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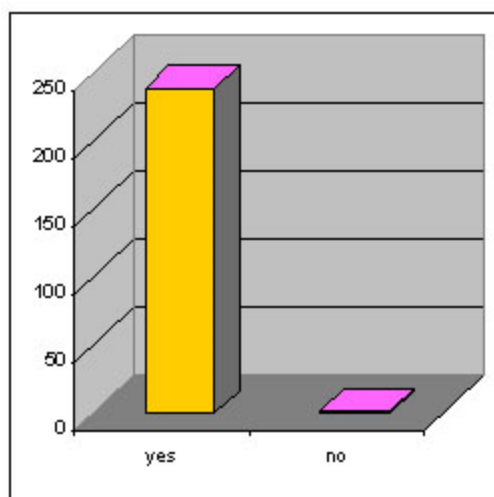
Results of the Survey of the Kashmiri Pandit Community *IN EXILE*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

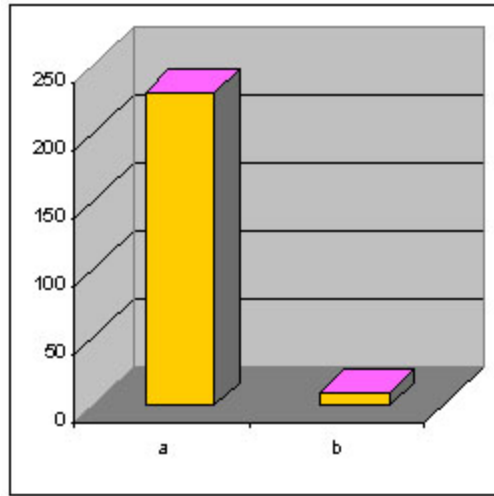
Q1: Should we support the preservation of our religious sites that are in the Valley?

Yes	240	99%
No	2	1%



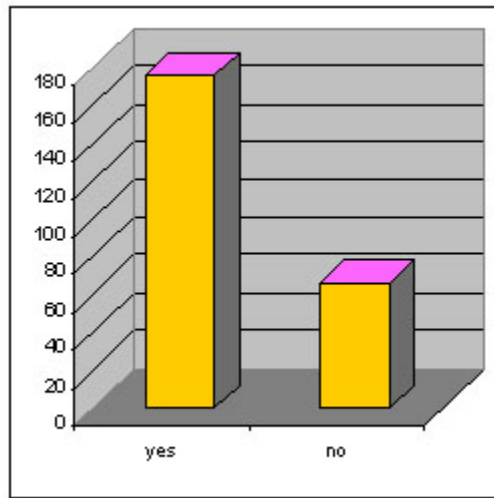
Q2: Is the preservation of our religious & social rituals, traditions, and language important to you?

a. Yes	231	96%
b. Let time take its course	11	4%



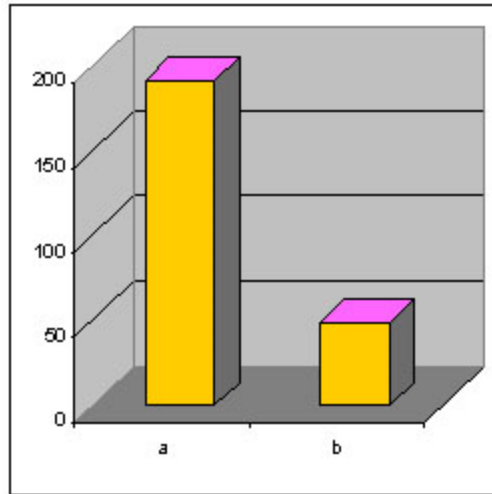
Q3: Can cultural preservation and propagation be possible with the community dispersed worldwide?

Yes 176 73%
No 66 27%



Q4: Is it important to have a social base of KP community living together in one place?

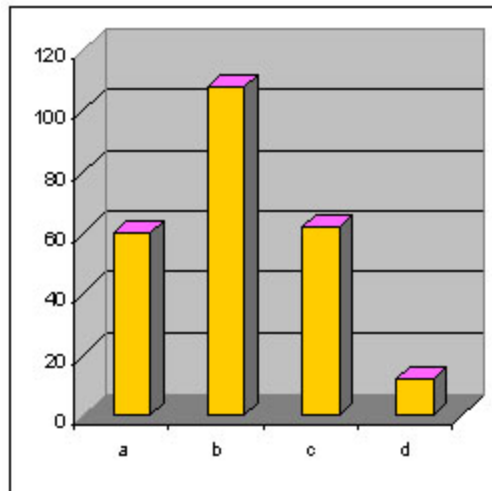
a. Yes 192 79%
b. Does not make a difference 50 21%



"Home base" is defined as a place where a significant KP population may live together with economic, religious, and socio-cultural freedom - a place where the KP way of life can be pursued without impediment. This could be in Kashmir, Jammu, Delhi, or elsewhere.

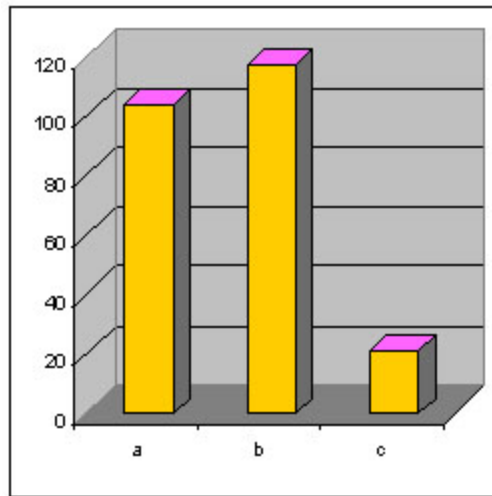
Q5: For you personally, having a "home-base" is

a. Critical	60	25%
b. Very important	108	45%
c. Somewhat important	62	26%
d. Not important	12	5%



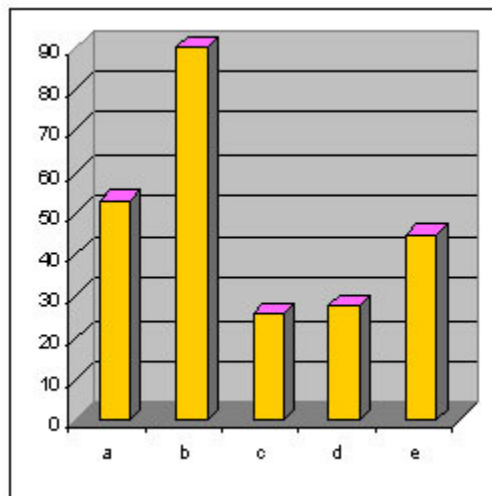
Q6: In your opinion, what are the chances of establishing a "home-base"?

a. Achievable, and worth struggling for	104	43%
b. Might be achievable, and worth struggling for	117	48%
c. Not achievable	21	9%



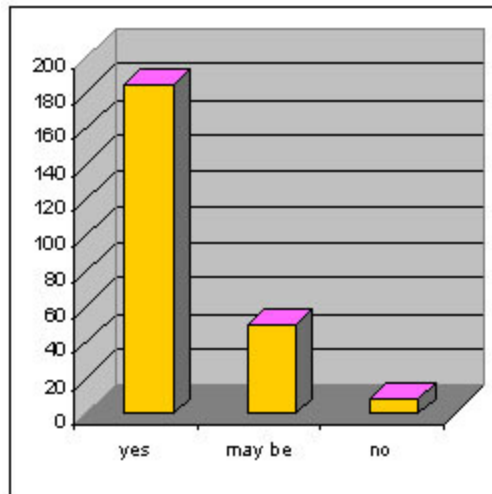
Q7: A "home-base" for the Kashmiri Pandits must be

a. Kashmir as it was	53	22%
b. Inside the Kashmir valley	90	37%
c. Inside J&K state, but not necessarily inside Kashmir Valley	26	11%
d. Inside India, but not necessarily inside J&K	28	12%
e. Could be anywhere in the world	45	19%



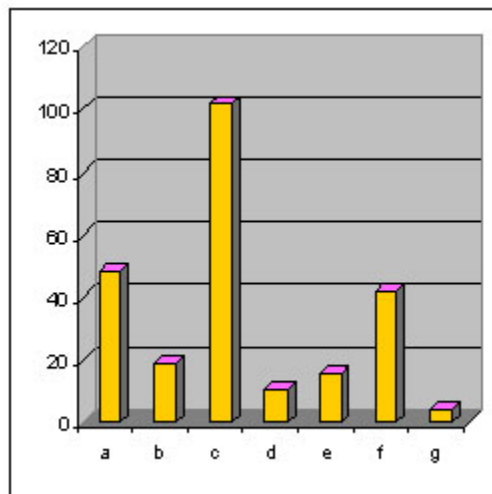
Q8: Are you willing to actively support the effort towards the establishment of a "home-base"?

Yes	184	76%
May be	50	21%
No	8	3%



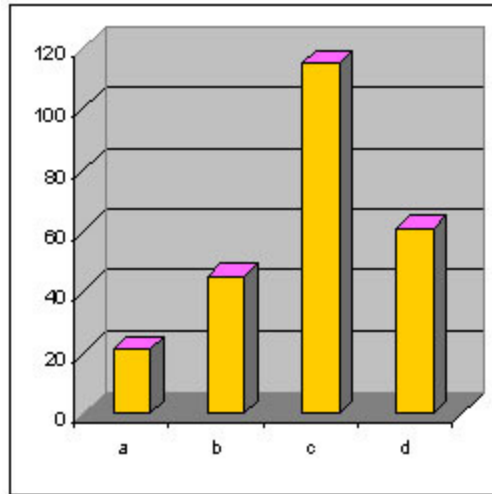
Q9: In order to support this effort, you are willing to:

a. Contribute time	48	20%
b. Contribute money	19	8%
c. Contribute both time and money	102	42%
d. Contribute other resources (e.g., books, documents, etc. for archival purposes)	11	5%
e. Other "in kind" contributions	16	7%
f. Cannot contribute directly but will actively support	42	17%
g. Not applicable (Will not support)	4	2%



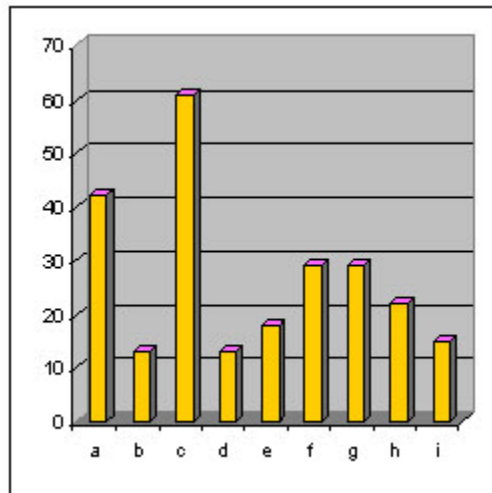
Q10: If you are willing to contribute time, please indicate how much:

a. More than 5 hours per week	21	9%
b. Between 3 and 5 hours per week	45	19%
c. Between 1 and 3 hours per week	115	48%
d. Less than 1 hour per week	61	25%



Q11: To best utilize your time, you would PRIMARYLY like to contribute in which field:

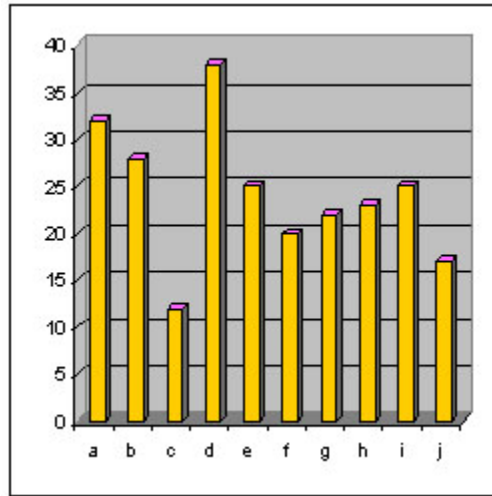
a. Preservation of religious activities, rituals and customs	42	17%
b. Fund raising (collection outside/inside the community)	13	5%
c. Education of KPs	61	25%
d. Healthcare of KPs	13	5%
e. Extra-curricular activities for KP children	18	7%
f. Language preservation	29	12%
g. Political public relations	29	12%
h. Political research (data collection, documentation, etc.)	22	9%
i. Other (please specify)	15	6%



Q12: To best utilize your time, you would SECONDARILY like to contribute in which field:

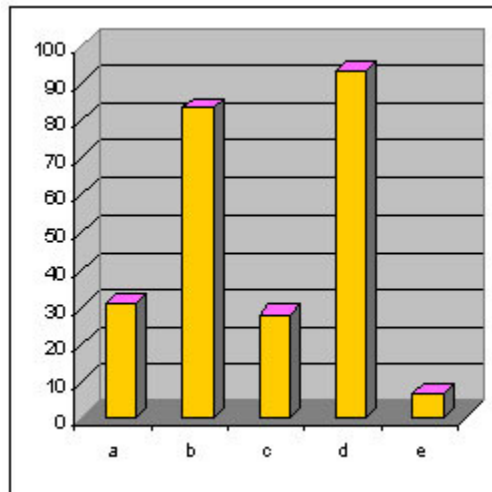
a. I wish to work only on my primary area of interest	32	13%
b. Preservation of religious activities, rituals and customs	28	12%
c. Fund raising (collection outside/inside the community)	12	5%
d. Education of KPs	38	16%
e. Healthcare of KPs	25	10%

f. Extra-curricular activities for KP children	20	8%
g. Language preservation	22	9%
h. Political public relations	23	10%
i. Political research (data collection, documentation, etc.)	25	10%
j. Other (please specify)	17	7%



Q13: With respect to your future contribution to KP objectives, you would primarily rather:

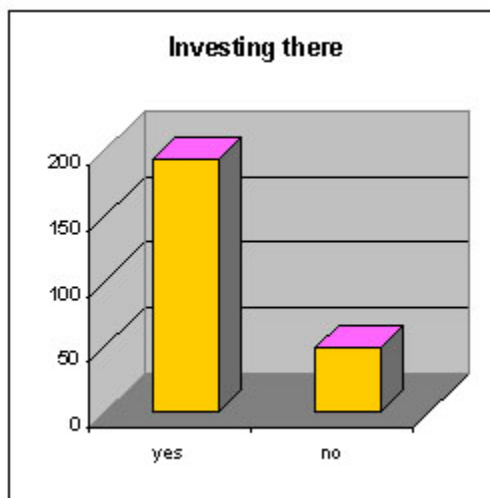
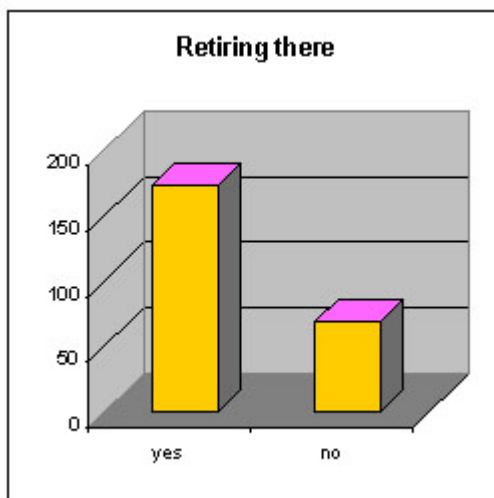
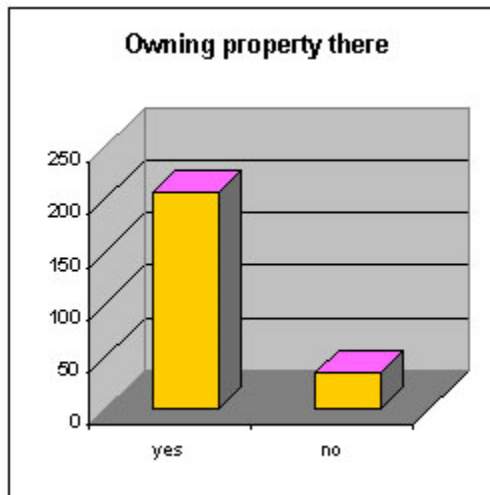
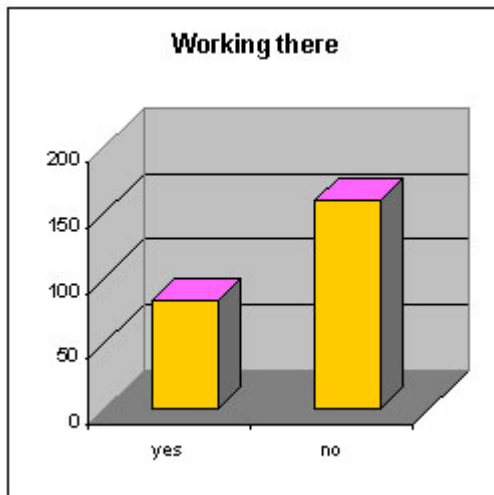
a. Lead a team in building vision and direction	31	13%
b. Participate in a team chartered with building vision and direction	83	34%
c. Lead a team in executing to a pre-specified goal	28	12%
d. Participate in a team chartered with executing to a pre-specified goal	93	38%
e. Other (please specify)	7	3%

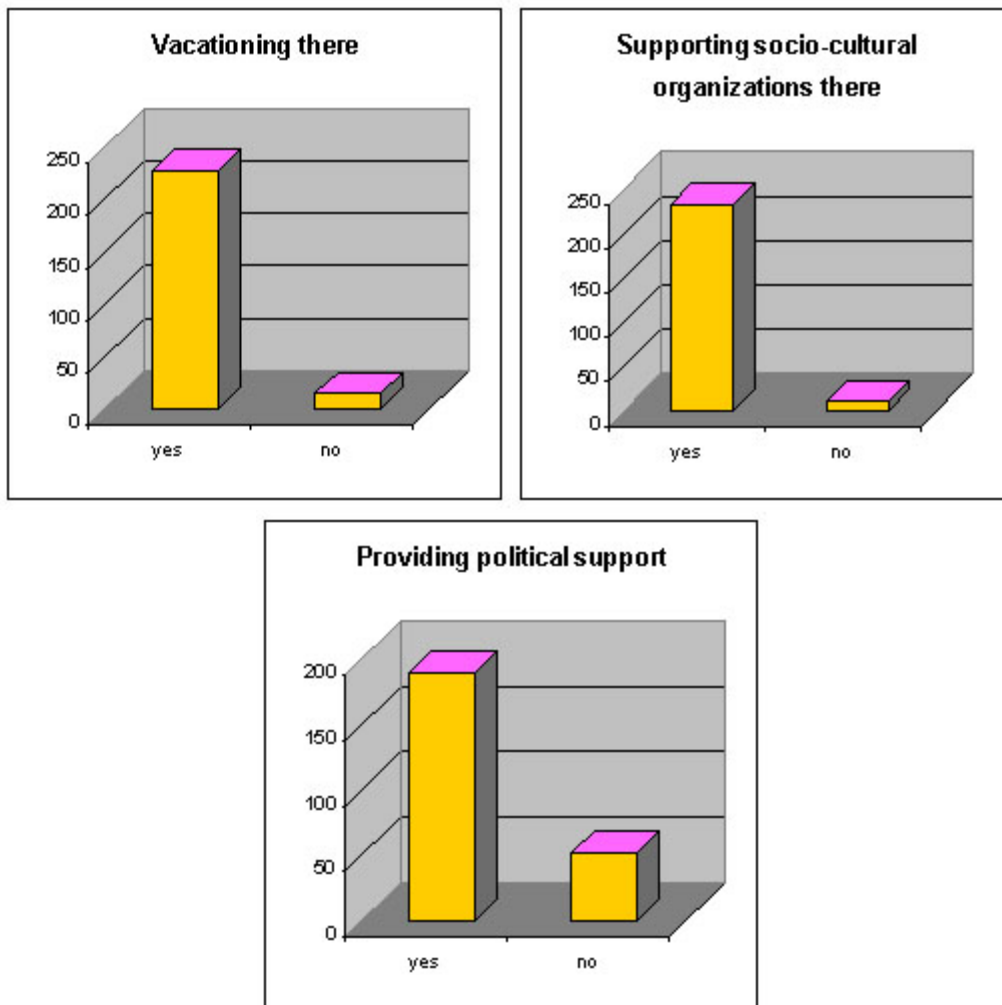


Q14: Regardless of your responses to the above questions, in the event that a "home-base" is established, you would consider:

	Yes	No
i. Working there	83 (34%)	159 (66%)

ii. Owning property there	207 (86%)	35 (14%)
iii. Retiring there	173 (72%)	69 (28%)
iv. Investing there	193 (80%)	49 (20%)
v. Vacationing there	228 (94%)	14 (6%)
vi. Supporting socio-cultural organizations there	232 (96%)	10 (4%)
vii. Providing political support	190 (79%)	52 (21%)

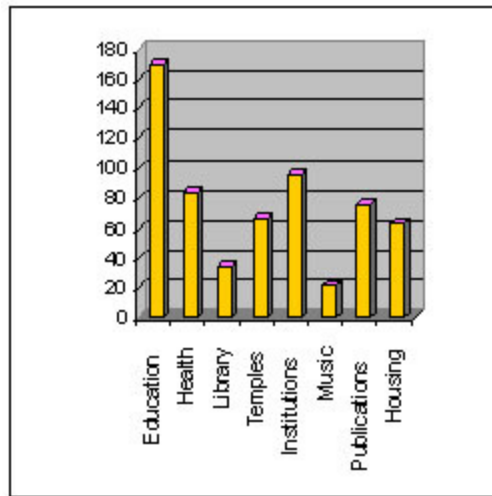




Q15: Select following three support areas that you would like KOA to undertake:

Note: Since multiple choices were allowed for this question, the percentage of responses will not add up to 100%.

Education	170	70%
Health	84	35%
Library	34	14%
Temples/Centers	67	28%
Institutions	96	40%
Music	21	9%
Publications/Literature	76	31%
Housing	64	26%



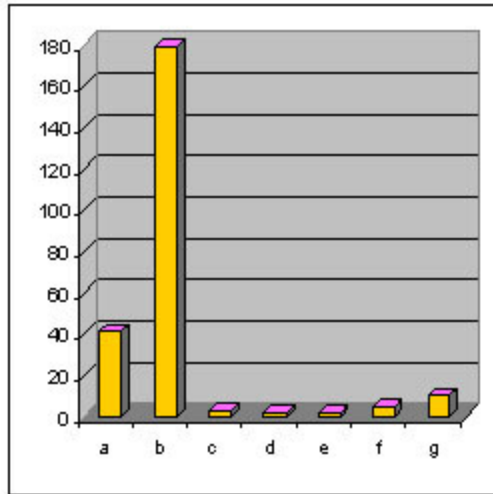
Q16: (OPTIONAL) Please provide any additional suggestions that you may have for the KOA leadership:

NOTE: Several valuable suggestions were received under this question, some of which were posted on the KPNet in April and May. [Please click here to read these comments/suggestions.](#)

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

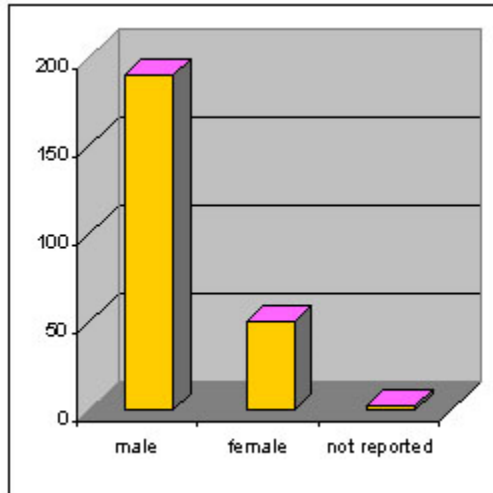
Country/Geography

a. India	41	17%
b. U.S.A.	179	74%
c. Canada	3	1%
d. Europe	2	1%
e. Middle East	2	1%
f. Australia/New Zealand	5	2%
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	Singapore	6
	Nepal	1
g. Other (please specify)	Nigeria	1 4%
	Oman	1
	West Africa	1



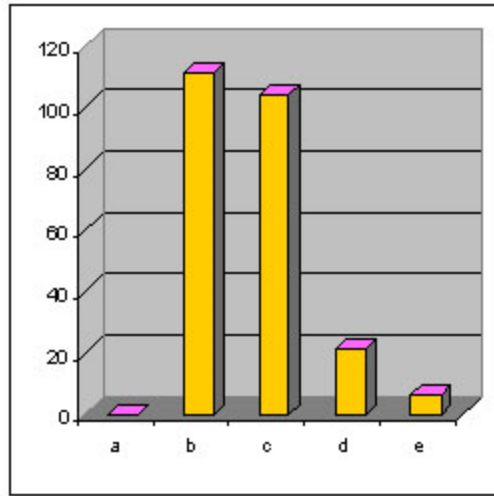
Gender (*)

Male	189	78%
Female	50	21%
Not reported	3	1%



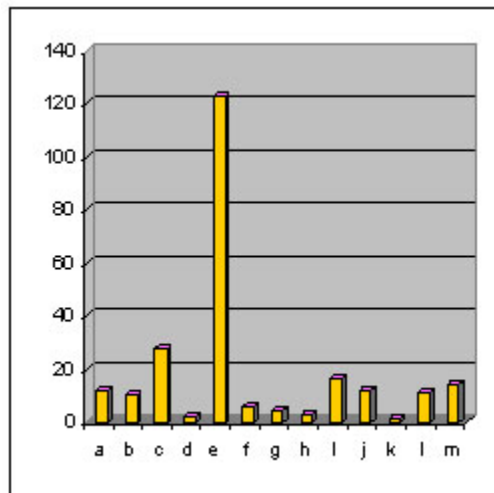
Age (*)

a. Under 18 years	0	0%
b. 18-34 years	111	46%
c. 35-54 years	104	43%
d. Above 55 years	21	9%
e. Not Reported	6	2%



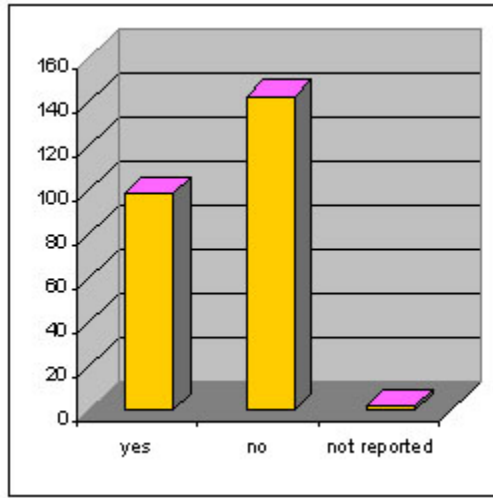
Profession or ex-profession (if retired)

a. Academics	12	5%
b. Banking & finance	10	4%
c. Business Management	28	12%
d. Business Owner	2	1%
e. Engineer/Technical (Note: Software, IT, database etc were included in the "Technical" category).	123	51%
f. Entrepreneur	6	3%
g. Government	4	2%
h. Public Sector Enterprise	3	1%
i. Medicine (or related)	16	6%
j. Scientist	12	5%
k. Law	1	0.4%
l. Student	11	4%
m. Other (Film maker, Chef, UN advisor, Editor, Home-maker, Psychotherapist, Journalist, Non Profit Management, Entertainment)	14	6%



Was your Residence outside Kashmir driven primarily by the exodus of 1990? (*)

Yes	98	40%
No	142	59%
Not Reported	2	1%



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