

### Q1 > Your Country of Residence

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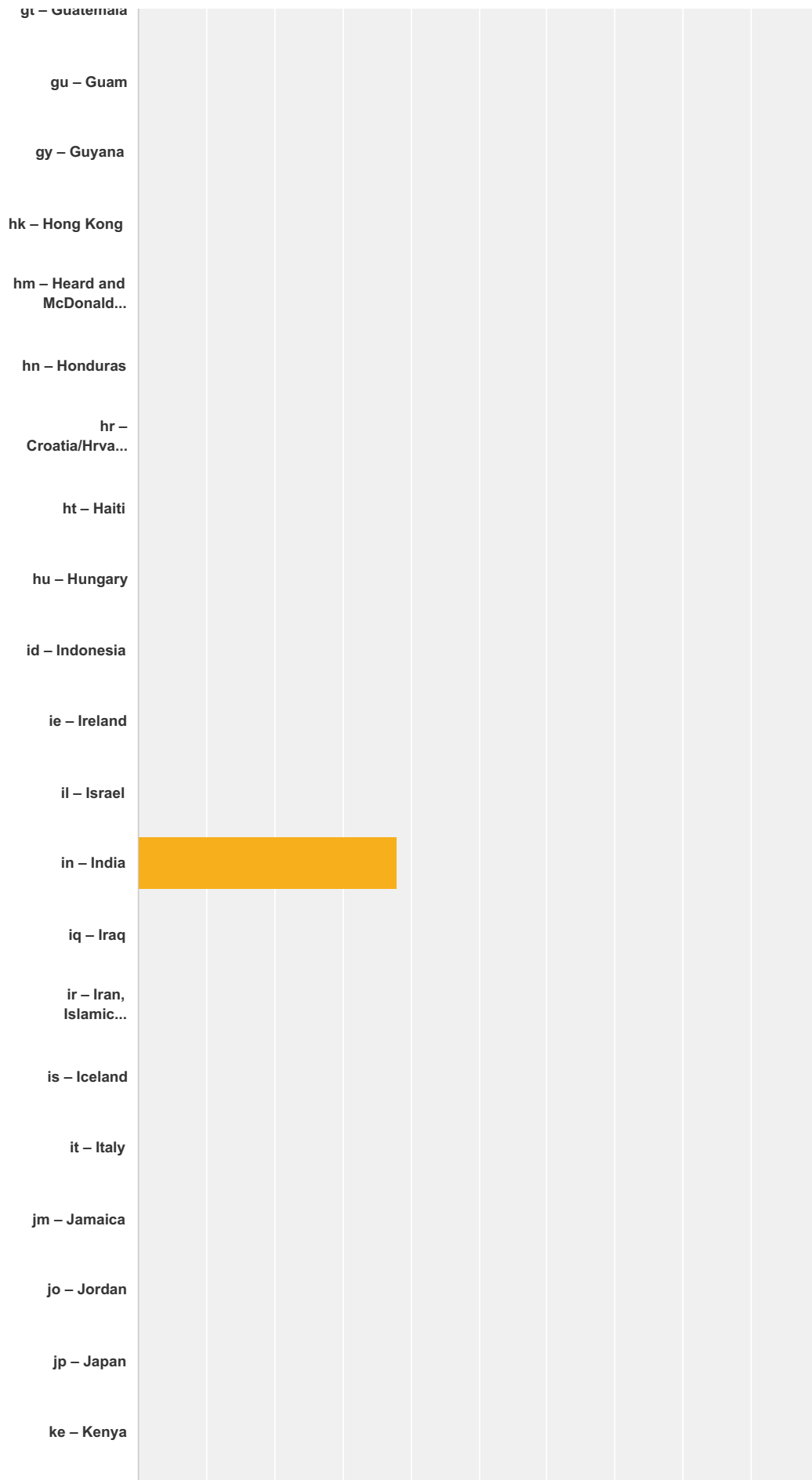
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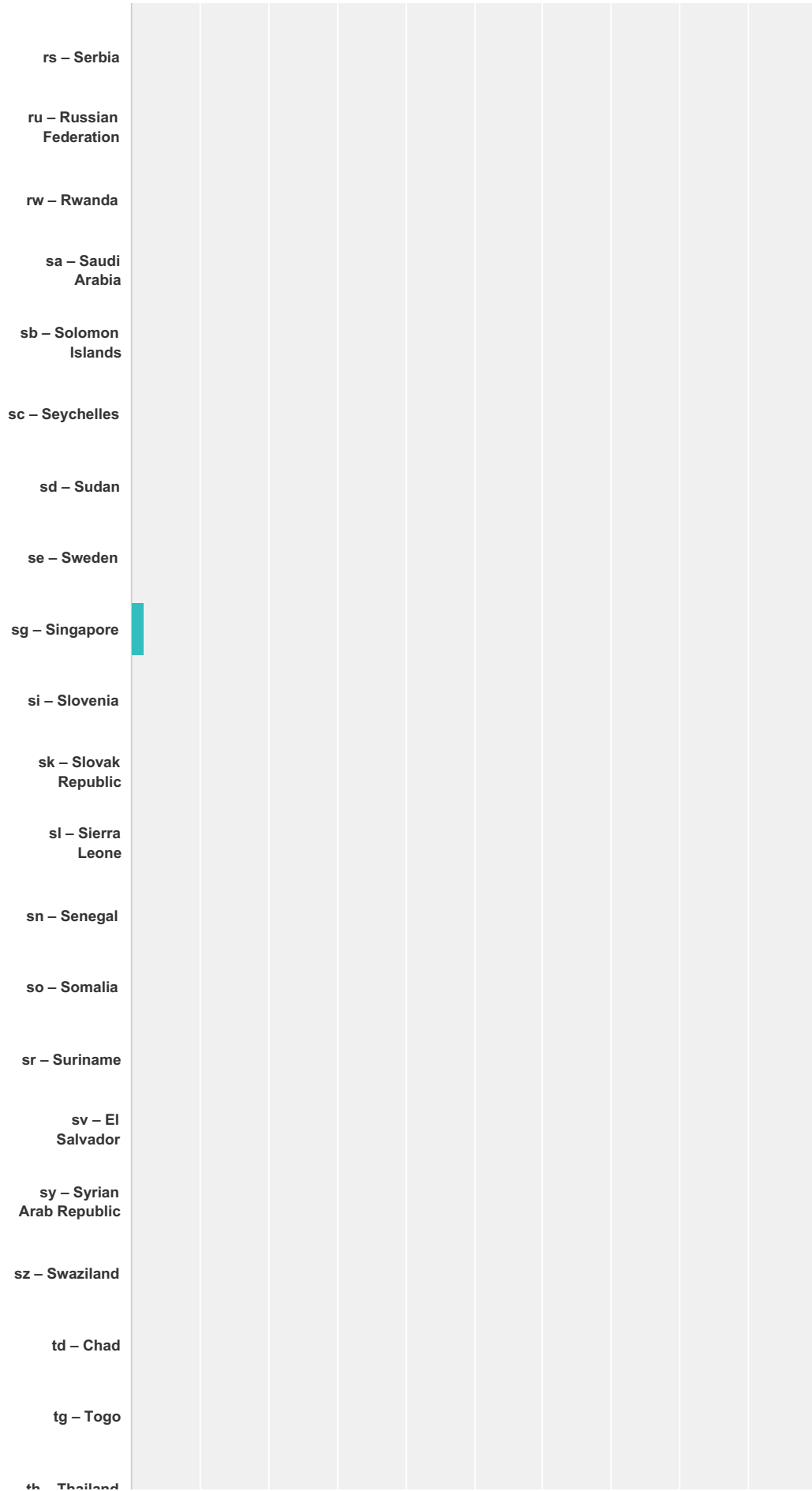
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kg – Kyrgyzstan									
kh – Cambodia									
kp – Korea, Democratic...									
kr – Korea, Republic of									
kw – Kuwait									
z – Kazakhstan									
lb – Lebanon									
k – Sri Lanka									
lr – Liberia									
lt – Lithuania									
ly – Libyan Arab Jamahiriya									
ma – Morocco									
mg – Madagascar									
mk – Macedonia, T...									
ml – Mali									
mm – Myanmar									
mn – Mongolia									
mu – Mauritius									
mw – Malawi									
mx – Mexico									
my – Malaysia									

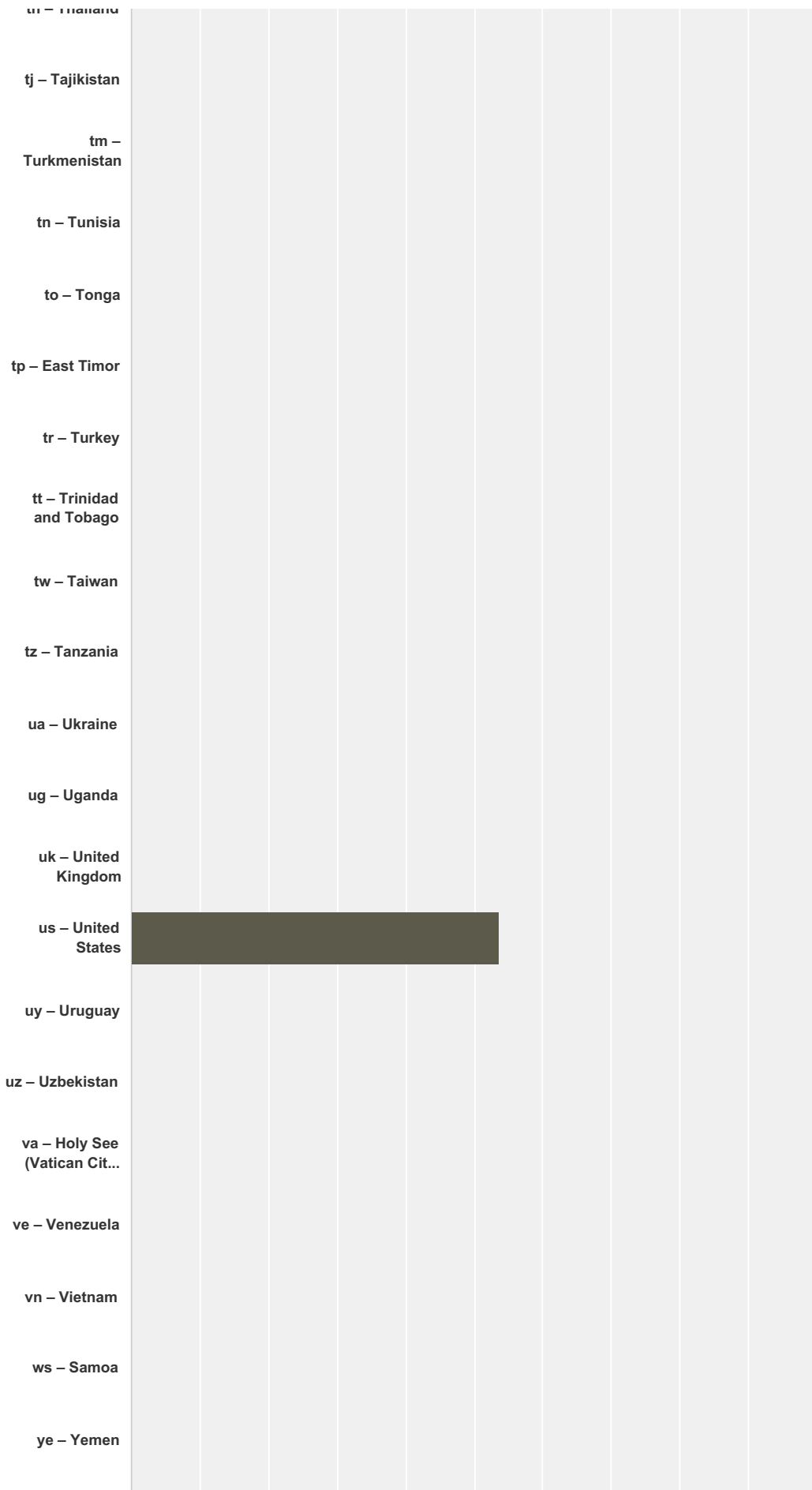
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mz – Mozambique									
na – Namibia									
ne – Niger									
ng – Nigeria									
ni – Nicaragua									
nl – Netherlands									
no – Norway									
np – Nepal									
nz – New Zealand									
om – Oman									
pa – Panama									
pe – Peru									
ph – Philippines									
pk – Pakistan									
pl – Poland									
pr – Puerto Rico									
ps – Palestinian...									
pt – Portugal									
py – Paraguay									
qa – Qatar									
ro – Romania									

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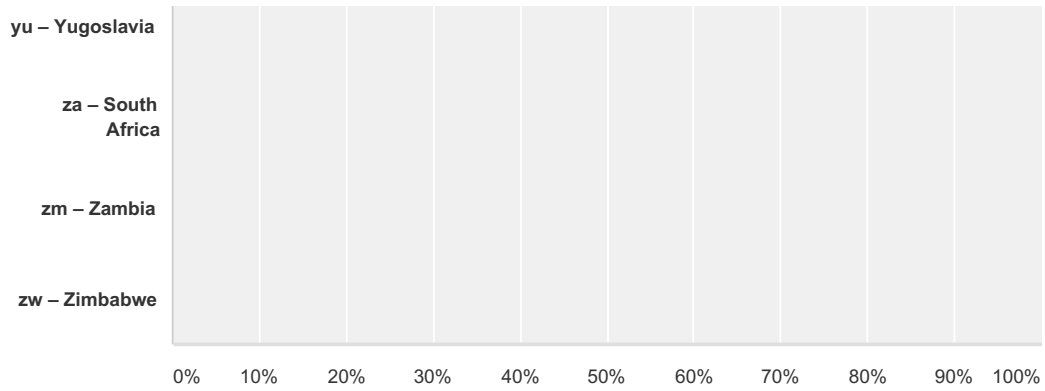


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ae – United Arab Emirates	0.00% 0
af – Afghanistan	0.00% 0
al – Albania	0.00% 0
am – Armenia	0.00% 0
ao – Angola	0.00% 0
ar – Argentina	0.00% 0
as – American Samoa	0.00% 0
at – Austria	0.00% 0
au – Australia	0.93% 1
z – Azerbaijan	0.00% 0
ba – Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.00% 0
bb – Barbados	0.00% 0
bd – Bangladesh	0.00% 0
be – Belgium	0.00% 0
bf – Burkina Faso	0.00% 0
bg – Bulgaria	0.00% 0
bh – Bahrain	0.00% 0
bi – Burundi	0.00% 0
bm – Bermuda	0.00% 0
bo – Bolivia	0.00% 0
br – Brazil	0.00% 0
bs – Bahamas	0.00% 0
bt – Bhutan	0.00% 0
bw – Botswana	0.00% 0
by – Belarus	0.00% 0

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bz – Belize	0.00%	0
ca – Canada	3.70%	4
cd – Congo, The Democratic Republic of the	0.00%	0
cf – Central African Republic	0.00%	0
cg – Congo, Republic of	0.00%	0
ch – Switzerland	0.00%	0
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cm – Cameroon	0.00%	0
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co – Colombia	0.00%	0
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cu – Cuba	0.00%	0
cy – Cyprus	0.00%	0
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de – Germany	0.00%	0
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ec – Ecuador	0.00%	0
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es – Spain	0.00%	0
et – Ethiopia	0.00%	0
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fj – Fiji	0.00%	0
fk – Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	0.00%	0
fr – France	0.93%	1
ga – Gabon	0.00%	0
ge – Georgia	0.00%	0
gh – Ghana	0.00%	0
gl – Greenland	0.00%	0
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gn – Guinea	0.00%	0
gr – Greece	0.00%	0

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gt – Guatemala	0.00%	0
gu – Guam	0.00%	0
gy – Guyana	0.00%	0
hk – Hong Kong	0.00%	0
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hn – Honduras	0.00%	0
hr – Croatia/Hrvatska	0.00%	0
ht – Haiti	0.00%	0
hu – Hungary	0.00%	0
id – Indonesia	0.00%	0
ie – Ireland	0.00%	0
il – Israel	0.00%	0
in – India	37.96%	41
iq – Iraq	0.00%	0
ir – Iran, Islamic Republic of	0.00%	0
is – Iceland	0.00%	0
it – Italy	0.00%	0
jm – Jamaica	0.00%	0
jo – Jordan	0.00%	0
jp – Japan	0.00%	0
ke – Kenya	0.00%	0
kg – Kyrgyzstan	0.00%	0
kh – Cambodia	0.00%	0
kp – Korea, Democratic People's Republic	0.00%	0
kr – Korea, Republic of	0.00%	0
kw – Kuwait	0.00%	0
z – Kazakhstan	0.00%	0
lb – Lebanon	0.00%	0
k – Sri Lanka	0.00%	0
lr – Liberia	0.00%	0
lt – Lithuania	0.00%	0
ly – Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.00%	0
ma – Morocco	0.00%	0
mg – Madagascar	0.00%	0
mk – Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	0.00%	0

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ml – Mali	0.00%	0
mm – Myanmar	0.00%	0
mn – Mongolia	0.00%	0
mu – Mauritius	0.00%	0
mw – Malawi	0.00%	0
mx – Mexico	0.00%	0
my – Malaysia	0.00%	0
mz – Mozambique	0.00%	0
na – Namibia	0.00%	0
ne – Niger	0.00%	0
ng – Nigeria	0.00%	0
ni – Nicaragua	0.00%	0
nl – Netherlands	0.00%	0
no – Norway	0.00%	0
np – Nepal	0.00%	0
nz – New Zealand	0.00%	0
om – Oman	0.00%	0
pa – Panama	0.00%	0
pe – Peru	0.00%	0
ph – Philippines	0.00%	0
pk – Pakistan	0.93%	1
pl – Poland	0.00%	0
pr – Puerto Rico	0.00%	0
ps – Palestinian Territory, Occupied	0.00%	0
pt – Portugal	0.00%	0
py – Paraguay	0.00%	0
qa – Qatar	0.00%	0
ro – Romania	0.00%	0
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ru – Russian Federation	0.00%	0
rw – Rwanda	0.00%	0
sa – Saudi Arabia	0.00%	0
sb – Solomon Islands	0.00%	0
sc – Seychelles	0.00%	0
sd – Sudan	0.00%	0

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se – Sweden	0.00%	0
sg – Singapore	1.85%	2
si – Slovenia	0.00%	0
sk – Slovak Republic	0.00%	0
sl – Sierra Leone	0.00%	0
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sy – Syrian Arab Republic	0.00%	0
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td – Chad	0.00%	0
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tw – Taiwan	0.00%	0
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ua – Ukraine	0.00%	0
ug – Uganda	0.00%	0
uk – United Kingdom	0.00%	0
us – United States	53.70%	58
uy – Uruguay	0.00%	0
uz – Uzbekistan	0.00%	0
va – Holy See (Vatican City State)	0.00%	0
ve – Venezuela	0.00%	0
vn – Vietnam	0.00%	0
ws – Samoa	0.00%	0
ye – Yemen	0.00%	0
yu – Yugoslavia	0.00%	0

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za – South Africa	0.00%	0
zm – Zambia	0.00%	0
zw – Zimbabwe	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>108</b>

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Sugar Land Tx , 77479	1/26/2016 11:54 PM
2	Citizen of USA	1/20/2016 8:47 AM

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### Q2 > Your preferred Anonymous Name or Initials

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1	Jalejarji	1/31/2016 4:39 PM
2	PJB	1/31/2016 5:46 AM
3	Tme	1/31/2016 5:31 AM
4	PMP	1/30/2016 11:56 AM
5	Yezad Kapadia	1/28/2016 10:26 PM
6	Nariman D K	1/28/2016 12:51 PM
7	SB	1/28/2016 10:05 AM
8	Fido	1/27/2016 11:46 PM
9	Bobby	1/27/2016 10:09 PM
10	Ron A	1/27/2016 1:31 PM
11	Parsi	1/27/2016 10:52 AM
12	JW	1/27/2016 9:09 AM
13	SAY	1/27/2016 4:31 AM
14	pnm	1/27/2016 1:53 AM
15	RKP	1/27/2016 1:25 AM
16	FRK	1/27/2016 1:12 AM
17	F. M.	1/26/2016 11:54 PM
18	MeherParast	1/26/2016 10:49 PM
19	Zenobia	1/26/2016 6:44 PM
20	ND	1/26/2016 5:08 PM
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22	nilam	1/26/2016 12:35 PM
23	Mpu	1/26/2016 11:48 AM
24	YK	1/26/2016 5:33 AM
25	DKD	1/26/2016 12:56 AM
26	HNS	1/25/2016 9:52 PM
27	PD	1/25/2016 3:19 PM
28	DT	1/25/2016 3:04 PM
29	FE	1/25/2016 2:38 PM
30	K Wadia	1/25/2016 2:20 PM
31	BC	1/25/2016 11:03 AM
32	irani	1/25/2016 10:57 AM
33	esefdee	1/25/2016 10:12 AM
34	JS	1/25/2016 9:42 AM

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35	MKD	1/25/2016 9:10 AM
36	X2	1/25/2016 7:23 AM
37	Anonymous	1/25/2016 6:47 AM
38	ams	1/25/2016 6:19 AM
39	Sunbird	1/25/2016 5:18 AM
40	PD	1/25/2016 4:40 AM
41	RRSB	1/25/2016 4:28 AM
42	F. J. S.	1/25/2016 4:07 AM
43	Shahrukh B. Davar	1/25/2016 3:42 AM
44	MG	1/25/2016 3:03 AM
45	YSK	1/25/2016 2:46 AM
46	N	1/25/2016 2:45 AM
47	JM	1/25/2016 2:41 AM
48	JehangirMH	1/25/2016 2:26 AM
49	JC	1/25/2016 2:24 AM
50	sohli	1/25/2016 2:21 AM
51	Anonymous Name	1/25/2016 1:51 AM
52	yt	1/24/2016 9:58 AM
53	Khushroo	1/23/2016 12:45 AM
54	me	1/22/2016 3:26 PM
55	DJS	1/22/2016 3:18 AM
56	AI	1/21/2016 8:01 PM
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58	Seabeetea	1/21/2016 4:39 PM
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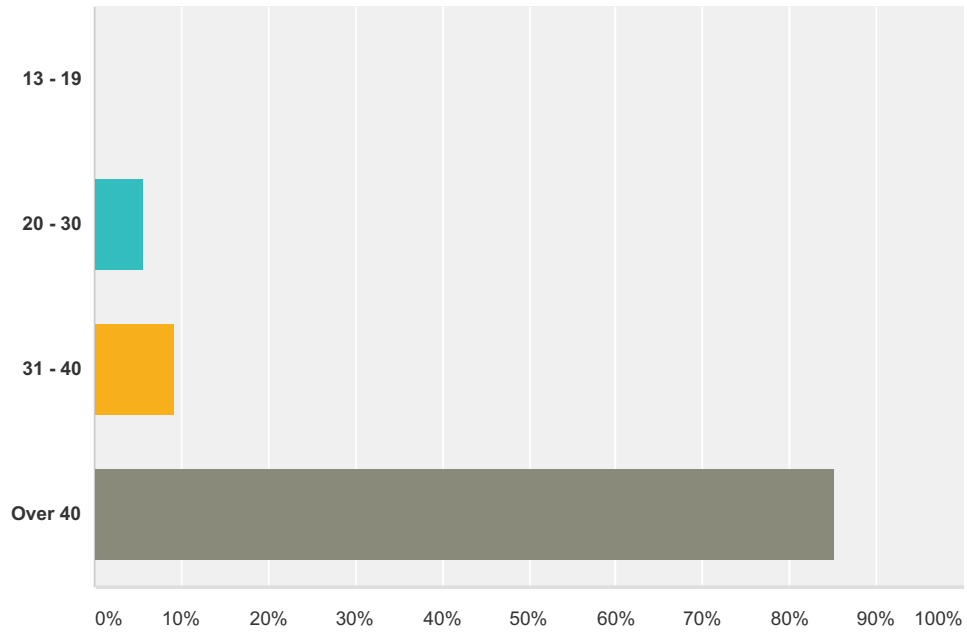


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77	HD	1/20/2016 8:47 AM
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79	Anonymous	1/20/2016 5:38 AM
80	MEA	1/20/2016 12:11 AM
81	MSA	1/19/2016 11:31 PM
82	db	1/19/2016 11:08 PM
83	fred	1/19/2016 10:58 PM
84	Avi	1/19/2016 10:04 PM
85	MB	1/19/2016 9:58 PM
86	KI	1/19/2016 9:52 PM
87	Zman	1/19/2016 8:58 PM
88	Anonymous	1/19/2016 7:31 PM
89	bac	1/19/2016 6:21 PM
90	ZYX	1/19/2016 5:54 PM
91	Inquirer	1/19/2016 9:27 AM
92	JKS	1/19/2016 12:38 AM
93	U.P.	1/18/2016 2:19 PM

### Q3 > Your Age Group

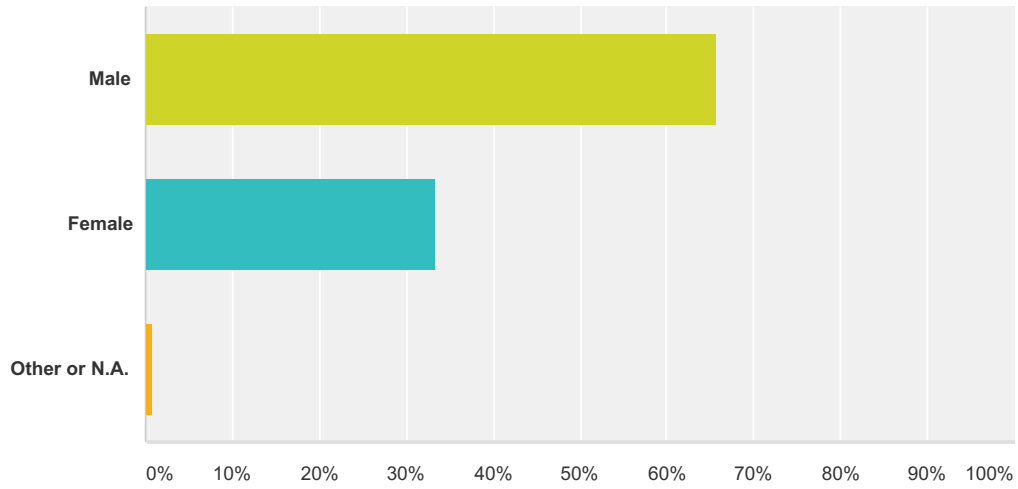
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Answer Choices	Responses
13 - 19	0.00% 0
20 - 30	5.56% 6
31 - 40	9.26% 10
Over 40	85.19% 92
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>

**Q4 > Gender**

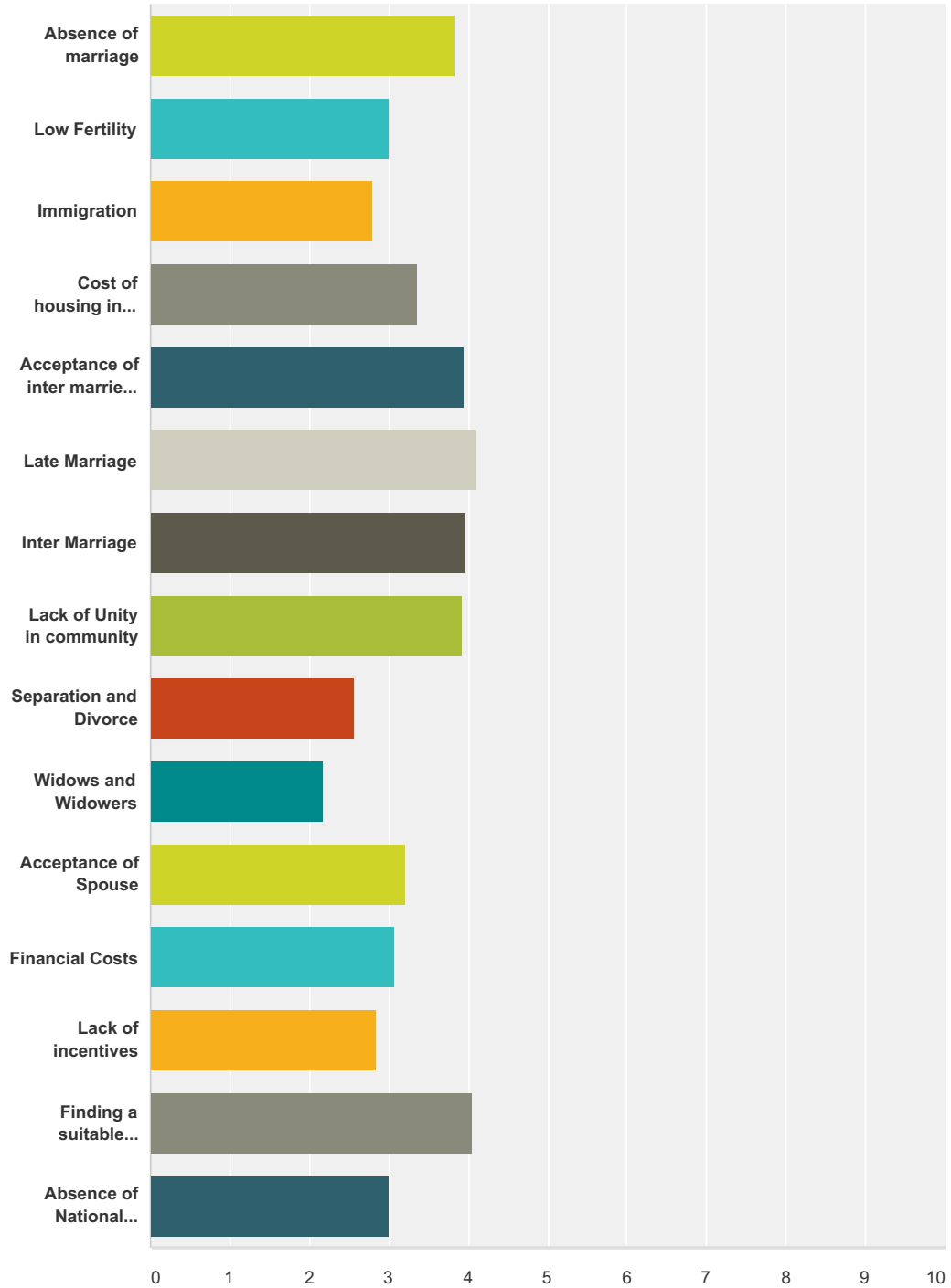
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	65.74%	71
Female	33.33%	36
Other or N.A.	0.93%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>108</b>

**Q5 Do you believe that the demographics of the community are reducing due to the following and their weighted effect.**

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	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Weighted Average
Absence of marriage	5.15% 5	10.31% 10	19.59% 19	24.74% 24	40.21% 39	97	3.85

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Low Fertility	<b>15.73%</b> 14	<b>21.35%</b> 19	<b>30.34%</b> 27	<b>12.36%</b> 11	<b>20.22%</b> 18	89	3.00
Immigration	<b>24.71%</b> 21	<b>15.29%</b> 13	<b>28.24%</b> 24	<b>20.00%</b> 17	<b>11.76%</b> 10	85	2.79
Cost of housing in Mumbai	<b>17.24%</b> 15	<b>11.49%</b> 10	<b>20.69%</b> 18	<b>19.54%</b> 17	<b>31.03%</b> 27	87	3.36
Acceptance of inter married children	<b>14.58%</b> 14	<b>6.25%</b> 6	<b>9.38%</b> 9	<b>9.38%</b> 9	<b>60.42%</b> 58	96	3.95
Late Marriage	<b>2.15%</b> 2	<b>5.38%</b> 5	<b>9.68%</b> 9	<b>44.09%</b> 41	<b>38.71%</b> 36	93	4.12
Inter Marriage	<b>11.24%</b> 10	<b>5.62%</b> 5	<b>8.99%</b> 8	<b>23.60%</b> 21	<b>50.56%</b> 45	89	3.97
Lack of Unity in community	<b>3.49%</b> 3	<b>9.30%</b> 8	<b>18.60%</b> 16	<b>27.91%</b> 24	<b>40.70%</b> 35	86	3.93
Separation and Divorce	<b>27.06%</b> 23	<b>21.18%</b> 18	<b>28.24%</b> 24	<b>15.29%</b> 13	<b>8.24%</b> 7	85	2.56
Widows and Widowers	<b>35.37%</b> 29	<b>29.27%</b> 24	<b>21.95%</b> 18	<b>8.54%</b> 7	<b>4.88%</b> 4	82	2.18
Acceptance of Spouse	<b>19.77%</b> 17	<b>13.95%</b> 12	<b>23.26%</b> 20	<b>10.47%</b> 9	<b>32.56%</b> 28	86	3.22
Financial Costs	<b>16.47%</b> 14	<b>20.00%</b> 17	<b>24.71%</b> 21	<b>18.82%</b> 16	<b>20.00%</b> 17	85	3.06
Lack of incentives	<b>20.48%</b> 17	<b>26.51%</b> 22	<b>19.28%</b> 16	<b>15.66%</b> 13	<b>18.07%</b> 15	83	2.84
Finding a suitable partner	<b>4.35%</b> 4	<b>5.43%</b> 5	<b>16.30%</b> 15	<b>29.35%</b> 27	<b>44.57%</b> 41	92	4.04
Absence of National Register	<b>20.73%</b> 17	<b>15.85%</b> 13	<b>25.61%</b> 21	<b>18.29%</b> 15	<b>19.51%</b> 16	82	3.00

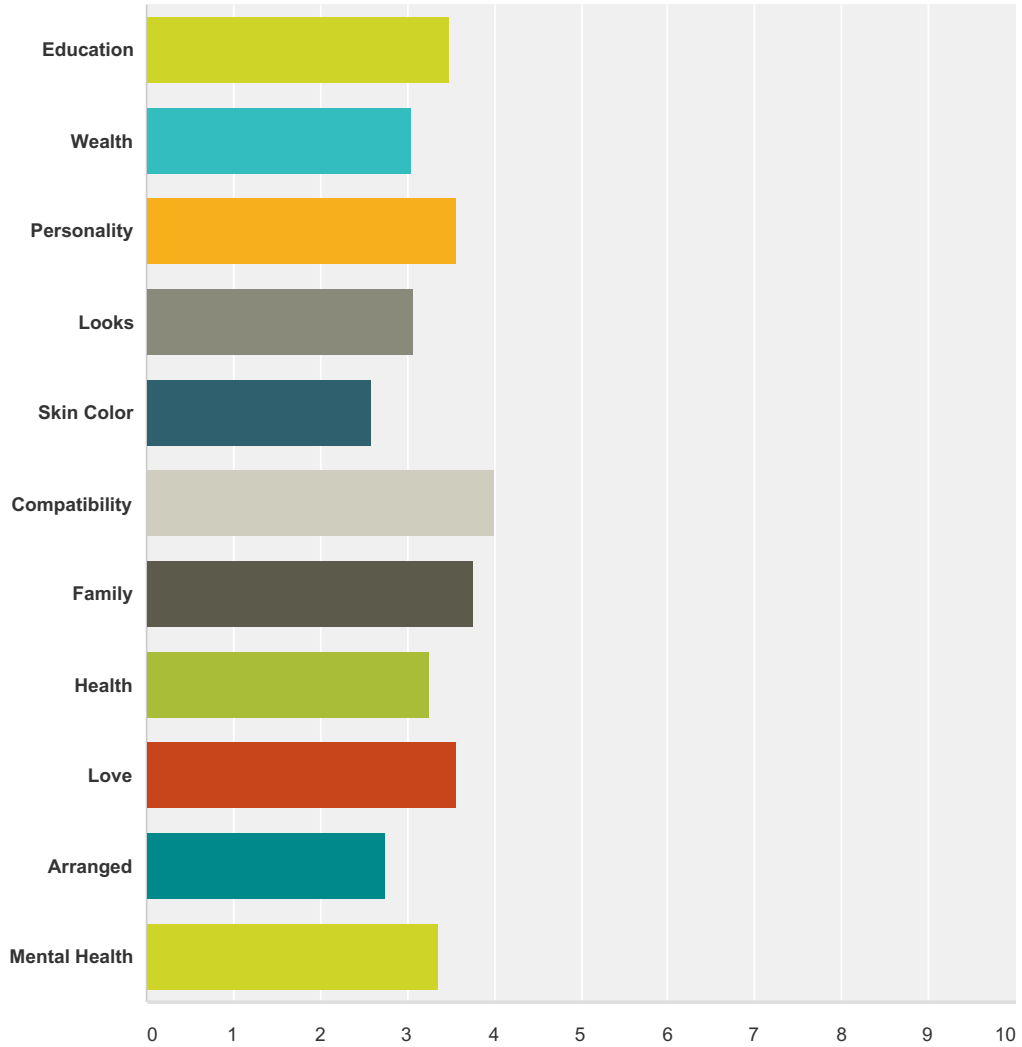
#	Please note "Other" related comment in this box (max 400 characters).	Date
1	No existing platform for formal community activities like Sunday prayers or large events where the entire community can get together for a common cause.	1/31/2016 4:44 PM
2	Perhaps the most important factor is not mentioned here. The economic upliftment of our youth needs o be addressed on a top pririty basis.	1/28/2016 10:29 PM
3	I wonder why is conversion is left out of the survey .Seems deliberate.	1/27/2016 10:54 AM
4	The demographics can see a sharp turn if community members Believe in the community's tenants. Much like Christians, our children should have compulsory Religious Education that revolves around answering the WHYs of what we do, rather than age old stories and prayers alone. Inculcating appreciation for our blessed community, will increase Pride in being born a Zoroastrian and encourage youngsters to select a Zoroastrian life partner.	1/27/2016 4:38 AM
5	not following the course of inclusion of achildren of intermarried females	1/27/2016 1:54 AM
6	No scheme will work except acceptance of intercaste marriage. Parsis are going to dwindle and vanish. Its an alarm. So what are we waiting for? sell of all panchayat properties before encroched by others. Distribute these money to all poor and middle class families. Give best medical treatment, let all parsis enjoy their life before death. The staunch trustees will also die with their strict laws. Than what? So wake up parsis and enjoy the best of life.	1/27/2016 1:34 AM
7	until the entire Zarathusti community accepts everyone, regardless of parents/lineage, as members of the faith, there will be more and more people who feel less inclined to identify with the faith or community. I myself will not travel to India until after my children's navjotes are completed so that they do not have to encounter any negative perceptions regarding their acceptance into the community until they are older.	1/26/2016 6:55 PM
8	Very individualist personalities. Lack of social motivation for marriage.	1/26/2016 5:11 PM

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9	Most of these factors are irrelevant. For a population to grow, births must be greater than deaths. 2 generations ago it wasn't uncommon for a family to have 4+ children, 1 generation ago that became more rare, and for today's families it's almost unheard of. This is partially due to the average marrying/birthing age being much greater as well. This phenomenon is likely happening in most any industrialized/educated demographic, it's just much easier to see in a small and highly-connected one like Zoroastrians.	1/26/2016 3:16 PM
10	the influence of selfstyled upholders of our traditions who object to all rational solutions by putting up the argument of the "purity" of our community. It would be interesting to have their DNA analysed to see if they are really of pure zoroastrian stock.	1/25/2016 10:19 AM
11	Exclusion of children from inter-religious marriages, unwillingness to accept conversion	1/25/2016 7:16 AM
12	Rigidity in beliefs and loss of women married out of the religion.	1/25/2016 6:21 AM
13	Community needs to open up and fast. Offsprings of parsis marrying outside the community need to be taken into the parsi fold.	1/25/2016 5:22 AM
14	The Parsee lack of faith. Religious preaching messed up by carpeting bagging priests. Knowingly offering prayers or good wishes etc. at the wrong times, go unheeded by Ahura Mazda. Parsees need a Pope to up hold the teachings of Zarathushtra.	1/25/2016 4:30 AM
15	Growing education, but total lack of education about priorities. Increasing priority to have a career rather than marry early in life. By the time they settle in their careers and decide to marry, it's in the 30s even then no plans for children as they need to further settle down. Eventually by the time they decide to have children, alas it's rather late as the biological clock keeps ticking. Then try all the nonsense of IVF . Instead just educate children about the Biological clock and the need to marry and have children early. After the children settle in, their entire life is there for any career. PRIORITY EDUCATION	1/25/2016 3:53 AM
16	Some questions are tricky or badly drafted: 1. Immigration. I assume for India you mean emigration. 2. Acceptance of inter-married children. I assume you mean non-acceptance of intermarried children. 3. India has about 60,000. Rest of the world has about 100,000. Why a "national register"?	1/25/2016 2:57 AM
17	A Key Issue is the difficulty of finding a partner during years when it is most likely one will be able to conceive children (i.e. 24 - 35). Being a fragmented community I feel this is perhaps the most important issue	1/25/2016 2:30 AM
18	Why are BPP not thinking that in this modern world they should allow inter cast marriage and the children thereof should be made a part of our community. were there any Zarthushtis before Zardost gave us the religion?	1/23/2016 12:57 AM
19	late marriage	1/21/2016 8:02 PM
20	A lack of pride in our origin and heritage along with an interest in blending into the world community, rather than having the courage and fortitude to accept who we are while at the same time treating others with due respect.	1/21/2016 4:44 PM
21	Acceptance of Spouse and availability of rationalised literature of our history and prayers is not available for those who want to learn. Additionally prayer audio cassettes / CD / mp3 should be available to teach young intercaste offspring	1/21/2016 7:54 AM
22	Many of the changes are objected by the Anjuman management team as they do not want to part with the powers and the money in the Panchayat. There is a coterie of parsi panchayat management and some priests who oppose modern ideas of conversions, inter caste marriages and accepting children out of mix marriages.	1/21/2016 1:50 AM
23	We Parsis place undue importance to potential partner's wealth, education & skin color (to some extent). That could be a detriment to bringing two like minded, loving couples into matrimony. True love - be it amongst Parsis or inter-faith, can handle most matrimonial challenges.	1/20/2016 10:39 AM
24	.	1/20/2016 9:45 AM
25	Ambitious and smarter females. Males happy to rest on their laurels.	1/20/2016 12:13 AM
26	Lack of acceptance of intermarriage and kids that result from that marriage	1/19/2016 11:33 PM
27	Lack of RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS/CLASSES in FOREIGN COUNTRIES (North America in particular).	1/19/2016 12:42 AM

**Q6 Do you believe that the demographics of the community are reducing due to the following and their weighted effect.**

Answered: 99 Skipped: 9



	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Weighted Average
Education	8.70% 8	15.22% 14	25.00% 23	20.65% 19	30.43% 28	92	3.49
Wealth	10.71% 9	17.86% 15	39.29% 33	21.43% 18	10.71% 9	84	3.04
Personality	9.30% 8	10.47% 9	25.58% 22	22.09% 19	32.56% 28	86	3.58
Looks	13.25% 11	18.07% 15	27.71% 23	30.12% 25	10.84% 9	83	3.07
Skin Color	24.10% 20	19.28% 16	33.73% 28	19.28% 16	3.61% 3	83	2.59
Compatibility	4.40% 4	7.69% 7	16.48% 15	26.37% 24	45.05% 41	91	4.00

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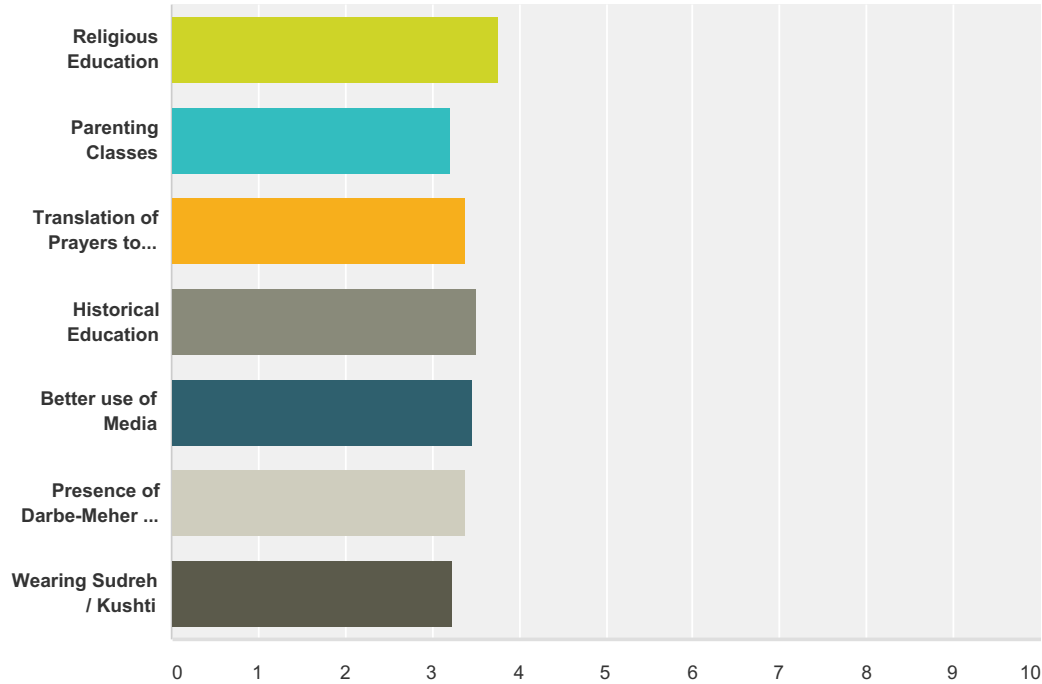
Family	<b>4.49%</b> 4	<b>11.24%</b> 10	<b>21.35%</b> 19	<b>29.21%</b> 26	<b>33.71%</b> 30	89	3.76
Health	<b>12.05%</b> 10	<b>18.07%</b> 15	<b>26.51%</b> 22	<b>19.28%</b> 16	<b>24.10%</b> 20	83	3.25
Love	<b>8.43%</b> 7	<b>13.25%</b> 11	<b>22.89%</b> 19	<b>22.89%</b> 19	<b>32.53%</b> 27	83	3.58
Arranged	<b>19.48%</b> 15	<b>22.08%</b> 17	<b>32.47%</b> 25	<b>15.58%</b> 12	<b>10.39%</b> 8	77	2.75
Mental Health	<b>18.52%</b> 15	<b>16.05%</b> 13	<b>9.88%</b> 8	<b>20.99%</b> 17	<b>34.57%</b> 28	81	3.37

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1	Legitimate opportunities to meet more often in a congenial atmosphere.	1/31/2016 4:46 PM
2	A happy pleasing personality Tops the list !!	1/27/2016 4:40 AM
3	The girls are more educated and fussy for selection of parsi boys. Boys on otherside do not wish to learn. they want easy life. The girls and boys have very limited choice due to decrease in population. The girls on other hand do not wish to settle in small towns and villages.	1/27/2016 1:40 AM
4	I think this question shows a generational gap between the current "youth" (<40) and previous generations (I don't think "skin color"/"arranged" would've been considered by a younger person creating this survey).	1/26/2016 3:22 PM
5	I think most of the key factors have been covered here	1/25/2016 2:31 AM
6	As the community is shrinking in numbers the choice of finding appropriate partner reduces	1/23/2016 12:57 AM
7	availability of eligible partners in immediate locality	1/21/2016 8:04 PM
8	The parsis of Mumbai do not want to move out of the city. If a good educated and employed boy is available even say in Pune or Bangalore the girl from Mumbai will not be ready to leave Mumbai. And even if this happens the marriage will soon be dissolved.	1/21/2016 1:56 AM
9	.	1/20/2016 9:45 AM
10	LACK of EDUCATION of RELIGION as well as GENERAL EDUCATION (college degree).	1/19/2016 12:45 AM



**Q7 Do you believe that the demographics of the community are reducing due to the following and their weighted effect.**

Answered: 97 Skipped: 11



	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Weighted Average
Religious Education	7.37% 7	13.68% 13	18.95% 18	15.79% 15	44.21% 42	95	3.76
Parenting Classes	13.95% 12	20.93% 18	20.93% 18	17.44% 15	26.74% 23	86	3.22
Translation of Prayers to English	13.64% 12	15.91% 14	20.45% 18	18.18% 16	31.82% 28	88	3.39
Historical Education	10.71% 9	14.29% 12	17.86% 15	28.57% 24	28.57% 24	84	3.50
Better use of Media	10.84% 9	14.46% 12	22.89% 19	21.69% 18	30.12% 25	83	3.46
Presence of Darbe-Meher / Agiary in your vicinity	15.29% 13	15.29% 13	17.65% 15	18.82% 16	32.94% 28	85	3.39
Wearing Sudreh / Kushti	19.54% 17	16.09% 14	18.39% 16	13.79% 12	32.18% 28	87	3.23

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1	Hold regular (weekly) religious prayer and community meetings (could be along the lines of the Sunday Mass), where the community members can congregate and meet regularly with each other.	1/31/2016 4:50 PM
2	Would like have audio CD of all prayers recorded by our Dasturji very slowly so that one can hear and repeat the pronunciations from listening to the audio. Currently only selective prayers are available and not all the Avesta prayers. Thank you.	1/31/2016 5:53 AM

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3	Parents should believe in our religion and ethnicity and live by example. Children will then be encouraged to follow suit.	1/27/2016 4:41 AM
4	priests do not study the religion. They can recite the prayers but ignorant on religion	1/27/2016 1:57 AM
5	Who will maintain darbe-meher / agiary due to less number of priest. Wearing sudreh kustī is just an identity. In Iran it's not compulsory. It's important to make a huge Parsi park in Mumbai since all Parsis want to settle in Mumbai. All Parsis from small towns and villages should be given free housing. The park must have agiary, Iranian restaurants, medical facility, hospital, recreation park, sports complex. Maybe this may help.	1/27/2016 1:46 AM
6	Religious education needs to be based primarily on teachings and prayers, not myths and stories. And there also needs to be good sources for educational material.	1/26/2016 6:58 PM
7	I think these are all excellent ideas. If the focus from the older generations were on these types of initiatives WITHOUT the usual guilt-trips and anti-intermarriage dogma that has been pushing younger generations away from their communities for the past few decades, we would be in a much better place. Absolutely nothing makes a teenager want to do something more than their parents being against it, and that's also the age when partner-selection preferences are formed. Religious and historical education causes one to take pride in their heritage which is how it can become partner-selection criteria, but ONLY if the person prioritizes it on their own accord. Attending religious classes and the presence of an agiary/Darbe-meher make it easier to meet potential spouses which in itself is difficult given our numbers. Luckily, social media (Facebook) makes it easier to keep in touch with those who we don't see frequently.	1/26/2016 3:31 PM
8	Change.	1/25/2016 4:34 AM
9	These factors have absolutely no meaning when you DO NOT START YOUNG	1/25/2016 3:57 AM
10	I am afraid the "bullet point" language of the questions leaves a lot of scope for misreading what is being measured. For example "Parenting Classes". Are you suggesting we assess the classes being offered, or whether they are being offered at all? This survey is not at all well drafted and the responses will be very badly skewed. It is such a waste of time and money.	1/25/2016 3:08 AM
11	The present day parents themselves have very little knowledge of our religion and the conflict amongst our Panchayat members / Religious leaders are making things worse.	1/25/2016 2:49 AM
12	Most importantly I think the key is education about our own faith and beliefs. As an example here in Pakistan the only two religions taught formally in the education system are Bible Studies and Islamiyat. In India which has a large important community of Zoroastrians why can't our religion also be taught as an optional religious subject. Similarly I feel there is a need for a proper, well maintained easily navigable portal for Zoroastrian folk tales, history and basic religious tenants (which the community in general accepts nothing controversial should be put up or both sides of a controversial issue should be presented objectively allowing for people to draw their own conclusions [ideally the idea should be strengthened by quotation from scripture]). The difficulty in finding these is quite high which is sad considering there are people like myself who want to learn more about our religion. Also we really need to start getting the word out about our religion (it has its risks but it is still important)	1/25/2016 2:39 AM
13	All points on this page are generally missing and need to be increased in scope and availability	1/21/2016 7:56 AM
14	Prayers are in totally alien language and reading them without understanding is of no meaning to modern day children. Bible is in every language and the prayer services in church is in local language which people can understand. This makes difference.	1/21/2016 2:01 AM
15	The fact - Parsi is a "Culture" of a community of Zoroastrians who migrated from Persia to Hindustan, several centuries ago. Parsis should start accepting this fact and avoid merging the Culture & Religion as a single entity. That will help clarify a lot of confusion and bring peace of mind to all.	1/20/2016 10:57 AM
16	.	1/20/2016 9:46 AM
17	Making religious education fun for kids is critical (also important for adults). E.g. Churches have slides down into bible study rooms. Teachings are done through plays and kids to dramas etc.	1/19/2016 11:37 PM
18	The closest agiary is too far away to take my kids for religious education	1/19/2016 7:35 PM

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### Q8 Comments on the overall survey may be entered here (max. 1000 characters).

Answered: 25 Skipped: 83

#	Responses	Date
1	I am glad that someone has taken the initiative to compile and execute this survey. Thank you. Let's hope that the effort extends beyond the survey to actual action and implementation of some of the better suggestions received herein.	1/31/2016 4:54 PM
2	Economic upliftment of our youth should get top priority. Without being able to sustain a family how will our youth bear children? Whether people like it or not, inter faith marriages are on the increase. Non Zoroastrian spouses and their children should be encouraged to enter our fold. At the present rate of declining population I do not see how the Parsi community can survive. Better to concentrate on Zoroastrianism as a religion than on ethnicity.	1/28/2016 10:36 PM
3	Trustees believe in tower of silence. But where are the vultures? Aviary will not help. Solar has also not helped much. So why not bring a change. I am happy to know about cremate prayer hall started by Mr. Tamboli to offer prayers for parsis who prefer to cremate. As the community is ageing parsis become more rigid. This will not help. A CHANGE IS REQUIRED. BUT WHO WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.	1/27/2016 1:53 AM
4	The questions are not properly worded. They are ambiguous and tangential. Please word a specific question as to whether you want an answer for improving the outcome of the community. Thanks.	1/26/2016 10:59 PM
5	Unfortunately, I don't think there is anything that can be done about the demographic decline in numbers of the community due to the aforementioned birth/death rate discrepancies. People simply aren't marrying as early, having kids as early, or having as many kids. However, we can make an impact on slowing the rate of decline and increasing the influence of each individual to continue to slow that decline for generations. What I mean by this: If you compare a group of 100 youth who are Zoroastrian in name only, whose parents browbeat them about intermarriage, and thereby turned them off to being interested in their religion/history, vs a group of 50 who are very interested, how many total Zoroastrians will be produced counting the subsequent generations of the smaller interested group produce vs the larger uninterested (where many will be the end of the line)? Anecdotally, most of the strictest "orthodox" parents in my community had kids who intermarried whereas I, who didn't have any strong preference on whether my spouse was also Zoroastrian, married one. I think the older generation needs to realize their heavy-handed approach has worked against their goal and realize that education and an inviting/inclusive community are the only things that will slow (but unfortunately not end) the decline in population.	1/26/2016 3:45 PM
6	Everyone has to marry some day or other but many young have ideas like I will be single. Just marry all will work out fine.	1/25/2016 11:01 AM
7	Would like to see the end result of the survey, to have real meaning. Important that the survey should be for at least 25% of the total available Zoroastrian population in the world.	1/25/2016 10:41 AM
8	This survey should cover the many married to nonzorashtrians for their inputs. The result of the survey should be debated at a large forum .	1/25/2016 6:24 AM
9	Our survival is at stake and we refuse to change. We have to adapt if we have to evolve and survive in the present urban scenario. If not we PERISH! On the flip side, there is hope if we decide to break our shackles and start accepting offsprings from inter caste marriages into the fold.(Parsi mother)	1/25/2016 5:31 AM
10	Why is it that while the Parsees are disappearing, the Zarathushti community is steadily increasing. Parsees have to fall in line with the Zarathushtis World Wide. Synchronize your calendar, your prayers, understand your religion as was preached by the Prophet and spread His religion. CHANGE.	1/25/2016 4:34 AM
11	Your survey is based on wrong priorities. Please also do a survey of how many people who are children of intermarriage couples actually do follow our faith and also do get married within the community.	1/25/2016 4:02 AM
12	See earlier page.	1/25/2016 3:09 AM
13	Wld luv to get the results	1/25/2016 3:06 AM
14	The community members must change their views with the times. For example although Dokhmeshani which was advocated and followed earlier and is a good method, is difficult to follow in the present times when there are no vultures. We do accept alternate disposal methods of the deceased in places where there are no Dokhmas or in foreign countries. Also acceptance of the women and/or their progeny marrying outside the community, BUT following the Zoroastrian Religion, must be accepted by the community.	1/25/2016 3:01 AM

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15	Quick and simple survey which asks a lot of pertinent questions related to the community. It is a good initiative and hopefully it bears some fruit.	1/25/2016 2:39 AM
16	If this survey is a serious thing, and action taken, it would be of a great help. But like all other surveys this may aslo add up to being junk.	1/23/2016 1:00 AM
17	Thank you for collecting this information and collating it. Where and when will it be published? What will be done with the data? Will it be presented? If so to whom and the purpose of the presentation?	1/21/2016 4:47 PM
18	none	1/21/2016 7:57 AM
19	By the way who is worried about the dropping numbers? If conversions and adaptations was allowed we would not be facing extinction,	1/21/2016 2:04 AM
20	We could learn what works by comparing with other religious institutions - christian, islam, jewish, hindu,... Virtually all have a structured church/mandir/mosque ritual community attendance with sermons by a priest and joint prayers each week - these act as social group builders and venues for finding mates, etc. Also,with sharing a portion of one's income/salary with the church. We Zarathustis do not - preferring individual prayer-introspection and hoping for dependence on major wealthy among us to make large donations for the community; this model worked well in India for a time.	1/20/2016 12:41 PM
21	I hope this survey helps bring clarity of thought and removal of dogmatic misconceptions.	1/20/2016 10:59 AM
22	.	1/20/2016 9:46 AM
23	It's like keeping Dinosaurs alive.	1/20/2016 12:16 AM
24	Zoroastrian community does need to do more to be welcoming of non-Zoroastrian spouses and children that result from those marriages. Spreading the word of the worlds oldest monetheistic religion should be something done more often by open minded scholars who are charismatic and present on things like Ted Talk etc. and match other dynamic speakers.	1/19/2016 11:41 PM
25	Good improved survey.	1/19/2016 12:46 AM