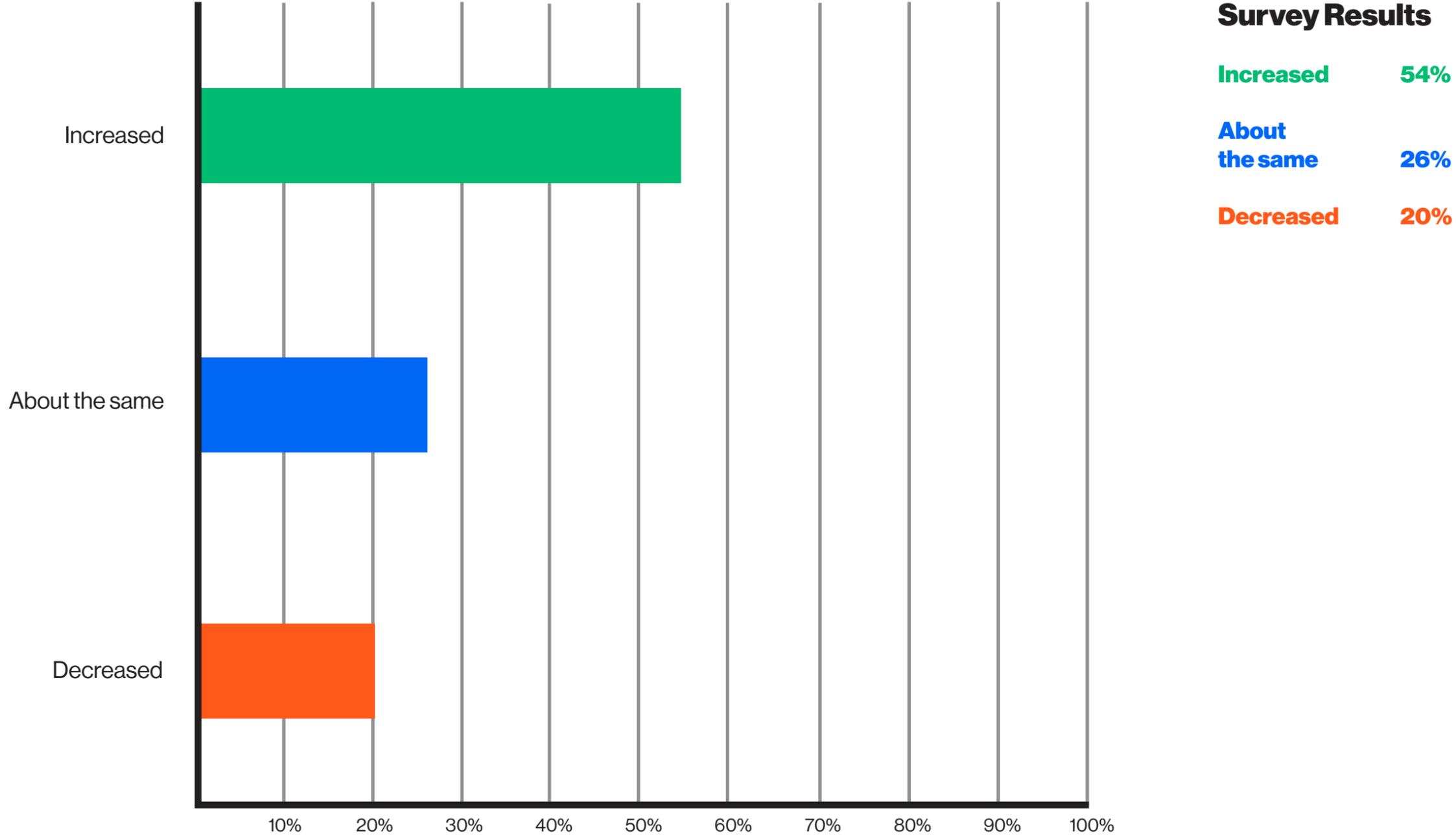
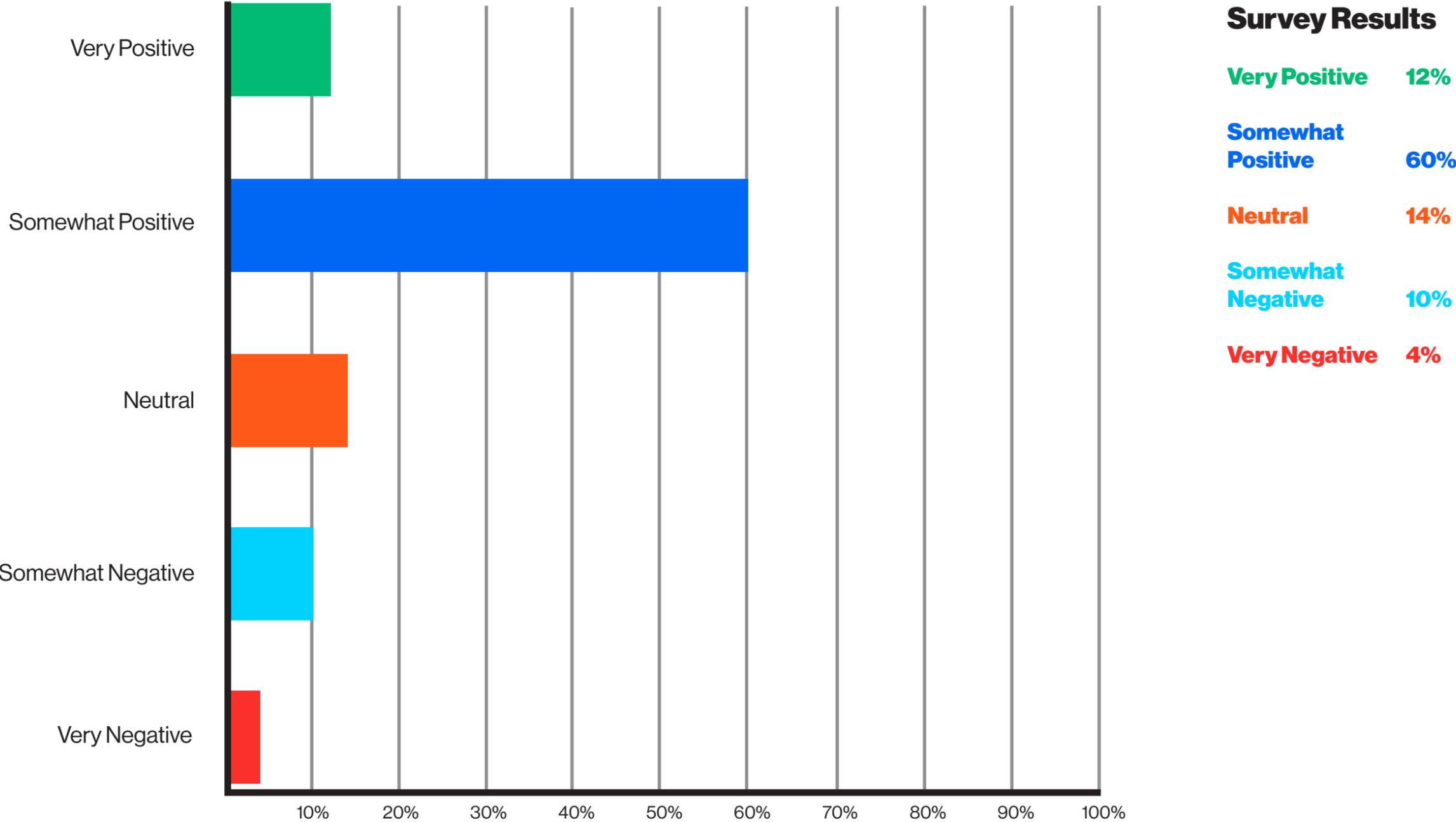


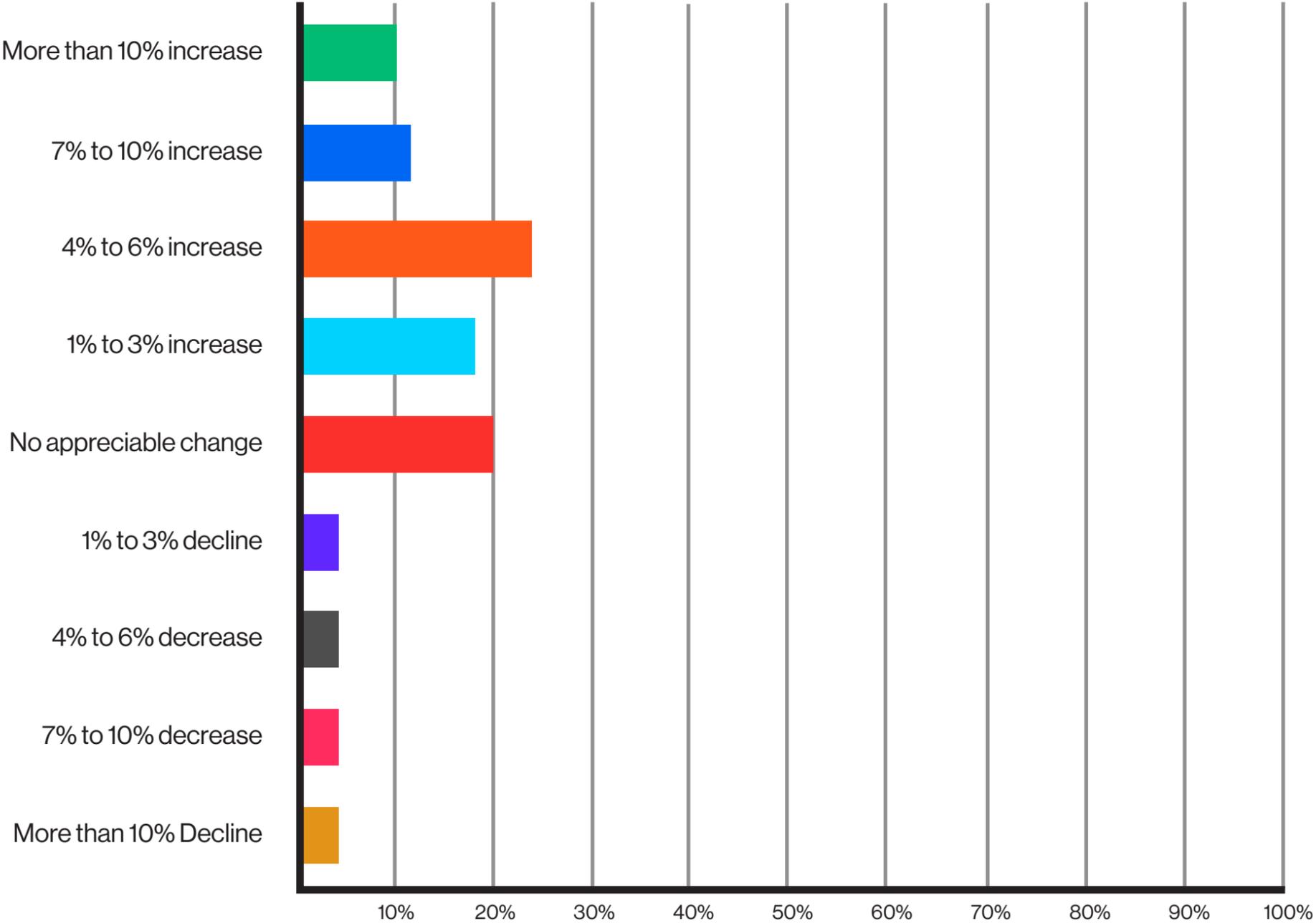
# How have sales at your company trended over the last 90 days?



# What is your business outlook for the rest of 2026?



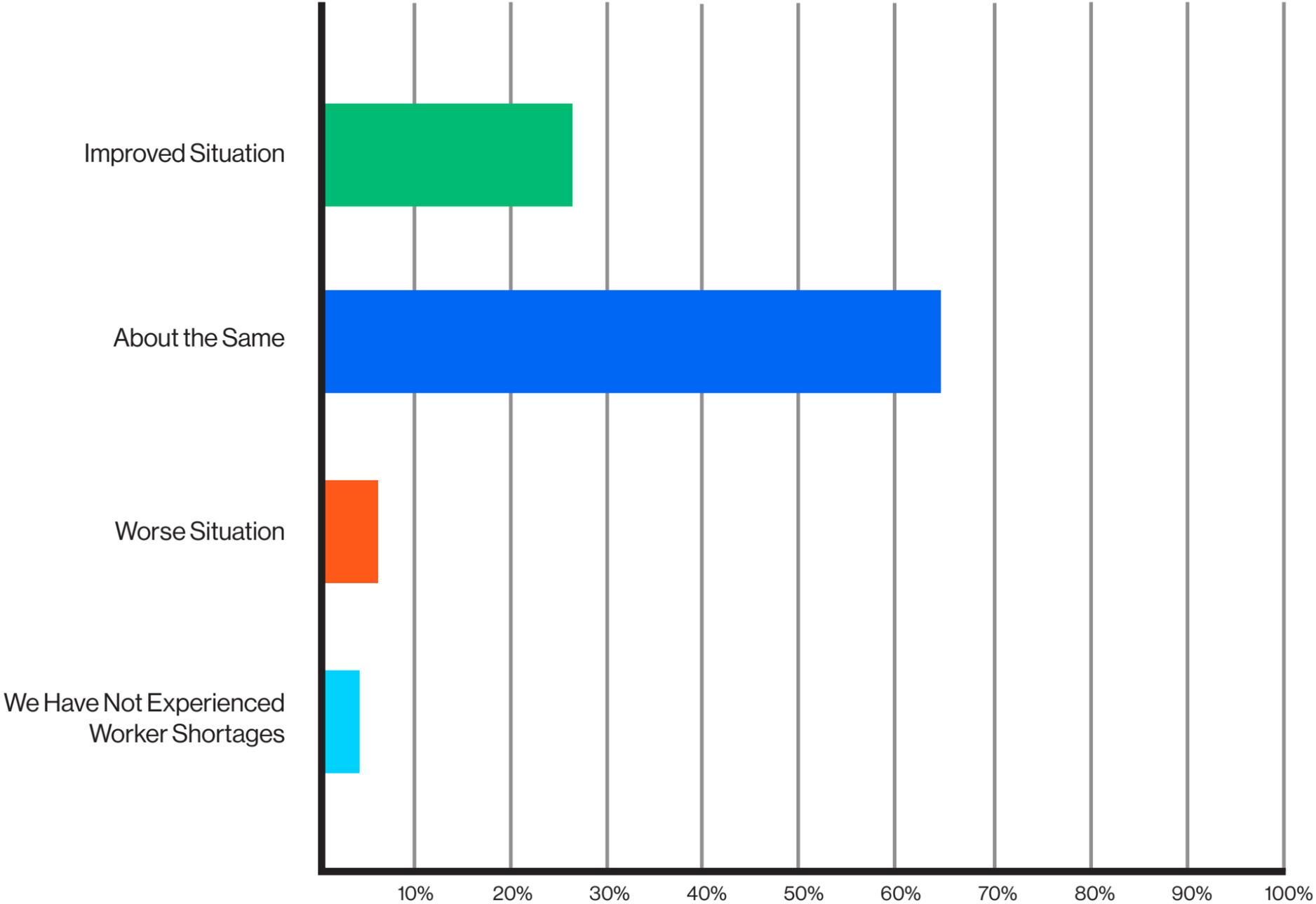
# What are your foundry's sales projections in terms of tonnage for the next 12 months?



### Survey Results

<b>More than 10% increase</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>7% to 10% increase</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>4% to 6% increase</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>1% to 3% increase</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>No appreciable change</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>1% to 3% decline</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>4% to 6% decline</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>7% to 10% decline</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>More than 10% decline</b>	<b>4%</b>

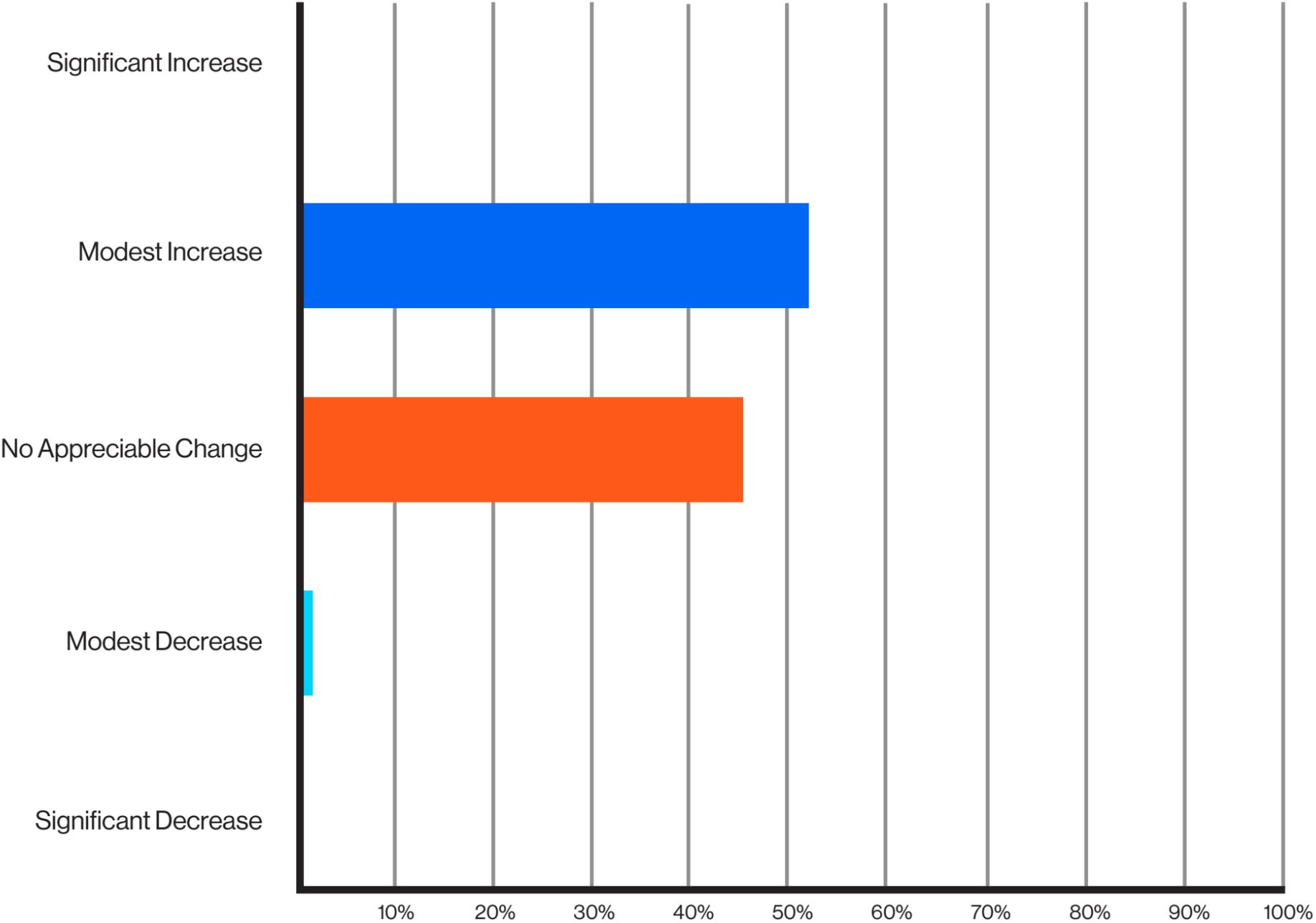
# Compared to six months ago, which best describes the worker shortage at your foundry?



## Survey Results

- Improved Situation** 26%
- About the Same** 64%
- Worse Situation** 6%
- We Have Not Experienced Worker Shortages** 4%

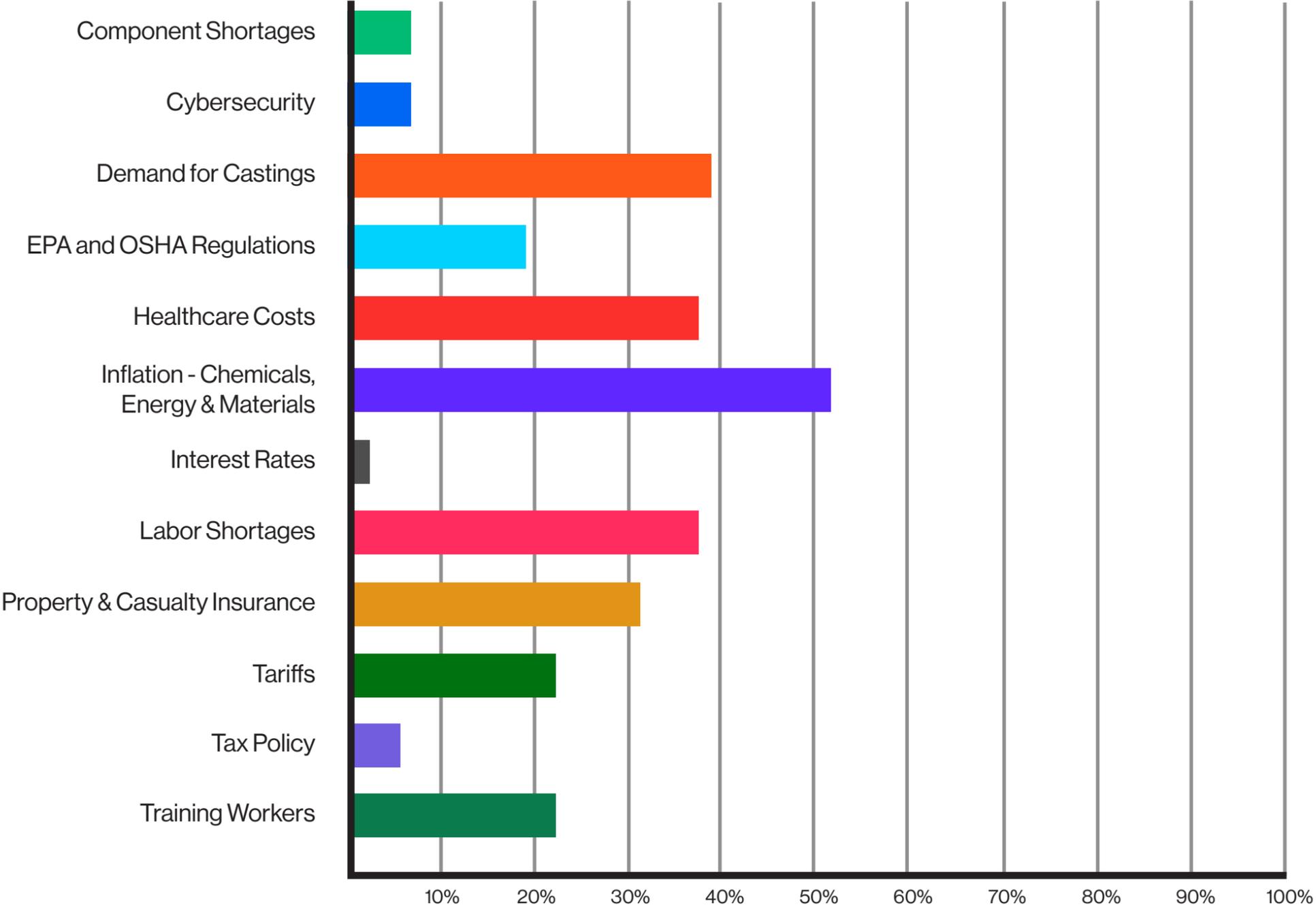
# How do you expect the number of full-time employees in your facility to change over the next 12 months?



**Survey Results**

Significant Increase	0%
Modest Increase	52.94%
No Appreciable Change	45.10%
Modest Decrease	1.96%
Significant Decrease	0%

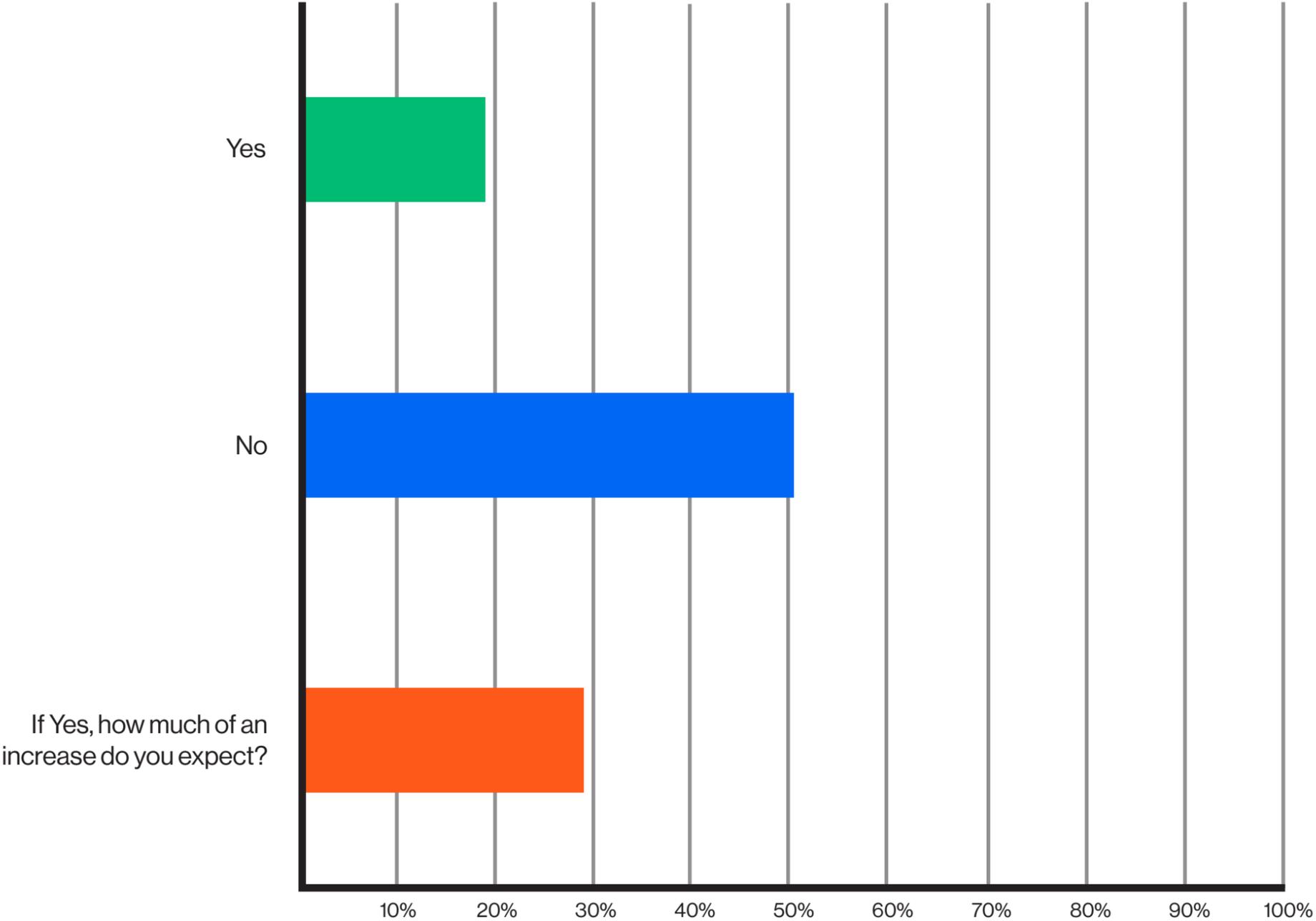
# Which of these issues are the top 3 concerns or priorities for your company at this time?



## Survey Results

<b>Component Shortages</b>	<b>7.84%</b>
<b>Cybersecurity</b>	<b>7.84%</b>
<b>Demand for Castings</b>	<b>39.22%</b>
<b>EPA and OSHA Regulations</b>	<b>19.61%</b>
<b>Healthcare Costs</b>	<b>37.25%</b>
<b>Inflation - Chemicals, Energy &amp; Materials</b>	<b>52.94%</b>
<b>Interest Rates</b>	<b>3.92%</b>
<b>Labor Shortages</b>	<b>37.25%</b>
<b>Property &amp; Casualty Insurance</b>	<b>31.37%</b>
<b>Tariffs</b>	<b>23.53%</b>
<b>Tax Policy</b>	<b>5.88%</b>
<b>Training Workers</b>	<b>23.53%</b>

# Do you expect your 2026 employer healthcare costs to increase more than 10%?



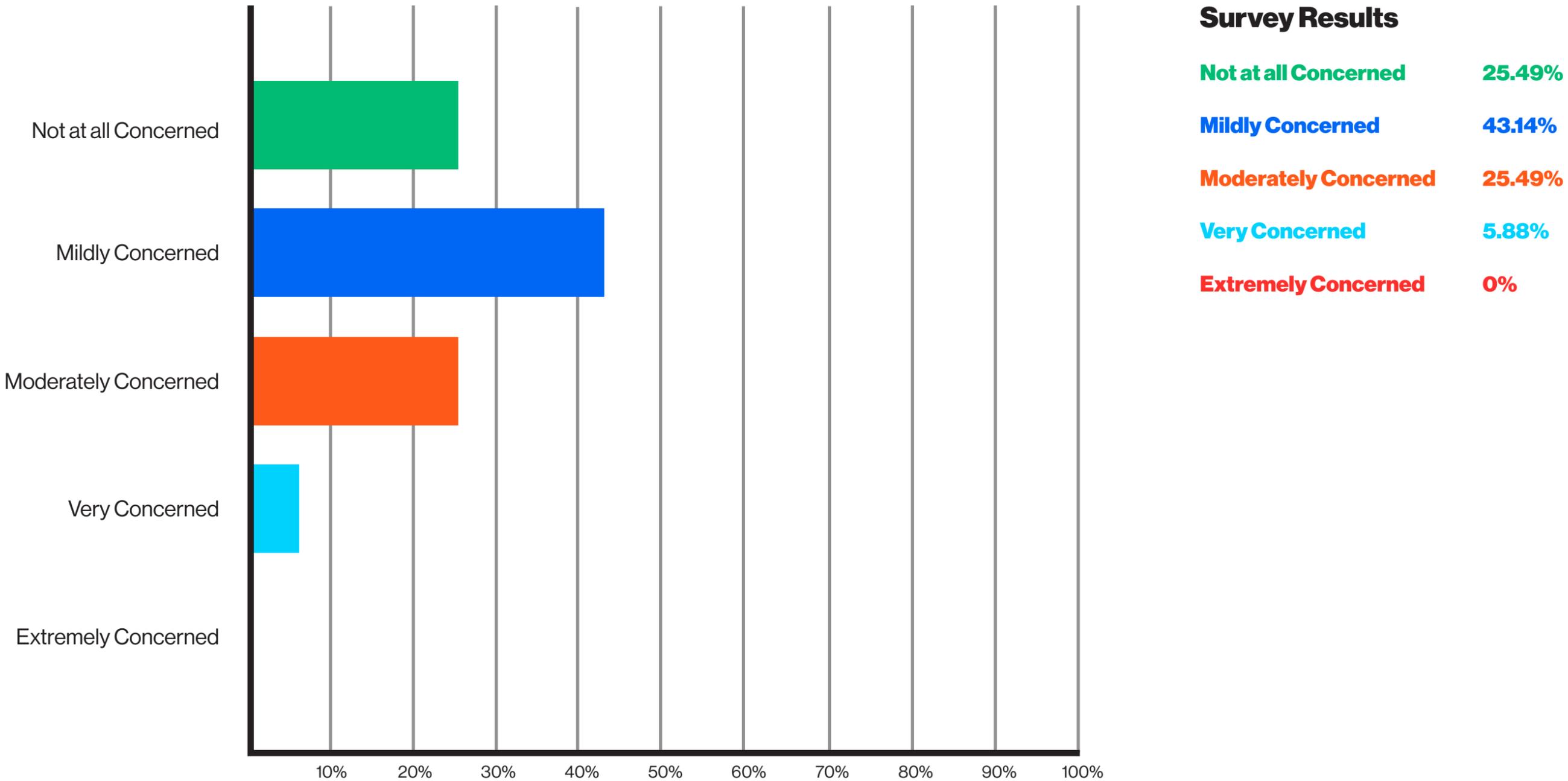
### Survey Results

**Yes** 19.61%

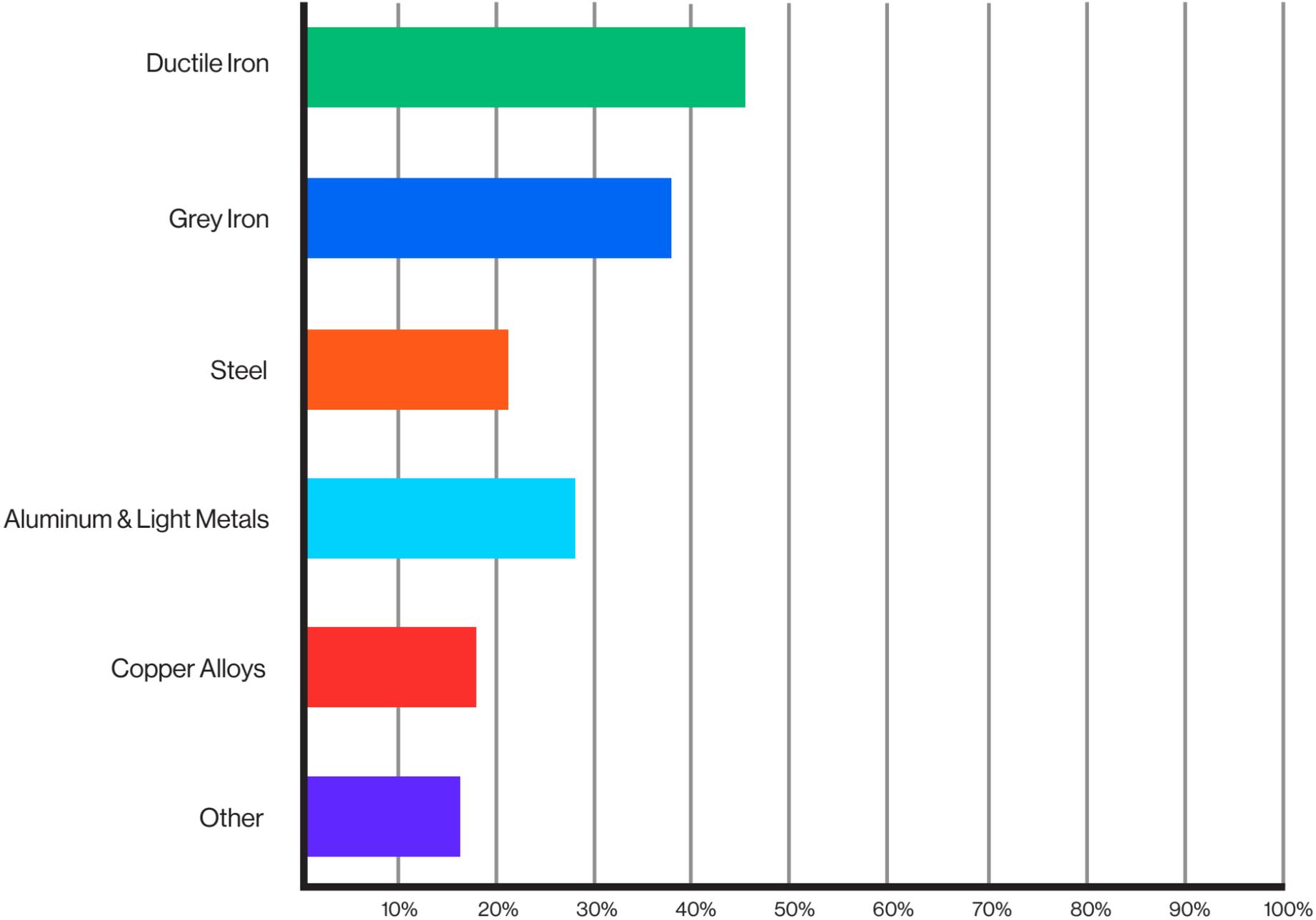
**No** 50.98%

**If Yes, how much of an increase do you expect?** 29.41%

# How concerned are you about energy availability and grid reliability in your region, particularly in light of increasing electricity demand (e.g., data center expansion)?



# What is the primary metal poured at your foundry?



## Survey Results

<b>Ductile Iron</b>	<b>45.10%</b>
<b>Grey Iron</b>	<b>39.22%</b>
<b>Steel</b>	<b>21.57%</b>
<b>Aluminum &amp; Light Metals</b>	<b>27.45%</b>
<b>Copper Alloys</b>	<b>17.65%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>15.69%</b>

# How many full-time employees work at your location?

