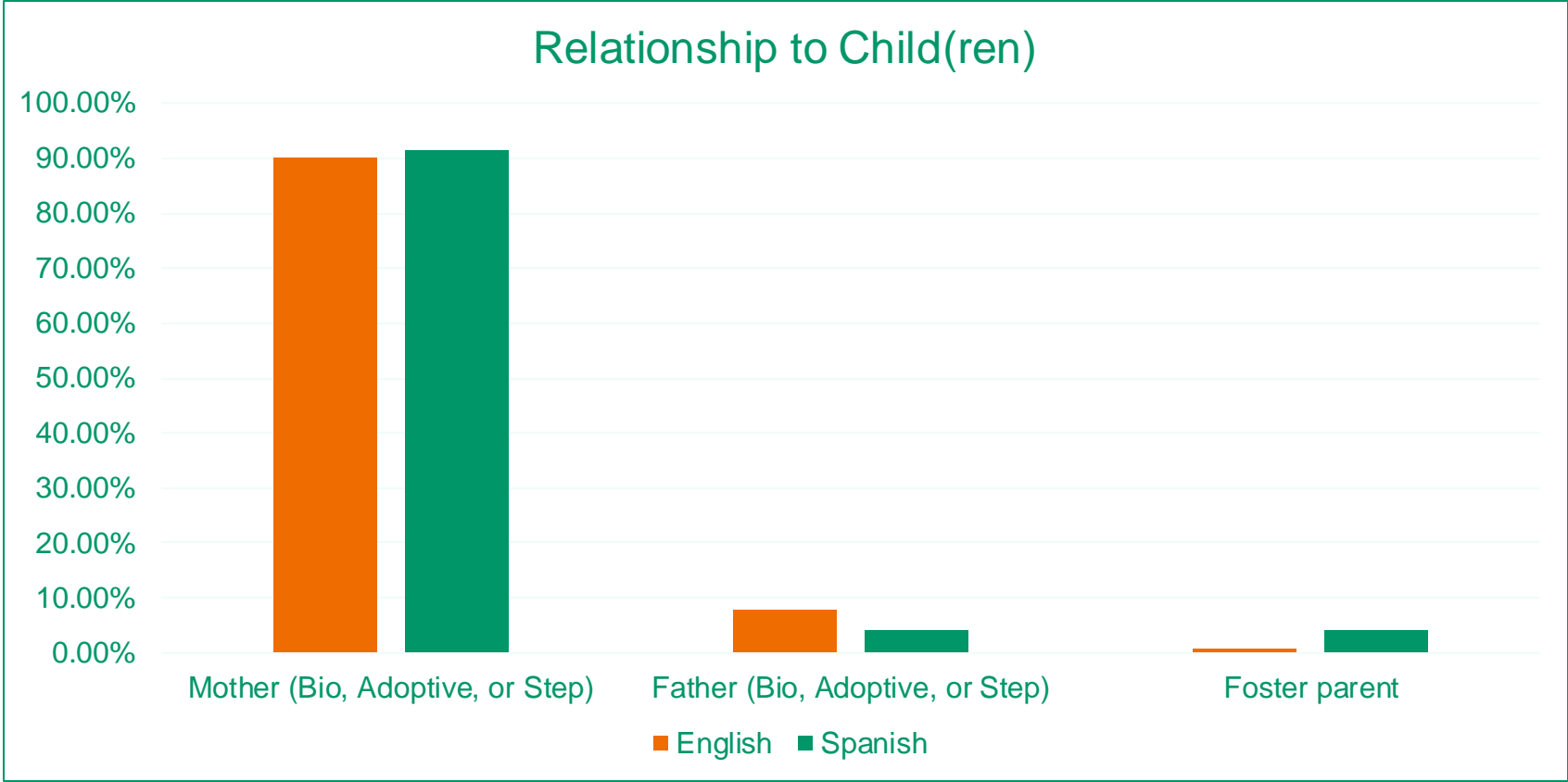


Early Care & Education Sector Plan Parent Survey Results

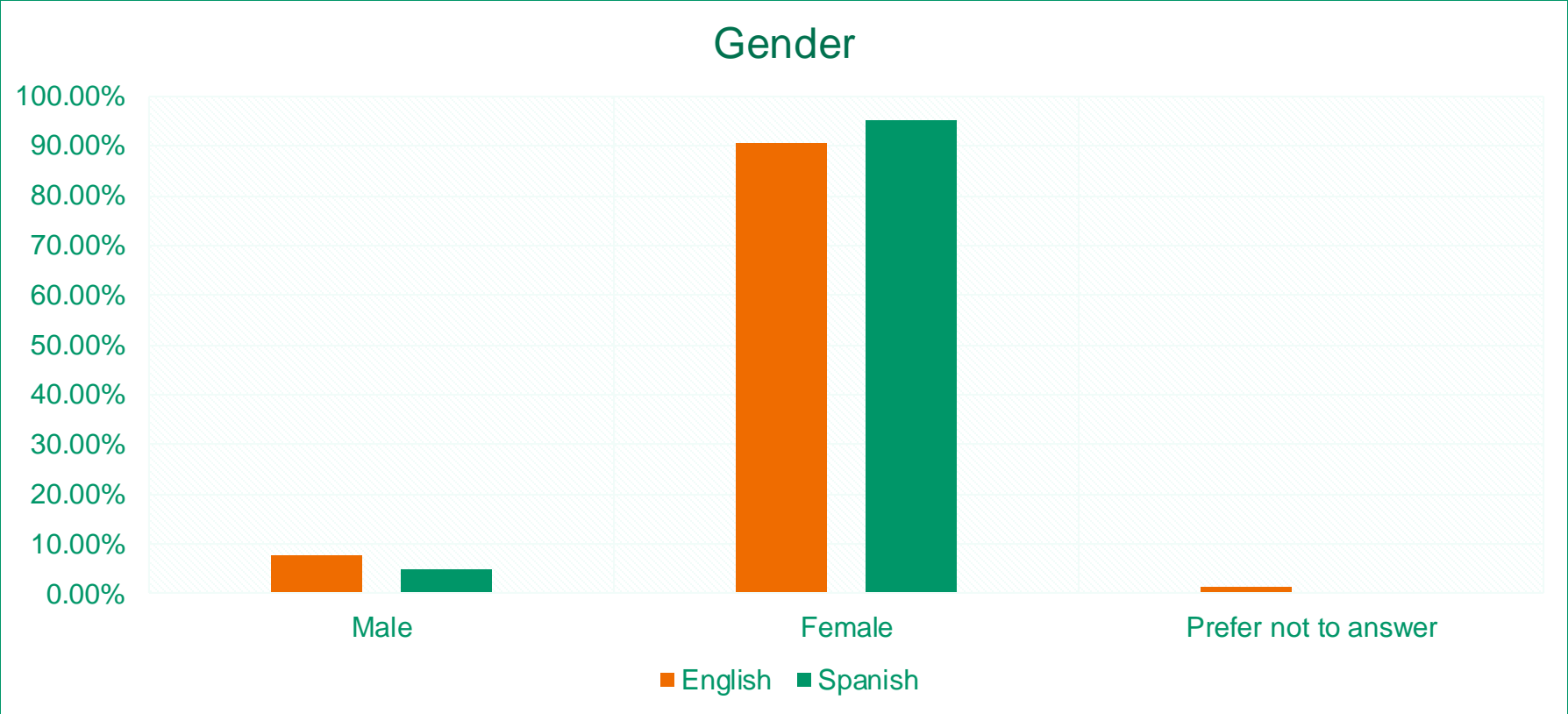
About the Survey

- For parents & caregivers across Lane County
- Offered in English & Spanish
 - English = 967 respondents
 - Spanish = 48 respondents
- All respondents were eligible to enter a raffle for a \$50 gift card for participating
- All questions were voluntary (able to be skipped) and anonymous
- Used to inform Early Care & Education Sector Plan

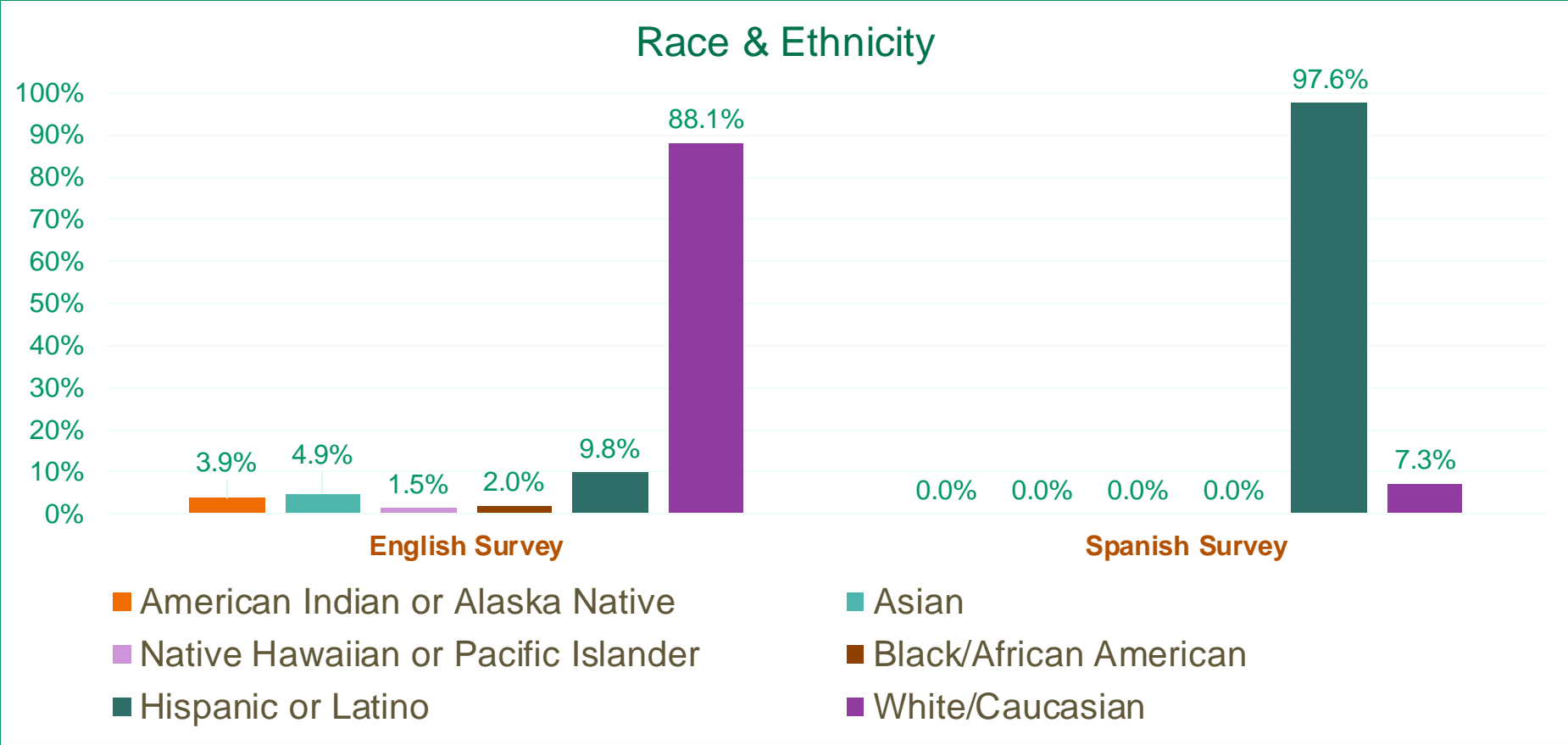
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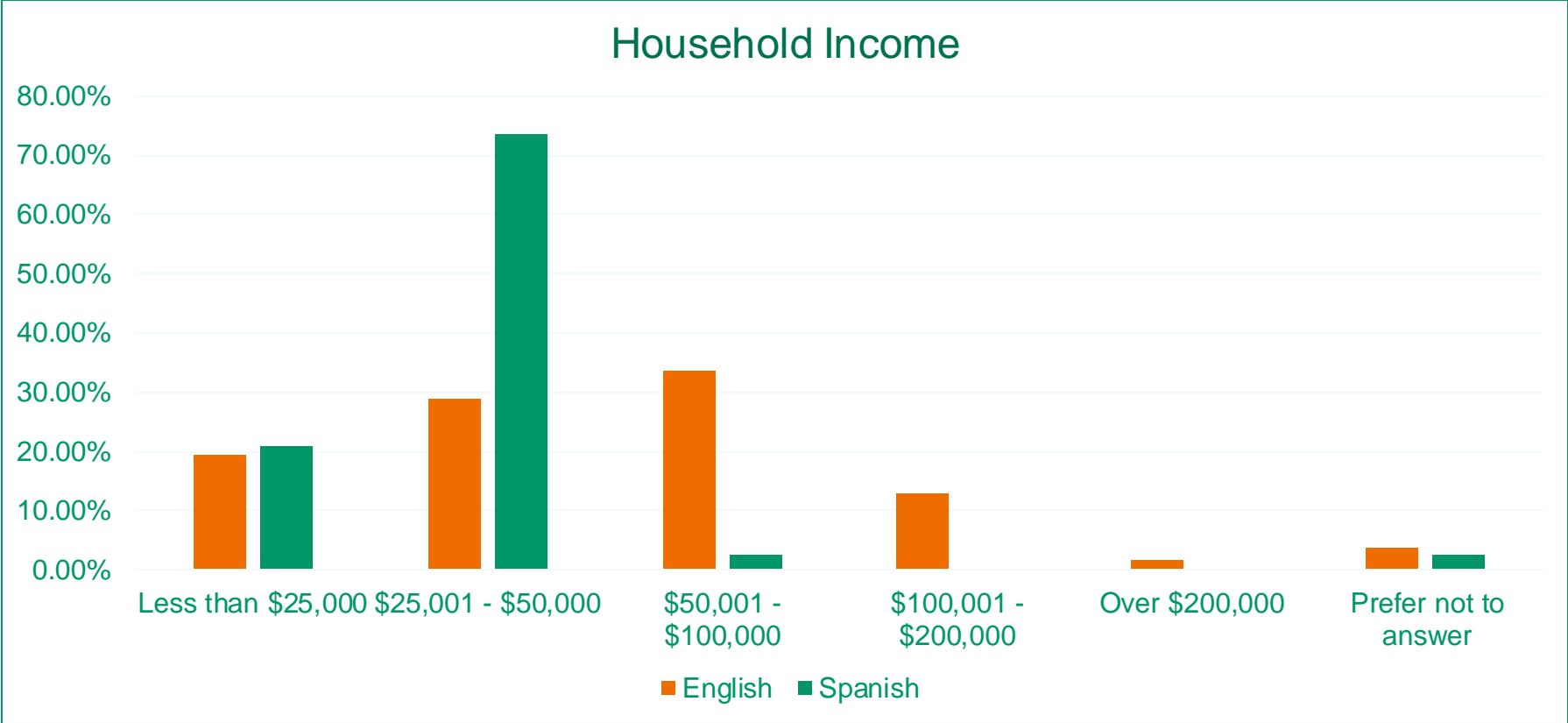
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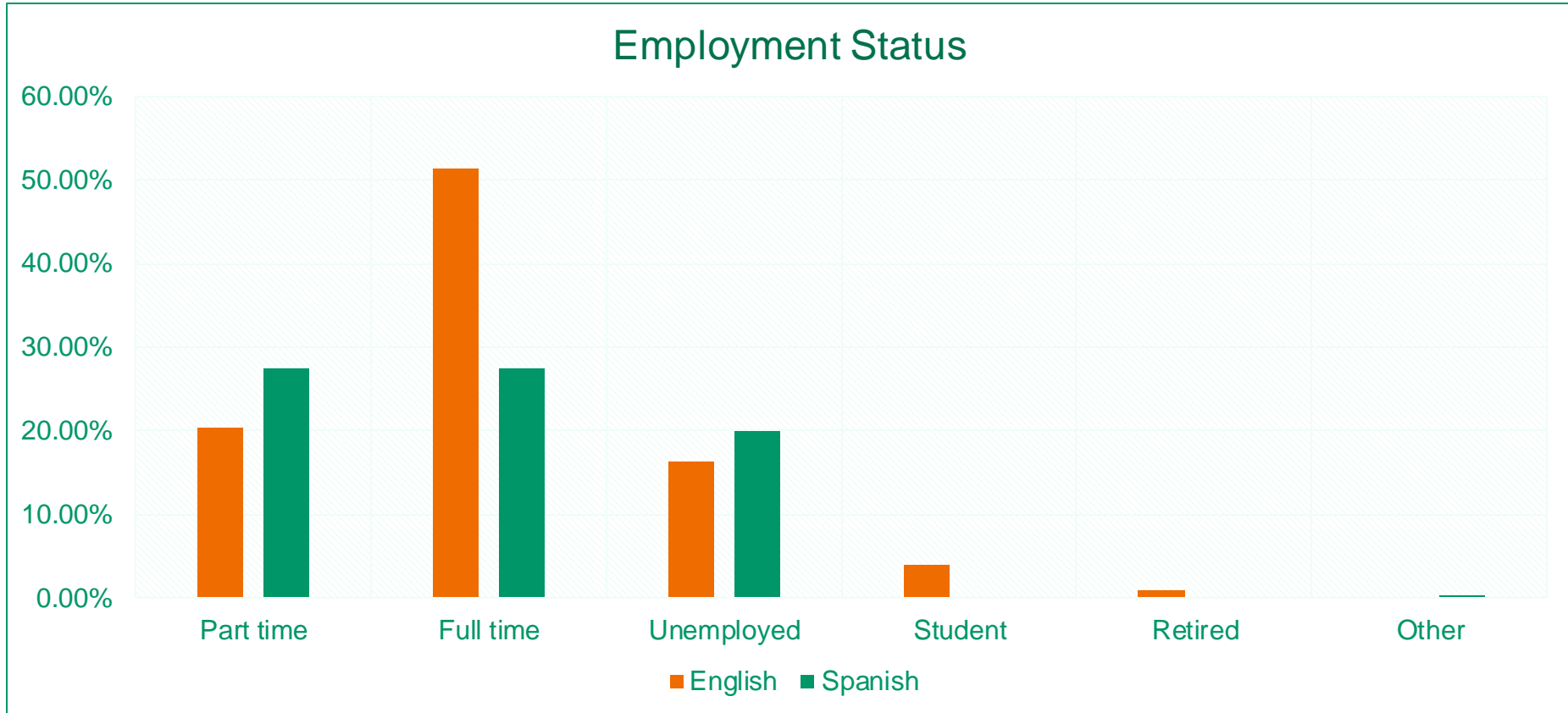
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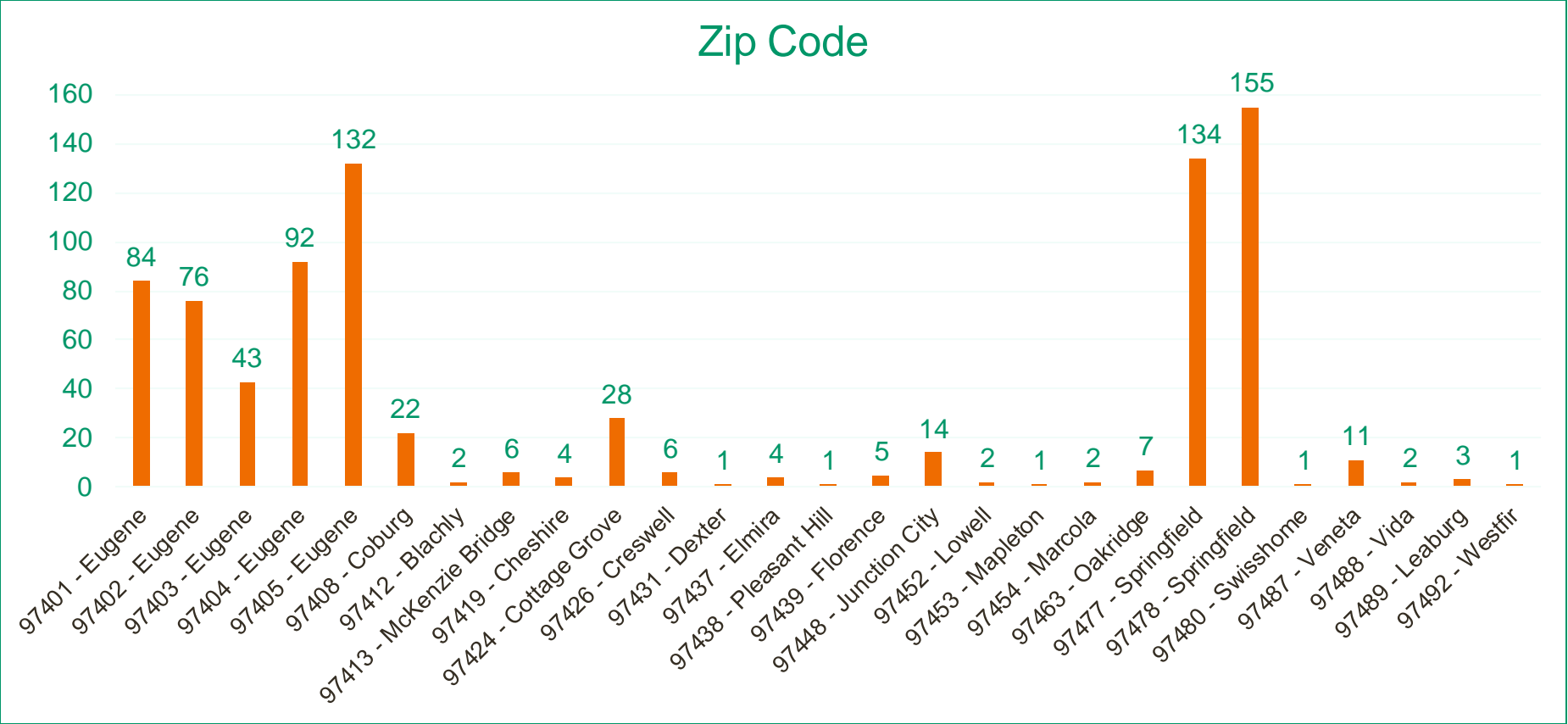
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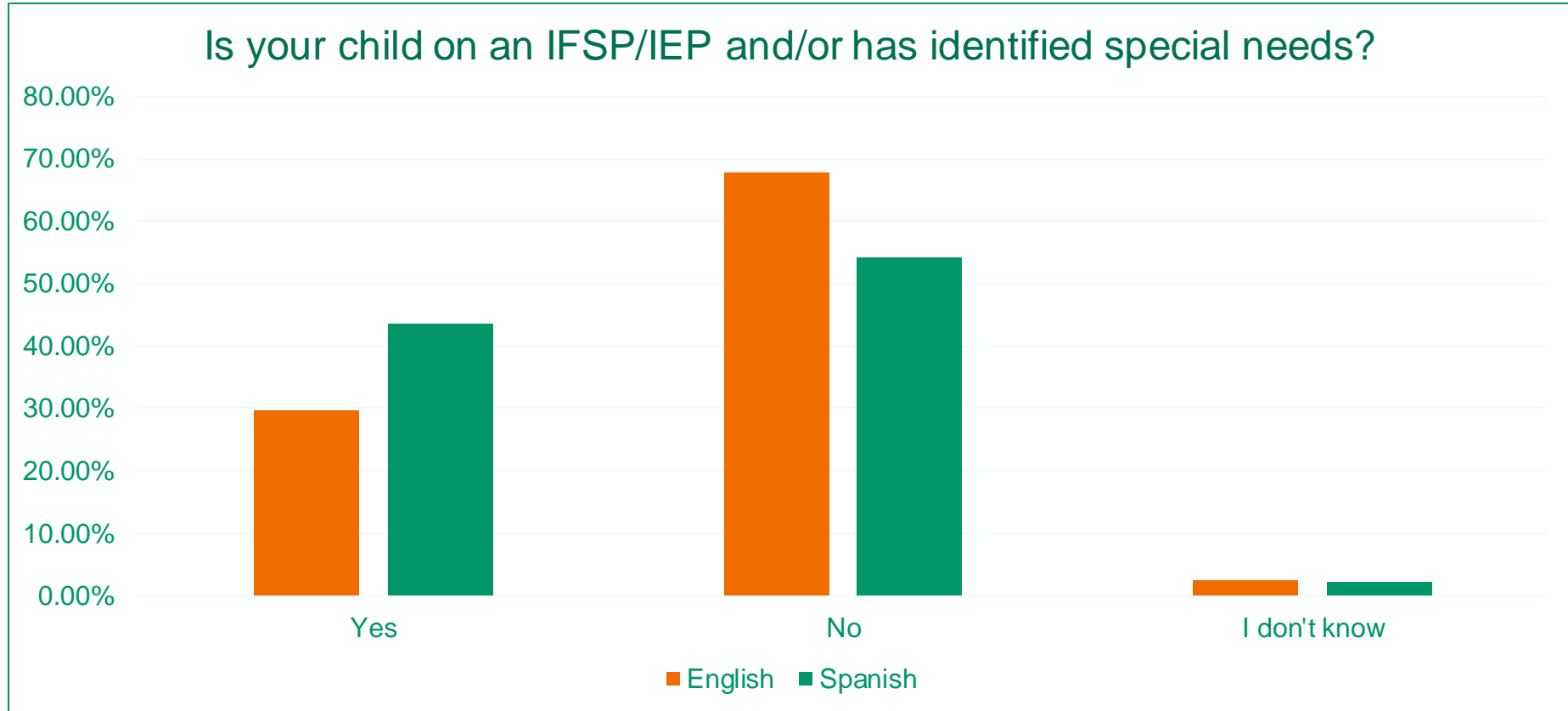
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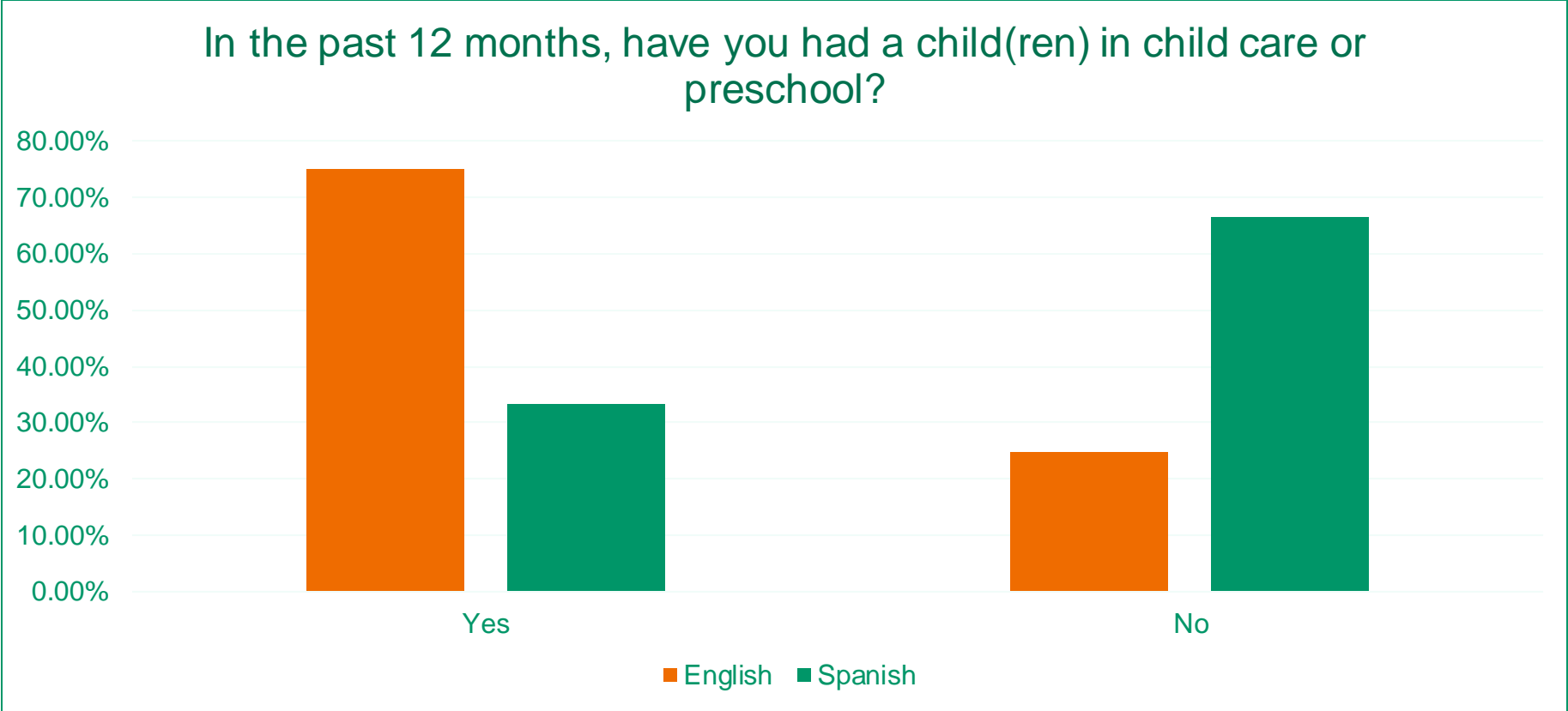
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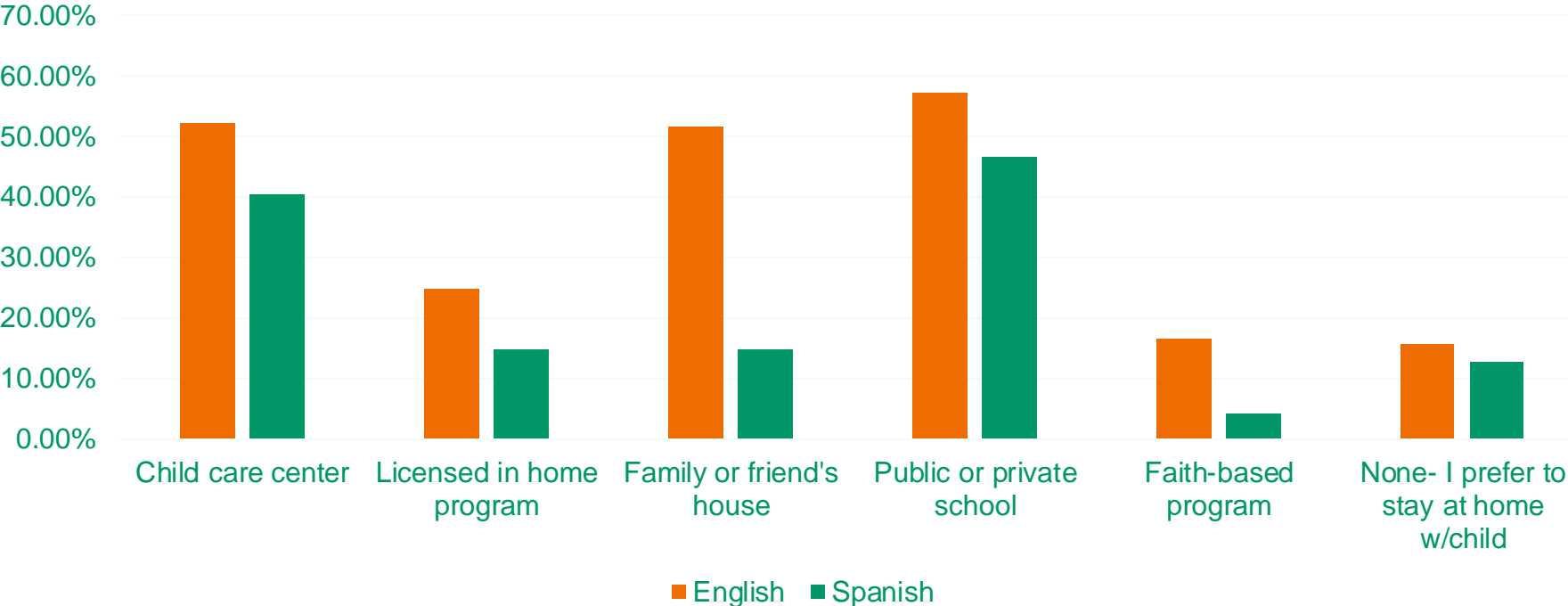


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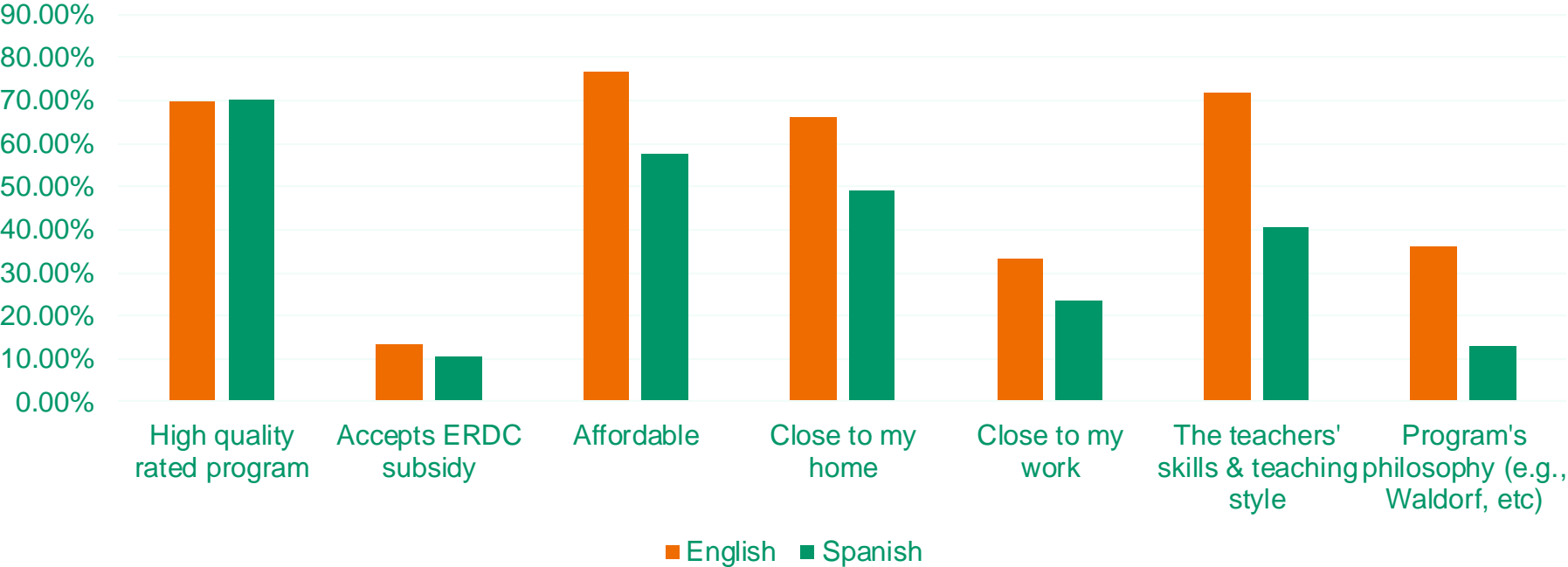
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Where are you most comfortable taking your child to child care or preschool? (Select all that apply)

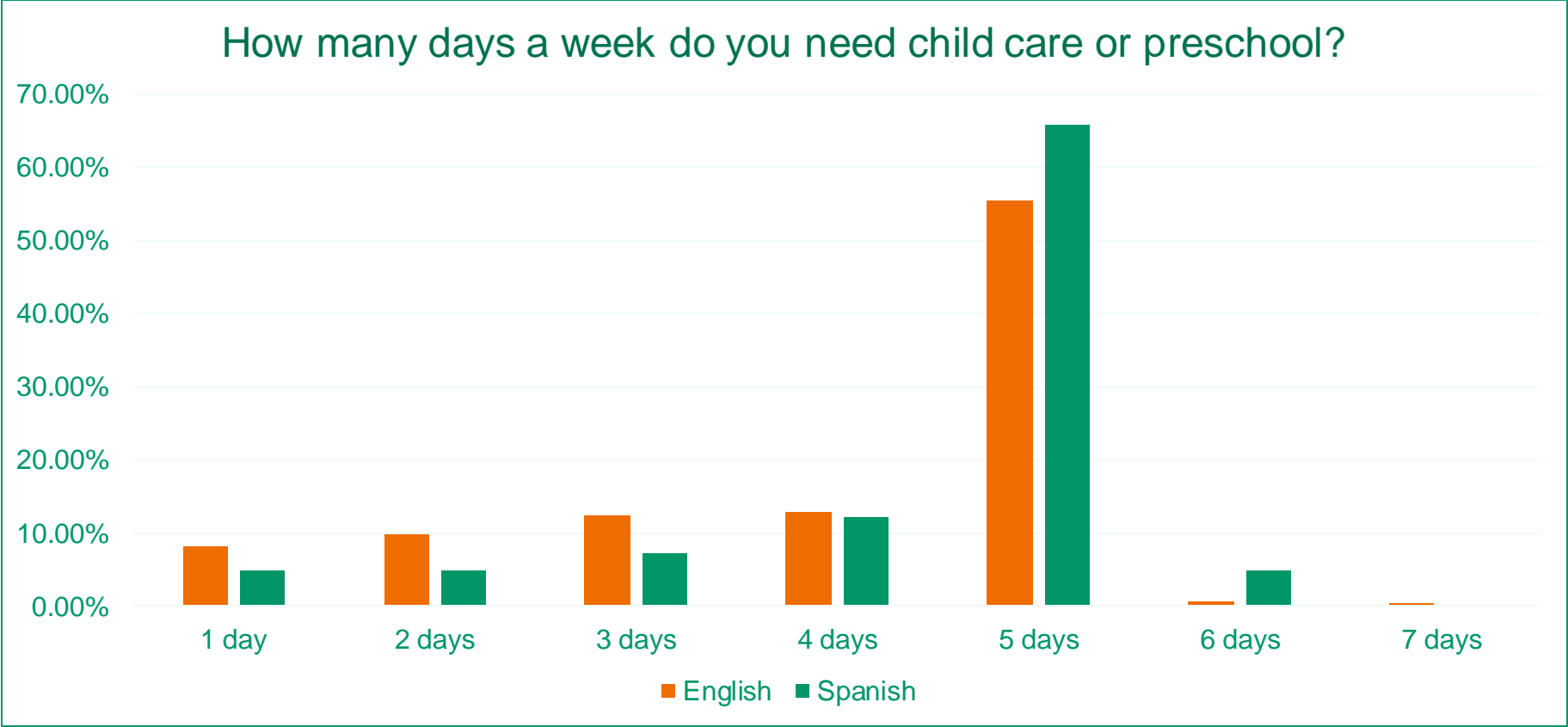


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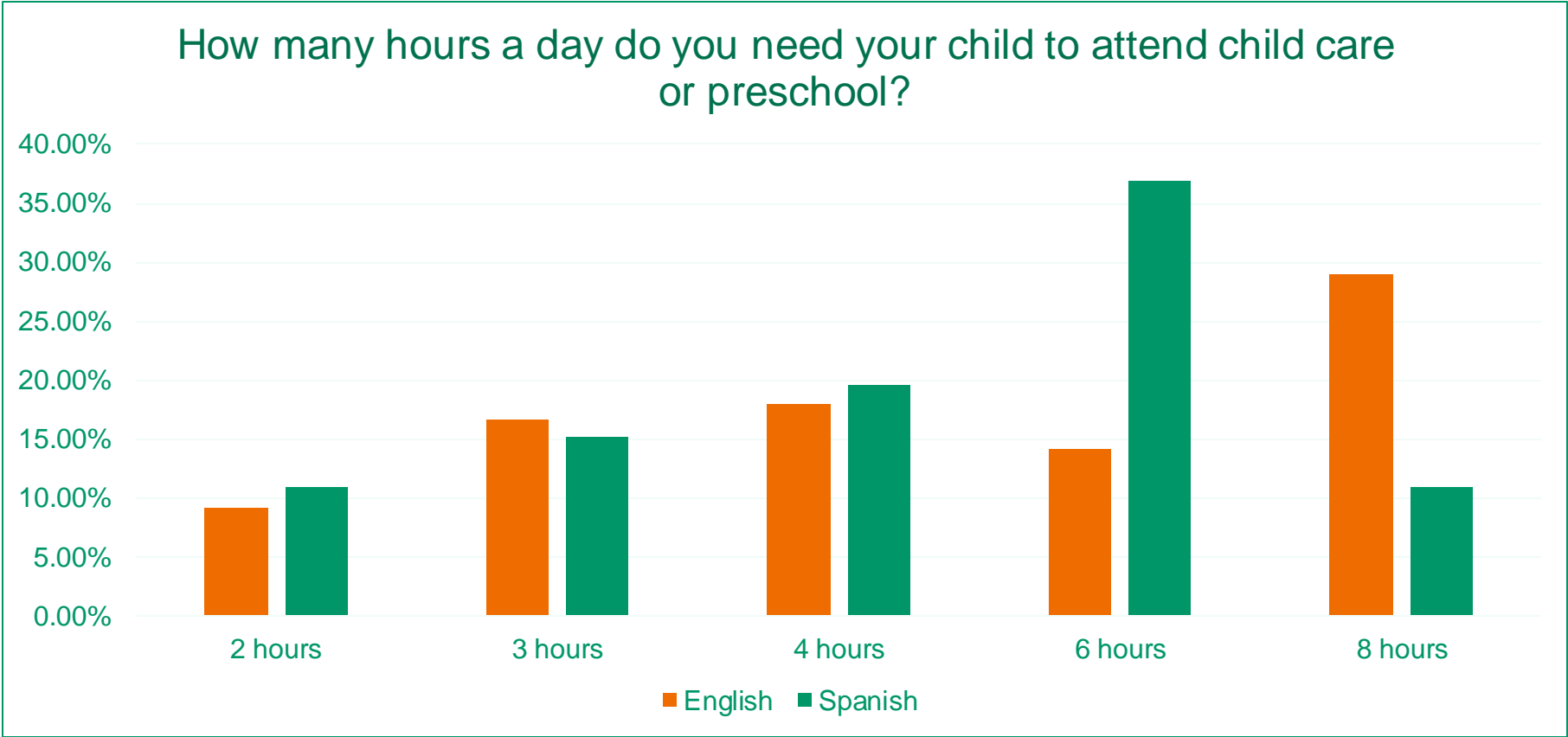
When you look for child care or preschool, what do you look for?
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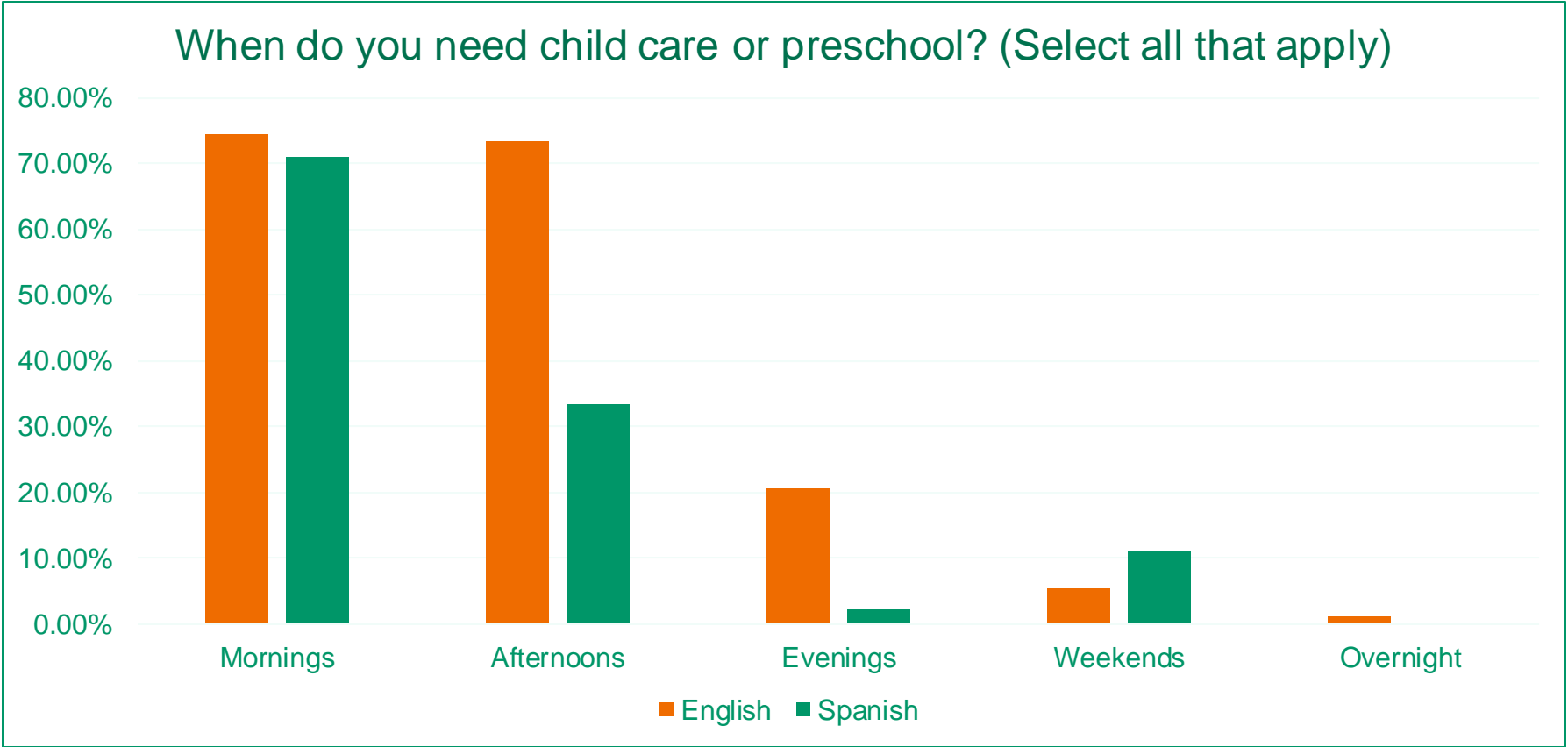
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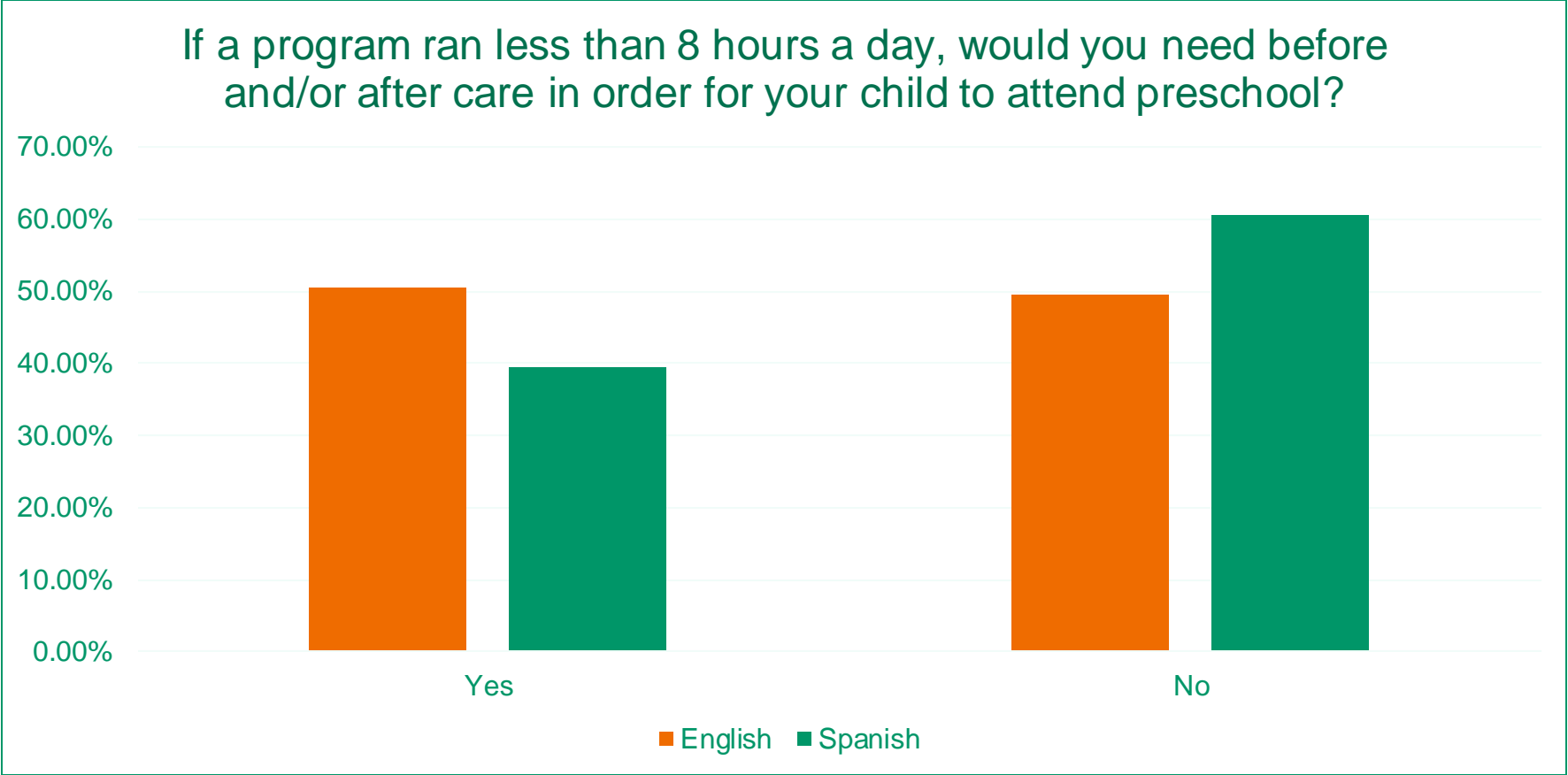
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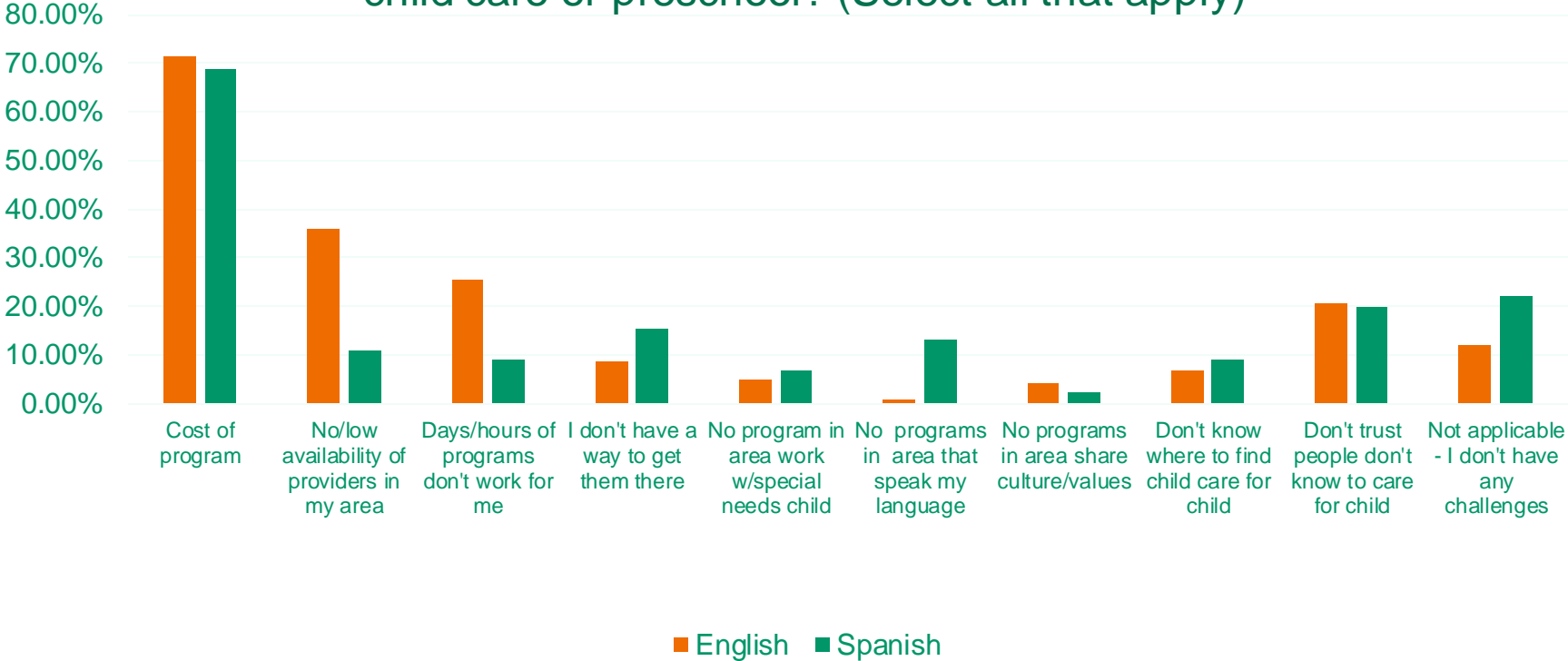


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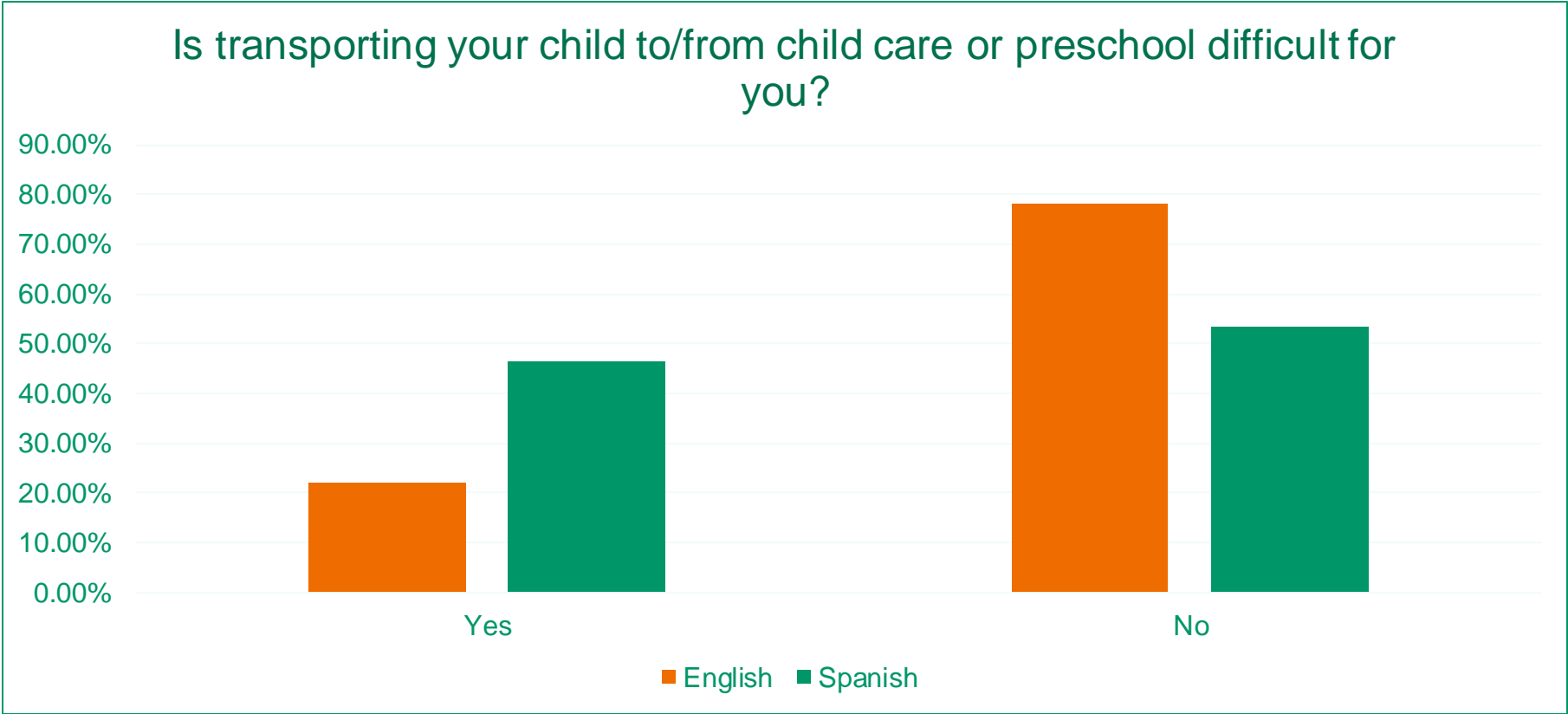


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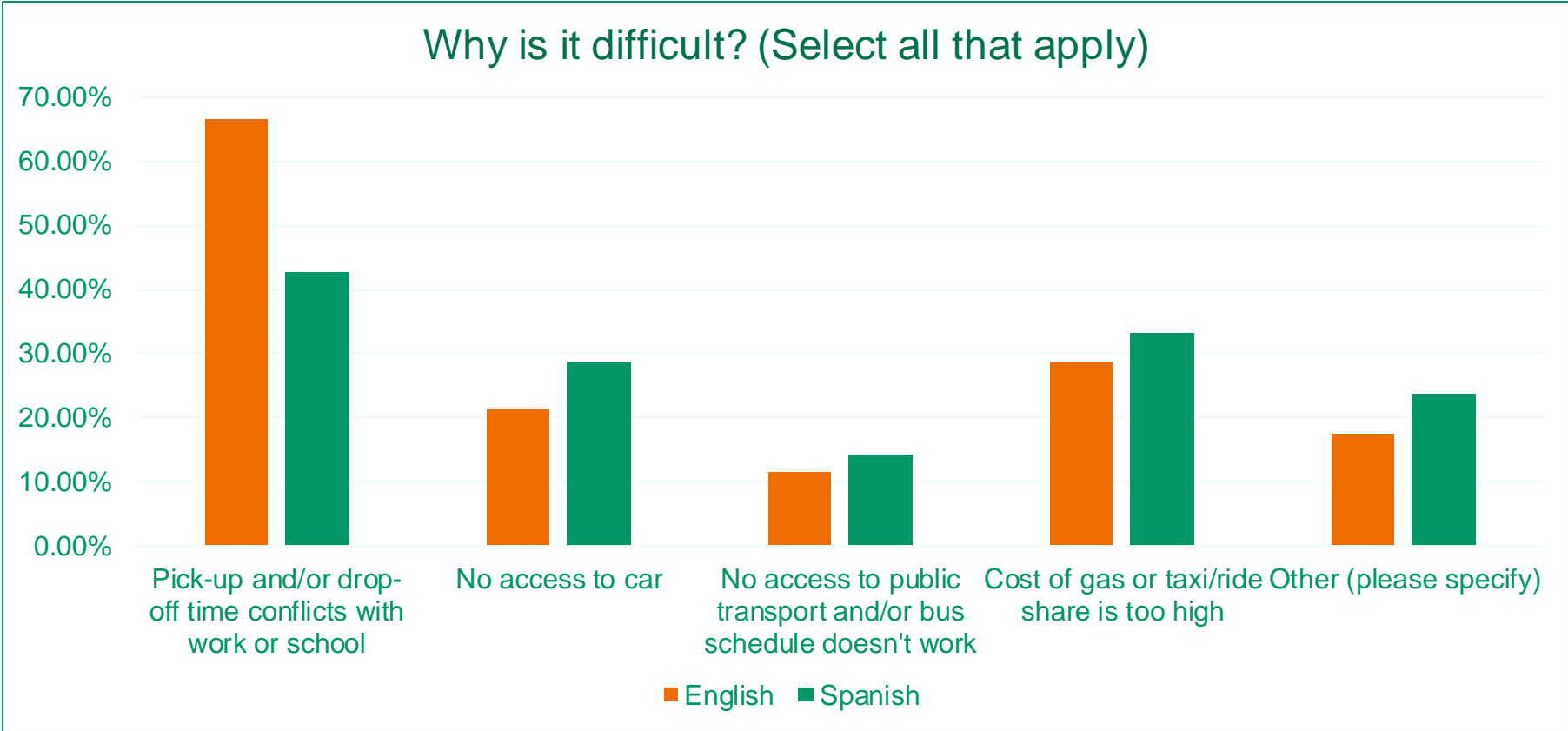
What are the biggest challenges to getting your child enrolled in child care or preschool? (Select all that apply)



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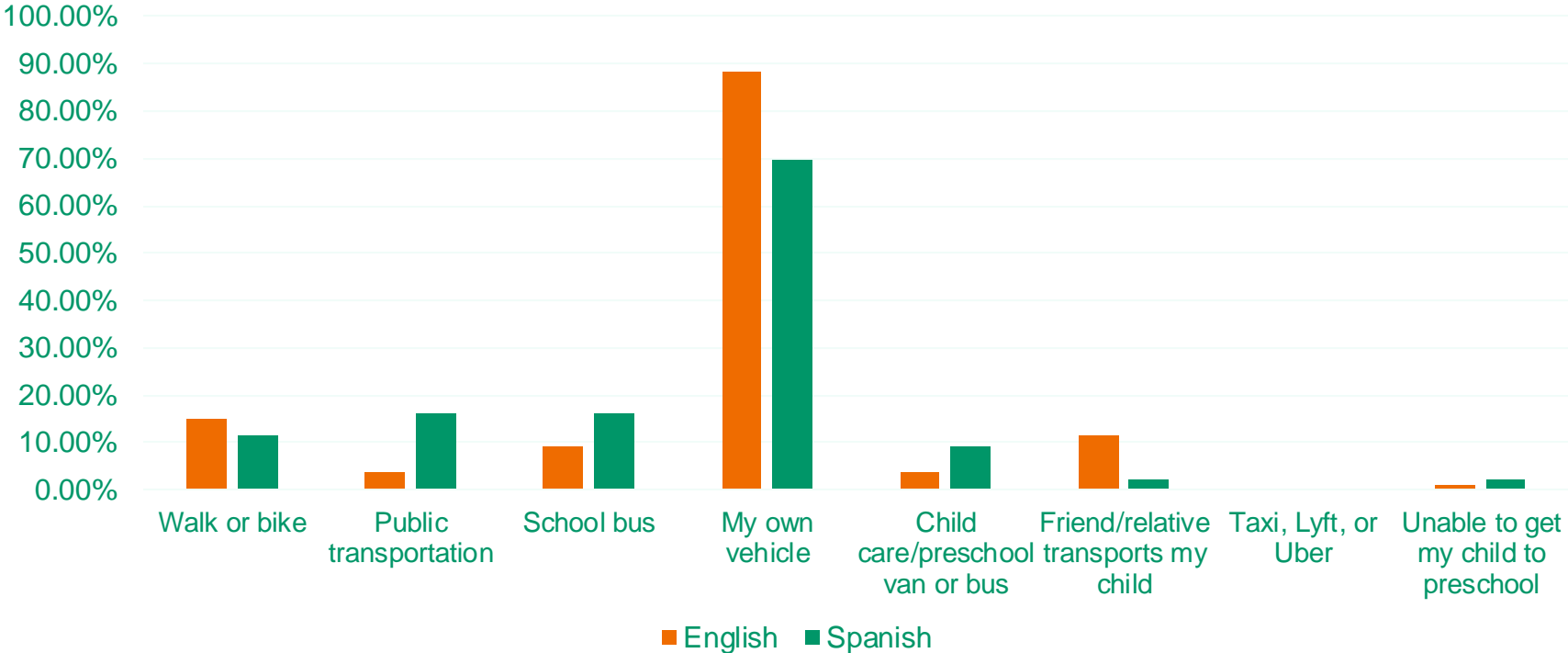


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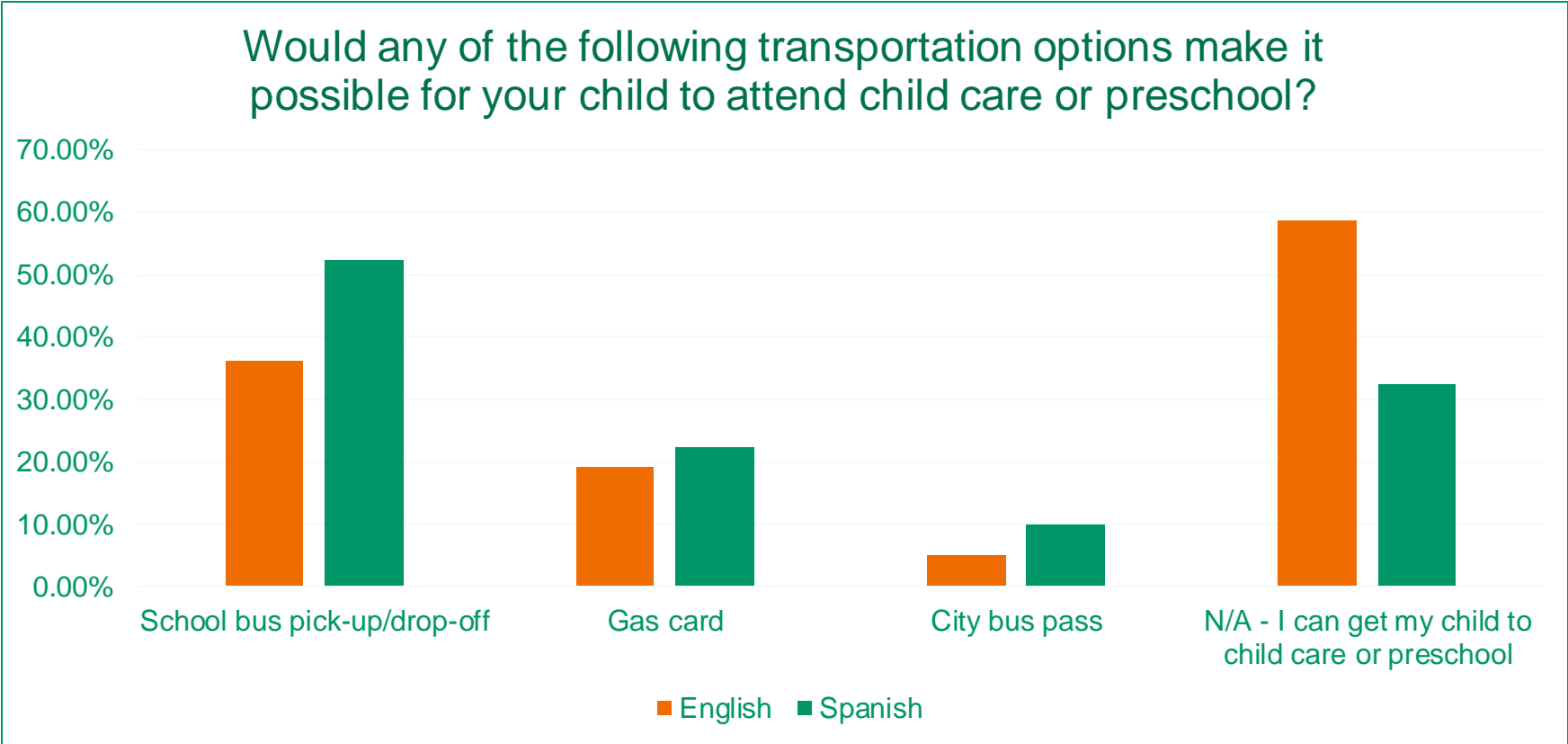


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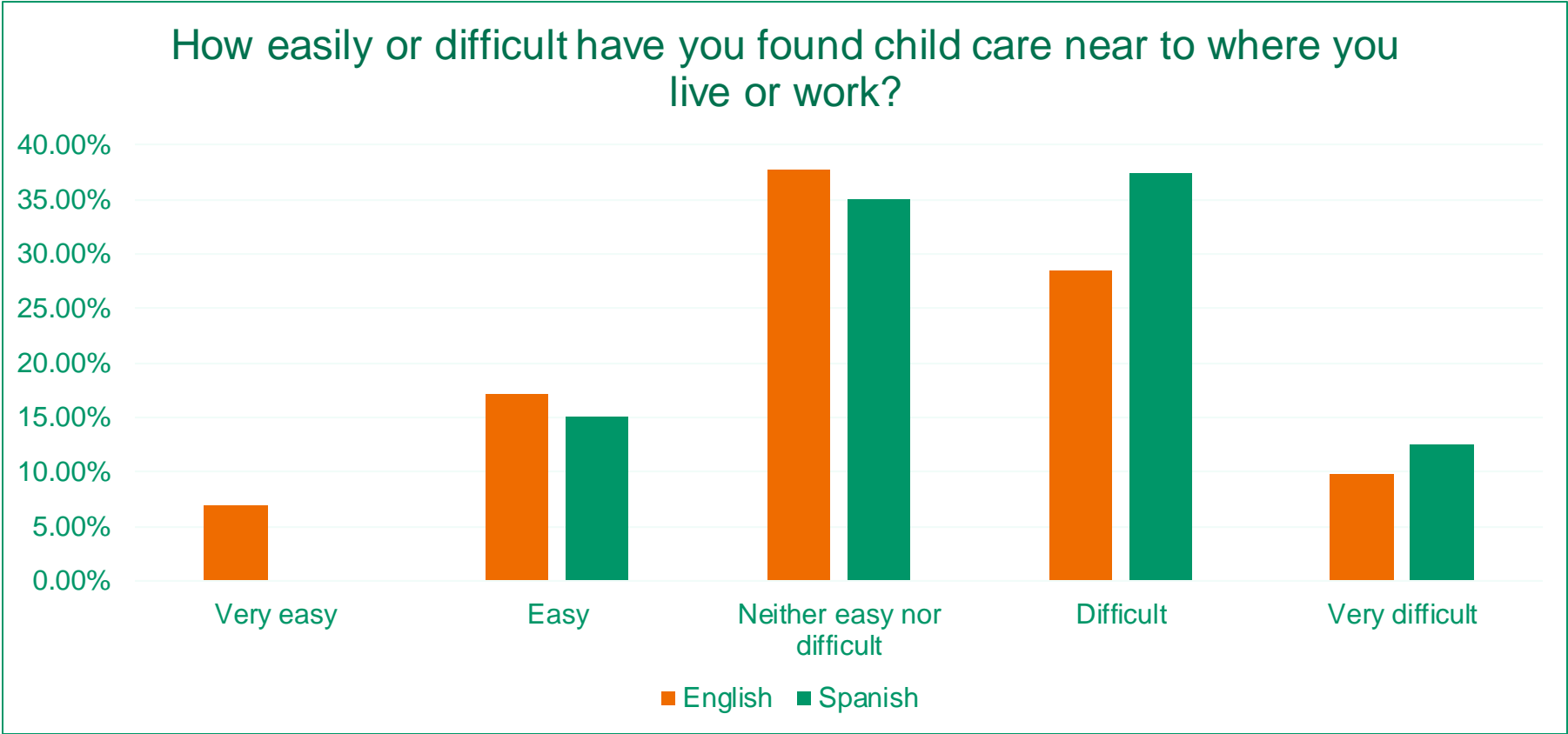
What mode of transportation do you use to get your child to child care or preschool? (Select all that apply)



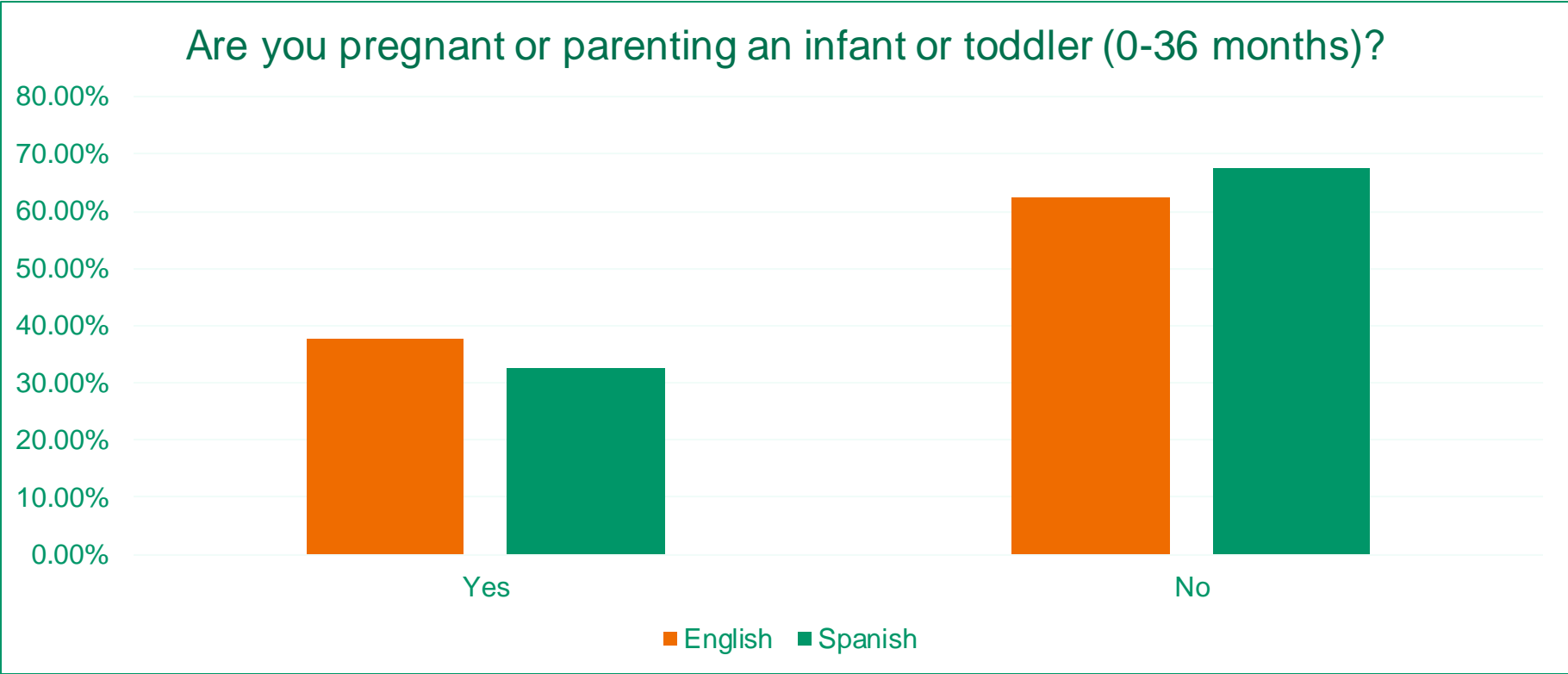
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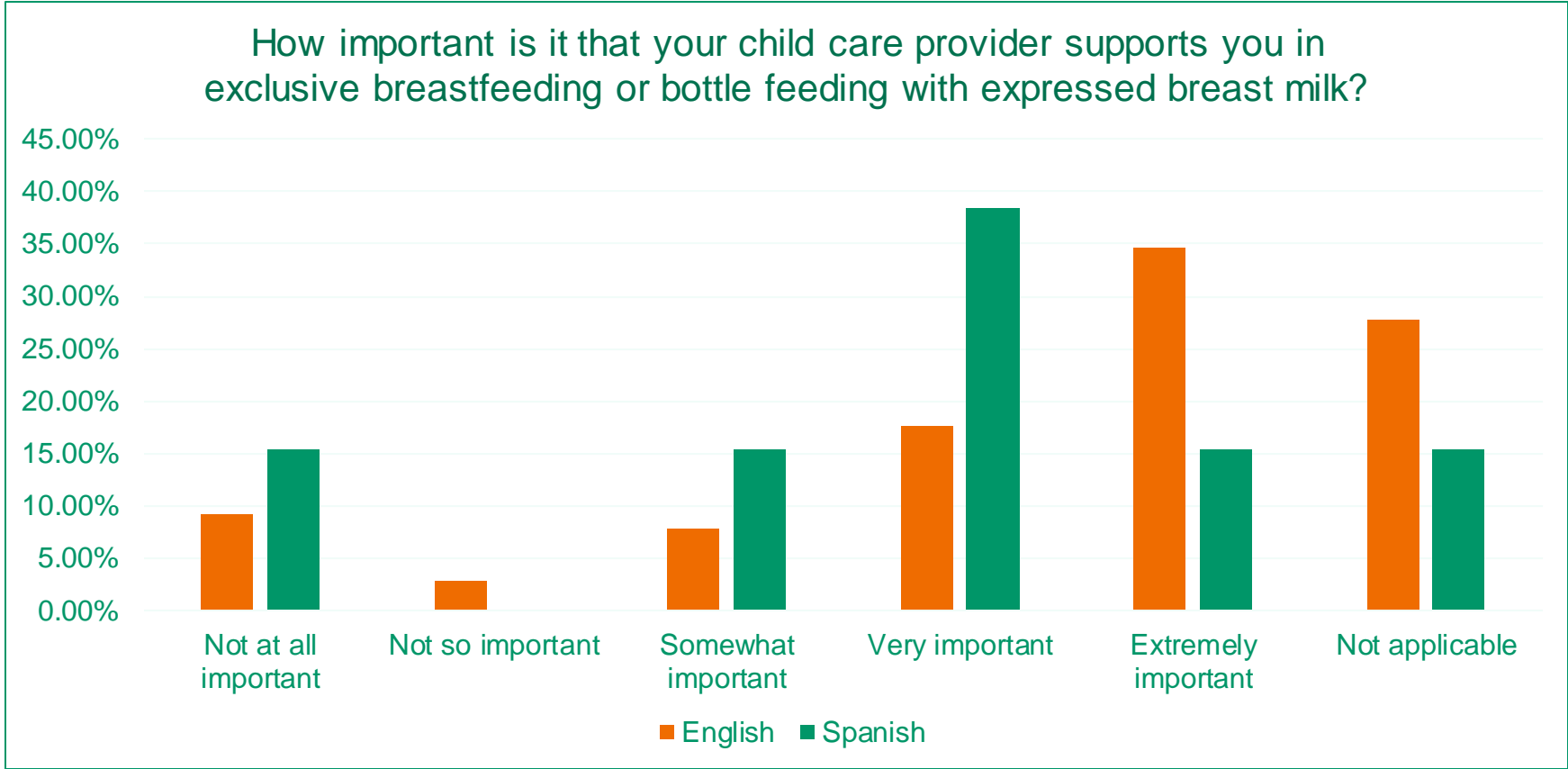
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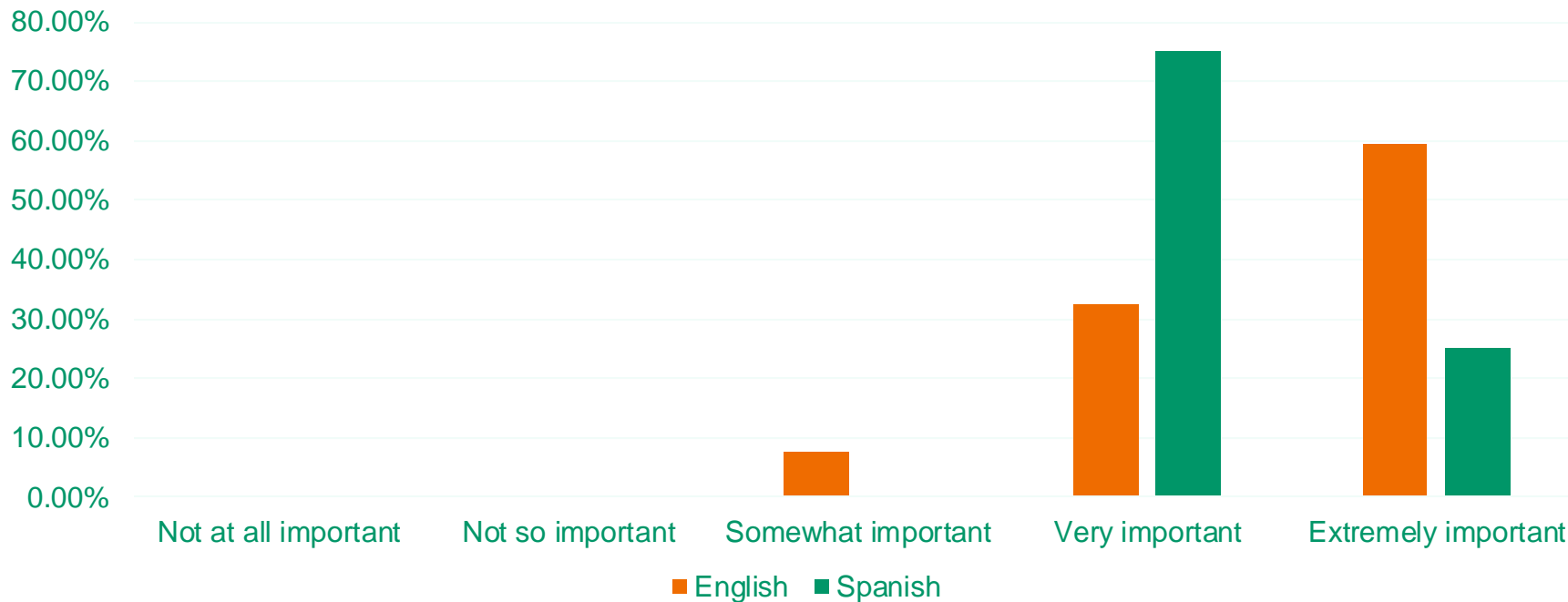


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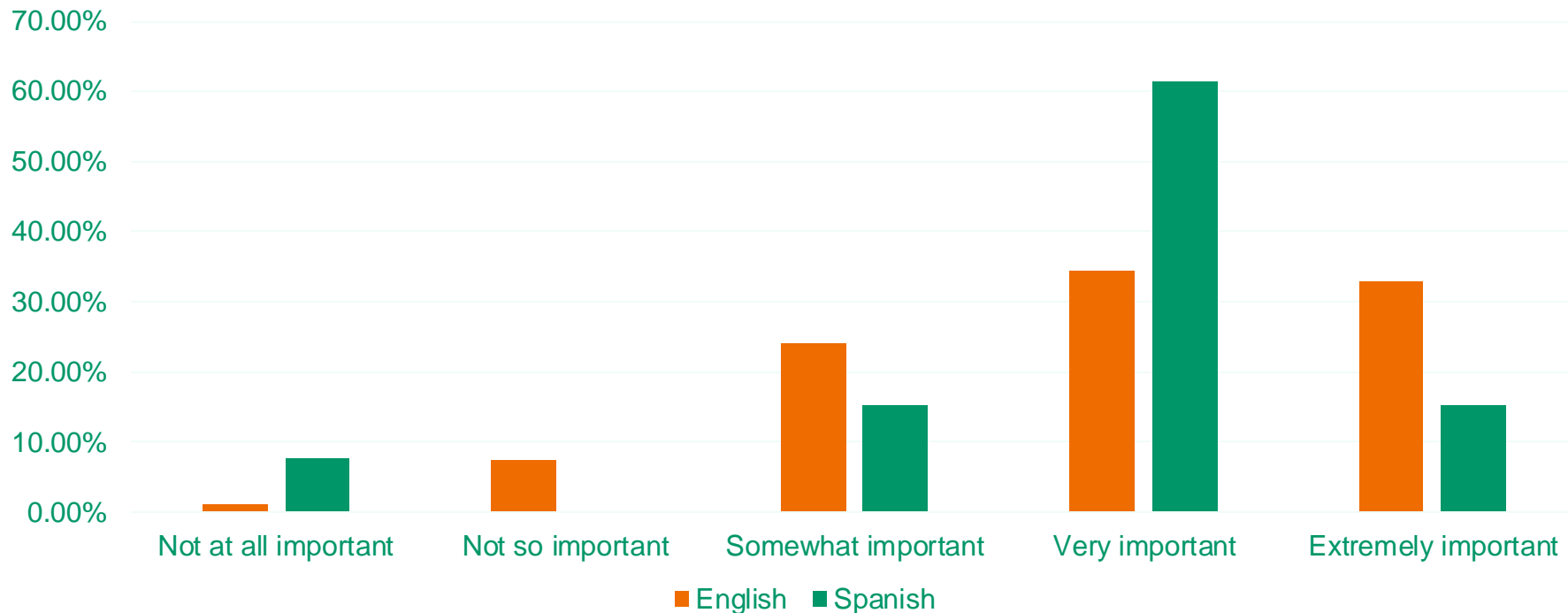
Child Care Wants & Needs: Infant/Toddler Care

How important is it that your child care provider has specialized training to care for infants and toddlers?



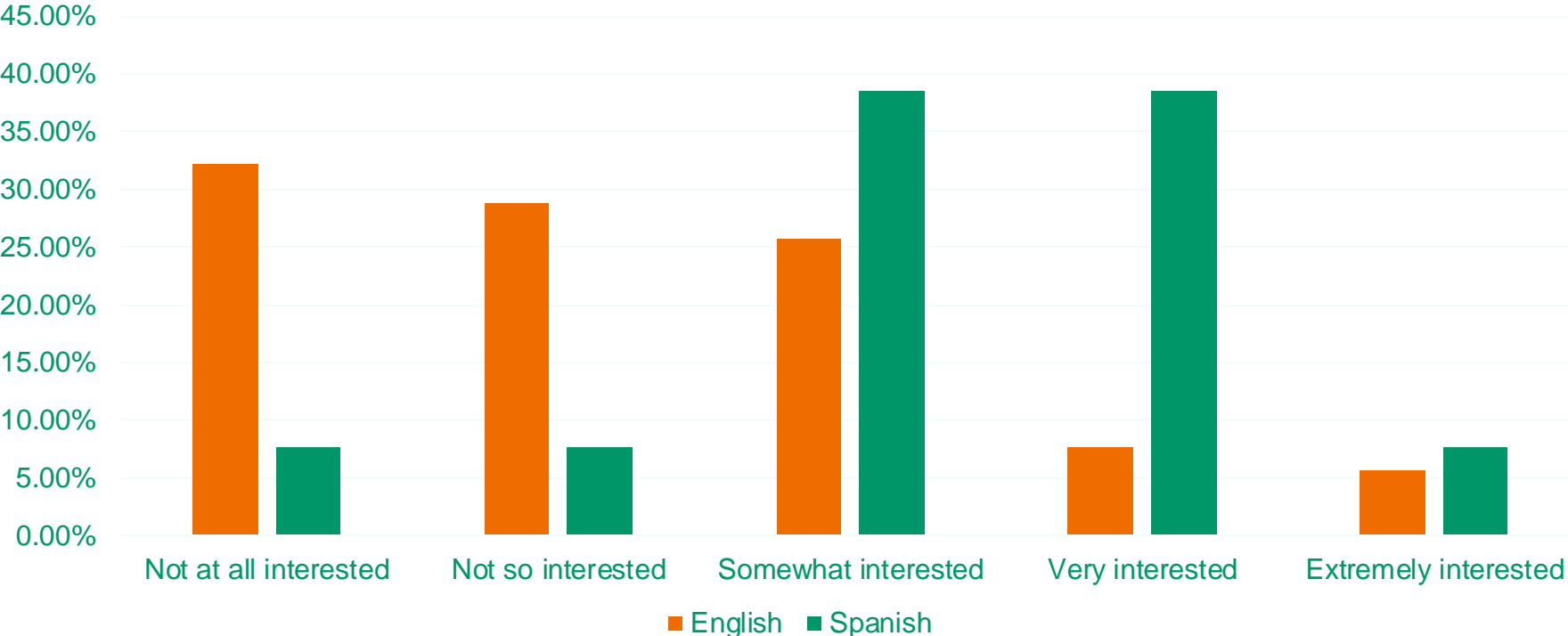
Child Care Wants & Needs: Infant/Toddler Care

How important is it that your child care provider allows flexible pick up and drop off times?



Child Care Wants & Needs: Infant/Toddler Care

How interested are you in receiving home visits from your child care provider as a resource and support to you and your family?



Child Care Wants & Needs: Qualitative Responses

On Access to Culturally-specific and –responsive Child Care:

- *“Lane County needs to invest in more diverse teaching staff.”*
- *“It would be great if Lane County starts some pre-school programs at some elementary schools, like Chinese Immersion school. The good part is that they may start to learn Chinese and get ready to go to the bilingual school.”*
- *“Overall we've had a good experience with childcare. Cultural accommodations should be considered though, as well as access.”*
- *“There is no good certified Spanish Immersion preschool in our whole town. Lane County is doing a very poor job of supporting our culture. We would bend over backwards and pay a lot extra \$ to have a certified child center that is Spanish Immersion- even if it was just 50/50 English and Spanish.”*
- *“I am a second generation immigrant who is bilingual and while I speak and understand English fine I prefer that my daughter’s primary language be Spanish up until second grade so that she can retain her Spanish speaking roots and be fully bilingual.”*

Child Care Wants & Needs: Qualitative Responses

On Serving Children with Special Needs:

- *“More nurses or trained individuals available to support families with special medical needs...Trained personnel willing to take [my child] at a child care center would be extremely helpful for our family.”*
- *“There aren't enough state or city run preschools available for all kids with learning disabilities or low income.”*
- *“Quality childcare for autistic children is very hard to find, especially for "high functioning" kids there are zero resources in our community. Staff must be specially trained in how to teach social skills, be ok with very late potty training, understanding of different sensory preferences and provide a facility that supports the kids.”*
- *“Would really be great to offer more speech therapy and to extend early childhood cares to 3 and half to 4 hours as other preschools are longer...”*

Child Care Wants & Needs: Qualitative Responses

On Infant & Toddler Care:

- *“Child care is VERY hard to find for infants. With my second child I went thru a lot of stress and I was very close to quit my job due to the difficulties with childcare that wouldn't allow me to work and my work doesn't allow less than 40hrs/wk schedules. The only reason I didn't have to quit is because my husband dropped 1 day of work and reduced his schedule to 32 hrs/wk and we had a family member help while we waited in waitlists for childcare providers.”*
- *“Infant care is very hard to find and VERY expensive. The first month I went back to work we were paying more in childcare (baby + afterschool for son in school) than in mortgage.”*
- *“I am struggling to be able to afford to work because I just had twins and the infant rate is INSANE! So I can't afford to work, can't afford to not work.”*
- *“It was extremely hard to find full-time care for an infant. We had to go on a waiting list when I was 4 months pregnant and it still took a year on the list before there was space.”*

Child Care Wants & Needs: Qualitative Responses

On Availability of Child Care in Rural Communities:

- *“Oakridge is in DIRE need of child care but especially preschool services for families that do not meet the income requirements for head start...”*
- *“Rural areas are extremely underserved with quality child care, but also with extracurricular options for recreation and for the arts. It would make a huge difference for the children in these areas to have access to more opportunity.”*
- *“My biggest frustration when looking for childcare was the lack of programs at all...”*
- *“Please, please, PLEASE start a free or low cost preschool program at Walterville Elementary School! We want programs. We want access. We think education is important. We just ALSO happen to like having fields to run in.”*
- *“There is only one option in Cottage Grove that is not in home, and had hours before and after work and I’m a teacher it’s not like I have crazy hours. There are zero options.”*
- *“I have been searching for affordable childcare quite a while now. Still unable to find it I’ve been relying on friends to watch my twins.”*