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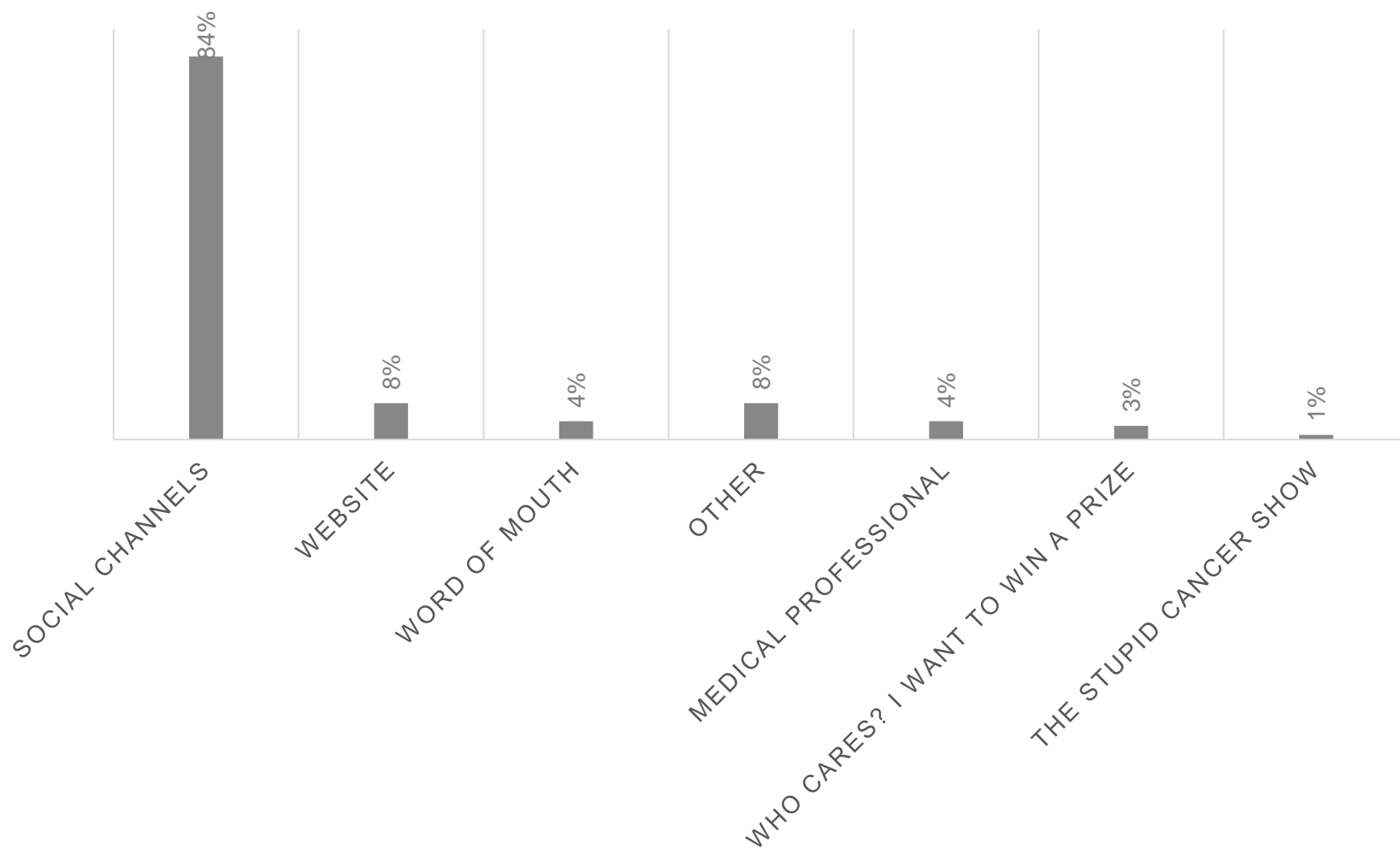
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# Stupid Cancer Survey

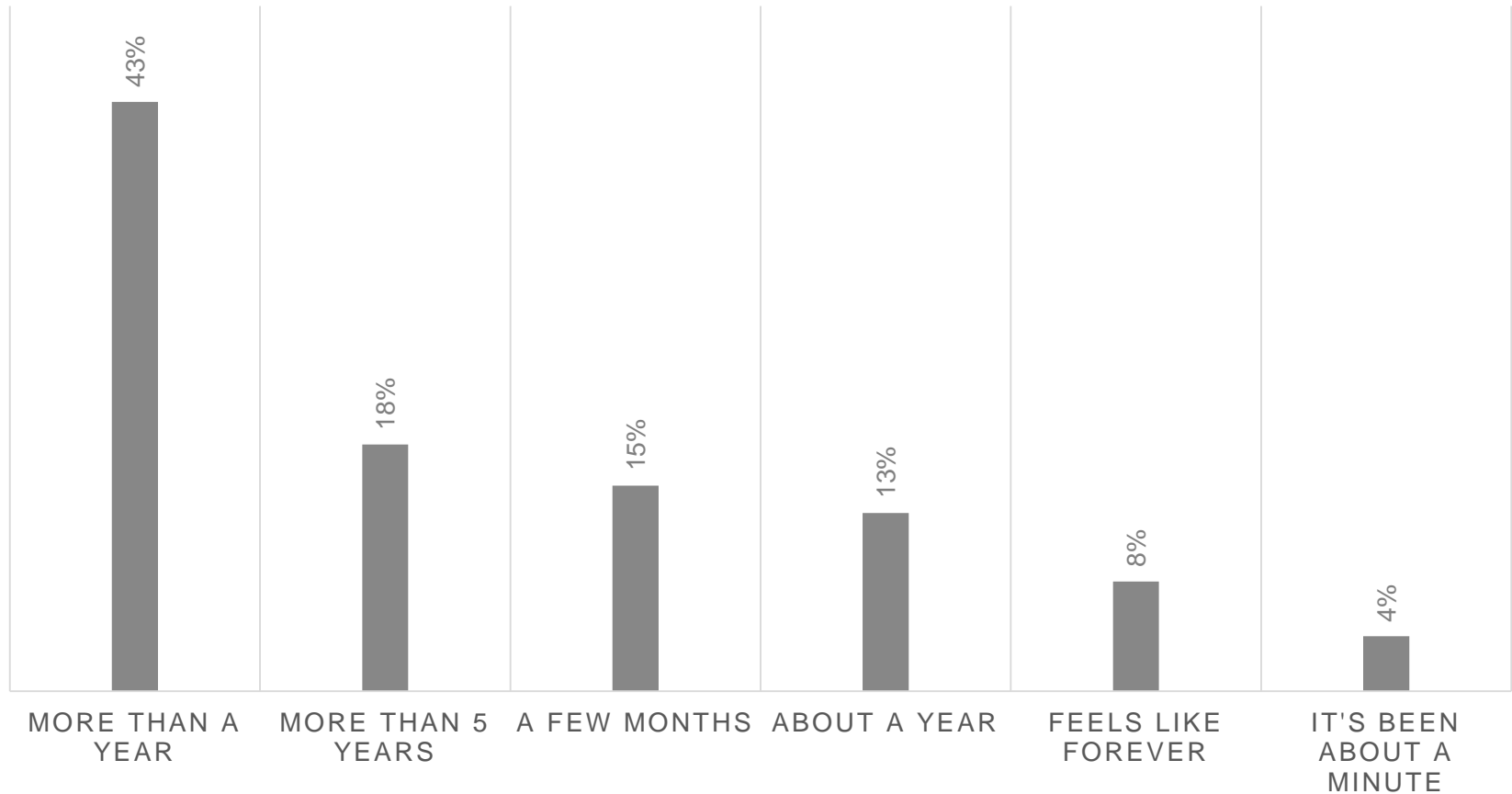
Stupid Cancer is the world leader in young adult cancer advocacy, research, support and education. Founded in 2007 by Matthew Zachary, Stupid Cancer has spent more than a decade ending isolation, building community, providing education, redefining quality-of-life, and improving health outcomes for this community.

In this document is the responses of 225 individuals around their experience of cancer.

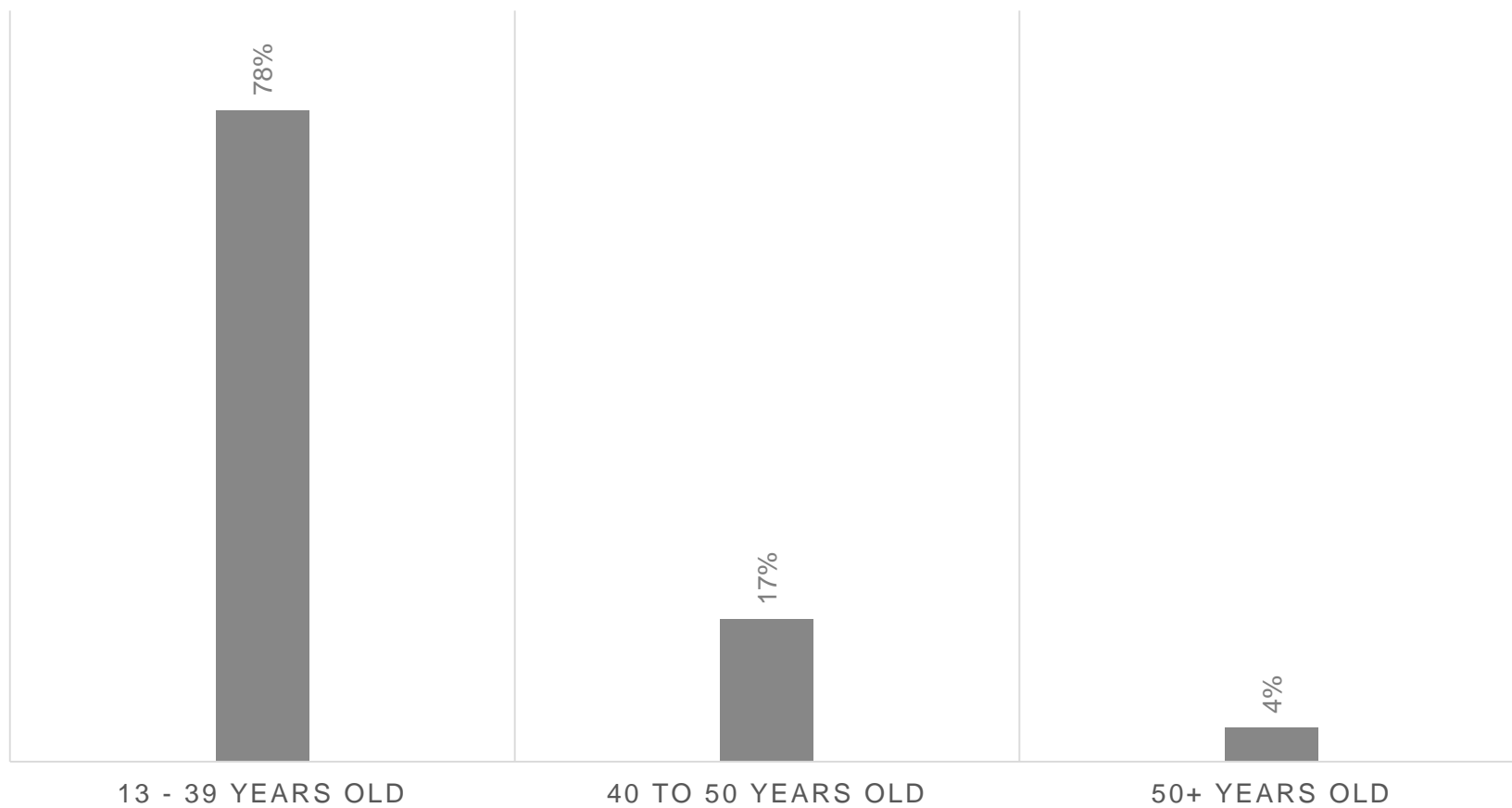
# How did you hear about this survey?



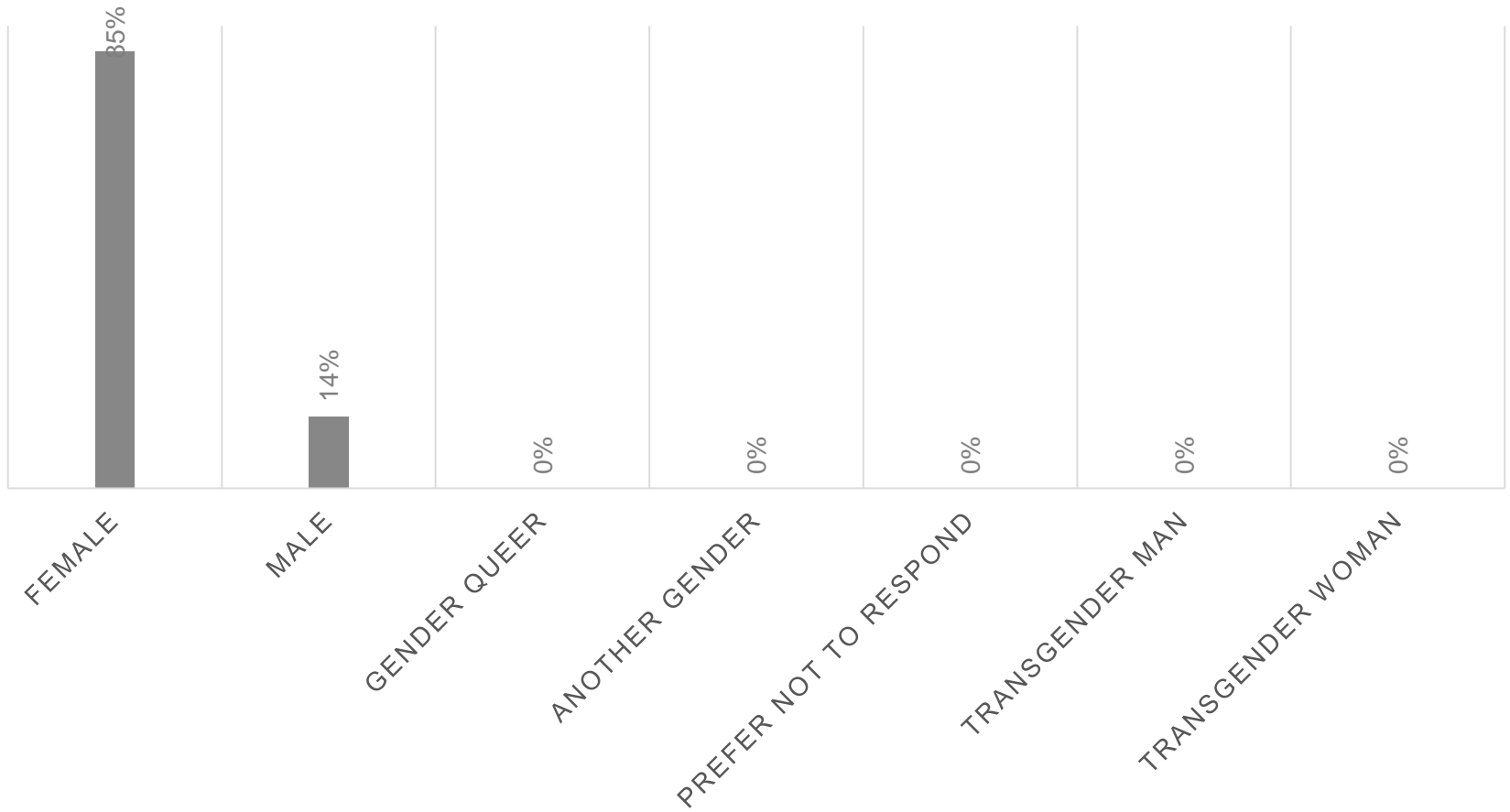
# How long have you known about Stupid Cancer?



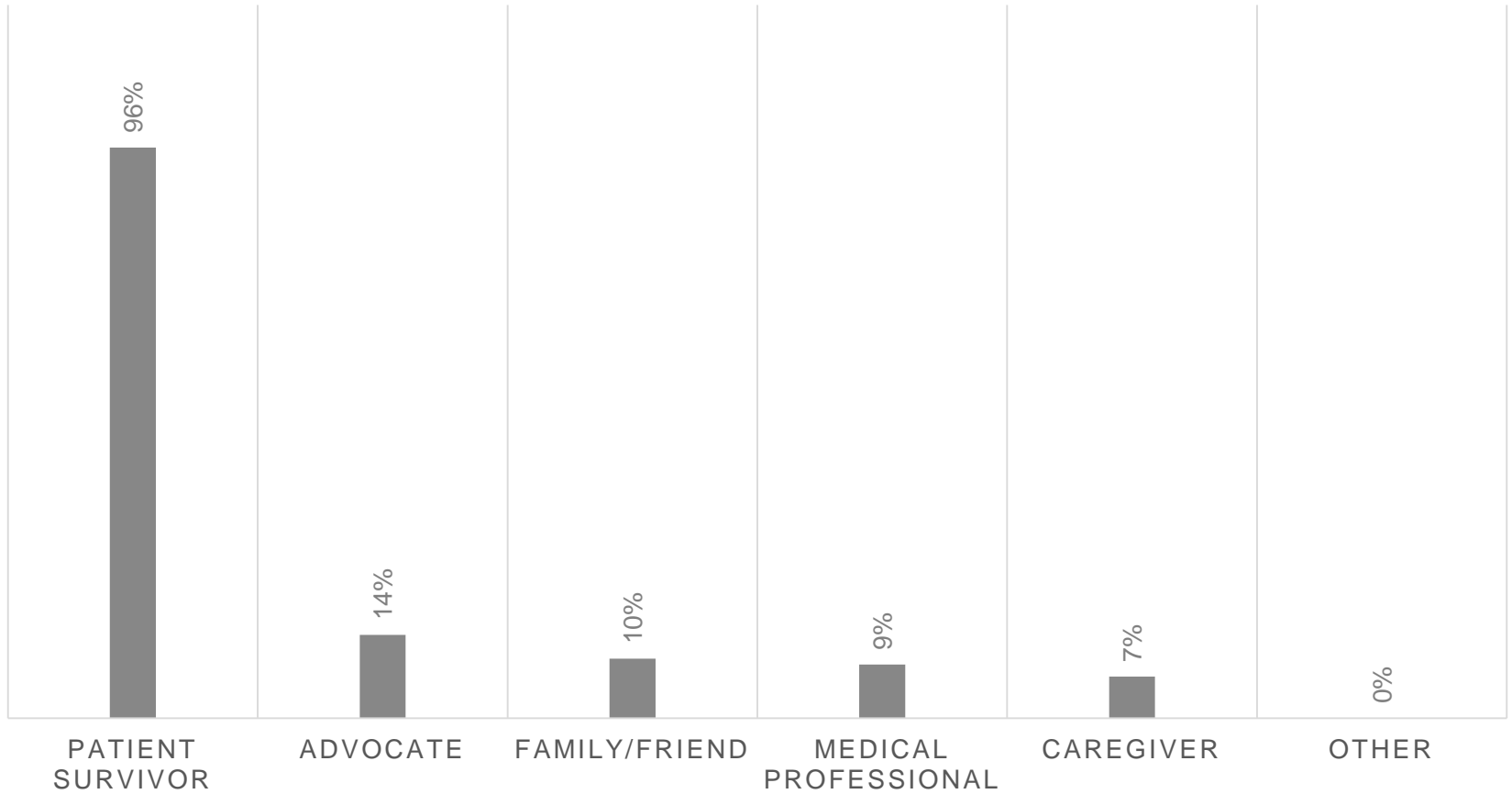
# Age?



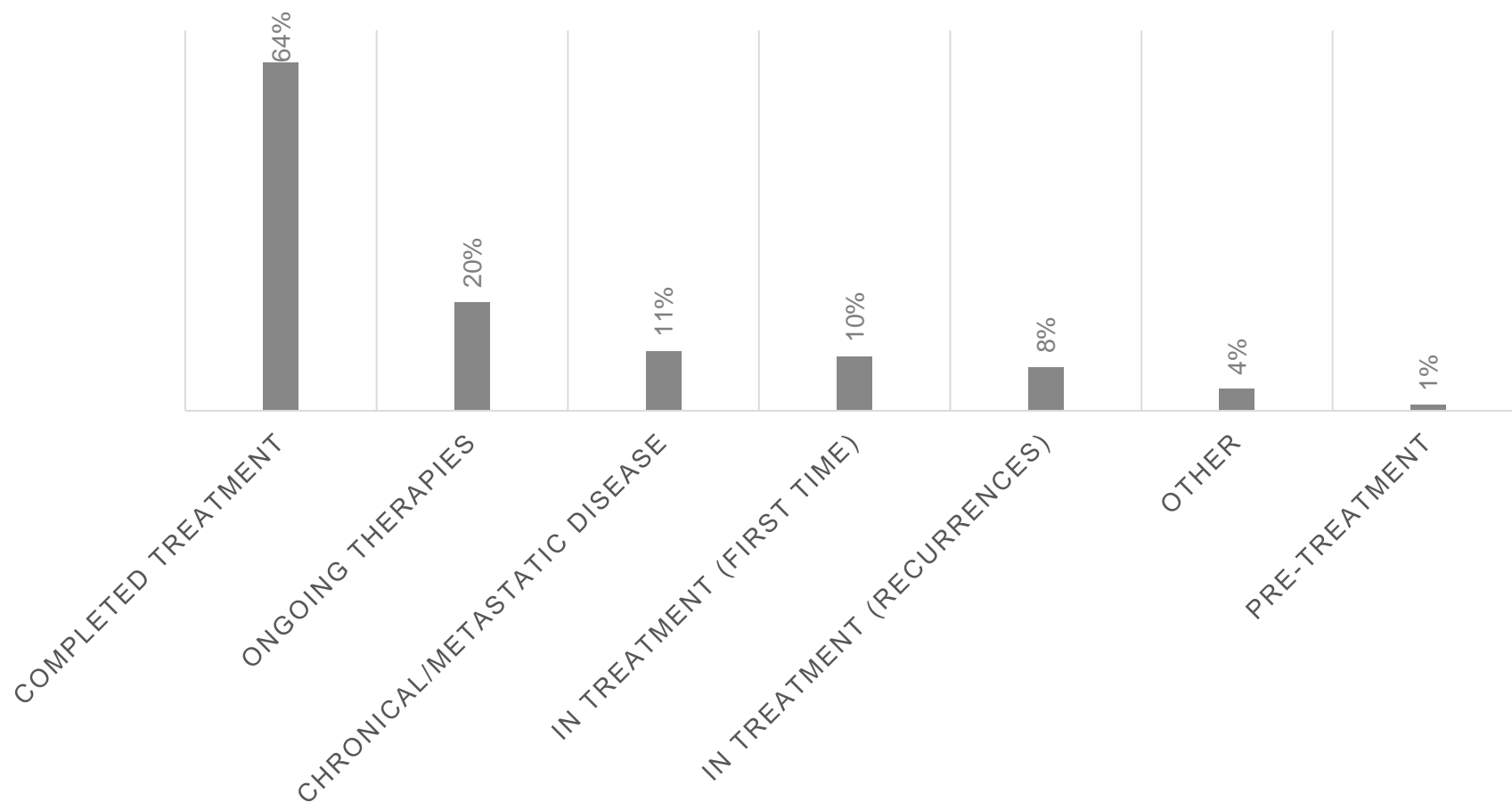
# Gender



# What best describes you?

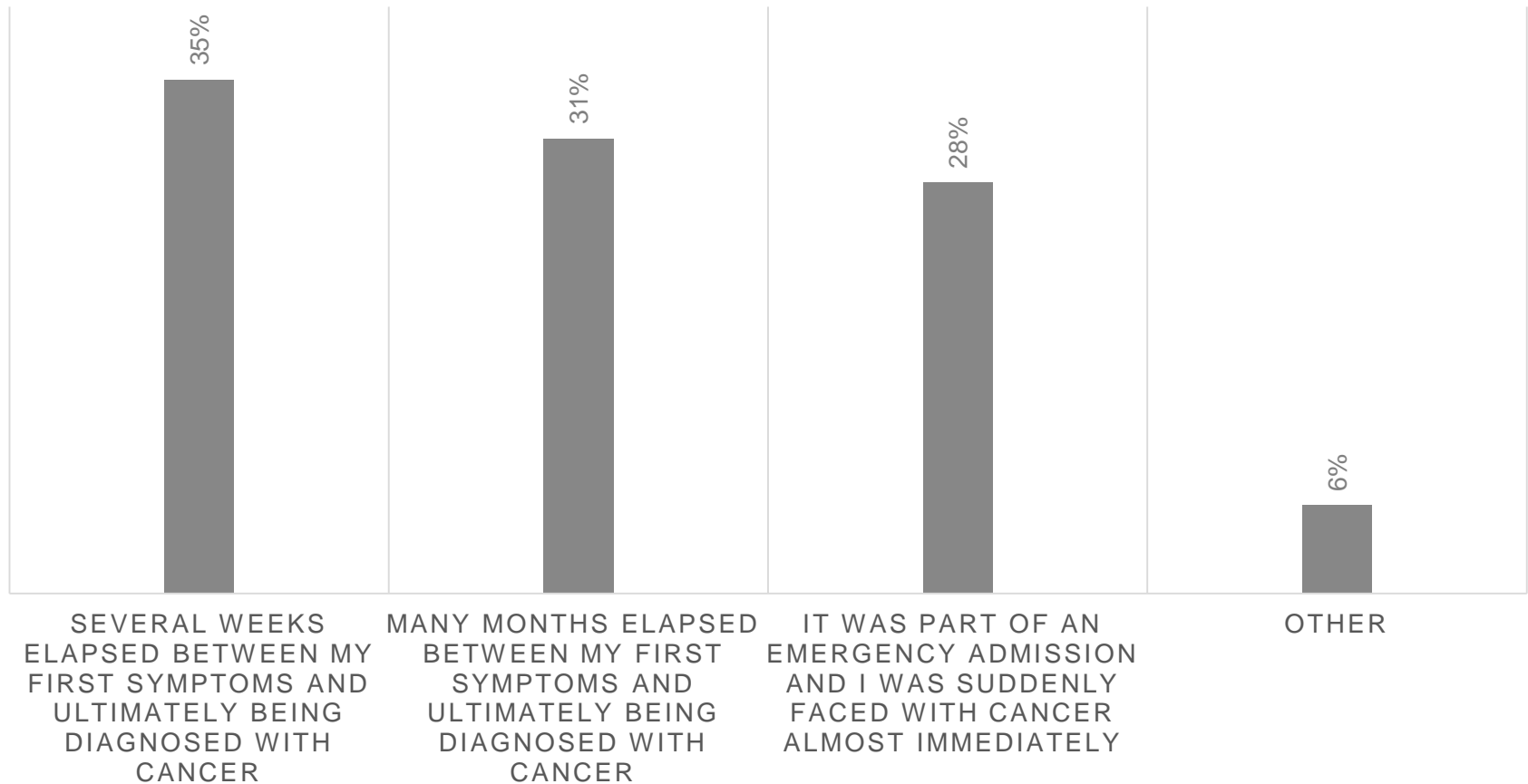


# What is your current treatment status?

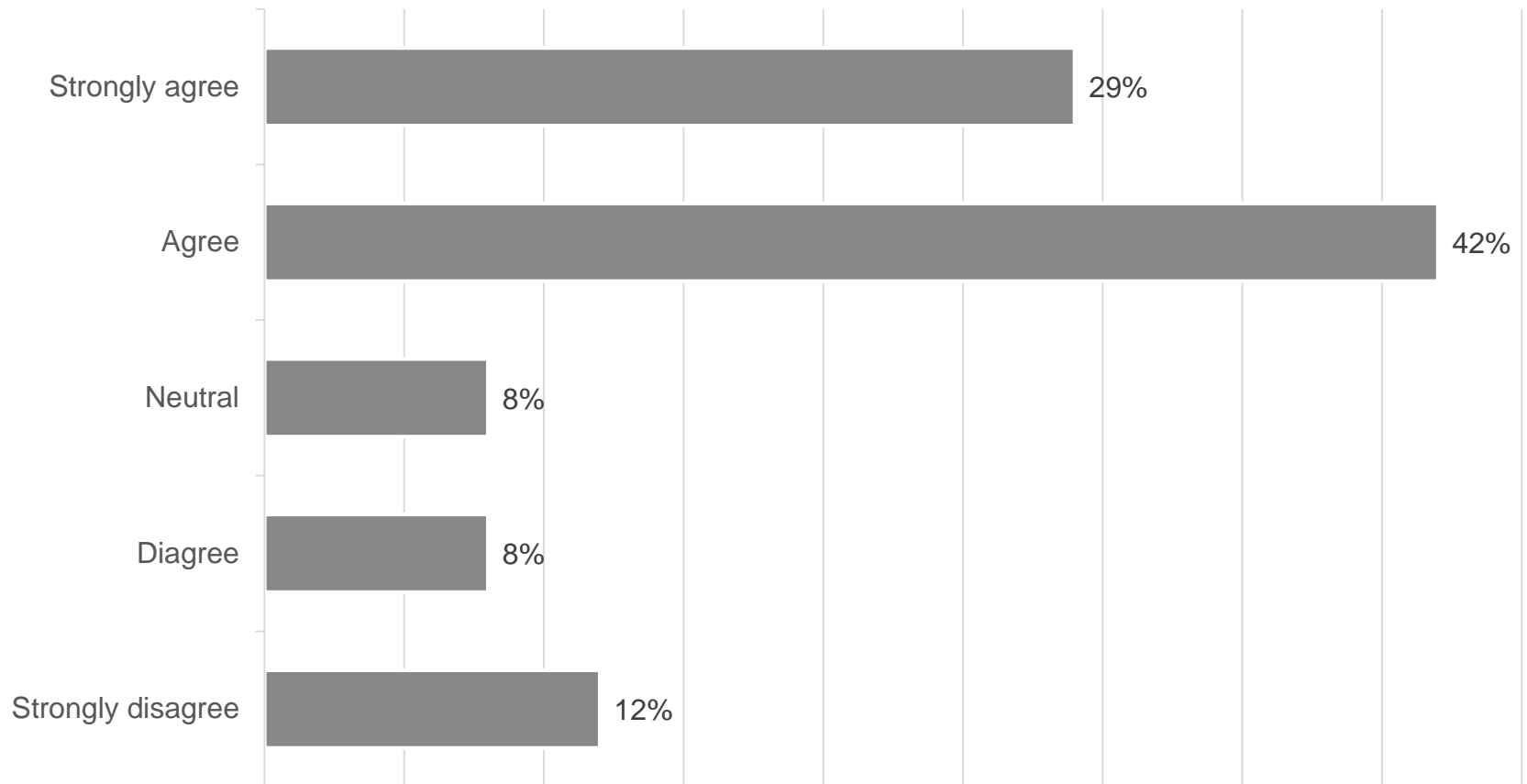




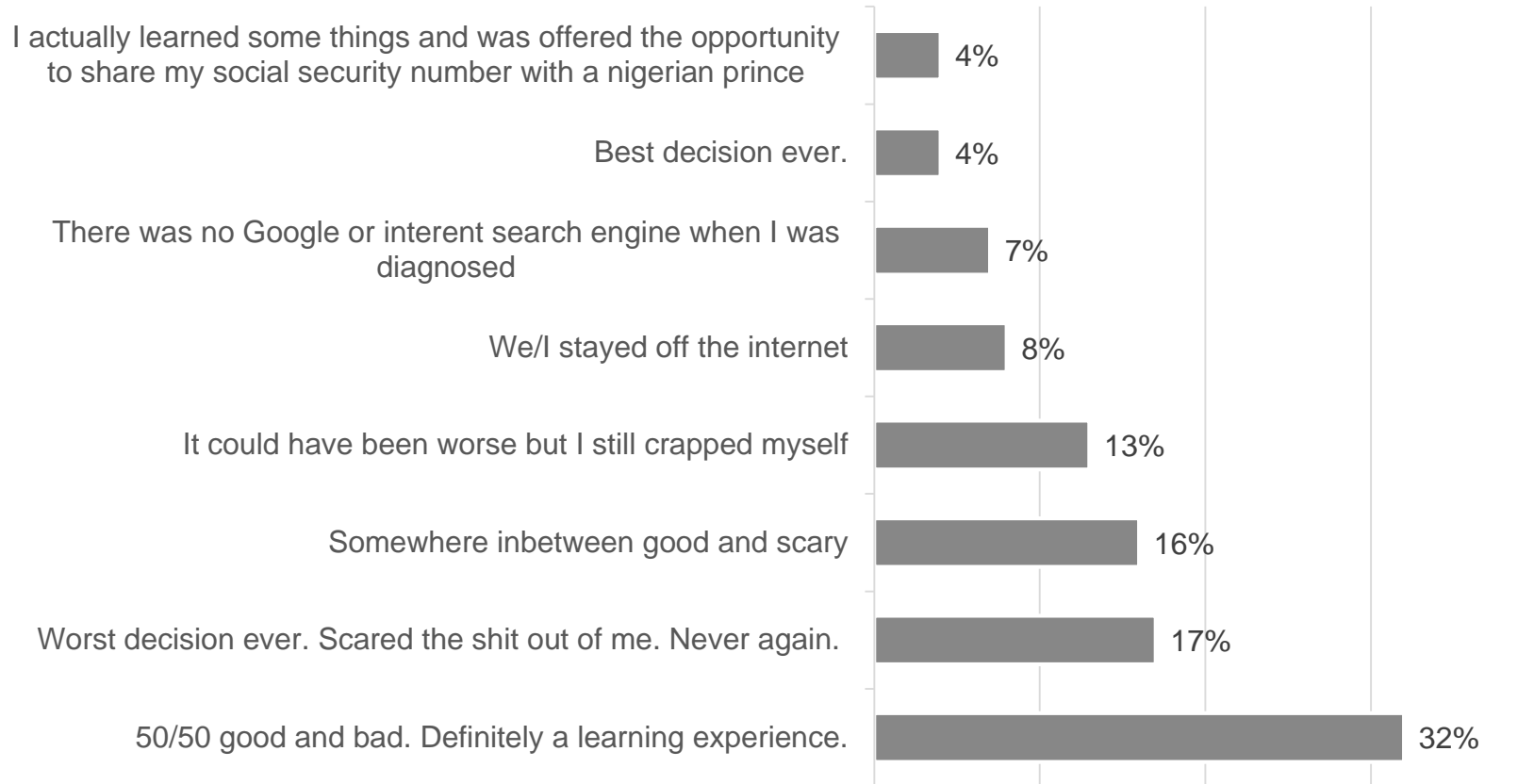
# Which of the following best describes your experience first getting diagnosed?



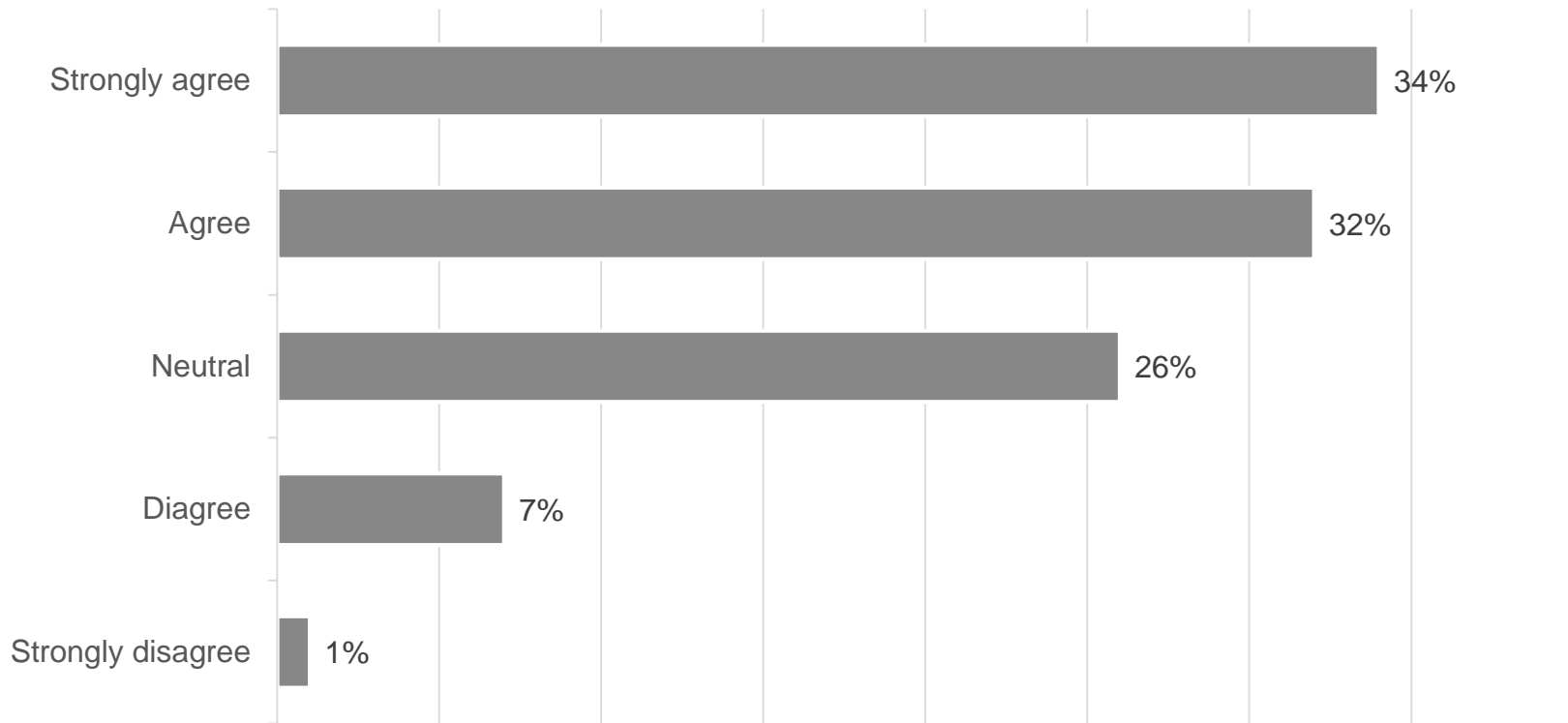
# Most of the general public think cancer only happens to older people and sometimes to children



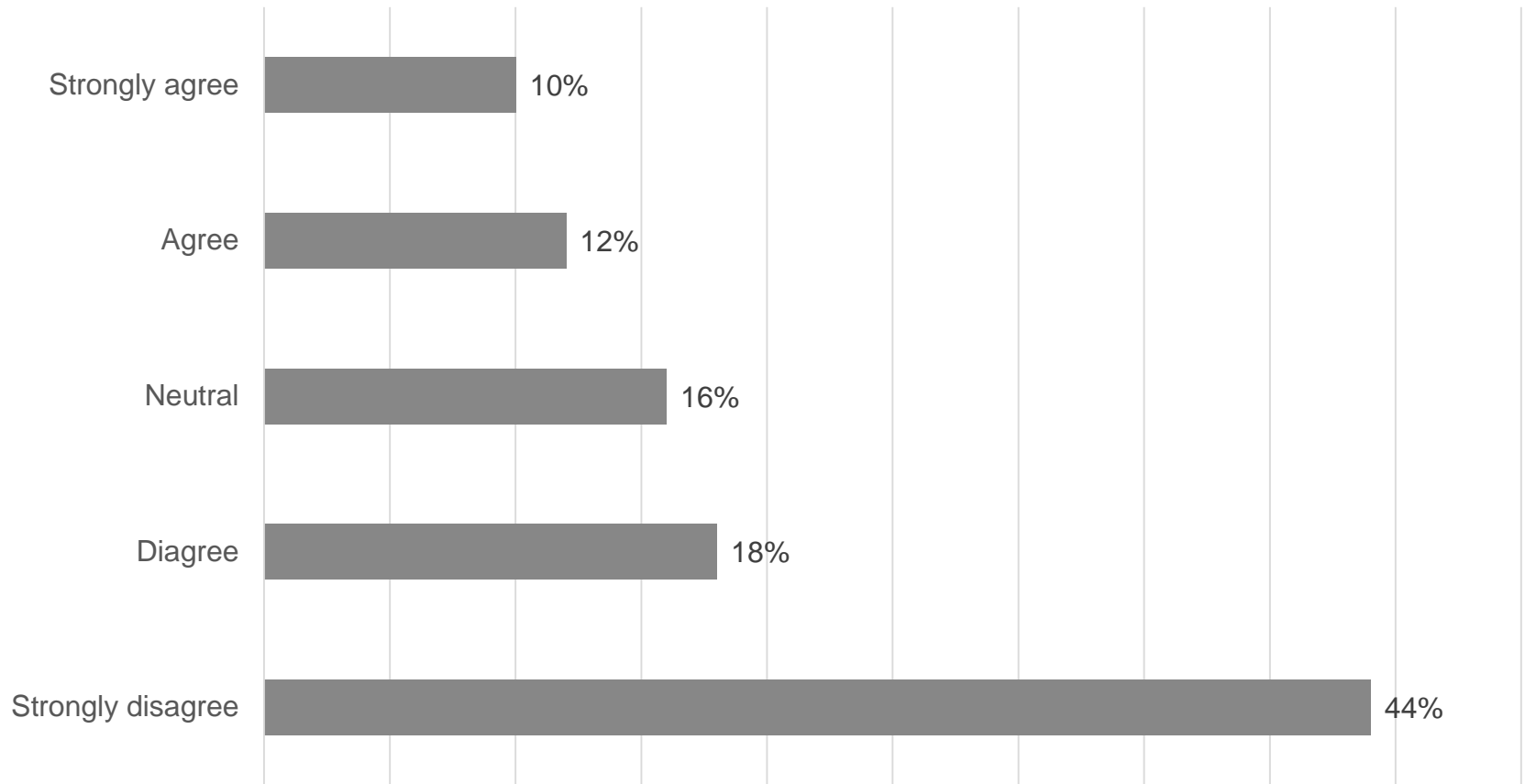
# Tell us about your experience if you Googled your cancer?



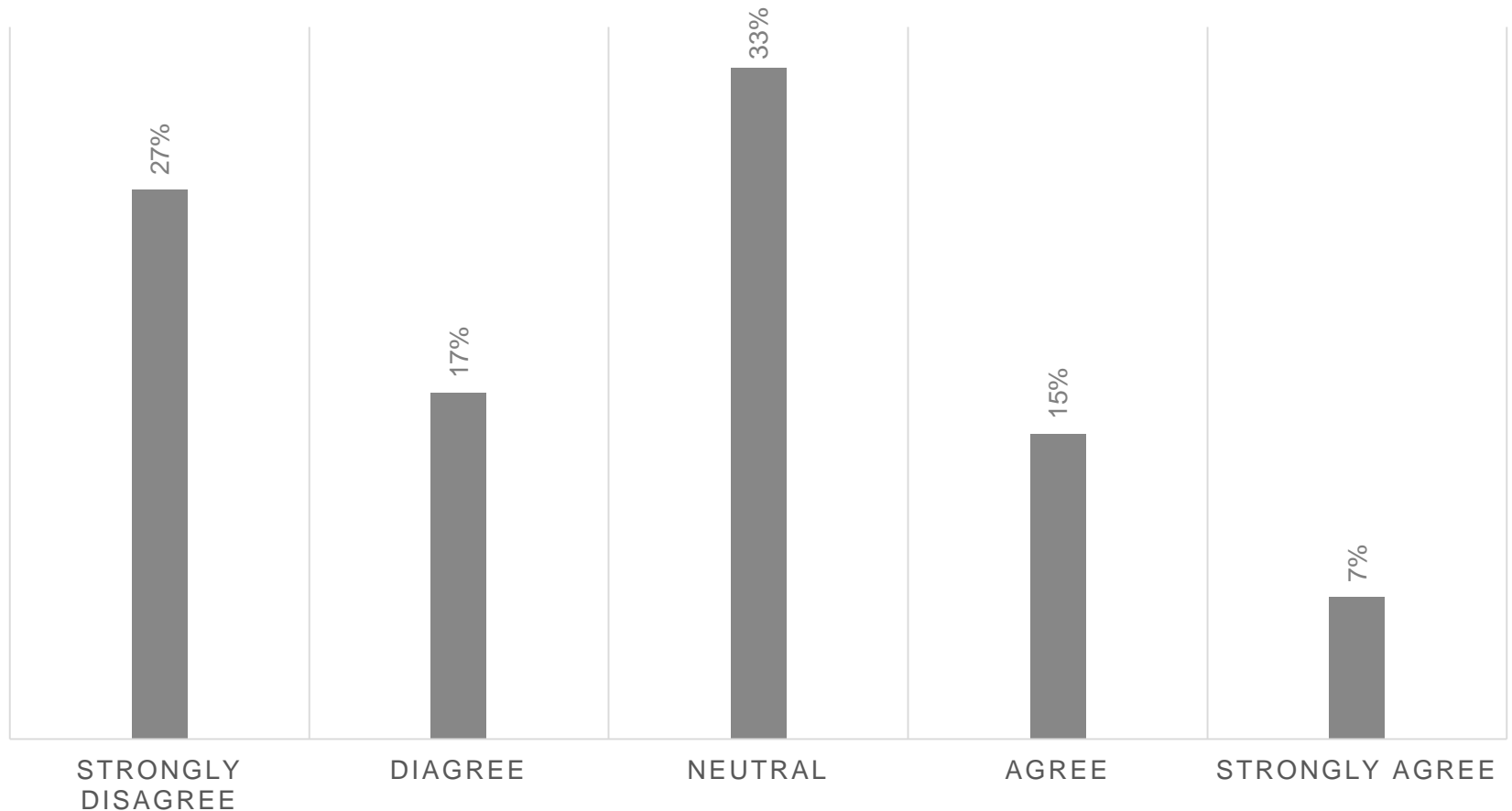
# Most websites weren't really designed or written for me



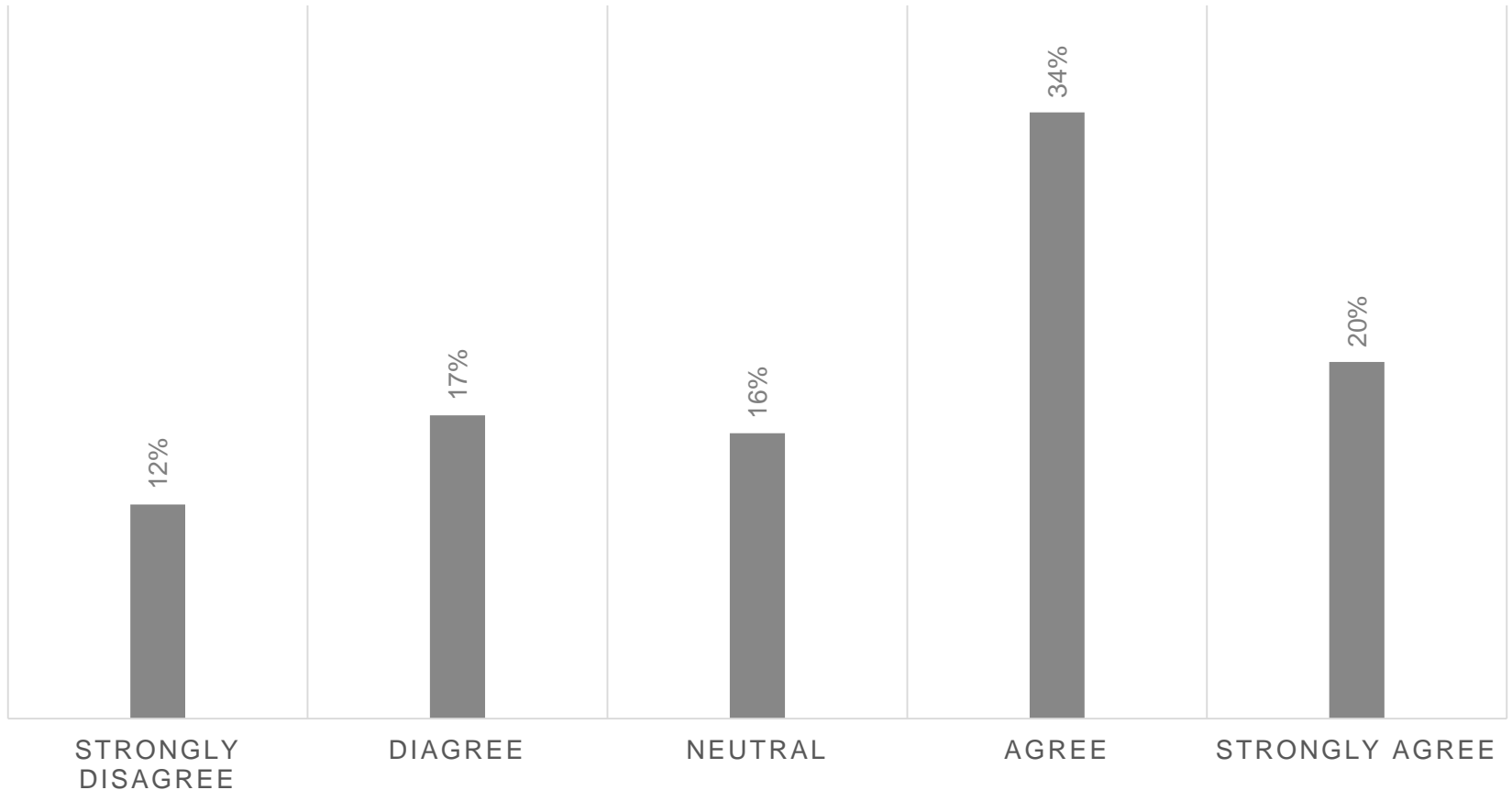
# My parents/family/caregiver did the research. I was too terrified to get involved



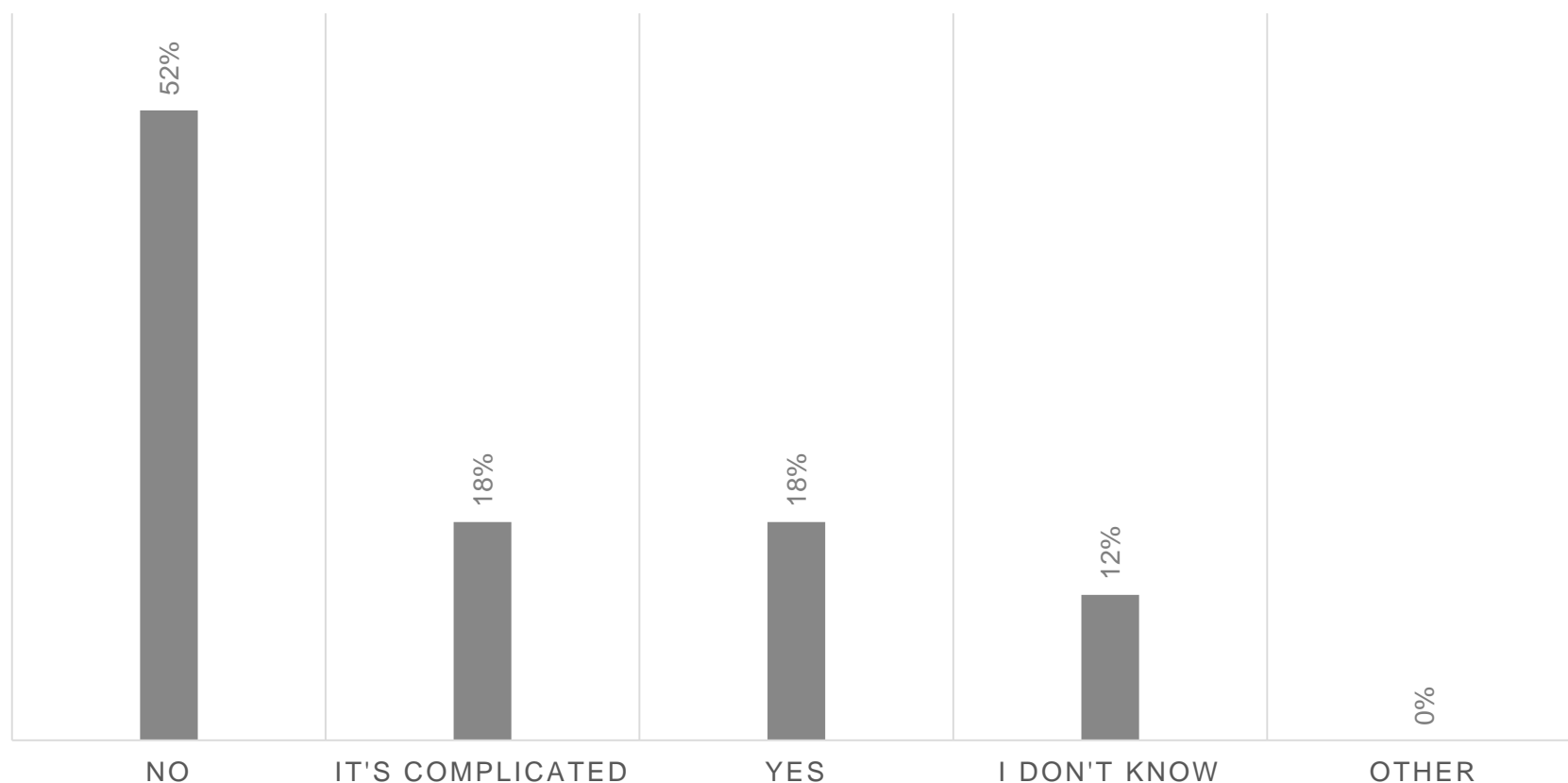
# Things looked up whether anyone famous or someone whom I admired has been through something similar



# I found stories about other adolescents and young adults in my position which really helped

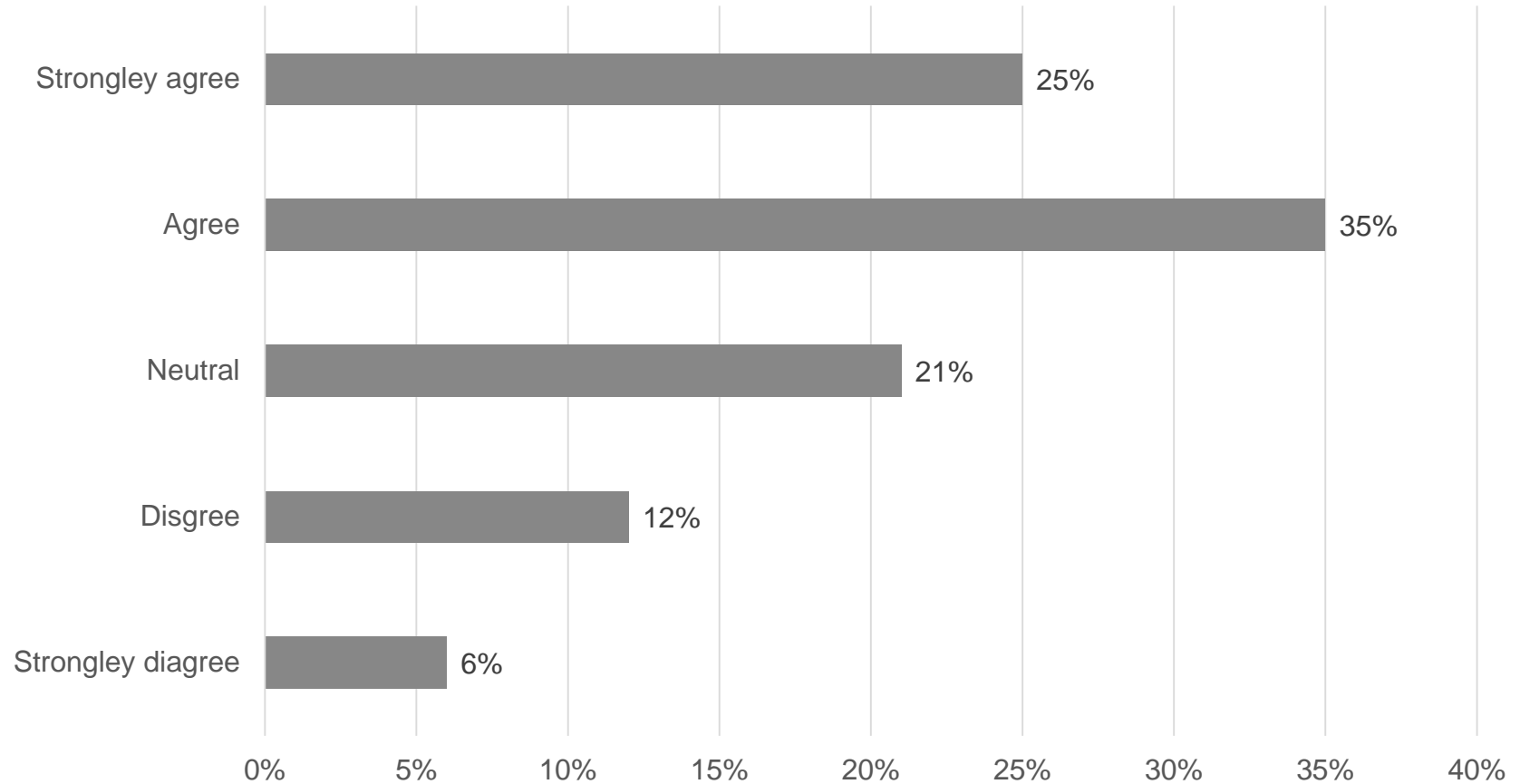


# Were you provided with any options during your initial diagnosis to help you navigate your way around your treatment options?

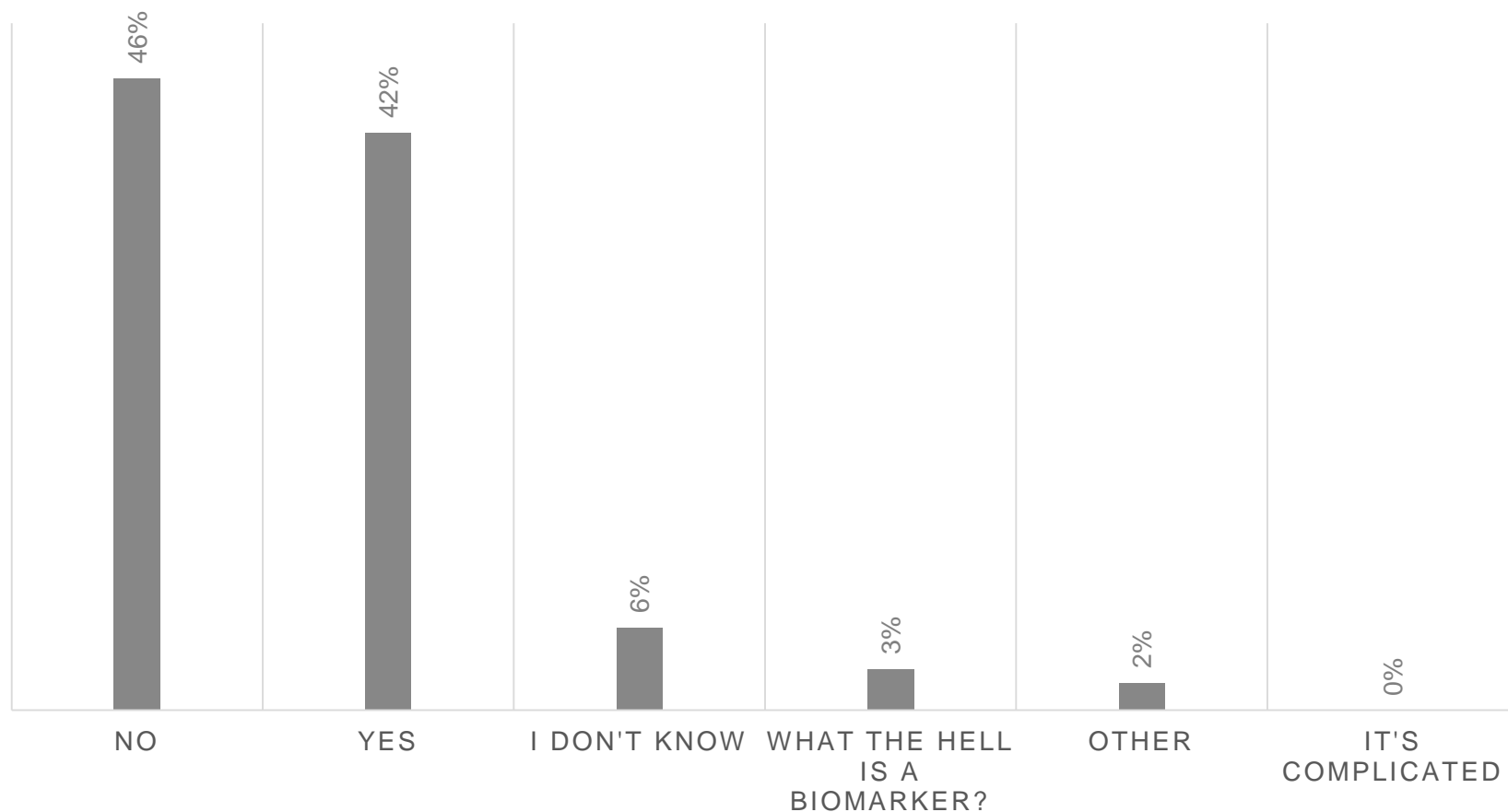




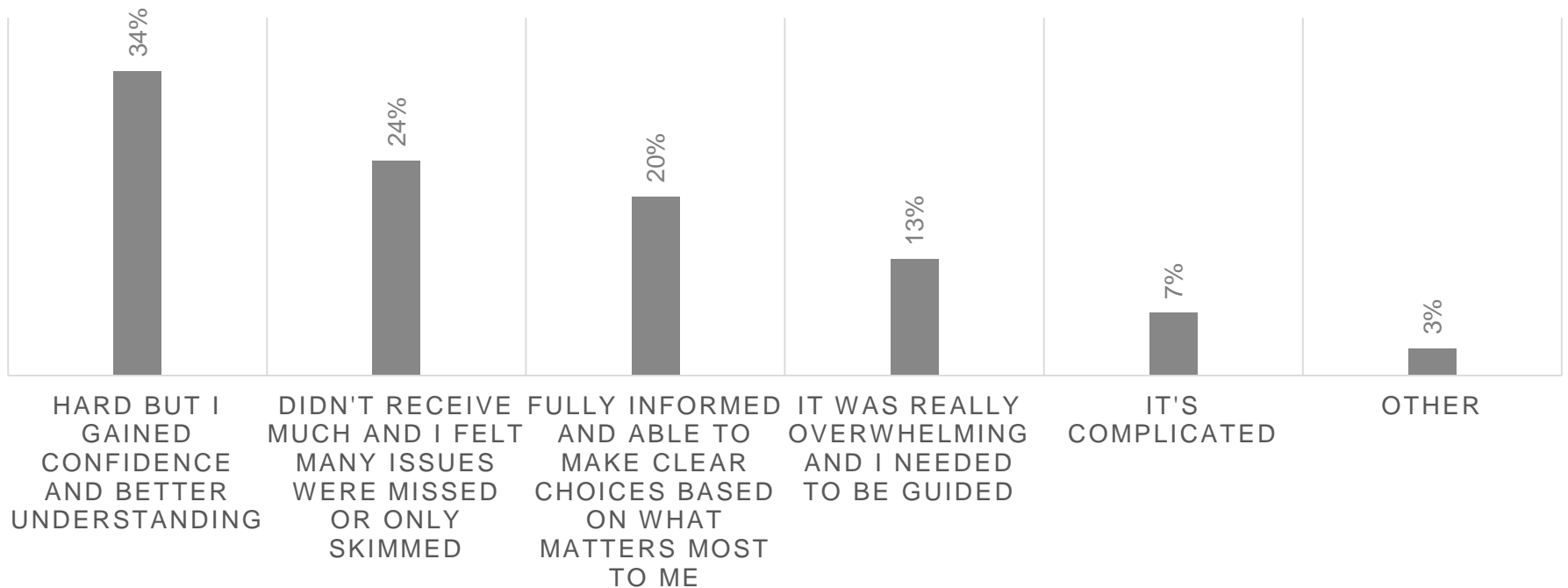
**My care team spoke to me as a human being. They engaged me personally and asked me questions about what was most important to me and what my personal health values and concerns were.**



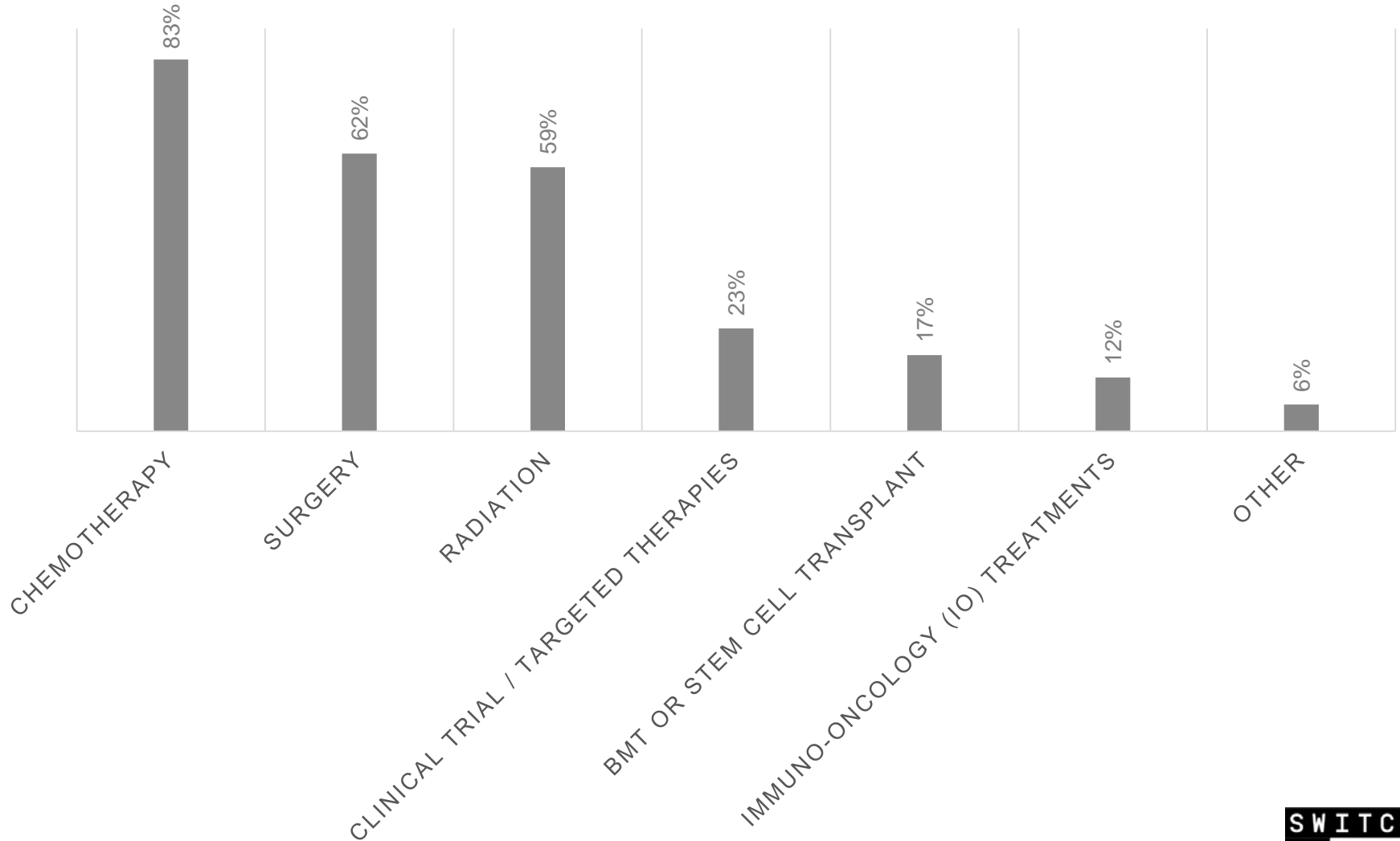
# Did you undergo genetic and/or biomarker testing?



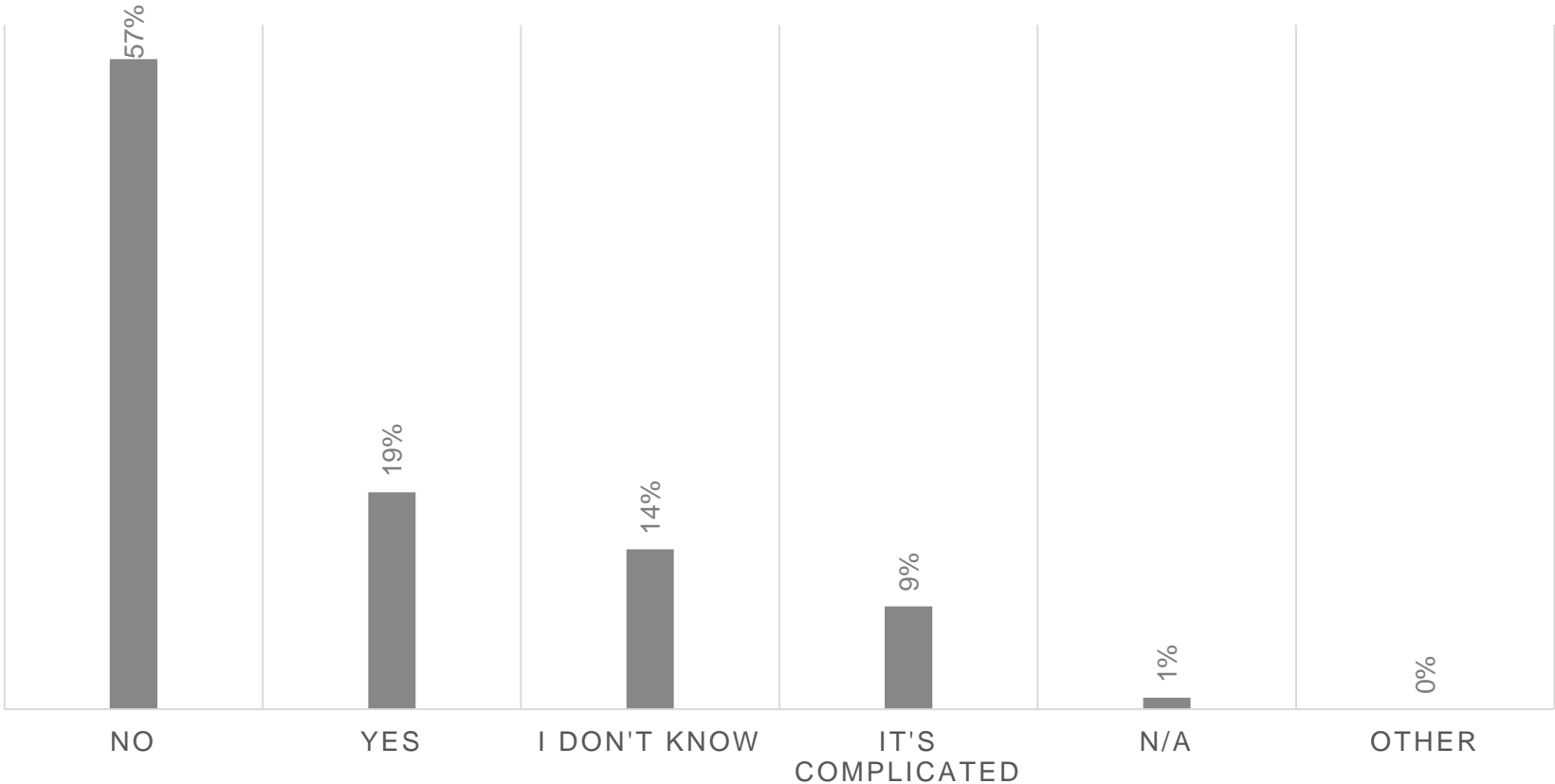
# How did you feel about the advice and/or counselling you received about your particular type of cancer and the different options available?



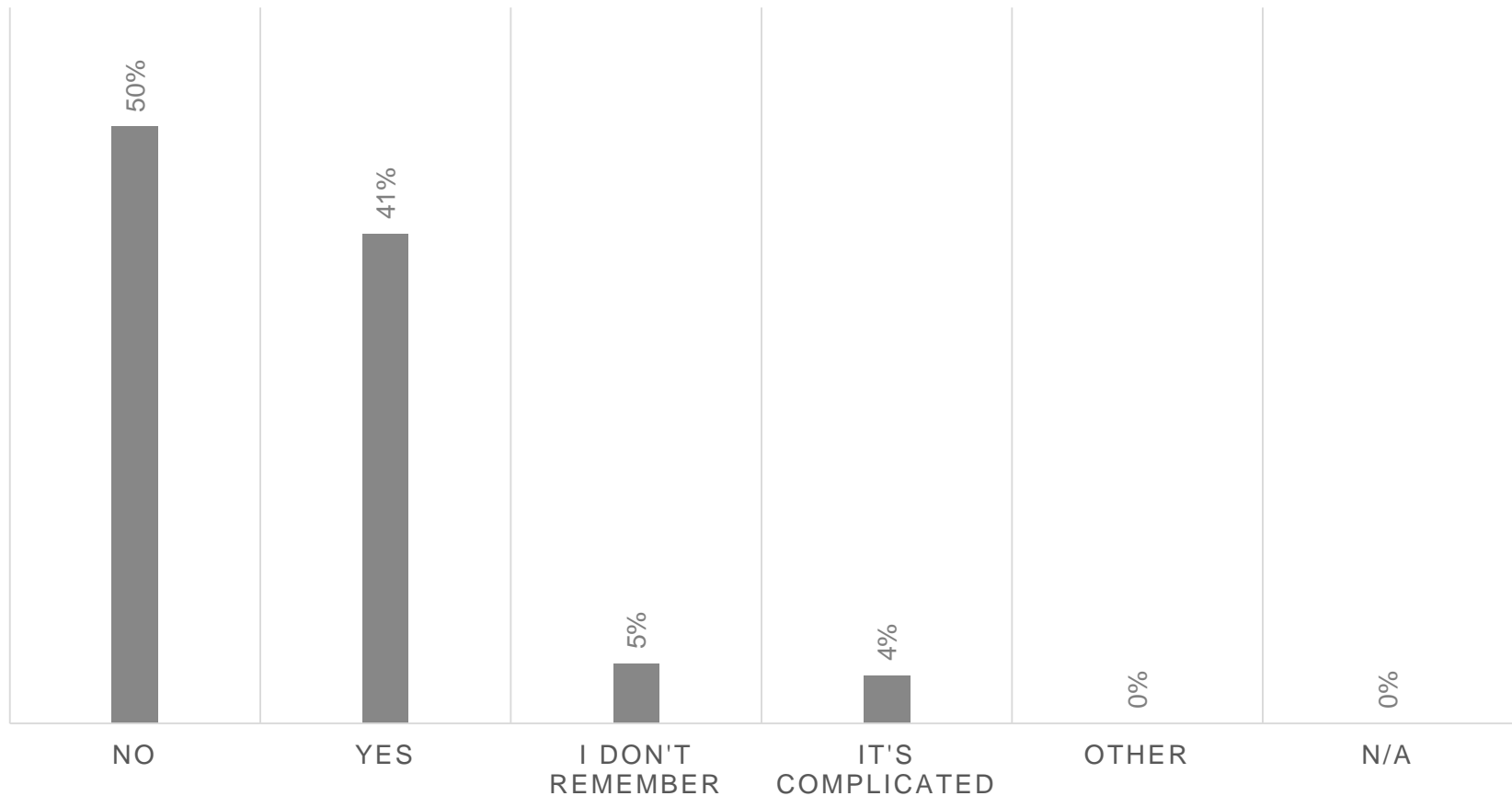
# What interventions were you presented with?



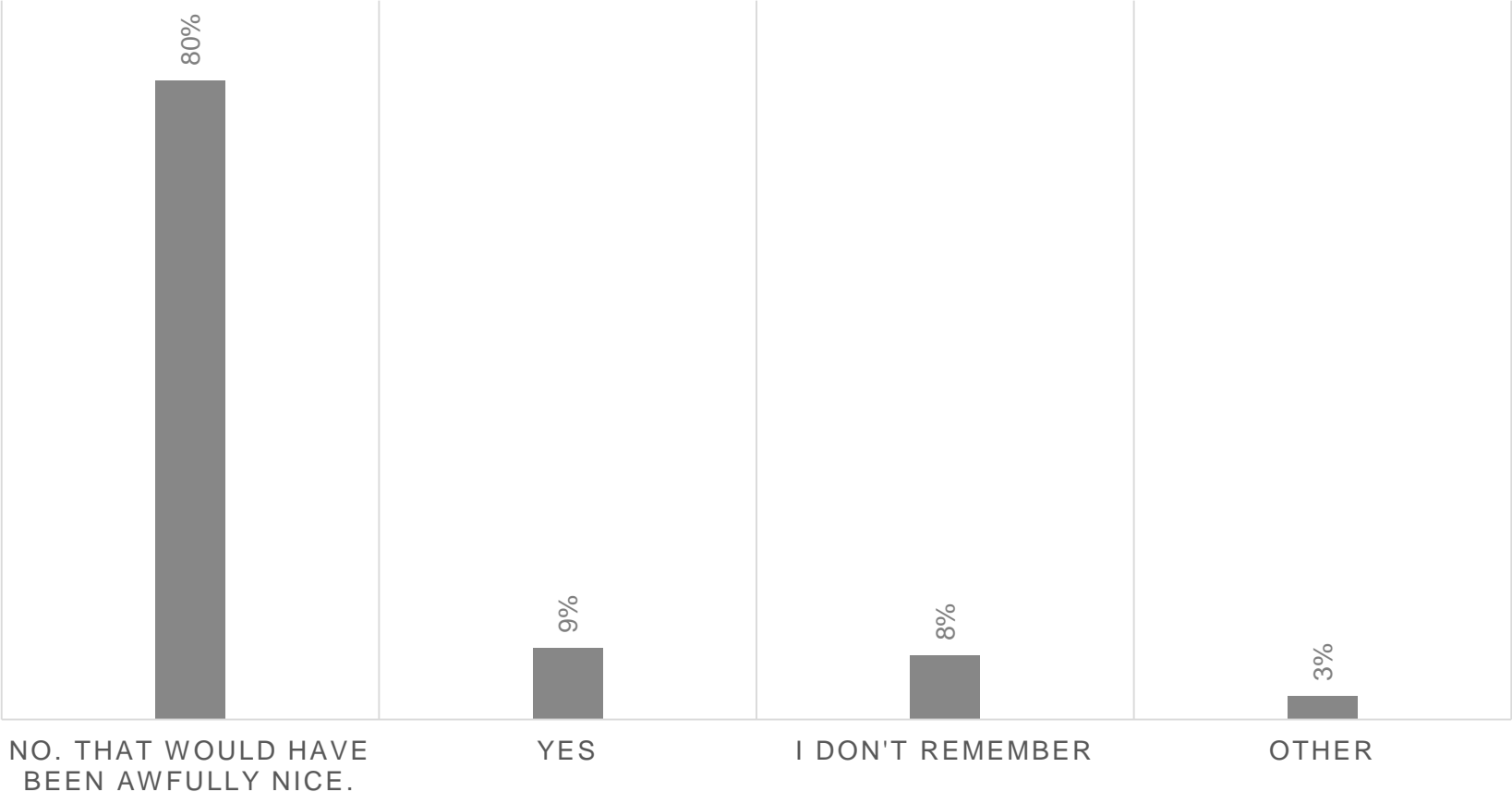
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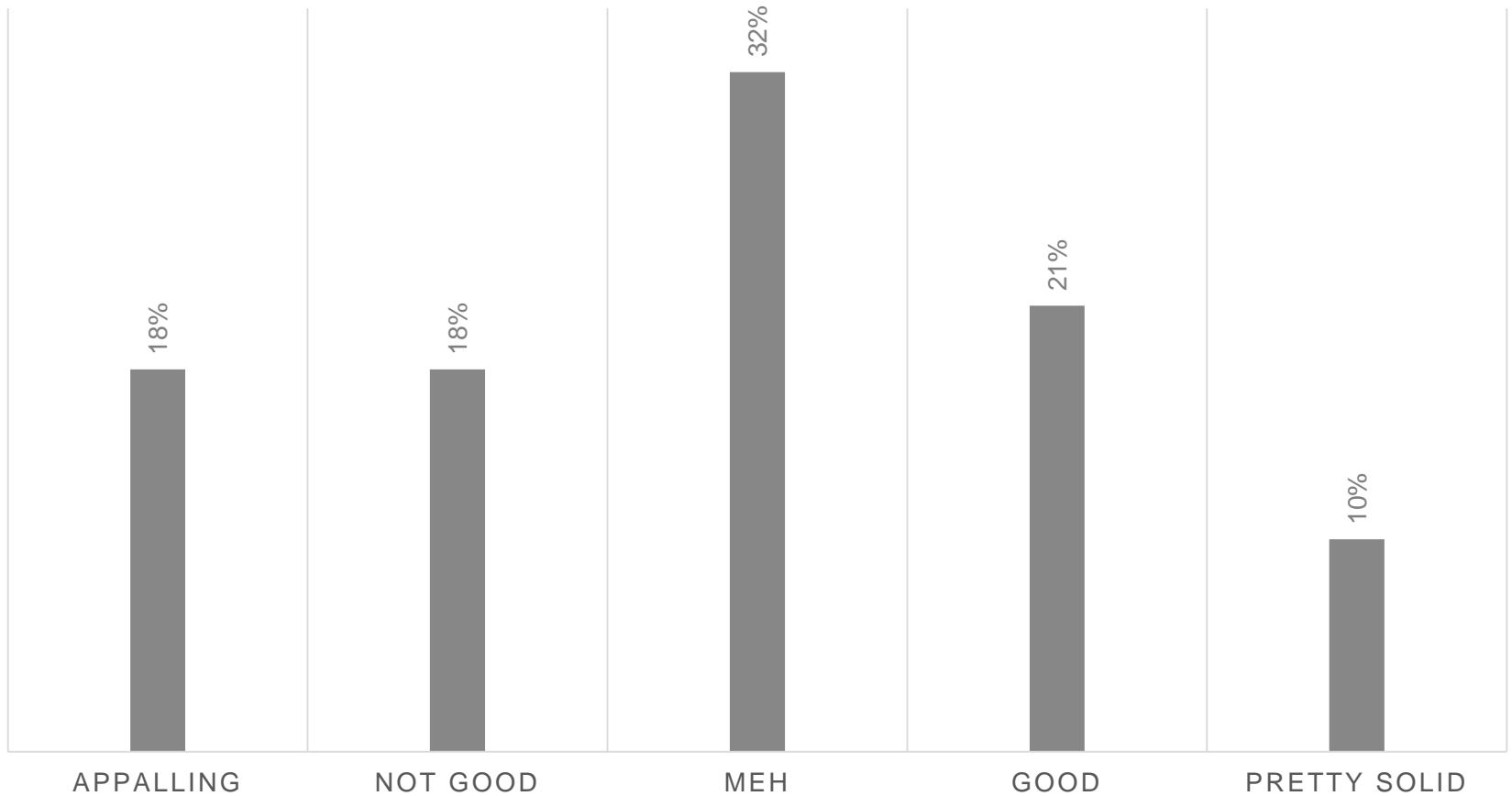
# Were you offered psychosocial, psychological, or any mental health support?



# If you were given any support information (leaflet, books, flyers, brochures pamphlets) did you feel they were specifically tailored to you as a young adult?

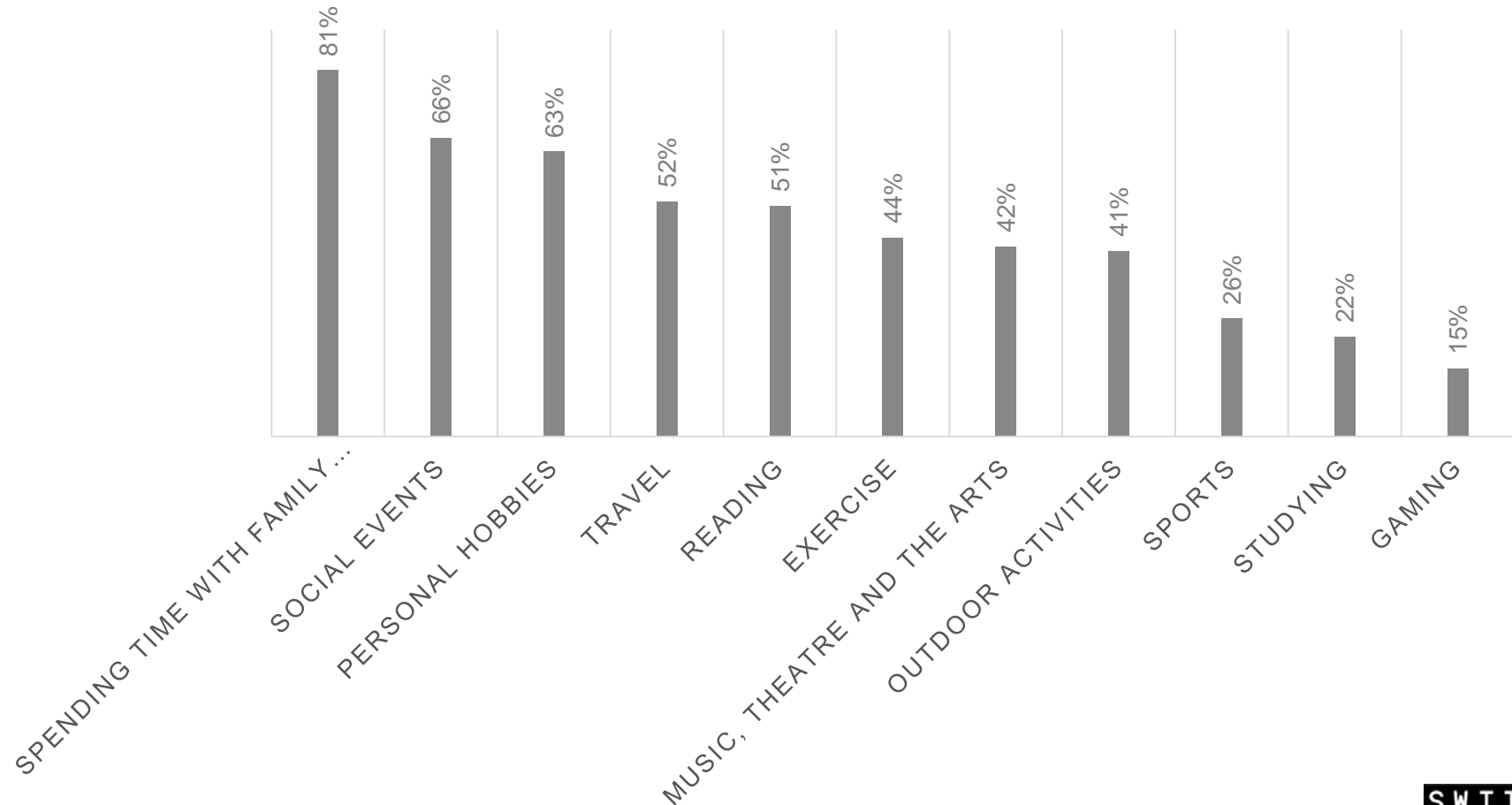


# After you were diagnosed with cancer – rate the level or mental health and emotional support you received:

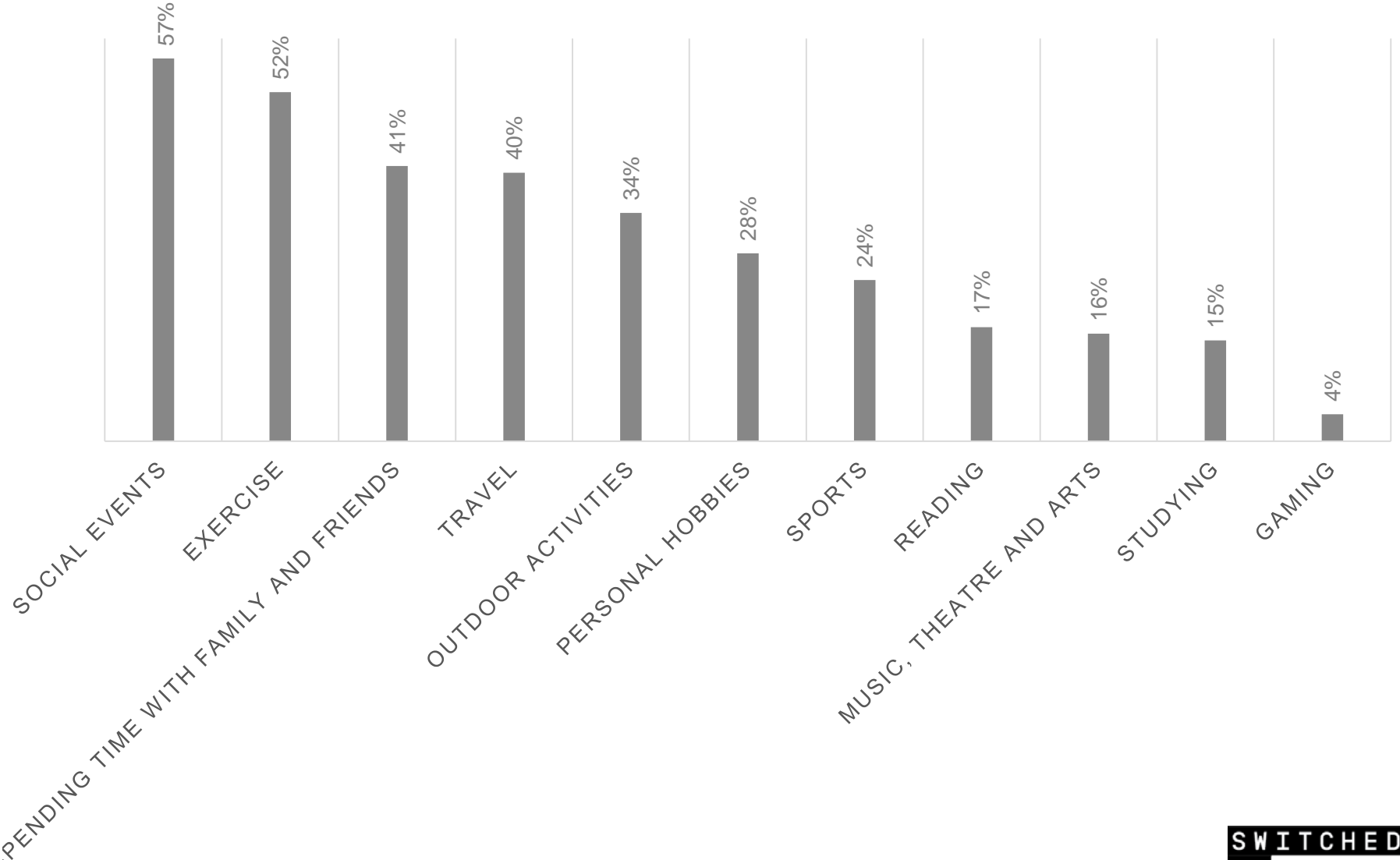




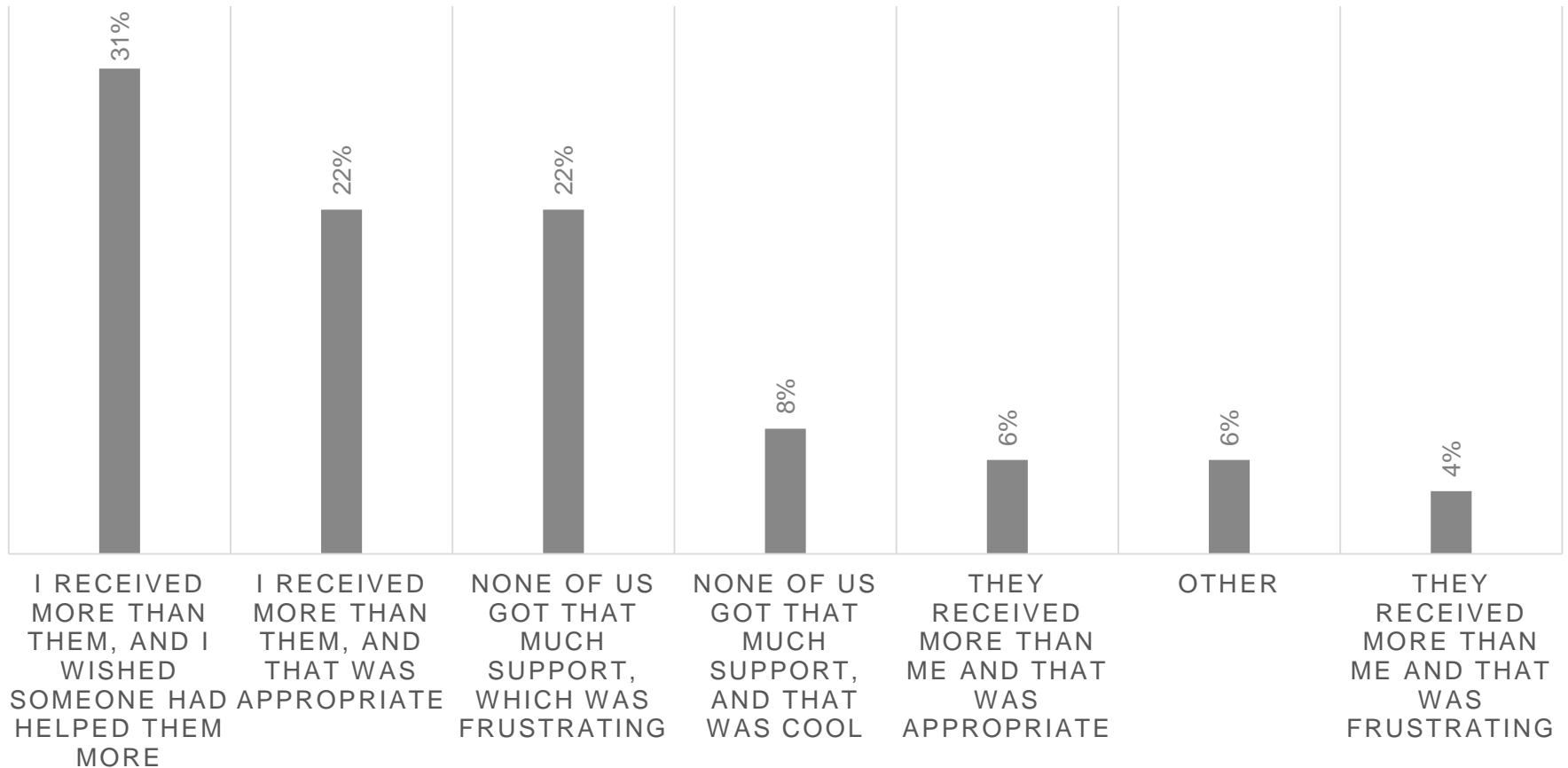
# Before you were diagnosed, what did you most enjoy doing regularly in your spare time?



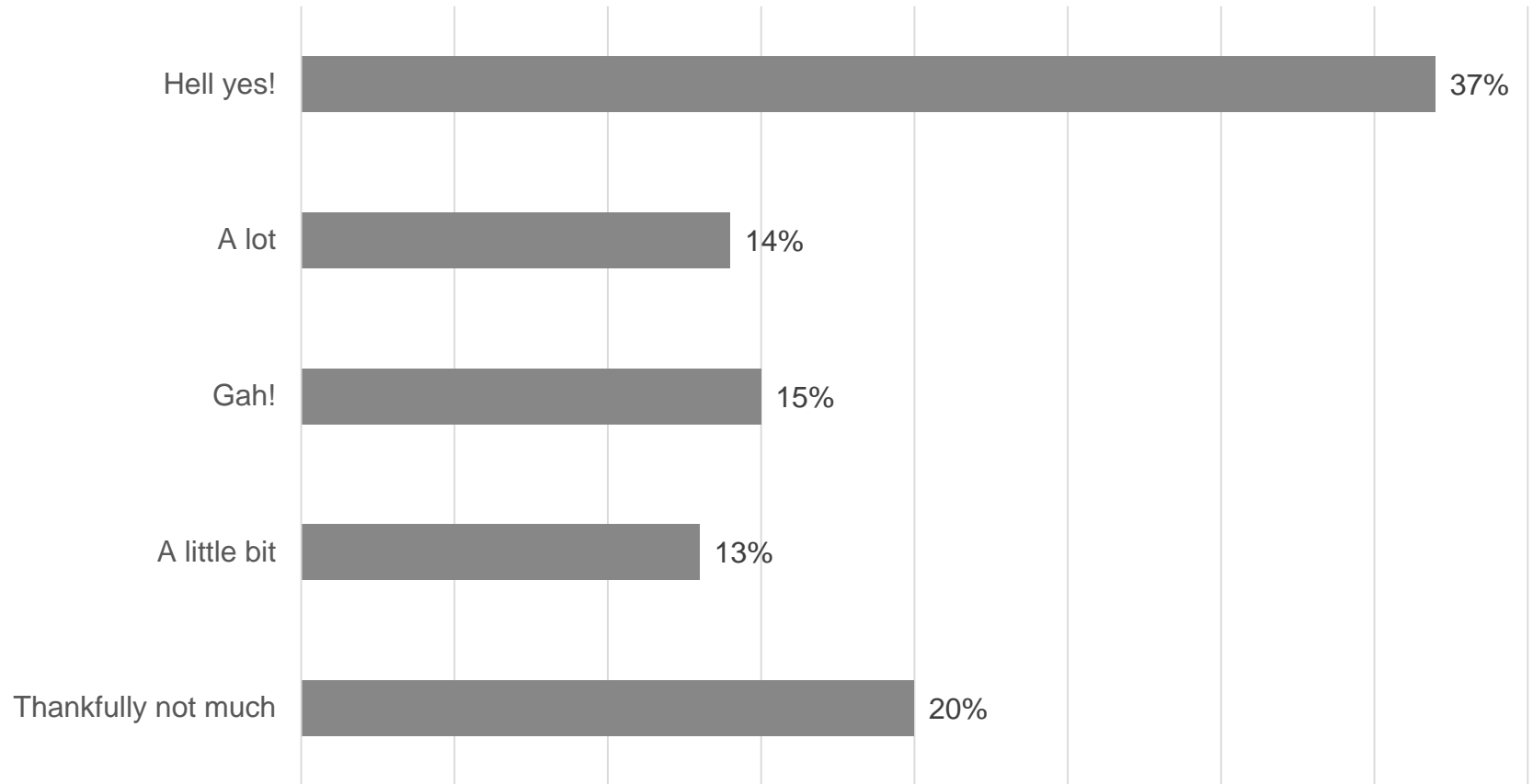
# Which of these were more impacted by your diagnosis?



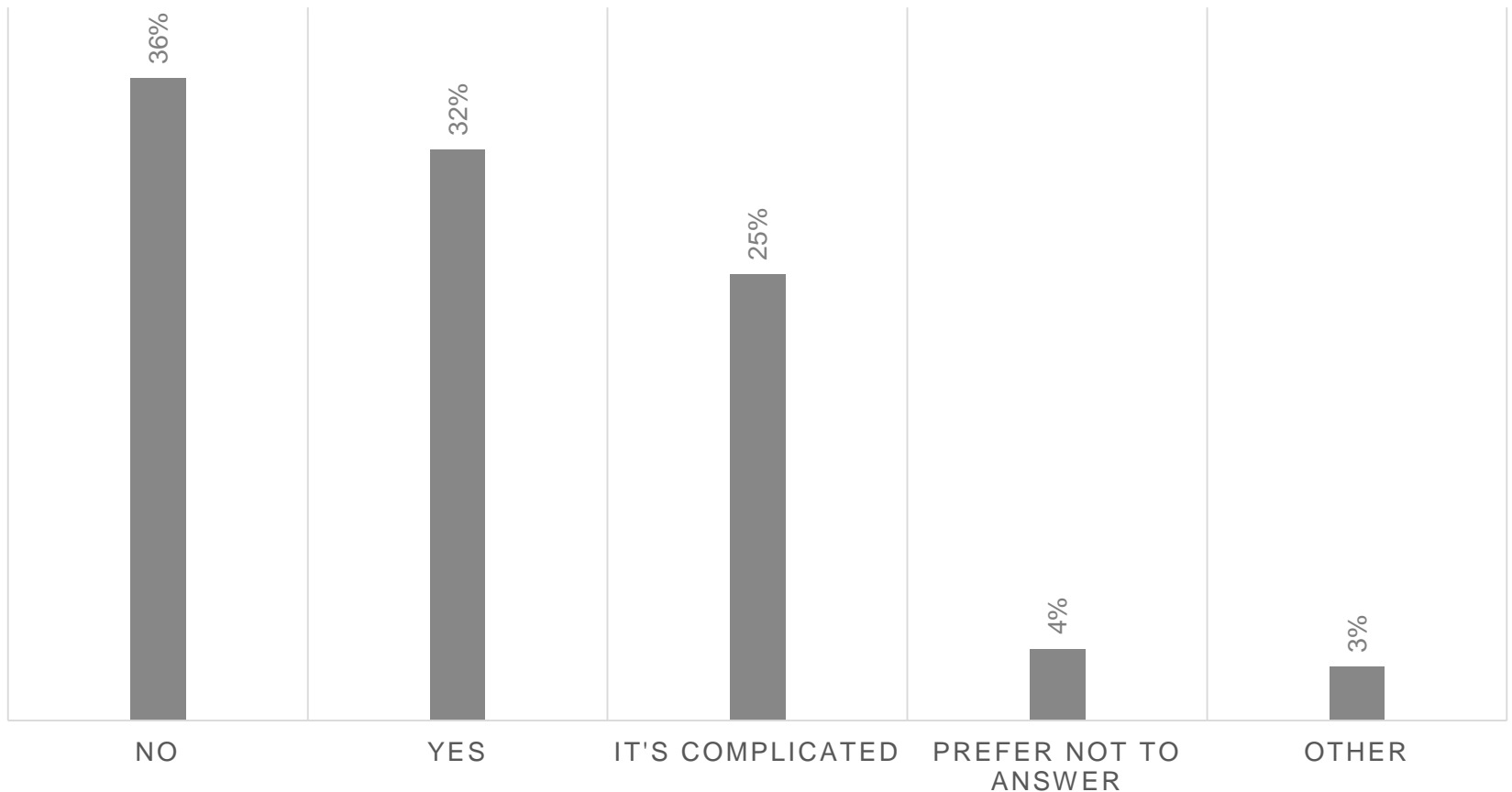
# Which statement best describes the balance of support you vs your caregivers, friends & family received?



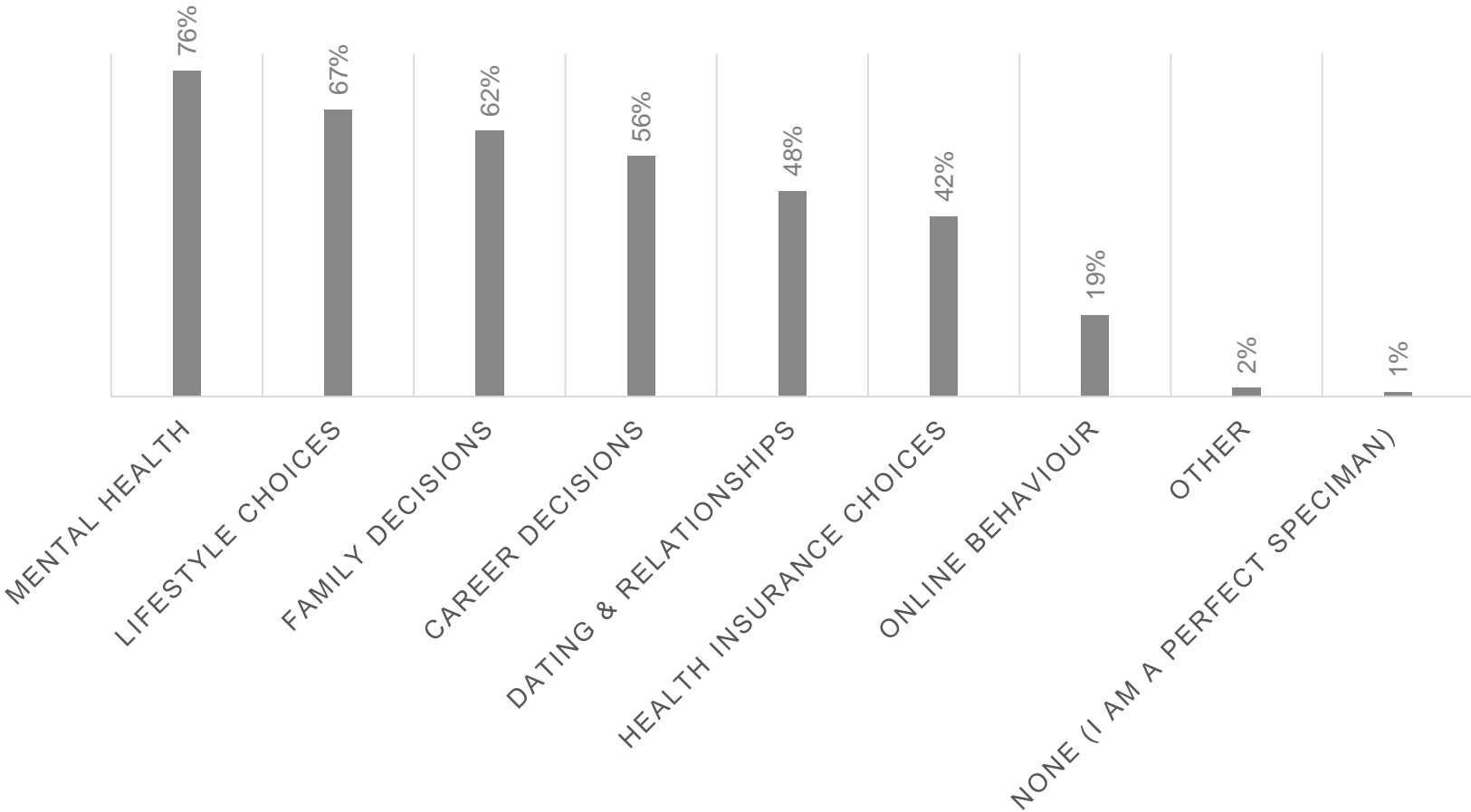
# Have you or your family suffered financially from cancer?



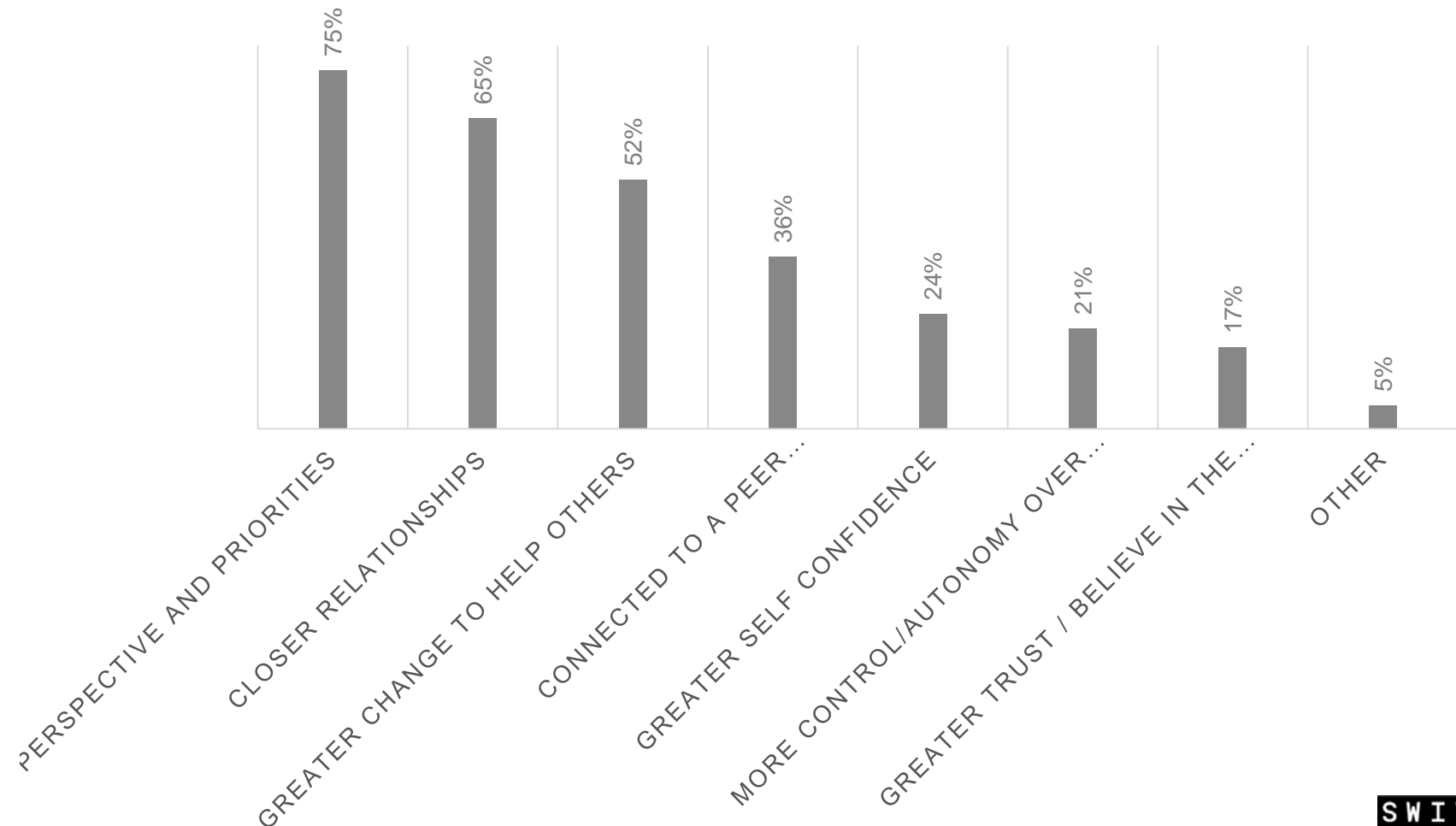
**Do you think your true feelings and wellbeing are expressed in medical notes or have you found your own ways of expressing your emotional wellbeing such as by writing, drawing, journaling, composing, etc...**



# What issues do you feel have been most affected by your cancer diagnosis?



# What are some of the positive things that have resulted from having cancer?



**No one should ever say "Cancer is a gift" because you'd never want to give it to anyone as a holiday present. BUT.... would you say that having cancer helped you mature or develop into a better human being?**

