

# Board Exam Test Prep: A Survey of SCAMeL Library Resources

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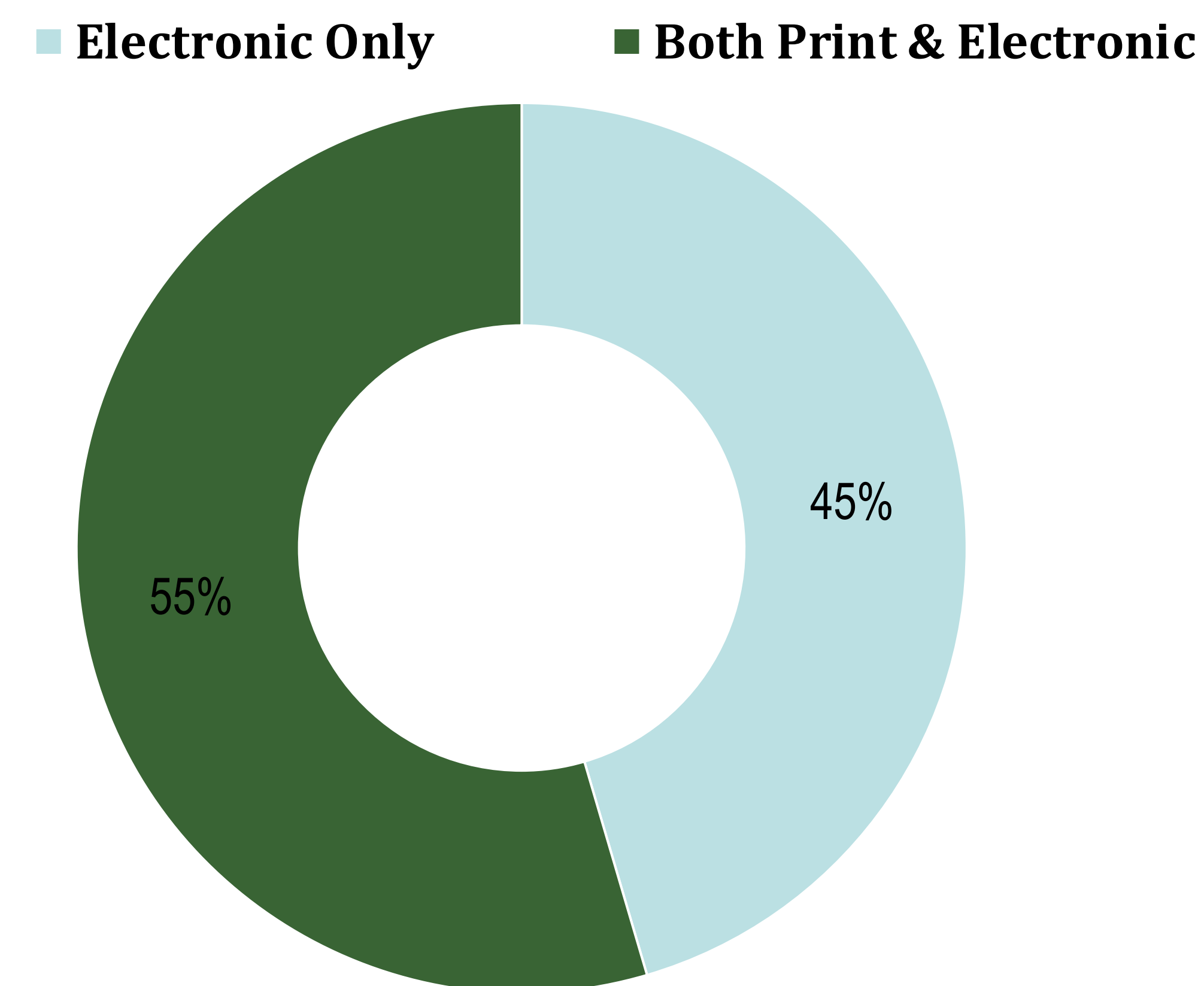
## ABSTRACT

**Purpose:** The purpose of this survey is to evaluate what board exam question banks, if any, SCAMeL member libraries subscribe to and if these resources are being utilized by their campuses.

**Participants:** Participants were members of the SCAMeL collection development group. SCAMeL consists of 17 academic health science libraries in the South Central region. We requested that one representative from each institution respond to the survey.

**Methodology:** SCAMeL library collection development representatives were emailed a link to the survey on June 7, 2017. The survey consisted of 16 multiple choice and free text questions and was created using Qualtrics. The survey remained active until 5:00 PM CST on June 30, 2017.

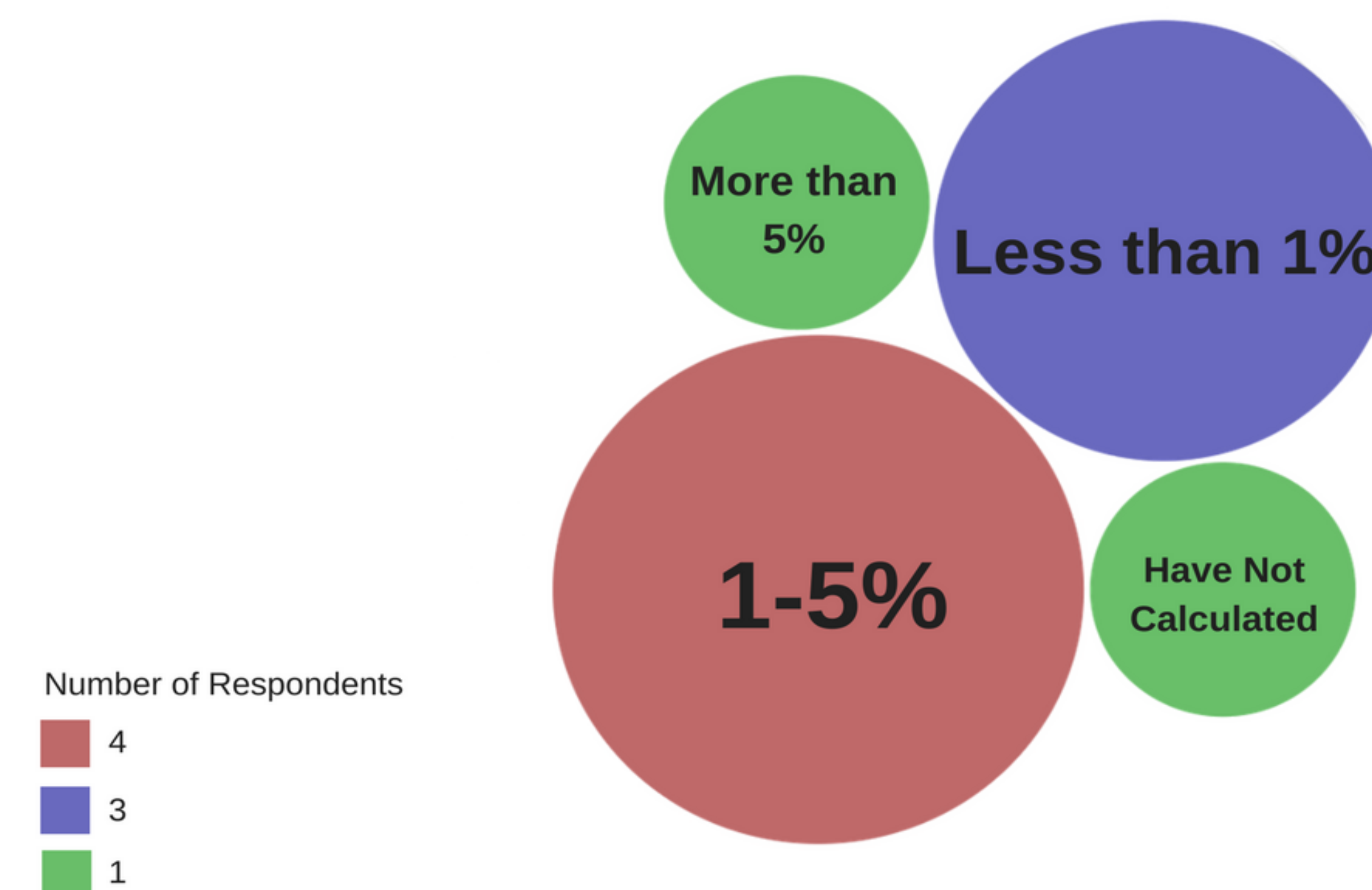
Does your library purchase print or electronic test prep resources?



Does your library subscribe to or purchase test prep resources for board exams (i.e. USMLE, NCLEX-RN, etc.)?

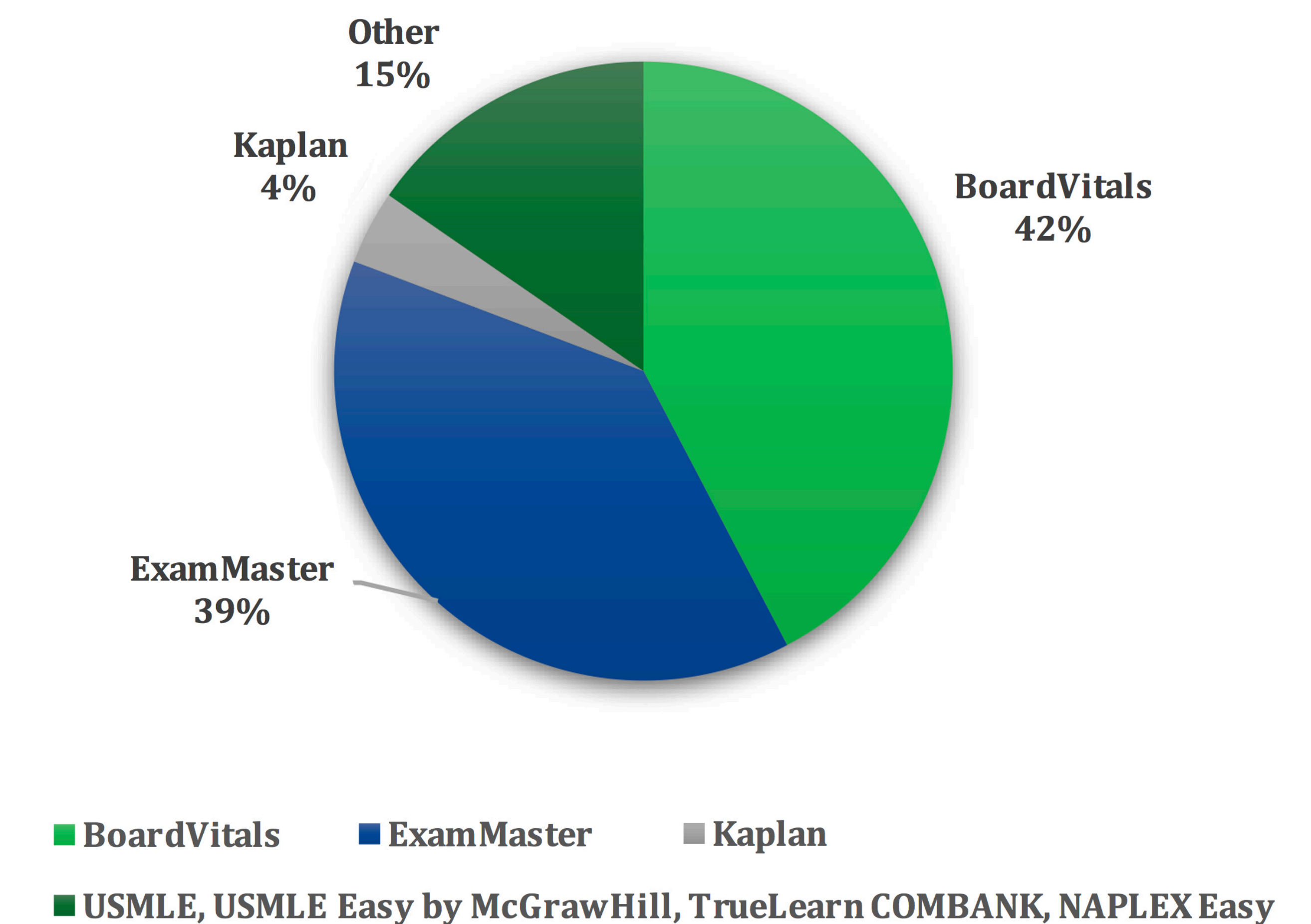
Answer	%	Count
Yes	90.91%	10
No	0.00%	0
Not Sure	0.00%	0
Other	9.09%	1
Total	100%	11

What percentage of your library collections budget is spent on test prep resources?



## RESULTS

Please select the electronic test prep questions banks or databases your library subscribes to. Include any additional test prep resources that are not included on this list in the "Other" field.



## DISCUSSION AND FUTURE STEPS

All responding libraries market test prep resources, but 50% of them do not offer training sessions on those resources. Only 10% of responding libraries confirm that their patrons are "definitely" aware of the test prep resources offered through the library. Forty percent of responses reflected incorporation of test prep resources into coursework.

Plans for future research include assessing student and faculty feedback through focus groups and surveys.

Incorporating this data into our collection development decisions will allow Lewis Library to purchase the most relevant test prep products for our students and faculty.