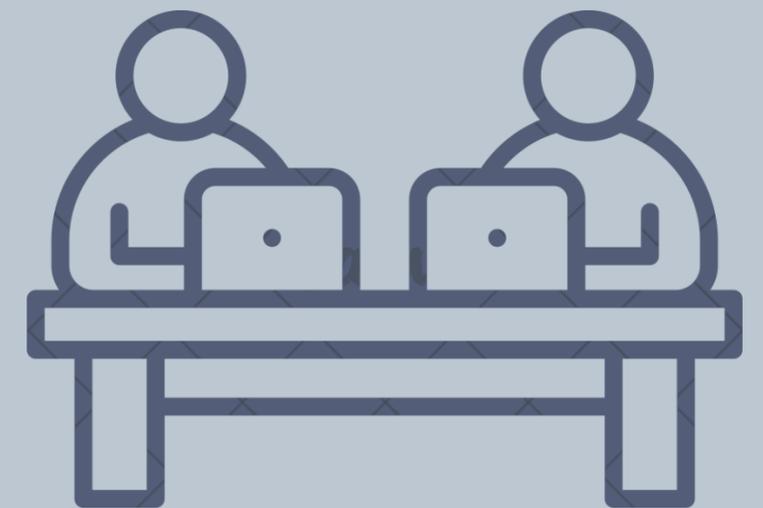


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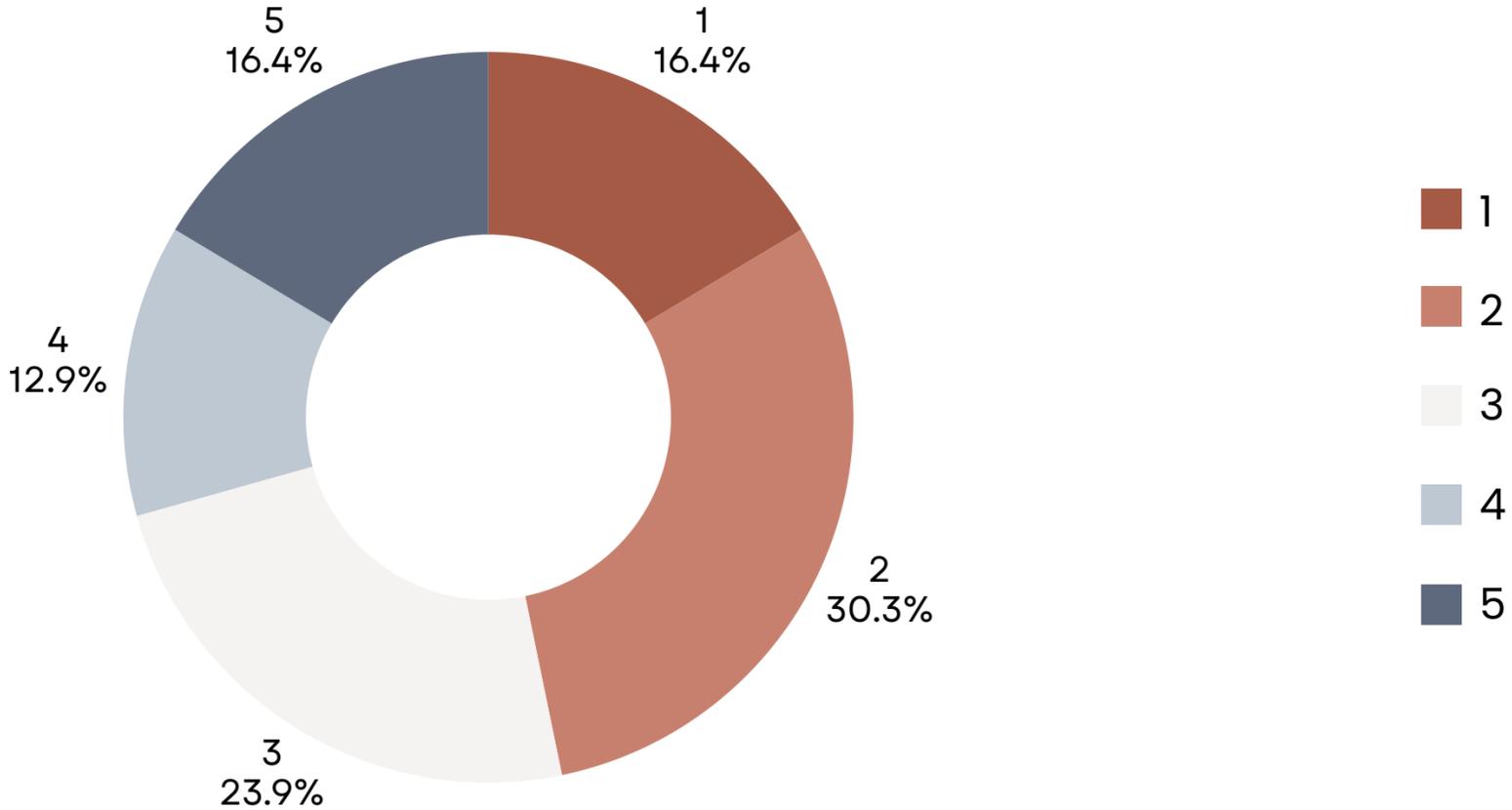
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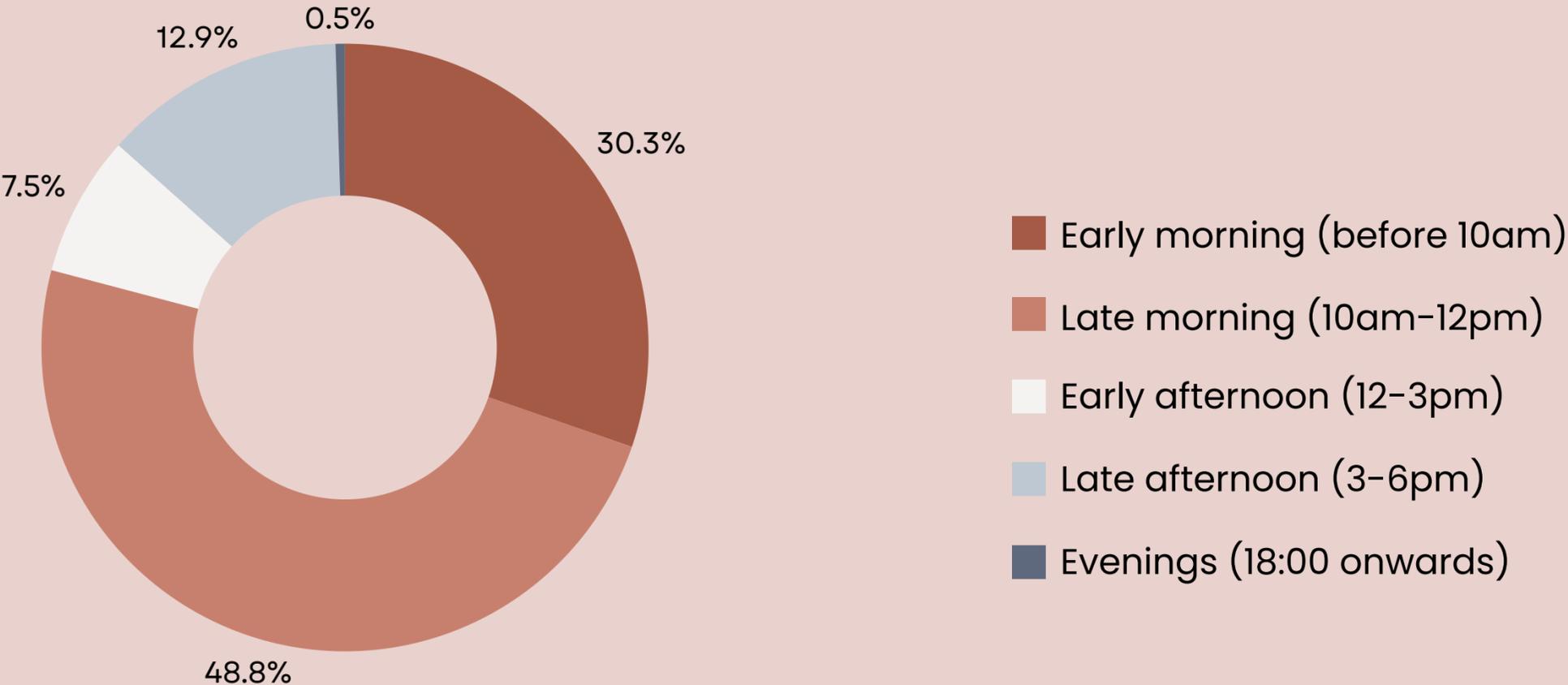
WORKING HABITS & PRODUCTIVITY

HOW MANY DAYS PER WEEK DO YOU TYPICALLY WORK FROM THE OFFICE?



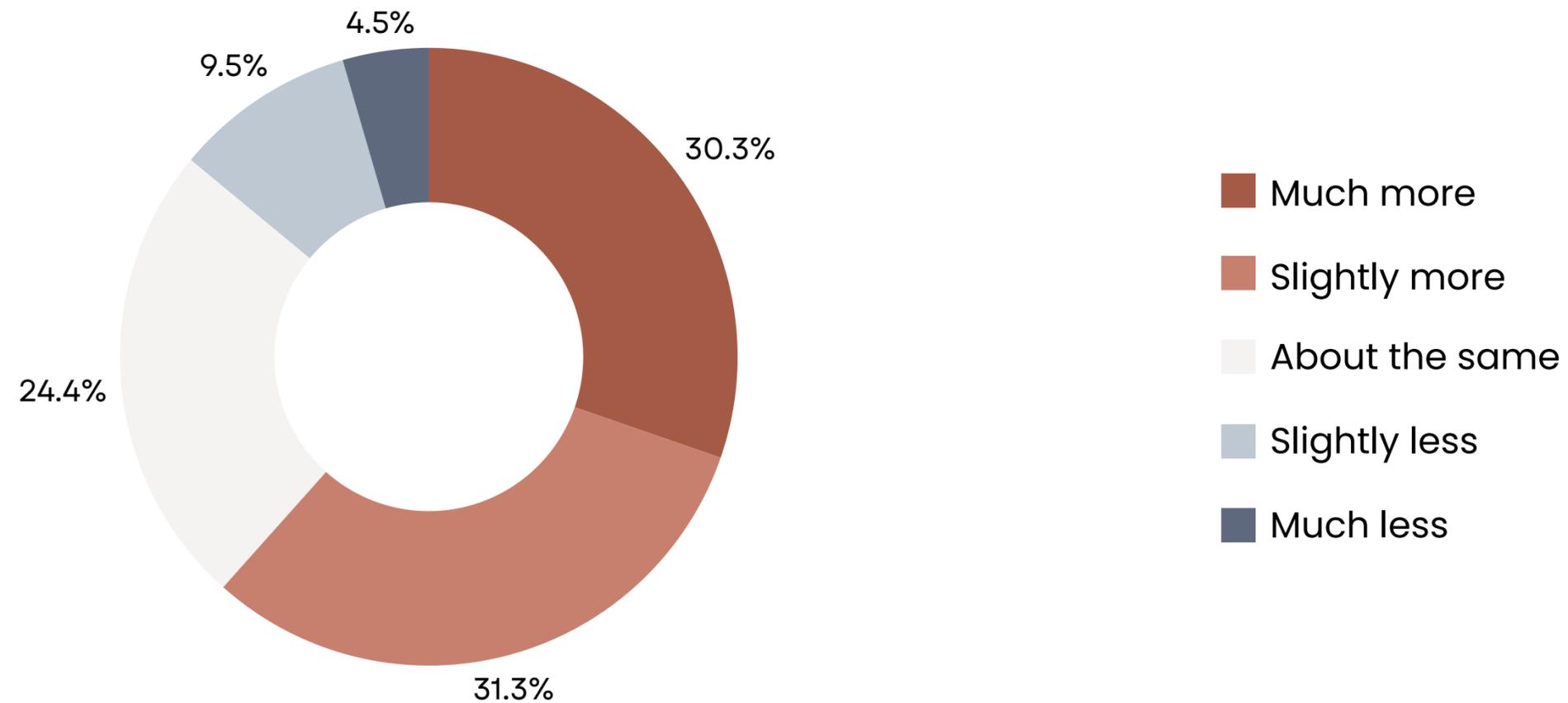
54% (OVER 1 IN 2) TYPICALLY WORK 2-3 DAYS IN THE OFFICE

WHAT TIME ARE YOU THE MOST PRODUCTIVE?



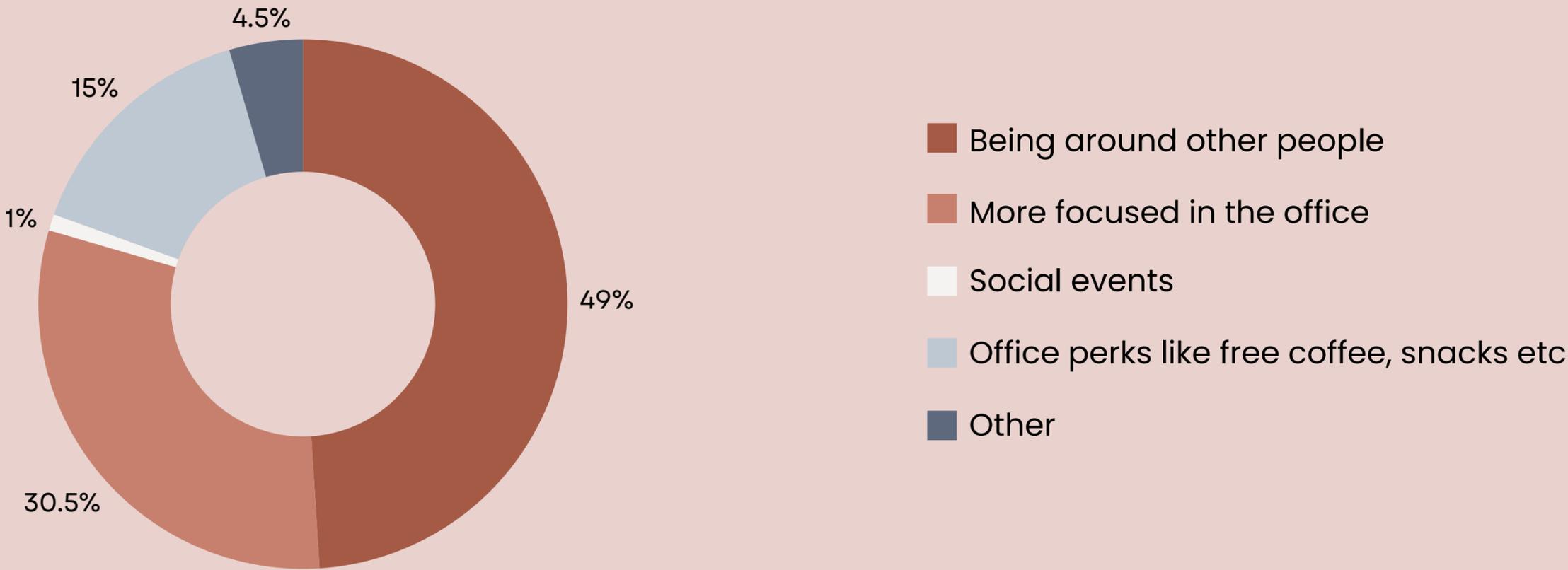
MOST PRODUCTIVE TIME BETWEEN 10-12 PM (LATE MORNINGS) – ALMOST 50% (48.8%)

HOW PRODUCTIVE DO YOU FEEL IN A WORKSPACE COMPARED TO WORKING FROM HOME?



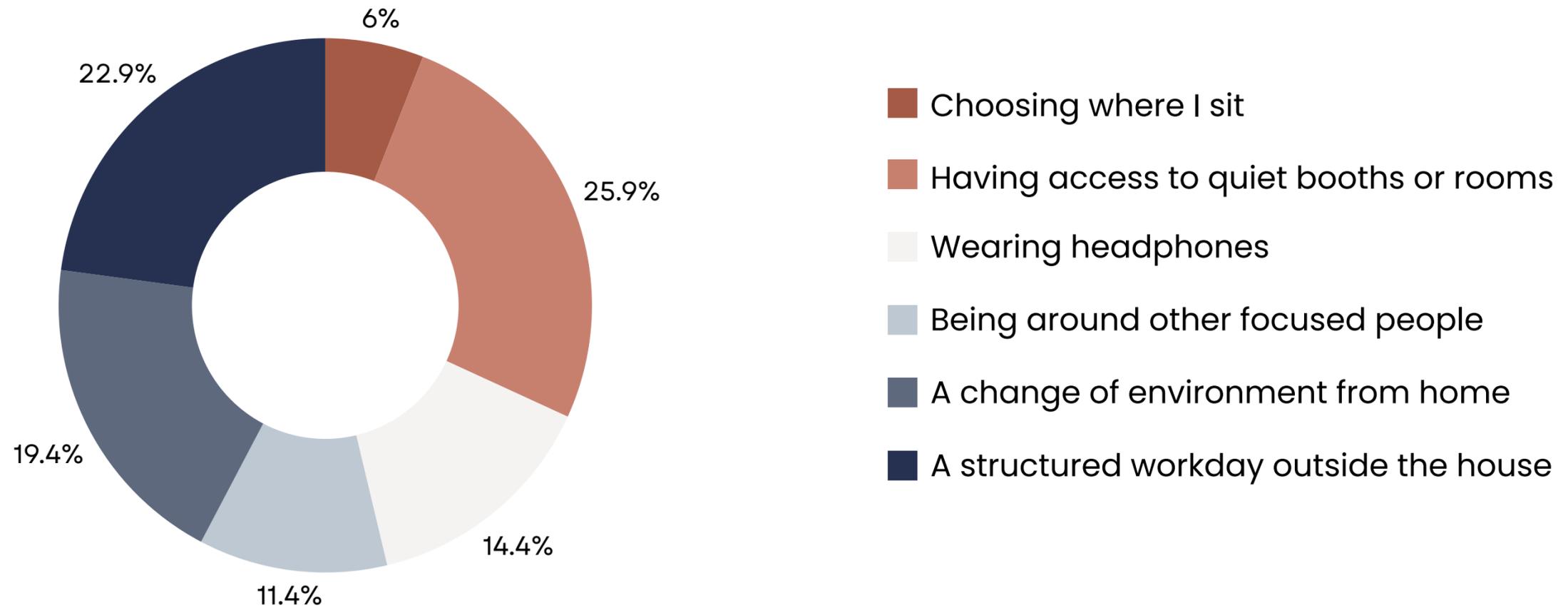
OVER 60% OF PEOPLE FEEL MORE PRODUCTIVE IN A WORKSPACE COMPARED TO WORKING FROM HOME (31.3% (SLIGHTLY) + 30.3% (MUCH MORE))

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COME INTO THE OFFICE?

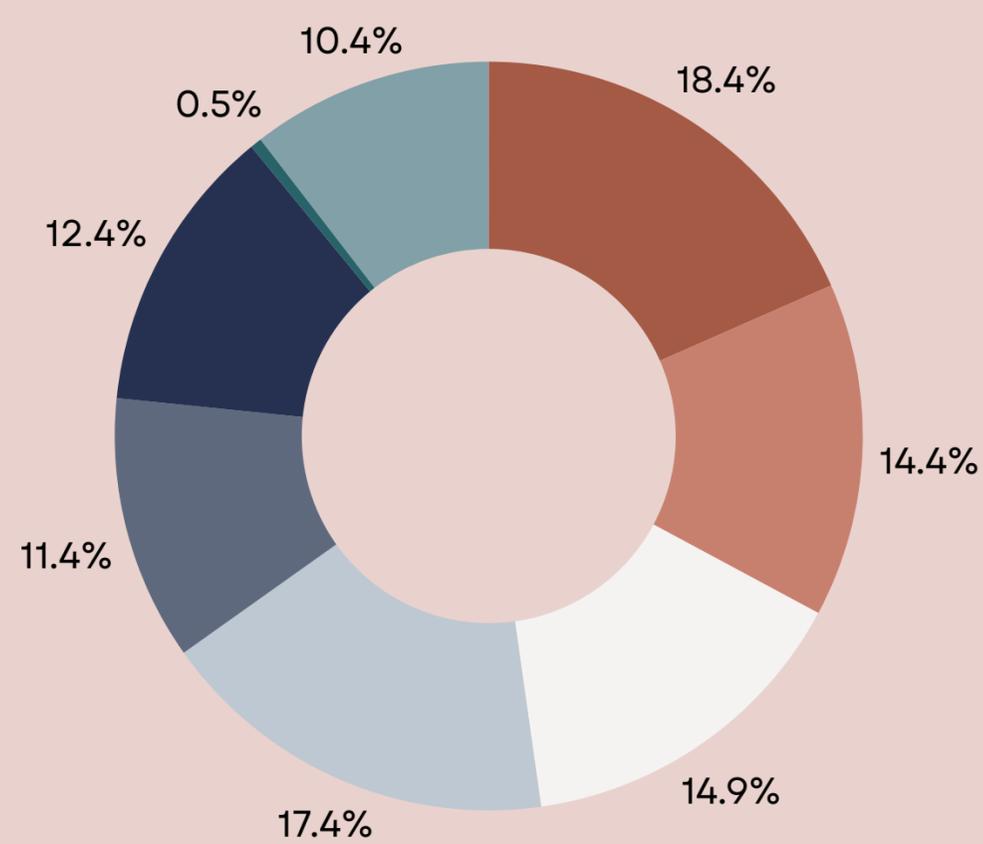


BEING AROUND OTHERS ALMOST 50% (49%) & 1 IN 3 ARE MORE FOCUSED IN THE OFFICE (30%)

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING HELPS YOU STAY MOST FOCUSED WHILE WORKING IN A WORKSPACE (CHOOSE ONE)

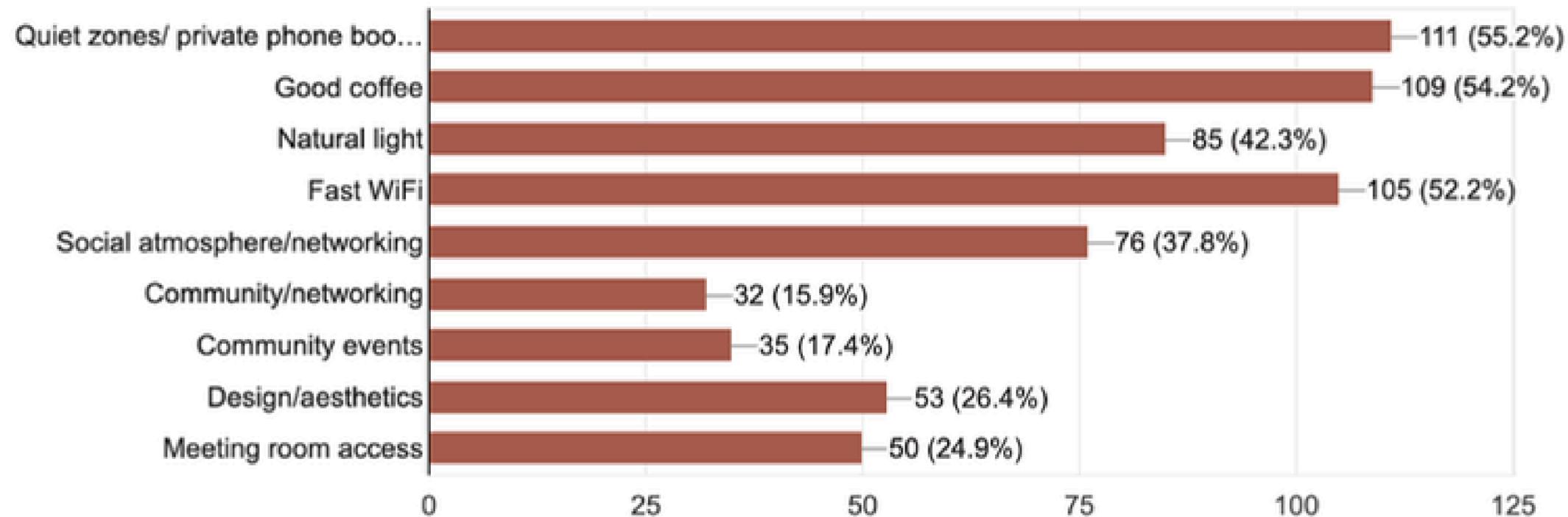


WHAT MOST CONSISTENTLY BOOSTS YOUR PRODUCTIVITY IN THE WORKPLACE (CHOOSE ONE)?



- Seeing other people work (peer motivation)
- Change of environment
- Leaving the house boosts my mindset
- Fewer distractions compared to home
- Routine and structure
- Access to amenities (coffee, quiet booths, wellness rooms, meeting rooms etc.)
- Community or coworking events
- Clear separation between work & home

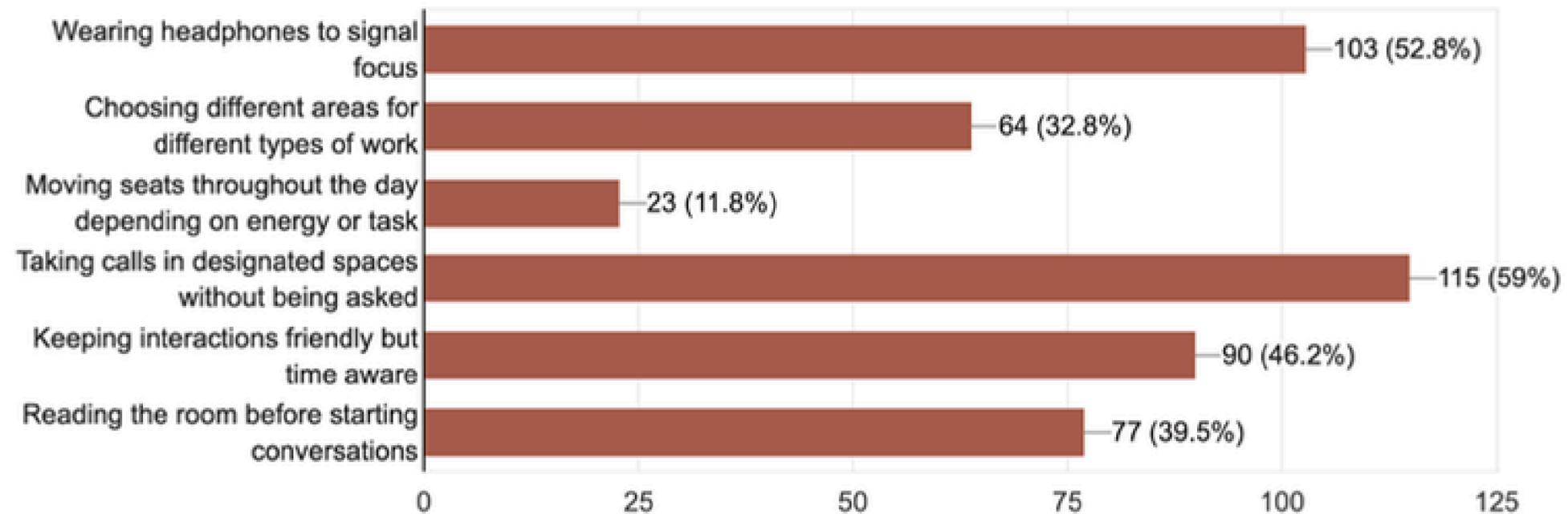
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN A WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT?



PEOPLE MOST VALUE: QUIET ZONES/PRIVATE BOOTHS (55%), GOOD COFFEE (54%), FAST WI-FI (52%), CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY NATURAL LIGHT (42%) & SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE/ NETWORKING (37%)

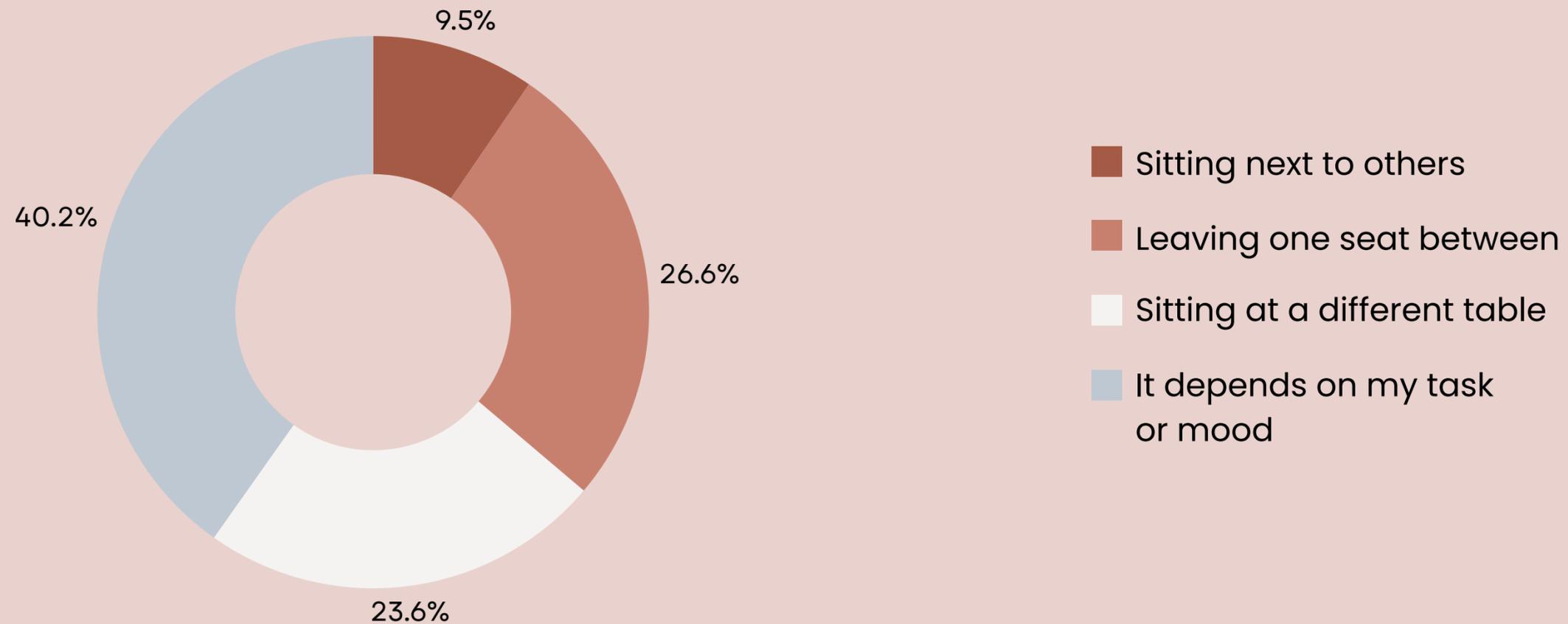
TRUTHS & CONFESSIONS

WHICH UNSPOKEN 'RULES' DO YOU FOLLOW IN SHARED WORKSPACES?



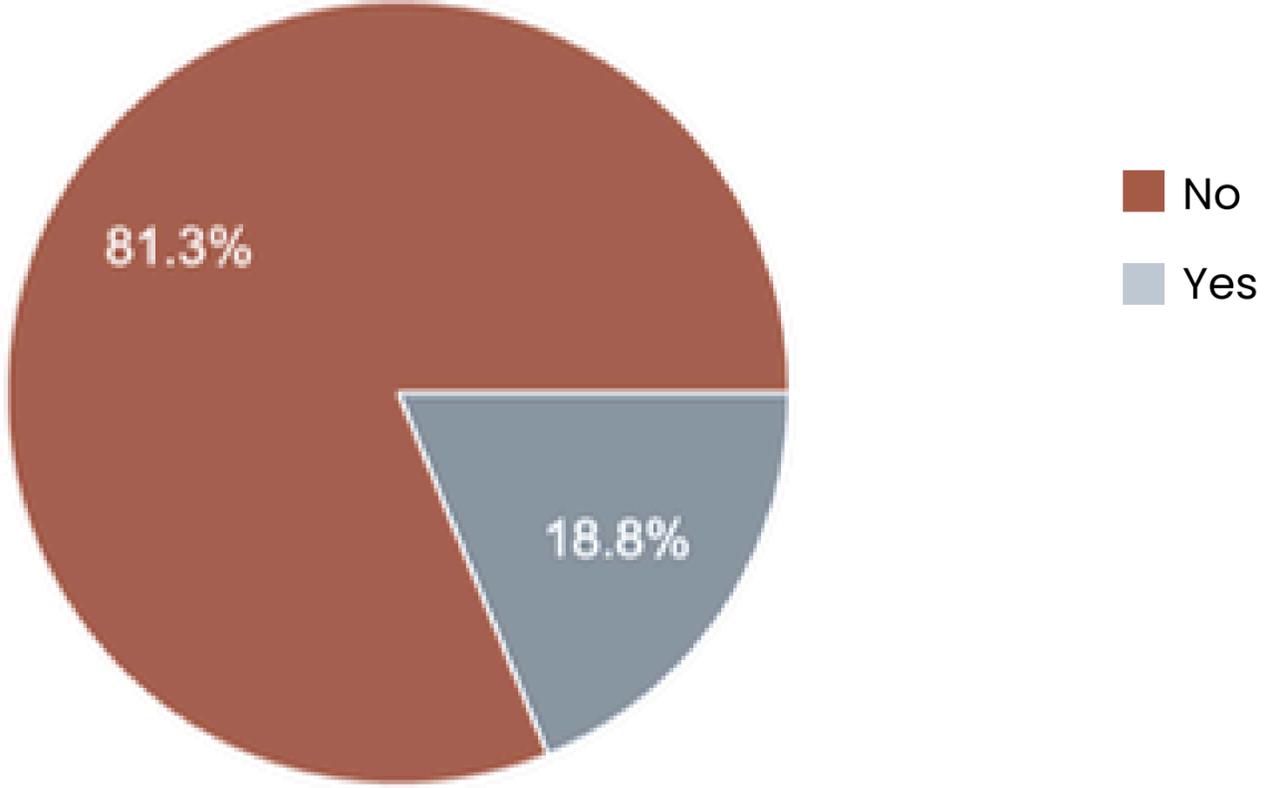
WEARING HEADPHONES TO SIGNAL FOCUS (52.8%), TAKING CALLS IN DESIGNATED SPACES (59%), KEEPING INTERACTIONS FRIENDLY BUT TIME AWARE (46.2%), READING THE ROOM BEFORE STARTING CONVERSATIONS (39.5%)

WHEN CHOOSING WHERE TO SIT IN A SHARED SPACE, WHICH DO YOU NATURALLY PREFER?



SITTING NEXT TO OTHERS (23.6%), LEAVING ONE SEAT BETWEEN (26.6%), SITTING AT A DIFFERENT TABLE (9.5%), IT DEPENDS ON MY TASK OR MOOD (40.2%)

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A COWORKING CRUSH?



ALMOST 1 IN 5 (18.2%) HAVE HAD A COWORKING CRUSH

CONFESSIONS VAULT

WHAT'S A SMALL, UNSPOKEN HABIT THAT HELPS SHARED WORKSPACES RUN SMOOTHLY?

RESPONSE SUMMARY:

- **CLEANLINESS AND TIDINESS:** A CONSISTENTLY RECURRING HABIT IS CLEANING UP AFTER ONESELF, ESPECIALLY IN SHARED AREAS LIKE THE KITCHEN (WASHING DISHES/CUTLERY, CLEARING MUGS, AND RESETTING THE SPACE TO "NEUTRAL") AND ENSURING DESKS AND COMMUNAL PLACES ARE KEPT TIDY AND CLEAN.
- **RESPECTFUL NOISE AND VOLUME CONTROL:** BEING MINDFUL OF NOISE LEVELS IS CRUCIAL, INCLUDING USING "INDOOR VOICES," STEPPING OUT FOR PHONE CALLS, USING HEADPHONES FOR CALLS IN PUBLIC AREAS, AND HAVING MEETINGS IN DEDICATED PLACES (LIKE PHONE BOOTHS/BOOTHES) RATHER THAN SHARED WORKSPACES.
- **COURTESY AND CONSIDERATION:** GENERAL POLITENESS, RESPECT, KINDNESS, AND CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS ARE KEY. THIS INCLUDES ADHERING TO THE GOLDEN RULE, HOLDING DOORS/LIFTS, OFFERING/ACCEPTING COFFEE, AND BEING GENERALLY FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING.
- **RESPECTING SHARED SPACE ETIQUETTE:** HABITS LIKE BEING AWARE OF THE SPACE ONE OCCUPIES, NOT HOGGING PHONE BOOTHS/MEETING SPACES, RETURNING ITEMS TO THEIR PLACE, AND RESPECTING DESIGNATED SEATING OR HOT-DESKING BOUNDARIES HELP MAINTAIN SMOOTH OPERATIONS.

QUOTES

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*“TIDYING UP AFTER YOURSELF –
LEAVING SHARED SPACES AS
FIND THEM.”*

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*“MUTING YOUR LAPTOP IN
THE COMMON WORKING
AREA SO YOU DON'T
DISTRACT OTHERS”*

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*“A FRIENDLY SMILE/NOD TO
YOUR FELLOW CO-WORKING
BUDDIES OUTSIDE THE OFFICE
WHO YOU RECOGNISE”*

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*“ASK PEOPLE TO JOIN FOR
LUNCH! IT'S NOT NICE IF
SOMEONE GETS EXCLUDED”.*

WHAT'S THE NICEST OR MOST UNEXPECTED THING SOMEONE IN A COWORKING SPACE HAS DONE FOR YOU?

1

"My colleague bringing me a beer on a tough day. Love that the taps go on at 3pm"

2

"I came on my period earlier than expected and got blood on my light-coloured trousers. Someone offered me the gym leggings they had in their bag to save me from embarrassment. I was so grateful."

3

"The barista, gave me a Christmas present of a tiny wax melt she'd made. It was just the sweetest."

4

"Someone invited me to their house party purely based on coffee chat (it was banging)"

WHAT'S THE NICEST OR MOST UNEXPECTED THING SOMEONE IN A COWORKING SPACE HAS DONE FOR YOU?

5

"A complete stranger, who later became a lovely acquaintance, generously offered me food during Ramadan when I was about to break my fast and waiting for my meal to be delivered"

6

"I must've had a frown on my face. Somebody said to me "Hang in there, you've got this." It was such a small gesture, but it made my day and made the space feel more human"

7

"Gave me the last clean fork at lunch rush hour"

8

"Someone who had a massive crush on me gifted me a painting"

FUNNIEST OR MOST MEMORABLE WORKPLACE MOMENT?

1

" I once got accused of stealing a food container that I knew was mine.. I went to grab my lunch from the fridge only to find a sticky note on top saying that that person had lost their identical container the previous week, so they just assumed I stole their container, they asked me to finish my lunch, wash the container, and put it back on the drying rack.. lol "

2

"The funniest moment was in the kitchen, when beef started between randoms over tupperware pots. Post-it notes were exchanged, but still not sure to this day, who was victorious in battle lol"

3

"Seeing someone enter the toilets with a laptop in hand whilst in an online meeting....."

4

"A colleague accidentally found himself at a different lunch table with a group of people he didn't know at all. But he decided to stay and get to know them instead of moving to the table with all his colleagues."

FUNNIEST OR MOST MEMORABLE WORKPLACE MOMENT?

5

"Once I saw someone heat up an entire Shepherd's pie ready meal, which they ate with an entire can of beans and half a packet of pre-grated cheddar. No judgement of course, but it was 9.00 am"

6

"Overhearing a meeting between a Manager & Junior, where the manager almost exclusively spoke in ridiculous meme quotes for half an hour (think work equivalents to 'Live, laugh, love' or 'Home is where the heart is')"

7

"Two coworkers from a random company standing in the coffee queue talking about relationship problems while obviously having a thing for each other"

8

"A Cute dogo coming into our office when it got lost! "

FUNNIEST OR MOST MEMORABLE WORKPLACE MOMENT?

9

"A lady walked into our office and started hot desking. We assumed she worked for our company and we were making small talk and offering her coffee and introducing her to people. After lunch it came out that she didn't work for us, and she came down to our office as her company desk space was full! She was promptly escorted out..."

10

"A marriage proposal!"

11

"A disagreement over whether fish is acceptable to microwave in the office - caused a mass debate"

12

"Using the mirror in the lift to take a picture and another person entering the lift and offering to be part of my mini photo session"

NOTES TO EDITORS

Methodology

Findings are based on an anonymous Google survey of more than 200 professionals working across beyond's flexible workspaces in Europe.

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