



# CPHA MEDICAL CANNABIS STUDY

# MEDICAL CANNABIS USERS

JANUARY 2019

SURVEY RESULTS FOR CPHA

**ABACUS DATA**

# METHODOLOGY

These results are merged from 3 sources:

[1] A survey conducted online with 1,500 Canadian residents aged 18 and over (177 medical cannabis users), from January 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A random sample of panelists were invited to complete the survey from a set of panels from the Lucid platform.

[2] A survey conducted online with 500 Canadian residents aged 18 and over who identify as medical cannabis users, from January 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A random sample of these pre-identified panelists were invited to complete the survey from the MARU platform.

[3] Finally, a survey conducted online with 319 Canadian residents aged 18 and over who identify as medical cannabis users, from January 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A sample of respondents were invited to complete the survey by CPhA and partner organizations from social media and mail lists.

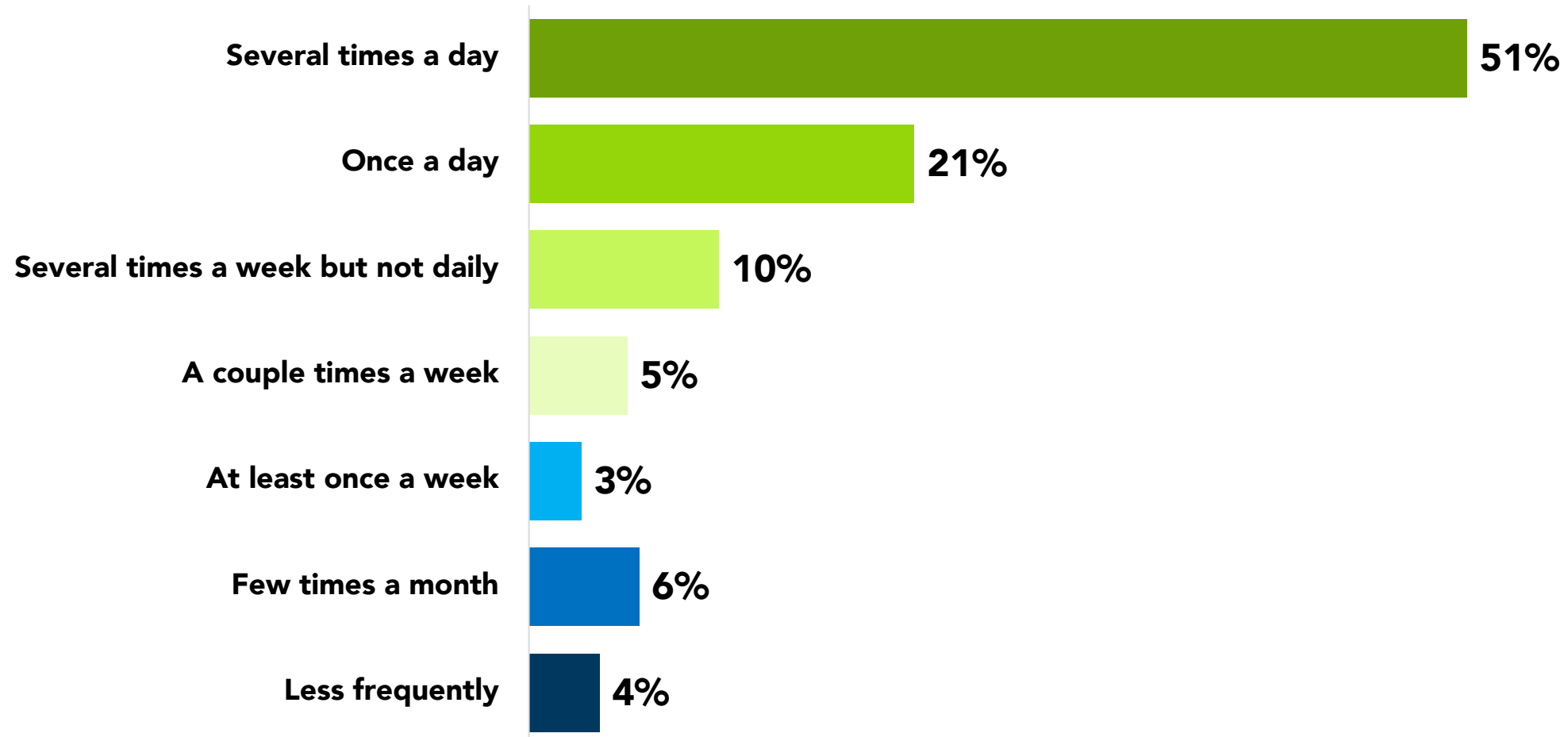
The general population data were weighted according to census data to ensure that the sample matched Canada's population according to age, gender, educational attainment. Pre-identified medical users and public link data were subsequently weighted to match the proportions of the general population survey estimates of cannabis users. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

# CANNABIS USE OF MEDICAL USERS

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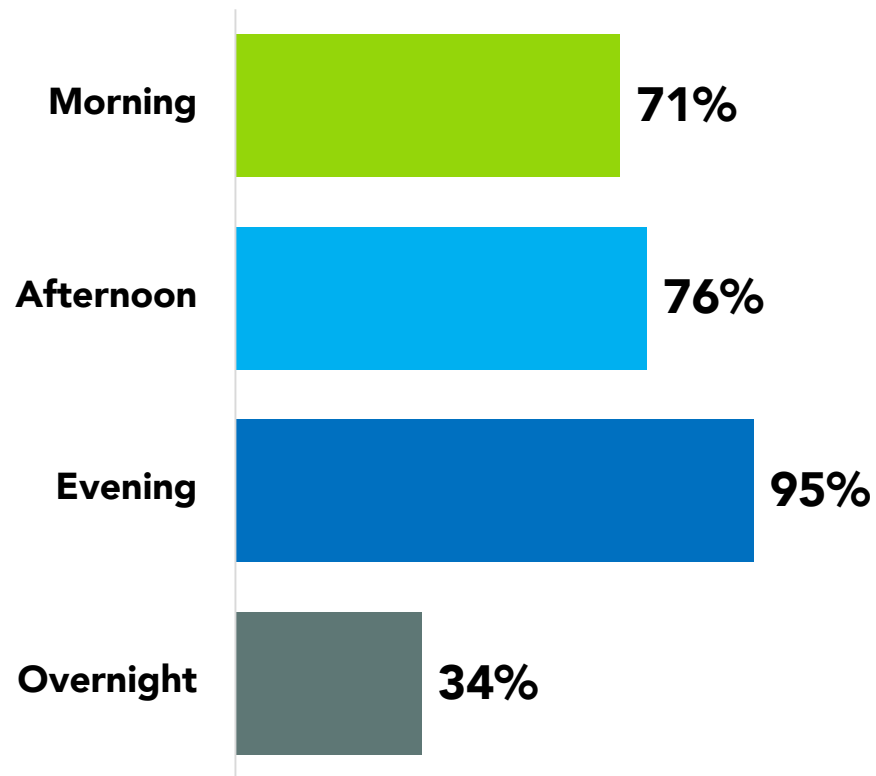
# FREQUENCY OF CANNABIS USE



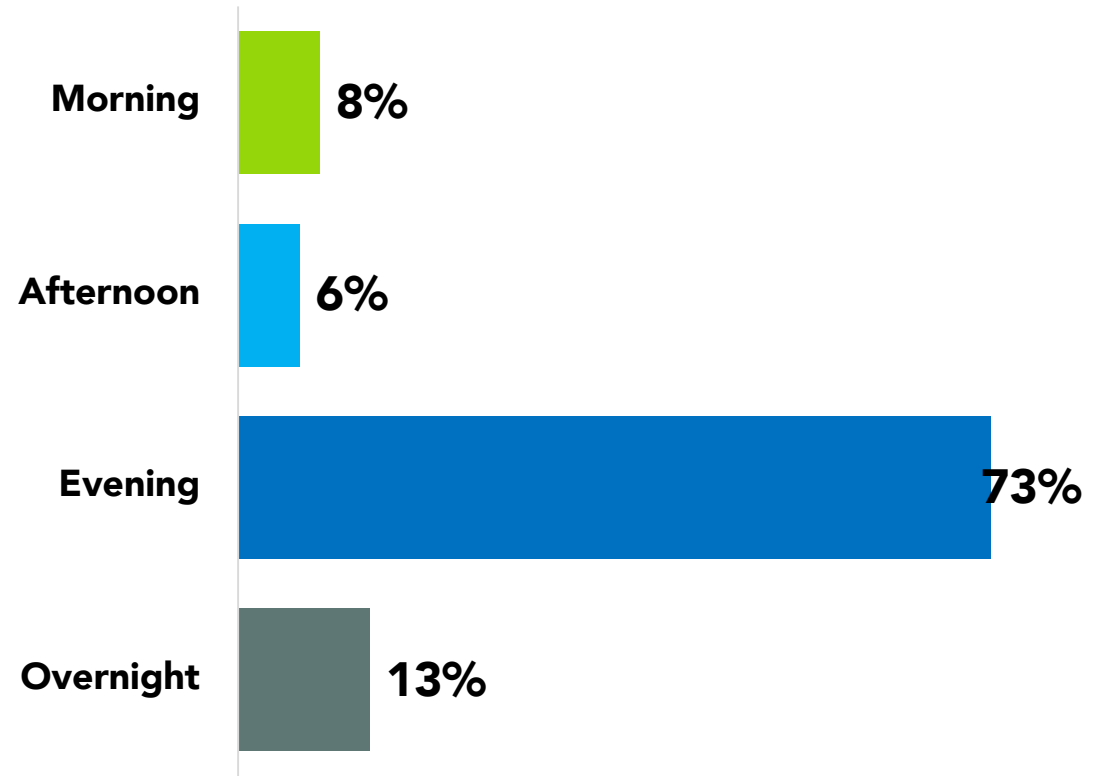
Do you use cannabis...

# TIME OF USE

## SEVERAL TIMES A DAY USERS



## ONCE A DAY USERS



At what time(s) of day do you typically consume cannabis? Select all that apply.

# LENGTH OF TIME CONSUMING CANNABIS

**AVERAGE**

**16 YEARS**

**2 MONTHS**

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15 YEARS  
6 MONTHS

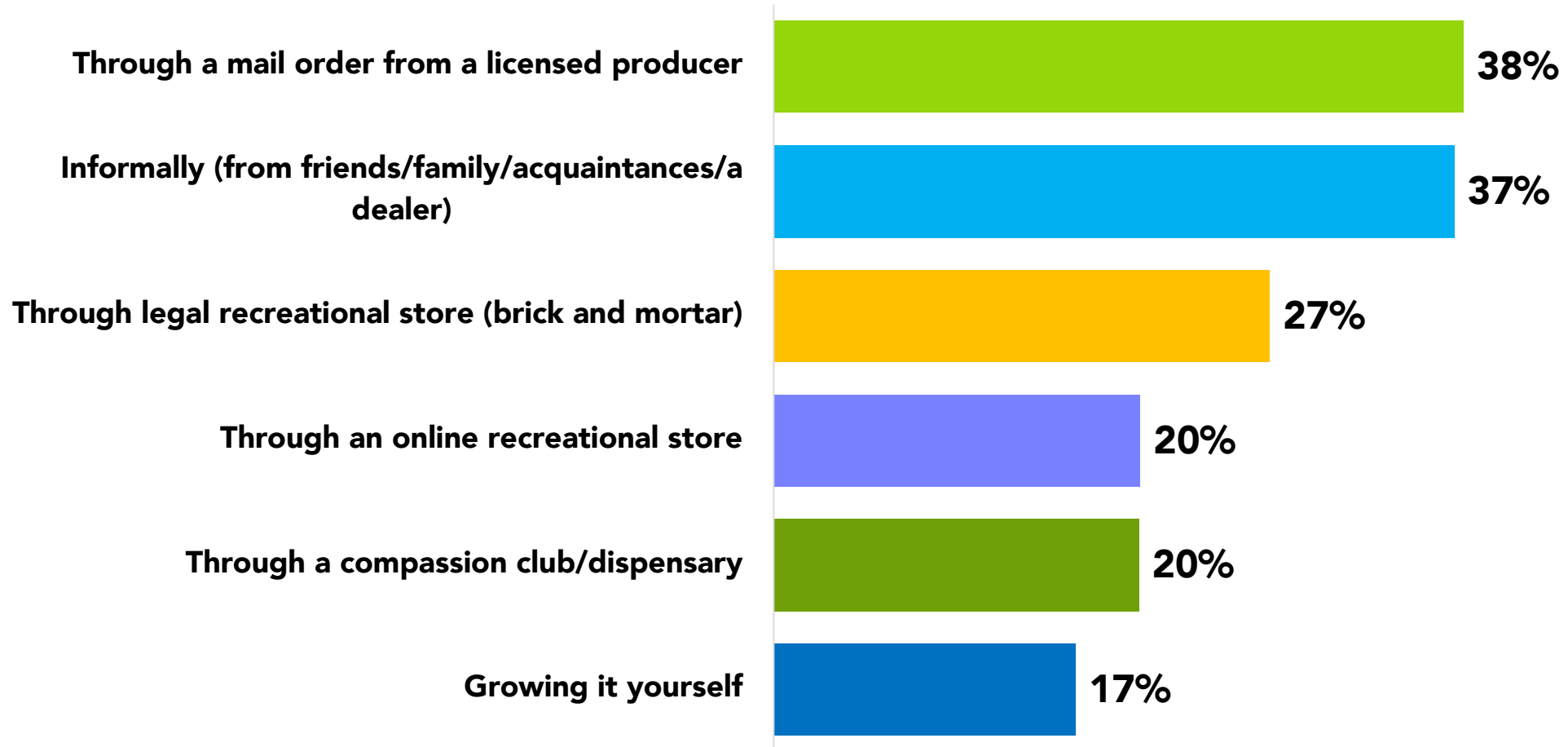
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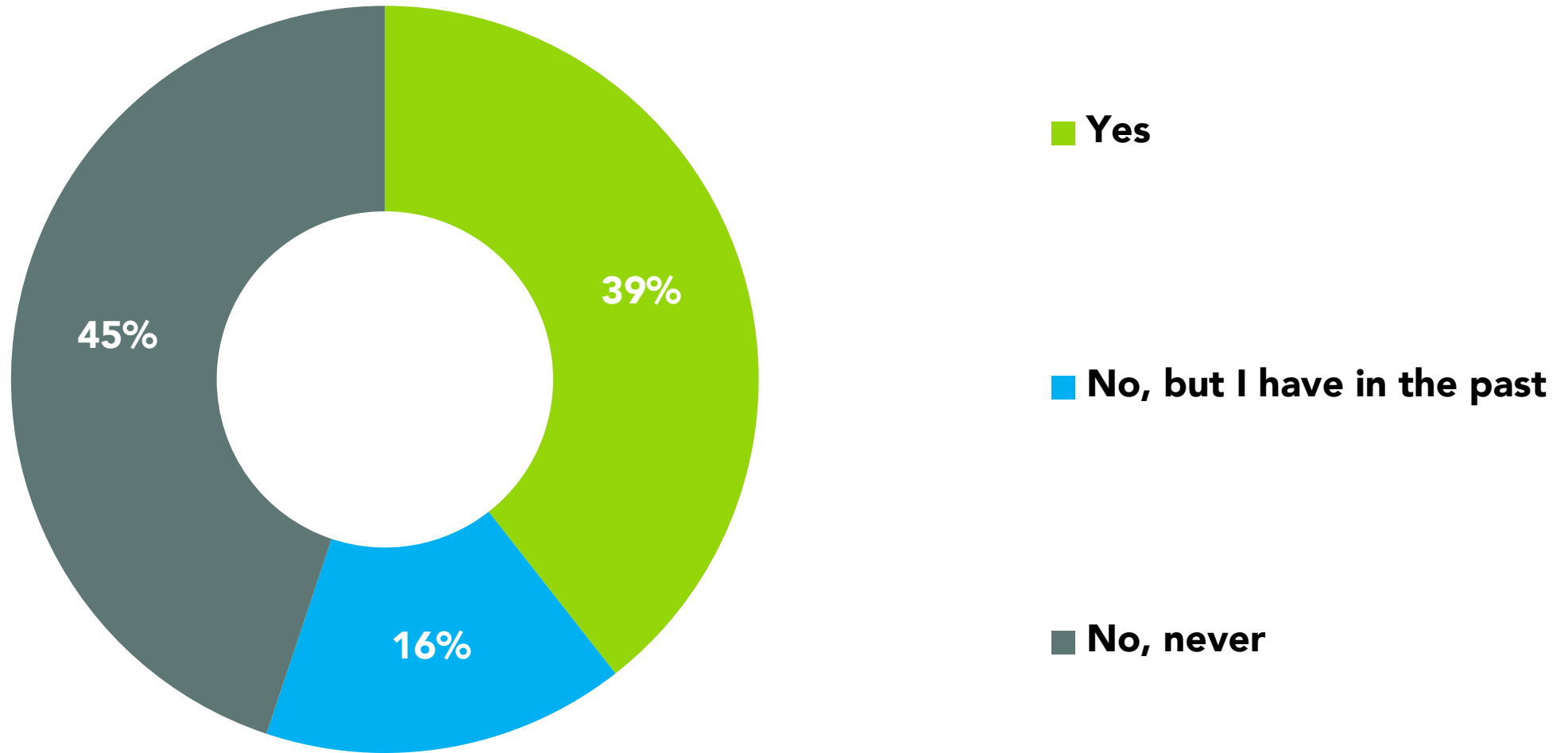
# OBTAINING CANNABIS



Since legalization, how have you been getting your cannabis? Select all that apply.

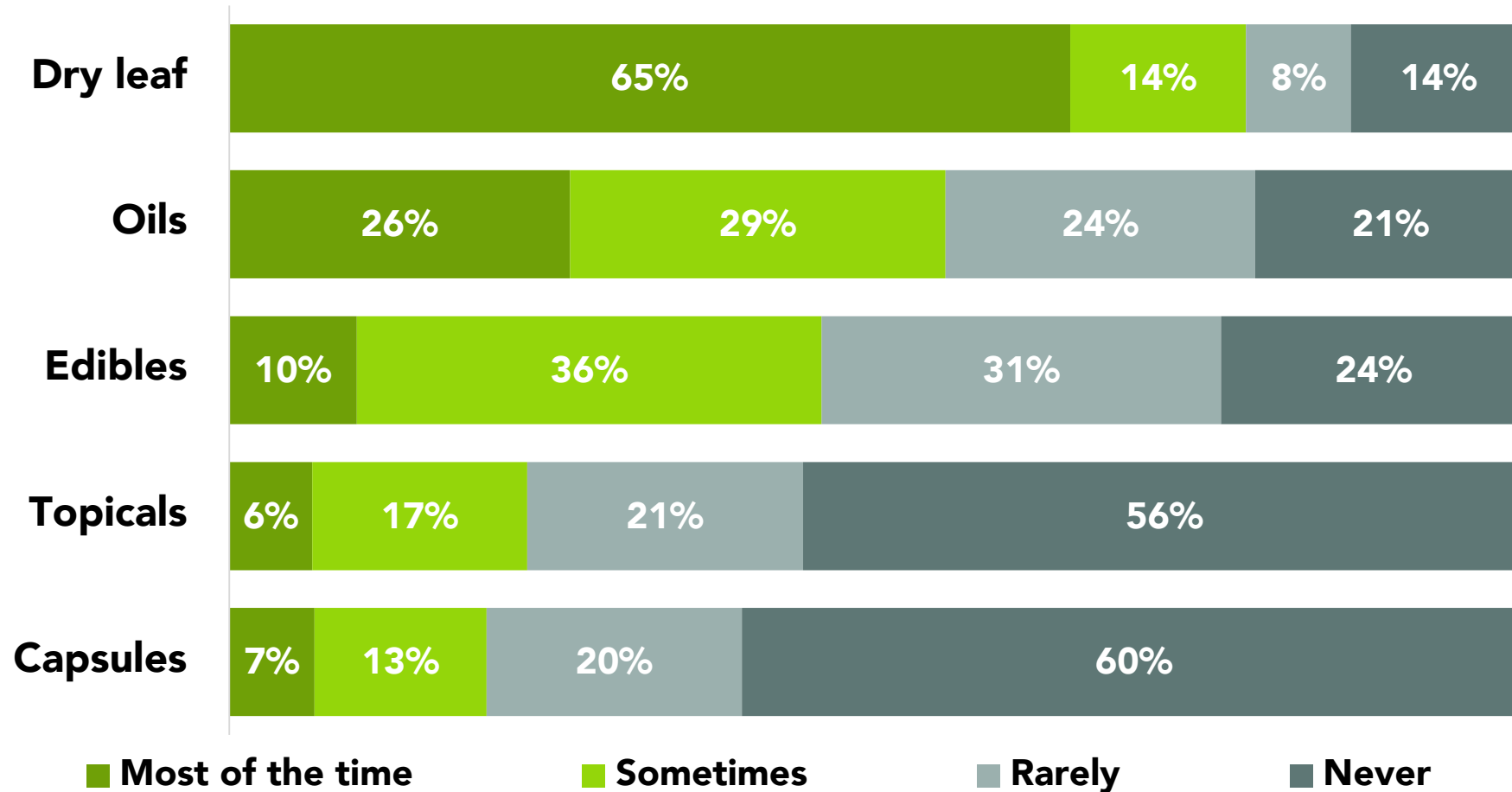


# USE OF MEDICAL DOCUMENT FOR CANNABIS



Do you use a medical document from your physician/nurse practitioner in order to obtain your cannabis?

# CONSUMING CANNABIS



How often do you consume cannabis in the following forms...

# SPEND ON CANNABIS PER MONTH

## AVERAGE

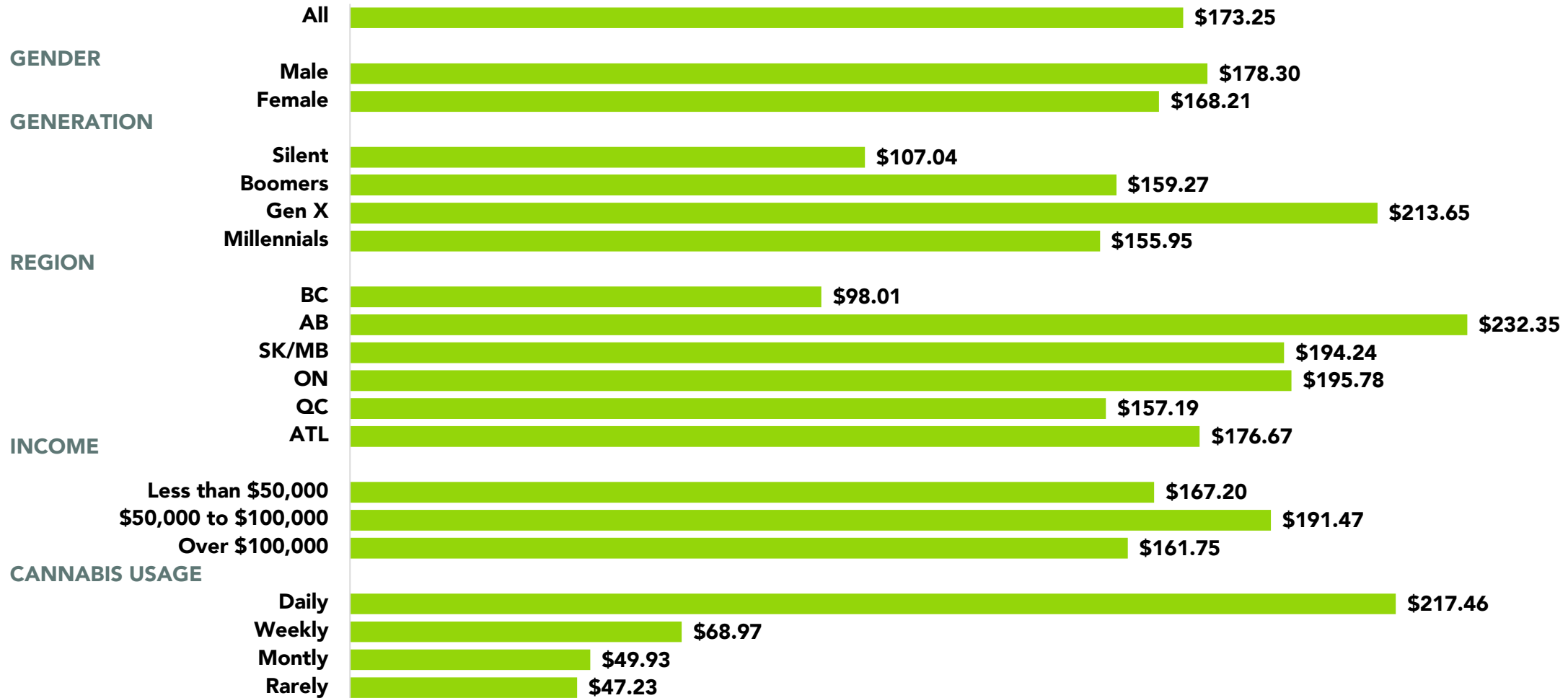
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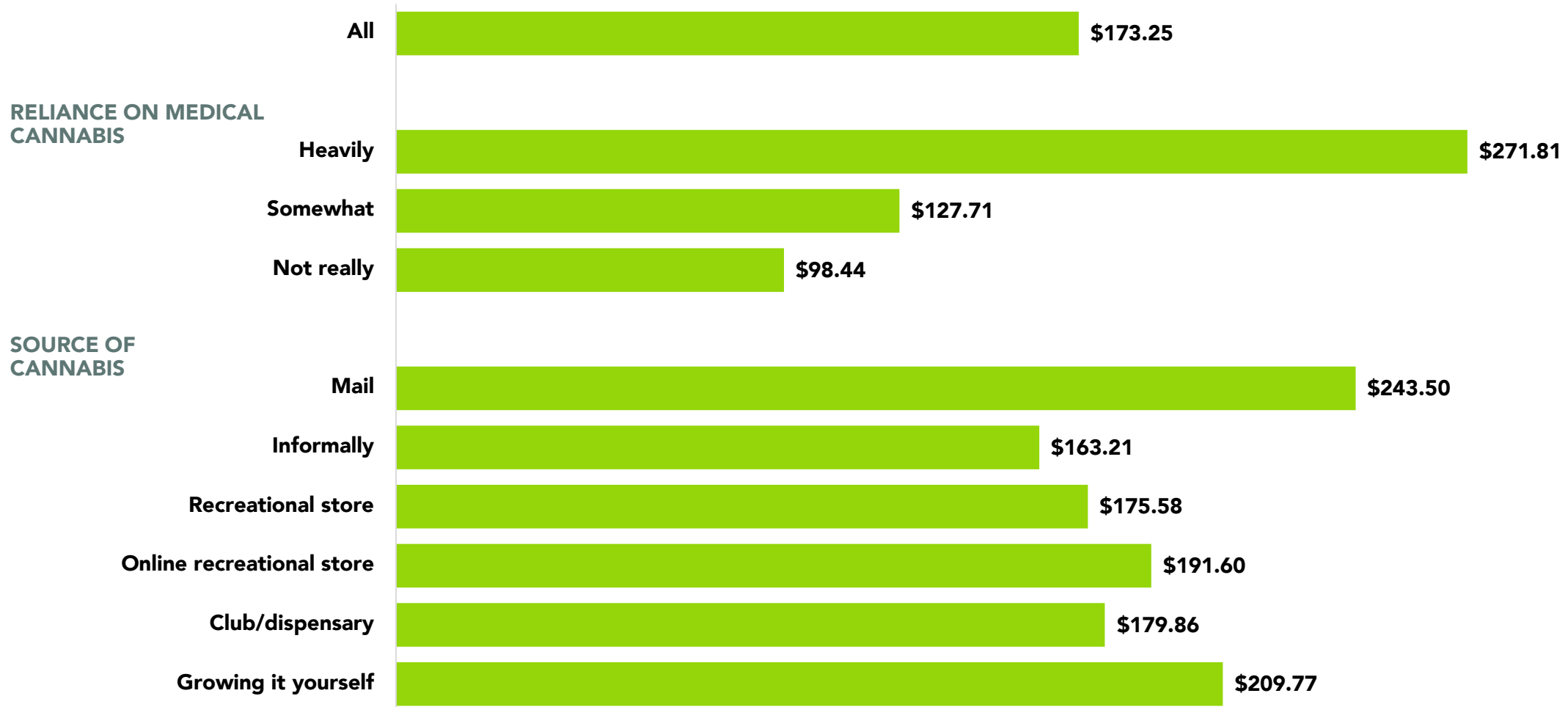
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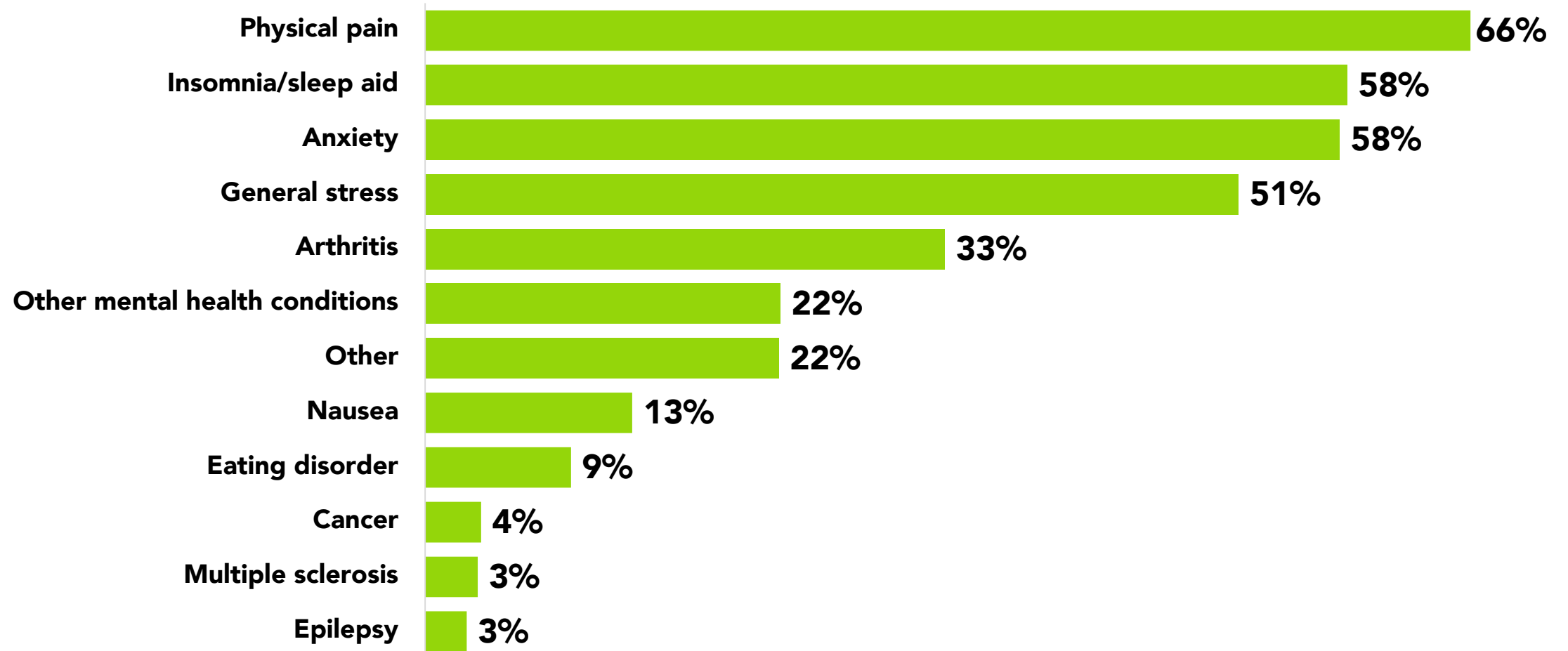
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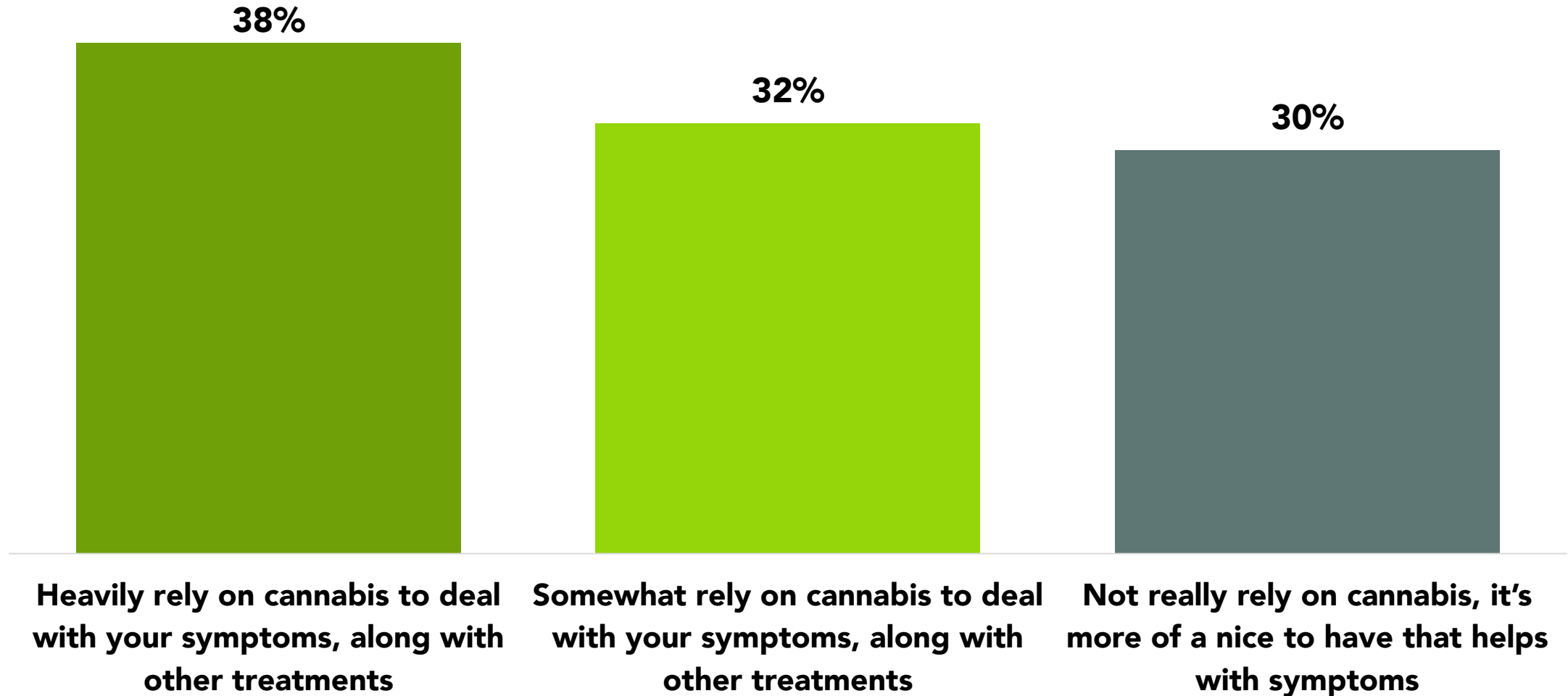
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# CONDITIONS/SYMPTOMS USING CANNABIS TO TREAT



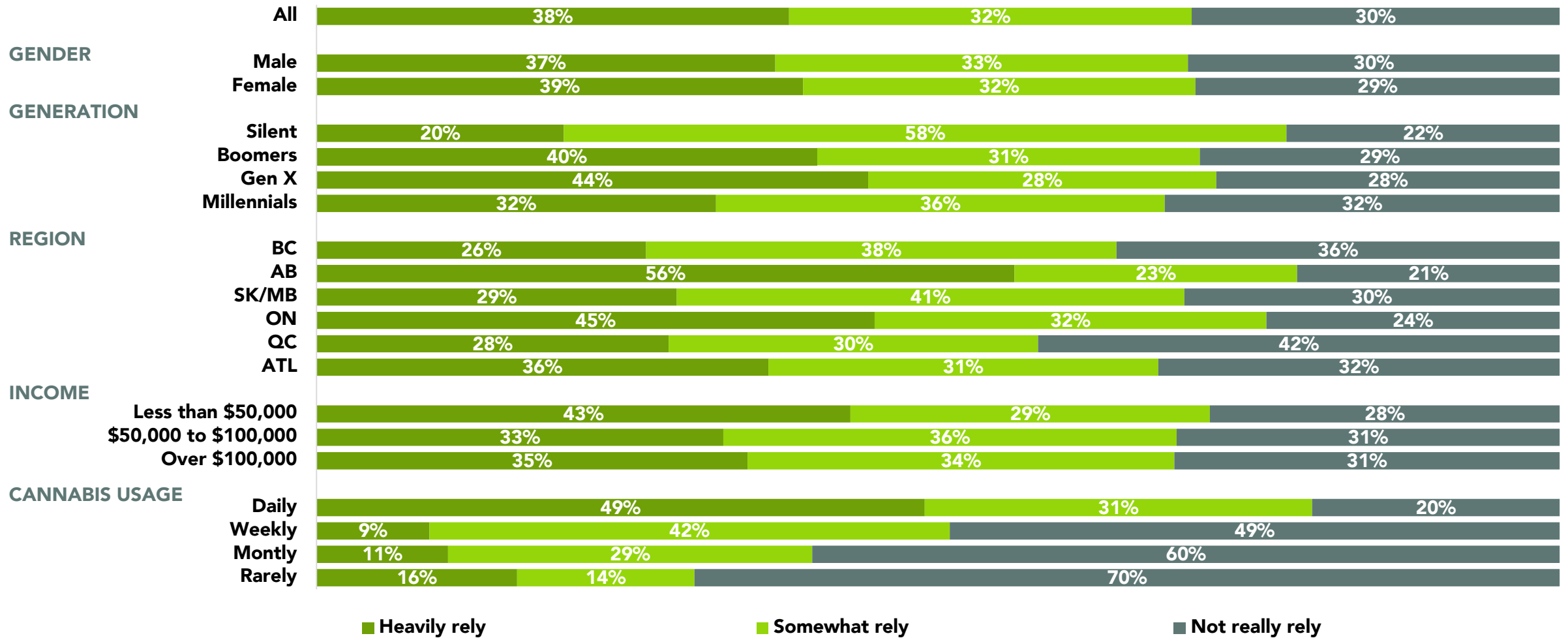
What conditions/symptoms are you using cannabis to treat? Select all that apply.

# RELIANCE ON MEDICAL CANNABIS



And do you ...

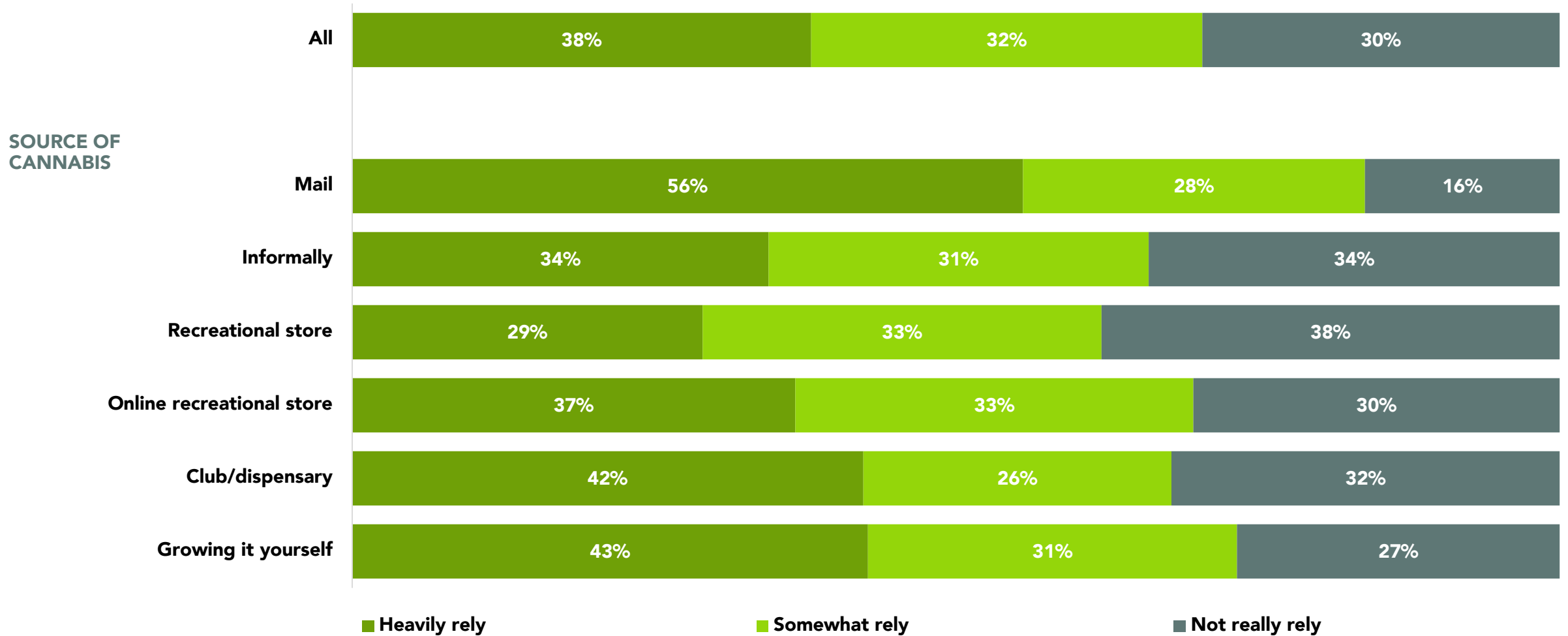
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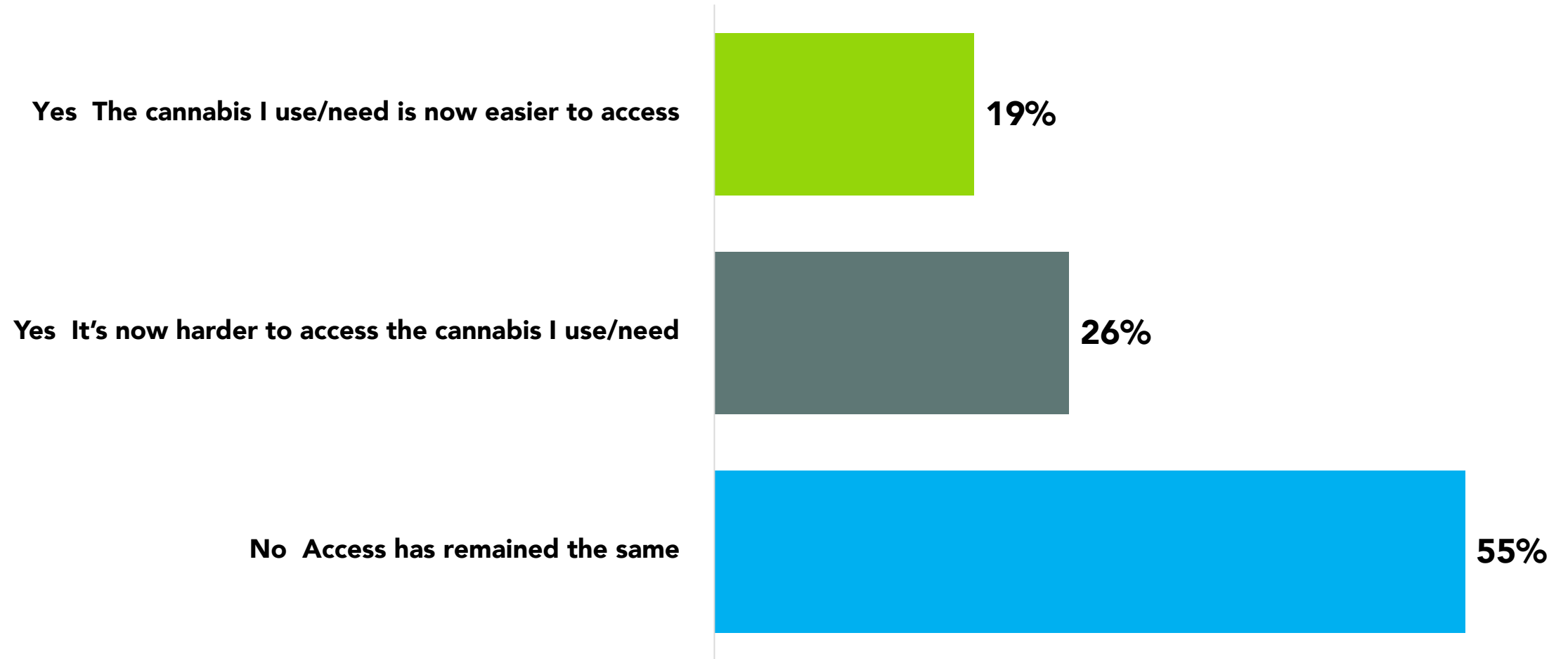
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# ACCESSING CANNABIS & LEGALIZATION

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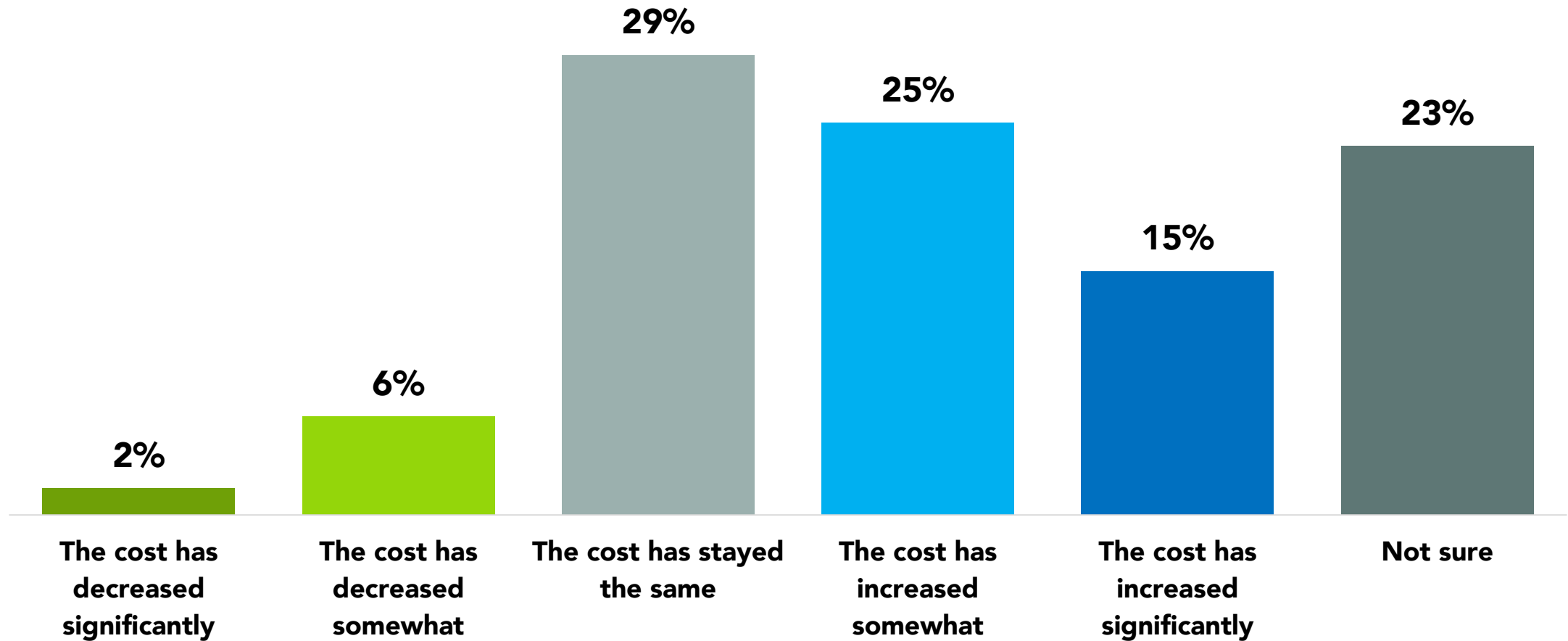


# ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS SINCE LEGALIZATION



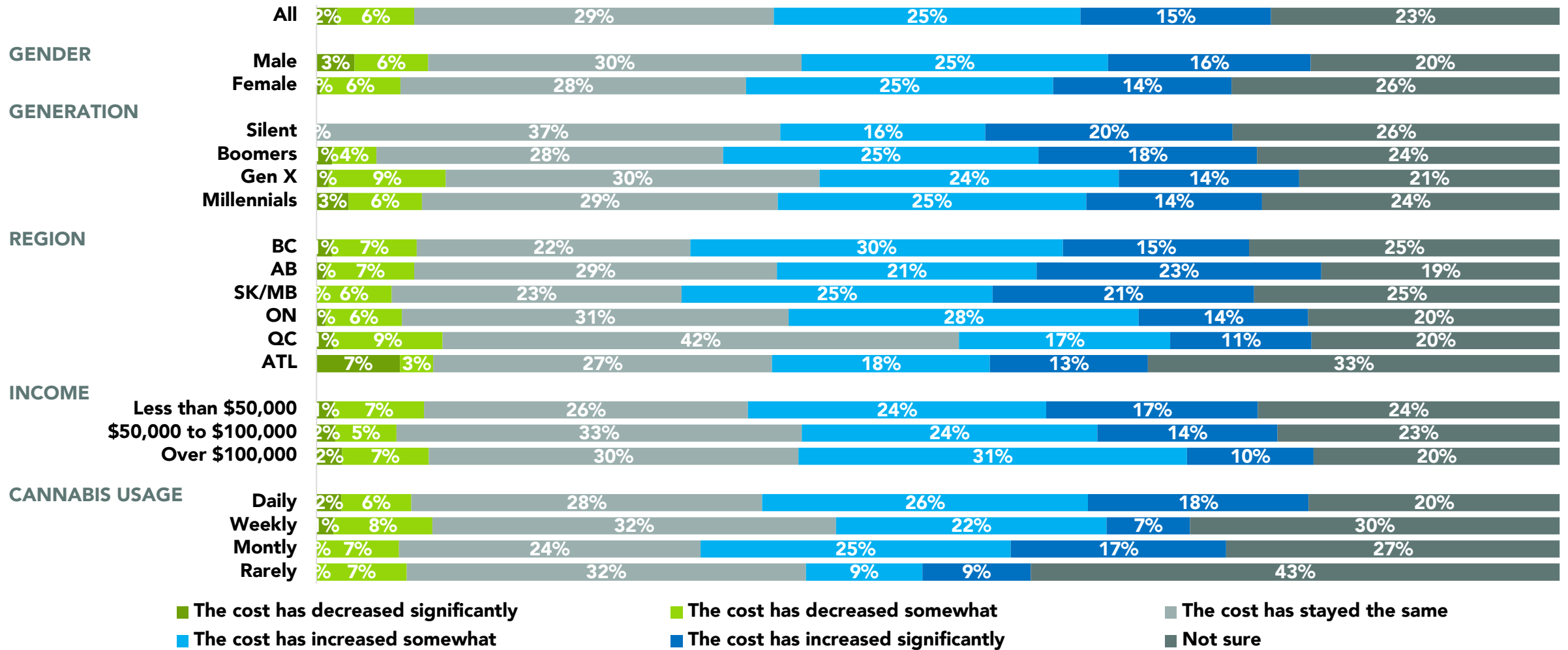
Has your ability to access medical cannabis changed since the legalization of recreational cannabis?

# COST OF MEDICAL CANNABIS SINCE LEGALIZATION



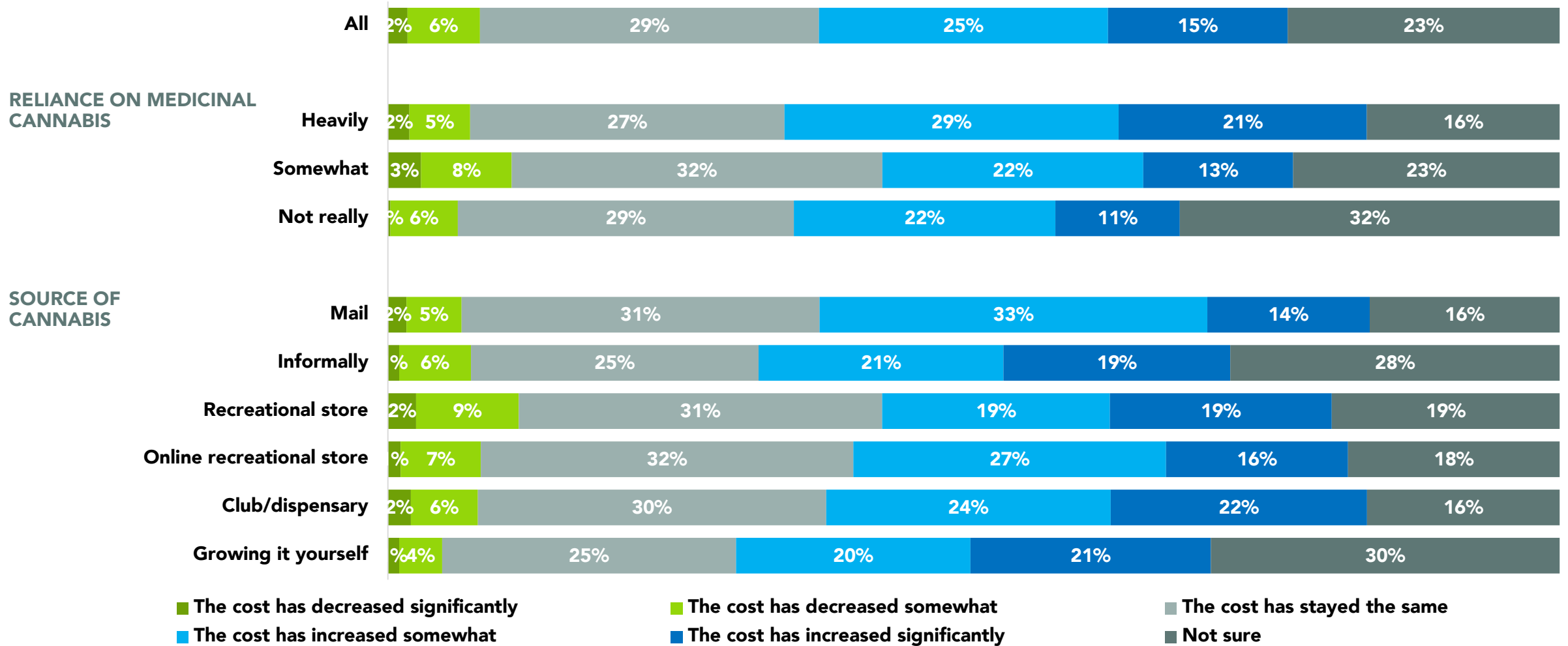
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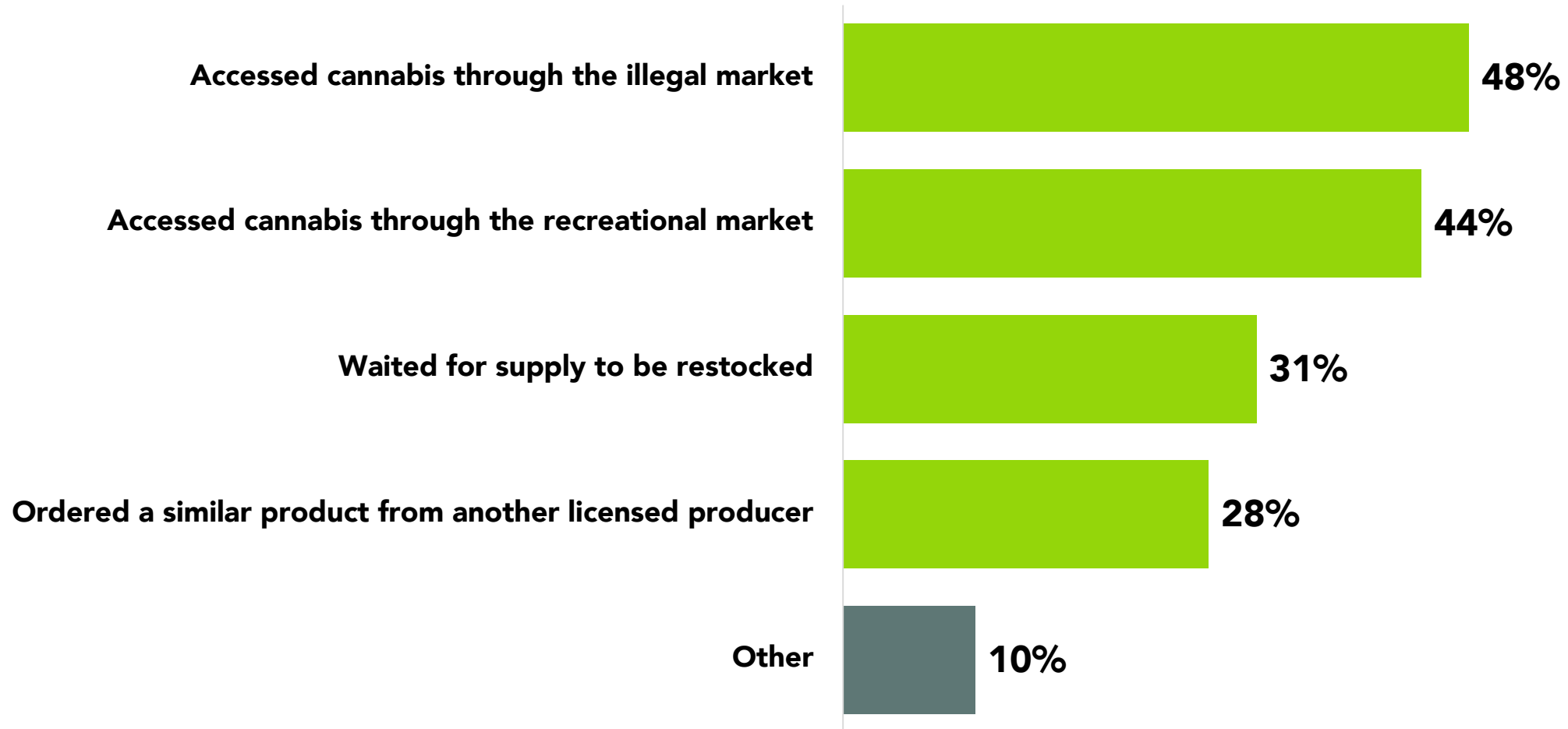
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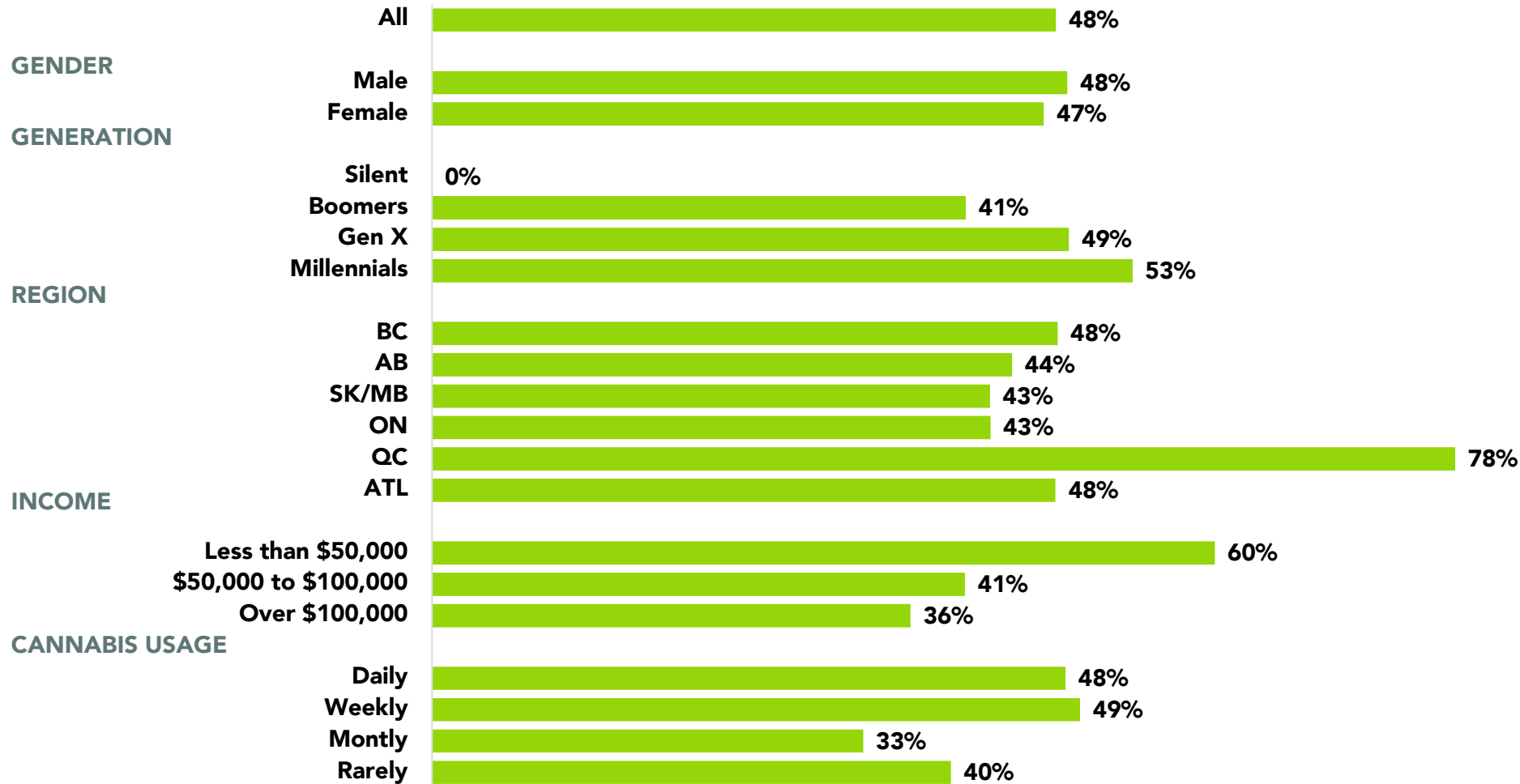
## THOSE WITH REDUCED ACCESS



When faced with reduced access to medical cannabis, have you done any of the following? Select all that apply.

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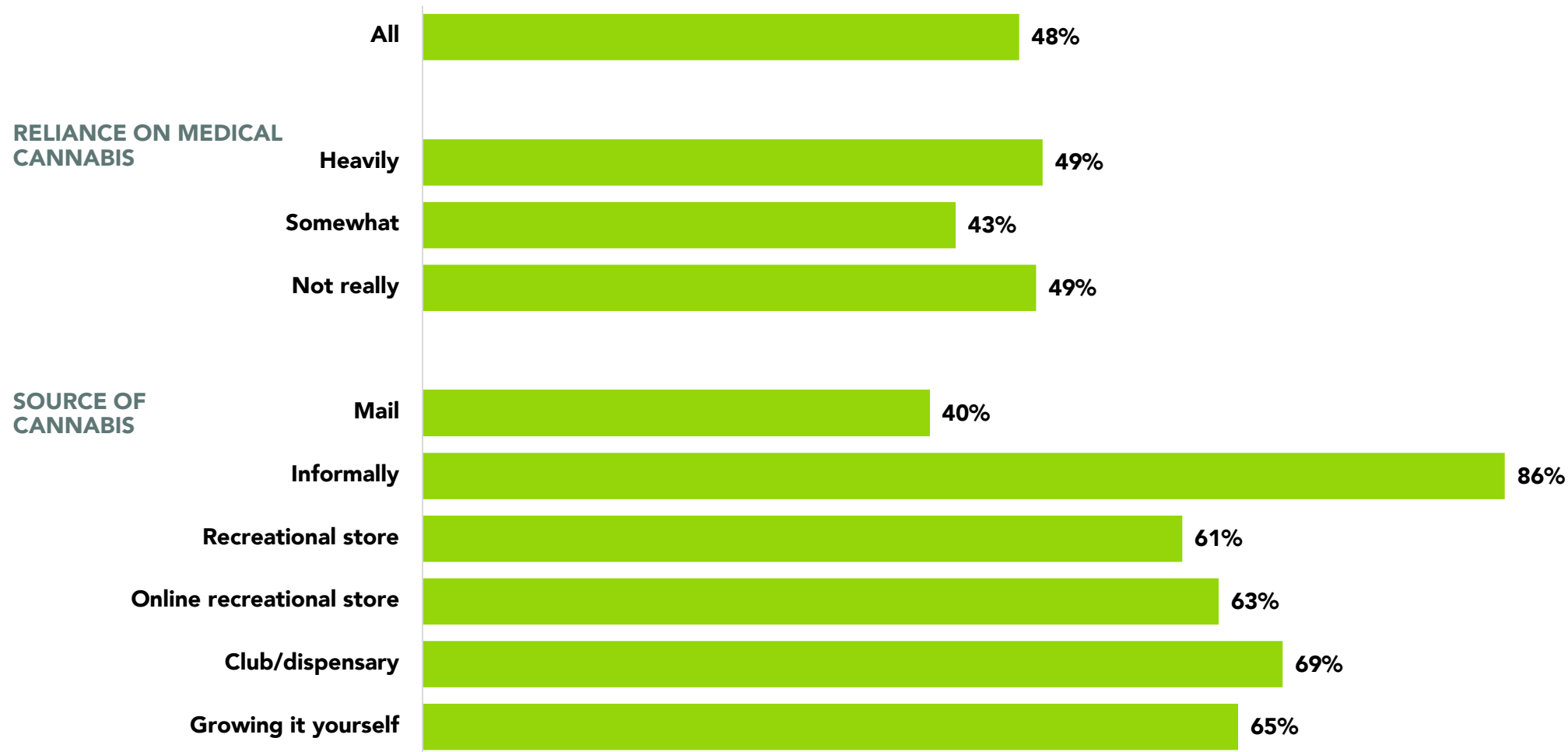


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When faced with reduced access to medical cannabis, have you done any of the following?

# UNDER-DOSING

**Yes, due to both cost and shortage of supply**

**25%**

**Yes, due to cost**

**22%**

**Yes, due to shortage of supply**

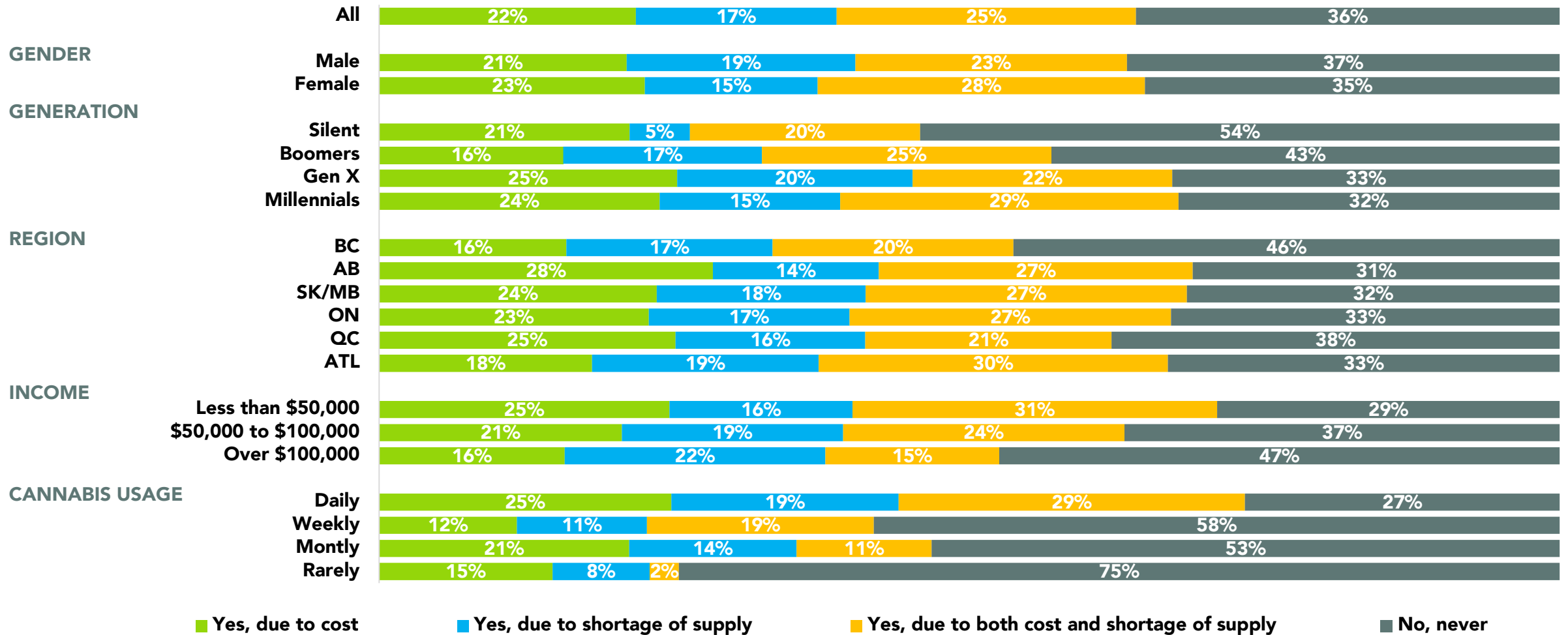
**17%**

**No, never**

**36%**

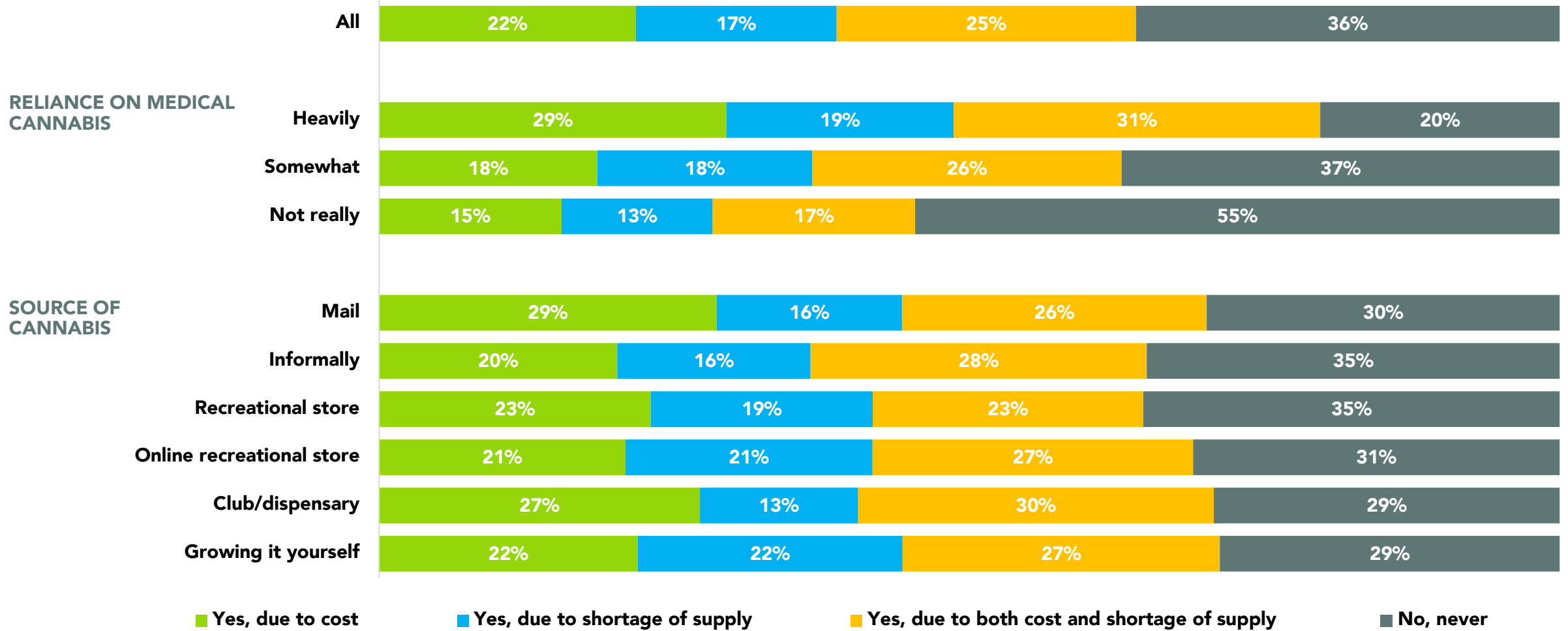
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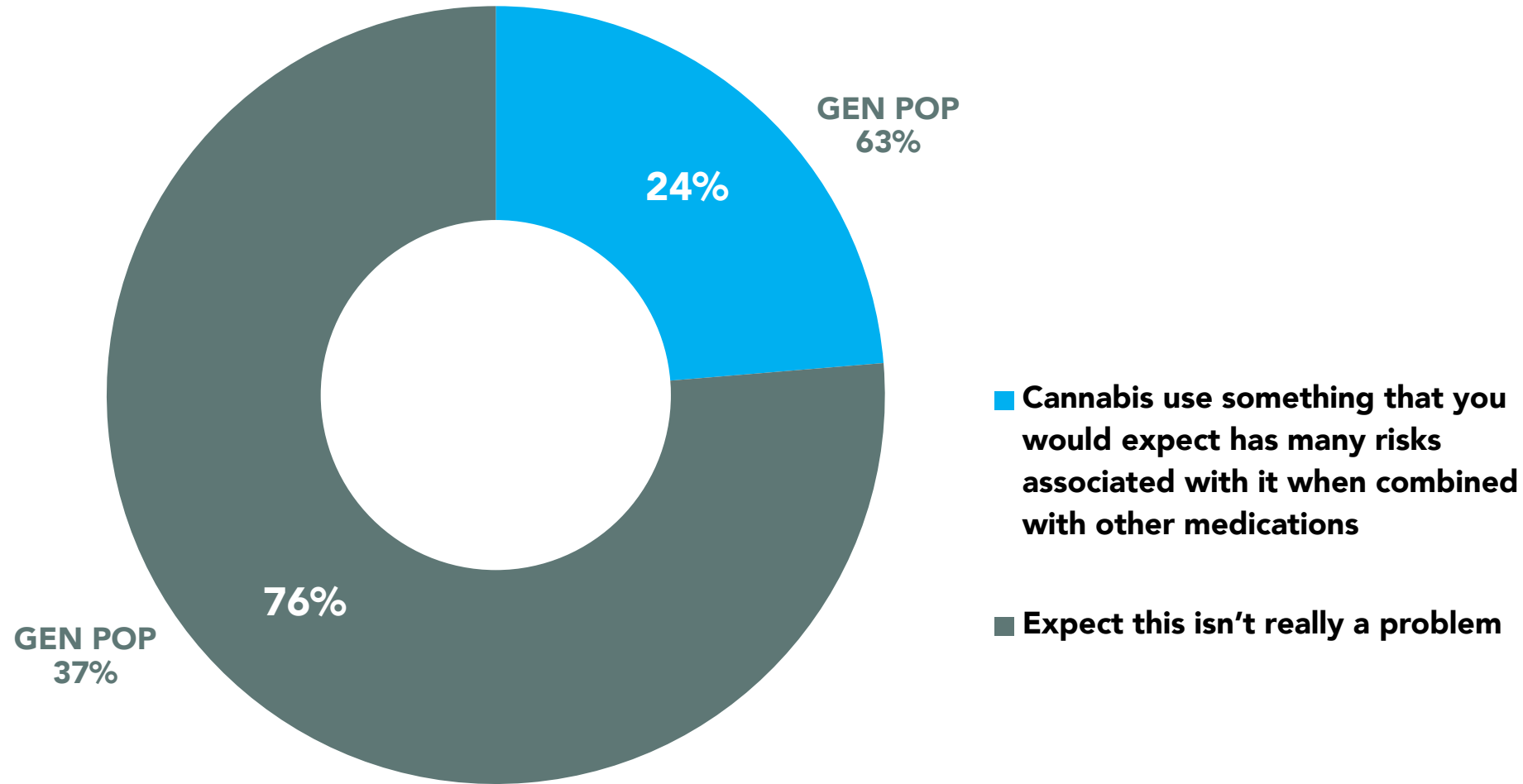
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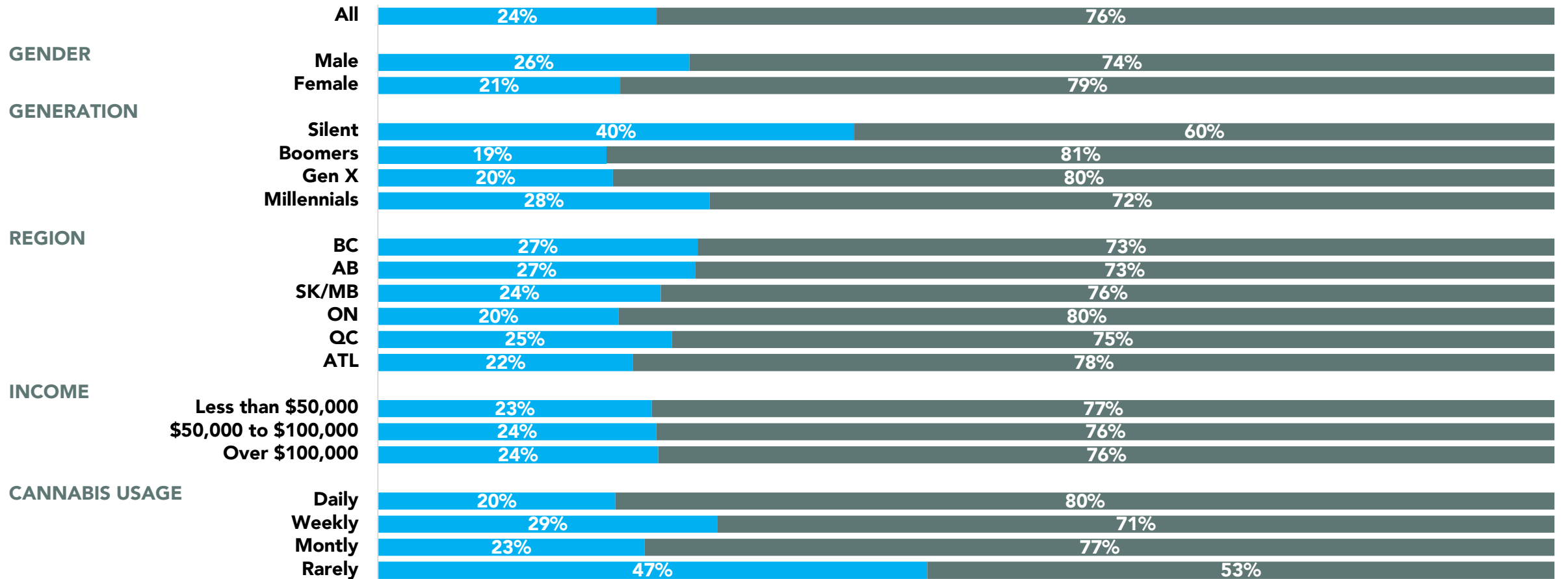


# RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CANNABIS USE WHEN COMBINED WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS



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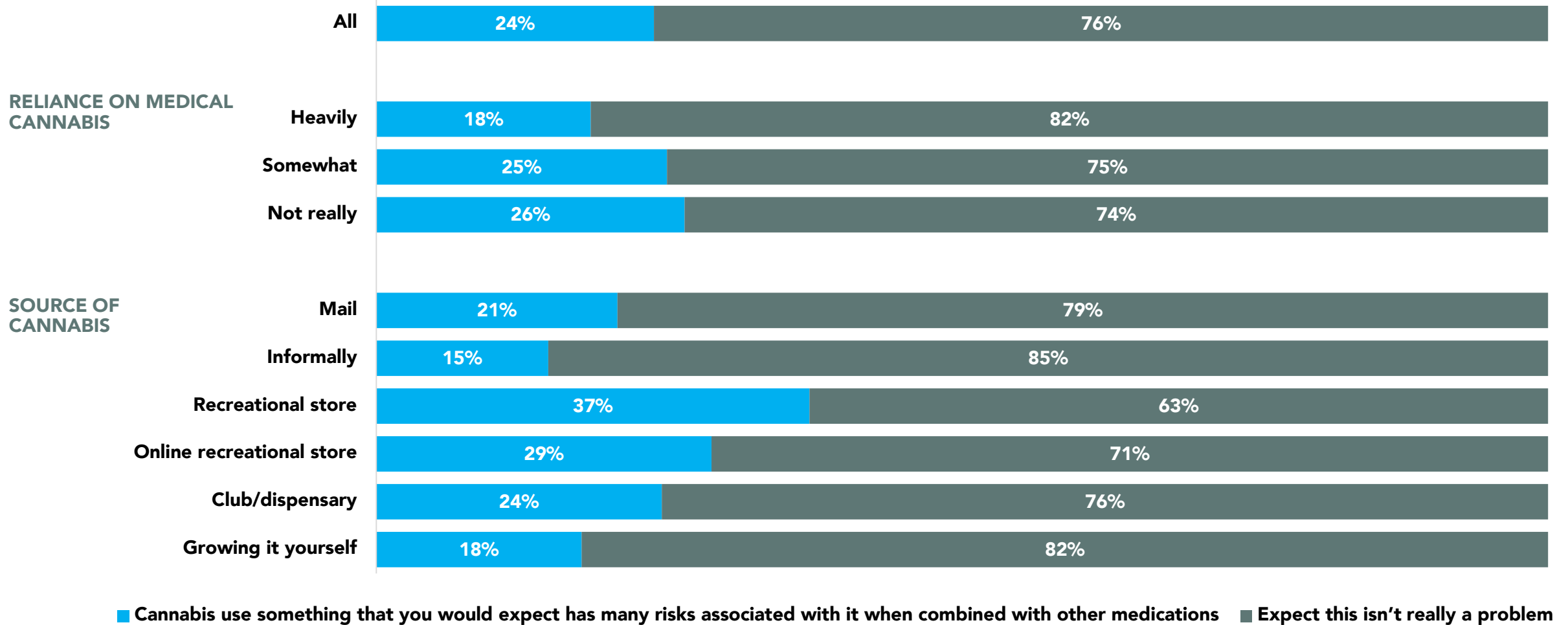
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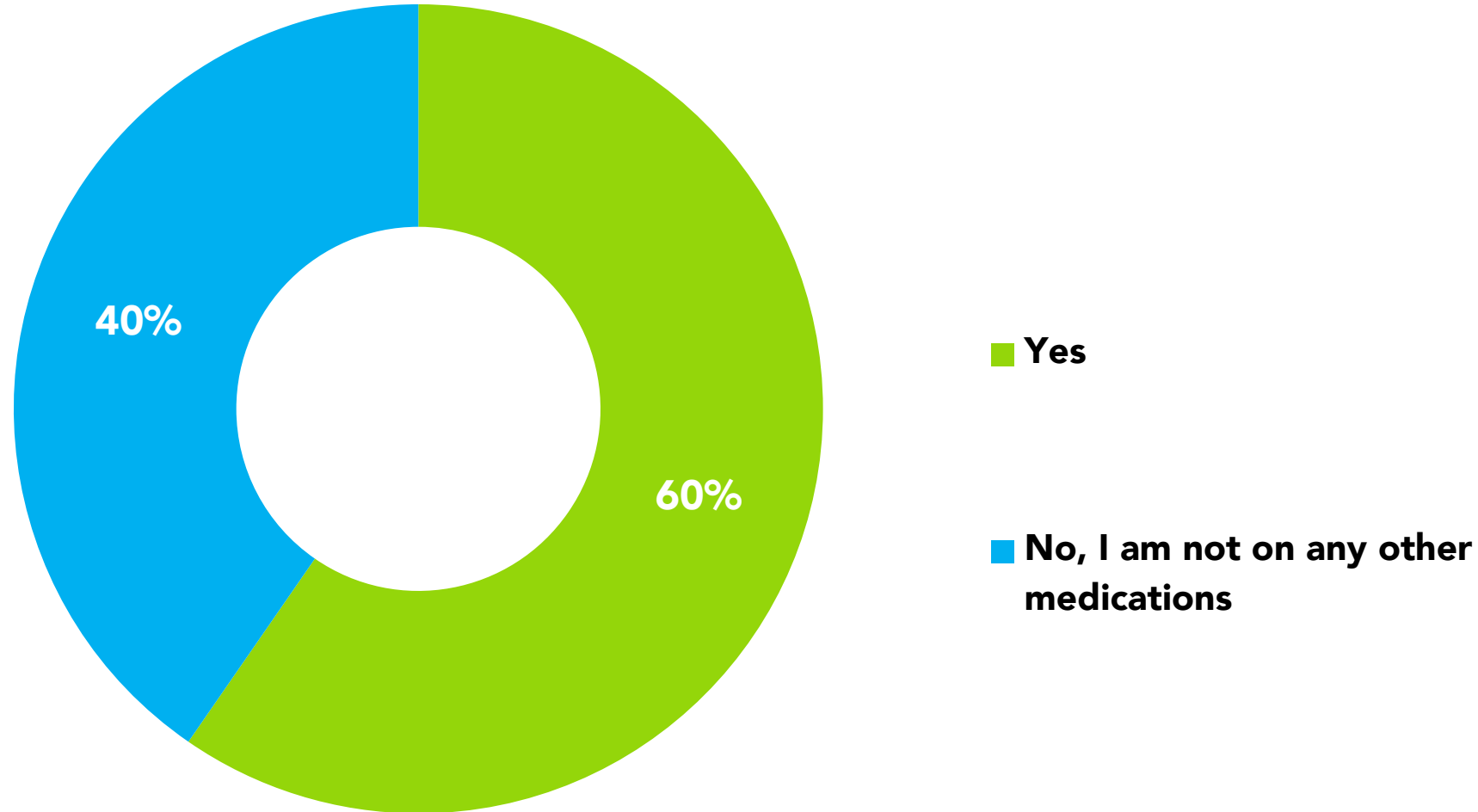
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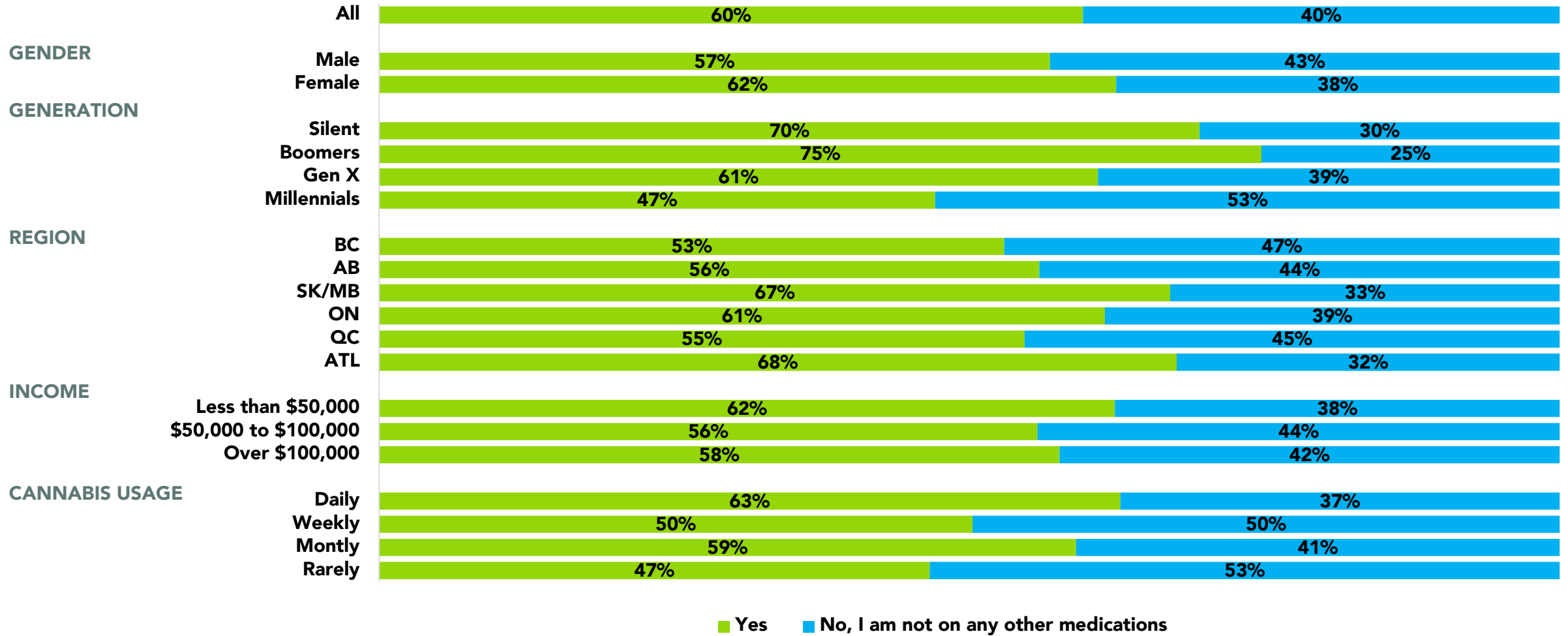


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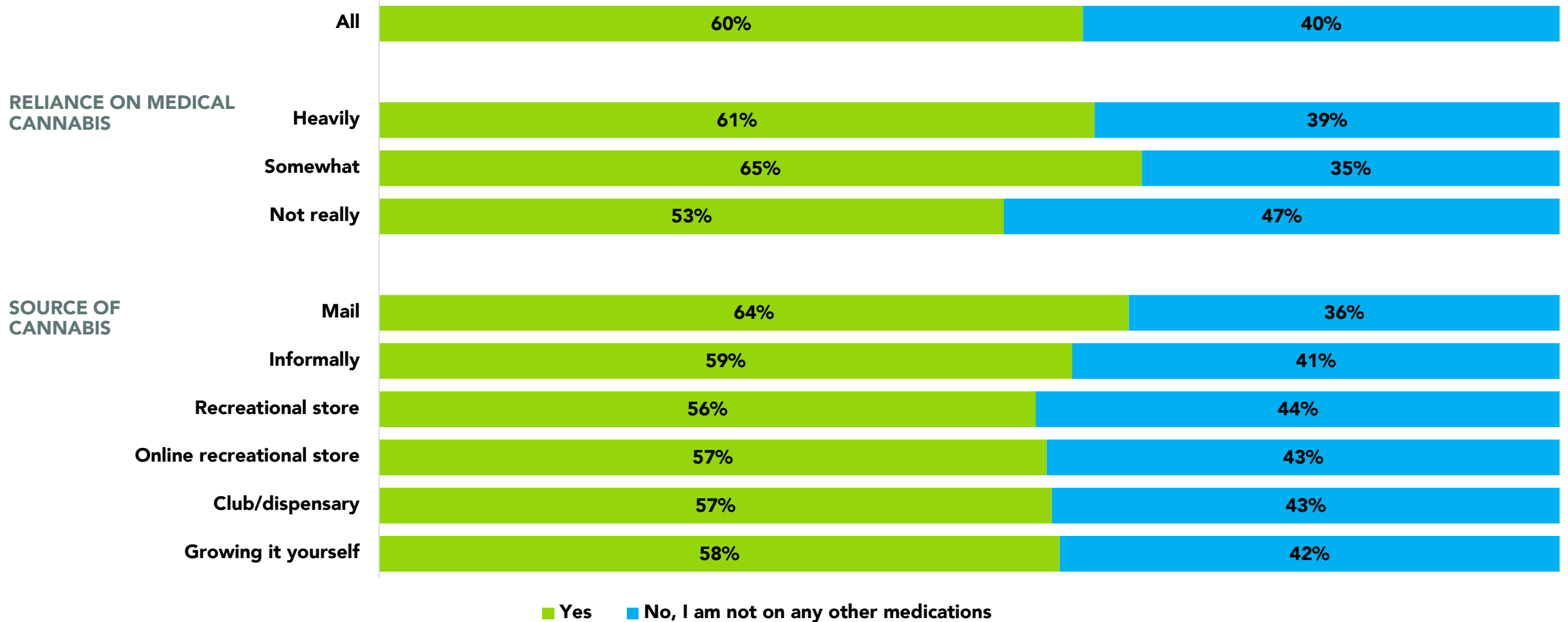
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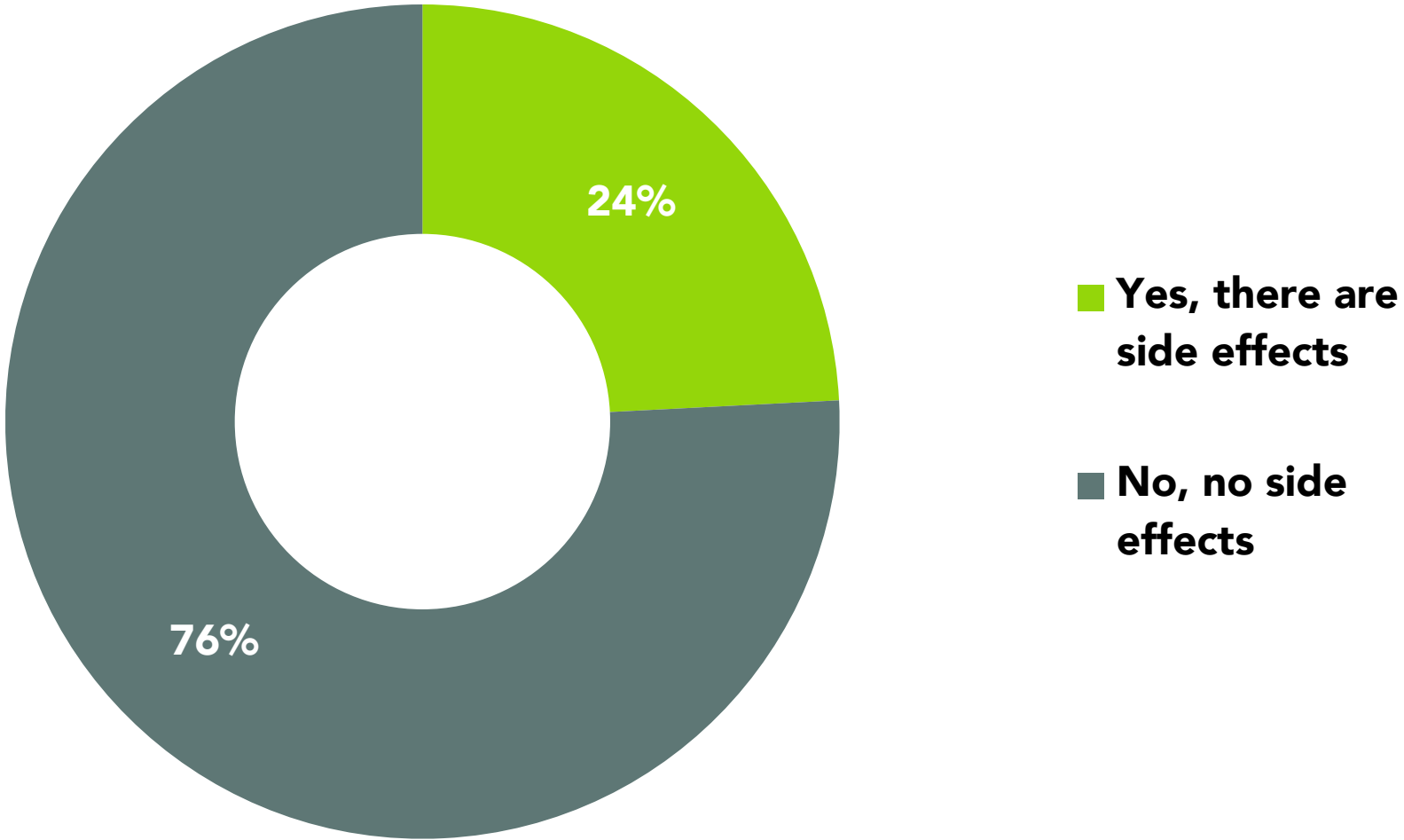
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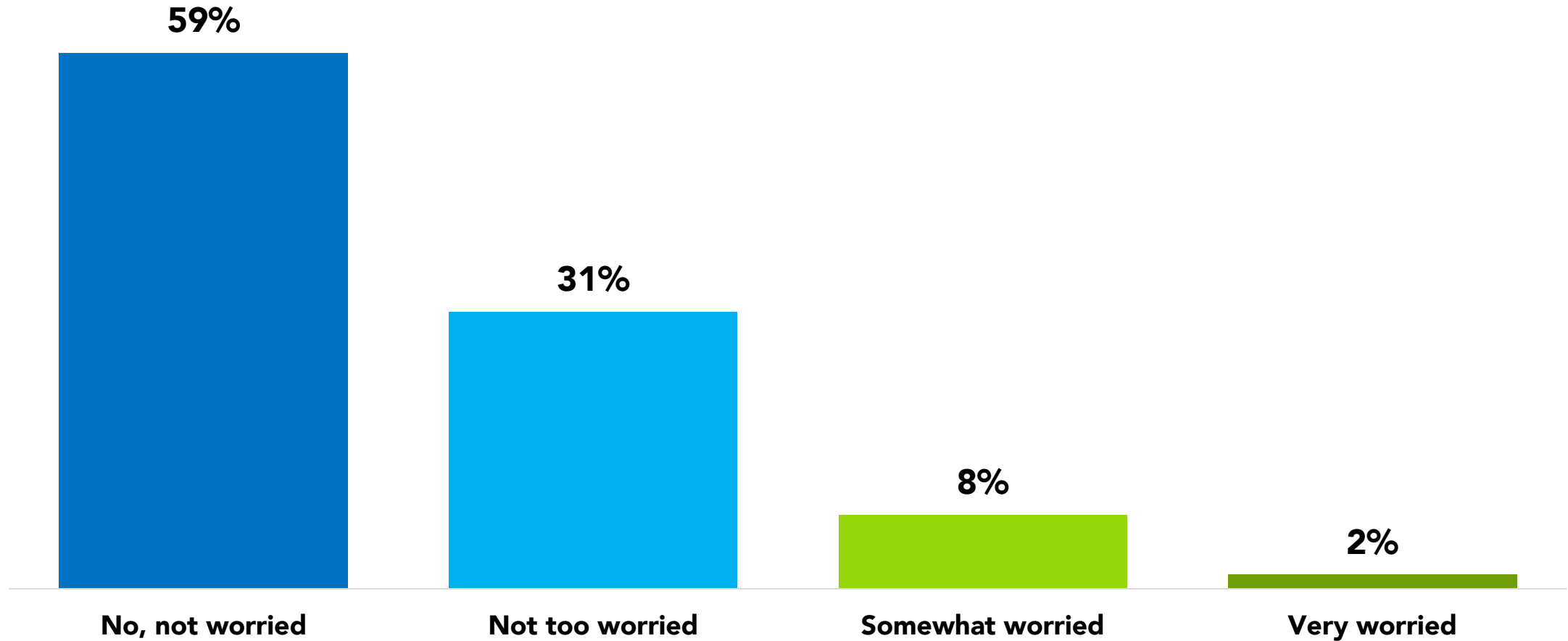
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# AWARENESS OF SIDE EFFECTS FROM COMBINING CANNABIS WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS



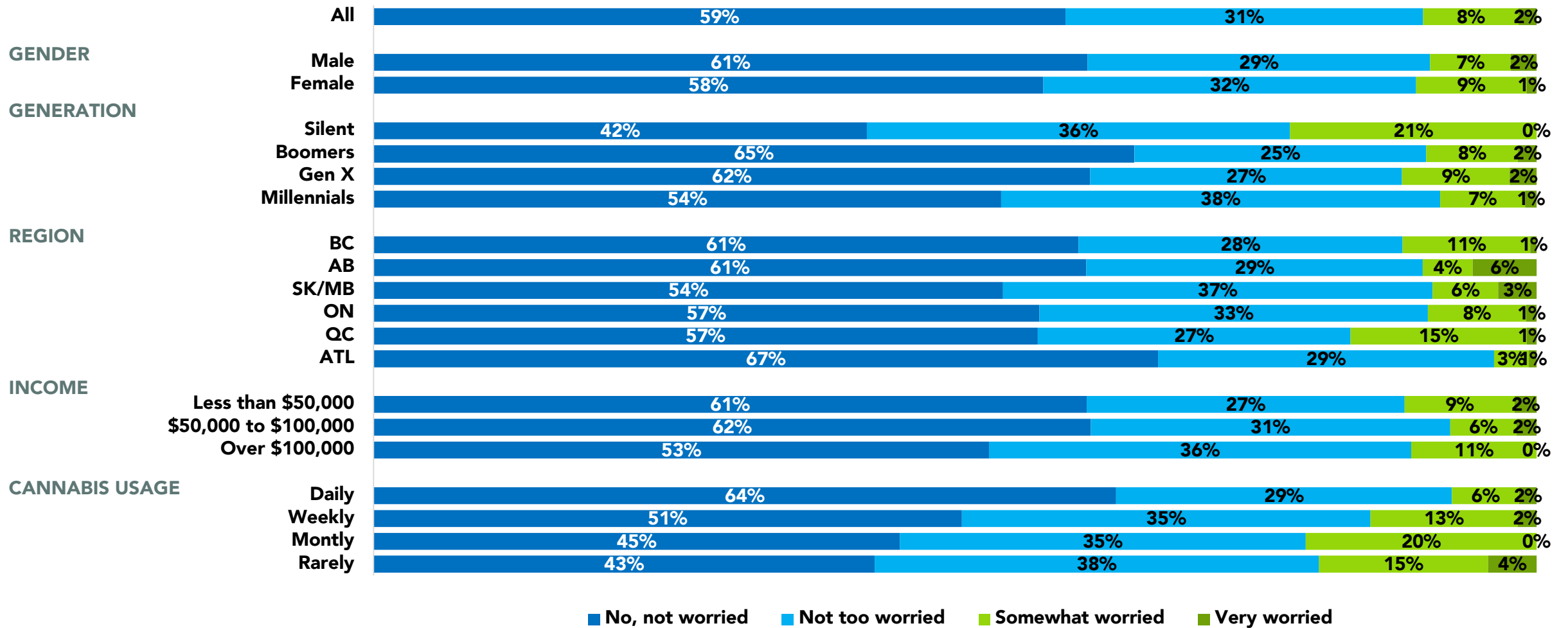
To the best of your knowledge, are there any side effects that come from combining cannabis with other medications?

# CONCERN ABOUT POTENTIAL SIDE AFFECTS



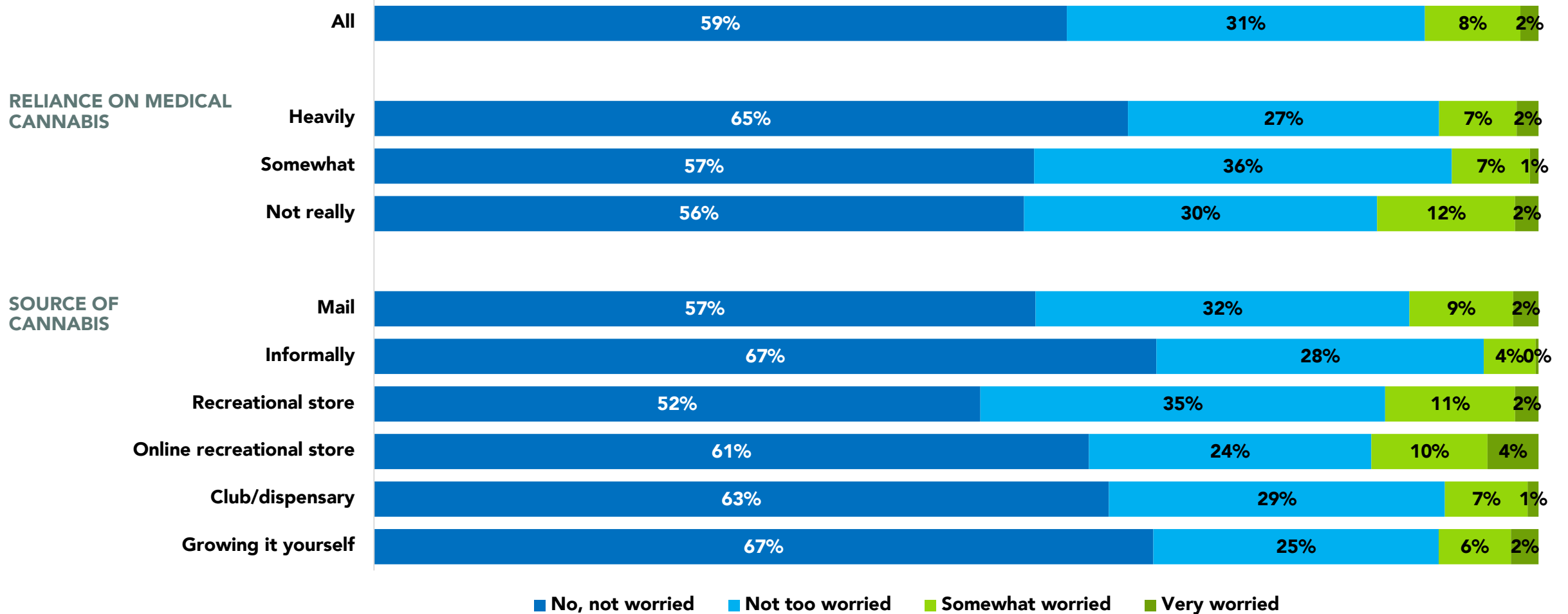
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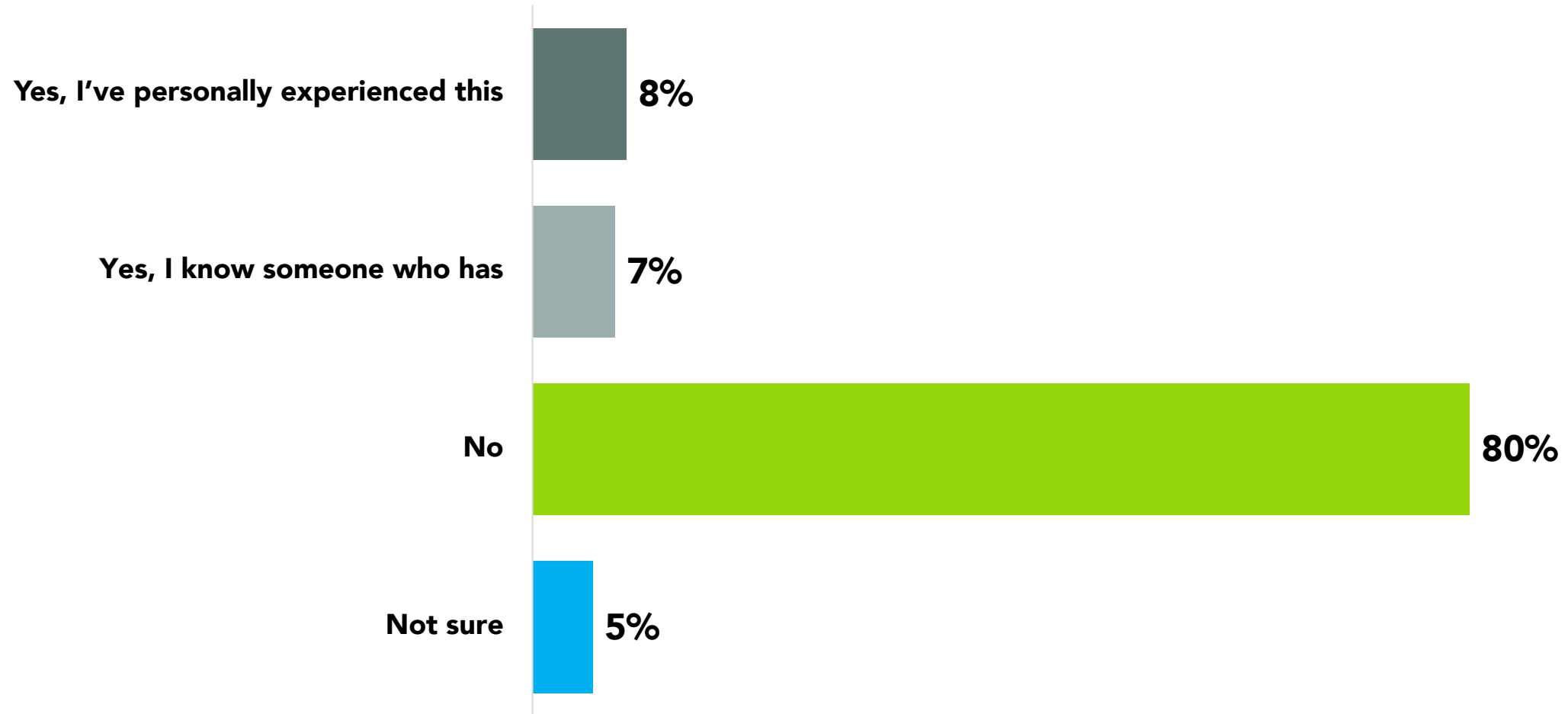
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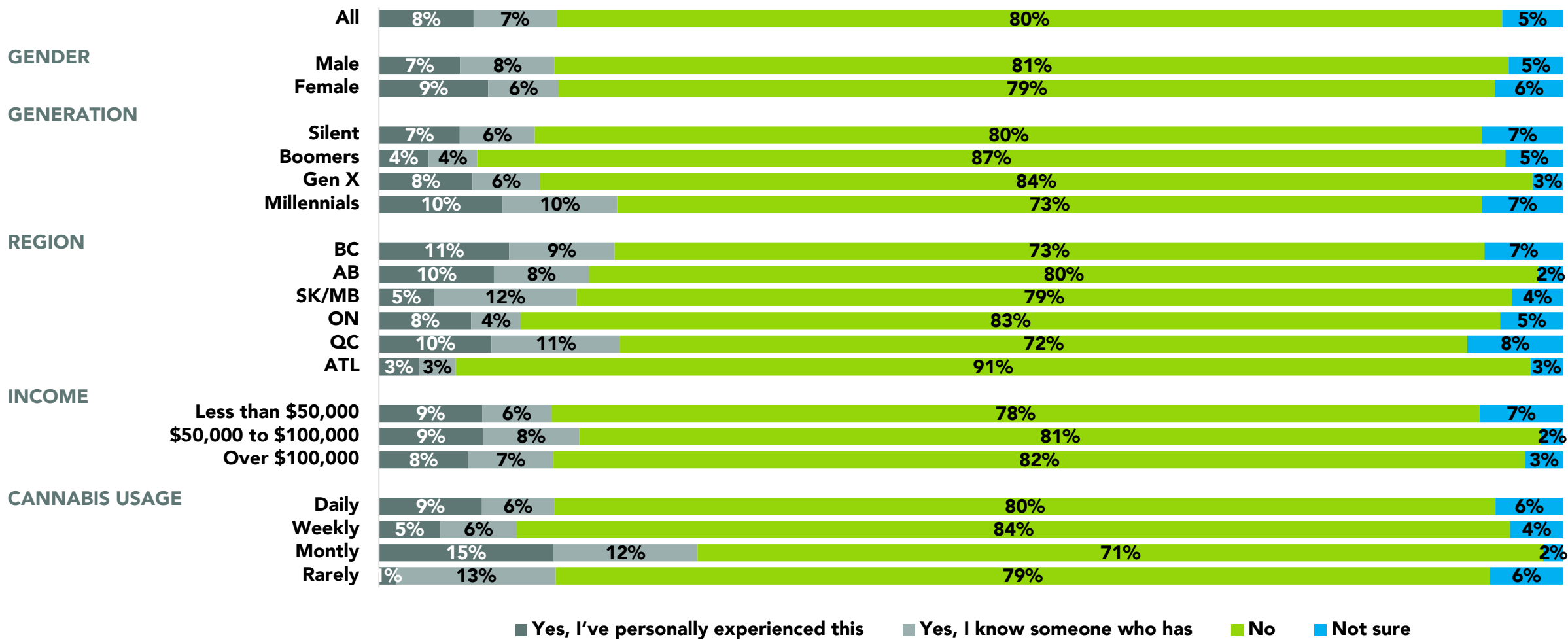
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Have you ever experienced side effects from the use of cannabis in combination with your medications, or know someone who has?



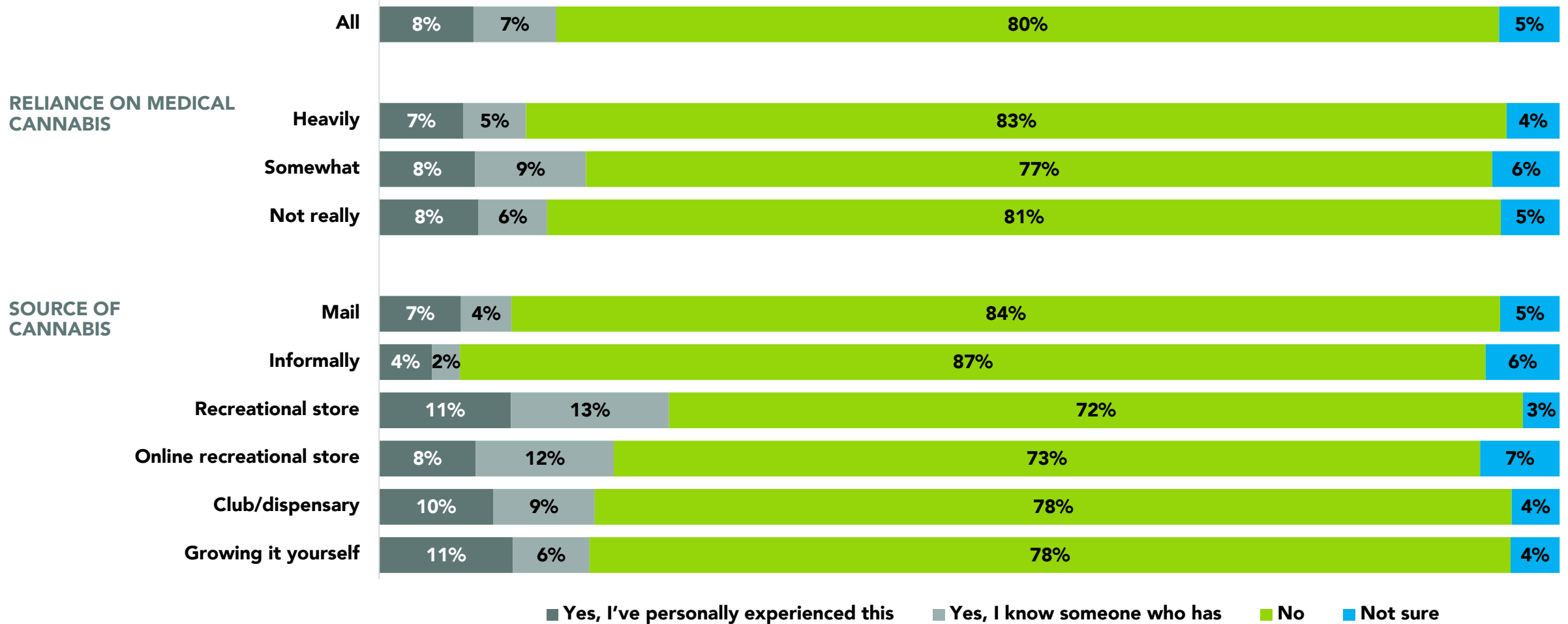
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■ Yes, I've personally experienced this
 ■ Yes, I know someone who has
 ■ No
 ■ Not sure

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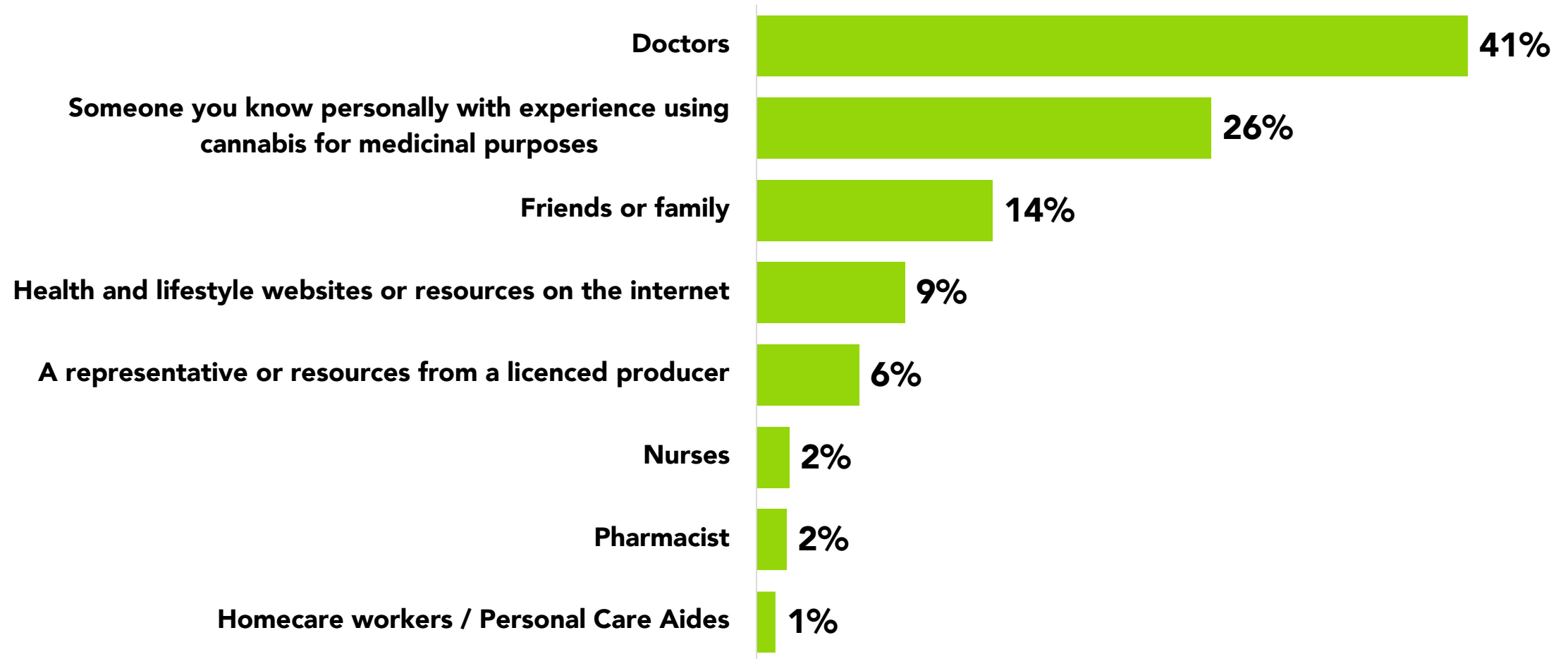


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# SEEKING GUIDANCE ON CANNABIS USE

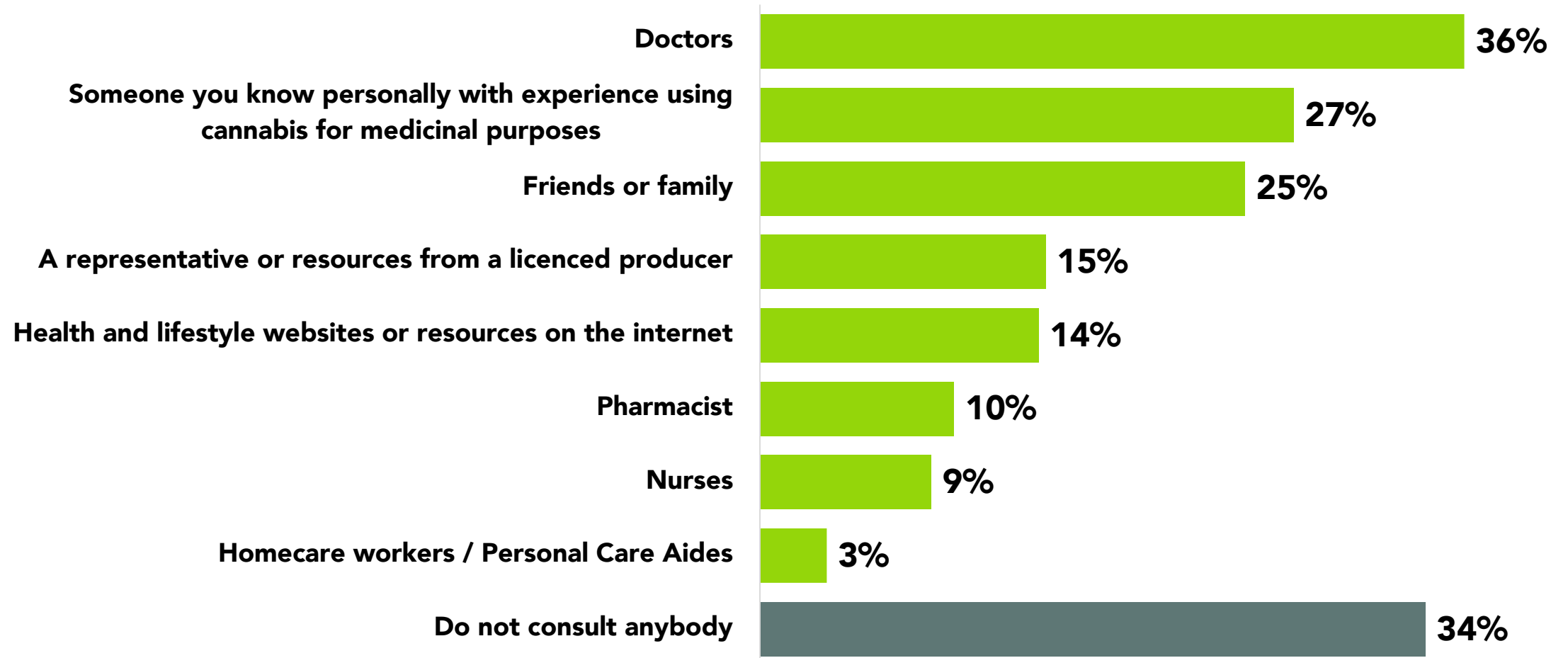


# FIRST CONSULT ON CANNABIS USE



When you were first considering using cannabis for medical purposes, which of the following health care providers and sources did you consult?

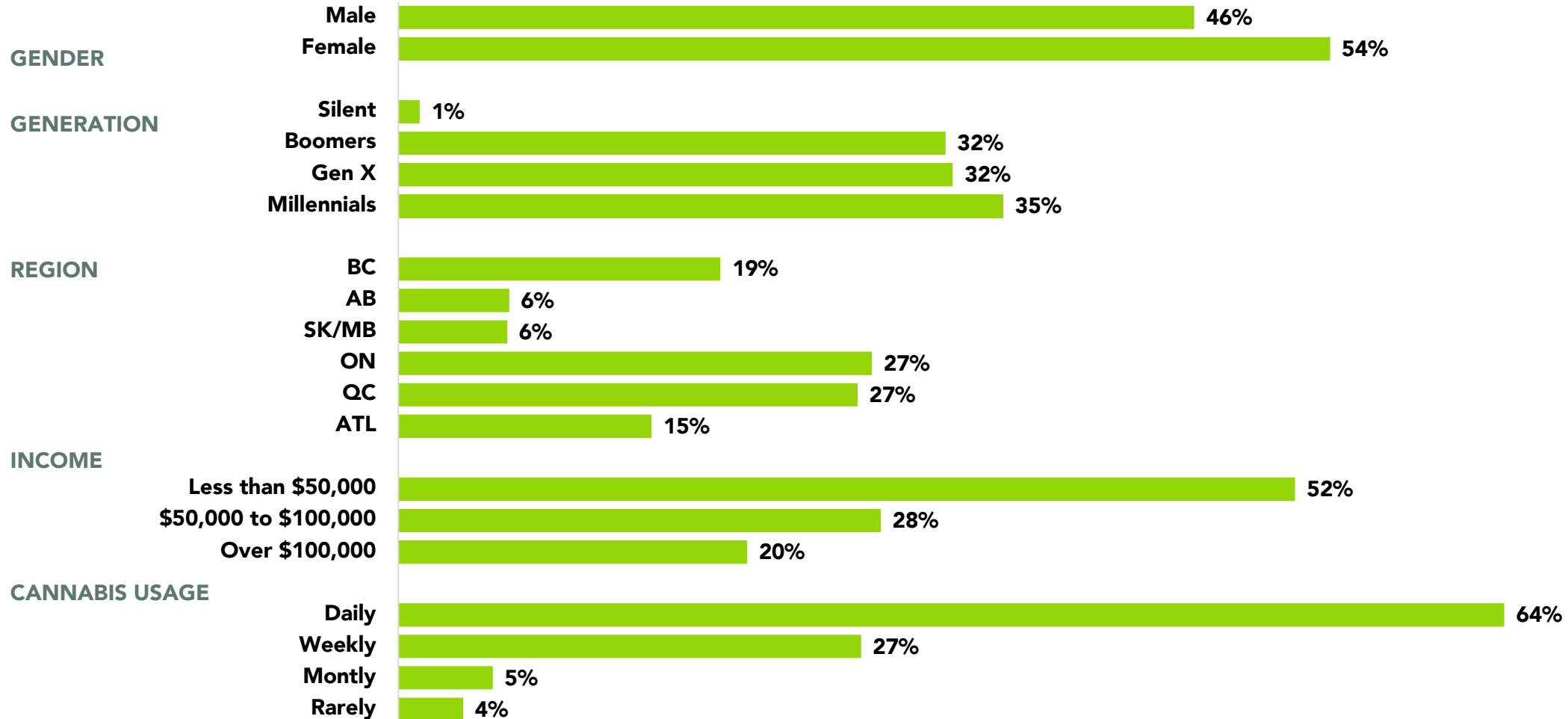
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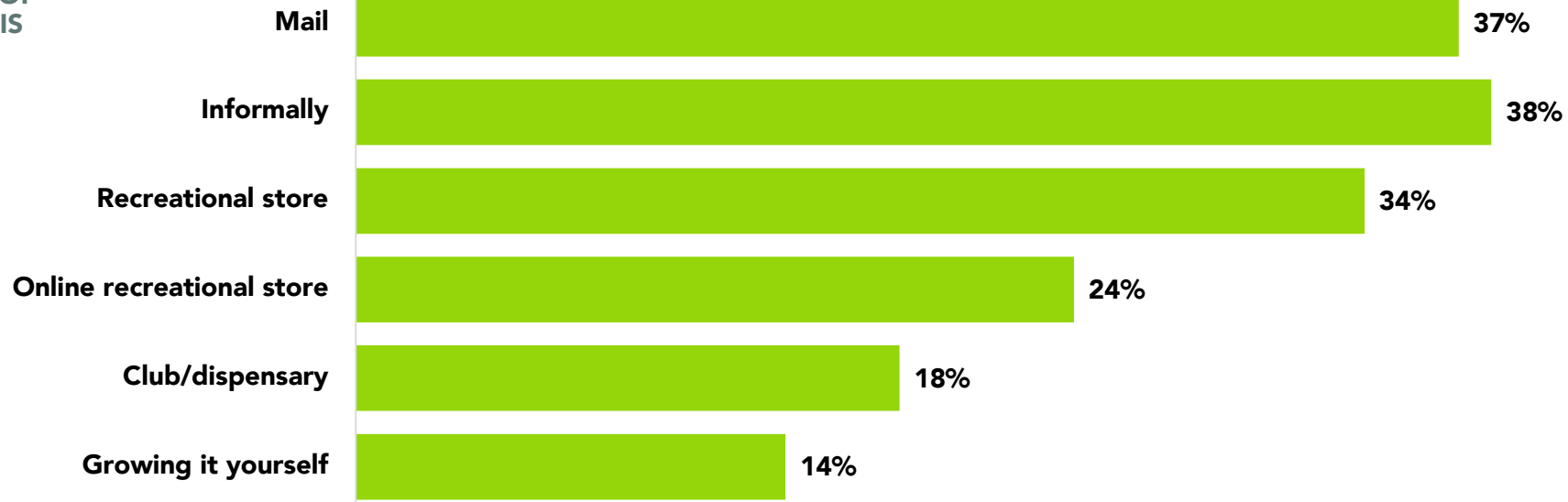
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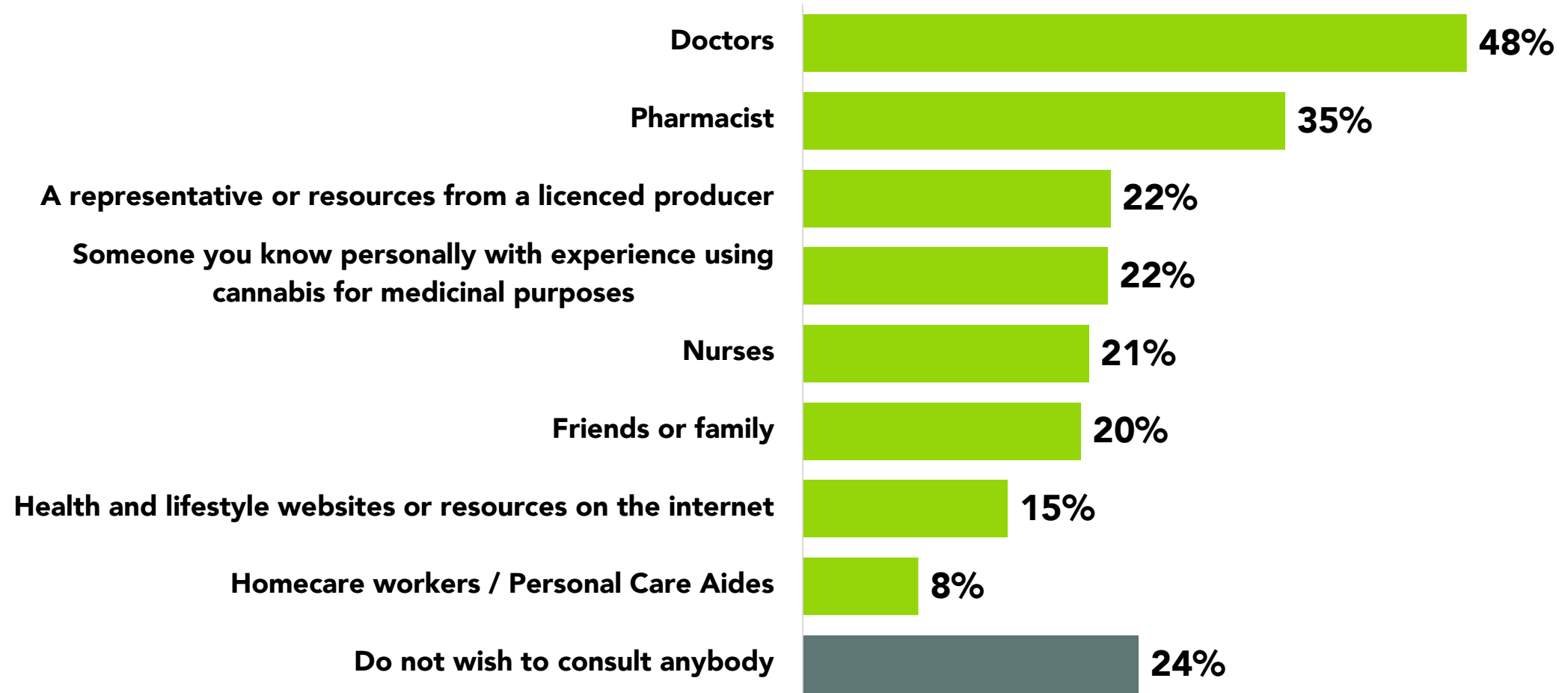


### SOURCE OF CANNABIS



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# IDEAL SOURCE FOR ONGOING CONSULTATIONS

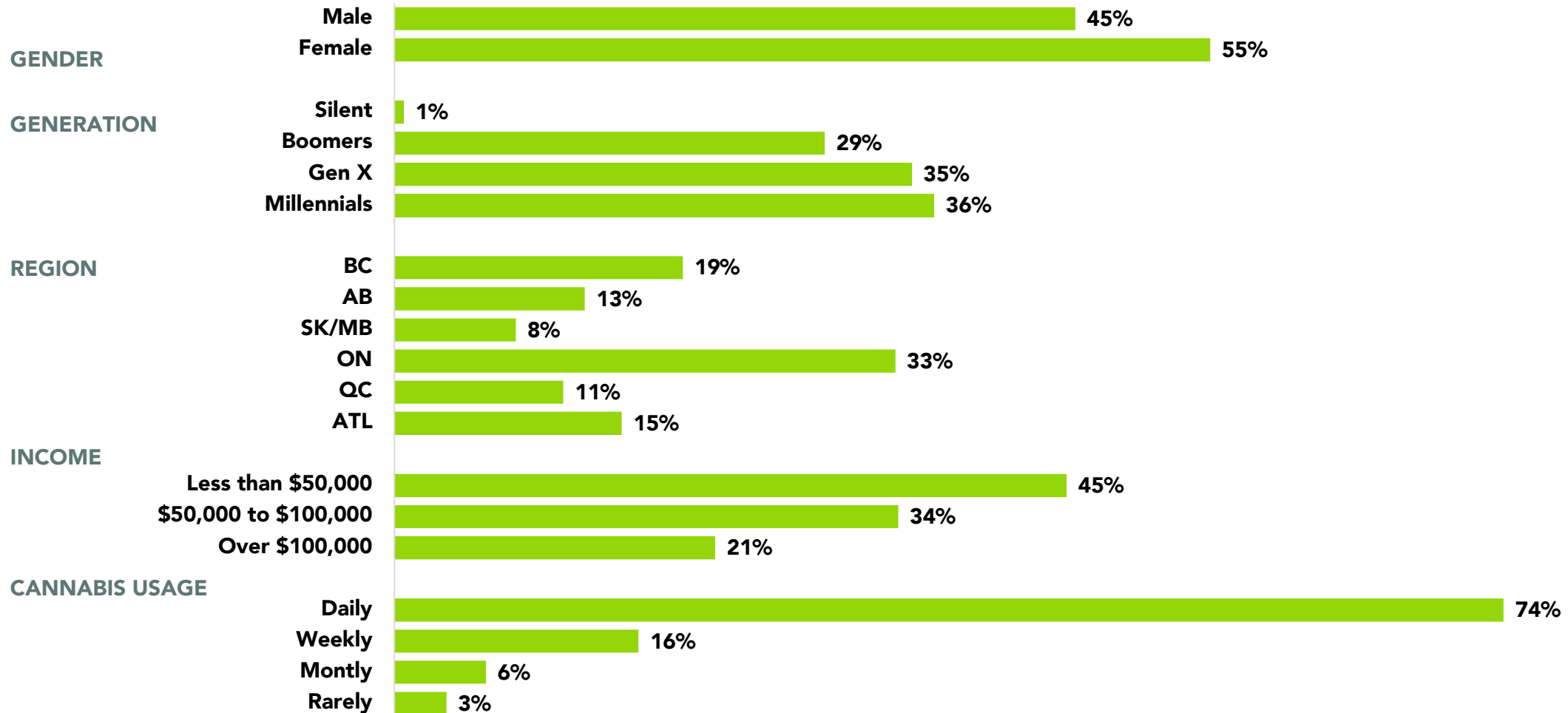


Is there anyone who you would, in an ideal world, like to be able to consult on an ongoing basis? Select all that apply.



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## PHARMACIST

### RELIANCE ON MEDICAL CANNABIS

Heavily

42%

Somewhat

31%

Not really

27%

### SOURCE OF CANNABIS

Mail

44%

Informally

36%

Recreational store

29%

Online recreational store

21%

Club/dispensary

22%

Growing it yourself

17%

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