

DYNAMIC PARISH®

Bigger Future™ Survey Results 2018

St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish, Brooklyn + Queens

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Purpose

To identify the number of Dynamic Catholics in your parish, along with insights, to inform a path forward for increasing the number of Dynamic Catholics by 1% per year.

To serve as a baseline to measure our progress together over the next five years.

Four Phases of Reporting BFS Results:

- March – Presentation of National (All 21) and Diocesan Responses to 25 BFS questions
- **April – Presentation of Parish Responses to 25 BFS questions (in-person)**
- May – Presentation of National (All 21) and Diocesan number of Dynamic Catholics
- June – Presentation to each parish of the number of Dynamic Catholics (in-person)

The Four Signs Research

What percentage of Catholics are highly engaged in their faith and faith community?

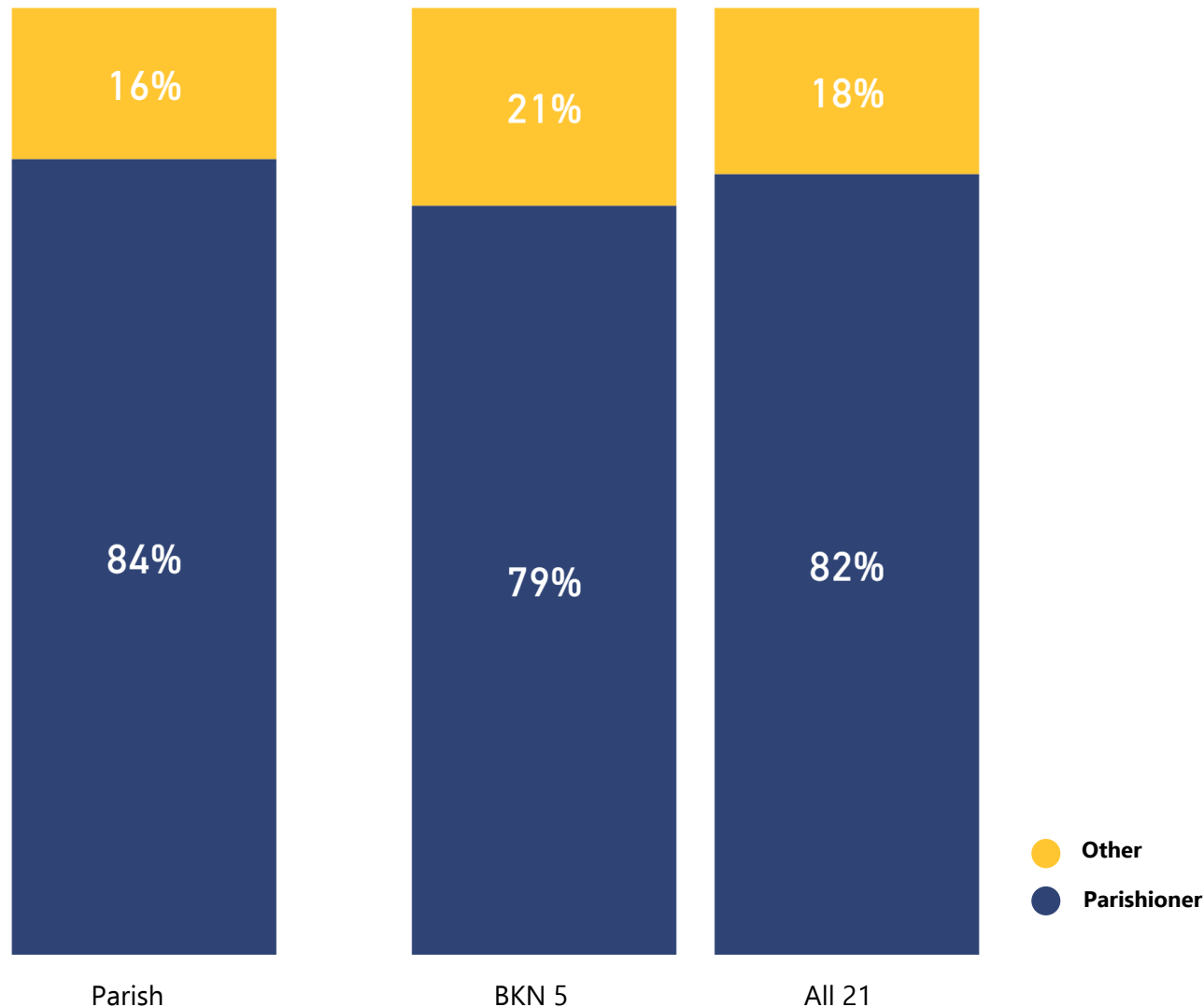
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AND . . .

What is the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics?

The Four Signs

Respondents - Number

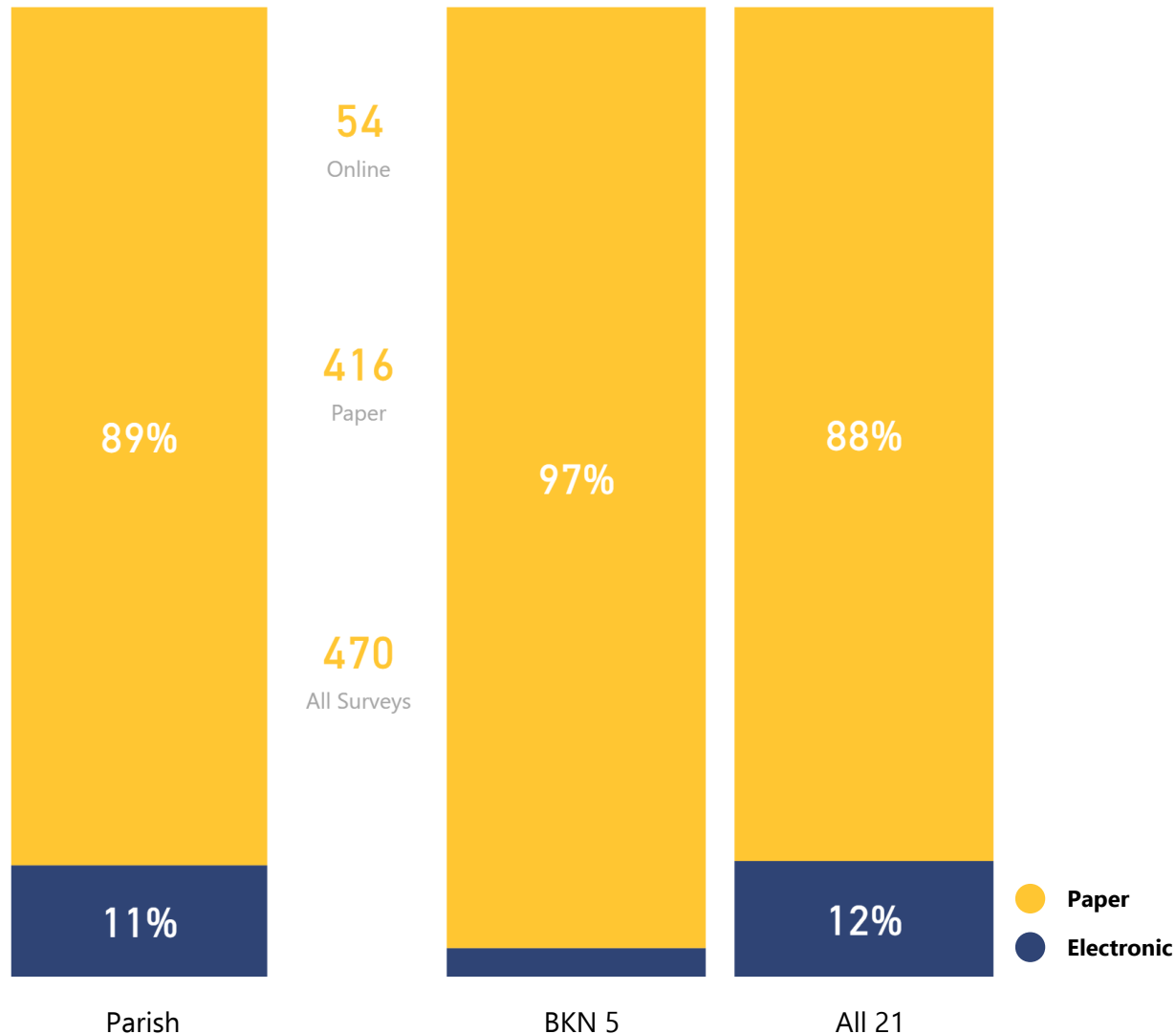


A total of 25,758 respondents took the 2018 *Bigger Future Survey*.

At St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish, 470 people took the survey.

84% of respondents at St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish indicated they were members of the parish compared to 79% in all 5 Brooklyn + Queens parishes and 82% of All 21 pilot parishes.

Respondents - Paper vs. Online

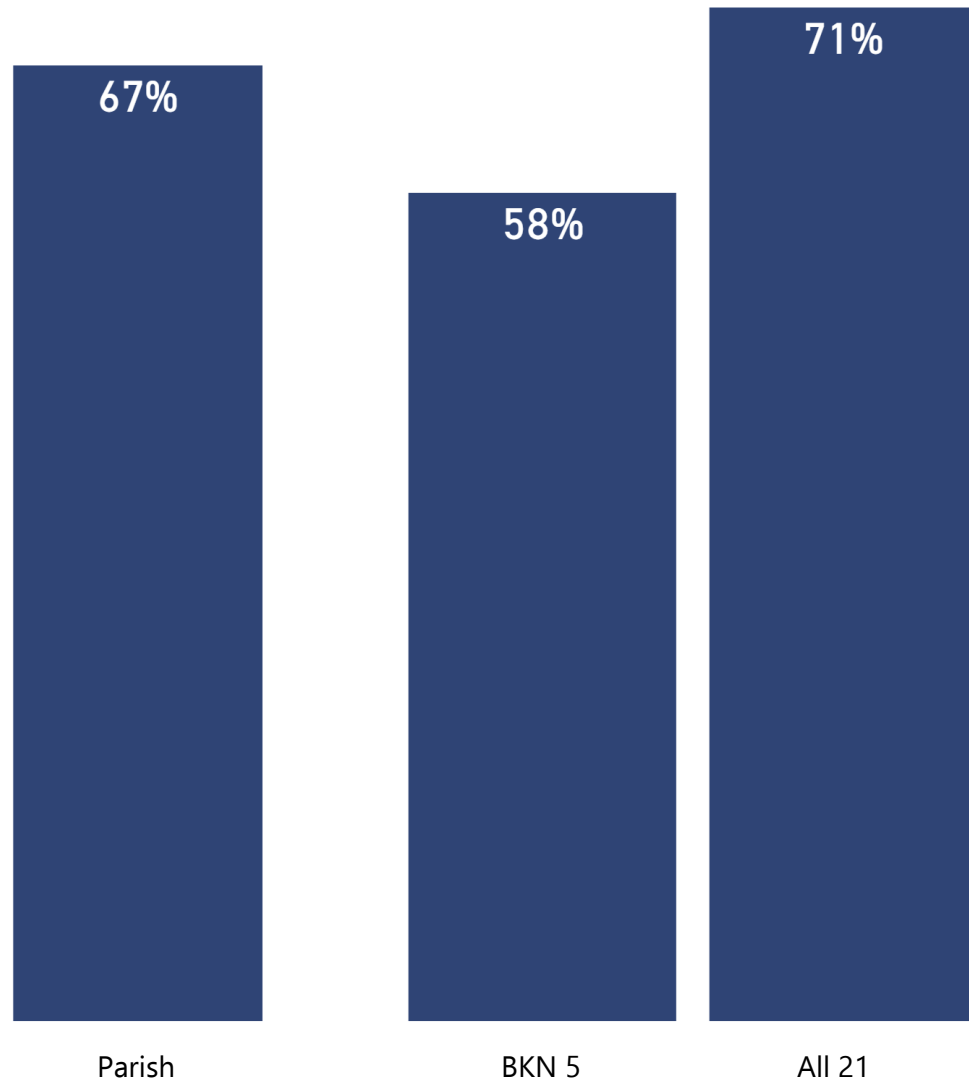


At St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish, 89% of the responses were completed on paper.

This compared to 97% across the Brooklyn + Queens parishes and 88% across All 21 pilot parishes.

The majority of paper responses had at least one answer which needed to be manually verified.

Respondents - Percentage of Mass Attendees

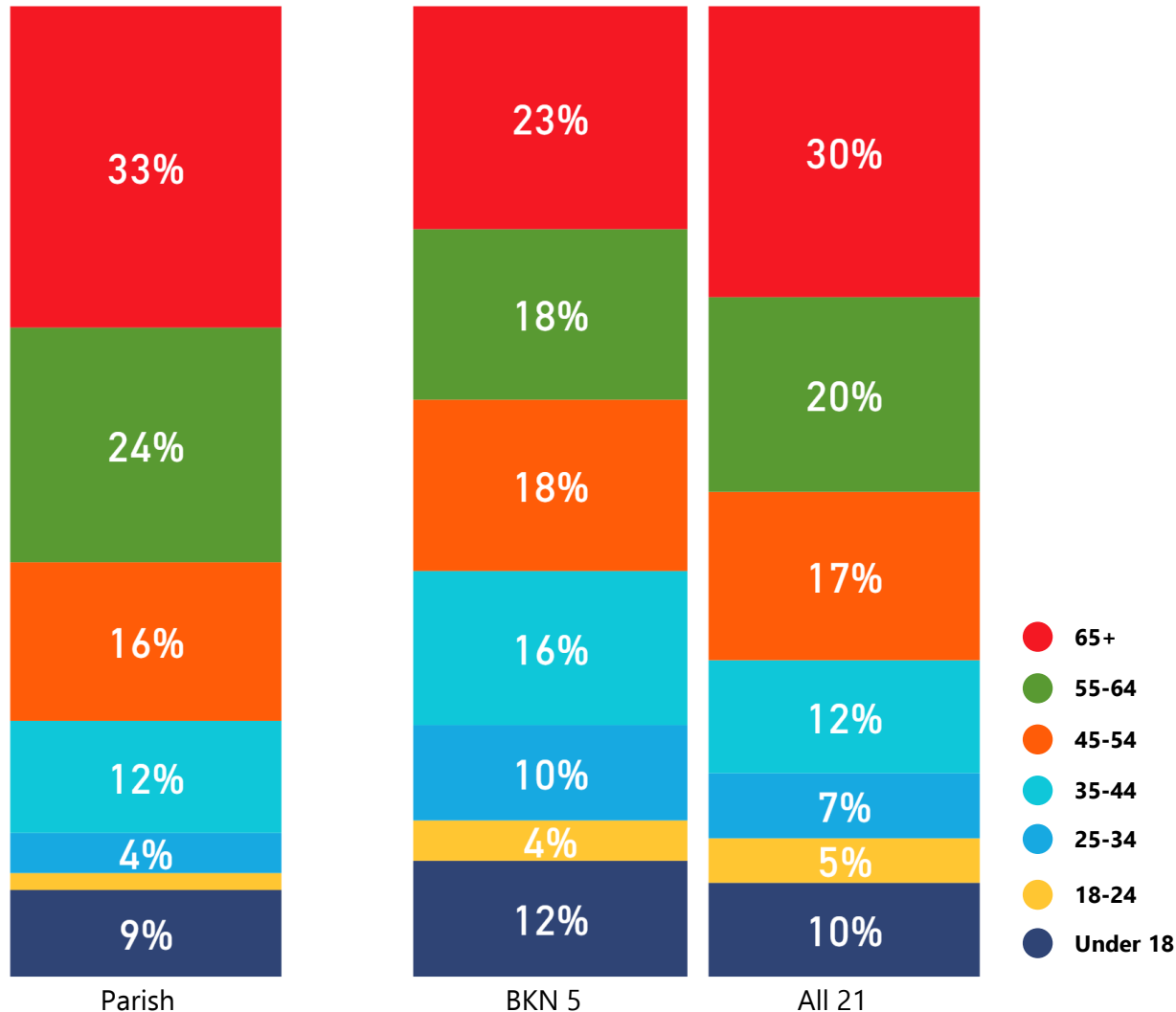


The percentage of respondents at St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish was 67% of typical mass attendees (700).

This was a higher percentage than the Brooklyn + Queens parishes (58%) and slightly lower than All 21 pilot parishes (71%).

Age

May we have your age, in years, please?



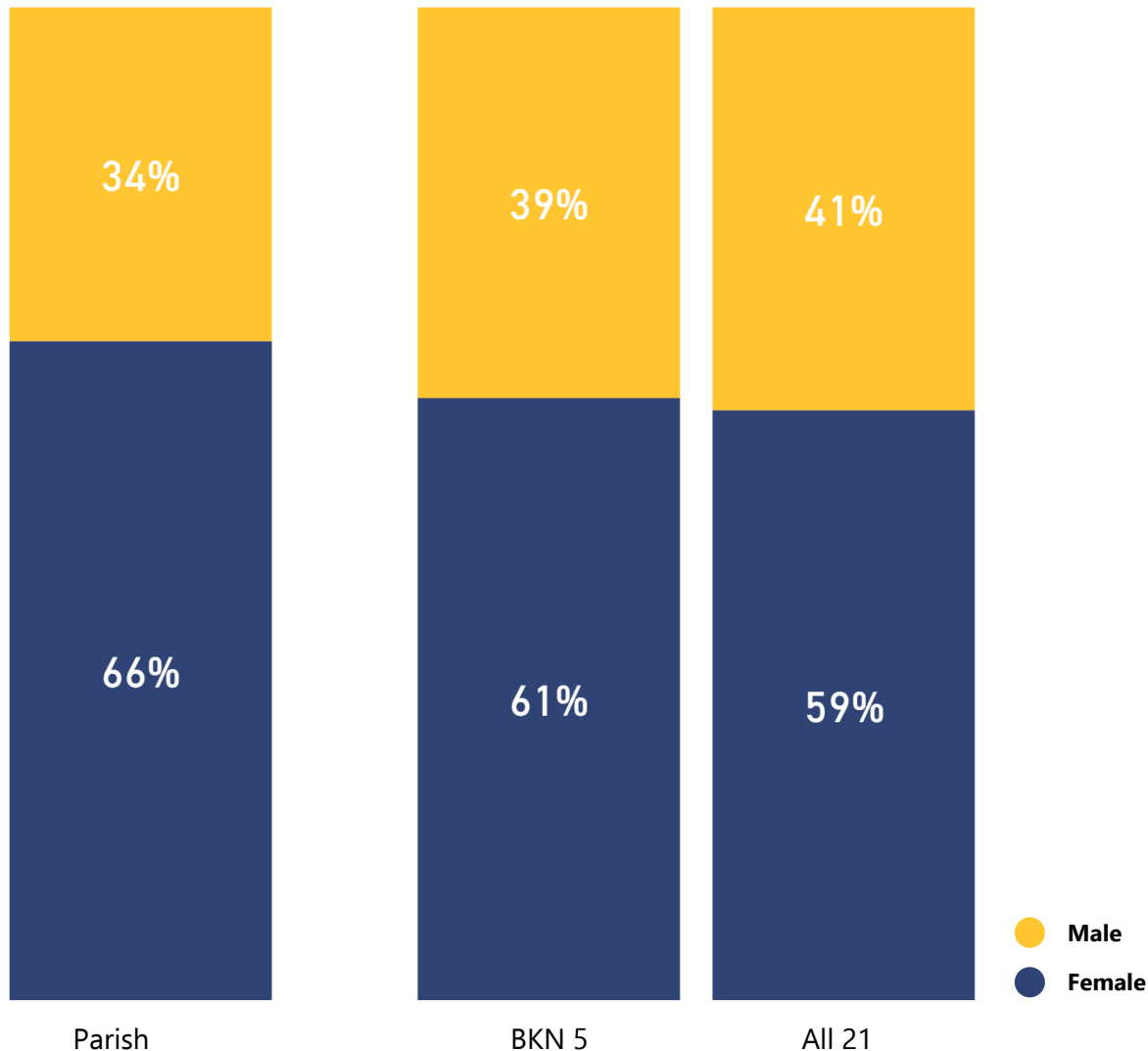
The largest group of respondents at St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish is age 65 or older (33%), followed by 55–64 (24%).

St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish has a higher percentage of both of these age groups, compared to the the Brooklyn + Queens parishes and All 21 pilot parish groups.

57% (in total) of respondents are age 55 or older.

Gender

What is your gender?

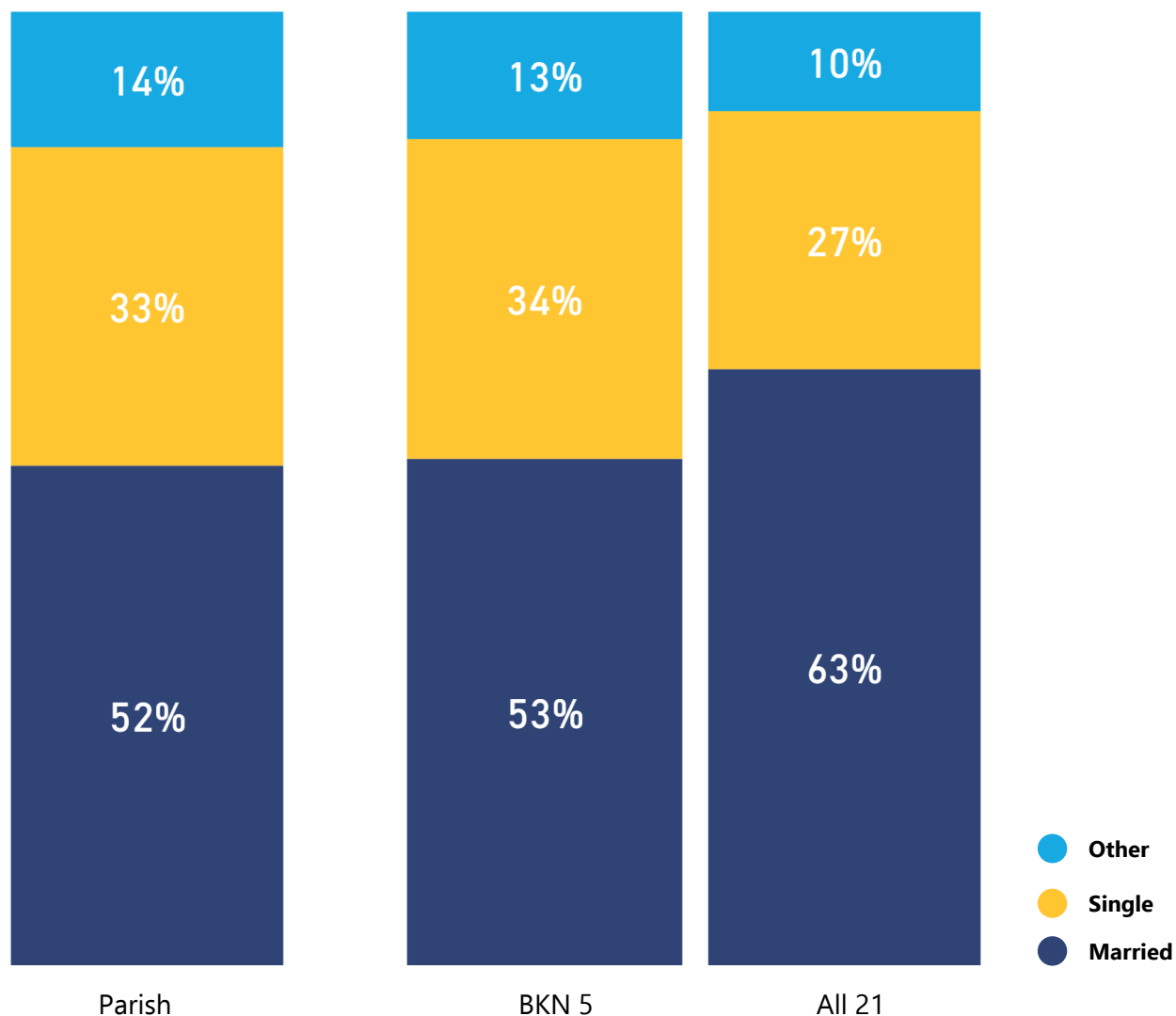


Two-thirds (66%) of the respondents at St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish were female and 34% were male.

There was a higher percentage of female respondents (and lower percentage of male respondents) at St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish, relative to the comparative groups.

Marital Status

Which of these best describes you?

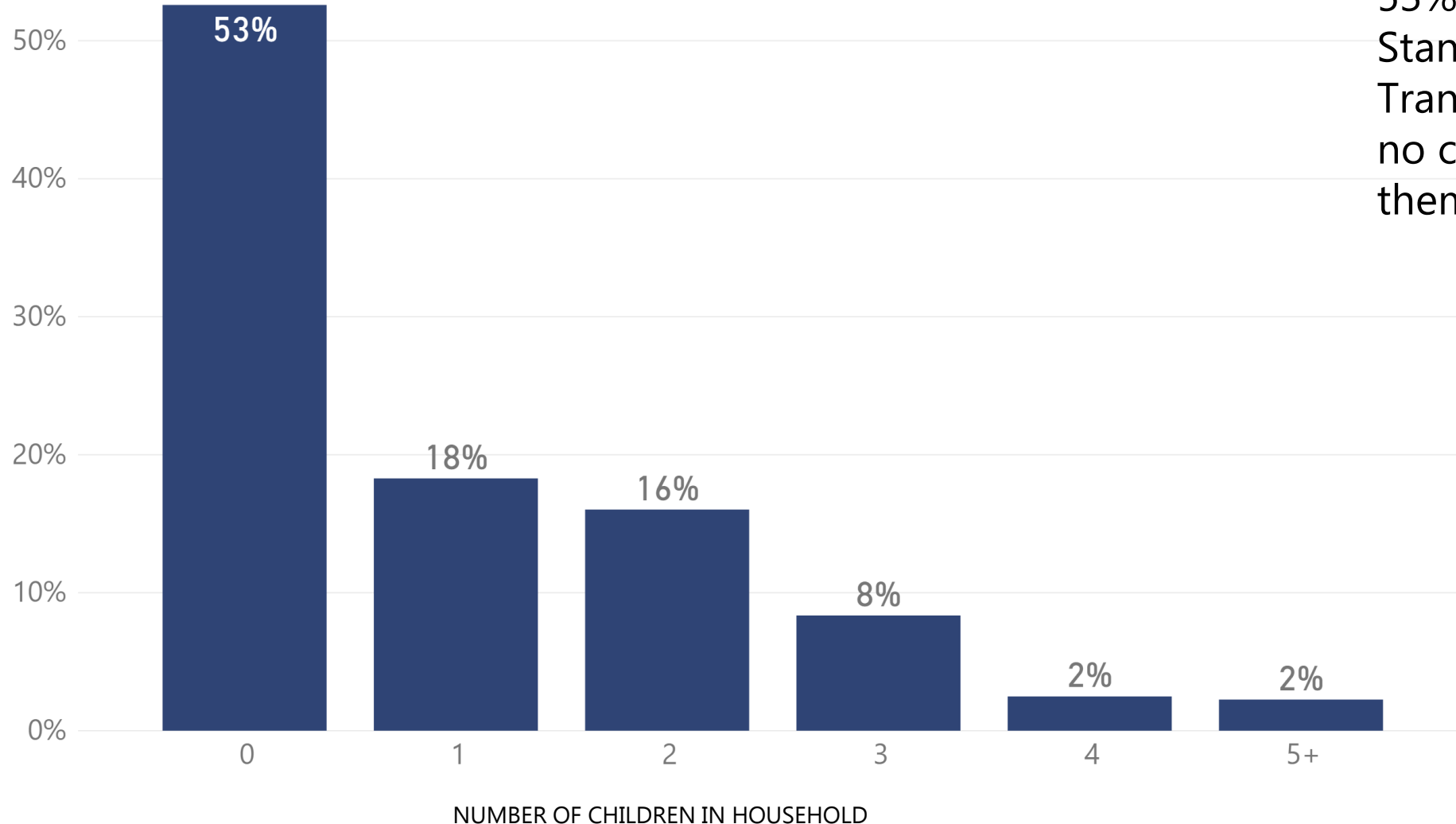


At St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish, 52% of respondents are married, 33% are single and 14% chose "Other."

This is similar to the overall percentages among the Brooklyn + Queens parishes, with a lower percentage of married respondents compared to the All 21 pilot parishes.

Number of Children in Household

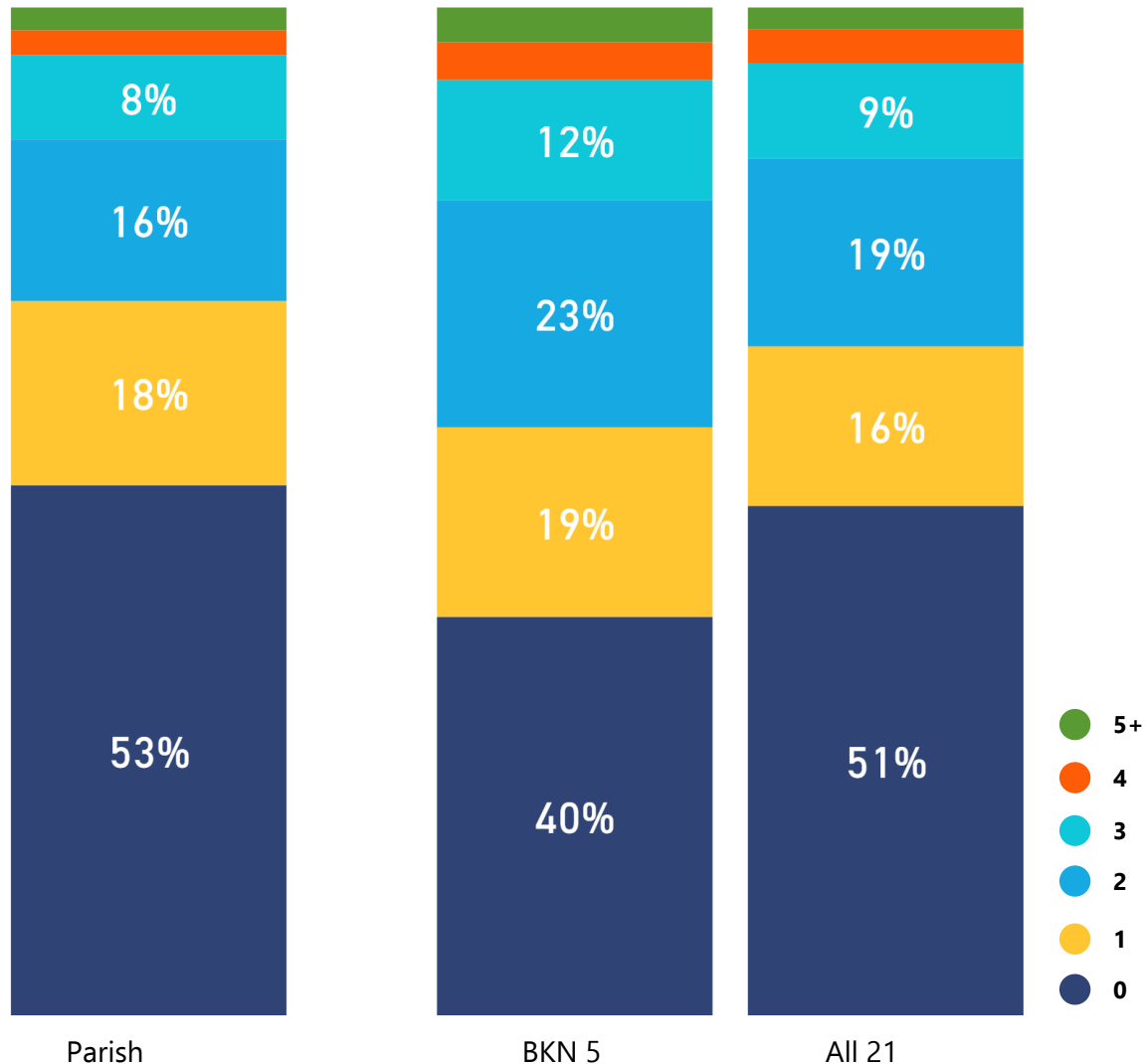
How many children are currently living in your household?



53% of respondents at St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish had no children currently living with them.

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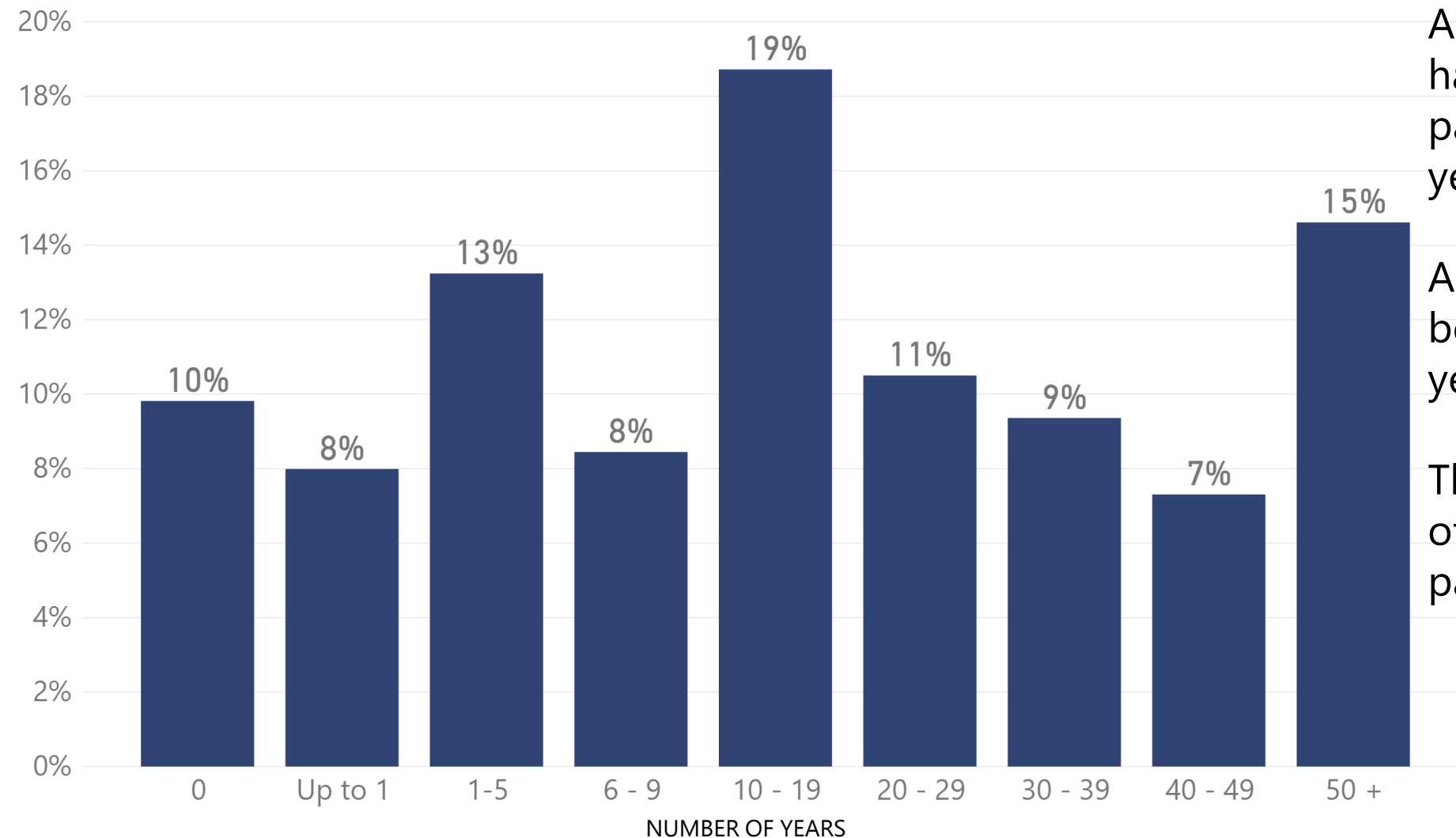
How many children are currently living in your household?



St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish had a much higher percentage of respondents with no children currently living with them (53%) than the Brooklyn + Queens parishes (40%).

Number of Years as Member of Parish

How many years have you been a member of this parish?



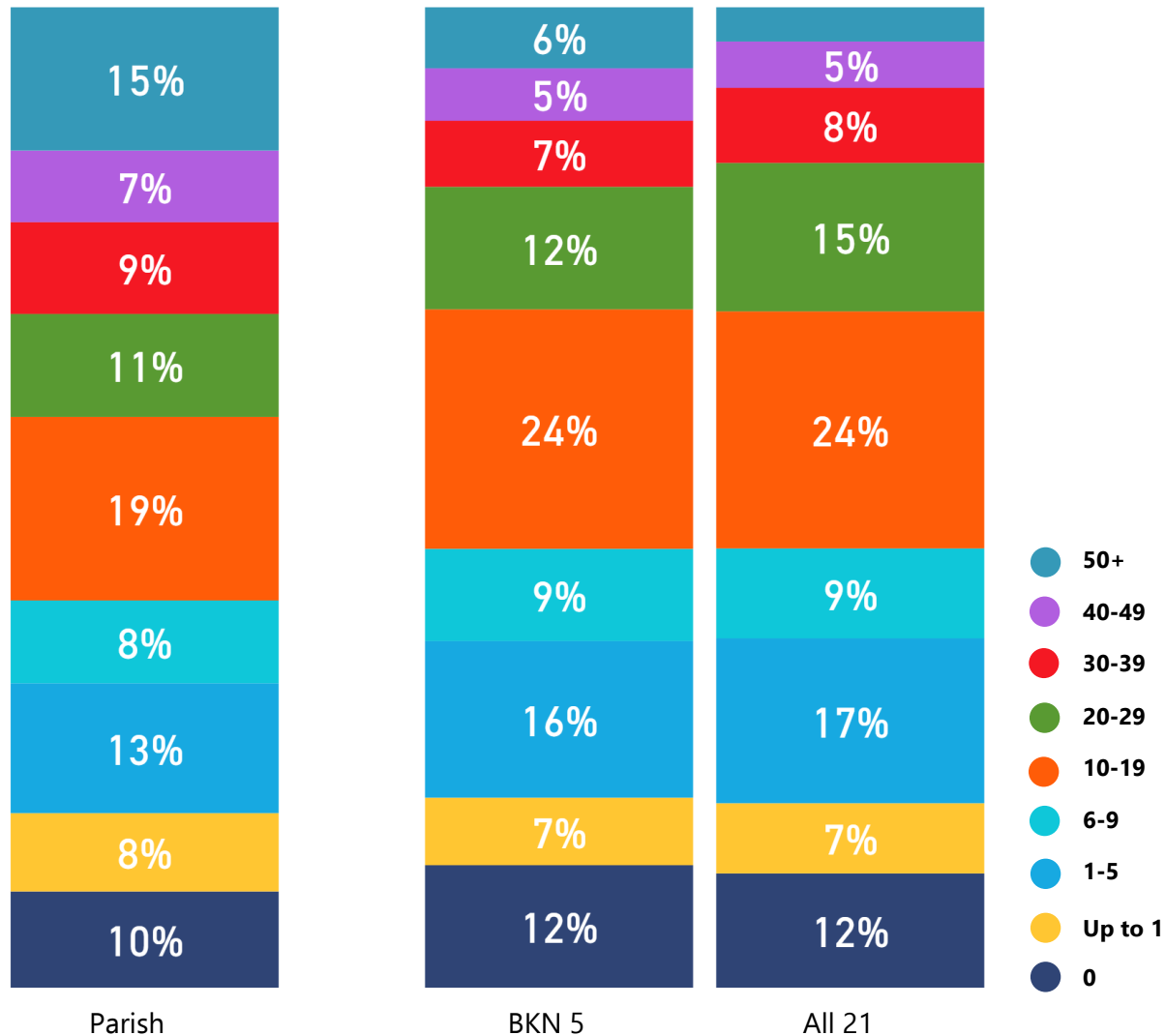
About 29% of respondents have been members of the parish for less than 10 years.

An additional 19% have been members for 10 to 19 years.

There is a breadth of years of membership across the parish.

Number of Years as Member of Parish

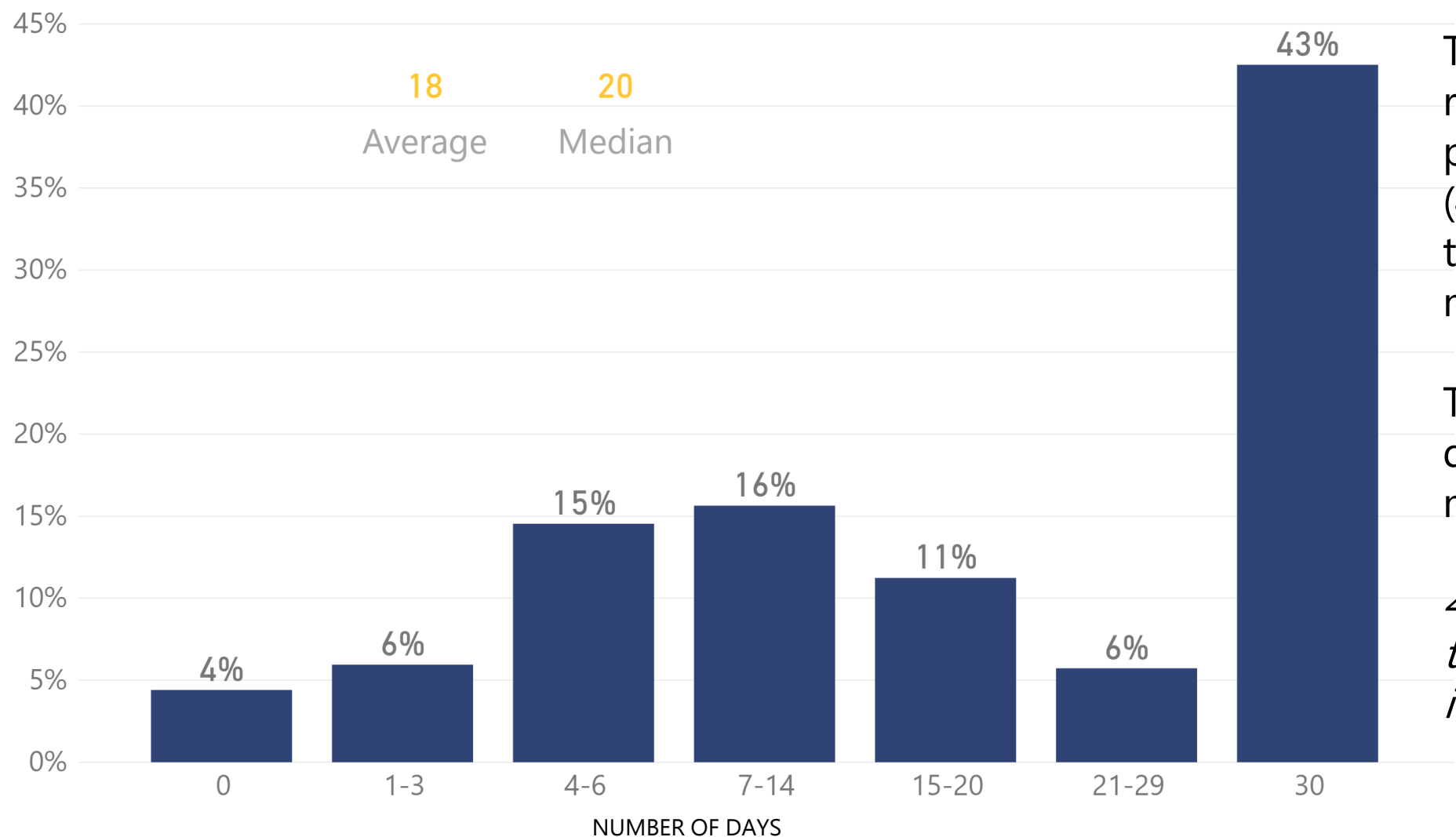
How many years have you been a member of this parish?



Relative to the comparative groups, St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish has a lower percentage of respondents who have been members of the parish for 10-19 years (19%) and a higher percentage who have been members 50+ years.

Days Prayed (past 30 days)

In the past 30 days, how many days have you dedicated time specifically to pray?



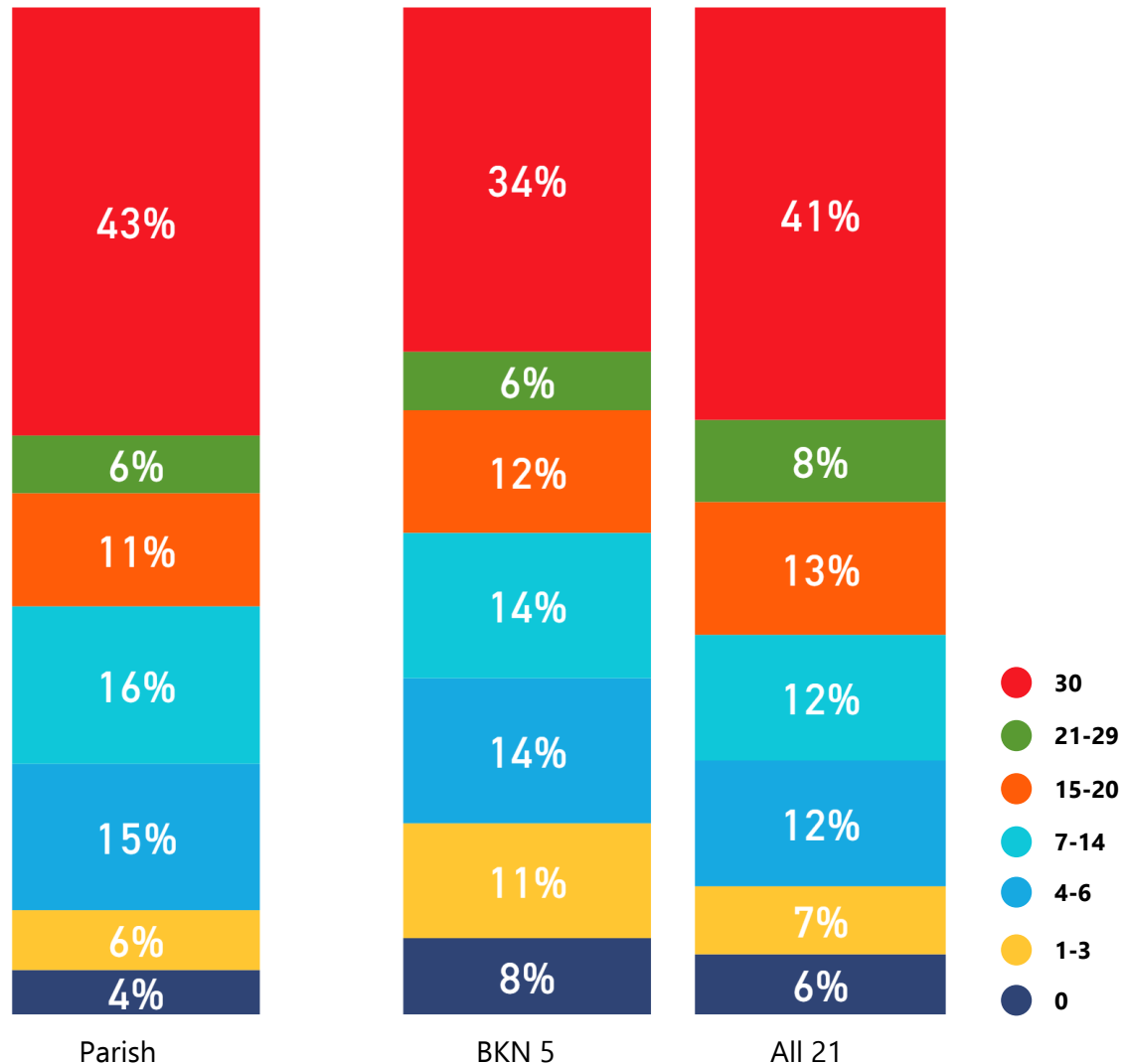
The most frequently reported response for days prayed in a month was 30 (43%). Nearly half (49% in total) prayed 21 days or more.

The average number of days prayed in the past month was 18.

4% of respondents report they had not prayed at all in the past 30 days.

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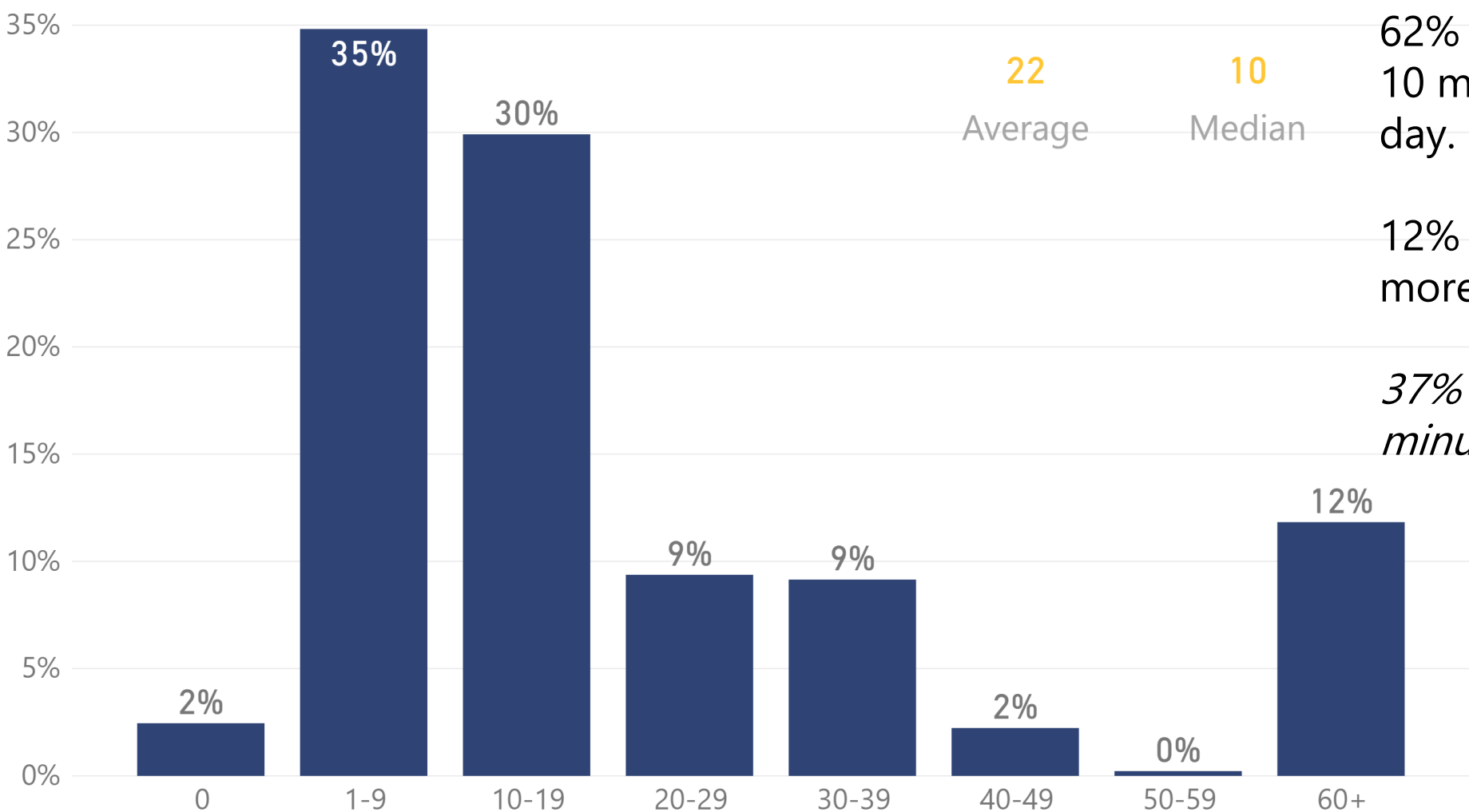


St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish has a higher percentage of respondents who prayed all 30 days (43%) compared to the Brooklyn + Queens parishes (34%).

St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish is generally similar to the All 21 pilot parish groups for days prayed.

Number of Minutes Prayed (per day)

On the days you prayed, what is the average number of minutes you prayed?



22
Average

10
Median

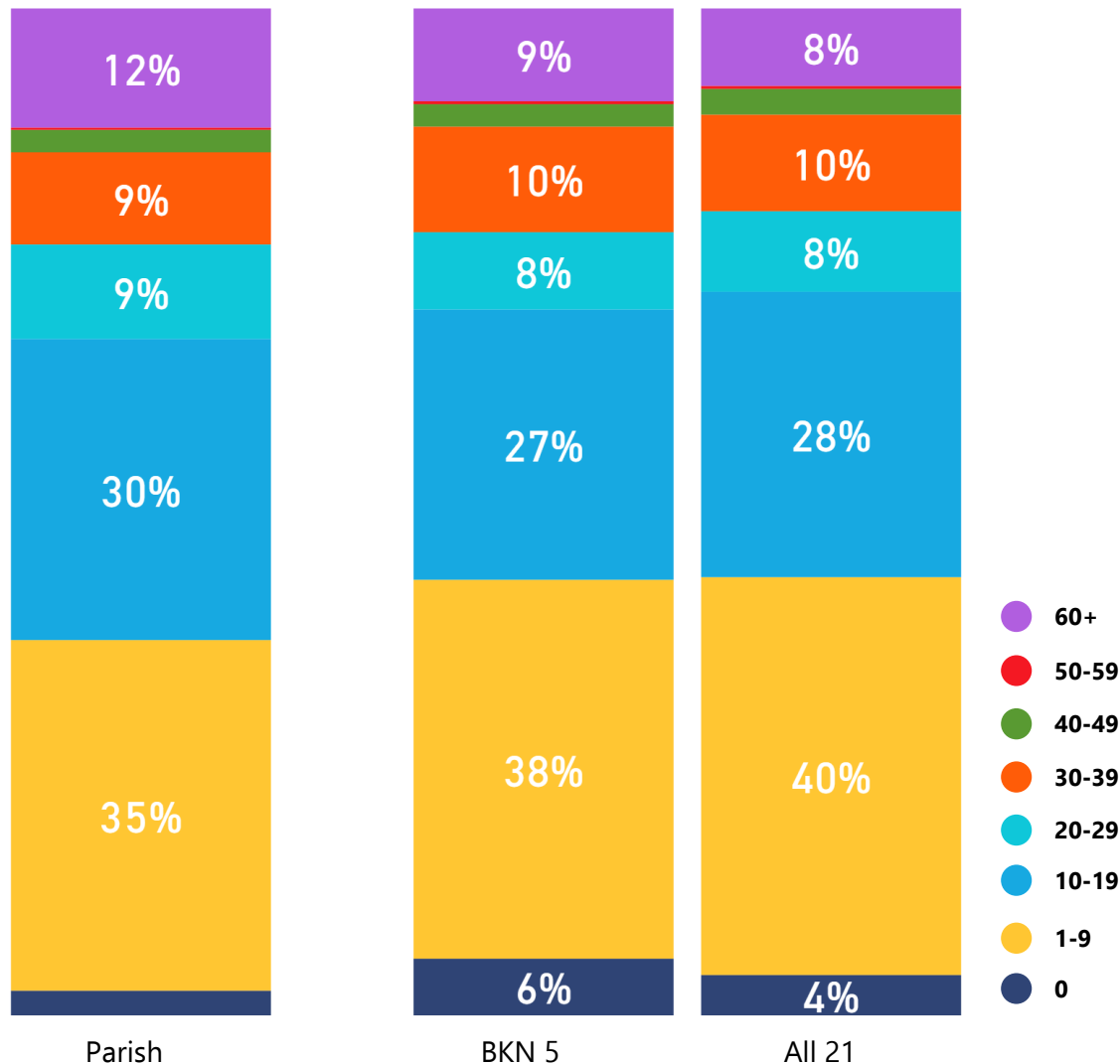
62% prayed an average of 10 minutes or more per day.

12% prayed an hour or more per day.

37% prayed less than 10 minutes a day.

Number of Minutes Prayed (per day)

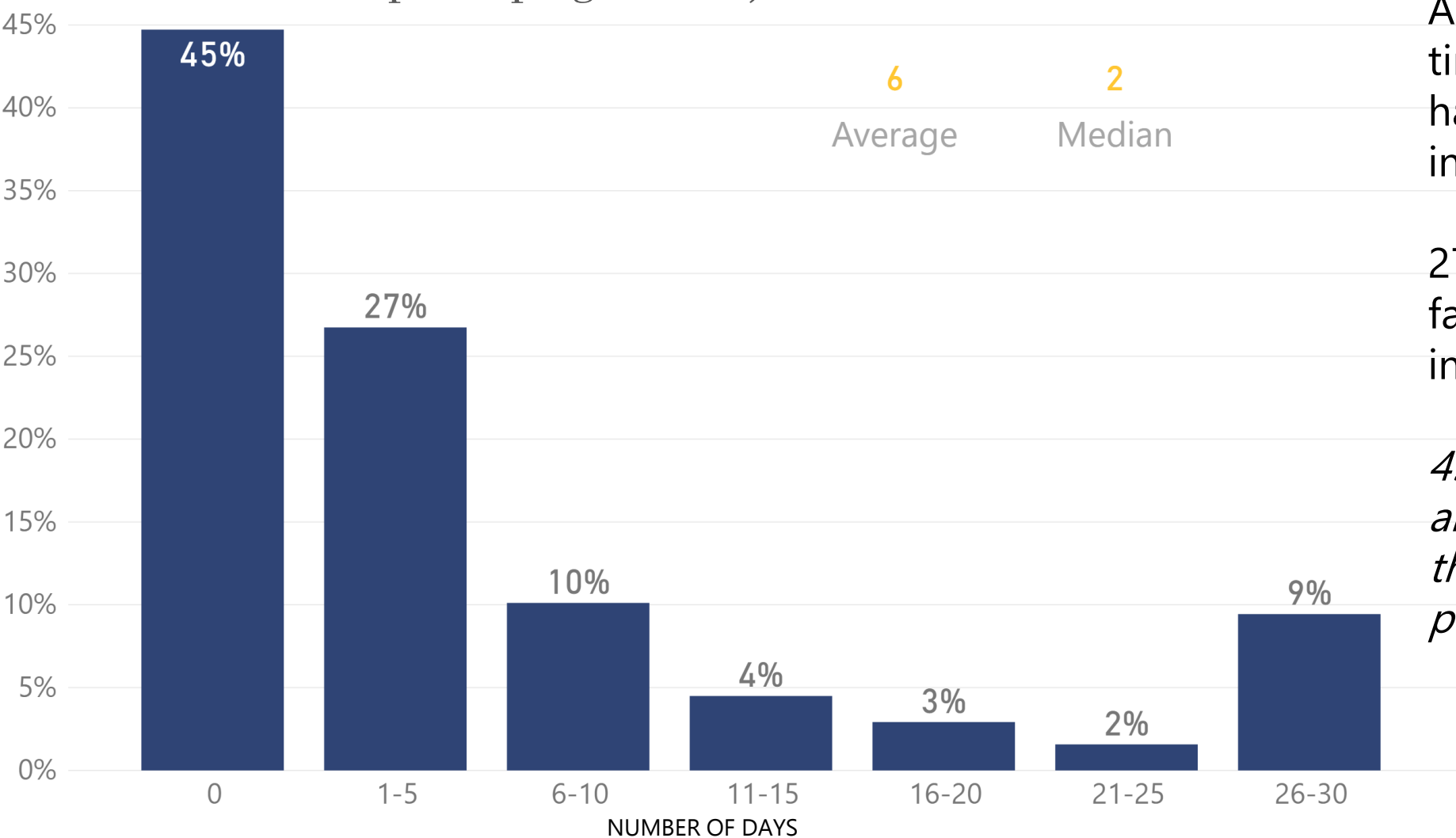
On the days you prayed, what is the average number of minutes you prayed?



St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish has a slightly lower percentage of respondents who prayed 1-9 minutes per day and a slightly higher number of respondents who pray 60+ minutes per day, compared to the responses received from All 21 pilot parishes.

Days Learning the Faith (past 30 days)

In the past 30 days, how many days did you spend time learning about the Catholic faith? (through a book, TV/radio, parish program, etc.)?



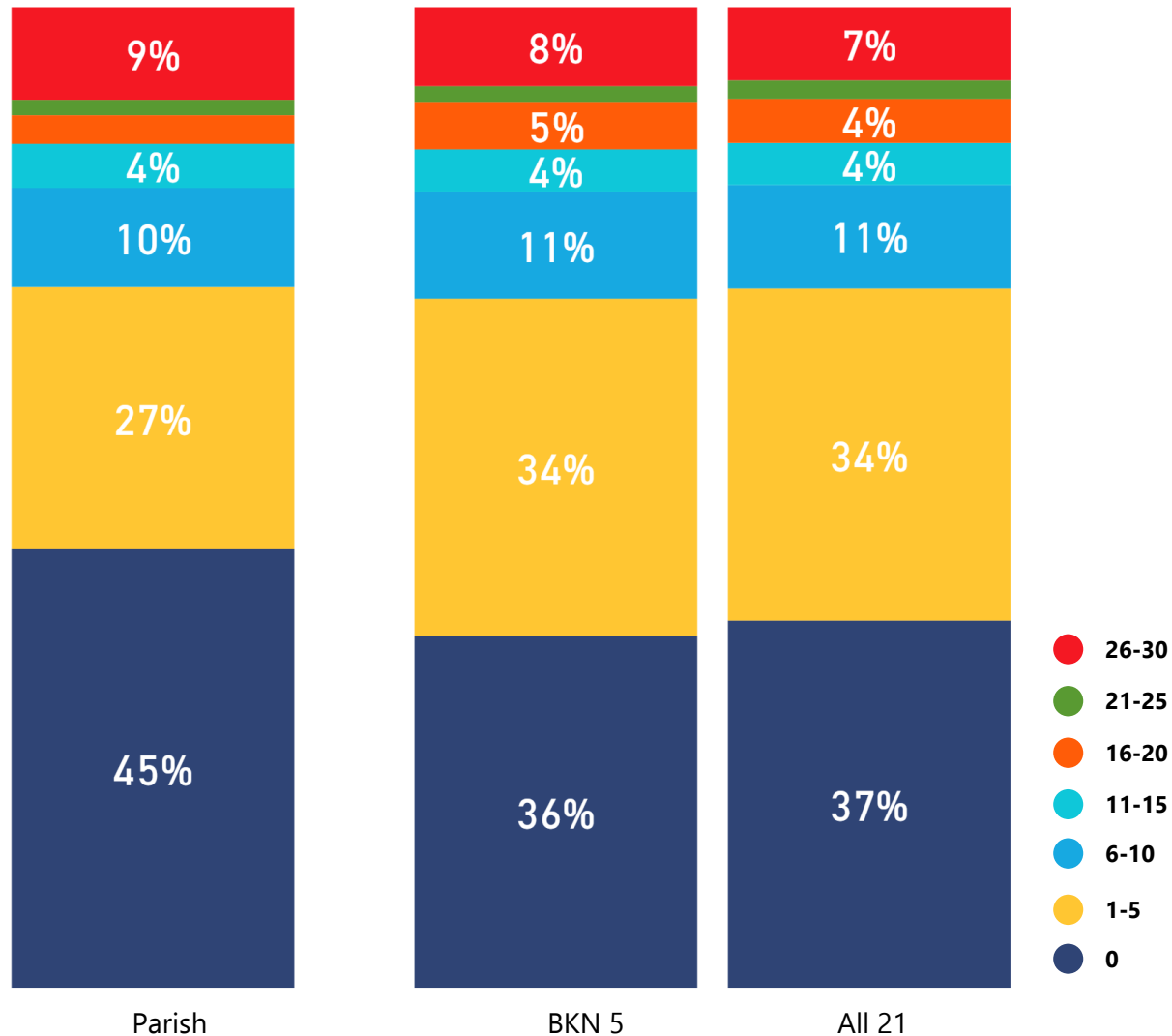
About 14% spent some time learning for at least half the days (16 or more) in the past month.

27% reported studying the faith between 1 and 5 days in the past month.

45% reported not spending any days learning about the Catholic faith in the past month.

Days Learning the Faith (past 30 days)

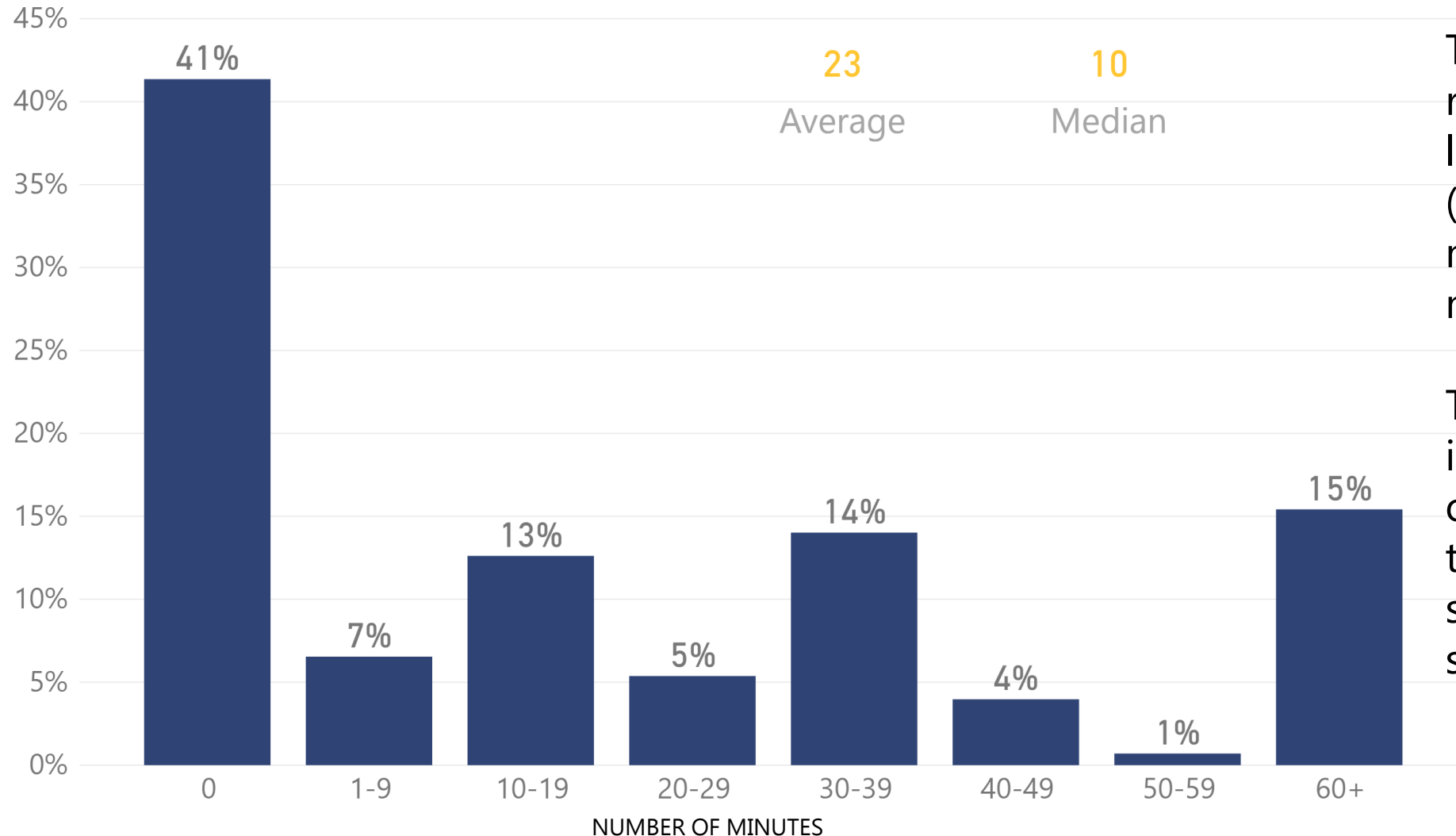
In the past 30 days, how many days did you spend time learning about the Catholic faith (through a book, TV/radio, parish program, etc.)?



St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish has a higher percentage of people who spend 0 days per month studying the faith (45%) than the sample from Brooklyn + Queens (36%) and All 21 (37%) parish groups.

Number of Minutes Learning (per day)

On the days you spent time learning about the Catholic faith, what is the average number of minutes you spent learning?

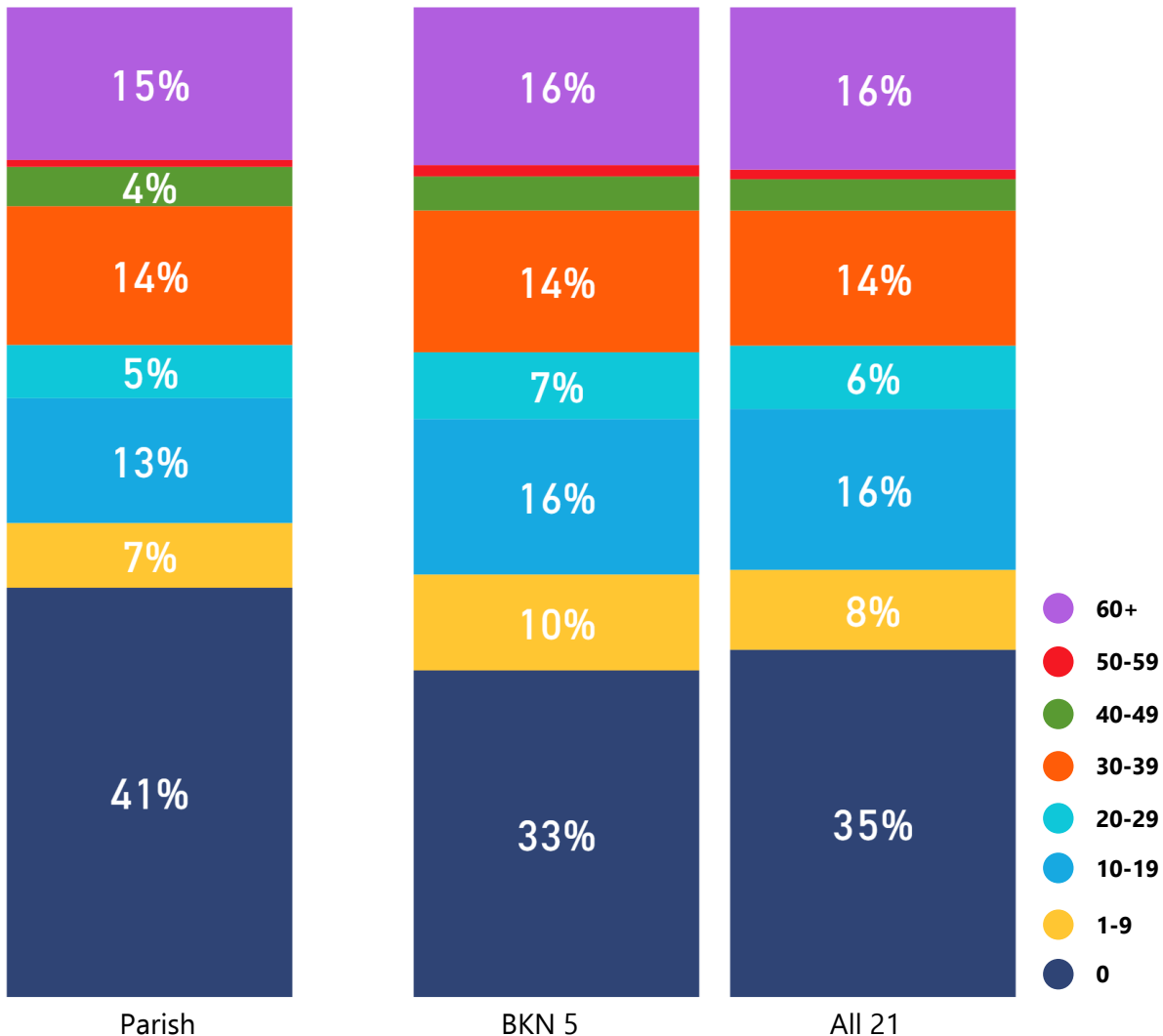


The most commonly reported amounts of time learning are 60+ minutes (15%), followed by 30-39 minutes (14%) and 10-19 minutes (13%).

The median time learning is 10 minutes. The average of 23 minutes is skewed by the 15% of those who spend 60 minutes or more studying in each instance.

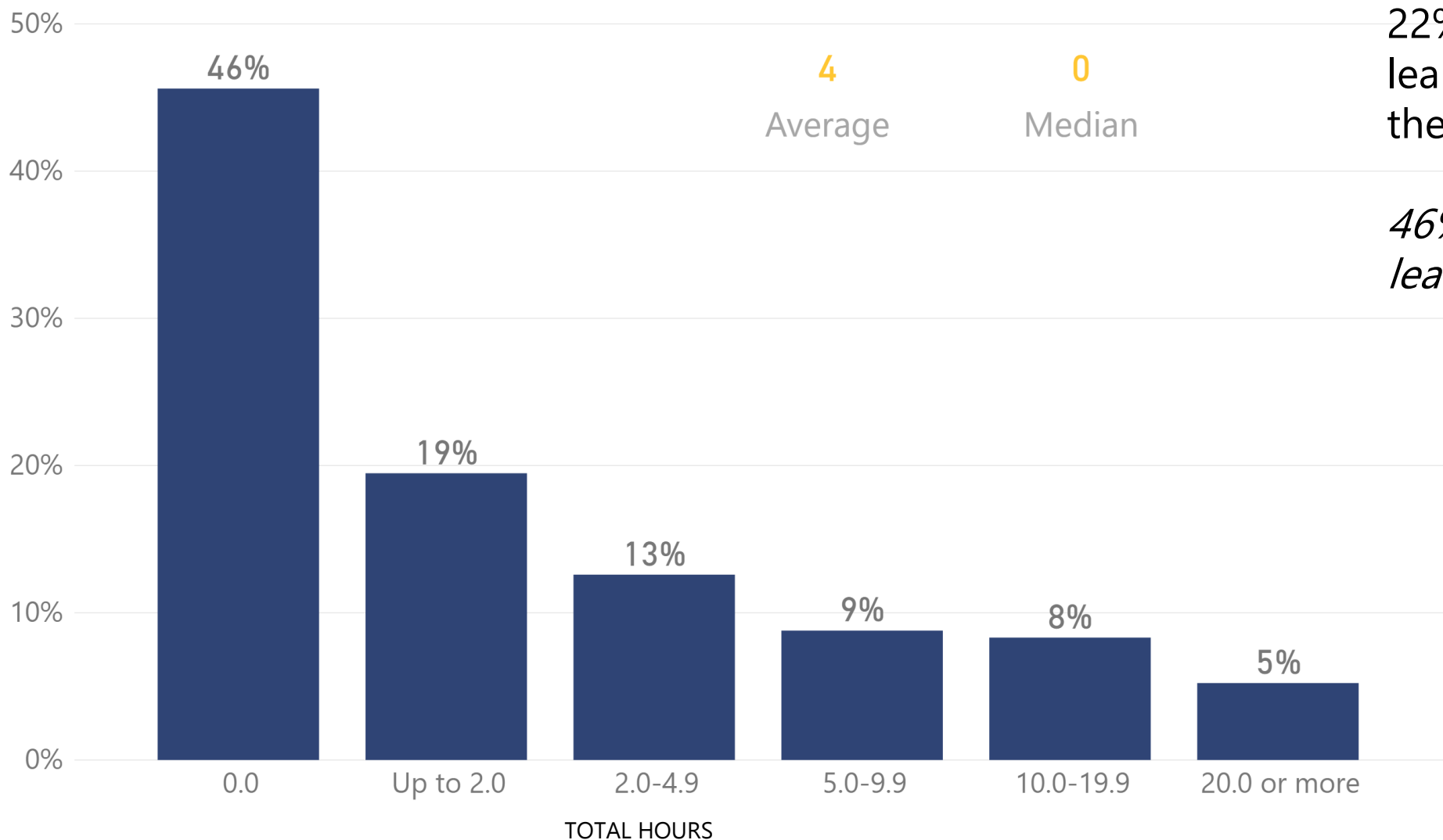
Number of Minutes Learning (per day)

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St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish's responses are different than the All 21 and Brooklyn + Queens samples, due to the higher percentage of respondents (41%) who spend 0 time learning the faith daily.

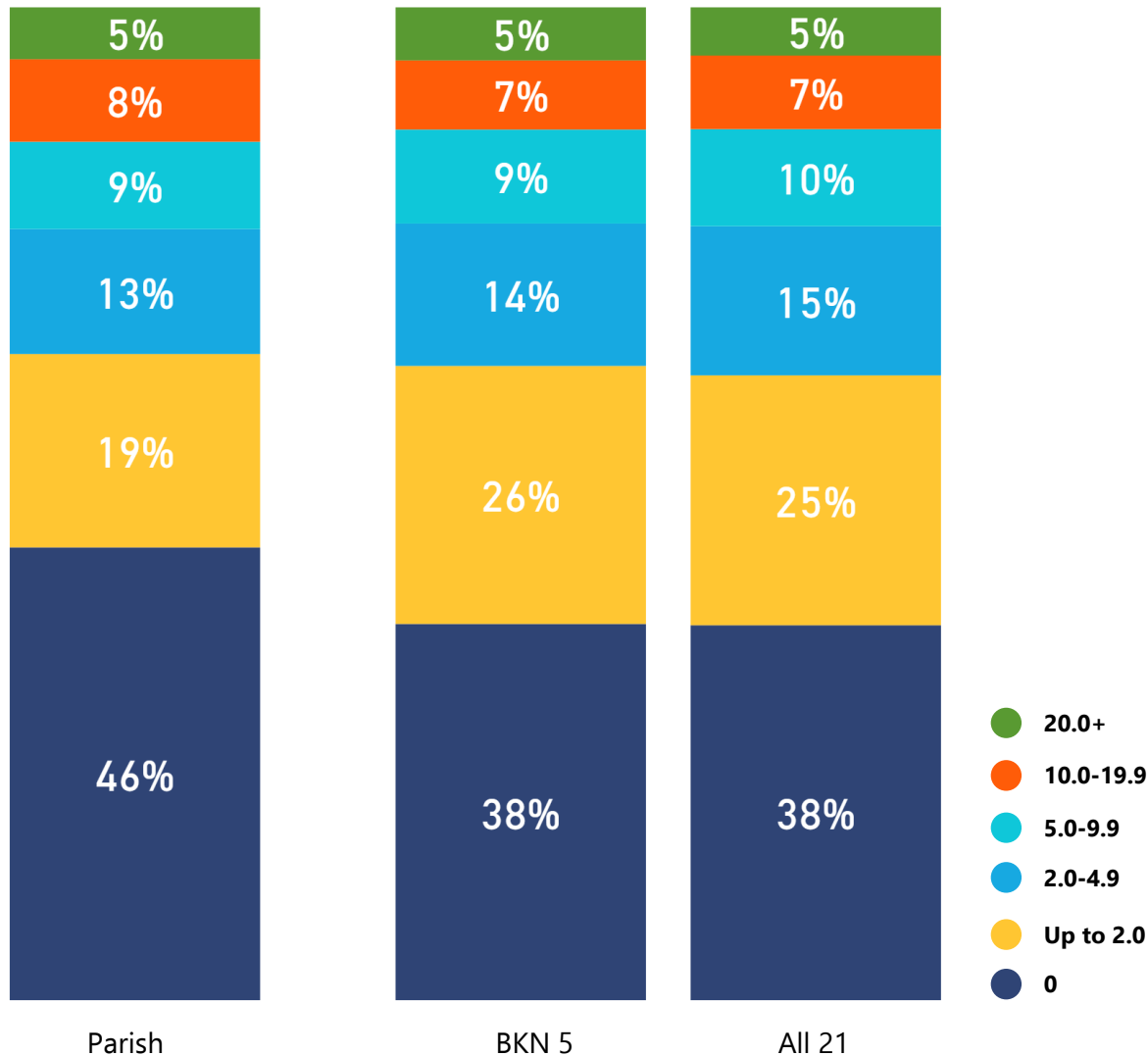
Summary: Total Hours Learning (past 30 days)



22% spent 5 hours or more learning about their faith in the past month.

46% reported no time learning.

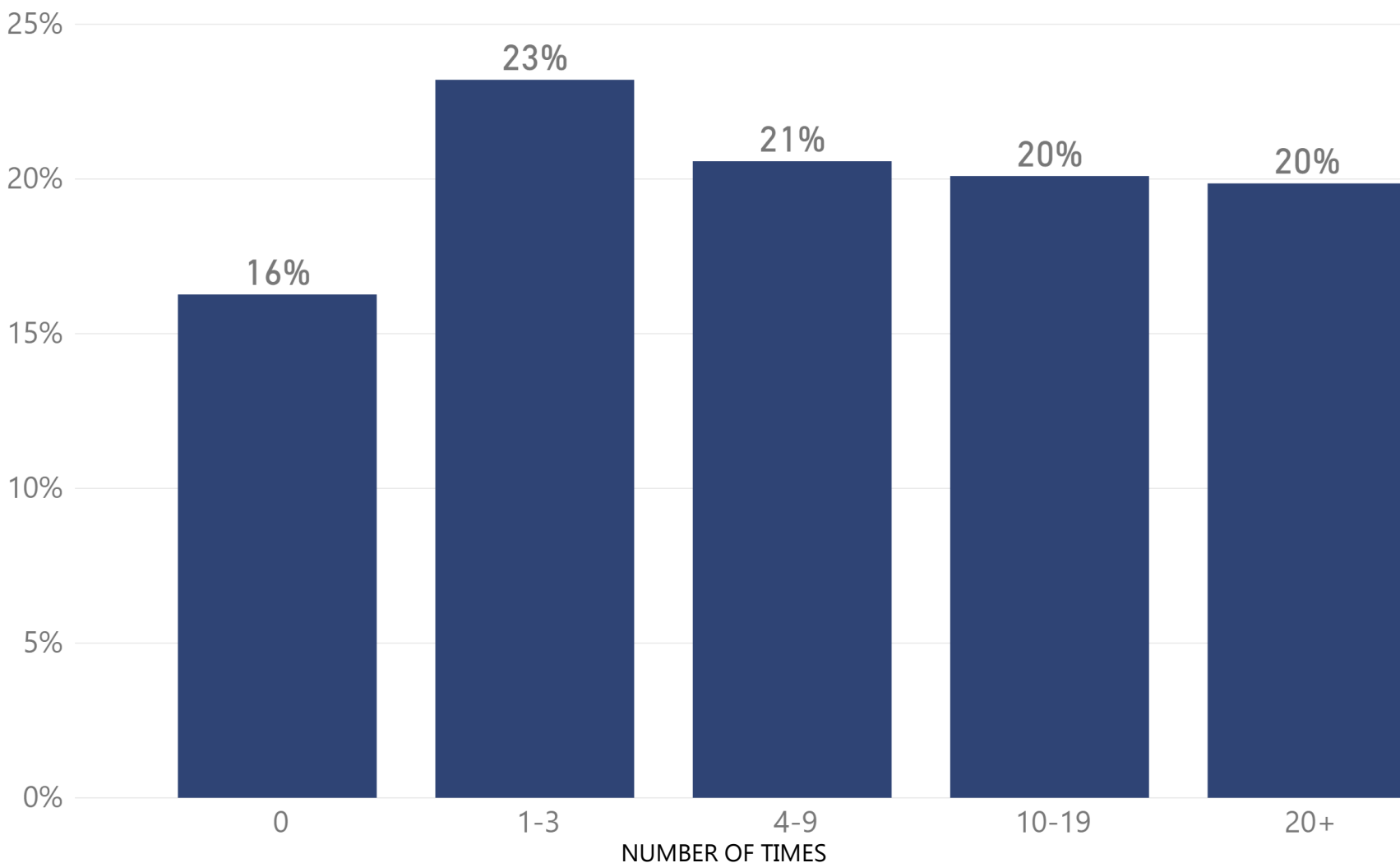
Summary: Total Hours Learning (past 30 days)



St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish differs from the comparative groups in the percentage of respondents who spent 0 hours learning the Catholic faith.

Times Sharing the Faith (past 30 days)

In the past 30 days, how many times have you spoken about God or shared a faith perspective with other people?



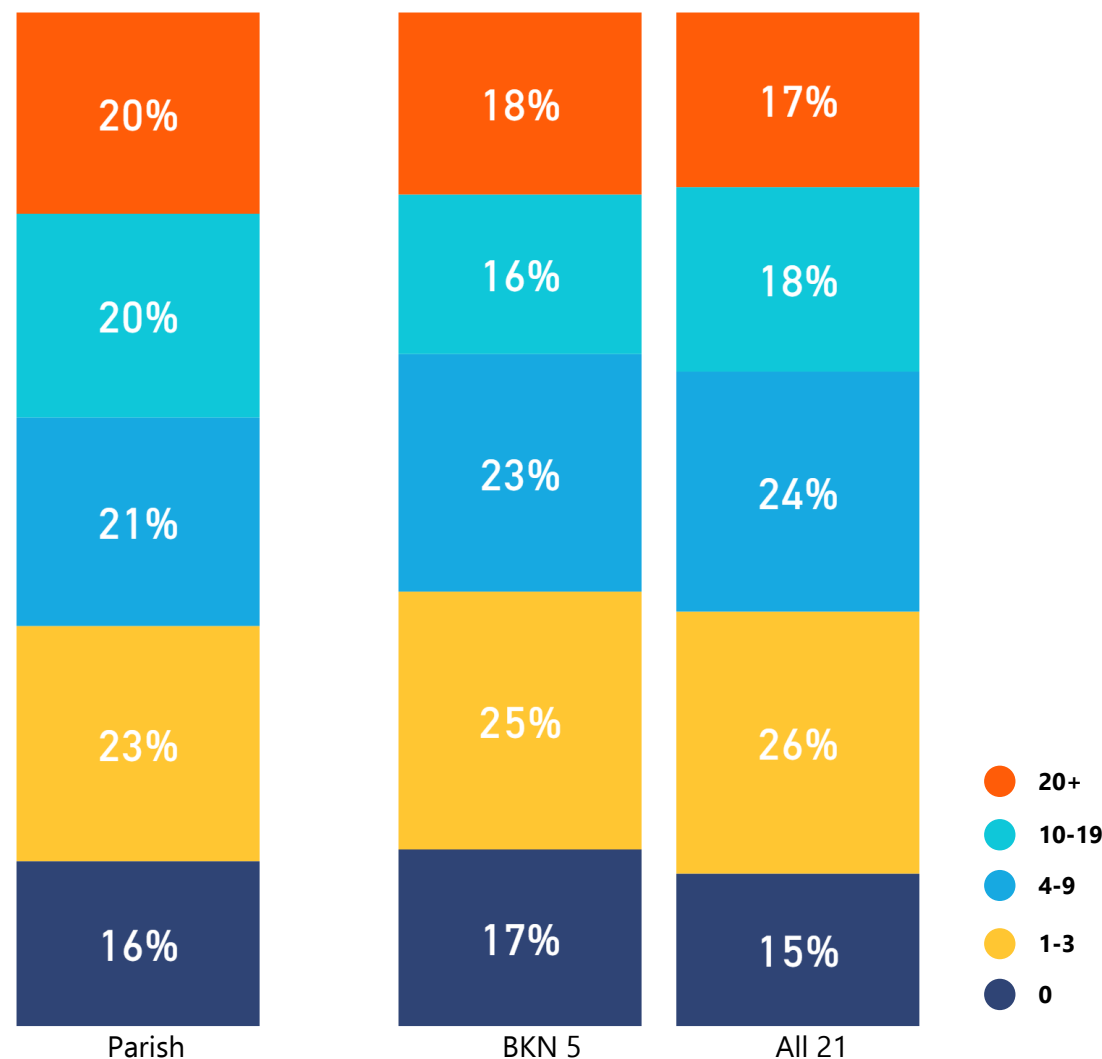
61% reported sharing the faith four or more times in the past month.

16% had not shared the faith at all in the past month.

Research Note:
These evangelization percentages appear high, based on our experience and previous research data. One possible reason is that this question did not ask respondents to consider with “whom” they were sharing the faith. We may update this question in future surveys.

Times Sharing the Faith (past 30 days)

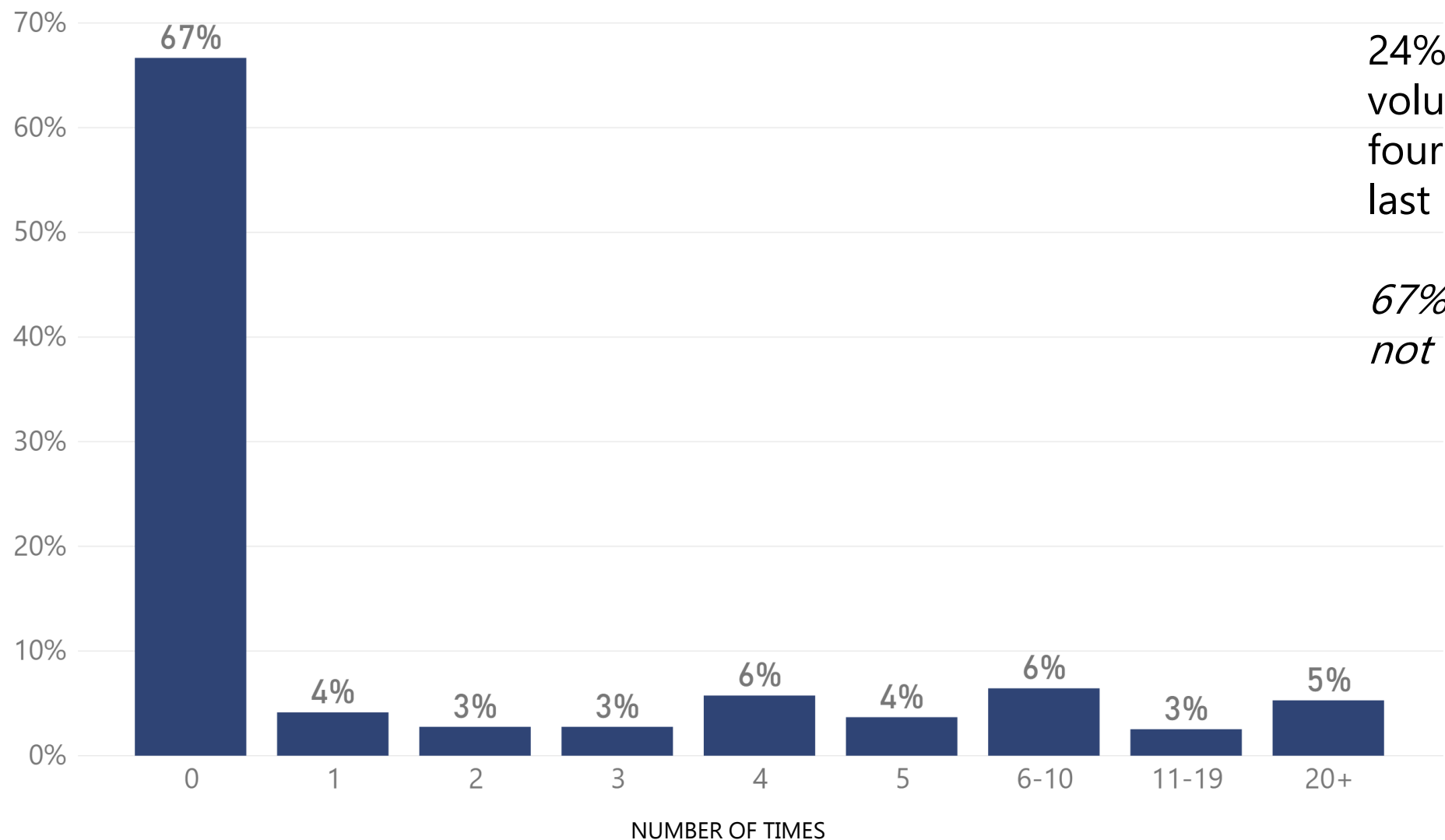
In the past 30 days, how many times have you spoken about God or shared a faith perspective with other people?



St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish was generally similar to the comparative groups for number of times sharing the faith.

Times Volunteering (past 30 days)

In the past 30 days, how many times did you volunteer for your parish?

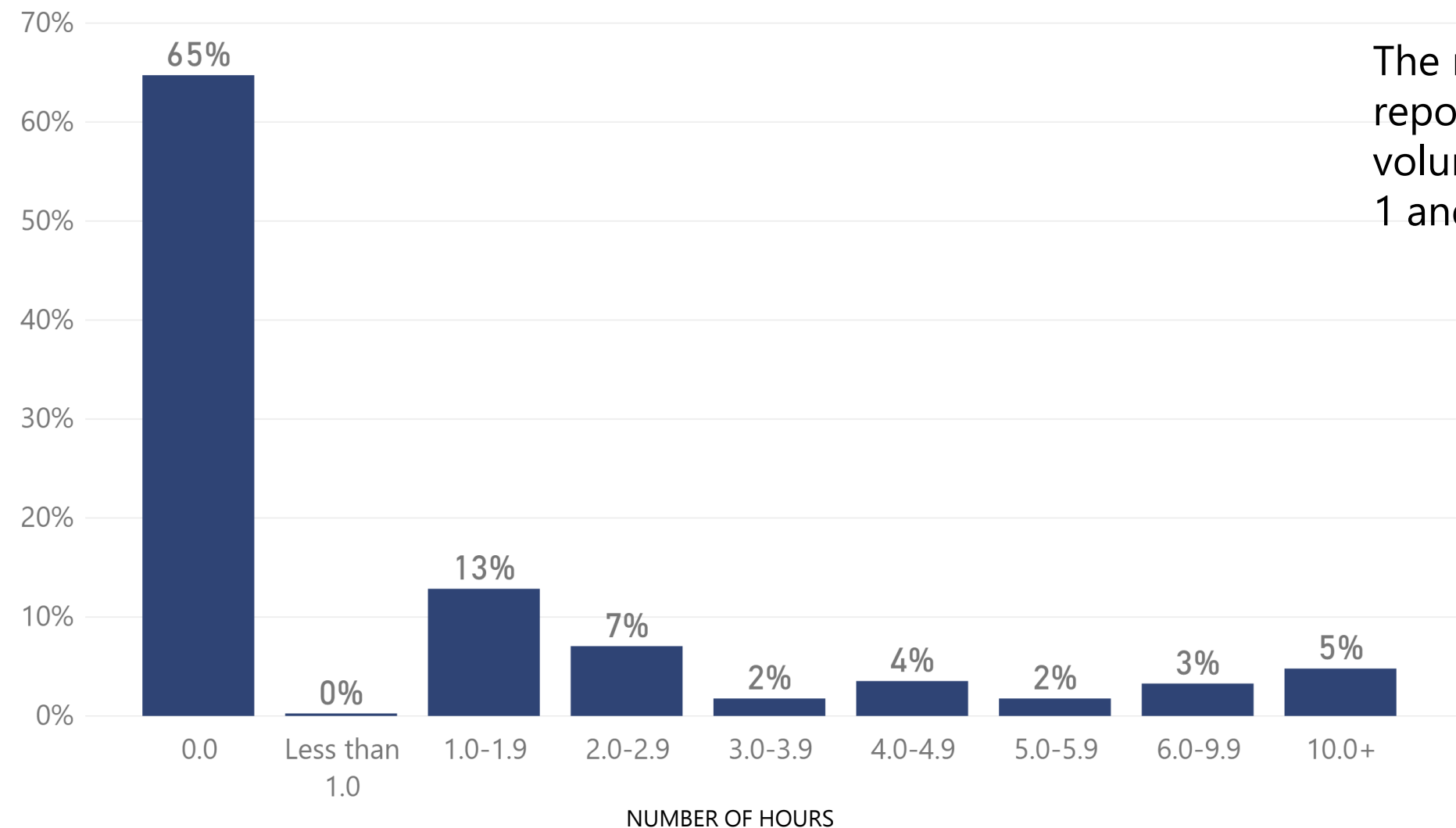


24% of respondents volunteered for their parish four or more times in the last month.

67% of respondents had not volunteered any times.

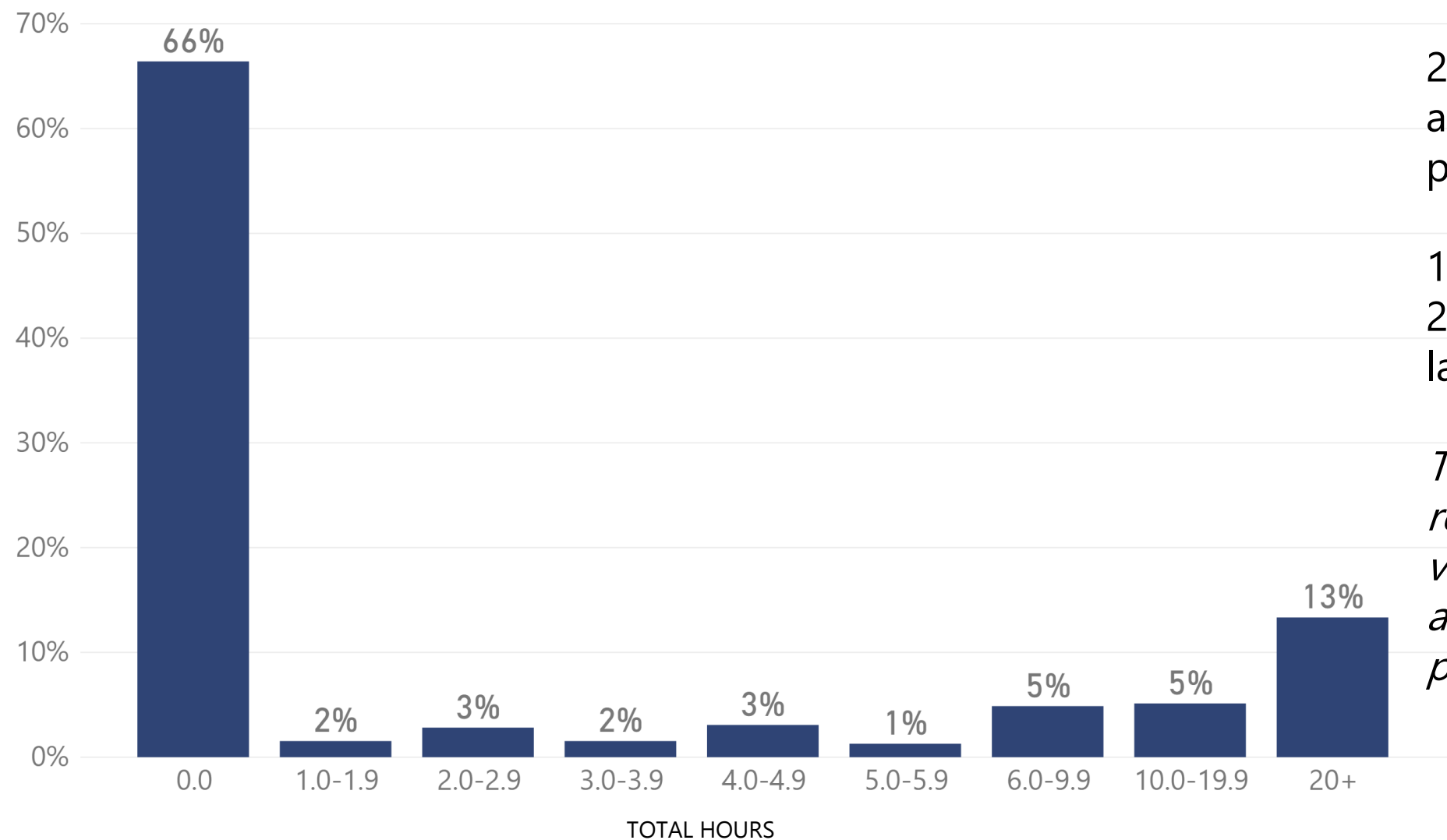
Hours Volunteering for My Parish

On the days you volunteered for your parish, about how many hours, on average, did you volunteer?



The most frequently reported time duration of volunteering was between 1 and 2 hours (13%).

Summary: Total Hours Volunteering (past 30 days)

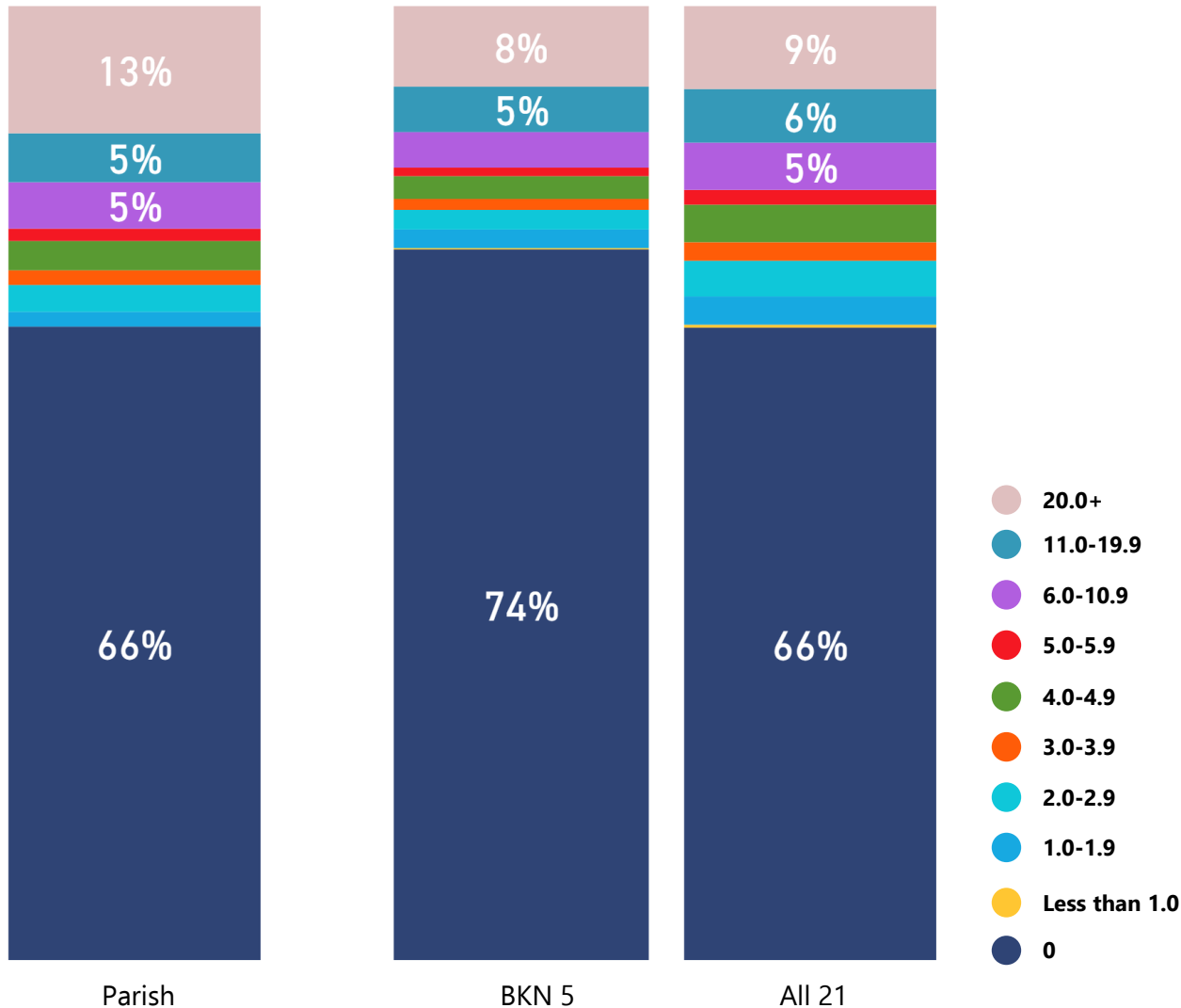


27% reported volunteering at least 4 hours for the parish in the past month.

13% of people volunteered 20 or more hours in the last month.

Two-thirds (66%) of respondents had not volunteered for their parish at all in the same time period.

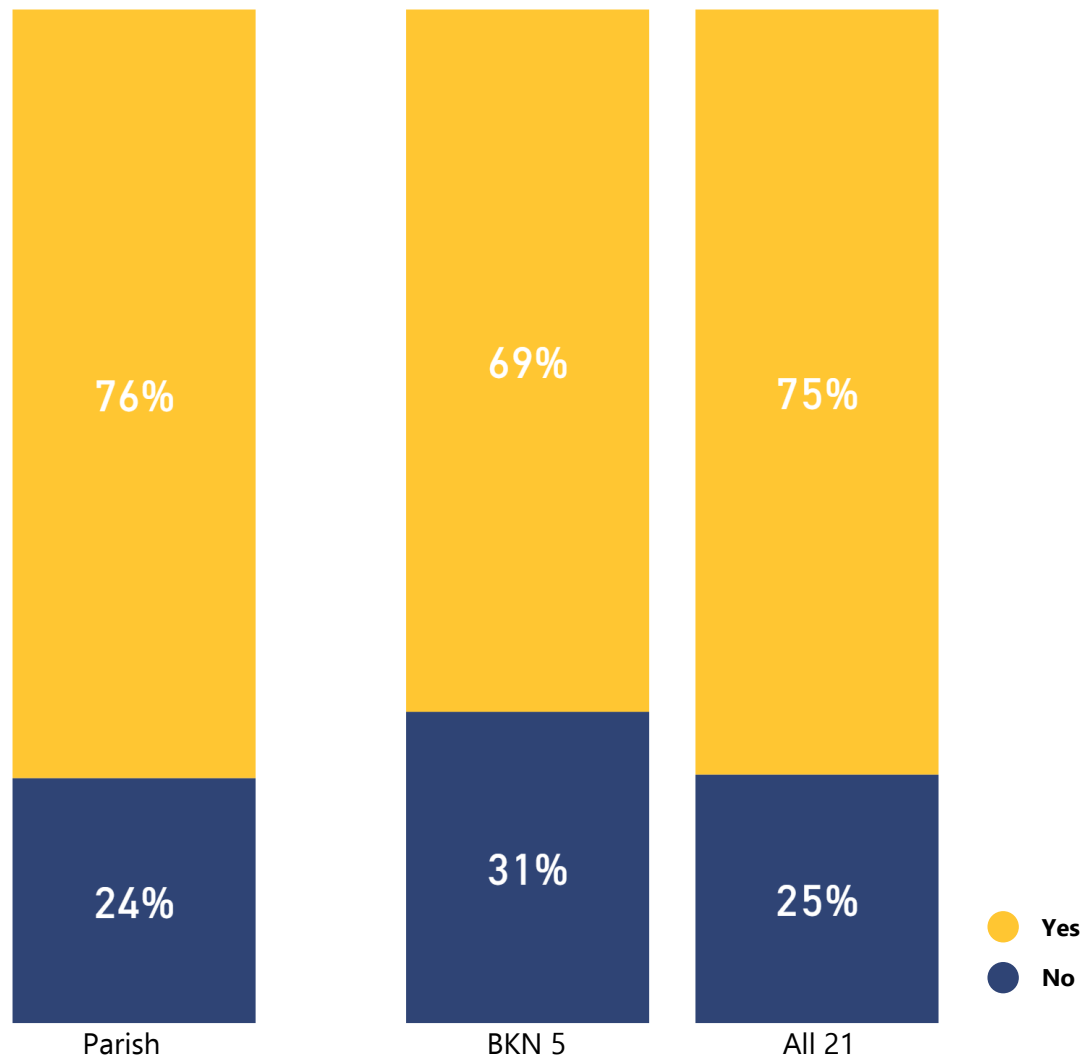
Summary: Total Hours Volunteering (past 30 days)



St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish's responses are similar to the All 21 group, except for a higher percentage volunteering 20+ hours per month.

Giving to Parish

Do you financially support the parish using offertory envelopes or online giving system? (credit card, direct bank transfer, app, etc.)?

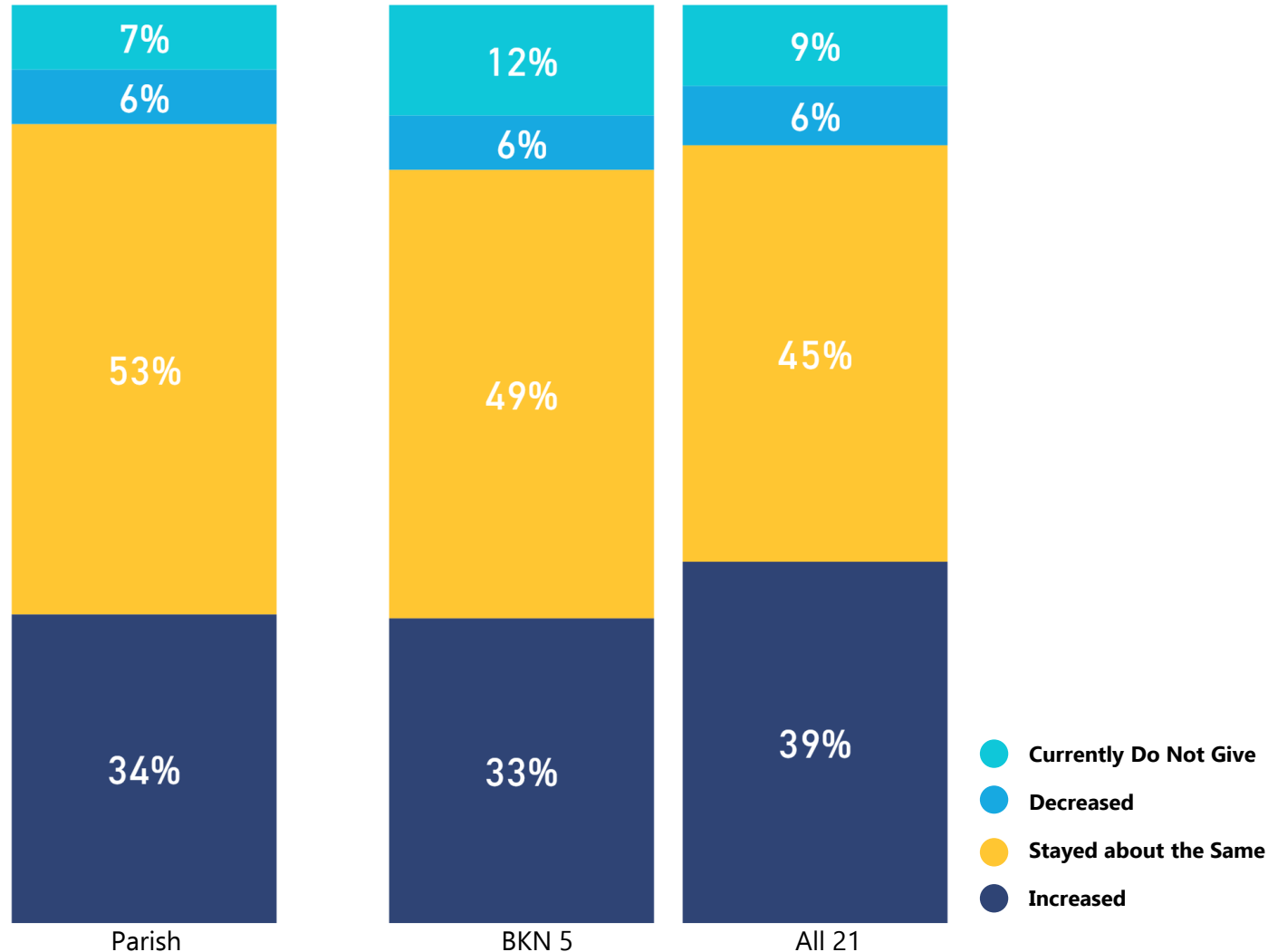


76% of respondents at St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish indicated they support the parish financially using envelopes or an online giving system.

This is a higher percentage compared to the Brooklyn + Queens group and similar to the All 21 pilot parish group.

Giving Trends (past 3 years)

In the past three years, which best describes your total financial giving to your parish and non-profit organizations?



34% indicated their total level of financial giving has increased over the past three years. This is similar to the Brooklyn + Queens parishes (33%) and lower than the All 21 pilot parishes (39%).

53% at St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish reported having given the same.

6% reported decreasing their financial giving over the past three years.

Summary: The Four Signs

Prayer	Study	Generosity - Volunteering	Generosity - Financial	Evangelization
<p>49% reported praying 21 days or more per month.</p> <p>62% reported praying 10 minutes or more per day, on average.</p> <p><i>4% reported they had not prayed at all in the past 30 days.</i></p>	<p>22% reported spending 5 hours or more learning about their faith in the past month.</p> <p><i>46% reported investing no time learning their faith in the past month.</i></p>	<p>27% reported volunteering at least 4 hours for the parish in the past month.</p> <p><i>66% indicated they hadn't volunteered for their parish at all in the past month.</i></p>	<p>76% indicated they support the parish financially using envelopes or an online giving system.</p> <p>34% reported their total level of financial giving has increased over the past three years.</p>	<p>61% reported sharing the faith four or more times in the past month.</p> <p><i>16% had not shared the faith at all.</i></p>

Research Note: The Four Signs

The Four Signs are the key components for determining the number of Dynamic Catholics in a parish.

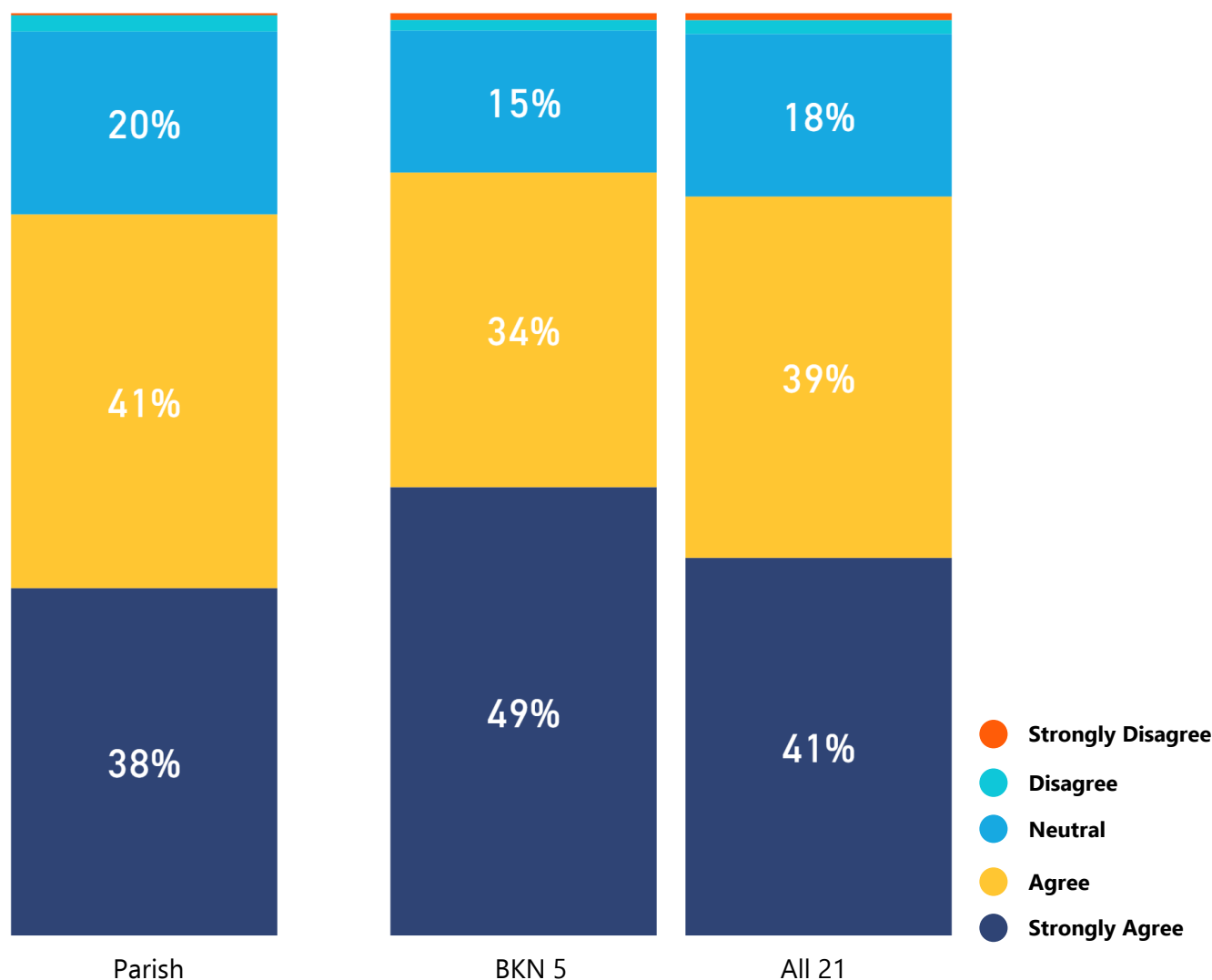
An individual respondent must be considered Dynamic in each of the four areas (Prayer, Study, Generosity, and Evangelization) to be considered a Dynamic Catholic.

Based on the previous research in "*The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*," it is likely that the percentage of Dynamic Catholics (those who are Dynamic in 4 areas) will be in the single digits across most parishes.

Our next parish presentation of the *Bigger Future*™ Survey will detail our calculation of the number of Dynamic Catholics in your parish and will serve as a baseline number for measuring progress in the 4 areas over the next 5 years.

Attitudinal: Knowing Parish Has a Plan

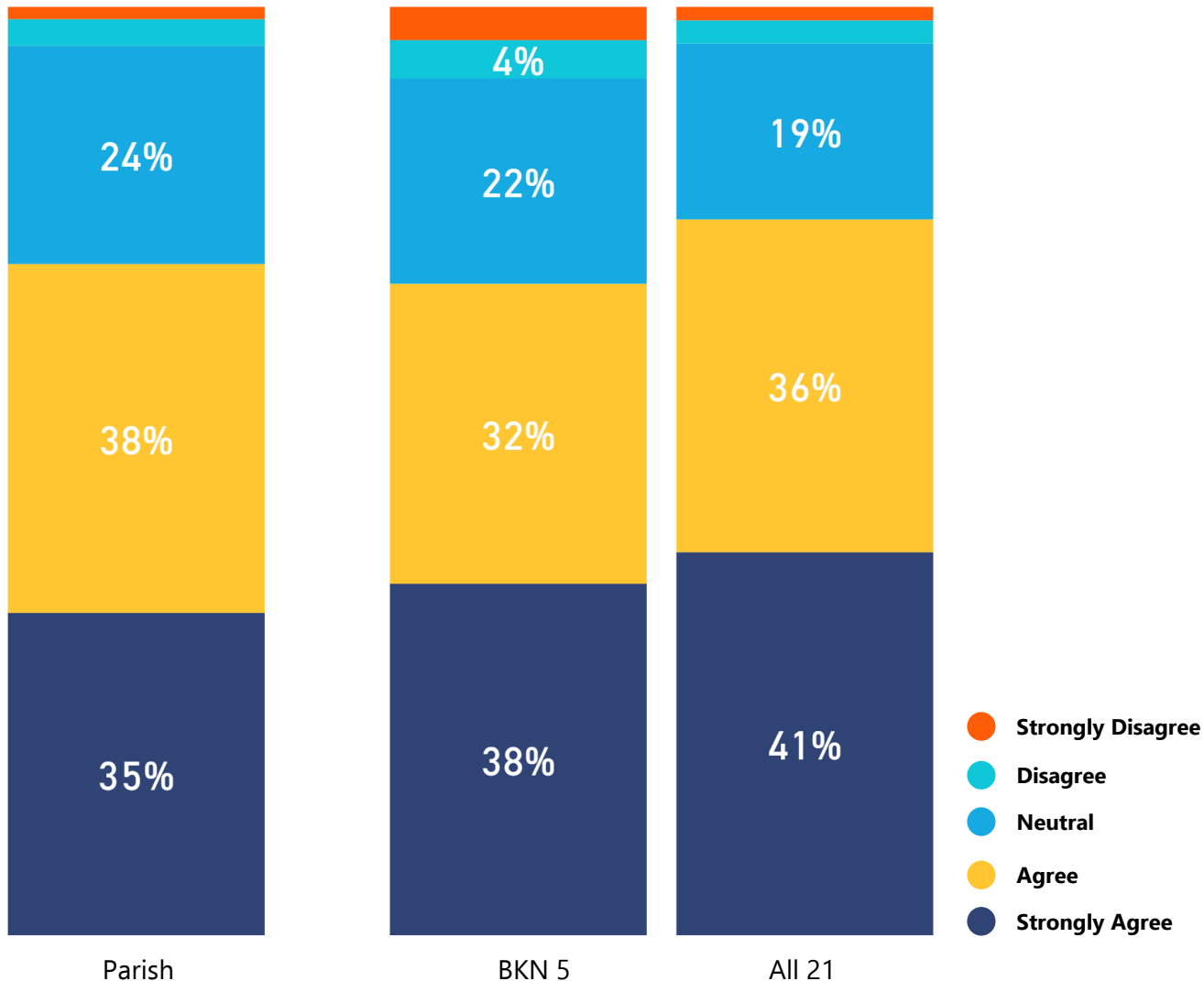
I know that my parish has a plan for where we are headed as a parish.



79% agreed or strongly agreed that they know where their parish is headed.

Attitudinal: Feeling Cared For

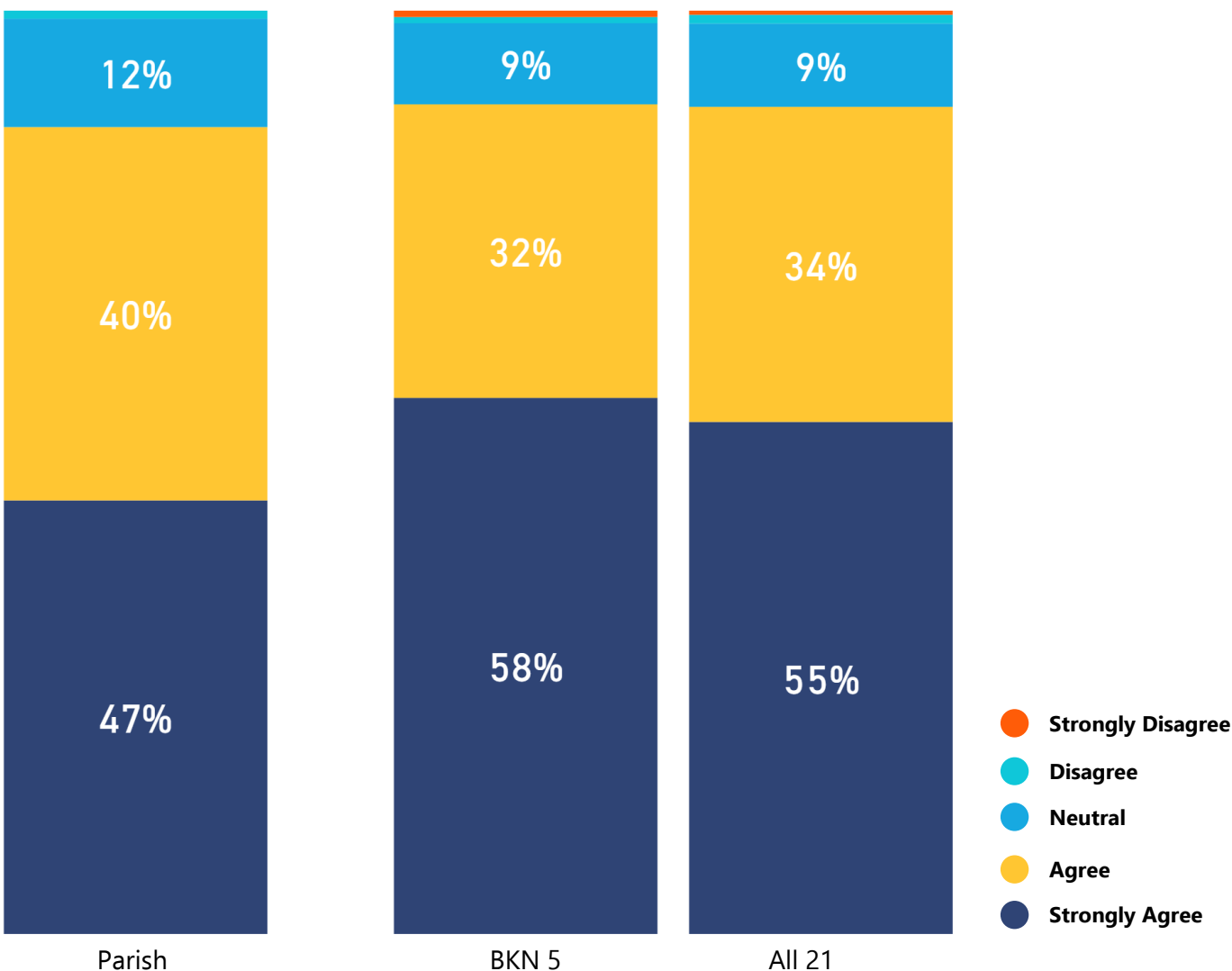
I know someone in my parish community cares about me (and my family).



73% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that someone in their parish cares about them and their family.

Attitudinal: Recommending Parish to Others

I would recommend my parish to others.

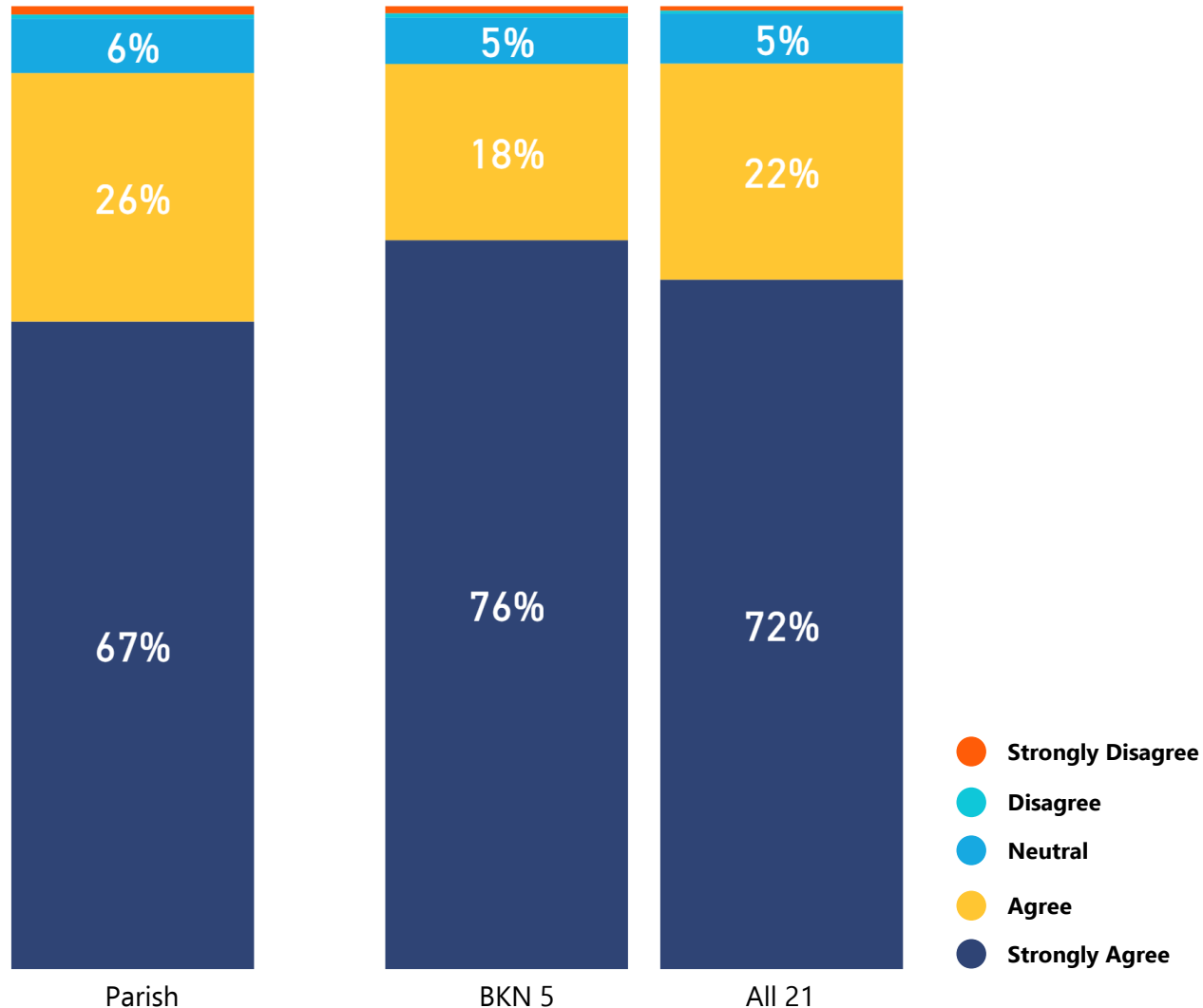


87% agreed or strongly agreed they would recommend their parish to others.

This is consistent with the Brooklyn + Queens and All 21 parish group data.

Attitudinal: Believing God Has Dream for Me

I believe God has a dream for my life.

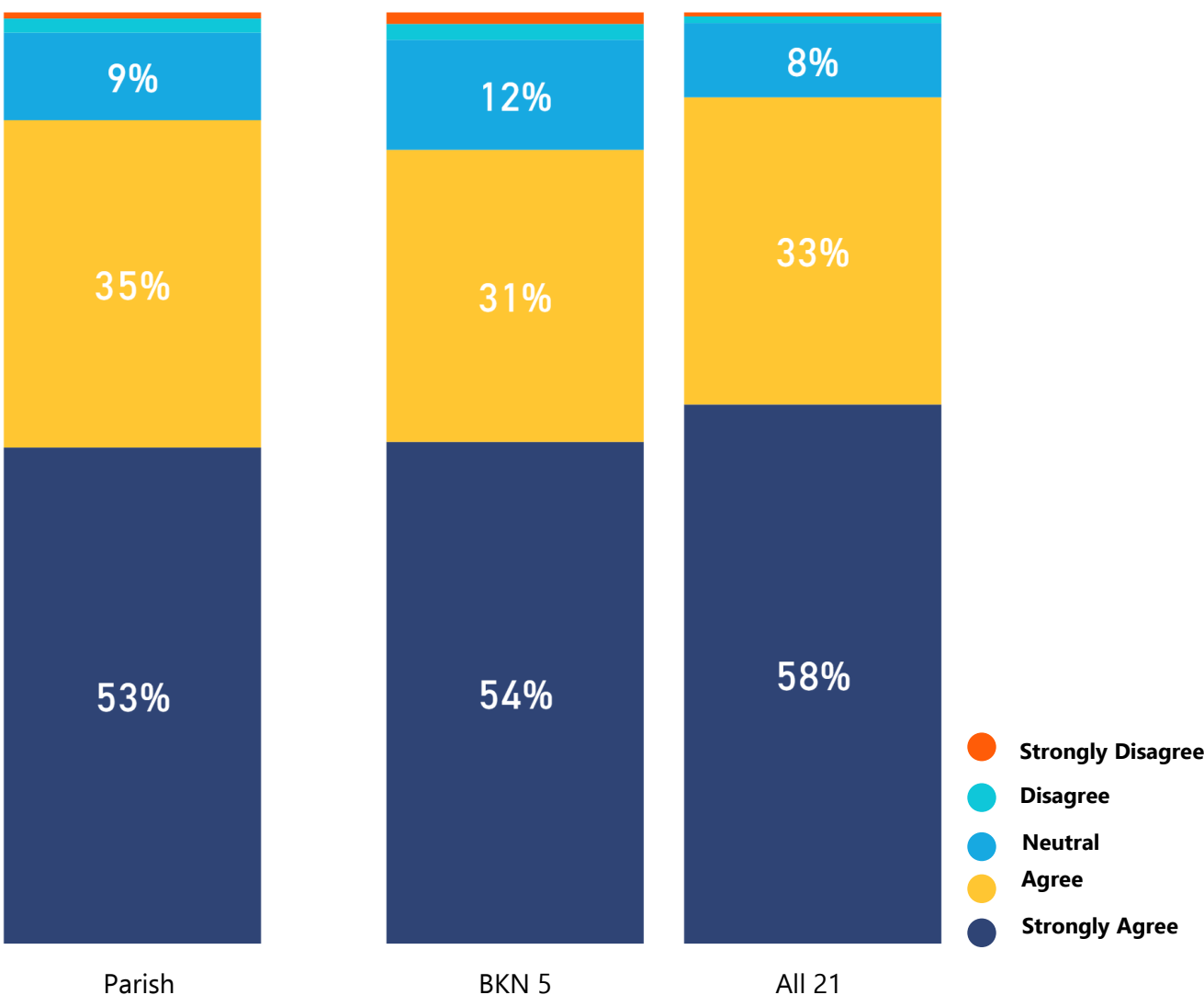


Nearly everyone (93%) agreed or strongly agreed that God has a dream for his or her life.

67% agree strongly with this statement.

Attitudinal: Holiness Is Possible for Me

I believe holiness is possible for me.

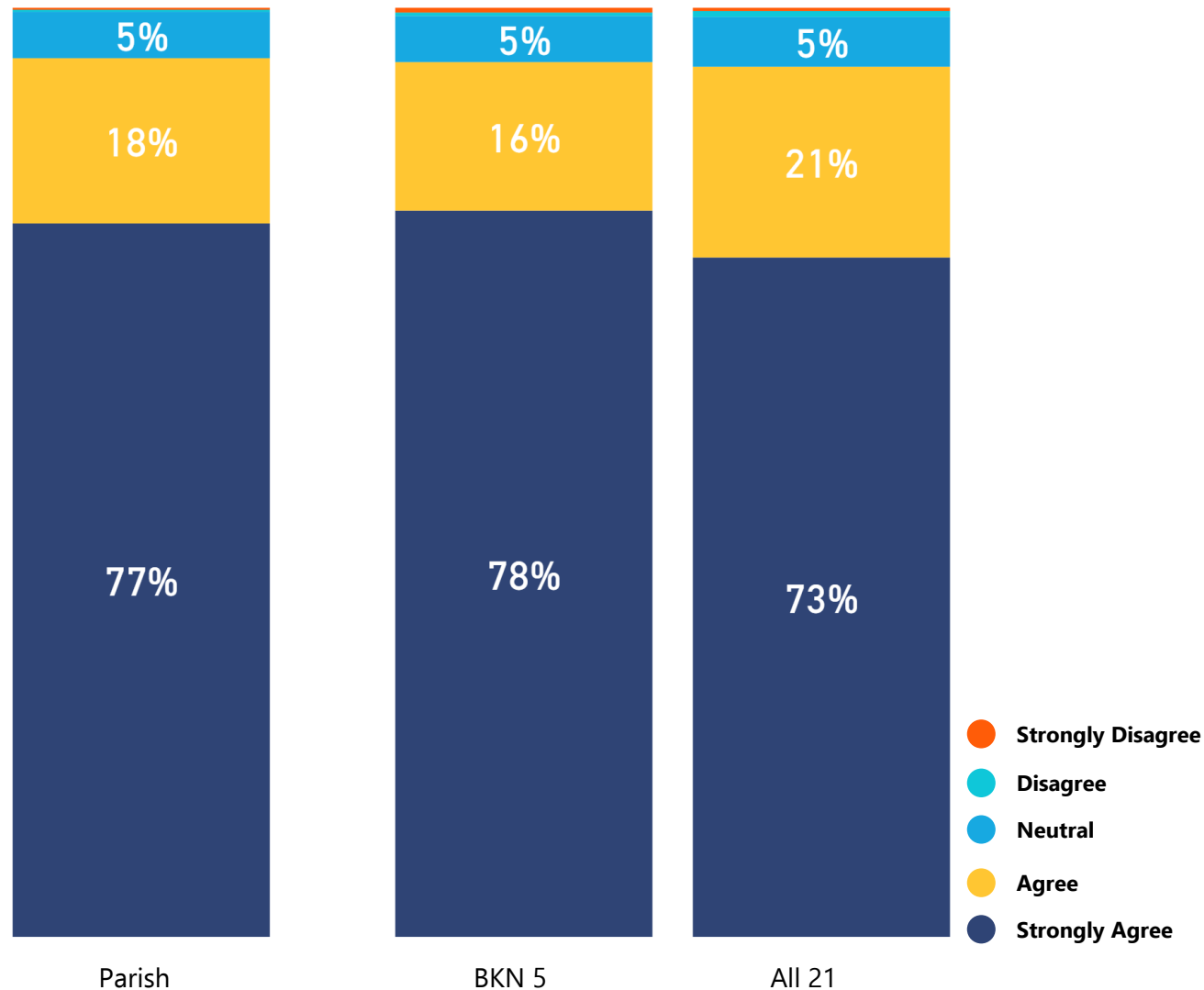


88% agreed or strongly agreed that holiness is possible for them.

This is consistent with the Brooklyn + Queens and All 21 parish groups.

Attitudinal: Proud to Be Catholic

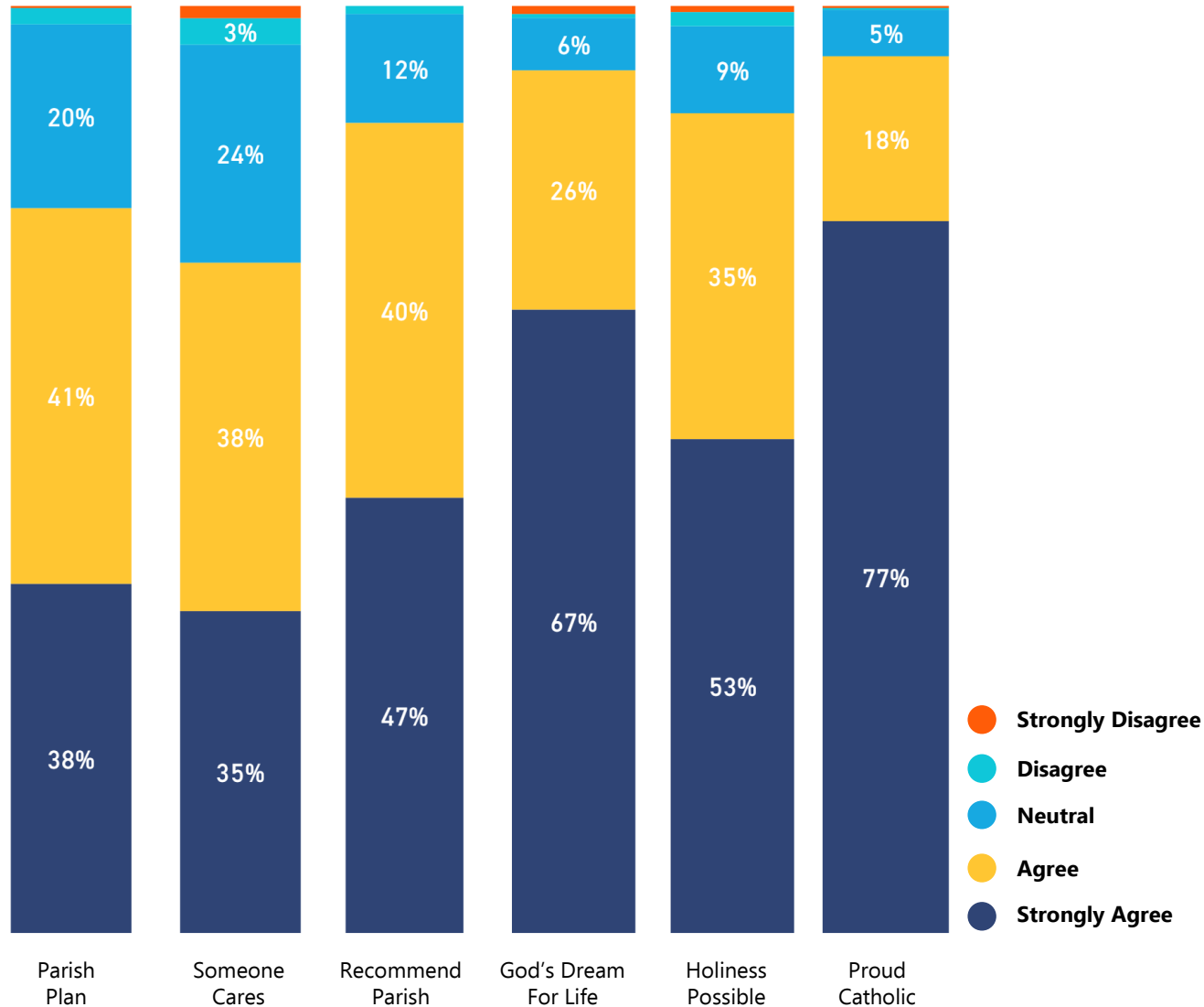
I am proud to be Catholic.



Nearly everyone (95%) agreed or strongly agreed with being proud to be Catholic.

This is similar to the responses from the comparative groups.

Summary: Attitudinal Statements

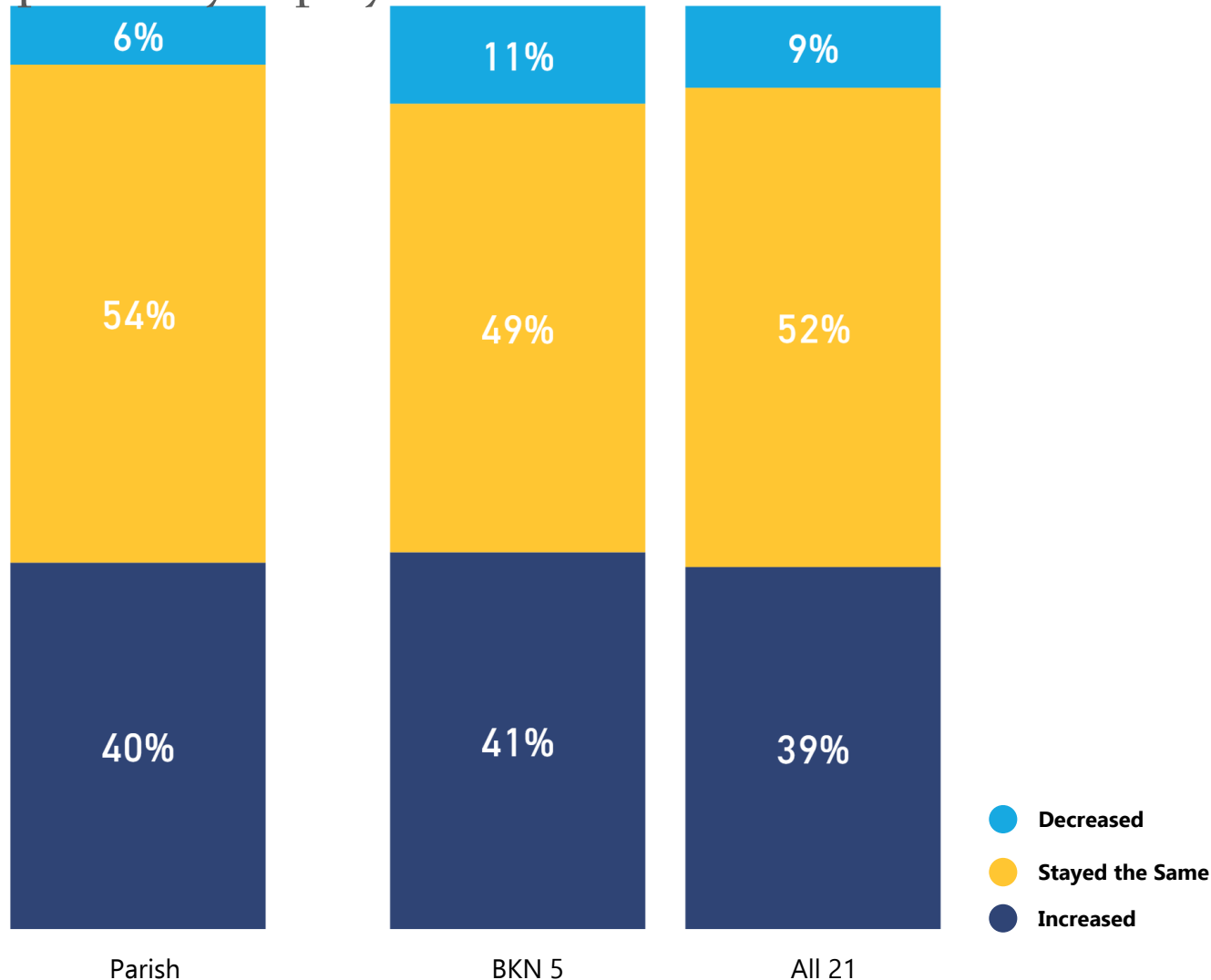


Overall, respondents' thoughts and beliefs in these key areas are strong, as indicated by their high level of agreement or strong agreement.

The statement, "I am Proud to be Catholic," was the most strongly agreed to (77%).

Trend: Prayer

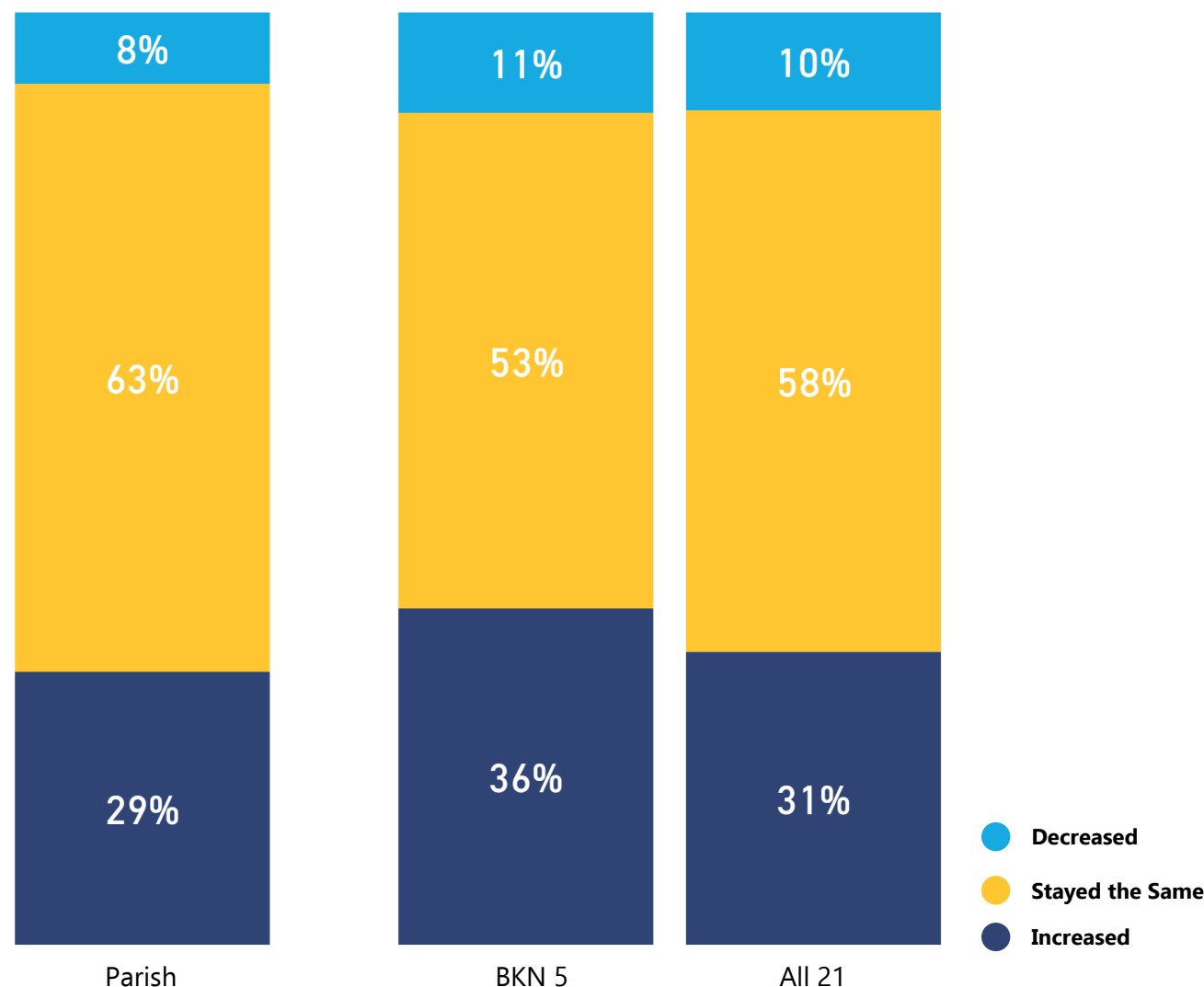
Comparing this year to last year, which best describes the amount of time you have dedicated specifically to prayer?



Comparing this year to last year, the majority of respondents reported the time they dedicated to prayer stayed the same (54%).

Trend: Learning the Faith

Comparing this year to last year, which best describes the amount of time you have spent learning about the Catholic faith?

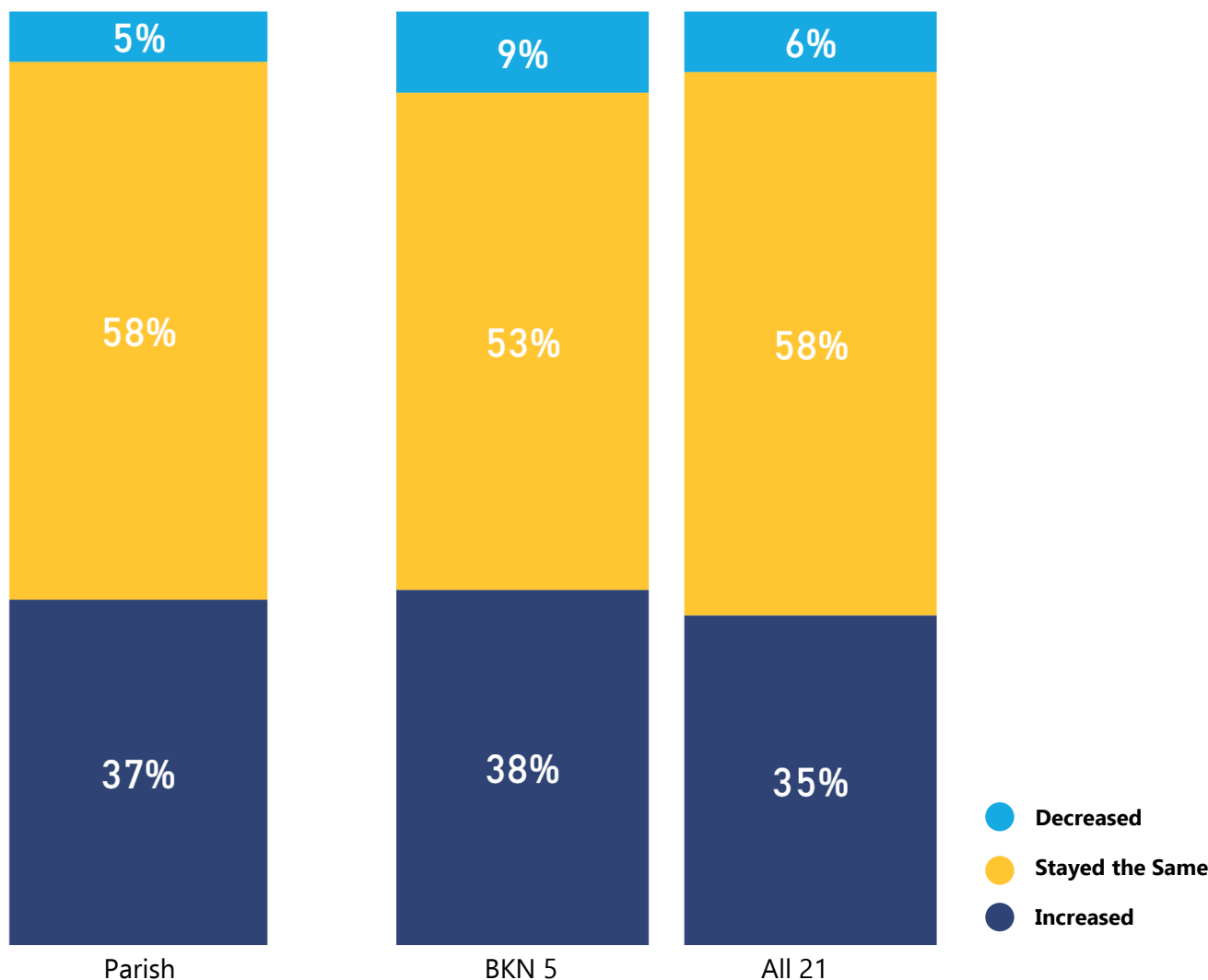


Comparing this year to last year, nearly two-thirds of respondents reported that the amount of time they spent learning about the Catholic faith stayed the same (63%), with 29% increasing.

Relative to the comparative groups, St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Parish had fewer “increasers” and more of those who “stayed the same.”

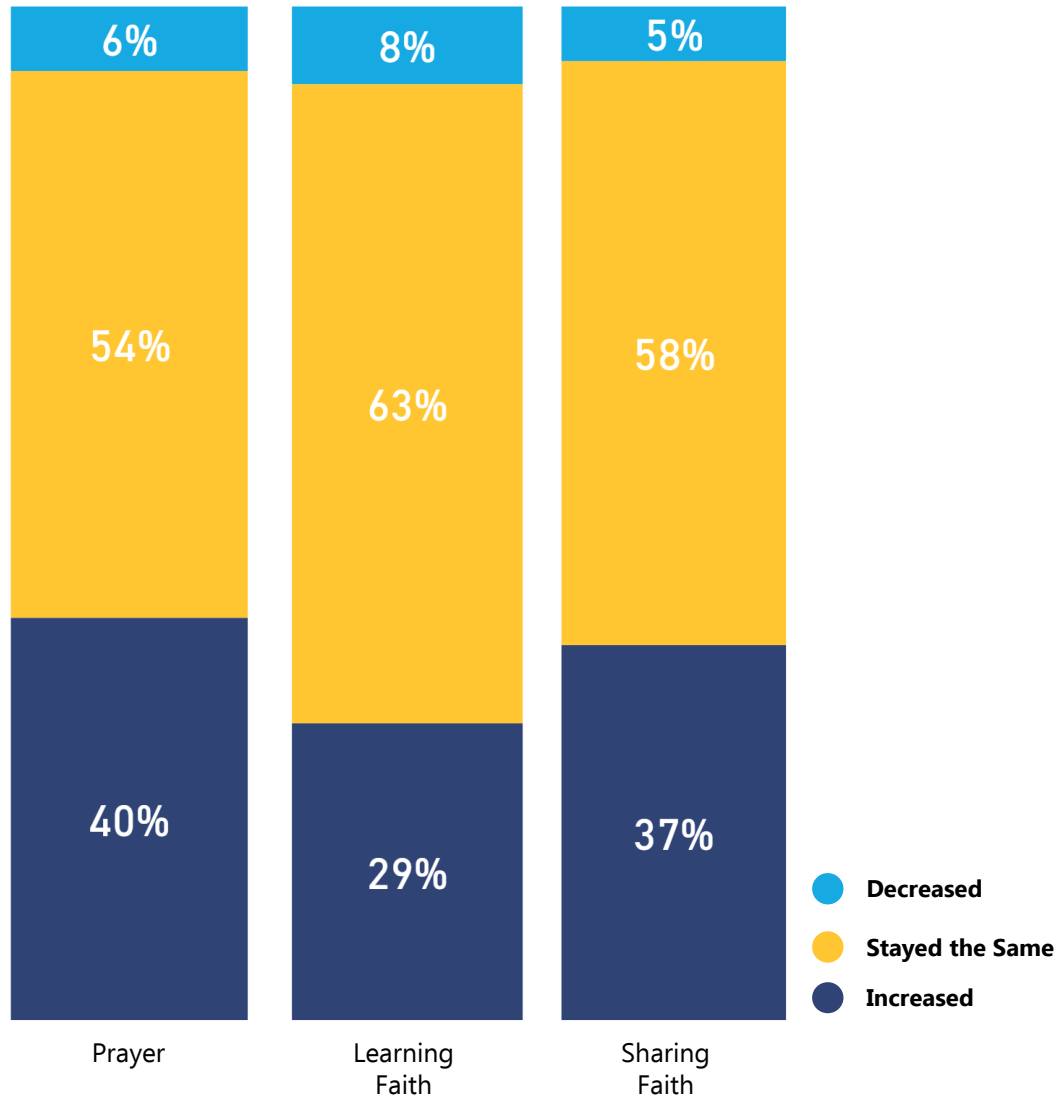
Trend: Sharing the Faith

Comparing this year to last year, which best describes how often you've shared the faith?



Comparing this year to last year, again we see most reported having stayed the same (58%), with 37% increasing.

Summary: Trends

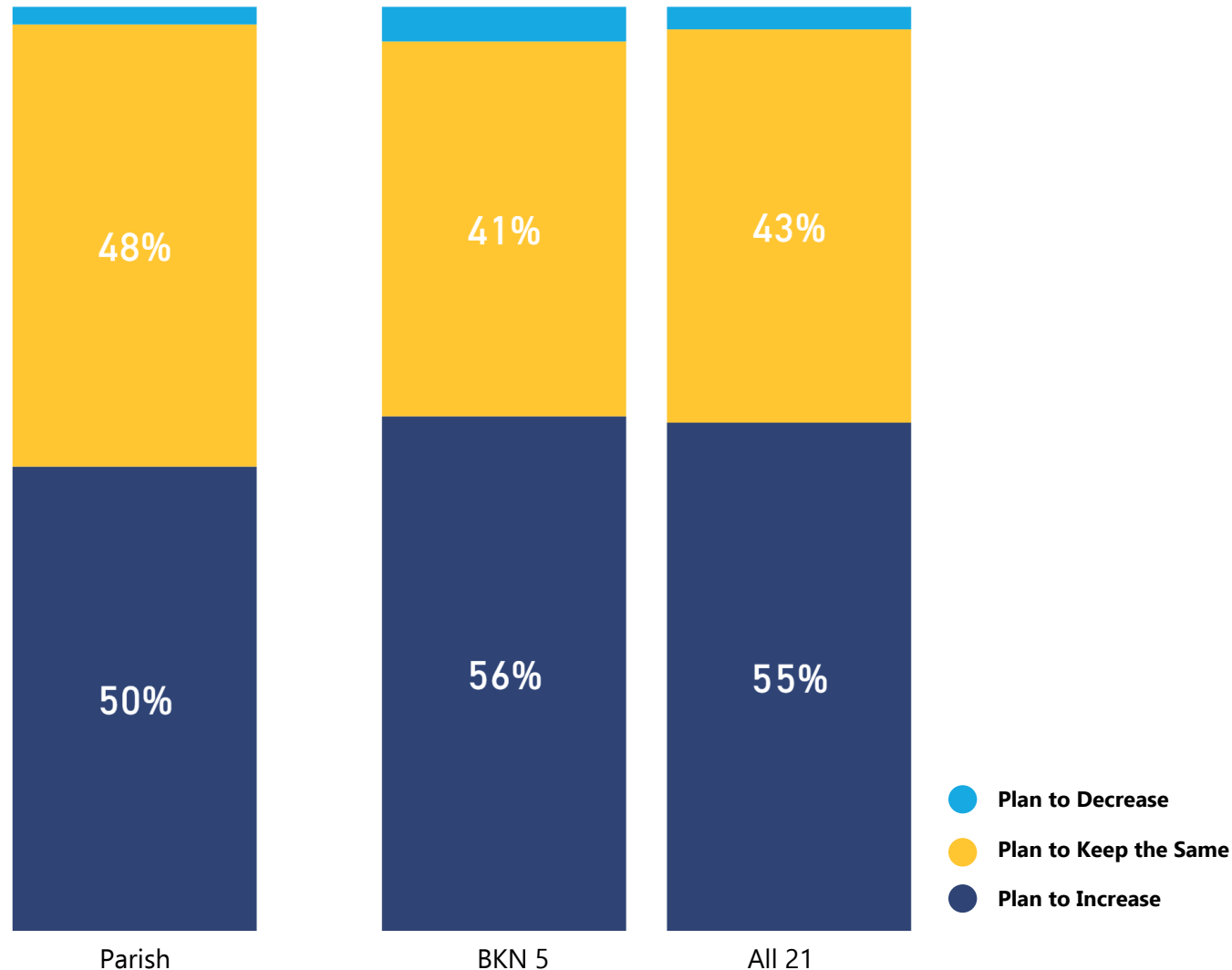


Overall, a majority of respondents reported having stayed in the same in the areas of praying, learning, and sharing the faith.

Prayer had the largest percentage reporting an increase, with Learning the Faith having the lowest percentage reporting an increase.

Projection: Volunteering

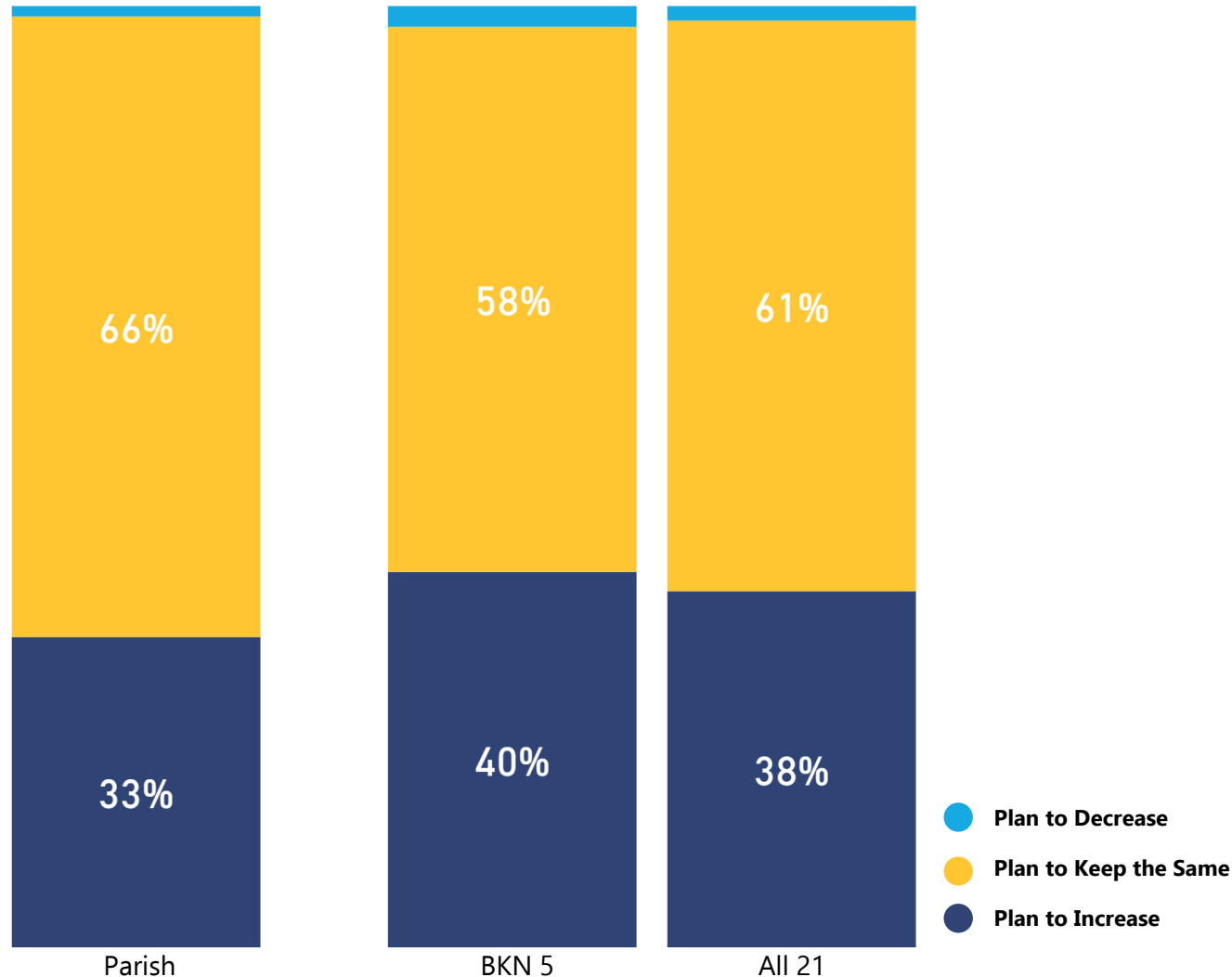
Now thinking about the coming year, which best describes how much you plan to volunteer for your parish?



One-half of respondents (50%) indicated they plan to increase the number of volunteer hours for the parish in the coming year.

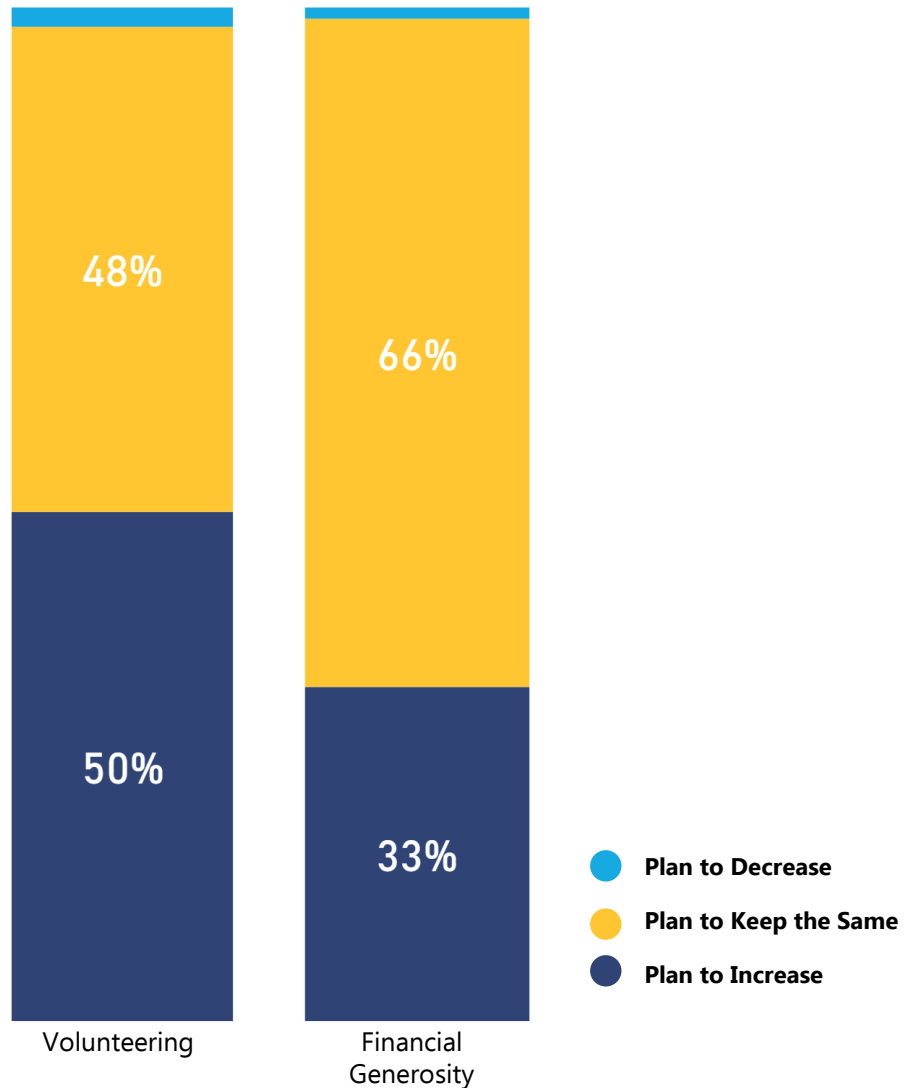
Projection: Financial Generosity

Now thinking about the coming year, which best describes how you plan to contribute financially to your parish and non-profit organizations?



When asked about financial generosity in the coming year, two-thirds plan to stay the same (66%), with nearly all others (33%) planning to increase.

Summary: Projections



In both areas of generosity (volunteering and financial) significant numbers of respondents plan to increase their giving in the coming year.

Discussion: Points to Ponder

- What is most surprising to you about your parish's data?
- What do you think the data shows are the biggest strengths of your parish community? How do these areas compare with your expectations prior to seeing this data?
- What do you think the data shows are the biggest opportunities for growth of your parish community? How do these areas compare with your expectations prior to seeing this data?
 - PRAYER: Increasing the frequency and duration of time dedicated to prayer.
 - STUDY: Beginning a habit of learning about the Catholic faith.
 - GENEROSITY: Starting a habit of volunteering for the parish and increasing total financial giving.
 - EVANGELIZATION: Increasing the frequency of sharing the faith with others.
- How do you think this data compares with what you learned from your parish's Dream Event Data?

Next Steps – Dynamic Catholic

Develop presentations for the number of Dynamic Catholics for the aggregate group of 21 parishes (May)

Develop a report for each parish on its number of Dynamic Catholics (June)

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