



# Why Do Offenders Keep Reoffending?

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# Hypothesis

Offenders reoffend because we as a society do not accept them back into the community because we attach a negative stigma to people that have criminal records, thus pushing them away and forcing them back into their old habits.



# Our Survey

- Sample Size
  - 500 UVU students via email
    - Got a total of 62 responses
- Confidence Level & Interval
- Problems Group 8 Encountered
- IRB Feedback
- Response Rate
  - 62 Responses

# Literature Review

## **Paige Paulson**

Role of community based programs in reducing recidivism in ex-offender

Five themes in this research emerged through data analysis  
Offenders are not prepared for successful release due to societal and personal barriers

## **Jeffrey D. Morenoff & David J. Harding**

Whether and how mass incarceration has affected the social and economic structure of American communities.

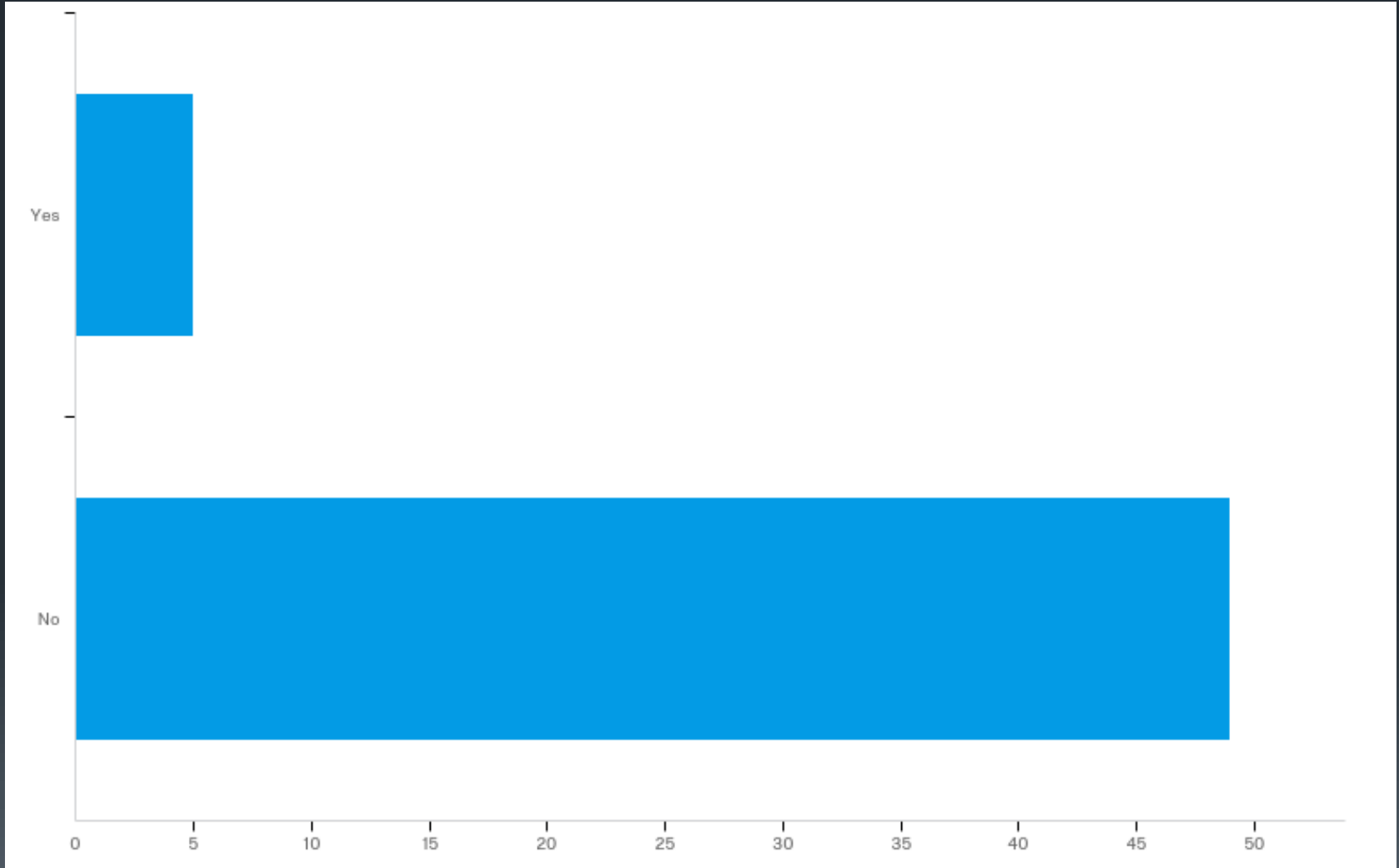
How residential neighborhoods affect the social and economic reintegration of returning prisoners.

# Research Design & How We Collected Data

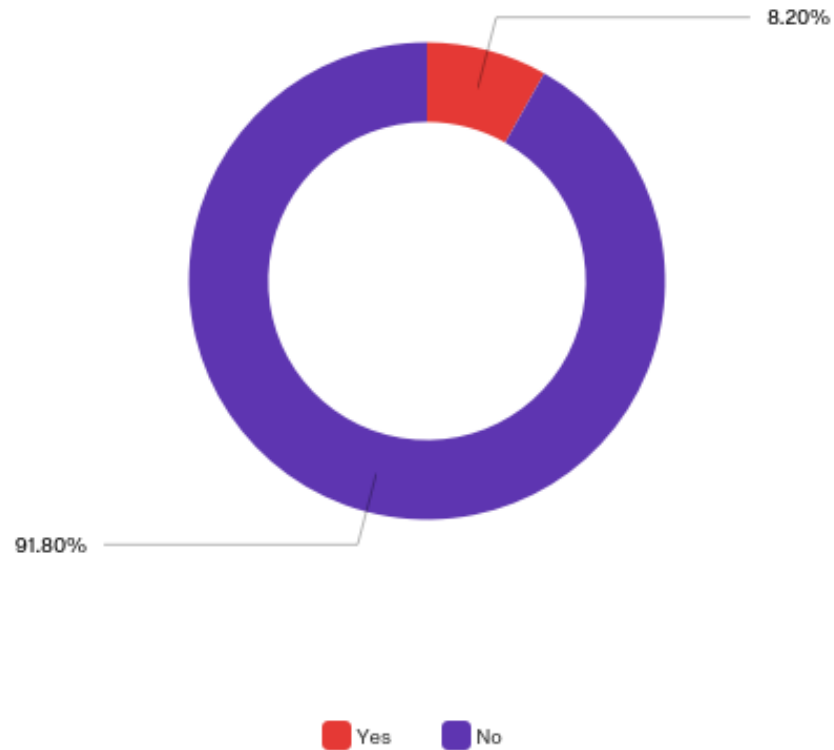


- Qualtrics Survey
  - Anonymous
  - 33 Questions
- Sent through Utah Valley University provided email addresses

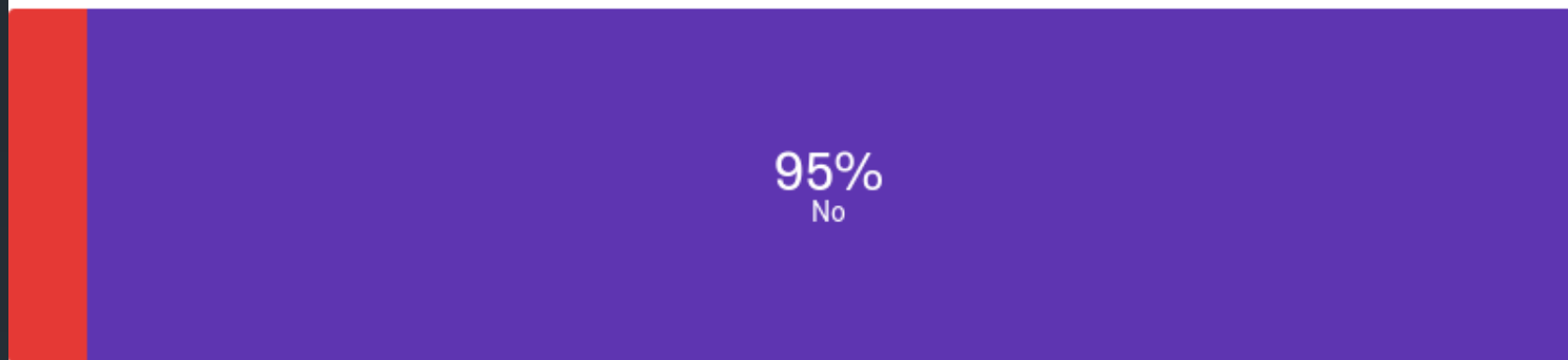
# Did you grow up in a single parent household?



# Were your parents ever incarcerated?



## Have you ever been incarcerated?



Yes No

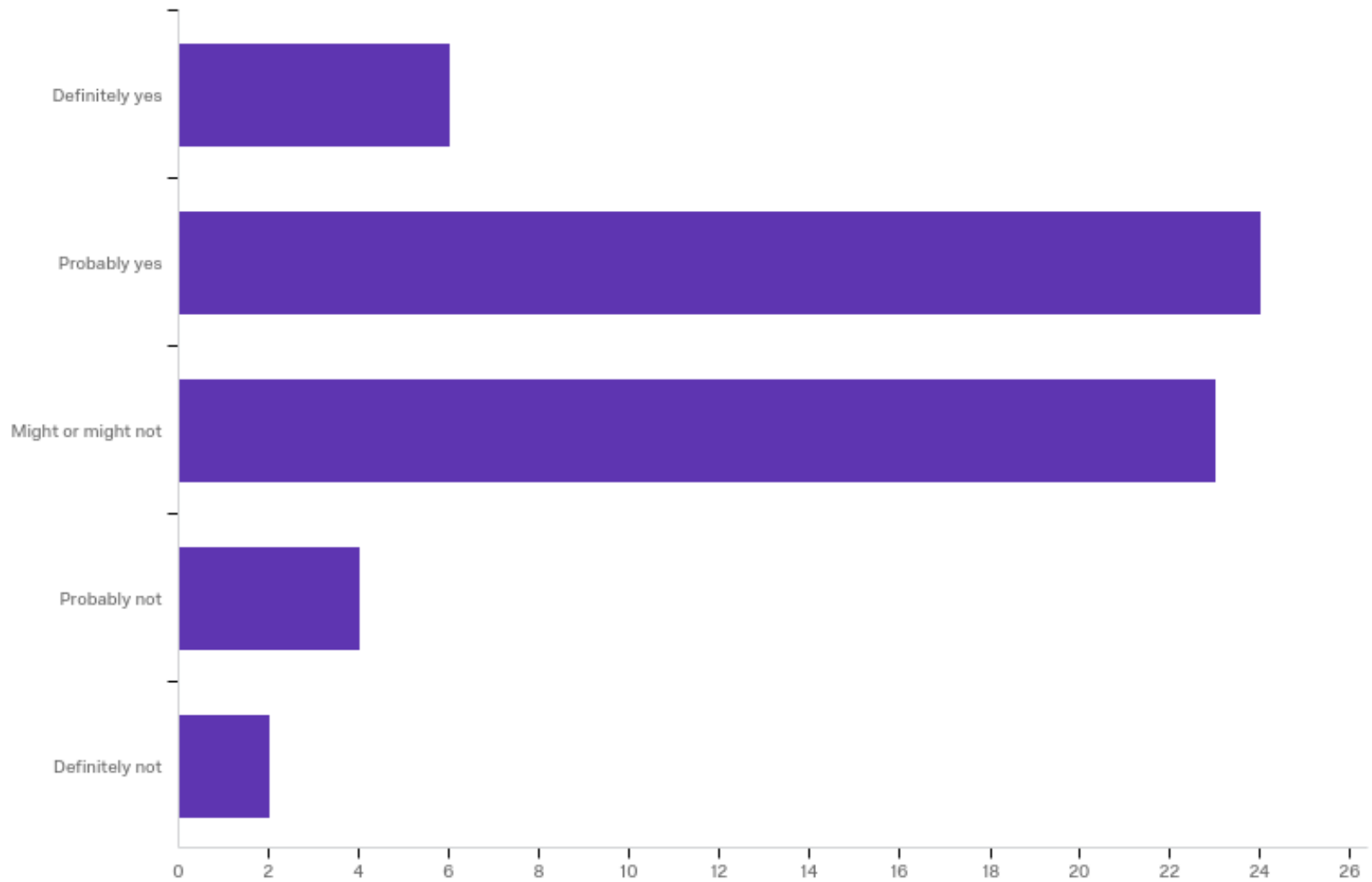
## Highest level of education



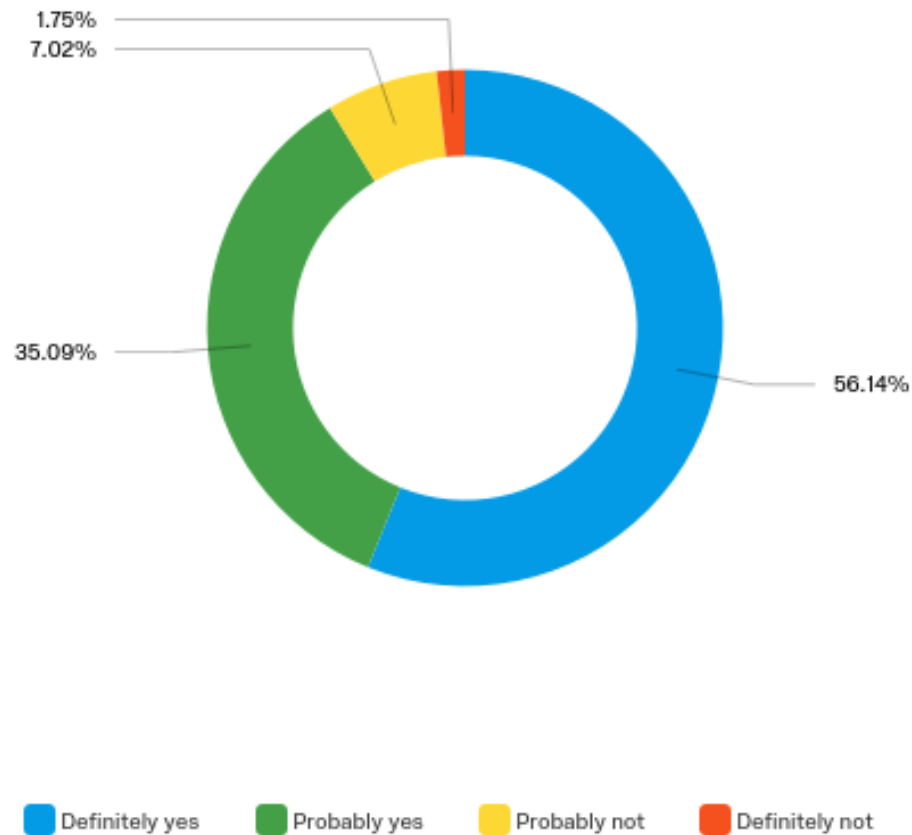
Less than high school High school degree or equivalent (e.g., GED) Some college Associate degree  
Bachelor degree Graduate degree Master's degree Professional degree Doctorate degree  
Trade/technical/vocational training



## Do you think criminality begins in childhood?



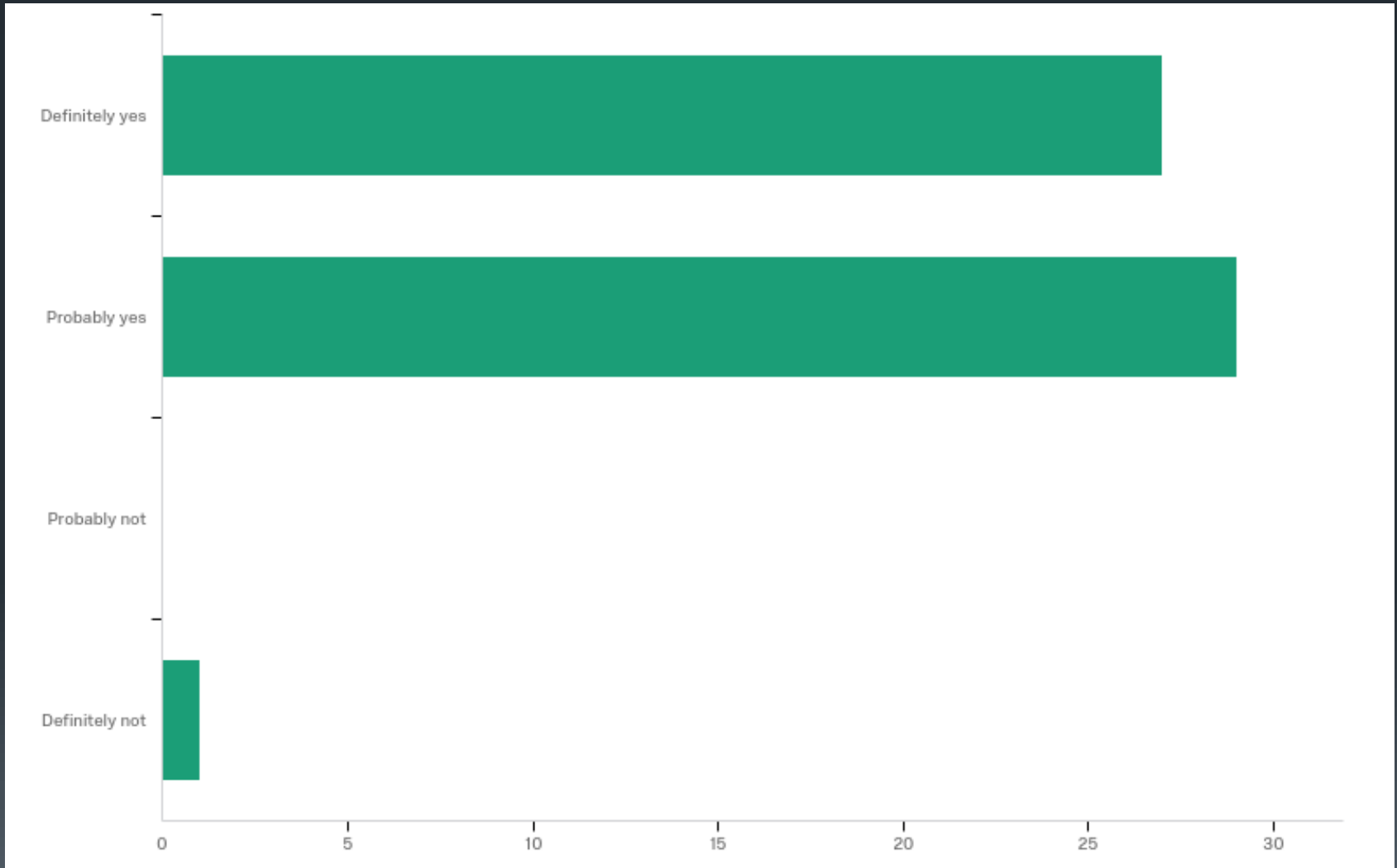
# Do you think mental health disorders contribute to the increased risk of recidivism?



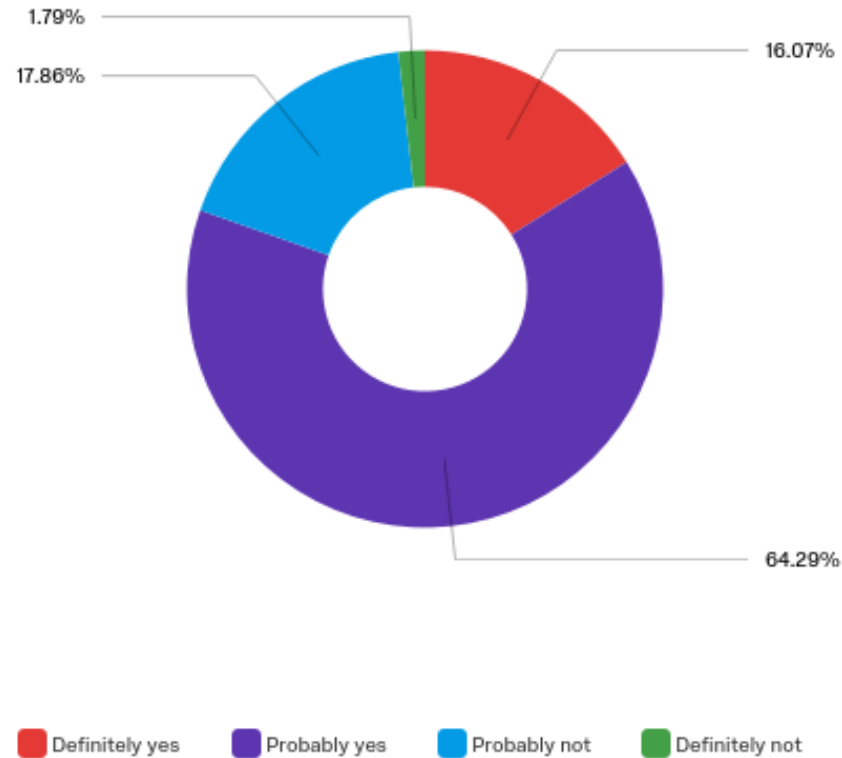
Do you think parole and probation services help reduce the risk of recidivism?



# Do you think rehabilitation during incarceration reduces the risk of recidivism?

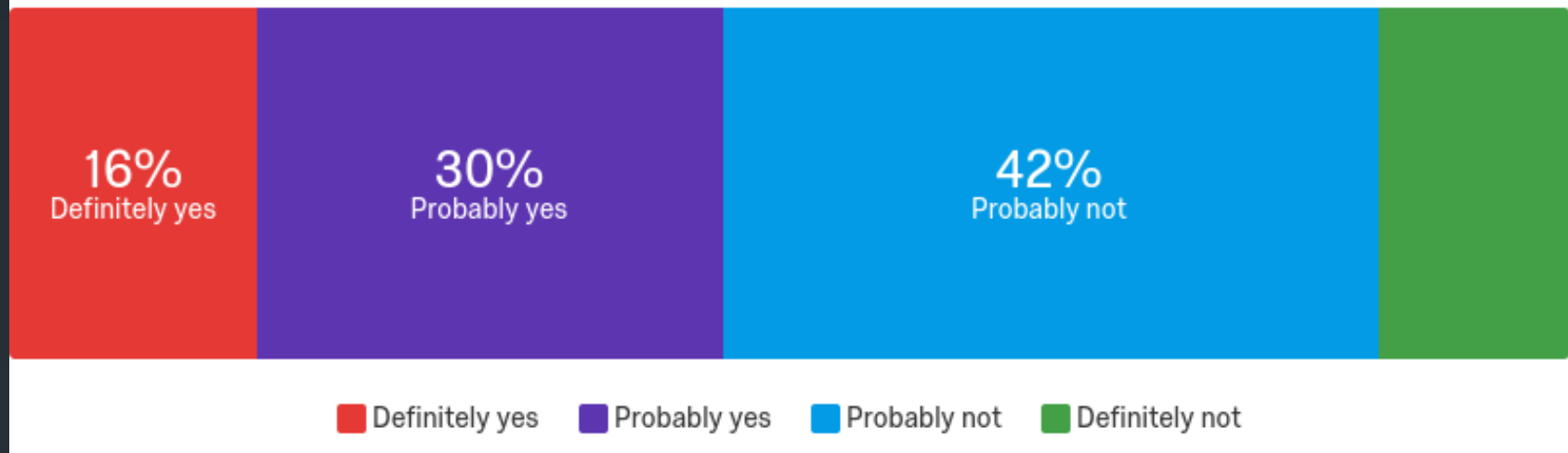


# Do you think offenders reoffend because they are under the influence of one or more drugs?

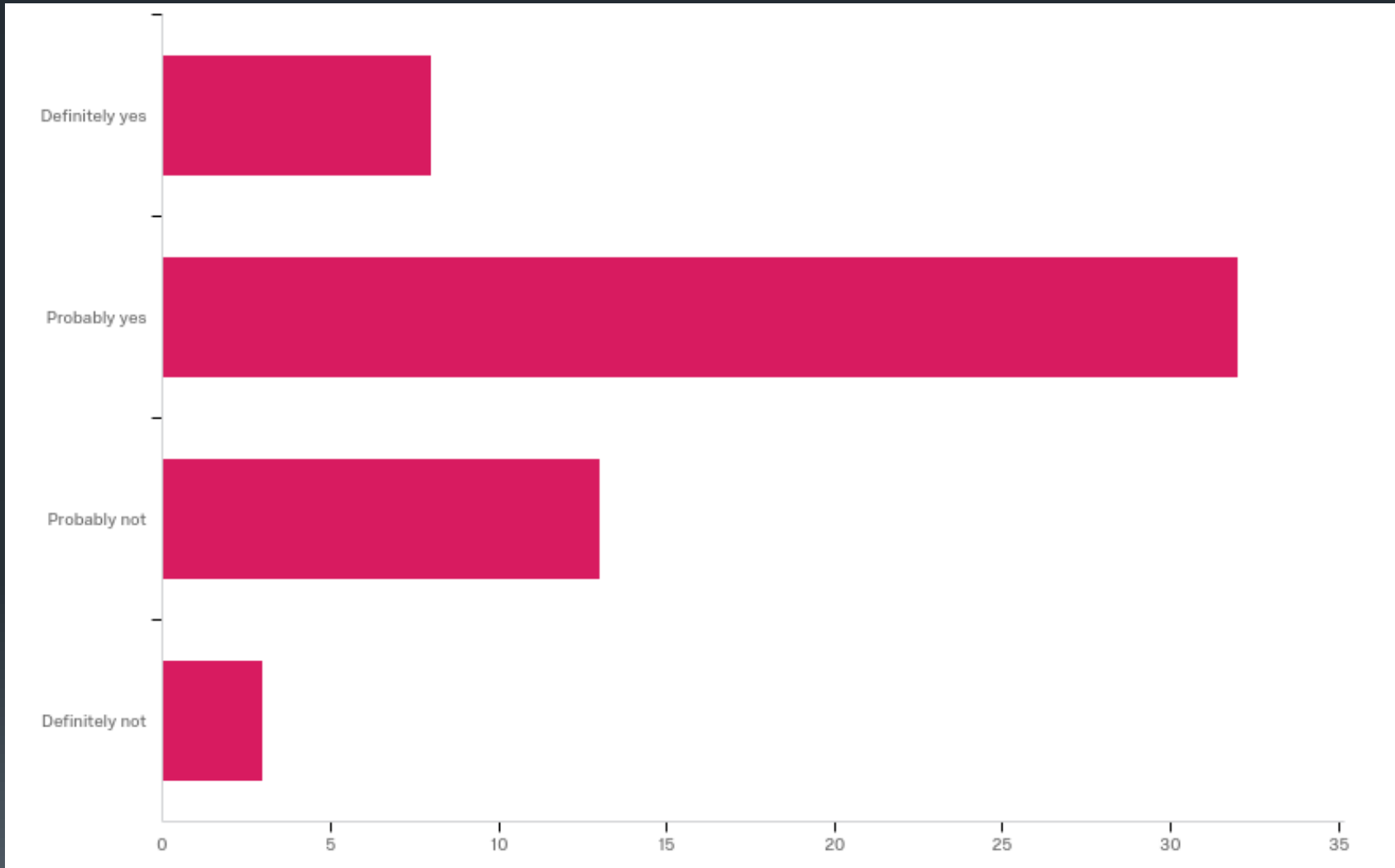




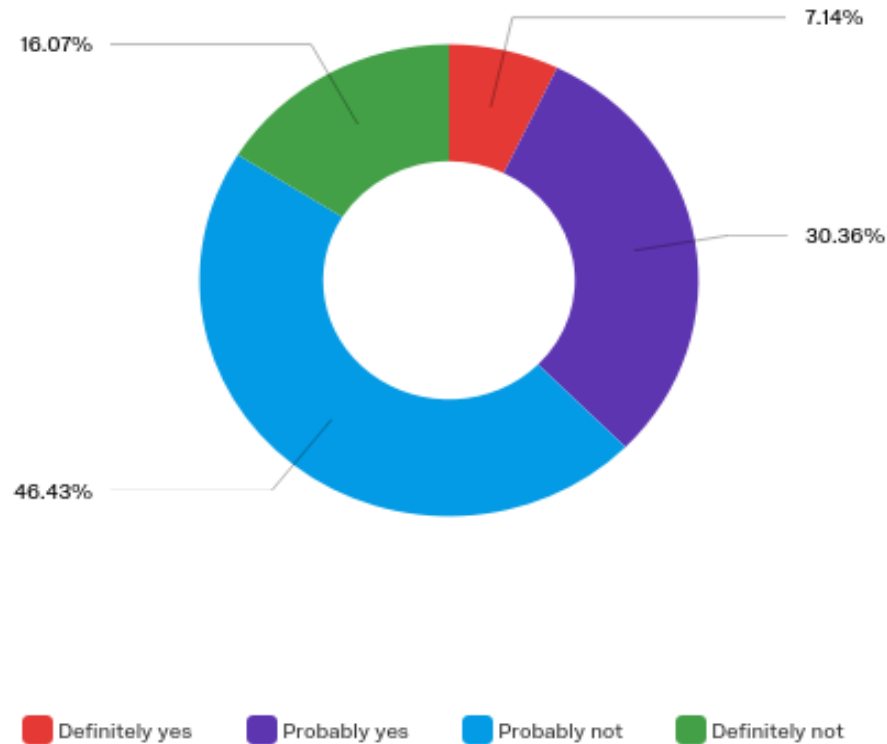
Do you think the Justice System should be harder on people with a past criminal history?



Would you enroll into a class if you knew that somebody enrolled in that class had been convicted of murder?

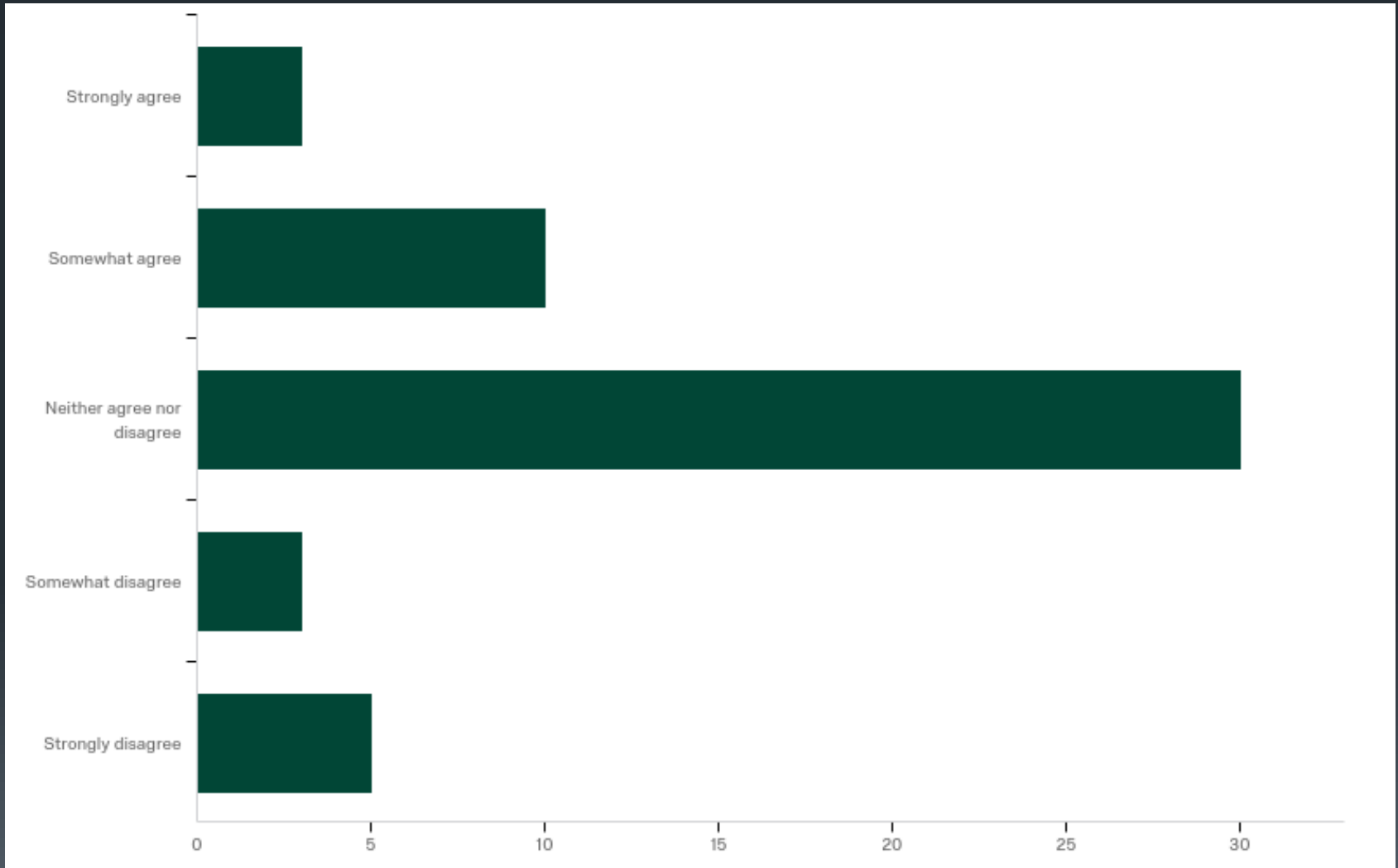


# If you were an employer, would you refuse to hire a convicted felon?

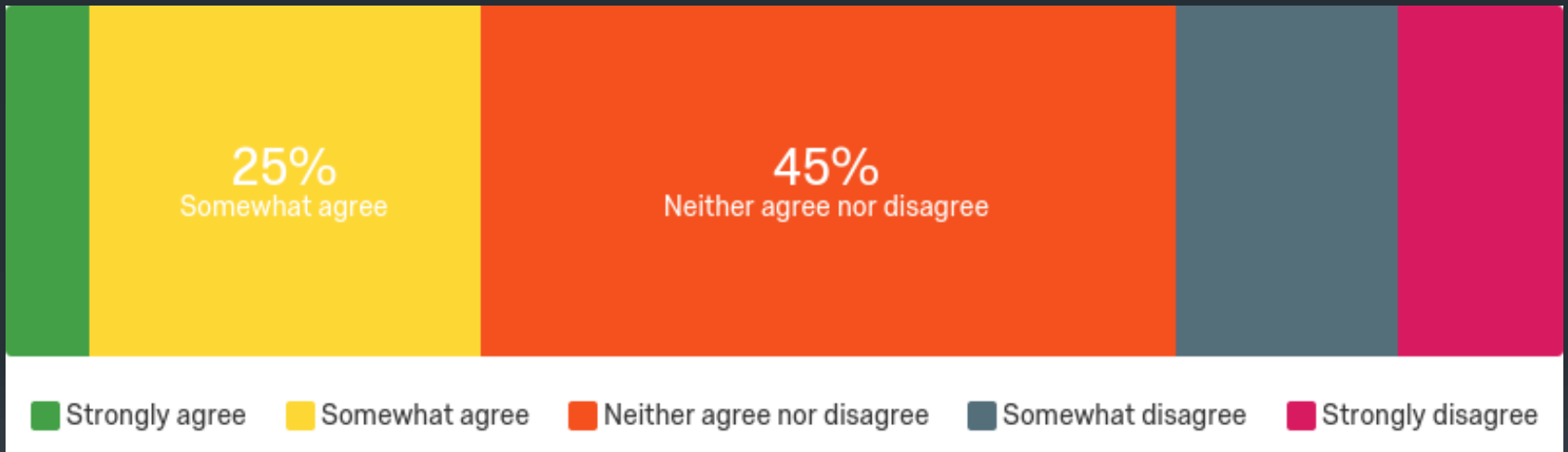




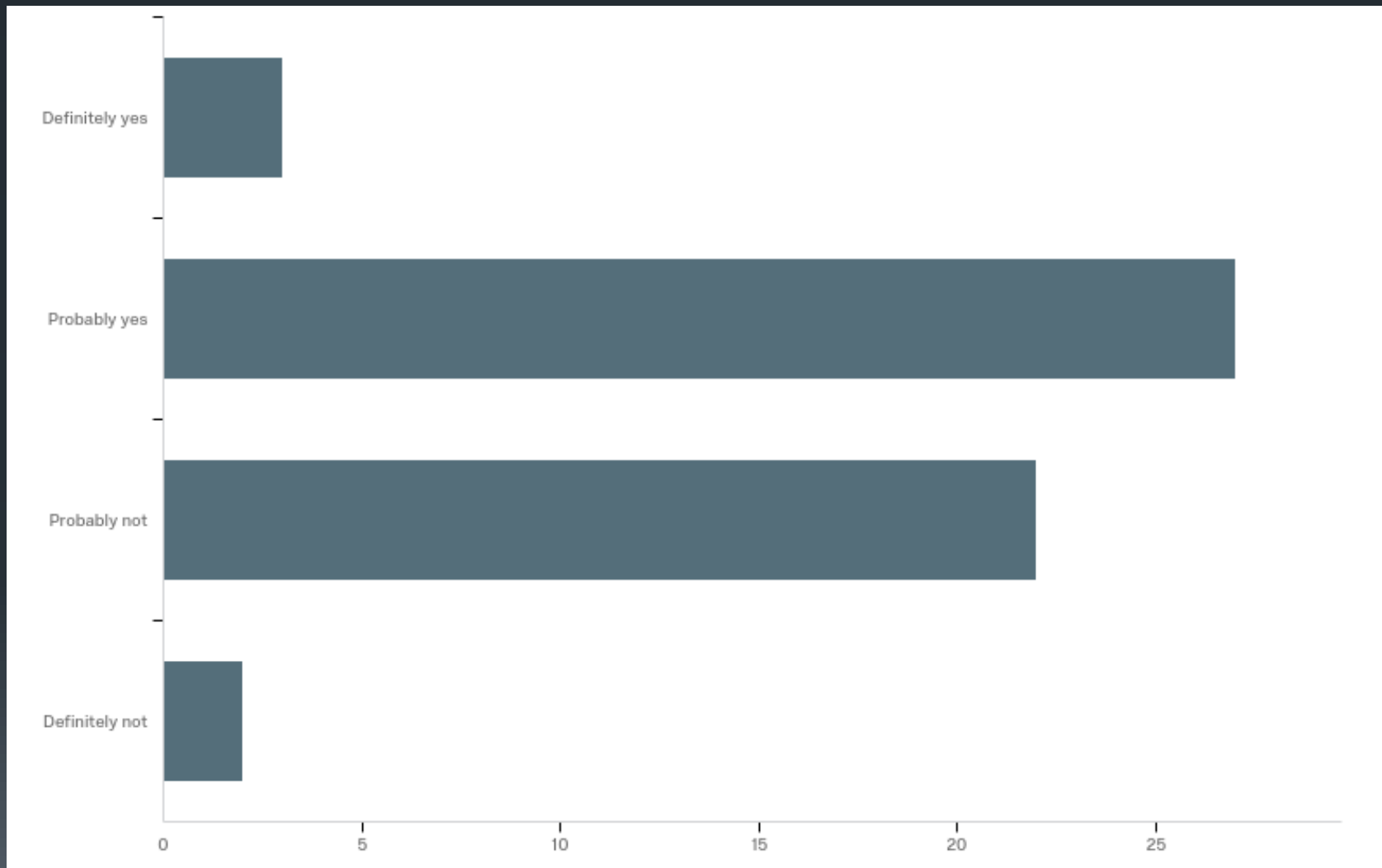
# Former criminals have become some of America's greatest in industry.



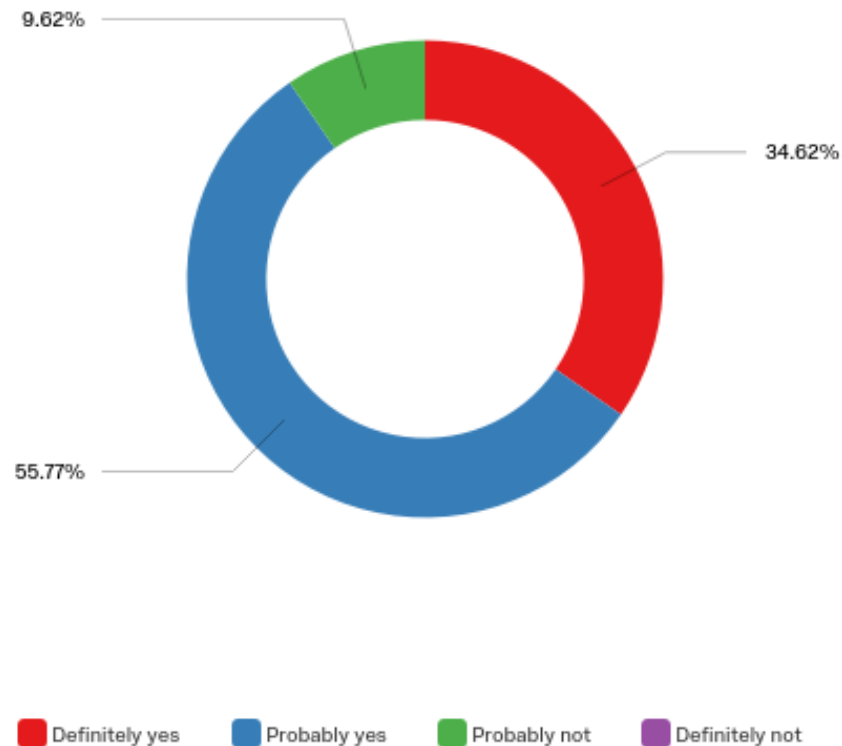
Former criminals have become some of America's greatest leaders in law.



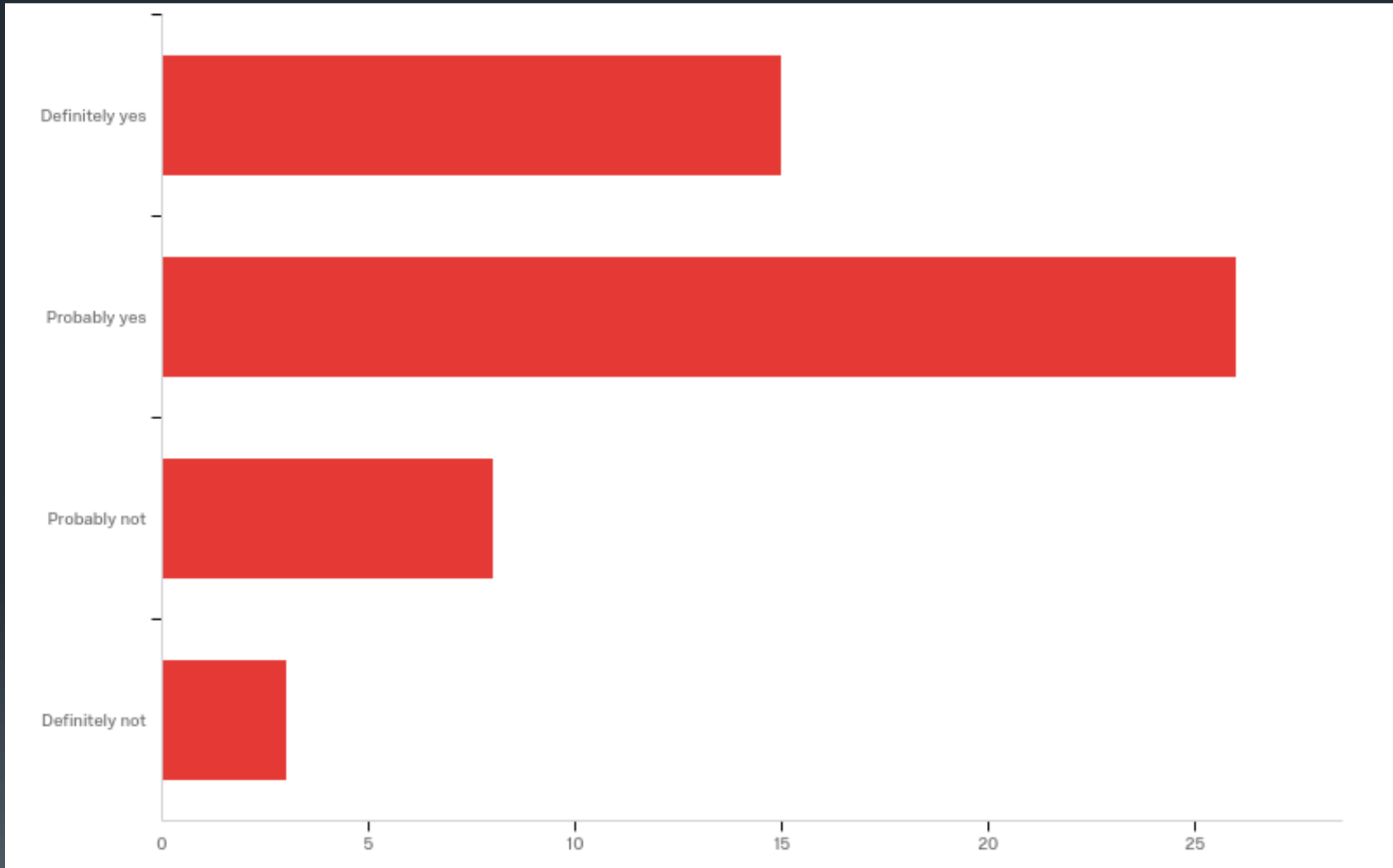
# If you managed a rental property, would you rent your property to a convicted felon?



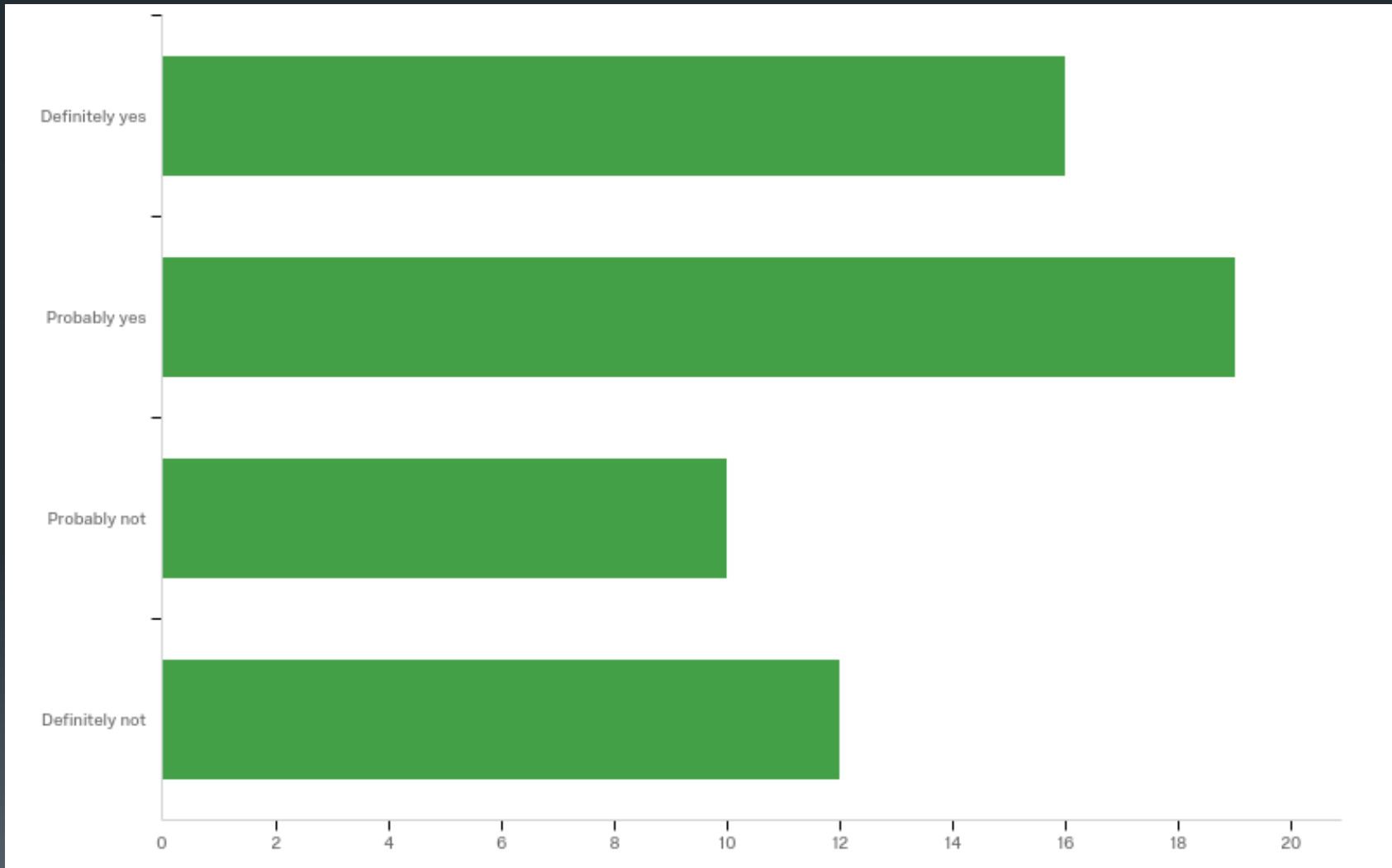
# Do you think a contributing factor of recidivism includes the difficulties released offenders face in renting an apartment?



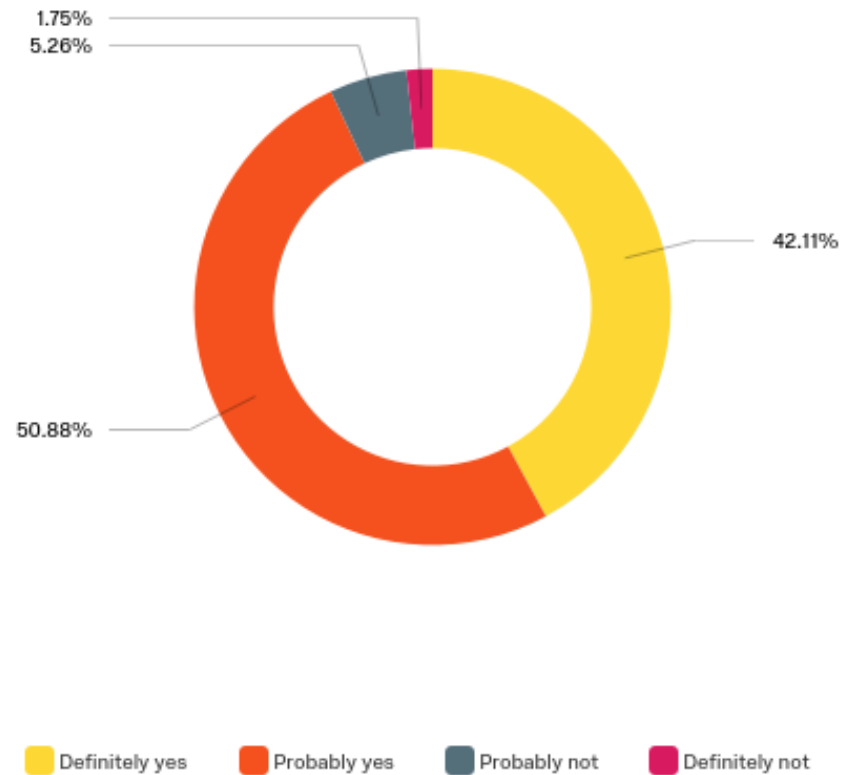
Do you think a contributing factor of recidivism includes the difficulties released offenders face in getting an education?



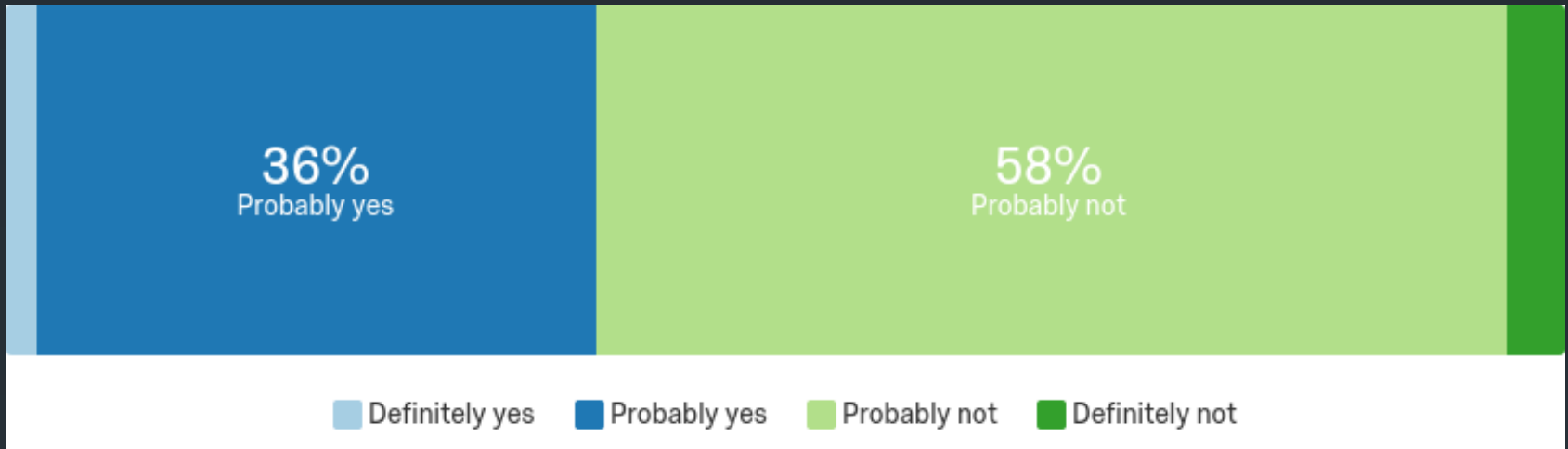
Do you think, an individual who is found guilty of a misdemeanor drug offense (e.g. possession of marijuana) while receiving Federal student aid should be disqualified from receiving further aid for a specific period of time?



Do you think a contributing factor of recidivism includes the difficulties released offenders face in finding a job?

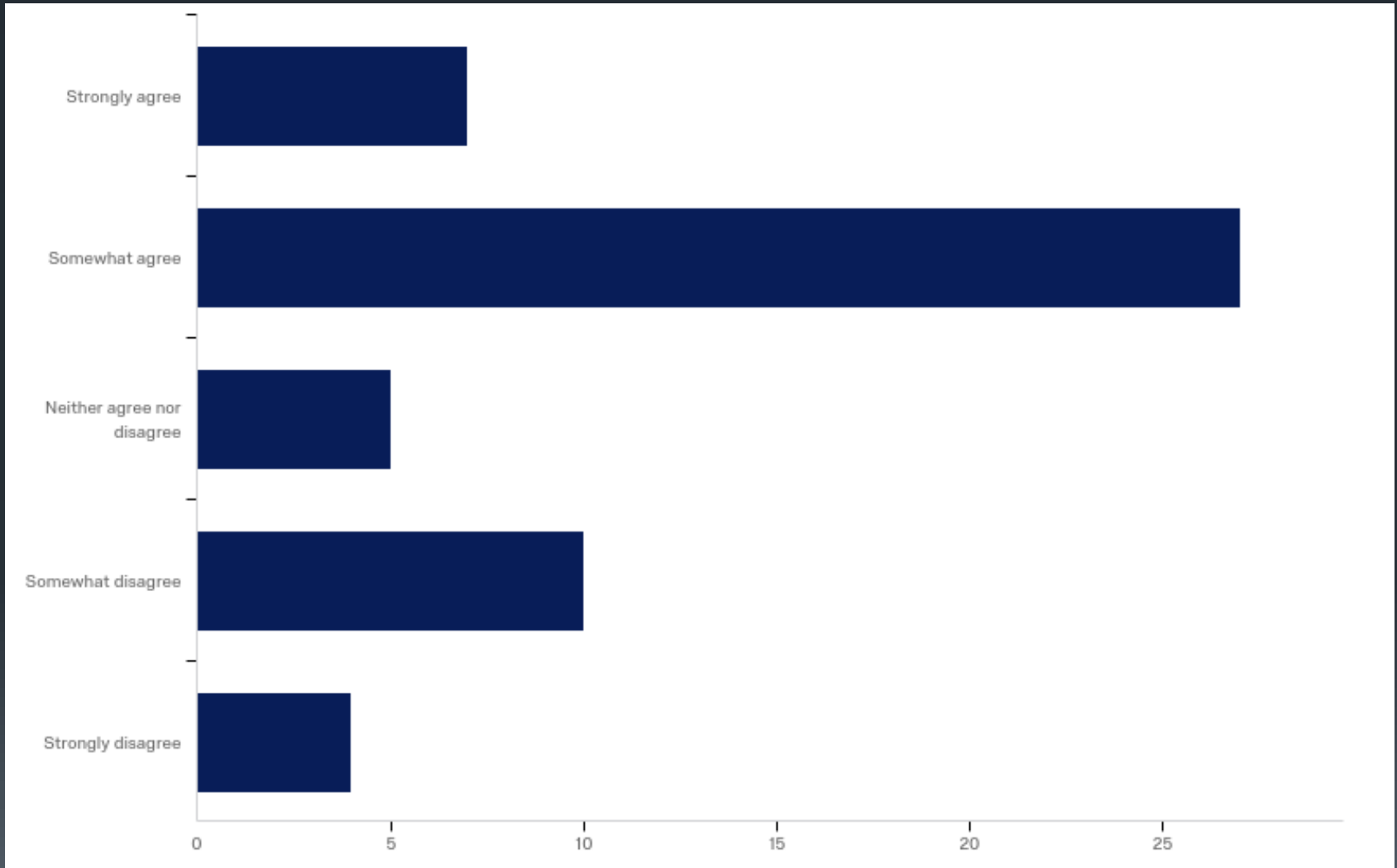


If you were on a parole board, would you grant somebody early release if they were sentenced to life in prison?





# Offenders should be treated like everybody else.





# In Conclusion..

The data received shows UVU students understand that recidivism is a problem, and understand a lot of the causes. However, the data shows a pretty close split of their opinion interacting with these offenders. The students don't feel like they personally discriminate against offenders, they do however see society as a whole discriminate against offenders. This survey was only sent out to UVU students, so they don't speak for the public as a whole. For more accurate data the study would need to be extended for time, and a broader sample.