

Key Findings from the 2018 Clinical Nurse Specialists Census

(Based on responses from 3,057 CNSs)

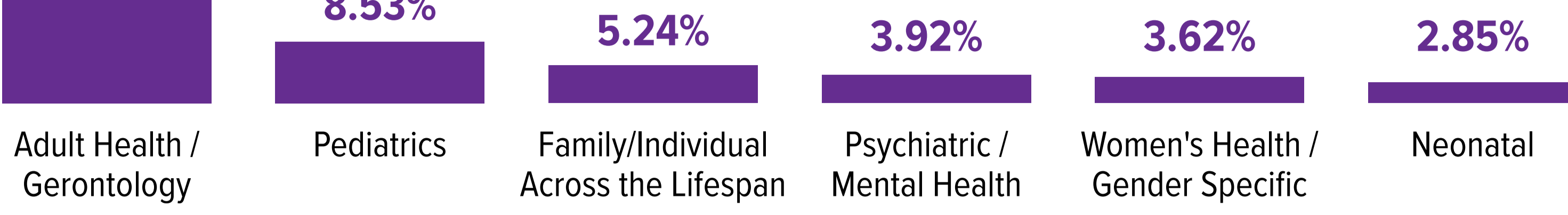


PRACTICE

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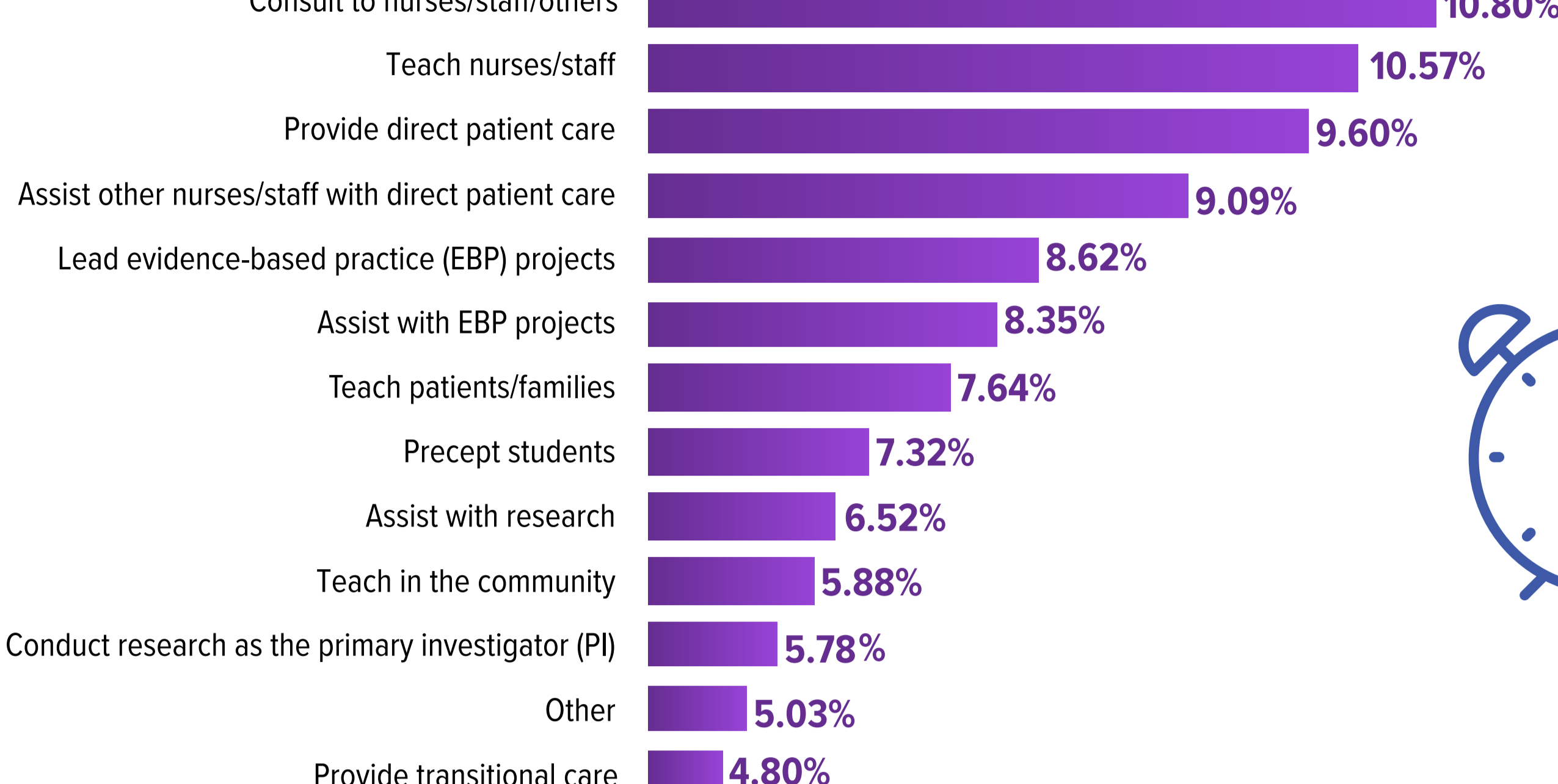
CNSs provide care in a range of specialties.

Based on the APRN Consensus Model's certification for licensure based on patient population, what is the population group that you primarily care for?



CNSs have a range of duties, from providing direct patient care, to managing care, to leading research, to nurse, patient and family education.

What is the percentage of time you estimate that you spent on the following activities last year?

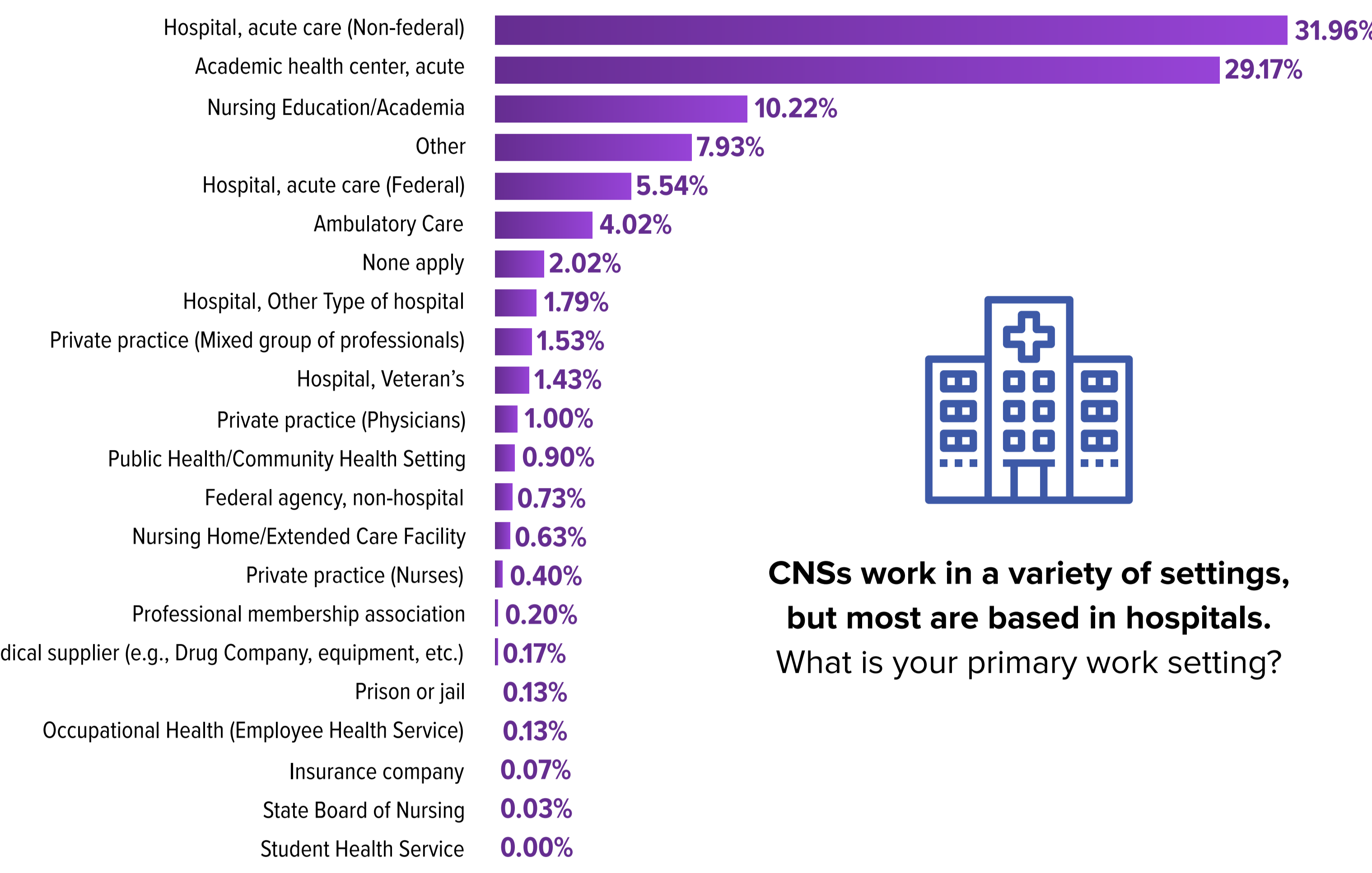
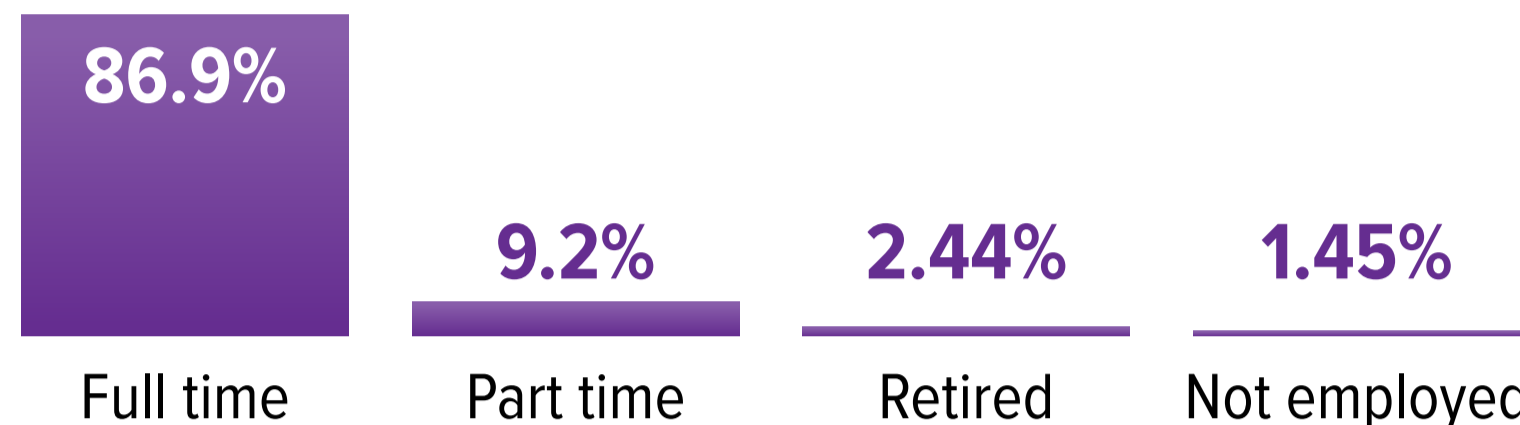


EMPLOYMENT



More than 8 in 10 CNSs work full-time.

What is your employment status?

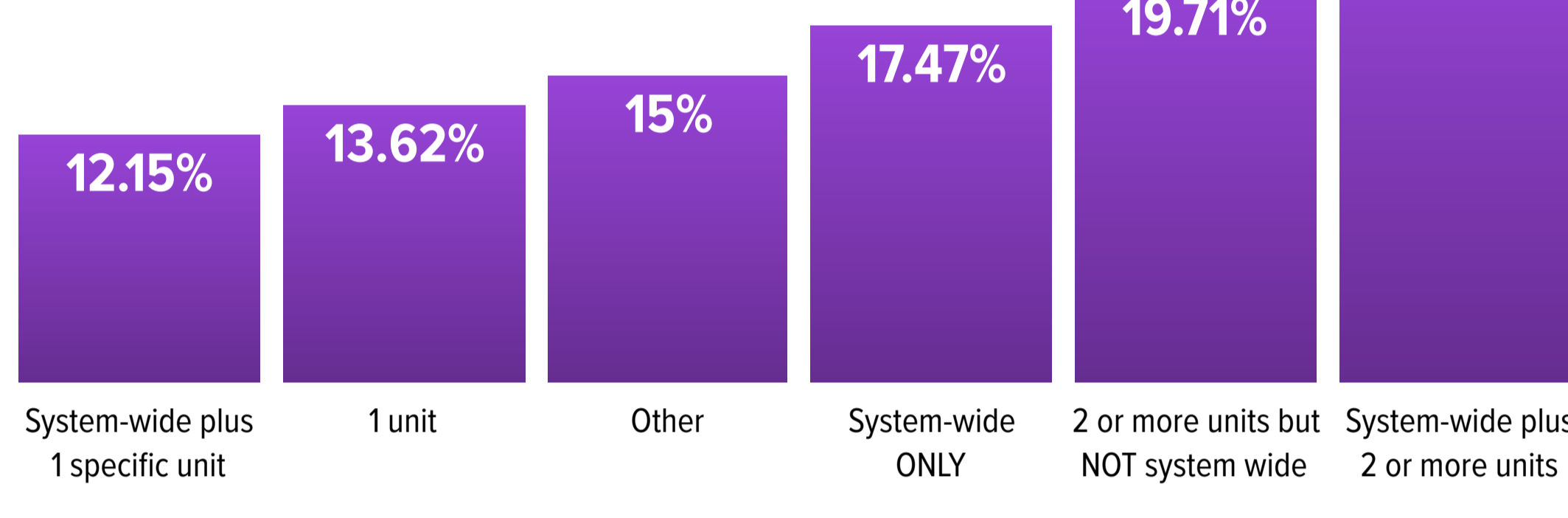


CNSs work in a variety of settings, but most are based in hospitals.

What is your primary work setting?

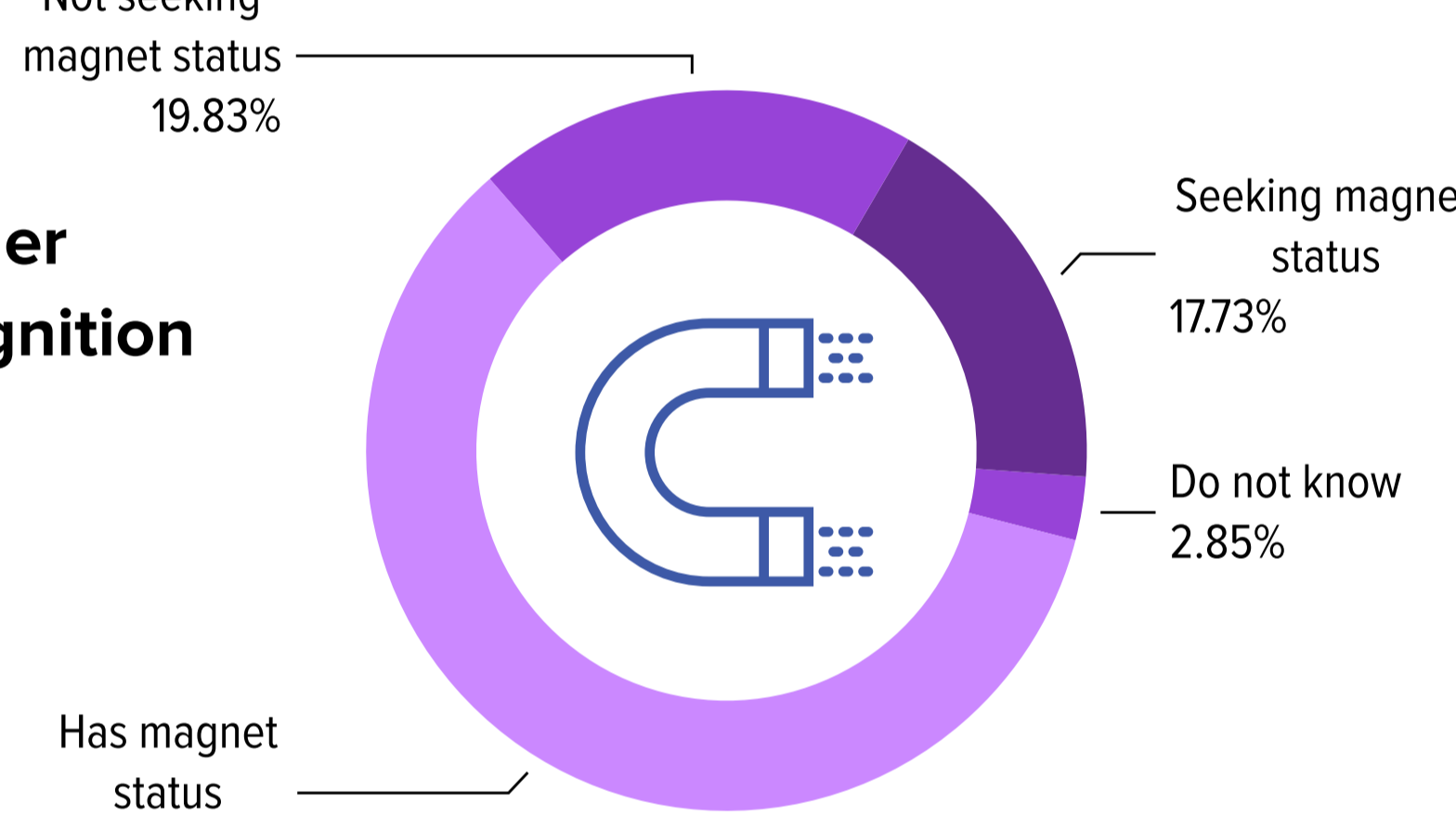
Most CNSs who work in hospitals have responsibility for more than one department.

How many units do you have responsibility for?

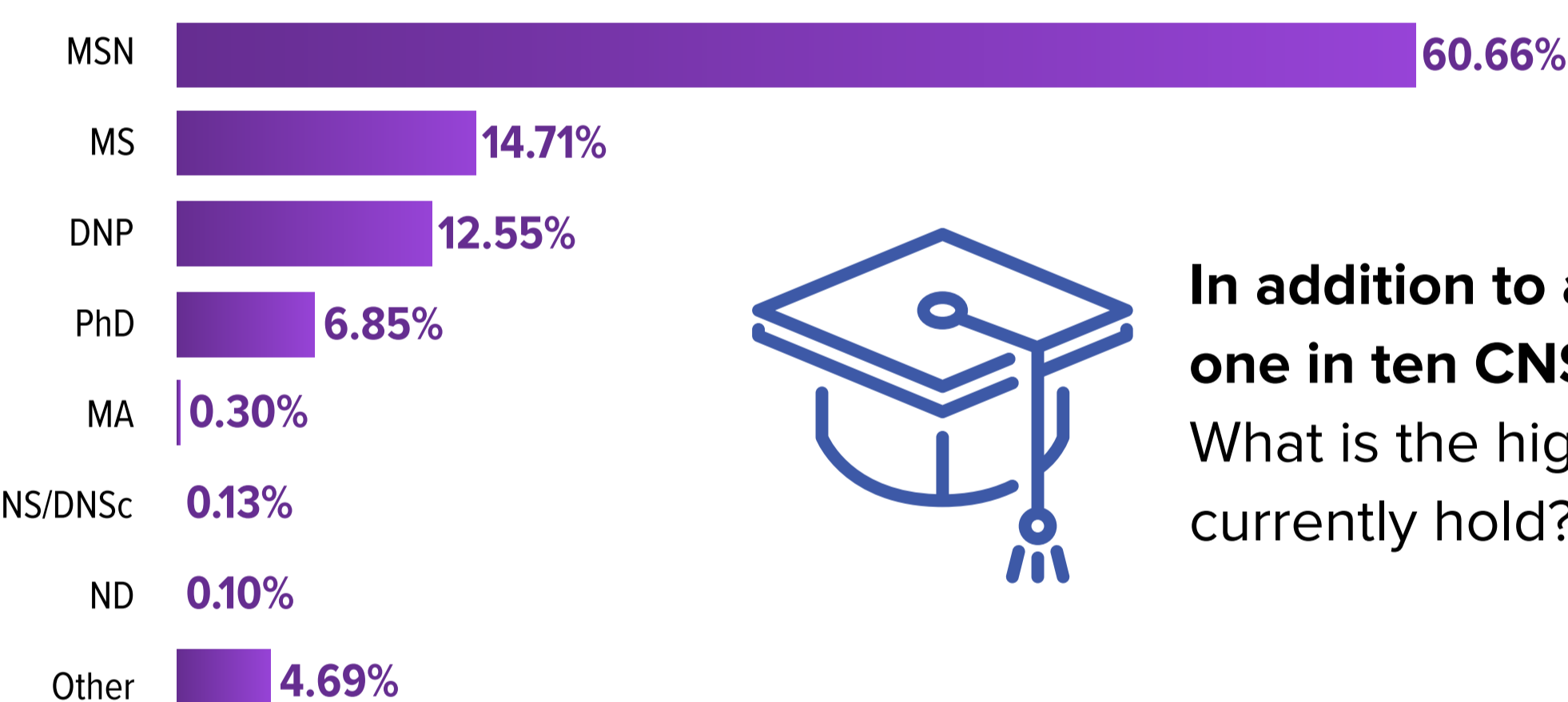


Most CNSs work in hospitals that are either accredited by the ANCC's Magnet™ Recognition Program or are seeking accreditation.

Does your employer have ANCC Magnet™ Recognition or plan to seek it?



EDUCATION



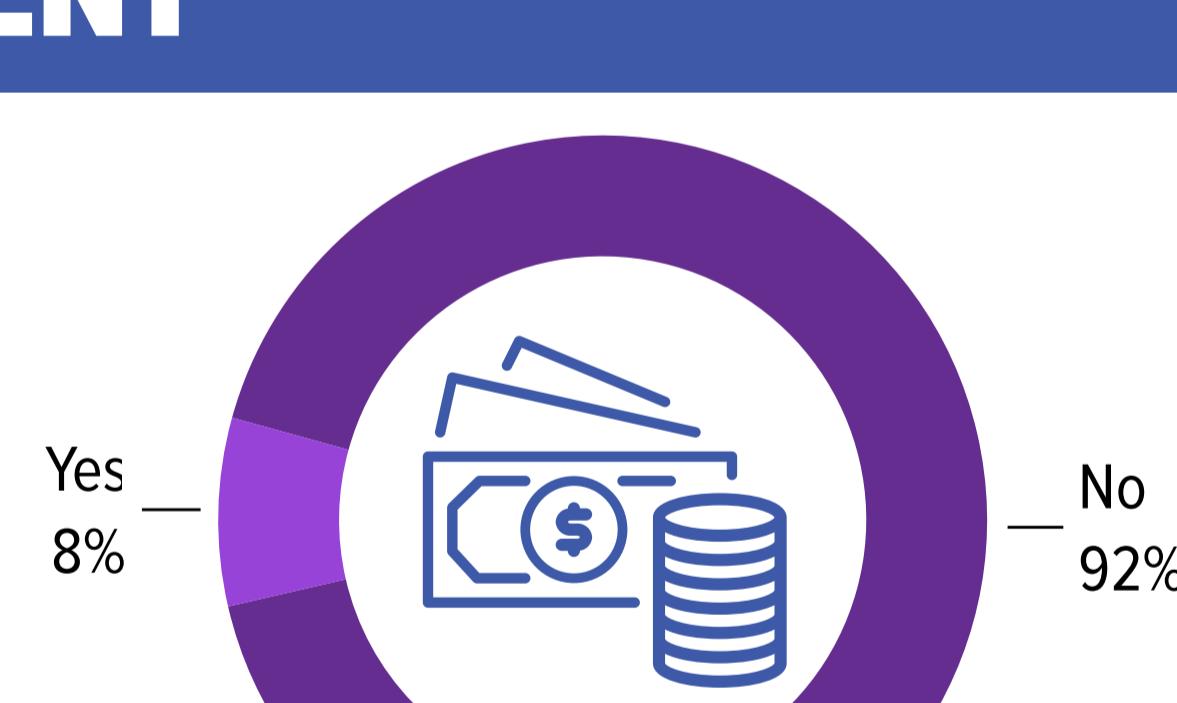
In addition to a master's degree, more than one in ten CNSs also holds a doctorate.

What is the highest nursing degree you currently hold?

REIMBURSEMENT

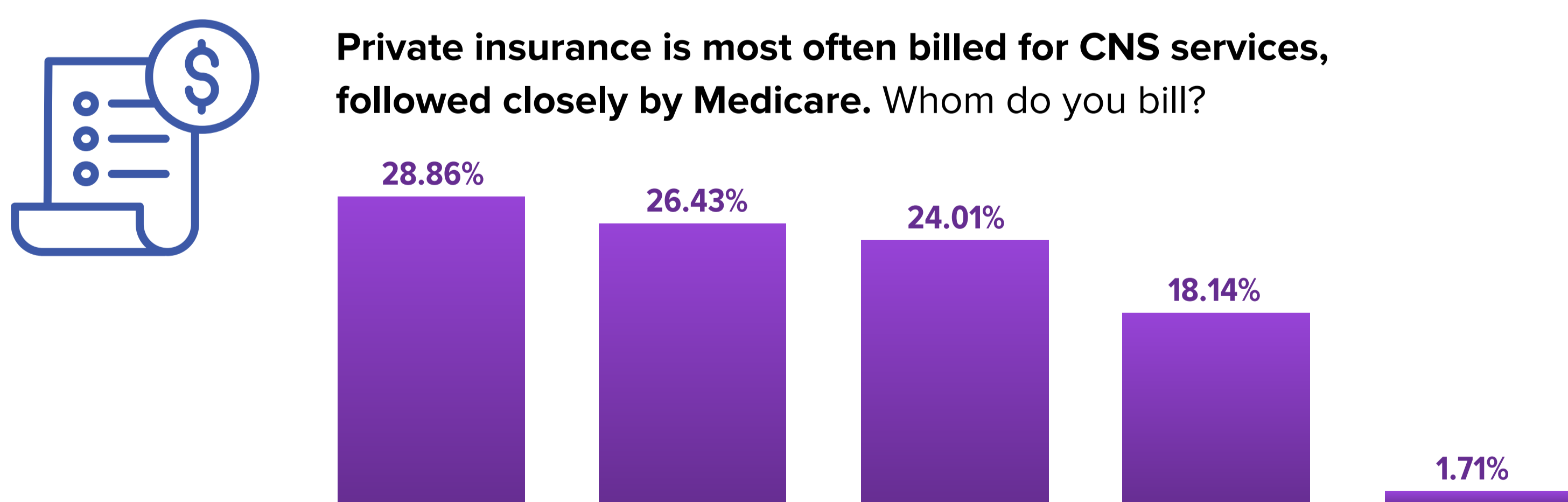
CNSs in independent practice, ambulatory care, or who have hospital medical board privileges are more likely to directly bill for their services.

Do you bill for your CNS services?



Private insurance is most often billed for CNS services, followed closely by Medicare.

Whom do you bill?



PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

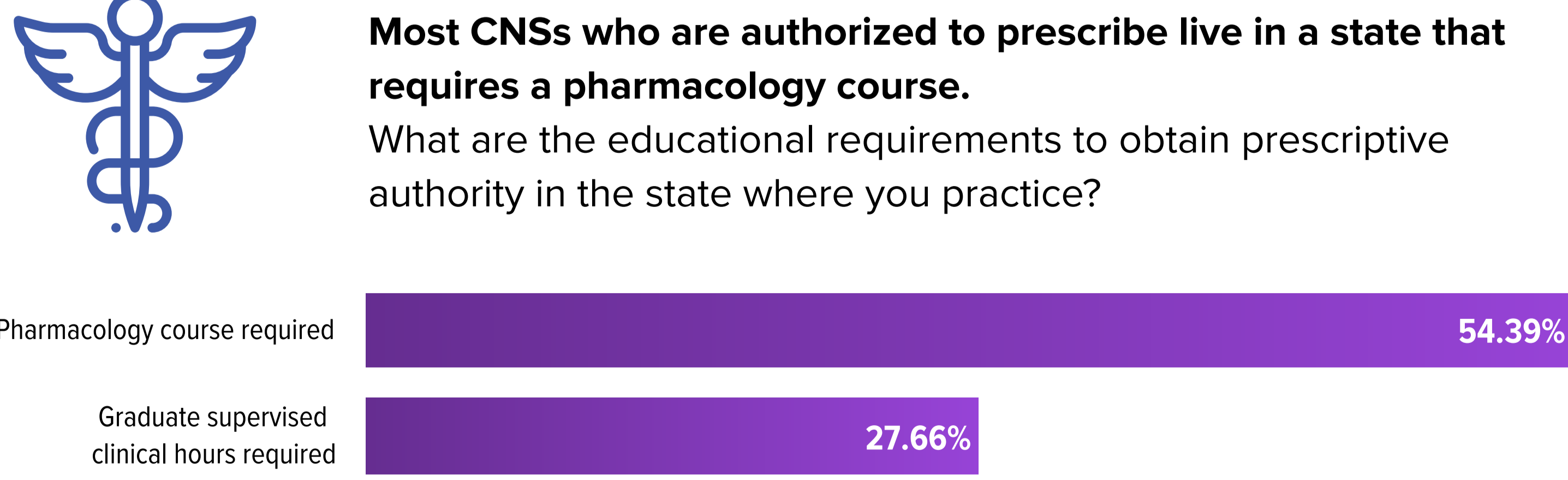
One in four CNSs is authorized to prescribe medications. State laws address whether or not advanced practice nurses (such as CNSs) can prescribe drugs.

Are you currently authorized to prescribe drugs?



Most CNSs who are authorized to prescribe live in a state that requires a pharmacology course.

What are the educational requirements to obtain prescriptive authority in the state where you practice?



DEMOGRAPHICS

84.39%

94.01% Female

5.36% Male

0.63% I choose not to respond

