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### Abstract

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A PACIFIC UNIVERSITY OPTOMETRY

GRADUATE SURVEY

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A thesis submitted in partial fulfillment

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The purpose of this survey was to determine the relative success of all Optometry graduates of this institution.

It was felt that the information gathered from this survey would be of considerable value to the student of Optometry and to further serve as an index of the professional and financial status of the graduates of Pacific University College of Optometry.

A definite attempt has been made not to draw conclusions or inferences from the material here presented, rather, a graphical representation of the statistical information gathered. It might be added that the accuracy of the data is predicated on the survey returns.

We are extremely grateful for the cooperation of Mr. James Phinney, Dr. James Wahl, and all the graduates of Pacific University College of Optometry.

The data on the following pages is more or less self explanatory, but a few words of explanation may clarify a few points of confusion.

Mean income was calculated by averaging the mid points of the salary brackets checked by the optometrists. The graphs all show the actual calculated averages. The number reporting, on which the averages are based, is shown in parenthesis on each bar on the graphs.

Military optometrists were excluded from graphs on pages 9 through 21, but included in the remaining graphs.

Optometrists in practice less than one year were excluded from graphs pertaining to salary and number of years in practice.

Charles A. Seabery

Robert Relling

Eugene Wegner

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June 10, 1960

Dear Doctor:

We are soliciting your cooperation in completing a Pacific University Optometry Graduate Survey (Thesis).

The purpose of this survey is to determine the relative success of our graduates on state board examinations and financial income in relation to the type and number of years in practice. Since some of the information requested may appear to be of confidential nature, please be assured that the information received will be held in the strictest confidence and will be used only in a statistical manner to complete the survey.

A summary of the survey will be published in the Oregon Optometrist and, of course, will be made available to you.

A high percentage of returns is necessary to make a study of this nature valid. We hope you will take a few minutes to complete and return the questionnaire.

Sincerely,

*Charles Scabery*  
Charles Scabery, Clinician

*Robert Relling*  
Robert Relling, Clinician

*James F. Wahl*  
James F. Wahl, O. D., Dean

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PACIFIC UNIVERSITY OPTOMETRY GRADUATE SURVEY

Please check the appropriate answer:

1. In what year did you graduate?

1948 _____	1951 _____	1954 _____	1957 _____
1949 _____	1952 _____	1955 _____	1958 _____
1950 _____	1953 _____	1956 _____	1959 _____

2. How many different state board examinations did you take?

None _____	Two _____	Four _____	Six _____
One _____	Three _____	Five _____	Seven _____

3. In how many states were you successful in passing the state board?

None _____	Two _____	Four _____	Six _____
One _____	Three _____	Five _____	Seven _____

4. How many years have you been in practice? (Do not include practice in military service)

None _____	Three _____	Six _____	Nine _____
One _____	Four _____	Seven _____	Ten _____
Two _____	Five _____	Eight _____	Eleven _____

5. Are you now practicing in your home state?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you presently a member of your state Optometric Association?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is your type of practice?

Private \_\_\_\_\_ Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ Employed \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is your annual net income?

Less than \$4000 _____	\$8000 to \$10,000 _____
\$4000 to \$5000 _____	\$10,000 to \$12,000 _____
\$5000 to \$6000 _____	\$12,000 to \$15,000 _____
\$6000 to \$7000 _____	\$15,000 to \$18,000 _____
\$7000 to \$8000 _____	Over \$18,000 _____



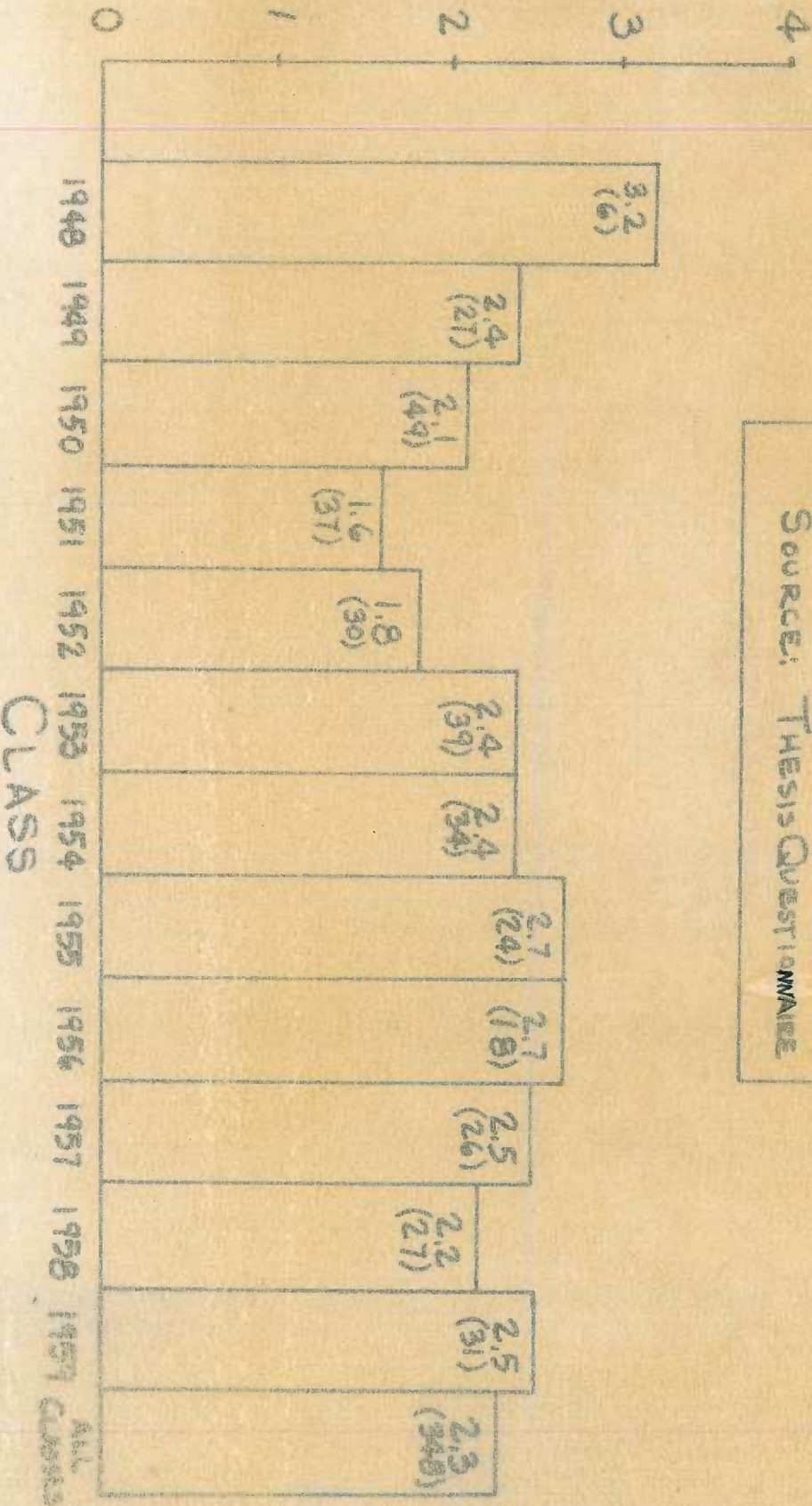
**STATISTICS OF SURVEY COVERAGE**

Number of Pacific University optometry graduates (1948 through 1959)	548
Number of survey forms mailed to graduates	548
Number of survey forms returned	348
Percentage of all Pacific University optometry graduates reporting	63.5%

**NUMBER REPORTING BY CLASSES**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number in ea. class</u>	<u>Number reporting from ea. class</u>	<u>% of each class rep.</u>	<u>% of total number rep.</u>
1948	8	6	75.0%	1.7%
1949	48	27	56.3%	7.8%
1950	77	49	63.6%	14.1%
1951	66	37	56.0%	10.6%
1952	44	30	68.2%	8.6%
1953	59	39	66.1%	11.2%
1954	60	34	56.7%	9.8%
1955	39	24	61.5%	6.9%
1956	22	18	81.8%	5.2%
1957	43	26	60.5%	7.5%
1958	40	27	67.5%	7.8%
1959	42	31	73.8%	8.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>63.3%</b>	<b>100%</b>

# AVERAGE NUMBER OF STATE BOARD EXAMINATIONS TAKEN PER PERSON

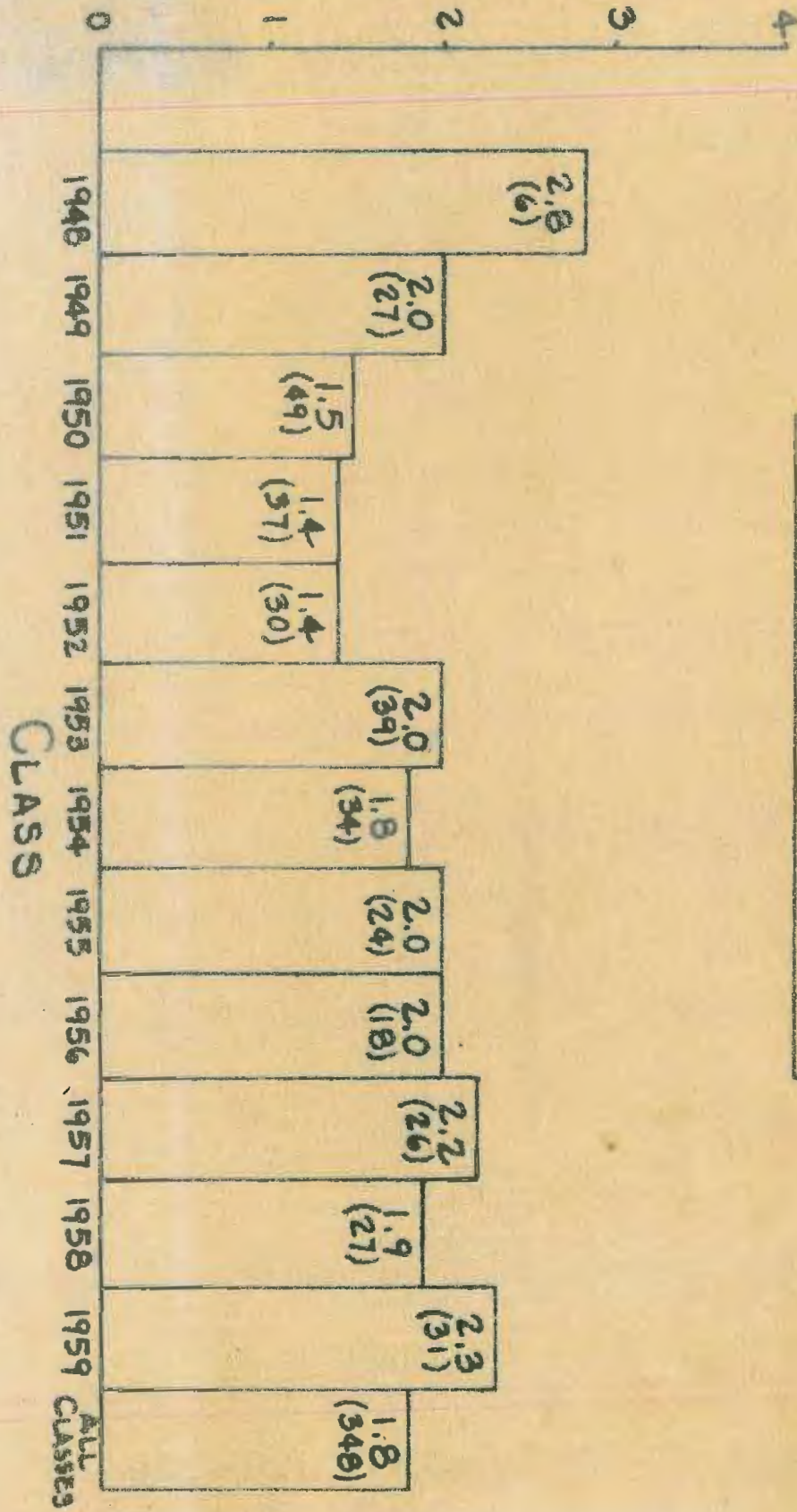


AVERAGE NUMBER OF STATE BOARD EXAMINATIONS TAKEN PER PERSON IN EACH CLASS

SOURCE: THESIS QUESTIONNAIRE



# AVERAGE NUMBER OF STATE BOARD EXAMINATIONS PASSED PER PERSON



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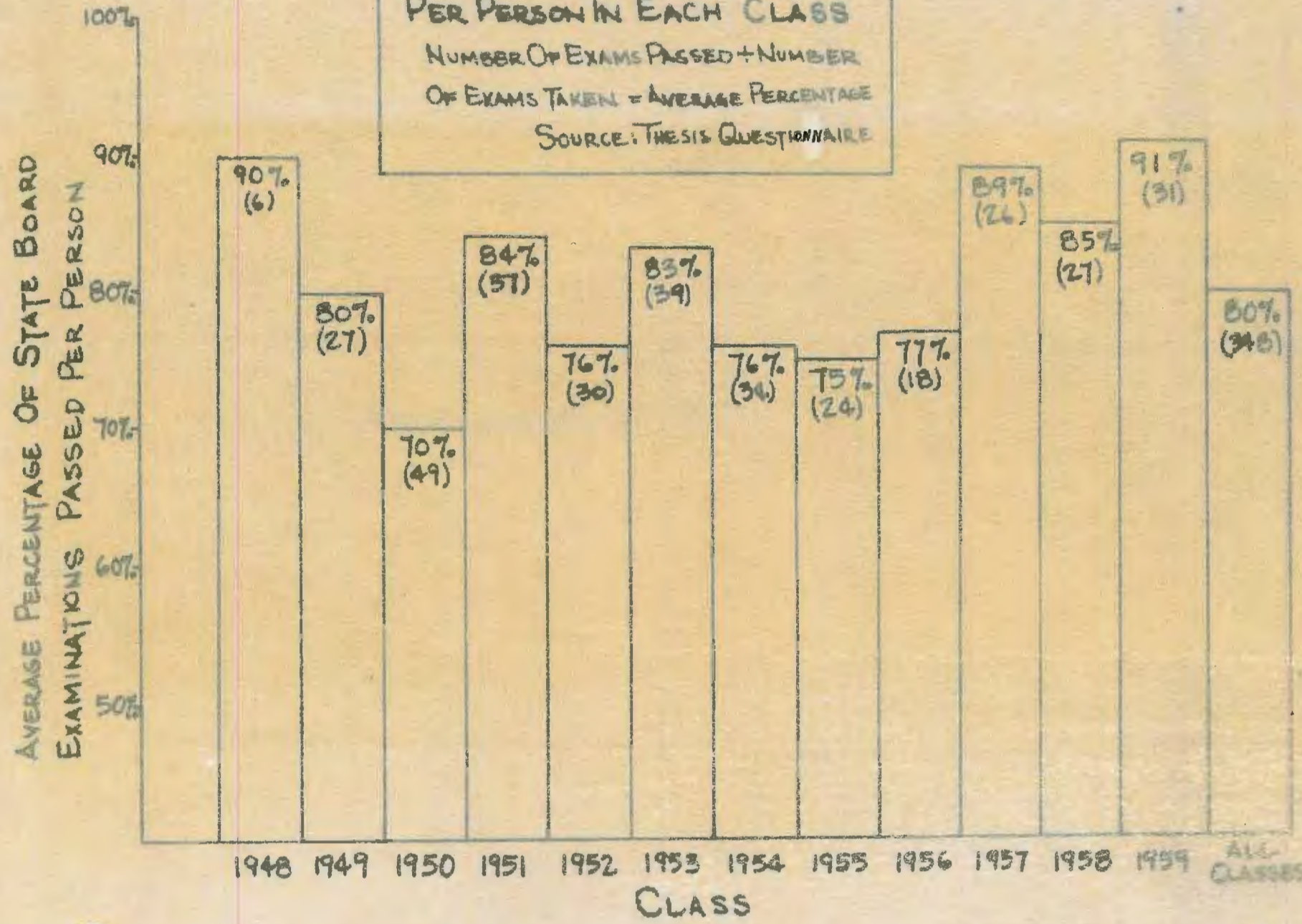
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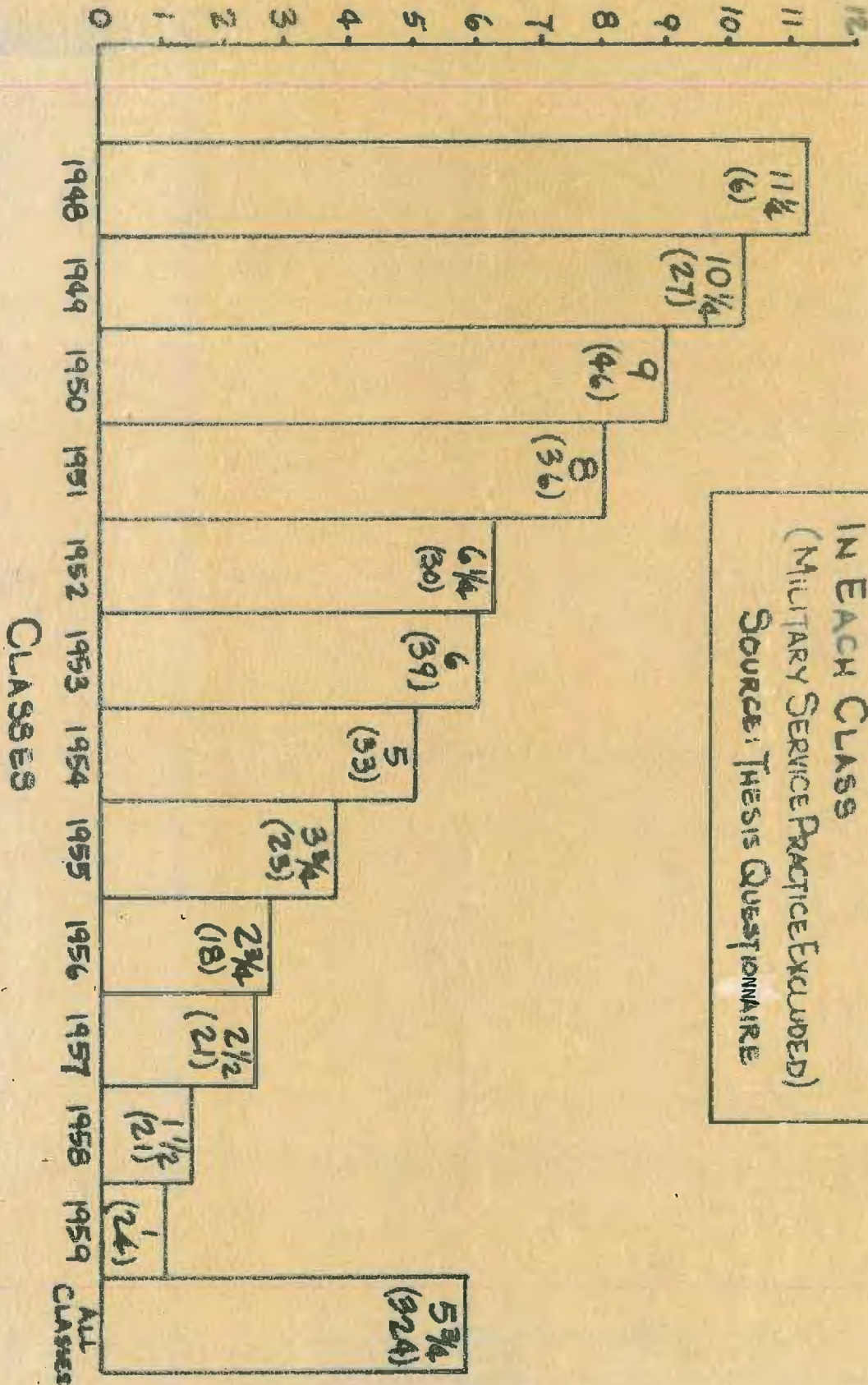
NUMBER OF EXAMS PASSED ÷ NUMBER OF EXAMS TAKEN = AVERAGE PERCENTAGE

SOURCE: THESIS QUESTIONNAIRE





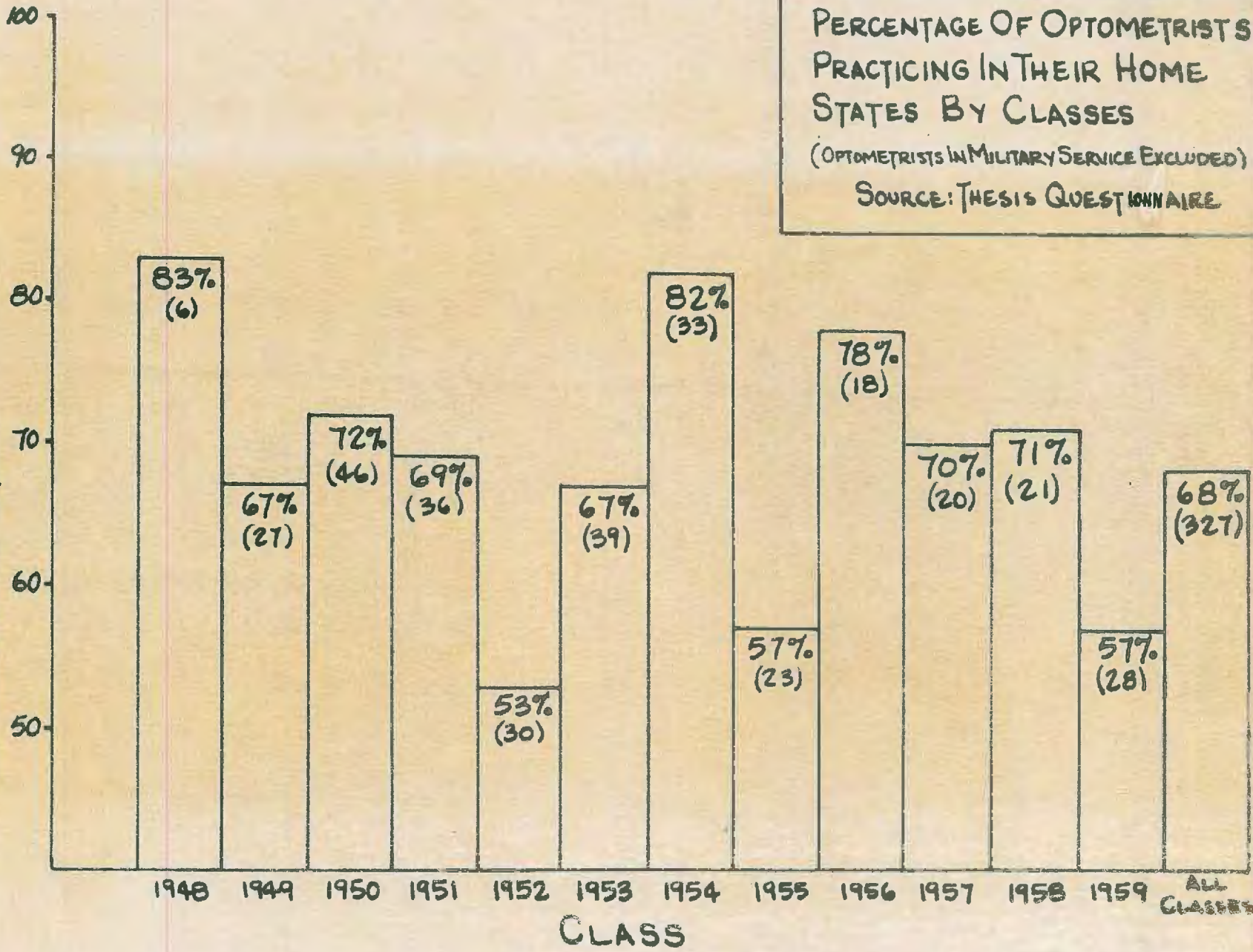
# AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS IN PRACTICE PER PERSON



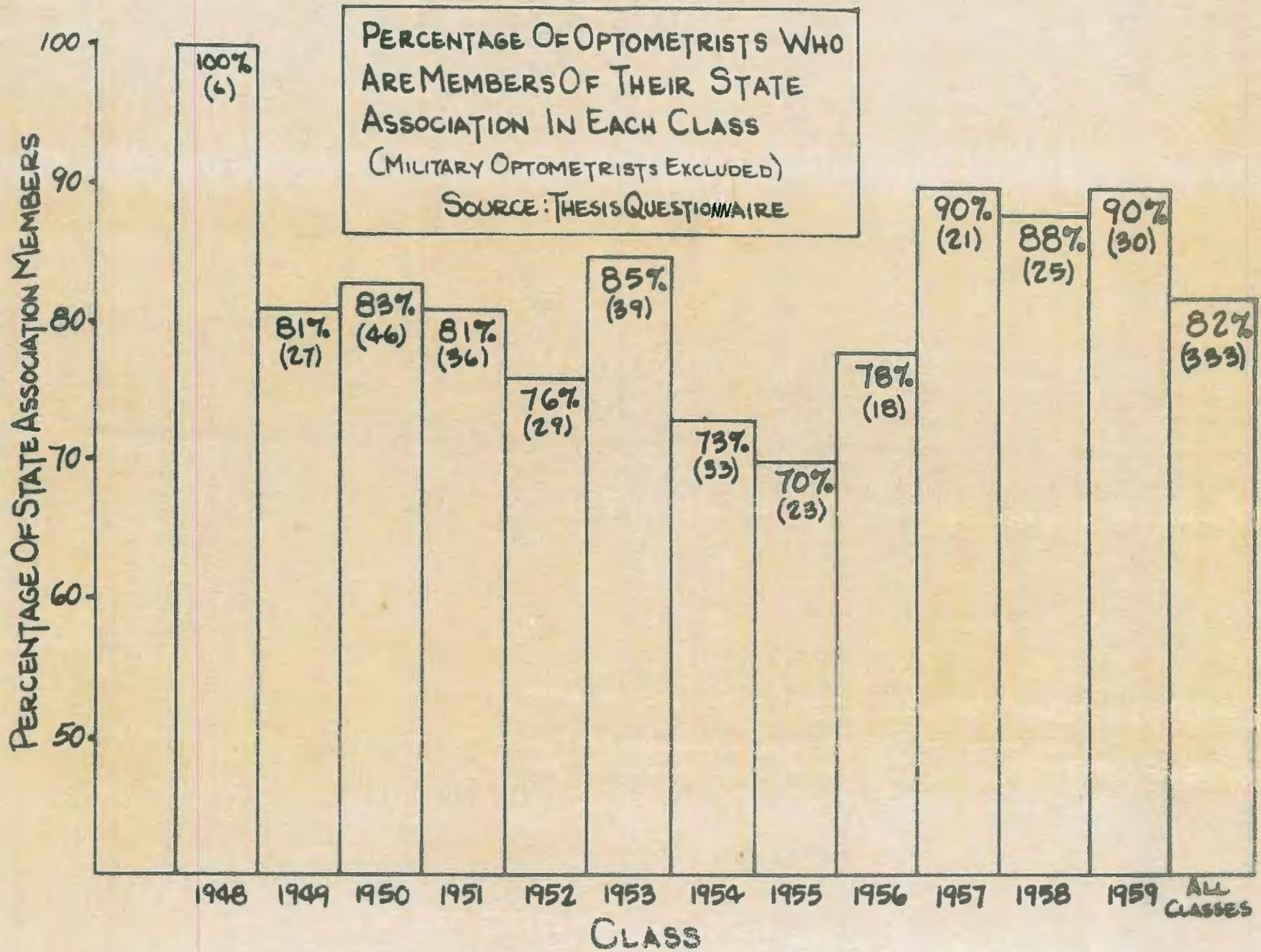
AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS  
IN PRACTICE PER PERSON  
IN EACH CLASS  
(MILITARY SERVICE PRACTICE EXCLUDED)  
SOURCE: THESIS QUESTIONNAIRE



PERCENTAGE OF OPTOMETRISTS PRACTICING IN THEIR HOME STATE

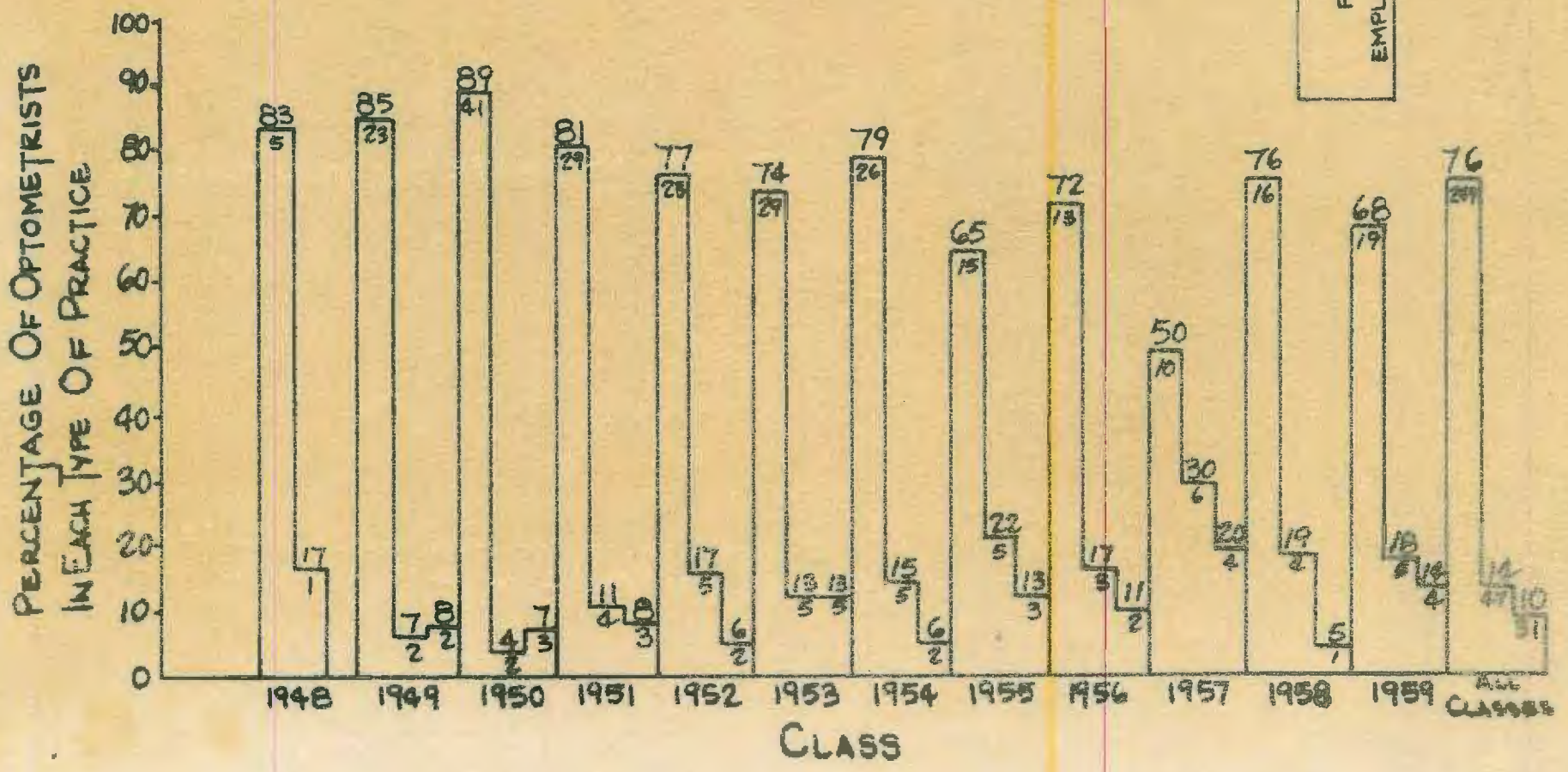
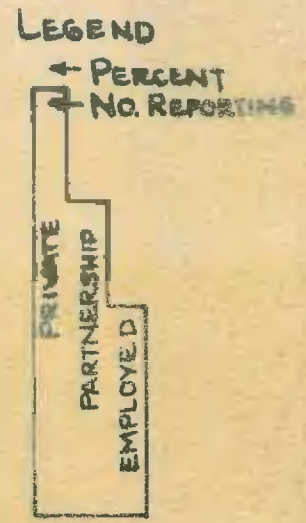


PERCENTAGE OF OPTOMETRISTS PRACTICING IN THEIR HOME STATES BY CLASSES  
(OPTOMETRISTS IN MILITARY SERVICE EXCLUDED)  
SOURCE: THESIS QUESTIONNAIRE

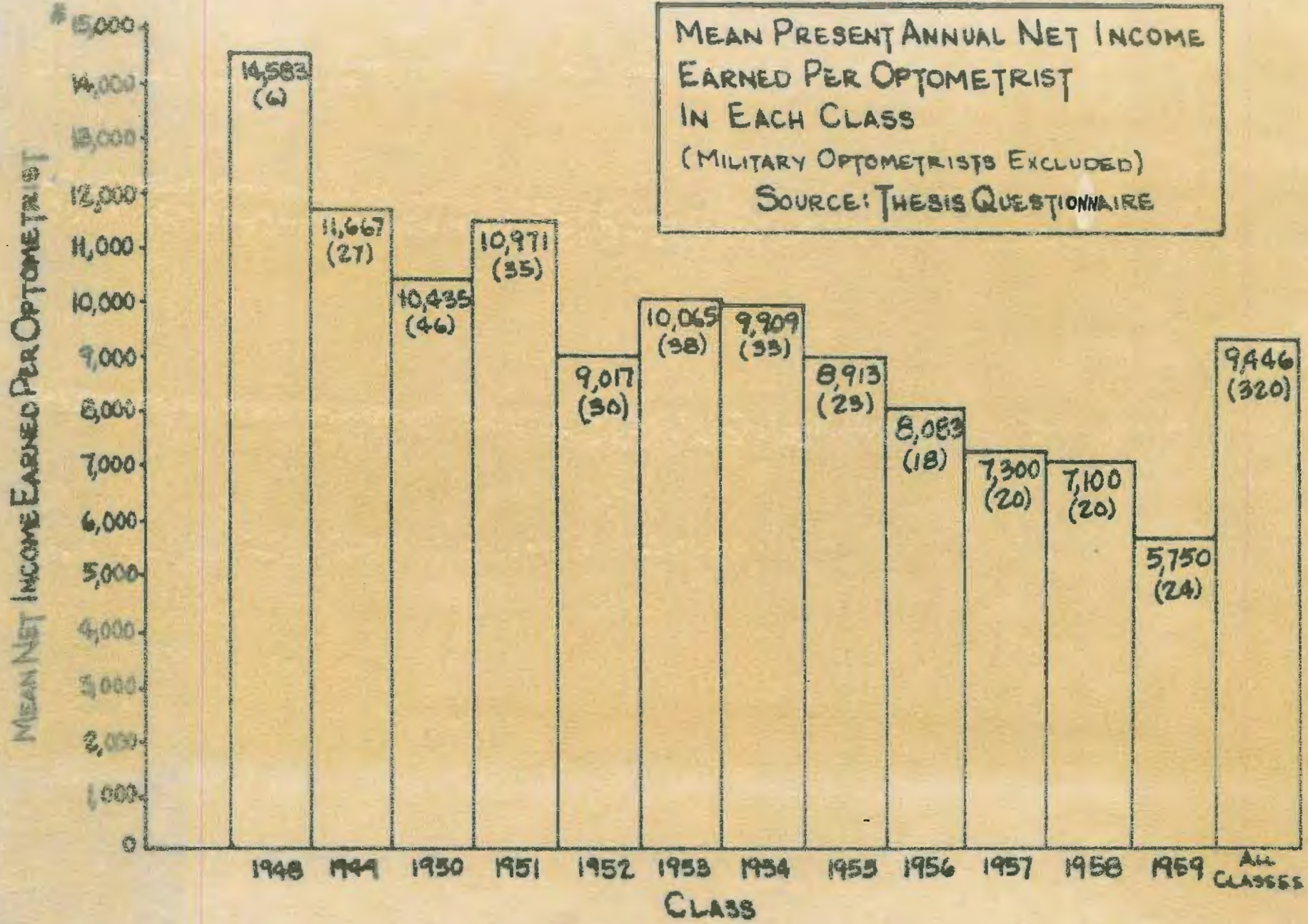




PERCENTAGE OF OPTOMETRISTS FROM EACH CLASS IN EACH TYPE OF PRACTICE  
 PRIVATE - PARTNERSHIP - EMPLOYED  
 (MILITARY OPTOMETRISTS EXCLUDED)  
 SOURCE: THESIS QUESTIONNAIRE





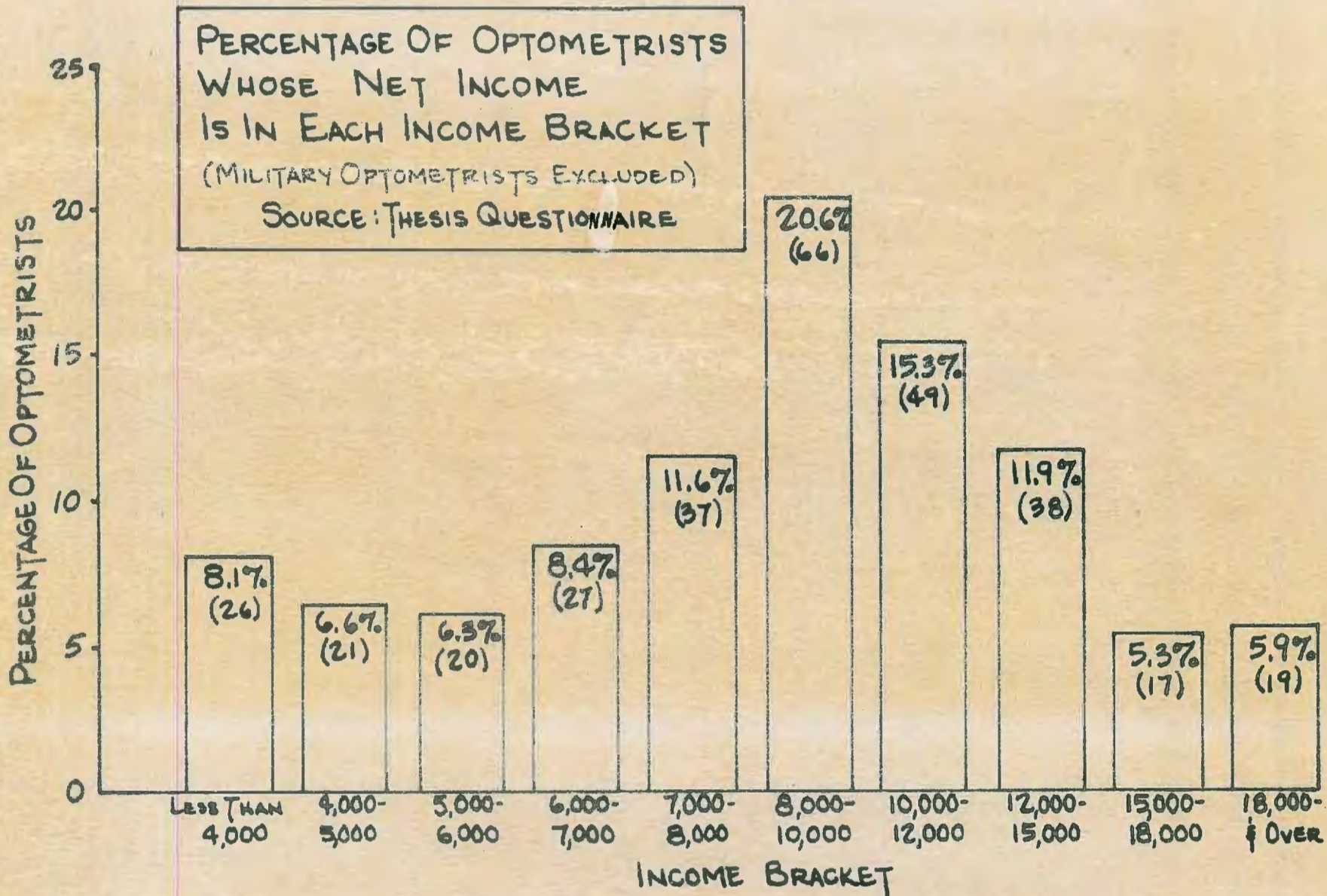


COMPARISON OF MEAN, MODE AND MEDIAN NET INCOME PER  
OPTOMETRIST IN EACH CLASS

Class	Mean	Mode	Median
1948	\$14,583	\$10,000 to 12,000 15,000 to 18,000	\$15,000
1949	11,667	10,000 to 12,000	10,000 to 12,000
1950	10,435	8,000 to 10,000	8,000 to 10,000
1951	10,971	*8,000 to 10,000 12,000 to 15,000	10,000 to 12,000
1952	9,017	8,000 to 10,000	8,000 to 10,000
1953	10,065	10,000 to 12,000	10,000
1954	9,909	8,000 to 10,000	8,000 to 10,000
1955	8,913	8,000 to 10,000	8,000 to 10,000
1956	8,083	7,000 to 8,000	7,000 to 8,000
1957	7,300	8,000 to 10,000	7,000 to 8,000
1958	7,100	Less than 4,000	6,000 to 7,000
1959	5,750	Less than 4,000	5,000 to 6,000
All classes	9,446	8,000 to 10,000	8,000 to 10,000

\* Bimodal



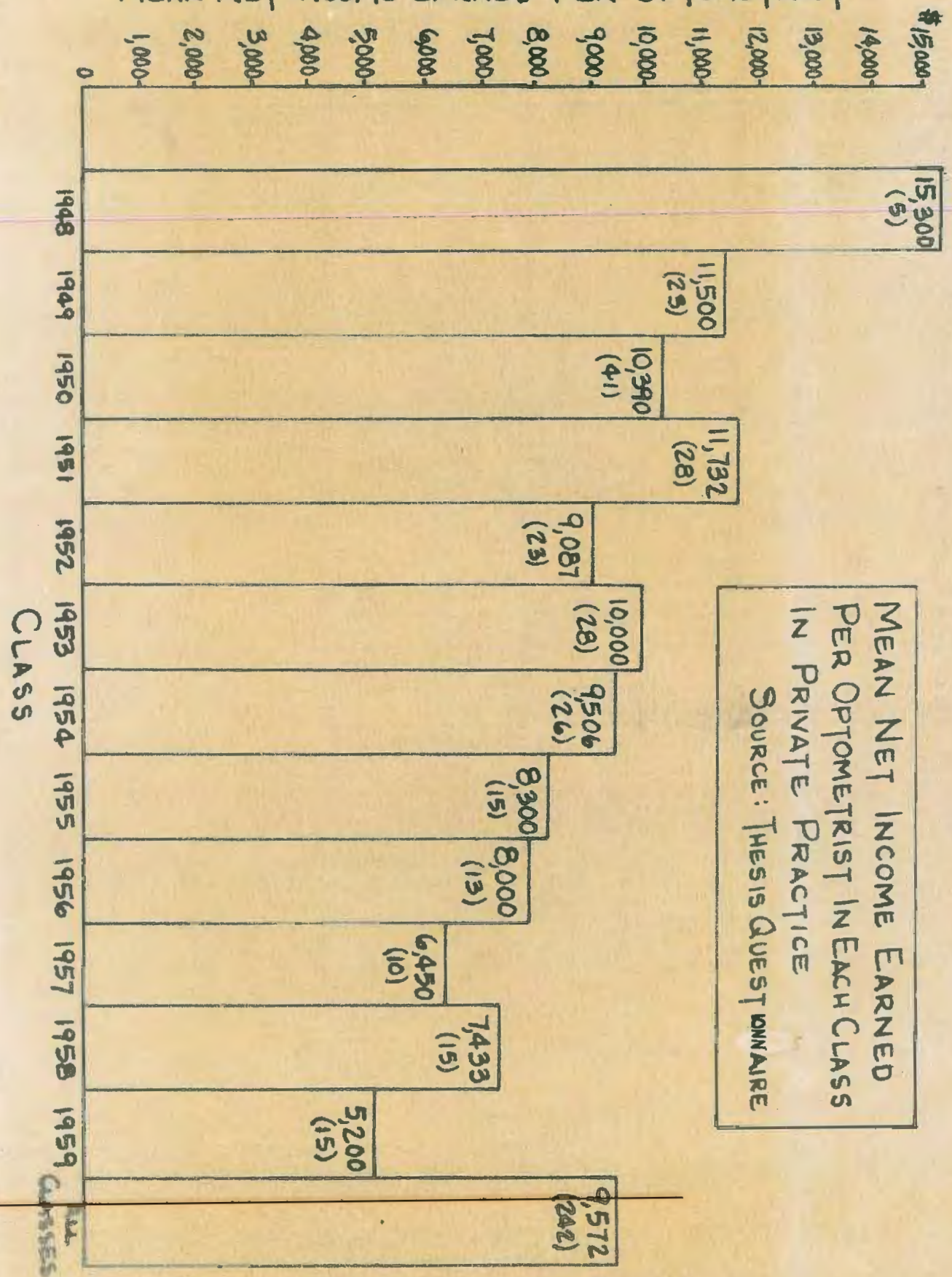


PERCENTAGE OF EACH CLASS IN EACH NET INCOME BRACKET

Class	INCOME BRACKET									
	Less than \$4,000	\$4,000 to 5,000	5,000 to 6,000	6,000 to 7,000	7,000 to 8,000	8,000 to 10,000	10,000 to 12,000	12,000 to 15,000	15,000 to 18,000	Over 18,000
1948	0	0	0	0	0	0	33.3%	16.7%	33.3%	16.7%
1949	0	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	22.2%	25.9%	18.5%	3.7%	14.8%
1950	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	8.6%	19.5%	10.8%	15.2%	8.6%	10.8%
1951	8.5%	0	0	8.5%	14.2%	17.1%	14.2%	17.1%	5.7%	14.2%
1952	3.3%	10.0%	3.3%	3.3%	16.6%	33.3%	13.3%	13.3%	3.3%	0
1953	0	5.2%	2.6%	5.2%	10.5%	26.3%	28.9%	15.7%	5.2%	0
1954	3%	3%	9%	9%	15.1%	21.2%	15.1%	9.0%	9.0%	6.0%
1955	4.3%	8.6%	8.6%	13.0%	13.0%	21.7%	8.6%	17.3%	0	4.3%
1956	11.1%	5.5%	16.6%	11.1%	22.2%	11.1%	11.1%	0	5.5%	5.5%
1957	20.0%	5.0%	5.0%	15.0%	10.0%	30.0%	10.0%	5.0%	0	0
1958	25.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	15.0%	10.0%	5.0%	5.0%	0
1959	25.0%	20.8%	12.5%	16.6%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	0	0	0
All classes	8.1%	6.6%	6.3%	8.4%	11.6%	20.6%	15.3%	11.9%	5.3%	5.9%



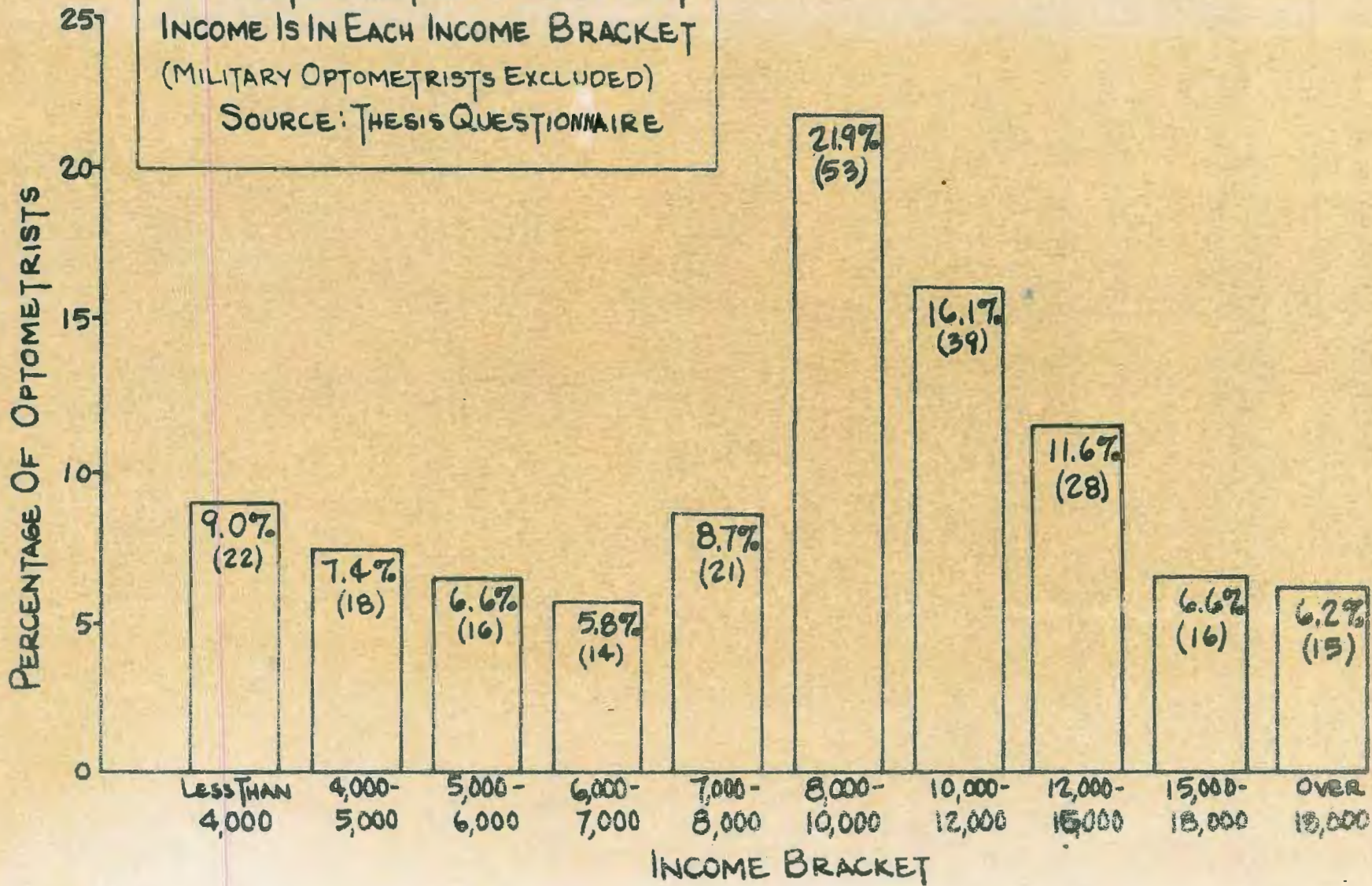
# MEAN NET INCOME EARNED PER OPTOMETRIST



MEAN NET INCOME EARNED PER OPTOMETRIST IN EACH CLASS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE  
 SOURCE: THESIS QUESTIONNAIRE

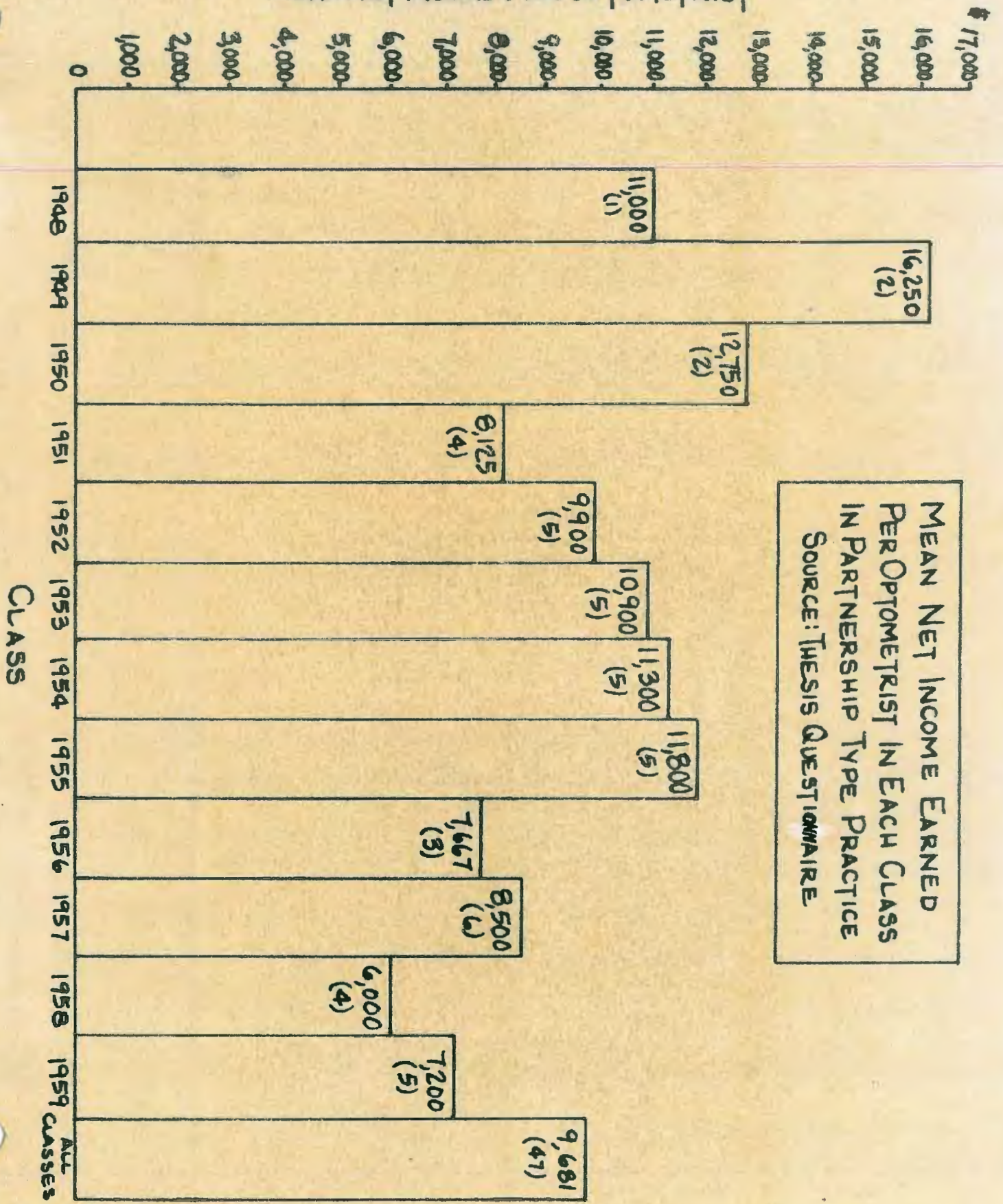


PERCENTAGE OF OPTOMETRISTS  
IN PRIVATE PRACTICE WHOSE NET  
INCOME IS IN EACH INCOME BRACKET  
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SOURCE: THESIS QUESTIONNAIRE





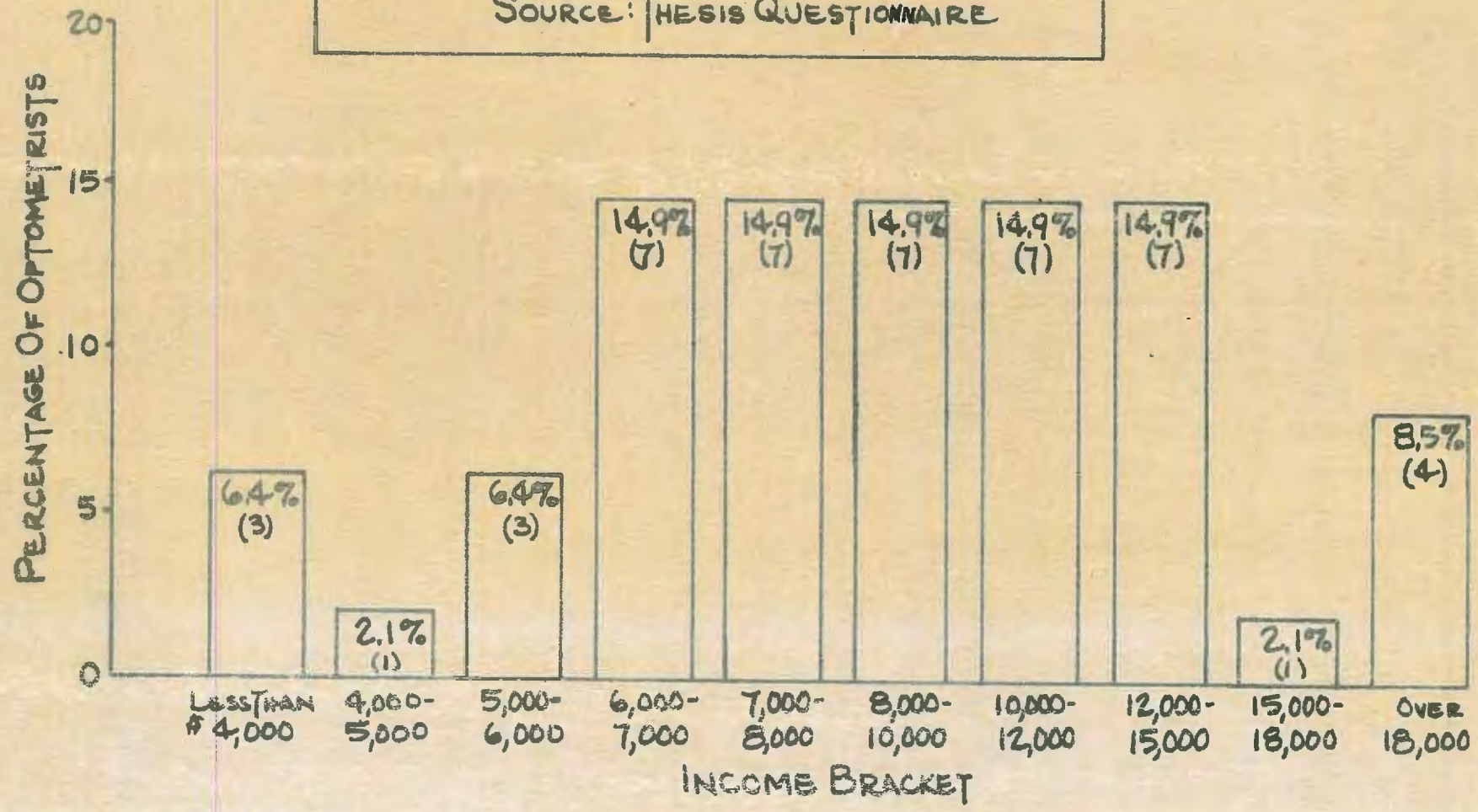
# MEAN NET INCOME PER OPTOMETRIST



MEAN NET INCOME EARNED PER OPTOMETRIST IN EACH CLASS IN PARTNERSHIP TYPE PRACTICE  
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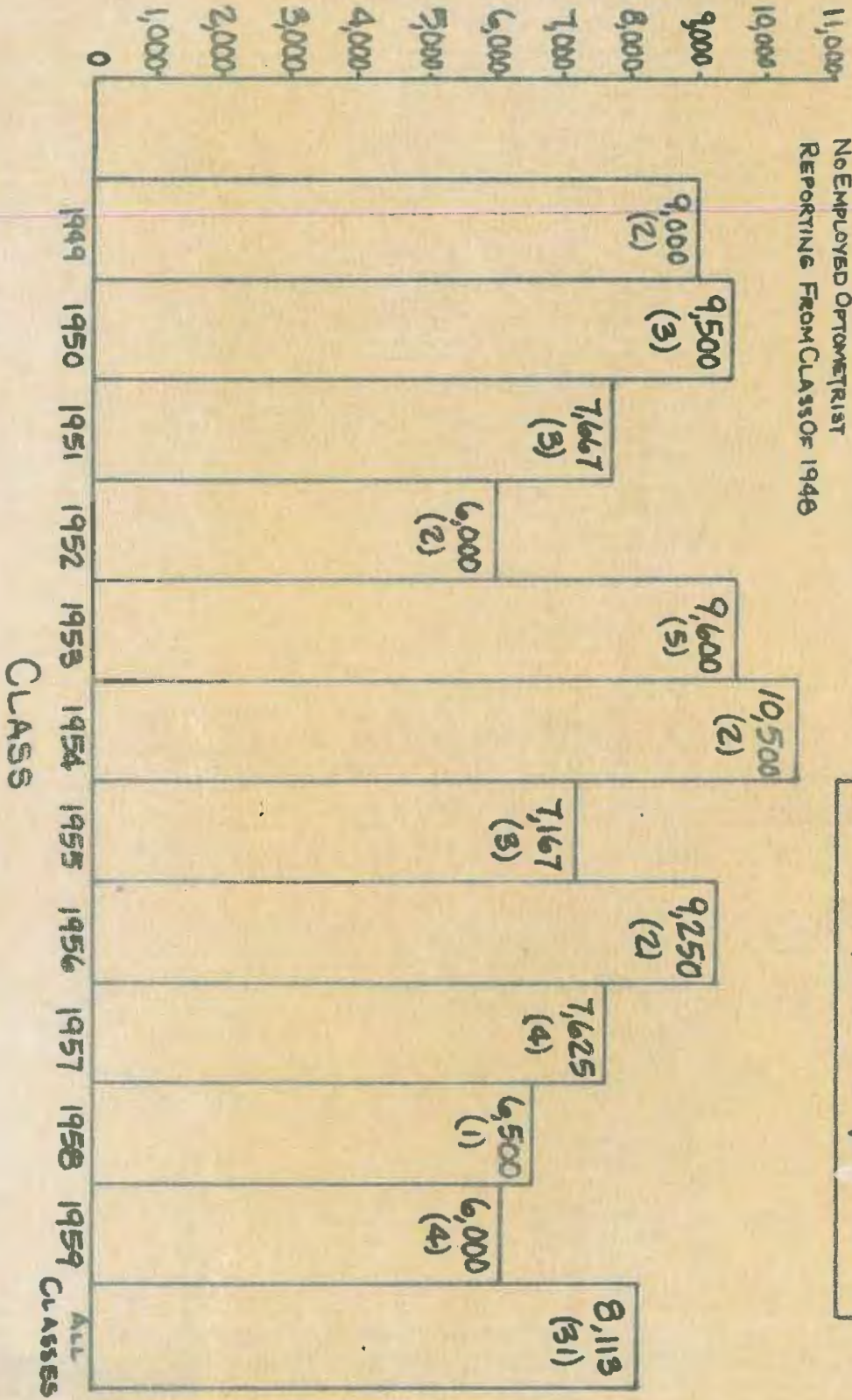


PERCENTAGE OF OPTOMETRISTS  
IN PARTNERSHIP TYPE PRACTICES  
WHOSE NET INCOME IS IN EACH INCOME BRACKET  
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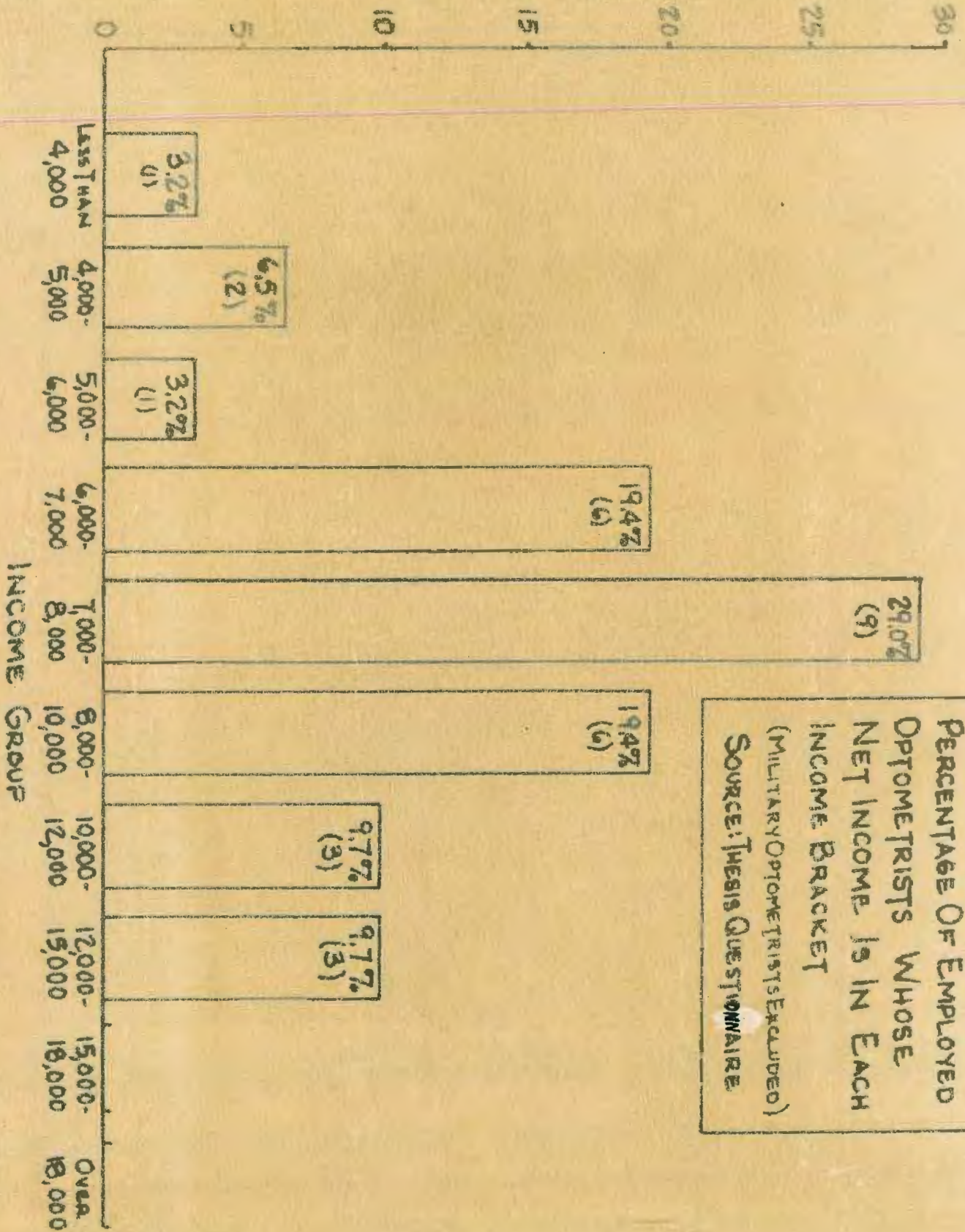
# MEAN NET INCOME PER OPTOMETRIST



MEAN NET INCOME EARNED PER EMPLOYED OPTOMETRIST IN EACH CLASS  
 (MILITARY OPTOMETRISTS EXCLUDED)  
 SOURCE: THESIS QUESTIONNAIRE



# PERCENTAGE OF OPTOMETRISTS



PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYED OPTOMETRISTS WHOSE NET INCOME IS IN EACH INCOME BRACKET  
 (MILITARY OPTOMETRISTS EXCLUDED)  
 SOURCE: THEBIS QUESTIONNAIRE