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Outside the Sandbox *Redux*: Changes to Improve the Child Care Subsidy Program

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Presentation Overview

- Child Care Subsidy Program Overview
- Review of Subsidy Regulations
- Survey Results



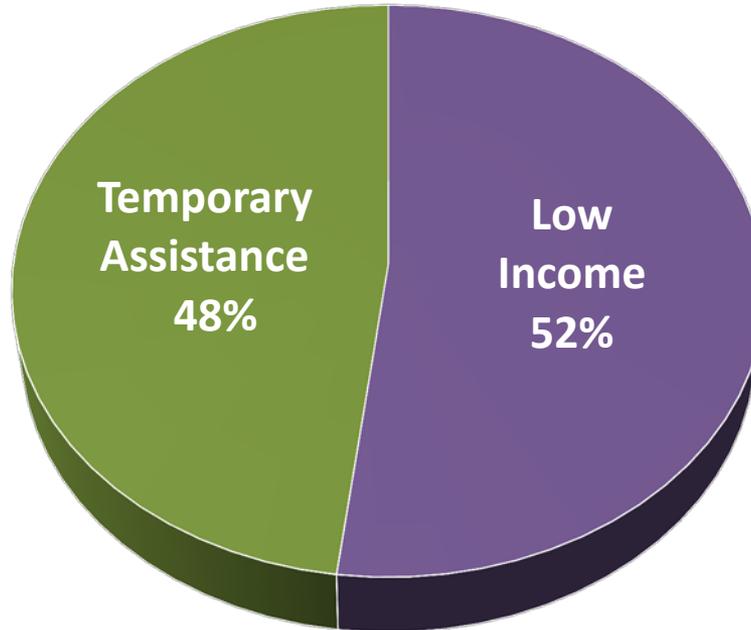
Child Care Subsidy Program Overview

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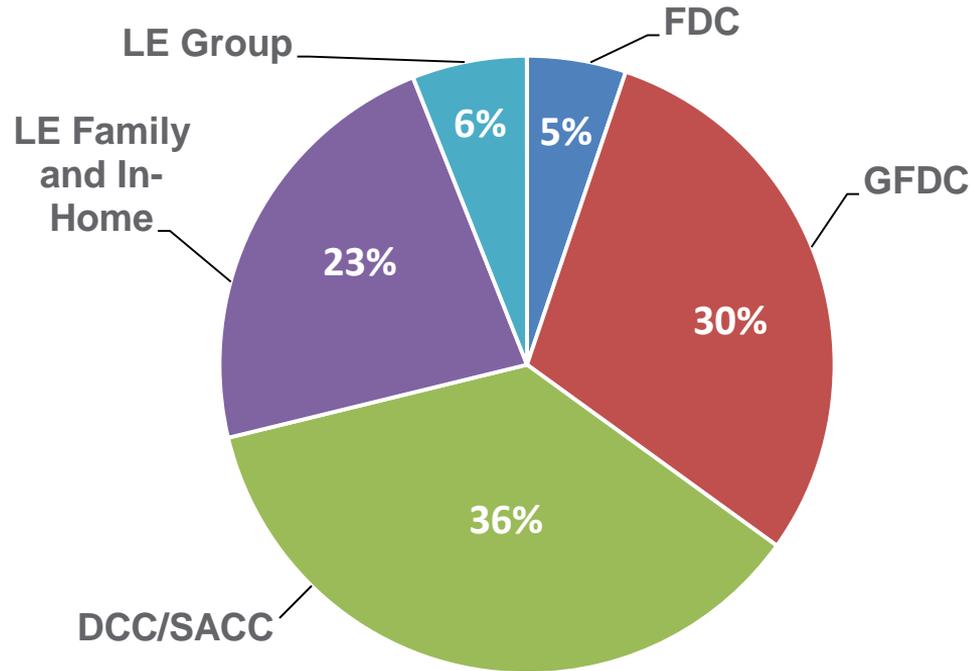
- Districts were allocated **\$799** million in Federal and State funds in SFY 2017-2018
- **192,000** children in **120,000** families served during FFY 2015-2016
- **41,000** providers cared for subsidized children during FFY 2015-2016
- Approximately **126,000** children in **75,000** families received child care subsidies each month

Subsidized Children Care in NYS: FFY2016

Family Status



Subsidized Children by Provider Type FFY2016



Type of Care	# Children
FDC	10,002
GFDC	57,066
DCC/SACC	69,579
LE Family & In-Home	43,680
LE Group	11,601
Total	191,928



Review of Subsidy Regulations

Past, Present and Future



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Child Care Subsidy Regulation Review

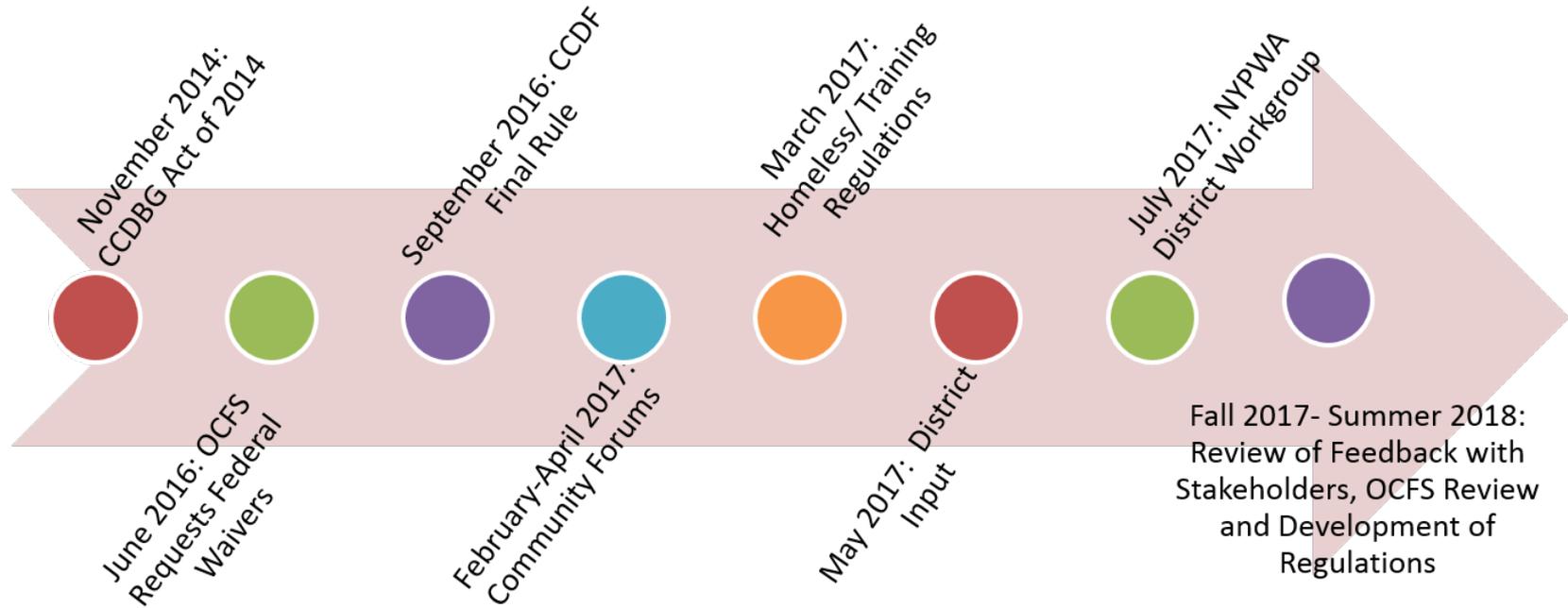


Child Care Subsidy Regulation Review

- Survey of Stakeholders June 2012
- District Workgroup July 2012
- Other Feedback/Assessment May 2013
- Federal Proposed Regulations May 2013
- CCDBG Act of 2014 November 2014



Subsidy Regulation Review Process



Reassessment of Subsidy Regulations

Community Forums	April 2017
District/Other Stakeholder Input	July 2017
OCFS Assessment of Feedback	October 2017
Stakeholder Review of Assessment	December 2017
State Review/Approval	February 2018
Publish Proposed Regulations	March 2018
Adoption of Regulations	May 2018

Where to Start:

CCDBG Statutory provisions:

States must develop policies and procedures regarding:

- 12-month period before eligibility redetermination
- Redetermination process cannot unduly disrupt parents' employment
- 3-month job search period for parents who lose their jobs
- Graduated phase-out of assistance for families whose income has increased, but remains below the federal threshold (85% of the State Median Income)
- Payment practices



Other Regulatory Areas to Reassess

- Set Minimum Hours for Employment & Education
- Legally-exempt Provider Health & Safety Standards
- Program Integrity
- Family Share
- Other



Child Care Subsidy Program Survey 2017



Survey on child care subsidy program

- Conducted on-line June 2017
- Invited LDSSs, CCRRs, and Enrollment Agencies to participate
- 20 questions
 - Eligibility
 - Payment
 - Legally-exempt provider standards

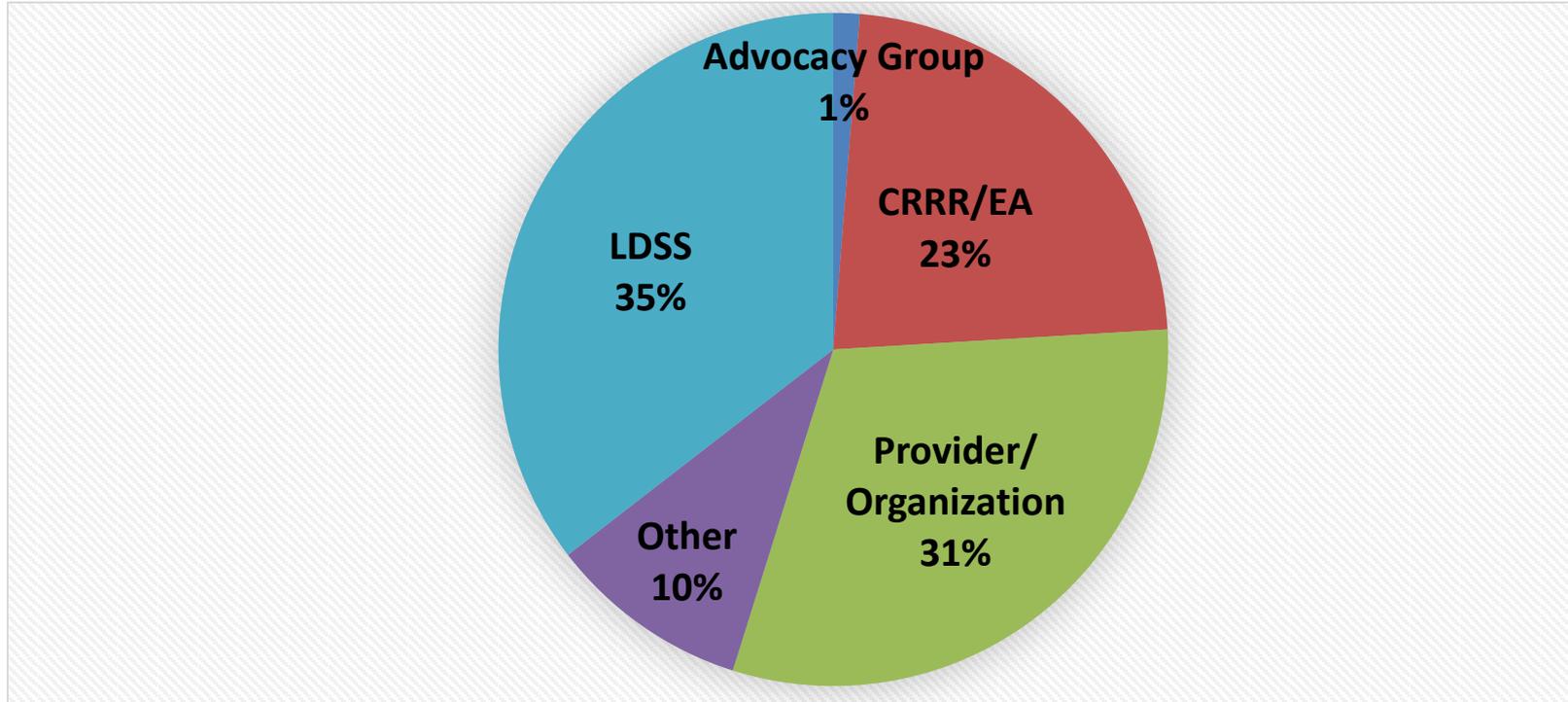


Who responded to the survey?

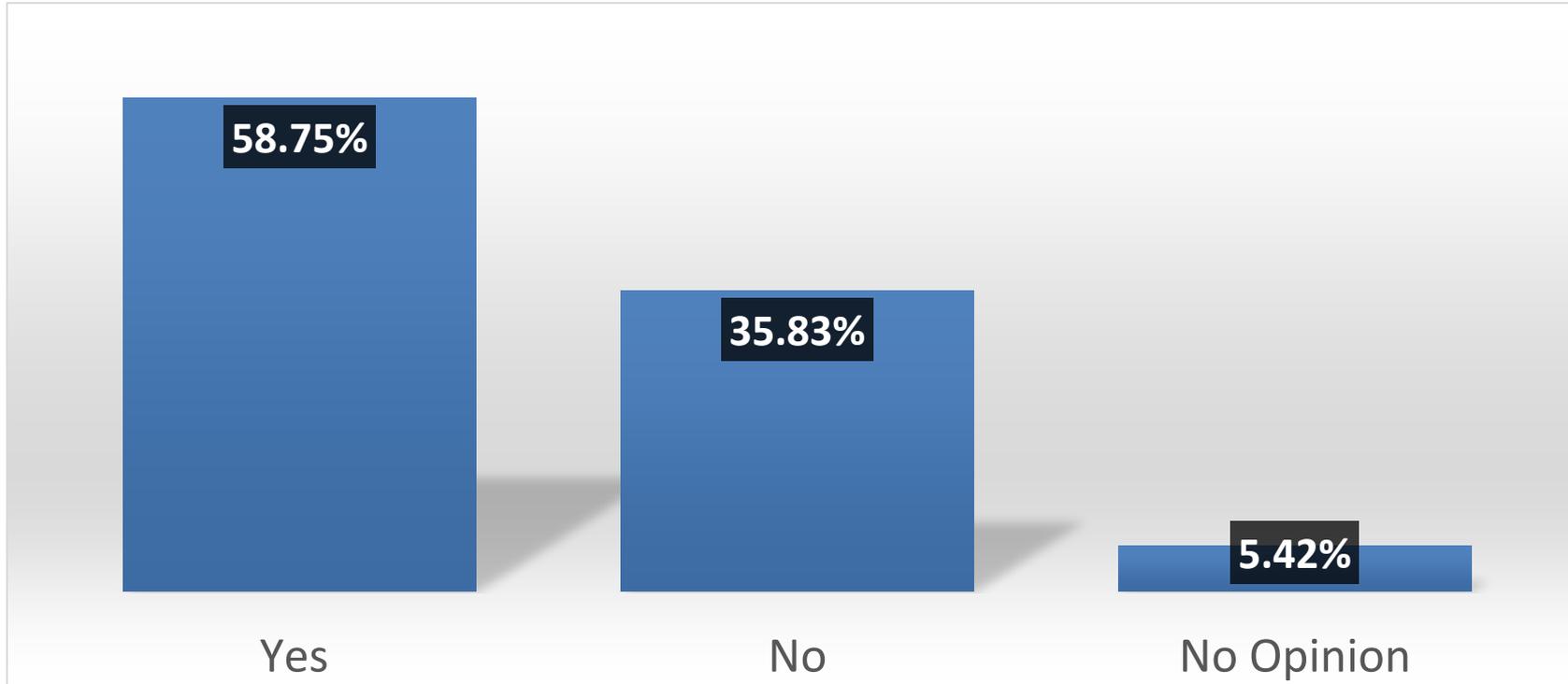
Organization Type	Number
Advocacy Group	3
Child Care Resource & Referral Agency (CRRR)	38
Child Care Provider	47
Child Care Provider Organization	29
Legally-Exempt Caregiver Enrollment Agency (EA)	16
Other	23
Parent	0
Social Services District	84
TOTAL	240



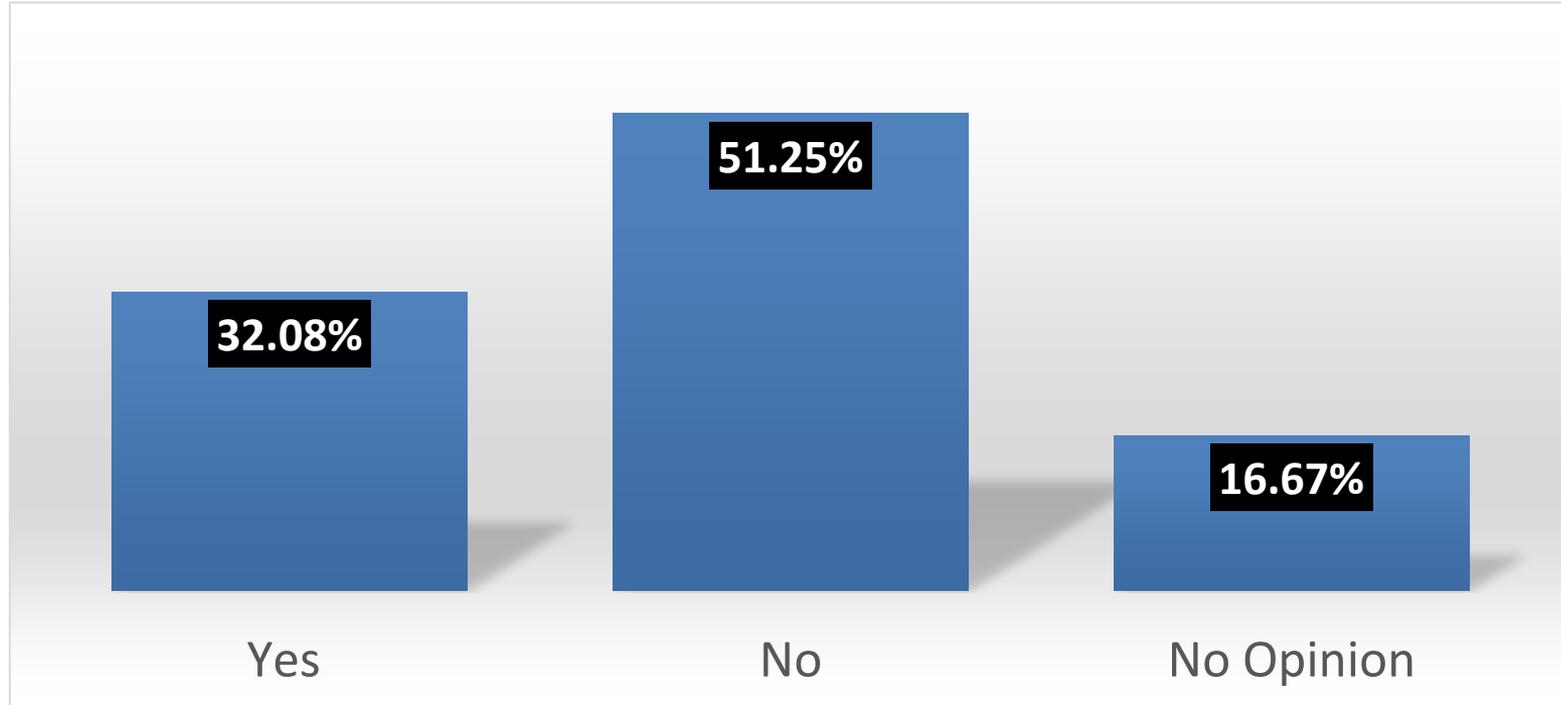
Responses by organization type



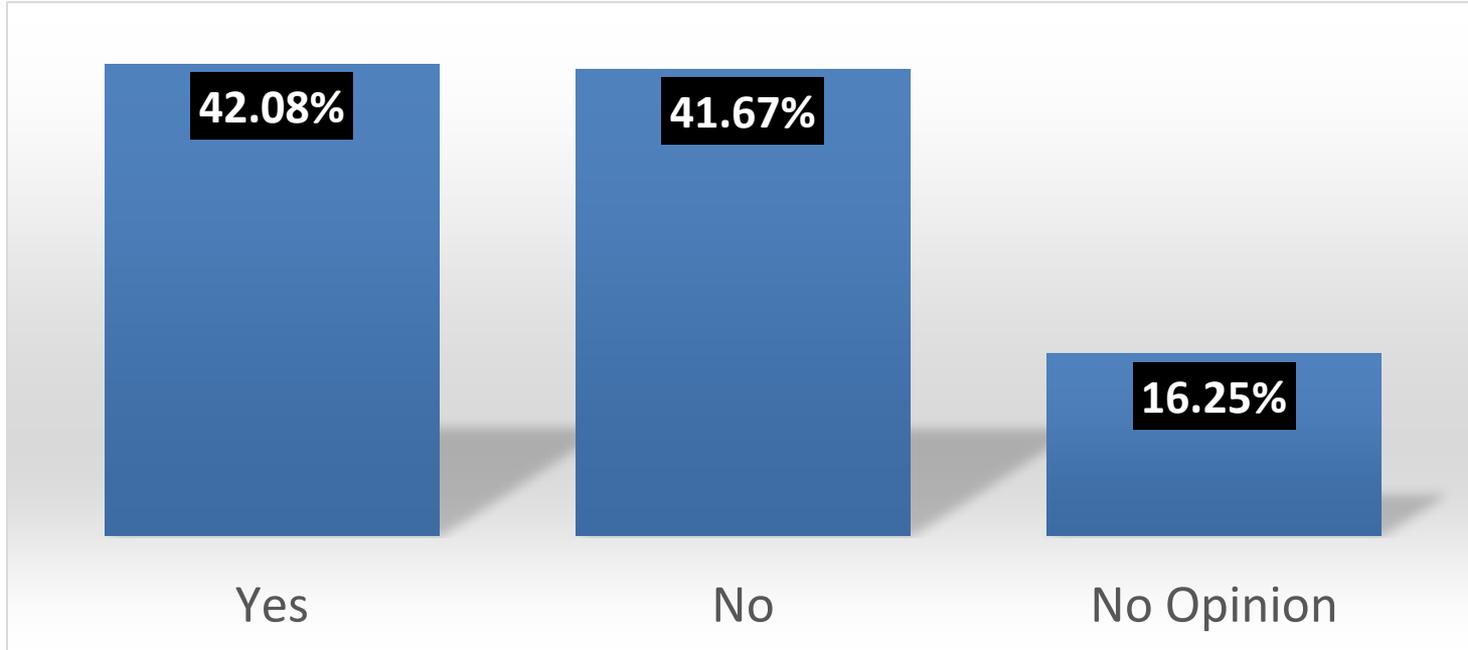
Require a minimum number of hours to be employed?



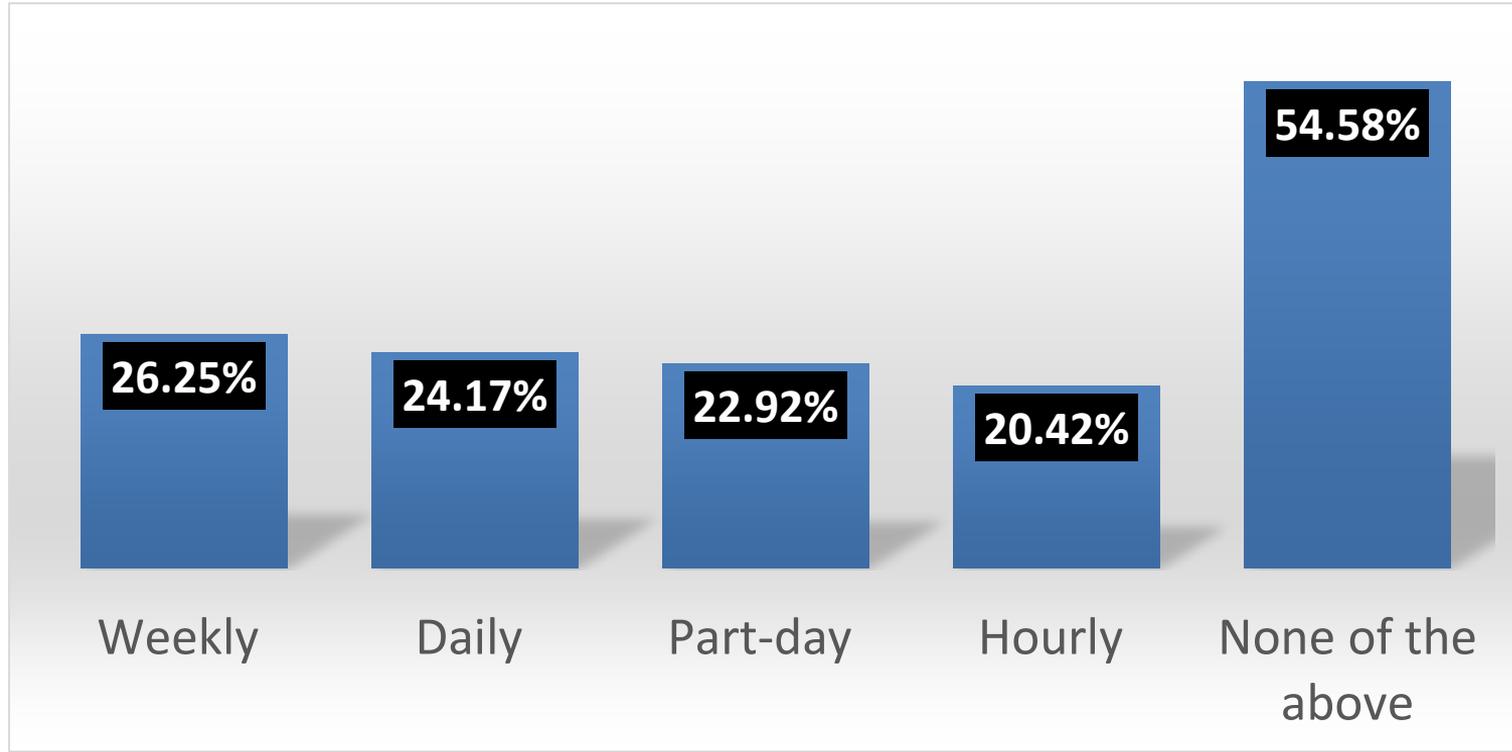
Change the \$1 minimum family share?



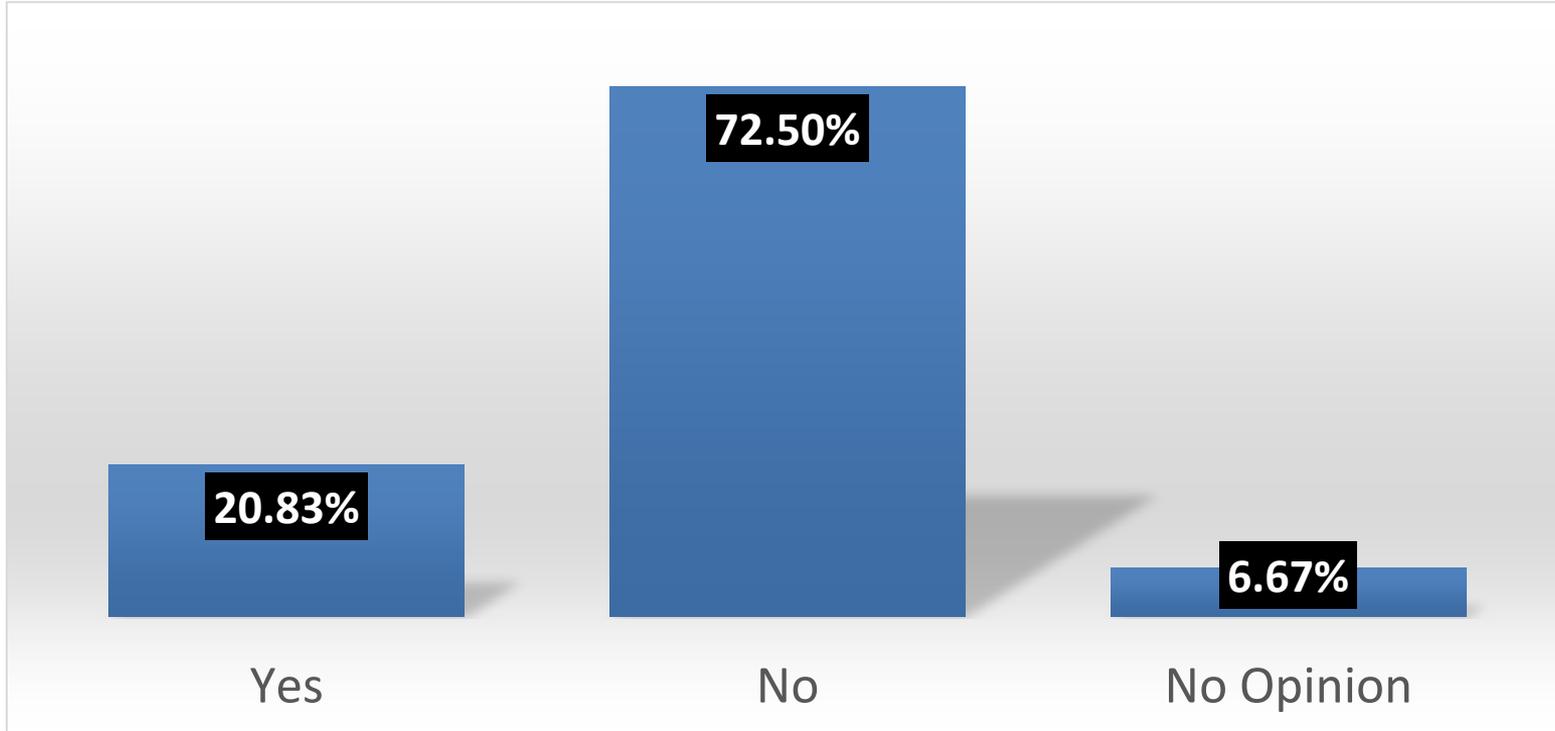
Waive the family share for an open protective case?



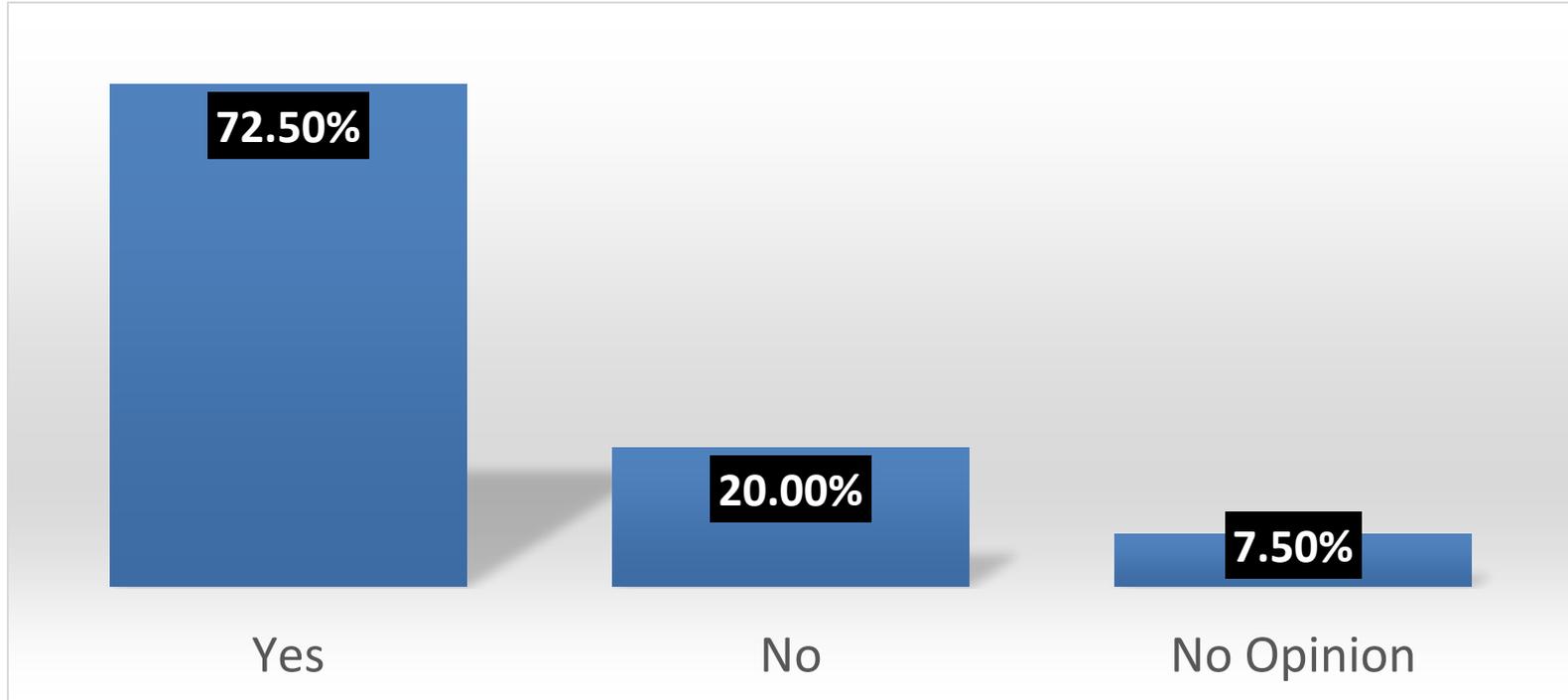
Change payment structure?



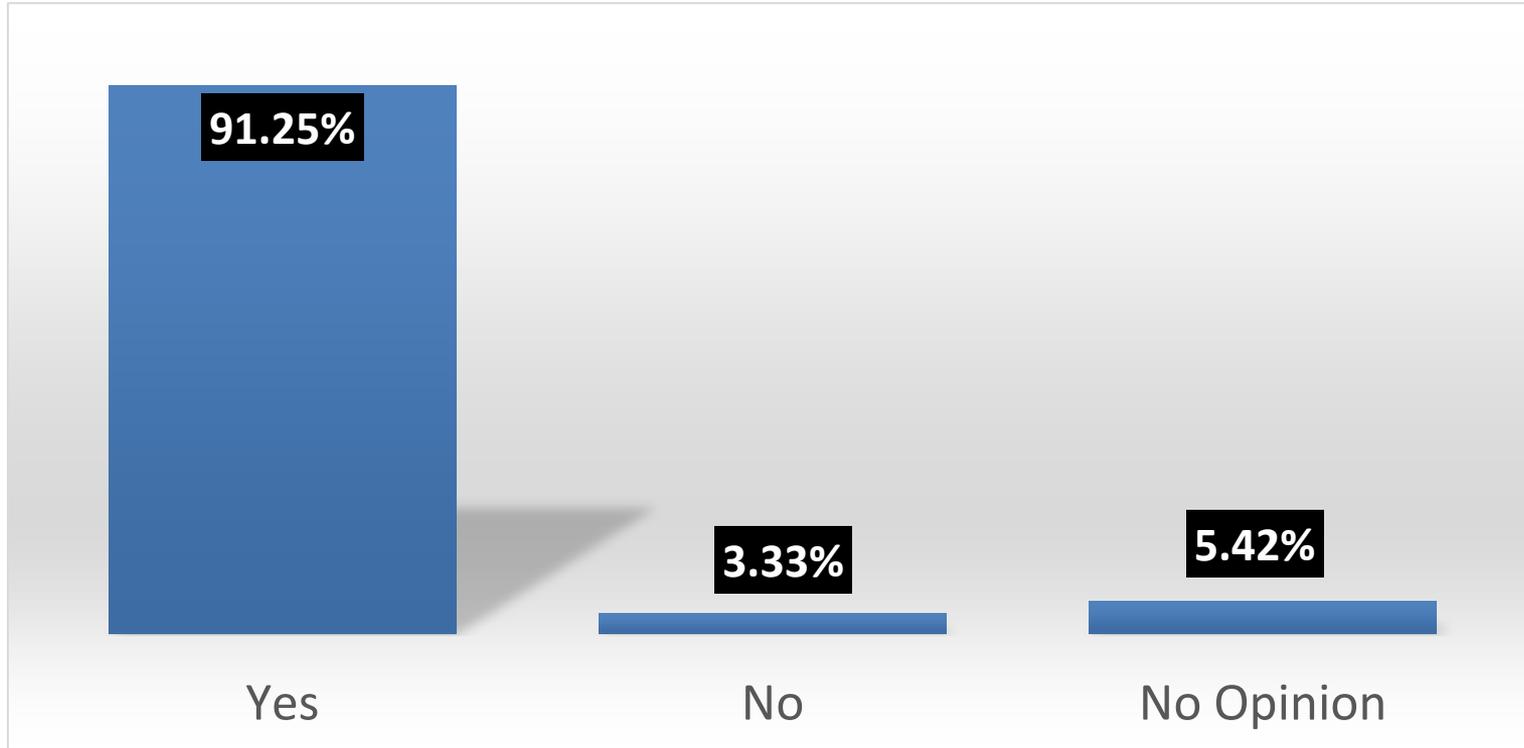
Pay for minor siblings to care for other siblings?



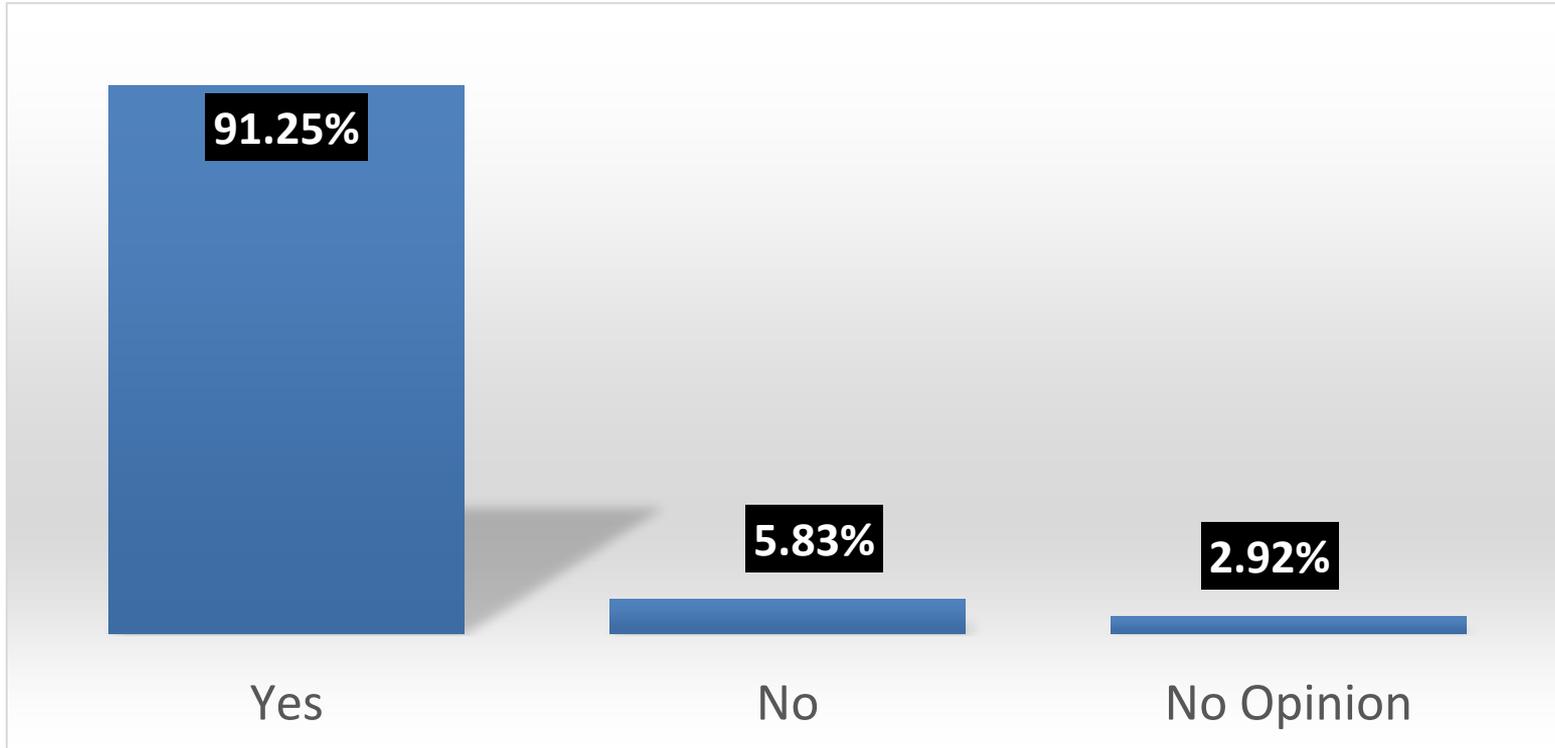
Set 18 years as minimum age for legally-exempt provider?



Require legally-exempt group to meet fire/building codes?



Require a SCR clearance for legally-exempt relative care?



General comments from responders

- **Funding is insufficient**
- **Reimbursement rates are too low**
- **Mandates are not matched with additional funding**
- **Subsidy process and required paperwork are difficult**
- **Uniform standards should be established on a statewide basis**

The Process

The work is about
shaping the
requirements to fit the
needs of NYS



Questions





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