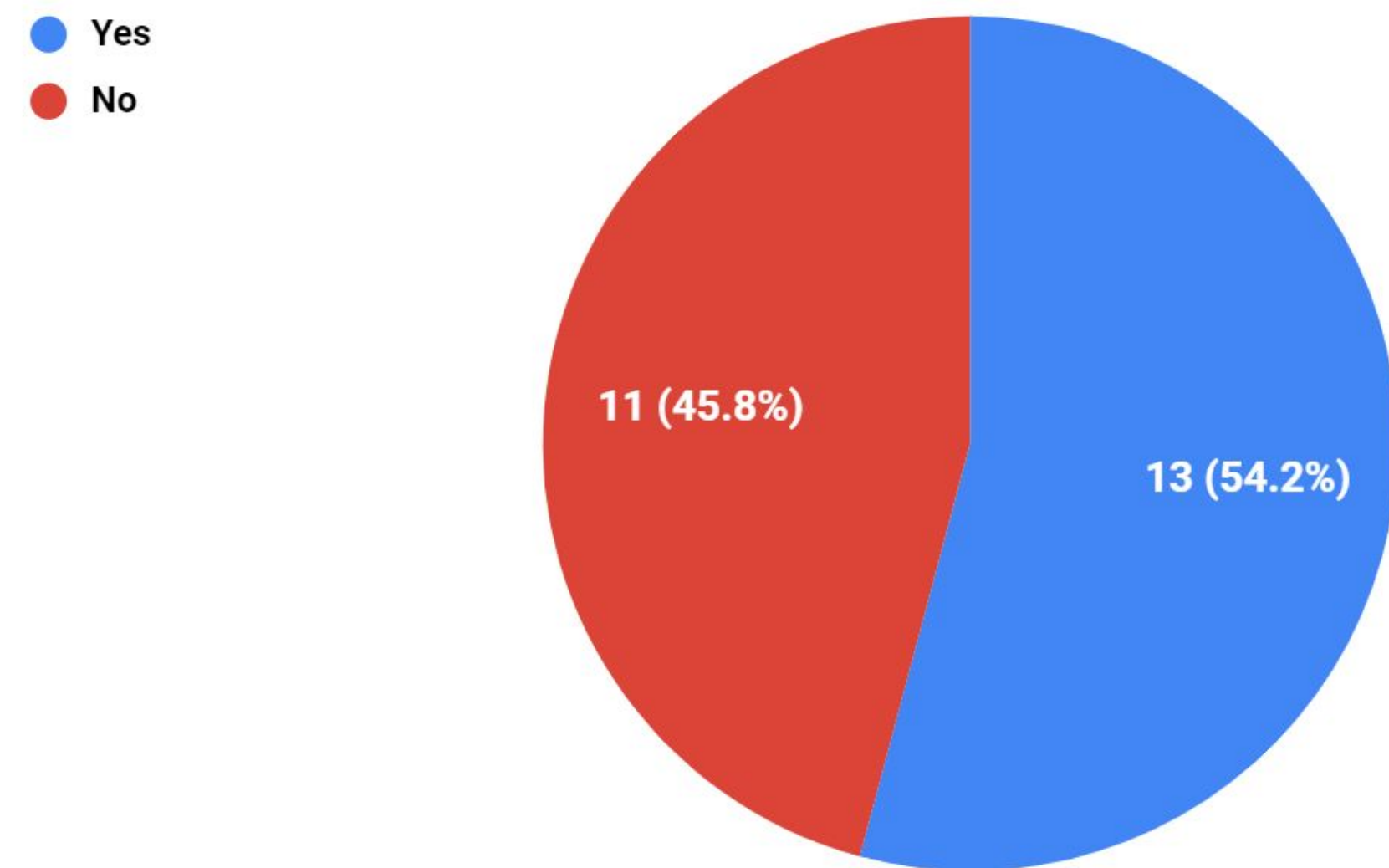


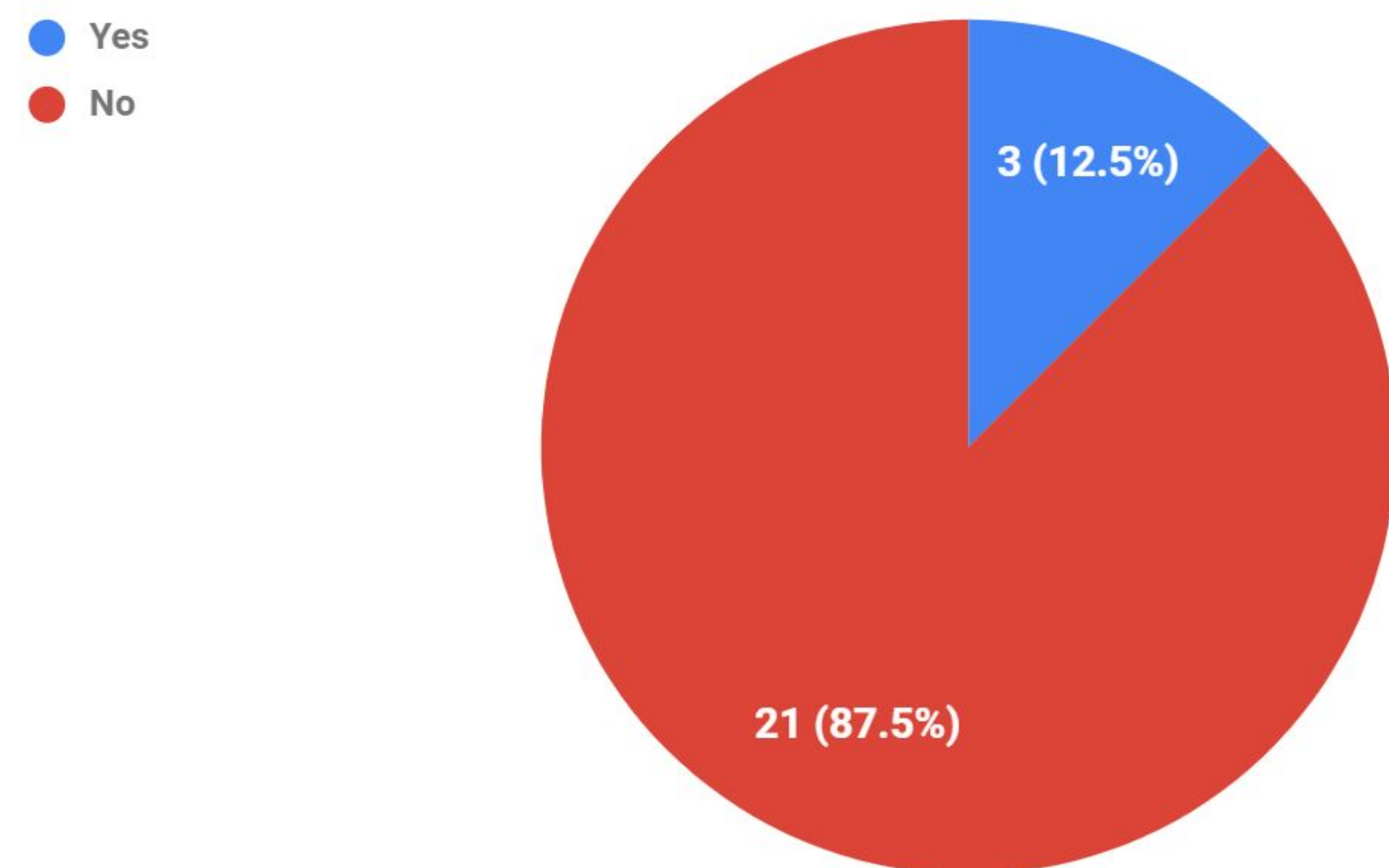
# Hard Hat Safety by California Contractors

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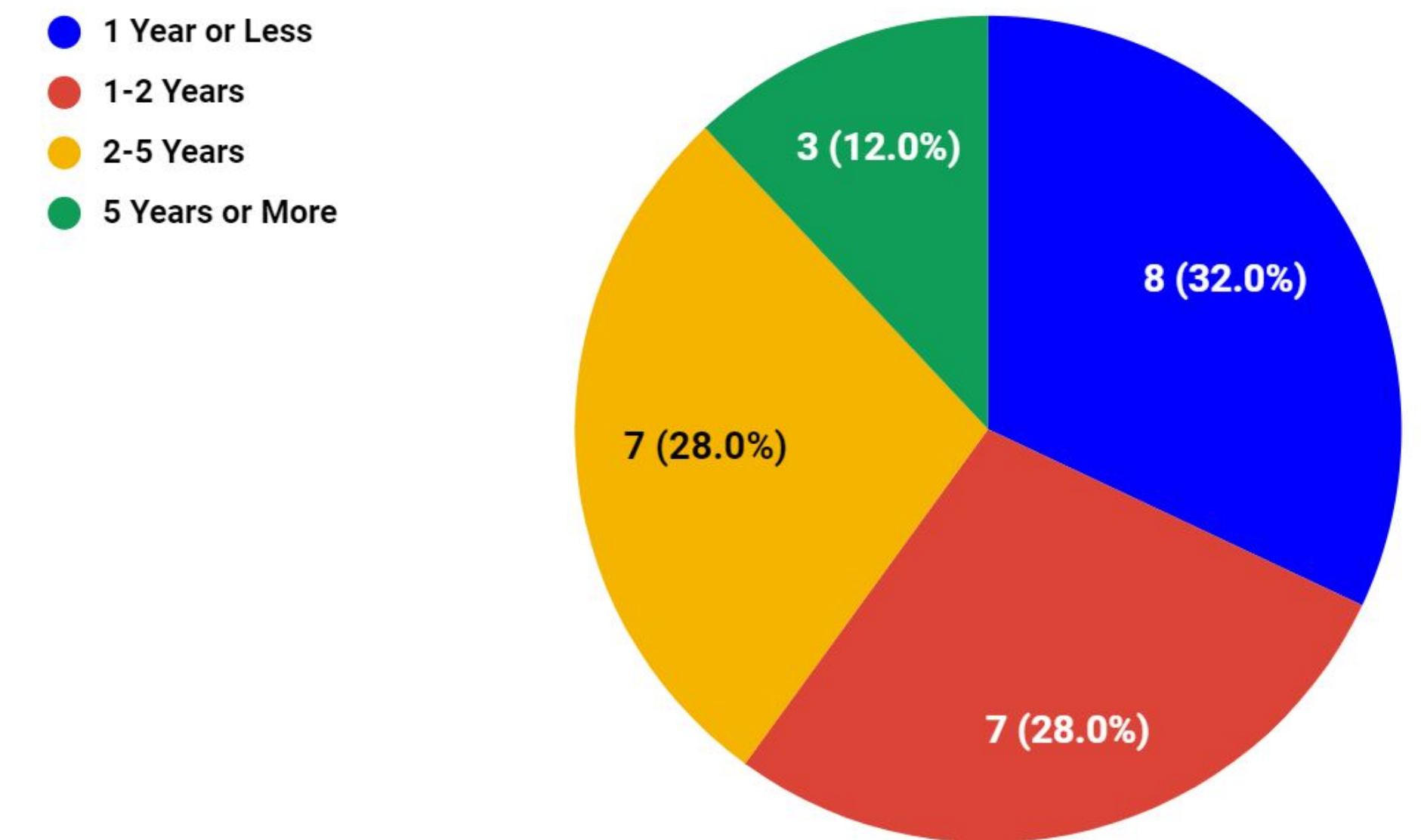
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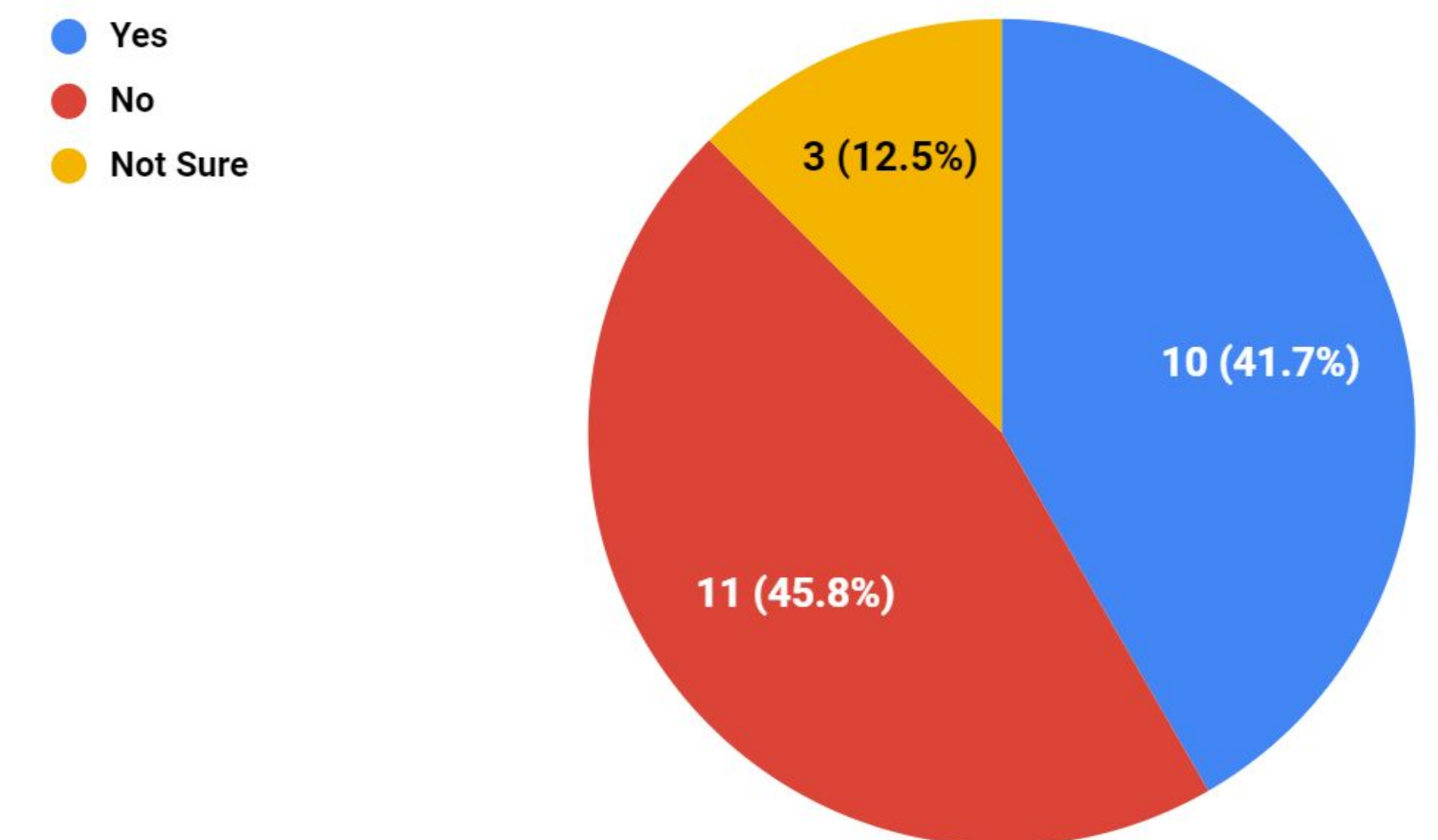
**Did You Know Manufacturers Recommend Replacing The Hard Hat Suspension Every 12 Months?**



**How Long Have You Been Wearing Your Current Hard Hat?**



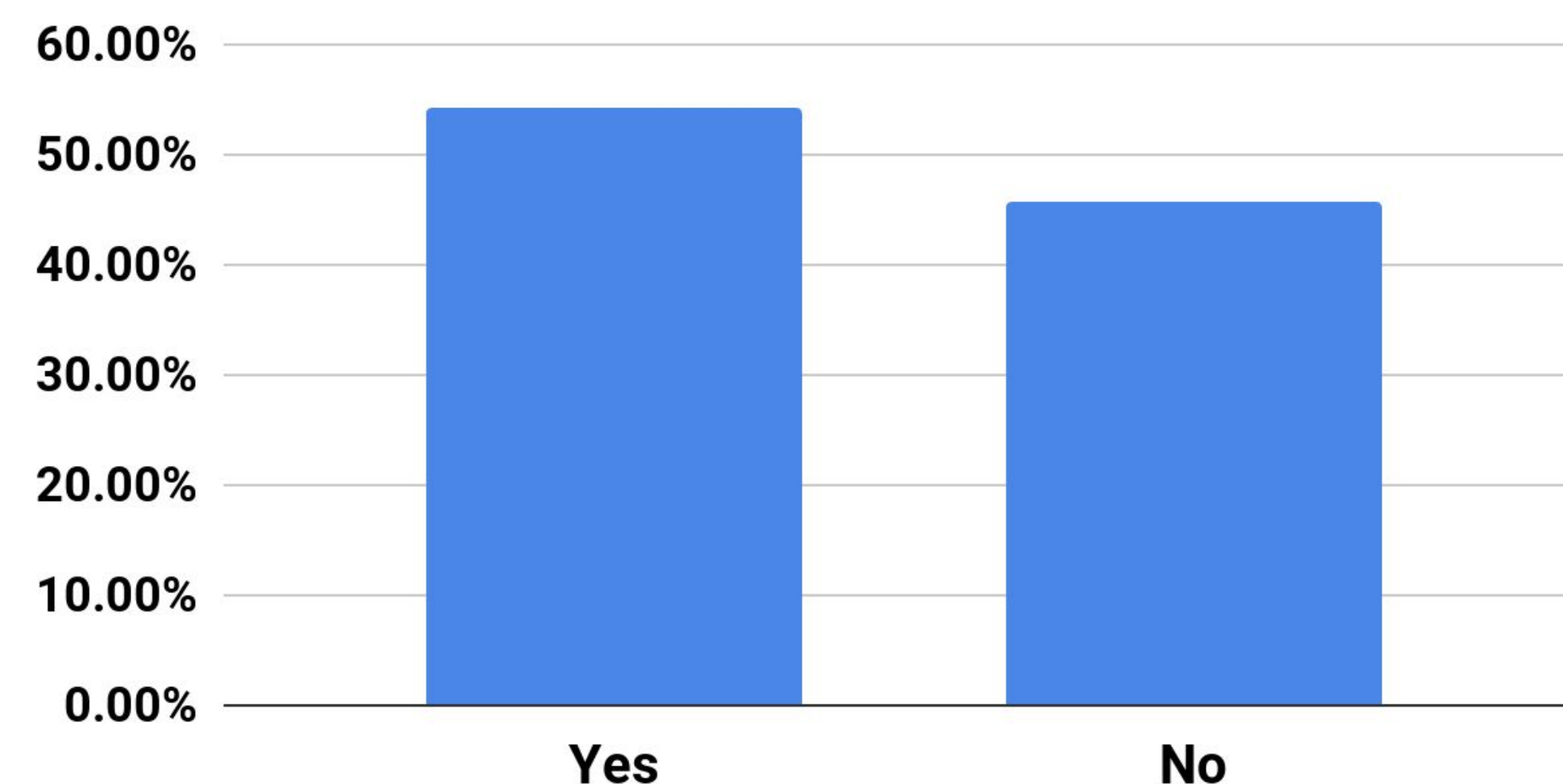
**Does Your Company Have An Established Replacement Program For Whole Hard Hats/Shells/Suspensions?**



The hard hat is the quintessential item of PPE, and yet it often gets overlooked when ensuring safety standards are being met. We all expect our hard hat to protect us, but many never inspect it to ensure that it is properly fulfilling its purpose. This disregard to inspection and maintenance can lead to serious injury or death in the event of an accident. While organizations such as OSHA and the hard hat manufacturers themselves post information on this topic, it is unclear if this information is actually being received by the people involved in a construction project. This research is intended to discover which methods are currently being used by contractors in California to train their employees on the importance of using a properly maintained hard hat. An online survey was used to discover the qualities of hard hat safety by contractors throughout California. In addition, a survey was performed on-site to discover workers' knowledge on hard hat usage and safety. The expectation is that all workers on a site should understand the basic importance of wearing a hard hat that is free from damage and defects.

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**Does Your Company Train Employees In The Risks Of Using A Damaged Or Old (5+Years) Hard Hat?**



**Does Your Company Currently Have A Program To Replace Hard Hats?**

