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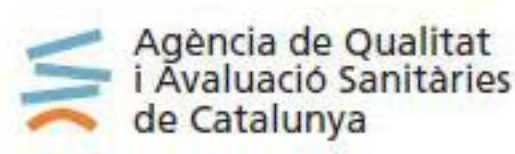
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Welcome to the 4th ISRIA

RIA – the challenges

- Debate too academic and not practitioner focused
- Perceived ‘competition’ between methods, models and approaches
- Blossoming but diffuse community of practice
- Need to build international capacity, share practice and develop standards

Leads to a collaborative effort:



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“Learning to assess research with
the aim to optimise returns”

- **The school**- hosted on a rotating basis across different countries throughout the world
- **A community of practice** - built with both ‘regional’ and ‘global’ outreach actions to meet local and international needs



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Vision and aims

The ISRIA vision is to lead global collaboration for excellence and innovation in research impact assessment in all fields of science

Aims:

- Build sustainable capabilities and capacities
- Advance knowledge and methodological innovation
- Extend global reach



Values

- Neutral approach to frameworks and tools
- Transparent, open and accessible
- Build a community of practice
- Deliver social value
- Useful, practical, feasible and cost effective
- Advance understanding, evidence and practice



Barcelona, 2013



Banff, 2014



Doha, 2015



Melbourne 2016

ISRIA
2017
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What is the School?

4.5 day intensive learning experience

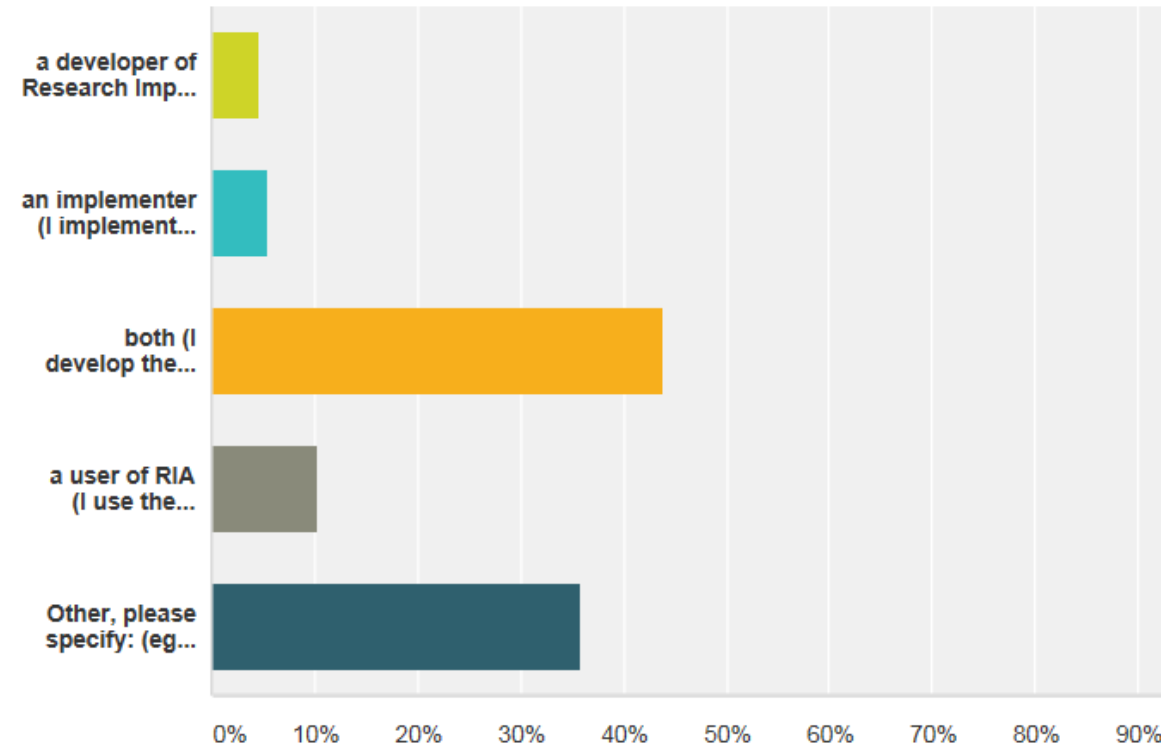
Aimed at those working in program management, evaluation, knowledge translation, and policy and decision-making in areas such as:

- Research and development for government
- Research funding organisations
- Academia
- Not-for-profits
- Multitude of industries

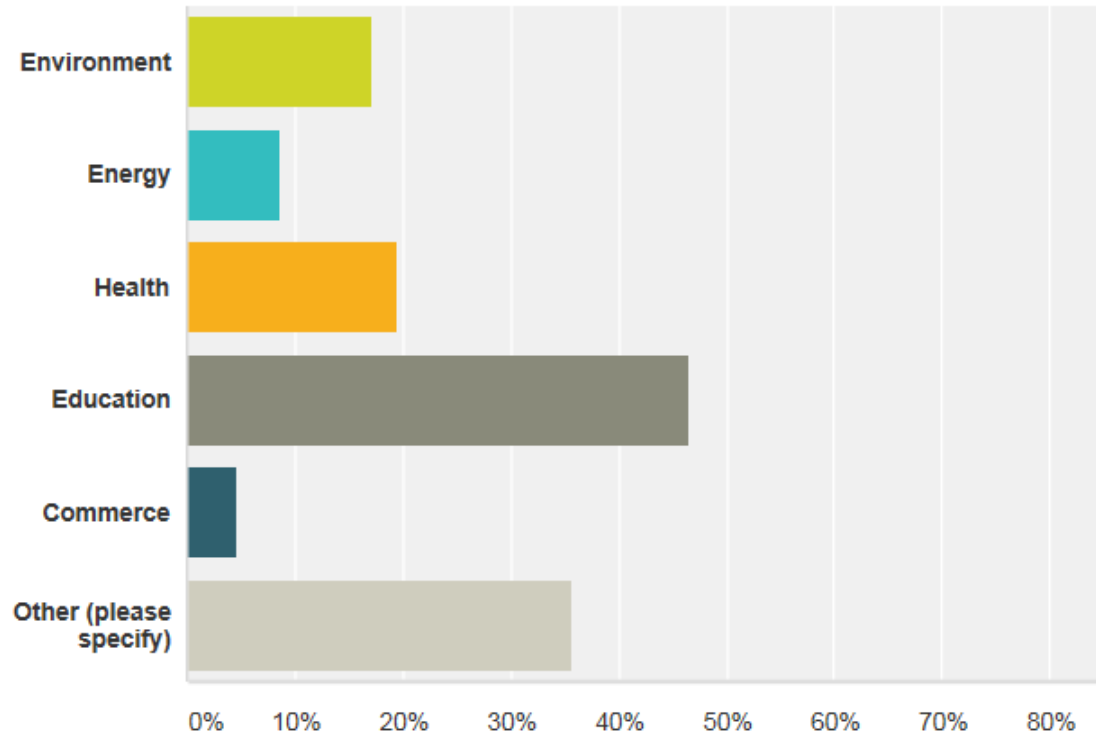


Who do we have in the room?

Answer Choices	Responses
a developer of Research Impact Assessments (RIA) (I develop the plan).	4.69%
an implementer (I implement the RIA).	5.47%
both (I develop the plan and implement).	43.75%
a user of RIA (I use the results for decision making).	10.16%
Other, please specify: (eg. I contribute data for use in RIA).	35.94%



What sectors are you from?

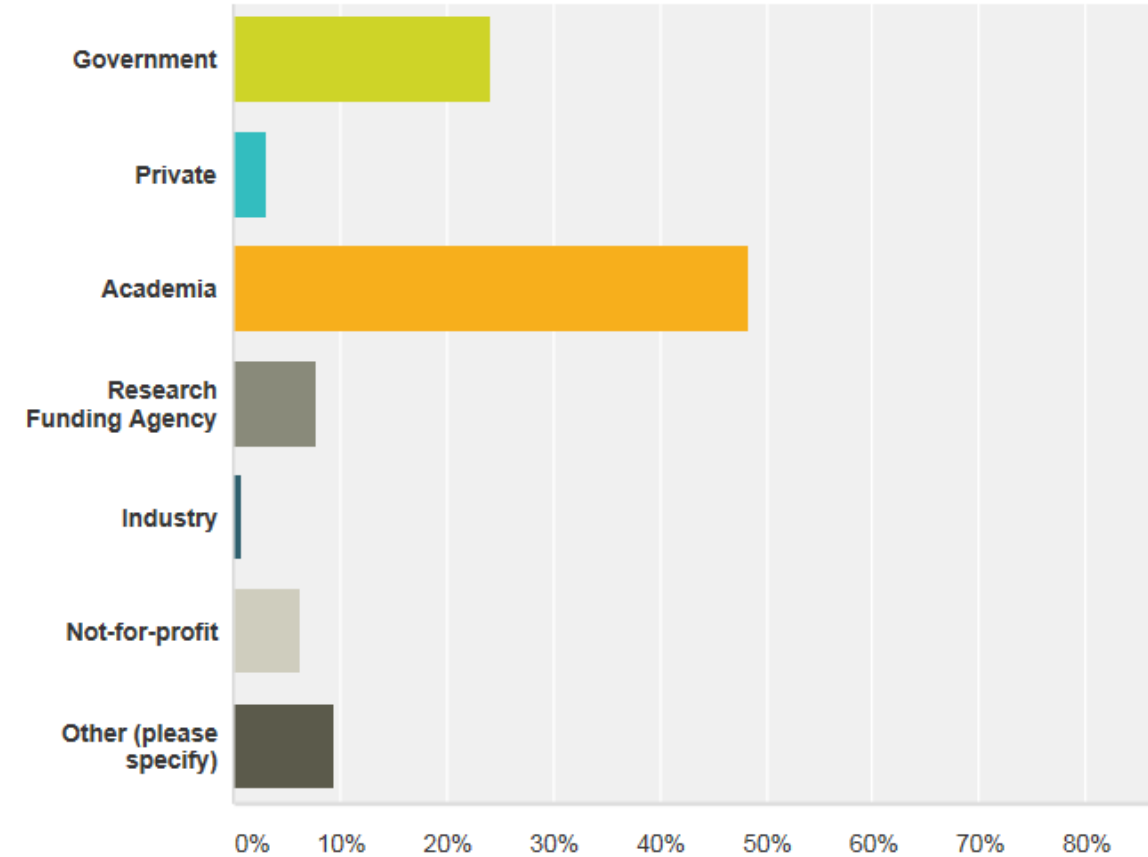


Answer Choices	Responses
Environment	17.05%
Energy	8.53%
Health	19.38%
Education	46.51%
Commerce	4.65%
Other (please specify)	Responses 35.66%

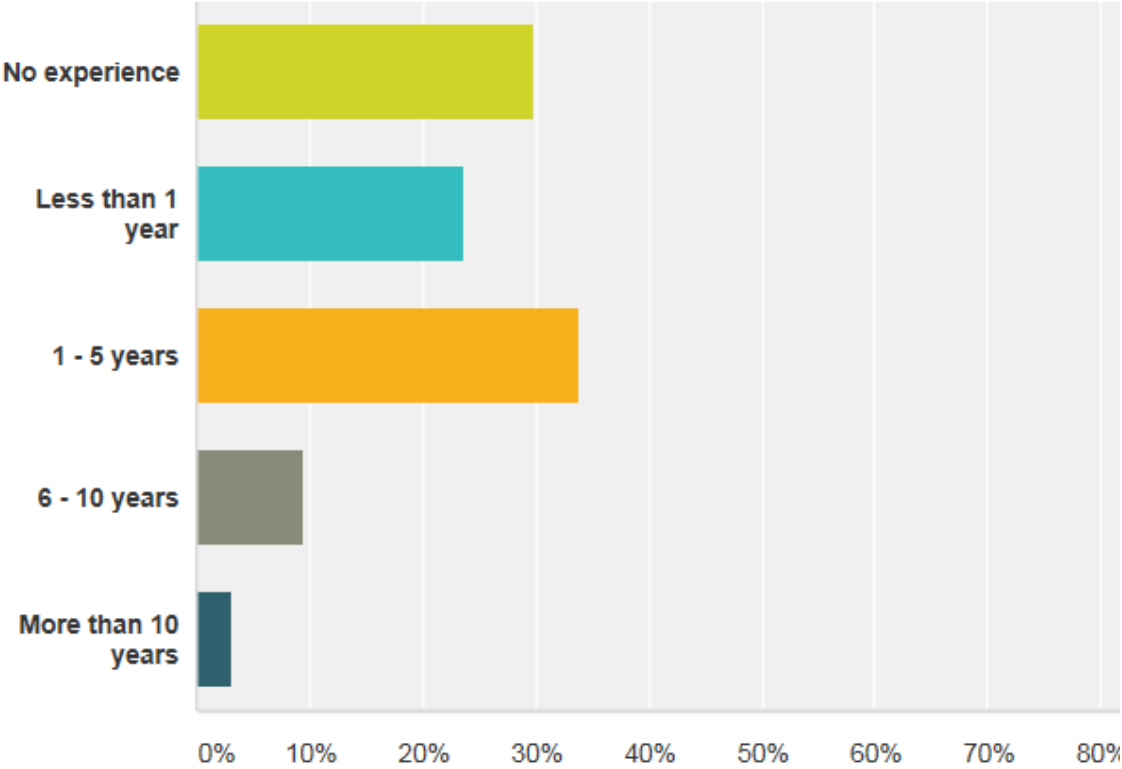


What types of organisations?

Answer Choices	Responses
Government	24.22%
Private	3.13%
Academia	48.44%
Research Funding Agency	7.81%
Industry	0.78%
Not-for-profit	6.25%
Other (please specify)	9.38%



How long have you been developing RIA plans?

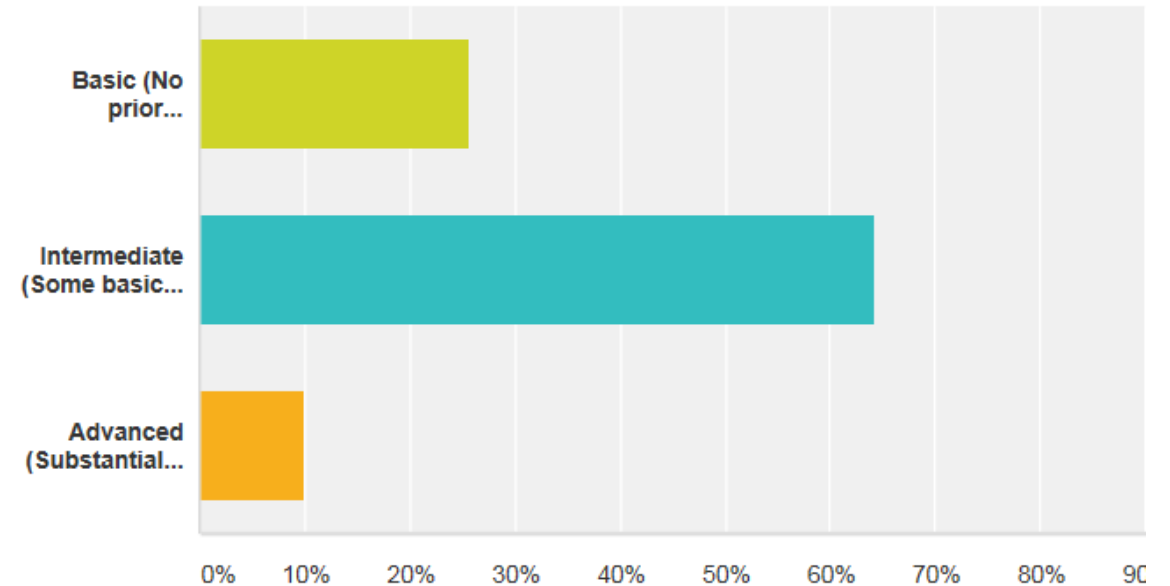


Answer Choices	Responses
No experience	29.92%
Less than 1 year	23.62%
1 - 5 years	33.86%
6 - 10 years	9.45%
More than 10 years	3.15%



What is your level of RIA knowledge?

Answer Choices	Responses
Basic (No prior knowledge)	25.58%
Intermediate (Some basic knowledge)	64.34%
Advanced (Substantial working knowledge)	10.08%



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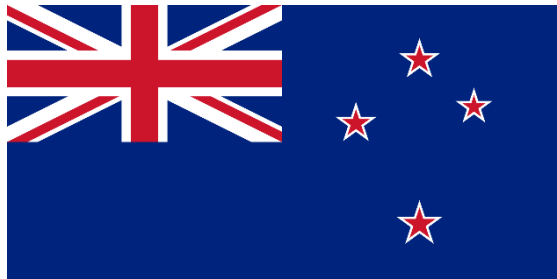
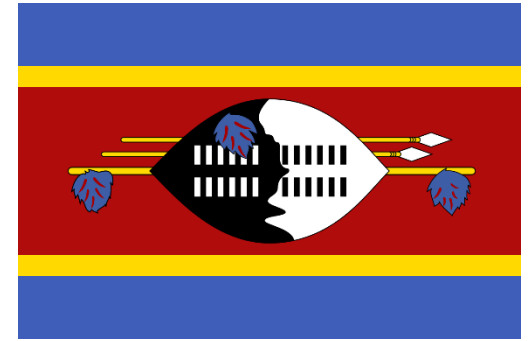
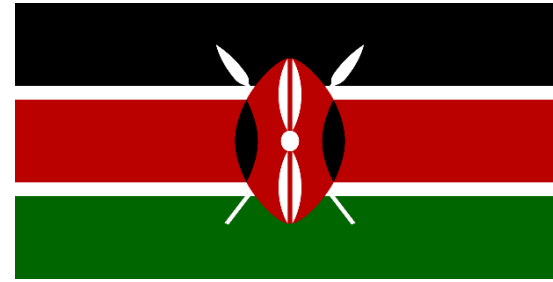


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Global reach



Future challenges and opportunities

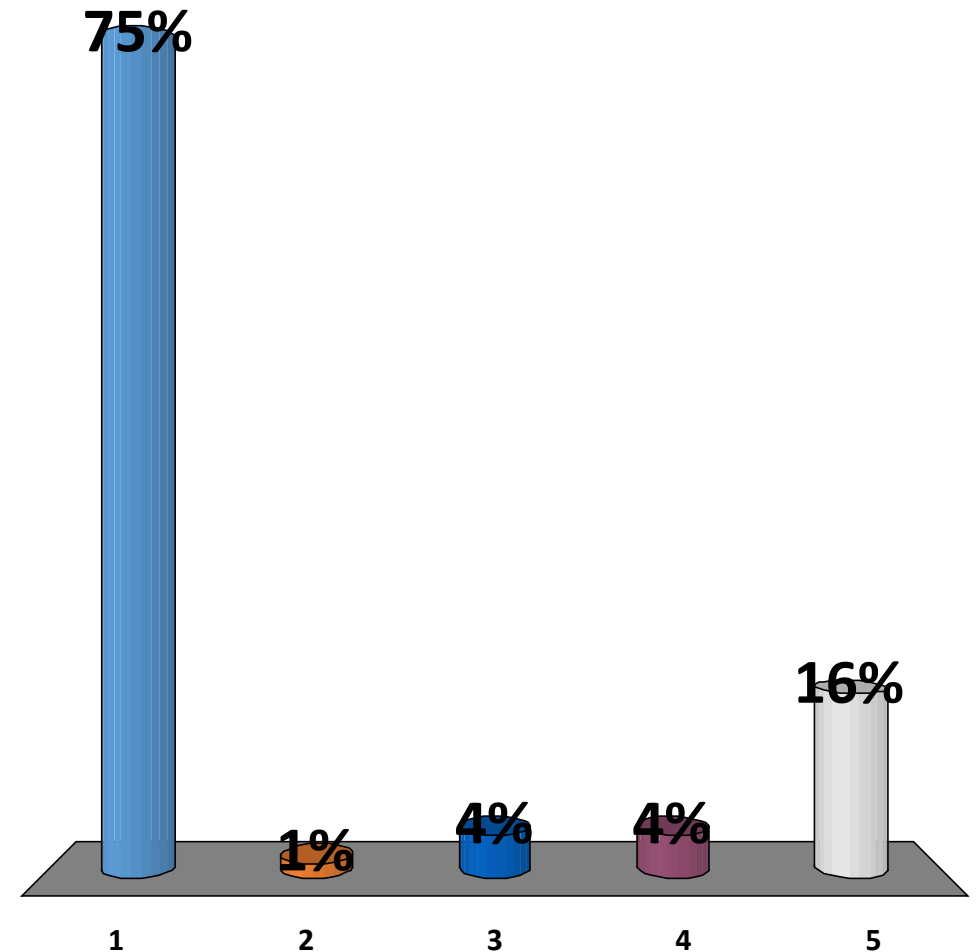
- Assessing our own impact – surveying our alumni
- Expanding our global reach - identifying future host countries & new regional activities
- Creating thematic groups on areas of interest, e.g. gender
- Reviewing our management structure and resourcing



**Let's
Play**

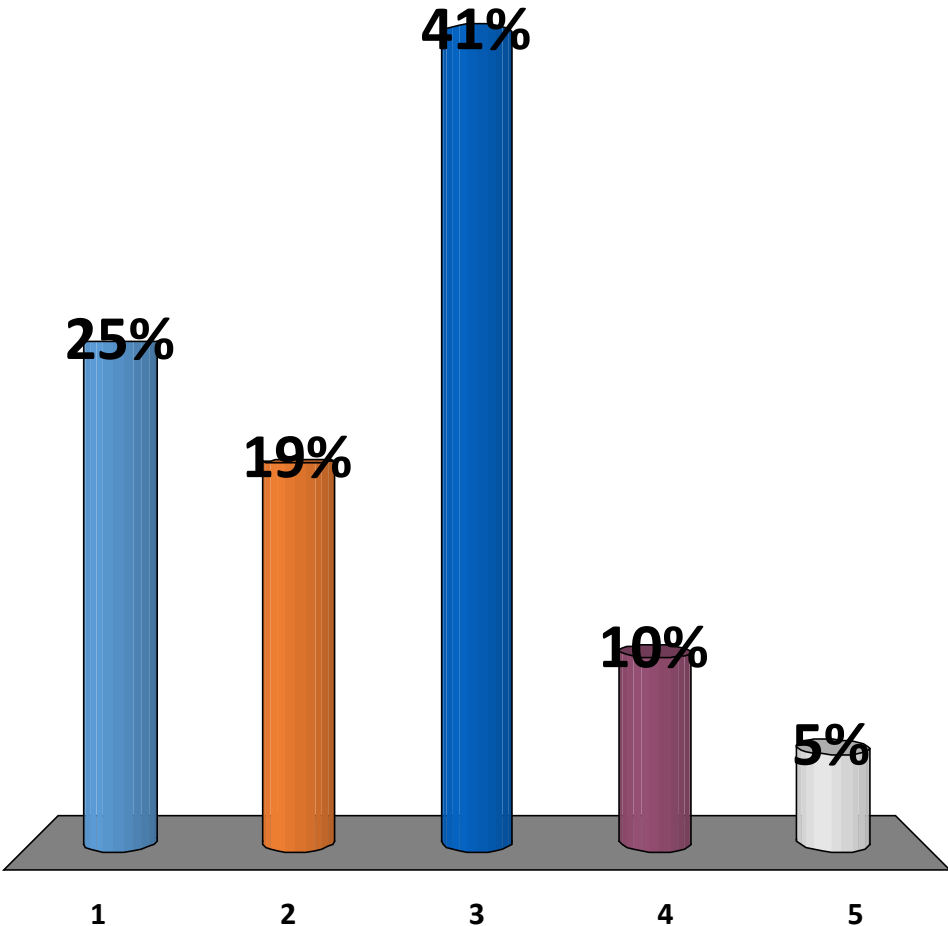
How did you travel here today?

1. Walked
2. Biked
3. Car
4. Taxi
5. Other



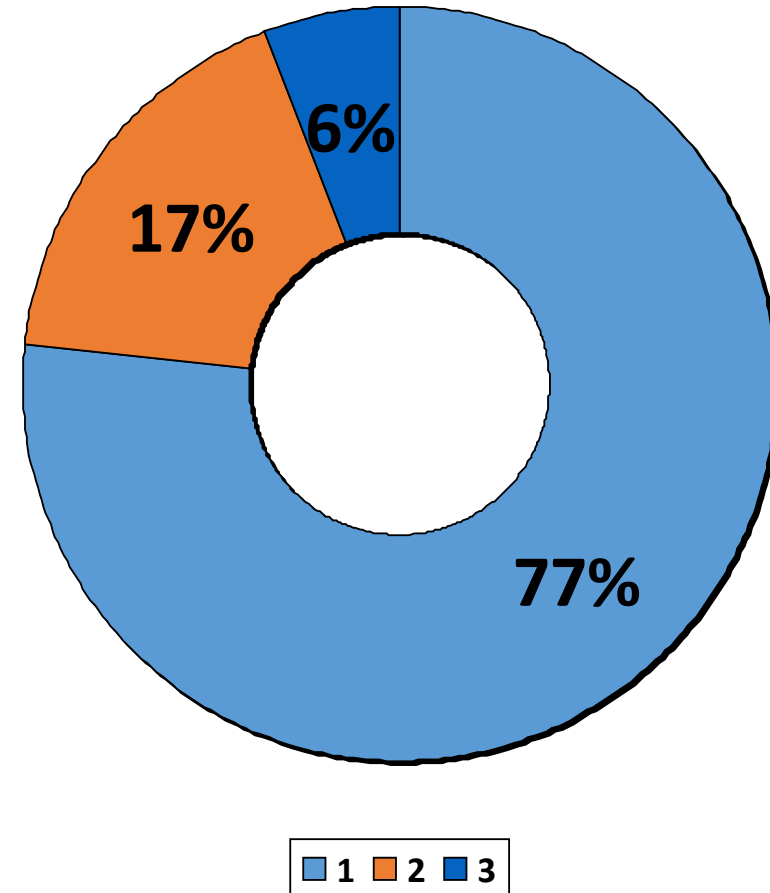
Who is the best super hero of all time?

1. Batman
2. Superman
3. Wonder Woman
4. Spiderman
5. The Hulk



Do you know anyone else here?

1. Yes
2. No
3. I'm not sure where I am



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