

Custom DC plan benchmarks

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# Legal services



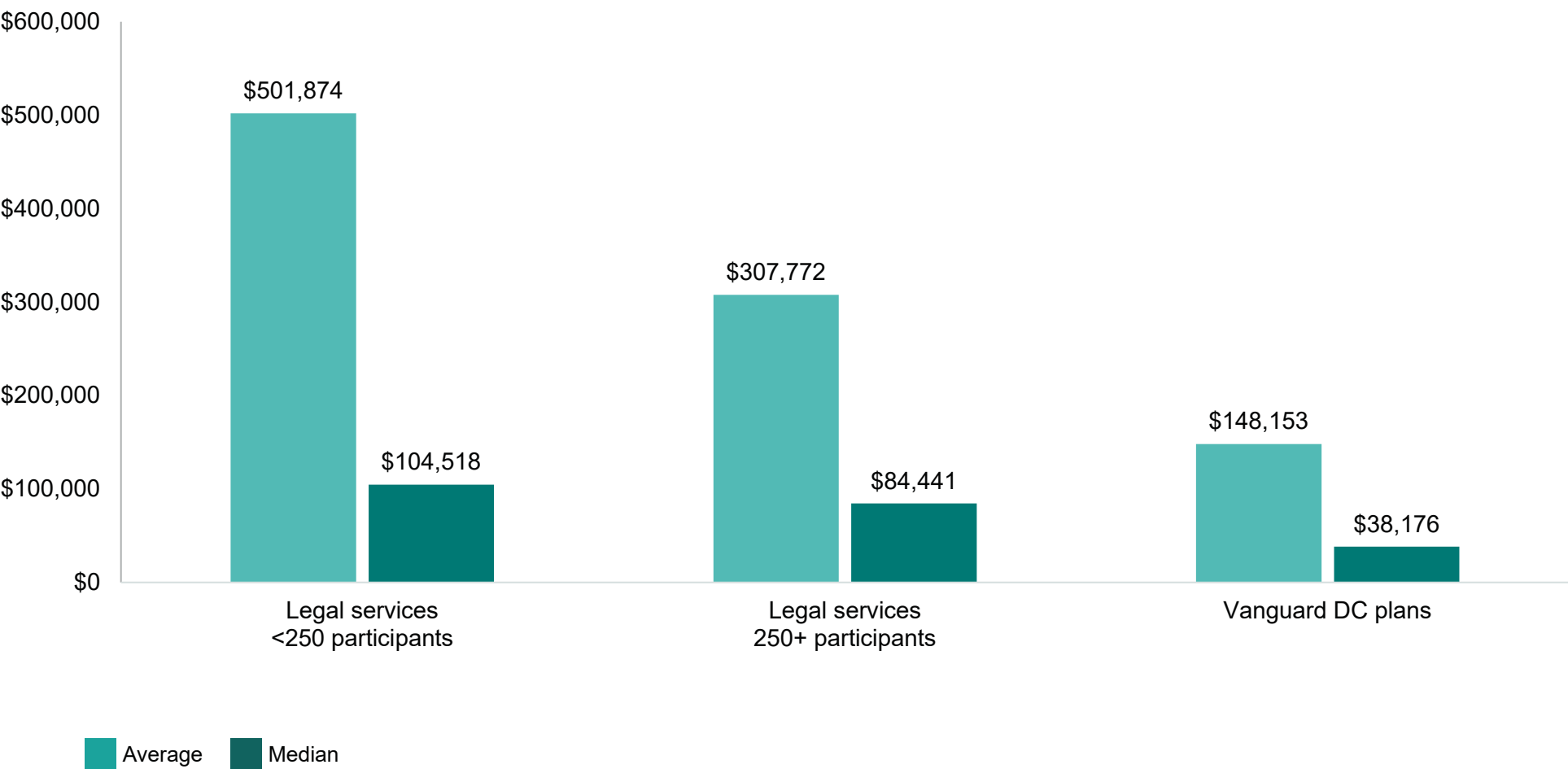
# Benchmark population

	Legal services <250 participants	Legal services 250+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Number of plans	82	49	1,417
Number of participants	8,153	61,473	4,770,746
Average number of participants	99	1,255	3,367
Median number of participants	89	619	622
Amount of assets	\$4.1B	\$18.9B	\$706.8B
Average assets	\$49.9M	\$386.1M	\$498.80M
Median assets	\$36.0M	\$209.2M	\$92.1M

The legal services industry is defined by NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) code 5411.

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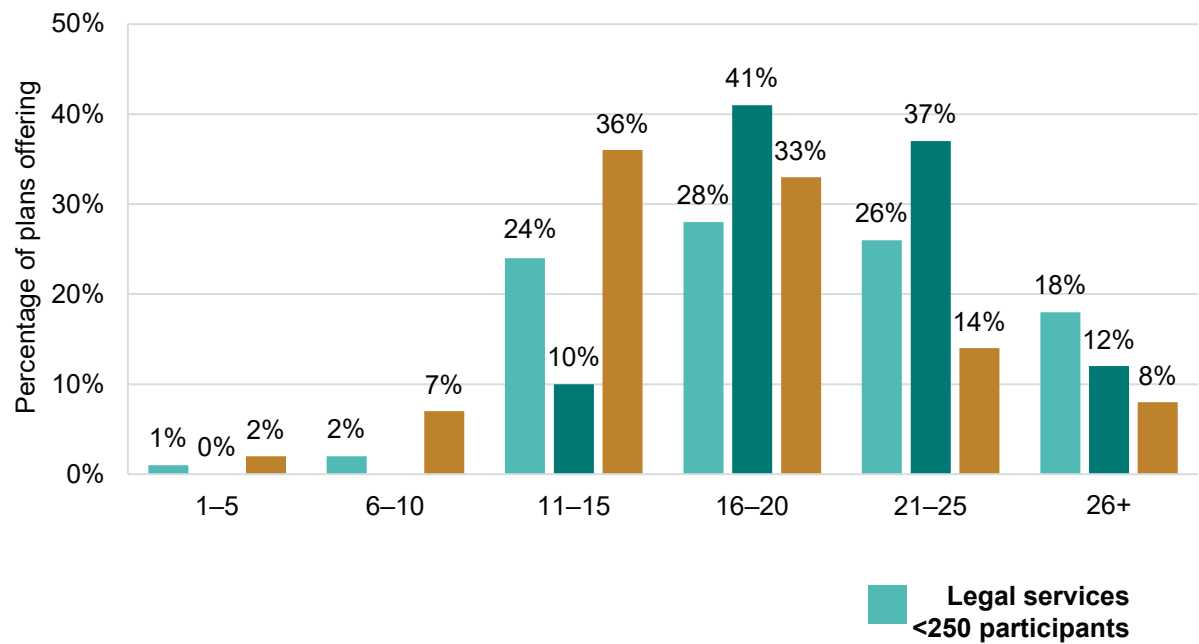
# Participant balances



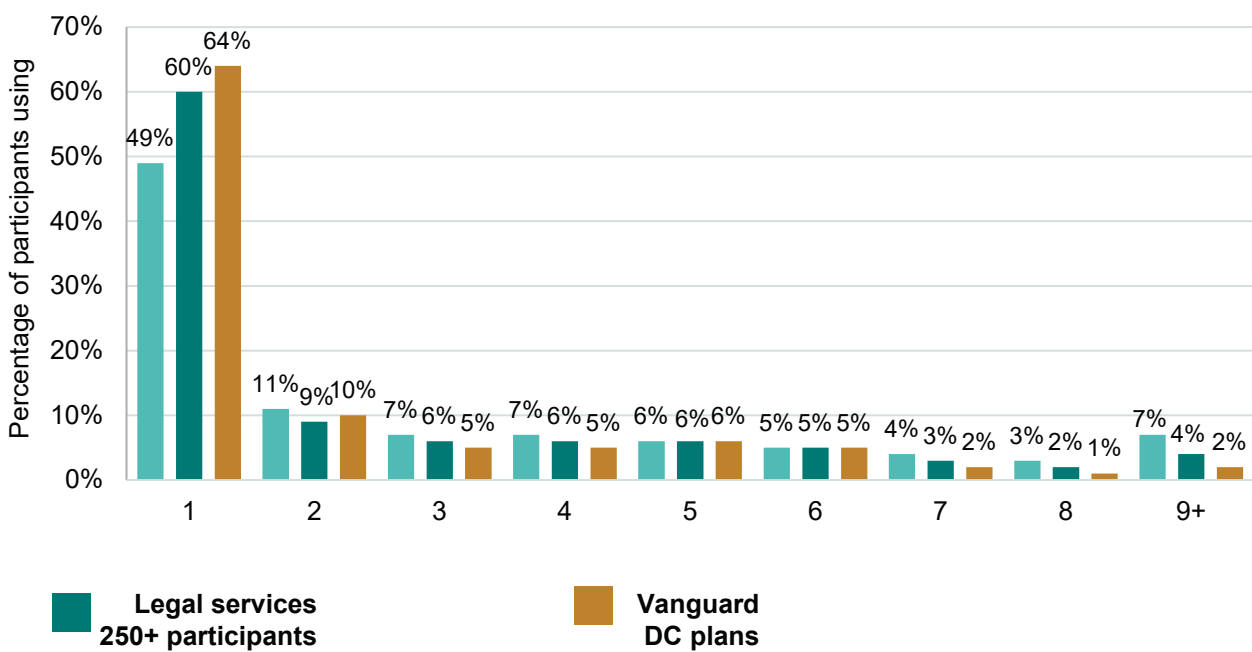
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# Number of fund options offered and used

Funds offered per plan (all life-cycle funds counted as one)



Funds used per participant



Average funds offered	20.3	20.3	17.5
Median funds offered	20	20	16
Average funds used	3.2	2.6	2.3
Median funds used	2	1	1

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Source: Vanguard, as of December 31, 2024.

# Types of investment options offered and used\*

	Legal services <250 participants		Legal services 250+ participants		Vanguard DC plans	
	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*
<b>Cash</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>11%</b>
Money market	82%	12%	88%	6%	73%	5%
Stable value/GIC	62%	13%	73%	10%	68%	9%
<b>Bond funds</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>17%</b>
Active	77%	15%	98%	9%	81%	6%
Index	95%	17%	90%	15%	90%	14%
Inflation-protected securities	40%	5%	61%	4%	36%	3%
Multisector	4%	19%	2%	0%	8%	1%
High-yield	26%	8%	29%	5%	18%	3%
International	24%	5%	18%	5%	19%	5%
Emerging markets	1%	3%	<0.5%	0%	1%	1%
<b>Balanced funds</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>86%</b>
Traditional balanced	88%	24%	76%	17%	60%	11%
Target-risk	2%	13%	2%	6%	3%	1%
Target-date	89%	65%	98%	78%	96%	84%
<b>Company stock</b>	<b>&lt;0.5%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>&lt;0.5%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Self-directed brokerage</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>1%</b>

\* Among participants offered the option.  
Percentages should not equal 100% because of rounding.  
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# Types of investment options offered and used\* (continued)

	Legal services <250 participants		Legal services 250+ participants		Vanguard DC plans	
	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*
<b>Equity funds</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Domestic equity funds</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>29%</b>
Large-cap index	99%	34%	96%	29%	98%	24%
Large-cap active	93%	28%	92%	18%	89%	15%
Large-cap value	93%	18%	92%	11%	86%	8%
Large-cap growth	94%	22%	94%	14%	89%	12%
Large-cap blend	99%	34%	96%	29%	98%	24%
Mid-cap index	80%	15%	94%	15%	83%	14%
Mid-cap active	71%	17%	73%	10%	52%	6%
Small-cap index	73%	15%	73%	12%	63%	11%
Small-cap active	68%	13%	78%	9%	64%	6%
Socially responsible	12%	6%	14%	1%	17%	6%
<b>International equity funds</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>18%</b>
Index international	82%	13%	88%	15%	82%	14%
Active international	85%	19%	94%	12%	83%	8%
Emerging markets	38%	7%	53%	6%	33%	9%
<b>Global equity funds</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>3%</b>

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# Types of investment options offered and used\* (continued)

	Legal services <250 participants		Legal services 250+ participants		Vanguard DC plans	
	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*
Sector funds	49%	13%	55%	9%	38%	5%
REIT	40%	11%	49%	8%	33%	4%
Health care	21%	12%	10%	10%	8%	6%
Energy	10%	7%	<0.5%	0%	4%	4%
Precious metals	<0.5%	0%	<0.5%	0%	2%	2%
Technology	4%	8%	16%	8%	3%	5%
Utilities	<0.5%	0%	<0.5%	0%	1%	2%
Natural resources	1%	4%	<0.5%	0%	1%	3%
Financials	<0.5%	0%	<0.5%	0%	0%	1%
Communications	<0.5%	0%	2%	6%	0%	1%
Consumer	<0.5%	0%	<0.5%	0%	0%	1%
Industrials	<0.5%	0%	<0.5%	0%	0%	1%

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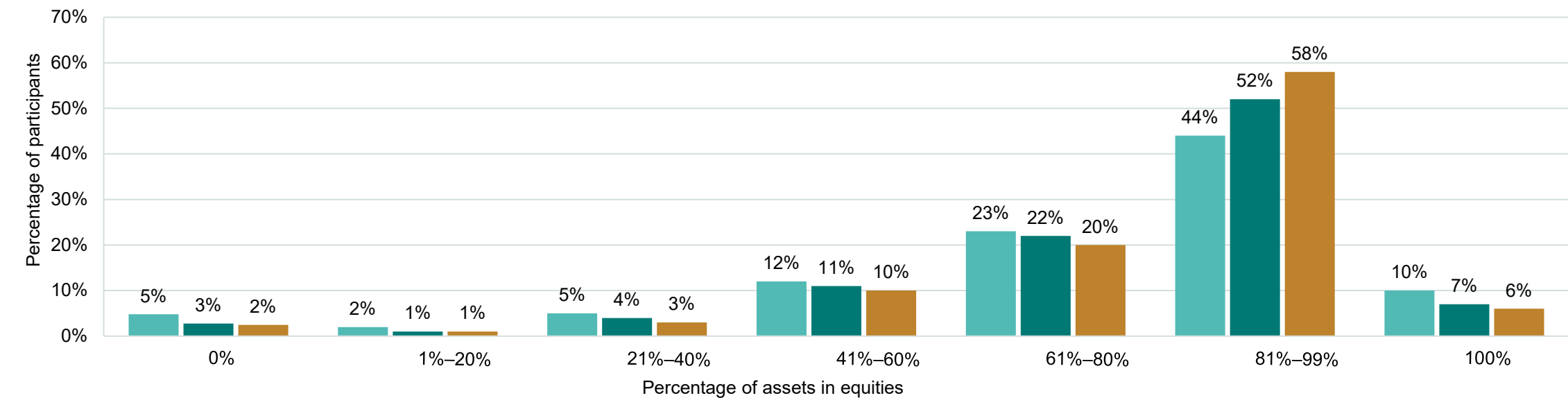
# Target-date fund availability and use

		Legal services <250 participants	Legal services 250+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Percentage of plans offering		89%	98%	96%
Plan assets invested*		23%	34%	42%
Percentage of plan assets*	<10%	26%	0%	4%
	10%–19%	15%	8%	8%
	20%–29%	29%	29%	16%
	30%–39%	14%	31%	20%
	40%–49%	5%	19%	18%
	50%+	10%	13%	34%
Percentage of participants using*		66%	78%	84%
Percentage of participant assets**		52%	56%	63%
Percentage of participant assets in target-date funds**	1%–24%	10%	8%	9%
	25%–49%	7%	8%	8%
	50%–74%	5%	4%	4%
	75%–99%	5%	4%	6%
	100%	68%	74%	73%
Percentage of participants owning**	One target-date fund only	63%	70%	71%
	One target-date fund plus other funds	27%	23%	23%
	Two or more target-date funds only	4%	3%	2%
	Two or more target-date funds plus other funds	6%	4%	4%

\* Among plans offering target-date options.  
\*\* Among participants owning target-date options.  
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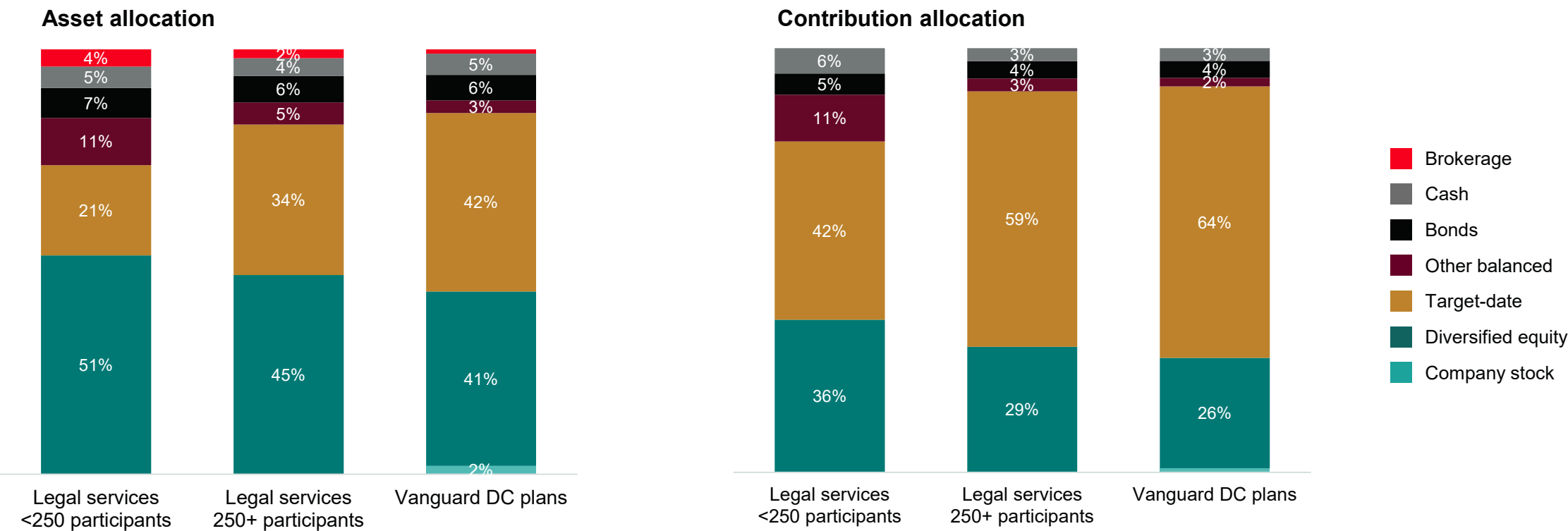
# Participant equity exposure



	Legal services <250 participants	Legal services 250+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Average percentage in equities	73%	76%	78%
Median percentage in equities	83%	85%	87%

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# Asset and contribution allocations



	Legal services<250 participants	Legal services250+ participants	VanguardDC plans
Percentage of asset allocation in equities*	71%	71%	75%
Percentage of contribution allocation in equities*	74%	76%	79%

\* Equities include company stock, diversified equity, and the equity portion of balanced funds.  
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# Participants with professionally managed allocations

		Legal services <250 participants	Legal services 250+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
All participants	Single target-date fund	38%	54%	59%
	Single balanced fund	5%	2%	1%
	Managed account program	1%	3%	7%
	Total	44%	59%	67%
New plan entrants during the year	Single target-date fund	72%	79%	90%
	Single balanced fund	5%	3%	0%
	Managed account program	0%	2%	2%
	Total	77%	84%	92%

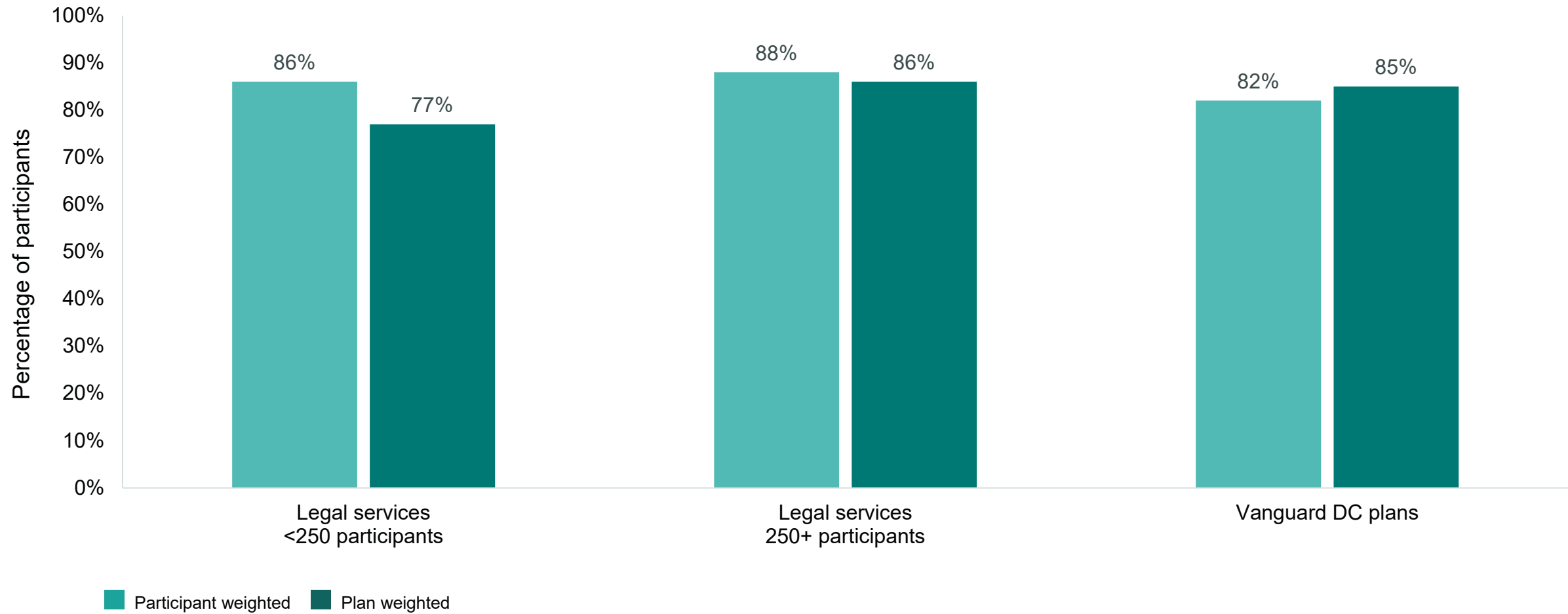
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# Automatic enrollment options\*

		Legal services <250 participants	Legal services 250+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Automatic enrollment*	Number of plans	21	24	795
	Percentage of plans	28%	56%	61%
Default automatic enrollment rate	1%	5%	0%	2%
	2%	10%	4%	4%
	3%	33%	38%	33%
	4%	19%	8%	14%
	5%	14%	8%	17%
	6%+	19%	42%	30%
Default automatic increase rate	1%	48%	71%	67%
	2%	5%	4%	2%
	Voluntary election	29%	21%	25%
	Service feature not offered	19%	4%	6%
Default automatic increase cap	<6%	6%	9%	2%
	6%–9%	6%	13%	14%
	10%–14%	35%	43%	49%
	15%–19%	18%	4%	24%
	20%+	0%	0%	6%
	No cap	35%	30%	5%
Default fund	Target-date fund	86%	96%	98%
	Other balanced fund	14%	4%	1%
	Money market or stable value fund	0%	0%	1%

\* Limited to plans using Vanguard’s automatic enrollment service.  
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# Participation rates



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# Participant deferral rates

		Legal services <250 participants	Legal services 250+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Deferral rates	Average	7.3%	7.6%	7.7%
	Median	6.7%	6.8%	6.8%
Distribution of rates	<4.0%	27%	18%	22%
	4.0%–6.0%	18%	18%	20%
	6.1%–9.9%	37%	44%	33%
	10.0%–14.9%	13%	13%	18%
	15.0%+	6%	7%	7%

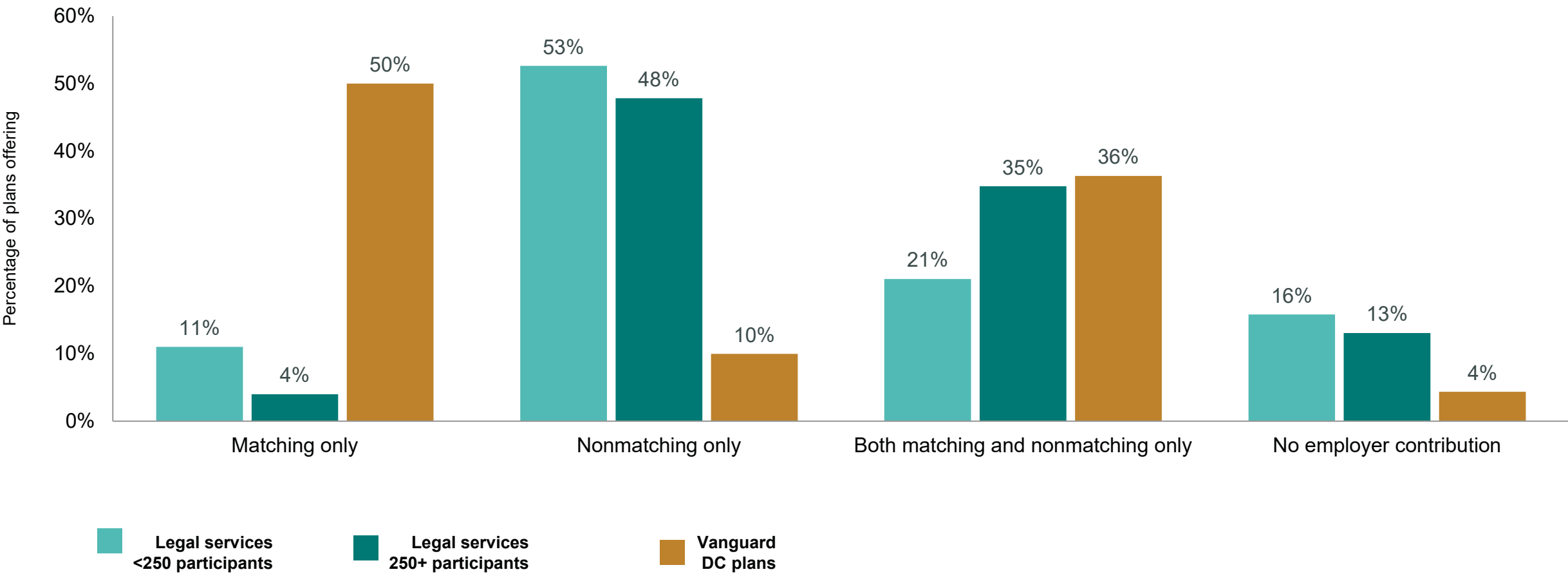
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Source: Vanguard active plans with nondiscrimination testing completed during the past two years.

# Aggregate participant and employer contribution rates

		Legal services <250 participants	Legal services 250+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Total saving rate	Average	12.2%	12.7%	12.0%
	Median	11.0%	11.3%	11.5%
Distribution of rates	<5.0%	13%	9%	14%
	5.0%–8.9%	23%	23%	18%
	9.0%–11.9%	19%	20%	21%
	12.0%–14.9%	17%	12%	20%
	15.0%+	29%	36%	26%

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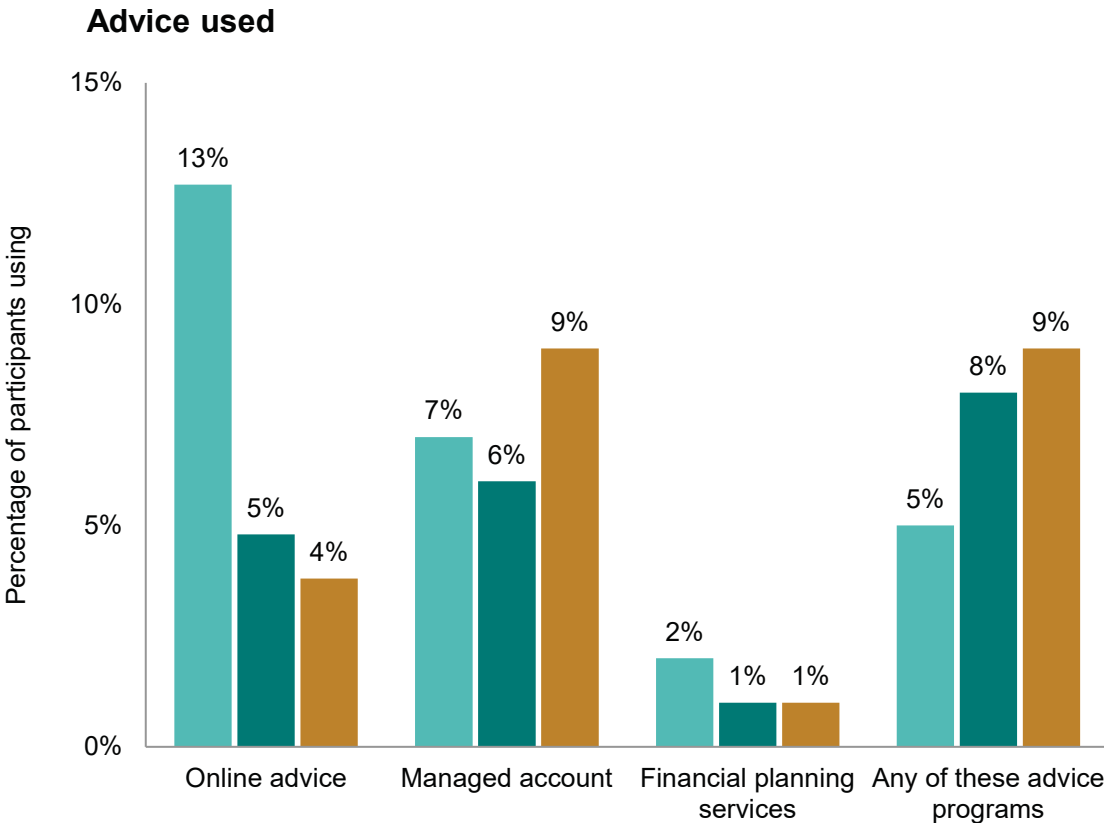
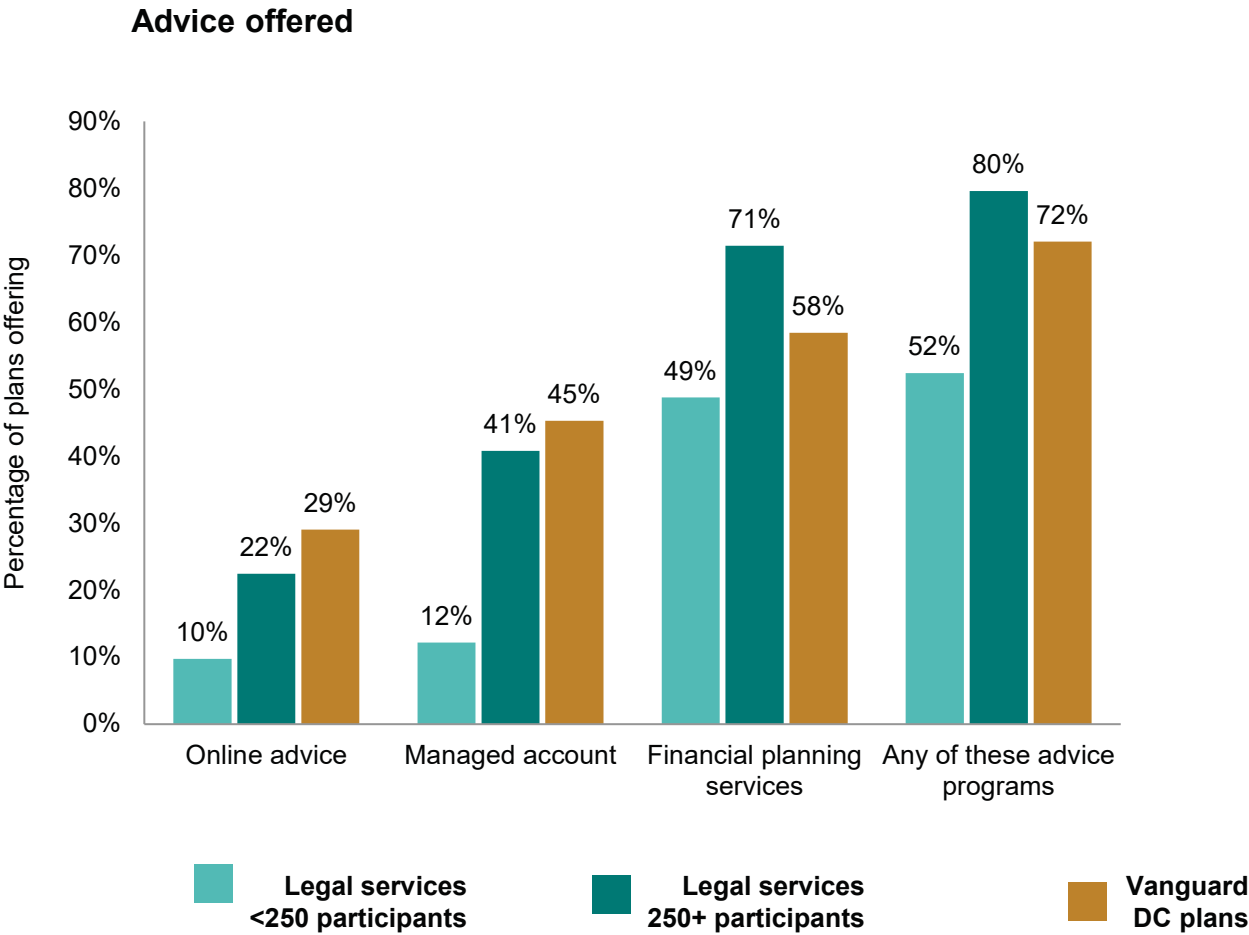
# Types of employer contributions



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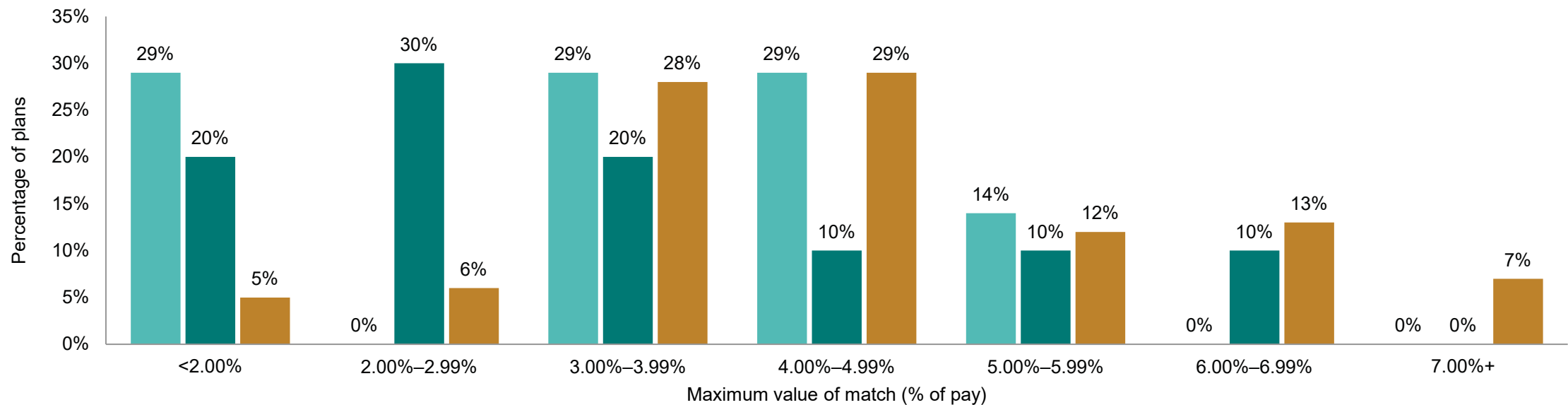


# Advice services



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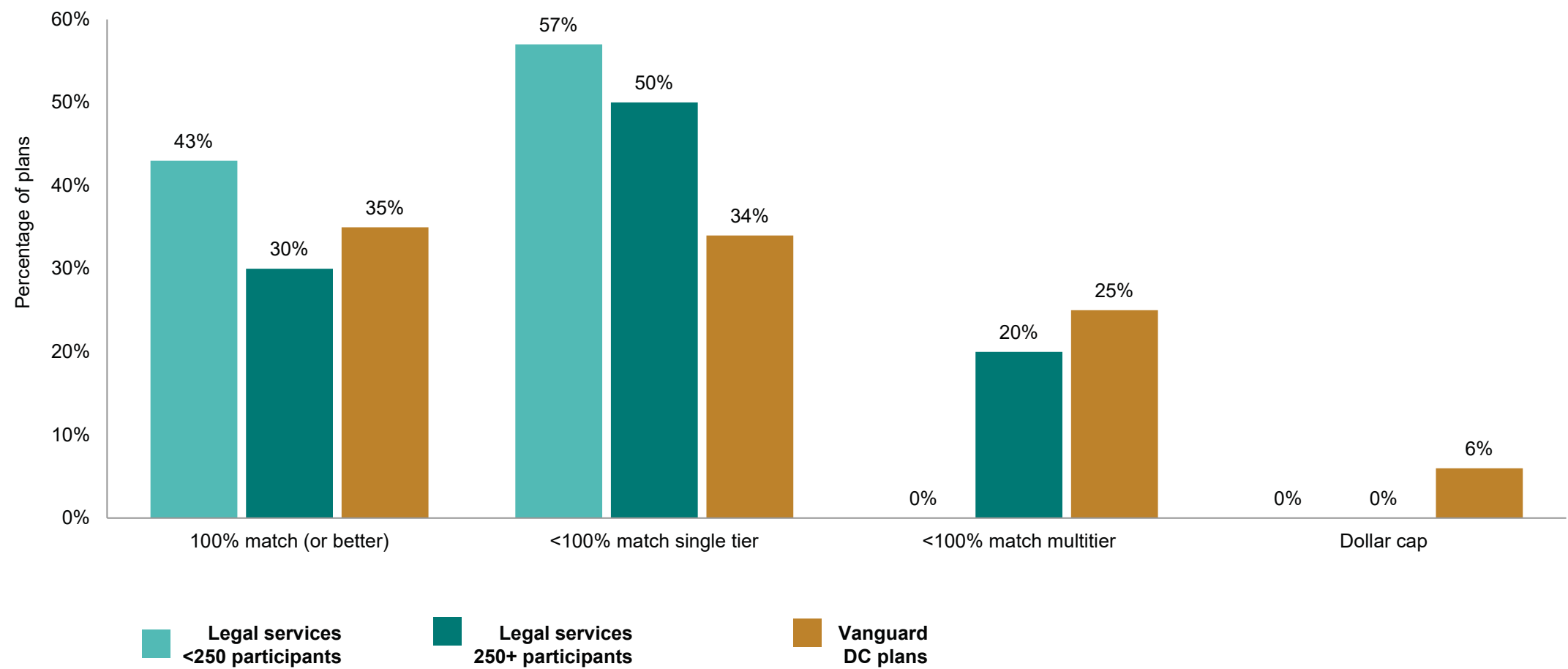
# Matching contributions



	Legal services <250 participants	Legal services 250+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Average value	3.1%	3.0%	4.6%
Median value	3.0%	2.8%	4.0%

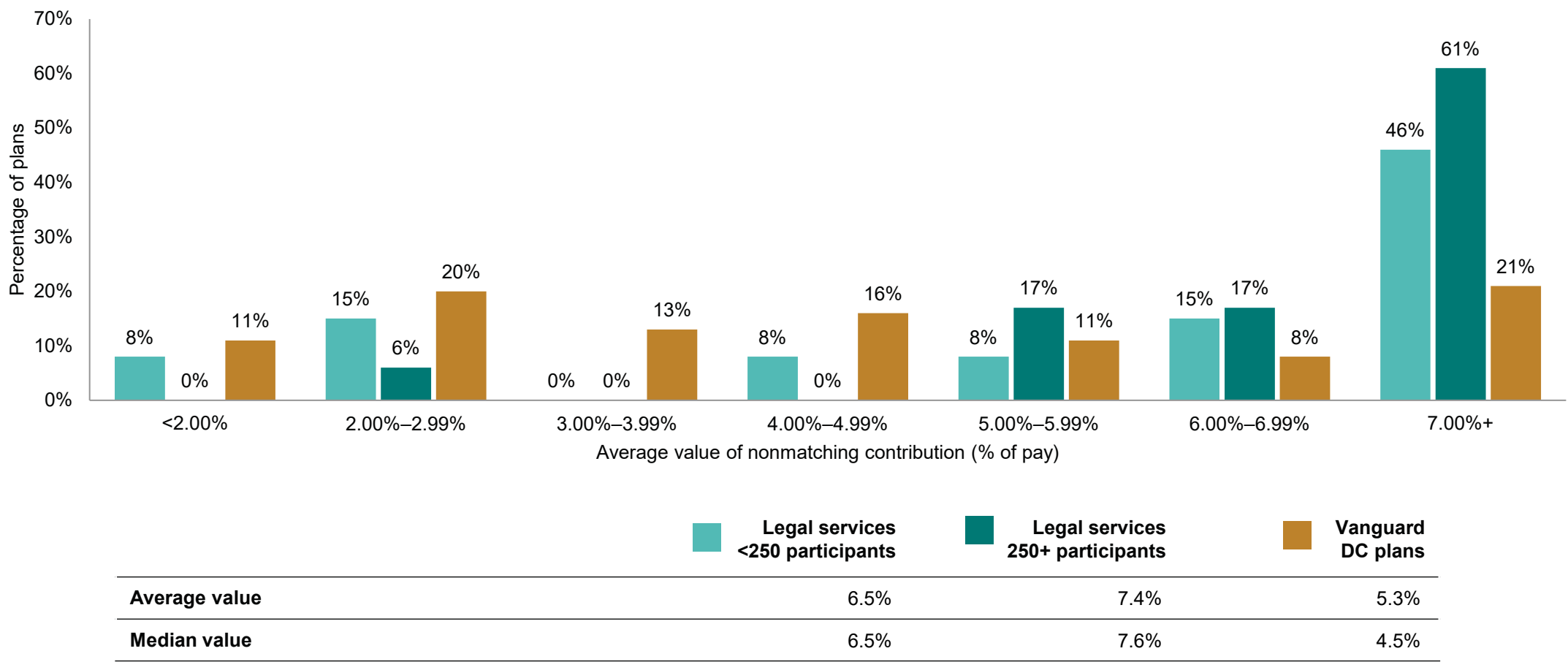
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# Matching formulas



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# Nonmatching/Profit-sharing employer contributions



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# Roth availability and use

		Legal services <250 participants	Legal services 250+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Percentage of plans offering Roth (among plans with elective deferrals)		84%	98%	86%
Percentage of plan assets invested in Roth*		3%	6%	5%
Distribution of percentage of plan assets in Roth	<1%	19%	2%	10%
	1%–2%	35%	19%	29%
	3%–5%	25%	38%	36%
	6%–9%	11%	31%	16%
	10%–14%	8%	10%	6%
	15%+	2%	0%	3%
Percentage of participants with assets in Roth*		19%	21%	18%
Percentage of participant assets in Roth**		14%	23%	18%
Distribution of participant assets in Roth	1%–24%	48%	41%	50%
	25%–49%	24%	24%	23%
	50%–74%	13%	13%	14%
	75%–99%	6%	8%	6%
	100%	6%	11%	3%
Percentage of participants making Roth contributions (past 12 months)***		24%	23%	18%
Percentage of participant contributions going to Roth**		66%	67%	53%
Distribution of percentage of participant contributions to Roth	1%–24%	15%	16%	24%
	25%–49%	17%	21%	26%
	50%–74%	18%	16%	15%
	75%–99%	4%	6%	7%
	100%	46%	41%	28%

\* Among plans offering Roth.  
\*\* Among participants using Roth.  
\*\*\* Among participants making elective deferrals.  
Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.  
Source: Vanguard, as of December 31, 2024.

# Participant loans and in-service withdrawals

		Legal services <250 participants	Legal services 250+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Outstanding loans*	Percentage of participants with outstanding loans	8%	7%	13%
	Percentage of account balance in loans	4%	6%	9%
	Average loan balance	\$16,135	\$16,117	\$11,067
Percentage of active participants with outstanding loans*	No loans	92%	93%	87%
	One loan	5%	4%	10%
	Two loans	2%	2%	3%
	Three+ loans	1%	0%	0%
Loans issued past 12 months*	Average per 1,000 active participants	85	67	104
	Average loan amount	\$17,000	\$14,139	\$11,220
Nonhardship withdrawals taken past 12 months**	Average per 1,000 active participants	186	112	136
	Average withdrawal amount	\$86,614	\$60,610	\$18,304
Hardship withdrawals taken past 12 months**	Average per 1,000 active participants	23	26	100
	Average withdrawal amount	\$16,200	\$6,380	\$5,145

\* Among plans allowing loans.  
\*\* Among participants allowed in-service withdrawals.  
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