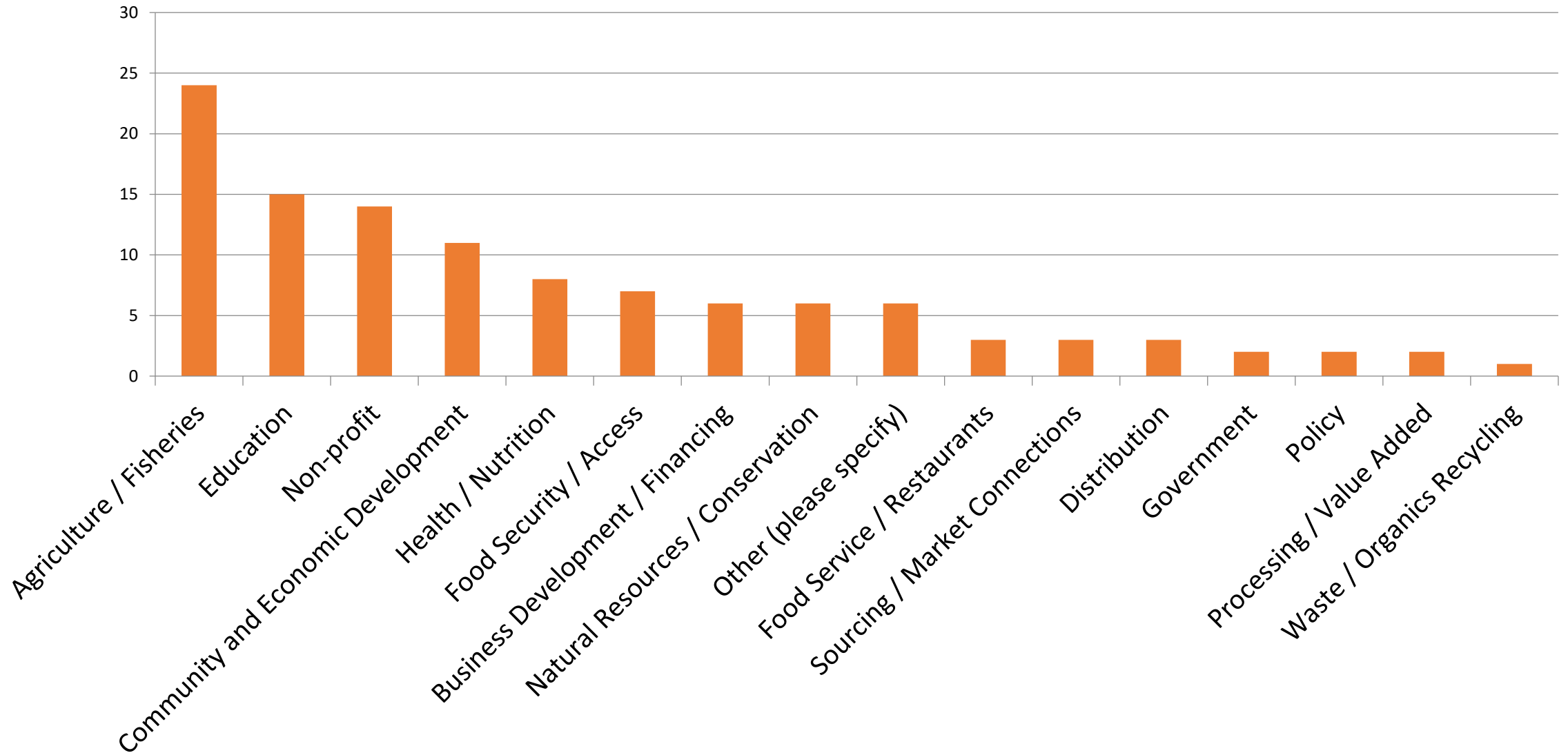


Q1: What is your organizational sector affiliation, or which do you most closely identify with? Please select one.

| 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 |

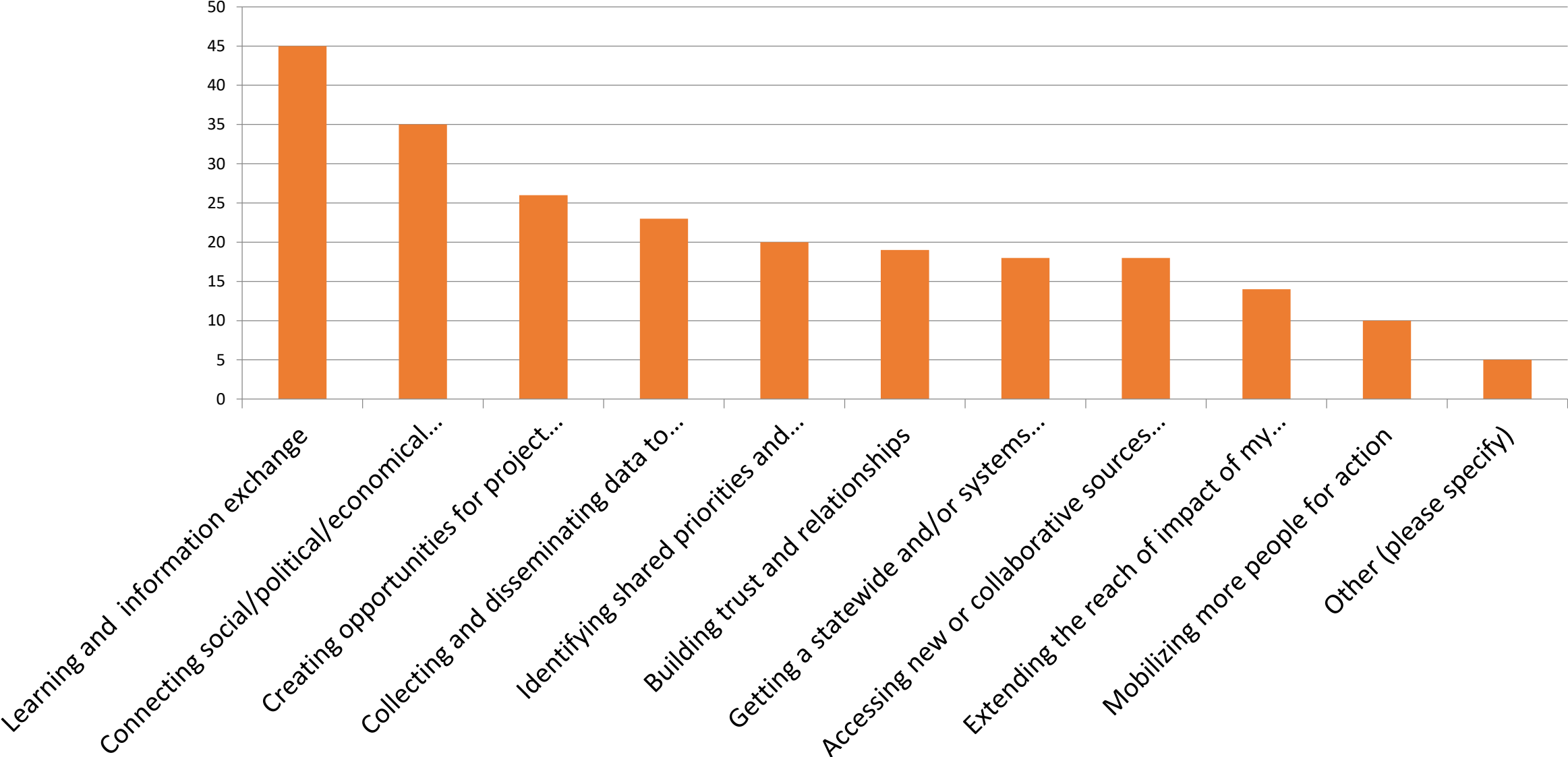
Q1: What is your organizational sector affiliation, or which do you most closely identify with? Please select one.



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 |

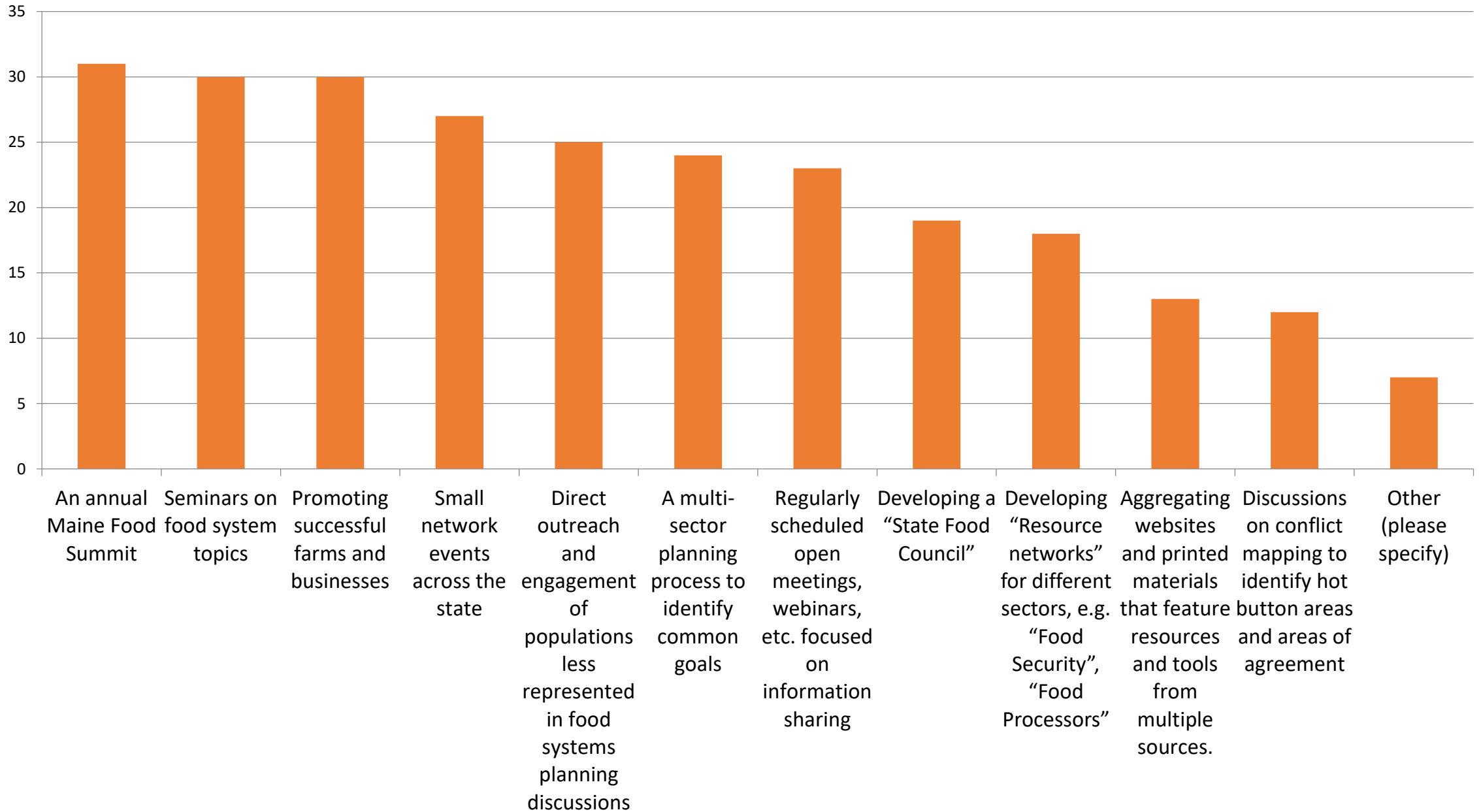
Q2: Statewide convening groups can offer many benefits. Which of the following are most beneficial to you or your organization? Please select three.



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.

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food system learning state farms food network
Maine planning people process Promoting businesses

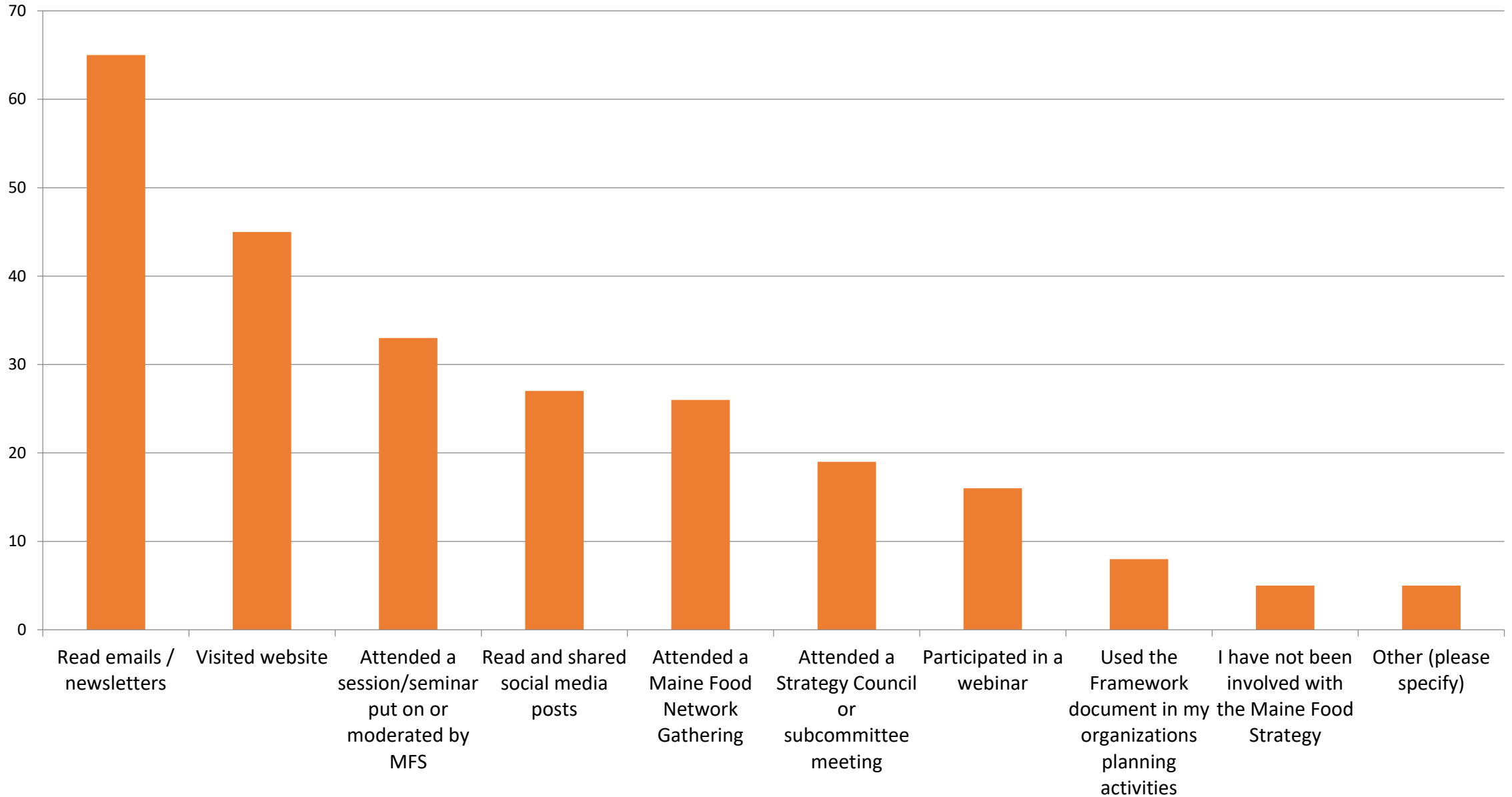
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- Summit = x7
- Small networking events = x7
- Information sharing = x5
- State Food Council = x5
- Outreach to underrepresented communities = x5
- Multi-Sector Planning Process = x5
- Resource Networks = x5
- Promoting local farms and businesses = 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.

| Answer Choices | Responses | |
|---|------------------|----|
| 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 |

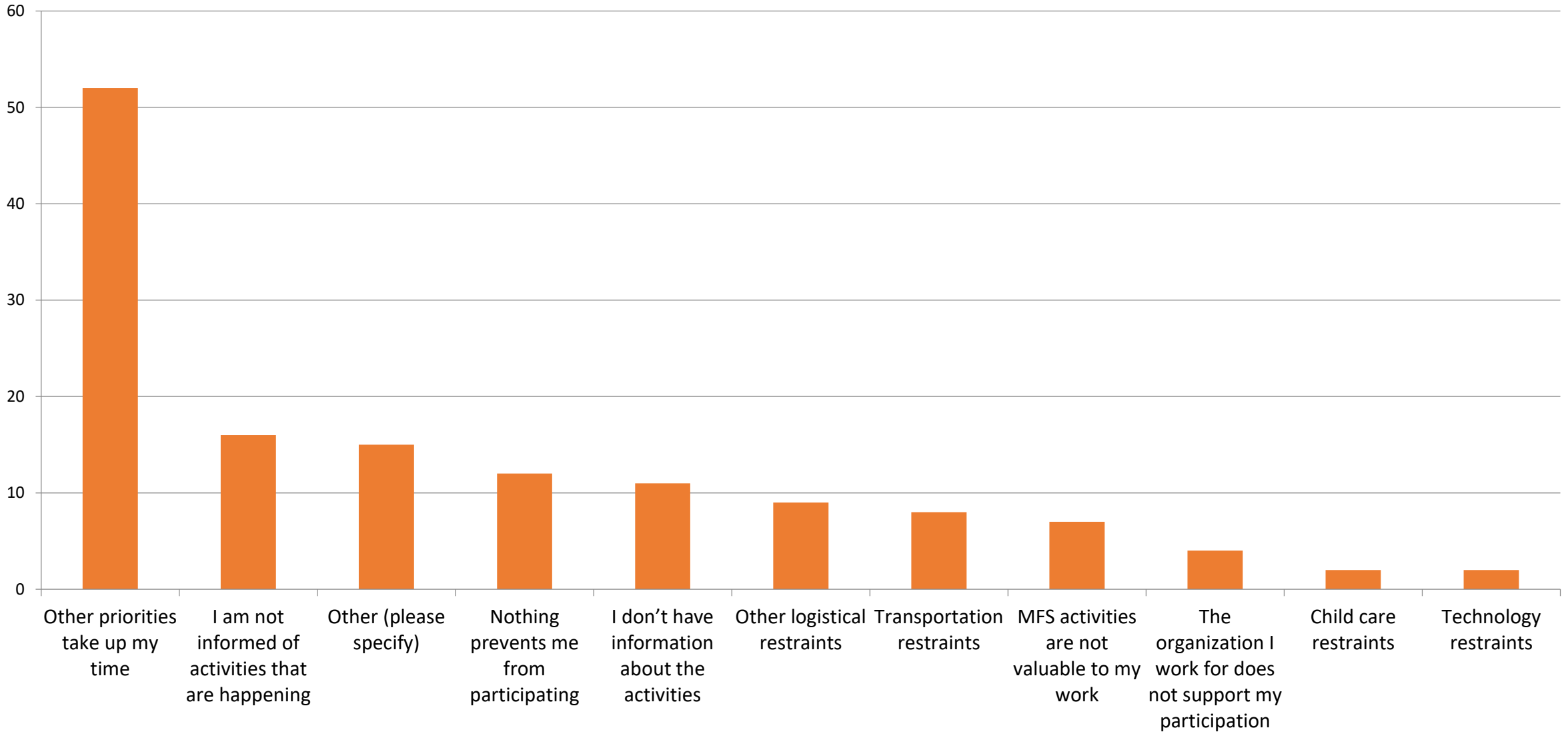
Q5: In what ways have you been involved with the Maine Food Strategy? Please select all that apply.



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 |

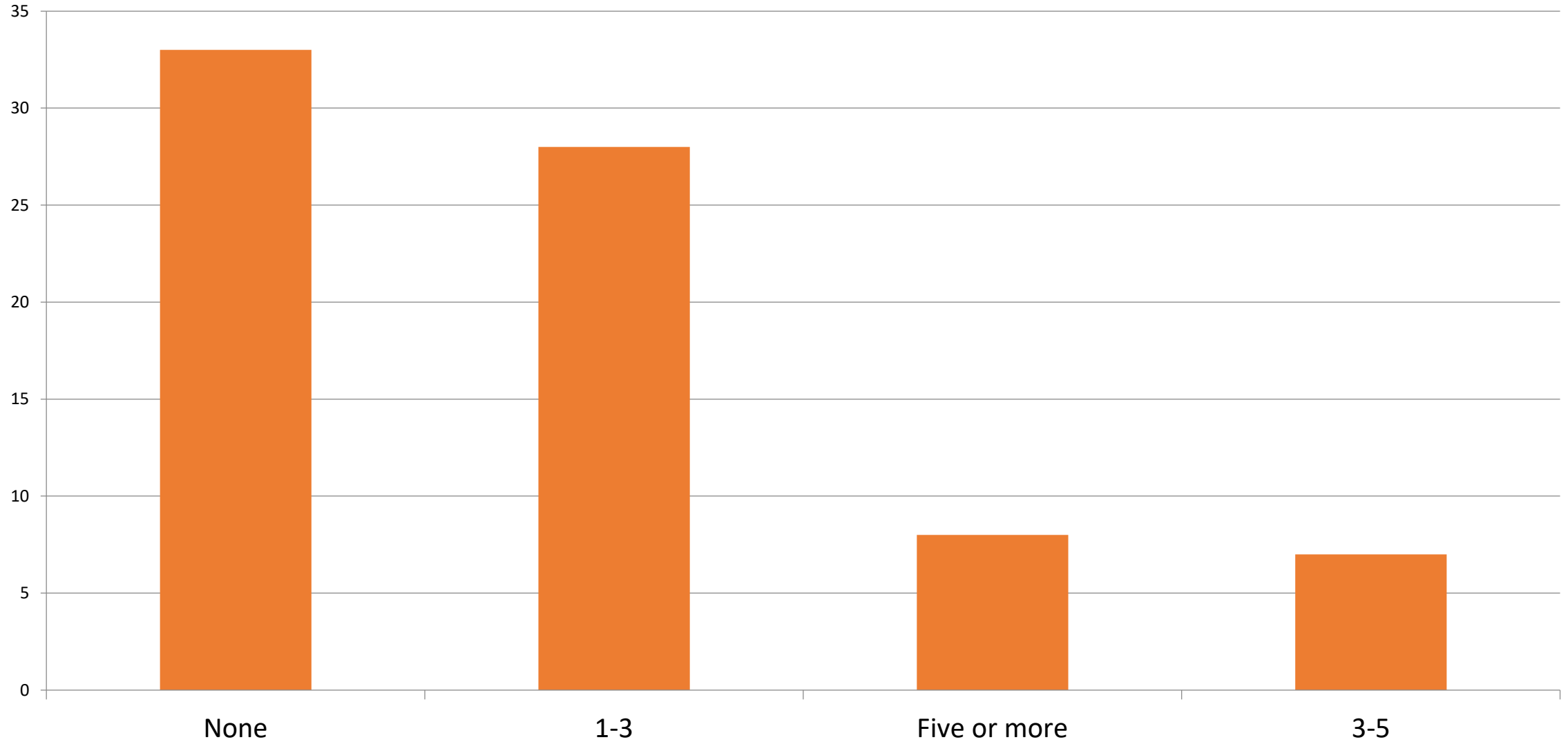
Q6: What, if anything, prevents you from participating in Maine Food Strategy activities? Please select all that apply.



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.

| Answer Choices | Responses | |
|----------------------------|------------------|----|
| 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.

