

HOW MANY ARE IN A FEW?

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HOW I FOUND OUT HOW MANY ARE IN A FEW – AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS

- Google Survey with 31 expressions like „a few“, „about half“ or „many“
- 69 answers – hopefully from different people
- Using Tableau public to plot results

	Female	Male	Other / non binary / -	Sum
<29	13	10	3	25
30-39	6	7	1	14
40-49	8	5	1	14
50+	8	6		14
-			1	1
Sum	35	27	6	69

WHAT I LEARNED

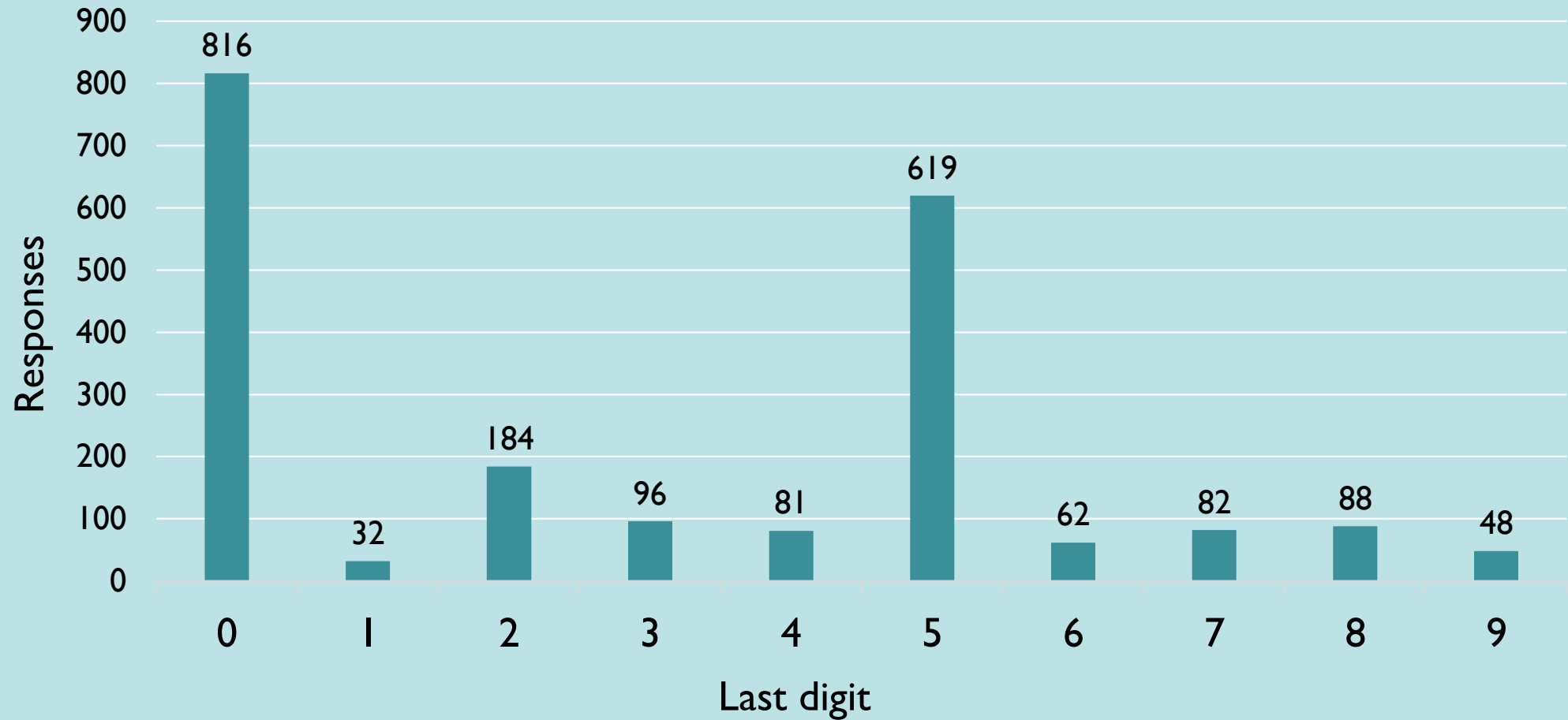
A FEW PEOPLE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED RANGES*

- The whole point of “a few” is that it’s vague, so it was really tough for me to pick a single number! (...) It almost hurt to have to choose.
- I think I’d have liked a ‘what is the maximum that this could be?’ and ‘what’s the minimum it could be?’
- I can't do this. These vague terms exist because they do a different job to numbers, so just to equate them to one number is not true to how they're used.
- For me, several doesn't really have a specific number, it's just 'several'...
- My friend and me say we need ranges to answer this**

* Quotes from replies to my twitter post regarding the poll

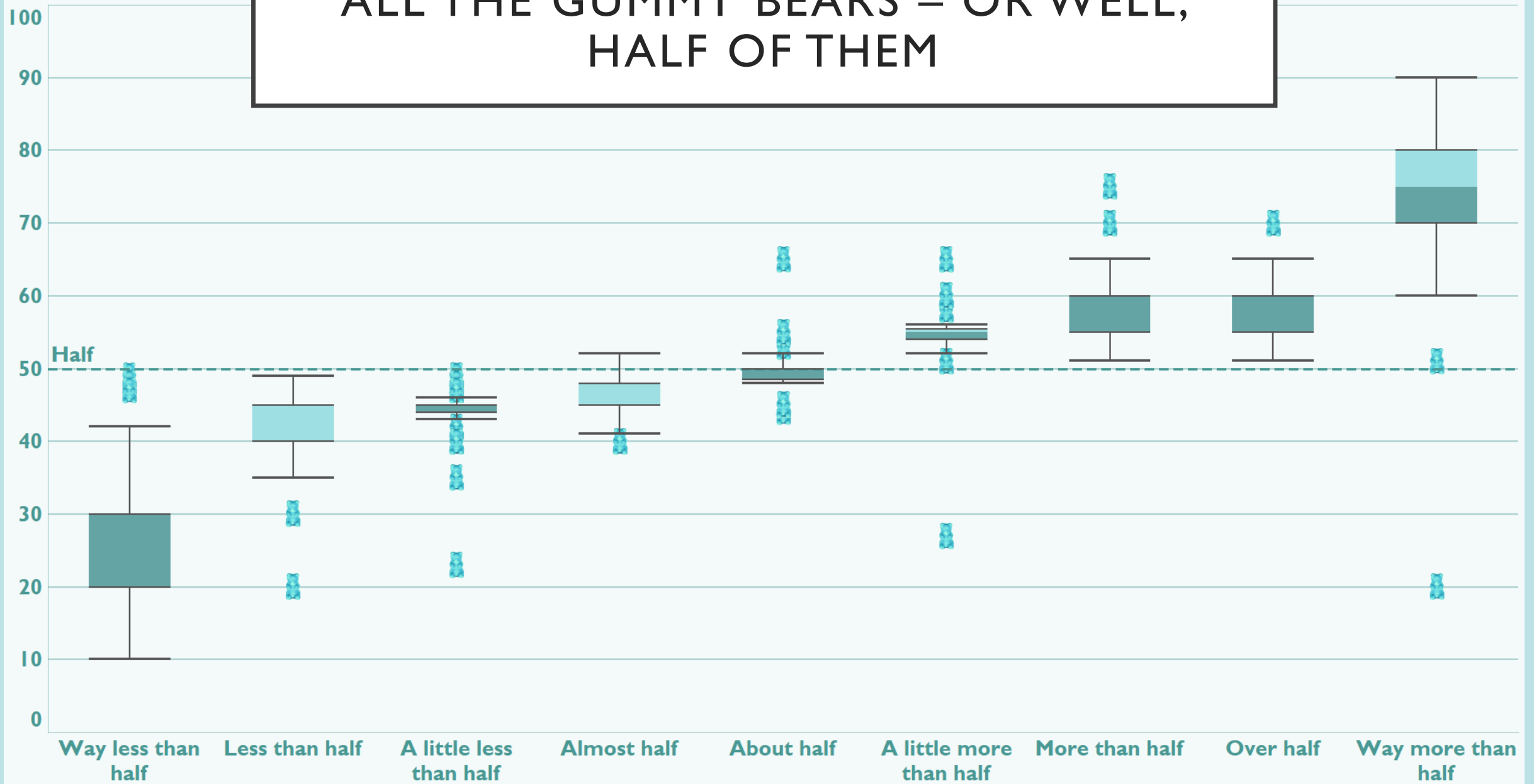
** Except this one

PEOPLE LOVE THEIR 0s AND 5s

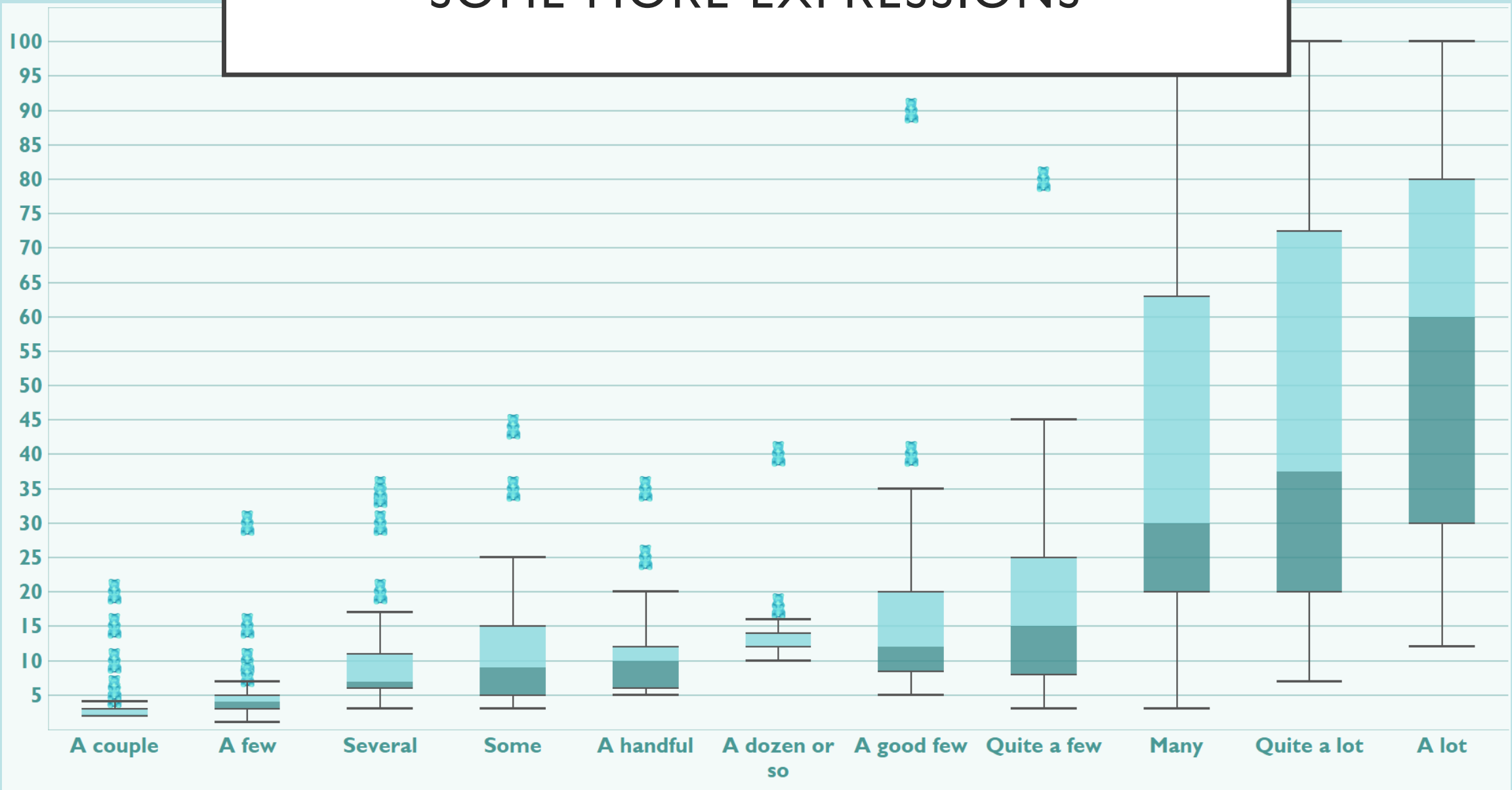


THE RESULTS

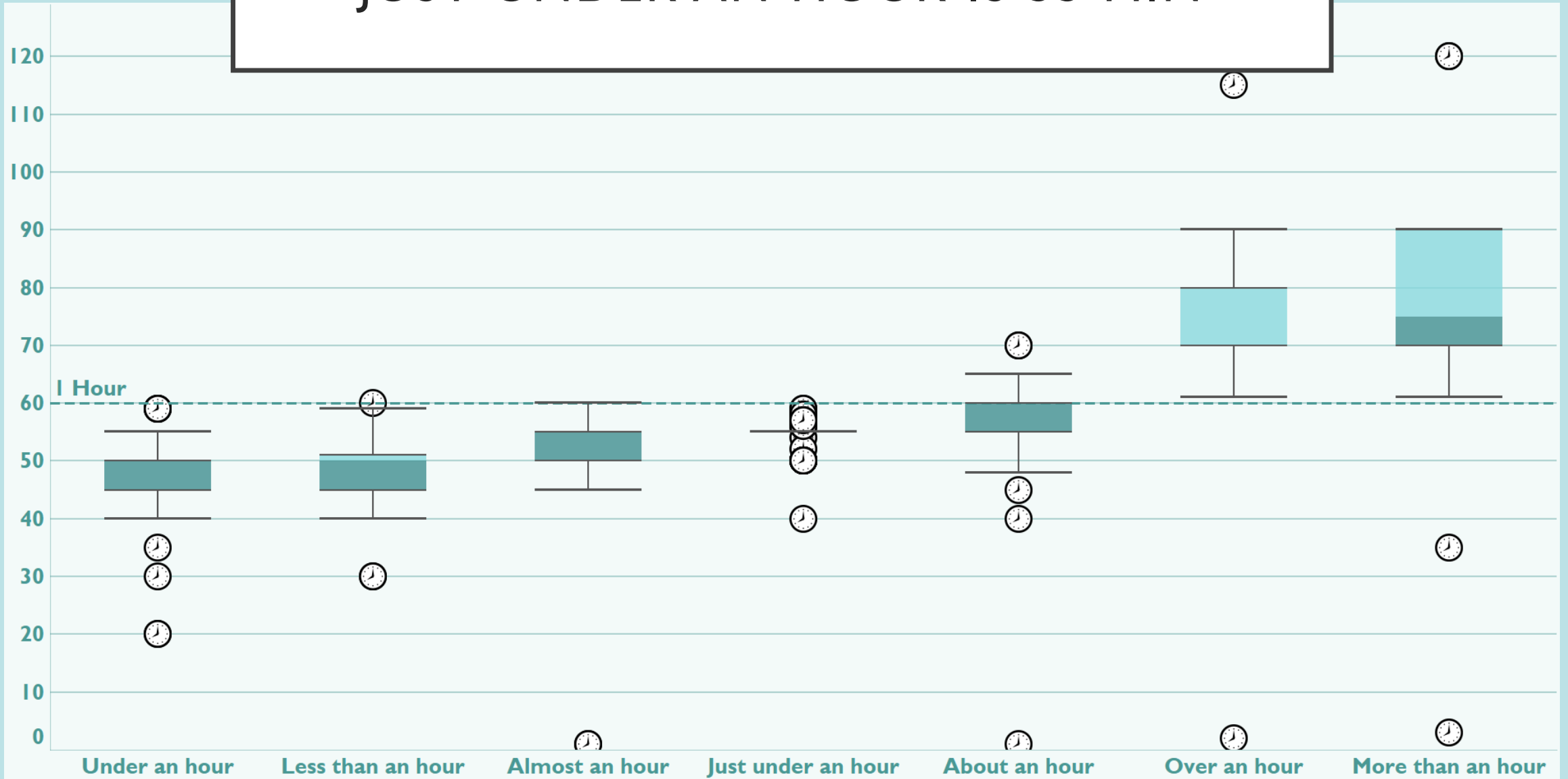
ALL THE GUMMY BEARS – OR WELL, HALF OF THEM



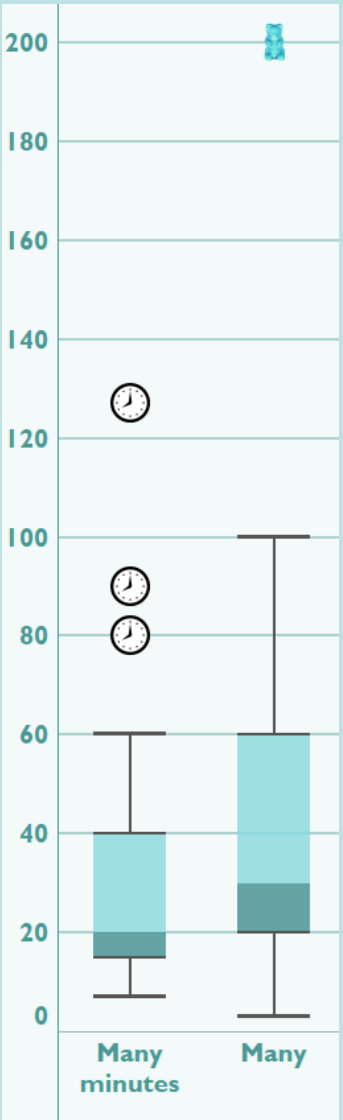
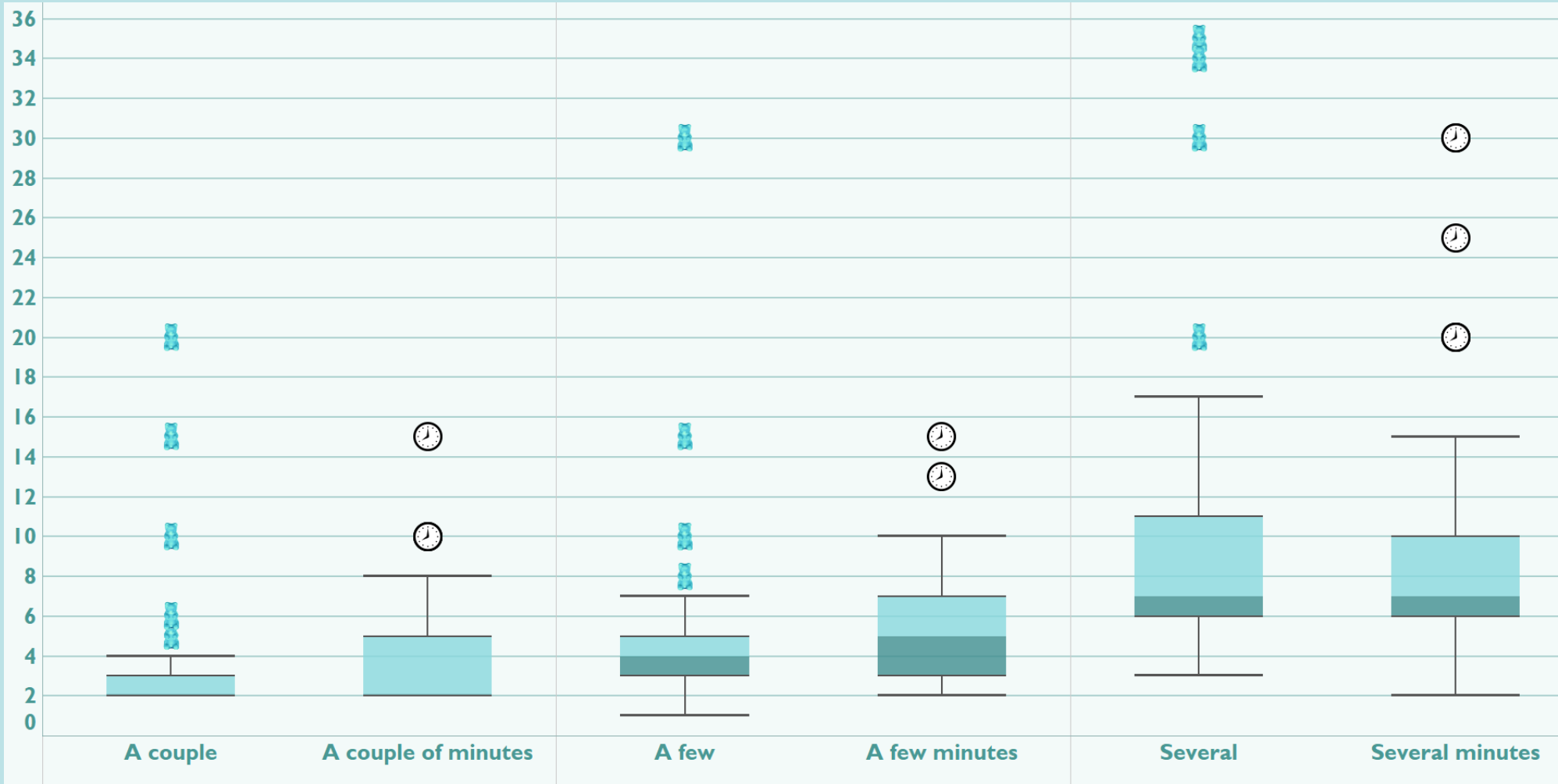
SOME MORE EXPRESSIONS



JUST UNDER AN HOUR IS 55 MIN



HOW MANY "X GUMMY BEARS" CAN YOU EAT IN "X MINUTES"? ALL OF THEM OF COURSE



SO HOW MANY **ARE** IN A FEW?

	A few Gummy bears	A few minutes
Min.Value	1	2
Median Value	4	5
Avg.Value	5.07	5.33
Max.Value	30	15

THANKS!

Respond to the survey: <https://forms.gle/fCSwjDoczJtVryVP9>

Check out the results from the slides yourself:
<https://public.tableau.com/profile/fenneklyra#!/vizhome/Howmanyareinafew/Thecrowd>