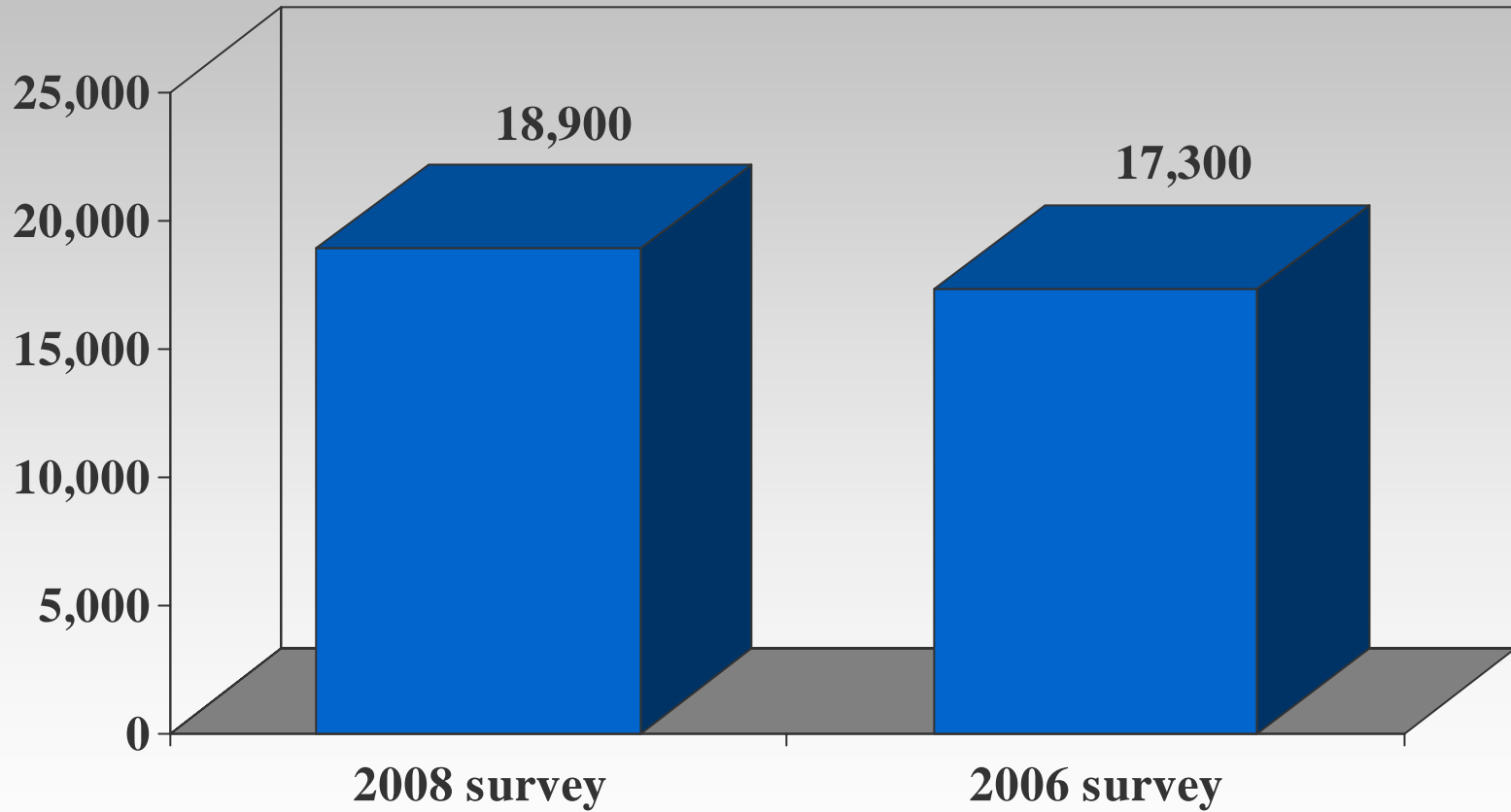


# Latin American Remittances: *2008 Estimates*



# Remittances to Latin America from the United States

*Latin American adult population (in thousands)*

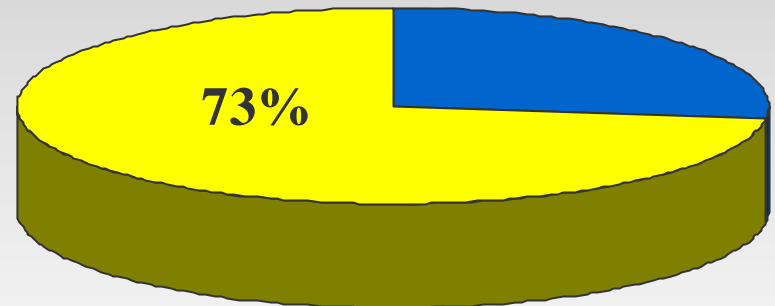
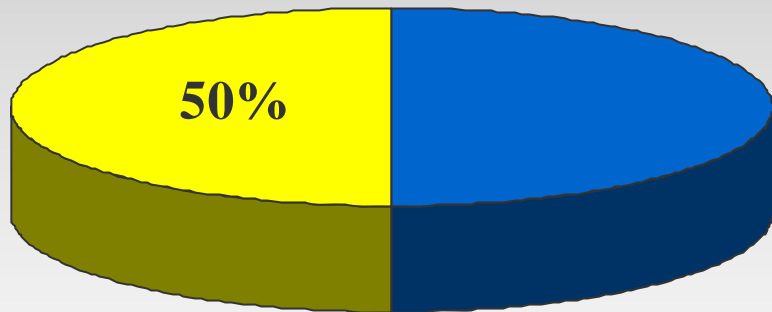


# Percent that sends remittances regularly



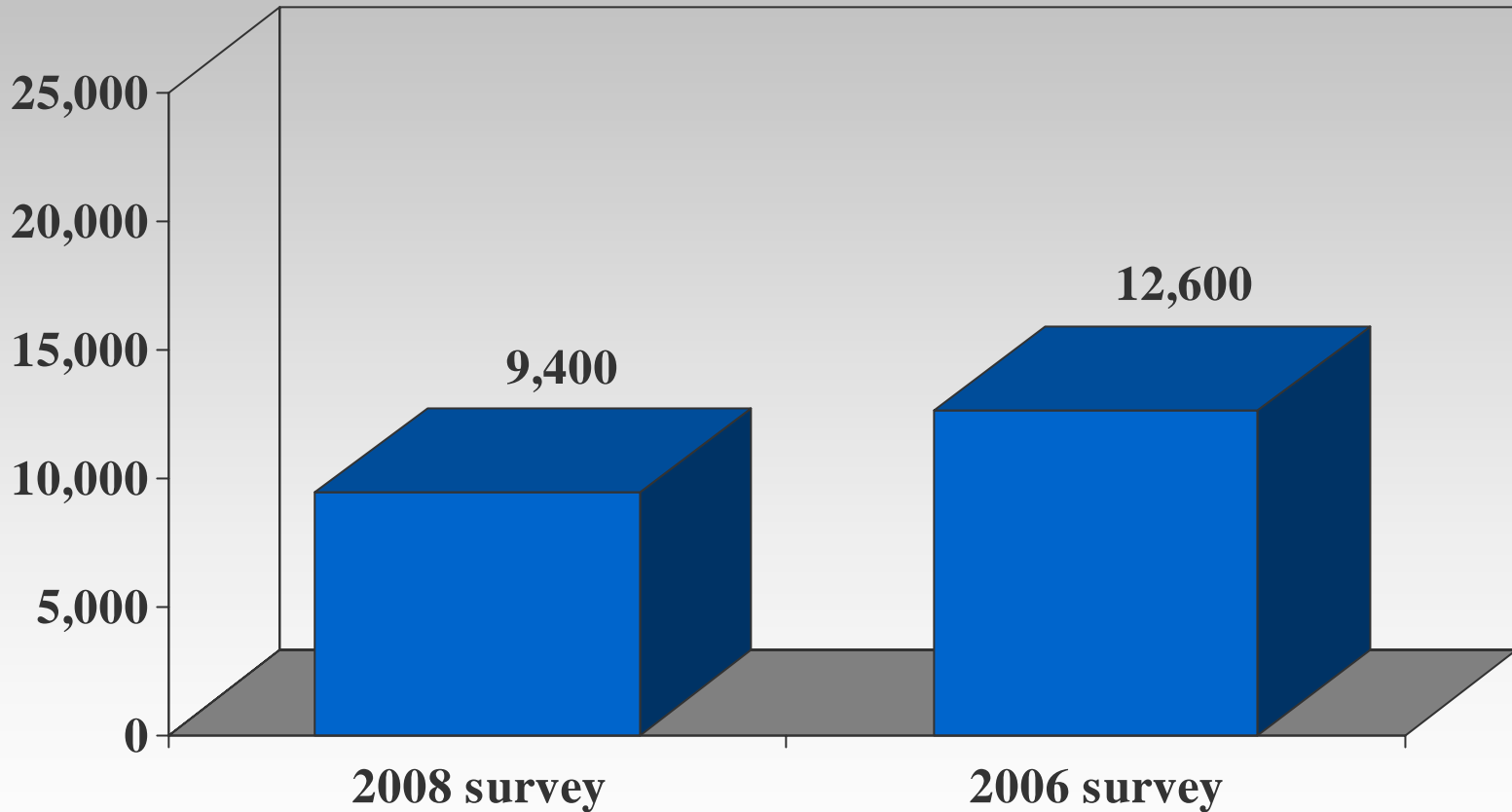
*2008 survey*

*2006 survey*

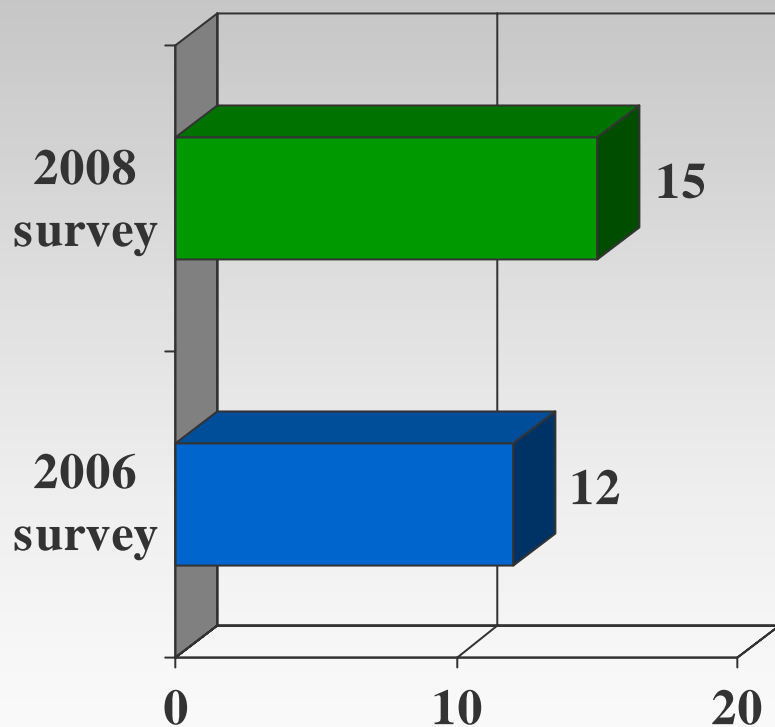


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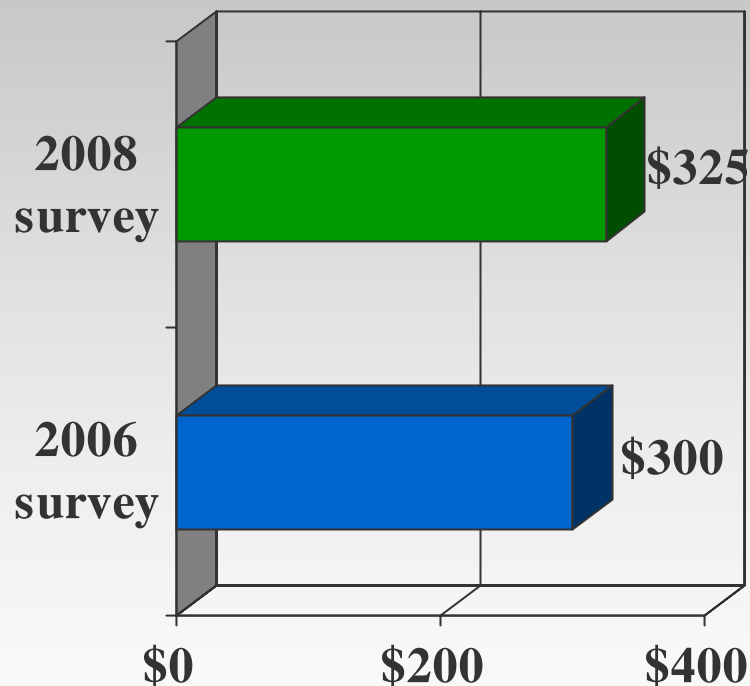
*Population that sends remittances (in thousands)*



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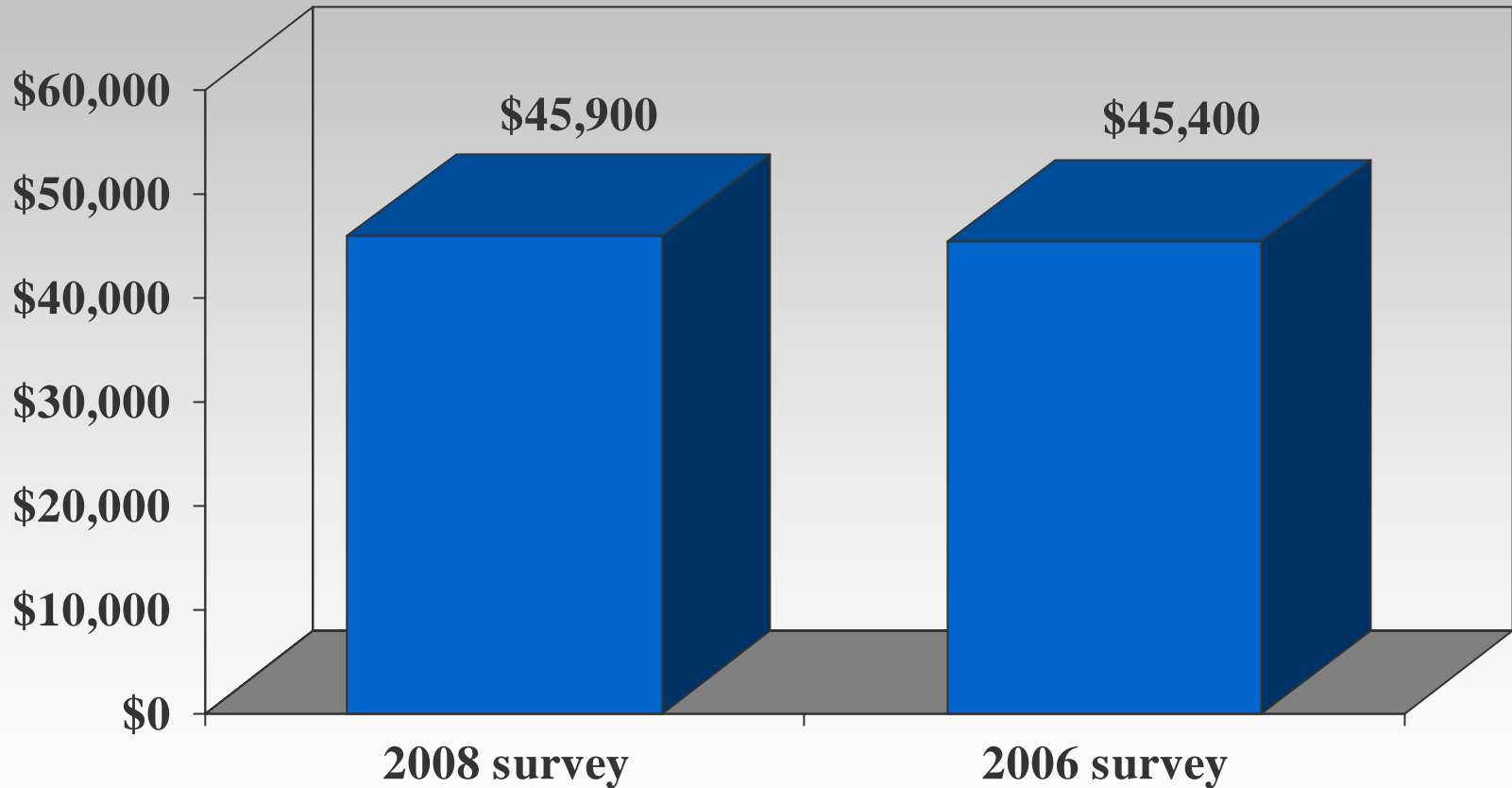
*Frequency (times per year)*



*Average amount per remittance*

# Remittances to Latin America from the United States

*Total remittances (in millions)*

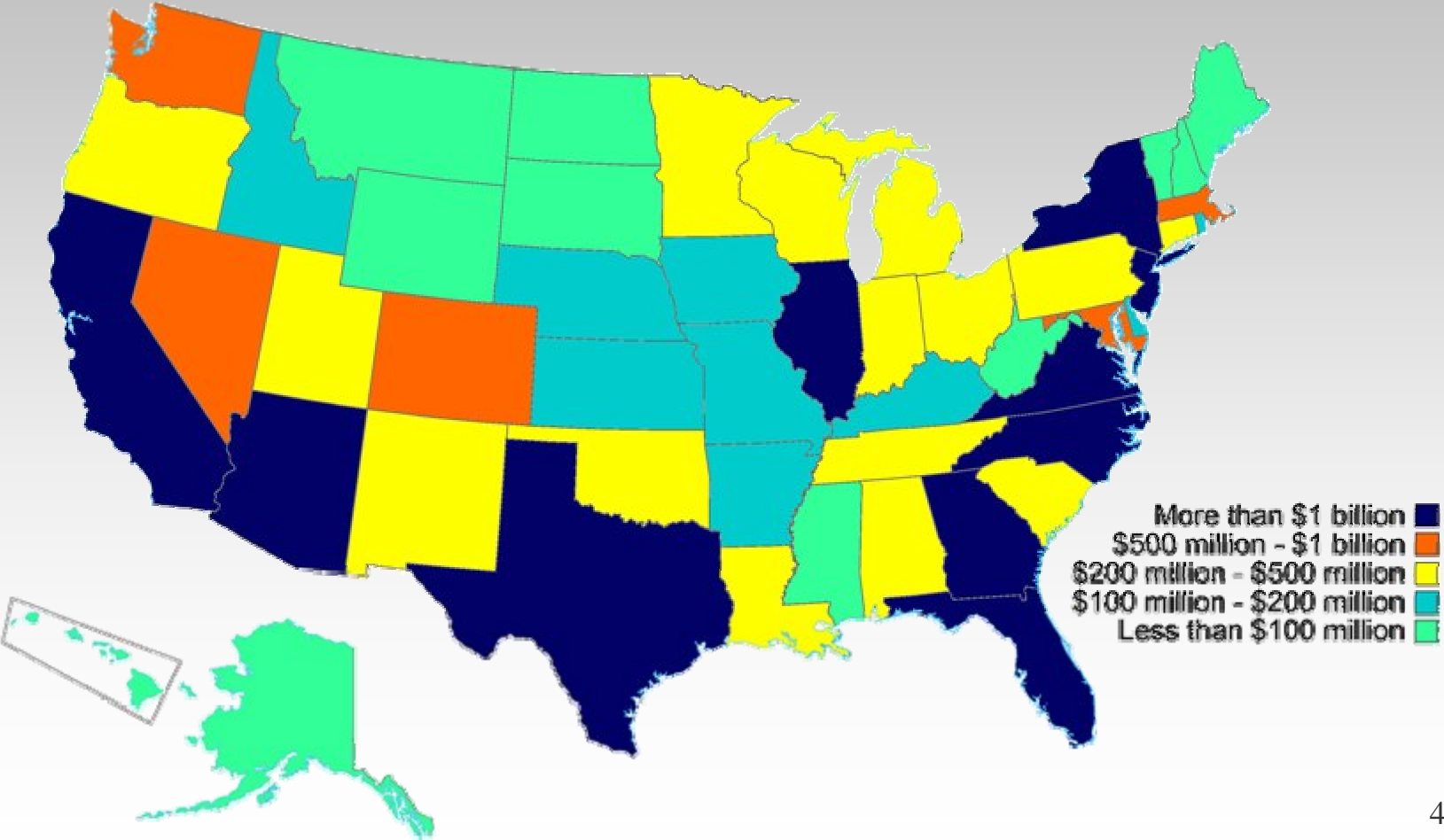




# Destination of Remittances

	2008 Foreign born adults (in thousands)	Percentage that sends remittances	Frequency	Average amount	Total (in millions)
Mexico	12,434	48%	14	\$295	\$24,700
Central America	2,857	65%	16	\$360	\$10,700
South America	2,741	42%	17	\$420	\$8,300
Dominican Republic	824	49%	16	\$330	\$2,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,856</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$45,900</b>

# Remittances to Latin America



# Geographic Distribution of Remittances

	2008 Foreign born adults (in thousands)	Percentage that sends remittances	Frequency	Average amount	Total (in millions)
California	5759	52%	15	\$325	<b>\$14,599</b>
Texas	2799	30%	16	\$320	<b>\$4,299</b>
New York	1427	53%	16	\$325	<b>\$3,933</b>
Florida	1354	48%	15	\$315	<b>\$3,071</b>
Illinois	924	58%	15	\$350	<b>\$2,813</b>
New Jersey	704	56%	17	\$290	<b>\$1,943</b>
Georgia	460	53%	16	\$370	<b>\$1,443</b>
Arizona	694	39%	17	\$295	<b>\$1,357</b>
North Carolina	371	59%	16	\$355	<b>\$1,243</b>
Virginia	314	59%	16	\$345	<b>\$1,023</b>

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Maryland	261	55%	17	\$335	<b>\$818</b>
Nevada	311	49%	18	\$280	<b>\$768</b>
Colorado	325	49%	15	\$320	<b>\$764</b>
Massachusetts	303	45%	15	\$320	<b>\$654</b>
Washington	231	44%	15	\$375	<b>\$572</b>
Connecticut	158	52%	16	\$330	<b>\$434</b>
Oregon	175	55%	14	\$320	<b>\$431</b>
Tennessee	139	58%	15	\$340	<b>\$411</b>
Wisconsin	124	44%	15	\$370	<b>\$399</b>
Indiana	146	49%	16	\$340	<b>\$389</b>

# Geographic Distribution of Remittances

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Pennsylvania	146	44%	16	\$360	<b>\$370</b>
New Mexico	186	31%	15	\$400	<b>\$346</b>
Minnesota	107	58%	15	\$370	<b>\$344</b>
Michigan	124	49%	16	\$340	<b>\$331</b>
South Carolina	110	58%	15	\$340	<b>\$325</b>
Utah	130	31%	15	\$400	<b>\$242</b>
Alabama	75	57%	15	\$340	<b>\$218</b>
Oklahoma	114	36%	16	\$325	<b>\$213</b>
Ohio	79	49%	16	\$340	<b>\$211</b>
Louisiana	71	57%	15	\$340	<b>\$206</b>

# Geographic Distribution of Remittances

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Rhode Island	68	52%	15	\$330	<b>\$175</b>
Iowa	52	58%	15	\$370	<b>\$167</b>
Arkansas	86	46%	14	\$300	<b>\$166</b>
Kentucky	55	58%	15	\$340	<b>\$163</b>
Idaho	65	55%	14	\$320	<b>\$160</b>
Kansas	81	36%	16	\$325	<b>\$152</b>
Nebraska	58	51%	15	\$305	<b>\$135</b>
Missouri	63	46%	14	\$300	<b>\$122</b>
Delaware	44	52%	15	\$330	<b>\$113</b>
Mississippi	34	57%	15	\$340	<b>\$99</b>

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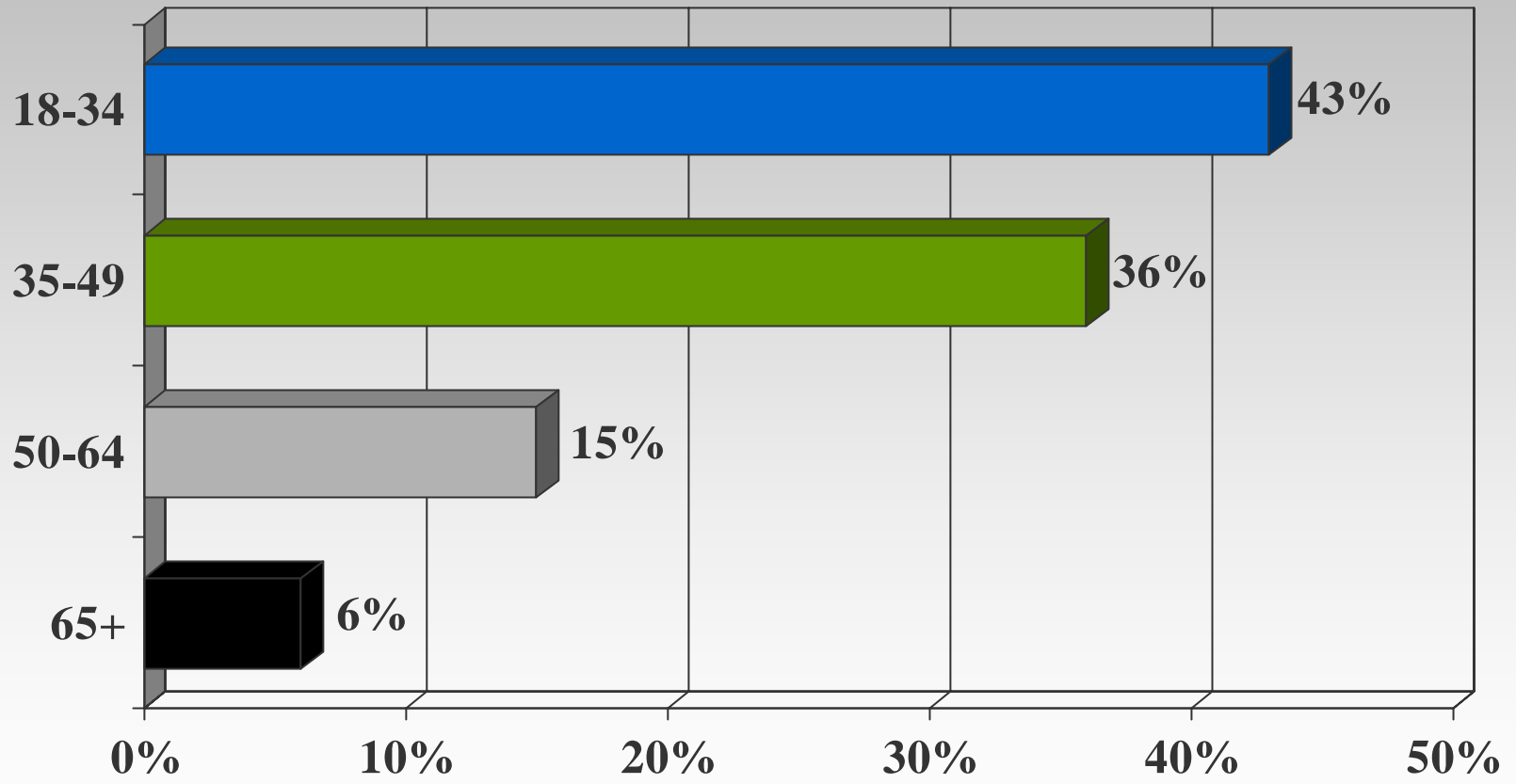
	2008 Foreign born adults (in thousands)	Percentage that sends remittances	Frequency	Average amount	Total (in millions)
District of Columbia	29	52%	15	\$330	<b>\$75</b>
Hawaii	16	49%	14	\$430	<b>\$47</b>
Alaska	15	49%	14	\$430	<b>\$44</b>
New Hampshire	17	41%	15	\$385	<b>\$40</b>
Wyoming	15	51%	15	\$305	<b>\$35</b>
Maine	11	41%	15	\$385	<b>\$26</b>
South Dakota	9	51%	15	\$305	<b>\$21</b>
North Dakota	6	51%	15	\$305	<b>\$14</b>
Vermont	5	41%	15	\$385	<b>\$12</b>
West Virginia	4	49%	16	\$340	<b>\$11</b>
Montana	2	51%	15	\$305	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$45,900</b>

# Latin American Remittance Senders: *Demographics*

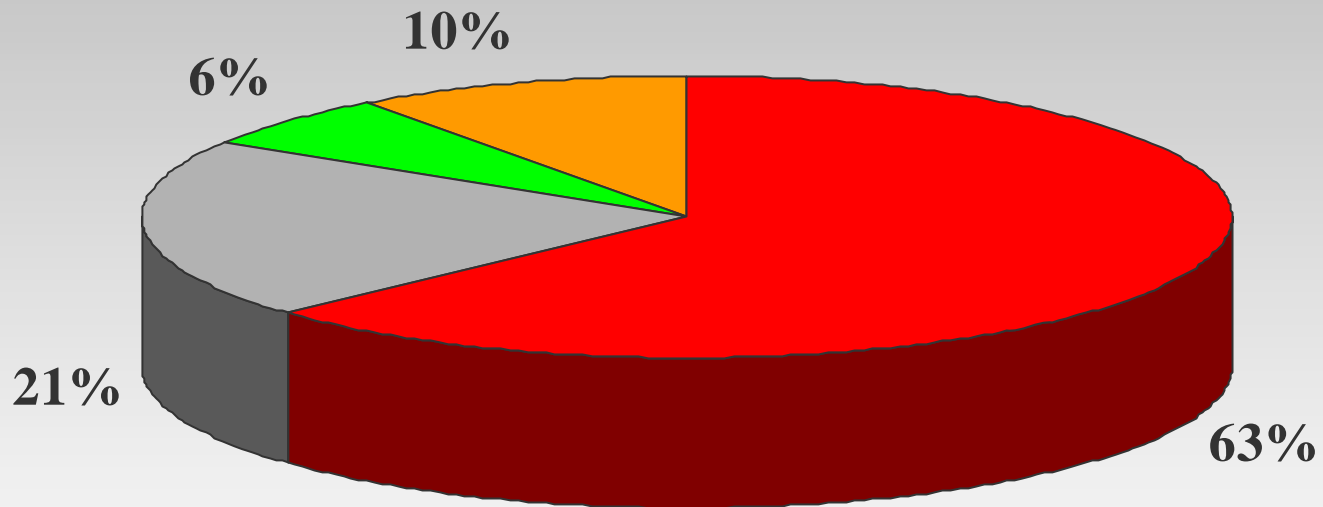




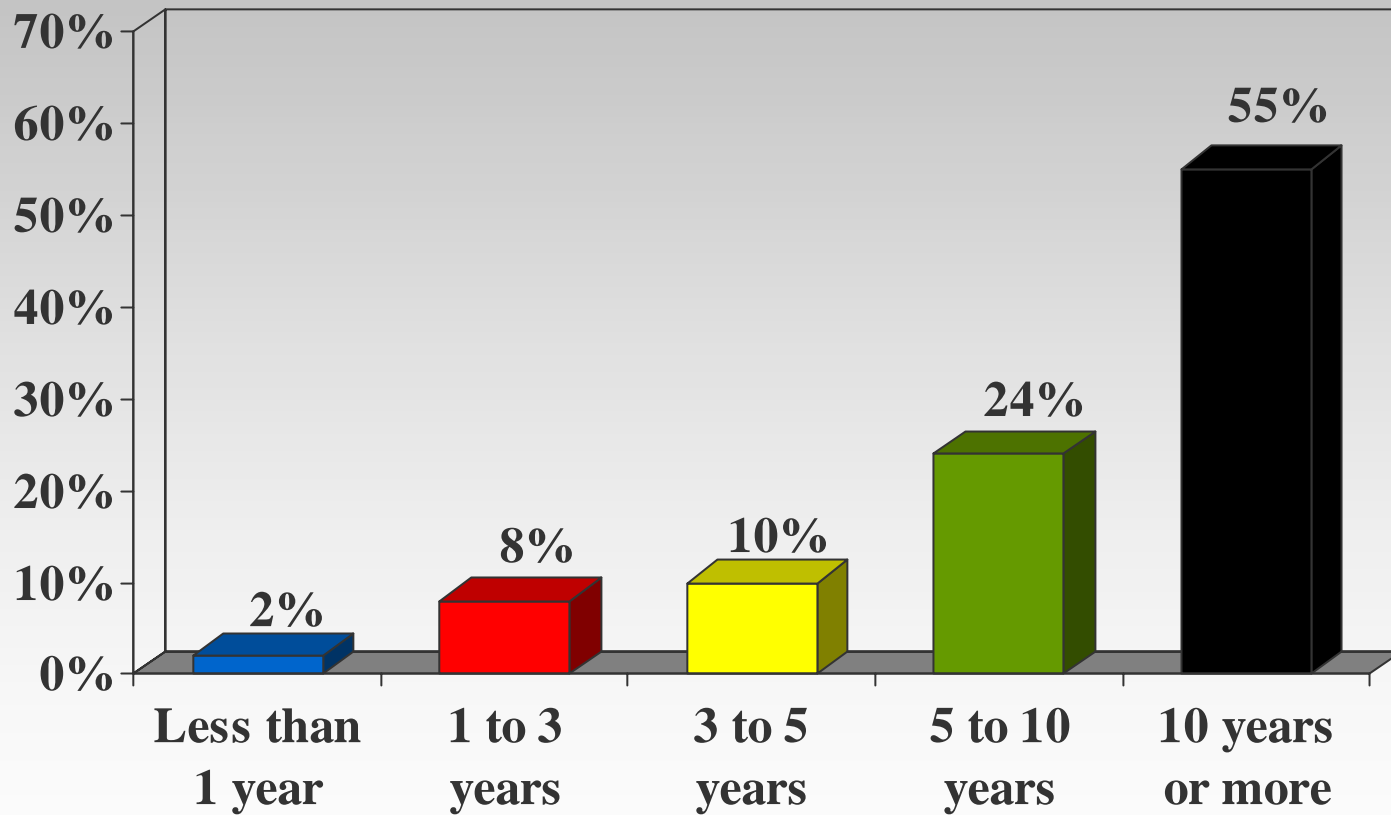
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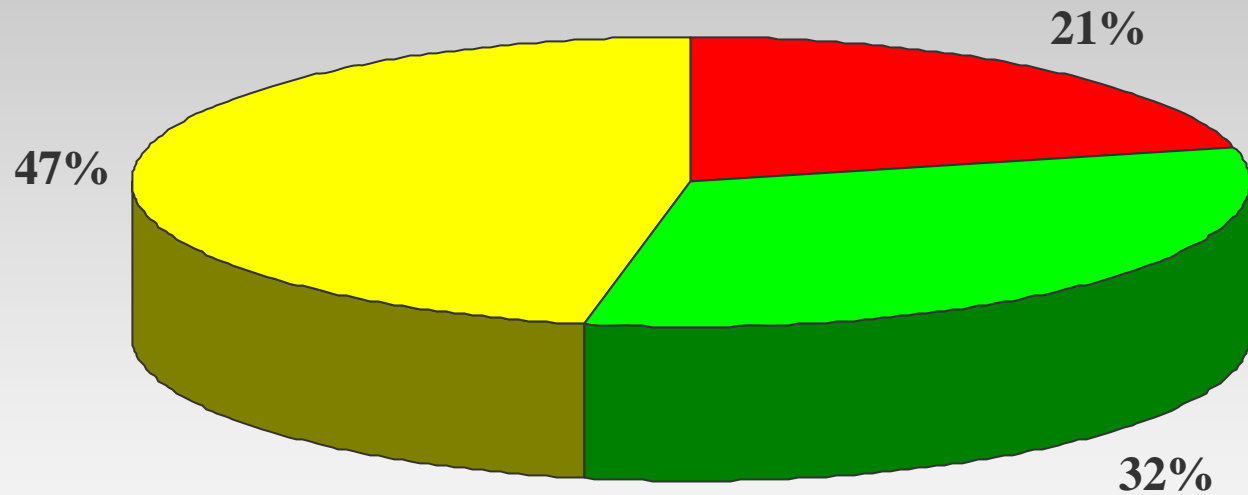
# Country of Birth



# Residency in the United States



# Legal Status



■ Citizen

■ Legal resident

■ Undocumented immigrant