

Pastor Views on Racial Reconciliation and Racial Diversity

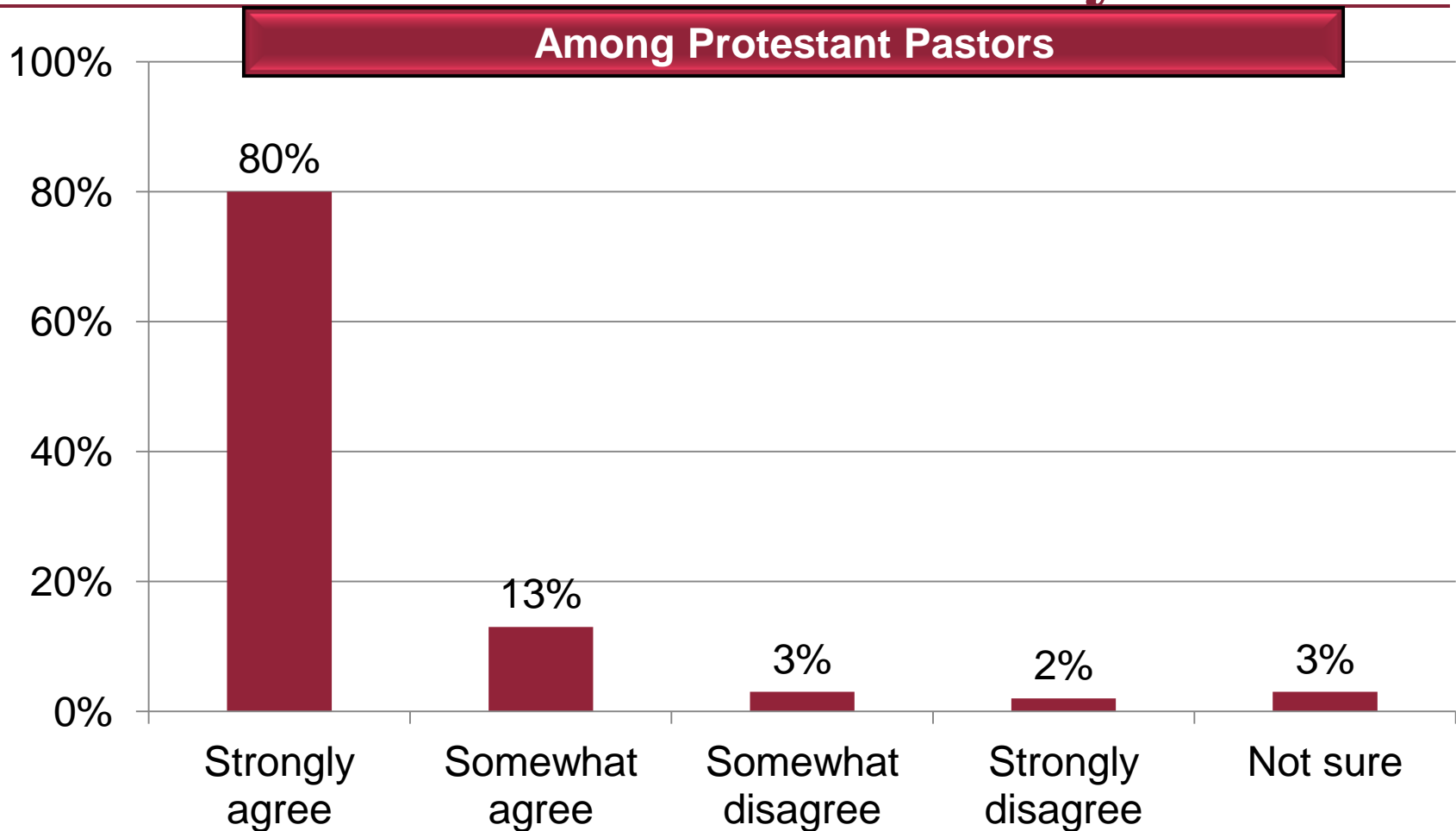
Survey of Protestant Pastors

Methodology

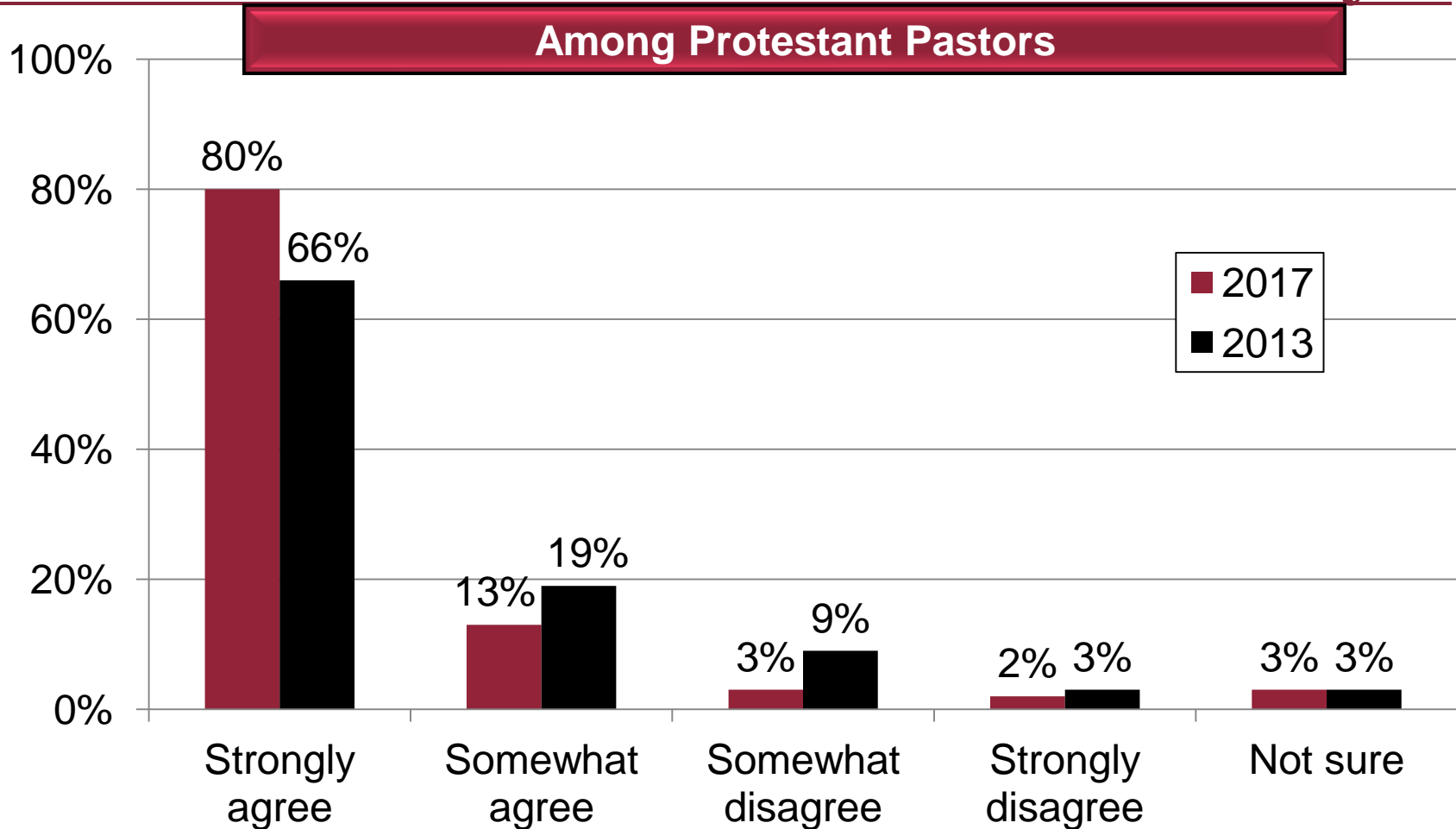
- ❑ The phone survey of 1,000 Protestant pastors was conducted August 30 – September 18, 2017
- ❑ The calling list was a stratified random sample, drawn from a list of all Protestant churches. Quotas were used for church size
- ❑ Each interview was conducted with the senior pastor, minister or priest of the church called
- ❑ Responses were weighted by region to more accurately reflect the population
- ❑ The completed sample is 1,000 surveys
- ❑ The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed $\pm 3.2\%$
- ❑ Margins of error are higher in sub-groups
- ❑ Comparisons are also made to a telephone survey of 1007 pastors using the same methodology Sept. 4-19, 2013 and 1,000 in Sept. 11-18, 2014

Survey Responses

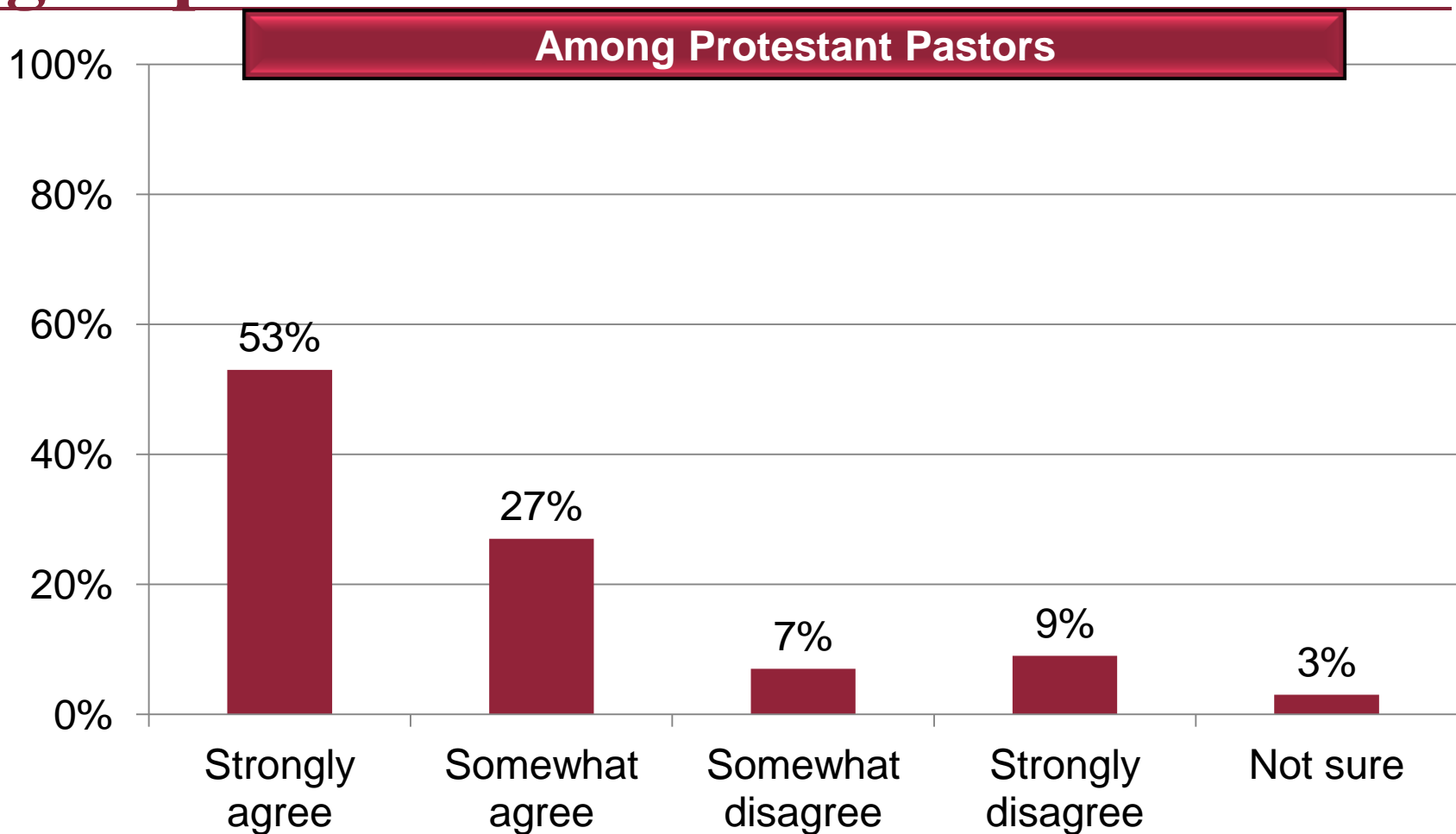
93% agree that every church should strive to achieve racial diversity



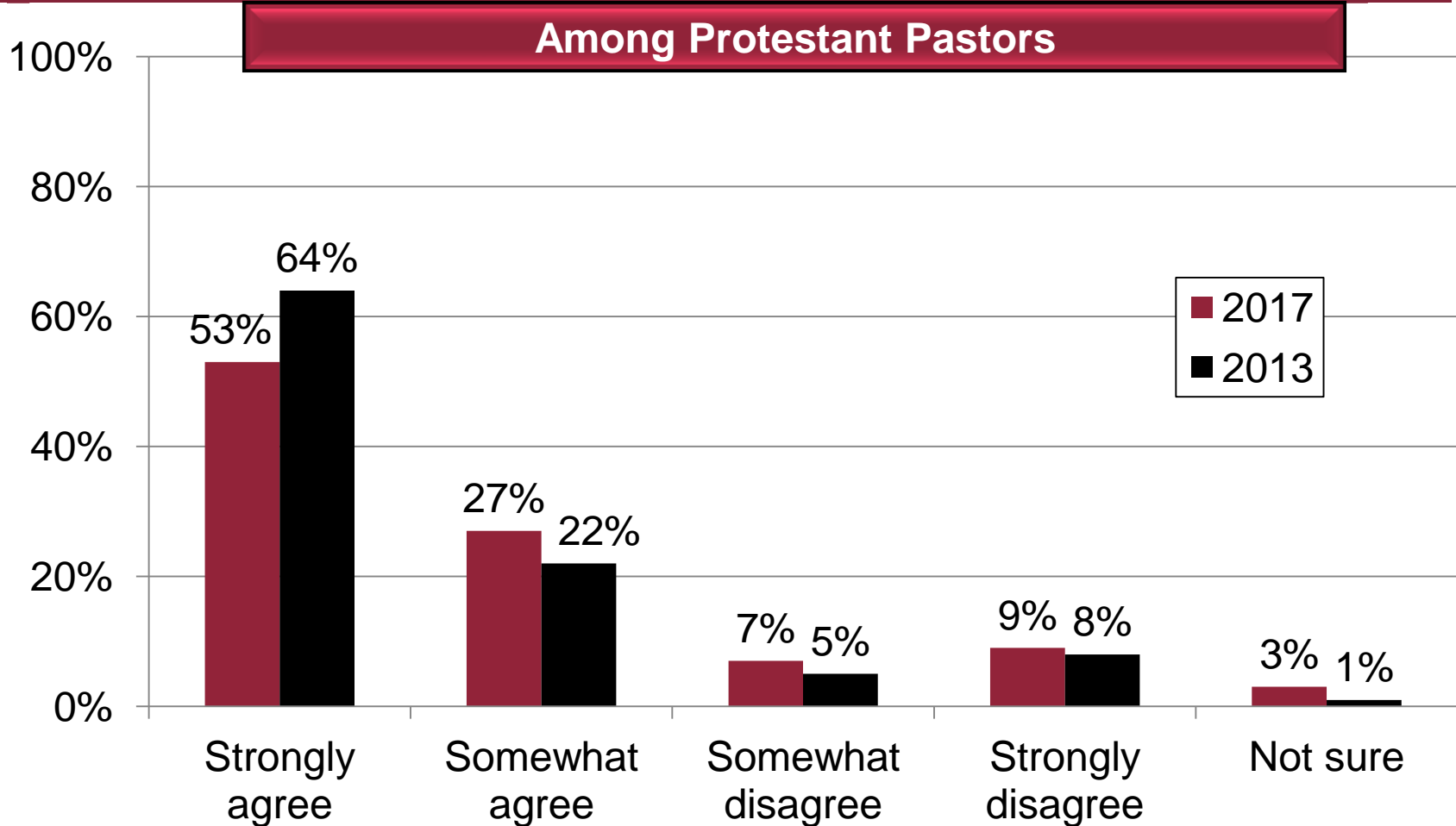
In the last 4 years, more pastors agree (and more strongly) that every church should strive to achieve racial diversity



81% agree that their church is predominantly one racial or ethnic group

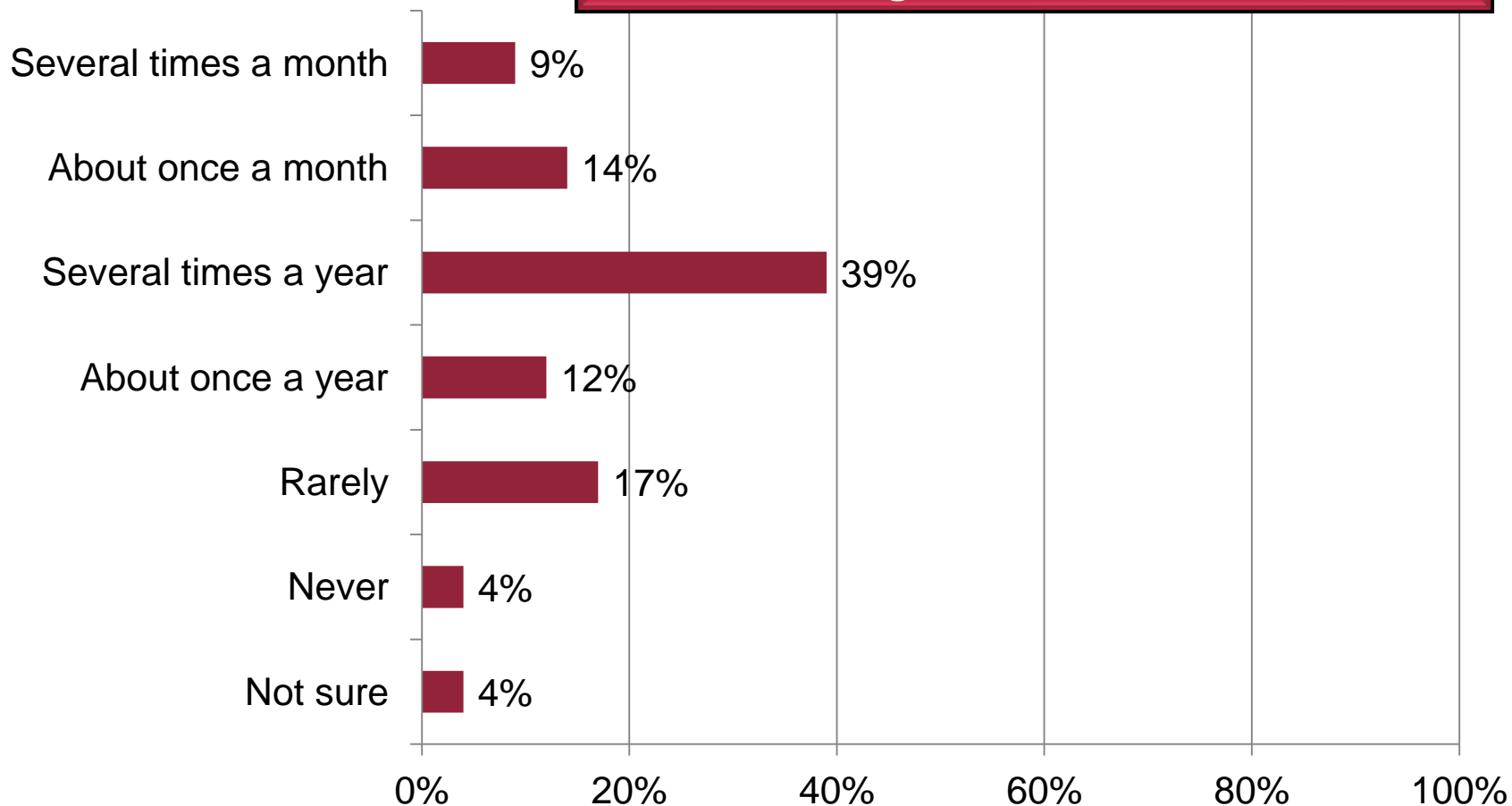


In the last 4 years fewer pastors strongly agree their church is predominantly one racial/ ethnic group

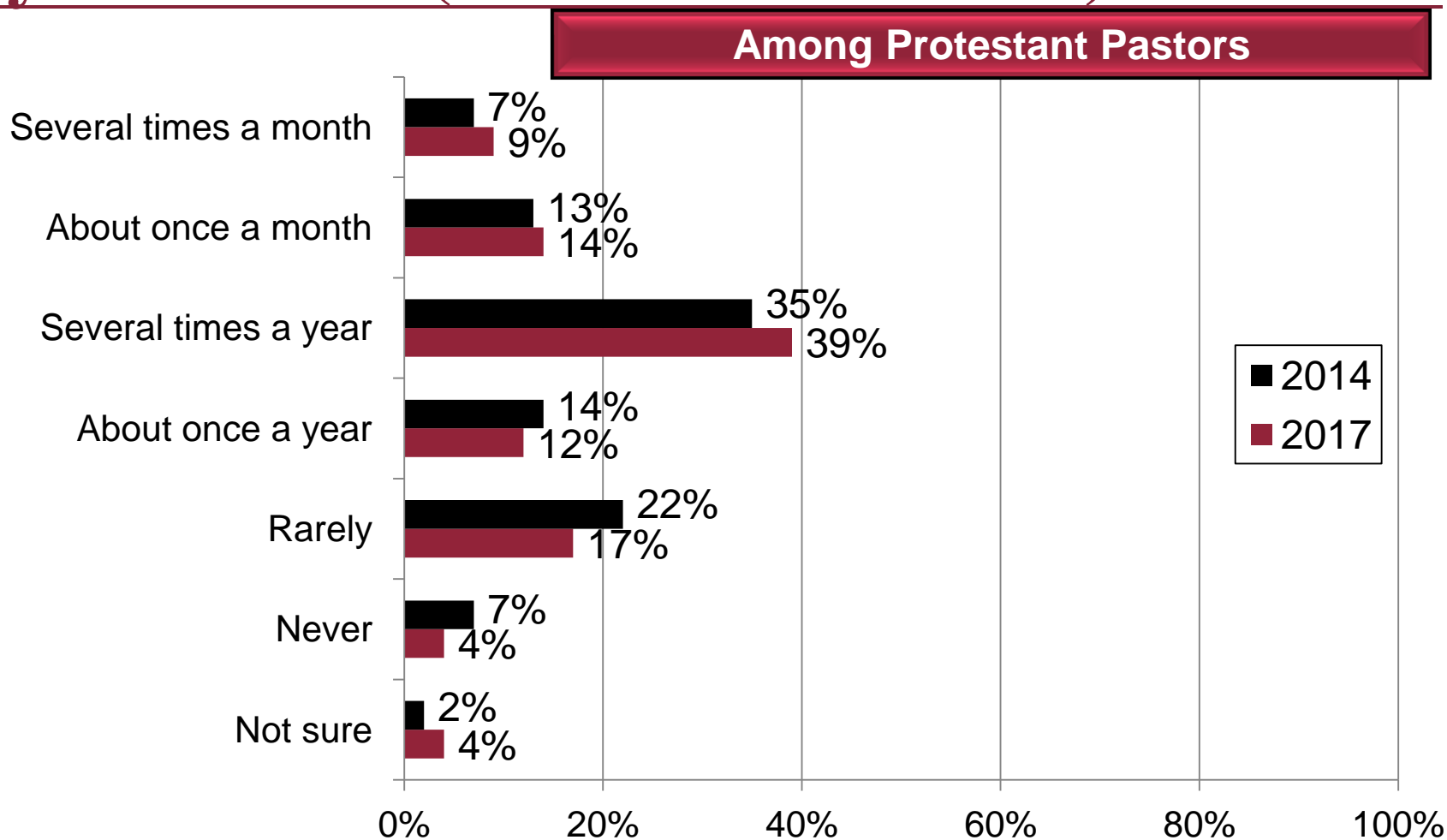


63% speak about racial reconciliation several times a year or more, with 9% answering “Several times a month”

Among Protestant Pastors



In the last 3 years fewer pastors speak about racial reconciliation about once a year or less (from 43% to 37%)



Significant Differences

Pastor

Ethnicity

Age

Gender

Education Level

Self-identified Evangelical/Mainline

Church

Region

Denomination

Average Attendance

Significant Statistical Differences

- Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among the church's attendance and region, the pastor's gender, age and ethnicity.

Attendance	Region	Pastor's Gender	Pastor's Age	Pastor's Ethnicity
0-49	Northeast	Male	18-44	White
50-99	Midwest	Female	45-54	African-American
100-249	South		55-64	Other Ethnicities
250+	West		65+	

Note: Region is defined by US Census regions

Significant Statistical Differences

- Comparisons were also made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among education level, the self-identified Evangelical or Mainline, and denomination.

Education Level	Self-Identified	Denomination
No College Degree	Evangelical	Baptist
Bachelor's Degree	Mainline	Lutheran
Master's Degree		Methodist
Doctoral Degree		Pentecostal
		Presbyterian/ Reformed
		Holiness

“Every church should strive to achieve racial diversity”

- Pastors of churches with attendance of 100-249 (94%) are more likely to Agree than those with attendance of 0-49 (89%)
- Pastors in the South are the most likely to Agree (96%)
- White pastors (94%) are more likely to Agree than pastors of Other Ethnicities (86%)
- Lutherans are the least likely to Agree (82%)

“My church is predominantly one racial or ethnic group”

- Pastors of churches with attendance of 50-99 (84%) are more likely to Agree than those with attendance of 250+ (74%)
- Pastors in the West are the least likely to Agree (68%)
- Pastors of Other Ethnicities are the least likely to Agree (63%)
- Those with a Master’s degree (83%) or a Doctoral degree (84%) are more likely to Agree than those with a Bachelor’s degree (73%)
- Lutherans (89%) are more likely to Agree than Baptists (81%), Pentecostals (68%), and Presbyterian/Reformed (77%)

“How often do you speak to your church in sermons or large group messages about racial reconciliation?”

- Pastors of churches with attendance of 0-49 (7%) are more likely to answer “Never” than those with attendance of 250+ (1%)
- Pastors in the South (44%) are more likely to answer “Several times a year” than Pastors in the Northeast (31%) and West (34%)
- Pastors in the Midwest (21%) are more likely to answer “Rarely” than Pastors in the South (14%)
- Female pastors (26%) are more likely to answer “About once a month” than male pastors (13%)
- Male pastors (18%) are more likely to answer “Rarely” than female pastors (8%)
- Pastors age 18-44 are more likely to answer “About once a month” (21%)
- Pastors age 45-54 (20%) are more likely to answer “Rarely” than those 18-44 (13%)

“How often do you speak to your church in sermons or large group messages about racial reconciliation?”

- African-American pastors (20%) are more likely to answer “Several times a month” than White pastors (8%)
- White Pastors (13%) and African-American pastors (14%) are more likely to answer “About once a year” than pastors of Other Ethnicities (3%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree (18%) are more likely to answer “About once a year” than those with a Master’s degree (12%) or a Doctoral degree (8%)
- Those with no college degree (8%) are more likely to answer “Never” than those with a Master’s degree (3%)
- Mainline pastors (20%) are more likely to “About once a month” than Evangelical pastors (12%)
- Methodists (17%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (14%) are more likely to answer “Several times a month” than Baptists (6%)
- Baptists (21%) and Lutherans (22%) are more likely to answer “Rarely” than Methodists (7%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (11%)

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