

ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Survey

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First thing's first.

Some info about your Rocky Mountain Division



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Your Rocky Mountain Division...

...Is composed of 5,970 members (as of October 2007), broken down as follows:

Colorado: 2,883 (48.2%)
New Mexico: 1,395 (23.3%)
Utah: 1,309 (21.9%)
Wyoming: 361 (6.0%)
Foreign: 4 (0%)

...Contains 78 ARRL-affiliated clubs

...Benefits from 312 hams serving as volunteers in various field organization positions (SM, ASM, SEC, DEC, EC, OO, etc.) – thank you!



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Division Leadership



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Section Leadership



Jeff Ryan K0RM
Colorado SM



Dwayne Allen WY7FD
Wyoming SM



Bill Weatherford KM5FT
New Mexico SM



Mel Parks NM7P
Utah SM



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Your Rocky Mountain Division...

Incoming Leadership (effective January 1, 2008)



Brian Milesosky N5ZGT
Division Director-elect



Dwayne Allen WY7FD
Division Vice-Director-elect



Don Wood W5FHA
New Mexico SM-elect

Chris Pritchard WY7UPR
Wyoming SM-appointee
(to complete remainder of WY7FD's term)



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The survey.



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Survey Recognitions

The following folks deserve a special thank you:

Those who helped with the survey's creation:

- ARRL member Robert Campbell W0MT
- ARRL member Scott Westerman W9WSW
- Bill Edgar N3LLR, Atlantic Division Director (survey programmer)

And especially...

Every Rocky Mountain Division member who provided their input, thoughts and ideas.



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General Survey Information

Survey period: September 4 – September 30, 2007

The survey was promoted primarily through the ARRL division e-mailing list, the division website, as well as via members to local clubs, and on-air nets.

723 members participated in the survey. This represents 12.1% of the Rocky Mountain division.

Not on the Division mailing list? Please join it to stay informed of the goings-on within the Rocky Mountain Division, including calls for participation in future surveys. Getting on the Division mailing list is quick and easy:

- Visit the ARRL website (www.arrl.org) and sign into the 'members-only' area. (If you've not registered to enter that part of the website, please do so)
- Click on the "Members Only" link and then "Change your address or email options" found in the upper-right hand side of the members-only page.
- Enter your email address, and check the "News and information from your Division Director and Section Manager" box.



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General Survey Information

This survey was independent of ARRL Headquarters, including its website and membership database. As such, some sort of validation was necessary to ensure (as best as possible) that respondents were indeed legitimate ARRL members residing in the Rocky Mountain Division, so as to not dilute members' individual and collective thoughts, ideas and opinions.

All respondents were required to either use an ARRL-registered '@arrl.net' email address, or a 'callsign@domain' address. After completing the survey a validation code was emailed to each respondent using the address they provided in order for their survey to be verified and accepted. A printable version of the survey was promoted and made available for those who could not or wished not to use one of the required address types above.

Approximately 50% of all the survey responses were then manually compared against the ARRL membership database. All were found to be valid respondents from the Rocky Mountain Division.



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General Survey Information

Survey software / web interface used:

phpQuestionnaire (<http://www.chumpsoft.com/products/phpq/>)

Data compilation completed using:

SPSS statistical software (<http://spss.com/spss/>)

Microsoft Excel

And now for the survey results...



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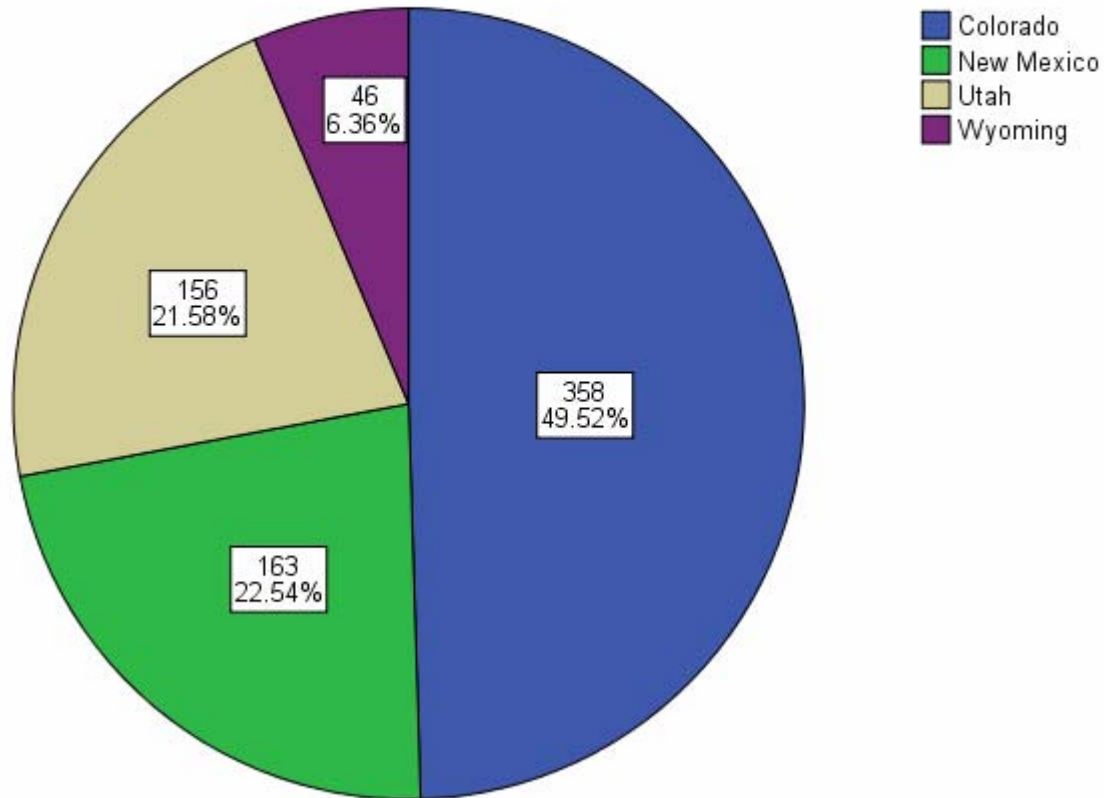
Survey results:

About the participants



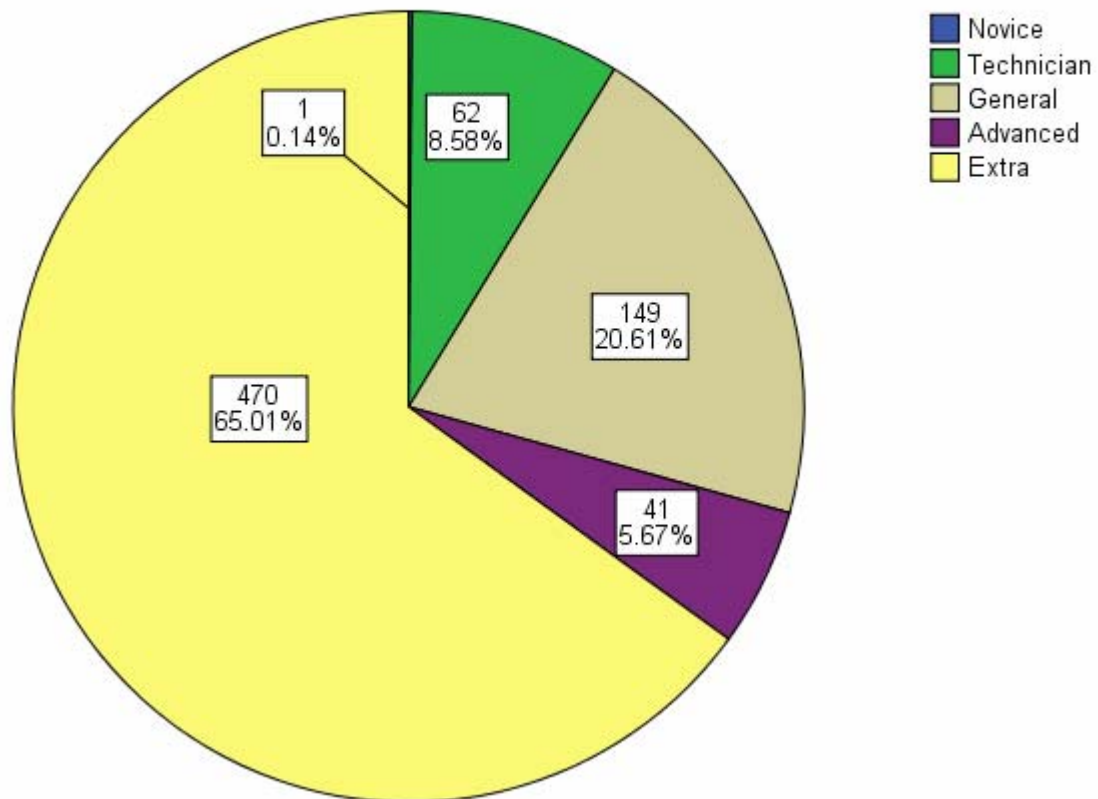
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What ARRL Section are you from?

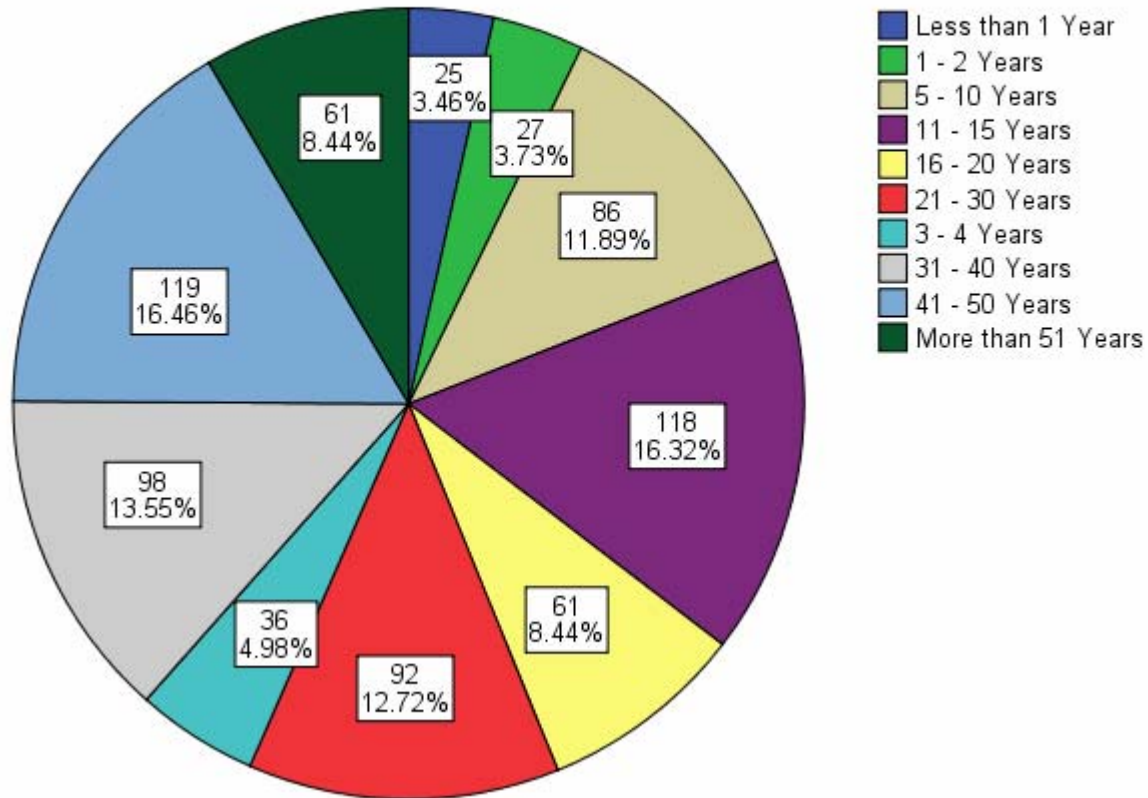


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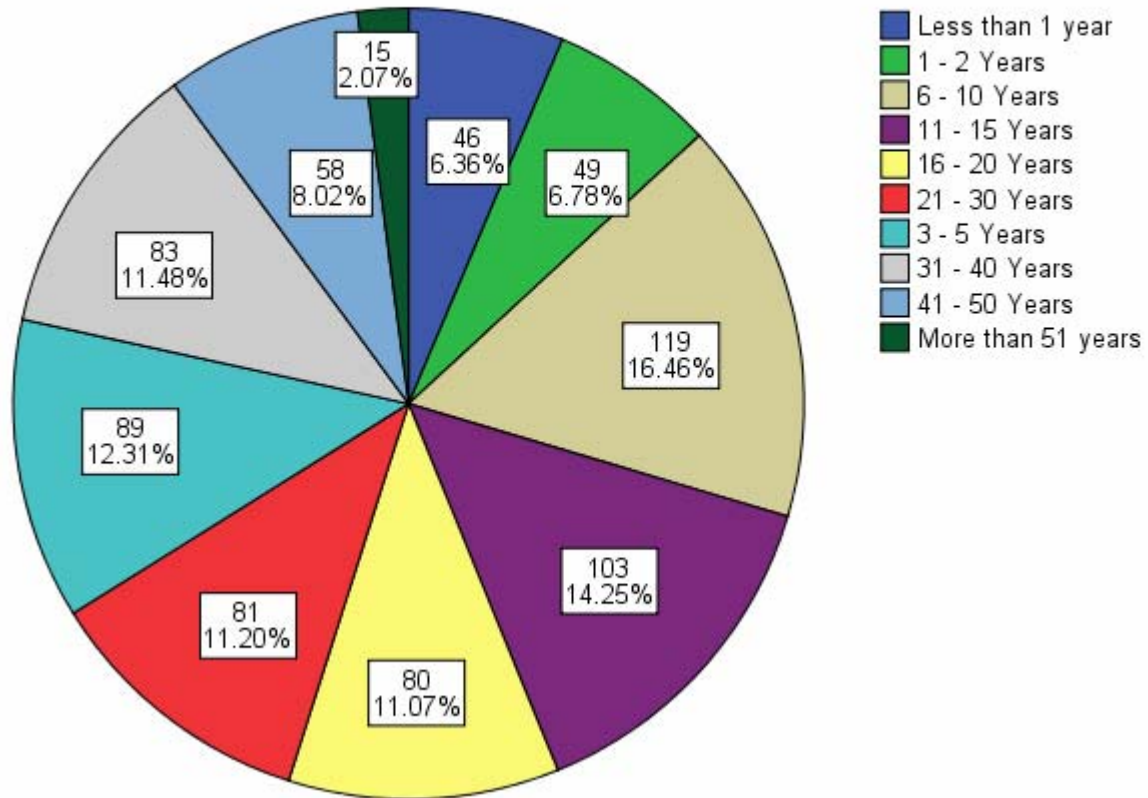
What license class do you currently hold?



How long have you held your Amateur Radio license?

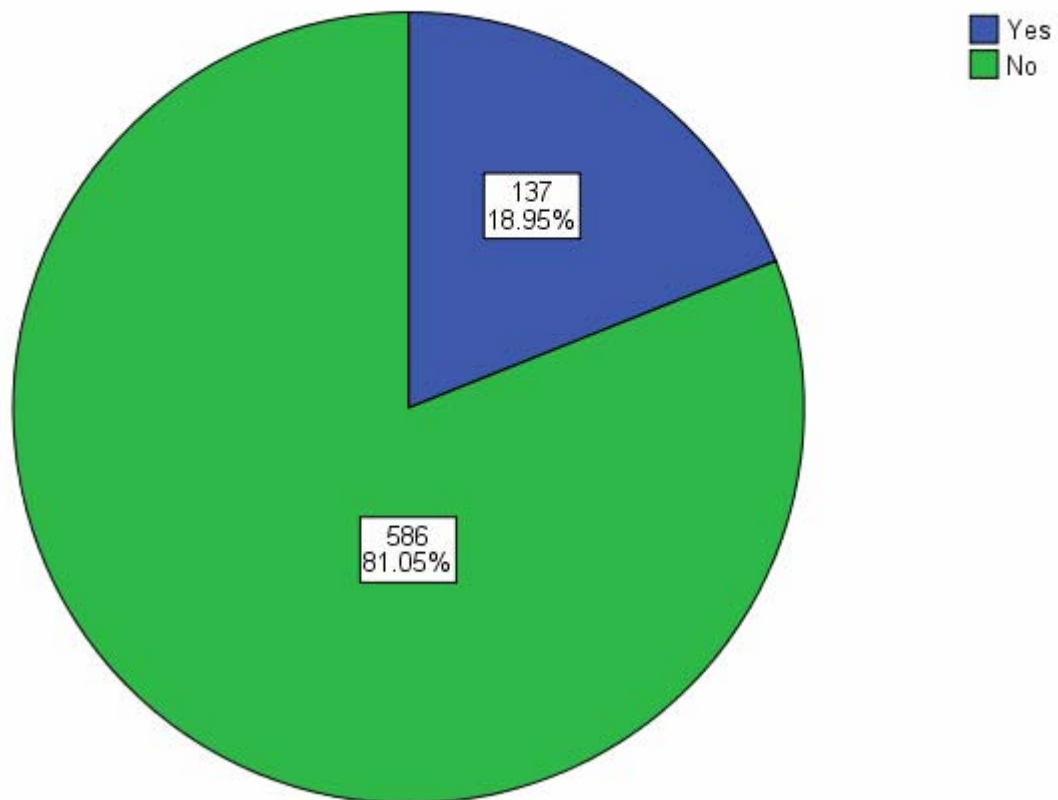


How long have you been an ARRL member?



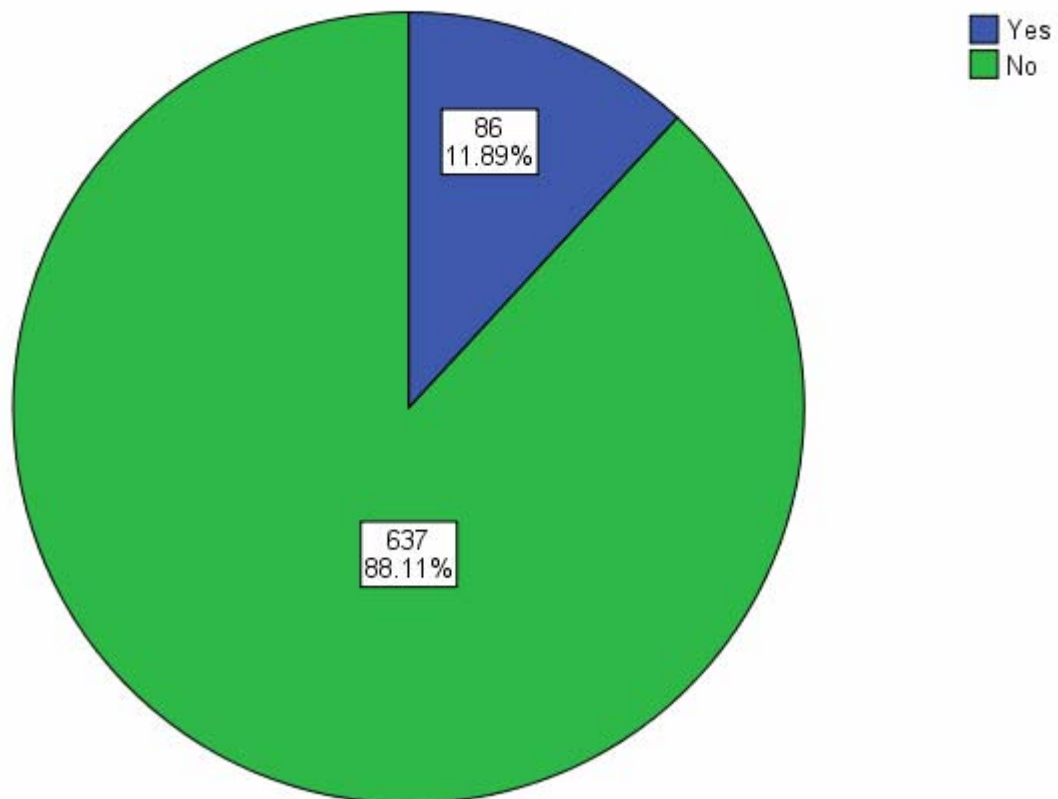
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Are you a Life Member of the ARRL?



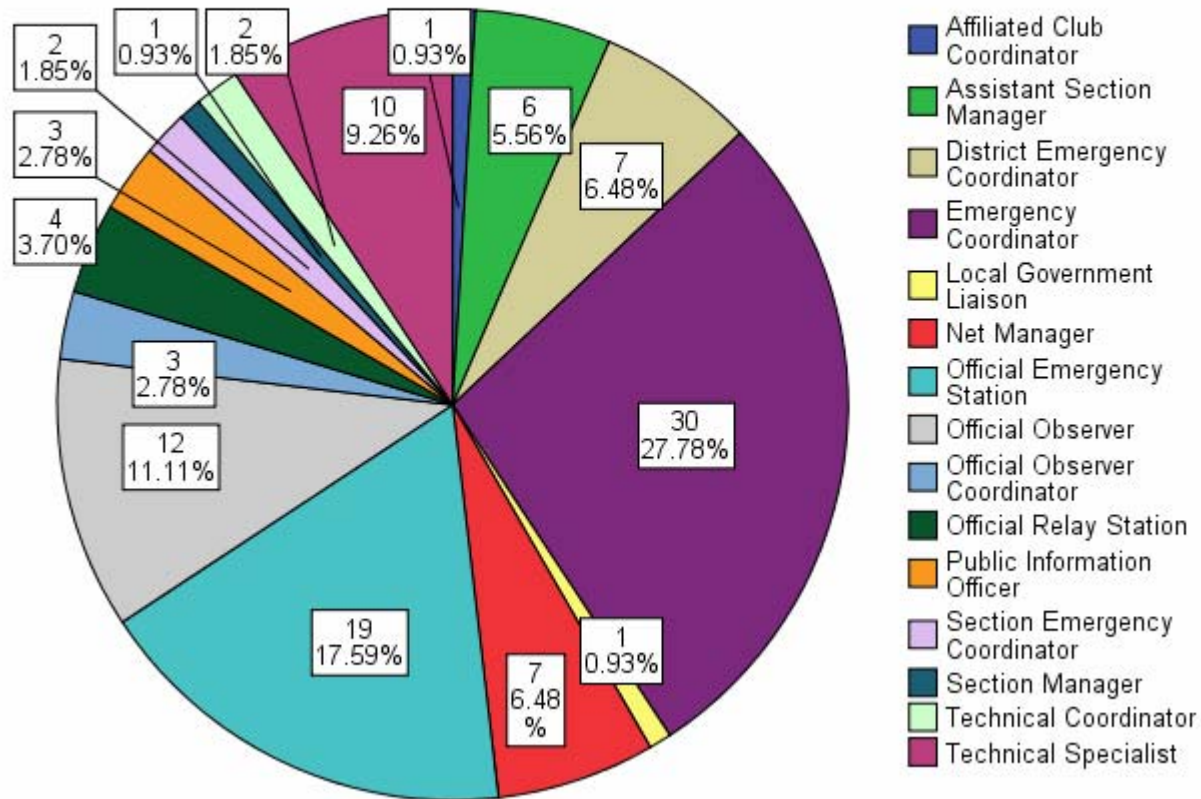
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Are you are volunteer within the ARRL Field Organization?



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What Field Organization position(s) do you currently hold?

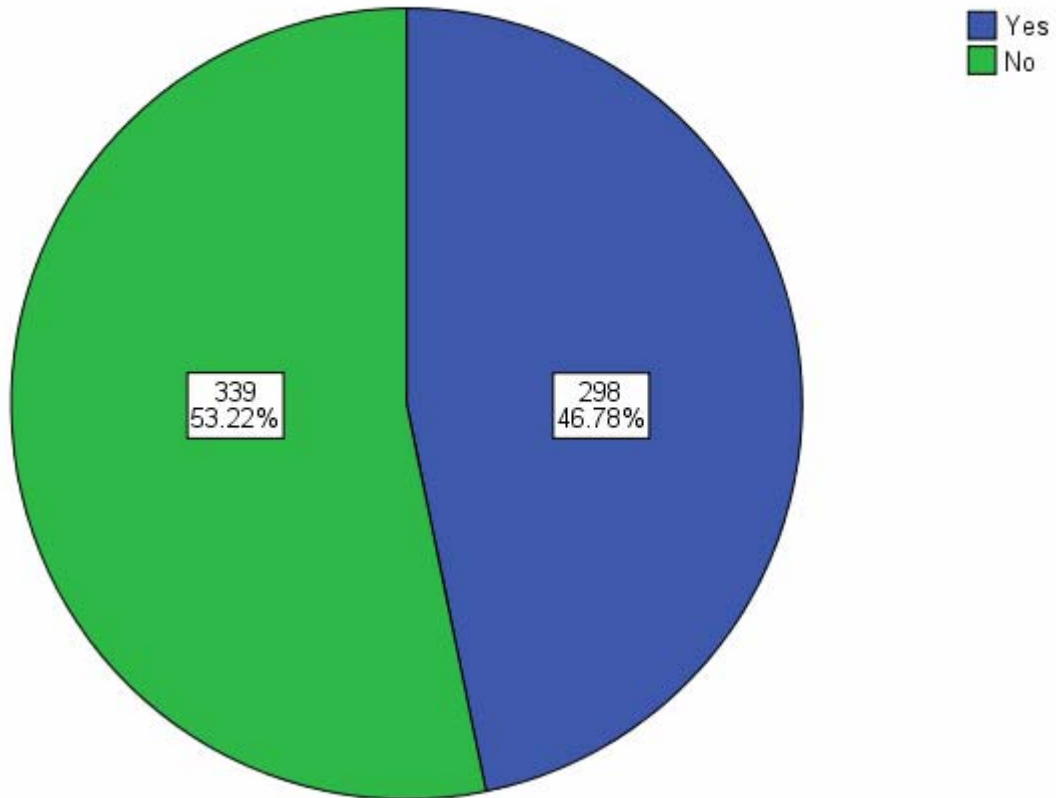


Note: Data above is from respondents who answered 'yes' to the previous question. Some respondents selected multiple Field Organization positions.



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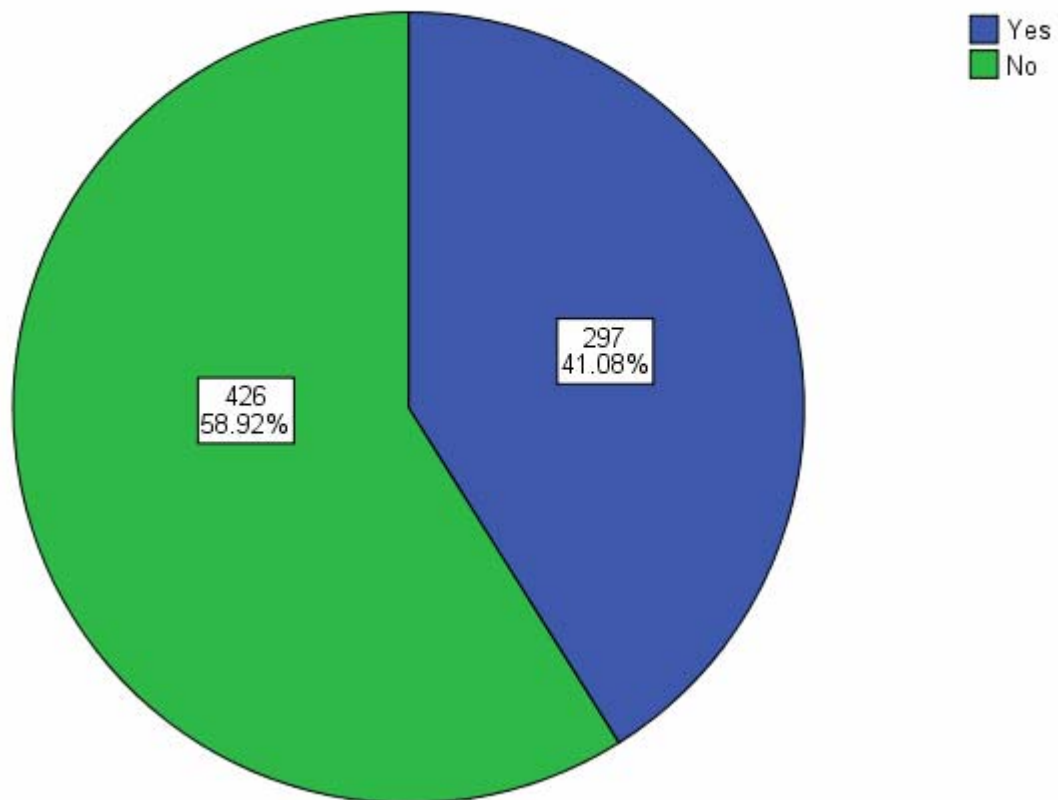
Might volunteering within the ARRL Field Organization interest you?



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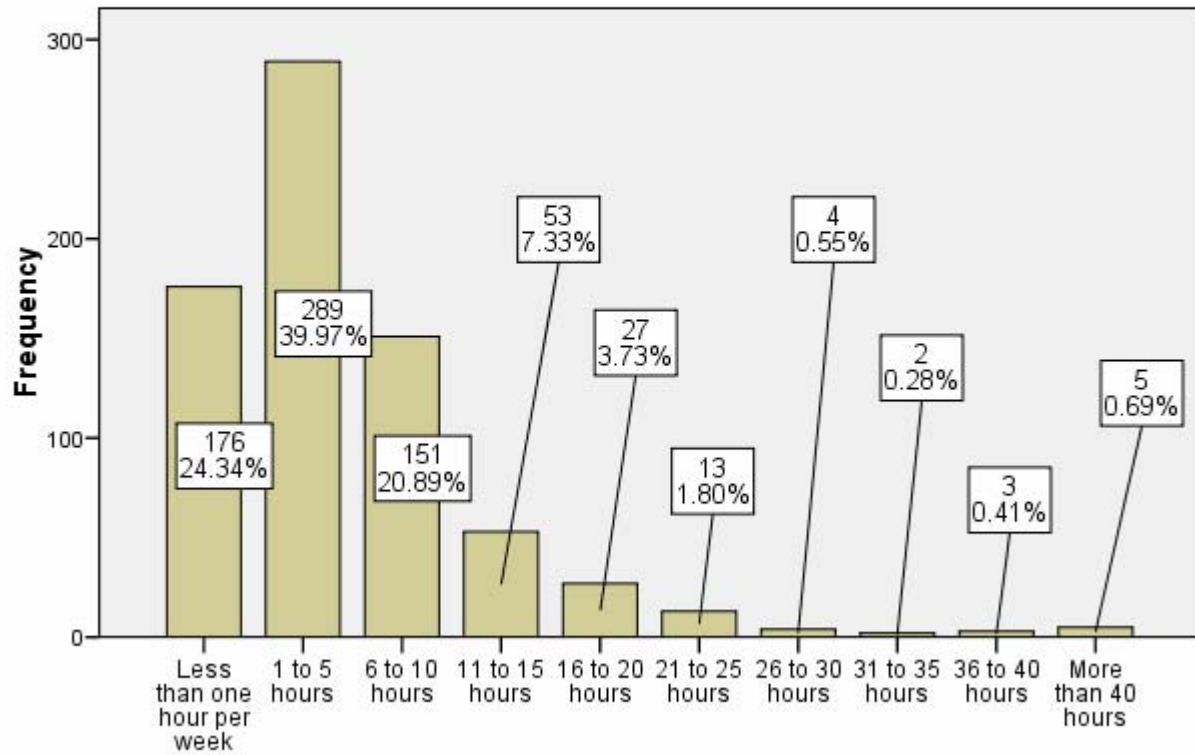
Note: Data above is from respondents who answered 'no' to the question before last.

Are you an ARES member?



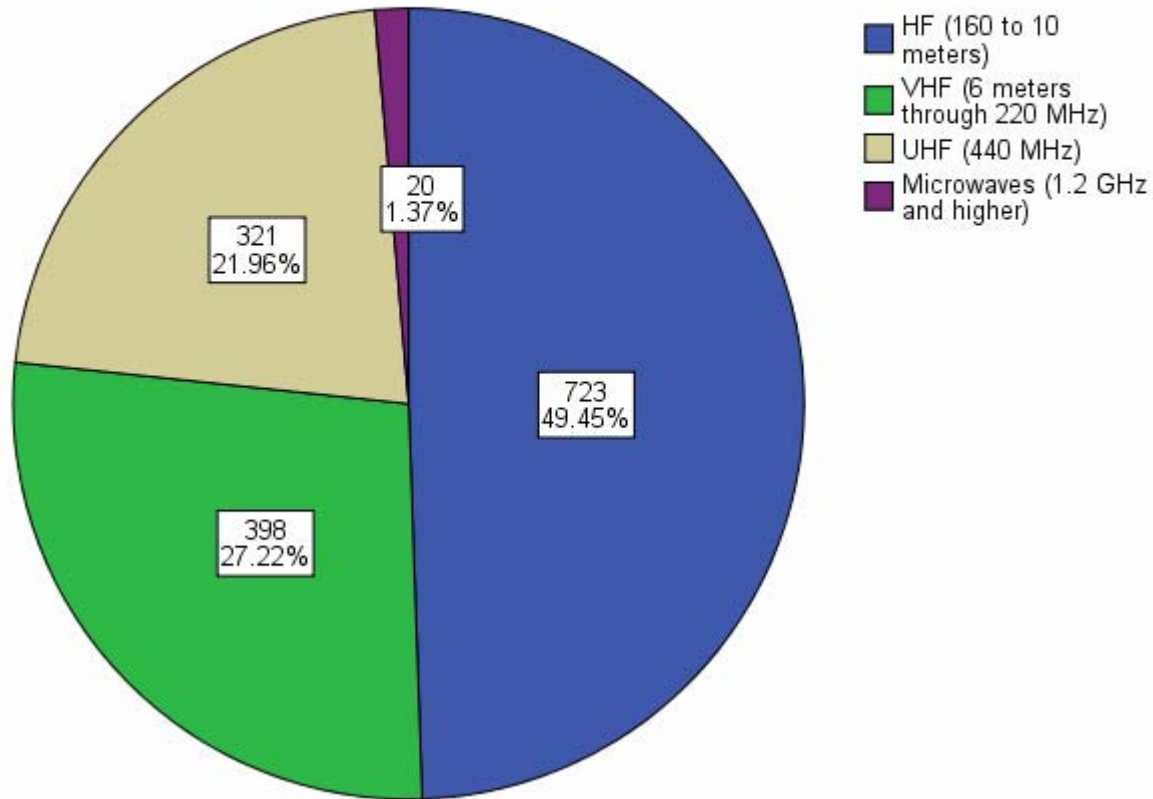
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Approximately how many hours per week do you normally operate on the air?



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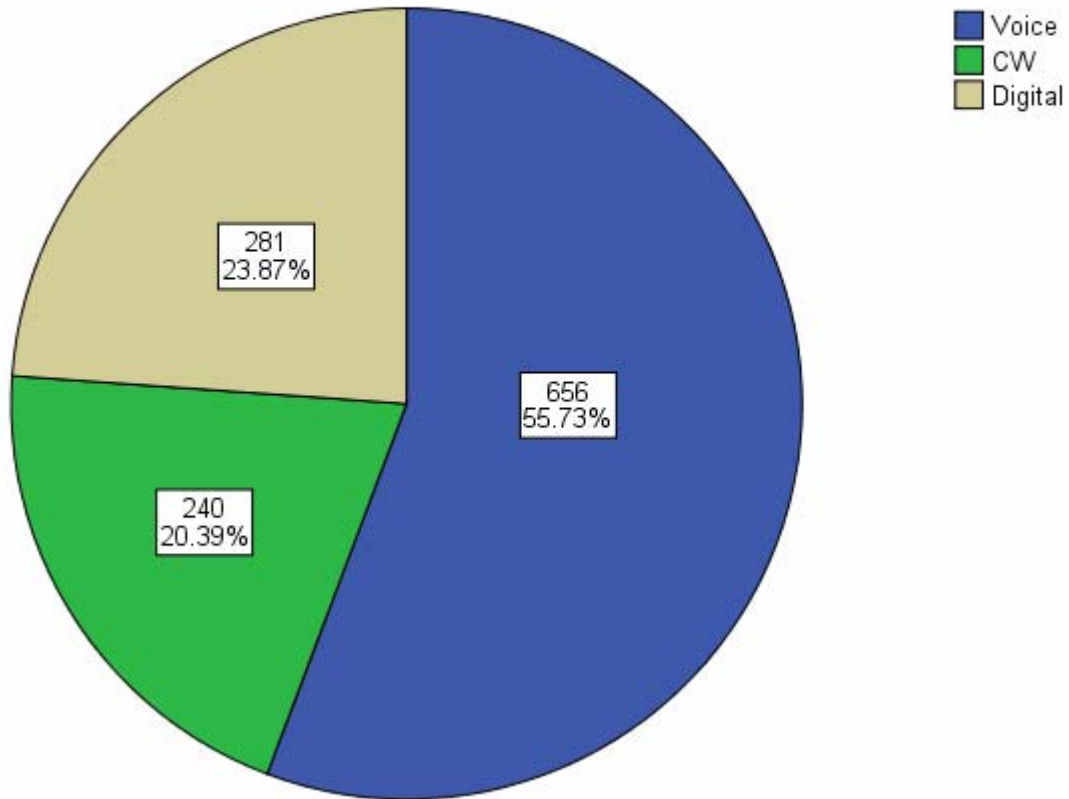
What bands do you regularly operate?



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Note: Some respondents selected multiple bands.

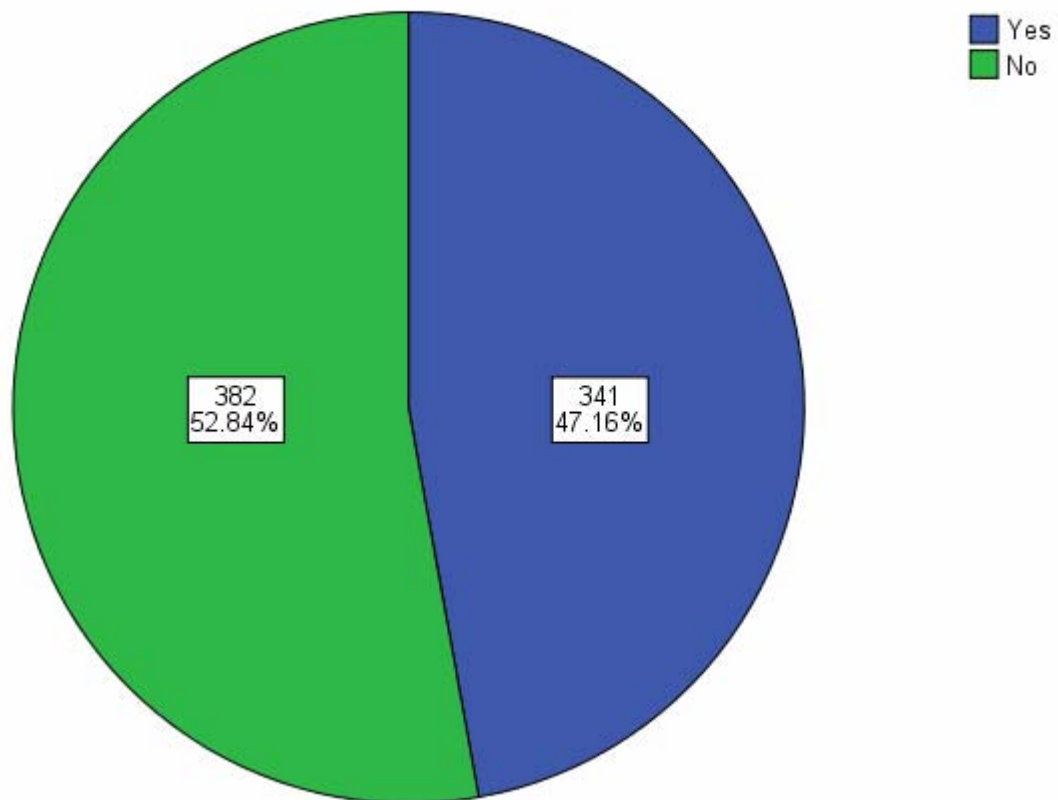
What modes do you regularly operate?



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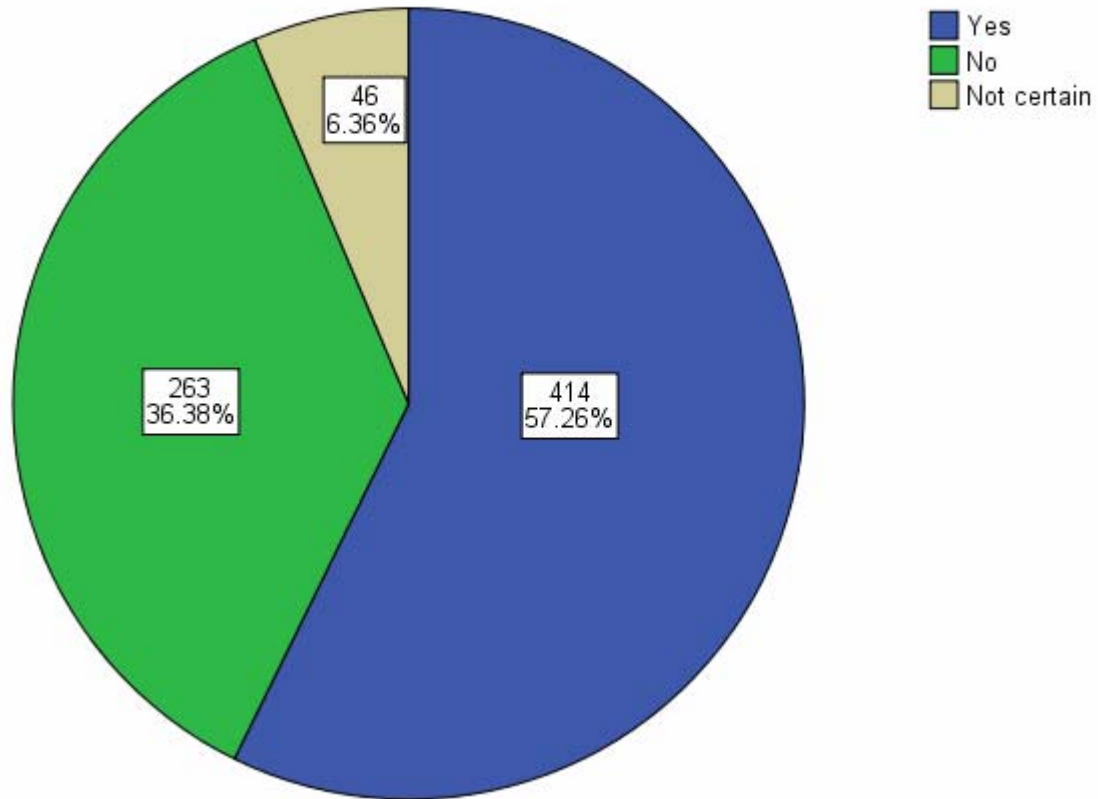
Note: Some respondents selected multiple modes.

Do you regularly attend local amateur radio club meetings?



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Are you a member of an ARRL affiliated club?



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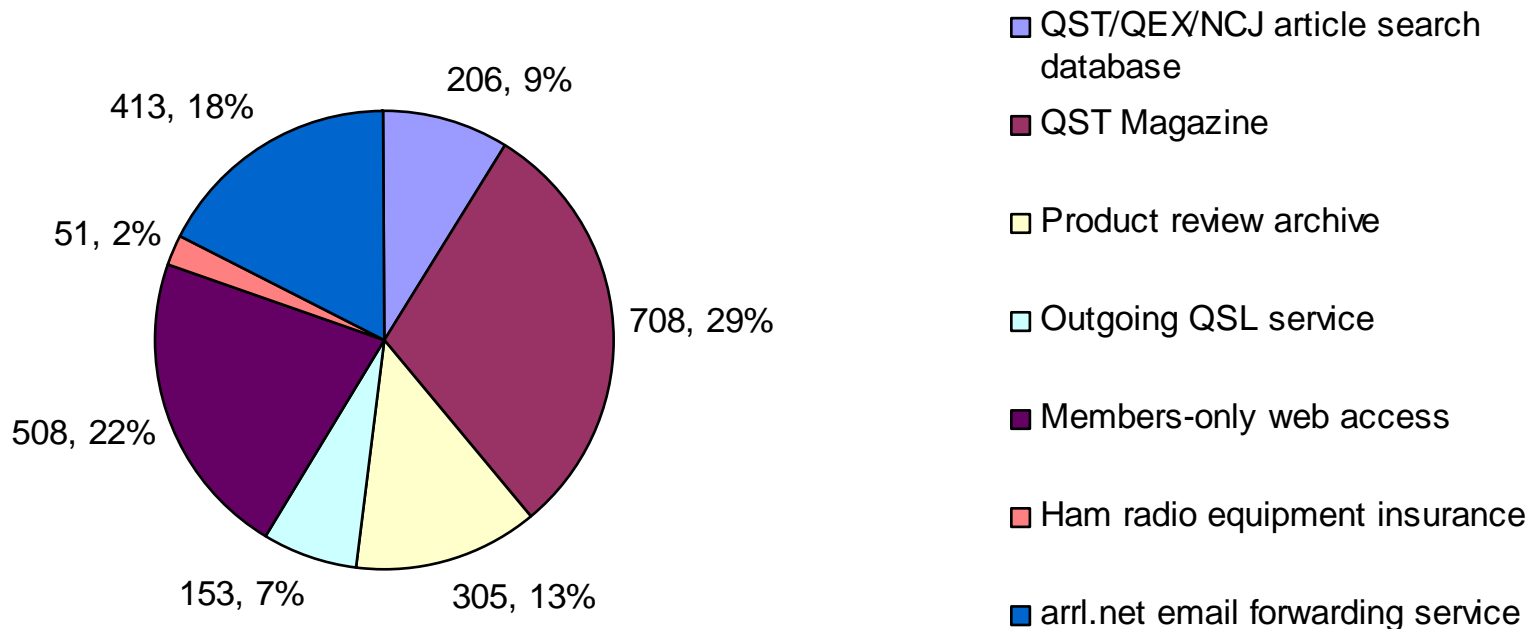
Survey results:

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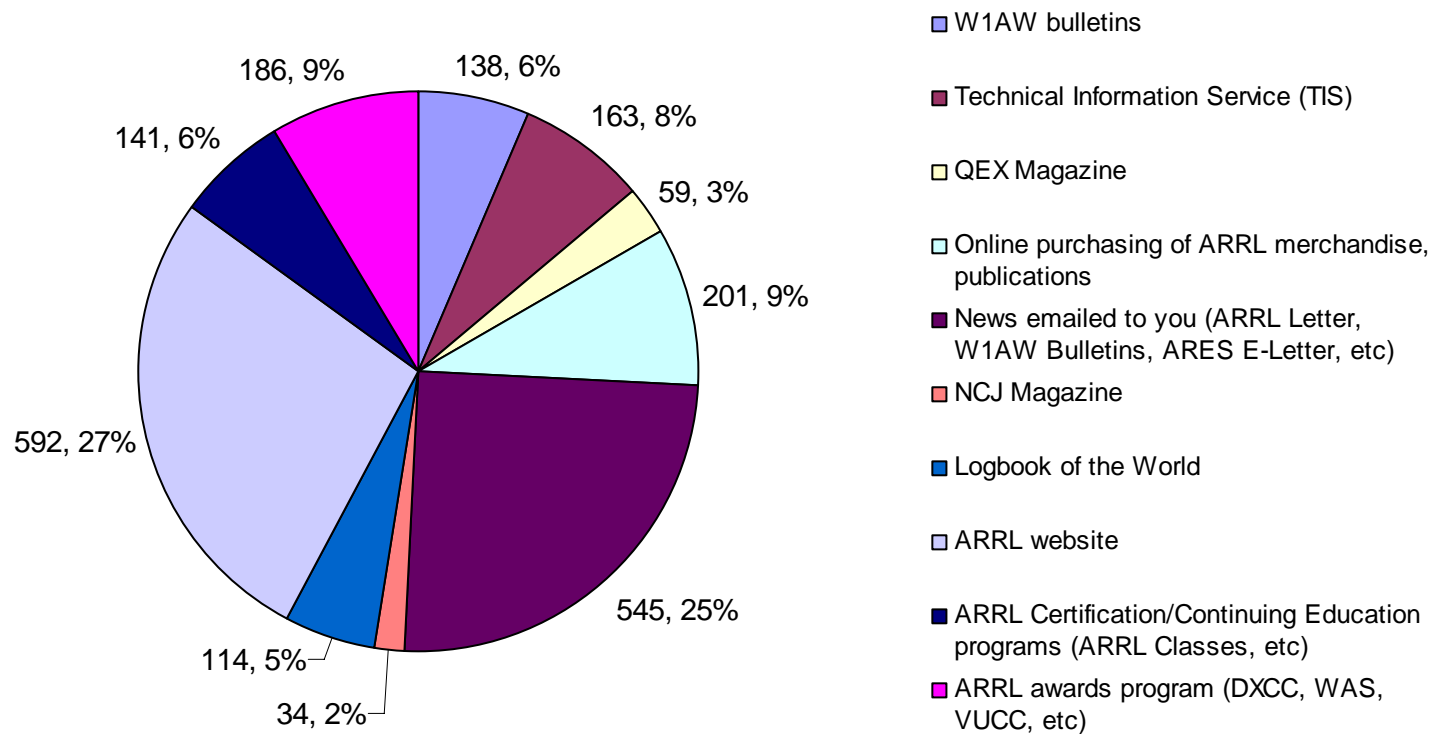
What ARRL member services/benefits do you enjoy using?



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Note: Some respondents selected multiple ARRL services/benefits.

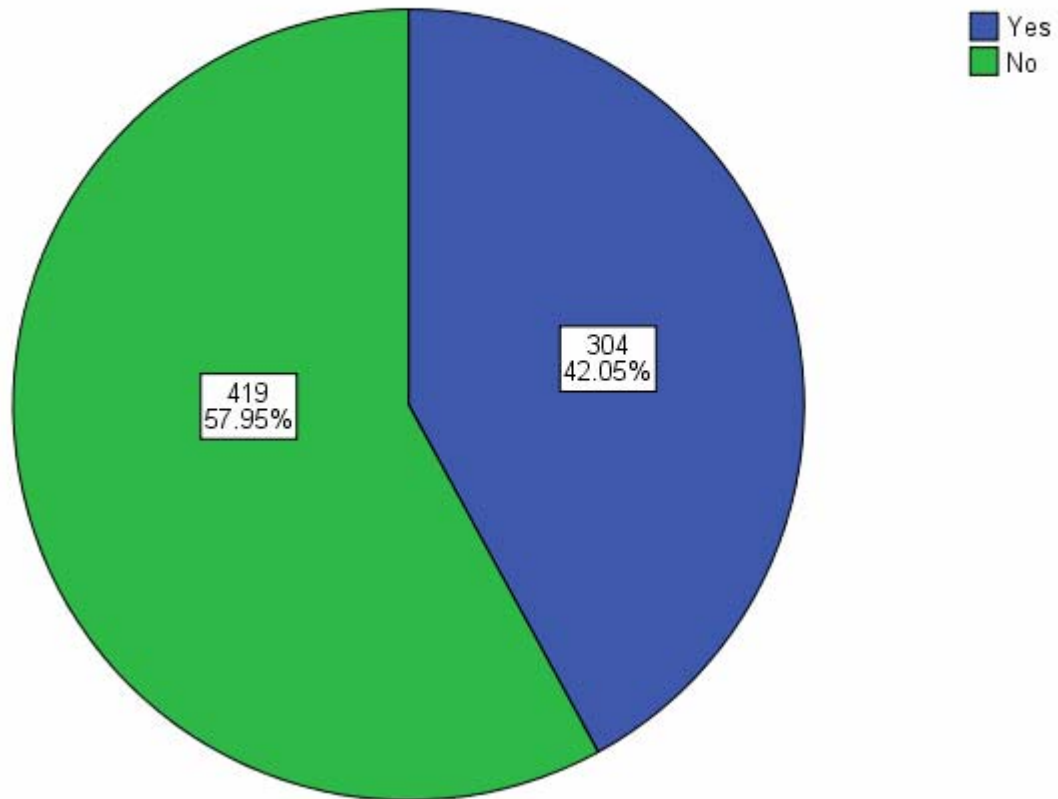
What other ARRL services do you enjoy using?



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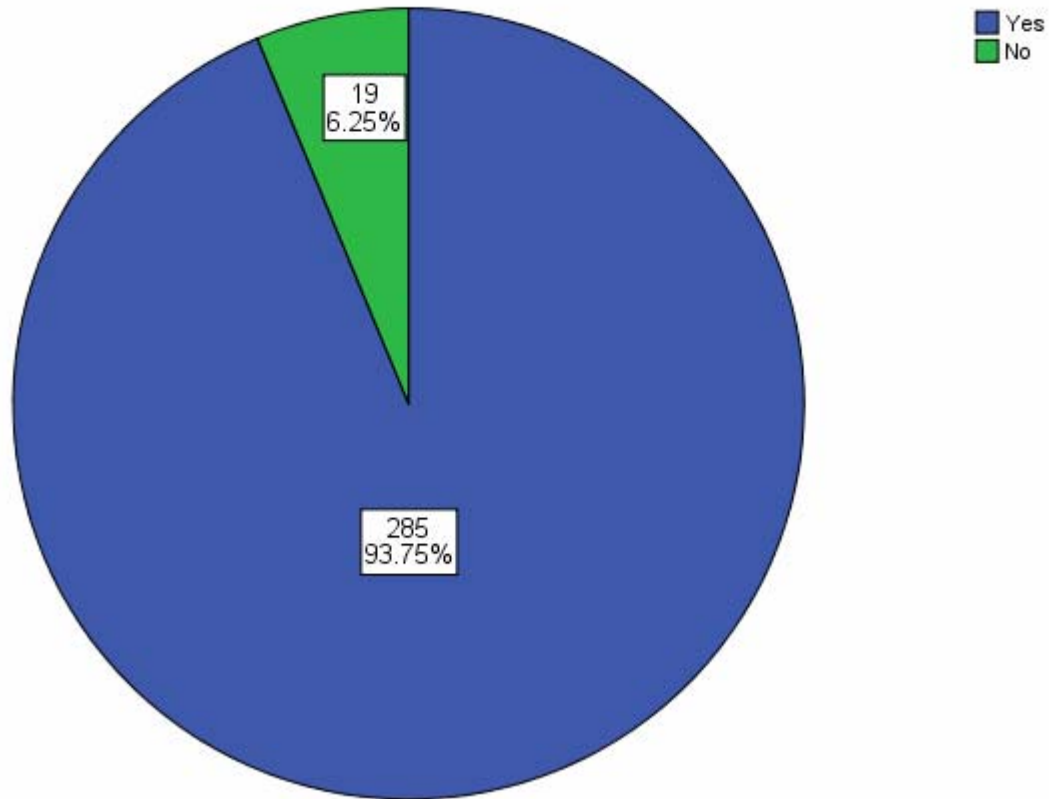
Note: Some respondents selected multiple ARRL services.

Have you contacted ARRL Headquarters within the past three years to obtain information?



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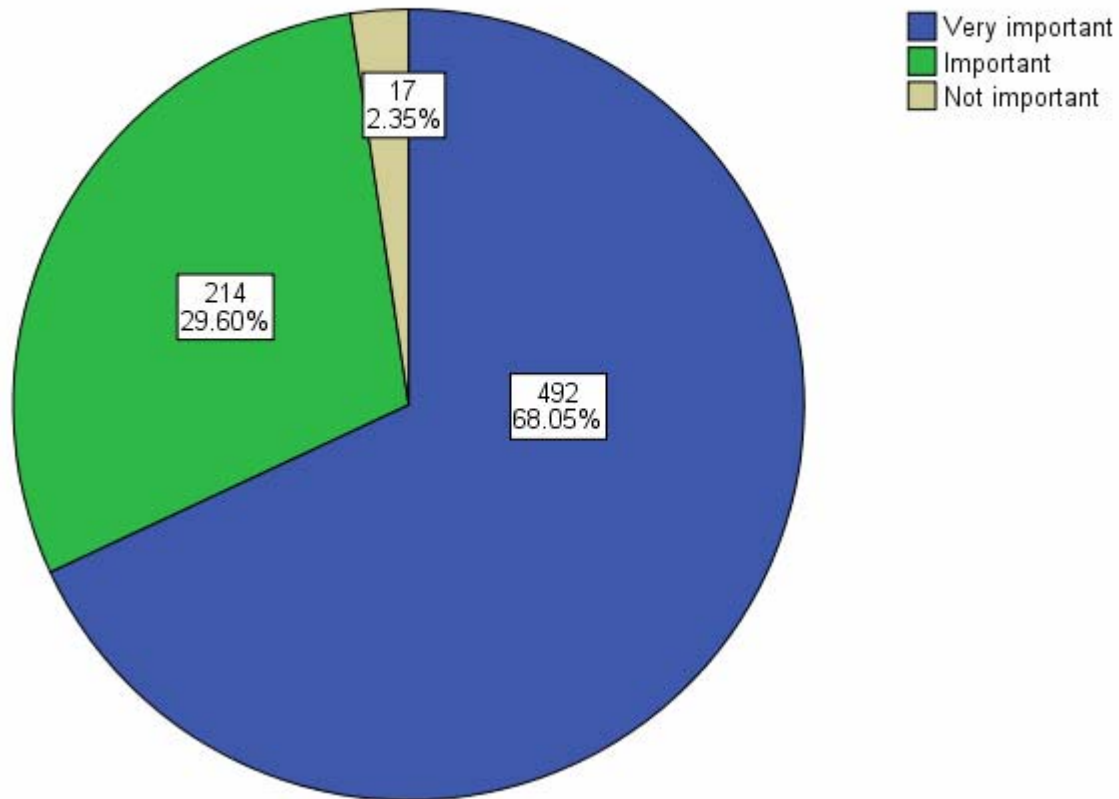
Were you satisfied with the response you received?



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Note: Data above is from respondents who answered 'yes' to the previous question.

Given past threats to our spectrum and the present threat of BPL, how important is the League's advocacy efforts to you?



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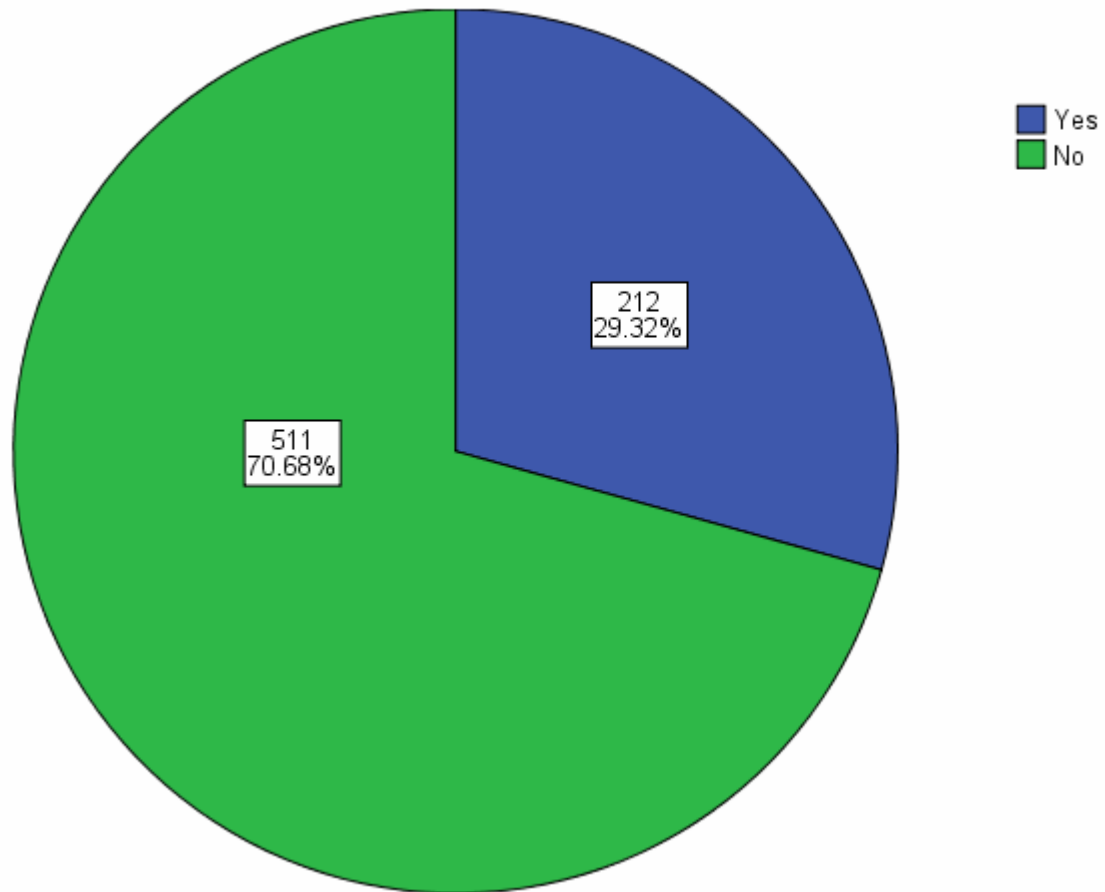
Survey results:

The Rocky Mountain Division



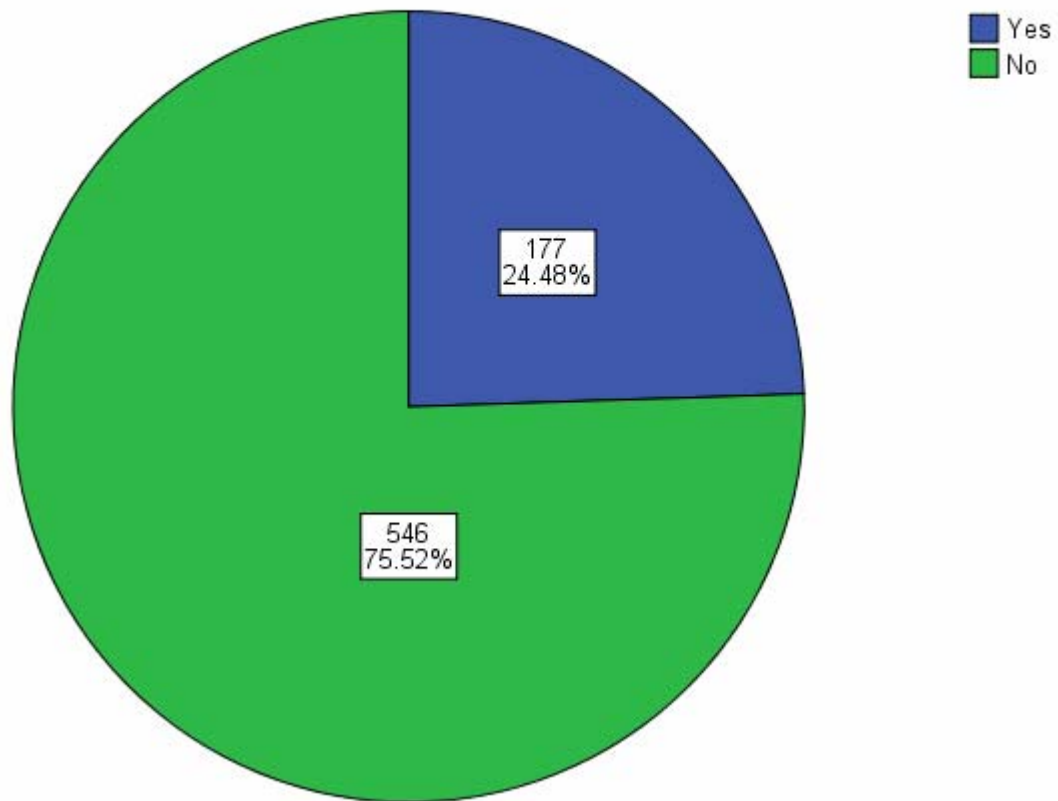
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Have you visited the Rocky Mountain Division website at www.tribcsp.com/~arrlrm ?



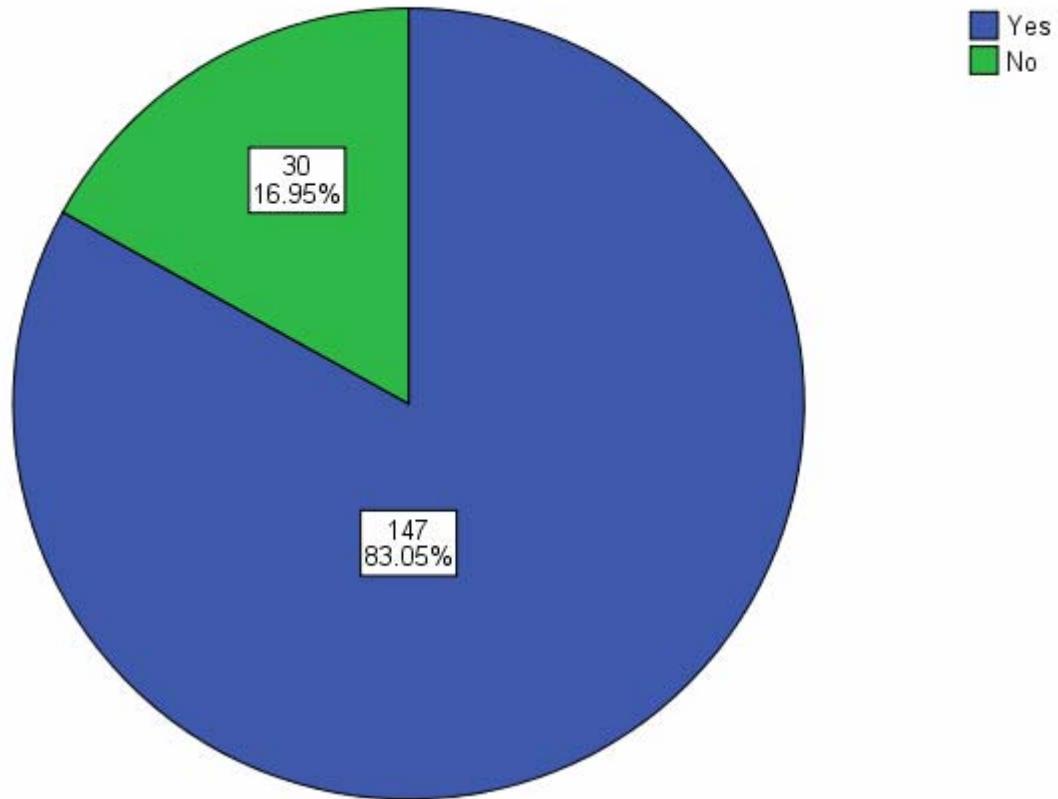
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Have you contacted your Division leadership within the past three years to obtain information or to express ideas?



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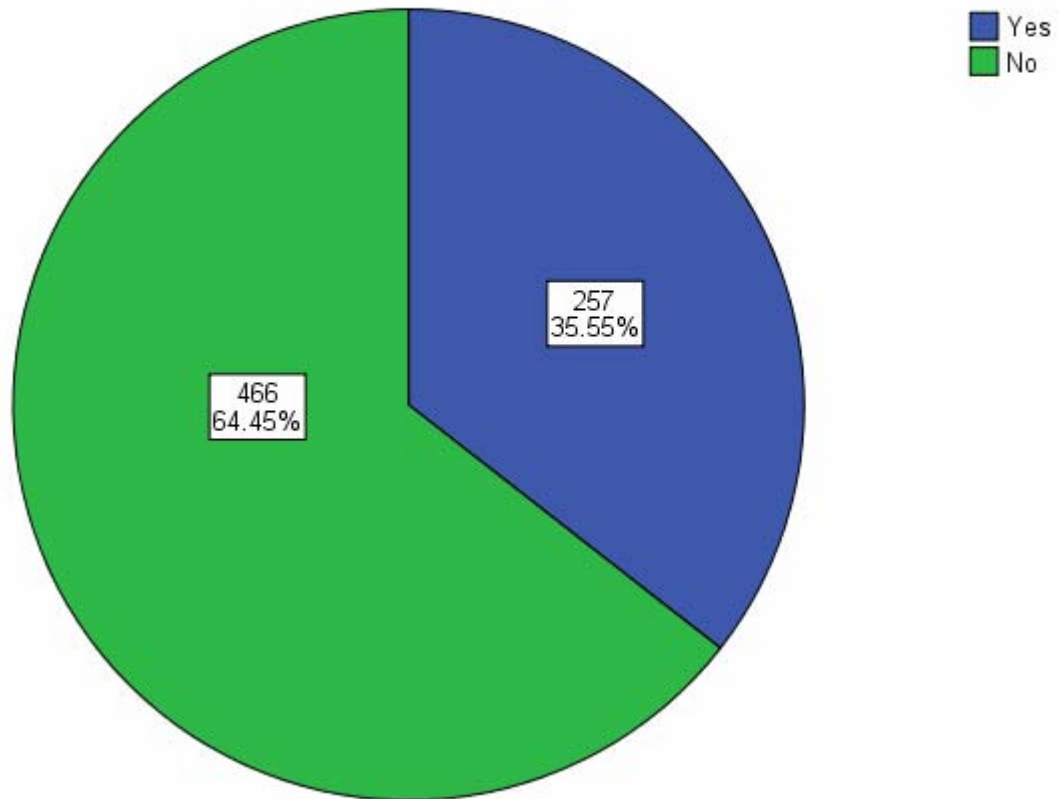
Were you satisfied with the response you received?



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Note: Data above is from respondents who answered 'yes' to the previous question.

Have you attended an ARRL forum hosted by a local hamfest in the Division within the last three years?



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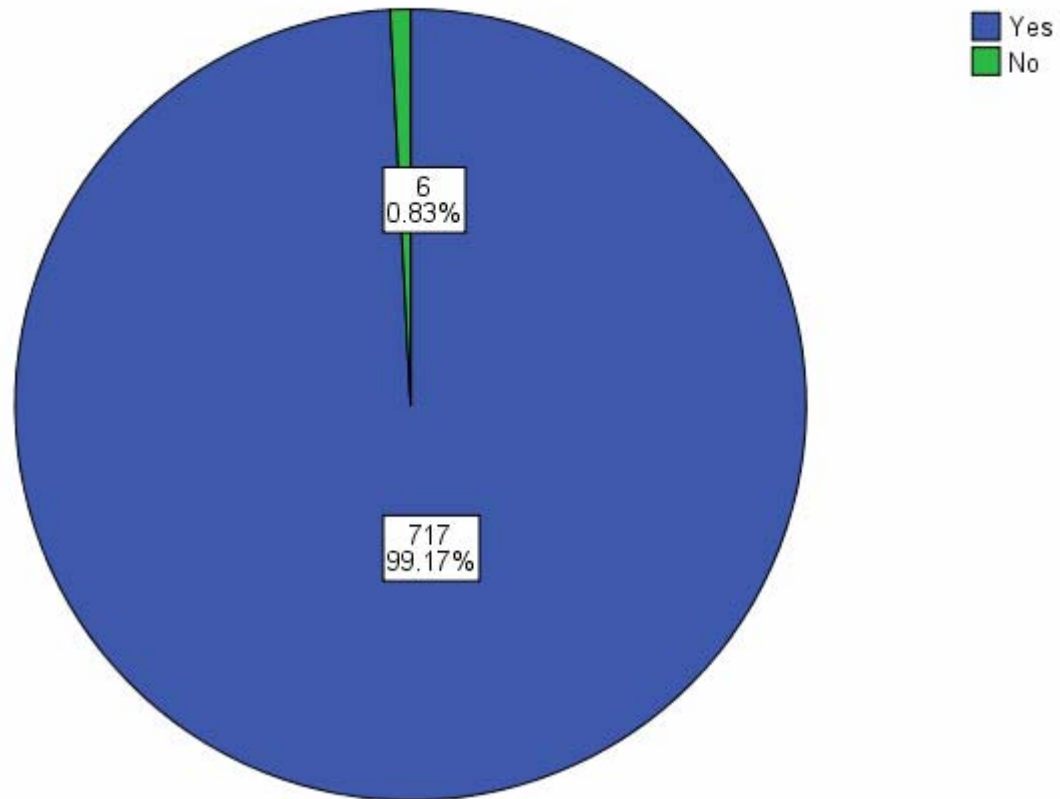
Survey results:

Issues facing Amateur Radio – past, present and future



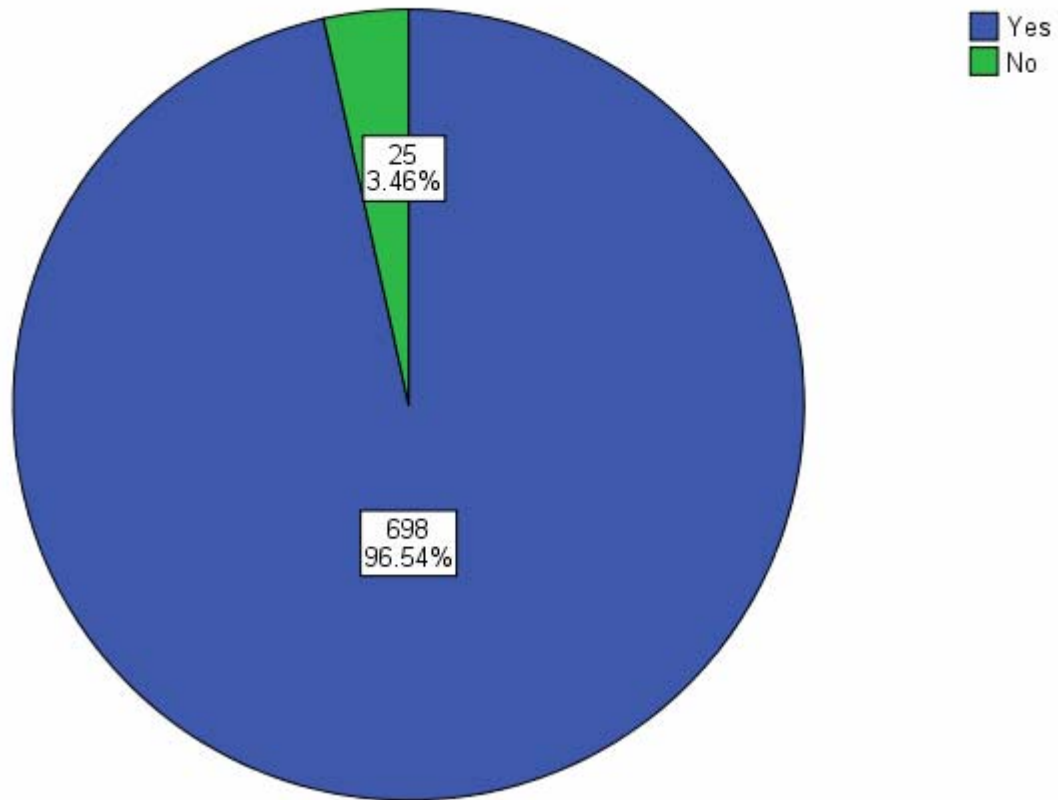
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Are you aware of BPL and its potential threat of interference to our Amateur Radio bands?



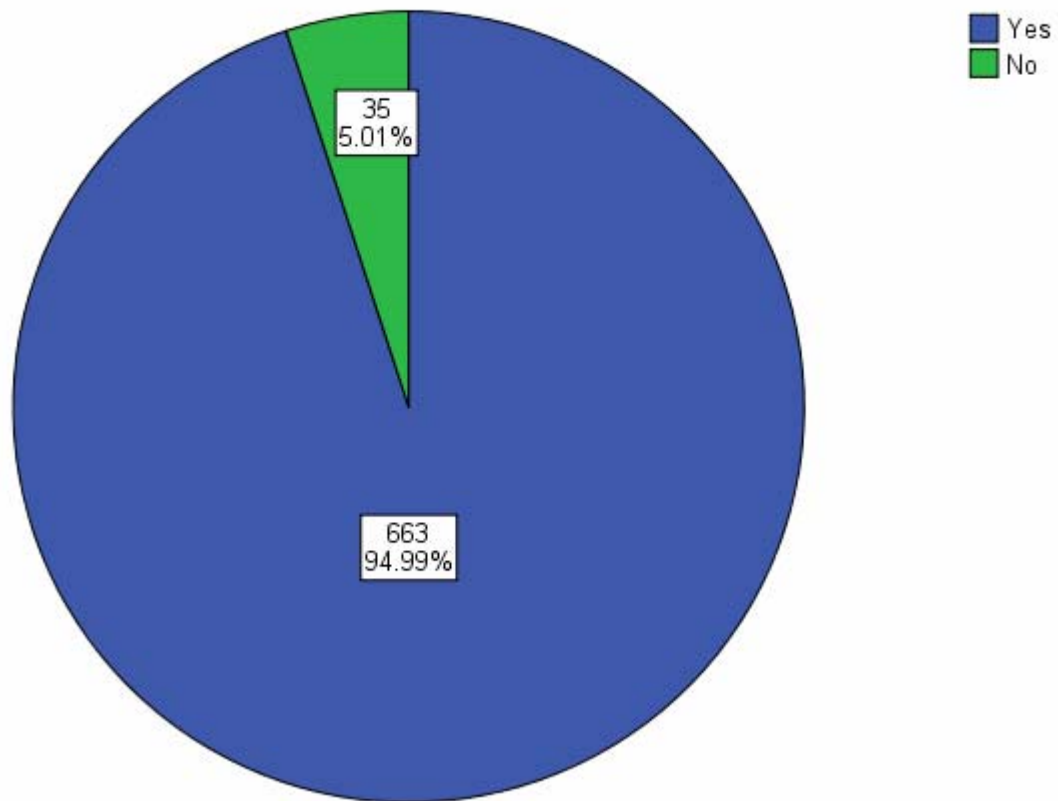
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Are you aware of the ARRL's challenge to the FCC's BPL rules within the US Court of Appeals?



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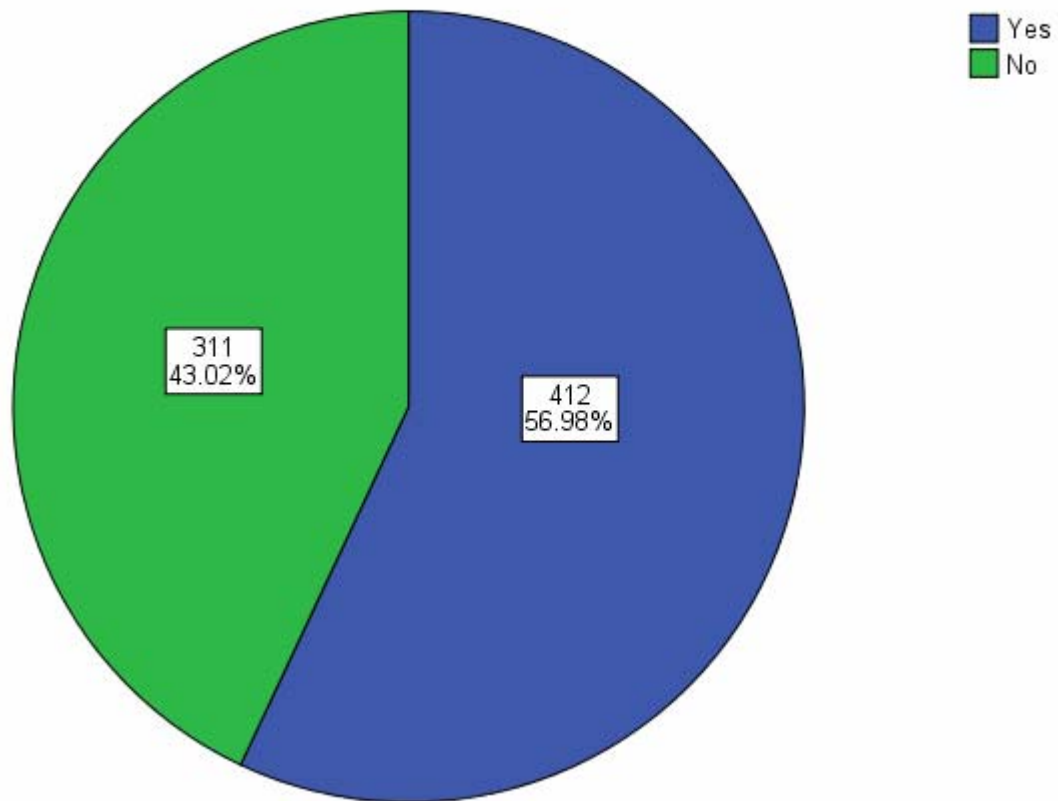
Do you understand the ARRL's position within this legal challenge?



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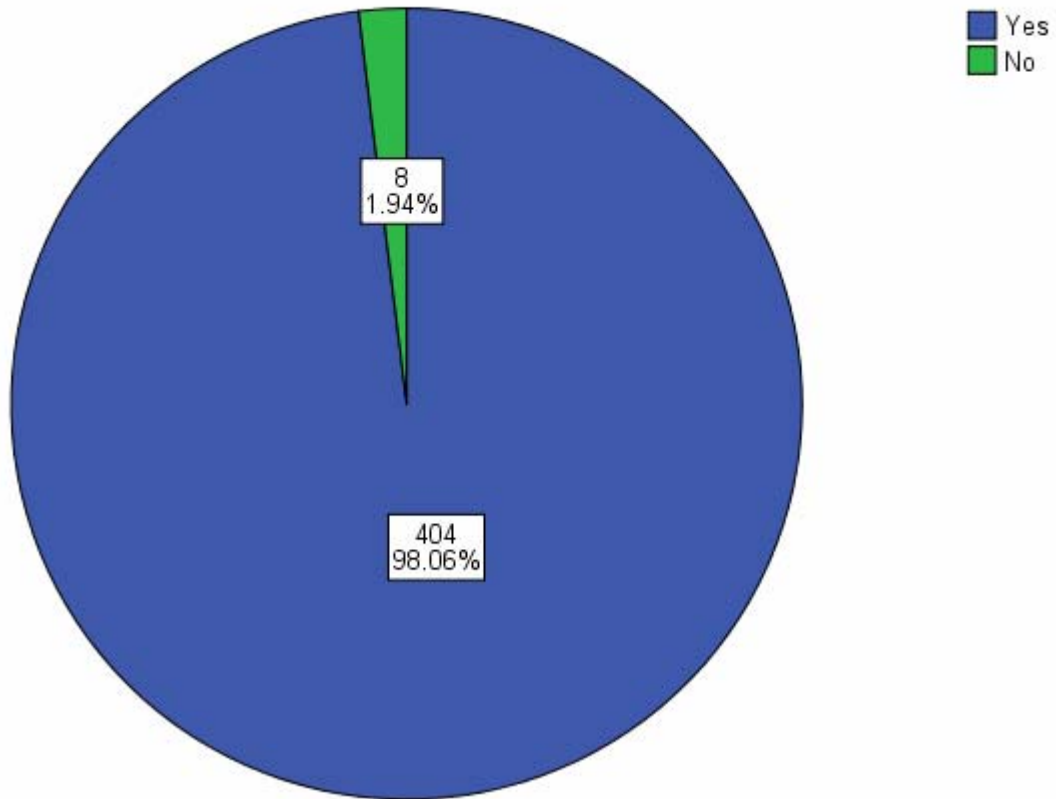
Note: Data above is from respondents who answered 'yes' to the previous question.

Have you read the ARRL's initial brief, FCC's reply and the ARRL's recent reply brief?



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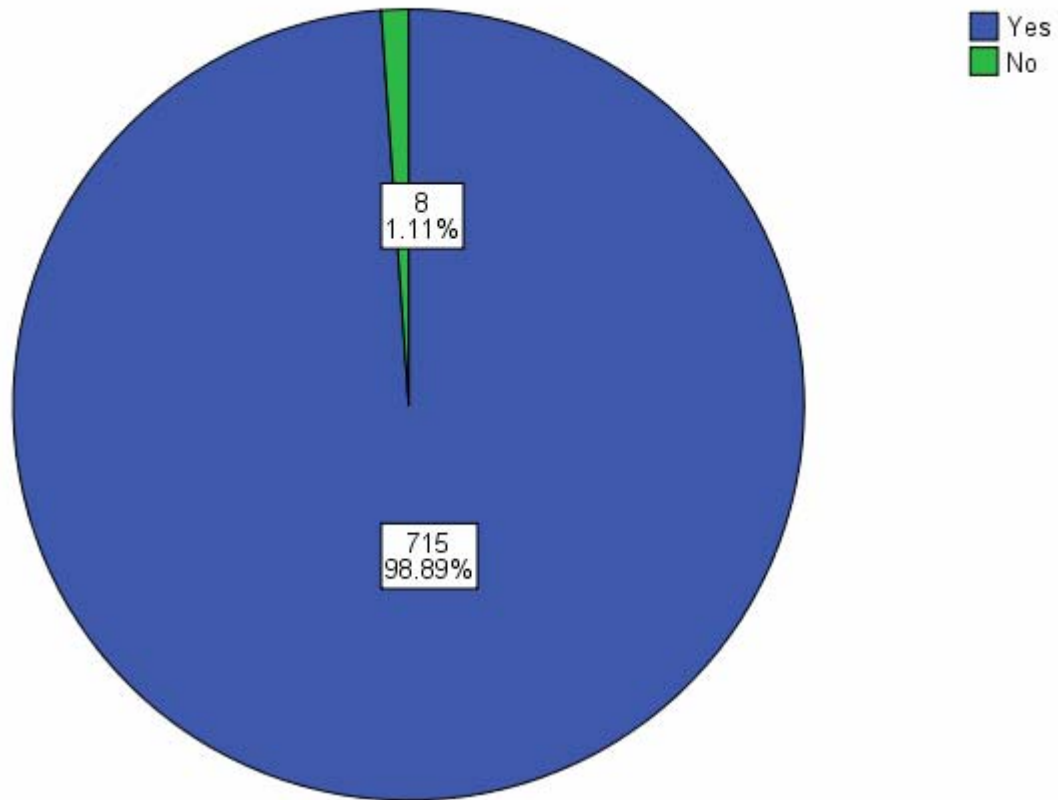
Do you agree with the ARRL's positions expressed within these documents?



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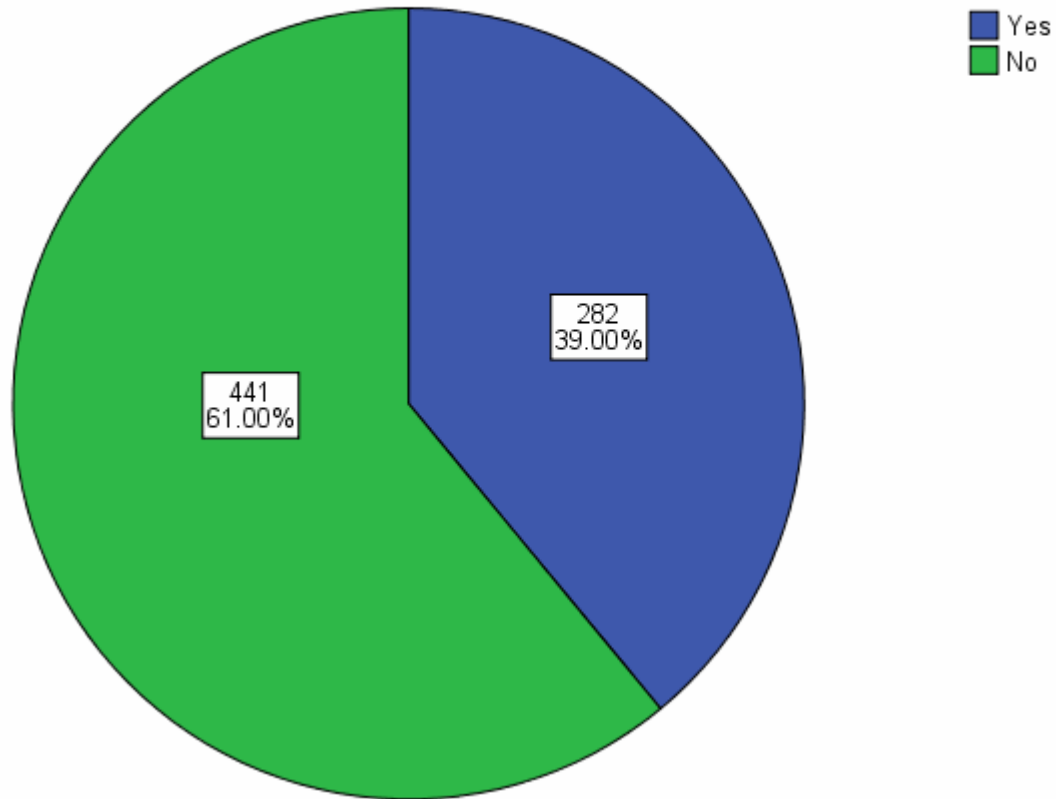
Note: Data above is from respondents who answered 'yes' to the previous question.

In general, do you support the ARRL's position on BPL systems that interfere with our ham radio spectrum?



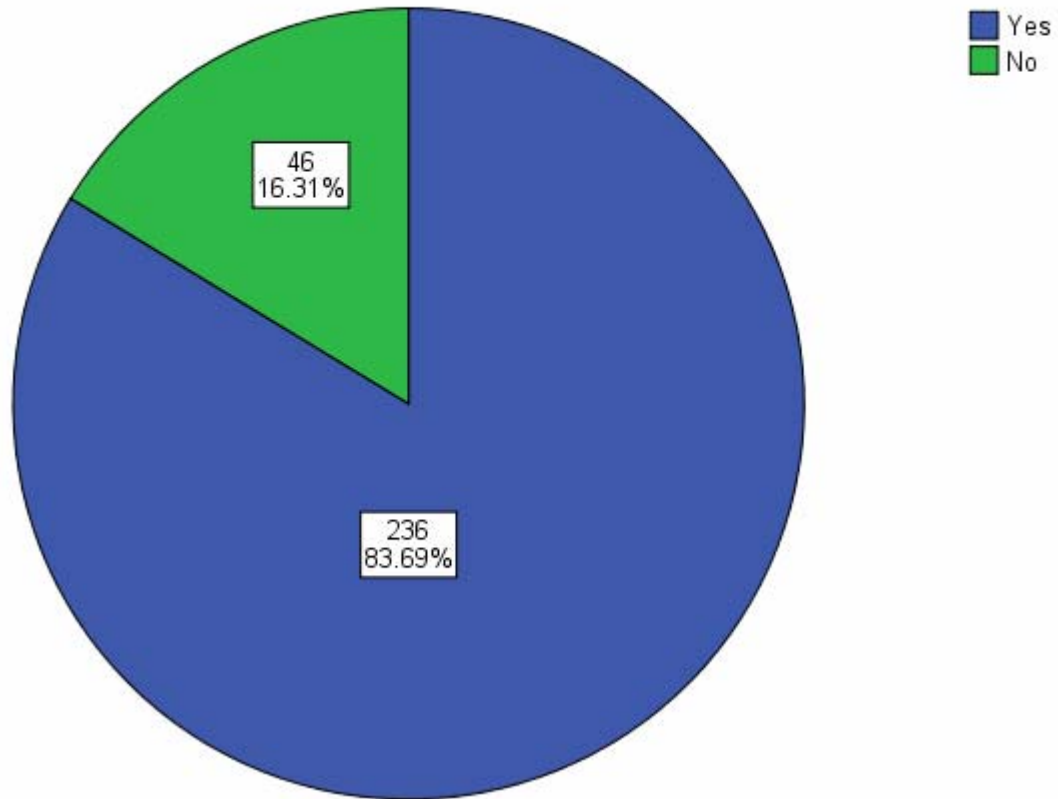
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ARRL filed a regulation by bandwidth petition (RM-11306), which was withdrawn on April 2007. Did you read the bandwidth petition filed by ARRL as RM-11306?



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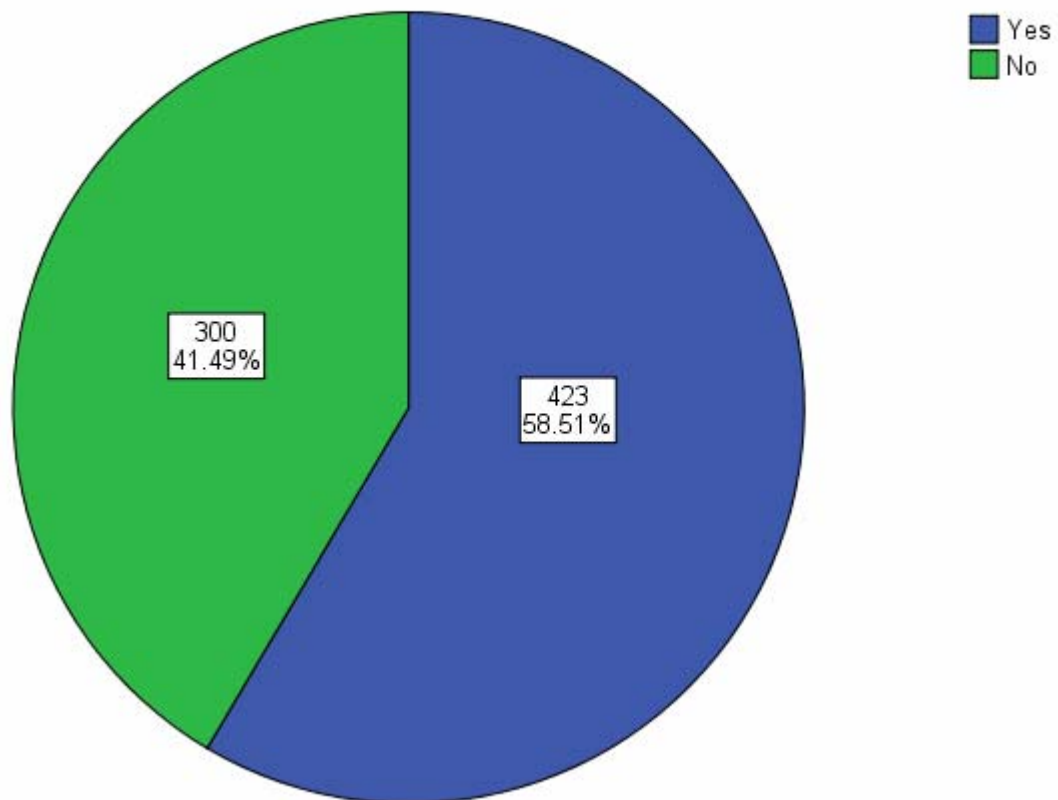
Do you feel you understood its contents?



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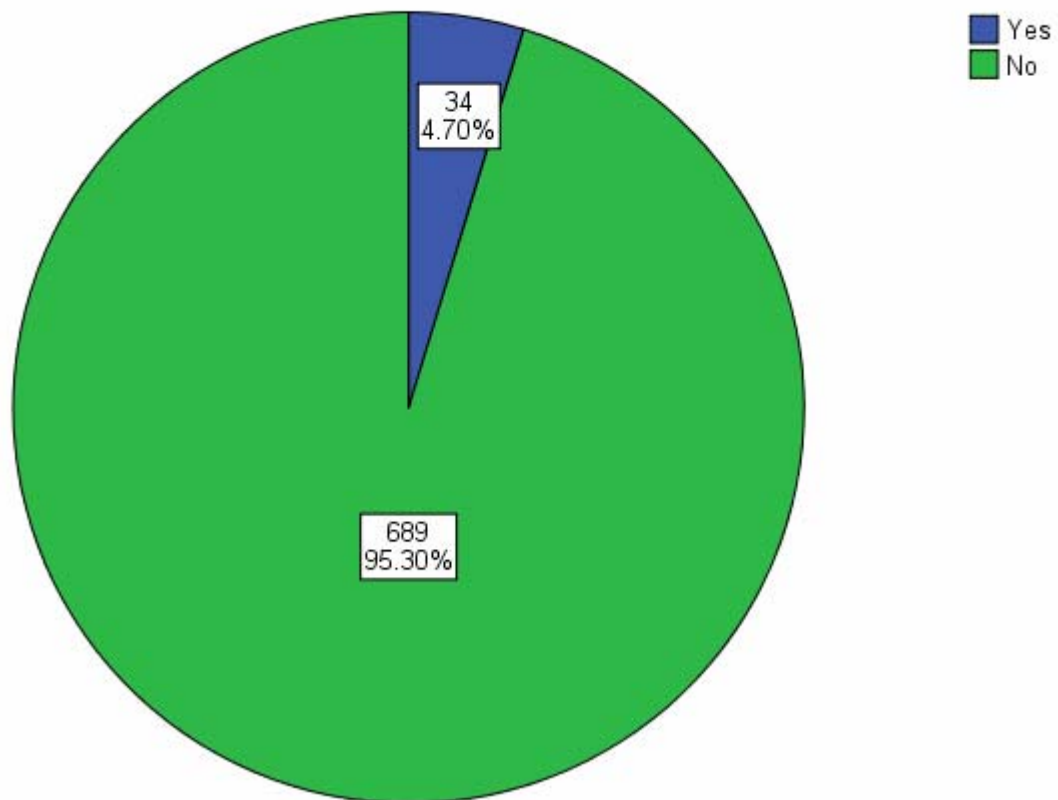
Note: Data above is from respondents who answered 'yes' to the previous question.

Do you feel the ARRL adequately solicited your input on this petition?



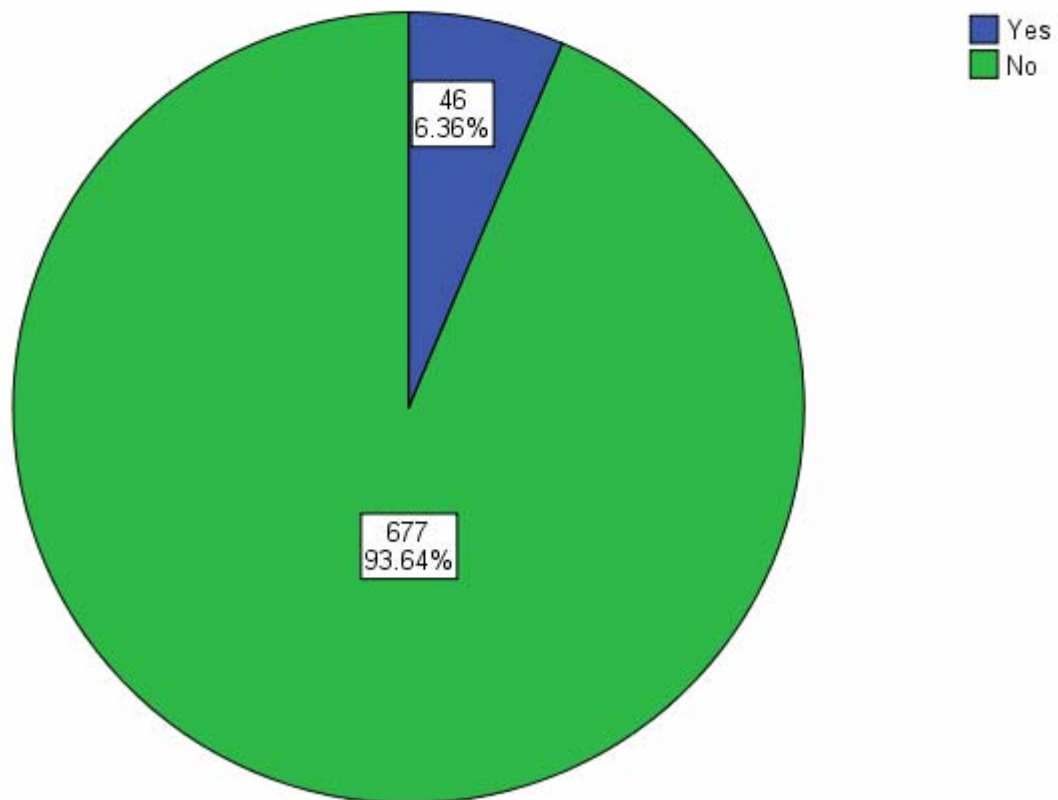
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Did you send your views on the petition in an email to bandwidth@arrl.org ?



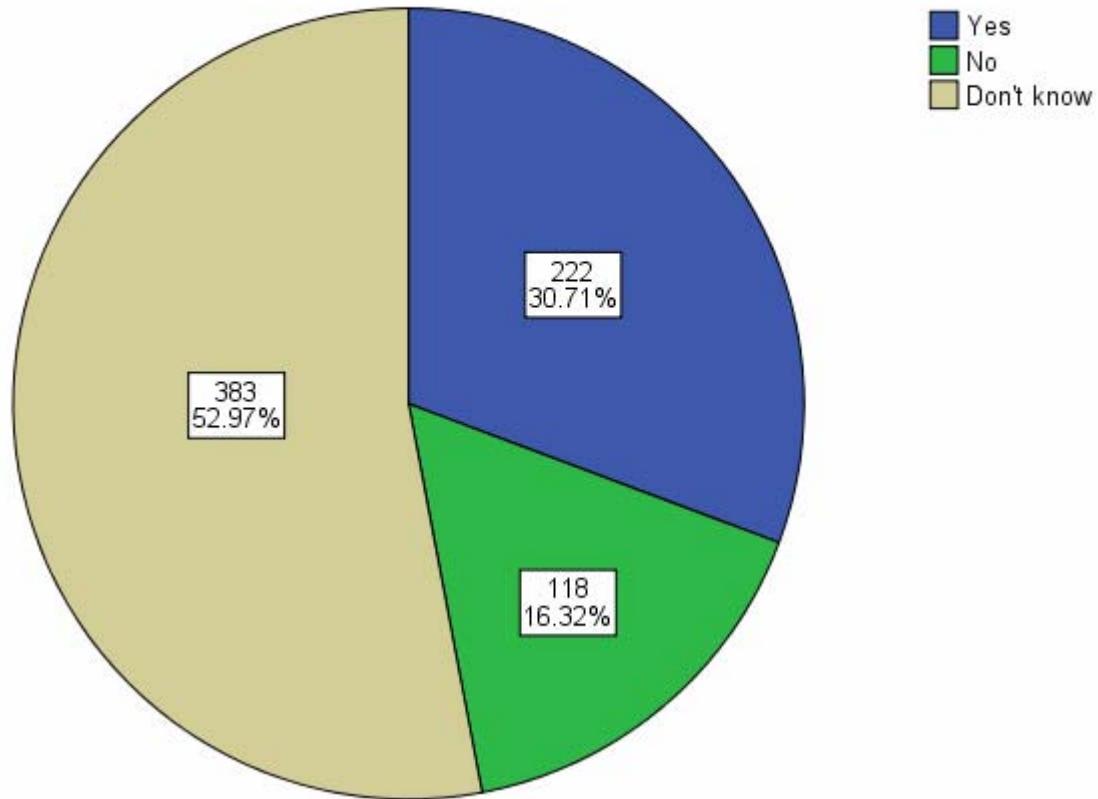
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Did you file a comment about RM-11306 on the FCC's ECFS?

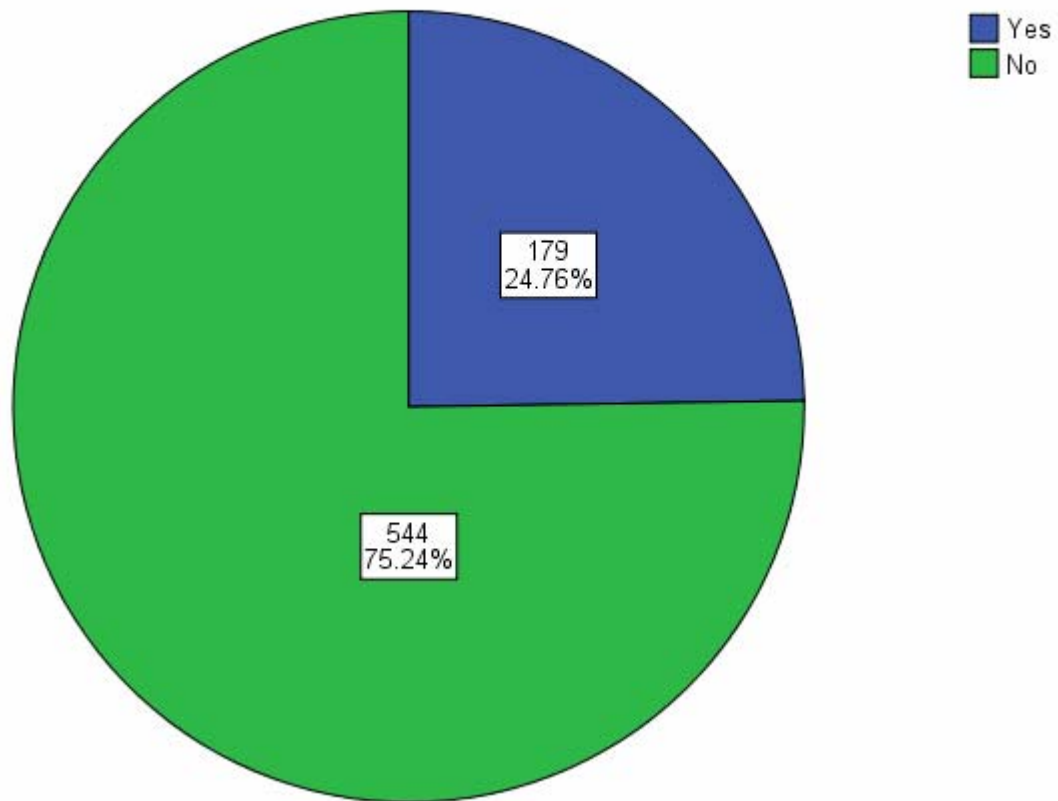


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Did you favor the petition?

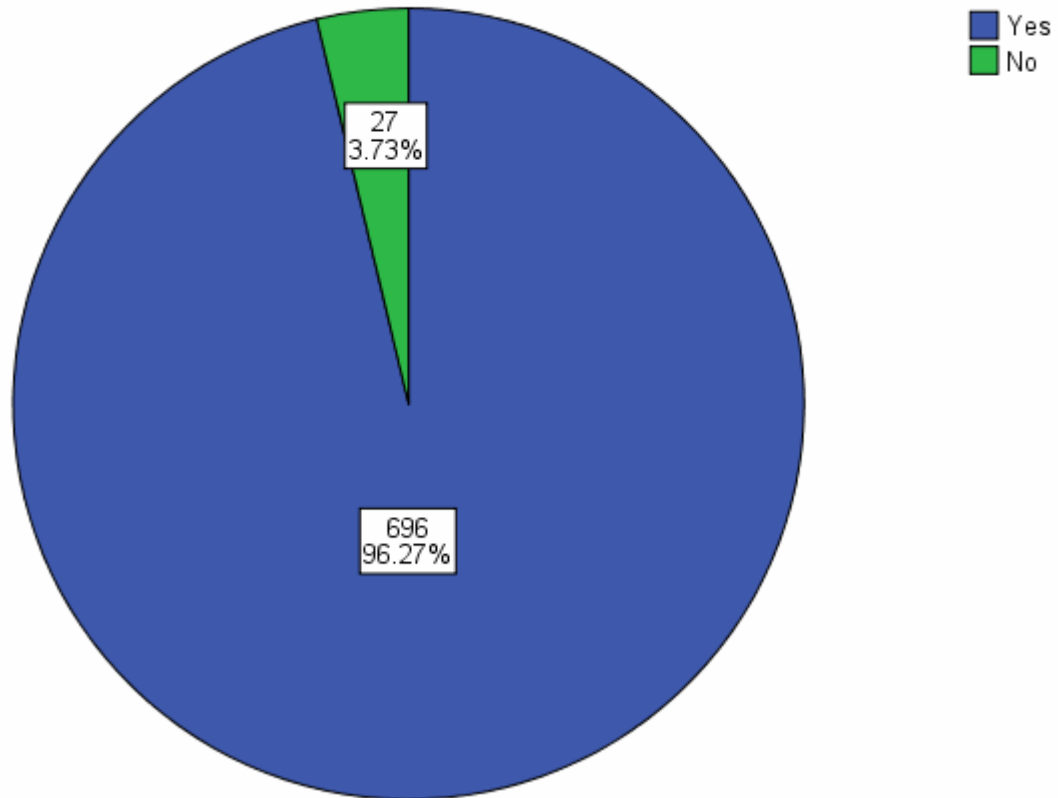


Are you aware of what ARRL's legislative priorities are for the 110th Congress? (www.arrl.org/govrelations)



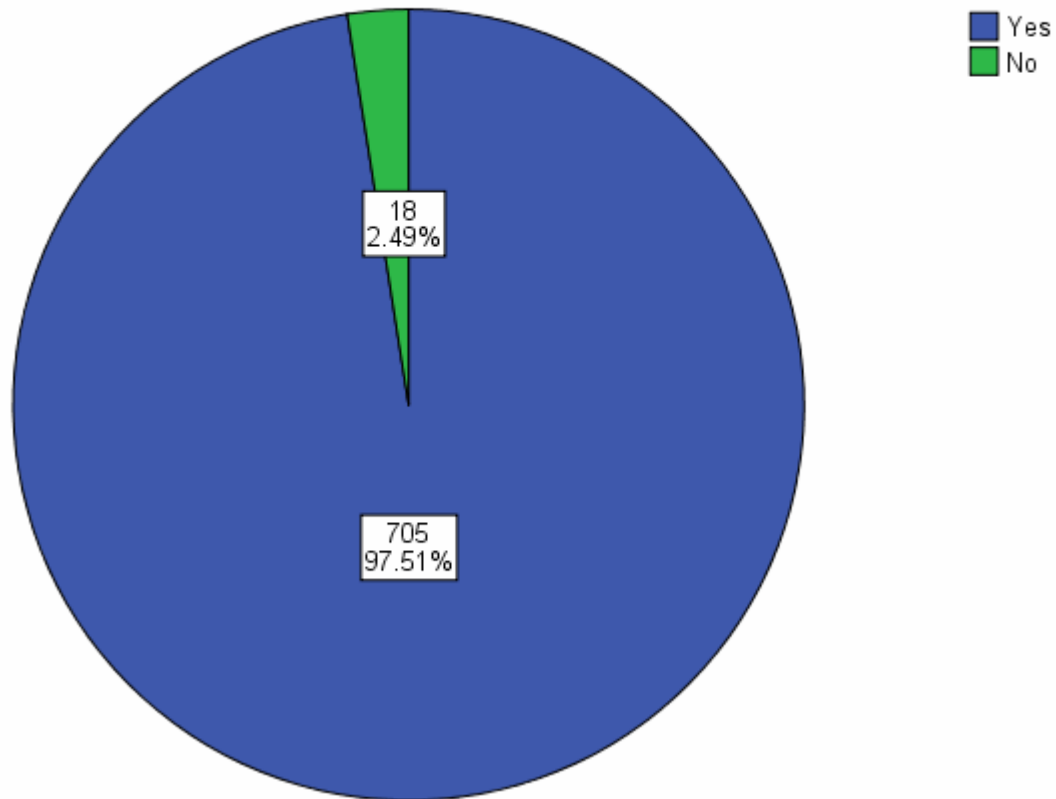
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Should ARRL seek legislation to extend the requirement for 'reasonable accomodation' of Amateur Radio station antennas (a requirement that now applies to state and local regulations) to all forms of land use regulation?



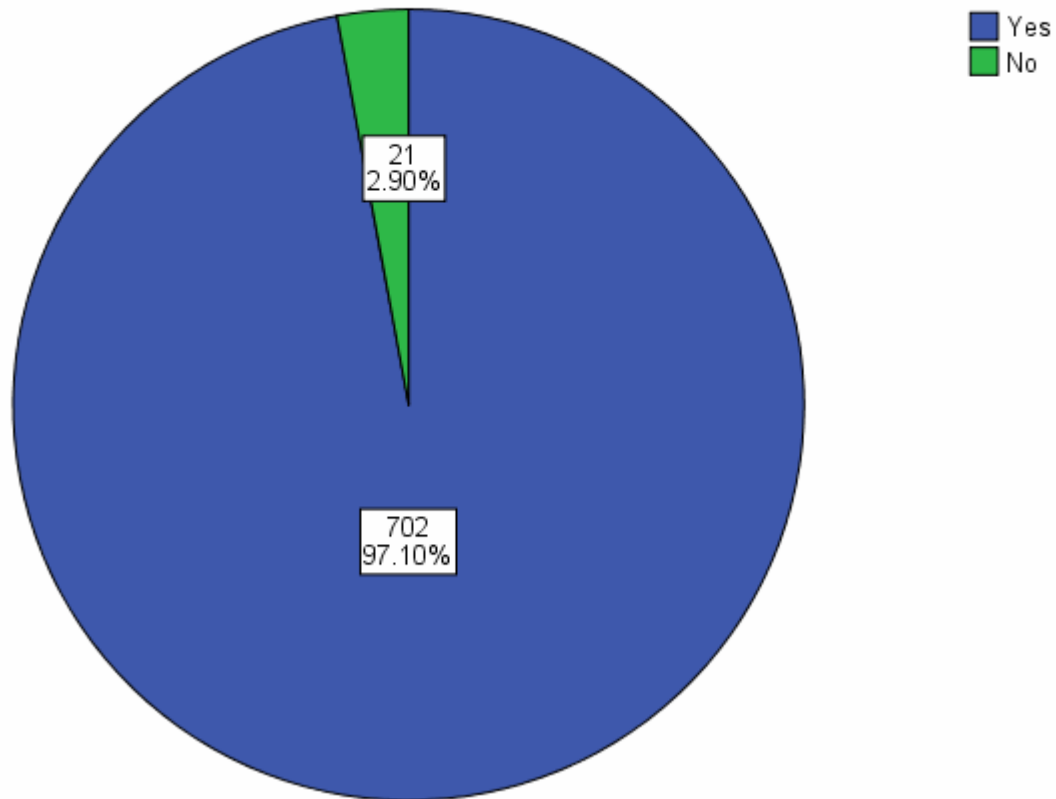
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Should ARRL seek legislation requiring the FCC to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the interference potential of broadband over power line (BPL) systems to public safety radio services and other licensed radiocommunication services?



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Should ARRL seek Congressional instruction to the FCC, based on the above mentioned evaluation, to adopt improved rules to prevent the deployment of BPL systems having a potential to cause destructive interference to radiocommunication systems?



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Survey results:

Direct member input / comments



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As an ARRL member, what challenges do you foresee in ham radio's future?

>> [Click here to read responses](http://www.tribcsp.com/~arrlrm/survey/survey_challenges.pdf) (http://www.tribcsp.com/~arrlrm/survey/survey_challenges.pdf)

As an ARRL member, what's important to you about the League?

>> [Click here to read responses](http://www.tribcsp.com/~arrlrm/survey/survey_important.pdf) (http://www.tribcsp.com/~arrlrm/survey/survey_important.pdf)

As an ARRL member, what do you feel the League and its leadership can be doing to better serve you and your interests?

>> [Click here to read responses](http://www.tribcsp.com/~arrlrm/survey/survey_leadership.pdf) (http://www.tribcsp.com/~arrlrm/survey/survey_leadership.pdf)

What could ARRL do to help attract more people into ham radio?

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Note: Responses above are obtained from the Division website – please be online before clicking the links above.

Member-Division leader telephone calls

The final survey question asked participants if they'd like to receive a telephone call from their Division leadership to discuss important ham radio- or ARRL-related topics of their choice.

71 (9.82%) of all respondents answered 'yes'. All requested phone calls were placed in October and November.



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Thank you again for participating in the survey. See you on the airwaves and 73!

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