

# Entering Student Survey Results

Berea-Specific Surveys  
Fall Terms 1995 – 2001

Cooperative Institutional Research  
Project (CIRP) Entering Survey  
Fall Terms 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008

Shortened Berea-Specific Survey  
Fall Terms 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2009

# Demographics

## How many miles is Berea College from your permanent home?

	5 or Less	6 to 10	10 or Less*	11 to 50	11 to 100*	51 to 100	101-150**	101-500***	151-300**	Over 300**	Over 500***	Missing
1995	5.9%	0.6%		7.7%		16.0%		53.4%			16.0%	0.3%
1996	4.0%	0.7%		10.3%		14.6%		51.2%			18.6%	0.7%
1997	4.2%	1.6%		10.2%		10.2%	18.0%		26.0%	28.4%		1.6%
1998	3.5%	0.7%		7.2%		8.6%	17.9%		32.3%	29.0%		0.9%
1999	4.9%	1.3%		8.2%		9.9%	14.8%		26.0%	33.1%		1.7%
2000	4.5%	1.0%		6.8%		8.3%	13.3%		31.4%	33.9%		0.8%
2001	5.3%	1.0%		7.7%		8.2%	13.0%		26.7%	37.8%		0.2%
2002	3.8%	0.3%		6.4%		8.7%		64.1%			15.1%	1.6%
2003	4.7%	3.3%		4.7%		9.2%	15.6%		27.3%	34.5%		0.6%
2004	5.6%	1.3%		8.6%		11.1%		54.7%			16.5%	2.3%
2005	2.9%	1.0%		7.3%		12.4%	18.0%	18.1%	27.0%	30.5%		1.0%
2006			8.0%		25.0%			52.0%			25.0%	
2007	3.5%	1.8%		12.3%		12.3%	14.8%		22.6%	31.3%		0.0%
2008	3.5%	1.1%		10.6%		13.8%		54.7%			16.3%	
2009	3.1%	0.4%		12.2%		11.4%	16.1%		28.3%	27.2%		1.2%

\*Category used on the 2006 CIRP Survey

\*\*Category Changed on the 1997 Entering Student Survey

\*\*\* Original Category for the 1995 and 1996 Entering Student Survey and used on the CIRP surveys in 2002, 2004, and 2008

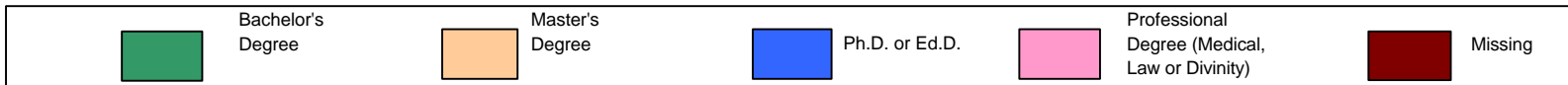
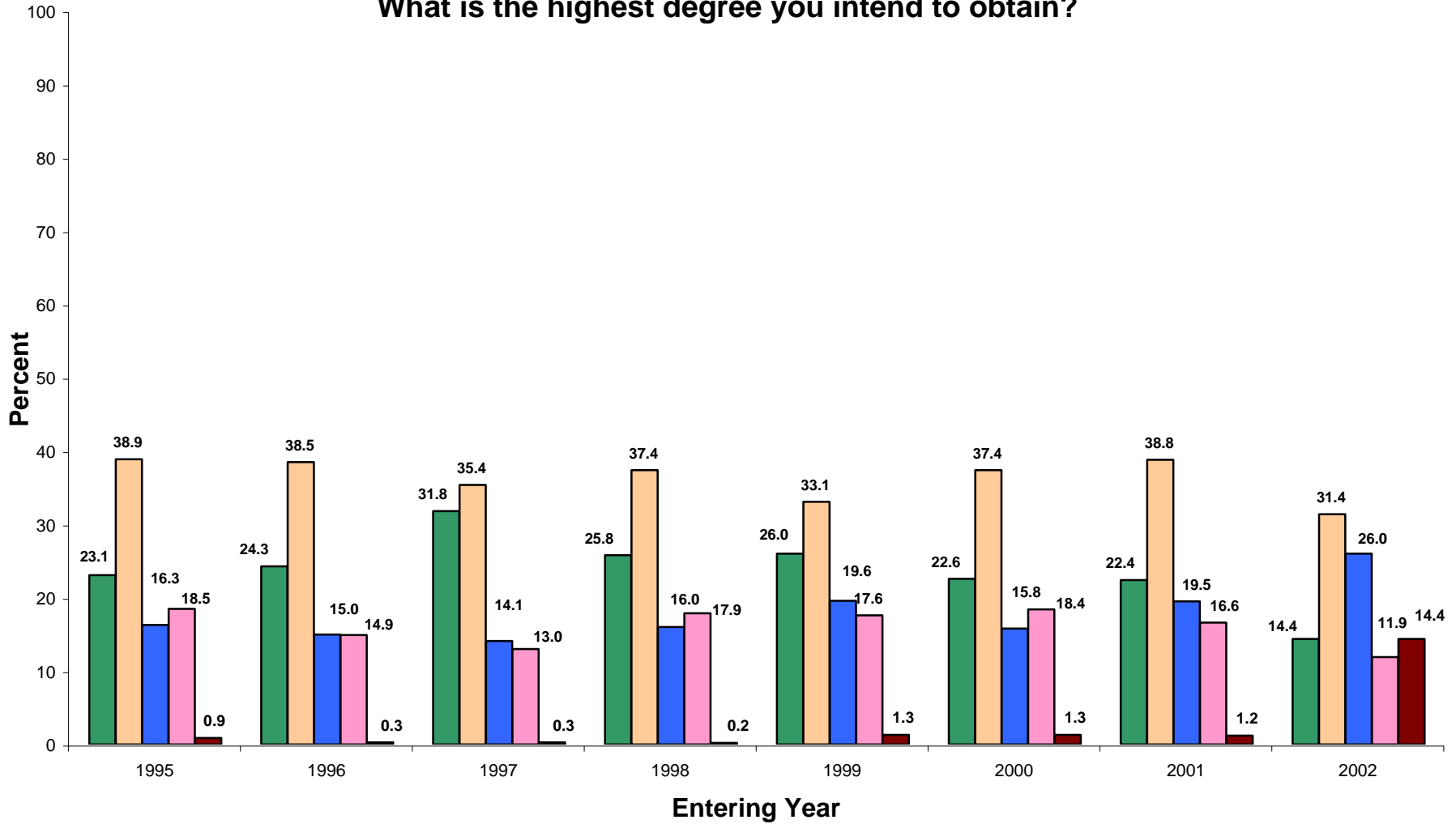
## How would you characterize where your family lives?

	Rural	Rural Village	Village	Small Town	City	Suburb	Metropolitan Area	Missing
1995	28.2%	9.5%	2.7%	28.8%	15.7%	4.7%	9.5%	0.9%
1996	22.9%	9.0%	6.3%	29.6%	18.3%	5.0%	8.6%	0.3%
1997	21.6%	8.6%	4.7%	30.2%	20.6%	6.3%	7.3%	0.8%
1998	19.7%	10.9%	5.3%	27.8%	18.3%	9.3%	7.9%	0.7%
1999	16.8%	9.9%	3.9%	32.3%	18.9%	8.6%	8.4%	1.3%
2000	21.6%	10.8%	3.5%	26.9%	20.1%	8.5%	7.8%	0.8%
2001	19.5%	5.1%	2.9%	27.7%	25.5%	9.9%	8.7%	0.7%
2002	Question not asked on CIRP Survey							
2003	17.5%	7.2%	3.6%	33.4%	19.5%	7.2%	8.1%	3.3%
2004	Question not asked on CIRP Survey							
2005	19.4%	5.4%	4.4%	30.5%	18.7%	10.5%	10.8%	0.3%
2006	Question not asked on CIRP Survey							
2007	19.0%	8.5%	3.5%	32.0%	18.3%	10.2%	7.4%	1.1%
2008	Question not asked on CIRP Survey							
2009	18.1%	10.6%	3.5%	26.4%	21.7%	12.6%	5.5%	1.6%

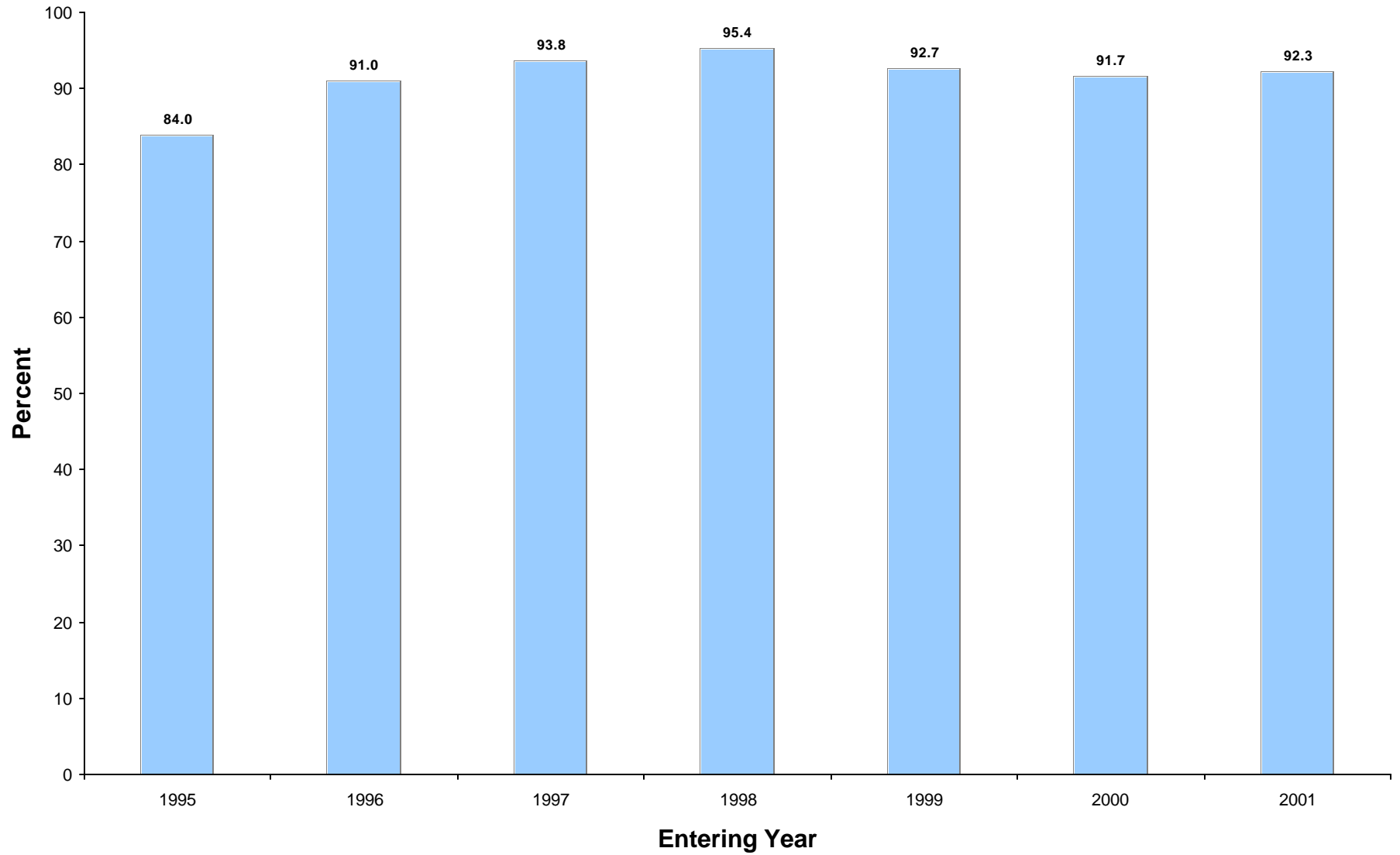
## Which best describes your application to Berea College?

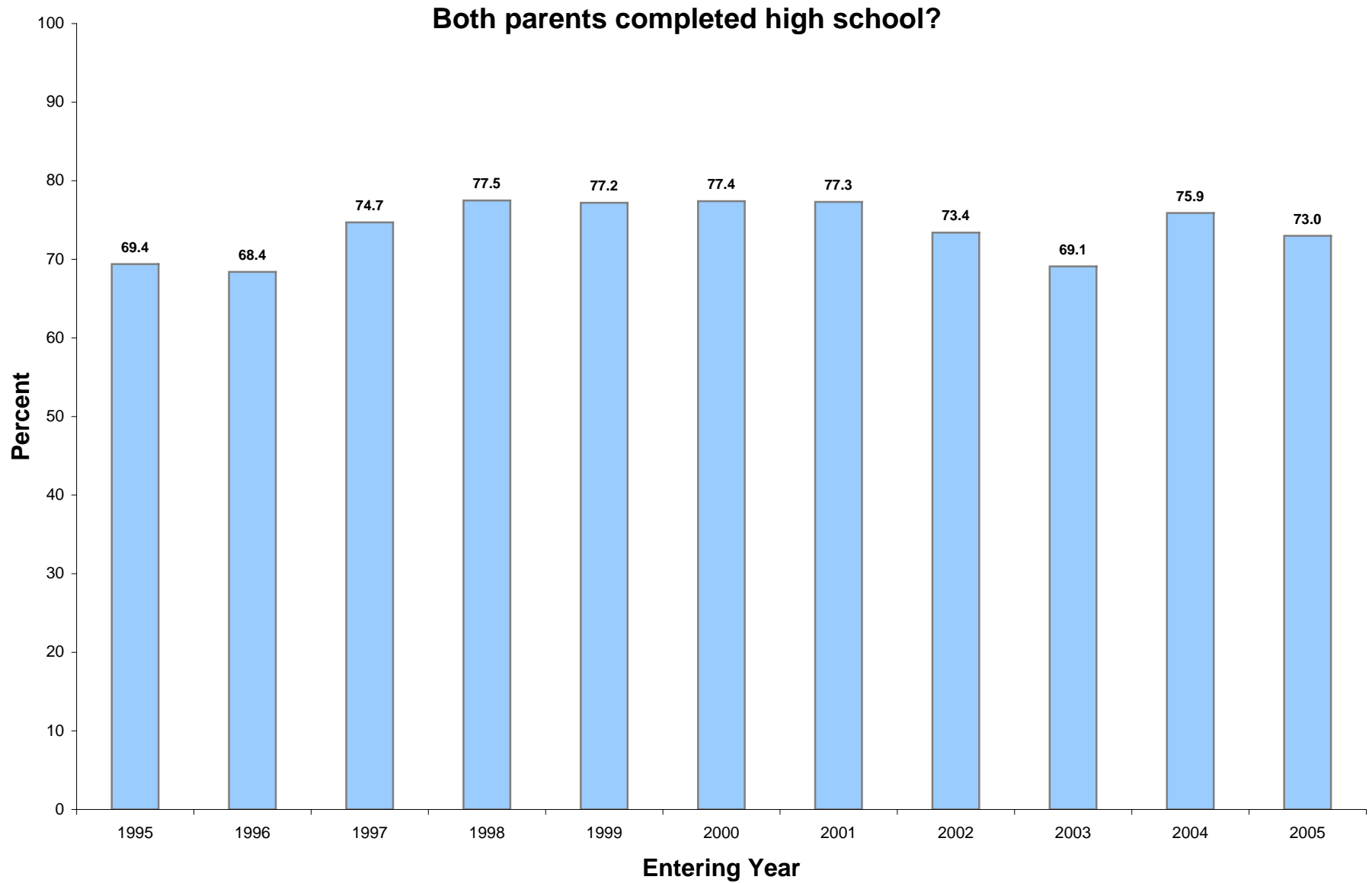
	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Fourth or lower Choice	Missing
1995	72.7%	20.2%	3.9%	2.4%	0.9%
1996	74.8%	19.3%	2.7%	2.3%	1.0%
1997	71.4%	19.8%	5.7%	2.3%	0.8%
1998	66.8%	24.6%	5.6%	1.9%	1.2%
1999	74.0%	20.4%	3.0%	1.9%	0.6%
2000	70.1%	23.4%	3.5%	1.8%	1.3%
2001	76.4%	16.6%	4.8%	2.2%	0.0%
2002	86.5%	9.6%	3.2%	0.3%	0.3%
2003	72.0%	14.3%	3.7%	1.6%	8.5%
2004	79.7%	14.4%	4.1%	1.3%	0.5%
2005	74.4%	19.7%	3.9%	1.9%	1.9%
2006	74.3%	21.3%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%
2007	This question was not asked on the 2007 Entering Student Survey				
2008	76.0%	15.0%	6.0%	3.0%	0.0%
2009	68.1%	21.3%	5.5%	3.9%	1.2%

### What is the highest degree you intend to obtain?



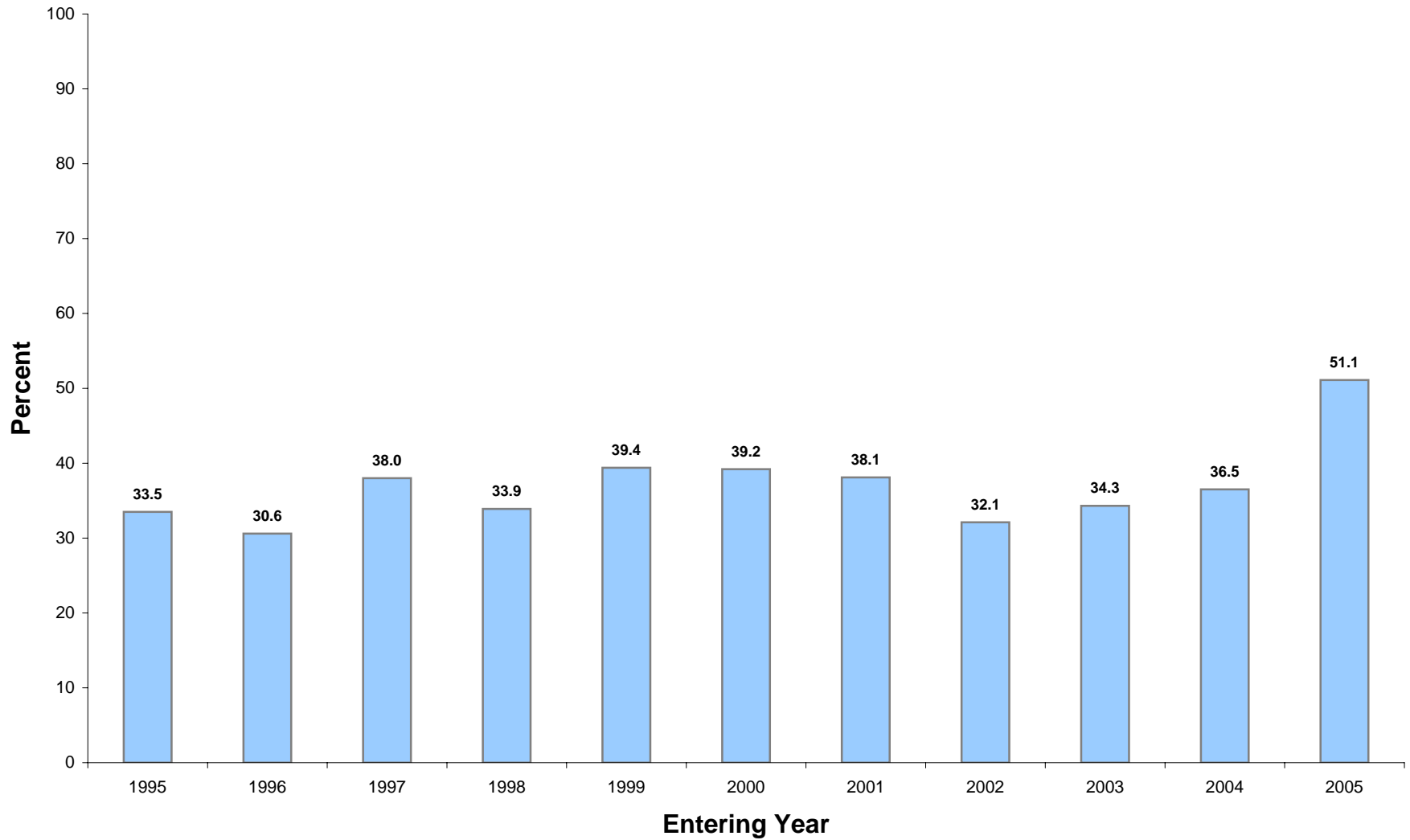
### Both parents completed primary or grammar school?



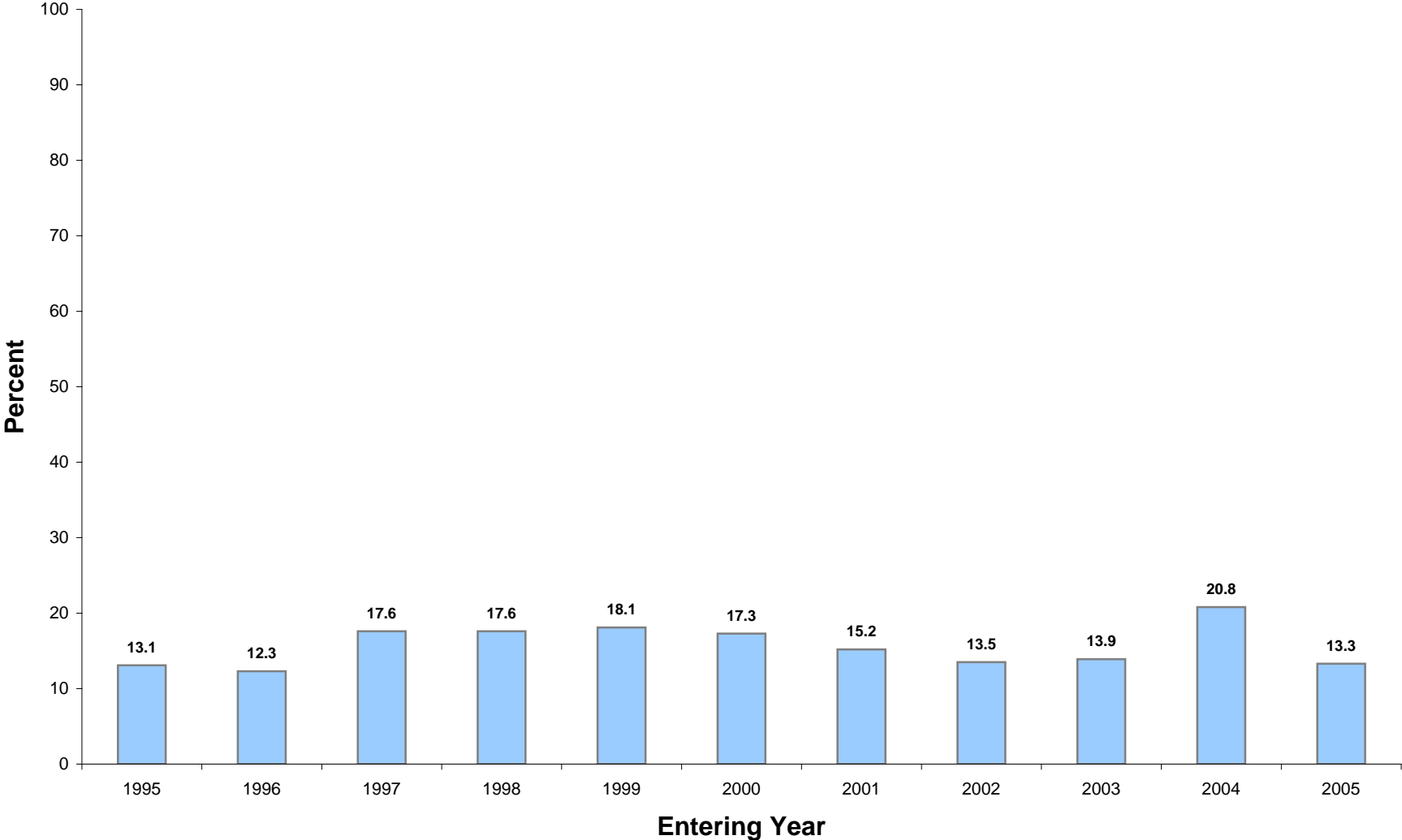


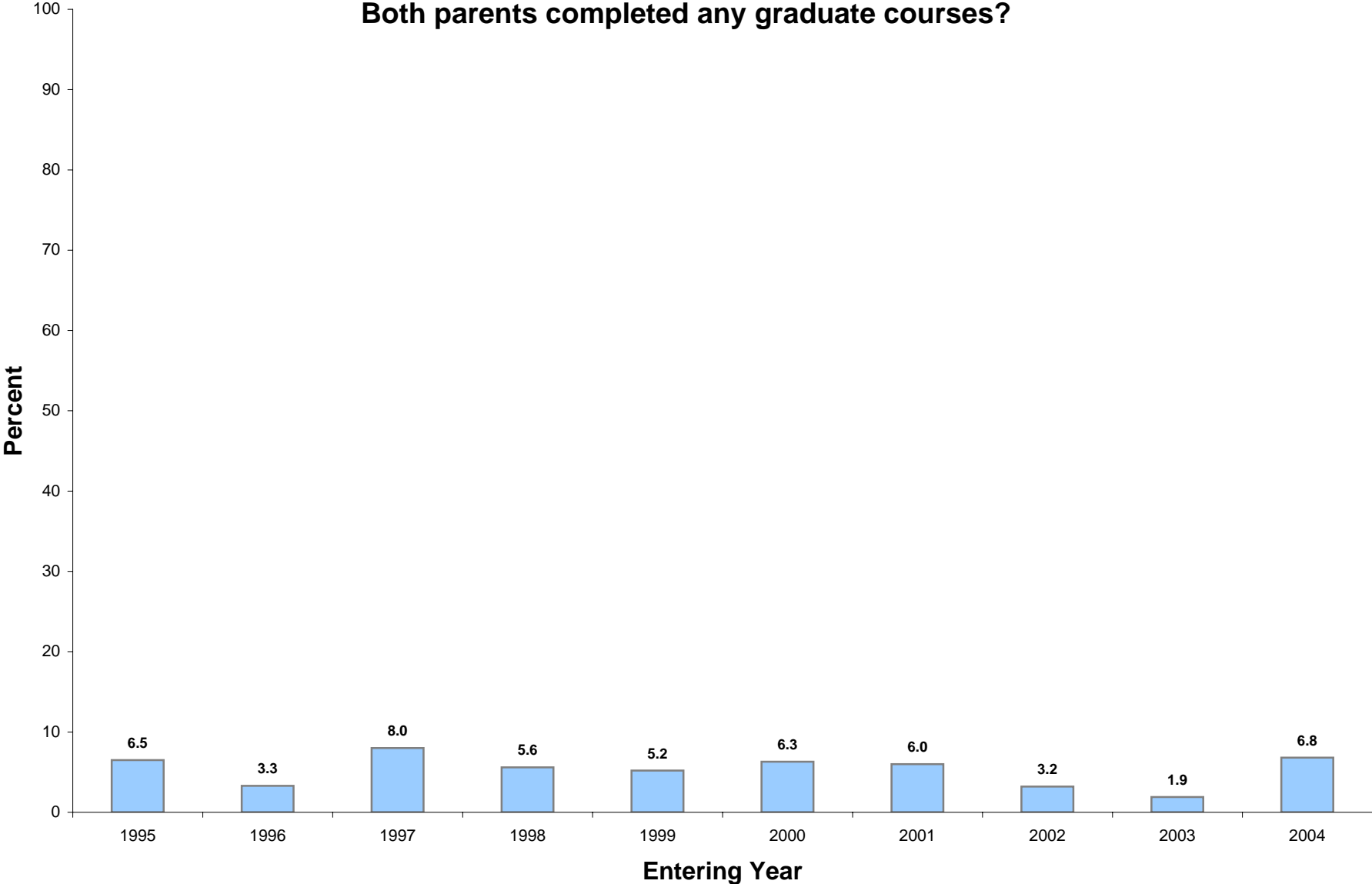


### Both parents taken any college courses?

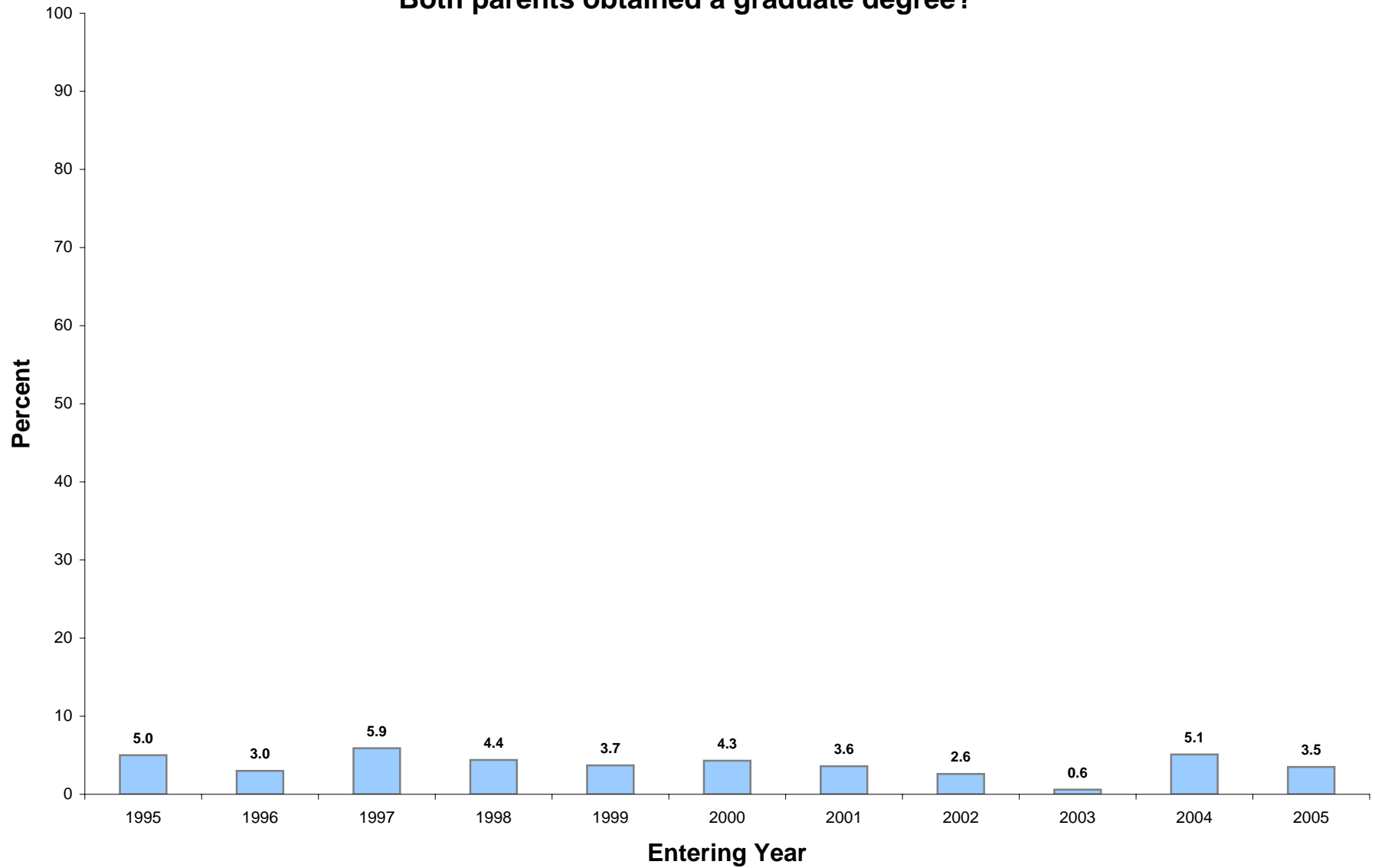


### Both parents obtained a college degree?

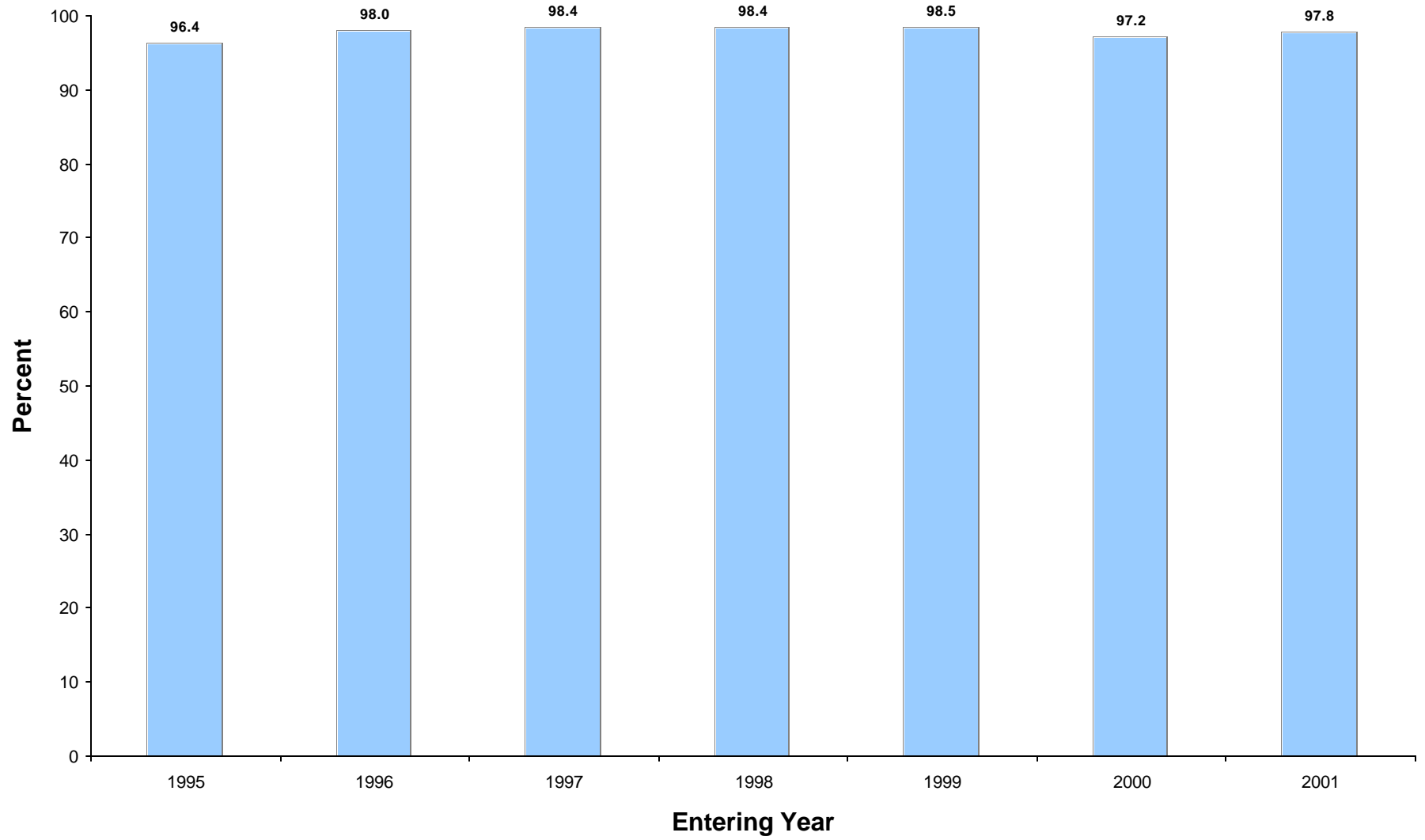




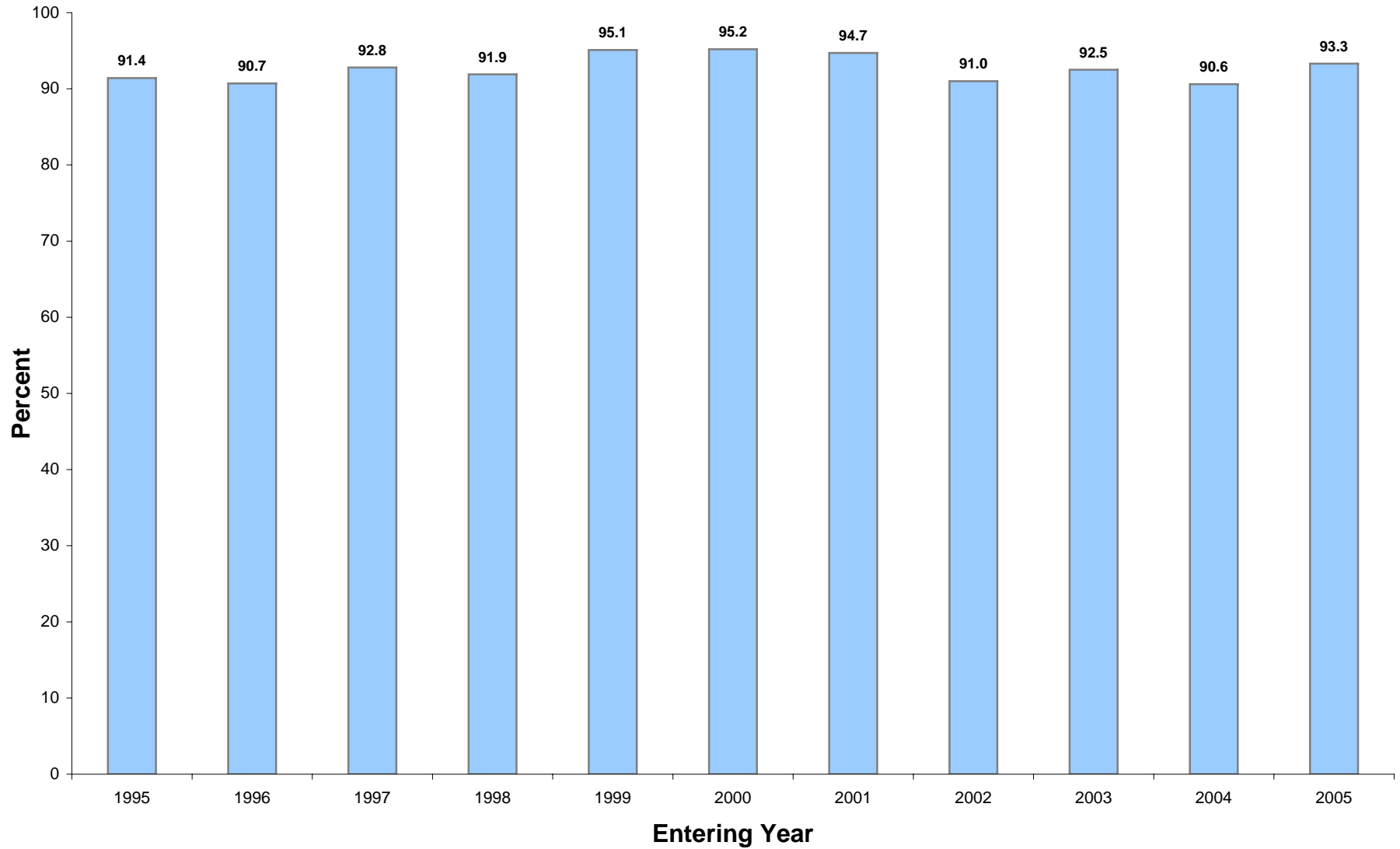
### Both parents obtained a graduate degree?

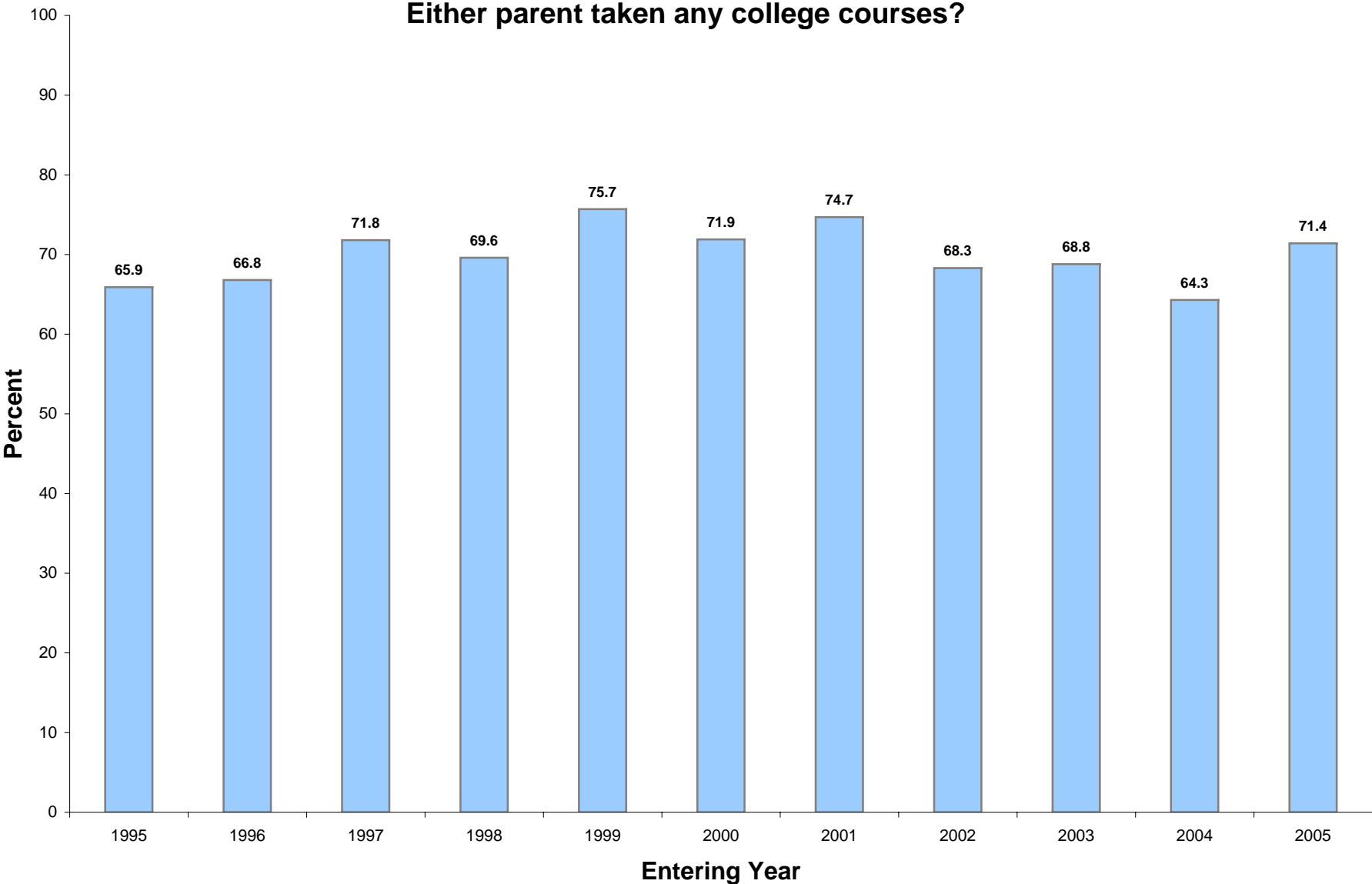


### Either parent completed primary or grammar school?

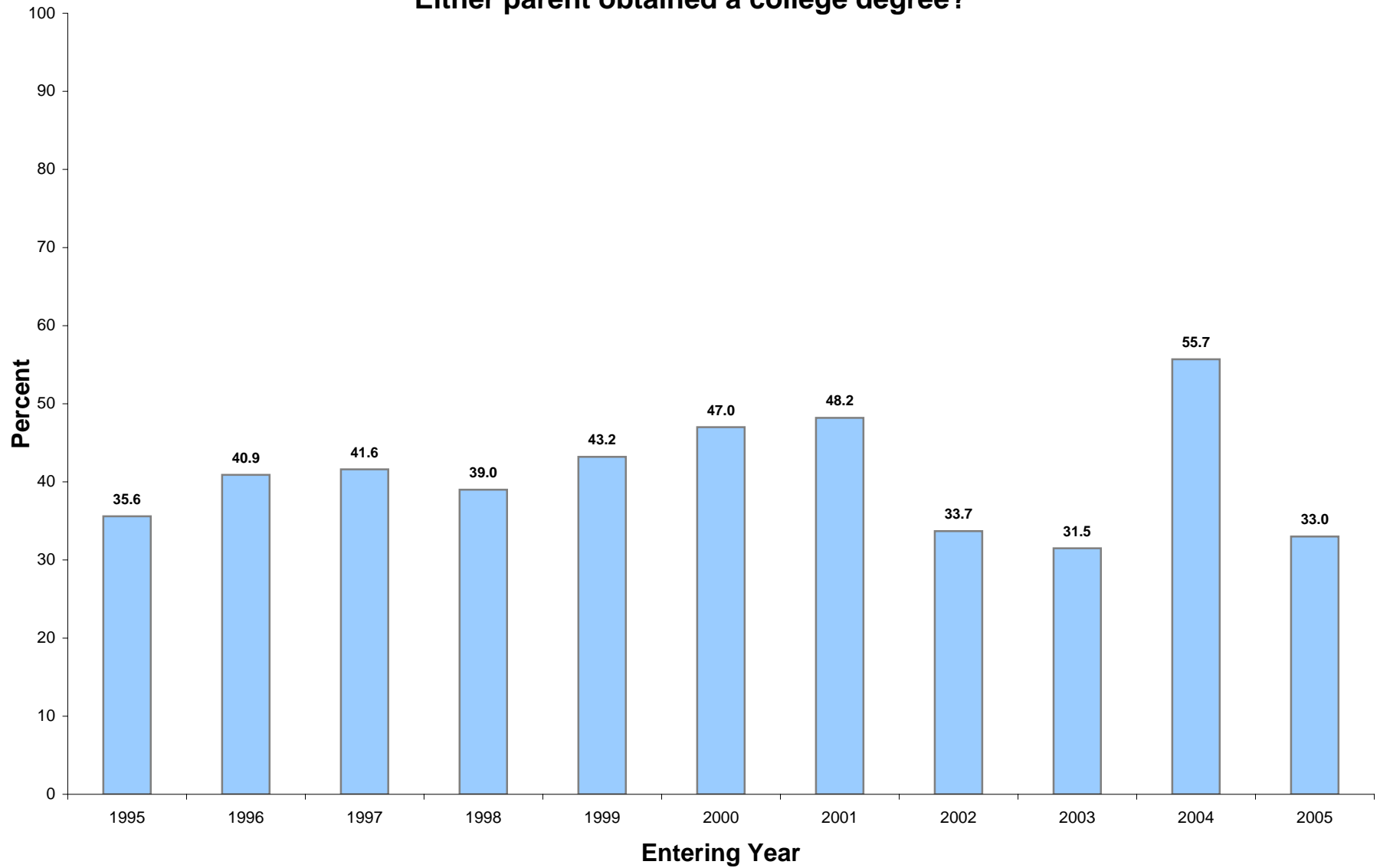


### Either parent completed high school?

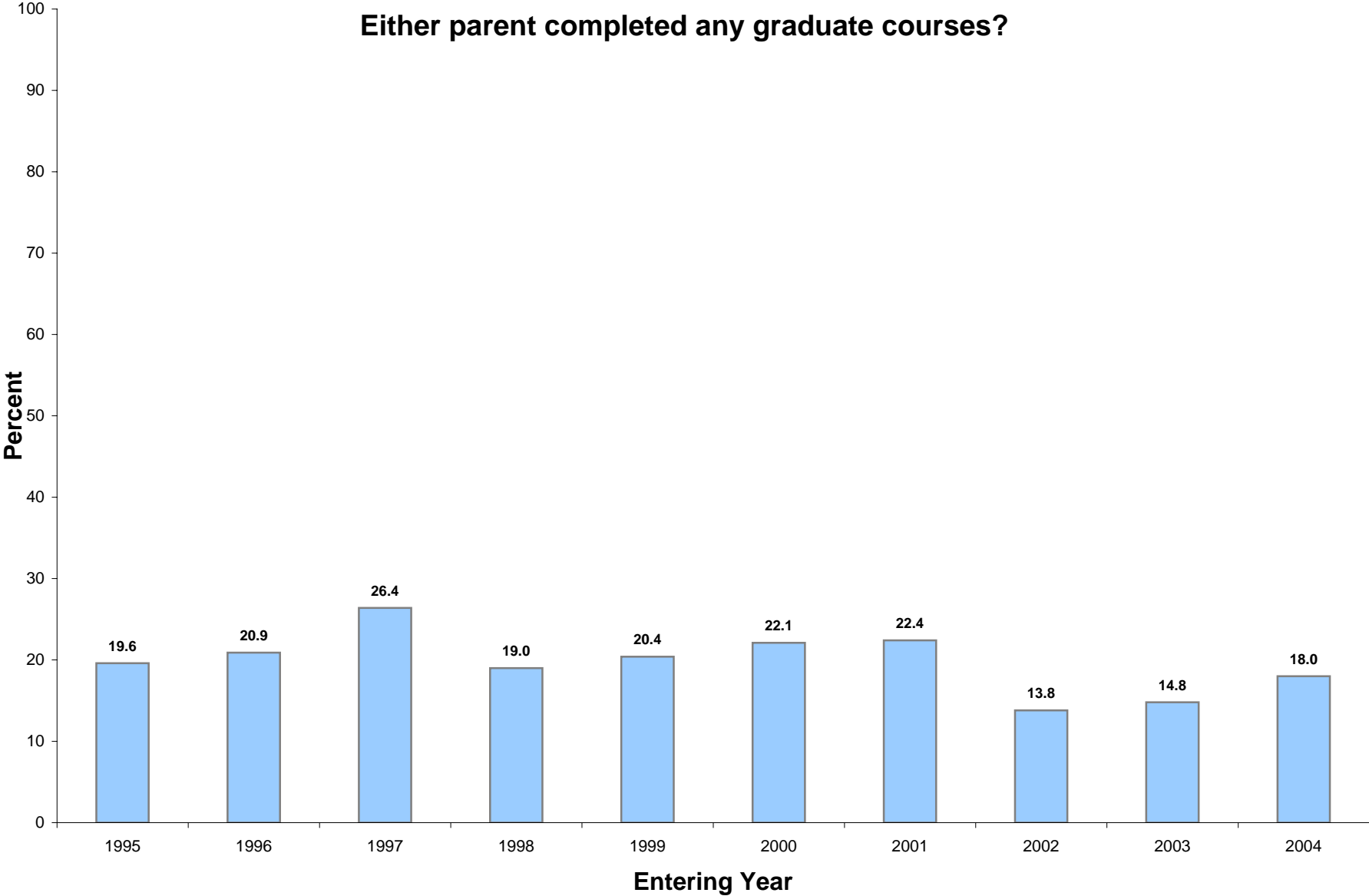


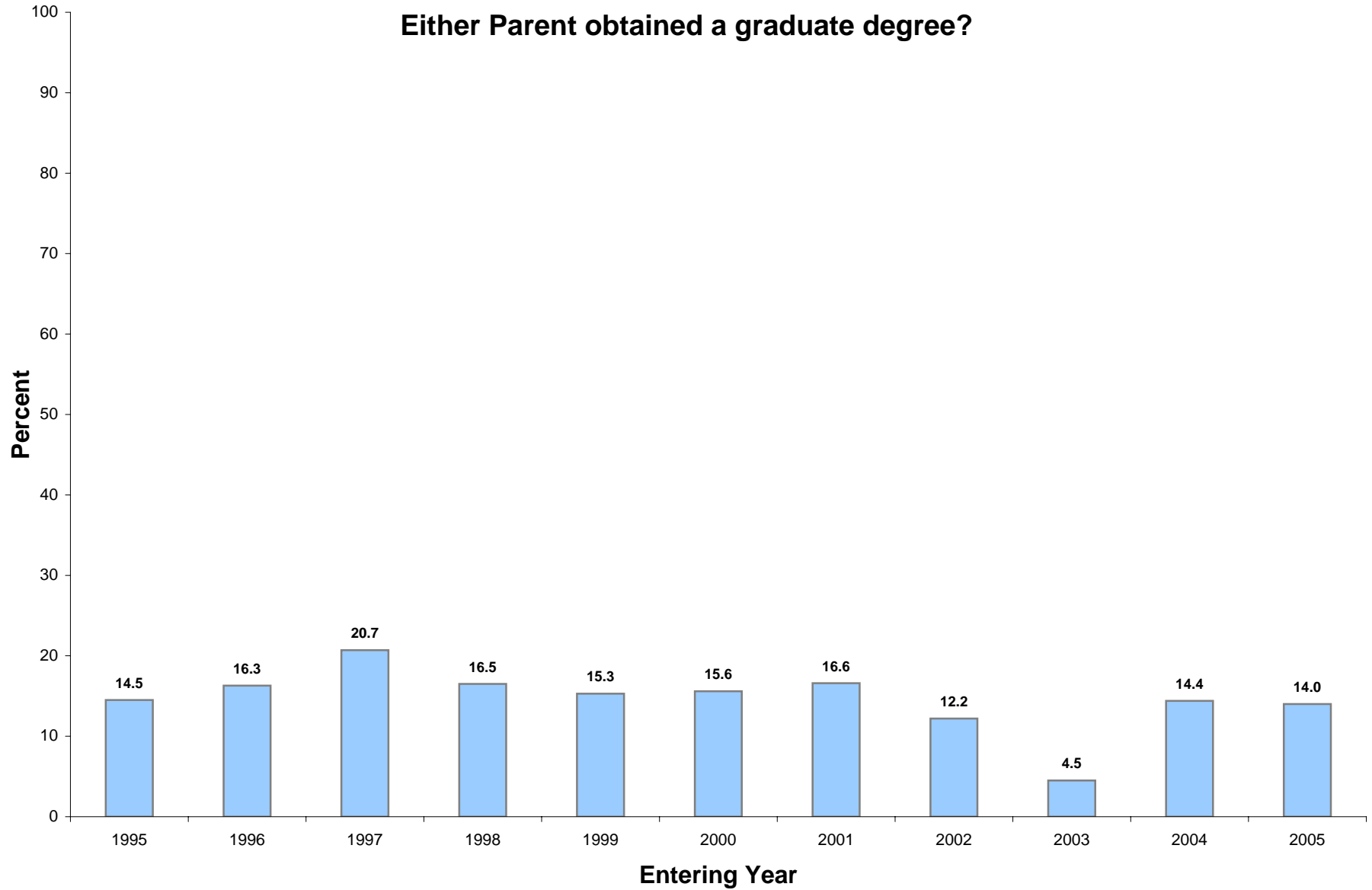


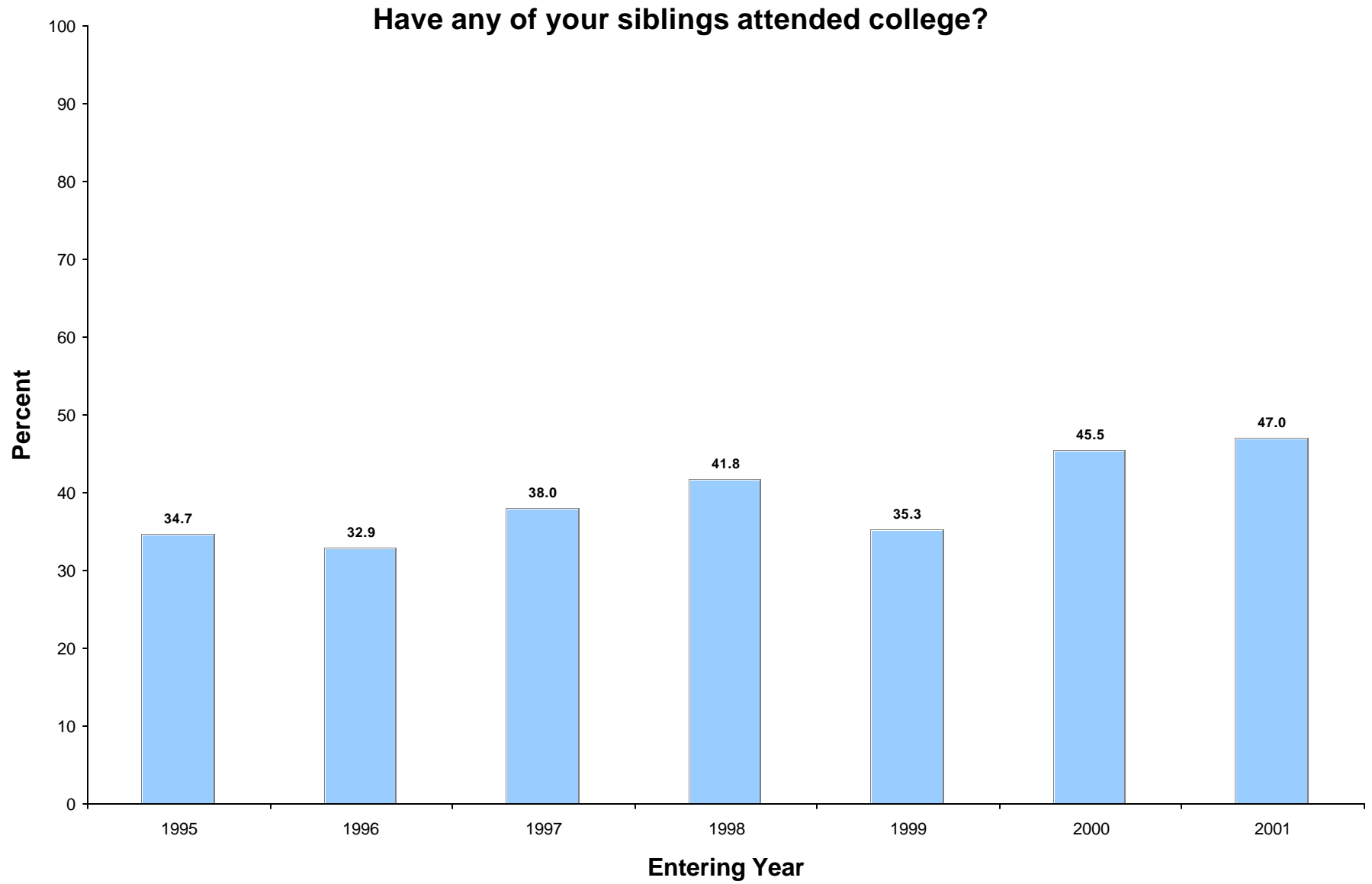
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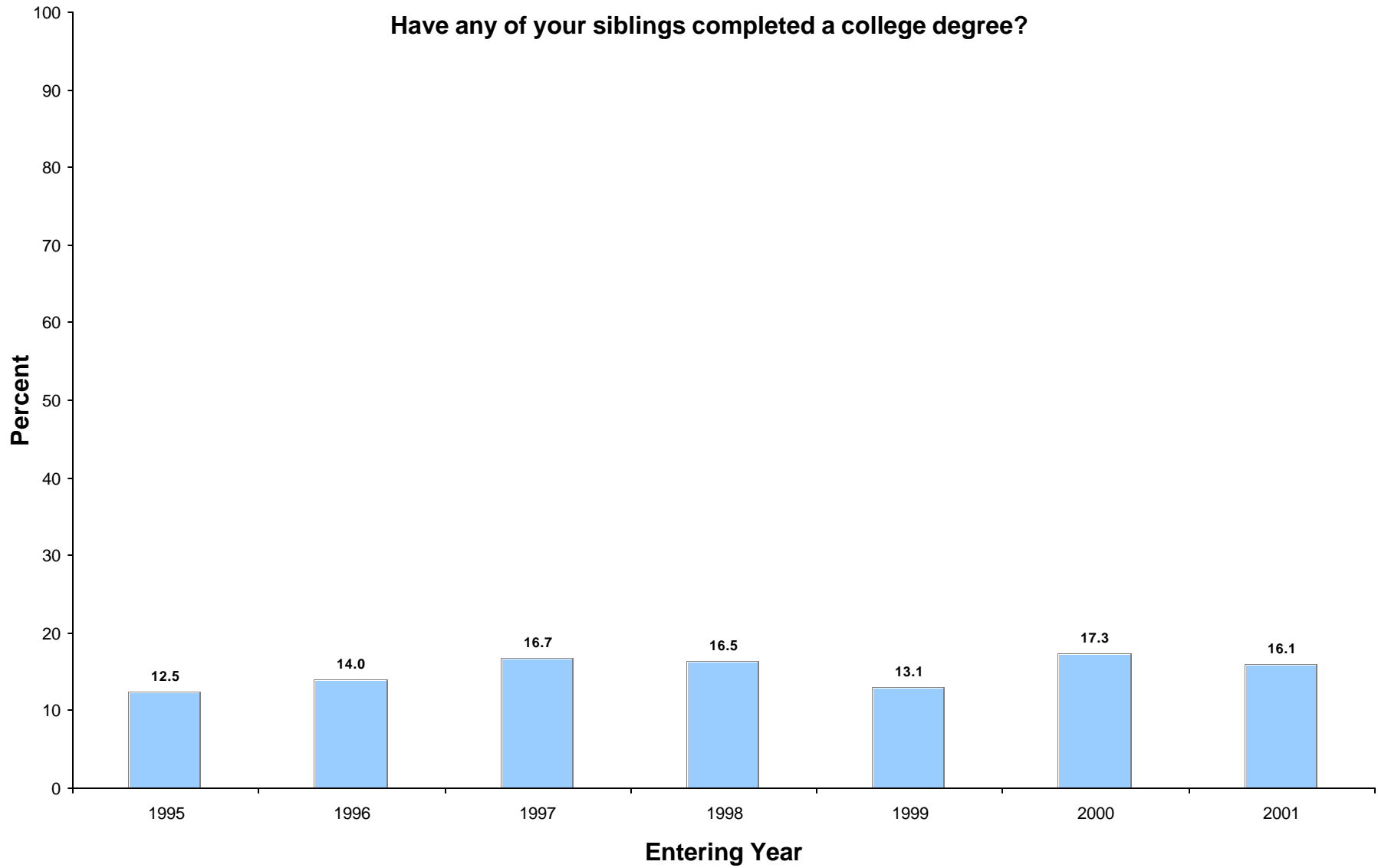






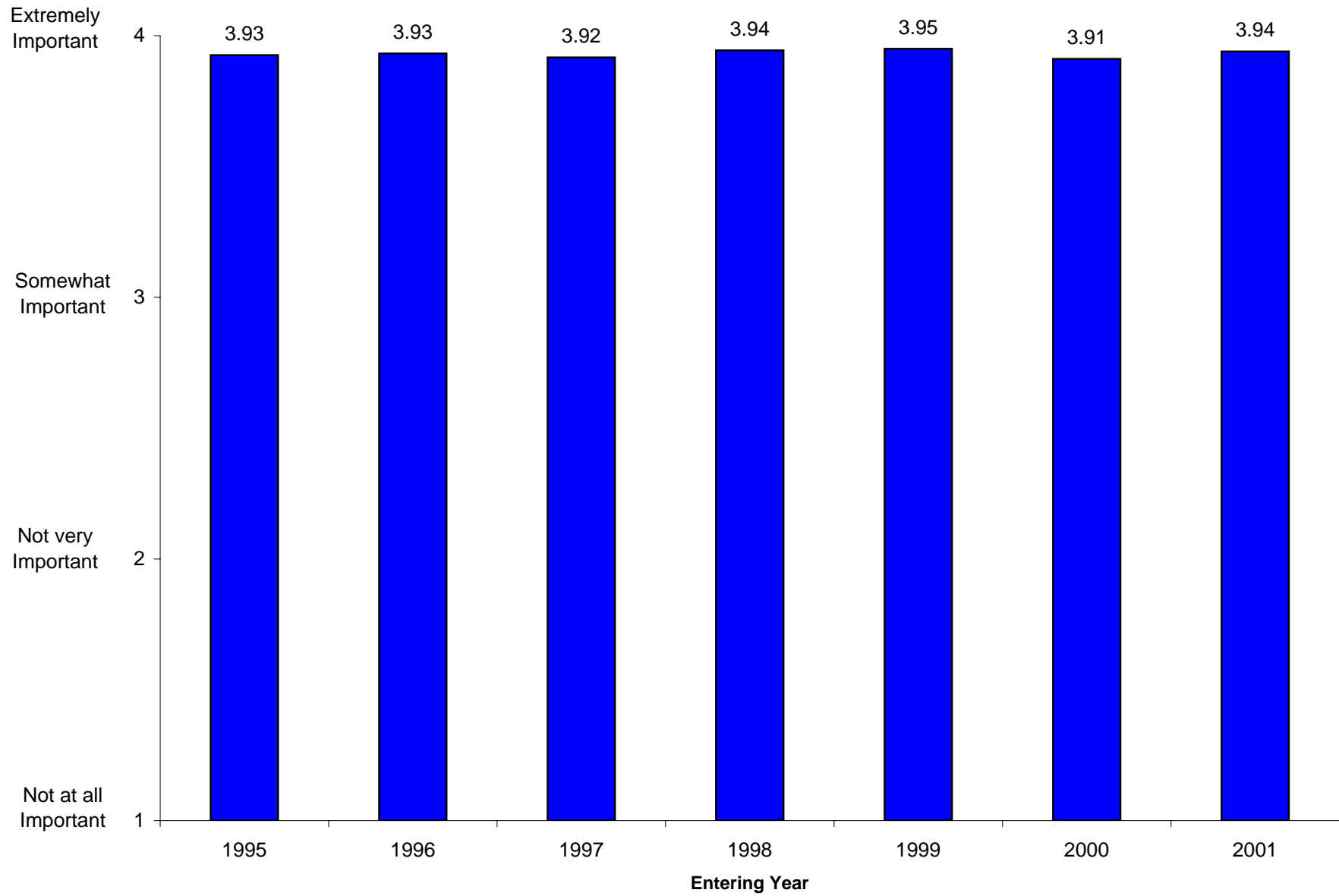




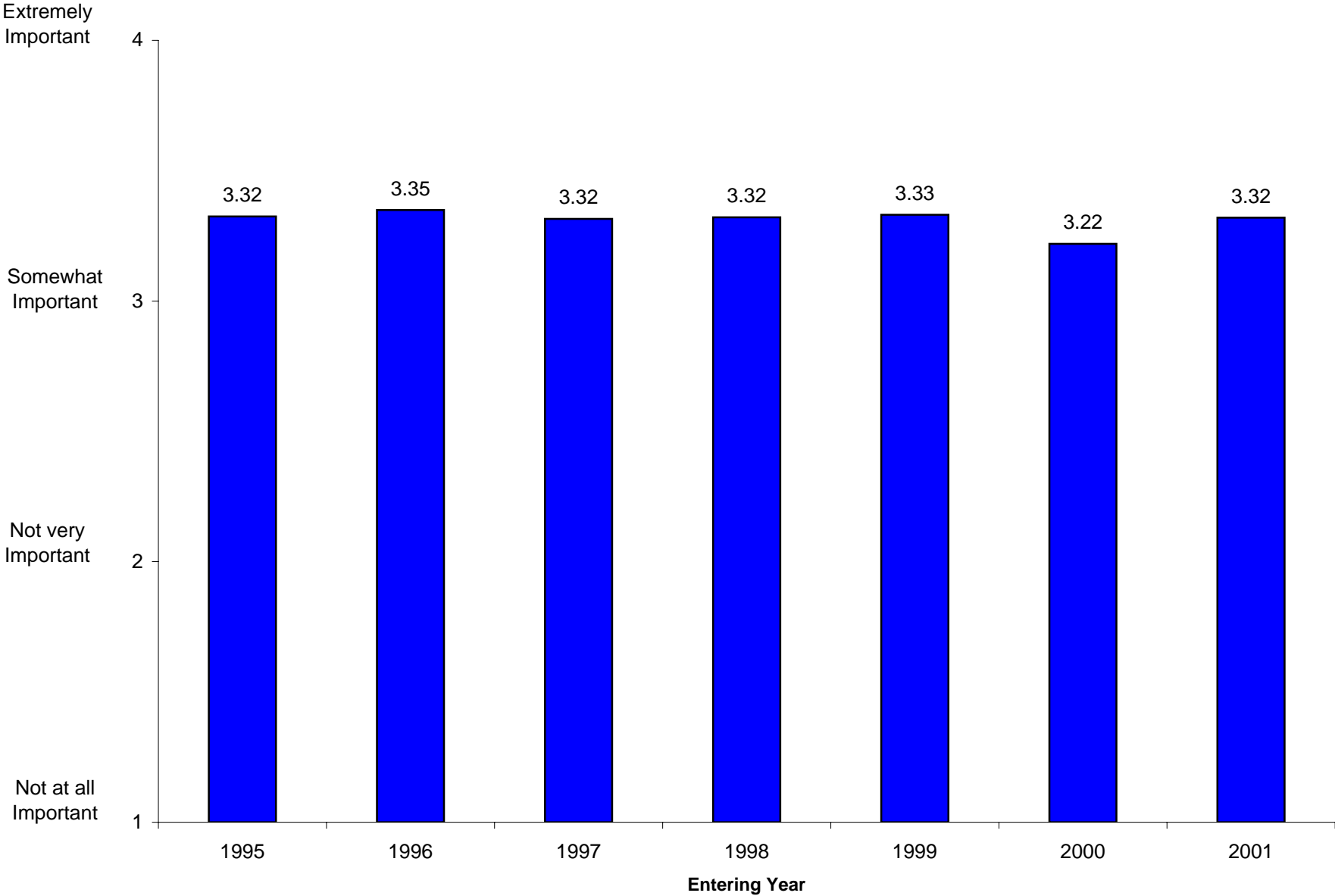


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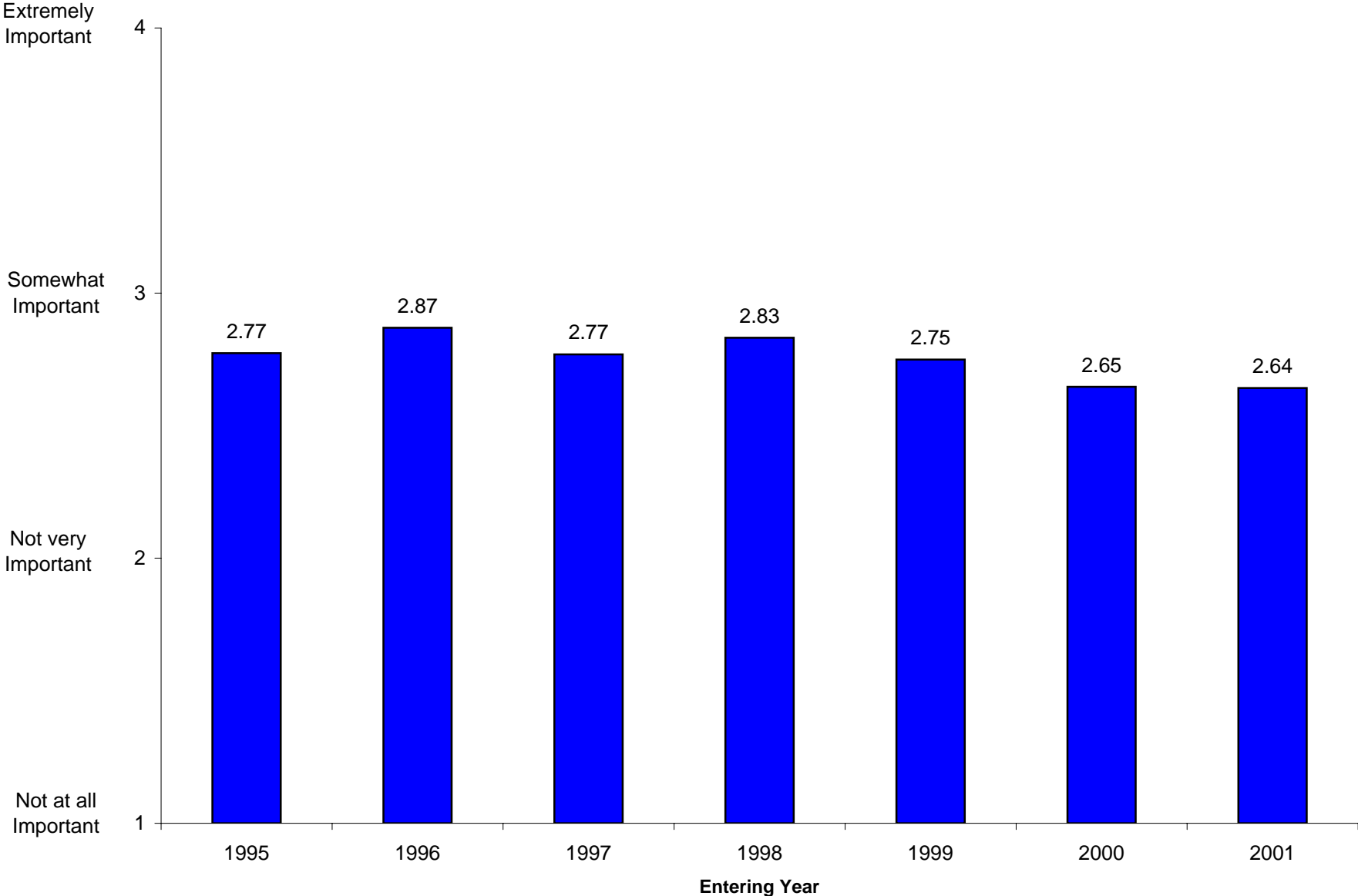
To earn a college degree (Bachelor's degree)



To earn a post graduate degree such as a Masters, Ph.D., or M.D.

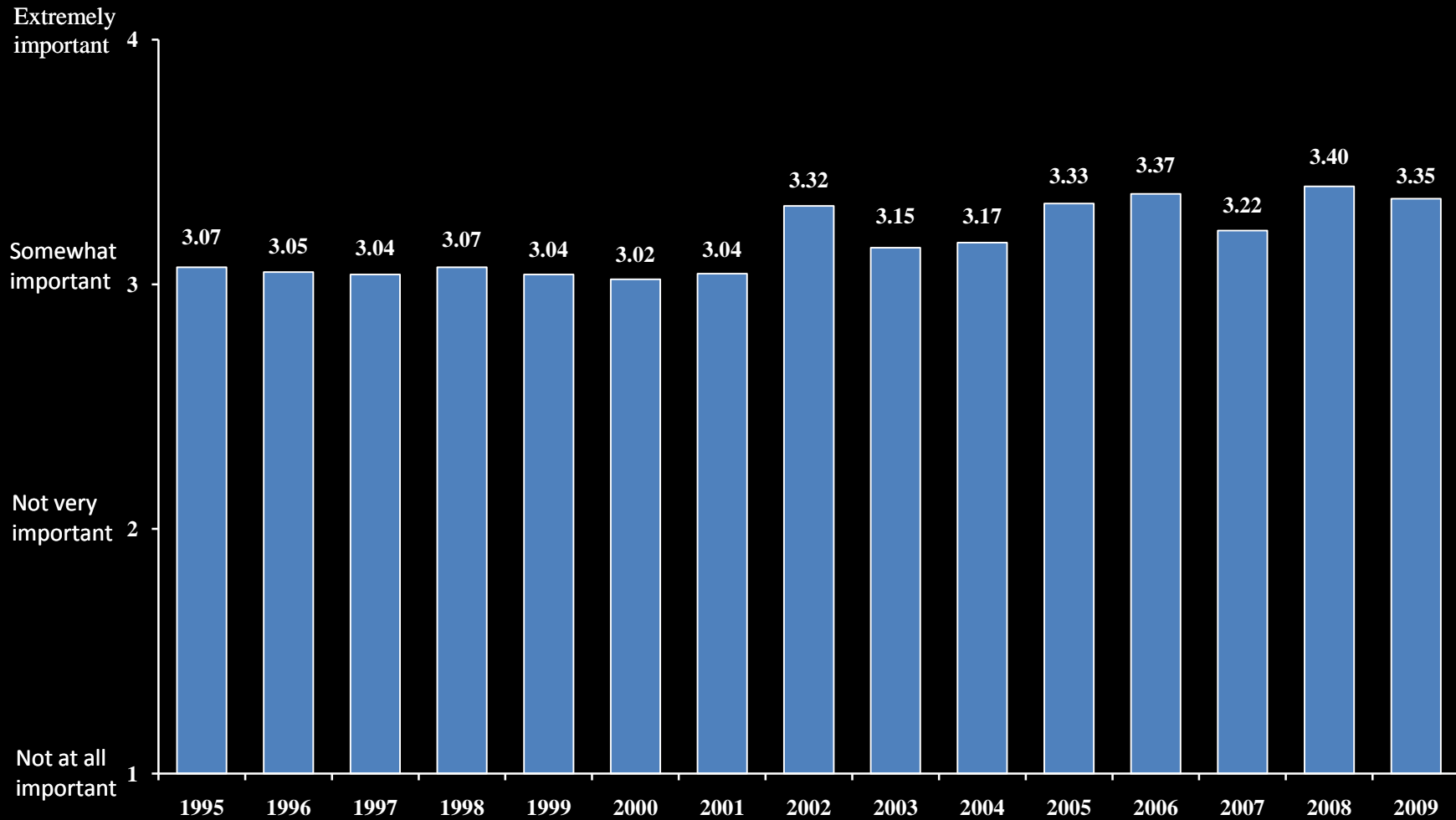


To learn more about environmental problems

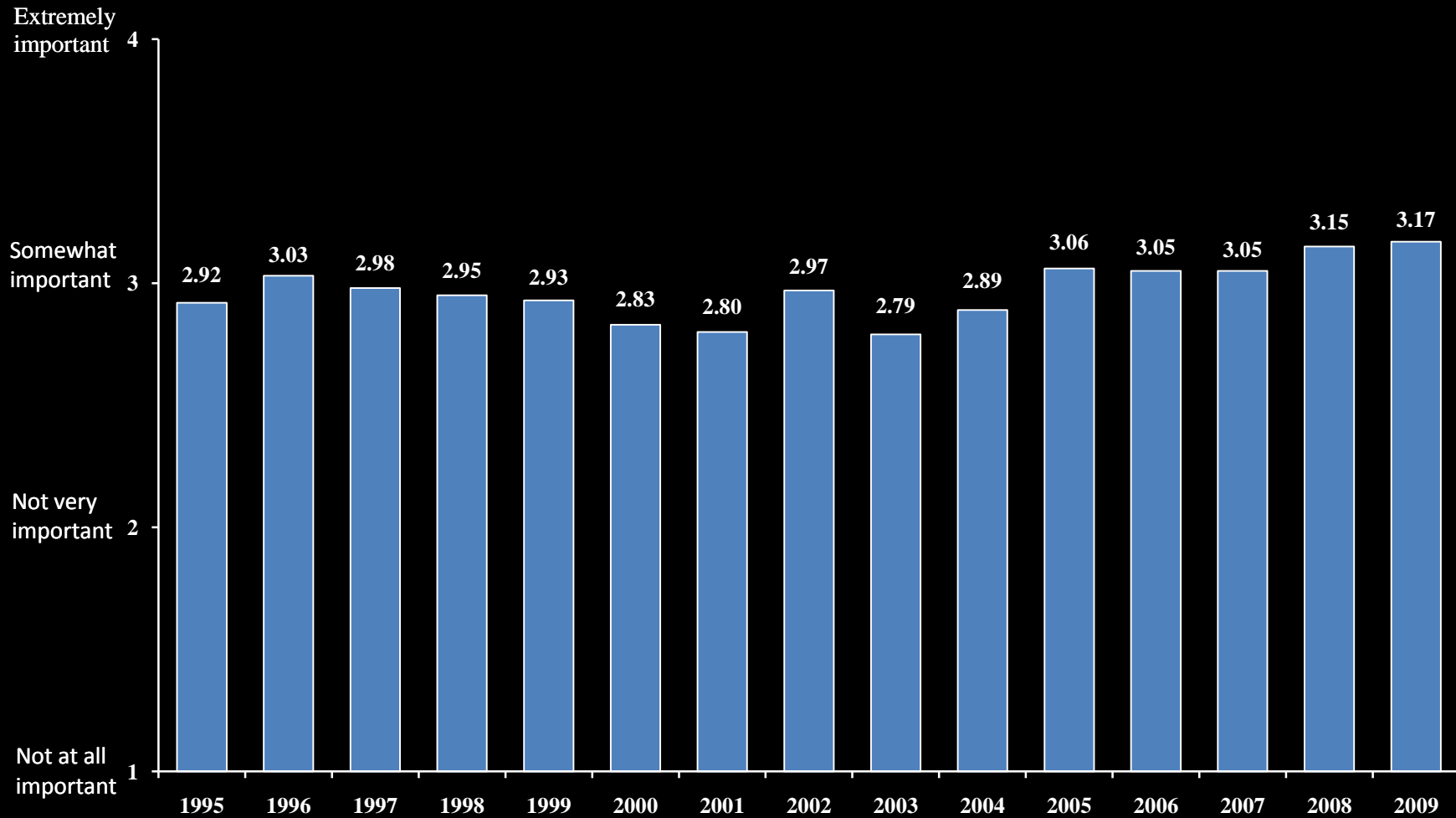




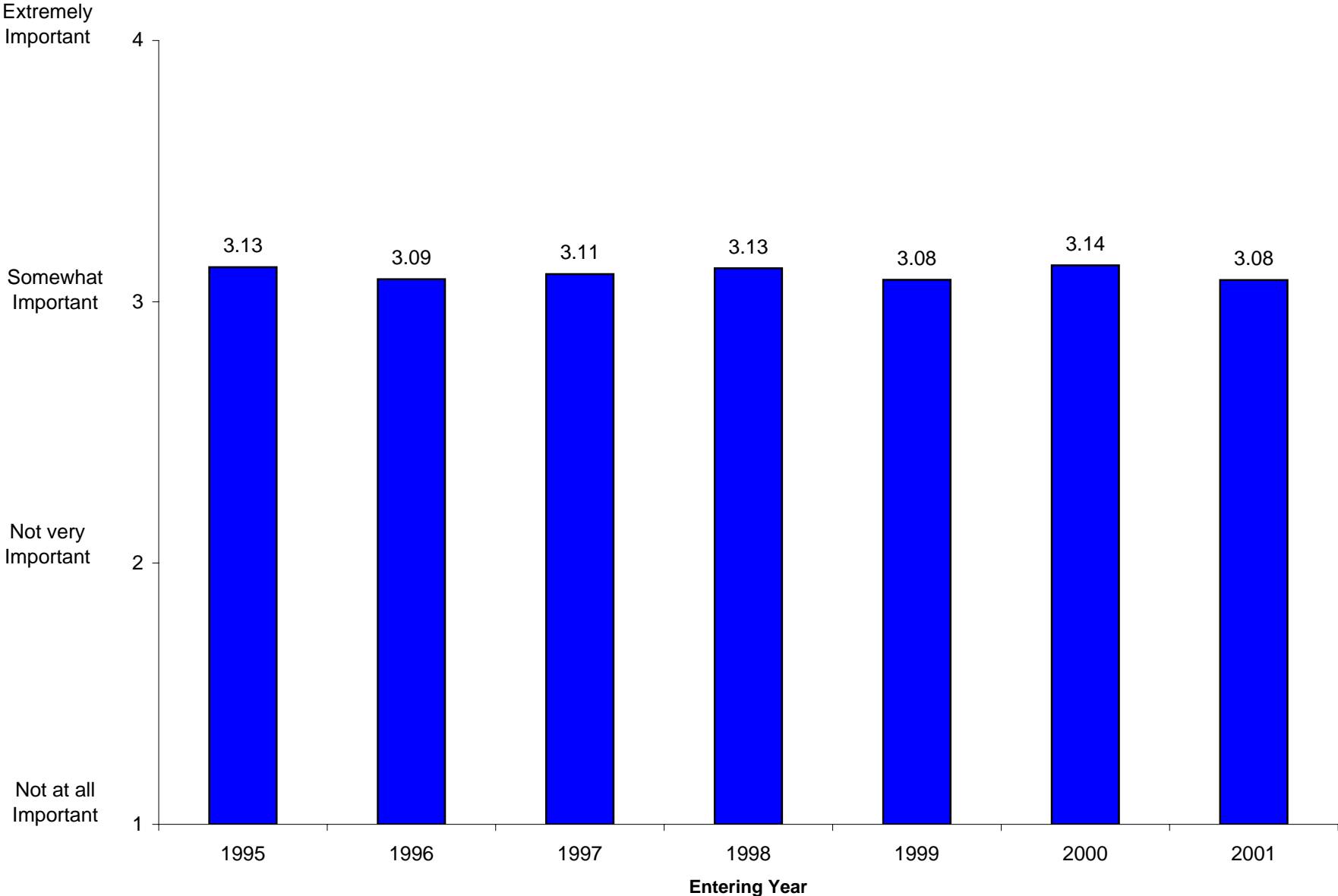
How important to you is it to accomplish the following goals?  
*To learn more about cultural diversity*



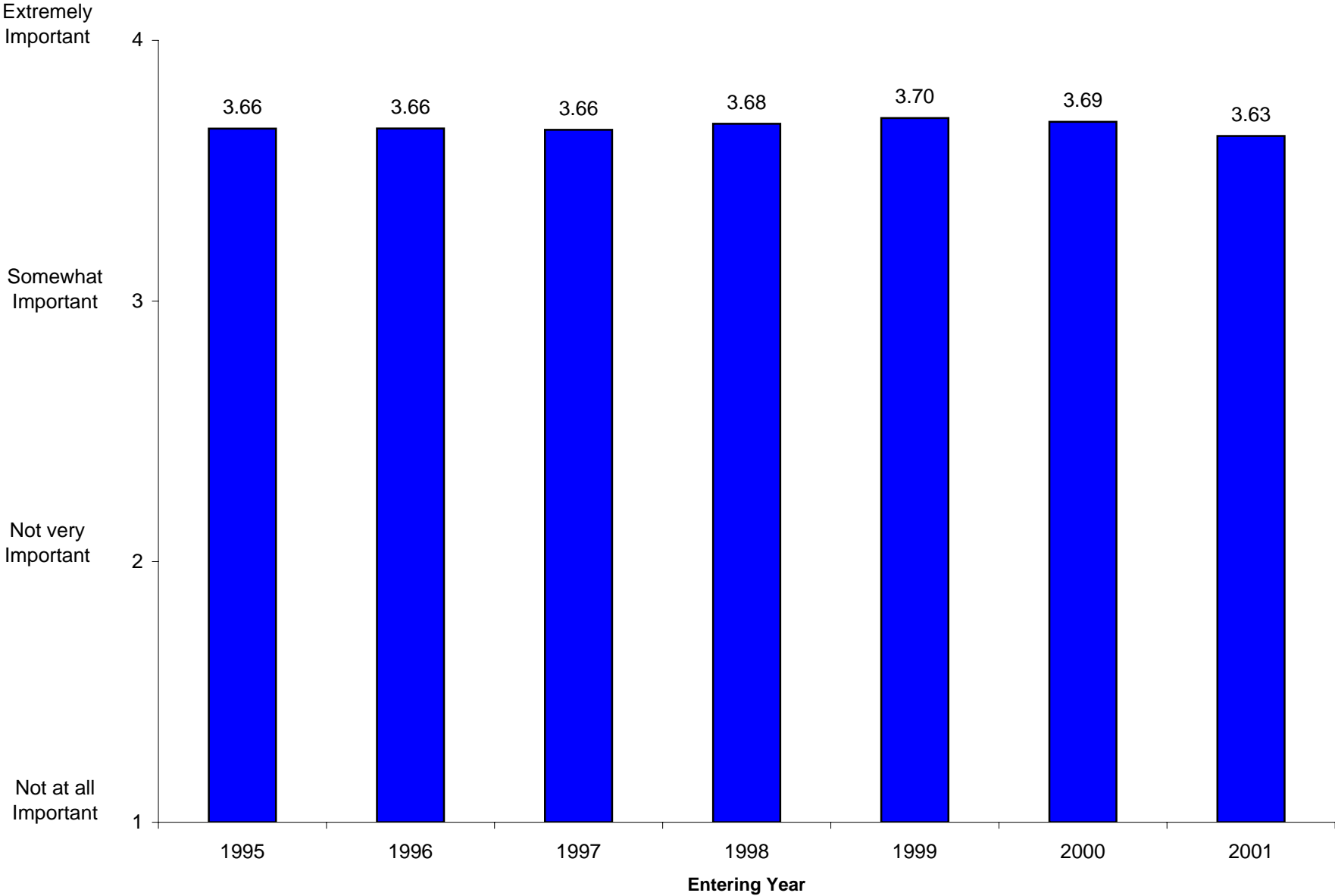
How important to you is it to accomplish the following goals?  
*To learn more about nonviolent conflict resolution*



To learn more about religion or philosophy



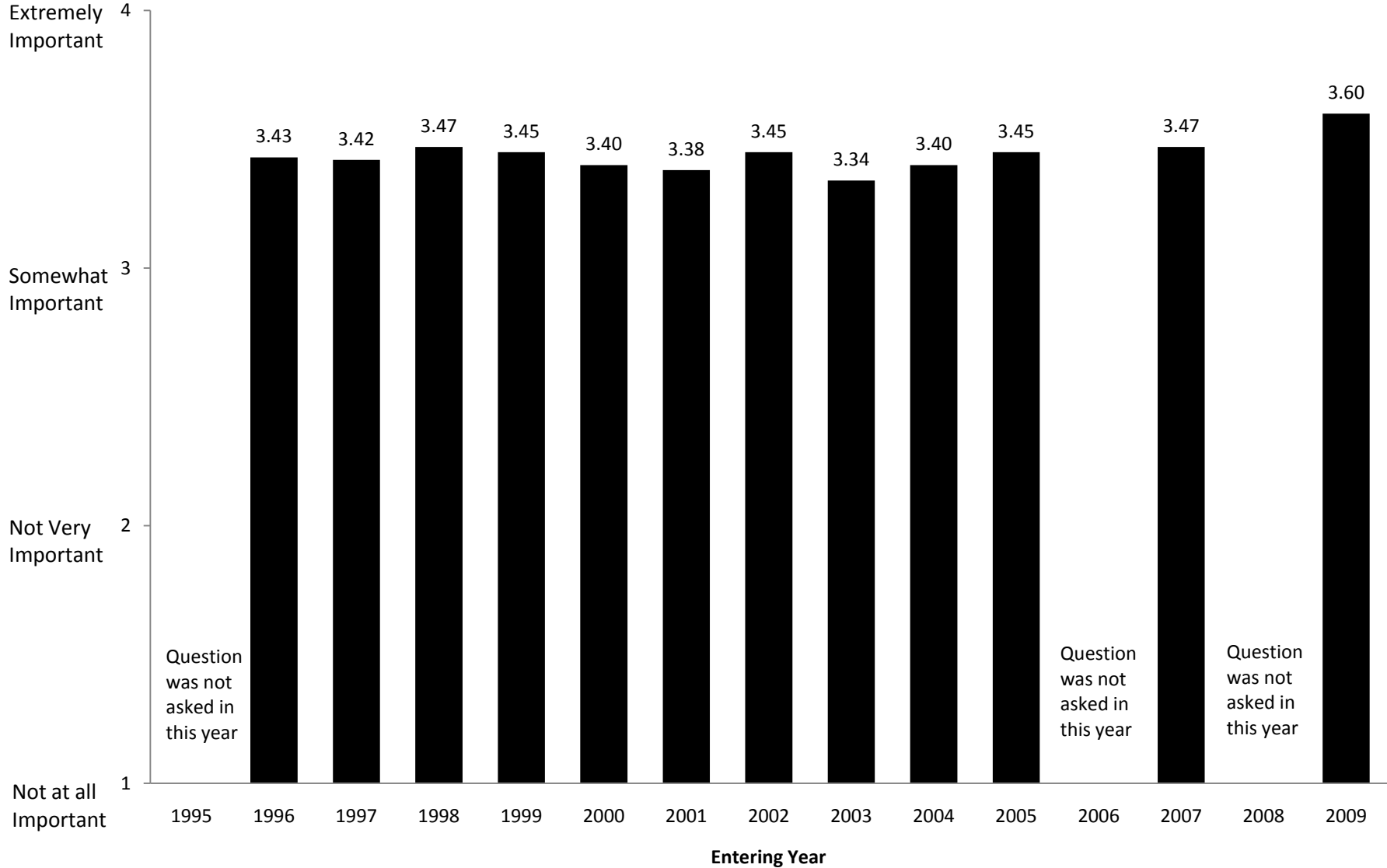
To become a 'well-rounded' person



How important to you is it to accomplish the following goals?

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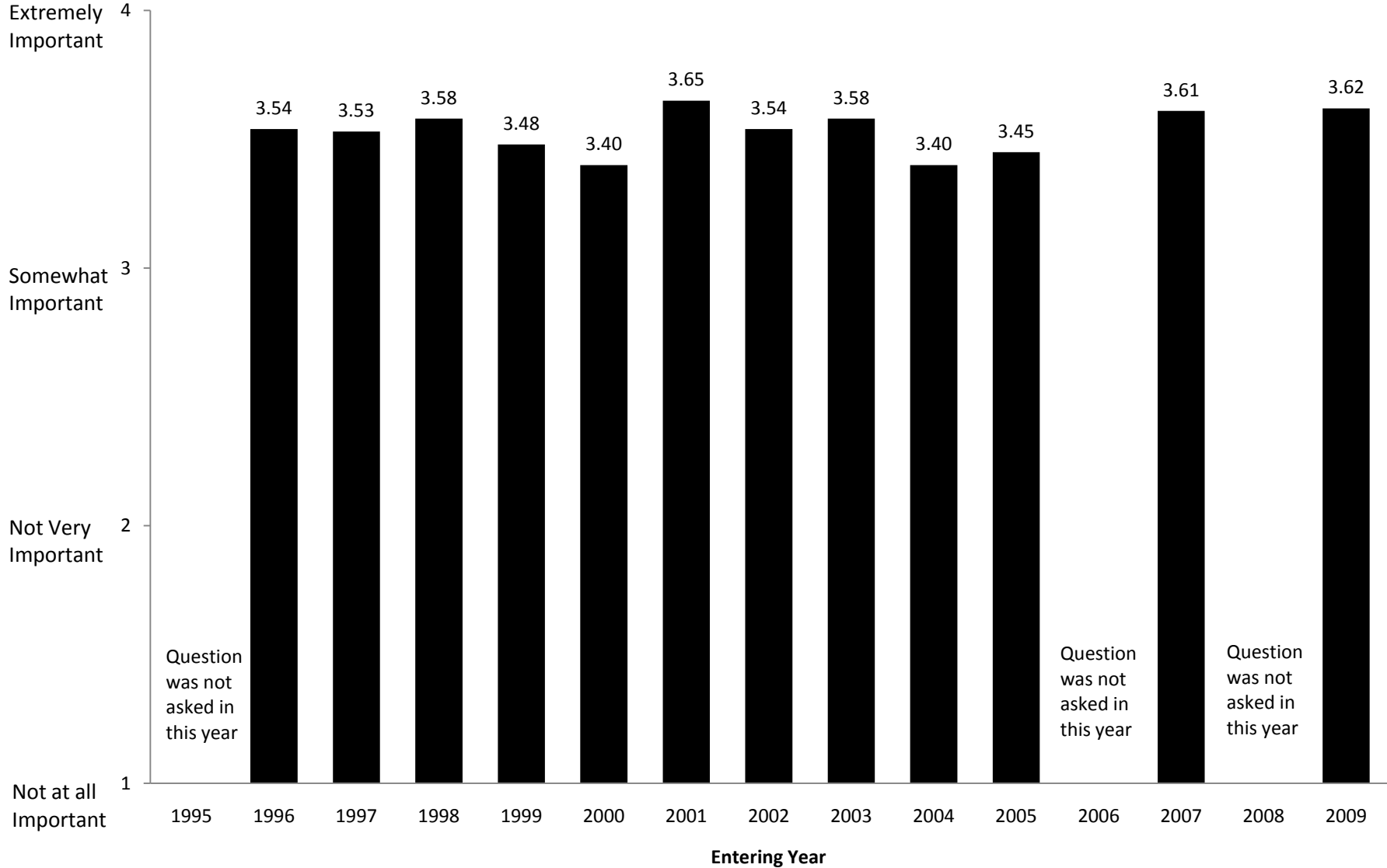
### To learn more about a variety of subjects

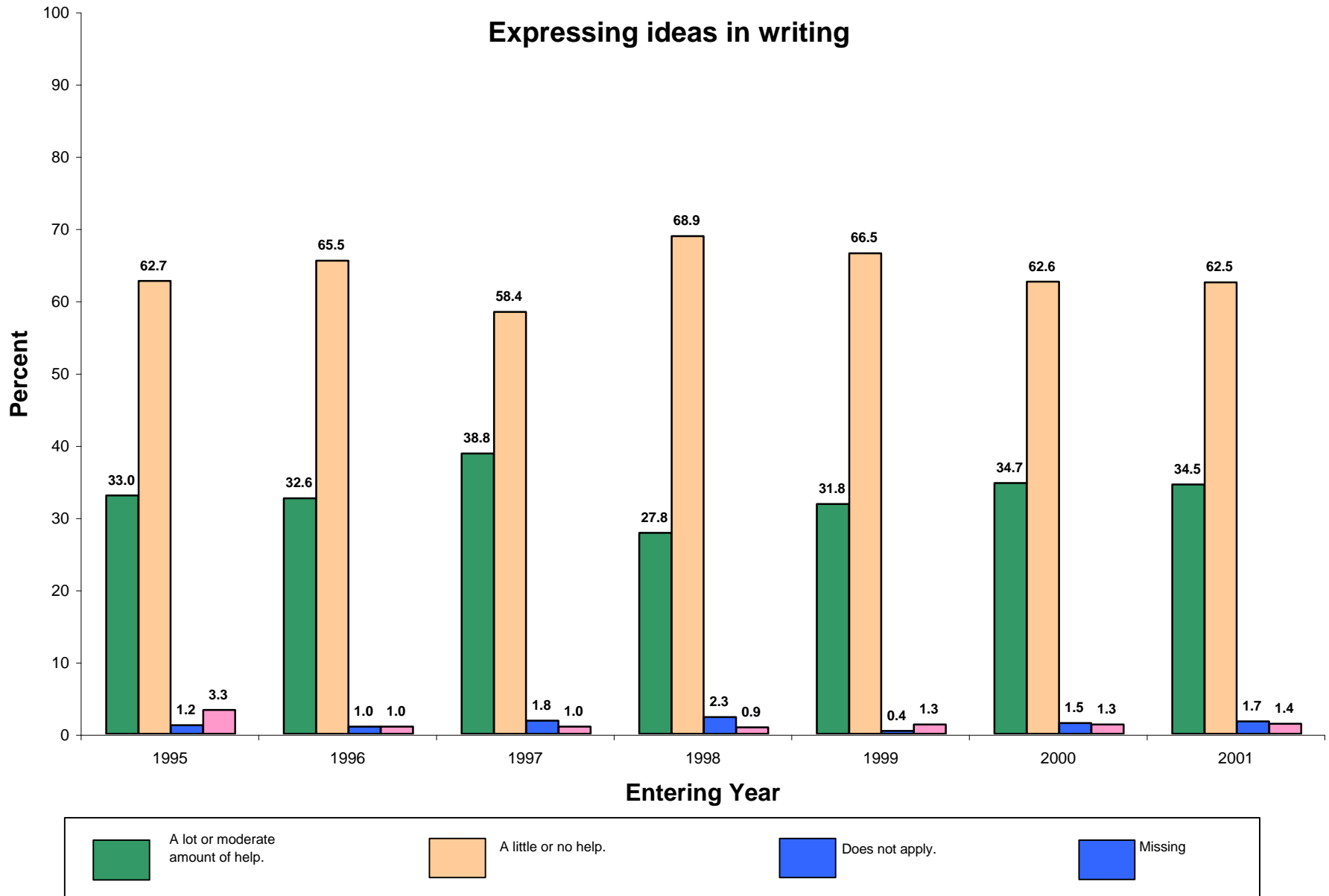


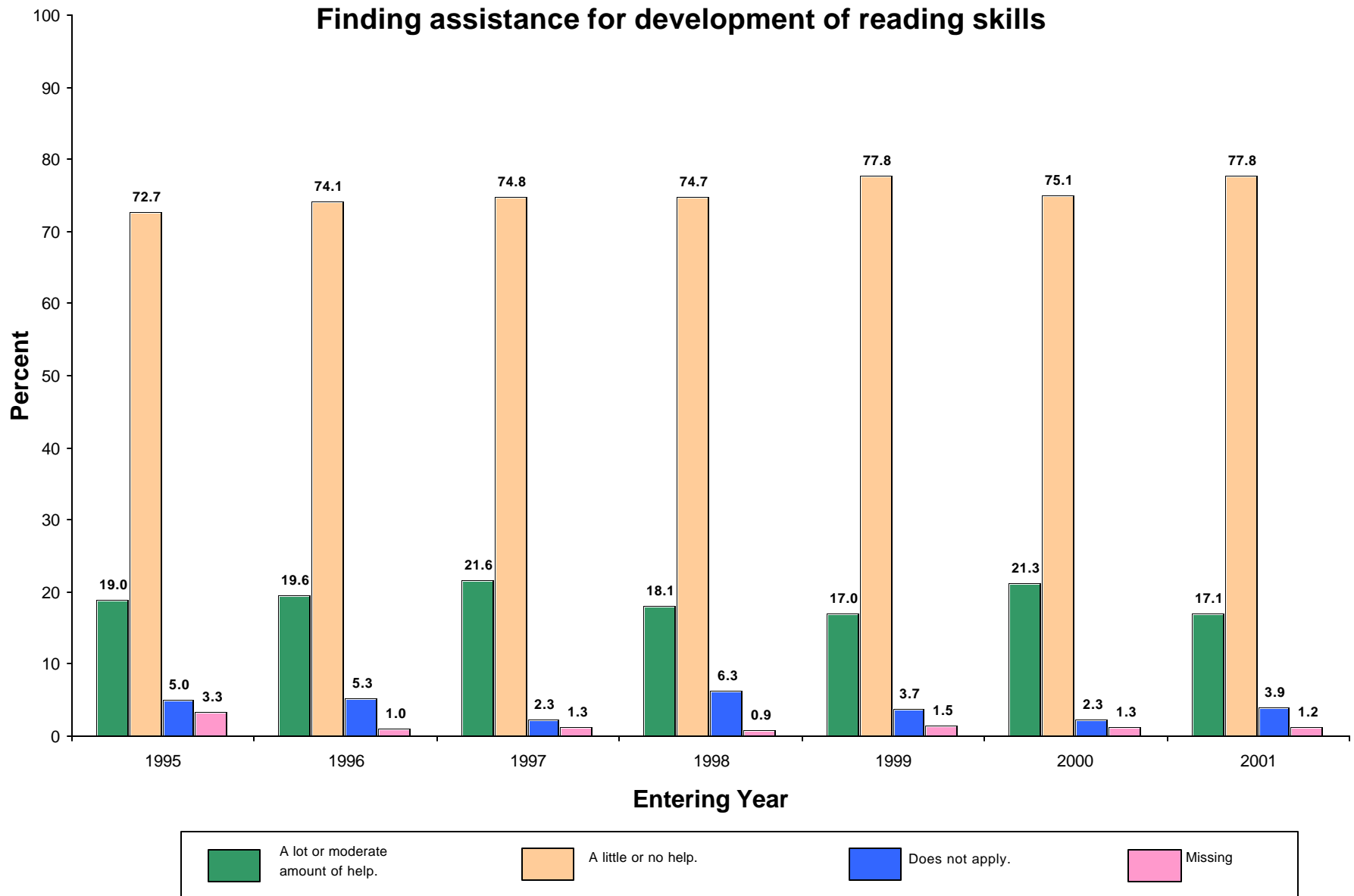
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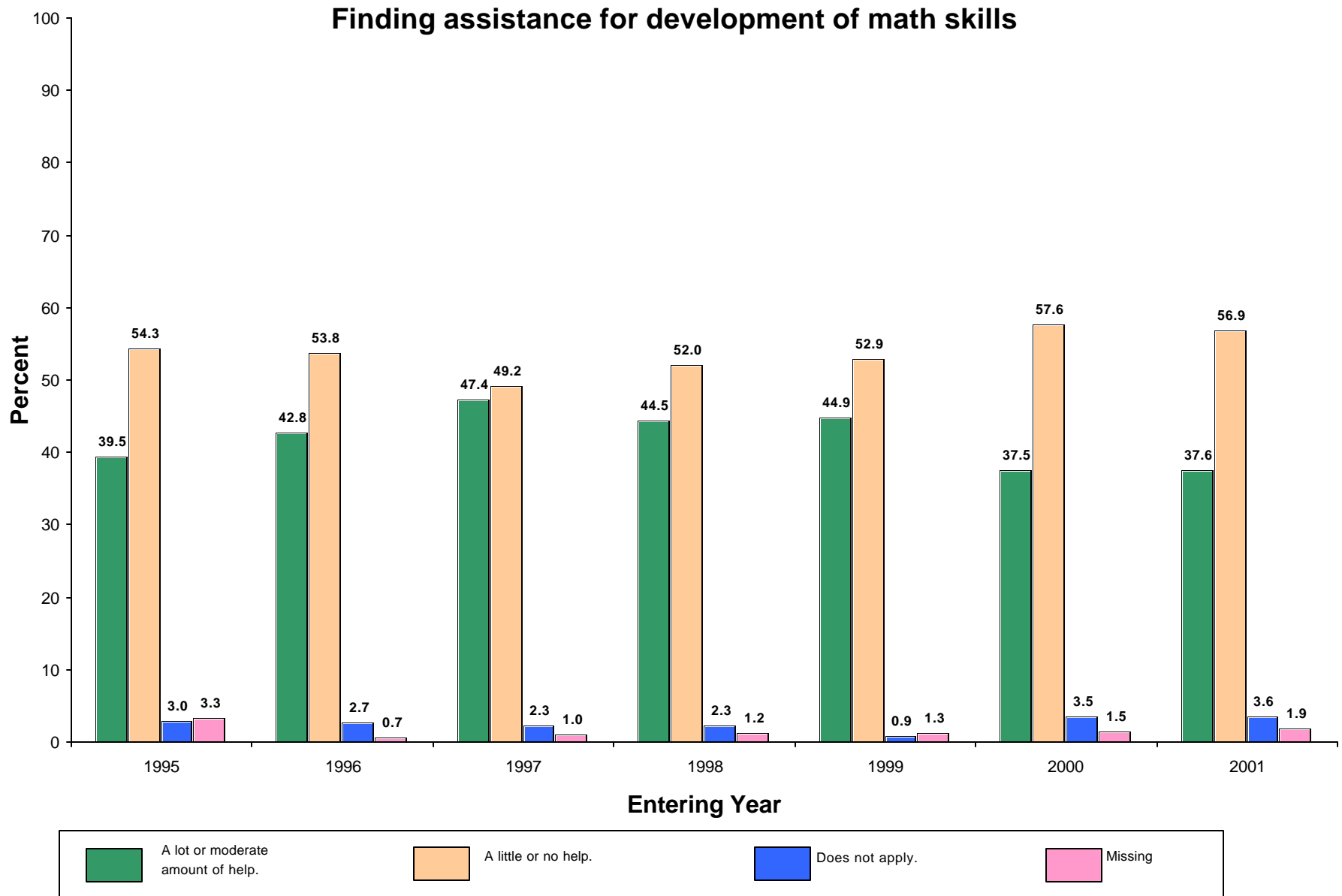
### To learn more about a specific subject

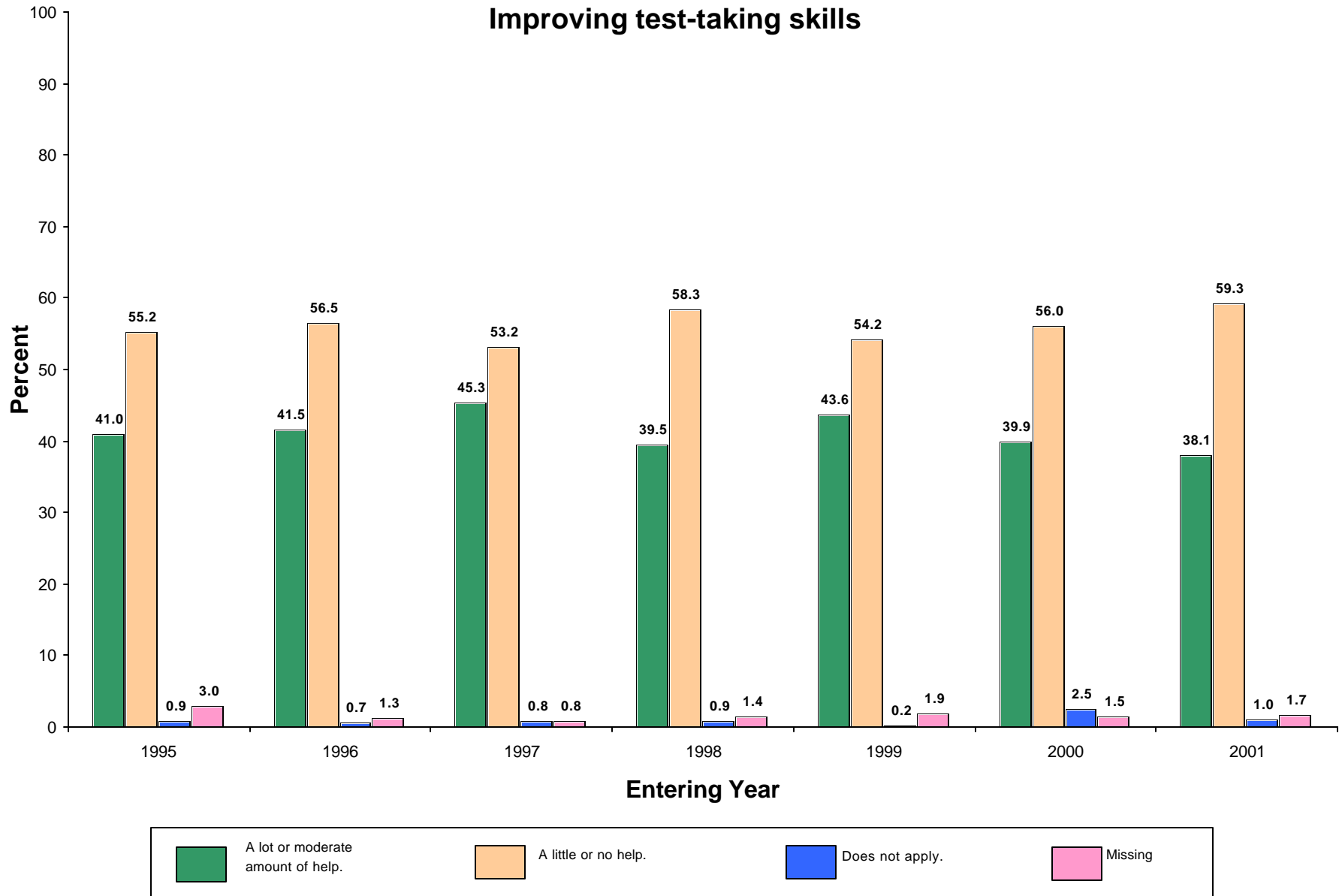


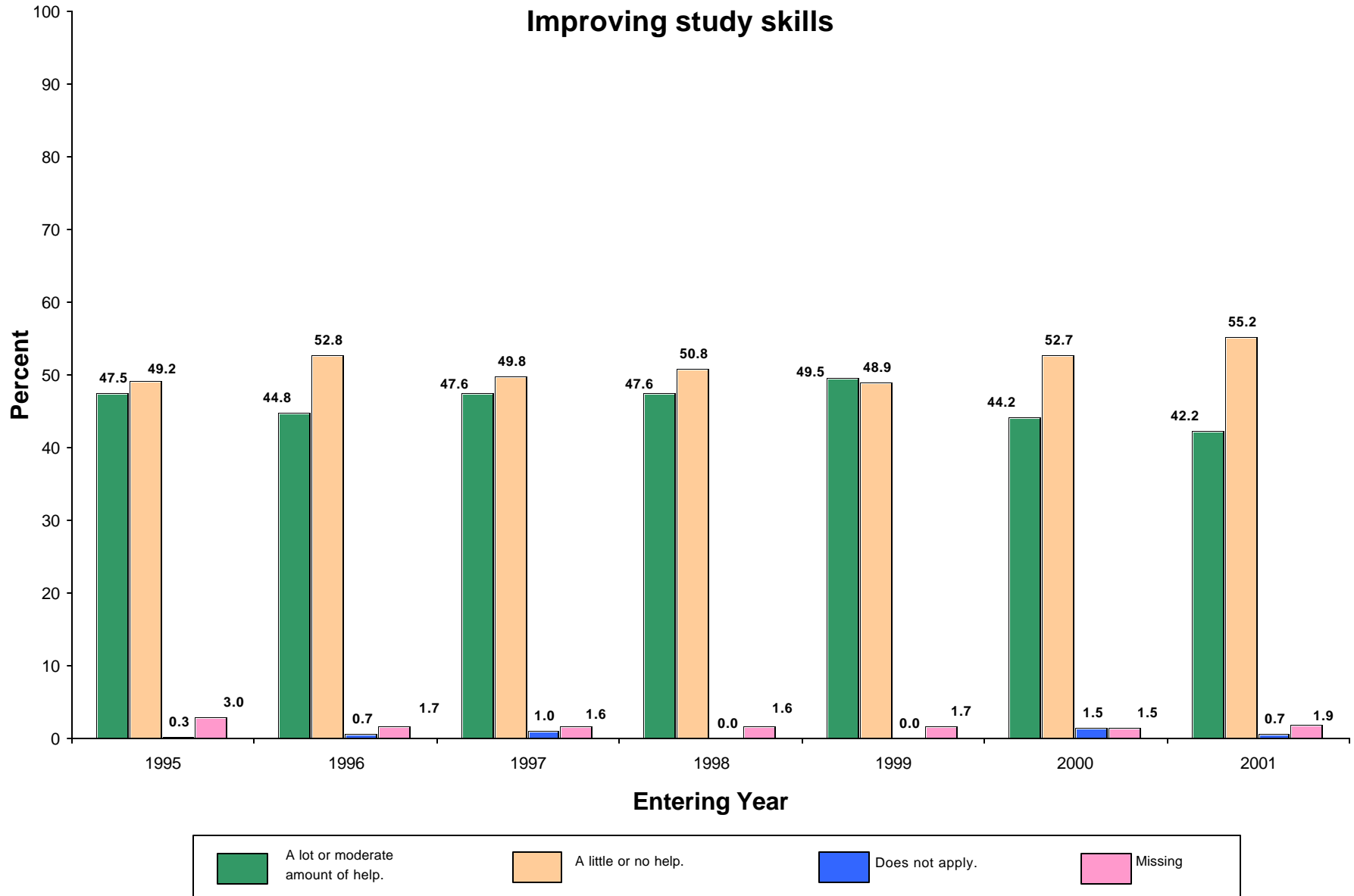


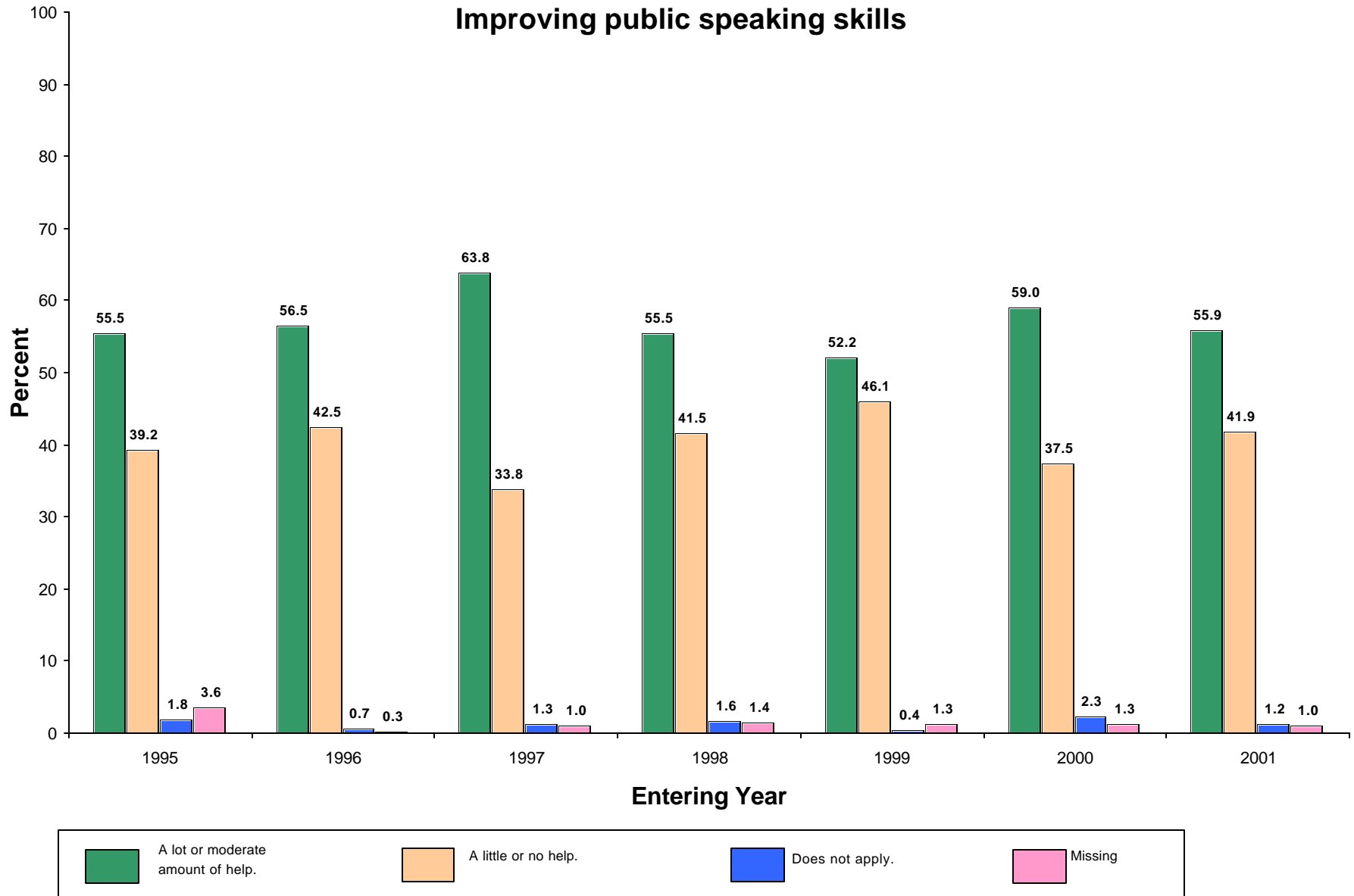




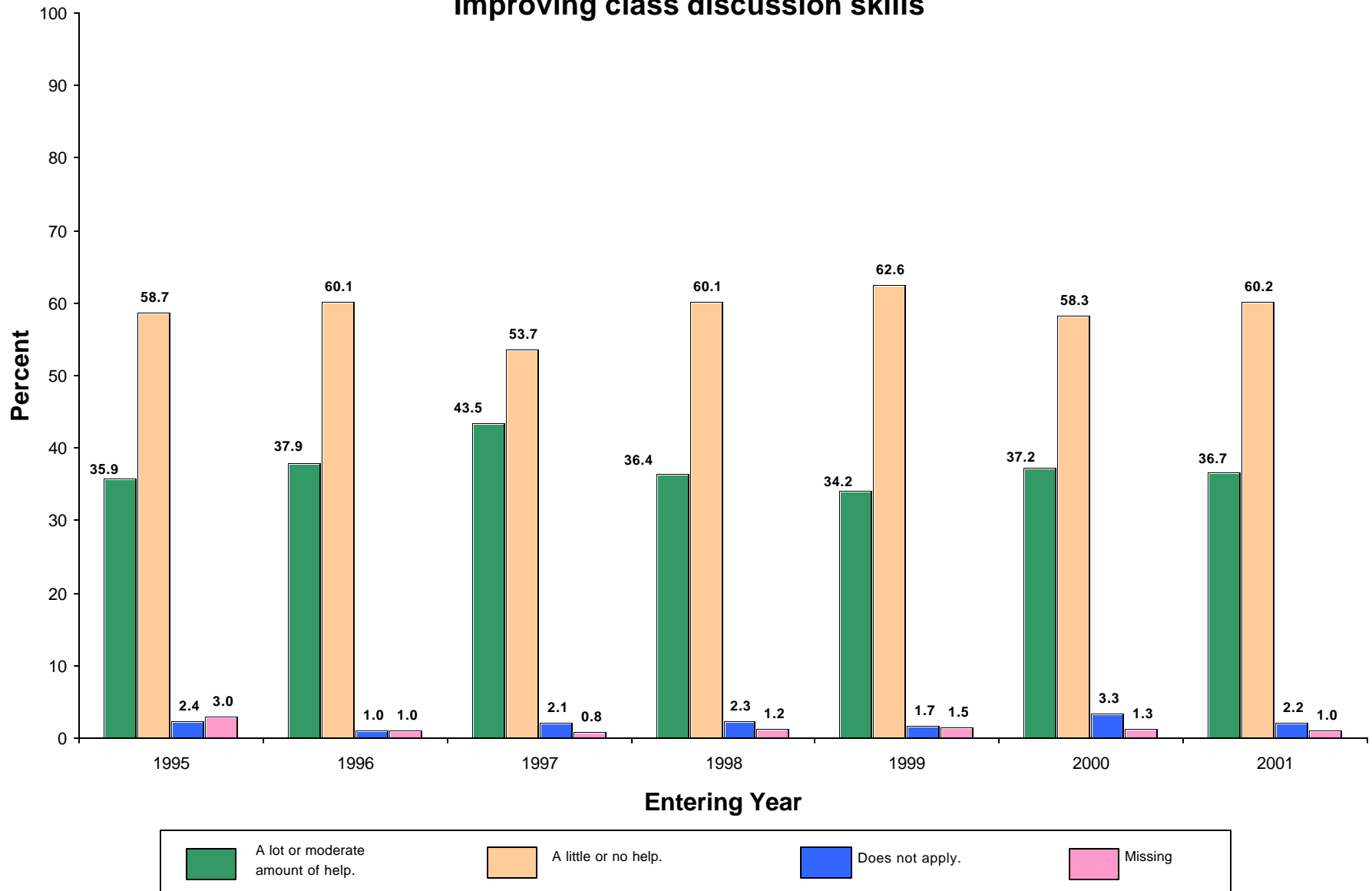






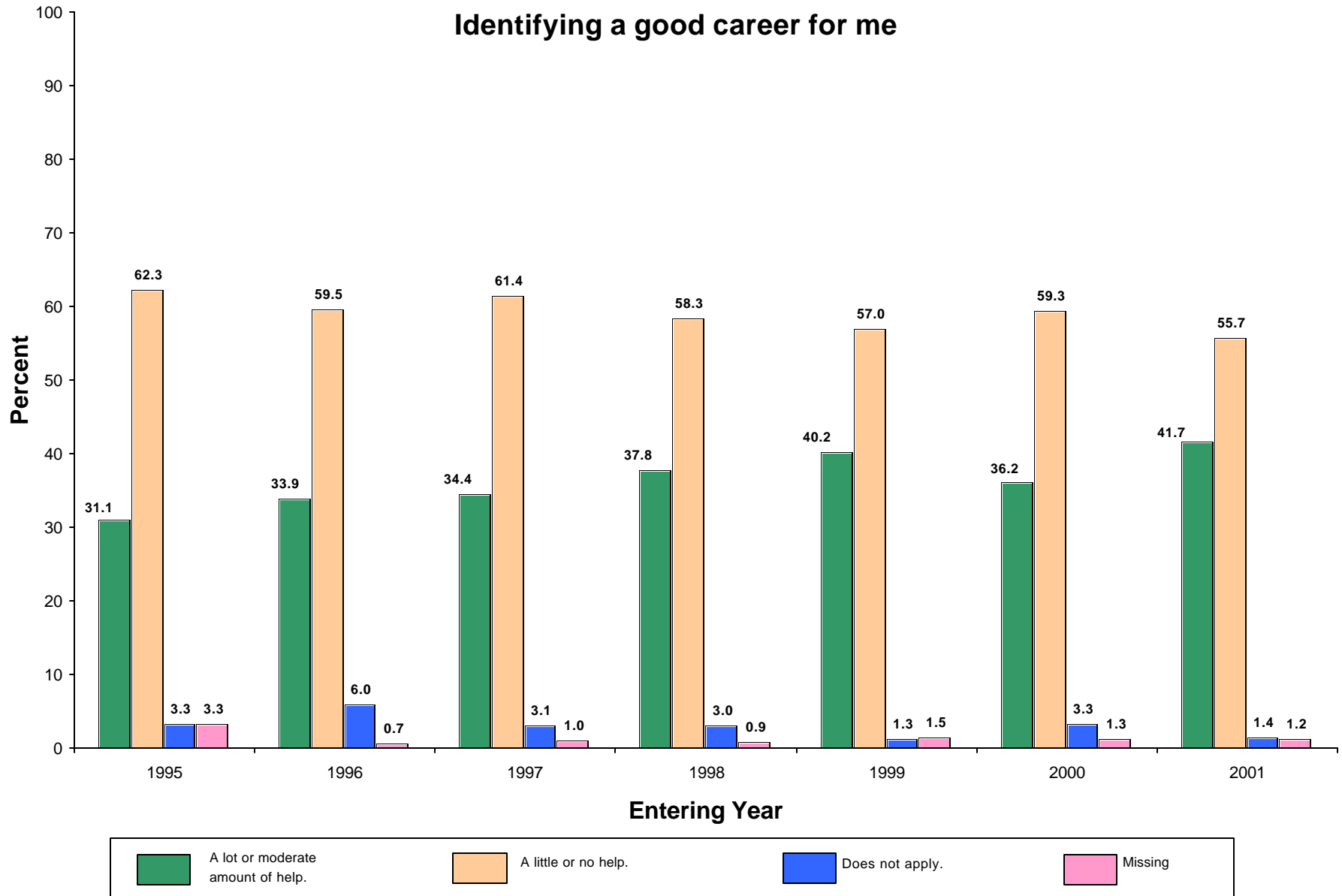


### Improving class discussion skills

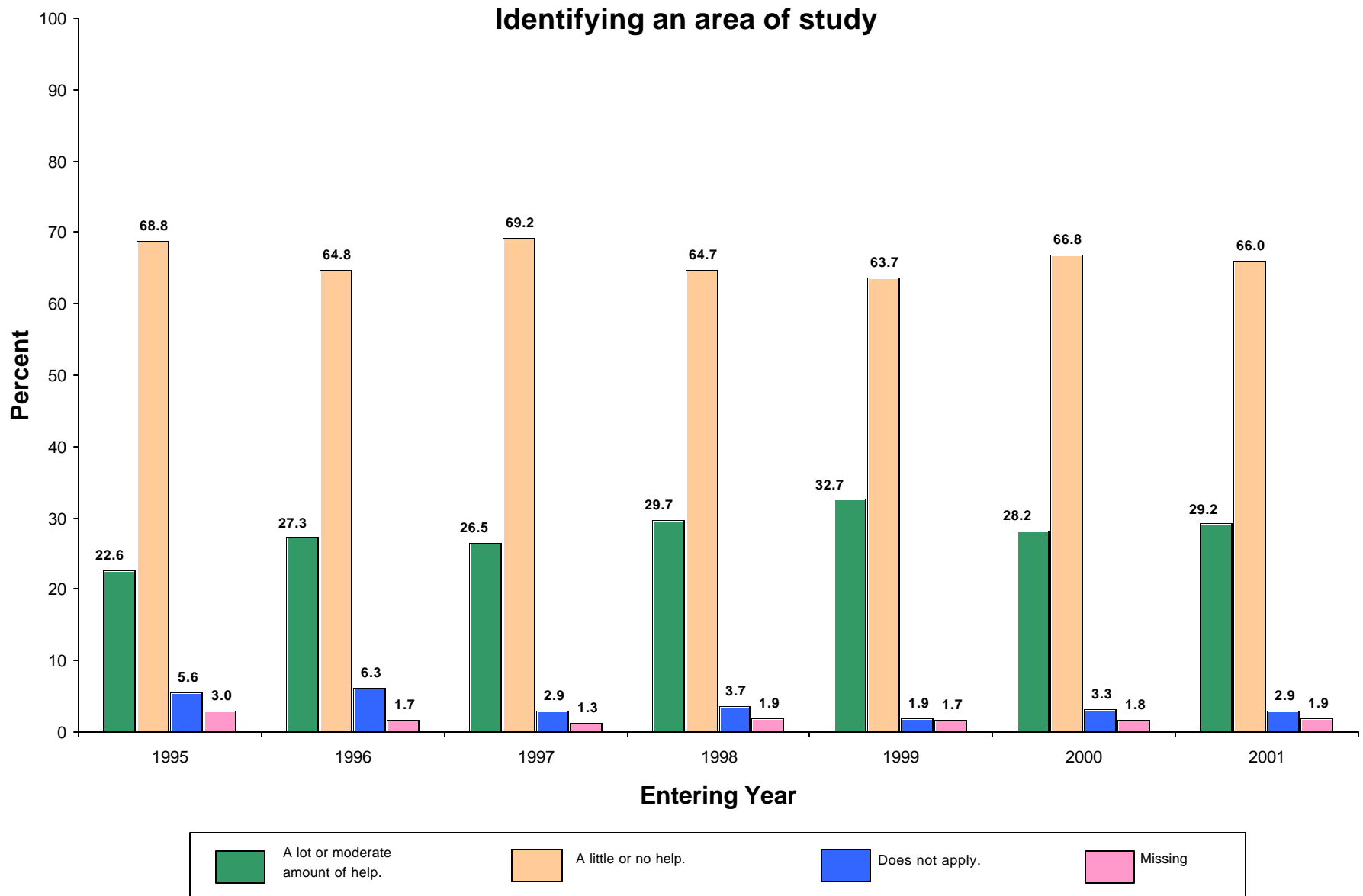


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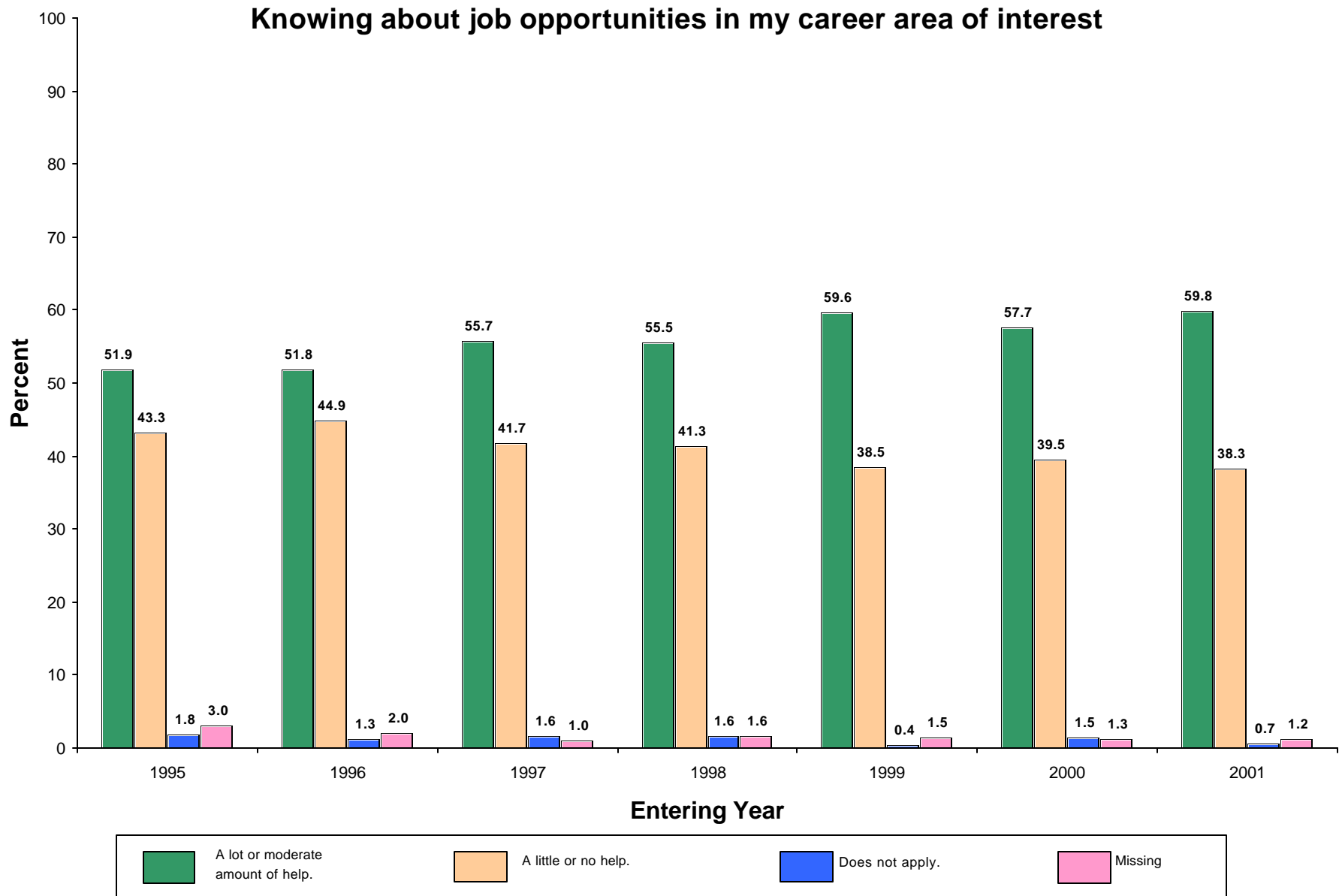
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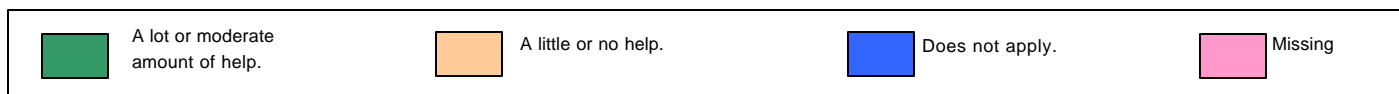
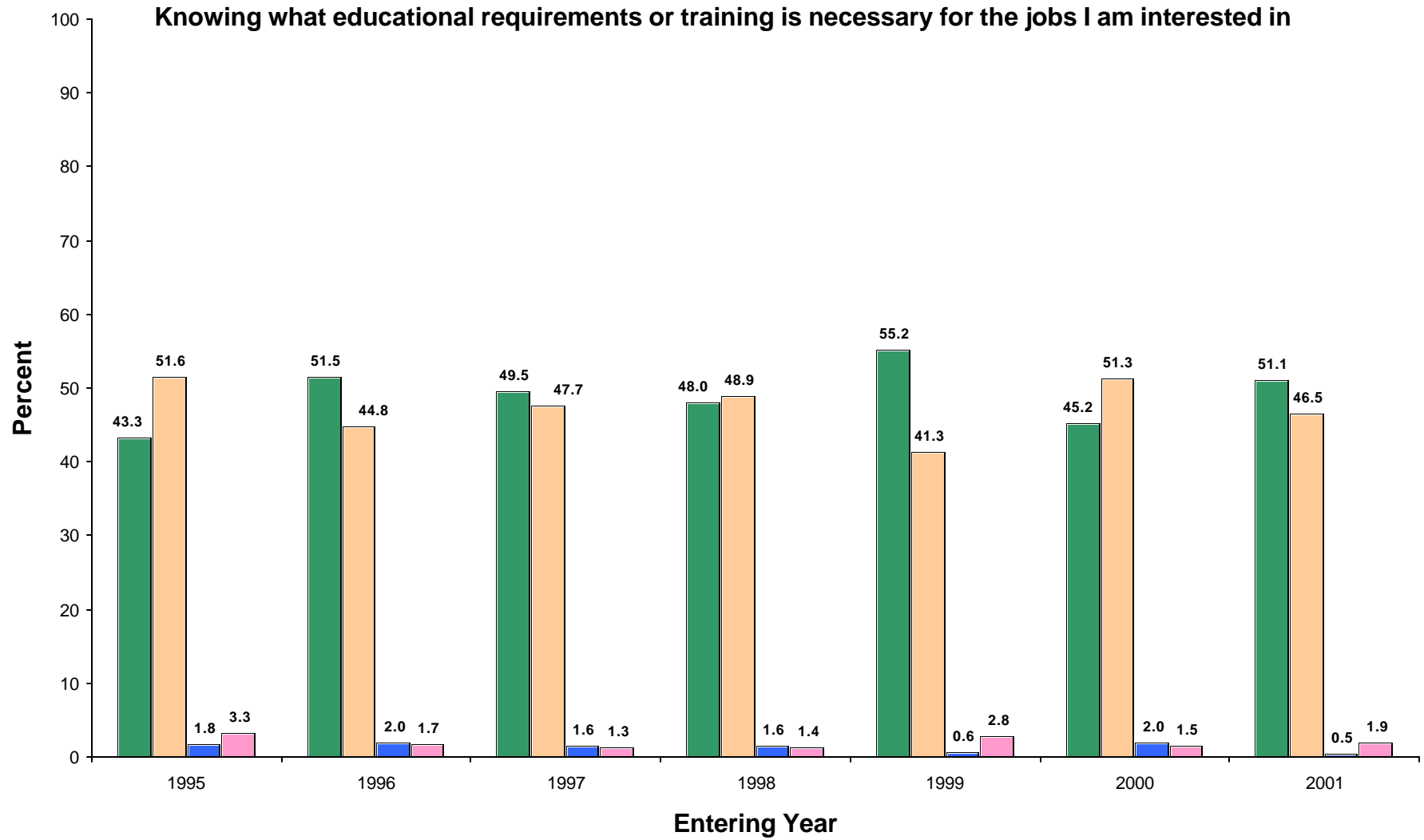


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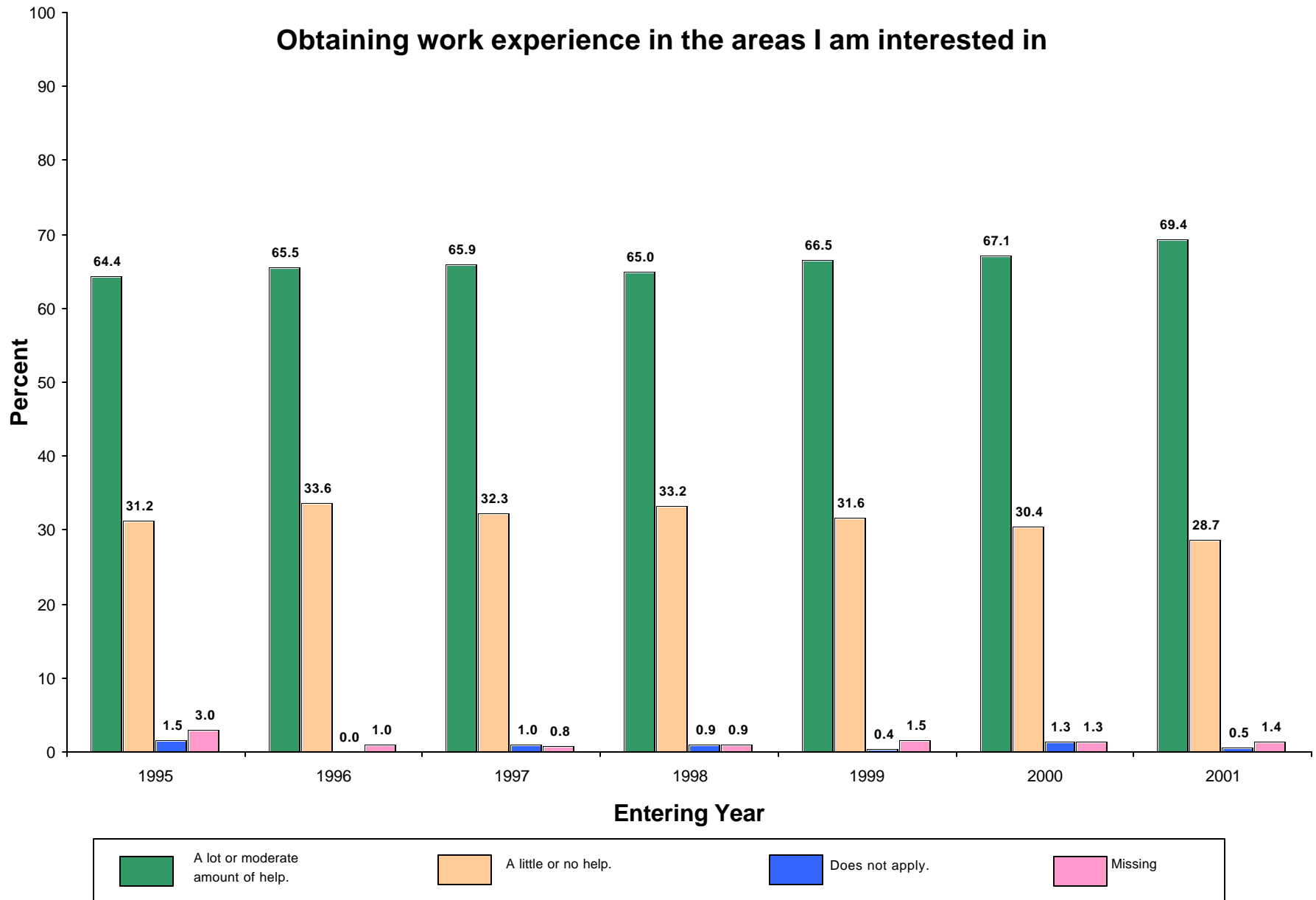


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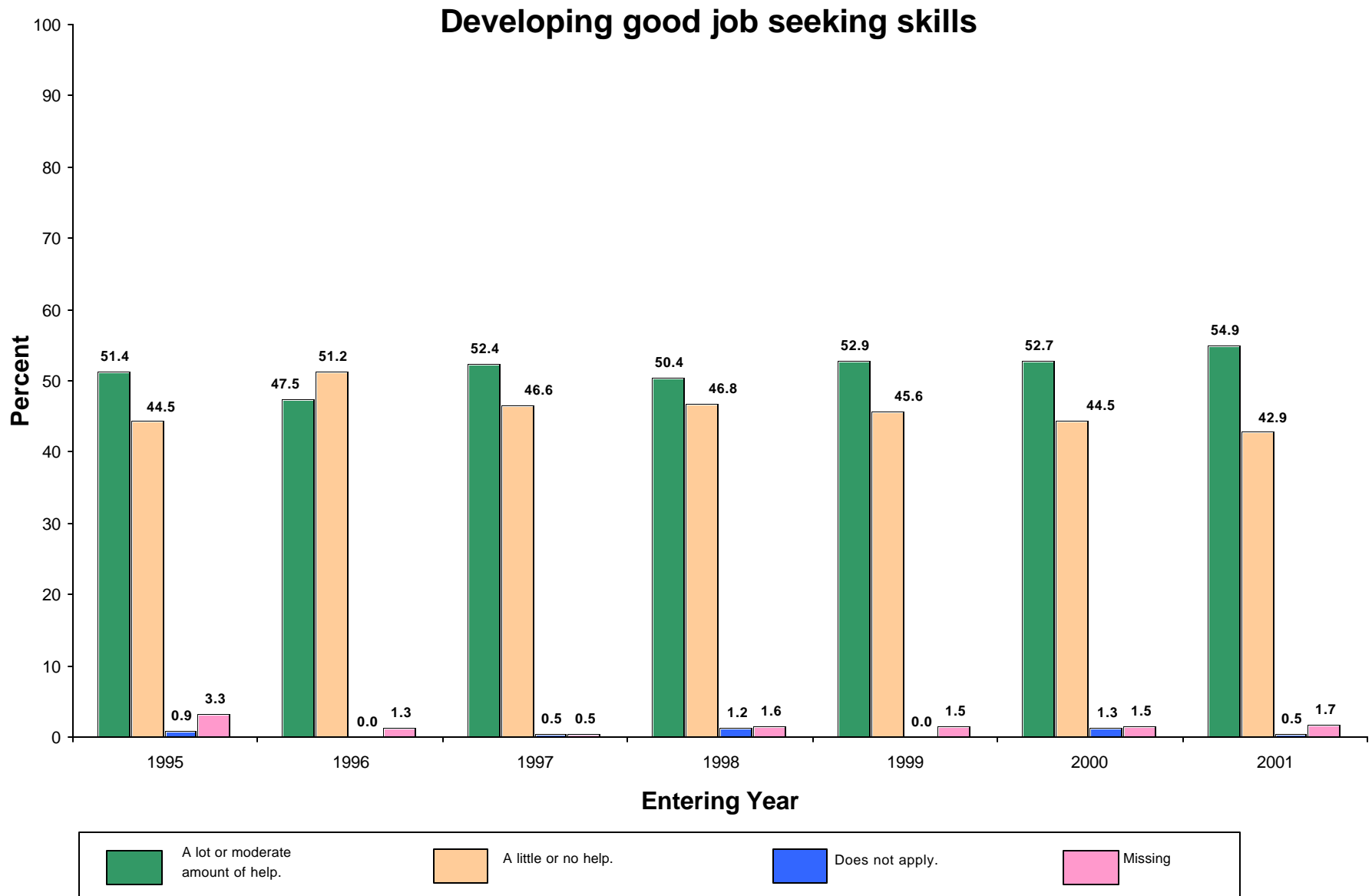
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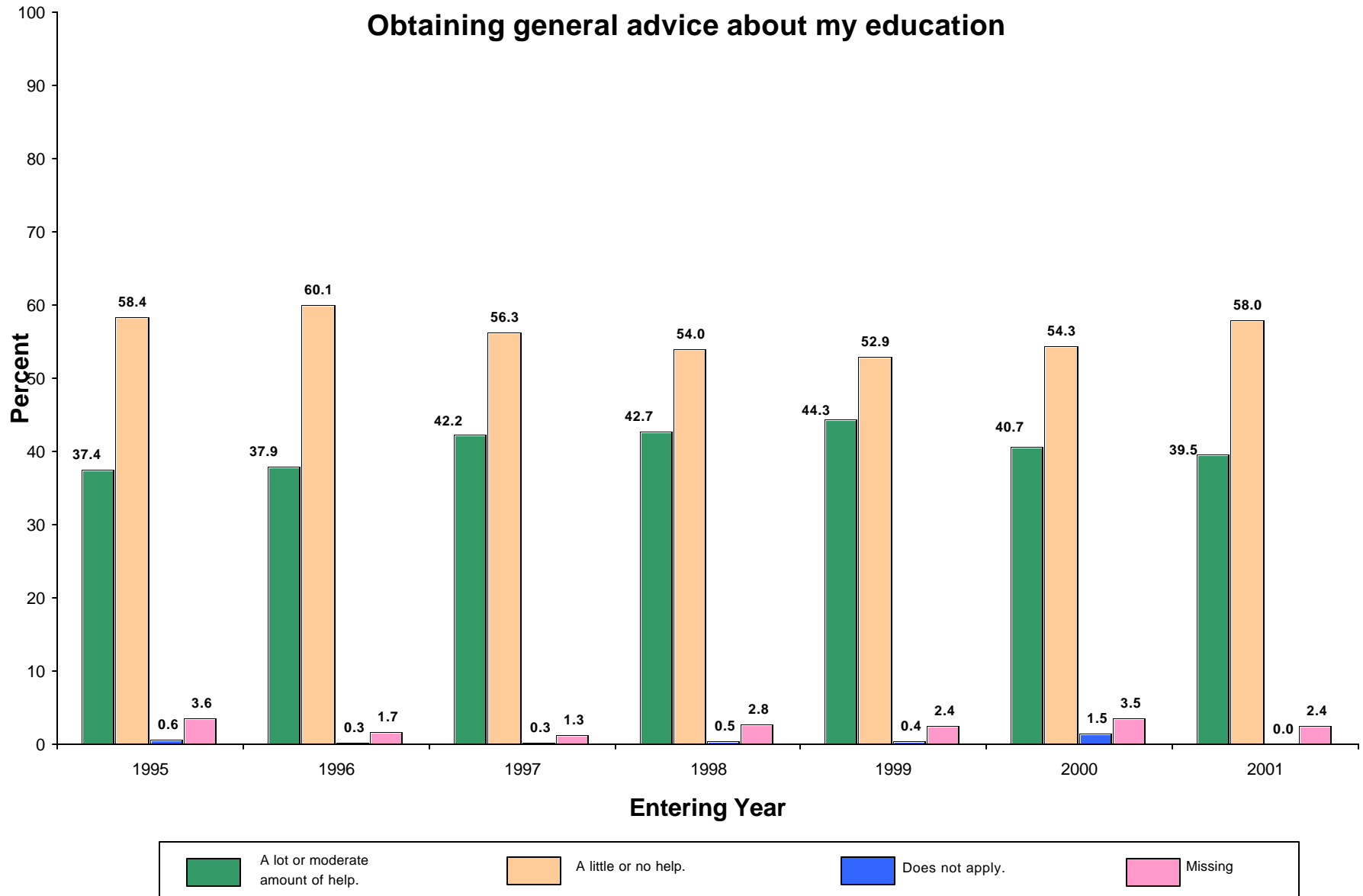
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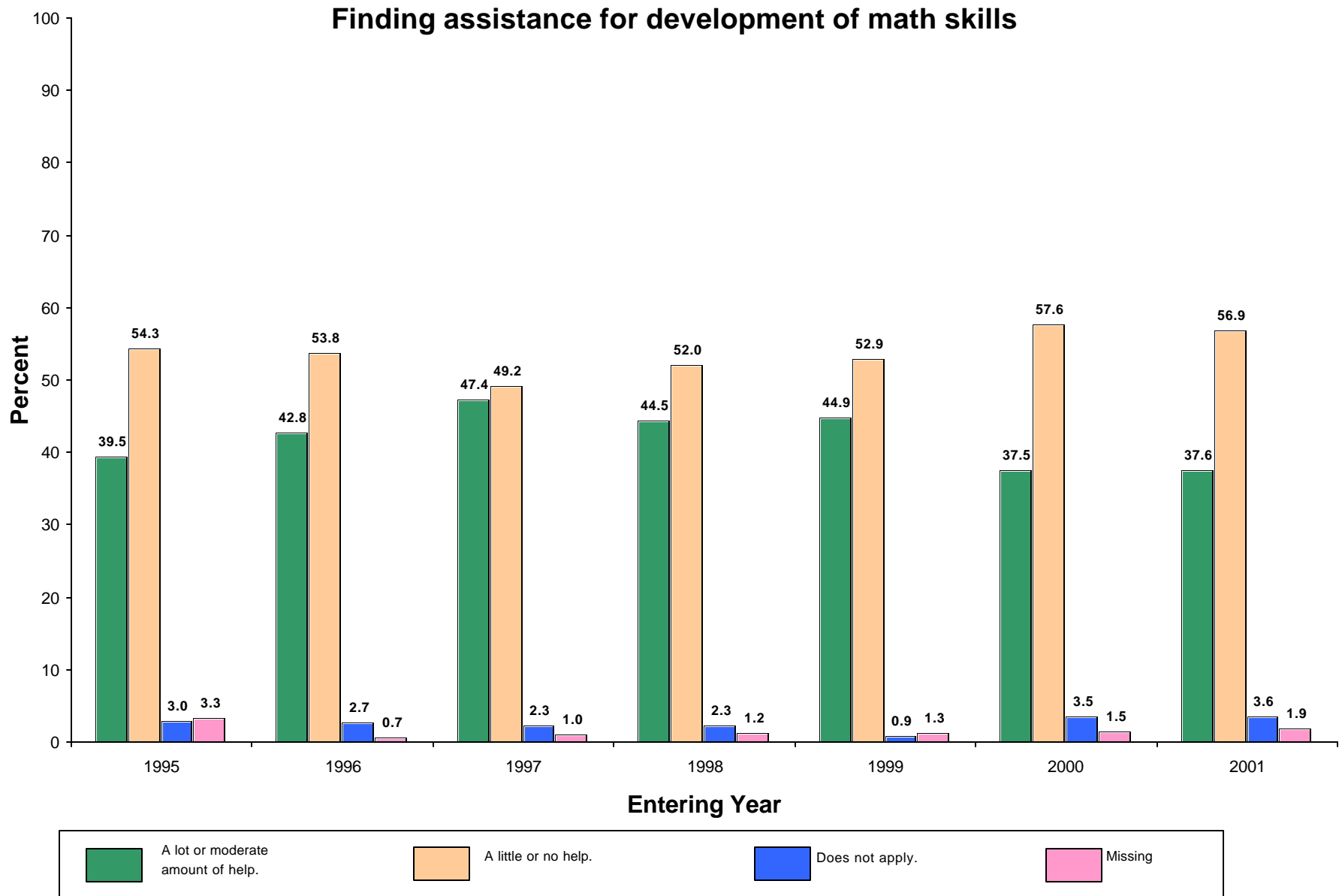
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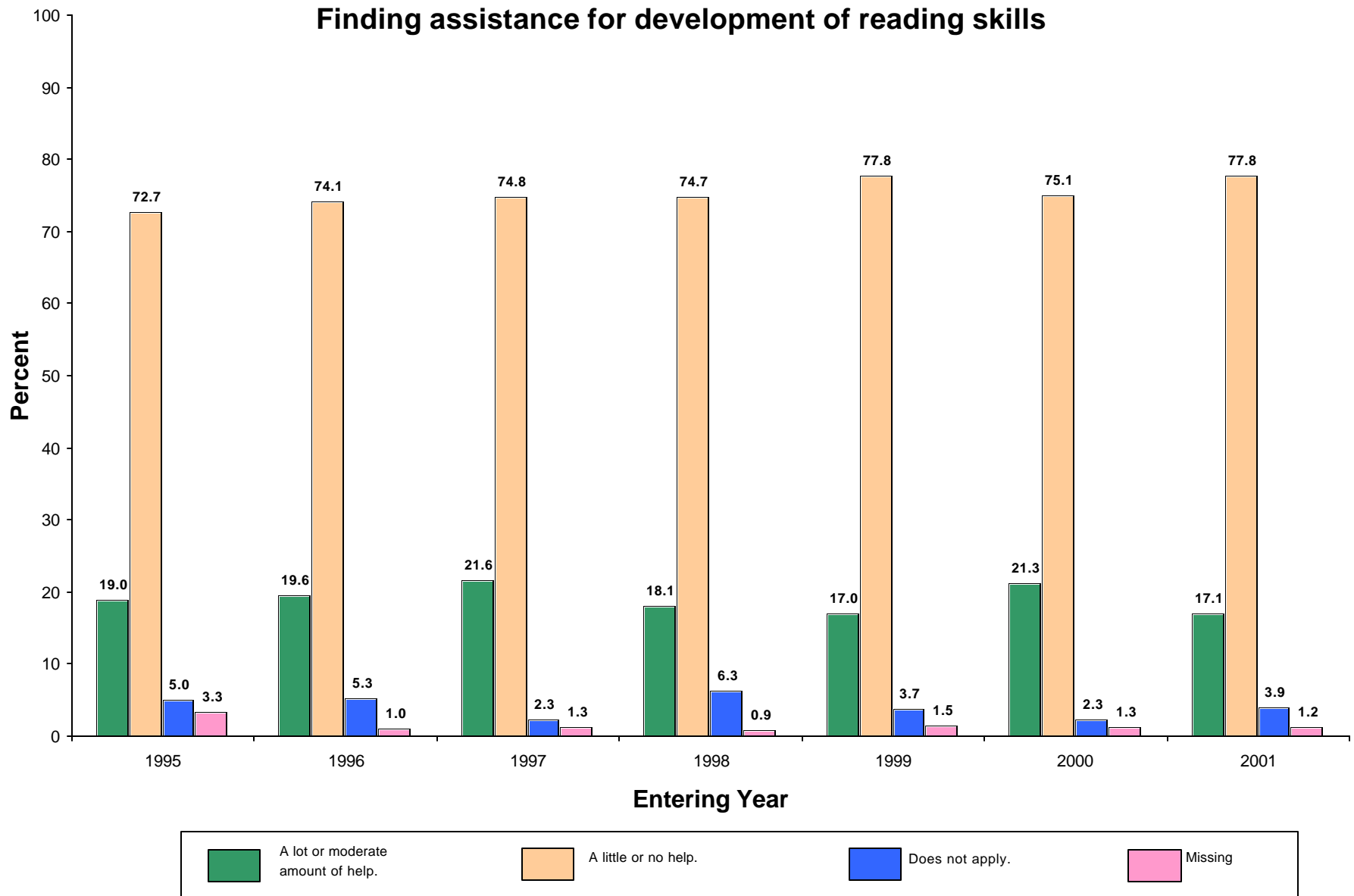


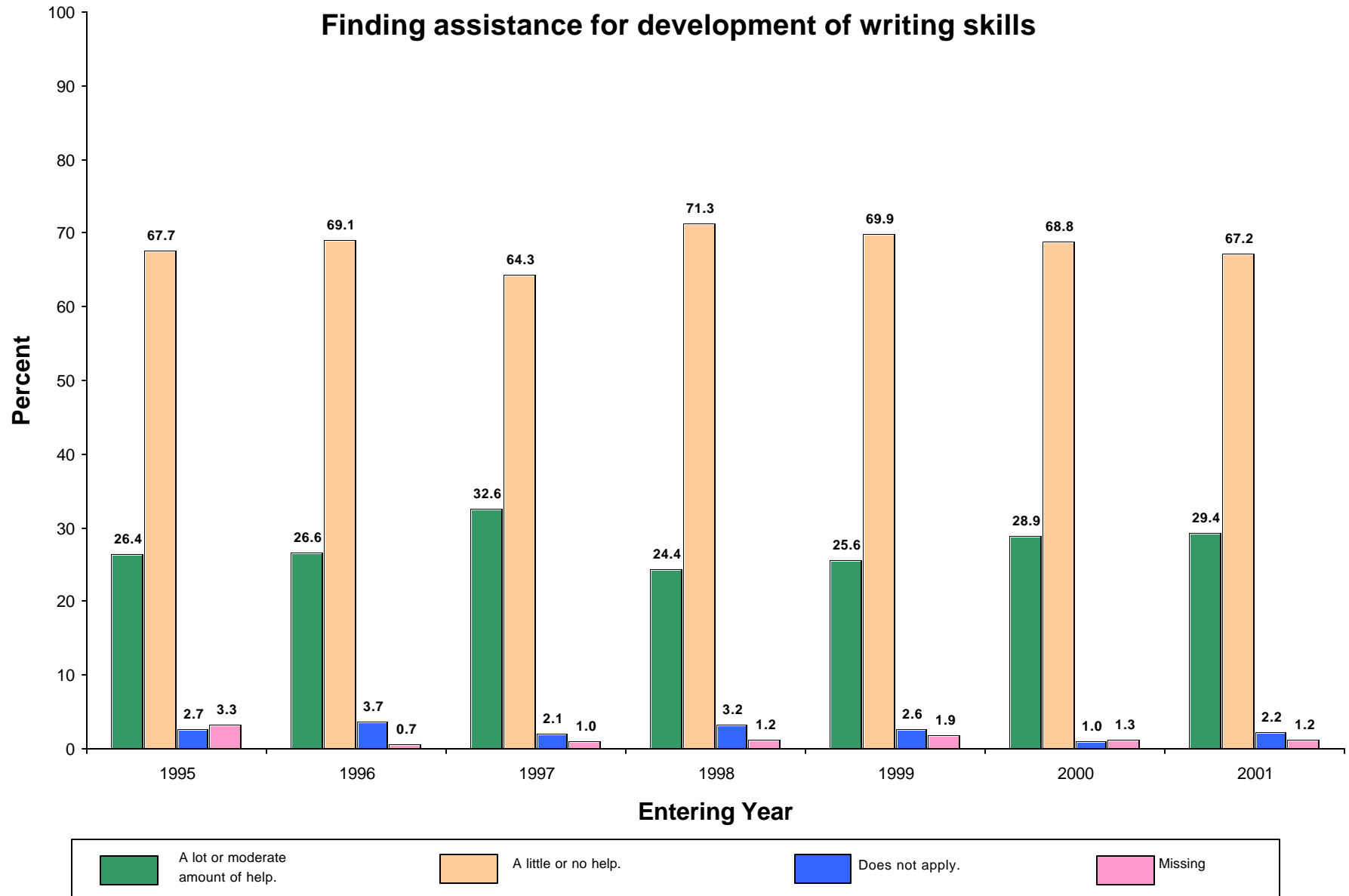
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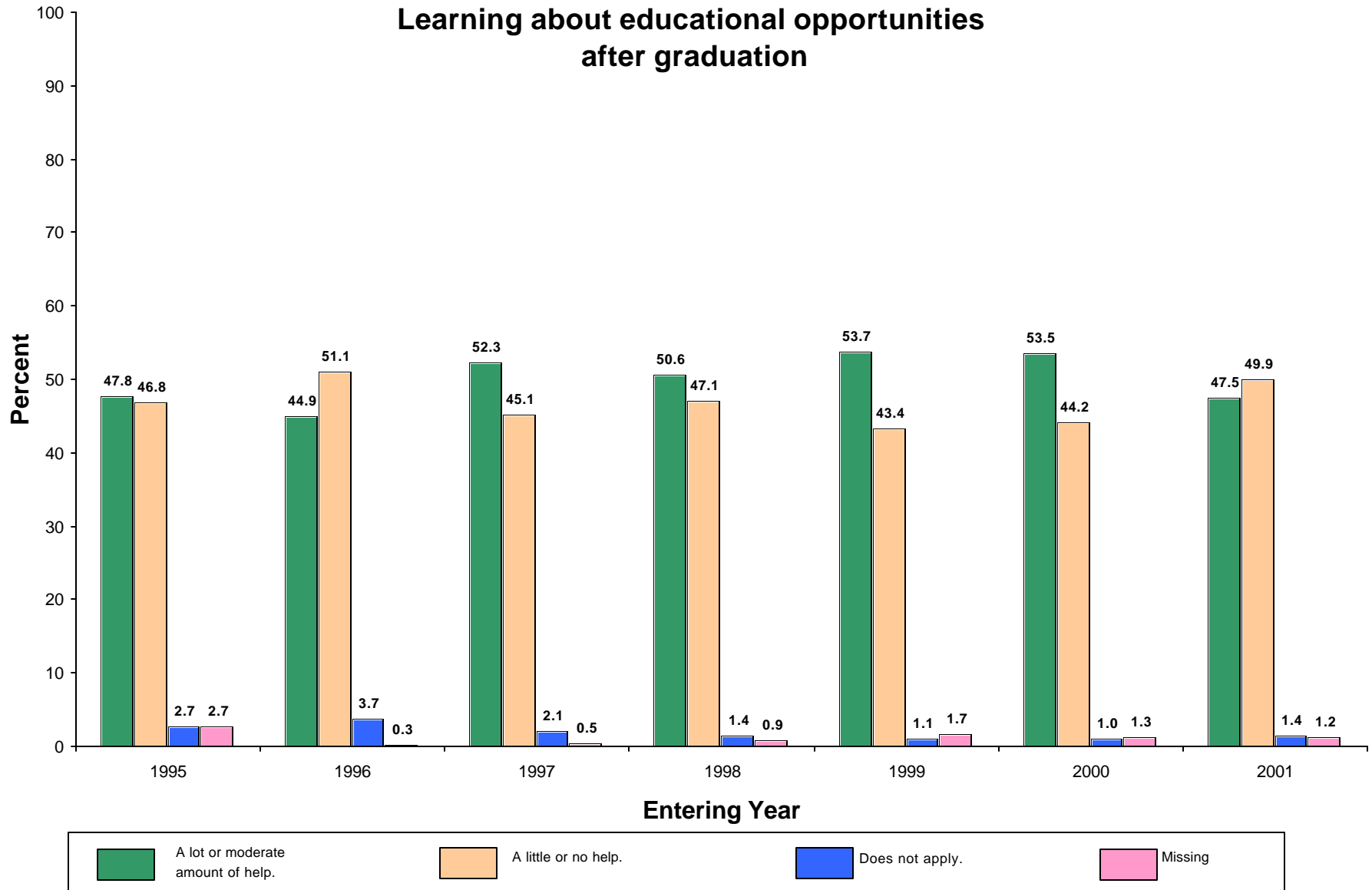






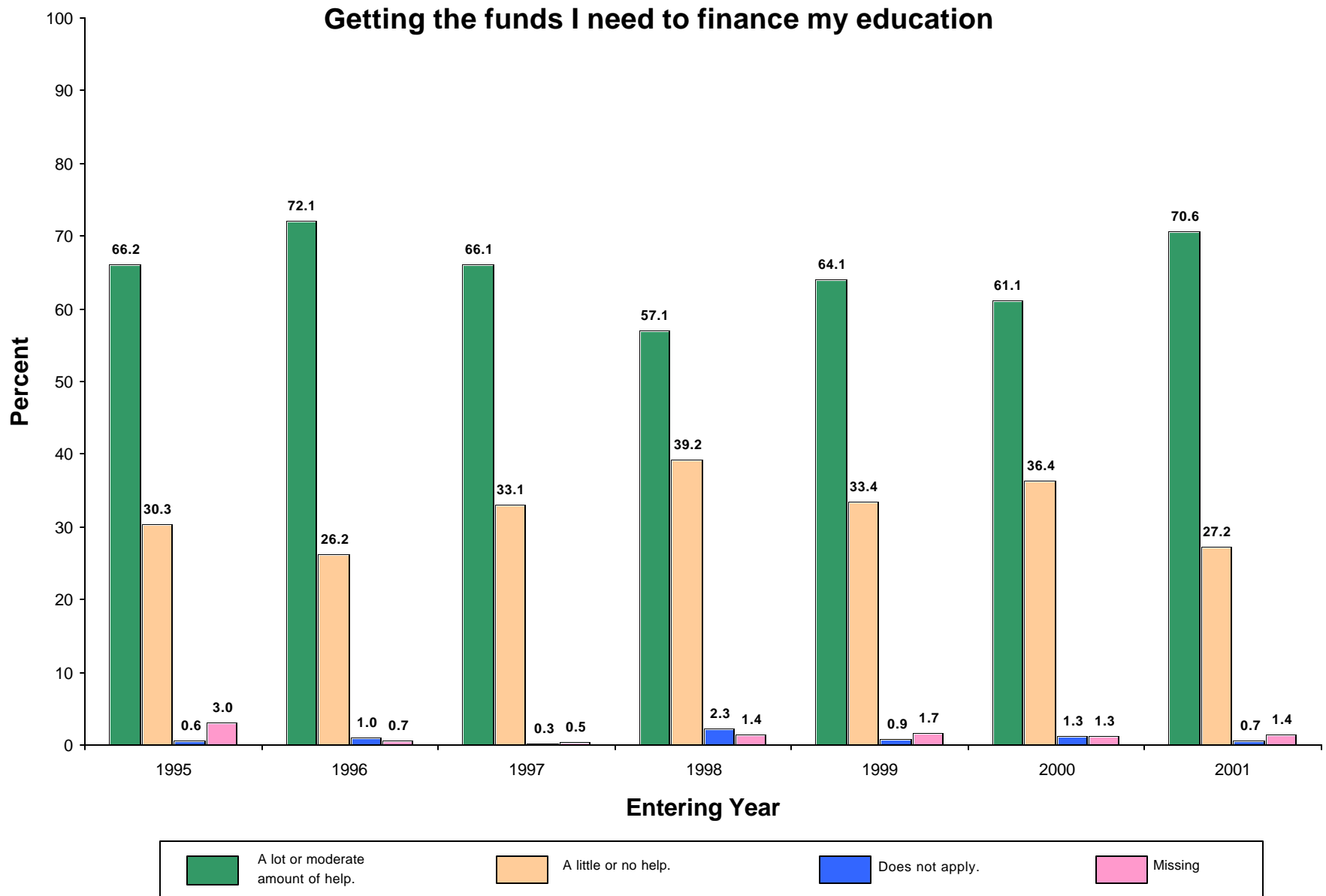


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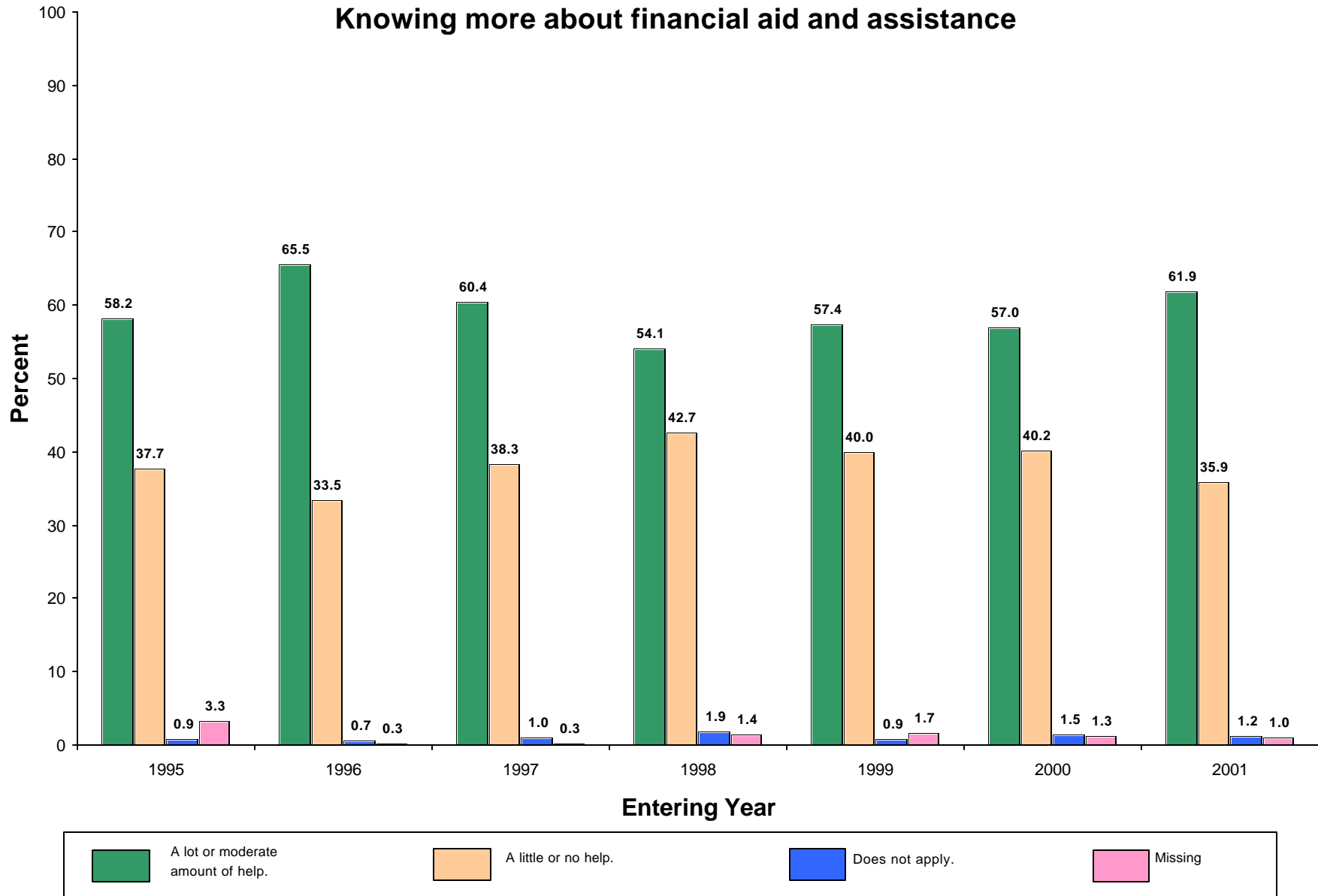
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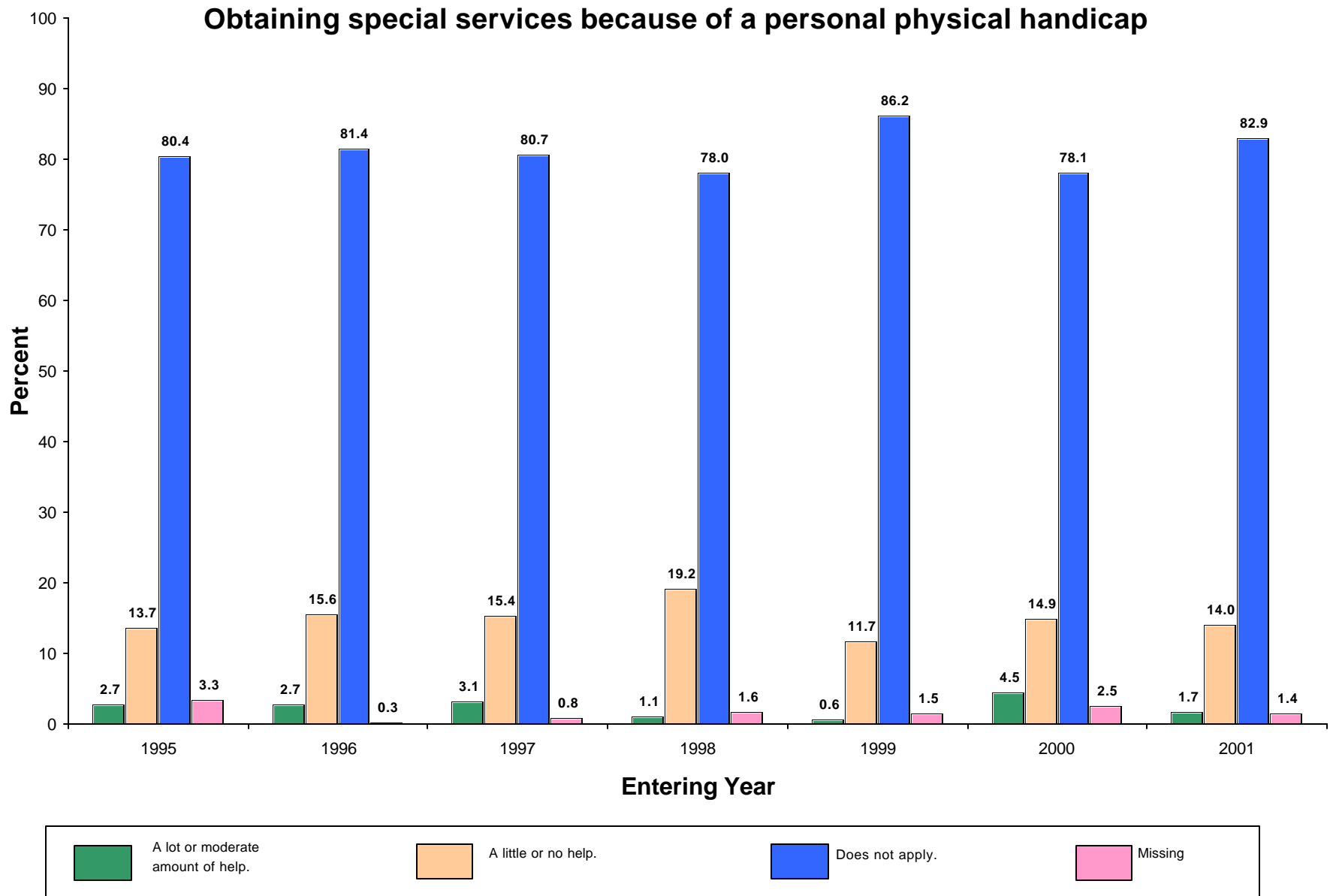
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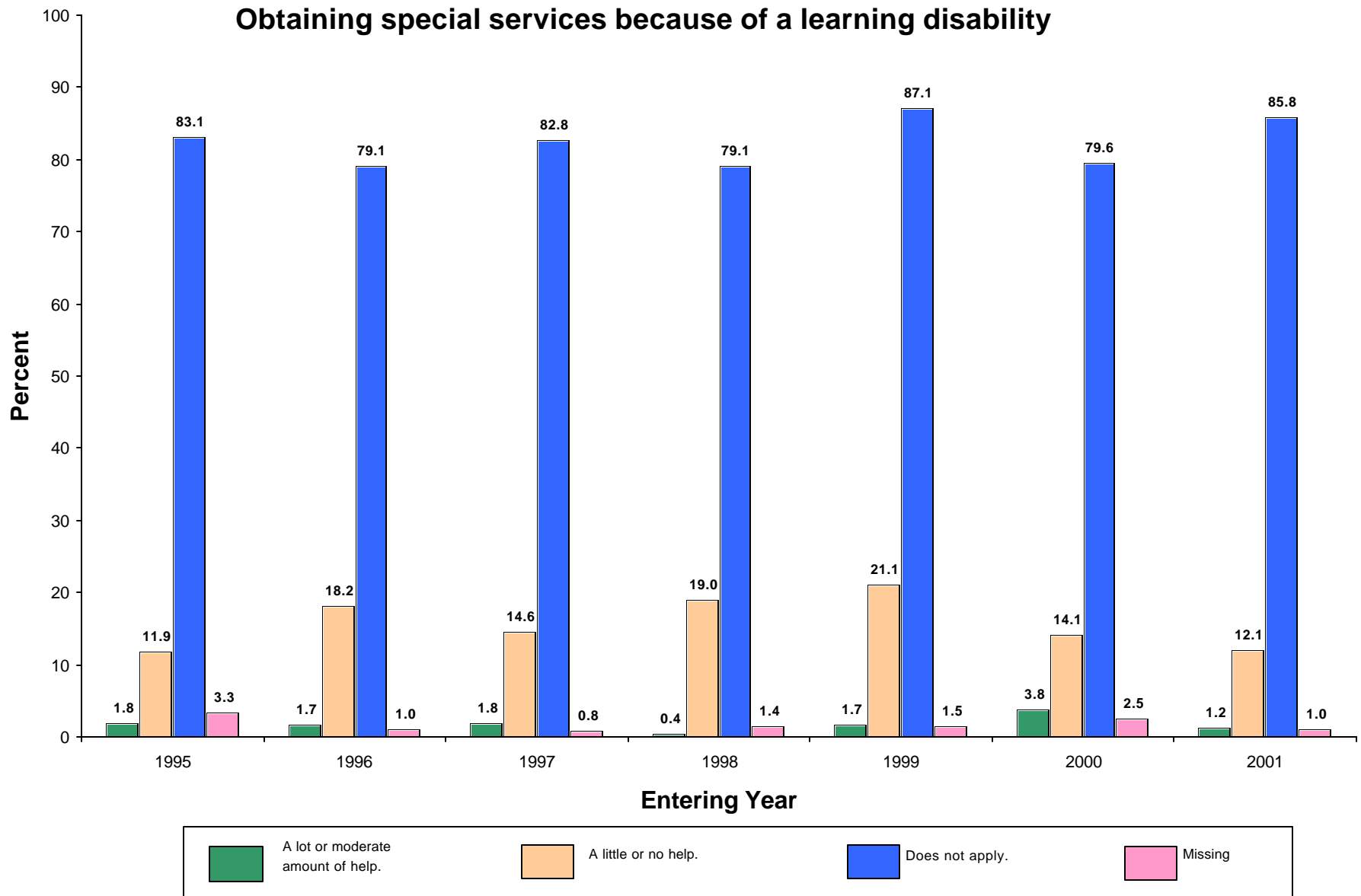


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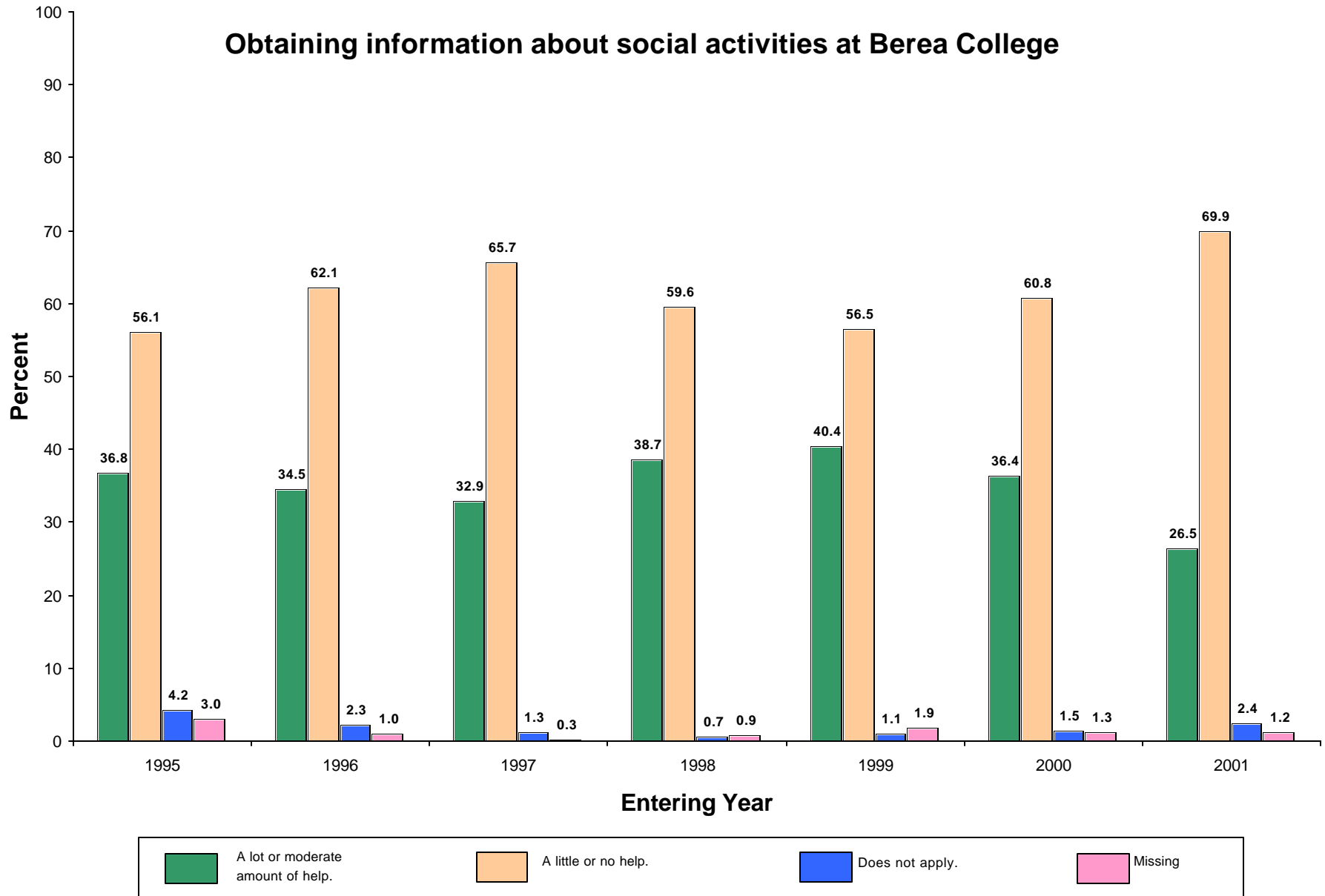


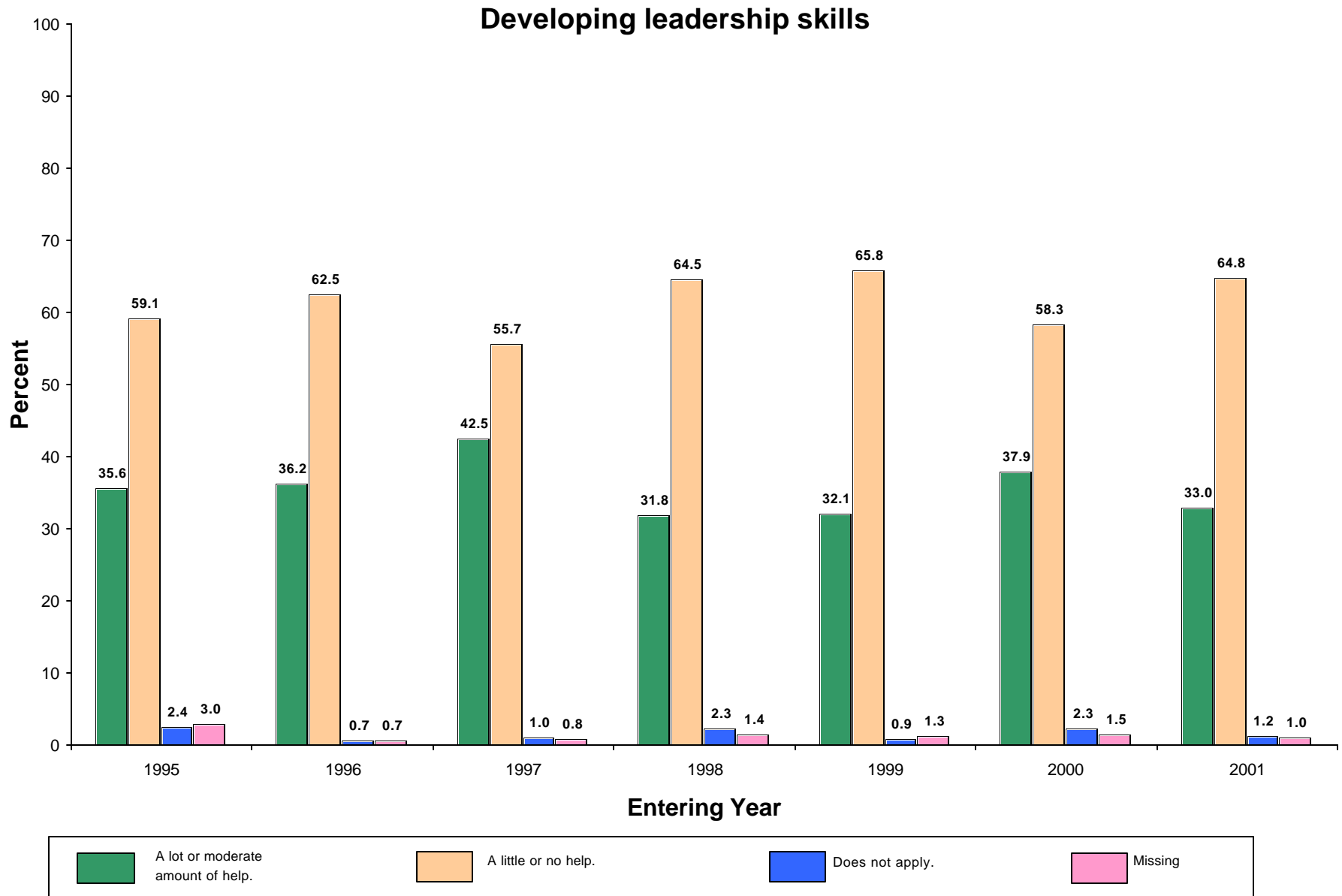


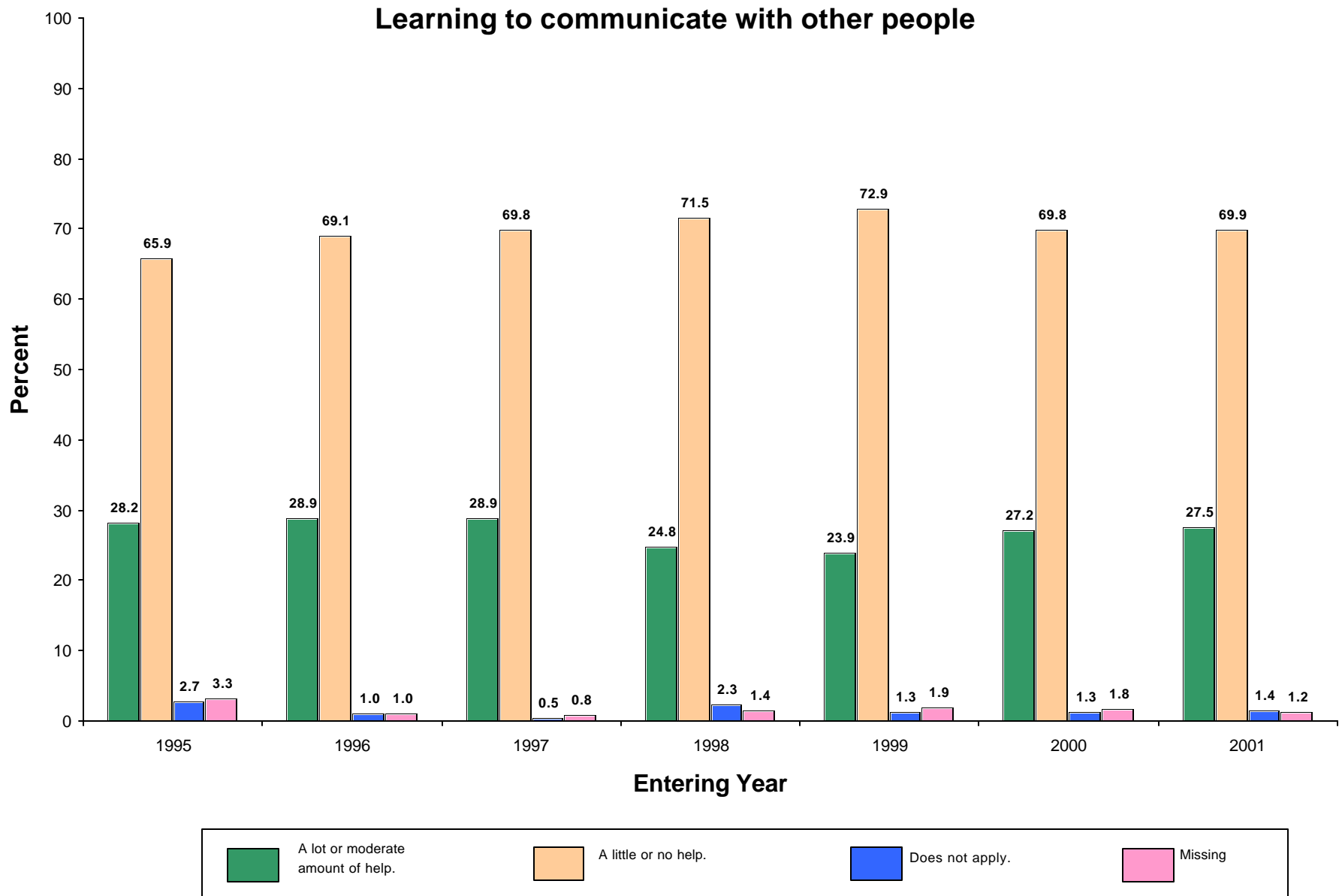


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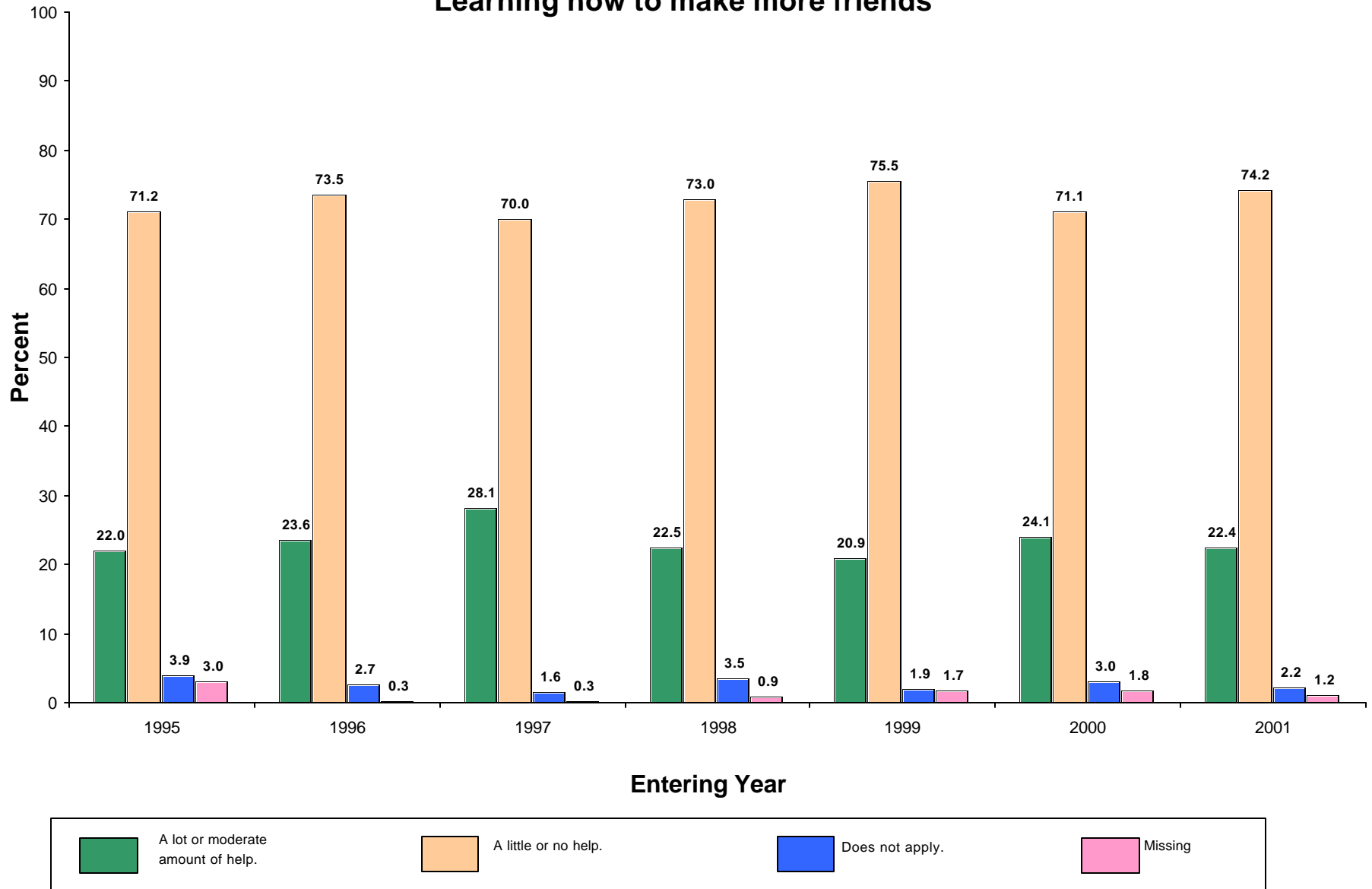




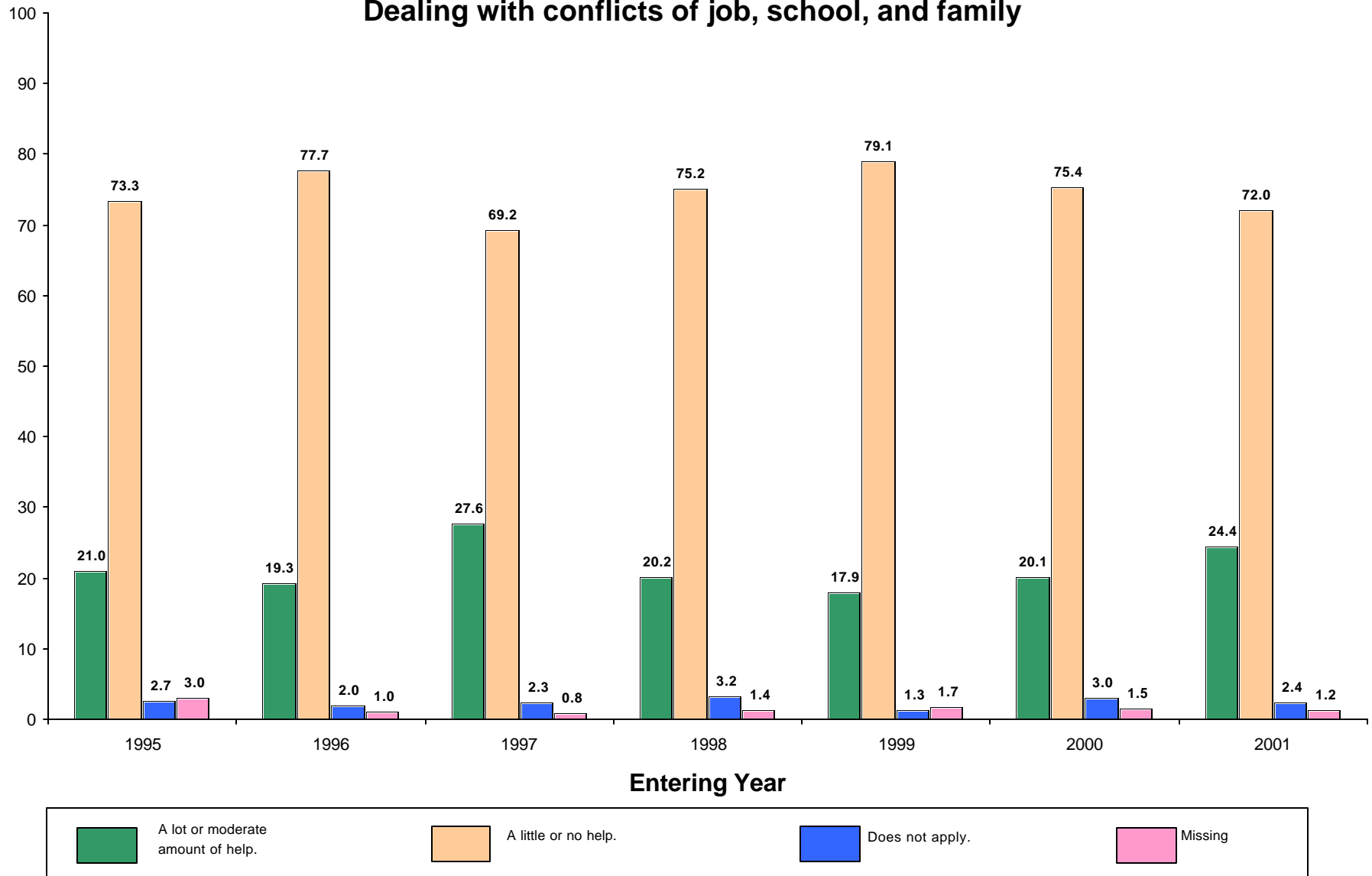


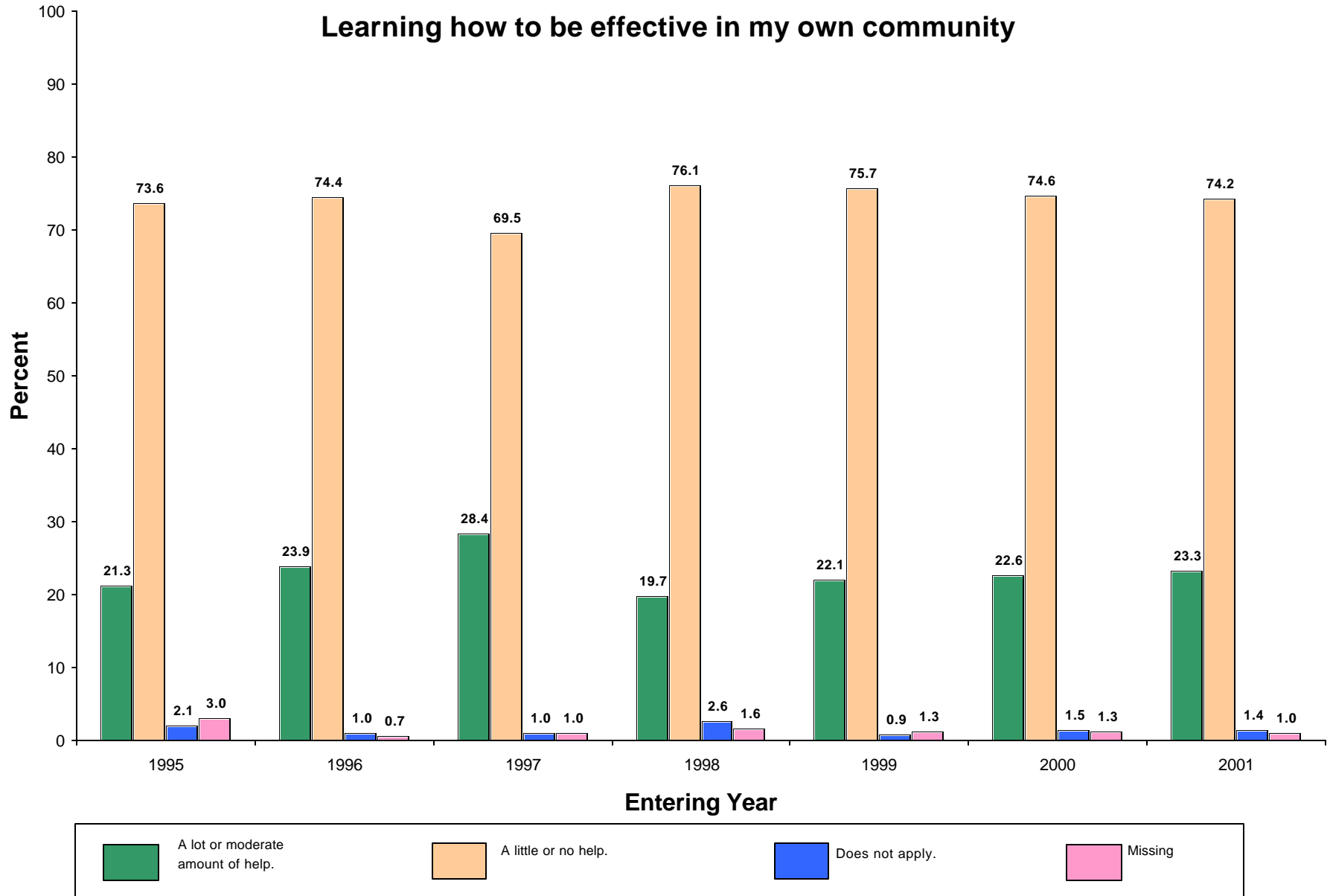


### Learning how to make more friends

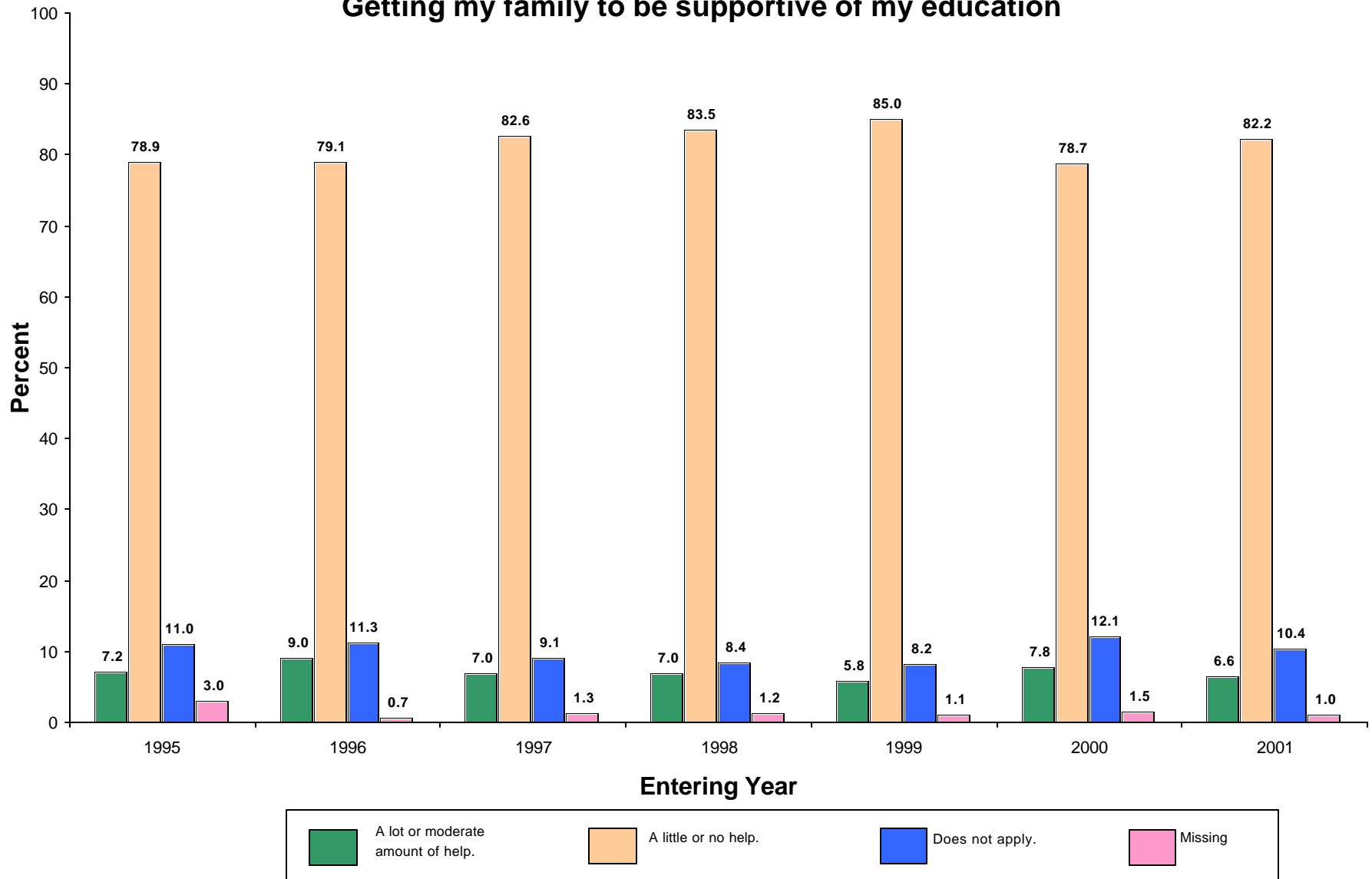


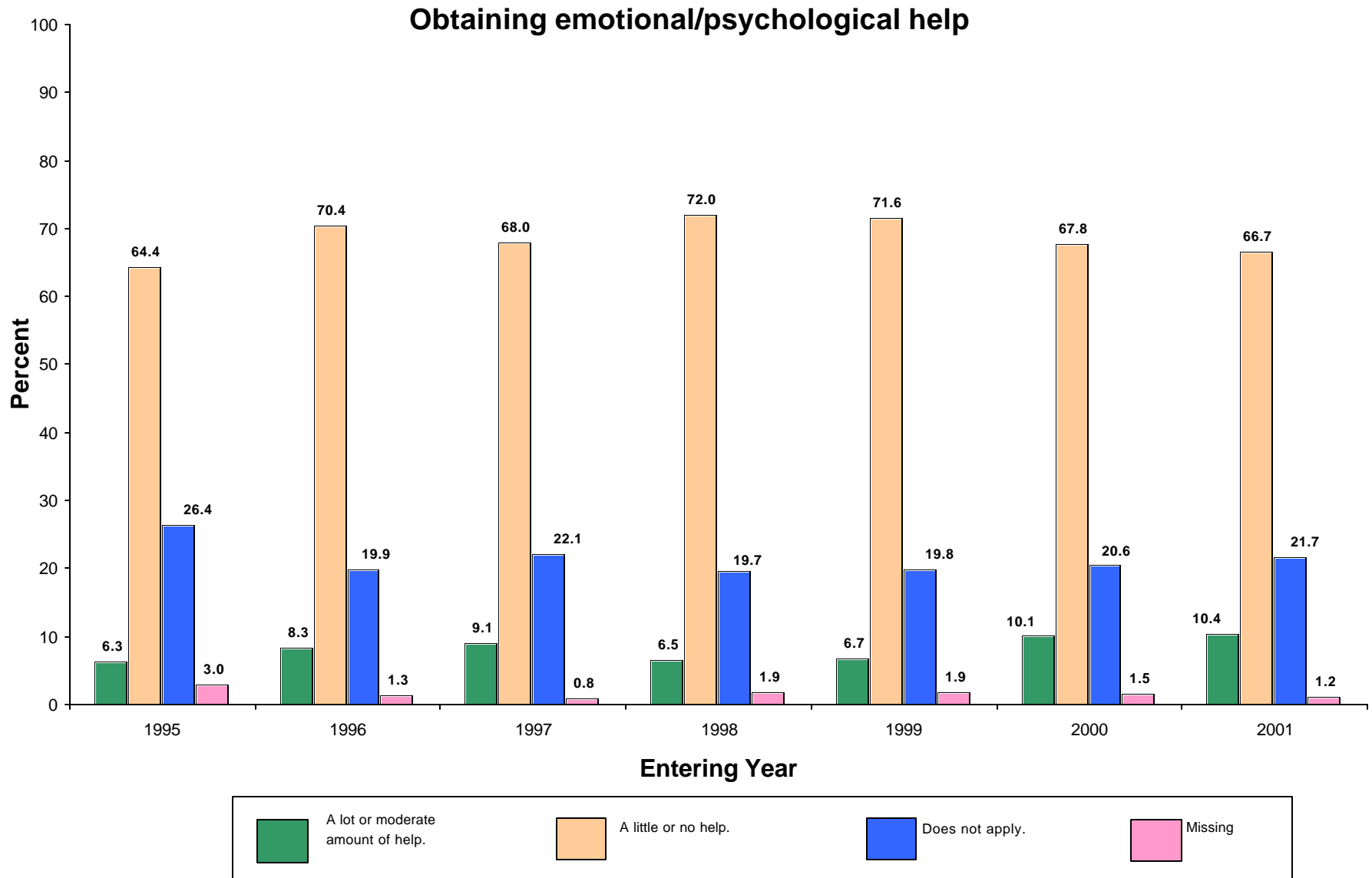
### Dealing with conflicts of job, school, and family

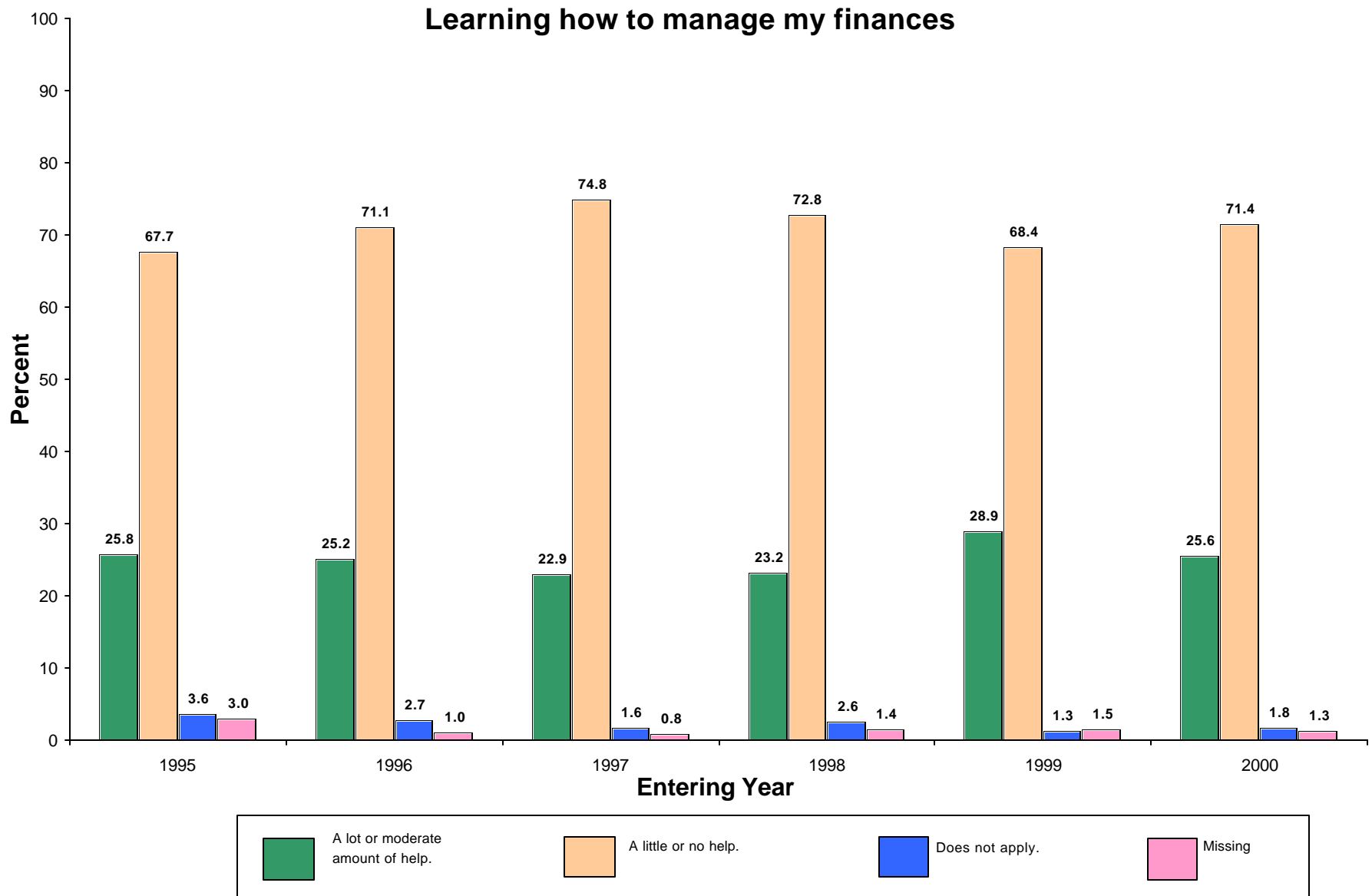




### Getting my family to be supportive of my education

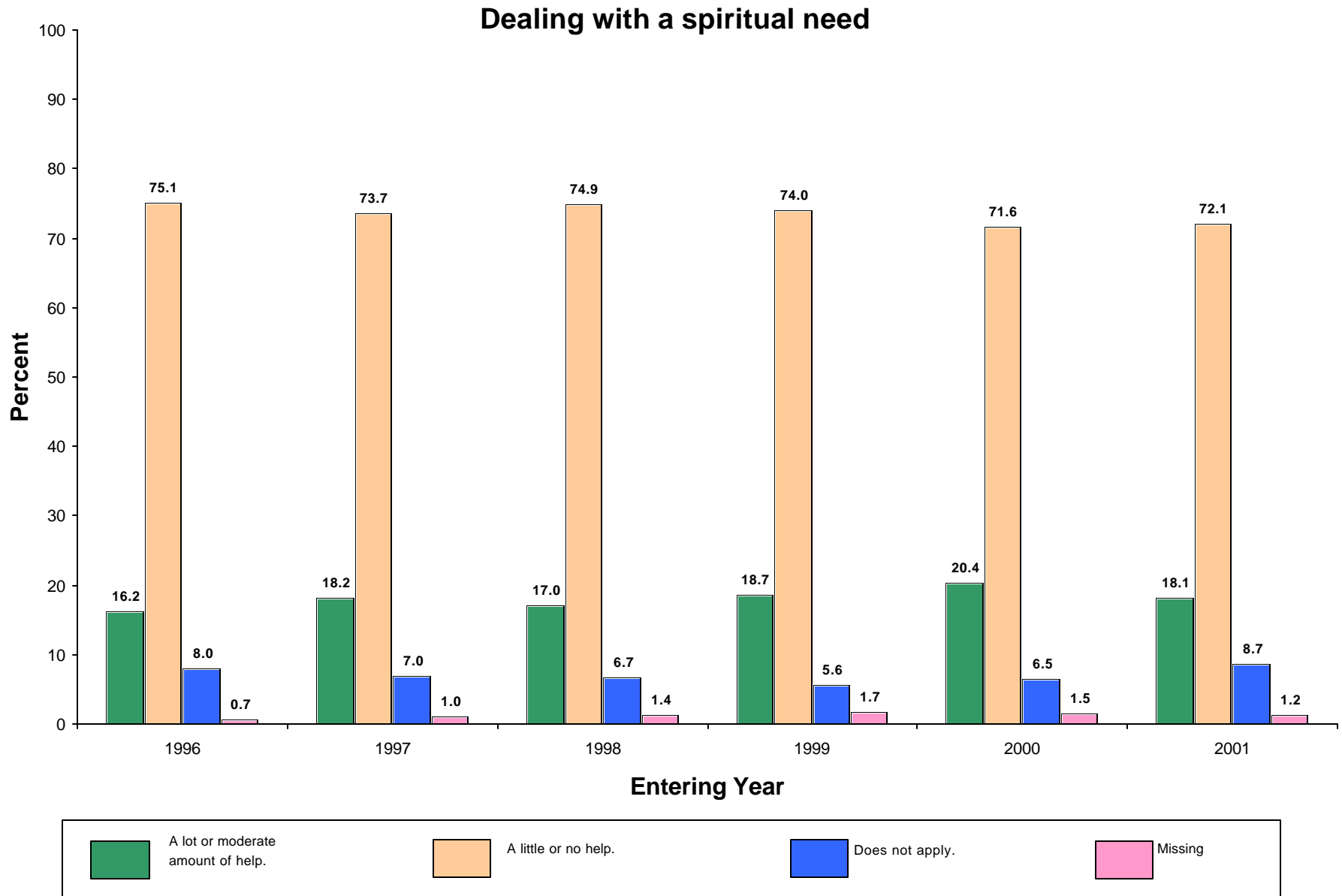




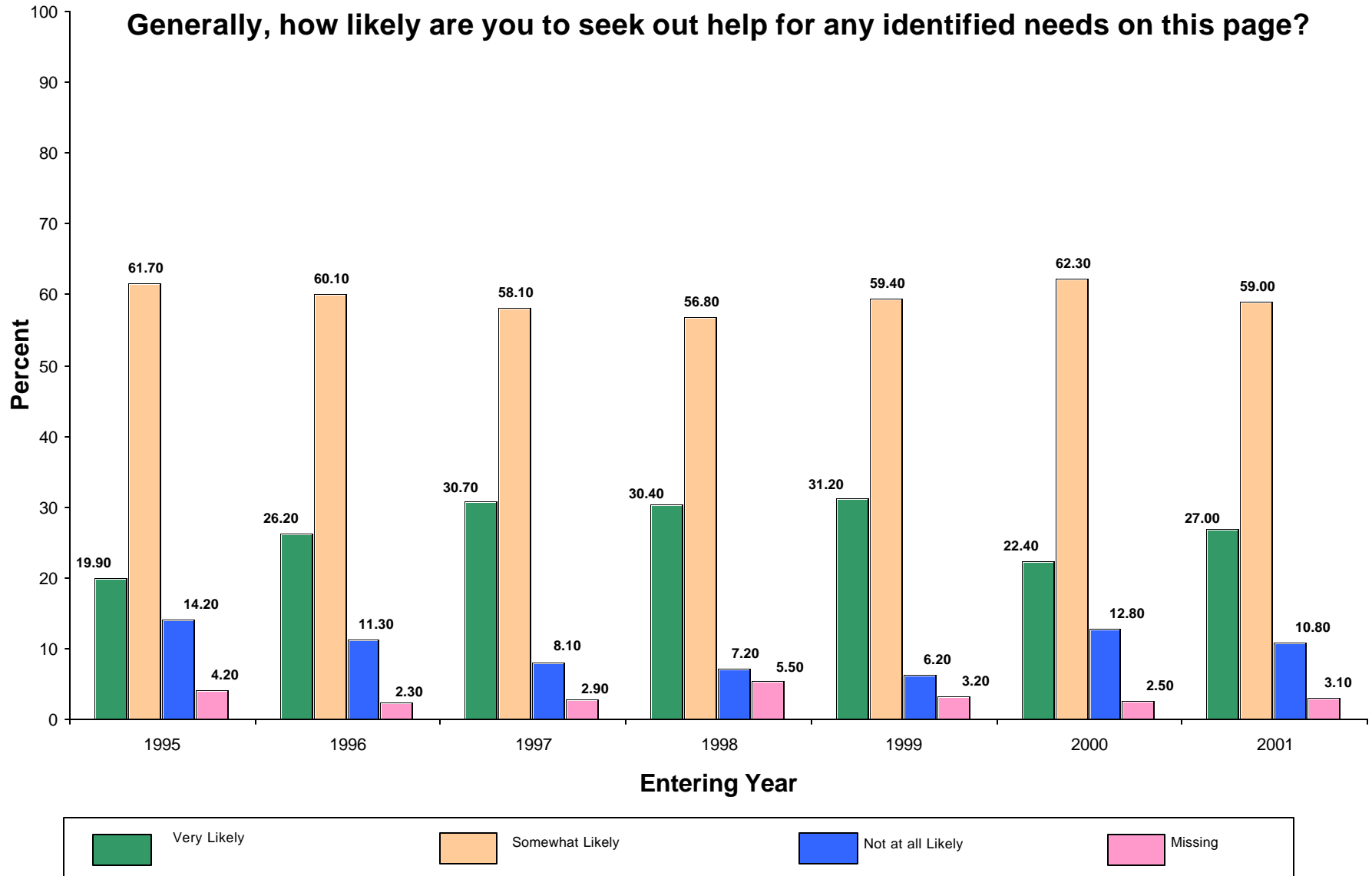


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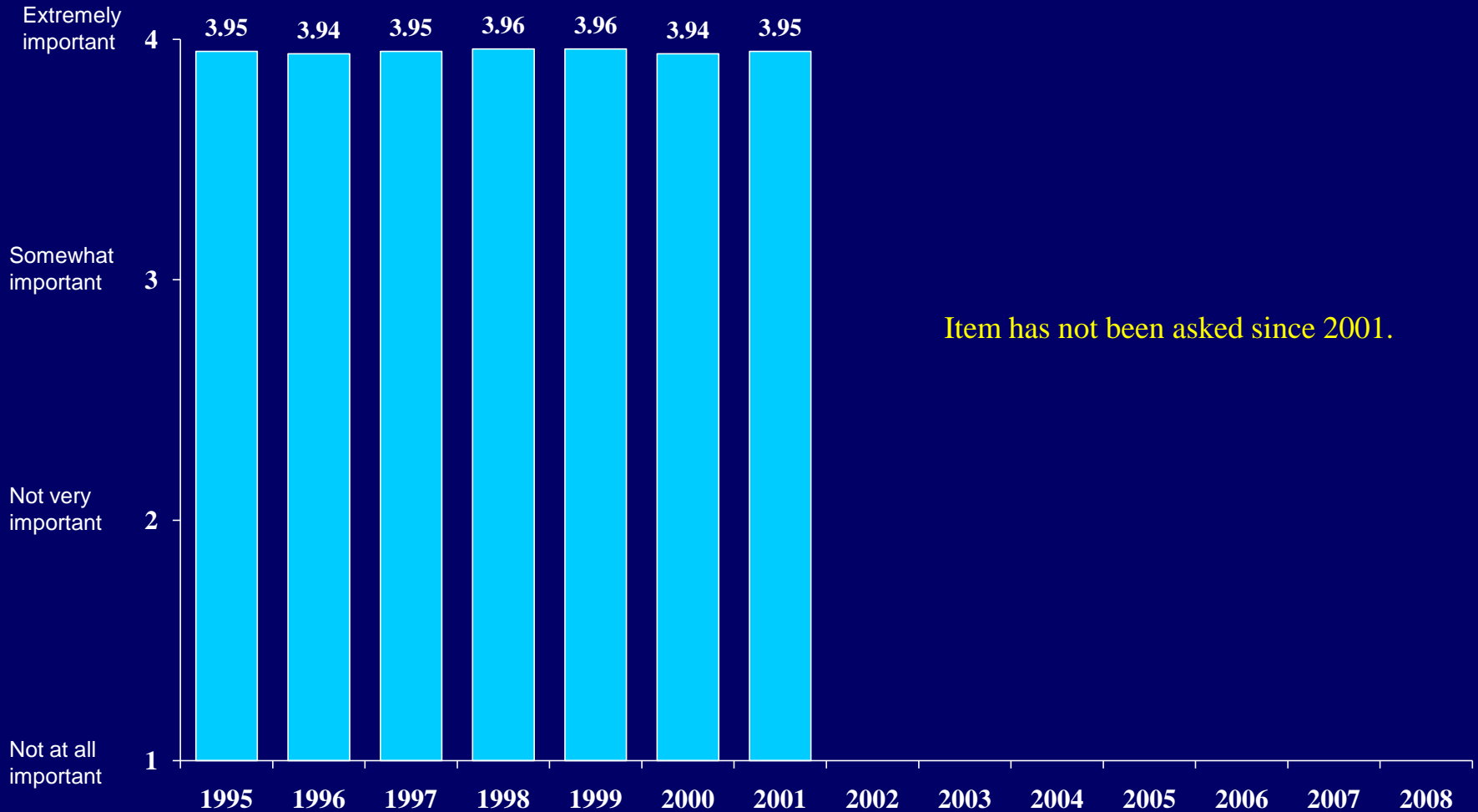
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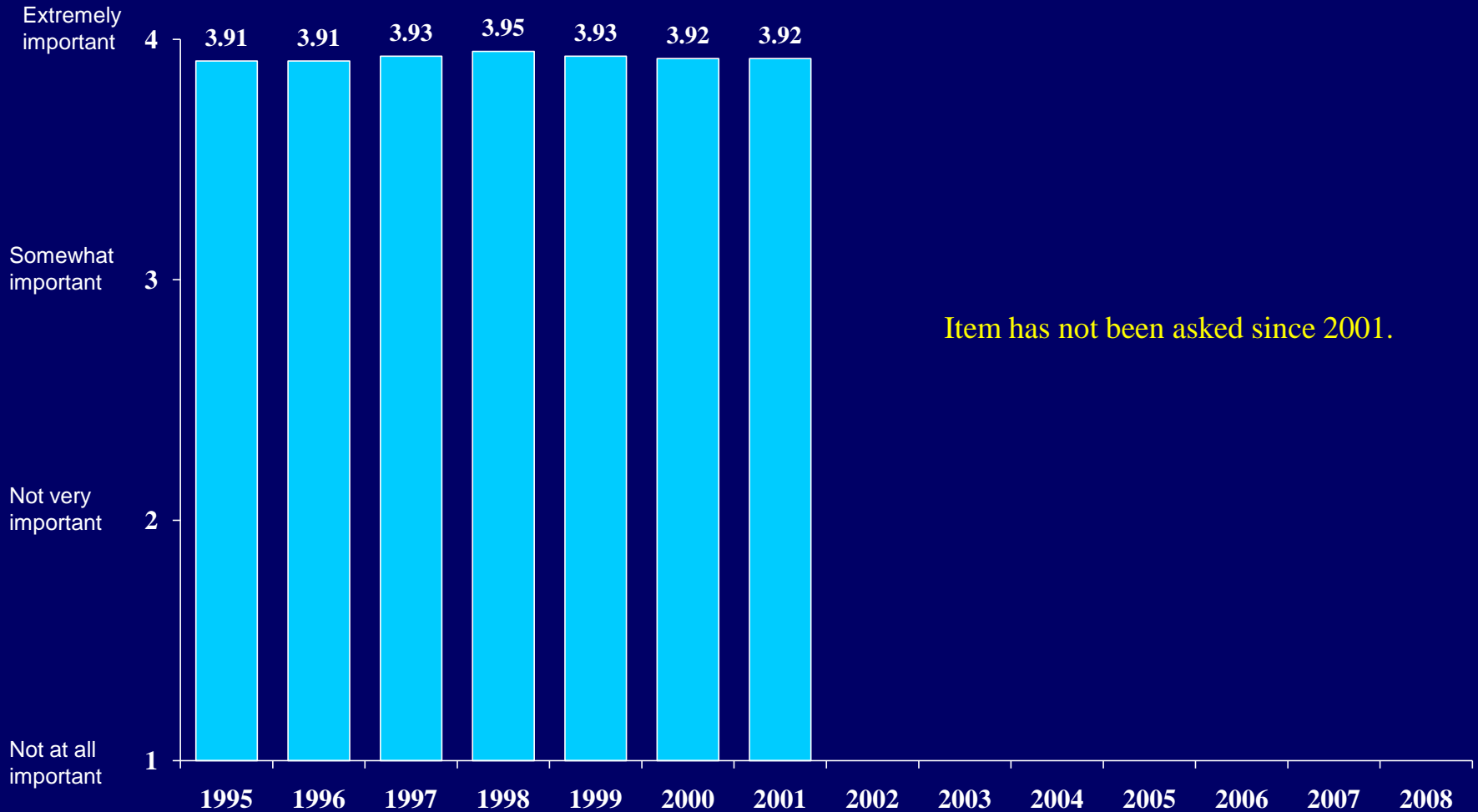


**Rate the importance to you of each  
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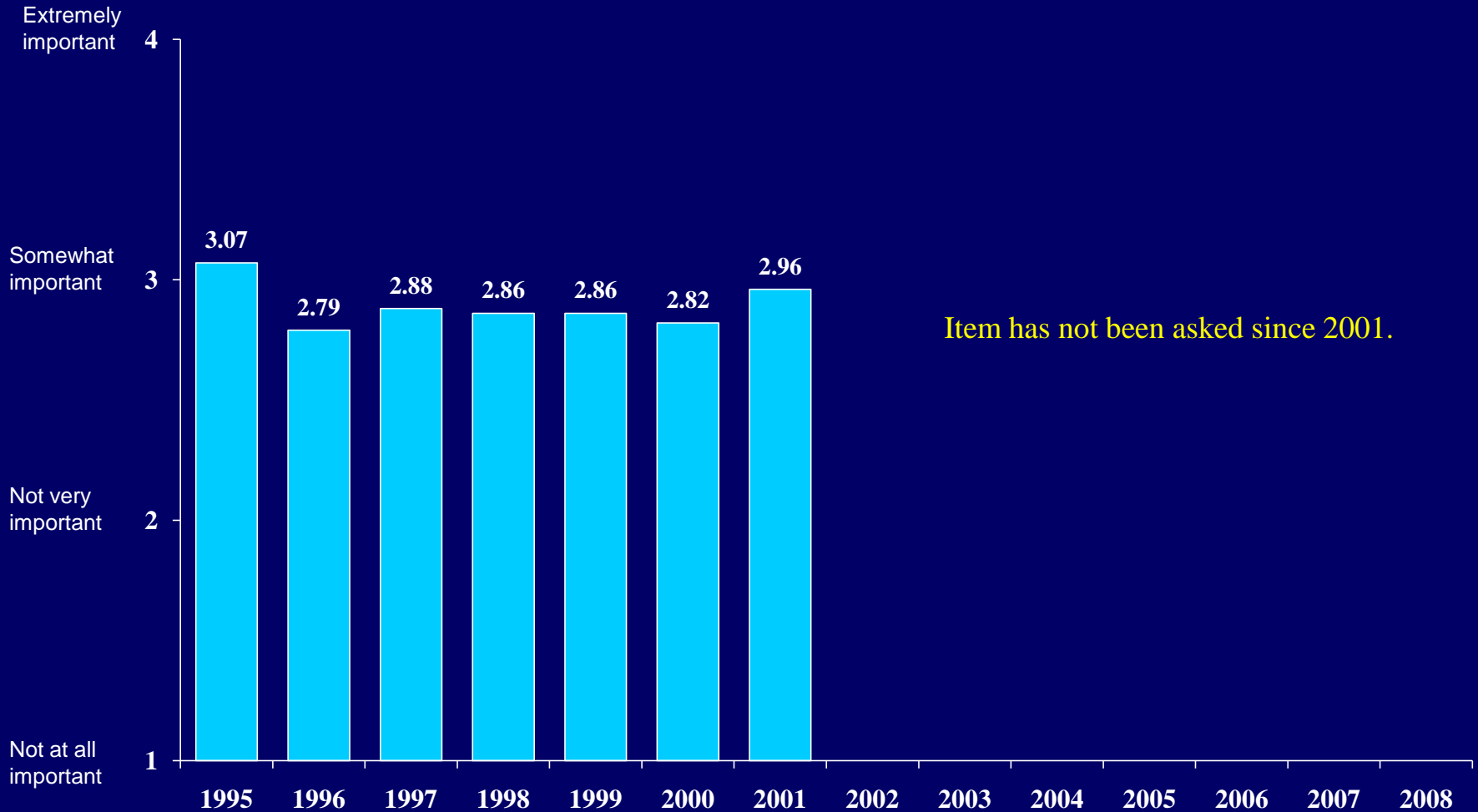
Rate the importance to you of each of the following  
*Getting a good education*



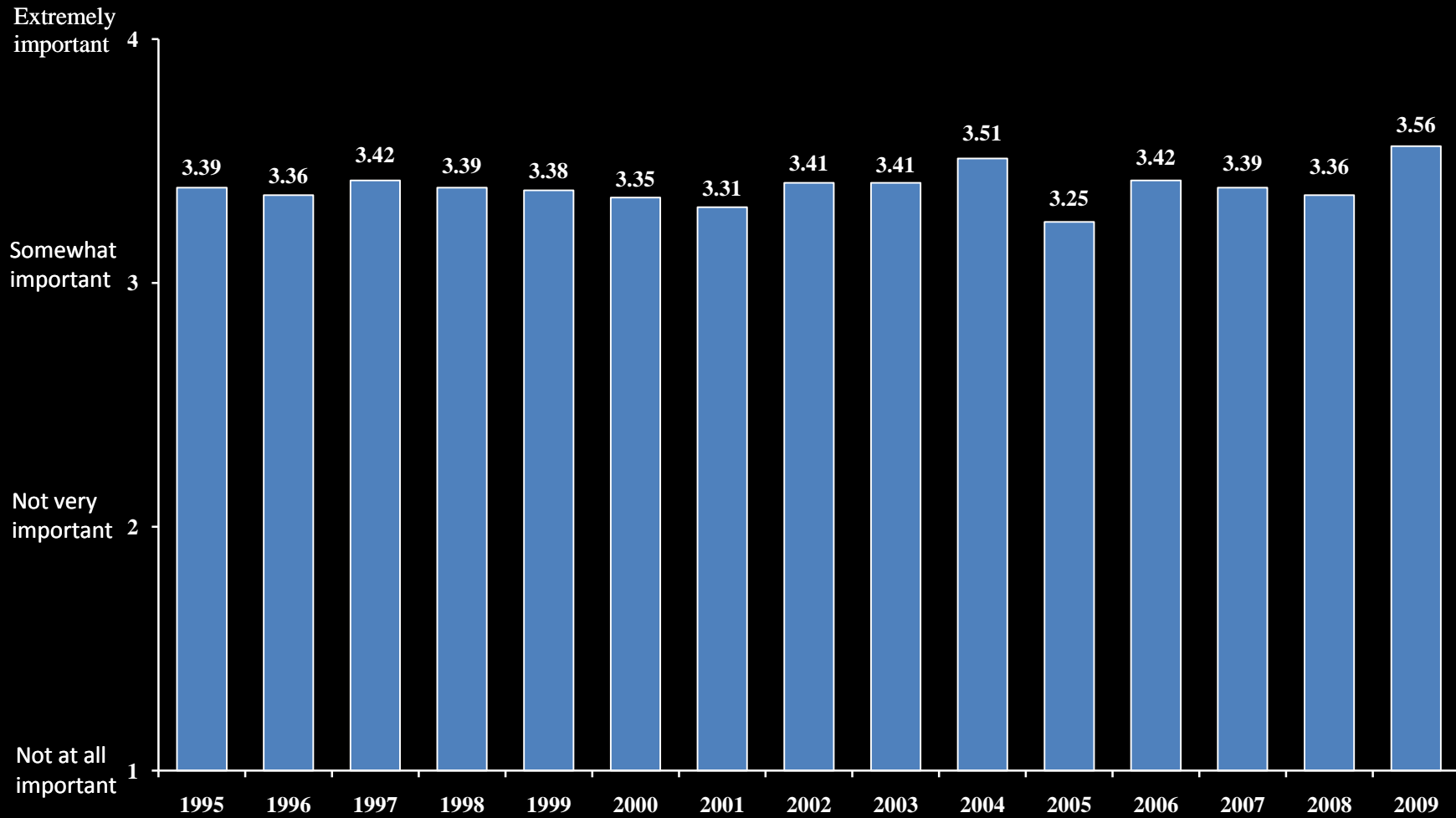
Rate the importance to you of each of the following  
*Finding a fulfilling career*



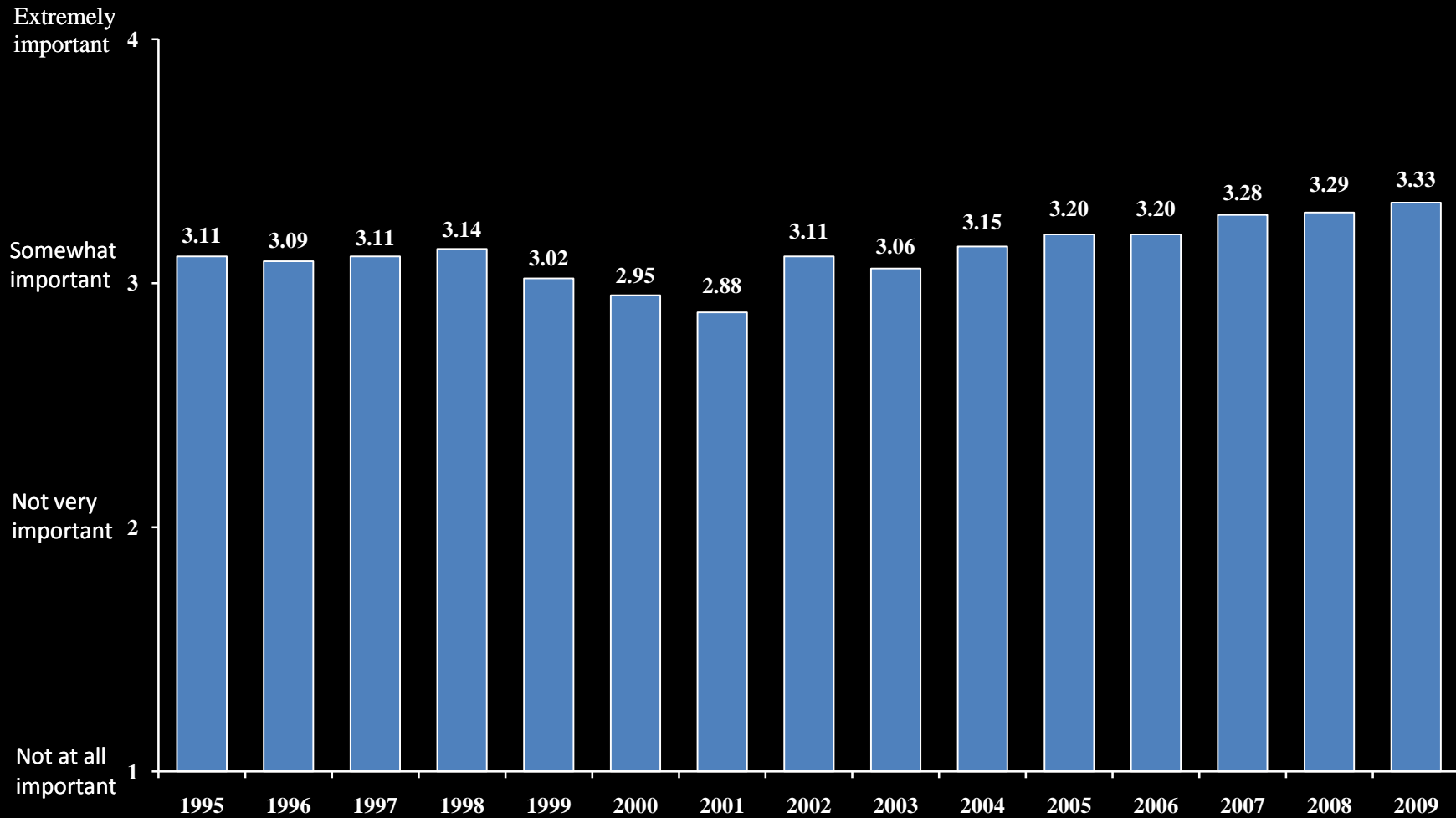
Rate the importance to you of each of the following  
*Making a lot of money*



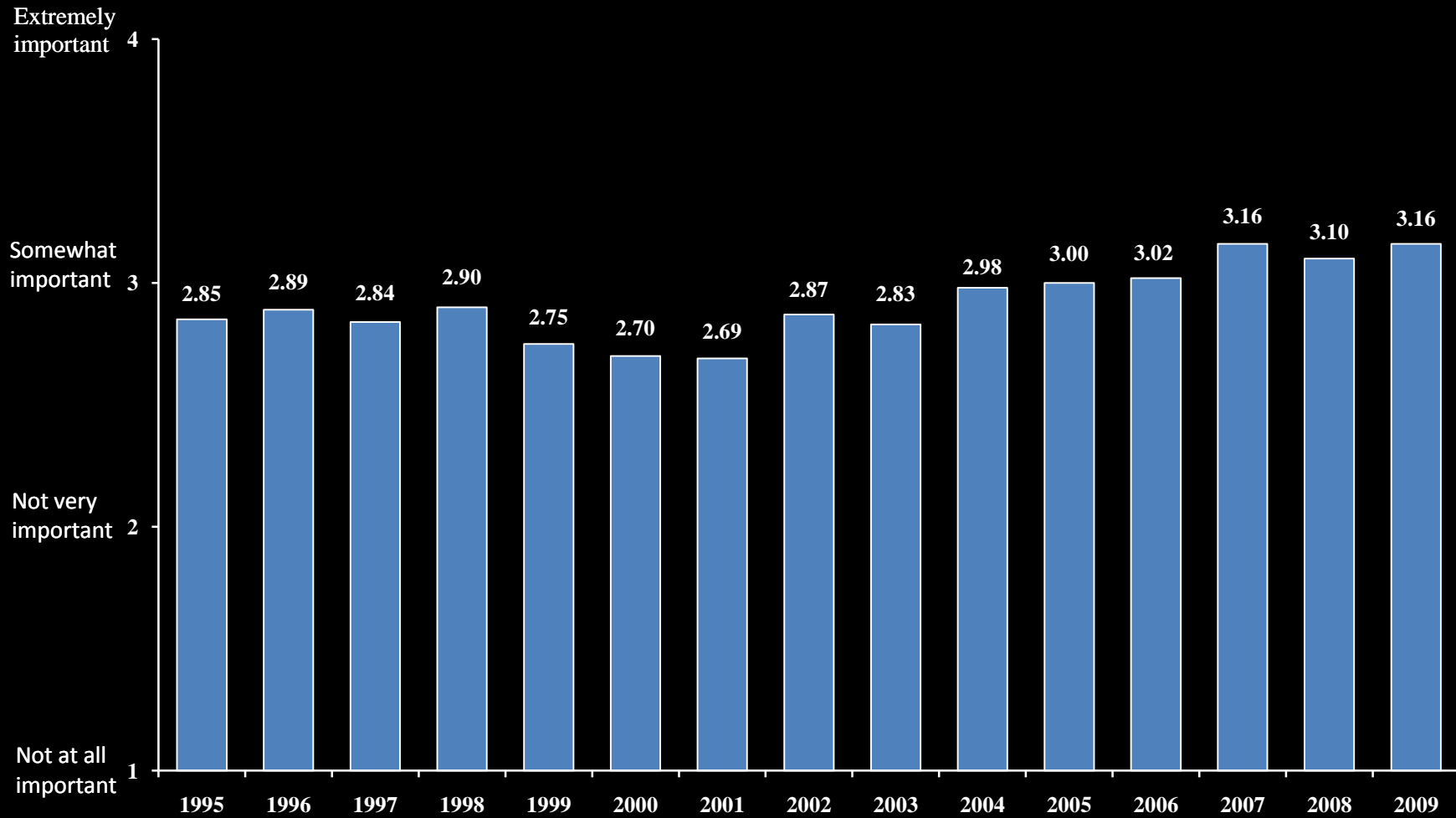
Rate the importance to you of each of the following  
*Serving humankind*



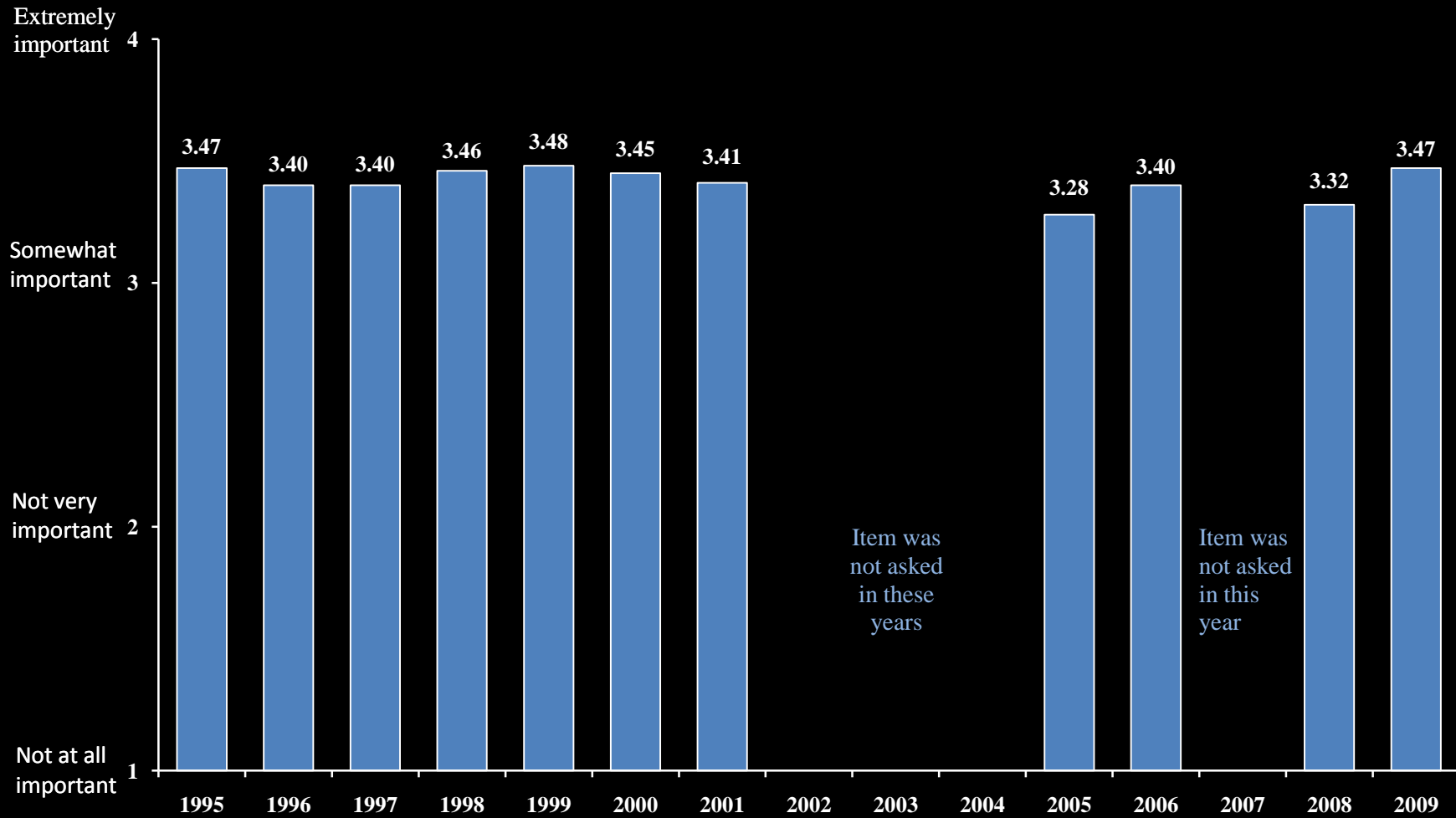
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*Protecting the natural world*



Rate the importance to you each of the following  
*Solving environmental problems*

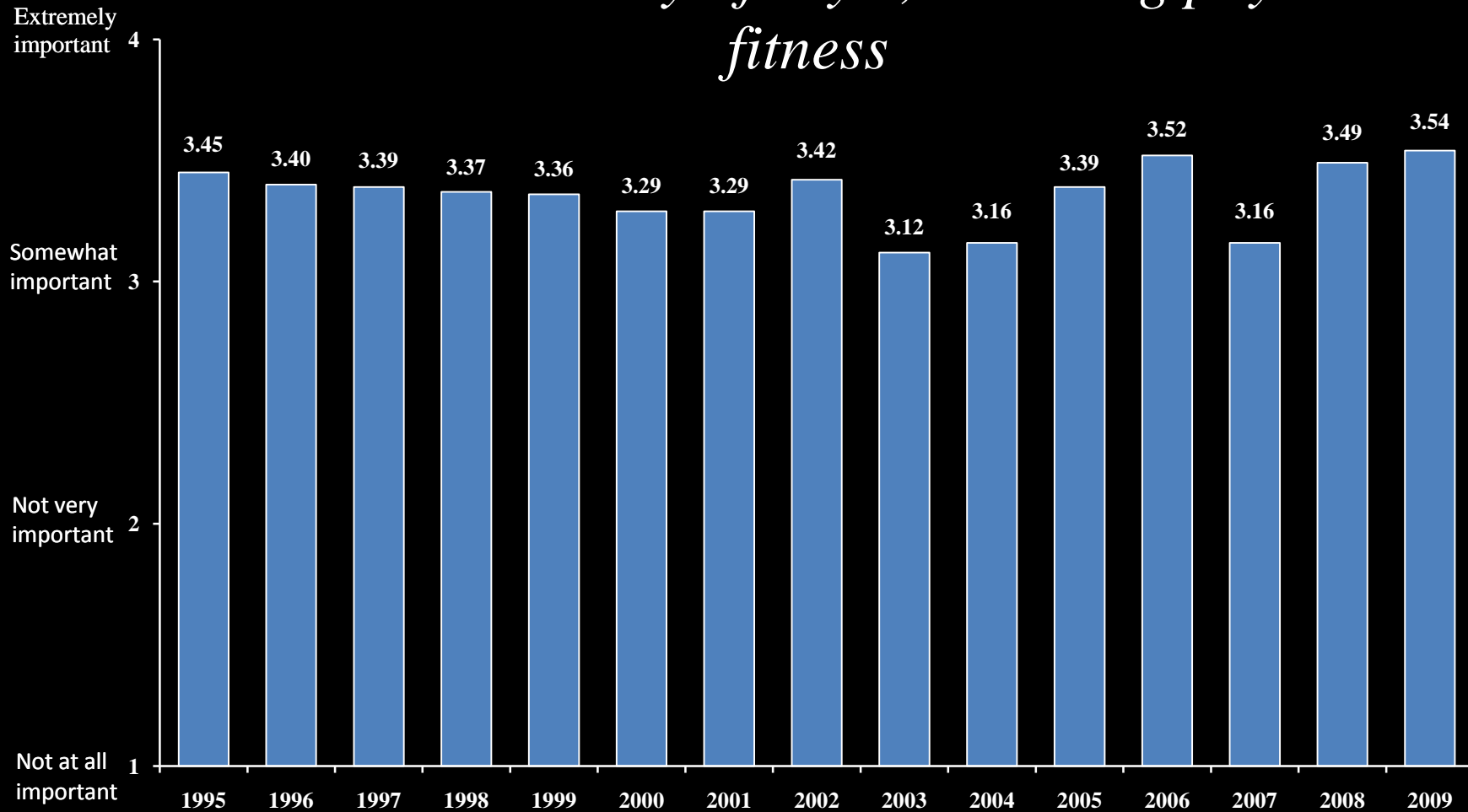


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*Developing a strong spritual self*

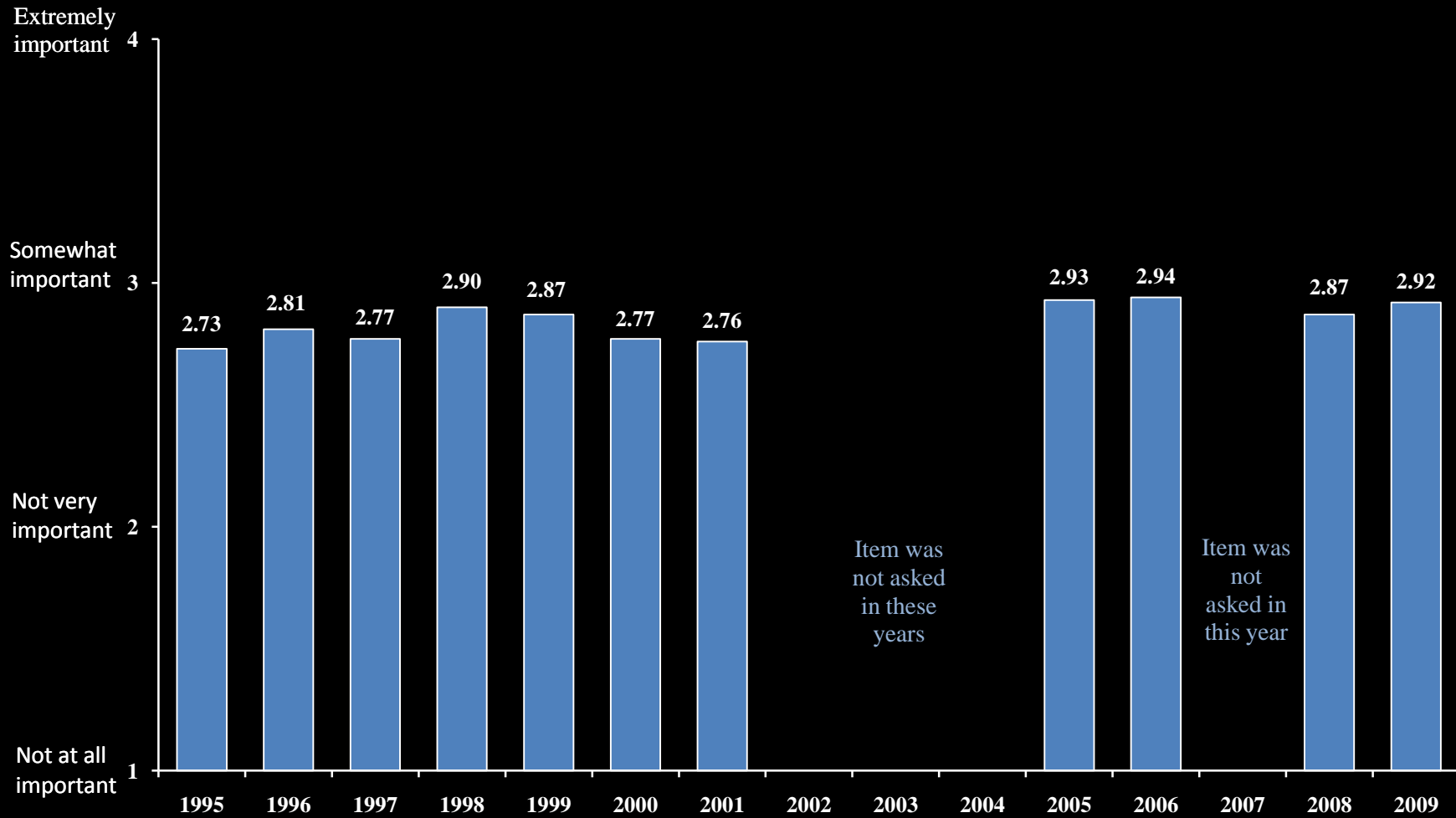




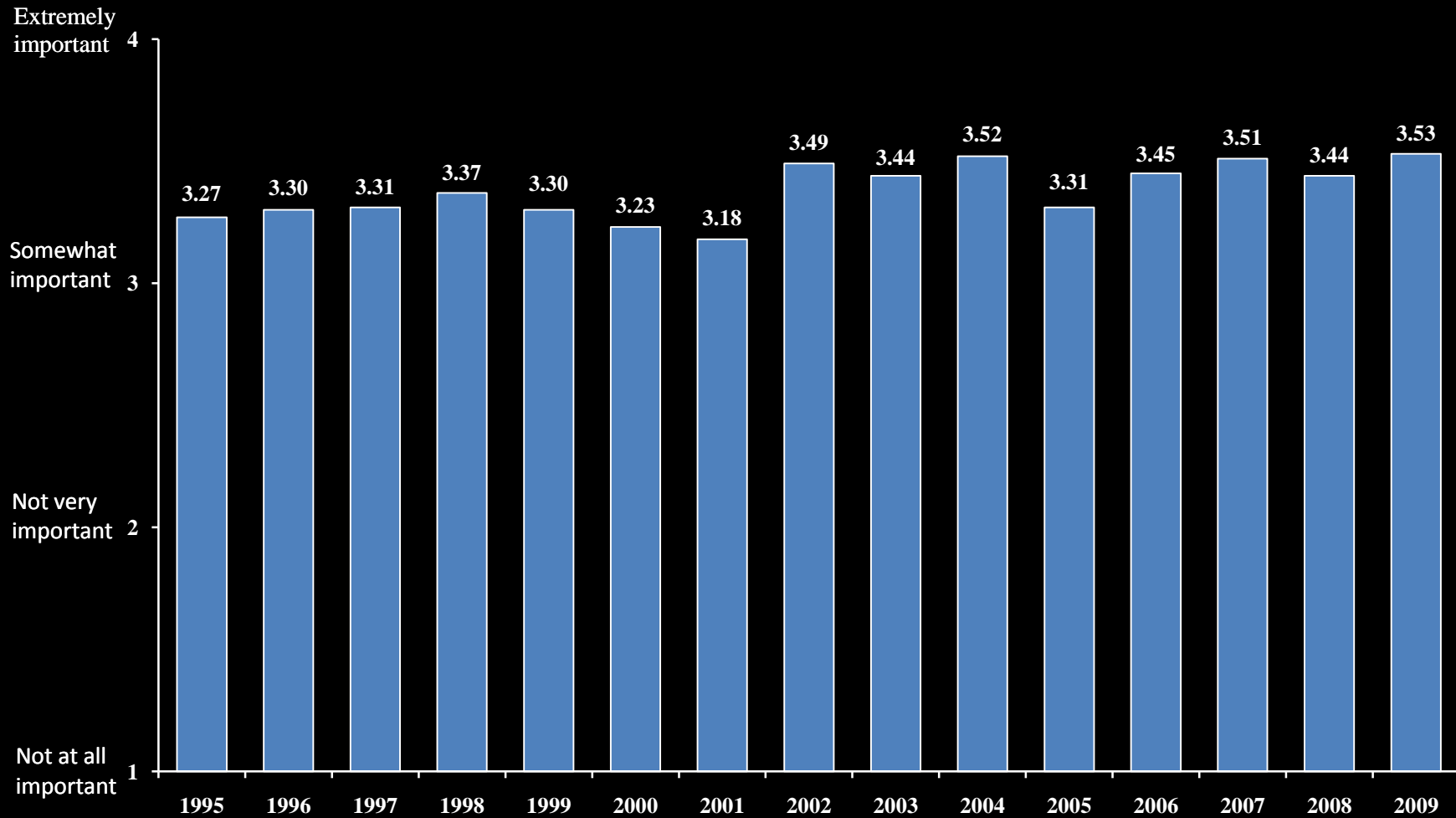
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*Gaining knowledge and skills necessary to  
maintain a healthy lifestyle, including physical  
fitness*



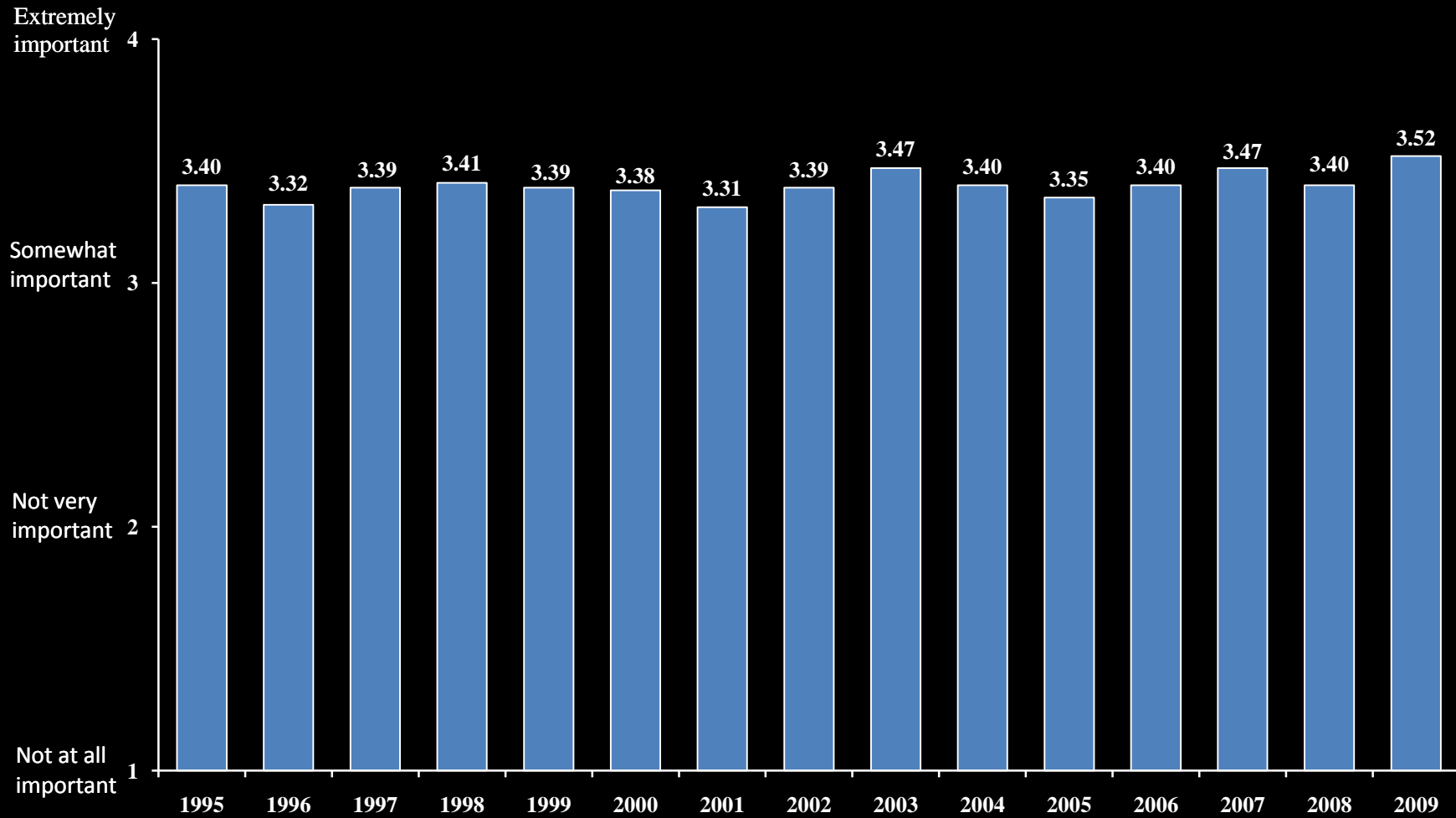
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*Learning more about the arts*



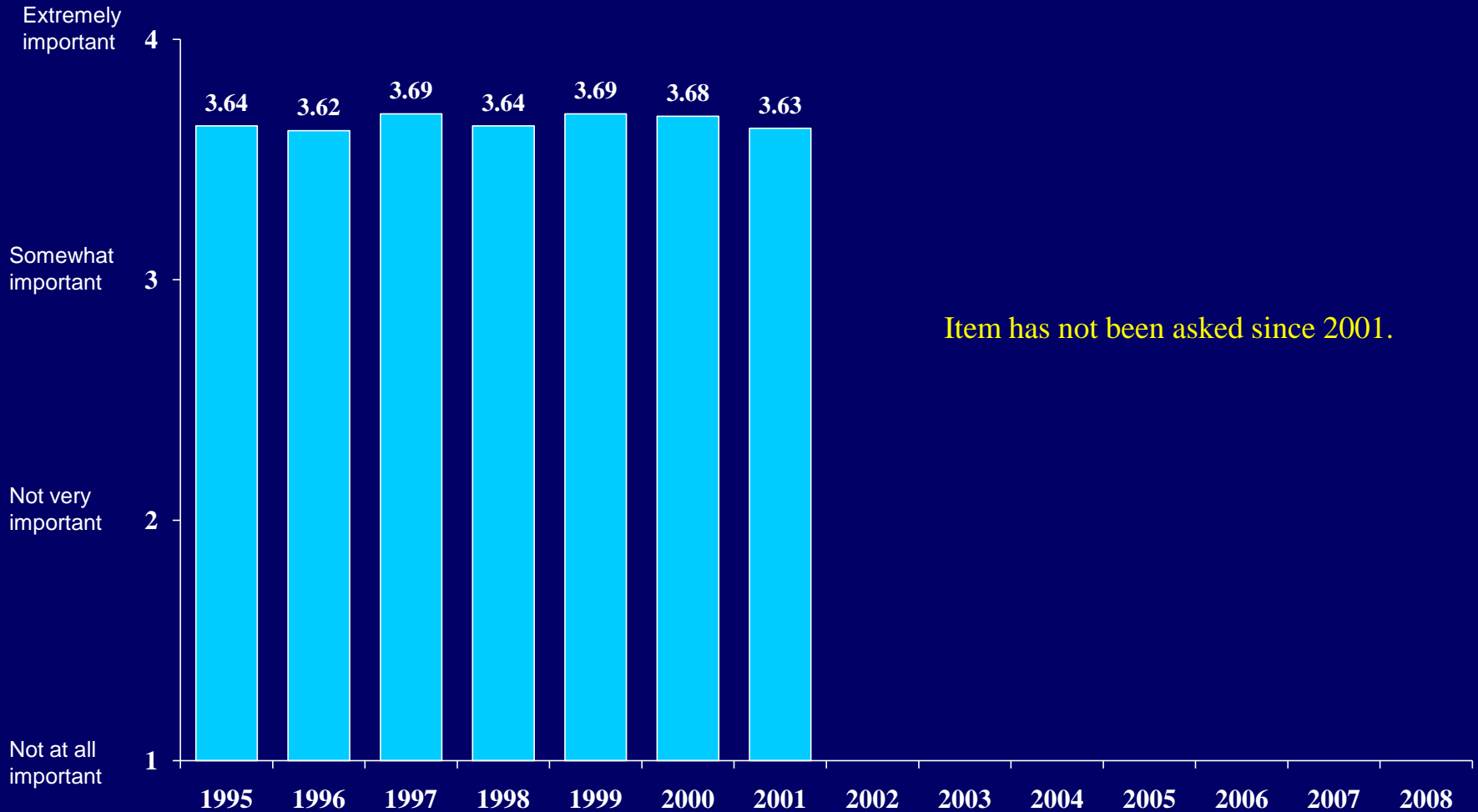
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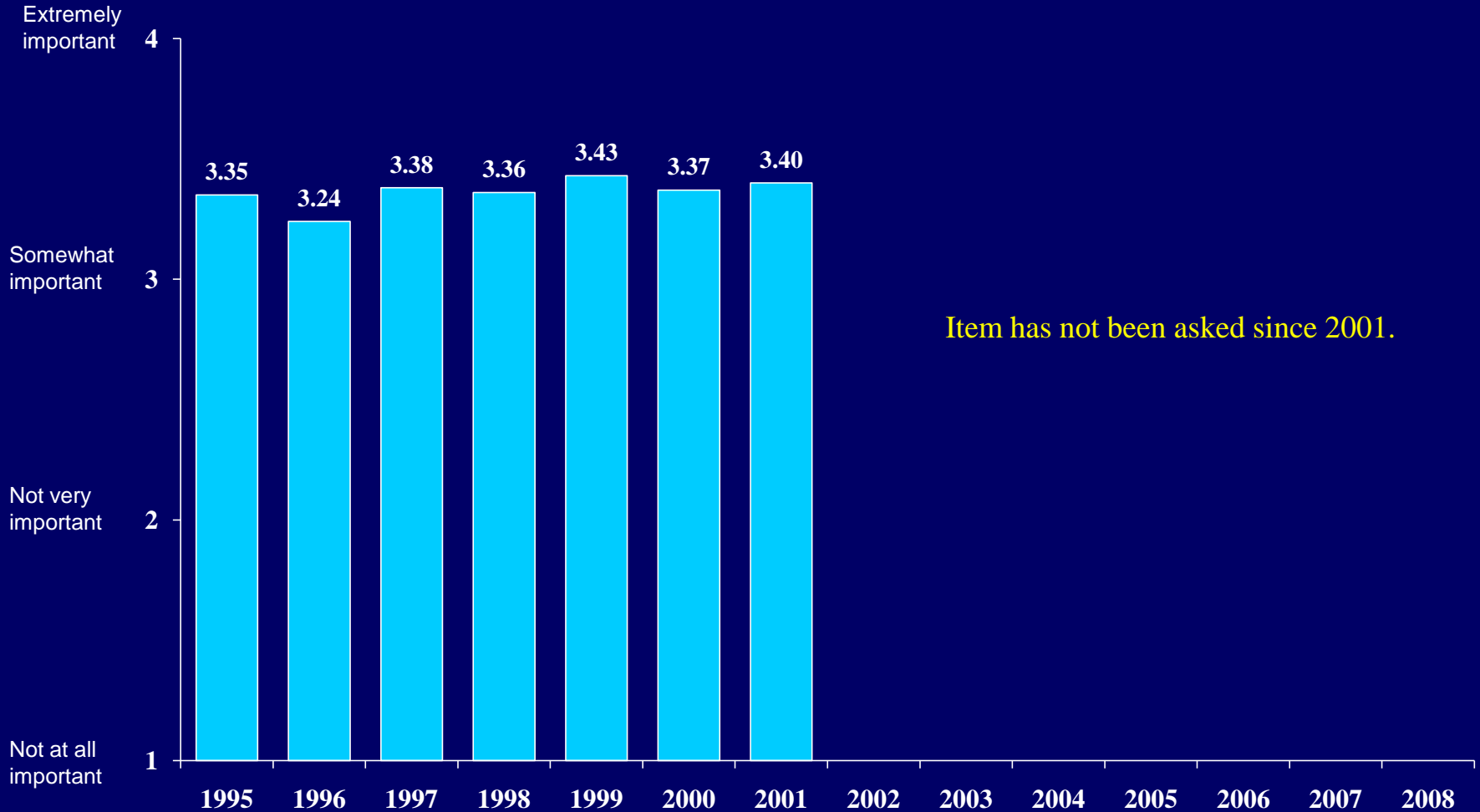
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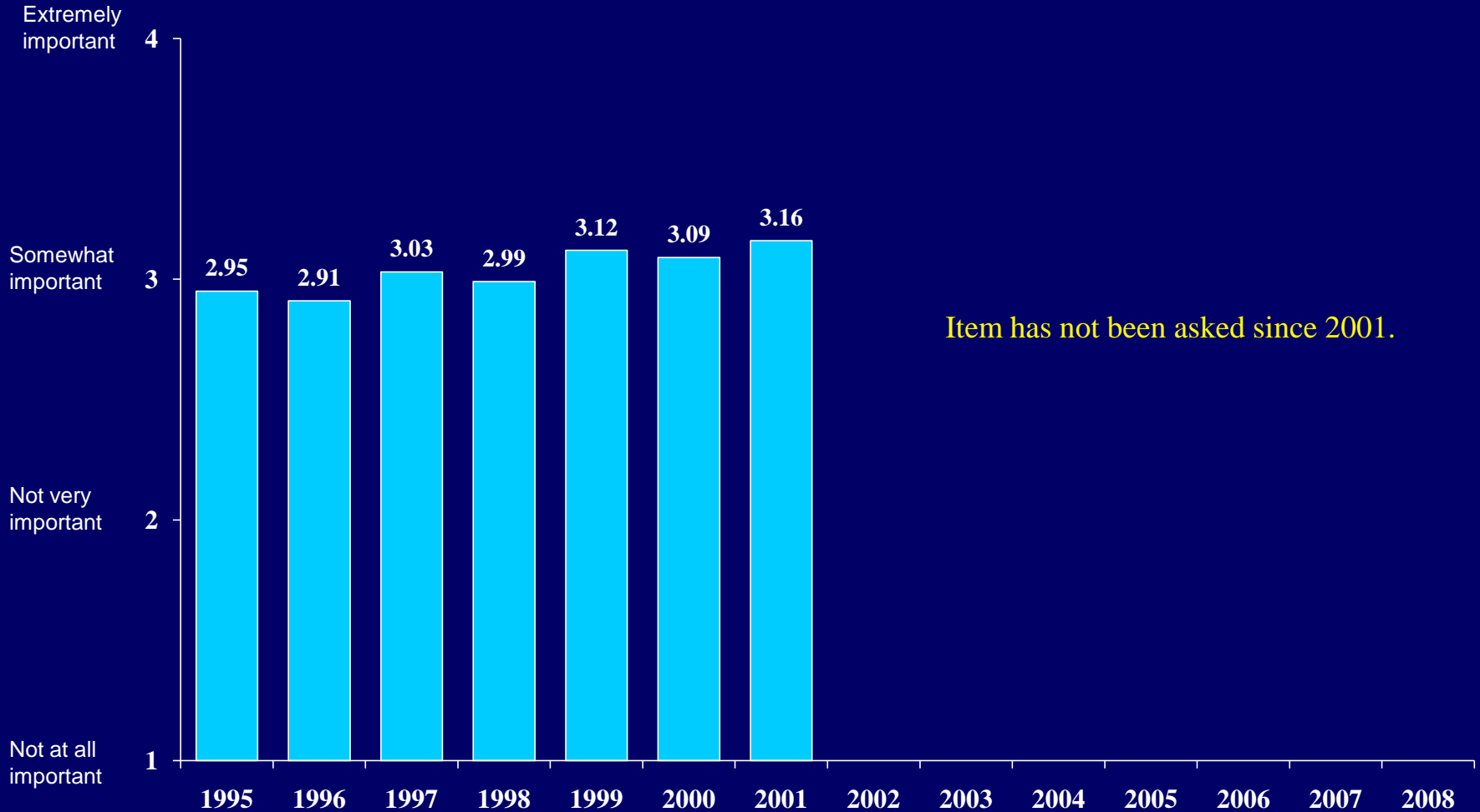
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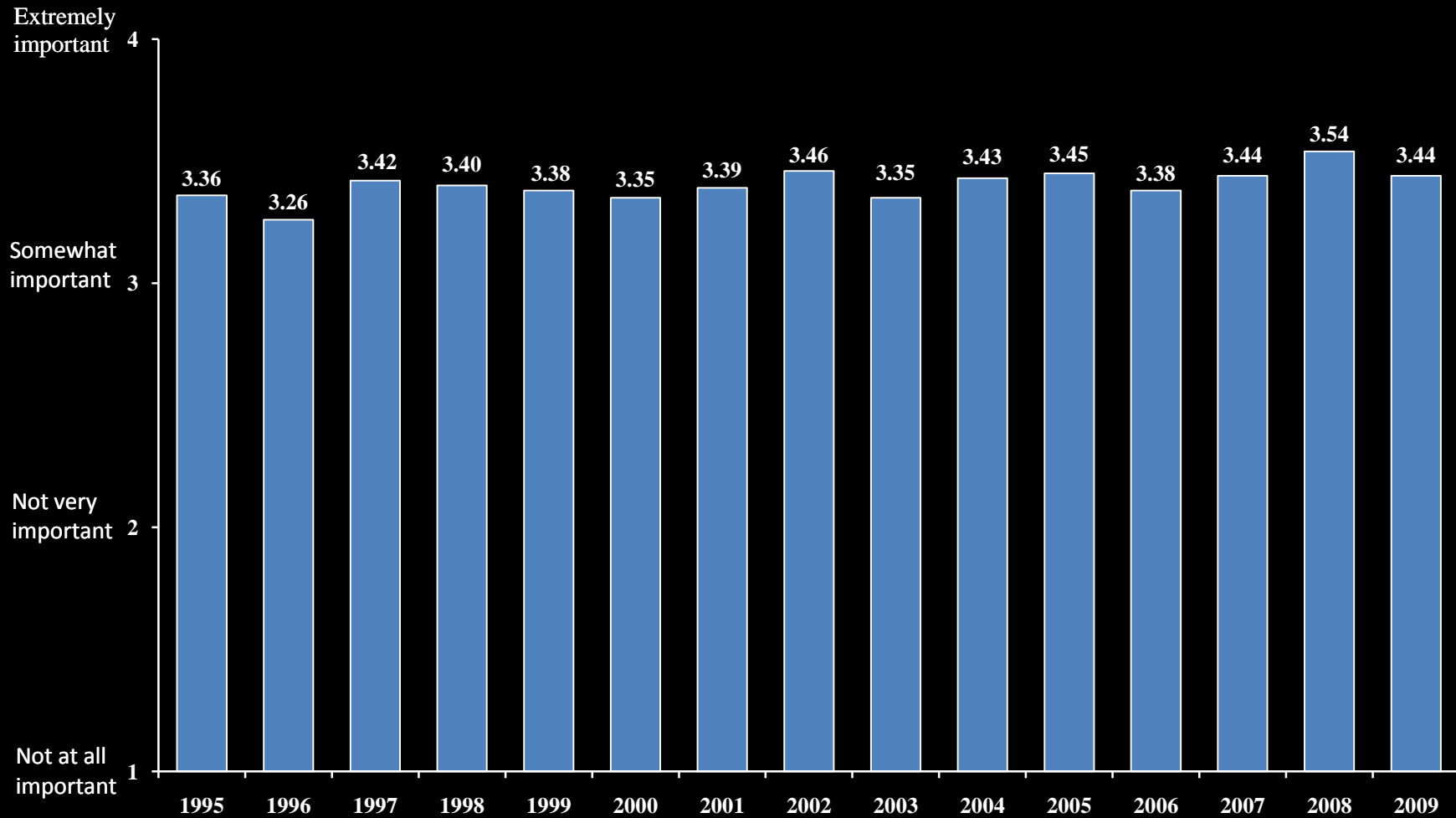
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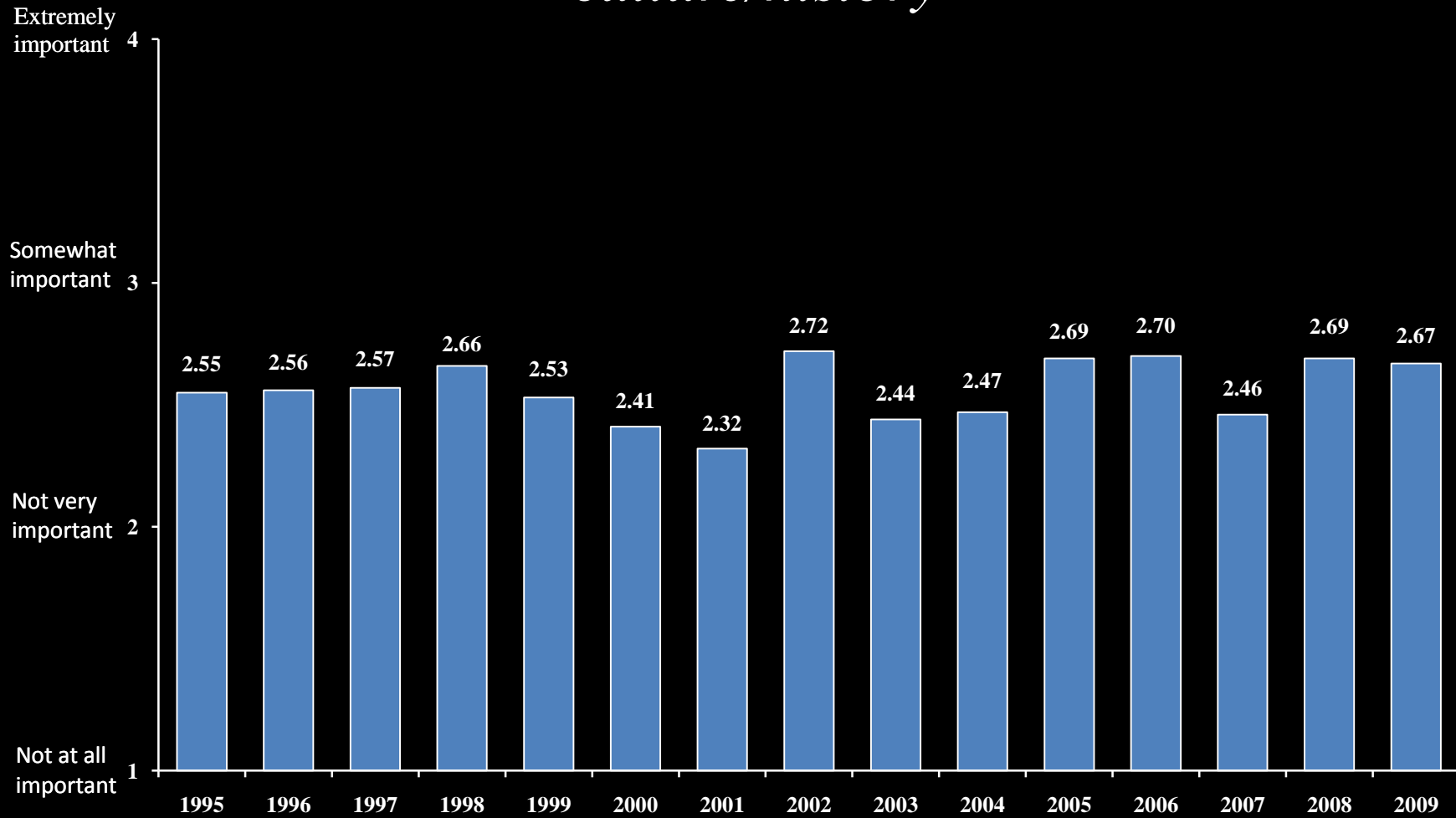


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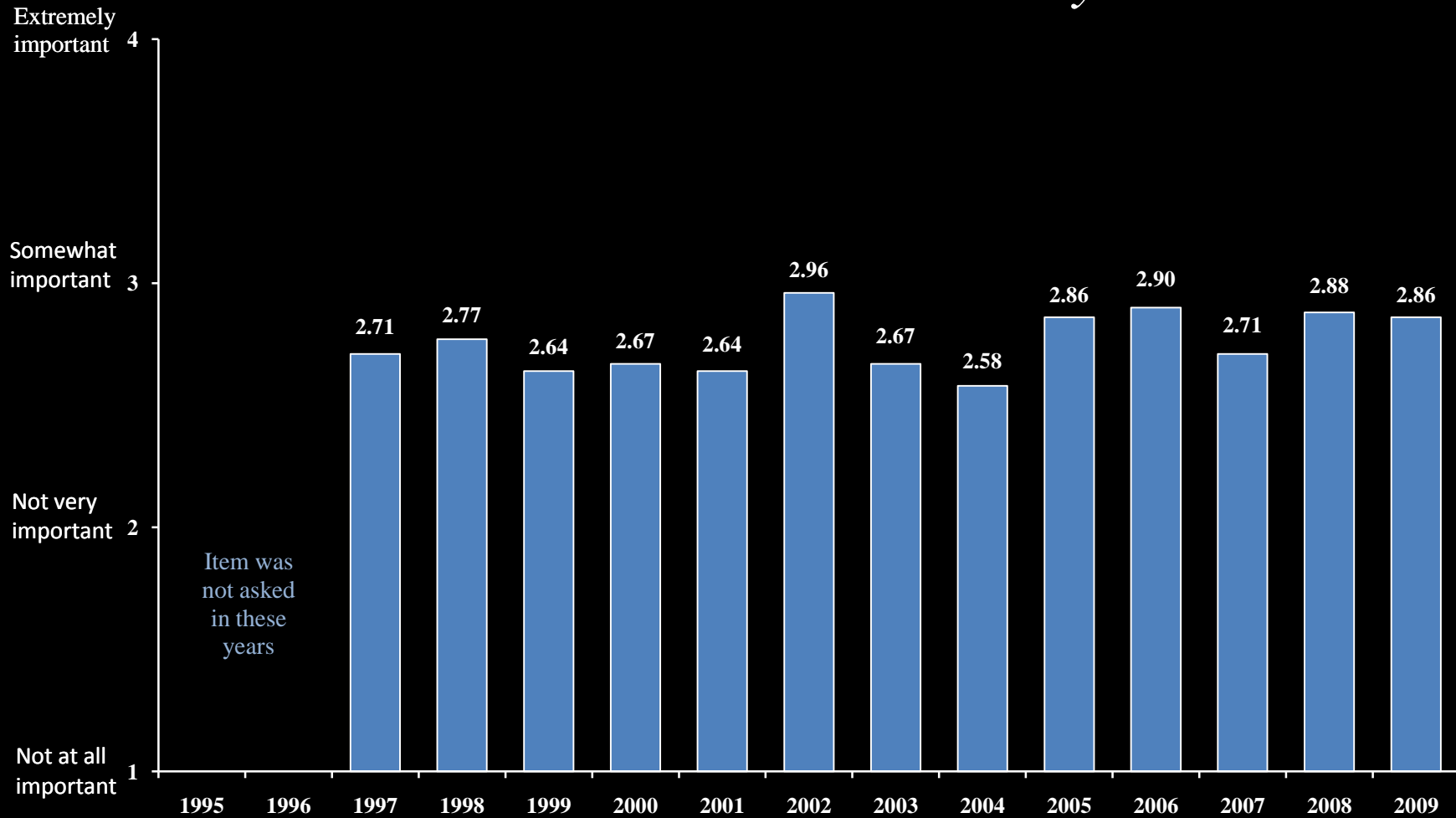




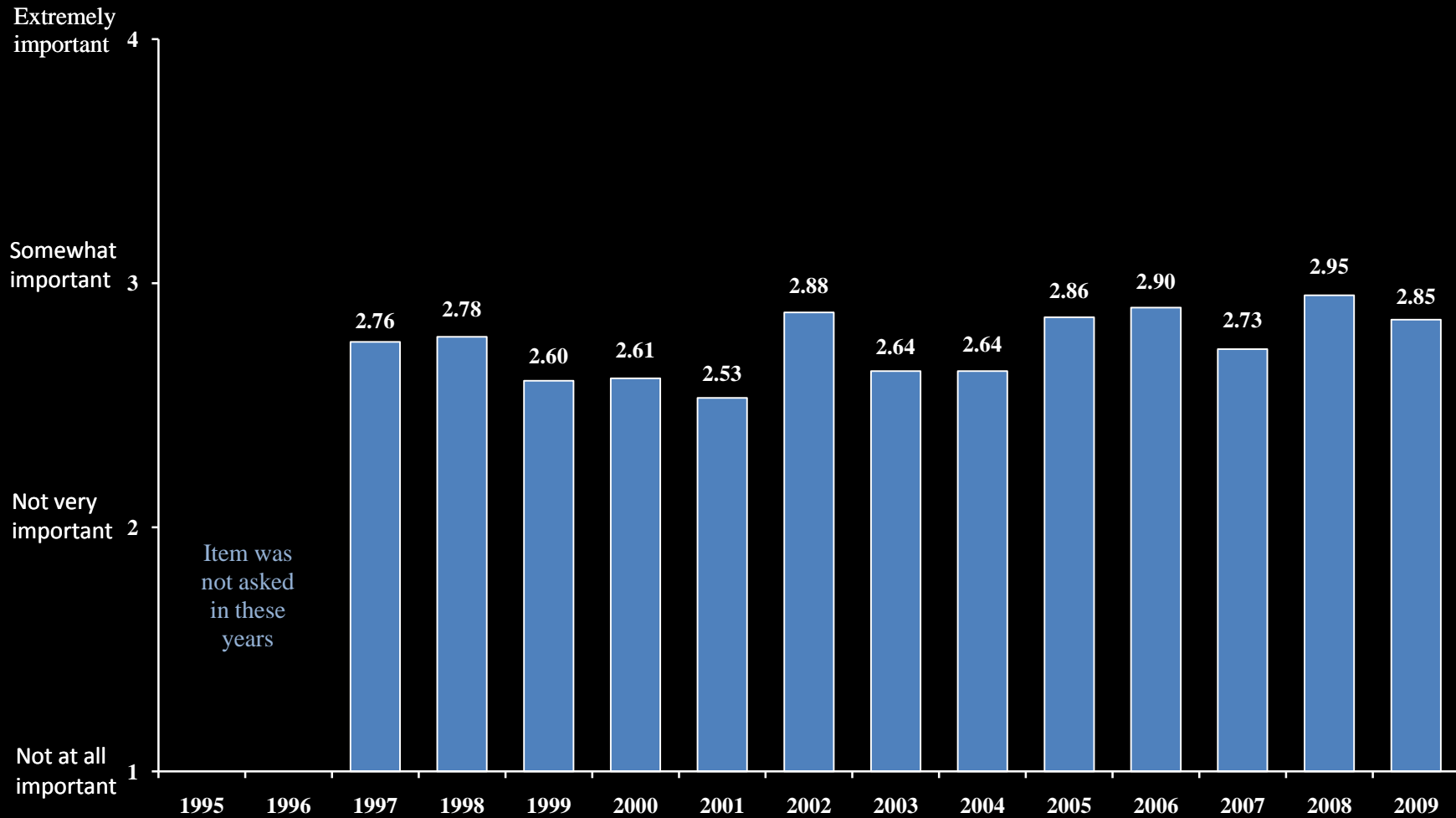
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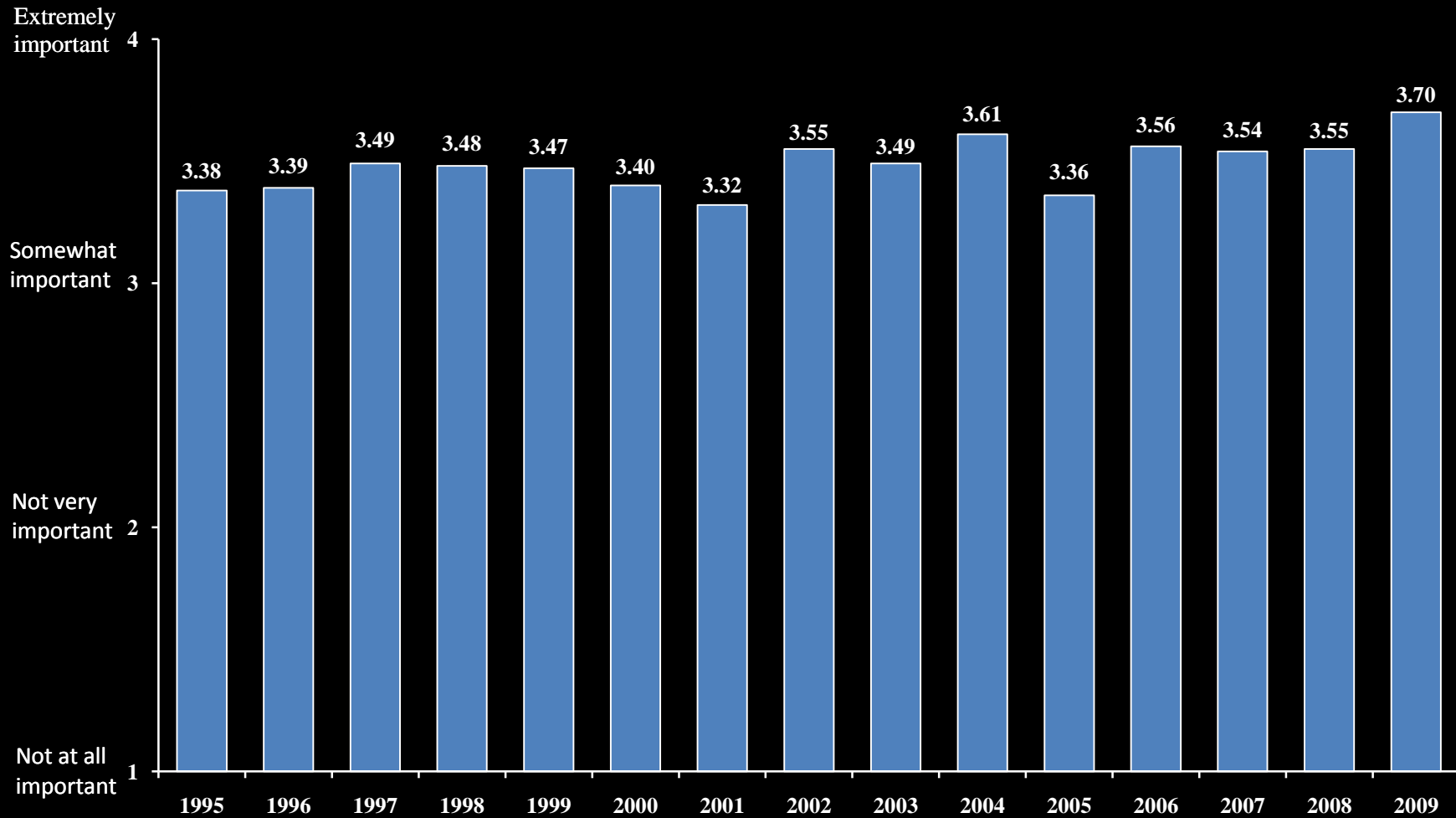
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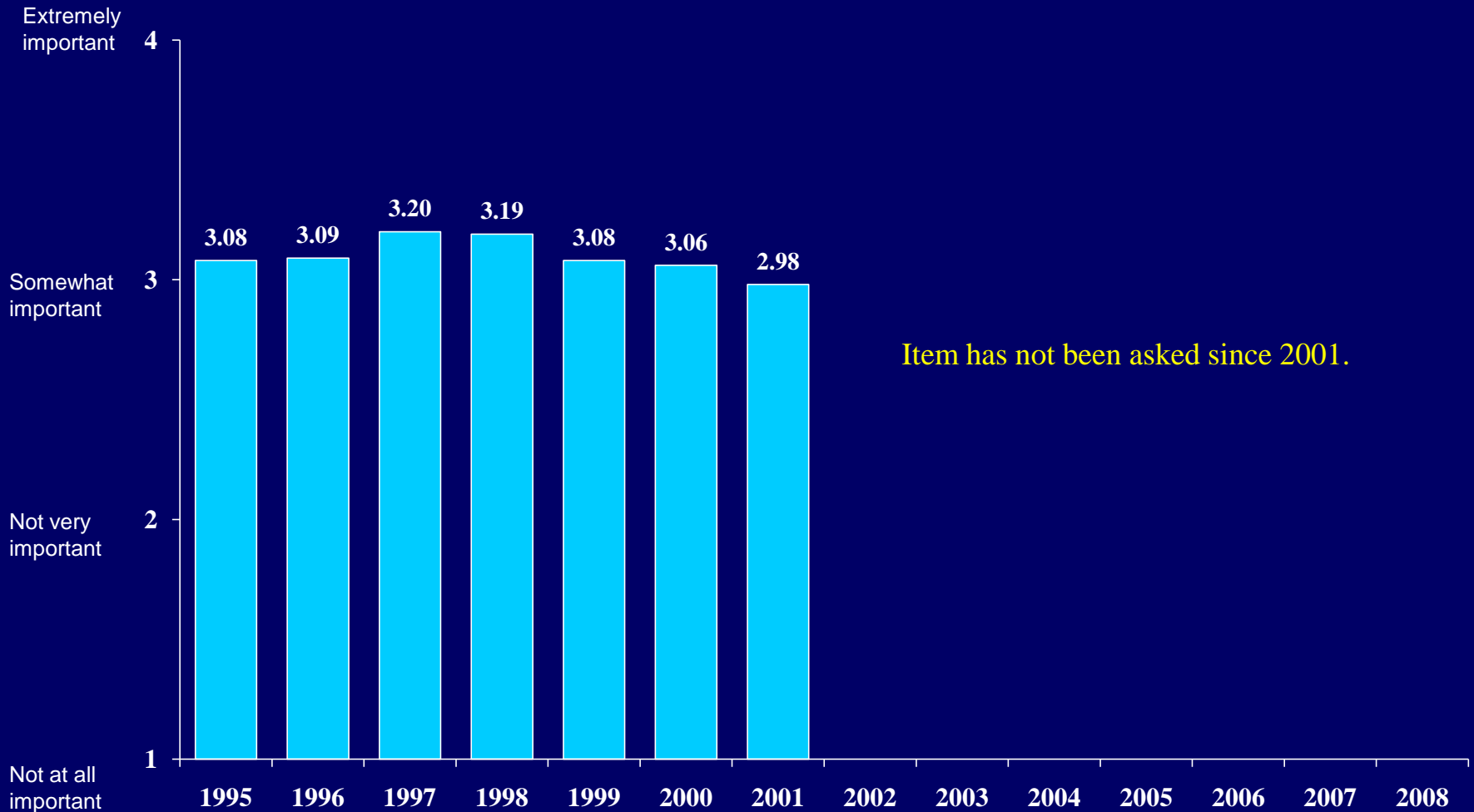
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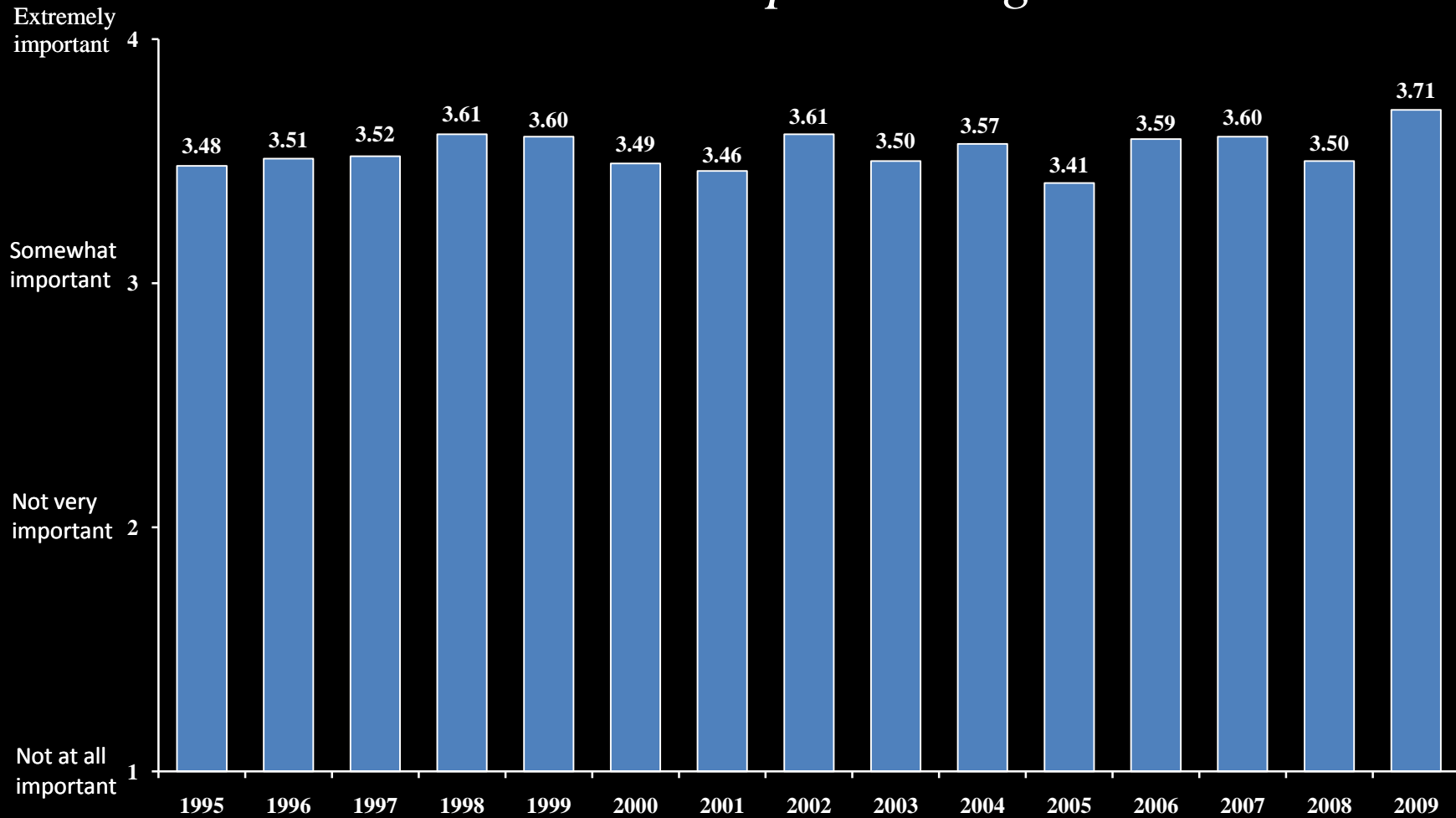
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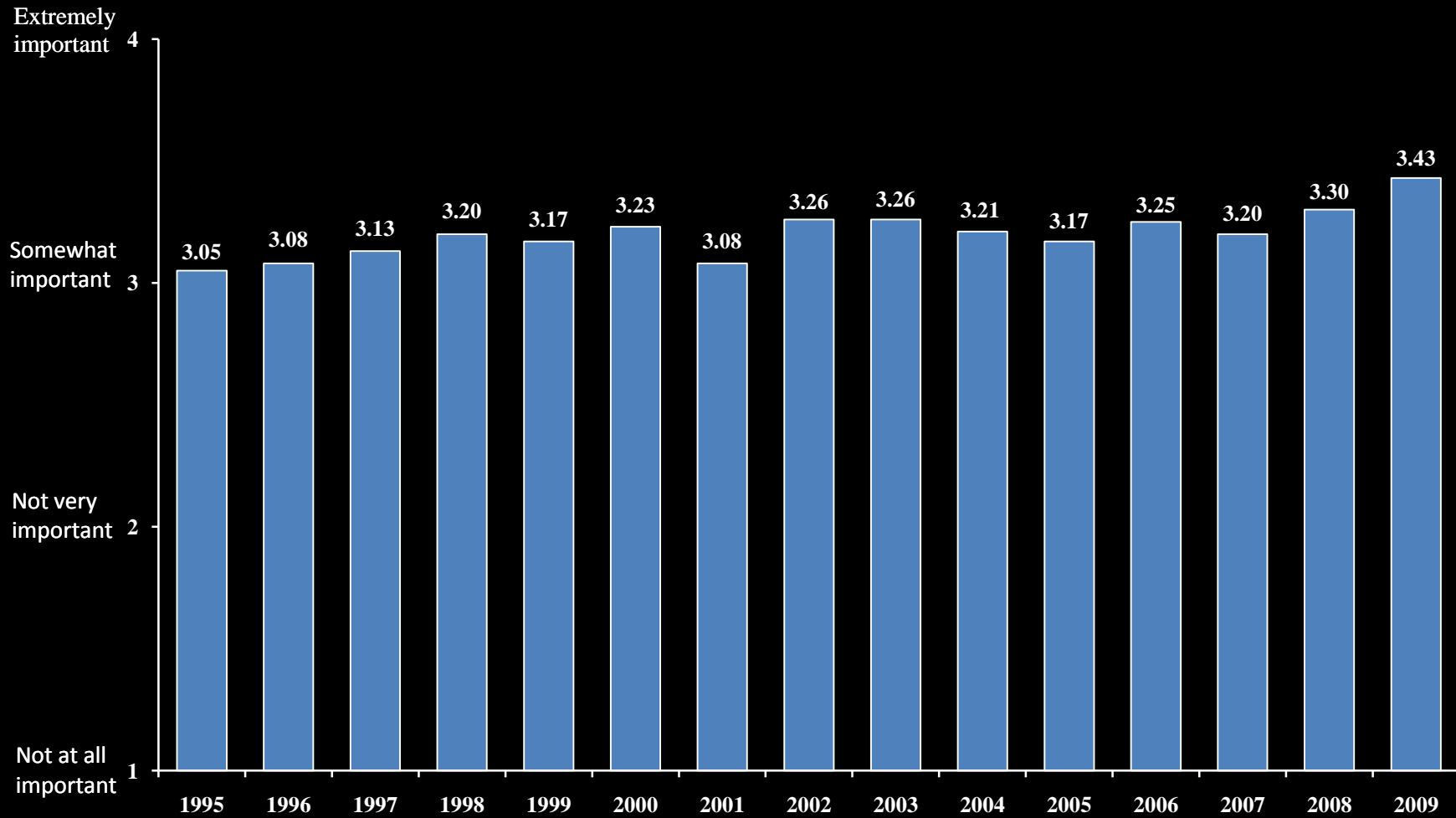
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*Working for social change*



Rate the importance to you of each of the following  
*Finding work that is challenging and  
that stimulates personal growth*

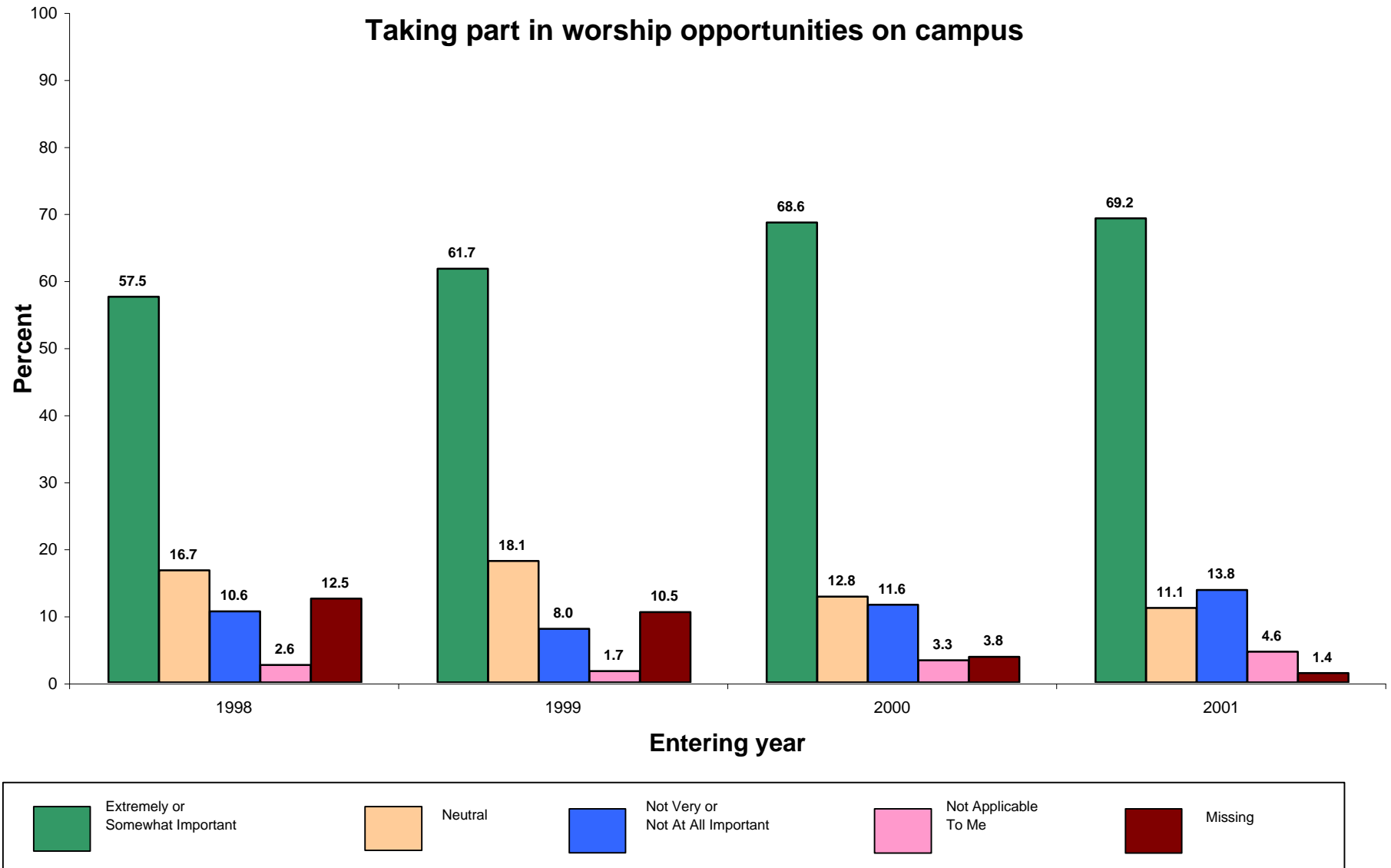


Rate the importance to you of each of the following  
*Volunteering service to my community*



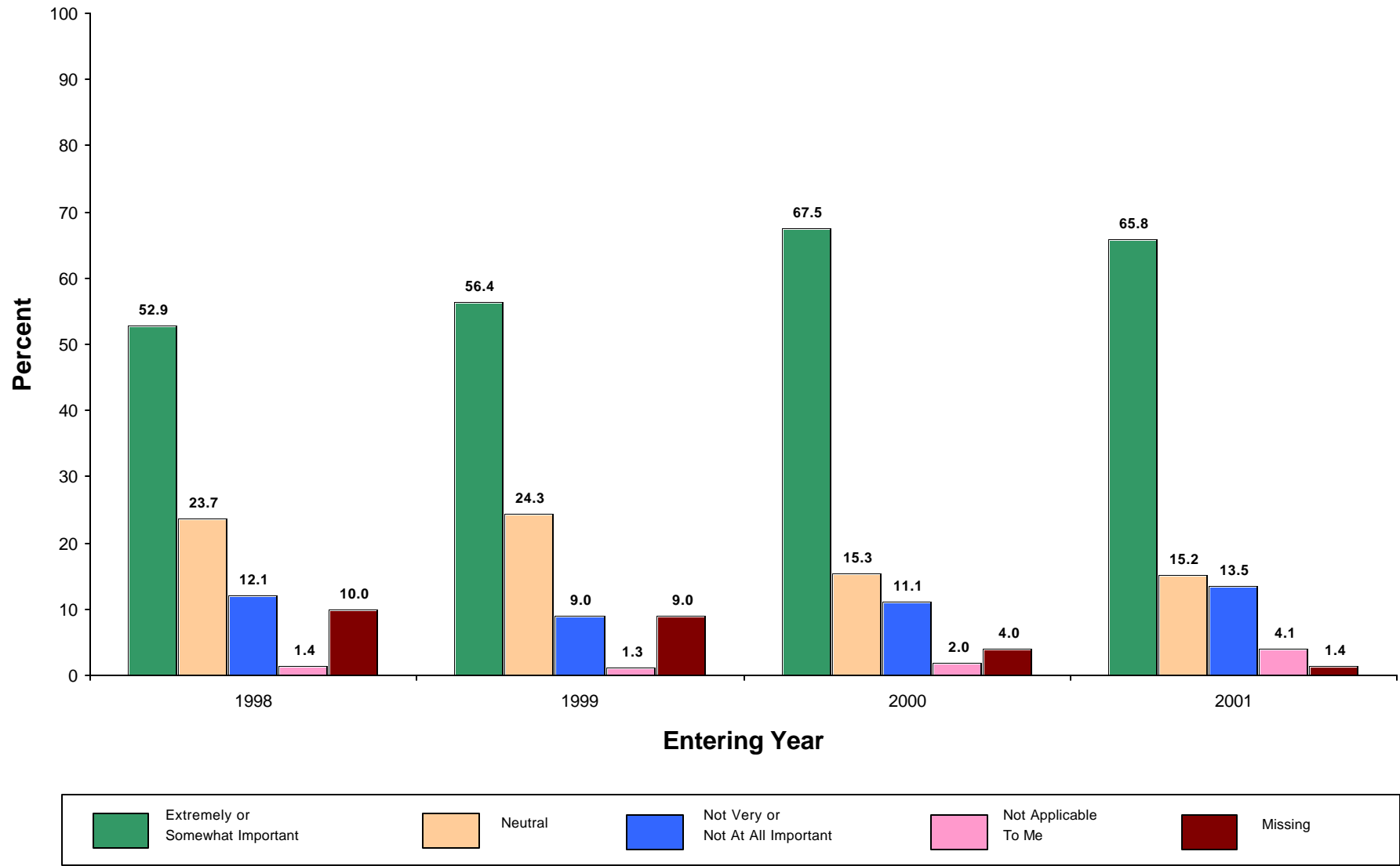
Rate the importance to you of each of the following:

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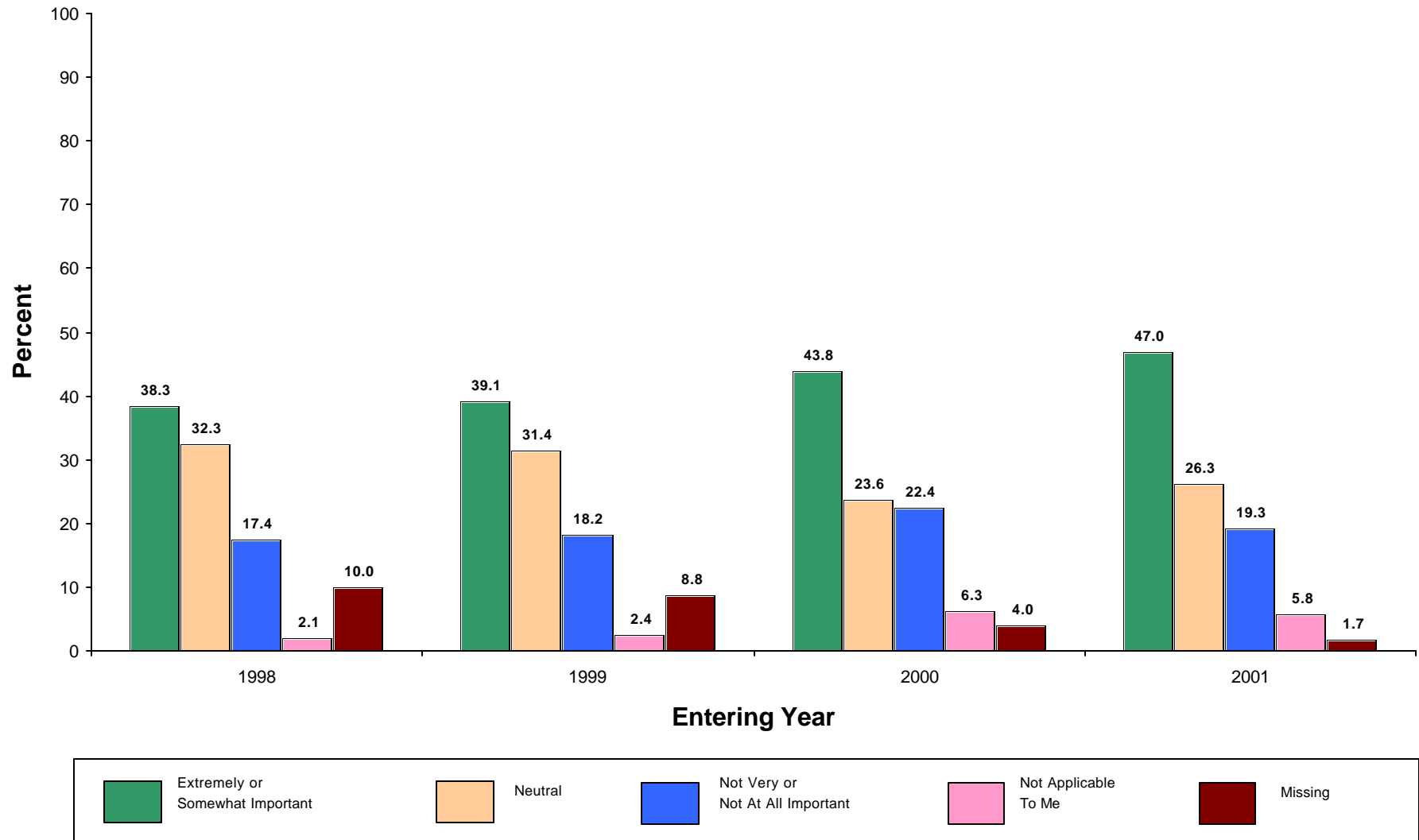




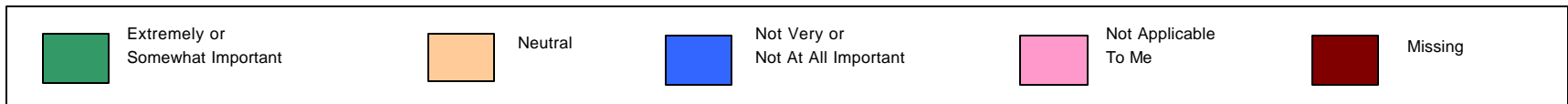
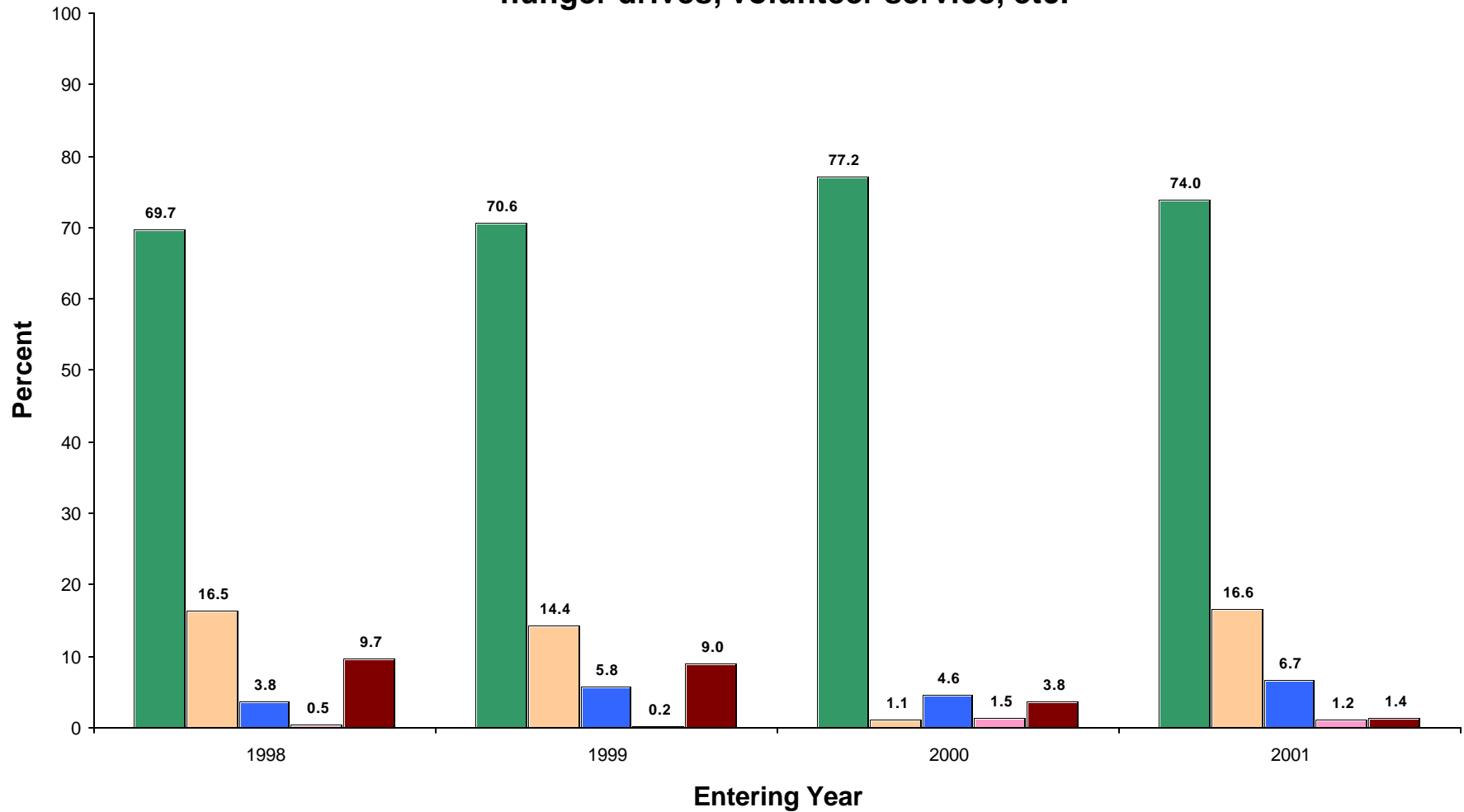
### Taking part in social activities with a religious focus (dinners, discussion groups, etc.)



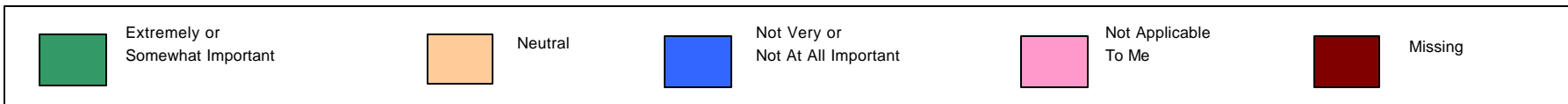
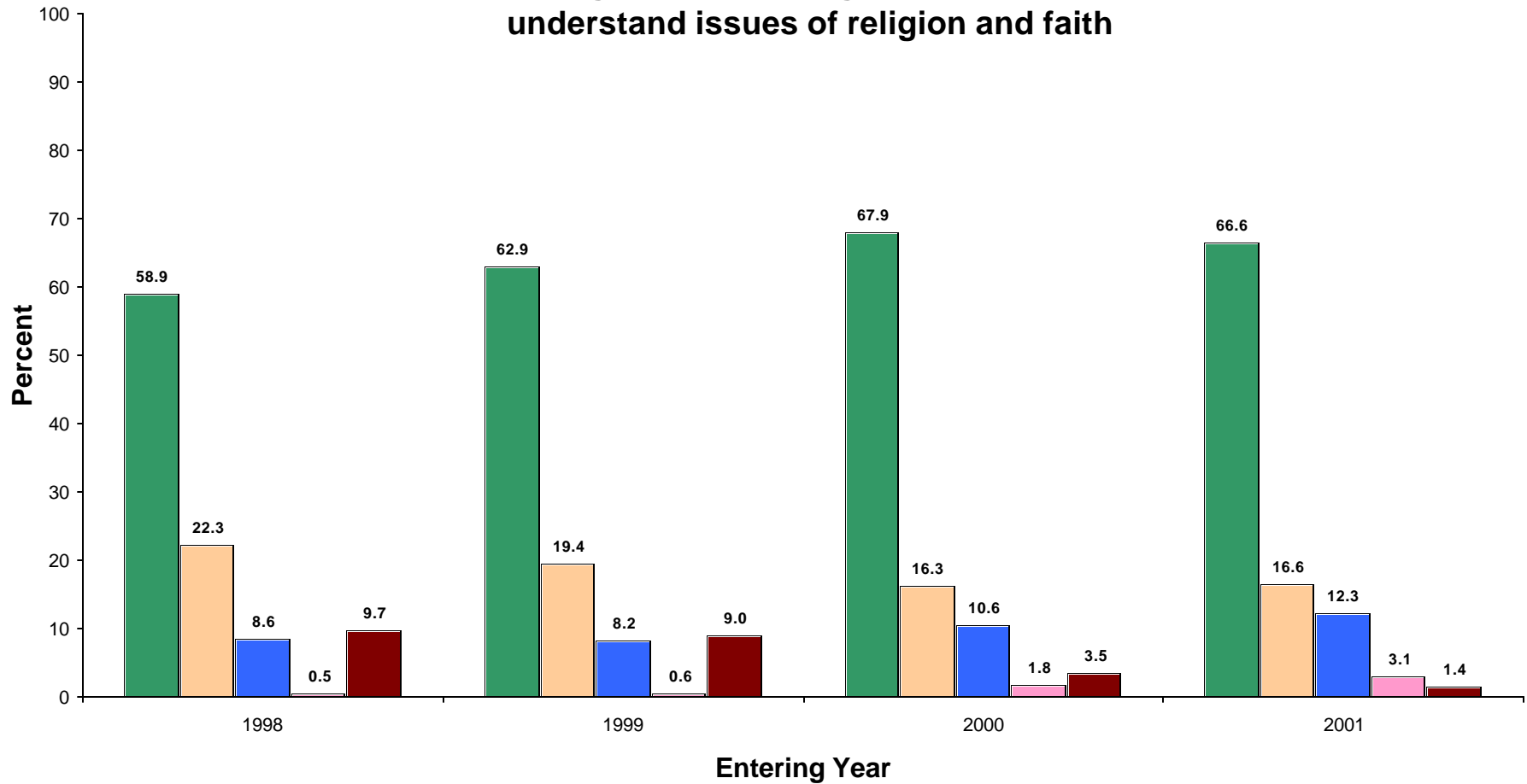
### Having individual counseling services to deal with spiritual issues or personal problems



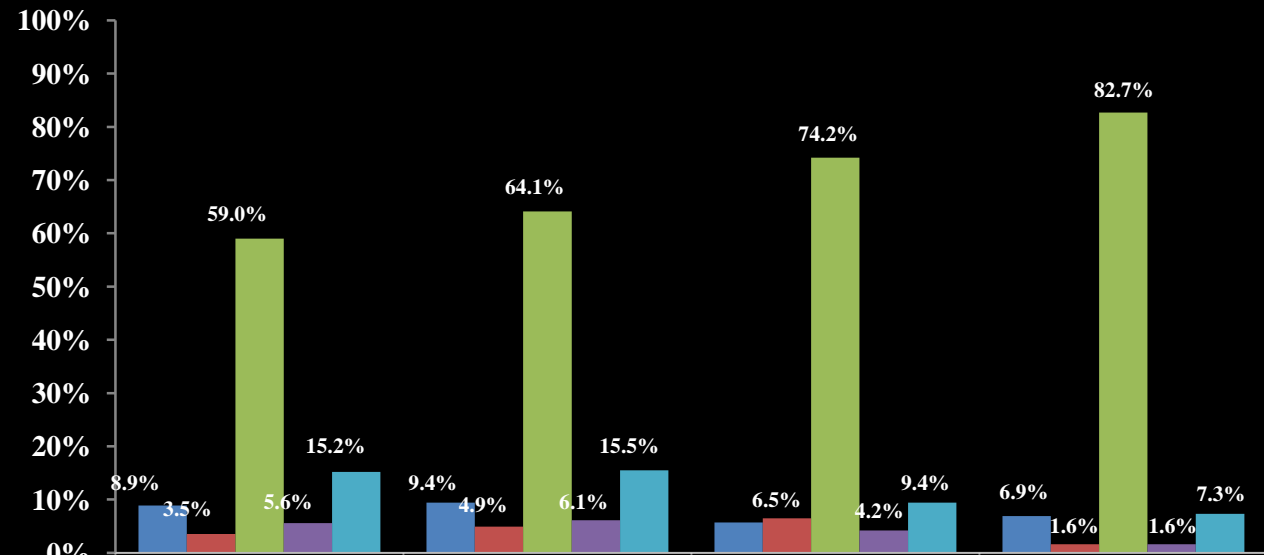
### Taking part in volunteer activities such as hunger drives, volunteer service, etc.



### Taking part in learning opportunities to understand issues of religion and faith



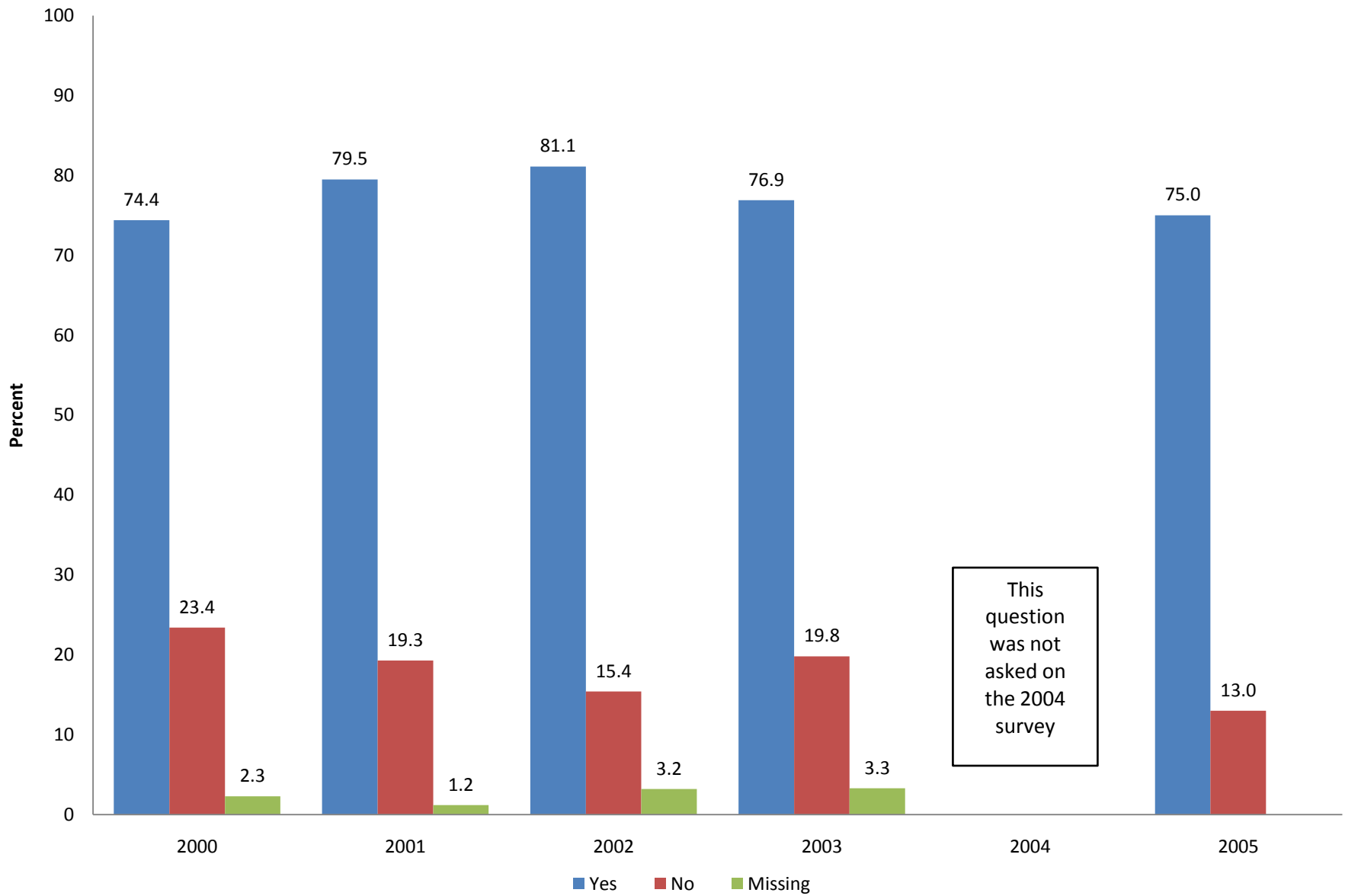
Choose the one description that best fits your understanding of Berea College  
*Berea College promotes its Christian identity...*



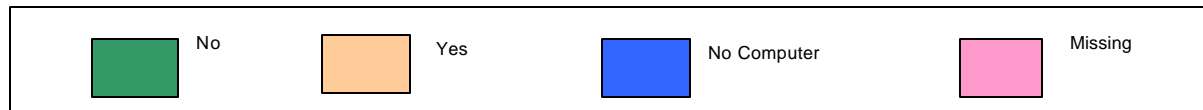
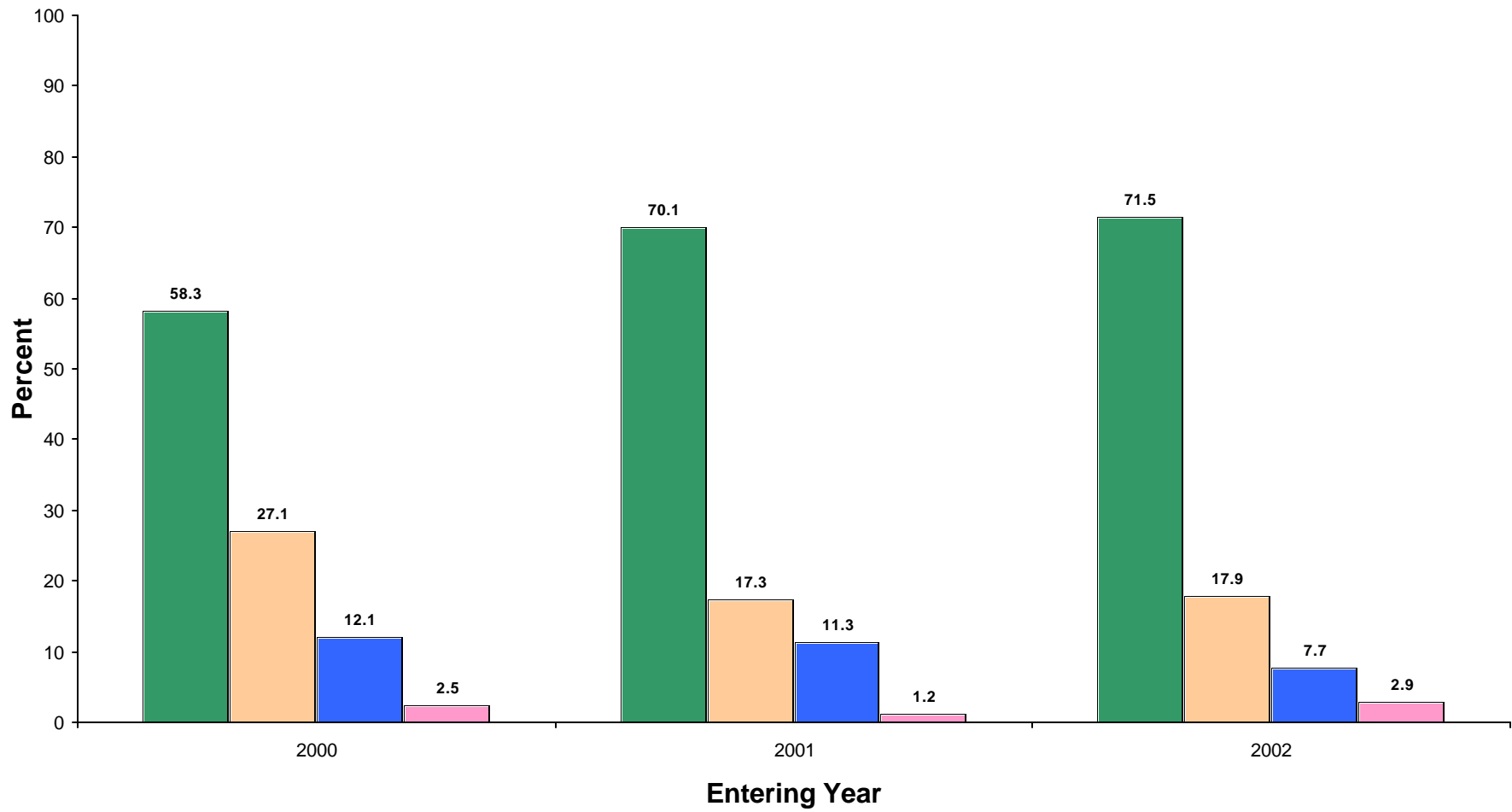
	2004	2006	2008	2009
■ by requiring adherence to precisely defined Christian beliefs	8.9%	9.4%	5.7%	6.9%
■ by functioning as a church	3.5%	4.9%	6.5%	1.6%
■ through programs of education and service to students and communities in Appalachia and beyond	59.0%	64.1%	74.2%	82.7%
■ by affiliating with a specific Christian denomination	5.6%	6.1%	4.2%	1.6%
■ by maintaining strict moral guidelines	15.2%	15.5%	9.4%	7.3%

# **Computer/Internet Access**

## Do you have a computer in your home?

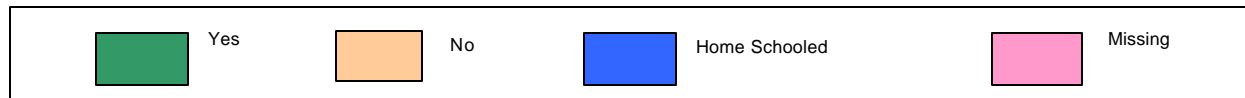
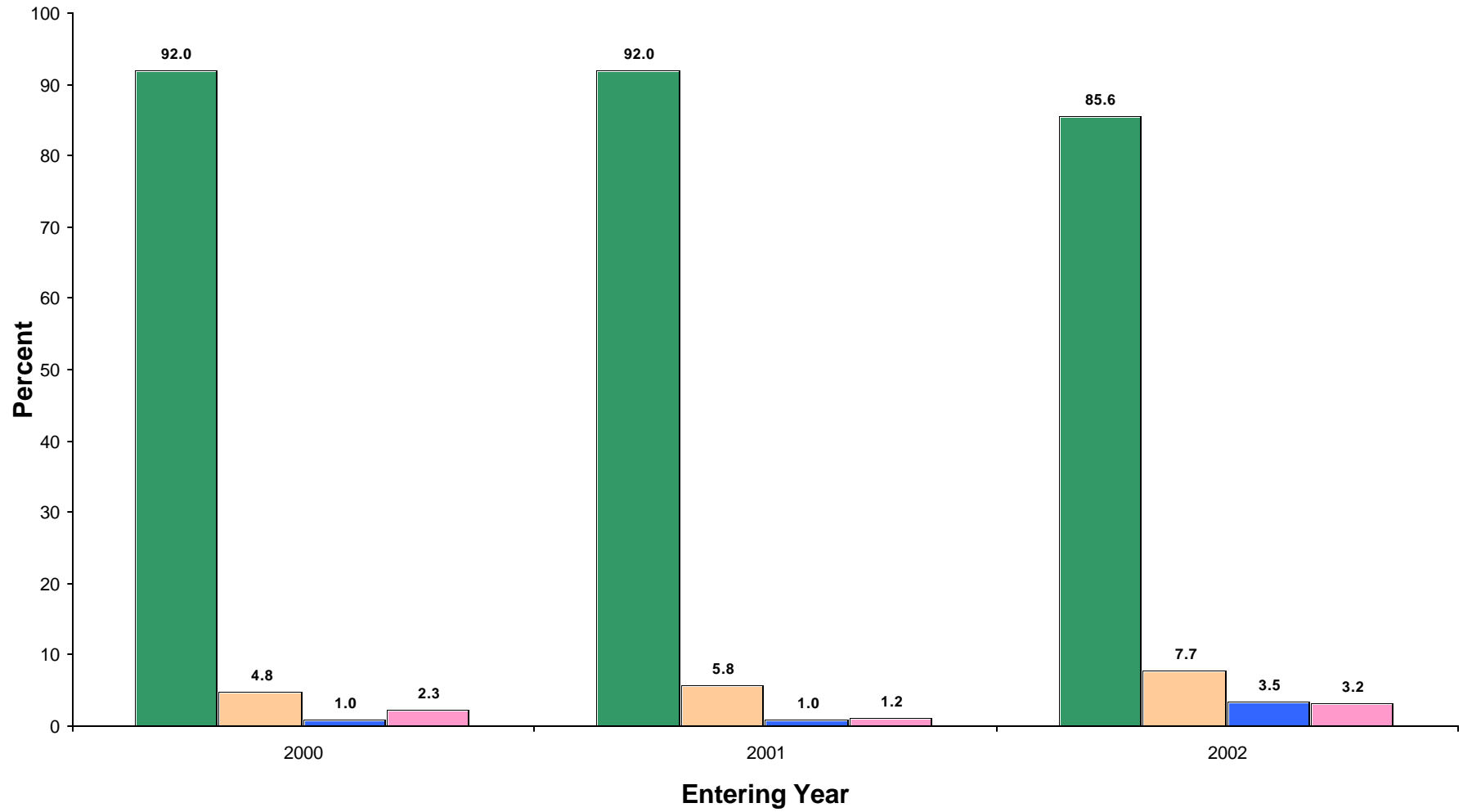


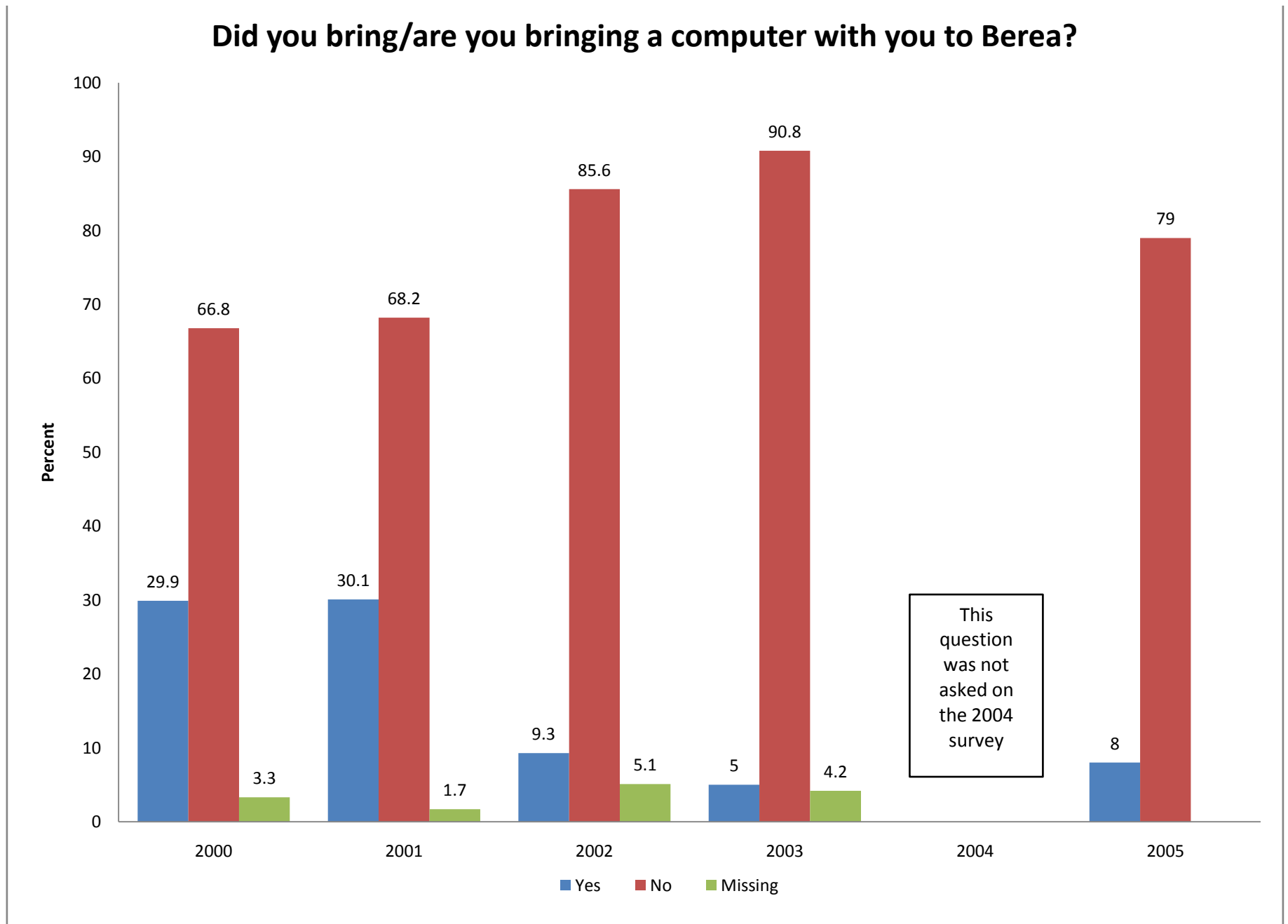
### Do you have internet access in your home?





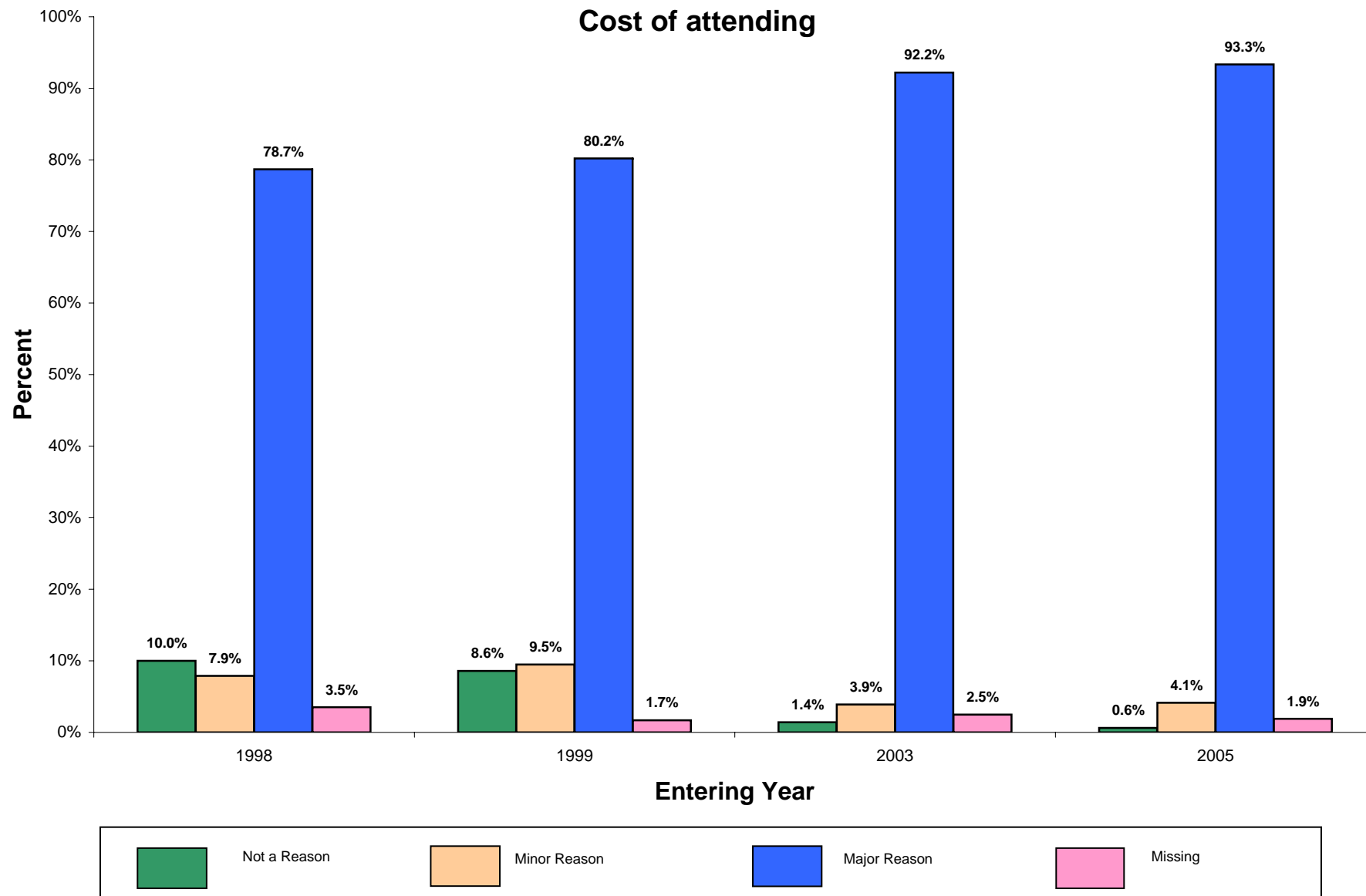
### Did you have internet access at your school?





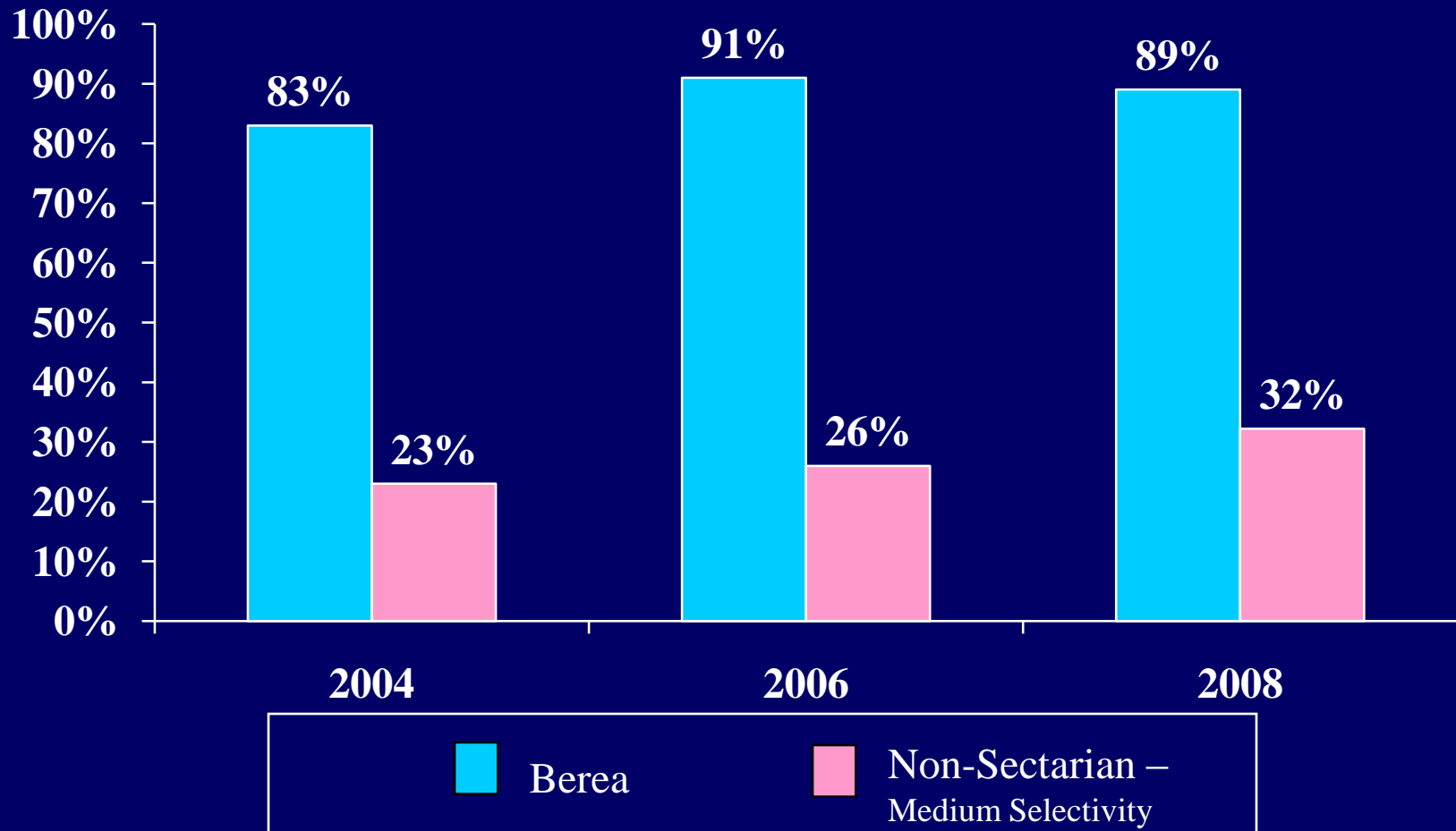
# **Reasons Berea College was selected as their instituion**

Indicate whether each of the following was a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason, that you selected Berea College



Reasons noted as “very important” in influencing student’s decision  
to attend this particular college

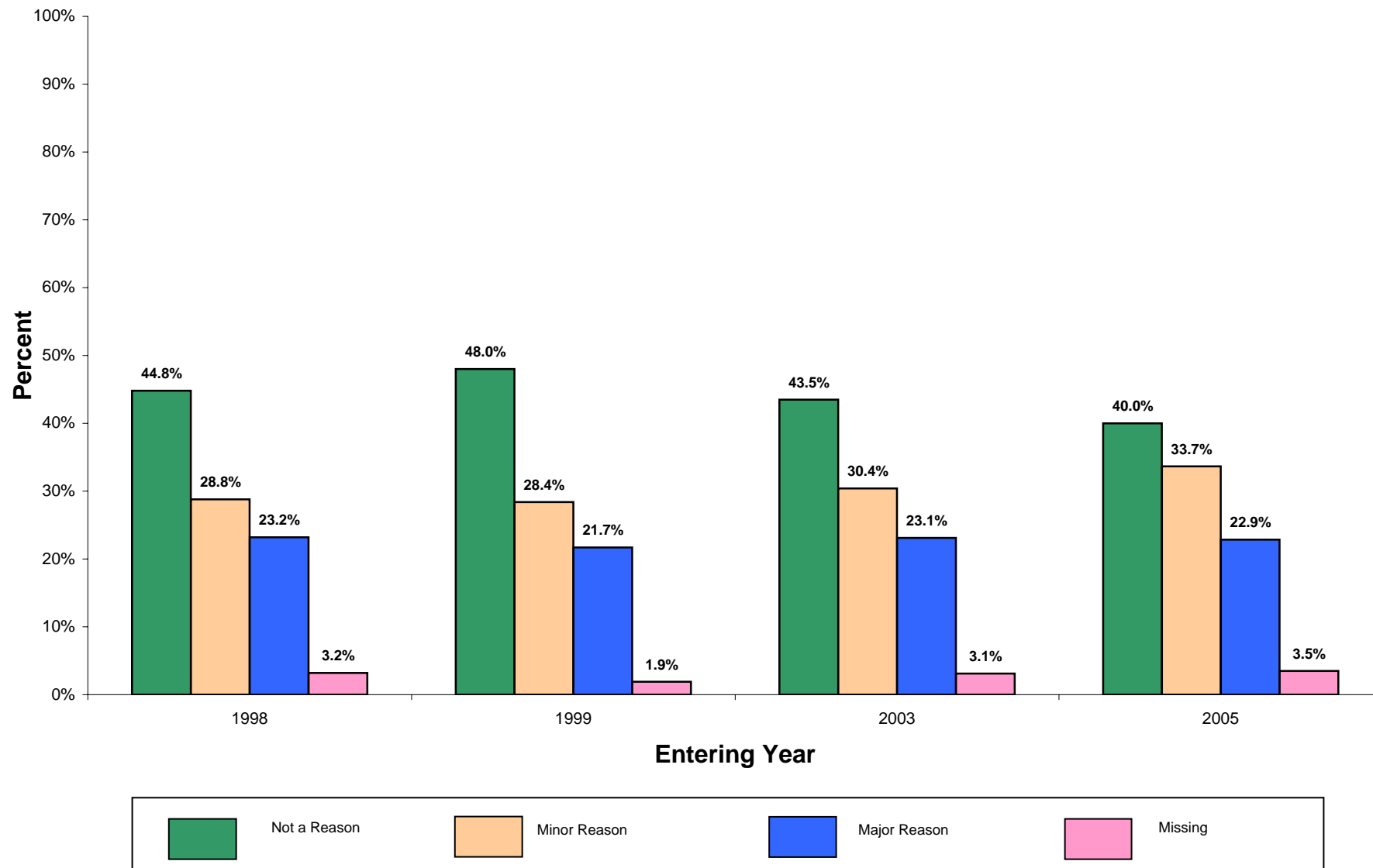
*The cost of attending this college*



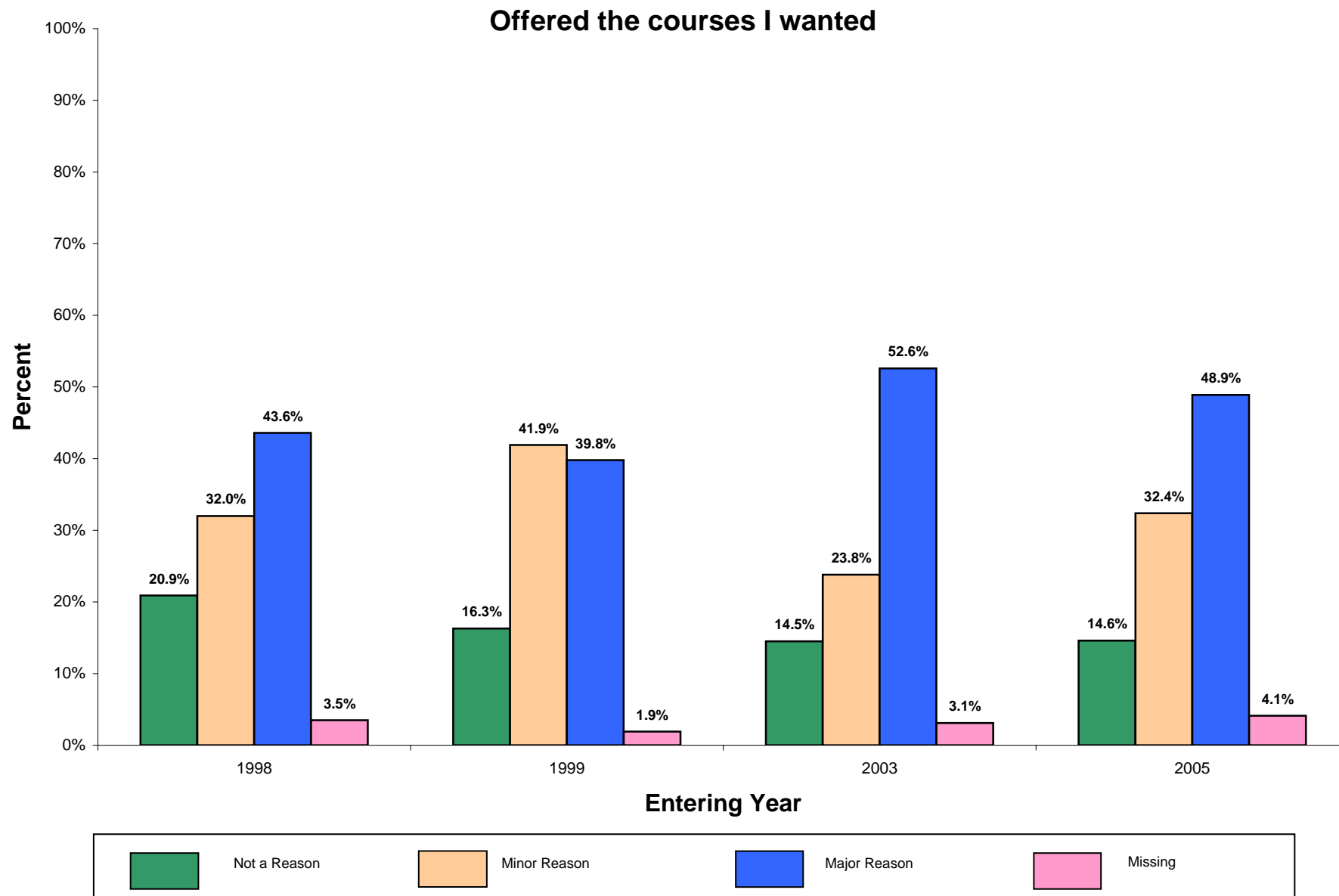
**This item was not asked on the 2002 CIRP survey.**

Indicate whether each of the following was a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason, that you selected Berea College

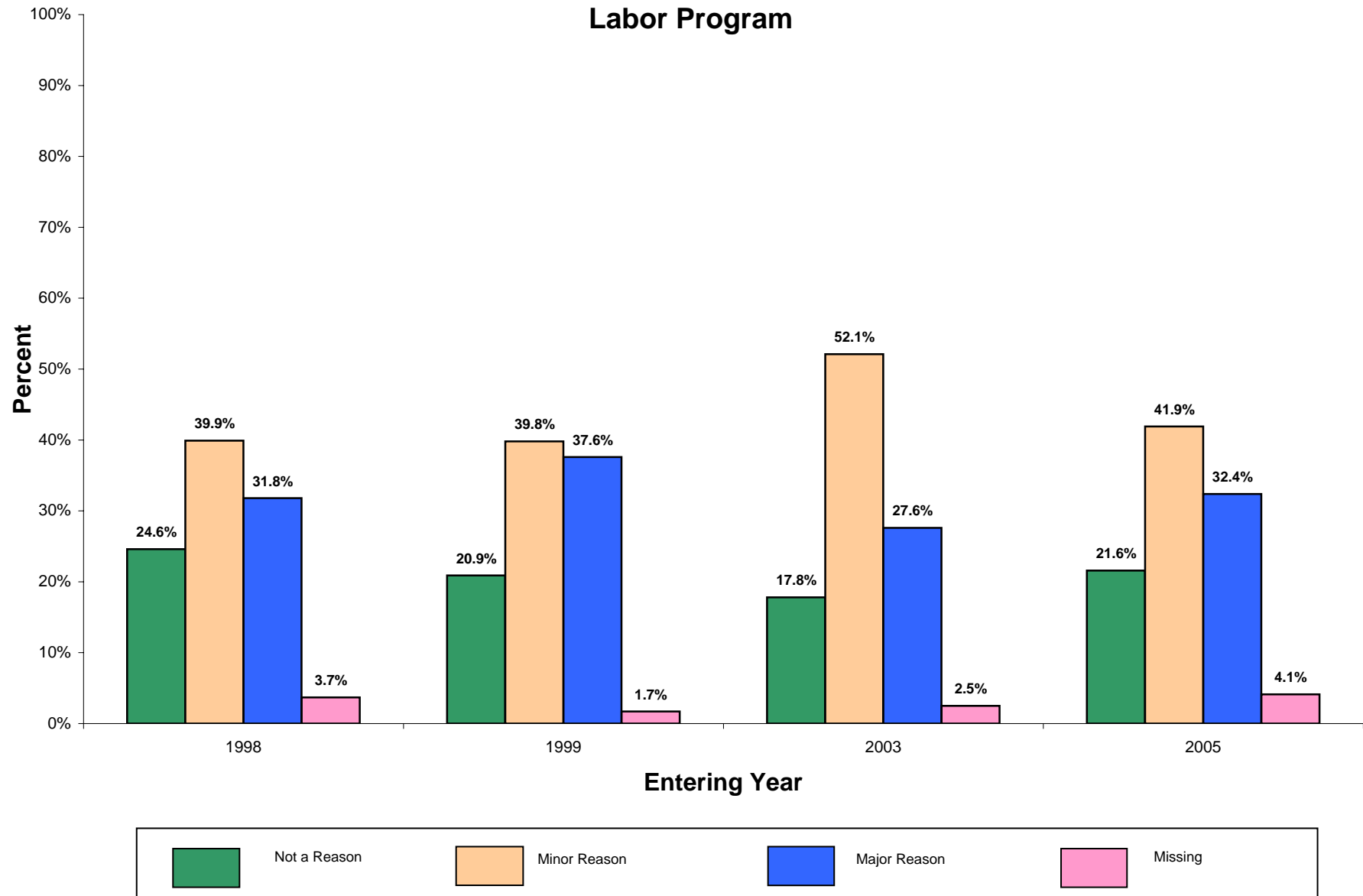
### Convenient location



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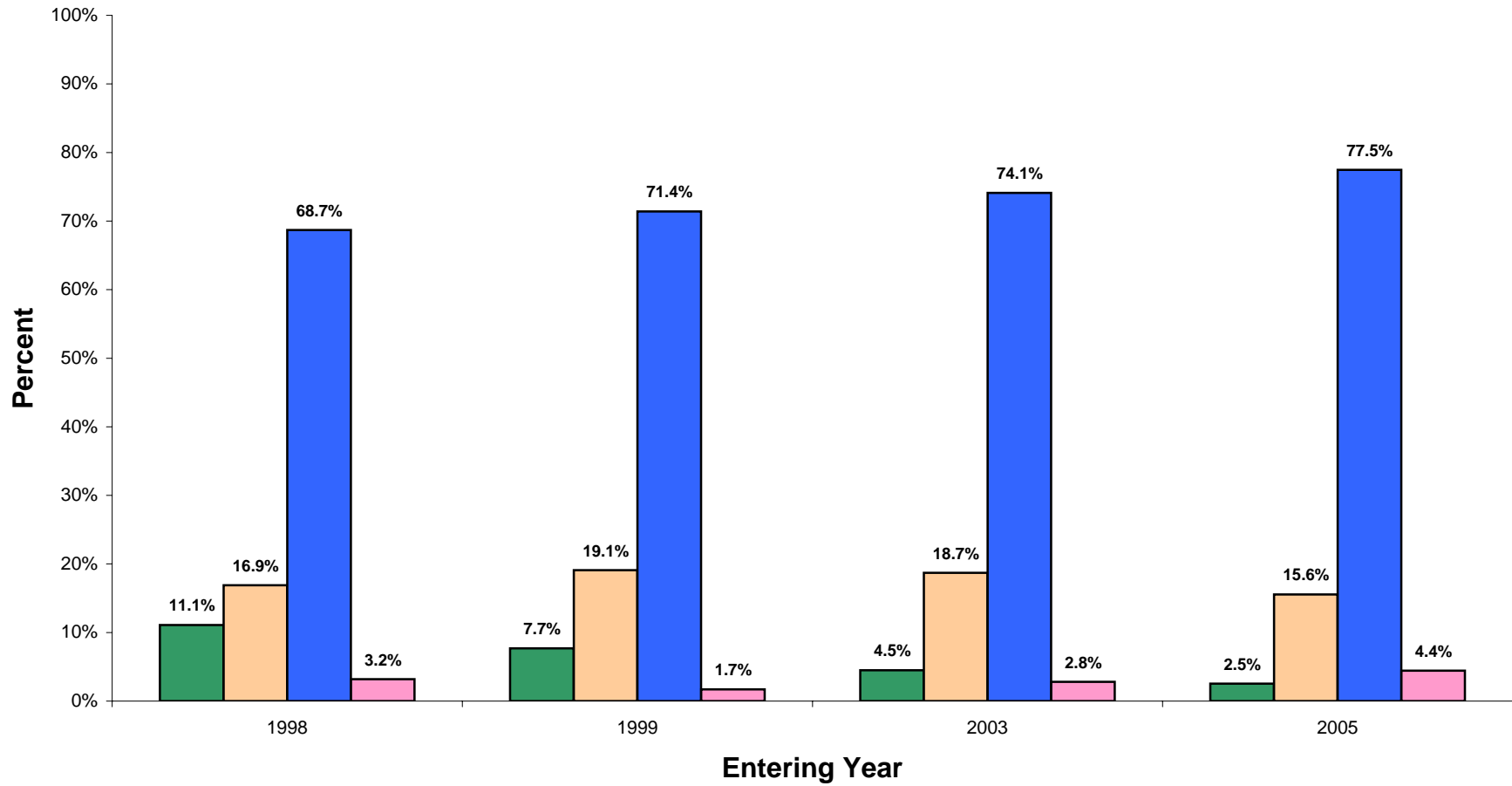
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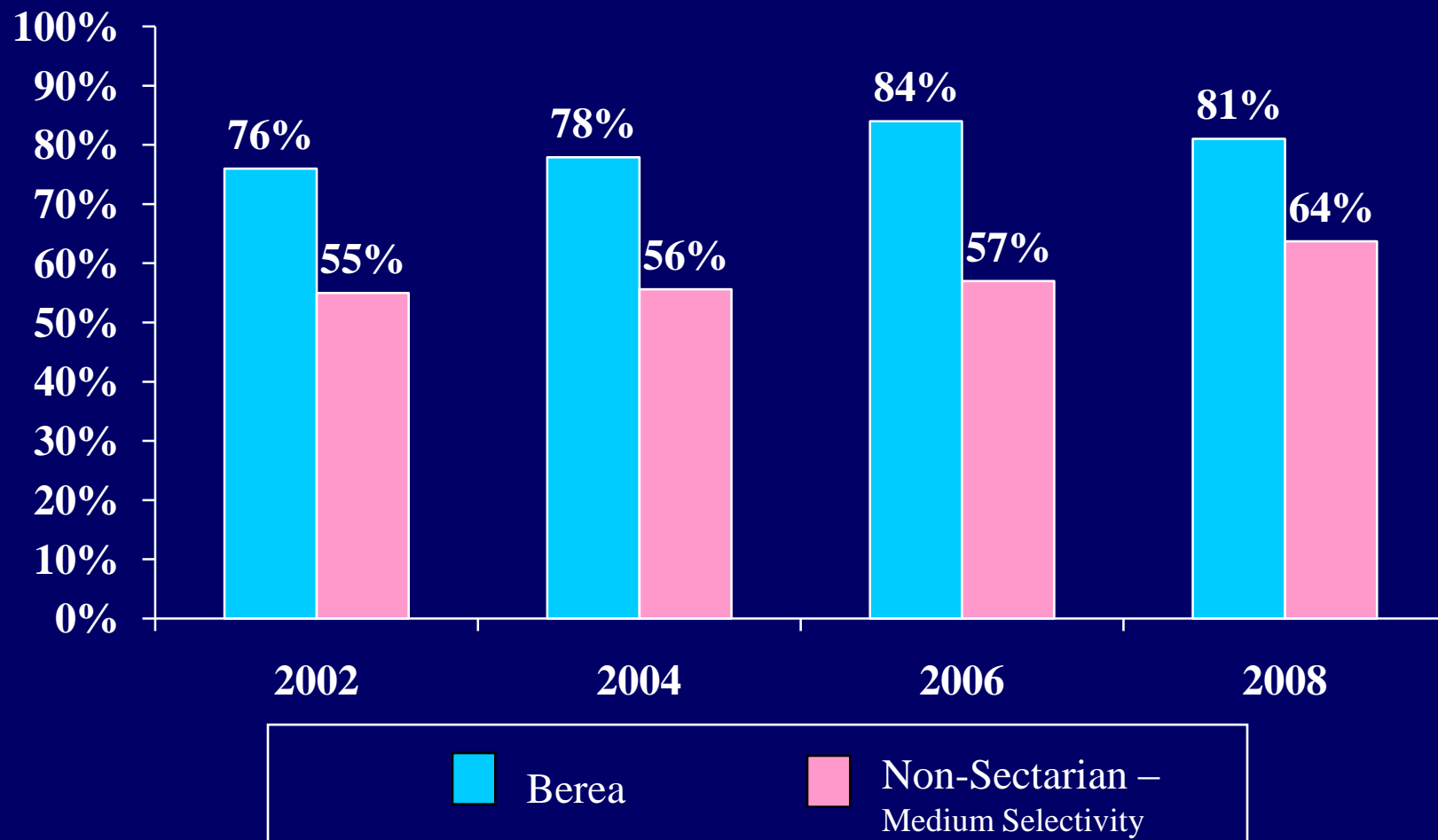
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### College's academic reputation

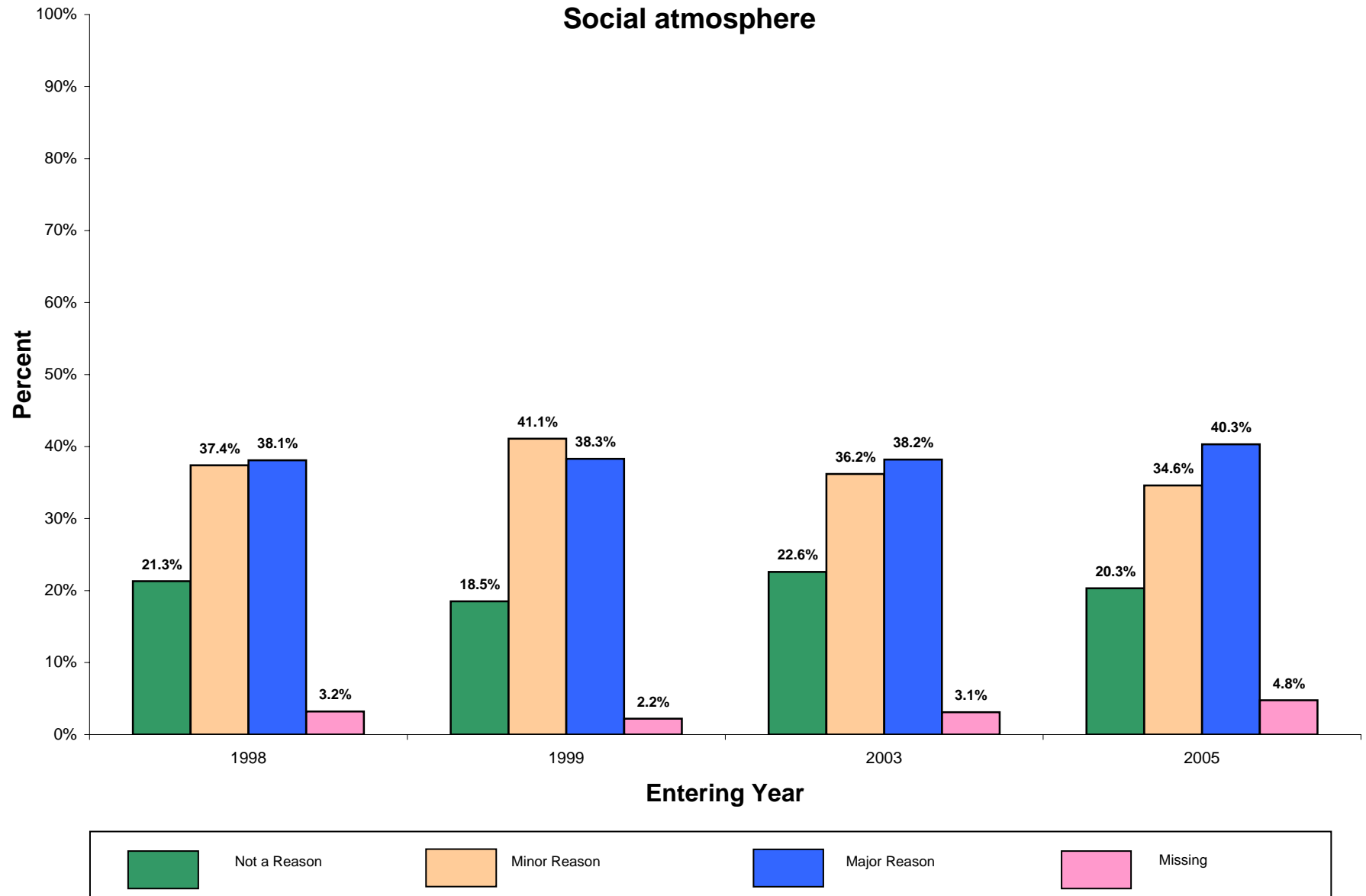


Percent of students who felt the following reason was “very important”  
in their decision to attend this college:

*This college has a very good academic reputation*

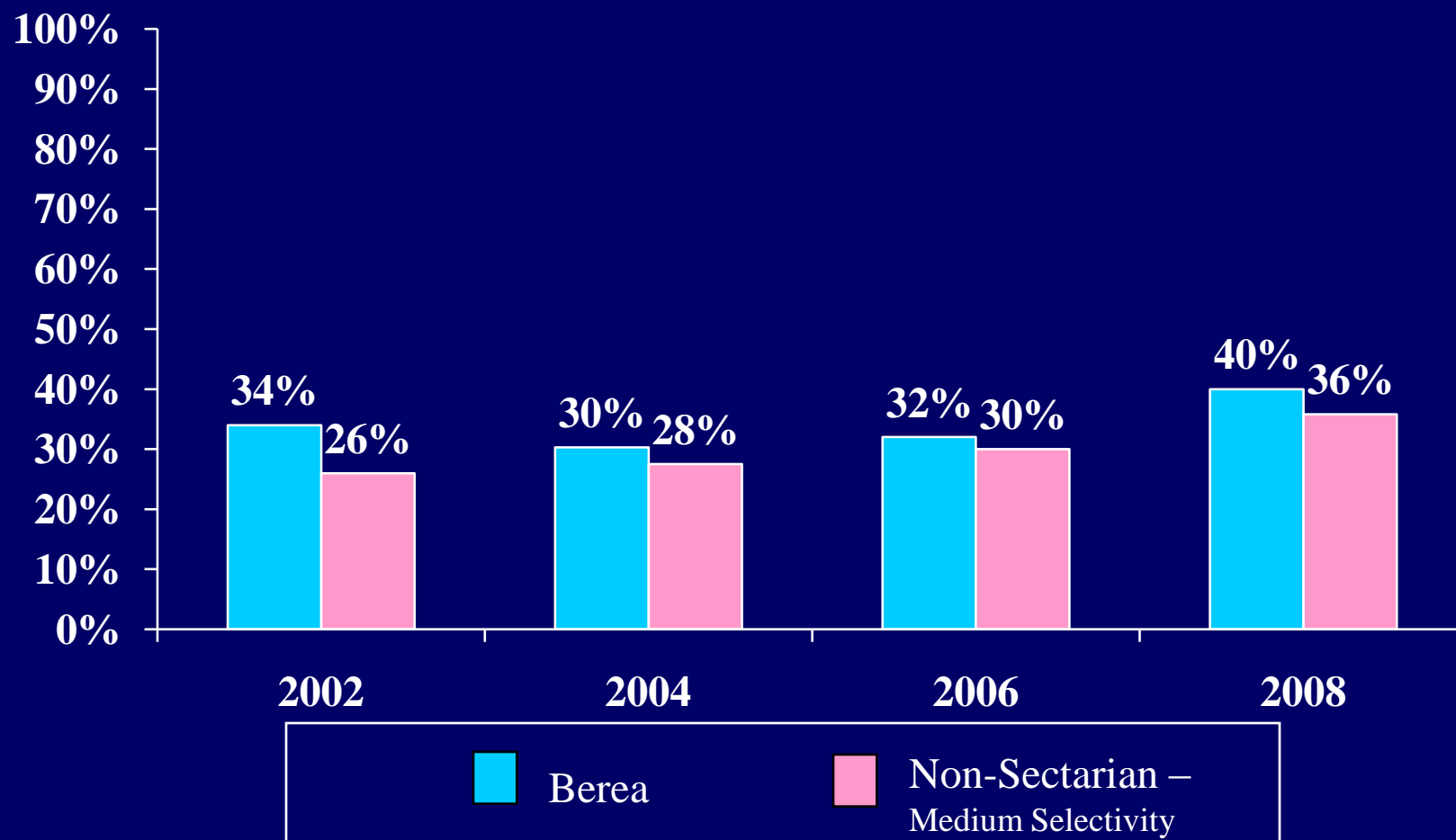


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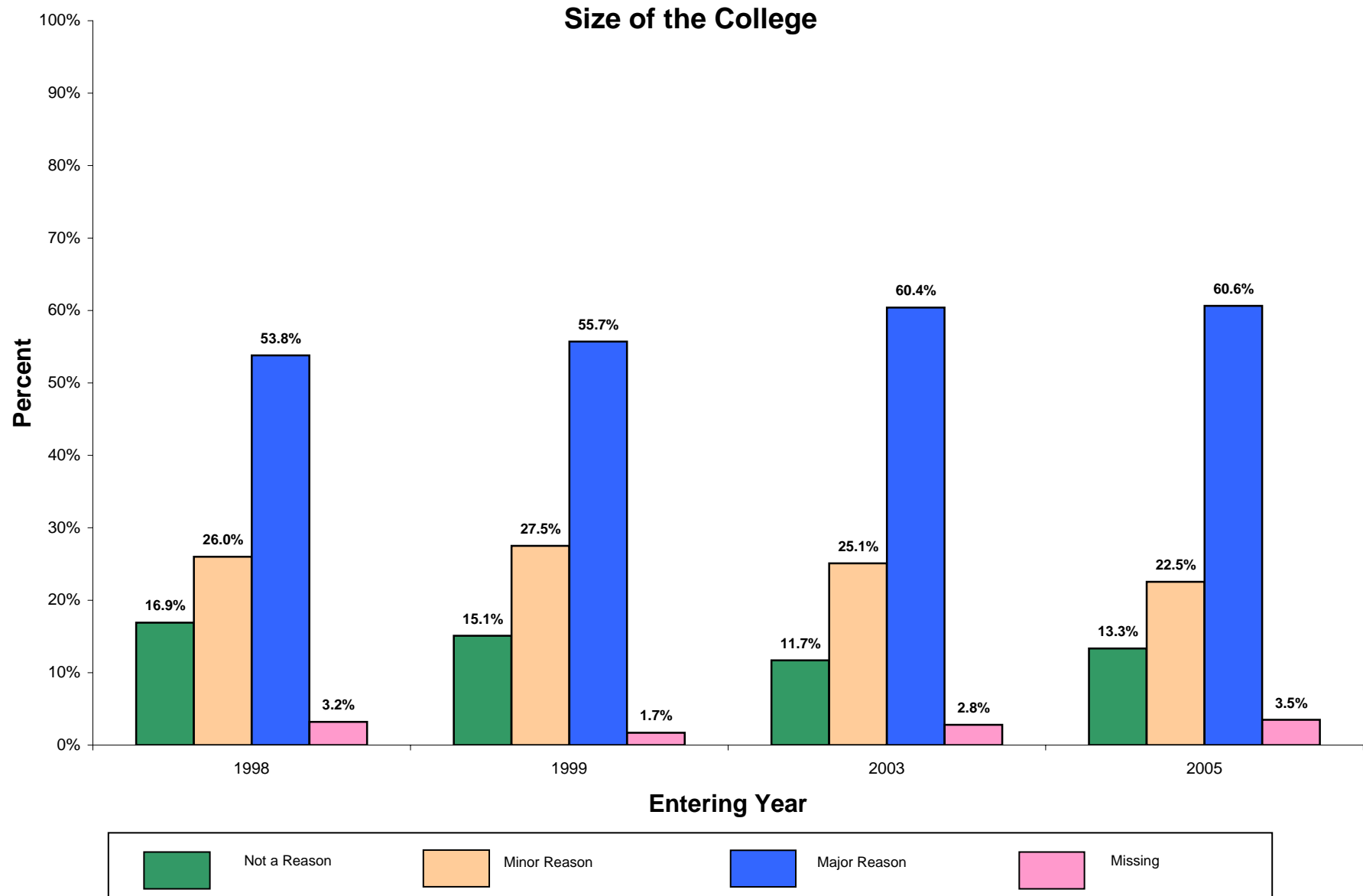


Percent of students who felt the following reason was “very important”  
in their decision to attend this college

*This college has a good reputation for its social activities*

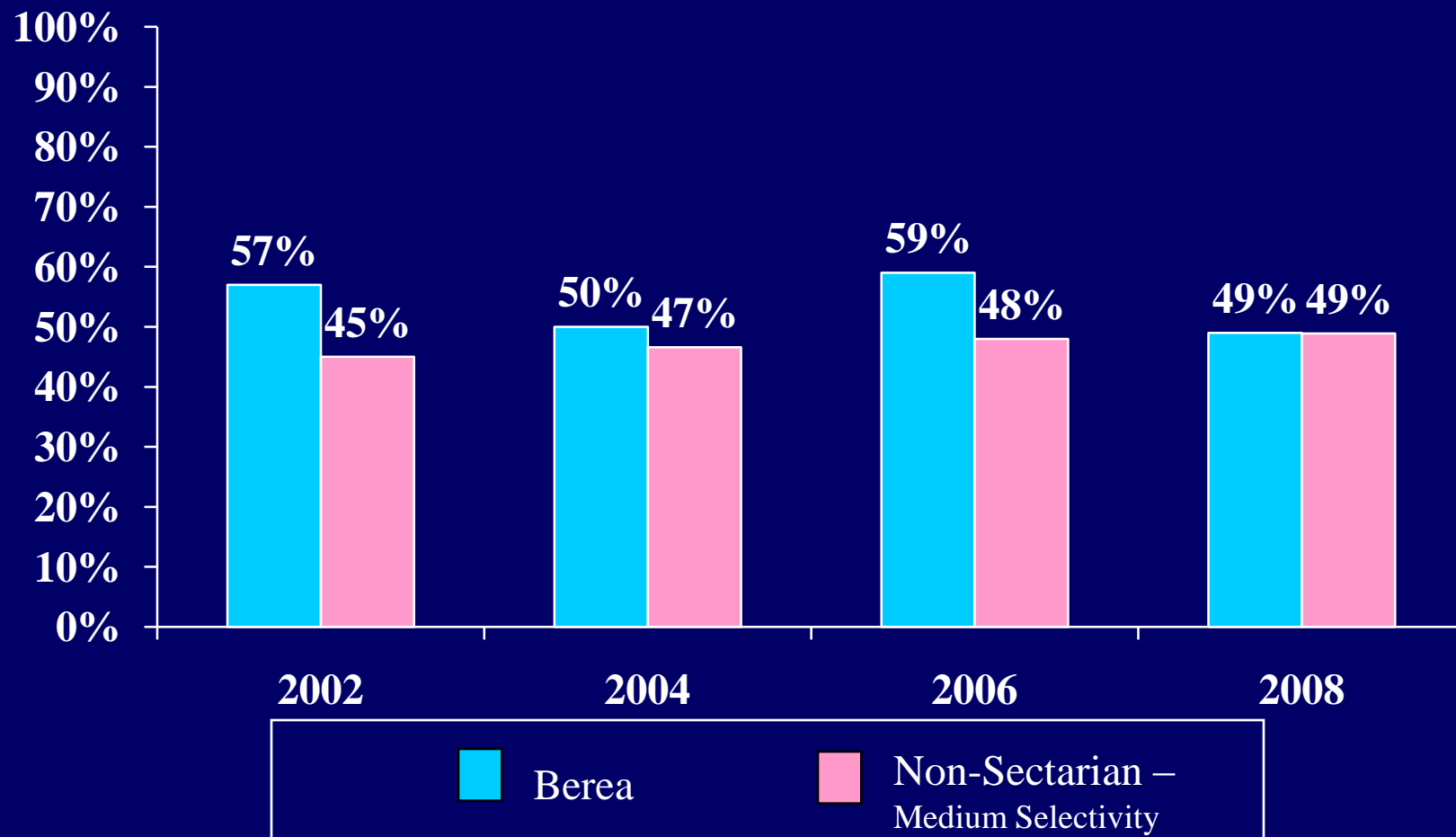


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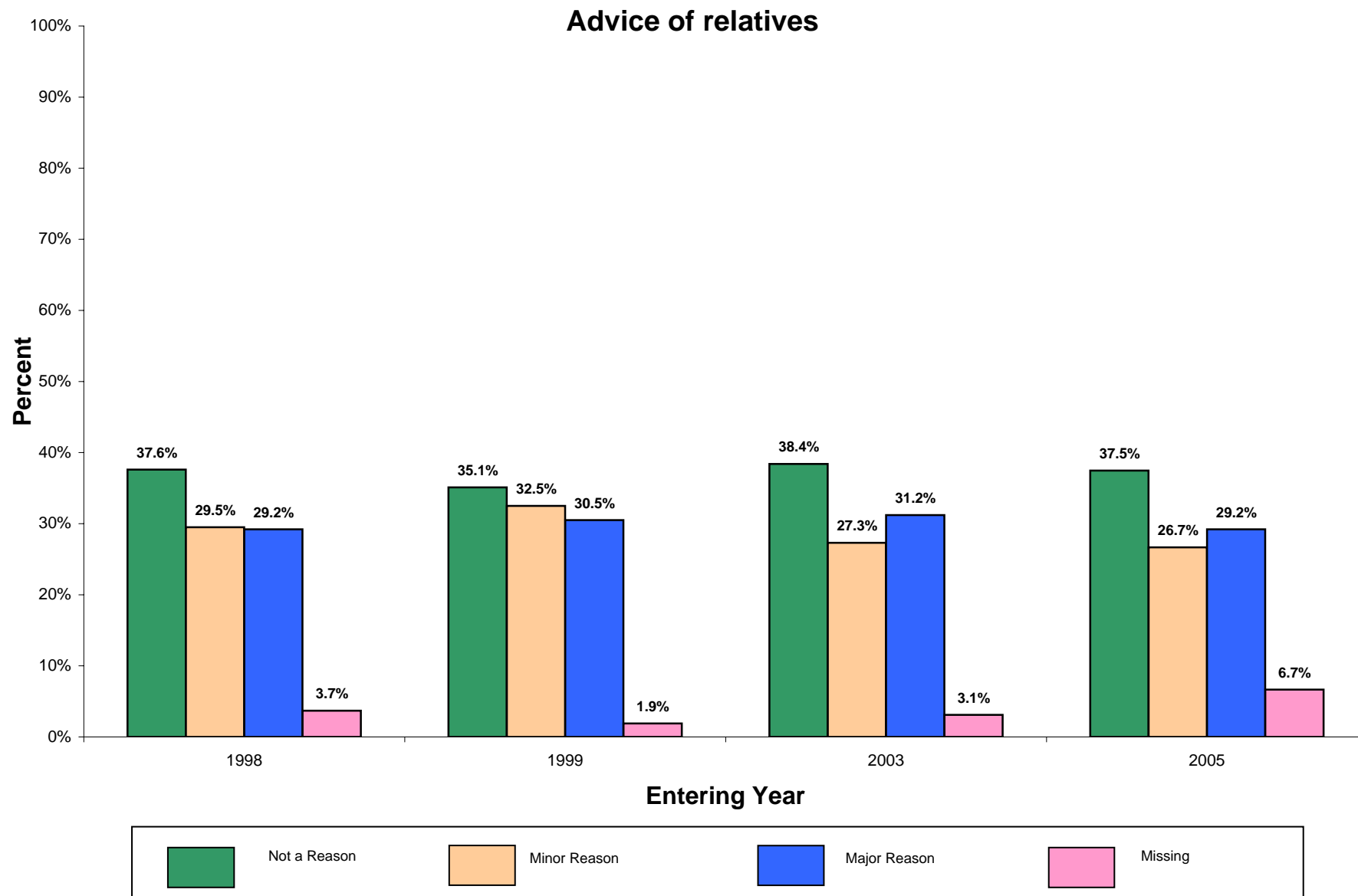


Percent of students who felt the following reason was “very important”  
in their decision to attend this college:

*I wanted to go to a school about the size of this college*

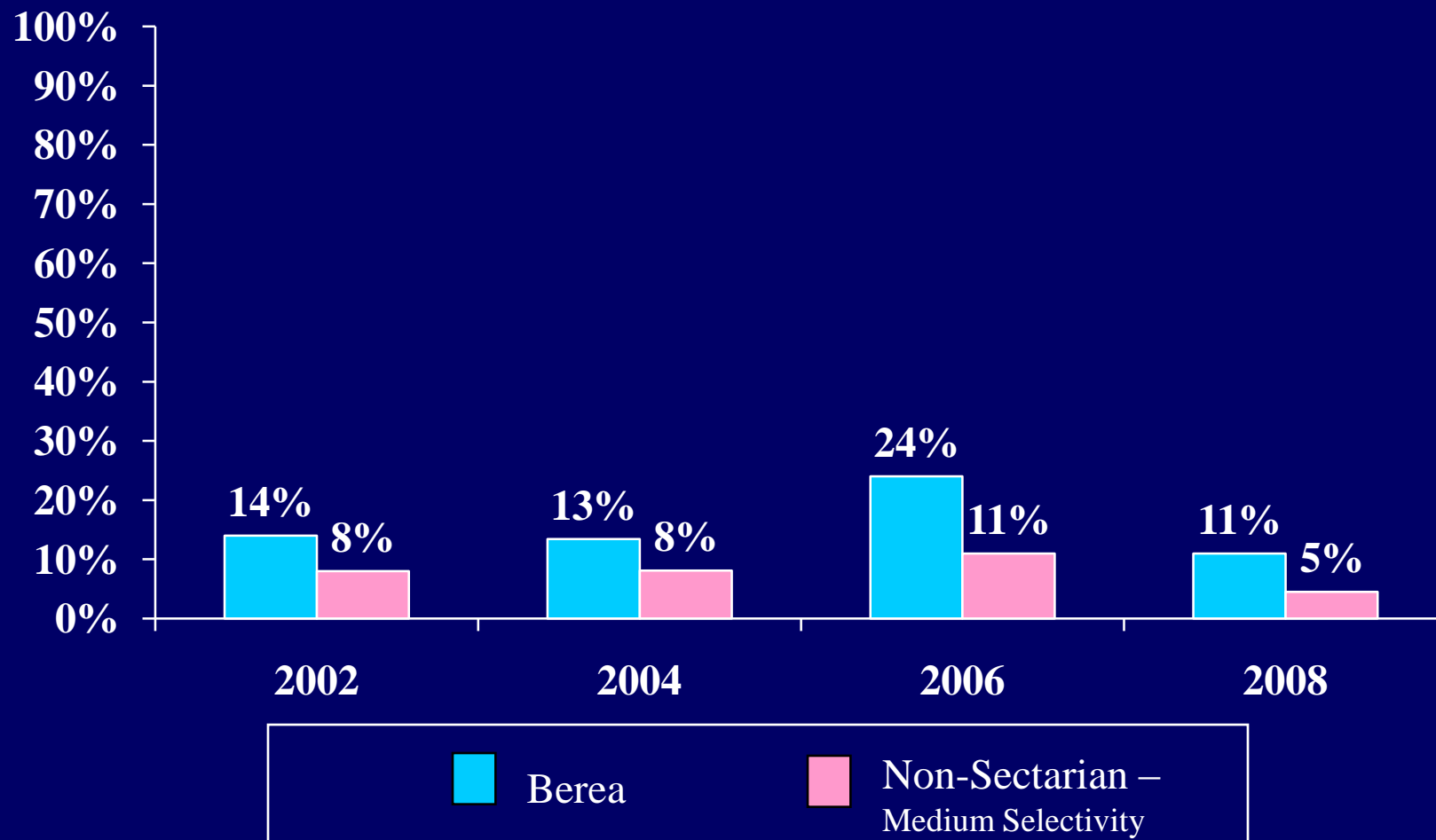


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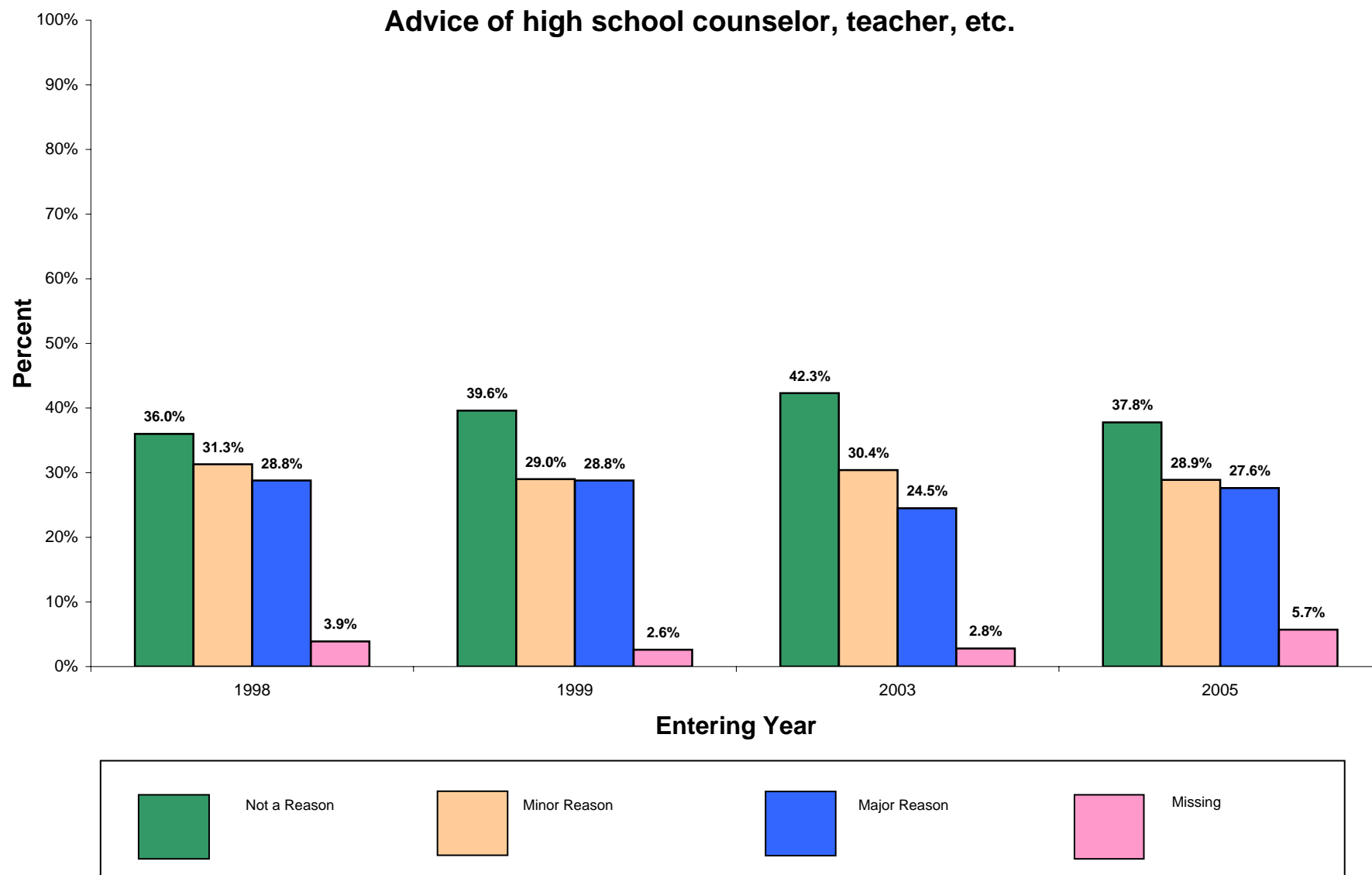
Percent of students who felt the following reason was “very important”  
in their decision to attend this college:

*My relatives wanted me to come here*



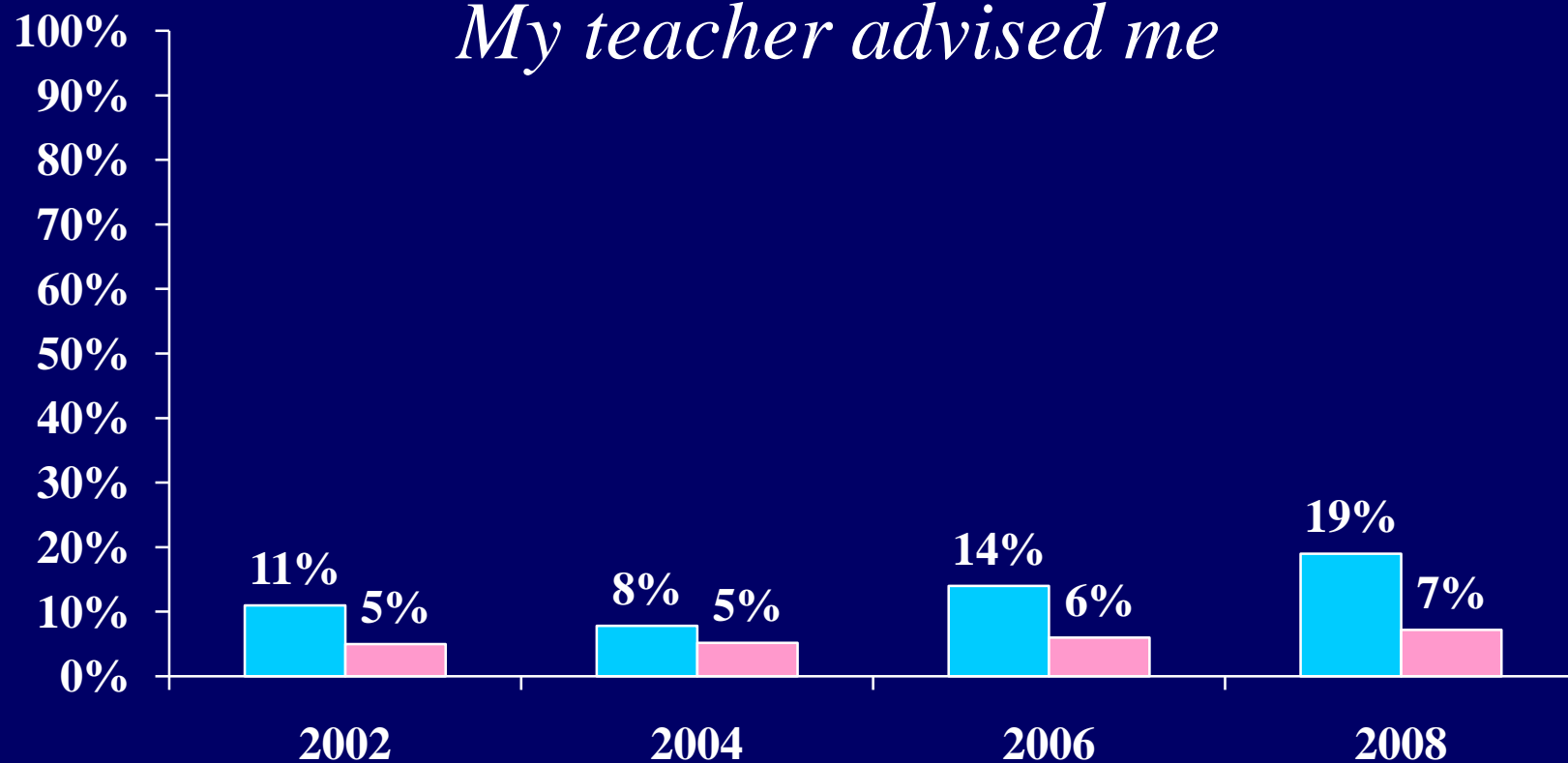


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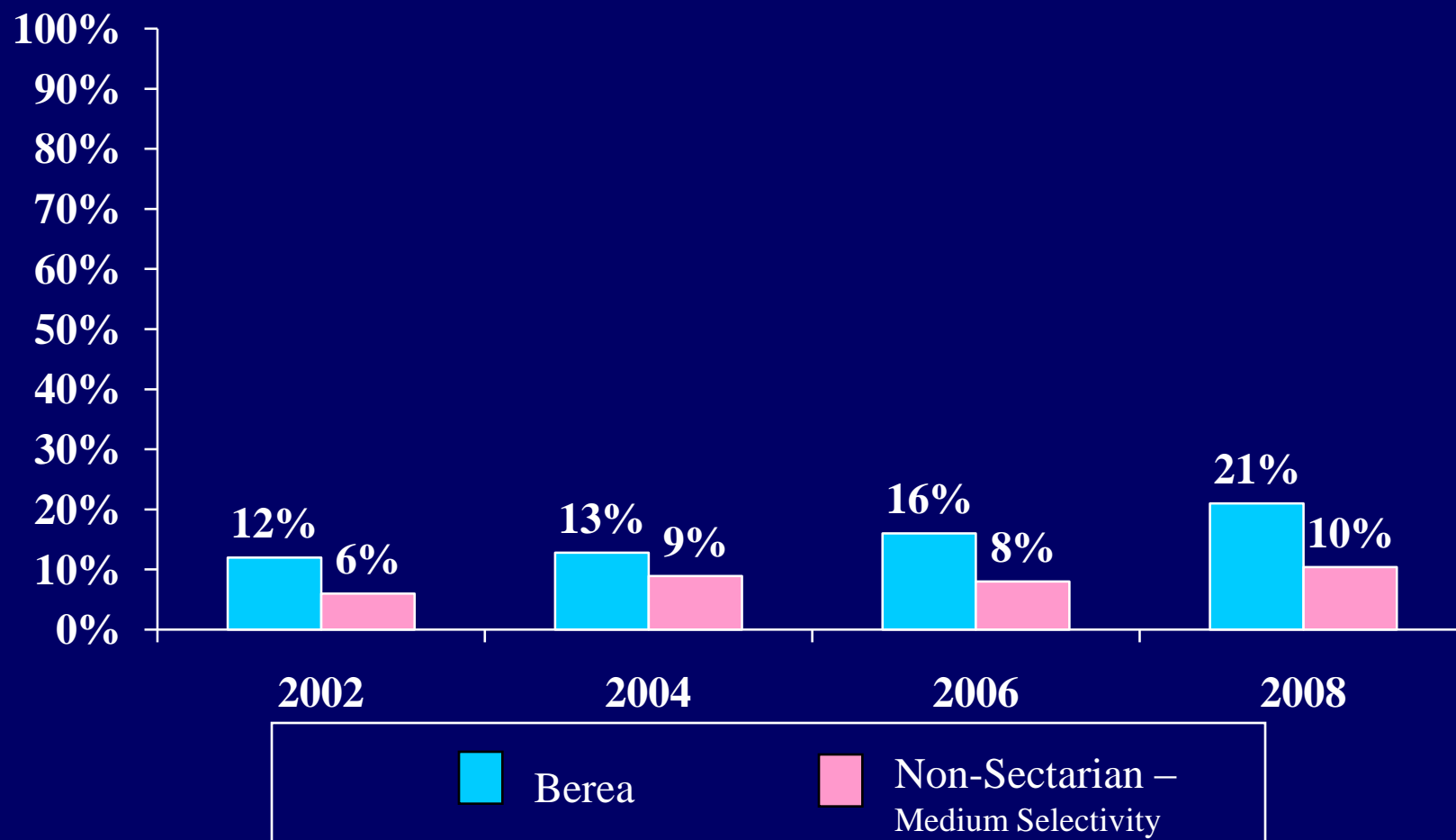
Percent of students who felt the following reason was “very important”  
in their decision to attend this college:

*My teacher advised me*



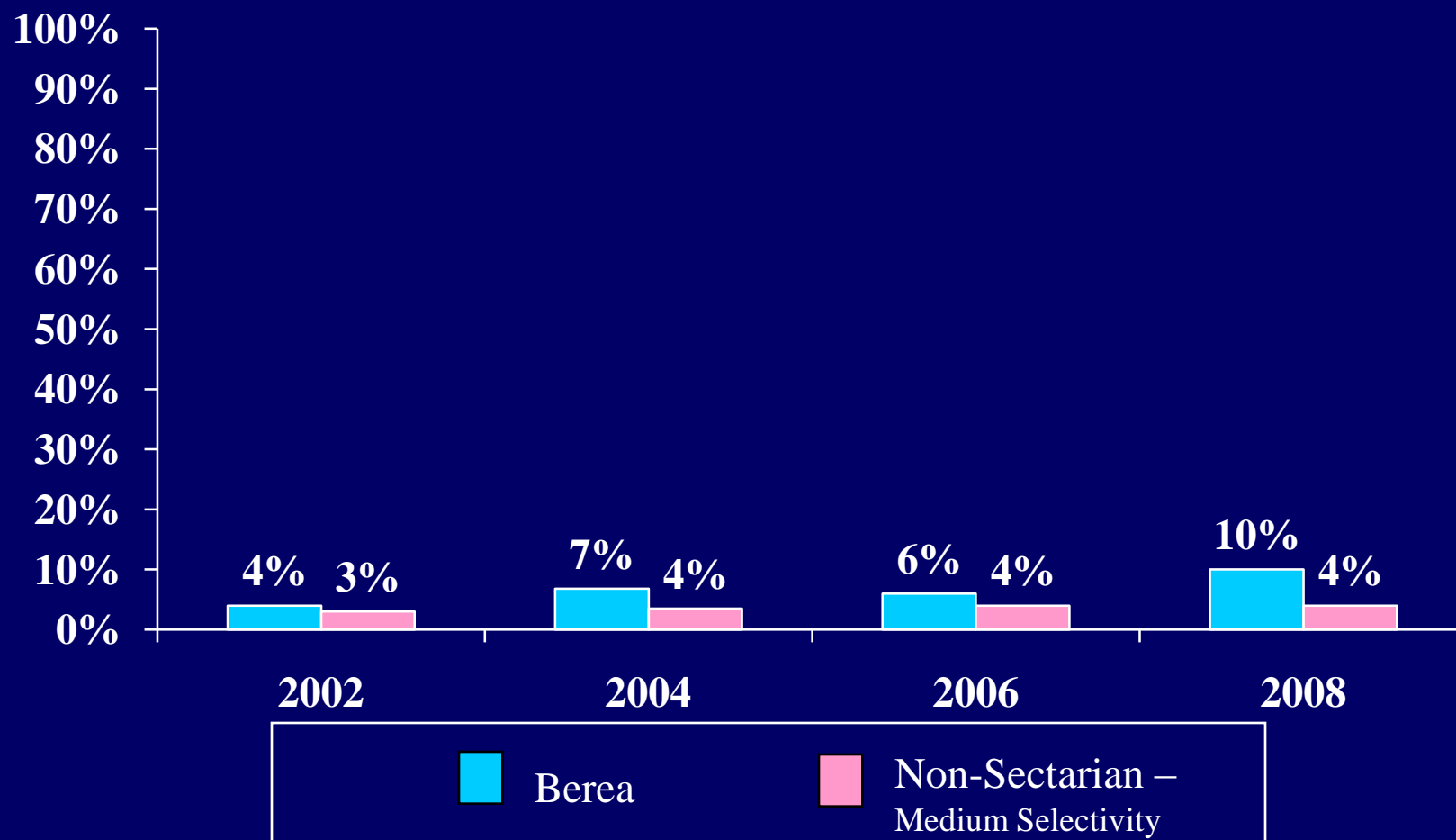
Percent of students who felt the following reason was “very important”  
in their decision to attend this college:

*High school counselor advised me*

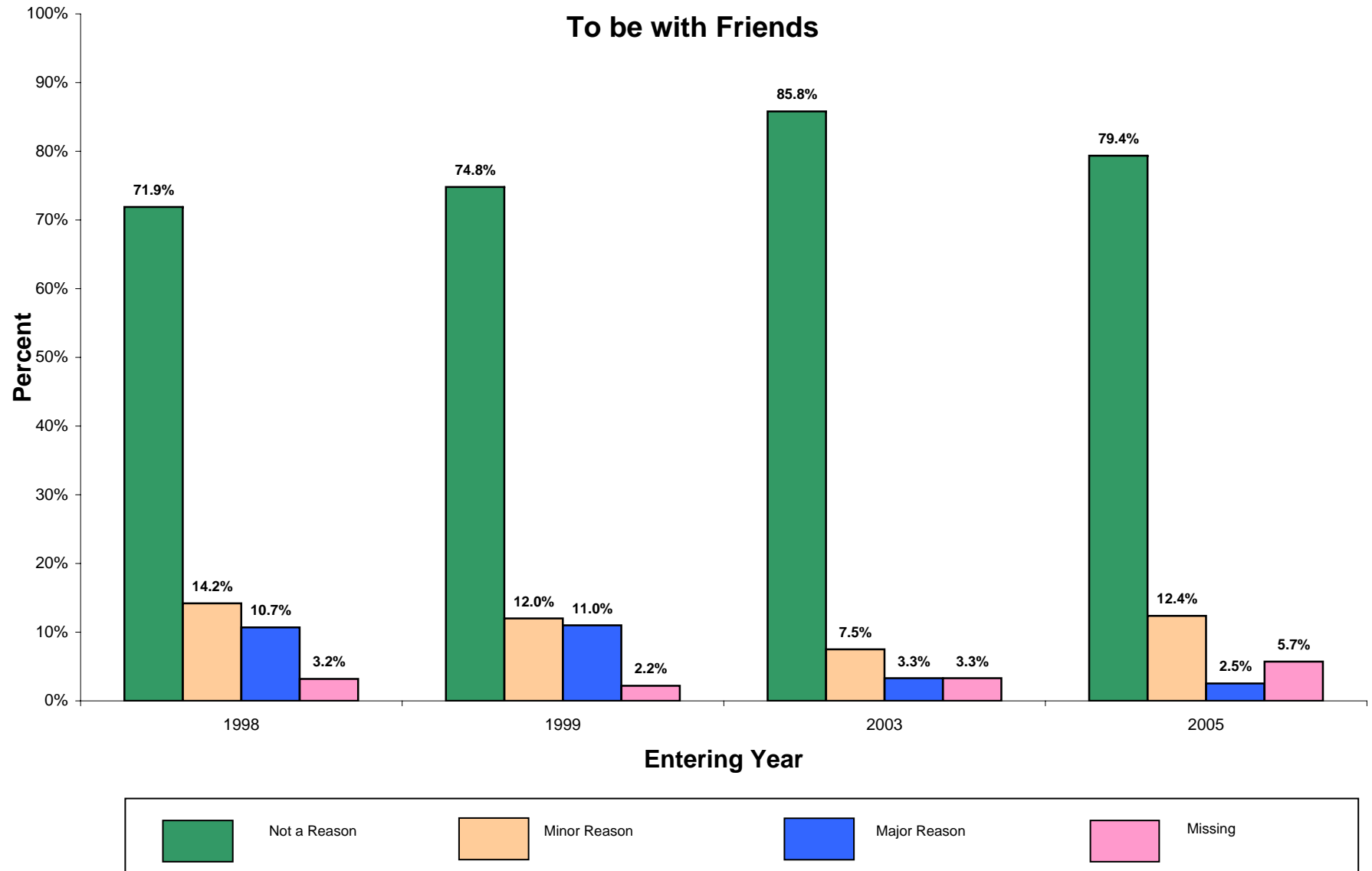


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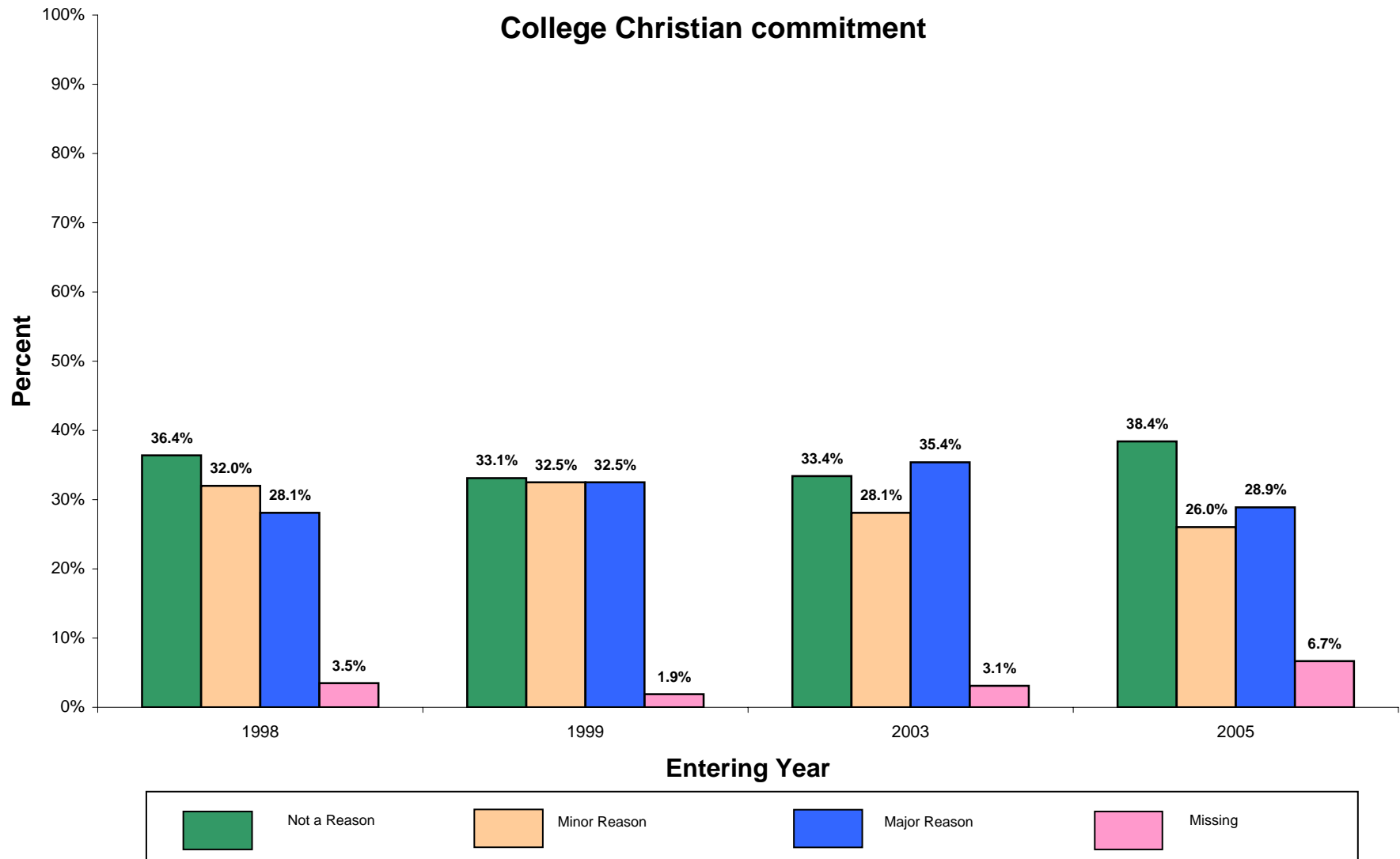
*Private college counselor advised me*



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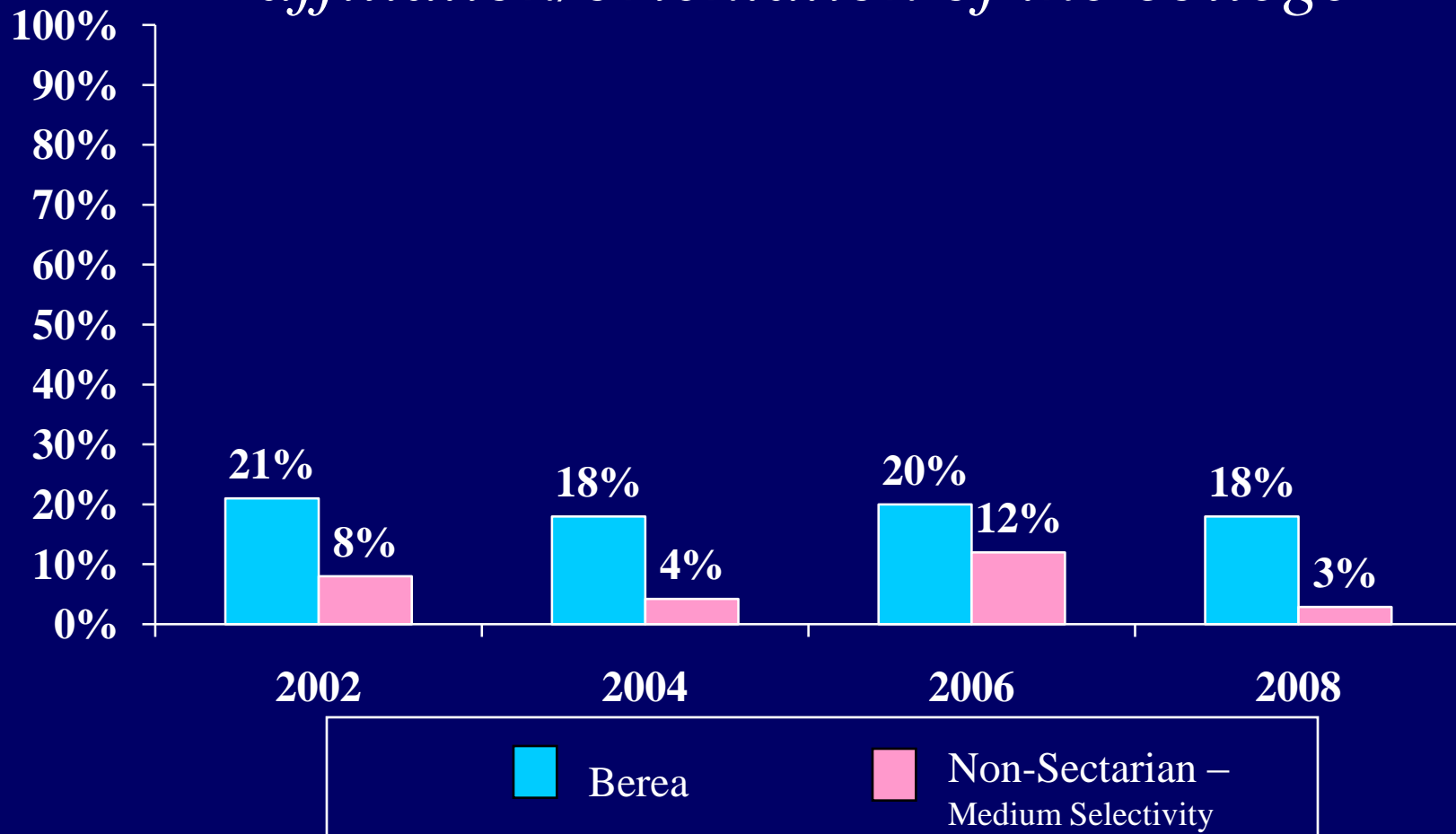


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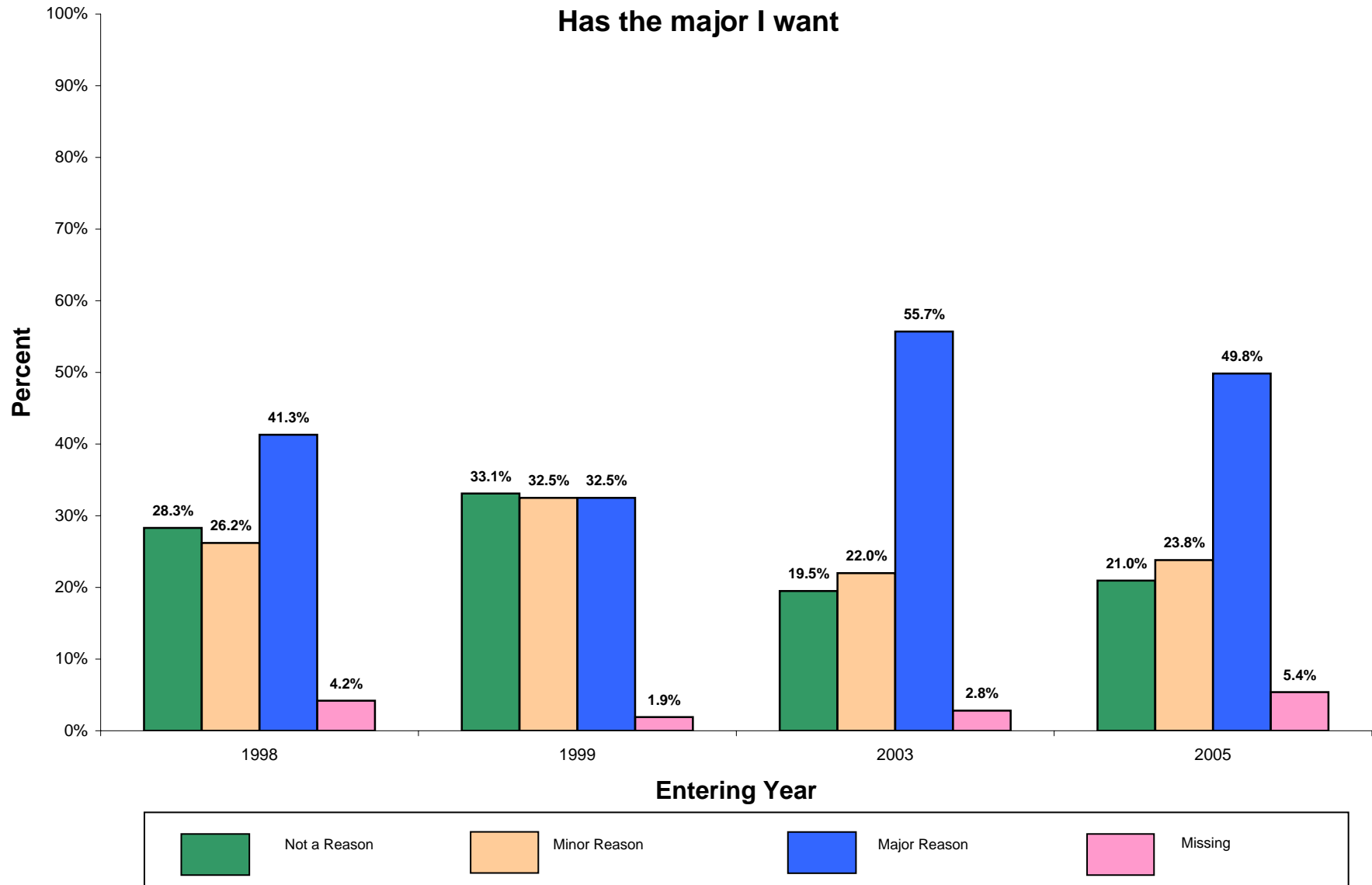


Percent of students who felt the following reason was “very important”  
in their decision to attend this college:

*I was attracted by the religious  
affiliation/orientation of the college*

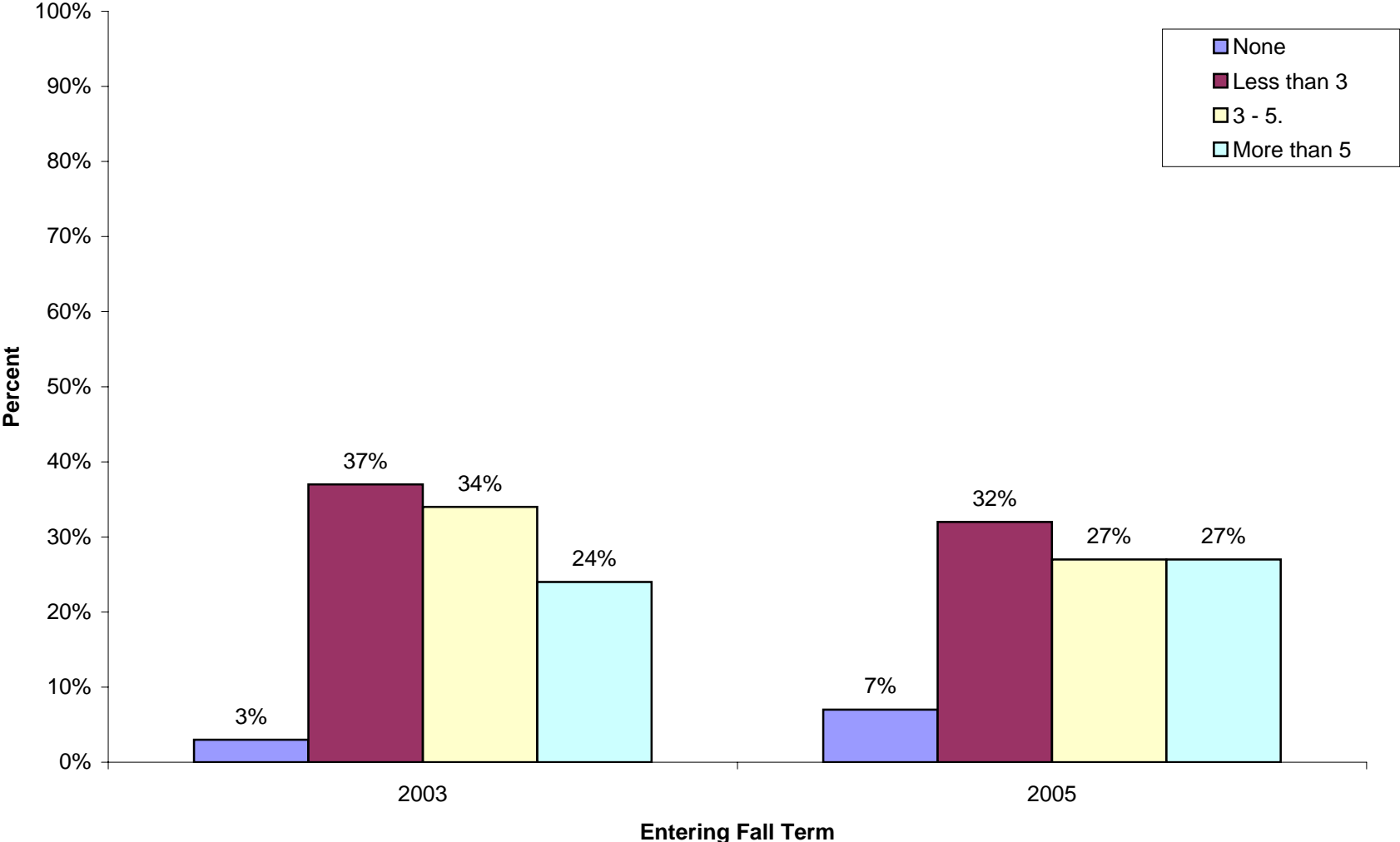


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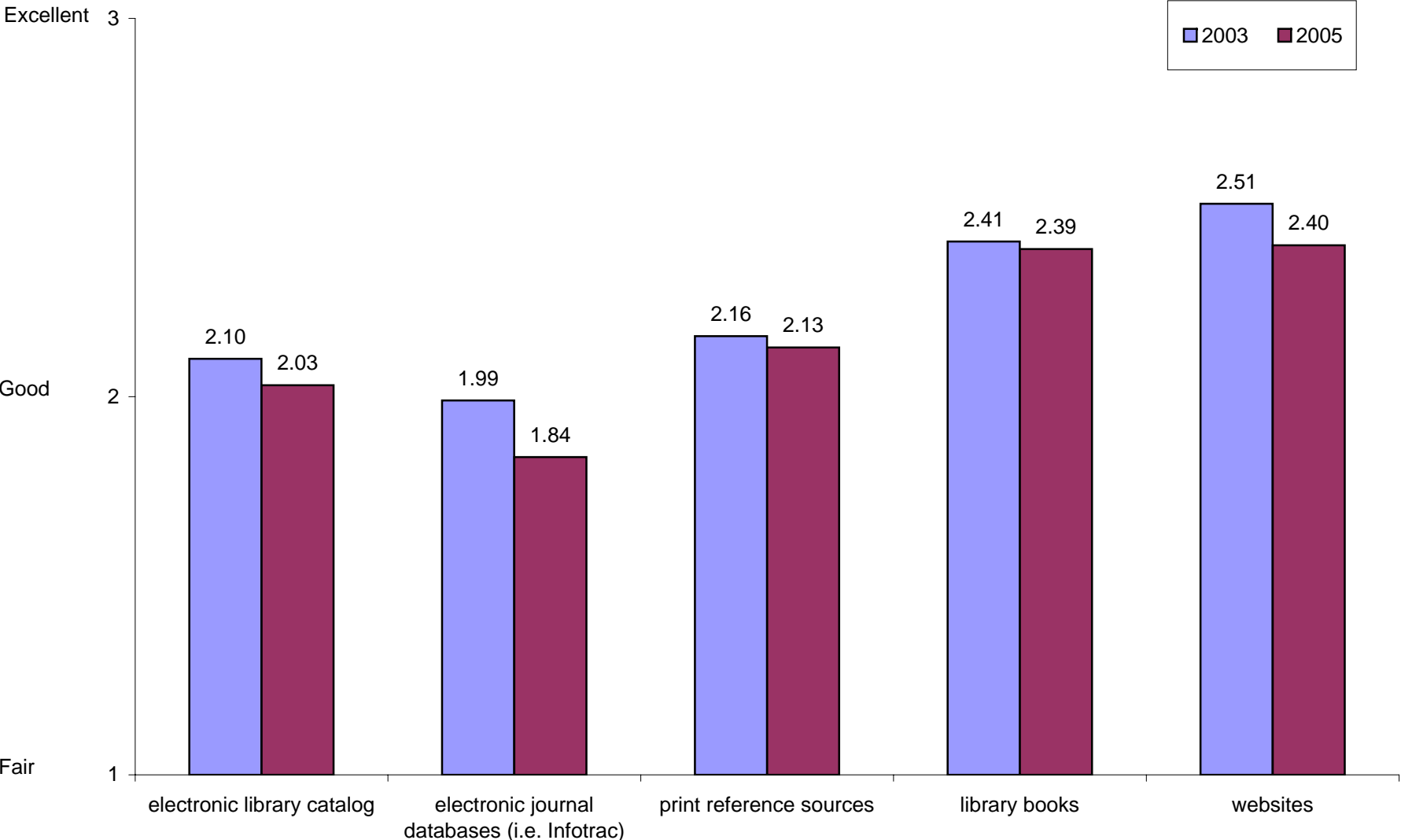




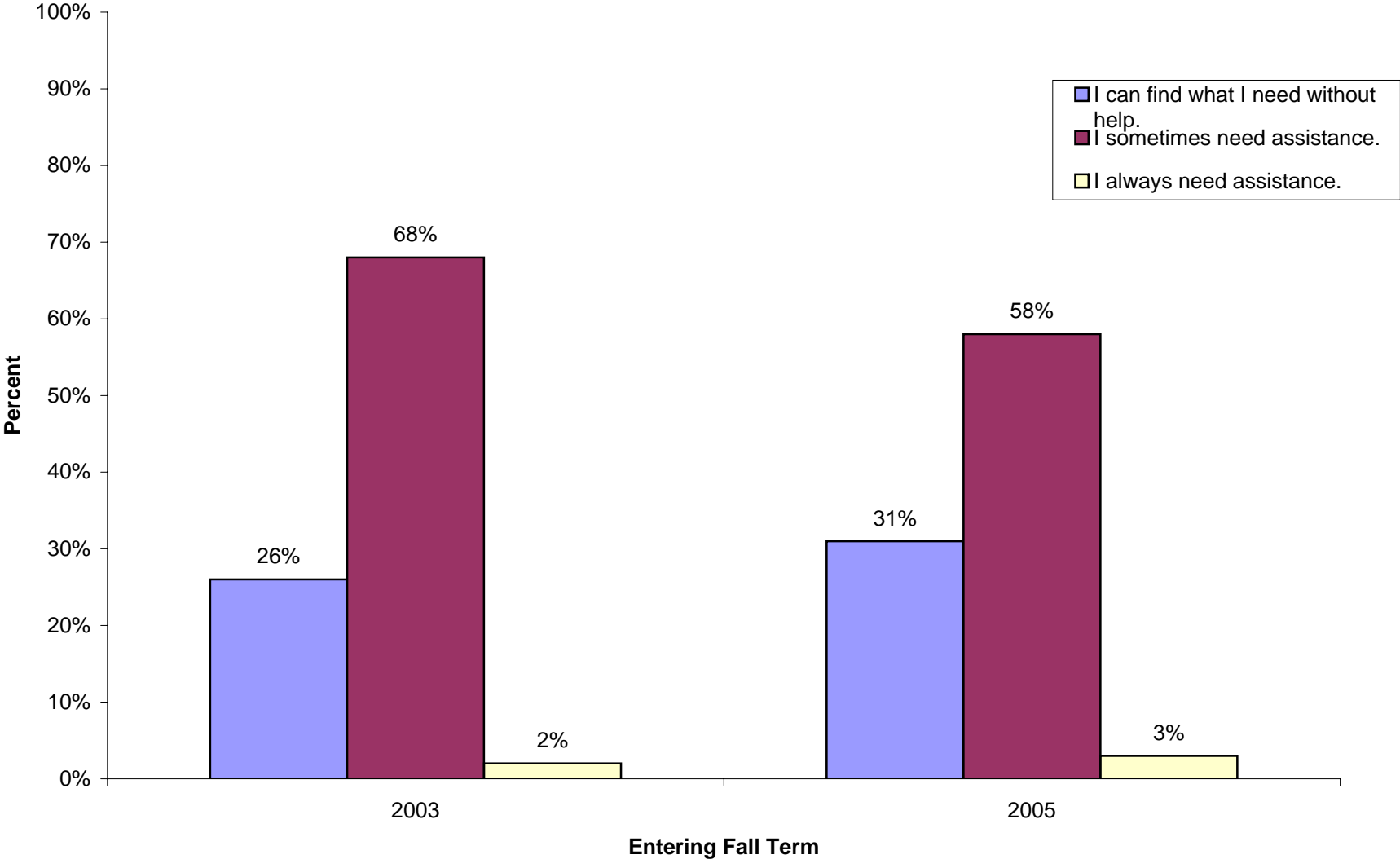
**How many research papers (with footnotes and bibliography) did you write during your last two years of high school?**



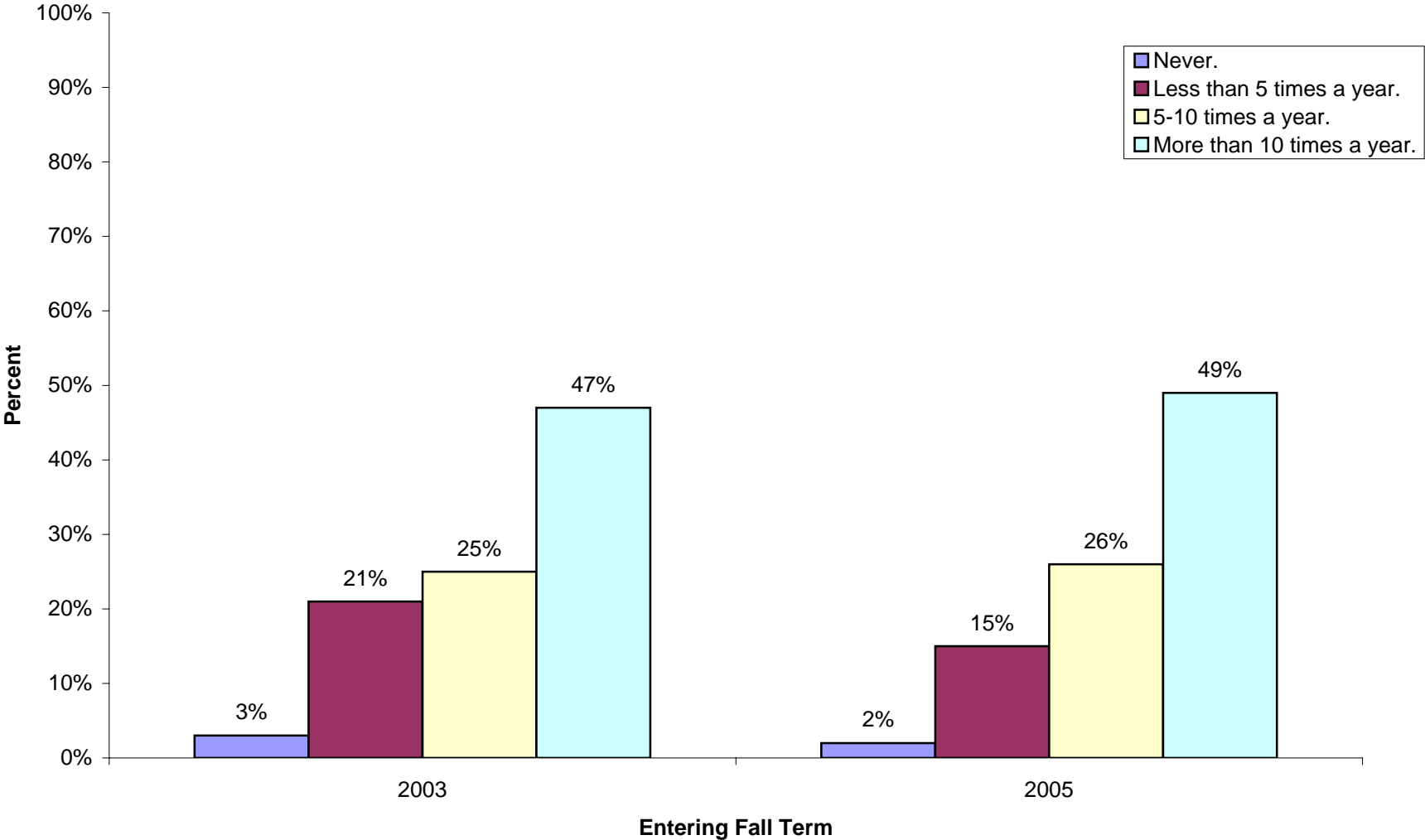
Please rate your ability to locate appropriate resources to support class assignments using:



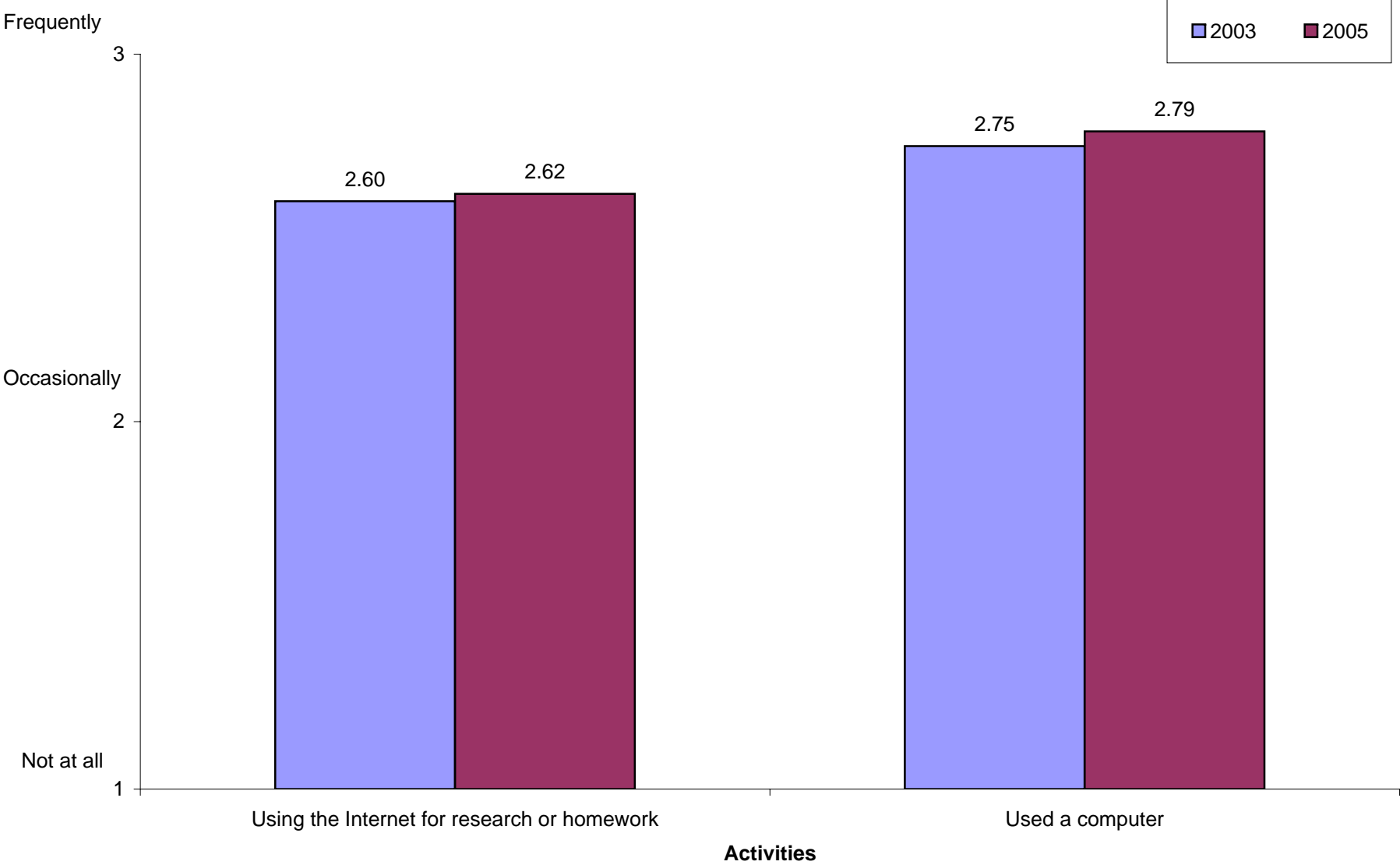
**Please indicate your experience with using libraries.**



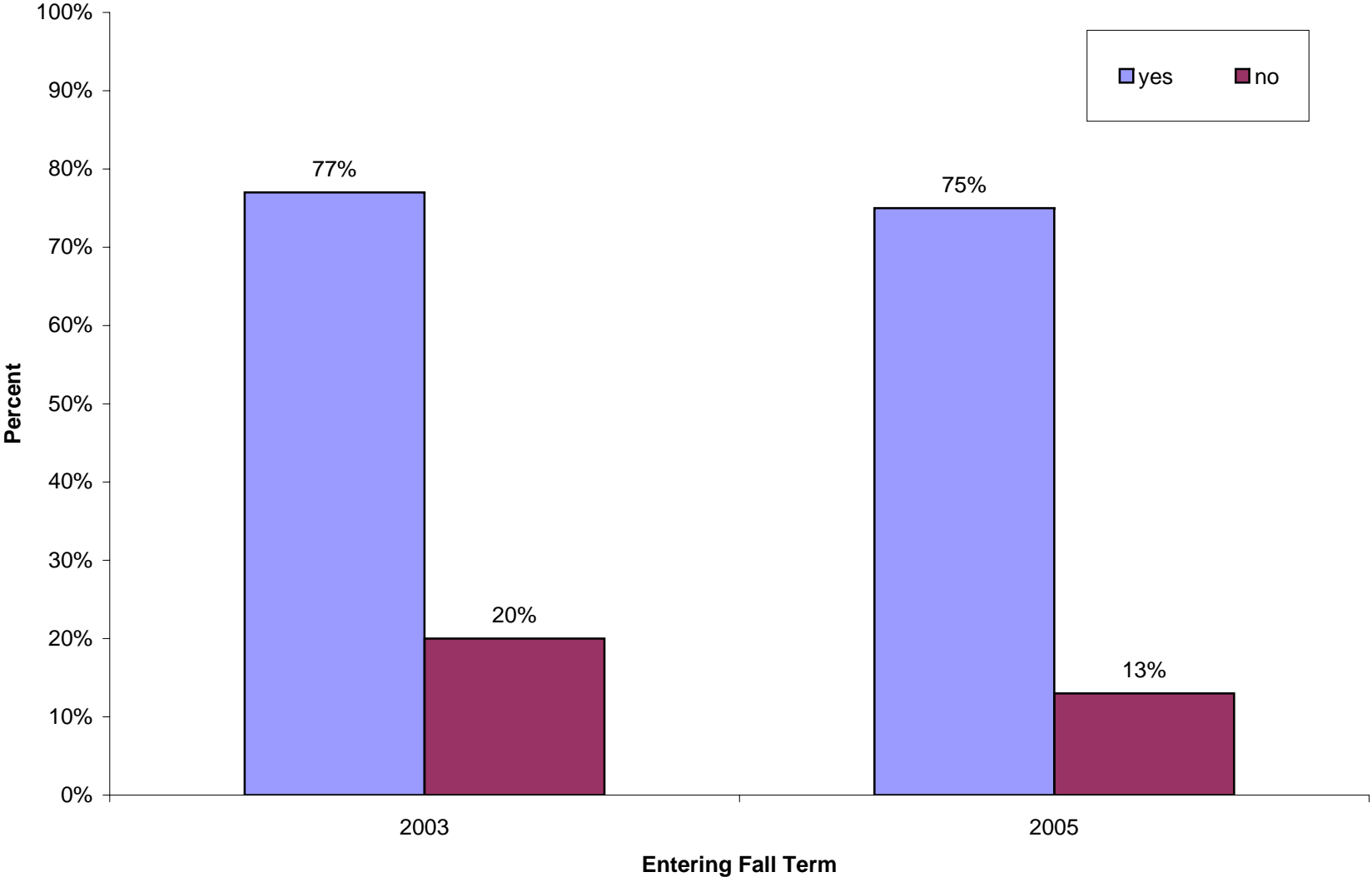
Please indicate how often you used your high school or public library during your last two years of high school.



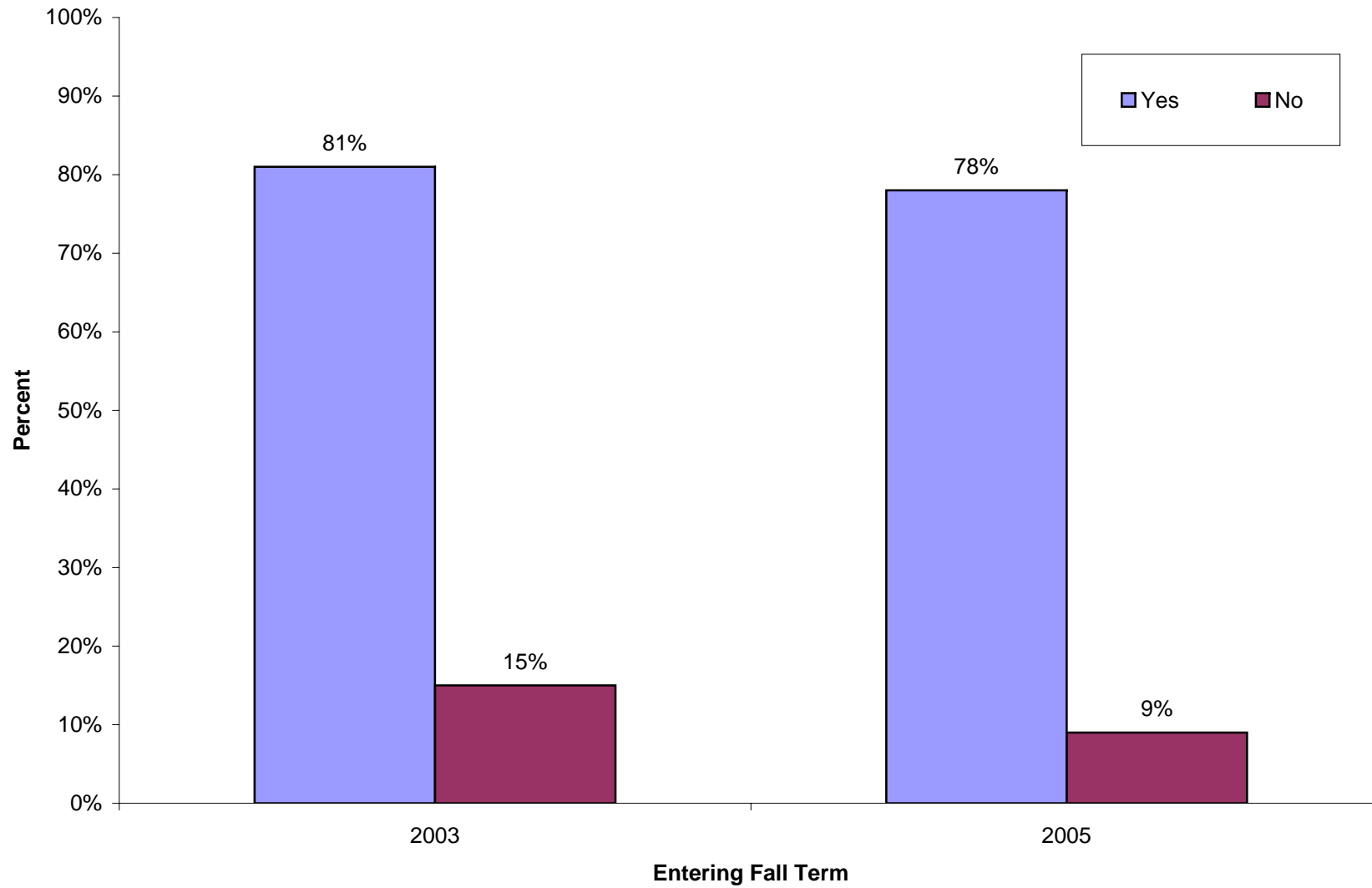
Please indicate your level of engagement during the past year for the following activities.



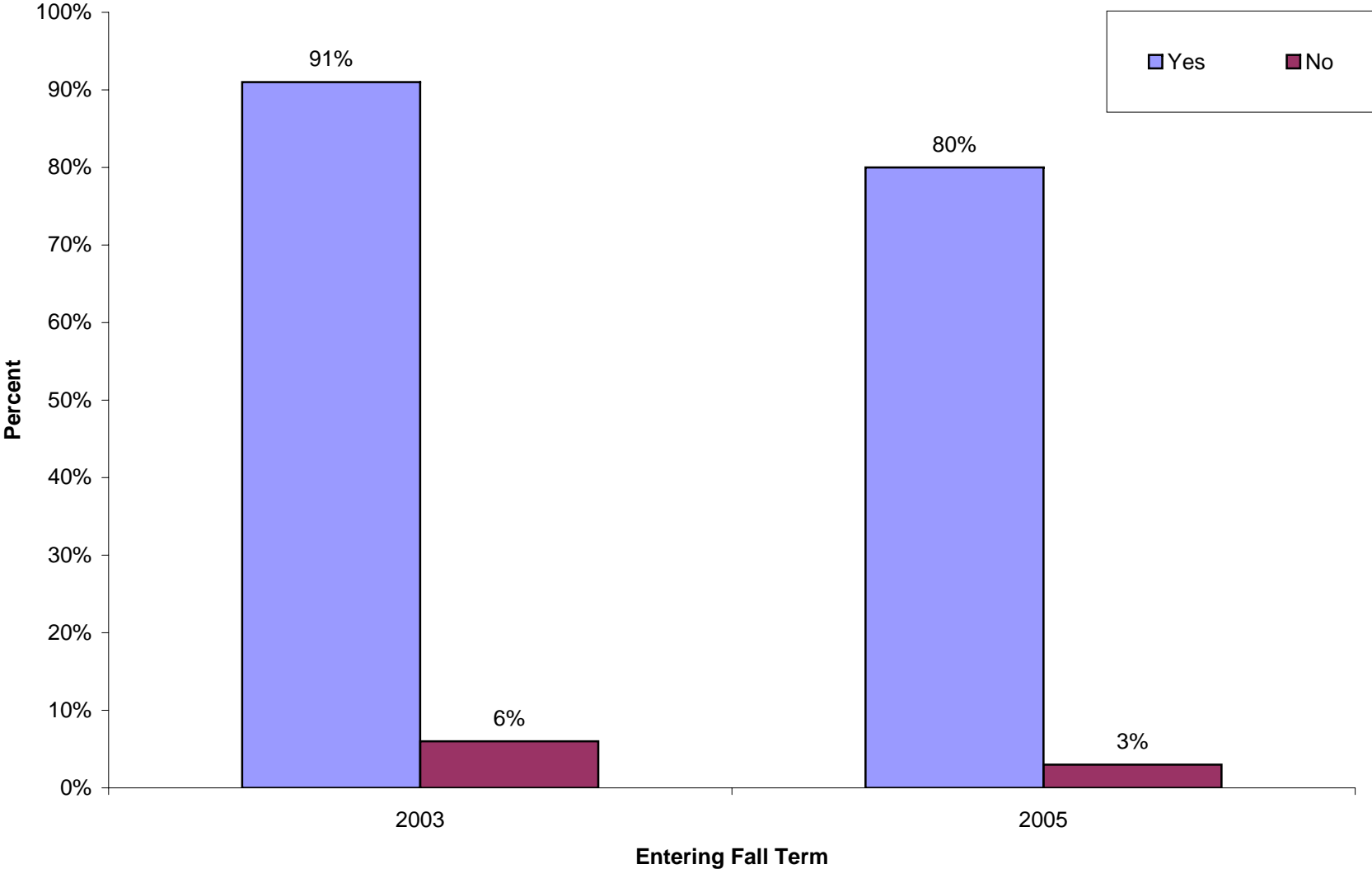
### Do you have access to a computer at home?



### Did you have an email account before coming to Berea?

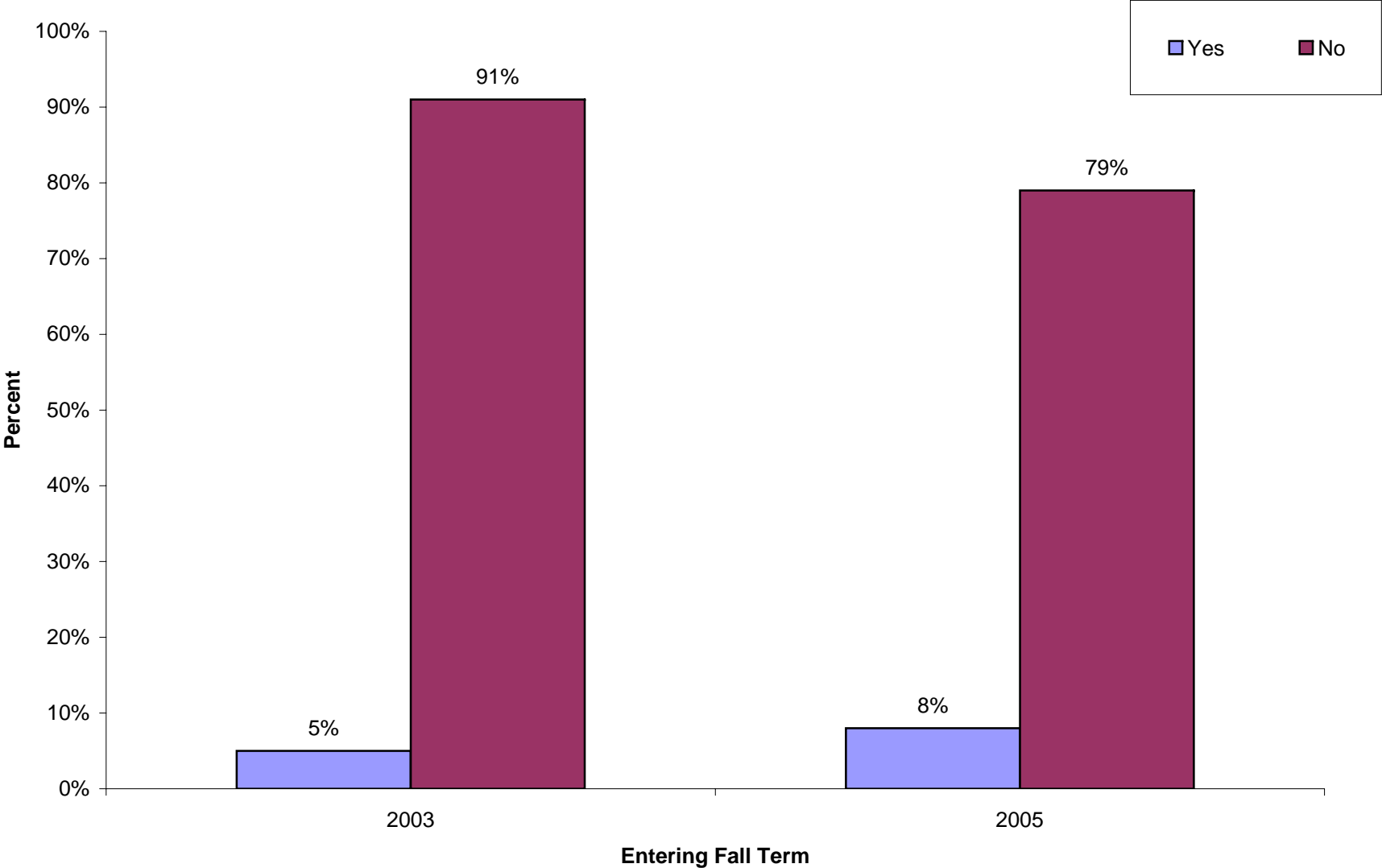


**Did you have access to a computer in your high school?**

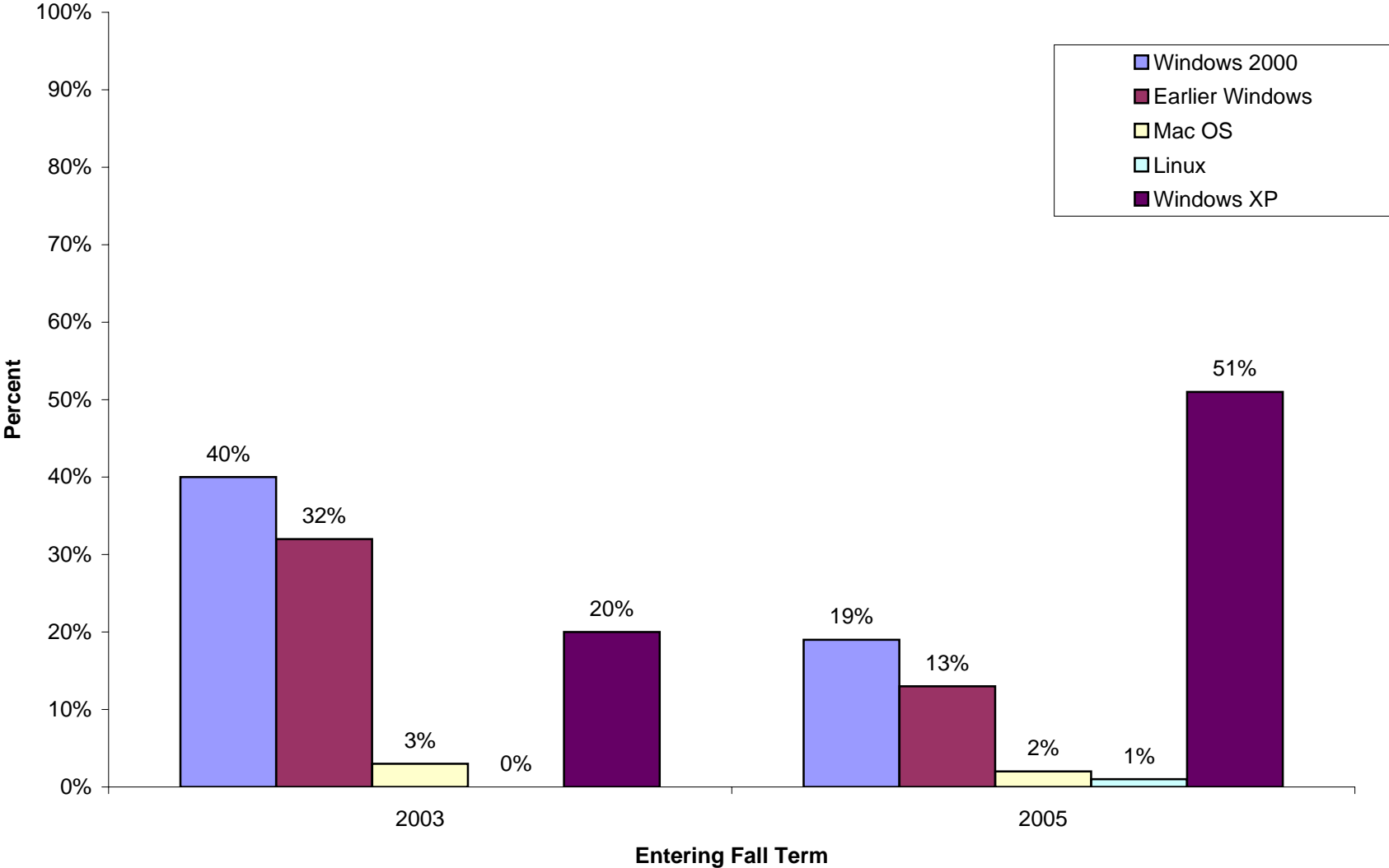




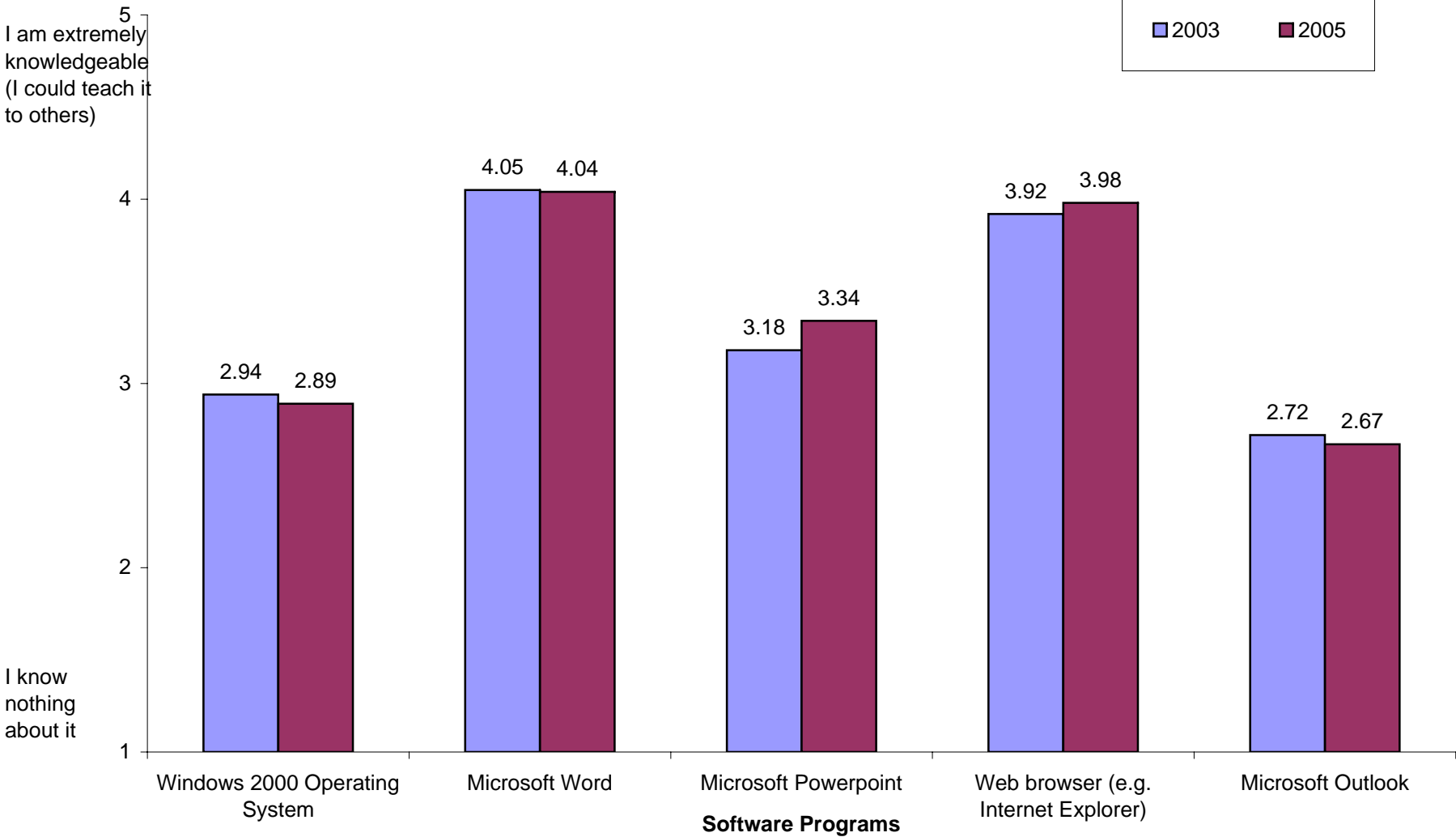
### Are you bringing a computer to college?

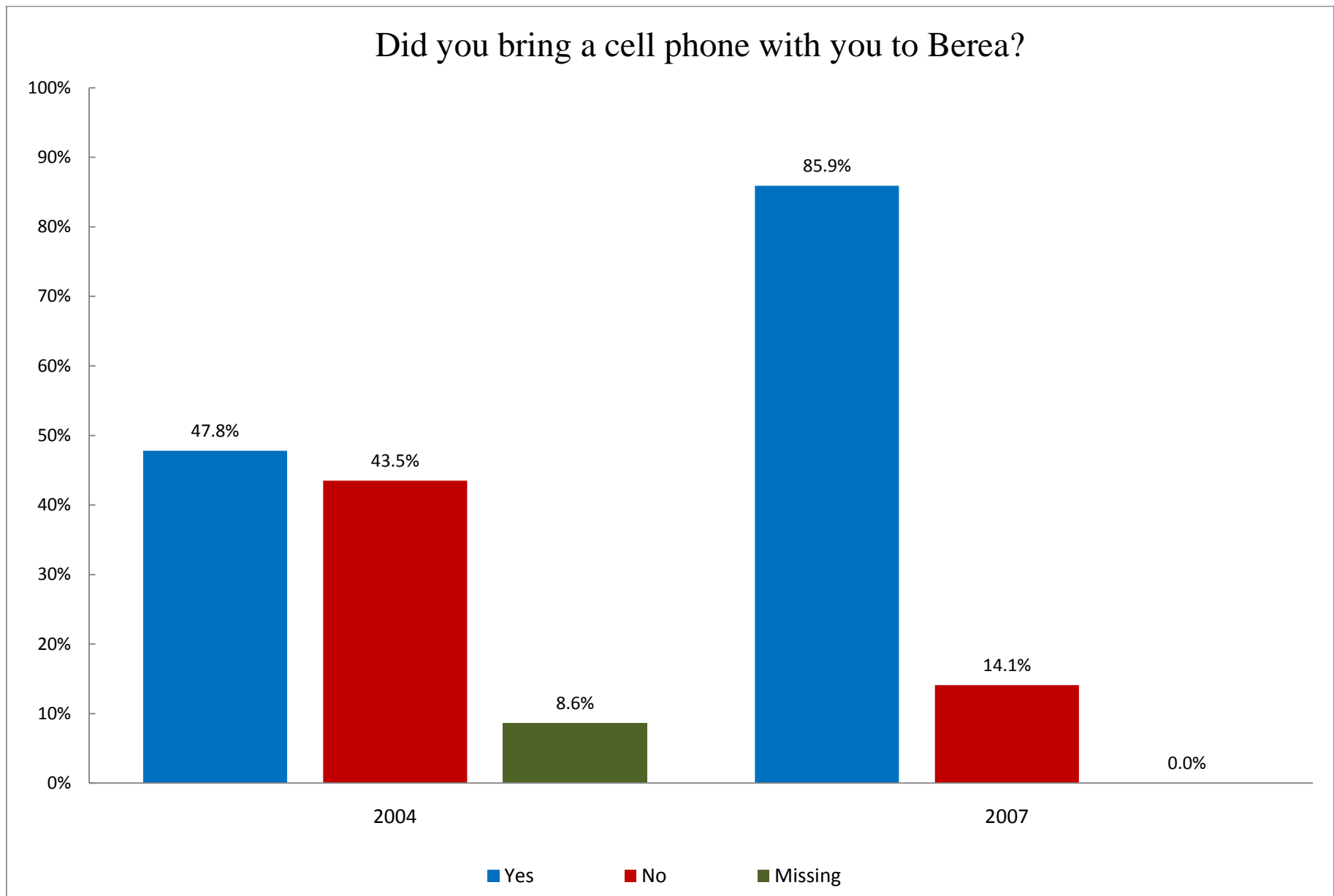


### What Operating System have you used most?

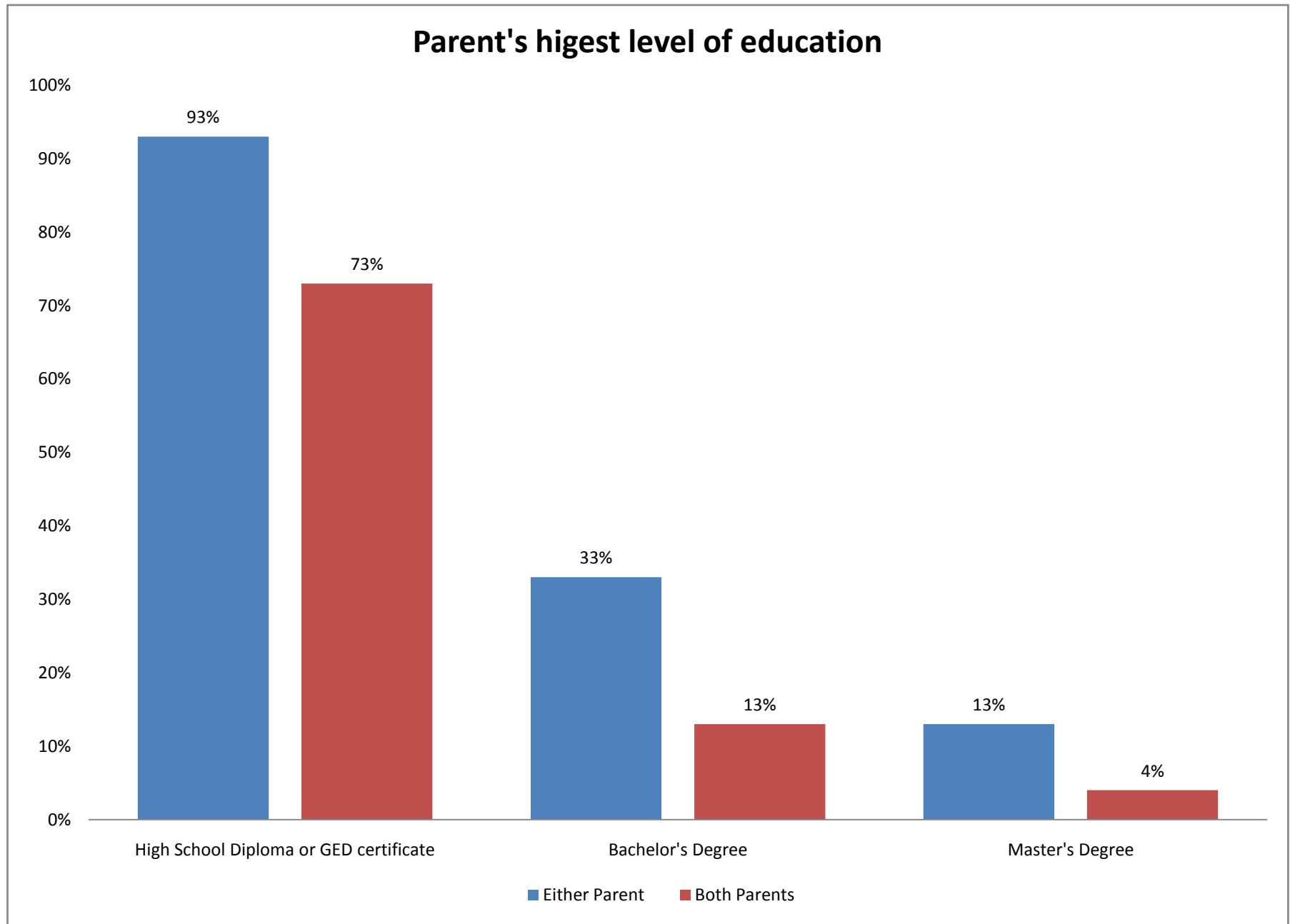


For the following software programs, choose the level that best describes you:





Note: This question was only asked in 2004 and 2007.



Note: These specific education categories were only used on the 2005 Entering Freshman Survey.

**How did you research colleges before applying? Please check all that apply**

	<u>Checked</u>
School's Website	64.4%
Talked to my high school guidance counselor about college options	44.7%
Talked to a teacher or coach about colleges	36.3%
Looked at other sites that gave ratings/information about colleges	34.5%
Met with an admissions representative when they visited my high school	33.5%
Took a virtual tour online	15.5%
Looked at college rankings (e.g., U.S. News and World Report)	33.5%
Looked at guidebooks (e.g., Peterson's)	14.8%
Visited the campus without seeing anyone from admissions	21.5%
Visited the campus for an organized tour or admissions event	54.6%
Other	17.6%

**How did you learn about Berea's academic reputation? Check all that apply.**

	<u>Checked</u>
Through information sent to me by the college	56.7%
College rankings (e.g., U.S. News and World Report)	48.6%
School's Website	39.1%
Other	31.3%

Note: These data are based on 2007 Entering Student Survey responses. (284/442, 64%)

Did you have an account as part of an online community (e.g., Facebook, MySpace, etc)?

Yes 79.9%

No 20.1%

***Based on the 211 students who have an account with an online community,***

Did you look for OTHER NEW Berea students through an online community?

Yes 59.2%

No 39.8%

Missing 0.9%

Did you look for other Berea students (sophomores, juniors, and seniors) through an online community?

Yes 50.7%

No 48.8%

Note: These data are based on 2007 Entering Student Survey responses. (284/442, 64%)

Did you have an internet connection at your home before coming to college? (268 responses)

Yes	217	81.0%
No	51	19.0%

**Based on the 51 who did NOT have an Internet connection in their home,**

How accessible was an Internet connection for you?

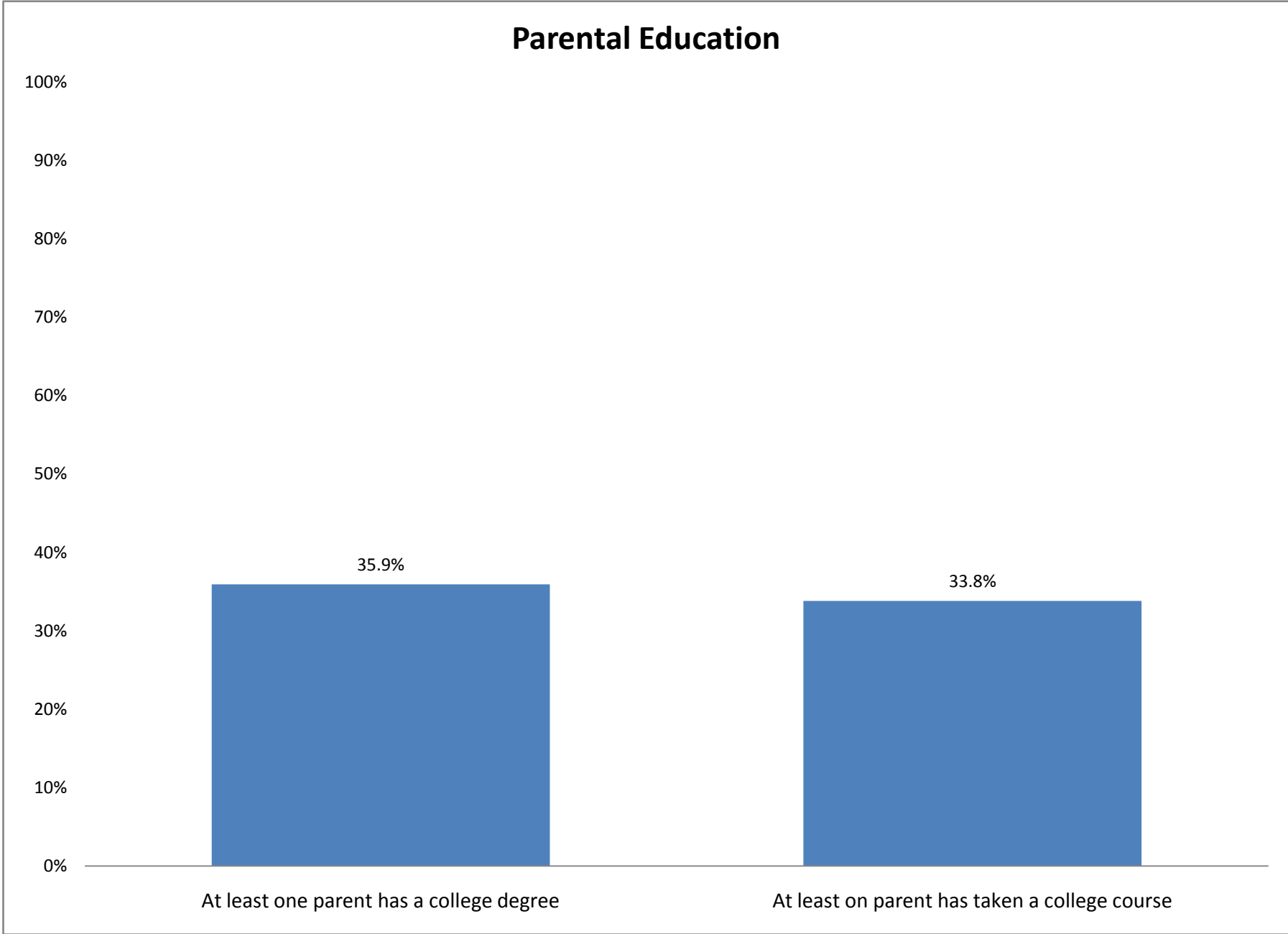
Very accessible	7	13.7%
Somewhat accessible	21	41.2%
Not very accessible	20	39.2%
Not at all accessible	3	5.9%

Would you have applied to Berea College if you were required to apply online? (262 responses)

Yes	233	88.9%
No	18	6.9%
Depends	11	4.2%

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Indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements about nature and the environment.

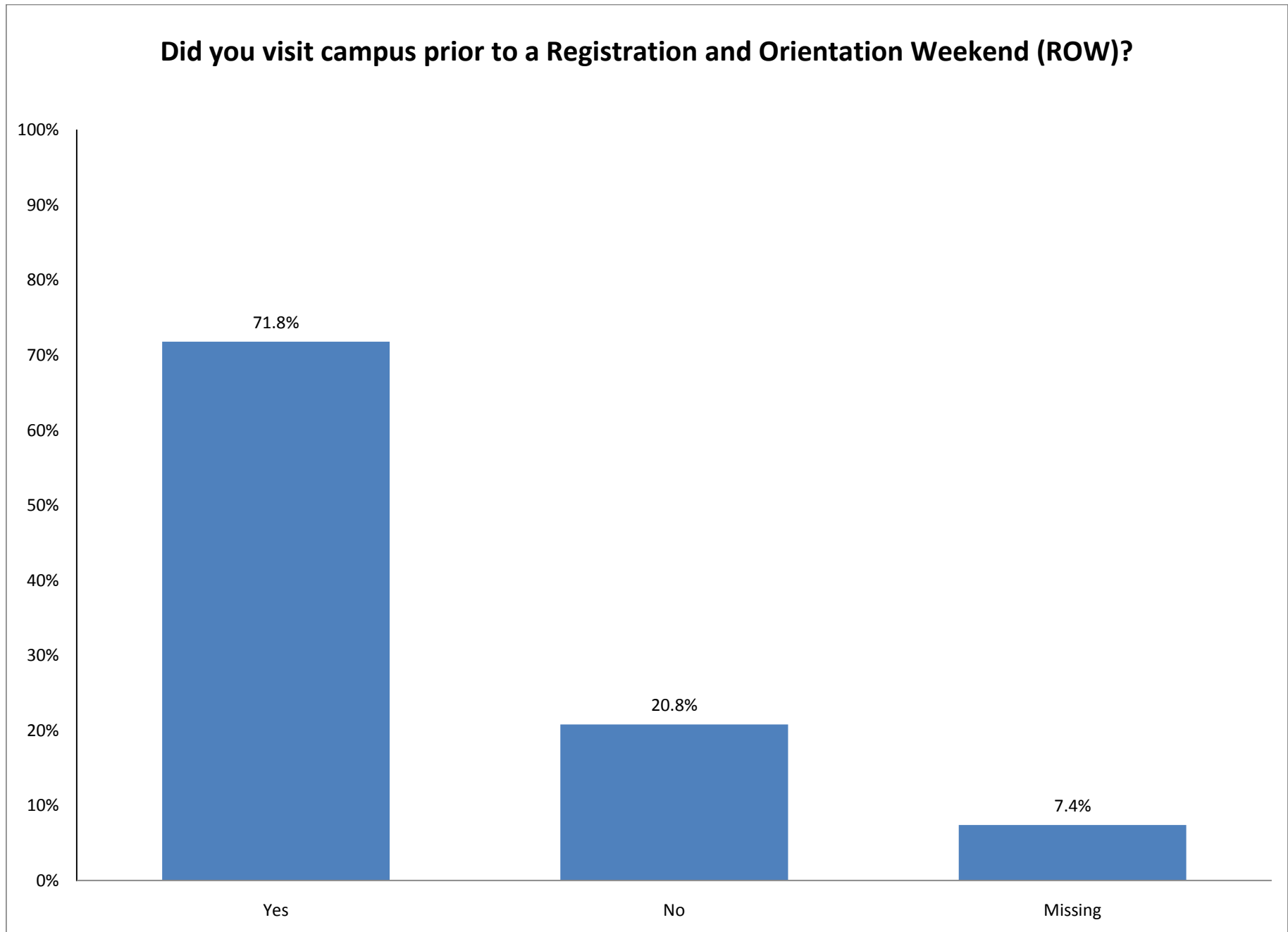
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Uncertain (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
We are approaching the limit of the number of people the earth can support. (N=258)	17 (6.6%)	31 (12.0%)	95 (36.8%)	79 (30.6%)	36 (14.0%)
Humans have the right to modify the natural environment to suit their needs. (N=258)	32(12.4%)	99 (38.4%)	77 (29.8%)	39 (15.1%)	11 (4.3%)
When humans interfere with nature, it often produces disastrous consequences. (N=259)	2 (0.8%)	23 (8.9%)	39 (15.1%)	120 (46.3%)	75 (29.0%)
Human ingenuity will insure that we do NOT make the earth unlivable. (N=258)	21 (8.1%)	58 (22.5%)	126 (48.8%)	40 (15.5%)	13 (5.0%)
Humans are severely abusing the environment. (N=256)	4 (1.6%)	21 (8.2%)	21 (8.2%)	114 (44.5%)	96 (37.5%)
The earth has plenty of natural resources if we just learn how to develop them. (N=259)	10 (3.9%)	22 (8.5%)	58 (22.4%)	124 (47.9%)	45 (17.4%)
Plants and animals have as much right as humans to exist. (N=257)	5 (1.9%)	18 (7.0%)	18 (7.0%)	85 (33.1%)	131 (51.0%)
The balance of nature is strong enough to cope with the impacts of modern industrial nations. (N=258)	56 (21.7%)	101 (39.1%)	74 (28.7%)	15 (5.8%)	12 (4.7%)
Despite our special abilities, humans are still subject to the laws of nature. (N=258)	3 (1.2%)	4 (1.6%)	41 (15.9%)	120 (46.5%)	90 (34.9%)
The so-called "ecological crises" facing humankind have been greatly exaggerated. (N=259)	47 (18.%)	80 (30.9%)	89 (34.4%)	30 (11.6%)	13 (5.0%)
The earth is like a spaceship with very limited room and resources. (N=259)	16 (6.2%)	49 (18.9%)	80 (30.9%)	88 (34.0%)	26 (10.0%)

Note: These data are based on 2007 Entering Student Survey responses. (284/442, 64%)

Indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements about nature and the environment.

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Uncertain (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
Humans were meant to rule over the rest of nature. (N=257)	70 (27.2%)	67 (26.1%)	55 (21.4%)	41 (16.0%)	24 (9.3%)
The balance of nature is very delicate and easily upset. (N=255)	8 (3.1%)	19 (7.5%)	70 (27.5%)	118 (46.3%)	40 (15.7%)
Humans will eventually learn enough about how nature works to be able to control it. (N=257)	54 (21.0%)	80 (31.1%)	81 (31.5%)	40 (15.6%)	2 (0.8%)
If things continue on their present course, we will soon experience a major ecological catastrophe. (N=258)	5 (1.9%)	11 (4.3%)	69 (26.7%)	88 (34.1%)	85 (32.9%)

Note: These data are based on 2007 Entering Student Survey responses. (284/442, 64%)



Note: This question was only asked on the 2007 Entering Student Survey.