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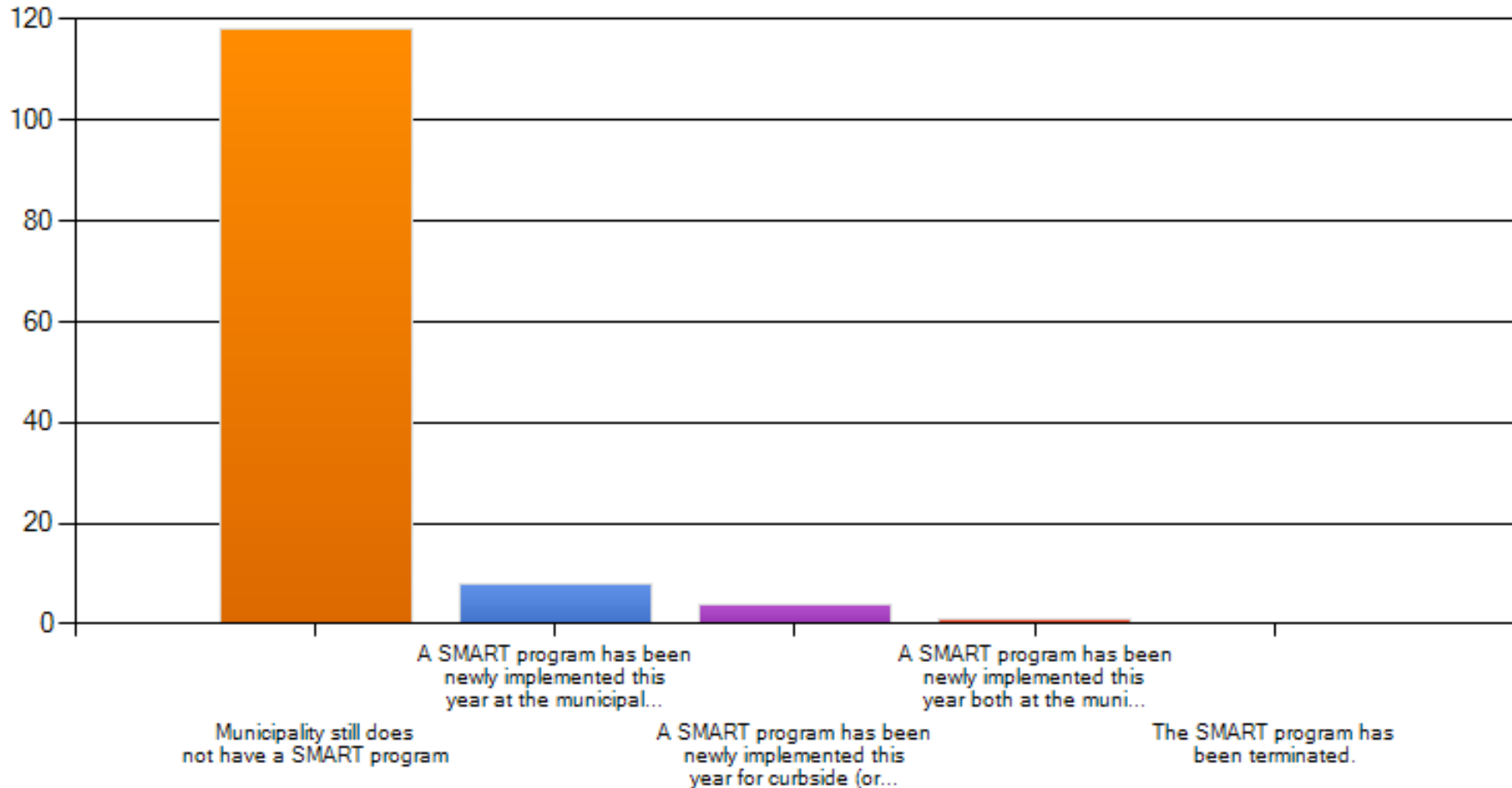
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Question 2 – SMART (PAYT) Programs – 130 Municipalities Responded

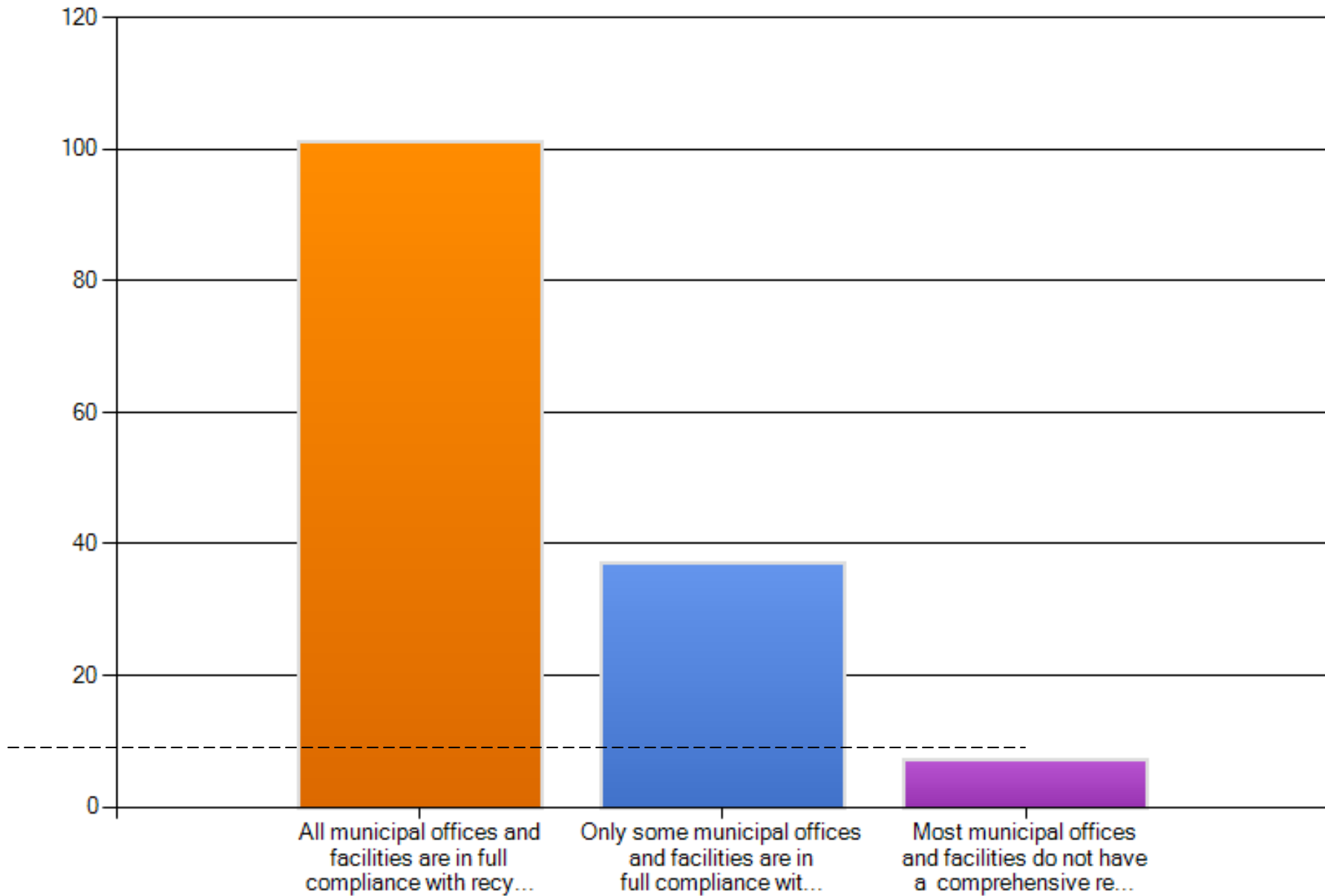


Question 3 –List of issues related to effective school recycling programs (Most responses indicated no issues or barriers.):

- FY 11, DPW proposes to evaluate current participation and diversion rates and insure that single-stream collection and expand materials can be realized...and to determine how classroom participation may be increased.
 - limitations on places to dispose of the remaining liquids from juice boxes, milk cartons, water bottles, etc. before they are disposed of in the recycling containers.
 - Recycling and solid waste are not always separated properly. The schools lack the manpower to correct this issue.
 - Inability to coordinate with those in charge within the school system. Contacts are willing to listen, but coordinating with each department to actually make changes is a "disjointed" process , partly due to the "chain of command" involved in a school system and partly because I work 15 hours each week, making it next to impossible to provide ongoing continuity with this project.
 - it is a regional school district and the budget is very tight this year.
 - More costly and requires additional staff
 - It's hard to know how to make changes -- do we start at the bottom with the custodial staff, the top with the Superintendent, or somewhere in the middle? It's been a struggle at best.....
 - Staff takes recycling containers home for summer break. This makes it too costly to continue replacing containers in each classroom.
 - I will have more information on this after meeting with BoE personnel. There are currently some inconsistencies from site to site across their system. We seek to maximize recycling at all schools and BoE facilities.
 - No one to run the program within the schools.
 - The structure does not yet seem to be widely spread throughout the school system.
 - The BOE does separate cardboard and paper from the schools. The Vendor (All American Waste) is not reporting tonnages recovered to the Board.
 - Generally the recycling program in our 11 schools works well but we constantly have to remind and encourage them to continue to recycle. The program works best in schools that involve the students in the collection of the classroom paper and have cooperative & interested staff.
 - In the past, the schools operated independent of the Townwide program as they were more advanced in what they recycled. Previous staff also tried to maintain a separation. Future reconfiguration of Town operations in FY 2012 will allow a combination of Town and School management of solid wastes.
 - additional cost associated
 - Where to begin? All schools have the outside containers through contract. What happens inside depends upon the custodian. Some are diligent, some are not. Some work with students, other do it themselves. Classroom recycling depends on teachers. Some promote it, others do not. I have heard stories of custodian mixed, but haven't caught anyone. Over the last year, I've had more requests for bins and more carts or dumpsters and funding seems to be an issue getting these requests filled.
 - The biggest barrier for successful recycling is for the occupants of schools to utilize the recycling infrastructure effectively. Occupants of schools still appear to place recyclable materials into trash containers, even when a recycling container is present. Also, recycling in the dining areas is challenging, due to contamination of materials from food wastes.
 - The custodians feel it is extra work to empty the additional recycling containers.
 - The poor morale of the custodians.
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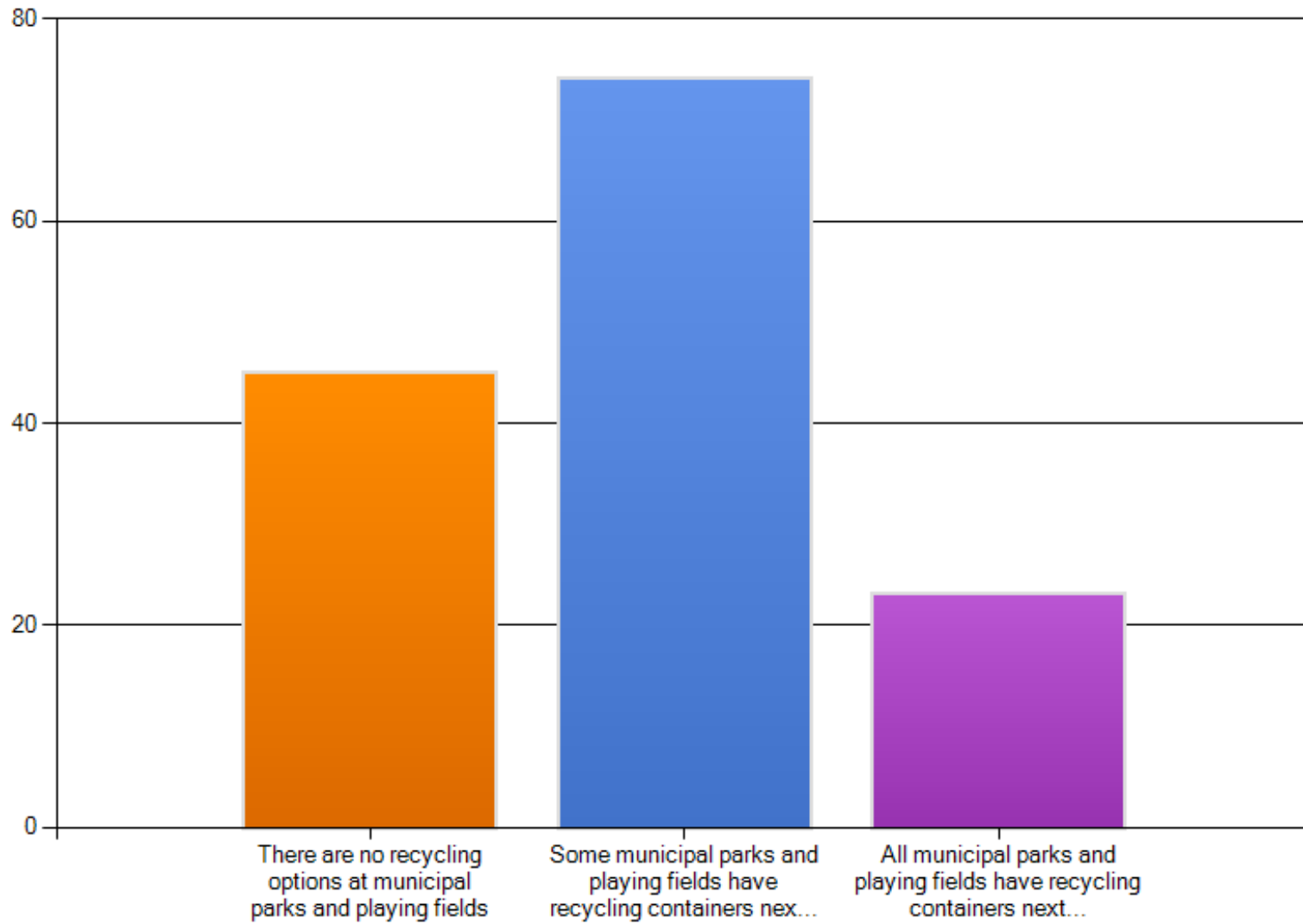
Question 5 – 145 municipalities responded to this question

How would you describe recycling in your municipal offices and facilities?



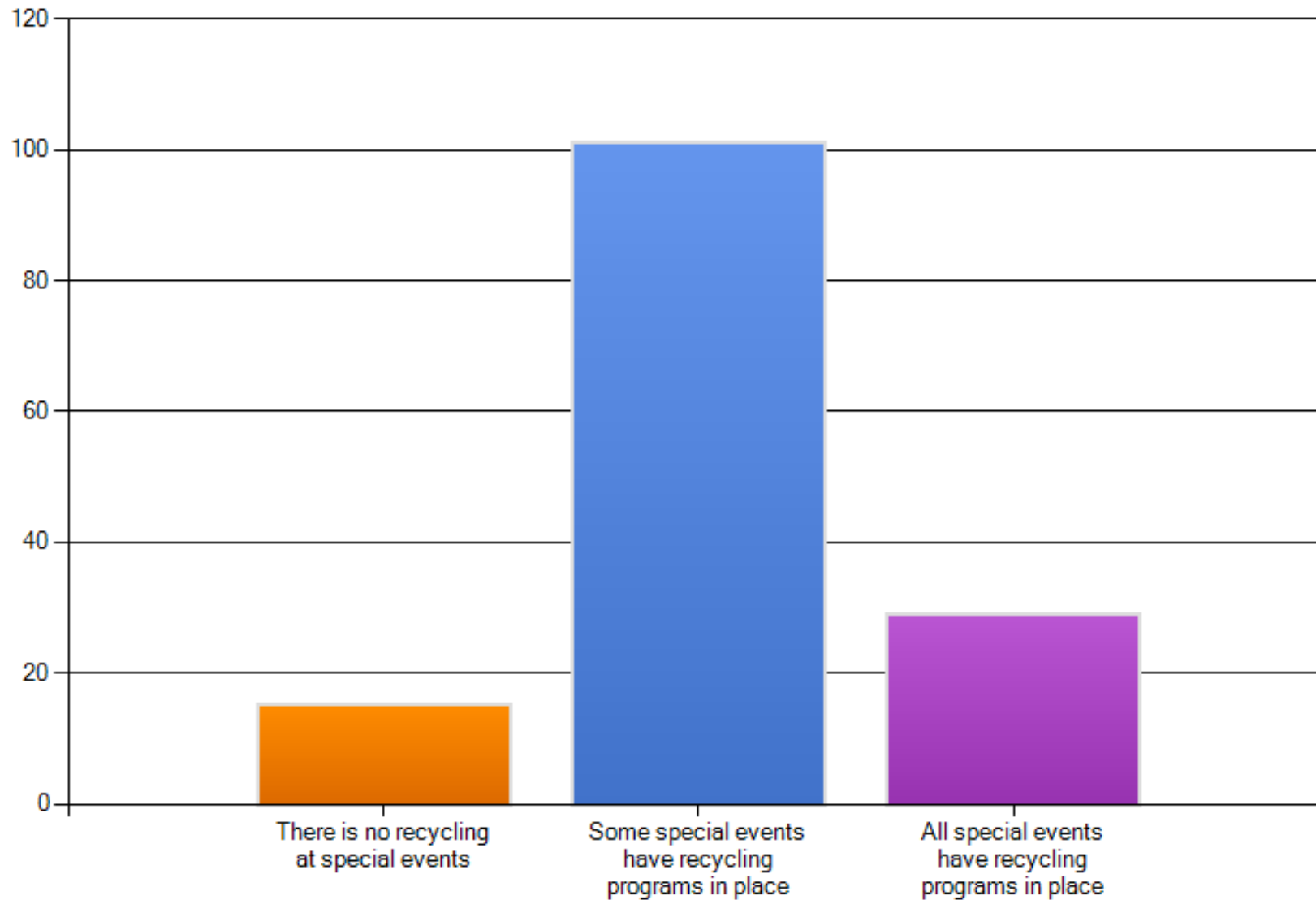
Question 6 - 142 municipalities responded to this question

How would you describe recycling at municipal parks and playing fields?

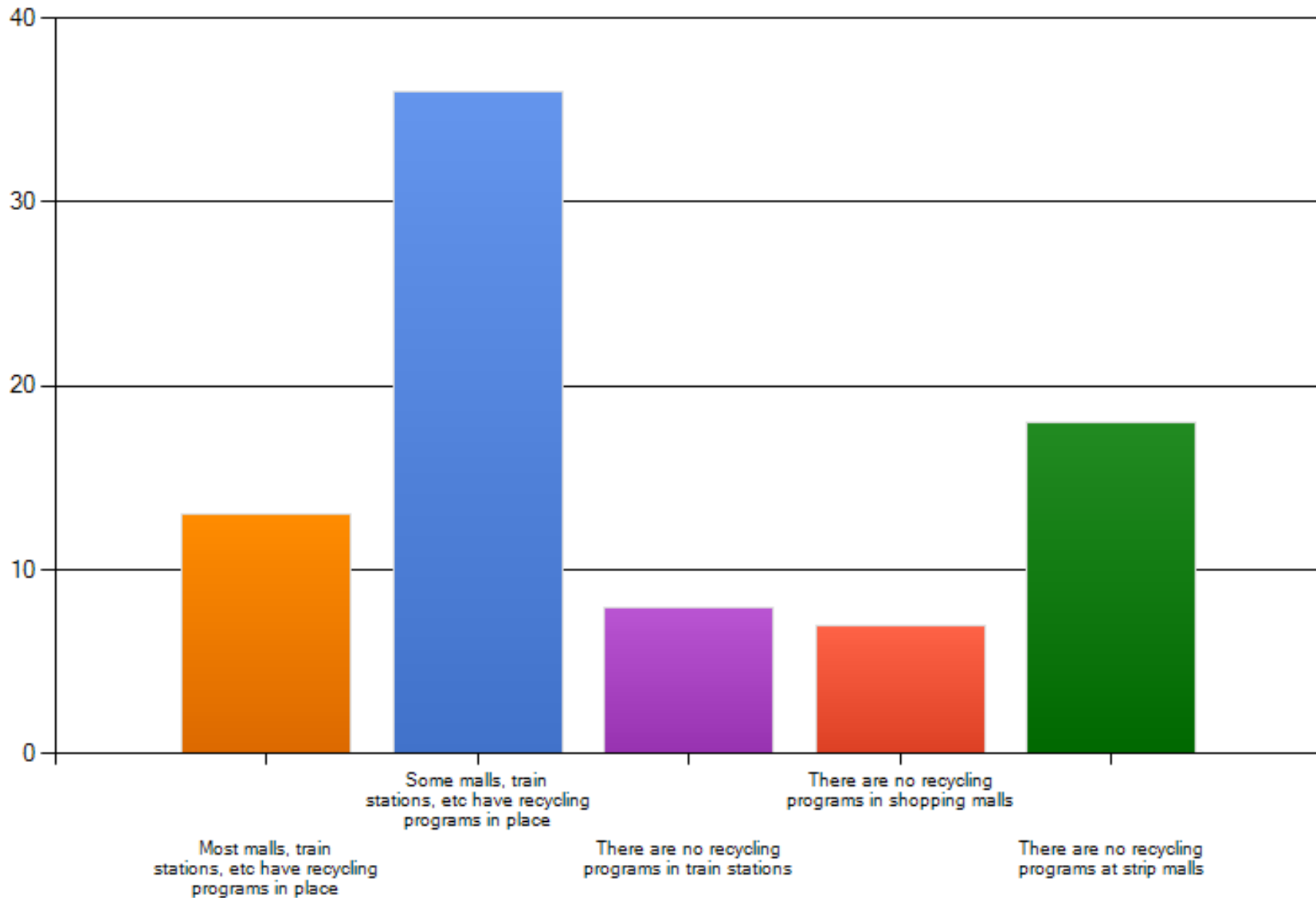


Question 7 - 145 municipalities responded to this question

How would you describe recycling at special events (such as fairs and festivals) in your municipality?

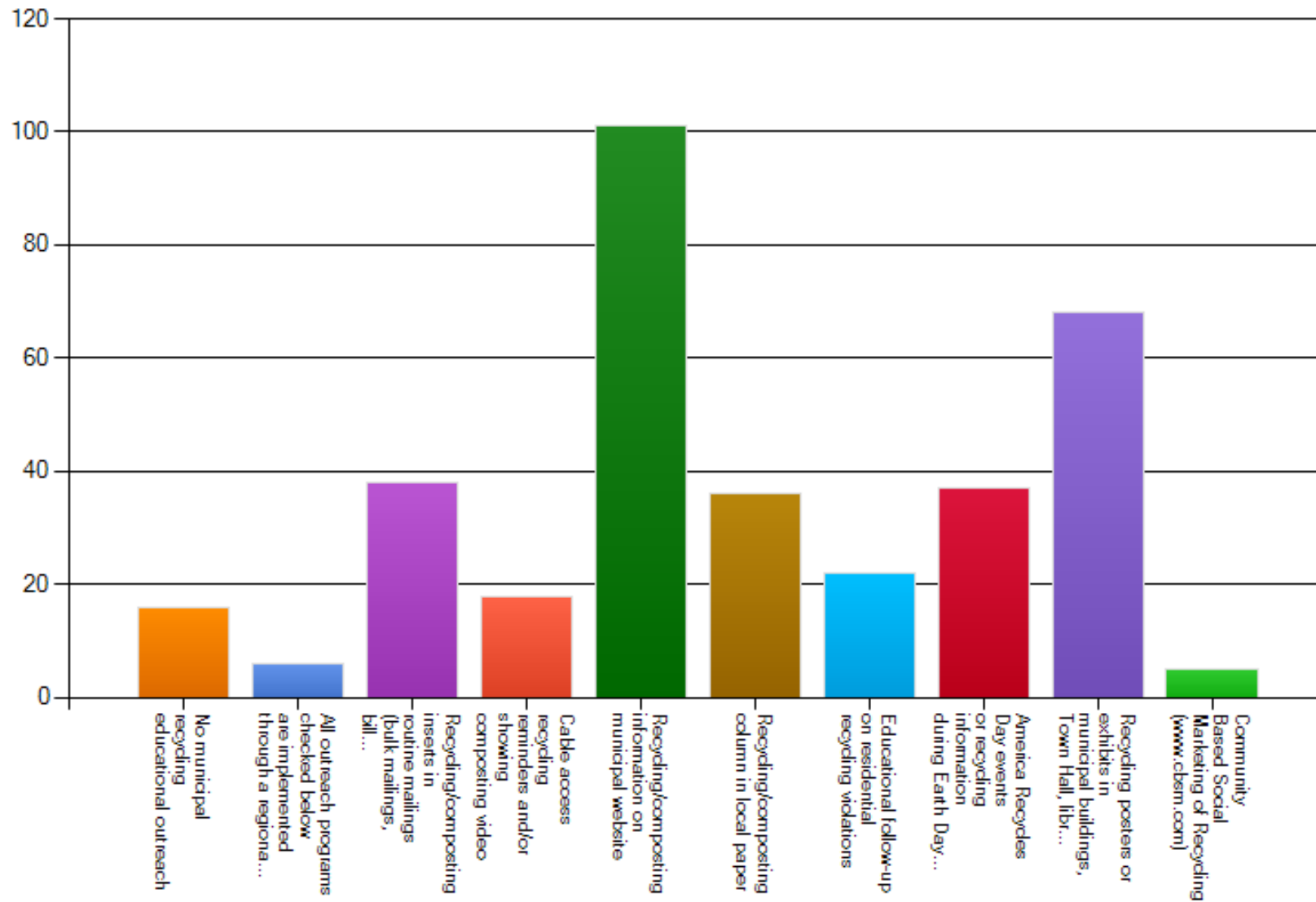


How would you describe recycling options at shopping malls, train stations, etc. in your municipality?



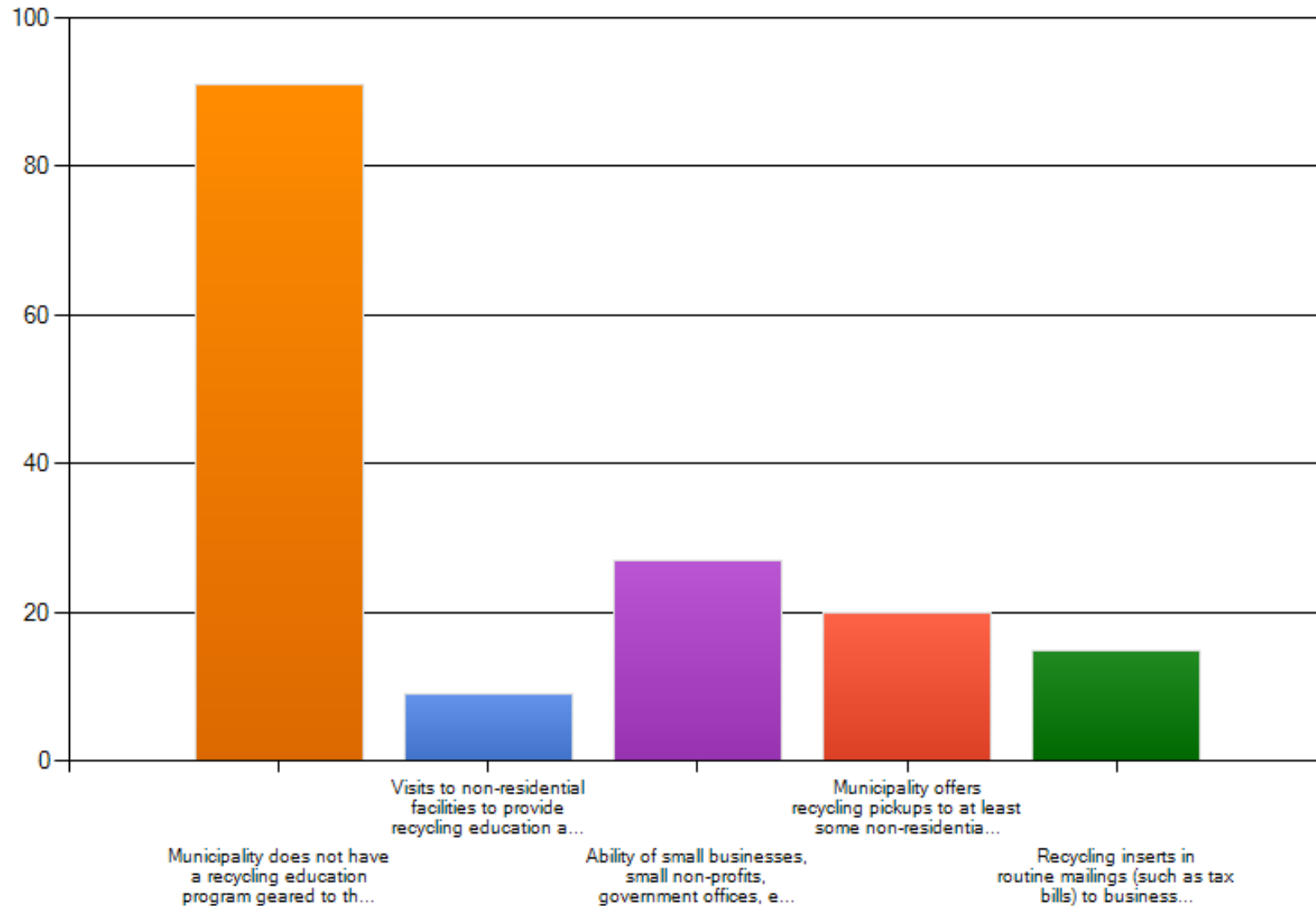
Question 9- 138 municipalities responded to this question

What type of residential recycling (including composting) educational outreach was provided by your municipality in this report year? (Check as many as applicable)



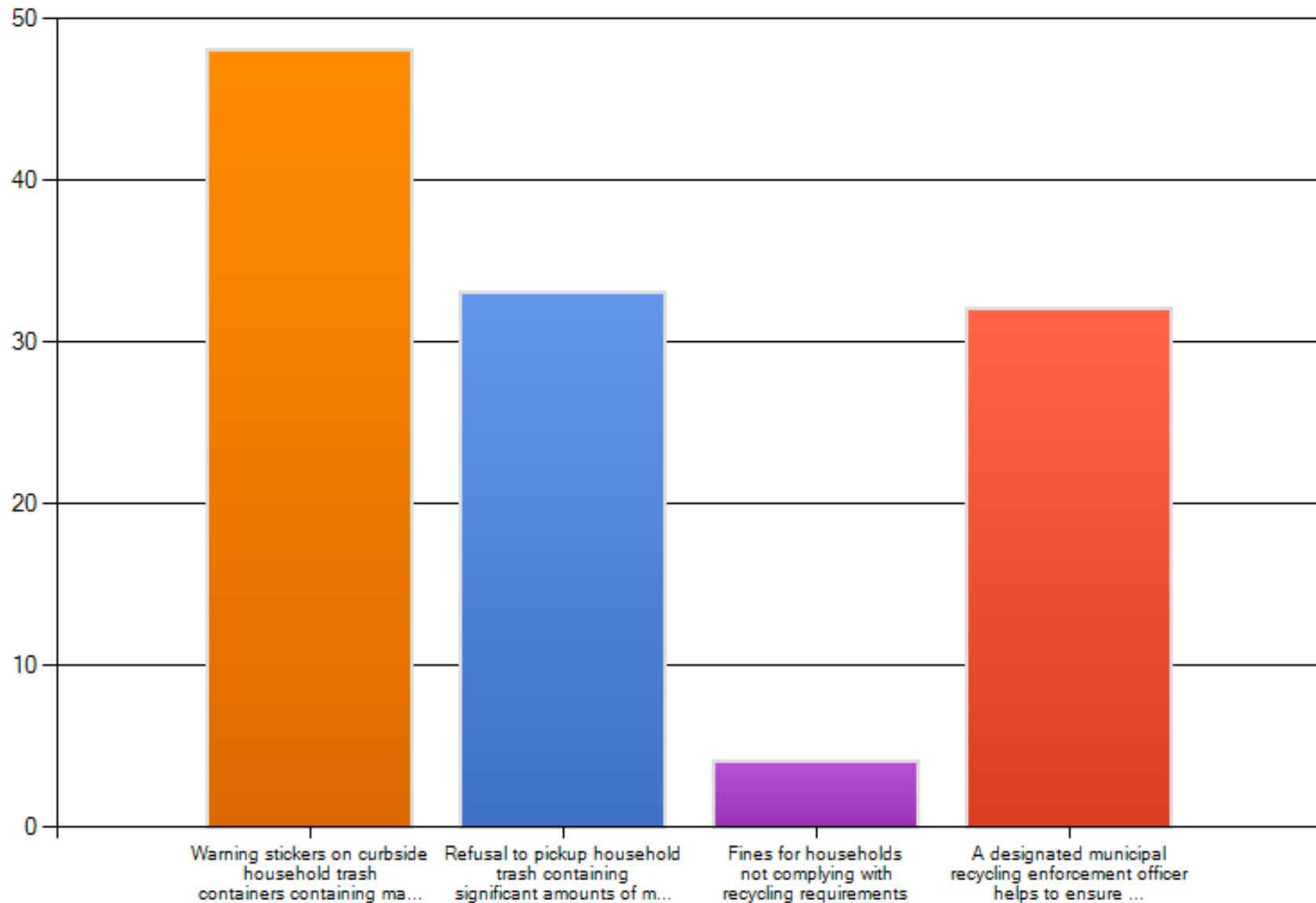
Question 10 – 138 municipalities responded to this question

What type of recycling promotion and education did your municipality provide during the reporting year to the non-residential sector (businesses, institutions, government offices, etc.)?



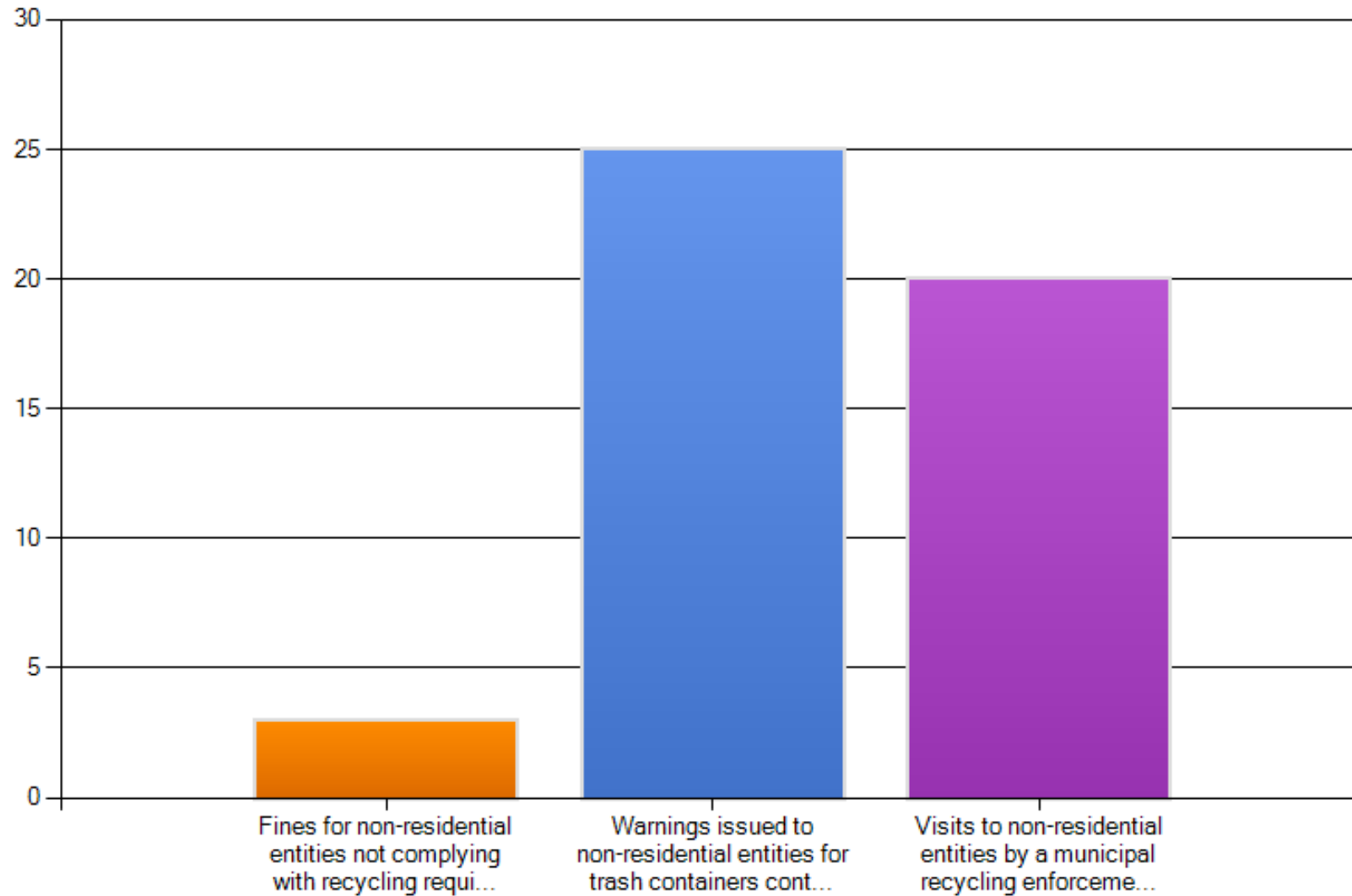
Question 11 - 79 municipalities responded to this question

What type of enforcement actions were taken during the reporting fiscal year to ensure residential compliance with recycling requirements? (Check all that apply)



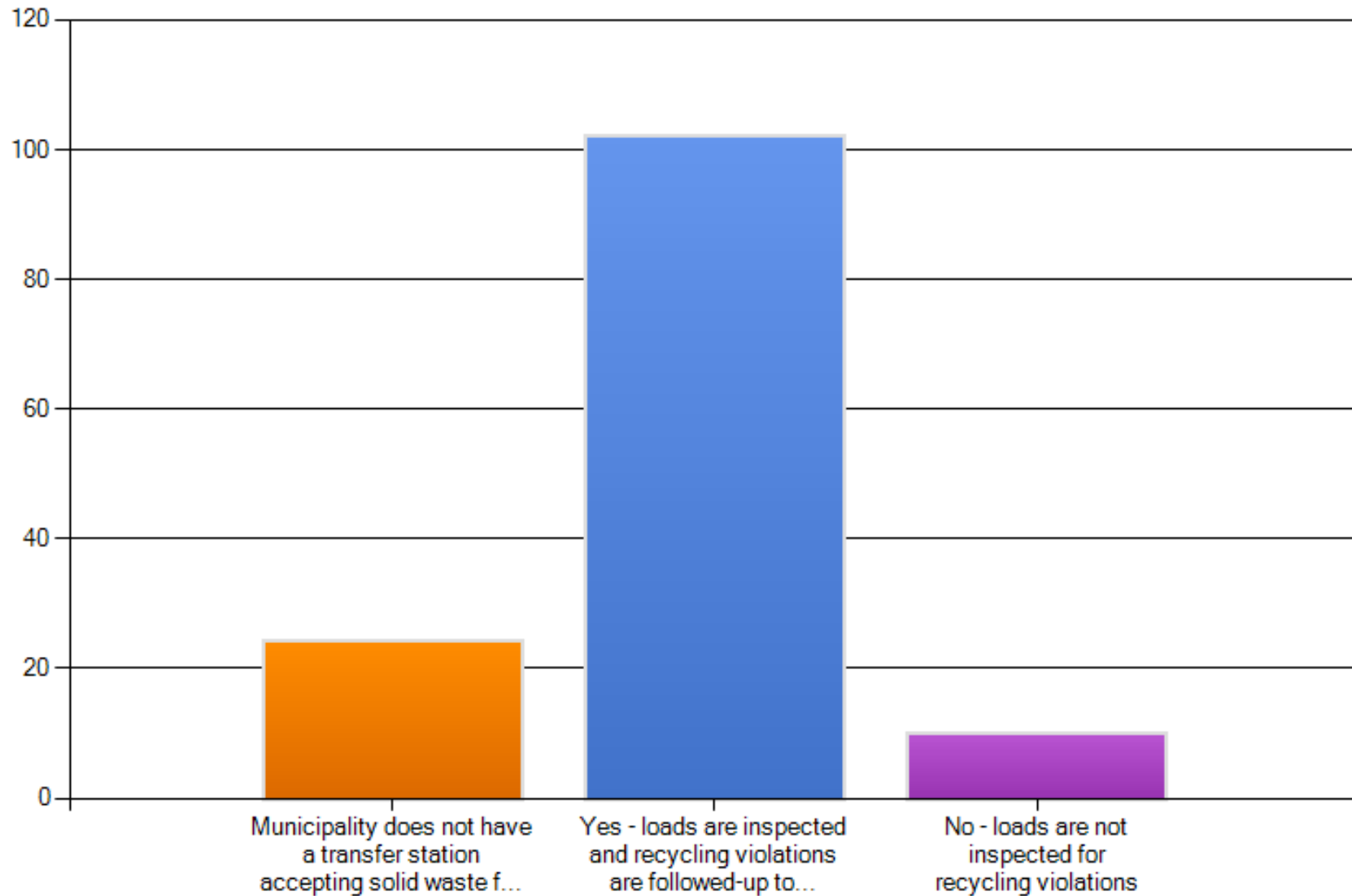
Question 12 – 37 municipalities responded to this question

What type of enforcement actions were taken over the reporting fiscal year to ensure non-residential (i.e. businesses, institutions, government facilities, etc.) compliance with recycling requirements? (Check all that apply)



Question 14 - -133 municipalities responded to this question

If your town has a municipal transfer station that accepts MSW or bulky waste for disposal, are loads inspected on a regular basis to identify generators not complying with recycling requirements?



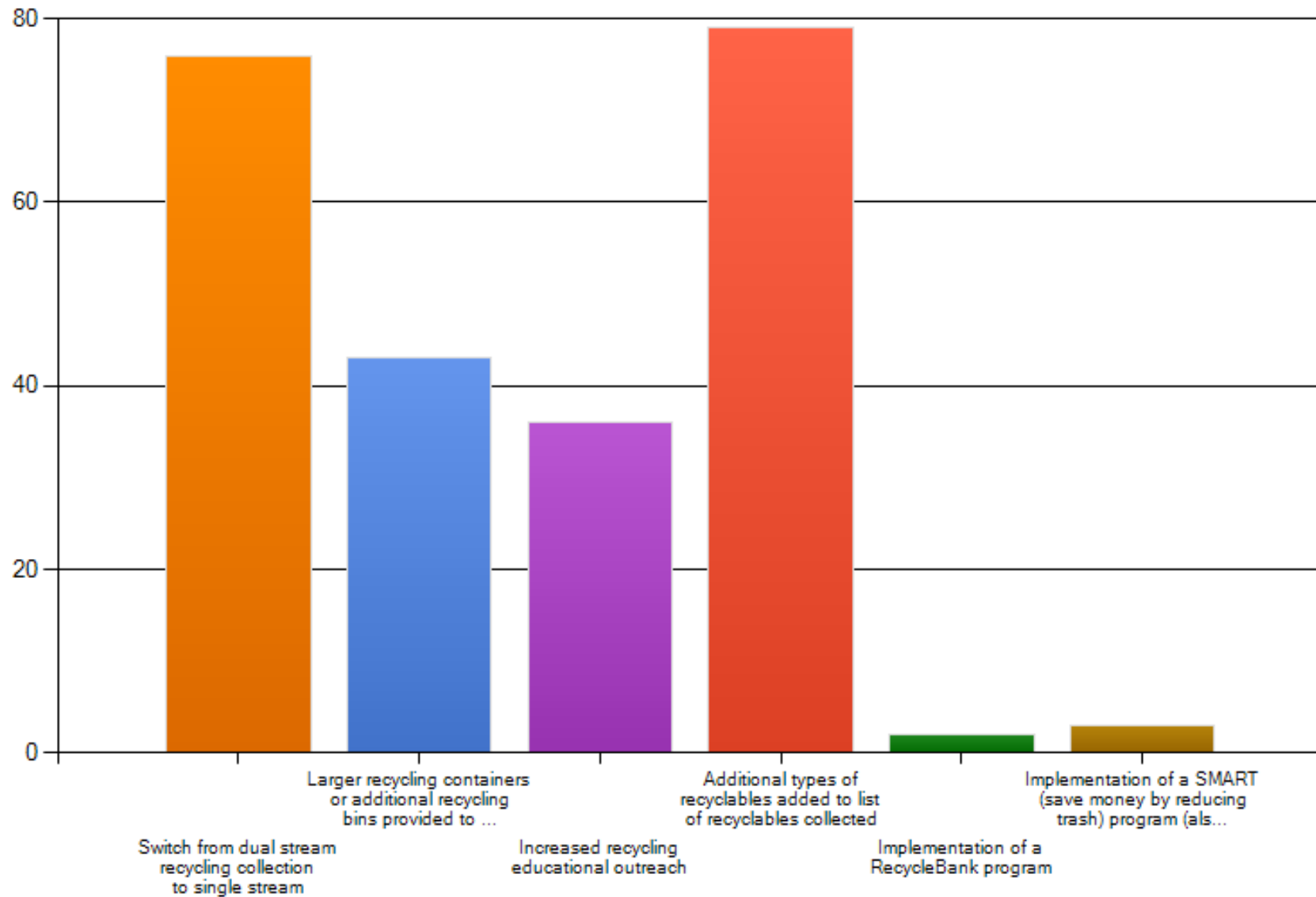
Question 15 - –140 municipalities responded to this question

How are unwanted telephone directories managed in your municipality? (Please check all that apply.)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Collected curbside for recycling	46.4%	65
Collected at the municipal TS for recycling - not sponsored by a directory publisher	48.6%	68
Collected and recycled through a program sponsored by the telephone directory publisher - "AT&T"	36.4%	51
Collected and recycled through a program sponsored by the telephone directory publisher - "Yellow Book"	7.1%	10
Collected and recycled through a program sponsored by the telephone directory publisher - "Super Media Corp"	2.1%	3
Disposed together with other MSW	7.9%	11
Other	5.0%	7

Question 17 - --116 municipalities responded to this question

Changes to recycling programs implemented within the past two years in your municipality (please check all that apply).



Question 18 - Please describe any innovative (and effective) recycling programs implemented by your municipality within the past year. Most were not really innovative – e.g. single stream, PAYT, adding additional materials to acceptable curbside recyclables e-waste recycling, etc. Others included:

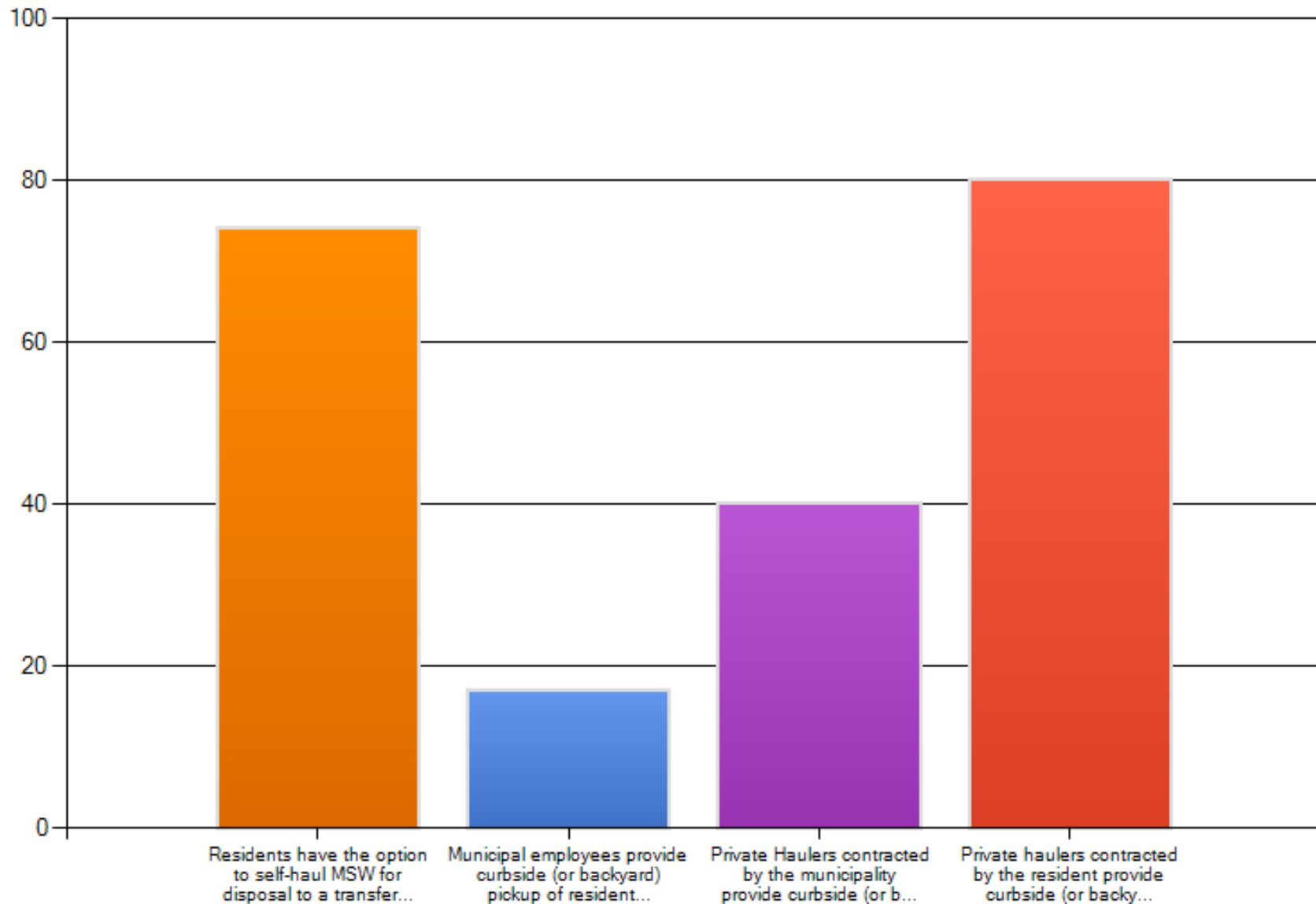
- None for this year although taking latex paint waste out of the waste stream seems to be working well. Curbside bulky waste pickups allows us to monitor the oversized MSW stream and we are currently looking at taking bulky plastics out of the stream for alternative disposal options in the next year or so. Finally we are trying to increase the size of our transfer station and add a building for a year round free tag sale of furniture, cabinets, sinks, etc. Our book recycling is also going very well.
- The ScoutCan program continues to collect deposit plastic bottles and aluminum cans for redemption for Habitat for Humanity. Bins are located outside the Recycling Center. Residents feel they are supporting a great cause while keeping those items out of the trash.
- City has campaigned vigorously door to door city wide educating constituents about the importance to recycle for a cleaner environment, and a more sustainable solid waste and recycling program. We have delivered approx-3,000 recycling bins, imposed warning stickers to violators. As a result, we have increased participation and tonnage by approx- 12%. Our goal for for FY-10-11 is to continue our outreach, enforcement, perform pilot routes with Recycle-Bank, advocate for single stream recycling.
- Request for Qualifications to review various options for significant increases in recycling materials. Added boxboard and plastics 1 thru 7 to curbside. Continue recycling of electronics. Added containers for textiles and books at transfer station.
- Using the reverse 911 system to promote and update residents about recycling is quick and doesn't cost anything (the system was paid for already). when the town switch to single stream recycling this was one of our outreach efforts. residents make positive comments about the town's effort to explain and promote the recycling program. using facebook i quickly update residents that "like" our facebook page on new recycling issues, events and new technology and trends.
- Enforcement officer's educational visits & field recycling checks have been effective; education at Earth Day Celebration have been effective; exhibits at Green Expo, and Brooksvale Fall Festival have also been effective.
- The city offers a shred event once a year. It is extremely popular. Our traveling worms are always a hit and encourage folks to start composting. It especially works nicely when we do a compost bin sale along with the worm demonstration. The school programs are very time consuming, but seem to generate interest and action on recycling. Kids can be great communicators! The City Employee Waste Exchange has been a creative way of reusing old items.
- Working with w.i.n. (westerly innovations network) we have joined project t.g.i.f. (turn grease into fuel). Cooking grease is collected for use as a biodiesel fuel. The proceeds from grease recycling help provide heating fuel for the Mystic area shelter and hospitality, inc. A fuel assistance program.
- Educated the school system and including the students to help to increase recycling.
- Continue to Tub Grind residential brush and return to residents free of charge. This year we have started a delivery program for residents (fee involved on delivery)

Question 19 - Residential MSW disposal tipping fees are paid by –140 municipalities responded to this question

	Response Percent	Response Count
Municipality - through tax base; general fund; etc.	73.6%	103
Curbside Unit Base Pricing Program (PAYT) administered by the municipality	2.9%	4
Municipal TS Unit Base Pricing Program (PAYT)	10.0%	14
Resident pays private hauler directly for trash pickup; but not unit based pricing.	25.0%	35
Resident pays private hauler directly for trash pickup - private hauler has unit based pricing.	10.0%	14
Other	6.4%	9

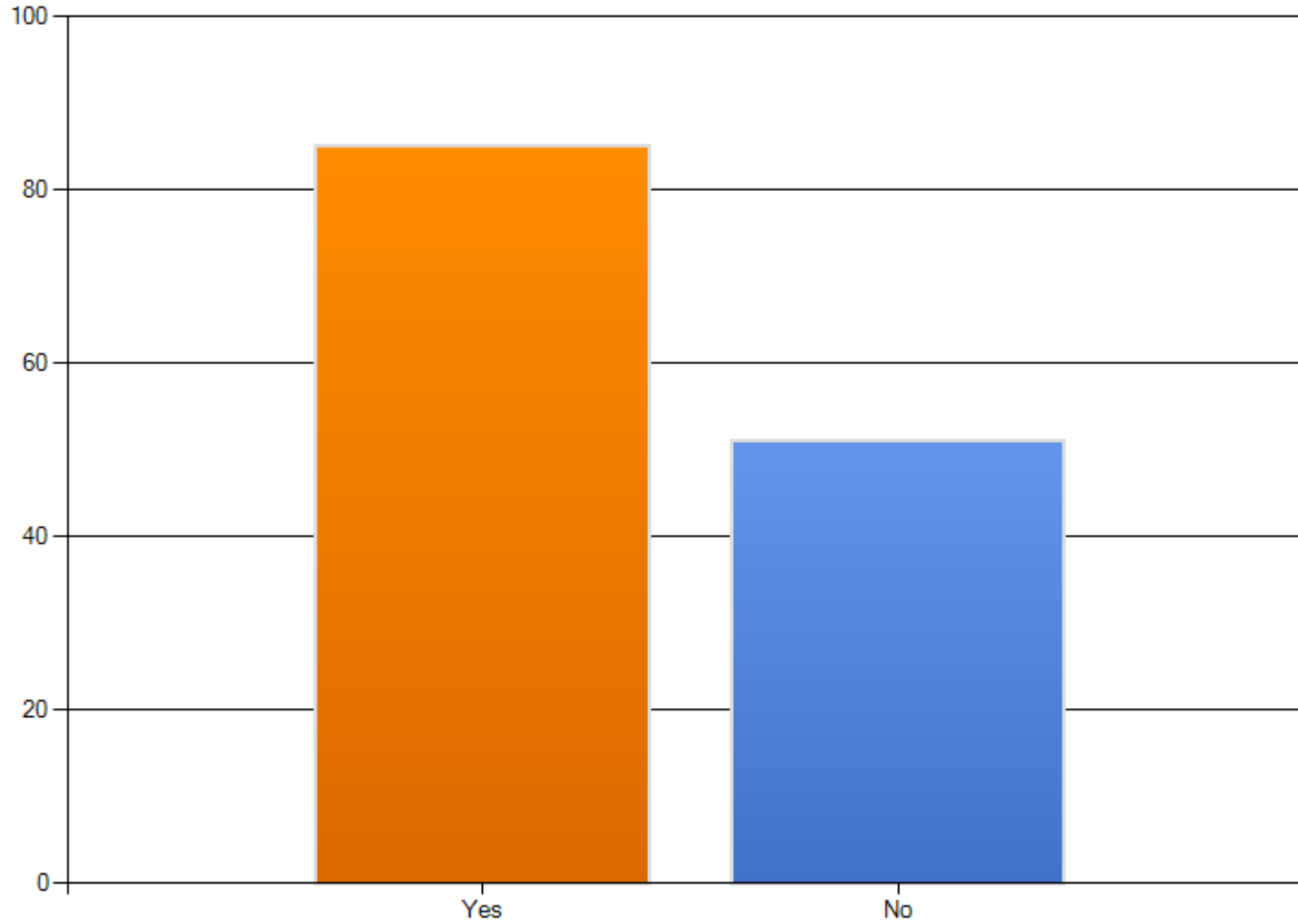
Question 20 – 137 municipalities responded to this question

In your municipality, curbside (or backyard) pickup of residential MSW for disposal is provided by (check all that apply):



Question 22 – 136 municipalities responded to this question

Did your municipality receive revenue for residential recyclables this year?



Question 23 – 139 municipalities responded to this question

In your municipality, curbside (or backyard) pickup of residential recyclables (bottles, cans, and paper) is provided by (check all that apply):

