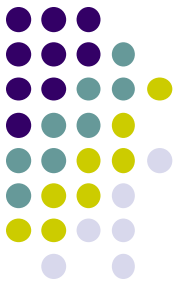


# **PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN SPOUSES IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR OF TAIWAN**

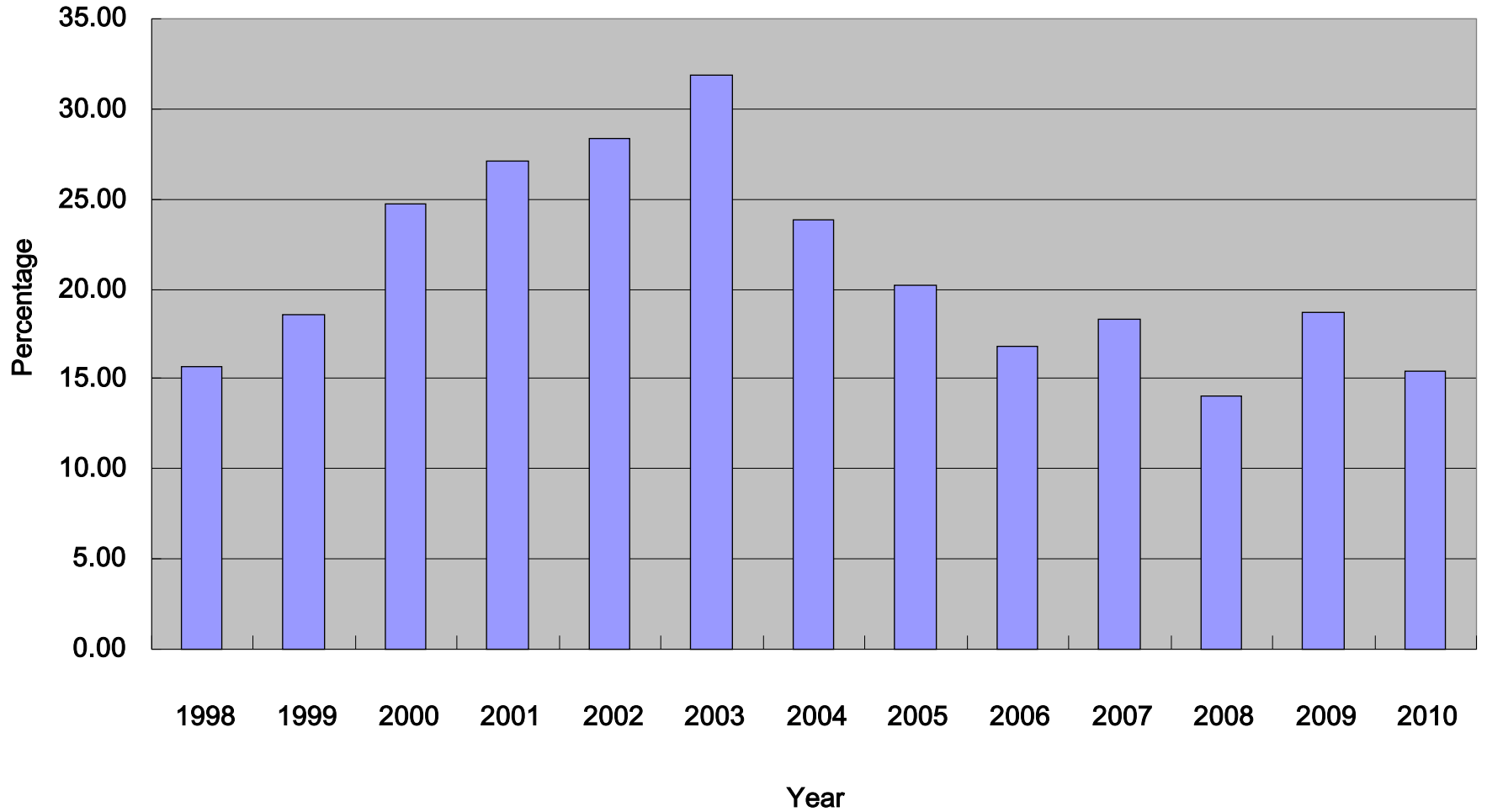
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# Introduction 1

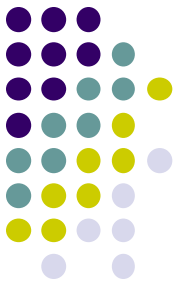


- Starting from 1992, intermarriage between Taiwan and China became well accepted after others between Taiwan and Vietnam, Indonesia or Thailand .
- In year 2002, among over 173,000 married couples, 11.7% were intermarried couple.
- In year 2008, among over 154,868 married couples, 13.6% were intermarried couple.

# Percent of Intermarriage Couples in Taiwan



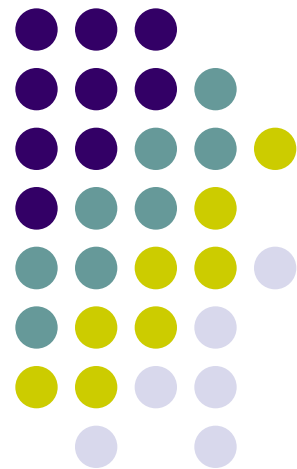
# Introduction 2



- Using self-designed questionnaire to interview foreign spouses living in Taiwanese fishery villages of Taipei, Yilan, Tainan, Kaohsiung, Pingtung, and Penghu
- Getting a picture of how they earn their living when they help their husbands or work for their employers in the field of fisheries
- The interviewed foreign spouses in fishery sector of Taiwan are open minded, diligent and self-motive.

# Let's go!

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# Aa and Bb work happily for green algae cultivation at single-spat oyster hatchery in Penghu



# Cc and Dd works for small abalone hatchery



# Ee is teaching other foreign spouses how to cook Taiwanese cuisine





Ff and her husband share with other foreign spouses their experience to get along with family members in a weekend party



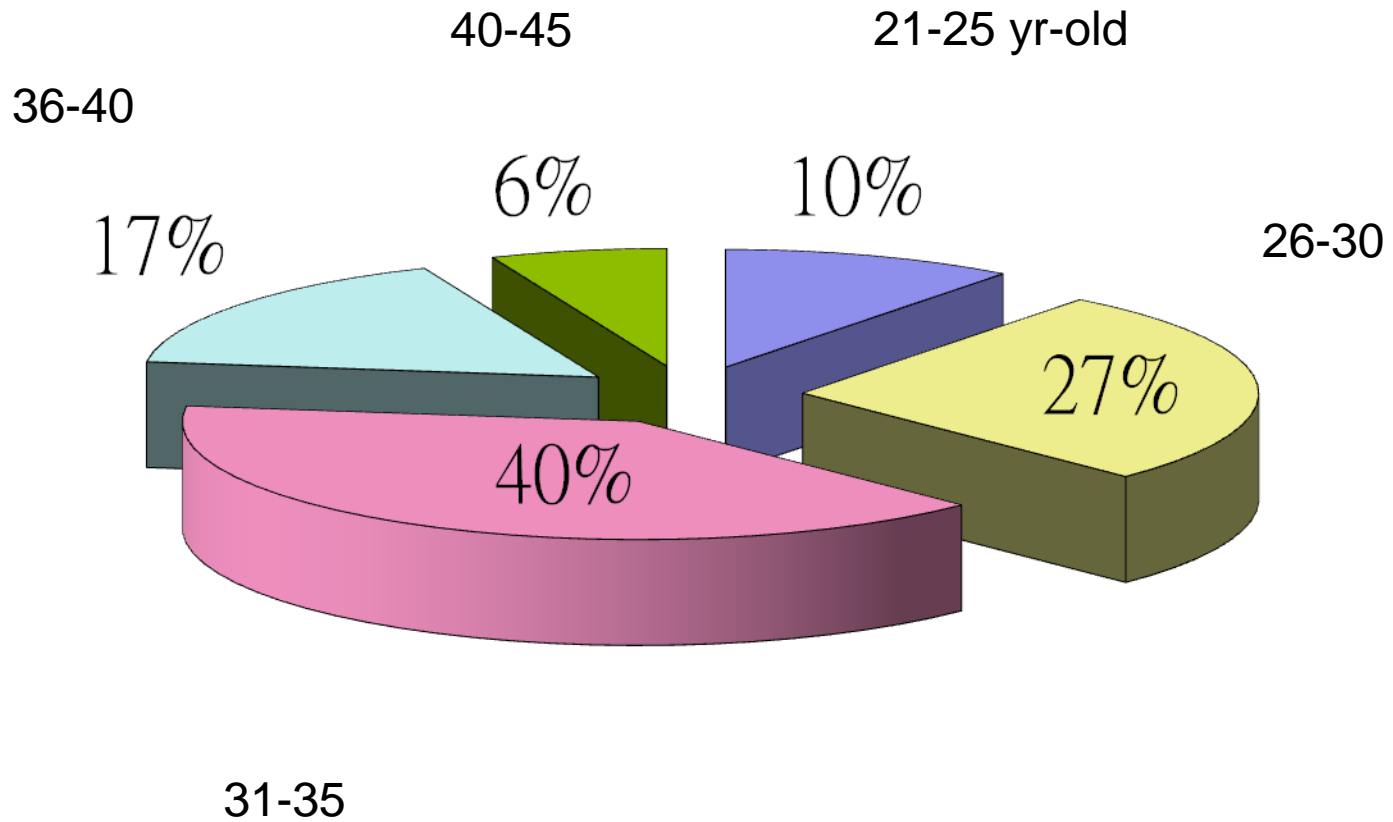
Gg enjoys company of her husband and happiness of fruit-picking in Lychee garden



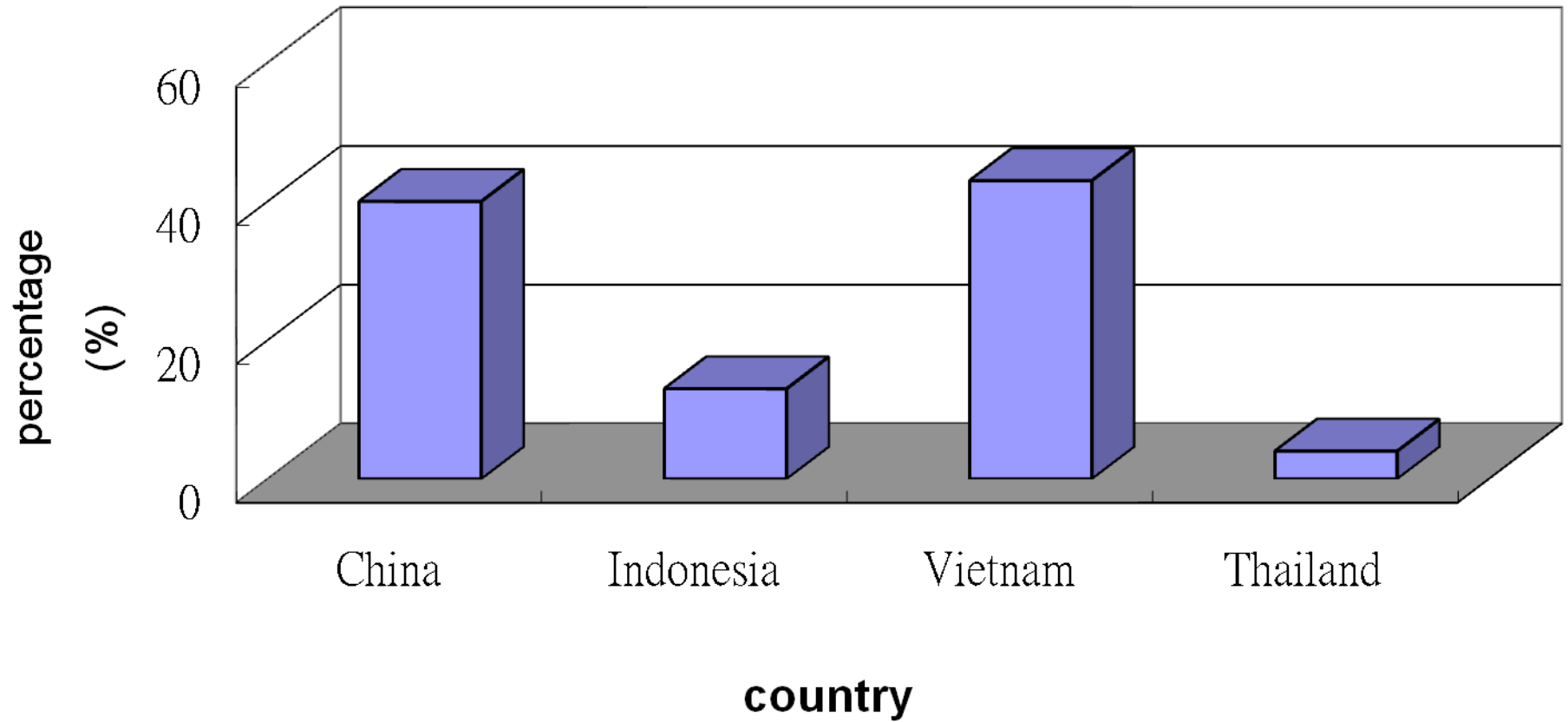
Hh at Taiwanese dress on a happy salon photo with her beloved husband



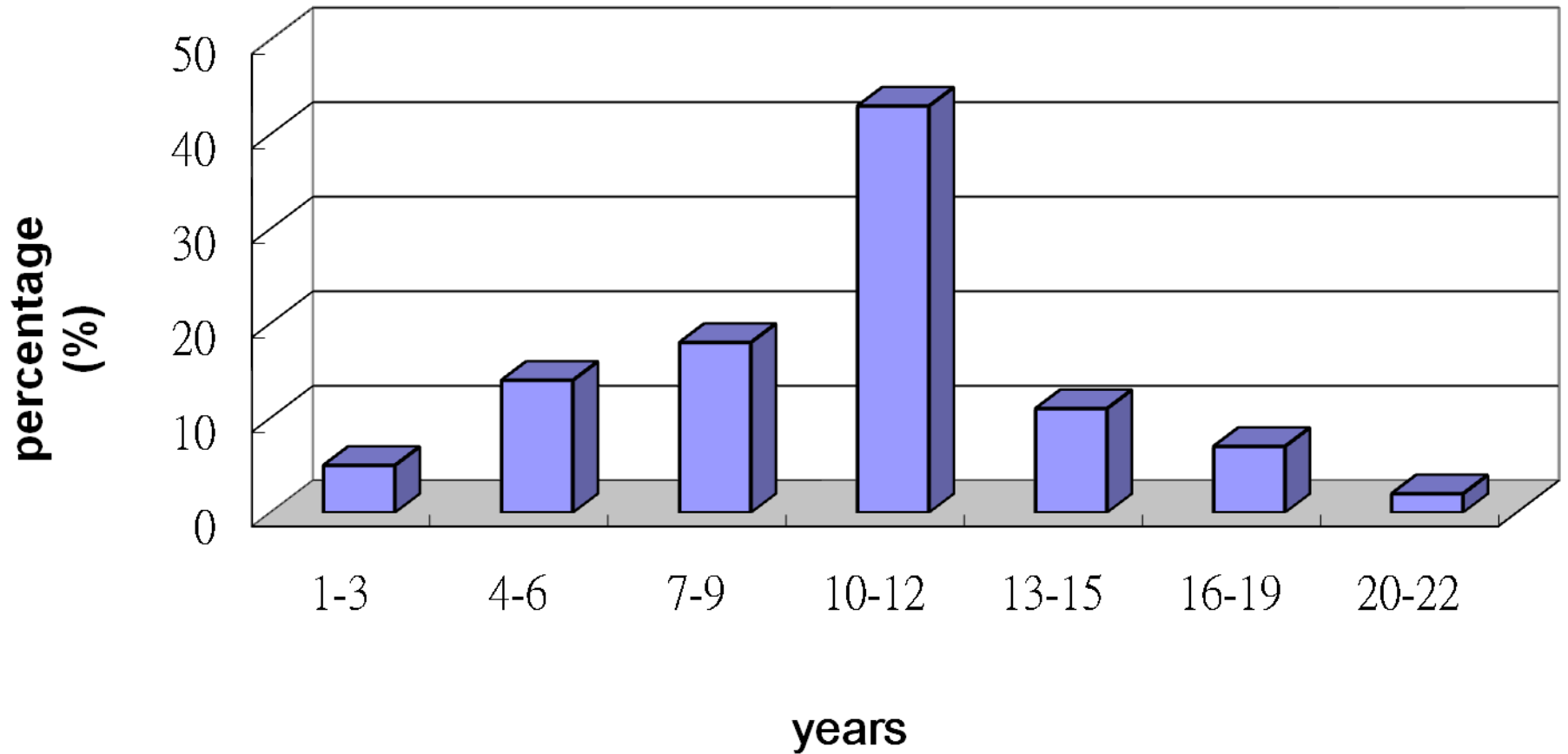
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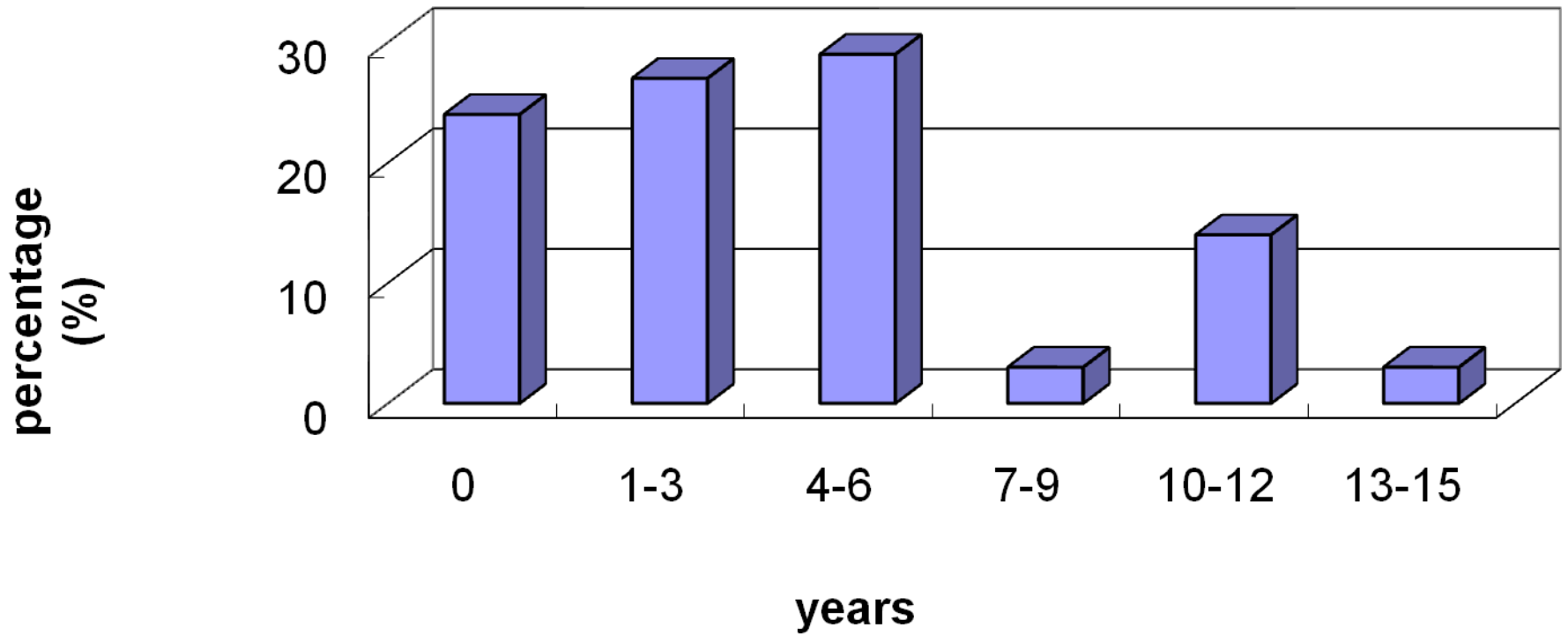
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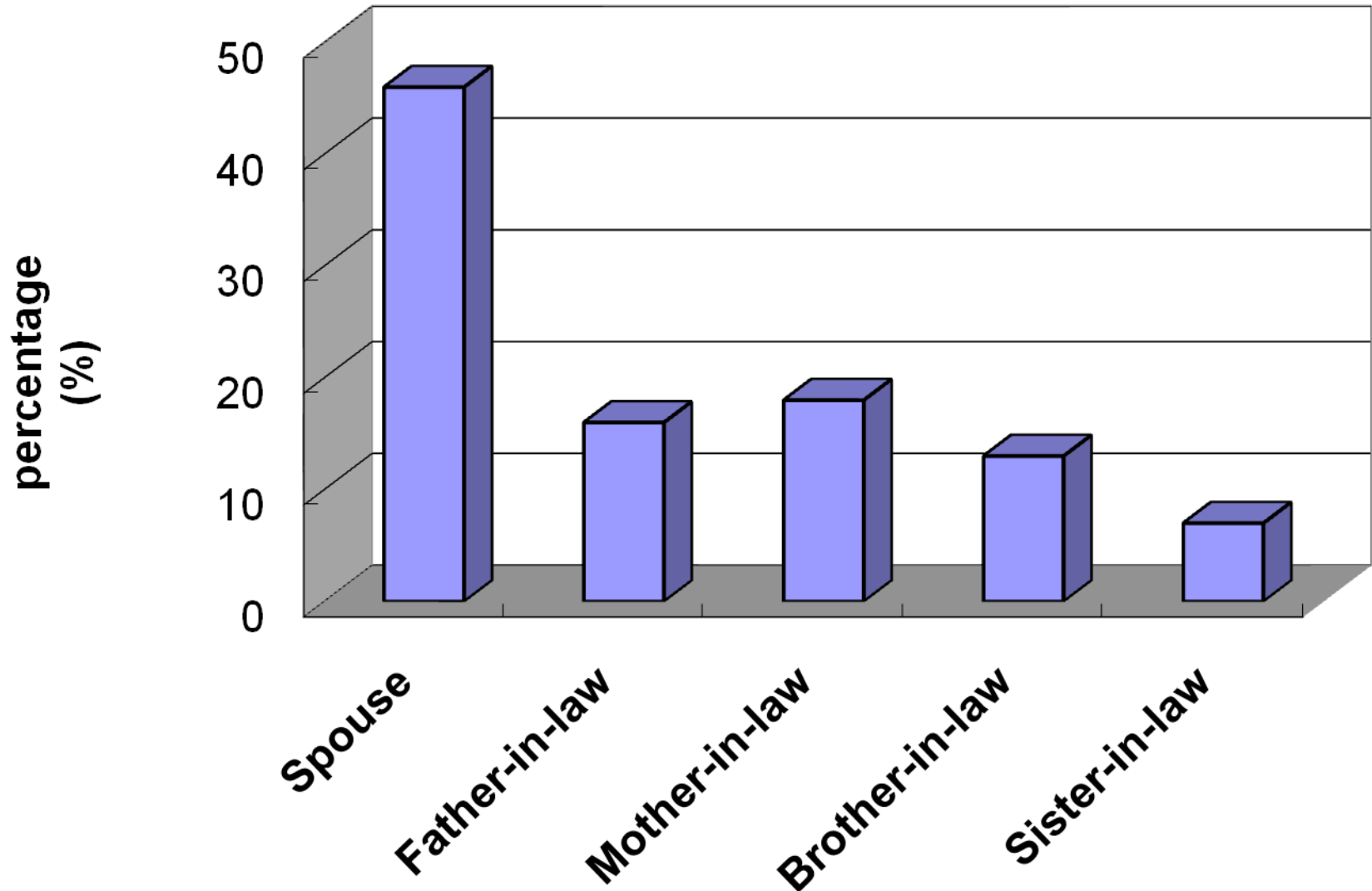
# Length of Staying in Taiwan (years)



# Years of Receiving Citizenship

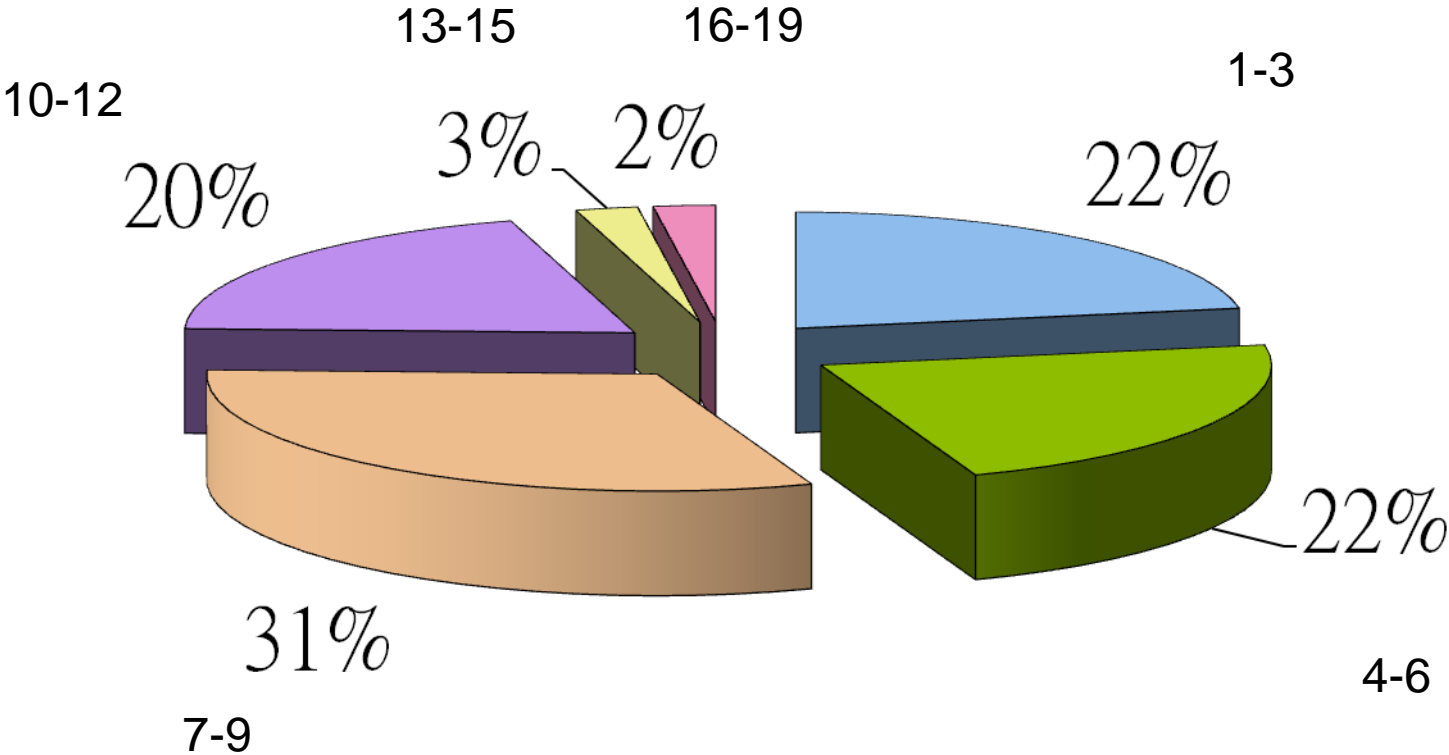


# Living Arrangement

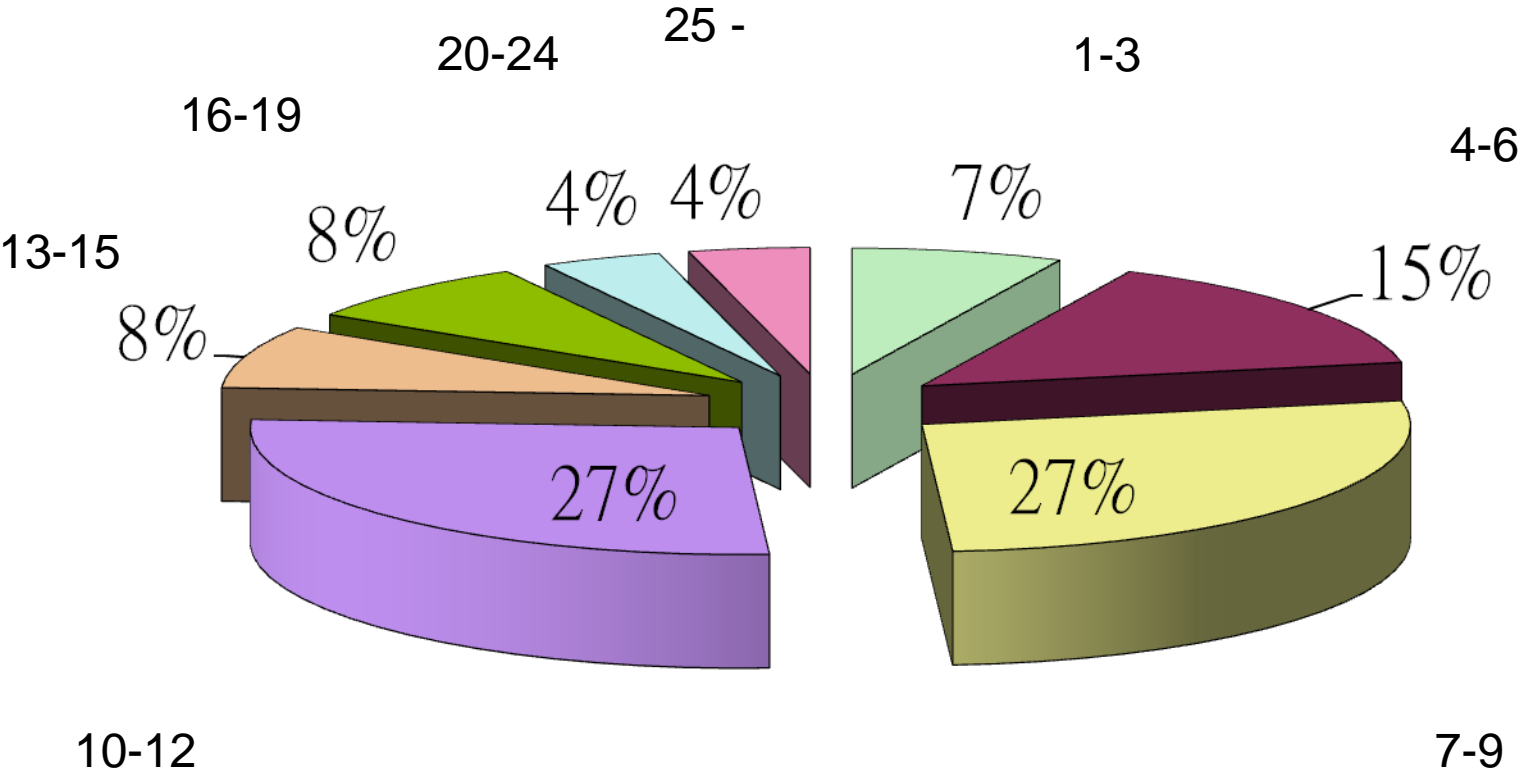




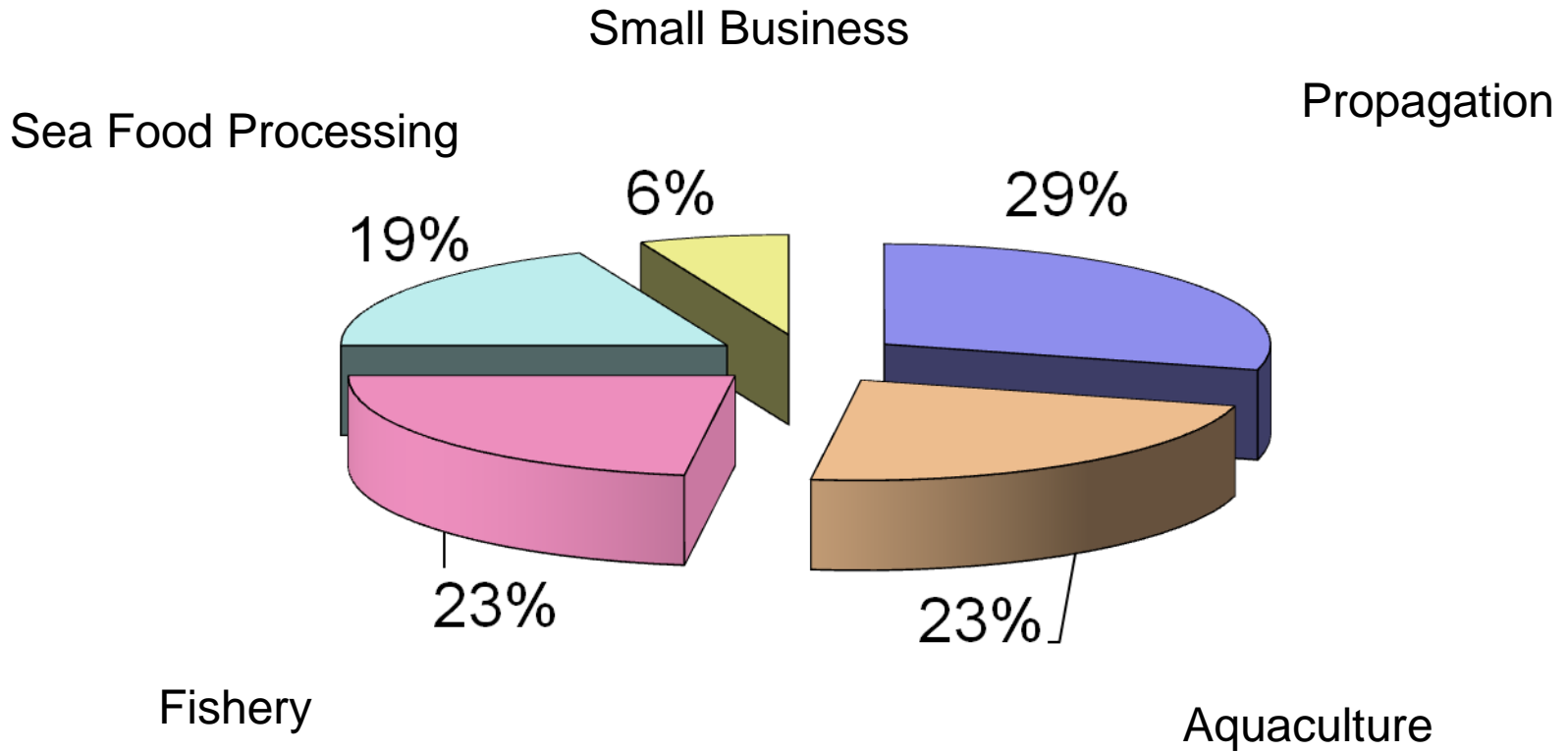
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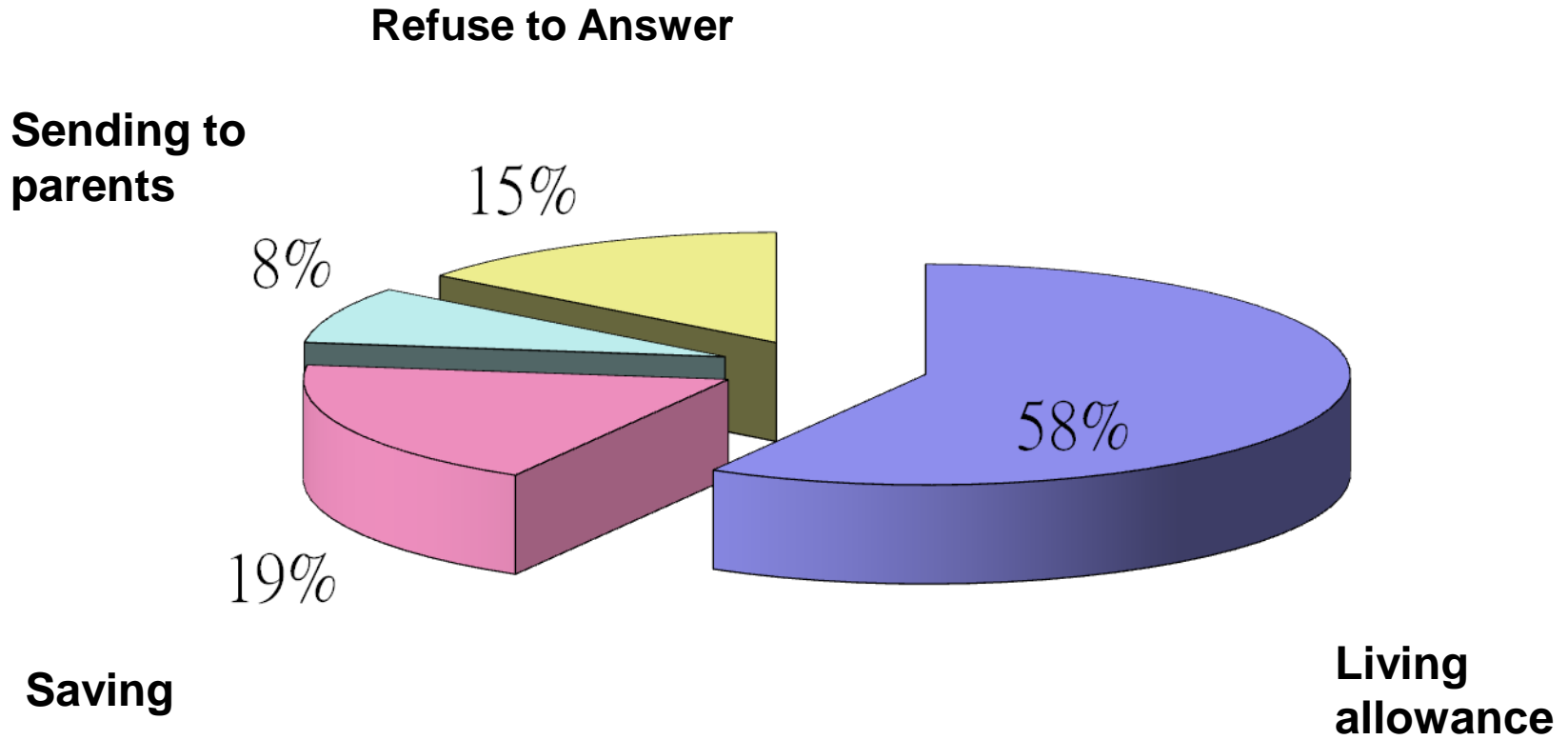
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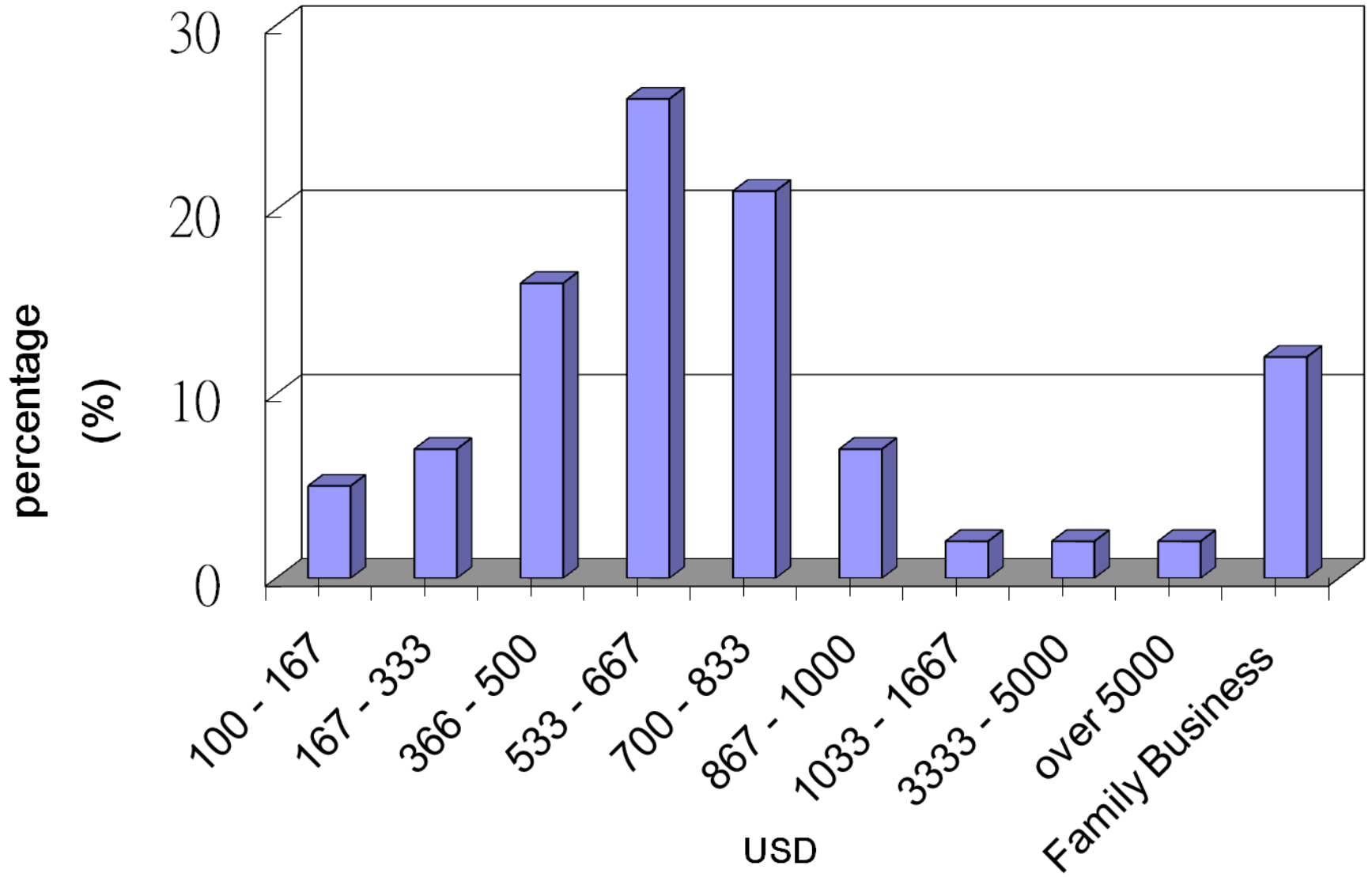
# Full Time or Part Time Job



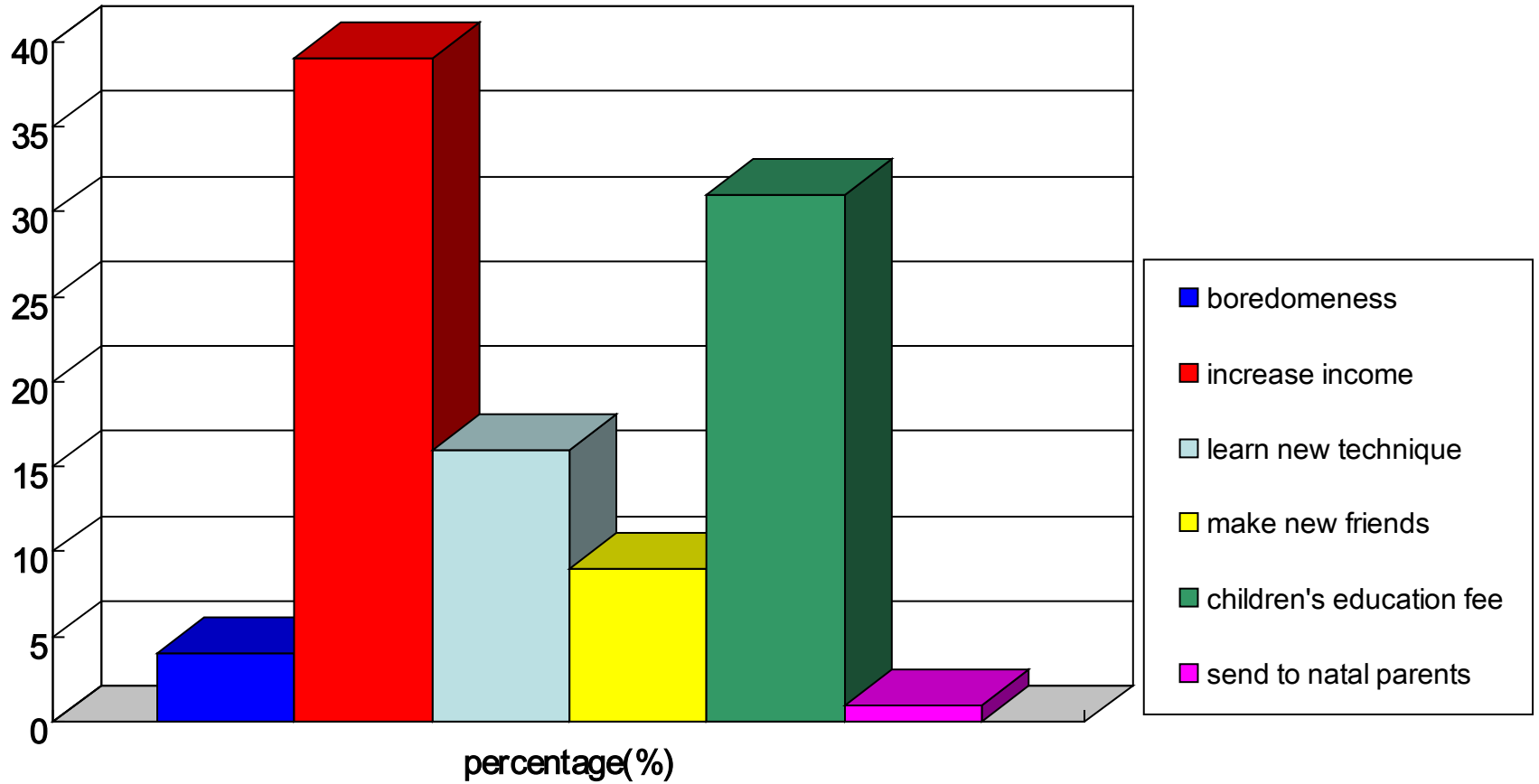
# Income Allocation



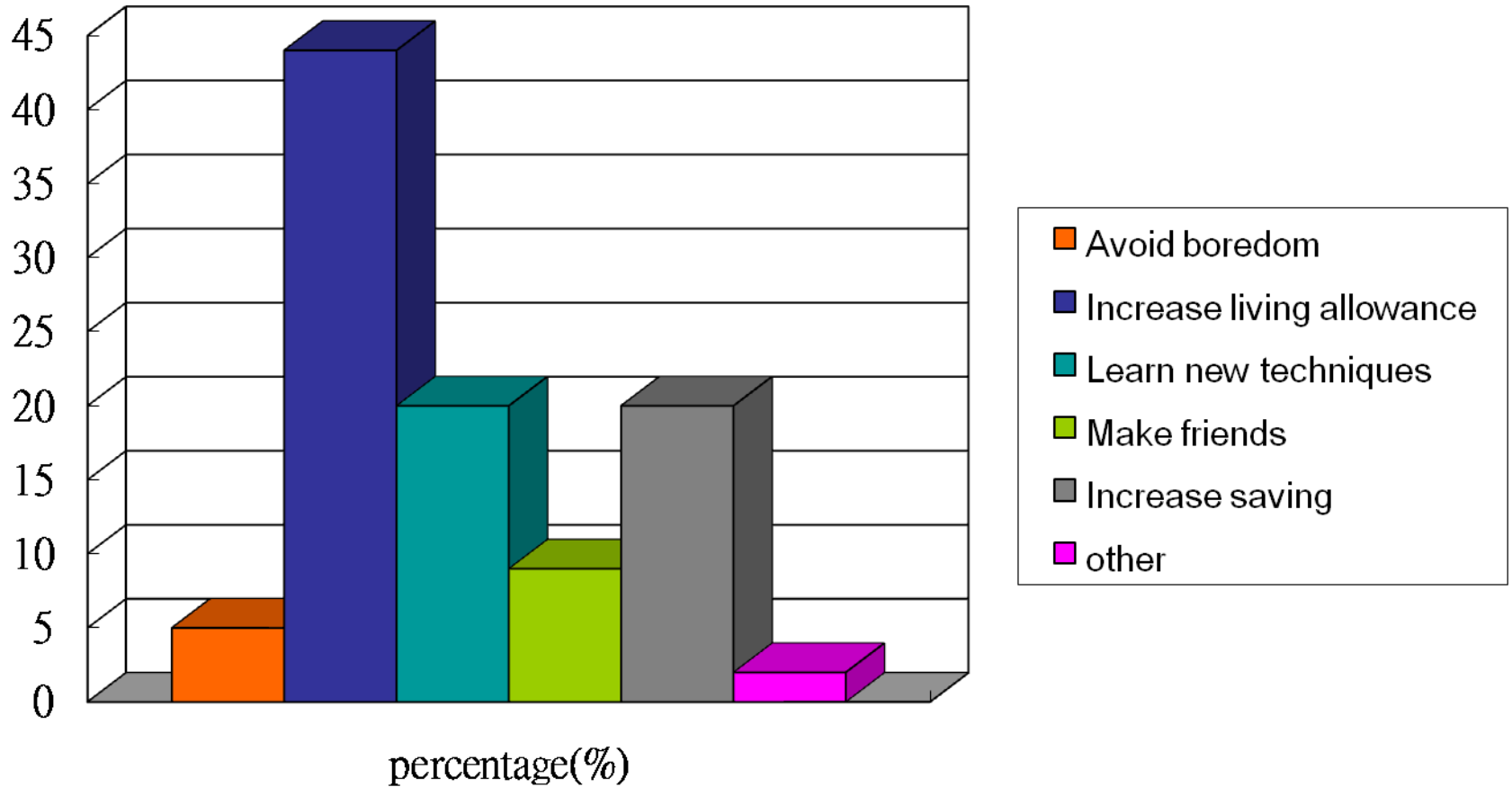
# Monthly Income



# Work Motivation



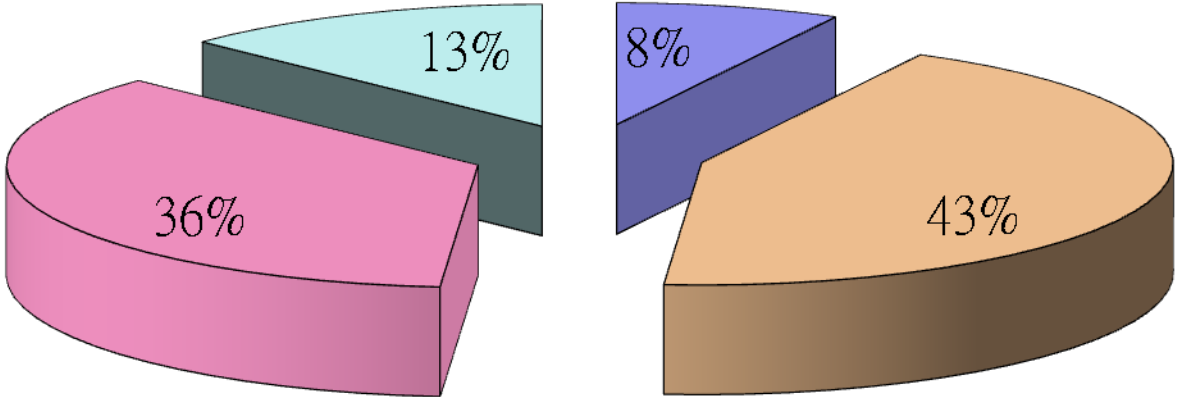
# Work Achievement



# Future Plan of These Work Related with Fishery

Want to recommend friends to join working

No desire to work any more

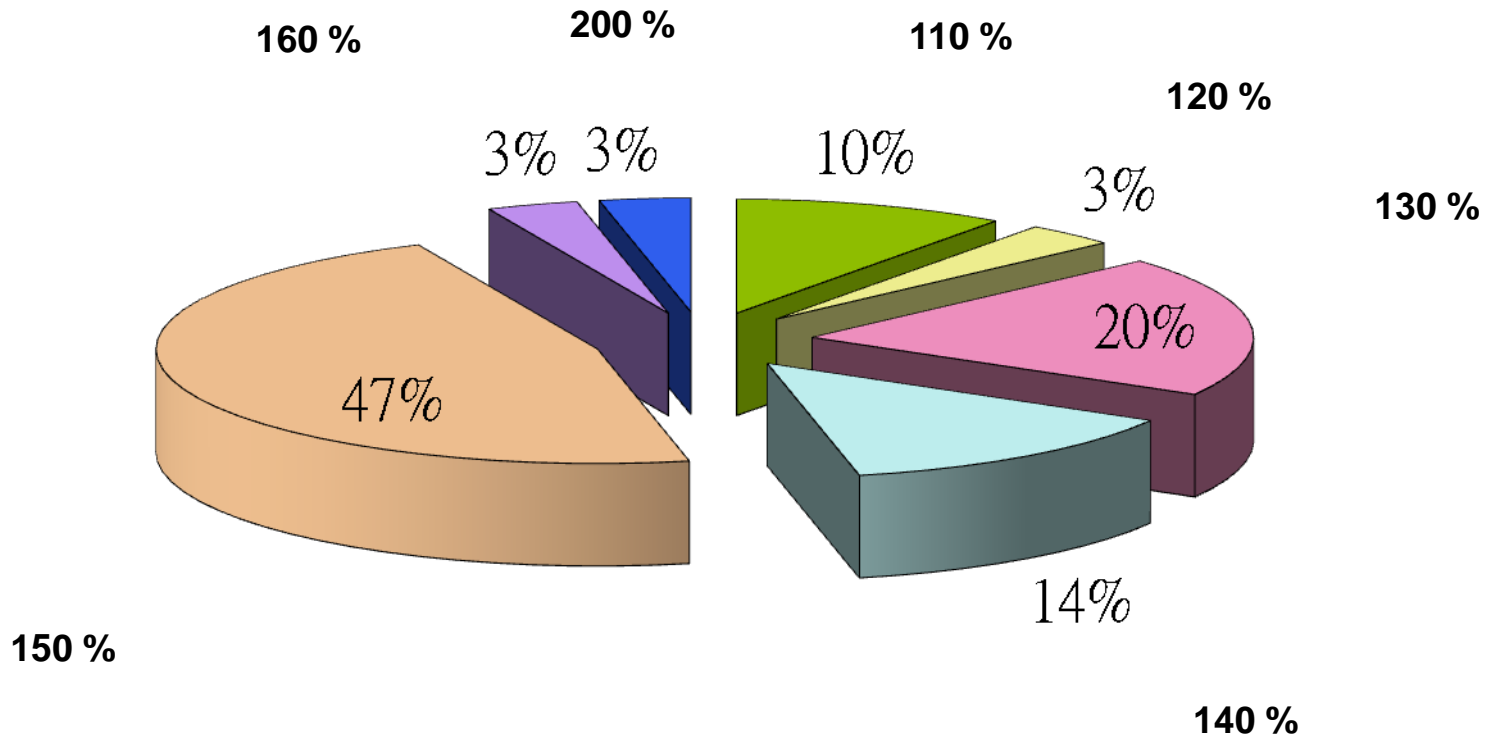


Strong desire to work continuously

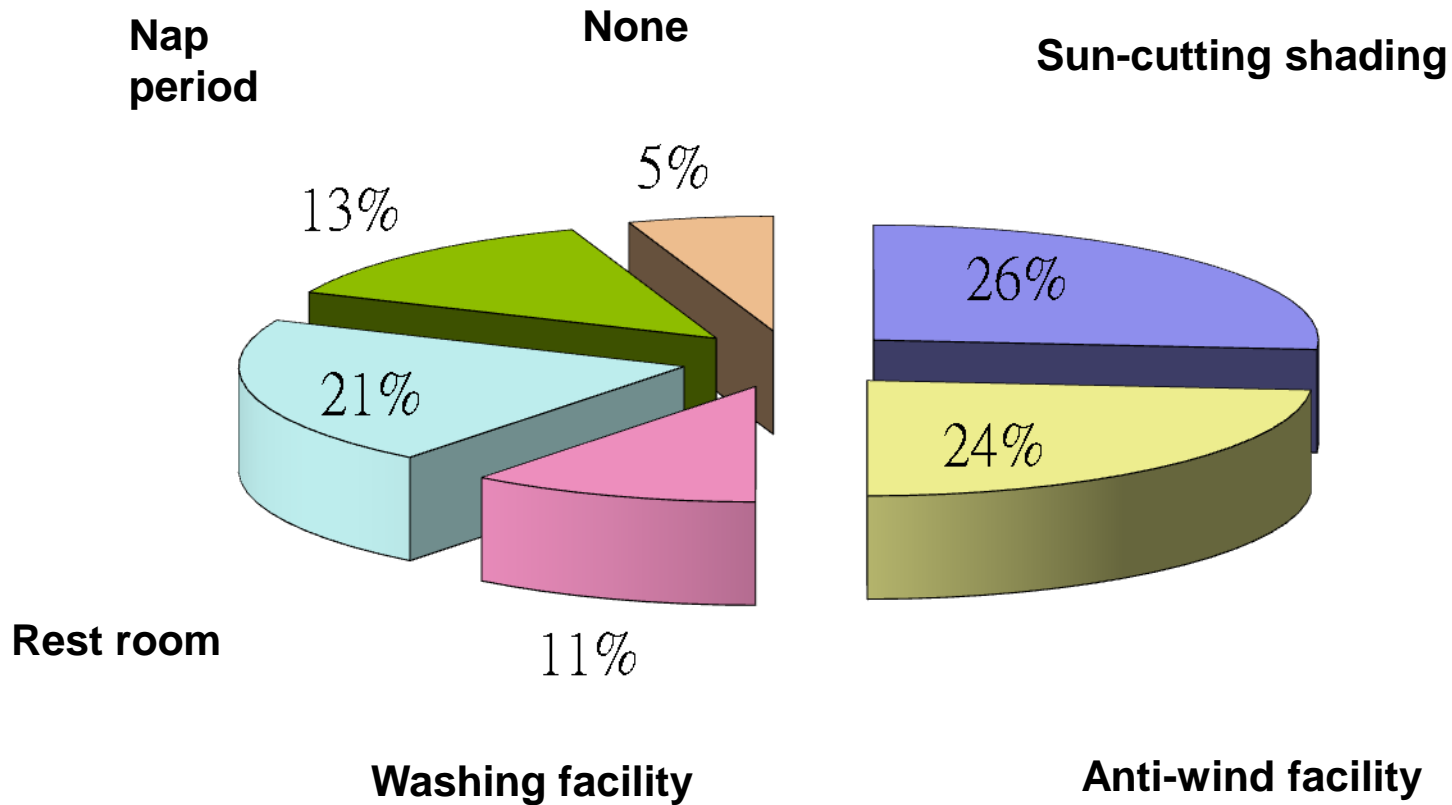
Uncertainty



# Expectation of Increasing Salary

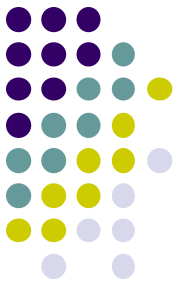


# Things to be Improved on their Working Place

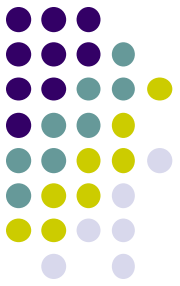


# Summary 1

- **Age of interviewee ranges from 20 to 45-year-old.**
- **They have lived in Taiwan for 1 to 22 years respectively.**
- **Country of origin includes Vietnam, China, Indonesia and Thailand (in order of greatest number to least).**
- **Most have become citizen for 1 to 12 years respectively.**
- **Some are still waiting for the result of their citizenship application.**

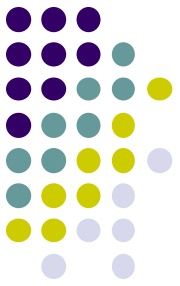


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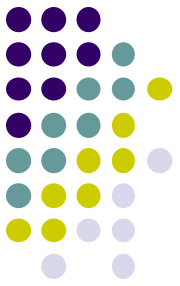
- **All live with children who accept free education and husband who has routine or non-routine work (4:1).**
- **Less than half of the foreign spouses live with father-in-law or/and mother-in-law but only a few live with young brother-in-law and sister-in-law.**
- **Each family has one to four children at age ranging from 1 to 25-yr-old.**

# Summary 3



- **Priority of work motivation:**
  - (1) children education expense,
  - (2) additional living allowance,
  - (3) learning new skills,
  - (4) making new friends, and
  - (5) boredomes
- **Type of work:**
  - (1) propagation of sweet fish, grouper, small abalone, marine and freshwater prawns, oyster and algae,
  - (2) cultivation for sweet fish, small abalone, marine and freshwater prawns, oyster and algae,
  - (3) collection of fry of milkfish, eel, crab from coast,
  - (4) processing of squid balls, fish fillet, and
  - (5) small business such as selling crabs and importation or exportation of fish fry.

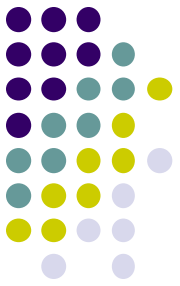
# Summary 4



- **Their income from work of full or part time employee ranges from NT\$ 3,000 (US\$ 100 to 25,000 (US\$ 100 to 830) per month.**
- **Income of the family business with proper assistance of foreign spouses reaches up to NT\$160,000 (US\$ 5,333).**

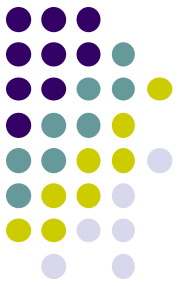
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# Summary 5



- **Most cases ( 70%) : income is used 100% for living allowance.**
- **Some cases ( 20% ): 50~90% for household with rest for saving account.**
- **A few exception cases (10 %) sending 10% to 100% back to their country of origin.**

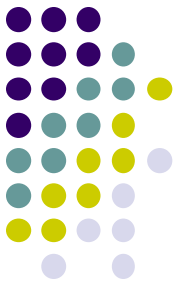
# Summary 6



- **Work achievement:**
  - improving living allowance,
  - saving for children education,
  - learning new skills, and
  - making new friends
- **Therefore,** they are eager to continue fishery work, introducing friends to join them to work rather than do not care if they are not offered any more job opportunity.

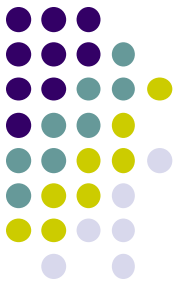


# Summary 7



- **Most of them desire for 150% pay than before.**
- **They ask for work environment improvement mainly in terms of sun screen and wind-resistant shading.**
- **None asks for improvement of working tools.**

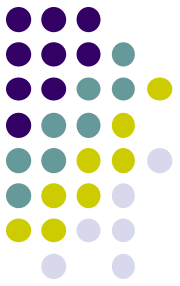
# Summary 8



**It is hoped that output of this interview and analysis work become a reference for**

- (1) practical assistance to promote foreign spouses' adaptability to the society of Taiwan, especially with their nature of maternal parent**
- (2) policy making related with immigration regulation after knowing more about their situation, attitude and dream**
- (3) improved strategies to help all intermarriage families in fishery villages in Taiwan and other countries**

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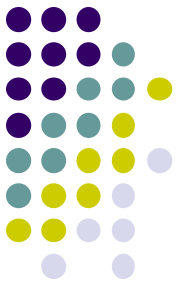
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- **Foreign spouses and families**

**Thank you for attention**



Happy intermarried couples in fishery towns

