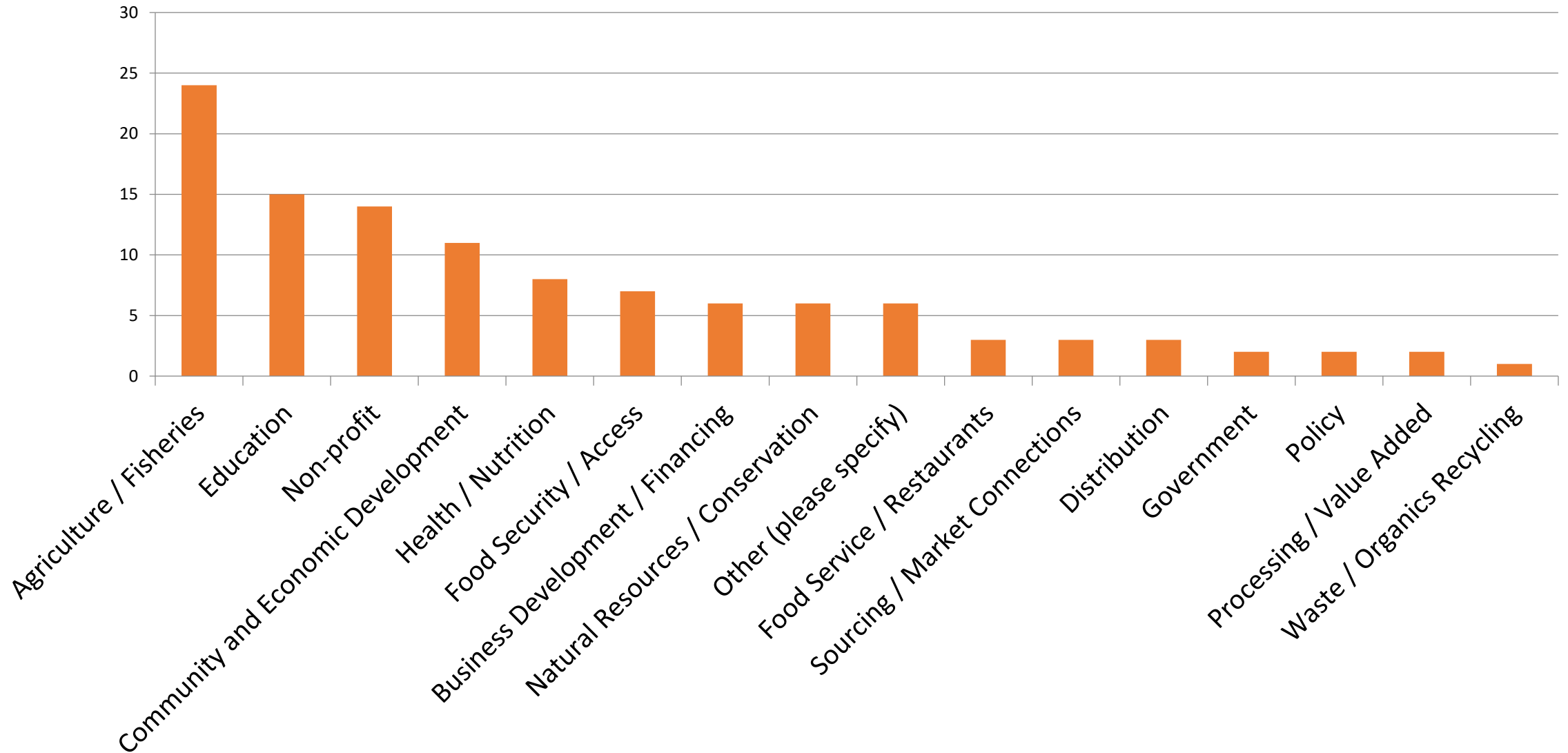


Q1: What is your organizational sector affiliation, or which do you most closely identify with? Please select one.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Agriculture / Fisheries	30.77%	24
Business Development / Financing	7.69%	6
Community and Economic Development	14.10%	11
Education	19.23%	15
Food Security / Access	8.97%	7
Food Service / Restaurants	3.85%	3
Government	2.56%	2
Policy	2.56%	2
Health / Nutrition	10.26%	8
Natural Resources / Conservation	7.69%	6
Non-profit	17.95%	14
Processing / Value Added	2.56%	2
Sourcing / Market Connections	3.85%	3
Distribution	3.85%	3
Waste / Organics Recycling	1.28%	1
Other (please specify)	7.69%	6

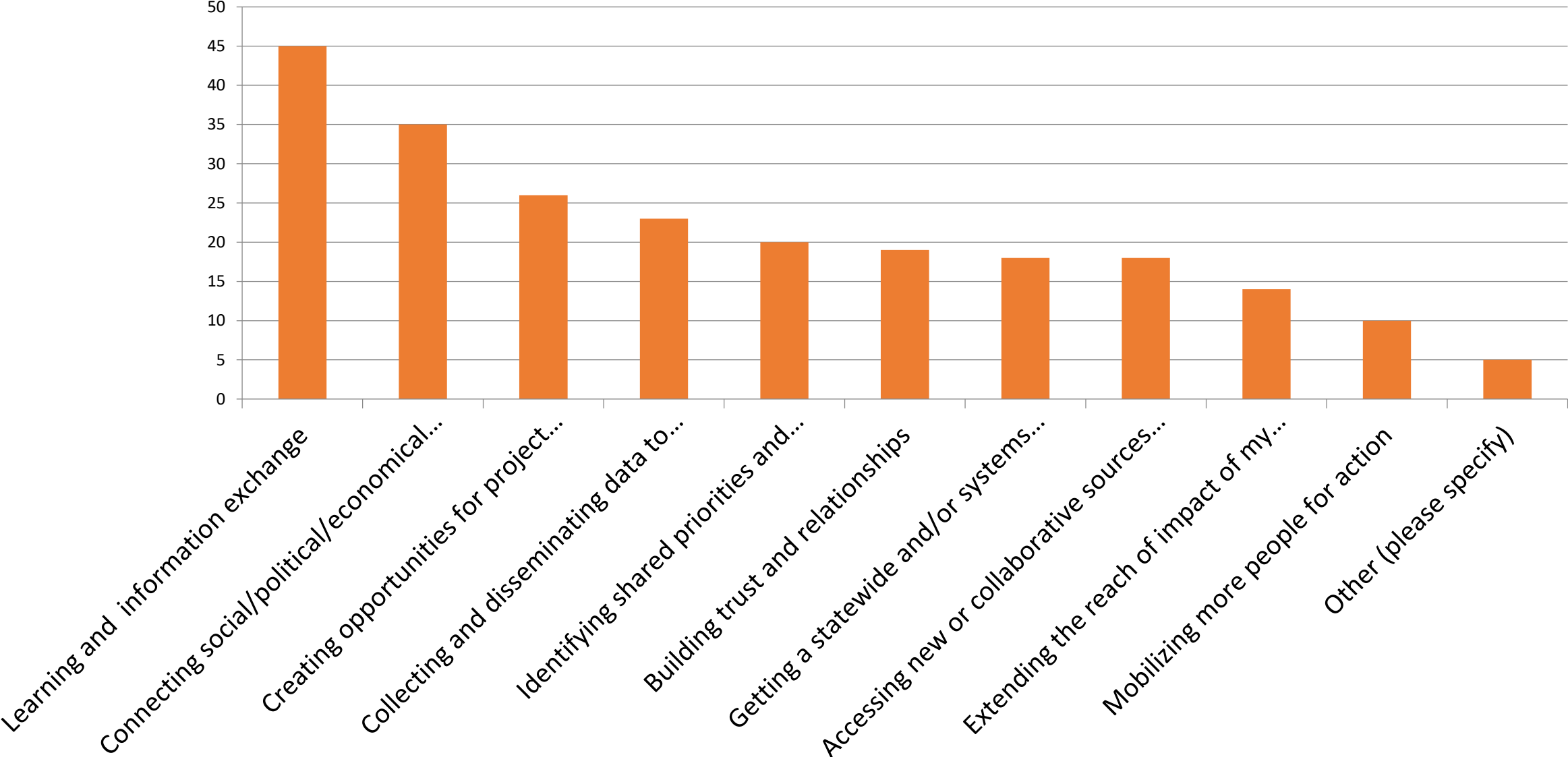
Q1: What is your organizational sector affiliation, or which do you most closely identify with? Please select one.



Statewide convening groups can offer many benefits. Which of the following are most beneficial to you or your organization? Please select three.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Learning and information exchange	58.44%	45
Building trust and relationships	24.68%	19
Creating opportunities for project collaboration	33.77%	26
Extending the reach of impact of my organization's work	18.18%	14
Getting a statewide and/or systems level perspective	23.38%	18
Accessing new or collaborative sources of funding	23.38%	18
Connecting social/political/economical assets and resources in a community's food system	45.45%	35
Mobilizing more people for action	12.99%	10
Identifying shared priorities and promoting a vision	25.97%	20
Collecting and disseminating data to inform planning, programs, and decision-making	29.87%	23
Other (please specify)	6.49%	5

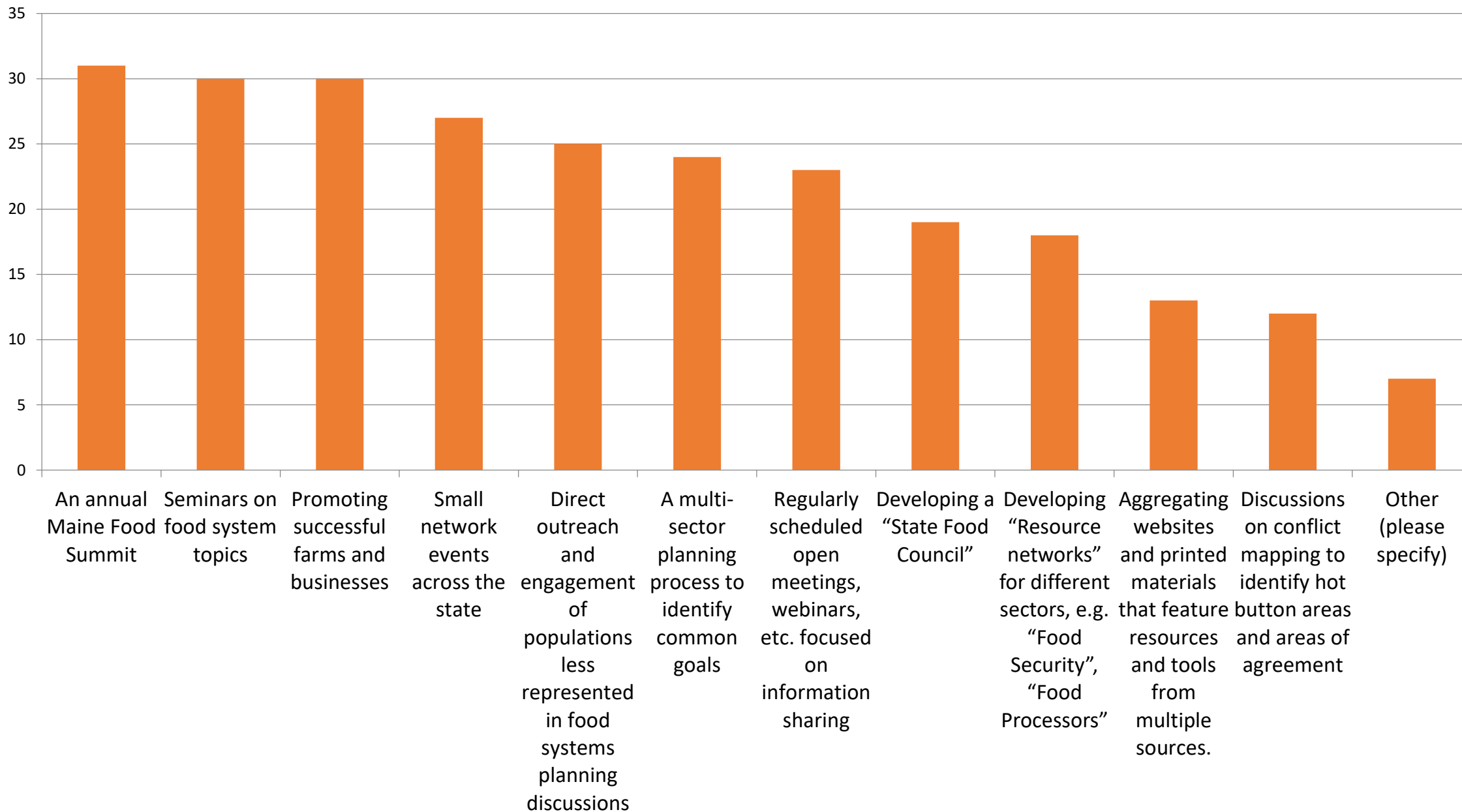
Q2: Statewide convening groups can offer many benefits. Which of the following are most beneficial to you or your organization? Please select three.



Q3: Which convening activities would you be most willing to participate in? Please select all that apply.

Answer Choices	Responses	
A multi-sector planning process to identify common goals	31.17%	24
Seminars on food system topics	38.96%	30
An annual Maine Food Summit	40.26%	31
Regularly scheduled open meetings, webinars, etc. focused on information sharing	29.87%	23
Small network events across the state	35.06%	27
Direct outreach and engagement of populations less represented in food systems planning discussions	32.47%	25
Promoting successful farms and businesses	38.96%	30
Aggregating websites and printed materials that feature resources and tools from multiple sources.	16.88%	13
Developing “Resource networks” for different sectors, e.g. “Food Security”, “Food Processors”	23.38%	18
Developing a “State Food Council”	24.68%	19
Discussions on conflict mapping to identify hot button areas and areas of agreement	15.58%	12
None, no activities	3.90%	3
Other (please specify)		7

Q3: Which convening activities would you be most willing to participate in? Please select all that apply.



Q4 Of the above activities, what was the most beneficial to you, and why? Please write your response in the space below.

think helped work statewide local food council sectors information  
food system learning state farms food network  
Maine planning people process Promoting businesses

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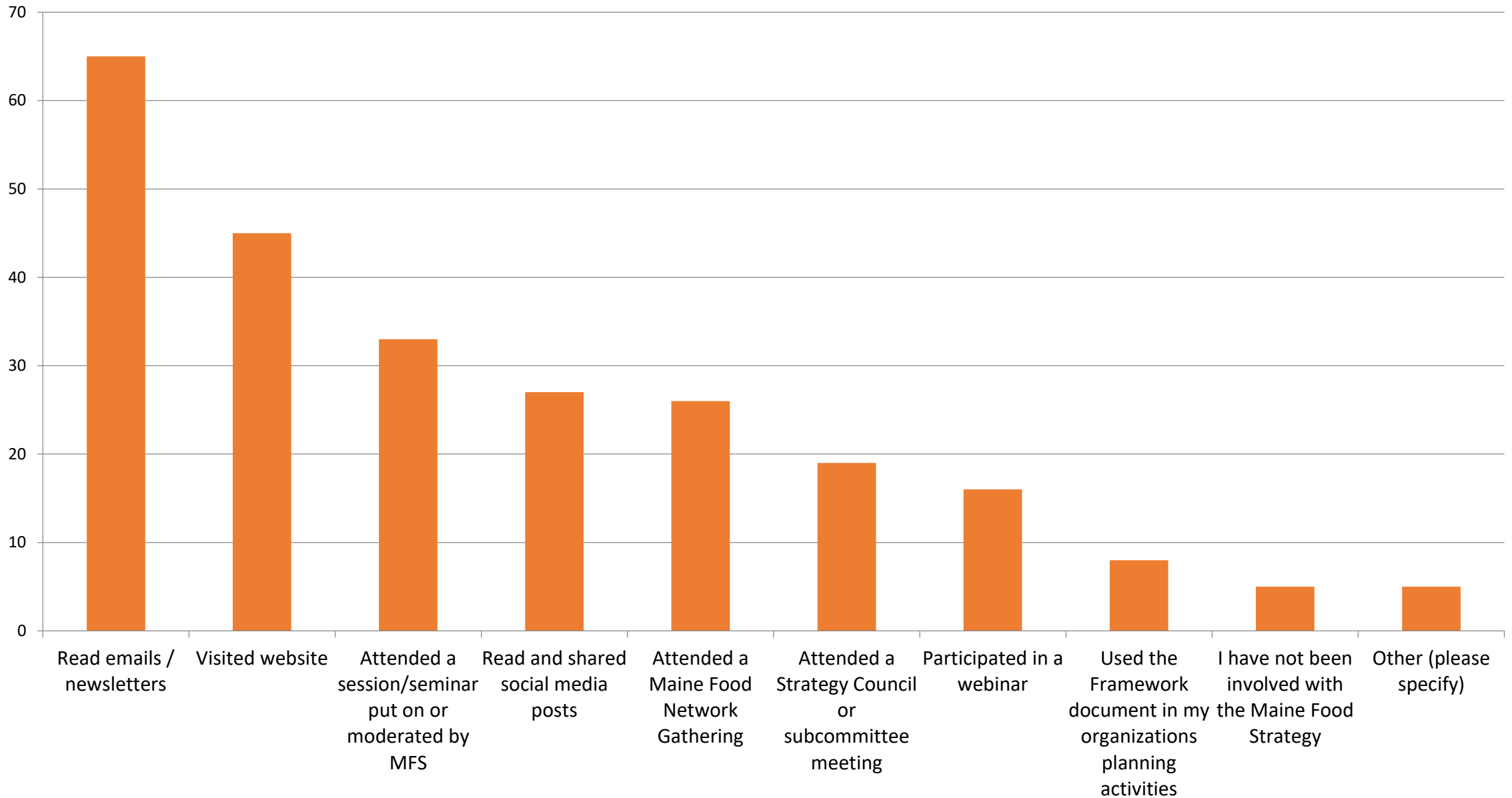
- Summit = x7
- Small networking events = x7
- Information sharing = x5
- State Food Council = x5
- Outreach to underrepresented communities = x5
- Multi-Sector Planning Process = x5
- Resource Networks = x5
- Promoting local farms and businesses = x3
- Seminars = x3
- Supporting sustainable farm business = x1
- Including fisheries = x1
- Increased farm production = x1

**Q5: In what ways have you been involved  
with the Maine Food Strategy? Please  
select all that apply.**

<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>	
Read emails / newsletters	83.33%	65
Read and shared social media posts	34.62%	27
Visited website	57.69%	45
Participated in a webinar	20.51%	16
Attended a session/seminar put on or moderated by MFS	42.31%	33
Used the Framework document in my organizations planning activities	10.26%	8
Attended a Strategy Council or subcommittee meeting	24.36%	19
Attended a Maine Food Network Gathering	33.33%	26
I have not been involved with the Maine Food Strategy	6.41%	5
Other (please specify)	1.28%	1
Other (please specify)		5



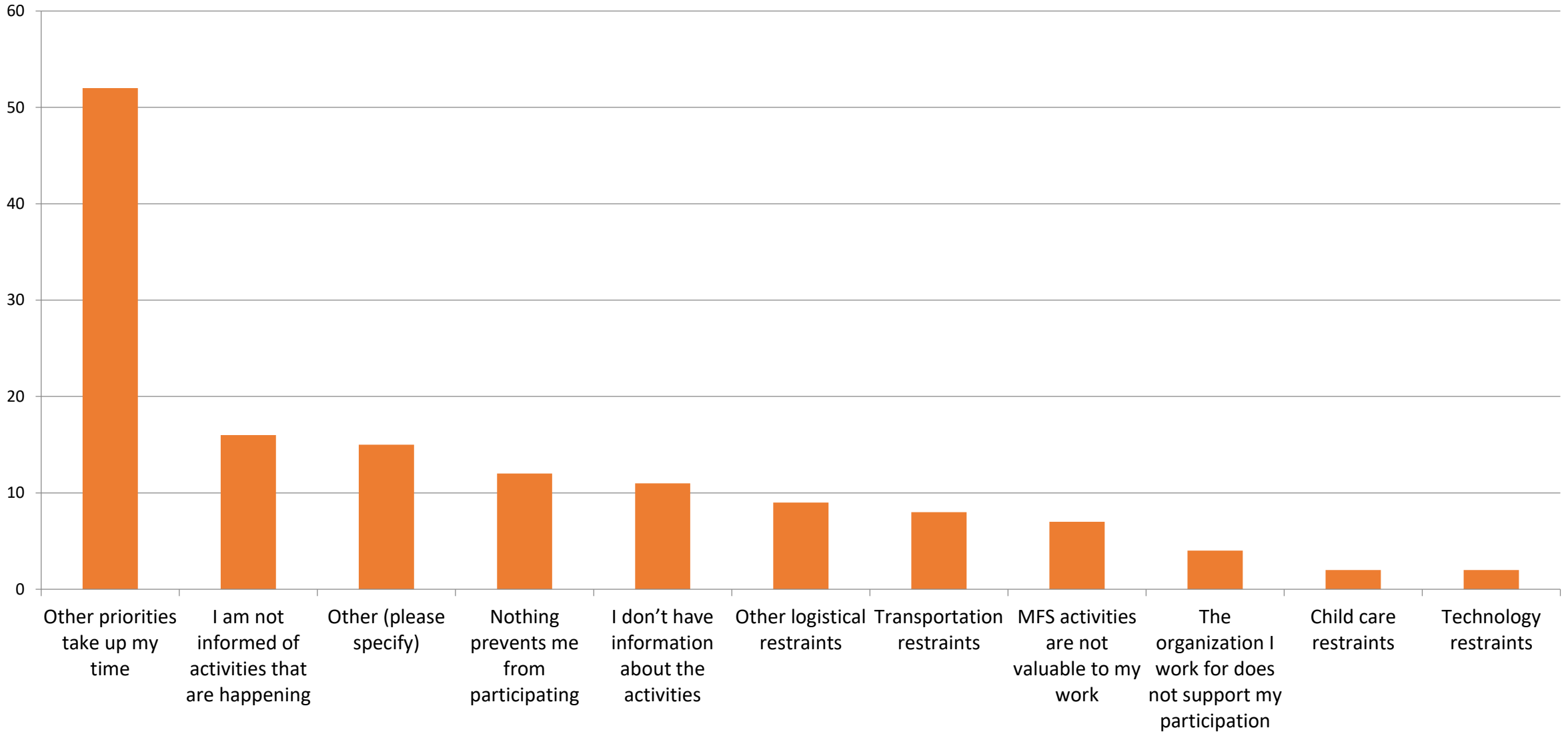
Q5: In what ways have you been involved with the Maine Food Strategy? Please select all that apply.



Q6: What, if anything, prevents you from participating in Maine Food Strategy activities? Please select all that apply.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Other priorities take up my time	69.33%	52
MFS activities are not valuable to my work	9.33%	7
I don't have information about the activities	14.67%	11
I am not informed of activities that are happening	21.33%	16
The organization I work for does not support my participation	5.33%	4
Transportation restraints	10.67%	8
Child care restraints	2.67%	2
Technology restraints	2.67%	2
Other logistical restraints	12.00%	9
Nothing prevents me from participating	16.00%	12
I am not interested in participating in MFS activities	2.67%	2
Other (please specify)		15

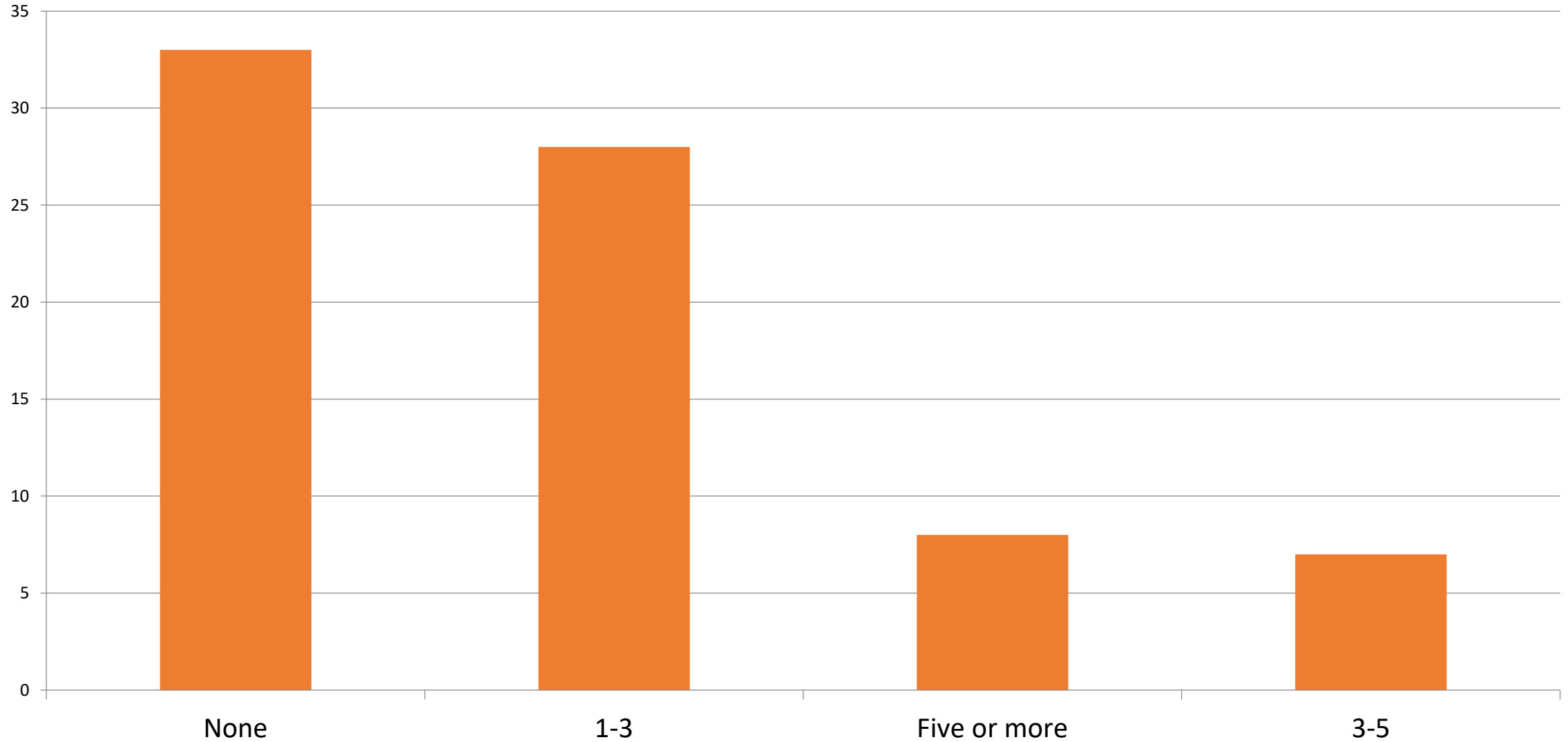
Q6: What, if anything, prevents you from participating in Maine Food Strategy activities? Please select all that apply.



Q7: How many new personal or professional connections have you made as a result of participation in a Maine Food Strategy activity? Please select one.

Answer Choices	Responses	
None	43.42%	33
1-3	36.84%	28
3-5	9.21%	7
Five or more	10.53%	8

Q7: How many new personal or professional connections have you made as a result of participation in a Maine Food Strategy activity? Please select one.



Q8 What organizations or groups do you think should be involved in the Maine Food Strategy, or other statewide convening groups? For example, you could answer a specific organization, or a general group of people like "farmers." Please write your response in the space below.

distributors policy state etc Ag pantries groups Councils food community  
farmers processors Maine schools organizations fishermen  
business funders producers systems

How much do you agree or disagree that it is valuable for Maine to have a designated group to convene stakeholders in Maine's food system? Please select one.

<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>	
Strongly agree	49.35%	38
Somewhat agree	36.36%	28
Neither agree nor disagree	6.49%	5
Somewhat disagree	3.90%	3
Strongly disagree	1.30%	1
I don't know	2.60%	2

Q9: How much do you agree or disagree that it is valuable for Maine to have a designated group to convene stakeholders in Maine's food system? Please select one.

