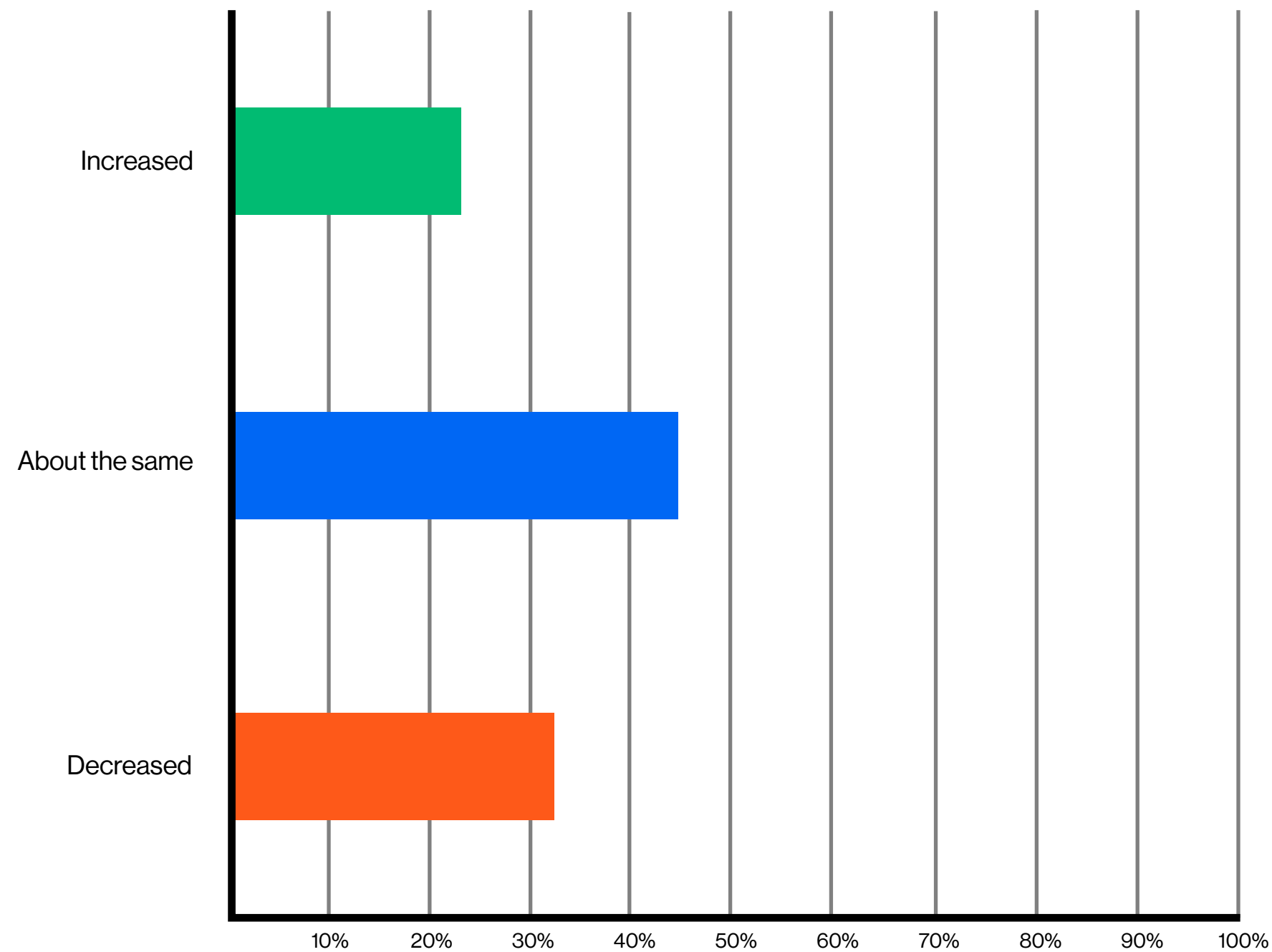
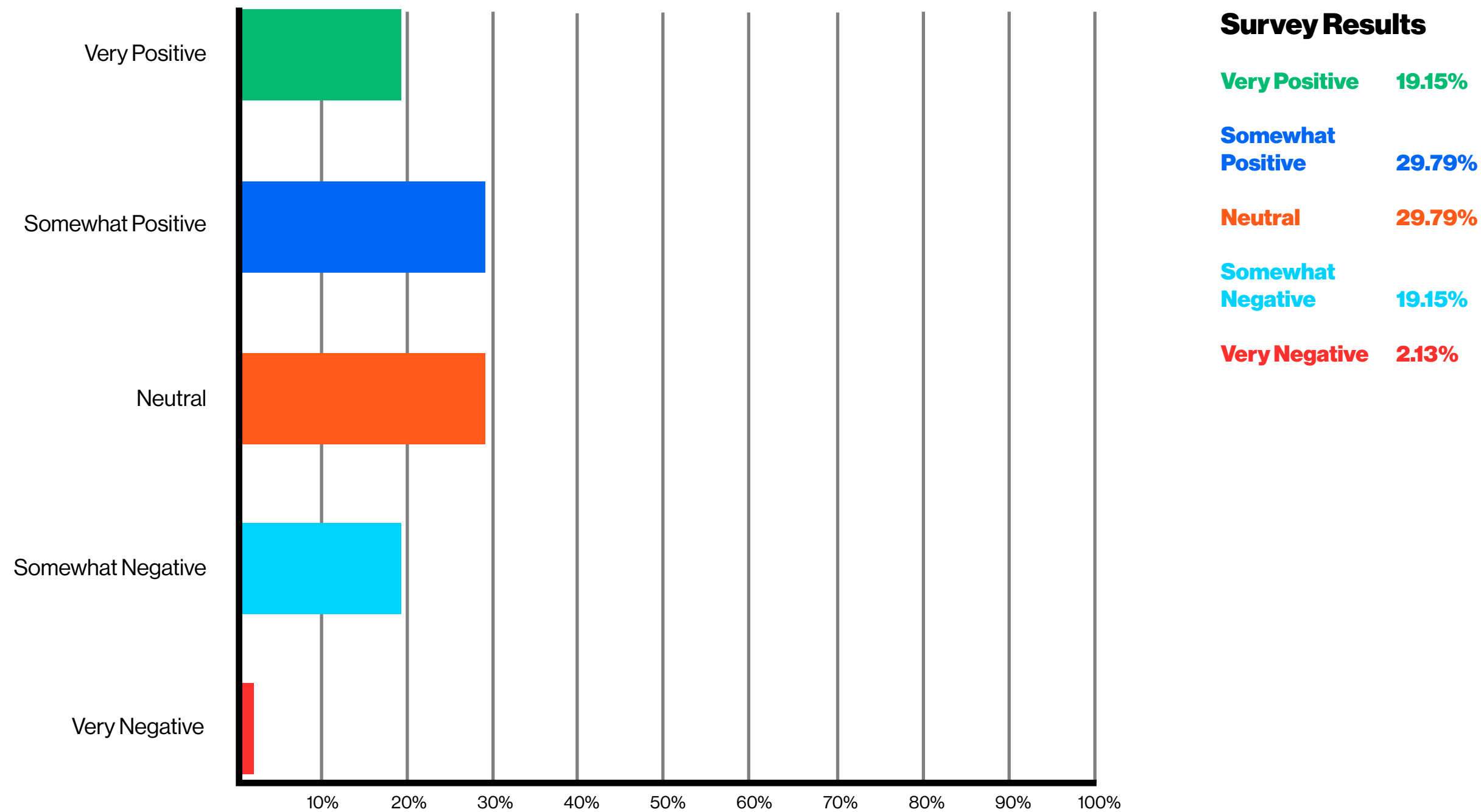


How have your company's sales trended over the last 90 days?



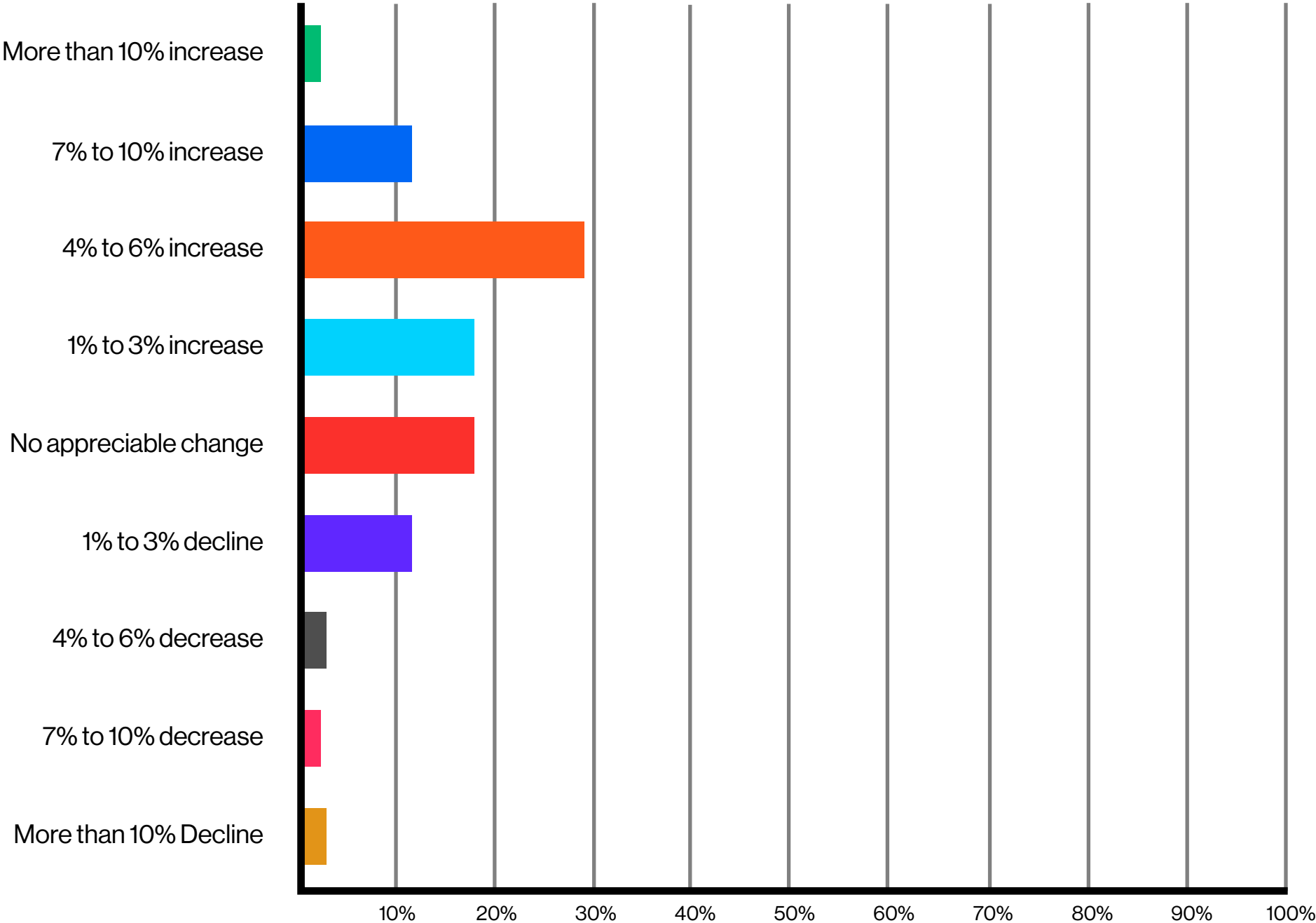
Survey Results	
Increased	23.40%
About the same	44.68%
Decreased	31.91%

What is your business outlook for 2026?



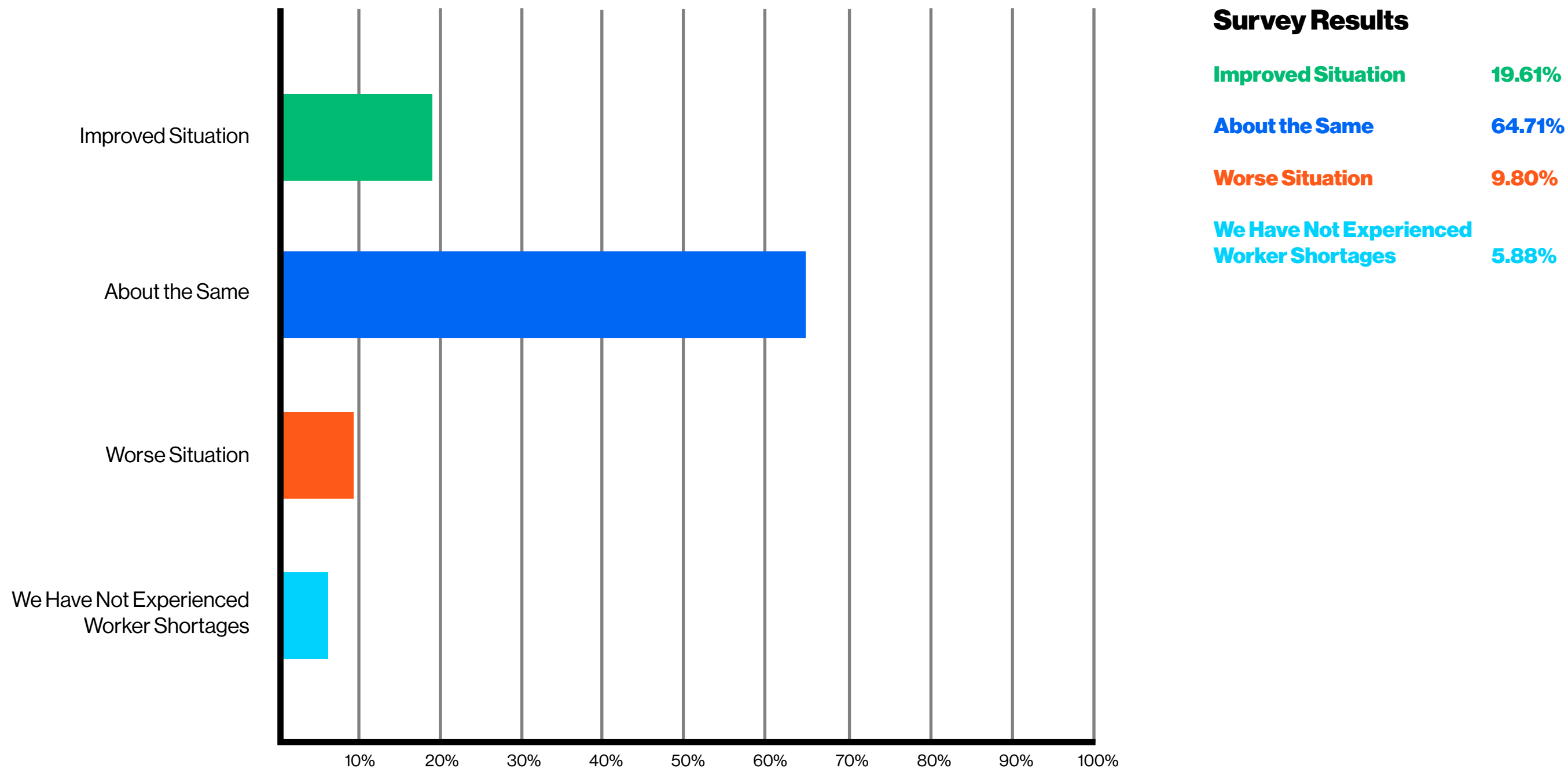
Survey Results	
Very Positive	19.15%
Somewhat Positive	29.79%
Neutral	29.79%
Somewhat Negative	19.15%
Very Negative	2.13%

What are your foundry's sales projections in terms of tonnage for the next 12 months?

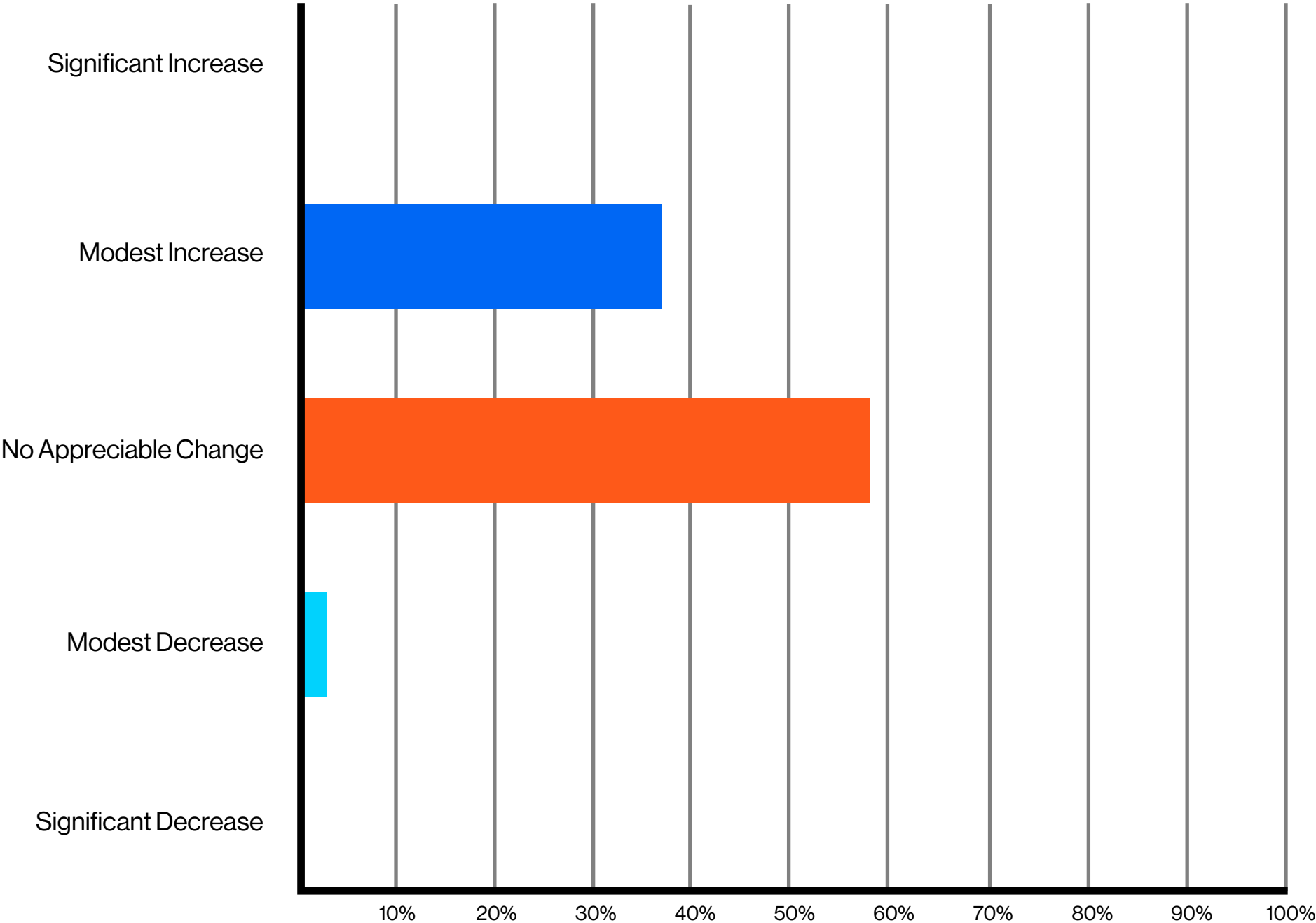


Survey Results	
More than 10% increase	1.96%
7% to 10% increase	11.76%
4% to 6% increase	29.41%
1% to 3% increase	17.65%
No appreciable change	17.65%
1% to 3% decline	11.76%
4% to 6% decline	3.92%
7% to 10% decline	1.96%
More than 10% decline	3.92%

Compared to six months ago, which best describes the worker shortage at your foundry?

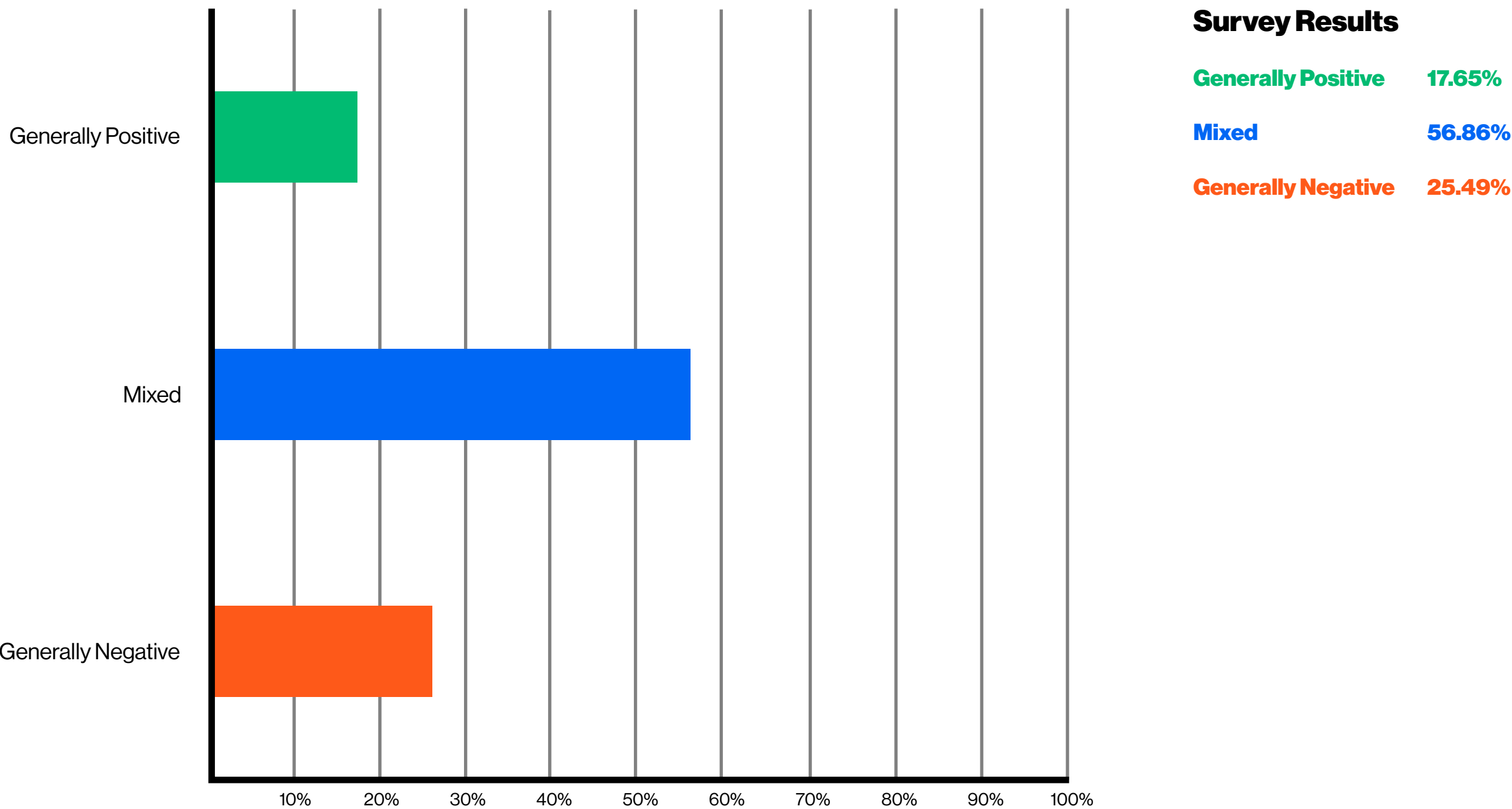


How do you expect the number of full-time employees in your facility to change over the next 12 months?

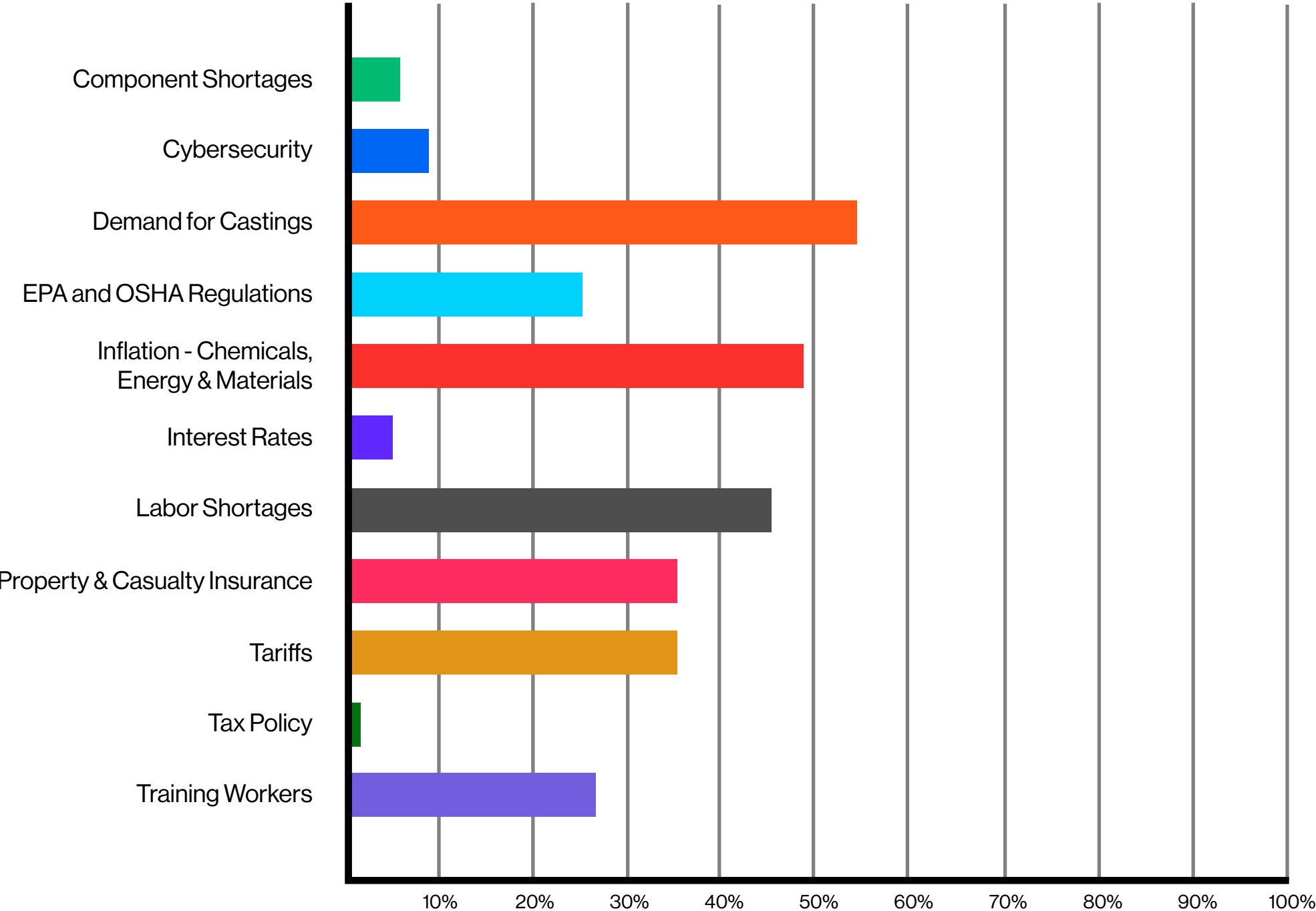


Survey Results	
Significant Increase	0%
Modest Increase	37.25%
No Appreciable Change	58.82%
Modest Decrease	3.92%
Significant Decrease	0%

On balance, which best describes the overall impact of the Administration's tariffs policy on your business?

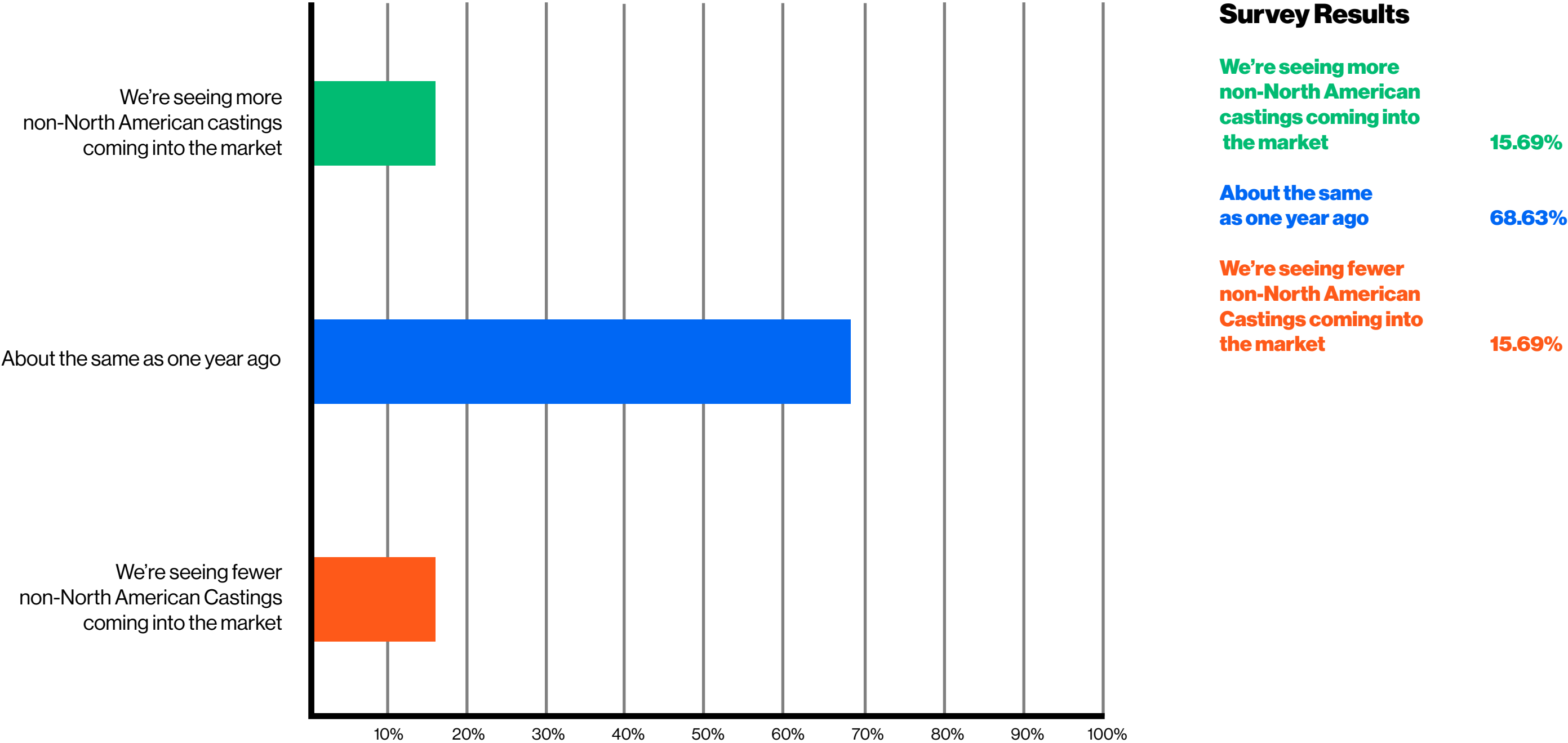


Which of these issues are the top 3 concerns or priorities for your company at this time?



Survey Results	
Component Shortages	5.88%
Cybersecurity	9.80%
Demand for Castings	54.90%
EPA and OSHA Regulations	25.49%
Inflation - Chemicals, Energy & Materials	49.02%
Interest Rates	5.88%
Labor Shortages	45.10%
Property & Casualty Insurance	35.29%
Tariffs	35.29%
Tax Policy	1.96%
Training Workers	27.45%

What best describes what you are seeing related to castings from Asia, Europe or other continents over the past 12 months?



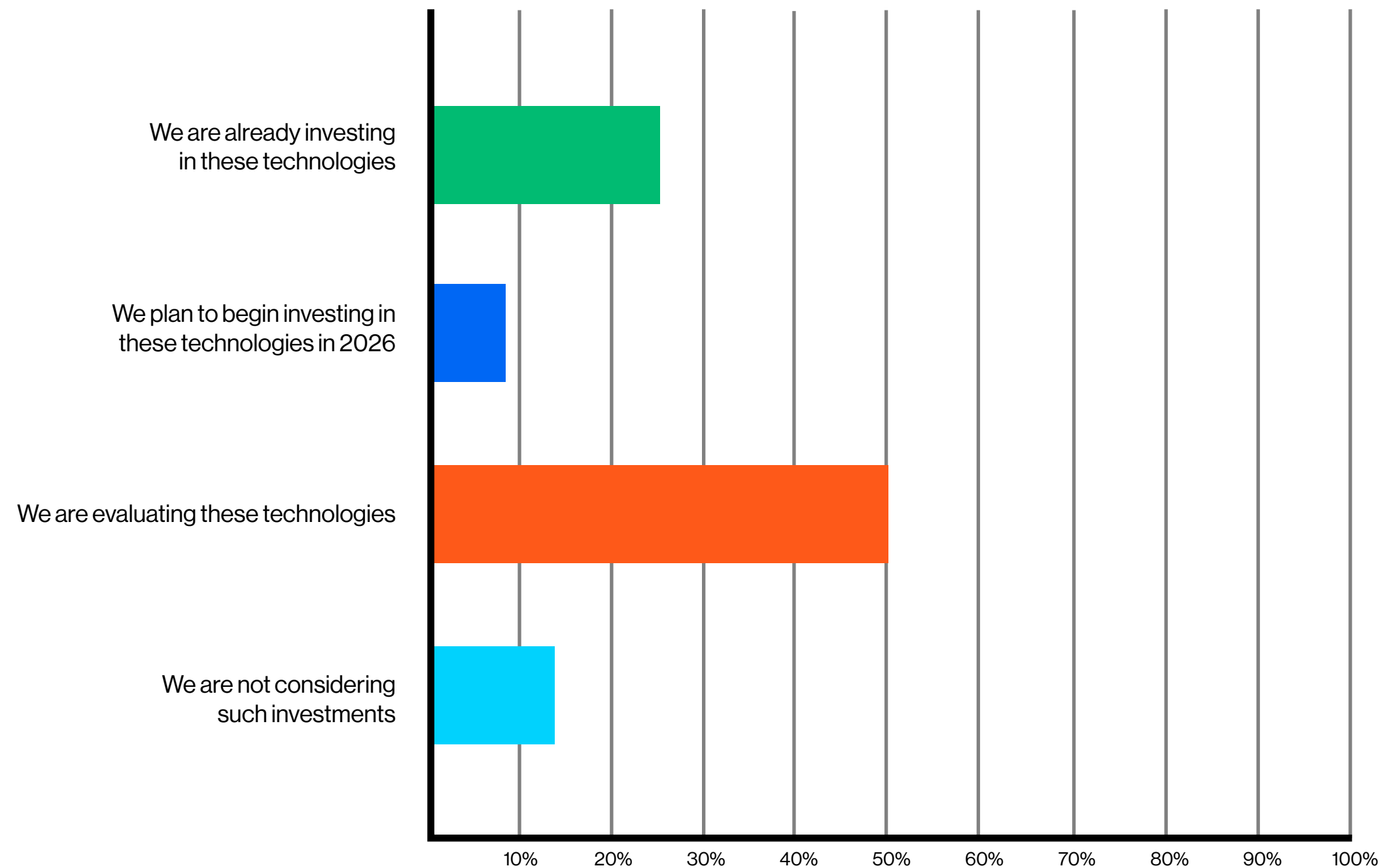
Survey Results

We're seeing more non-North American castings coming into the market 15.69%

About the same as one year ago 68.63%

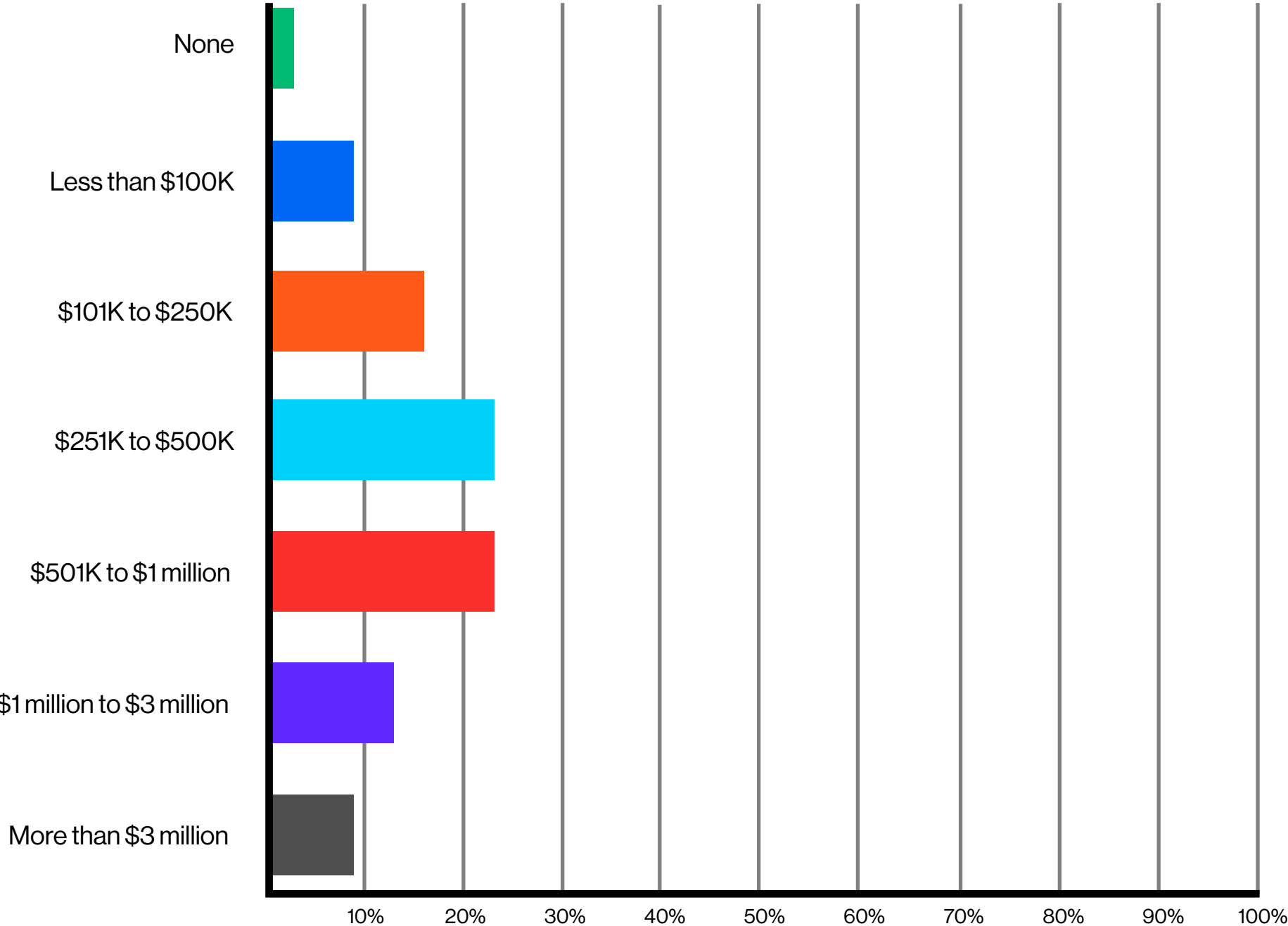
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Which best describes your foundry's status on smart manufacturing/Industry 4.0 investments?



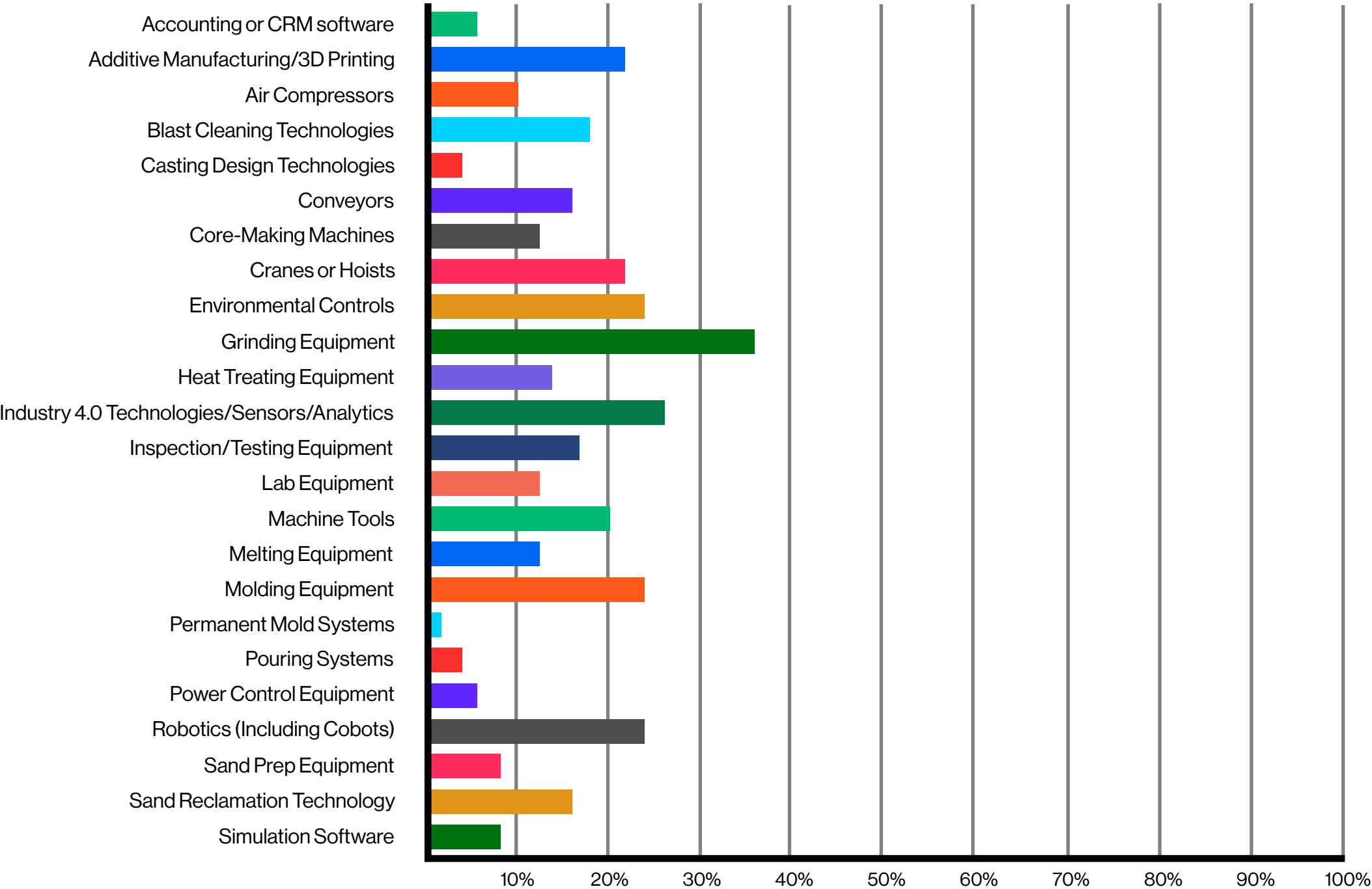
Survey Results	
We are already investing in these technologies	25.49%
We plan to begin investing in these technologies in 2026	9.80%
We are evaluating these technologies	50.98%
We are not considering such investments	13.73%

Which best describes your foundry's planned capital investments for 2026?



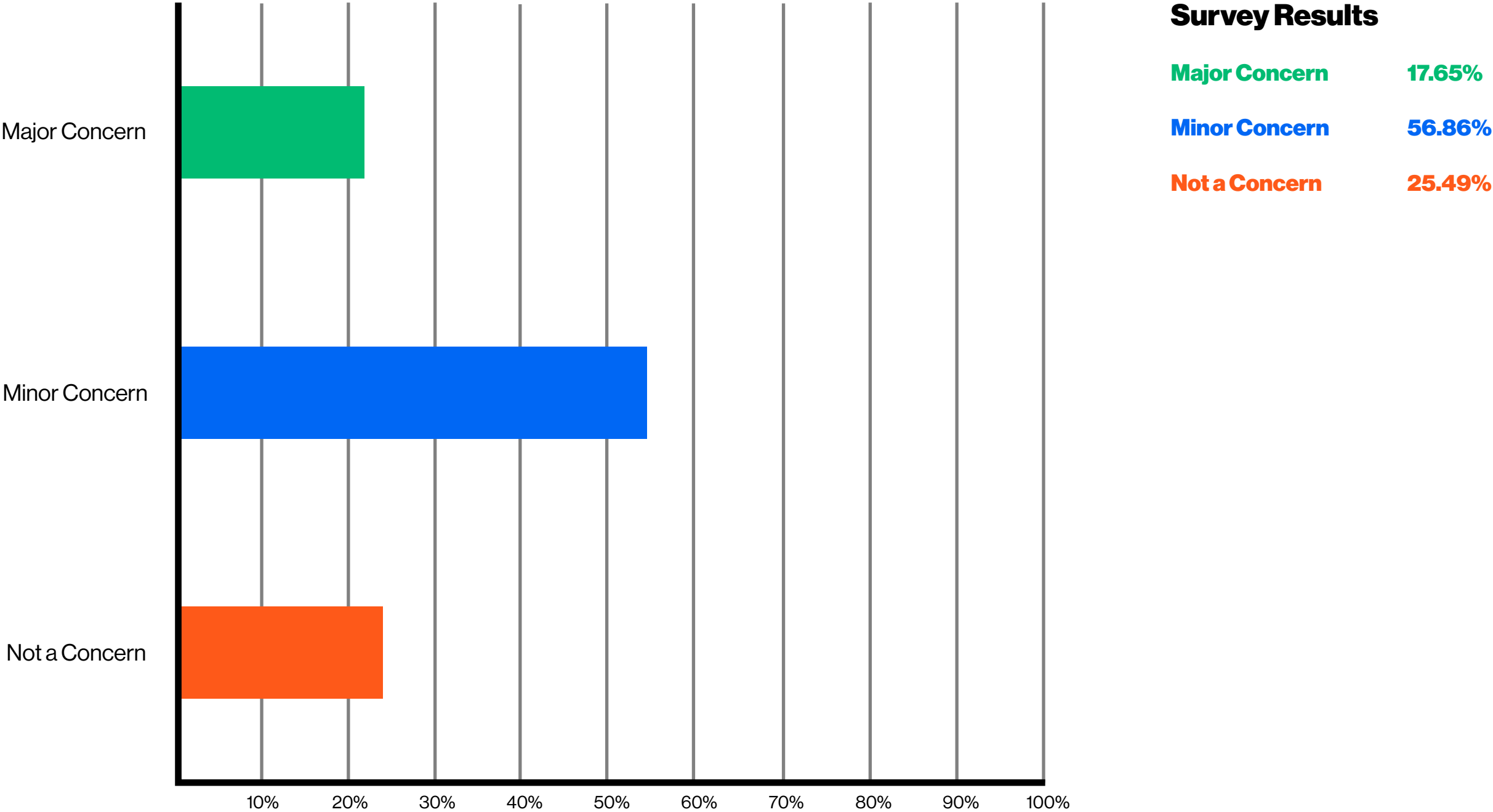
Survey Results	
None	3.92%
Less than \$100K	9.80%
\$101K to \$250K	15.69%
\$251K to \$500K	23.53%
\$501K to \$1 million	23.53%
\$1 million to \$3 million	13.73%
More than \$3 million	9.80%

Which of these issues are the top 3 concerns or priorities for your company at this time?

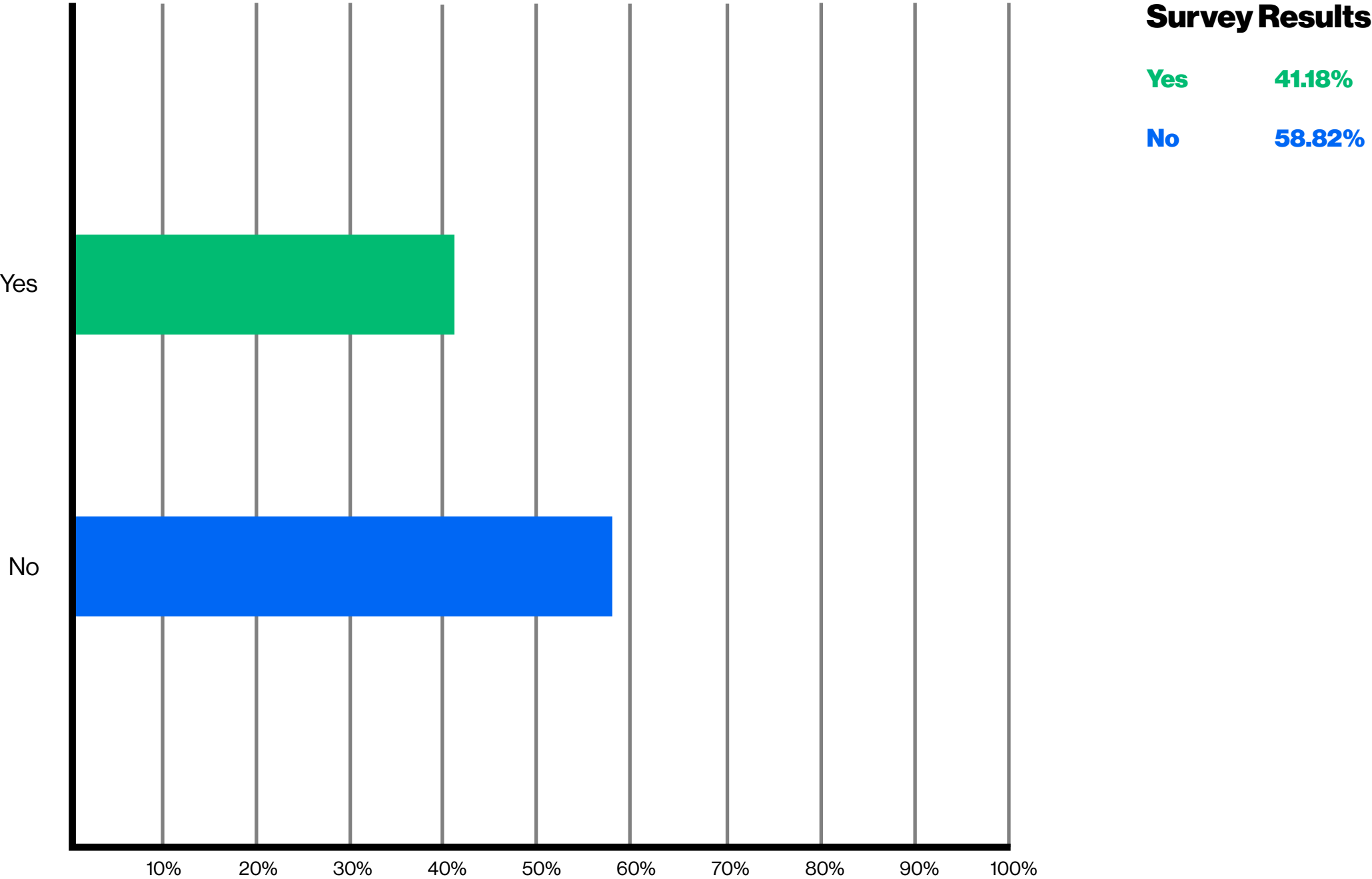


Survey Results	
Accounting or CRM software	6%
Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing	22%
Air Compressors	10%
Blast Cleaning Technologies	18%
Casting Design Technologies	4%
Conveyors	16%
Core-Making Machines	12%
Cranes or Hoists	22%
Environmental Controls	24%
Grinding Equipment	36%
Heat Treating Equipment	14%
Industry 4.0 Technologies /Sensors/Analytics	26%
Inspection/Testing Equipment	16%
Lab Equipment	12%
Machine Tools	20%
Melting Equipment	12%
Molding Equipment	24%
Permanent Mold Systems	2%
Pouring Systems	4%
Power Control Equipment	6%
Robotics (Including Cobots)	24%
Sand Prep Equipment	8%
Sand Reclamation Technology	16%
Simulation Software	8%

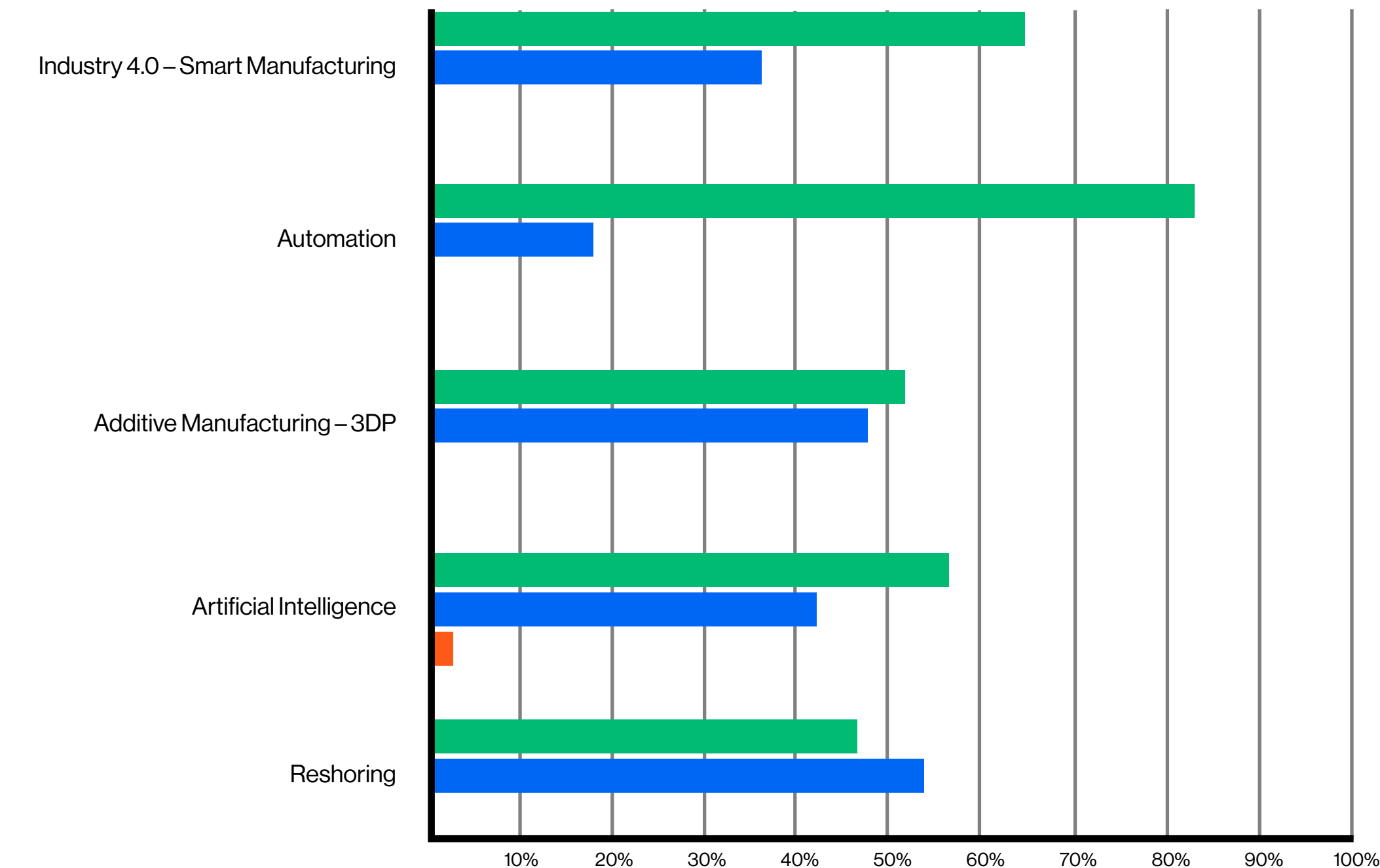
How much of a concern is shipping costs for your foundry?



Have you noticed an increase in reshored orders due to the recent tariffs?



For each of the following topics, how would you project their impact on the foundry industry in the next 3 years?



Survey Results

Industry 4.0 – Smart Manufacturing

Increasing Impact 64%
No Appreciable Change 36%
Decreasing Impact 0%

Automation

Increasing Impact 82.35%
No Appreciable Change 17.65%
Decreasing Impact 0%

Additive Manufacturing – 3DP

Increasing Impact 52%
No Appreciable Change 48%
Decreasing Impact 0%

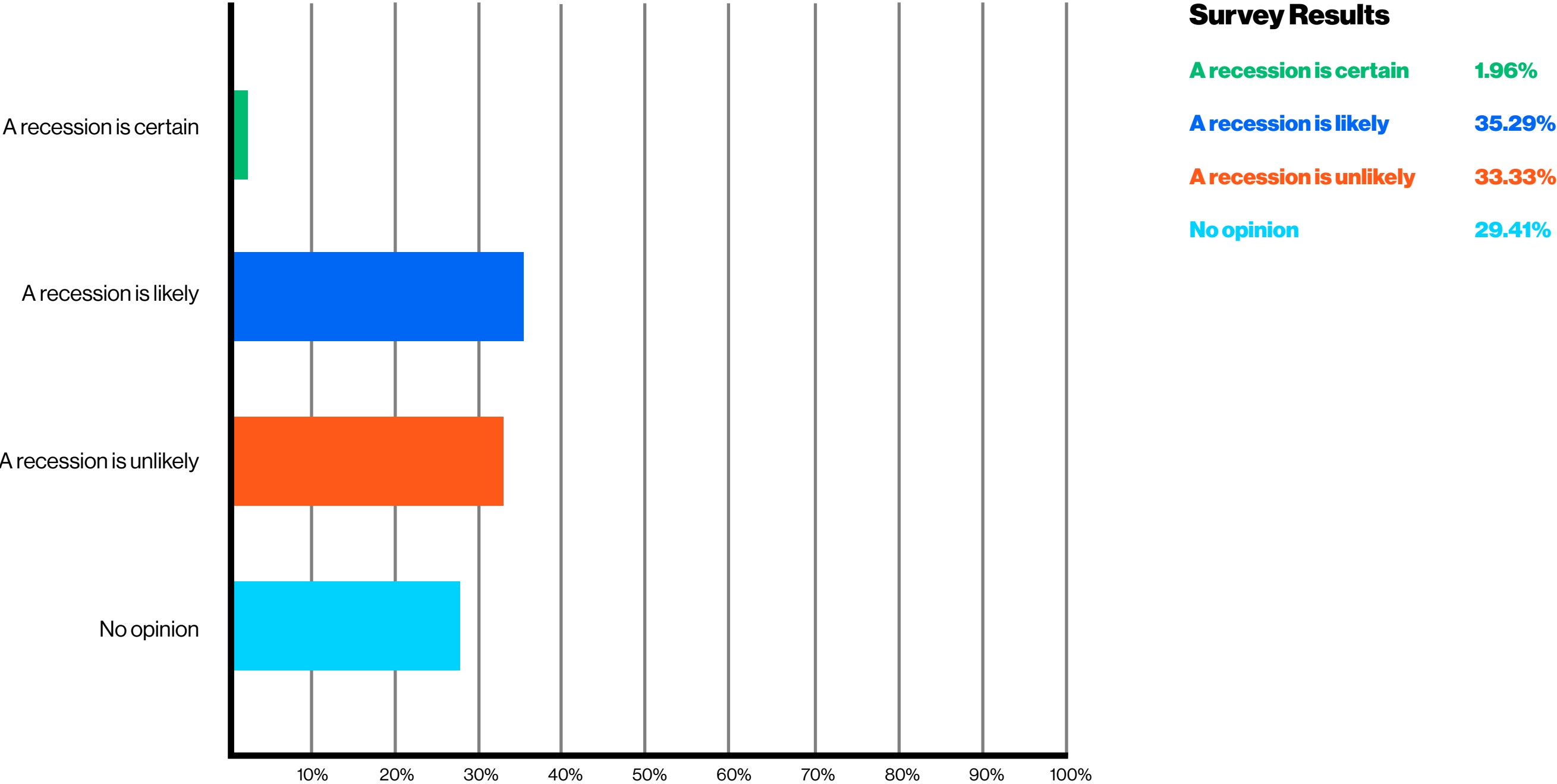
Artificial Intelligence

Increasing Impact 56%
No Appreciable Change 42%
Decreasing Impact 2%

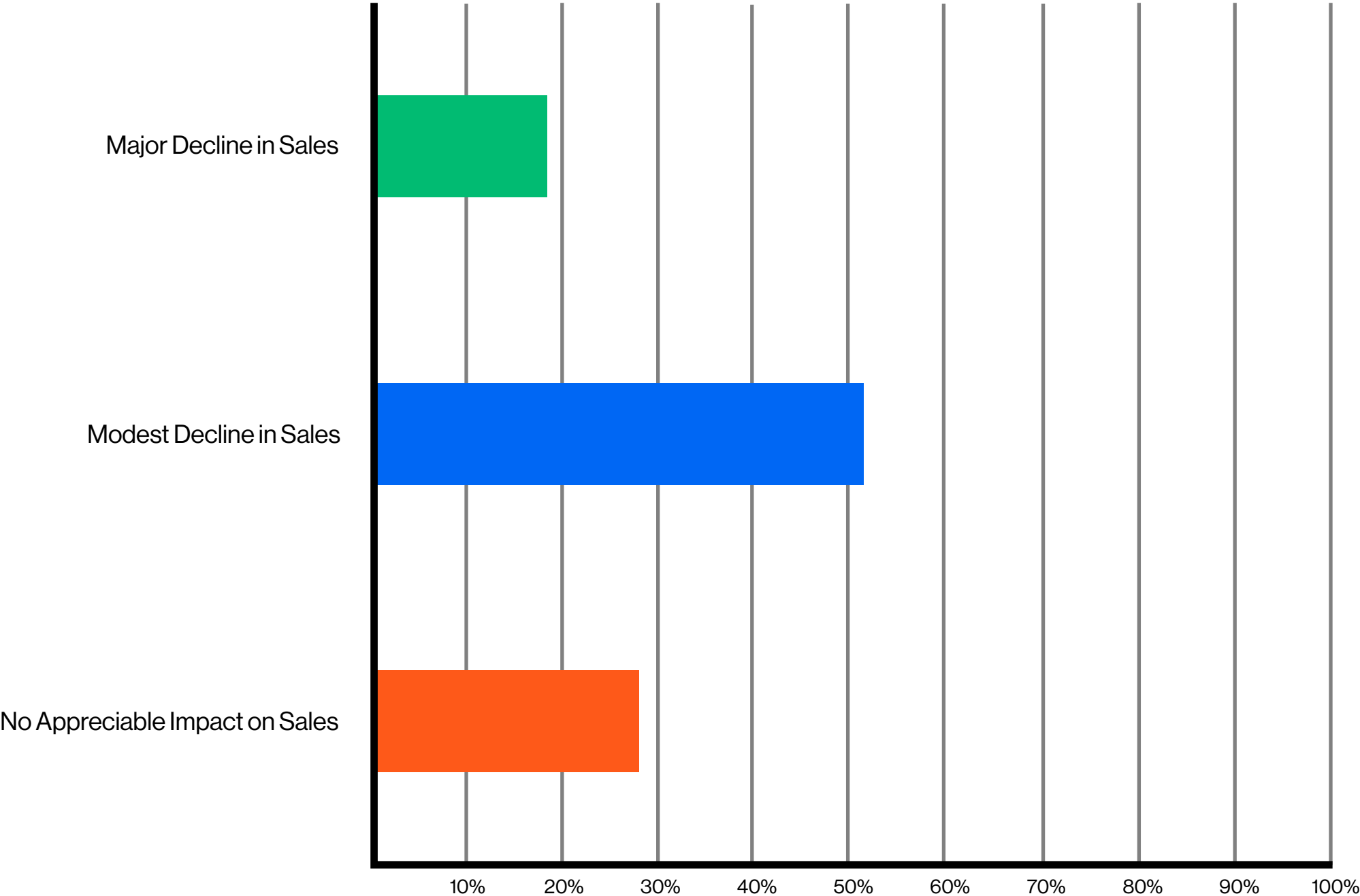
Reshoring

Increasing Impact 46.94%
No Appreciable Change 53.06%
Decreasing Impact 0%

Which best describes your view of a recession in 2026?

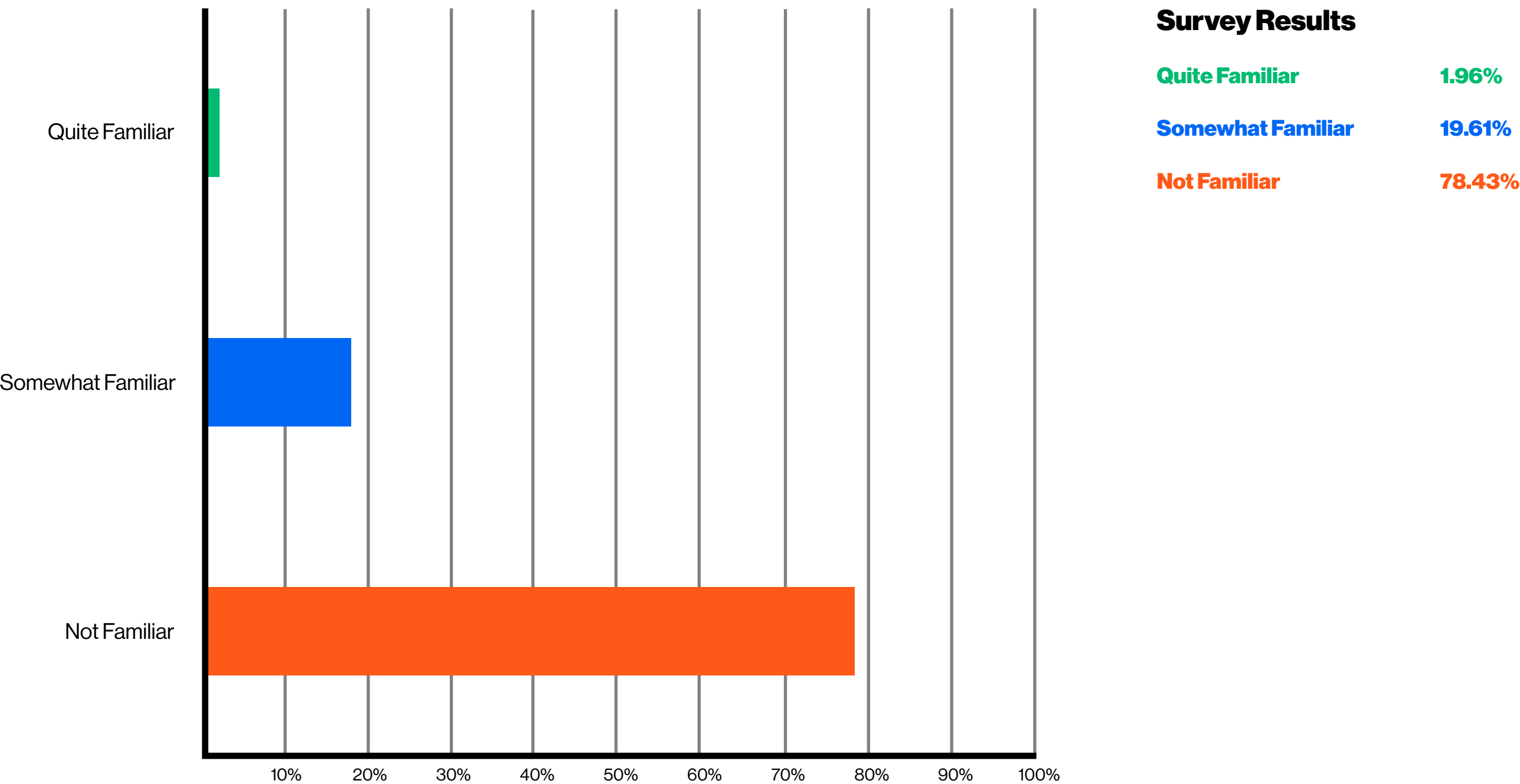


If the U.S. economy enters a recession in 2026, what impact do you expect on your foundry?

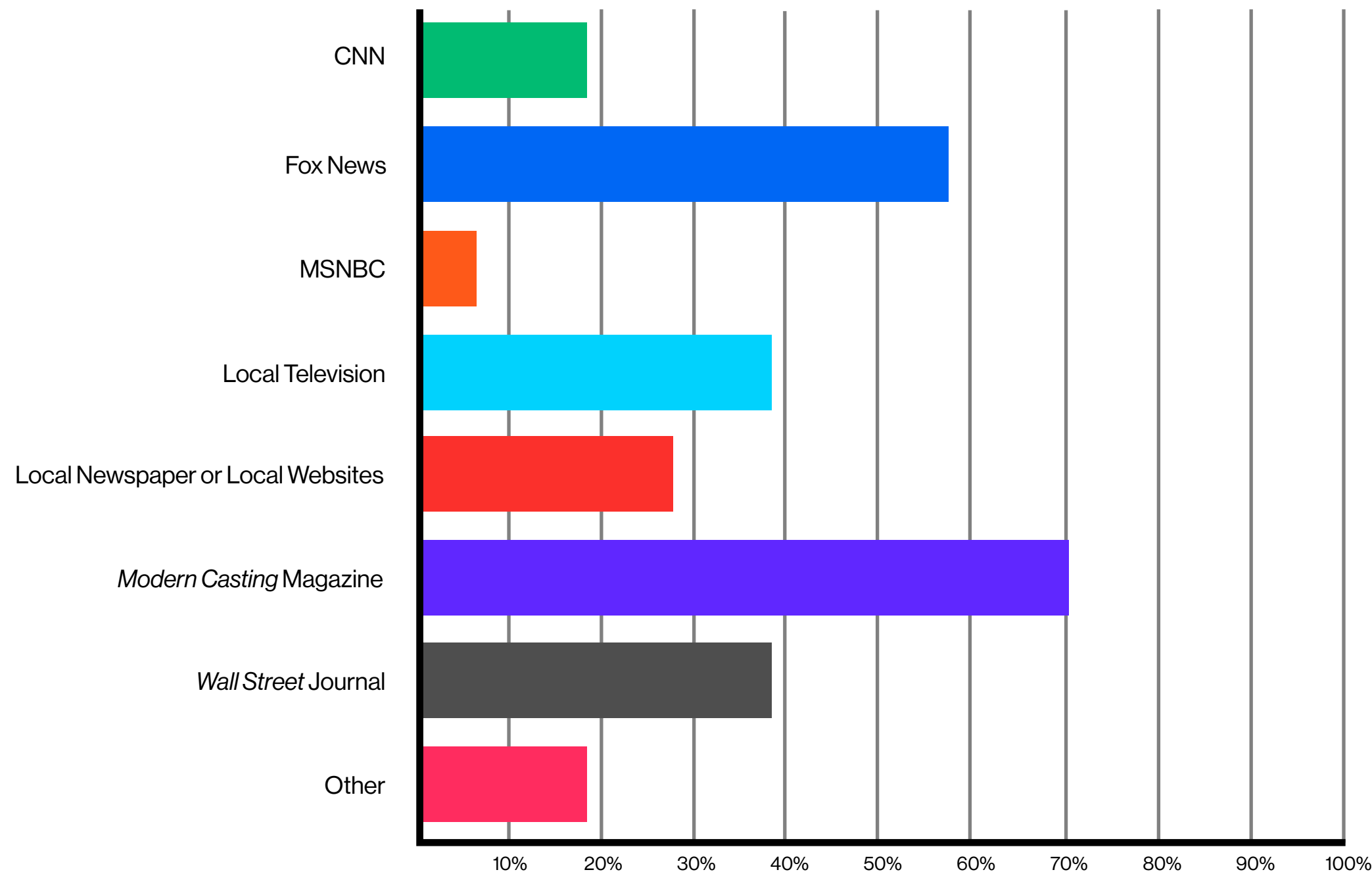


Survey Results	
Major Decline in Sales	19.61%
Modest Decline in Sales	52.94%
No Appreciable Impact on Sales	27.45%

SupplierMarketplace.net is a website established by AFS in 2021 to help foundries source products, technologies and services. How familiar are you with SupplierMarketplace.net?

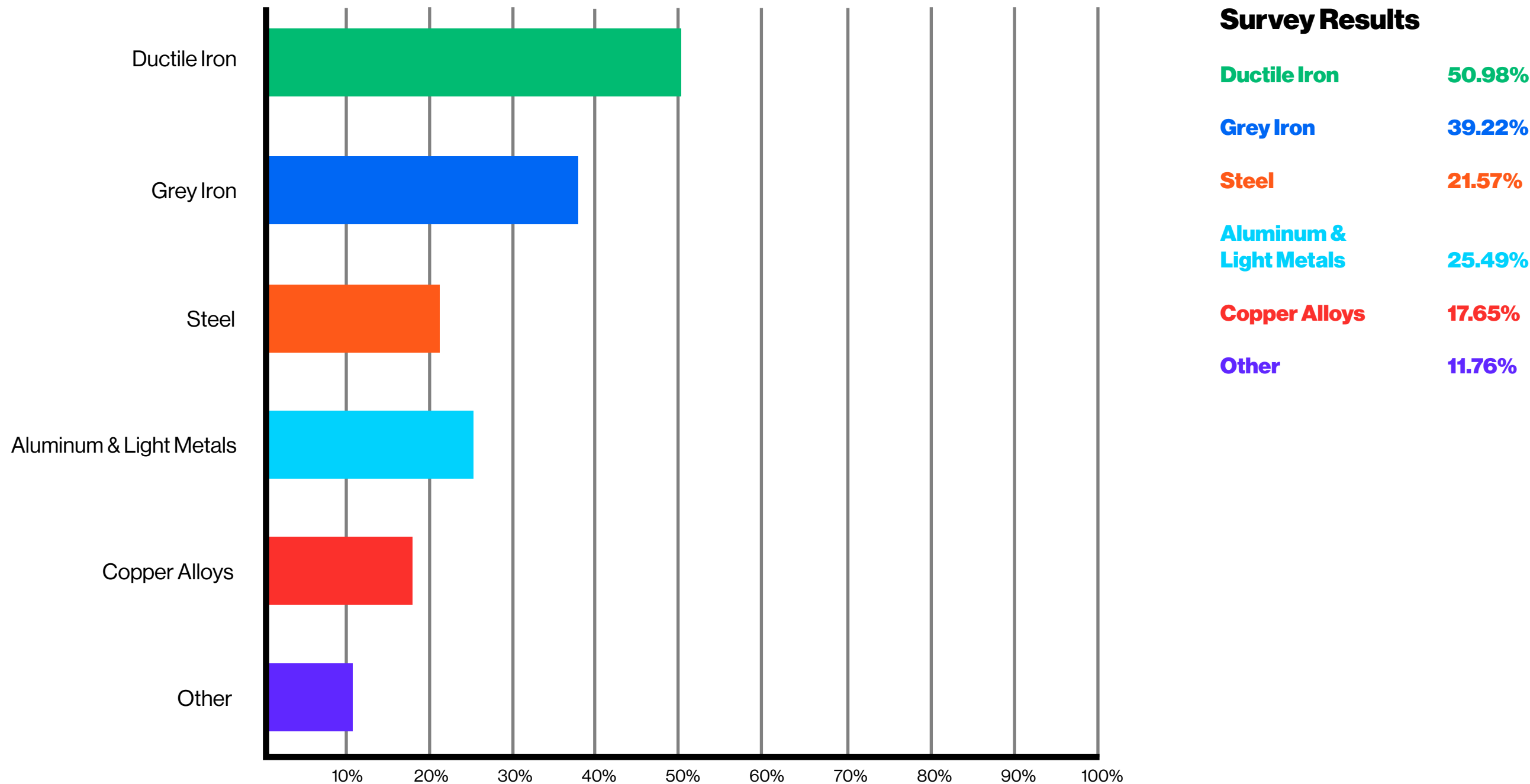


Which of the following news sources do you glean information from on a regular basis?



Survey Results	
CNN	19.61%
Fox News	58.82%
MSNBC	5.88%
Local Television	39.22%
Local Newspaper or Local Websites	27.45%
Modern Casting Magazine	70.59%
Wall Street Journal	37.25%
Other	17.65%

What is the primary metal poured at your foundry?



How many full-time employees work at your location?

