



# Funding, Politics, Programmatic

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# Housing survey

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- ❖ Housing survey results are back!

- ❖ Not for public release

<https://www.bnl.gov/NoviSurvey/ViewReport.aspx?doid=80b448227b104cd5988b2df0da0b2b90>

- ❖ Some results shown in following slides
- ❖ Also, we have seen the BNL Council memo (privately to me)
  - ❖ Very much in line with our concerns
  - ❖ Main new recommendation is for lab to survey departments themselves, to augment the information from the User survey

# Some survey results: Facility

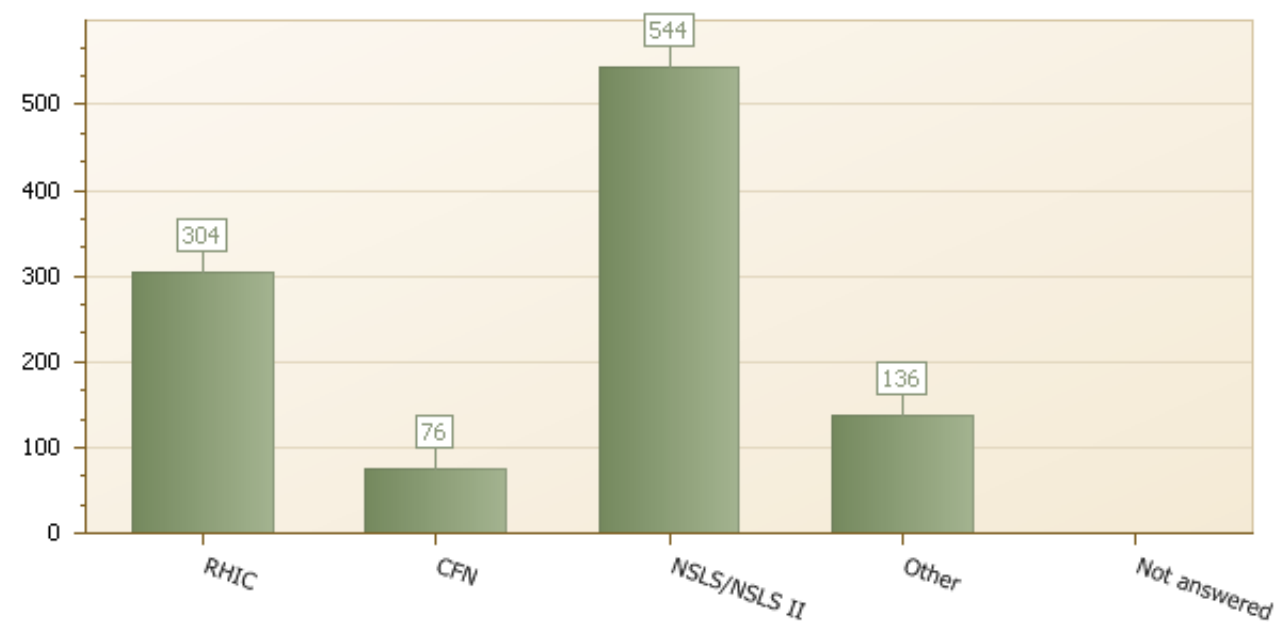
## 1.1.1. P1Q1 – Affiliation

What is your primary affiliation at BNL?

Question type: Multiple choice

Number of responses: 1060

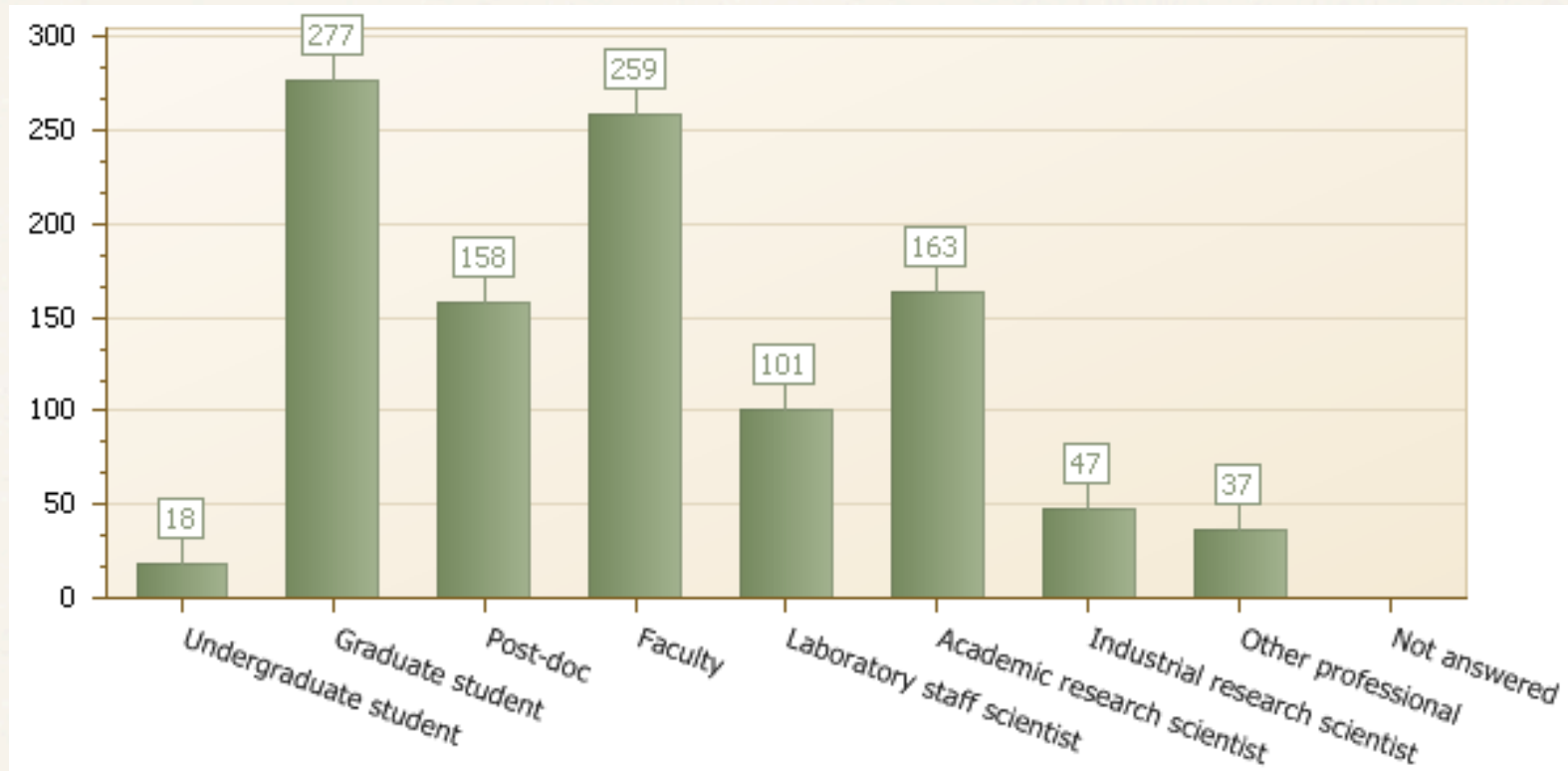
Number of respondents: 1060



Answer	Count	Percent answer
RHIC	304	28.7%
CFN	76	7.2%
NSLS/NSLS II	544	51.3%
Other	136	12.8%
Not answered	0	0%



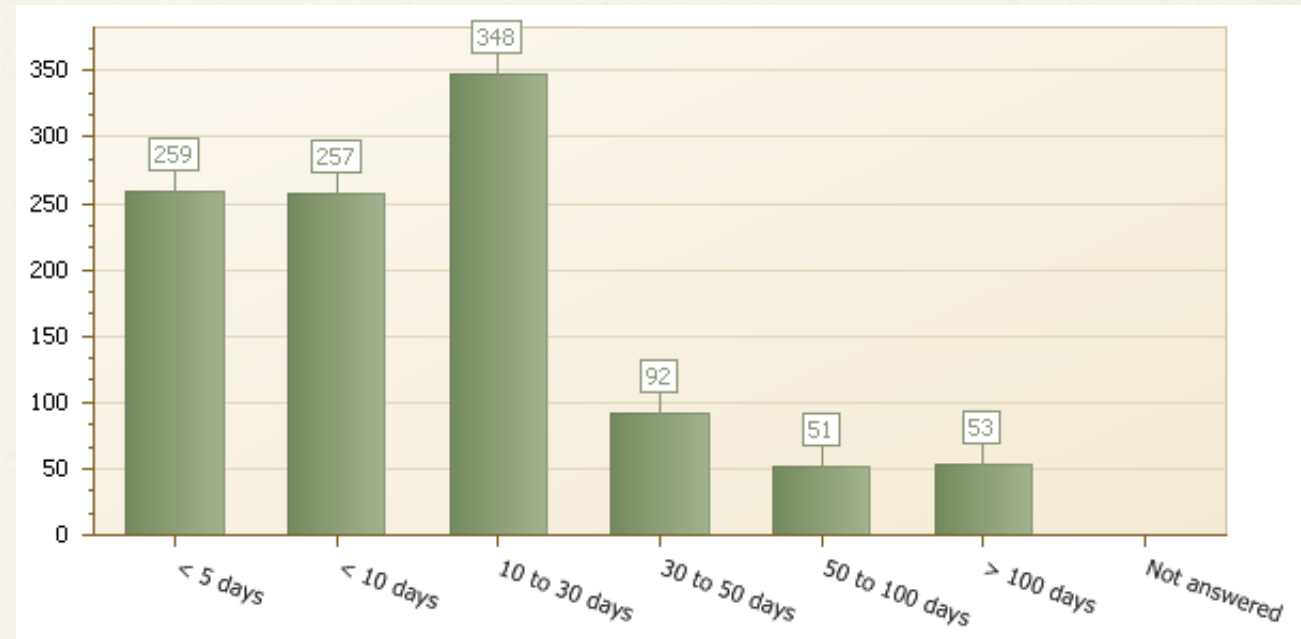
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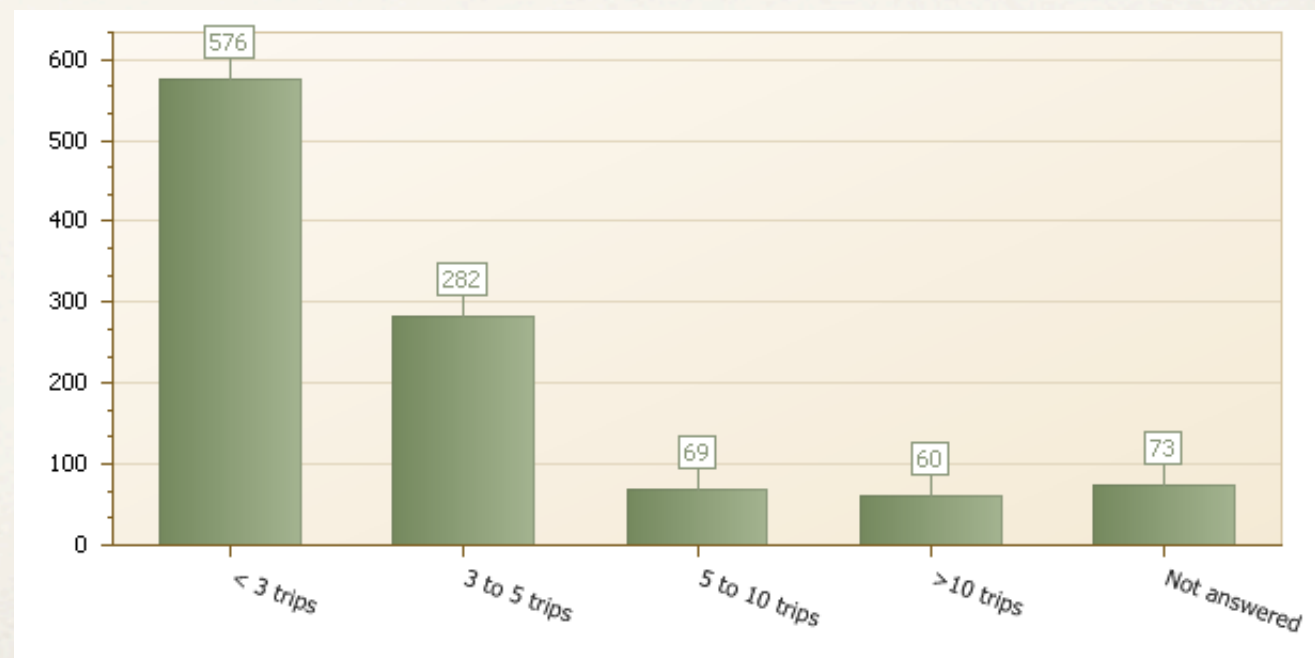
Answer	Count	Percent answer
Undergraduate student	18	1.7%
Graduate student	277	26.1%
Post-doc	158	14.9%
Faculty	259	24.4%
Laboratory staff scientist	101	9.5%
Academic research scientist	163	15.4%
Industrial research scientist	47	4.4%
Other professional	37	3.5%
Not answered	0	0%

# # of days & trips

Number of days  
onsite per year



Number of trips  
onsite per year





# What housing used?

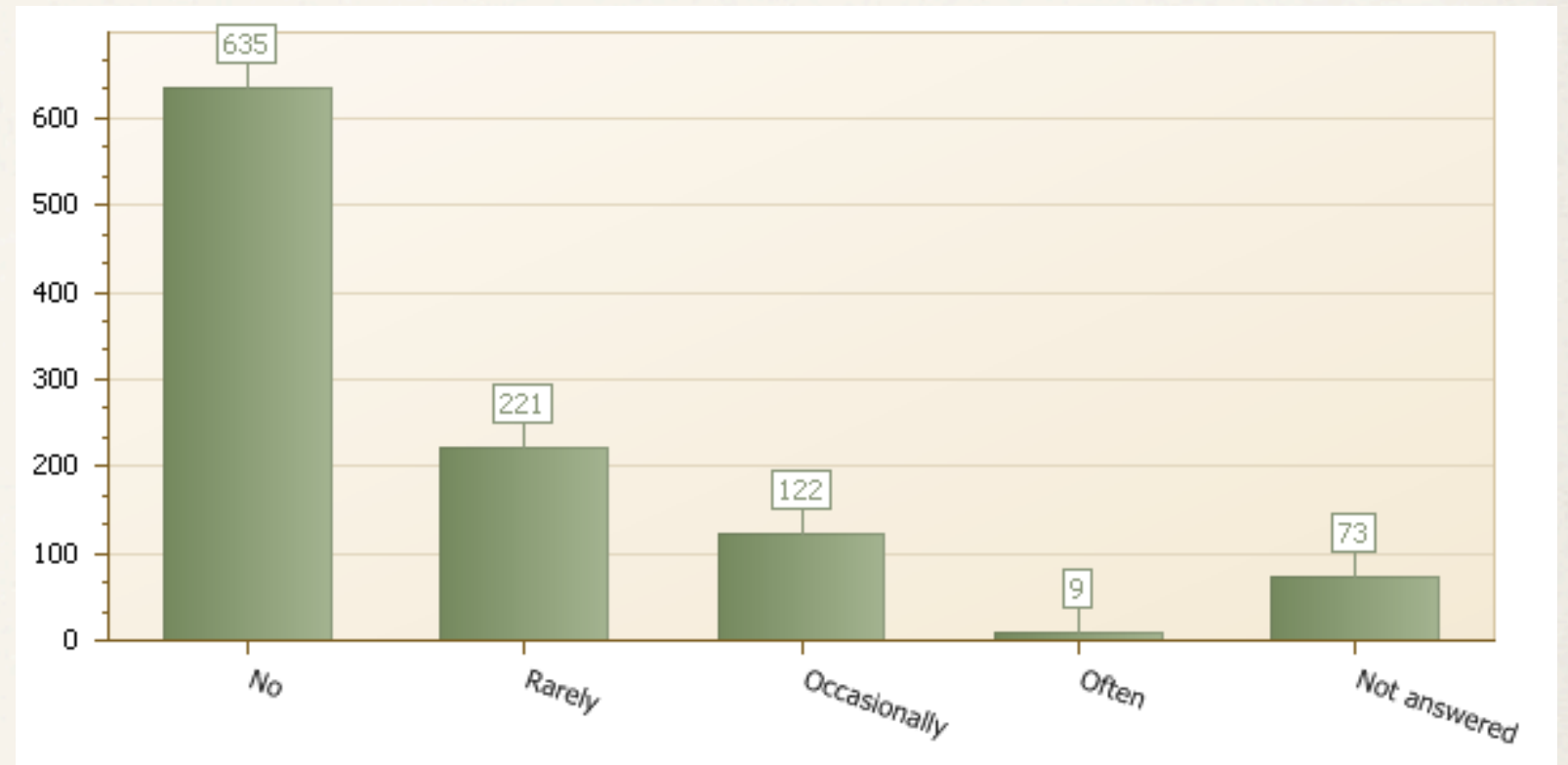
Matrix row	Not answered	Mean	Std dev	Count and % Rating 1	Count and % Rating 2	Count and % Rating 3	Count and % Rating 4	NA option
Lab apartments	73 (6.9%)	0.7	1.3	120 (12.2%)	71 (7.2%)	34 (3.4%)	88 (8.9%)	674 (68.3%)
Guest house	73 (6.9%)	0.7	1.2	155 (15.7%)	66 (6.7%)	29 (2.9%)	69 (7.0%)	668 (67.7%)
Efficiencies	73 (6.9%)	0.4	0.9	86 (8.7%)	71 (7.2%)	22 (2.2%)	20 (2.0%)	788 (79.8%)
Dorms	73 (6.9%)	2.5	1.6	120 (12.2%)	108 (10.9%)	86 (8.7%)	468 (47.4%)	205 (20.8%)

70-80% of respondents don't use apartments, guest house, or efficiencies

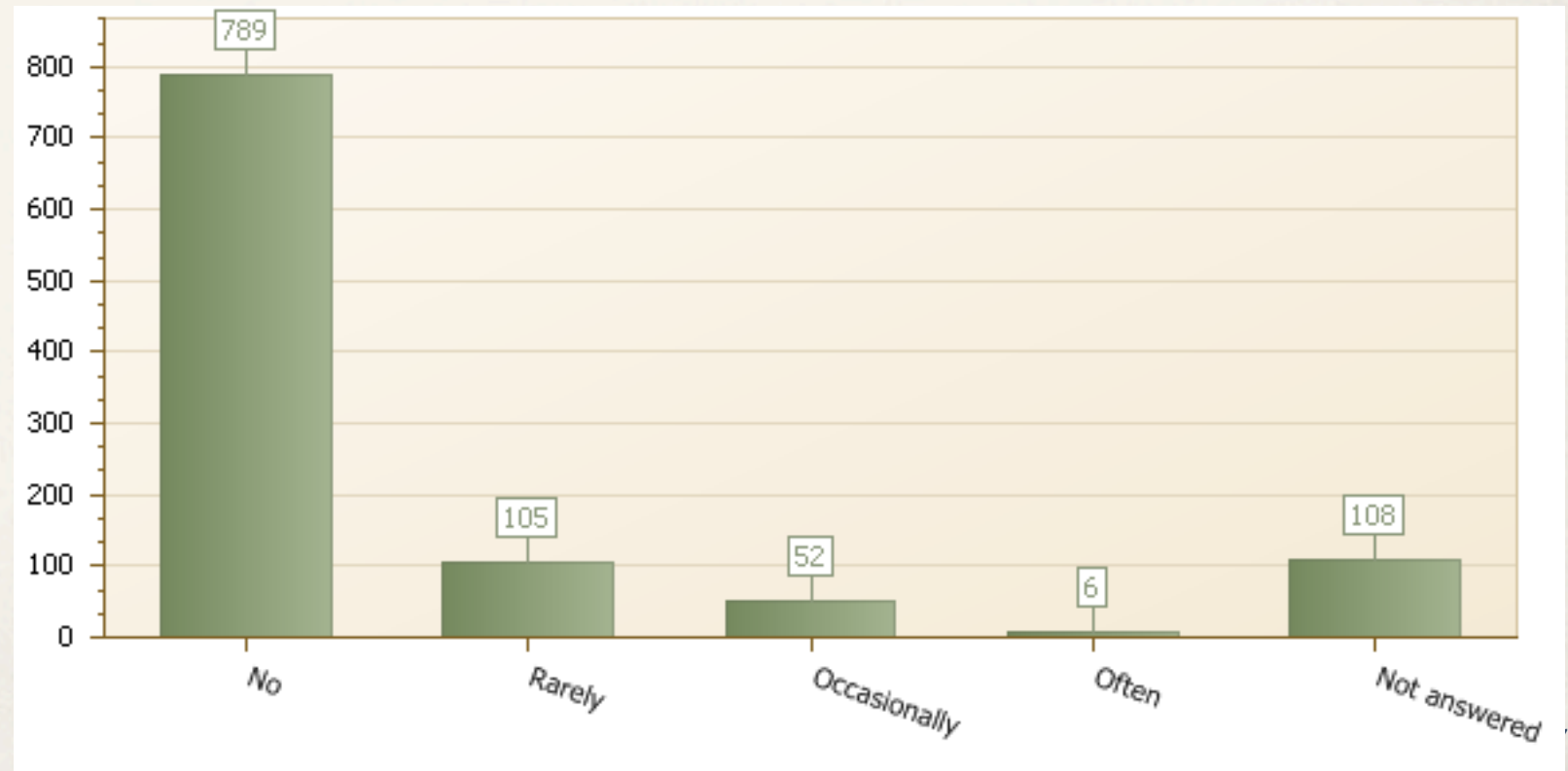
These people primarily use the dorms (evenly throughout the year)

# Making reservations

The system generally works, but a non-trivial fraction (30%) report having trouble at one time or another



~15% have been turned down for a room,  
10% have had to change plans





# Price/performance

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Is cost of dorms  
appropriate?

Answer	Count	Percent answer
Yes	517	48.8%
Too high	205	19.3%
Too low (i.e. you would pay more for better service)	80	7.5%
Never used the dorm	150	14.2%
Not answered	108	10.2%

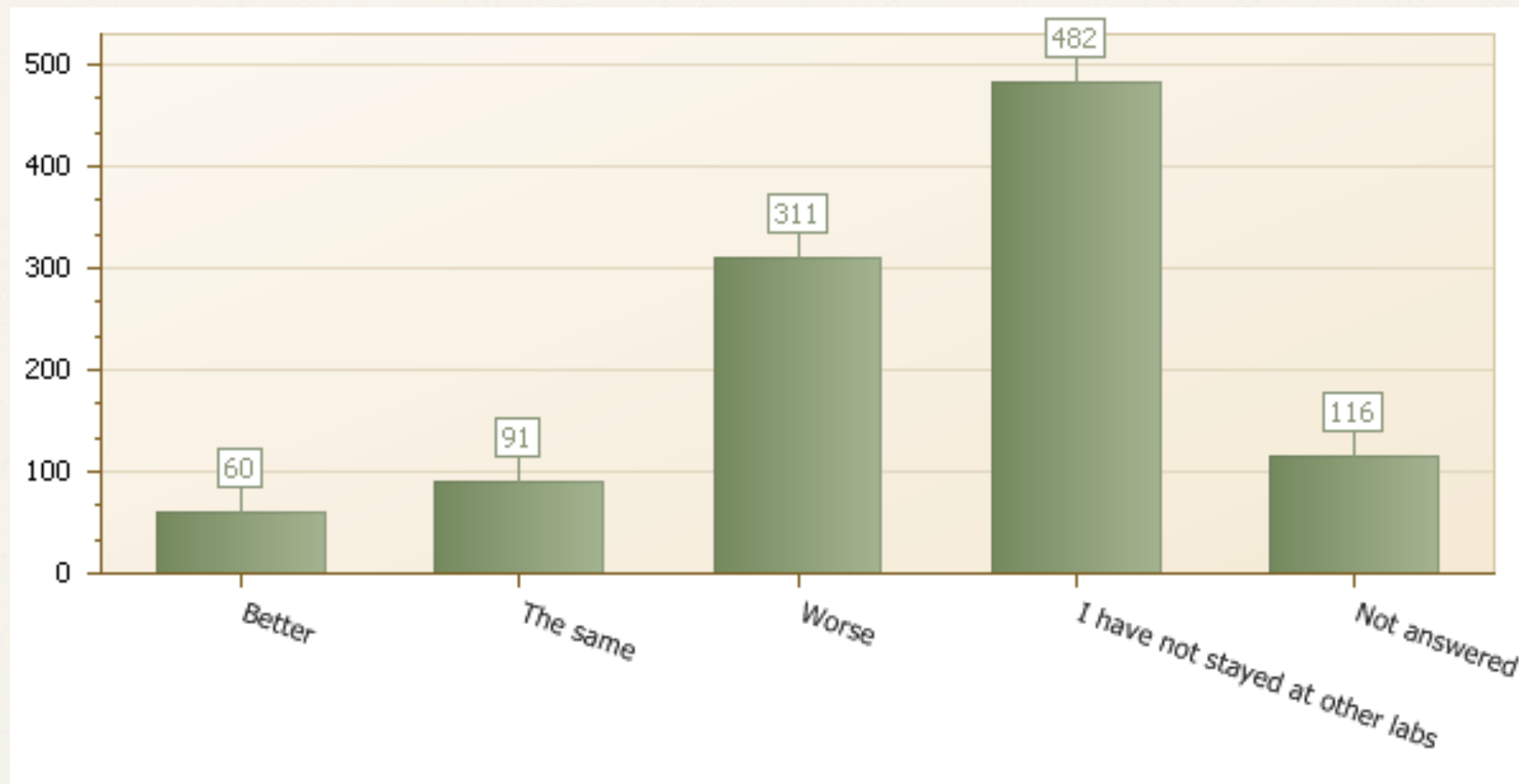
Do dorms match  
expectations?  
(surprisingly high  
'no' rate given price)

Answer	Count	Percent answer
Yes	445	51.0%
No	320	36.7%
Not answered	108	12.4%



# BNL vs. other labs

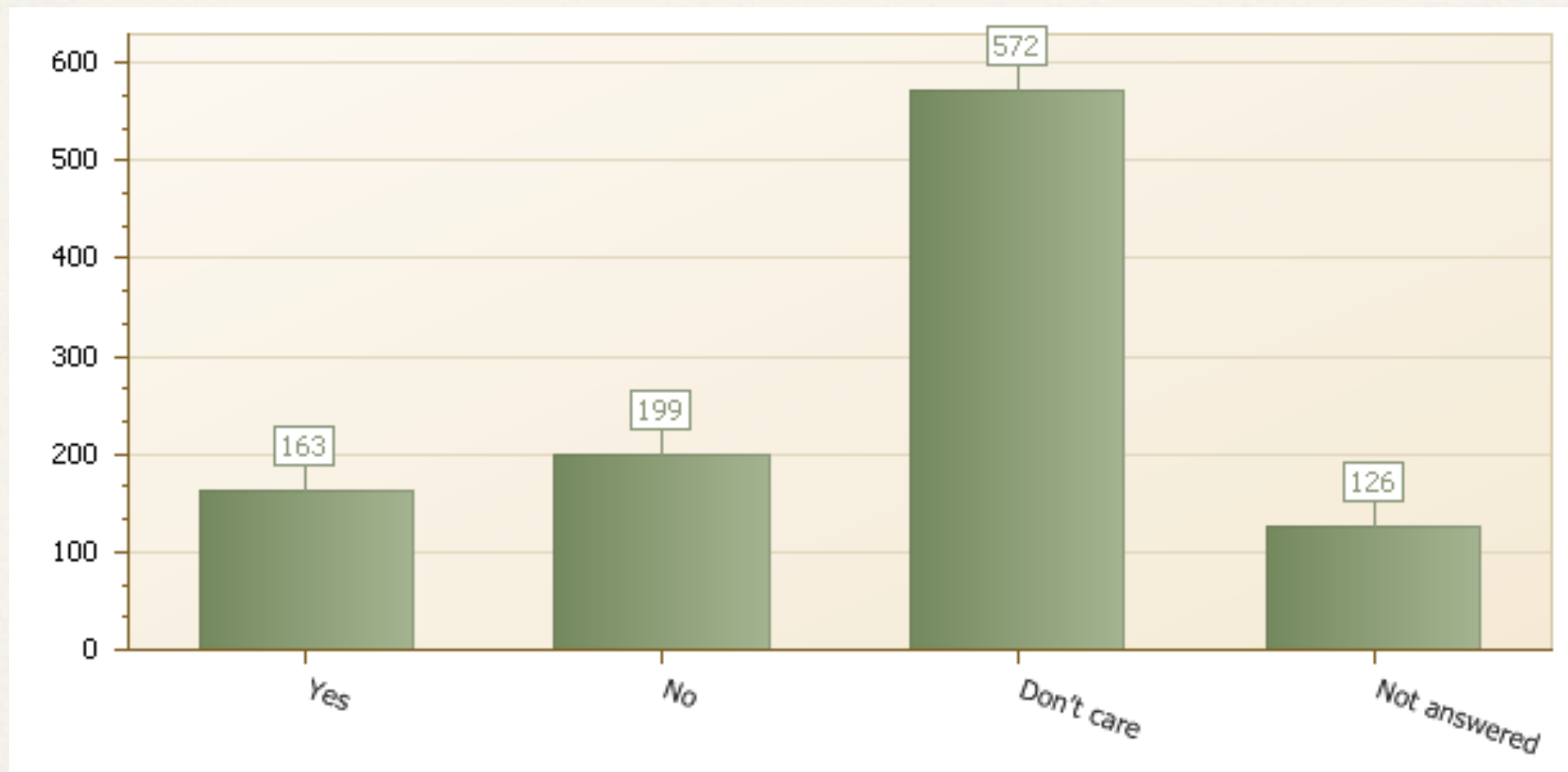
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We are seen as being substantially worse than other labs,  
although hard to factor in price

# Single-gender dorms

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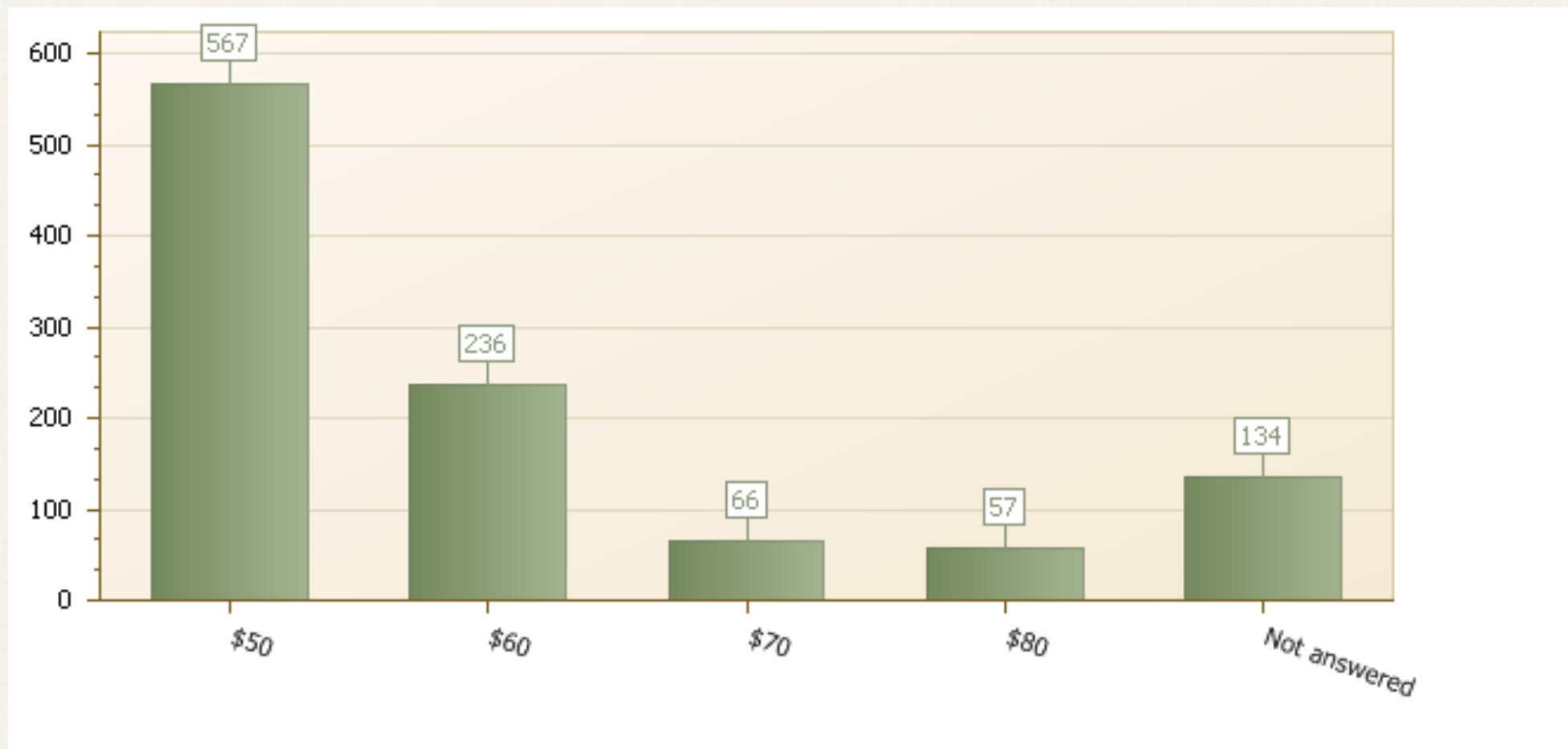


Most people simply don't care  
(unfortunately, cannot break down by male / female)



# How much would you pay?

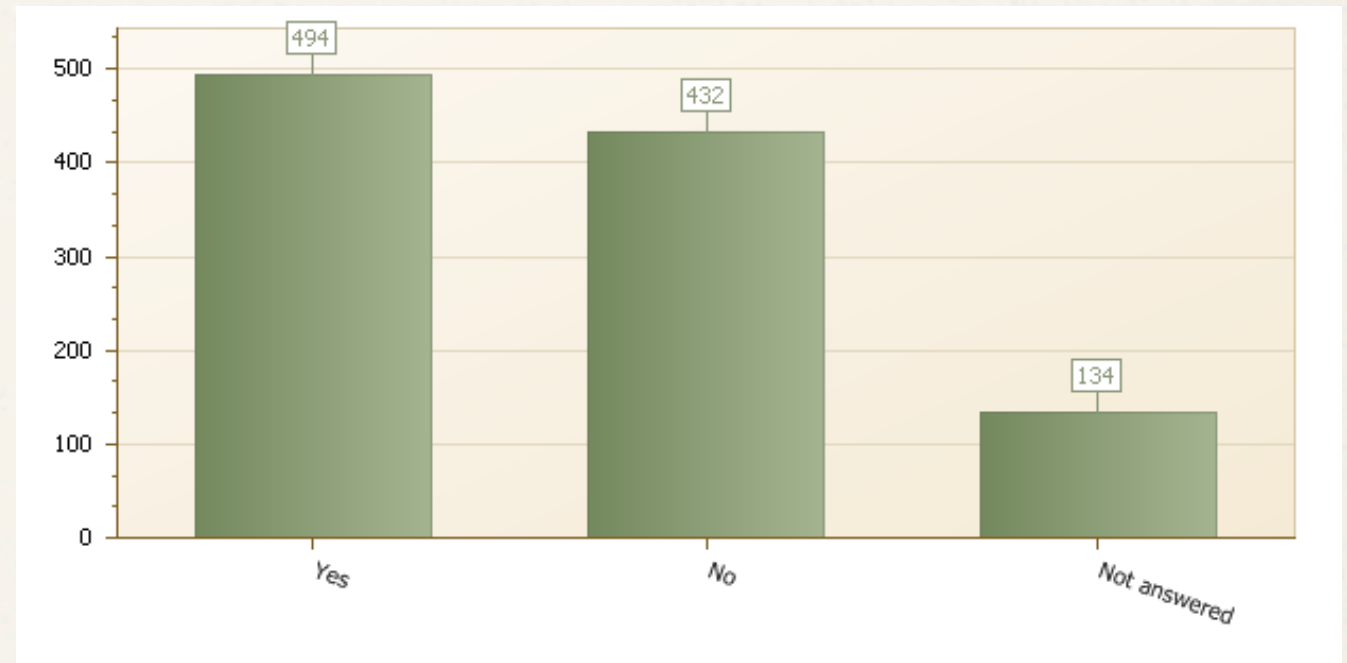
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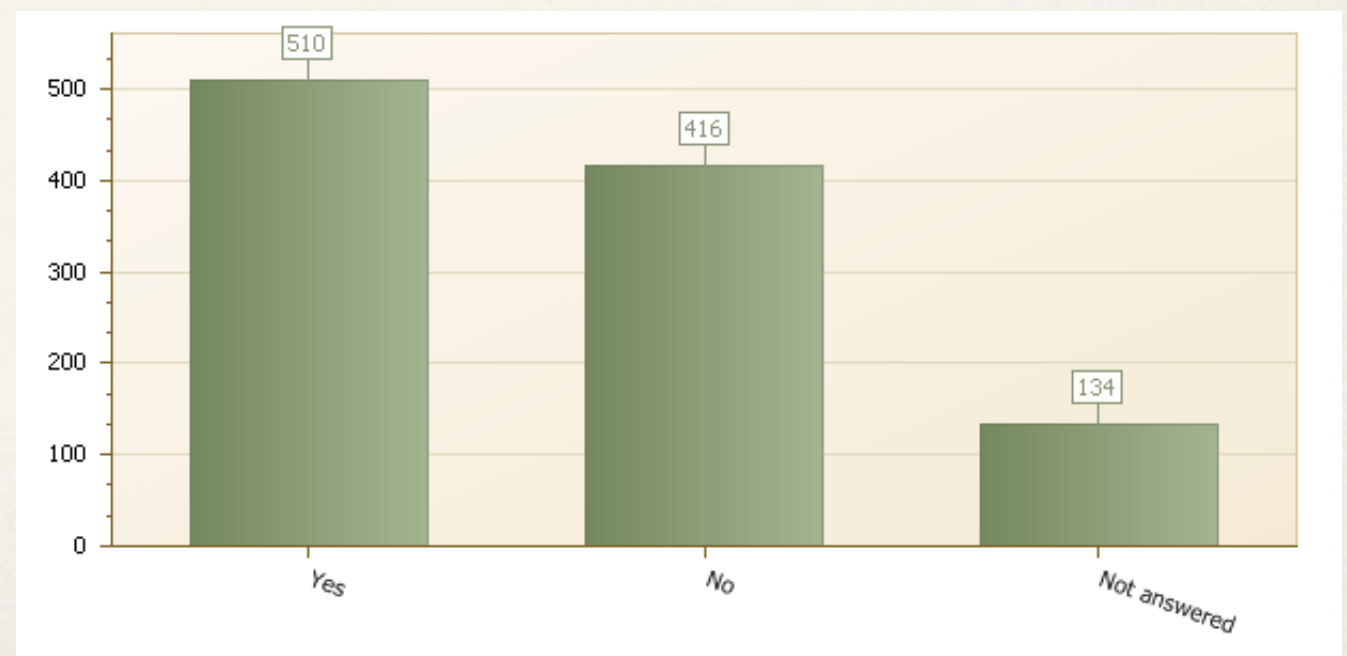
Could clearly charge more for dorms

# Higher quality housing?

>50% would pay for higher  
quality hotel rooms  
(need to break out by facility)

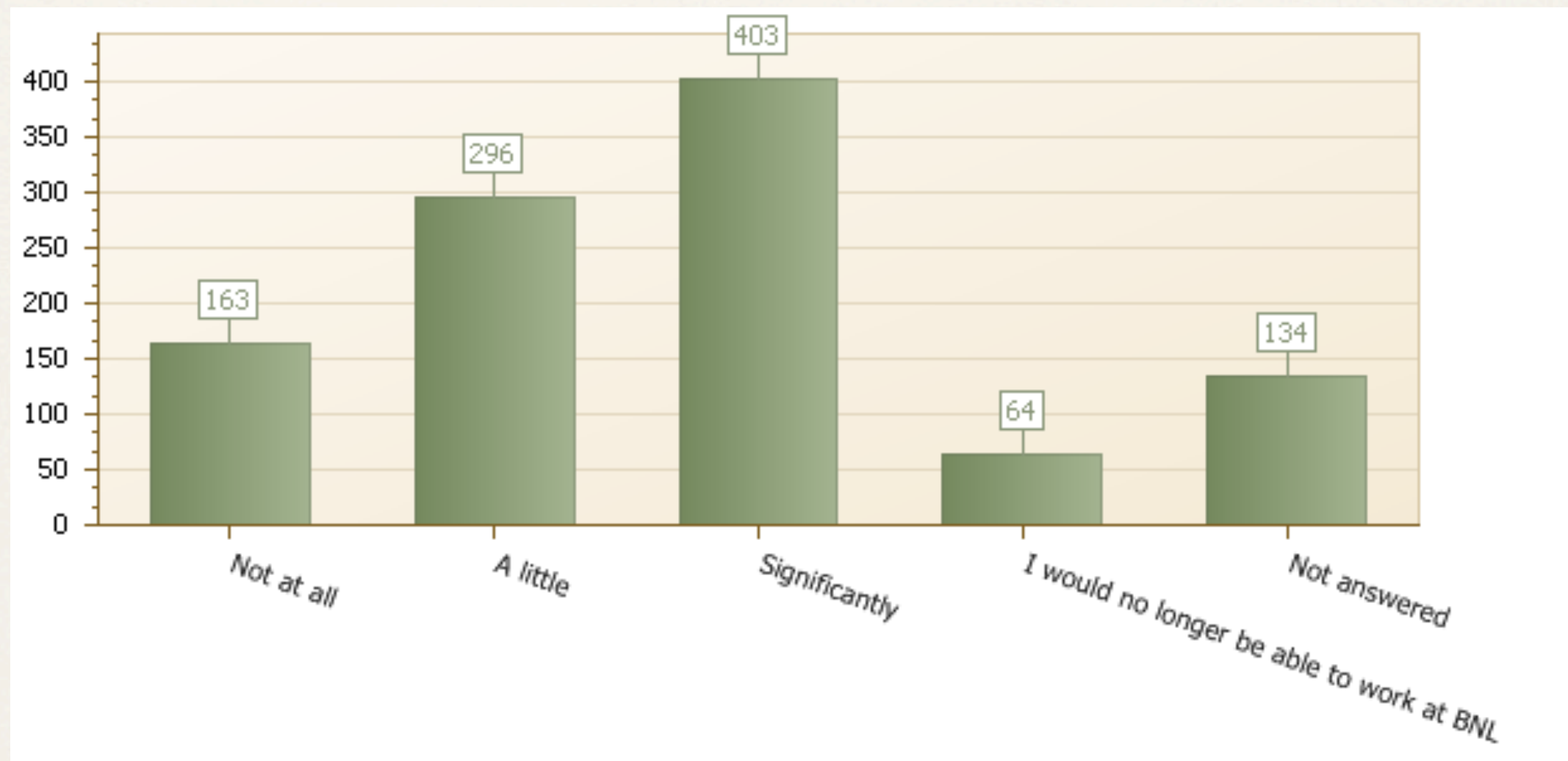


>50% would pay for higher  
quality new housing  
(need to break out by facility)





# Effect on ability to work at BNL?



Only ~20% would be unaffected by BNL eliminating on-site housing

# Visit to DC

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- ❖ In contact again with Paul Doucette, date under discussion but late-February is preferred (vs. late March, to coincide w/ NUFO fair)
  - ❖ Budget will be released Monday 2/13
- ❖ Guidelines are whether we want to
  - ❖ advocate - if so, then February is better, after FY13 budget is released
  - ❖ educate - if so, then January is better (before)
- ❖ Focus on authorizing committees (House Science, Senate Energy & Natural resources)
- ❖ Focus on rank & file members who represent most RHIC users and who represent the chairs (NY & CT)
- ❖ Week of Feb 27 better than week of Feb 20 (President's day)
- ❖ So far, I have promised myself and Mei - need 3rd chair in place of Helen



# Inside RHIC brainstorming

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- ❖ Recent articles
  - ❖ **Steve Vigdor** - update on NP issues, funding, RHIC run
- ❖ Upcoming articles
  - ❖ Rachid Nouicer on the PHENIX VTX detector
  - ❖ Helen Caines on STAR jets (email John back!)
  - ❖ Paul Sorensen on the correlations workshop (early Oct)
- ❖ Other ideas / requests from this group?

# Questions for Peter Daum

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- ❖ Postdoc flux?
  - ❖ Incoming / Outgoing
  - ❖ At BNL in a typical year
- ❖ Interaction w / ASAP?
- ❖ Do RHIC postdocs feel unsatisfied with postdoc?
  - ❖ Lab vs. University?
  - ❖ Stationed onsite or at home institution?



# Future open meetings?

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- ❖ Today: Peter Daum
- ❖ Future options
  - ❖ Sam Aronson/Doon Gibbs
  - ❖ Lanny Bates - Facilities & operations
  - ❖ Jeff Swenson - Staff services
  - ❖ Joint meeting with CFN & NSLS to discuss common issues
  - ❖ Tom Schlegel - IT security @ BNL
  - ❖ Randy Biegelman - Counterintelligence
- ❖ Next meeting (March 9):
  - ❖ might be time for Lanny Bates to return to discuss housing