



# Results of the AVA survey on the impact of COVID-19

20 January 2022

# Background

On Monday 10 January 2022, the AVA opened a survey looking at how COVID-19 has impacted veterinary practices in the previous 4 weeks.

This was based on the understanding that things are very tough for some practices due to staff being unwell or having to quarantine with limited access to testing. This is impacting the ability to deliver veterinary services and animal welfare. It is also difficult on a personal level whilst caring for family and concurrently maintaining professional lives.

Survey results will be used to assist the AVA in lobbying on behalf of the profession.

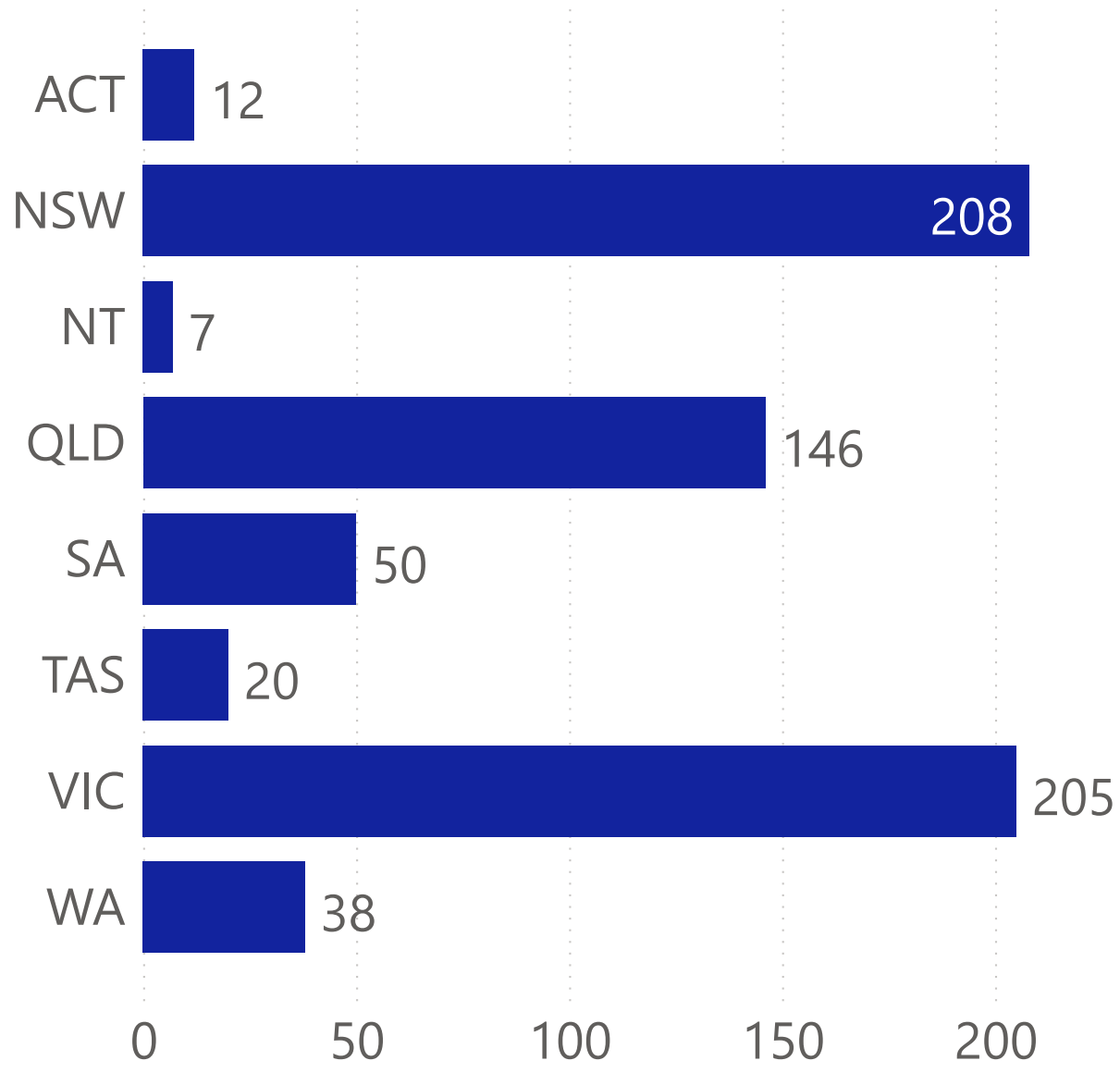
The survey remained open for a week and 686 responses were received.

NB: Results for all states and territories are included, however detailed results from ACT, NT, TAS, and WA should be treated with caution because of a lower response rate and a recognition that not all respondents answered all questions. Samples with fewer than 10 responses are noted on each page.

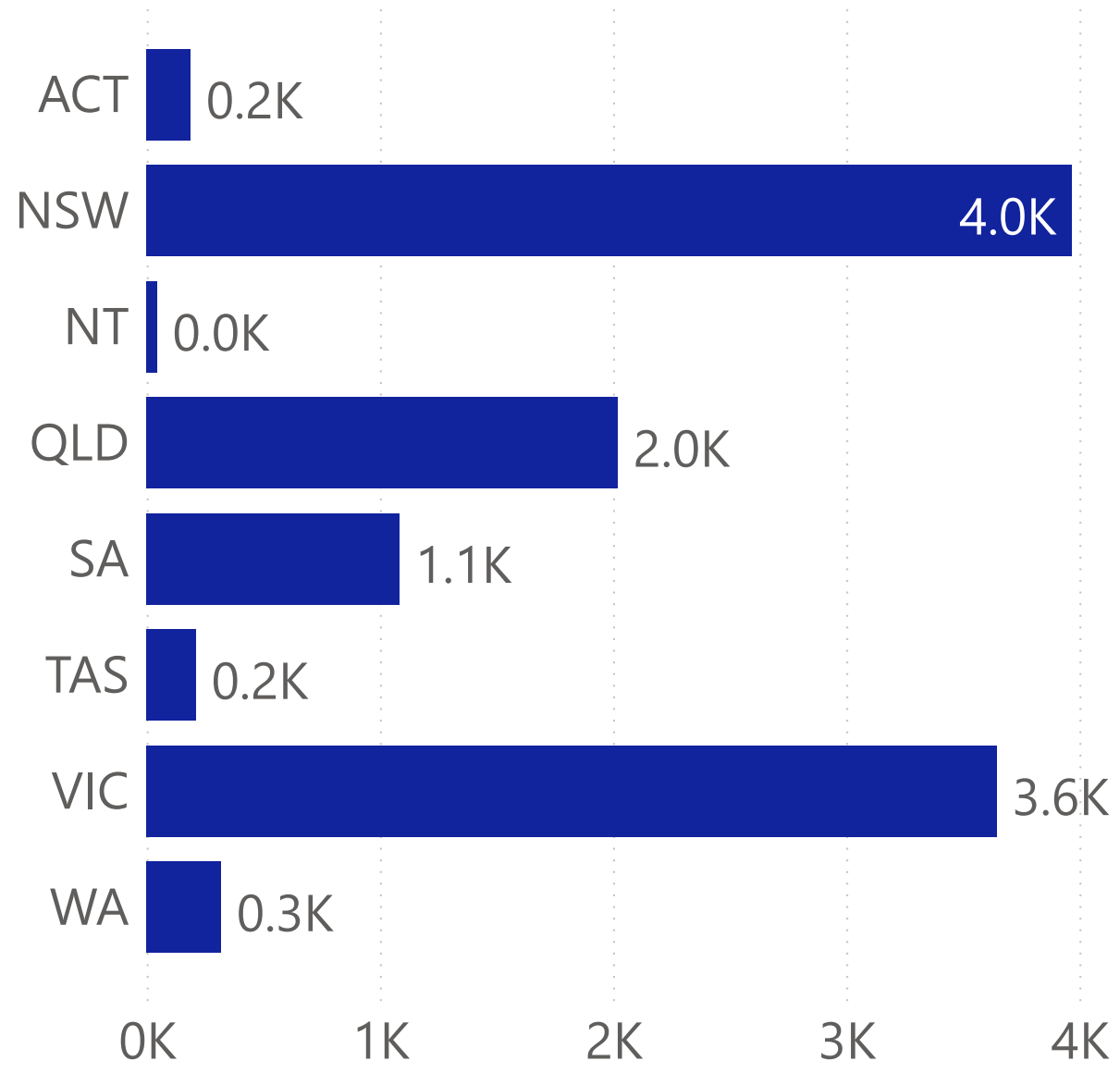


# Number of respondents by State and Territory

Number of practices who participated in the survey



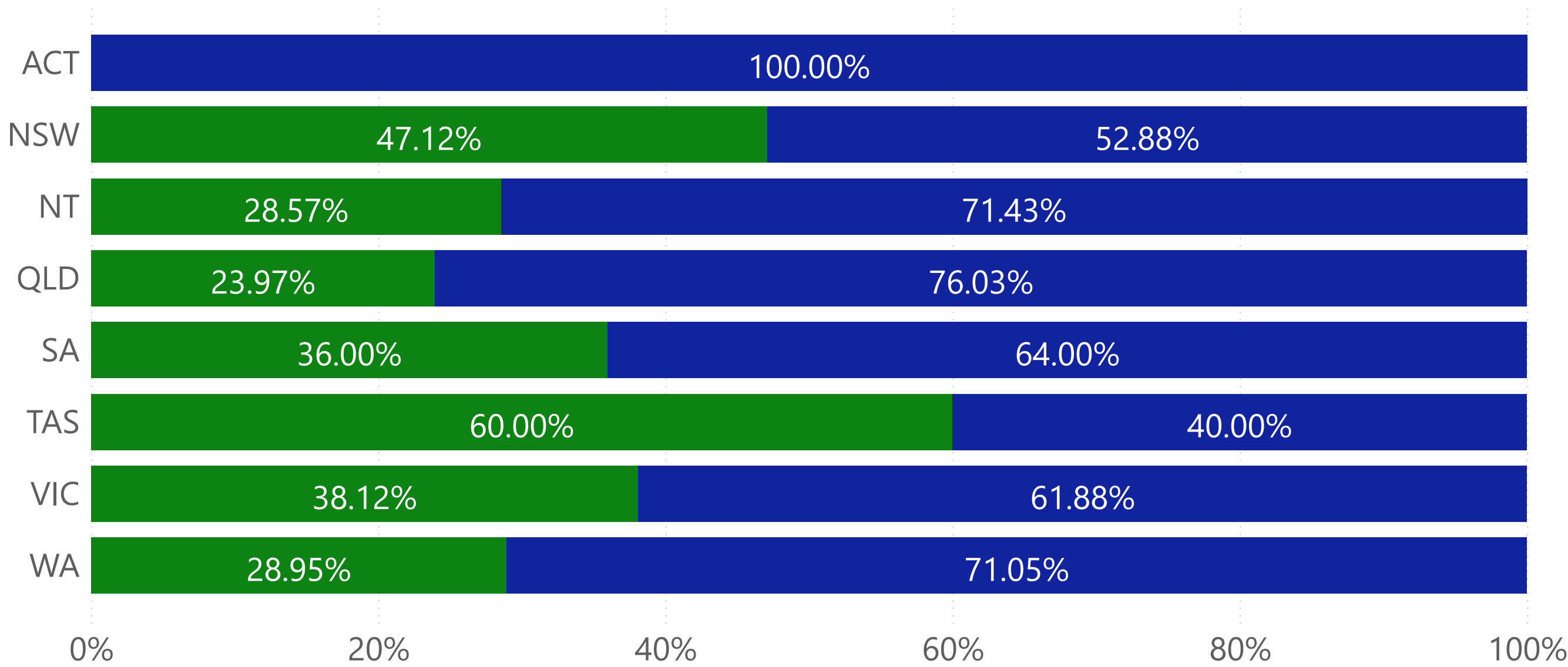
Estimated total number of staff of respondent practices per region



NB: Number of respondents to this question from the following states and territories is below 10: NT

# Location of veterinary practices - Urban or Rural

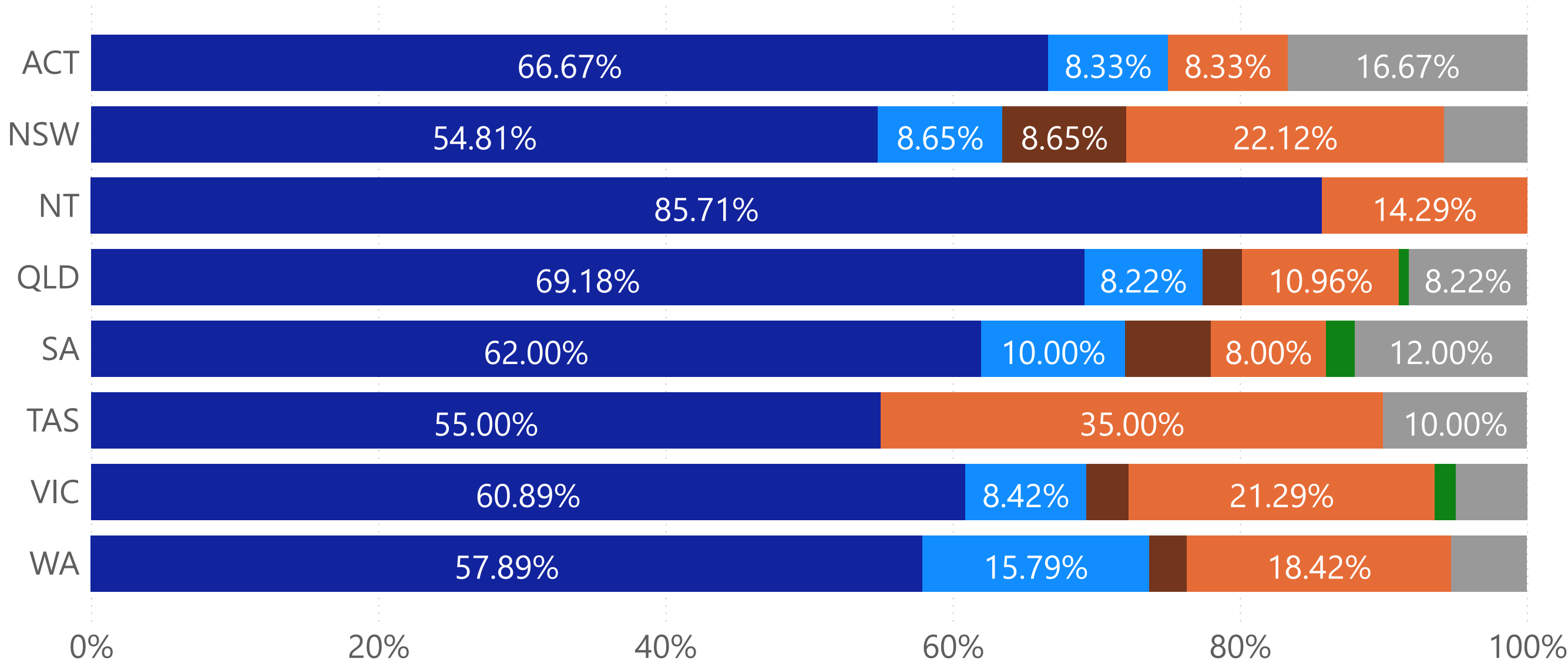
Location ● Rural ● Urban



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# Type of veterinary practice

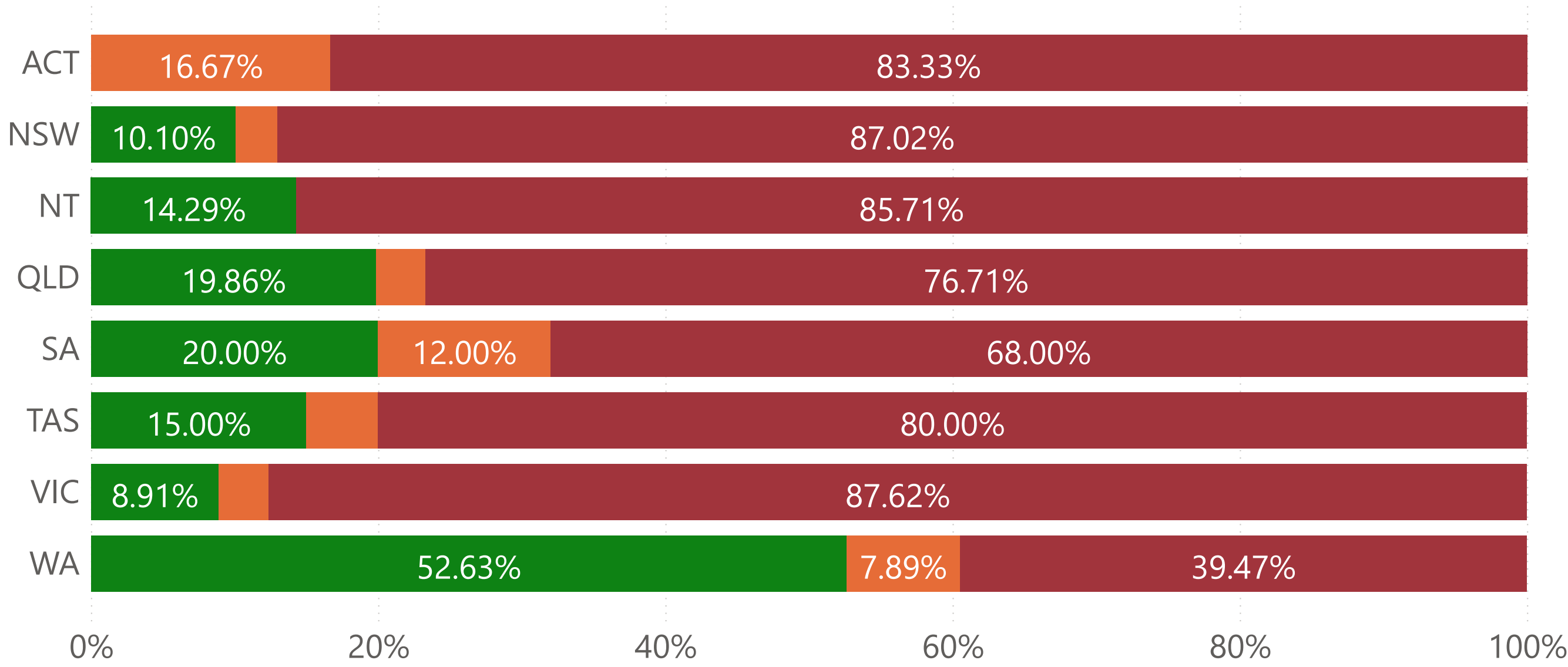
**Practice type** ● Small animal ● Emergency/Specialist ● Equine ● Mixed ● Production ● Other



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# Has your practice been impacted with staff shortages due to COVID-19

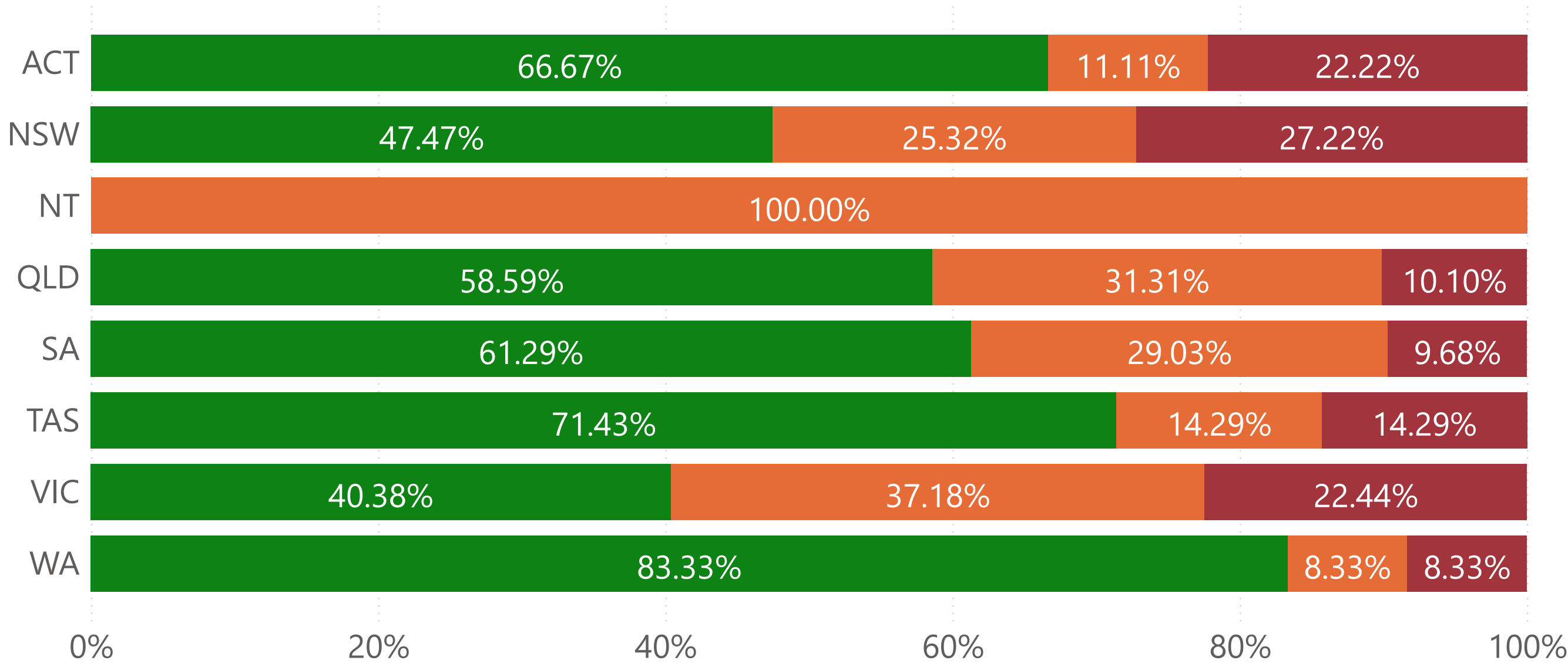
Choice ● No ● Maybe ● Yes



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# Percentages of veterinary practices who have either had to close or reduce hours as a result of COVID-19 related staff shortages

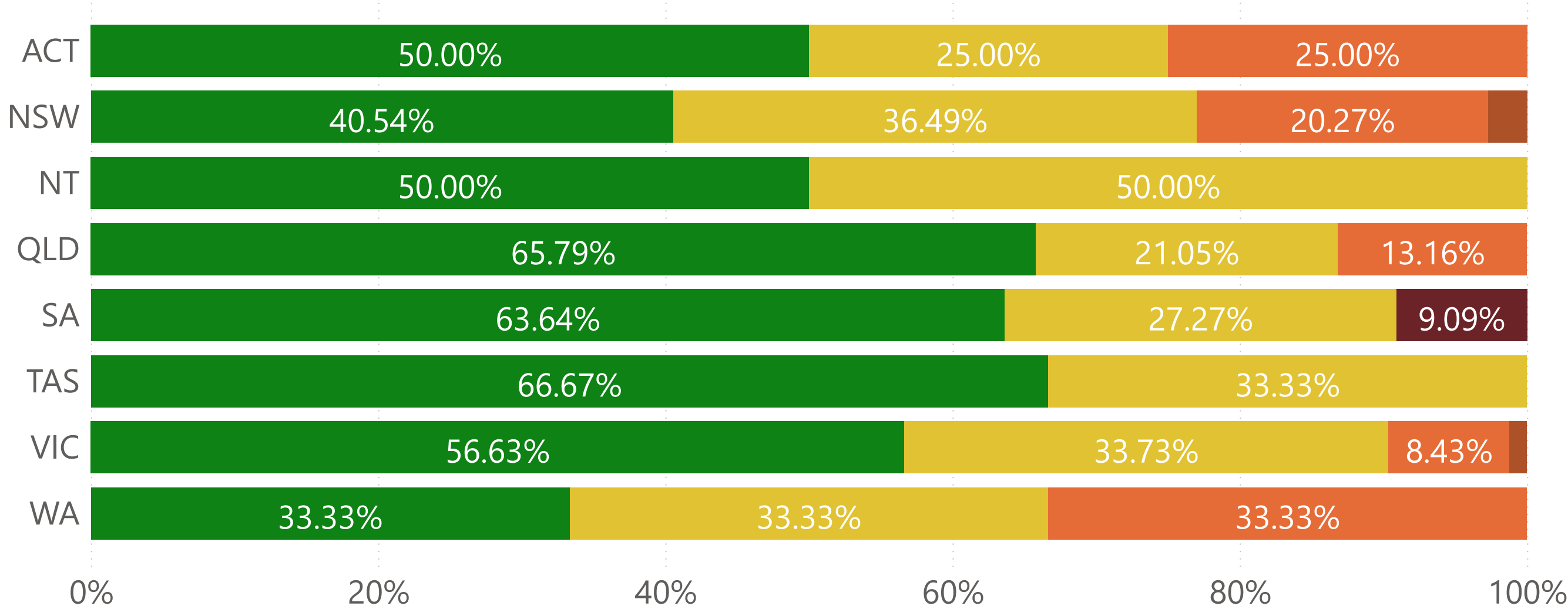
**Hours** ● Not applicable ● Reduced hours ● Closed for periods



NB: Number of respondents to this question from the following states and territories is below 10: ACT, NT

# Number of days closed in the past 4 weeks

**Days** ● No days ● 1 to 5 days ● 6 to 10 days ● 11 to 15 days ● Greater than 25 days

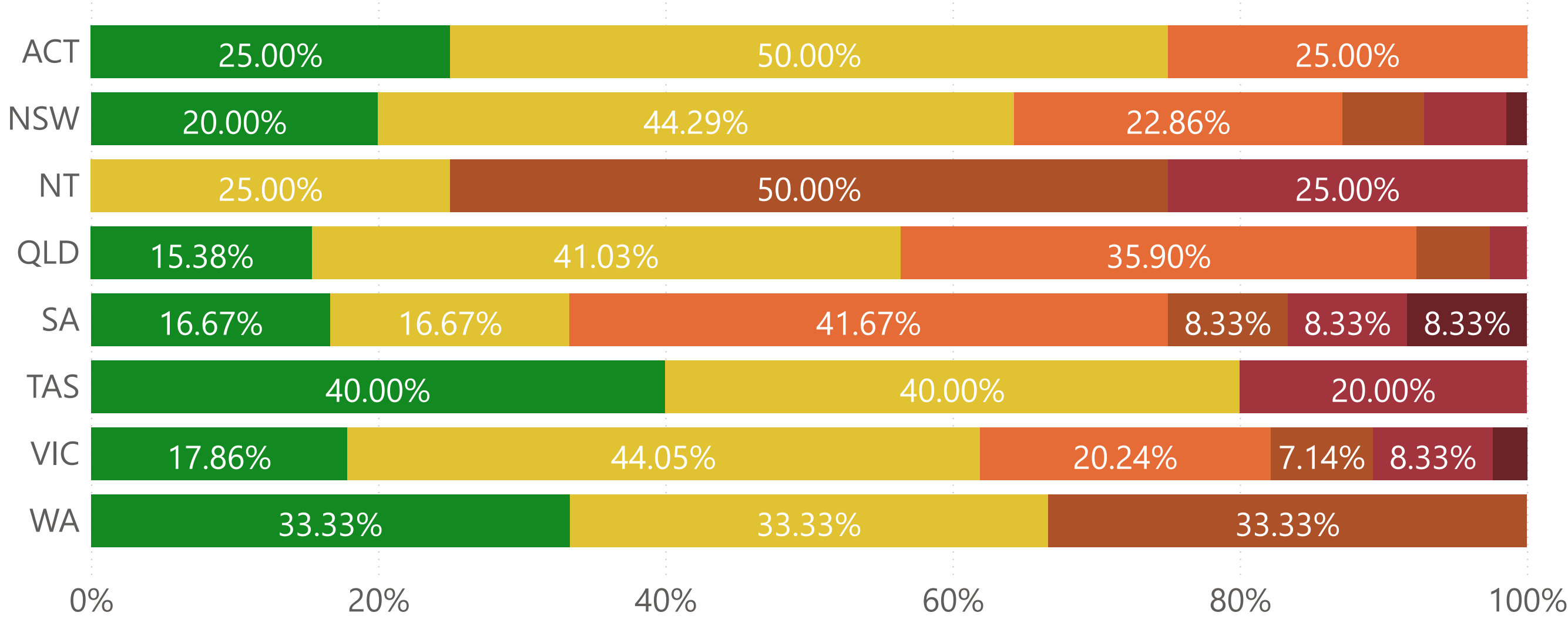


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# Number of days with reduced hours over the past 4 weeks

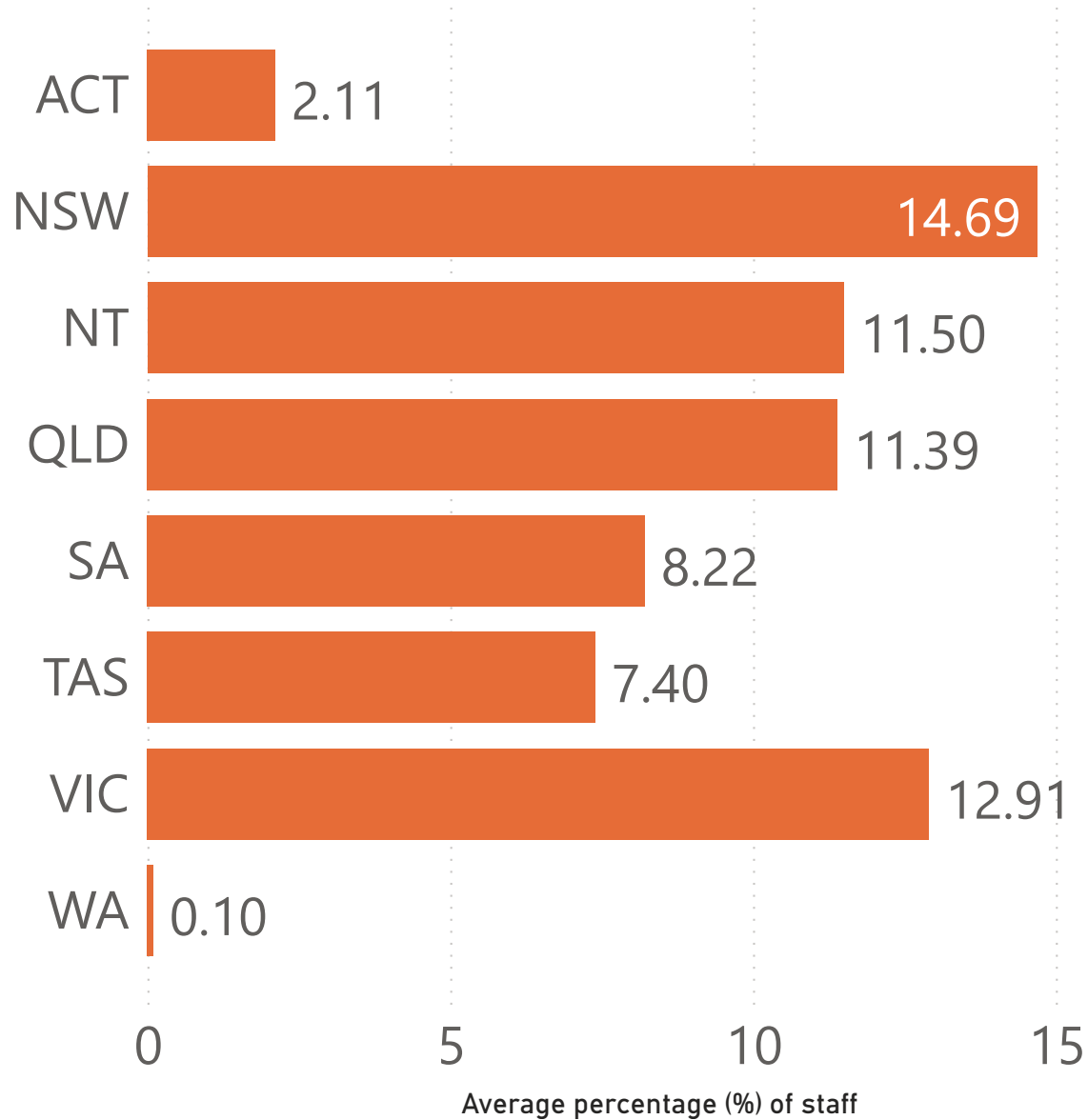
**Days** ● No days ● 1 to 5 days ● 6 to 10 days ● 11 to 15 days ● 16 to 20 days ● Greater than 25 days



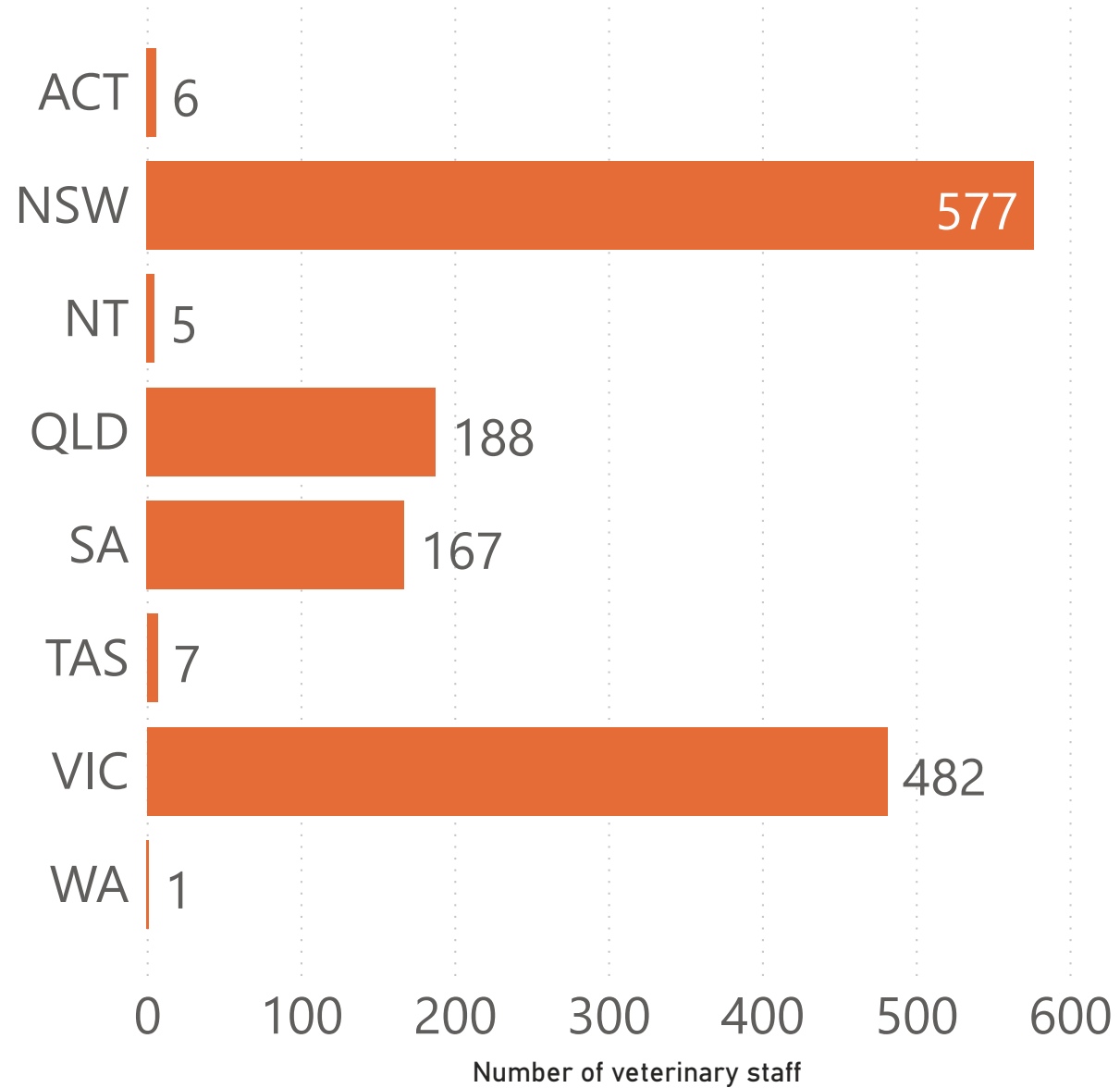
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# Loss of staff due to quarantining as a result of COVID-19 infections

Average percent (%) of staff per veterinary practice



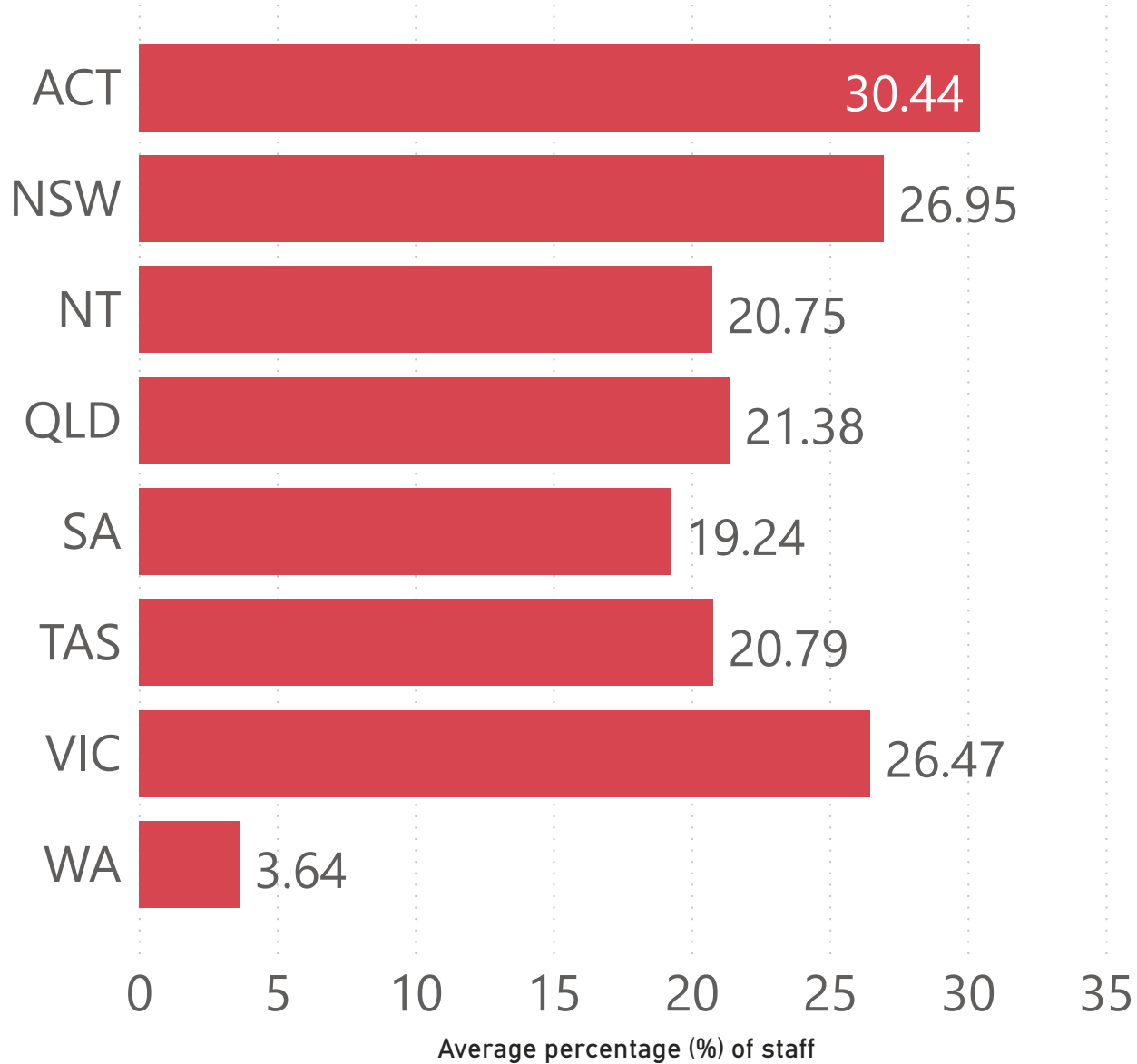
Number of veterinary staff quarantining due to COVID-19 infection



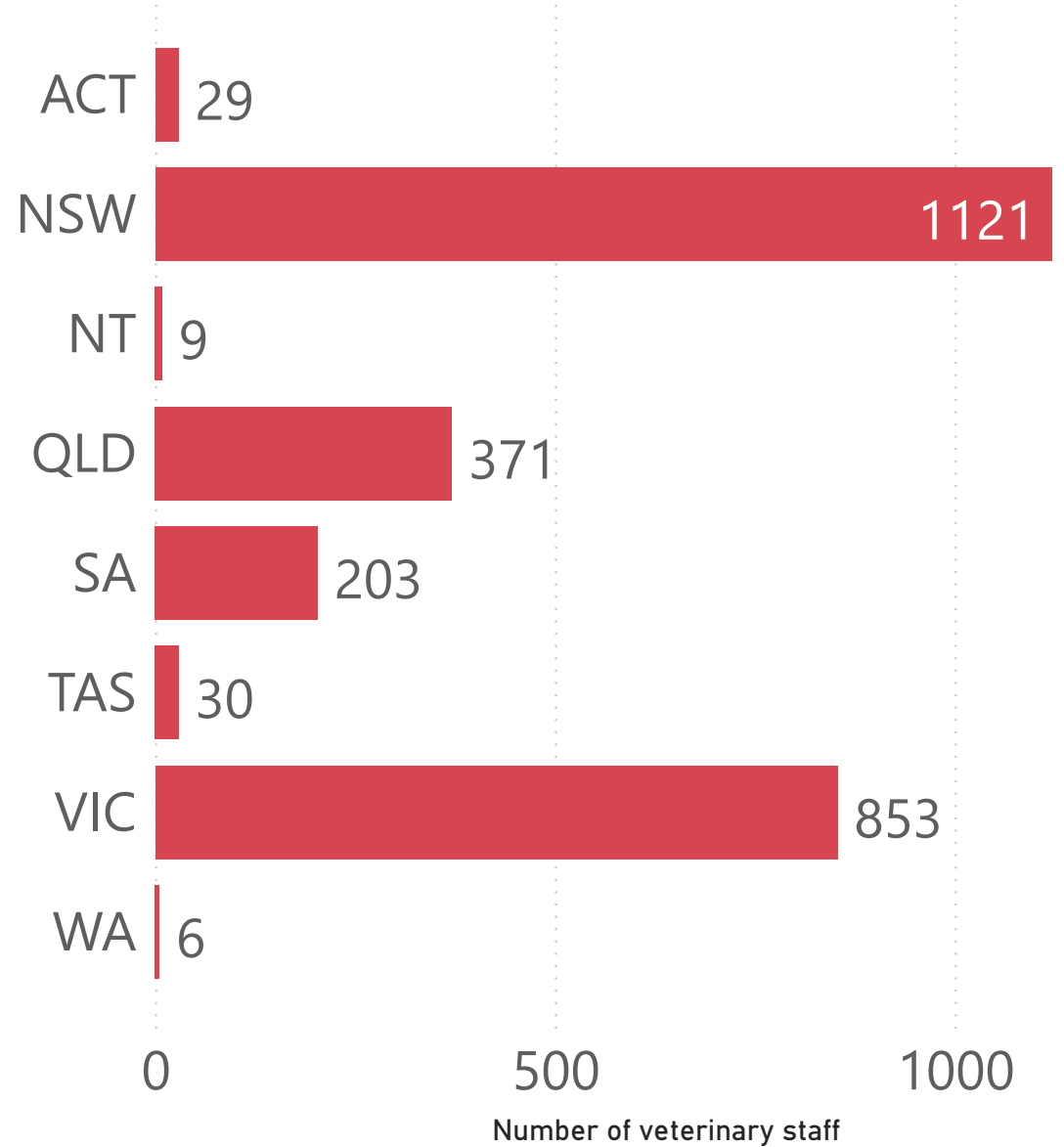
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# Loss of staff due to quarantining as close contact

Average percent (%) of staff per veterinary practice



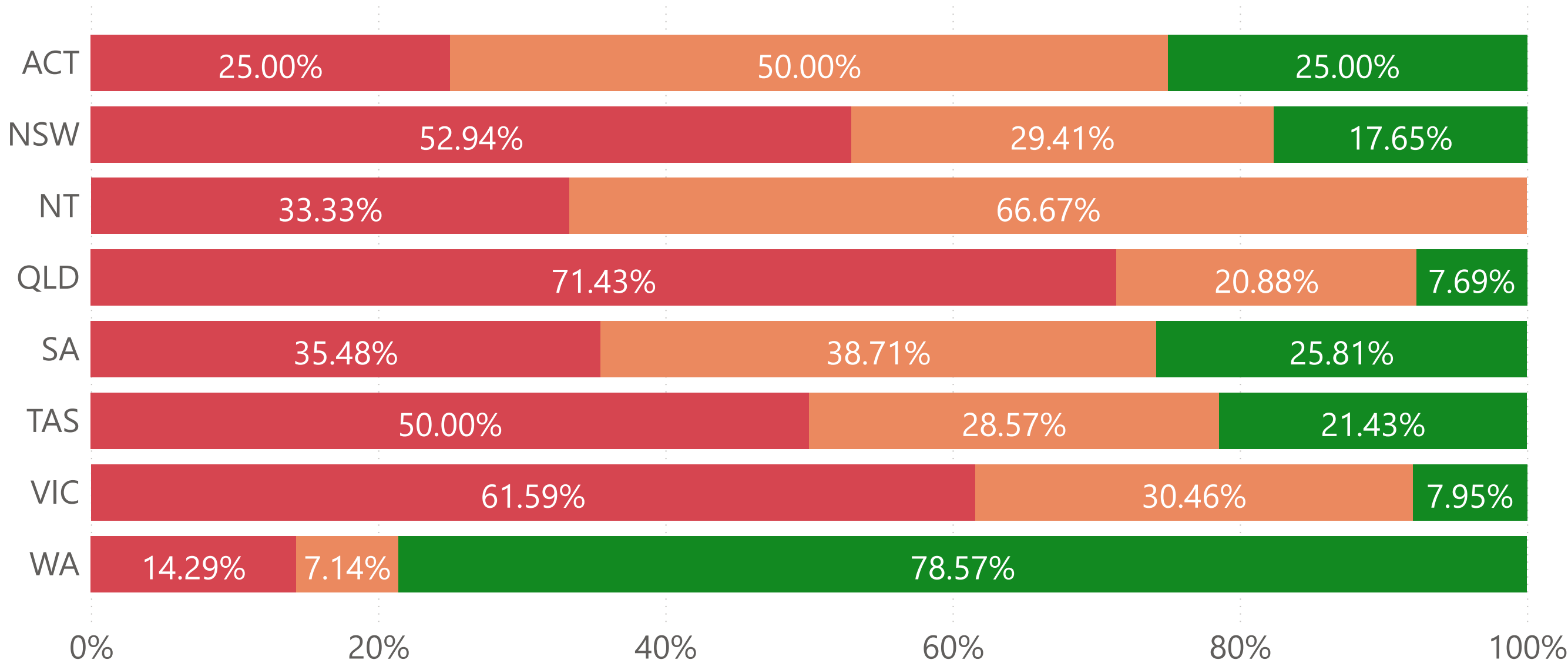
Number of veterinary staff quarantining due to being close contact



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# Have you been able to easily access COVID-19 testing?

Easy access testing ● No ● Sometimes ● Yes

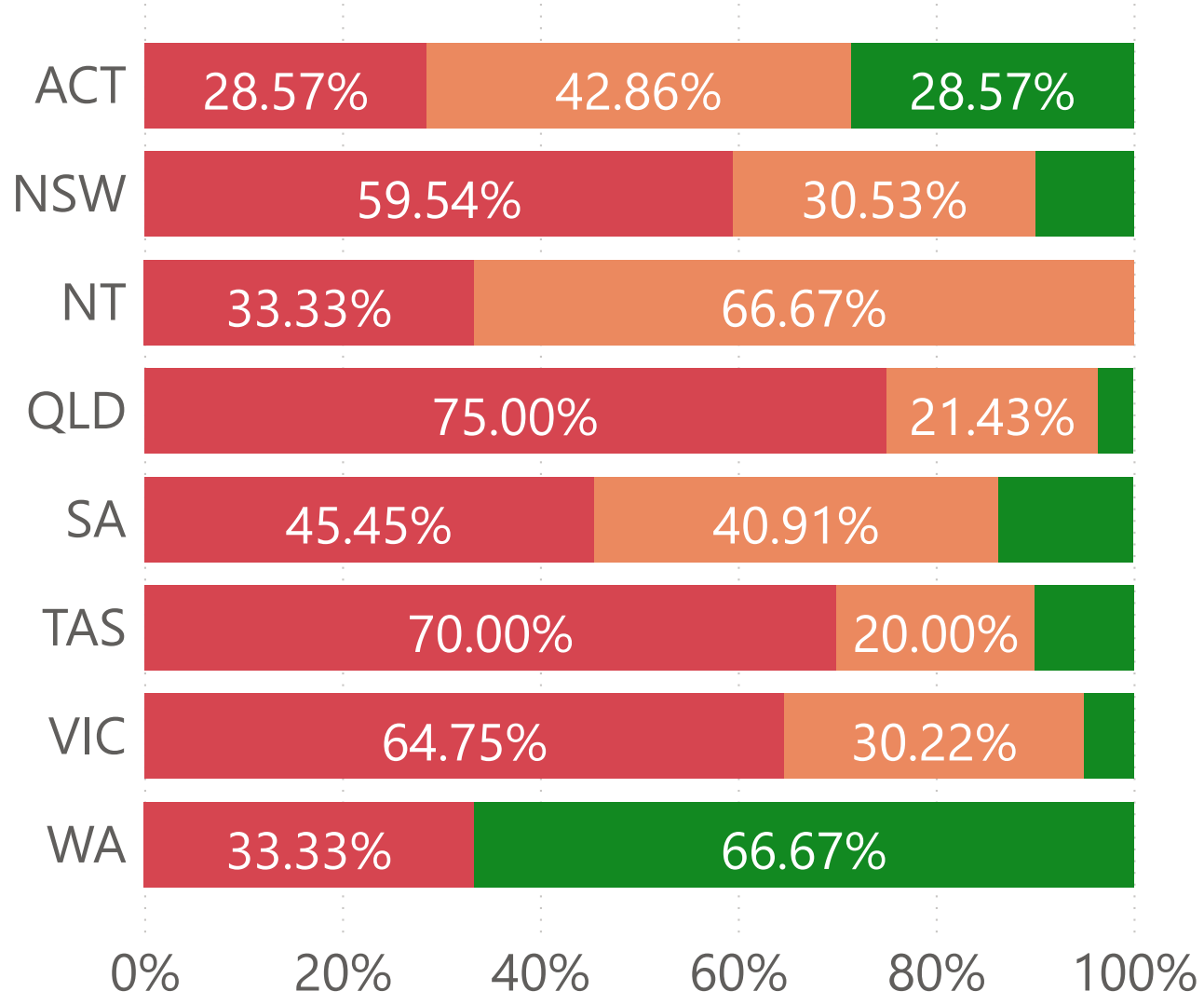


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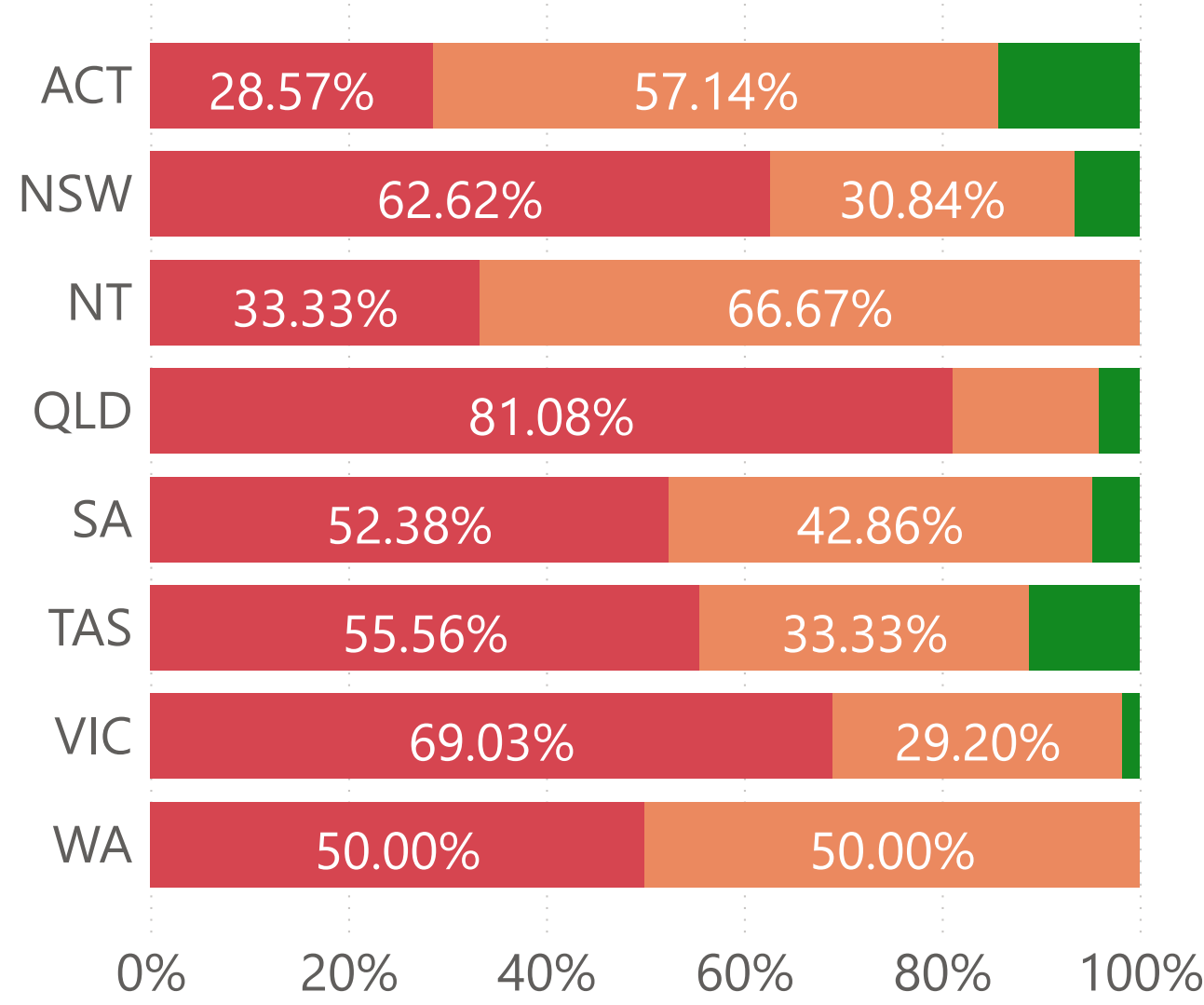
Access to RAT

Easy access to... ● No ● Sometimes ● Yes



Access to PCR testing

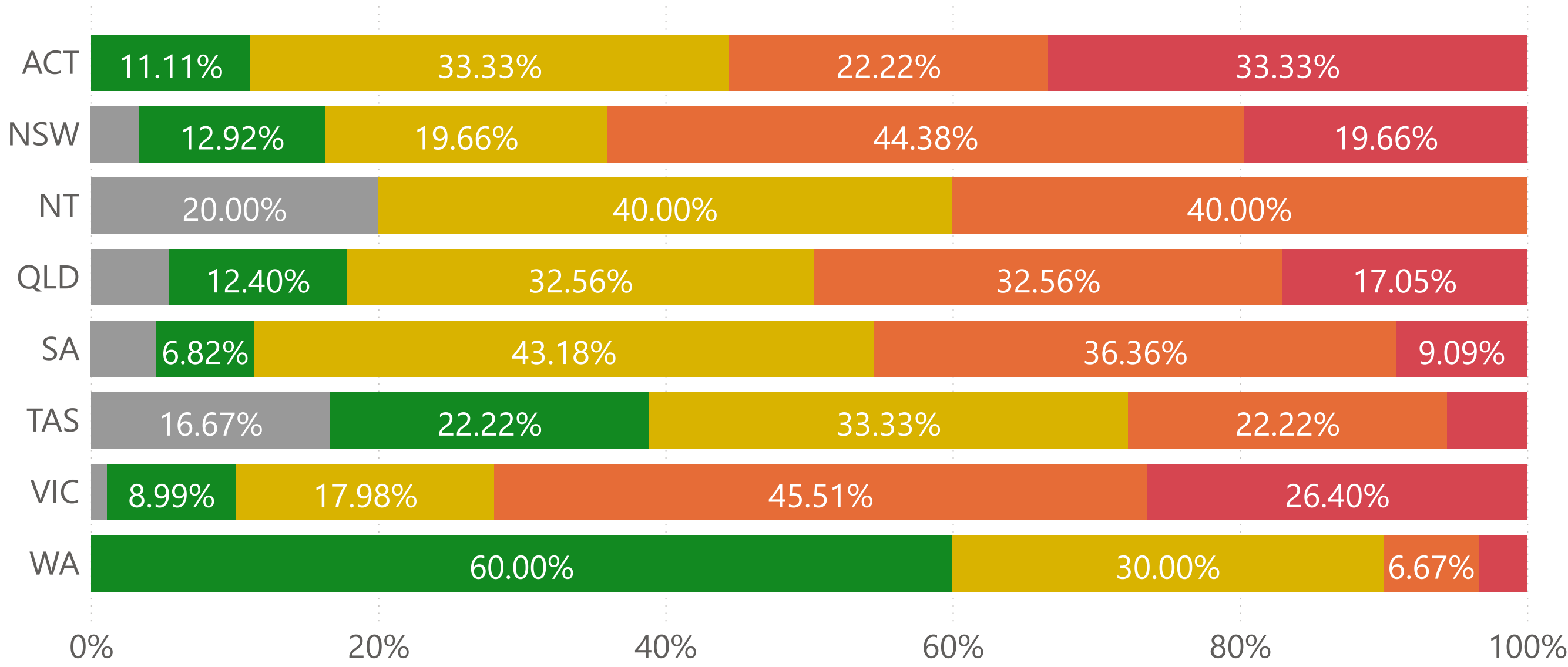
Easy access to... ● No ● Sometimes ● Yes



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# Level of impact of Covid-19 restriction on animal welfare in your area over the past 4 weeks?

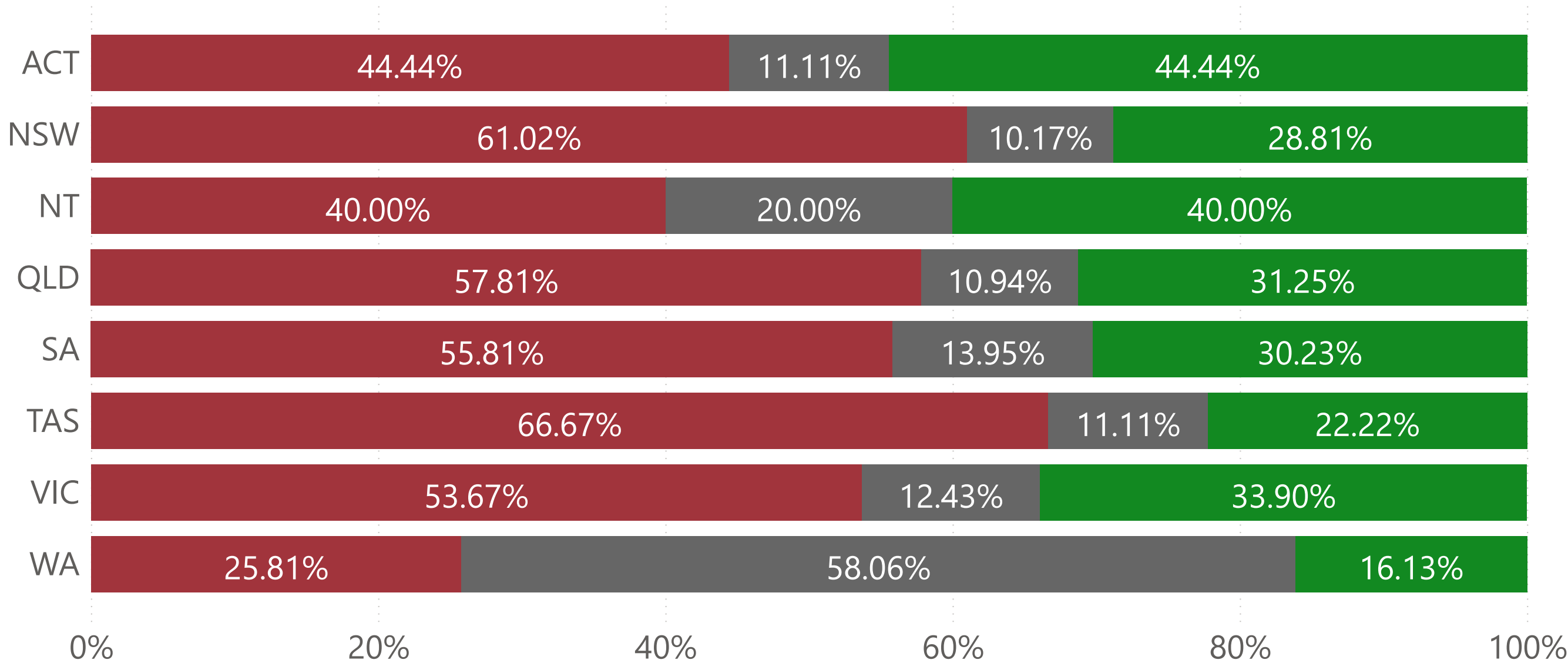
**AW impact** ● No opinion ● Not at all ● Minimal ● Somewhat ● Substantially



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# Have you found government guidance on close contacts clear?

Govt info clarity ● No ● Not applicable ● Yes



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