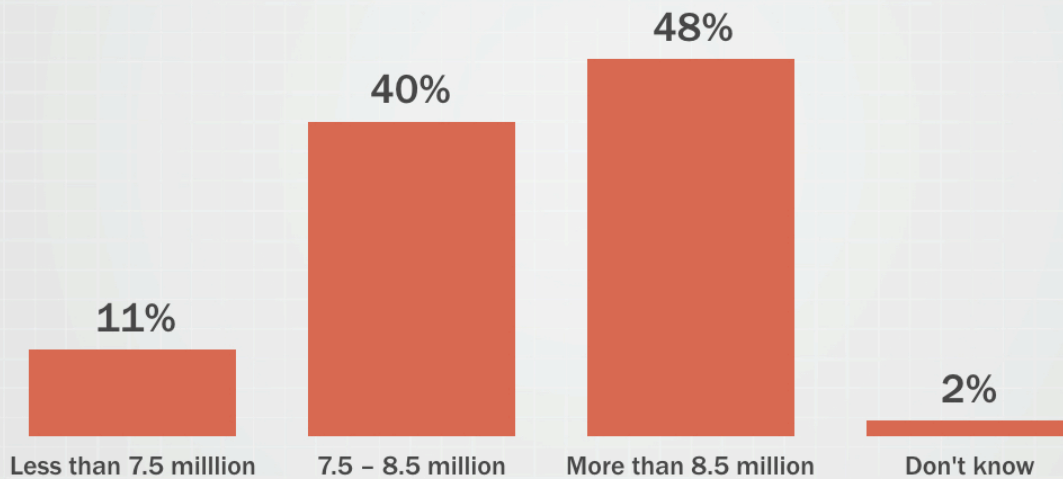


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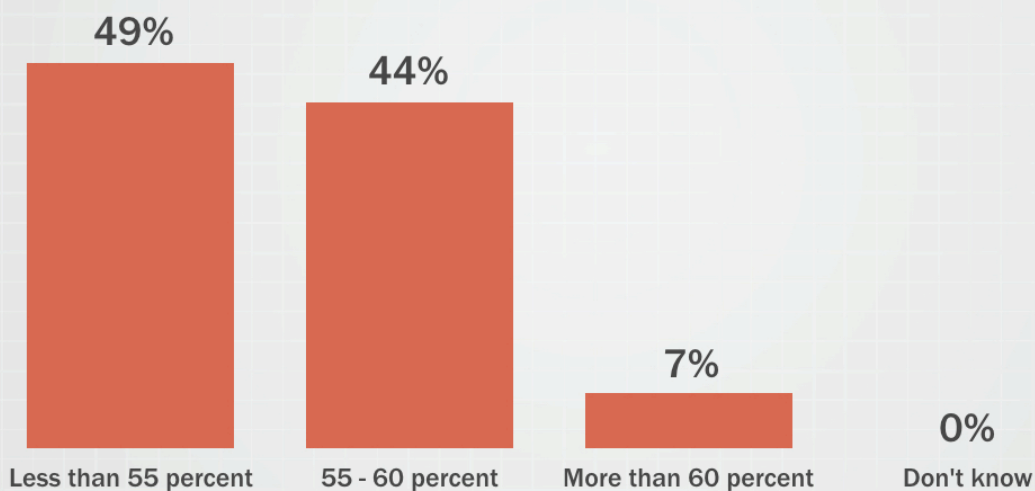
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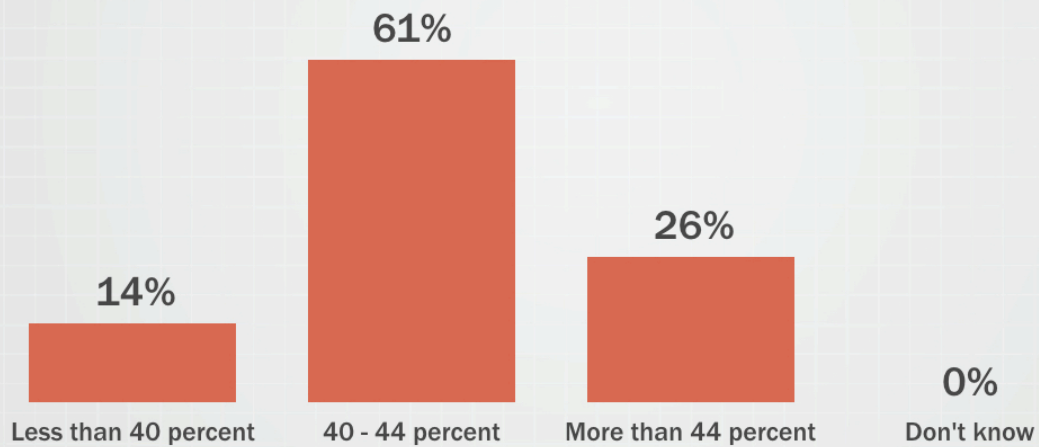
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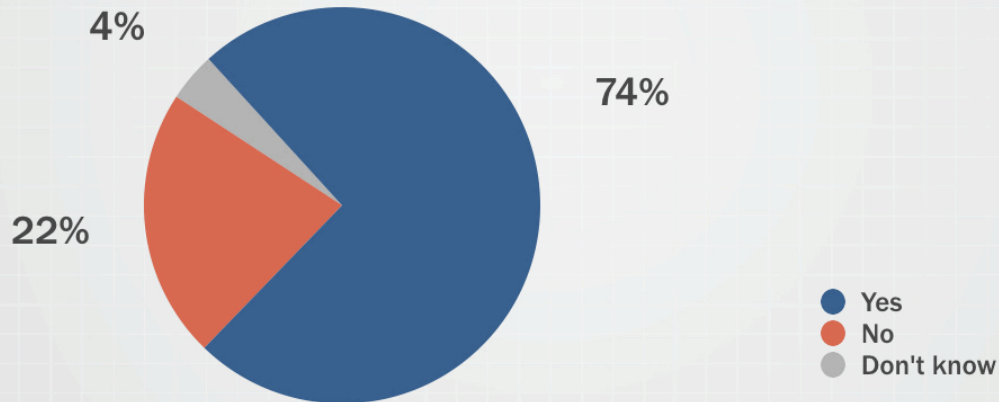
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- "The sleeping giant will finally awaken."
- "Hispanic turnout will grow from 2012's 38 percent."
- "Seems like 8 million people have moved to Texas since 2012. Surely they brought with them civic-mindedness and will help increase turnout."
- "The state has grown, so there will be more votes."
- "More voters vs. unpopular candidates = flat turnout."
- "The Rs aren't excited, blacks and Hispanics still don't vote in high enough numbers and the D base isn't enough to run up the total very much."

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- "Clinton won't connect with male voters, both Hispanic and Anglo."
- "Unless Texans have completely lost their senses..."
- "Whatever the percentage is, you can take to the bank that it will be The Best (TM) percentage."
- "Trump's anti-NAFTA talk, hurts many Hispanics."
- "Way less than any year since 1976"
- "There are still enough over 50, white men to trounce the Ds in Texas."
- "Trump is a fool. I think a lot of GOP votes will go Libertarian."

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- "Clinton won't be able to surf the Obama youth vote."
- "Hillary has a loyal, though small, following in Texas. And, she doesn't suffer from racial bias like Obama did."
- "Much more than any recent year."
- "HC is no Barack. Many still want to feel the Bern!"
- "Low- to mid-forties sounds about right. I don't sense there will be many folks going from R to D, but could see a lot of Rs not voting or going to Libertarian."

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- "Hillary wins big among Hispanics, but the Spicoli (thanks, Sean Penn) vote goes to Governor Veto."
- "Absolutely he does."
- "Yes, he does better. No, he doesn't crack 5 percent."
- "There will be lots of people looking for an alternative."
- "Perhaps, but I don't think he'll top 3 percent."
- "Johnson and Weld offer a (mostly) common sense alternative to Rs who can't imagine voting for Trump or Clinton. That should equal 5 percent for the Ls in Texas."
- "It does not matter. The Libertarian Party is a waste of effort."

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