

Debian LTS Survey

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1 Introduction

On July 18th, Stretch LTS started, offering two more years of security support to the Debian Stretch release. Stretch LTS is the fourth iteration of LTS, following Squeeze LTS which started in 2014, Wheezy LTS in 2016, and Jessie LTS in 2018.

However, for the first time, we prepared a small survey about our users and contributors, who they are and why they are using LTS. This document compiles the results of that very survey.

2 Quick Statistics

- Number of questions: 14
- Survey duration: 2 weeks
- Survey start date: July 13th, 2020
- Survey end date: July 27th, 2020
- Total responses: 1764
 - Complete responses: 892
 - Incomplete responses: 872

NOTE: “Incomplete responses” are the surveys that the user started fulfilling and then went to another place saving for later or even not saving, i.e., data stored but without the user clicking the “submit” button. “Complete responses” are the surveys that the user sent by clicking the “submit” button (they can include some unanswered questions, if they were optional). More info at <https://manual.limesurvey.org/Responses>.

3 Responses

We’ve got an overwhelming response from the survey. Below are the compiled responses and the stats.

3.1 Objective Questions

11 out of 14 questions were objective in nature. They are statistically represented with the help of a bar graph or a pie chart and are as follows.

Question 1: Who are you?

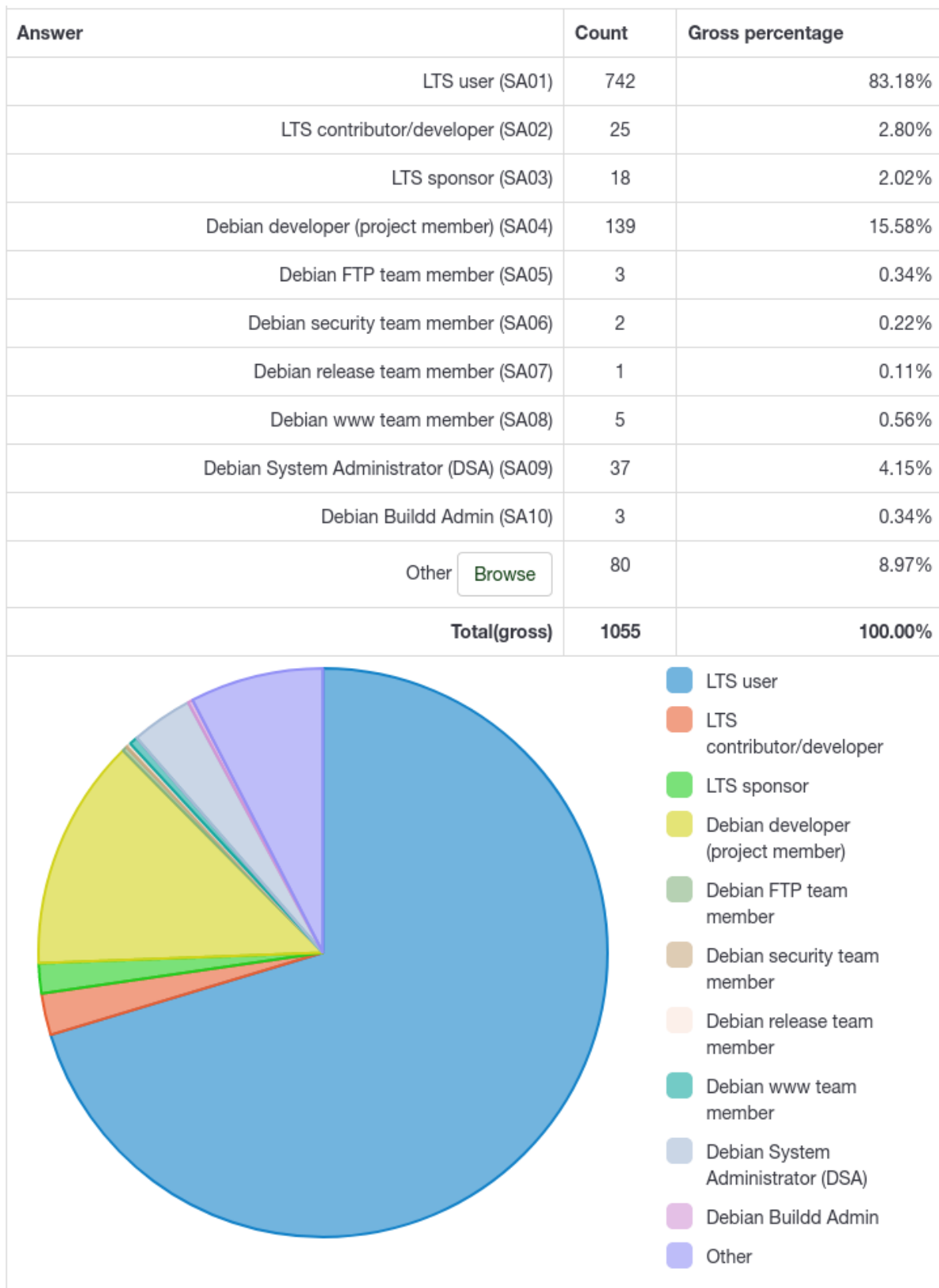


Figure 1: Summary of Response 1

Question 2: How long have you been using Debian?

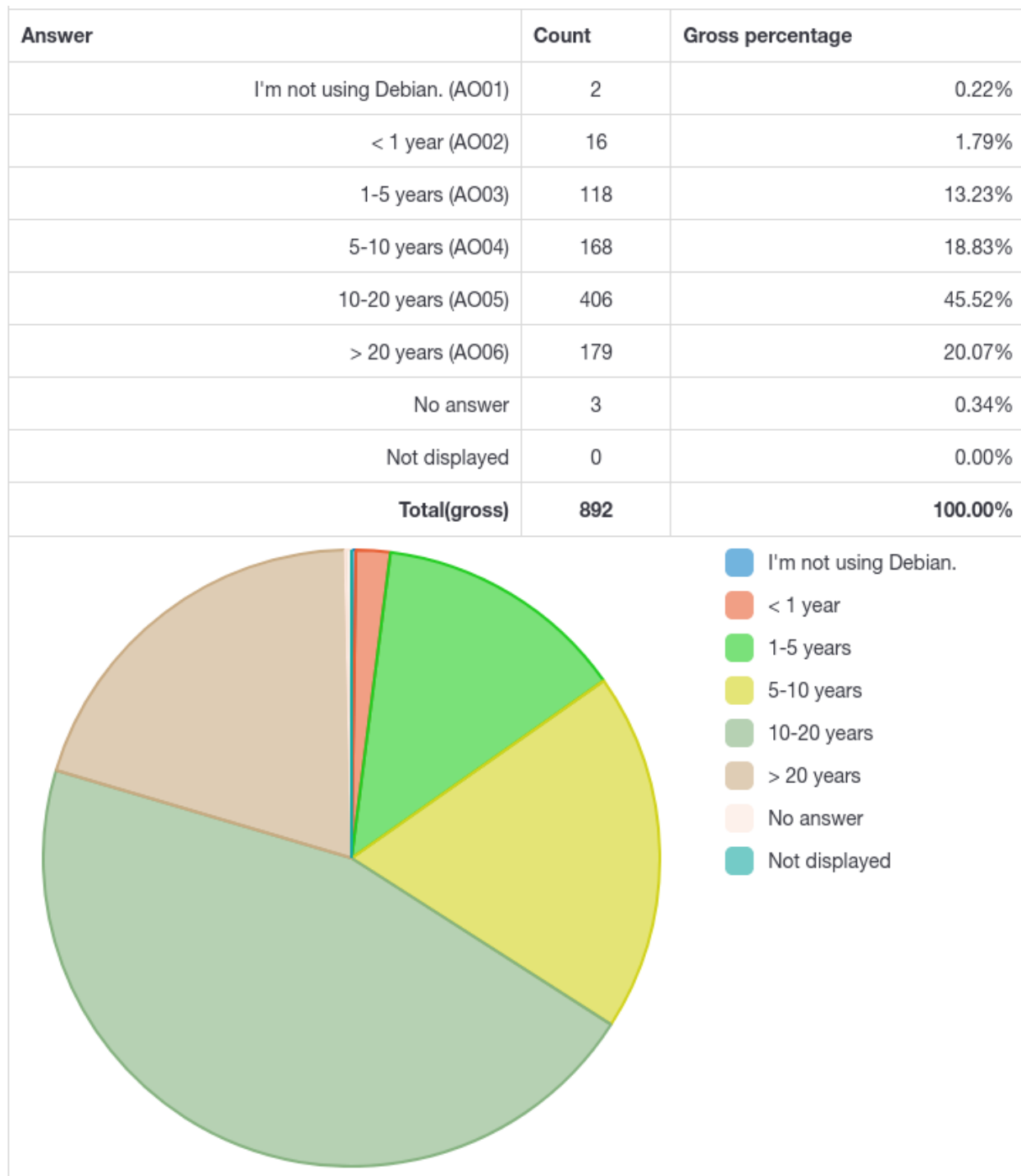


Figure 2: Summary of Response 2

Question 3: How long have you been using LTS?

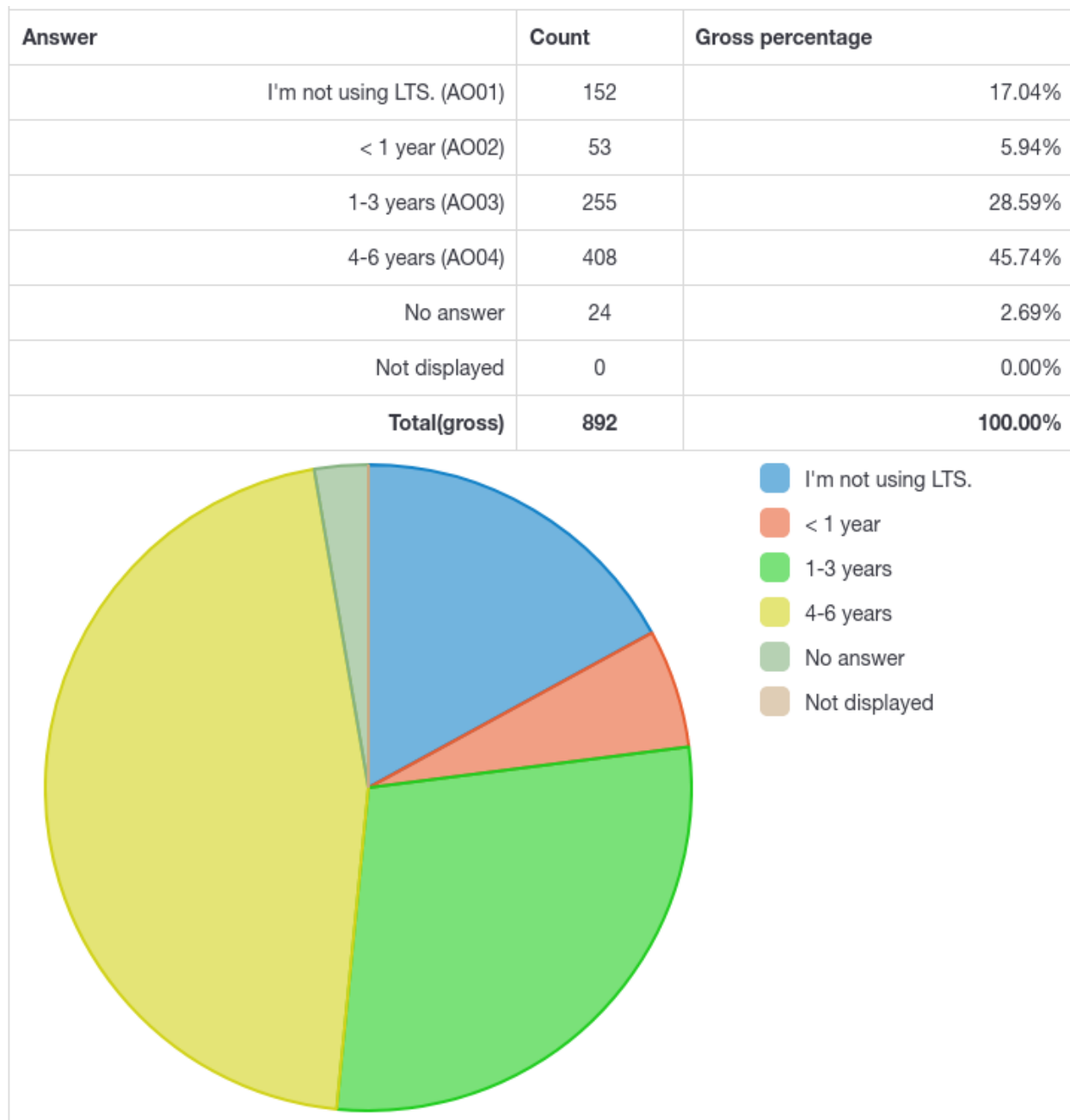


Figure 3: Summary of Response 3

Question 4: Are you using Extended LTS (ELTS)?

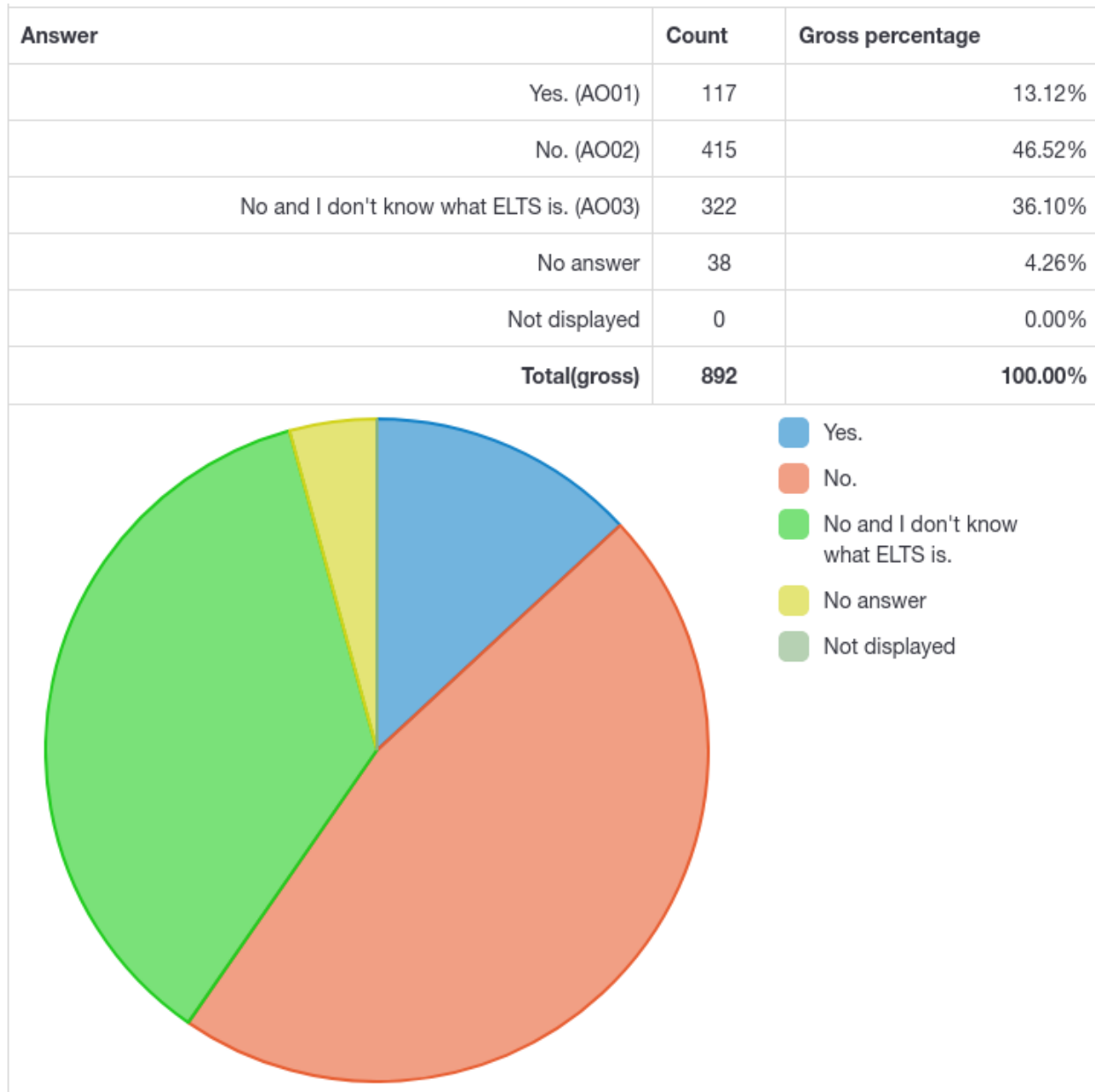


Figure 4: Summary of Response 4

Question 5: On a scale of 1 (= very unhappy) to 10 (= very happy) how happy are you with the quality of the LTS updates?

Answer	Count	Gross percentage
1 (1)	1	0.11%
2 (2)	3	0.34%
3 (3)	3	0.34%
4 (4)	0	0.00%
5 (5)	14	1.57%
6 (6)	7	0.78%
7 (7)	27	3.03%
8 (8)	117	13.12%
9 (9)	207	23.21%
10 (10)	319	35.76%
No answer	194	21.75%
Not displayed	0	0.00%
Total(gross)	892	100.00%

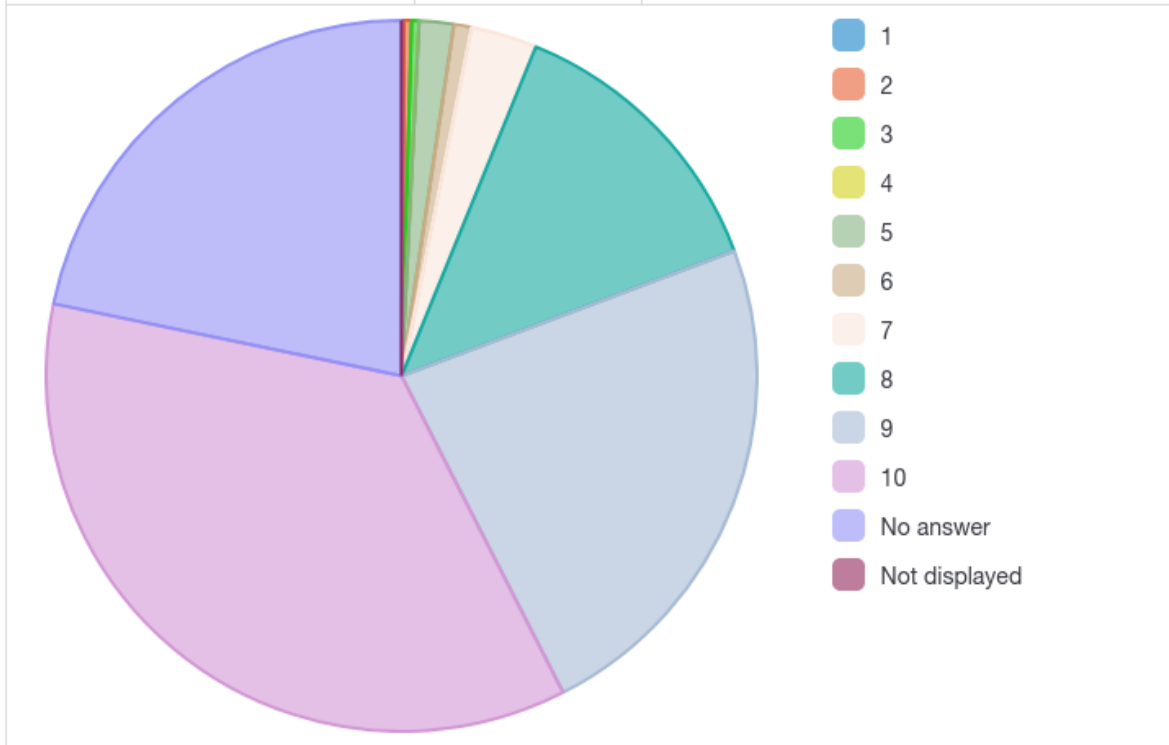


Figure 5: Summary of Response 5

Question 6: On a scale of 1 (= very unhappy) to 10 (= very happy), how happy are you with how quickly LTS updates reach you?

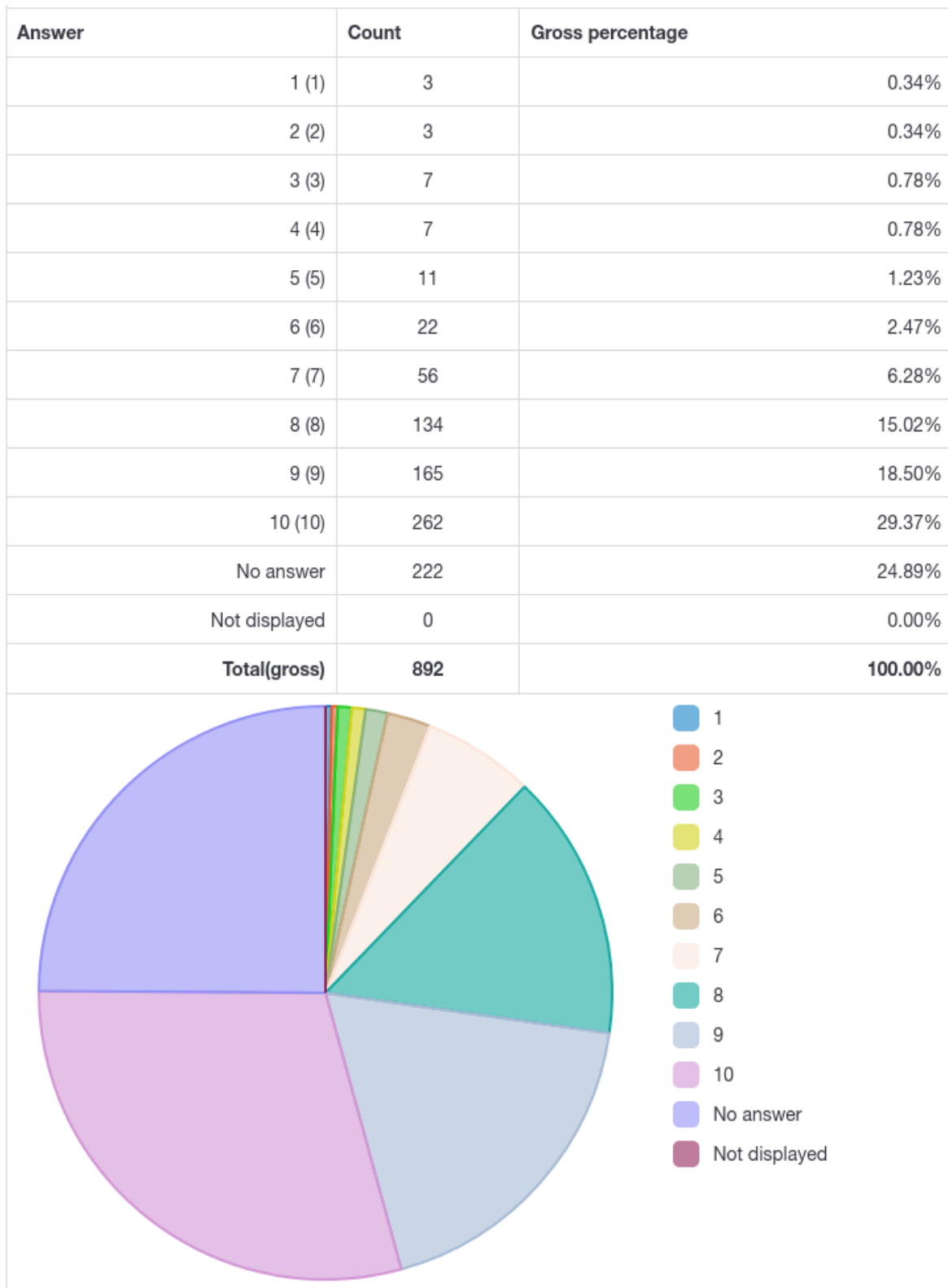


Figure 6: Summary of Response 6

Question 7: How would you feel if you could no longer use Debian LTS?

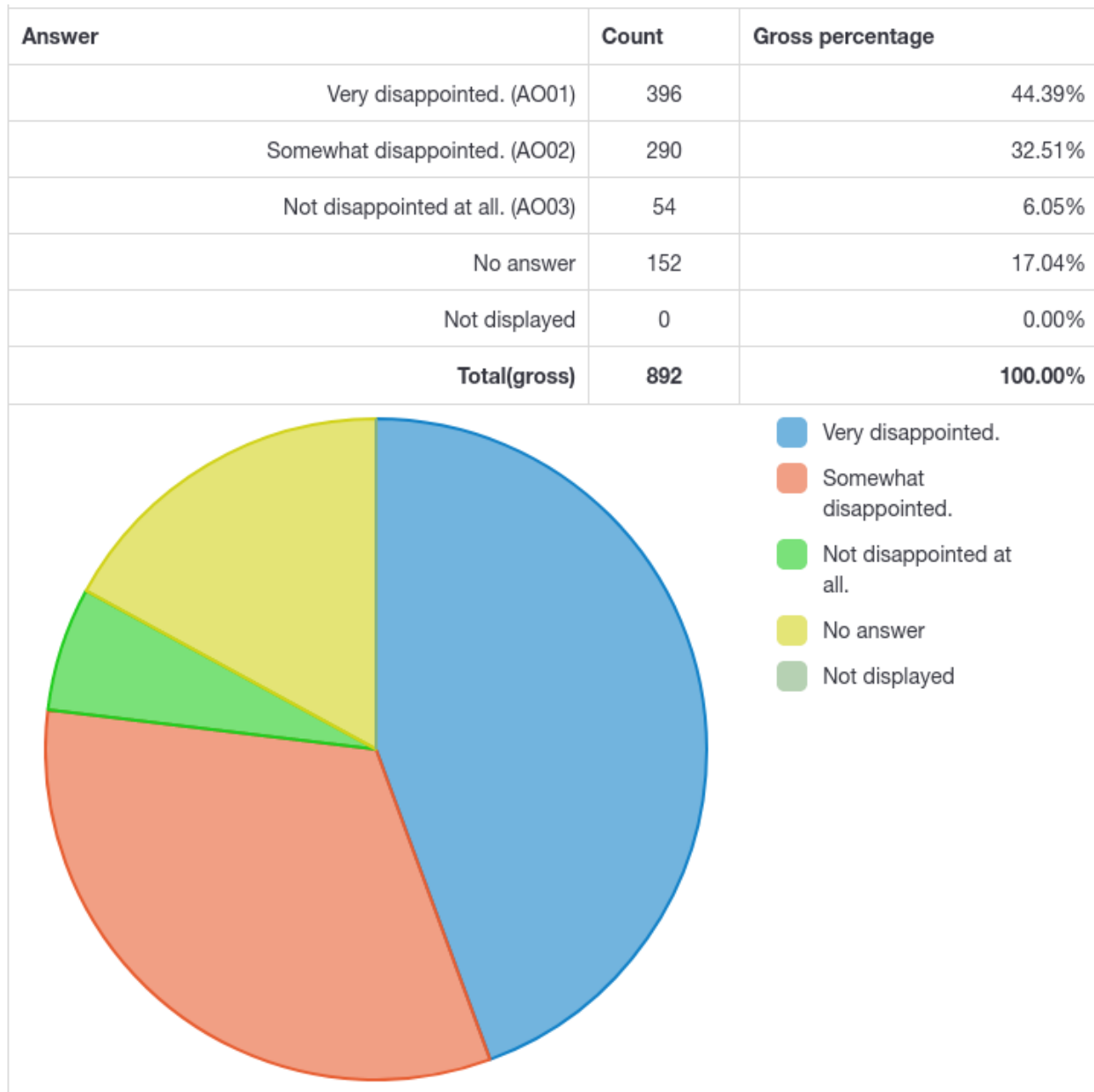


Figure 7: Summary of Response 7

Question 8: Where do you use Debian LTS?

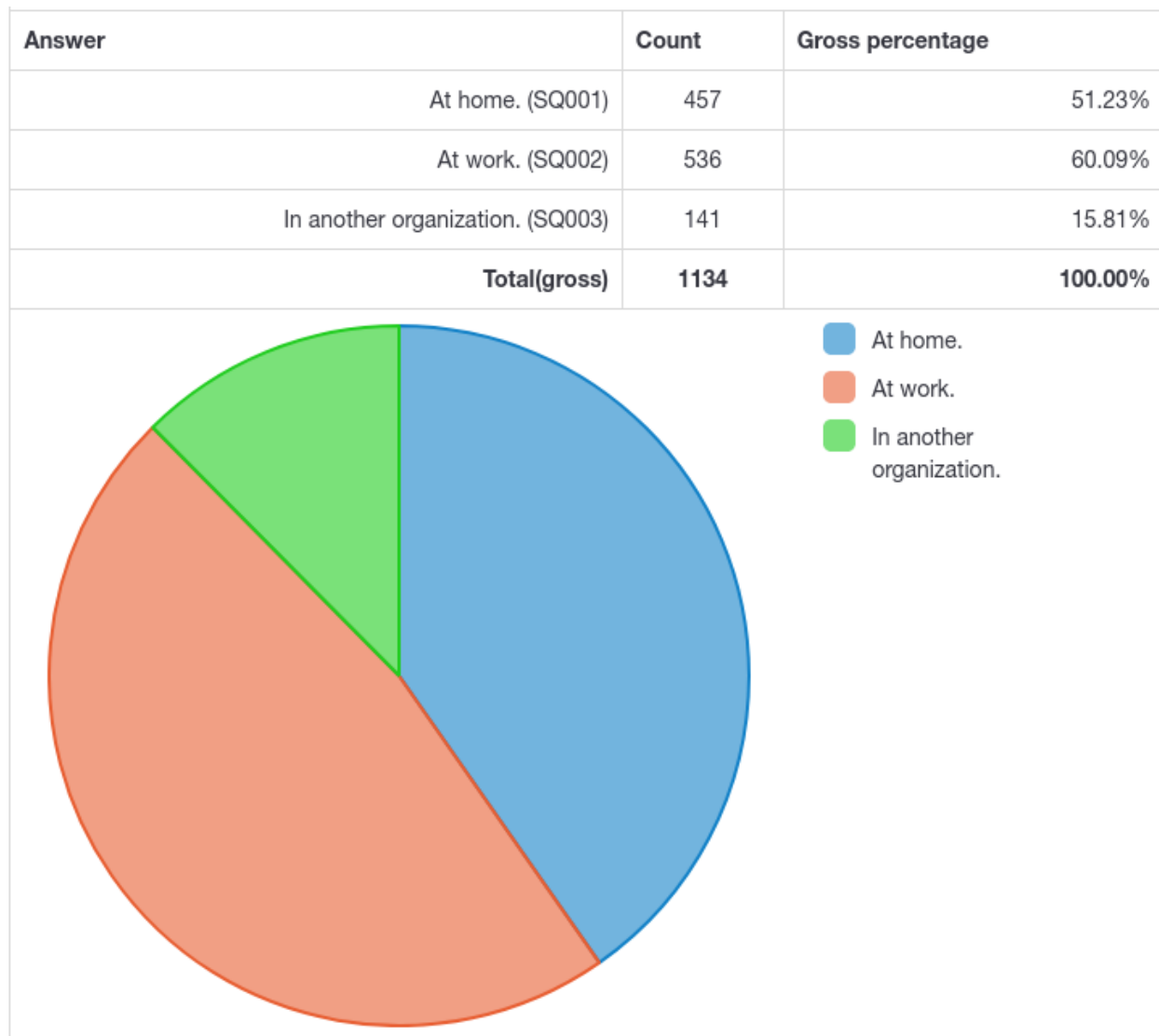


Figure 8: Summary of Response 8

Question 9: If you use LTS at work or in an organization, how big is that organization?

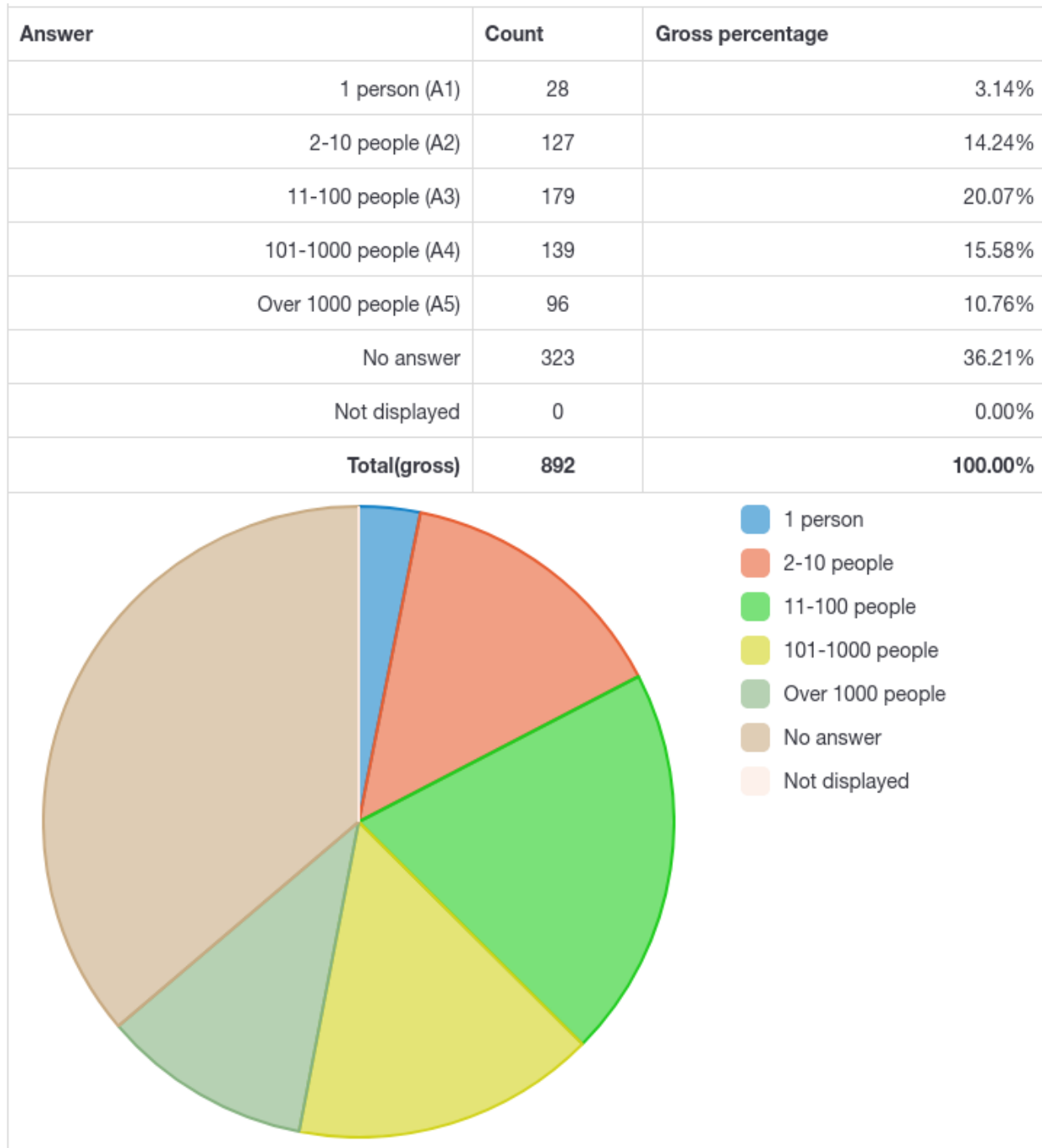


Figure 9: Summary of Response 9

Question 10: On a scale from 1 (= very unhappy) to 10 (= very happy), if your Debian duties led you to interact with LTS contributors, how would you rate the interaction with said contributors?

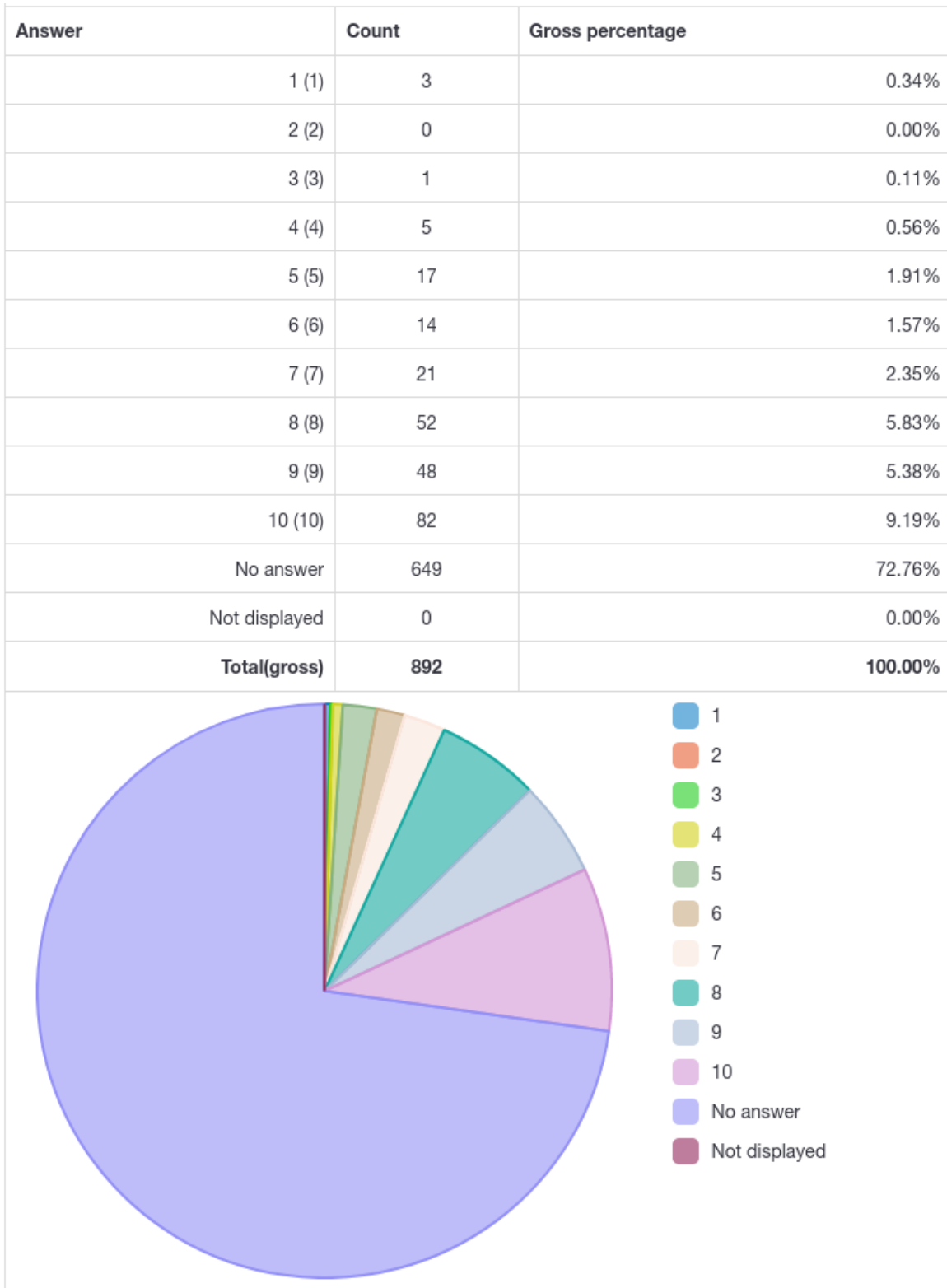


Figure 10: Summary of Response 10

Question 11: How likely is it that you would recommend Debian LTS to a friend or colleague? (1 = very unlikely, 10 = very likely)

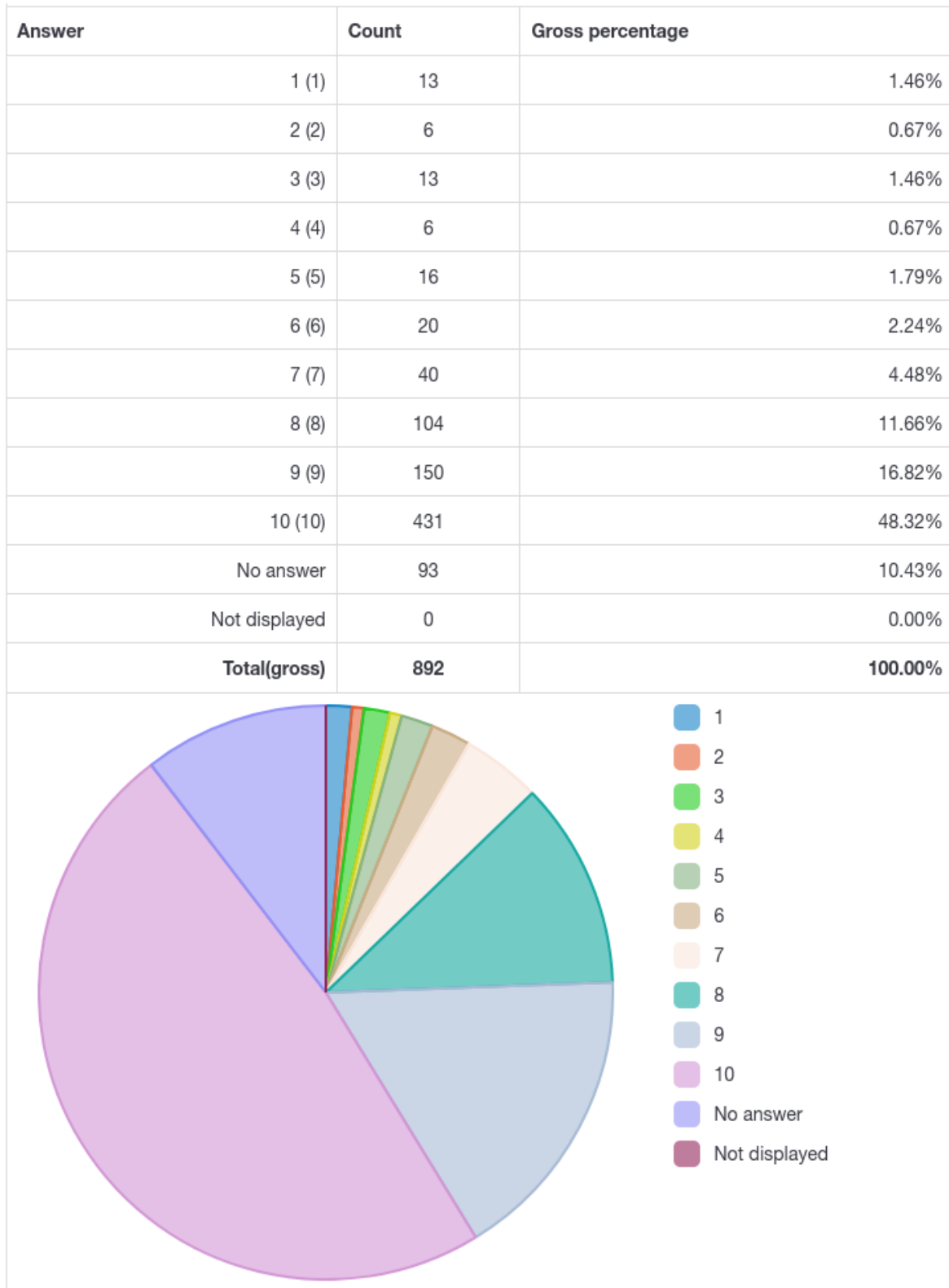


Figure 11: Summary of Response 11

3.2 Subjective Questions

The remaining 3 questions were subjective in nature. Since it is not possible to represent them statistically, they link to the private GitHub Gist for complete textual responses.

Question 12: Why do you use LTS?

Here's the (private) GitHub Gist pointing to all the 558 responses received:

<https://gist.github.com/utkarsh2102/d8f2cf567cf5245f6fa367a8446147e2>

Question 13: Do you see problems with/about Debian LTS and if so, which?

Here's the (private) GitHub Gist pointing to all the 290 responses received:

<https://gist.github.com/utkarsh2102/337fc30491bf595954f14f1f12be2d72>

Question 14: What suggestions/wishes do you have for Debian LTS?

Here's the (private) GitHub Gist pointing to all the 307 responses received:

<https://gist.github.com/utkarsh2102/8a37f95ba9501fd8f9f63f90f660d0a0>
