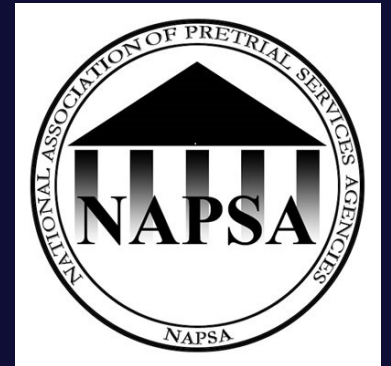


NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRETRIAL
SERVICES AGENCIES
COVID-19 POLICY RESPONSE SURVEY

June 19, 2020



AGENDA

- Introduction
- Survey Statistics
- Results
- Next Steps
- Discussion

INTRODUCTION

Survey Purpose

- Systematically collect information about how jurisdictions have responded to COVID-19
- Foster dialogue with NAPSA and pretrial services agencies about sustaining new policies
- Use findings to guide our thinking and future work

Participants

- Directors of Pretrial Services across the United States

AV-NAPSA Collaboration

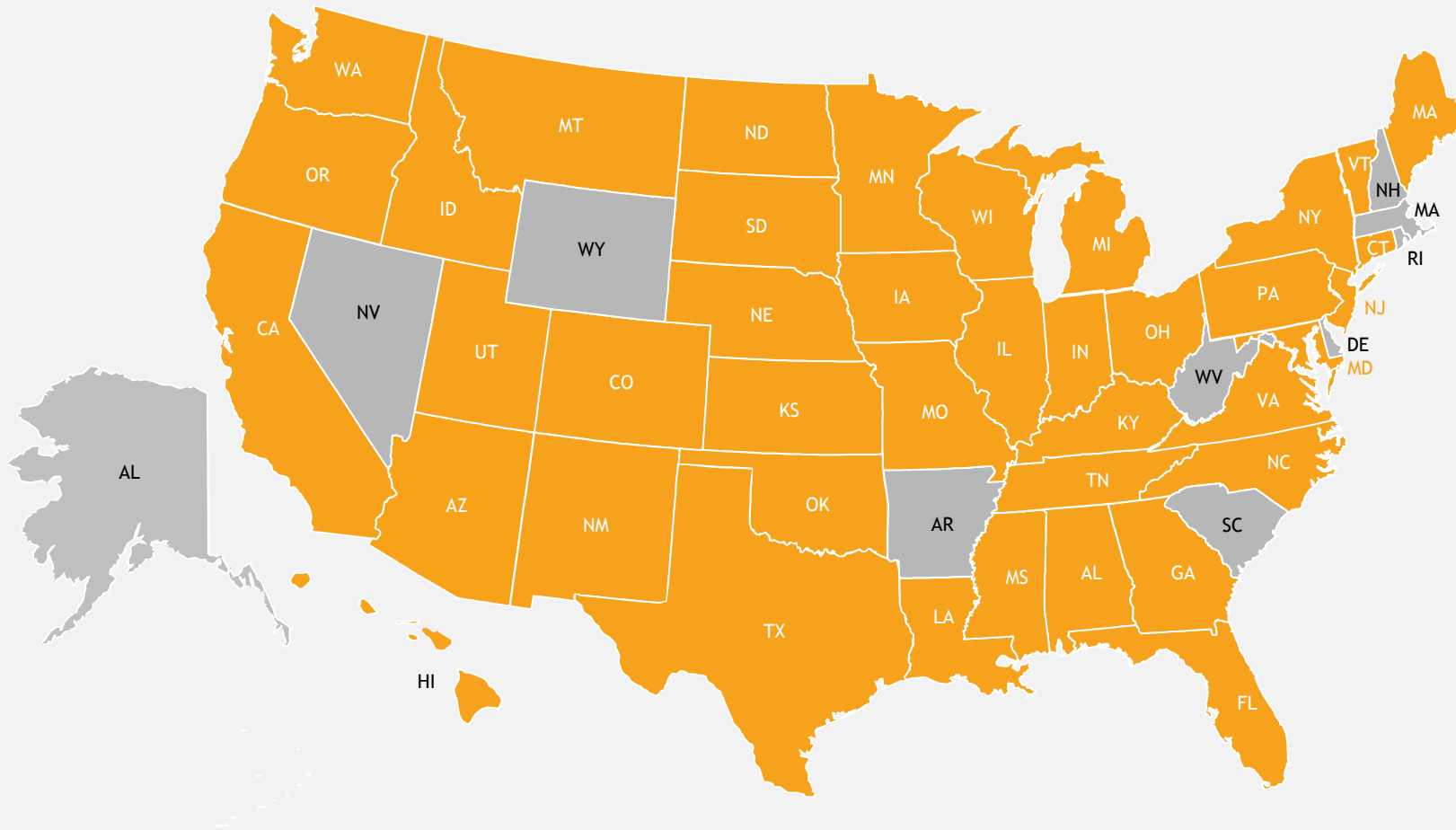
- Director of NAPSA, Jim Sawyer, led the coordination to disseminate survey & presented to PRAB
- AV assisted with survey development, data collection, and compilation
- AV provided a \$750.00 gift to NAPSA as a participation incentive

SURVEY STATISTICS

ACTIVE: APRIL 16 2020 – JUNE 1 2020

STATES COVERED: 40 & D.C.

RESPONDENTS: 197



CHANGES TO POLICY & PRACTICE

Most jurisdictions **increased:**

- Use of video conferencing for court hearings
- Pretrial release
- Release on personal recognizance for non-violent crimes
- Cite & release

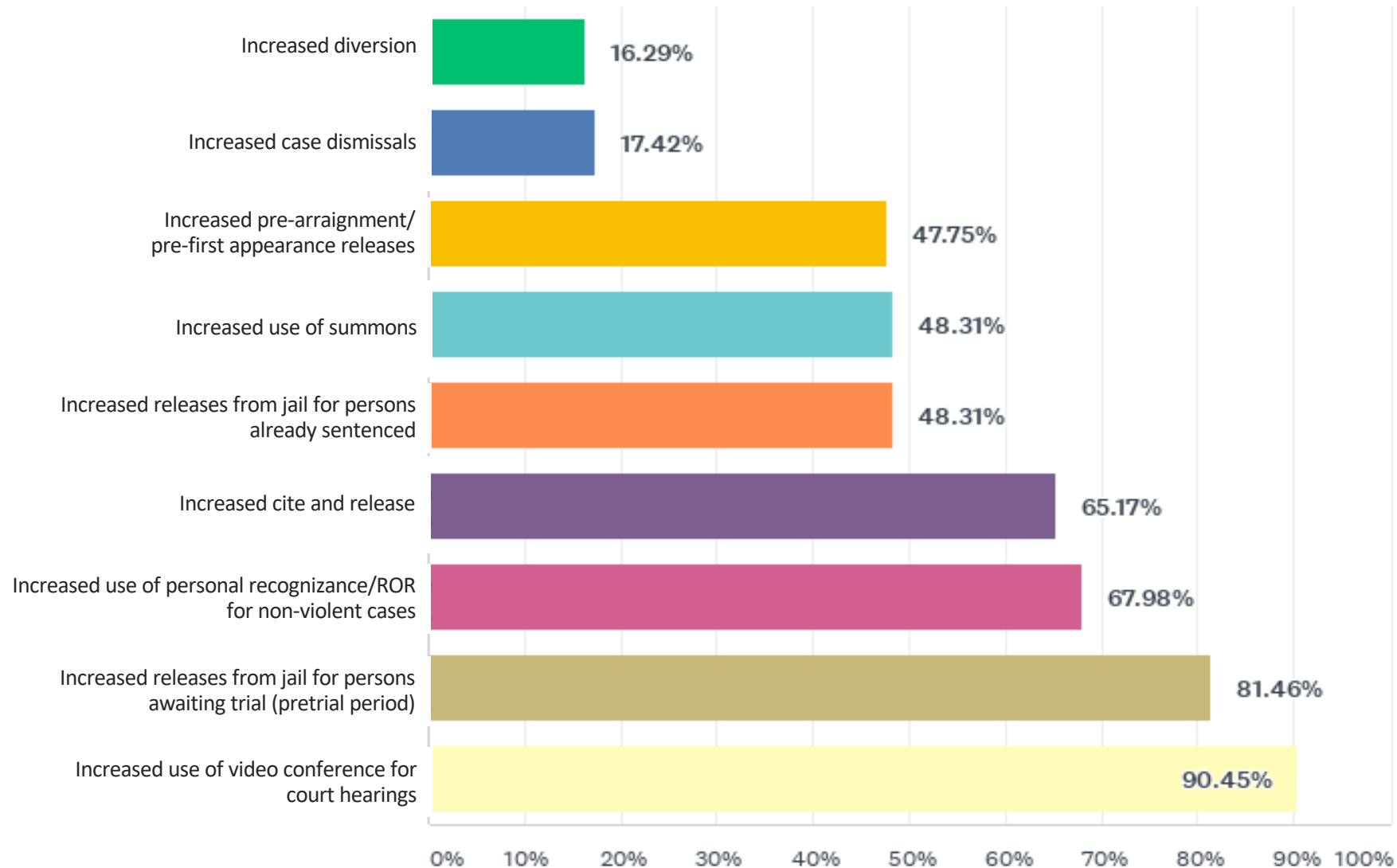
Most jurisdictions **decreased:**

- Custodial arrests
- Bail amounts
- Court hearing frequency
- Supervision fee collection frequency & amount
- Revocations for pretrial supervision for some or all condition violations
- Addressing technical violations

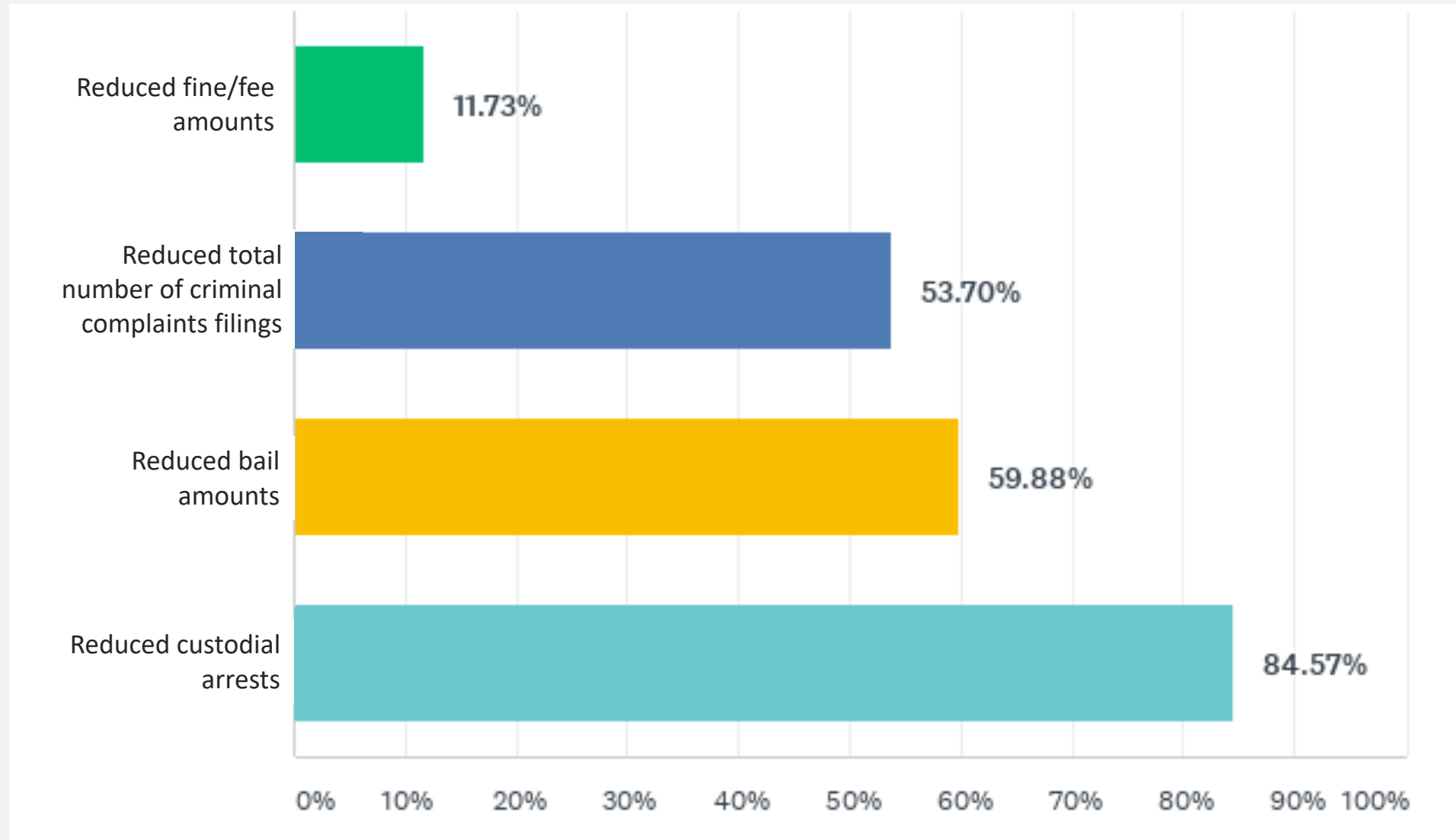
Most jurisdictions **did not change:**

- Diversion
- Case dismissal
- Fines & fees amounts

WHAT POLICIES AND PRACTICES HAVE INCREASED?

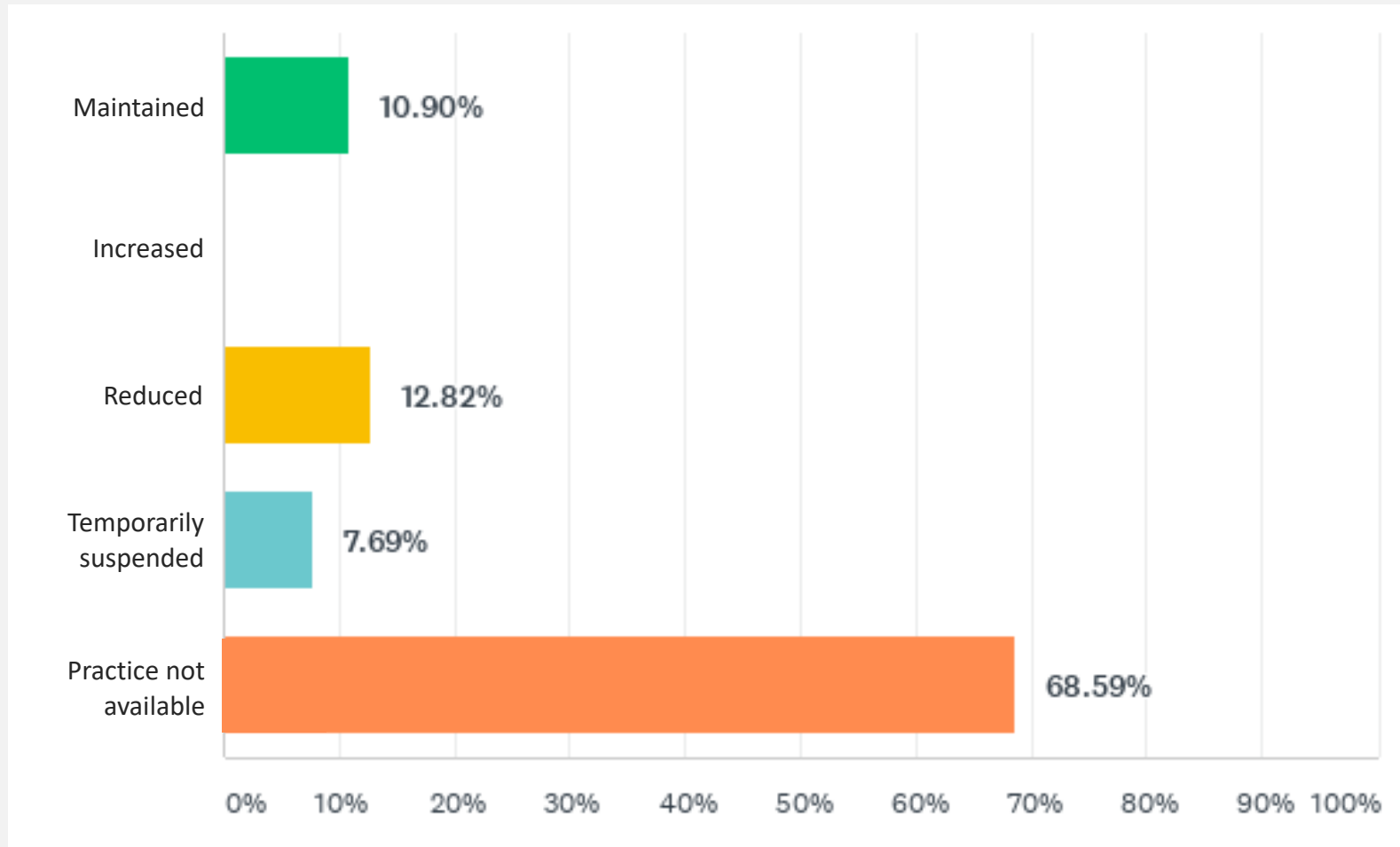


WHAT POLICIES AND PRACTICES HAVE BEEN REDUCED?



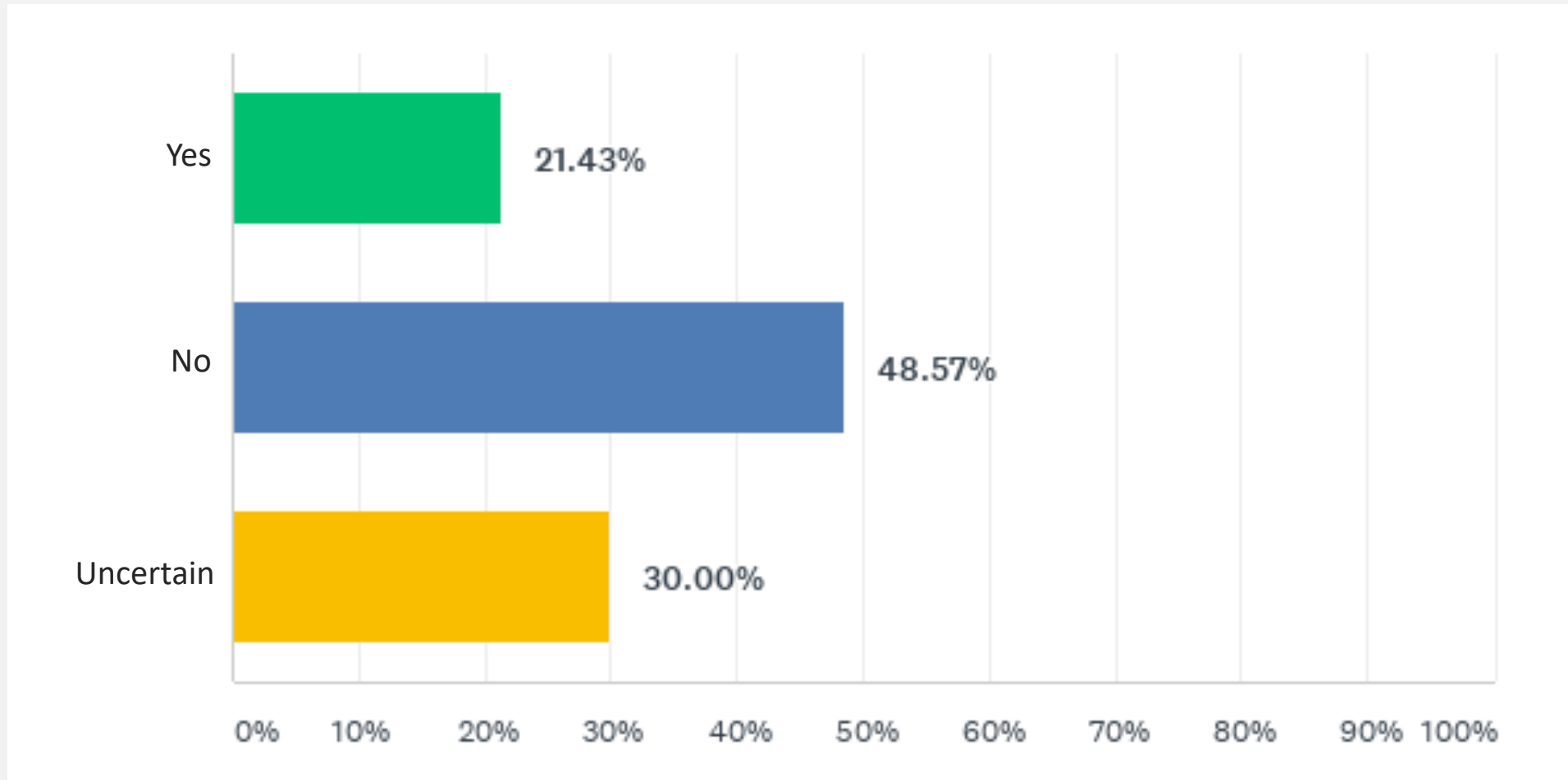
AMOUNT & LEVEL OF SUPERVISION FEE COLLECTION HAS BEEN:

- **Supervision fees are not charged by most jurisdictions, regardless of COVID-19**

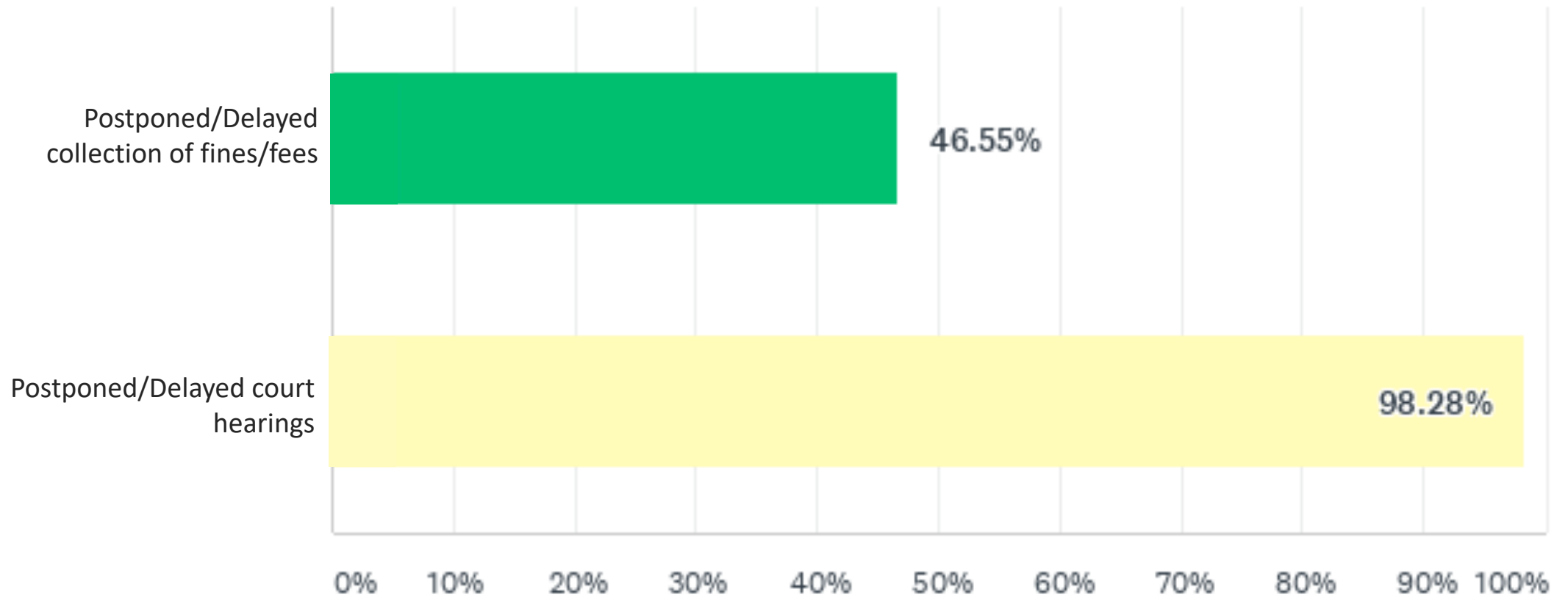


IF STILL COLLECTING SUPERVISION FEES, HAVE THE SUPERVISION DOLLAR AMOUNTS BEEN REDUCED?

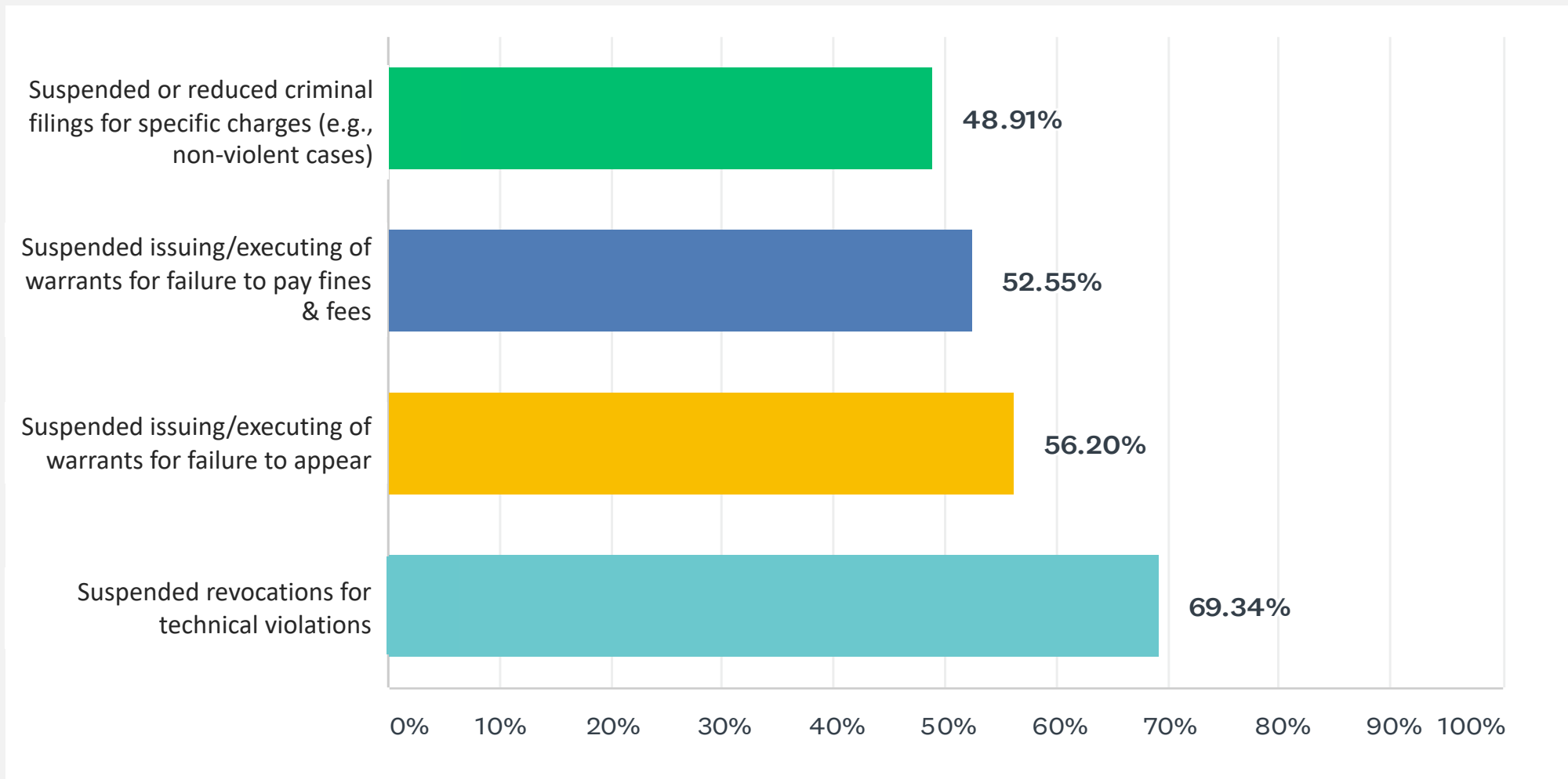
- **Nearly 50%** of jurisdictions surveyed that are collecting supervision fees have maintained the fee amount



WHAT POLICIES & PRACTICES HAVE BEEN POSTPONED/DELAYED?

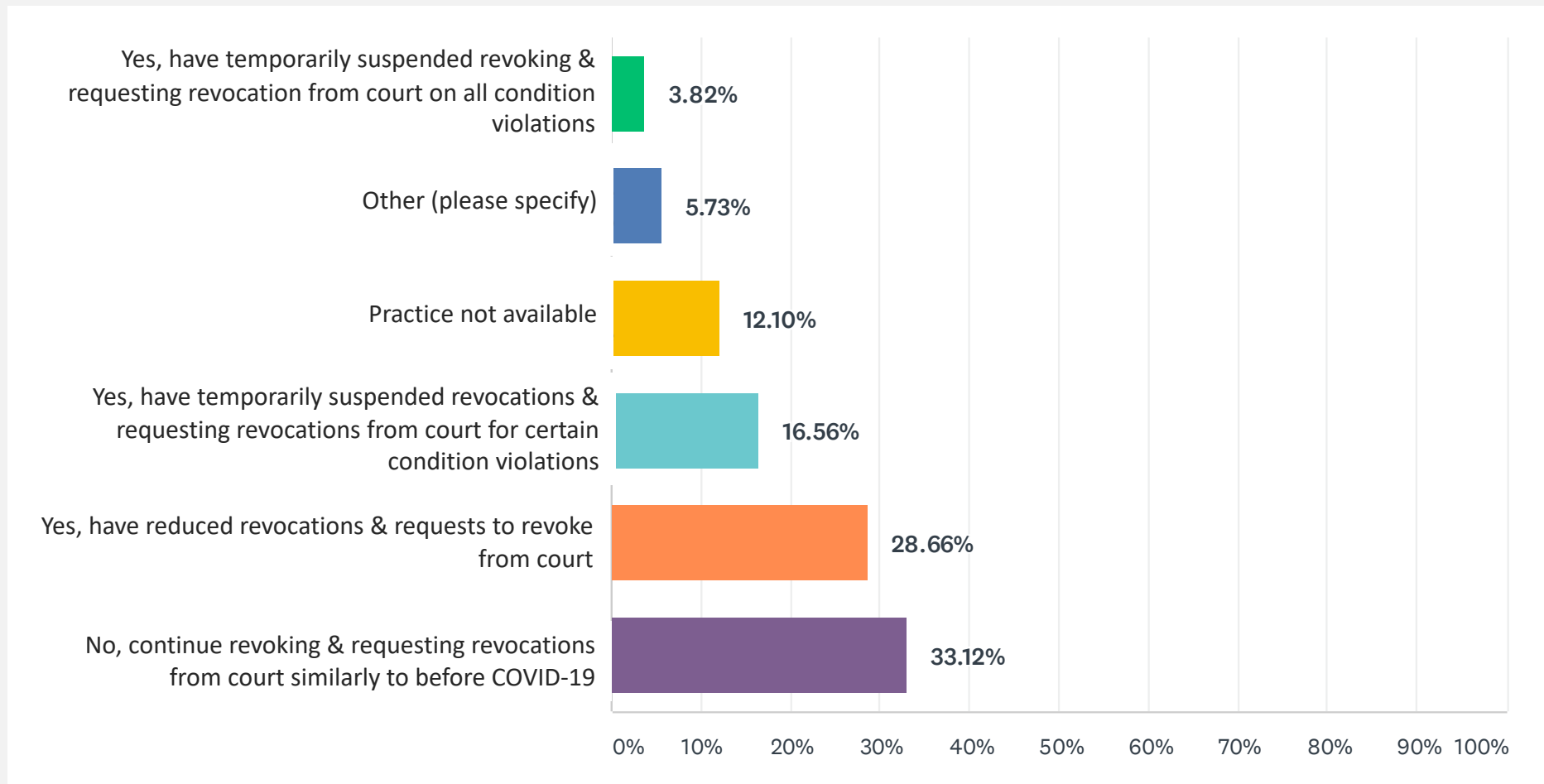


WHAT POLICIES & PRACTICES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED?



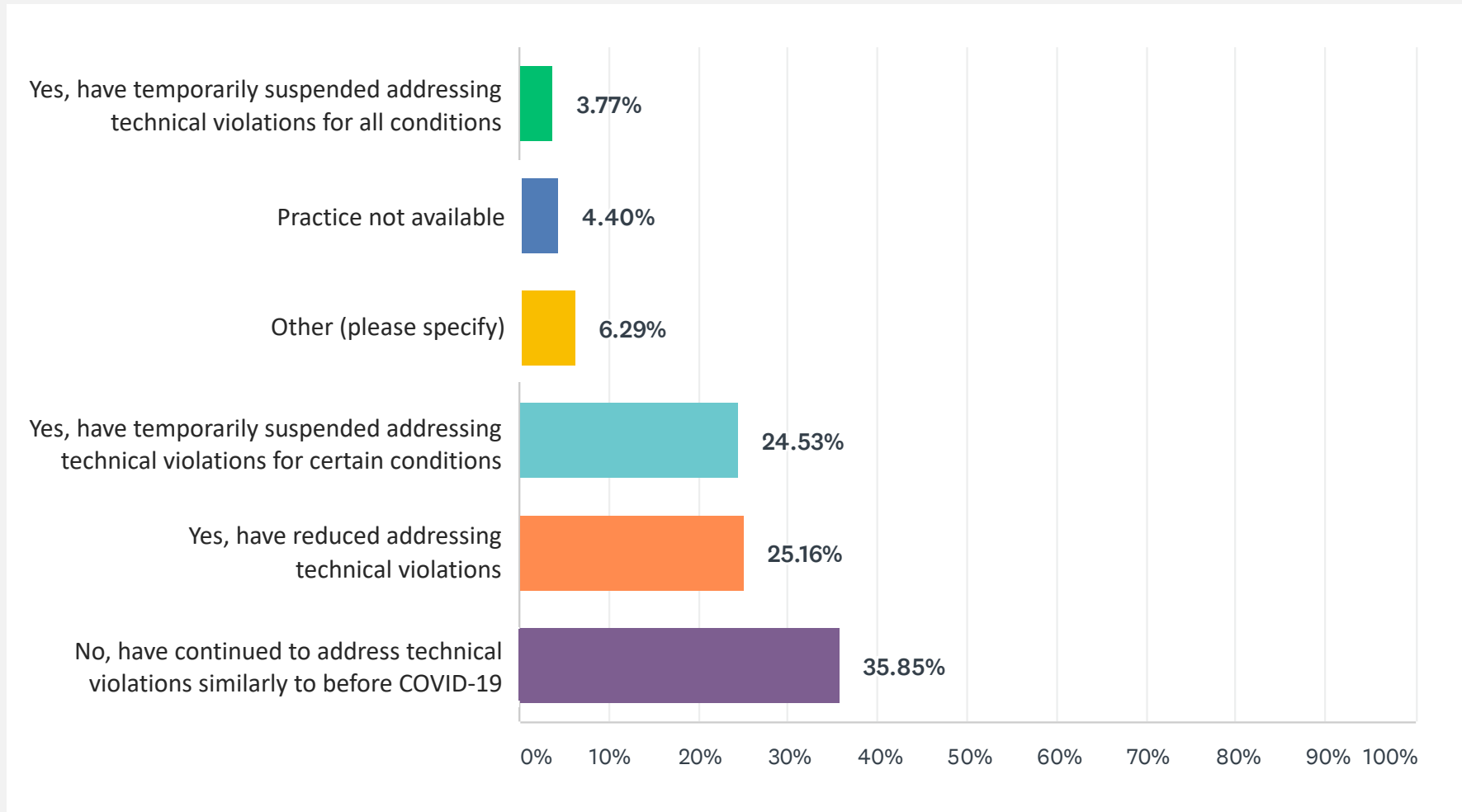
HAVE THERE BEEN CHANGES TO REVOKING PRETRIAL SUPERVISION & REQUESTING REVOCATION FROM THE COURT?

- **Nearly half of jurisdictions surveyed (49%)** have reduced or temporarily suspended revoking or requesting revocation from the court for certain or all condition violations



HAVE THERE BEEN CHANGES TO ADDRESSING TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS?

- **Over half of jurisdictions surveyed (53%)** have temporarily reduced or suspended addressing technical violations for certain or all condition violations.



VIRTUAL PRACTICES

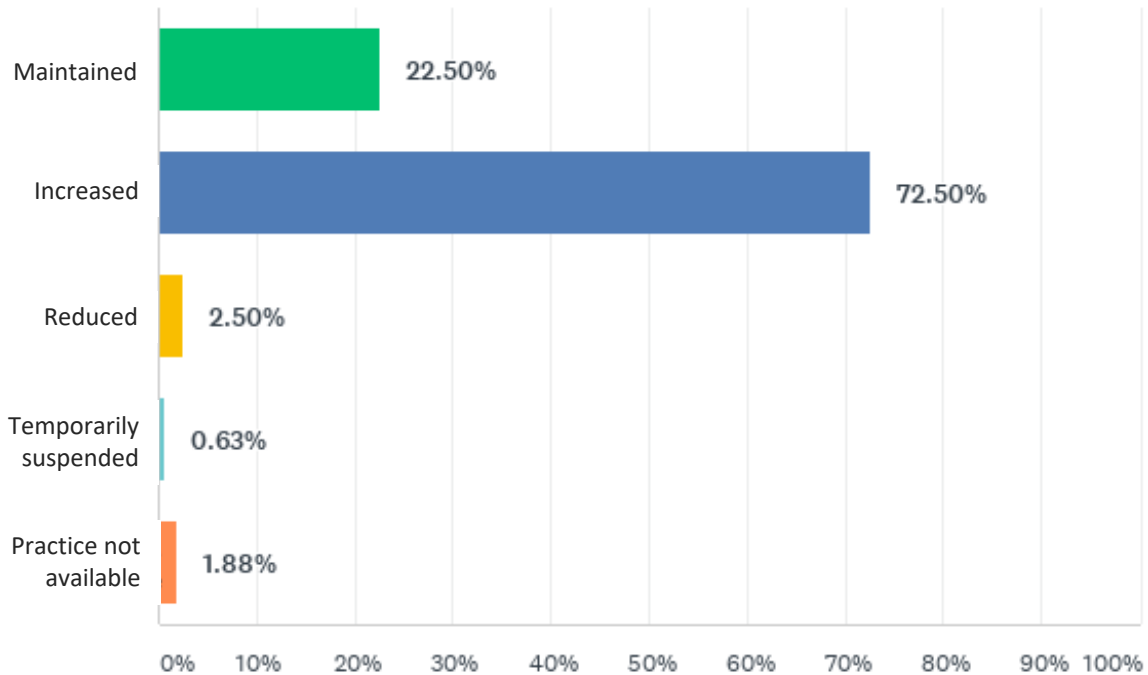
Most jurisdictions **increased:**

- Telephone check-ins
- Electronic monitoring
- Virtual reporting (through email, texting, video conferencing, & phone)

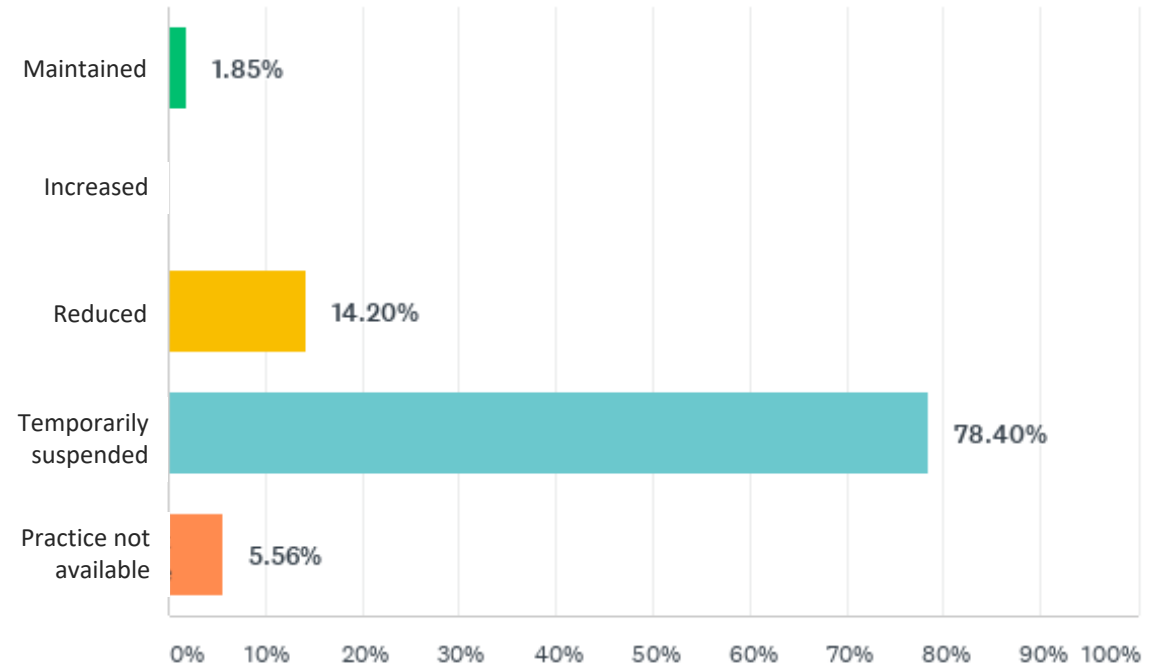
Most jurisdictions **temporarily suspended:**

- In-person office check-ins
- In-person field check-ins (where applicable)
- Drug & alcohol monitoring & testing

TELEPHONE CONTACTS & CHECK-INS HAVE BEEN:

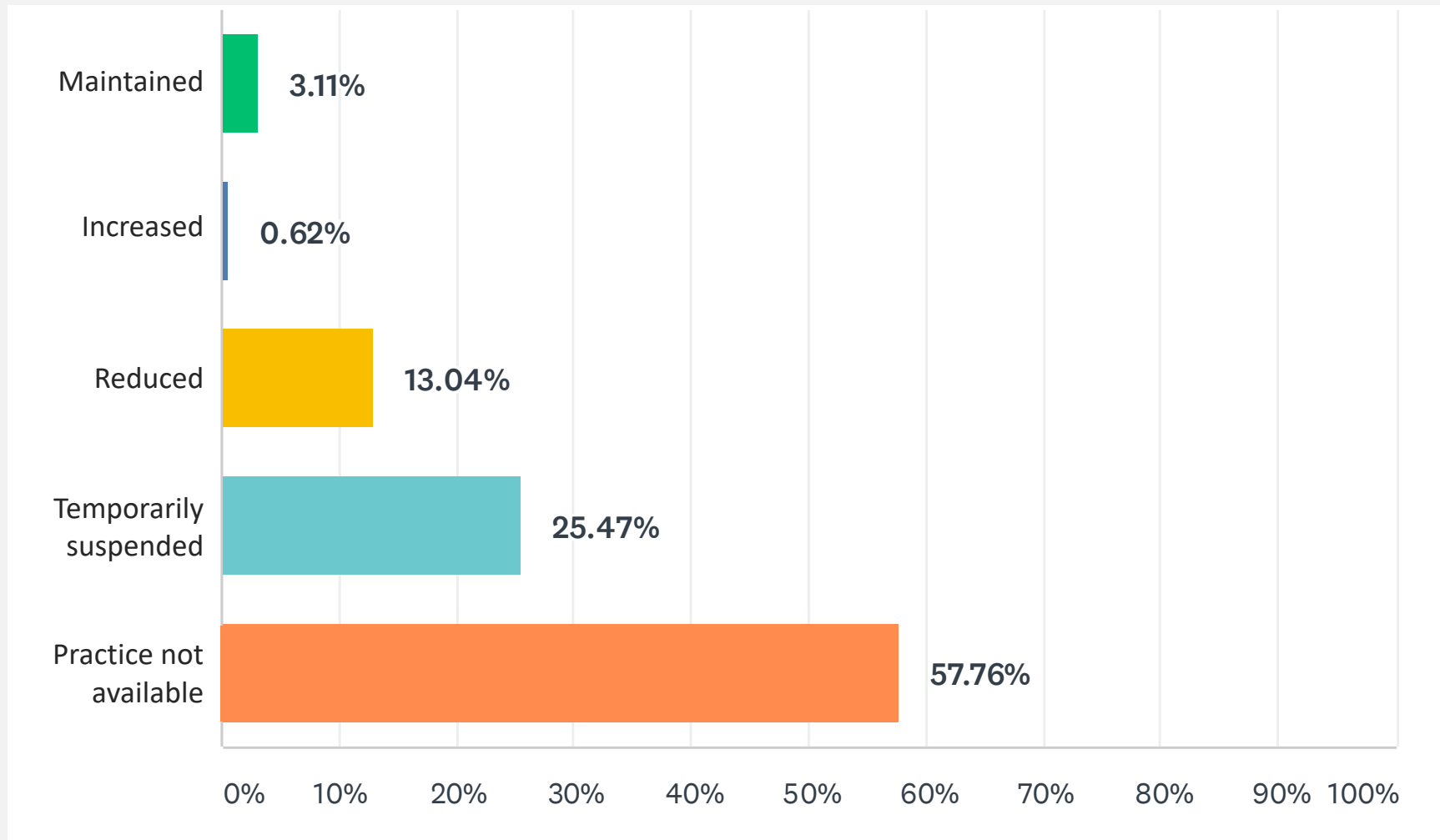


IN-PERSON OFFICE CONTACTS & OFFICE CHECK-INS HAVE BEEN:

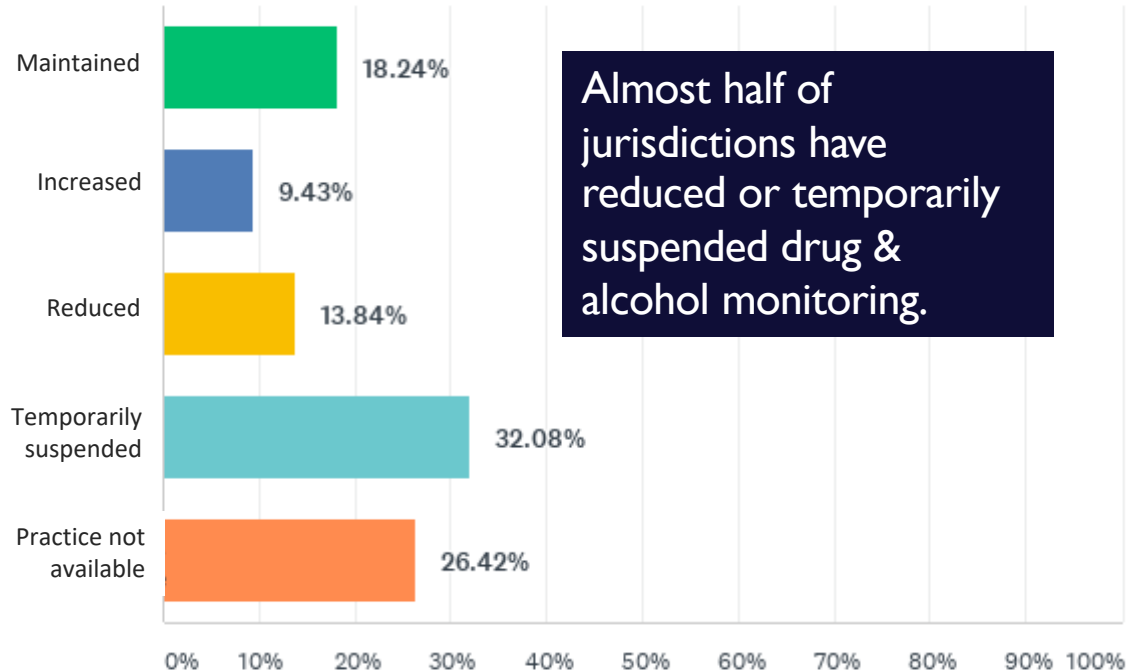


IN THE FIELD OR DEFENDANT HOME CONTACT & CHECK-INS HAVE BEEN:

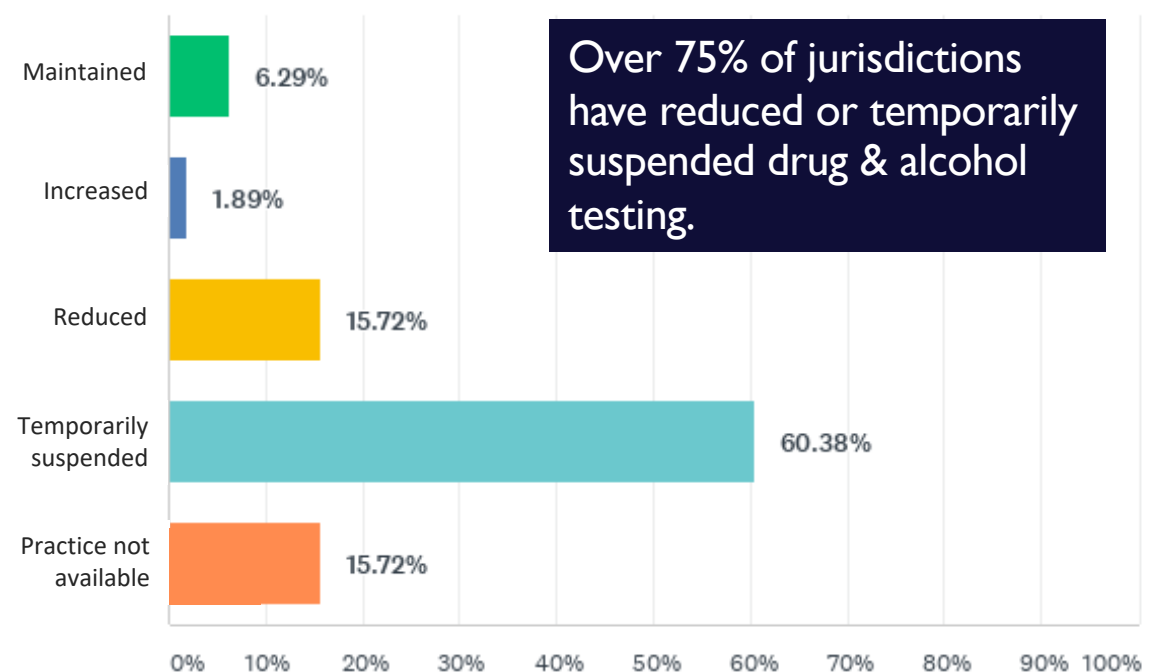
- **Over half of jurisdictions surveyed (57%)** do not use in the field or home check-ins, regardless of COVID-19
- **39% of jurisdictions surveyed** reduced or temporarily suspended defendant home contact & check-ins



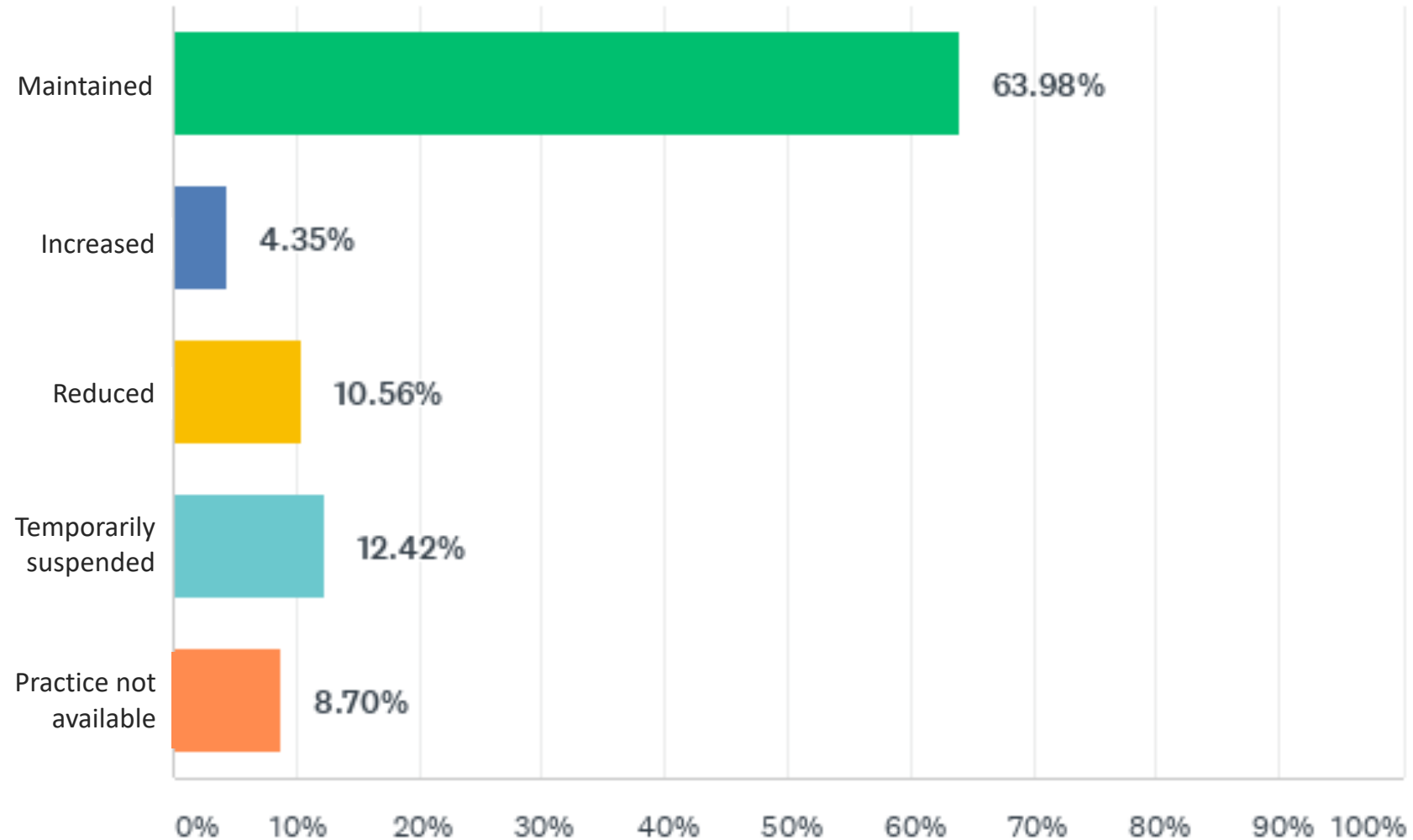
DRUG & ALCOHOL MONITORING (I.E. TRANSDERMAL OR PORTABLE TESTING) HAS BEEN:



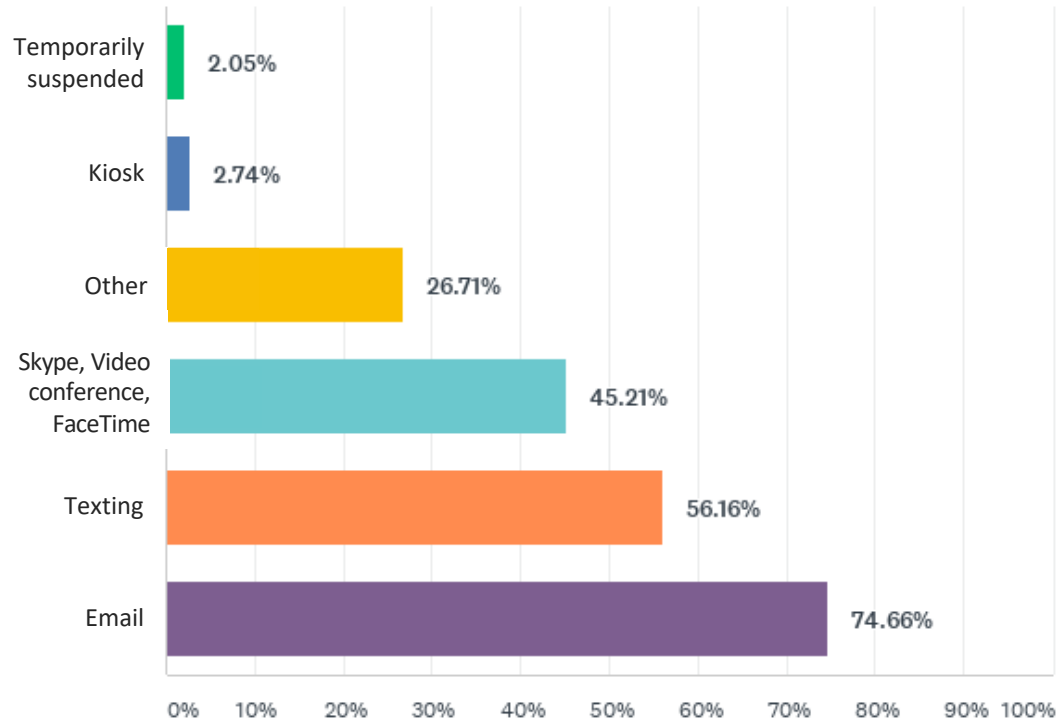
DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING, SUCH AS URINE TESTING OR PRELIMINARY BREATH TESTING (PBT) HAS BEEN:



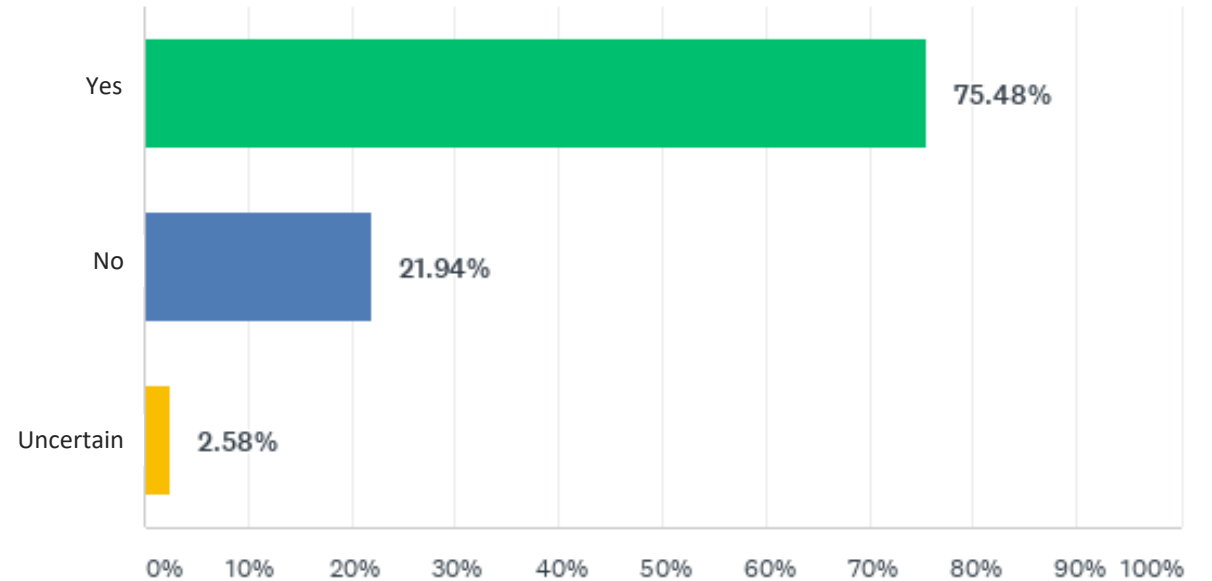
COMPLETING RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR RELEASE RECOMMENDATIONS HAS BEEN:



WHAT FORMS OF VIRTUAL REPORTING ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR COUNTY?

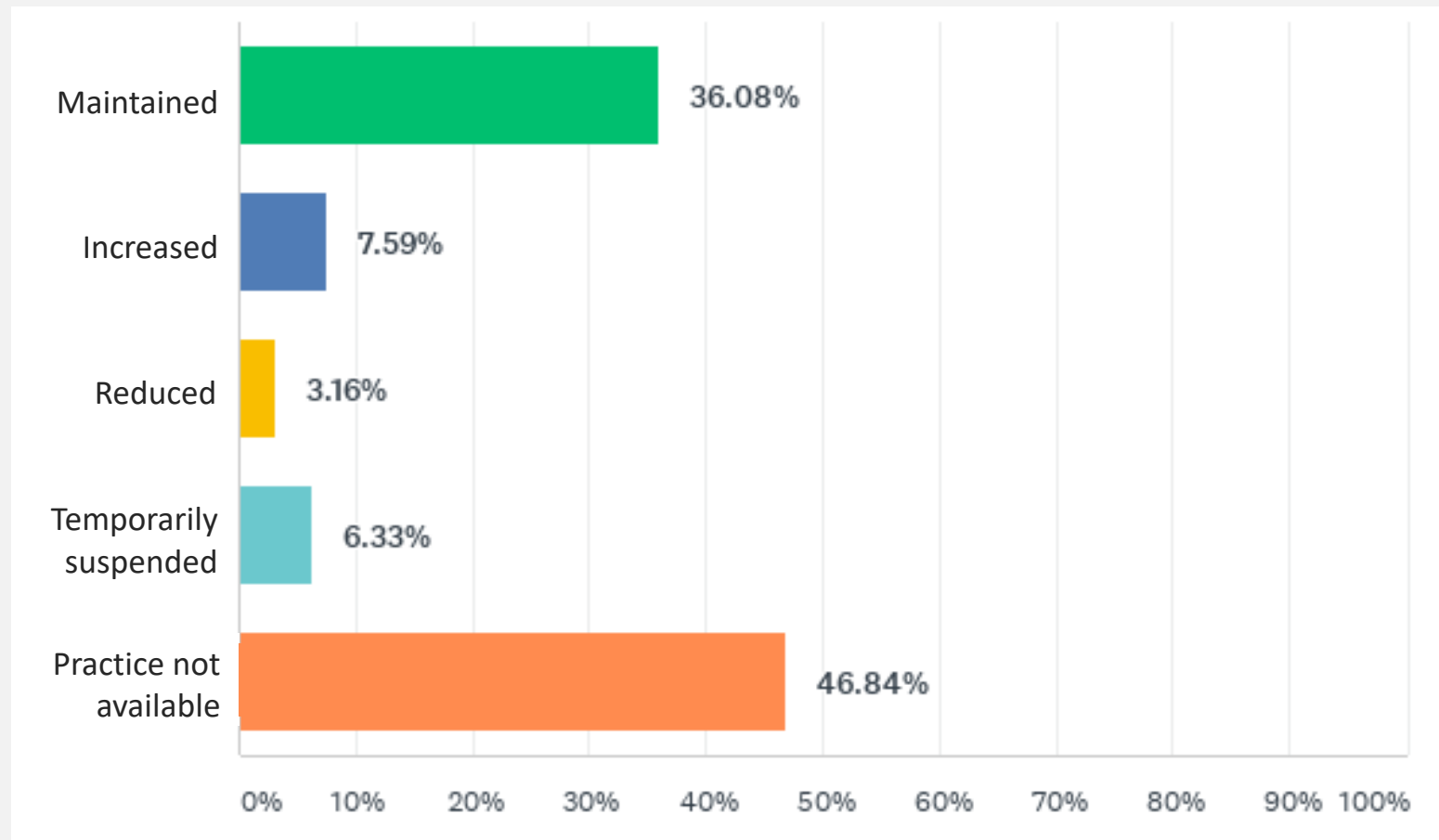


HAS YOUR AGENCY INCREASED USE OF VIRTUAL REPORTING OVER OTHER REPORTING FORMS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19?



EARLY DISCHARGE FROM PRETRIAL SUPERVISION HAS BEEN:

- **8% of jurisdictions surveyed** reported an increase in early discharge from pretrial supervision
- **Almost half of jurisdictions surveyed (47%)** do not allow for early discharge from pretrial supervision, regardless of COVID-19 pandemic



NEXT STEPS

- NPPJ interview with Jim Sawyer
- Presentation at virtual NAPSA conference: September 2020
- Using results to inform and develop our strategies
- Expand research agenda opportunities on release conditions
- Researchers seeking partnership with NAPSA
 - Continue research with pretrial services agencies (41% of respondents indicated willingness to share data)

QUESTIONS?

APPENDIX I:

OTHER WAYS AGENCIES HAVE RESPONDED TO DEFENDANT NEEDS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THAT ARE NOT REFLECTED IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONS (OPEN ENDED RESPONSE):

- Referrals for: food, unemployment, peer support groups, mental health resources, COVID-19 testing
- Online classes
- Virtual mental health counselling
- PPE
- Distributed phones for virtual check-ins

APPENDIX II:

OTHER WAYS AGENCIES HAVE RESPONDED TO STAFF NEEDS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE):

- Laptops
- PPE
- Testing
- Unemployment (especially for field staff)
- Paid leave (when applicable)
- Flexible work schedules including reduced hours when necessary
- Staggered office use

APPENDIX III:

AUXILIARY SERVICES

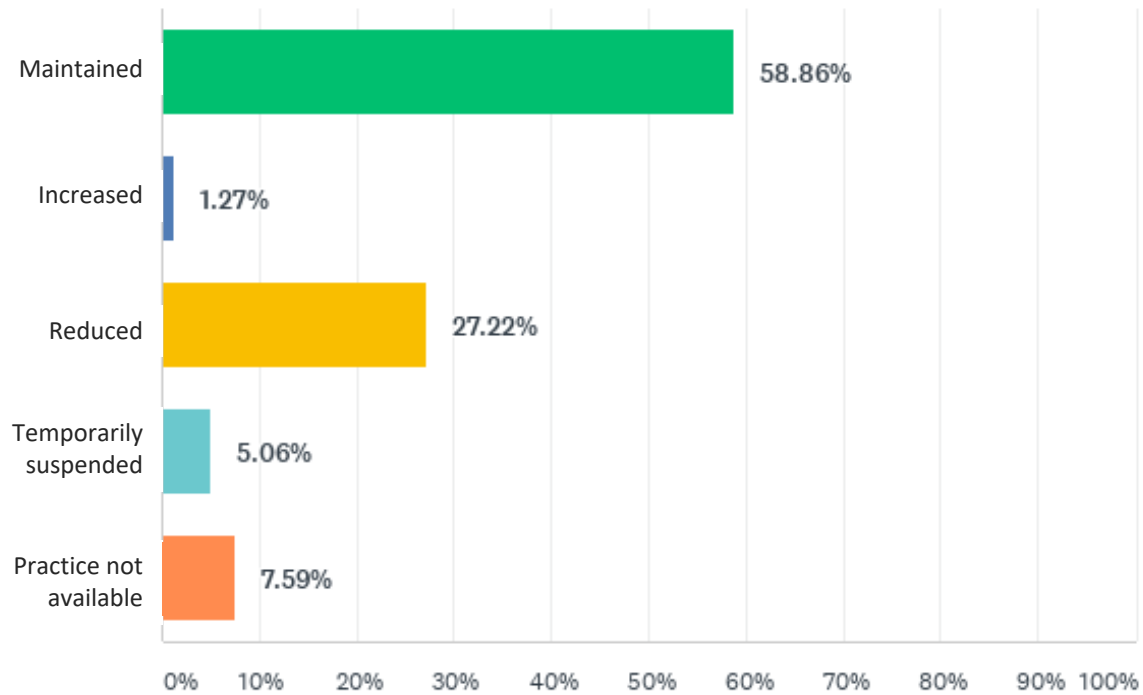
Substance Use Treatment:

- Almost $\frac{1}{3}$ of respondents report reducing or temporarily suspending access
- Where still available, over 75% have virtual or remote participation

Mental Health Treatment:

- Over $\frac{1}{3}$ of respondents report reducing or temporarily suspending access
- Where still available, almost 75% have telehealth services available

ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER TREATMENT FOR PRETRIAL DEFENDANTS HAS BEEN:



ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR PRETRIAL SUPERVISION DEFENDANTS HAS BEEN:

