



Preparing the Child Care Community for Emergencies

the San Diego County Experience



Historical Perspective

- **San Diego County 2003 Wild Fires**
 - Local Planning Council (LPC) constitutes Disaster Preparedness Committee
 - Purpose / Members
 - Sunsets
- **San Diego County 2007 Wild Fires**
 - LPC re-constitutes Disaster Preparedness
 - Purpose / Members
 - Work continues to flourish





Importance of Collaboration

- **Local Child Care Planning Council (LPC)**
 - State Mandated Advisory Body
 - Diverse Representation
- **Local Resource and Referral Agency (R&R)**
 - Provides free services and programs that promote and increase the quality of child care
- **County Office of Emergency Services**
 - The Office of Emergency Services (OES) coordinates the overall county response to disasters.
- **County 211 Provider**
 - 2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in their community



Importance of Collaboration

- **Save the Children**
 - Save the Children is the leading independent organization creating lasting change in the lives of children in need in the United States and around the world.
- **Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)**
- **Child Care Licensing**



Problems Addressed

- **Child Care in Local Assistance Centers funded by FEMA and County of San Diego**
- **Training of child care providers**
- **Communication with child care providers**
- **Standardized protocols**



Child Care in Local Assistance Centers

- **How to assure that volunteer staff are qualified to work with children**
 - Experience working with children
 - Background checks
 - Setting up safe and appropriate environments for children



Training of Child Care Providers

- **NACCRRA training:**
- **What to do during an emergency**



Communication with Child Care Providers

- **Robo Calling System**
- **Provides monthly disaster preparedness messages**
- **Surveys providers as to what they know**
- **Surveys providers after a disaster**



2010 Survey Information

Sent To:

4118 English-Speaking
Providers

472 Spanish-Speaking
Providers

Participated:

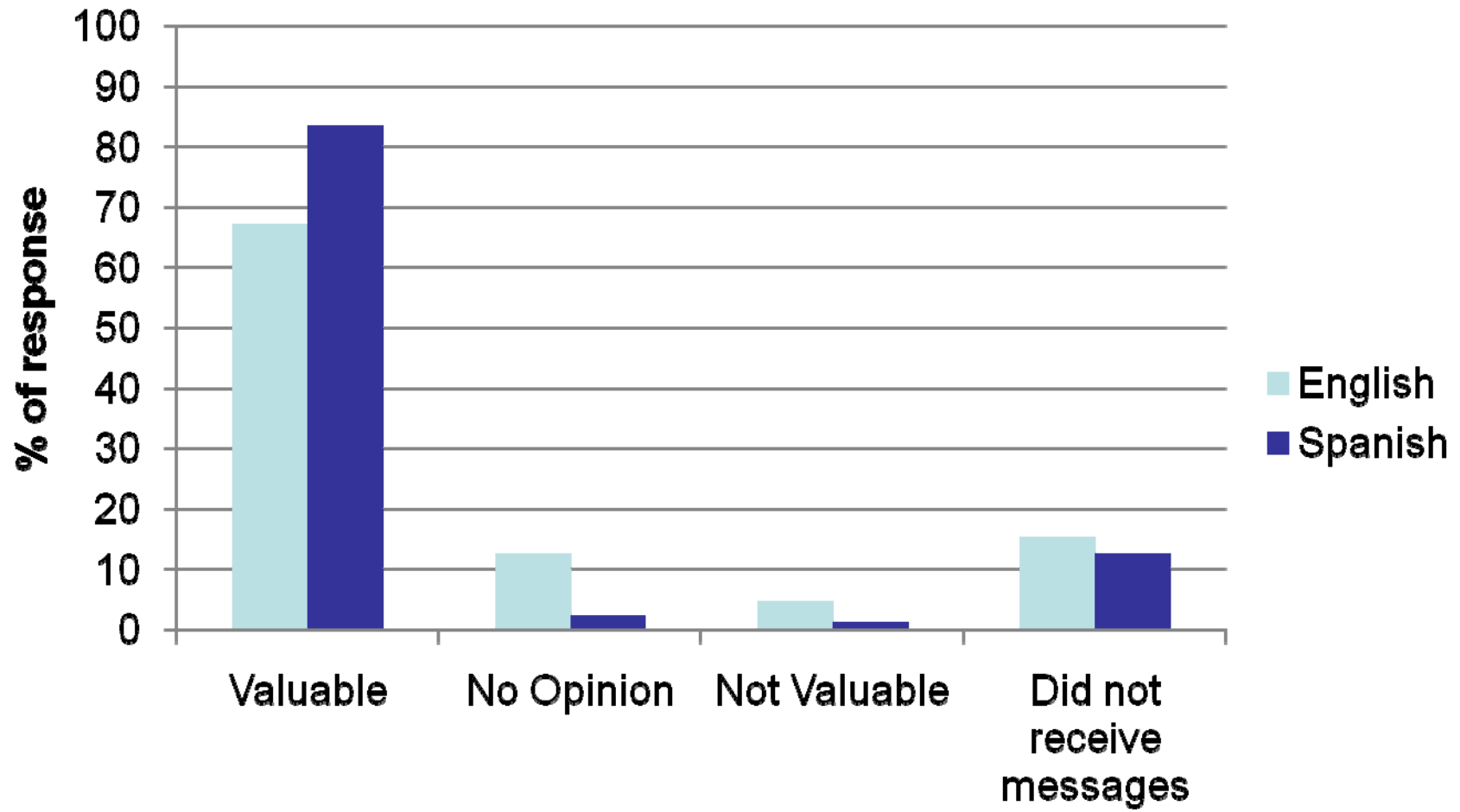
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Providers

20% Response rate

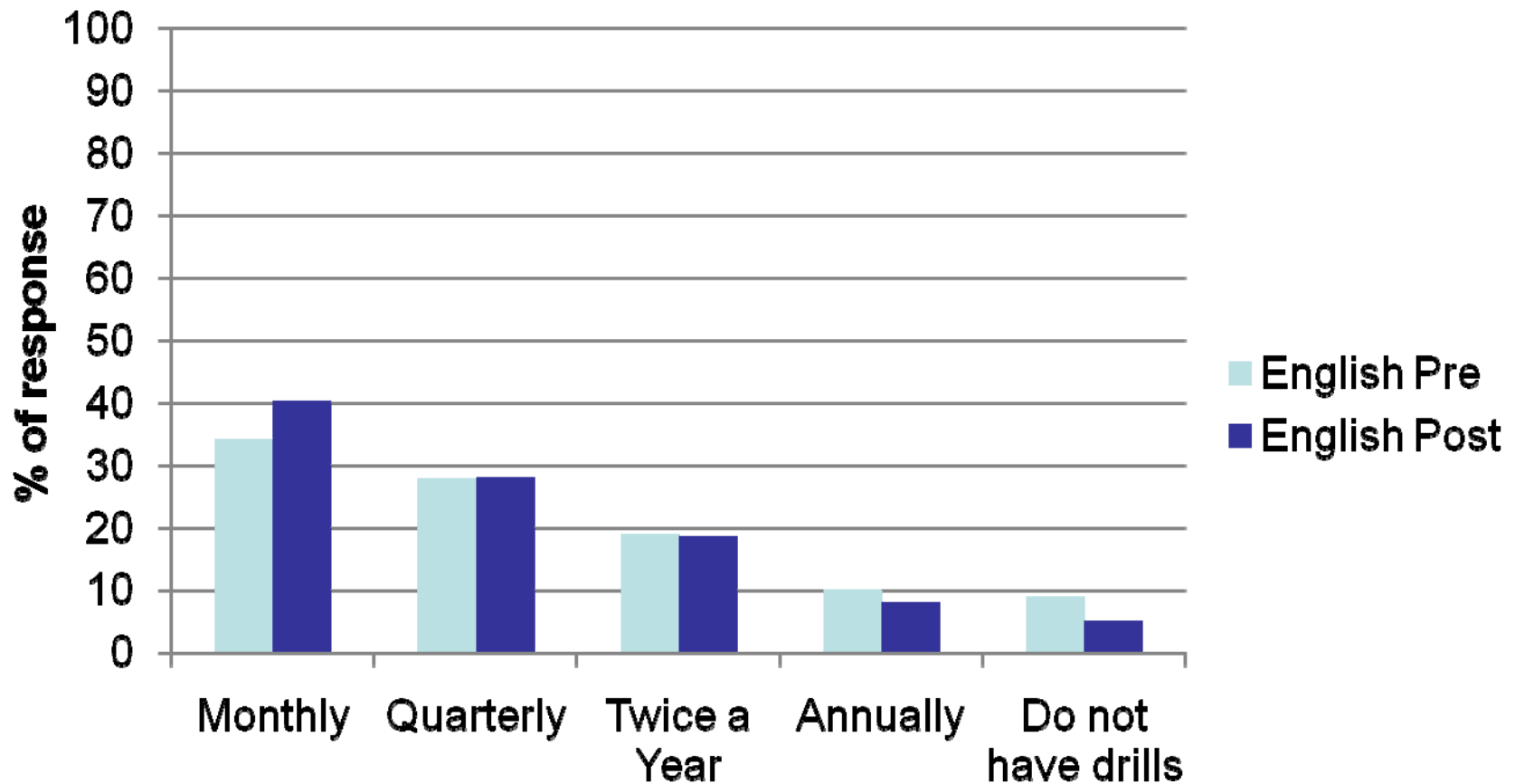
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Providers

37% Response rate

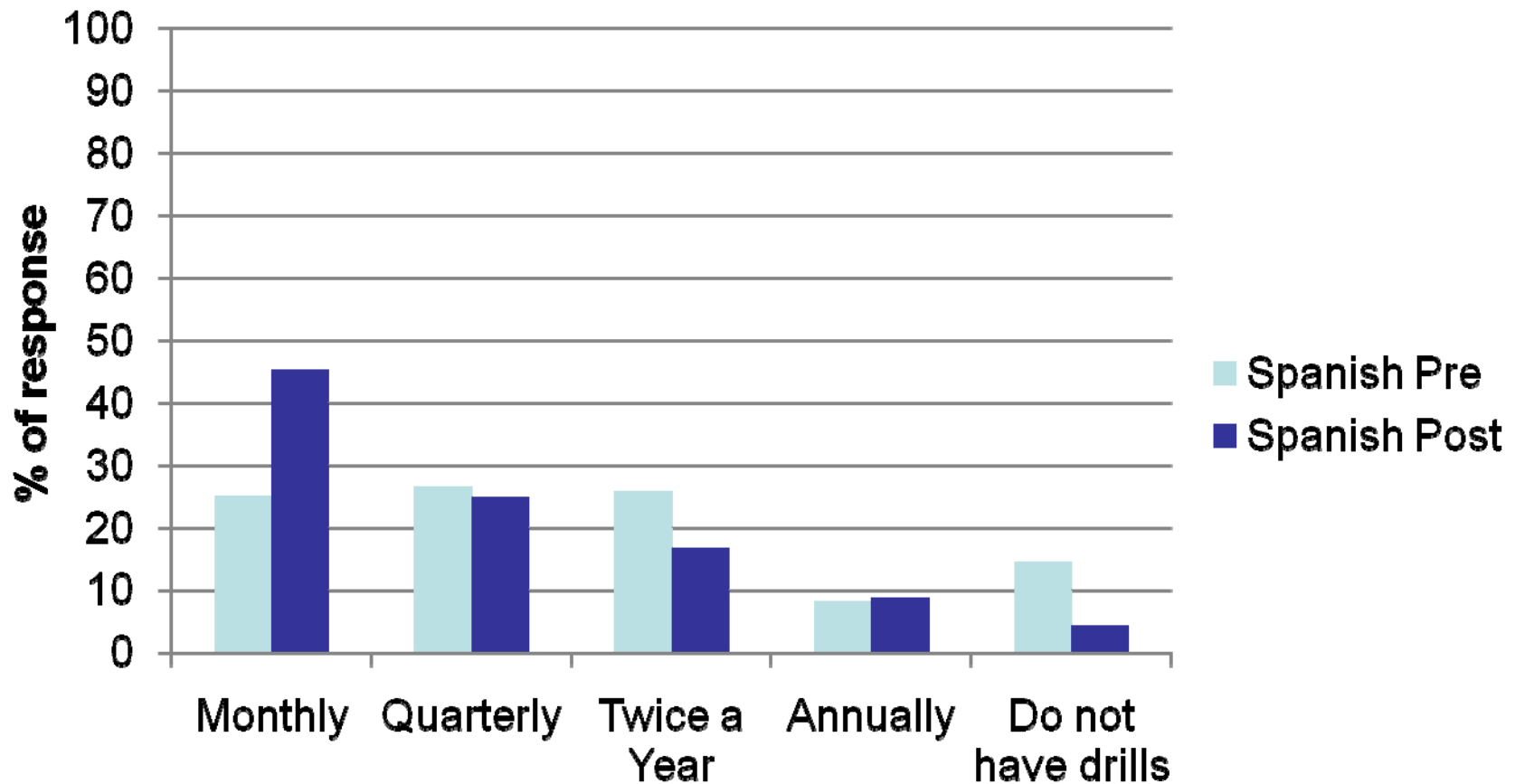
How valuable were the messages?



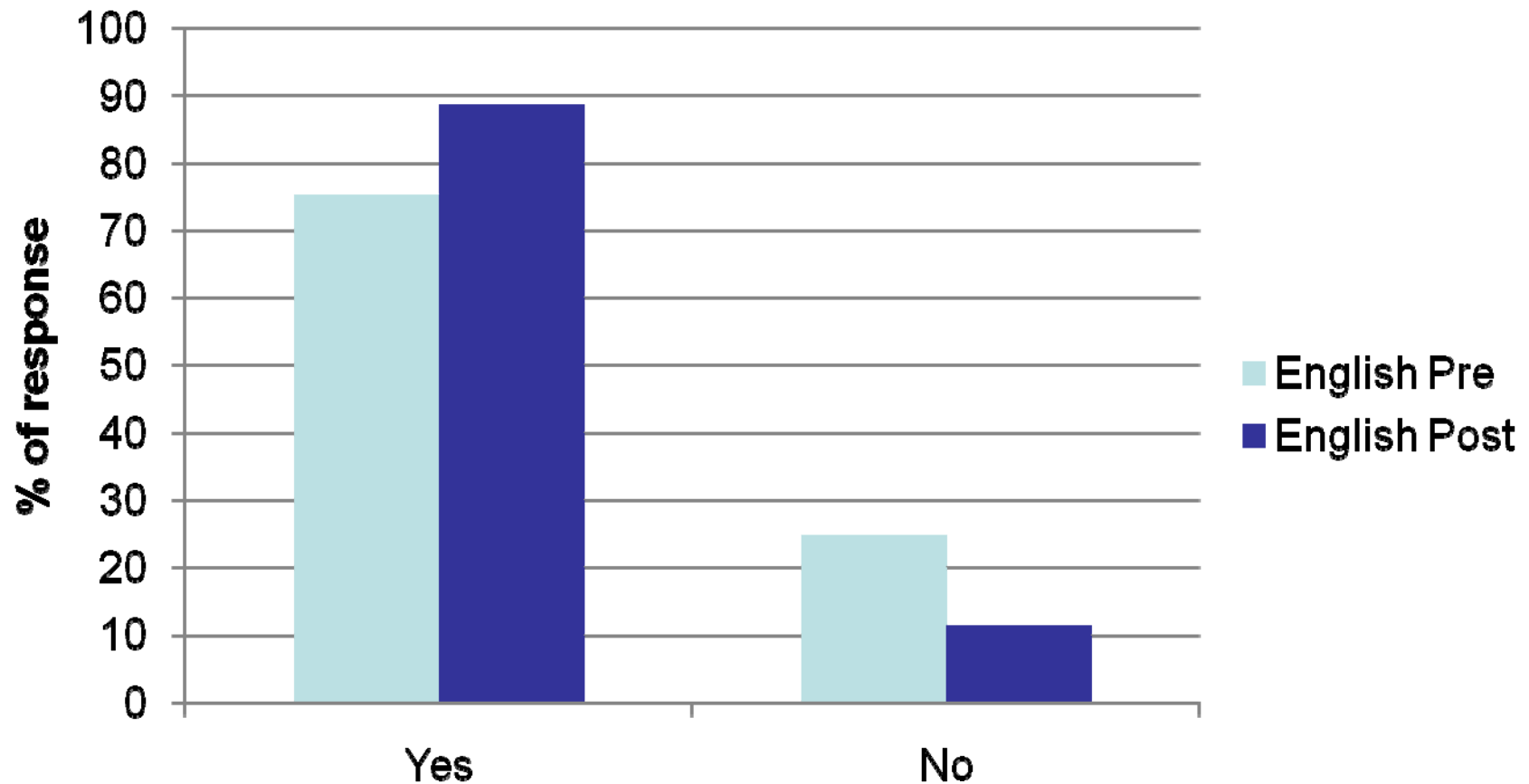
How often do you conduct emergency drills? (English)



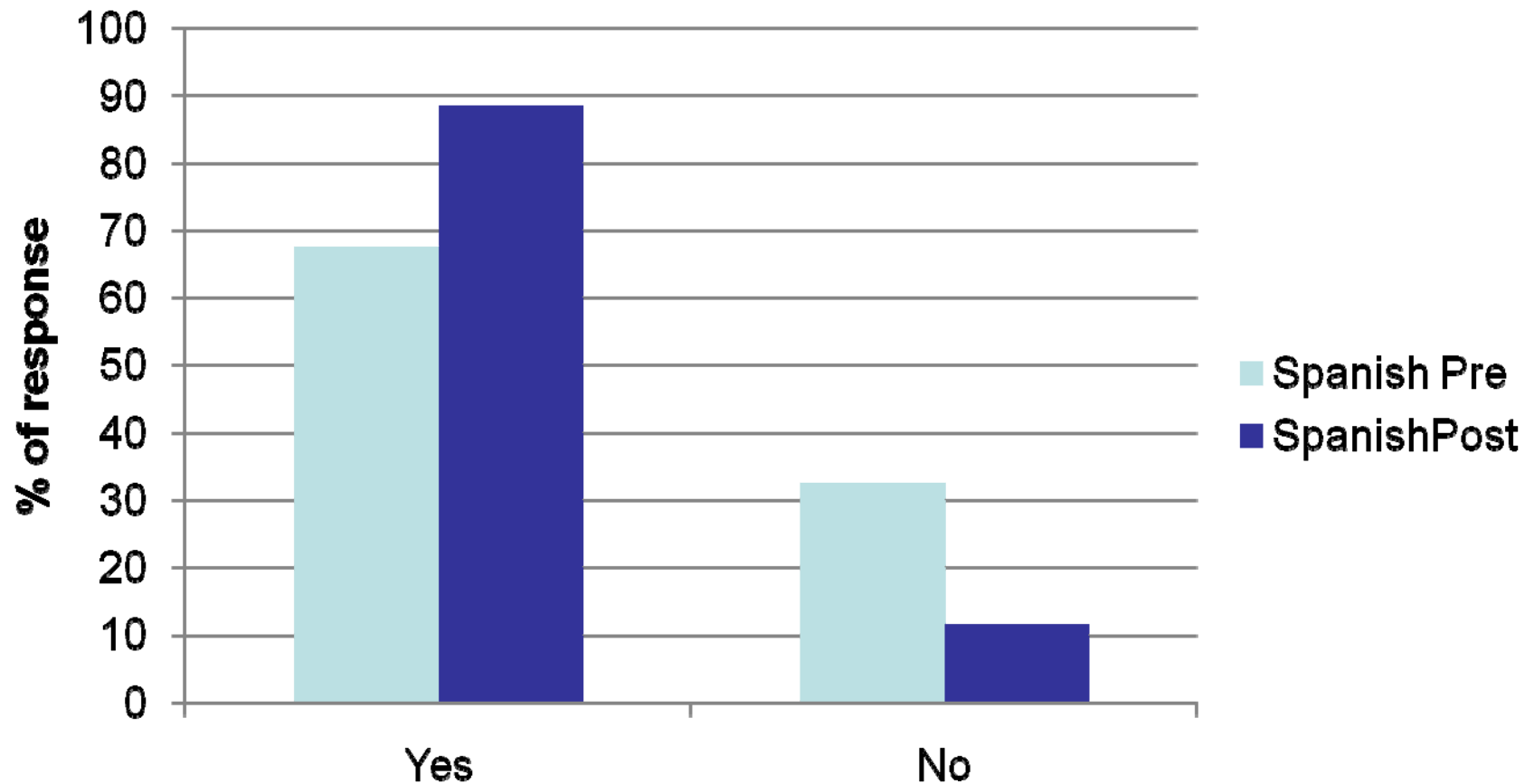
How often do you conduct emergency drills? (Spanish)



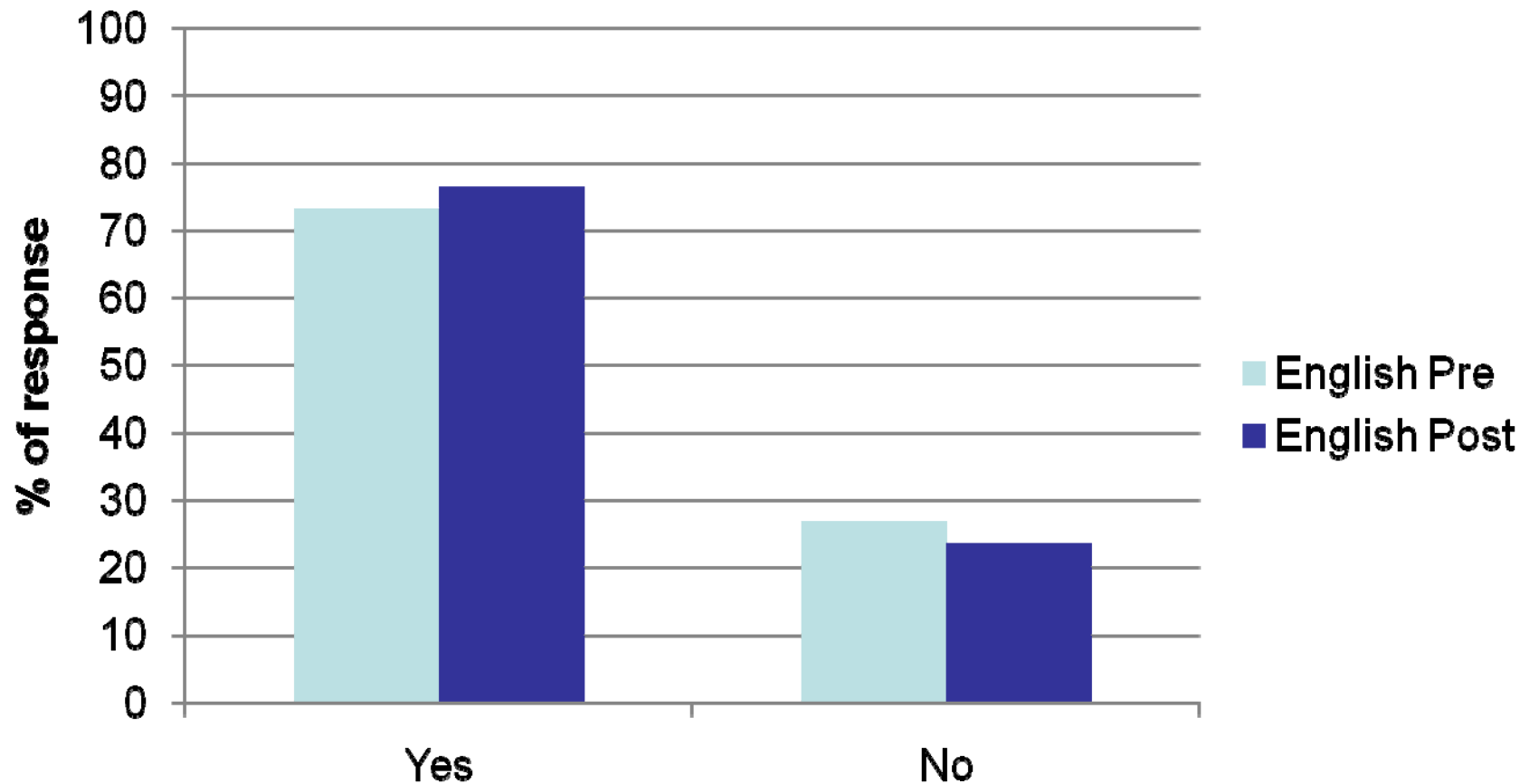
Have you checked your area for earthquake safety? (English)



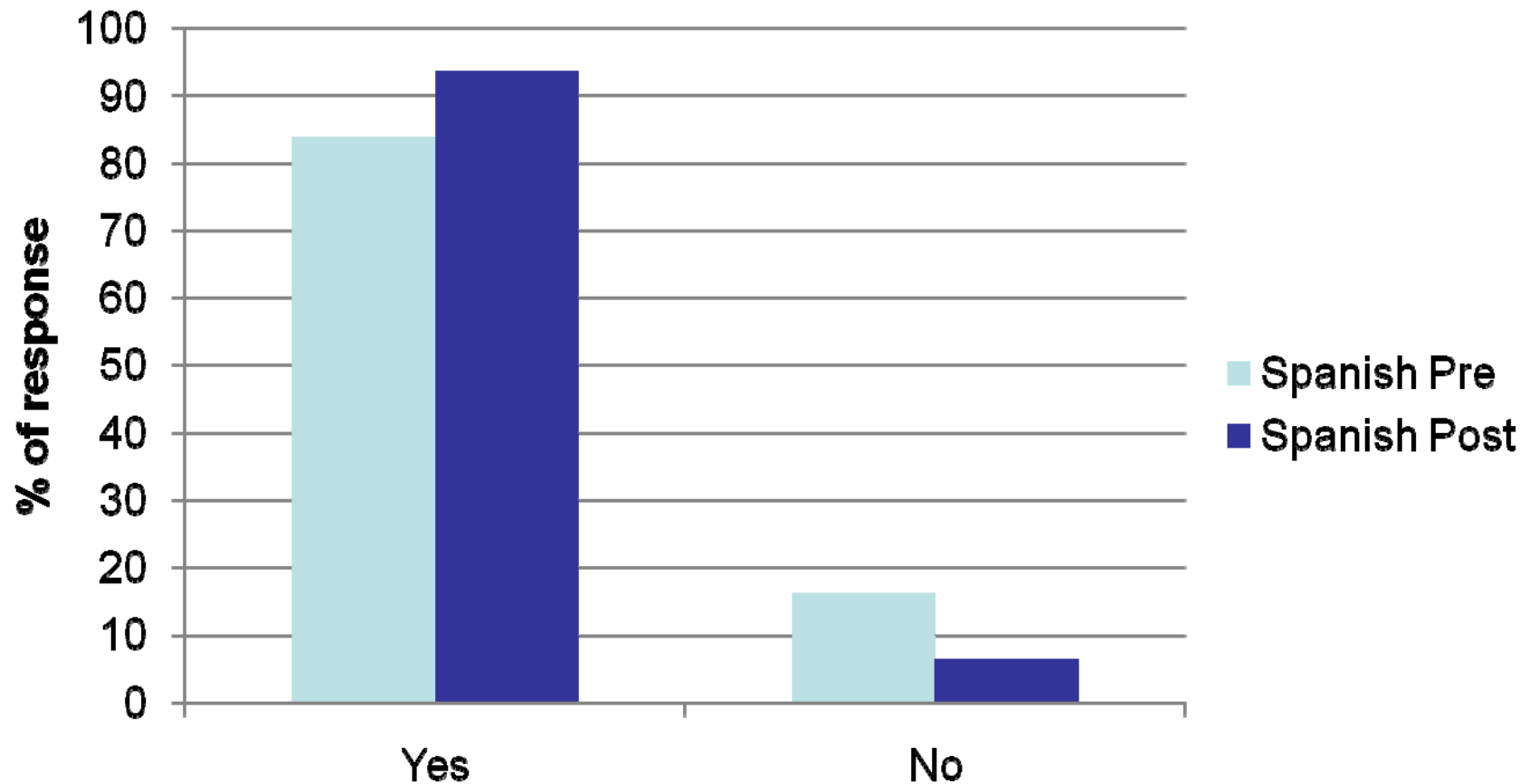
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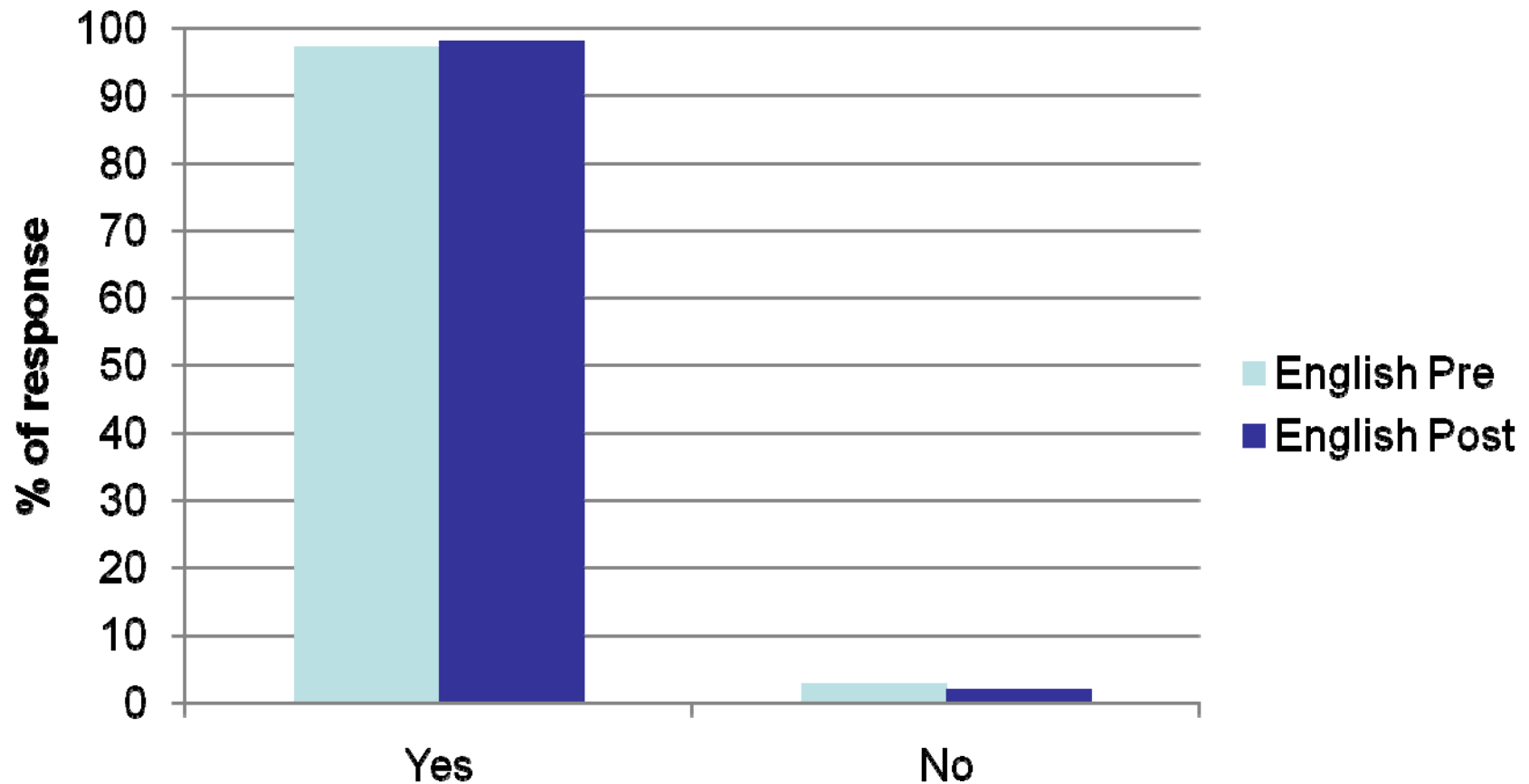
Have you selected 3 evacuation locations? (English)



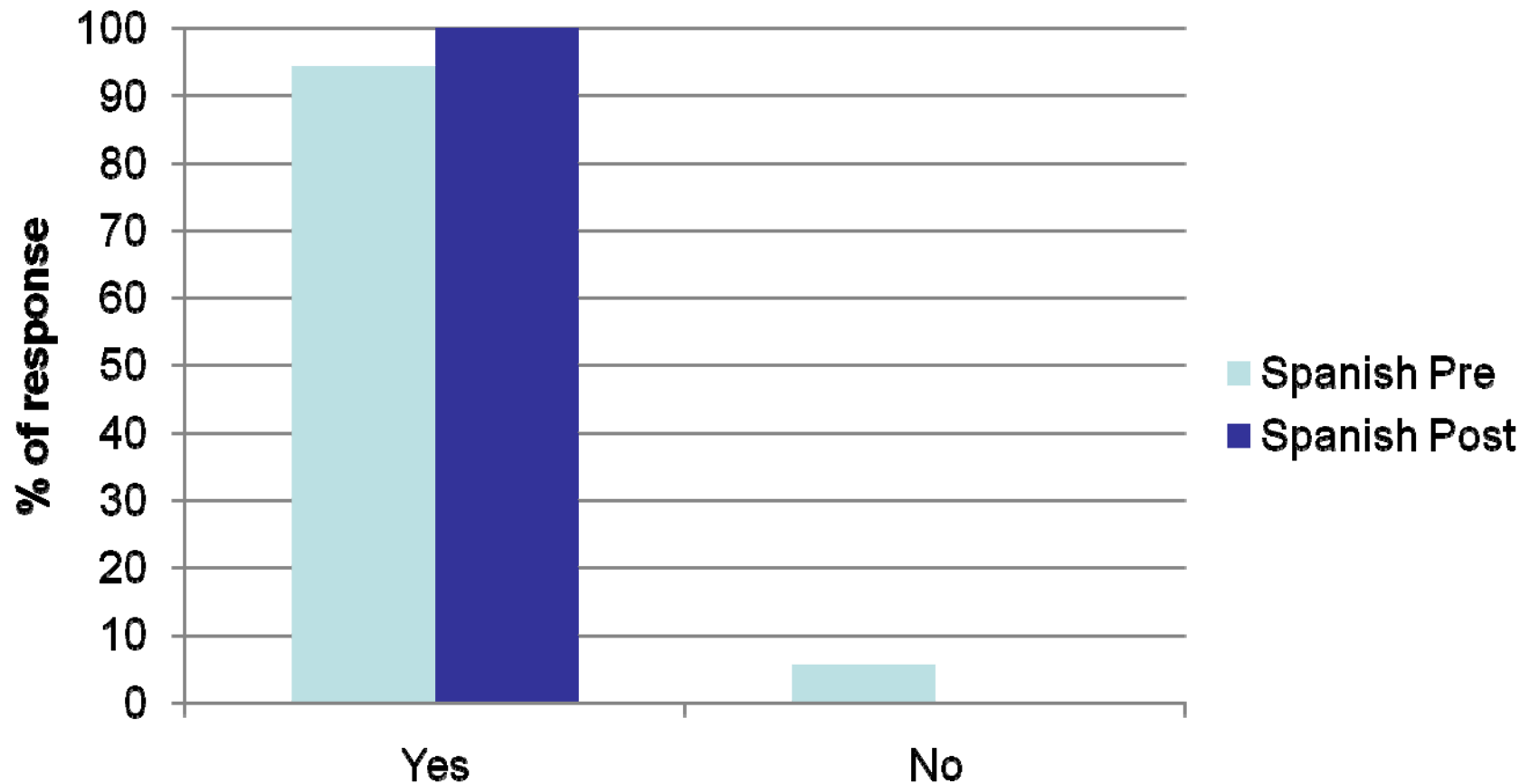
Have you selected 3 evacuation locations? (Spanish)



Have you checked your smoke detectors? (English)



Have you checked your smoke detectors? (Spanish)





Standardized Protocols

- **Shelter in place**
- **Getting information from local police departments when there is an incident**
 - Active shooter
 - Bees
 - Isolated fires



THANK YOU!

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