

Here or There?

A Survey on the Factors in Multinational R&D Location and IP Protection

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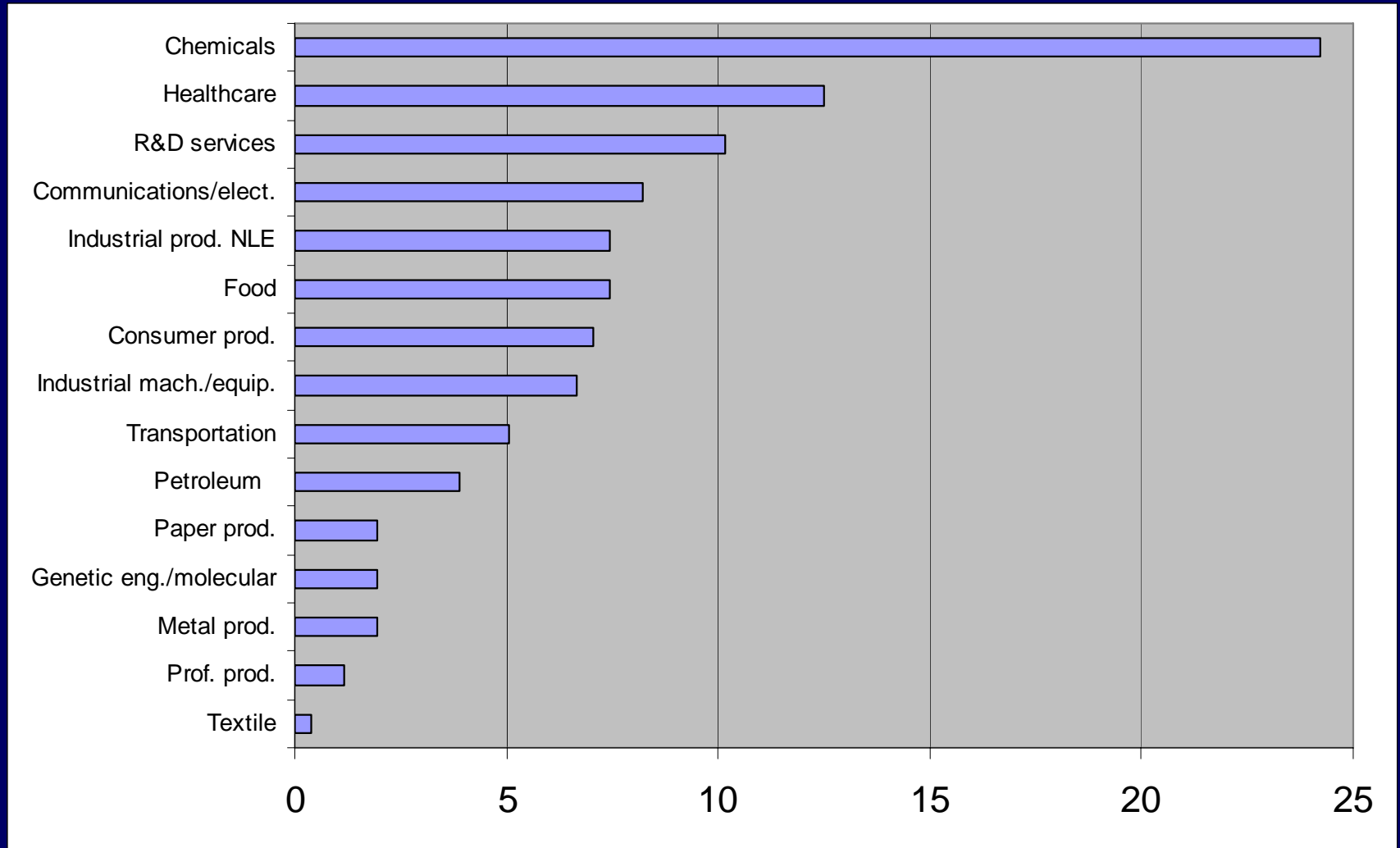
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**For the purpose of this survey we consider
R&D to encompass:**

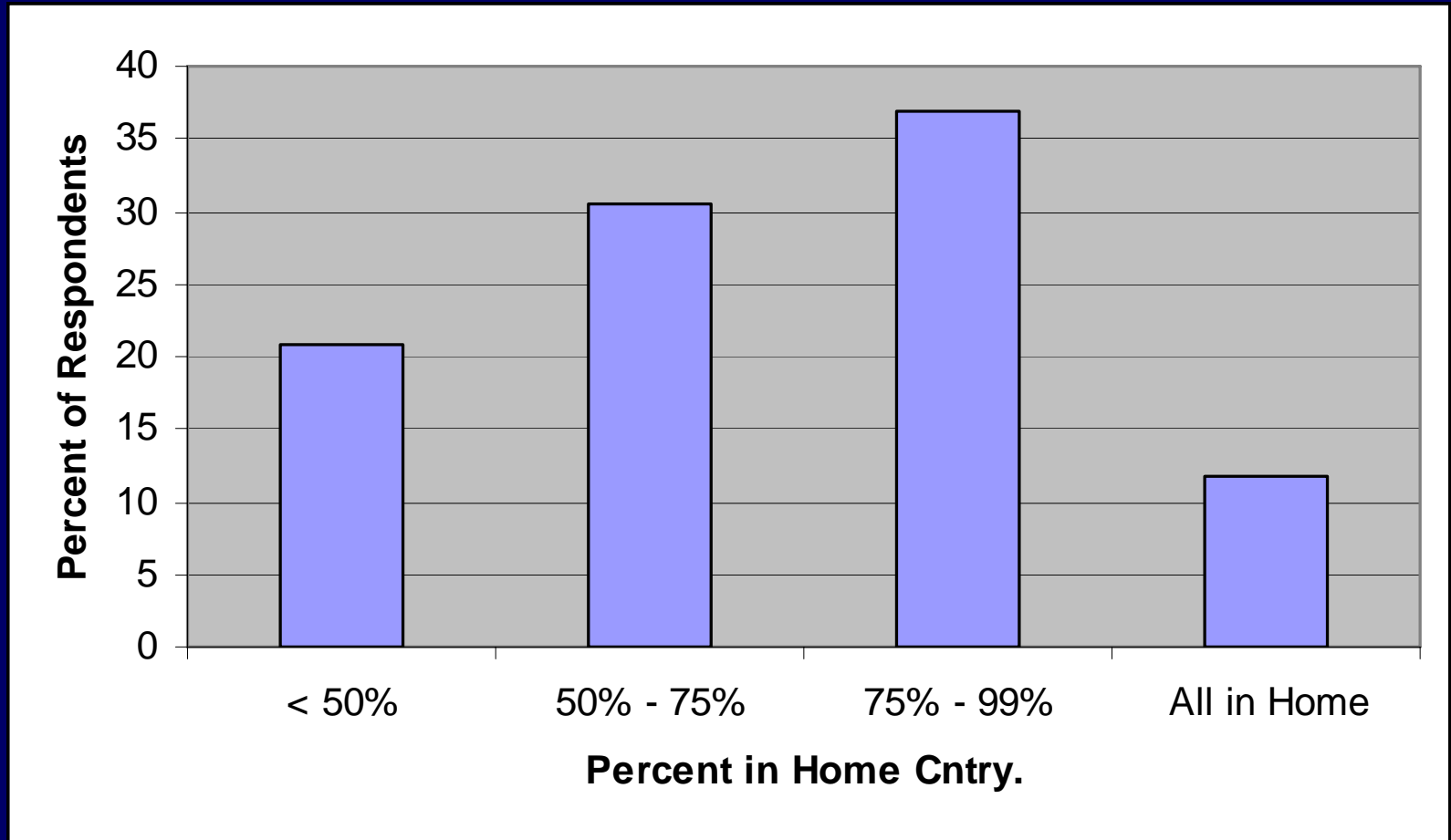
- **R&D that is new applications of science to develop new technologies**
- **R&D to improve technologies you currently use**
- **R&D to create new products or services**
- **R&D to improve products or services you sell or license**

Industry Affiliation of Respondents (%)



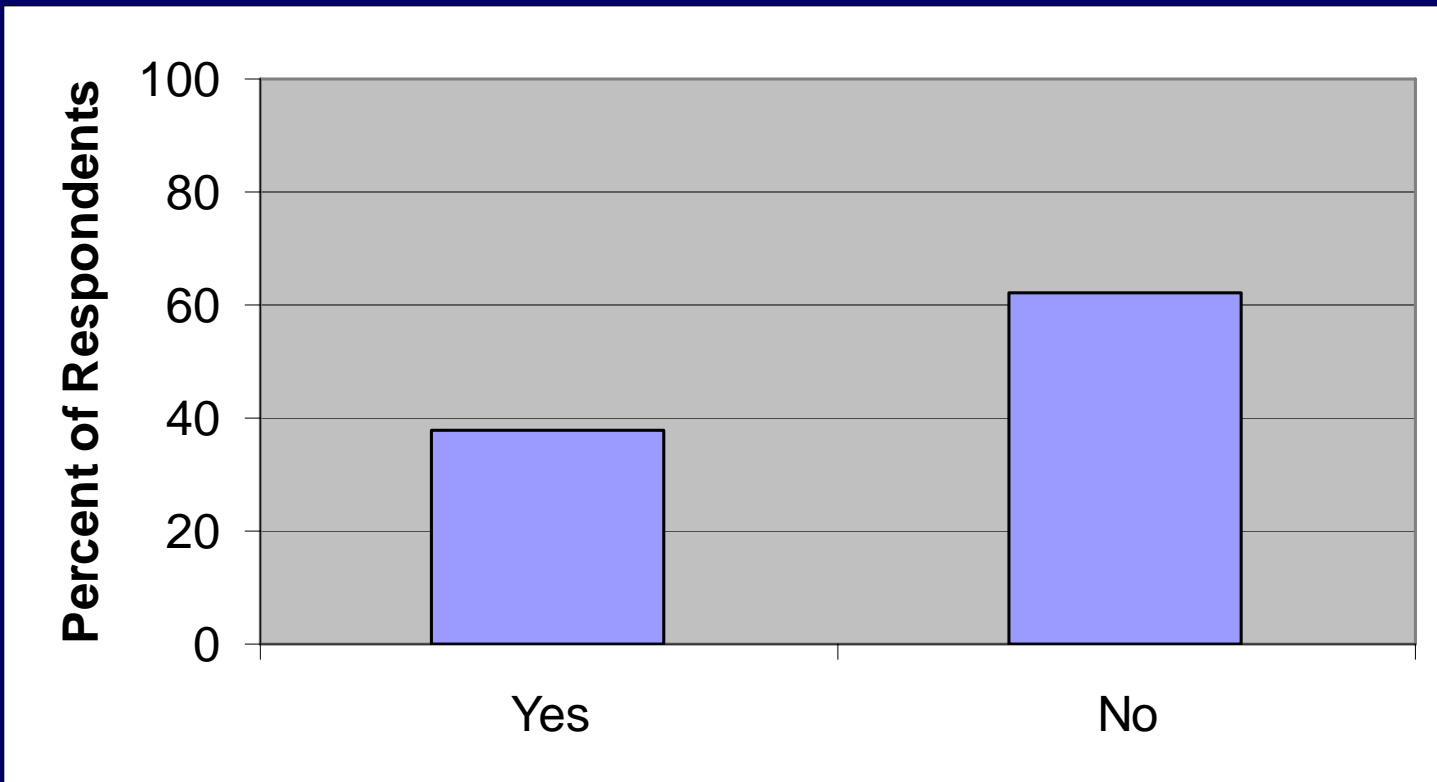
229 respondents & 256
industrial affiliations

Percent of Technical Employees in the Home Country



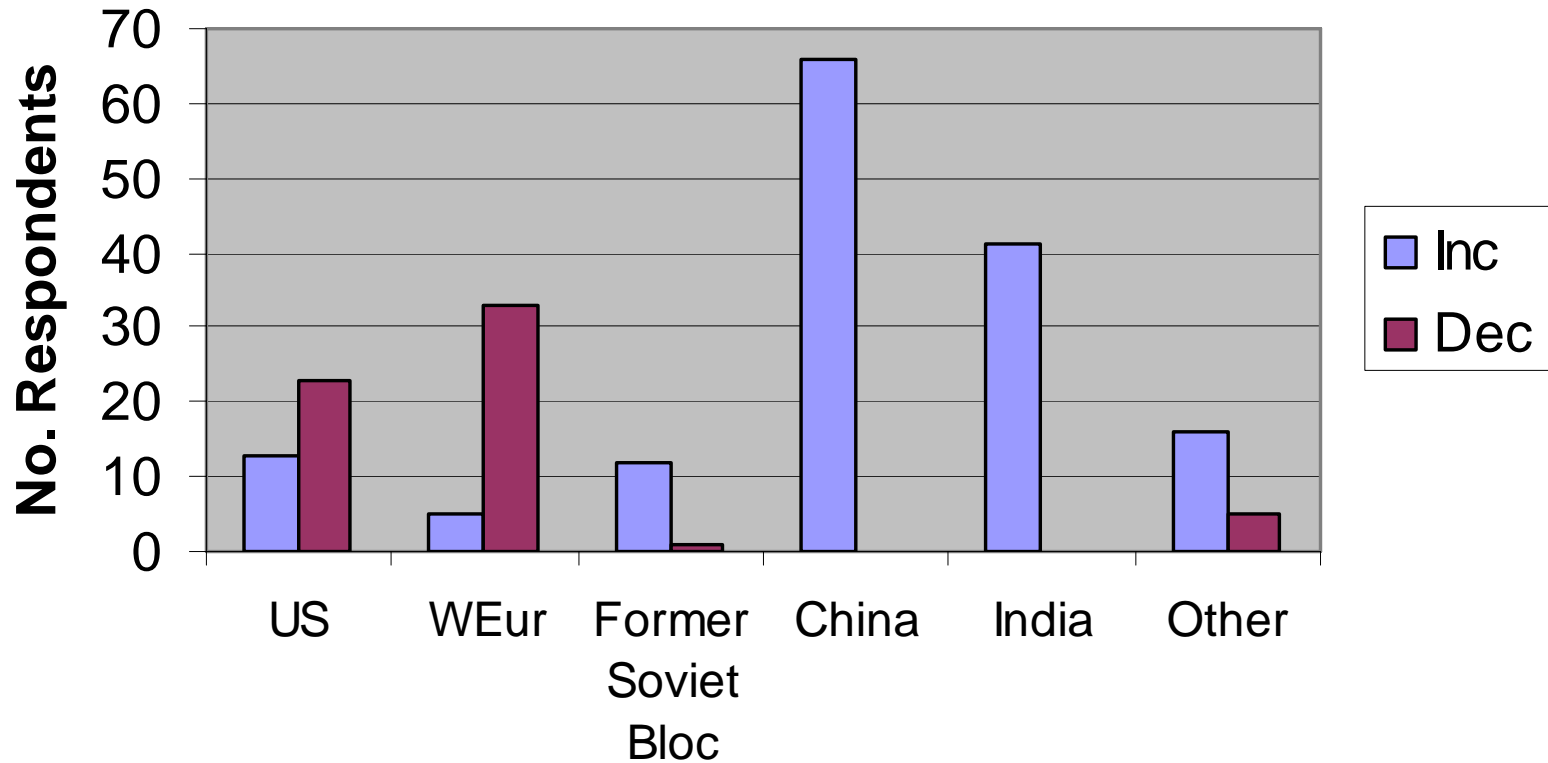
212 respondents

Over the next 3 years do you anticipate that the world wide distribution of technical employees will change?



201 Respondents

If anticipate increase (decrease) in technical employment: What is the location(s)?



Respondent & Cntry/Region: 40 US, 32 Europe, 4 Other

Factors in Locating Outside the Home Country

Think about some of the more recent R&D facilities established by your firm. This can include facilities you are in the process of building or staffing or which are only in the planning phase. Choose one of these that is OUTSIDE the home country and that is both considered to be central to your firm's current R&D strategy and about which you are familiar.

**This questions is repeated for facilities
INSIDE the home country**

Home Cntry/Region & Location of Recent or Planned Outside Facility

Home	Destination					Row Total
	US	WEur	China	India	Other	
US	0	19	30	9	13	71
WEur	13	7	22	9	12	63
Other	0	0	2	0	2	4
Column Total	13	26	54	18	27	138

Table entries are # of respondents

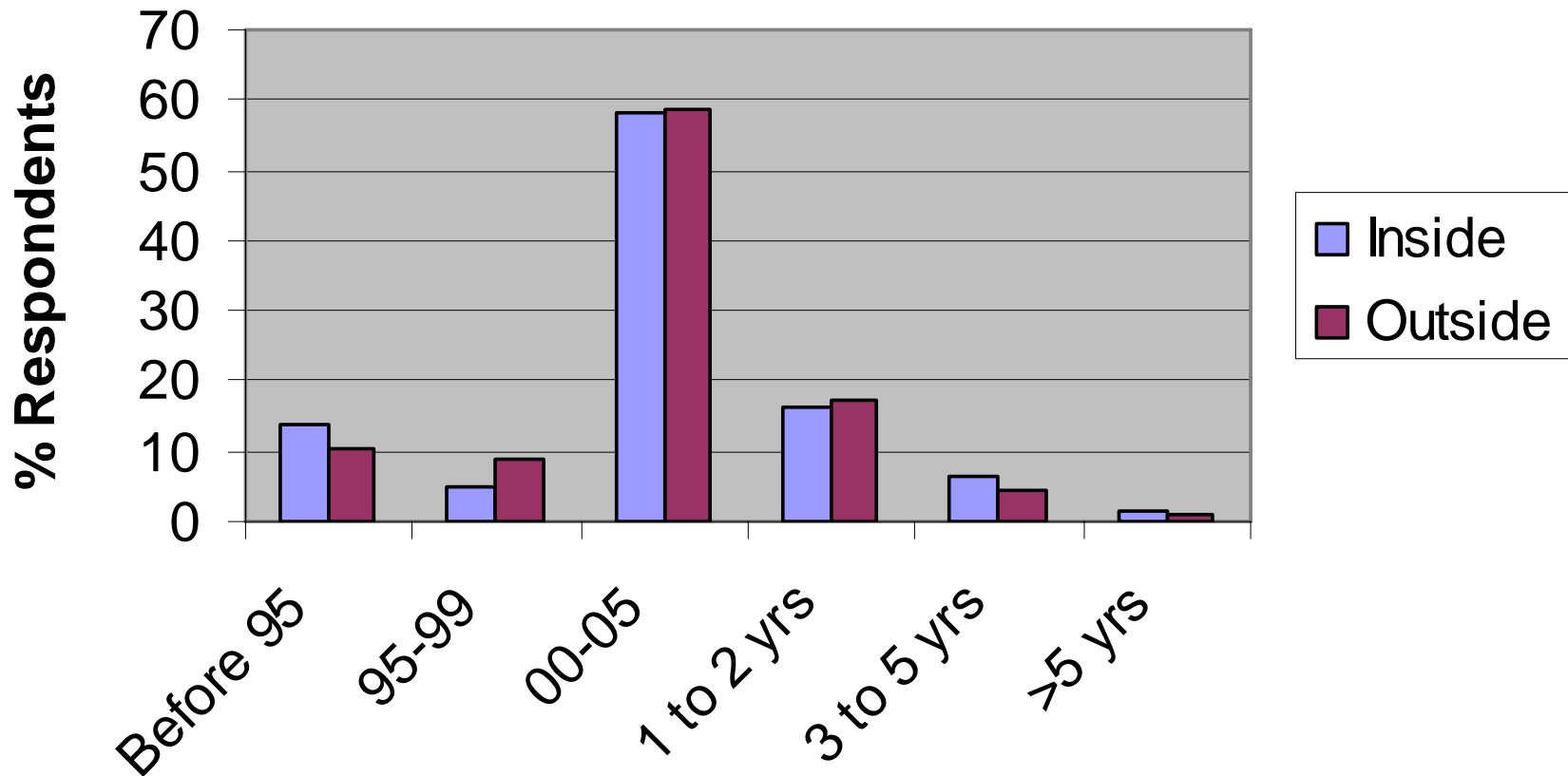
Home Cntry/Region of Recent or Planned Inside Facility

Home Country	
US	34
Western Europe	45
Other	7
Column Total	86

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Year of Sites

Outside and Inside Home Country



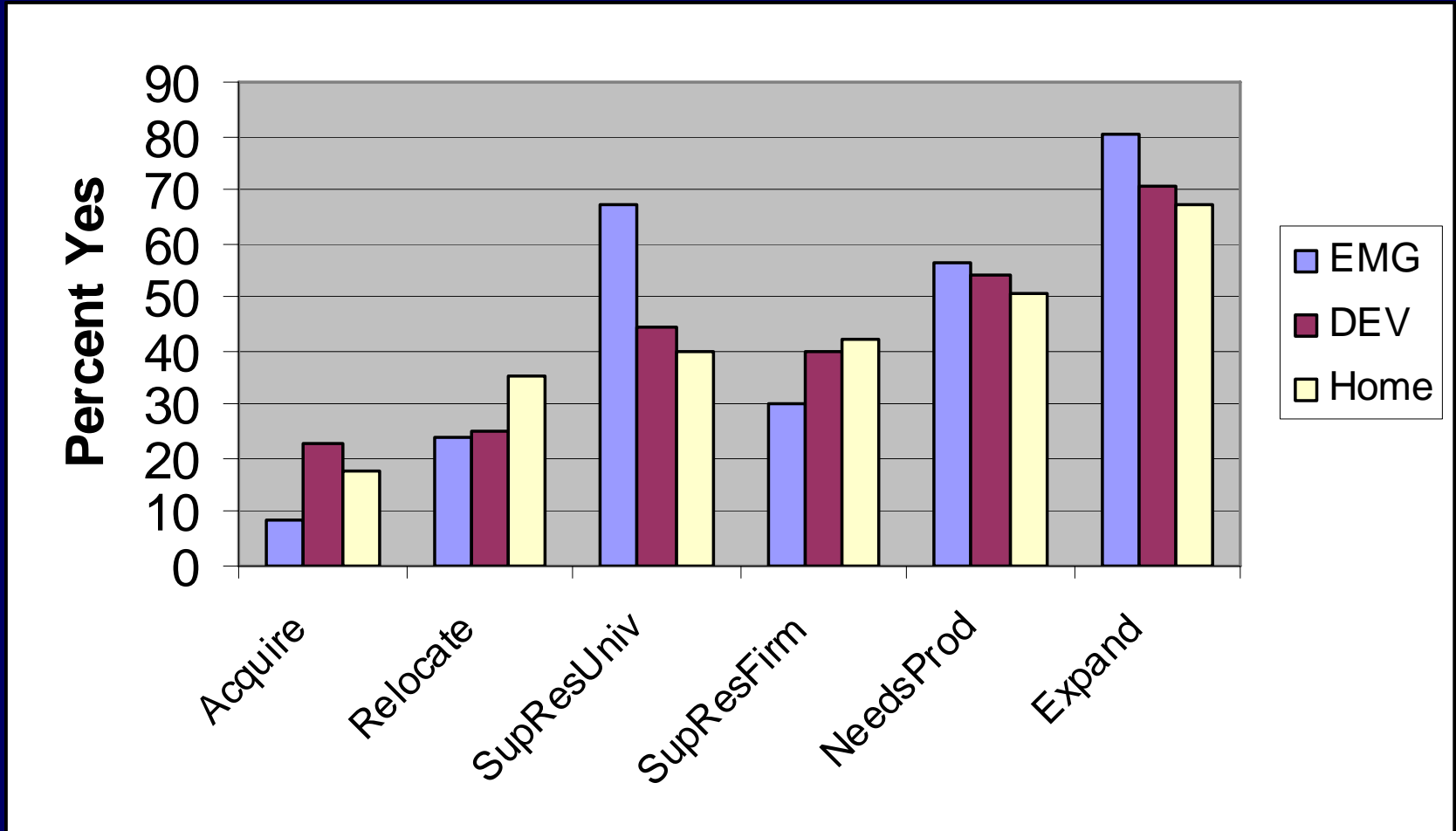
Mean/Median Number of Technical Employees

	Mean	Median
Worldwide	4040	800
Outside/Emerging	185	38
Outside/Developed	122	45
Inside	265	69

General Characteristics of Site

1. This was part of an overall expansion of my firm's R&D effort
2. This was an acquisition of an existing R&D site.
3. This was to establish or support research relationships with other firms.
4. This was to establish or support research relationships with local universities or research institutes.
5. This was to support needs of existing production facilities.
6. This was a relocation of my firm's R&D effort.

General Characteristics of Site



Respondents: Emg 82-86 Dev 45-48 Home 77-80

Factors in Locating OUTSIDE the Home Country

We want to know the factors that you considered in locating R&D in this country. First, we will ask if you agree or disagree with a statement about this location as it affects your firm. We use a 5 point scale where 5 indicates that you strongly agree and 1 indicates that you strongly disagree. 3 will indicate that you neither agree nor disagree. Second, we will ask how important or central the factor was in deliberations on whether to locate in this country. Use a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 is very important and 1 is not important at all.

Factors in Location Decision

1. There are highly qualified R&D personnel in this country.
2. There are university faculty with special scientific or engineering expertise in this country.
3. We were offered tax breaks and/or direct government assistance.
4. In this country it is easy to negotiate ownership of intellectual property from research relationships
5. Exclusive of tax breaks and direct government assistance, the costs of R&D are low in this country.
6. The cultural and regulatory environment in this country is conducive to spinning off or spinning in new businesses.
7. It is easy to collaborate with universities in this country.
8. There is good protection of intellectual property in this country.
9. There are few regulatory and/or research restrictions in this country.
10. The R&D facility was established to support sales to foreign customers.
11. This country has high growth potential.
12. The R&D facility was established to support production for export to other countries.
13. The establishment of an R&D facility was a regulatory or legal prerequisite for access to the local market.

A Snapshot of Overall Regional Results

Home US \approx WEur

Dev. Economy US = WEur

Emerging US = WEur

Home = Dev. Economy \neq Emerging

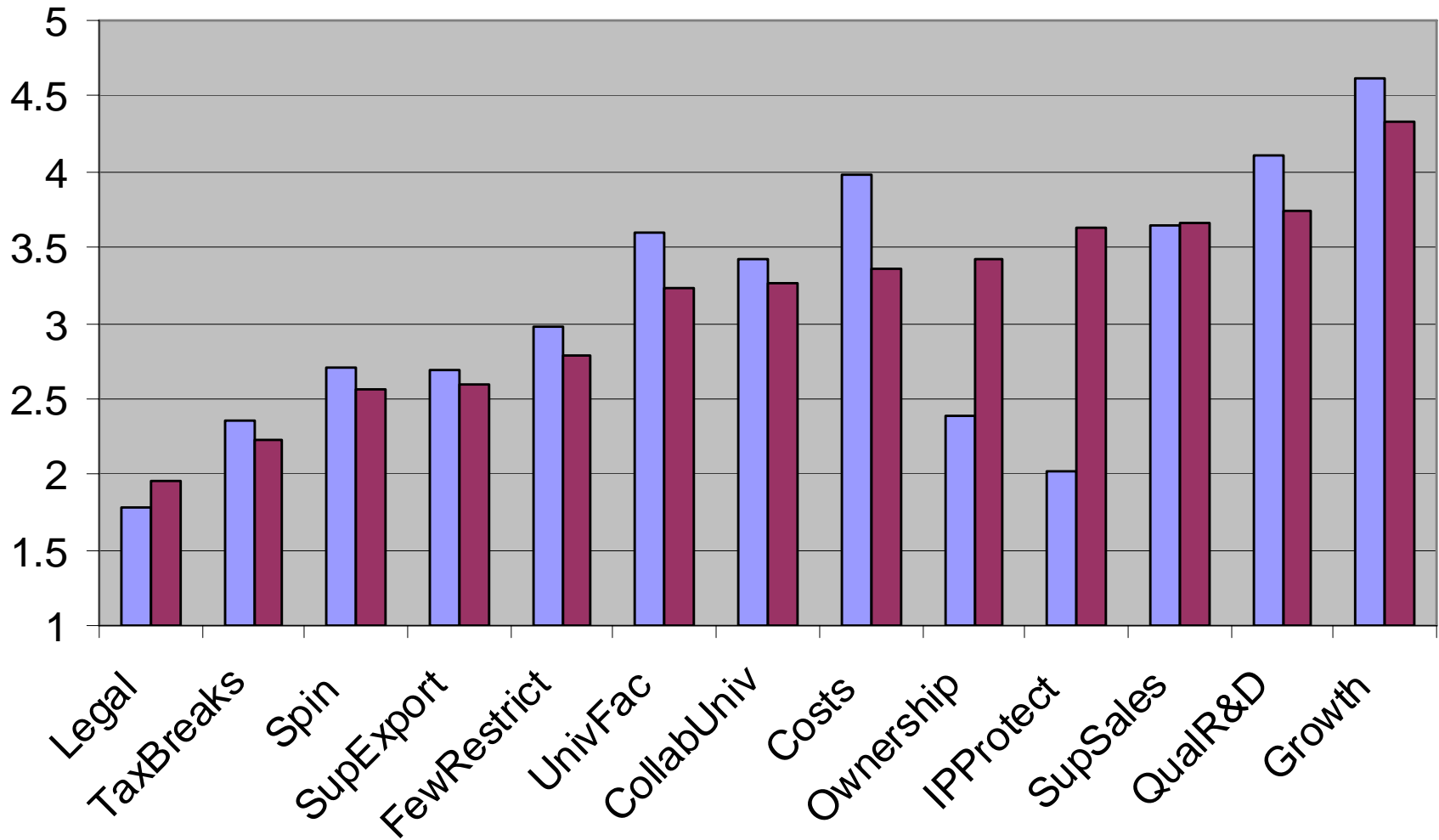
92% of home sites are in US/WEur

97% of outside sites are for US/WEur firms

80% of outside developed are US/WEur sites

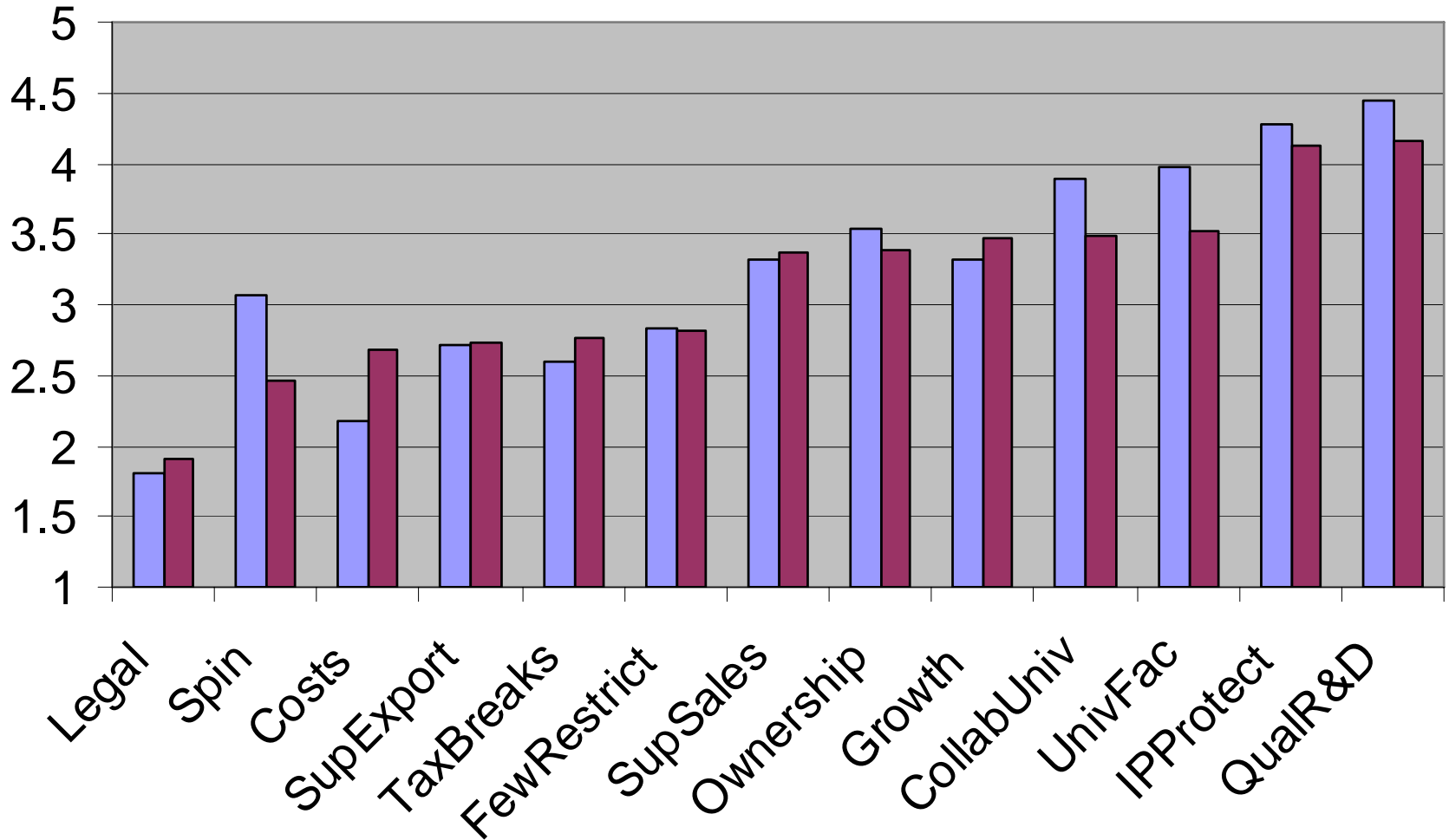
81% of outside emerging are China/India sites

Factors in Locating in Emerging Economy



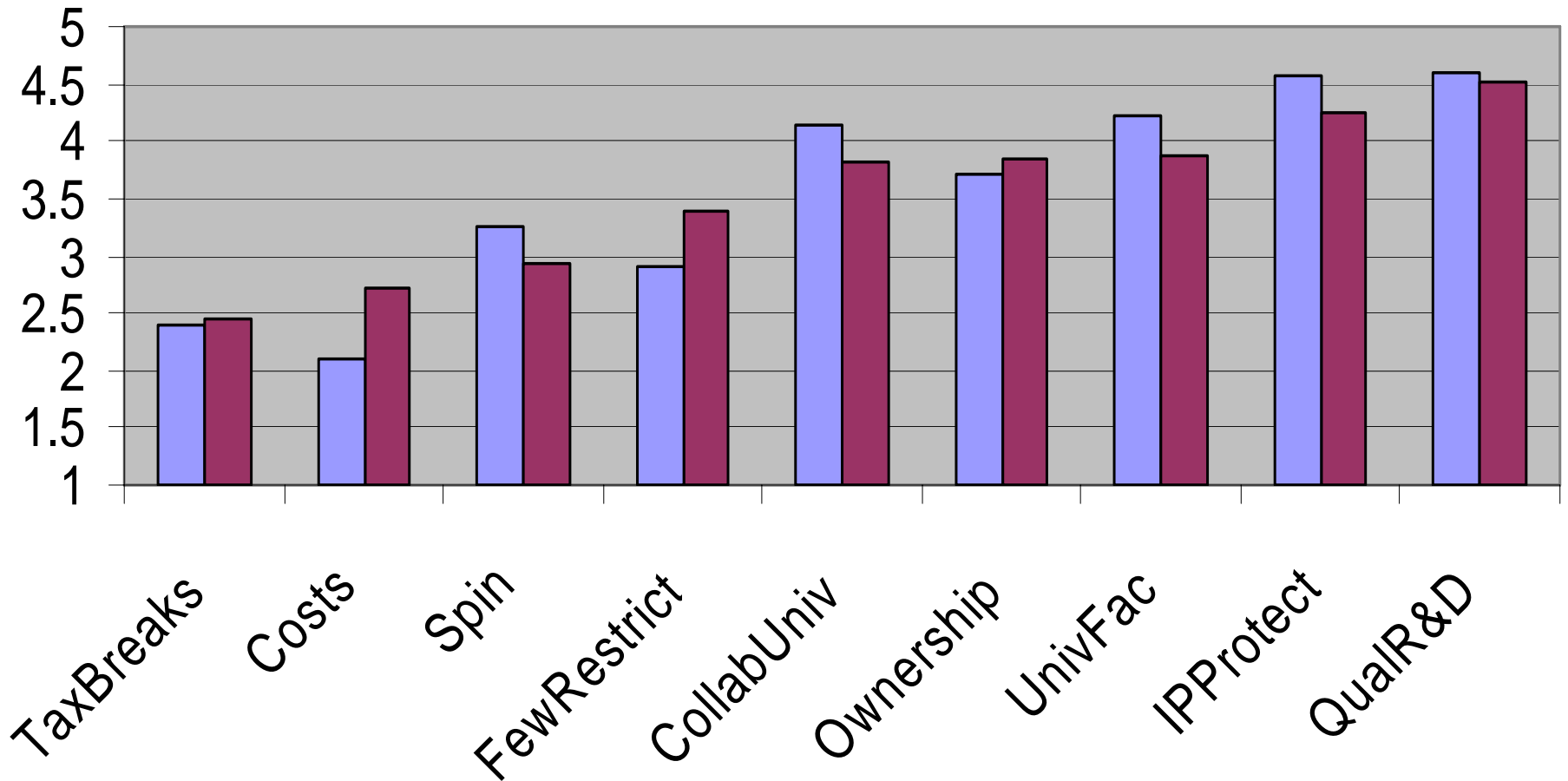
Blue=Agree/Disagree Red=Importance

Factors in Locating in Developed Economy



Blue=Agree/Disagree Red=Importance

Factors in Locating in the Home Country



Blue=Agree/Disagree Red=Importance

Attractor & Detractor Factors

Attractor:

Average agree/disagree > 3

Average importance > 3

Detractor:

Average agree/disagree < 3

Average importance > 3

Factor Summary: Attractors & Detractors

	Attractors	Detractors
Emerging	Output Markets	IP Factors
	Quality of R&D Personnel	
	Costs = University Factors	
Developed/Home	Quality of R&D Personnel = IP Protection	No Detractors
	University Factors	
	Output Markets	

Output Markets are Growth & SupSales

University Factors are CollabUniv and UnivFac

Intellectual Property Factors are IPProtect and Ownership

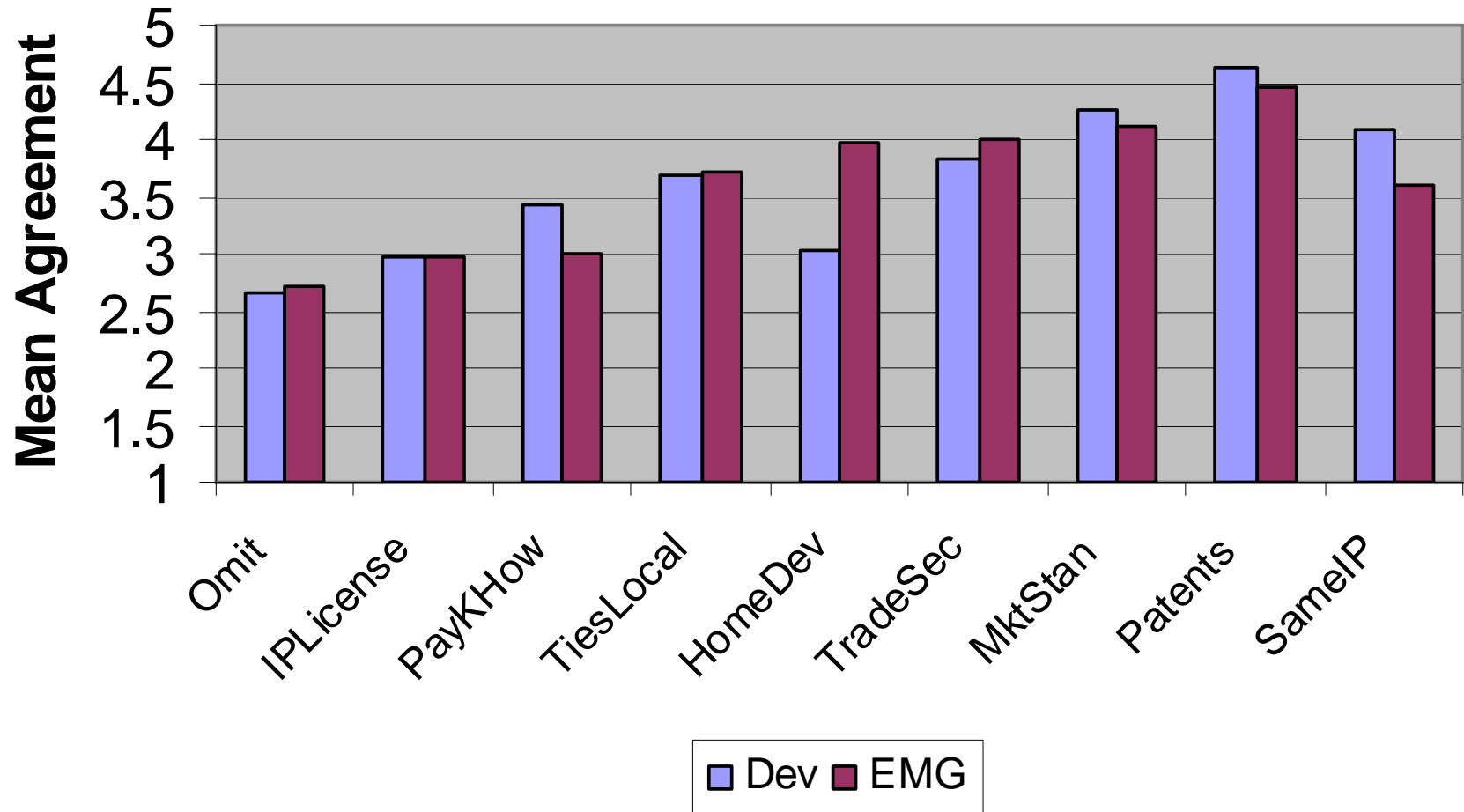
Protecting & Capitalizing on IP

We want to know the approaches used to protect and capitalize on intellectual property either developed in this facility or transferred to it. First we will ask whether you agree or disagree that you use an approach. We will use a 5 point scale where 5 is strongly agree and 1 is strongly disagree. Second, we will ask how important the approach is for this facility. We will use a 5 point scale where 5 is extremely important and 1 is not important at all.

Protecting & Capitalizing on IP

1. Essential elements will be omitted from documents to make it more costly to copy or design around.
2. We license-out intellectual property
3. We require payments for know-how transferred.
4. We establish strong ties to local authorities
5. The potentially important intellectual property is developed in the home country.
6. We use trade secrets.
7. We try to establish our products as the market standard.
8. We use patents
9. We use the same intellectual property strategies at home and abroad

Protecting & Capitalizing on IP



Respondents: Dev 44-46 EMG 79-84

Types of Research

A NEW TECHNOLOGY is a novel application of science as an output of the R&D. It may be patentable or not.

Improving FAMILIAR TECHNOLOGY refers to an application of science currently used by you and/or your competitors.

R&D for NEW MARKETS is designed to create products or services that are new to your firm.

R&D for FAMILIAR MARKETS refers to improvement of products or services that you already offer your customers or where you have a good understanding of the end use.

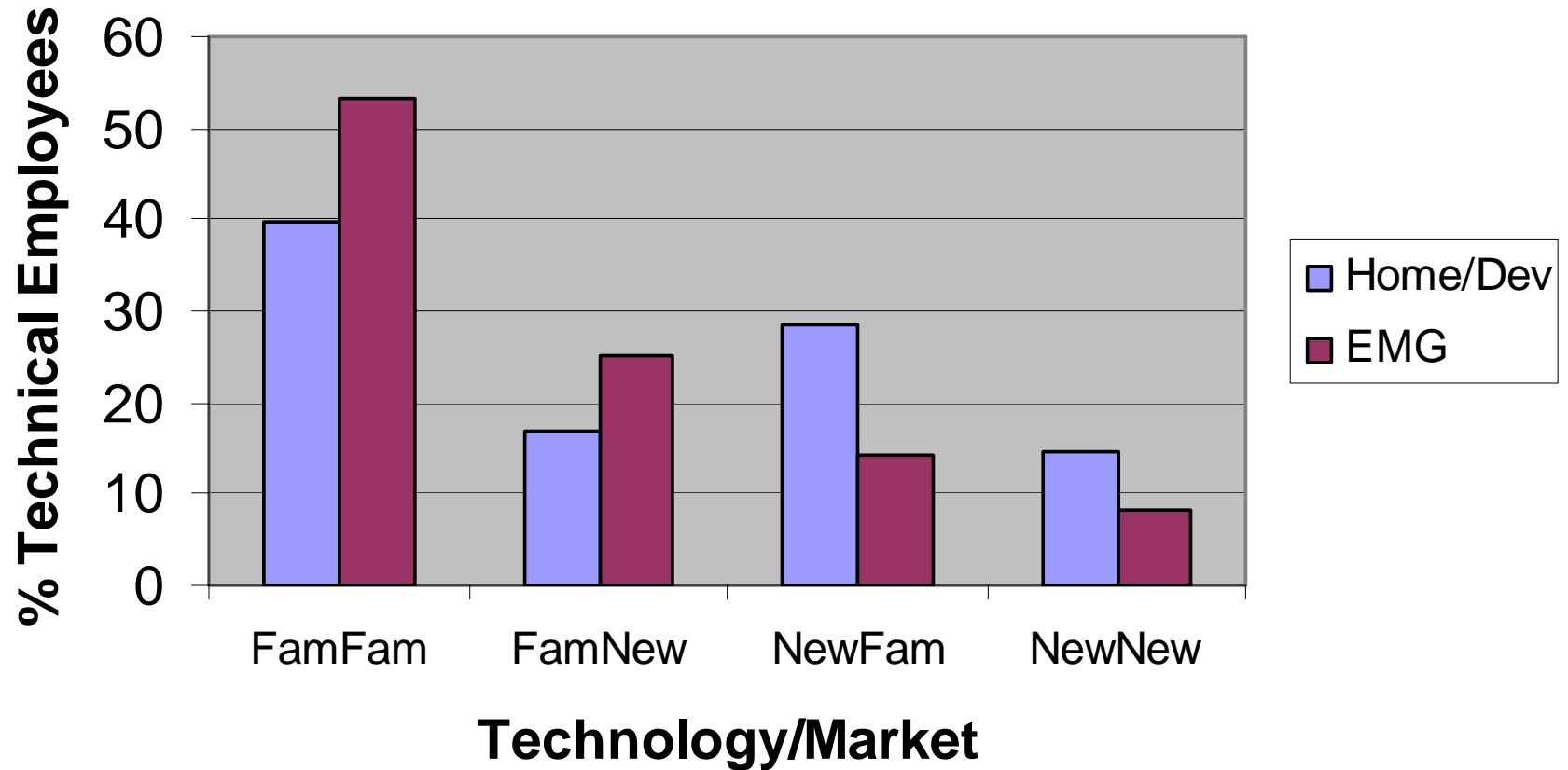
Type of Research Conducted in Recent/Planned Facility

Technology

Market

	Familiar	New
New	%	%
Familiar	%	%

Research Type: Home & Developed Outside *versus* Emerging



What Have We Learned?

Factor	WSJ & NYTimes # Articles	This Survey	
		DEV/Home Not Ranked	Emerging
Cost	38		3
QualR&D	29	1	2
Output	10	4	1
IP	4	1	Negative
Universities	3	3	3

61 WSJ & NYTimes Articles 2002-2005