Jordanian Expats: Life Abroad and the Connection to Home Survey

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Survey Overview

- This survey aims to develop a deeper understanding of the experiences, aspirations, and ongoing connections of Jordanians living abroad across the United States, Canada, Latin America, and Europe.

- It explores the circumstances that initially motivated their decision to leave Jordan, their integration into their host countries, and the personal, professional, and family milestones they have established since relocating.

- By examining factors such as career opportunities, economic stability, family life, community integration, and long-term residency, the survey seeks to build a comprehensive picture of the lives of Jordanians beyond the Kingdom.

- Beyond understanding their experiences abroad, the survey places particular emphasis on the relationship between Jordanians overseas and their homeland.

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- It explores how frequently they visit Jordan, the reasons behind their visits, the ways they maintain social, cultural, and family connections, and the role Jordan continues to play in their personal and family lives.

- The survey also examines their perceptions of returning to Jordan permanently, the factors that might encourage or discourage such a decision, and their expectations regarding where they and their children see themselves living in the future.

- By giving a voice to Jordanians living abroad, the study aims to better understand why they left, as well as what continues to connect them to Jordan and what might bring them closer to it in the years ahead.

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- The findings presented in this report are based on an independent online study conducted by Arab Advisors Group, targeting Jordanians residing in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and Europe.

- The study sought to capture the perspectives and experiences of 226 Jordanian expatriates across different age groups and both genders, providing a broad overview of the Jordanian diaspora.

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Summary

- The study covered 226 Jordanian expatriates in the US (68%), Europe (19%), and Canada (13%).

- Among participants, 74.24% had lived abroad for over 10 years, 76% held dual citizenship, and 15% held permanent residency.

- Career opportunities led the reasons for leaving Jordan (29.55%), followed by education or training (24.24%). Current reasons for staying included career stability and income (78.79%), educational opportunities (62.88%), democracy and system freedom (52.27%), and healthcare (47.73%).

- 66.67% had built a long-term career or business, 55.30% had purchased property, and 55.30% had raised or were raising children in their host country.

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Summary

- Participants maintained contact through family and friends (94.66%), social media (57.25%), and Jordanian news and media (54.20%). Additionally, 53% owned property in Jordan and 16% owned stocks.

- 25% visited Jordan more than once a year, 29% annually, and 29% every two to three years. Participants considered Jordan for vacations (70.23%), weddings (62.60%), engagements (35.88%), and baptisms (32.06%).

- 33% thought about returning often, while 23% had never considered it. The leading potential motivations were proximity to family and aging parents (75.36%), retirement (52.17%), and raising children within Jordanian culture (37.68%).

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Summary

- Over the next five to ten years, 57% expected to remain in their host country, 17% expected to live in Jordan, 6% anticipated moving elsewhere abroad, and 20% were undecided.

- In the question on barriers to permanent return, family or children being rooted abroad led at 32.26%, followed by career and economic stability abroad (29.03%).

- When asked about reconsidering, 49.18% selected that nothing would encourage permanent return, while 31.15% selected competitive career, business, or investment opportunities.

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Summary

- 64.49% selected permanent life abroad, compared with 9.35% selecting eventual relocation to Jordan and 7.48% selecting splitting time between Jordan and their host country.

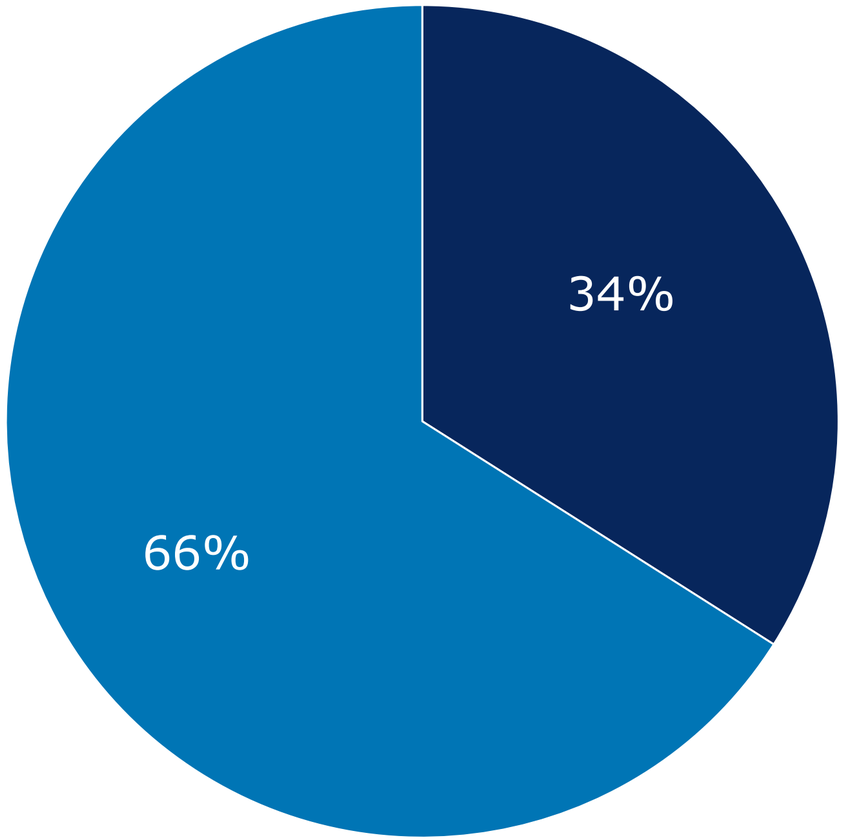
- 51% were willing to serve as a community link for initiatives reconnecting Arabs abroad with their homeland.

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Survey Findings

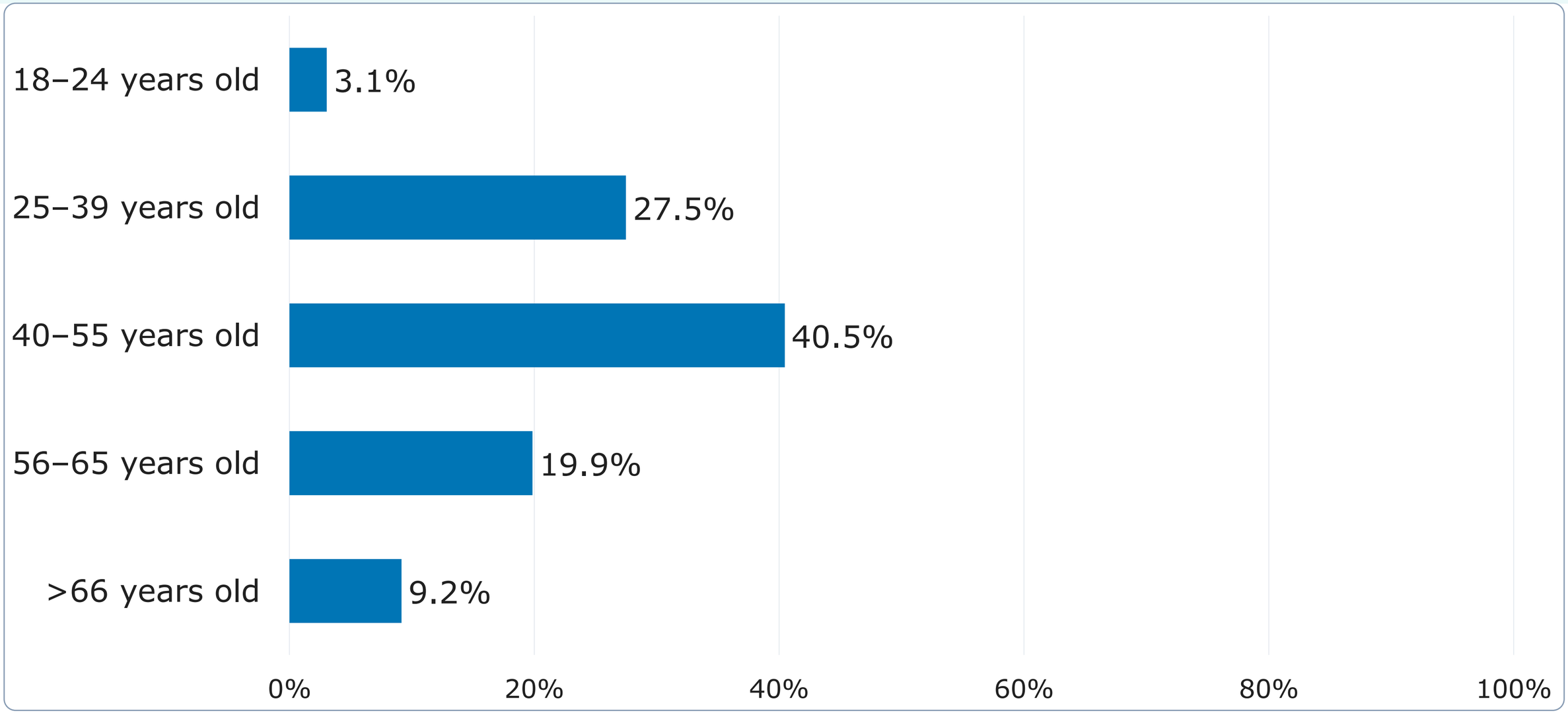


Gender of survey participants



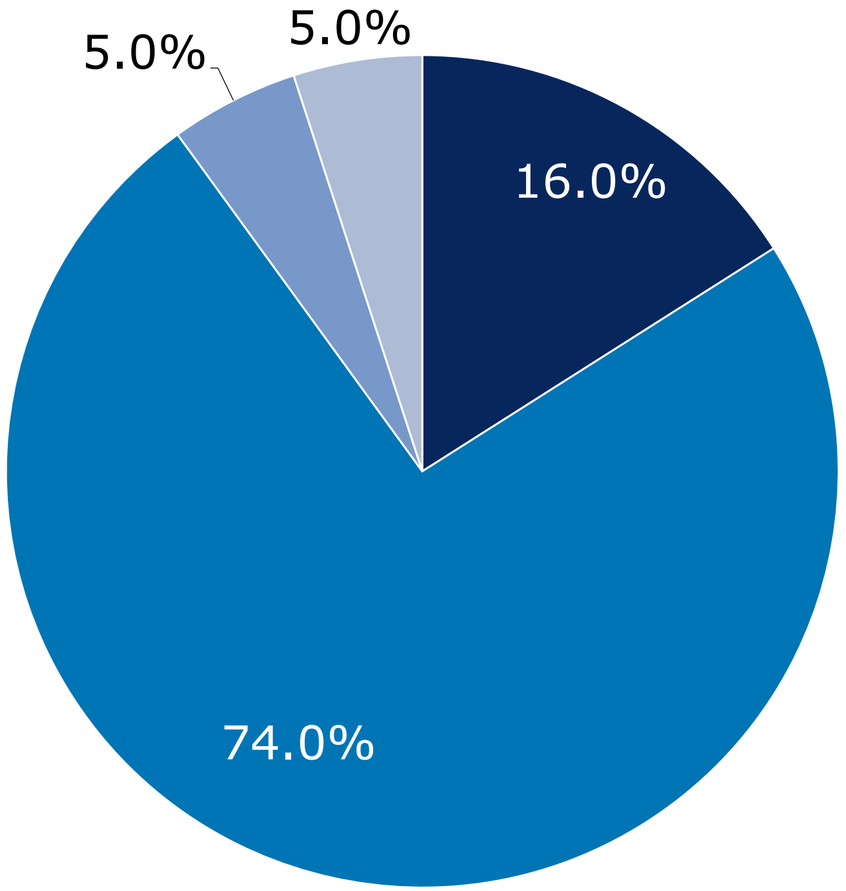
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Age of survey participants



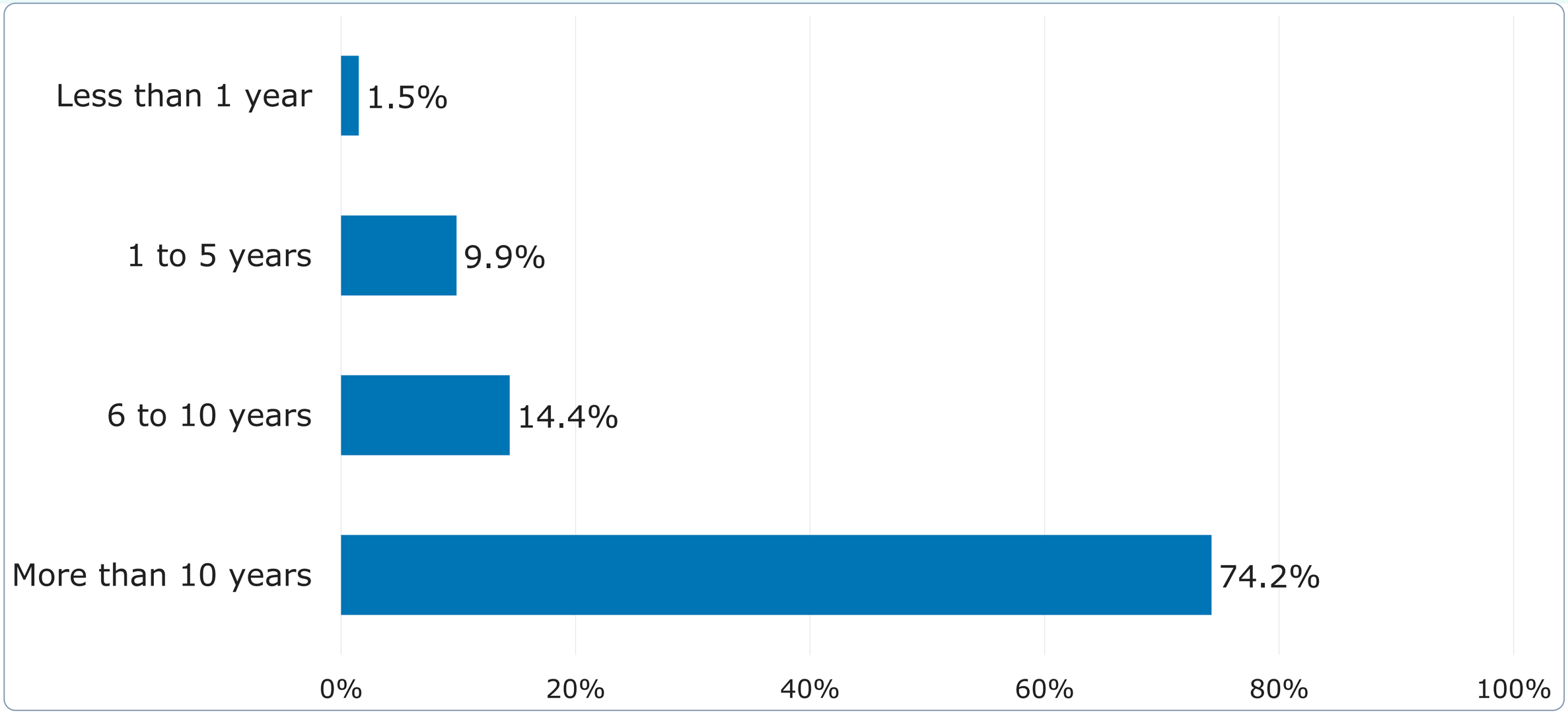
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What is your current marital status



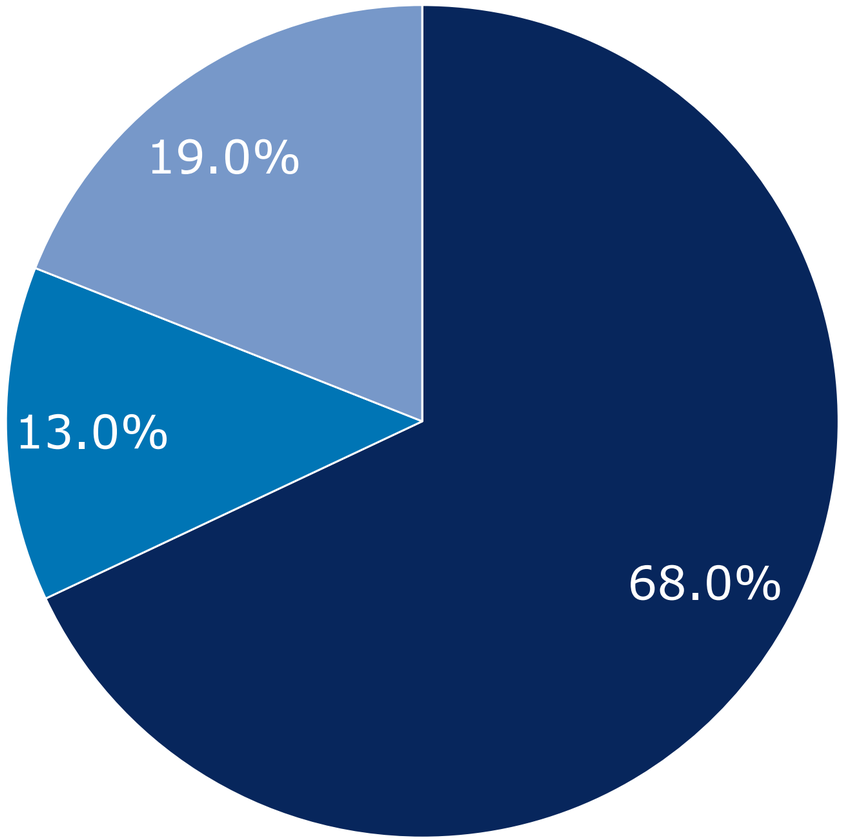
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How long have you been living outside of Jordan?



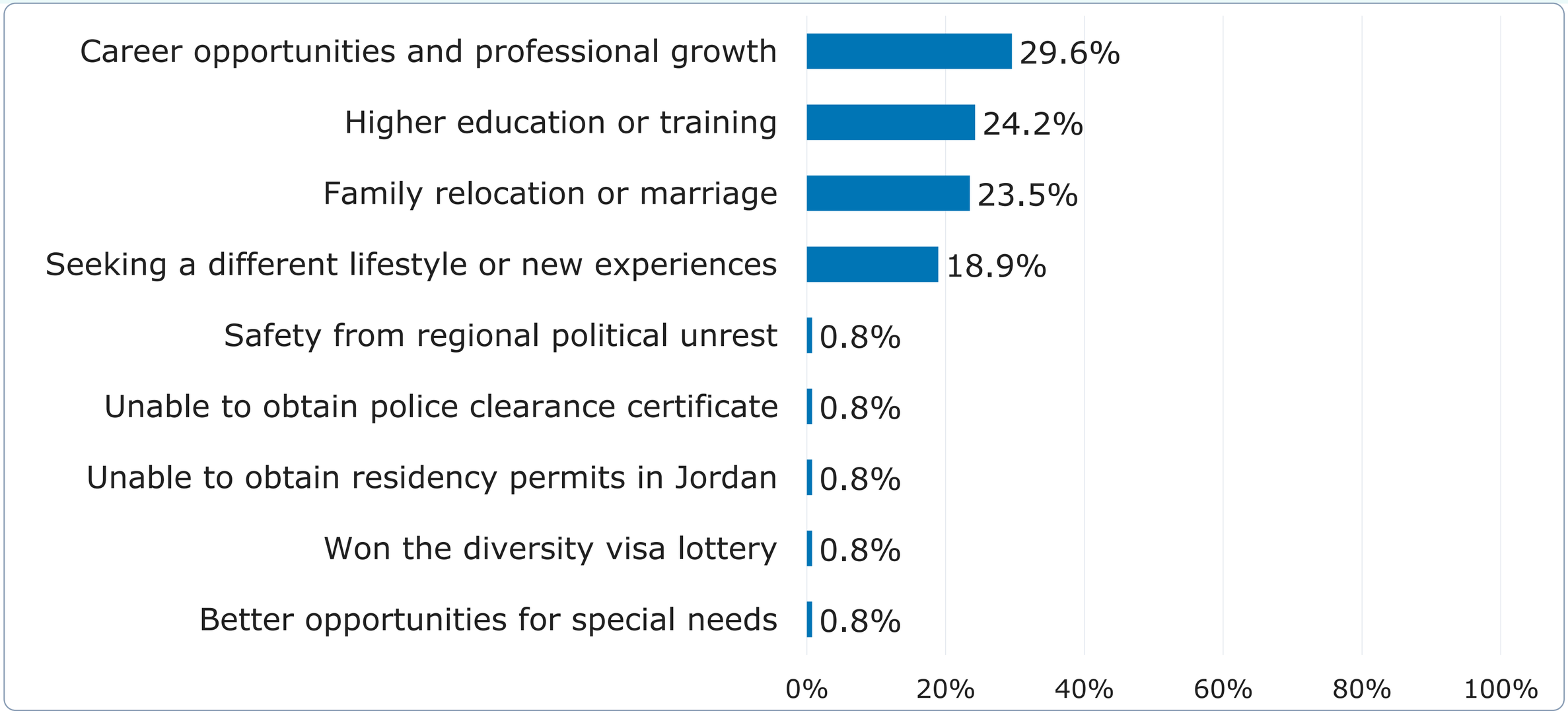
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In which region are you currently residing?



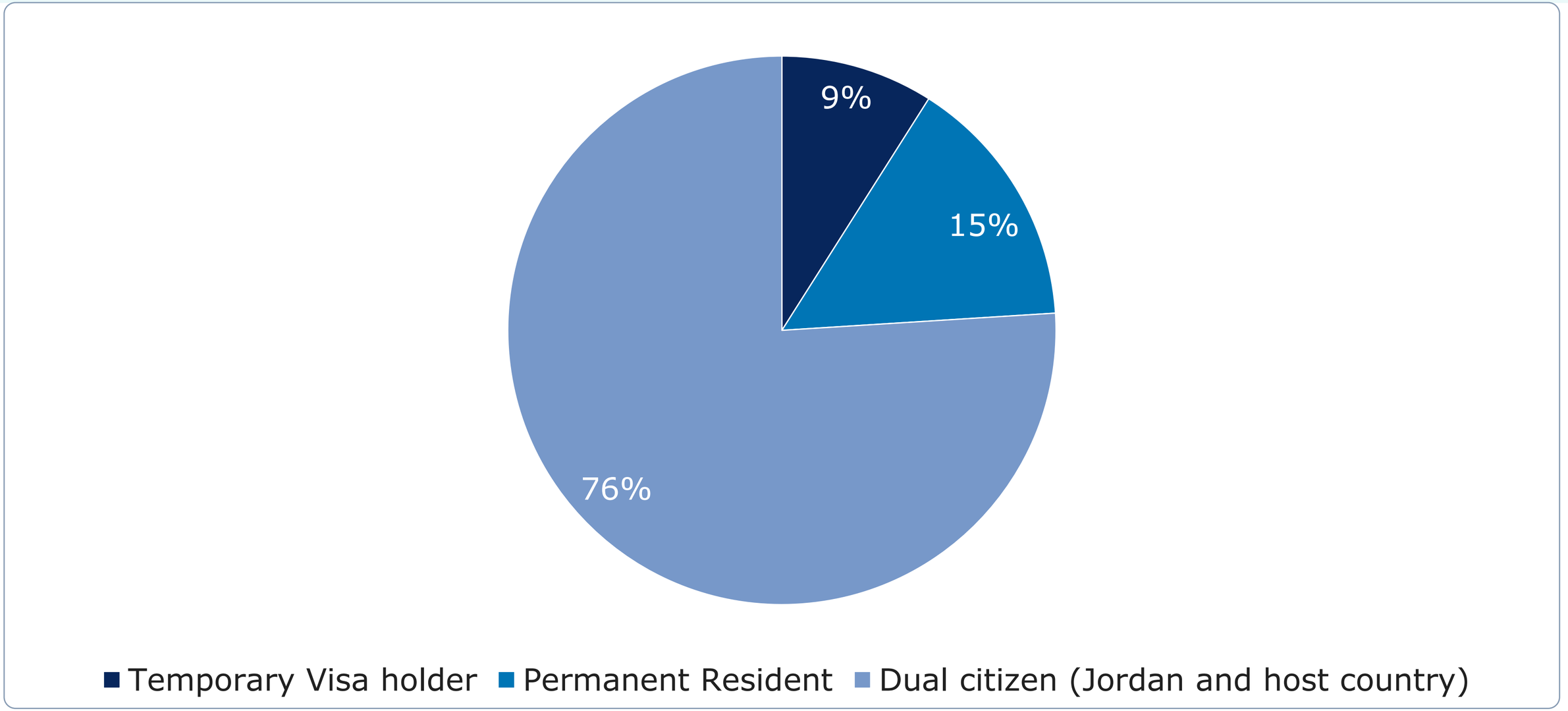
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What was the primary reason for your initial move abroad? *(top reason)*



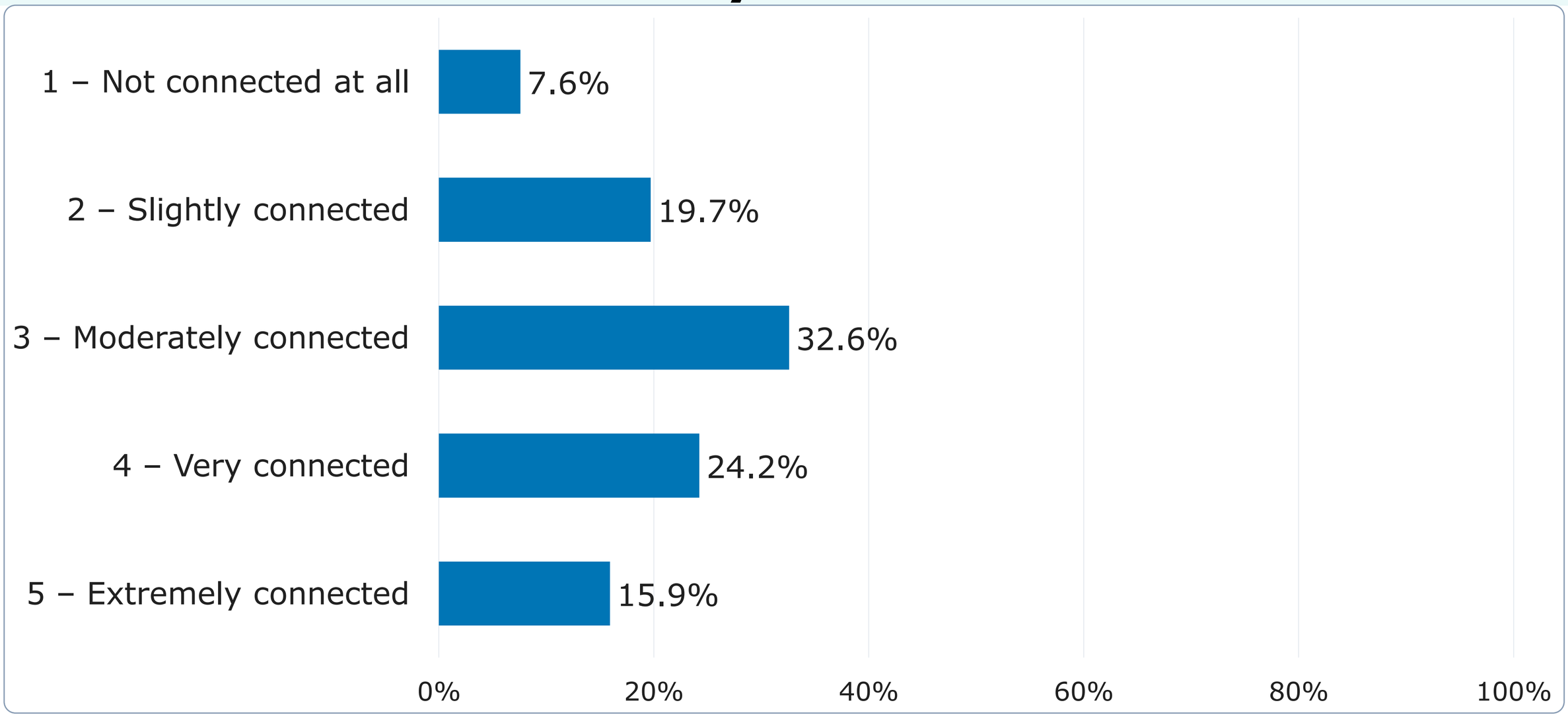
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What is your current citizenship or residency status in your host country?



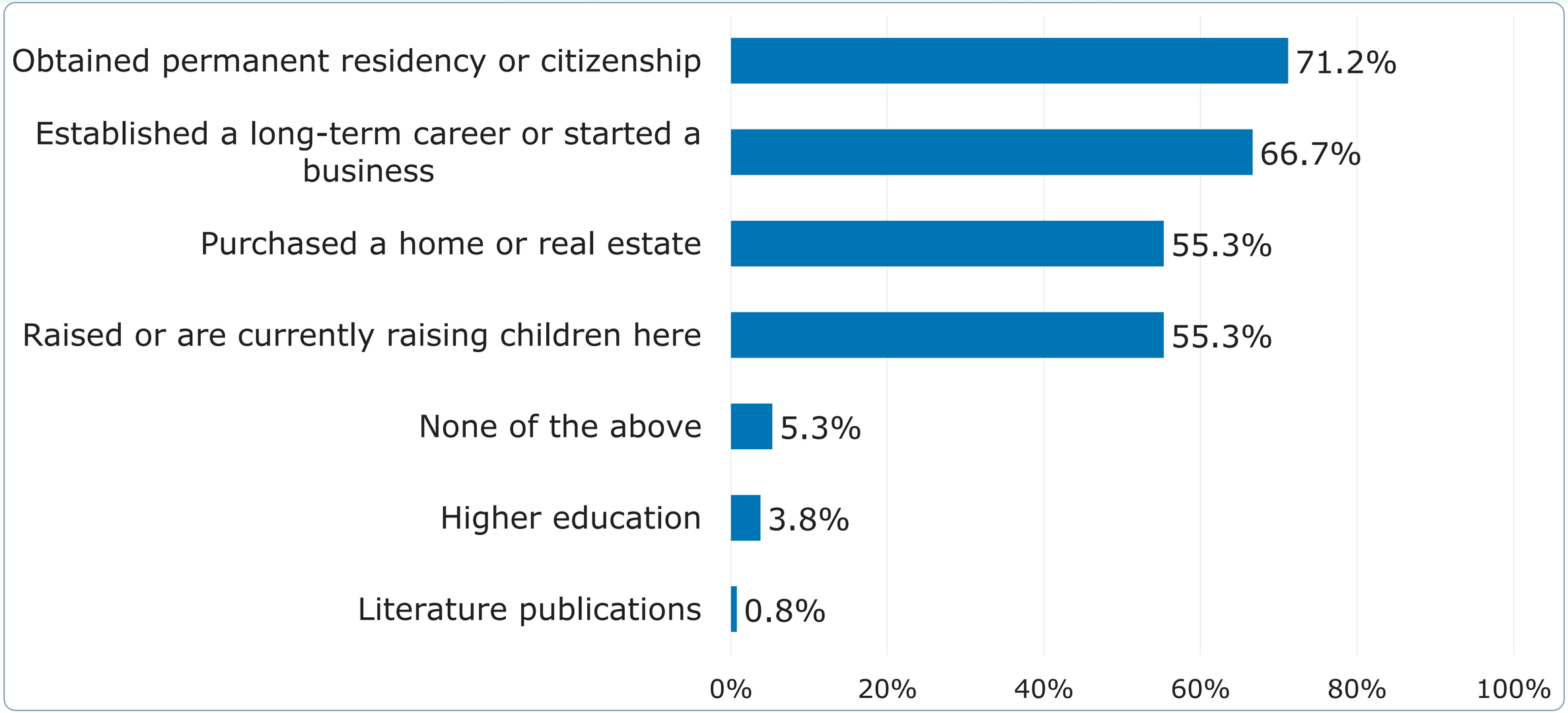
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On a scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you feel connected to the local community in your current country of residence?



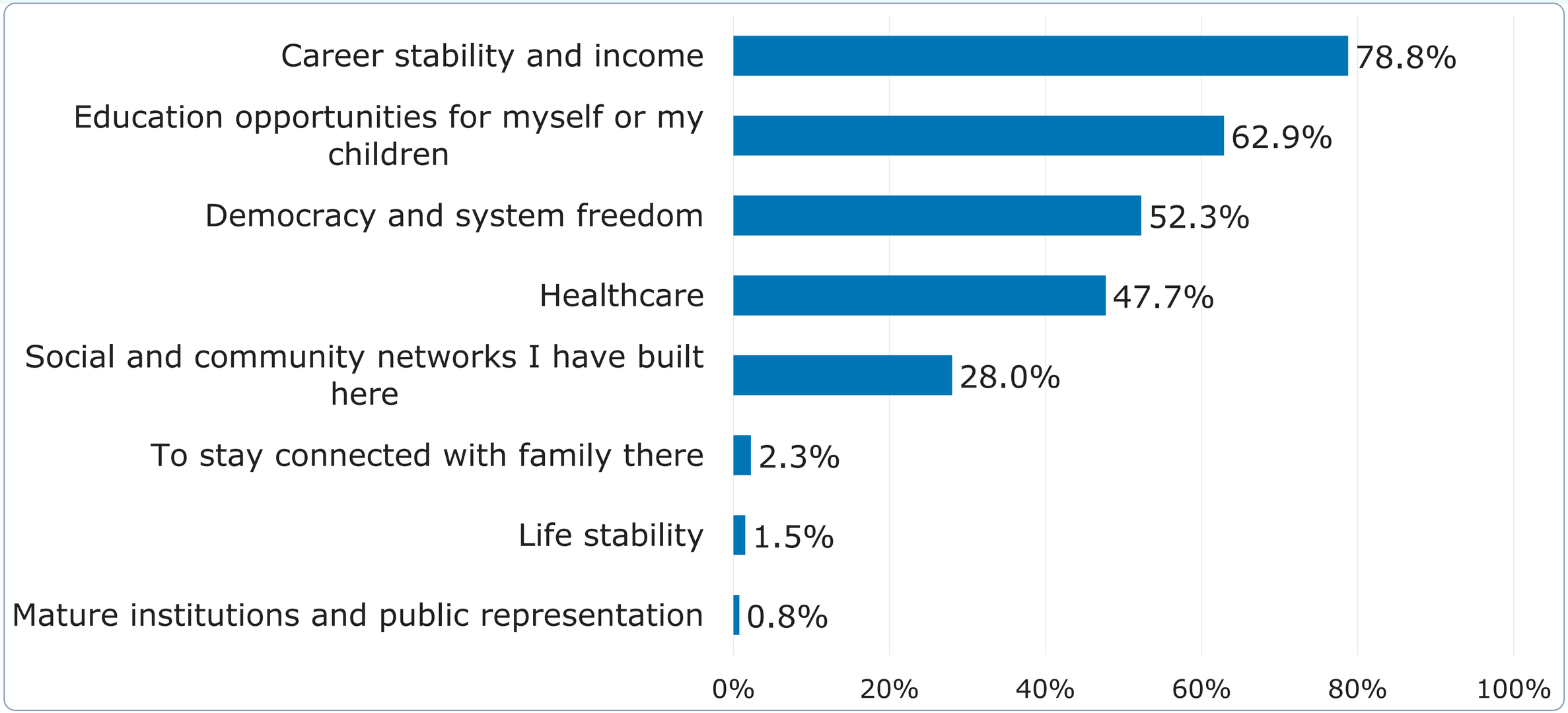
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Which of the following long-term milestones have you established in your current country? *(Select all that apply)*



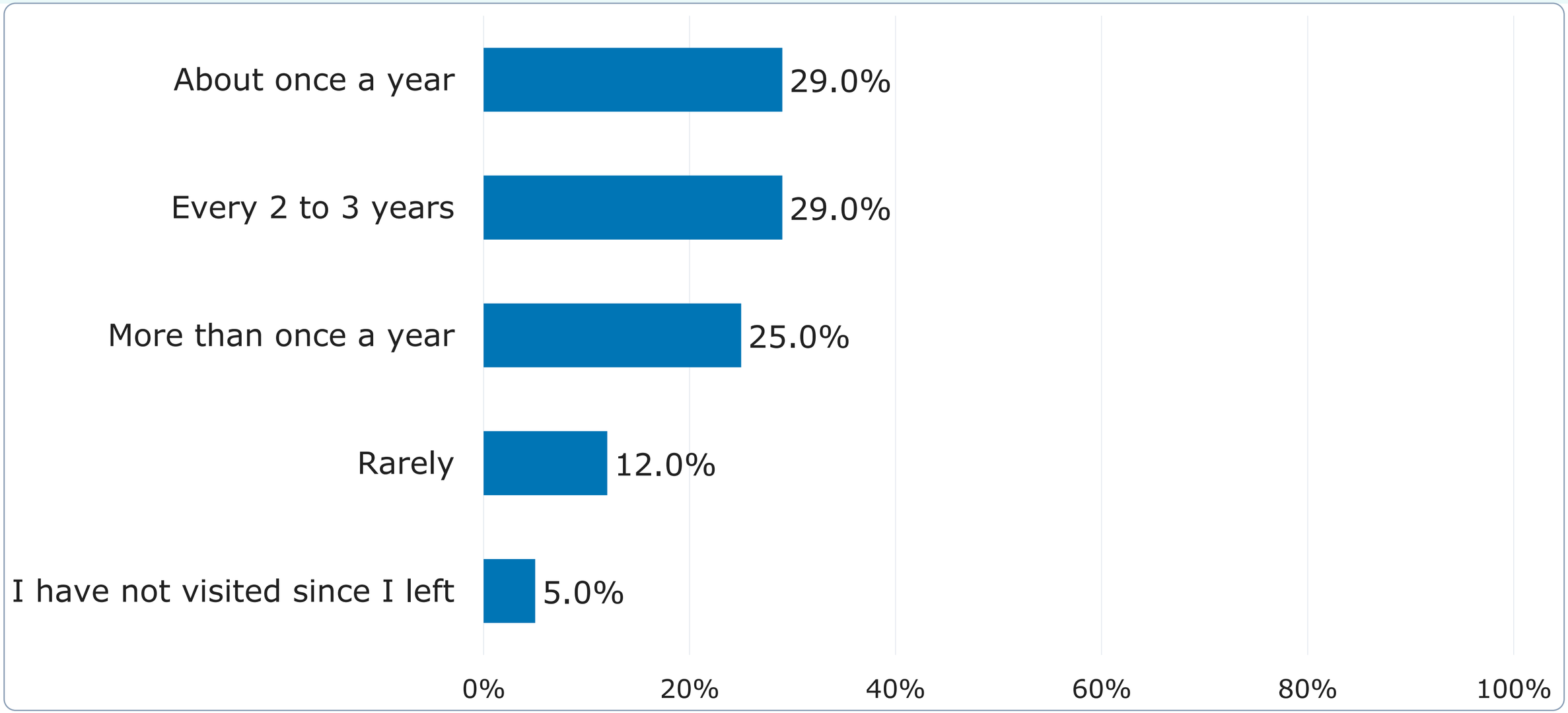
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What are the most significant factors that keeps you in your current host country today



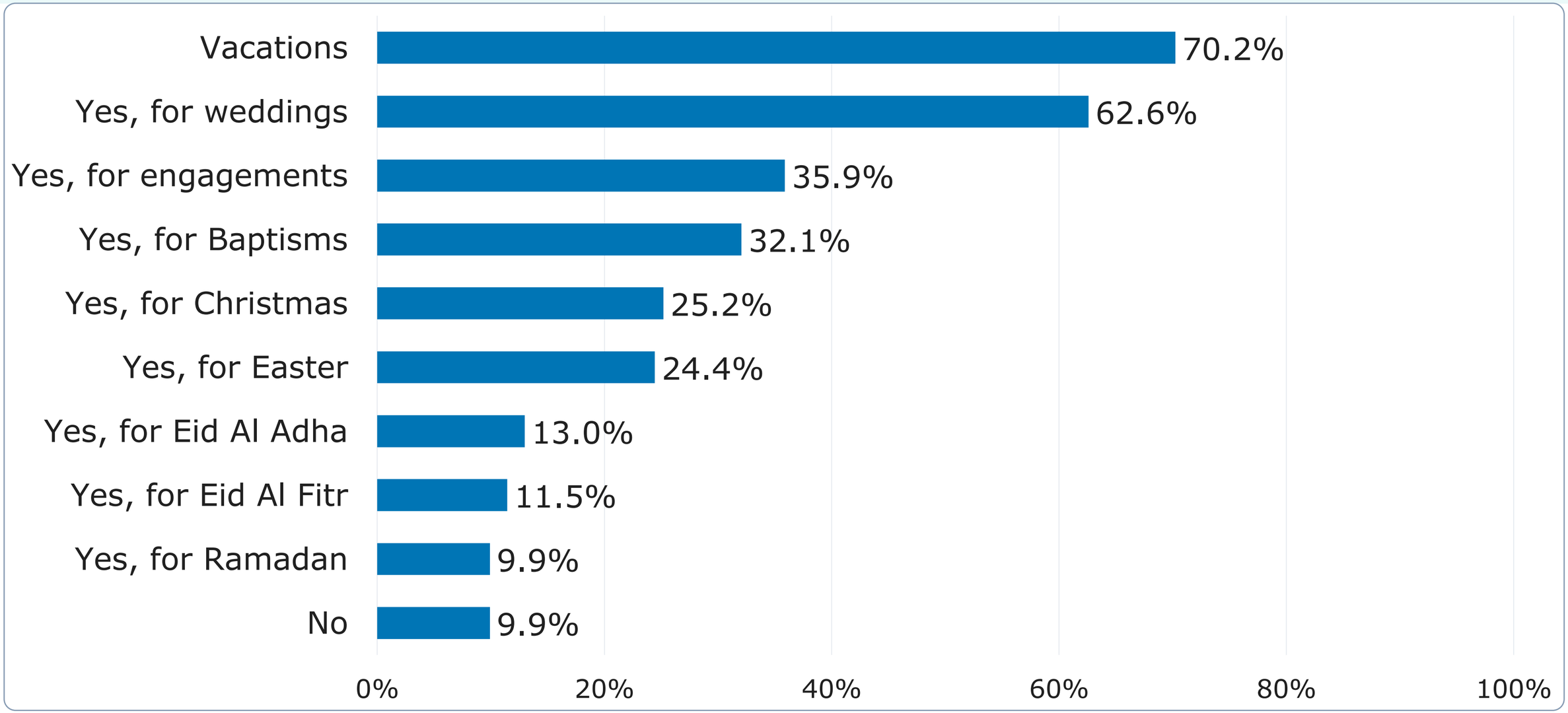
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How frequently do you typically visit Jordan



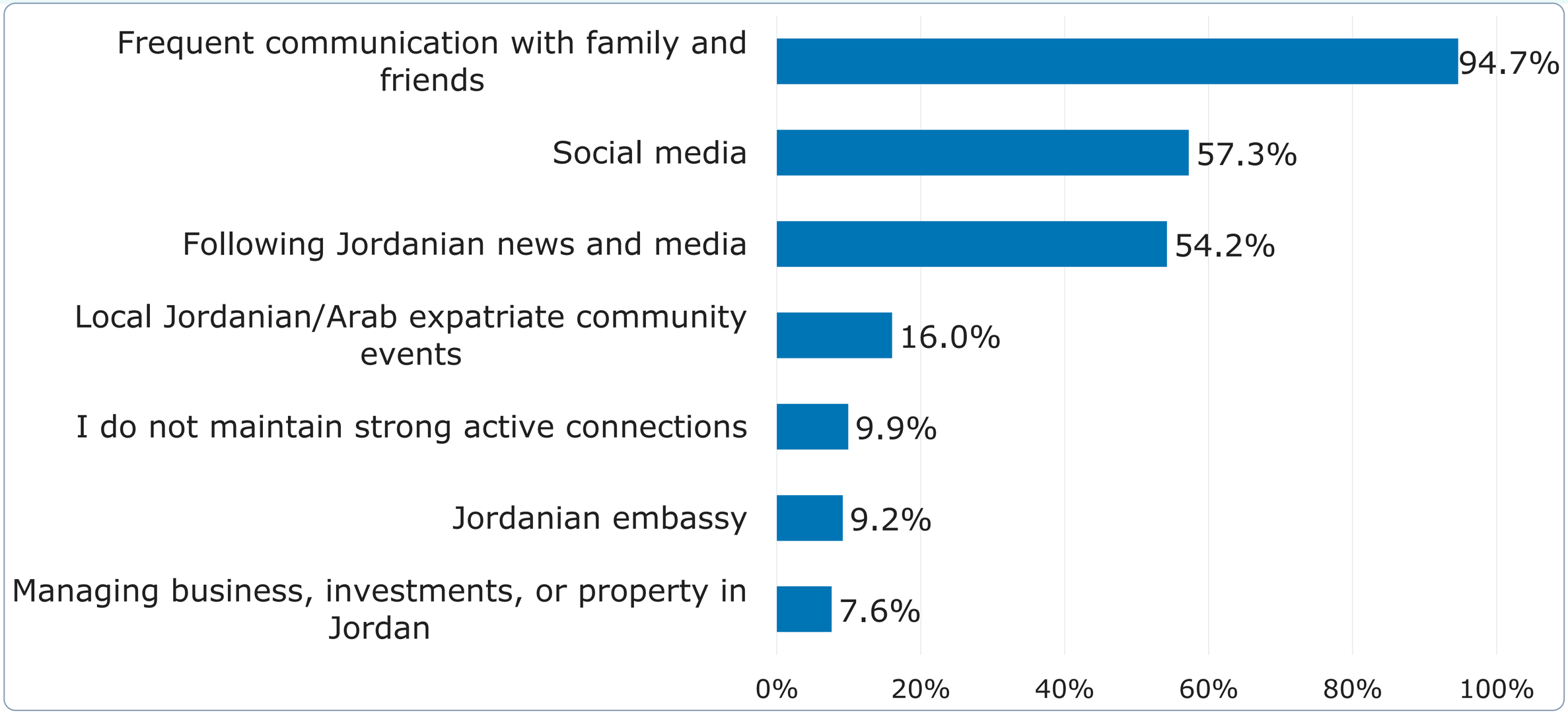
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Do you consider Jordan as an option for major social occasions



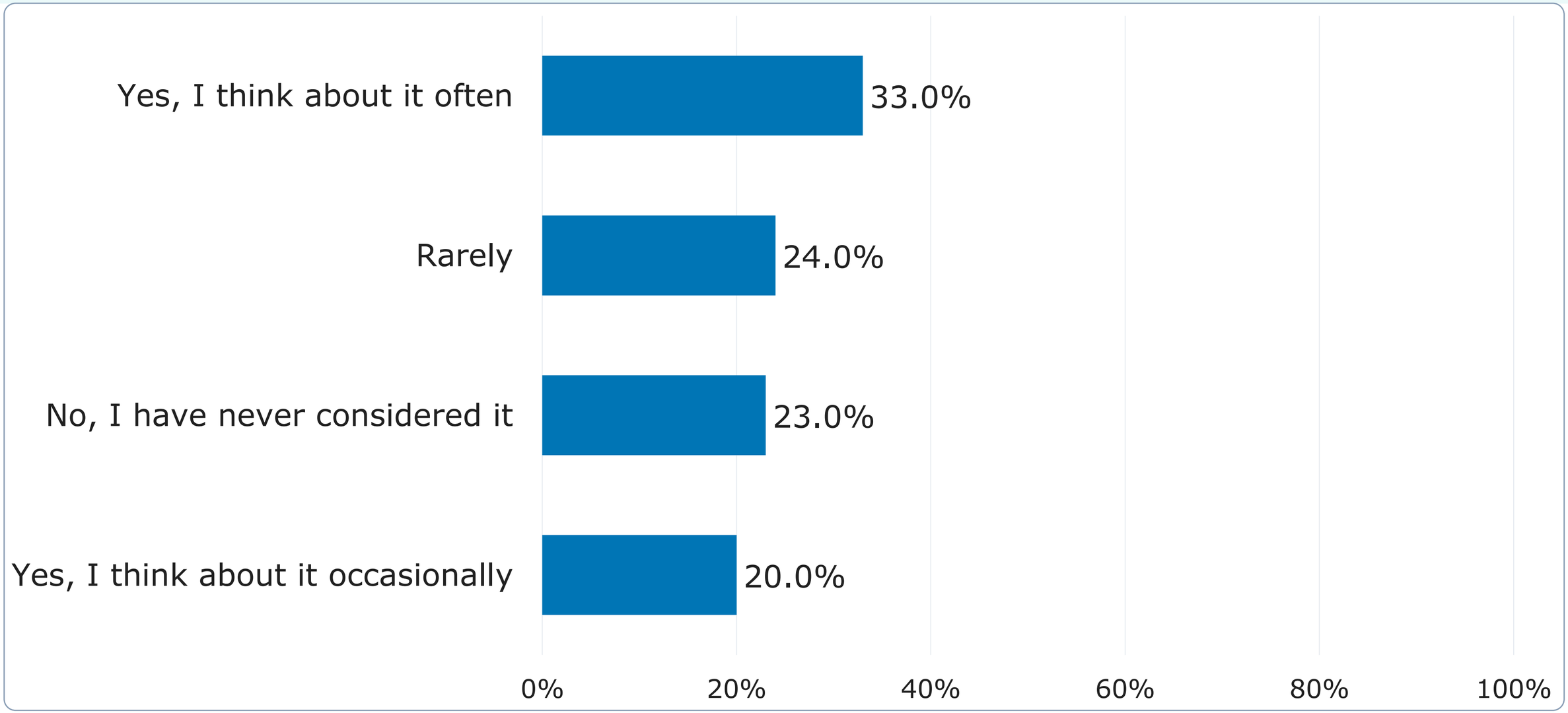
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How do you primarily stay connected with Jordan while living abroad



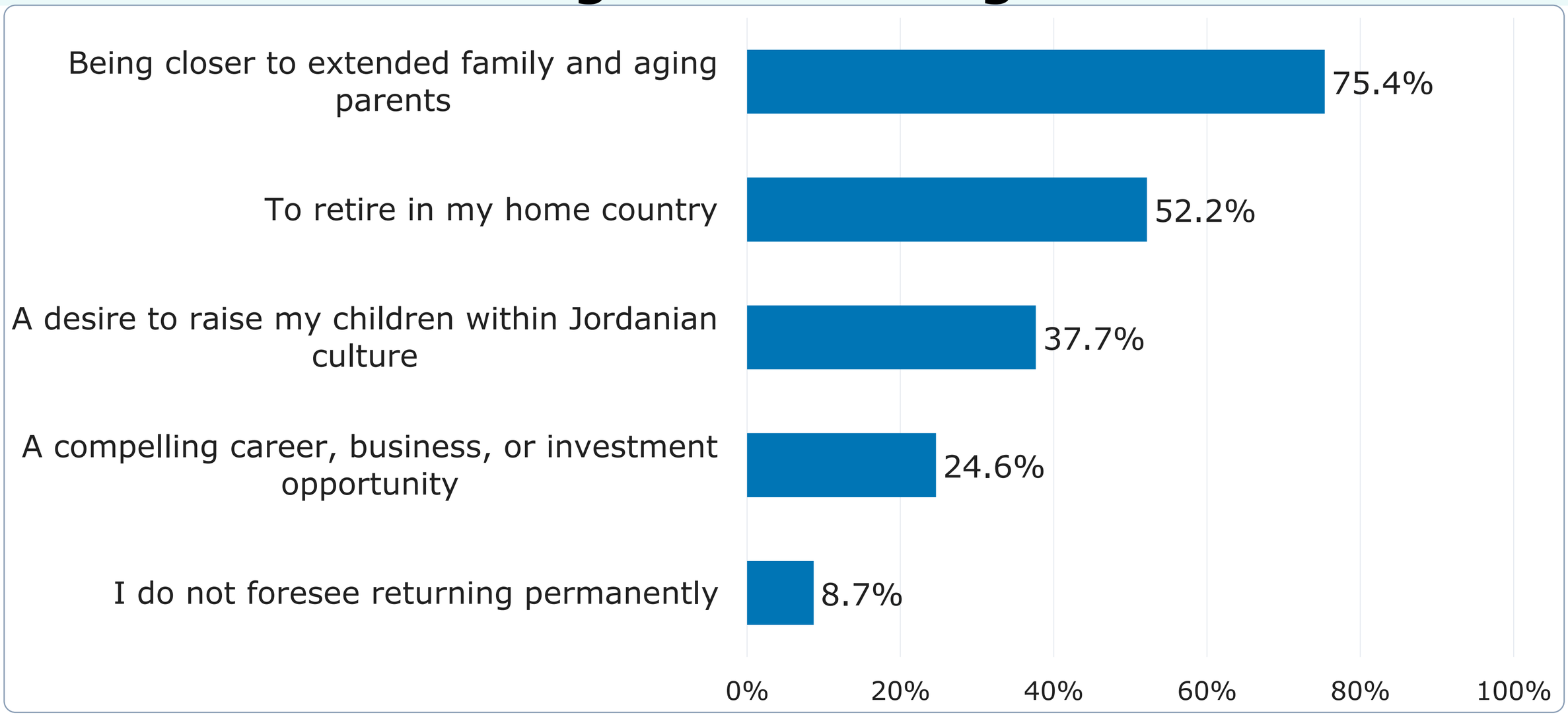
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Have you ever considered returning to live in Jordan permanently



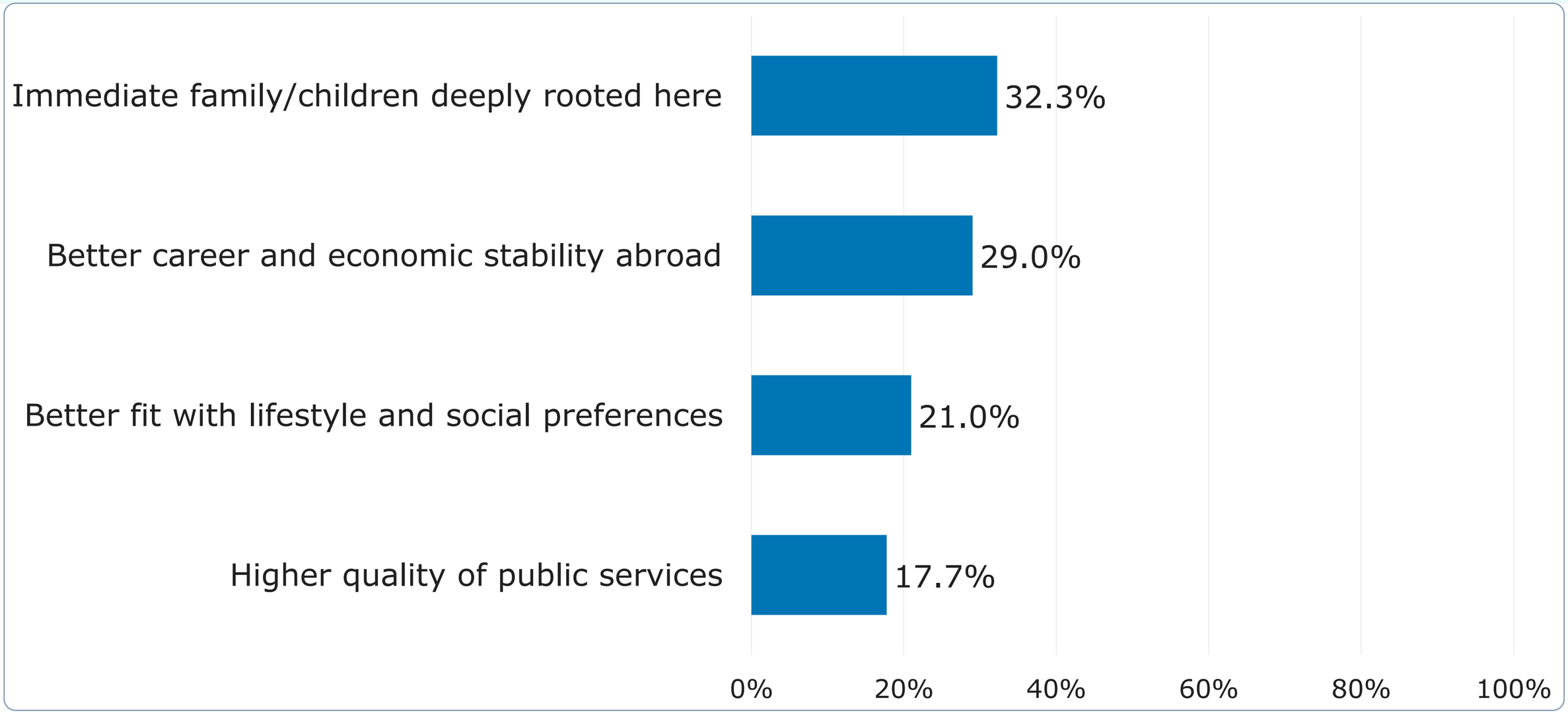
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If you were to consider returning to Jordan permanently in the future, what would be the strongest motivating factor



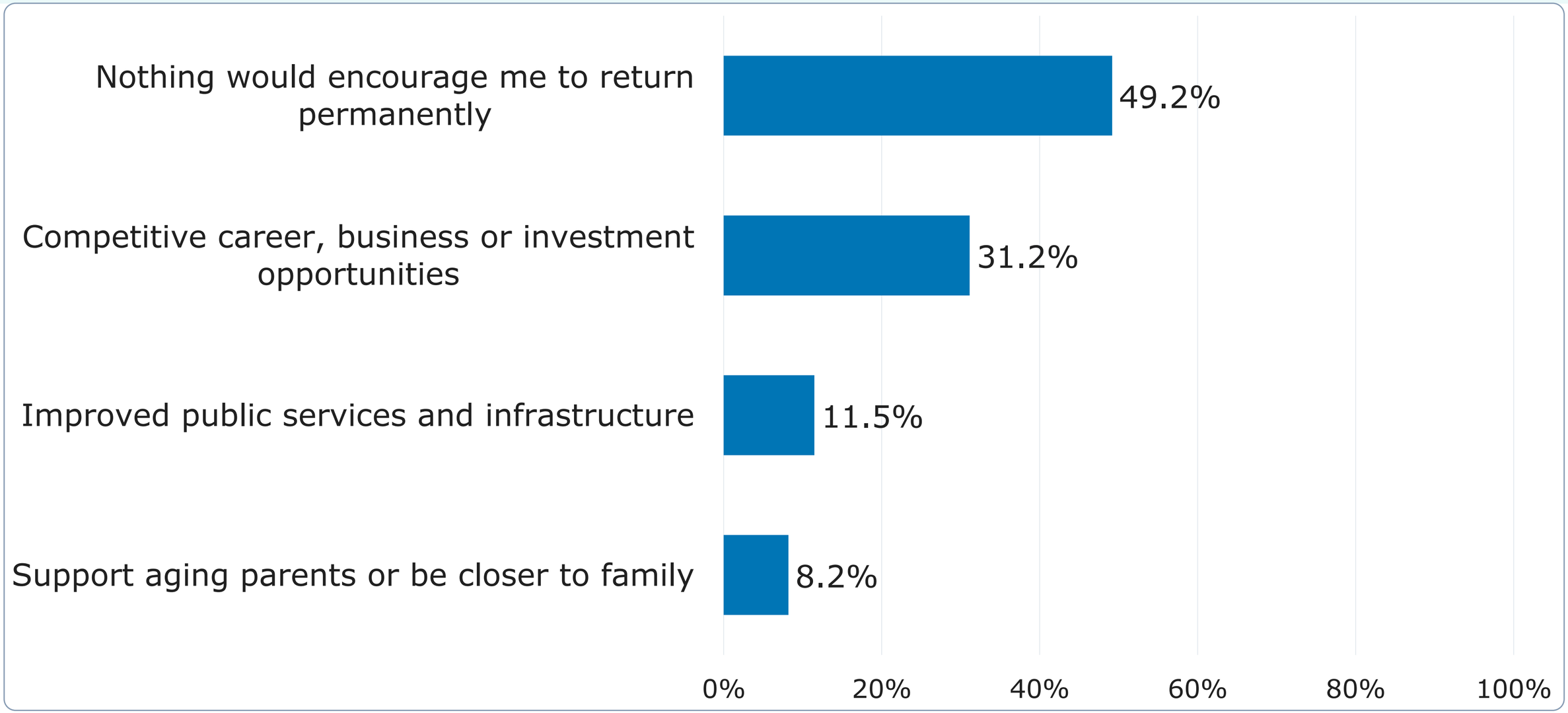
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What is the primary reason you have not considered returning to Jordan permanently



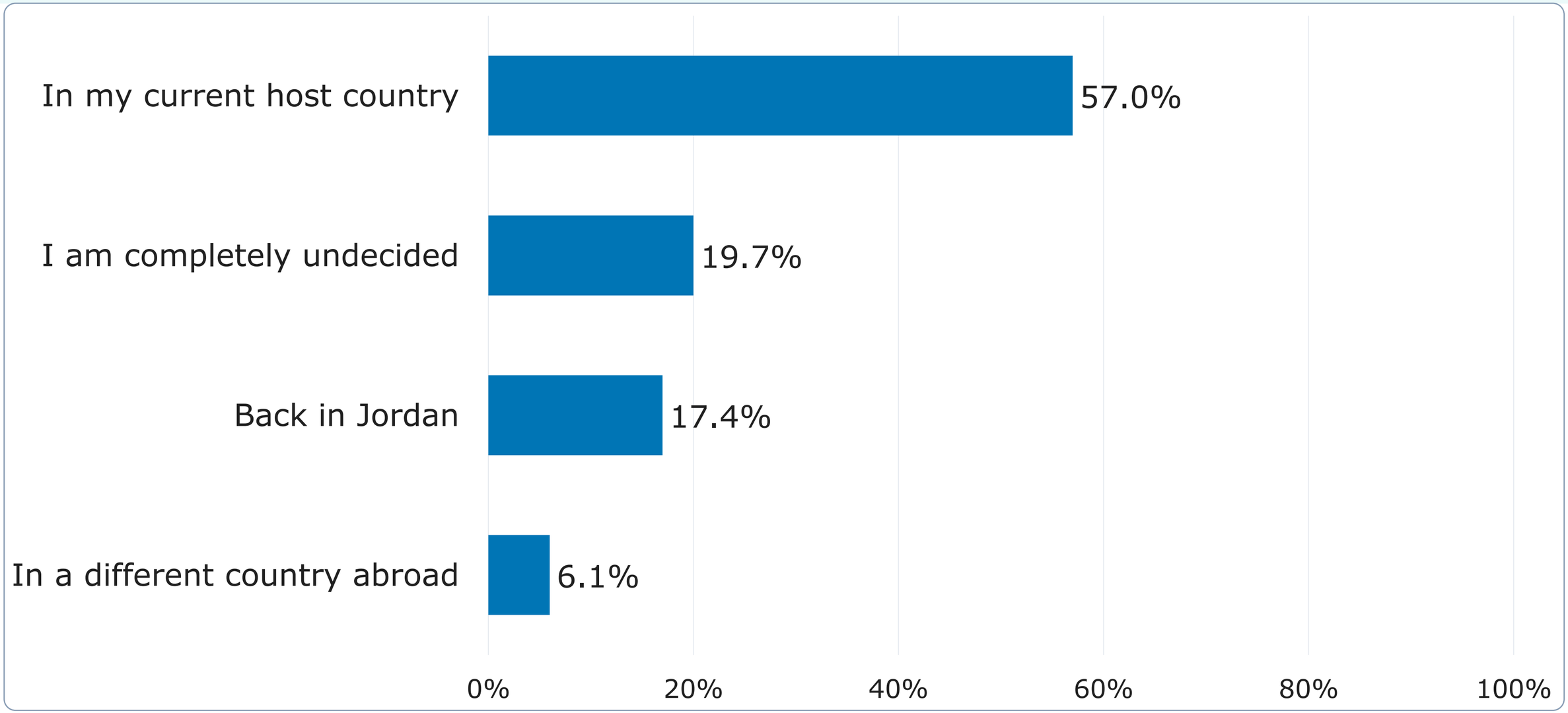
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What, if anything, would most strongly encourage you to reconsider returning to Jordan in the future?



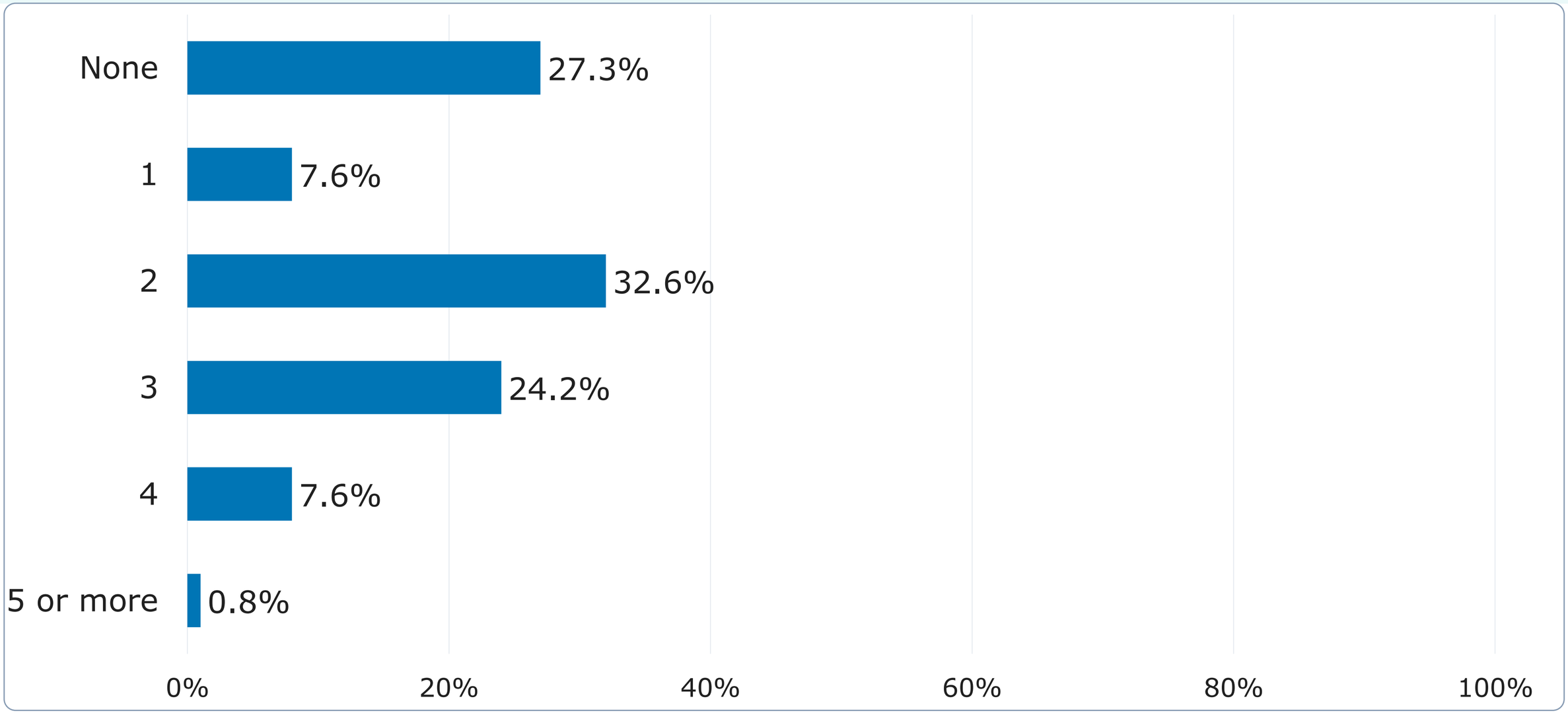
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Thinking ahead 5 to 10 years, where do you realistically see yourself living



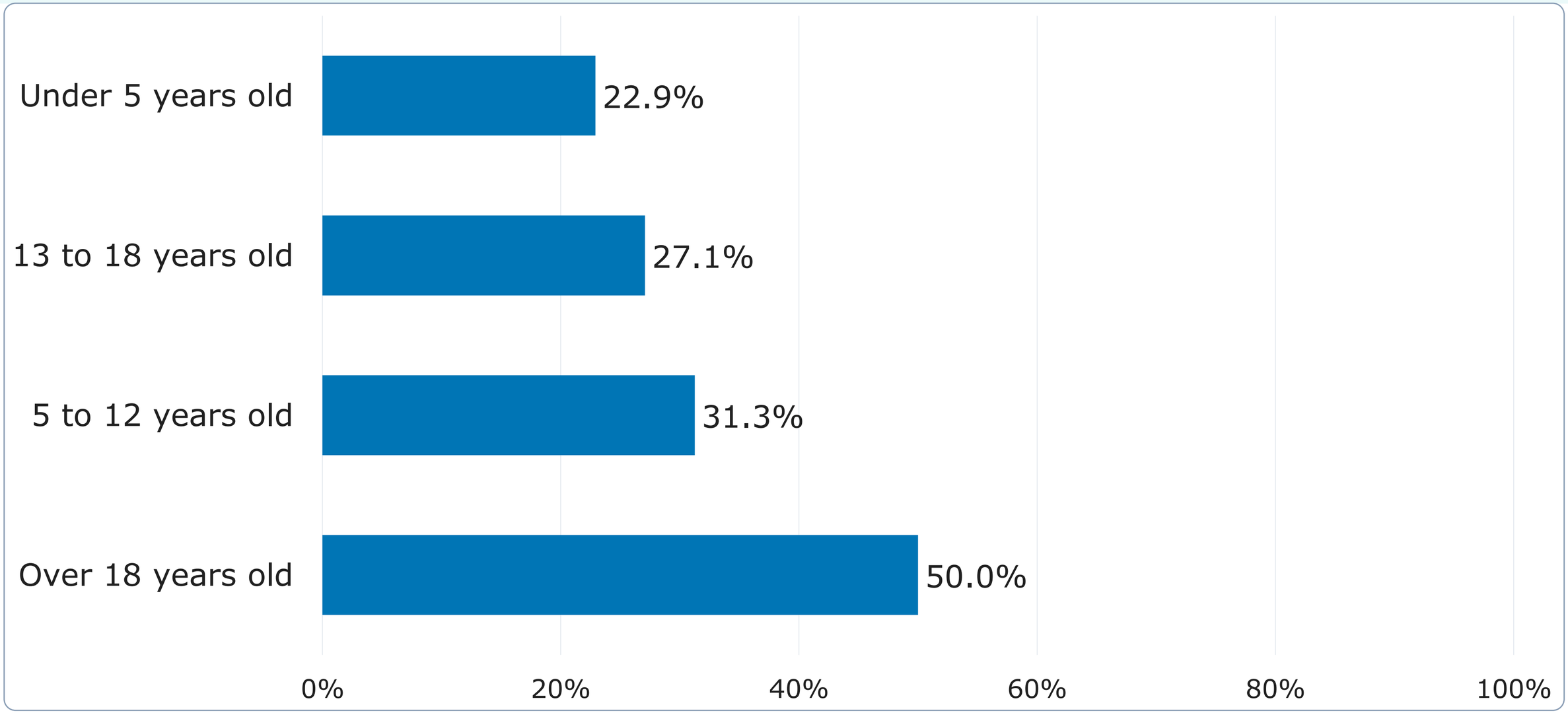
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How many children do you have



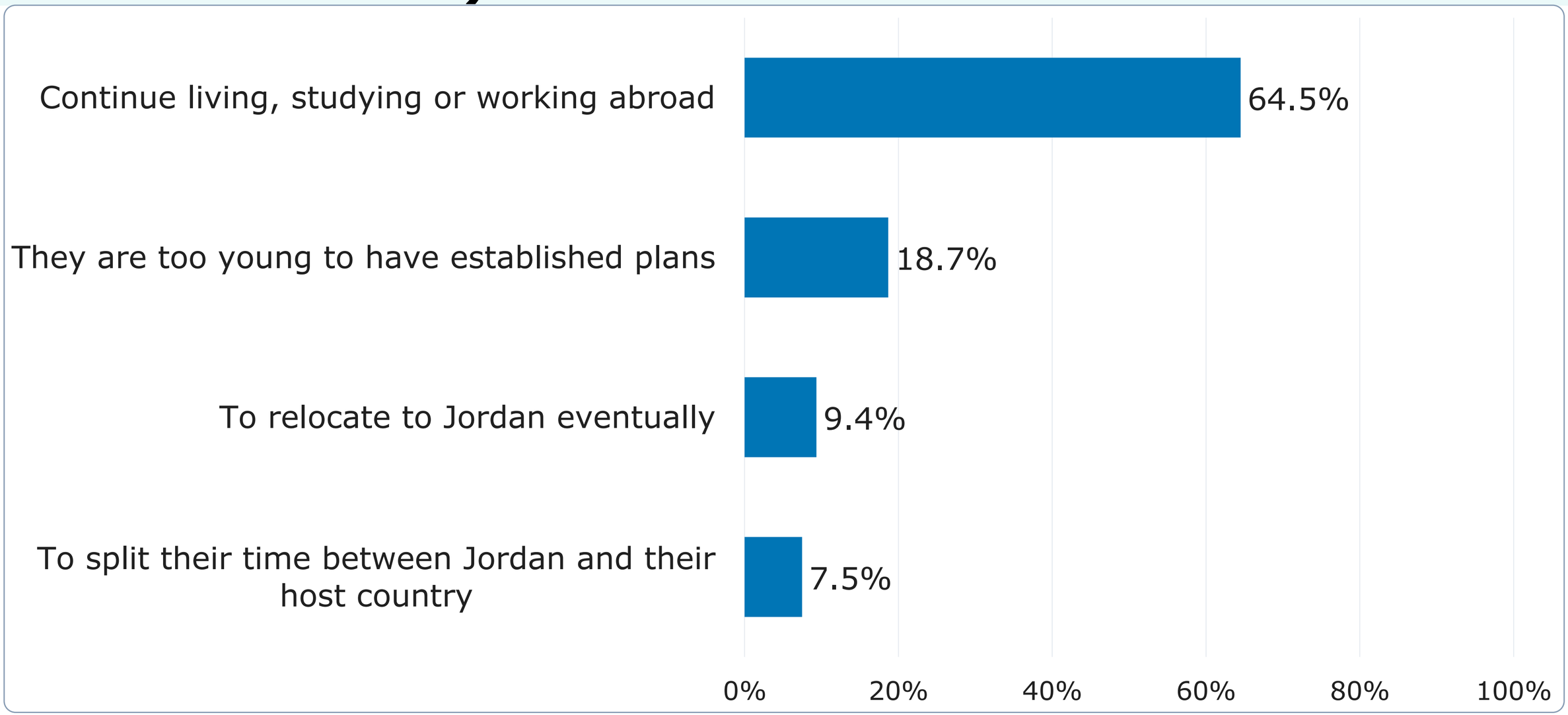
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What are the age groups of your children



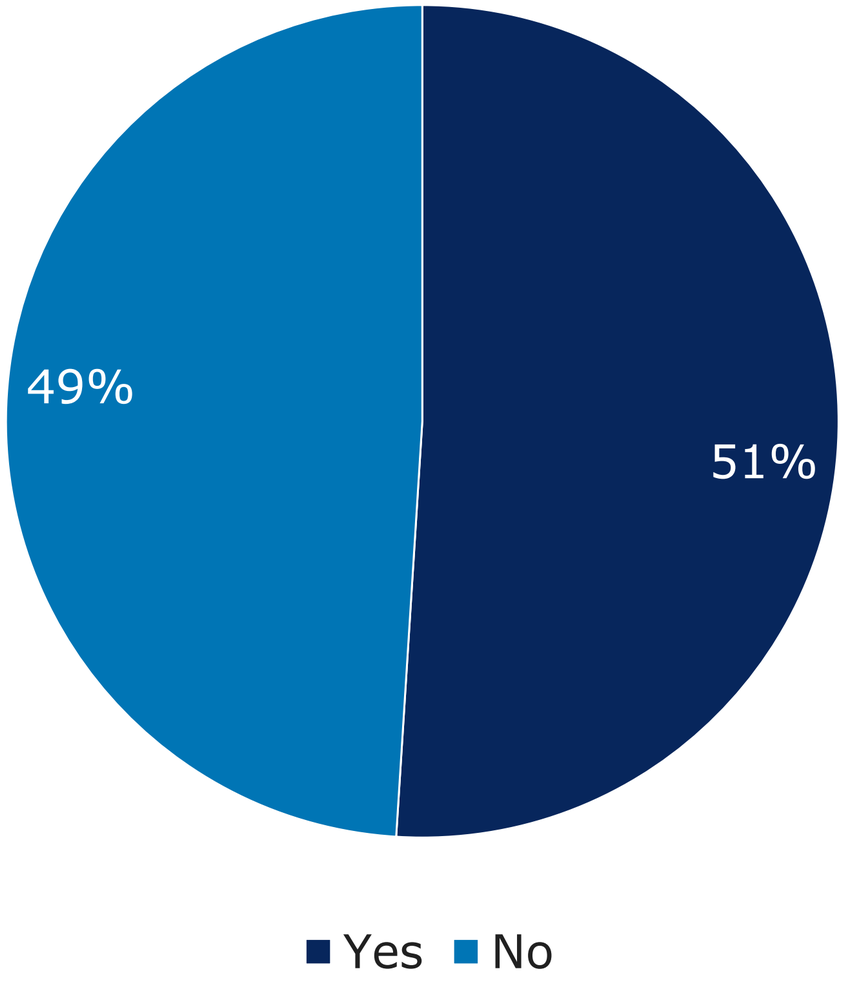
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Which of the following best describes your children's long-term plans (or your plans for them)



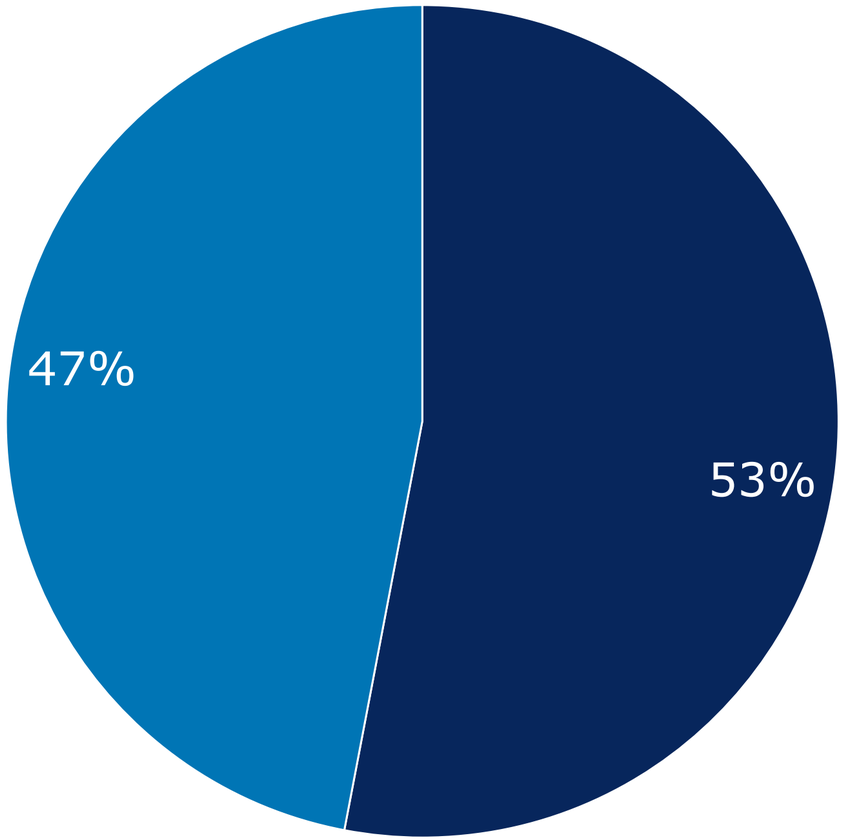
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Are you prepared to serve as a link within your community, connecting with Arabs regarding initiatives aimed at reconnecting



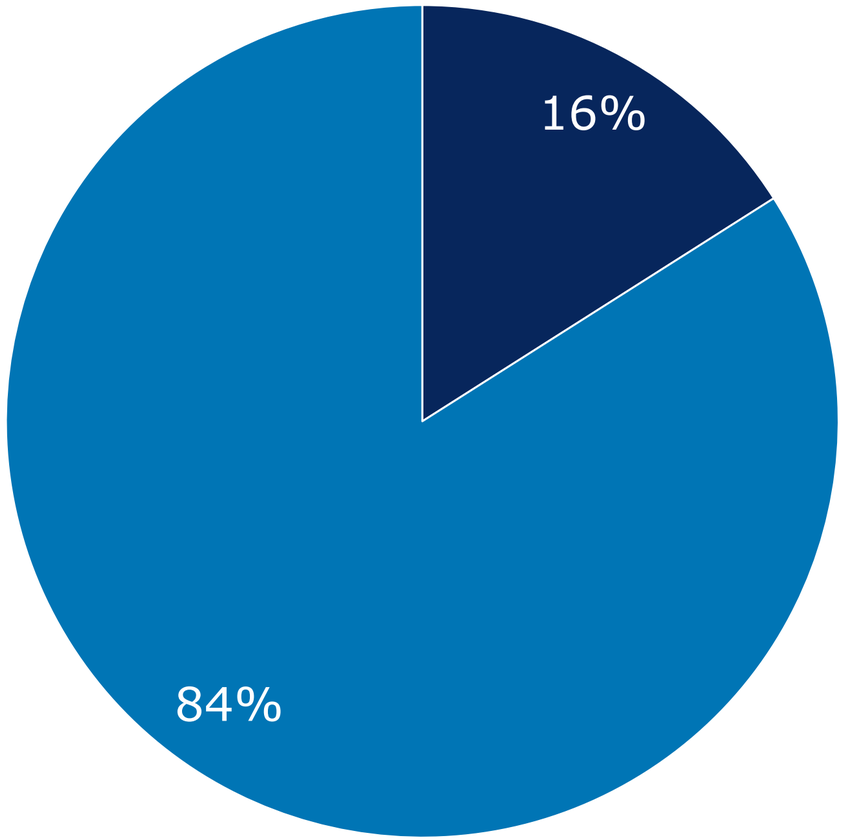
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