

Burlington PAR Student Survey Results

Conducted electronically between November 28 and December 9,
2016

Results based on a total of 3369 responses for all cases. Overall
response rate = 62% based on October 31, 2016 enrolment.

Response rates of 10-15% are typical response rates for optional
surveys.

Response Rates by Burlington Secondary School

School	Responses	Enrolment	Response Rate (%)
Aldershot	210	436	48%
Burlington Central	456	597	76%
Dr. Frank Hayden	1011	1536	66%
Lester B. Pearson	269	392	69%
M.M. Robinson	282	712	40%
Nelson	725	1006	72%
Robert Bateman	380	786	48%
Total:	3334	5465	61%

Non-responses excluded; Other=12

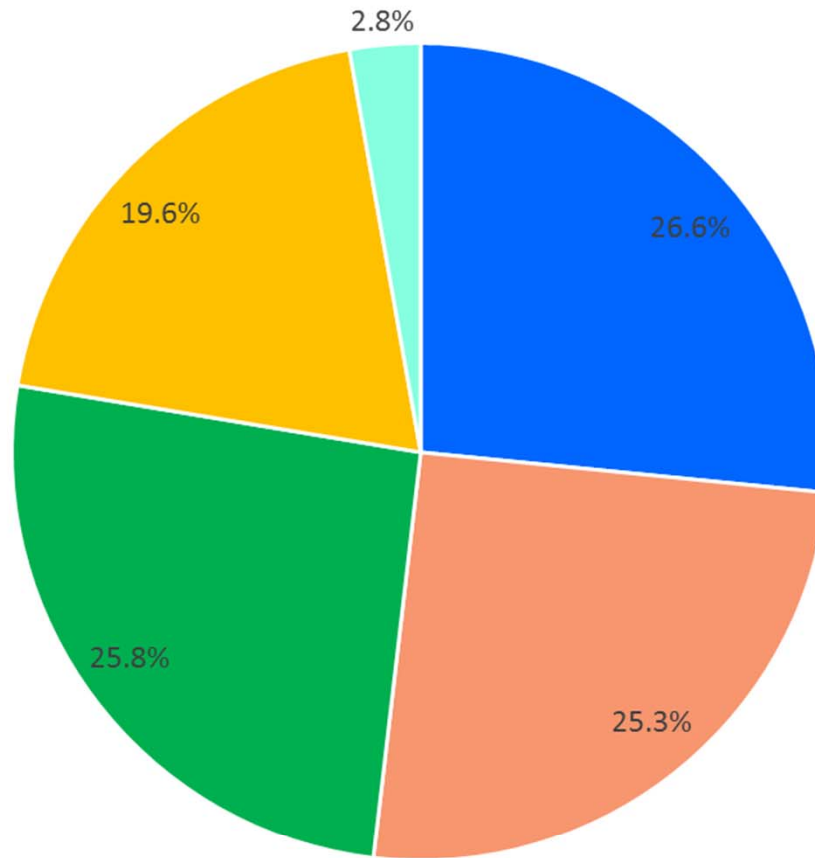
Considerations:

How representative might the participant sample of the population sought?

Non-response bias: What might distinguish those who do not respond from those who do? What factors might be under-represented?

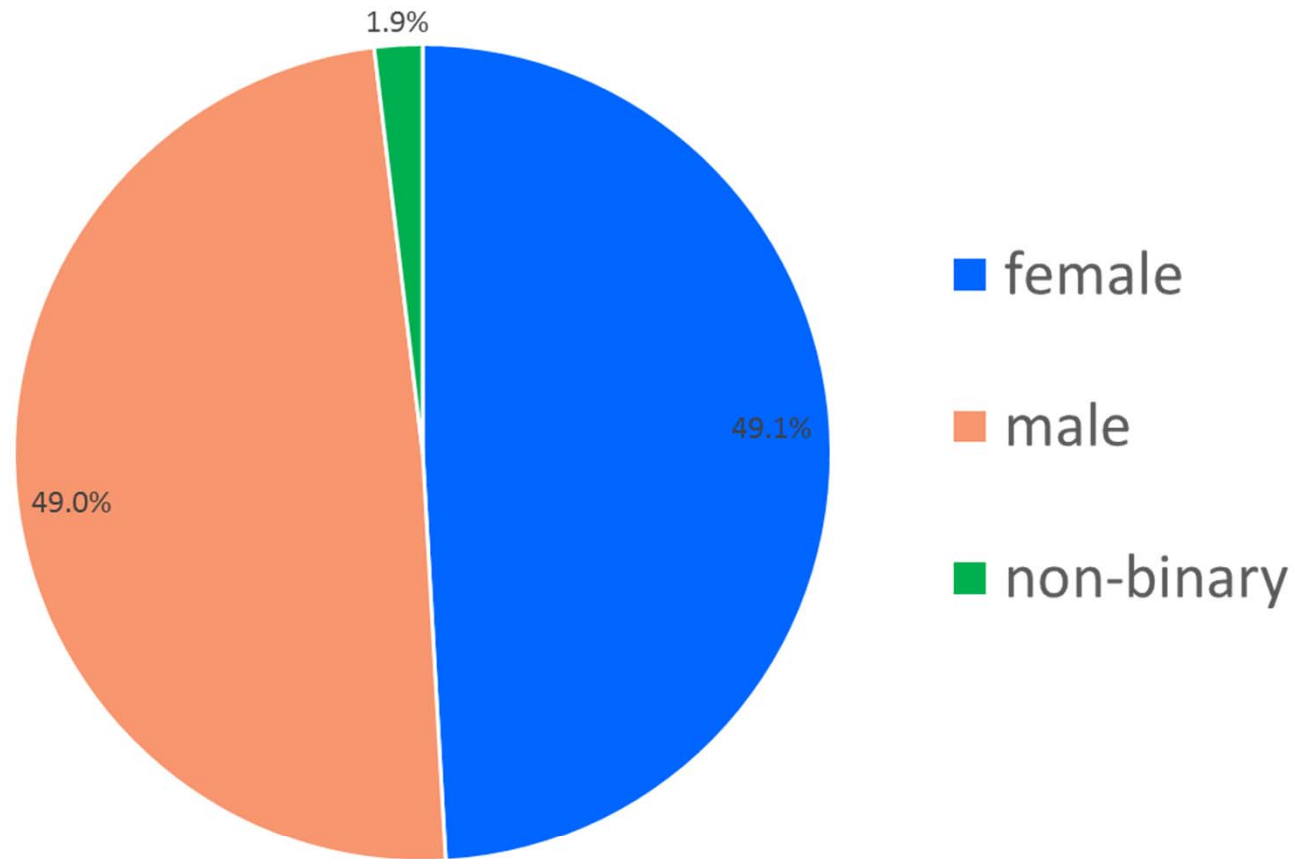
Response bias: Is the responding group more likely to share similar characteristics, demographics, ideological or physical situation? What factors might be over-represented?

I am in: (n=3333)



- grade 9
- grade 10
- grade 11
- grade 12
- grade 12+

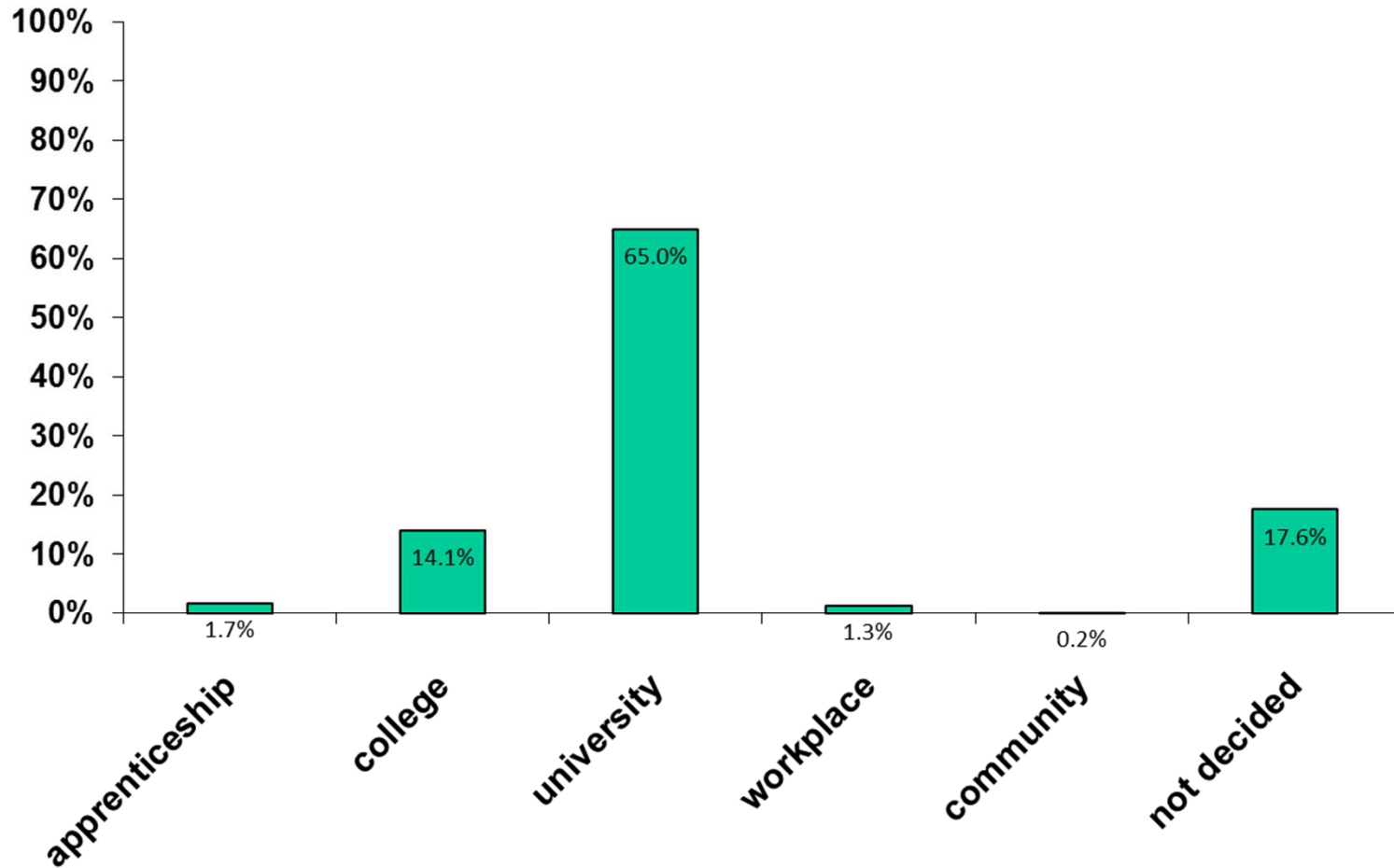
I identify as: (n=3321)



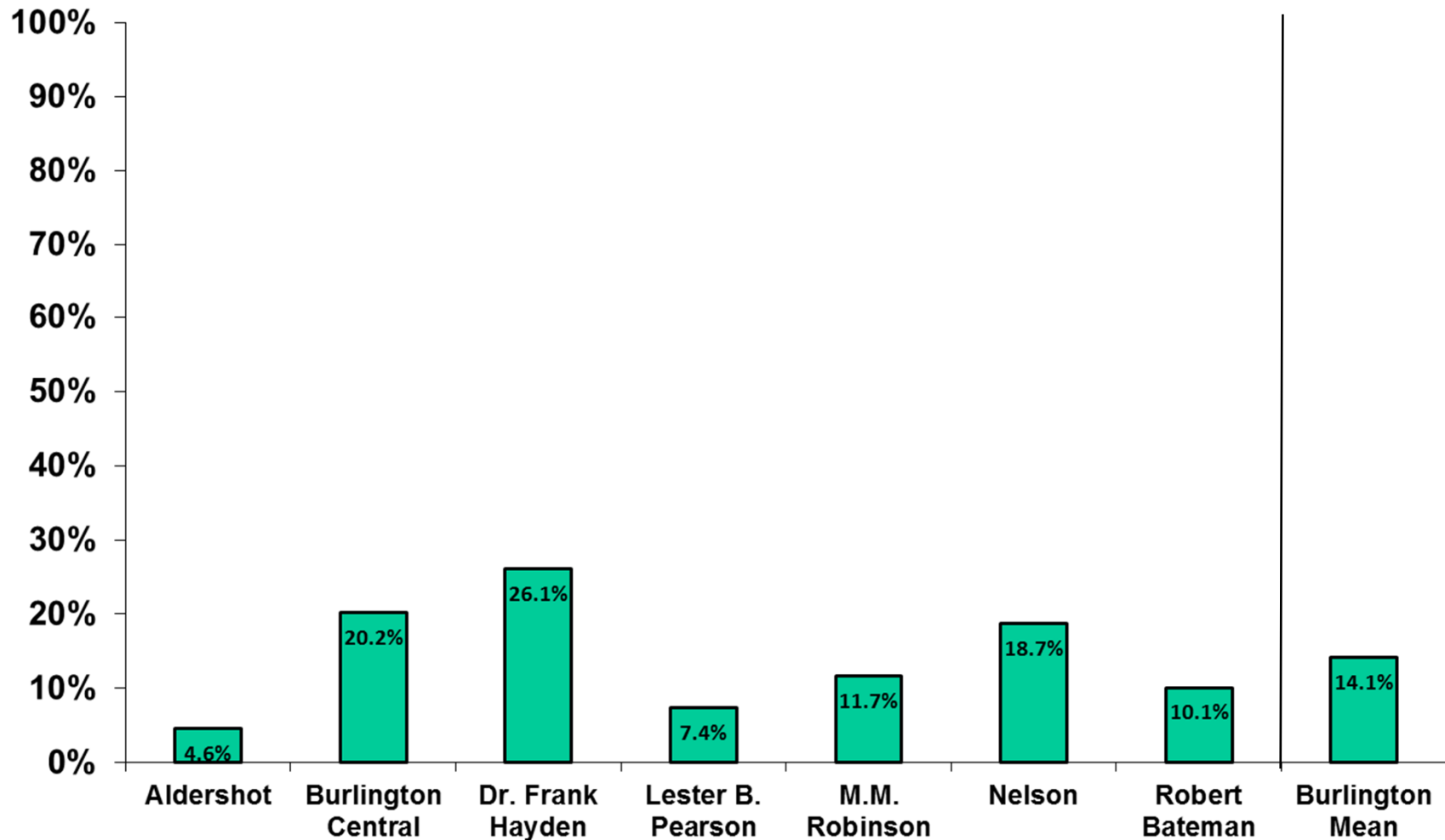
I am currently in:

	Number	Percent
Regular program	2382	71.3
French Immersion	453	13.6
International Baccalaureate	126	3.8
Gifted Program	95	2.8
Community Pathways Program (CPP)	30	0.9
Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)	103	3.1
Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)	10	0.3
English as a Second Language Regional Program	53	1.6
Re-Engagement Program	1	0.0
Not sure what program I am in	68	2.0
Other	19	0.6
Total	3340	100.0

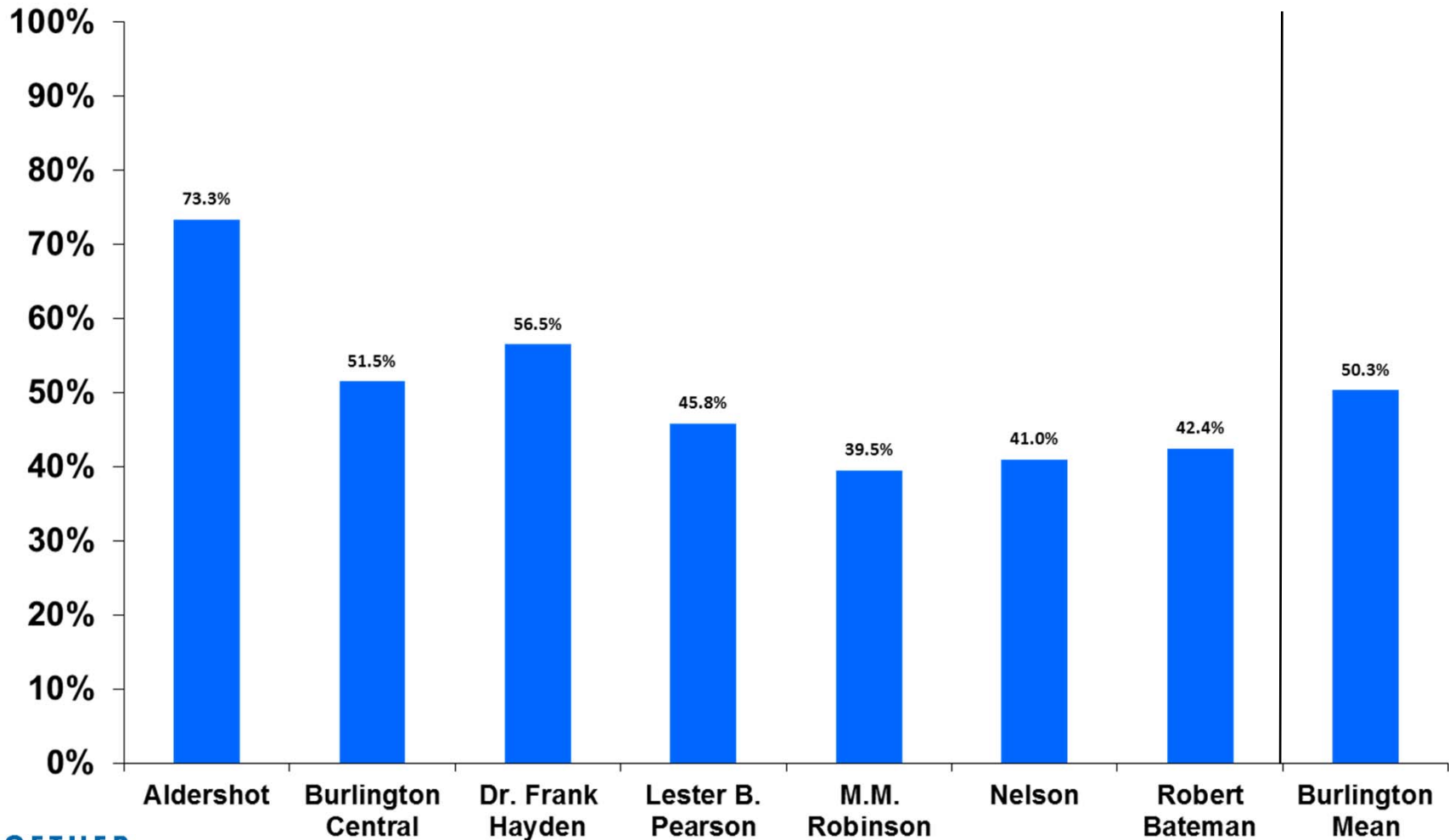
After secondary school, the pathway I am planning on following is: (n=3338)



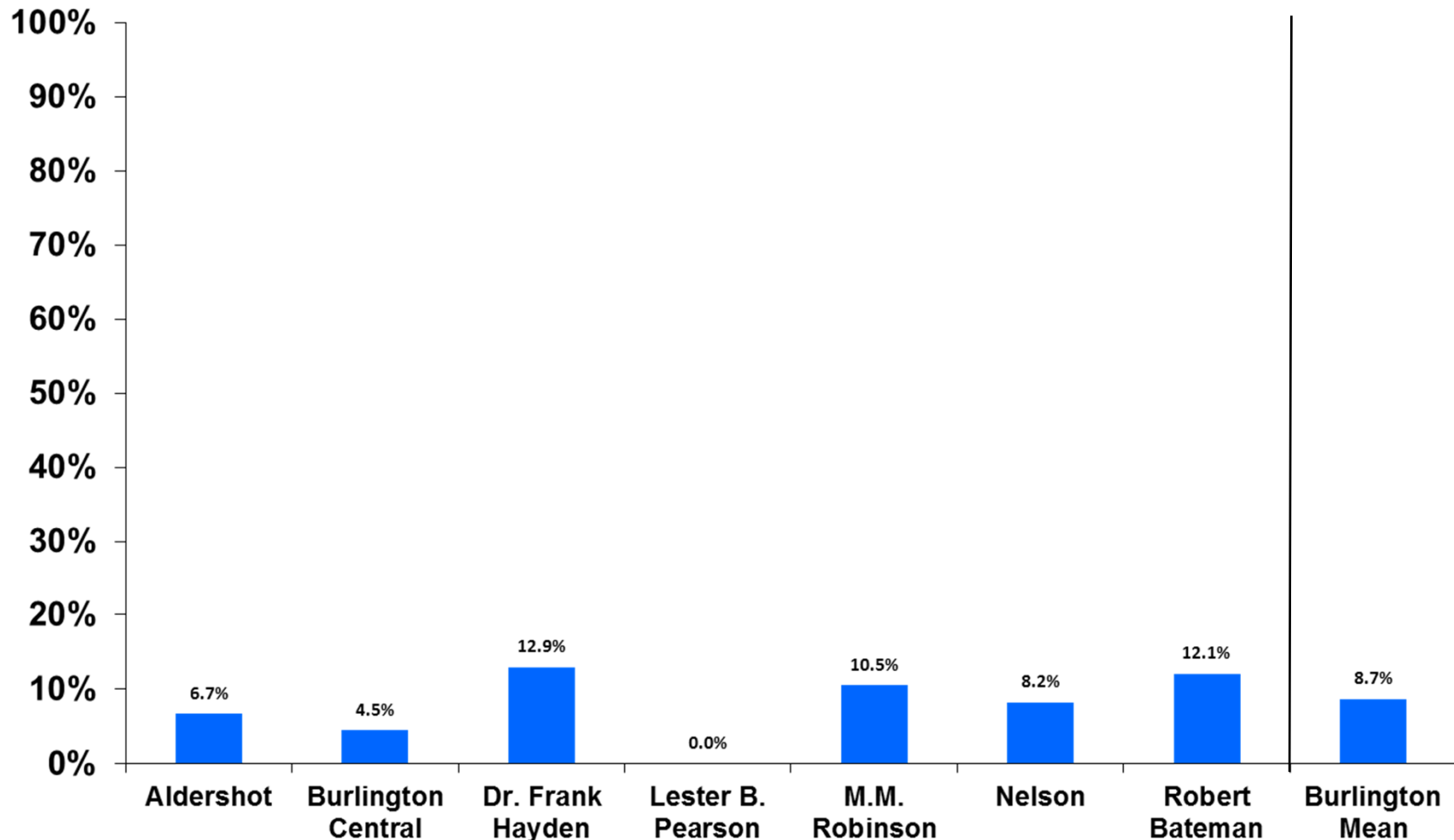
Have you changed schools since grade 9? Percent of students indicating “yes” (n=322)



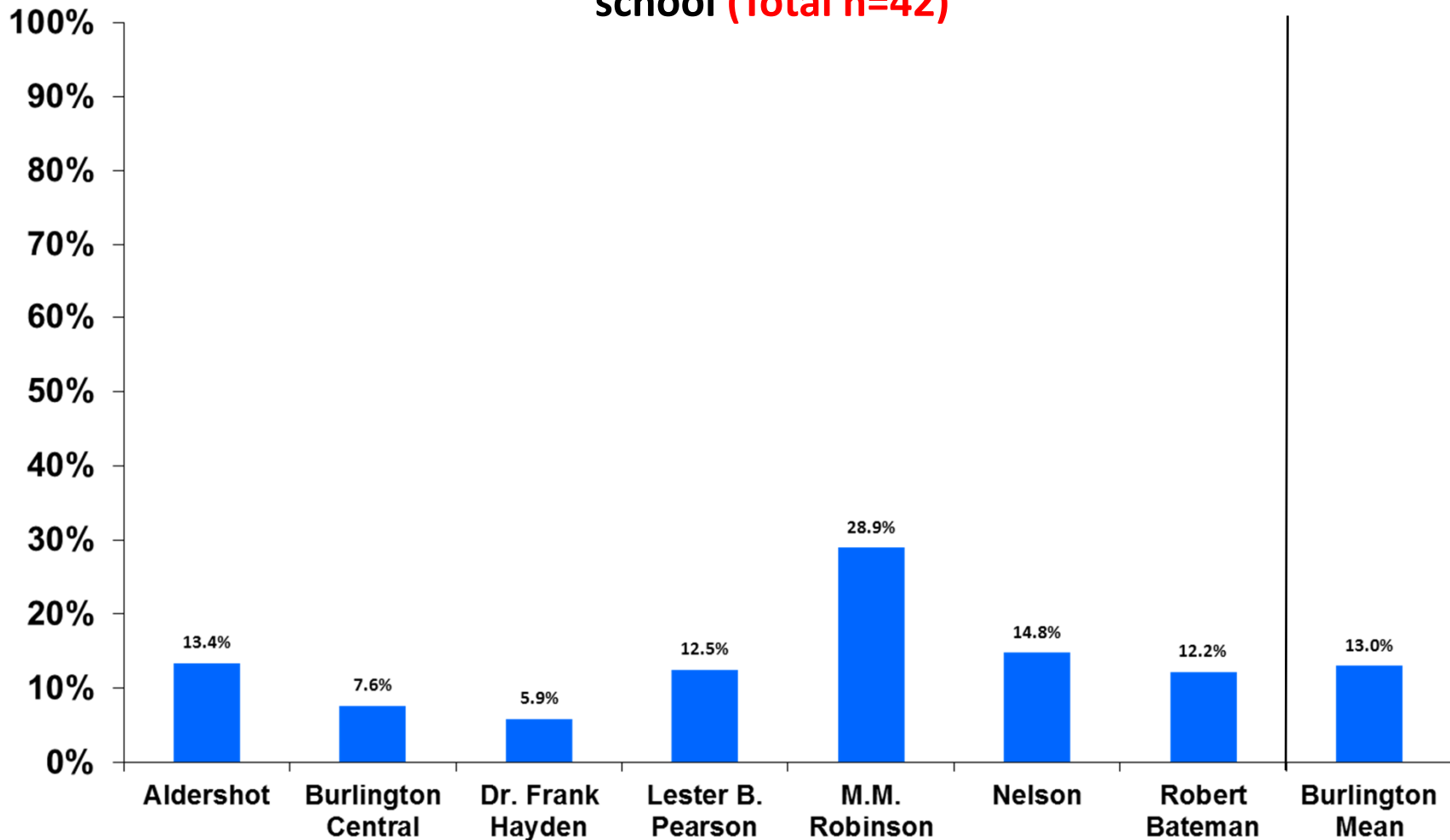
You indicated that you changed secondary schools. What were the main reasons for this change (check all that apply)? -- Percent of students within group who selected: **My family moved** (Total n=158)



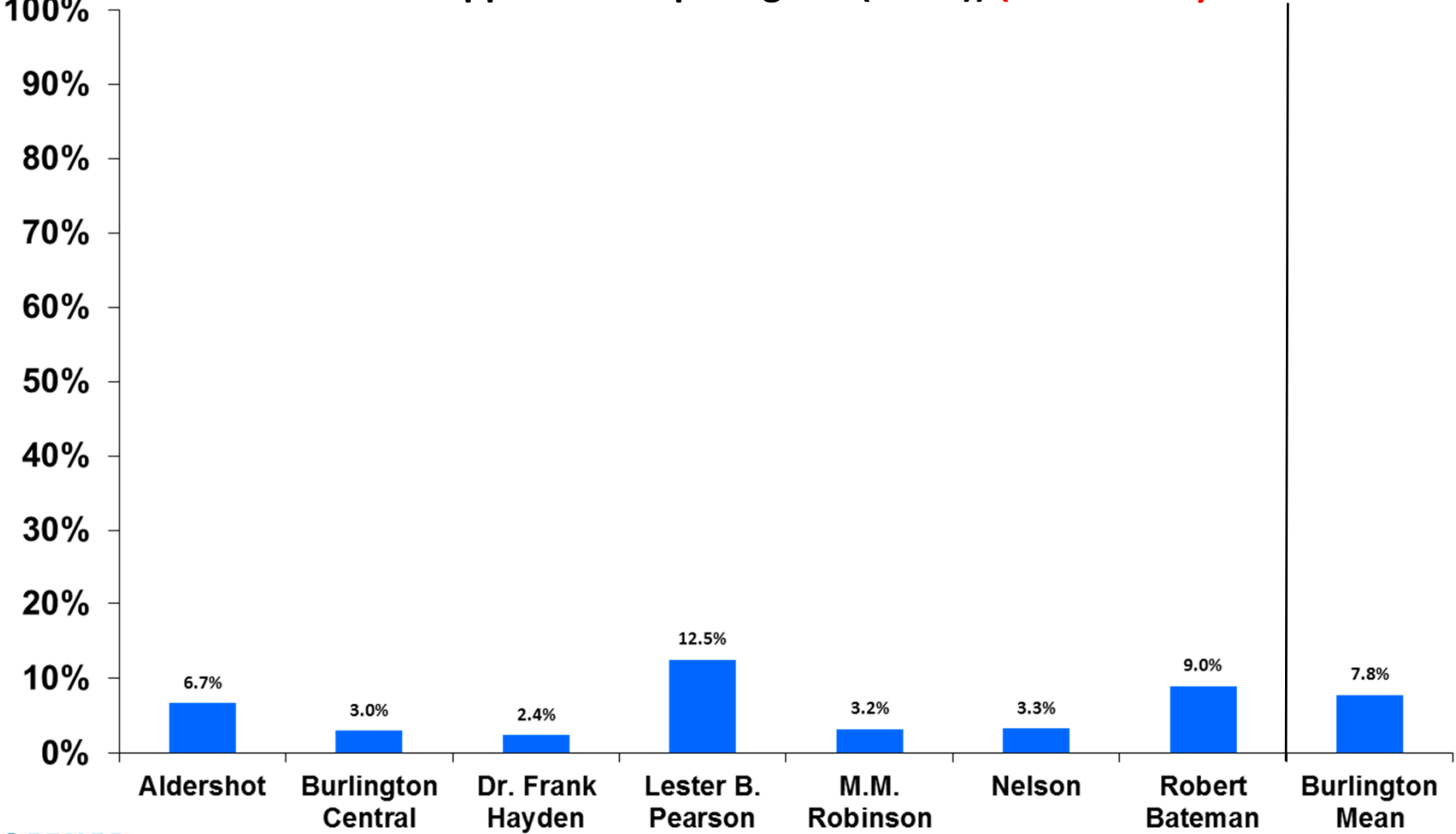
You indicated that you changed secondary schools. What were the main reasons for this change (check all that apply)? -- Percent of students within group who selected: **School boundary changed (Total n=28)**



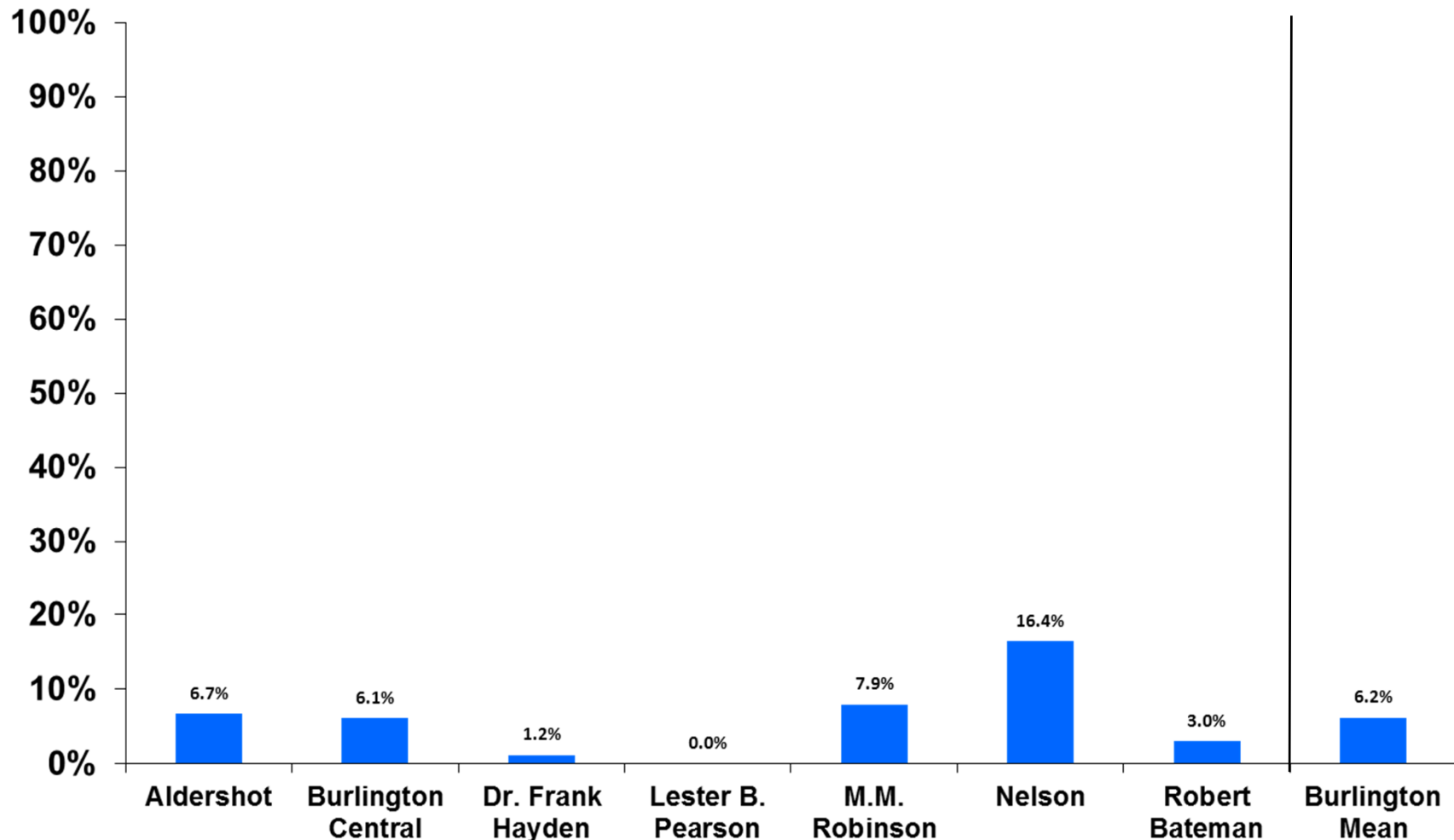
You indicated that you changed secondary schools. What were the main reasons for this change (check all that apply)? -- Percent of students within group who selected: **To take a course/program not offered at my home school (Total n=42)**



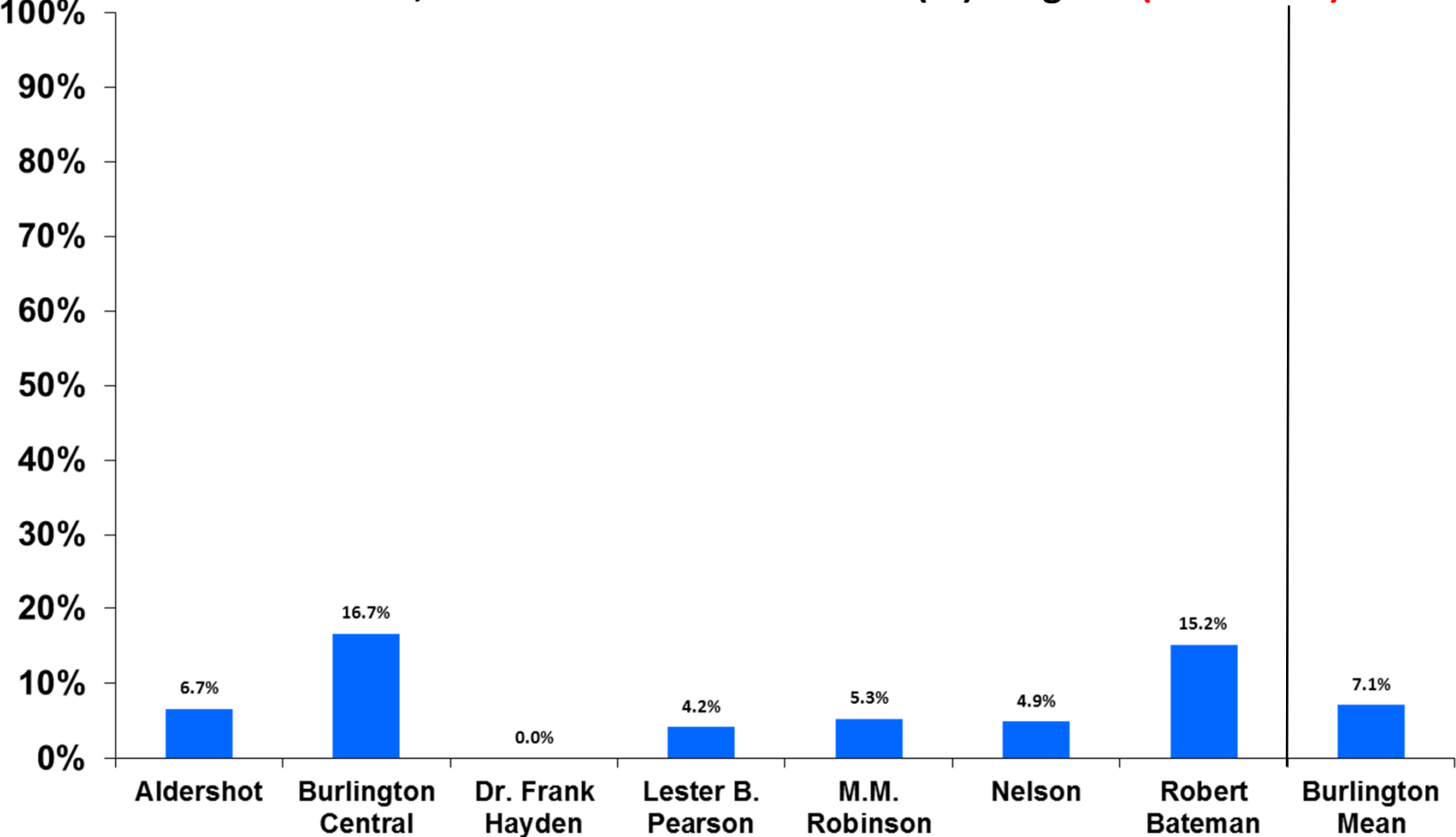
You indicated that you changed secondary schools. What were the main reasons for this change (check all that apply)? -- Percent of students within group who selected:
To enrol in a speciality program (e.g., Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM), Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)) (Total n=25)



You indicated that you changed secondary schools. What were the main reasons for this change (check all that apply)? -- Percent of students within group who selected:
To participate in sports/extracurriculars not offered at my home school (Total n=20)



You indicated that you changed secondary schools. What were the main reasons for this change (check all that apply)? -- Percent of students within group who selected:
To access a Regional program (e.g., Gifted, English as a Second Language, Essential level courses, International Baccalaureate (IB) Program (Total n=23)

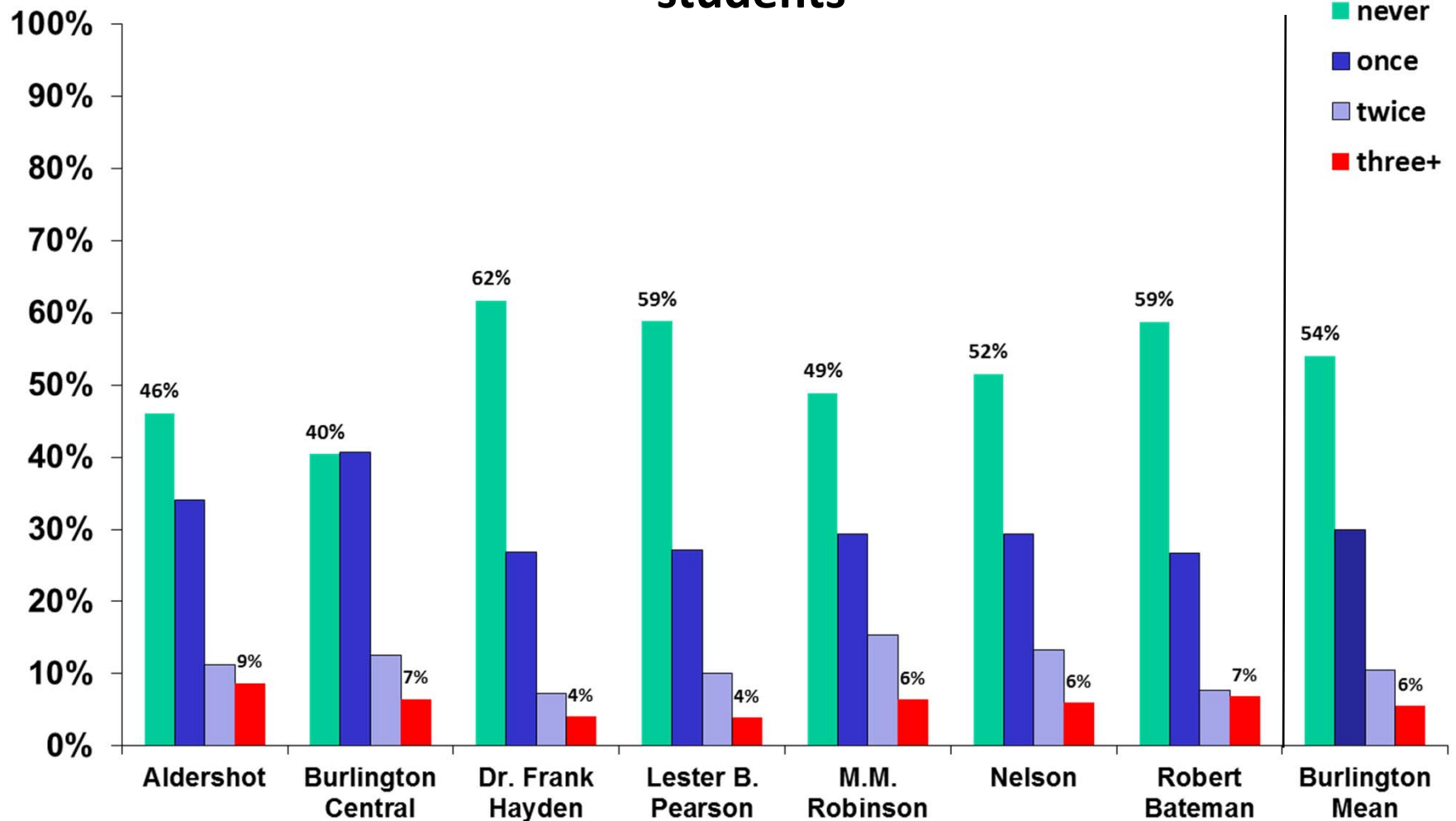


You indicated that you changed secondary schools. What were the main reasons for this change (check all that apply)? -- Percent of students within group who selected:

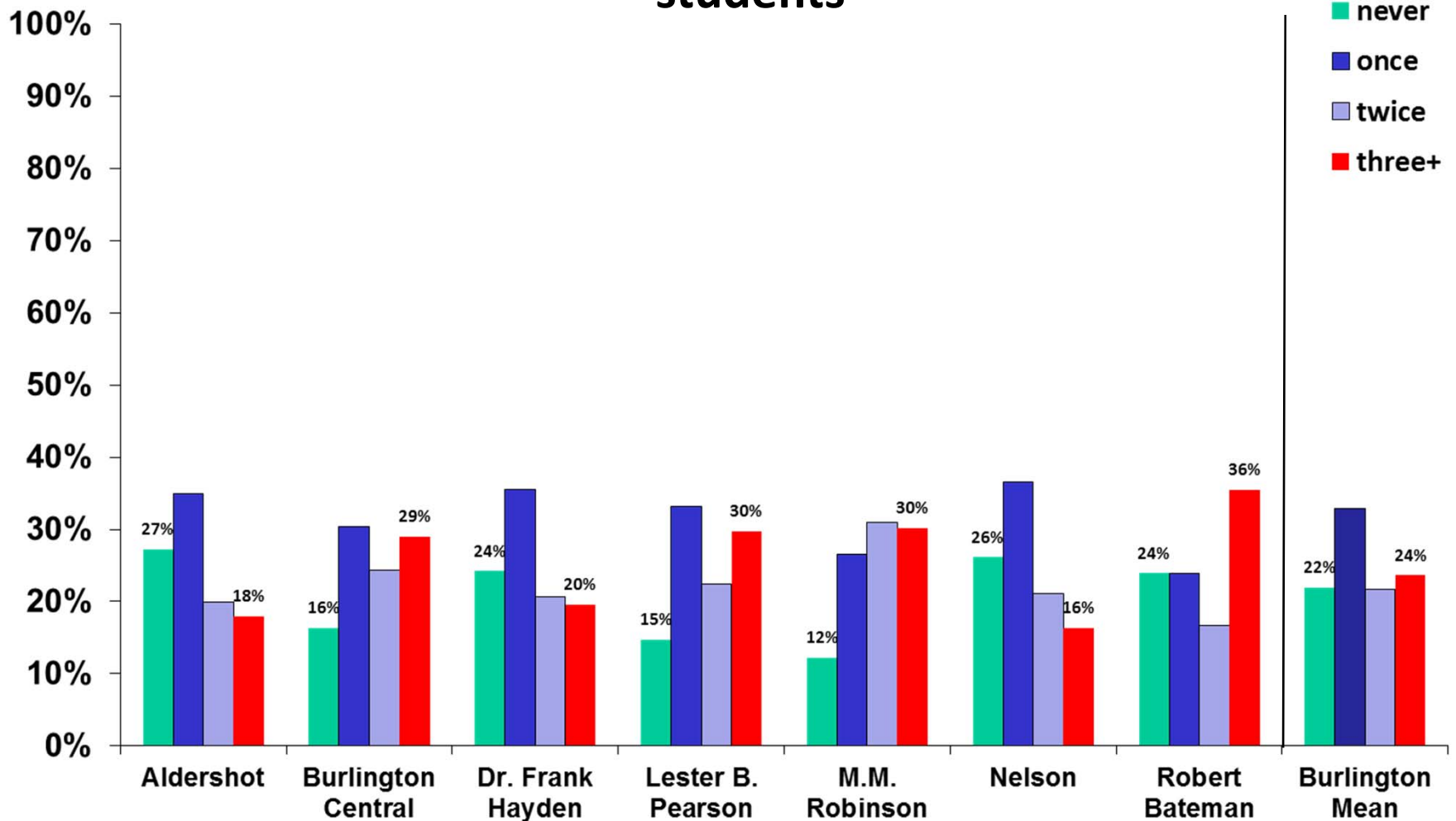
Other (please specify):

Transferred back to home school from doing a program not offered there - I had friends at that school - Did not like other school - I attended a much larger school and most if the assignments were done online which I found to be challenging - I just wanted to - because I didn't like the people at [my school] because I knew them all since kindergarten - We moved to Europe only for a year... - Moved because I train professionally – Problems – Got kicked out of school - Didn't get along with the students – bullying – closer distance to my house - to go to public school instead of catholic school – dropped out of [program] - Personal circumstances changed - Wasn't a good environment with the other students – Didn't like other school - I changed from on online school which[...] but I found that part time in a regular school was easier so I changed – closer – we travelled a lot – knew more people – personal reasons – home situation changed - Did not have a good experience with staff – did not like the school – [~50%]

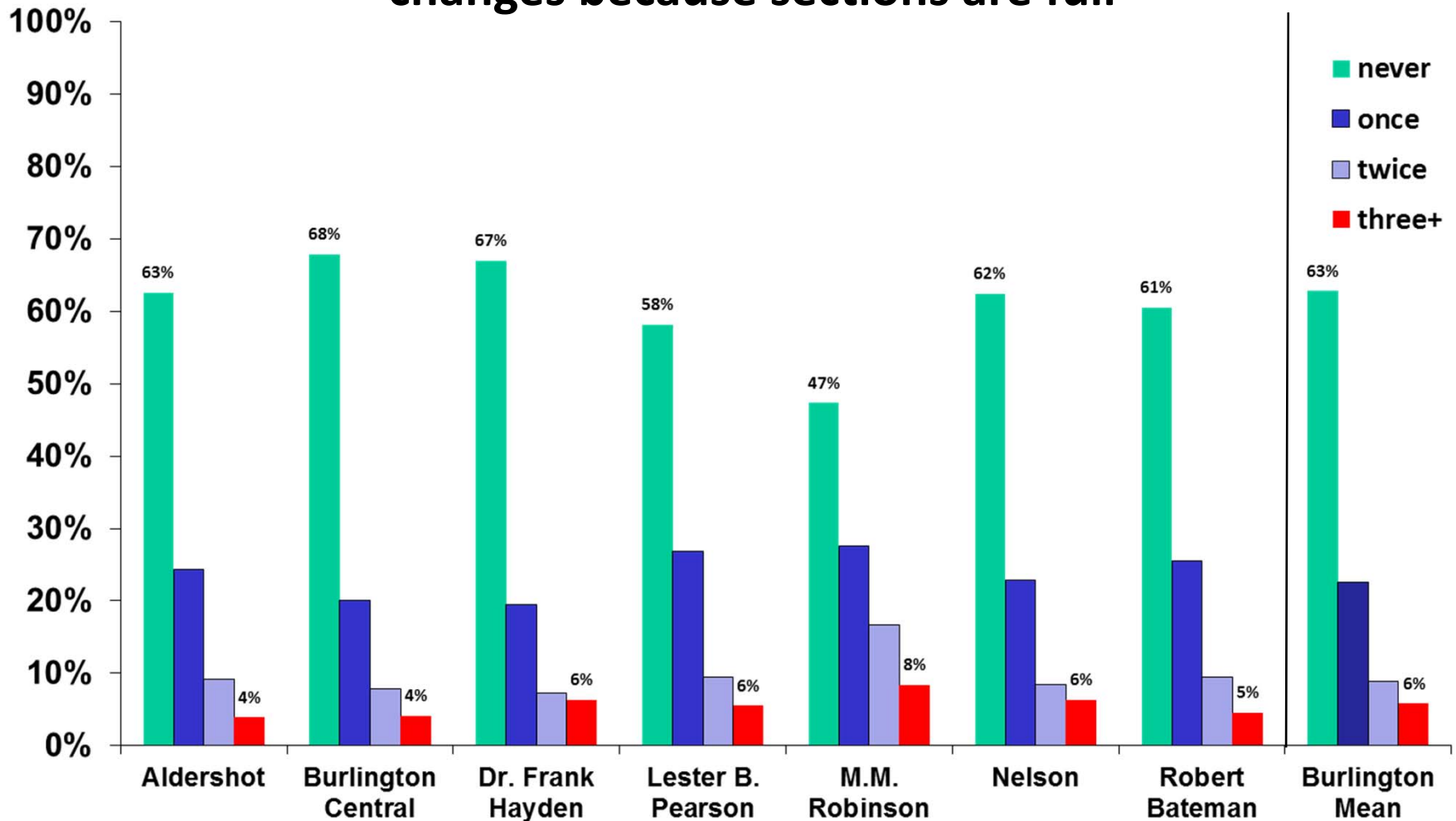
In the past year, about how many times have the following events happened to you? -- had classes with 35 or more students



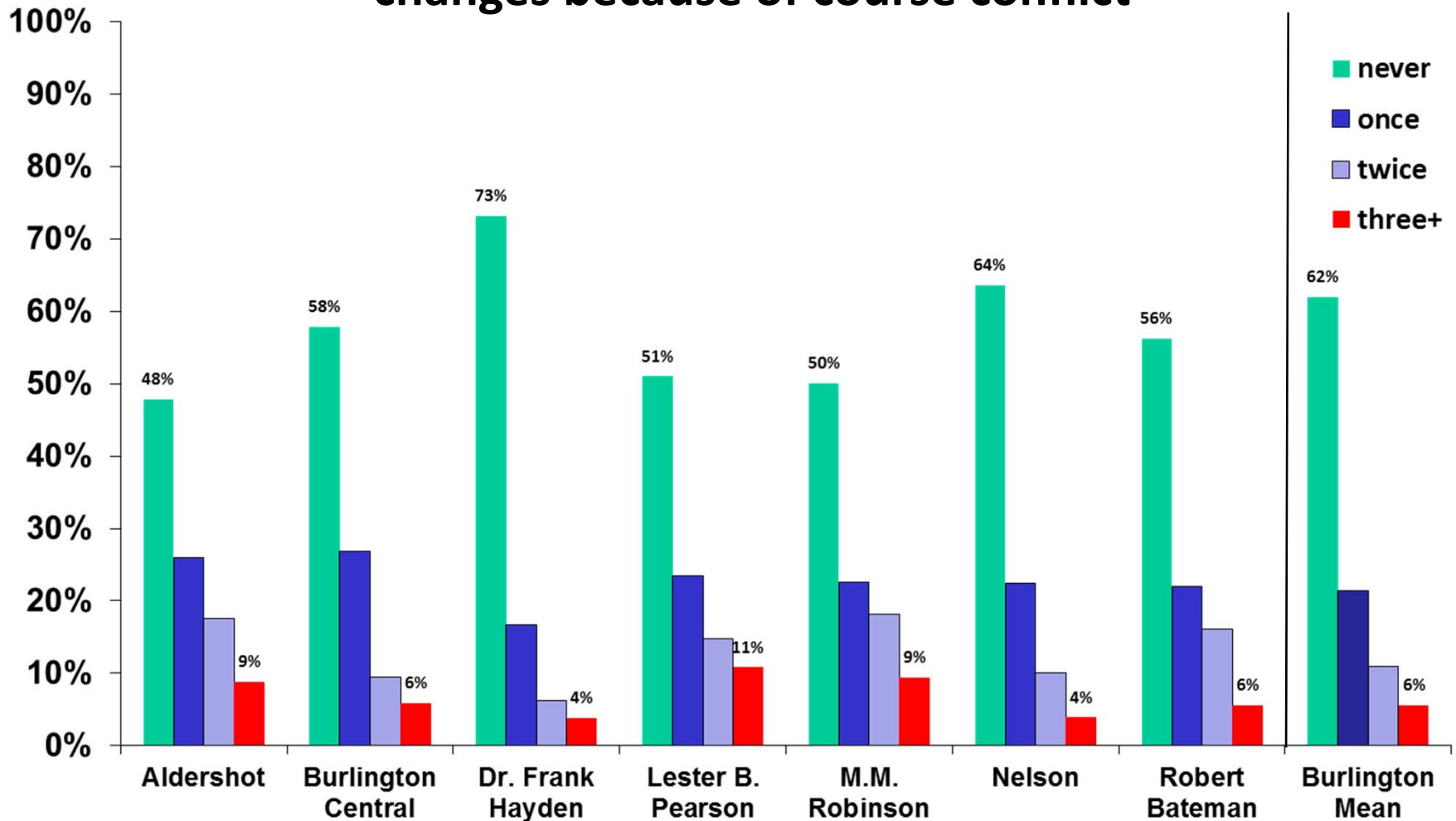
In the past year, about how many times have the following events happened to you? -- had classes with 20 or fewer students



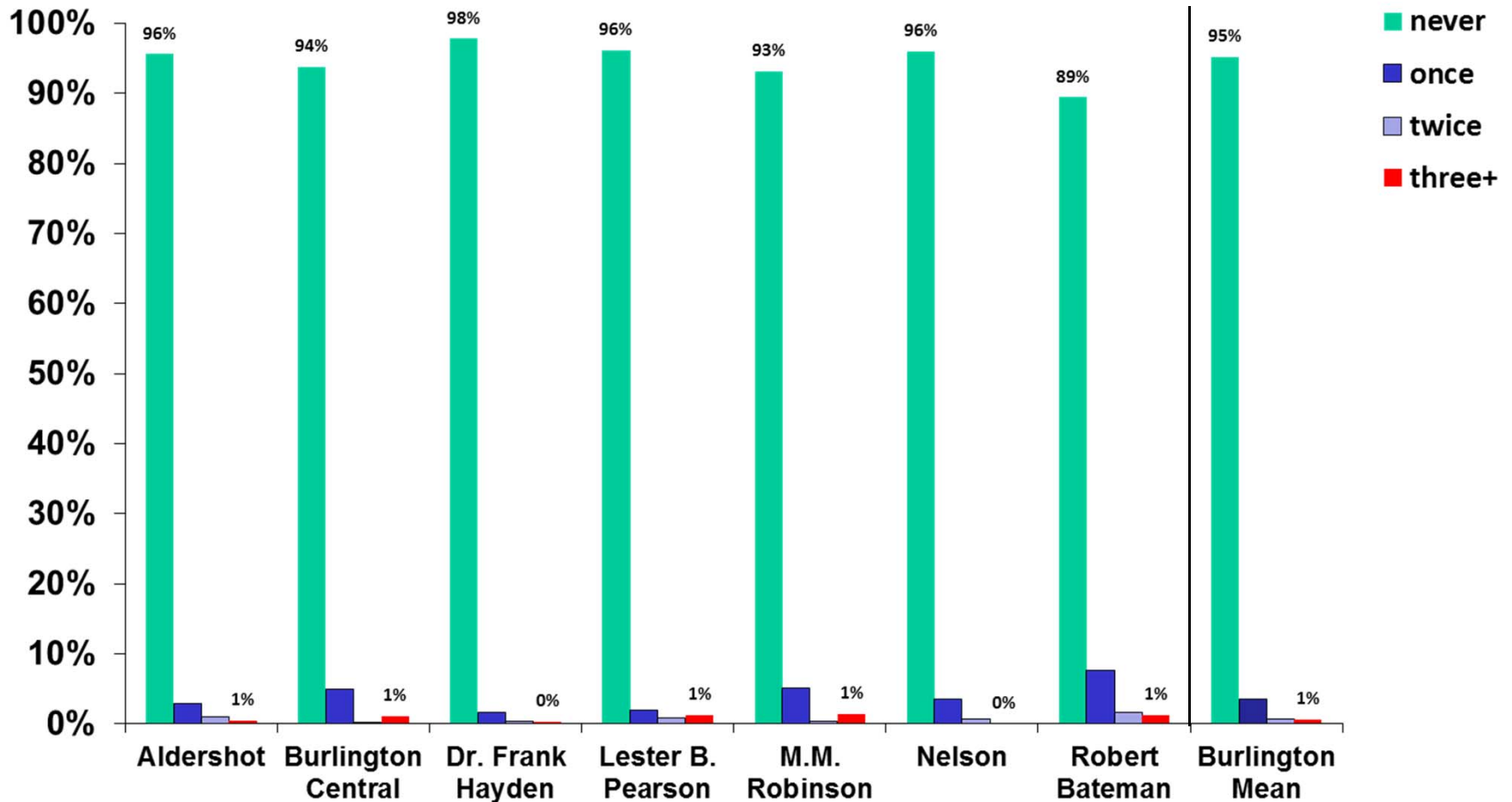
In the past year, about how many times have the following events happened to you? -- **been unable to make course changes because sections are full**



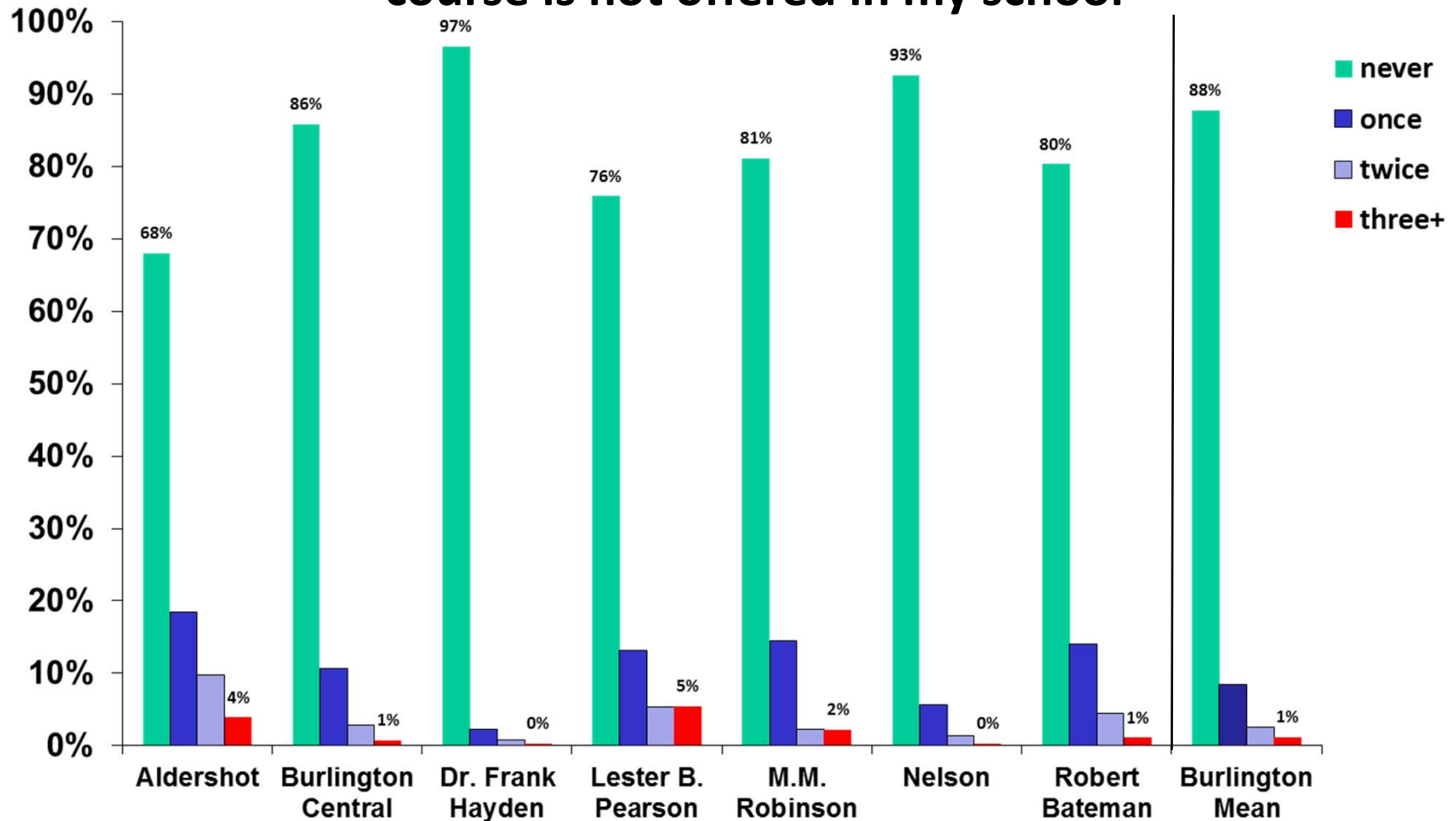
In the past year, about how many times have the following events happened to you? -- **been unable to make course changes because of course conflict**



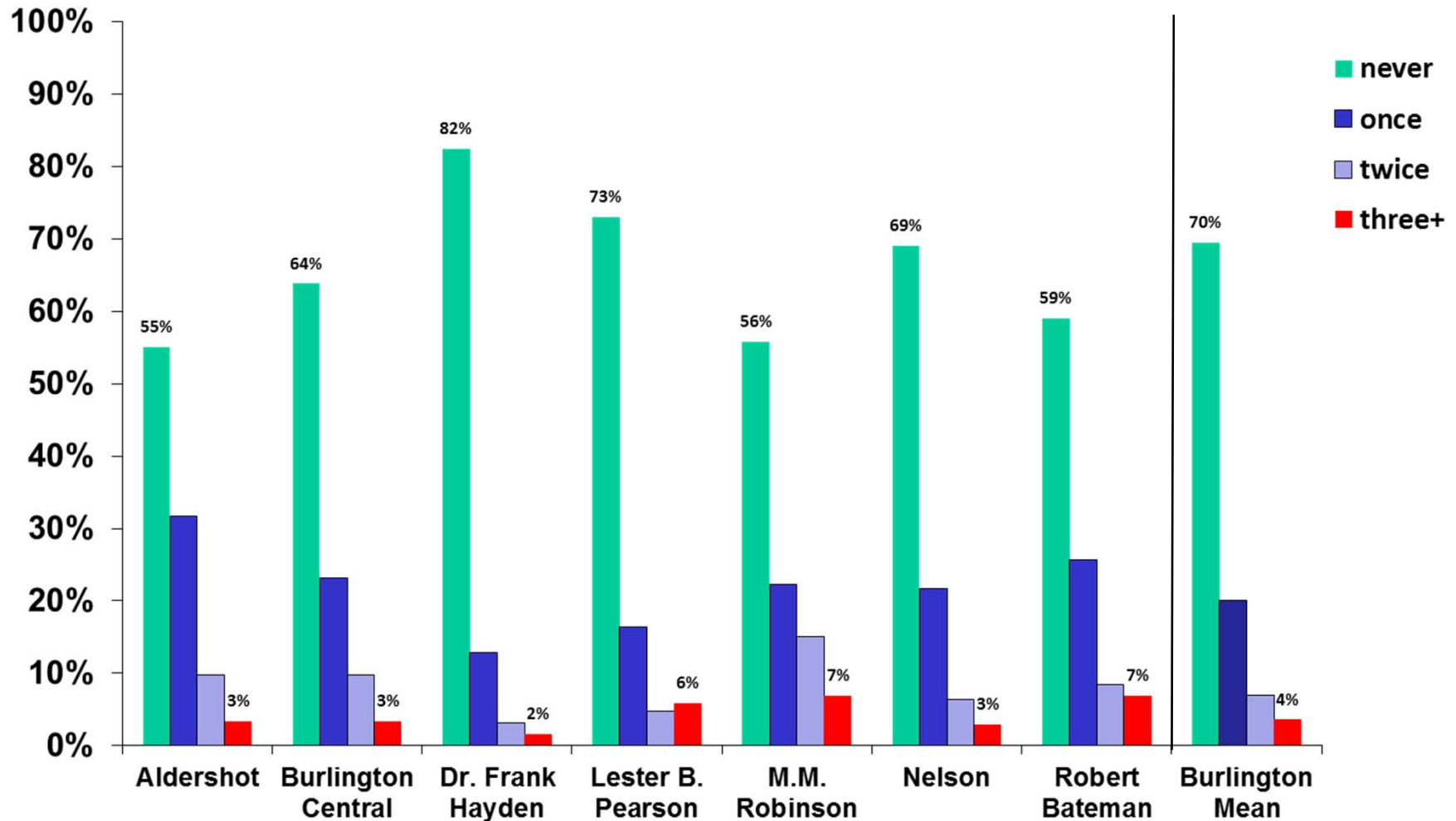
In the past year, about how many times have the following events happened to you? -- **moved to another school to take a course I need because it is not offered in my school**



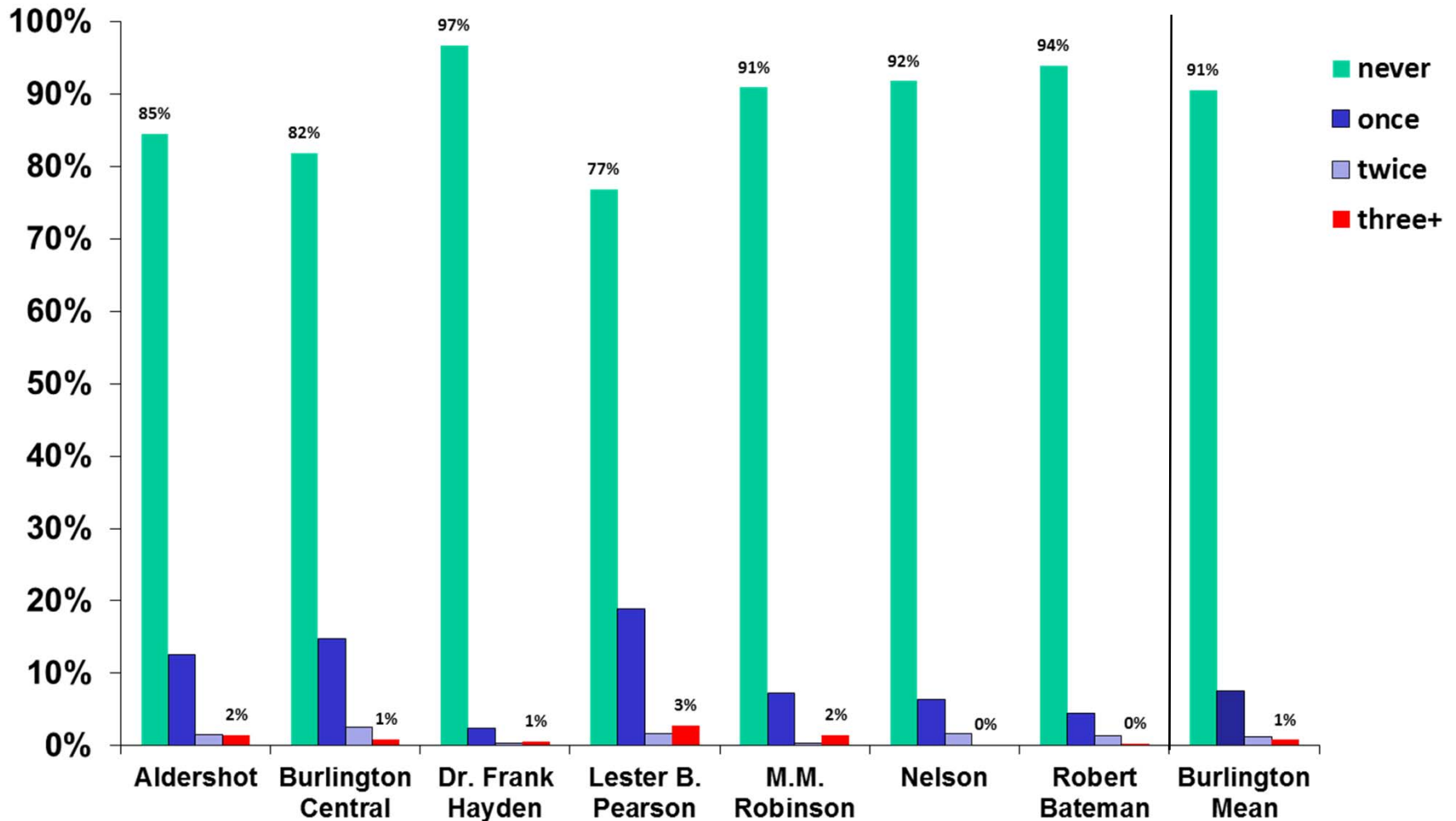
In the past year, about how many times have the following events happened to you? -- **taken a course online because the course is not offered in my school**



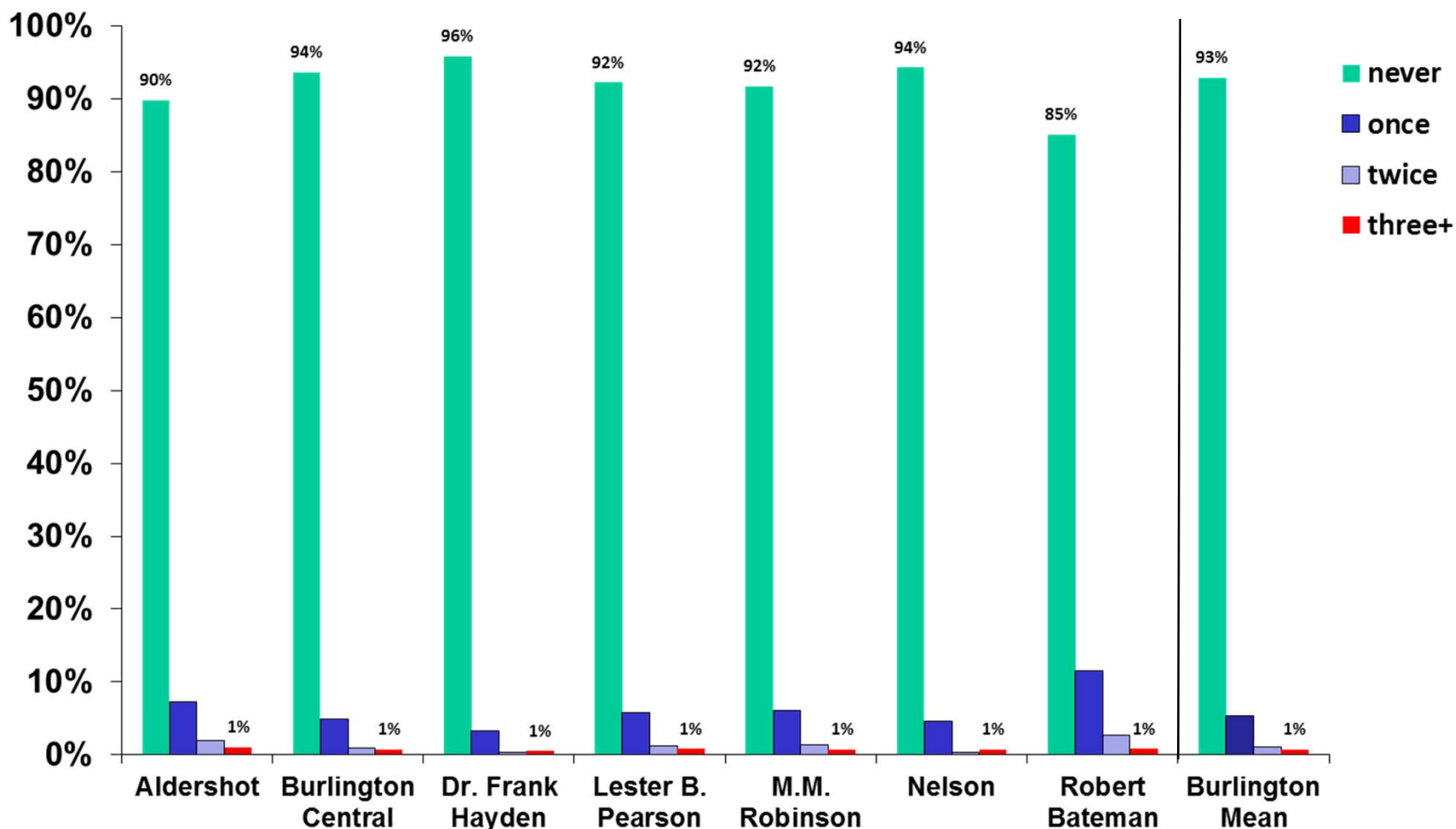
In the past year, about how many times have the following events happened to you? --
**been in a course that is split/combined (e.g., grade 11/12 workplace math, taken
two or more classes in the same period (split/combined))**



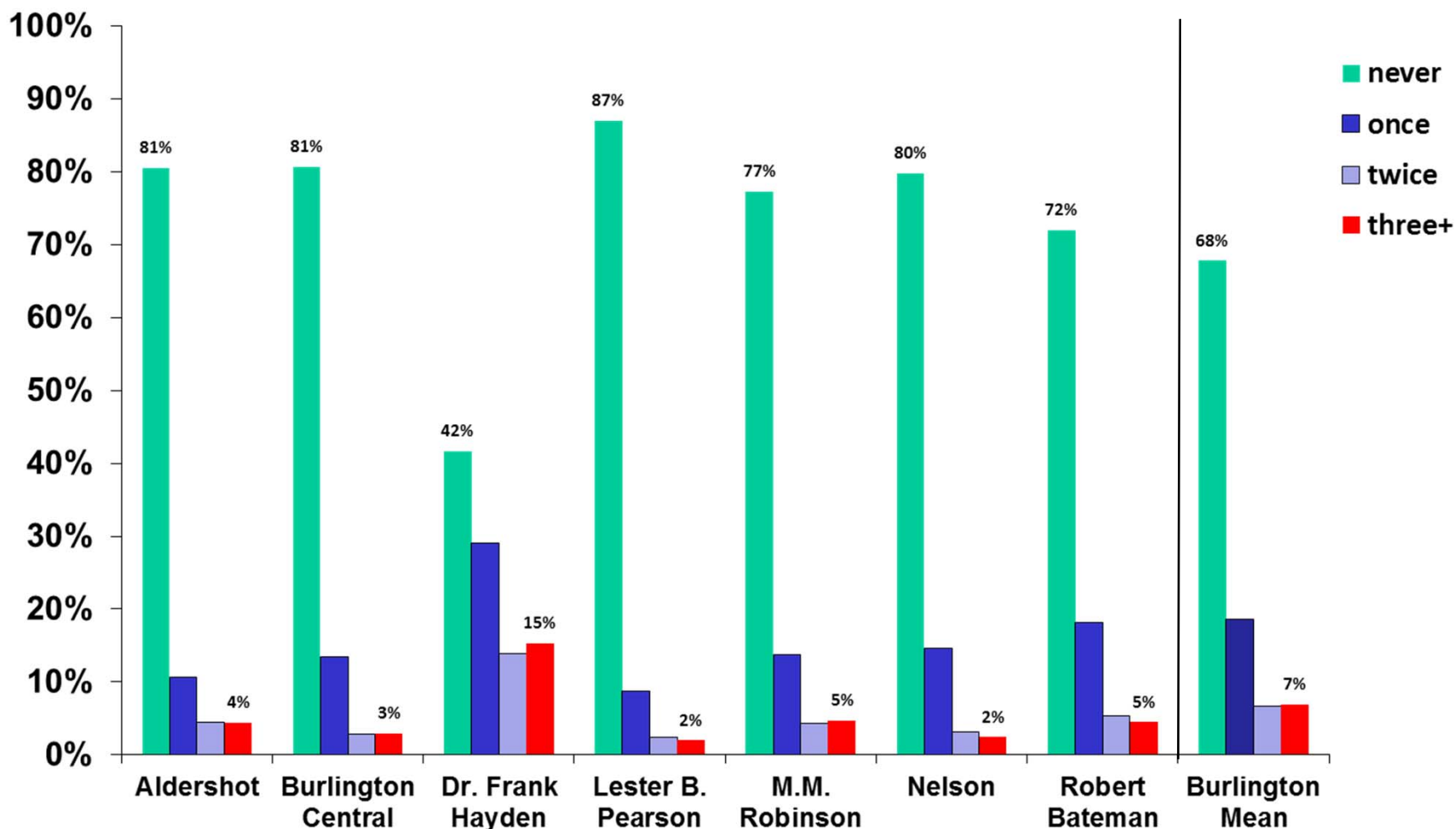
In the past year, about how many times have the following events happened to you? -- **needed a course that was only offered every other year**



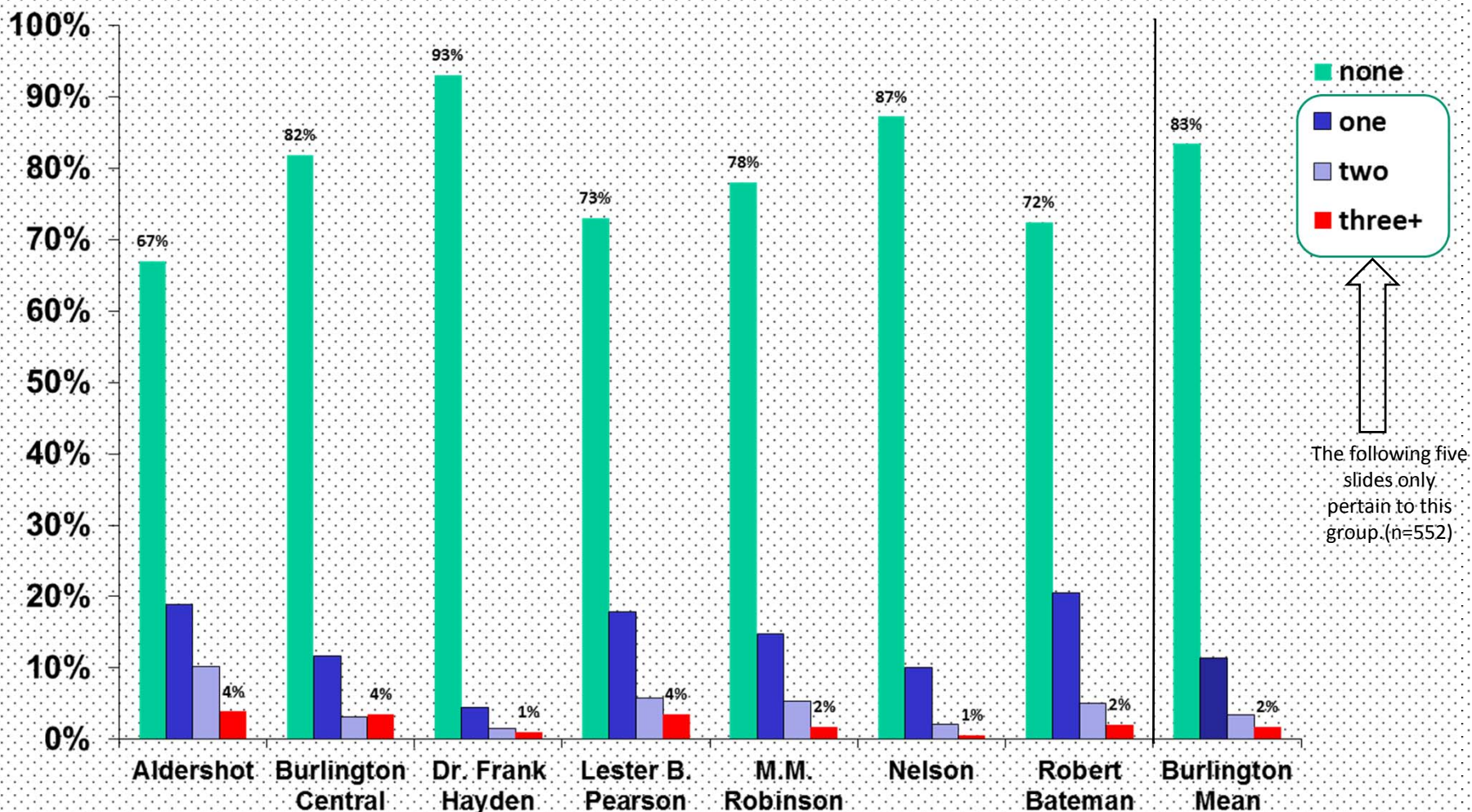
In the past year, about how many times have the following events happened to you? --
taken a course in summer, night or private school because it wasn't offered at my school



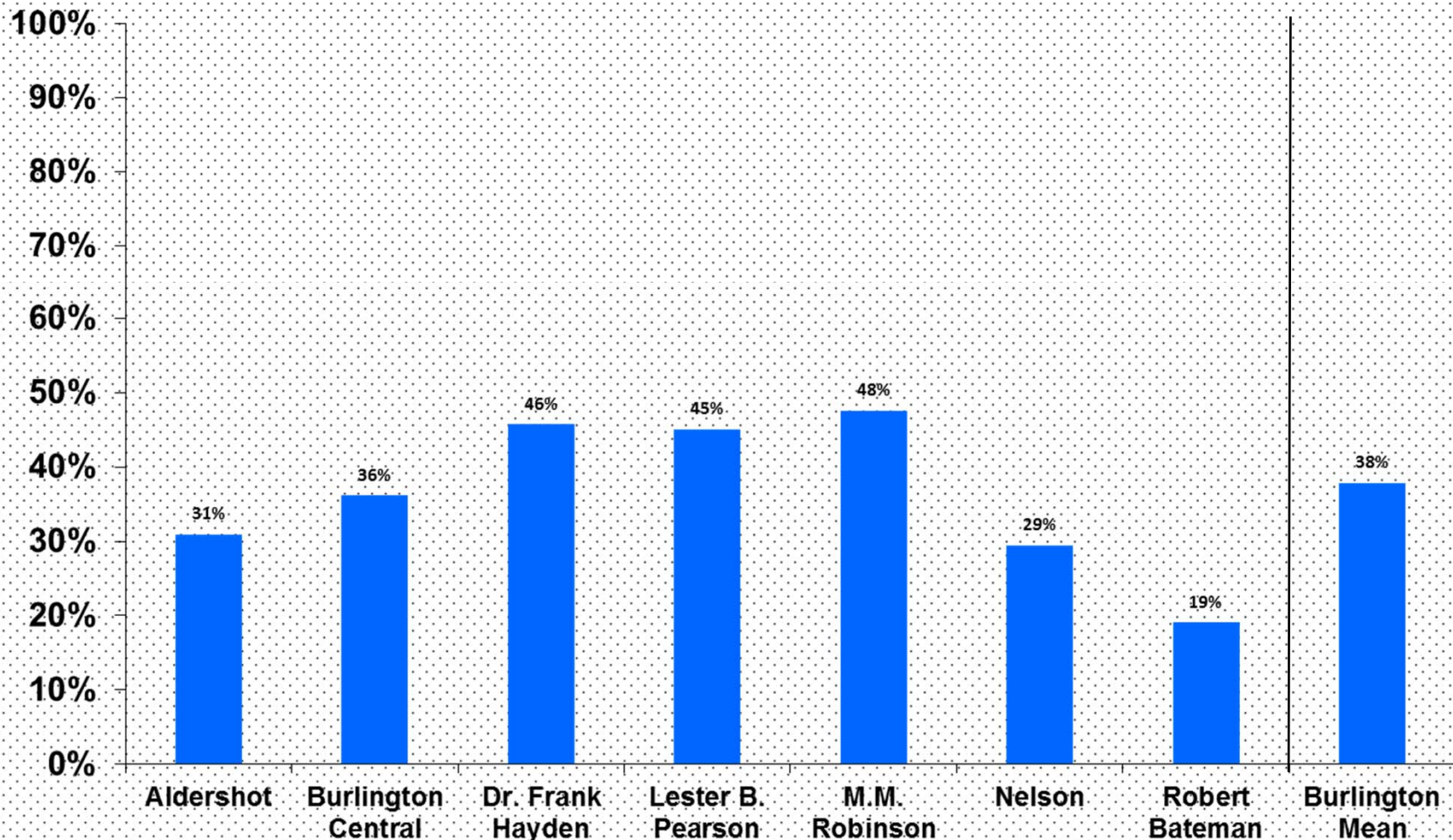
In the past year, about how many times have the following events happened to you? --
had my class in an alternative classroom (e.g. science in a class without a lab or math class in an auto shop etc.)



How many online courses have you taken in the past year (i.e. during semester 2 of 2015-16 and semester 1 of 2016-17)?

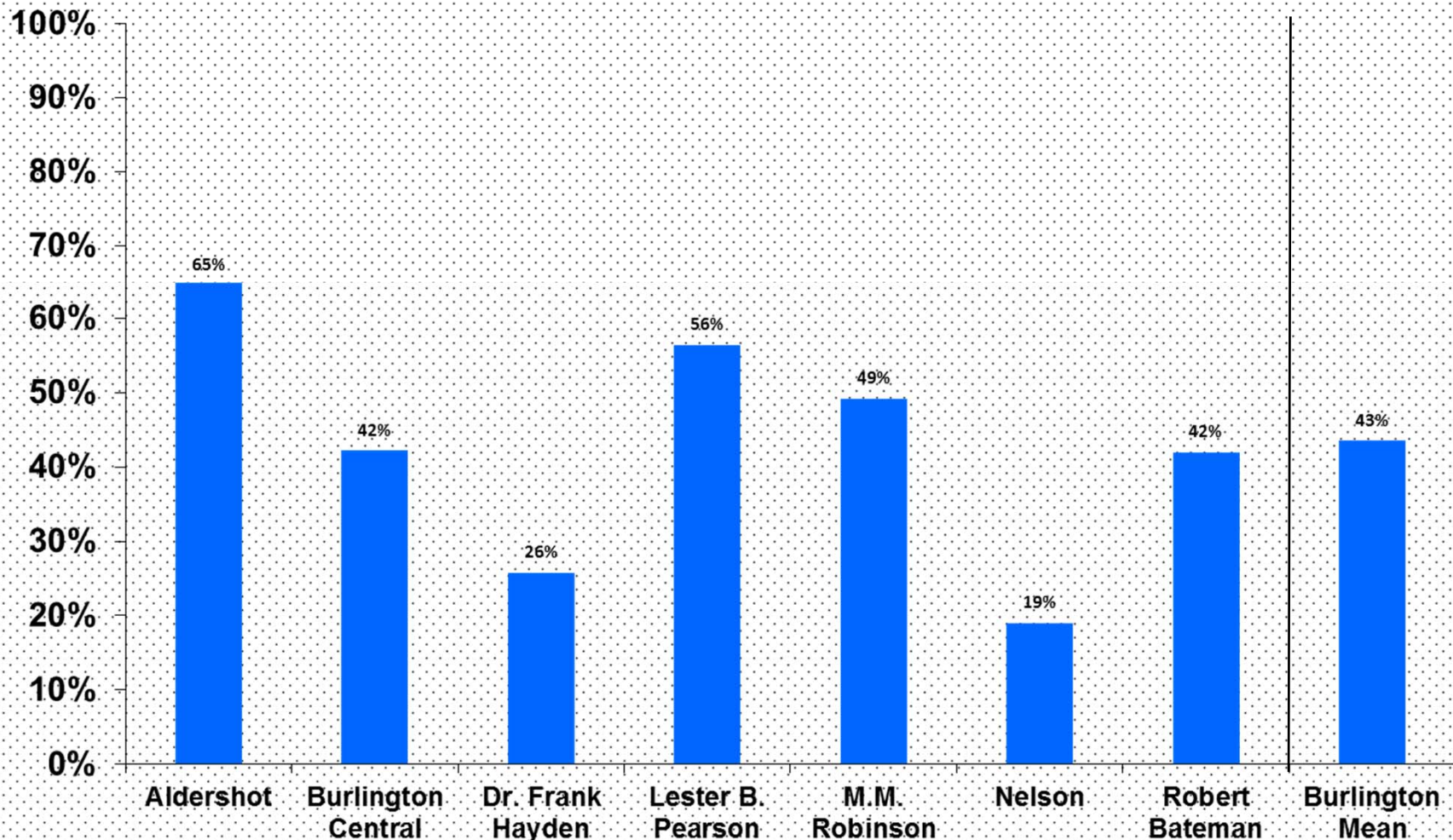


Why did you enroll in an online course (please select all that apply)? – Percent of students within group taking an online course in the past year indicating:
I prefer the online format as a learner (Total n=209)

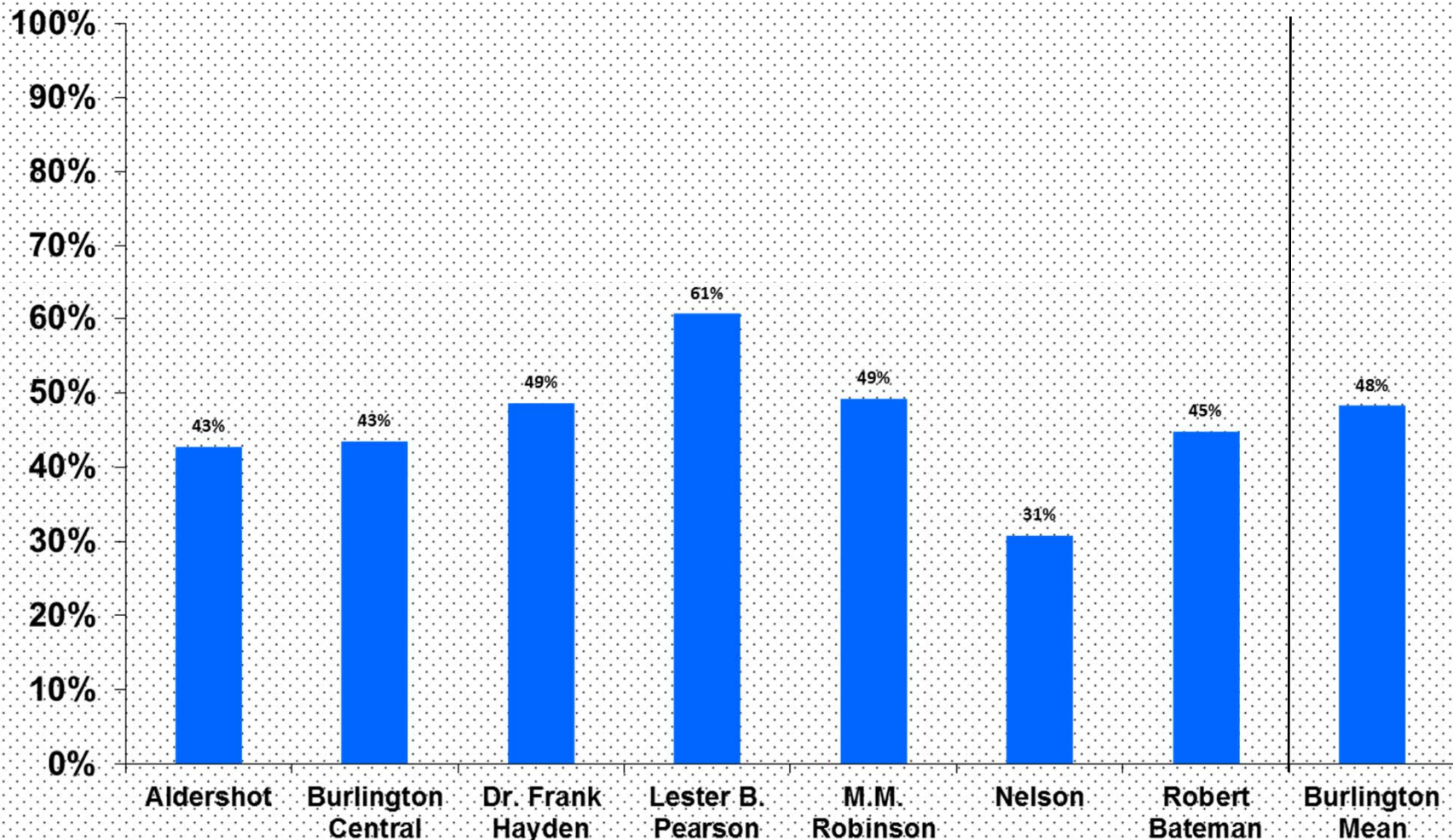


Why did you enroll in an online course (please select all that apply)? – Percent of students within group taking an online course in the past year indicating:

The course I desired was not offered at my school (Total n=240)

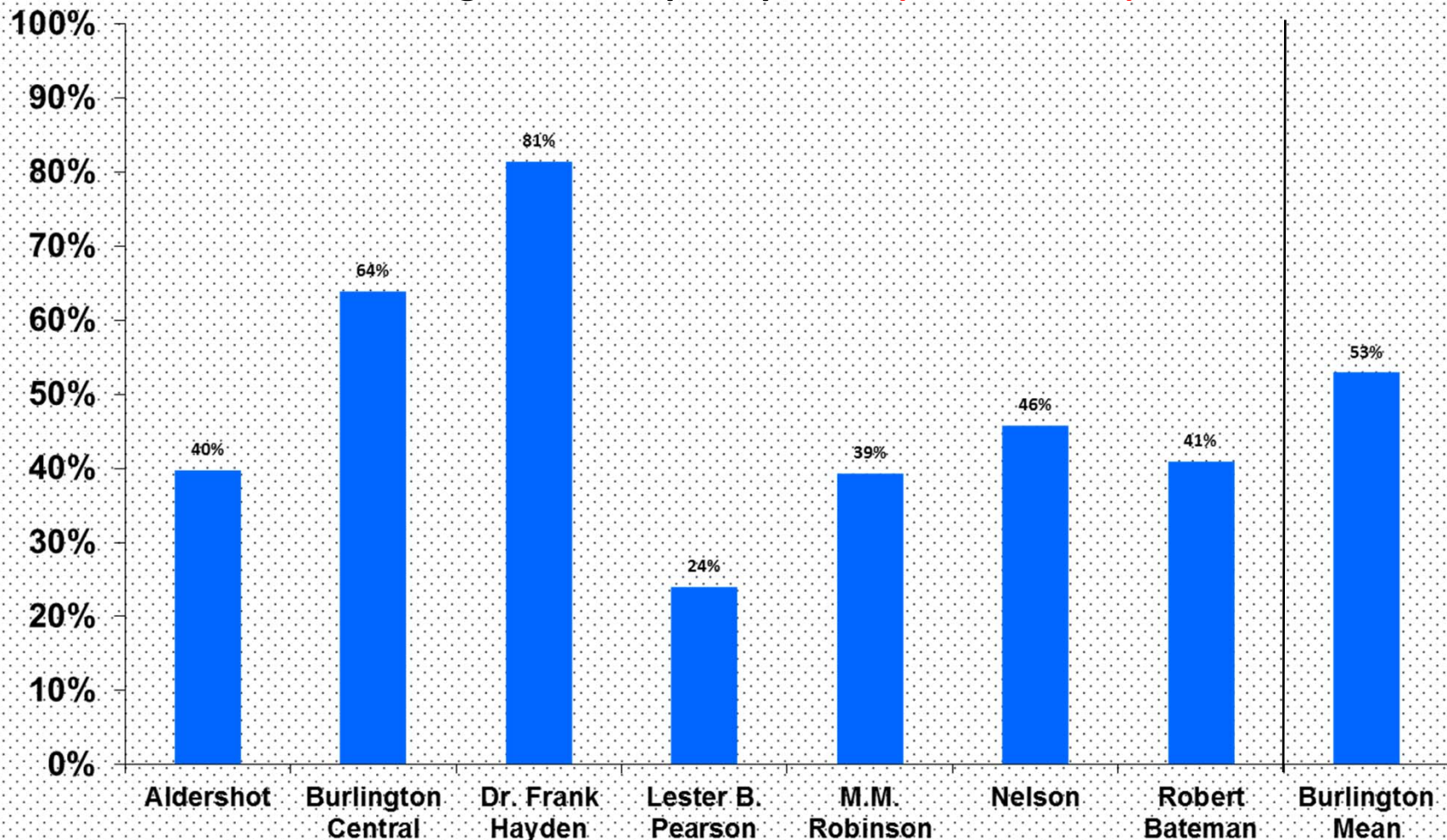


Why did you enroll in an online course (please select all that apply)? – Percent of students within group taking an online course in the past year indicating:
I could not fit the desired course into my schedule (Total n=266)



Why did you enroll in an online course (please select all that apply)? – Percent of students within group taking an online course in the past year indicating:

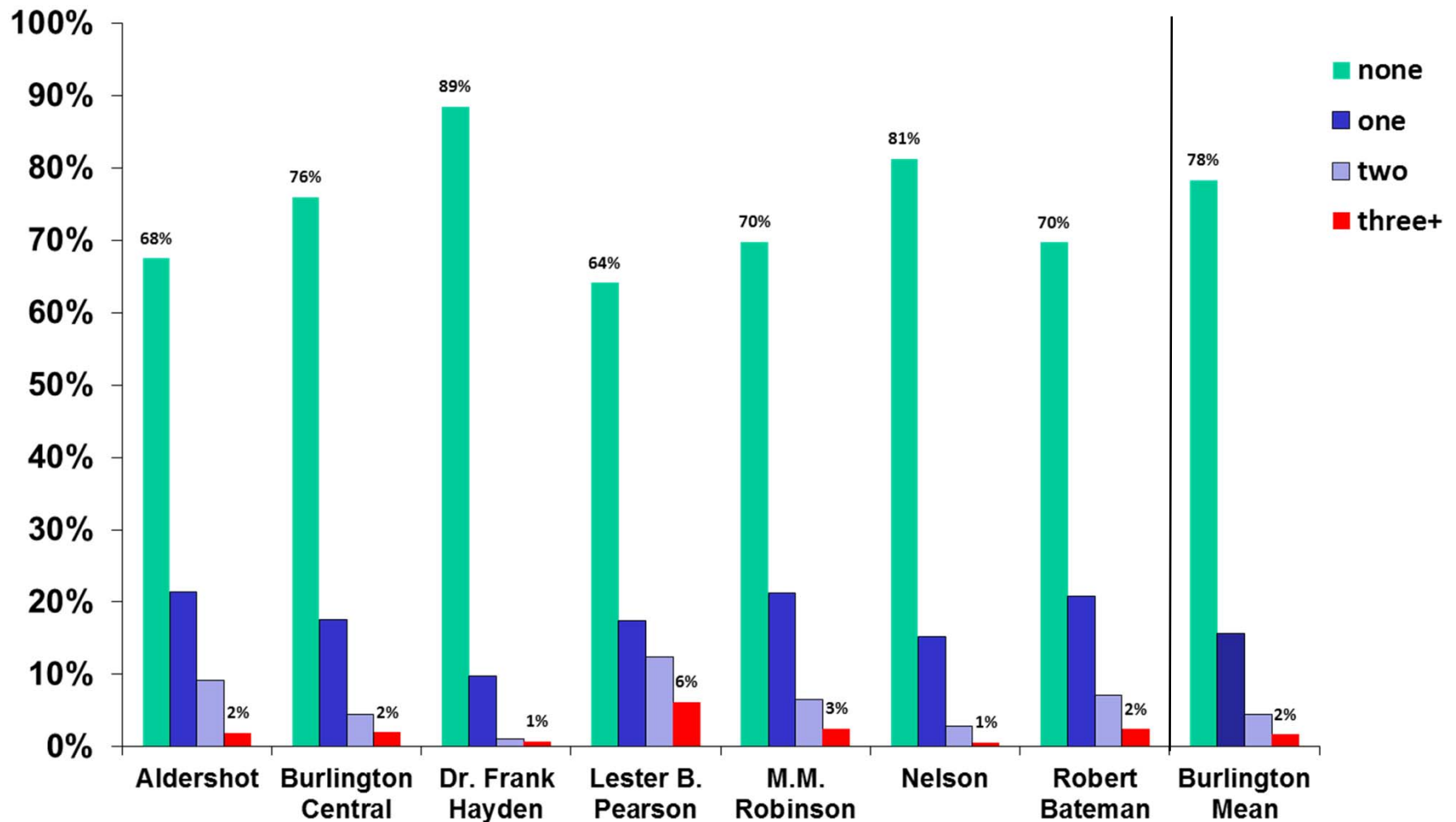
To give me a spare period (Total n=292)



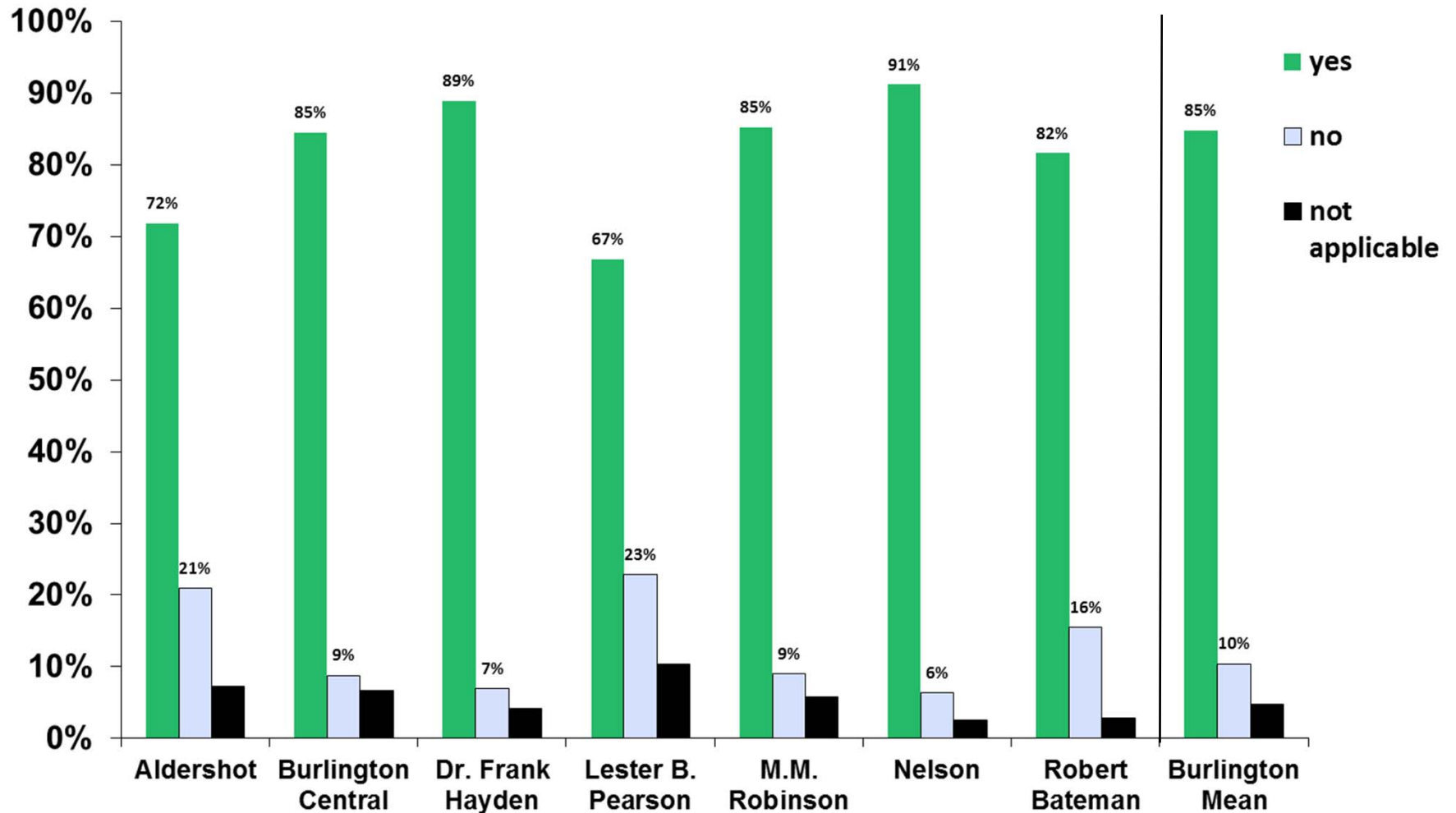
Why did you enroll in an online course (please select all that apply)? – Percent of students within group taking an online course in the past year indicating:
Other reason (please specify)

There wasn't enough students enrolled in the in-class course - To be able to take more cores next year - missed school – [conflict with teacher] - No other choices interested me - To take another course in its place by my own choice - I dropped out of a course and picked up an online - To take grade 11 math - There was a conflict with my French immersion course so I had to take it online instead of in class - As a new experience - Wanted to see how I worked independently and with an online course. New experience also many of my friends said they liked online courses last year so I thought I would give one a try - To get it over with - Want to take other courses and this was I could take online to open a spare in my schedule - Group 1 requirement - so i can get ahead - To have an extra period for biology – Try it – summer course - I wanted to try an online course to gain more learning skills like organization, self regulation etc. I also thought the course sounded extremely cool and was very targeted to my passions - Rough relationship with teachers teaching that specific subject at my school - failed a course and needed a credit - To get my remaining credit – I'm in French immersion so i don't want to have to change schools in grade 11, so I plan on taking an online French course - Because I wanted to be able to take 4 electives in grade 10 so I did civics during summer – wanted self-paced learning – Independence - I'm a part time student so I needed to take an online course - To make up for a missing credit – sports – class too full – extra credit - [to accommodate other obligations i.e. dance] [~50%]

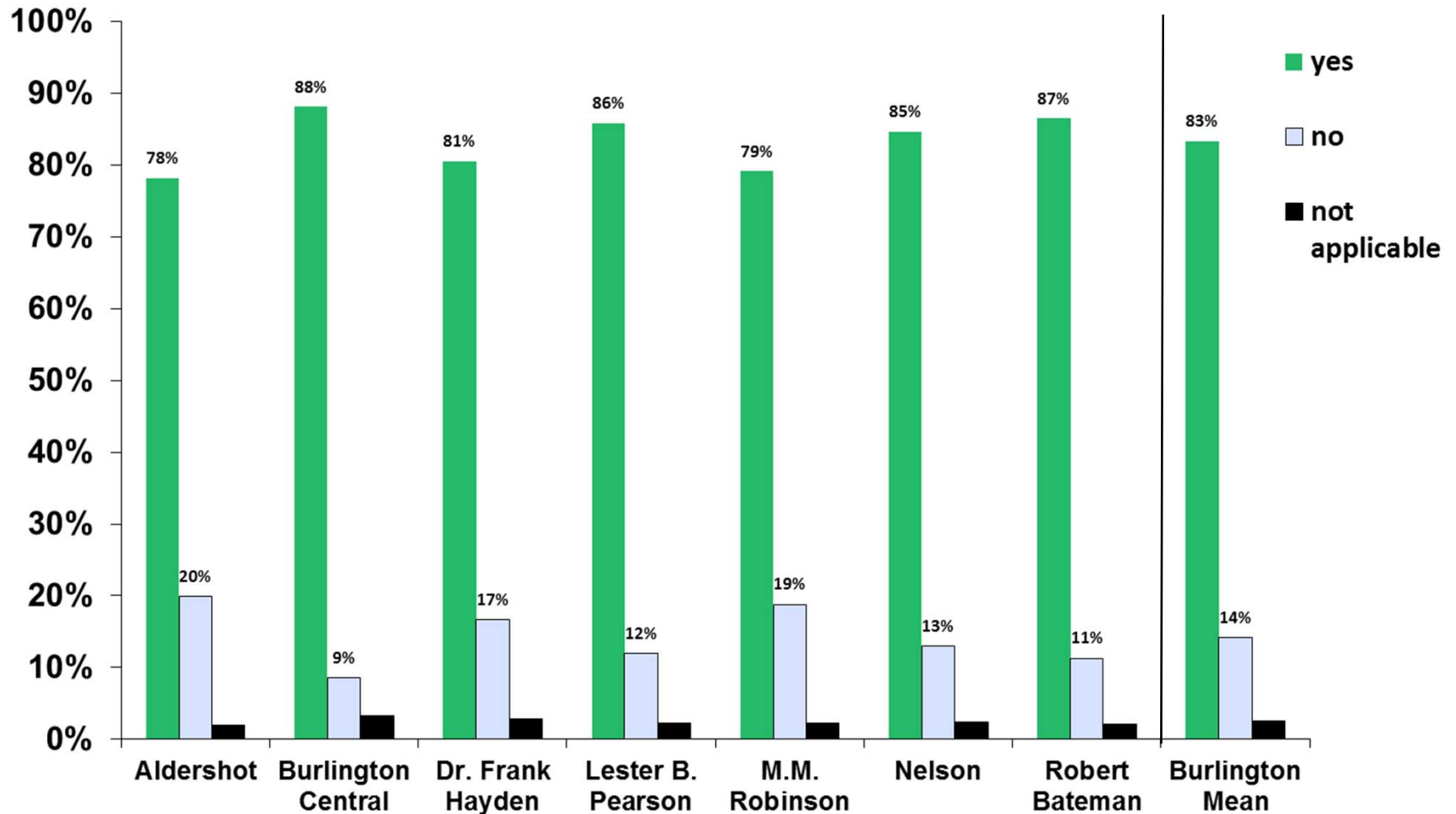
How many online courses will you take this year (2016-17)?



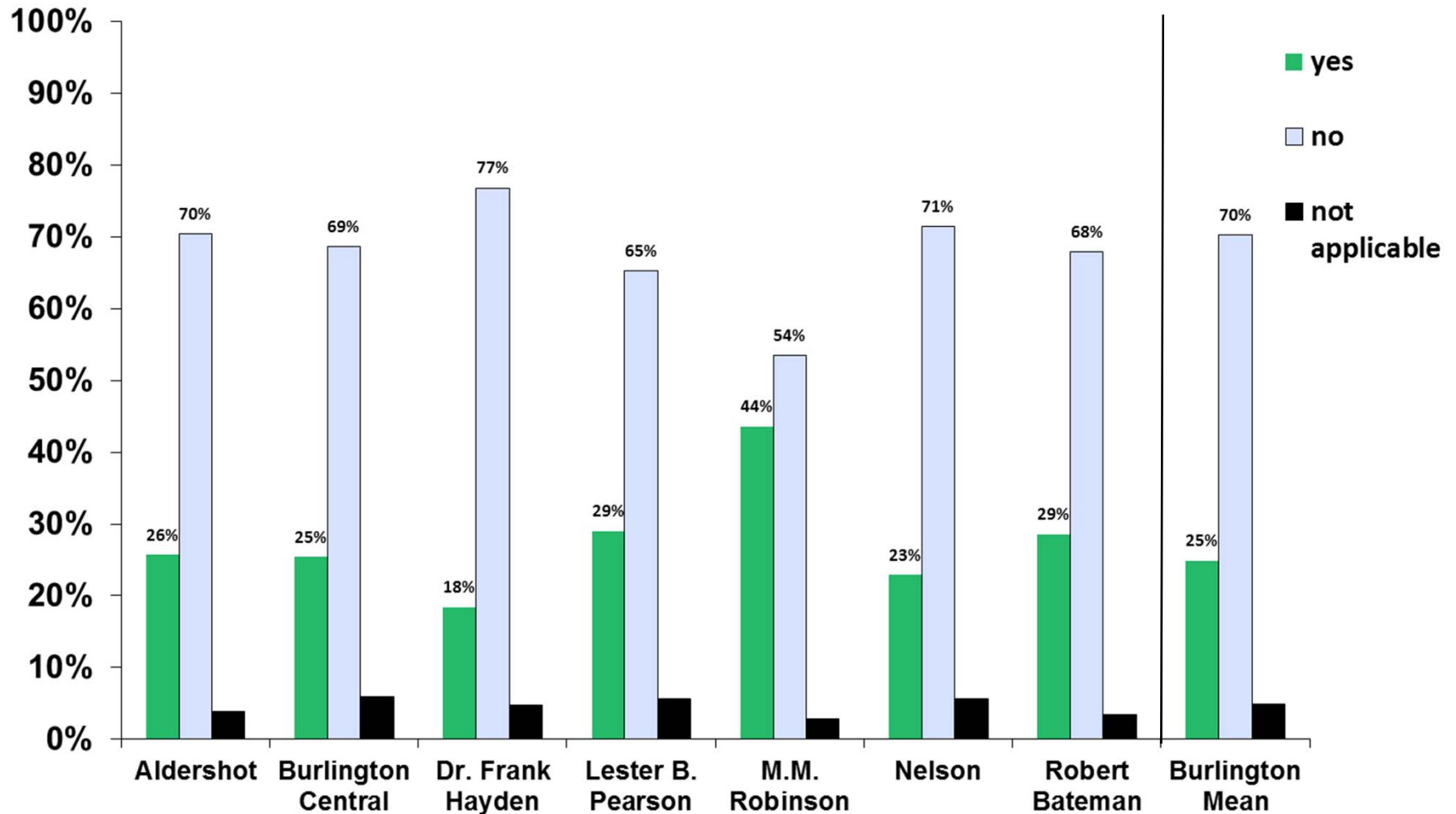
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
 -- **My school has a variety of courses that satisfy my pathway requirements.**



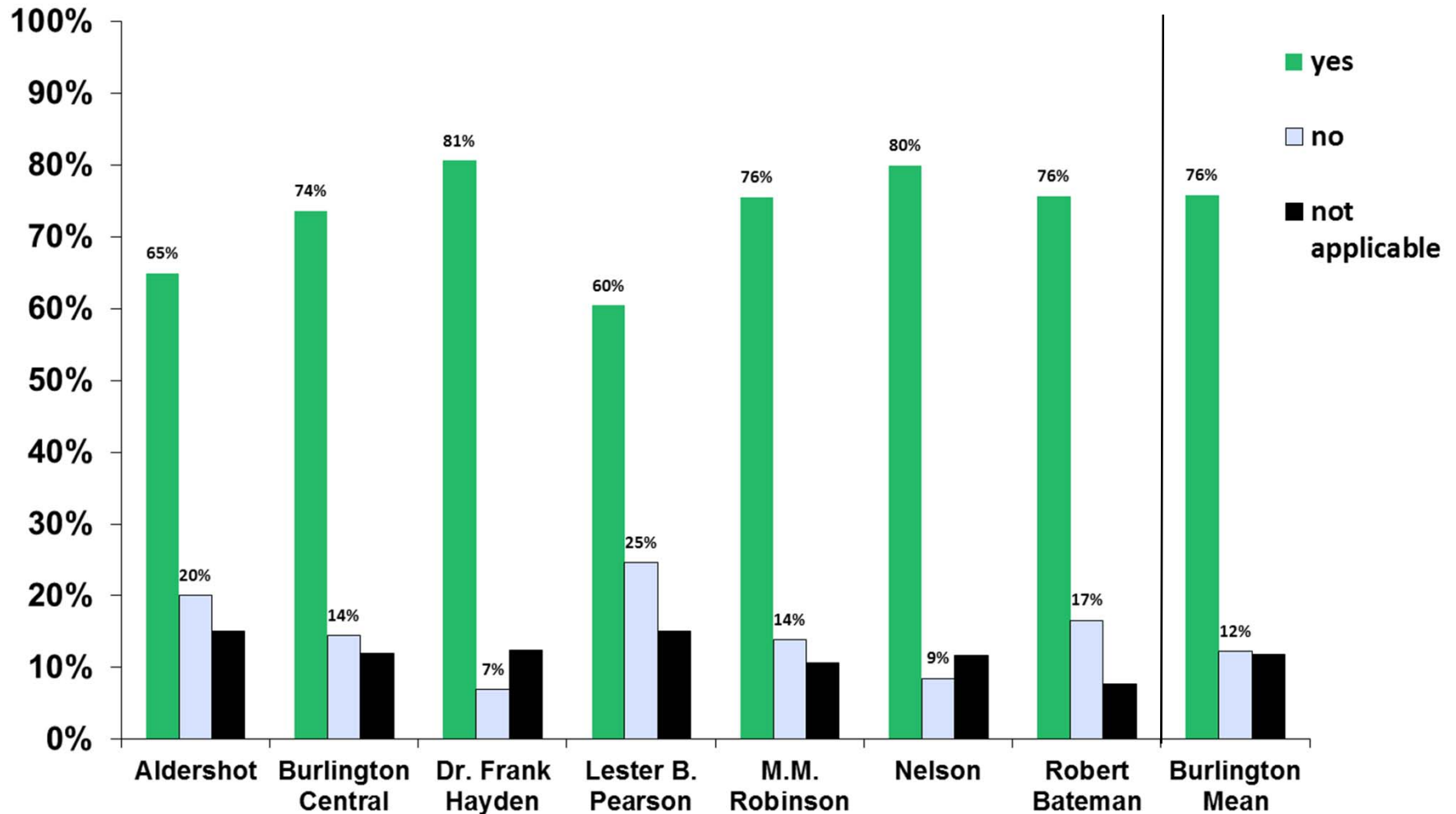
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
 -- **My classes are a good size for my learning (e.g., not too many or too few students).**



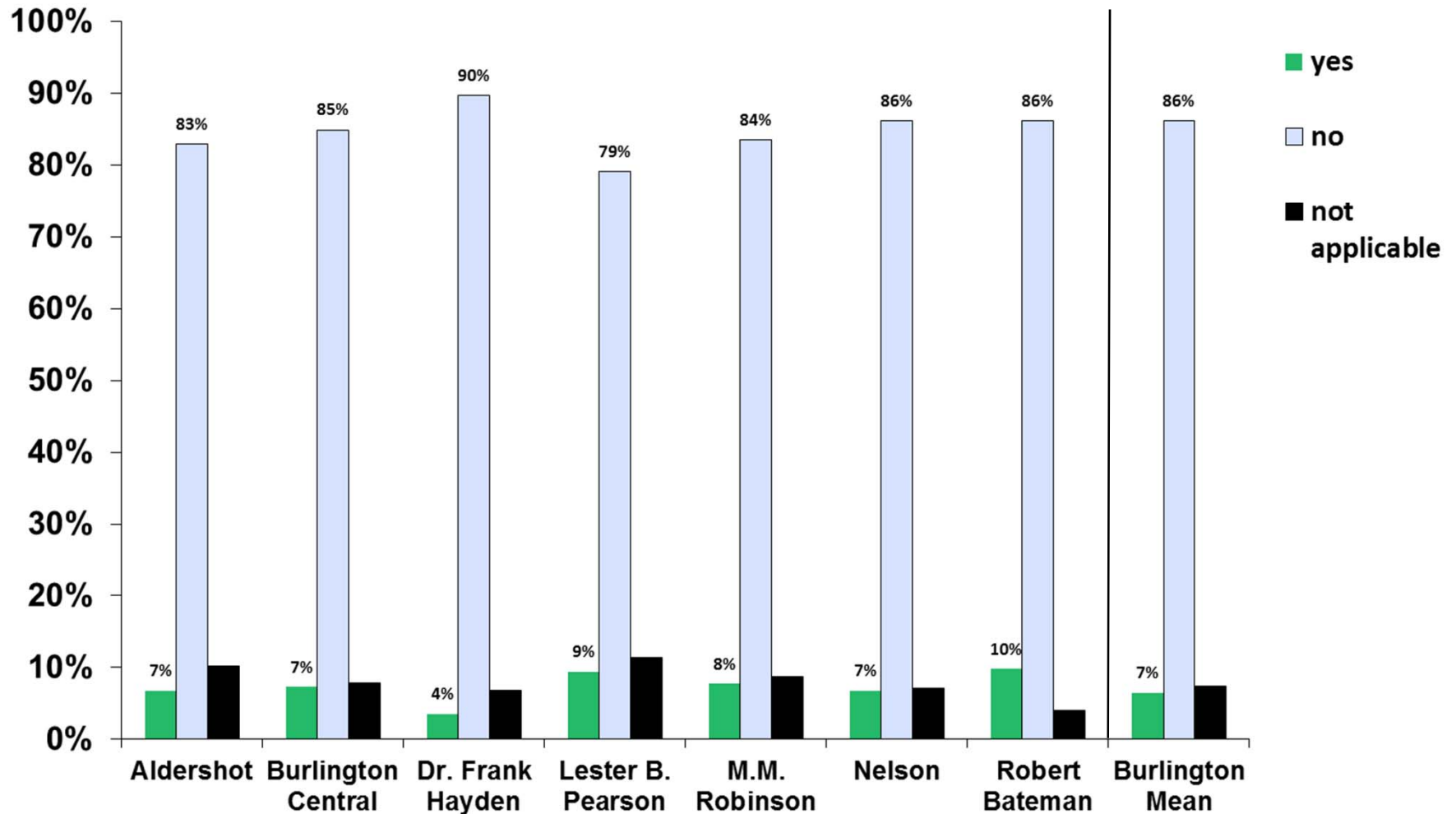
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
-- I have taken courses I didn't want to because there were no spaces available in other courses



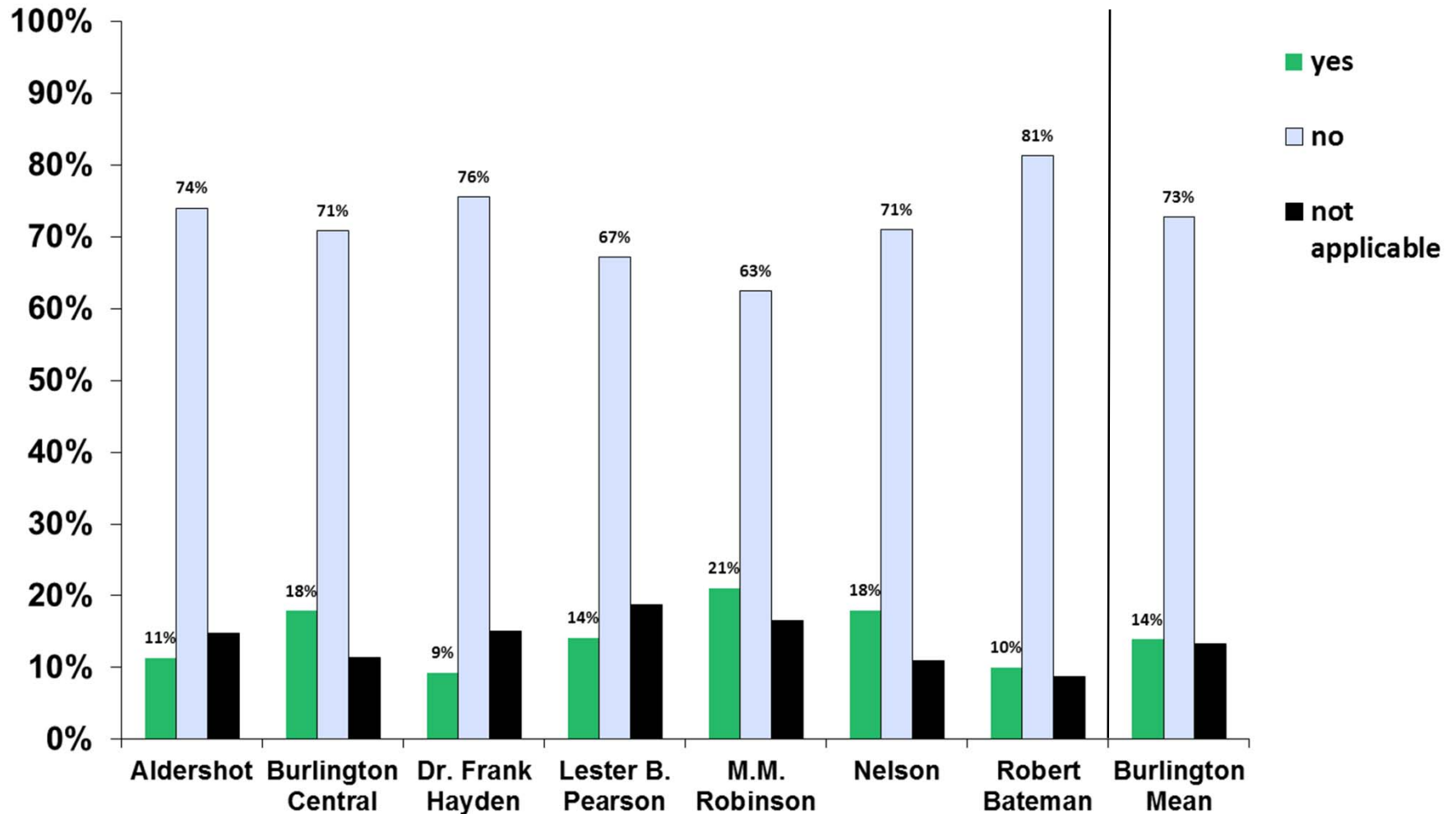
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
-- The courses that I need for my post secondary plans are offered by my school every year.



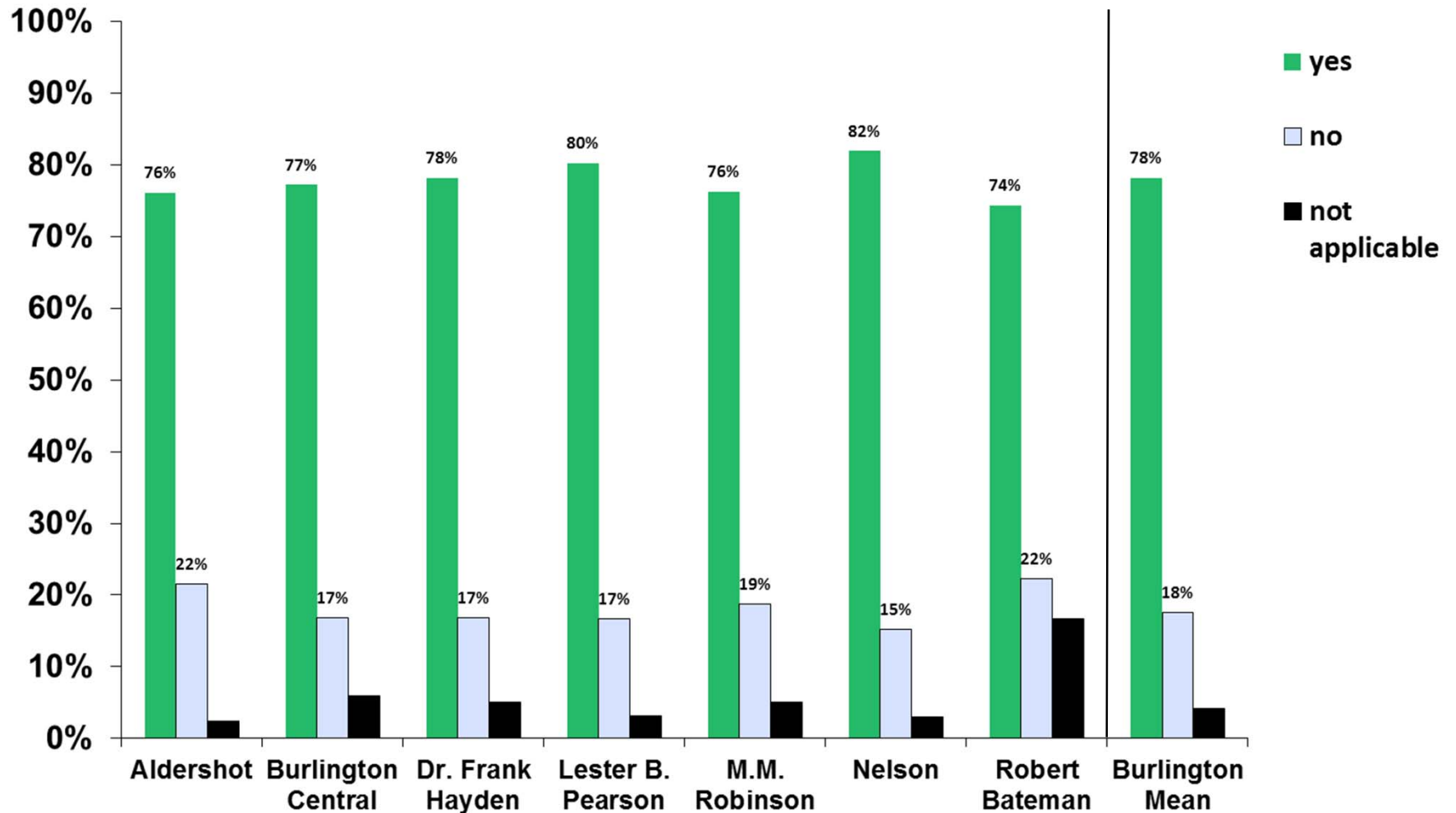
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
-- I have switched my post secondary pathway plan because the courses I require are not offered at my school.



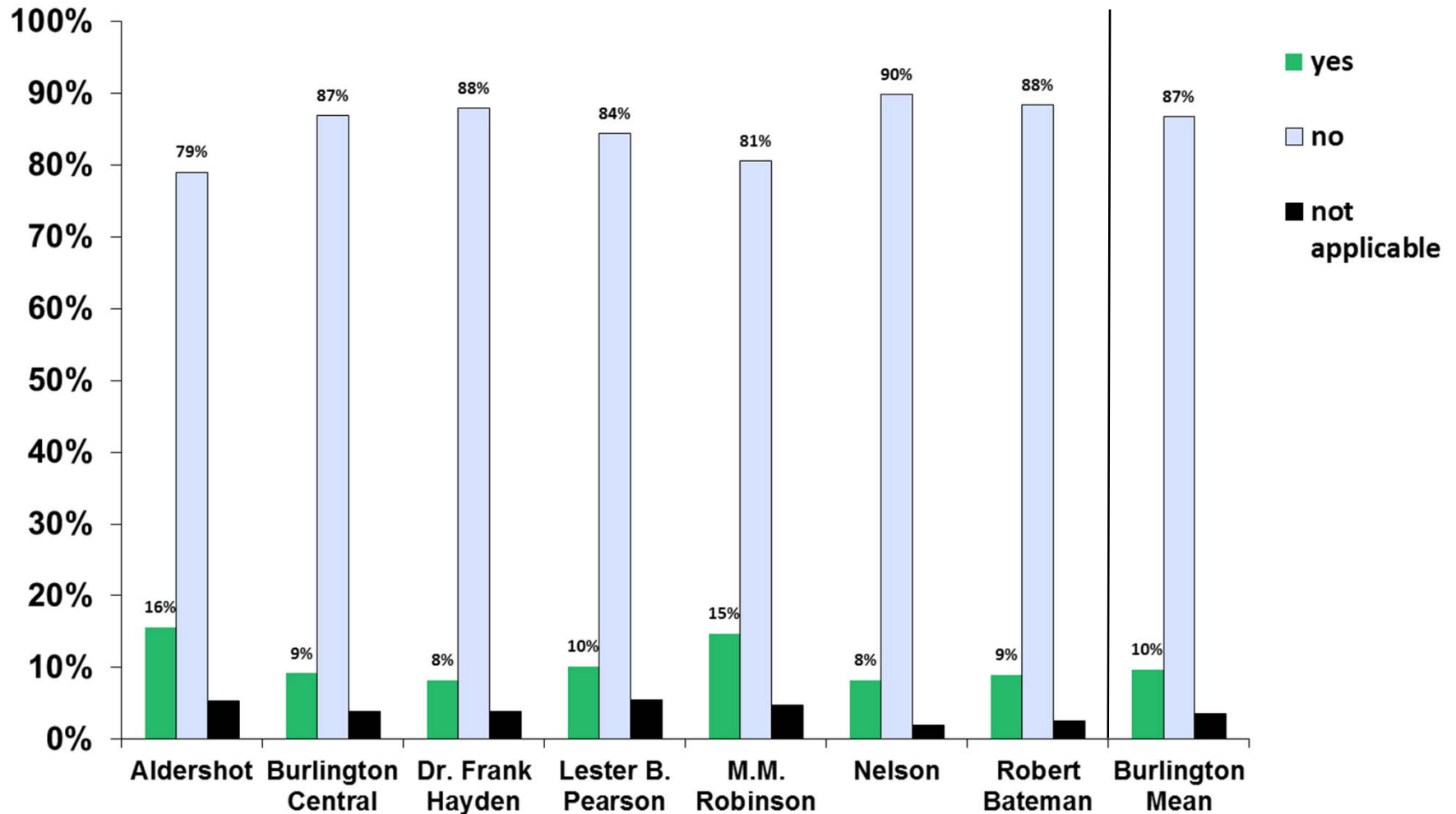
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
 -- I have returned or may need to return for a fifth year so I meet my post secondary requirements.



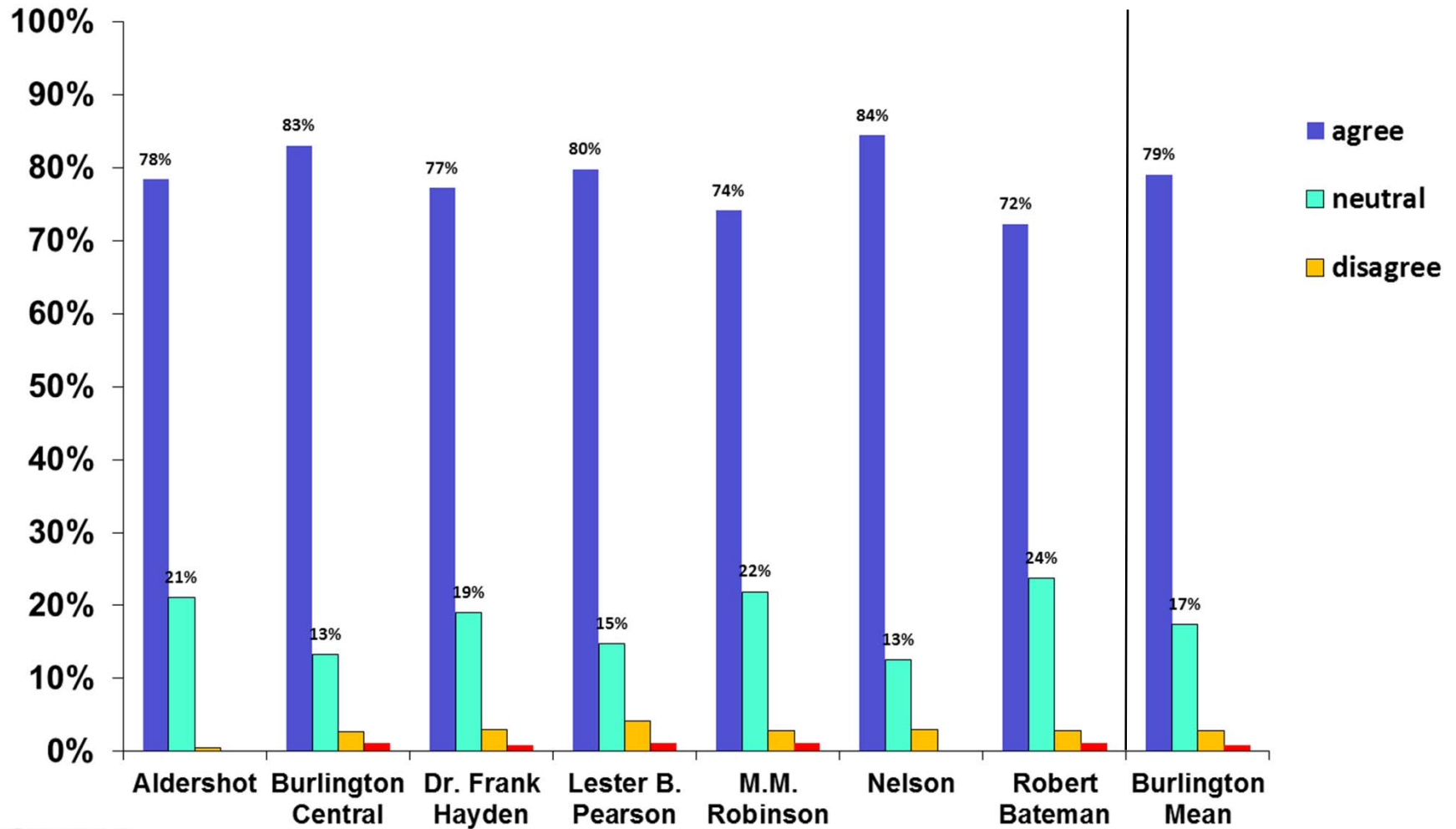
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
-- There are sports or clubs that meet my interests



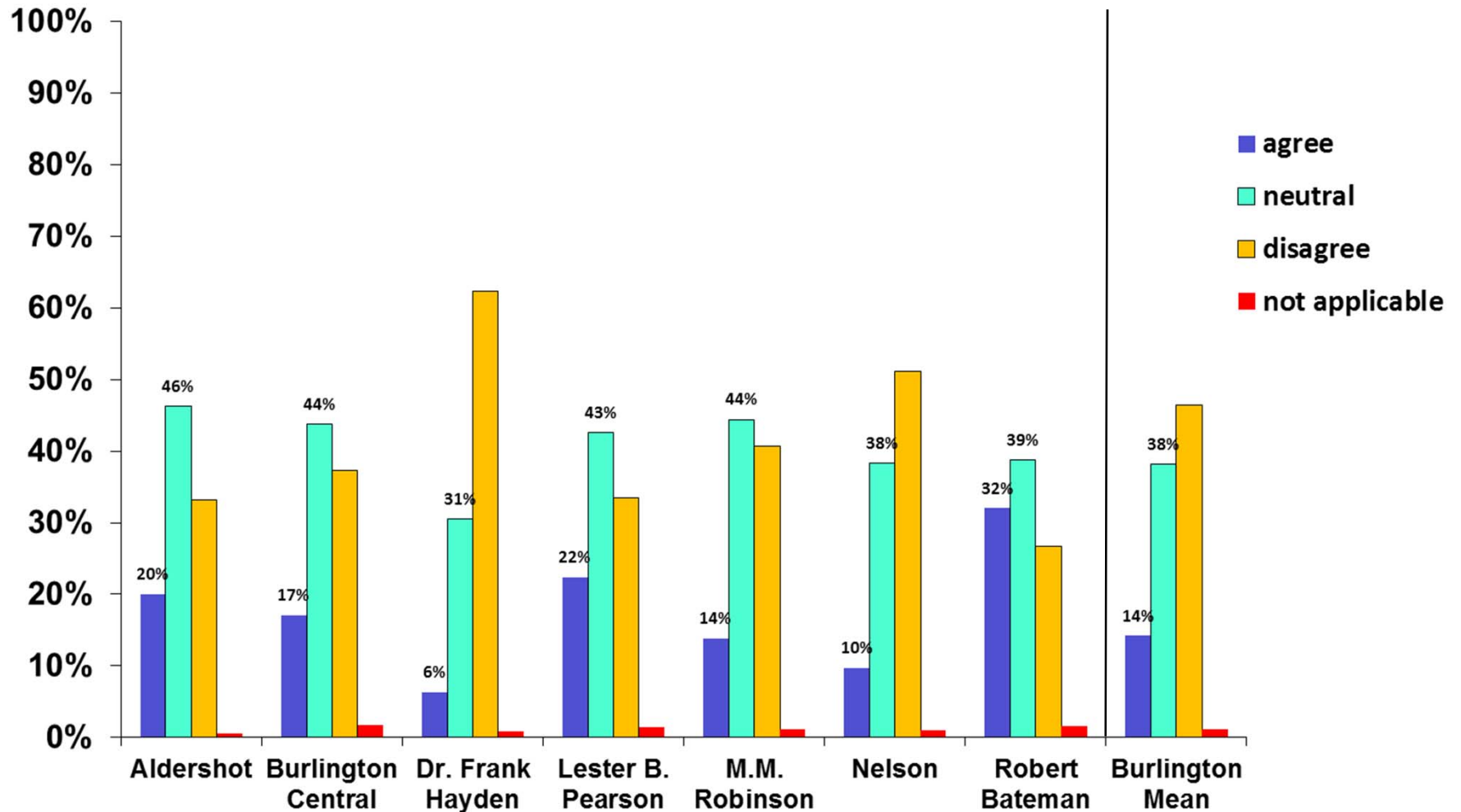
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
 -- I have gone to another school to participate in a sport/club (e.g., football, rugby, band).



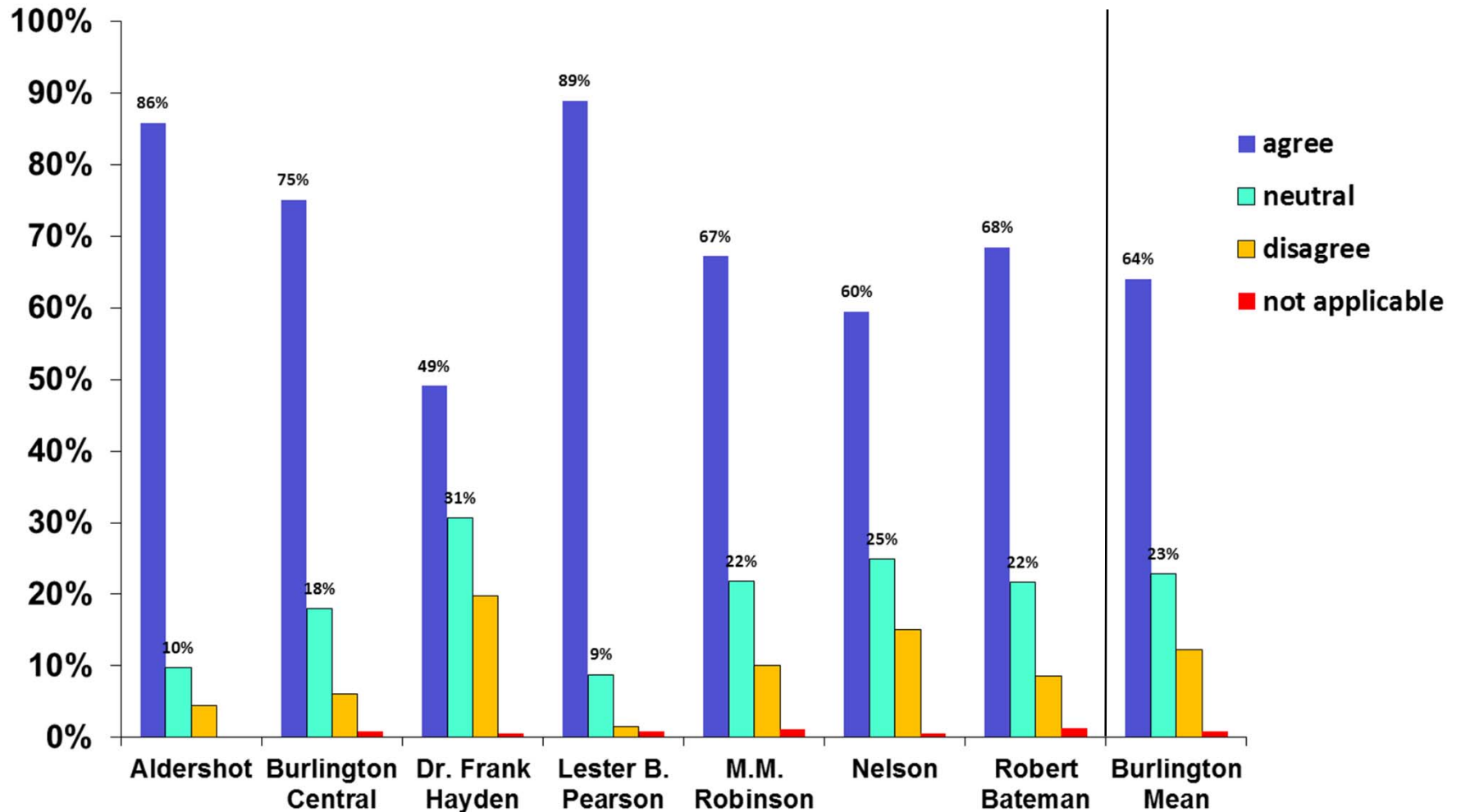
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
-- I am able to get extra help when I need it.



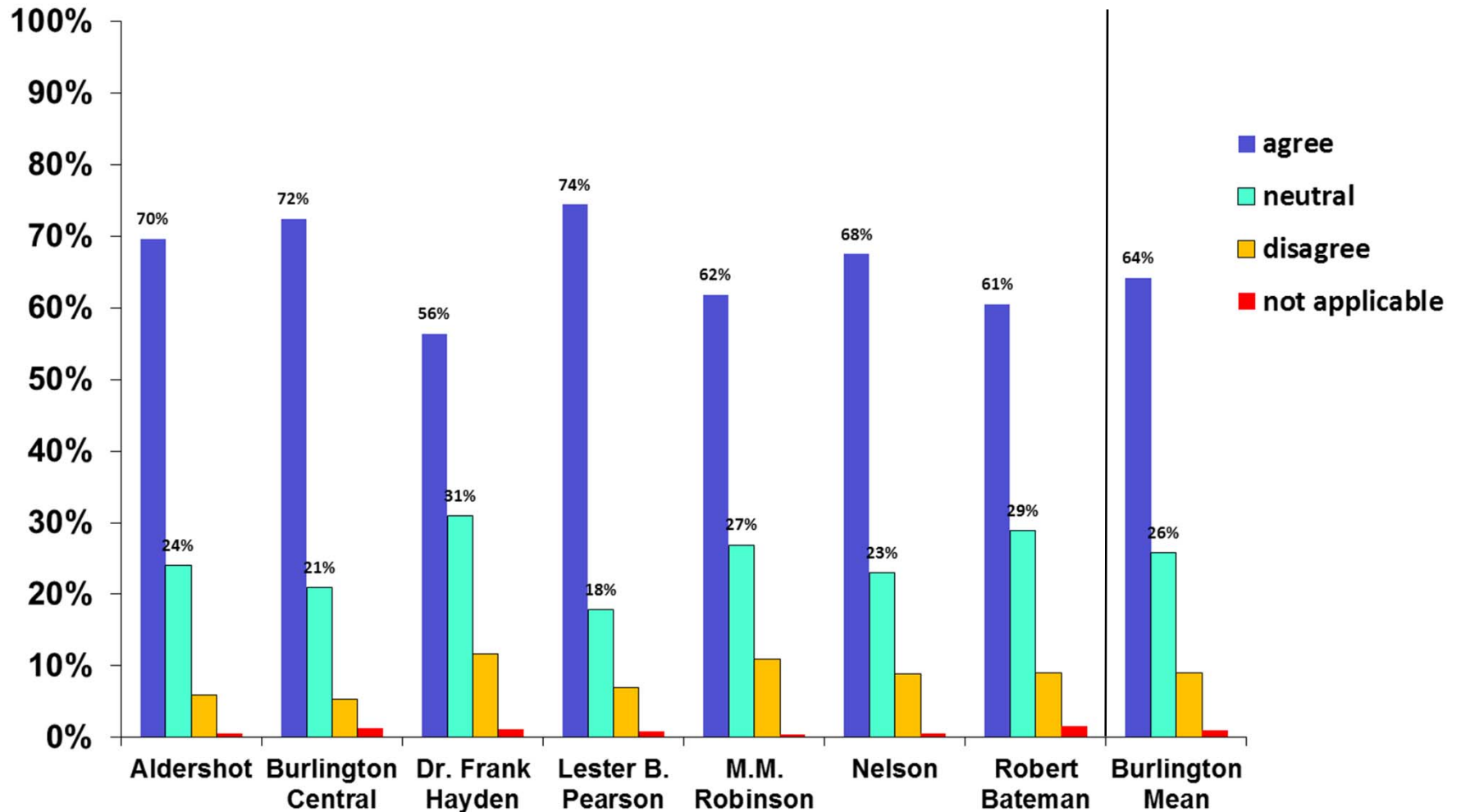
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
 -- I have the same students in all my of classes.



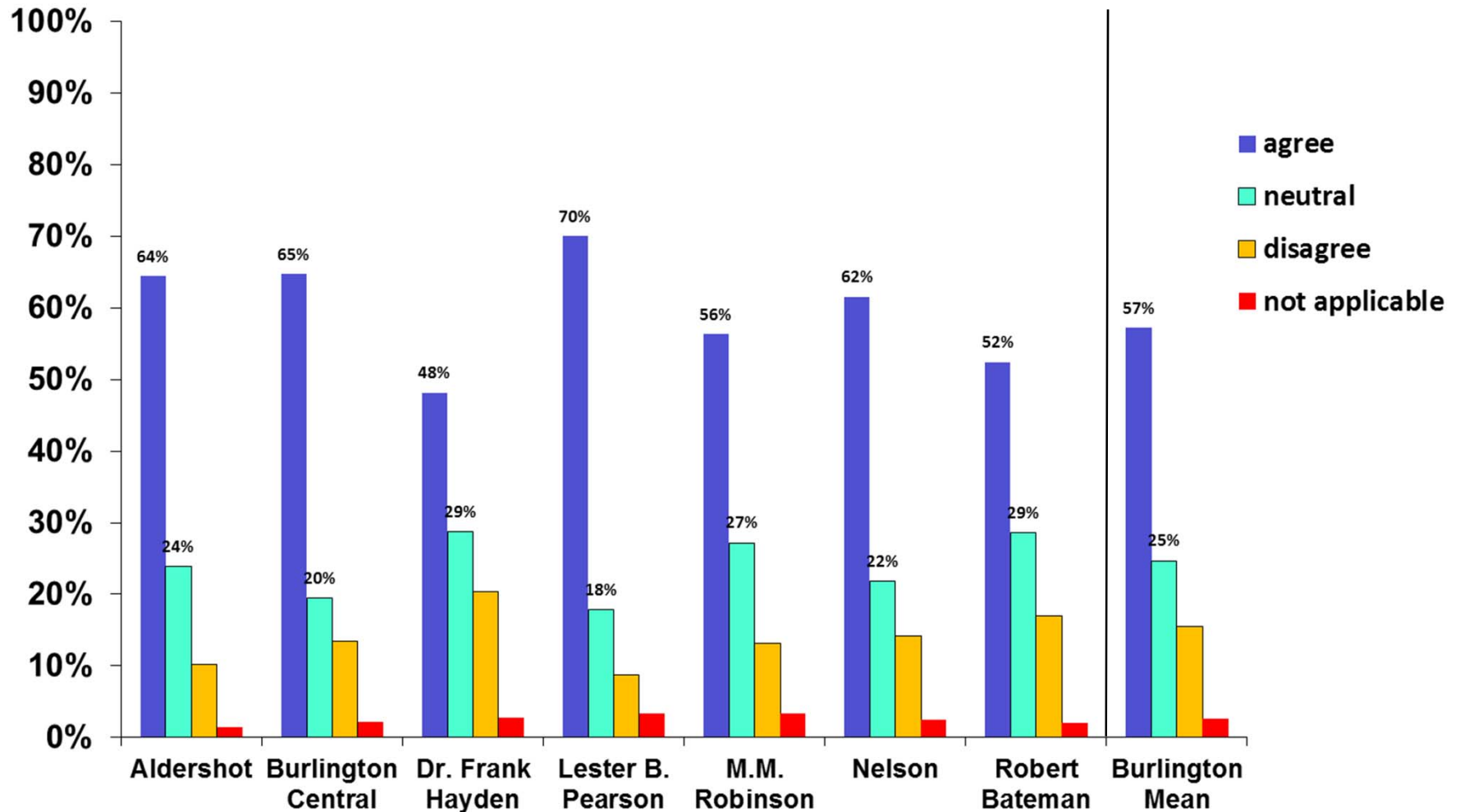
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
-- I know most of the students in my grade.



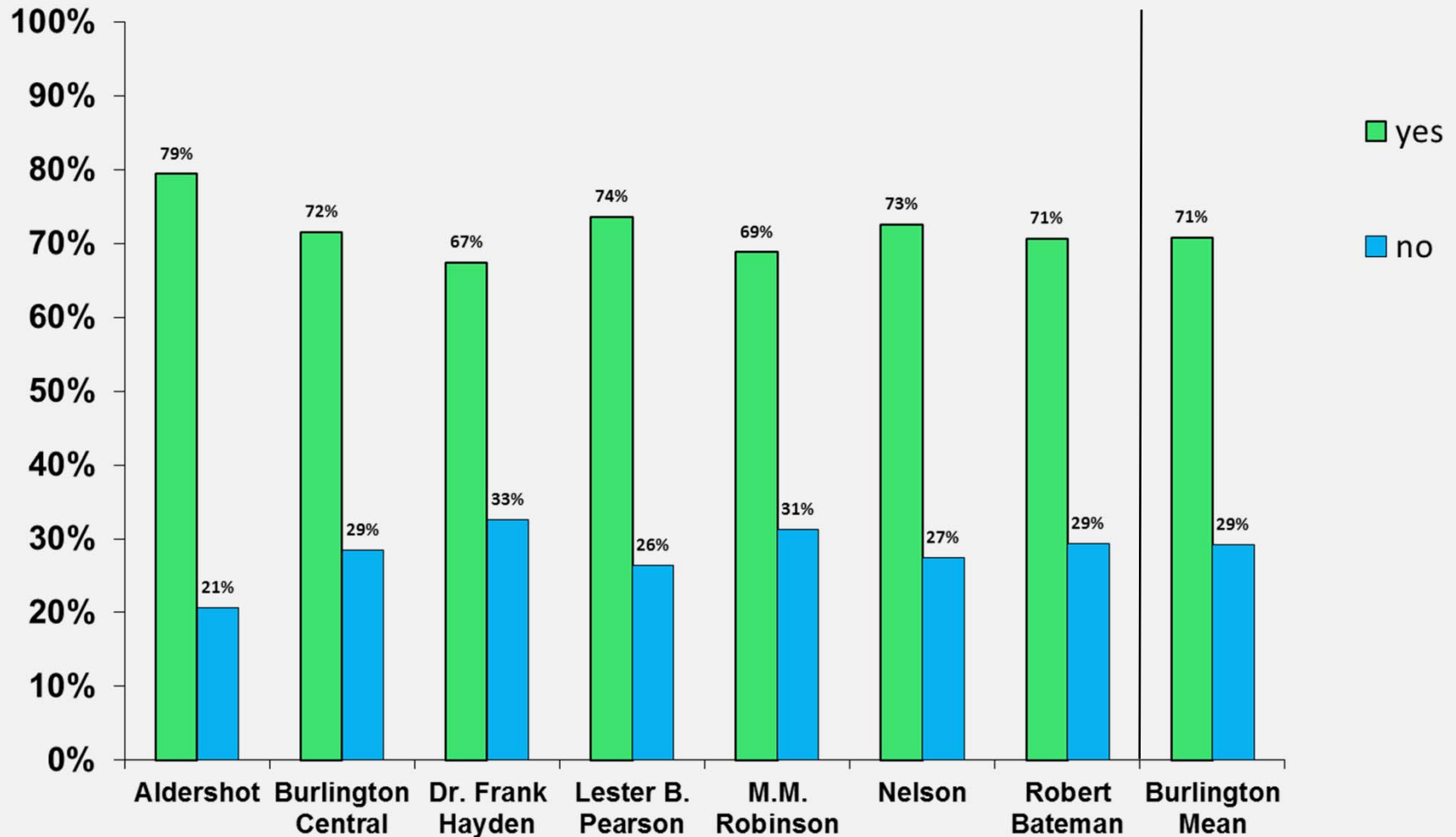
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
 -- **My teachers know something about me (e.g., my interests, strengths, how I learn best, etc.)**



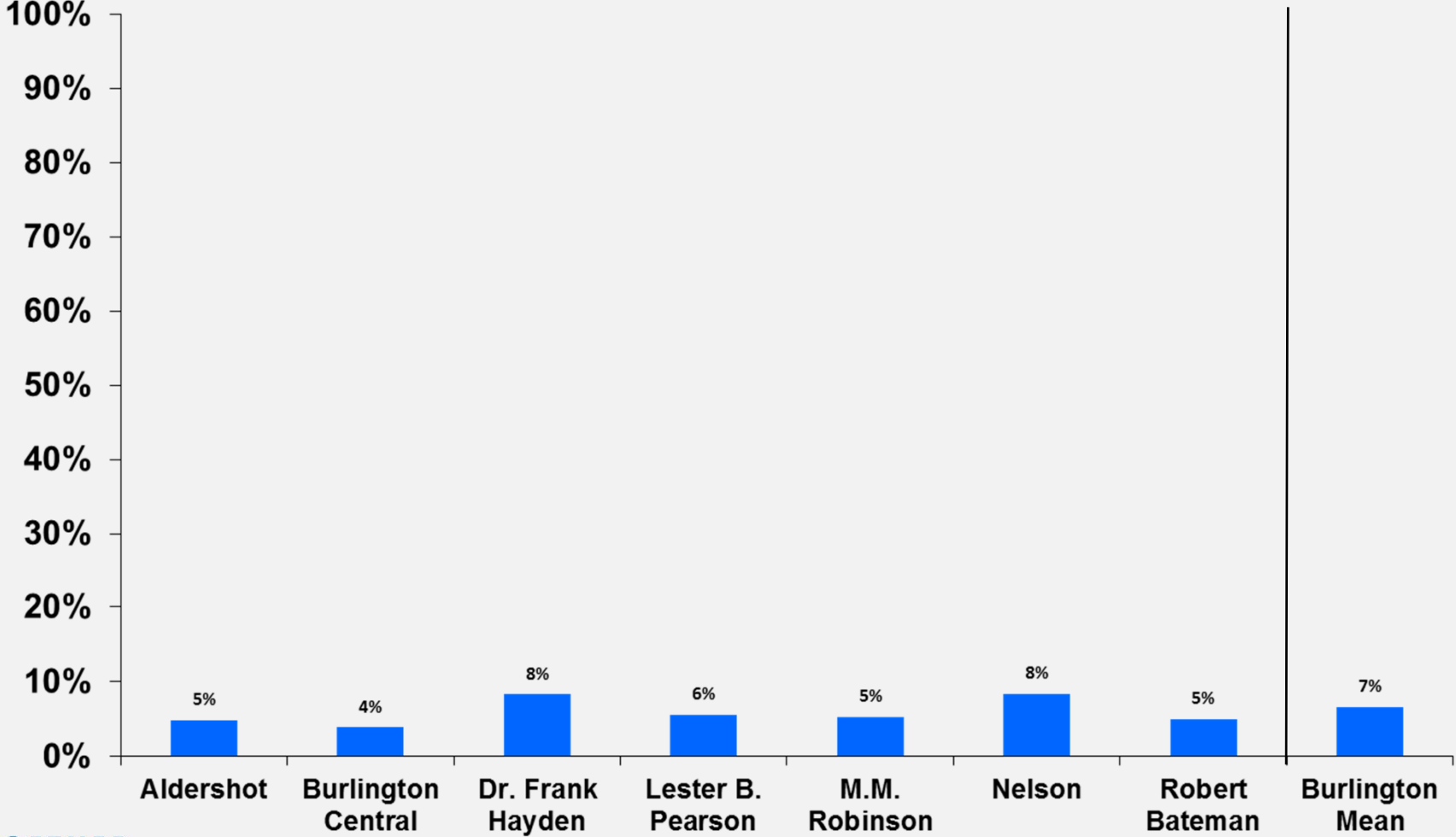
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
 -- I have an adult (e.g., guidance counsellor, teacher, educational assistant, etc.) at the school that I can connect with.



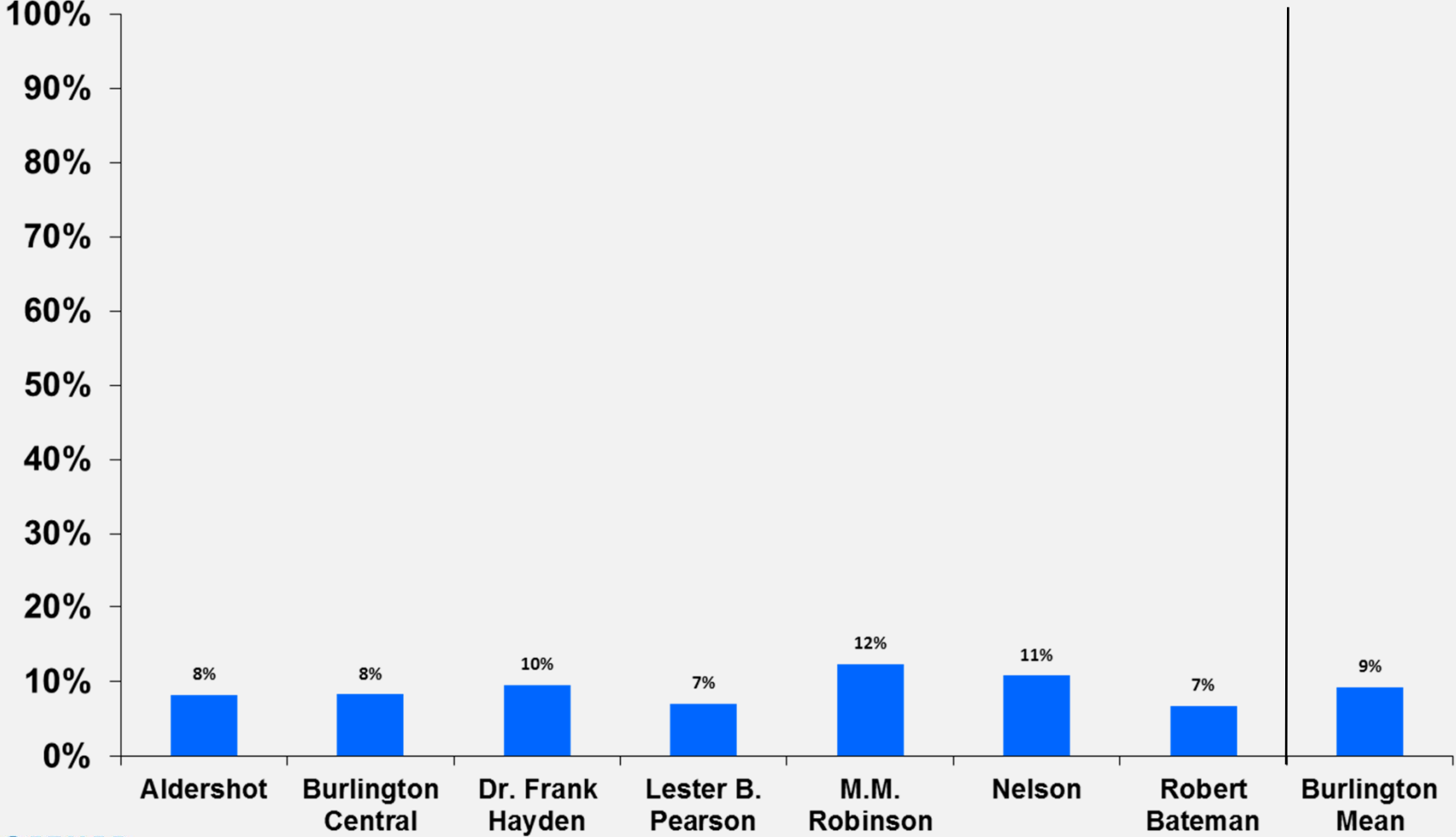
In the past year, have you participated in an extracurricular activity at school (e.g. sports team, band, musical, etc.)?



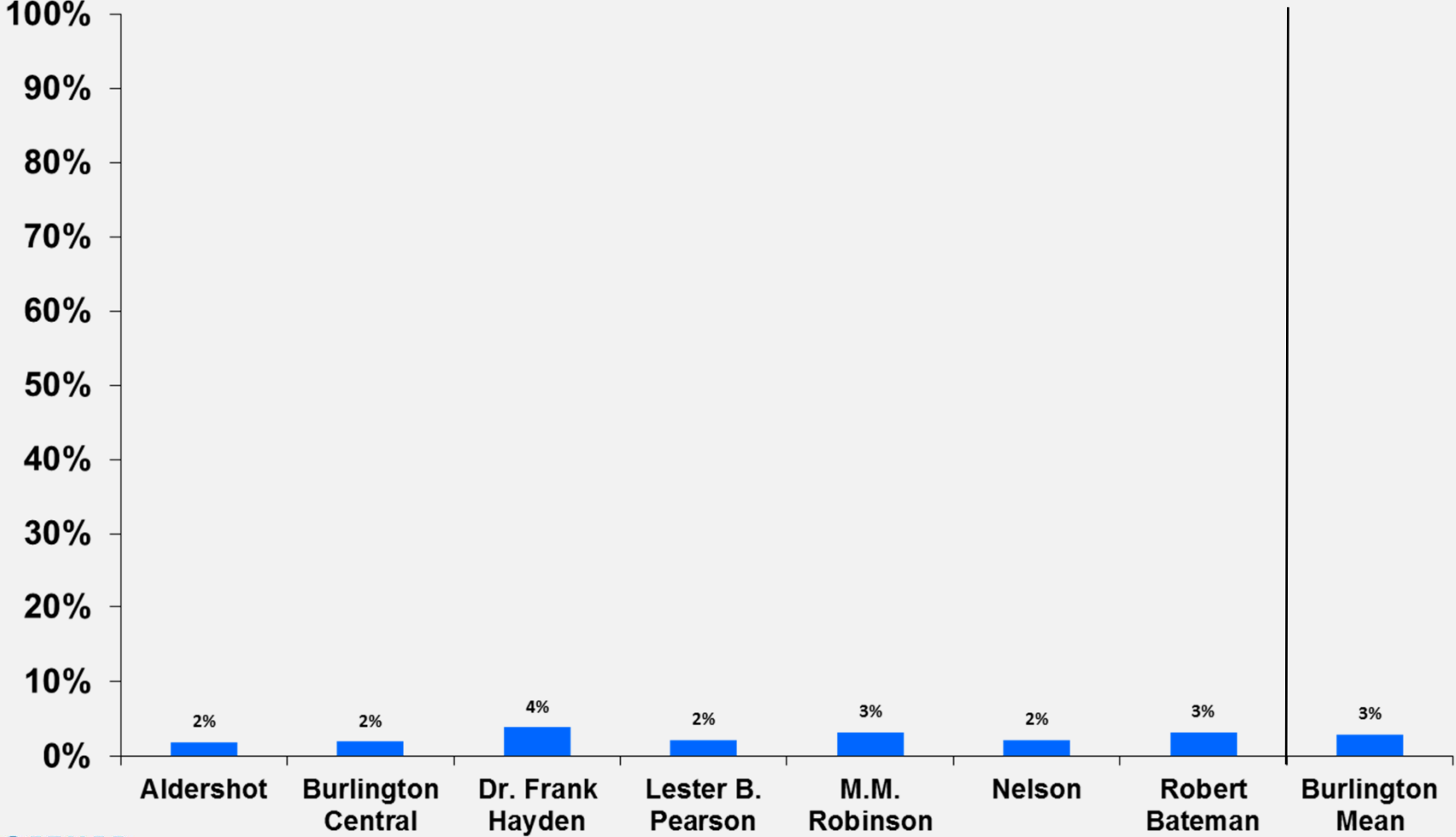
The reason I have not participated in an extracurricular activities at school is (select all that apply): -- Percent of students within group indicating reason: **due to an outside sport/activity/club (e.g., soccer, dance, theatre, music).**



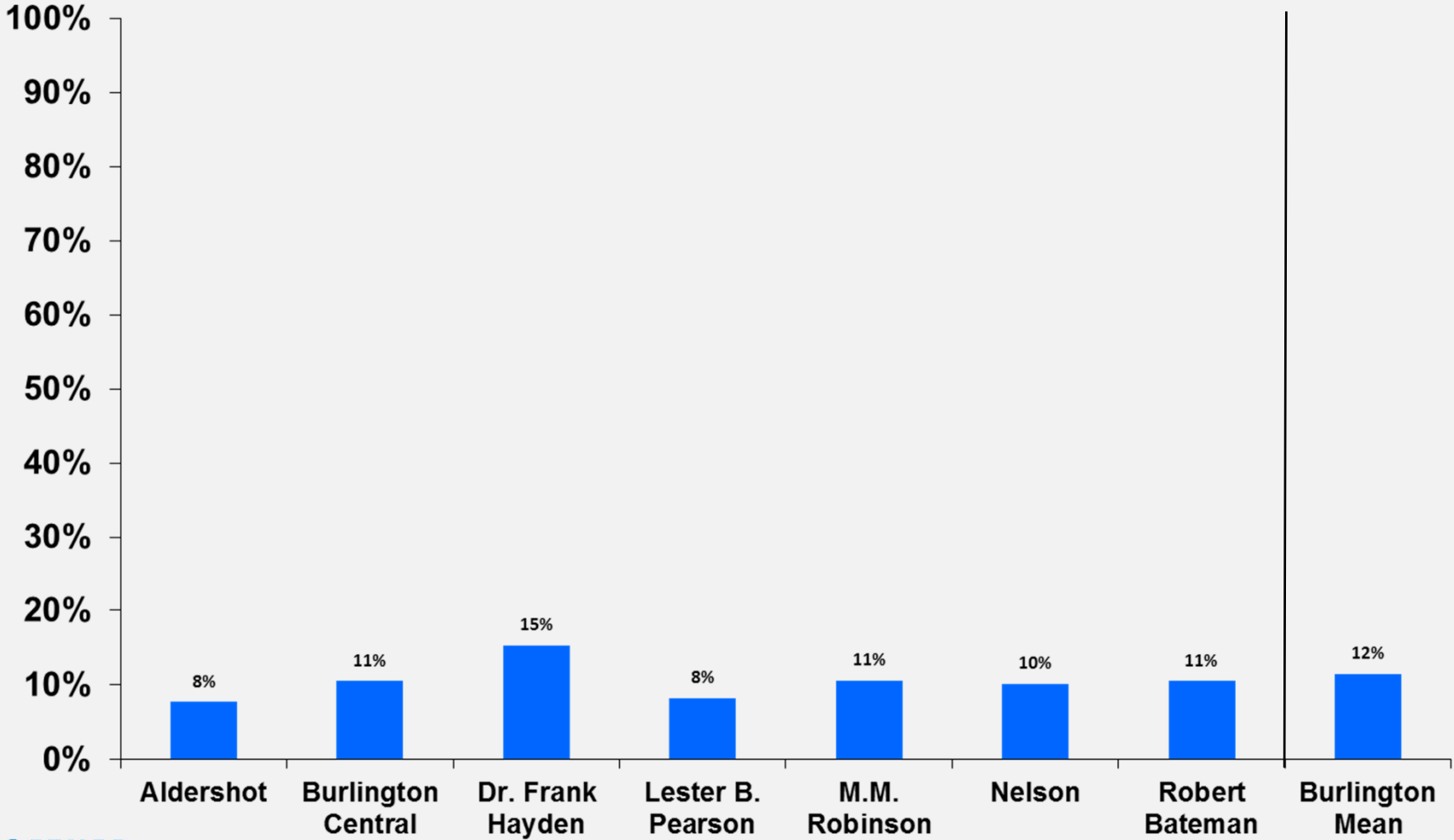
The reason I have not participated in an extracurricular activities at school is (select all that apply): -- Percent of students within group indicating reason: **due to a part-time job.**



The reason I have not participated in an extracurricular activities at school is (select all that apply): -- Percent of students within group indicating reason: **due to transportation.**



The reason I have not participated in an extracurricular activities at school is (select all that apply): -- Percent of students within group indicating reason: **due to homework.**

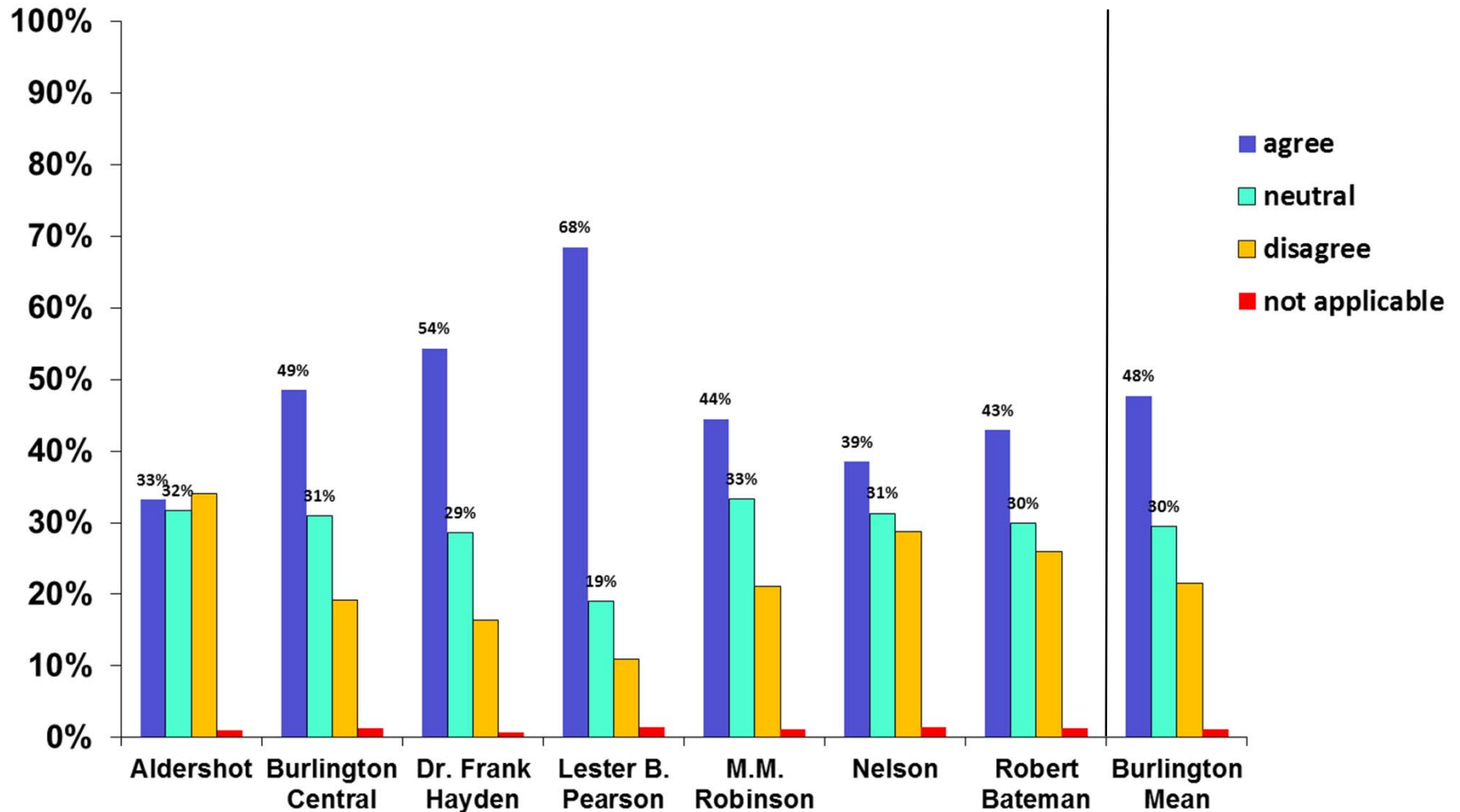


The reason I have not participated in an extracurricular activities at school is (select all that apply): -- Percent of students within group indicating reason: **due to Other reasons (please specify):**

Not available – I work a lot – in CPP program - there is little to no extracurricular activities that involve interests of mine - because I was "too small" - the less time at my school the better – I'm non binary and there is no non binary extracurricular safe space LGBTQAAIS (silent 5) chess group - too many concussions – not offered – acl injury - injury and hasn't happened yet – did not make team – it's a spring sport - I don't have the initiative - The tryouts haven't come around yet - because i hate school and want nothing to do with it - just wasn't interested - Too busy... I've got other outside activities: a part time job and I have to keep up with my grades... just a cluster of everything... I want to but not motivated to carry an extra weight on my shoulders [~50%]

We would like to know more about how you feel about your school facilities.
Please indicate whether you agree/disagree with the following statements: --

My classroom is a comfortable temperature



We would like to know more about how you feel about your school facilities.
Please indicate whether you agree/disagree with the following statements: --

My school has enough gyms/fields

