

EMPIRICAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH SURVEY RESULTS

The GovLab's Criminal Justice Researcher Survey responses overview

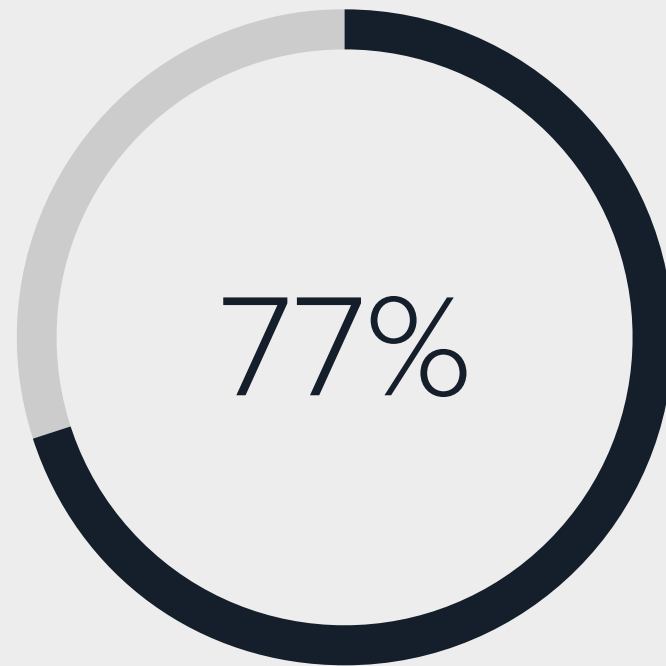
EMPIRICAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCHER SURVEY

In a survey of empirical criminal justice researchers conducted between **April and August 2016**:
Each respondent was asked to pick up to 3 of their most used sources of data. The results are an average of their ratings across multiple sources of data such as Police Data, Courts Data etc.



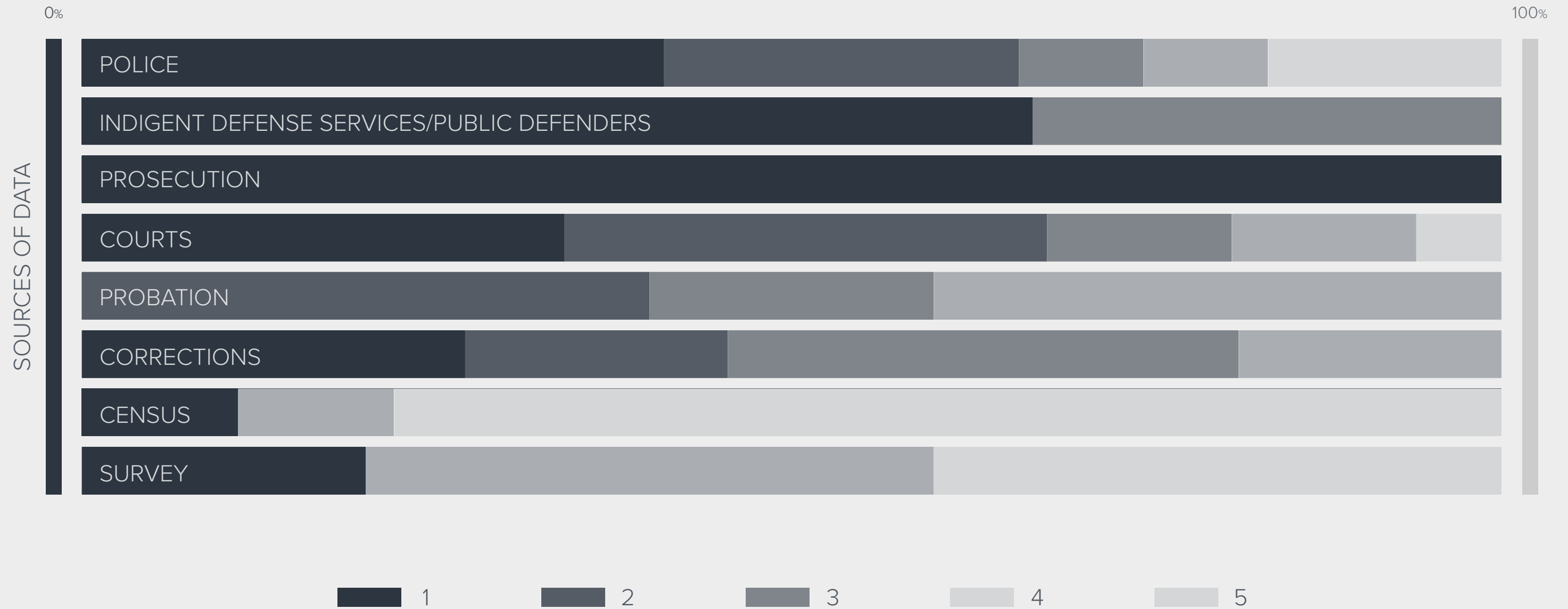
38 PARTICIPANTS

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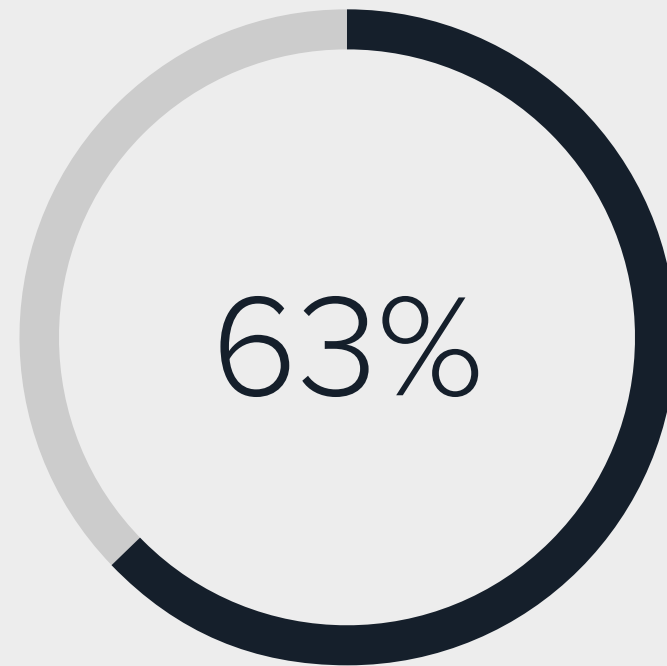


of respondents said that it was **not easy to find the data** they were looking for.
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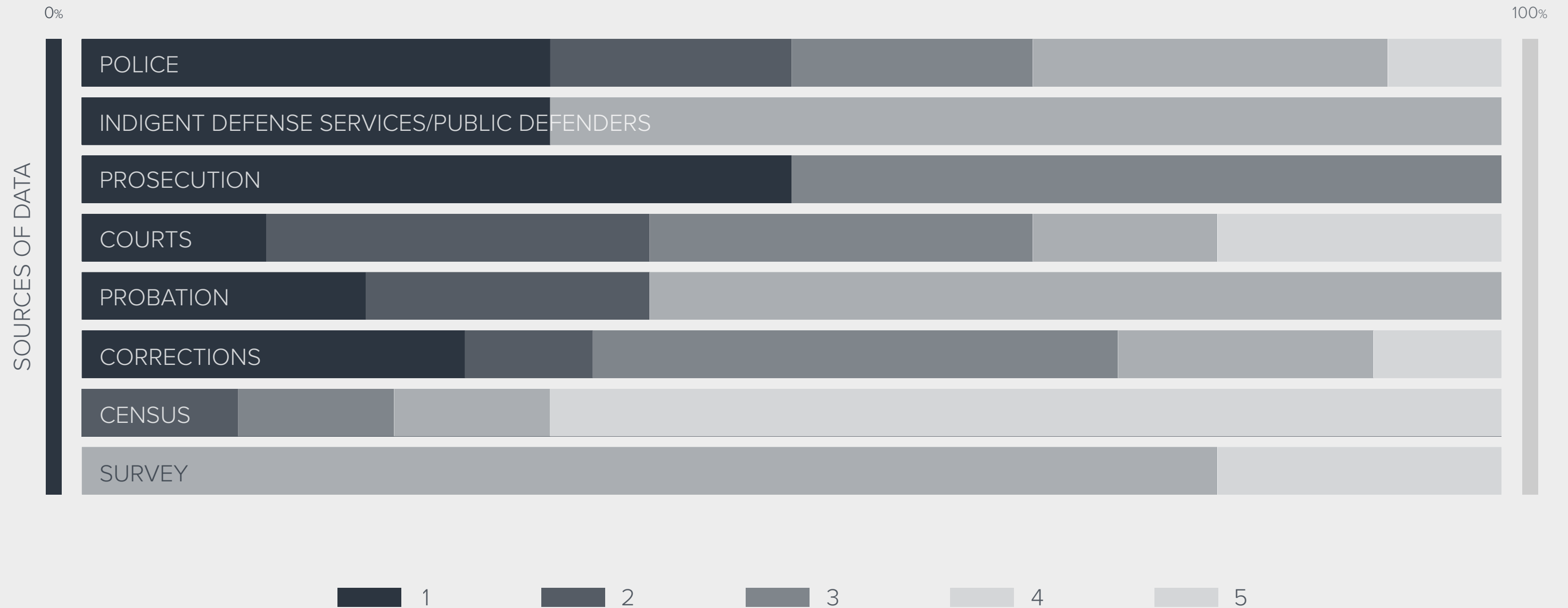


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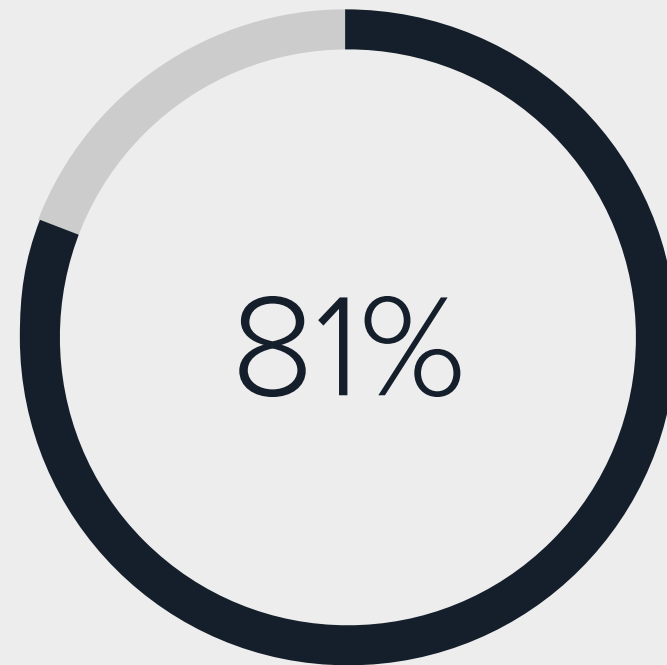


of respondents said that **obtaining permission to use data** was not easy (Rated 3 or lower on a scale of 5. Where 1 was hard and 5 was easy).

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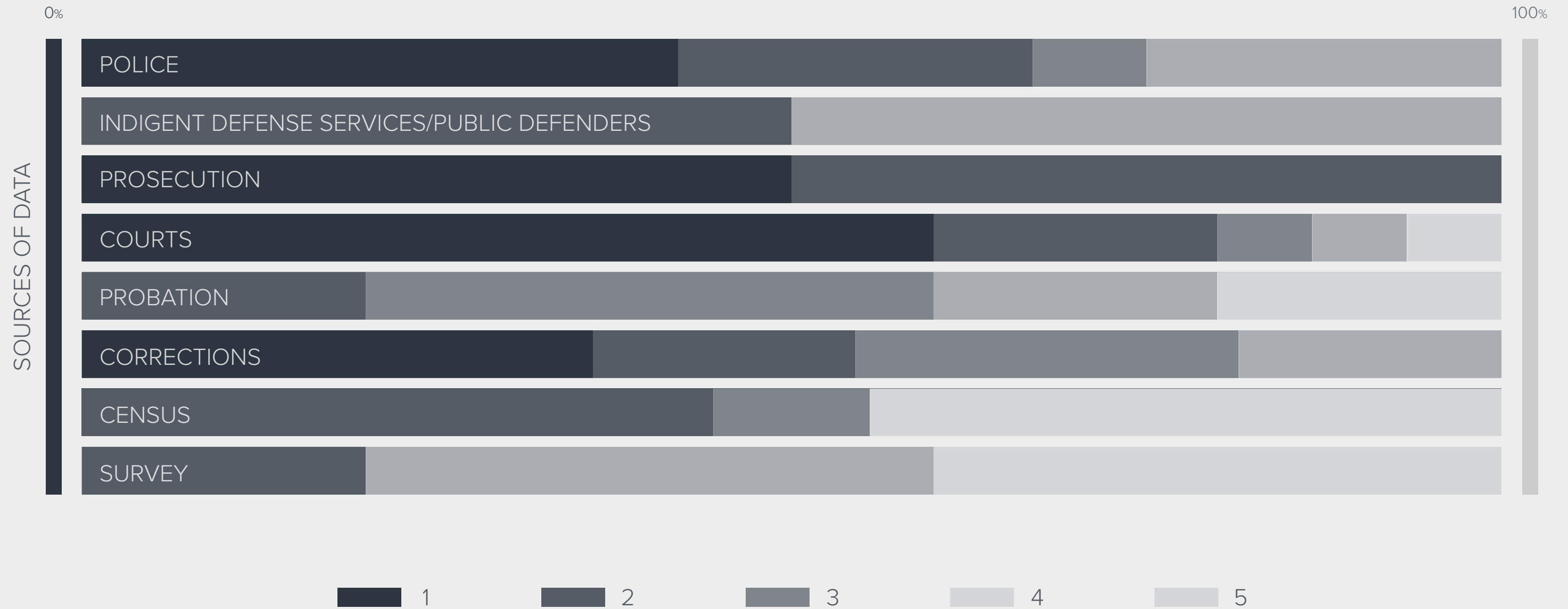


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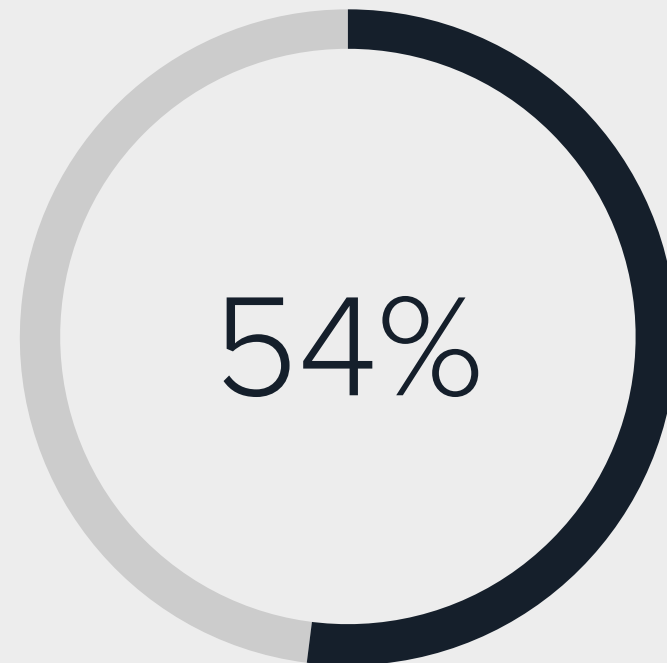


of respondents said that **merging this data with data from other sources** was **not** easy (Rated 3 or lower on a scale of 5. Where 1 was hard and 5 was easy).

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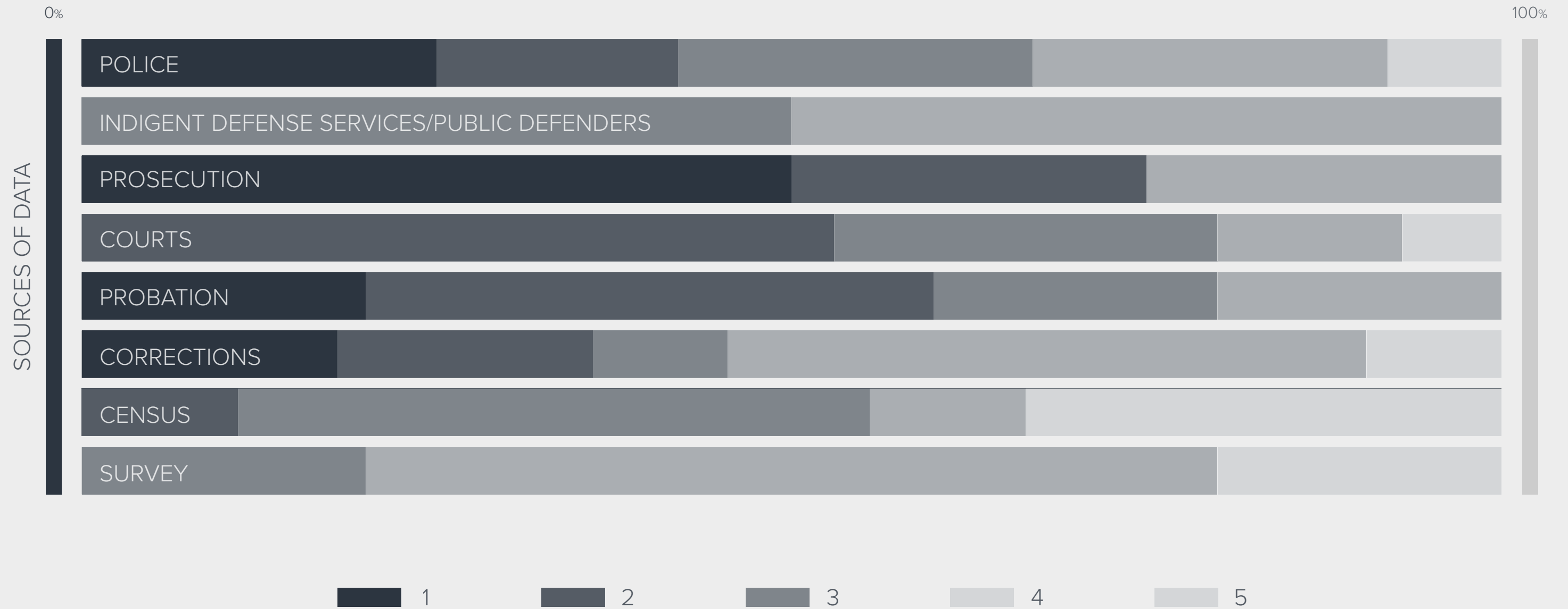


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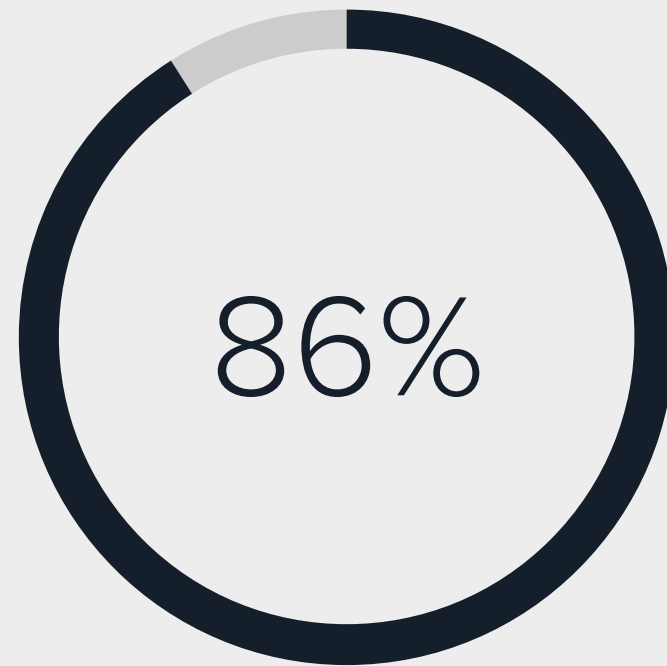


of respondents said that the **data was not of high quality** (Rated 3 or lower on a scale of 5. Where 1 was low quality, requiring manual cleaning and 5 was comprehensive and usable).

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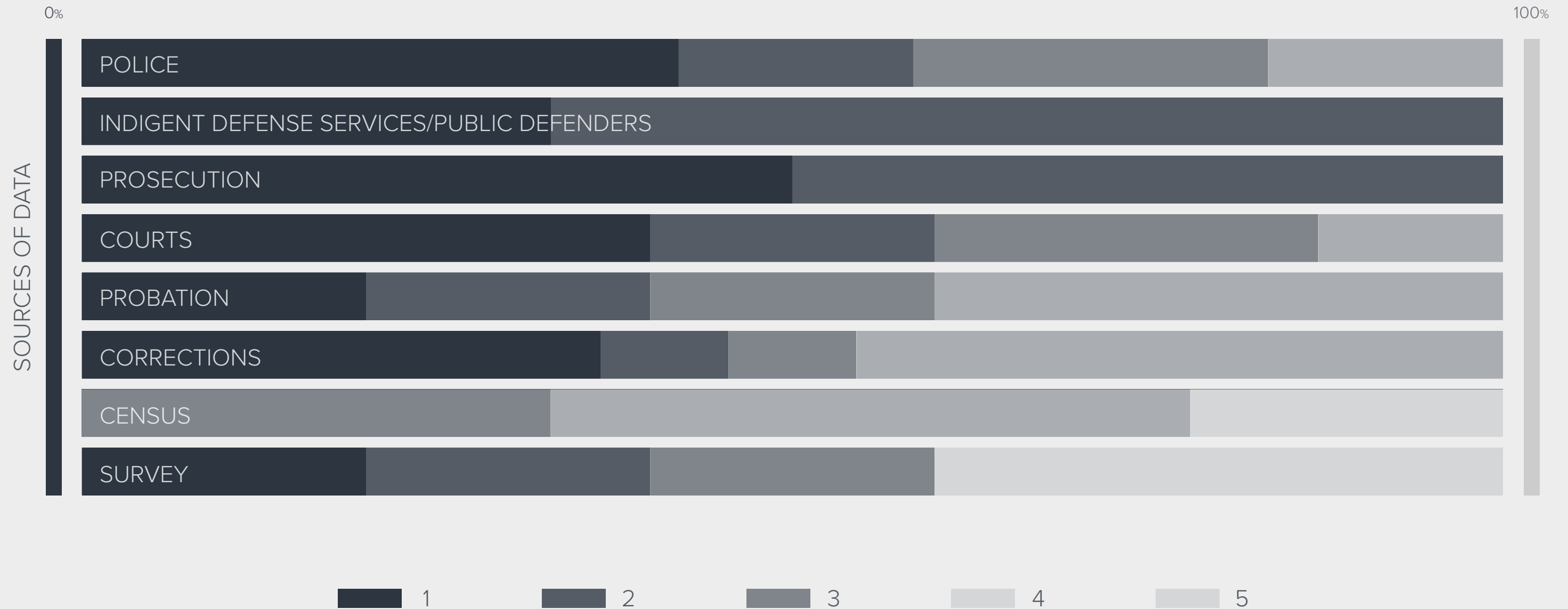


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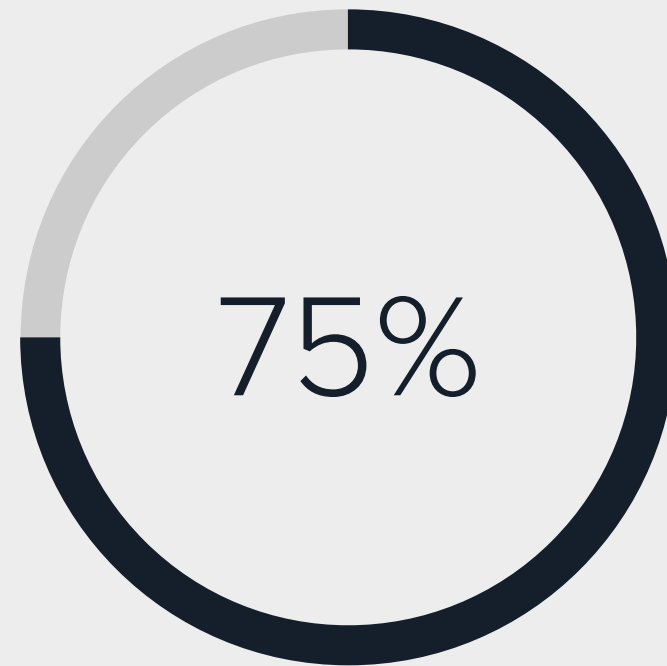


of respondents rated the **time taken to obtain data**, 3 or lower on a scale of 1 to 5. (Where 1 was Slow and 5 was Fast).

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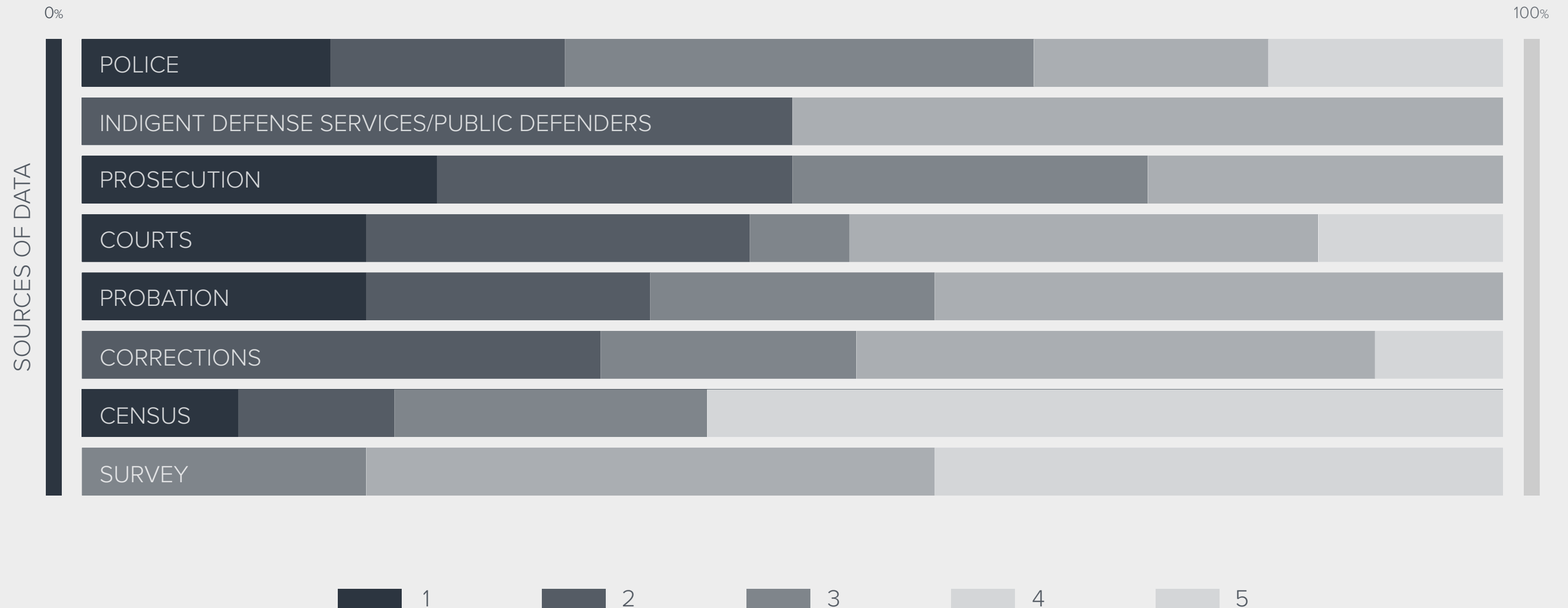


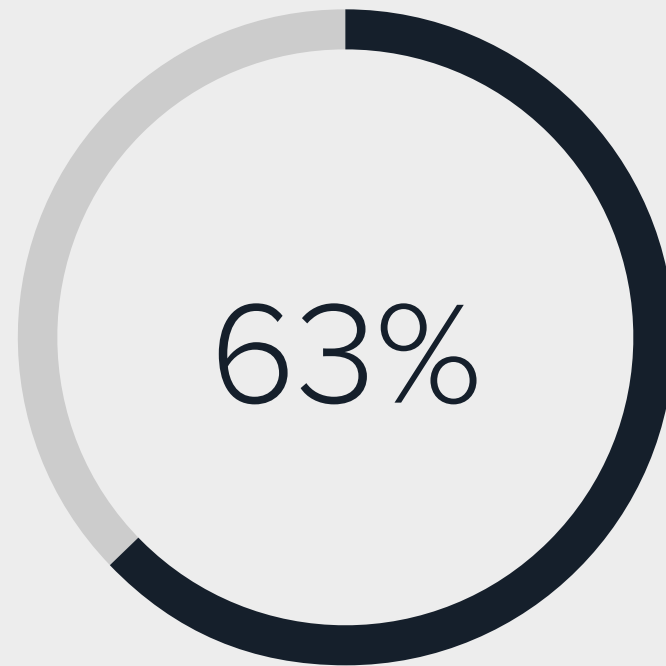
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of respondents said that there was **data integral to their research but that they could not obtain.** Nearly half of the respondents said that this was because the data did not exist.

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of respondents said that the data they used was available for free.

When the respondents were asked what would help improve their research, the top 3 demands were:

- The ability to access data online or to download data
- Access to a standard for MoU for data sharing
- Access to better quality data without errors or inconsistencies

Among the respondents who said that they did not make their research data publicly open to others, the top reason stated for this was due to a restriction imposed by the data owner.