



The State Bar of California

Discussion on Findings from First-Year Law Students Exam and California Bar Exam Surveys

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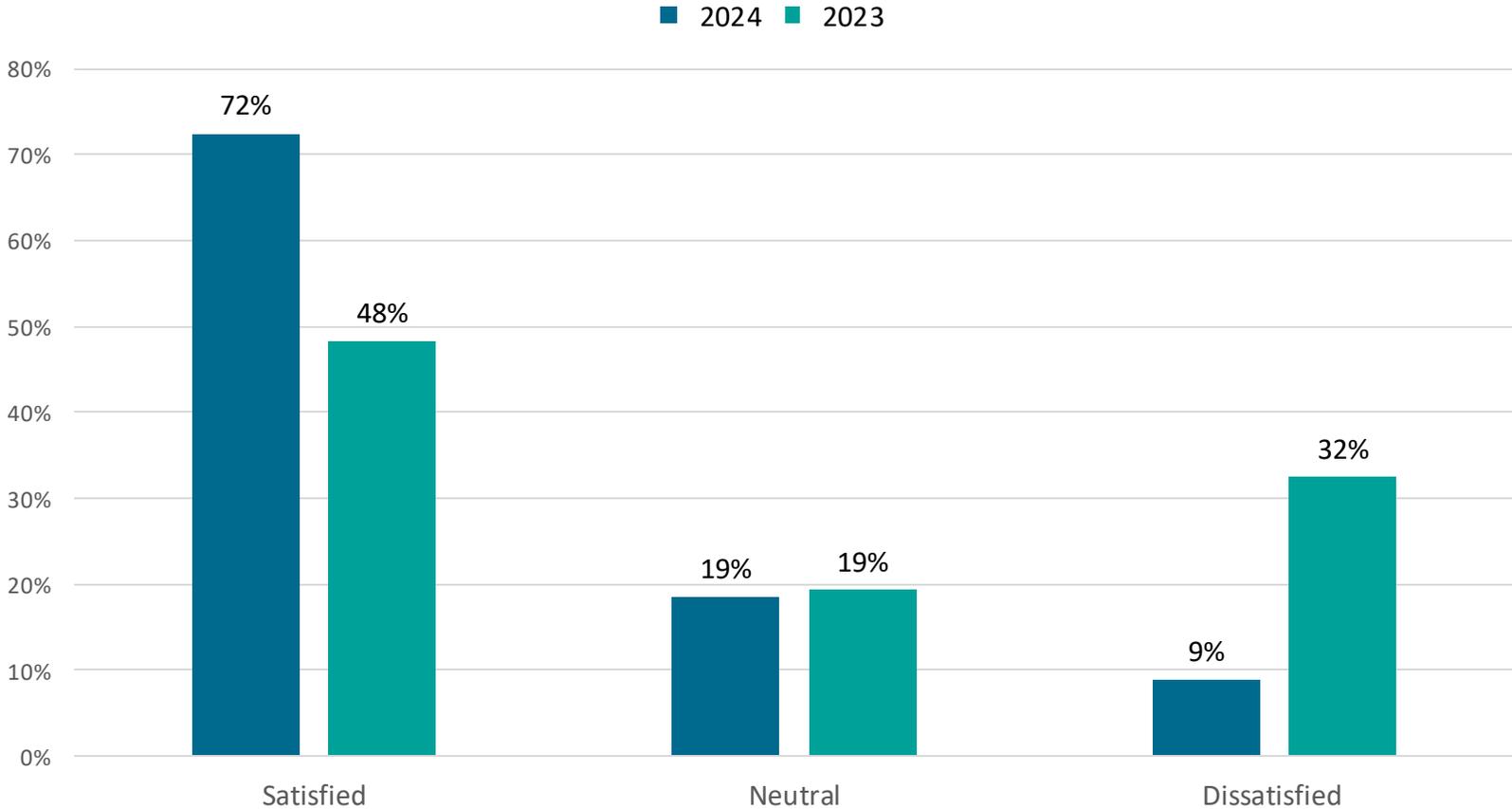
June 2024 First-Year Law Students' Exam Survey



- **Survey addresses recent exam format changes:**
 - Second FYLSX primarily administered in person at vendor owned test centers.
 - First to consist of multiple-choice questions only.
- **Respondent population:**
 - 158 unique responses.
 - 42% are first generation college students, 73% are first generation law students.
 - 29% reported that English was not their first language.
 - Two-thirds work full-time.
 - One-third are caregivers.

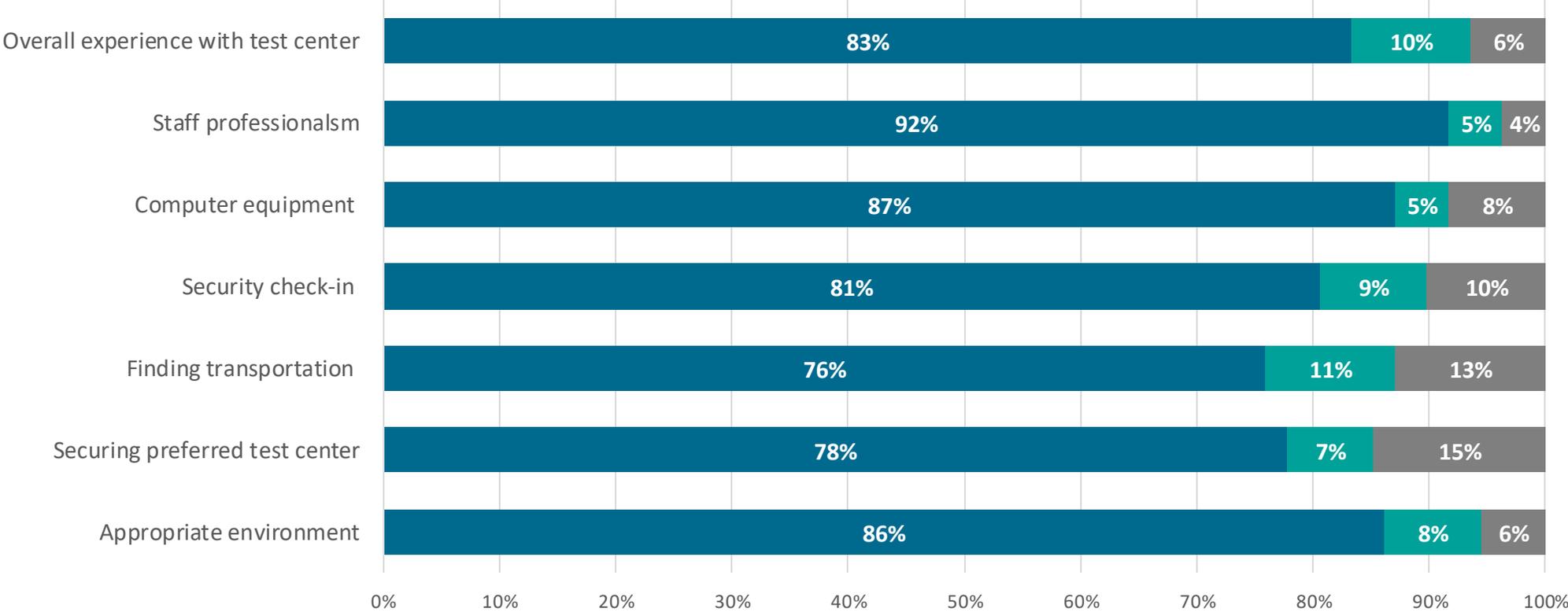


Overall June First-Year Law Students' Exam Experience

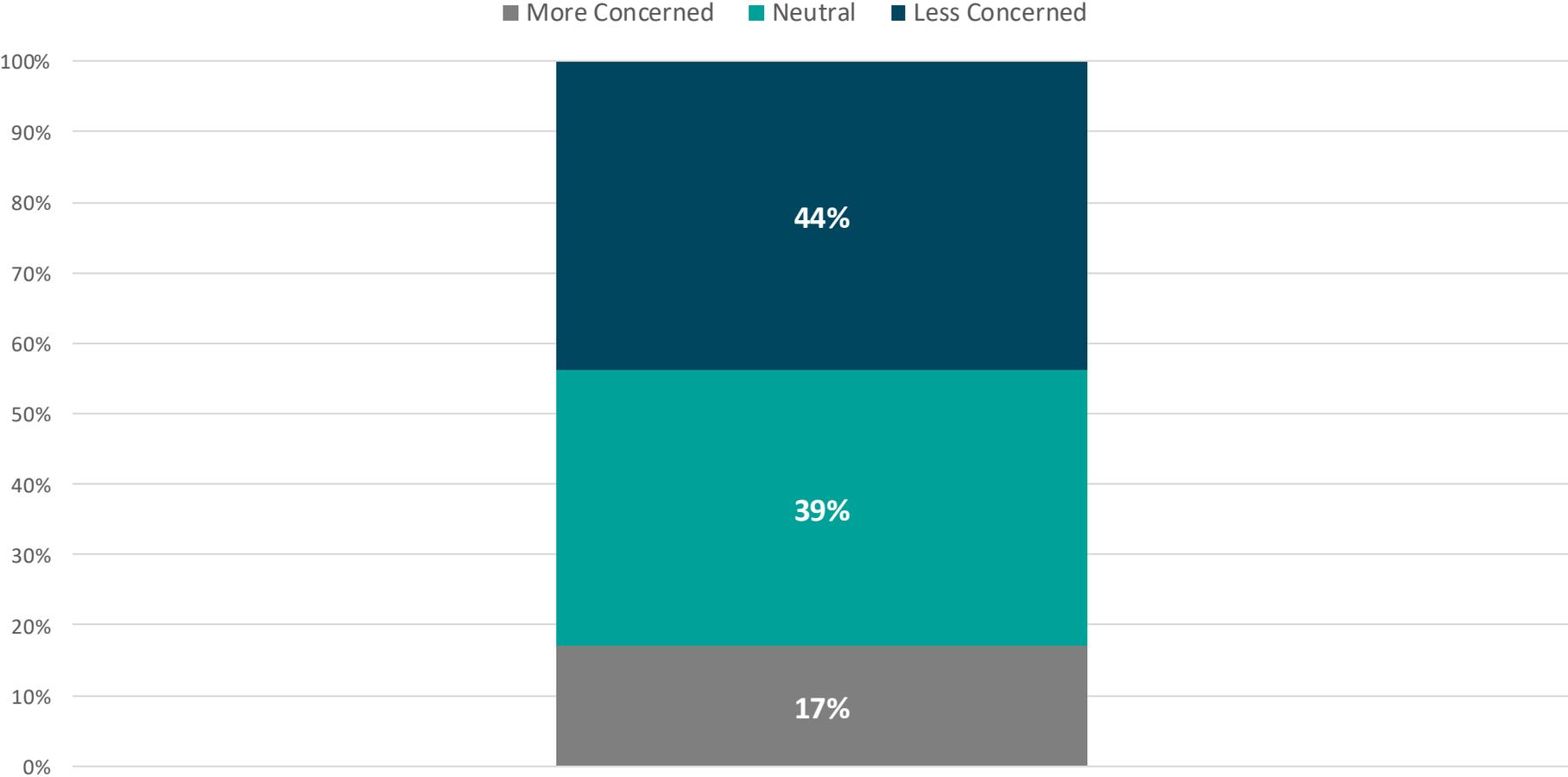


In Person Test Center Experience

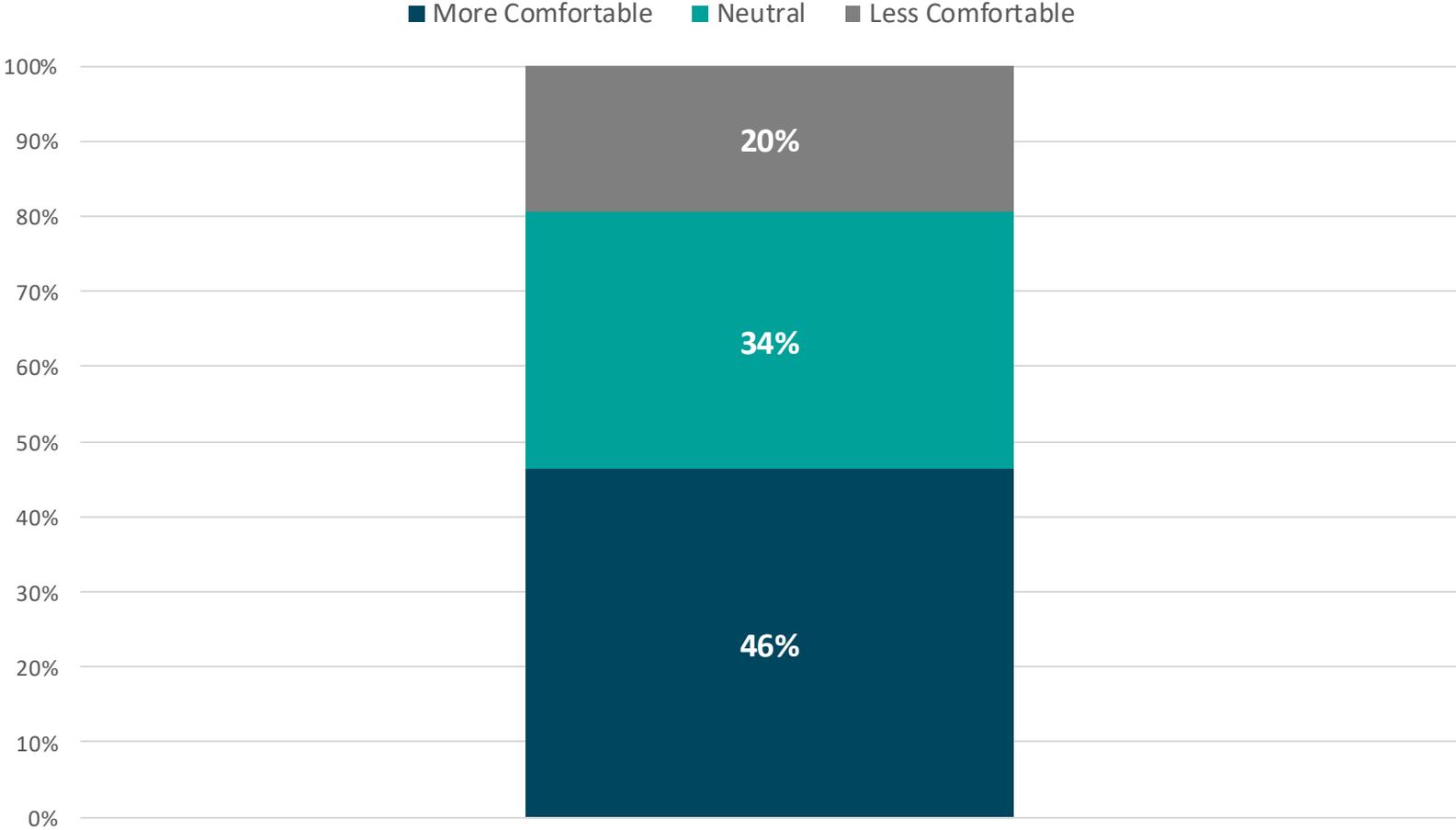
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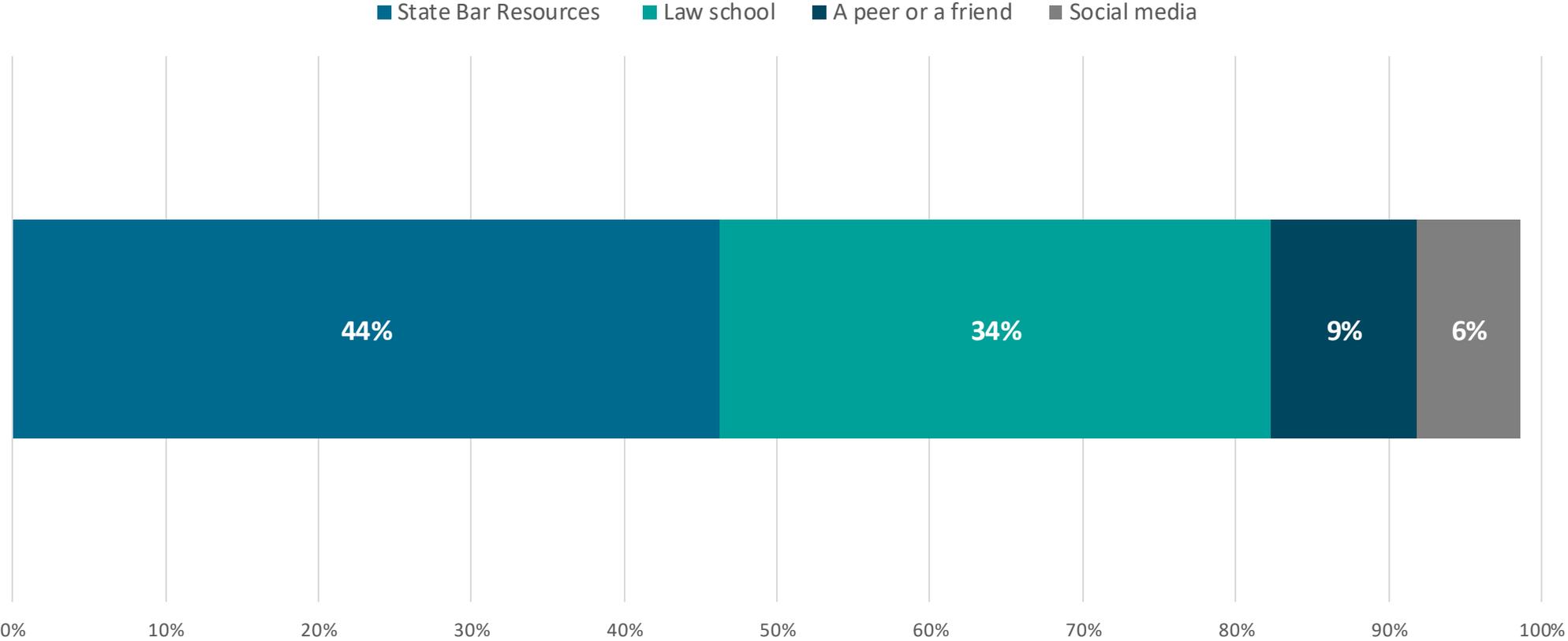
Impact of Live Proctor on Concern Over Remote Exam Technology Issues



Impact of Live Proctor on Comfort in Asking Remote Exam-Day Process Questions

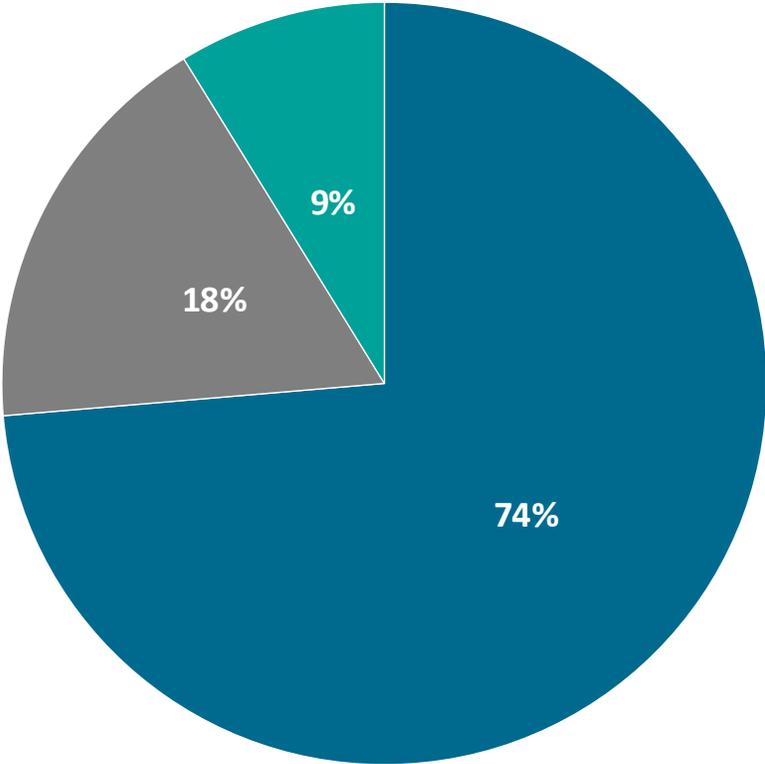


Initial Discovery of Multiple-Choice Questions Only Exam

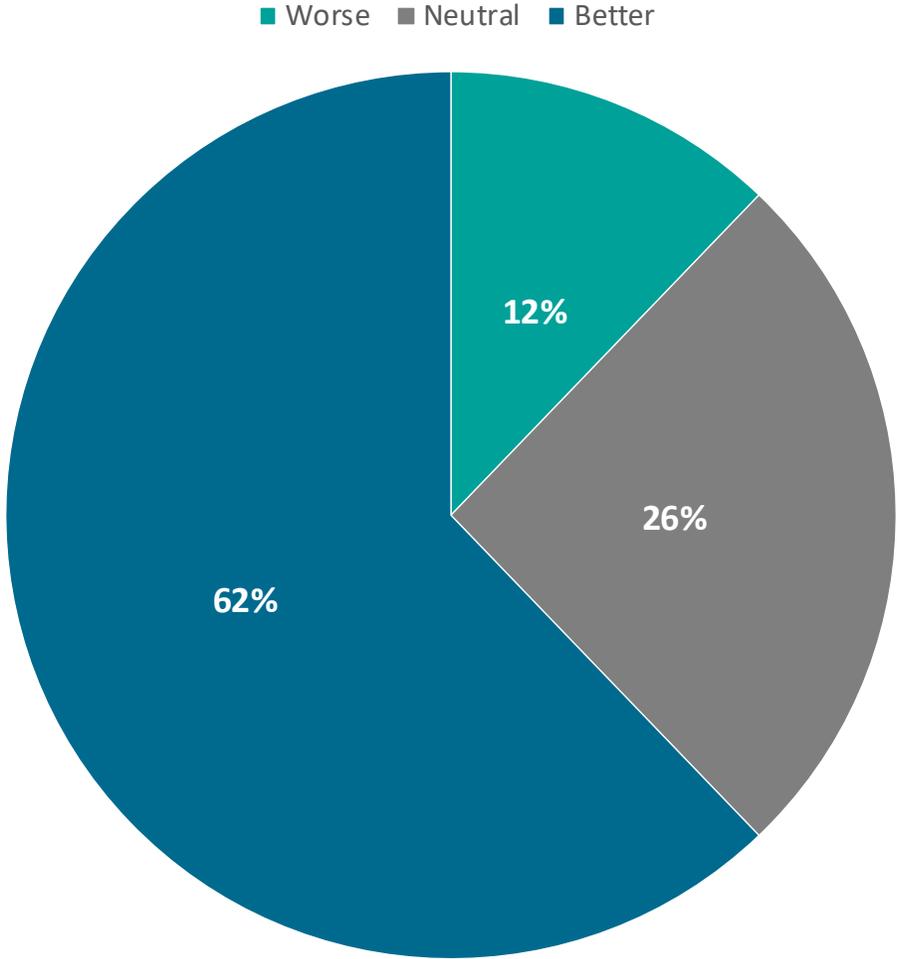


Impact of June 2024 Exam Format Change on Exam Preparedness

■ More Prepared ■ Neutral ■ Less Prepared



Impact of June 2024 Exam Format Change on Exam Performance



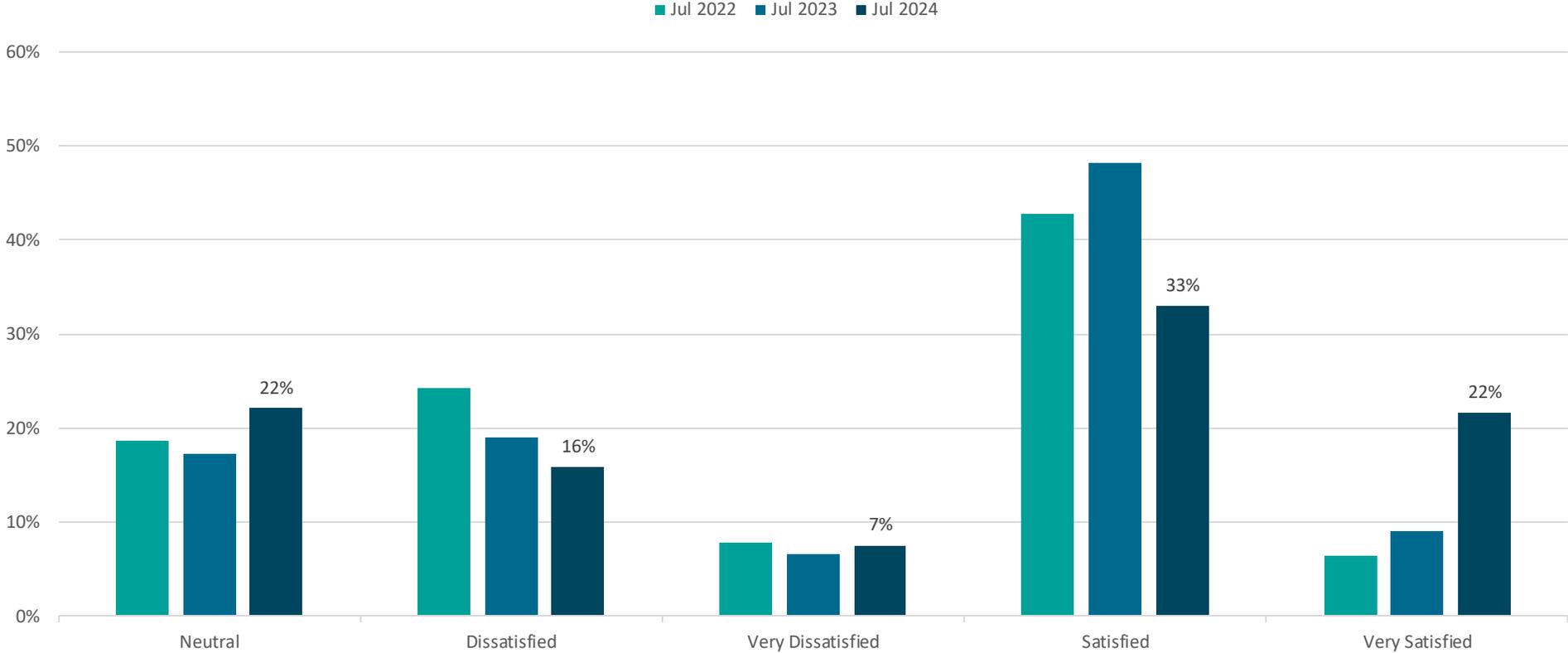
July 2024 California Bar Examination Survey



- **Last survey representing traditional exam administration model.**
- **Respondent population:**
 - 2,266 unique responses.
 - 27% are first generation college students, 82% are first generation law students.
 - 38% reported that English was not their first language.



Overall Exam Experience by Exam Administration



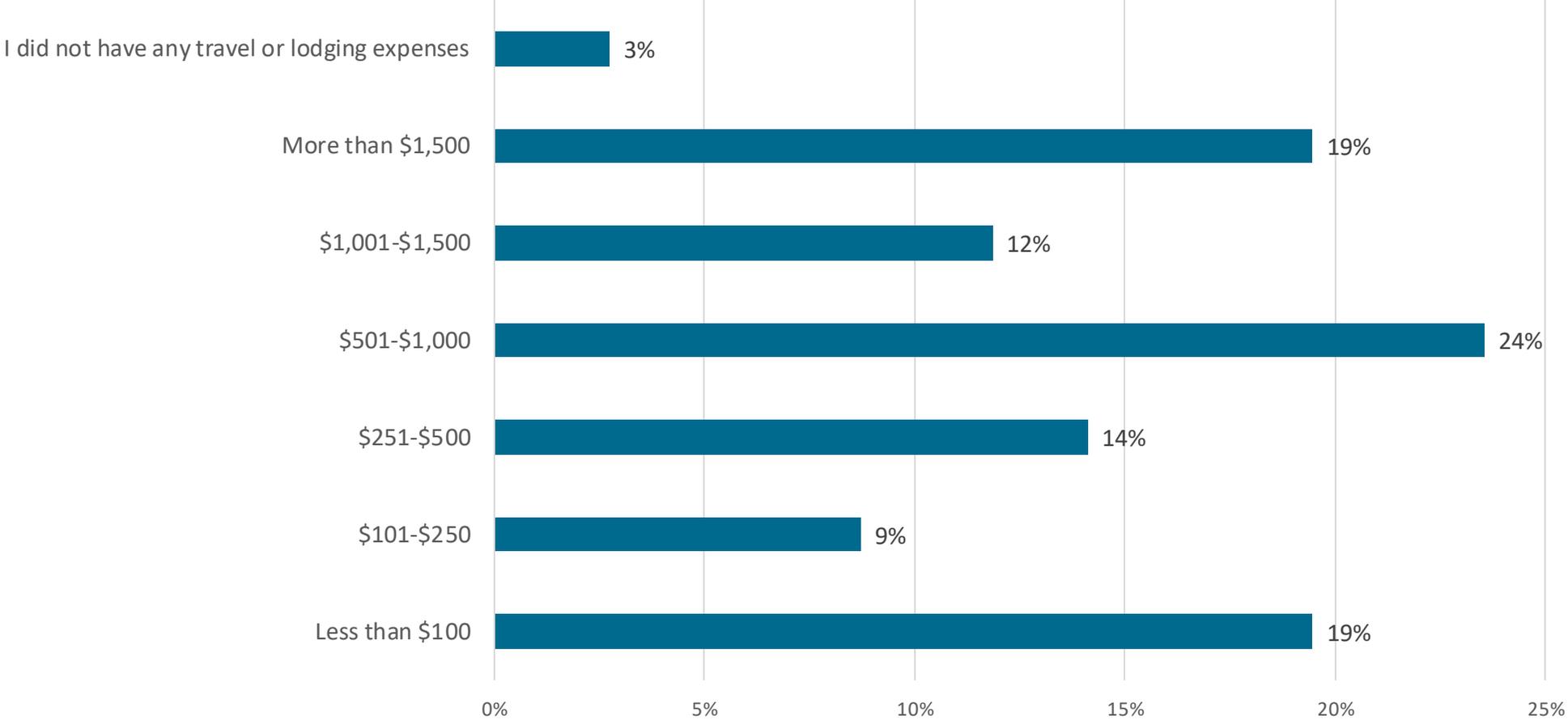
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Commonly Reported Distractions

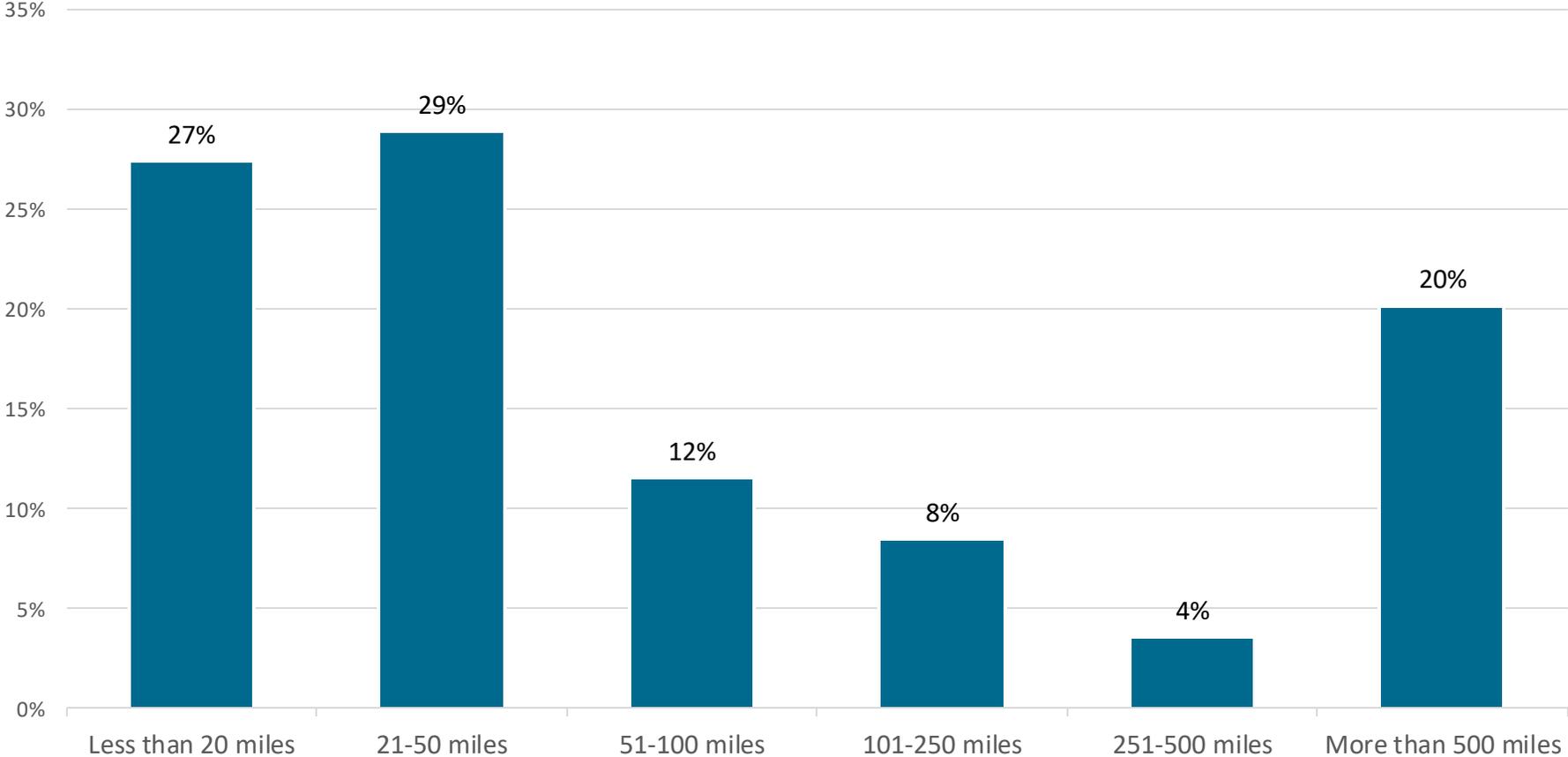
- Temperature Issues
- Noise Distractions
- Lighting Problems
- Proctor Interference



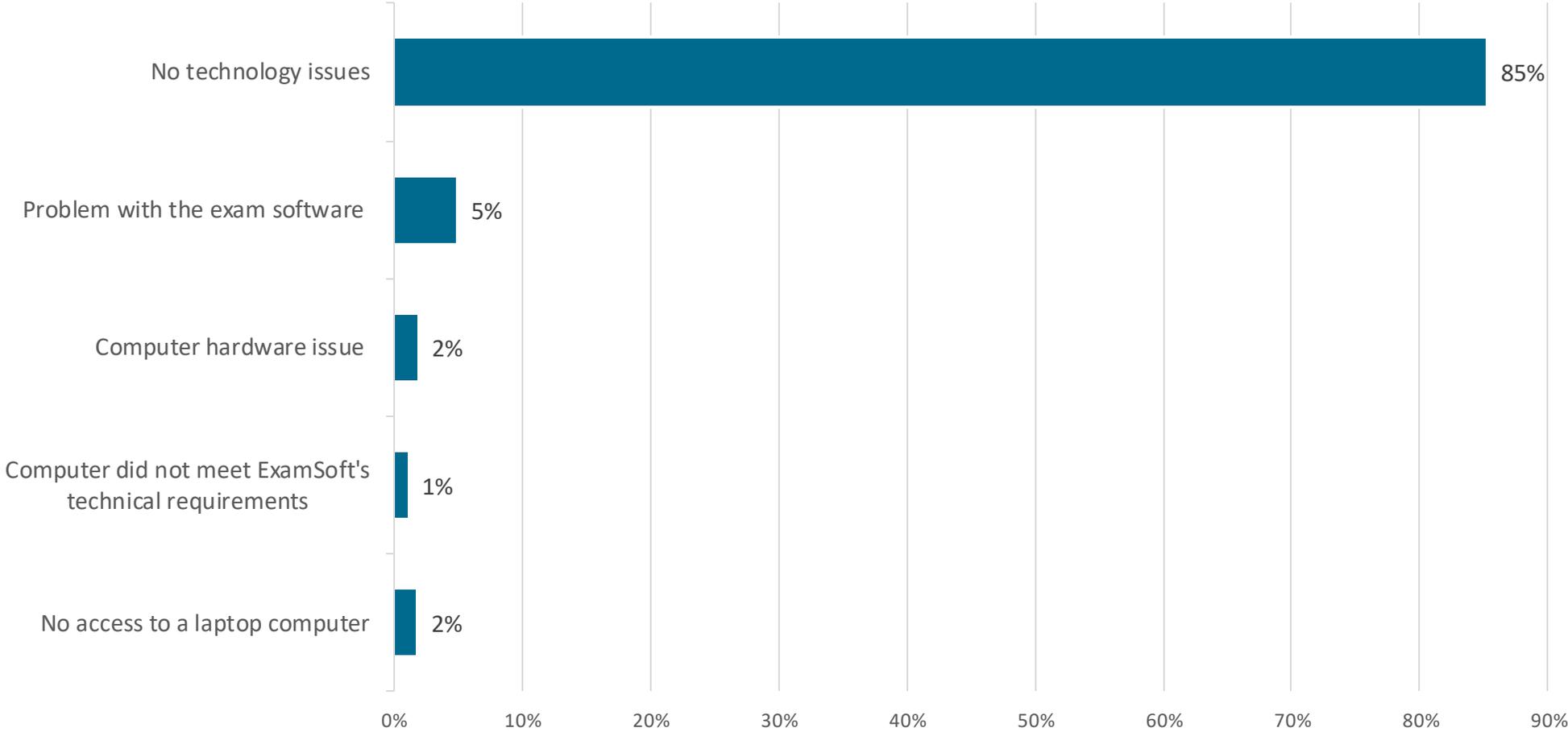
Exam Related Travel and Lodging Expenses



Distance Traveled to Test Center



Technology Issues During the Exam



Response to Future Remote Exams

- **Majority of applicants would prefer to test 100% remotely on a future bar exam.**
- **Top concerns related to remote exam:**
 - Organizing notes and resources in a digital environment.
 - Finding a distraction free environment.
 - Familiarity with the remote exam platform or process.
 - Stable internet.



Takeaways



Increased overall satisfaction compared to previous exams.



Committee's recent policy decisions were positively received.



Live remote proctoring makes some applicants more comfortable with the process.



Traditional in person exams are costly for applicants.



Technology issues impact only a small number of applicants.



Questions

50%