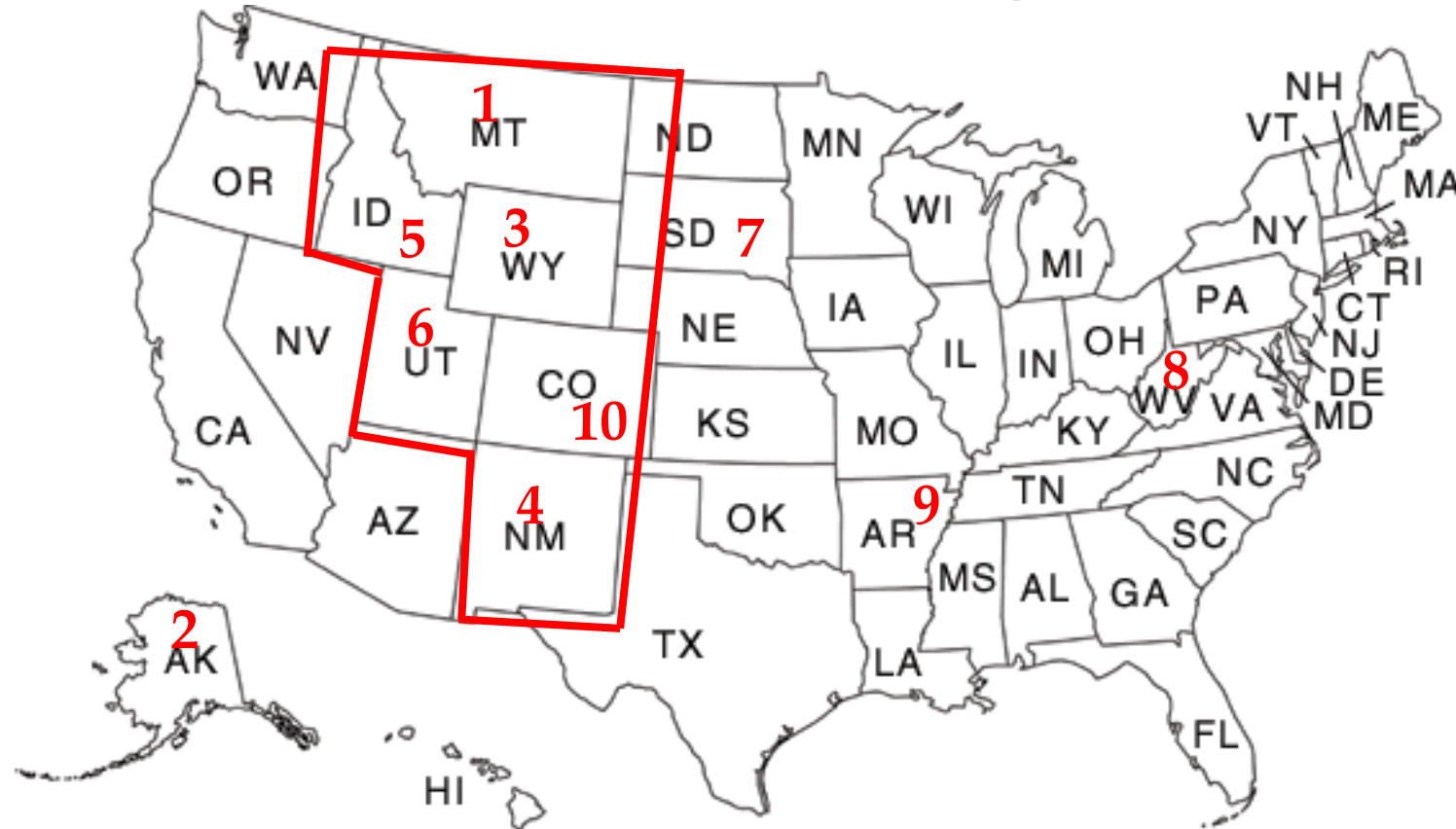


Firearm Violence and Suicide Prevention Amendments



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Utah is 6th in the nation for suicide,
but is similar to its neighbors



Data Source: CDC WONDER 2017 Suicide Fatality Rates ages 10+, Age Adjusted
Rates; by Crude Rate per 100,000, Utah ranks 8th in the United States

Levels of Social
Ecological model



Increase availability and access to quality physical and behavioral health care



Increase social norms supportive of help-seeking and recovery



Reduce access to lethal means



Increase connectedness to individuals, family, community and social institutions by creating safe and supportive school and community environments



Increase safe media portrayals of suicide and adoption of safe messaging principles



Increase coping and problem solving skills



Increase support to survivors of suicide loss



Increase prevention and early intervention for mental health problems, suicide ideation and behaviors and substance misuse



Increase comprehensive data collection and analysis regarding risk and protective factors for suicide to guide prevention efforts



Societal

Zero Suicides, Crisis Services, access to care

Campaigns, trainings, awareness



Community

Trainings, safe storage promotion

Coalitions, primary prevention, policies, safe environment for LGBTQ, workplace wellness, peer support, EBP and Policies



Interpersonal

Stakeholder education, messages of hope/healing, safe messaging for media

Universal and indicated evidence-based programs



Individual

Outreach/support groups, increase access to resources

Awareness, partnerships, trainings, mental health screenings and referrals

Increase partnerships and interagency collaboration, identify gaps, remove barriers, engage stakeholders

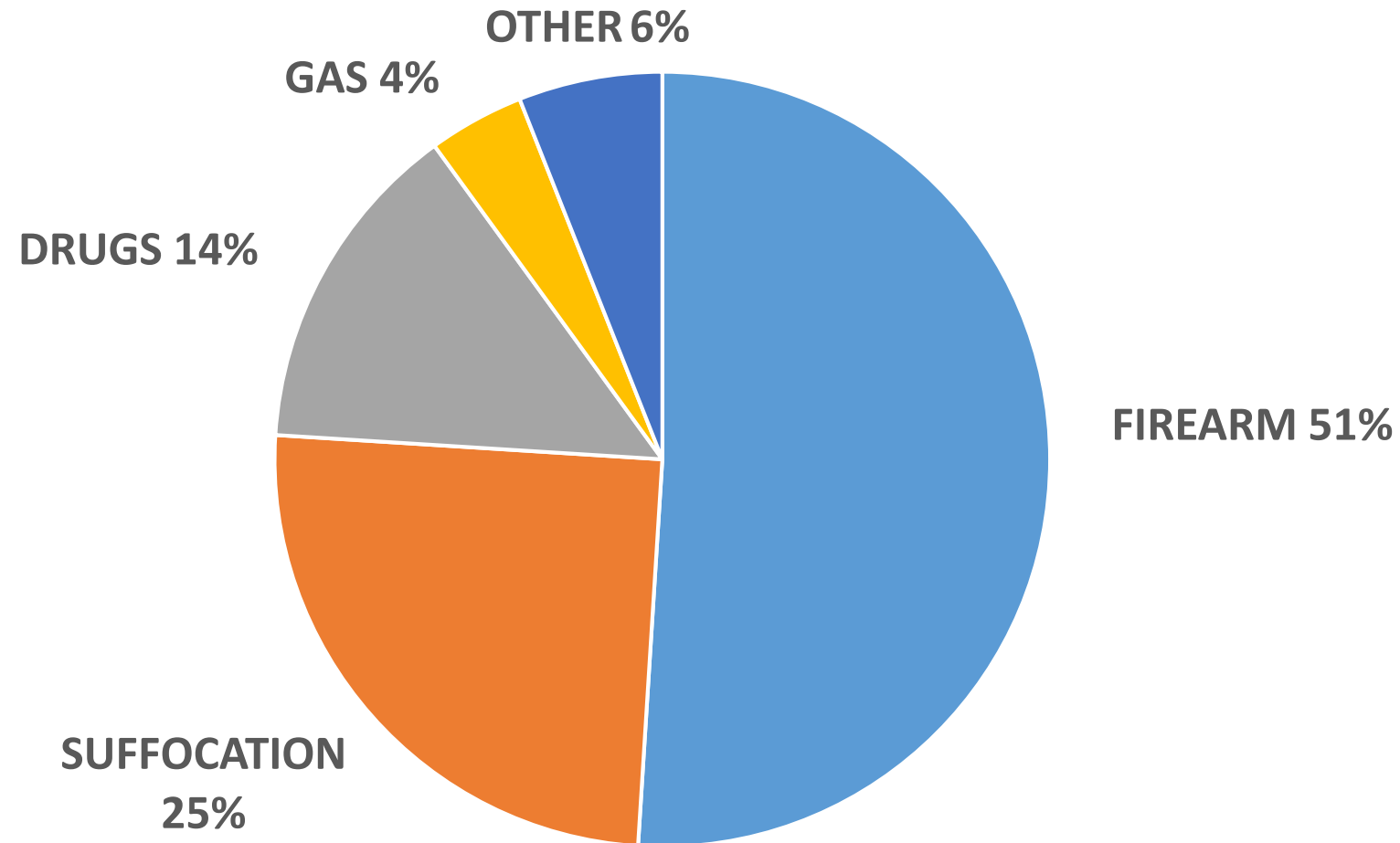
Core Priority: Reducing Access to Lethal Means



USE ONLY AS
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Method of Suicide, Utah, 2016

- 51% of all suicides are by firearm
- 85% of firearm deaths are suicides



COMPARING SUICIDES IN STATES WITH HIGH VS. LOW GUN OWNERSHIP

Suicides in the 15 U.S. States with the Highest vs. the 6 U.S. States with the Lowest Average Household Gun Ownership

	High-Gun States	Low-Gun States
Population	39 million	40 million
Household Gun Ownership	47%	15%
Non-Firearm Suicide	5,060	5,446
Firearm Suicide	9,749	2,606
Total Suicide	14,809	8,052



**International studies
have found that
when widely-used,
highly lethal means
are made less
available or less
lethal, suicide rates
by that method have
declined by 30-50%.**

Source: Barber & Miller, 2014



Firearm Means Safety Initiative

Promote Social Norms Supportive of Safe Storage

Training on role of means safety/safe storage as effective suicide prevention strategy

Distribute Safes/Gun Locks

Public messaging on relationship between suicide risk and access to firearms (includes data on perceived vs true risk of firearm injury and "stories" of safe storage)

Training audiences:

1. General Public- Suicide Prevention gatekeeper training with firearm safety module
2. Gun Owners- Suicide Prevention module in concealed carry training, and other general firearm safety courses
3. Healthcare Providers- Counseling on Access to Lethal Means

Why Does Lethal Means Reduction Work?

1. Many suicide attempts occur with little planning during a short-term crisis
2. Guns are deadly, fast, and irreversible
3. It's not usually true that "They will find another way"
4. 90% of people who attempt suicide and live go on and don't die by suicide





HB 17 advances these priorities for suicide prevention

Firearm Safety Suicide Prevention Video

- Web accessible and hosted by BCI
 - Safe handling/storage
 - At risk individuals/prohibited individuals
 - Suicide prevention
- Viewed before renewing CCF permit and shows verification to DPS
- 10 minutes
- 2016 Implemented in instructor training as optional module for CCF
- 2019 implemented as required module for original CCF course
- 2019 implemented as required training for renewal
 - 19,288 people have renewed since June 1, 2019

Concealed Firearms Permit

To renew your permit, you are legally required to view the following short video on firearm suicide prevention.



☐ I verify that I have watched the video

Community Engagement

- Firearm Safety and Suicide Prevention Group
 - Brochure- produce and distribute
 - Procure and distribute gun locks
- Create a suicide prevention education course



Law Enforcement

Researchers

Gun Owners

Health Professionals

Veterans Groups

Survivors

- **Cable Style Gun Locks Distribution-** Approximately 150,000 to date
- **Supplemental Training and Materials**
 - Supplemental training for gatekeeper trainings (in person and video options)
 - 3 PSA's (one youth focused)
 - Poster
 - Flyer
 - Brochure

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Firearm Suicide Prevention



*For gun owners, protecting your family involves more than keeping them safe from accident or attack. It also involves being aware of the warning signs of suicide and the steps to prevent it. This can be accomplished without government mandates. **Together we can protect our family, our friends, and our freedom.***

Additional Implementation Details

Contracted with the National Shooting Sports Foundation for ongoing purchase of cable style gun locks/safety kits for community distribution, retailer distribution, and promotion of safe storage.



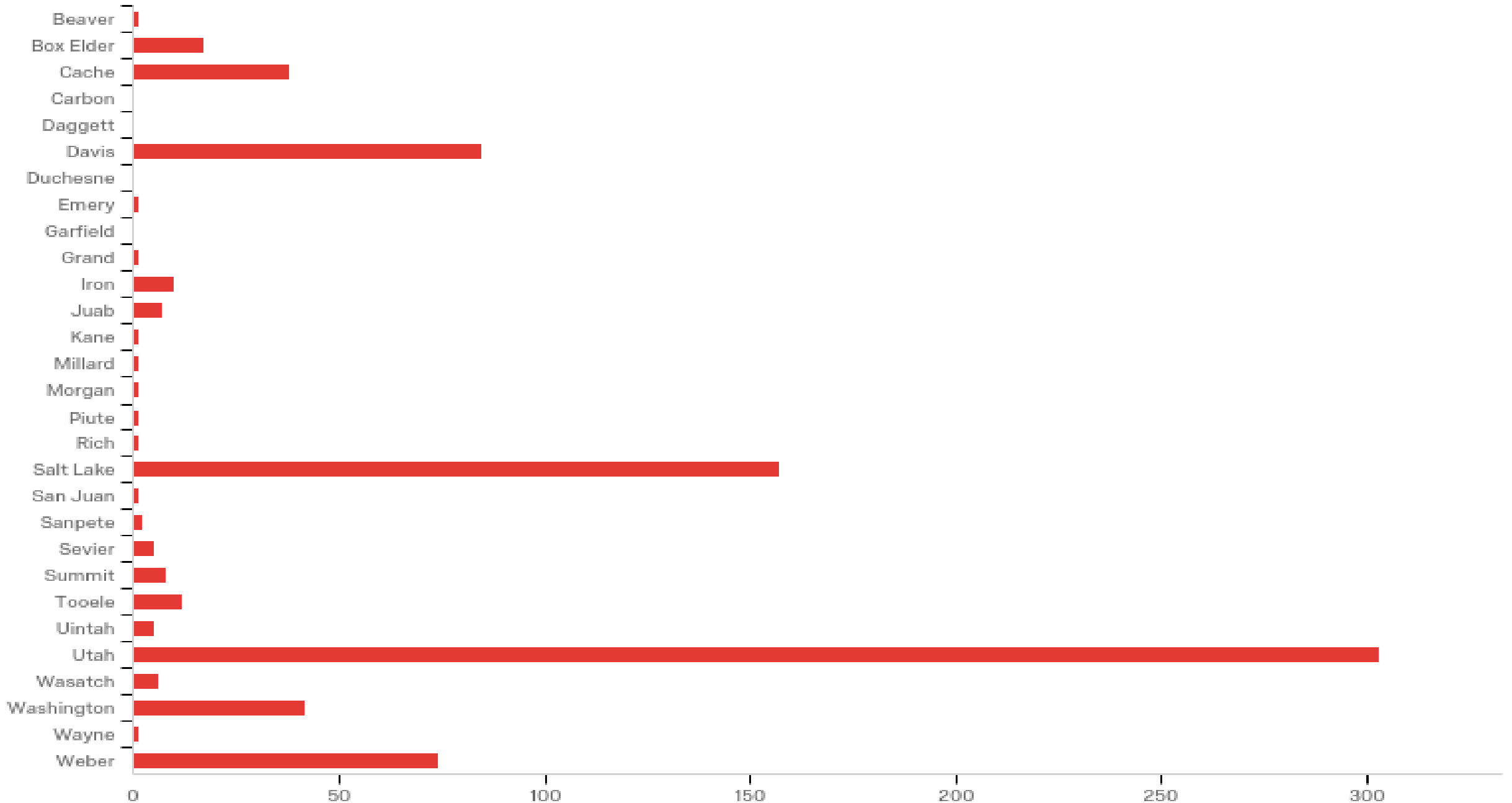
Create and administer a redeemable coupon program

Produce a redeemable coupon that offers between \$10 and \$200 off the purchase price of a firearm safe from a participating firearms dealer or a person engaged in the business of selling firearm safes in Utah, by a Utah resident who has filed an application for a concealed firearm permit

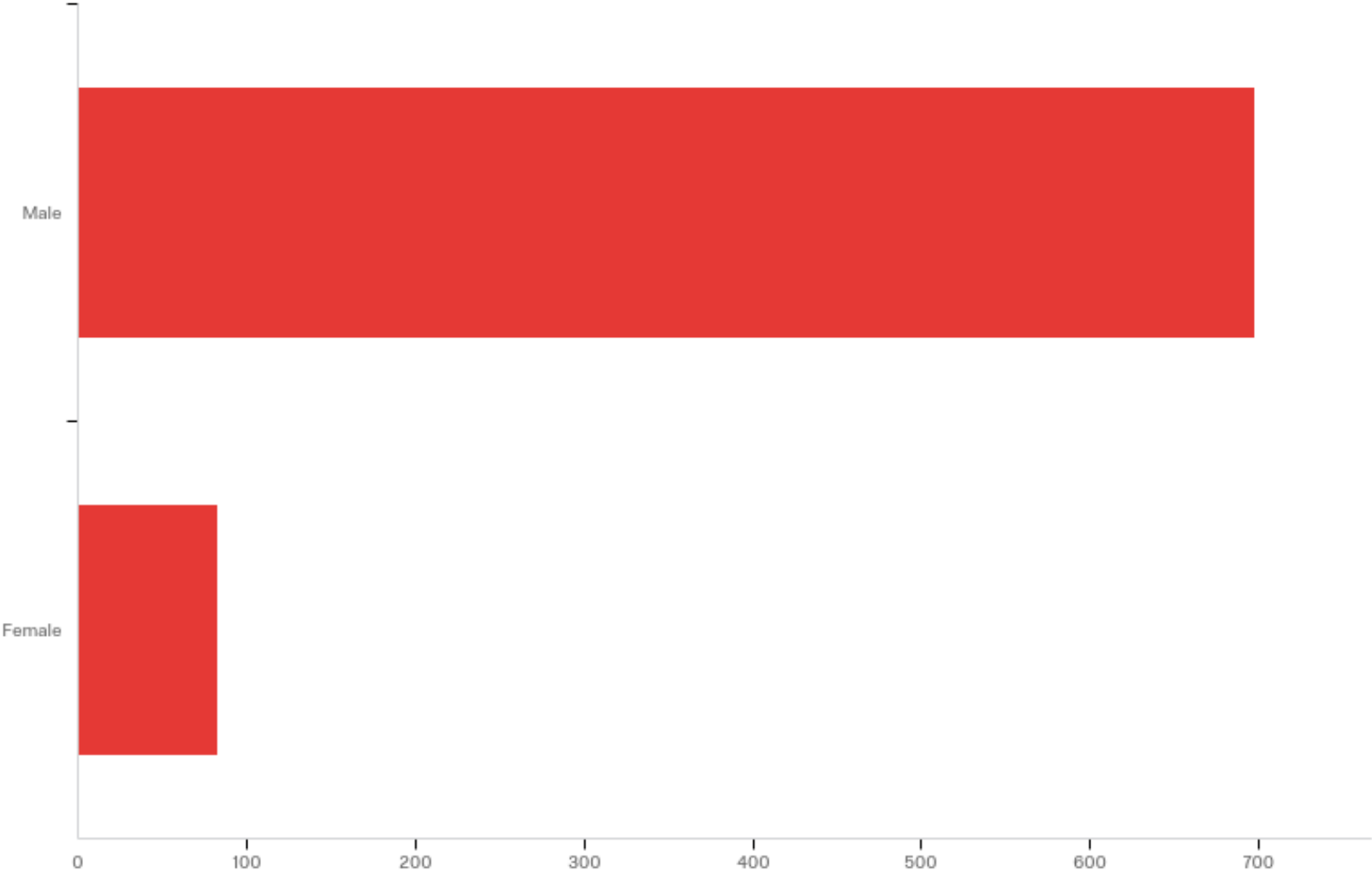
Implementation Details

- Partnership with BCI to alert CCF permit holders about coupon program
- Emails to CCF holders and posting on BCI website
- 788 applications
- 654 approved

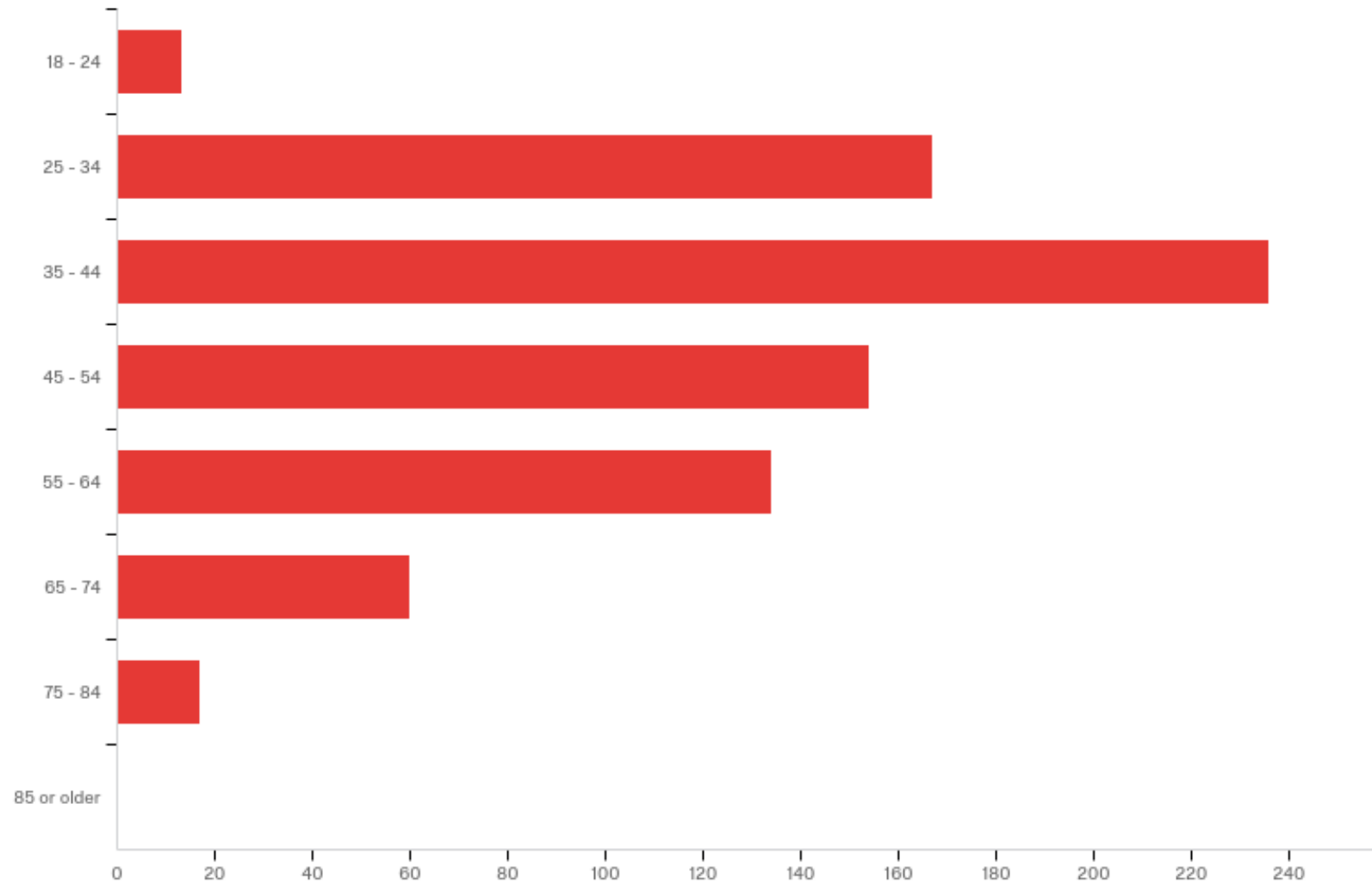
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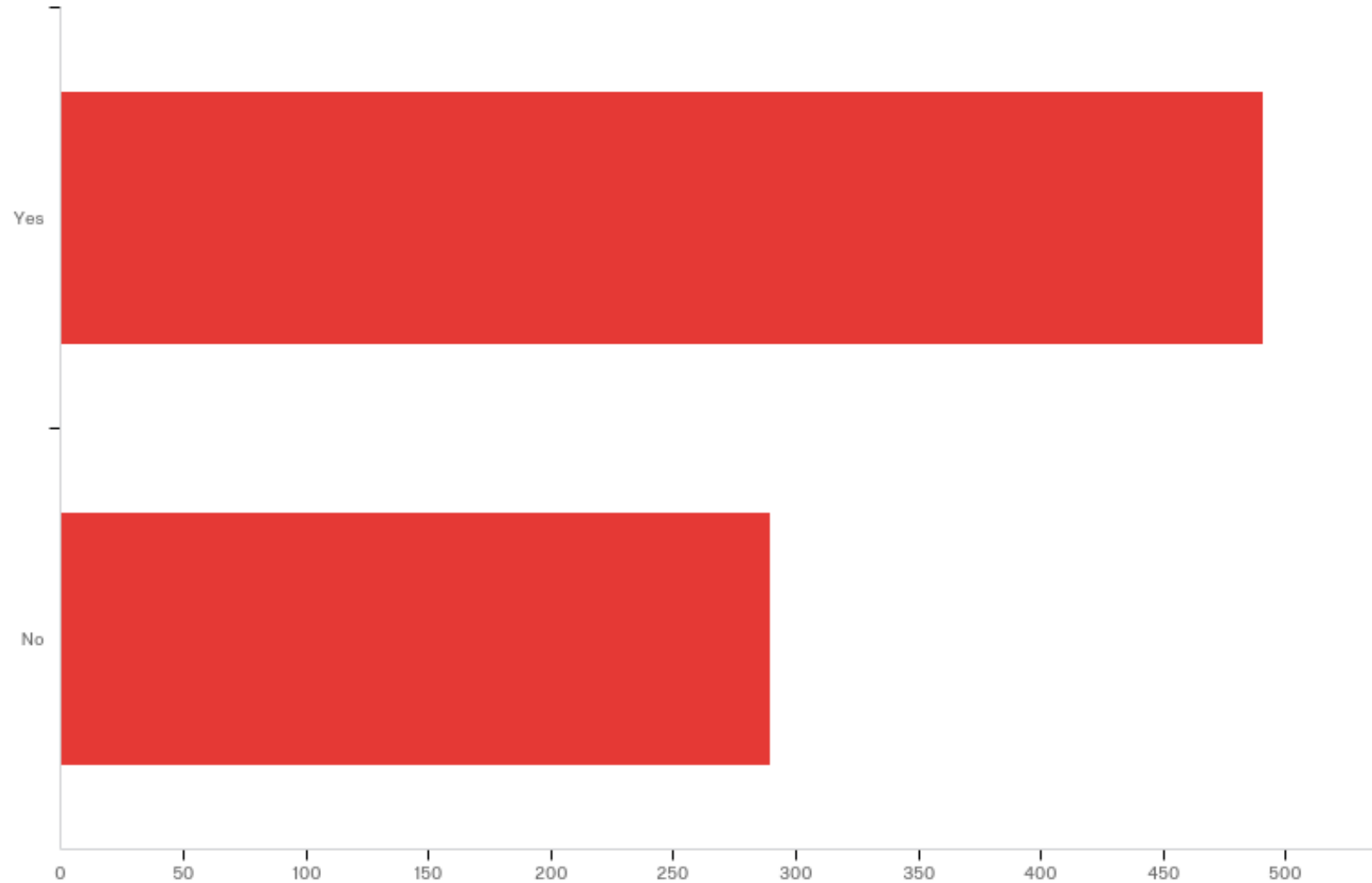
Gender



Age



Do you have children under the age of 18 in the home?



A scenic landscape of rolling hills under a blue sky with clouds. The hills are covered in dry, golden-brown grass with some dark green shrubs. A dirt road winds through the hills. In the distance, several communication towers are visible on a hilltop. The sky is a deep blue with a large, fluffy white cloud on the left side.

Thank You

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