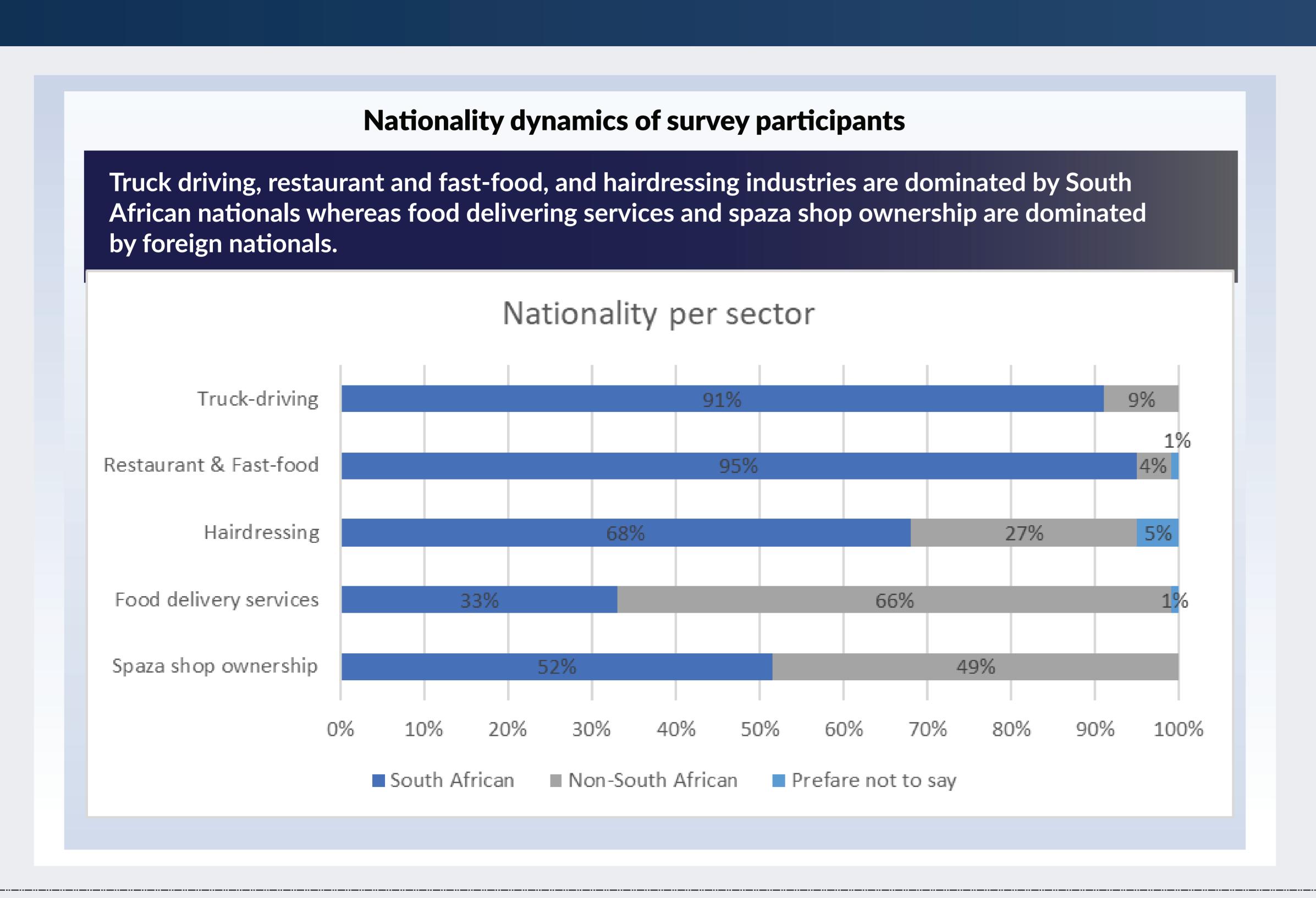
Status quo of five KZN business sectors – with interest of gauging participation of foreign nationals

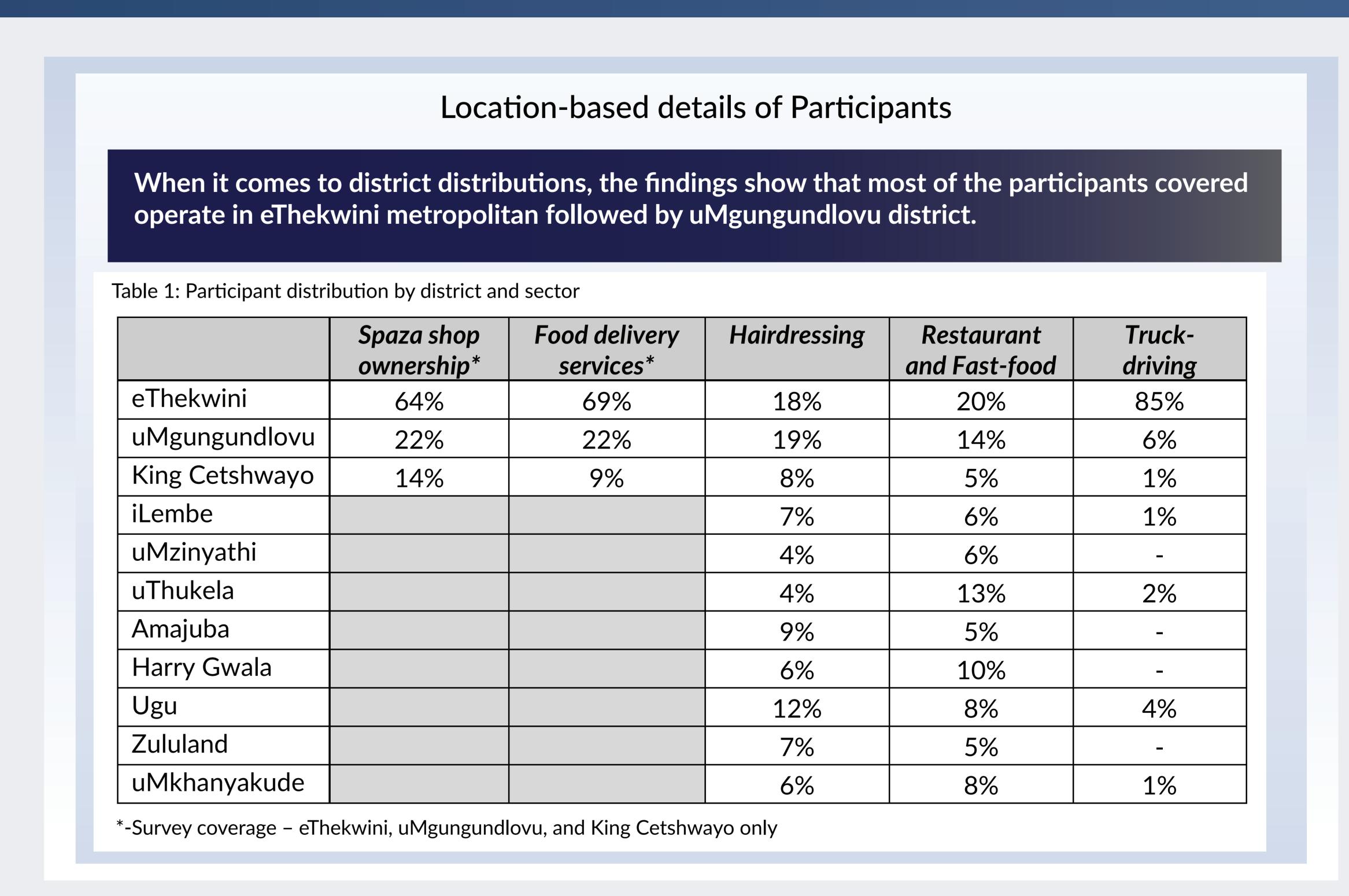
Moses Kotane Institute (MKI) conducted a series of surveys in five sectors in KwaZulu-Natal, namely food delivery services, spaza shops, hairdressing, restaurant and fast-food, and truck driving industry.

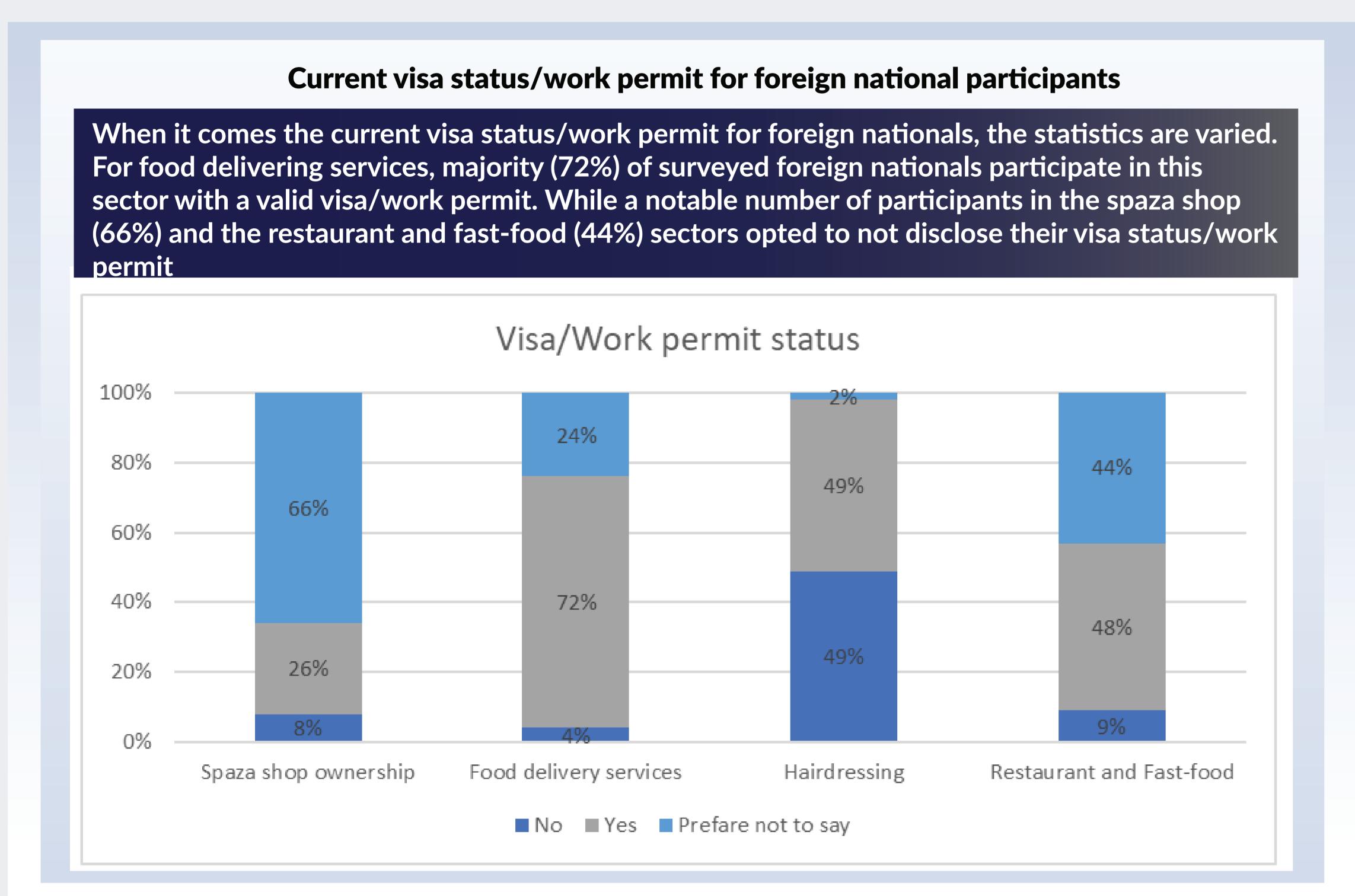
The aim was to understand the status quo of the five selected business sectors with interest in gauging the participation of foreign nationals in these sectors.

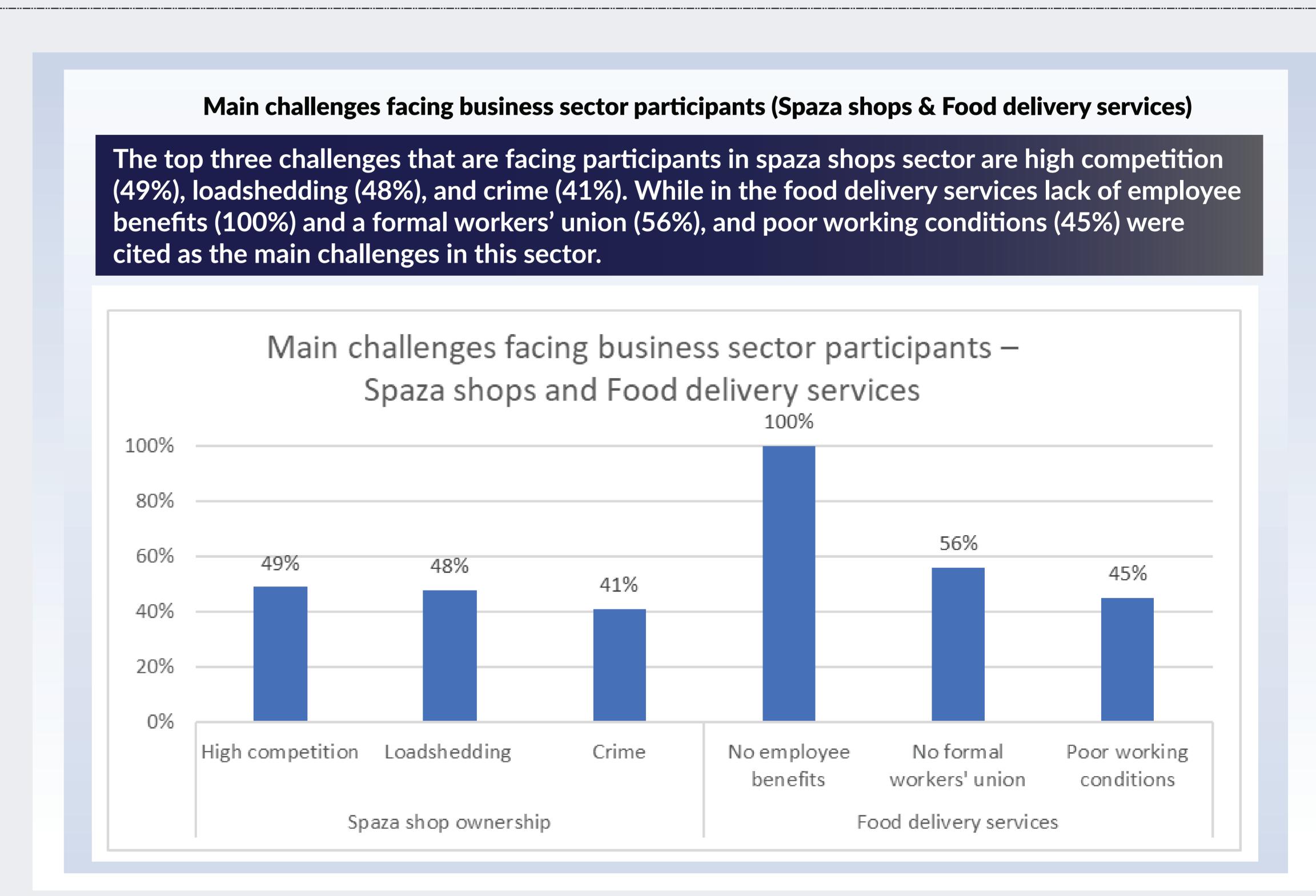


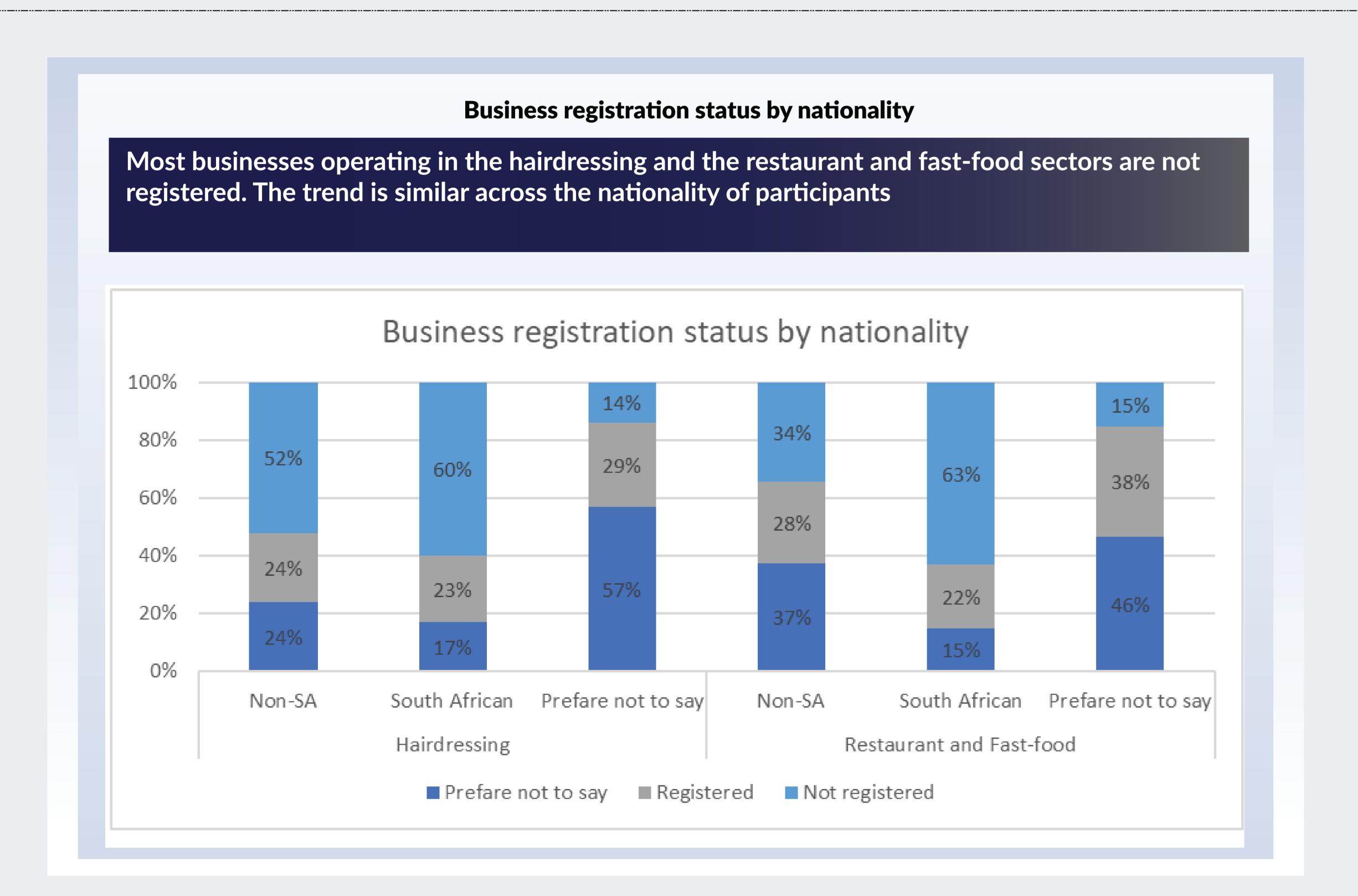
FINDINGS- KEY HIGHLIGHTS

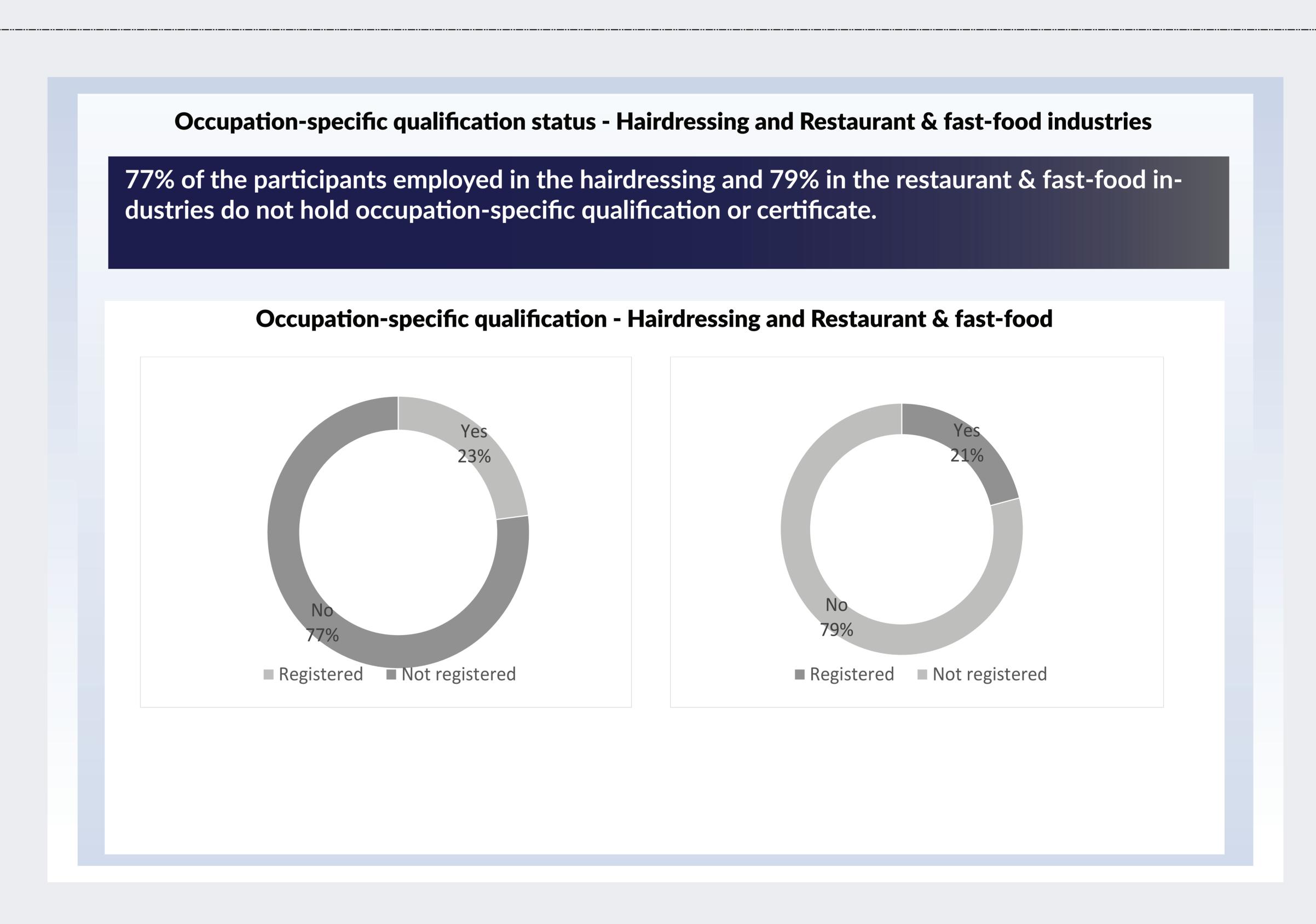












OVERALL FINDINGS



Hairdressing, restaurant and fast-food, and truck driving industries were dominated by South Africans, meanwhile the food delivering sector is dominated by foreign nationals and in spaza shop businesses statistics are split between South Africans and foreign nationals.



The eThekwini metropolitan Municipality is creating job opportunities in the province because most of the businesses operating in these sectors are in urban areas with majority in eThekwini metropolitan.



Hairdressing and the restaurant and fast-food industries are attracting female youth that are unskilled and semi-skilled, implying that these industries are creating economic opportunities for those who were economically marginalized.



Majority of the businesses operating in these sectors are unregistered. With most of their employees operating without occupation-specific qualifications or certificates.



Excluding food delivery services sector, most foreign nationals in other selected business sectors operate without a valid visa/work permit.



Several challenges were the following: pandemic of COVID-19, loadshedding and looting. For foreign nationals: crime, xenophobic attacks, and intimidation were cited as main challenges facing them in this country. The primary reason for foreign nationals to migrate to South Africa was to find better job opportunities.