

A study of Idaho citizen's attitudes about **Early Childhood Care & Education Issues**

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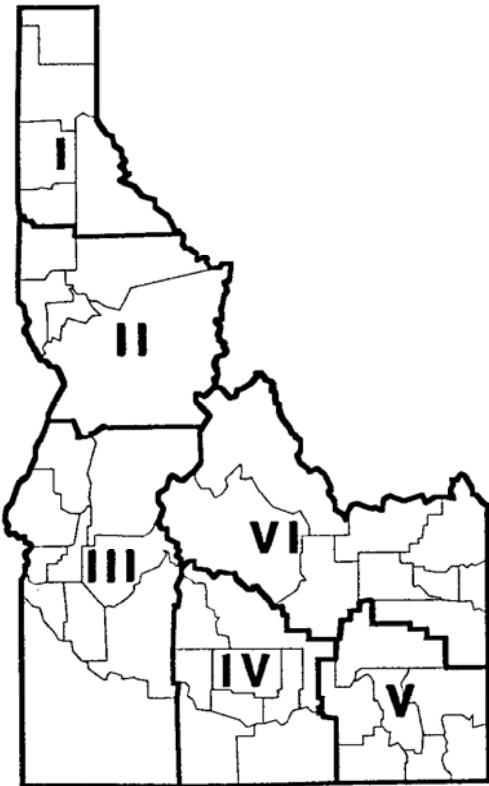
- Annually, the SSRC conducts a large-scale survey of Idahoans to identify public policy concerns. The study is provided to public officials and interested citizens to facilitate policy discussion and education. This study was undertaken in conjunction with the annual policy survey. The findings in this report reflect eleven questions sponsored by Mountain State's Group, supported by a grant from the Anne Casey Foundation.
- 773 adults in Idaho households representing six geographic regions were surveyed between November 12, 2007 and January XX, 2008. Telephone calls, interviews, data collection and preparation were made by Clearwater Research.
- The survey standard error is +/- 4.2% at a 95% confidence-level for the total population.



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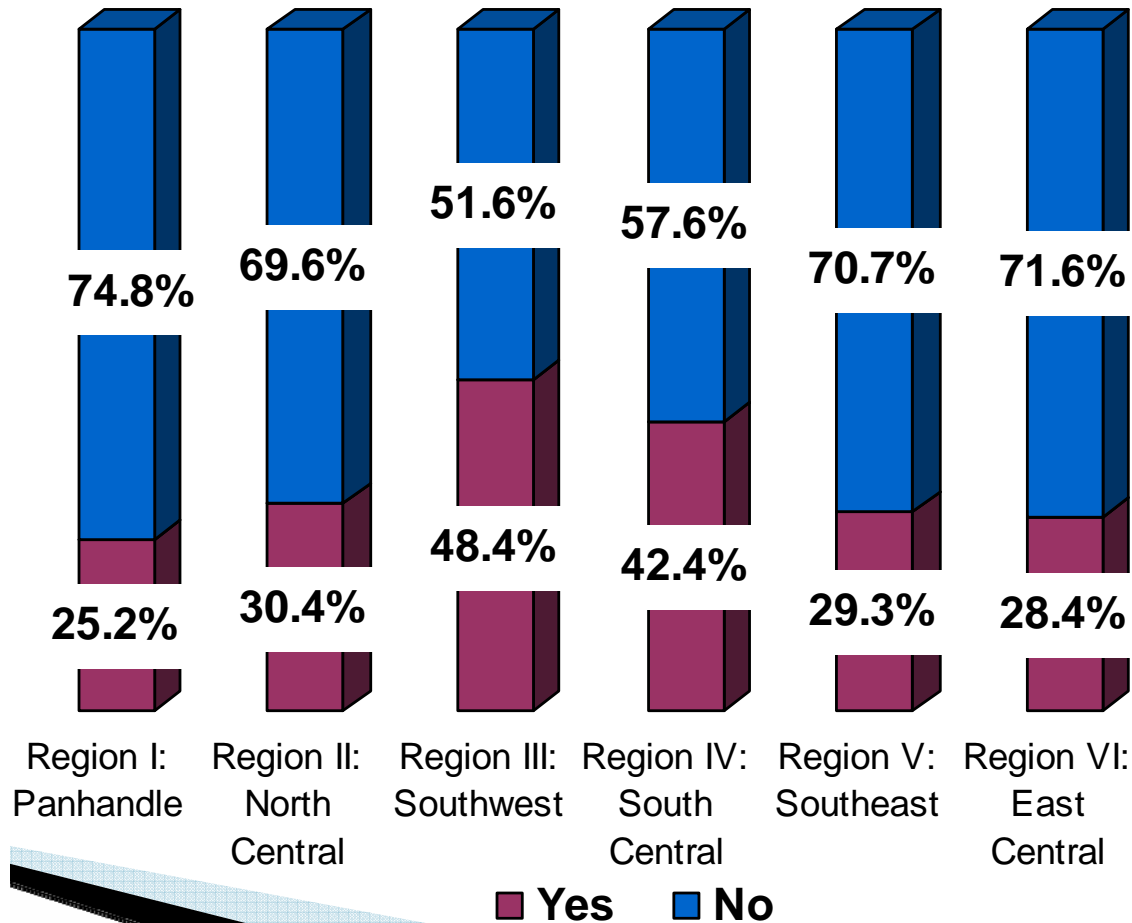
Regions covered in the survey



- I. **Panhandle** - Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Shoshone
- II. **North Central** - Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, Idaho
- III. **Southwest** - Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore, Owyhee
- IV. **South Central** - Camas, Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia
- V. **Southeast** - Bingham, Power, Bannock, Oneida, Franklin, Bear Lake, Caribou
- VI. **East Central** - Lemhi, Custer, Butte, Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bonneville

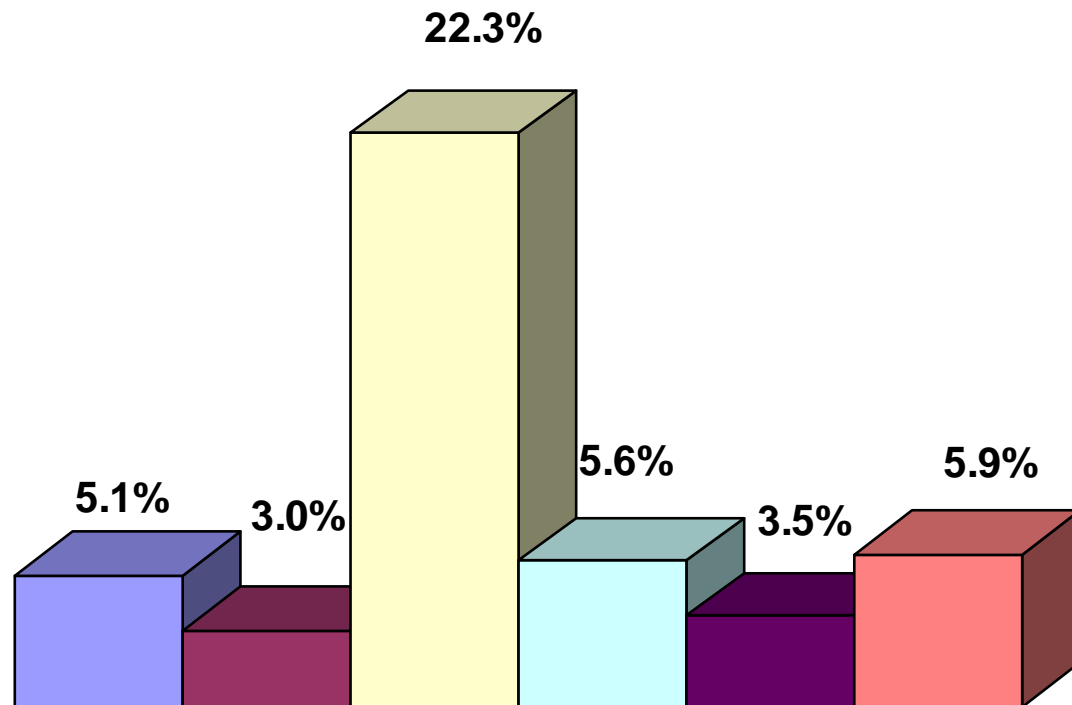
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Are you currently a working parent? – by region



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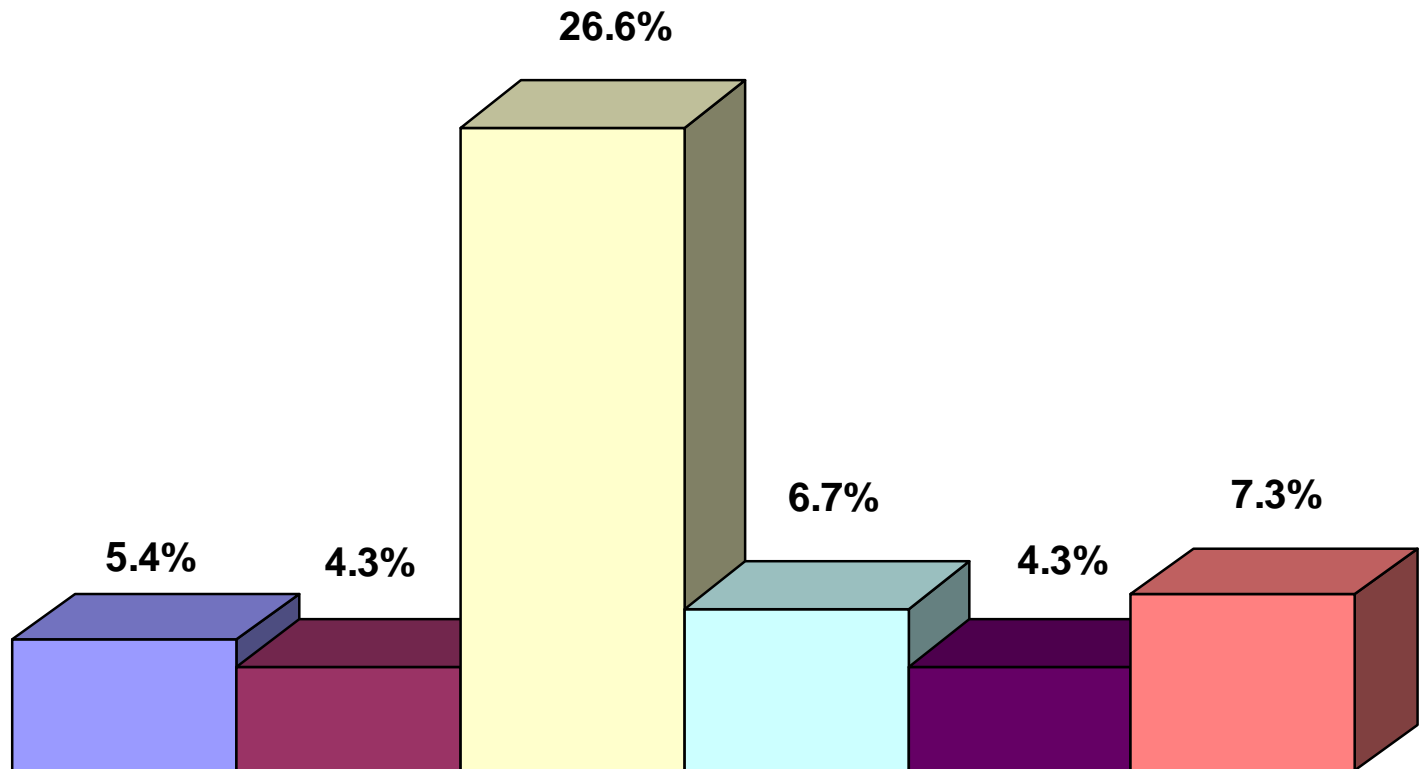
*Working parent and kids under 6 years old –
distribution by region*



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*Working parent, but no kids under 6 years old –
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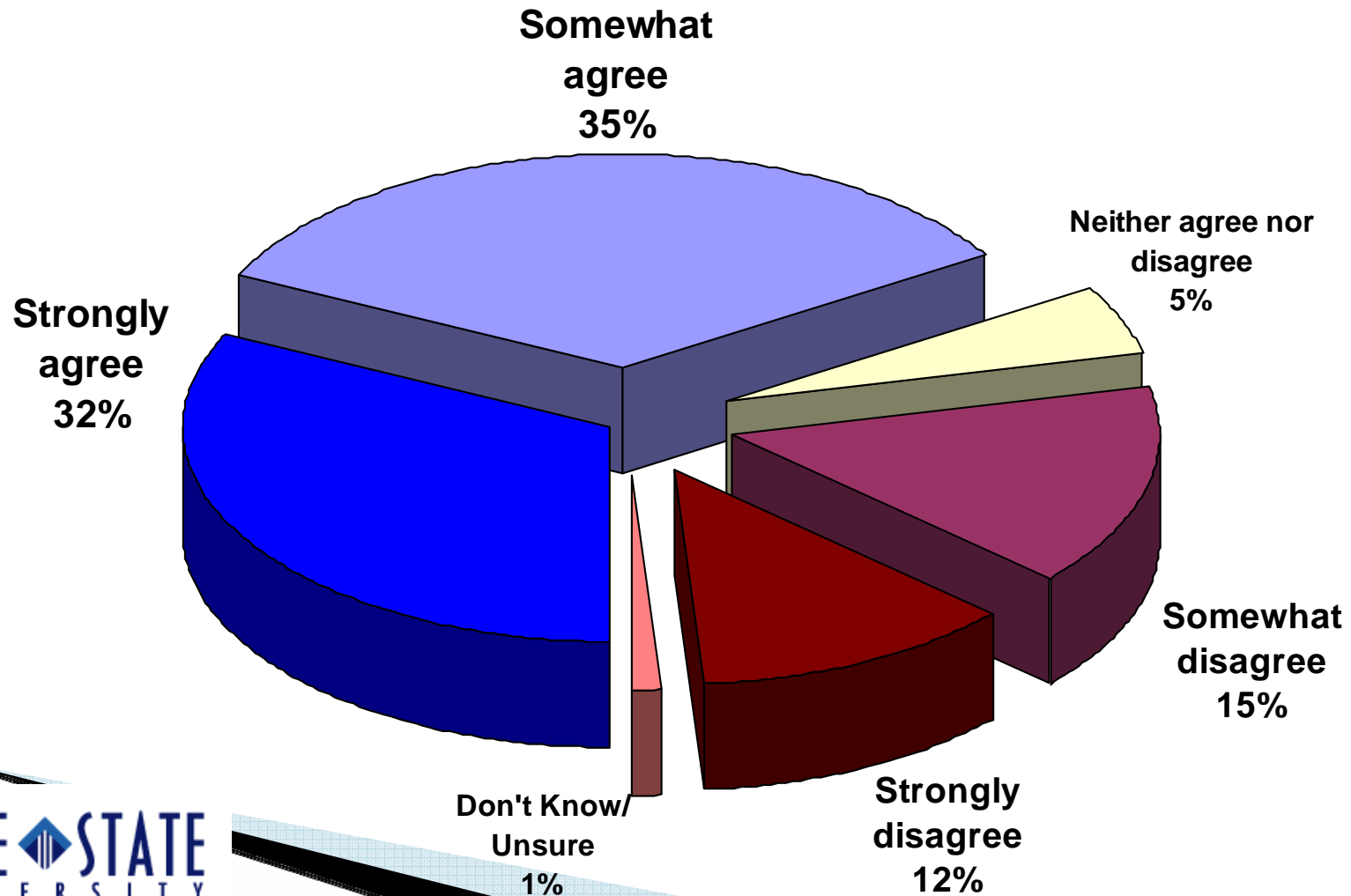


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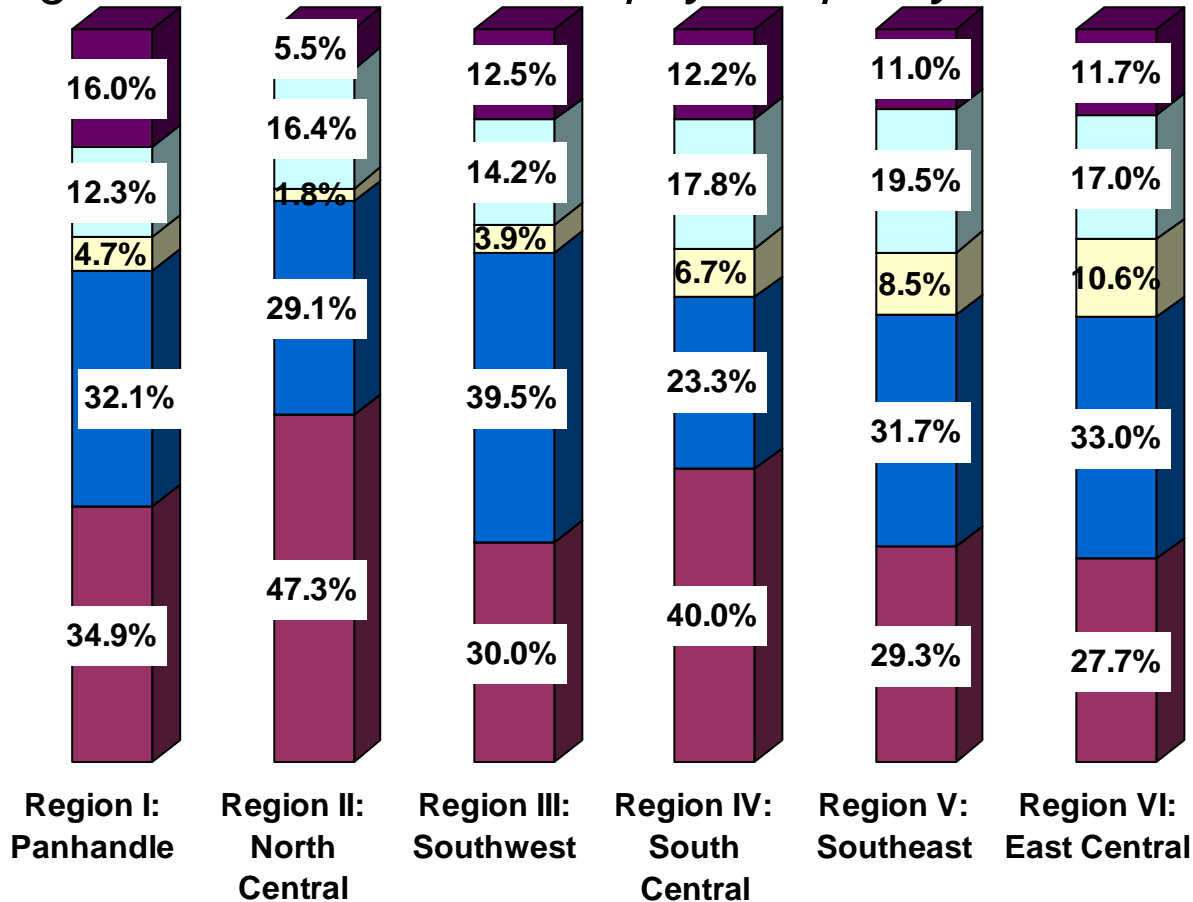
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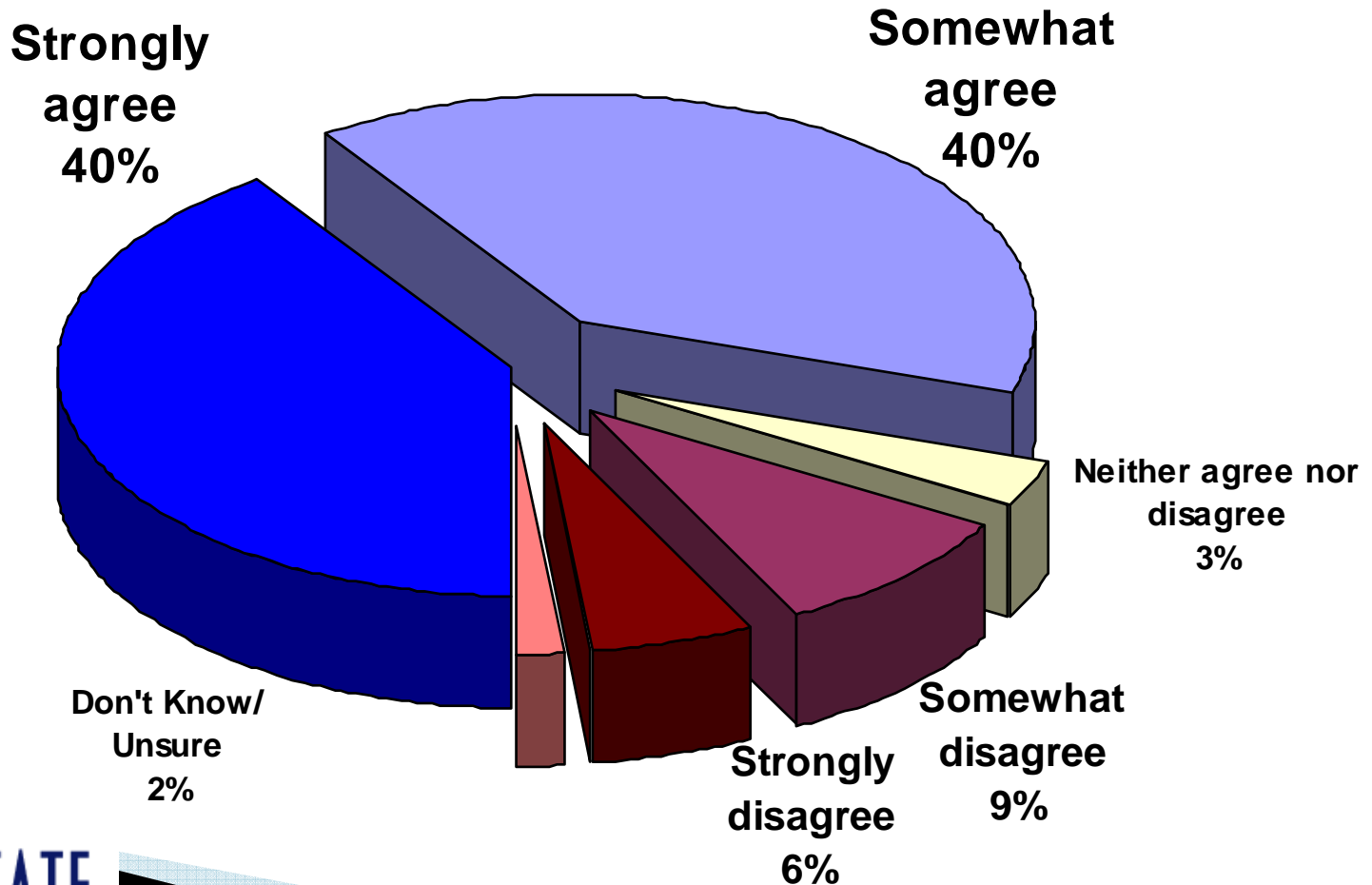


■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree
■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree

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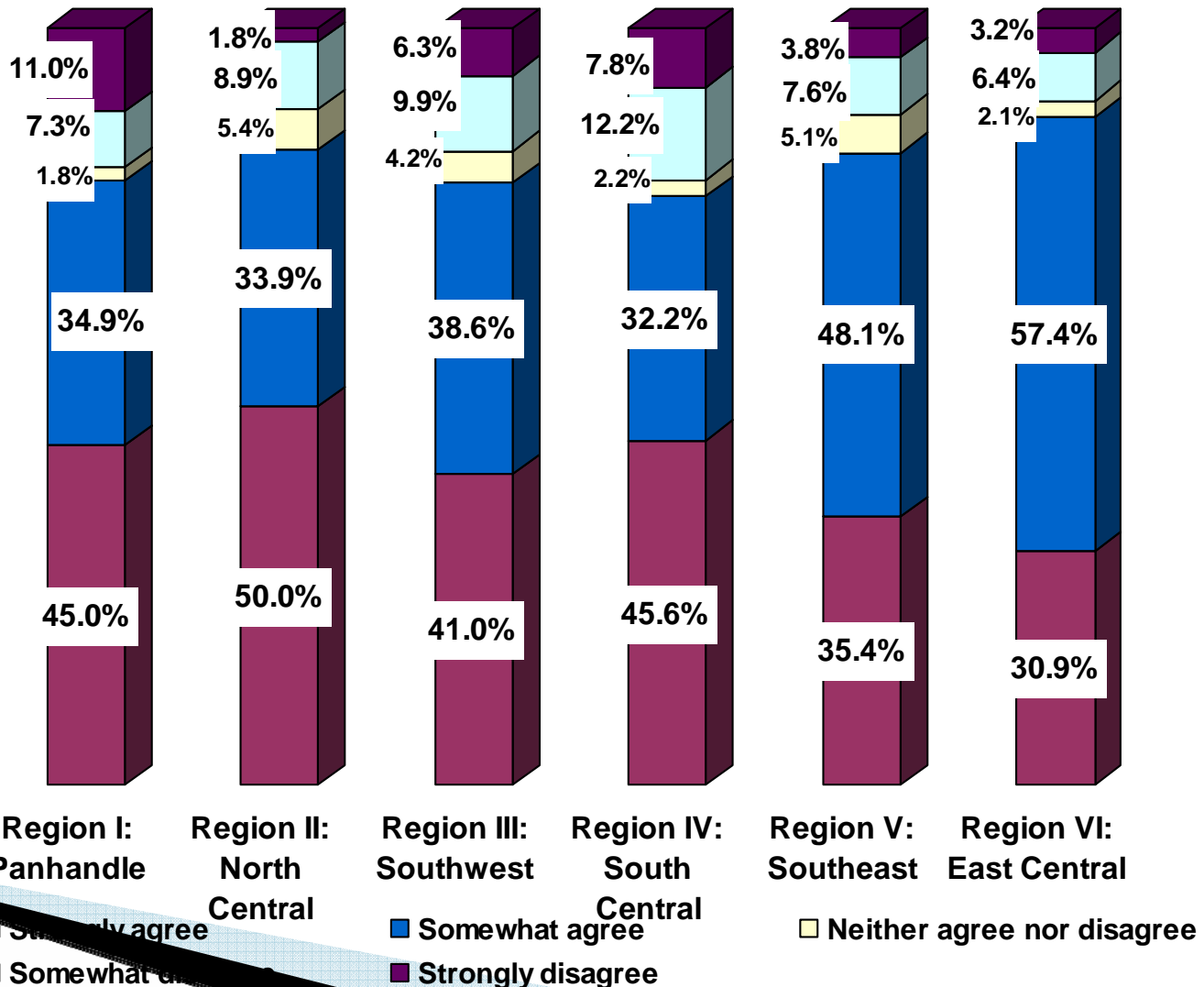
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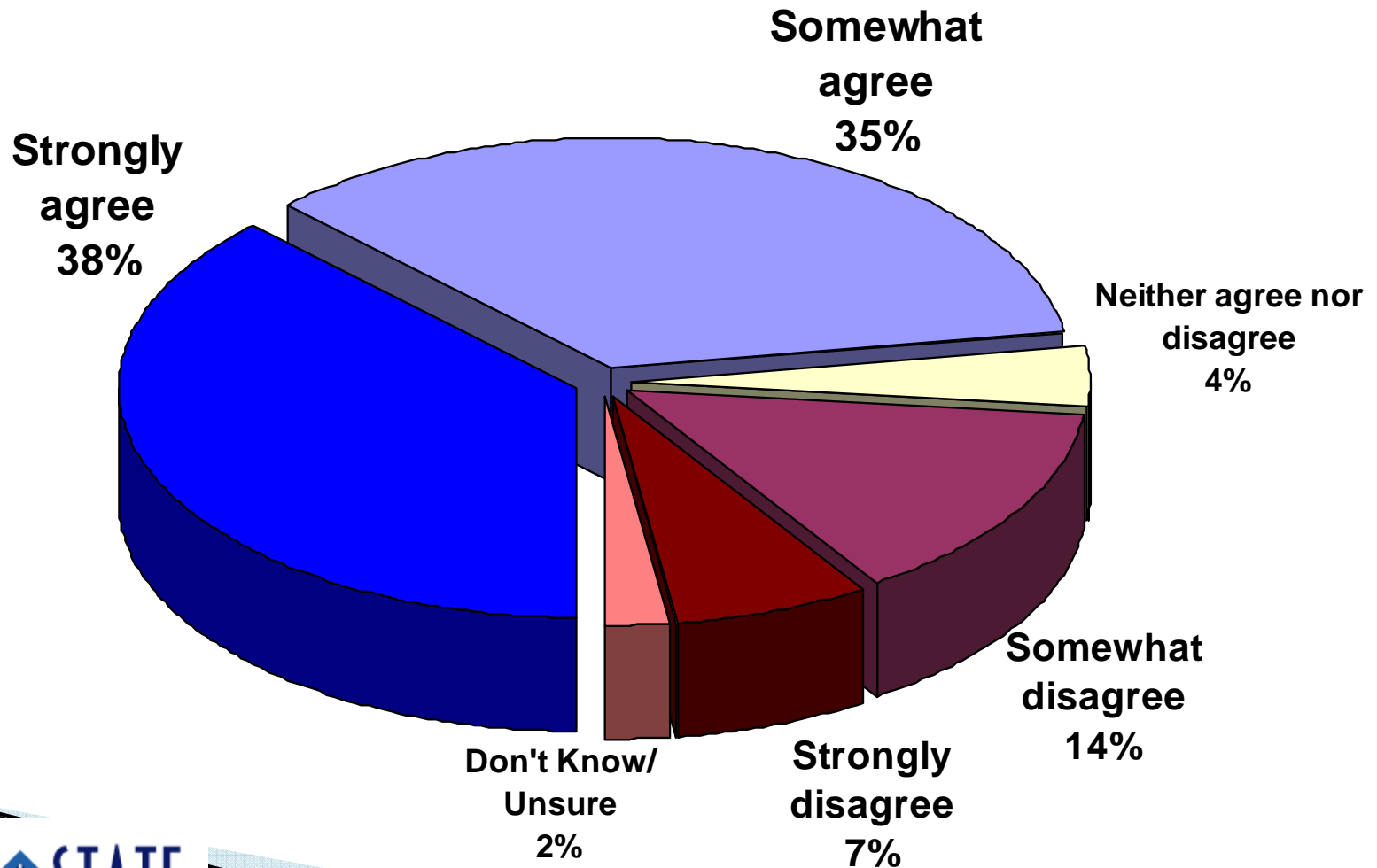
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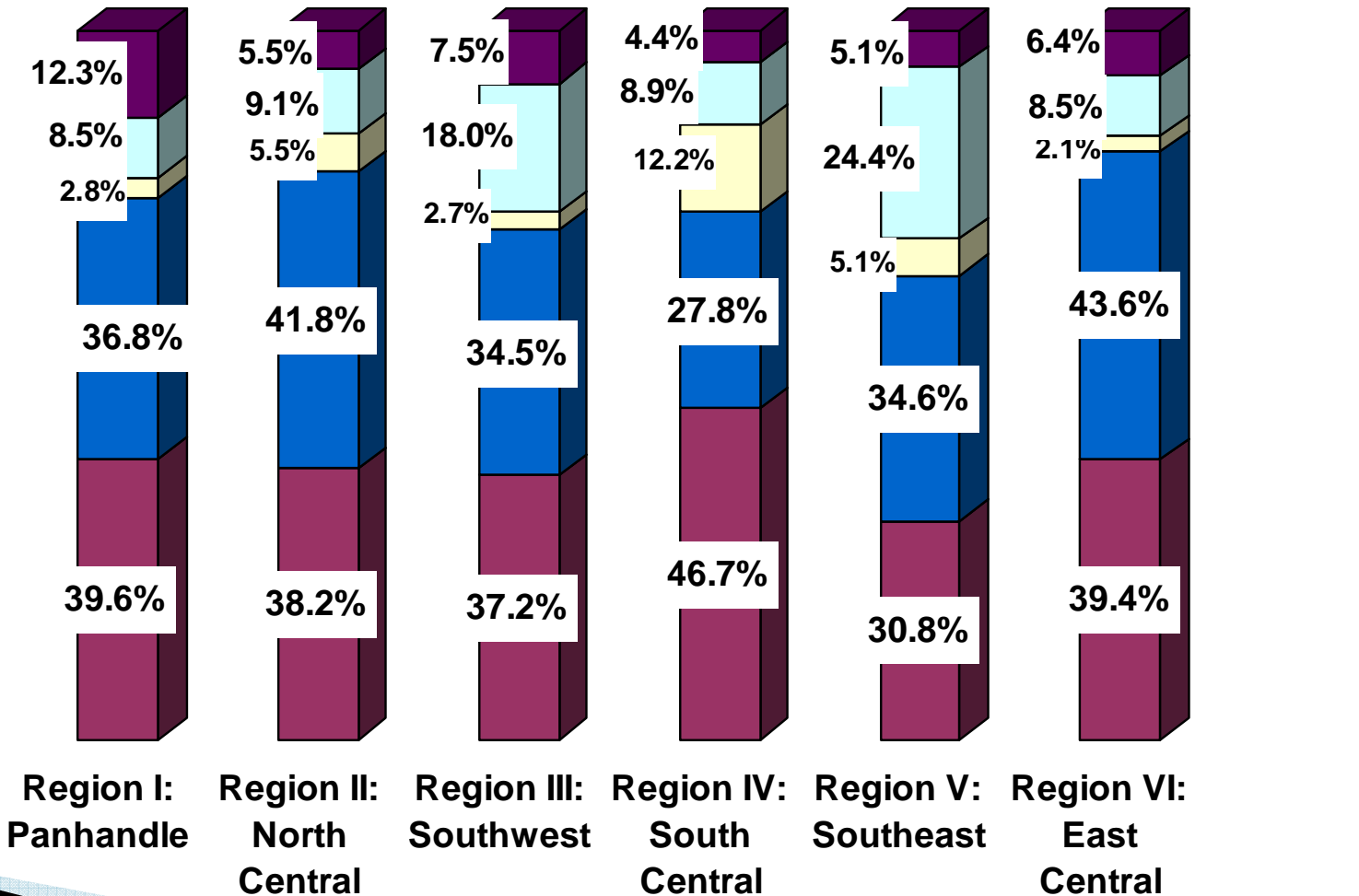
How strongly do you agree that childcare funding assistance to low-income working parents helps children be safe?



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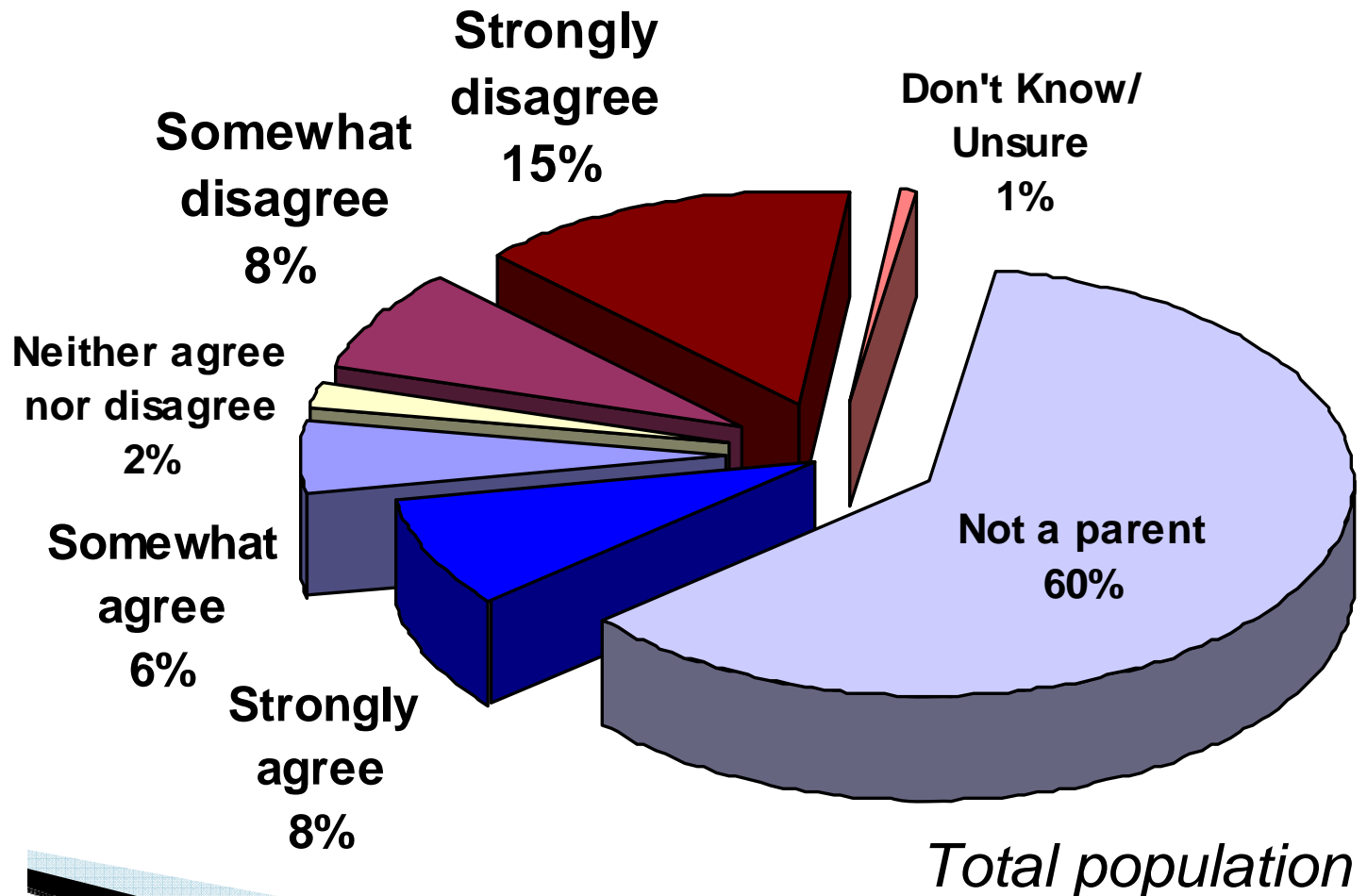
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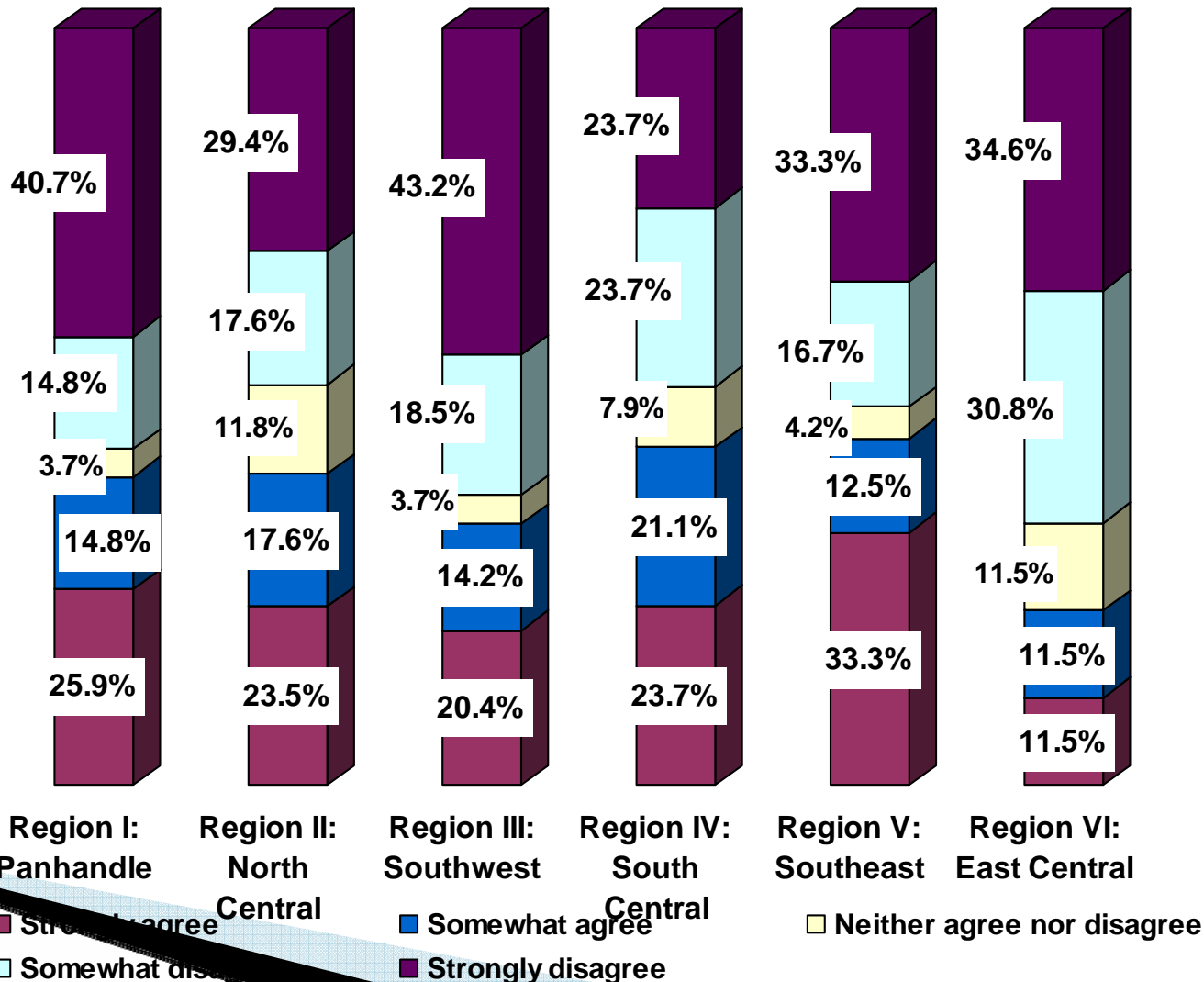
How strongly do you agree that childcare affordability has affected my or my spouse or partner's ability to participate in the workforce to my potential?



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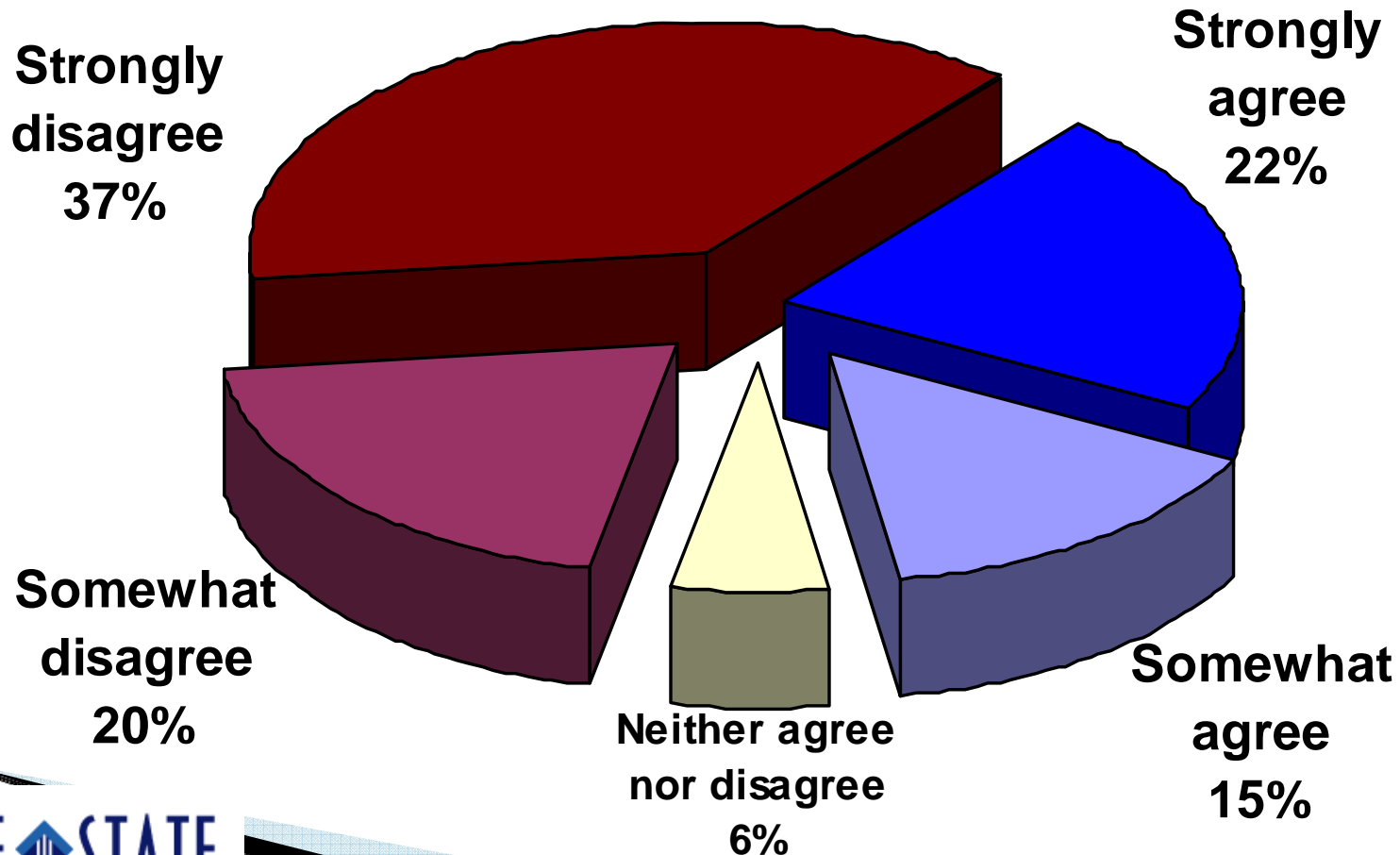
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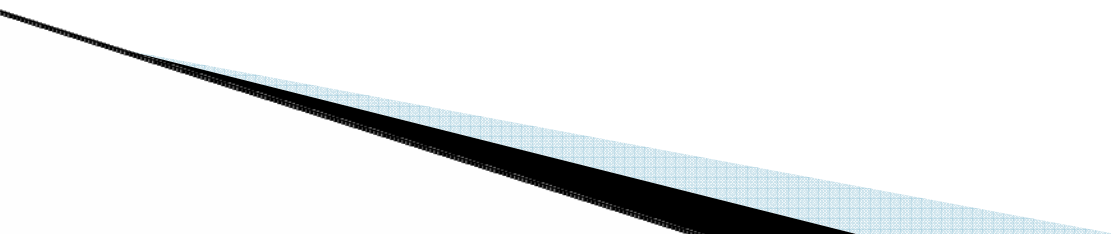
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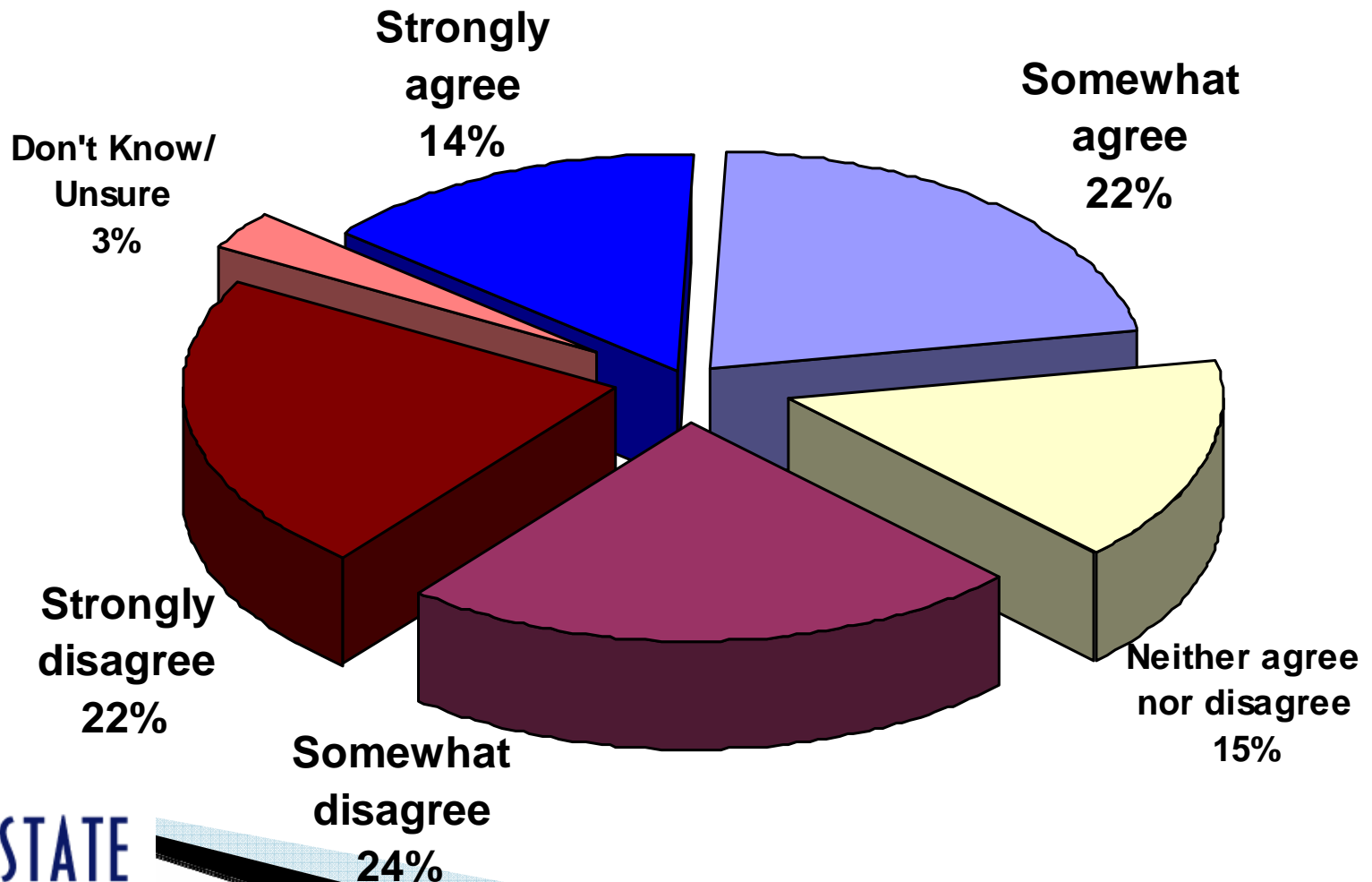
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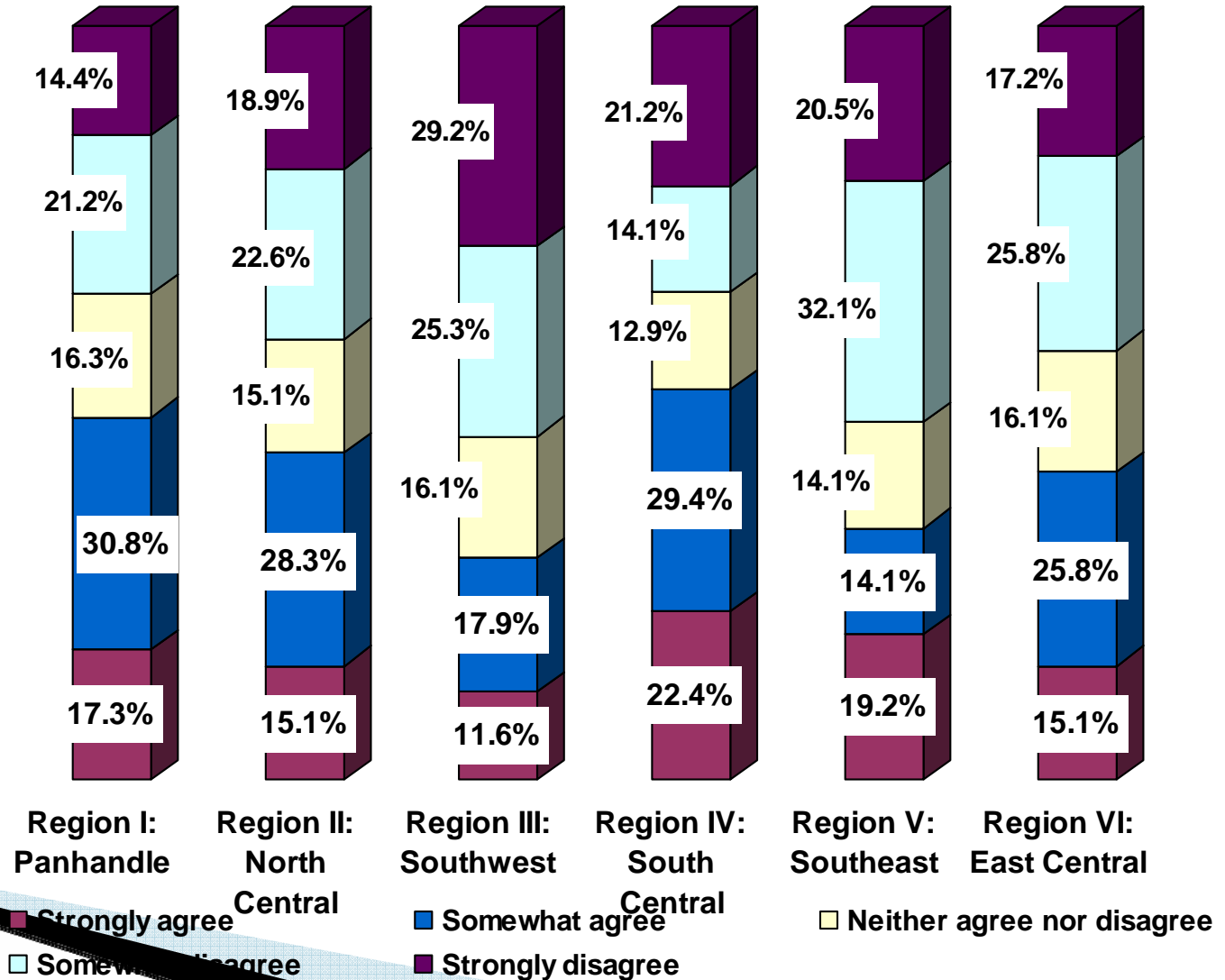
How strongly do you agree that low-income single parents should have higher priority for public funding than college students for child care assistance?



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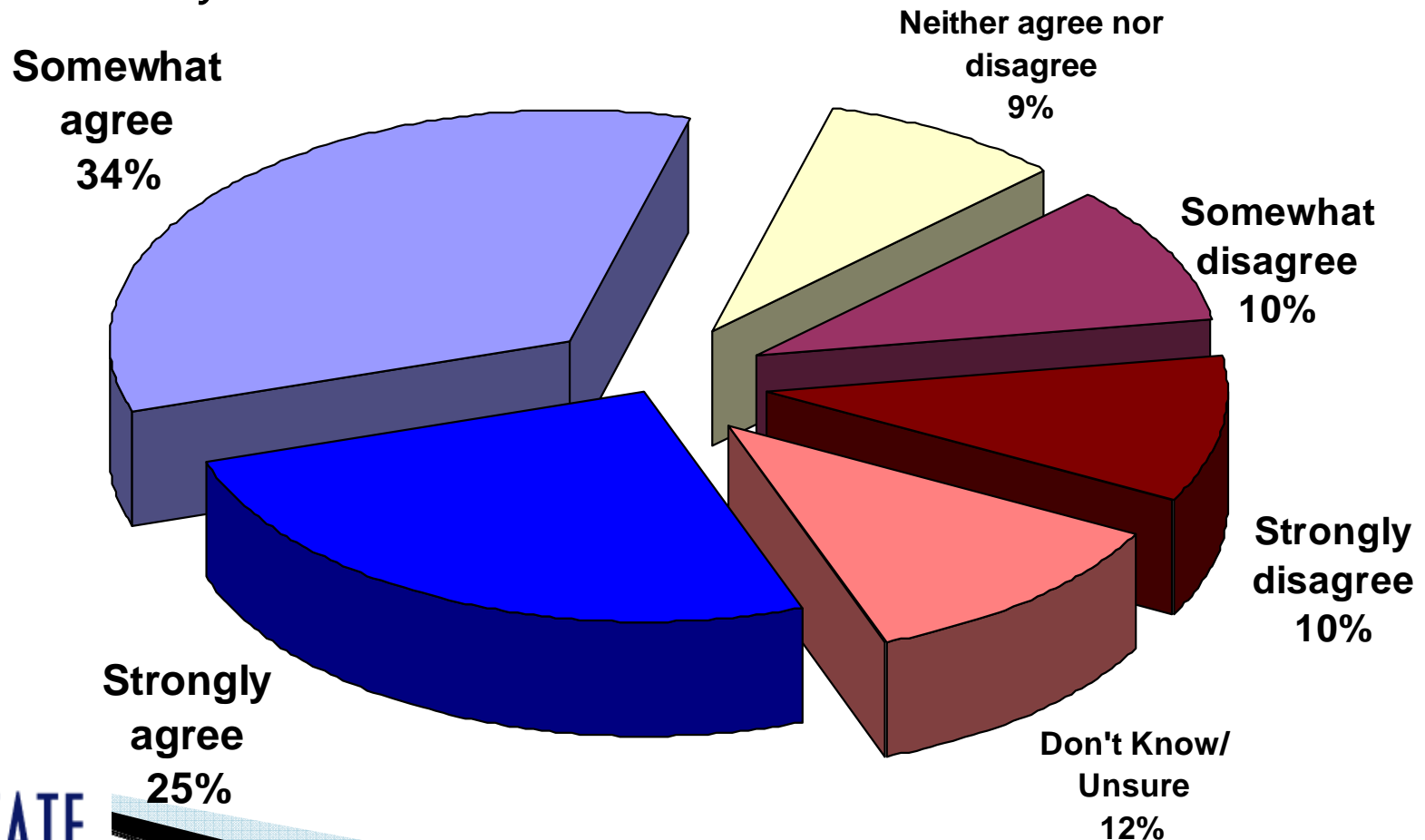
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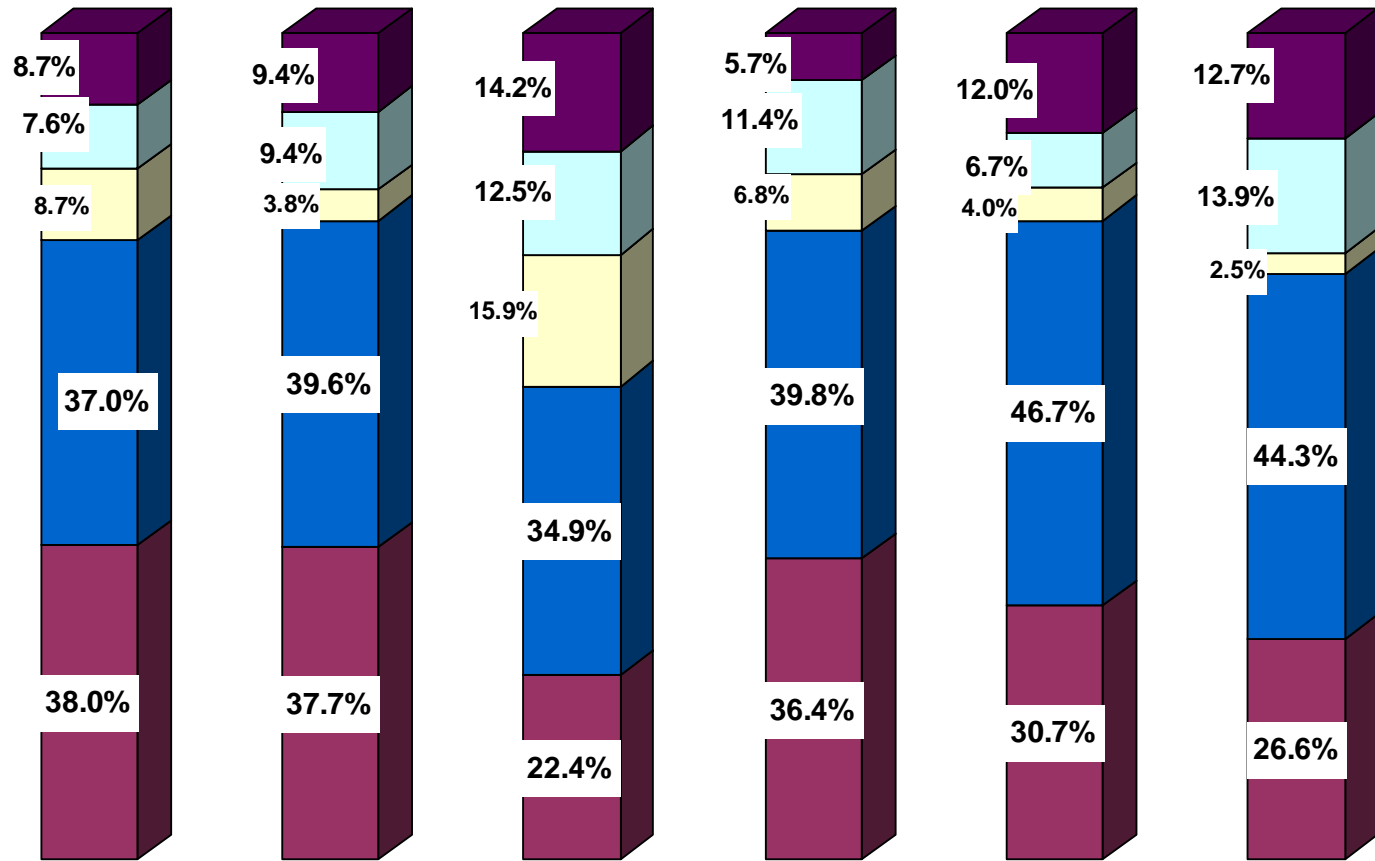
How strongly do you agree that in my community, children have access to high-quality pre-kindergarten, nursery school or Head Start programs to help them become ready to succeed in school?



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How strongly do you agree that in my community, children have access to high-quality pre-kindergarten, nursery school or Head Start programs to help them become ready to succeed in school?



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Panhandle

Region II: North
Central

Region III:
Southwest

Region IV:
South Central

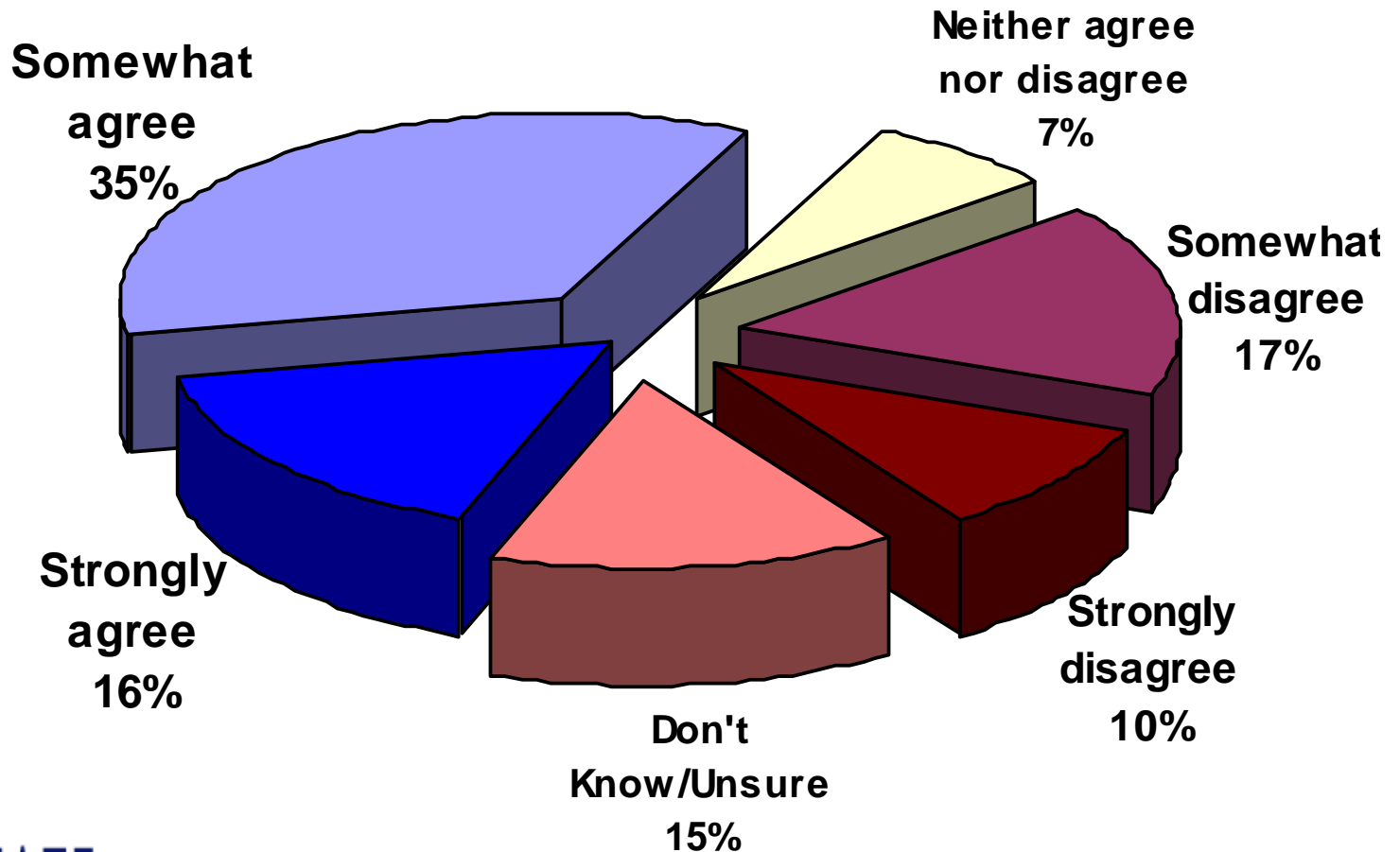
Region V:
Southeast

Region VI: East
Central

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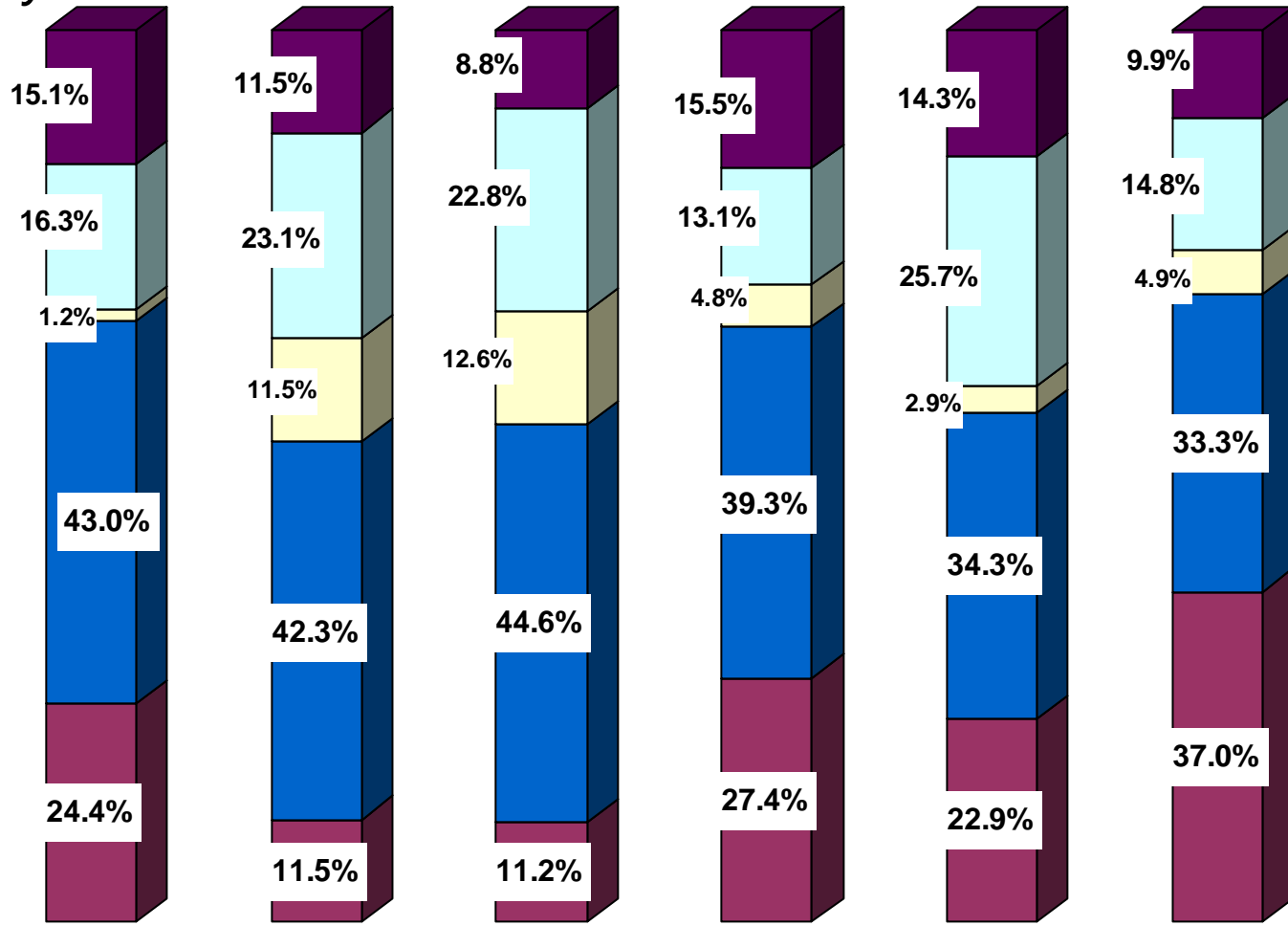
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How strongly do you agree that in my community, programs that help get children ready to succeed in school are available and affordable?



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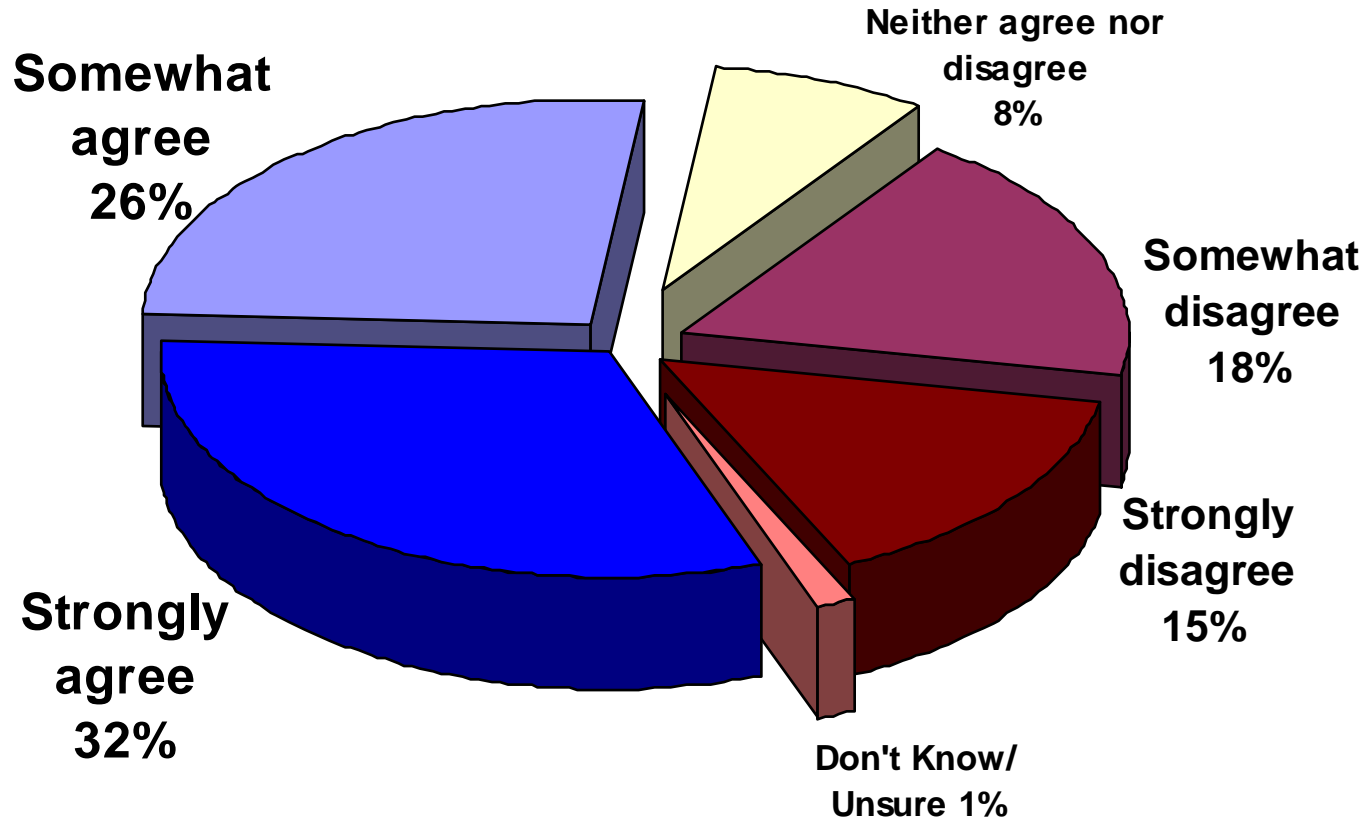
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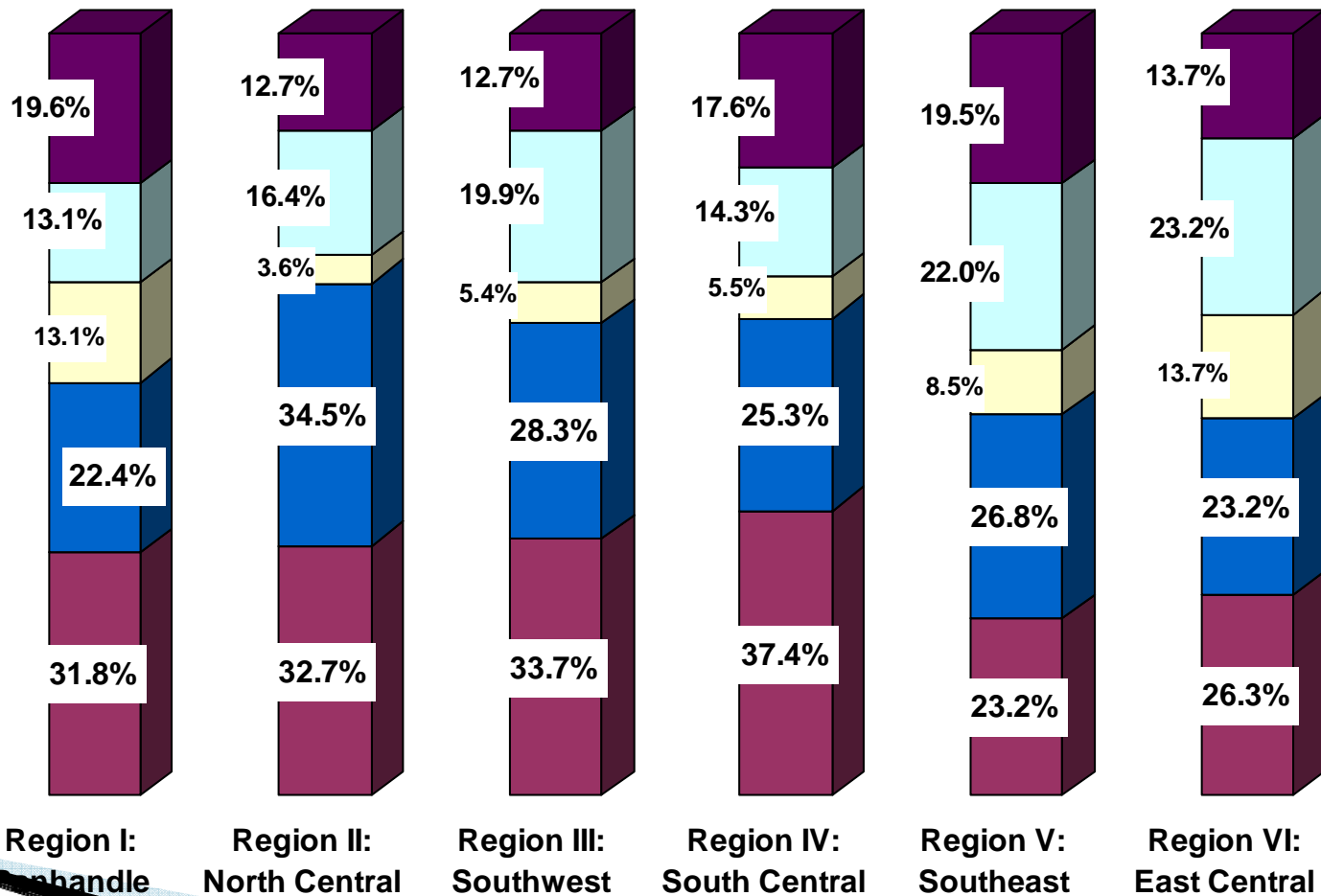
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How strongly do you agree that government has a responsibility to provide high-quality pre-kindergarten education for young children in low-income families?



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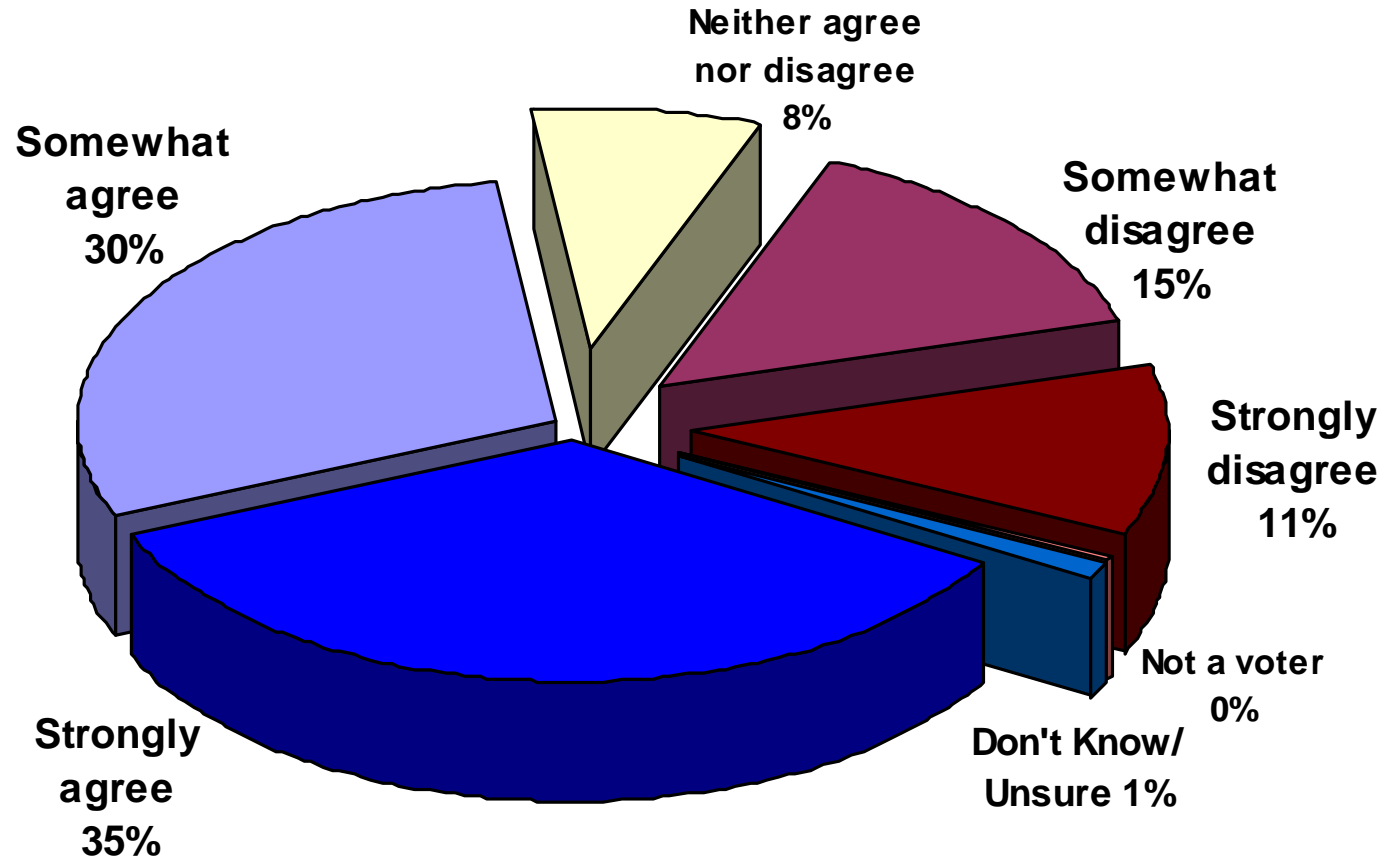
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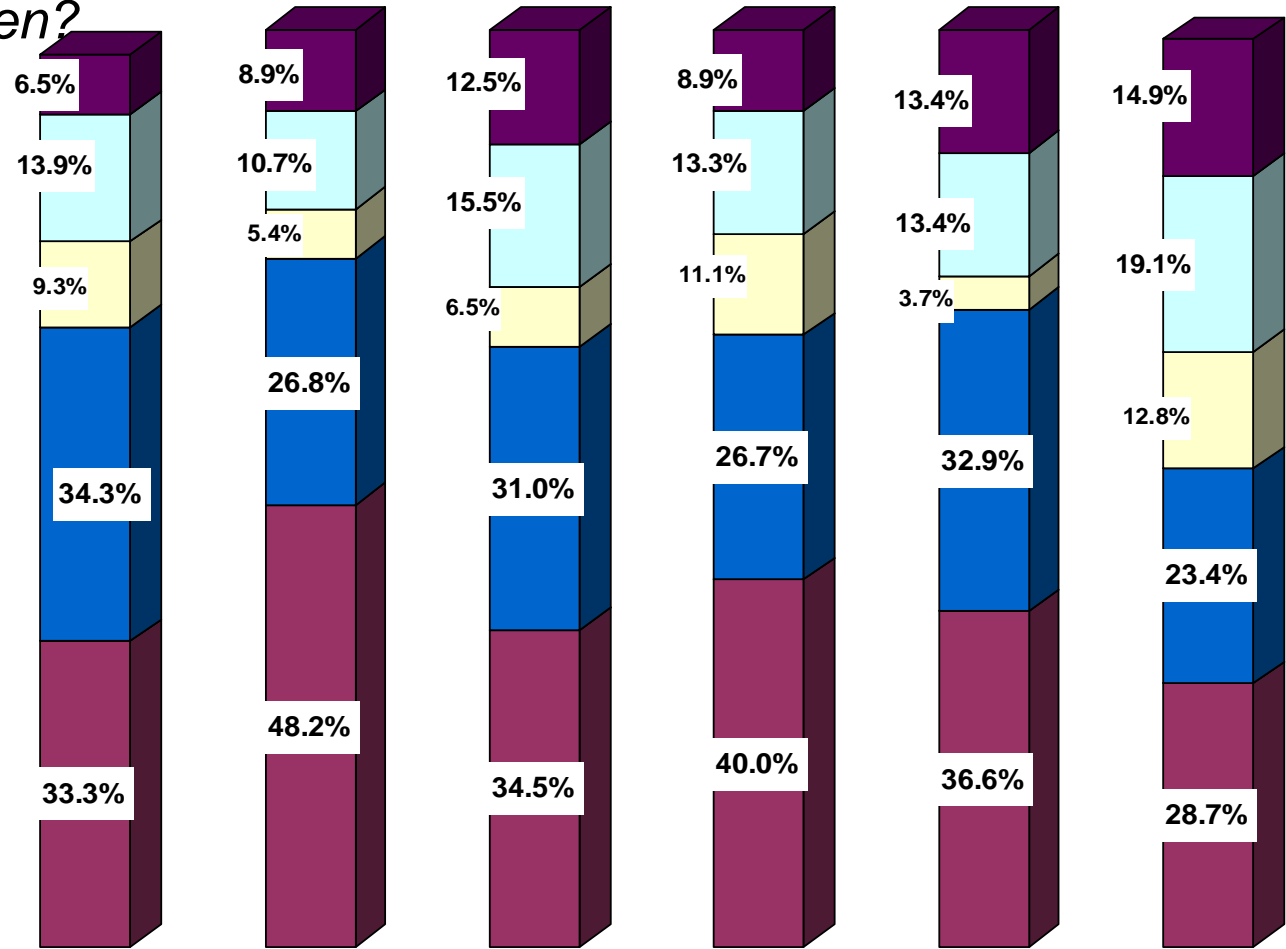
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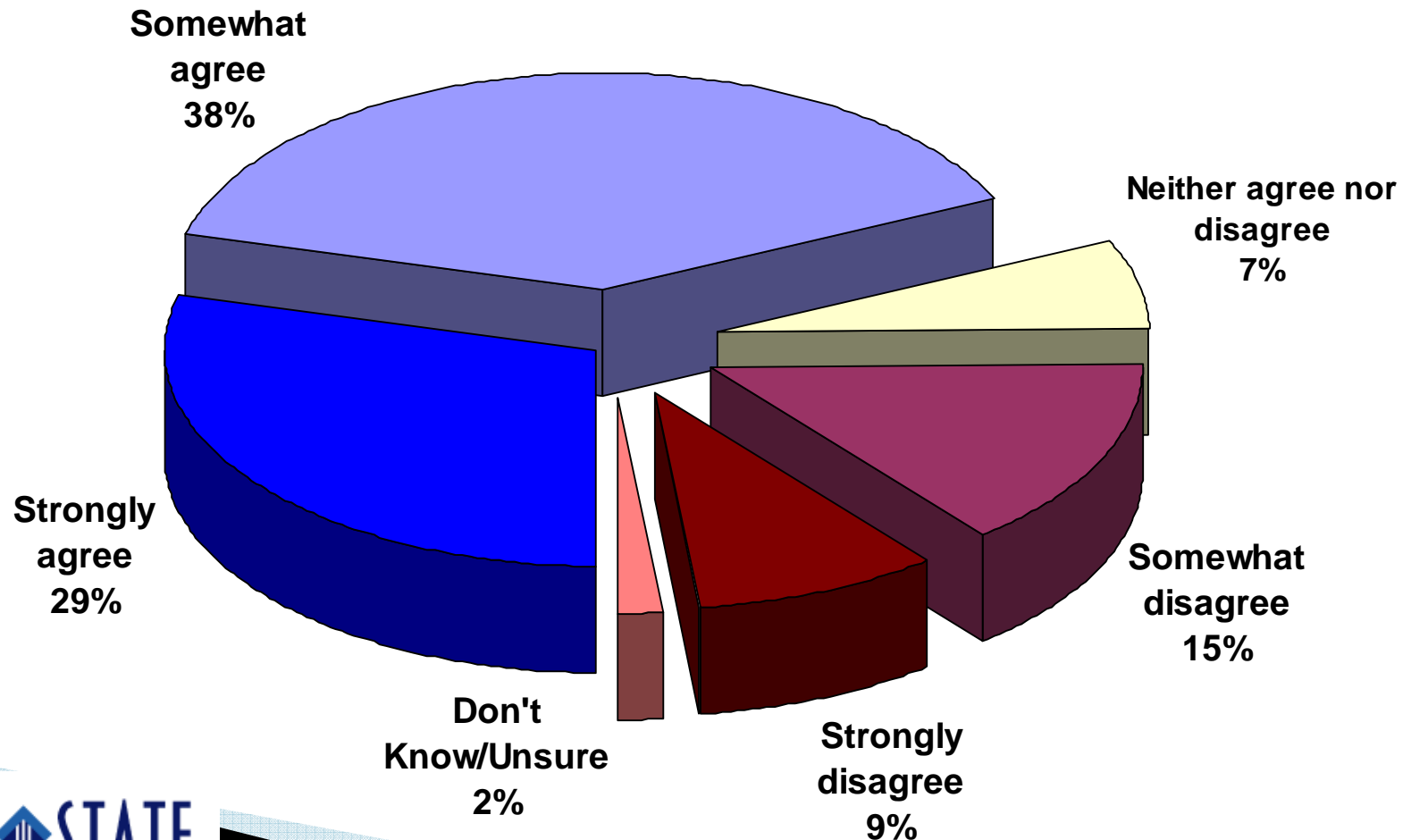
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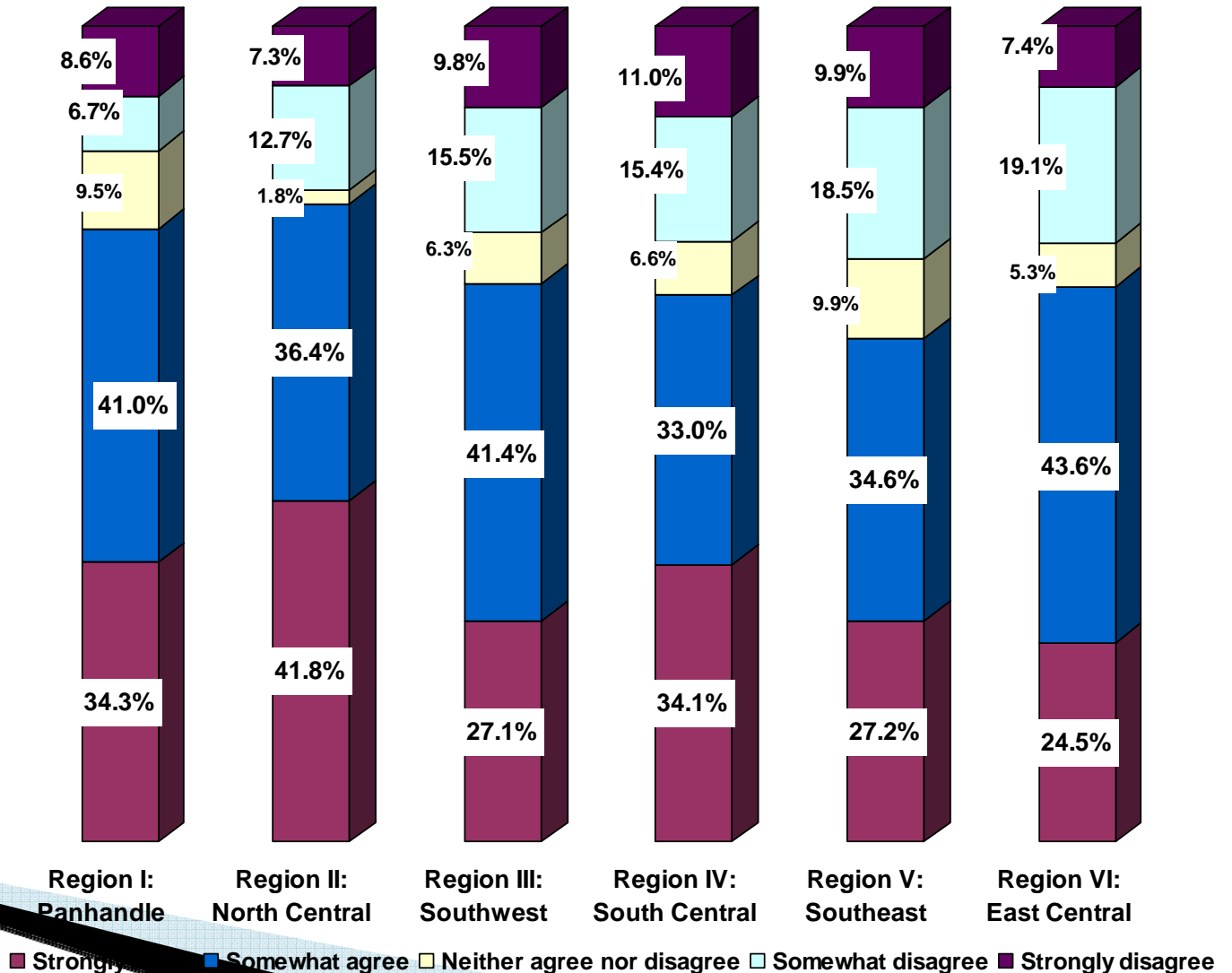
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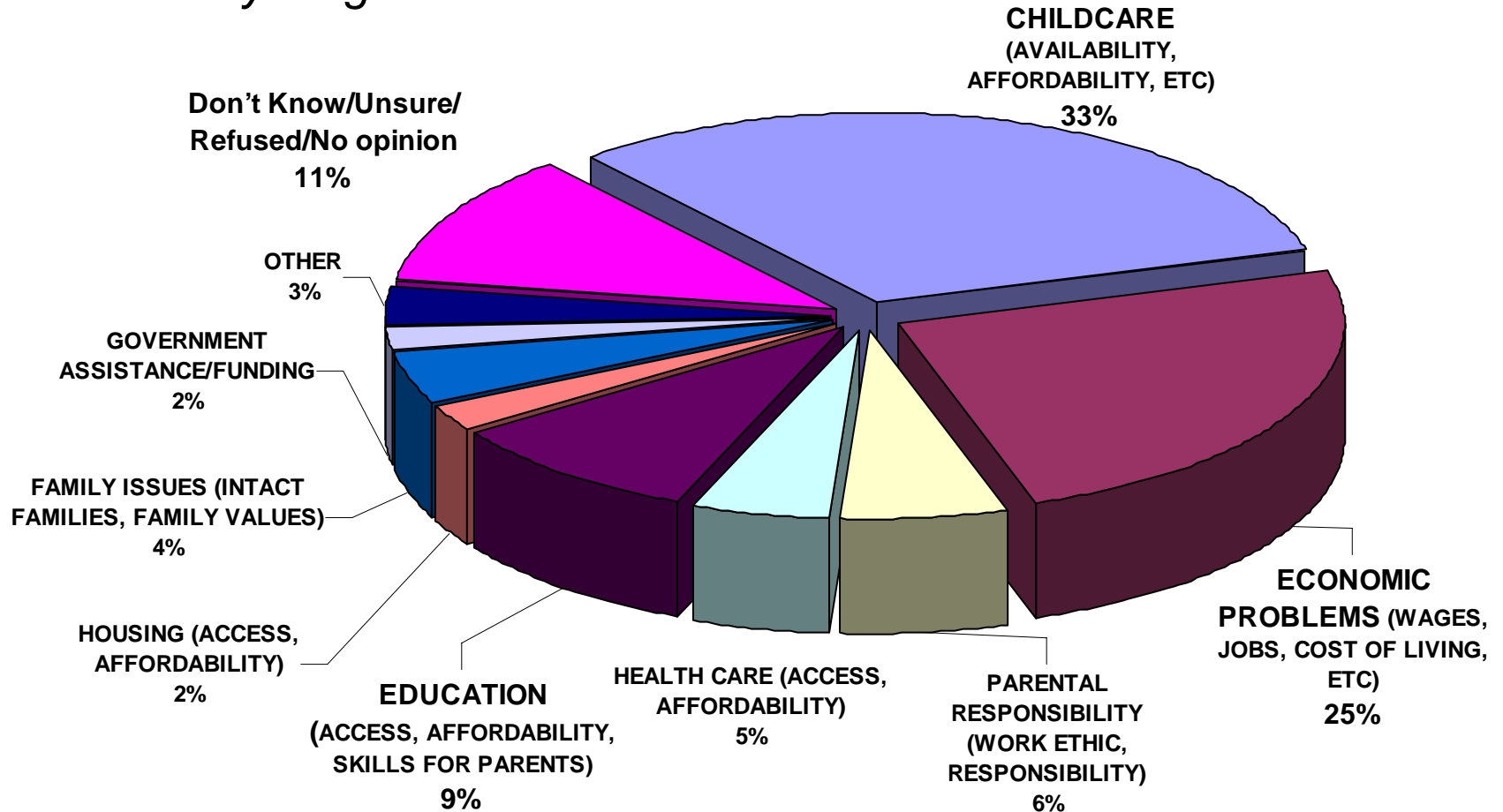
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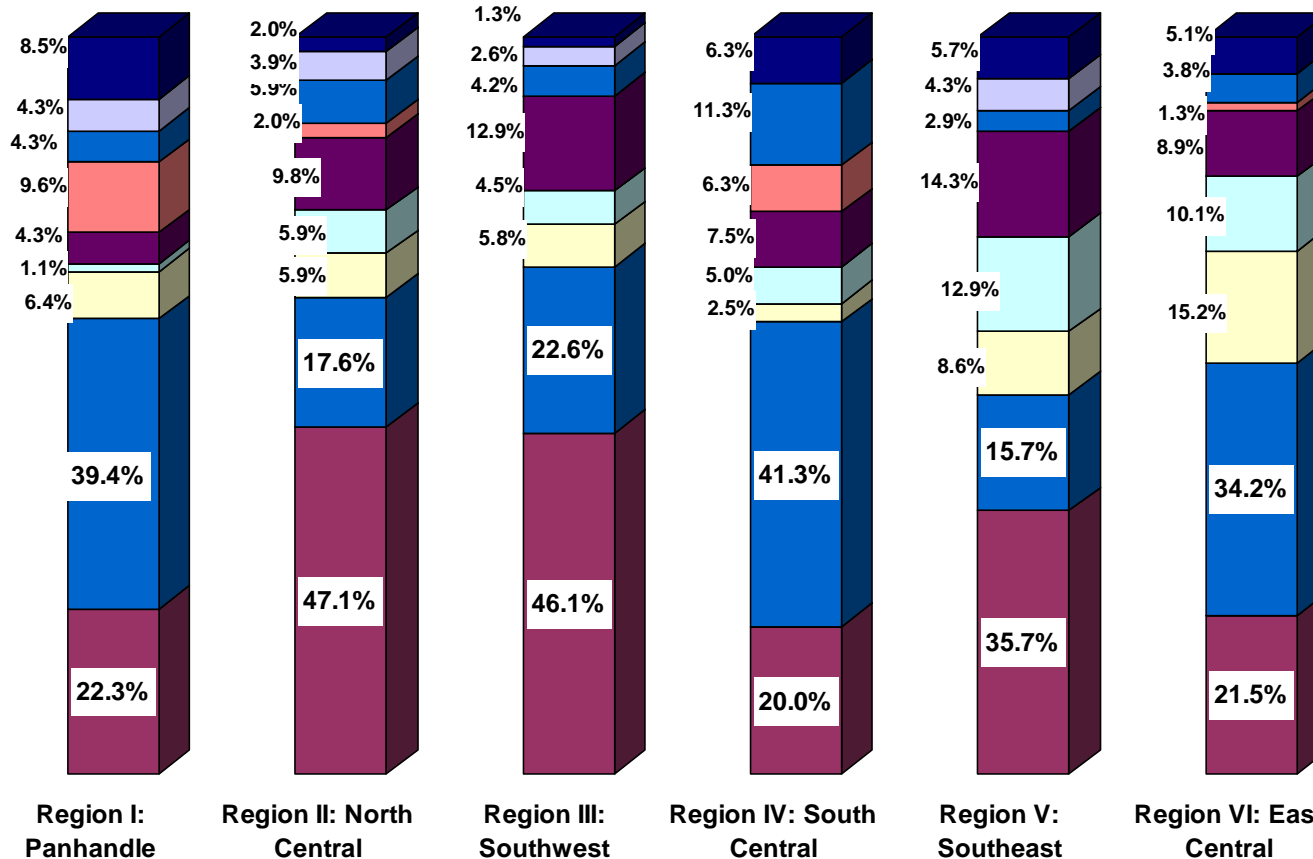
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What do you see as the biggest challenge facing low-income working parents with young children?



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What do you see as the biggest challenge facing low-income working parents with young children? (total population)



- CHILDCARE (AVAILABILITY, AFFORDABILITY, ETC)
- ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (WAGES, JOBS, COST OF LIVING, ETC)
- PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY (WORK ETHIC, RESPONSIBILITY, ETC)
- HEALTH CARE (ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, ETC)
- EDUCATION (ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, SKILLS FOR PARENTS, ETC)
- HOUSING (ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, ETC)
- FAMILY ISSUES (INTACT FAMILY, FAMILY VALUES, ETC)
- GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE/FUNDING
- OTHER

Open-ended responses

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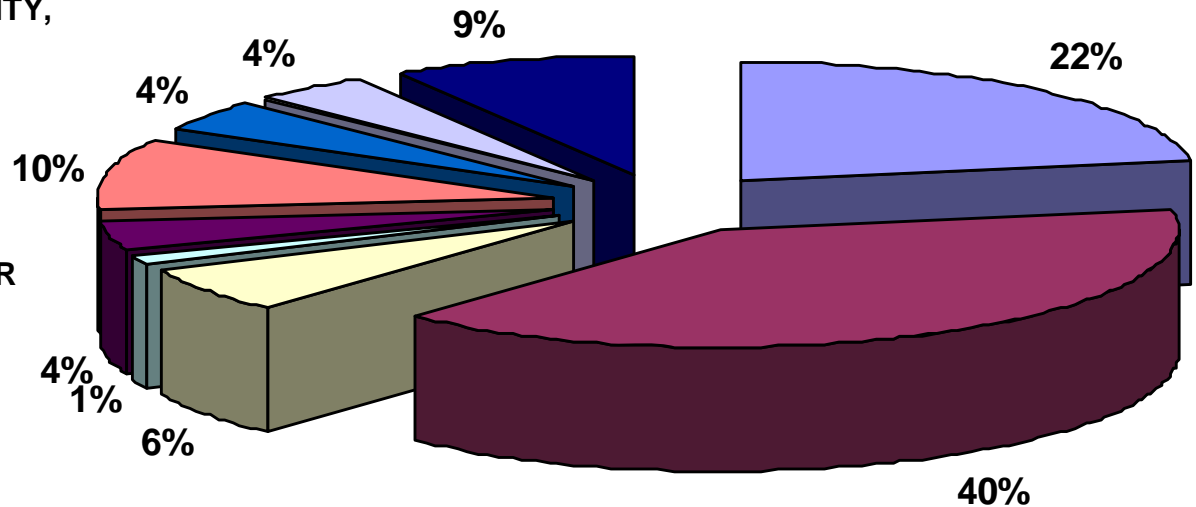
■ HOUSING (ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, ETC)

■ FAMILY ISSUES (INTACT FAMILIES, FAMILY VALUES, ETC)

□ GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE/FUNDING

■ OTHER

Region 1: Panhandle



Open-ended responses

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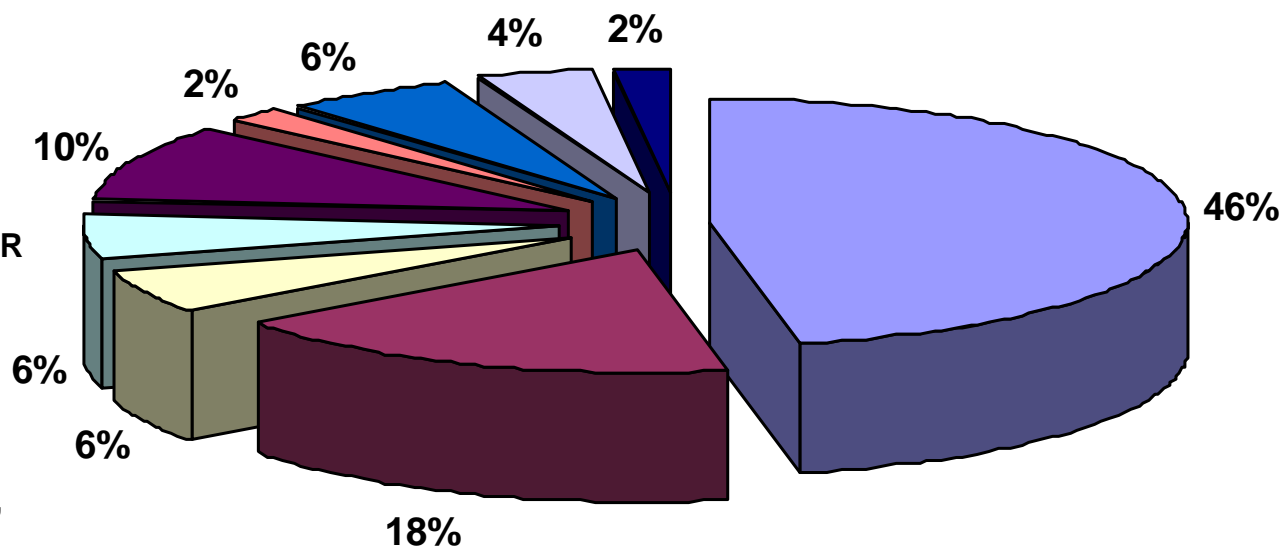
■ HOUSING (ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, ETC)

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□ GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE/FUNDING

■ OTHER

Region 2: North Central



Open-ended responses

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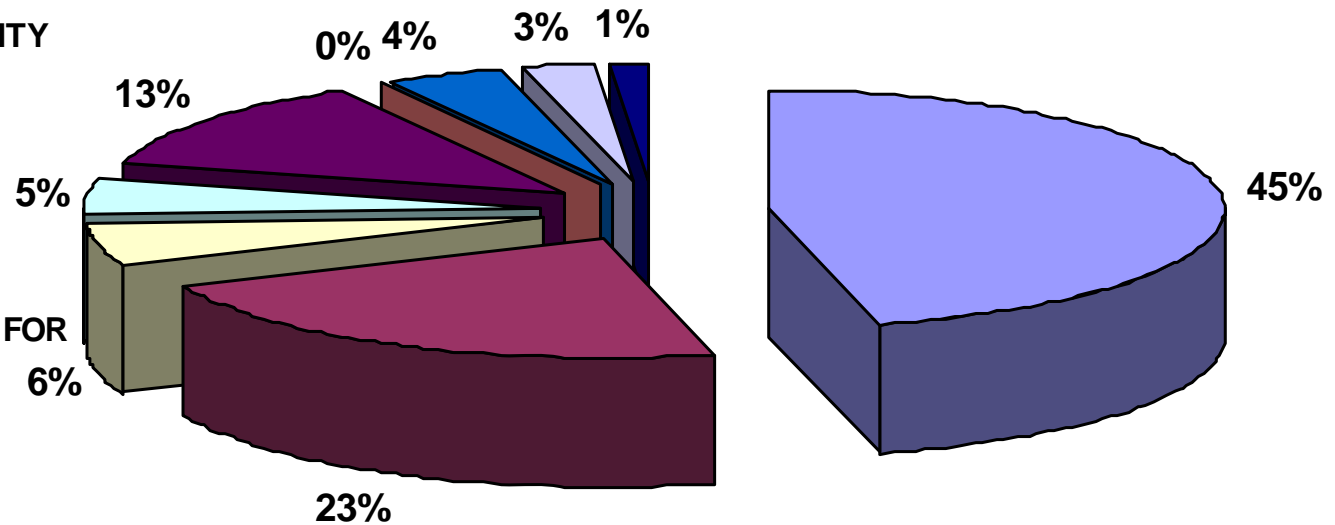
■ HOUSING (ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, ETC)

■ FAMILY ISSUES (INTACT FAMILIES, FAMILY VALUES, ETC)

■ GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE/FUNDING

■ OTHER

Region 3: Southwest



Open-ended responses

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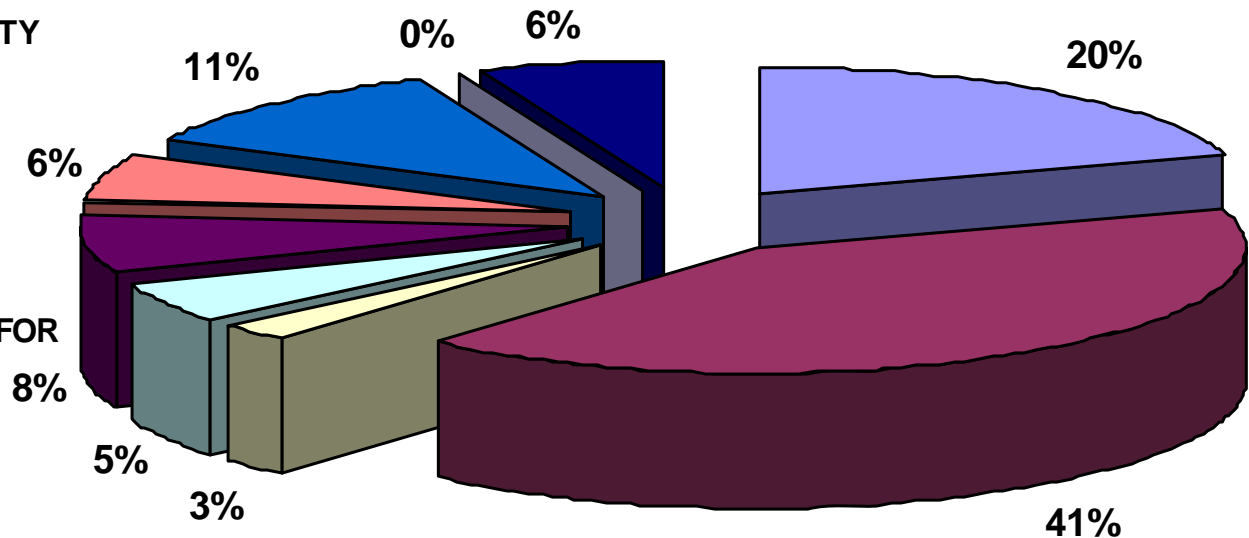
■ HOUSING (ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, ETC)

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■ OTHER

Region 4: South Central



Open-ended responses

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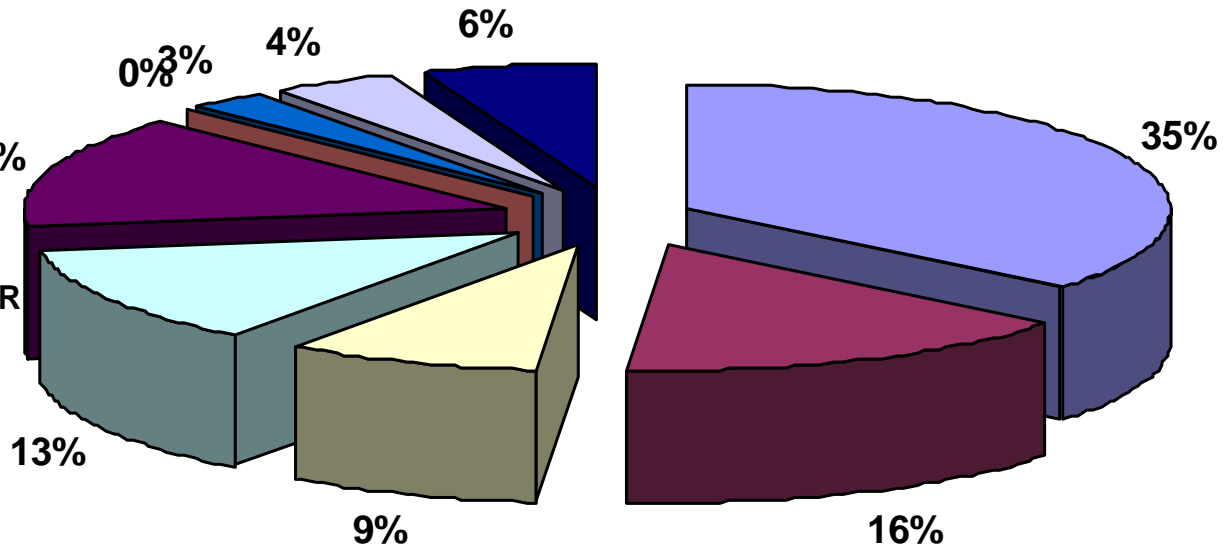
■ HOUSING (ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, ETC)

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Region 5: Southeast



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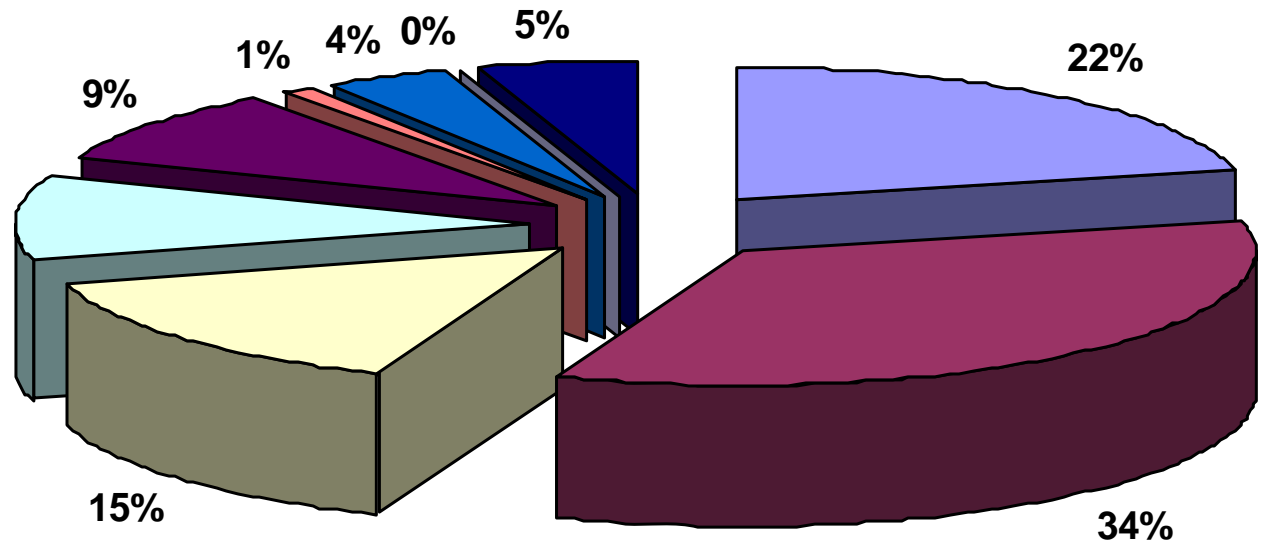
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- OTHER

Region 6: East



Open-ended responses