



# IFRS Readiness Tracking Survey

October 2009



## Survey Background

- Semi-annual survey
  - Conducted 9/9 through 9/28, 2009
  - 1260 responses – 1132 qualified (BI or Public Practice member)
    - 128 from Public Companies
    - 230 from Private Companies
    - 50 from Foreign Companies
    - 28 from Not for profit or educational institutions
    - 698 from Public Practice
- In addition to tracking questions, contains a number of questions unique to this survey
- Measures members readiness to implement IFRS
- Provides information on their views surrounding other issues related to IFRS adoption
- Provides planning information for CPE and products

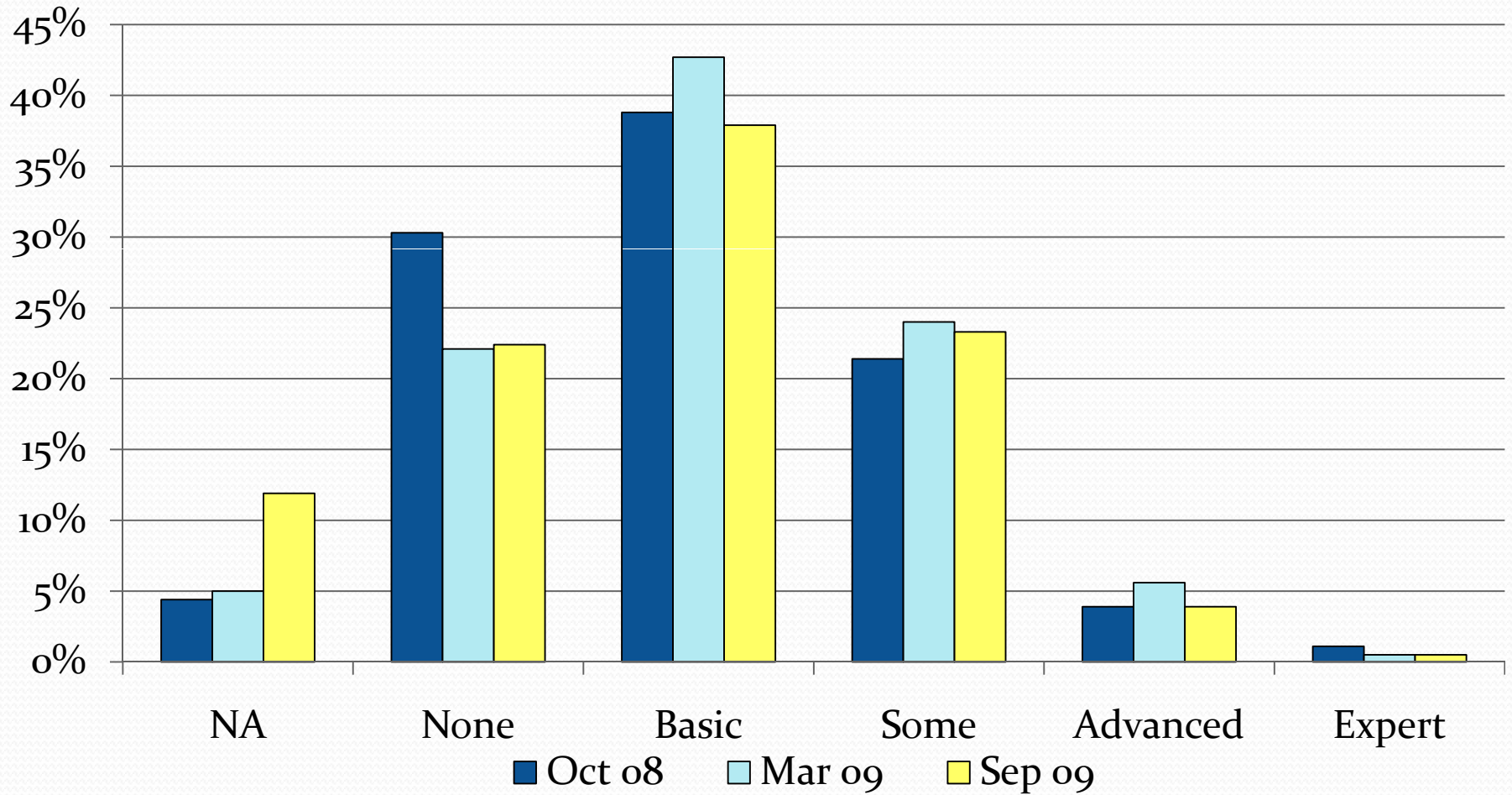


## Key Messages from IFRS Readiness Survey September 2009

- Familiarity with IFRS has remained fairly stable since March 2009,
  - However the number of public practice and private company respondents who don't believe they need IFRS knowledge has increased
  - The number of all respondents who believe they need advanced or expert knowledge has also decreased.
- Companies have made little progress in moving toward adoption
  - Respondents indicated they are delaying implementation why waiting for SEC action
- Members support
  - Self-contained accounting standards for private companies
  - Adoption of IFRS, although convergence is desired first
- Large majorities want the SEC to announce plans for IFRS before the end of 2009
- Only about half of respondents were aware of the recent announcement of IFRS for SMEs

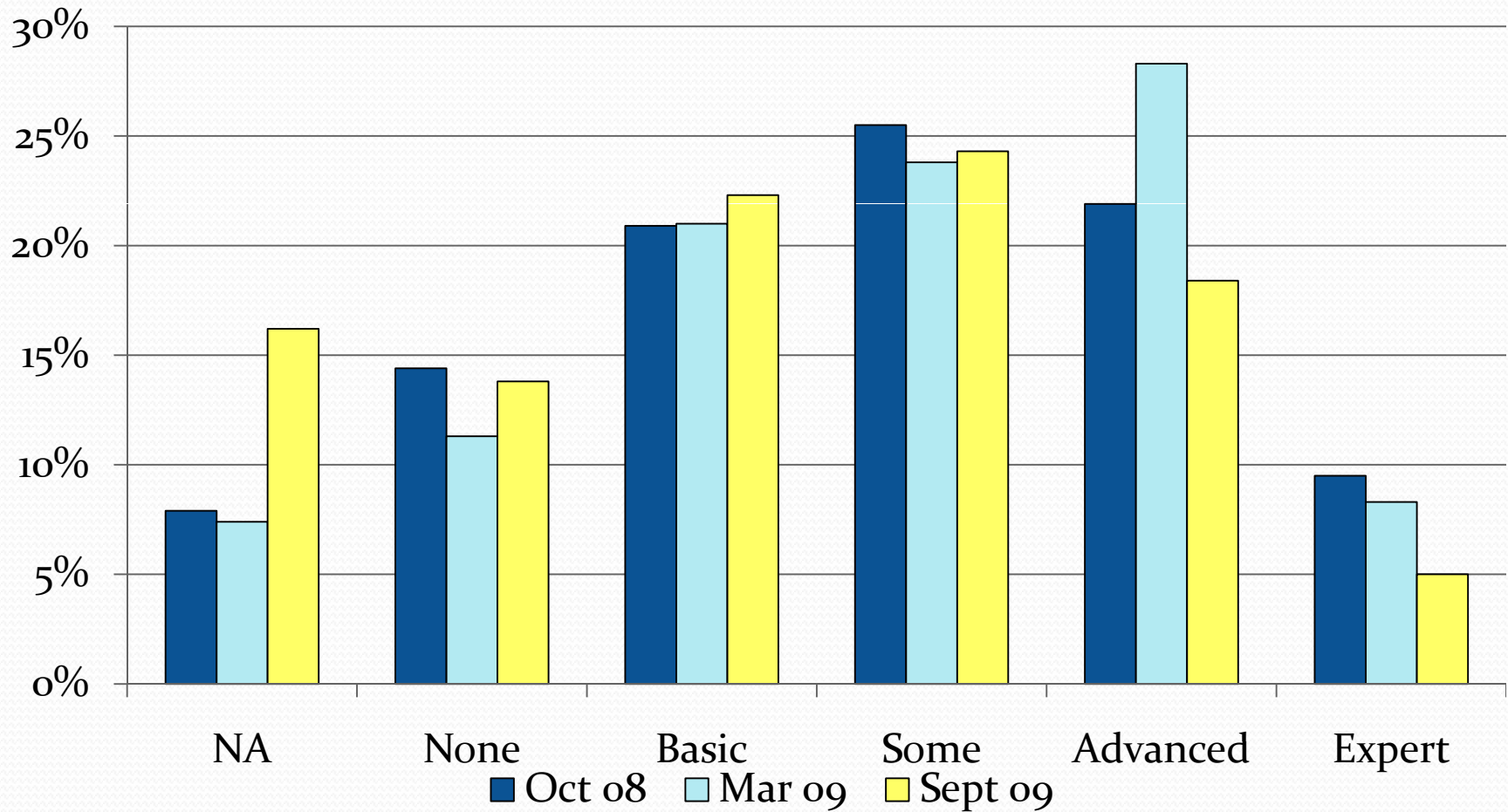
# Current Familiarity with IFRS

All Members



# Needed Familiarity with IFRS

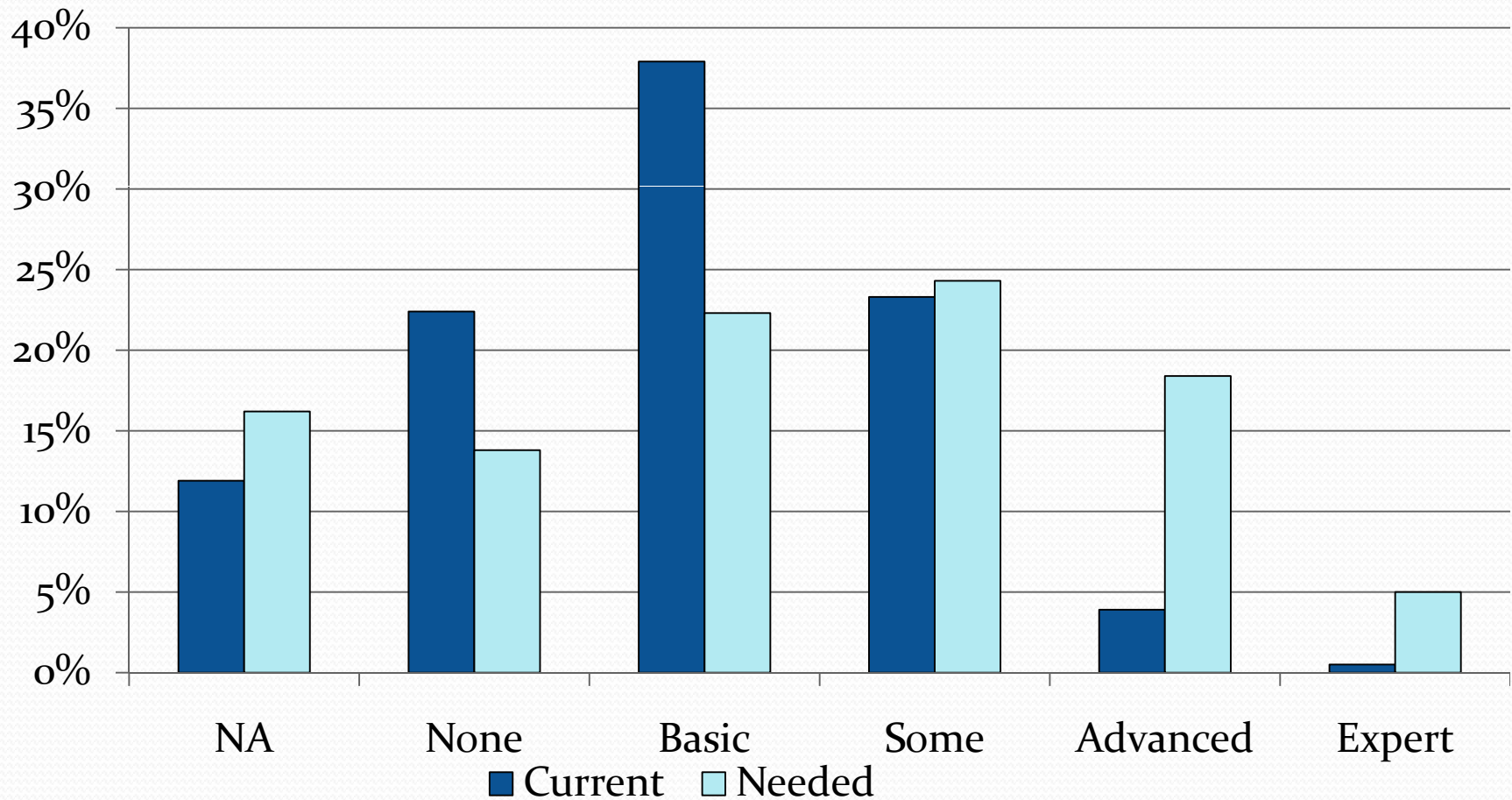
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# Familiarity with IFRS

## Current vs Needed

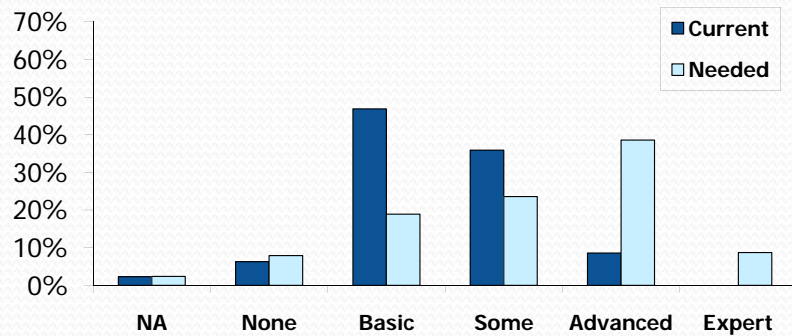
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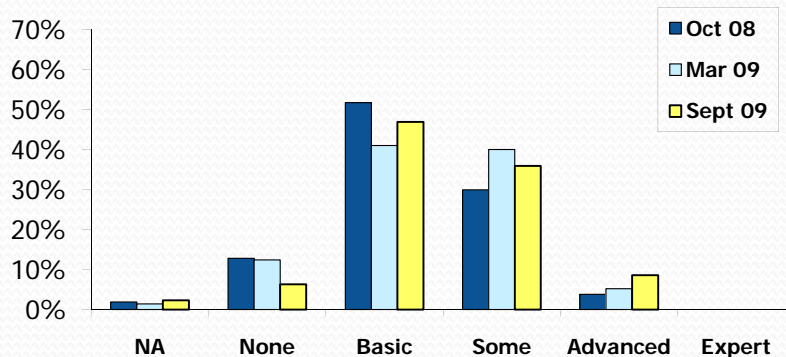
## US Public Co Members

Current vs Needed

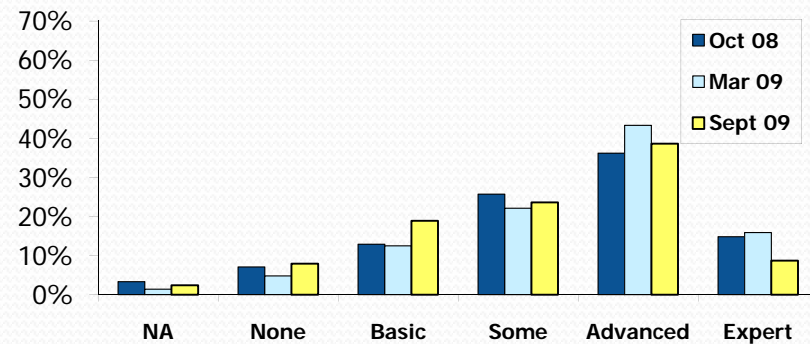


- Members who work for US Public Co's are more likely to need advanced or expert levels of familiarity but few have it.
- However the overall familiarity of the members has continued to increase (although the March to Sept increase is not statistically significant)
- Expectations for Needed Familiarity are fairly stable

Current Familiarity



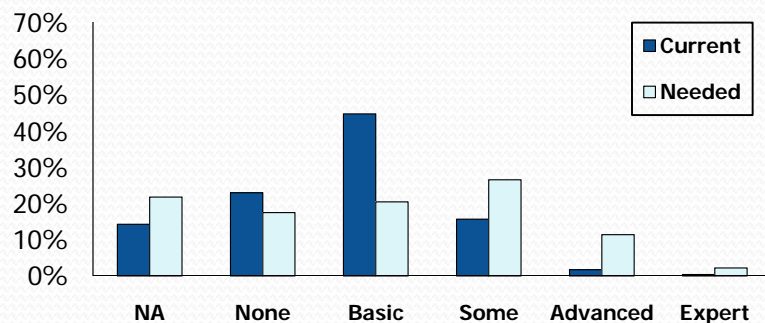
Needed Familiarity



# Familiarity with IFRS

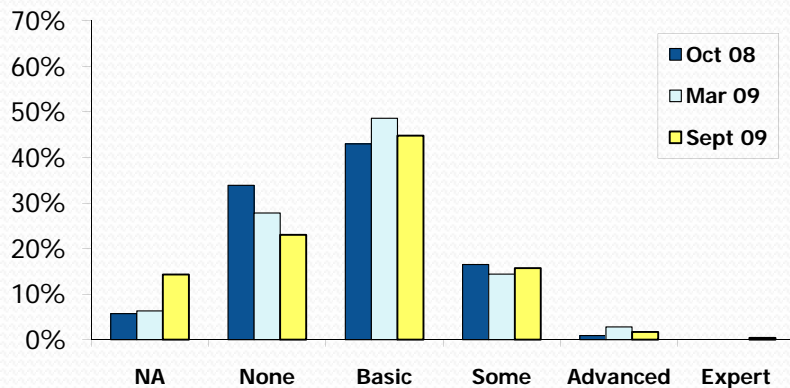
## US Private Co Respondents

**Current vs Needed Familiarity**

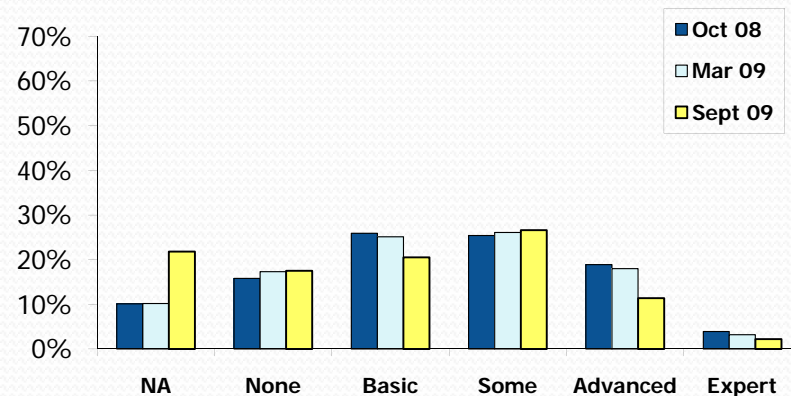


- Members who work for US Private Cos generally have less familiarity with IFRS than they need
- There has been a small but significant increase in the number of respondents who believe that knowledge of IFRS is not applicable
- Members expectations for what they think they will need have dropped slightly because more respondents feel IFRS knowledge is not applicable

**Current Familiarity**



**Needed Familiarity**

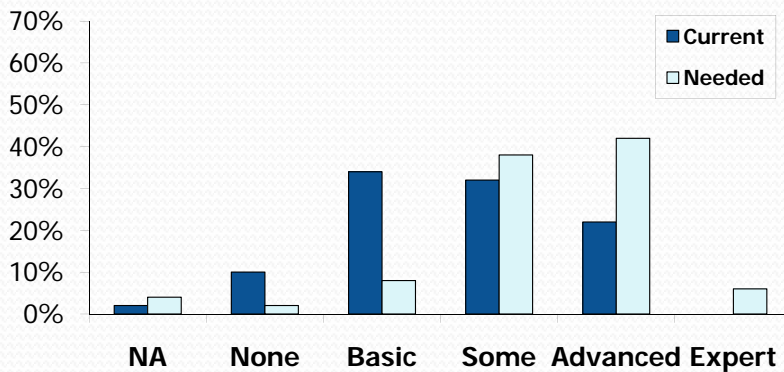




# Familiarity with IFRS

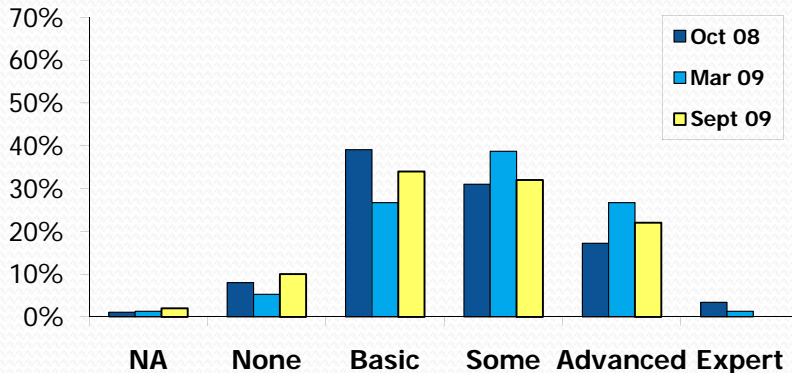
## Foreign Owned Co Members

Current vs Needed

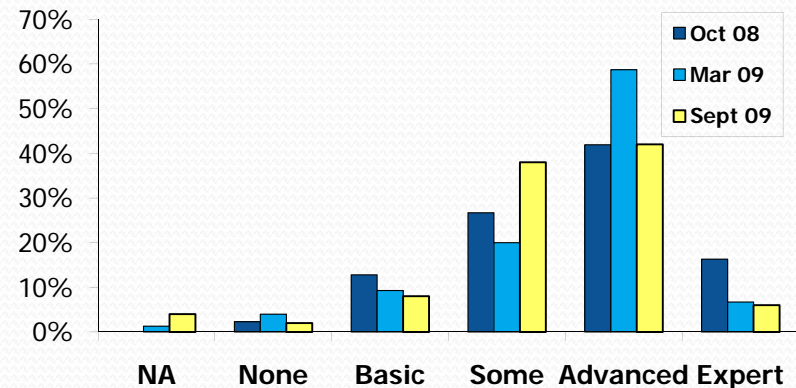


- Like their US counterparts members who work for Foreign companies generally have less familiarity with IFRS than they need
- While there appears to have been a decrease in familiarity the small size of this group (50 respondents) likely makes that change statistically insignificant.
- The same can be said for the change in what members expectations are for what they think they will need

Current Familiarity



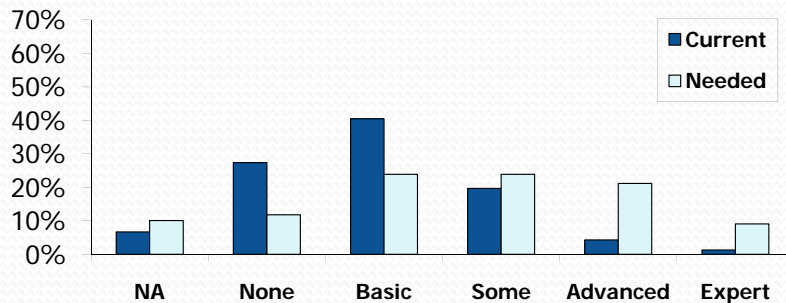
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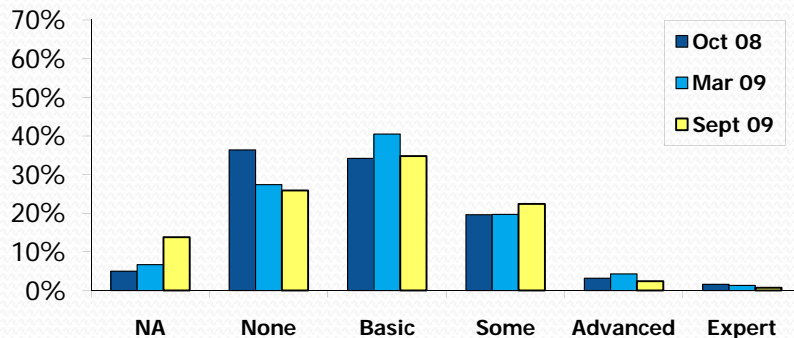
## Public Practice Members

**Current vs Needed**

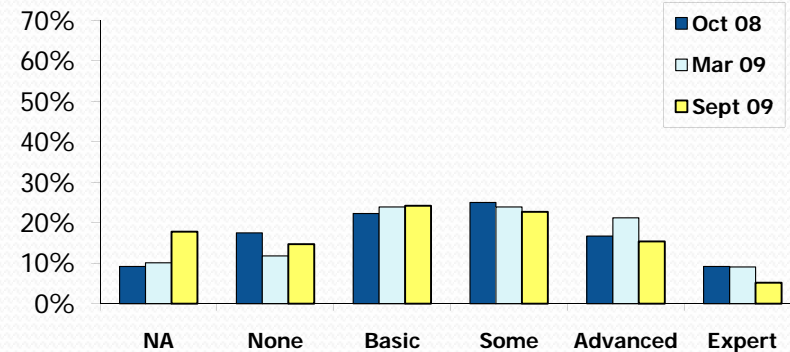


- Members who work for Public Practice continue to have less familiarity with IFRS than they need
- The percentage of members who feel that IFRS is not applicable to them have increased slightly.
- Members expectations for what they think they will need have stayed stable with a slight decrease in the number who say they need advanced or expert knowledge.

**Current Familiarity**



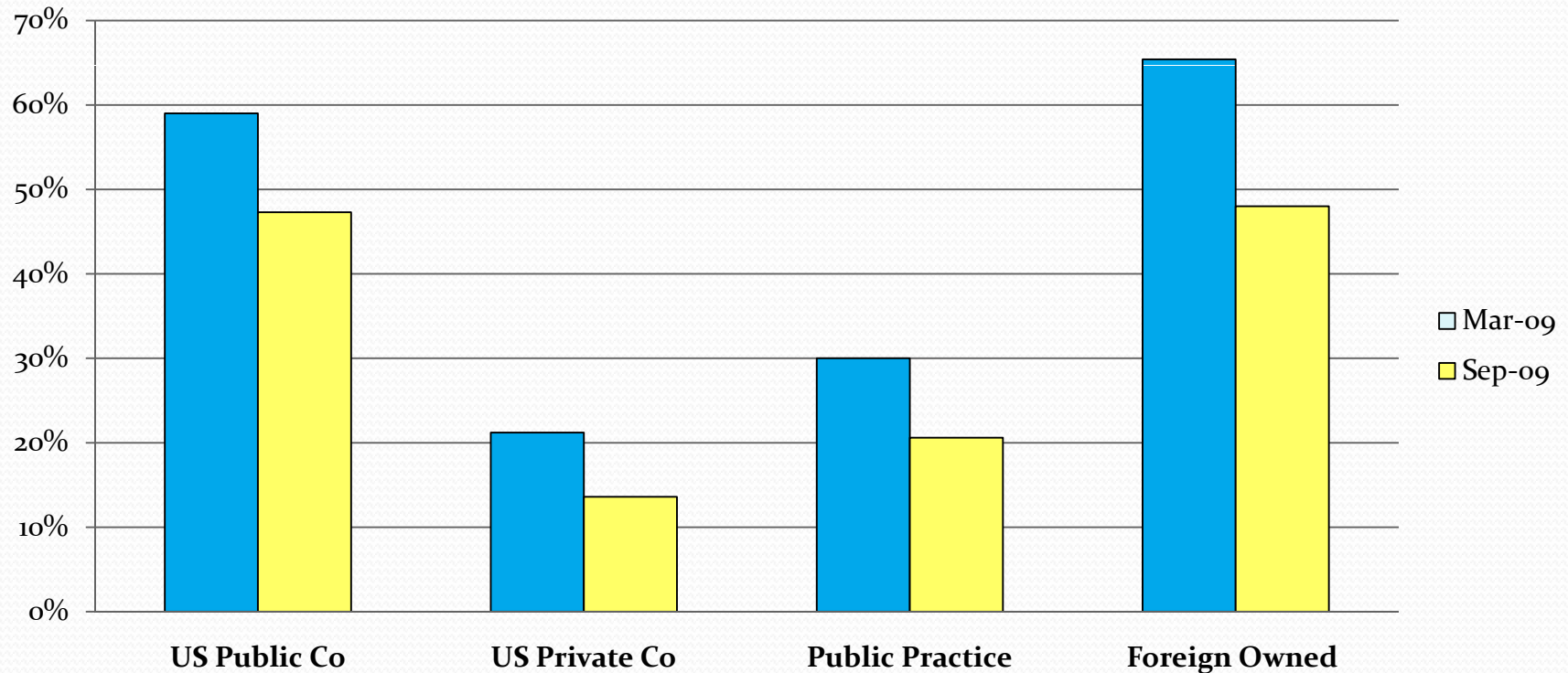
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# Who Needs Advanced & Expert Knowledge of IFRS?

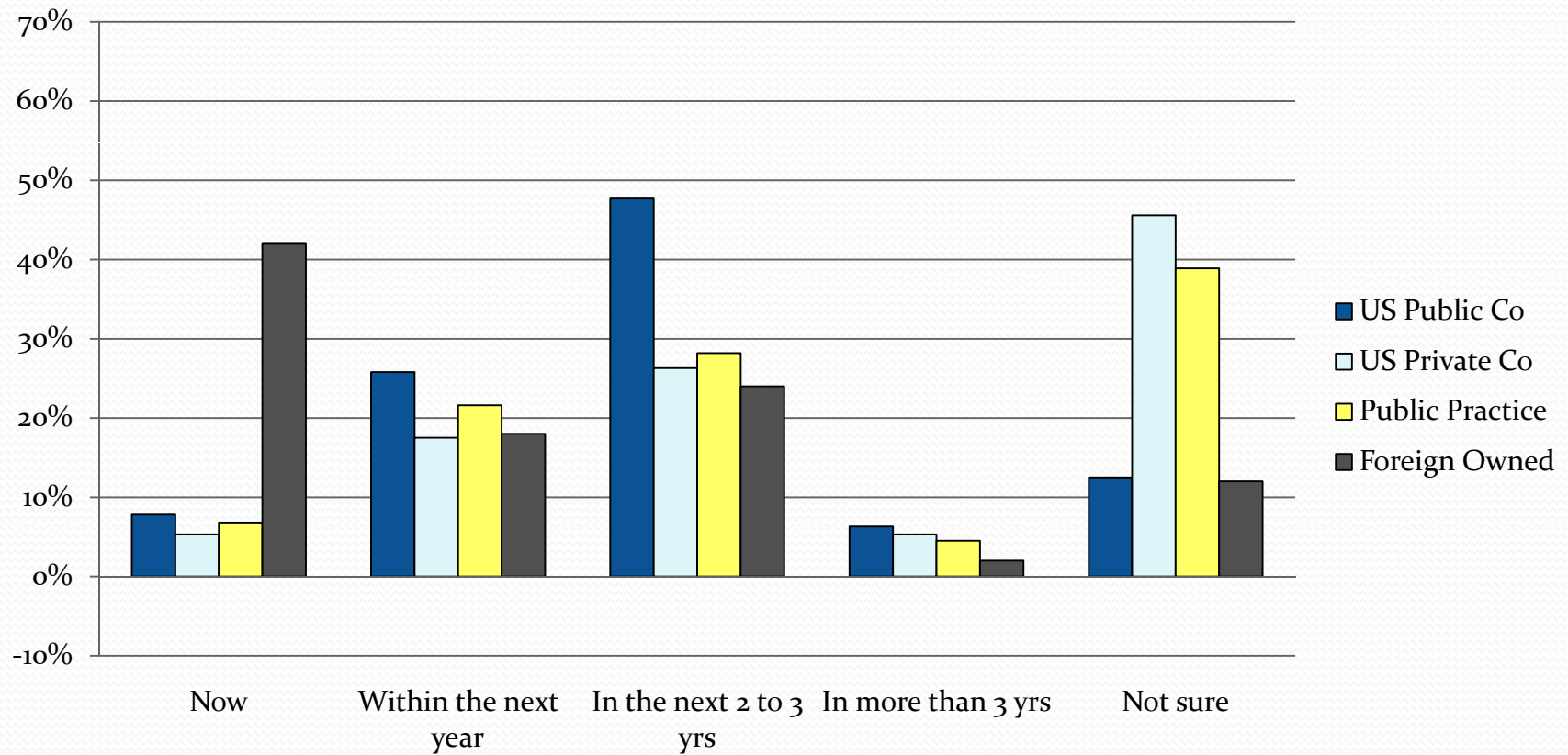
By type of organization

Percent that need Advanced or Expert Knowledge



# When is IFRS knowledge Needed?

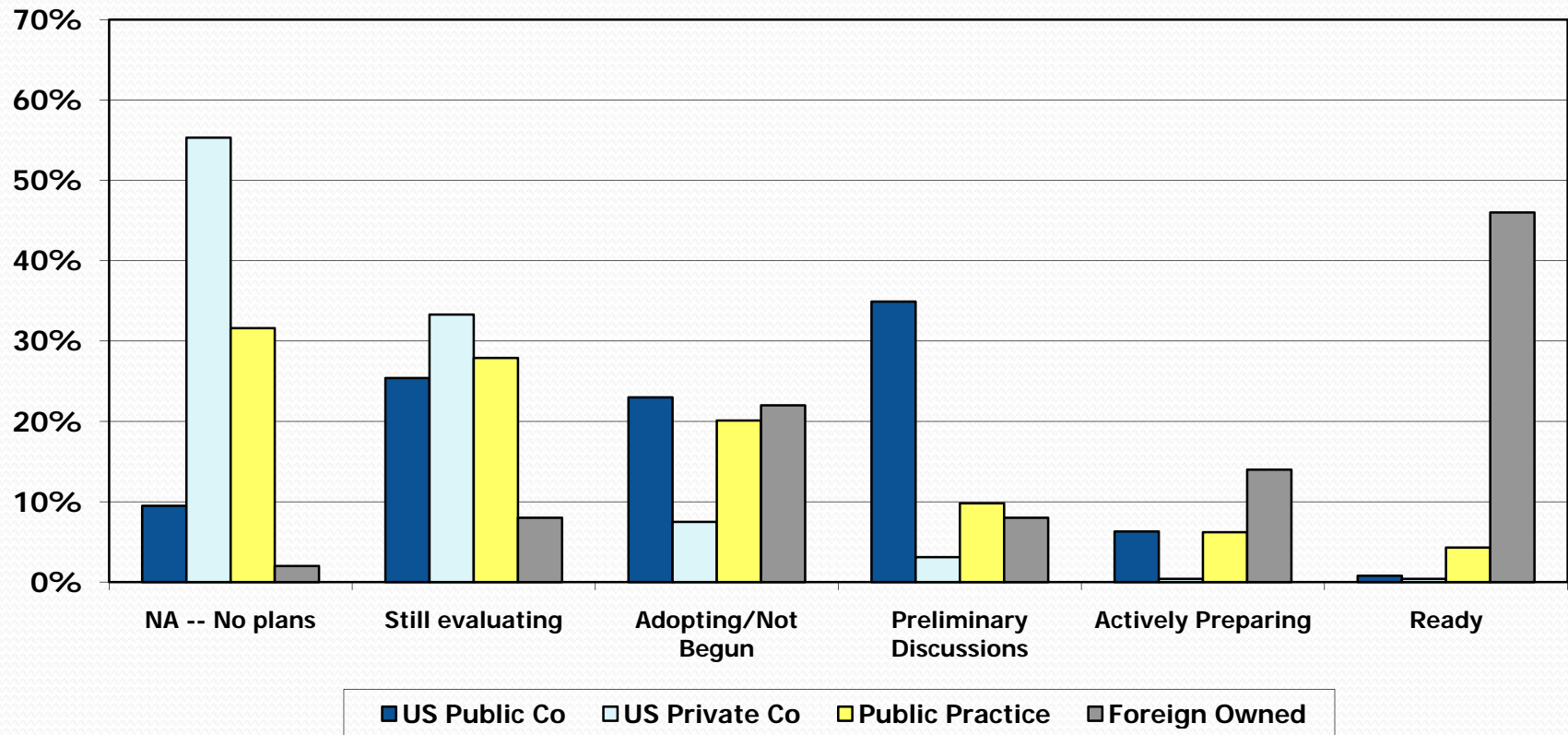
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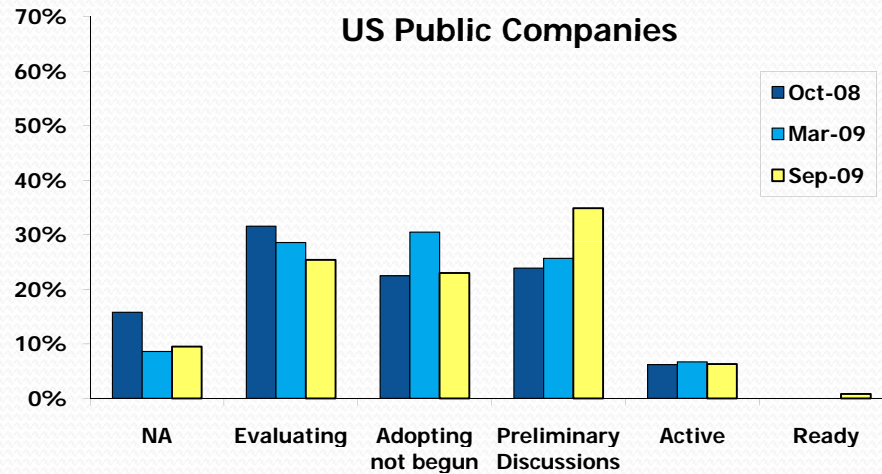
Please rate the extent to which your company (firm) is prepared for IFRS adoption

# Prepared to Adopt?

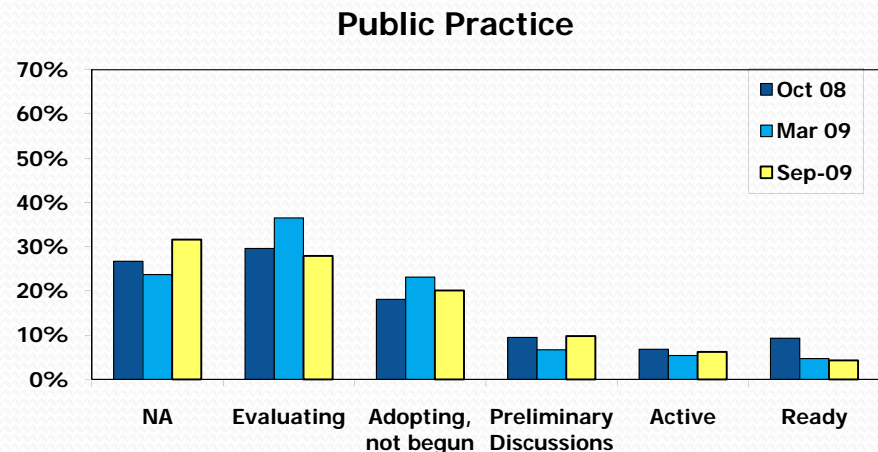
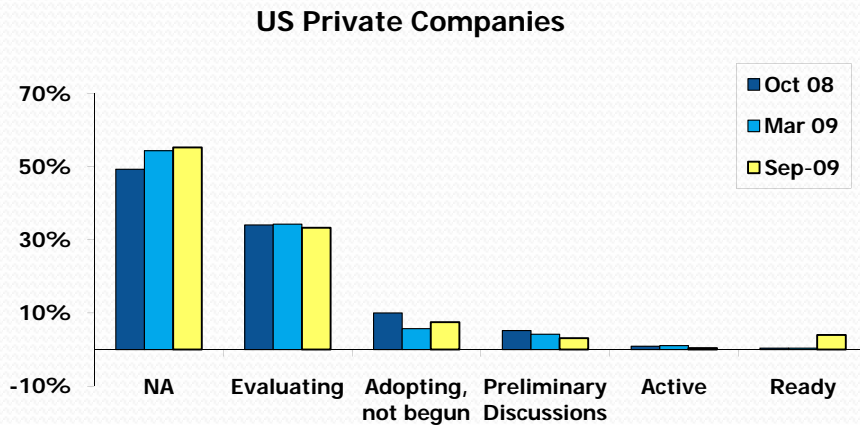
By type of organization (Sept 09)



# Prepared to Adopt/Support Adoption?

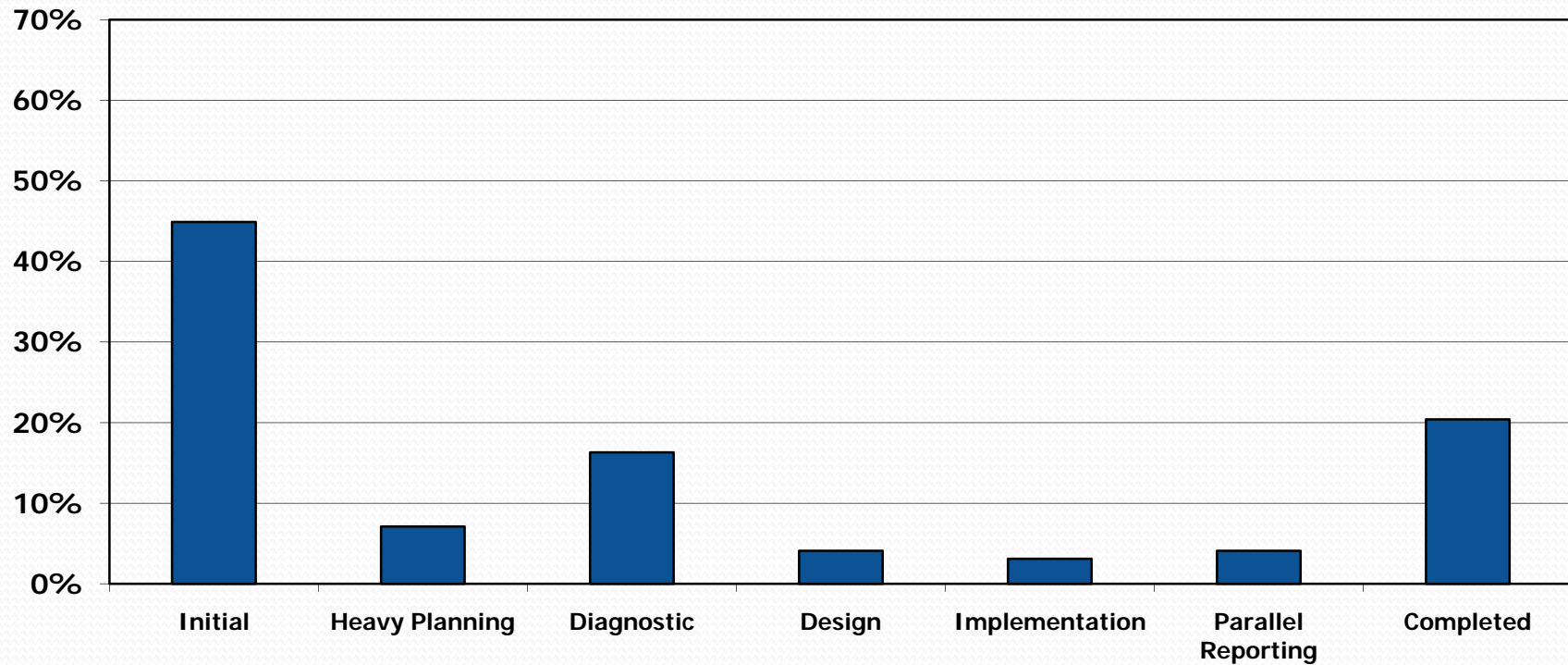


- US Public Companies have continued to move forward in preparing for IFRS
- US Private Companies are still not planning to adopt or only in early stages
- Most public practice firms are still not prepared for IFRS adoption



# Stage of Transition?

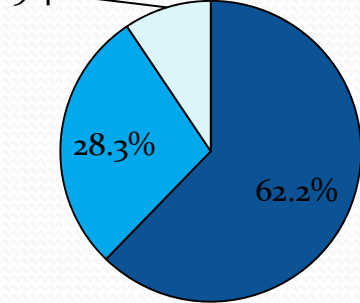
Please select the stage of transition that best describes the status of your implementation. (Asked only of companies in the Preliminary Discussions or Actively Preparing phase)



# Delaying IFRS Preparations?

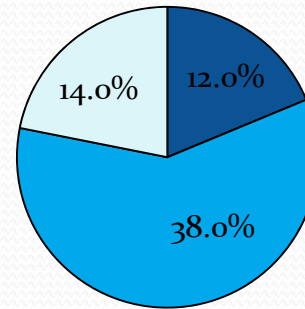
Are you delaying IFRS preparations until the SEC announces that it will set a date certain for its adoption in the United States?

**US Public Companies**



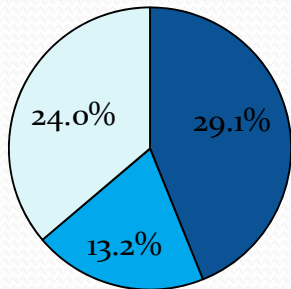
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**Foreign-owned Companies**



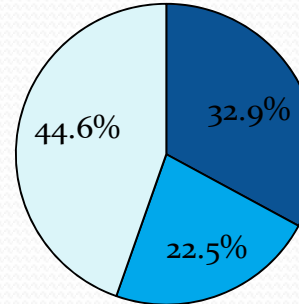
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**Private Companies**



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**Public Practice**



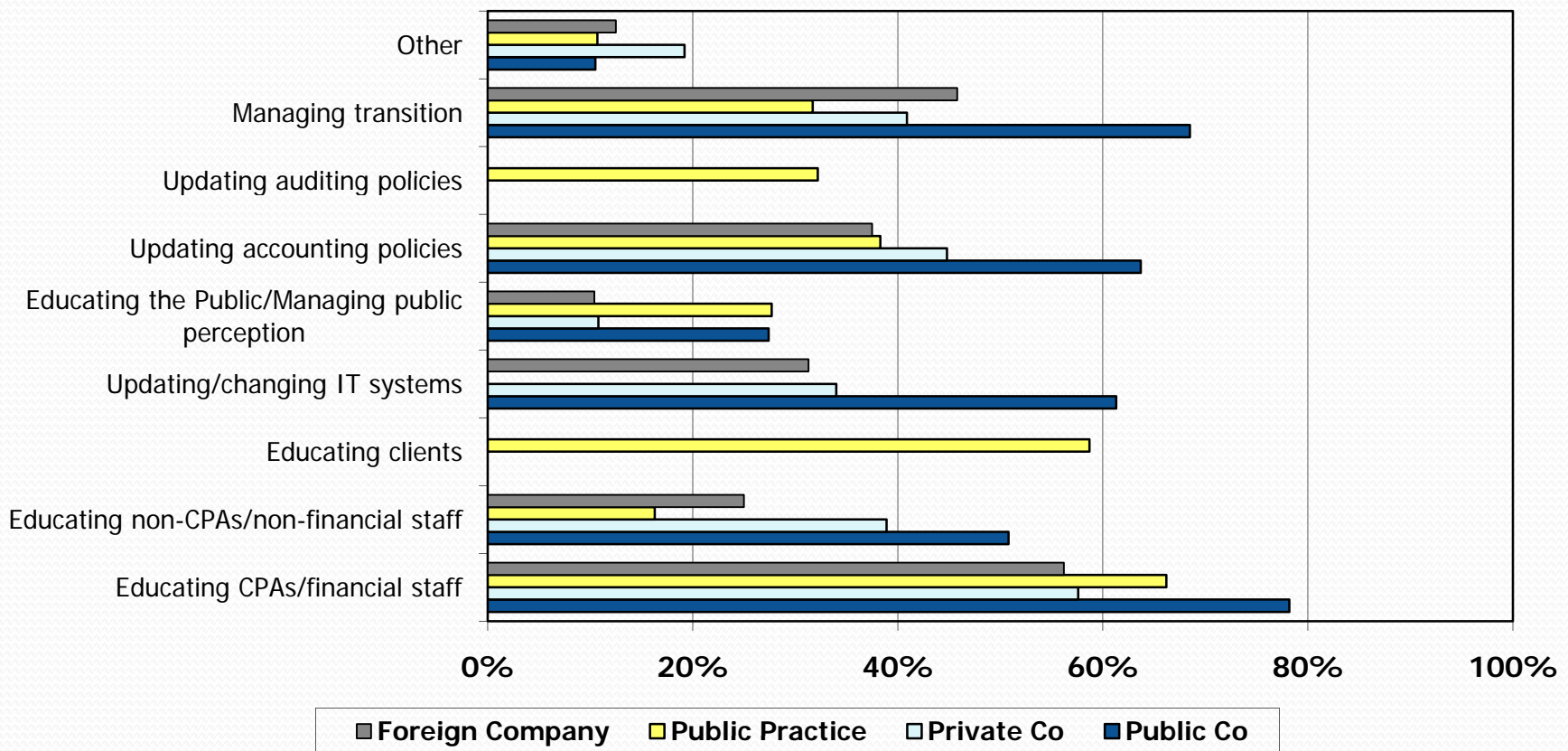
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# IFRS Implementation Challenges

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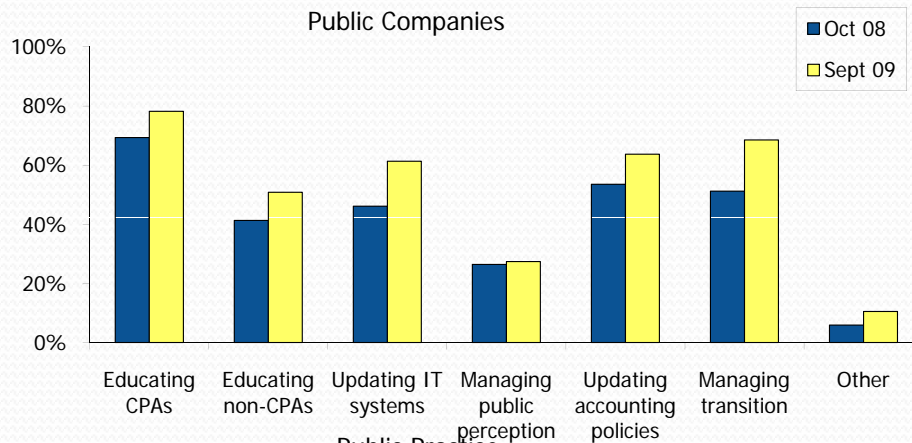
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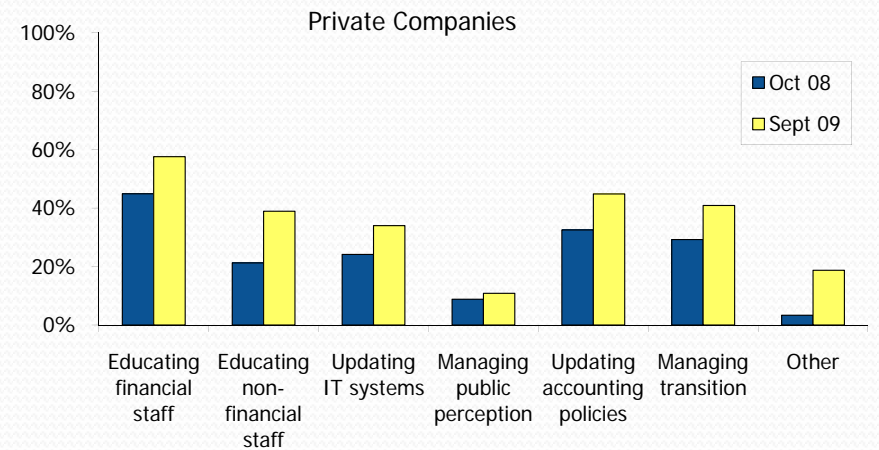
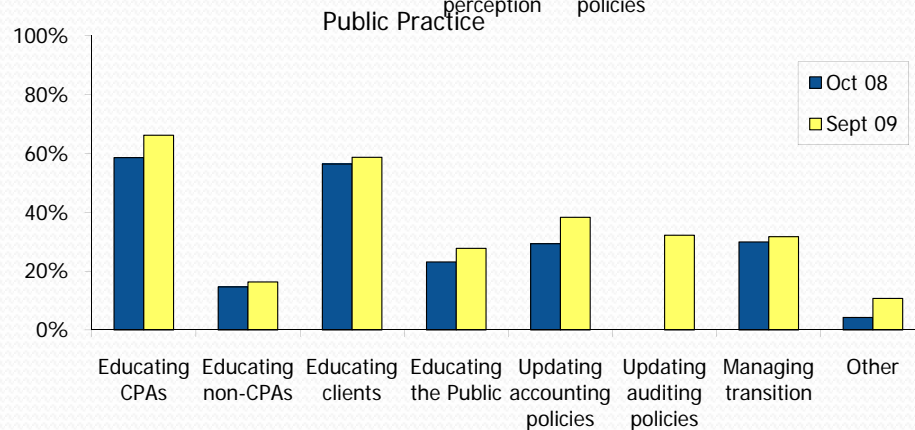
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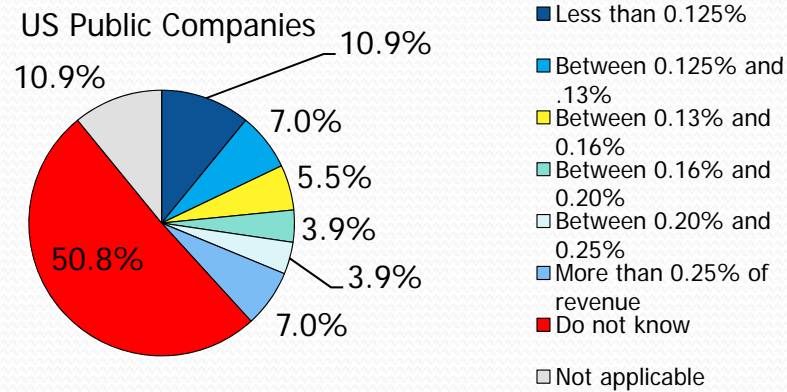
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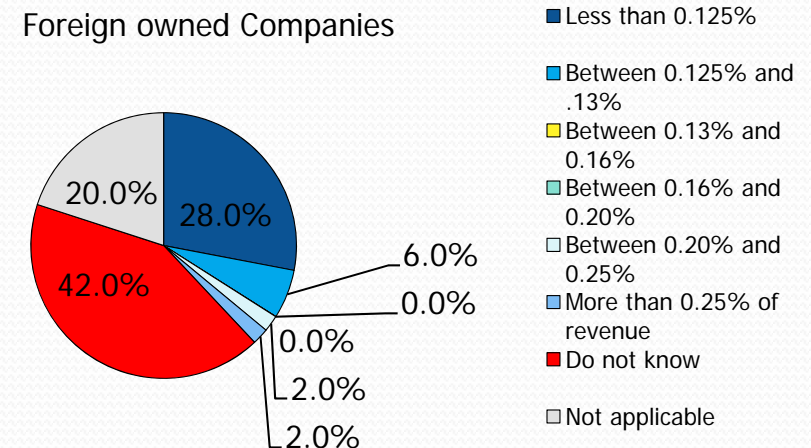
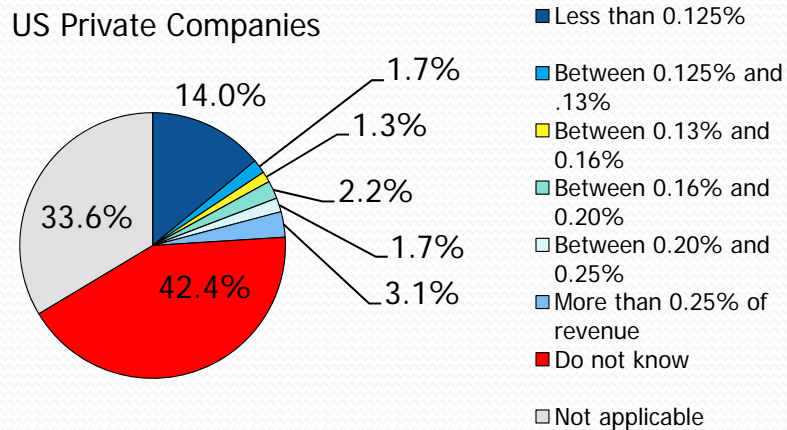
- Members who work in business & industry are more likely to foresee challenges in implementing IFRS
- Members who work for public practice generally see the same level of challenges as in Oct 08



# Estimated Cost to Adopt?



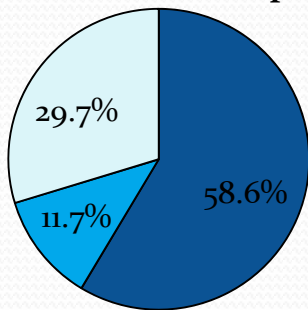
- Respondents are still very unsure what IFRS will cost to adopt
- Very few respondents are willing to provide any estimate at all
- However foreign owned companies were the most likely to choose the lowest estimate.



# Self-Contained Accounting Standards for Private Companies?

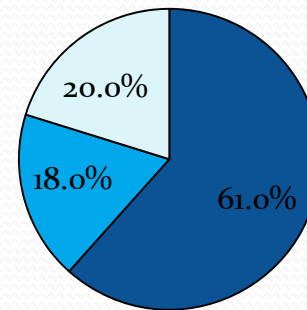
Do you believe a self-contained set of accounting standards designed to meet the needs of constituents of private company financial reporting should be available to U.S. private companies?

### Public Companies



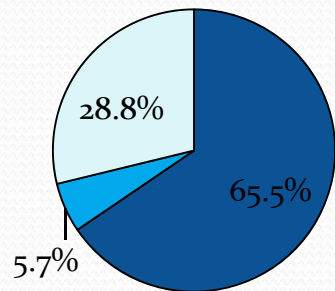
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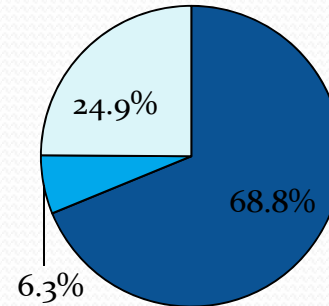
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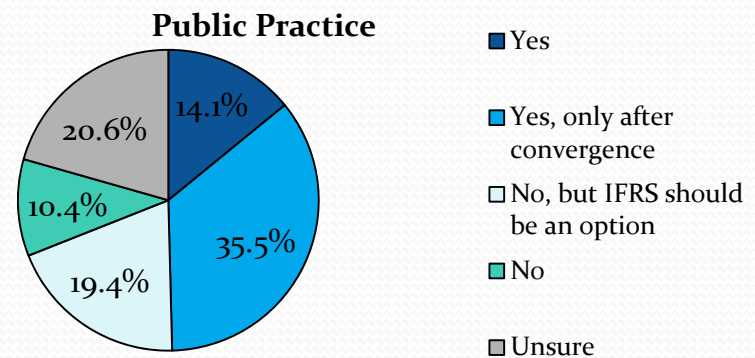
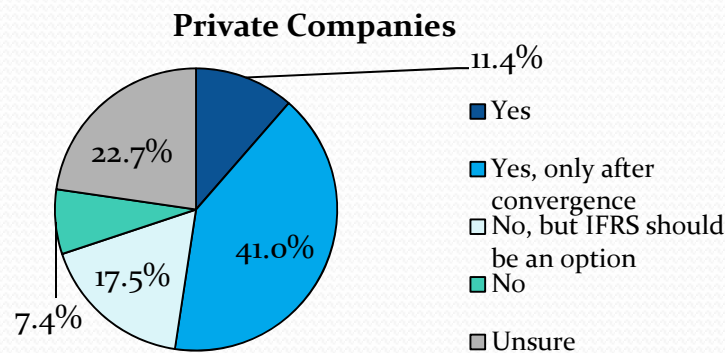
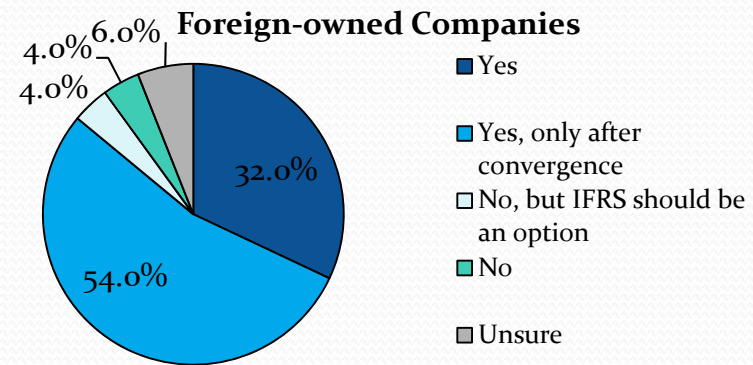
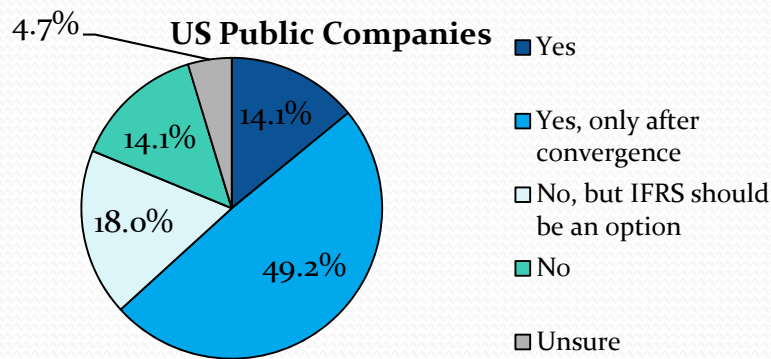
### Public Practice



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# Should the SEC Require Adoption of IFRS?

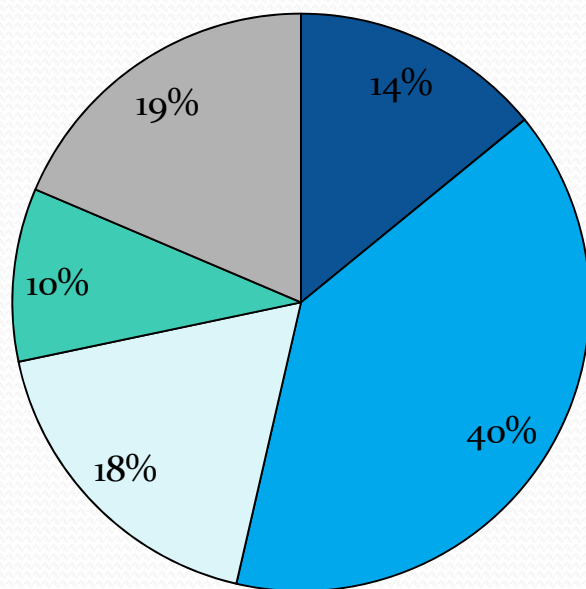
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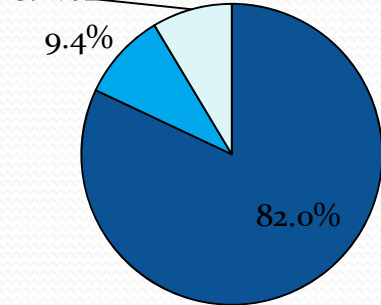


- Yes
- Yes, only after convergence
- No, but IFRS should be an option
- No
- Unsure

# Should the SEC Make an Announcement of its Plans for IFRS before the end of 2009?

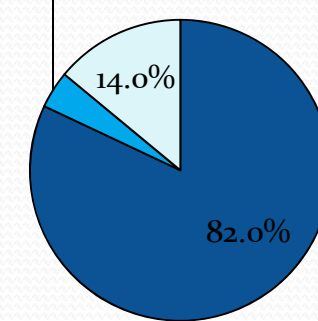
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**US Public Companies**



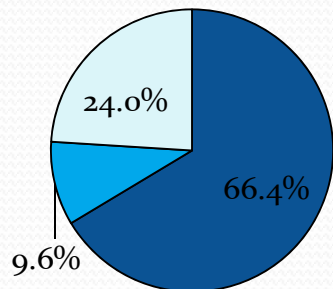
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**Foreign-owned Companies**



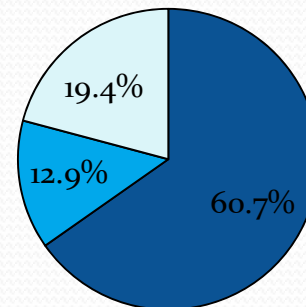
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**Private Companies**



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**Public Practice**

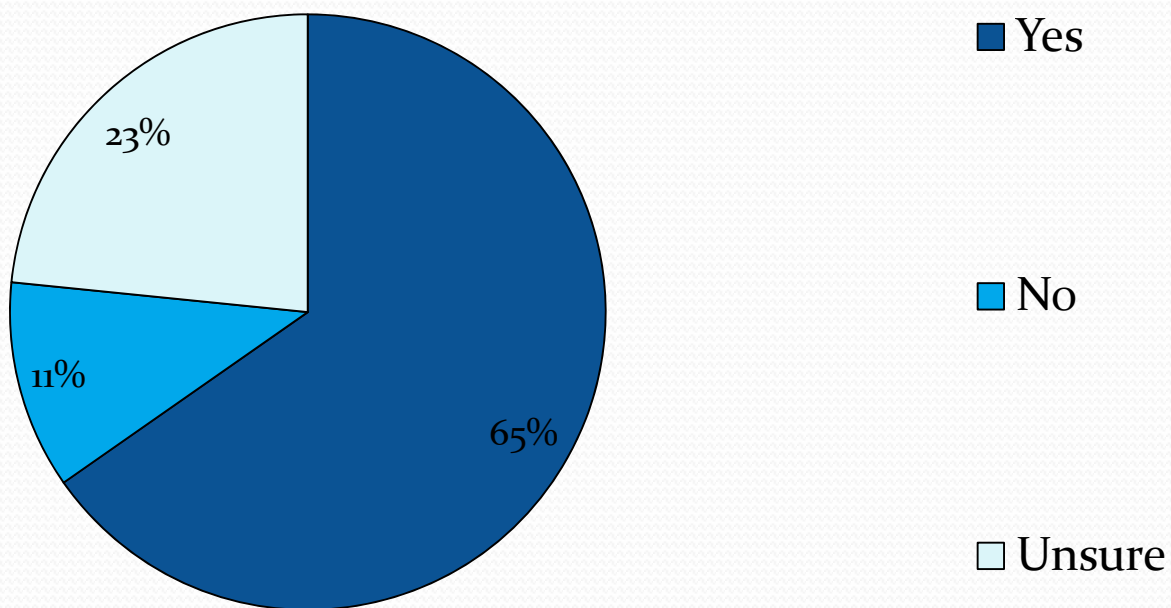


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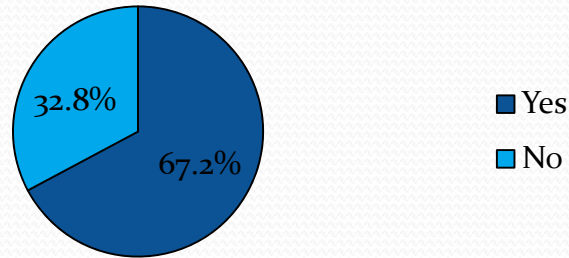




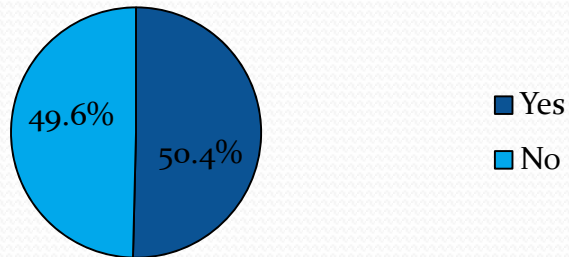
# Awareness of IFRS for SMEs

Are you aware that the International Accounting Standards Board issued an International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs), which is a simplified, self contained set of accounting standards designed to meet the financial reporting needs of constituents of private entities?

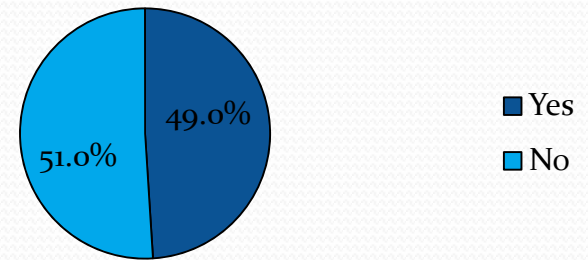
### Public Companies



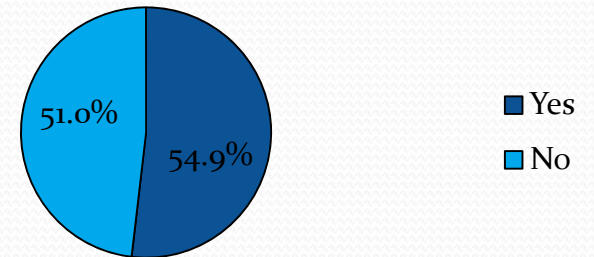
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### Foreign-owned Companies



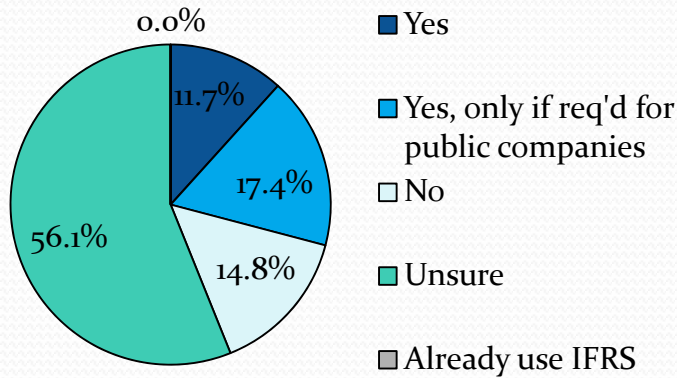
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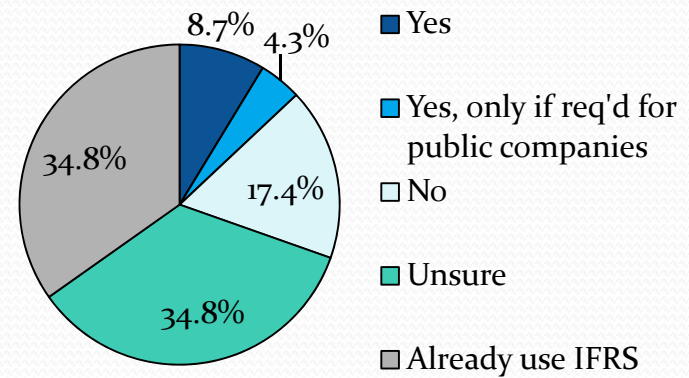
# Consider adopting IASB's IFRS for SMEs

Would you consider adopting the IASB's recently issued IFRS for Small and Medium sized Entities?

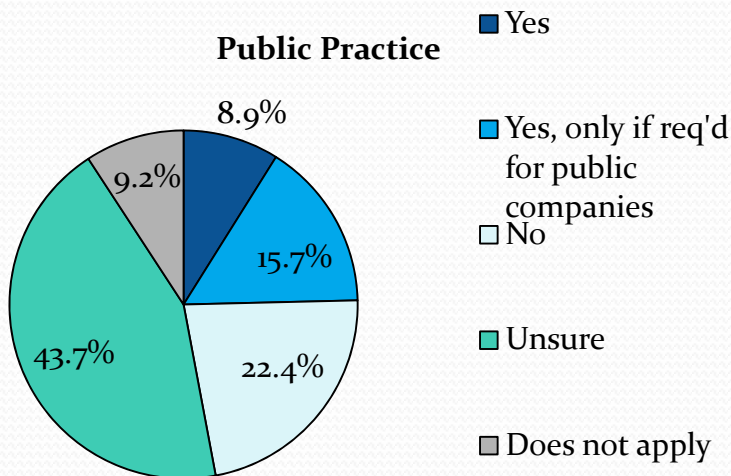
**US owned Private Companies**



**Foreign-owned Private Companies**



**Public Practice**



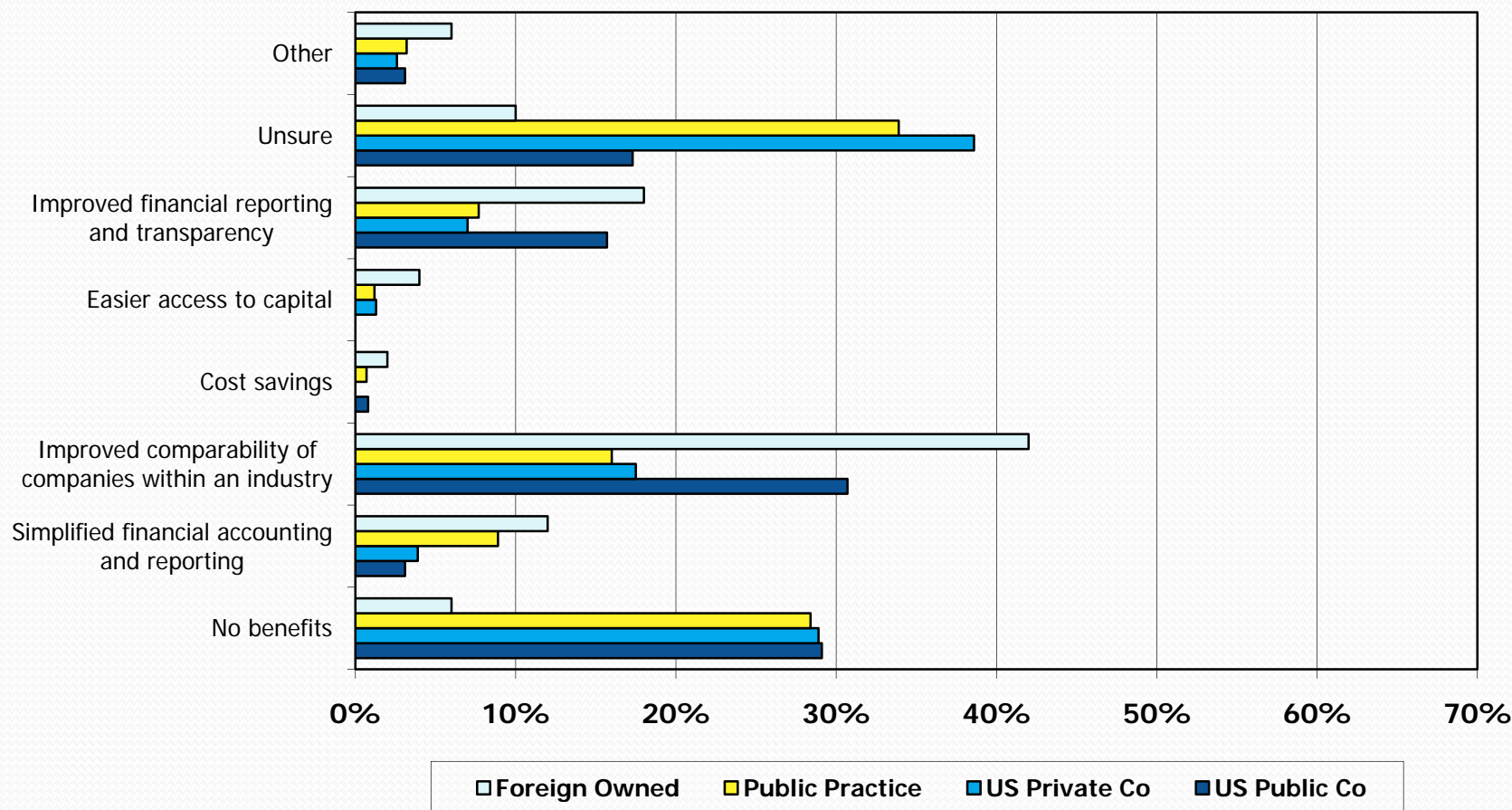
**NOTE: There were only 23 respondents in the foreign-owned private company category.**

- Public Practice respondents were asked a slightly different question:
- Would you advise your clients to consider adopting the IASB's recently issued IFRS for Small and Medium-Sized Entities?

# Most significant benefit of adopting IFRS

All Members

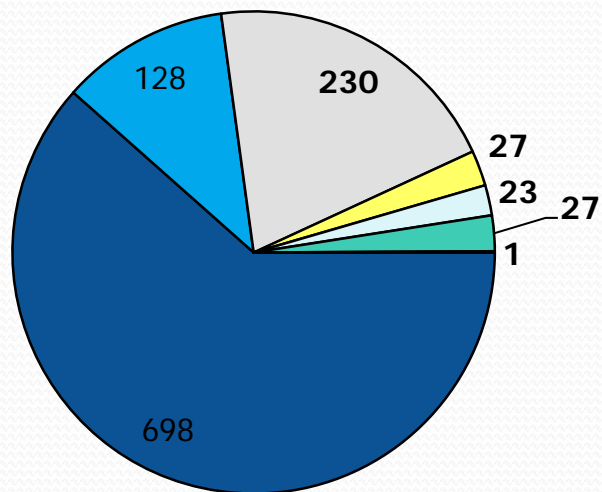
What do you perceive as the most significant benefit to adopting IFRS?



# Respondent Demographics

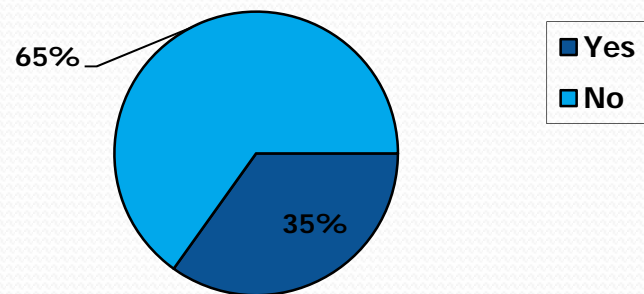
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Respondents by Organization Type



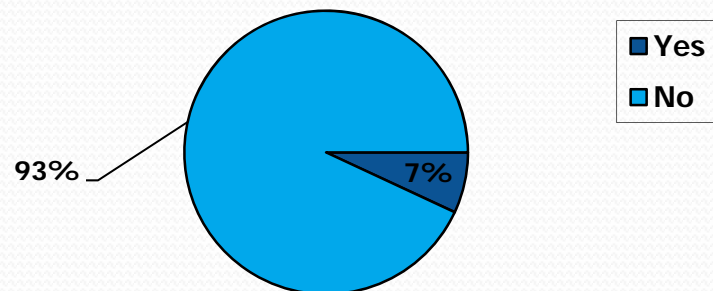
- Public Practice
- US Owned Private Co
- Foreign Owned Private Co
- Education Institution
- US Owned Public Co
- Foreign Owned Public co
- Not for Profit

Business & Industry



- Yes
- No

Public Practice

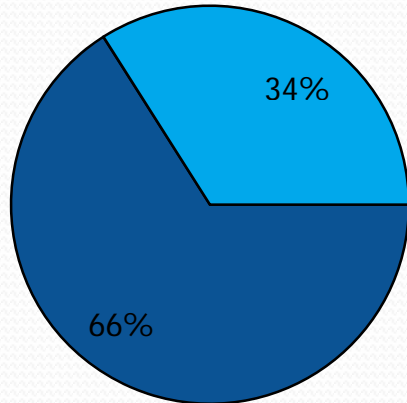


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# Company Size?

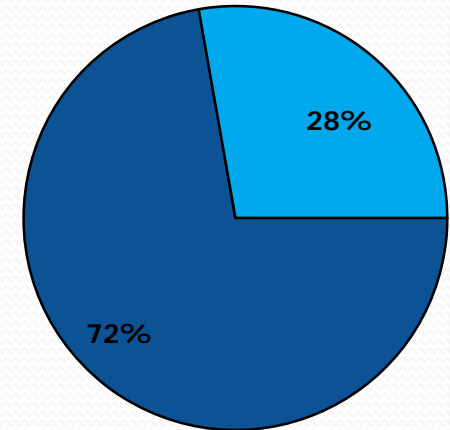
B&I Respondents

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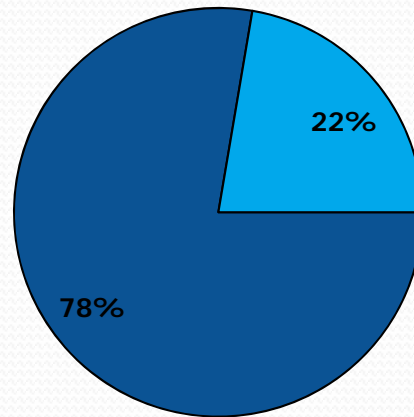
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Public Practice Members



■ Yes ■ No

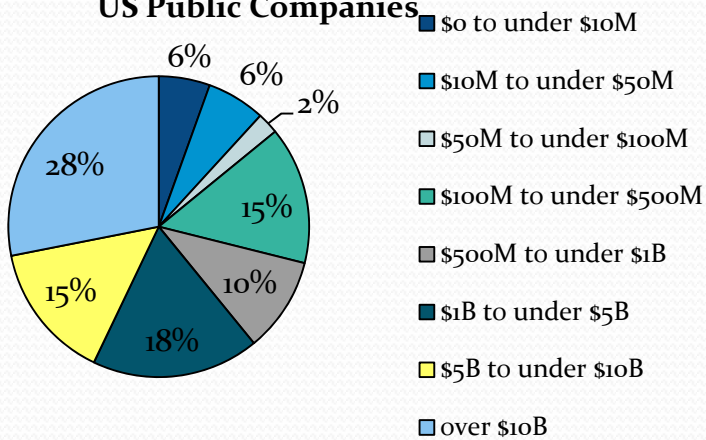
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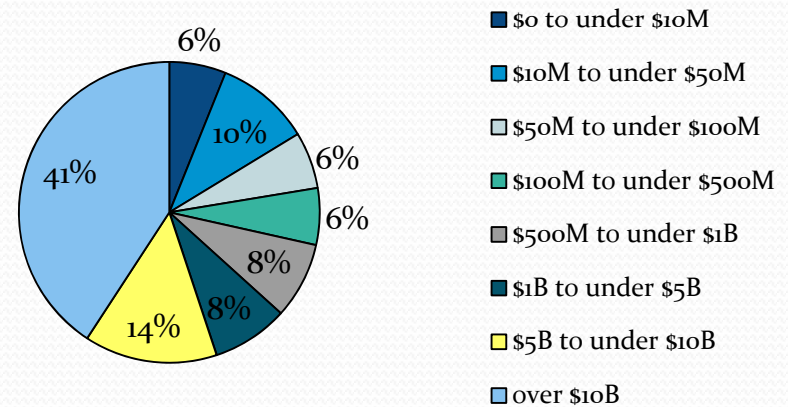
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# Organization Size

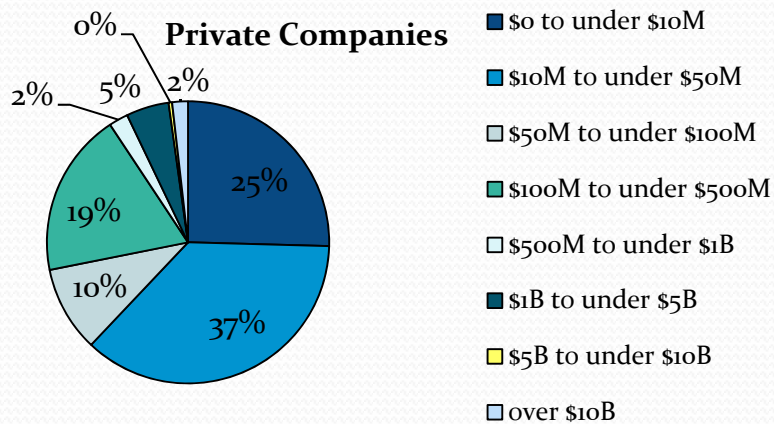
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**Public Practice**

