

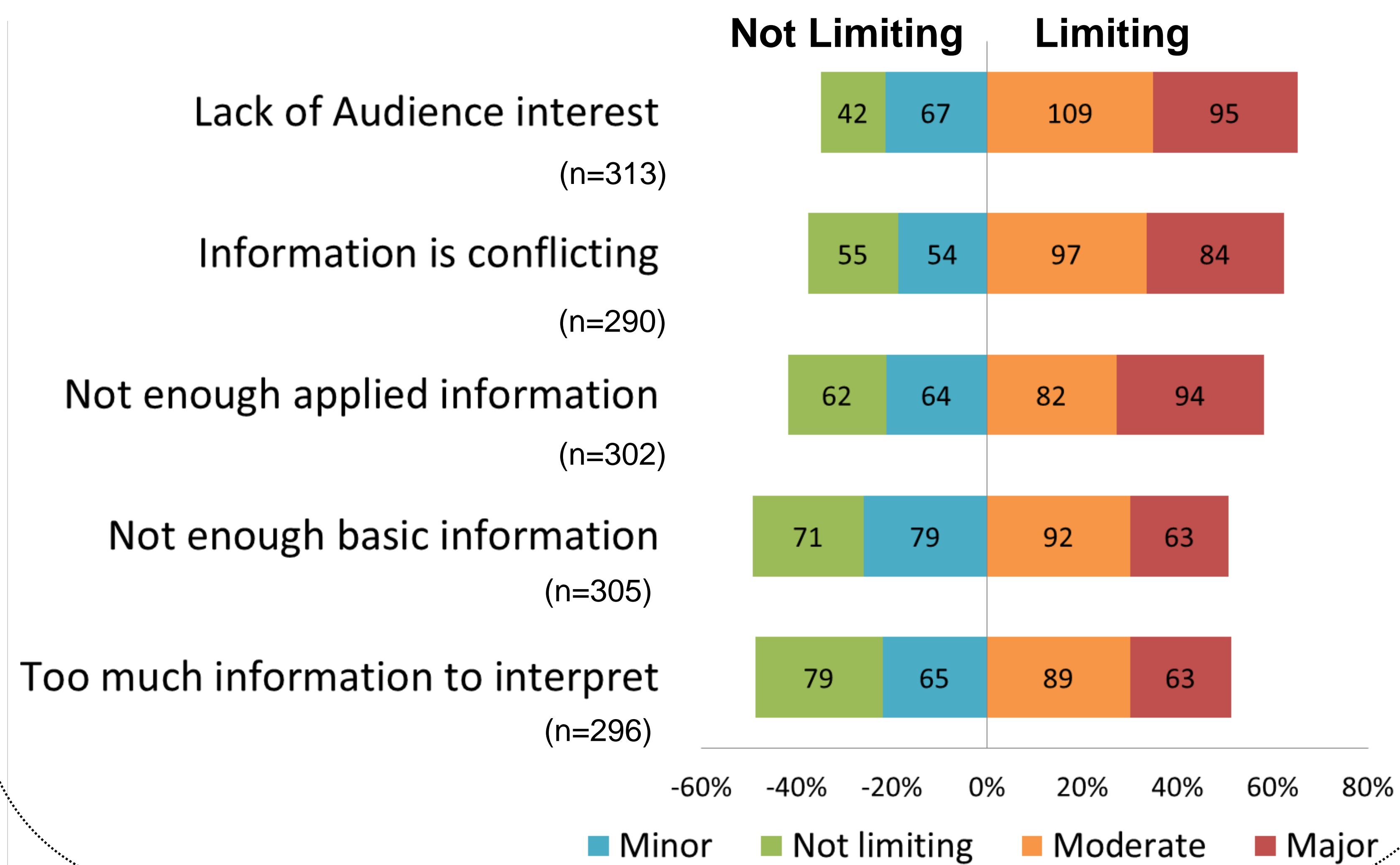
Climate Variability Programming Limitations among North Carolina Cooperative Extension Professionals

PINEMAP – Aim 6 - Extension

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NCCE LIMITATIONS to EXTENSION CLIMATE PROGRAMMING:

Information and Audience interest about climate change, climate variability, and global warming.

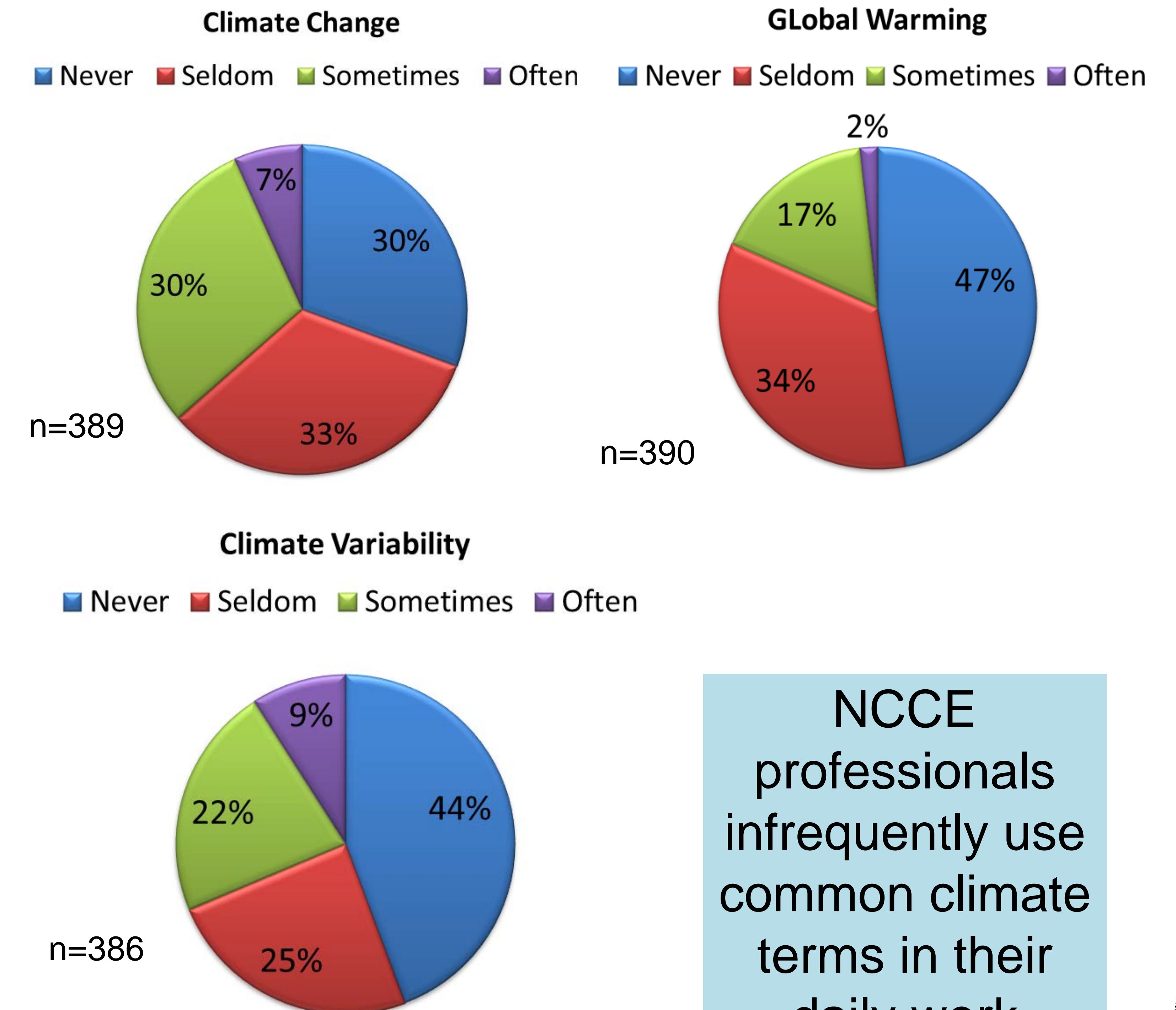


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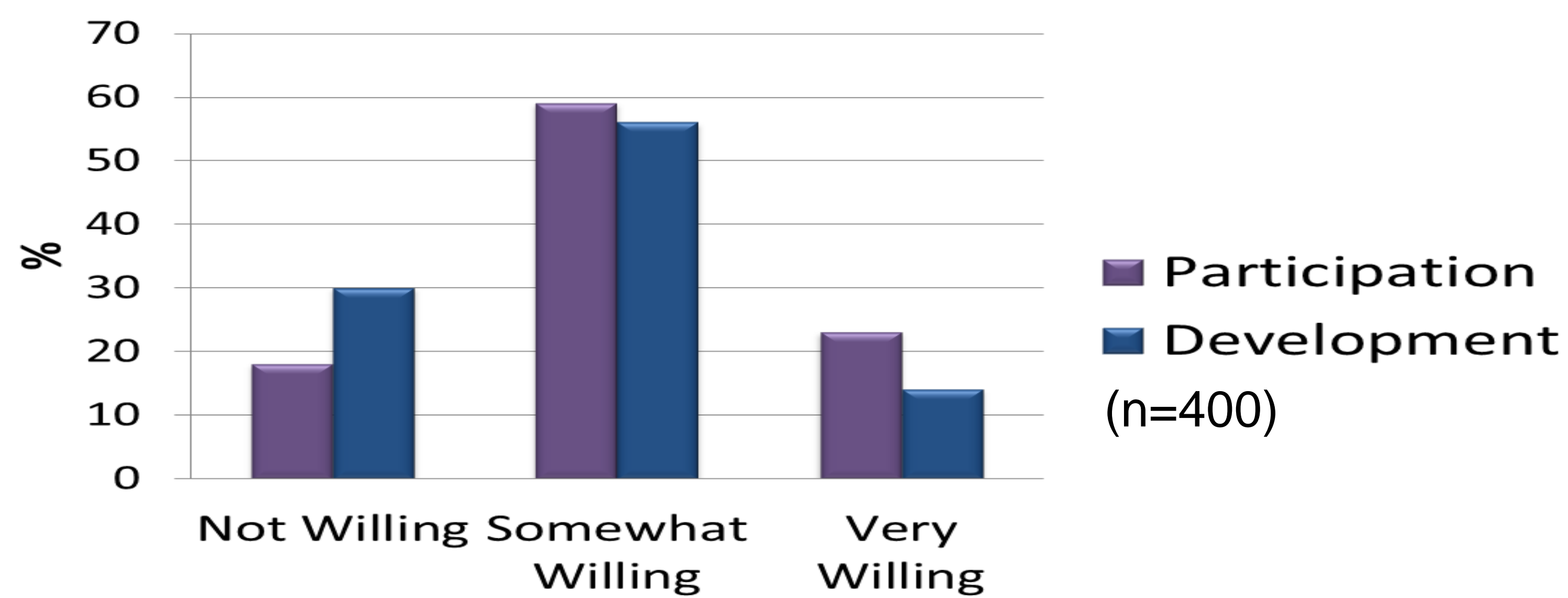


FREQUENCY of NCCE PROFESSIONALS CLIMATE TERM USAGE

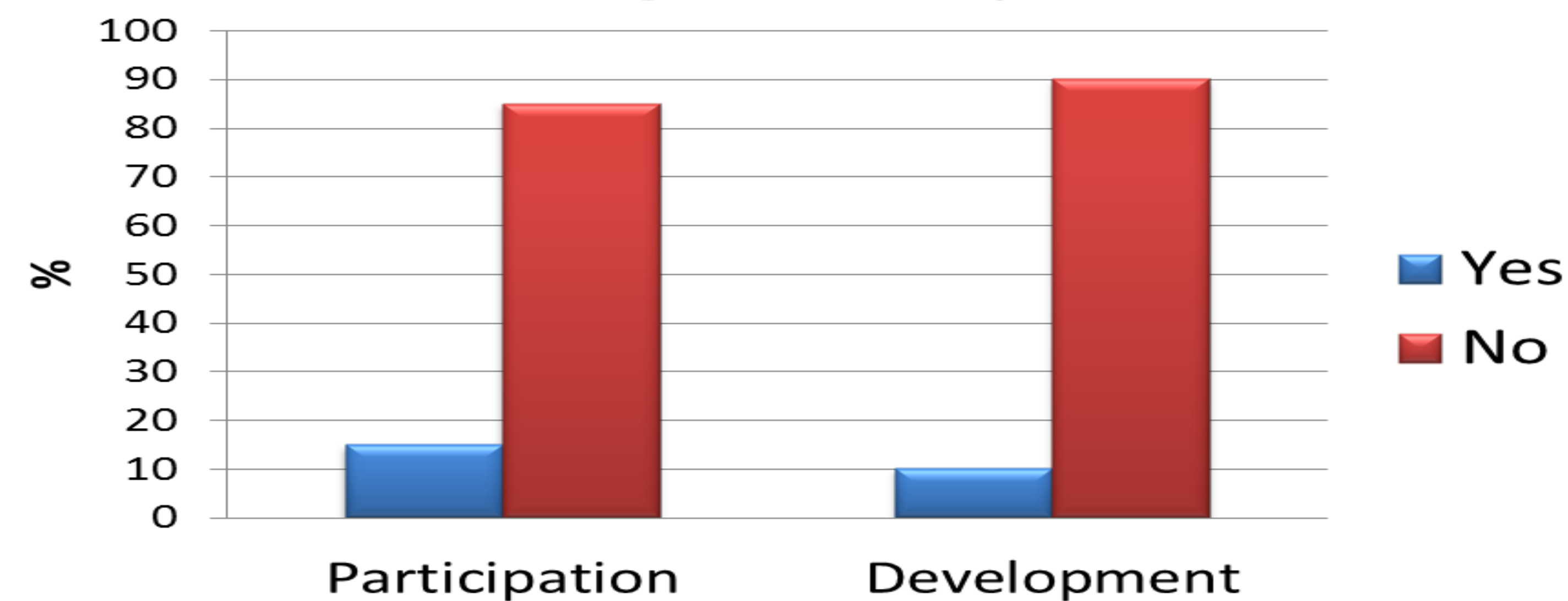


NCCE professionals infrequently use common climate terms in their daily work

Willingness to Participate and Develop Programs addressing climate variability



Participation in In-Service Climate Training and Program Development



KEY FINDINGS

- **Lack of audience interest, conflicting information, not enough basic and applied information, and too much information to interpret** were the top five limitations for Extension agents to address climate change, global warming, and climate variability or incorporate into their extension programming.
- The majority were willing to participate in climate change professional development or continuing education (59.3%), yet to date, only 14.4 % of North Carolina Cooperative Extension professionals have participated.
- Over 55% were somewhat willing to develop materials, workshops or incorporate global warming information into their work, yet only 10.2% have developed climate change programming materials.
- NCCE Extension professionals “sometimes” use : **climate change** (30%), **climate variability** (22%) and **global warming** (17%) terms in their programming efforts (by percentage).