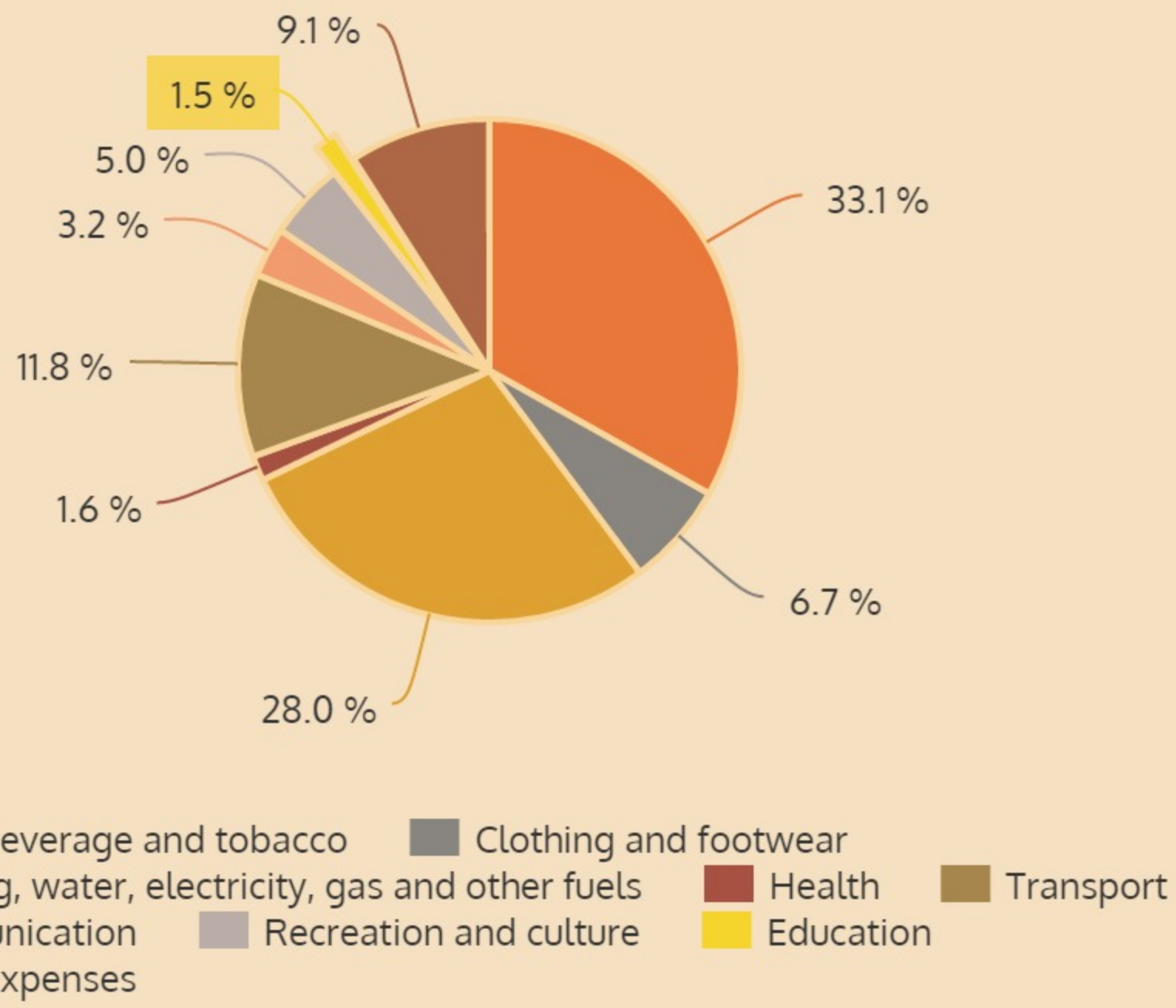


What do South African households spend on education?

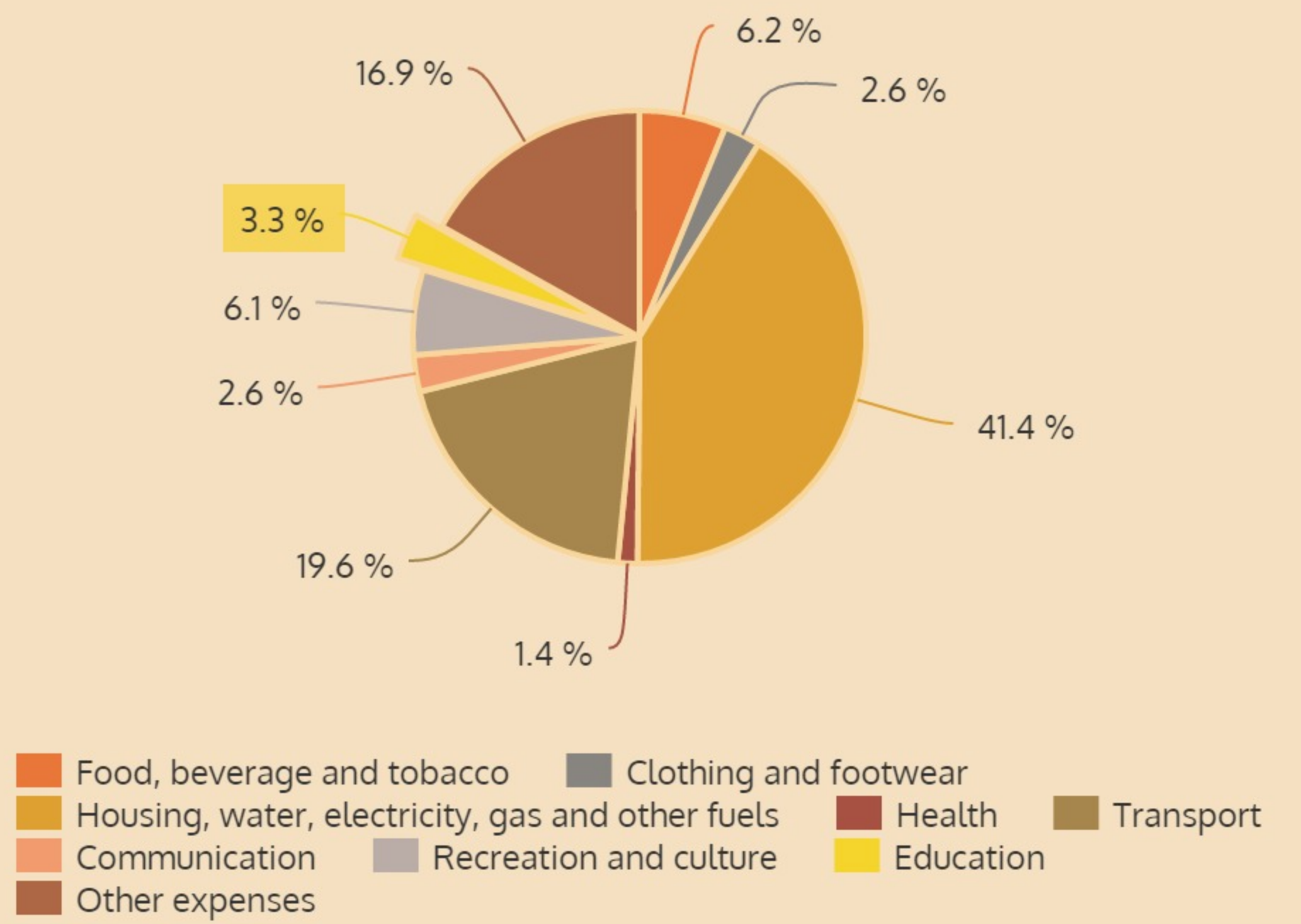
Efforts to reverse historic inequalities in school spending have been a priority for the South African government since 1994. Educational policies have focused on how to make schooling more affordable for the poorest South Africans, but households also differ in the personal time and money that they invest in education. We use the 2011 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), the 2010/11 Income and Expenditure of Households Survey and the third wave of the National Income and Dynamics Study (NIDS) to compare household spending on education.

Percentage of annual household spending on education by income

Distribution of annual household spending for bottom 10% of income earners



Distribution of annual household spending for top 10% of income earners



Source: Income and Expenditure Survey (2010/11)

Household expenditure on school fees by income

Household Income Quintiles*

Quintile 1 (Bottom 20%)

Mean **R84**

Median **R0****

Quintile 3 (Middle 20%)

Mean **R271**

Median **R0****

Quintile 5 (Top 20%)

Mean **R6,382**

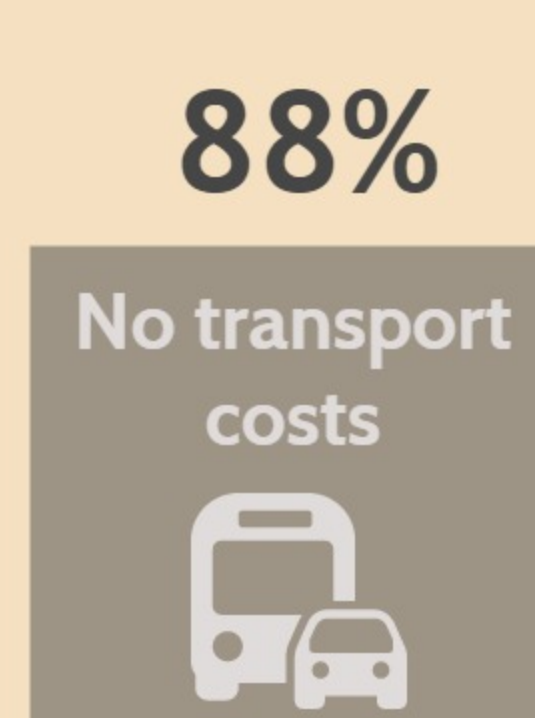
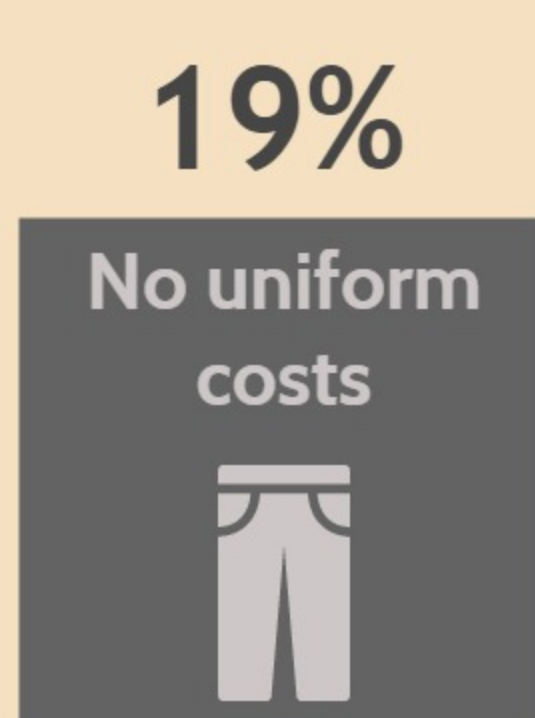
Median **R1,944**

Source: NIDS (2011)

* Household income quintiles are categorised based on the the per capita income of households.
**Half of households reported no spending on school fees.

Spending on learners whose households receive child-related social grants

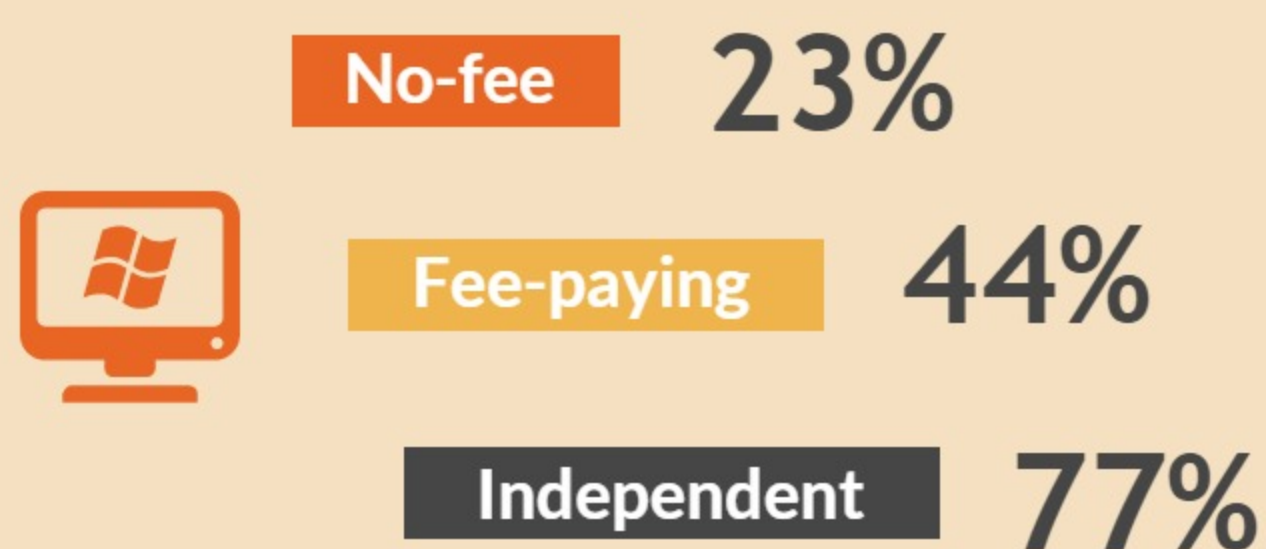
Percentage reporting zero expenditure on educational components



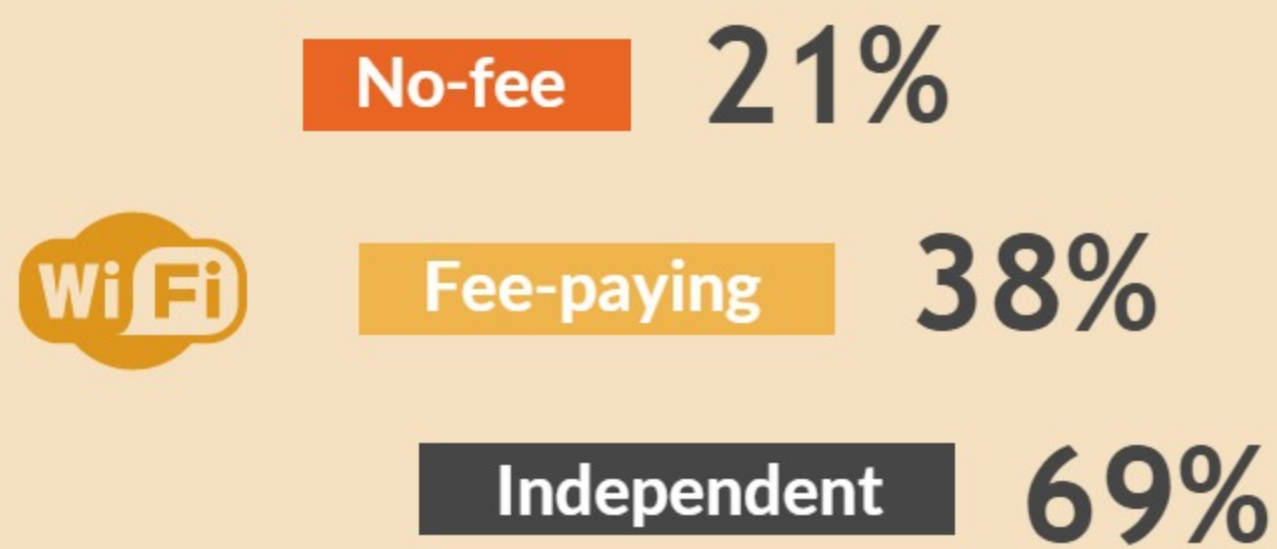
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Percentage of Grade 9 learners with pedagogical resources at home by school type

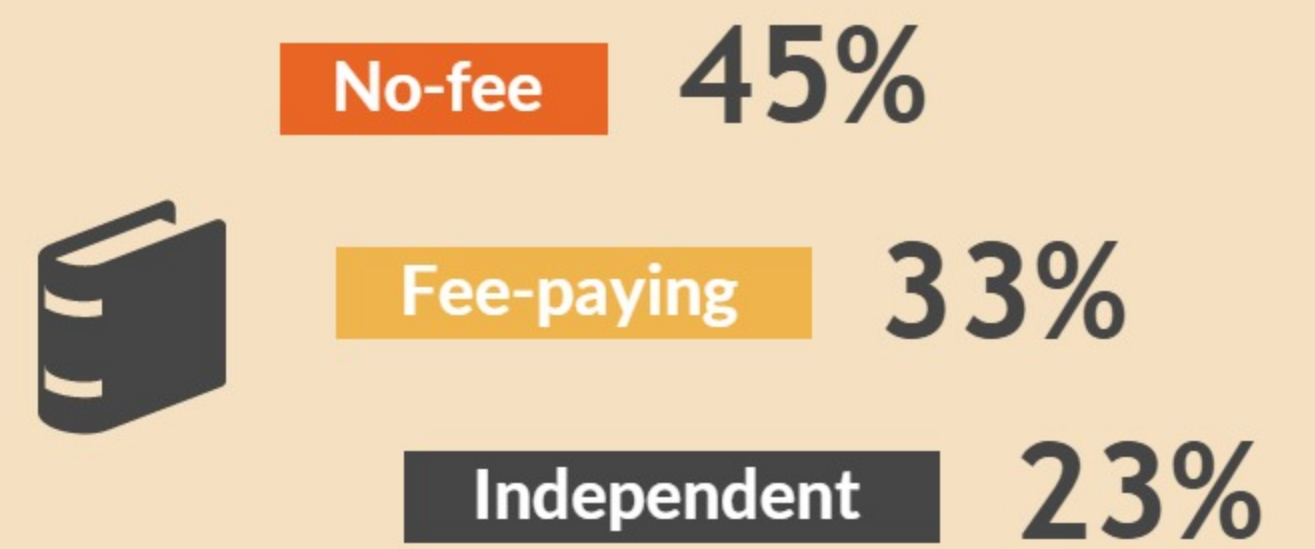
Computer



Internet connection



No or few books



Source: TIMSS (2011)