



How theatre programs apply lessons from every discipline and why that's important

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# What NMHSMTA Does



- Recognize individual and group artistry in theatre performance
- Honor teachers and their schools' commitment to theatre education
- Support inclusion of theatre programs in high schools across the State of New Mexico



# Our Presenters

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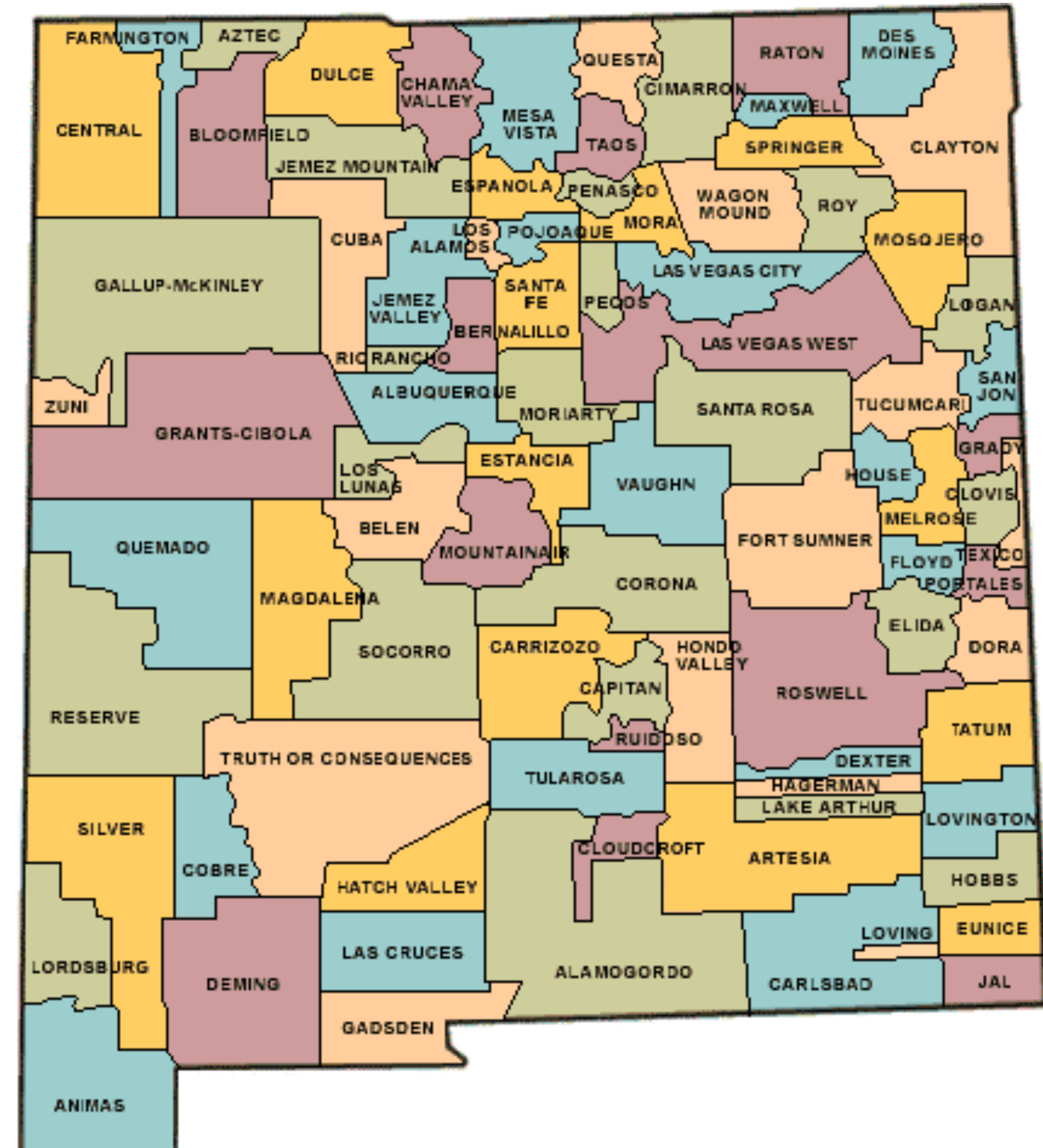
- Terry S. Davis, New Mexico High School Musical Theatre Awards
- DeAnna Gonzales, Volcano Vista High School
- Chas Shay, Los Alamos Olions



# High School Theatre in NM



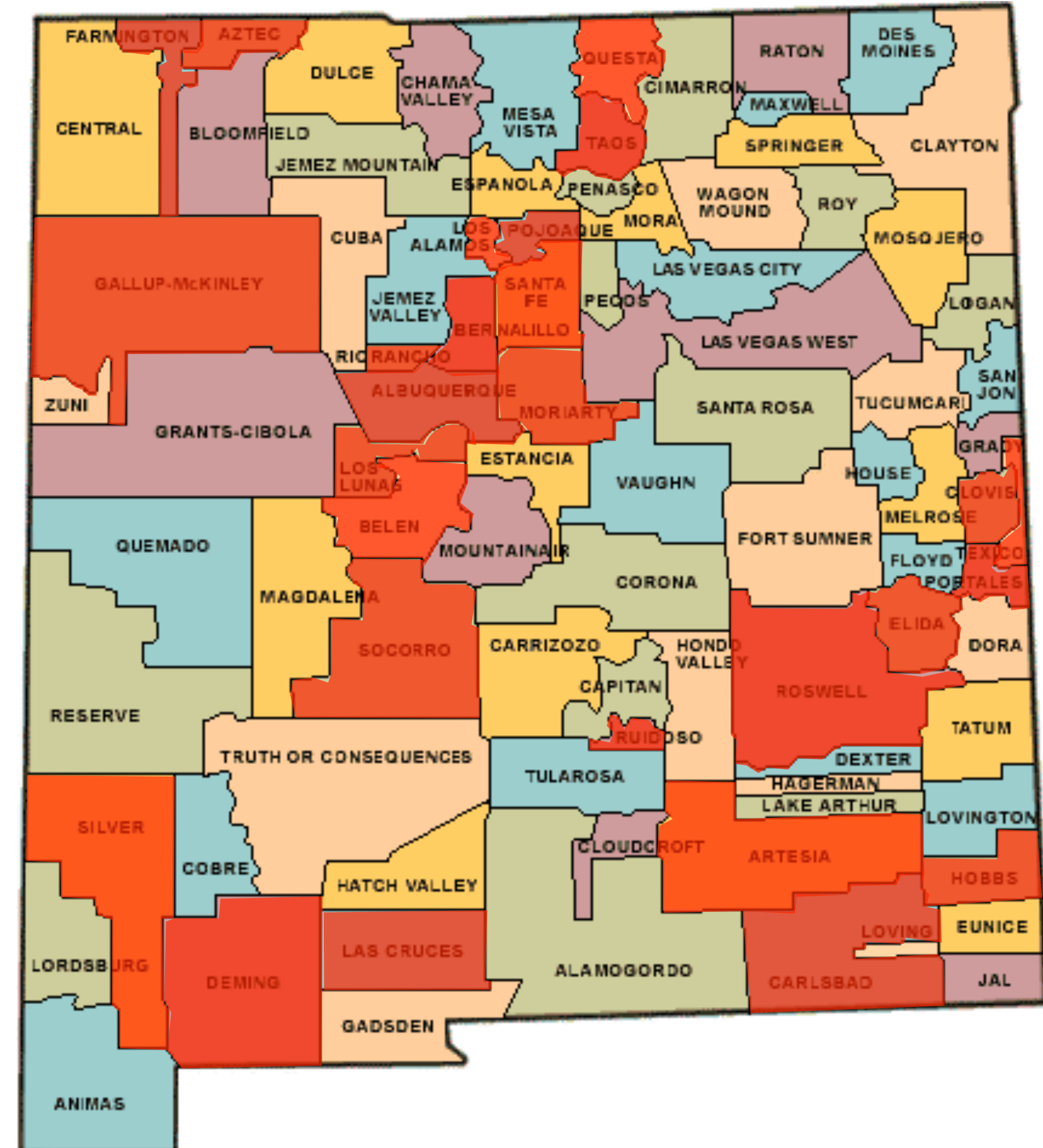
- 241 high schools
  - 161 Public
  - 20 Private
  - 60 Charter



# High School Theatre in NM



- 61 with any kind of theatre program – 25.3%



# Survey Purpose & Response

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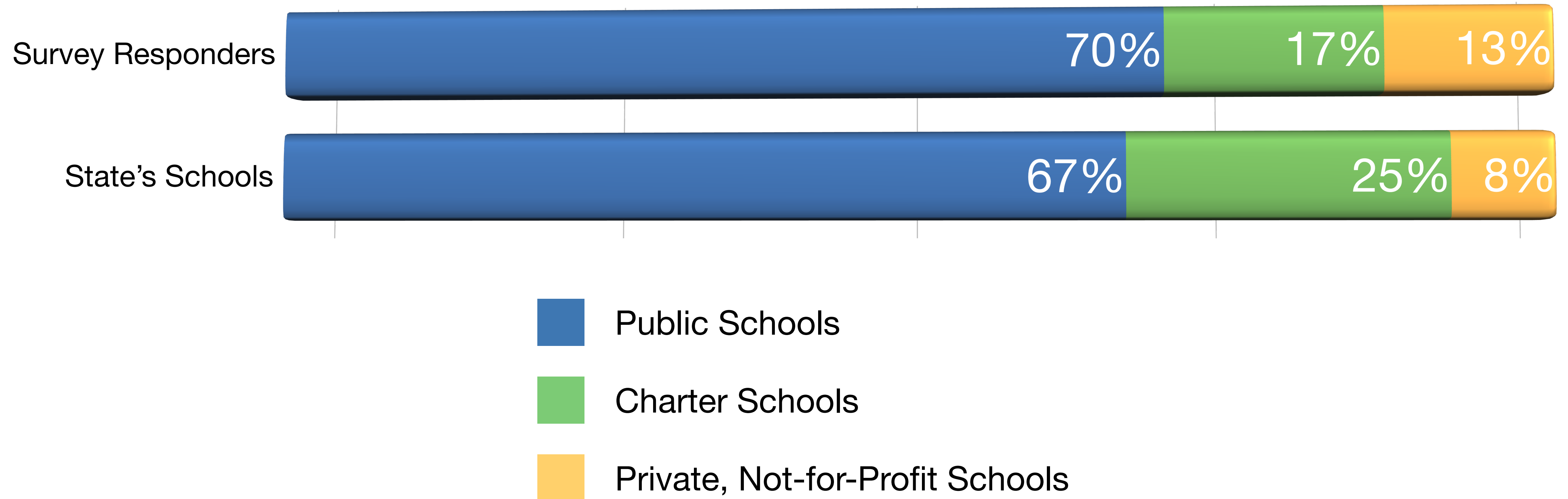


- An effort to generate an overview of drama programs in the state
  - How much work drama teachers do
    - The scope of it
    - The nature of it
  - How many students they work with
  - What resources they have available
- Successfully sent surveys to 55 high school drama teachers
- 23 responded (42%)

# Who Responded



Makeup of survey responders compared to makeup of state's schools overall

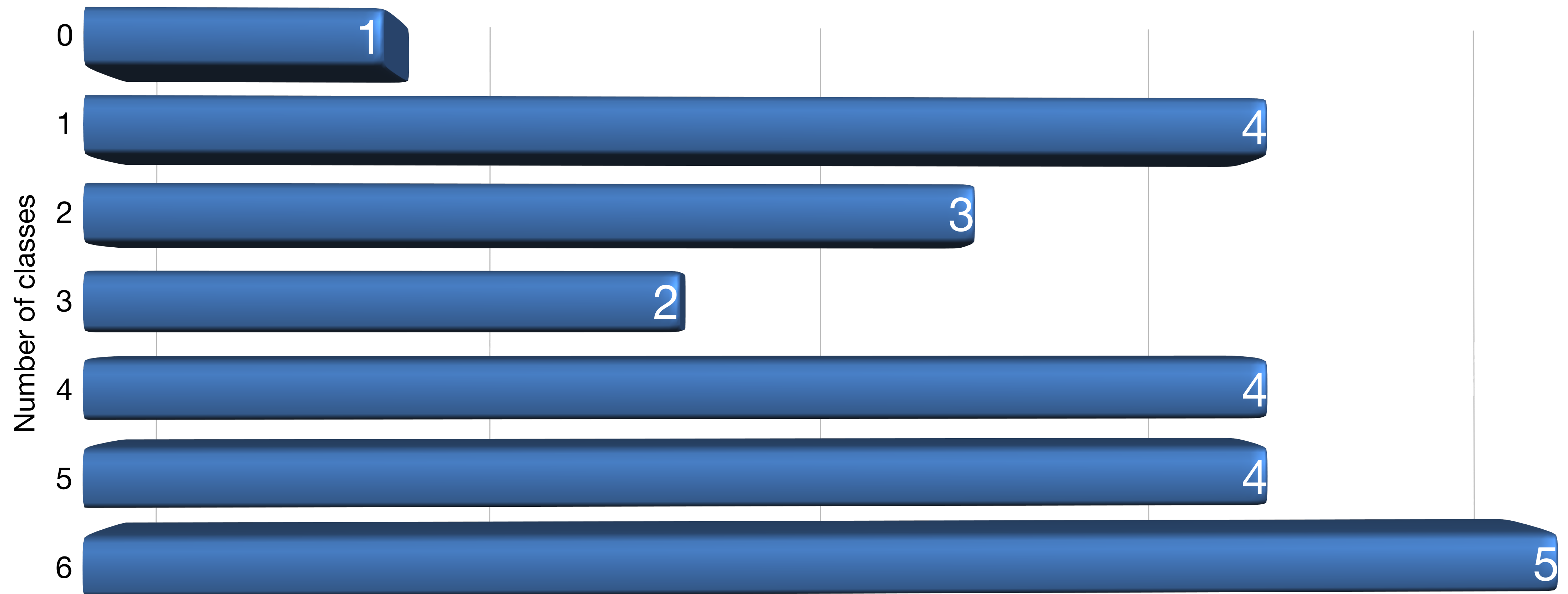




# How Many Classes?



Number of theatre classes each teacher teaches in a day

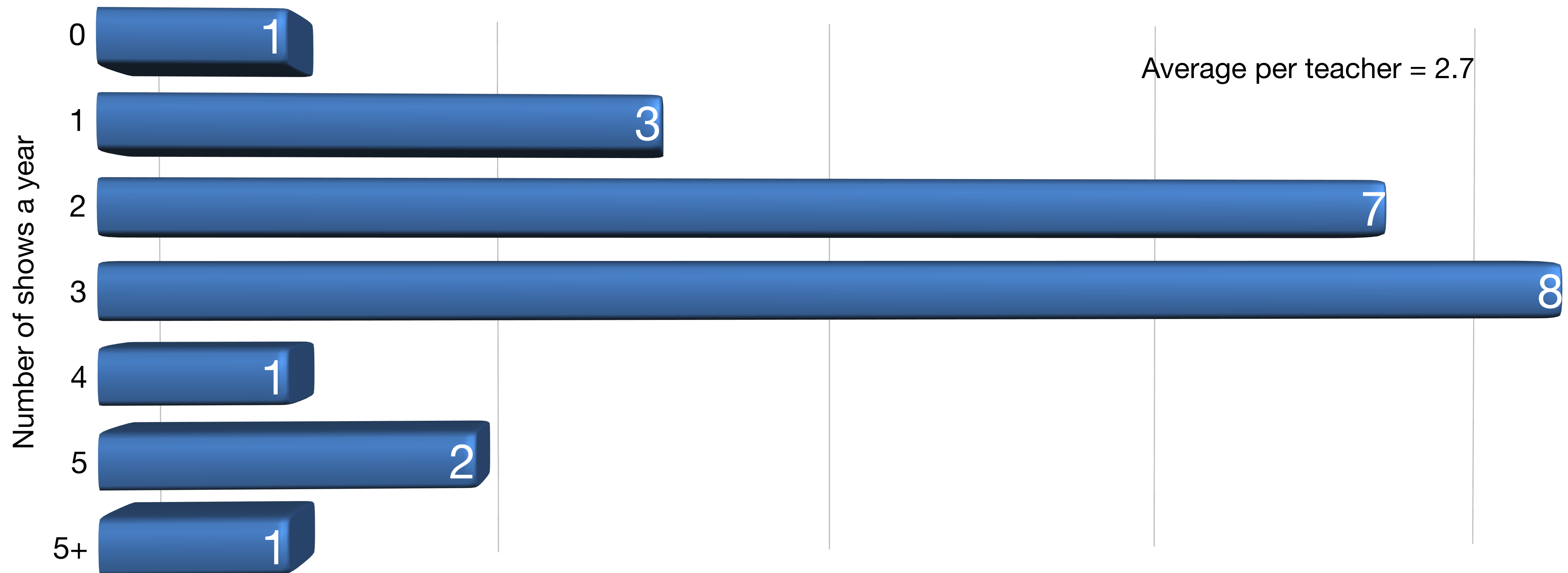


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# How Many Shows a Year?



Number of full-length plays/musicals produced for an audience each school year

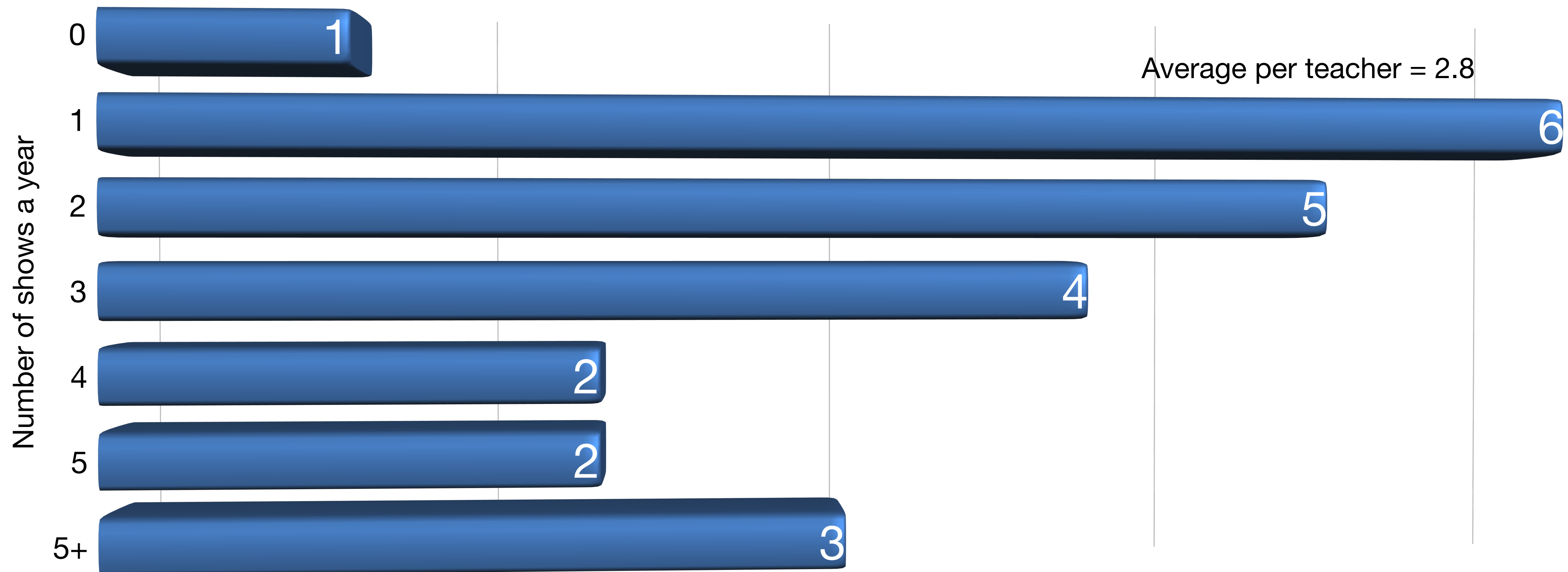


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# How Many Shows a Year?



Number of one-acts and short plays produced for an audience each school year

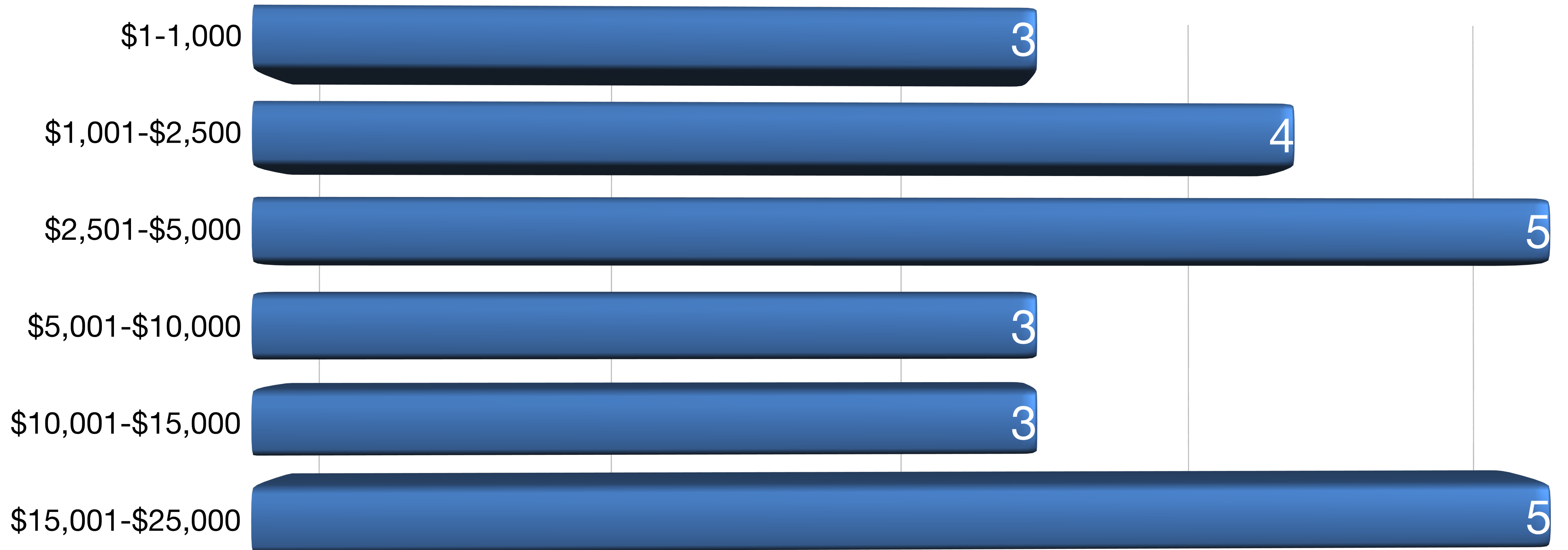


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# Budget



Annual budget for program, including all fees and expenses,  
but NOT including teacher salary

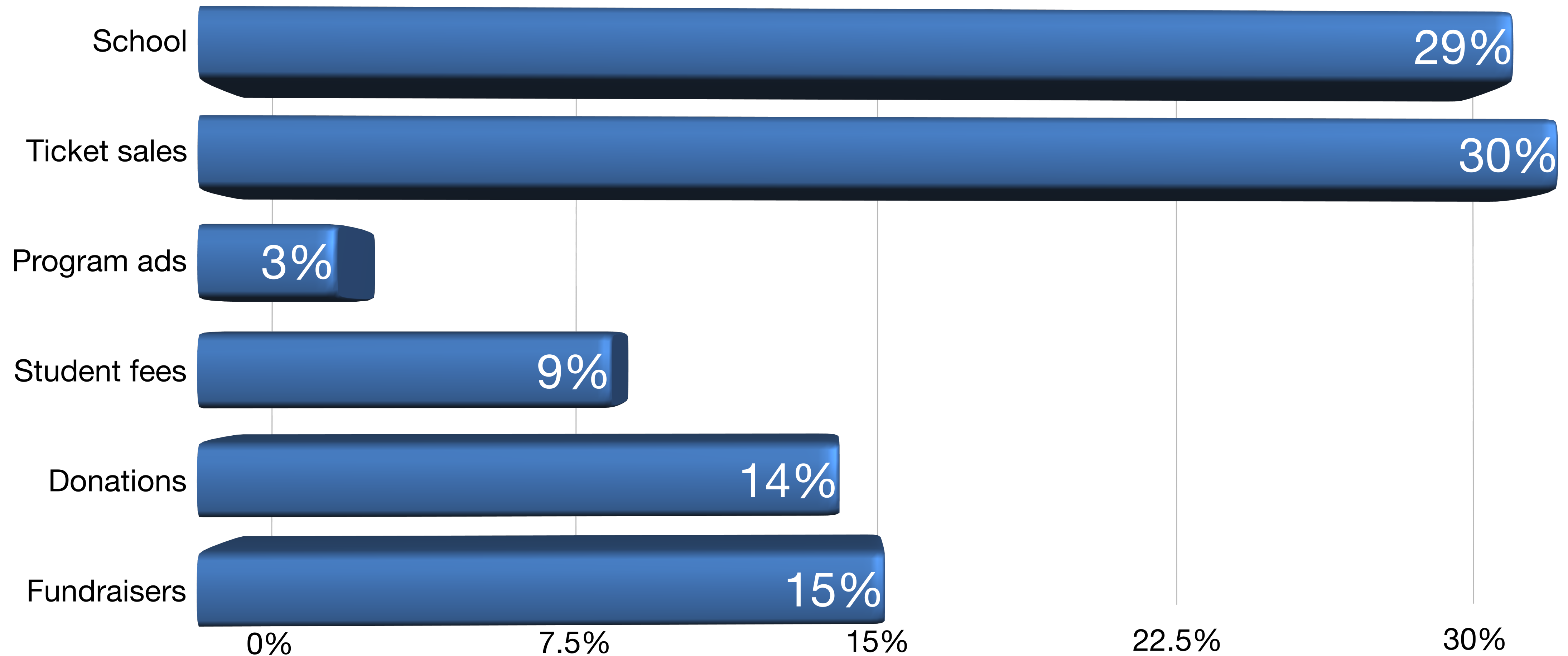


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# Where the Money Comes From !



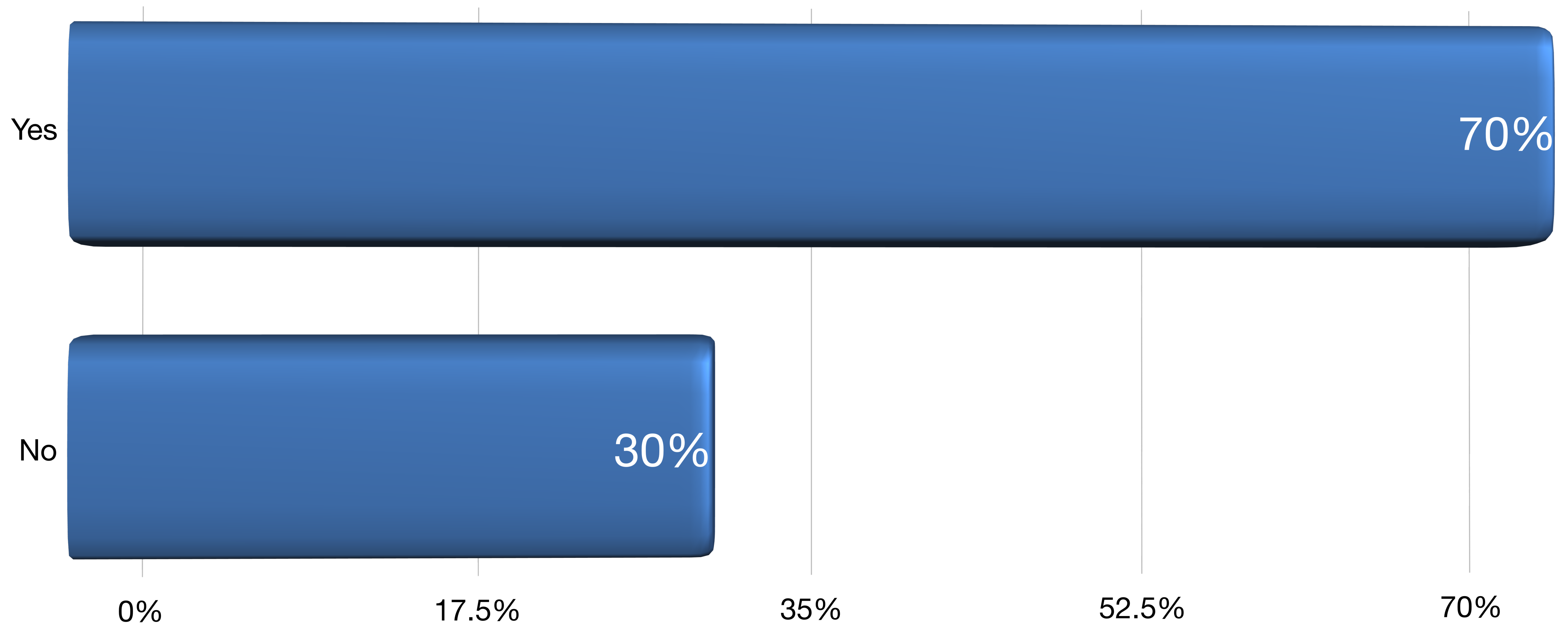
How much of the budget is allocated from:



# Disinterested Students



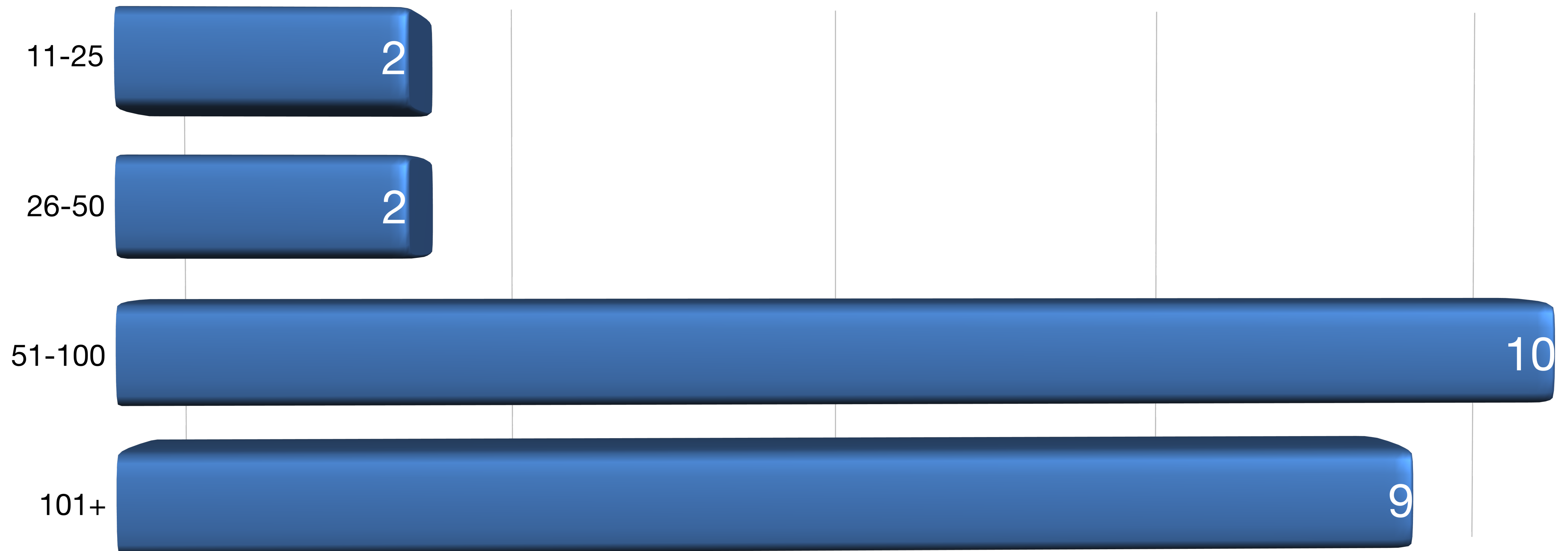
Does your school assign students with no interest in theatre to your class?



# Number of Students



How many students participate in each school's program each year



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# What Theatre Teaches

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- Storytelling & Authenticity in Art
- Self-Confidence
- Empathy & Tolerance
- Cooperation & Collaboration
- Concentration & Memory
- Communication Skills
- Problem Solving & Imagination
- Fun
- Trust
- Inclusion
- Social Awareness
- Aesthetic Appreciation





# Lessons Theatre Reinforces

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- Algebra & Geometry
- Language Arts
- Physics
- History
- Sociology & Social Interaction
- Psychology
- Business Math
- Marketing
- Storytelling
- Vocabulary
- Technology



# Problem-Based Learning



- Produce *Hairspray* and research the Civil Rights movement of the early 1960s



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- Produce *The Sound of Music* and explore the rise of Nazis in Europe in the 1930s



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- Produce *Les Misérables* and examine the Third French Revolution and Victor Hugo's classic novel



# Problem-Based Learning

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- Use skills learned through other classes to apply research to the telling of a story
- Make the story as real as possible with as many details as you can include
- Work with others to achieve a result all can be proud of



# Theatre Forges Citizens

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- Theatre students are insightful, creative, curious, empathetic, responsible, reliable, social beings.
- Creative individuals learn to overcome challenges & failures.
- Theatre students can thrive outside of their comfort zones.
- The art form demands it.



# Enchantment Awards Singers

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Joliana Davidson, Cibola High School

Parker Knight, Los Alamos High School

Andrew Leyba, Rio Rancho High School

Colin Miller, Sandia Preparatory School

Montana Sandoval, Bosque School

“The Human Heart” from the Broadway musical *Once on This Island*



Thank you for this opportunity!

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