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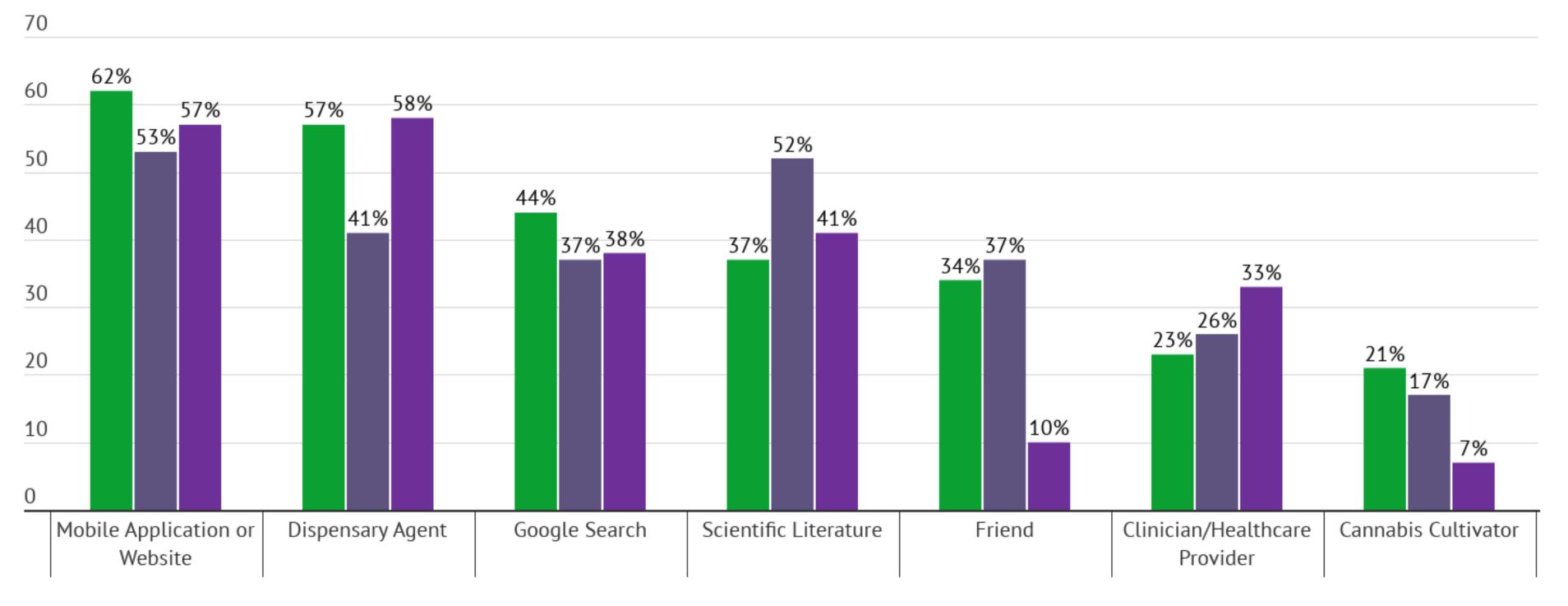
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## % of Study Respondents Reporting Sources They Obtain Knowledge About Cannabis in the United States.



2018, 2019, & 2020 Cannabis Center of Excellence/UMass Dartmouth Studies





# HEALTHCARE PROVIDER MEDICAL CANNABIS STUDY





# Anonymous Survey of Healthcare Provider's Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Related to Medical Cannabis

Data Collection: May 2021 - May 2022

Total Responses to Date: 354 Healthcare Providers

Study Ends: August 1, 2022

**Approved:** UMass Dartmouth IRB

Study Led by: Cannabis Center of Excellence, Medicinal

Genomics, and UMass Dartmouth





# STUDY INVESTIGATORS





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# DATA COLLECTION AND OUTREACH METHODS

Data Collection: May 2021 - Aug 1, 2022

- Convenience Sampling Approach
- Distributed Yard Signs, Flyers, QR Codes, Social Media, & Email Blasts
- Community events and educational outreach
  - NECANN Boston Fall 2021
  - Harvest Cup Worcester Fall 2021
  - Cultivators Cup South Shore Fall 2021
  - NECANN Boston Spring 2022
  - CannX Tel Aviv Israel March 2022
  - CannMed Pasadena, Cali May 4, 2022



A Cannabis Citizen Science Research Study Presented By:











#### WE NEED YOU!

- ✓ DOCTORS
- ✓ pharmacist
- ✓ MIDWIVES
- ✓ clinical psychologist
- ✓ EMT'S
- ✓ other allied healthcare professionals

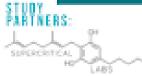
#### WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MEDICAL CANNABIS?

Participate in a 12 minute anonymous survey & help contribute to the greater patient + provider conversation around medical cannabis! Study result will support Healthcare Wellness Programs.





Take the Survey & Be Entered to Win a Ticket to the CannMed Medical Practicum May 3, 2022! Winners Announced March 2022





















# **CANNABIS** CITIZEN SCIENCE: **ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY IN** RESEARCH

Employing cannabis citizen scientist techniques to raise awareness and educate local communities of healthcare providers.

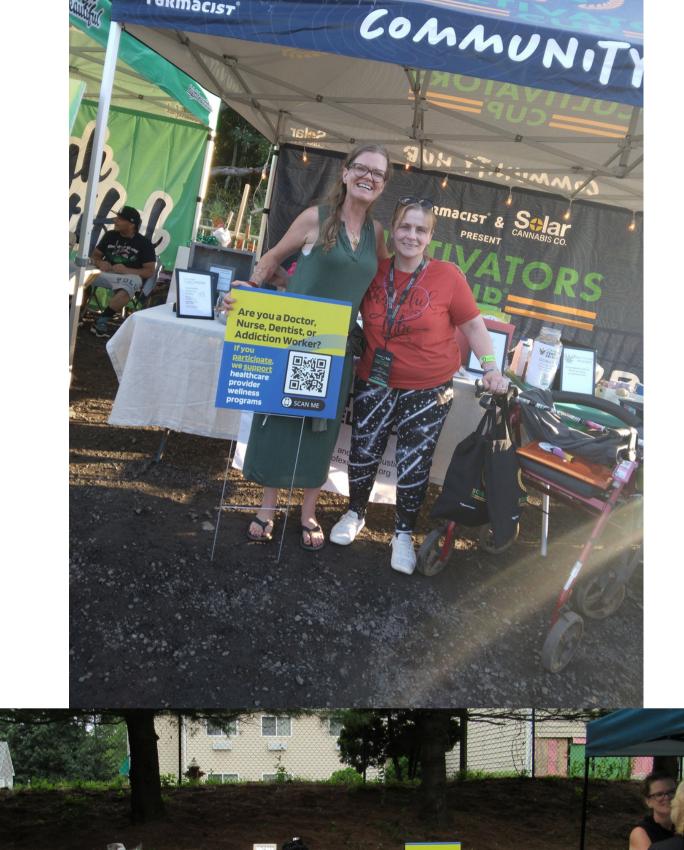


Scientist

Be the change in your community.



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# DATA COLLECTION & OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP

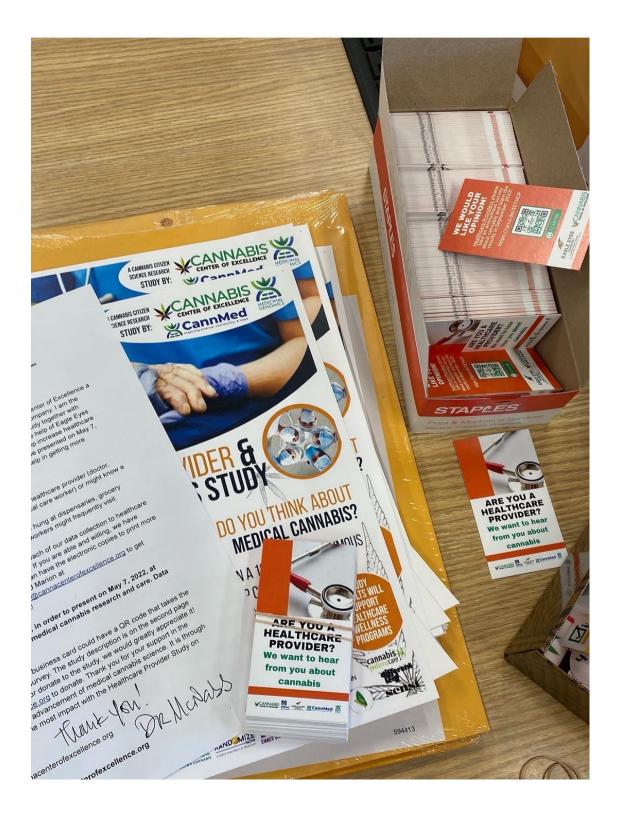


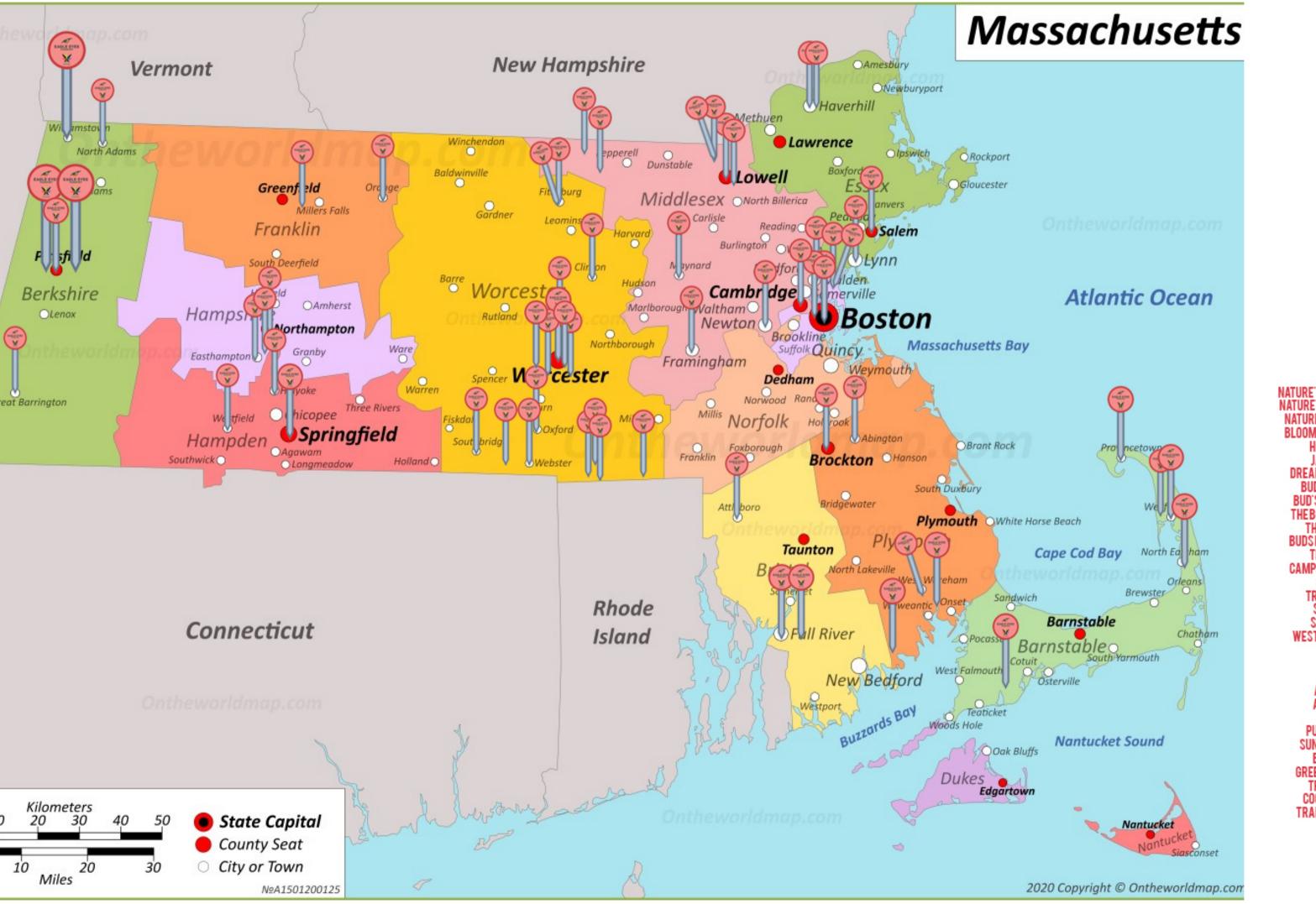




Serving over 90% of MA cannabis companies

110 study packets given to Eagle Eyes (March - August 2022) to transport to cannabis retail outlets they serve in Massachusetts, asking their help in raising awareness at local hospitals and health centers.







NATURE'S MEDICINES - FALL RIVER NATURE'S MEDINES - UXBRIDGE BLOOMBROTHERS-PITTSFIELD HIBRID-PITTSFIELD JACKS-PITTSFIELD DREAMER-SOUTHHAMPTON THEBOTANIST-WORCESTER THE VAULT – WEBSTER BUDS NROSES - BLACKSTONE TERPS-ATTLEBORO CAMPFIRE-WESTBOYLSTON SMYTH-LOWELL TREEHOUSE-DRACUT STEM-HAVERHILL SEAGRASS-SALEM WESTERNFRONT-CHELSEA RISE-DRACUT RISE-CHELSEA RISE-MAYNARD ASCEND-BOSTON SEED-BOSTON Pureoasis-Boston SUNNYSIDE-FALL RIVER BASK-FAIRHAVEN GREENHEART-BROCKTON TRIPLEM-MASHPEE

CAPE COD CANNABIS - WELFLEET
RESINATE - WORCESTER
HEAL - STURBRIDGE
GREENMEADOWS - SOUTHBRIDGE
HIGHHOPES - HOPEDALE
253 - TURNER FALLS
CLEAR SKY - NORTH ADAMS
RESINATE - NORTH HAMPTON
INSA - SPRINGFIELD
INSA - EASTHAMPTON
BLACKSTONE VALLEY - UXBRIDGE
NEHARVEST - CLINTON
APOTHCA - FITCHBURG
UNITED CULTIVATION - ASHBY
FULL HARVEST MOONZ - HAVERHILL
CURALEAF - OXFORD
REVERIE 73 - LOWELL
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SILVER THERAPUTICS - ORANGE
SILVER THERAPUTICS - WILLIAMSTON
HARBOR HOUSE - CHELSEA
CULTIVATE - FRAMINGHAM
REBELLE - GREAT BARRINGTON
DAZED - HOLYOKE
BOSTONGARDEN - ATHOL
THE HEALING CENTER - FITCHBURG
HEKKA - WESTFIELD









ENTERED TO WIN A TICKET TO THE CANNMED MEDICAL PRACTICUM MAY 3, 2022 &

WINNERS ANNOUNCED MARCH 2022

**MEDICAL CANNABIS?** 

PARTICIPATE IN A 12 MINUTE ANONYMOUS SURVEY & HELP CONTRIBUTE TO THE

**GREATER PATIENT + PROVIDER** CONVERSATION AROUND

MEDICAL CANNABIS!

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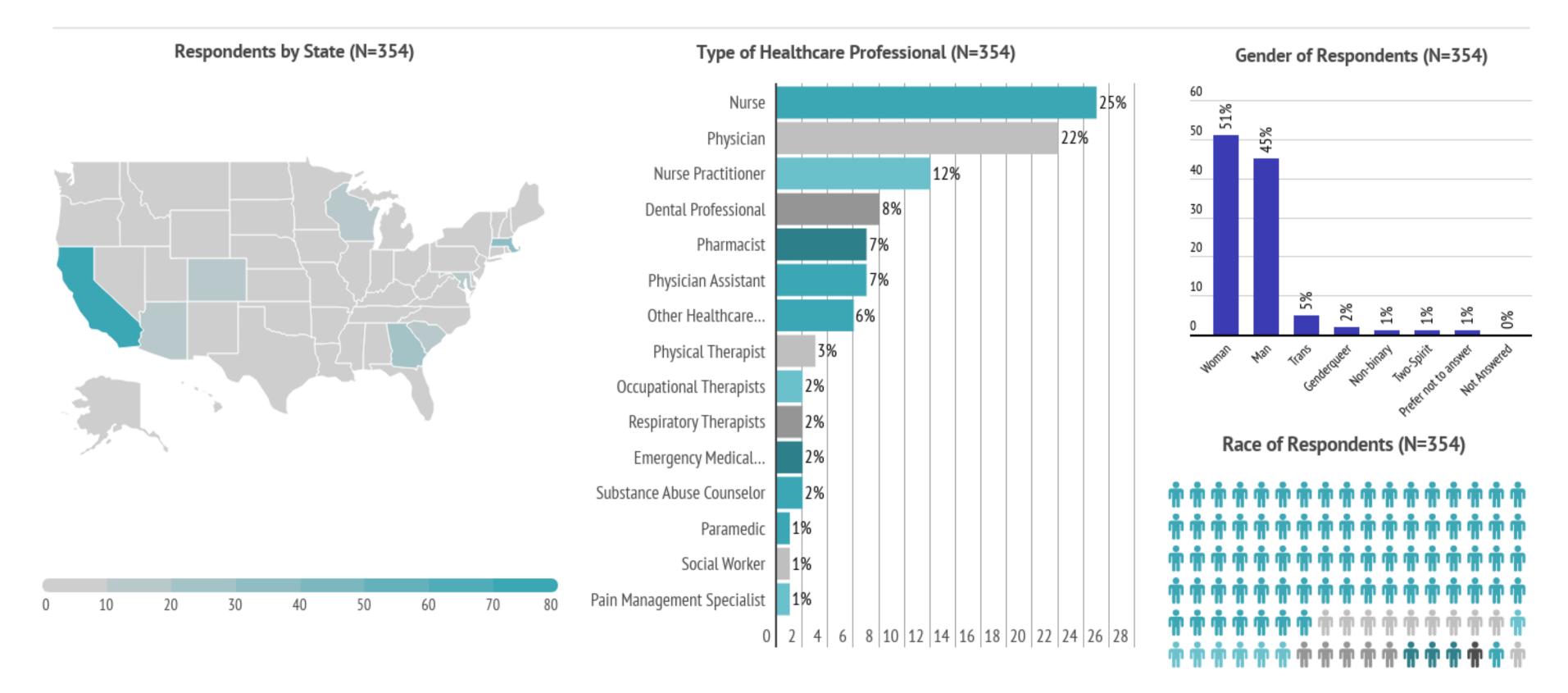
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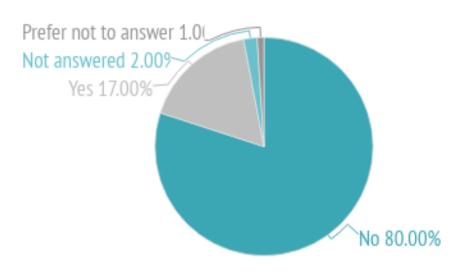
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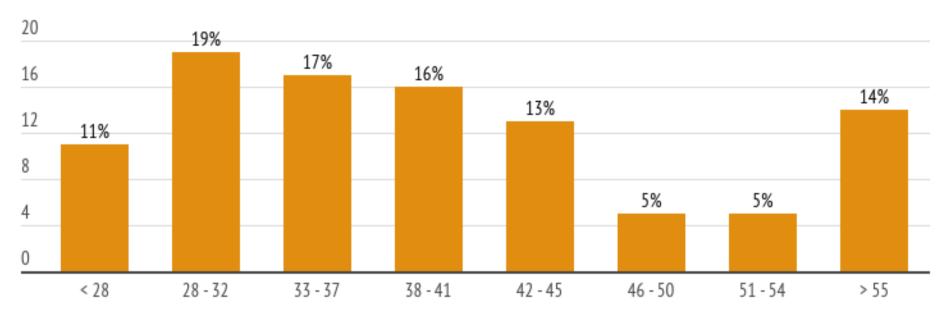




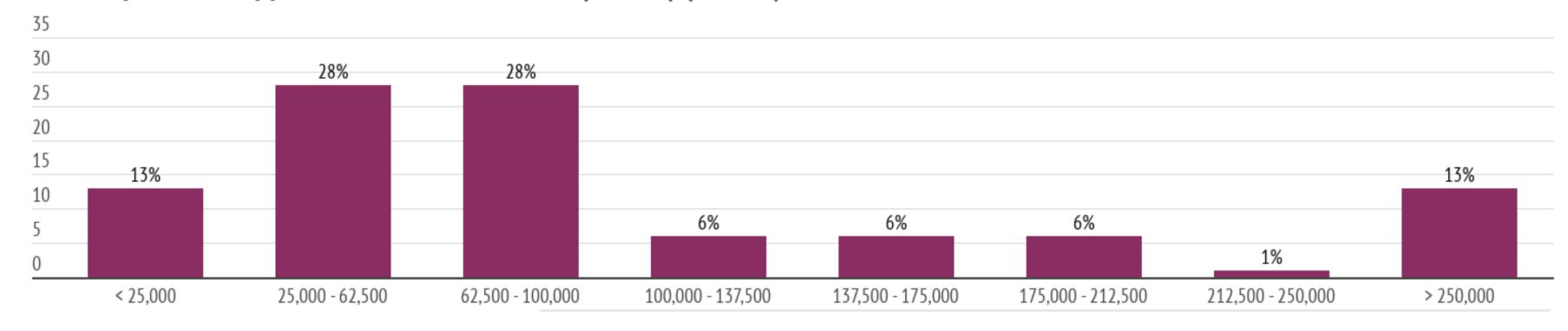
#### Respondents that work for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)



#### Age Range of Respondents in Years (N=354)



#### Respondents approximate annual income (in USD) (N=354)





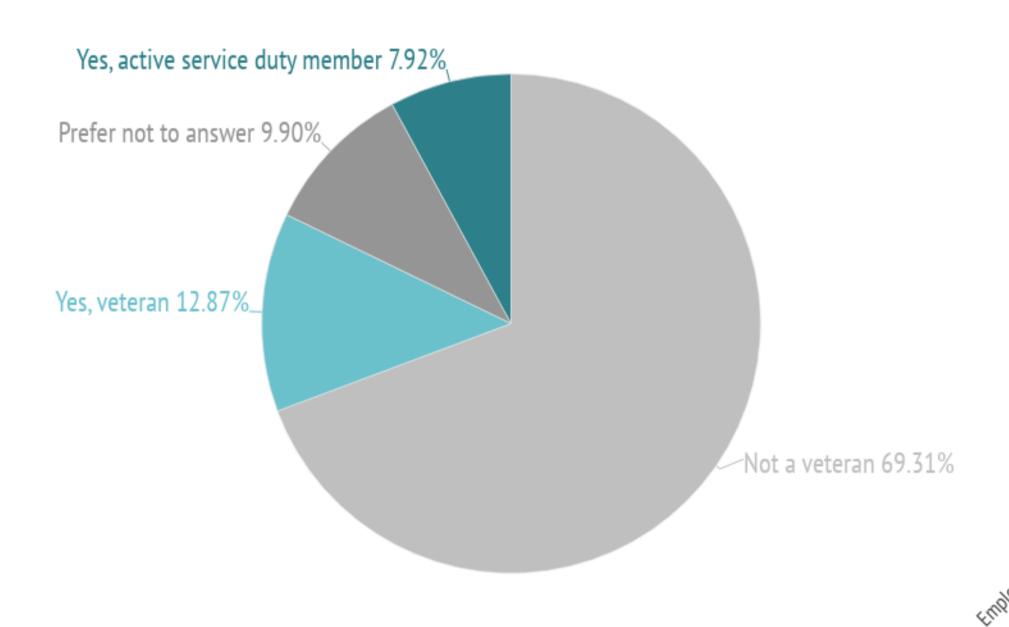
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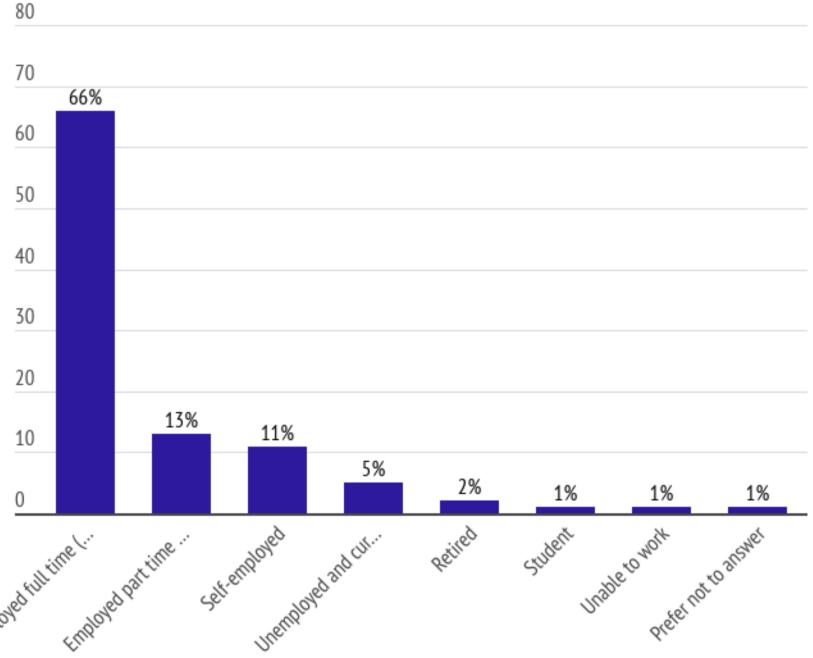




# Respondents that are Active U.S. military service duty member or U.S. Military veterans



#### Respondents Current Employment Status (N=354)



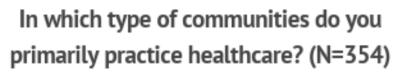


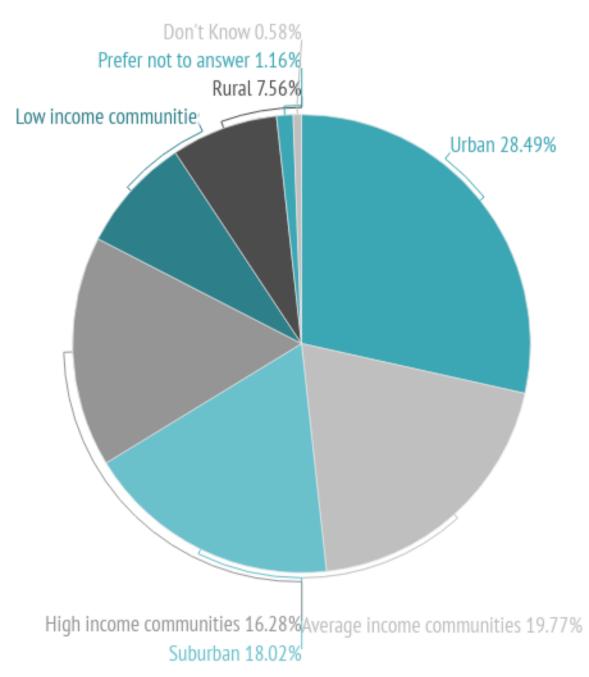
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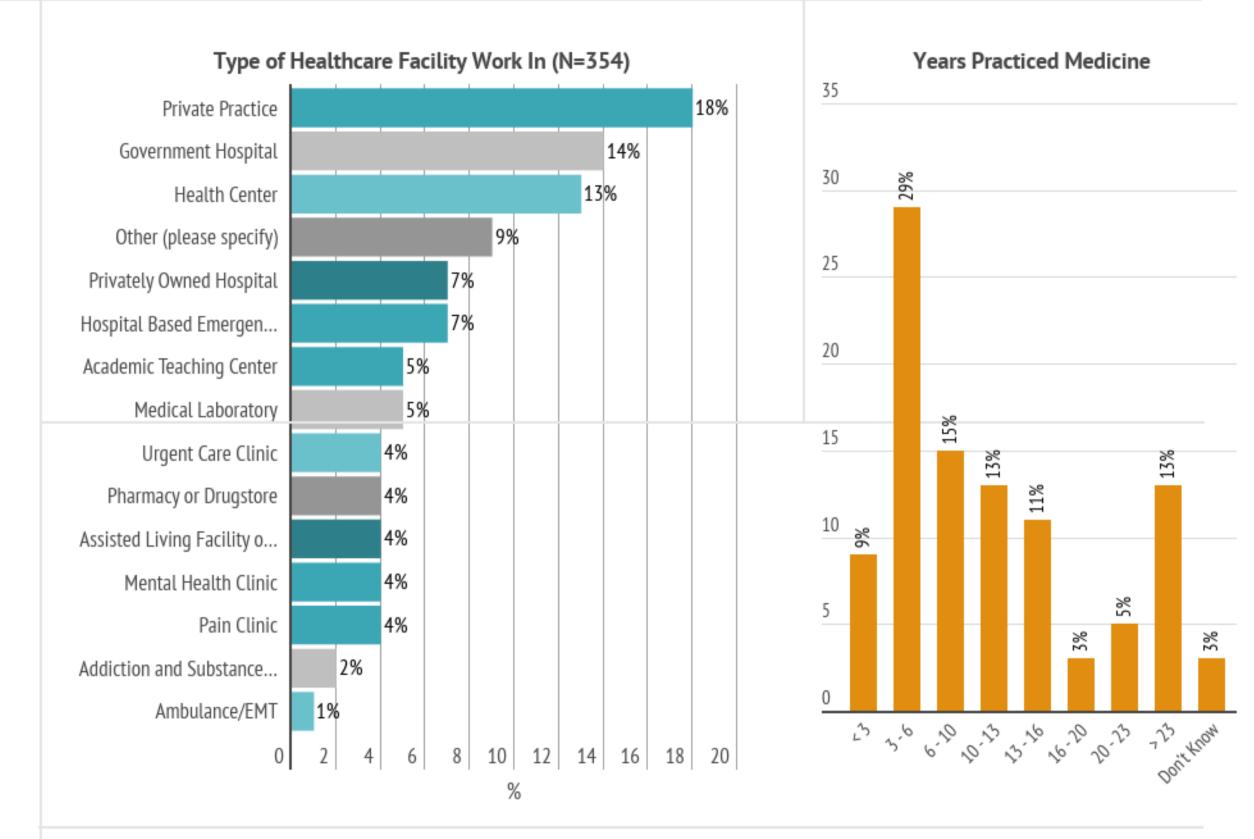














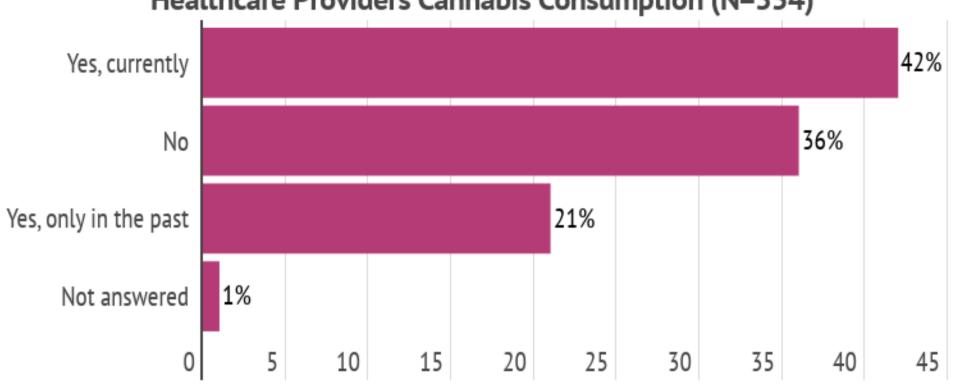
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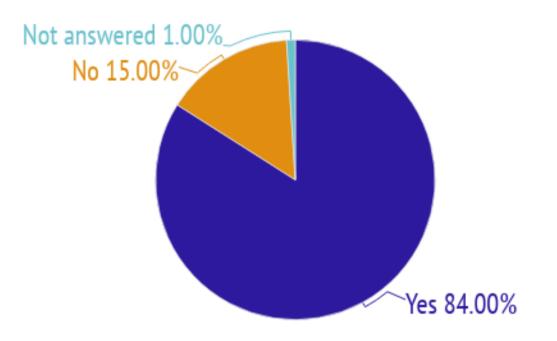




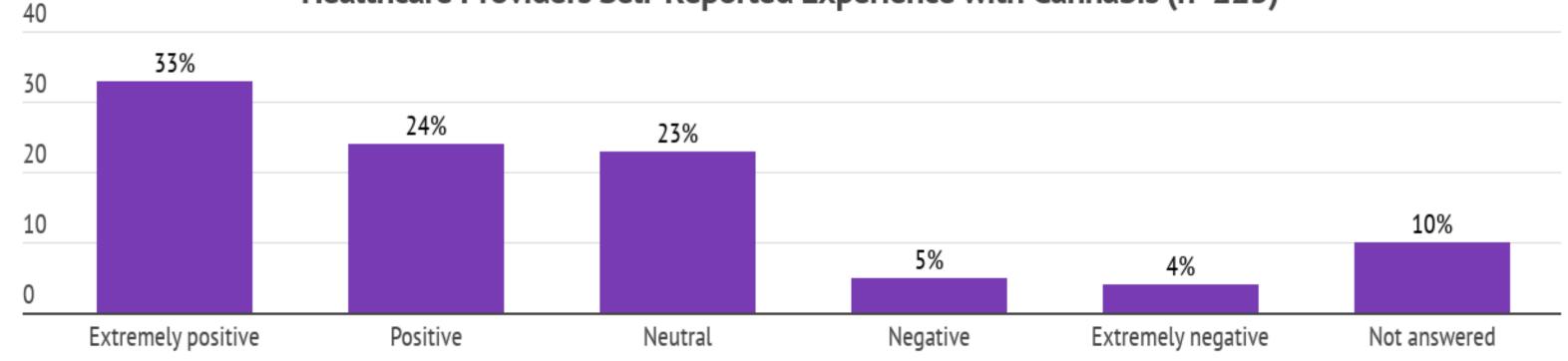




### Healthcare Providers ever visited a medical cannabis retail outlet or dispensary (N=354)



#### Healthcare Providers Self-Reported Experience with Cannabis (n=223)







# STUDY RESPONDENTS PROFILES

354 healthcare providers responded.

- 25% Nurses
- 51% Women
- 17% Work for the Veterans Affairs
- 53% Below age of 37 years
- 69% Earn <\$100k/Year
- Race/Ethnicity:
  - 10% African American
  - 78% White

42% are currentlycannabis consumers84% have visited adispensary











# MEDICAL CANNABIS BACKGROUND & BELIEFS

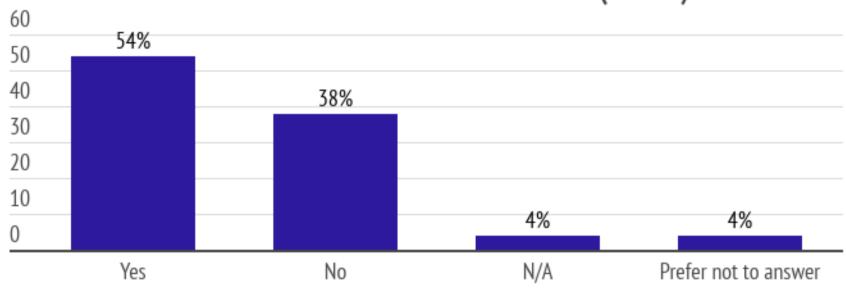
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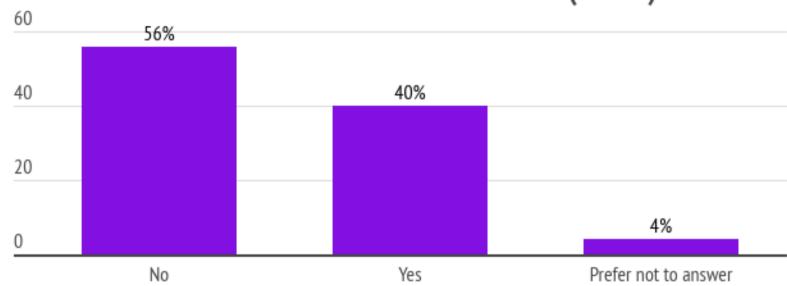




### % Respondents Who Are Currently Registered by a State Agency to Recommend Medical Cannabis (N=354)



### Respondents that have plans to become registered to recommend medical cannabis (n=134)



#### Impacts to Register with the State to Recommend Medical Cannabis (N=354)

The Following Impact Respondents Ability to Get Certified To Recommend Cannabis	% Reported Impacts
I want to be certified, but haven't done so (no barriers)	26%
My state/government body doesn't recognize my profession to become certified	23%
I am certified	22%
Not Applicable	12%
My healthcare facility or organization won't let me become certified	12%
My workplace has a don't ask, don't tell policy	9%
My practice and insurance coverage prevent me from being certified	8%
I don't want to become certified	7%
Other (please specify)	5%
Prefer not to answer	2%

#### % Believe Medical Cannabis Has a Role in Medical Care (N=354)

First line treatment for chronic pain or some other conditions 37%	Has a role if first line and conventional treatments fail 13%	Need more scientific evidence to make a firm decision 12%		
Some role for treatment of specific health conditions 30%				
	Not answered 5%		Other (please specify) 2%	



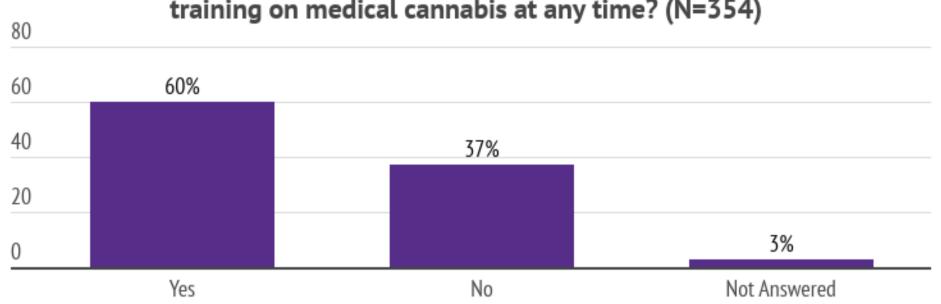
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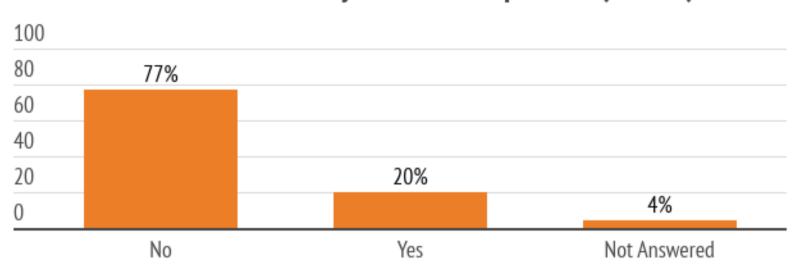


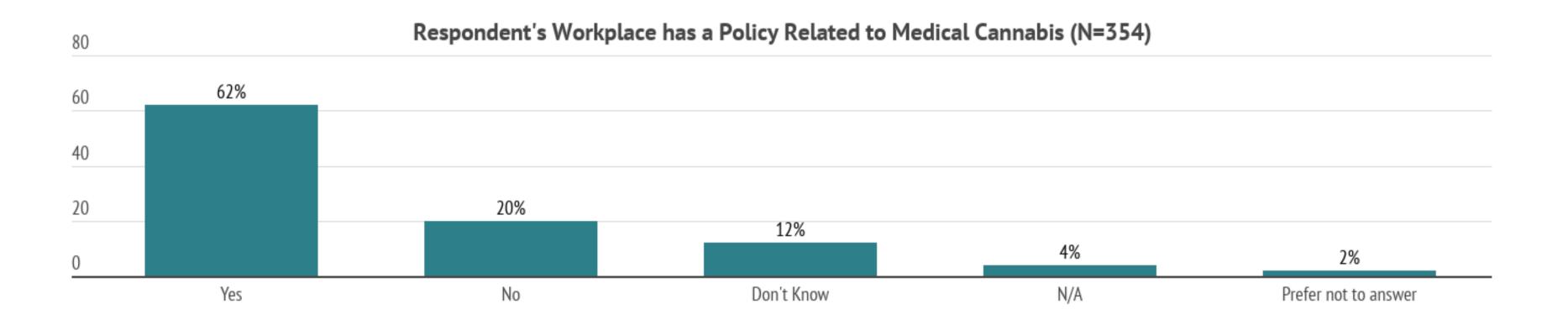


# Have you received any formal education or training on medical cannabis at any time? (N=354)



## Have you received CME credits for any medical cannabis education you have completed? (n=213)







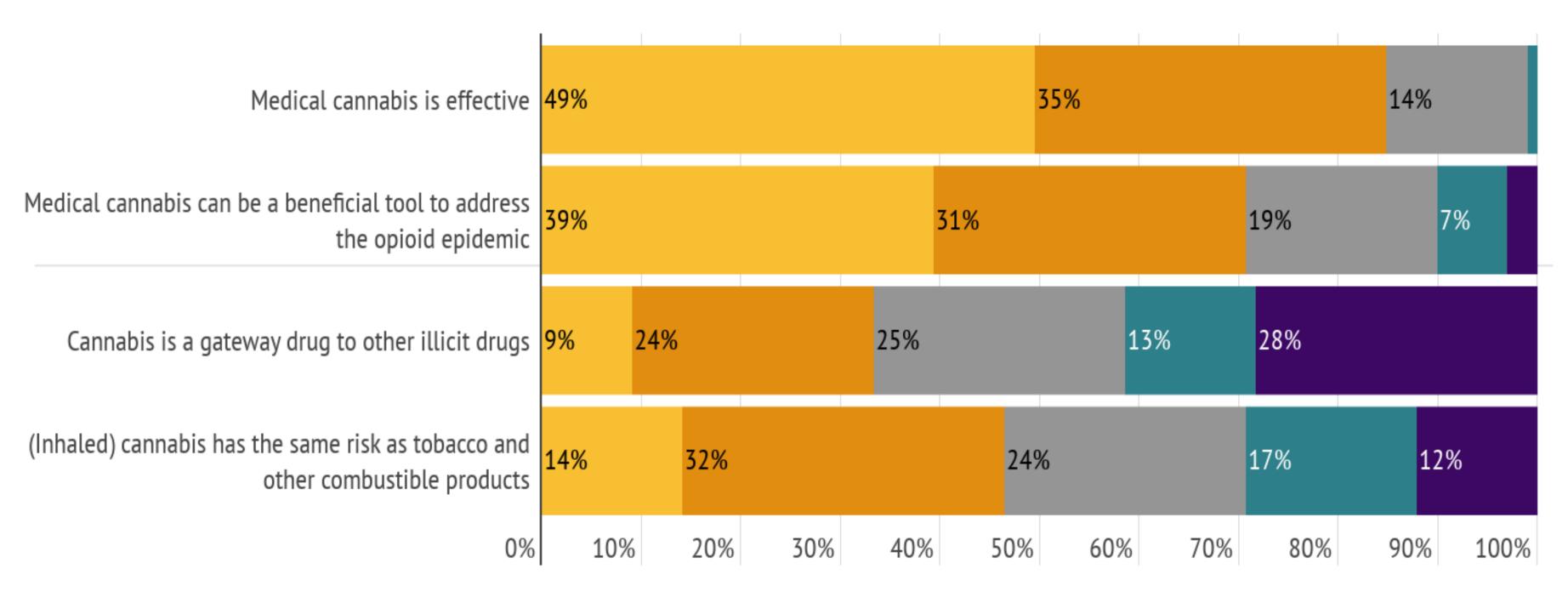
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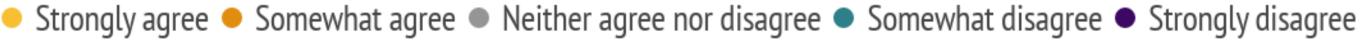






#### % Respondents Who Agree With the Following Statements (N=354)

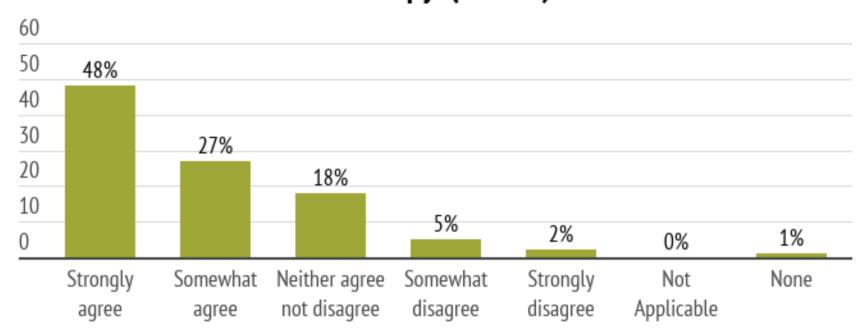




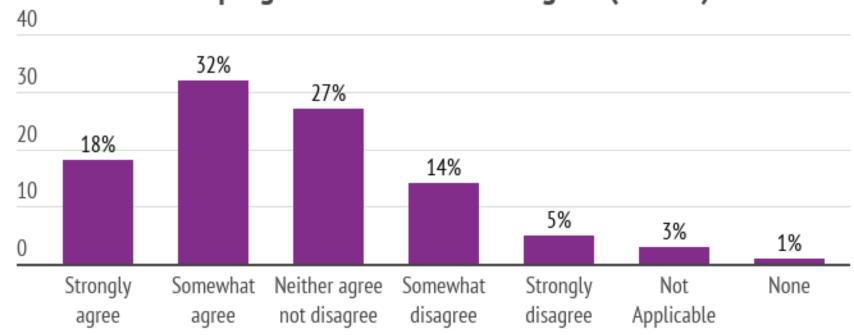


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## % Respondents who agree medical cannabis is a legitimate medical therapy. (N=354)



## % Respondents who agree the process to certify patients in the medical cannabis program is difficult to navigate. (N=354)

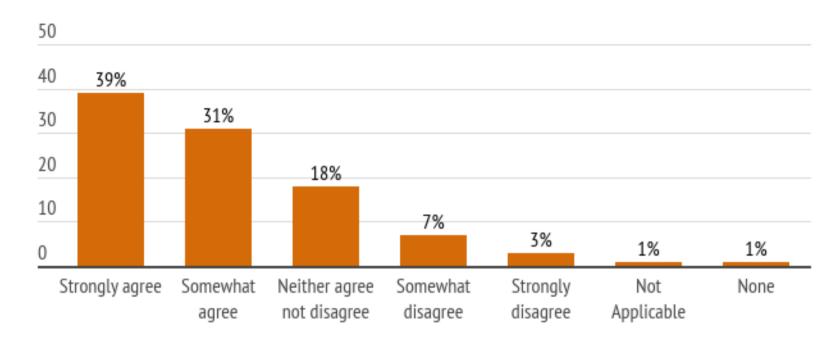




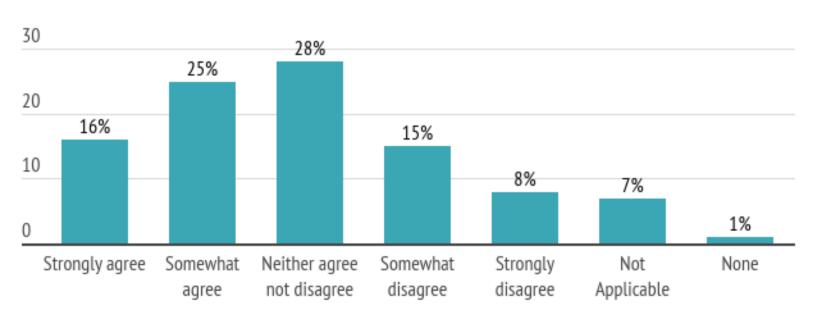




## % Respondents who believe medical providers should be offering medical cannabis for managing medical conditions. (N=354)



# % Respondents who believe the process to certify patients in the medical cannabis program prevents them from enrolling patients. (N=354)





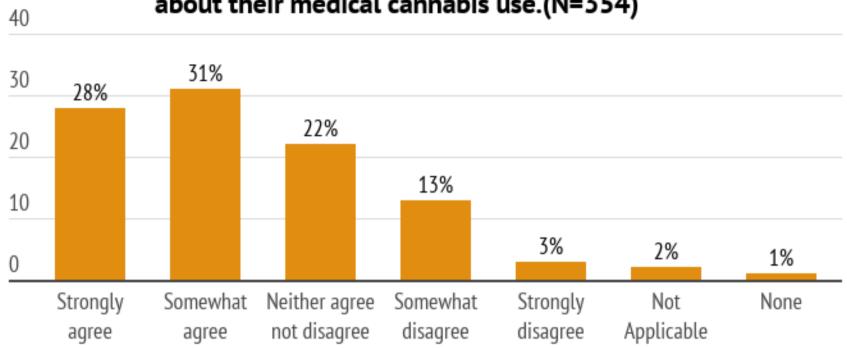
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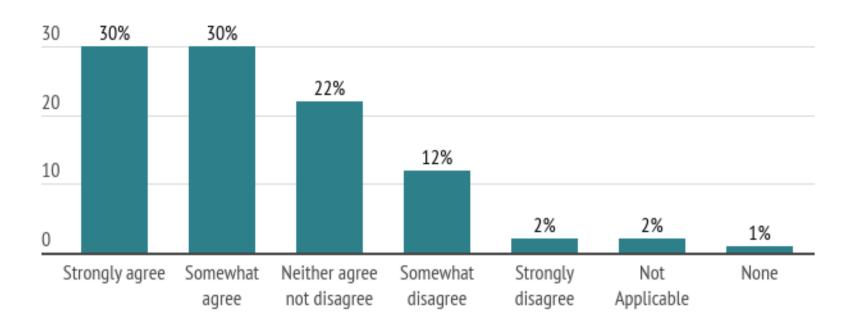




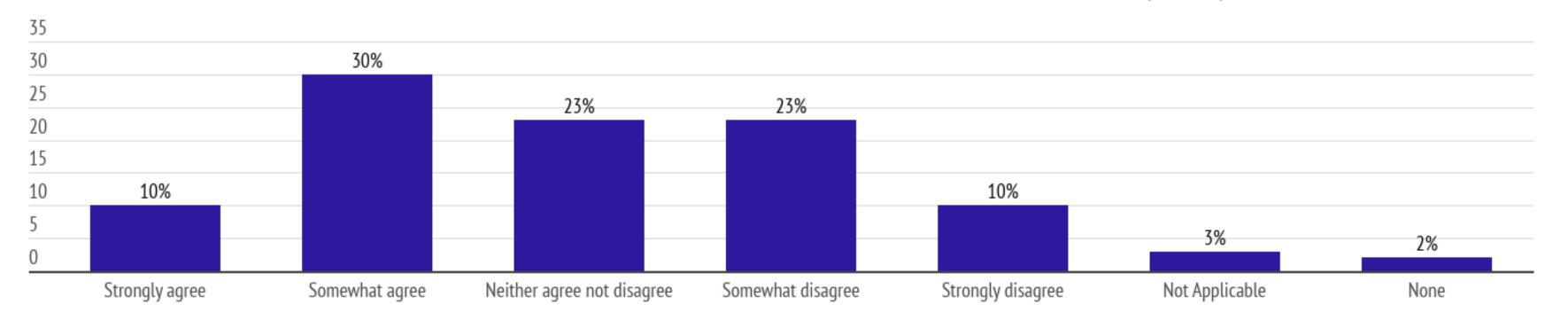
## % Respondents who regularly ask my patients about their medical cannabis use.(N=354)



## % Respondents who report medical patients feel comfortable talking to them about medical cannabis (N=354)



#### % Respondents who report their average patient is knowledgeable about medical cannabis (N=354)





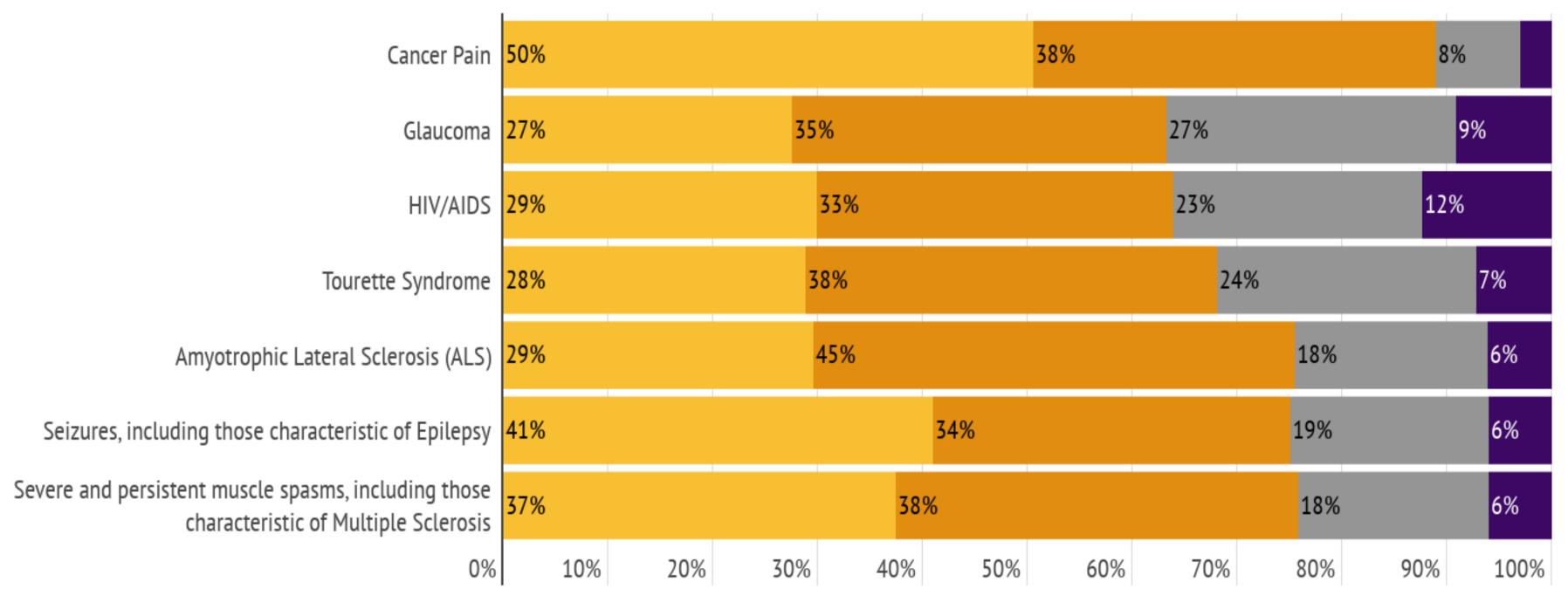
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#### How helpful do you think cannabinoids are for the treatment of the following health conditions (N=354)







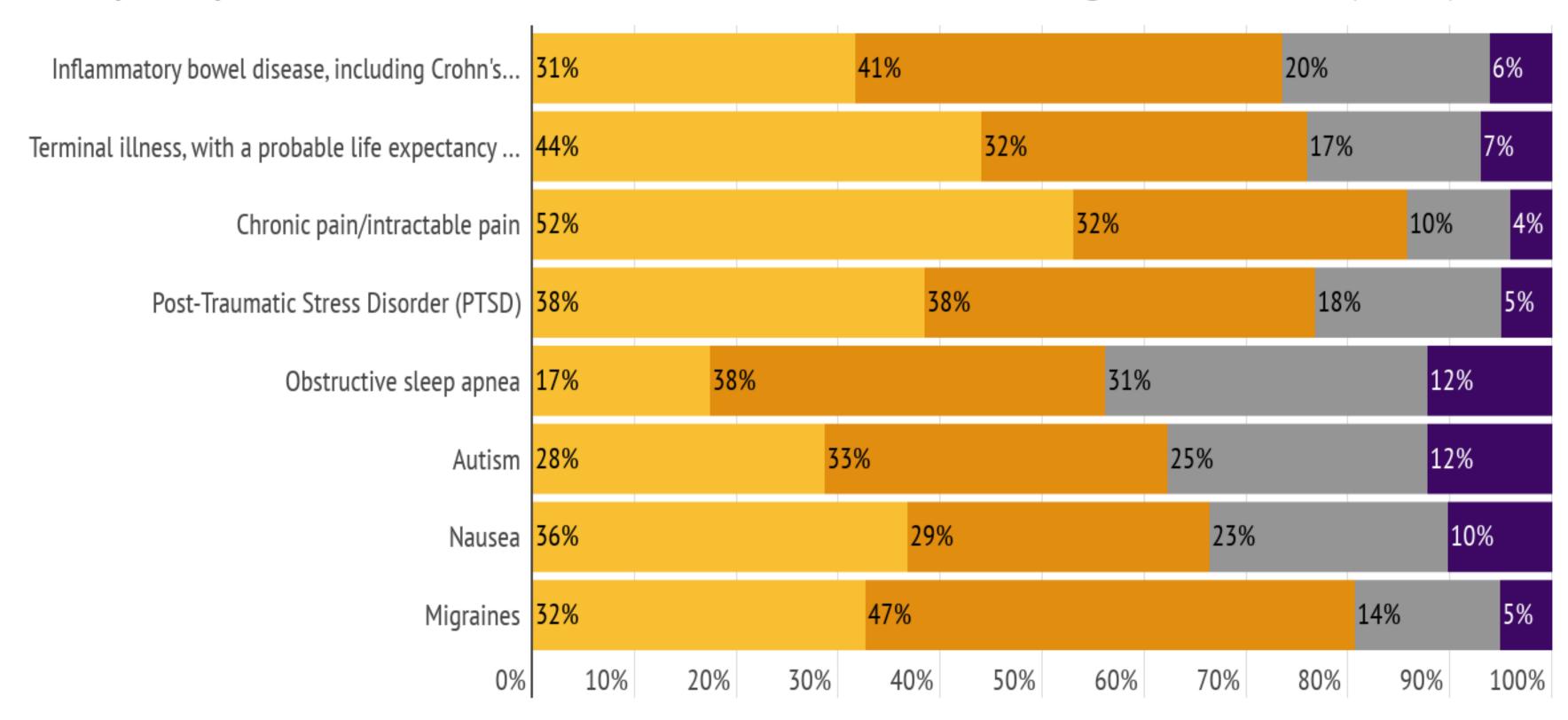
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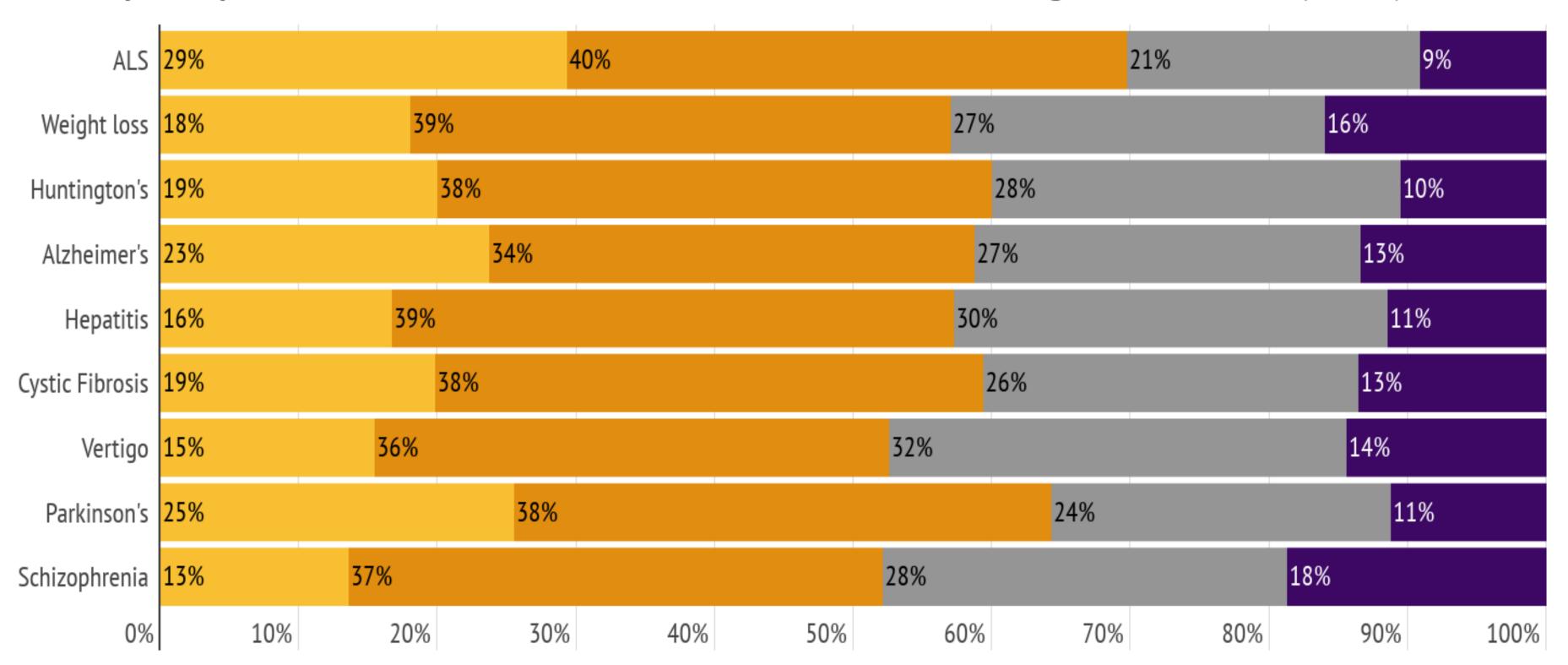
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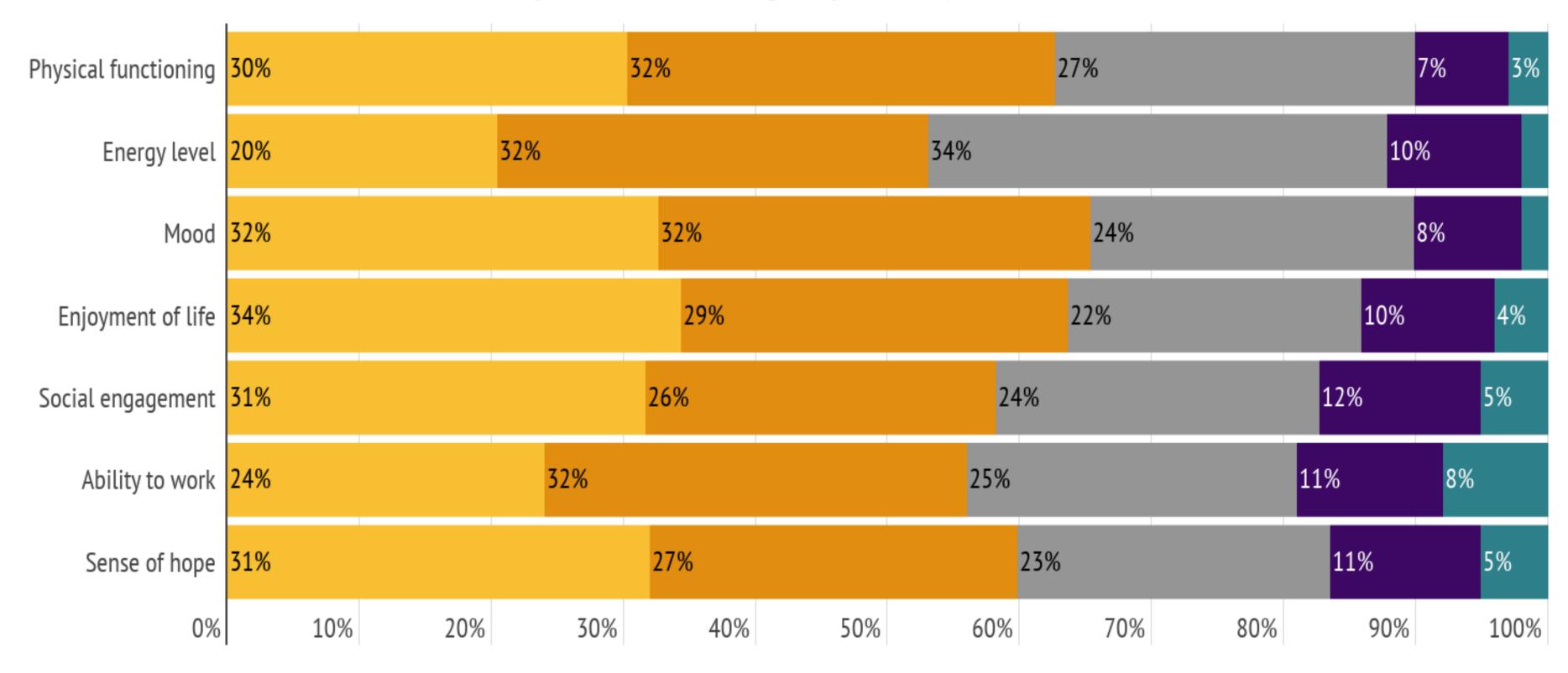
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To what extent can medical cannabis improve the following for patients (n=354)









# MEDICAL CANNABIS BELIEFS

354 healthcare providers responded.

- 60% Have received formal training about medical cannabis
- 54% registered by a State to recommend Medical Cannabis
- 37% Believe Medical Cannabis can be a First Line Treatment
- 30% Believe Medical Cannabis plays some role in medical treatments

70% agree
cannabis can be
used to address
the opioid
epidemic





# TOP CONDITIONS CANNABIS HELPFUL FOR

354 healthcare providers responded.

- Top Conditions Believed Medical Cannabis Works Best:
  - Chronic Pain
  - Cancer Pain
  - Seizures
  - Muscle Spasms
  - PTSD
  - Terminal Illness
  - Parkinson's
  - ALS

41% strongly
disagree cannabis
is a gateway drug







# HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CONCERNS ABOUT CANNABIS

Risks of cannabis use and mis-use reported by healthcare providers.

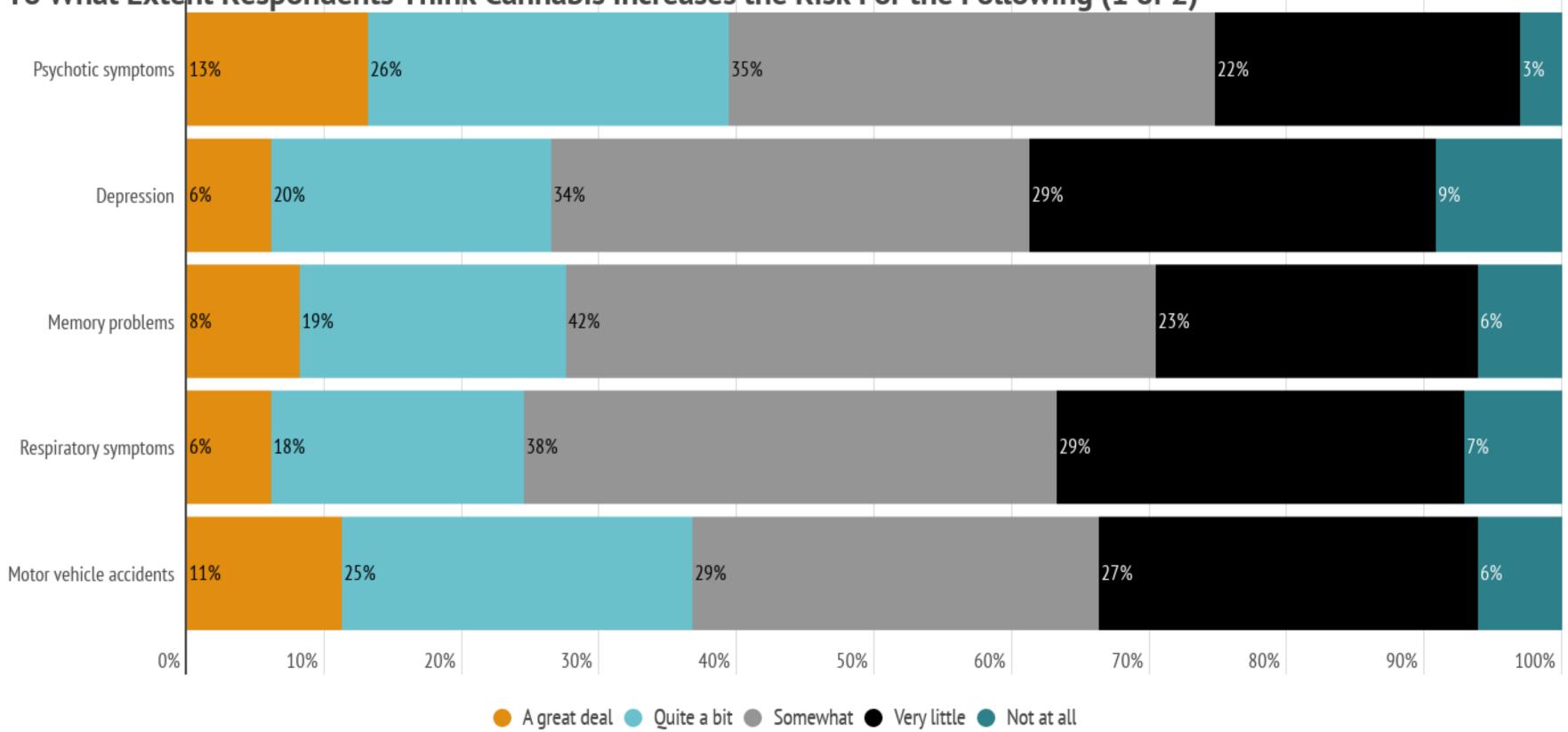
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To What Extent Respondents Think Cannabis Increases the Risk For the Following (1 of 2)





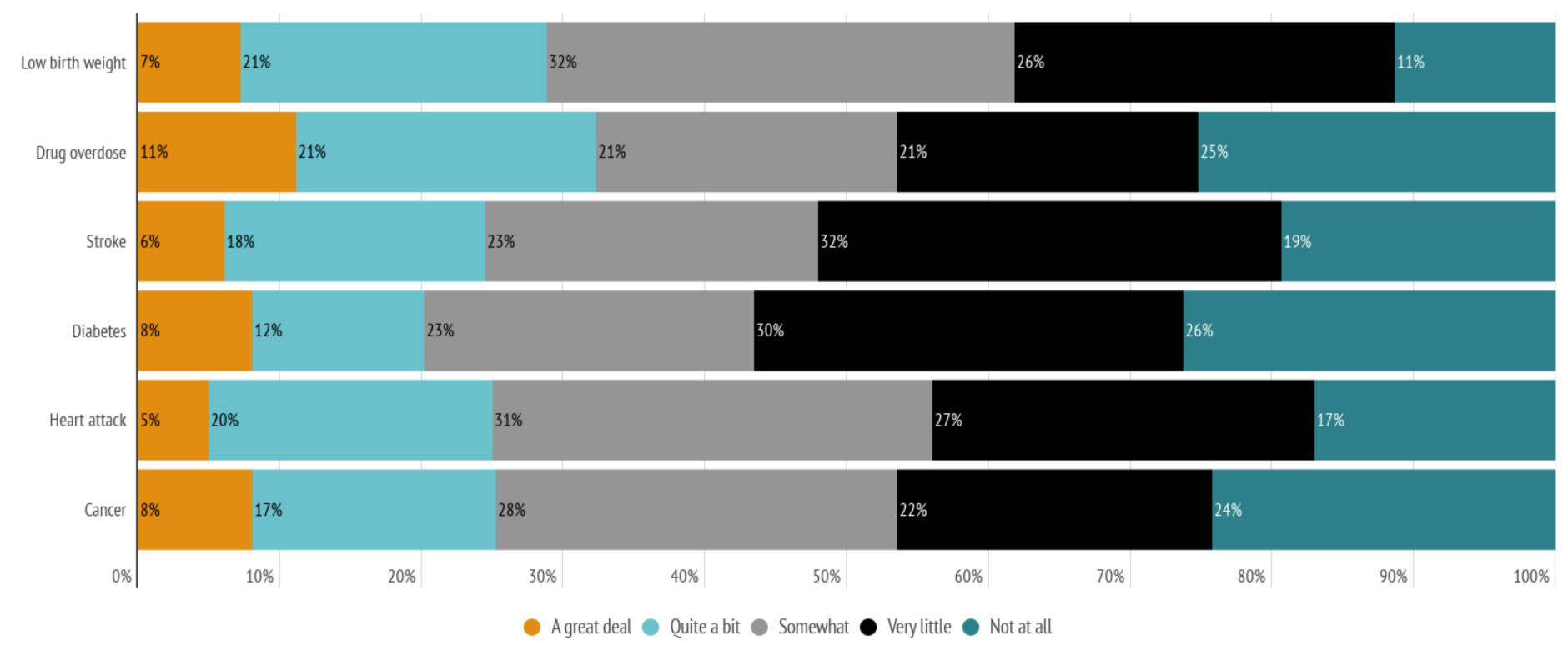
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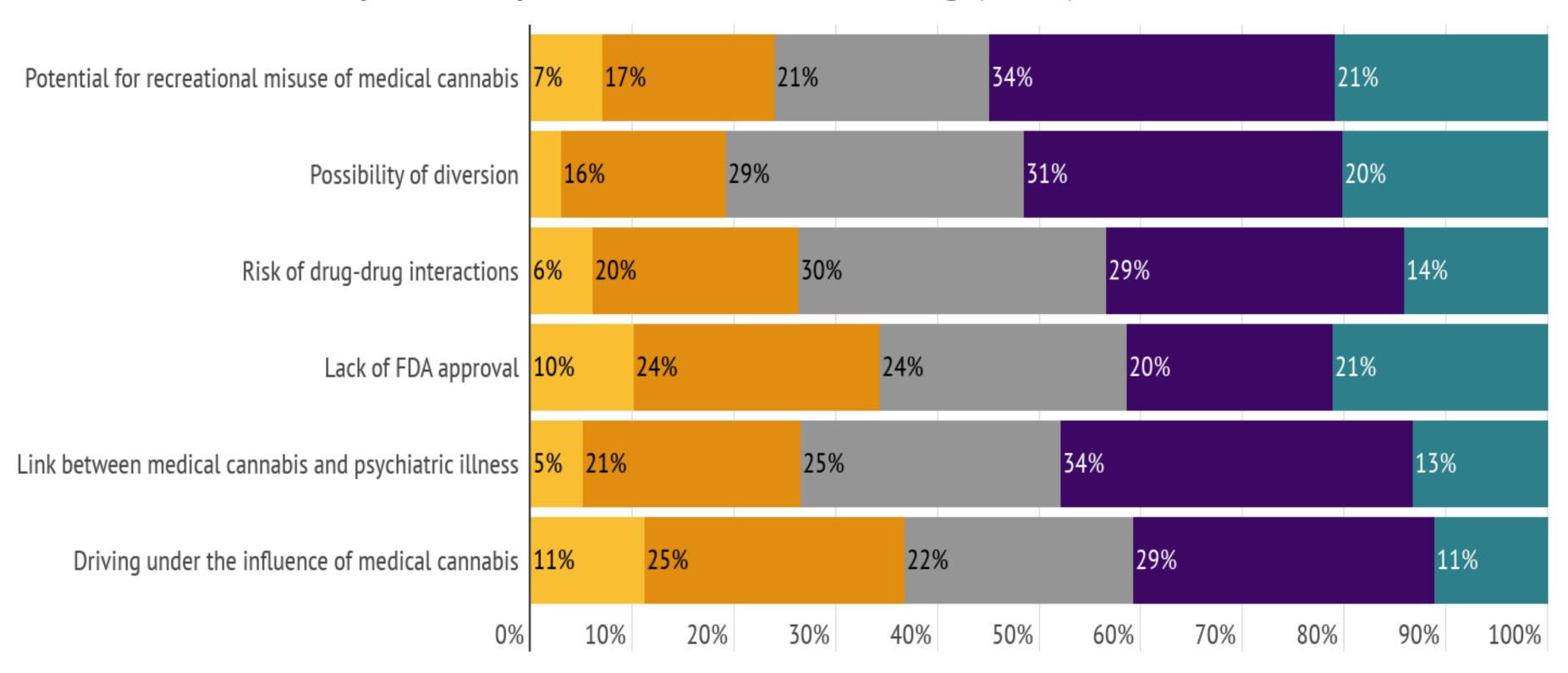






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To what extent healthcare providers expressed concern with the following (n=354)







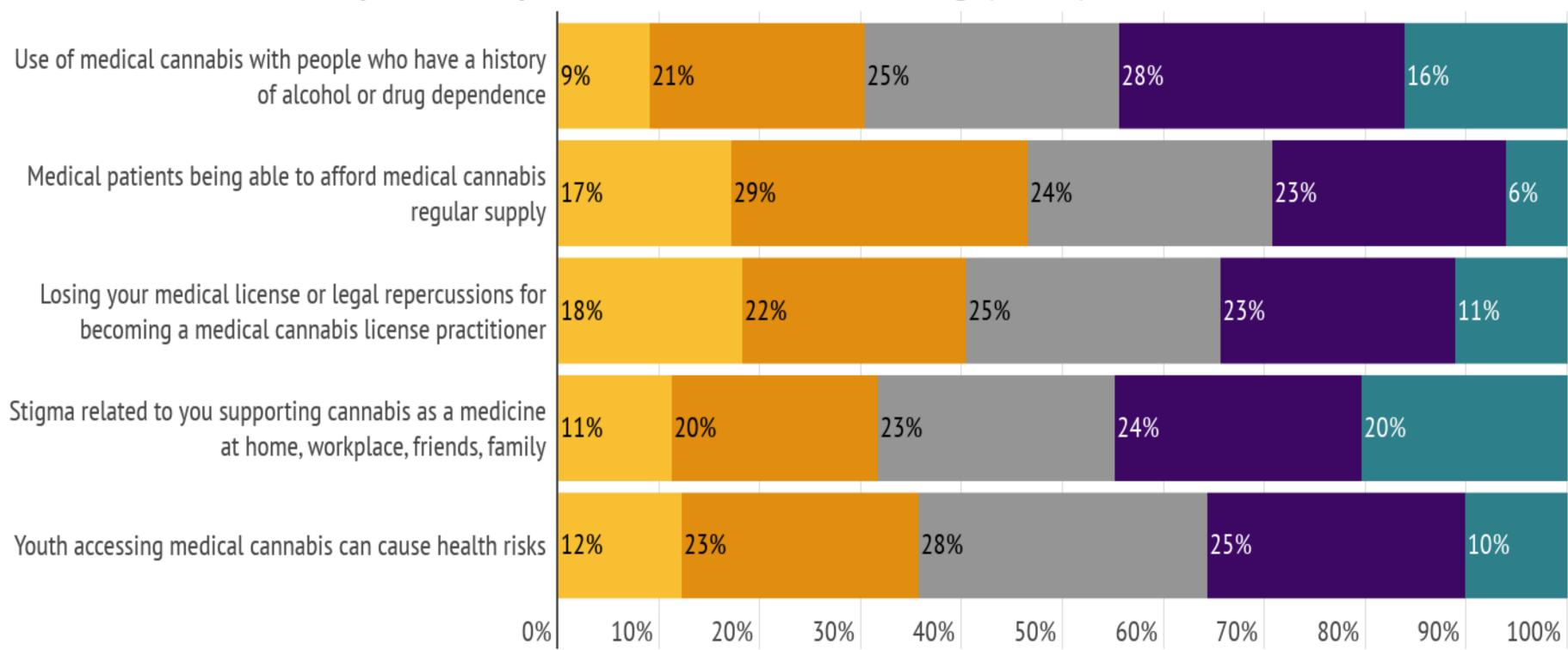
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# MEDICAL CANNABIS KNOWLEDGE













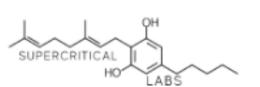


























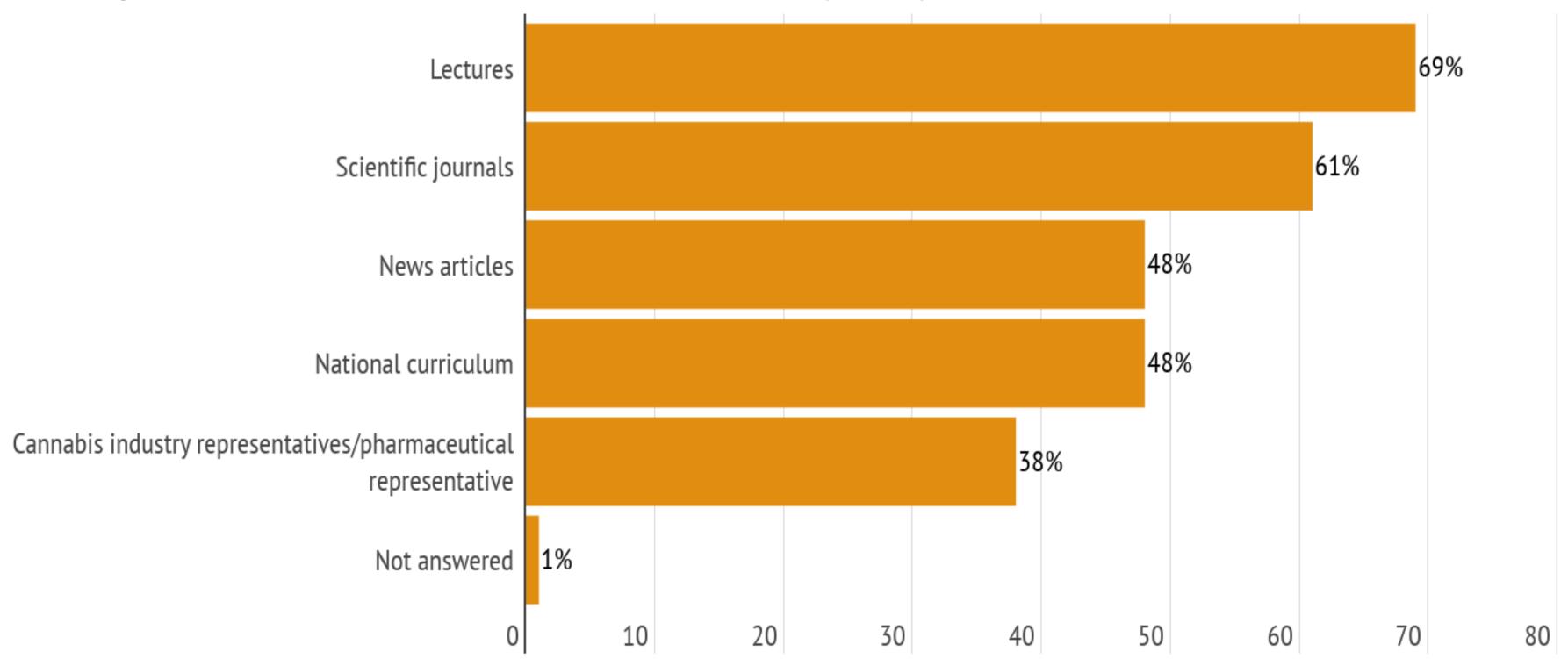
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#### How respondents would like to learn about medical cannabis (N=354)





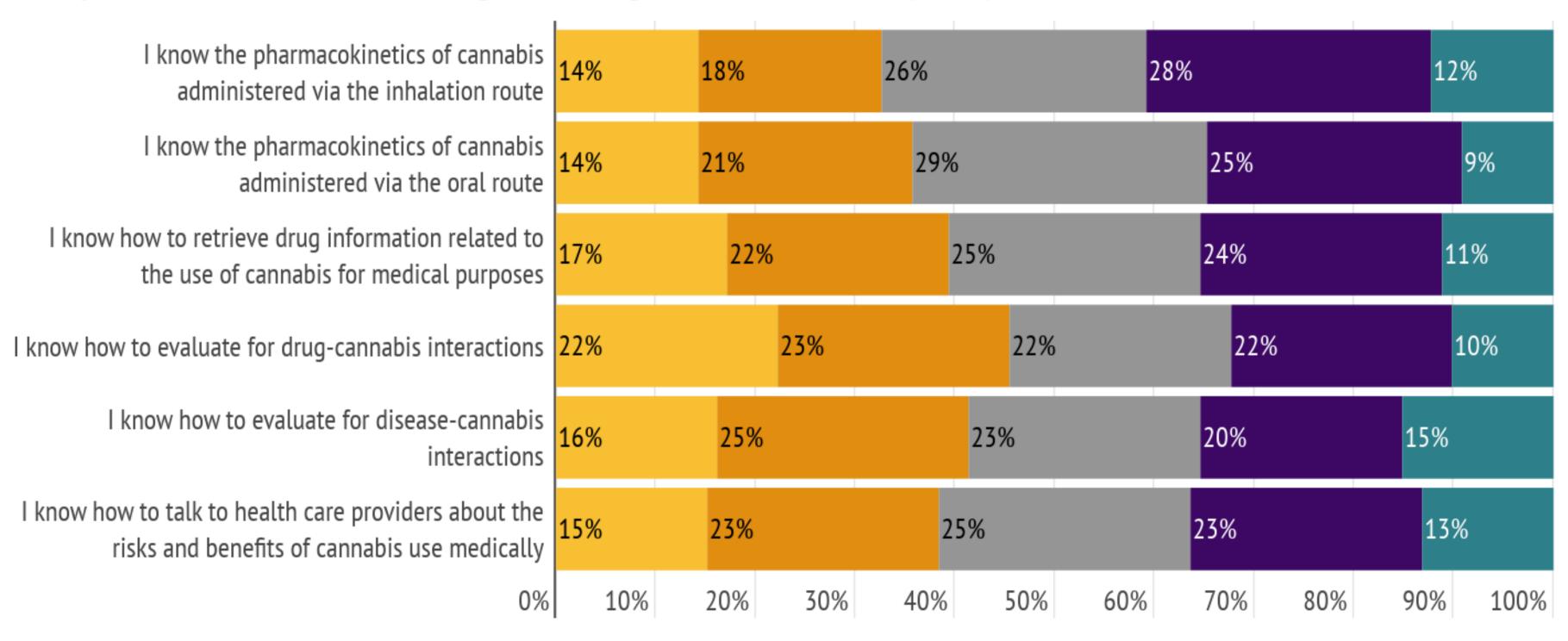
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#### Respondents Level of Confidence Knowing the Following About Medical Cannabis (N=354)







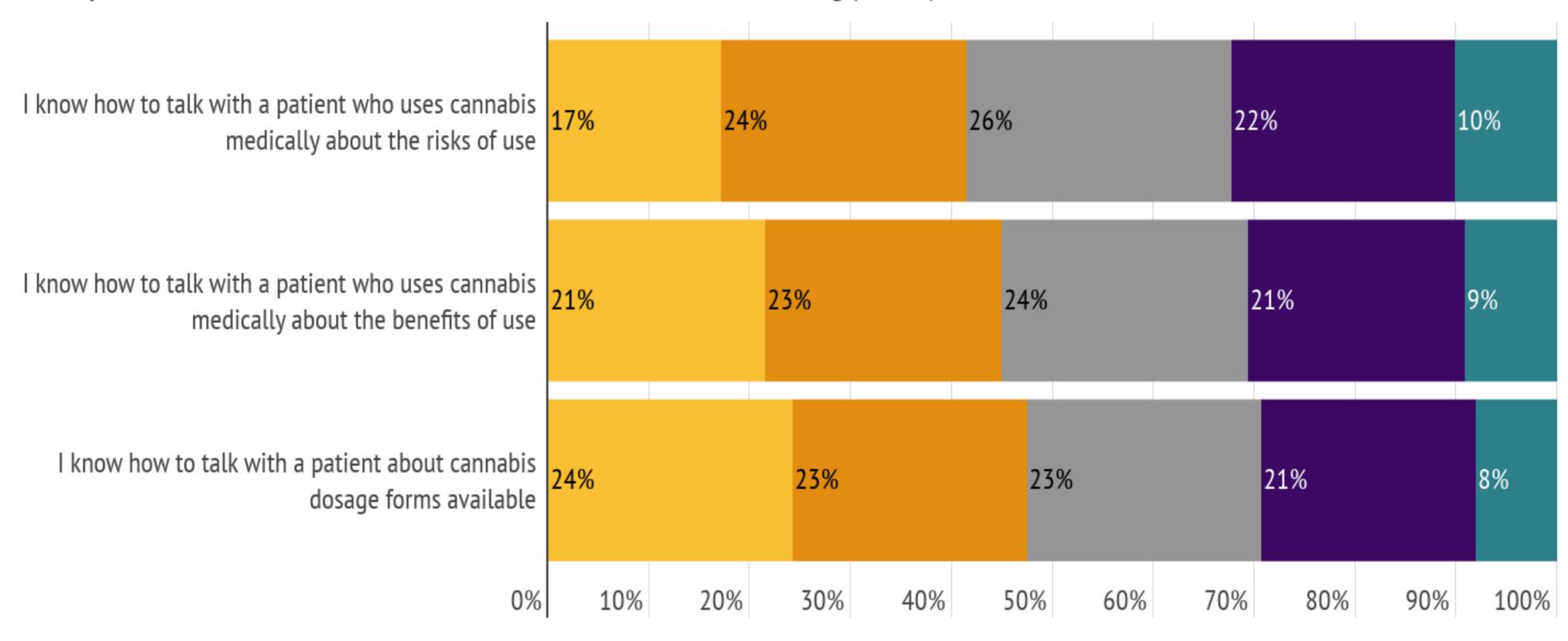
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#### Respondents Level of Confidence with Medical Cannabis Patient Counseling (N=354)







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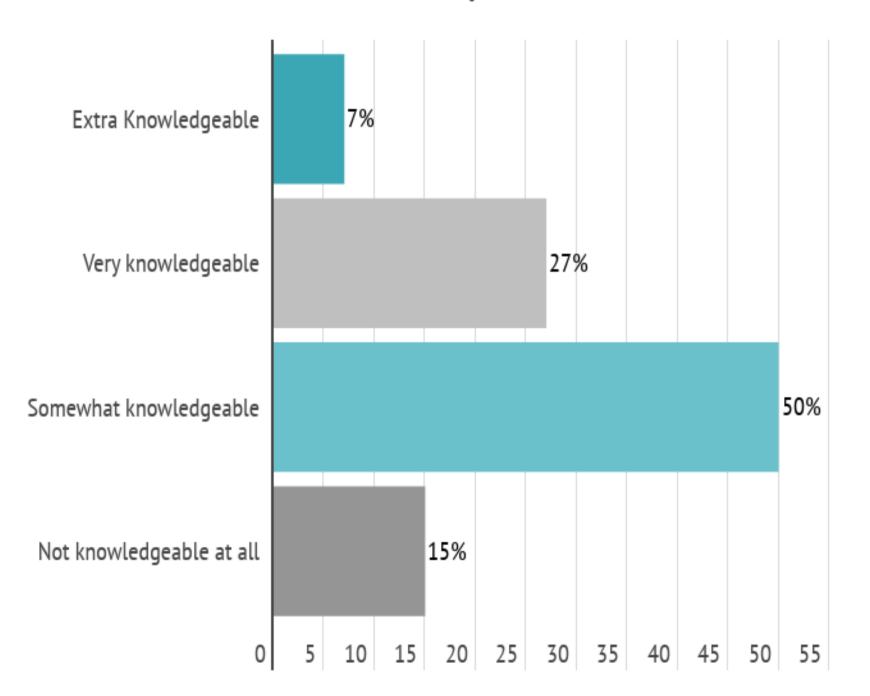




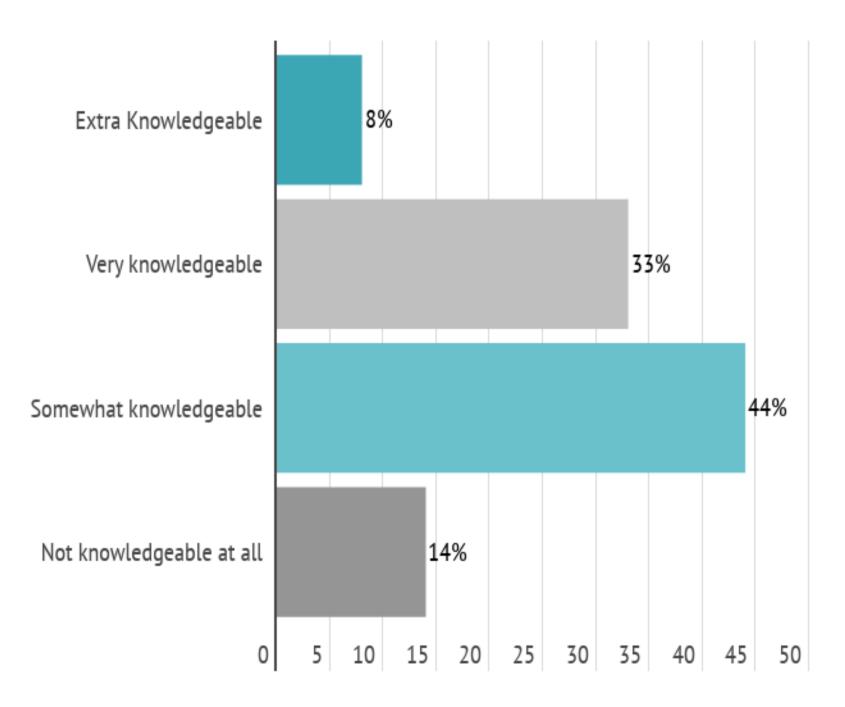


Respondents Level of Knowledge About Medical Cannabis (N=354)

#### The effect of the endocannabinoid receptor activation on neuronal function



#### The physiology of the endocannabinoid system

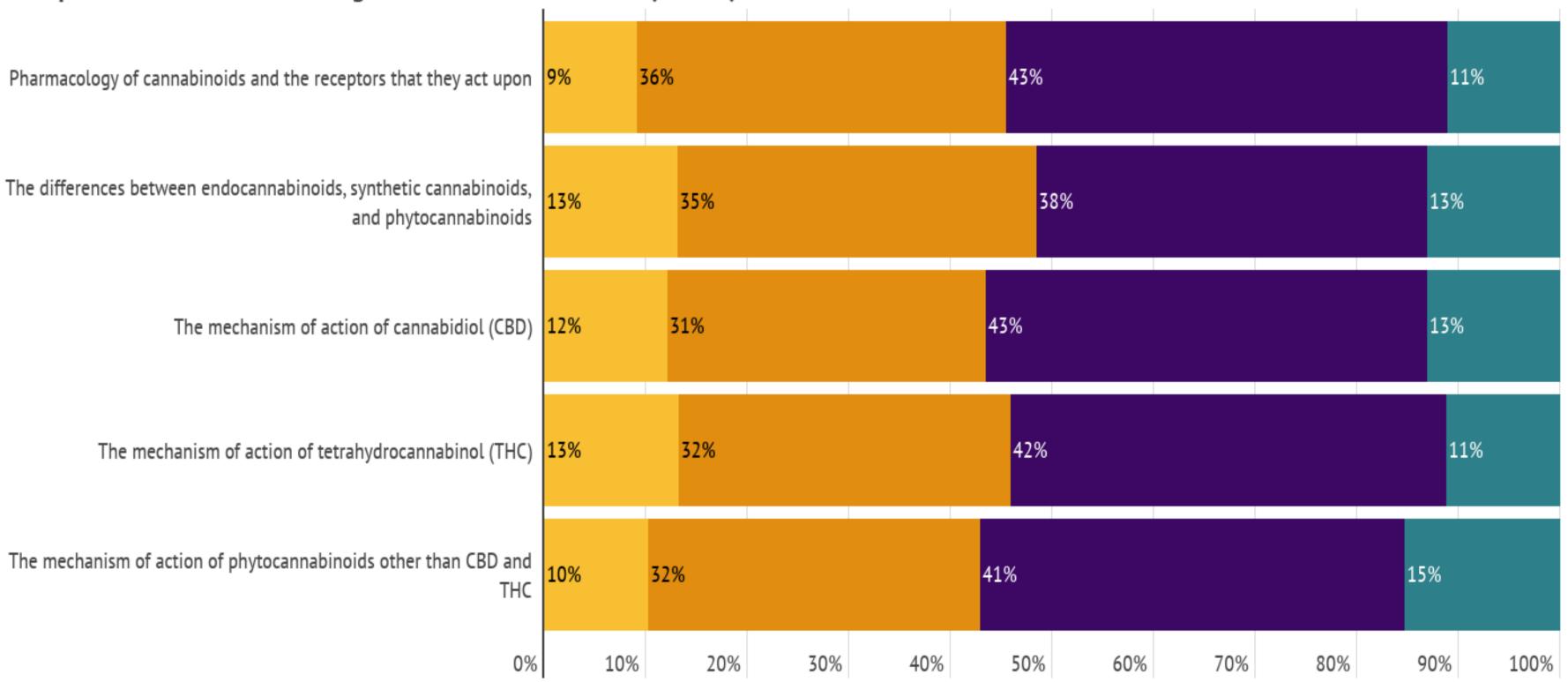








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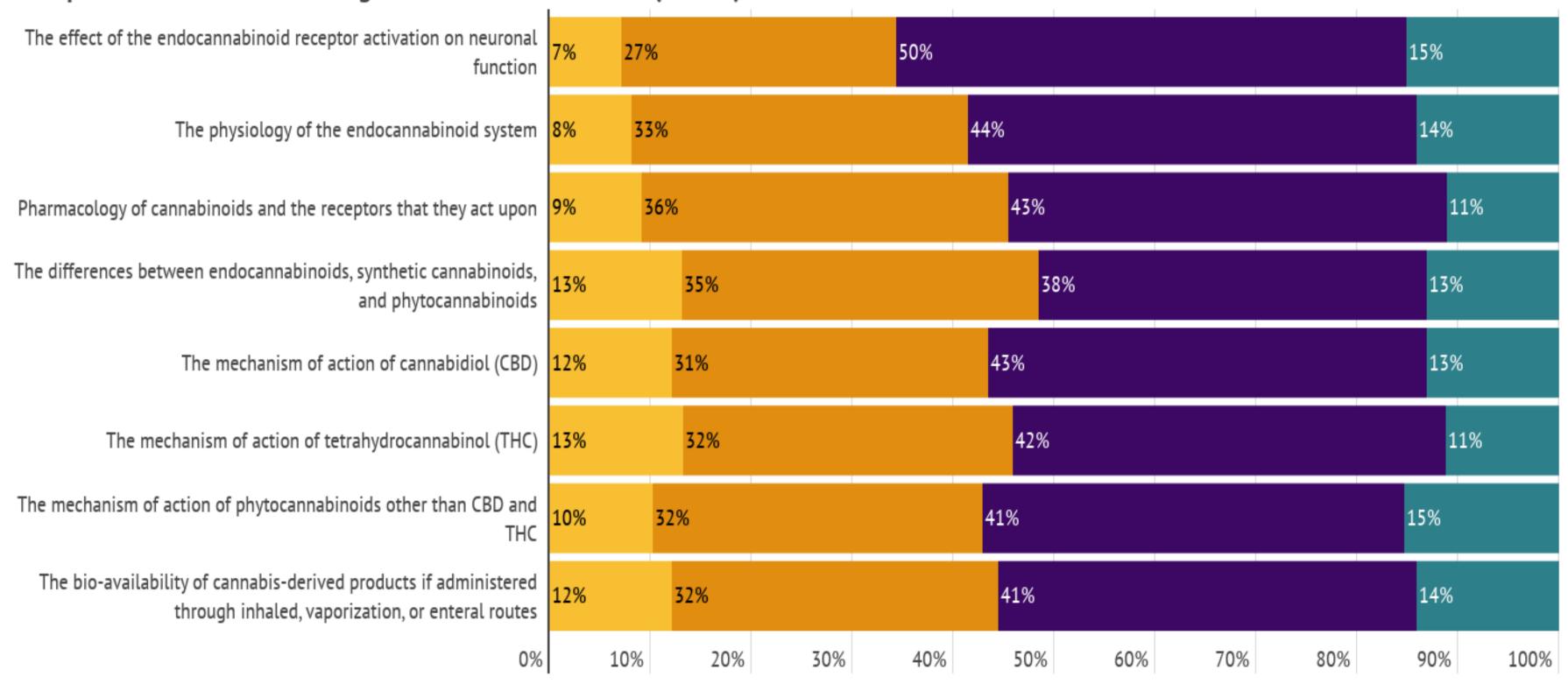


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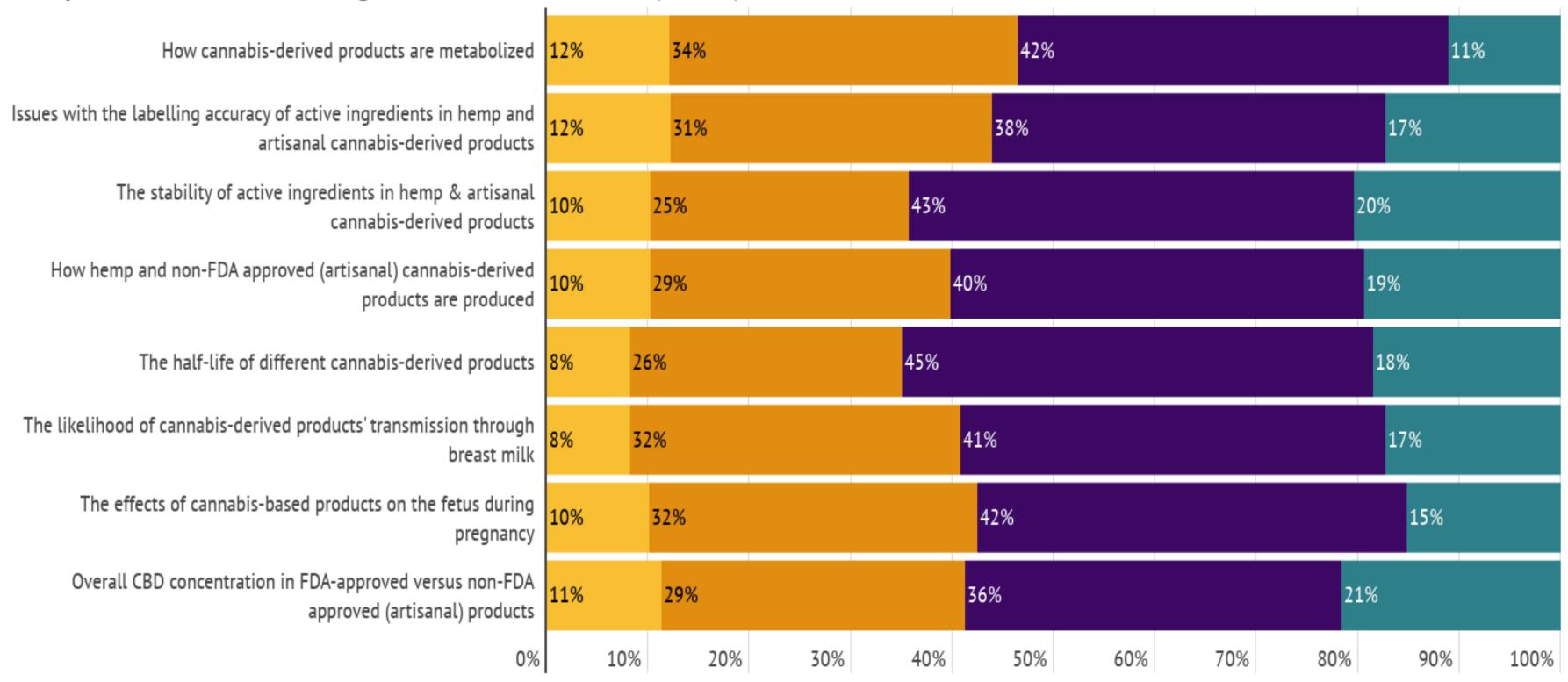


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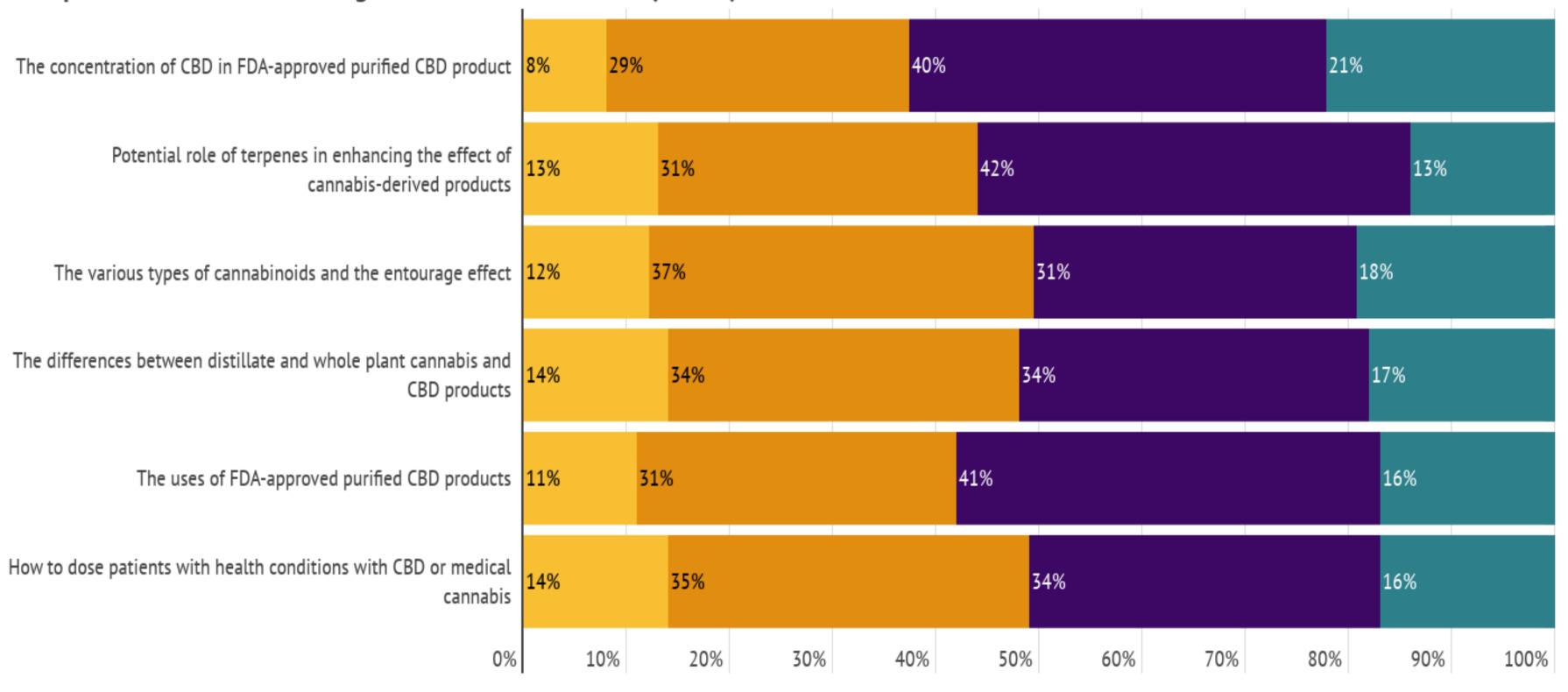


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# **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

Over half of the sample report being knowledgeable or very knowledgeable about key cannabis competencies.



Healthcare providers were less likely to report knowing the mechanisms of action for CBD, THC, and other cannabinoids.

Additionally, providers are unsure of the cannabinoid profiles and content of FDA-approved vs.non FDA approved products.

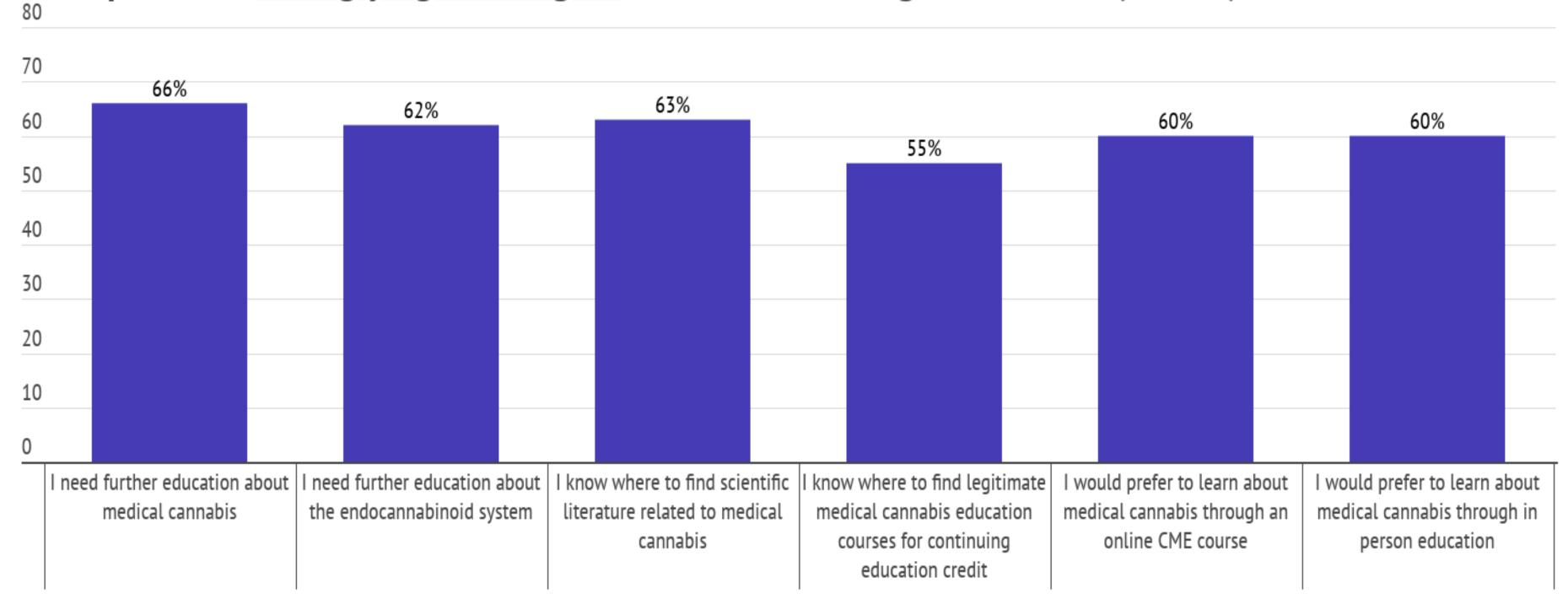
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# Respondents Strongly Agree or Agree With the Following Statements: (N=354)







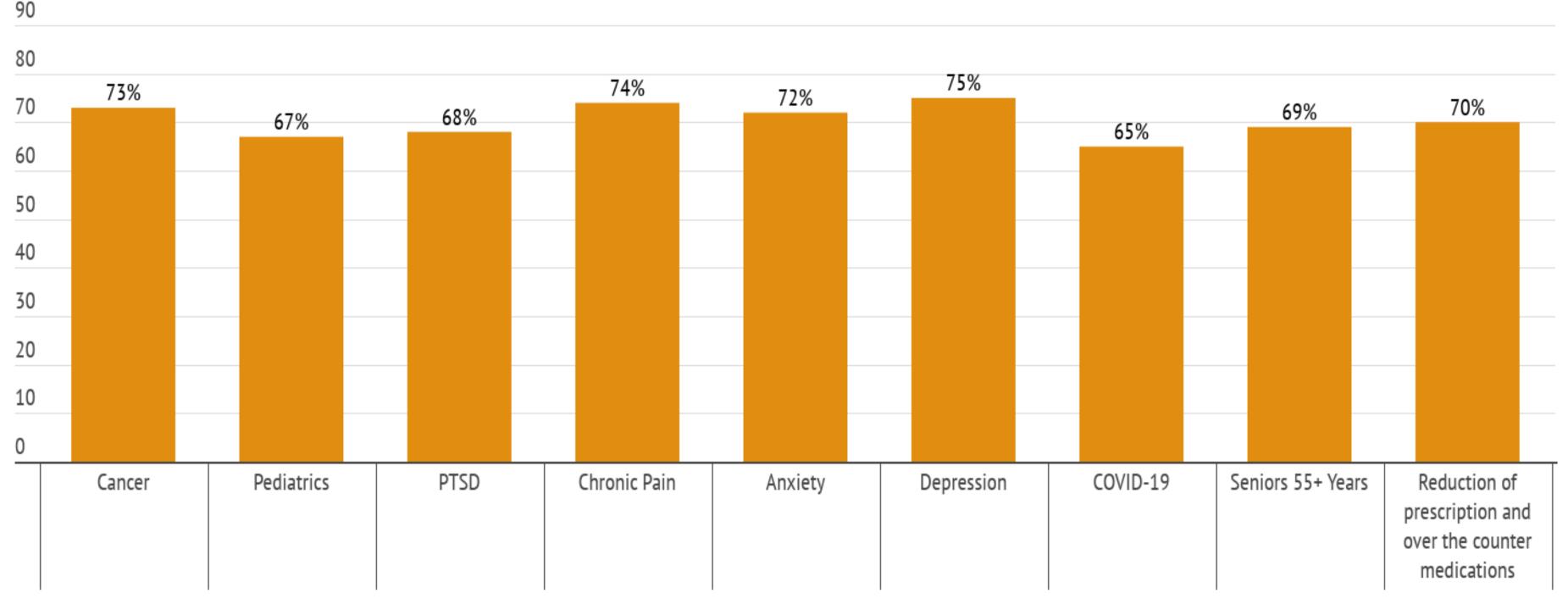
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# Respondents Strongly Agree or Agree They Want to Learn More About: (N=354)





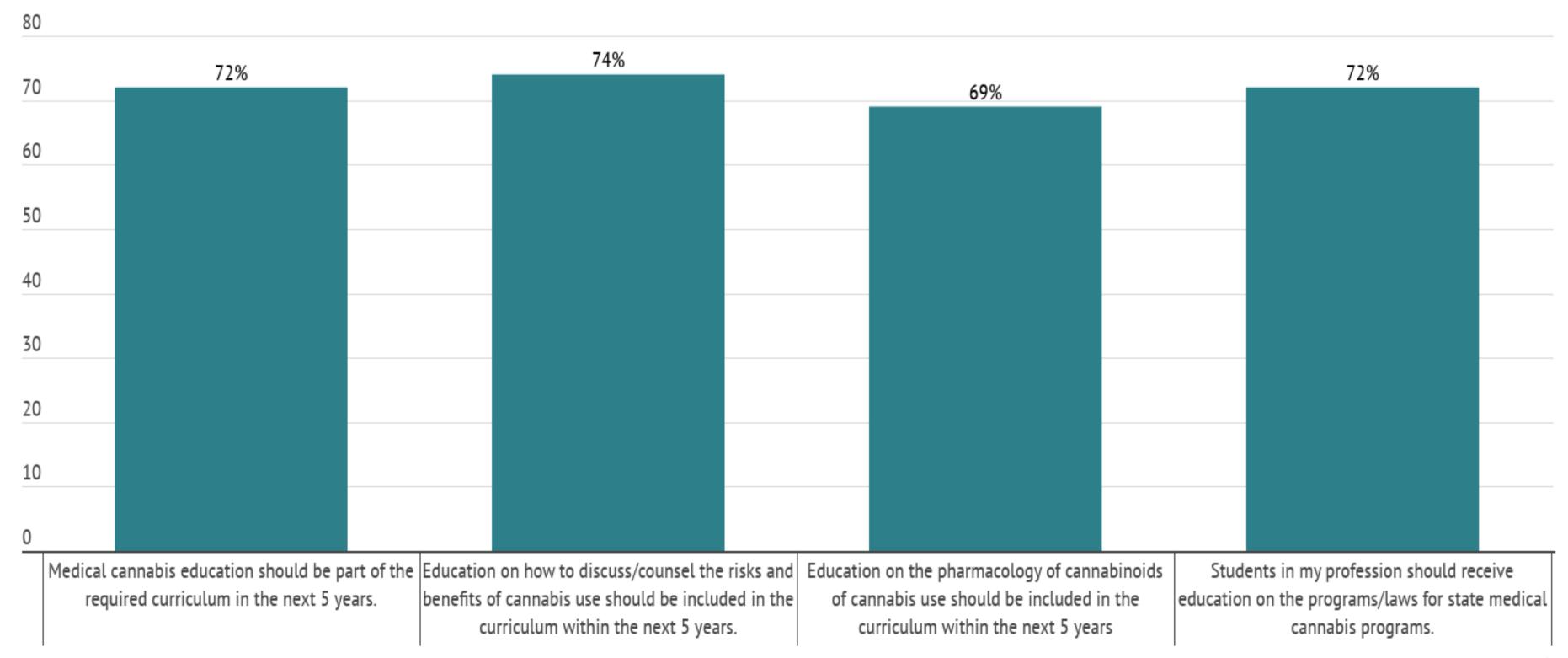
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# **NEXT STEPS**

- 1. Data collection continues until Aug 1, 2022
- 2. Continued Outreach & Partnership with Eagle Eyes
  Transport & Study Co-Investigators
- 3. Prepare final report and publication to publish Oct, 2022







# STAY IN TOUCH

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