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Executive Summary

This report presents the results of a survey conducted by the Nebraska Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs (CMVA). The purpose of the survey was to ascertain the views and thoughts of current and former Nebraska military personnel on a range of topics relevant to this population. The survey captured the attitudes of nearly 5,000 Nebraska Veterans, Retirees, Active-Duty Personnel, members of the National Guard, and Reservists. The survey was conducted from November 2024 to January 2025.

Demographics

- The sample consisted largely of Veterans and Retired Military personnel. Smaller numbers of Active Duty, National Guardsmen, and Reservists responded to the survey.

Veteran Service Officers

- Respondents reported fairly high levels of familiarity with County Veteran Service Officers, with slightly less familiarity with State Veteran Service Officers.
- Satisfaction with both County and State Veteran Service Officers was high.

Accessing Benefit-Related Information

- Veterans report accessing benefits-related information from official government websites; other Service Members, Veterans, and friends; and Veteran Service Organizations (American Legion, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), etc.).
- Respondents reported the most satisfaction with information they receive from Veteran Service Organizations.

Understanding of Benefits and Benefit-Related Information

- Respondents reported fairly high levels of agreement that they understand various types of Federal Veterans Affairs benefits.
- Compared to questions about Federal VA benefits, respondents were less likely to agree that they have a good understanding of benefits offered by the State of Nebraska.

Near Future

- Researchers sought to better understand the near-term plans of veterans, retirees, and military-involved personnel.
- The majority of respondents (69.5%) agree or strongly agree that they plan to seek/maintain full-time employment.
- About 18% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they plan to enroll or continue in college or vocational classes.
- Nearly 70% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they plan to remain living in Nebraska.
- Living plans will be informed by extended family, employment opportunities, and cost of living.

- Over 64% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel good about their physical health.
- Over 70% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel good about their mental health.
- Nearly 67% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel good about their financial security.
- Over 72% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel good about their spiritual health.

Thoughts on State Government Support of Veterans

- Over 50% of respondents agree that the State of Nebraska takes care of Veterans.
- Nearly 42% of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed when asked whether the State of Nebraska takes care of military service members.
- Nearly 49% of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed when asked whether the State of Nebraska takes care of military families.
- A large proportion of respondents (about 54%) agree or strongly agree that the State of Nebraska values their military service.
- Respondents reported some uncertainty when asked if Nebraska businesses value their military service; over 38% of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed with this question.

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Introduction

In 2024, the Nebraska Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs (CMVA) voted to conduct a study of Veterans, Retirees, Reservists, Guardsmen, and Active Duty personnel in the State of Nebraska.

There were several goals of the survey. The CMCA sought to better understand how individuals in these broad categories access information about military benefits. Additionally, the CMVA wanted to know about veterans' experiences with State and County Veterans Service Officers. The CMVA also wanted to better understand general thoughts of Veterans, Retirees, Reservists, Guardsmen, and Active Duty personnel in the State.

The CMVA commissioned the Bureau of Business Research (BBR) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to compose a survey to help understand these topics. Personnel at the CMVA and the BBR worked closely to develop the questionnaire. BBR personnel composed the survey using Qualtrics, a leading online survey software provider.

The Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs (NDVA) emailed information on the Azimuth Check survey to its newsletter subscribers on November 18, 2024; December 9, 2024; and January 6, 2025. This audience includes those who have signed up to receive emails on the NDVA website or at outreach events as well as those who have signed up with the Nebraska Veterans Registry. In total, the emails were sent to about 43,000 recipients with an open rate of 21% and a click rate of 4.3%.

Demographics

- Respondents tended to be older with about 65% of respondents aged 60 or above.
- Respondents were overwhelmingly male, with 90% male respondents and 10% female.
- About 75% of respondents reported being married.
- About 18% of respondents reported having at least one dependent living at home. Nearly 82% of respondents reported having no dependents living at home.
- Over 50% of respondents reported living in Nebraska for more than 30 years. About 14% of respondents reported living in Nebraska for 10 or less years.
- Respondents were asked with which branch they were primarily affiliated:
 - o About 41% of respondents are affiliated with the Army
 - o Nearly 30% are affiliated with the Air Force
 - o Over 18% are affiliated with the Navy
- With regard to military status, the vast majority of respondents (63%) are Veterans who separated prior to retirement. Another 32% are Retired. The remaining 5% include National Guardsmen, Active Duty personnel, Reservists, Military Dependents, and Individual Ready Reserve.
- Full results can be found in Appendix A.

Views on County and State Veteran Service Officers

- Large numbers of respondents indicated that they know how to contact their County and State Veteran Service Officers.
- Large numbers of respondents report that they have worked with their County Veteran Service Officers.
- Fewer numbers of respondents have worked with a State Veteran Service Officer.
- Among those with experience working with a Veteran Service Officer, large majorities agree that:
 - o County and State Veteran Service Officers are easy to contact.
 - o County and State Veteran Service Officers are receptive and responsive.
 - o County and State Veteran Service Officers care about Veterans.
 - o They are satisfied with their County and State Veteran Service Officers.
- Full results can be found in Appendix B.

Accessing Benefit-Related Information

Respondents were asked to report the sources of information they seek out when looking for information on military or retiree benefits.

- Respondents most commonly reported that they receive benefits information from official government websites; other Service Members, Veterans, and friends; and Veteran Service Organizations (American Legion, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), etc.).
- Respondents reported the most satisfaction with information they receive from Veteran Service Organizations.
- Compared to the information they receive from Veteran Service Organizations, respondents were less satisfied with information from official government websites and information from other Service Members, Veterans, and Friends.
- Full results can be found in Appendix C.

Understanding Benefit-Related Information

Researchers sought to determine whether respondents feel they have a good understanding of federal and state benefits for veterans and retirees.

Regarding Federal VA Benefits:

- Over 50% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they have a good understanding of VA mental health benefits.
- Nearly 50% of respondents agreed that they have a good understanding of VA Disability Claim and Appeal Processes; VA Educational Benefits; and The VA Home Loan Process
- Respondents reported relatively less agreement that they understand the VA Burial Benefits/Cemeteries Process
- A large proportion of respondents (44%) neither agree nor disagree that they have a good understanding of VA Veteran Employment Service Benefits.

Regarding State of Nebraska Veteran Benefits:

- In general, compared to questions about Federal VA benefits, respondents were less likely to agree that they have a good understanding of benefits offered by the State of Nebraska. For example:
- A plurality of respondents (39%) disagree or strongly disagree that they have a good understanding of State of Nebraska Veteran Benefits.
- Large proportions of respondents somewhat or strongly disagree that have a good understanding of Nebraska Veteran Home Benefits (43.5%) and State of Nebraska Veteran Cemeteries Processes 42.6%).
- Over 40% of respondents neither agree nor disagree that they have a good understanding of State of Nebraska Veteran Employment Services.
- Full results can be found in Appendix D.

Near Future

Researchers sought to better understand the near-term plans of veterans, retirees, and military-involved personnel. Respondents were asked about their employment plans, salary expectations, educational plans, and plans to stay—or not stay—in Nebraska over the next five years.

- The majority of respondents (69.5%) agree or strongly agree that they plan to seek/maintain full-time employment.

- About 18% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they plan to enroll or continue in college or vocational classes.
- Nearly 70% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they plan to remain living in Nebraska.
- Living plans will be informed by extended family, employment opportunities, and cost of living.

Nebraska Military Personnel, Retirees, and Veterans feel good about their health and well-being:

- Over 64% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel good about their physical health.
- Over 70% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel good about their mental health.
- Nearly 67% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel good about their financial security.
- Over 72% of respondents agree or strongly agree that they feel good about their spiritual health.
- Full results can be found in Appendix E.

Thoughts on State Government Support of Veterans

Respondents were asked to provide their thoughts on whether the State of Nebraska supports military members and veterans in various ways. The results show that respondents' perceptions of state government support are high, though there appears to be some degree of uncertainty on some questions.

- Over 50% of respondents agree that the State of Nebraska takes care of Veterans.
- Nearly 42% of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed when asked whether the State of Nebraska takes care of military service members.
- Nearly 49% of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed when asked whether the State of Nebraska takes care of military families.
- A large proportion of respondents (about 54%) agree or strongly agree that the State of Nebraska values their military service.

Respondents reported some uncertainty when asked if Nebraska businesses value their military service; over 38% of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed to this question.

- Full results can be found in Appendix F.

Additional Analyses

Near Future by Age

Questions related to the “Near Future” plans of Veterans and military personnel in the state were analyzed by age group. Specifically, BBR researchers examined responses for respondents below the age of 40, and respondents between the ages of 40-49. In general, very few differences between the plans of the two age groups were detected.

Thoughts on State Government Support by Military Status

Responses for various questions were examined by military status. In particular, researchers sought to identify potential differences in perceived state support for Veterans by military status. The results on the following pages show several trends:

- Active Duty personnel and Retired Military personnel consistently agreed that the State of Nebraska takes care of Veterans and values military service.
- Members of the National Guard and Reservists were less likely to strongly agree that the State of Nebraska takes care of Veterans and values military service.

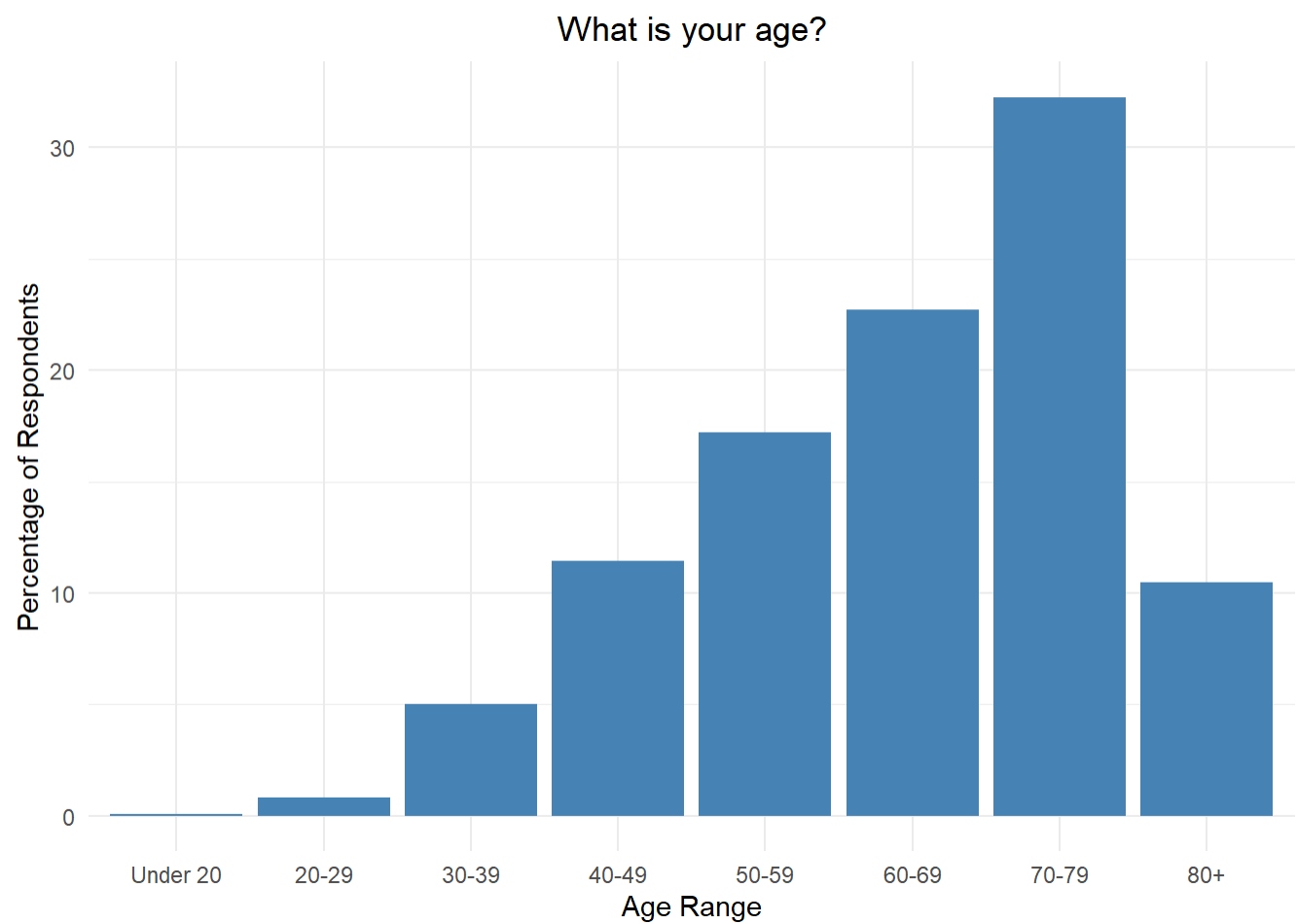
Near Future by Intention to Stay in Nebraska

Respondents were asked to indicate whether they intend to stay in Nebraska during the next five years. Researchers identified those who reported that they planned to leave Nebraska and those who planned to stay in Nebraska. These two groups of respondents were compared on several questions. In general, responses from these two groups were very similar. However, those who indicated they planned to stay in Nebraska were much more likely to say that extended family will strongly influence their plans, in relation to those who do not plan to stay in Nebraska.

All additional analyses can be found in Appendix G.

Appendices

Appendix A. Demographics

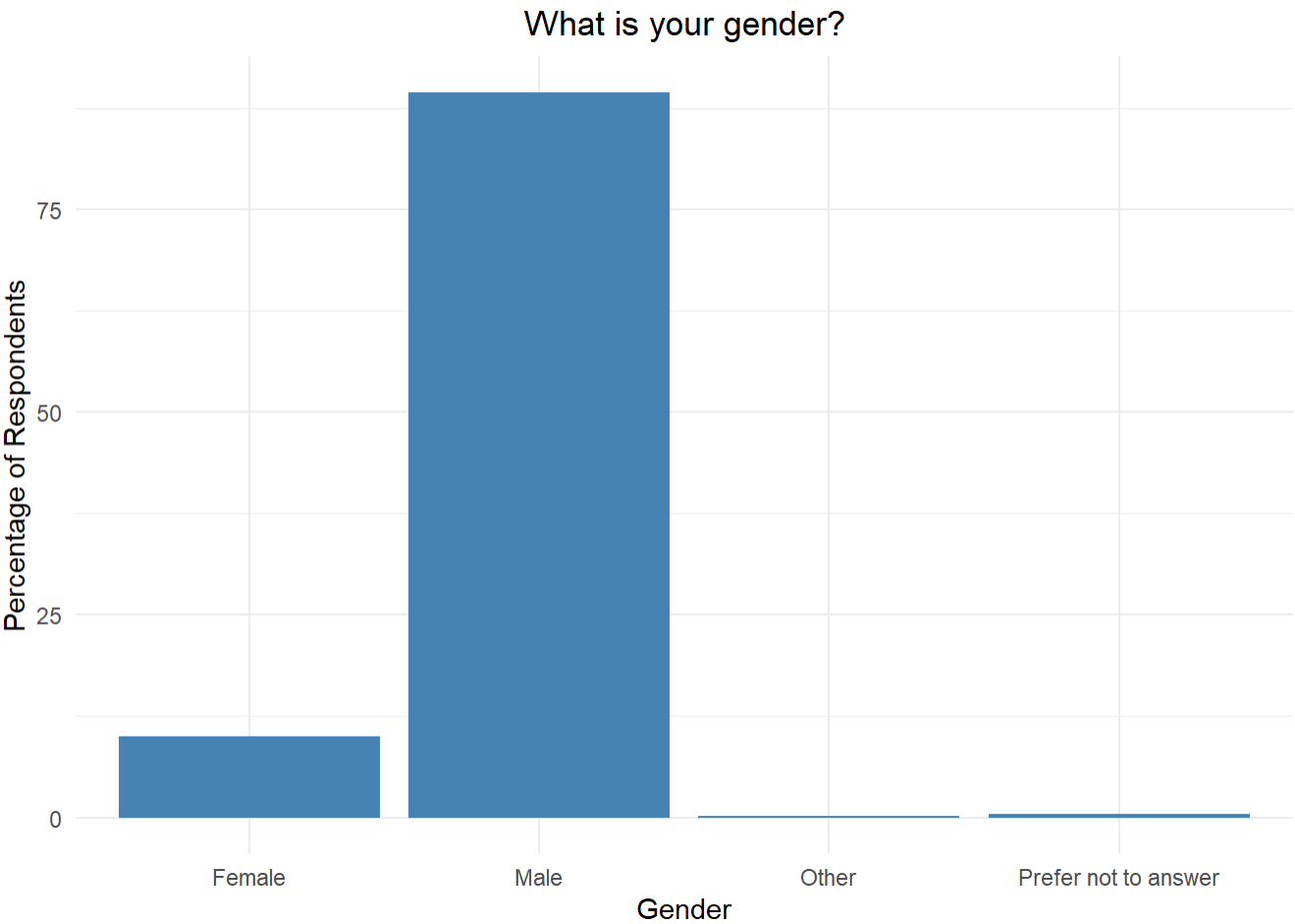


Response Numbers for Age

Response	Count	Percentage
Under 20	4	0.1
20-29	38	0.8
30-39	239	5.0
40-49	544	11.4
50-59	818	17.2
60-69	1079	22.7

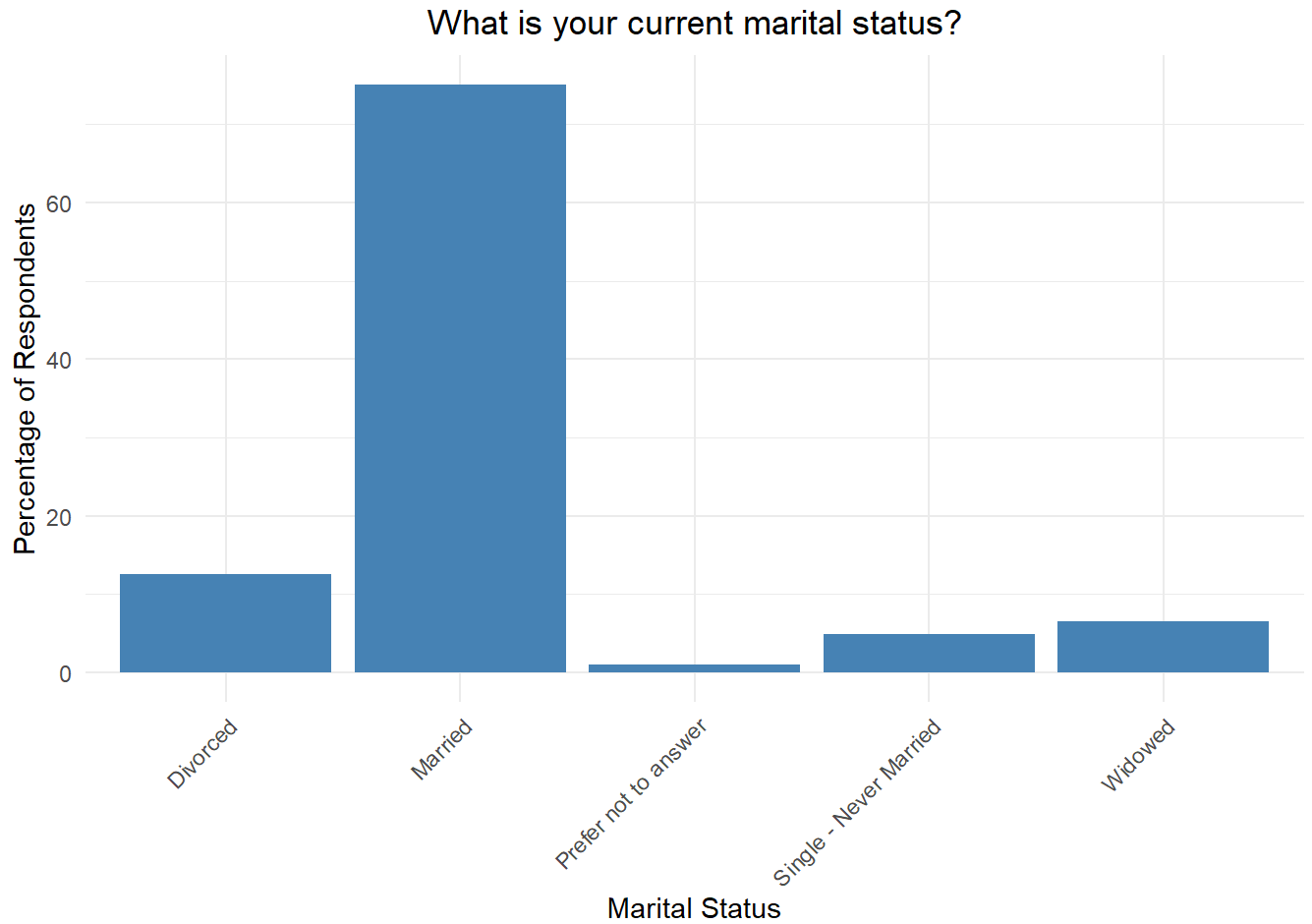
Response Numbers for Age

Response	Count	Percentage
70-79	1534	32.3
80+	498	10.5



Response Numbers for Gender

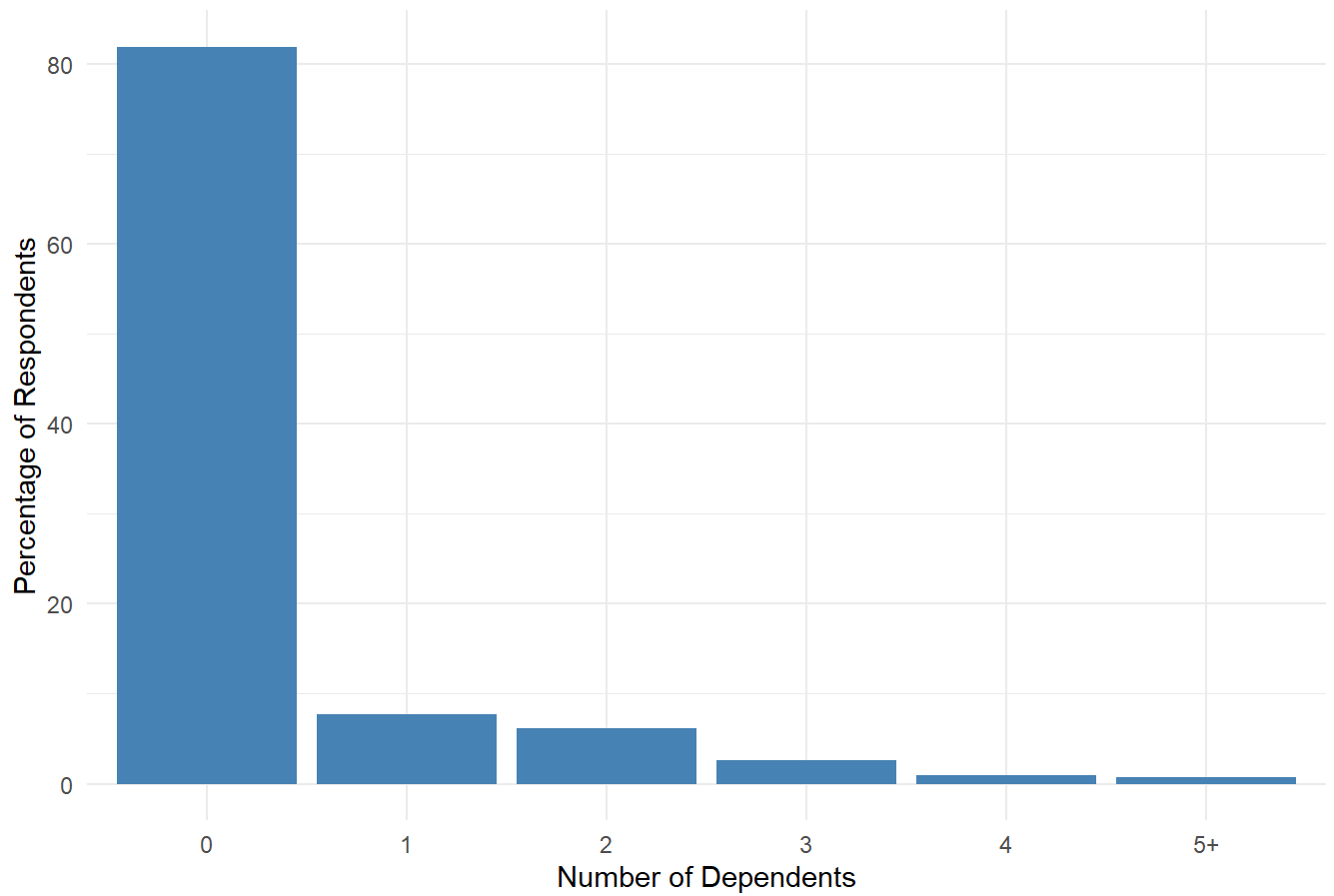
Response	Count	Percentage
Female	473	9.9
Male	4252	89.4
Other	11	0.2
Prefer not to answer	18	0.4



Response Numbers for Marital Status

Response	Count	Percentage
Divorced	594	12.5
Married	3571	75.1
Prefer not to answer	49	1.0
Single - Never Married	230	4.8
Widowed	309	6.5

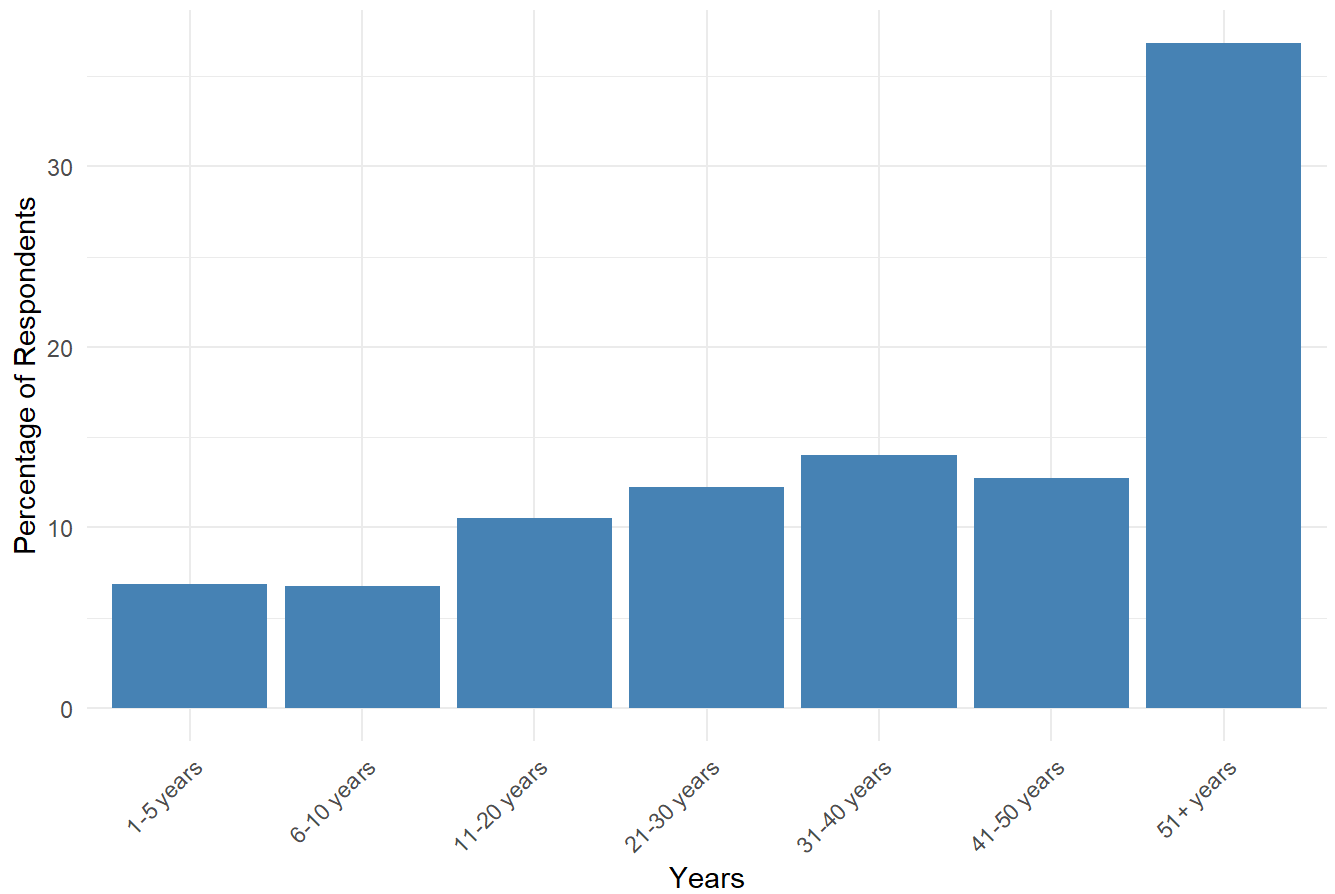
How many dependents under the age of 18 live with you?



Response Numbers for Number of Dependents

Response	Count	Percentage
0	3879	81.9
1	364	7.7
2	291	6.1
3	125	2.6
4	44	0.9
5+	32	0.7

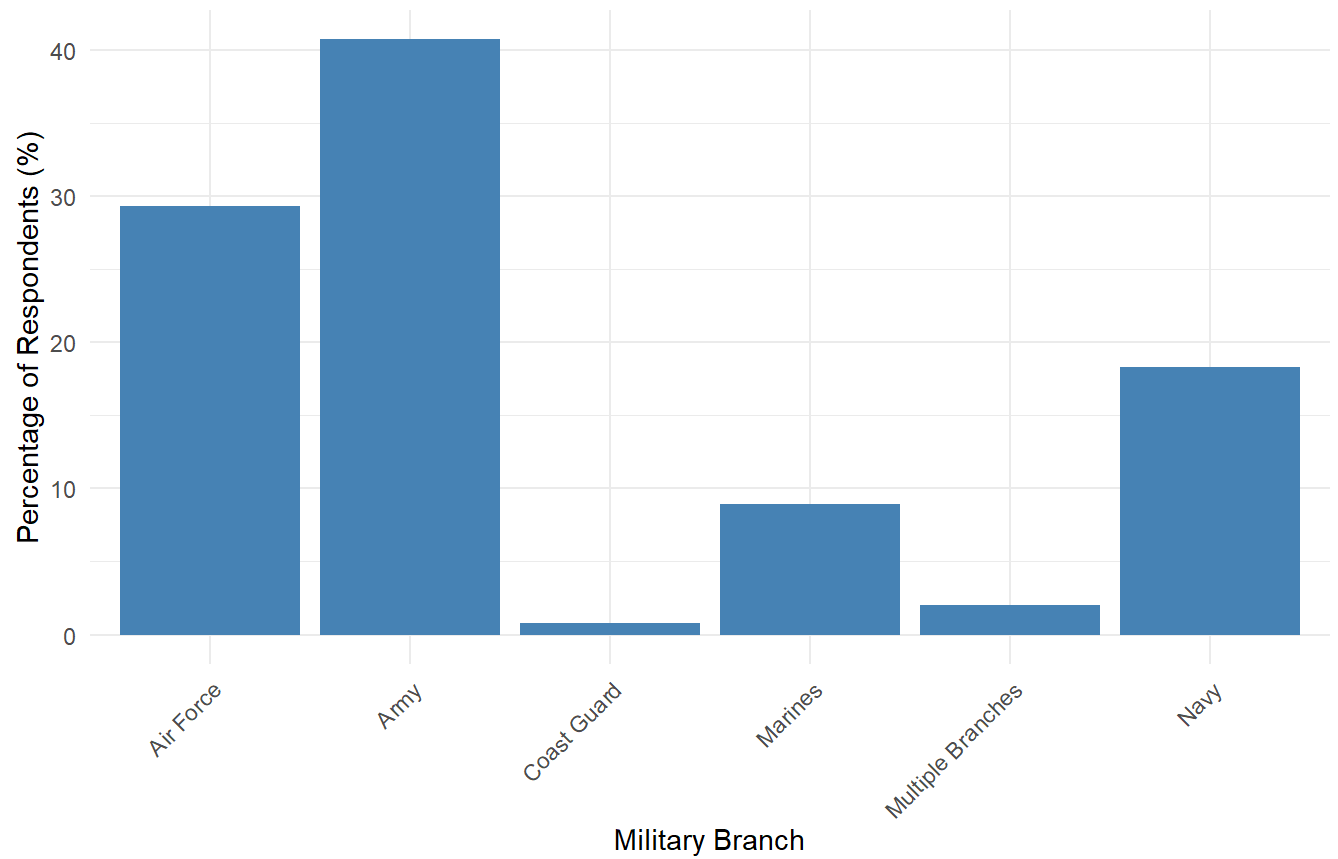
How many years have you lived in Nebraska?



Response Numbers for Years Lived in Nebraska

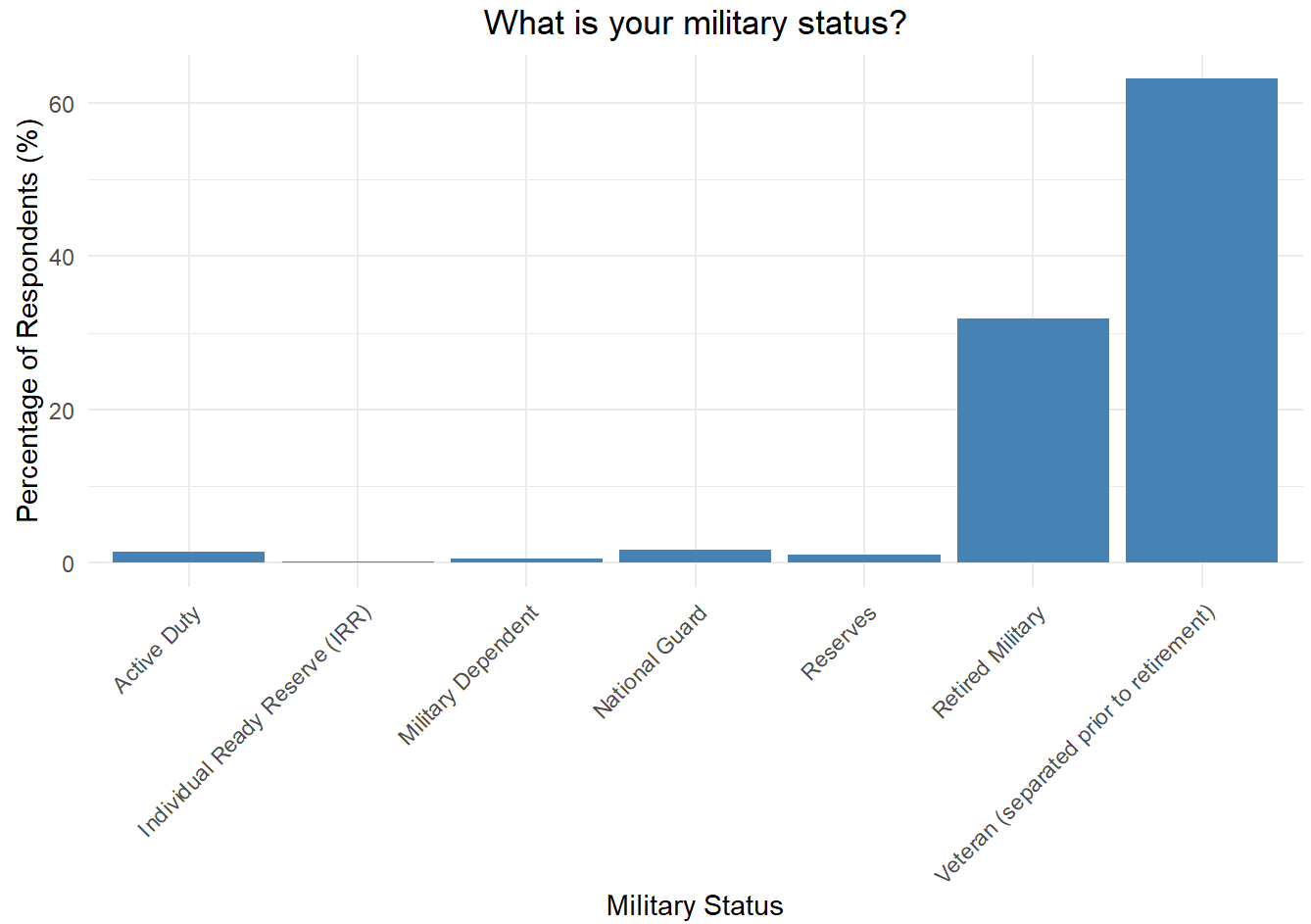
Response	Count	Percentage
1-5 years	326	6.9
6-10 years	319	6.7
11-20 years	498	10.5
21-30 years	581	12.3
31-40 years	664	14.0
41-50 years	605	12.8
51+ years	1746	36.8

With what branch of the military are you primarily affiliated?



Response Numbers for Military Branch Affiliation

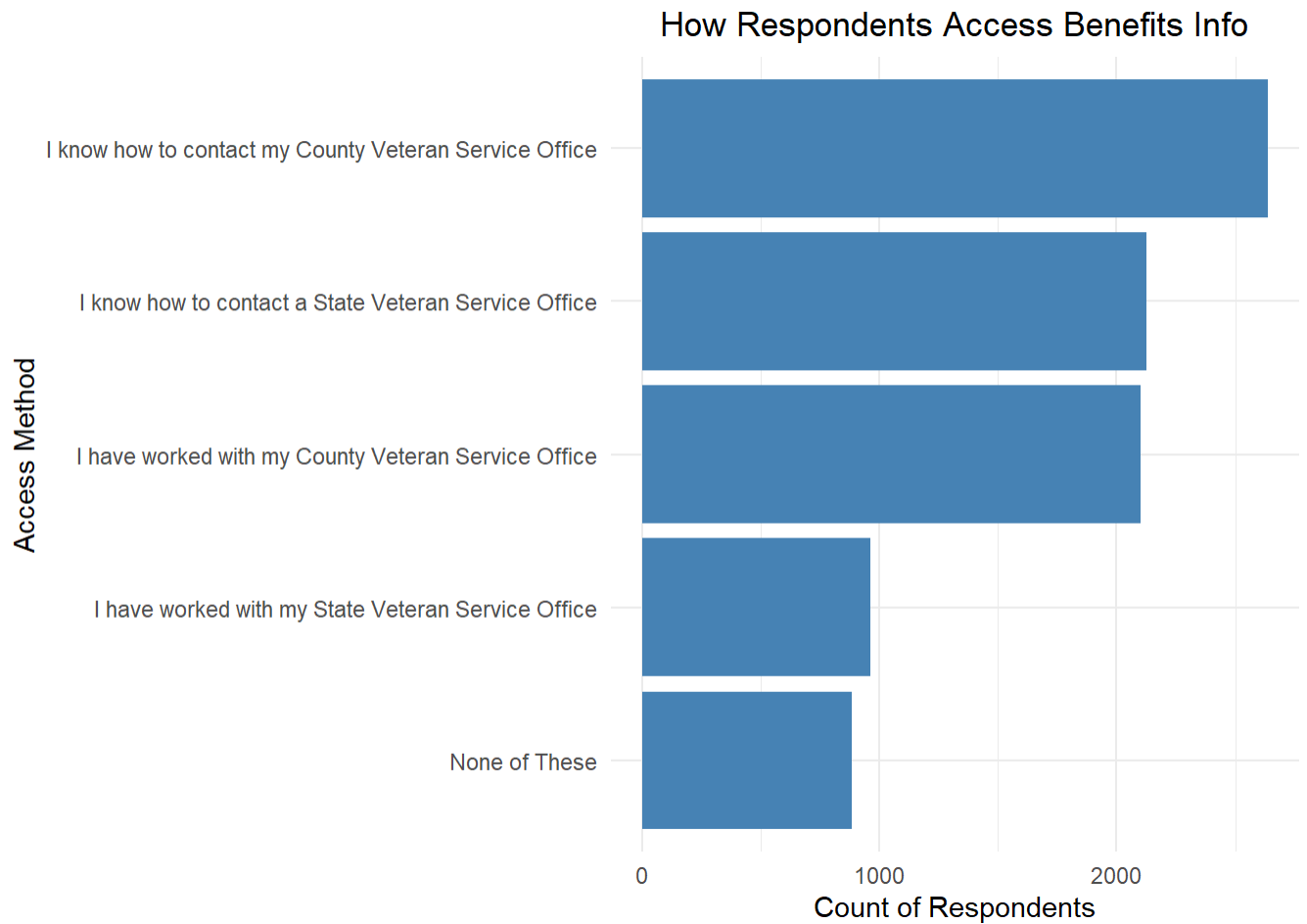
Response	Count	Percentage
Army	1933	40.7
Air Force	1394	29.3
Navy	868	18.3
Marines	424	8.9
Multiple Branches	97	2.0
Coast Guard	38	0.8



Response Numbers for Military Status

Response	Count	Percentage
Veteran (separated prior to retirement)	3002	63.1
Retired Military	1513	31.8
National Guard	83	1.7
Active Duty	73	1.5
Reserves	52	1.1
Military Dependent	22	0.5
Individual Ready Reserve (IRR)	9	0.2

Appendix B. Views on County and State Veteran Service Officers

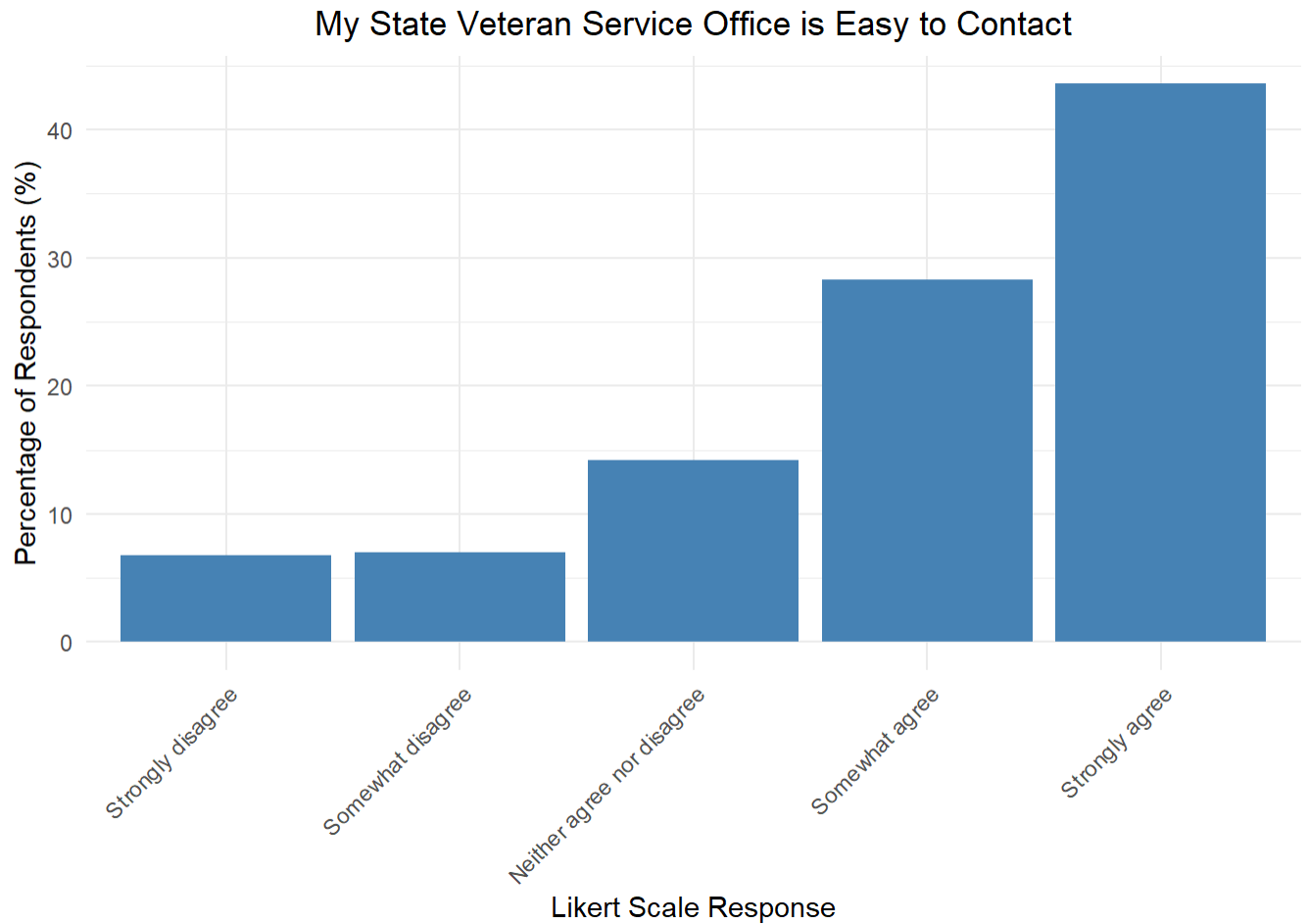


Response Numbers for Access Methods

Response	Count
I know how to contact my County Veteran Service Office	2637
I know how to contact a State Veteran Service Office	2125
I have worked with my County Veteran Service Office	2102
I have worked with my State Veteran Service Office	964

Response Numbers for Access Methods

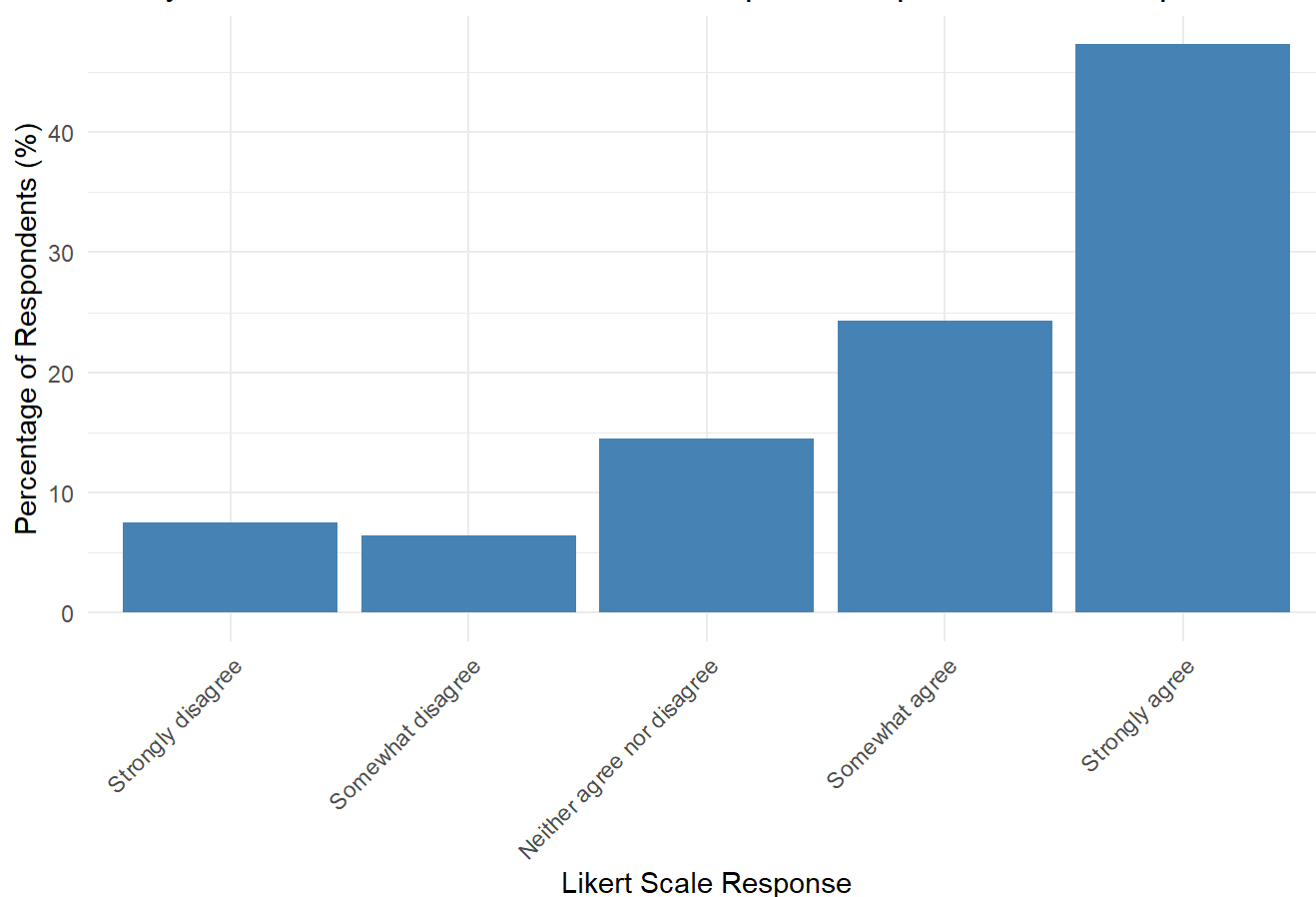
Response	Count
None of These	885



Response Numbers for: My State Veteran Service Office is Easy to Contact

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	63	6.8
Somewhat disagree	65	7.0
Neither agree nor disagree	132	14.2
Somewhat agree	263	28.3
Strongly agree	405	43.6

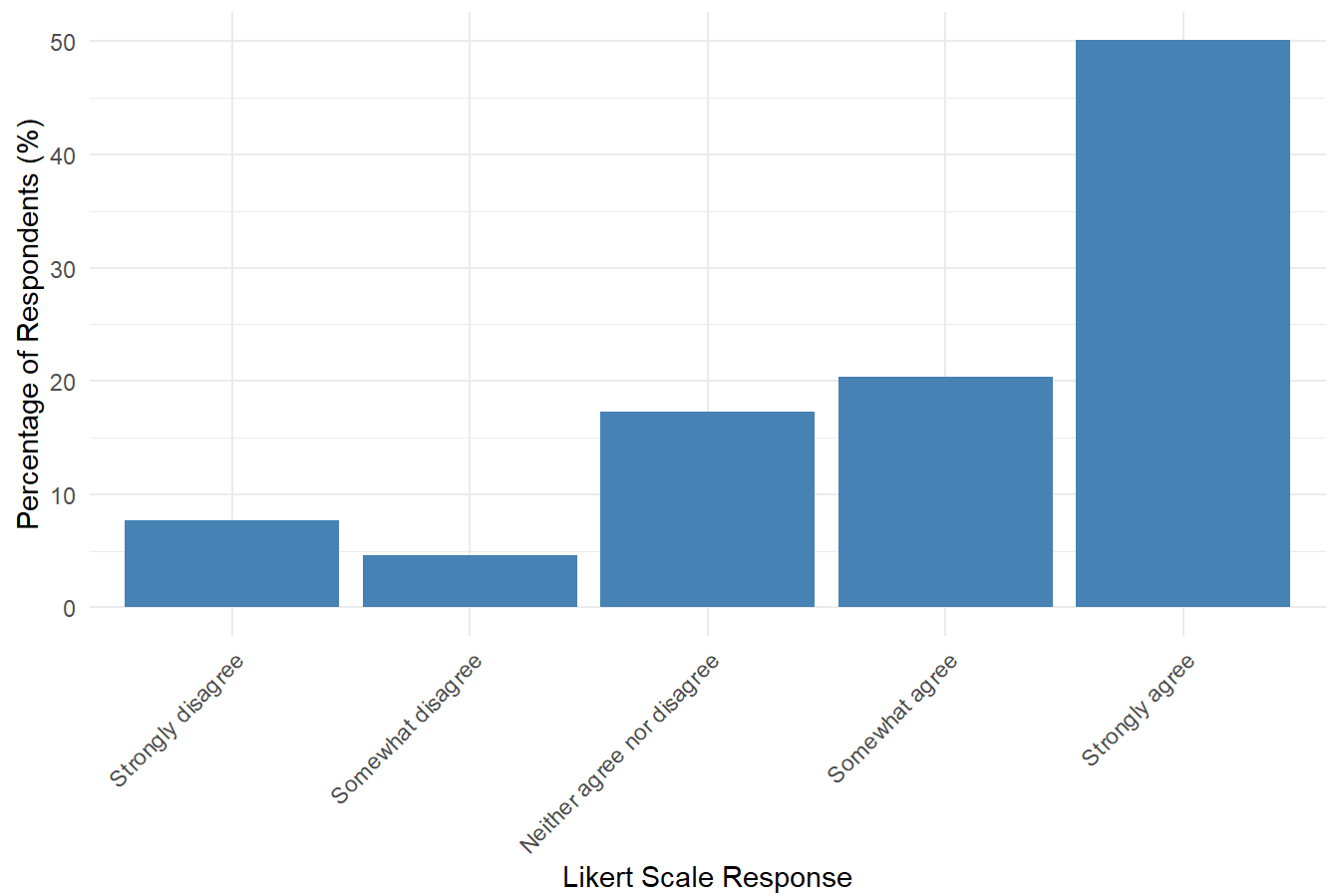
My State Veteran Service Office is Receptive, Responsive, and Cooperative



Response Numbers for: My State Veteran Service Office is Receptive, Responsive, and Cooperative

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	70	7.5
Somewhat disagree	59	6.4
Neither agree nor disagree	135	14.5
Somewhat agree	226	24.3
Strongly agree	439	47.3

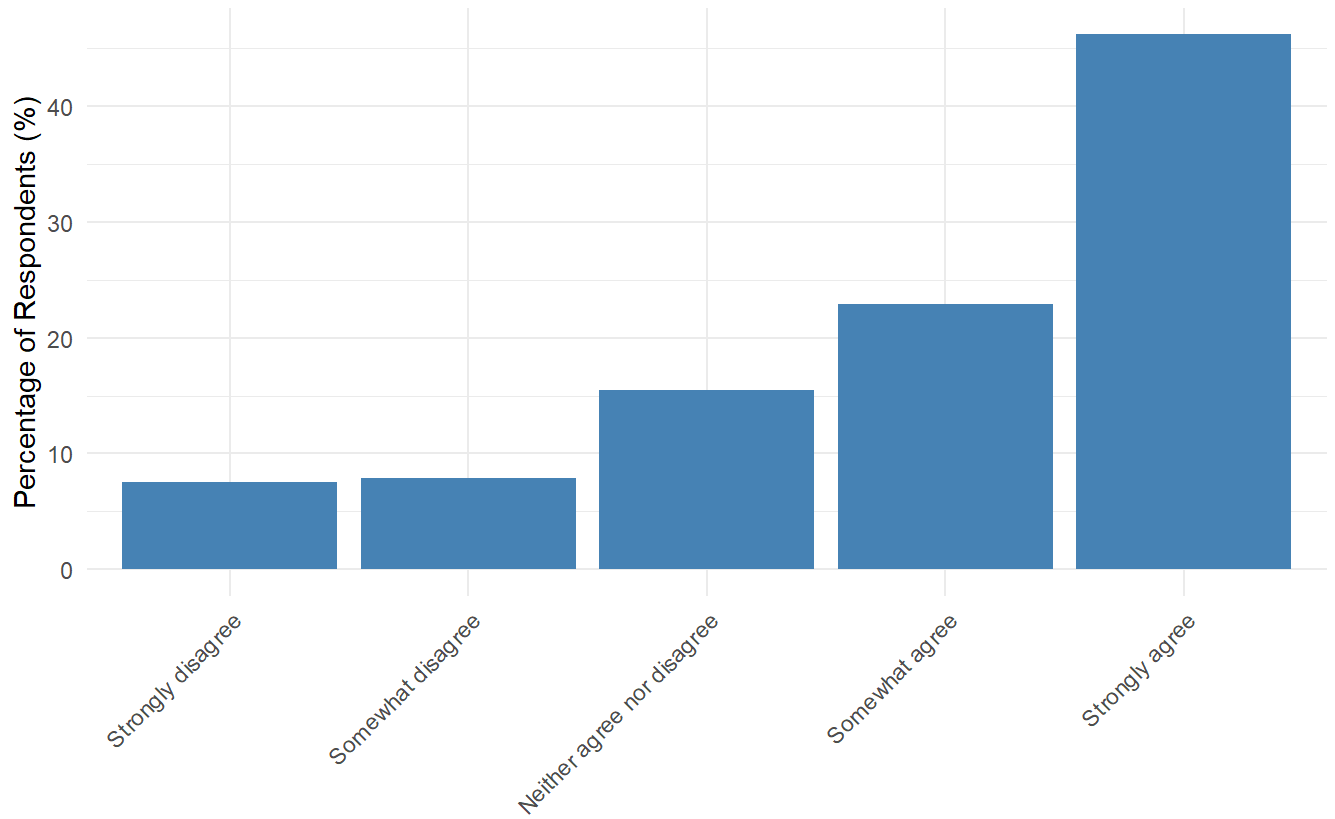
My State Veteran Service Office Cares About Me and Other Veterans



Response Numbers for: My State Veteran Service Office Cares About Me and Other Veterans

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	71	7.7
Somewhat disagree	43	4.6
Neither agree nor disagree	160	17.3
Somewhat agree	189	20.4
Strongly agree	464	50.1

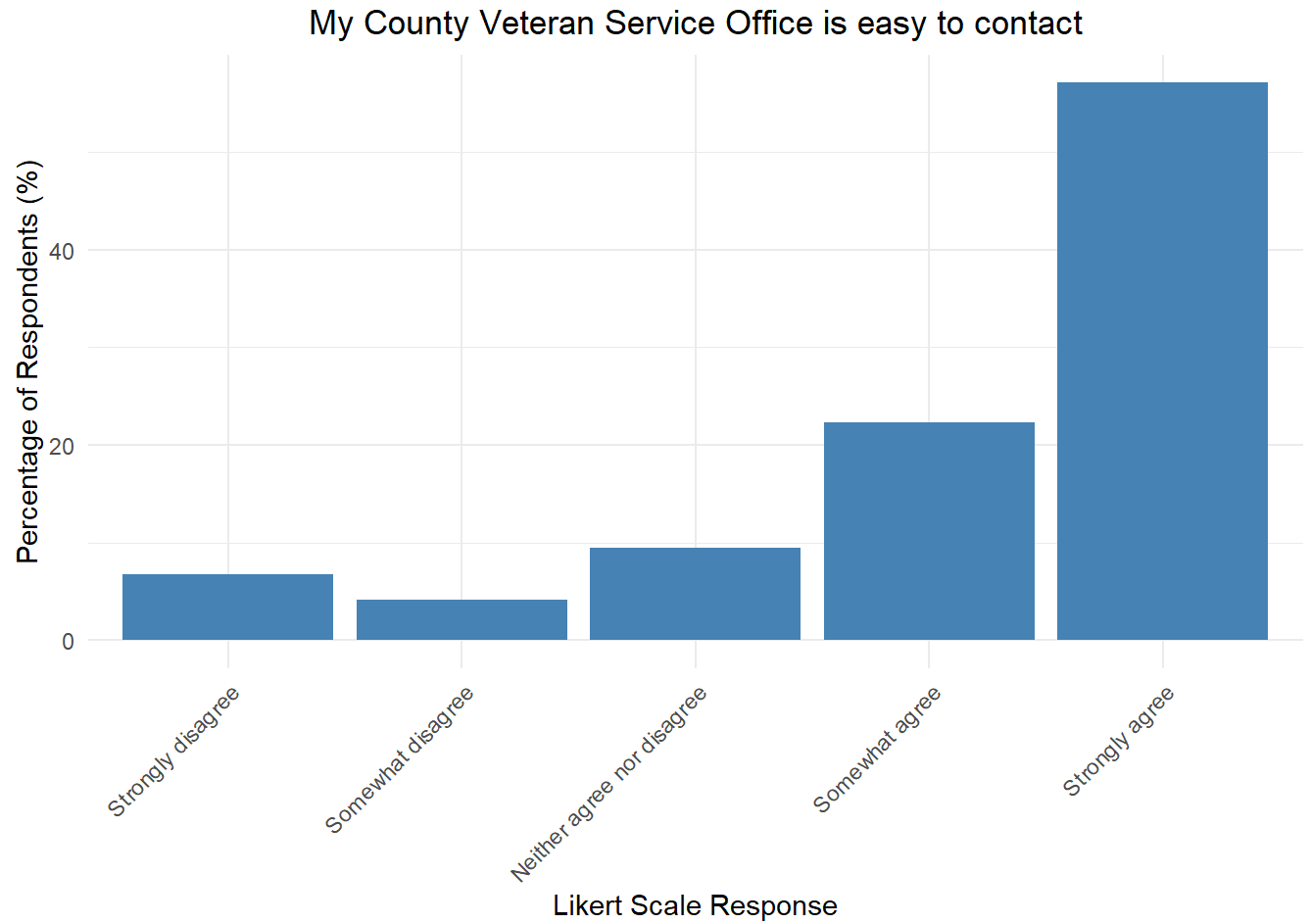
I have been satisfied with the information/support provided
by my State Veteran Service Offices



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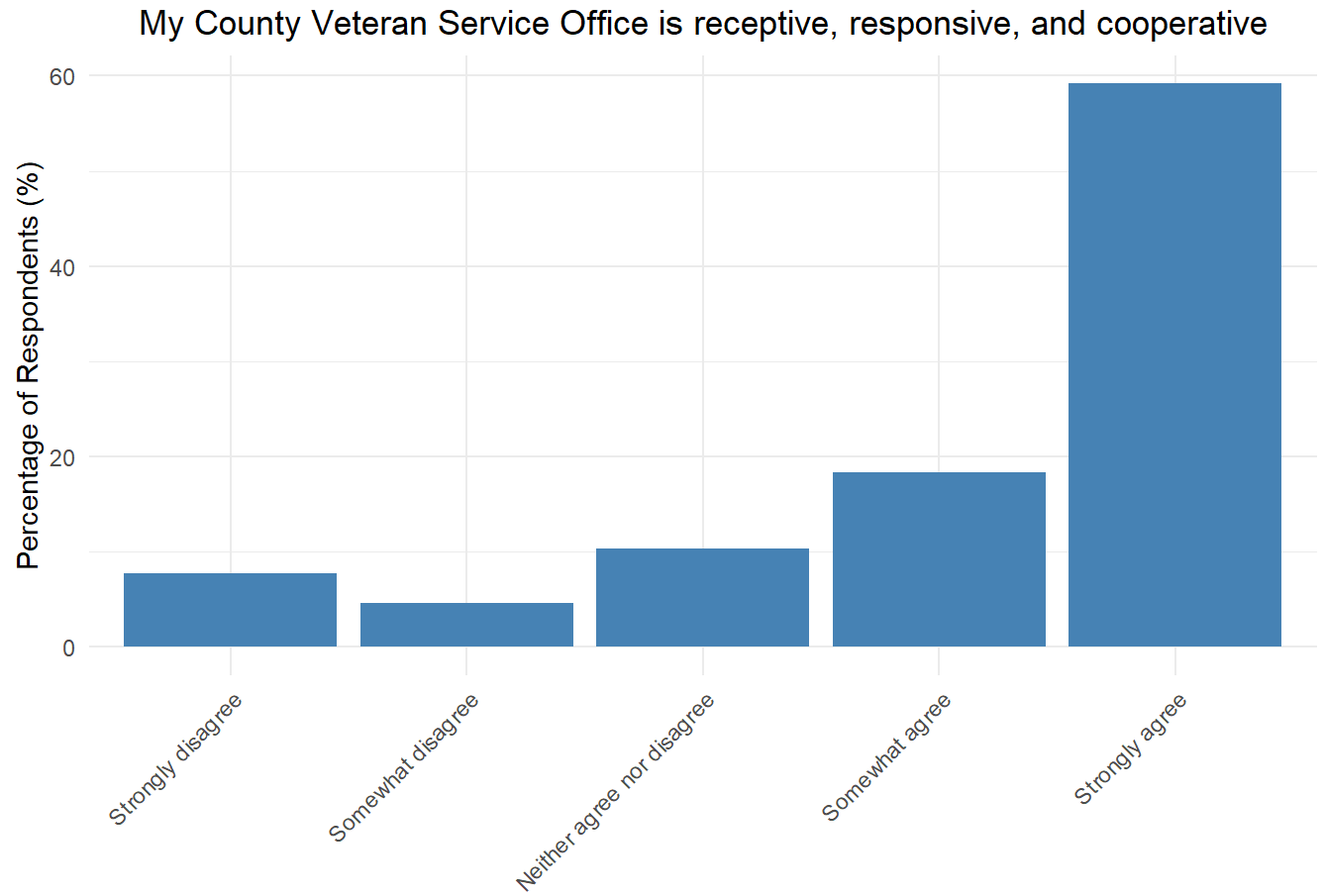
Response Numbers for: I have been satisfied with the information/support provided by my State Veteran Service Offices

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	69	7.5
Somewhat disagree	73	7.9
Neither agree nor disagree	143	15.5
Somewhat agree	212	22.9
Strongly agree	427	46.2



Response Numbers for: My County Veteran Service Office is easy to contact

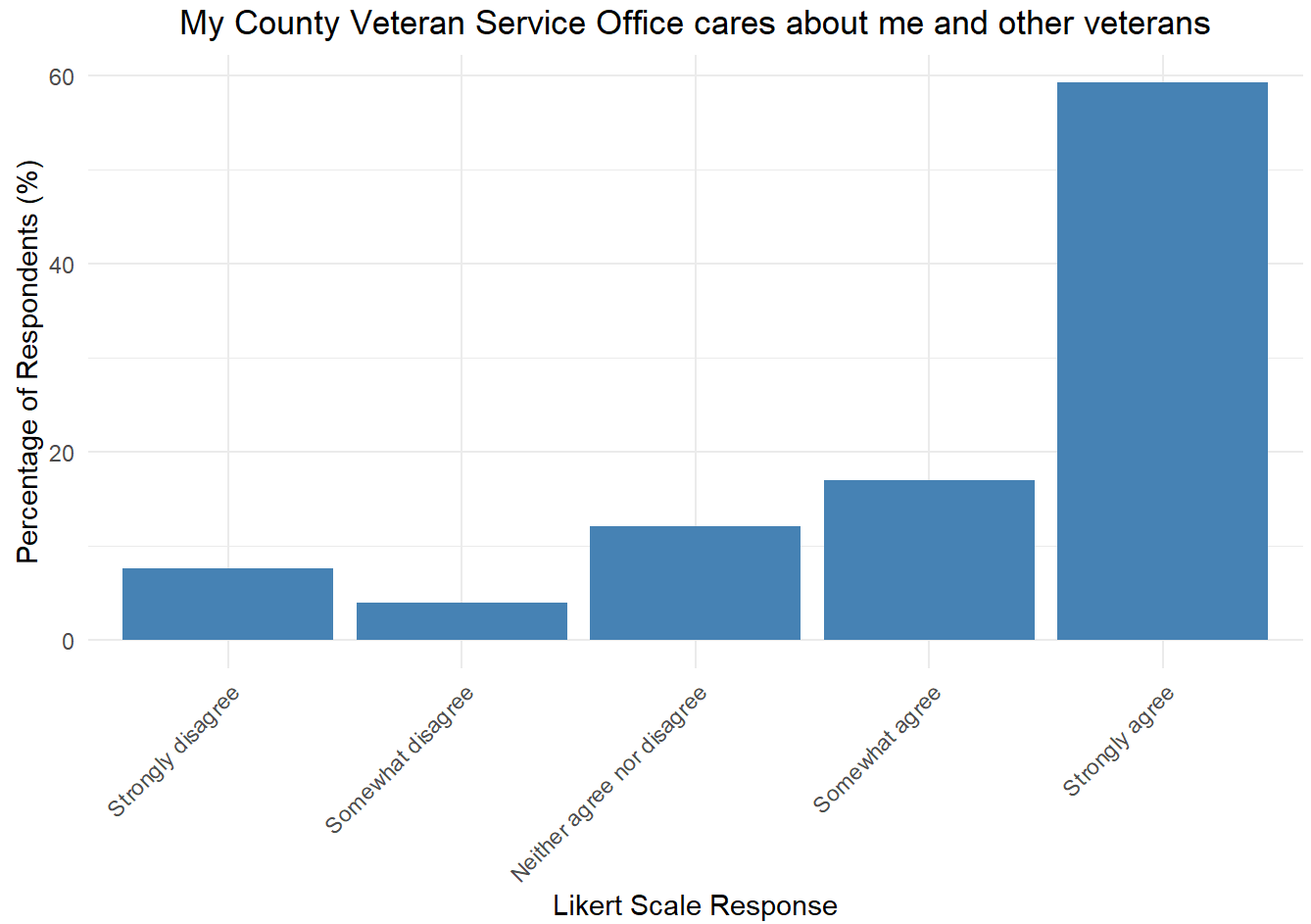
Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	139	6.8
Somewhat disagree	86	4.2
Neither agree nor disagree	194	9.5
Somewhat agree	456	22.3
Strongly agree	1166	57.1



Likert Scale Response

Response Numbers and Percentages for: My County Veteran Service Office is receptive, responsive, and cooperative

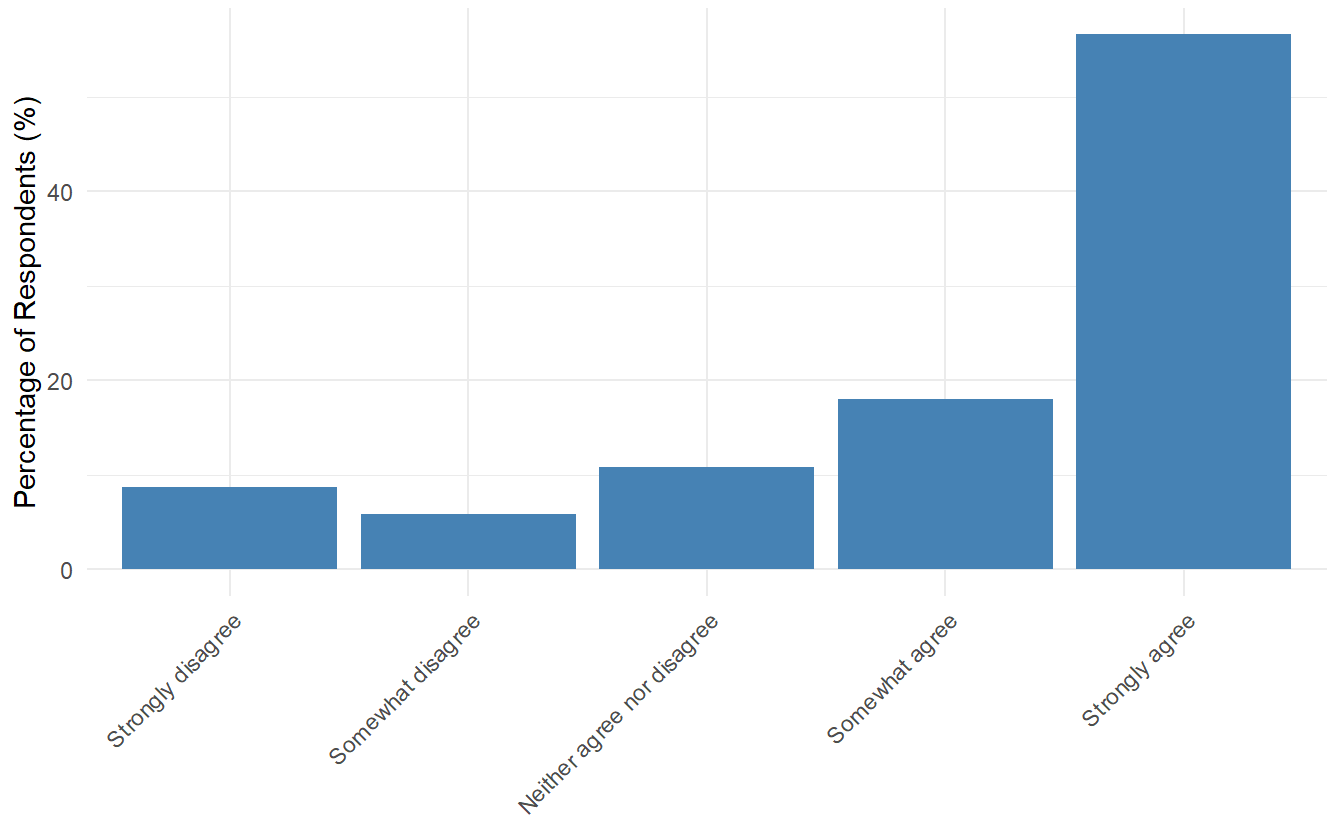
Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	156	7.7
Somewhat disagree	94	4.6
Neither agree nor disagree	210	10.3
Somewhat agree	372	18.3
Strongly agree	1206	59.2



Response Numbers for: My County Veteran Service Office cares about me and other veterans

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	154	7.6
Somewhat disagree	82	4.0
Neither agree nor disagree	246	12.1
Somewhat agree	345	17.0
Strongly agree	1203	59.3

I have been satisfied with the information/support provided
by my County Veteran Service Offices

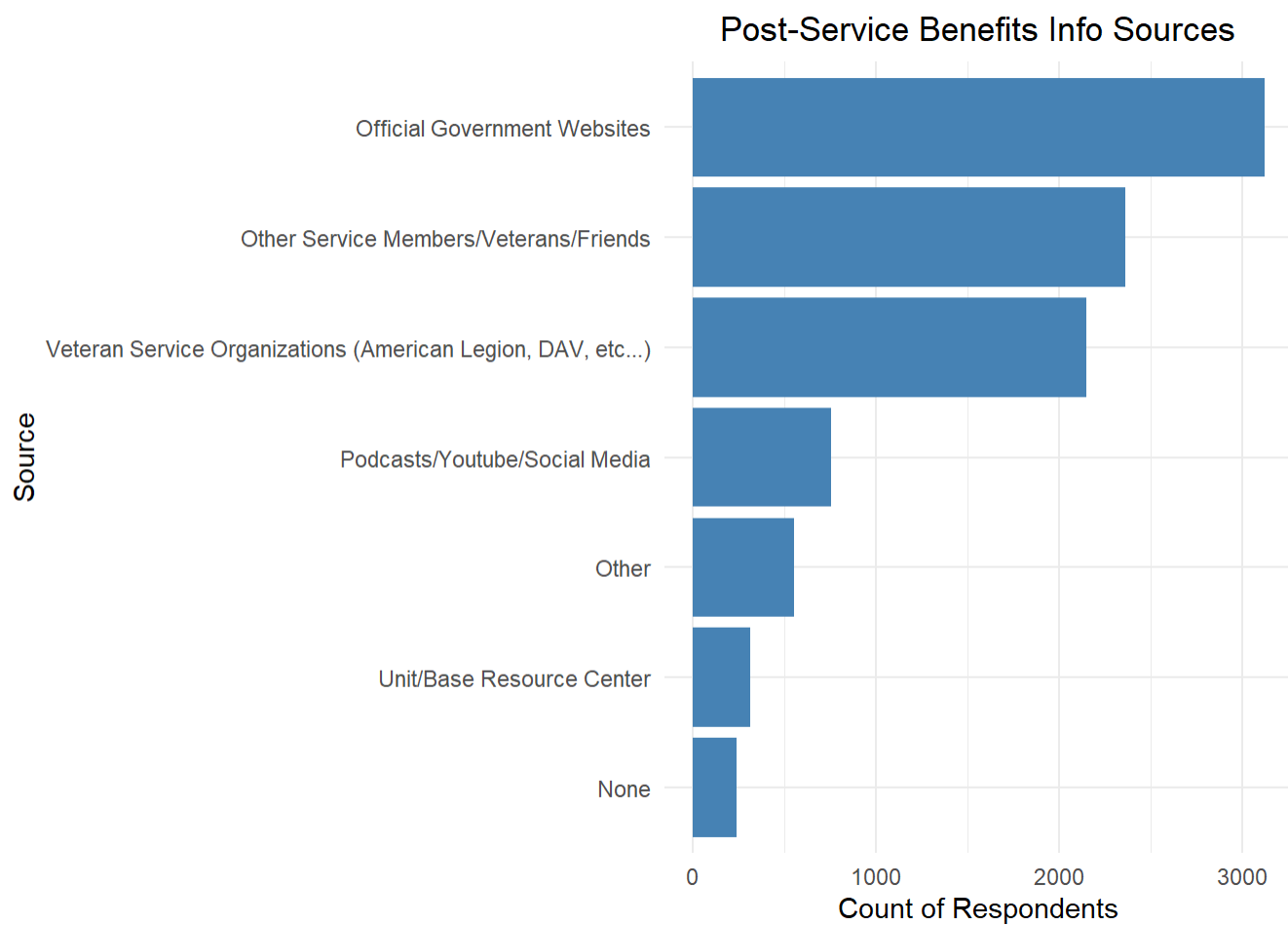


Likert Scale Response

Response Numbers for: I have been satisfied with the information/support provided by my County Veteran Service Offices

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	177	8.7
Somewhat disagree	118	5.8
Neither agree nor disagree	220	10.8
Somewhat agree	366	18.0
Strongly agree	1151	56.6

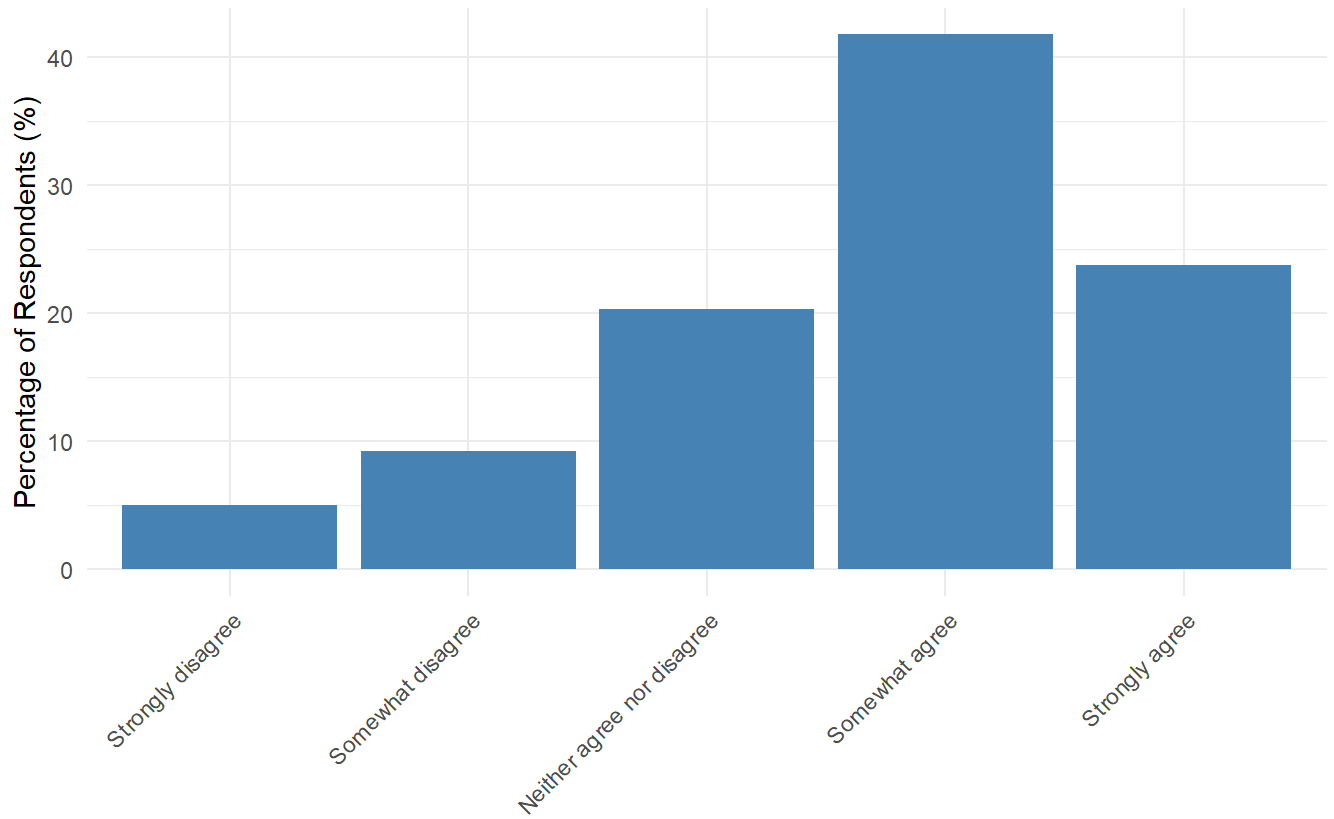
Appendix C. Accessing Benefit-Related Information



Response Numbers for Post-Service Benefits Info Sources

Response	Count
Official Government Websites	3119
Other Service Members/Veterans/Friends	2360
Veteran Service Organizations (American Legion, DAV, etc...)	2146
Podcasts/Youtube/Social Media	753
Other	553
Unit/Base Resource Center	316
None	241

I have been satisfied with the information/support provided
by Official Government Websites

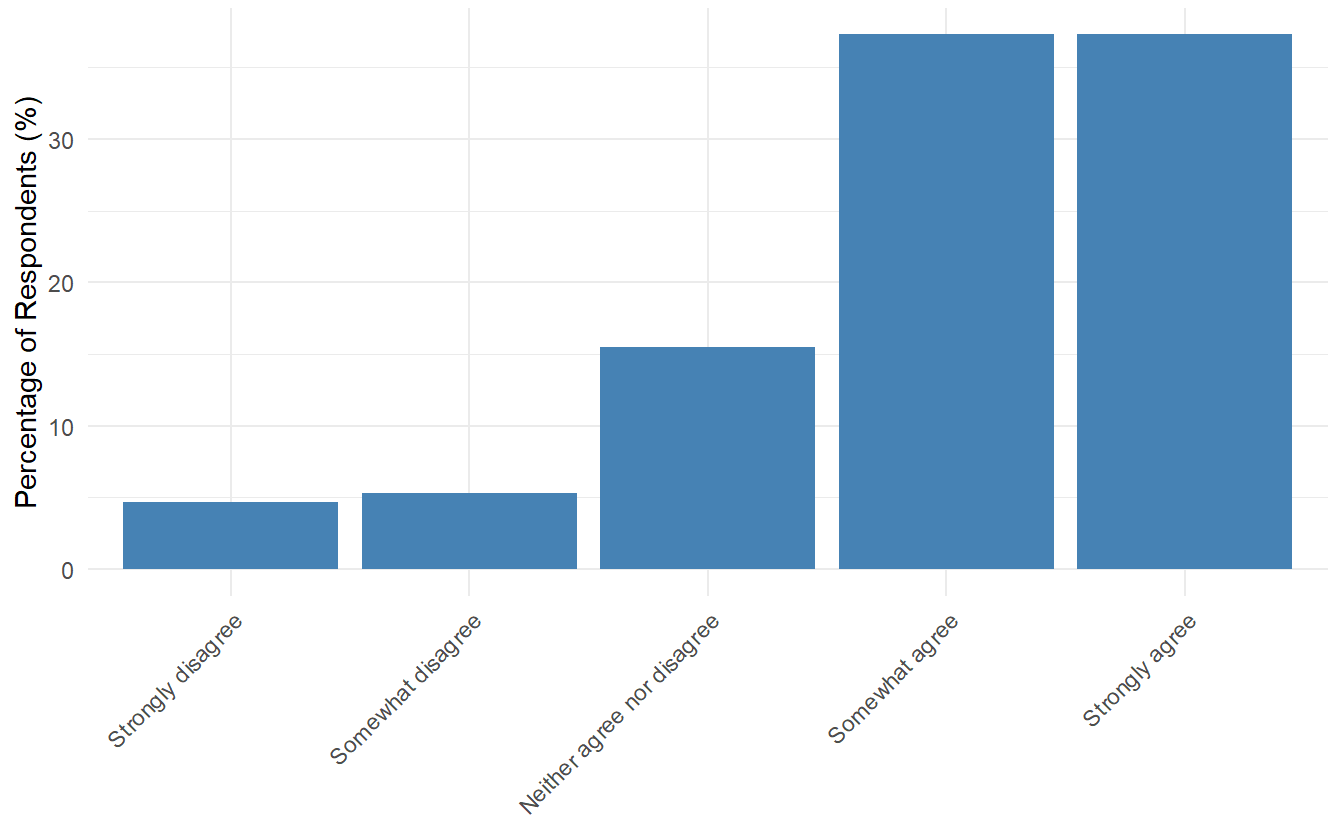


Likert Scale Response

Response Numbers for: I have been satisfied with the information/support provided by Official Government Websites

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	155	5.0
Somewhat disagree	285	9.2
Neither agree nor disagree	632	20.3
Somewhat agree	1301	41.8
Strongly agree	740	23.8

I have been satisfied with the information/support provided
by Veteran Service Organizations

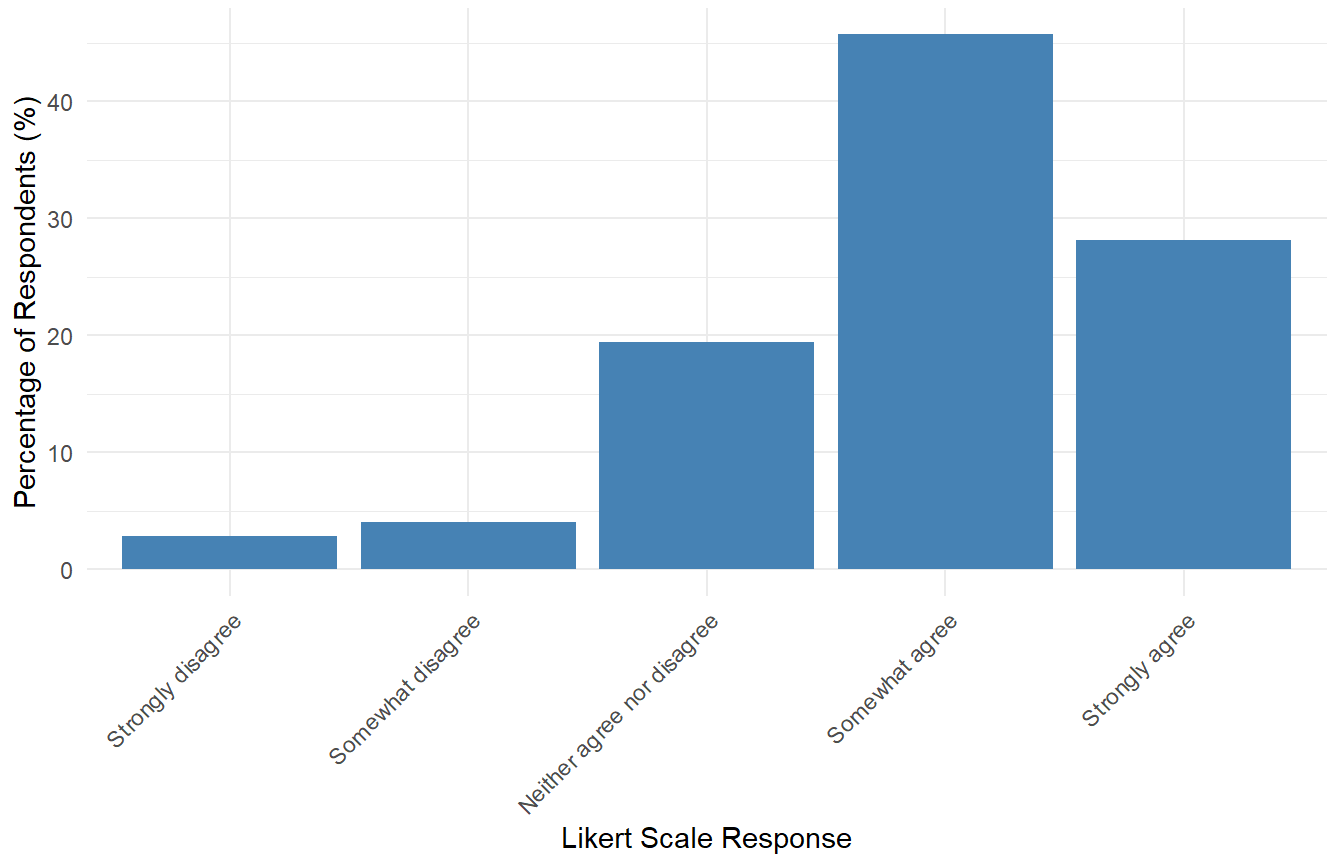


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Response Numbers for: I have been satisfied with the information/support provided by Veteran Service Organizations

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	100	4.7
Somewhat disagree	113	5.3
Neither agree nor disagree	332	15.5
Somewhat agree	799	37.3
Strongly agree	798	37.3

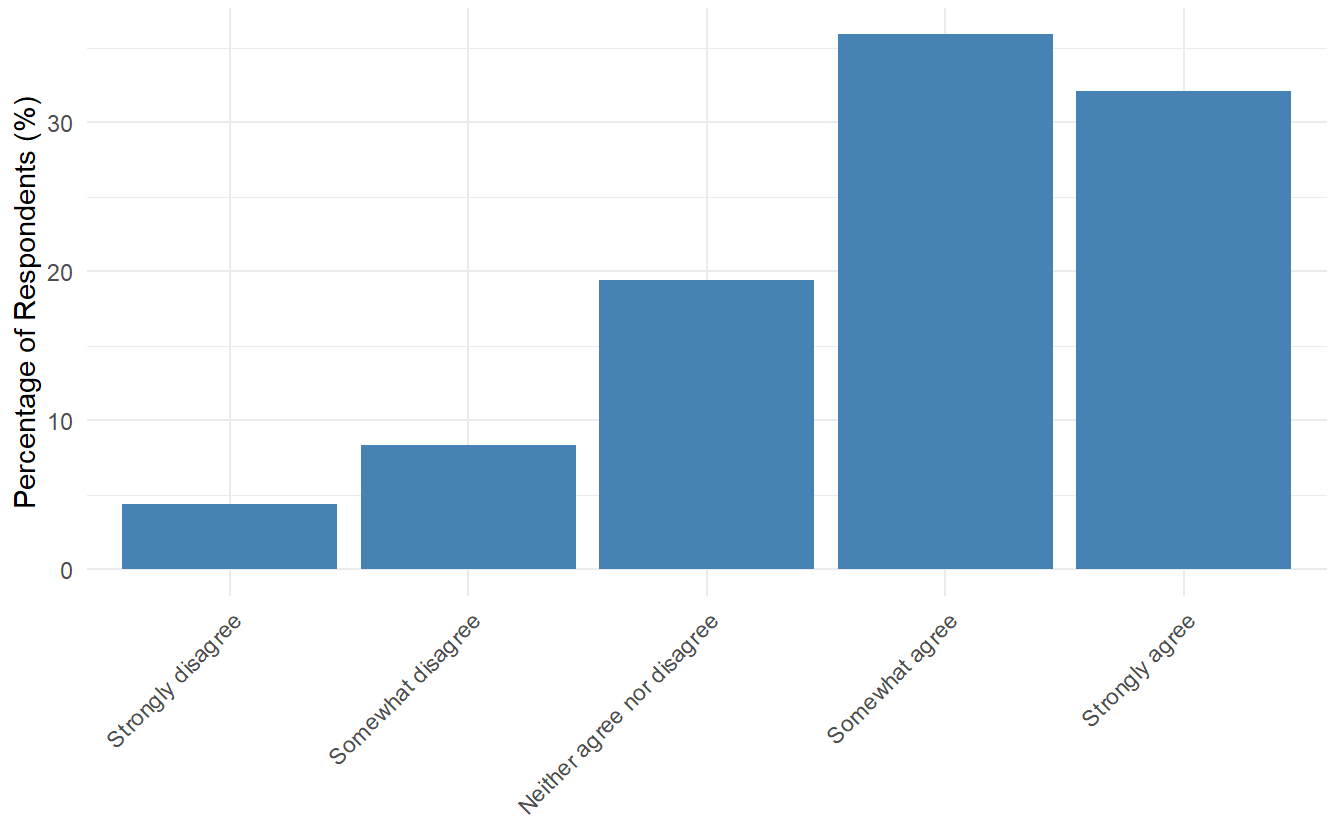
I have been satisfied with the information/support provided
by Other Service Members/Veterans/Friends



Response Numbers for: I have been satisfied with the information/support provided by Other Service Members/Veterans/Friends

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	65	2.8
Somewhat disagree	93	4.0
Neither agree nor disagree	457	19.4
Somewhat agree	1075	45.7
Strongly agree	661	28.1

I have been satisfied with the information/support provided
by Unit/Base Resource Centers

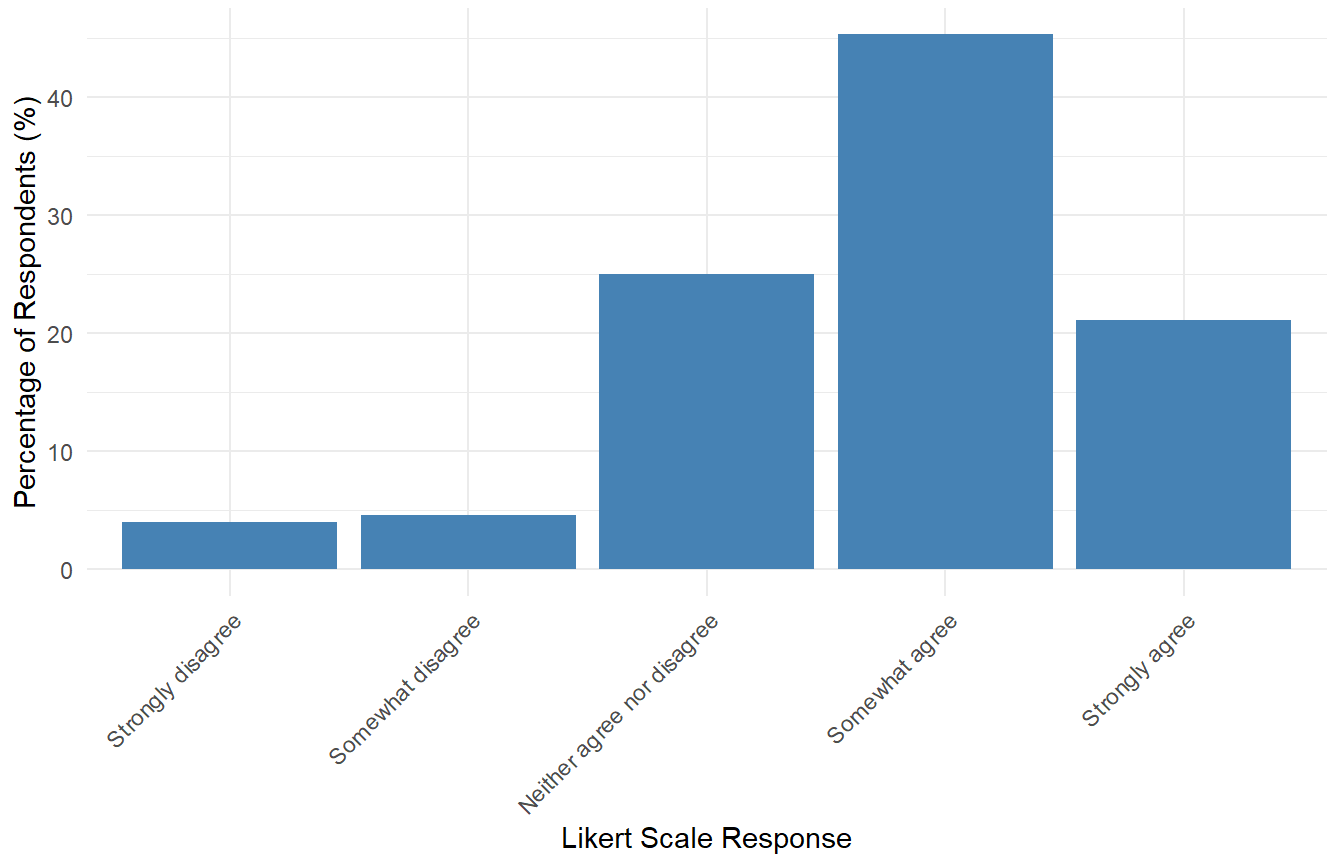


Likert Scale Response

Response Numbers for: I have been satisfied with the information/support provided by Unit/Base Resource Centers

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	14	4.4
Somewhat disagree	26	8.3
Neither agree nor disagree	61	19.4
Somewhat agree	113	35.9
Strongly agree	101	32.1

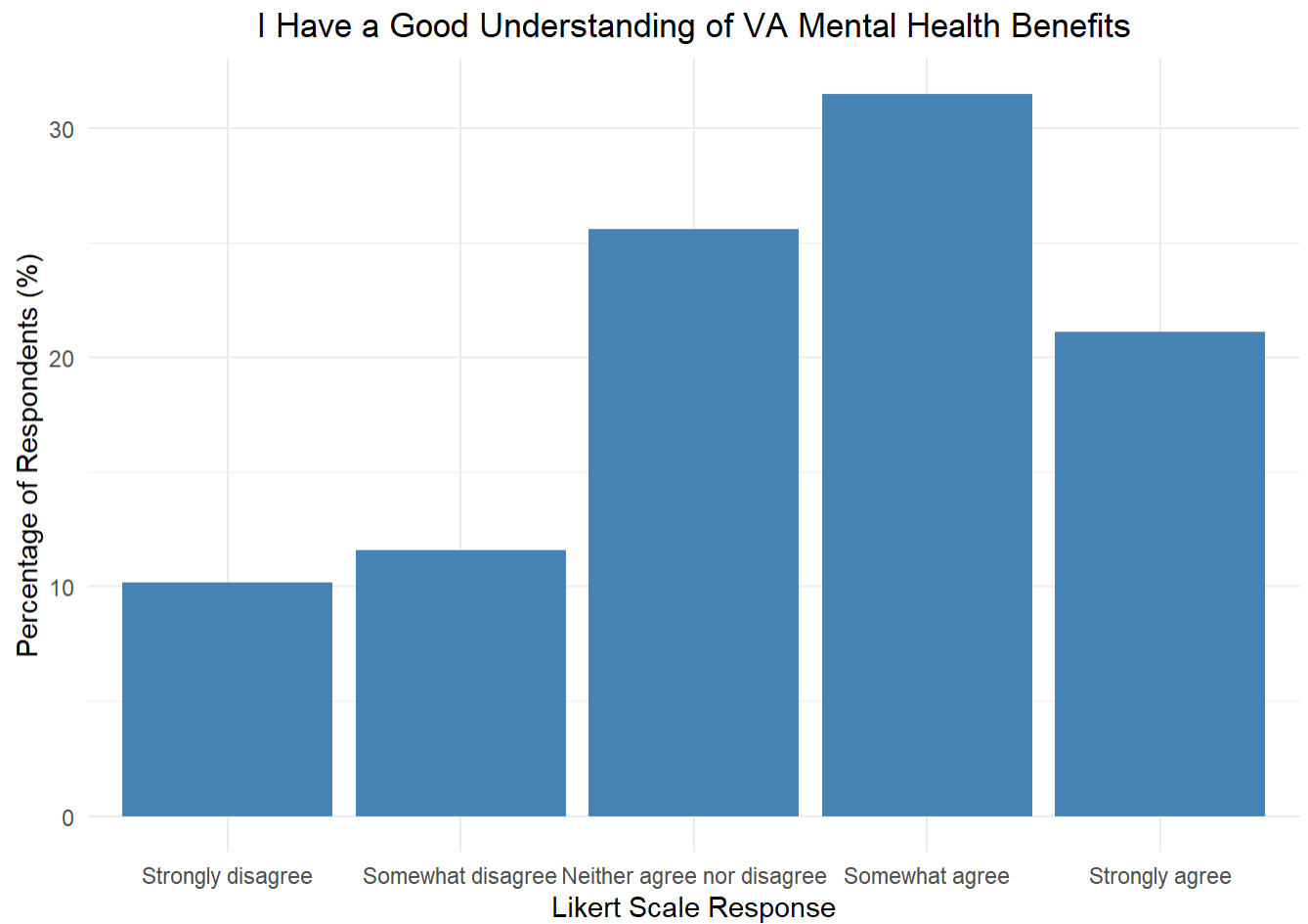
I have been satisfied with the information/support provided
by Podcasts/YouTube/Social Media



Response Numbers for: I have been satisfied with the information/support provided by
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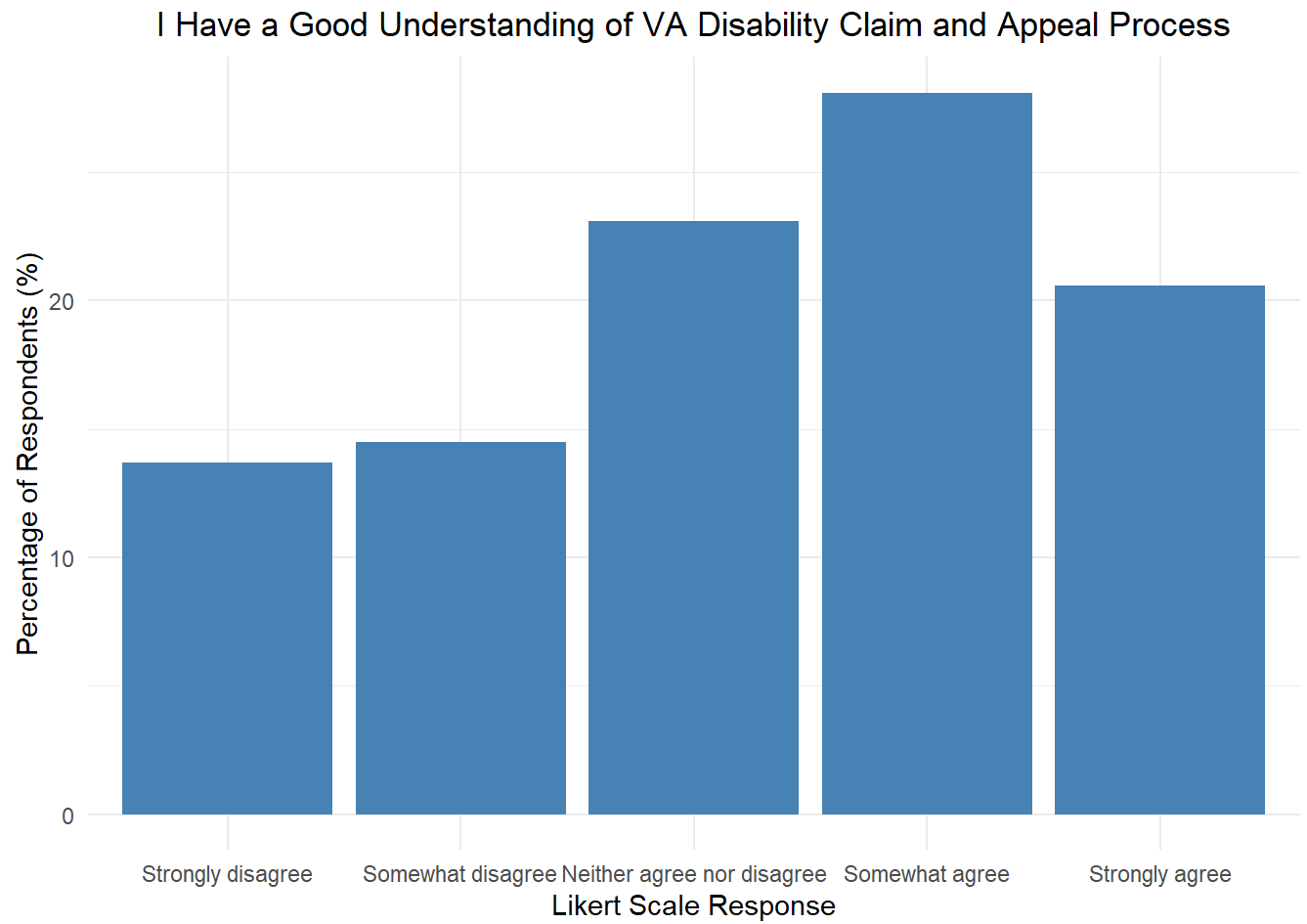
Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	30	4.0
Somewhat disagree	35	4.6
Neither agree nor disagree	188	25.0
Somewhat agree	341	45.3
Strongly agree	159	21.1

Appendix D. Understanding Benefit-Related Information



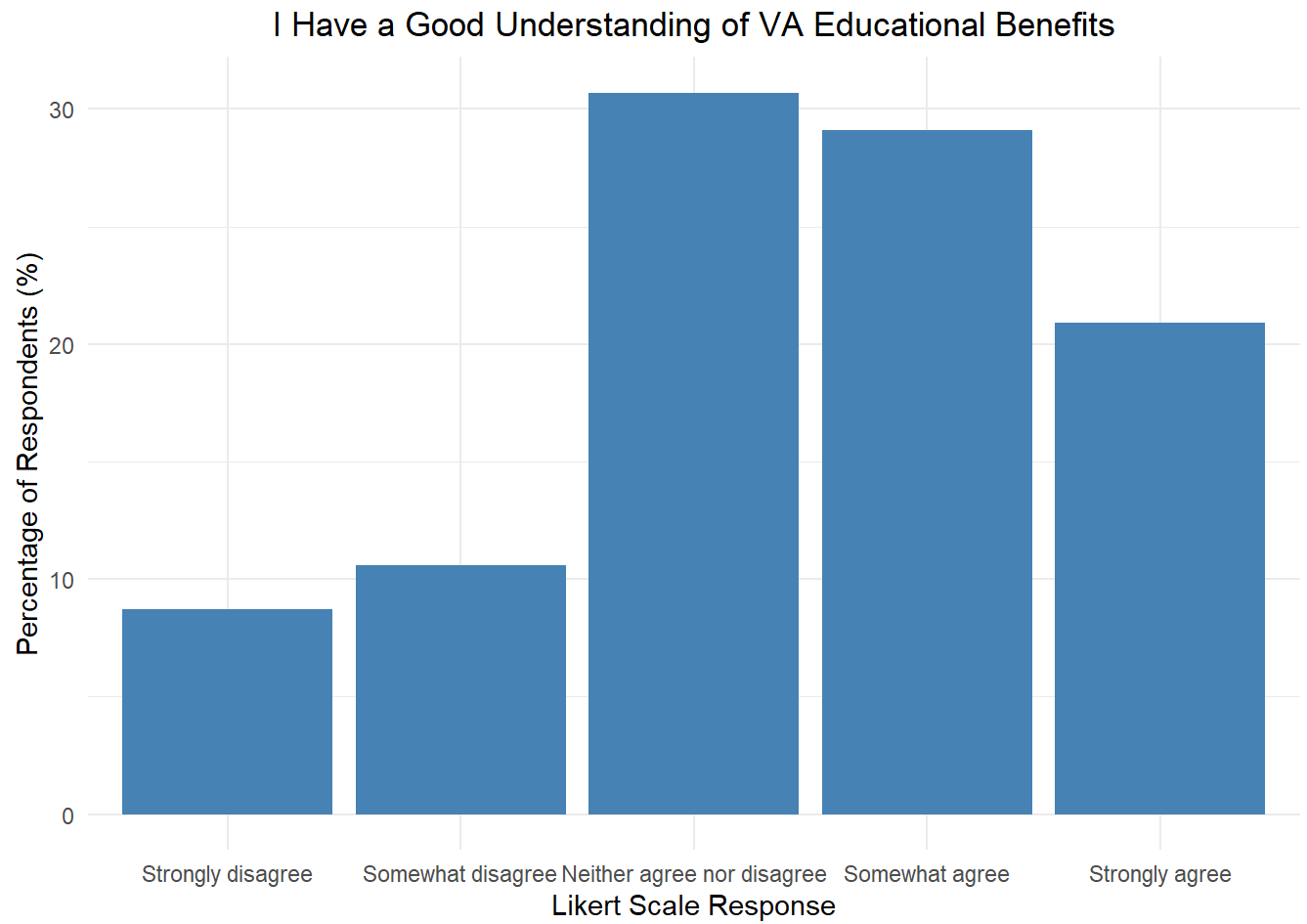
Response Numbers for: I Have a Good Understanding of VA Mental Health Benefits

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	432	10.2
Somewhat disagree	494	11.6
Neither agree nor disagree	1086	25.6
Somewhat agree	1336	31.5
Strongly agree	894	21.1



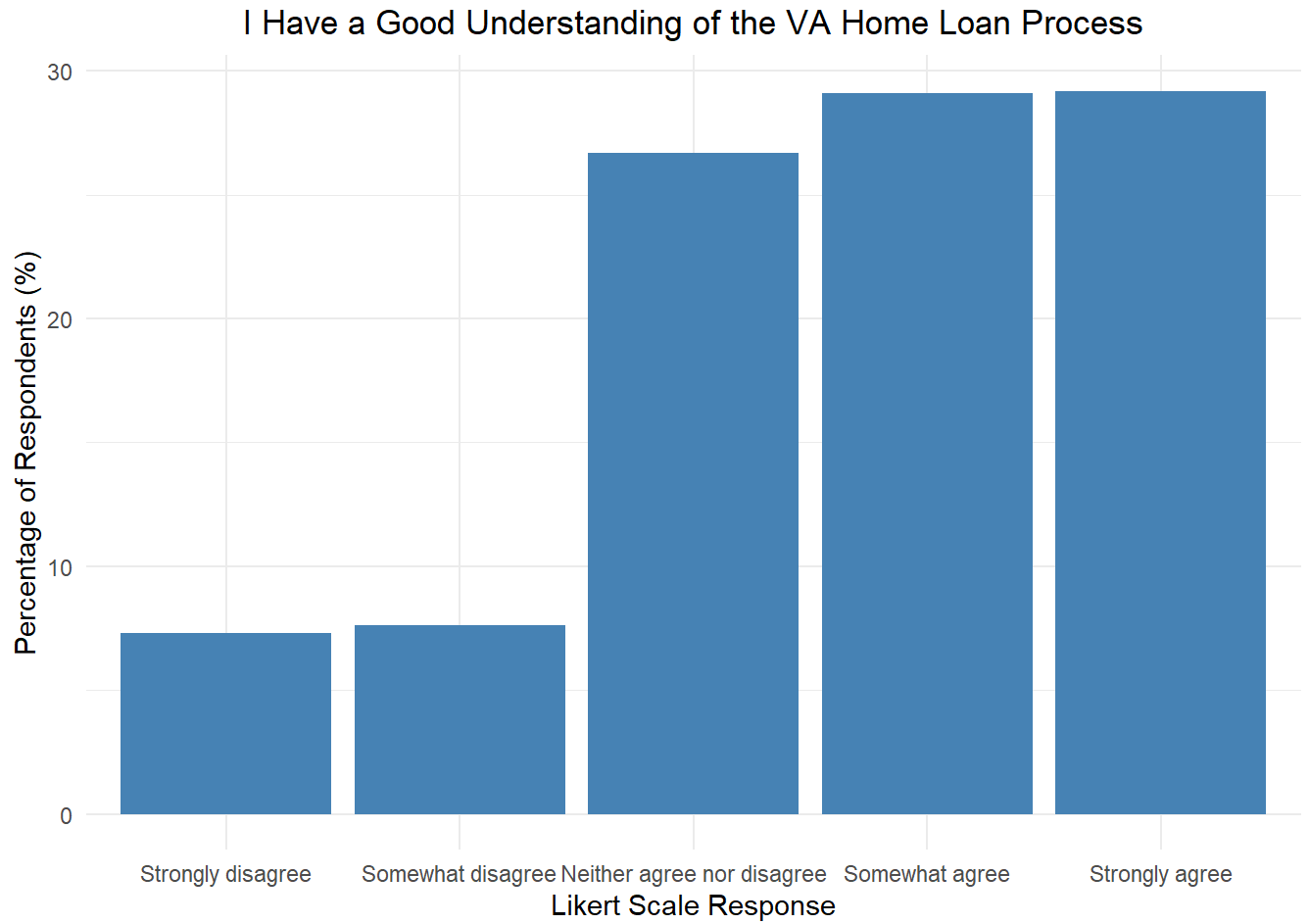
Response Numbers for: I Have a Good Understanding of VA Disability Claim and Appeal Process

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	580	13.7
Somewhat disagree	615	14.5
Neither agree nor disagree	980	23.1
Somewhat agree	1194	28.1
Strongly agree	876	20.6



Response Numbers for: I Have a Good Understanding of VA Educational Benefits

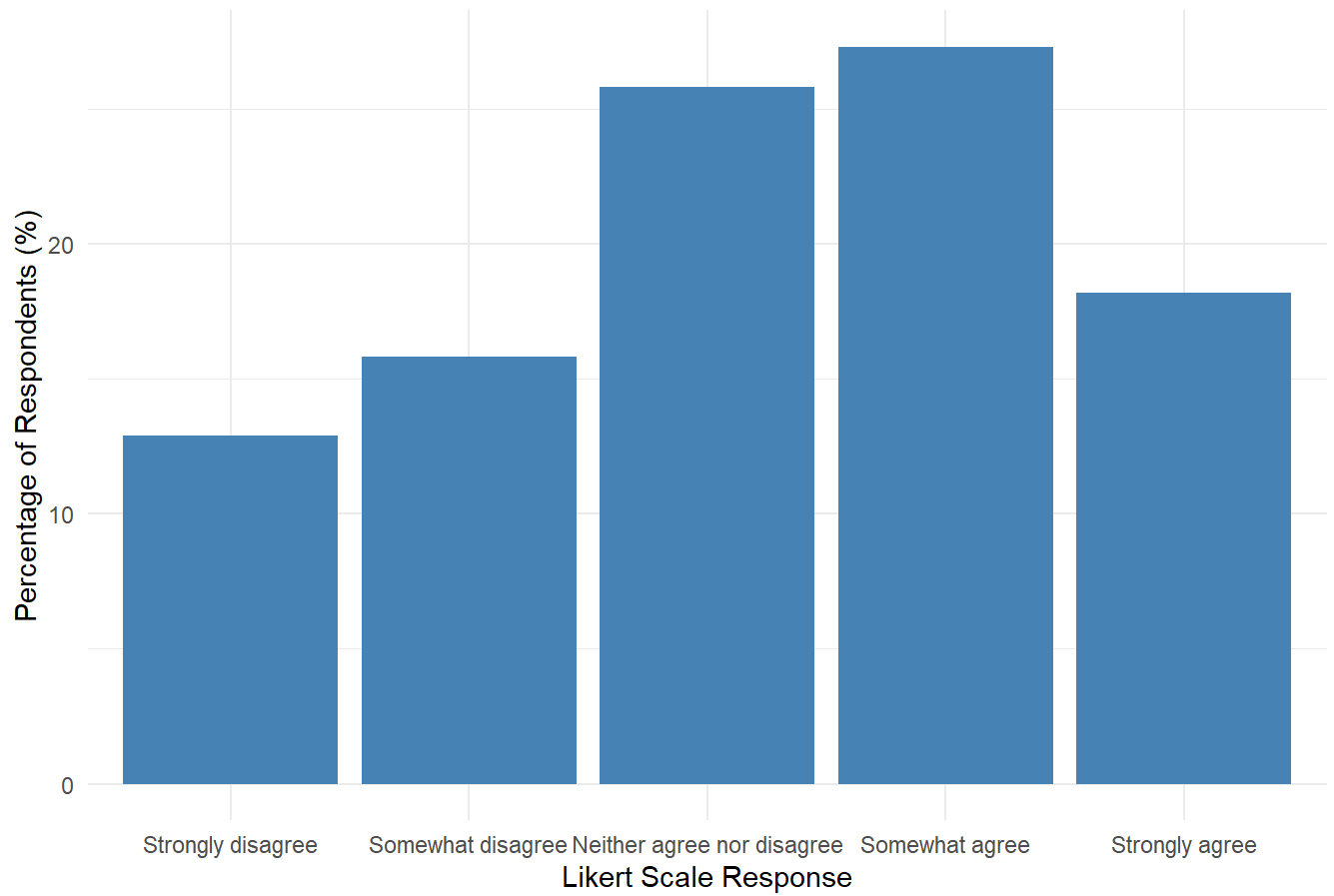
Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	369	8.7
Somewhat disagree	447	10.6
Neither agree nor disagree	1302	30.7
Somewhat agree	1234	29.1
Strongly agree	883	20.9



Response Numbers for: I Have a Good Understanding of the VA Home Loan Process

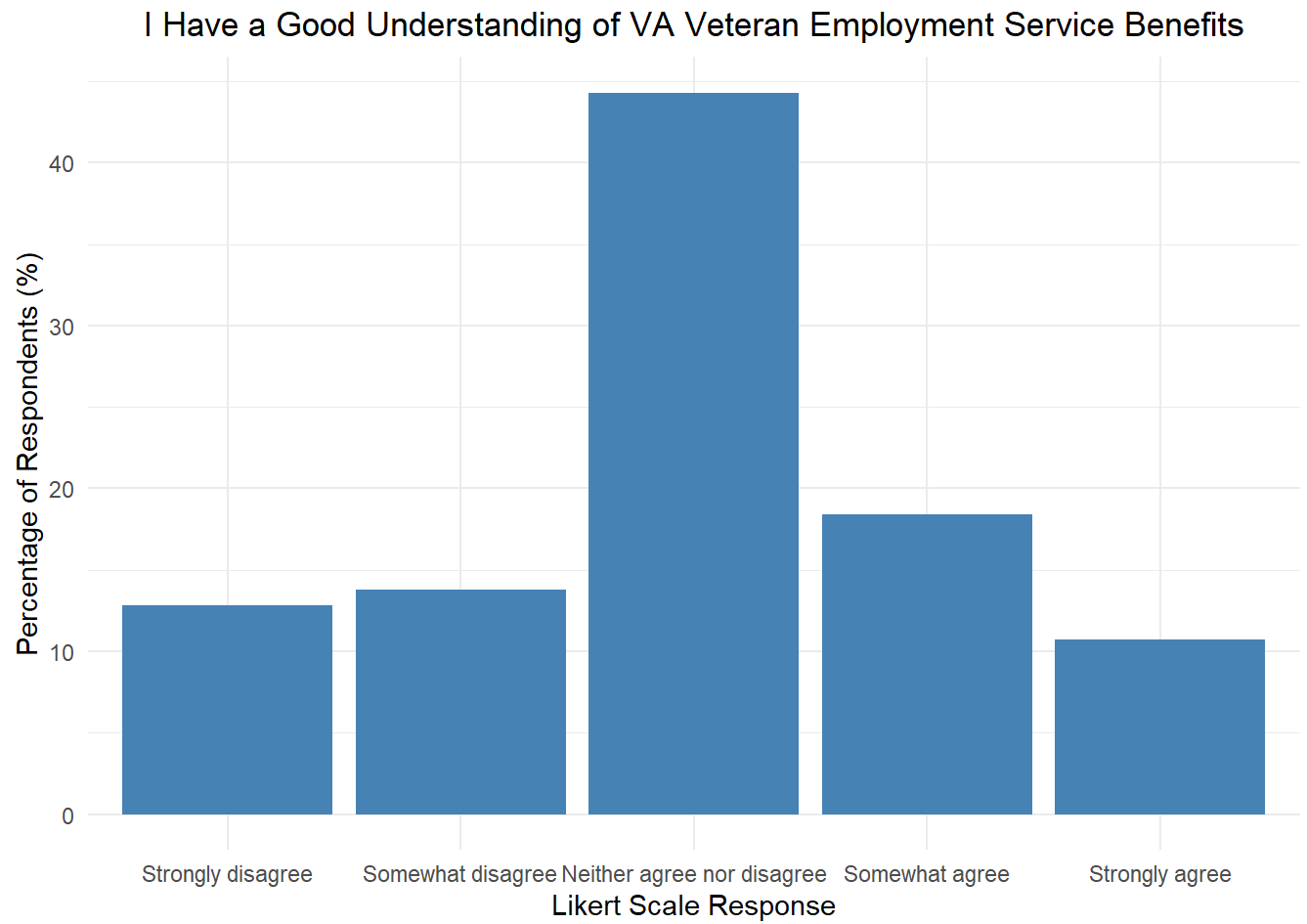
Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	310	7.3
Somewhat disagree	323	7.6
Neither agree nor disagree	1130	26.7
Somewhat agree	1233	29.1
Strongly agree	1238	29.2

I Have a Good Understanding of the VA Burial Benefits/Cemeteries Process



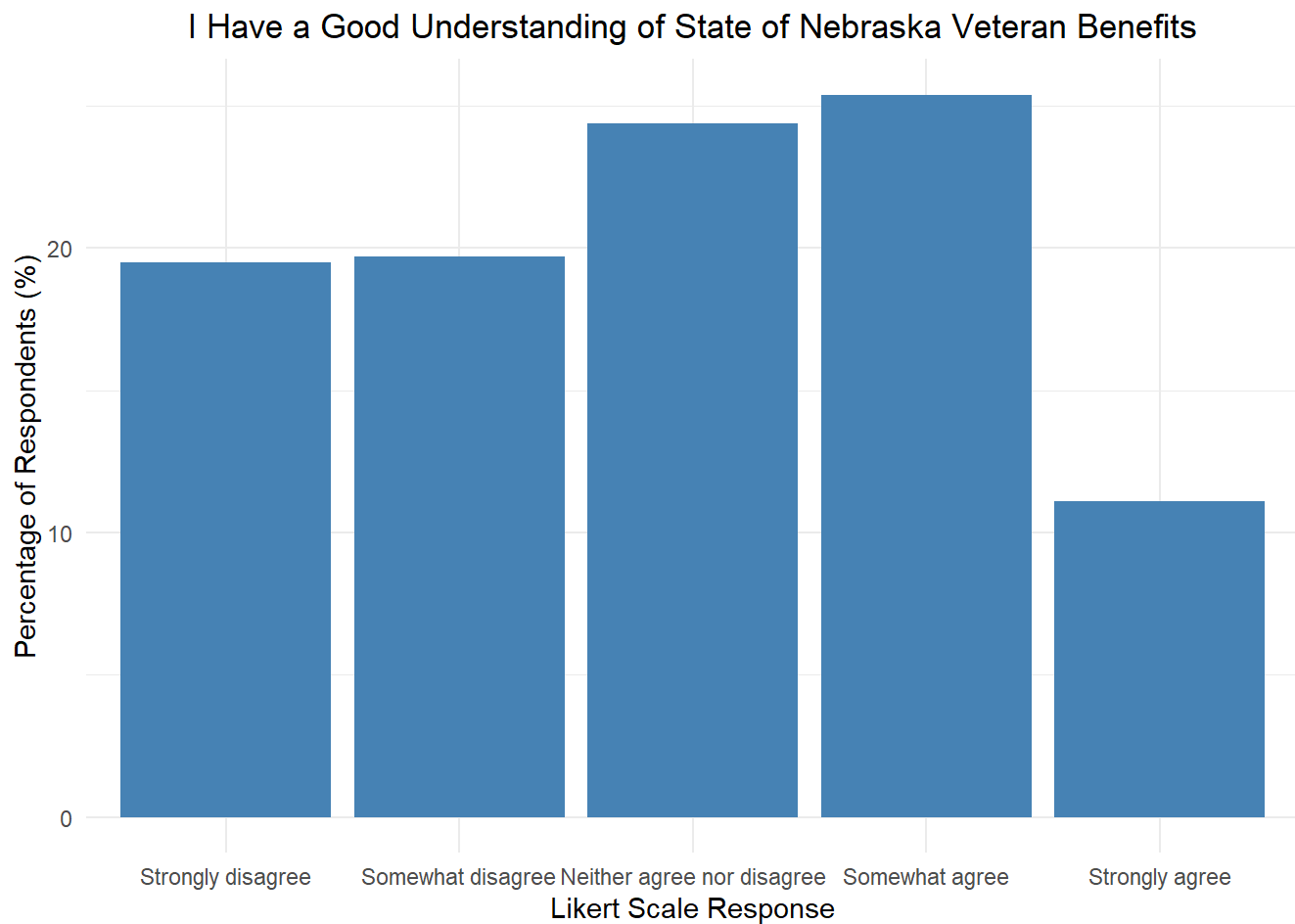
Response Numbers for: I Have a Good Understanding of the VA Burial Benefits/Cemeteries Process

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	547	12.9
Somewhat disagree	671	15.8
Neither agree nor disagree	1095	25.8
Somewhat agree	1161	27.3
Strongly agree	771	18.2



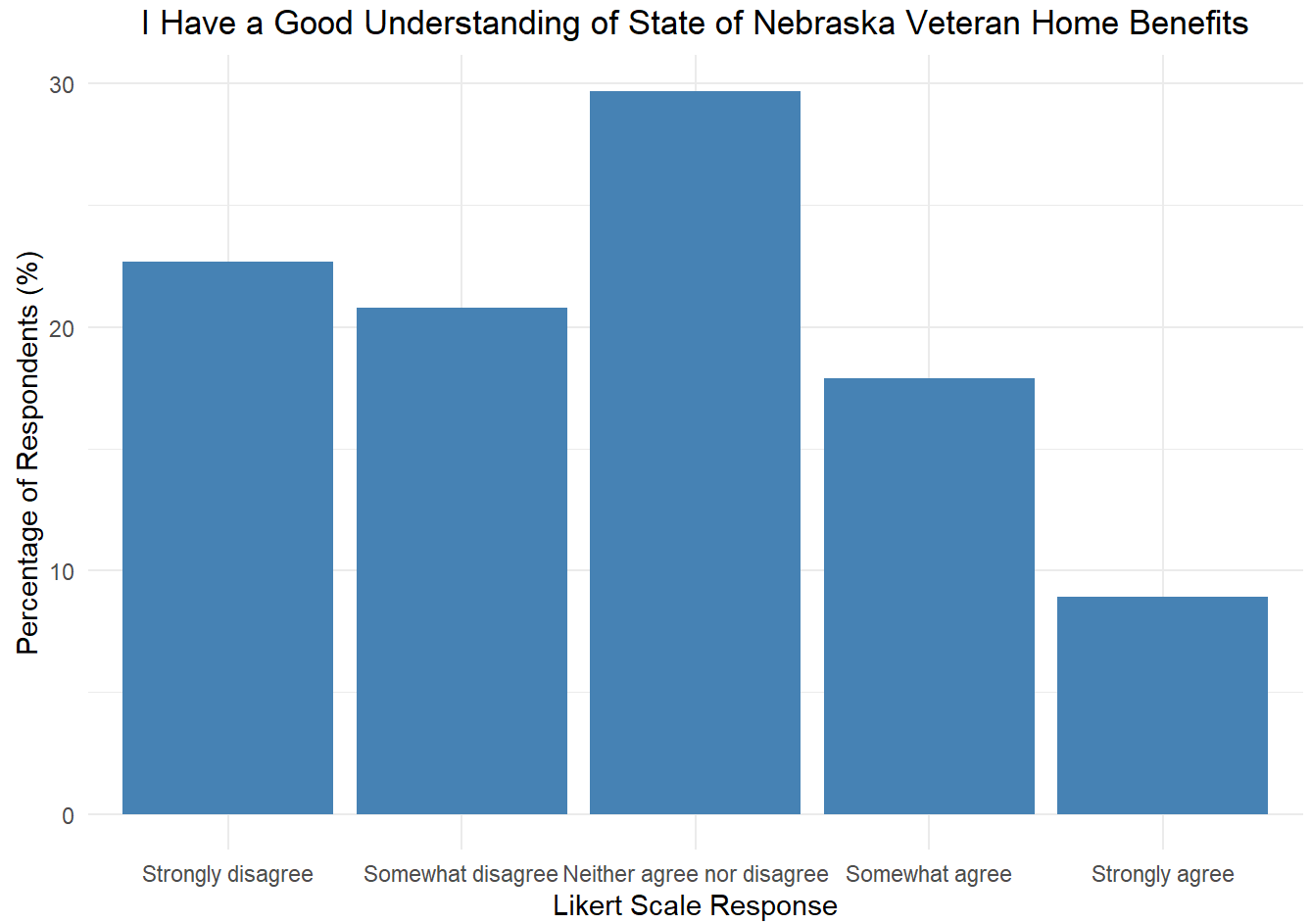
Response Numbers for: I Have a Good Understanding of VA Veteran Employment Service Benefits

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	540	12.8
Somewhat disagree	582	13.8
Neither agree nor disagree	1868	44.3
Somewhat agree	776	18.4
Strongly agree	453	10.7



Response Numbers for: I Have a Good Understanding of State of Nebraska Veteran Benefits

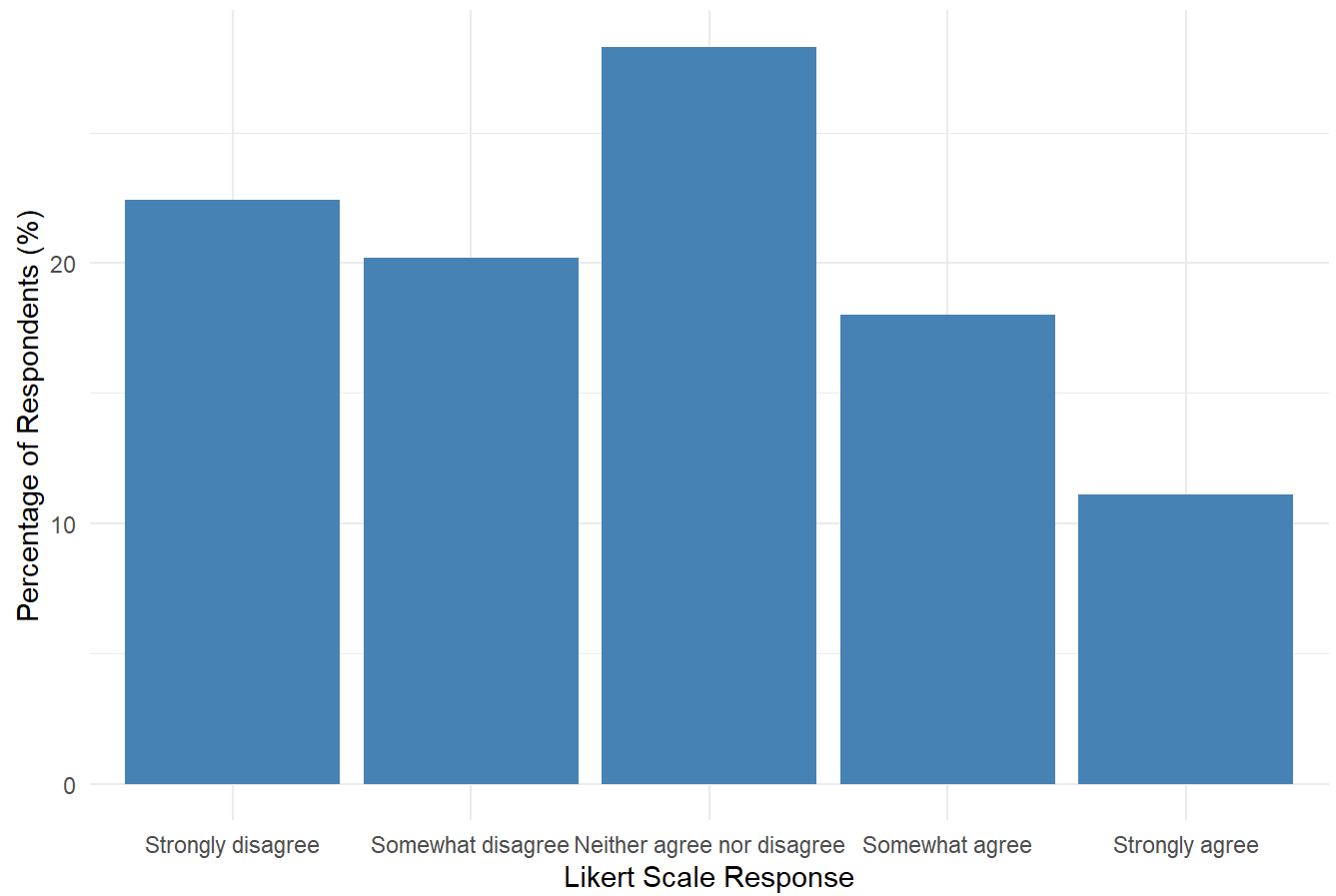
Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	832	19.5
Somewhat disagree	842	19.7
Neither agree nor disagree	1040	24.4
Somewhat agree	1082	25.4
Strongly agree	472	11.1



Response Numbers for: I Have a Good Understanding of State of Nebraska Veteran Home Benefits

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	964	22.7
Somewhat disagree	884	20.8
Neither agree nor disagree	1262	29.7
Somewhat agree	761	17.9
Strongly agree	379	8.9

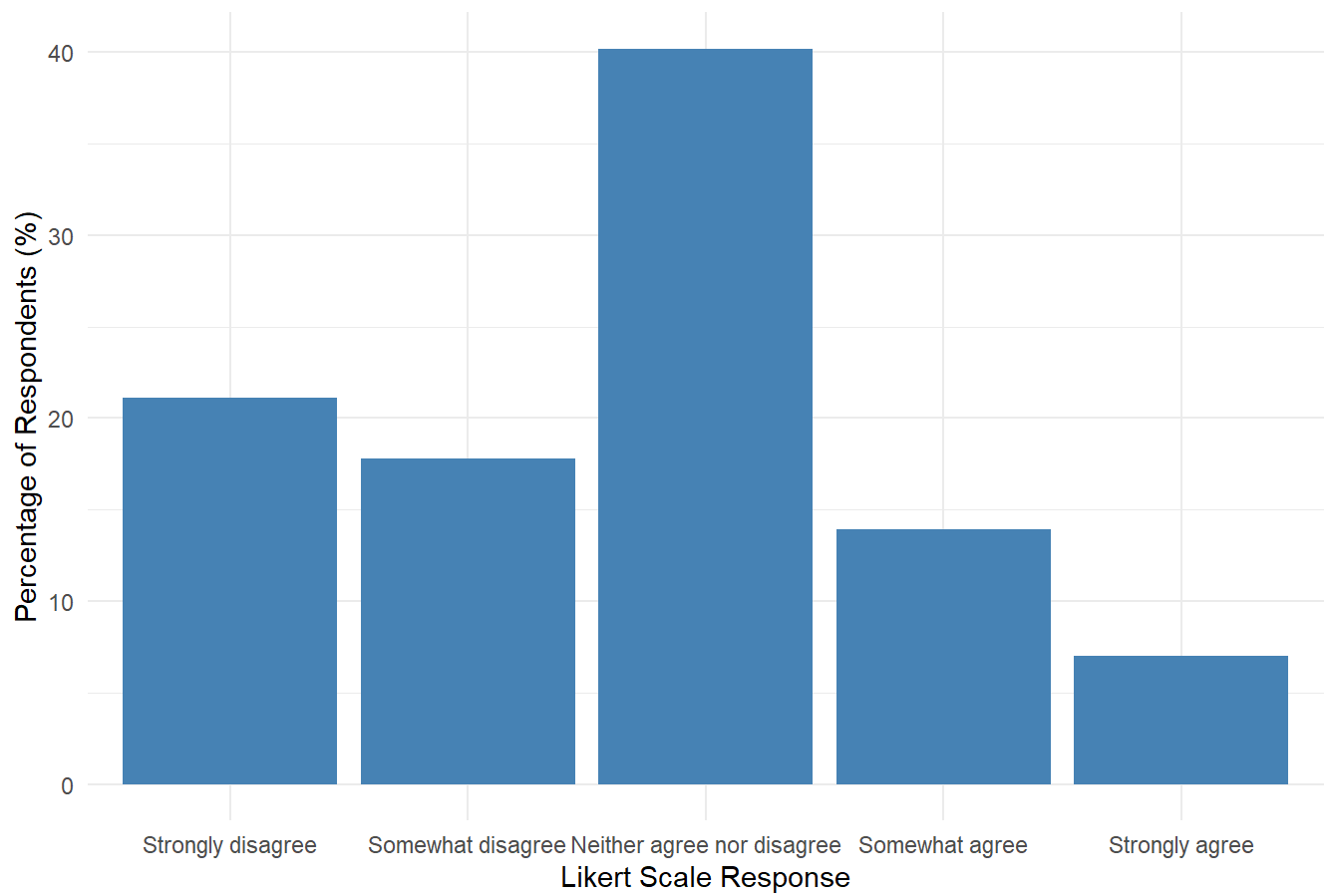
I Have a Good Understanding of the State of Nebraska Veteran Cemeteries Process



Response Numbers for: I Have a Good Understanding of the State of Nebraska Veteran Cemeteries Process

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	949	22.4
Somewhat disagree	859	20.2
Neither agree nor disagree	1202	28.3
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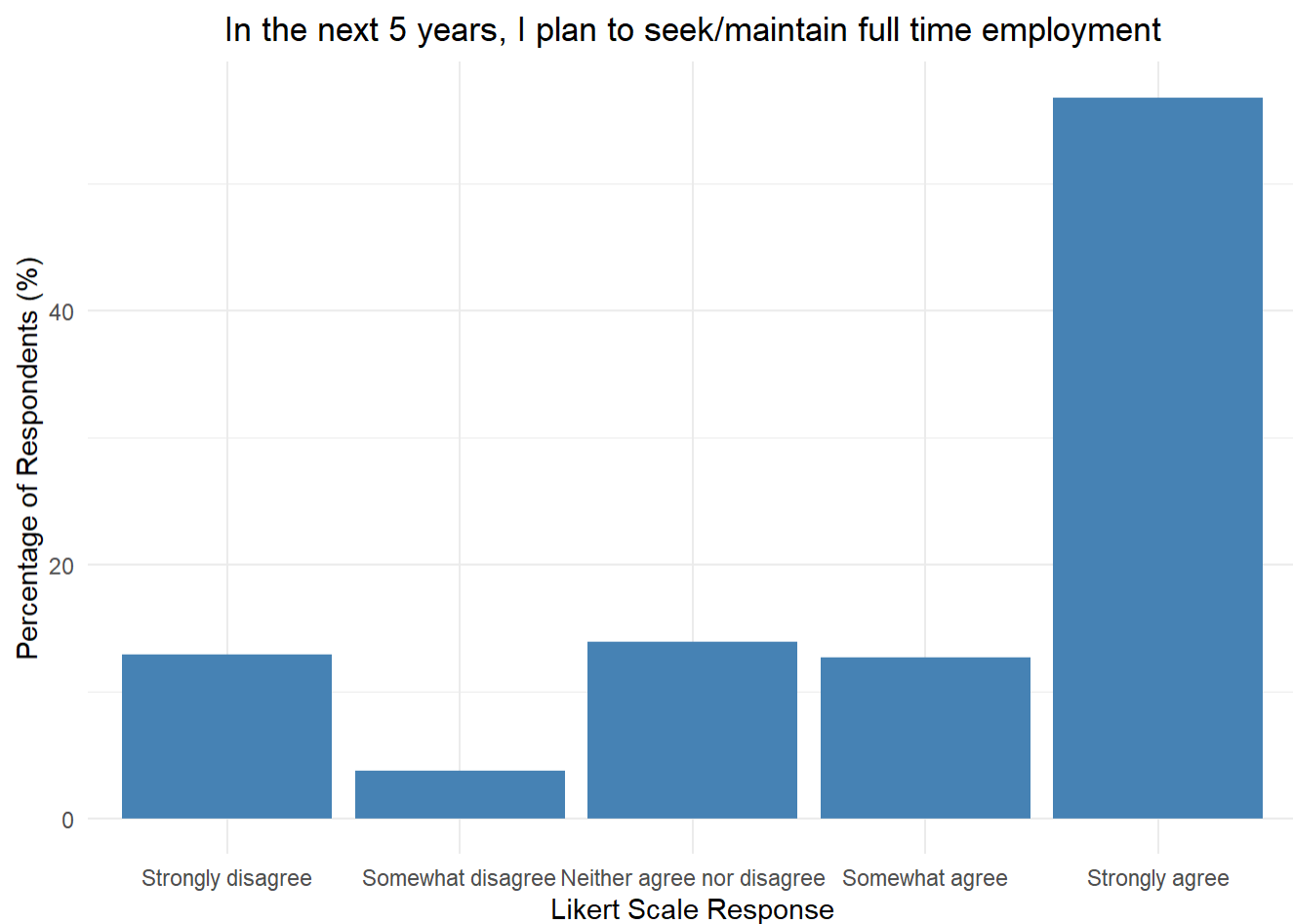
I Have a Good Understanding of State of Nebraska Veteran Employment Services



Response Numbers for: I Have a Good Understanding of State of Nebraska Veteran Employment Services

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	889	21.1
Somewhat disagree	752	17.8
Neither agree nor disagree	1696	40.2
Somewhat agree	587	13.9
Strongly agree	295	7.0

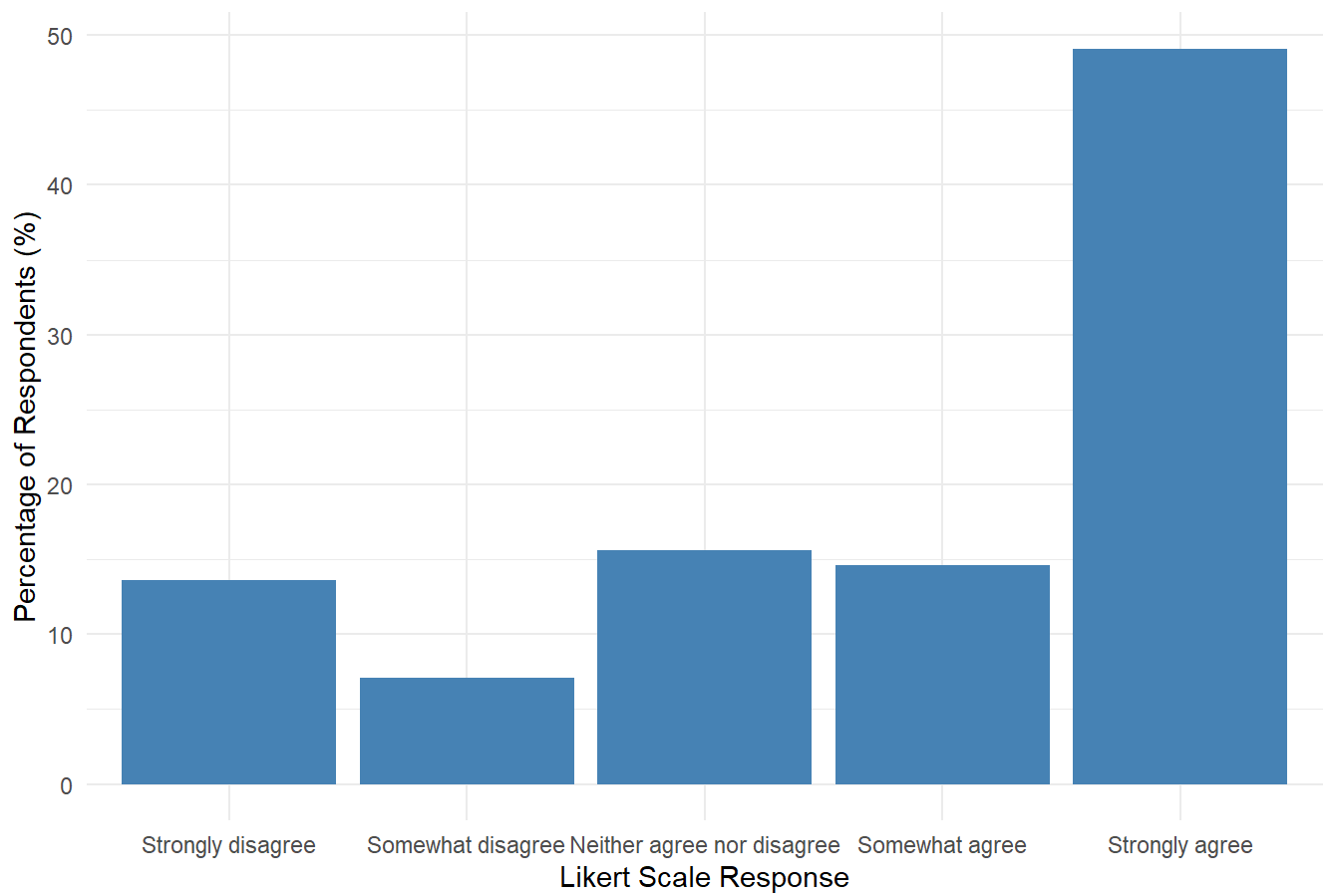
Appendix E. Near Future



Response Numbers for: In the next 5 years, I plan to seek/maintain full time employment

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	190	12.9
Somewhat disagree	55	3.7
Neither agree nor disagree	205	13.9
Somewhat agree	187	12.7
Strongly agree	839	56.8

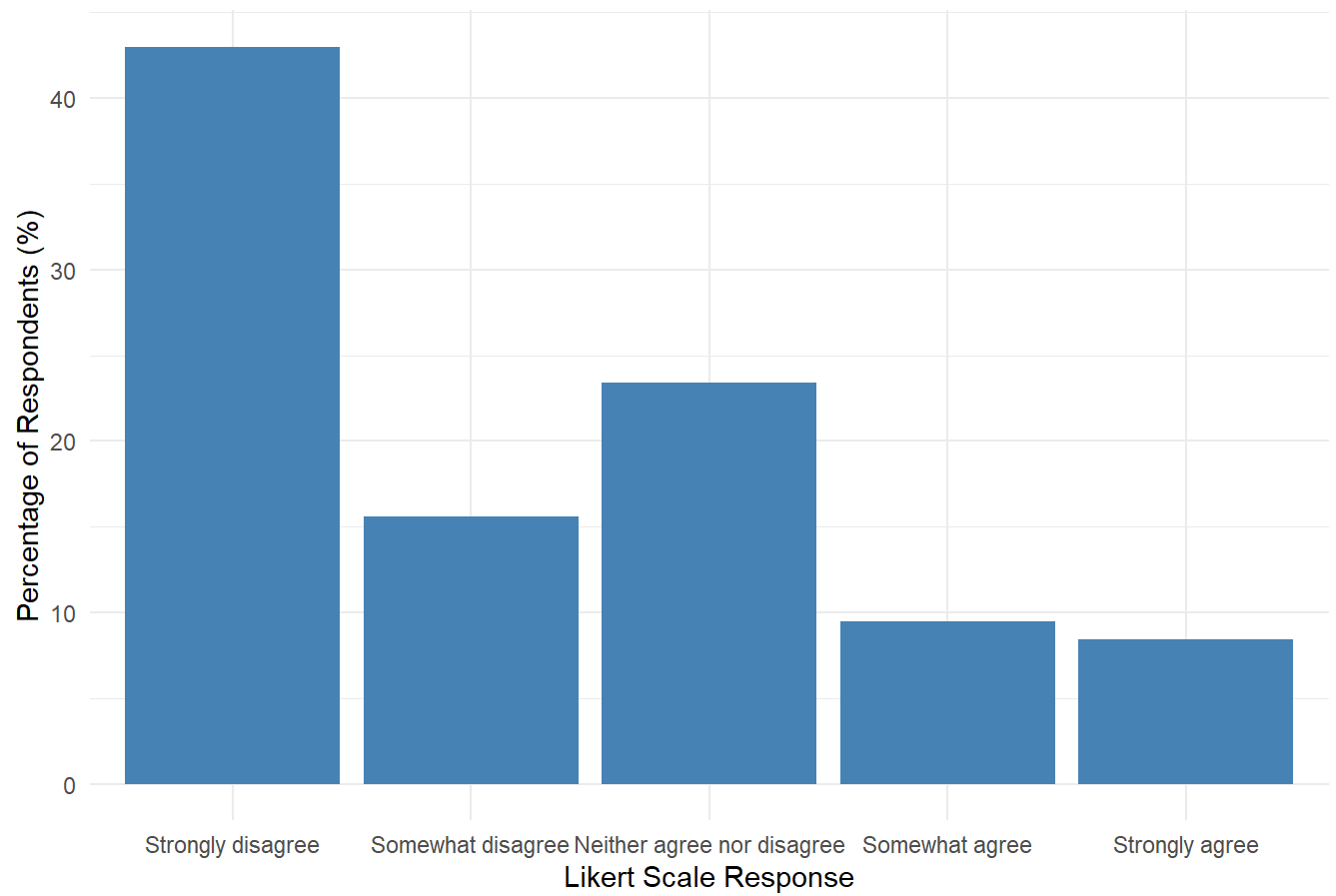
In the next 5 years, I expect my average annual income will exceed \$65,000



Response Numbers for: In the next 5 years, I expect my average annual income will exceed \$65,000

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	201	13.6
Somewhat disagree	105	7.1
Neither agree nor disagree	230	15.6
Somewhat agree	215	14.6
Strongly agree	723	49.1

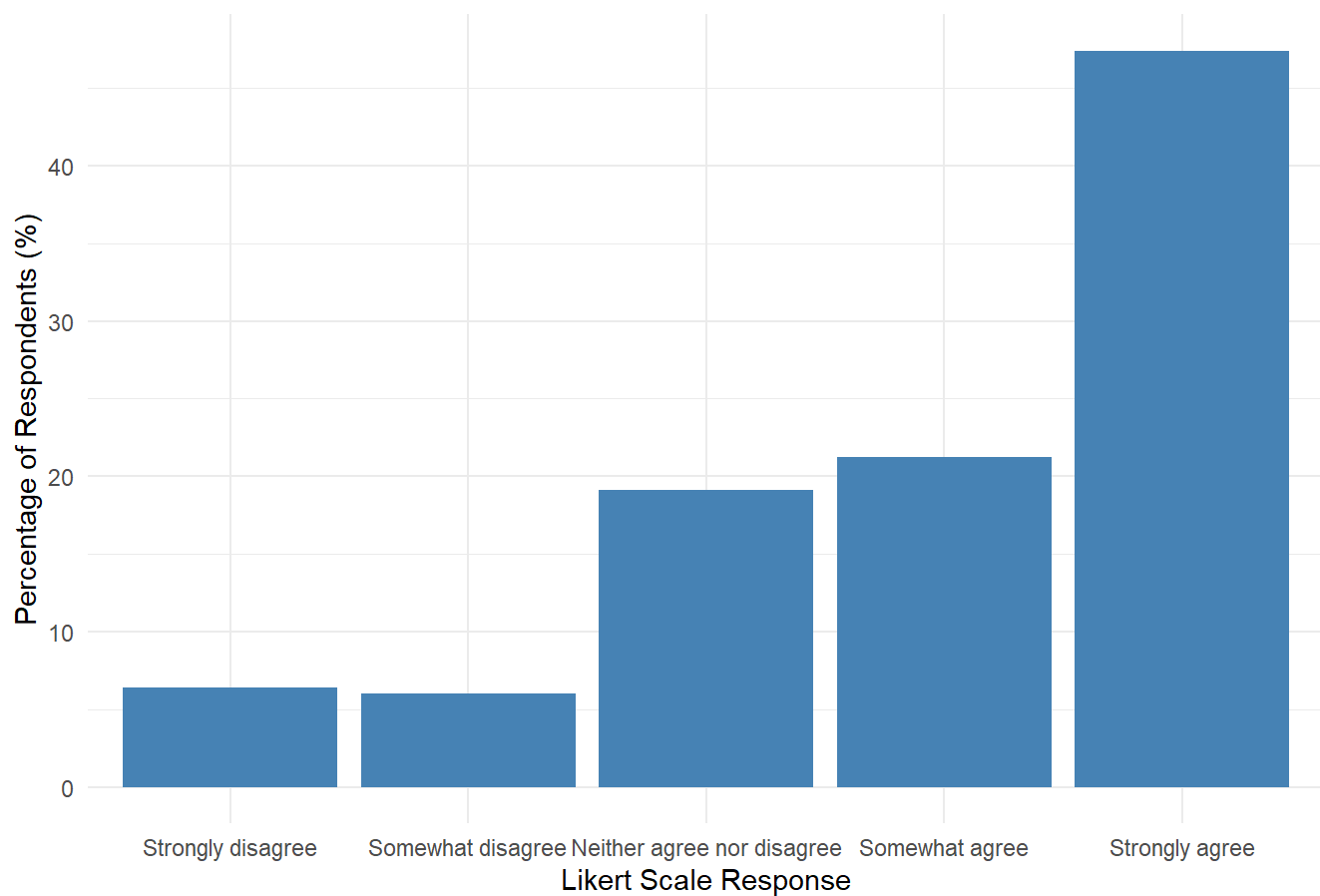
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Response Numbers for: In the next 5 years, I plan to enroll/continue college or vocational classes

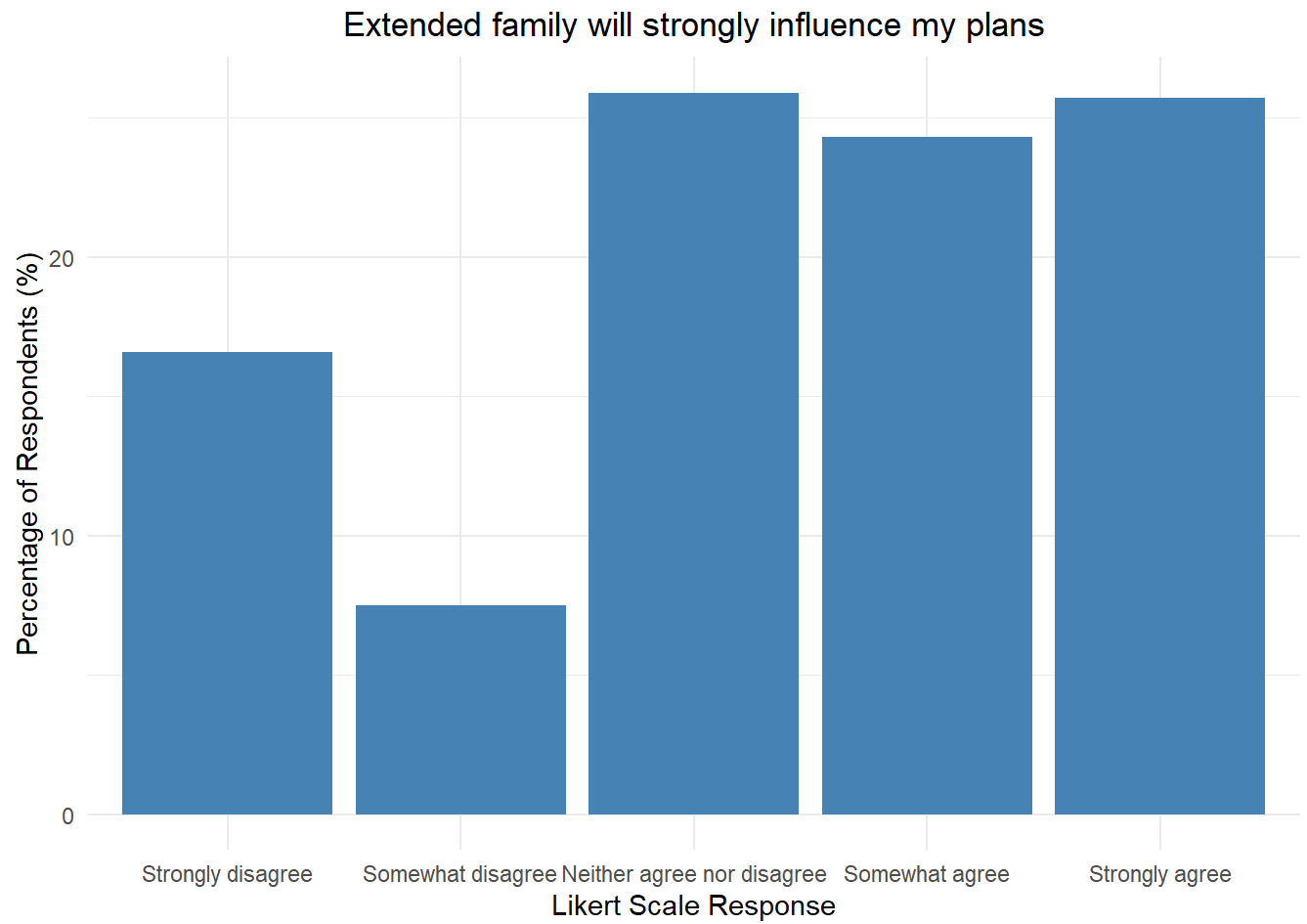
Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	633	43.0
Somewhat disagree	230	15.6
Neither agree nor disagree	344	23.4
Somewhat agree	140	9.5
Strongly agree	124	8.4

In the next 5 years, I plan to remain in Nebraska



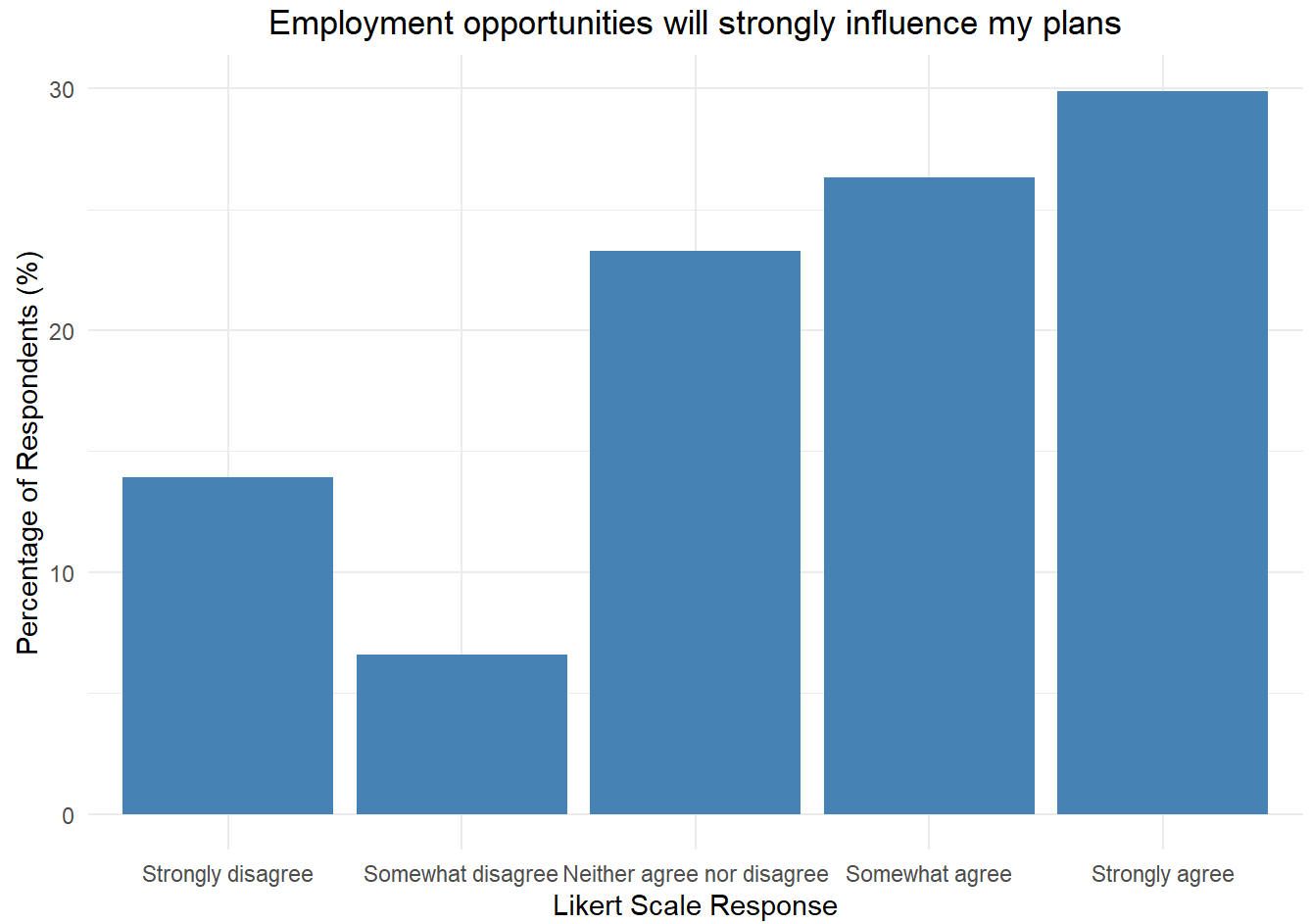
Response Numbers for: In the next 5 years, I plan to remain in Nebraska

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	94	6.4
Somewhat disagree	88	6.0
Neither agree nor disagree	282	19.1
Somewhat agree	312	21.2
Strongly agree	699	47.4



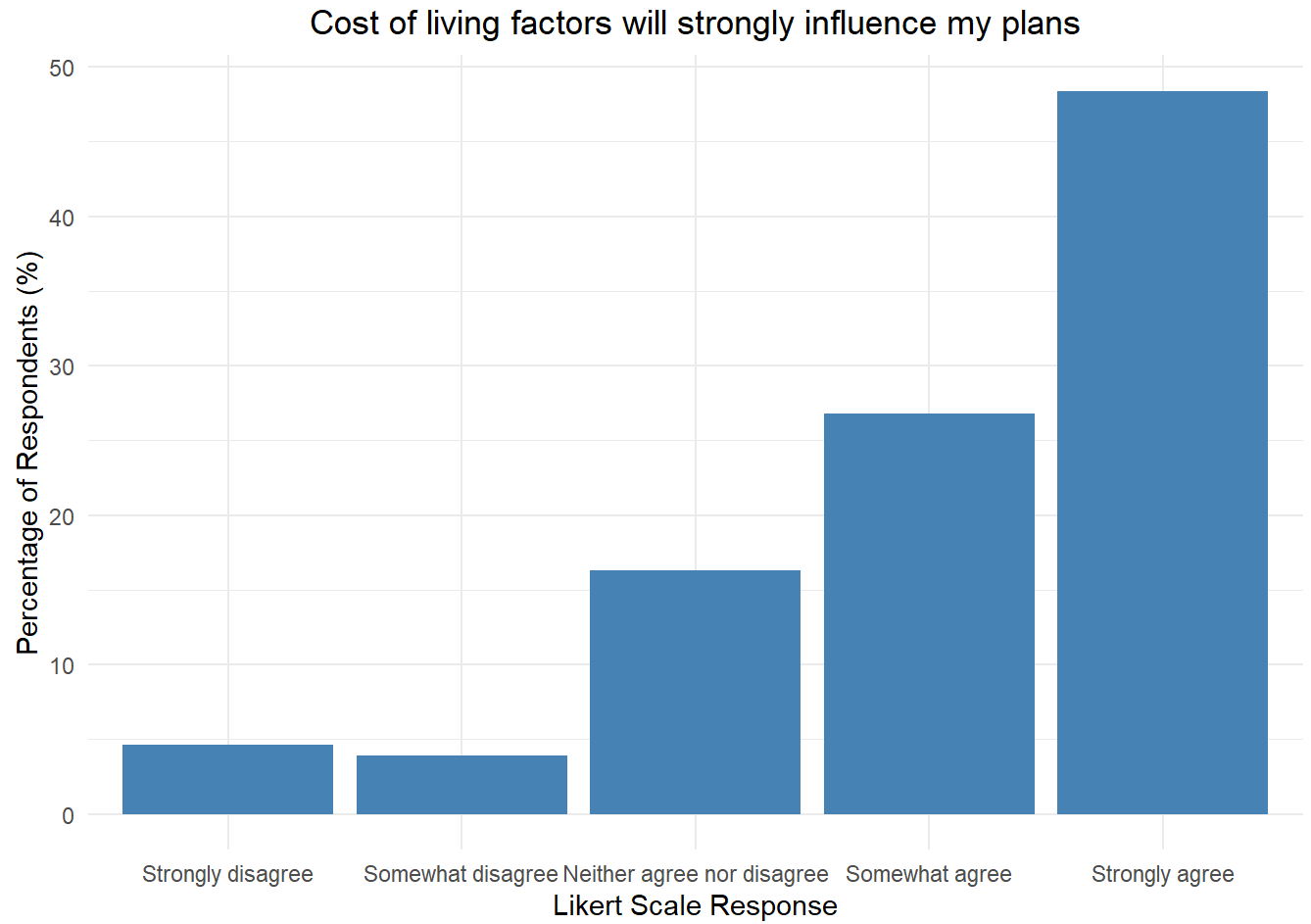
Response Numbers for: Extended family will strongly influence my plans

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	244	16.6
Somewhat disagree	111	7.5
Neither agree nor disagree	381	25.9
Somewhat agree	358	24.3
Strongly agree	378	25.7



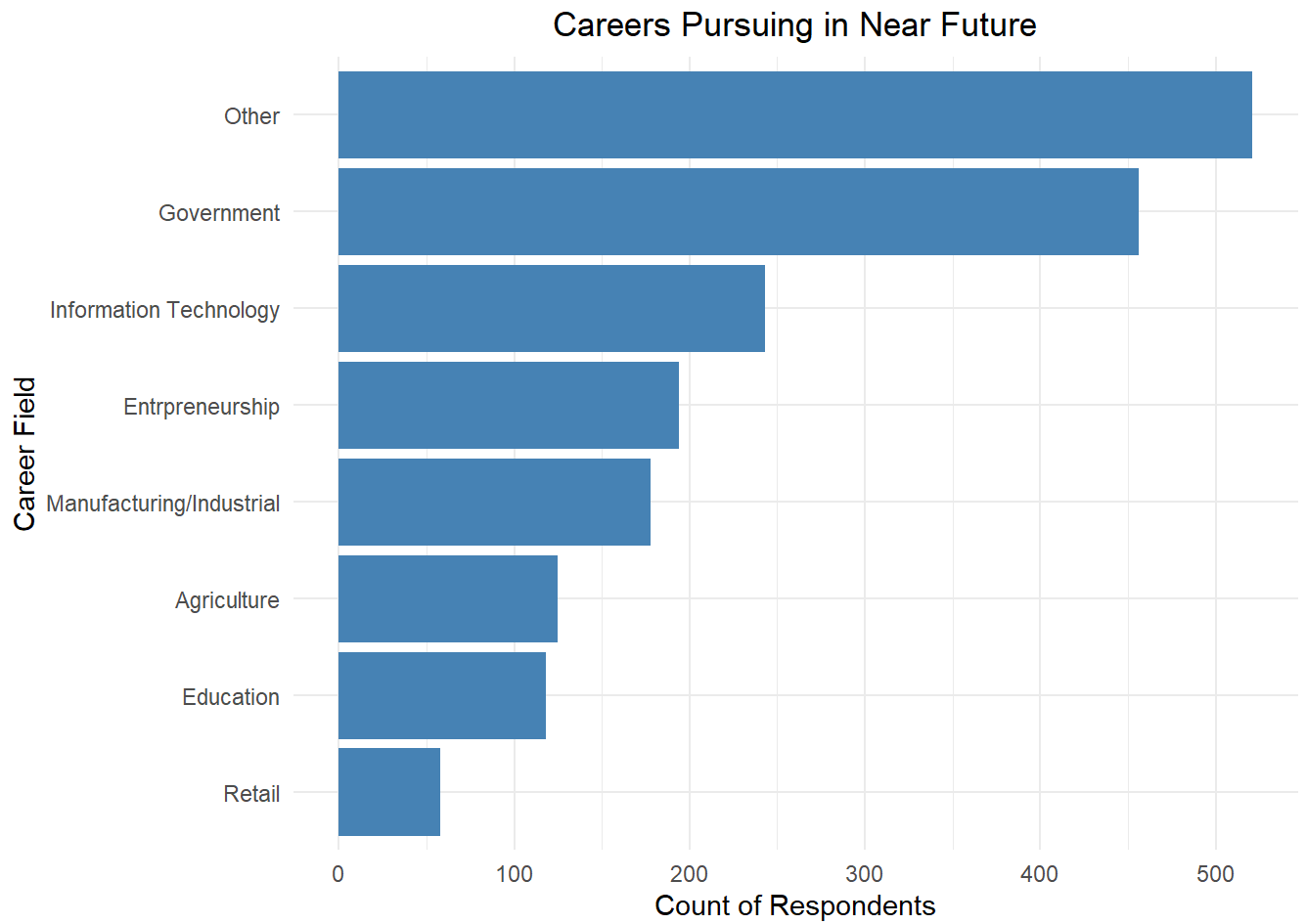
Response Numbers for: Employment opportunities will strongly influence my plans

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	205	13.9
Somewhat disagree	97	6.6
Neither agree nor disagree	344	23.3
Somewhat agree	387	26.3
Strongly agree	441	29.9



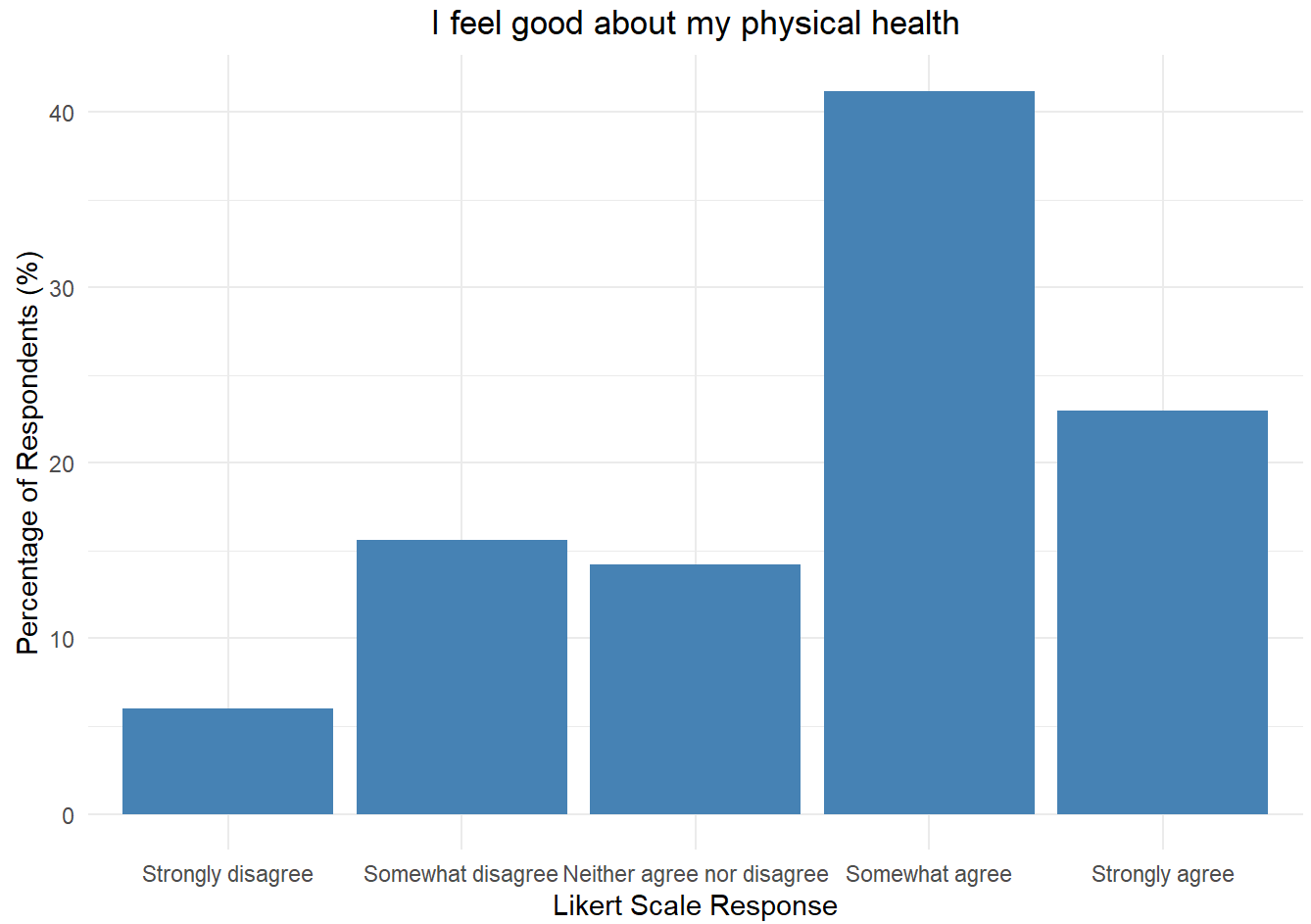
Response Numbers for: Cost of living factors will strongly influence my plans

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	68	4.6
Somewhat disagree	57	3.9
Neither agree nor disagree	240	16.3
Somewhat agree	395	26.8
Strongly agree	714	48.4



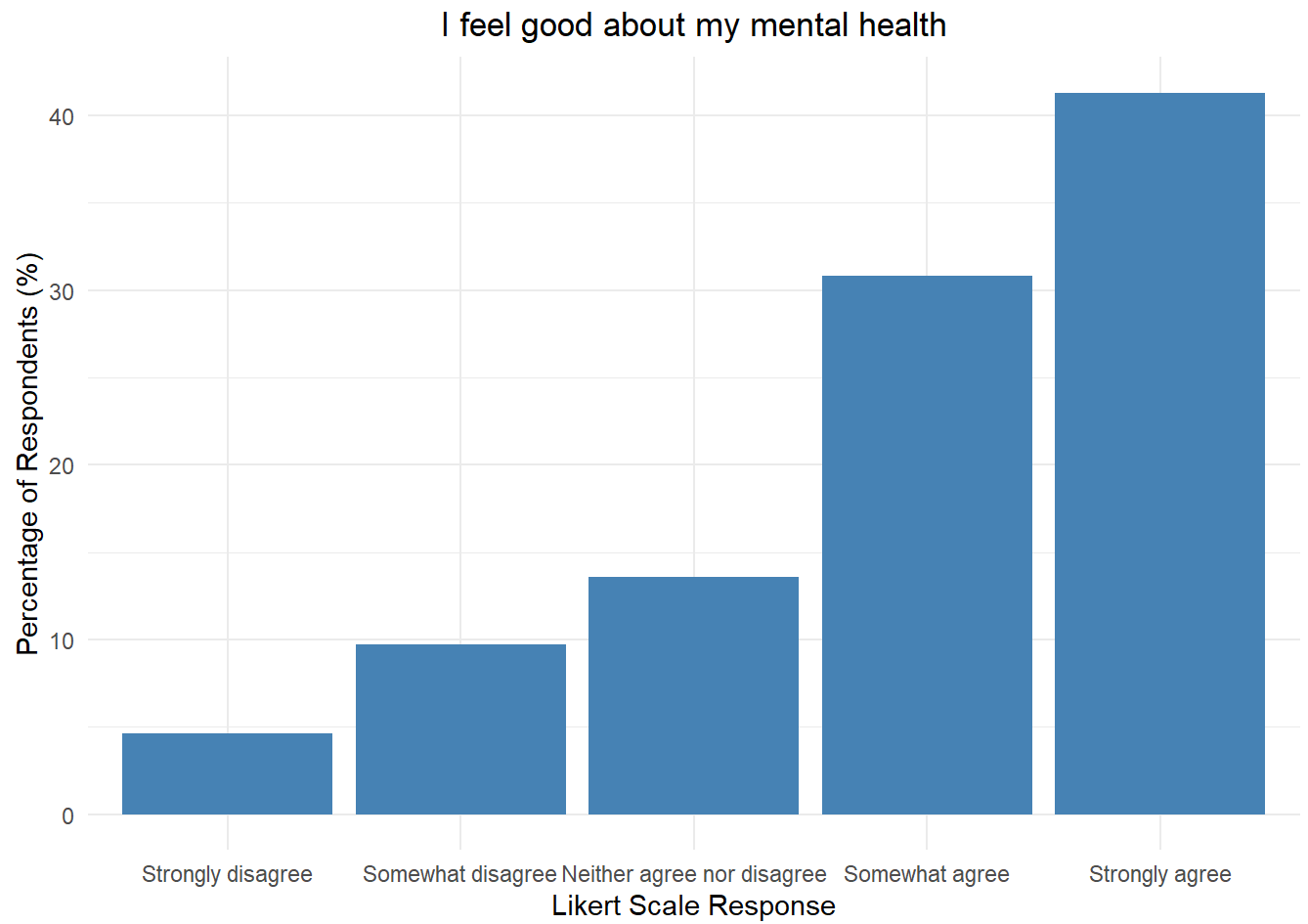
Careers Pursuing in Near Future

Response	Count
Other	521
Government	456
Information Technology	243
Entrepreneurship	194
Manufacturing/Industrial	178
Agriculture	125
Education	118
Retail	58



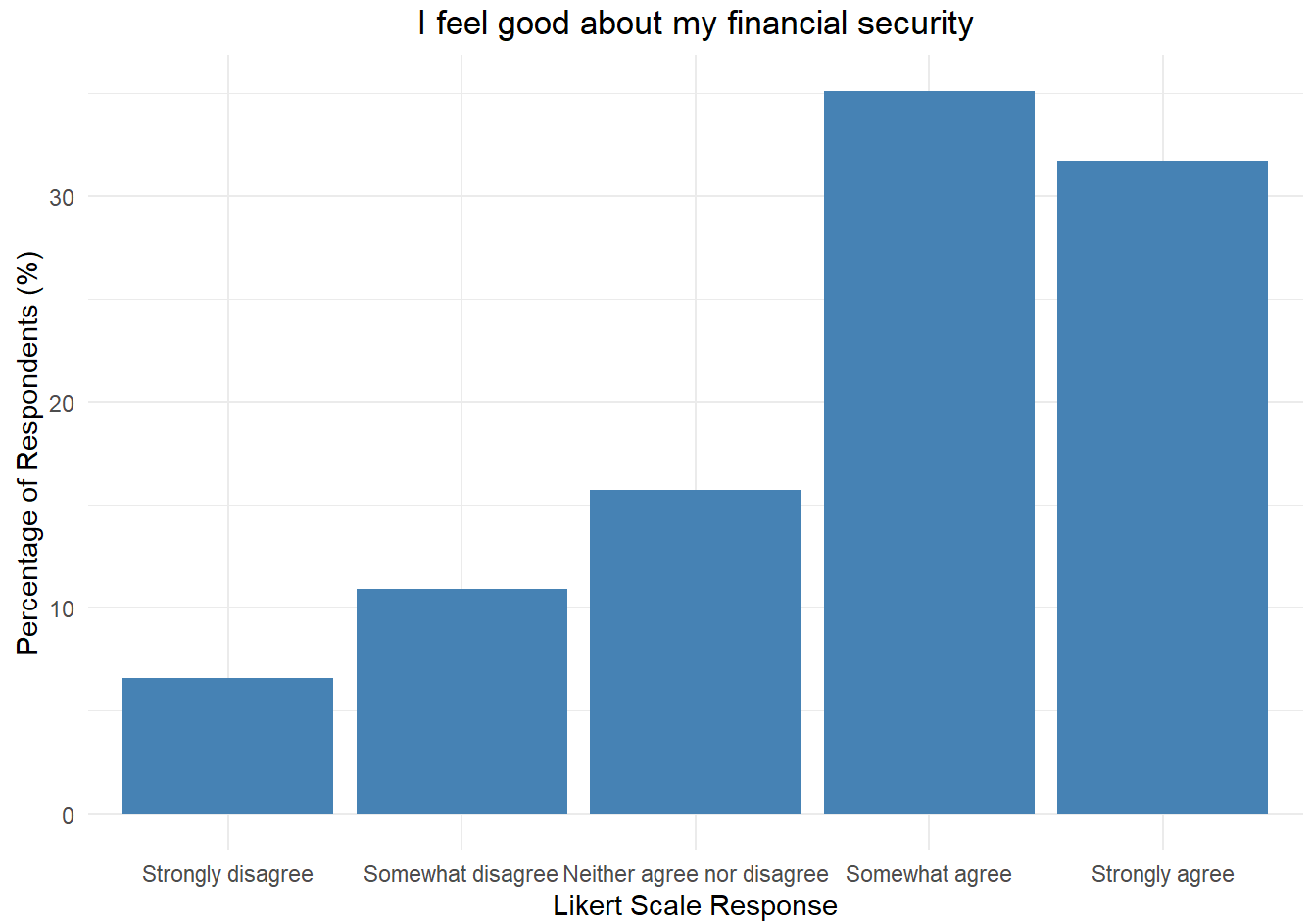
Response Numbers for: I feel good about my physical health

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	249	6.0
Somewhat disagree	650	15.6
Neither agree nor disagree	592	14.2
Somewhat agree	1717	41.2
Strongly agree	960	23.0



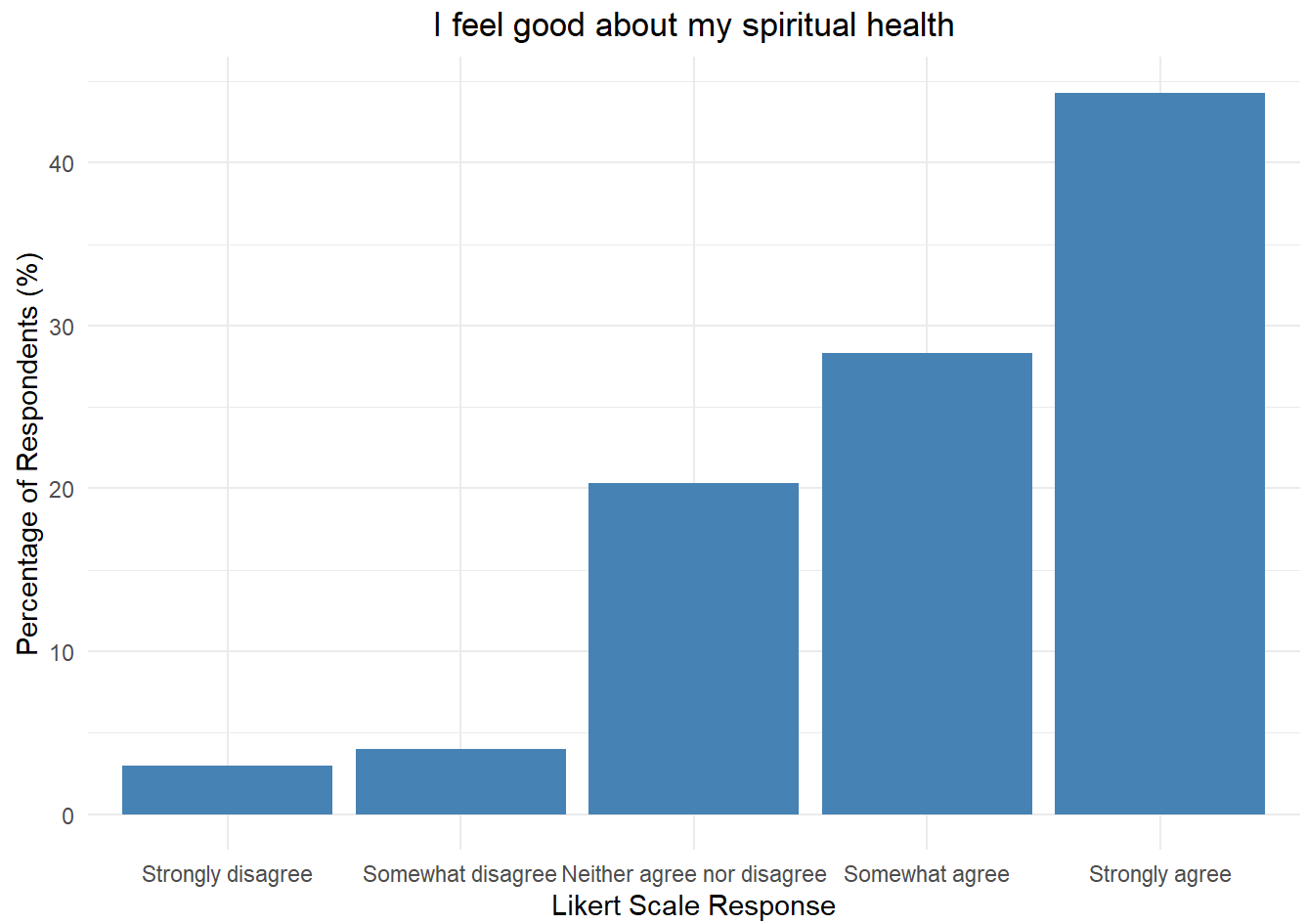
Responses for: I feel good about my mental health

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	194	4.6
Somewhat disagree	403	9.7
Neither agree nor disagree	566	13.6
Somewhat agree	1286	30.8
Strongly agree	1724	41.3



Responses for: I feel good about my financial security

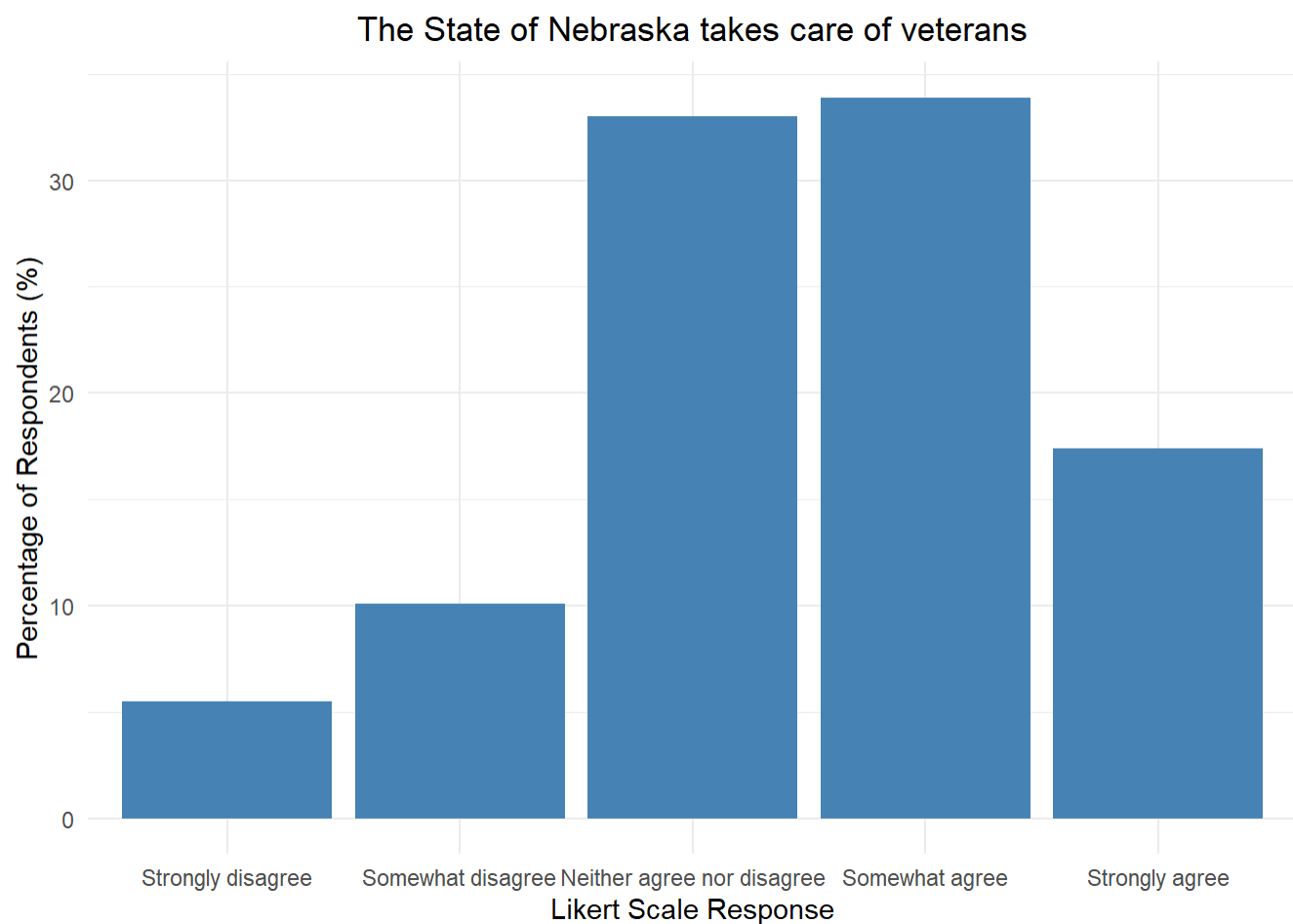
Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	277	6.6
Somewhat disagree	453	10.9
Neither agree nor disagree	656	15.7
Somewhat agree	1465	35.1
Strongly agree	1321	31.7



Responses for: I feel good about my spiritual health

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	125	3.0
Somewhat disagree	168	4.0
Neither agree nor disagree	848	20.3
Somewhat agree	1179	28.3
Strongly agree	1848	44.3

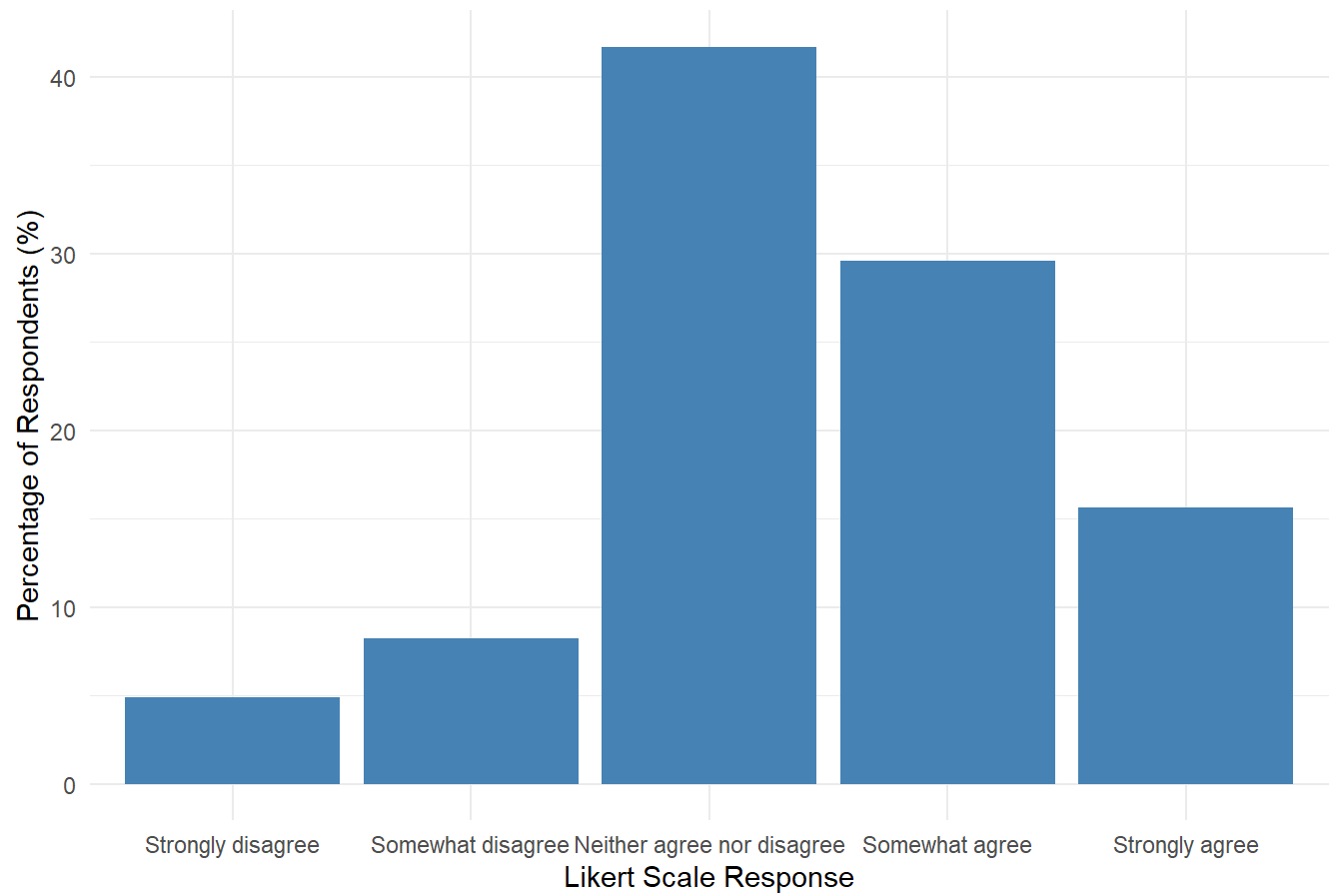
Appendix F. Thoughts on State Government Support of Veterans



Responses for: The State of Nebraska takes care of veterans

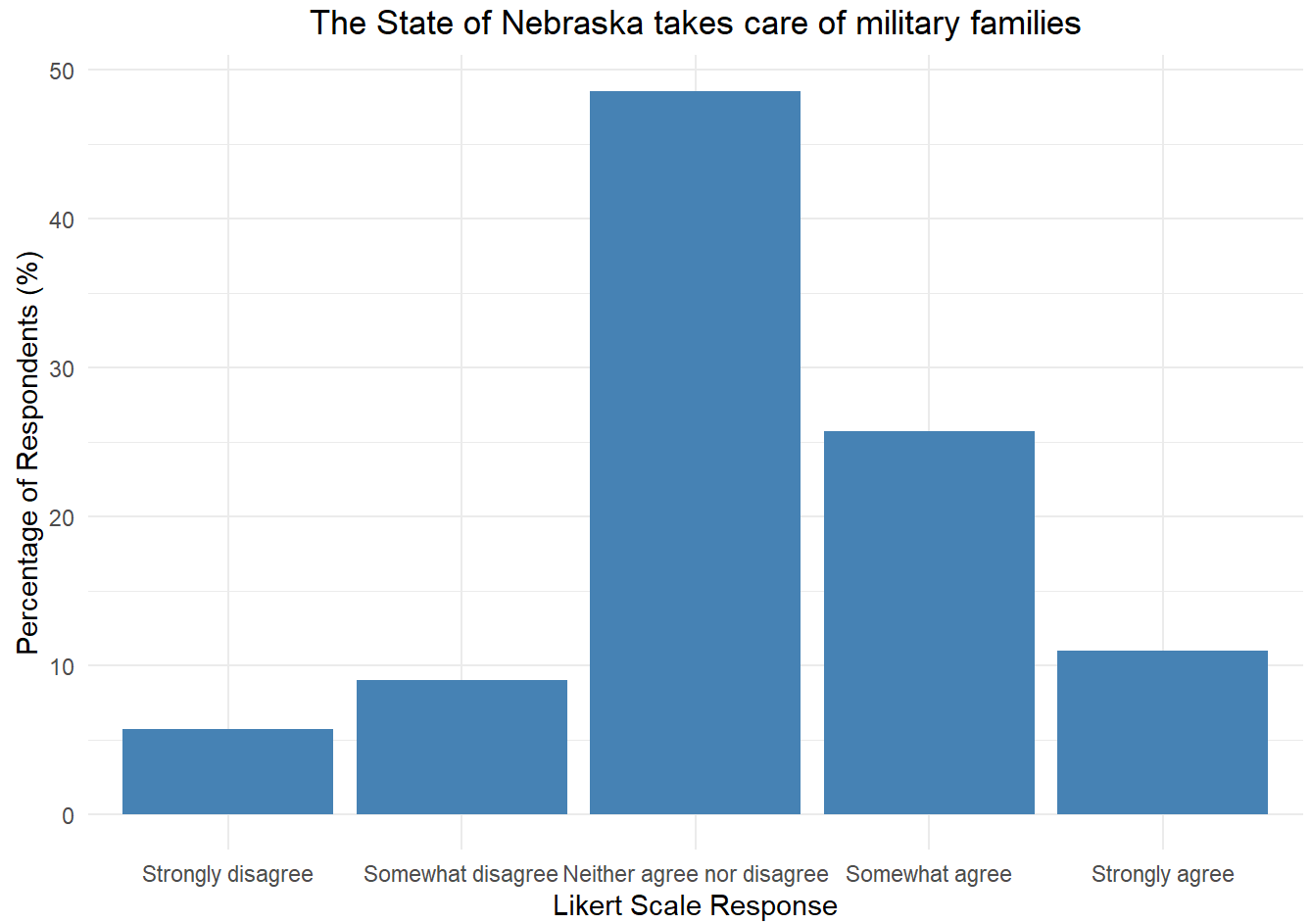
Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	218	5.5
Somewhat disagree	400	10.1
Neither agree nor disagree	1308	33.0
Somewhat agree	1343	33.9
Strongly agree	691	17.4

The State of Nebraska takes care of military service members



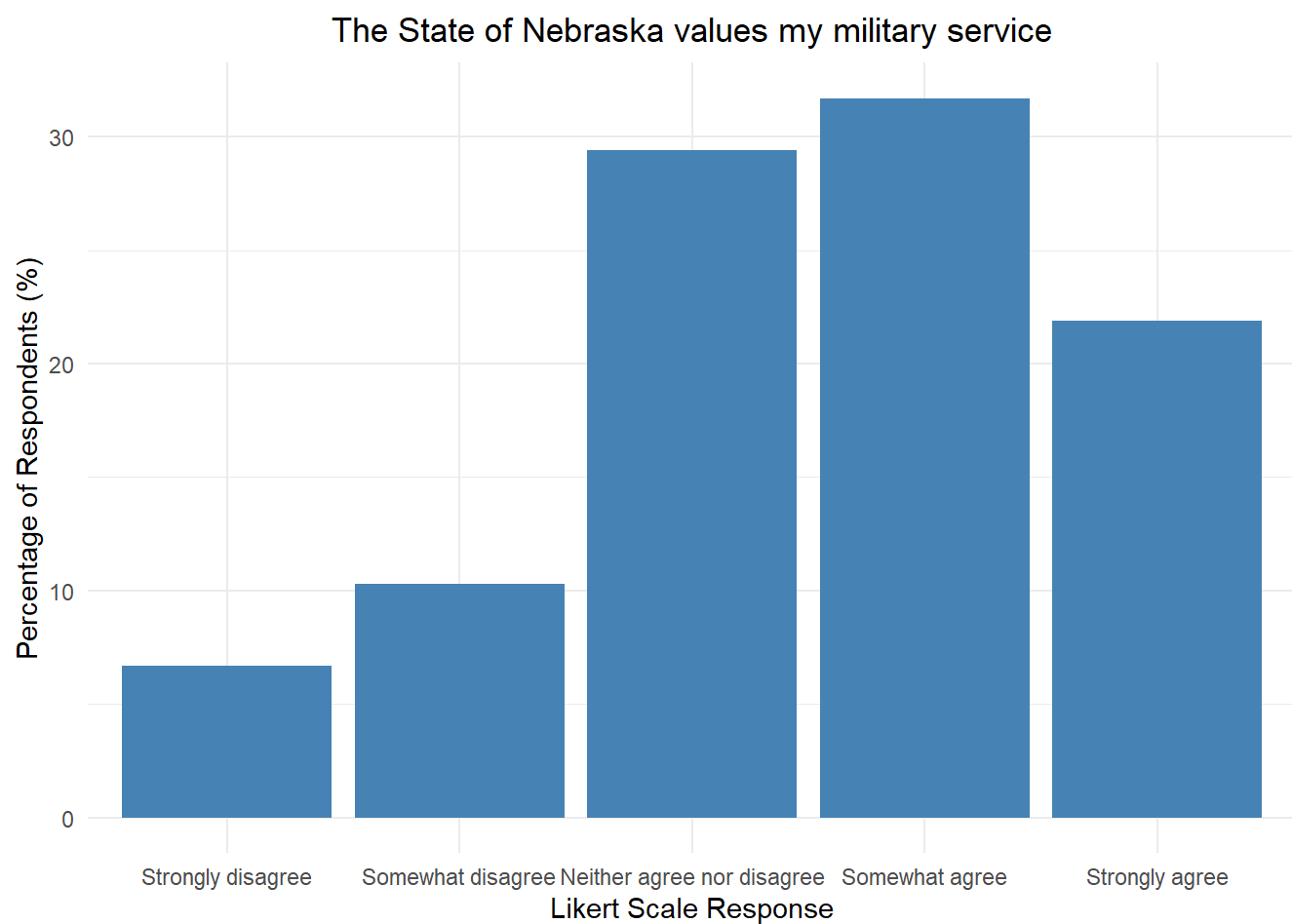
Responses for: The State of Nebraska takes care of military service members

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	193	4.9
Somewhat disagree	323	8.2
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Somewhat agree	1159	29.6
Strongly agree	610	15.6



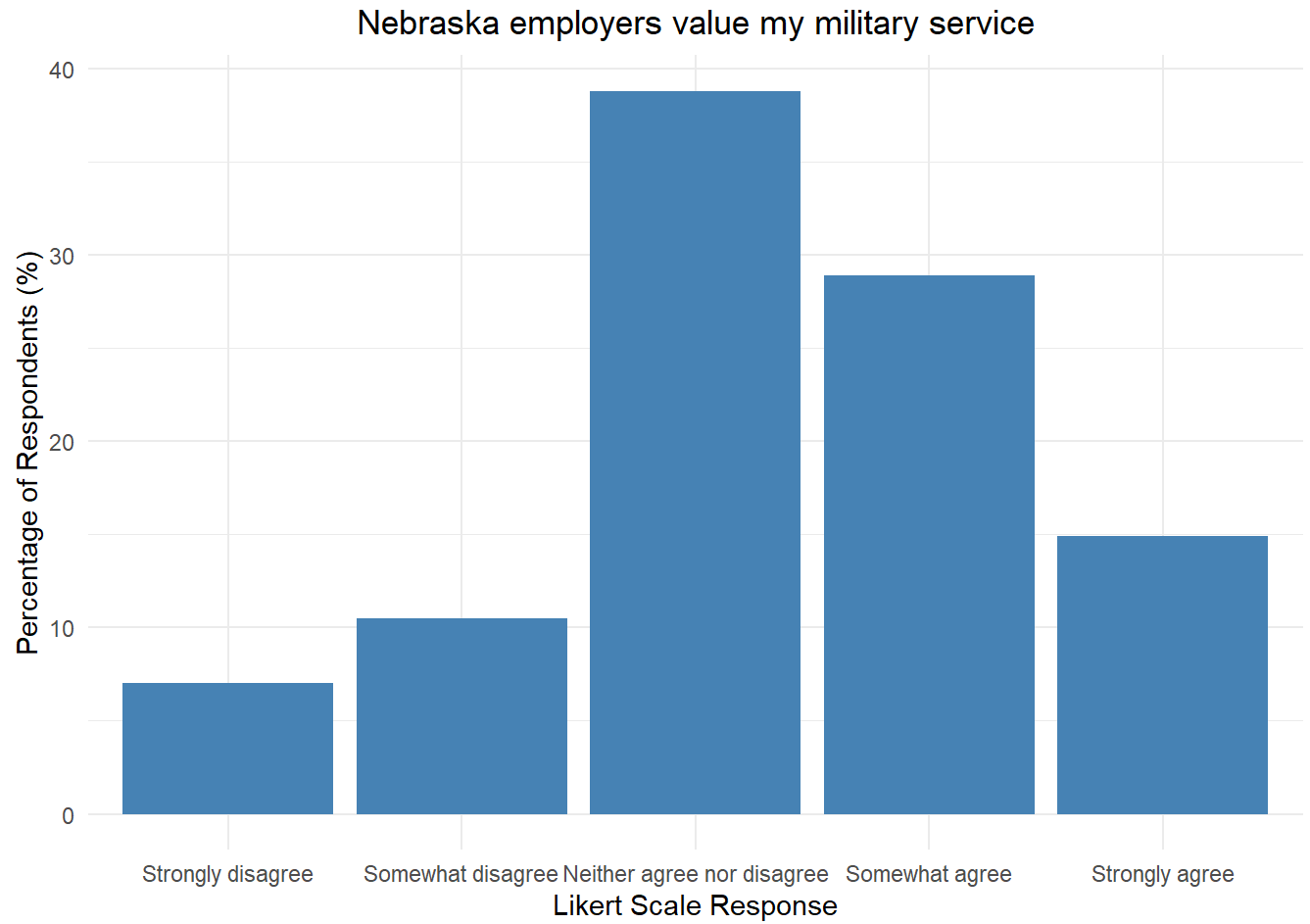
Responses for: The State of Nebraska takes care of military families

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	221	5.7
Somewhat disagree	348	9.0
Neither agree nor disagree	1886	48.6
Somewhat agree	999	25.7
Strongly agree	427	11.0



Responses for: The State of Nebraska values my military service

Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	260	6.7
Somewhat disagree	402	10.3
Neither agree nor disagree	1146	29.4
Somewhat agree	1238	31.7
Strongly agree	856	21.9

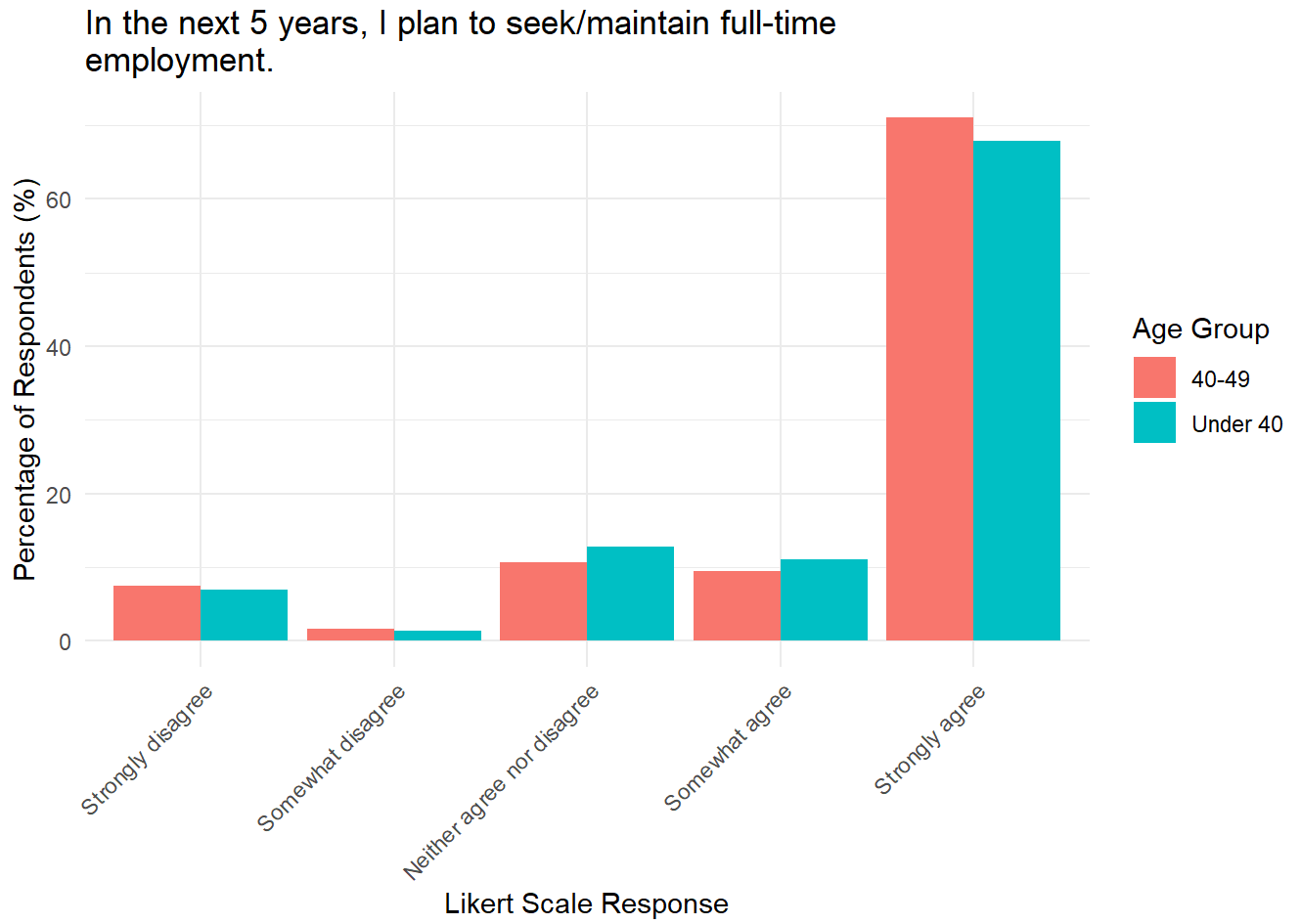


Responses for: Nebraska employers value my military service

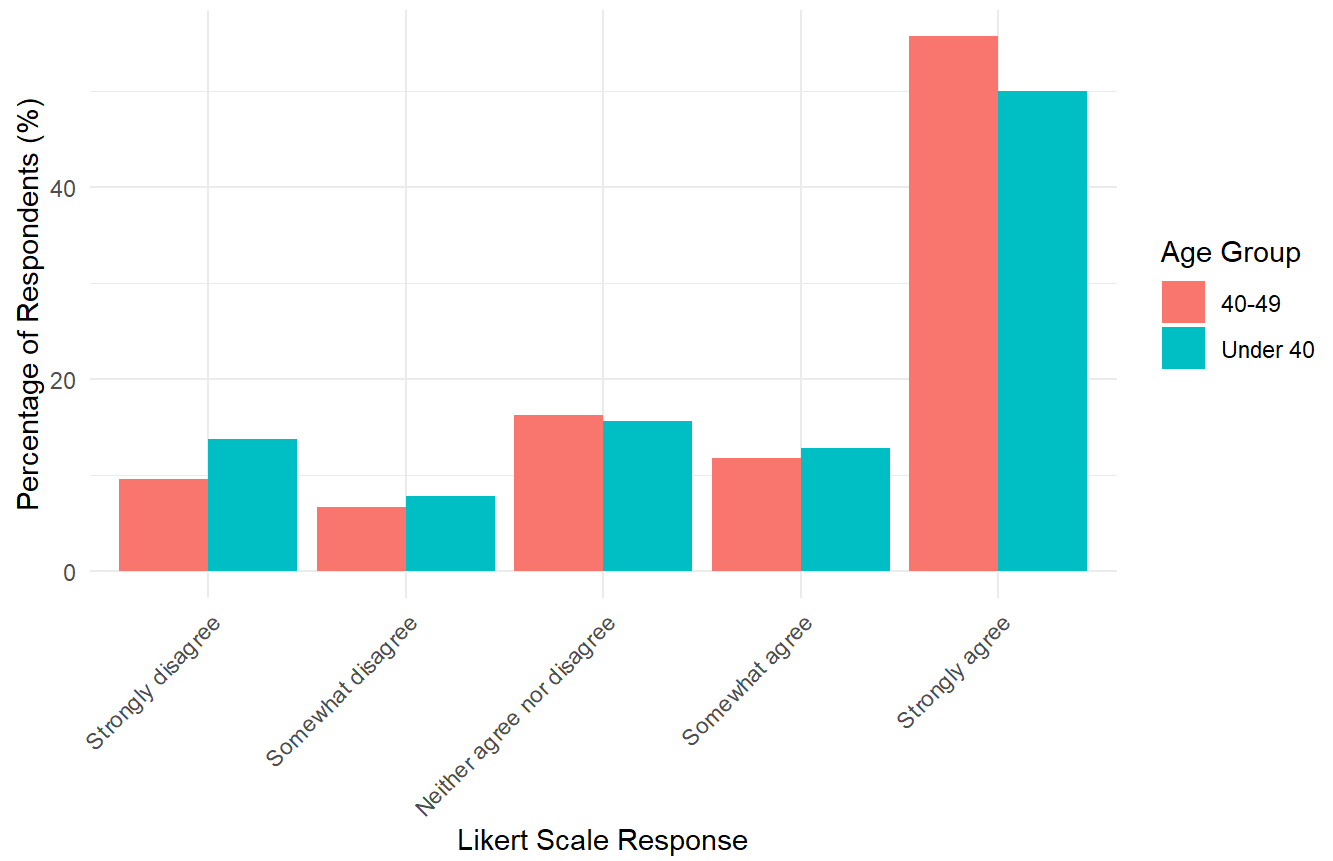
Response	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	270	7.0
Somewhat disagree	407	10.5
Neither agree nor disagree	1503	38.8
Somewhat agree	1119	28.9
Strongly agree	579	14.9

Appendix G. Additional Analyses

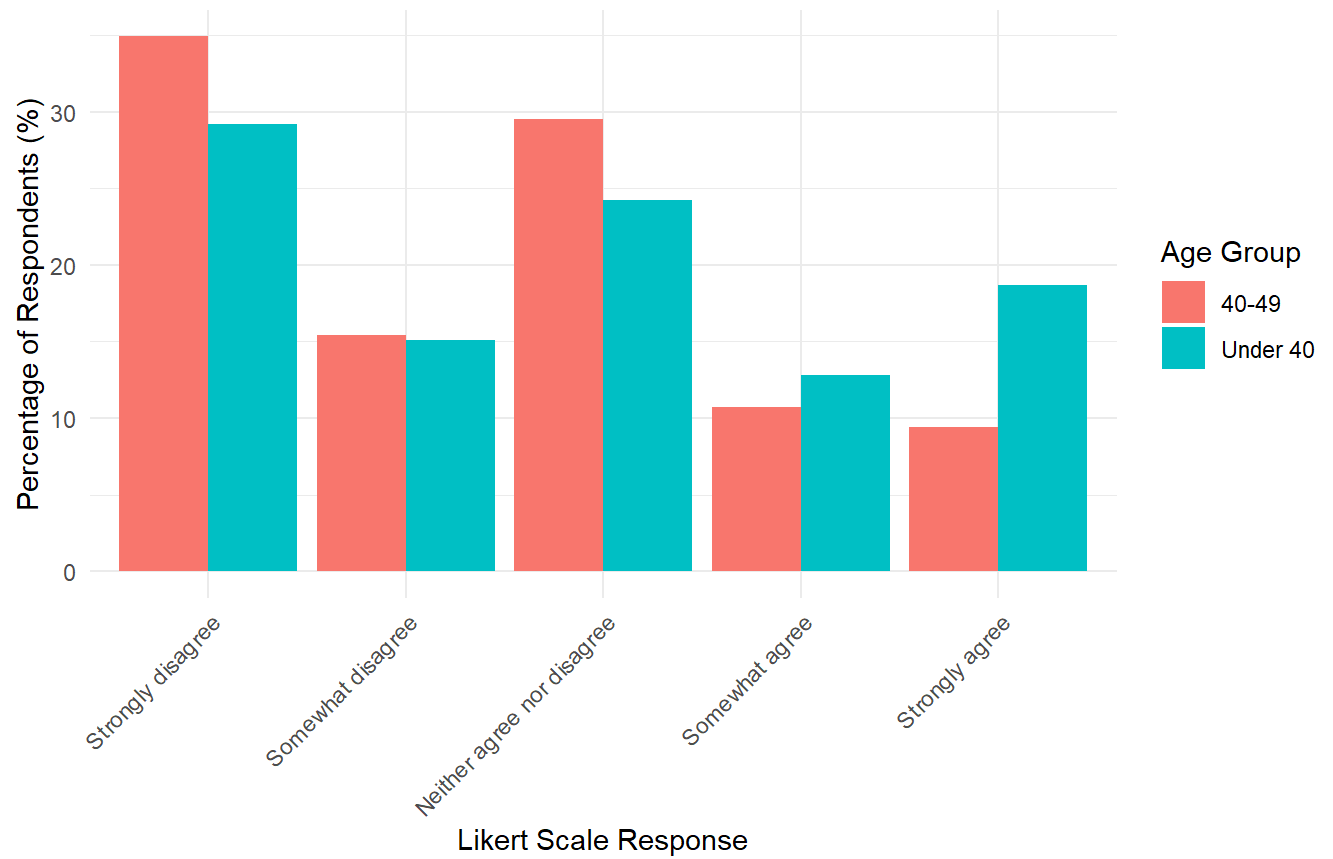
Near Future by Age

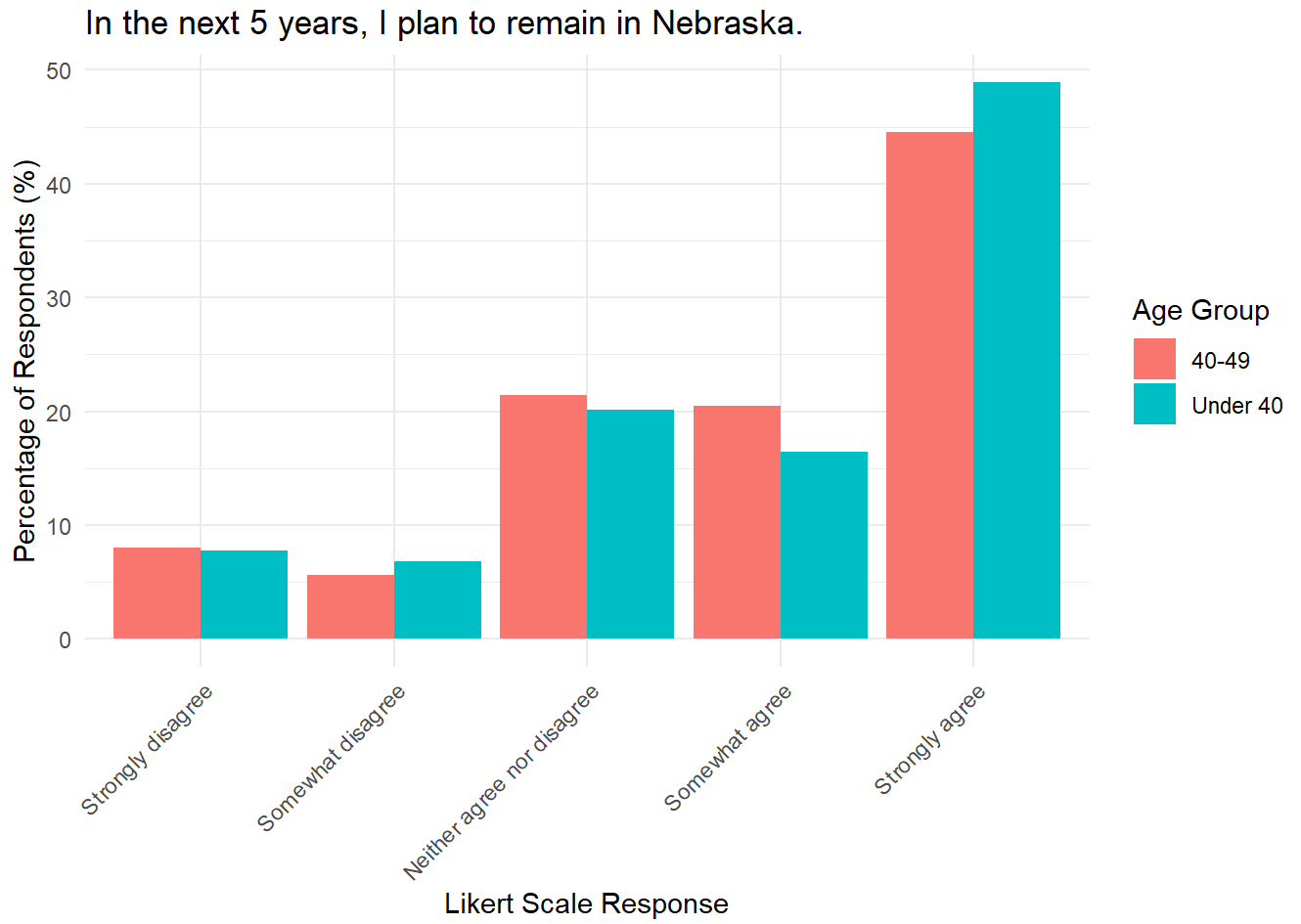


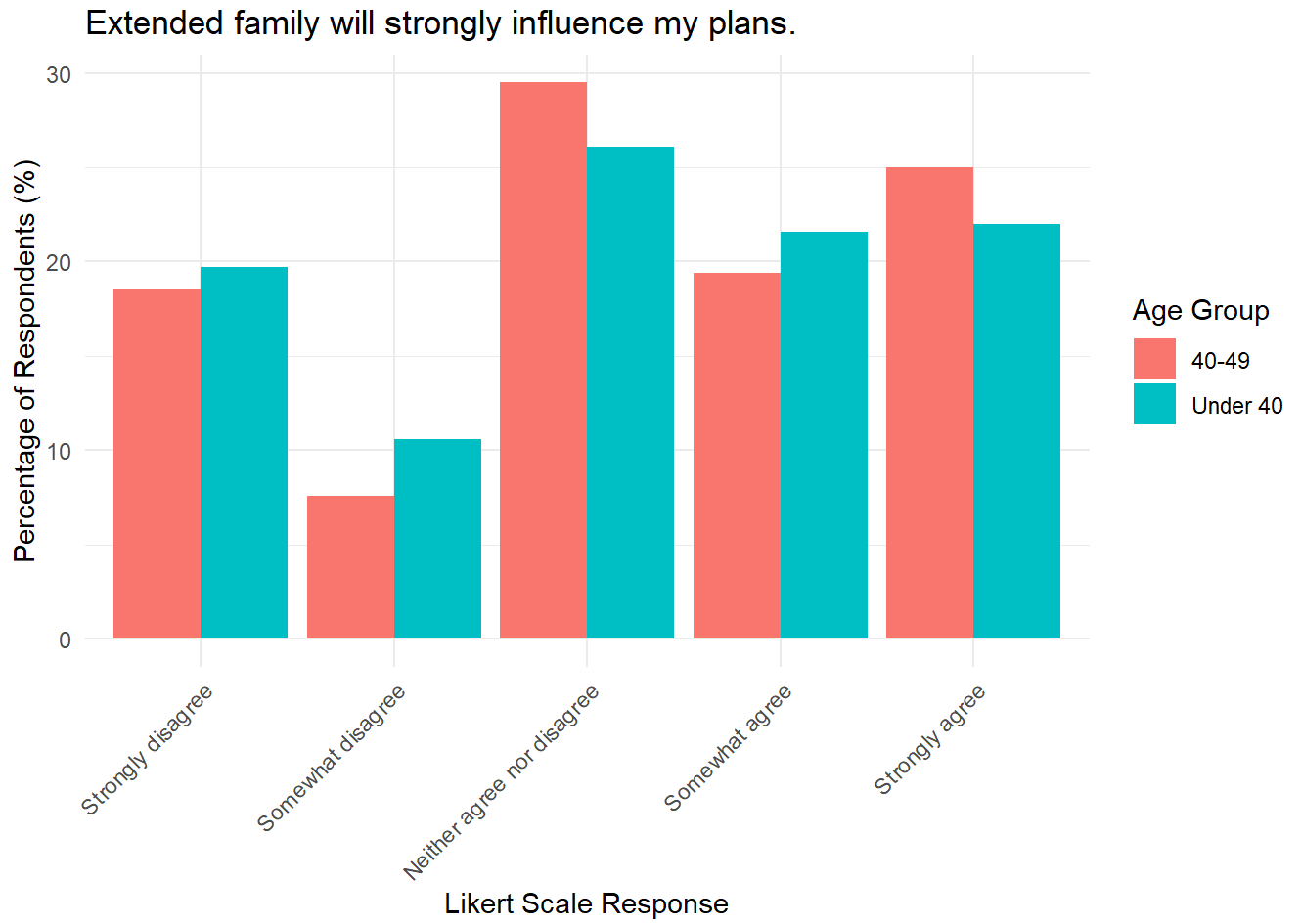
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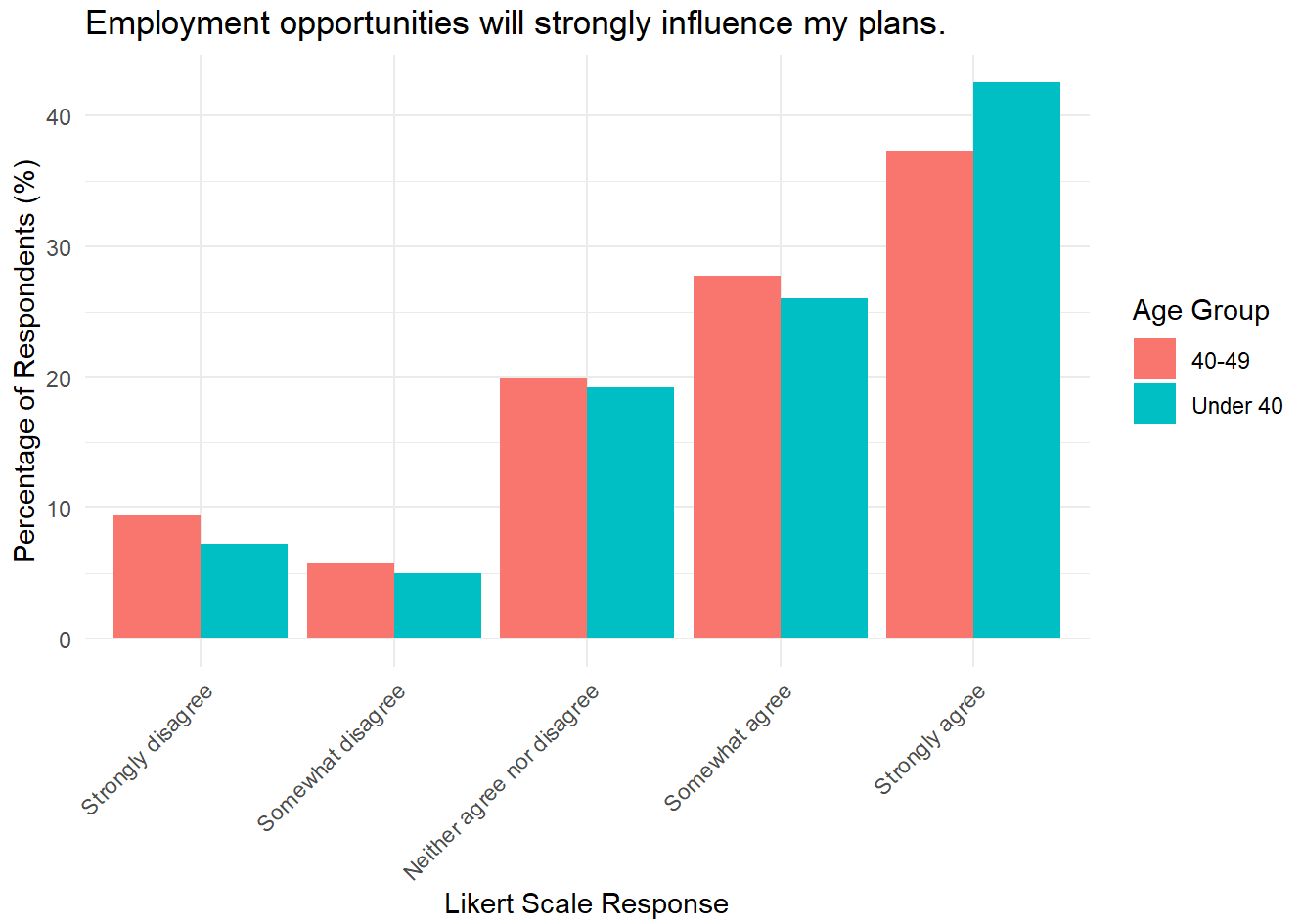


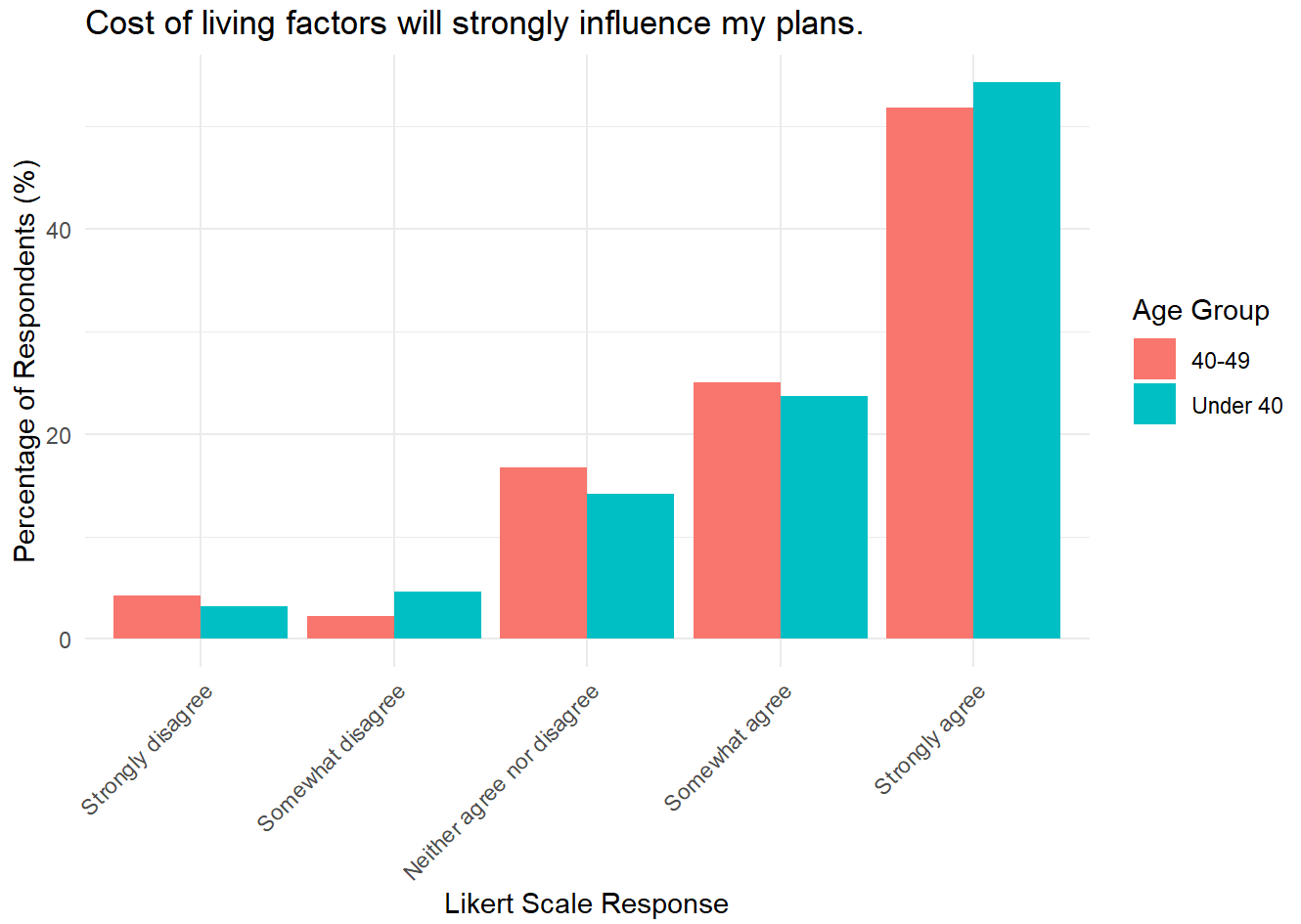
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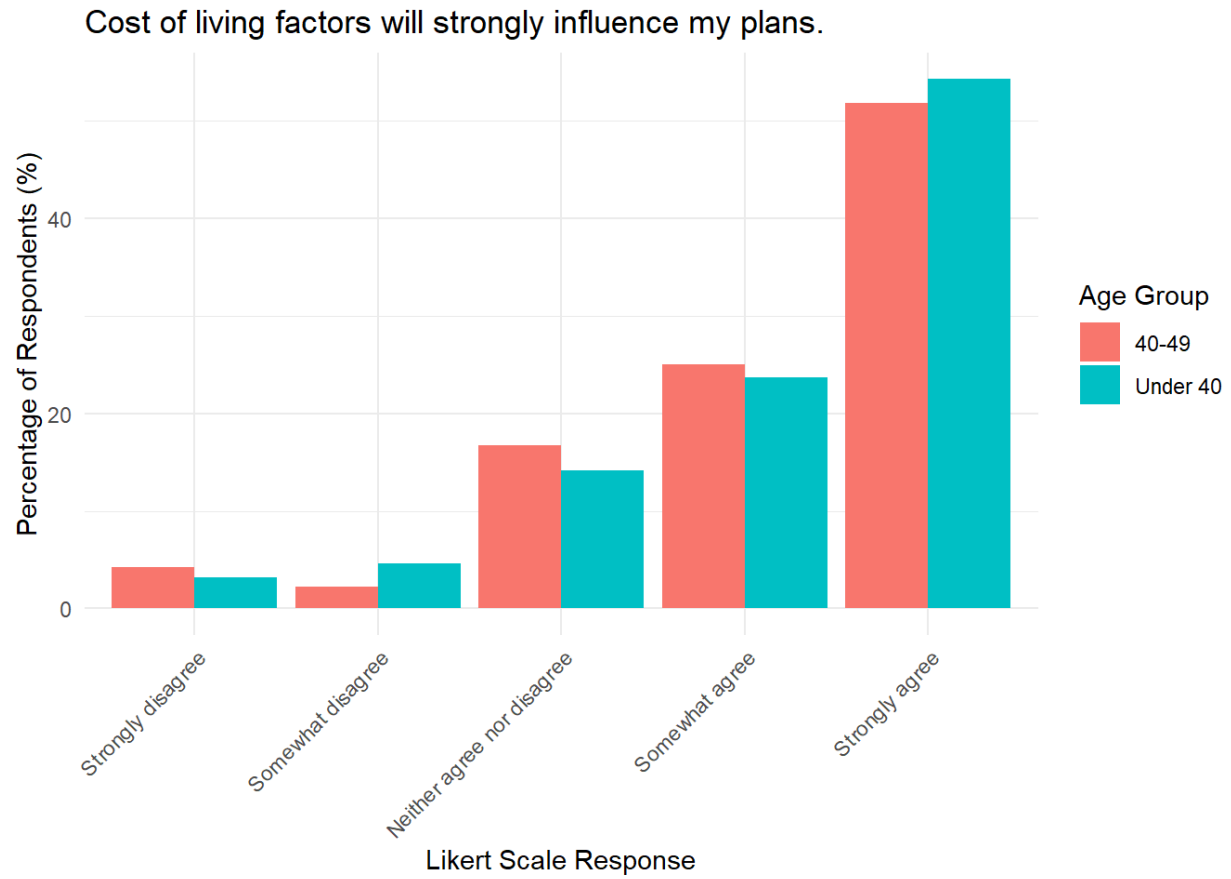




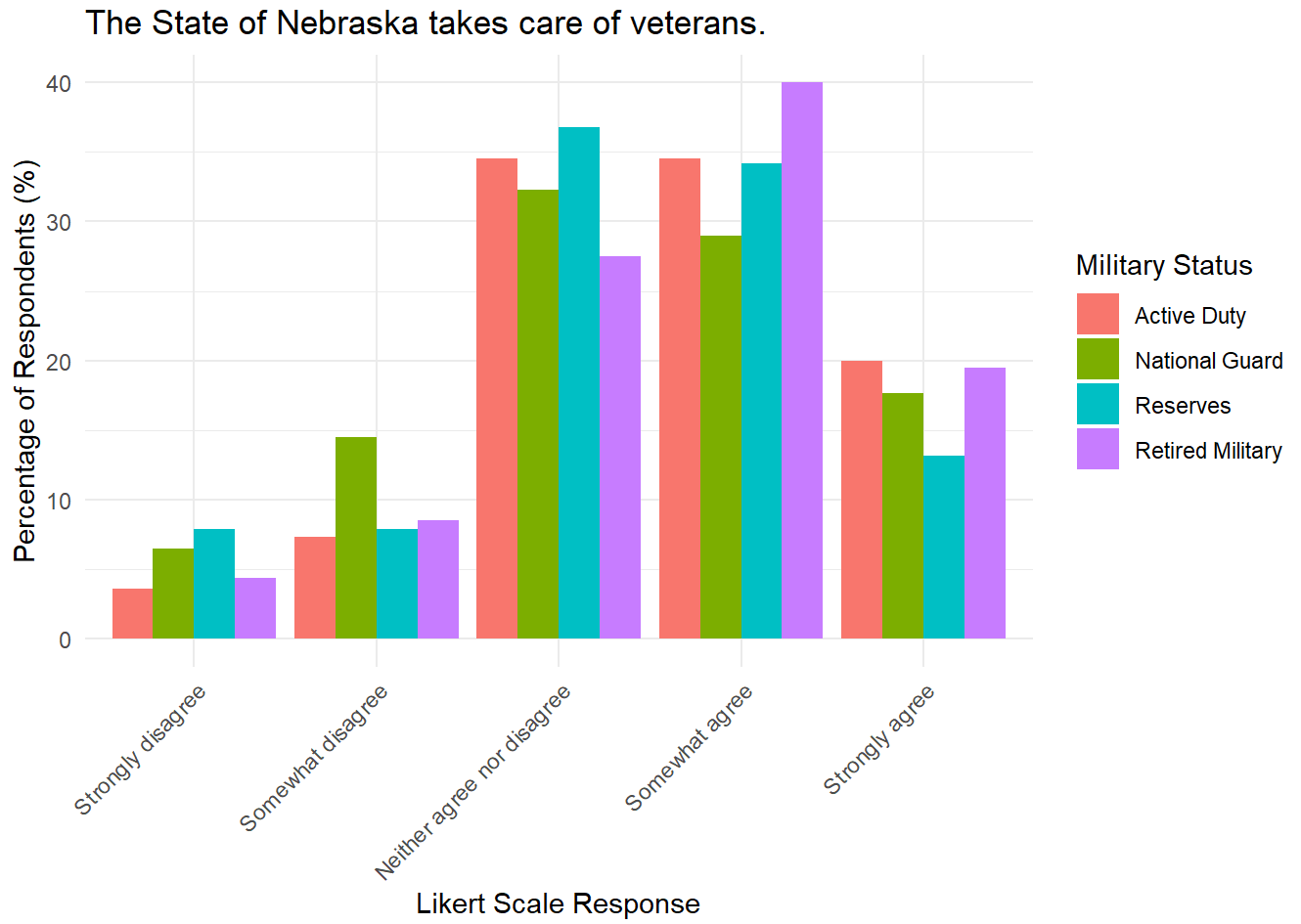




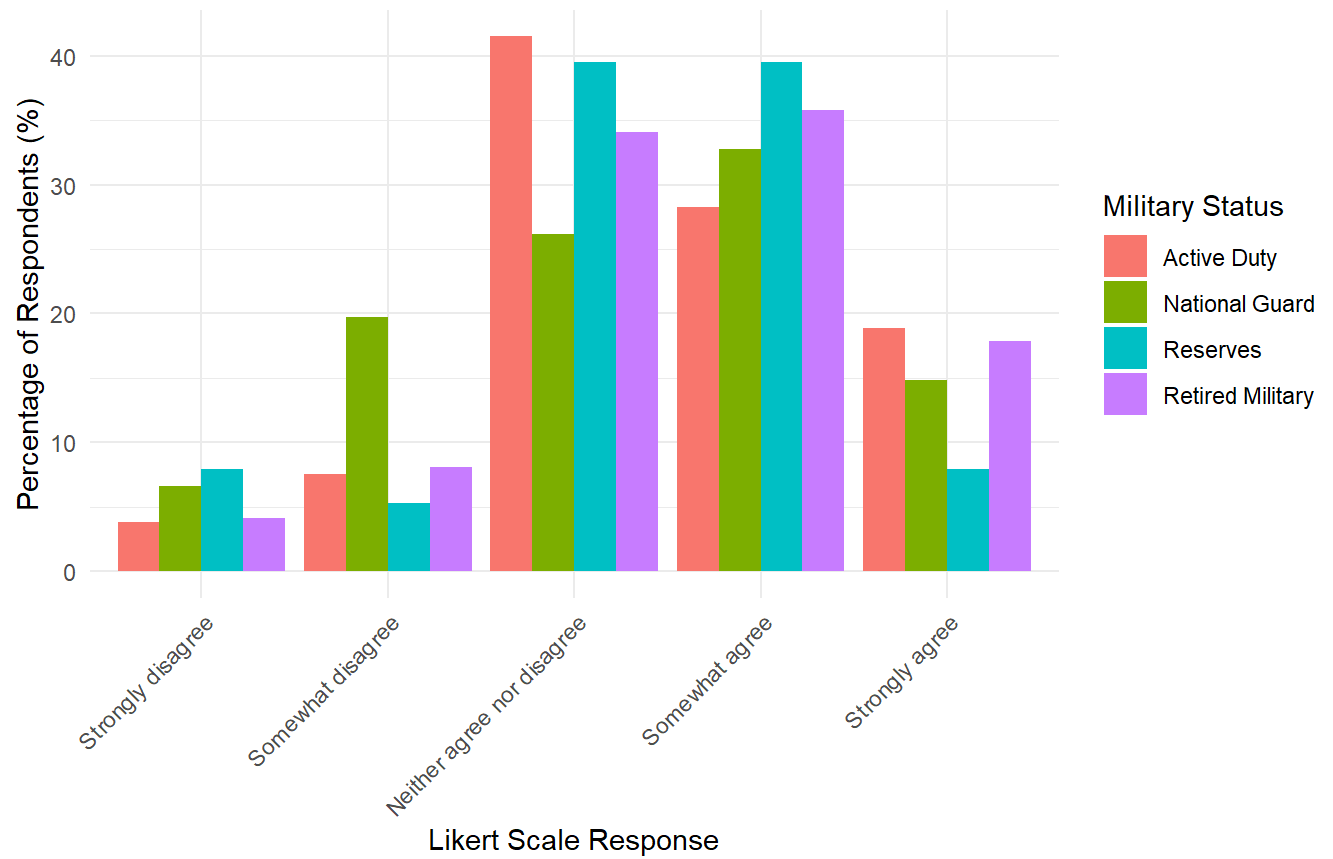




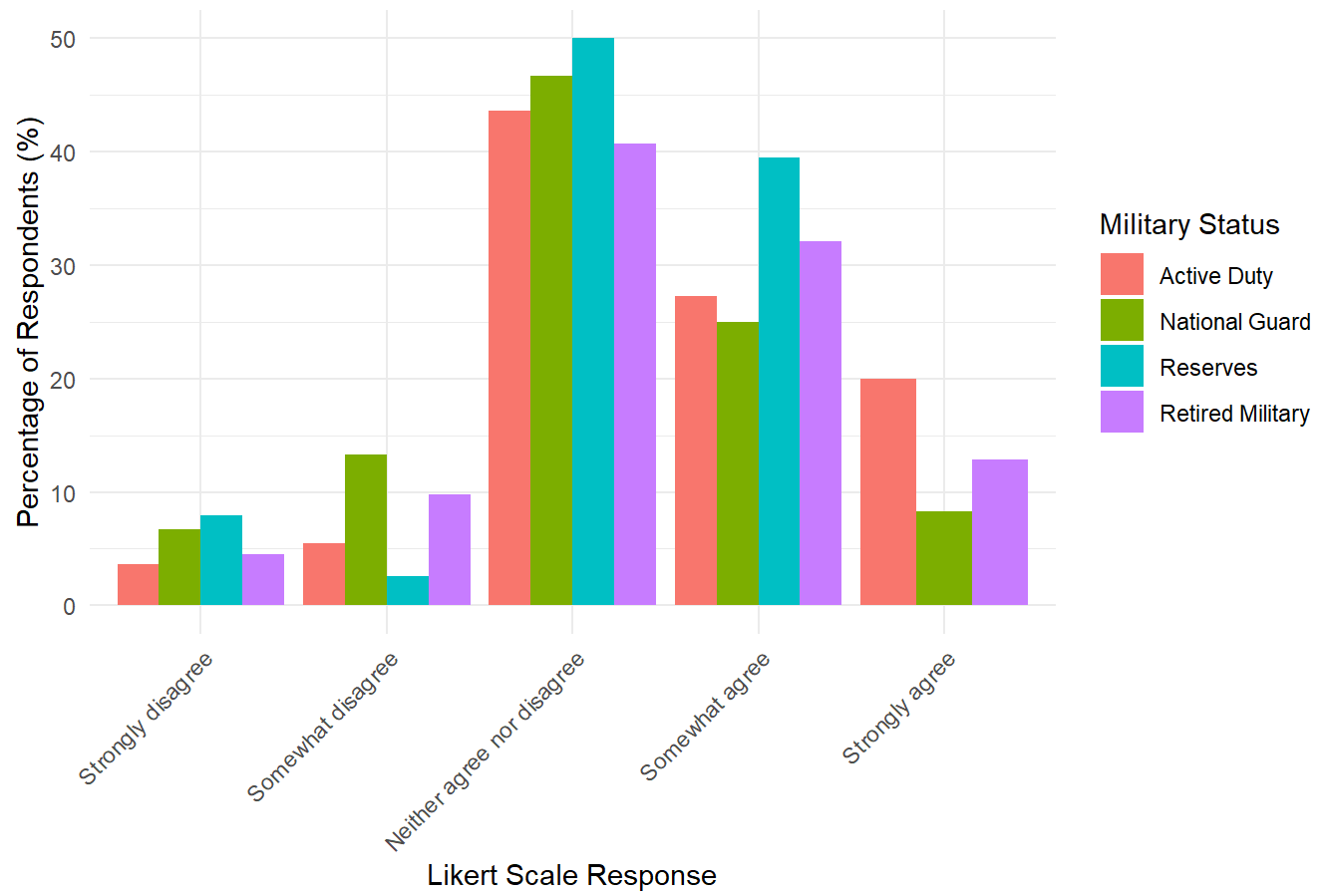
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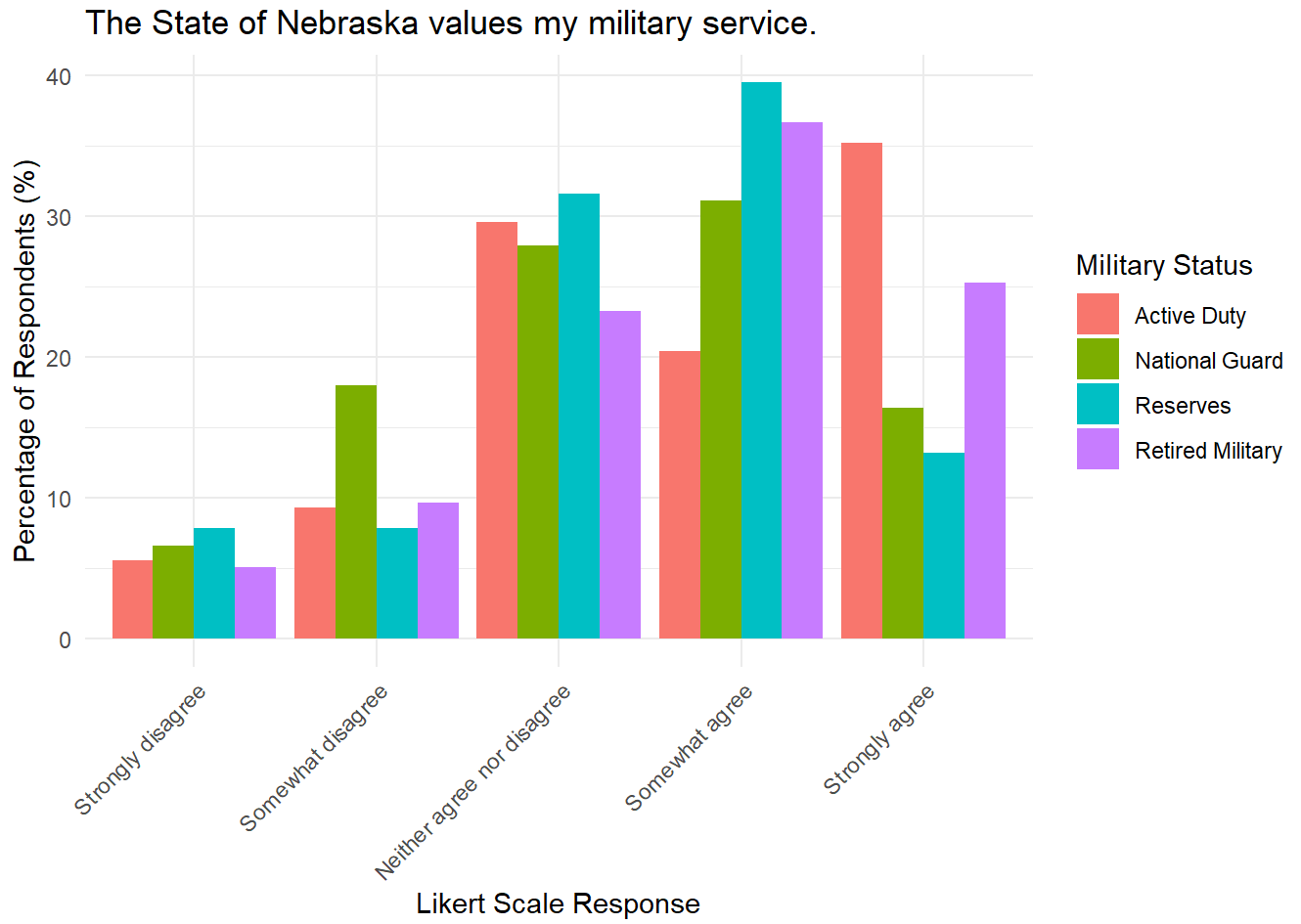


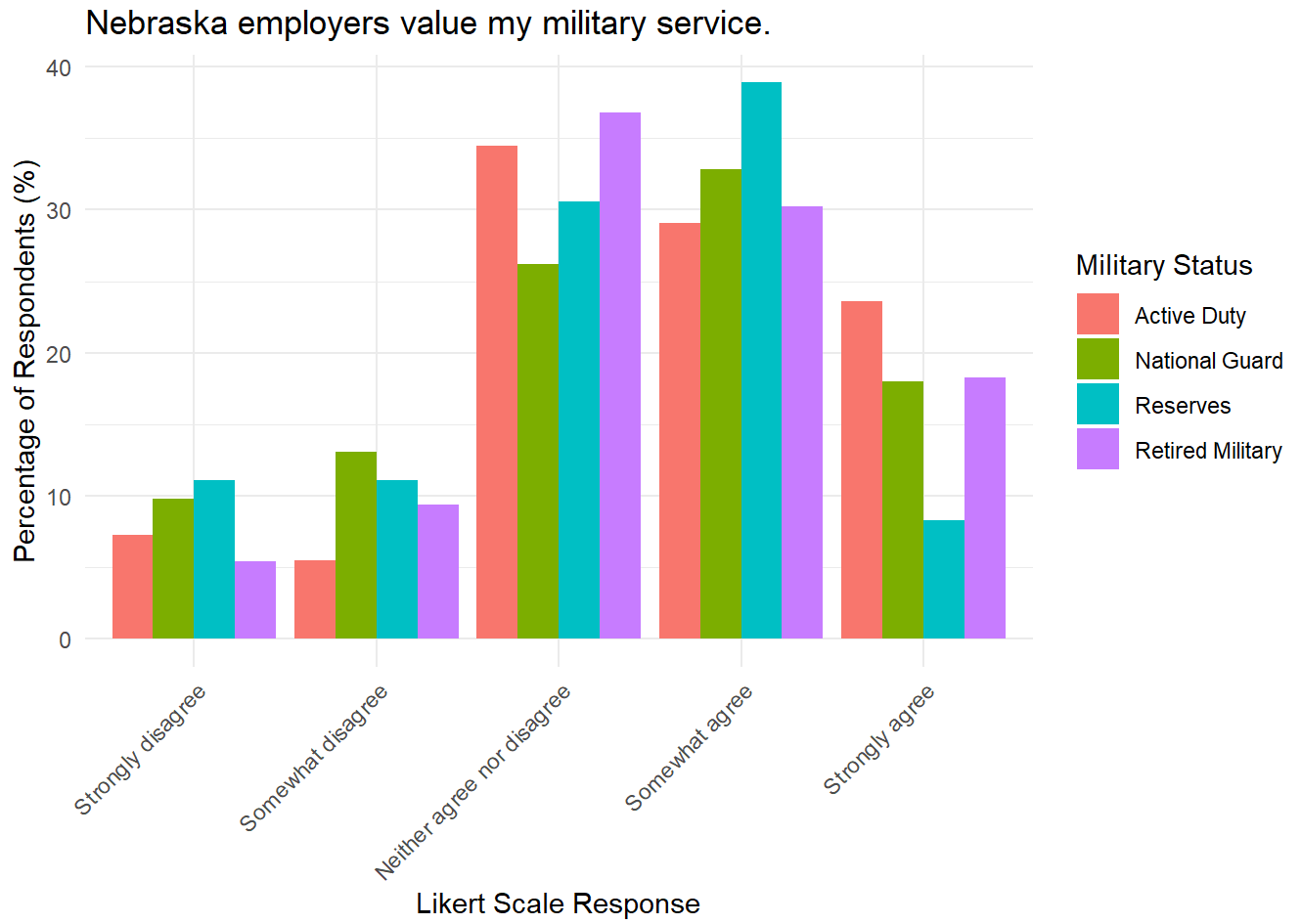
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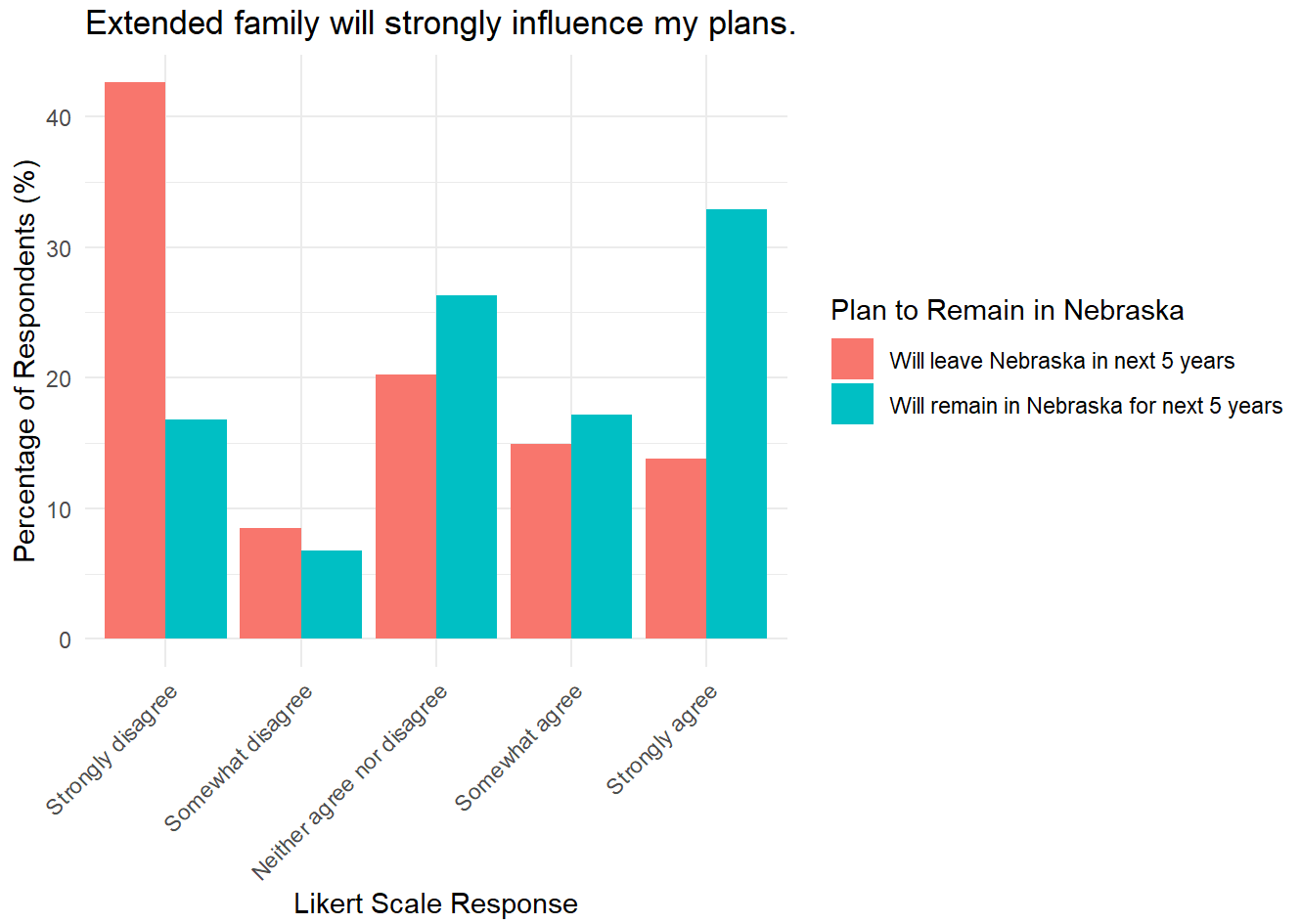
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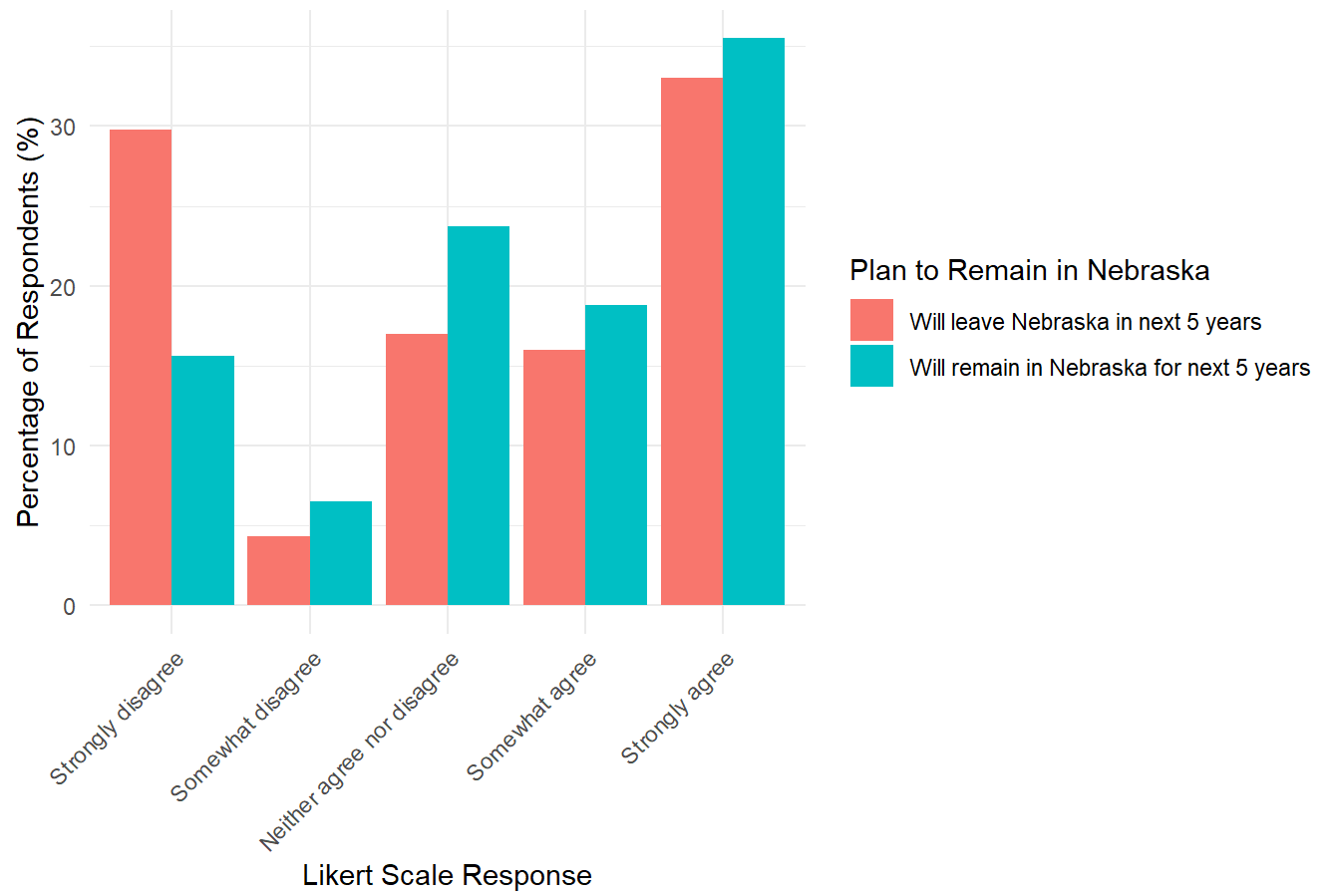




Near Future by Intention to Stay in Nebraska



Employment opportunities will strongly influence my plans.



Cost of living factors will strongly influence my plans.

