



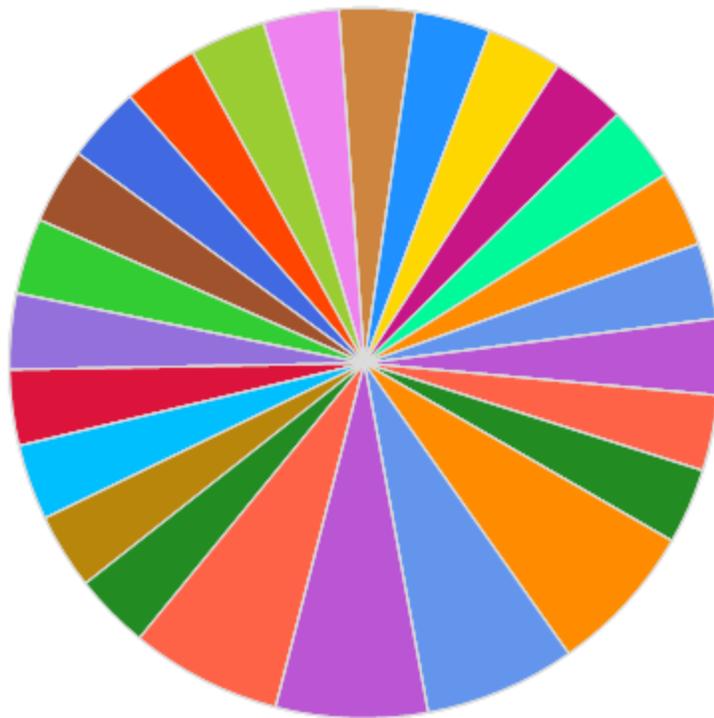
Results

Facilitator Survey

Rethinking Poverty: Exploring Economic Opportunity For All Virginians

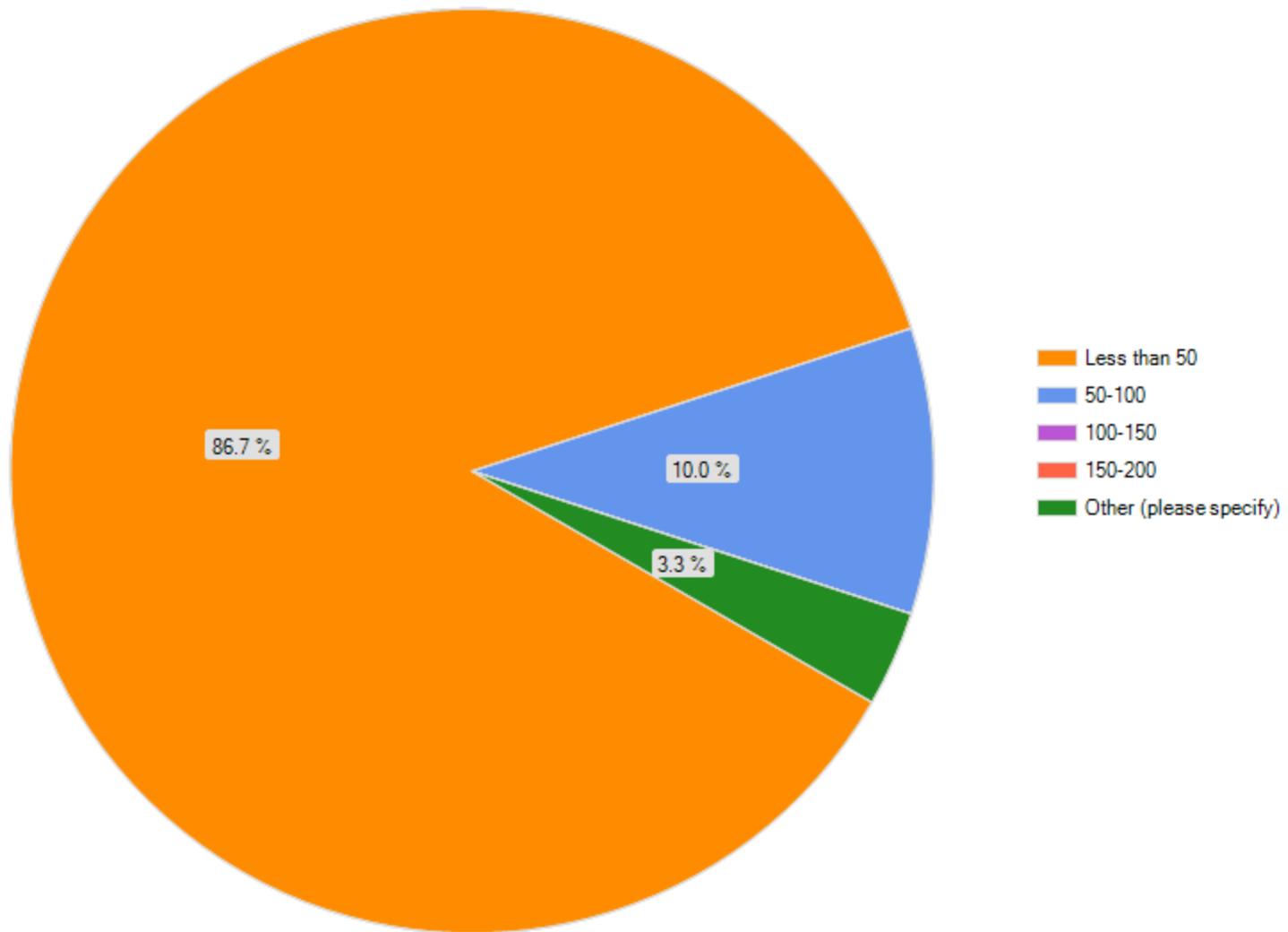
- In 2008, Virginia was one of 10 states awarded a \$12,000 grant from the National Governors Association to engage and educate new stakeholders and convene a summit resulting in strategies to reduce poverty in the Commonwealth.
- On May 7, 2009, Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced the creation of a taskforce at “Rethinking Poverty: Exploring Economic Opportunity for All Virginians,” the state’s summit on poverty. The taskforce, co-chaired by Secretary of Health and Human Resources Marilyn B. Tavenner and Richmond attorney Robert Grey, is a collection of public and private-sector partners, who will make policy recommendations and present a final report to the governor’s office in spring 2010.
- On Saturday, July 18, 2009, Virginia hosted the largest statewide conversation at 25 local community college sites and one public facility in Richmond, on the issue of poverty. Citizens had the chance to answer the question, *“If you had two minutes to talk with Governor Kaine – or your elected official– what would you recommend to reduce poverty in Virginia and why?”*
- The following information was collected and submitted by each location’s facilitator.

Please select the location where your event took place:

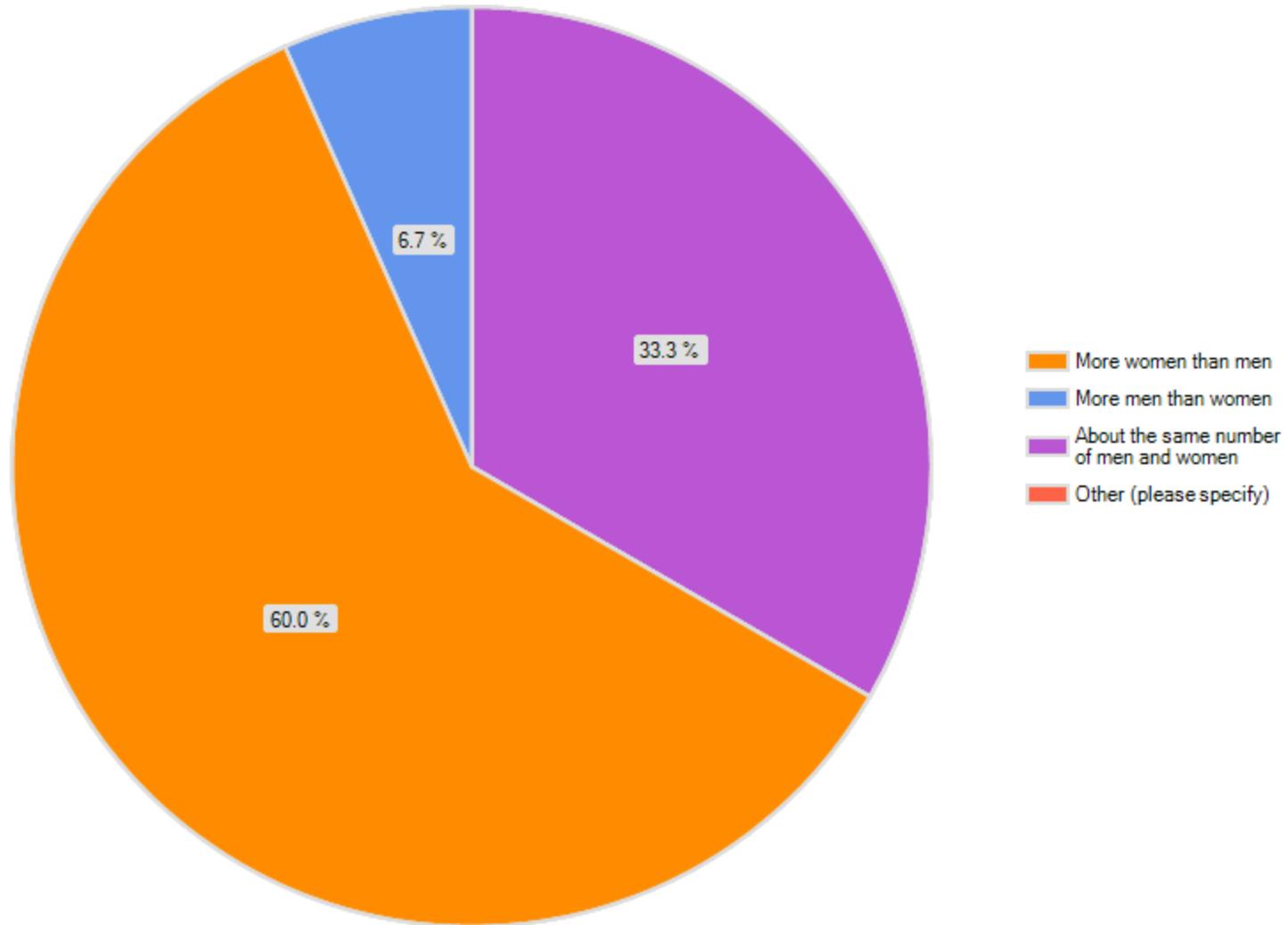


- Blue Ridge Community College
- Central Virginia Community College
- Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
- Virginia Highlands Community College
- Danville Community College
- Eastern Shore Community College
- J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
- John Tyler Community College
- Lord Fairfax Community College
- Mountain Empire Community College
- New River Community College
- Northern Virginia Community College (Alexandria)
- Northern Virginia Community College (Manassas)
- Patrick Henry Community College
- Paul D. Camp Community College (Workforce Dev. Center)
- Piedmont Virginia Community College
- Rappahannock Community College
- Richmond City Council Chambers
- Southside Virginia Community College
- Southwest Virginia Community College
- Thomas Nelson Community College (Workforce Dev. Center)
- Tidewater Community College (Portsmouth)
- Tidewater Community College (Virginia Beach)
- Virginia Western Community College
- Wytheville Community College
- Germanna Community College

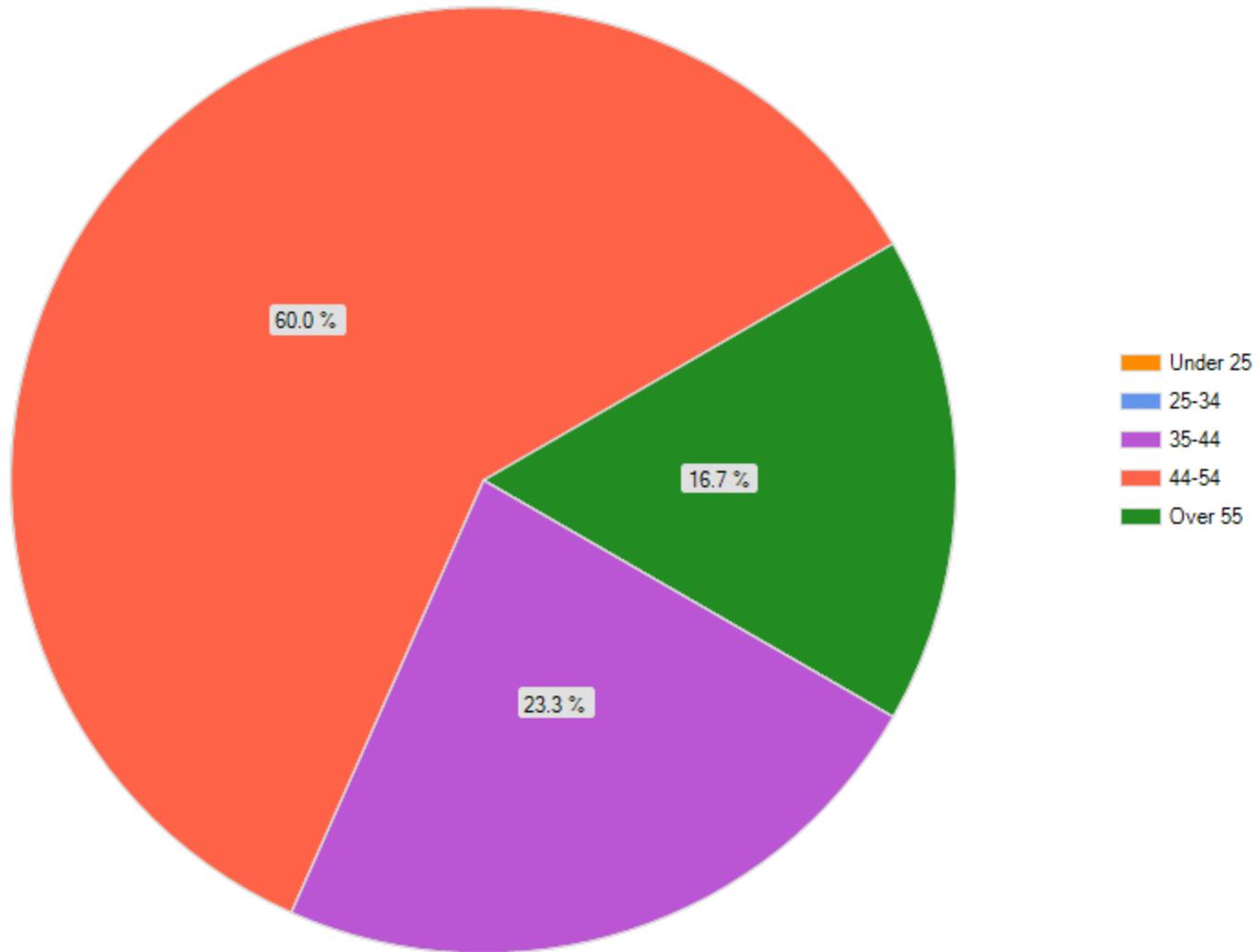
Approximately how many people attended your event?



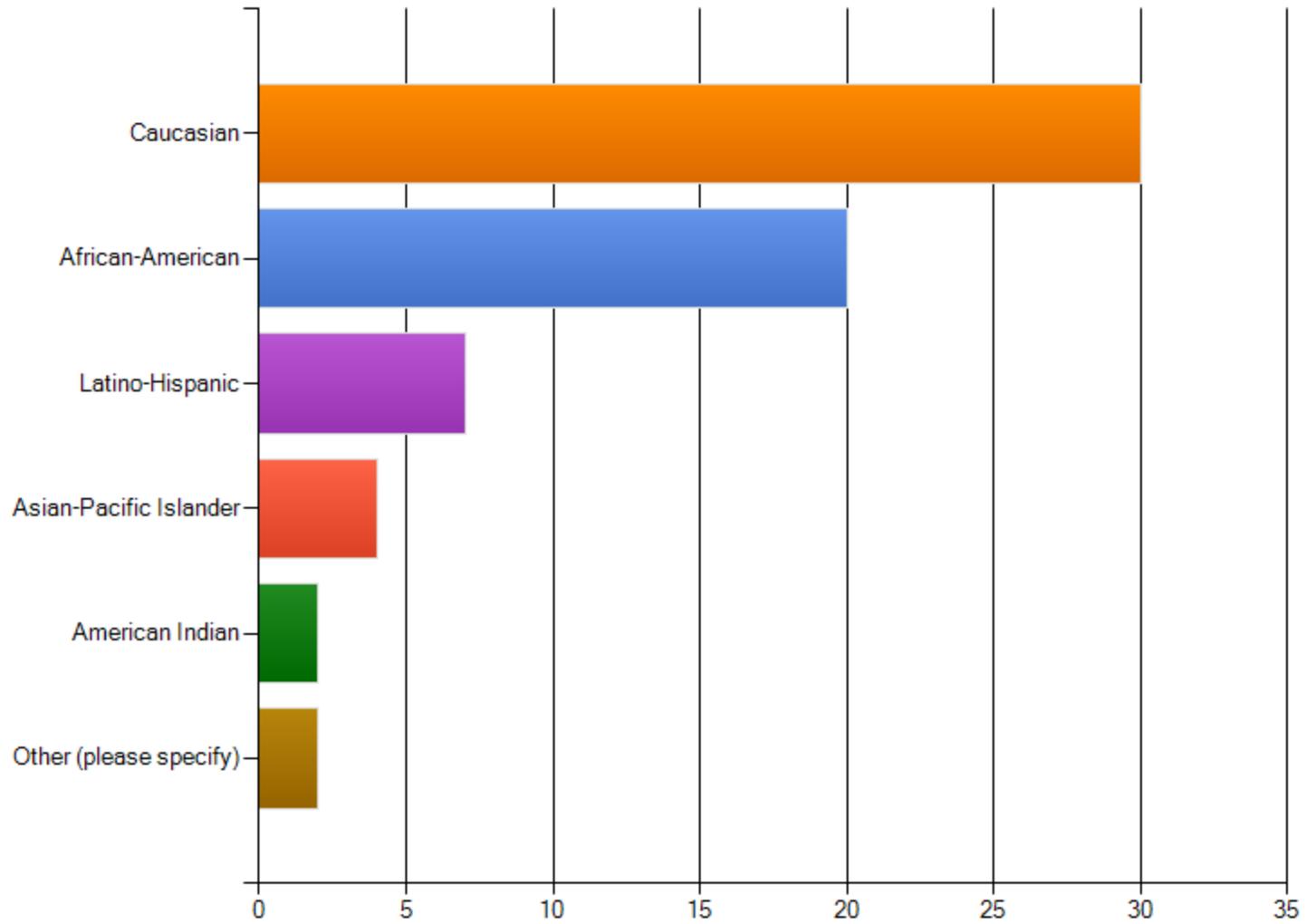
Would you say that your audience was comprised of:



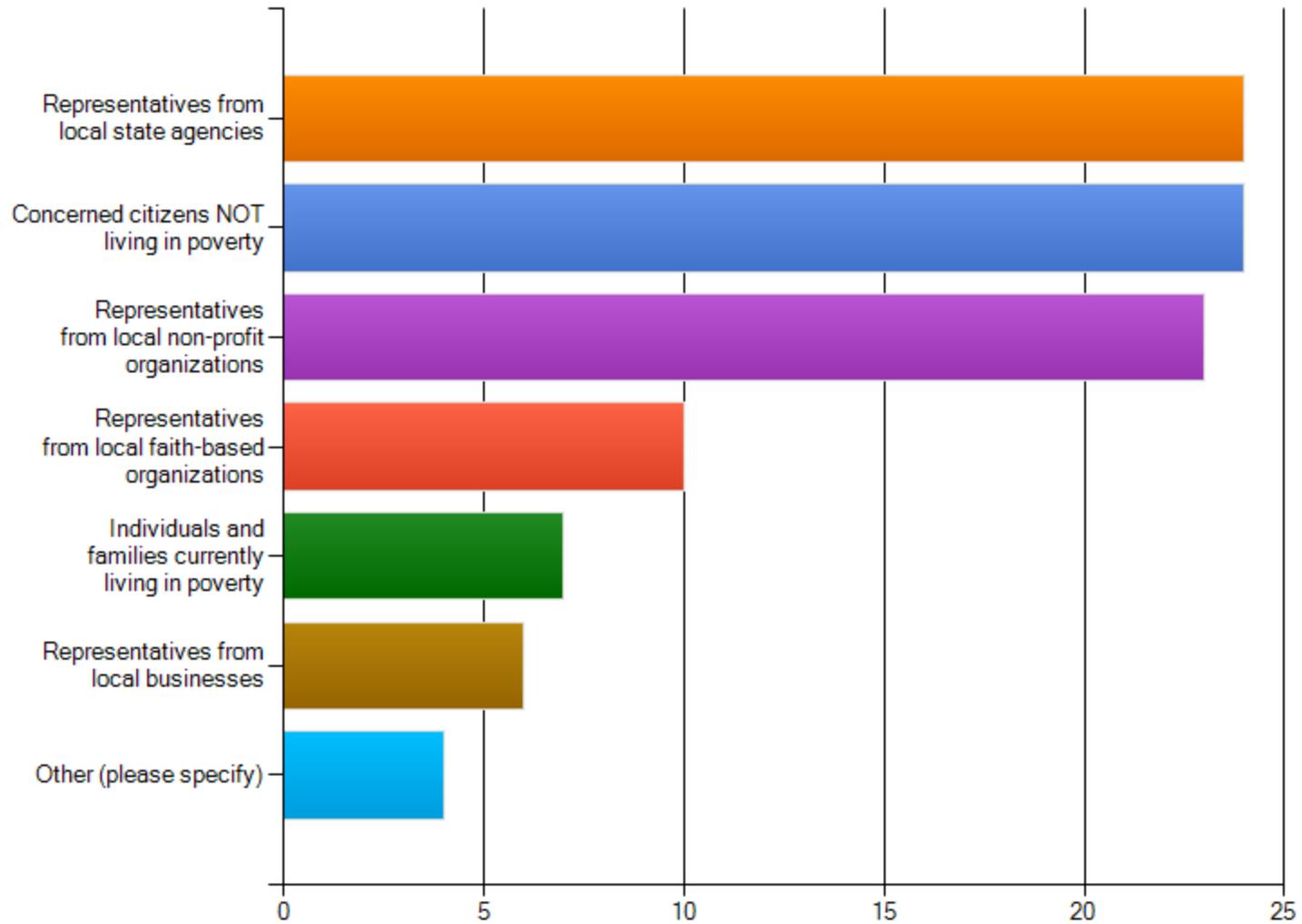
Would you say that the average age of your audience was:



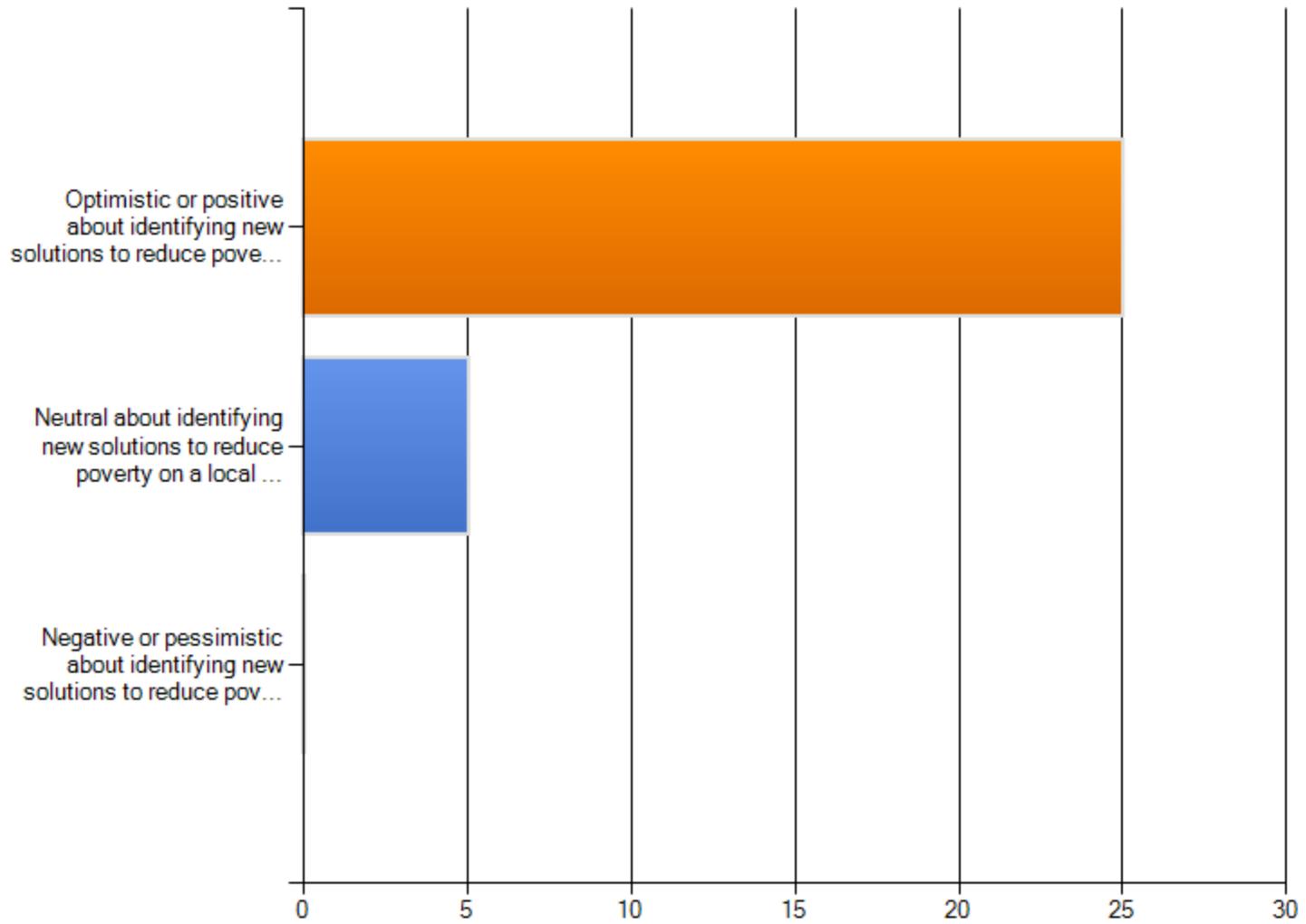
What ethnic groups were represented in your audience?



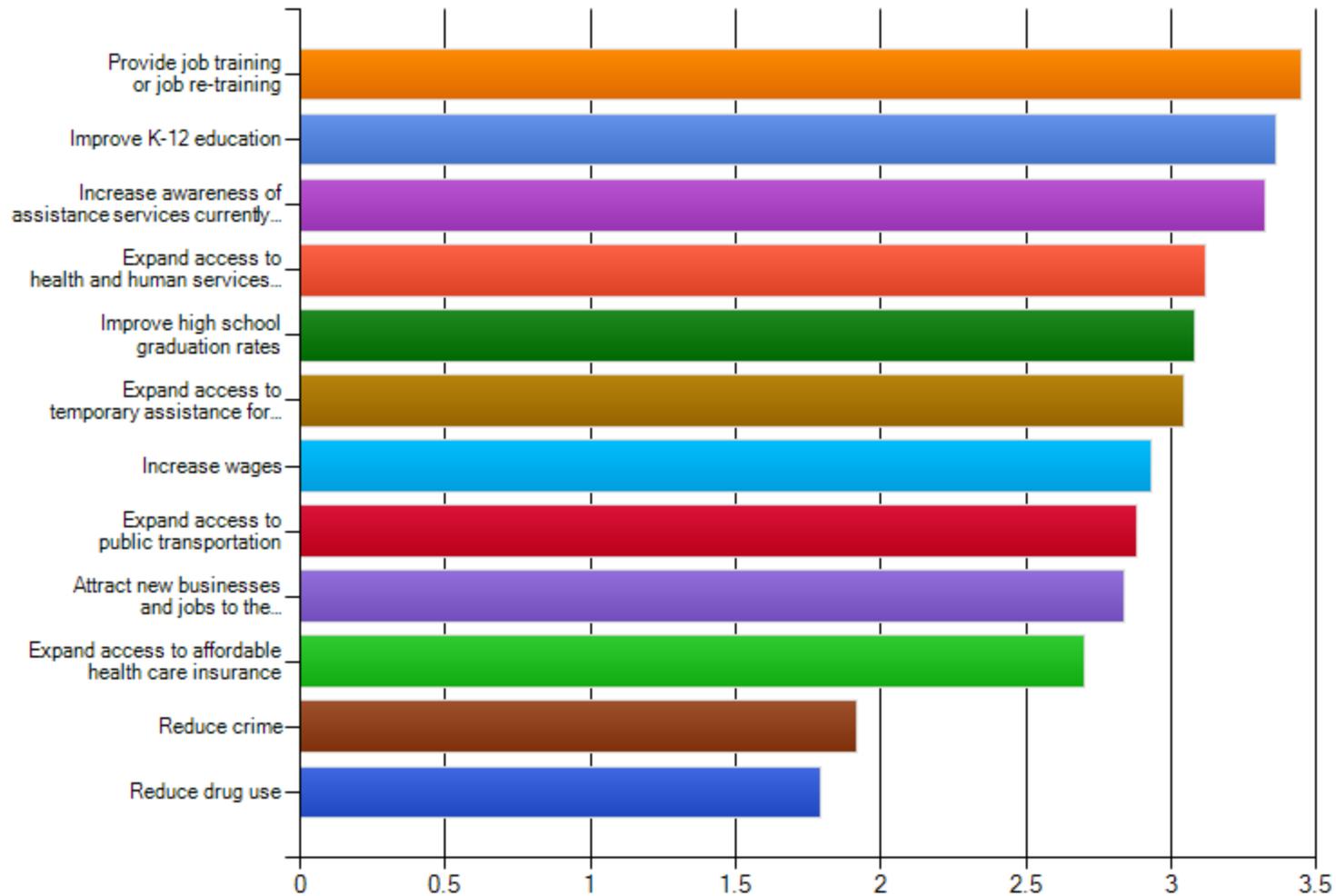
Would you say that your audience was mostly comprised of which groups?



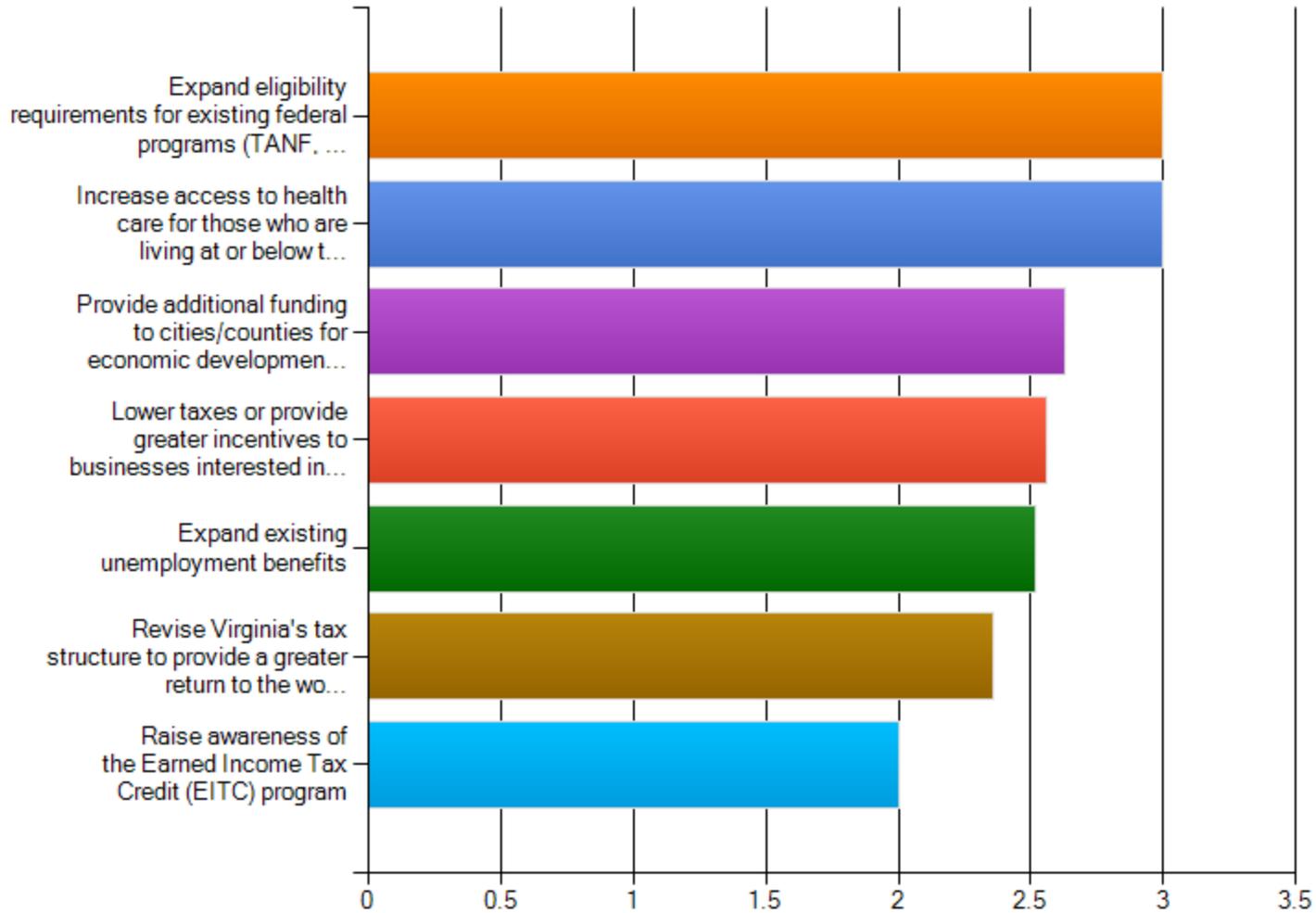
Was the overall mood of your audience:



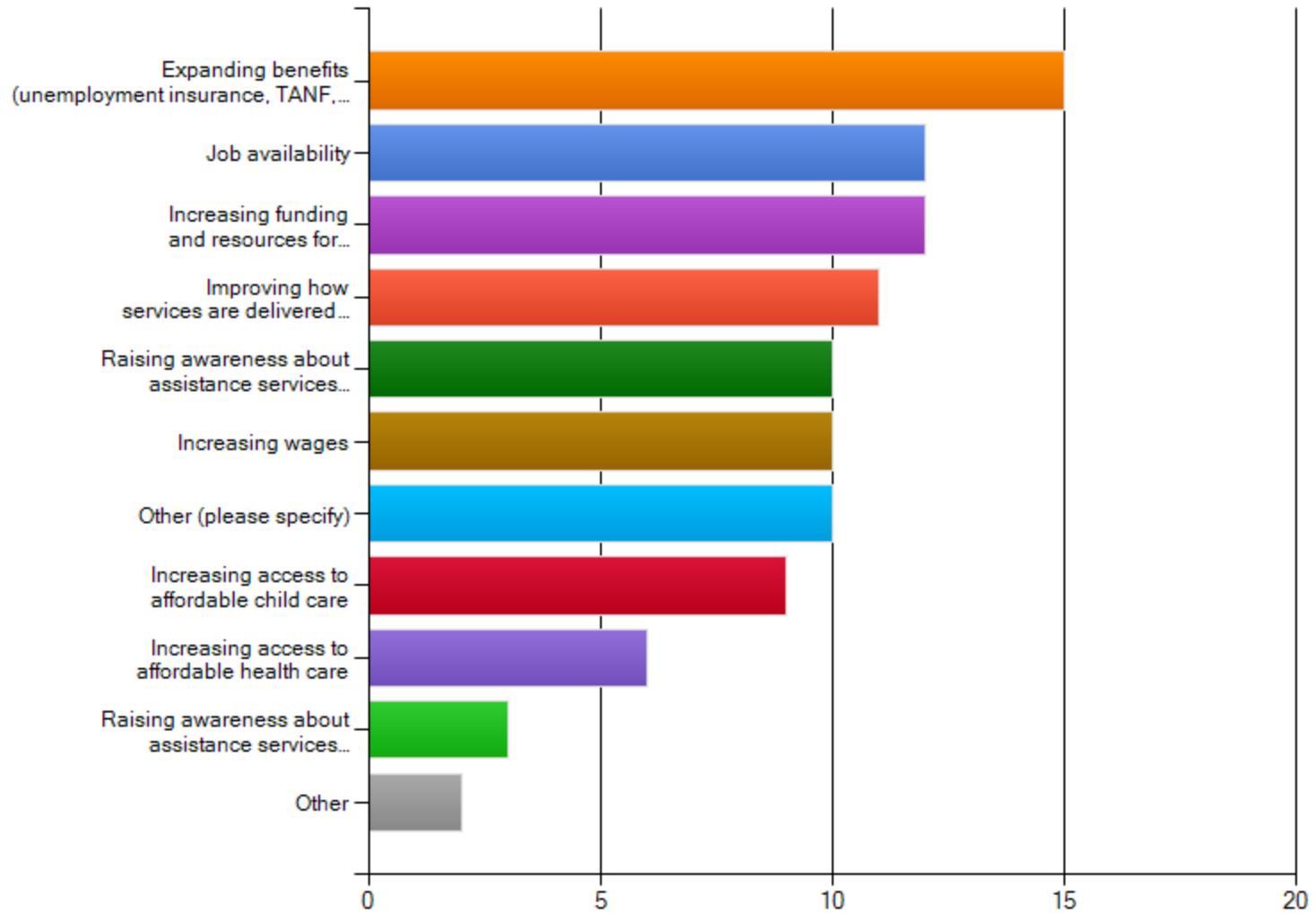
Please check and rate the following activities or strategies your audience felt were most important for their COMMUNITY to engage as a means of reducing poverty on a LOCAL LEVEL:



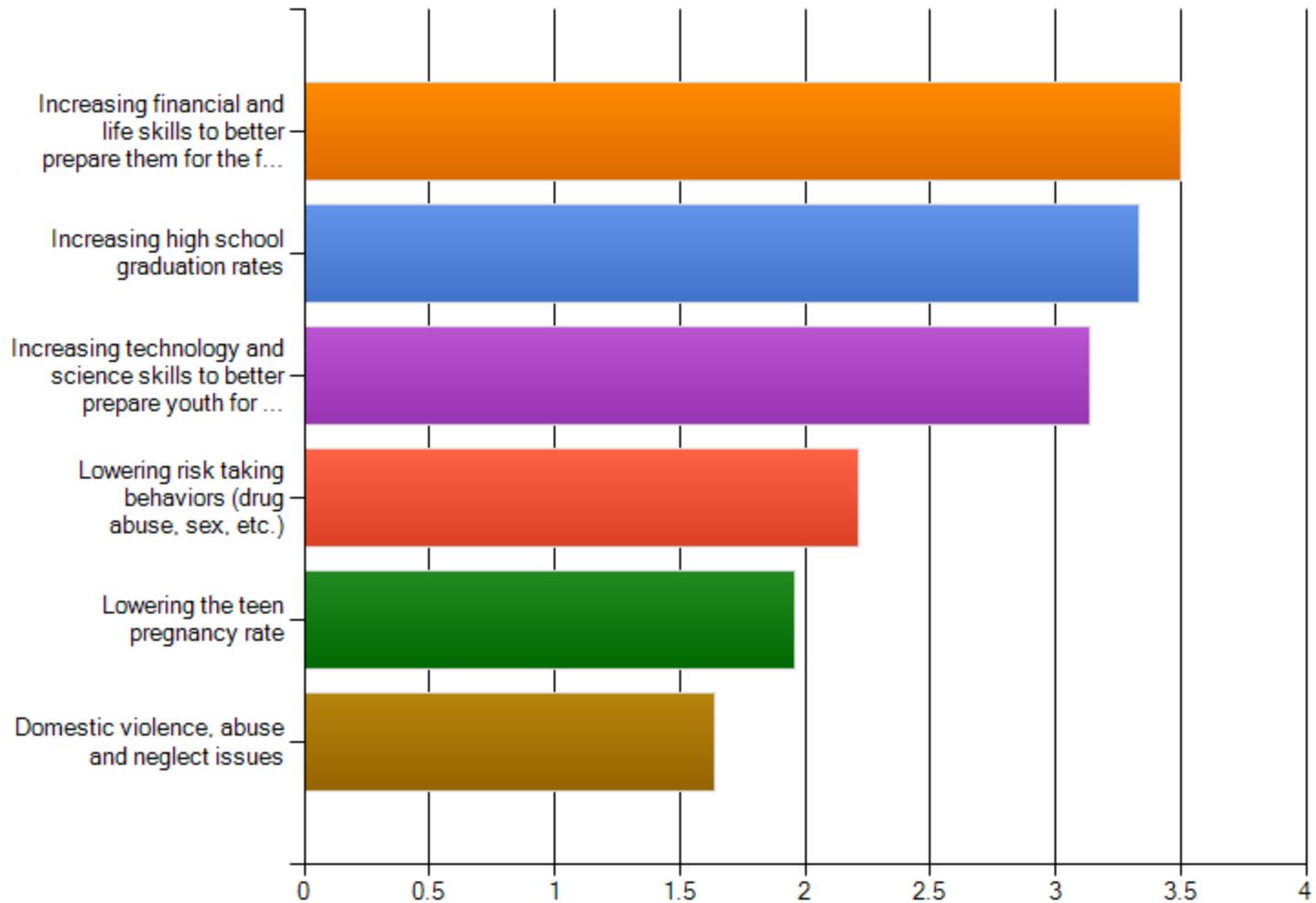
Please check and rate the following activities or strategies your audience felt were most important in the STATE'S role in reducing poverty in VIRGINIA:



Please check the TOP 3 issues that were discussed at your location:



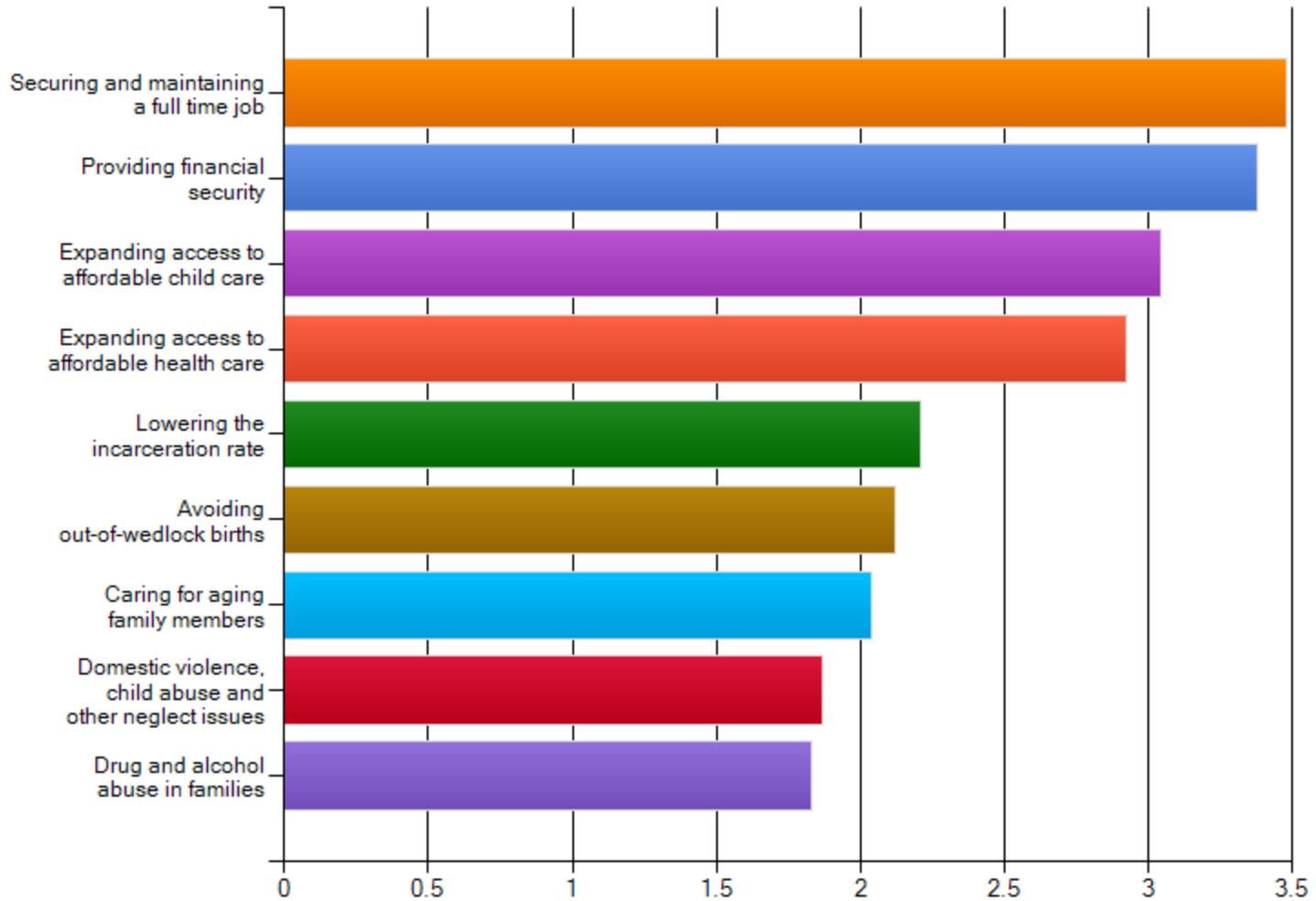
Please check and rate the following activities or strategies your audience felt were most important in addressing poverty issues facing Virginia's Youth:



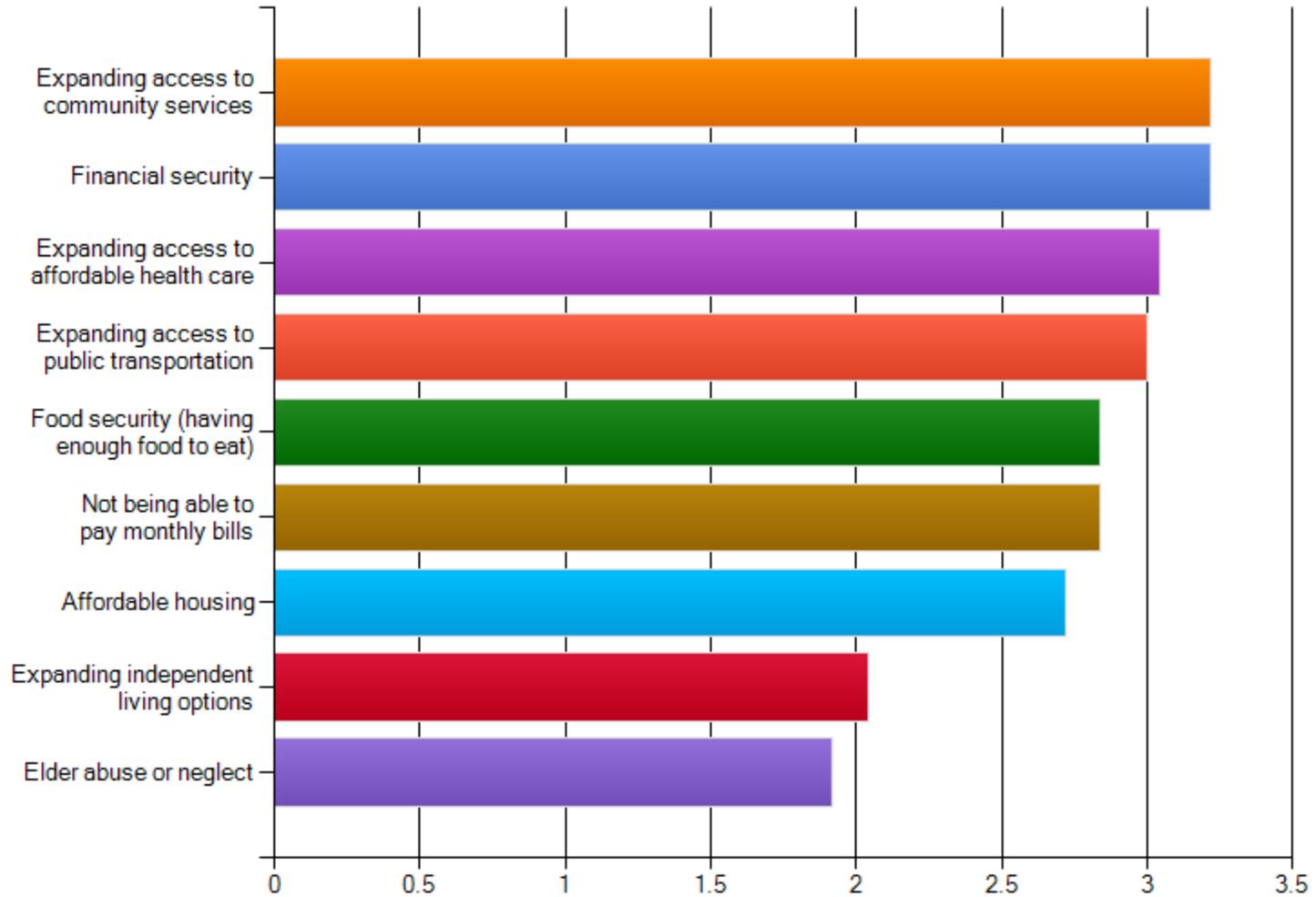
Response 1 = Increasing financial and life skills to better prepare them for the future

Response 3 = Increasing technology and science skills to better prepare youth for college entrance or workforce readiness

Please check and rate the following activities or strategies your audience felt were most important in addressing poverty issues facing Virginia's Families:



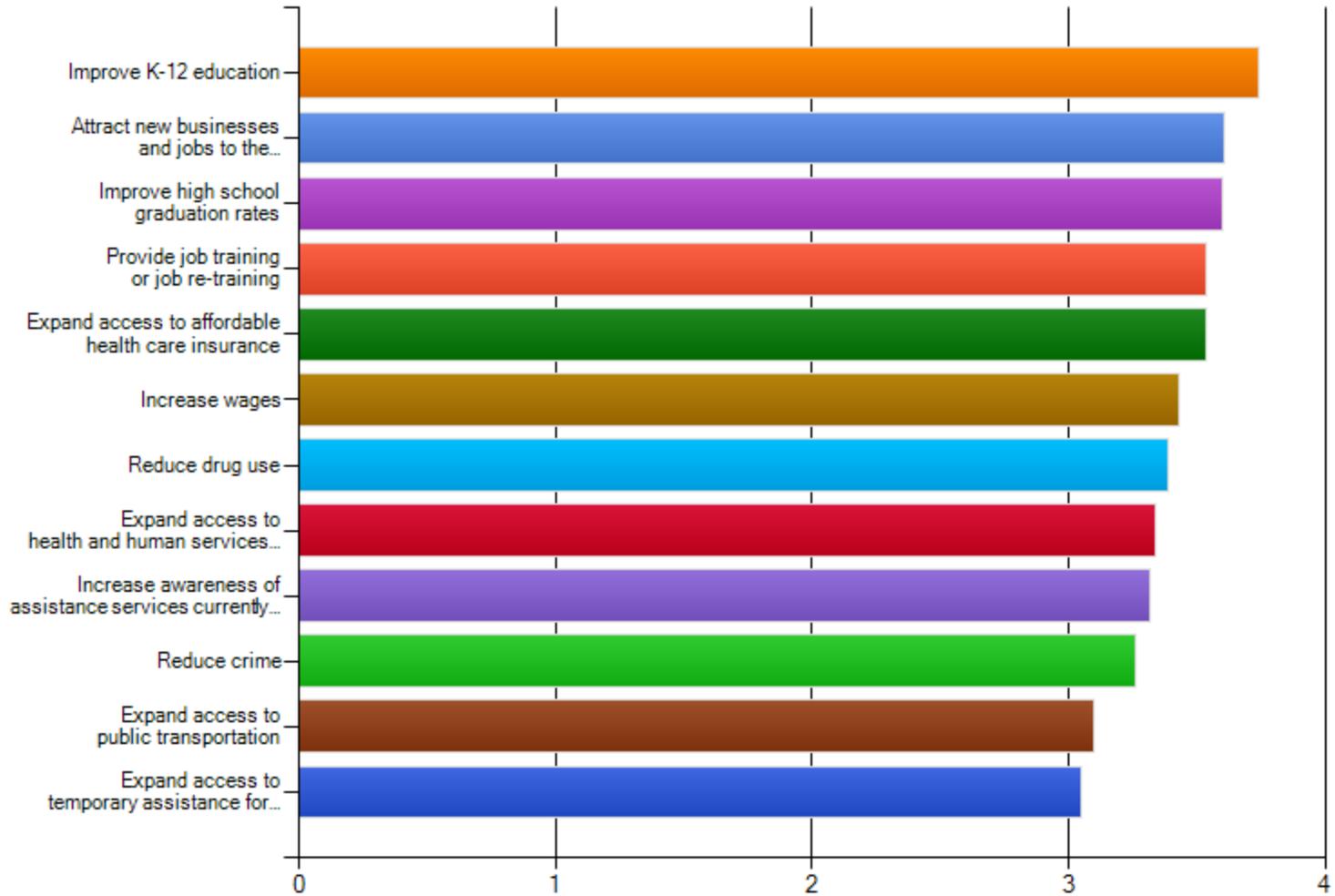
Please check and rate the following activities or strategies your audience felt were most important in addressing poverty issues facing Virginia's Elderly:



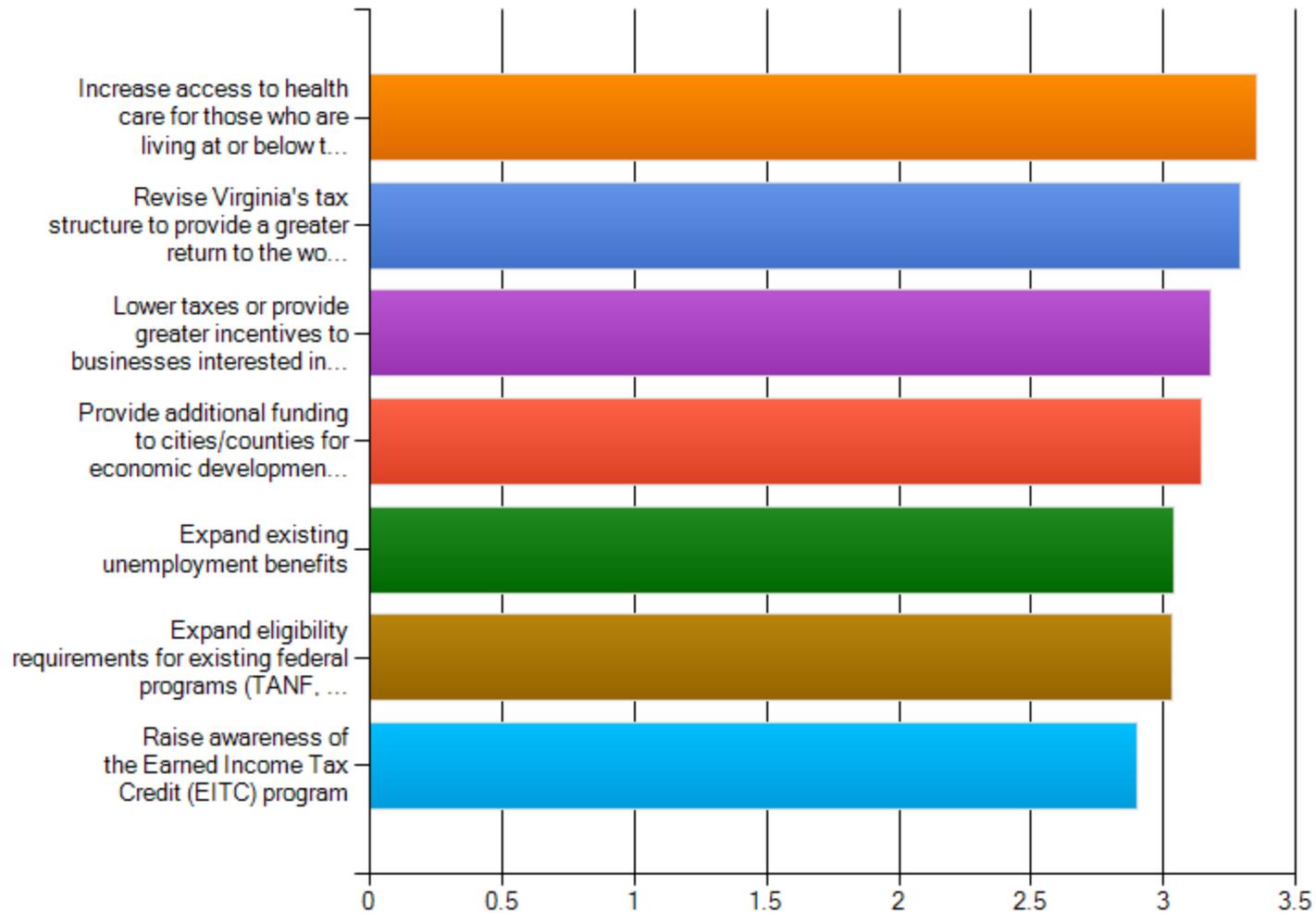


General Public Survey Results
93 people have responded
as of 8/17/09

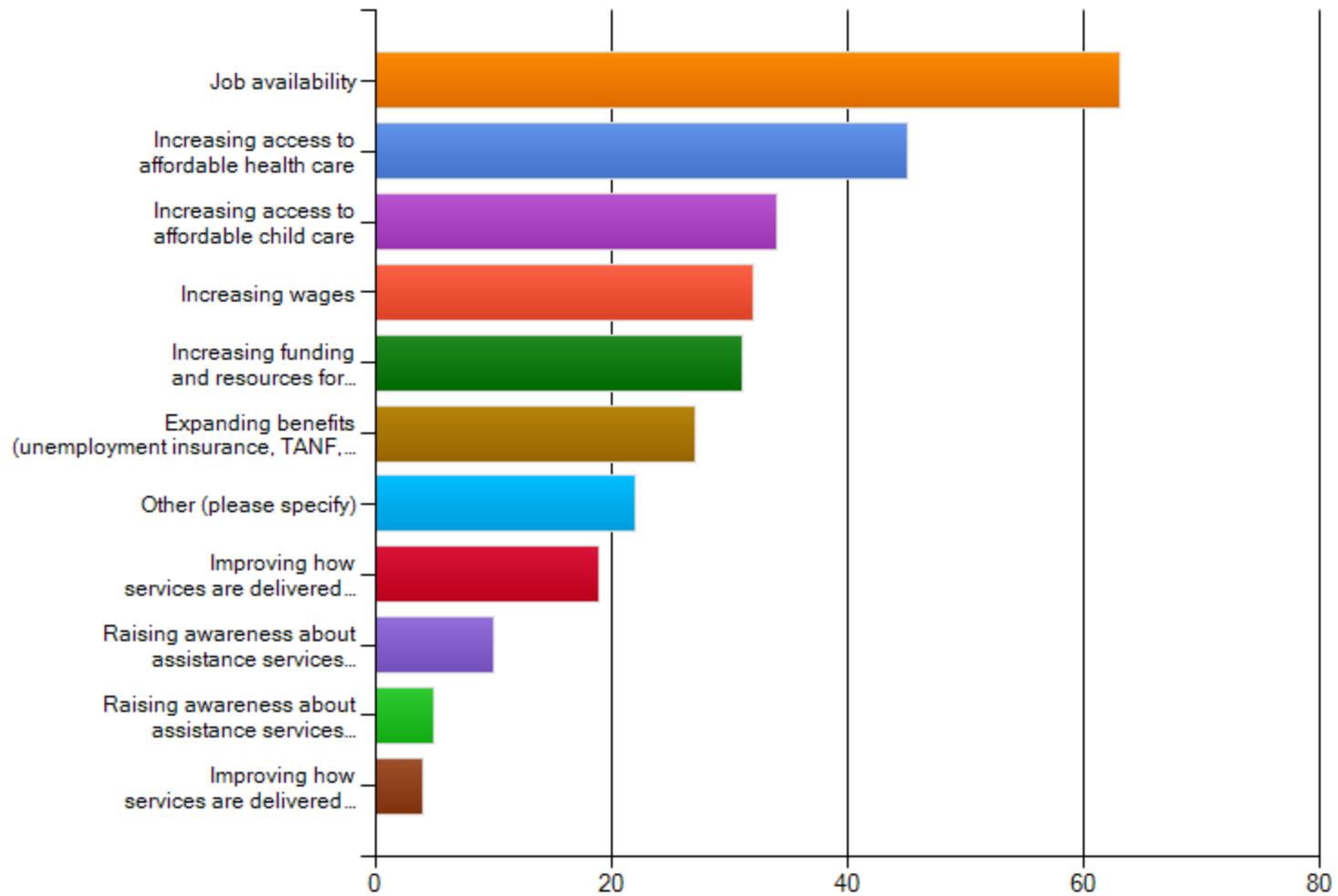
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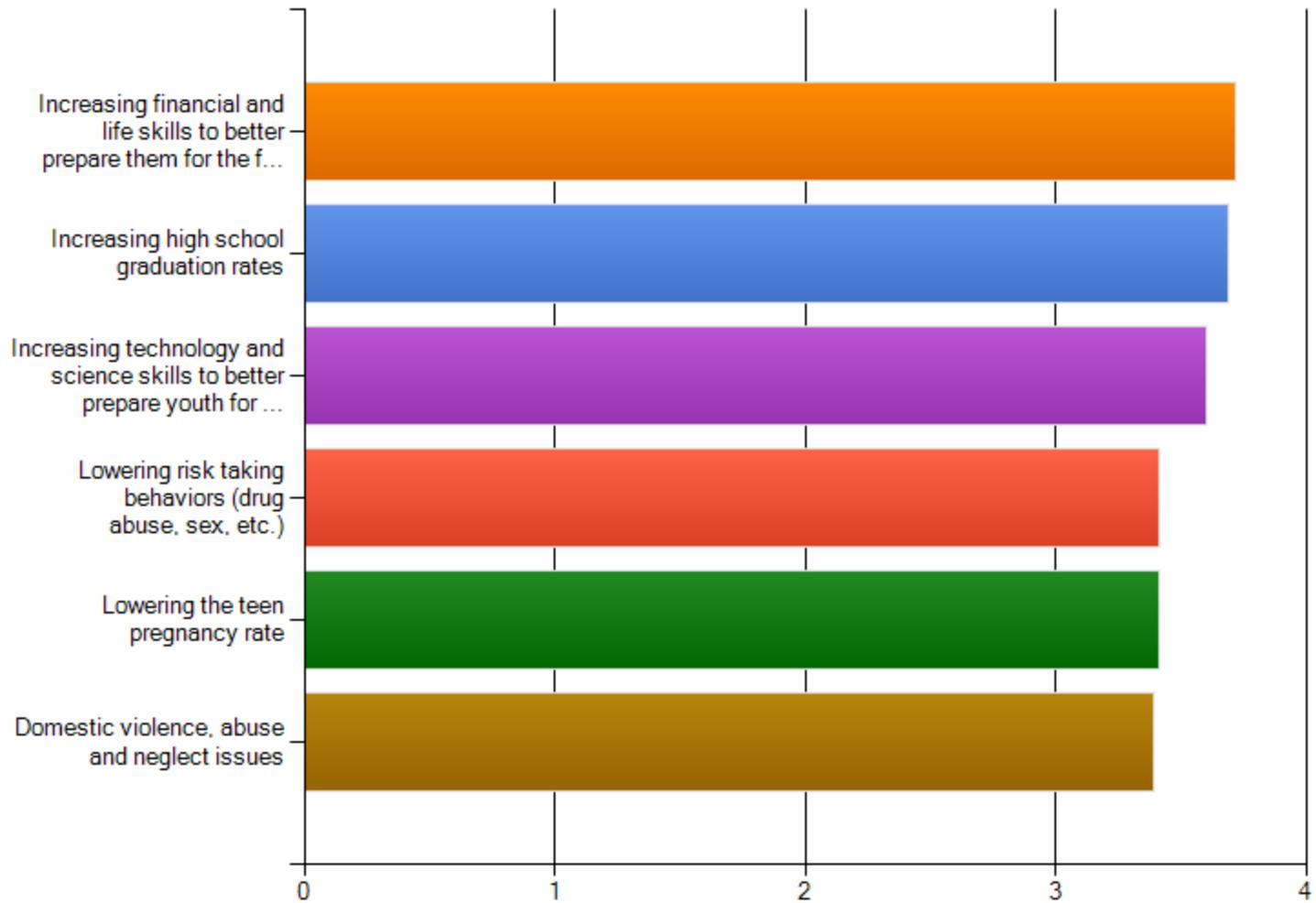
Please check and rate the following activities or strategies you feel are most important for STATE GOVERNMENT LEADERS to engage in reducing poverty in VIRGINIA:



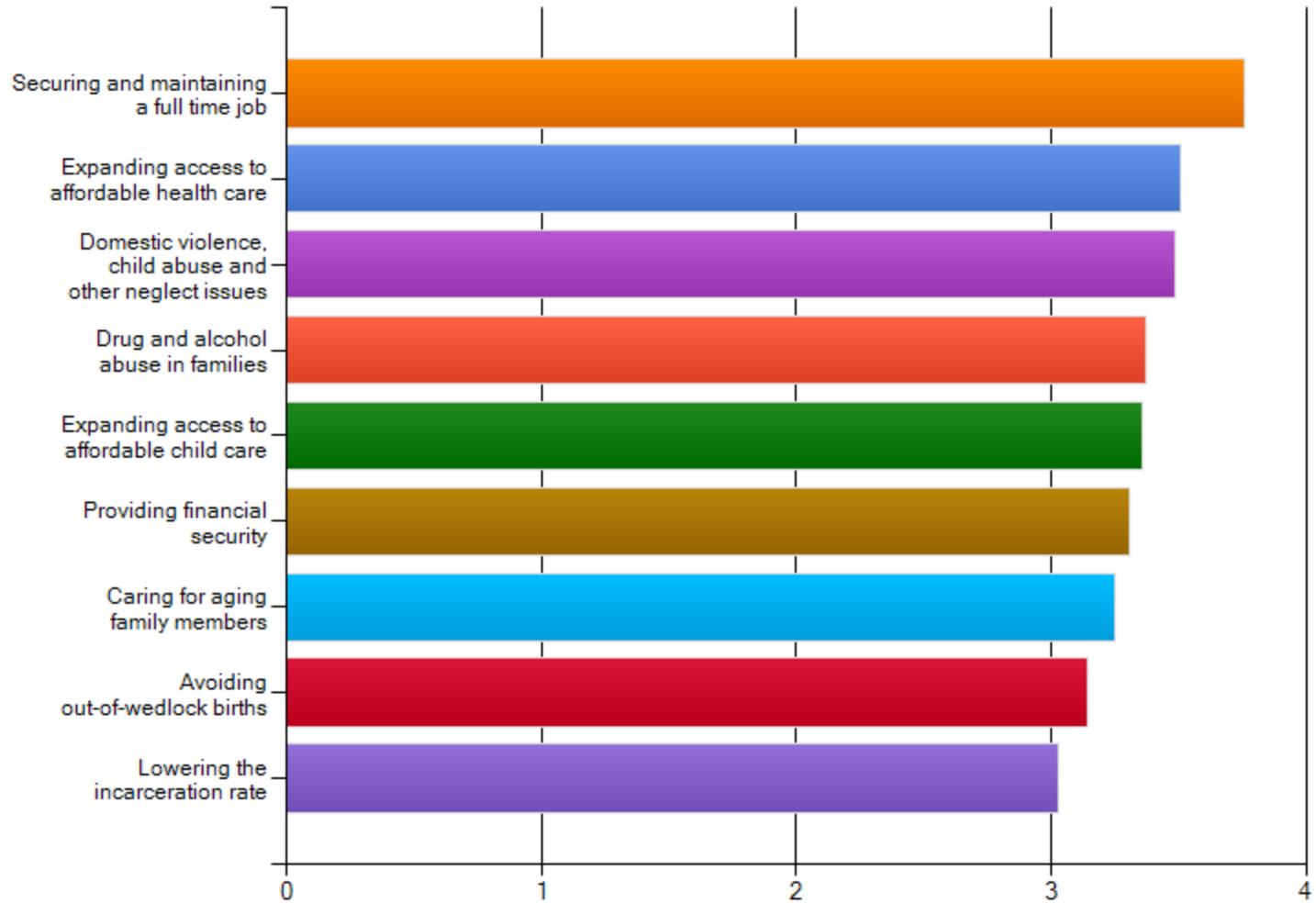
Please check the TOP 3 ISSUES that you feel are most important in reducing poverty in Virginia:



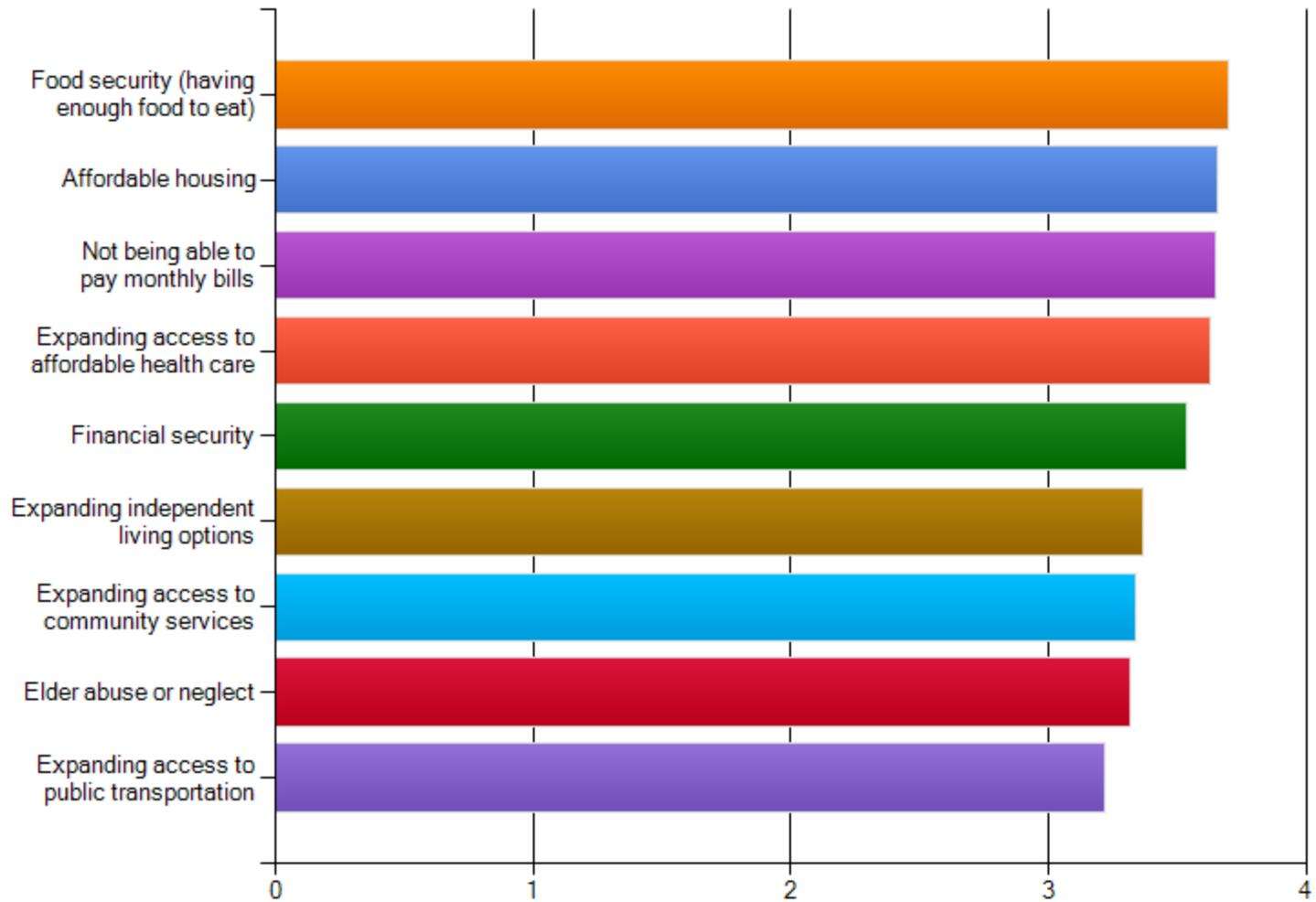
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Committee Recommendations

Asset Development

National Governor's Association Themes

- Promote Savings And Asset Accumulation
- Improve The Consumer Environment In Poor Neighborhoods

Virginia Themes

- Examine Converting Virginia's Earned Income Tax Credit into a Refund
- Examine Converting Dependent Care Tax Credits into Refunds

Committee Recommendations

Resiliency

National Governors' Association Themes

- Expand Safety-Net Opportunities For Families In Crisis
- Improve Access To Work Supports
- Strengthen Family Relationships

Virginia Themes

- Improve Access to Nutrition Programs, Health Care/Insurance and Emergency Assistance
- Improve Access to Health Insurance for Low-Income Parents

Committee Recommendations

Workforce Training & Education

National Governors' Association Themes

- Increase The Returns On Work
- Increase Access To Education And Training
- Improve Access To Work Supports
- Invest In Young Children

Committee Recommendations

Workforce Training & Education

Virginia Themes

- Expand Access to Quality Child Care, especially for low-income working parents
- Enhance Virginia's High School Completion Rates
- Expand Access to Employment Assistance, Workforce Development Programs and Unemployment Insurance
- Enhance Early Childhood Intervention Program Quality and Availability

Thank you!

Questions?...