



Drug Prevalence at UVU

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Literature Review

- No such study has been completed for Utah Valley University specifically
- The most used substance by college students is alcohol, which is used by about 90% of students at least once a year
- Nearly 12% of college students in nationwide surveys reported using one or more types of prescription drugs that were not prescribed to them in the past 12 months according to the DEA
- Surveys were the best way to gather information
- Shortfalls are no way to validate information, and low respondent rate

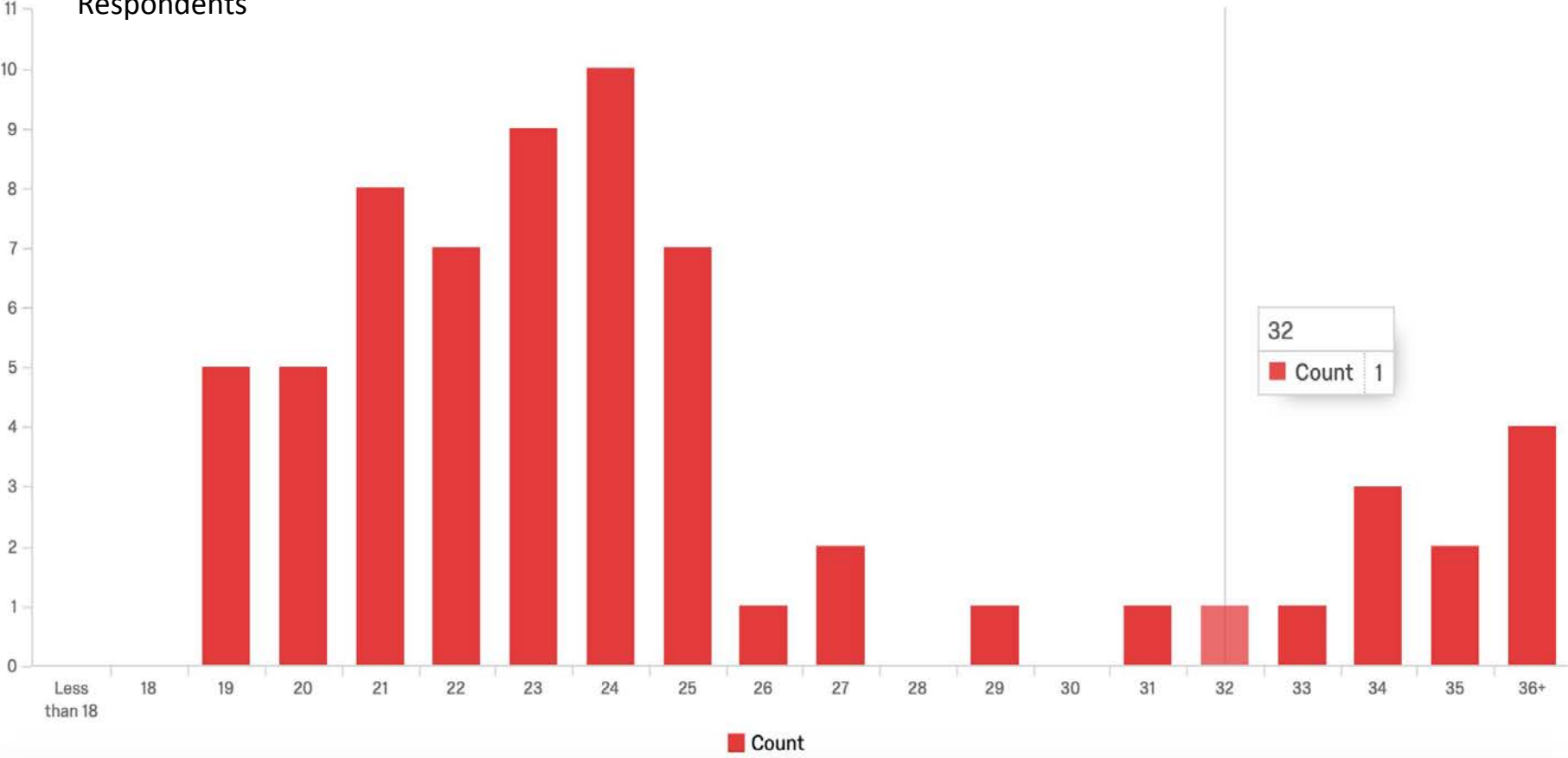
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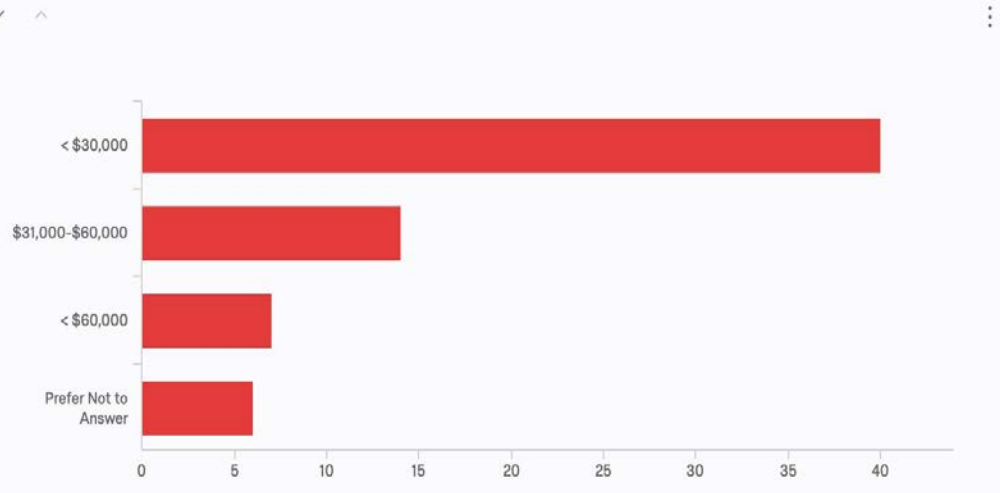
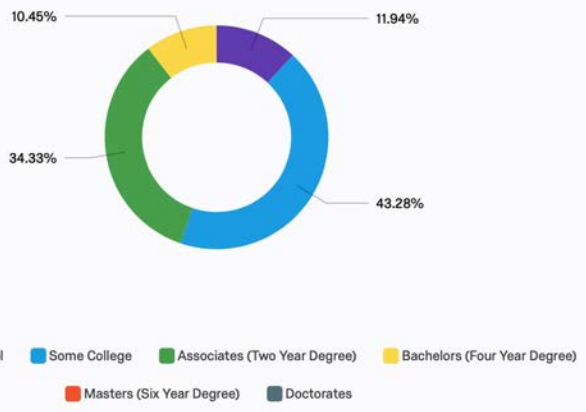
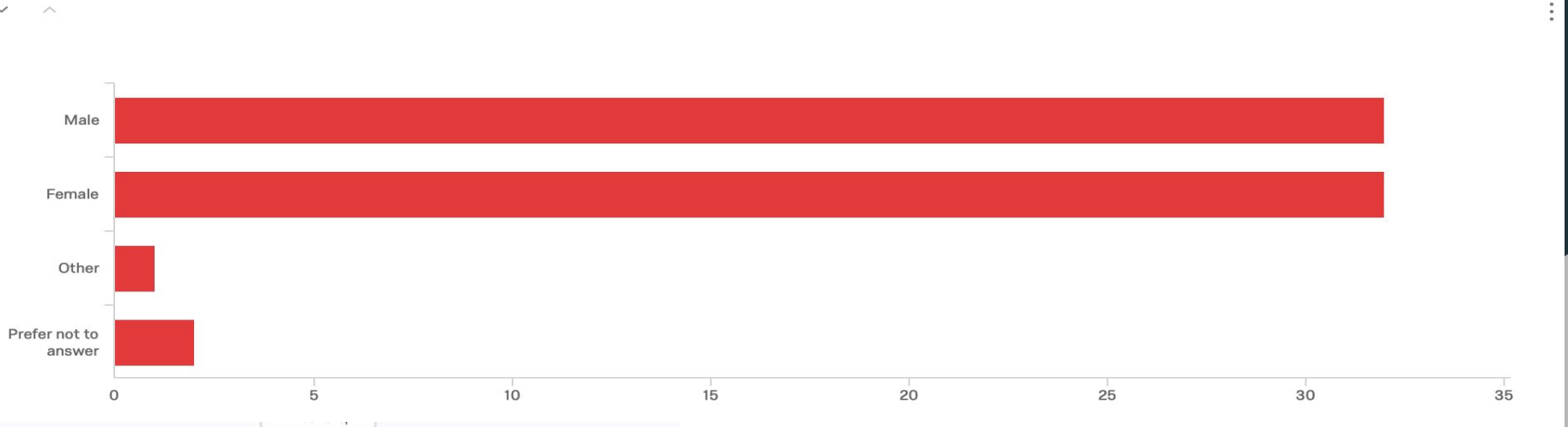
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Total Responses to Survey

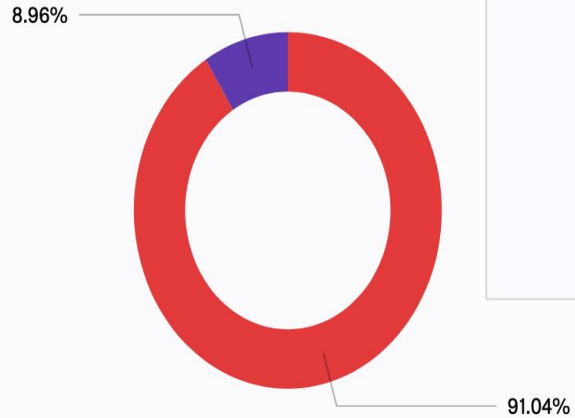
- In total we had 71 people complete the survey
- Out of the 71 people 70 people continued through the end of the survey

Ages of Respondents



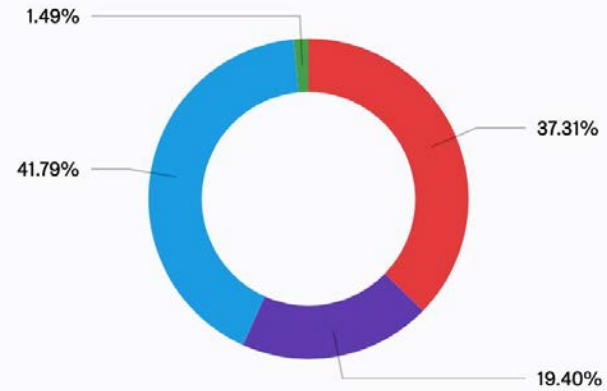


Employment Status



Employed Unemployed Have a job offer but not yet employed

Marital Status



Single Dating Married Divorced Widowed Prefer Not to Answer

Sections of the Survey

- We wanted to examine different aspects of drug use among college students who attend UVU
- The Survey had three main sections
 1. Illegal Drugs
 2. Prescription Drugs
 3. Alcohol

Illegal Drug Responses

13 out of 70 people reported using Illegal Drugs in their lifetime

Out of the 13 people 4 males and 6 females have admitted to using illegal drugs.

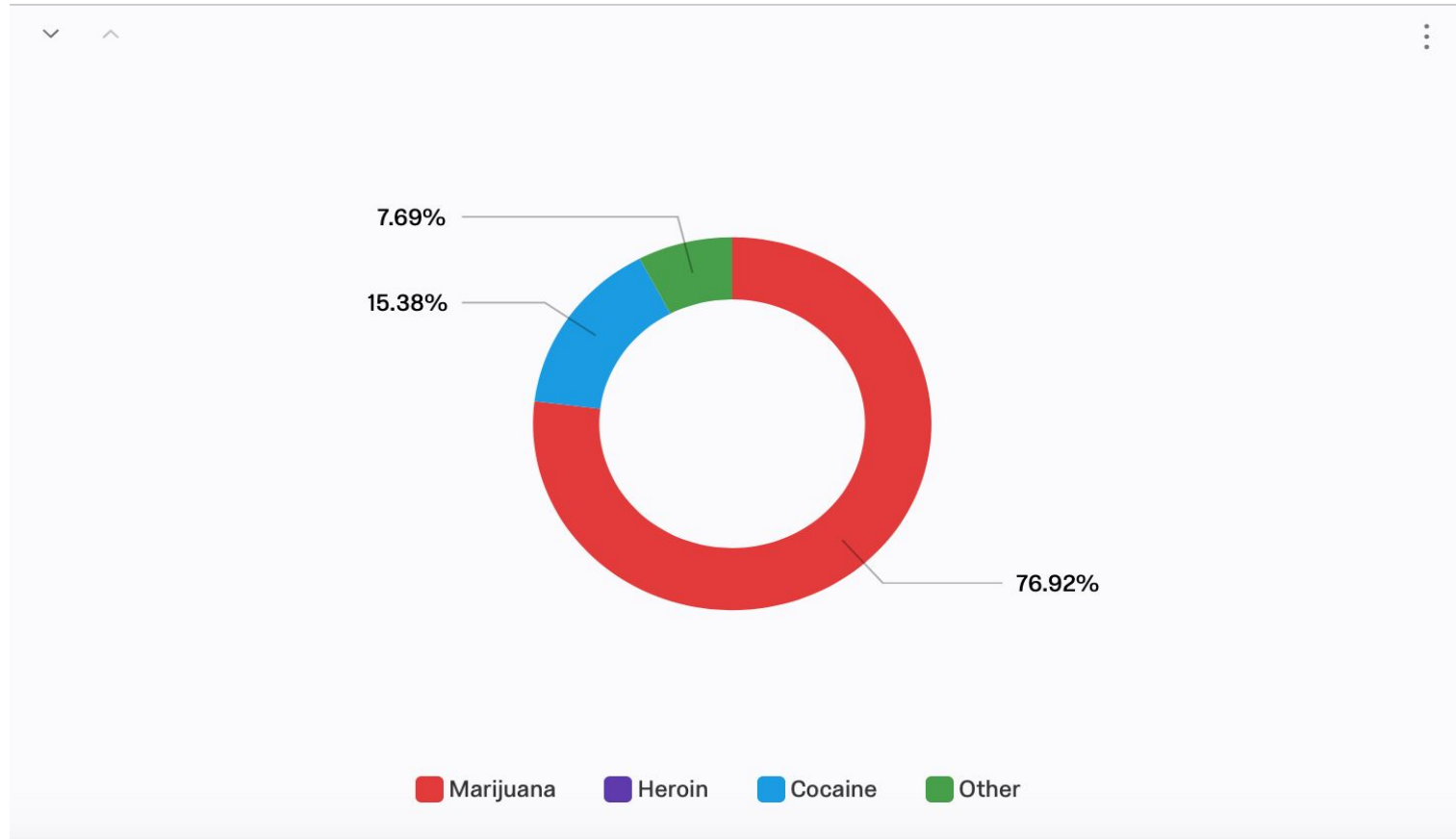
2 preferred not to answer the gender question

One participant put other, but is not counted due to incompleteness of the survey.

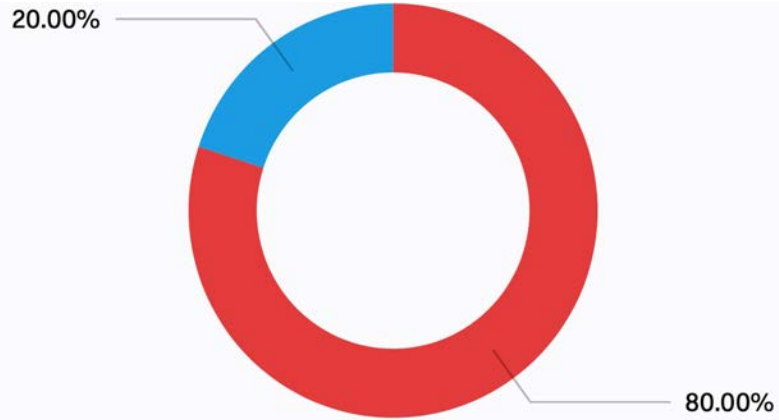
Types of Illegal Drugs Reported

- Out of the 13 people that responded, all 13 of them reported marijuana use
- 3 reported cocaine use (One Female, One Prefer Not To Answer, One Other)
- 1 reported ecstasy use
- The males that responded only reported marijuana use

Types of Illegal Drug Use from all 13 Respondents

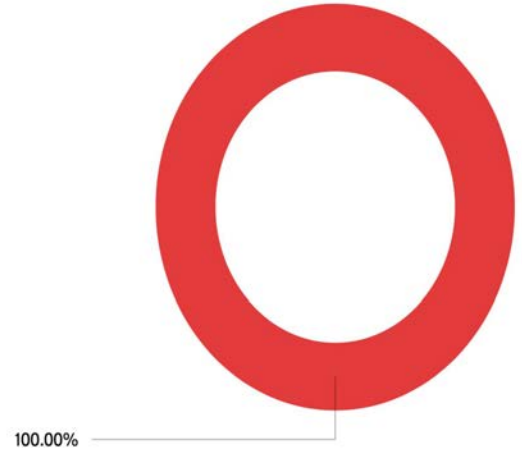


Illegal Drug Use and Gender



Marijuana Heroin Cocaine Other

Females



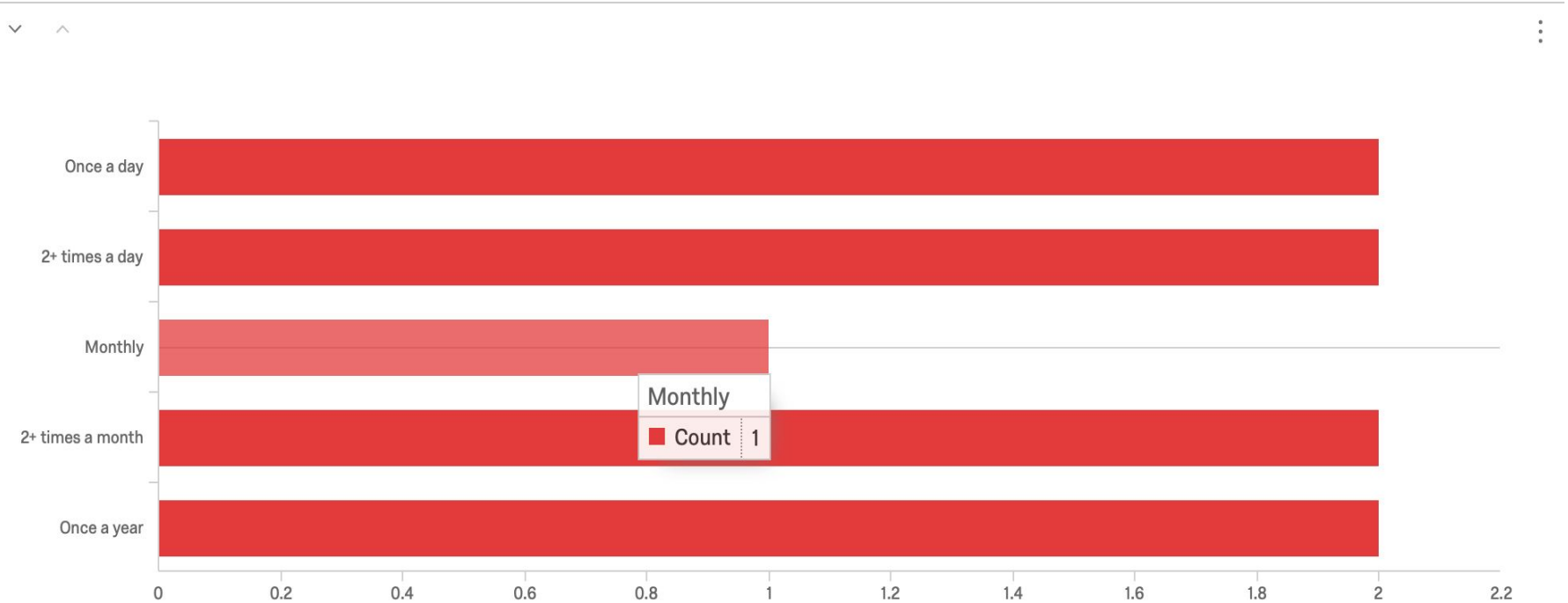
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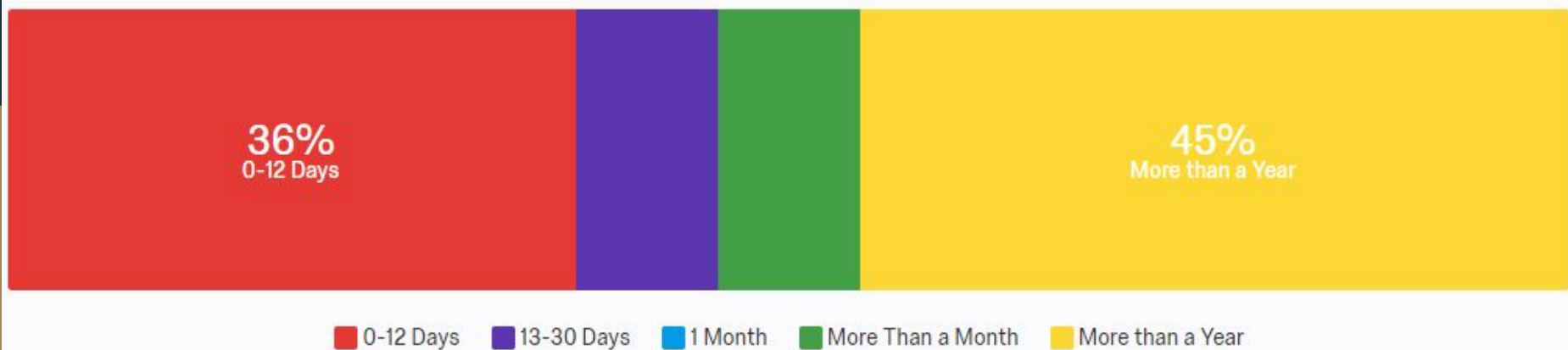
Drug Use Statistics

- 8 out of the 13 people who have ever used drugs reported currently using drugs

How often?



How long has it been since illegal drugs were used?



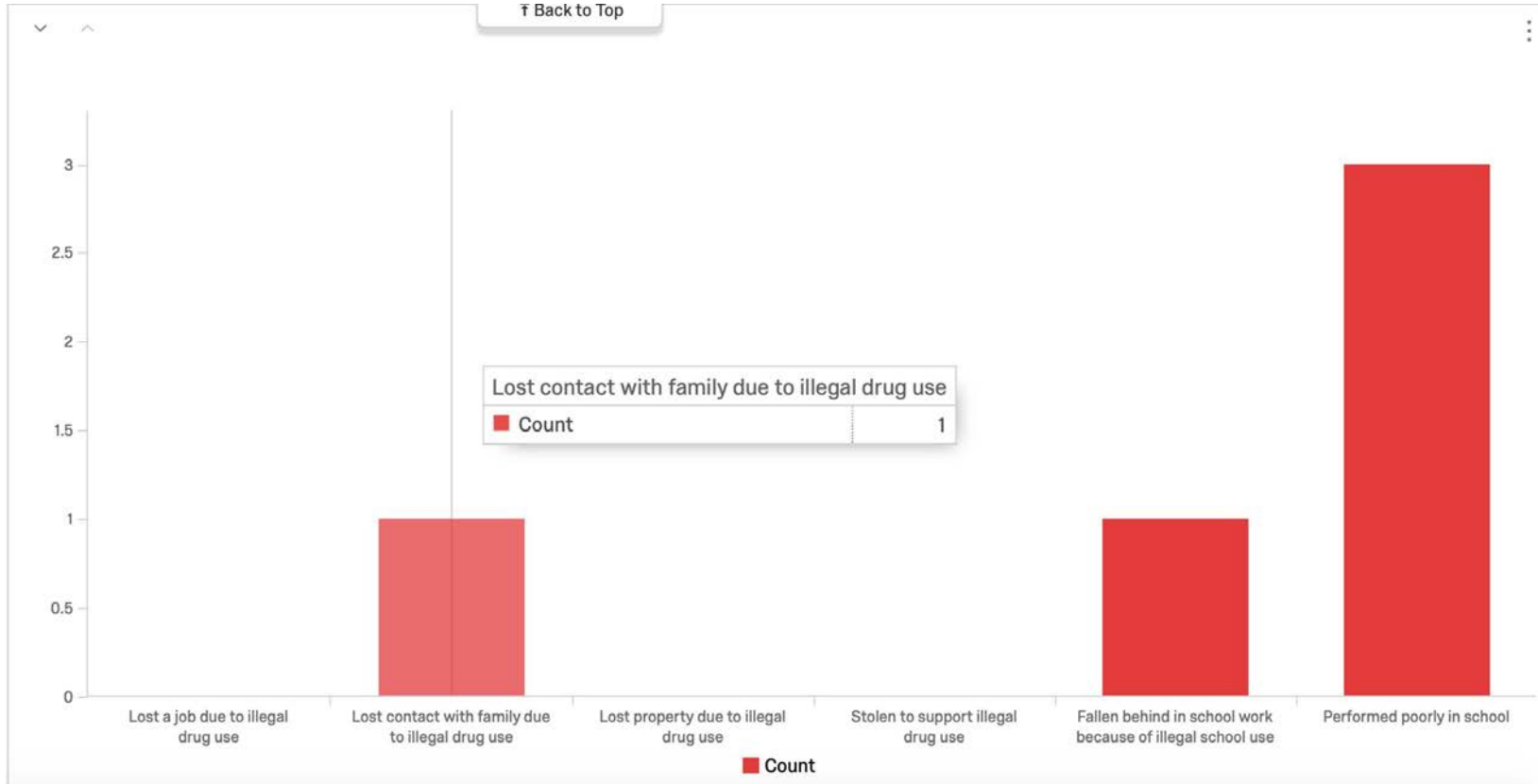
Drugs on UVU Campus

One person reported Marijuana use on campus, but they did not finish the survey

No people reported distributing drugs on campus

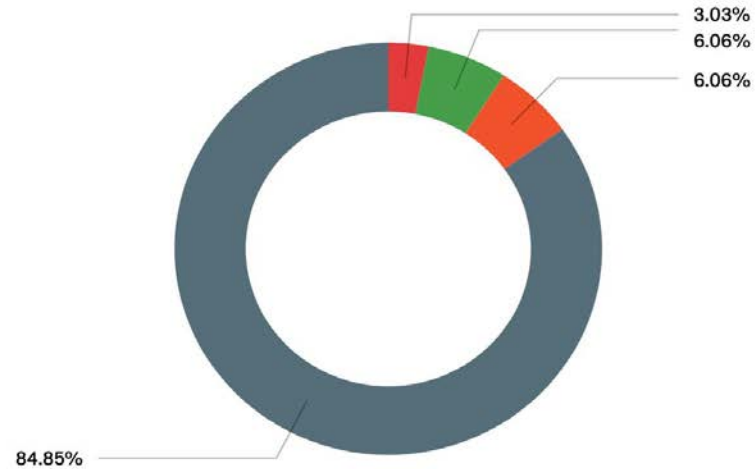
No people reported receiving drugs on campus

Drug effects on people's everyday lives



Prescription Drug Responses

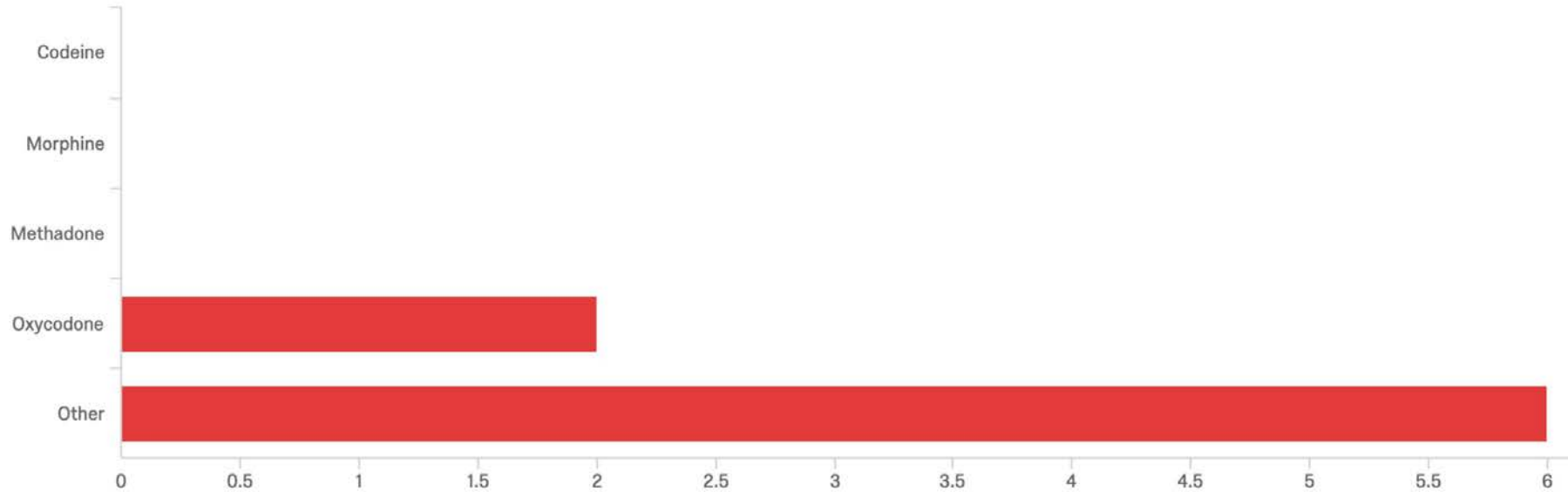
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- I have taken more than the prescribed amount of the prescription drug
- I have used prescription drugs to focus more for school projects
- I have used prescription drugs for pain even after the pain had stopped
- I have taken prescription drugs that were not prescribed to me
- I have sold prescription drugs
- I have received prescription drugs from someone else
- I have never used prescription drugs other than for the intended prescribed purpose

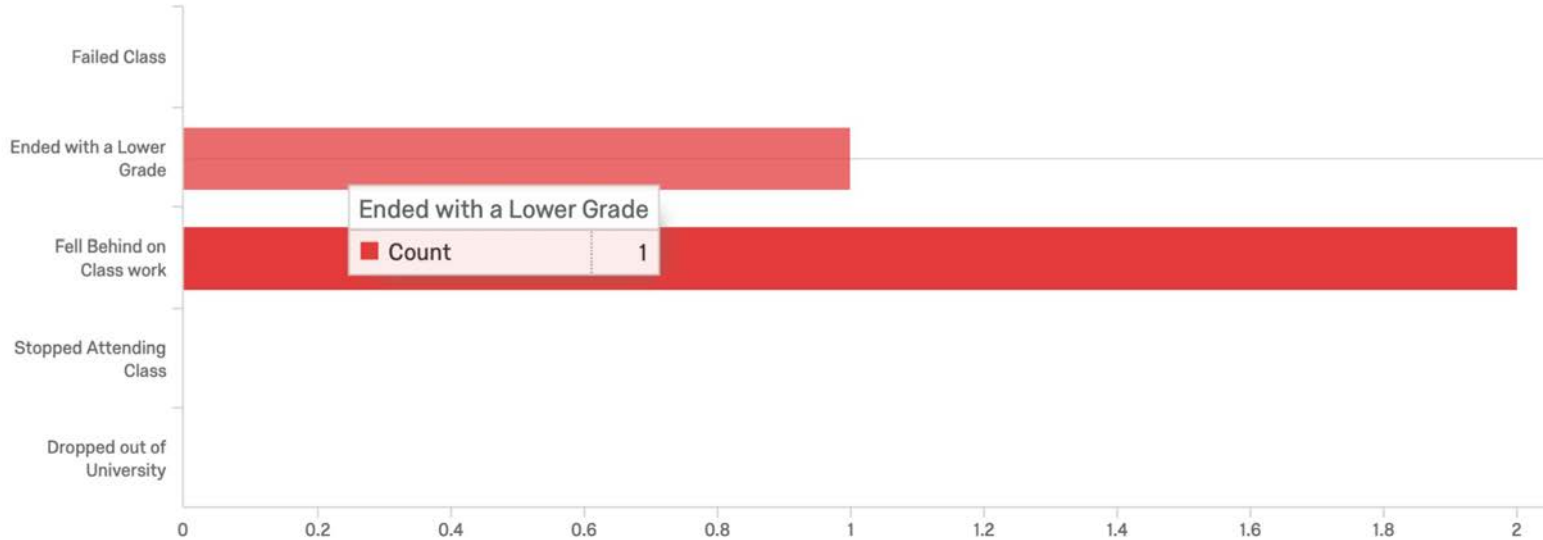
Q17 - What prescription drugs have you misused? Select all that apply.

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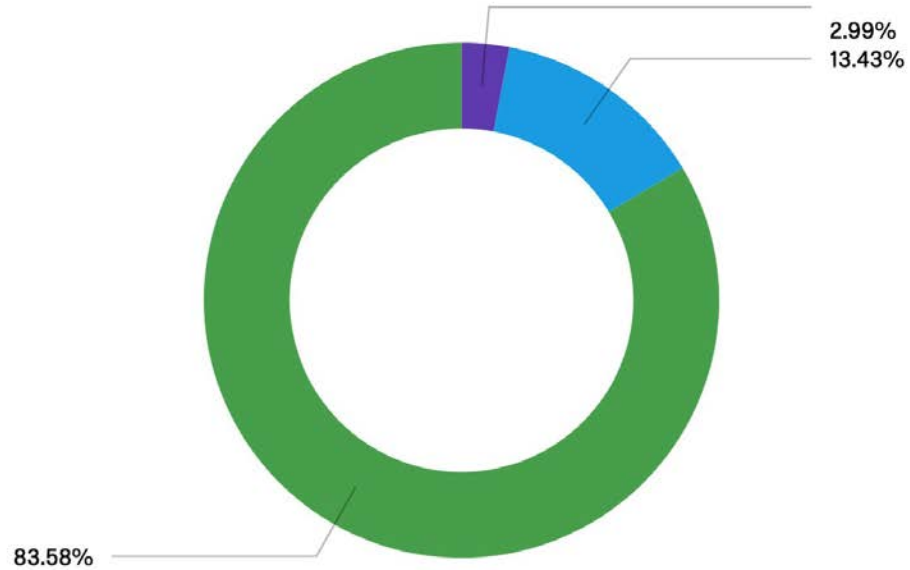


Prescription Drug Effects

The most reported answer to the effects of misusing prescription drugs was falling behind in school work



Alcohol



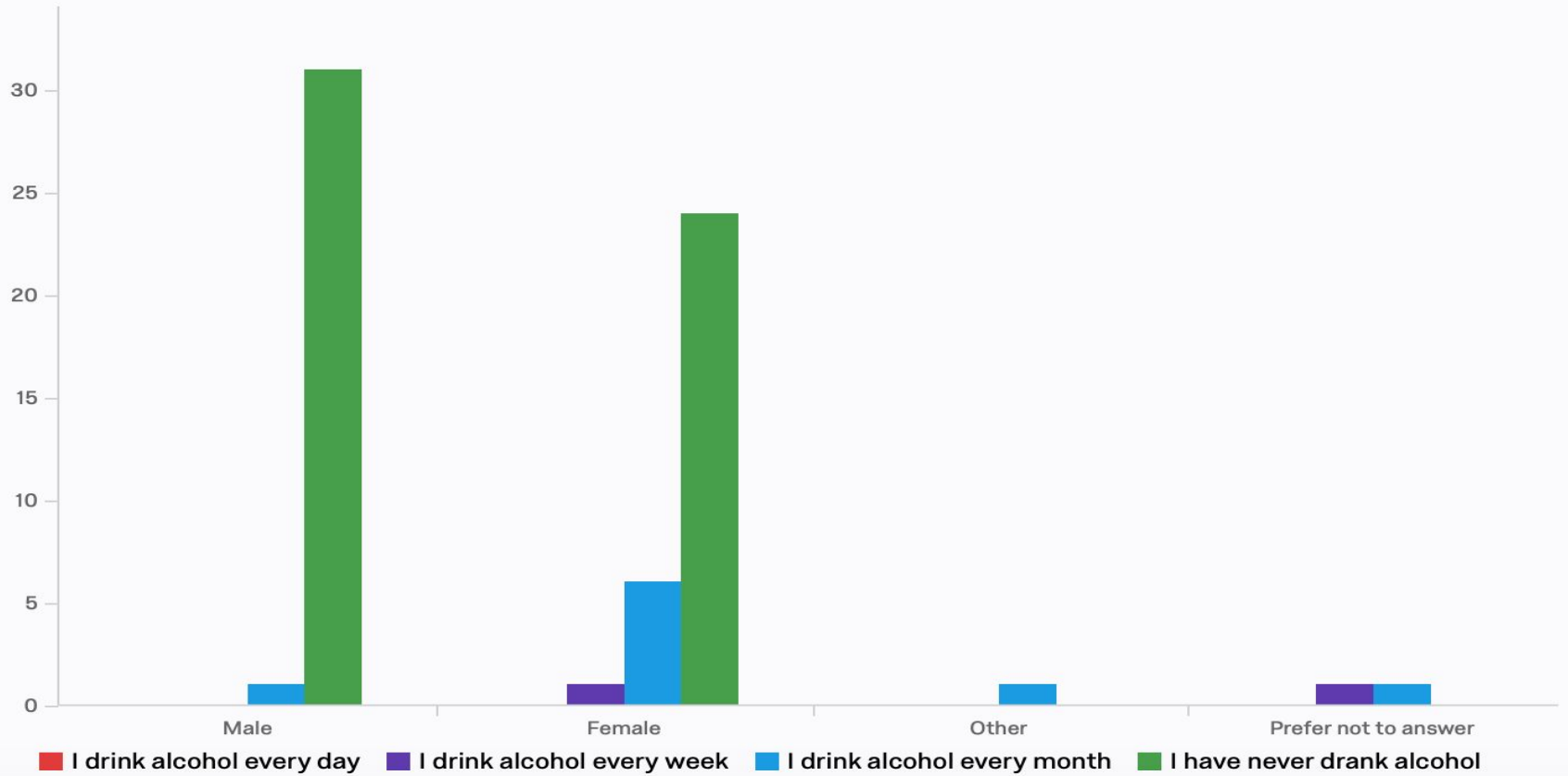
■ I drink alcohol every day

■ I drink alcohol every week

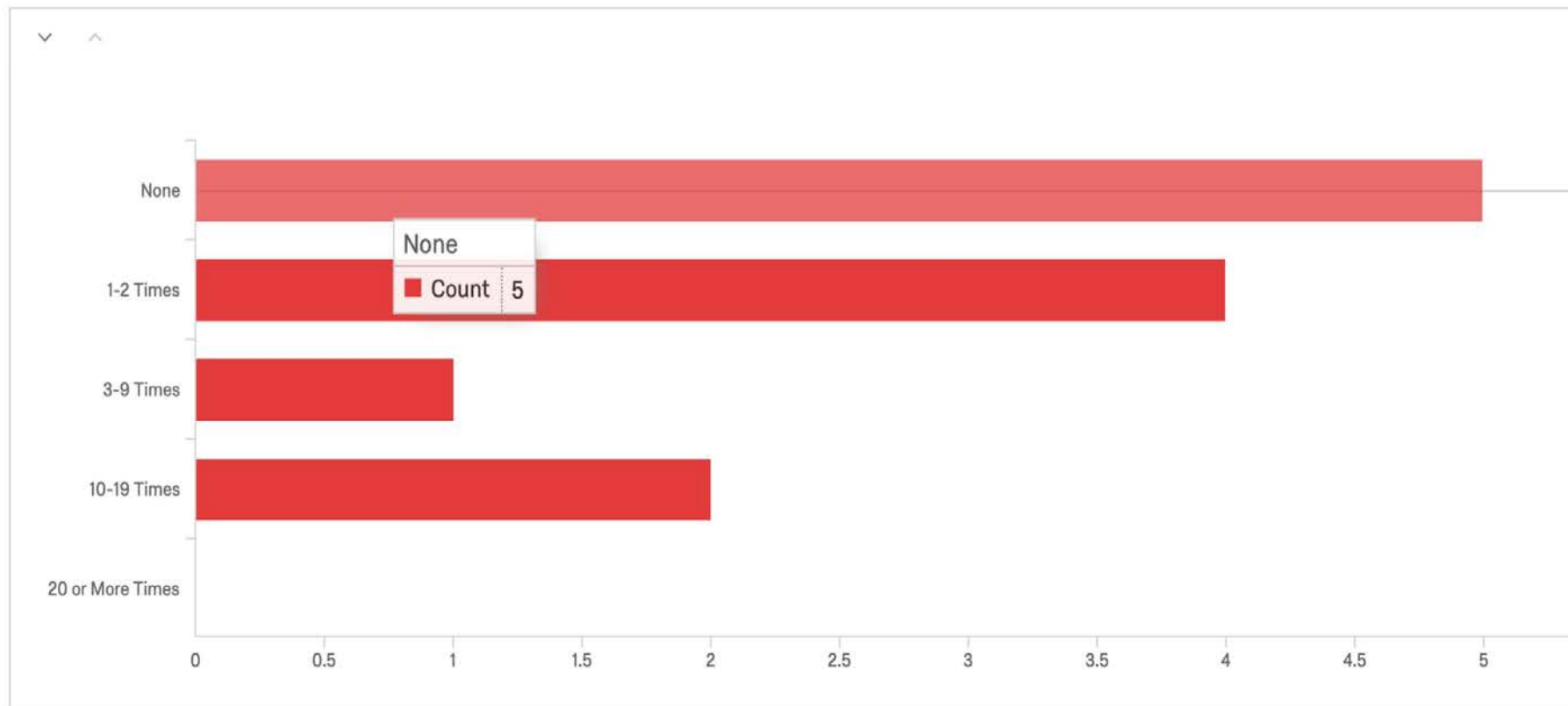
■ I drink alcohol every month

■ I have never drank alcohol

What has been your experience with Alcohol?

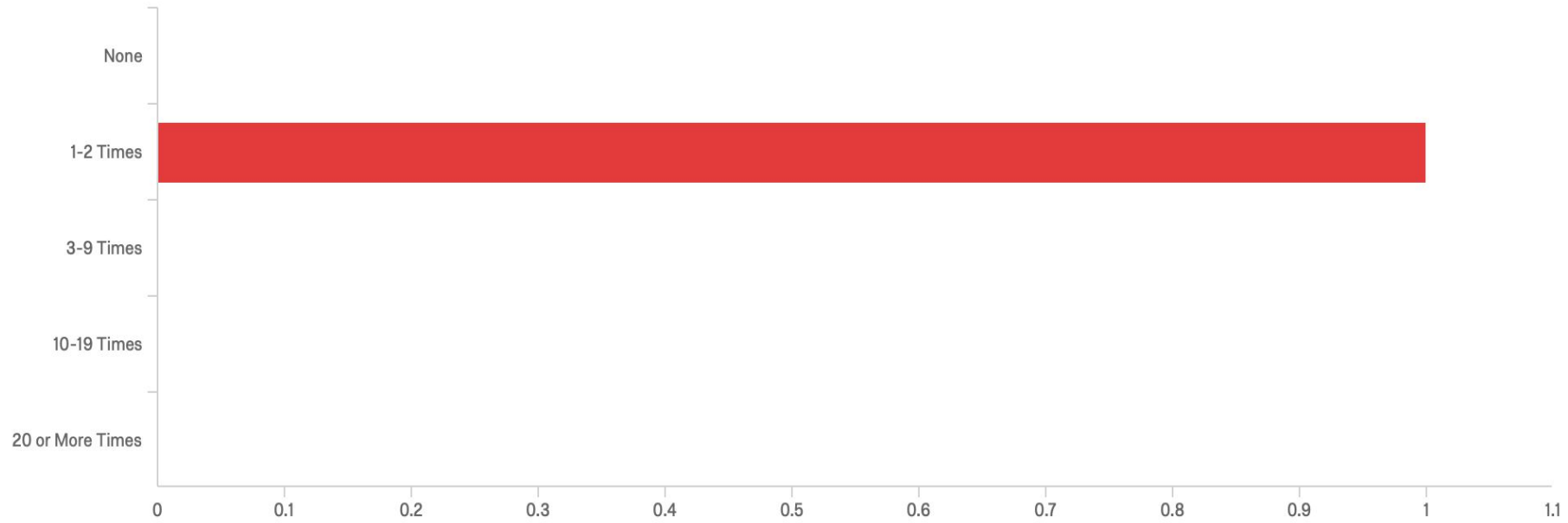


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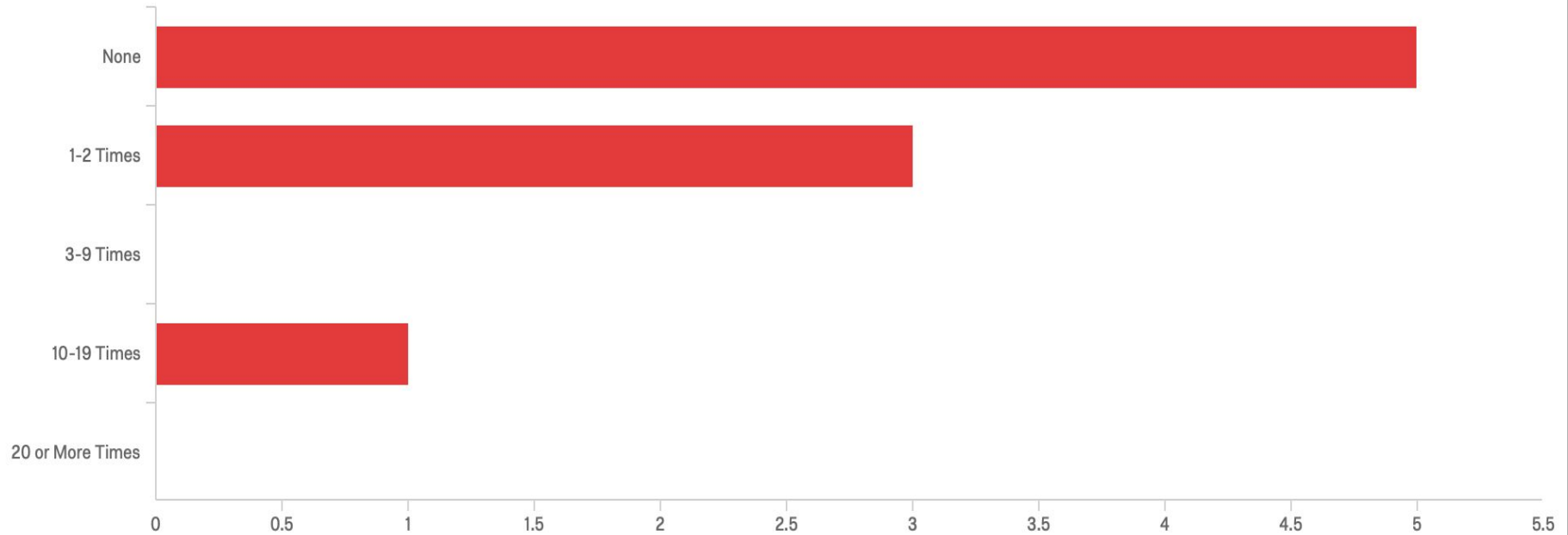
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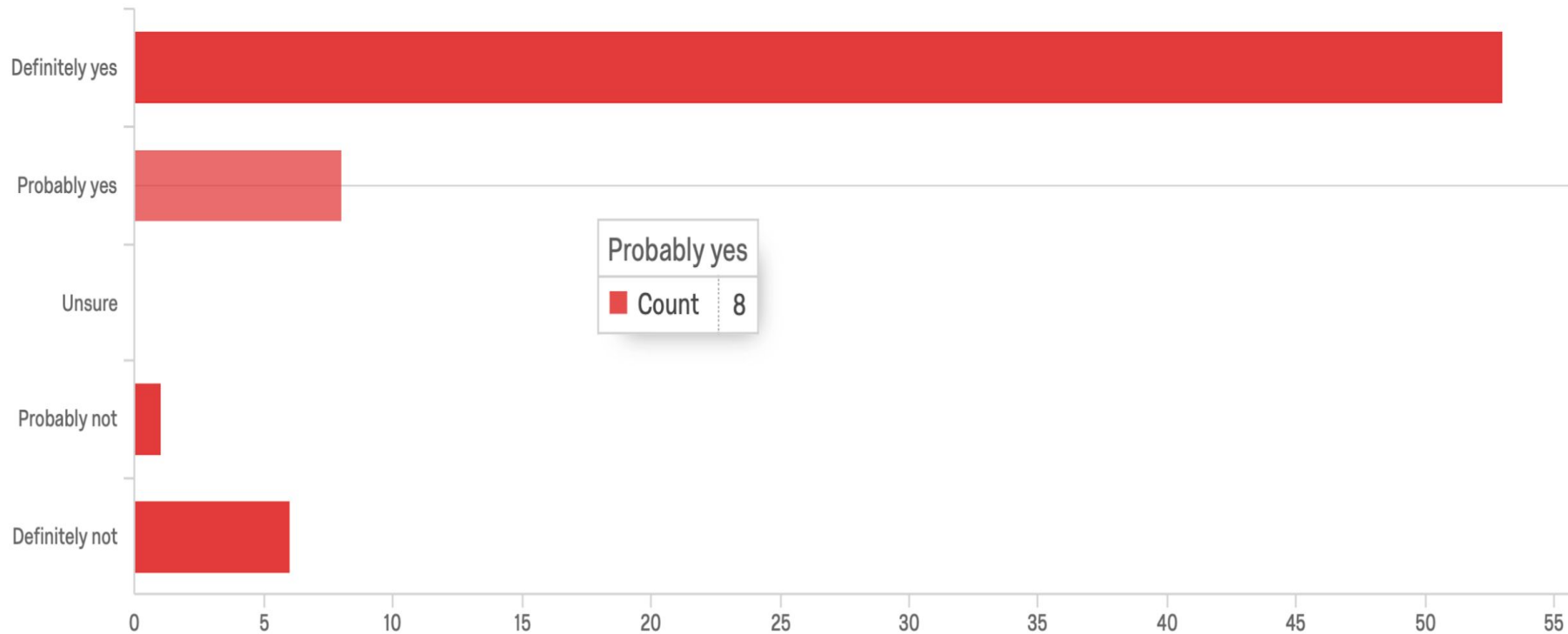


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Do you think drugs are damaging to your health?



Conclusions

- Males and Females were equally as likely to try marijuana
- Females and those who prefer not to answer the gender question, in this survey, were more likely to try hard core drugs like cocaine and ecstasy
- In all three categories, illegal drug use, prescription drug use, and Alcohol use, people who were employed were more likely to used.
- However, results were inconclusive due to the low response rate and due to respondents not answering some questions