

## National Council of Home Education NZ 2023 Survey plus Historical Comparison of 2020, 2021 & 2022

2023 – 13.21% response rate, margin of error 4%, confidence level 95%

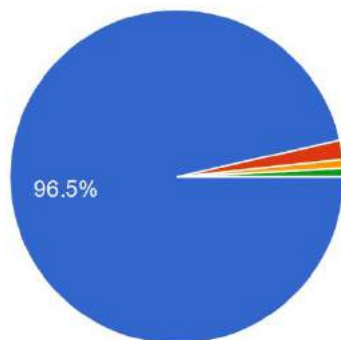
2022 – 17.12% response rate, margin of error 4%, confidence level 95%

2021 – 34.45% response rate, margin of error 3%, confidence level 95%

2020 – 34.60% response rate, margin of error 3%, confidence level 95%

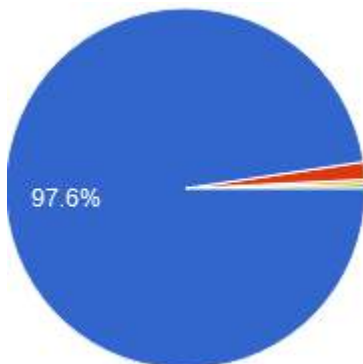
### Demographics

Your gender  
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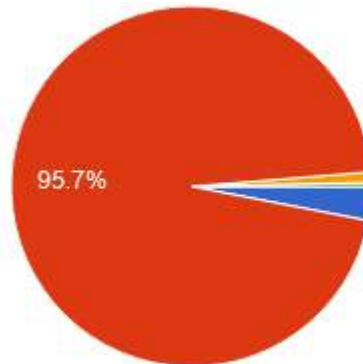


- Female
- Male
- Would rather not say
- Other

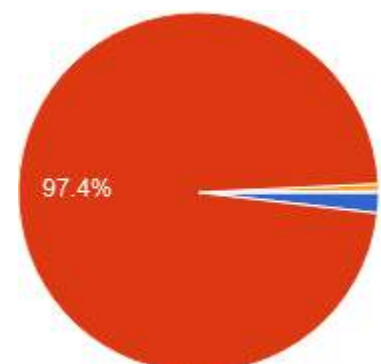
Comparison:



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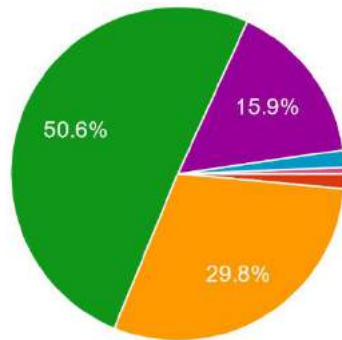
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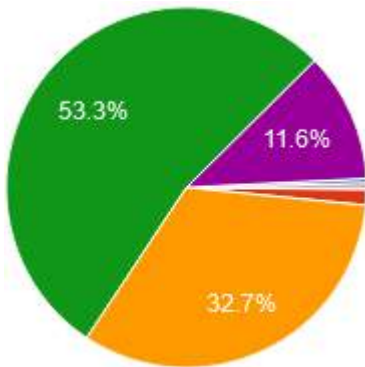
# Which age group do you belong to?

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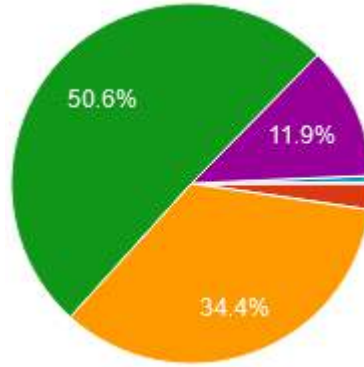


- Younger than 20 years
- 20-29 years
- 30-39 years
- 40-49 years
- 50-59 years
- 60+ years
- Would rather not say

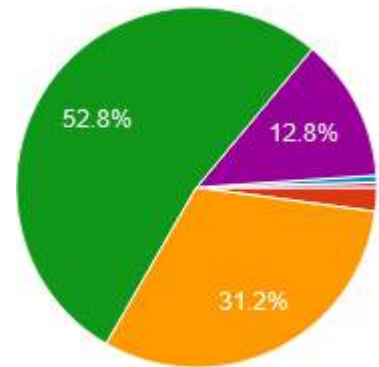
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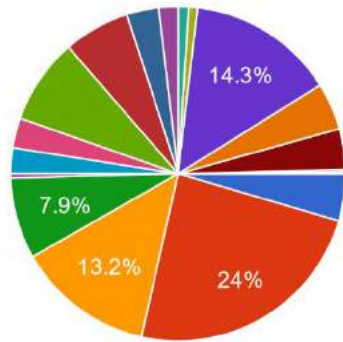
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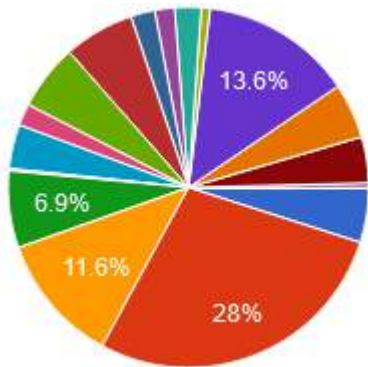
# Which region of New Zealand do you live in?

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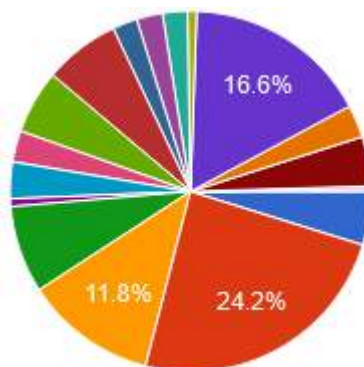


- Northland - Te Tai Tokerau
- Auckland - Tāmaki-makau-rau
- Waikato
- Bay of Plenty - Te Moana-a-Toi
- Gisborne - Te Tai Rāwhiti
- Hawkes Bay - Te Matau-a-Māui
- Taranaki
- Manawatū-Wanganui
- Wellington - Te Whanga-nui-a-Tara
- Tasman - Te Tai-o-Aorere
- Nelson - Whakatū
- Marlborough - Te Tauihu-o-te-waka
- West Coast - Te Tai Poutini
- Canterbury - Waitaha
- Otago - Ōtākou
- Southland - Murihiku
- Travelling
- Outside NZ
- Other, not covered above

## Comparison:

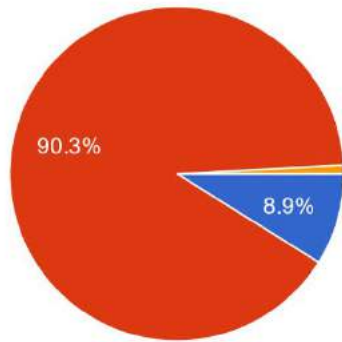


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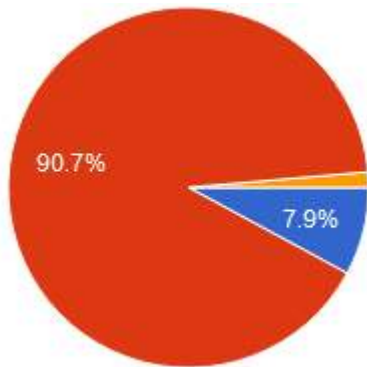
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Are you ...  
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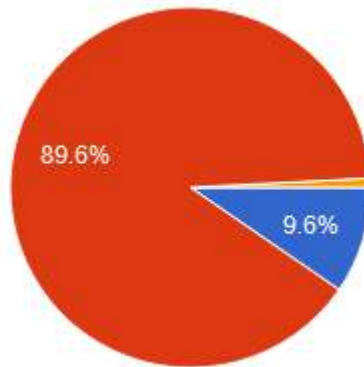


- A solo caregiver
- Living with your significant other (married, de facto, civil union, etc)
- Other

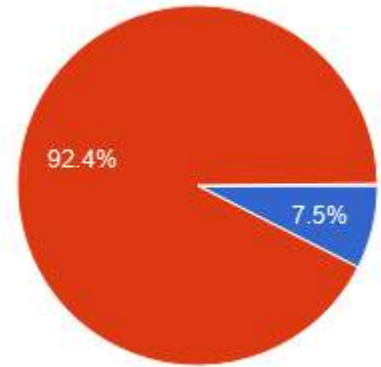
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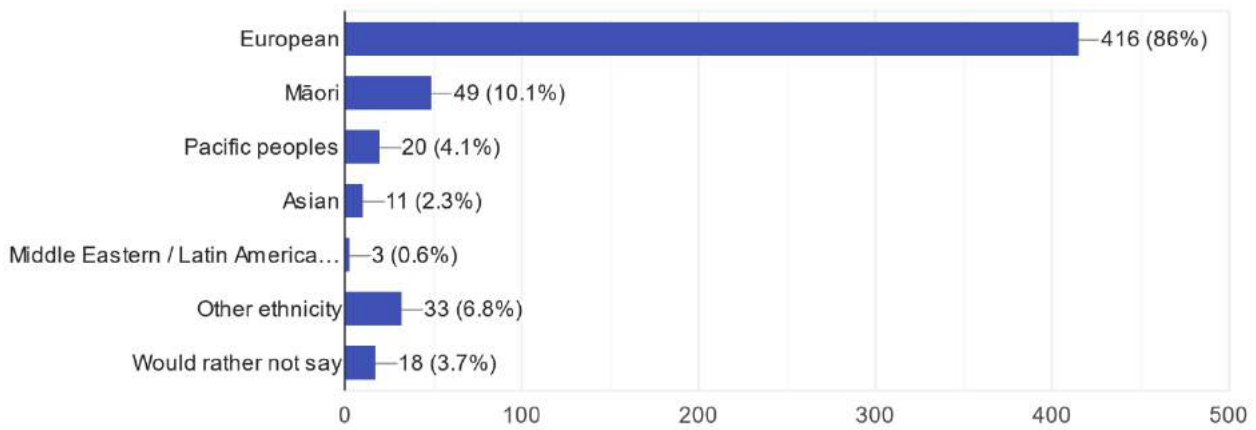
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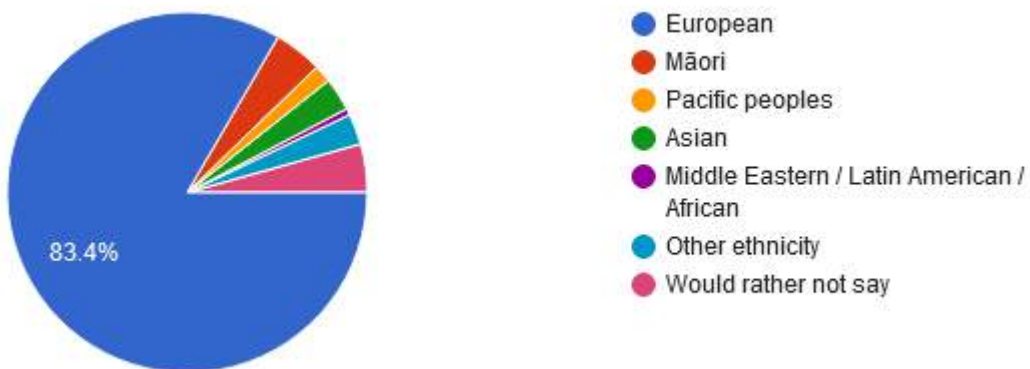
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### Which best describes your ethnic group(s)?

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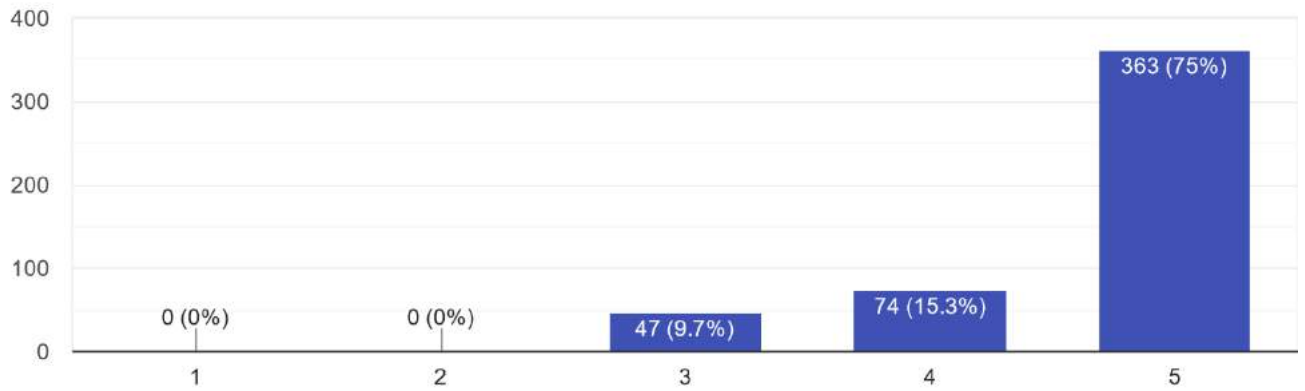


Comparison (was only asked in 2022 for the first time and respondents could only select one ethnic group):



### Generally, how positively or negatively do you view NCHENZ as an organisation?

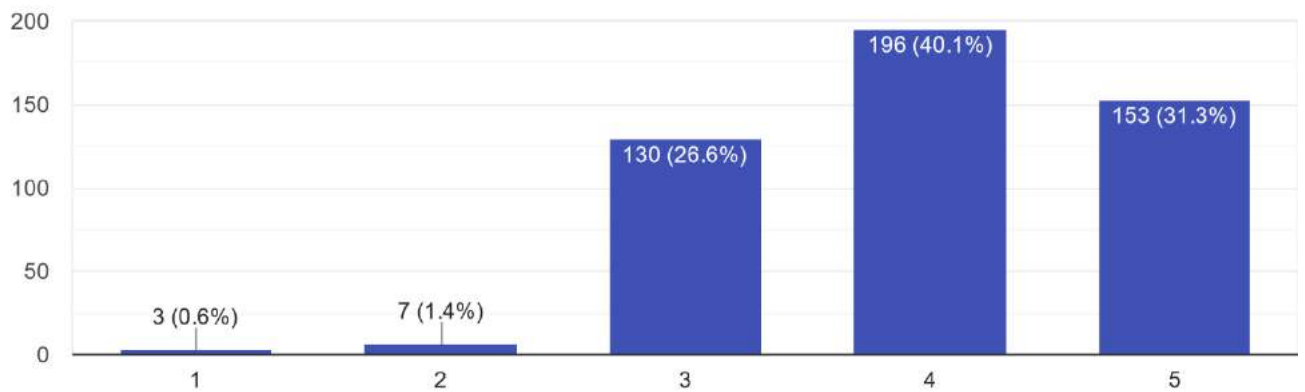
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Comparison, note question was asked differently in 2022:

### Generally, how well does NCHENZ meet your needs as a home educator?

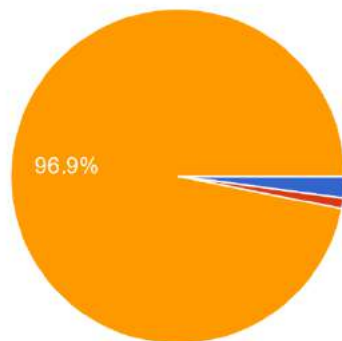
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# Your Home Education Journey

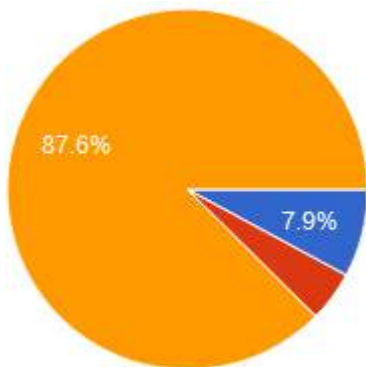
Where are you on your home educating journey?

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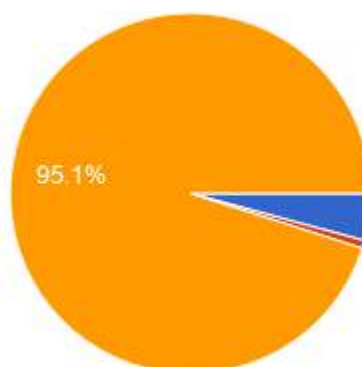


- I have my first exemption application with the MOE at the moment
- My exemption has been approved but I have not yet started homeschooling
- I am home educating at least one child aged 6yrs+

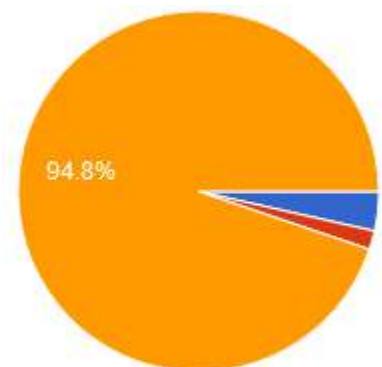
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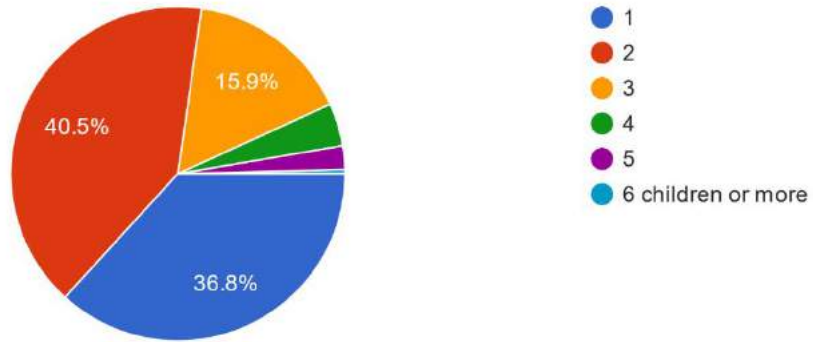
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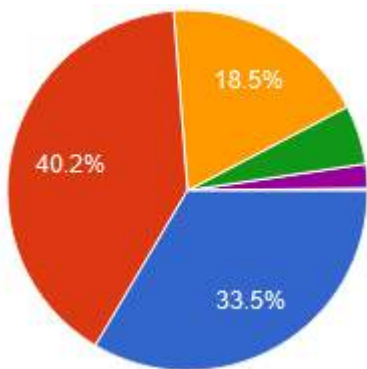
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# How many children are you home educating?

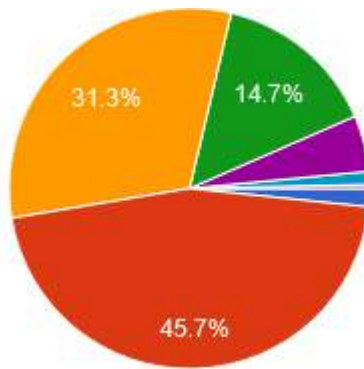
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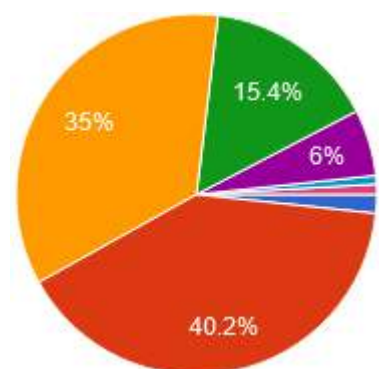
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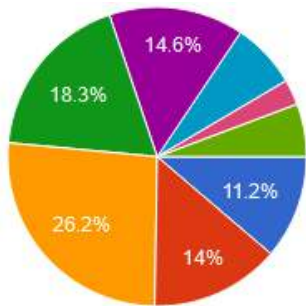
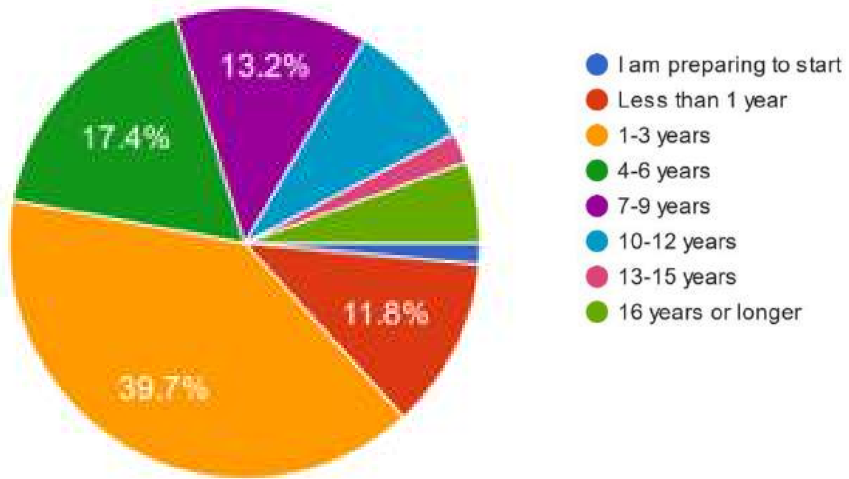


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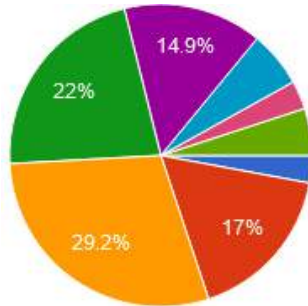


# How many years have you been home educating?

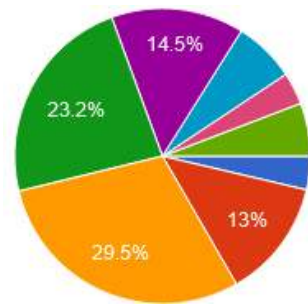
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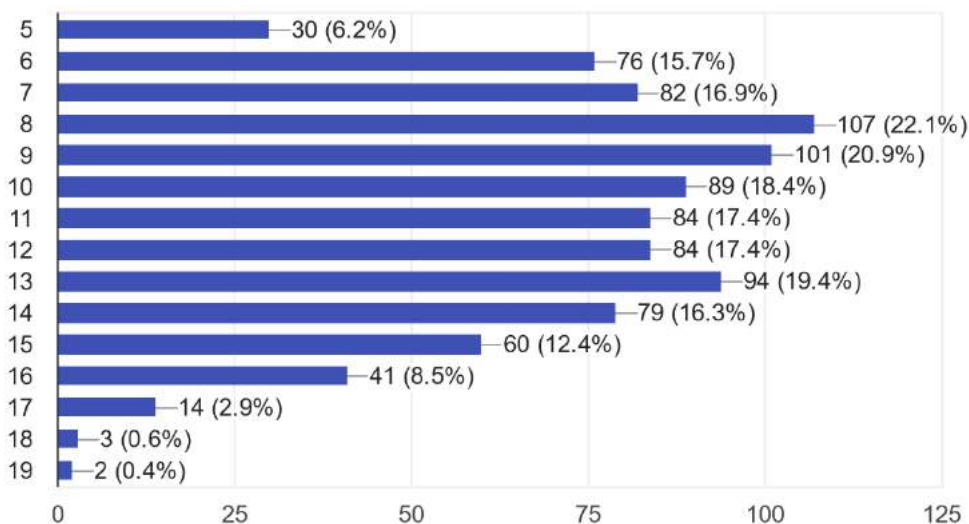
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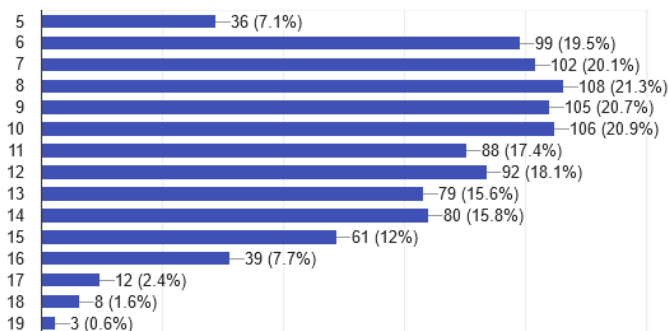
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# What are the ages of the children you home educate?

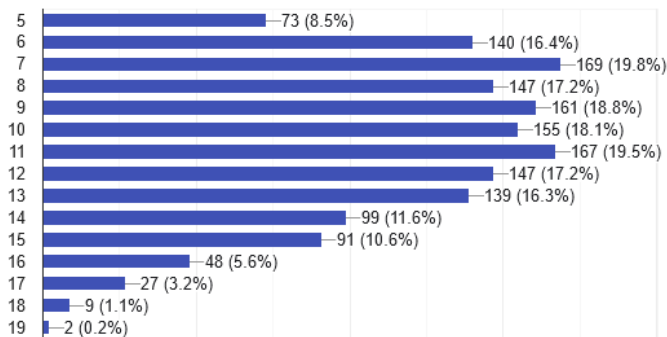
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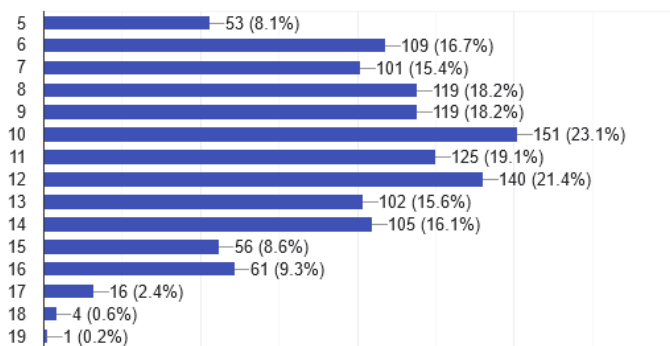
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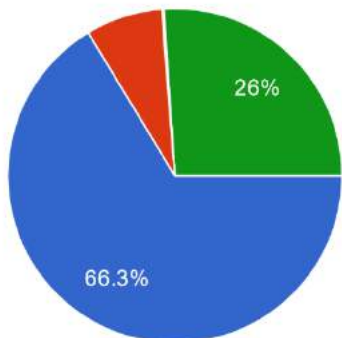
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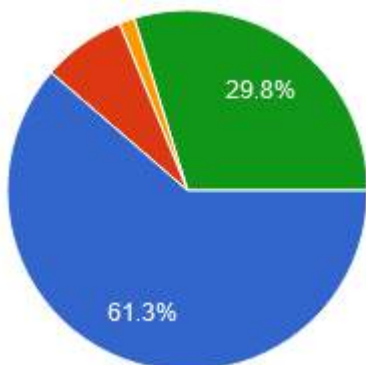
### How long do you INTEND to home educate your children?

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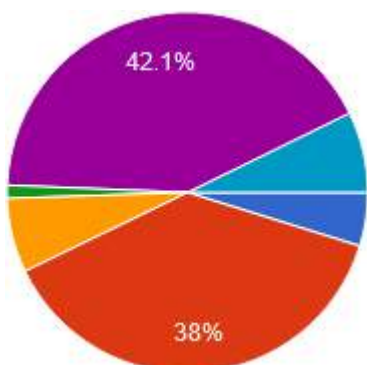
- Until the end of their schooling
- Until high school, so my child/children can do NCEA or other qualifications
- Short term (temporary solution; while travelling; issues going on at school; until pandemic is over, etc.)
- Unsure (or a different plan for each child)

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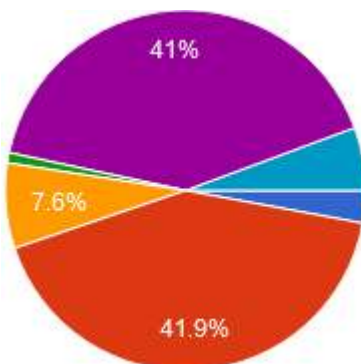


2022

### Asked differently in 2021/2020:



2021



2020

- All of the primary school years
- All of the primary and secondary school years
- All of the secondary school years
- Short term (temporary solution; while travelling; issues going on at school, etc.)
- Until it stops working
- Unsure

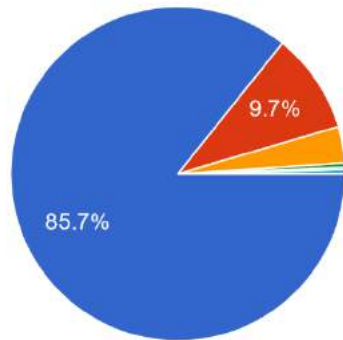
What are your main motivations to home educate? Respondents could select three only.

Value	2023	2022	2021
Family: Closer family unit; Family values more central	100%	64%	53%
Lifestyle: Travel; Fit in other family commitments; More relaxed lifestyle	65%	40%	37%
Socialisation: Higher quality social interactions	25%	11%	12%
Health: Medical, emotional and/or mental health reasons	35%	20%	23%
Learning: Higher quality tailored education	95%	49%	49%
Religious: Provide a faith-based education	51%	24%	21%
Special education needs: Not met or unlikely to be adequately met at school	43%	23%	25%
Accessibility: Too far from appropriate schools	1%	0%	2%
Schooling system: Avoid bullying, mistreatment, negative peer pressure	85%	29%	32%
Avoid other negative aspects of school	73%	27%	26%
Other reason, not covered above	13%	6%	5%

Not asked in 2020.

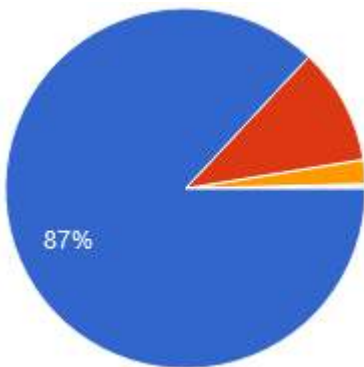
### Do you also have children attending school?

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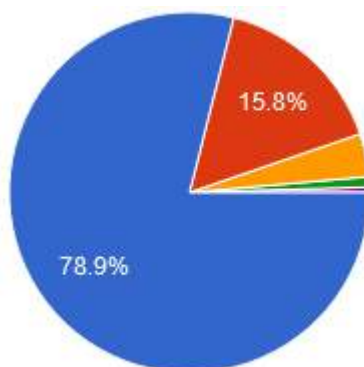


- No
- Yes I have 1 child at school
- Yes I have 2 children at school
- Yes I have 3 children at school
- Yes I have 4 children at school
- Yes I have 5 or more children at school

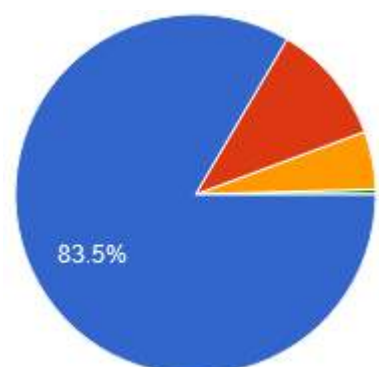
### Comparison:



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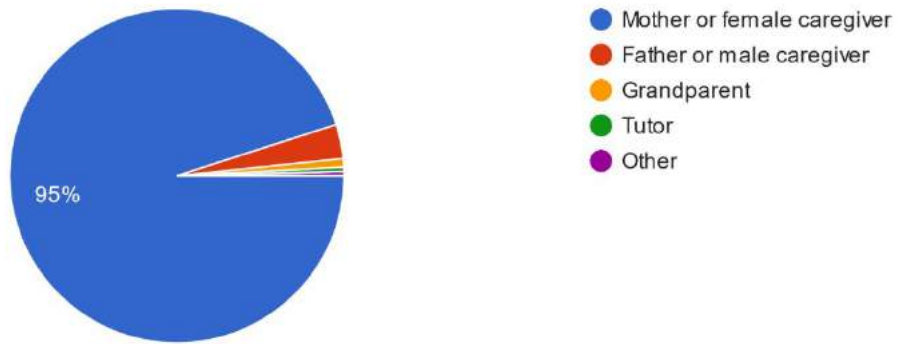


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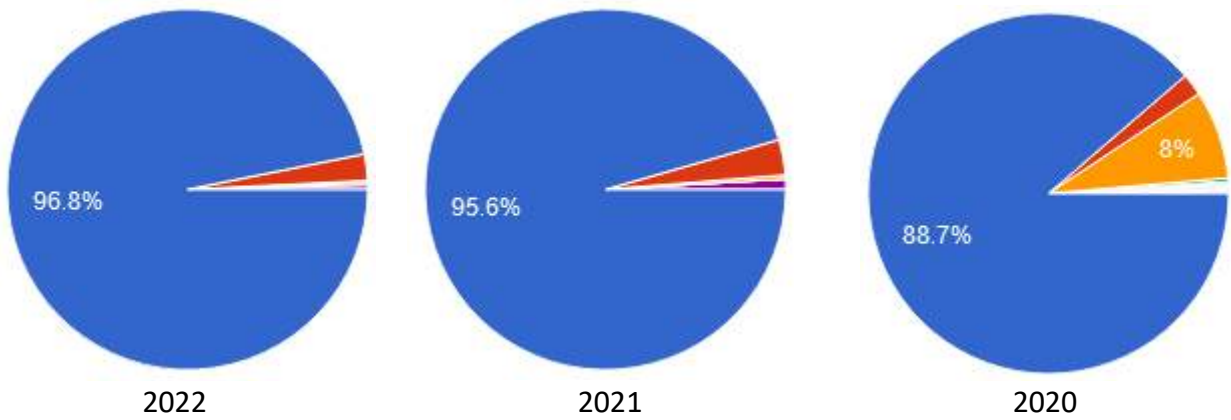


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Who delivers/facilitates/supervises the main day-to-day learning for your home educated child(ren)?  
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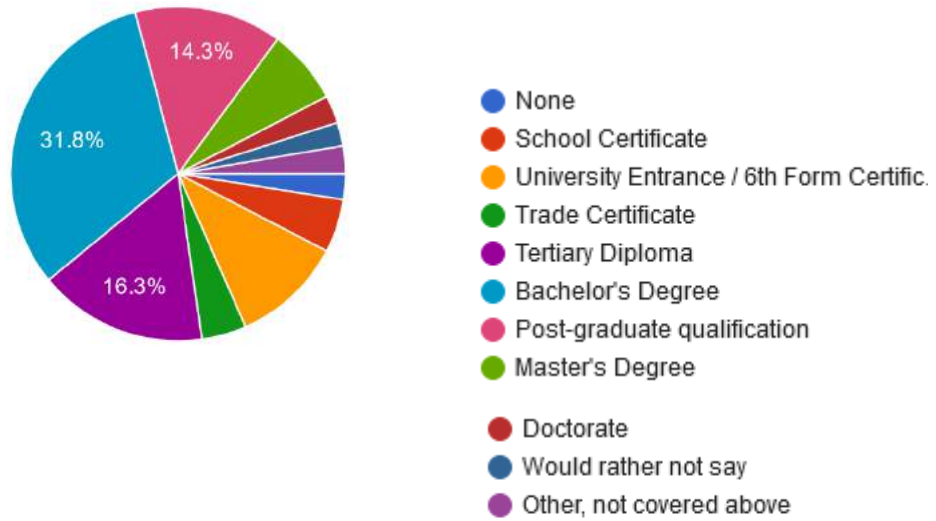


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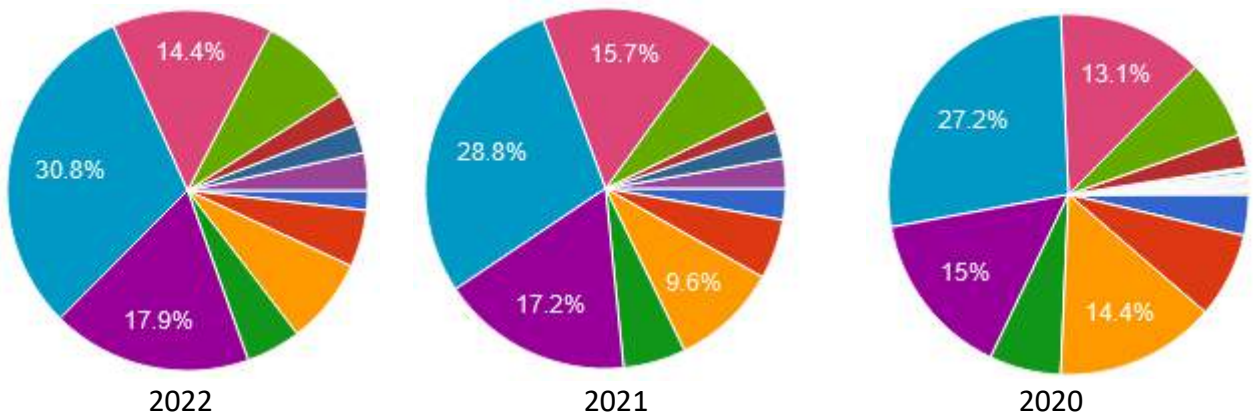


### What is that persons highest level of qualification?

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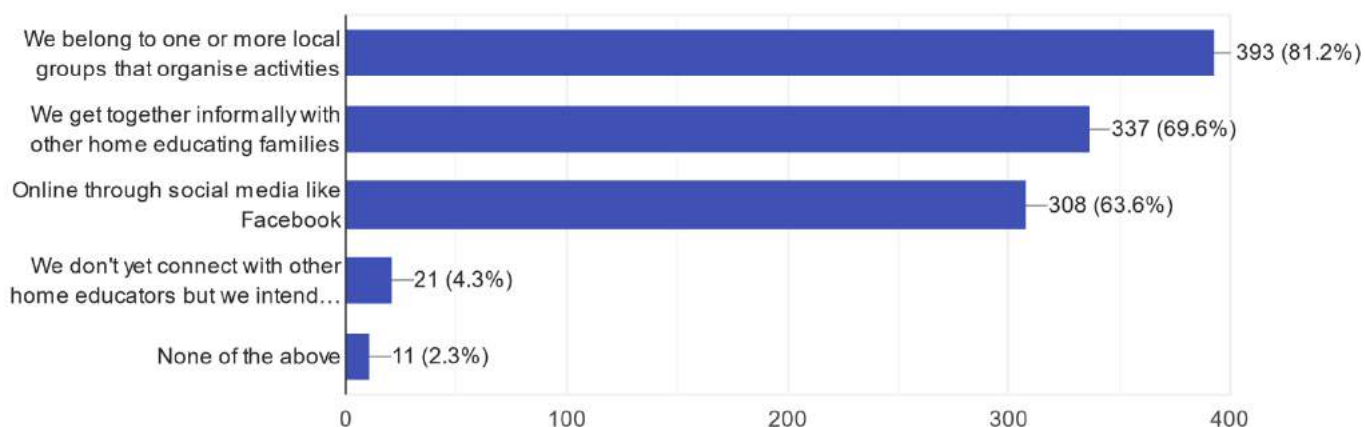


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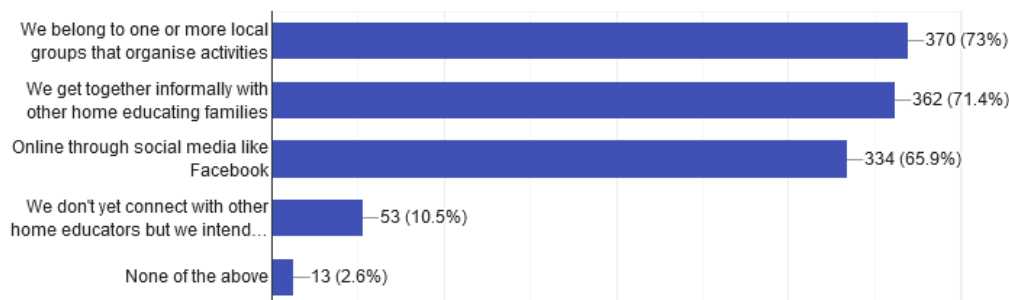


## How do you connect with other home educators?

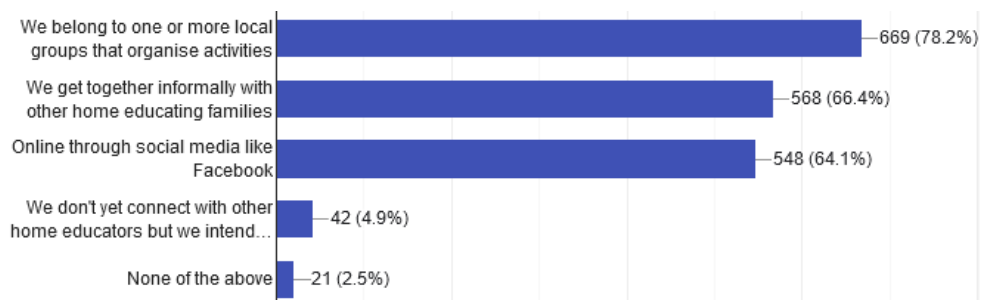
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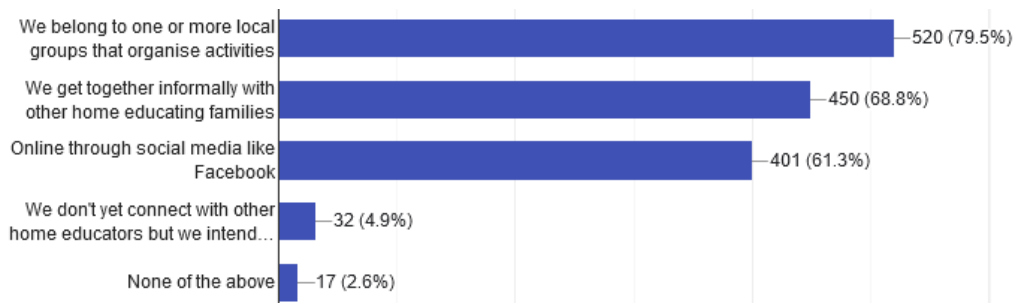
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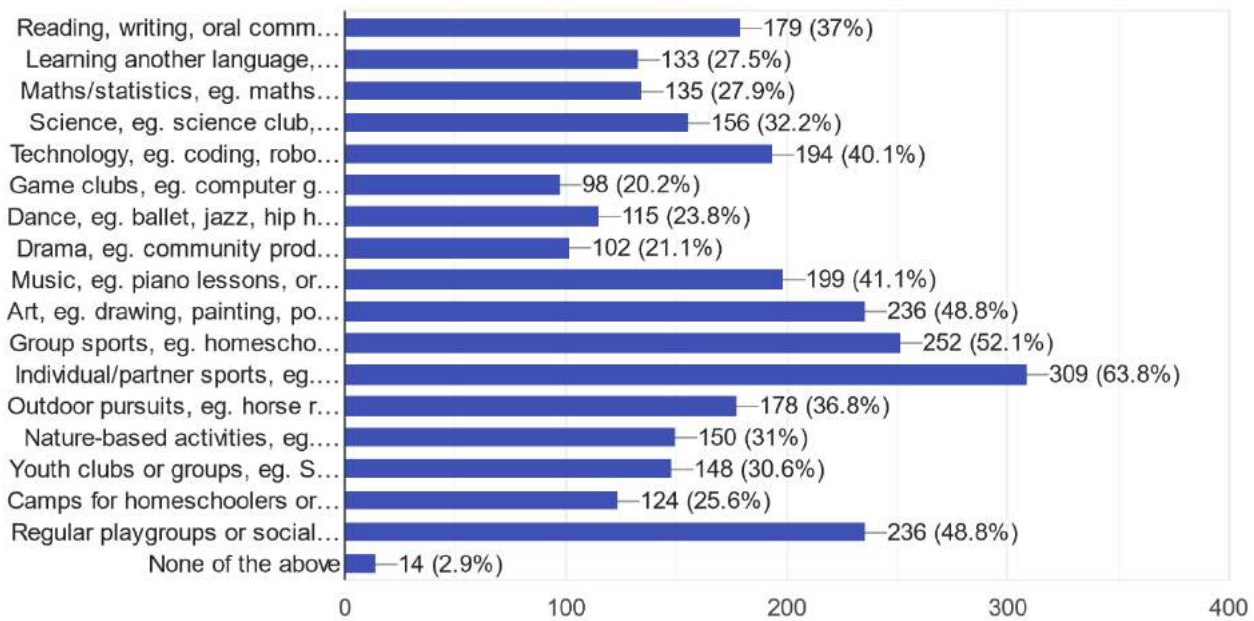


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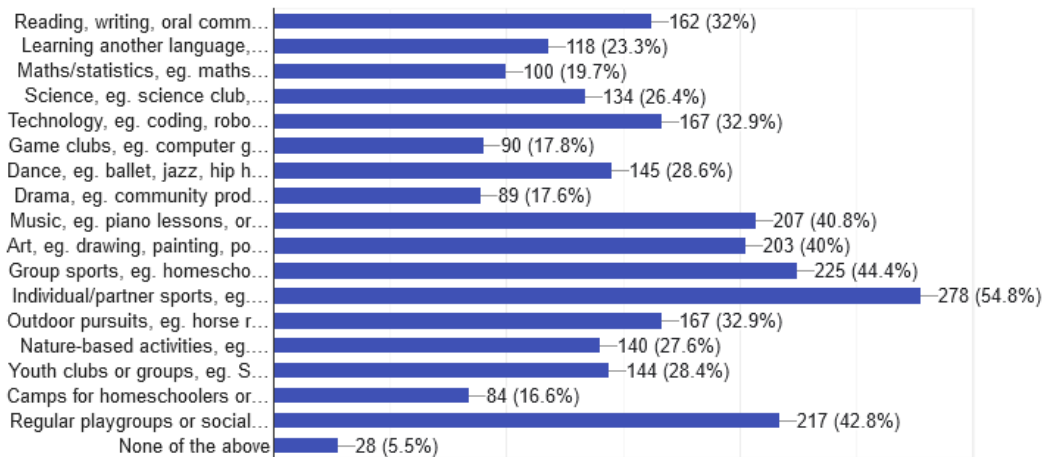


## 15. What "formal" activities have your children participated in over the last 12 months?

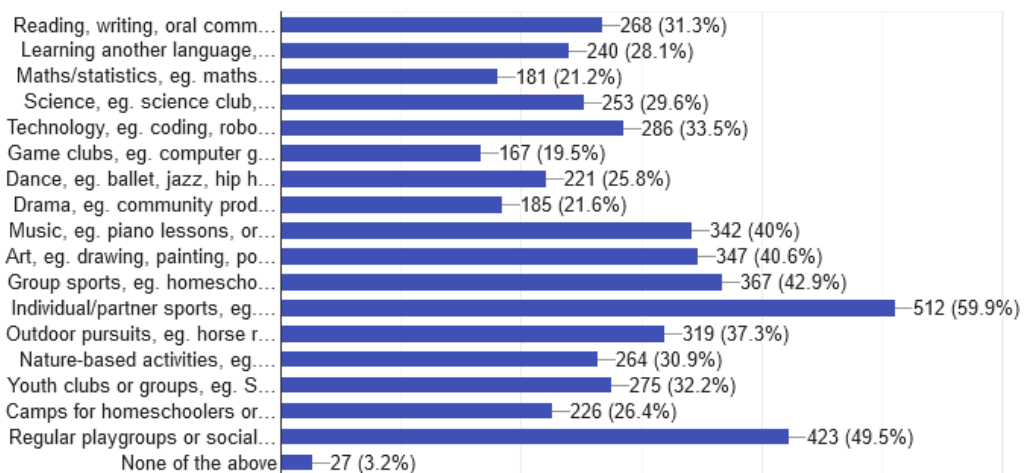
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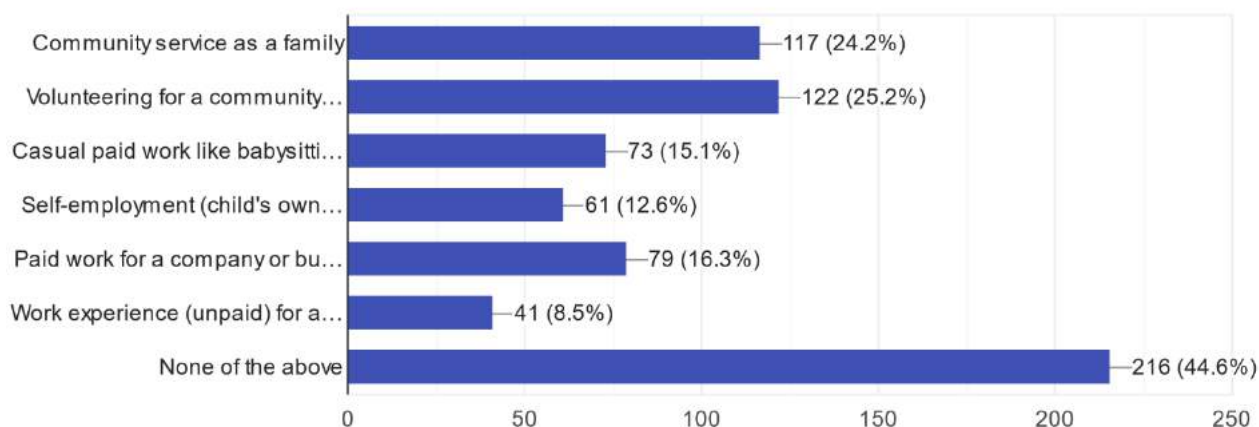
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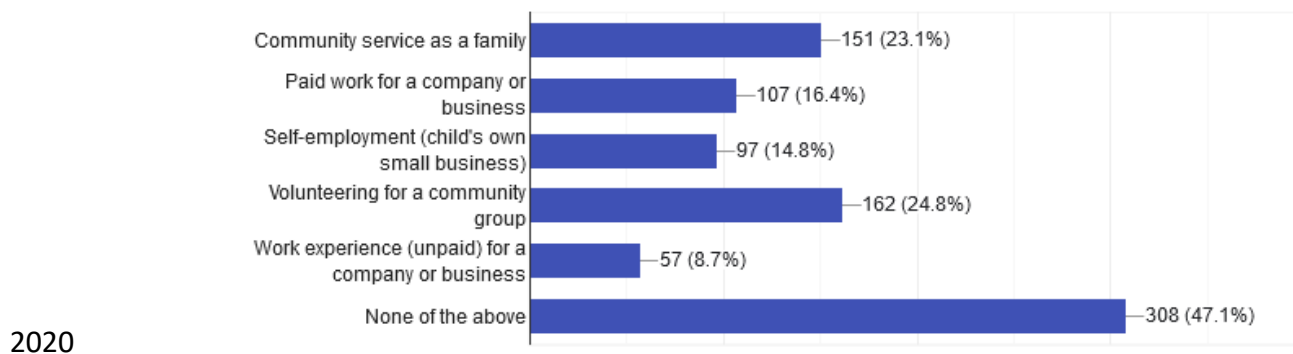
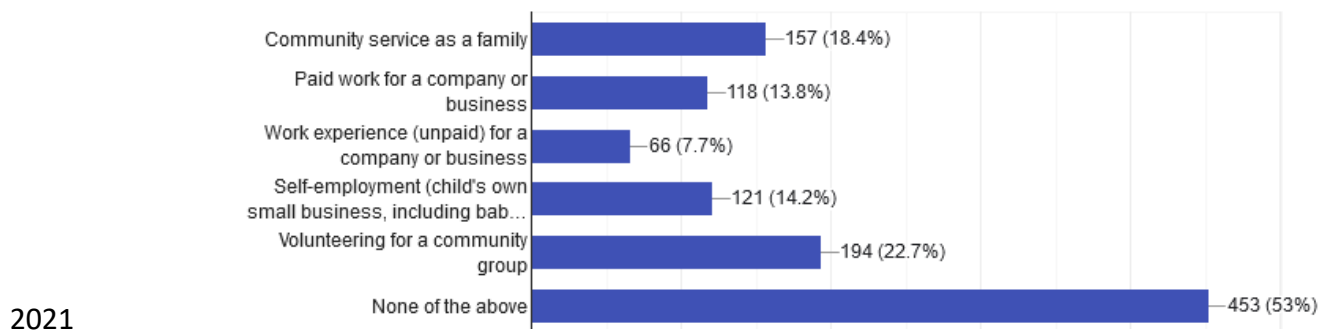
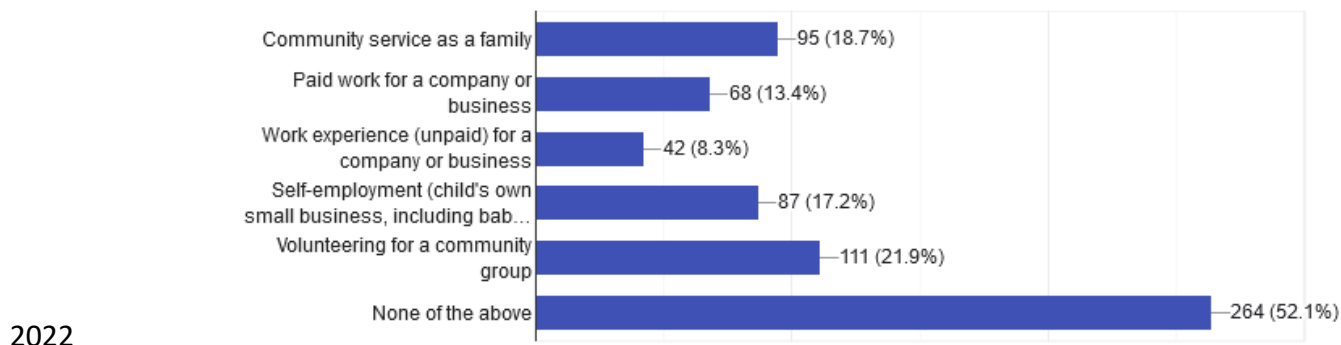
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## Have your home educated children participated in voluntary or paid work in the last 12 months?

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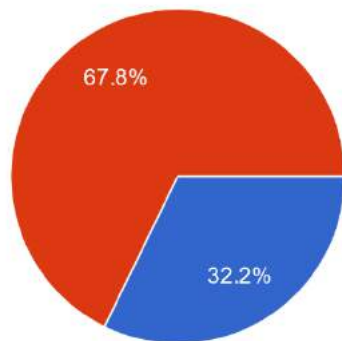
### Comparison:



## The Exemption Process Section

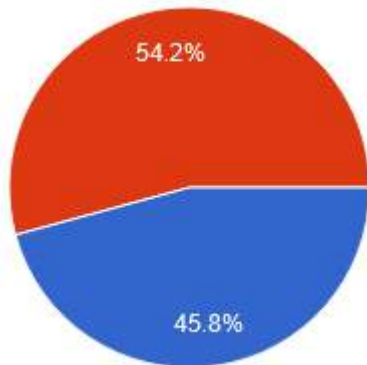
Have you submitted an exemption application to the Ministry of Education in the last 12 months?

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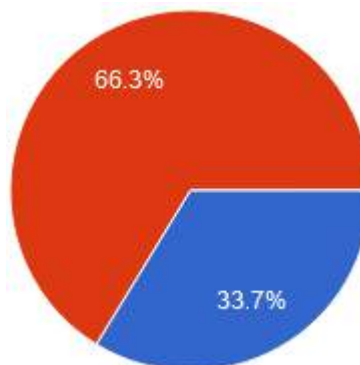


- Yes
- No - Please scroll to the bottom of the screen and click NEXT to move on to the next section

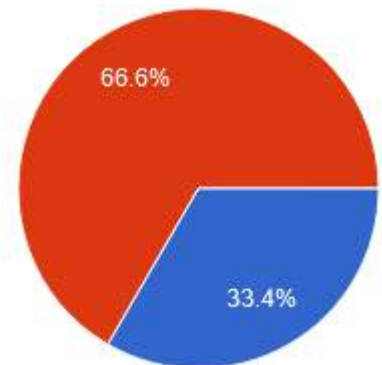
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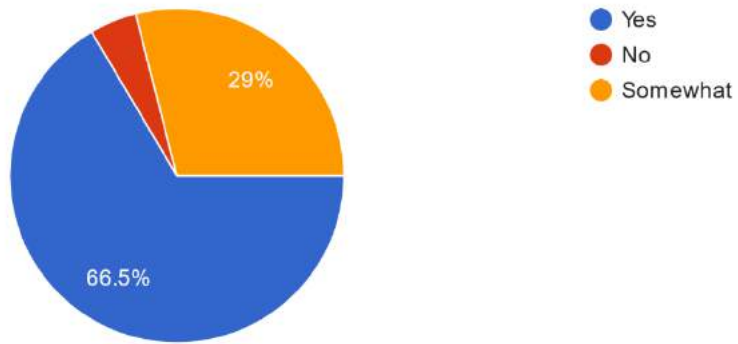


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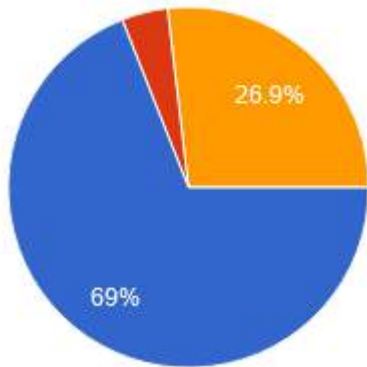


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Was it easy to get the information you needed prior to writing your exemption application?  
176 responses



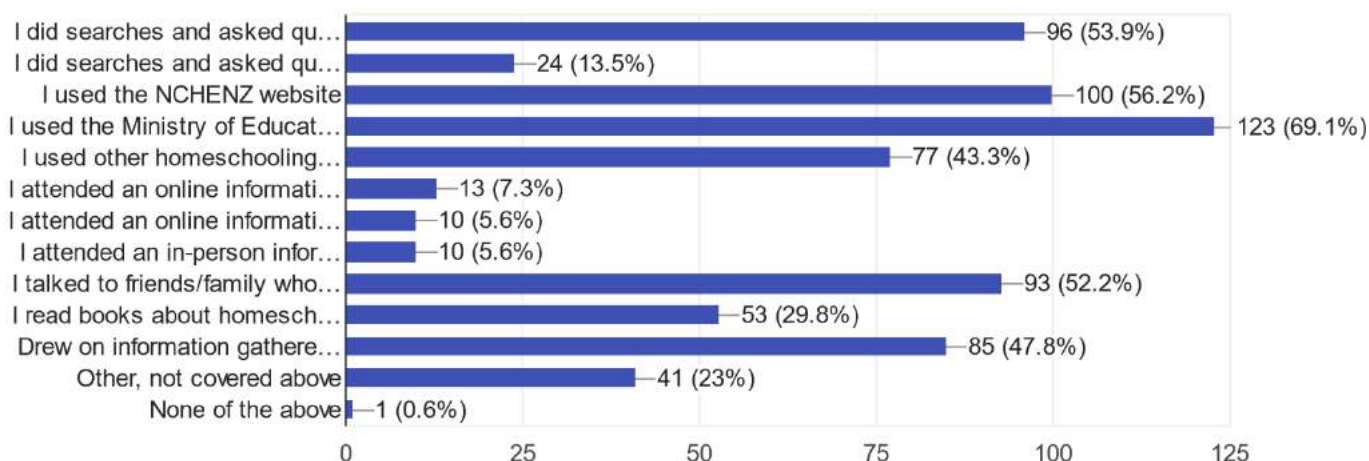
Comparison (not asked prior to 2022):



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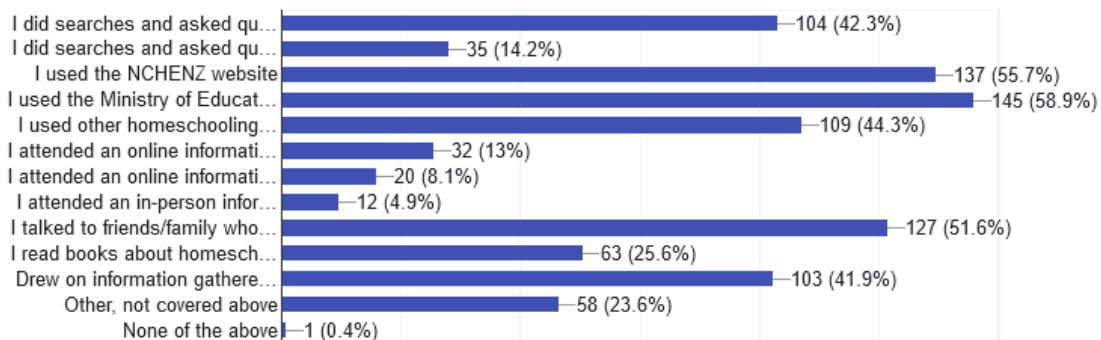
## How did you gather the information you needed prior to writing your exemption application?

178 responses



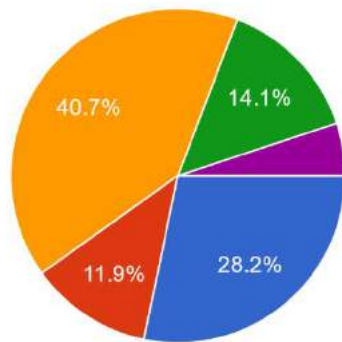
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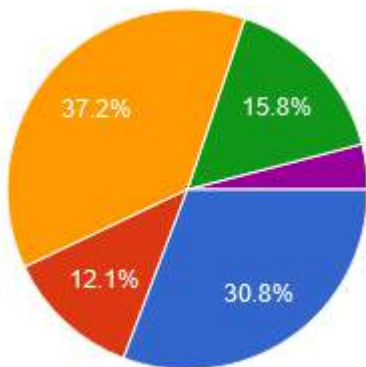
# How easy was it to find the NCHENZ website? [www.nchenz.org.nz](http://www.nchenz.org.nz)

177 responses



- Already knew of it from exemptions/ research I've done for previous children
- It's one of the first places I went
- I found it reasonably early on in the process
- I got there eventually
- I still haven't found it!

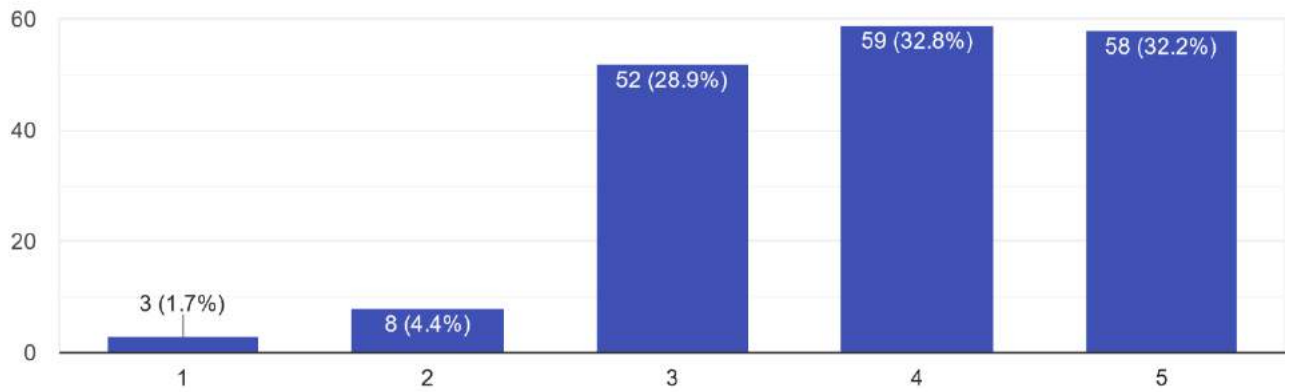
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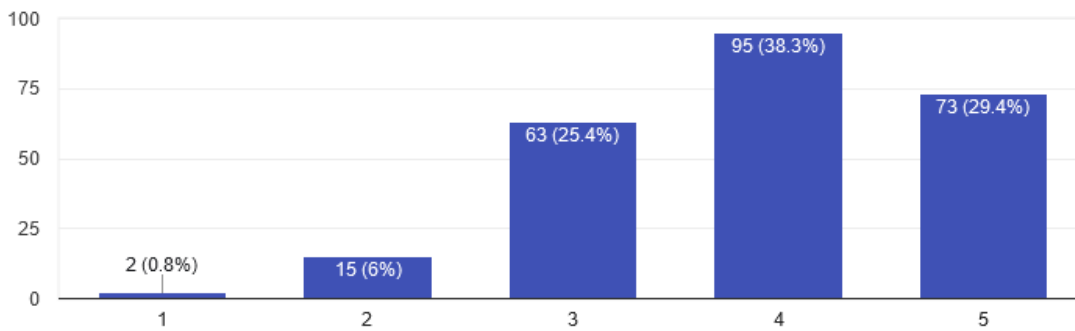
### How easy was it to find all of the information you needed in order to write your exemption application and begin homeschooling?

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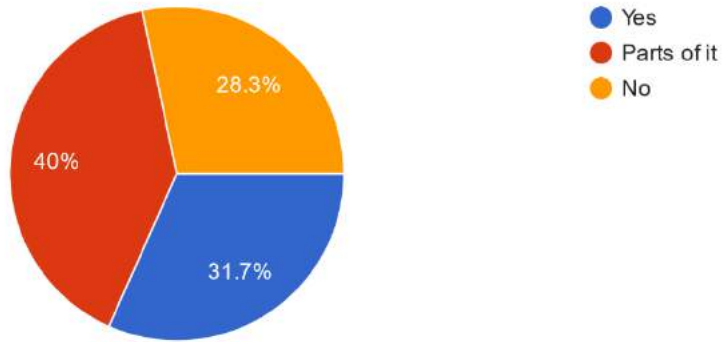
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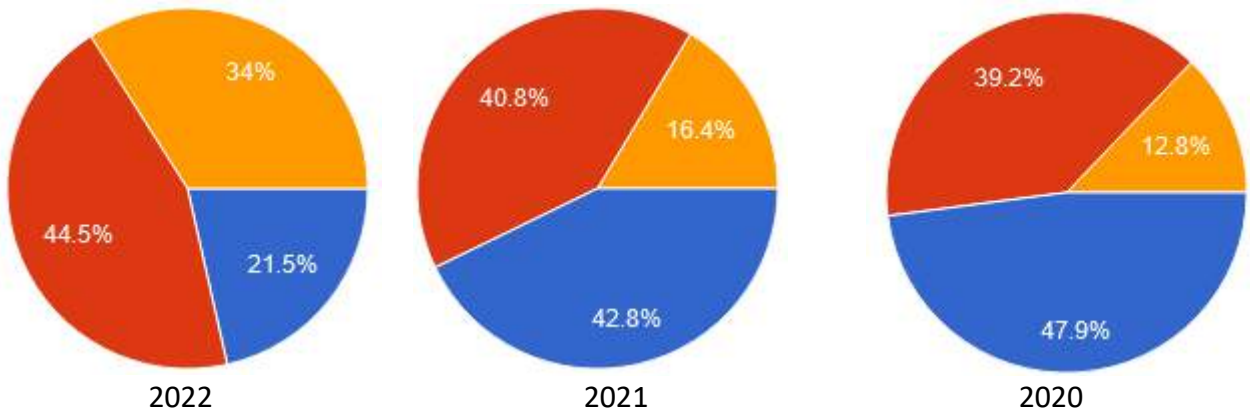


# Did you find the Ministry of Education exemption application form user friendly?

180 responses

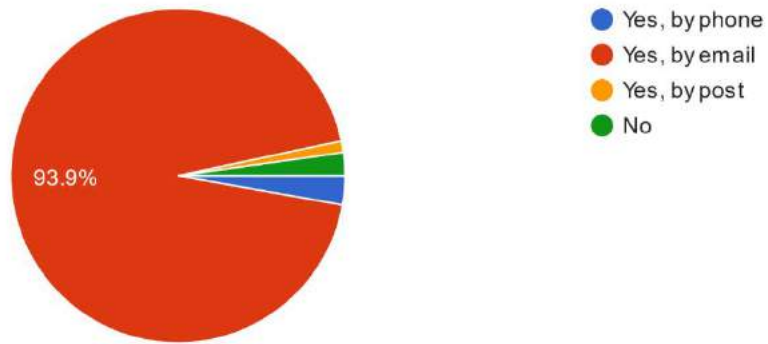


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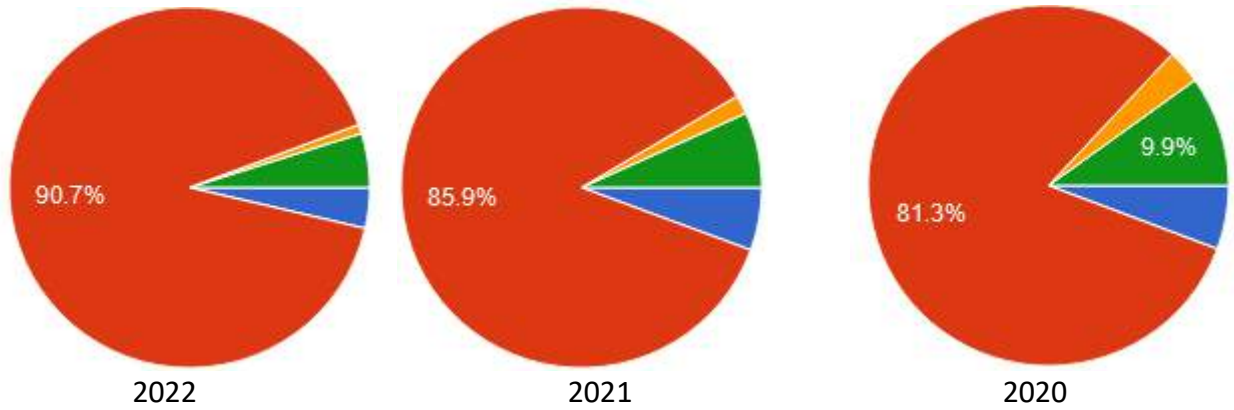




Once you submitted your forms to the Ministry of Education were you advised of their receipt?  
179 responses

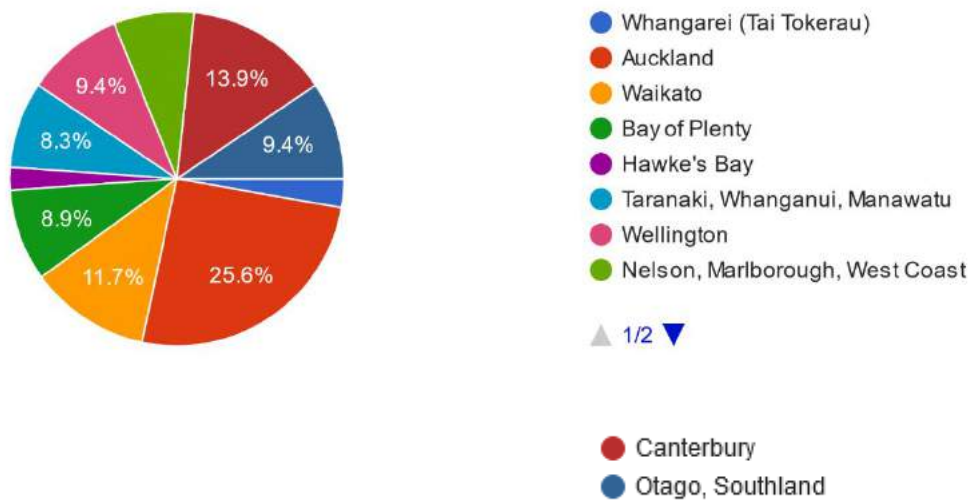


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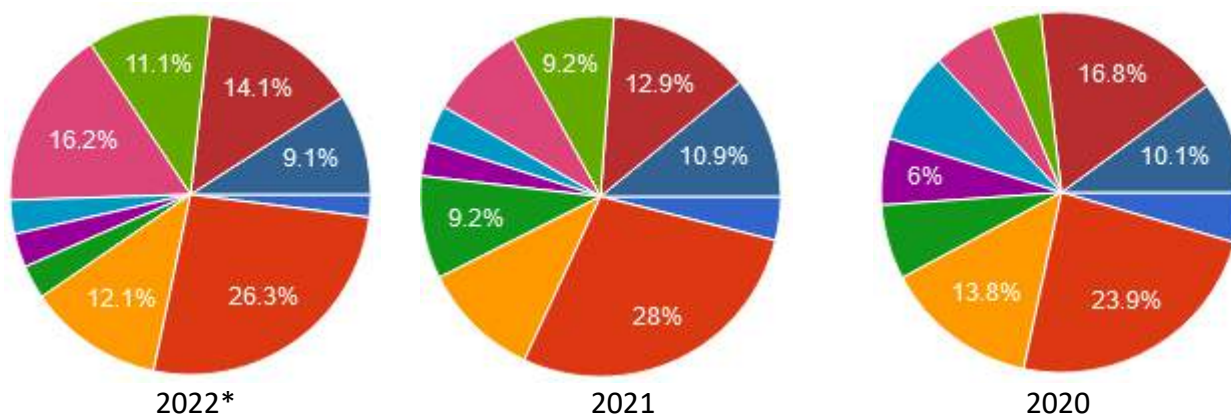


### Which Ministry of Education office did you submit the application to?

180 responses



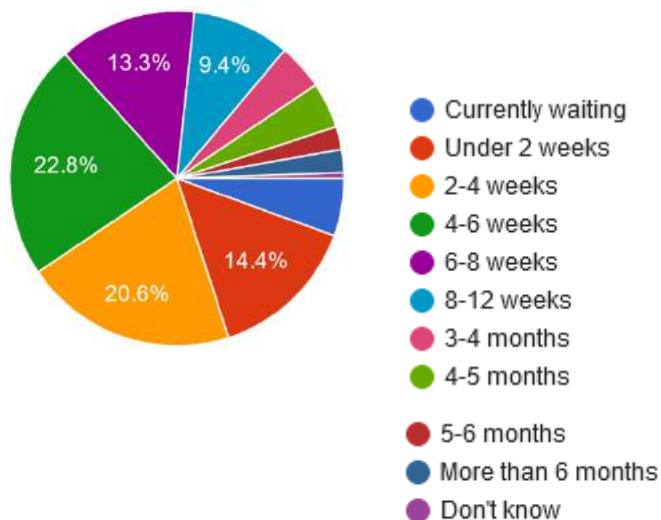
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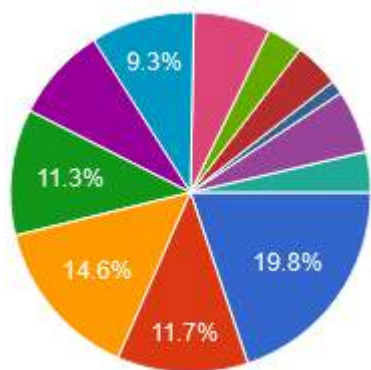
2022, slightly different question asked – “If you were asked for further information in order to process your exemption, which office processed your application?”

# How long did it take the Ministry of Education to process your exemption?

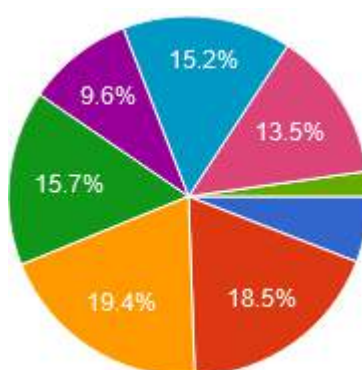
180 responses



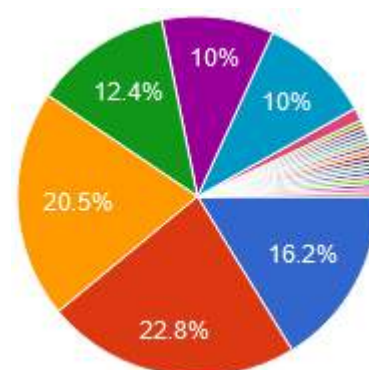
## Comparison:



2022 (same options as 2023)



2021 (different options)



2020 (different options)

- Currently waiting
- 1-2 weeks
- 2-3 weeks
- 3-4 weeks
- 4-5 weeks
- 5-6 weeks
- More than 6 weeks
- Don't know

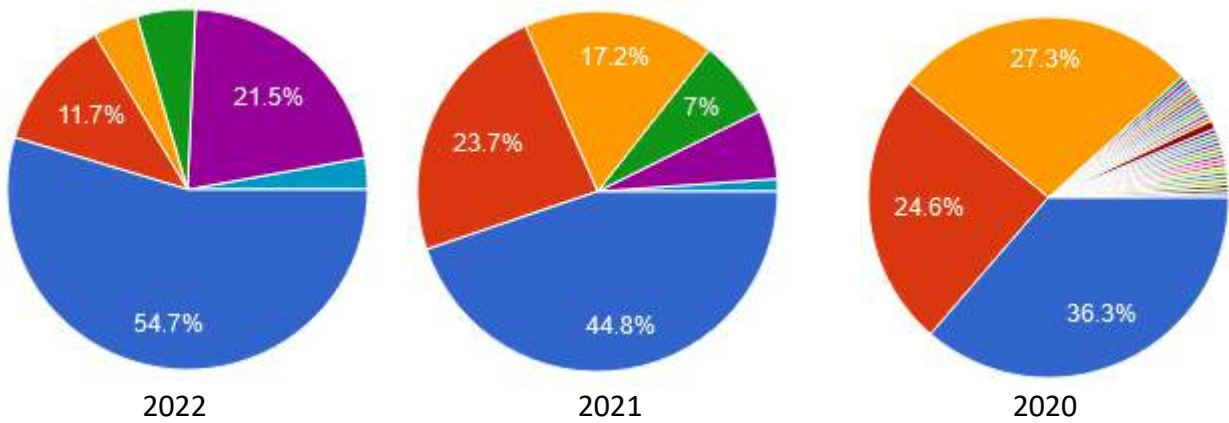
- 1-2 weeks
- 2-3 weeks
- 3-4 weeks
- 4-5 weeks
- 5-6 weeks
- More than 6 weeks
- Still waiting
- Currently processing

# How did the Ministry of Education advise you about the result of your application?

178 responses

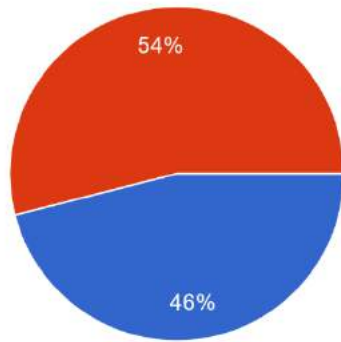


## Comparison:



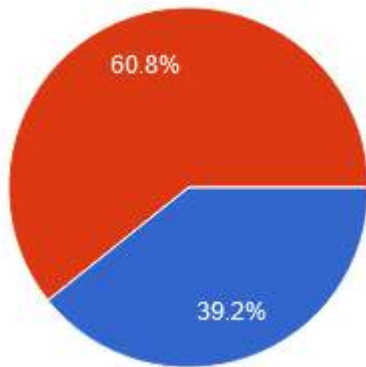
# Did the Ministry of Education ask for further information in order to process your exemption?

176 responses

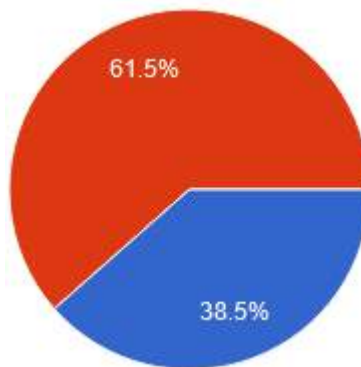


- Yes
- No - Please scroll to the bottom of the screen and click NEXT to move on to the next section

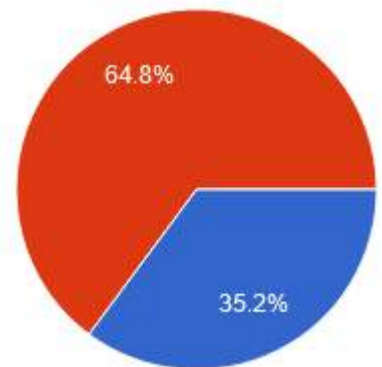
## Comparison:



2022



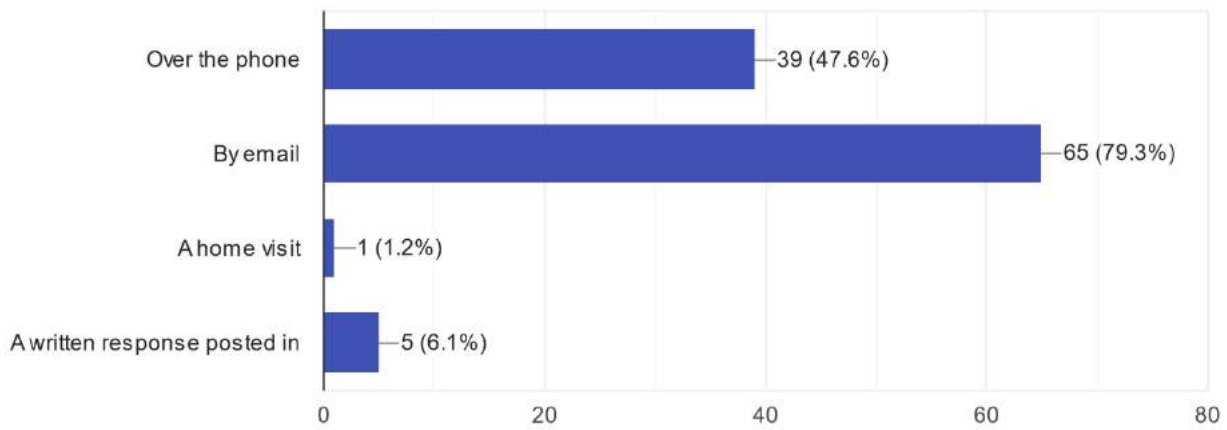
2021



2020

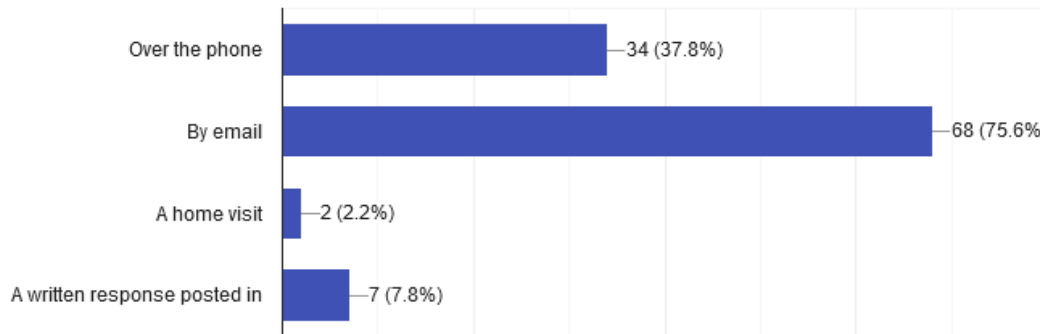
### What options were you given in order to provide this further information?

82 responses

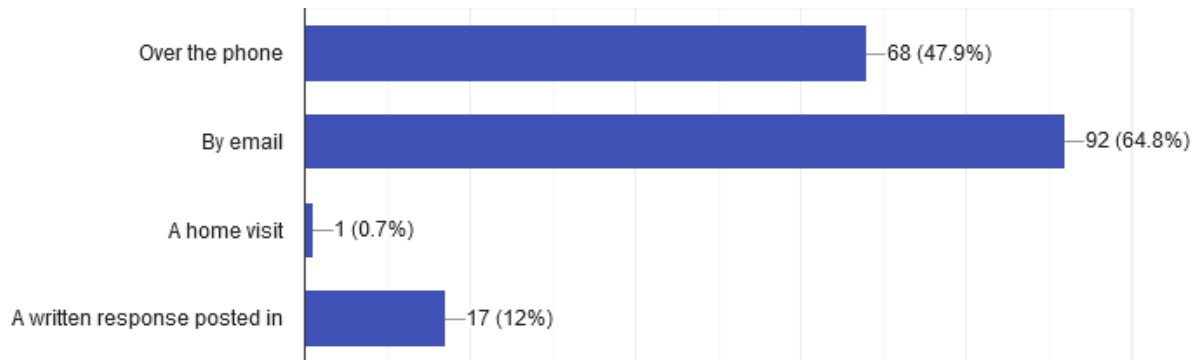


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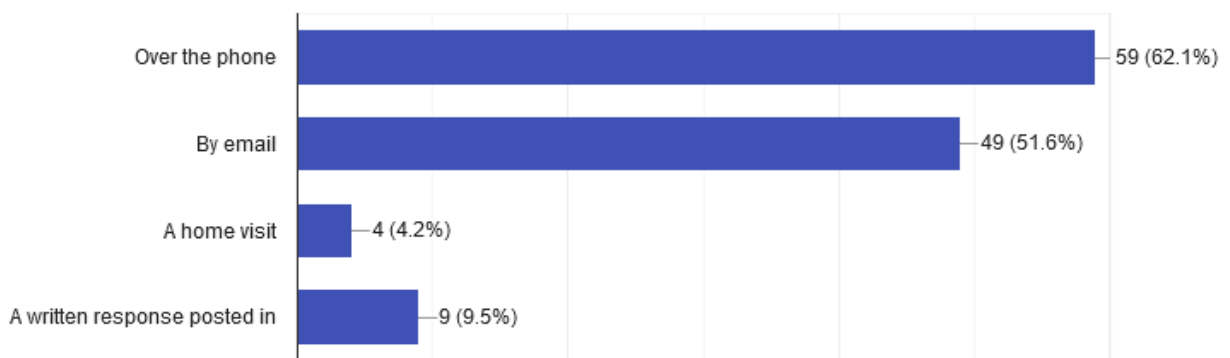
2022



2021

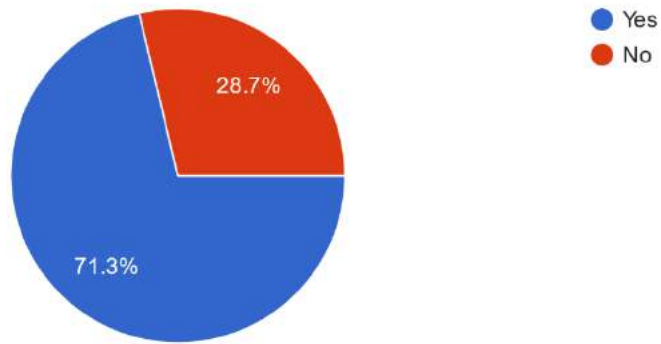


2020

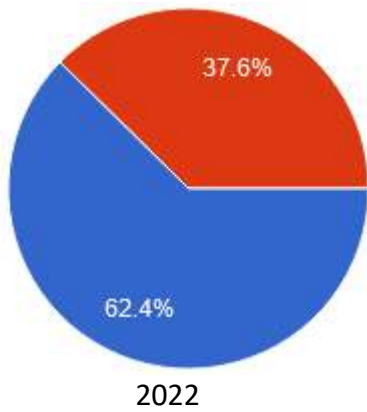


Had you already provided the required information in your written exemption application?

87 responses

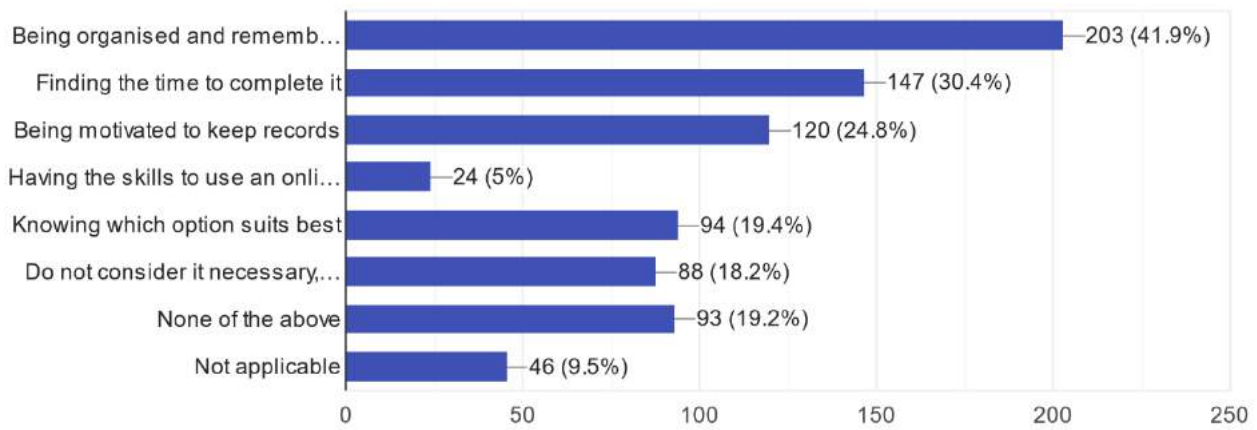


Comparison (not asked prior to 2022):



### What are the main challenges for yourself with regard to keeping a record of learning and progress?

484 responses

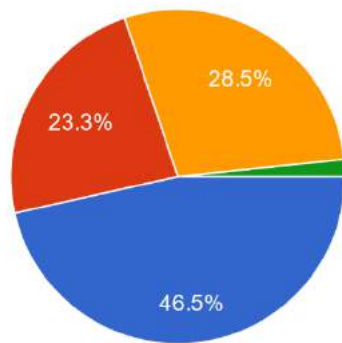


No comparison, not asked in previous years



Do you currently keep an organised record of learning and progress for your home educated child(ren)?

484 responses

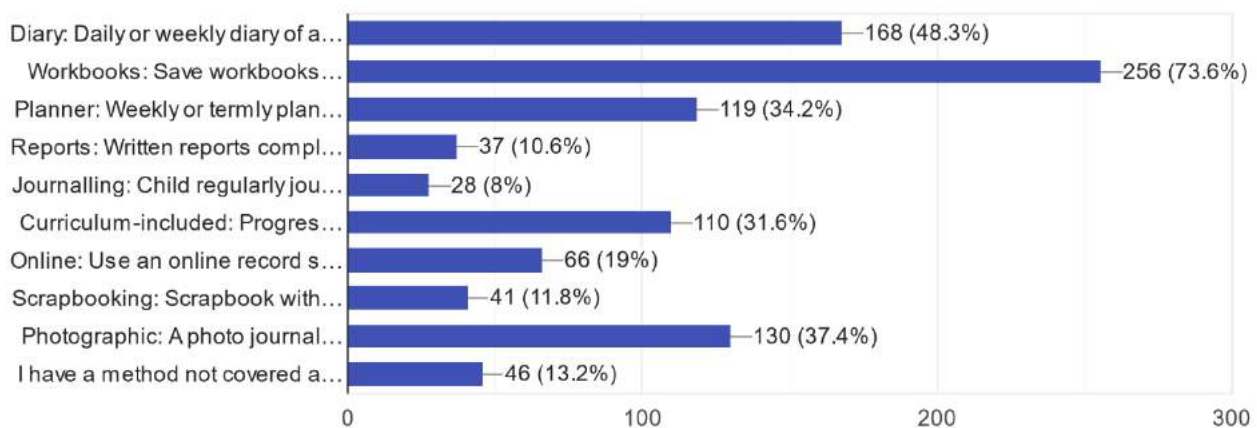


- Yes
- No - Please scroll to the bottom of the screen and click NEXT to move on to the next section
- Inconsistently
- Not applicable or do not wish to answer - Please scroll to the bottom of the screen and click NEXT to move on to the next section

No comparison, not asked in previous years

If YES, what methods do you currently utilise to keep a record of learning and progress for your home educated child(ren)?

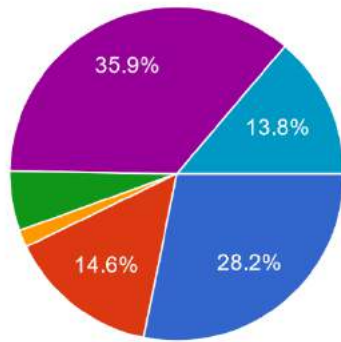
348 responses



No comparison, not asked in previous years

# What is your MAIN reason for keeping an organised record of learning?

362 responses

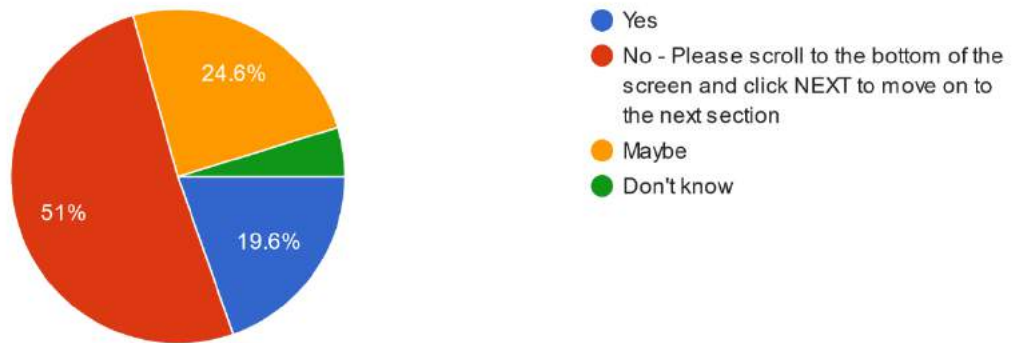


- For my child to look back on their learning
- To reassure me when I feel we are not getting anywhere
- To satisfy extended family members that learning is happening
- To show progress as required for Oranga Tamariki, Education Review...
- To show progress in case it's require...
- Other reason, not covered above

No comparison, not asked in previous years

Would you like some guidance or tools to help you voluntarily review your home education programme, for your own use only, and without the threat of your exemptions being revoked?

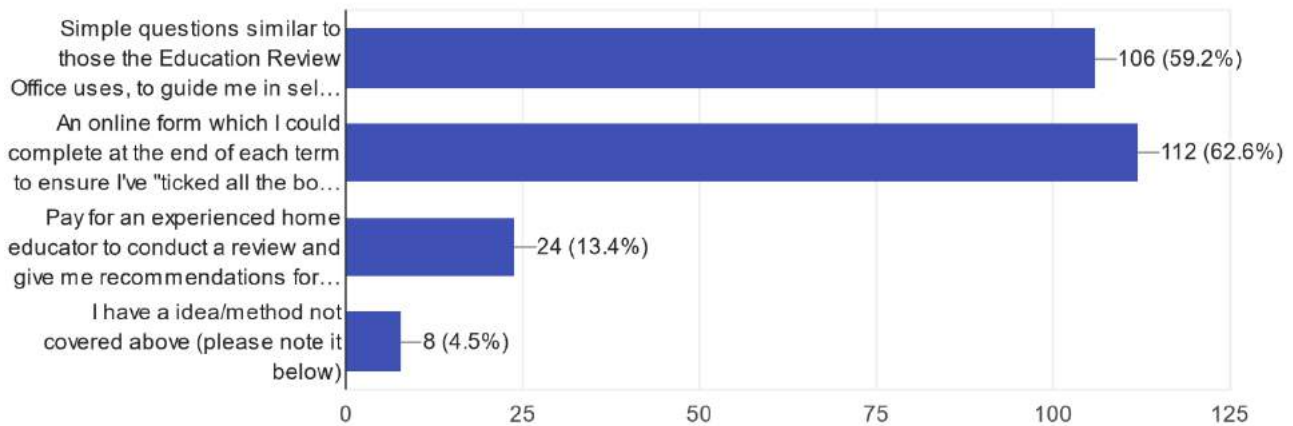
484 responses



No comparison, not asked in previous years

If YES, what format would you find most useful and be most likely to use?

179 responses

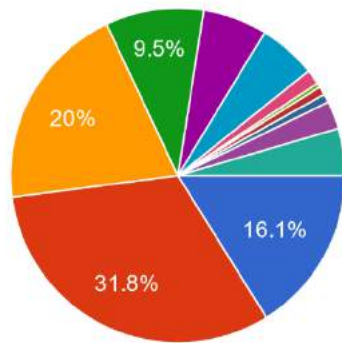


No comparison, not asked in previous years

# The Cost of Home Educating

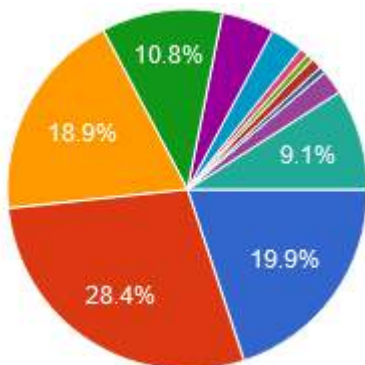
Approximately how much do you spend on educational resources for ONE of your homeschooled children in a typical term?

484 responses



- 16.1% Under \$100/term
- 31.8% \$100 to \$200/term
- 20.0% \$200 to \$300/term
- 9.5% \$300 to \$400/term
- 6.2% \$400 to \$500/term
- 5.6% \$500 to \$600/term
- 1.4% \$600 to \$700/term
- 0.4% \$700 to \$800/term
- 0.8% \$800 to \$900/term
- 0.8% \$900 to \$1,000/term
- 2.7% More than \$1,000/term
- 4.5% Cannot estimate cost

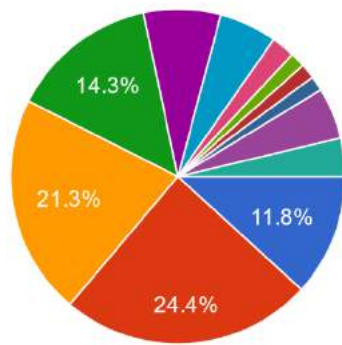
Comparison (not asked prior to 2022):



2022

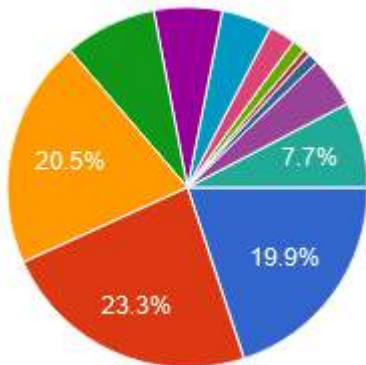
Approximately how much do you spend on other educational activities for ONE of your homeschooled children in a typical term?

484 responses



- 11.8% Under \$100/term
- 24.4% \$100 to \$200/term
- 21.3% \$200 to \$300/term
- 14.3% \$300 to \$400/term
- 7.4% \$400 to \$500/term
- 5.6% \$500 to \$600/term
- 2.3% \$600 to \$700/term
- 1.4% \$700 to \$800/term
- 1.4% \$800 to \$900/term
- 1.4% \$900 to \$1,000/term
- 5.0% More than \$1,000/term
- 3.7% Cannot estimate cost

Comparison (not asked prior to 2022):

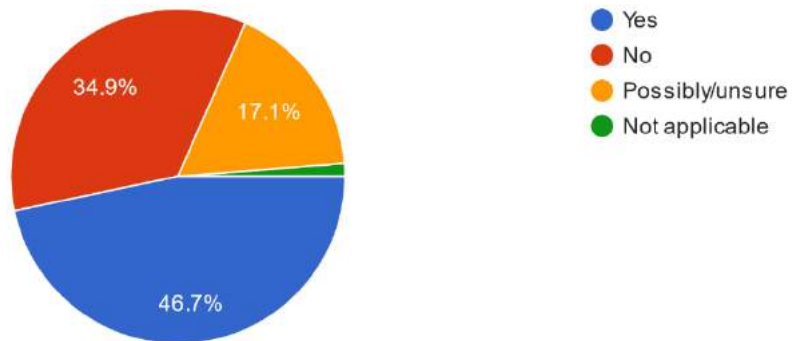


2022

## NCHENZ Seminars/Webinars

Did you know NCHENZ ran a range of online Zoom sessions last year?

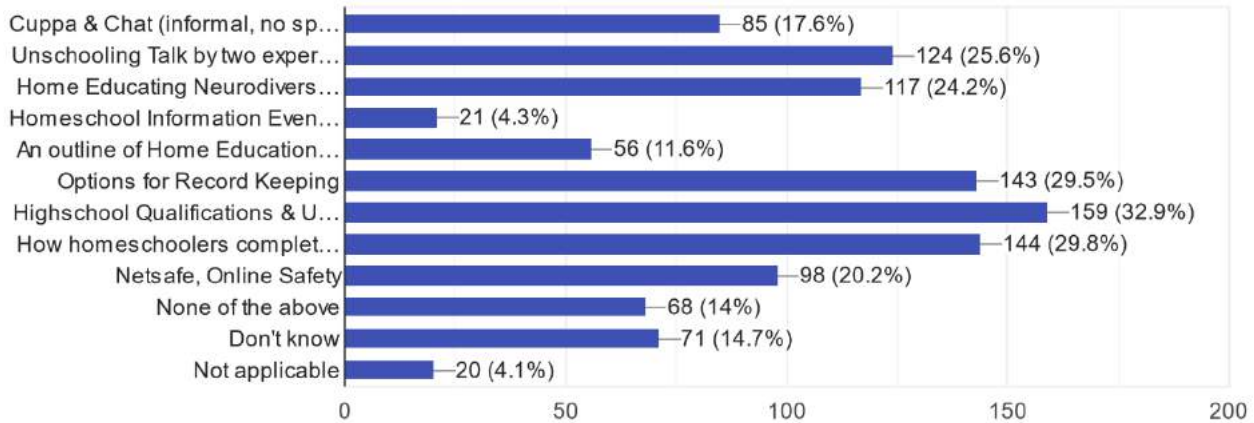
484 responses



No comparison, not asked in previous years

Would you like to attend any of these online sessions this year?

484 responses



No comparison, not asked in previous years