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The Long-Term Impact of Taglit-Birthright Israel

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Jewish Futures Study

3rd wave of a longitudinal panel study

Random stratified sample

- Frame: Winter 2000-01 through Winter 2005-06 cohorts
- Participant N=2,077
- Nonparticipant N=1,440

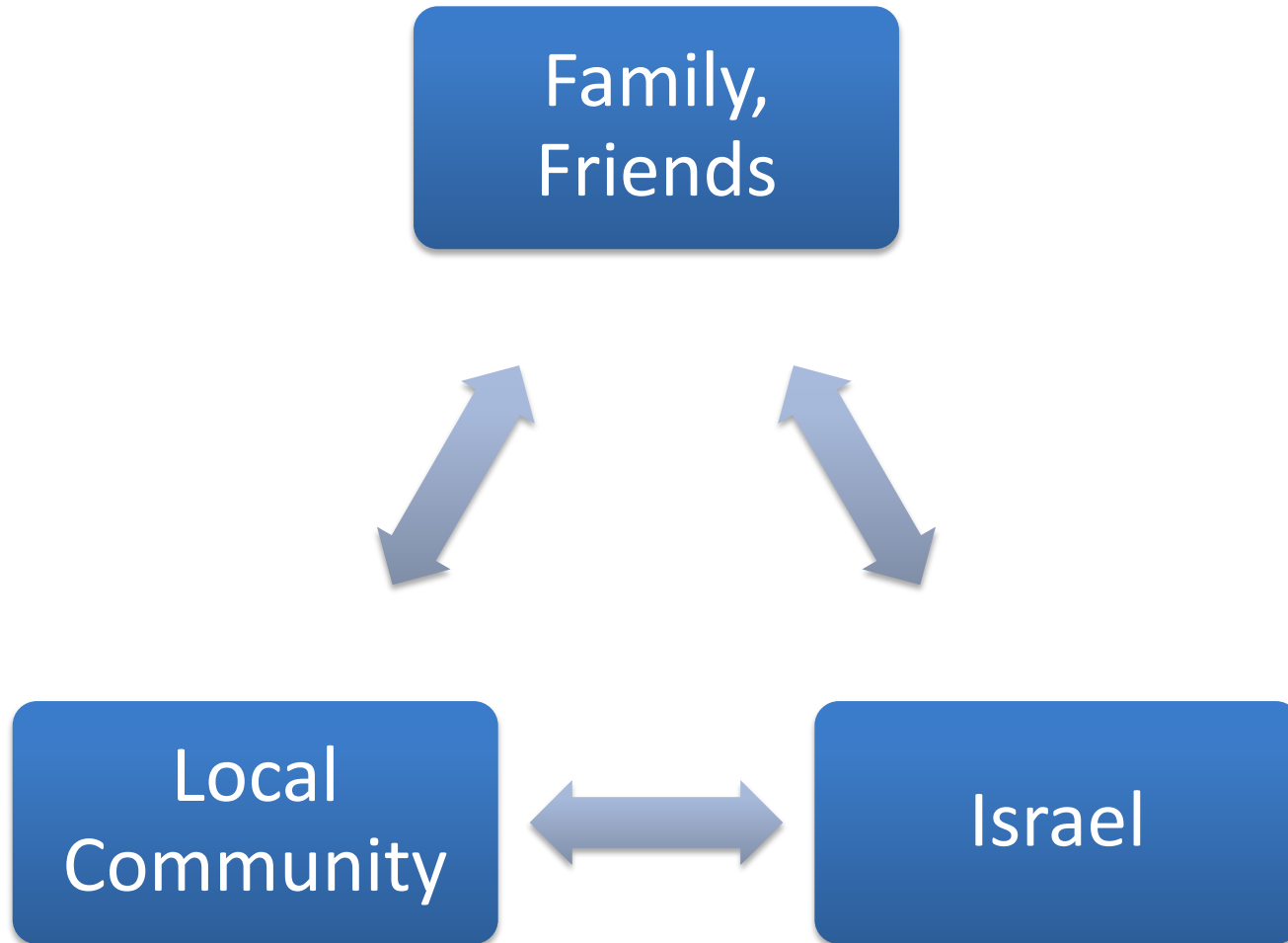
Achieved sample

- Participant N=1,338, RR=64%
- Nonparticipant N=660, RR=46%

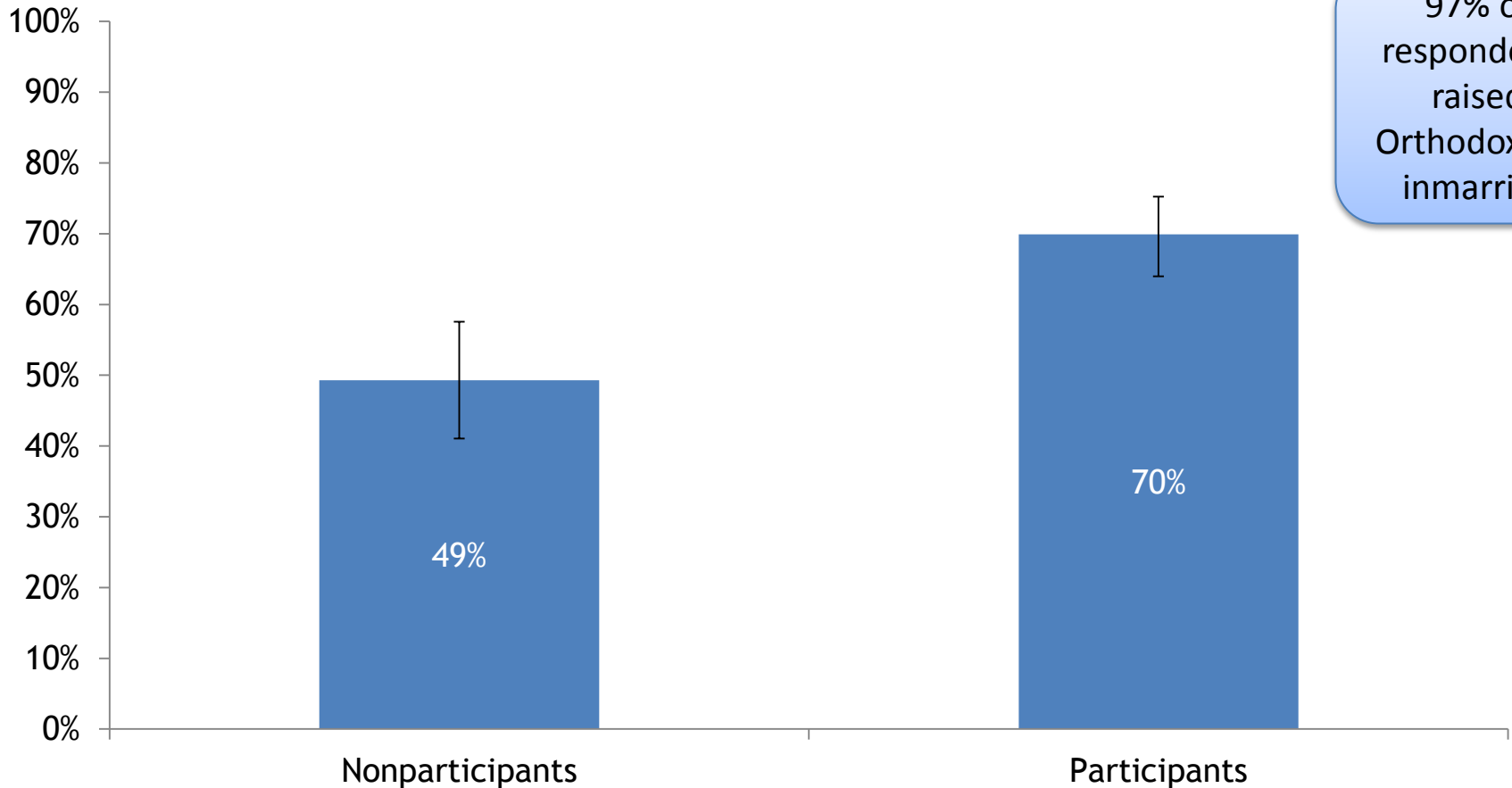
Data collection

- December 2011-April 2012
- Mixed-mode survey: Telephone and Internet

Circle of Jewish Connections

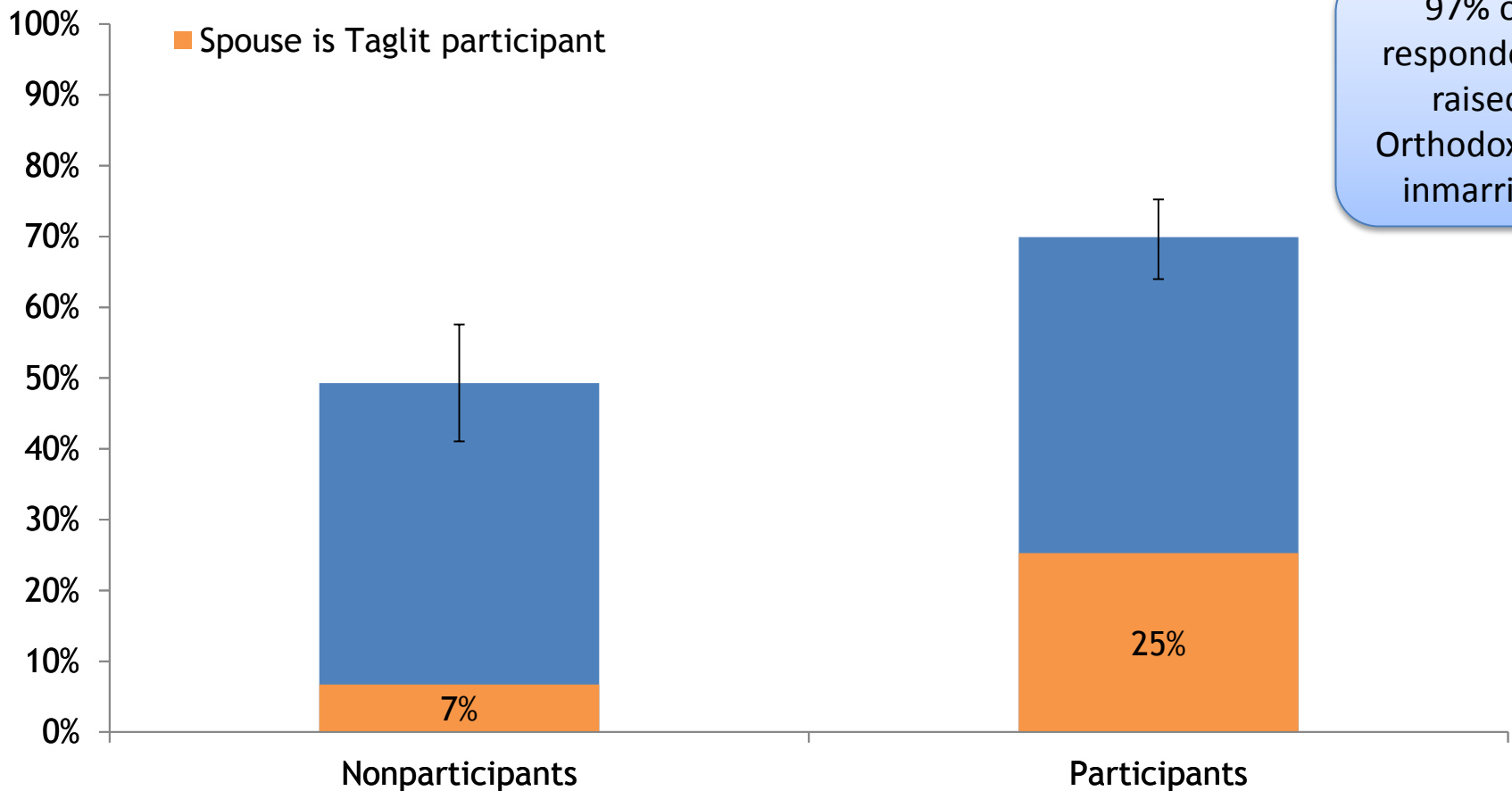


Inmarriage by Taglit Participation, 2001-06 Cohorts (Respondents Raised Non-Orthodox)



Limited to married respondents. Excludes those raised Orthodox. Error bars show 95% confidence intervals. Estimated proportions for complex survey data. $F(1, 974) = 16.15, p < .001, n = 745$.

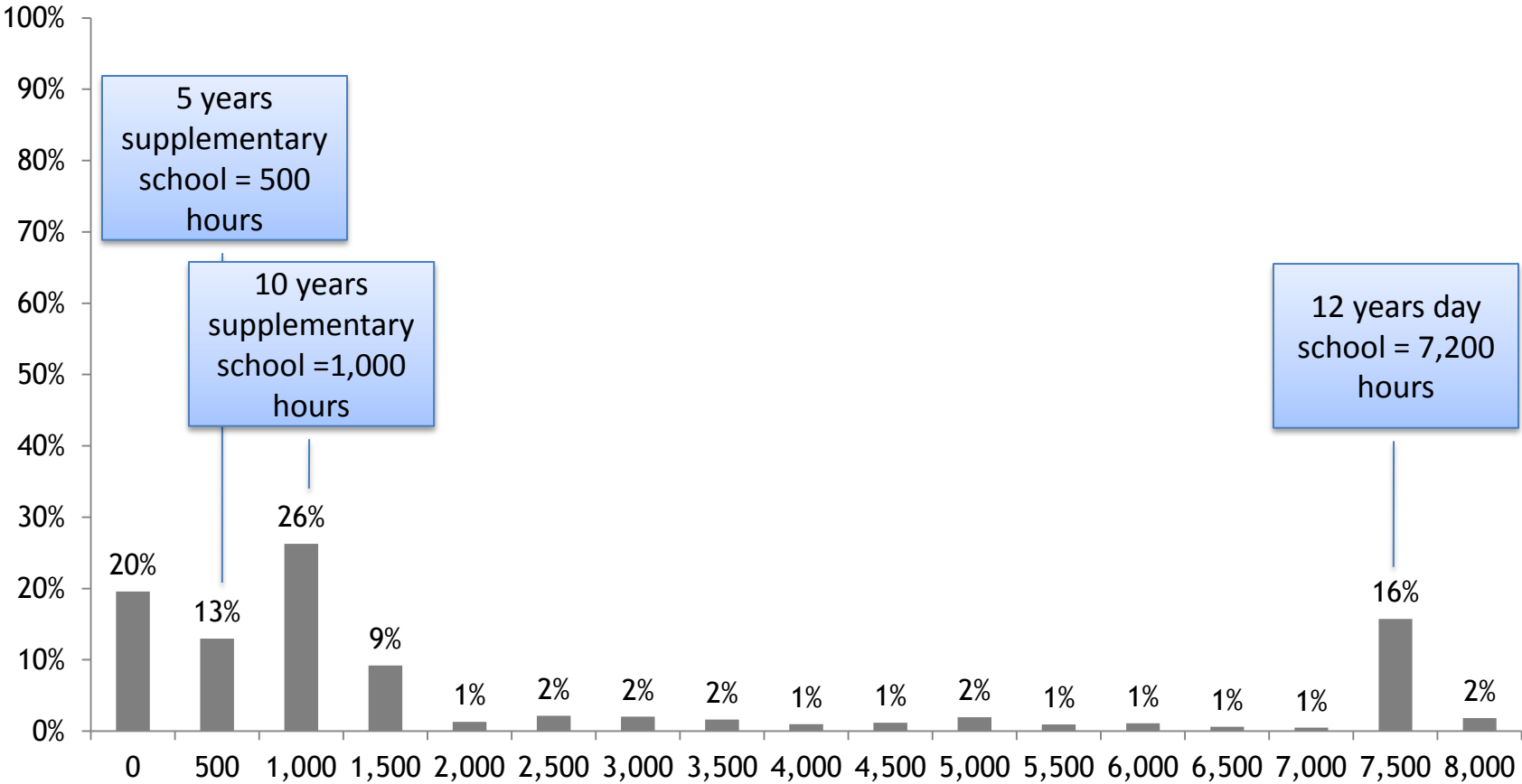
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97% of respondents raised Orthodox are inmarried

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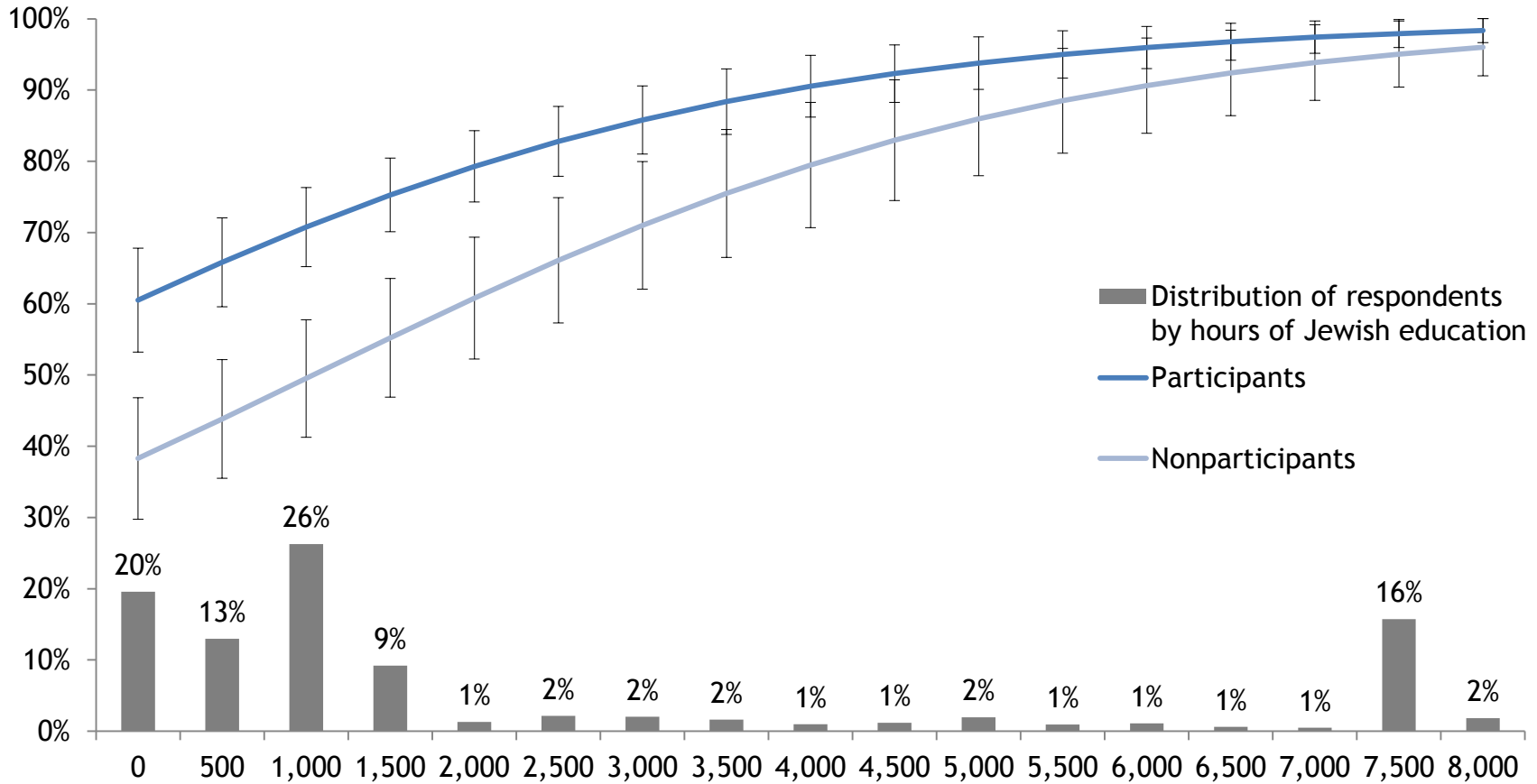
Hours of Jewish Education, 2001-06 Cohorts



Limited to married respondents. Estimated proportions for complex survey data.
 Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding. n = 877.



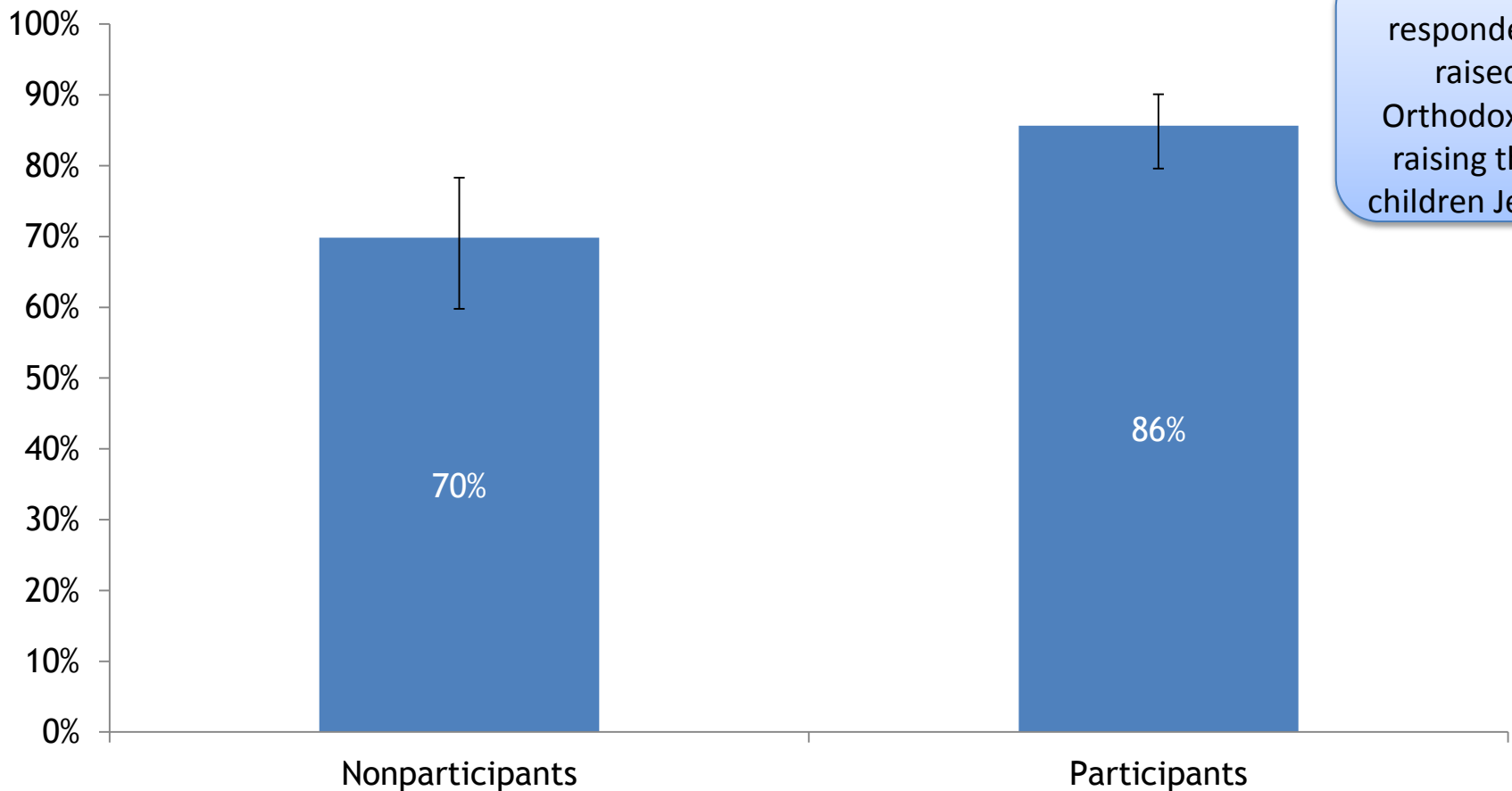
Inmarriage by Taglit Participation and Hours of Jewish Education, 2001-06 Cohorts



Limited to married respondents. Error bars show 95% confidence intervals.
 Predicted Probabilities from a logistic regression model. $\beta = .90$, $t(874) = 4.16$, $p < .001$. $n = 877$.

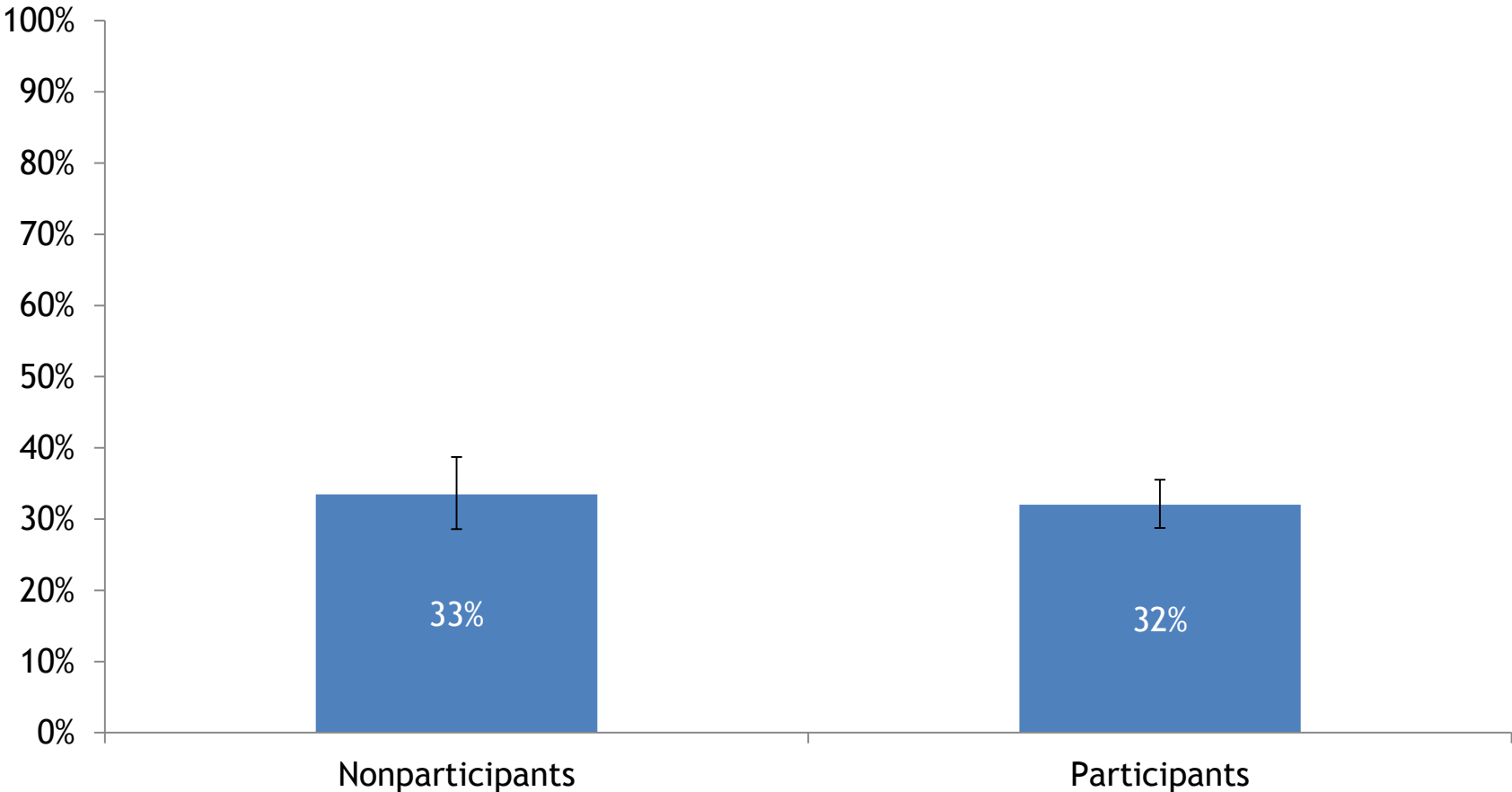
Raising Children Jewish by Taglit Participation, 2001-06

Cohorts (Respondents Raised Non-Orthodox)



Limited to respondents with children. Excludes those raised Orthodox. Error bars show 95% confidence intervals. Estimated proportions for complex survey data. $F(1, 698) = 9.52, p < .01. n = 469.$

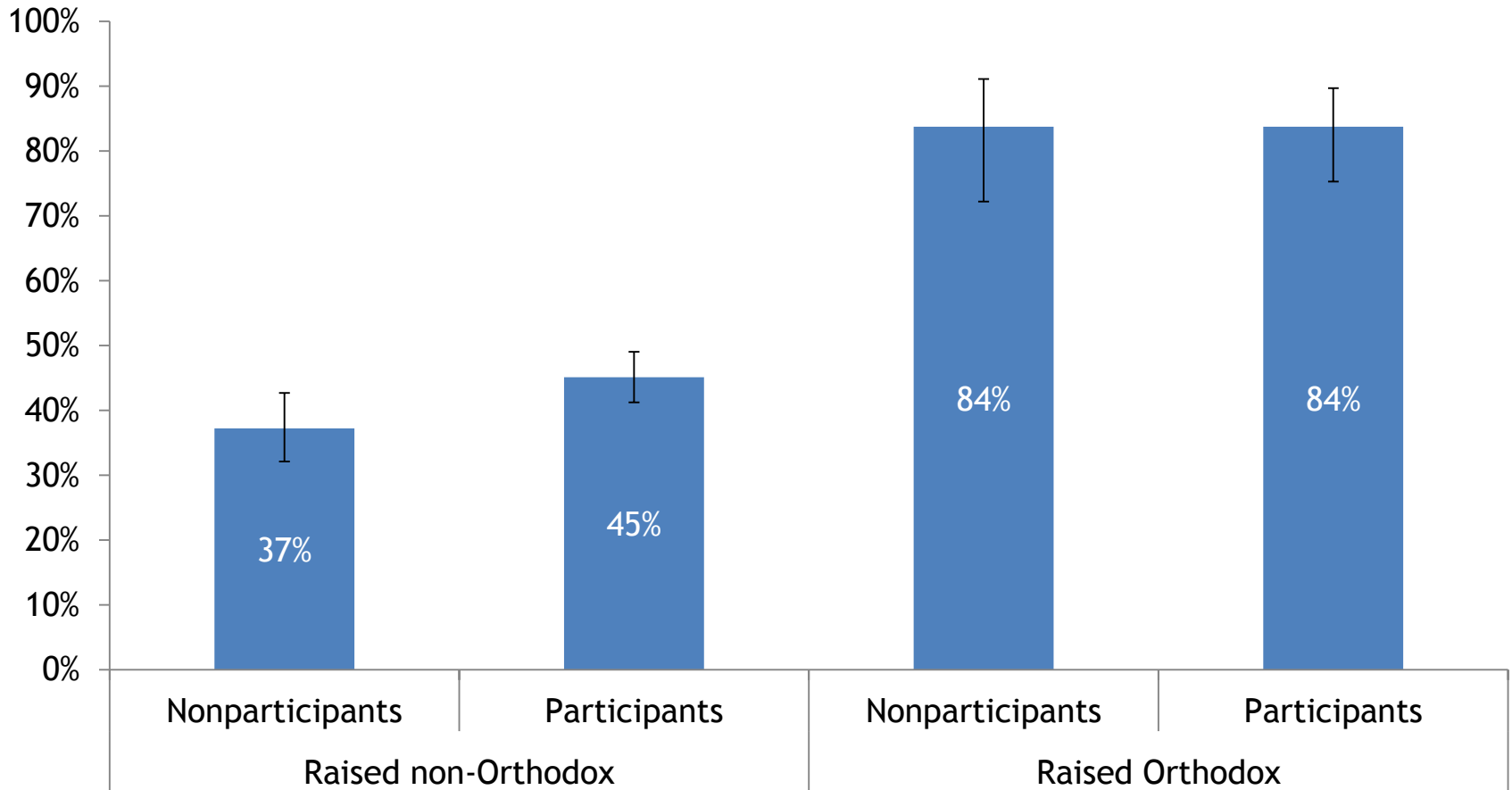
Membership in a Jewish Congregation by Taglit Participation, 2001-06 Cohorts



Error bars show 95% confidence intervals. Estimated proportions for complex survey data.
 $F(1, 1,964) = 0.21, p = 0.65. n = 1,964.$

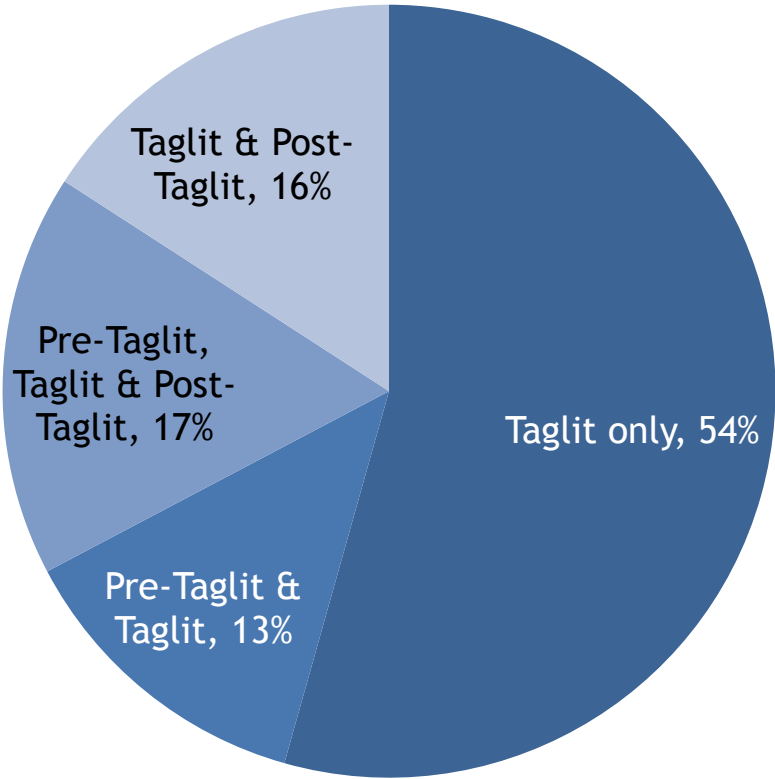


Donation to Jewish or Israeli Causes in Past Year by Taglit Participation and Denomination Raised, 2001-2006 Cohorts



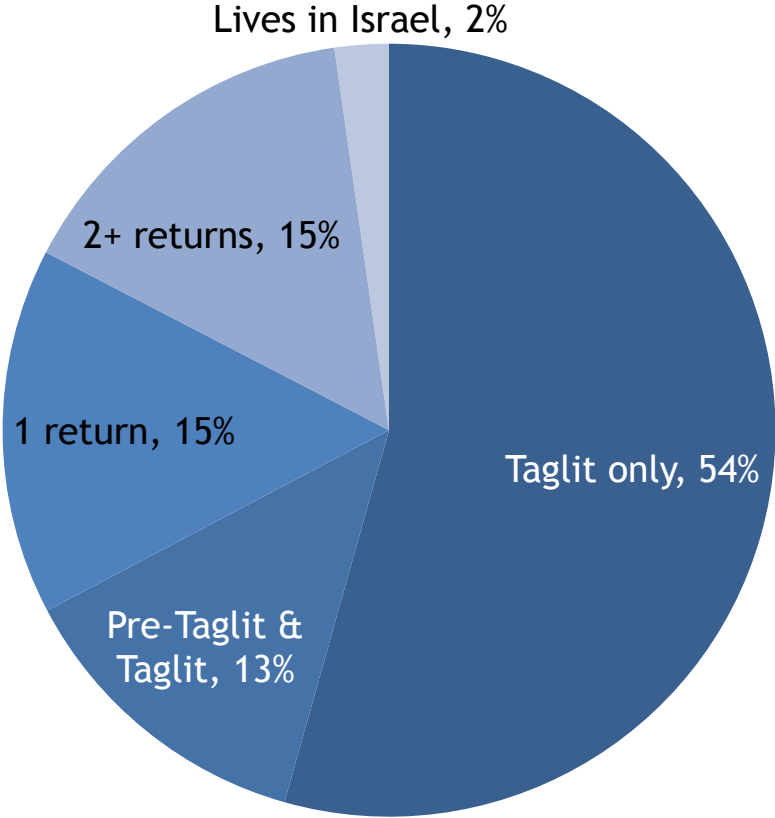
Error bars show 95% confidence intervals. Estimated proportions for complex survey data.
 Non-Orthodox: $F(1, 1,954) = 5.36, p < .05, n = 1,725$. Orthodox: $F(1, 1,964) = 0.00, p = 1.00, n = 248$.

Lifetime Israel Experience for Taglit Participants, 2001-06 Cohorts



Estimated proportions for complex survey data. n = 1,360

Return Trips to Israel for Taglit Participants, 2001-06 Cohorts



Estimated proportions for complex survey data. n = 1,360



About Return Trips to Israel for Taglit Participants, 2001-06 Cohorts

What do they do?

- Majority take a vacation, visit family and/or friends (61%)
- Minority study in yeshiva/seminary (11%), university (10%) and/or participate in a long-term, non-academic program (2%)

Who is more likely to return?

- Those who were born in Israel or grew up speaking Hebrew
- Those who had been to Israel before their Taglit trip
- Those who are inmarried, compared to unmarried
- Those who are unmarried, compared to intermarried

Future Directions

