



# Automatic Translators:



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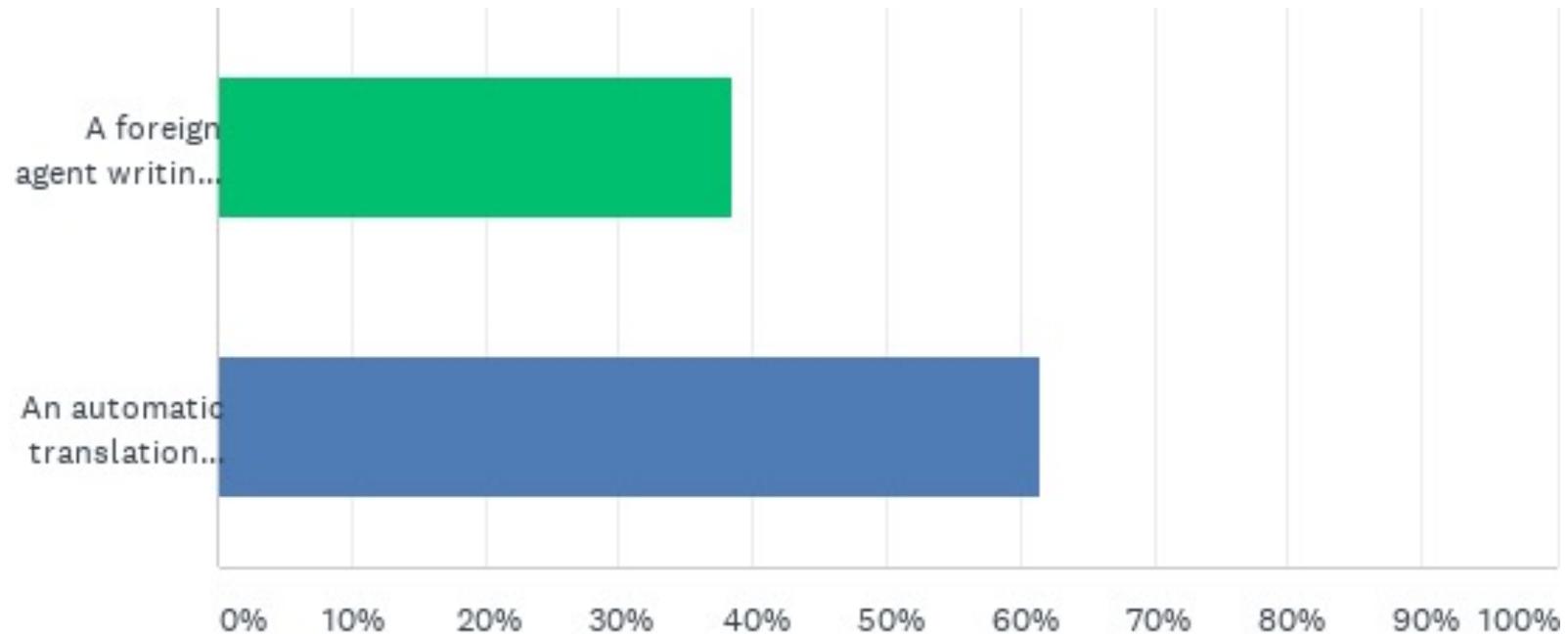
Good afternoon,

Right, the true is that all the team we are apologizing for this theme, it's the first time that it passes.

We will abonate the devolution to your account. Do you ca confirmate that your IBAN is XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX? That's appointed in the receipt.

# Q1: What do you think that this is?

Answered: 204 Skipped: 0



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Answered: 204 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A foreign agent writing in English	38.50%	87
An automatic translation into English of a message in a different language	61.50%	139
TOTAL		226

Good afternoon,

Right, the truth is that we are very sorry about this issue, it is the first time that happens.

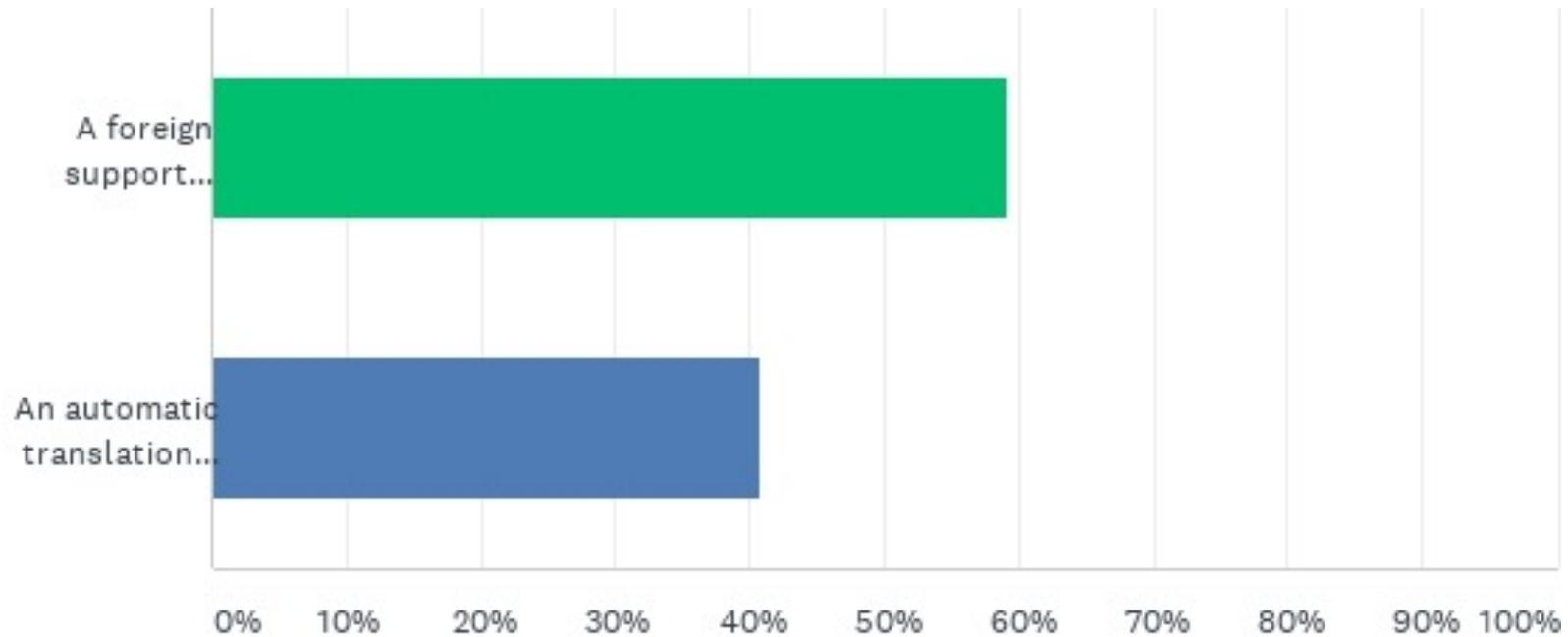
We will pay the refund to your account.

Could you confirm that your IBAN is XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX

It is what we have written down on the receipt.

# Q2: What do you think that this is?

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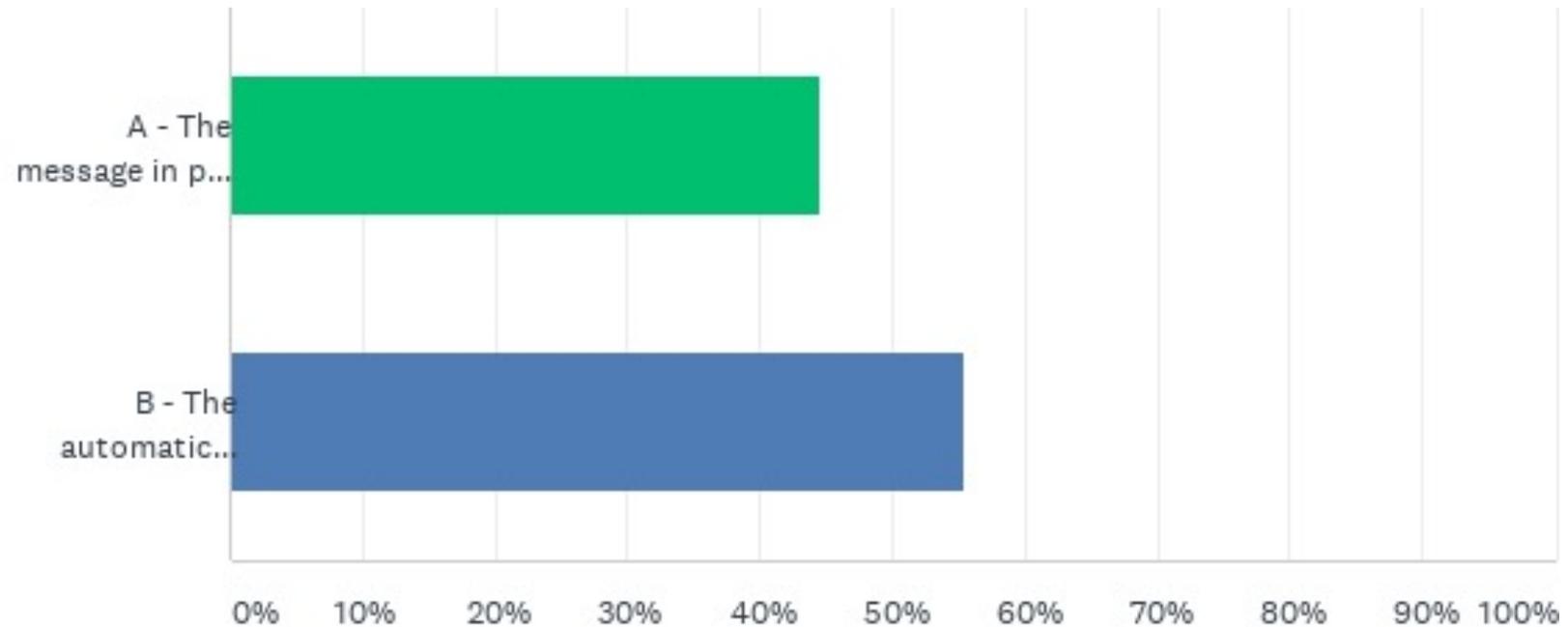
# Q2: What do you think that this is?

Answered: 204 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A foreign support specialist writing in English	59.29%	134
An automatic translation into English of a message in a different language	40.71%	92
TOTAL		226

# Q3: Which message would you rather receive?

Answered: 204 Skipped: 0



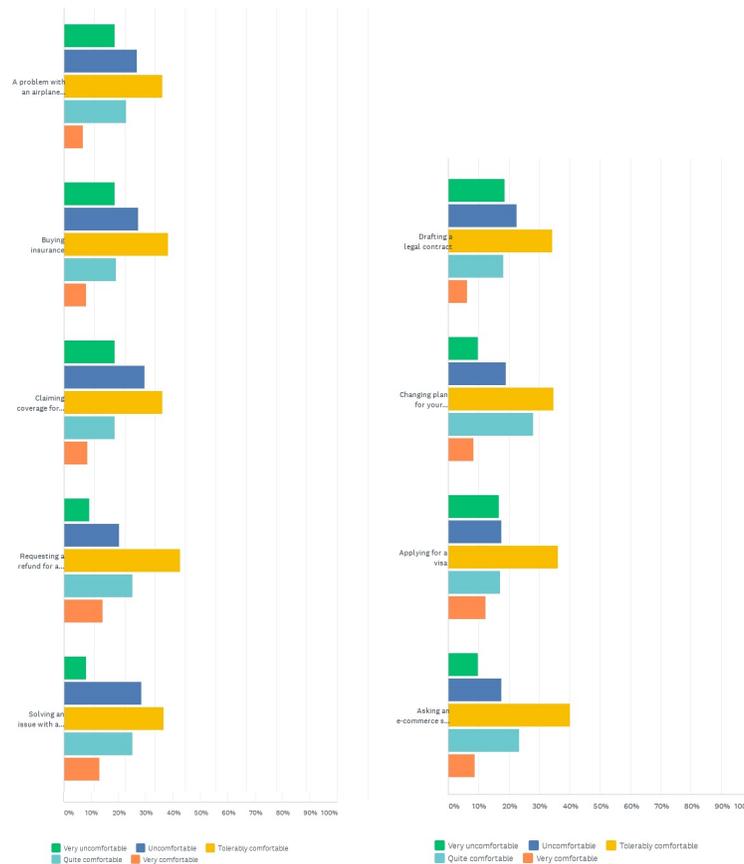
# Q3: Which message would you rather receive?

Answered: 204 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A - The message in poor English from a non-native support specialist	44.55%	94
B - The automatic translation from a different language into English	55.45%	117
TOTAL		211

# Q4: How comfortable would you be receiving automatically translated messages like the above when interacting with companies in the following contexts?

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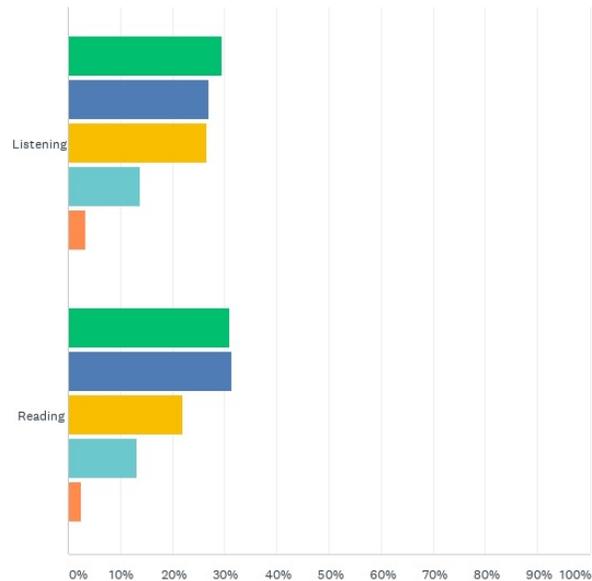
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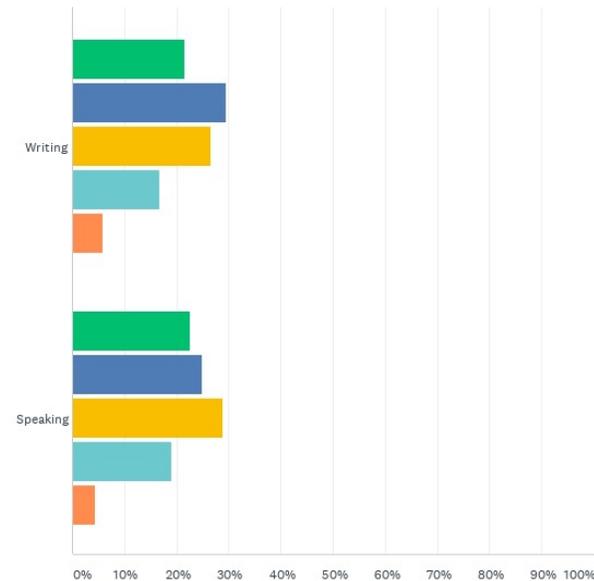
	VERY UNCOMFORTABLE	UNCOMFORTABLE	TOLERABLY COMFORTABLE	QUITE COMFORTABLE	VERY COMFORTABLE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
A problem with an airplane ticket	16.67% 34	24.02% 49	32.35% 66	20.59% 42	6.37% 13	204	2.76
Buying insurance	16.67% 34	24.51% 50	34.31% 70	17.16% 35	7.35% 15	204	2.74
Claiming coverage for a medical analysis	16.67% 34	26.47% 54	32.35% 66	16.67% 34	7.84% 16	204	2.73
Requesting a refund for a hotel booking	8.33% 17	18.14% 37	38.24% 78	22.55% 46	12.75% 26	204	3.13
Solving an issue with a software application	7.35% 15	25.49% 52	32.84% 67	22.55% 46	11.76% 24	204	3.06
Drafting a legal contract	18.63% 38	22.55% 46	34.31% 70	18.14% 37	6.37% 13	204	2.71
Changing plan for your electricity bills	9.80% 20	19.12% 39	34.80% 71	27.94% 57	8.33% 17	204	3.06
Applying for a visa	16.67% 34	17.65% 36	36.27% 74	17.16% 35	12.25% 25	204	2.91
Asking an e-commerce site for assistance	9.80% 20	17.65% 36	40.20% 82	23.53% 48	8.82% 18	204	3.04

# Q5: How often do you use a language other than your mother tongue?

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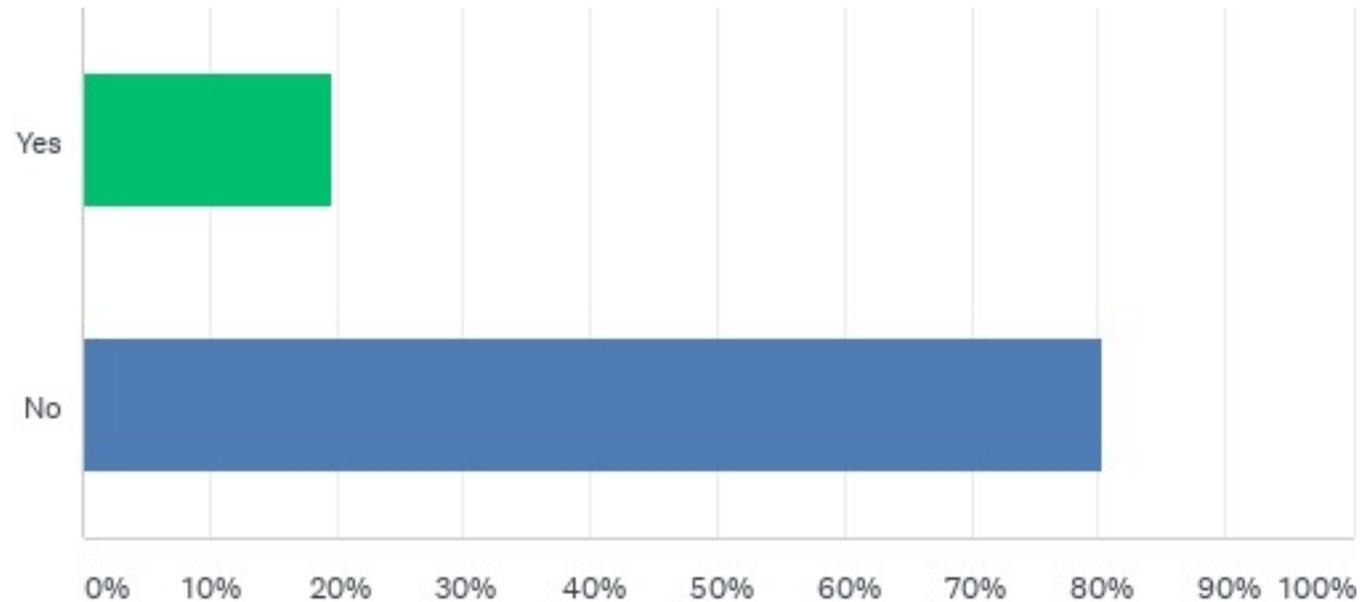
# Q5: How often do you use a language other than your mother tongue?

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	EVERY DAY	EVERY WEEK	OCCASIONALLY (EVERY MONTH)	RARELY (SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR)	NEVER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Listening	29.41% 60	26.96% 55	26.47% 54	13.73% 28	3.43% 7	204	2.35
Reading	30.88% 63	31.37% 64	22.06% 45	13.24% 27	2.45% 5	204	2.25
Writing	21.57% 44	29.41% 60	26.47% 54	16.67% 34	5.88% 12	204	2.56
Speaking	22.55% 46	25.00% 51	28.92% 59	19.12% 39	4.41% 9	204	2.58

# Q6: Is English your mother tongue?

Answered: 204 Skipped: 0



# Q6: Is English your mother tongue?

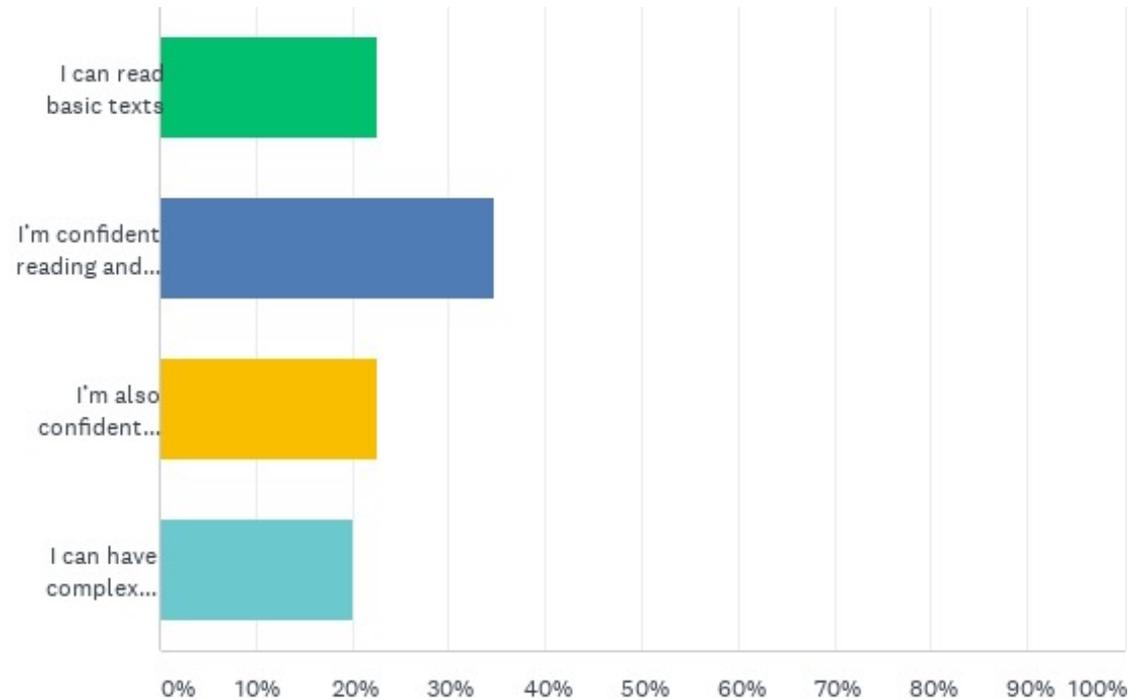
Answered: 204 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	19.61%	40
No	80.39%	164
TOTAL		204

- German native speakers

# Q7: What's your level of English?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40



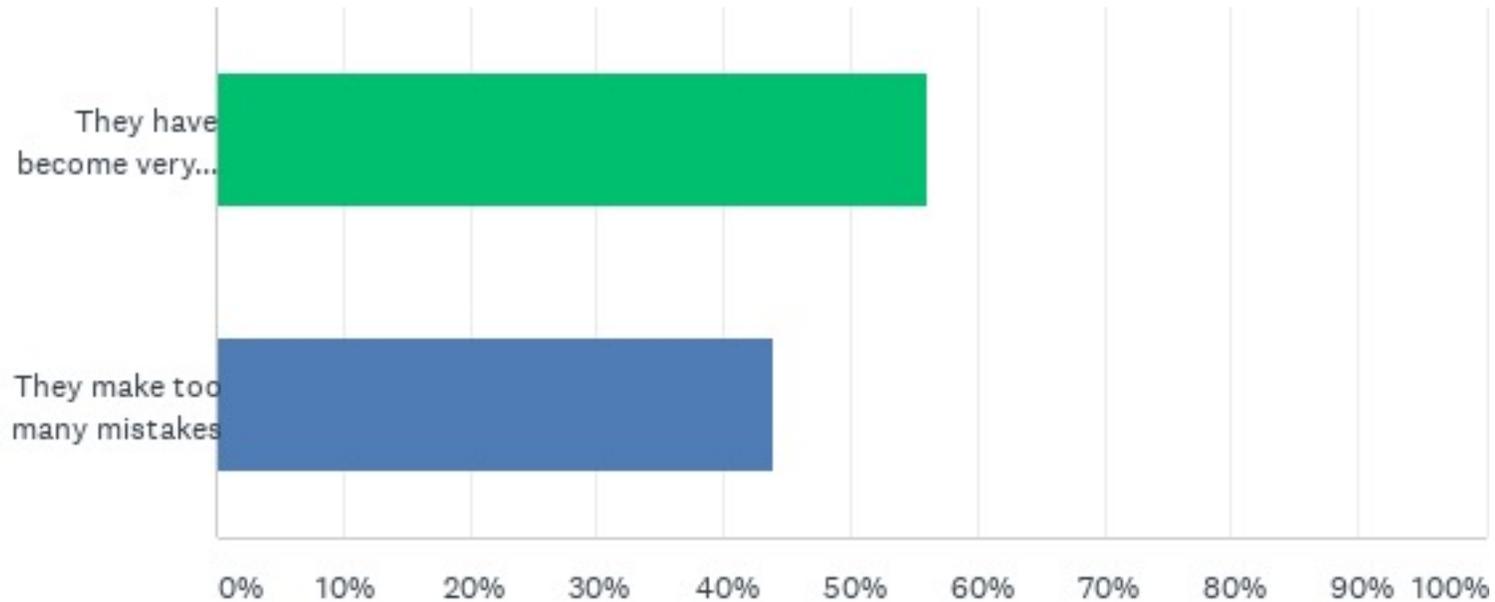
# Q7: What's your level of English?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I can read basic texts	22.56%	37
I'm confident reading and listening	34.76%	57
I'm also confident writing	22.56%	37
I can have complex professional conversations and phone calls	20.12%	33
TOTAL		164

# Q8: What do you think about automatic translations? Check all that apply.

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40



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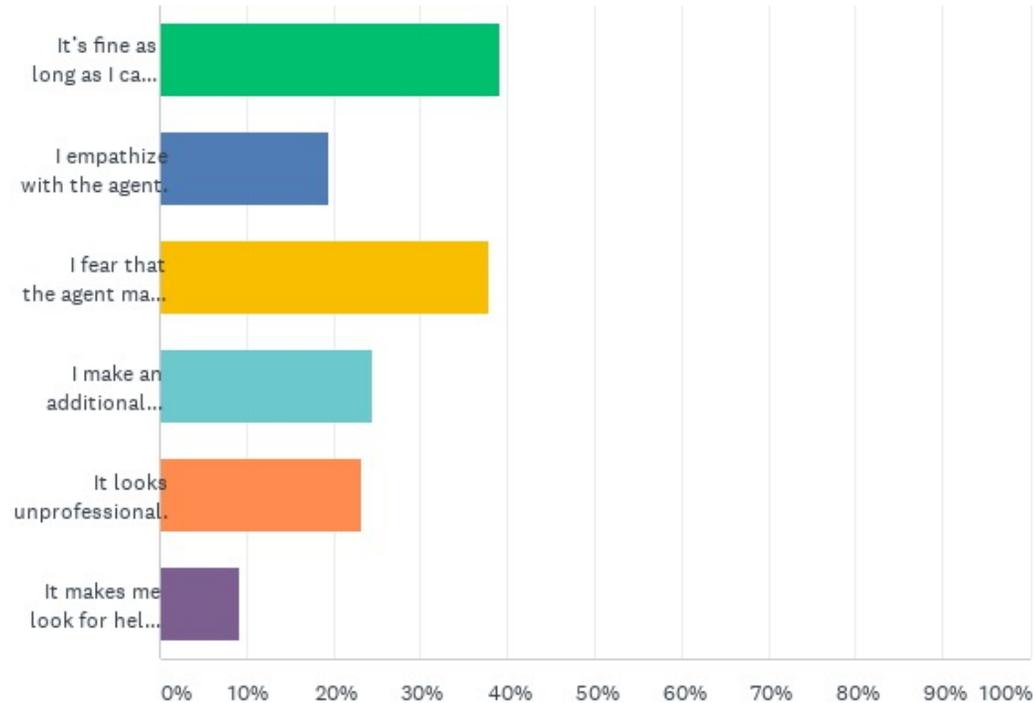
Answered: 164 Skipped: 40

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
They have become very accurate	56.10%	92
They make too many mistakes	43.90%	72
TOTAL		164

# Q9: What do you feel when you receive emails from a support agent that doesn't write too well in your own language ?

Check all options that apply.

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40



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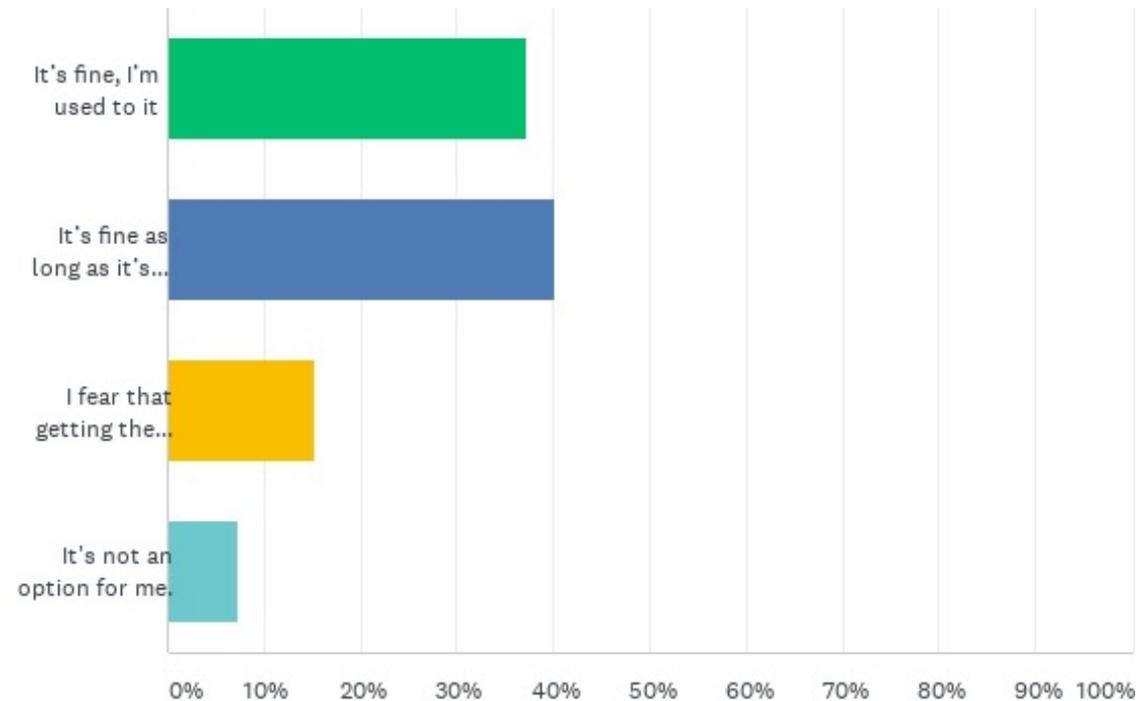
Check all options that apply.

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
It's fine as long as I can understand him/her.	39.02%	64
I empathize with the agent.	19.51%	32
I fear that the agent may not understand what I'm trying to say.	37.80%	62
I make an additional effort to be more communicative.	24.39%	40
It looks unprofessional.	23.17%	38
It makes me look for help somewhere else.	9.15%	15
Total Respondents: 164		

# Q10: What do you feel when a support agent can only help you in English?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40



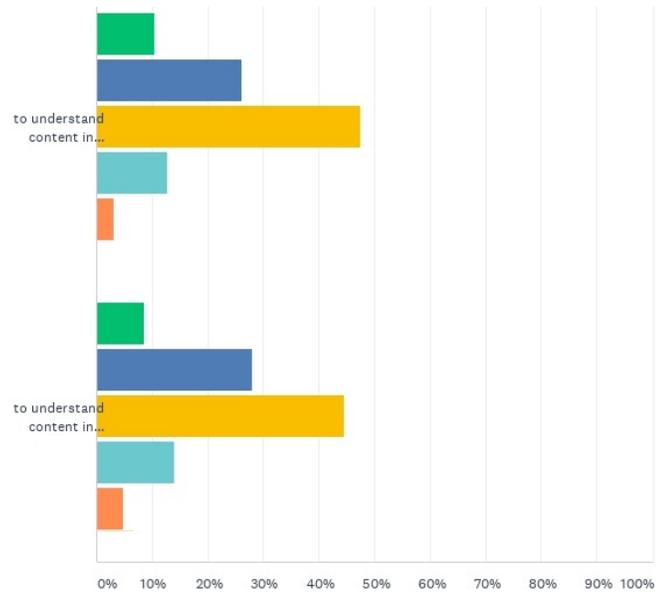
# Q10: What do you feel when a support agent can only help you in English?

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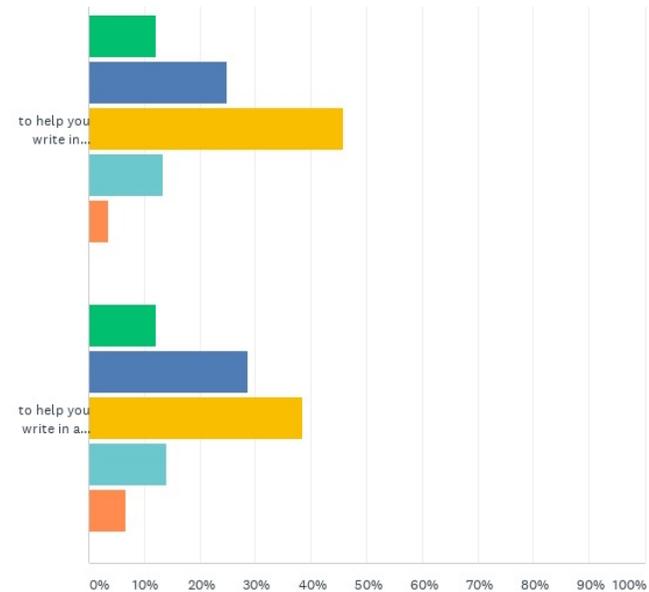
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
It's fine, I'm used to it	37.20%	61
It's fine as long as it's in writing only. For phone calls I prefer to speak my language.	40.24%	66
I fear that getting the problem solved will be difficult.	15.24%	25
It's not an option for me.	7.32%	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>164</b>

# Q11: How often do you use online translations ...?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40



Never Almost never (once a year or so)  
Occasionally (some times per month or every couple of months) Every week  
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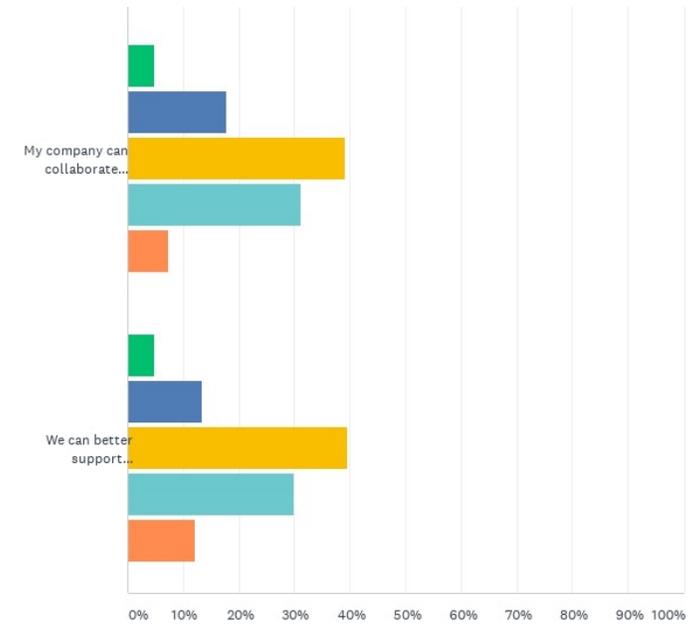
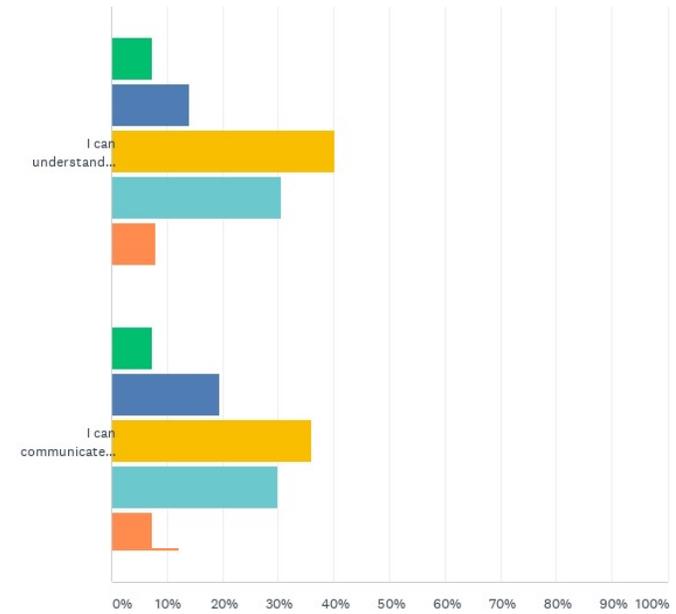
# Q11: How often do you use online translations ...?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40

	NEVER	ALMOST NEVER (ONCE A YEAR OR SO)	OCCASIONALLY (SOME TIMES PER MONTH OR EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS)	EVERY WEEK	EVERY DAY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
to understand content in English	10.37% 17	26.22% 43	47.56% 78	12.80% 21	3.05% 5	164	2.72
to understand content in another foreign language	8.54% 14	28.05% 46	44.51% 73	14.02% 23	4.88% 8	164	2.79
to help you write in English	12.20% 20	25.00% 41	45.73% 75	13.41% 22	3.66% 6	164	2.71
to help you write in a foreign language	12.20% 20	28.66% 47	38.41% 63	14.02% 23	6.71% 11	164	2.74

# Q12: How confident are you about communicating with automatic translations in a professional context?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40



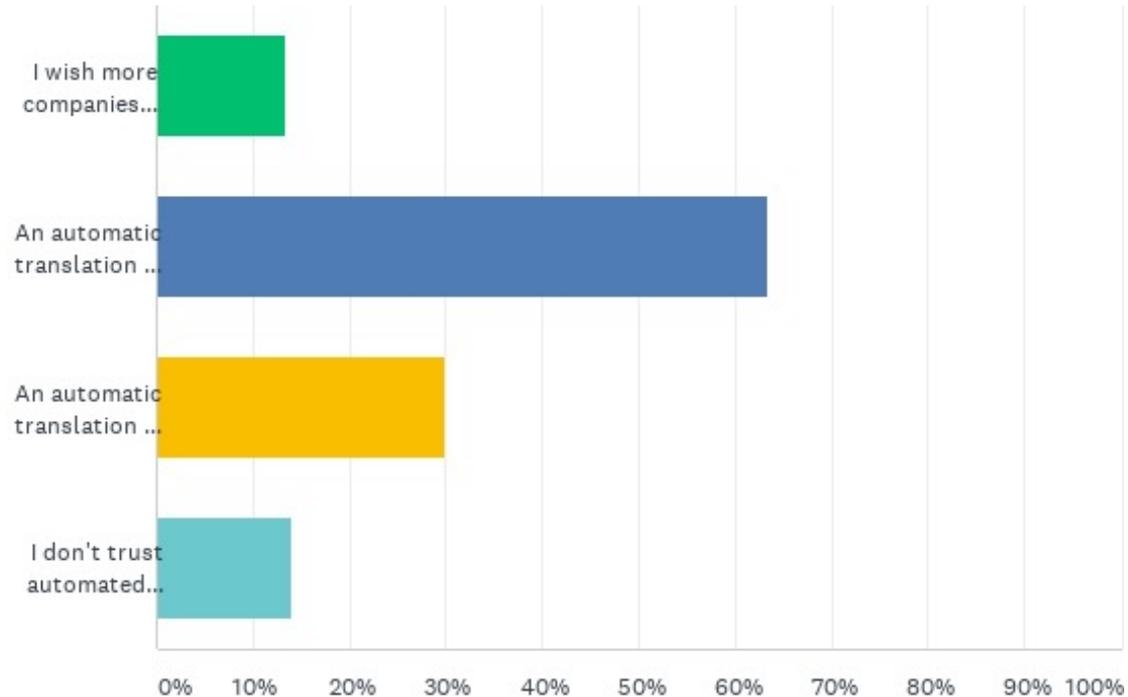
# Q12: How confident are you about communicating with automatic translations in a professional context?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40

	NOT CONFIDENT AT ALL	NOT TOO CONFIDENT	INDIFFERENT	SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	VERY CONFIDENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
I can understand information about my job that I otherwise wouldn't be able to use	7.32% 12	14.02% 23	40.24% 66	30.49% 50	7.93% 13	164	3.18
I can communicate better professionally	7.32% 12	19.51% 32	35.98% 59	29.88% 49	7.32% 12	164	3.10
My company can collaborate better across teams and countries	4.88% 8	17.68% 29	39.02% 64	31.10% 51	7.32% 12	164	3.18
We can better support customers in non-English speaking countries	4.88% 8	13.41% 22	39.63% 65	29.88% 49	12.20% 20	164	3.31

# Q13: As a customer, do you agree to the following statements about using automated translations in support? Check all that apply.

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40



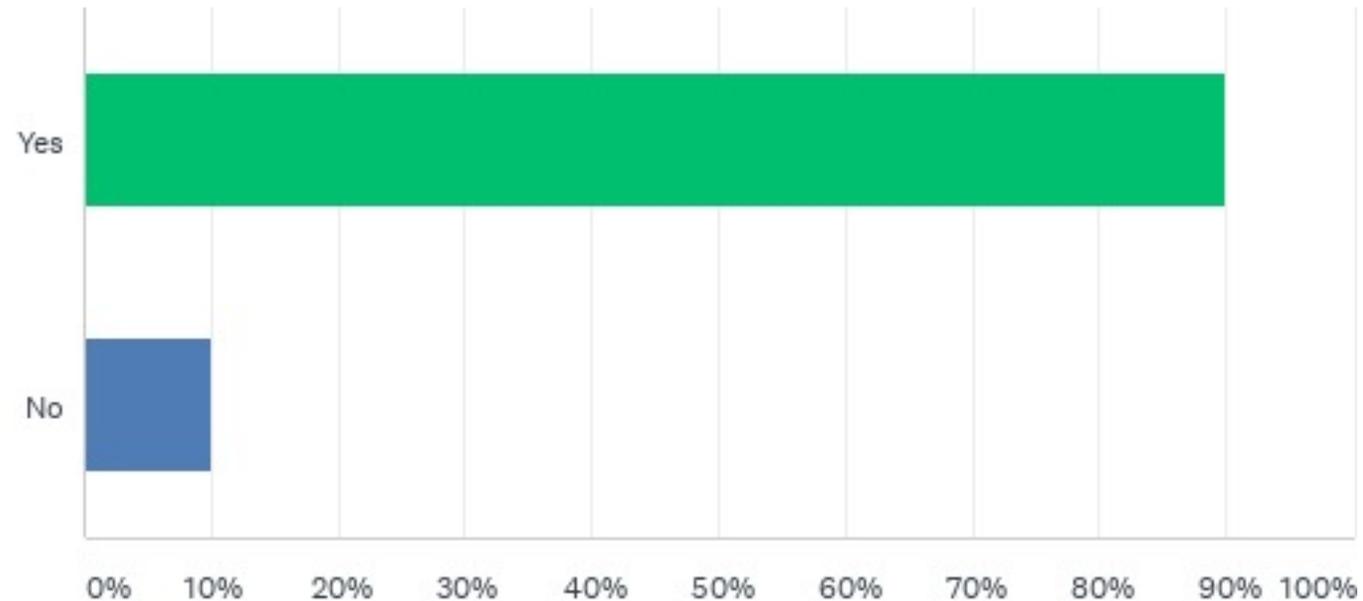
# Q13: As a customer, do you agree to the following statements about using automated translations in support? Check all that apply.

Answered: 164 Skipped: 40

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I wish more companies relied on automatically translated tickets.	13.41%	22
An automatic translation is always good when the agent doesn't know my own language.	63.41%	104
An automatic translation is always good when the agent doesn't have a very good English.	29.88%	49
I don't trust automated translations in this context.	14.02%	23
Total Respondents: 164		

# Q14: Can you read and write in any foreign languages?

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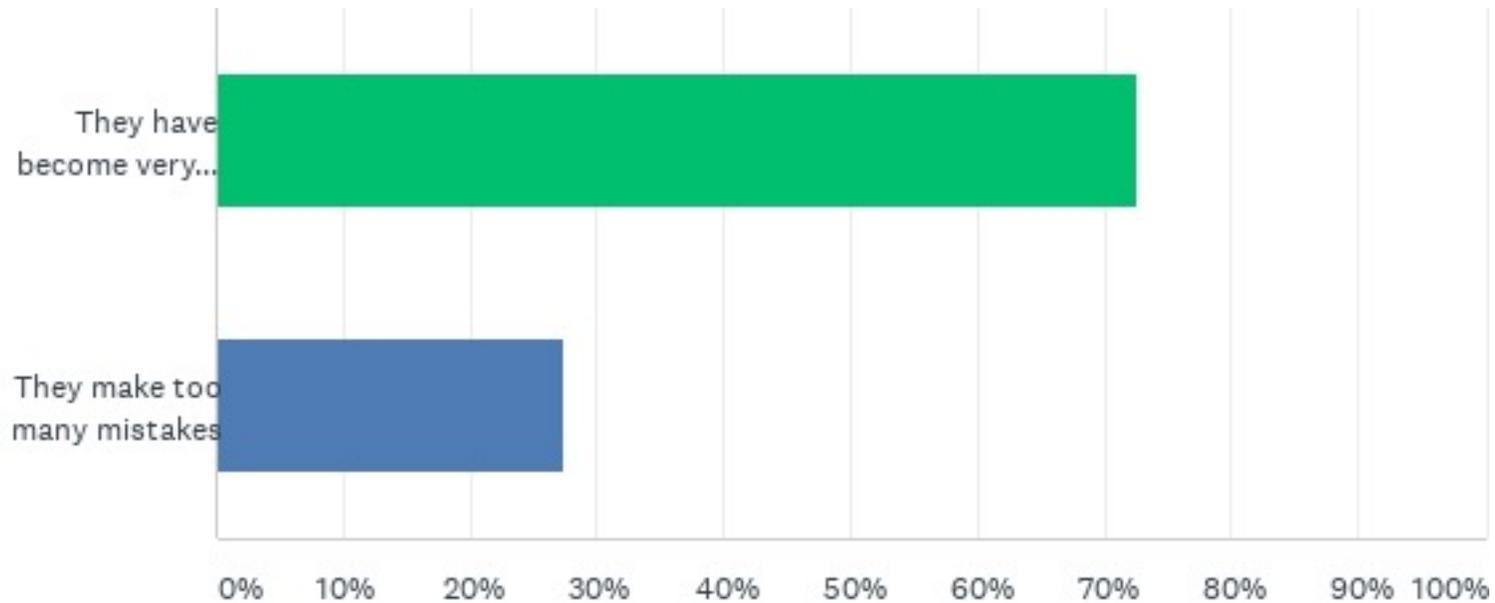
Answered: 164 Skipped: 40

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.00%	36
No	10.00%	4
TOTAL		40

- English native speakers

# Q15: What do you think about automatic translations?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 164



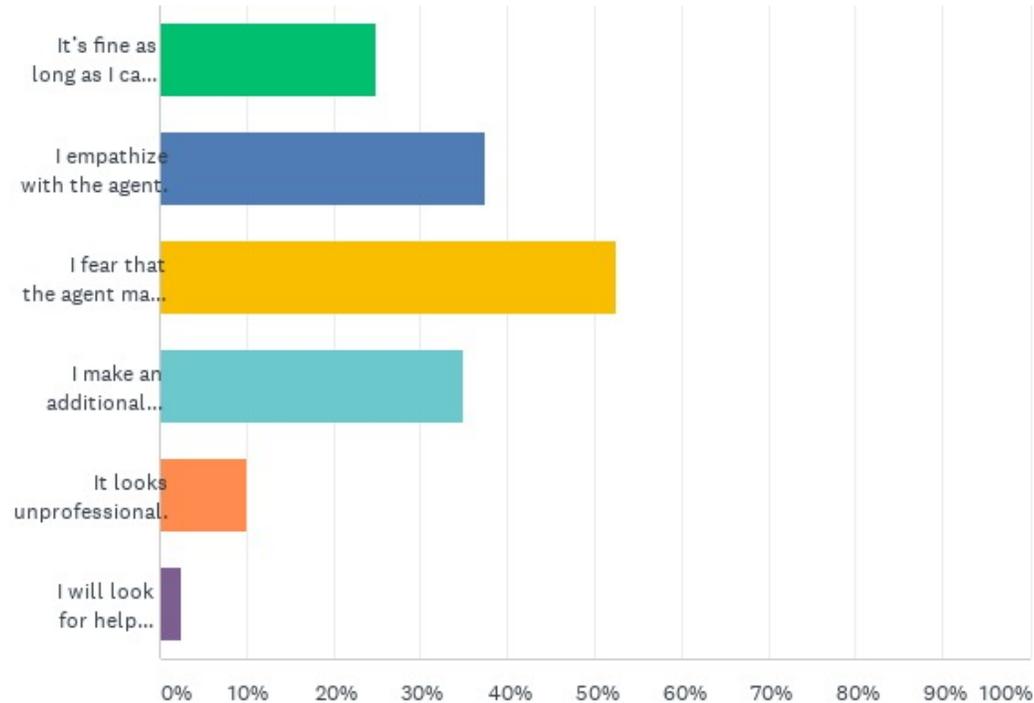
# Q15: What do you think about automatic translations?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 164

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
They have become very accurate	72.50%	29
They make too many mistakes	27.50%	11
TOTAL		40

# Q16: What do you feel when you receive emails from a support agent that doesn't write too well in English? Check all options that apply.

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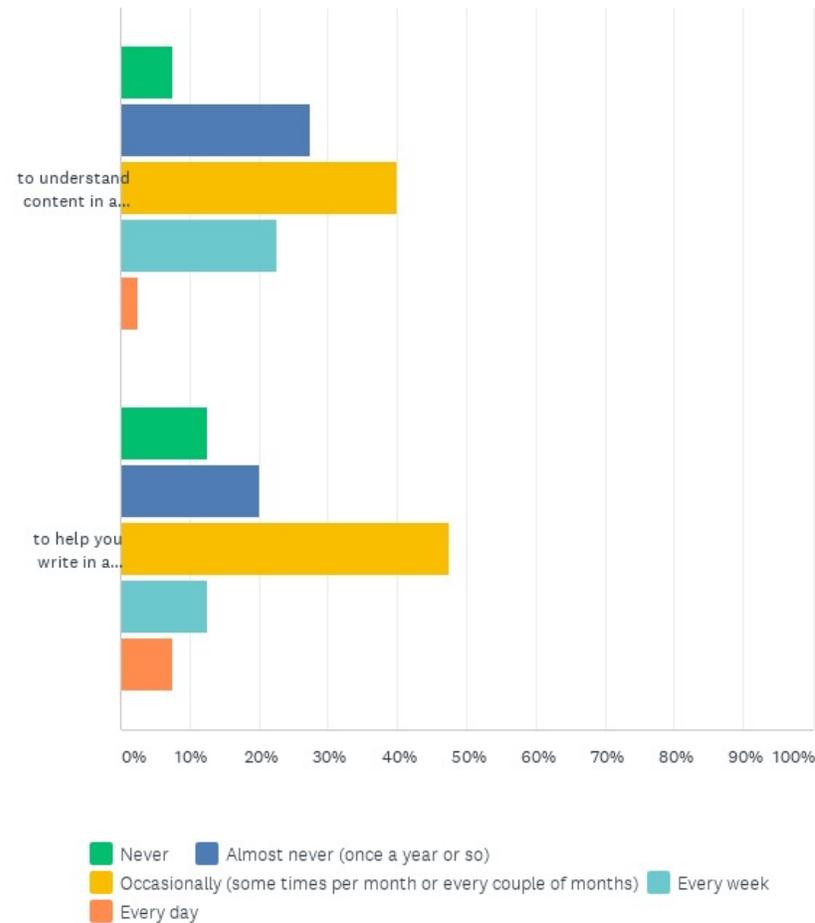
# Q16: What do you feel when you receive emails from a support agent that doesn't write too well in English? Check all options that apply.

Answered: 40 Skipped: 164

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
It's fine as long as I can understand him/her.	25.00%	10
I empathize with the agent.	37.50%	15
I fear that the agent may not understand what I'm trying to say.	52.50%	21
I make an additional effort to be more communicative.	35.00%	14
It looks unprofessional.	10.00%	4
I will look for help somewhere else.	2.50%	1
Total Respondents: 40		

# Q17: How often do you use online translations ...?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 164



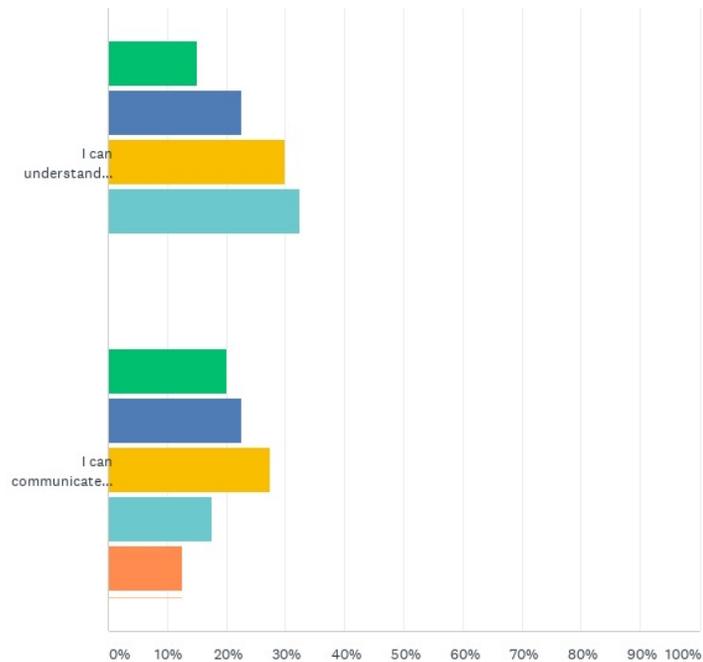
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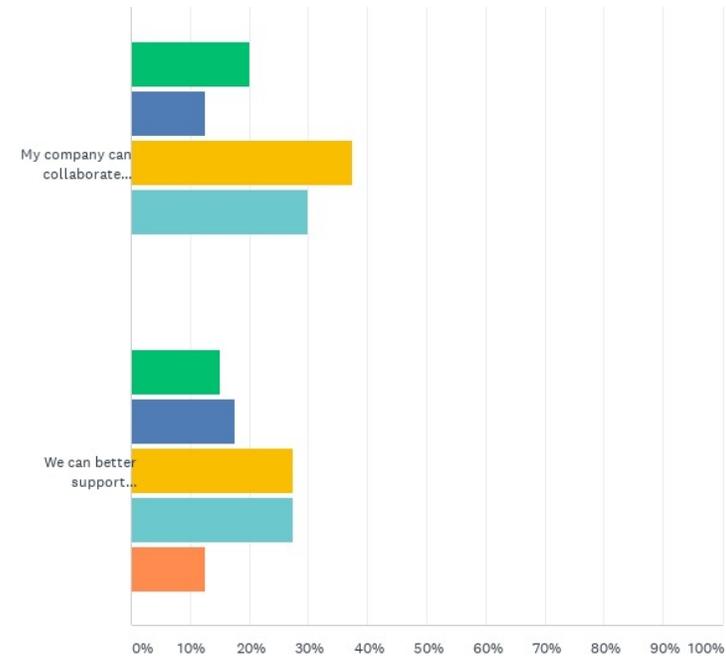
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to understand content in a foreign language	7.50% 3	27.50% 11	40.00% 16	22.50% 9	2.50% 1	40	2.85
to help you write in a foreign language	12.50% 5	20.00% 8	47.50% 19	12.50% 5	7.50% 3	40	2.83

# Q18: How confident are you about communicating with automatic translations?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 164



Not confident at all Not too confident Indifferent Somewhat confident Very confident



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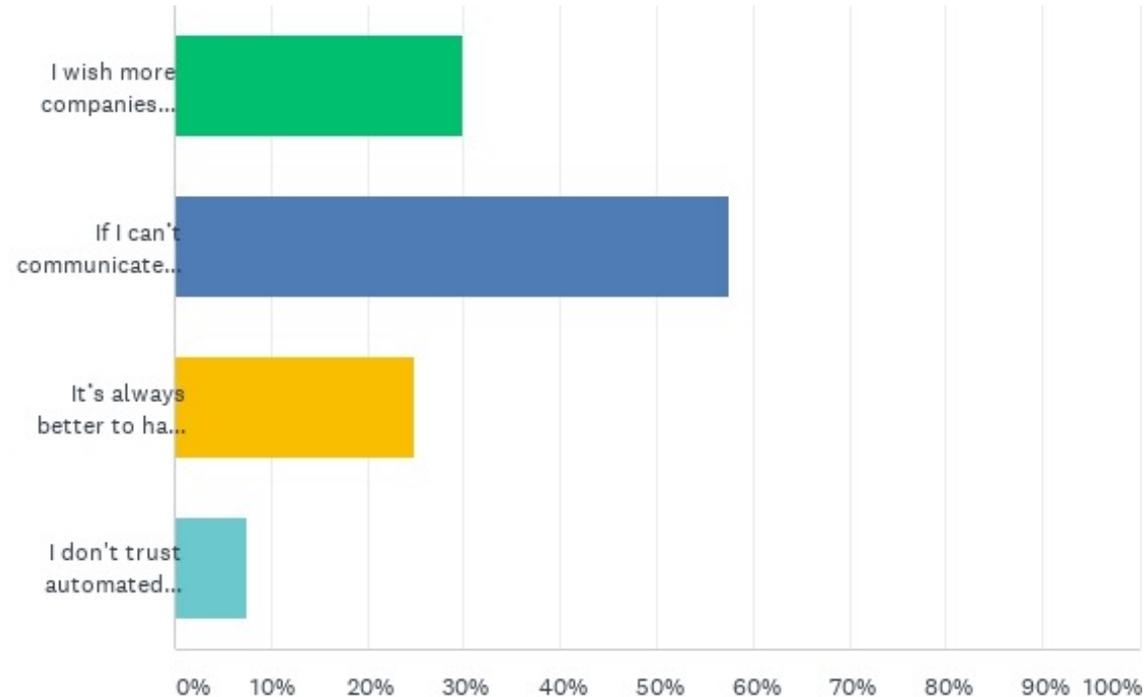
# Q18: How confident are you about communicating with automatic translations?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 164

	NOT CONFIDENT AT ALL	NOT TOO CONFIDENT	INDIFFERENT	SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	VERY CONFIDENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
I can understand information about my job that I otherwise wouldn't be able to use	15.00% 6	22.50% 9	30.00% 12	32.50% 13	0.00% 0	40	2.80
I can communicate better professionally	20.00% 8	22.50% 9	27.50% 11	17.50% 7	12.50% 5	40	2.80
My company can collaborate better across teams and countries	20.00% 8	12.50% 5	37.50% 15	30.00% 12	0.00% 0	40	2.77
We can better support customers in non-English speaking countries	15.00% 6	17.50% 7	27.50% 11	27.50% 11	12.50% 5	40	3.05

# Q19: As a customer, do you agree to the following statements about using automated translations in support? Check all that apply.

Answered: 40 Skipped: 164



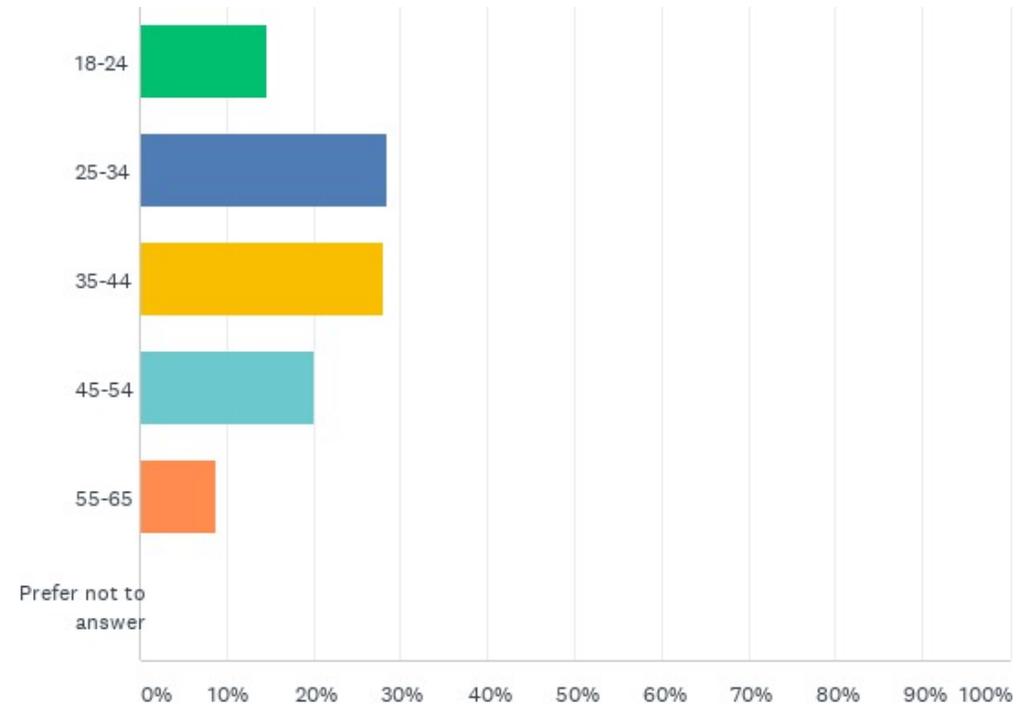
# Q19: As a customer, do you agree to the following statements about using automated translations in support? Check all that apply.

Answered: 40 Skipped: 164

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I wish more companies relied on automatically translated tickets.	30.00%	12
If I can't communicate with agents who can write in English without the help of automatic translations, I will stop using that channel.	57.50%	23
It's always better to have an automatic translation when the agent doesn't have a very good English.	25.00%	10
I don't trust automated translations in this context.	7.50%	3
Total Respondents: 40		

# Q20: How old are you?

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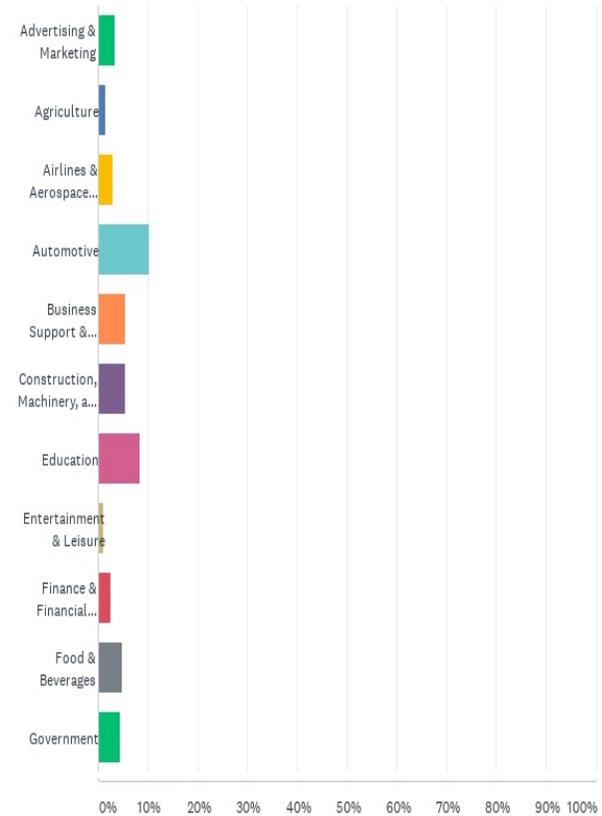
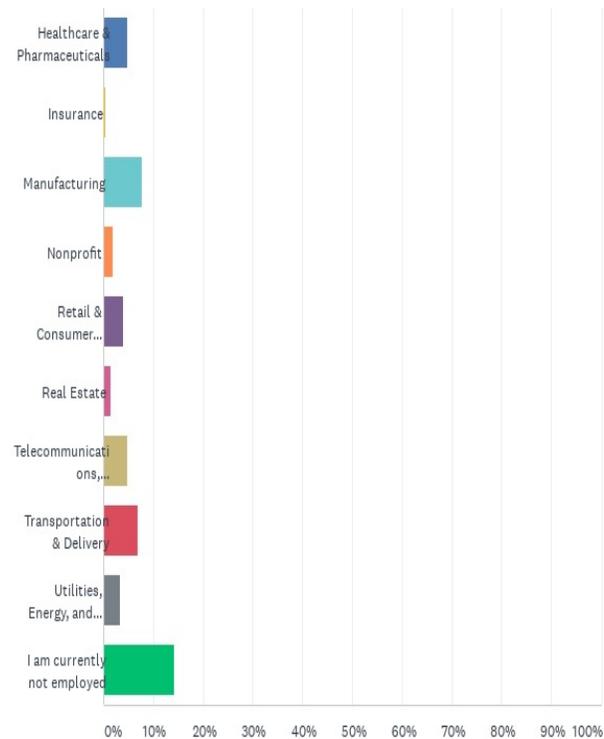
# Q20: How old are you?

Answered: 204 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-24	14.71%	30
25-34	28.43%	58
35-44	27.94%	57
45-54	20.10%	41
55-65	8.82%	18
Prefer not to answer	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>204</b>

# Q21: In which of the following industries are you employed?

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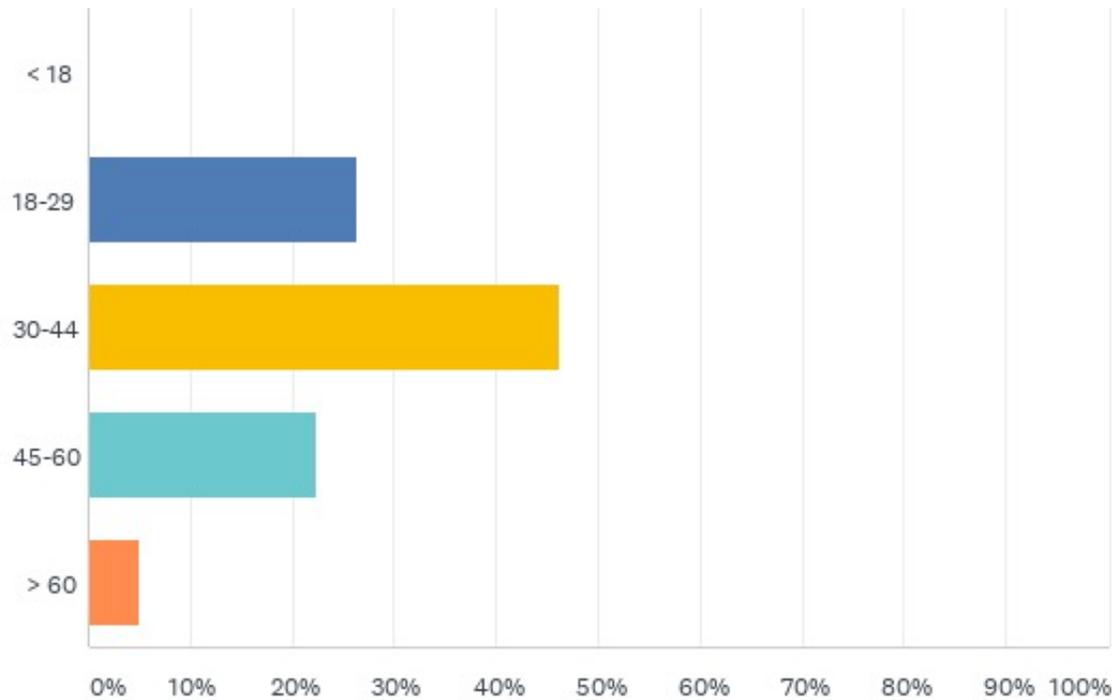
# Q21: In which of the following industries are you employed?

Answered: 204 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Advertising & Marketing	3.43%	7
Agriculture	1.47%	3
Airlines & Aerospace (including Defense)	2.94%	6
Automotive	10.29%	21
Business Support & Logistics	5.39%	11
Construction, Machinery, and Homes	5.39%	11
Education	8.33%	17
Entertainment & Leisure	0.98%	2
Finance & Financial Services	2.45%	5
Food & Beverages	4.90%	10
Government	4.41%	9
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	4.90%	10
Insurance	0.49%	1
Manufacturing	7.84%	16
Nonprofit	1.96%	4
Retail & Consumer Durables	3.92%	8
Real Estate	1.47%	3
Telecommunications, Technology, Internet & Electronics	4.90%	10
Transportation & Delivery	6.86%	14
Utilities, Energy, and Extraction	3.43%	7
I am currently not employed	14.22%	29
TOTAL		204

# Demographics: Age

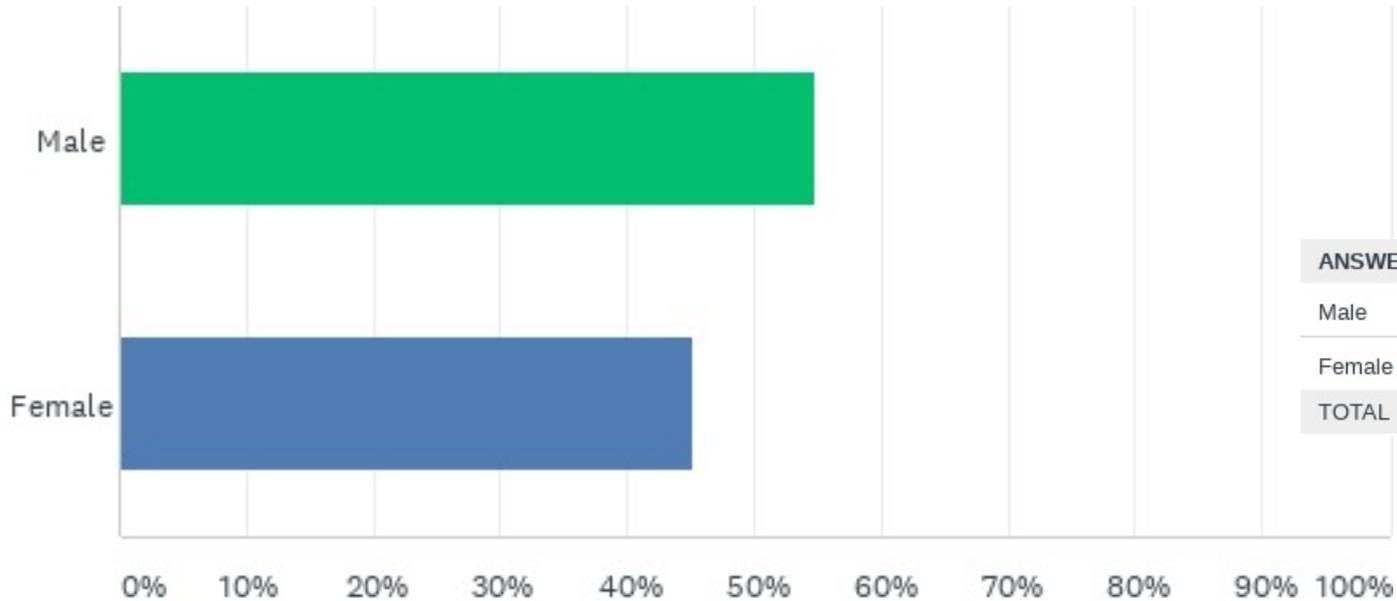
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
< 18	0.00%	0
18-29	26.37%	53
30-44	46.27%	93
45-60	22.39%	45
> 60	4.98%	10
TOTAL		201

# Demographics: Gender

Answered: 201 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	54.73%	110
Female	45.27%	91
TOTAL		201

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