



Greater Manchester Residents' Survey

Extended survey 1 Report

March 2022

Based on fieldwork 9th February – 27th February

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Background

- This report presents summary findings for survey 1 of the 2022 research study of Greater Manchester residents conducted amongst a representative sample of the city population by region.
- This builds upon the work of the GMCA COVID-19 Tracker conducted between December 2020 and December 2021, by also looking at the key pillars of the wider Greater Manchester Strategy and its vision for a fairer, greener, more prosperous city region. This first trial survey aims to inform approaches and start monitoring impacts in particular for the following shared commitments:
 - supporting the creation of better jobs and good employment
 - tackling food and fuel poverty
 - ensuring digital inclusion for all
- While the information within this report provides the initial findings on these three new areas of insight, this only represents the first survey in a series intended to run throughout 2022. Questions of this nature have not been asked of Greater Manchester residents before and as such, these results should be treated as indicative rather than conclusive at this stage – they are used best as indicators to open up further dialogue.
- The focus of this research is therefore to provide a growing base of evidence, one which can initially serve as a way to highlight potential trends and indicators which individual Local Authorities can explore in greater detail. As this evidence base grows across multiple surveys we will be able to provide greater depth on which groups are likely to be more affected by the issues explored, highlighting those where more investigation would prove useful. Overall, these regular ongoing insights are designed to help inform the 10 Local Authorities across Greater Manchester so that they have as much information as possible about where to target support, communications, and resources to improve the lives of those living within Greater Manchester.
- As quantitative research with a robust sample of residents at a single moment in time, the findings should not be taken in isolation as a definitive reading into these often complex issues. They do however provide a reliable indication of trends / issues in these key areas for further exploration - over time with increasing numbers of residents through further planned surveys to achieve representative samples at Greater Manchester and locality-levels, and potentially through additional investigations.

Methodology and sample

Methodology

- From February 2022, BMG Research was asked to undertake two residents' surveys, of 1,500 respondents of Greater Manchester. This included an intended sample of 750 online panel respondents, 250 telephone respondents, and a trial of 500 online river sampled respondents.
- The mix of using majority web-sampling with a smaller telephone element was selected so that a representative and robust sample of Greater Manchester residents could be sourced within budget.
- The telephone element of this sample was included so that those without internet access could take part in the survey. This was particularly important for the questions on digital inclusion, where by definition, those without online access would be those most at risk of digital exclusion. However because of the constraints of the sample, please be aware that insights based on the telephone data are less robust because of the small base size.
- River sample, which was not included on the COVID-19 Tracker was introduced as a trial element in order to increase sample size. Part of the trial involved building confidence in the number of contacts required to generate 500 responses; following a shortfall in this survey, BMG has proposed an expanded quota next time to identify a recommended number of contacts to generate 500 responses.
- Quotas were set to ensure the sample broadly reflected the profile of respondents by gender, age, ethnicity and disability, with further consideration for wider protected and key characteristics.
- Weights have been applied to the data gathered to ensure the sample matches the population profile by age, gender and locality, and to ensure consistency between individual surveys.
- Each survey should take 15 minutes on average for respondents to complete; however, due to the emotive nature of the topic interviews by telephone take longer than this.

Sample breakdown

Sample info

Survey	1
Fieldwork start	9 February 2022
Fieldwork end	25 February 2022
Total respondents	1385
Web respondents	762 (55%)
Phone respondents	250 (18%)
River sampling	373 (27%)

Key crossbreaks (before weighting applied)

Male	597
Female	761
16-24	113
25-44	413
45-64	484
65+	375
White	1201
Minority Ethnic Groups	166

Report contents and guidance

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- **This report focuses on the findings from the first trial survey of the extended Greater Manchester Resident's Survey, fieldwork for which took place throughout February 2022.** The survey provides insight into residents' ongoing behaviours, attitudes and impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and their capabilities, opportunities and motivations around some key elements of the overall Greater Manchester's strategy: Food Insecurity (linked to food poverty, deprivation, access to support); Good Work (access to decent jobs, good employers and living wage); Digital Inclusion (services, technology and access to internet).
- The report presents a range of tables and charts with accompanying narrative to highlight the key findings from each section of the survey among the 'total' sample i.e. all 1385 respondents. Where relevant, differences by local authority and other population characteristics are also reported. These differences are only highlighted where they are significantly different statistically (at the 95% level of confidence) compared with the 'total' figures (i.e. the Greater Manchester average).
- Please note that when interpreting the information from this report that this is the first survey of two tracking surveys, and any information included is at this stage indicative of potential trends and insights. Data from the subsequent survey will be used to build upon these insights and create a more robust analysis.
- On some questions responses have been filtered on those who were asked relevant questions (e.g. those in work or with children), and bases may be lower than the full sample of 1385 in some instances. Where relevant, this has been noted on the slides, along with the unweighted base sizes.
- The initial section provides an overview of respondents' state of mind and the greatest concerns in their lives at the time of fieldwork. This is followed by more specific insight into the primary sections of the report. Living safely and fairly with COVID-19, the level of food insecurity they are experiencing, their employment, and quality of their working lives, and their digital access and inclusion.
- It is important to note for the context of the information presented in the COVID-19 section that the run up to, and early part of fieldwork took place during a period when coronavirus restrictions were subject to great scrutiny and upheaval. The "partygate" scandal was dominating the news, resulting in heightened public and media focus on pandemic restrictions, their fairness and how they had been followed. Furthermore, the day after fieldwork begin (on February 10th), the Prime Minister announced an intention to remove the remaining domestic coronavirus restrictions in place a month early, in the light of encouraging national trends in COVID-19 data. This was confirmed on Monday 21st February, with the publication of the government's 'Living with Covid' plan; the first measures of this plan – including the ending of legal requirements to self-isolate – came into effect on Thursday 24th February, the day prior to fieldwork closing.



General overview

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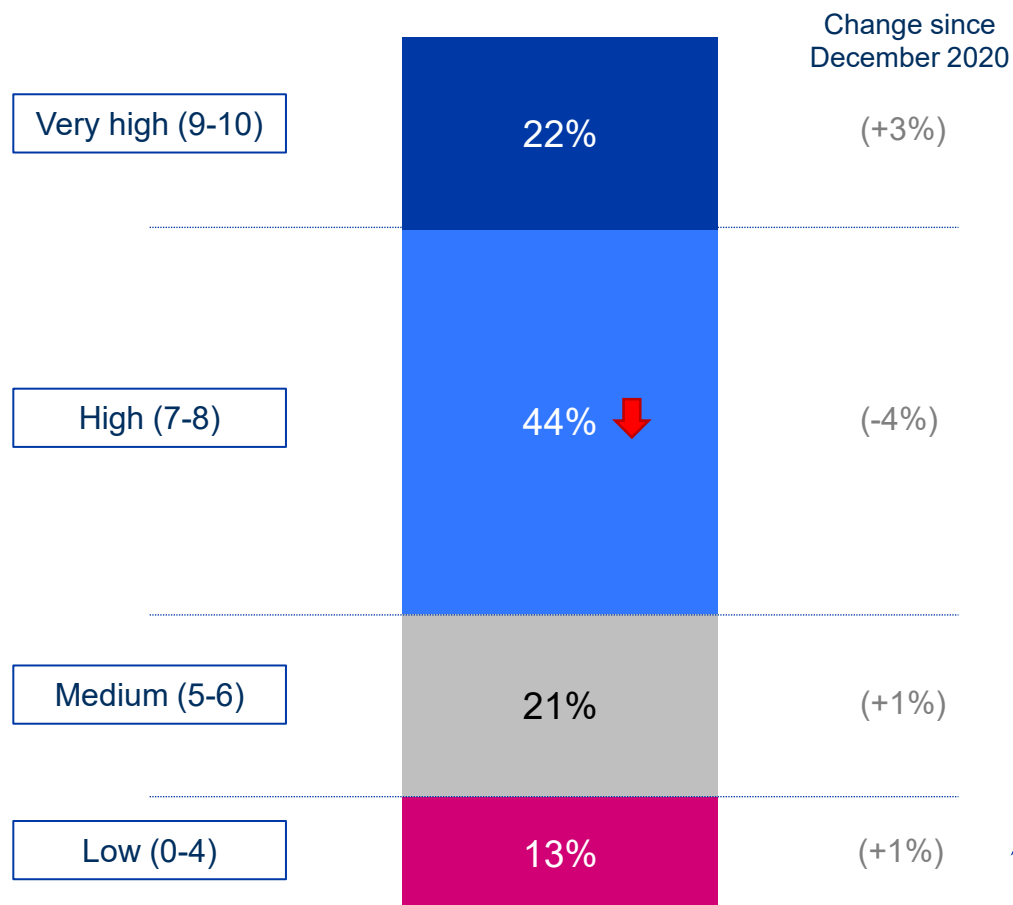
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Concerns

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Less than a quarter (22%) of respondents say they have very high life **satisfaction** nowadays, an increase since December. But some respondents – including disabled respondents, those who are out of work or financially insecure – are particularly likely to have low life satisfaction

How satisfied are you with your life nowadays?

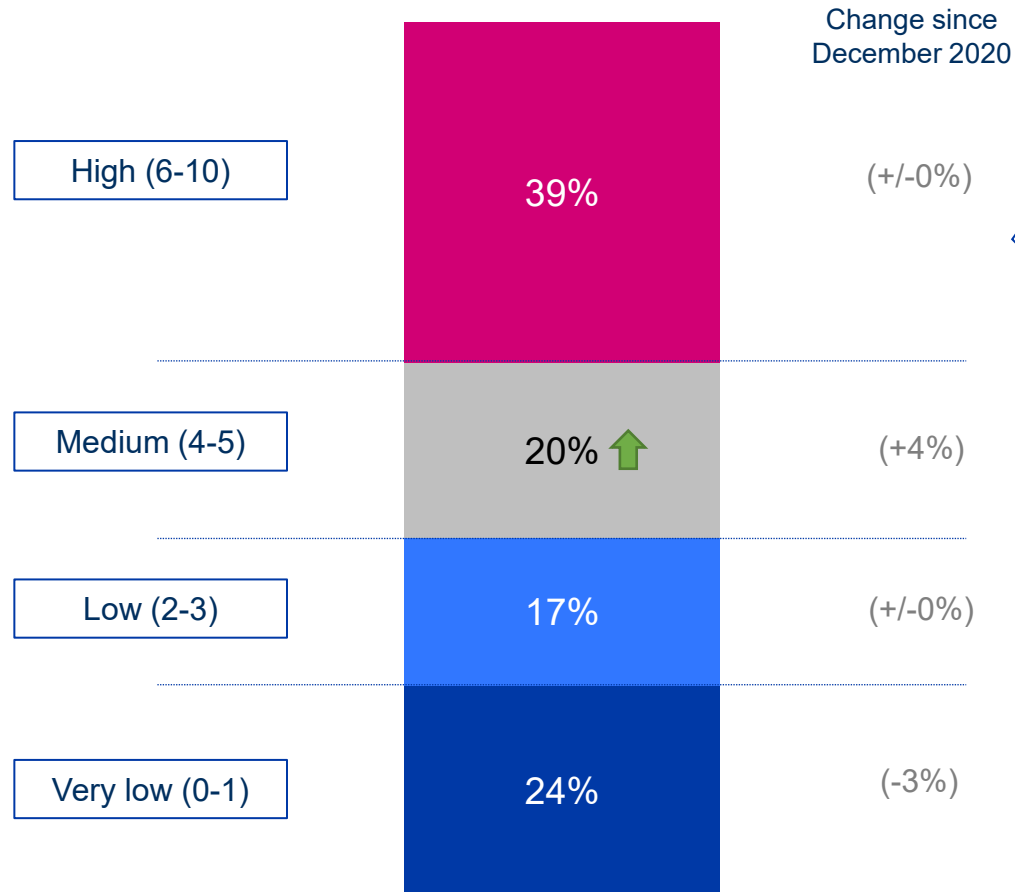


- % with 'low' life satisfaction higher among:**
- Demographics**
- Those aged 45-54 (17%)
 - Parents of children aged 19-25 years-old (17%)
- Individual and/or family circumstance**
- Those not in work due to their health or a disability (38%)
 - Those who have cut the size or skipped a meal (31%), or have not eaten for a whole day for lack of money (35%)
 - Those not satisfied with their job (34%)
 - Those with a disability (23%), in particular with mental ill health (42%)
 - Those who have received a free parcel of food or essentials up to three times in the past year (23%)
 - Those who have received support from a community hub (22%), or have borrowed money from family or friends (21%)
 - Those who have not received any COVID-19 vaccine (18%)

↑ ↓ Significantly higher/lower than COVID-19 Tracker Survey 10 (Dec)

Almost two fifths (39%) of respondents say they felt highly **anxious** yesterday, which has remained stable since December. Respondents with children, and those who are disabled and those who are financially insecure are particularly likely to be highly anxious

How anxious did you feel yesterday?



% with 'high' feelings of anxiety higher among:

Demographics

- Homemakers (59%), those not in work due to their health or a disability (61%)
- Those who are Muslims (50%)
- Carers (49%)
- Those with children (43%), in particular those with children under the age of 4 not in nursery (61%), or with children in college (48%)

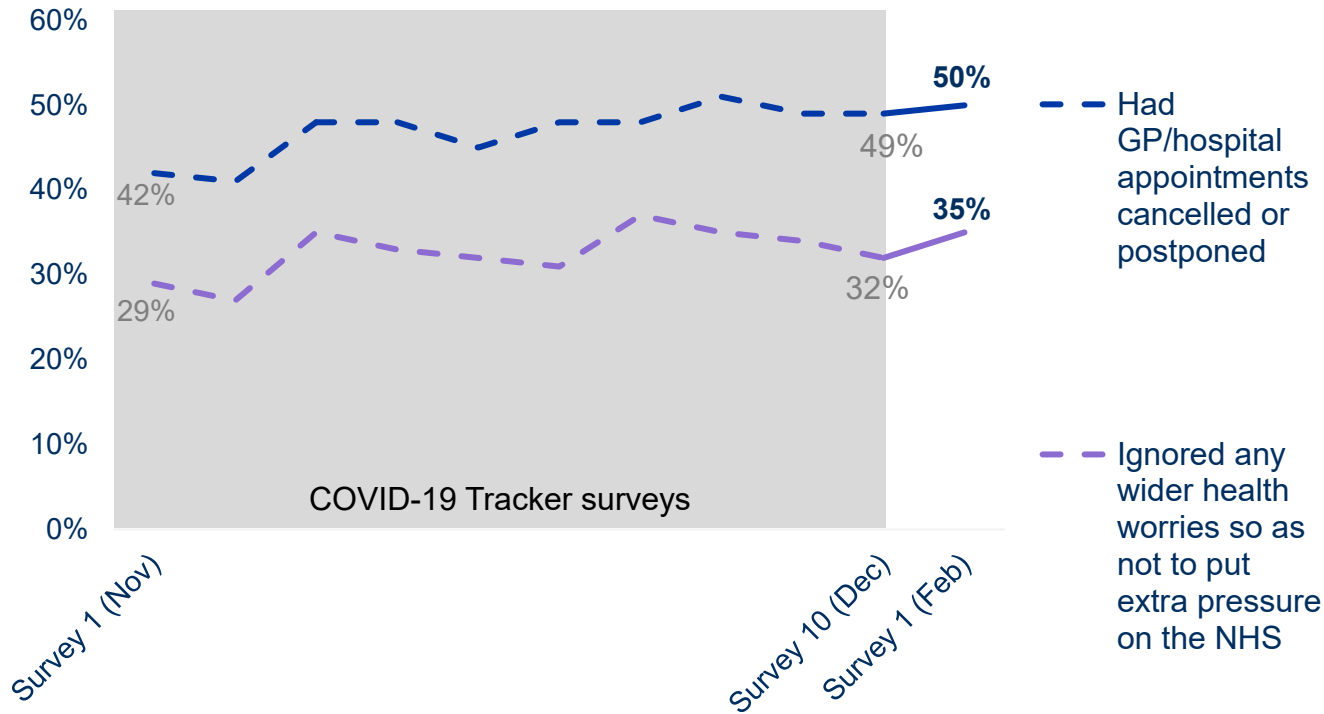
Individual and/or family circumstance

- Those with a disability (52%), in particular those with mental ill health (70%), or with a mobility disability (45%)
- Those who have received one dose of the vaccine (52%) and those who take rapid COVID-19 tests twice a week or more (44%)
- Those worried about COVID-19 (59%)
- Those likely to lose their job (64%)
- Those who have received support from a community hub (63%), or have borrowed money from family or friends (49%)
- Those who have cut the size or skipped a meal (58%), or have not eaten for a whole day for lack of money (64%)
- Those with children entitled to free school meals (56%)
- Those who have received a free parcel of food or essentials up to three times in the past year (56%)
- Those working from home all of the time (51%)

↑ ↓ Significantly higher/lower than COVID-19 Tracker Survey 10 (Dec)

Those aged 16-24 are more likely to have experienced **indirect health impacts** over the past year. Overall, half (50%) of households have now had GP or hospital appointments cancelled or postponed, while those ignoring wider health worries so as not to add pressure on the NHS has increased since December

% Trend for anyone within household



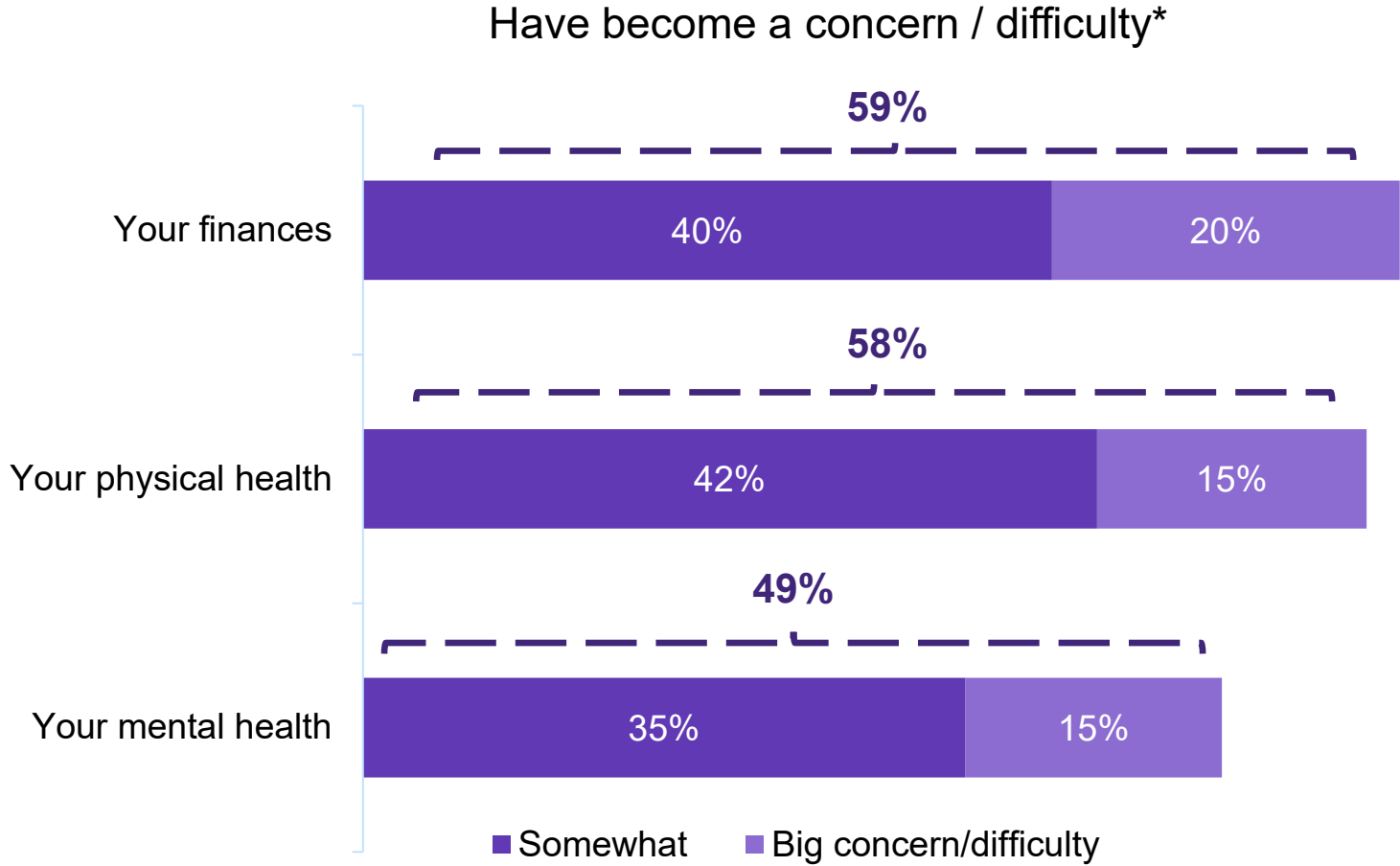
Health impacts	Self	Someone else	Household	Among ethnic minorities	Among ages 16-24
Had GP/hospital cancelled or postponed	33%	26%	50%	59% ↑	59% ↑
Ignored wider health worries	28%	13%	35%	37%	43% ↑

↑ Significantly higher than anyone in the household

Compared with the average for the GM population, certain groups are significantly more likely to say these **wider health impacts** have been experienced by them or someone in their household. These include carers, parents of younger children, and those who are financially insecure

Had GP/ hospital appointments cancelled or postponed	Ignored any wider health worries so as not to put extra pressure on the NHS
<p>Greater Manchester average: 50%</p> <p>Demographics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those were previously a carer (75%), those who are currently a carer (70%) • Pakistani respondents (72%) • Those with children aged 5-11 (63%) <p>Individual and/or family circumstance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who have not eaten the whole day for lack of money (78%) • Those who have received a free parcel of food between 2-6 times in the last year (77%), or up to three times in the past year (72%) • Those who have received support from a community hub (74%) • Those who have cut the size or skipped a meal (73%) • Those with children entitled to free school meals (73%) • Those with a disability (67%), including those with a mobility disability (70%), mental ill health (70%) • Those not in work due to ill health or disability (69%) • Those who have borrowed money from family or friends (65%) • Those worried about COVID-19 (64%) 	<p>Greater Manchester average: 35%</p> <p>Demographics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who were previously a carer (53%), those who currently have caring responsibilities (47%) • Those with children in early years (47%) • Those who are Muslims (38%) <p>Individual and/or family circumstance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who have received support from a community hub (62%) • Those with mental ill health (61%) • Those who have received a free parcel of food up to three times in the past year (58%), or between 2-6 times (58%) • Those worried about COVID-19 (53%) • Those with a disability (52%), with a mobility disability (52%) • Those not in work due to ill health or disability (51%) • Those entitled to free school meals (51%) • Those not confident in using digital services online (50%)

Finance is **the most common concern** stated by Greater Manchester respondents, with three fifths stating it is a concern, and a fifth of these saying it is a big concern. Concerns over physical and mental health also persist, but the latter of these is less commonly a concern than in December



% Concerned at all	
COVID-19 Survey 10 (Dec)	Residents' Survey 1 (Feb)
51%	59% ↑
55%	58%
60%	49% ↓

↑ ↓ Significantly higher/lower than December survey

*Net: Big concern/Somewhat displayed above each category

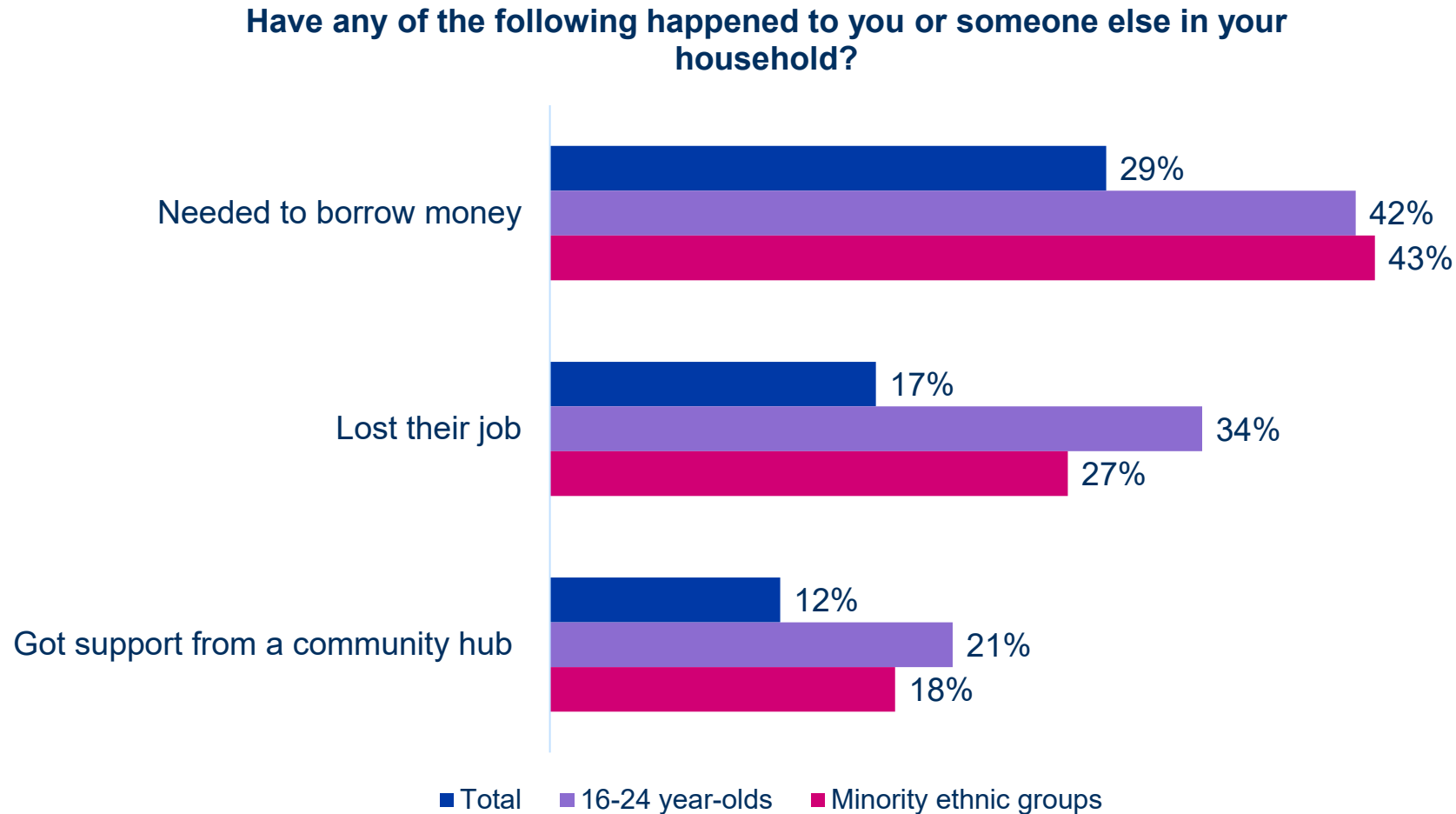
B1. Which if any of the following are currently a concern or difficulty for you, and where each is a concern would you consider it a 'big concern' or 'somewhat' a concern? Unweighted base: COVID-19 Tracker Survey 10: 1015; Greater Manchester Residents Survey 1: 1385

Some groups are significantly more likely to say each of the following has become a **specific concern** (compared with the GM average)

Finances	Physical health	Mental health
<p>Greater Manchester average: 59%</p> <p>Demographics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those with children in college (74%) • Non-native English speakers (74%) • Muslim respondents (73%) • Those with children aged 16-17 (72%), aged 5-11 (71%), children under 5 (70%) • 35-44 year olds (72%) <p>Individual and/or family circumstance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who have not eaten all day for lack of money (95%), have cut the size or skipped a meal (88%) • Those who have needed to borrow money (90%), have received support from community hub (87%) • Those with mental ill health (83%) • Those not in work due to ill health or disability (80%) • Those who have received a free parcel of food or essentials 1-3 times in the last year (79%) • Those not satisfied with their pay (78%) • Those entitled to free school meals (76%) • Those likely to lose their job (76%) • Those worried about COVID-19 (71%) • Those with a mobility disability (70%) • Those not satisfied with their job (70%) • Those earning below the Real Living Wage (70%) 	<p>Greater Manchester average: 58%</p> <p>Demographics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those not in work due to ill health or disability (92%) • Those who were previously carers (73%), currently have caring responsibilities (67%) • 65+ year olds (64%) <p>Individual and/or family circumstance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those with a mobility disability (94%) • Those with mental ill health (91%) • Disabled people (87%) • Those who have received a free parcel of food or essentials 2-6 times in the last year (83%), 1-3 times in the last year (74%) • Those who have not eaten all day for lack of money (82%) • Those entitled to free school meals (76%) • Those who have cut the size or skipped a meal (75%) • Those worried about COVID-19 (75%) • Those who have received one dose of the vaccine (74%) • Those who have borrowed money from family and friends (69%) 	<p>Greater Manchester average: 49%</p> <p>Demographics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled people (71%) • Those who were previously carers (69%) • 25-34 year olds (62%) • Those with children not in early years (71%) <p>Individual and/or family circumstance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those with mental ill health (95%) • Those not in work due to ill health or disability (88%) • Those who have not eaten all day for lack of money (86%), have cut the size or skipped a meal (78%) • Those who have received support from a community hub (80%) • Those not satisfied with their job (75%) • Those who have borrowed money from family and friends (69%) • Those entitled to free school meals (68%) • Those worried about COVID-19 (66%) • Those likely to lose their jobs (66%) • Those with devices that allow them access to the internet some of the time (66%) • Those working from home all of the time (63%)

B1. Which if any of the following are currently a concern or difficulty for you, and where each is a concern would you consider it a 'big concern' or 'somewhat' a concern?
 Unweighted base: 1385 (All respondents)

Nearly a third (29%) of respondents, an increase from December (23%), have **needed to borrow money from family or friends**. Younger respondents and those from an ethnic minority background are significantly more likely to be affected financially



Some parts of the population are more likely to have **needed to borrow money; this is particularly the case among those who have received free parcels of food or essentials, are entitled to free school meals and some ethnic minority groups**

Groups significantly more likely to have needed to borrow money (compared to 29% Greater Manchester average)

Demographics

- Those with mental ill health (57%)
- Parents with children in early years (54%)
- Those who are Muslims (52%)
- Aged 25-34 (47%)
- Parents with children not in early years (50%), parents of children in primary (47%)
- Parents of children under 5 (49%), 5-11 years old (47%)

Individual and/or family circumstance

- Those who have not eaten all day for lack of money (81%)
- Those who have received a free parcel of food or essentials between 2-6 times in the last year (77%), up to three times (70%)
- Those have cut the size of or skipped a meal (77%)
- Those have received support from a community hub (72%)
- Those with children entitled to free school meals (64%)
- Those who have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (59%), and those who have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine (47%)
- Those who are extremely/very worried about COVID-19 (56%)
- Those likely to lose their jobs in the next year (53%)
- Those with access to devices that can access the internet some of the time (52%), or not all of the time (50%)
- Those who are not in work due to ill health or disability (46%)



Living safely and fairly with COVID-19

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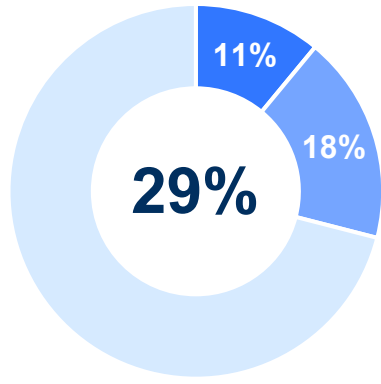
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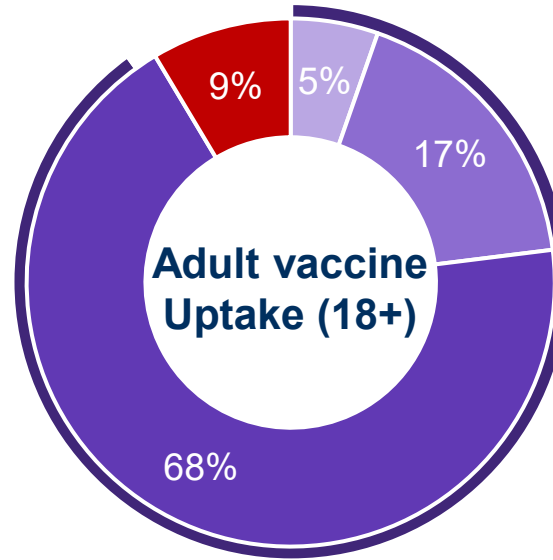
Summary: Living safely and fairly with COVID-19



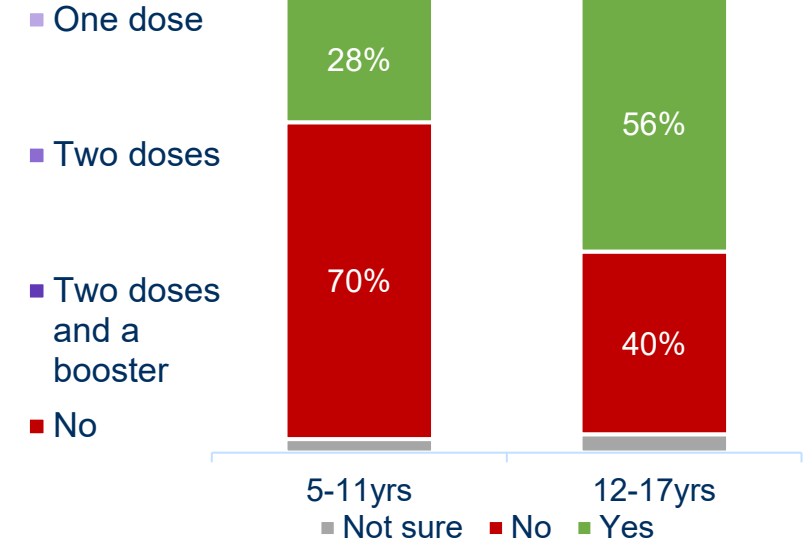
■ Extremely worried ■ Very worried

Overall, nearly a third of respondents are extremely or very worried about COVID-19 and its impact

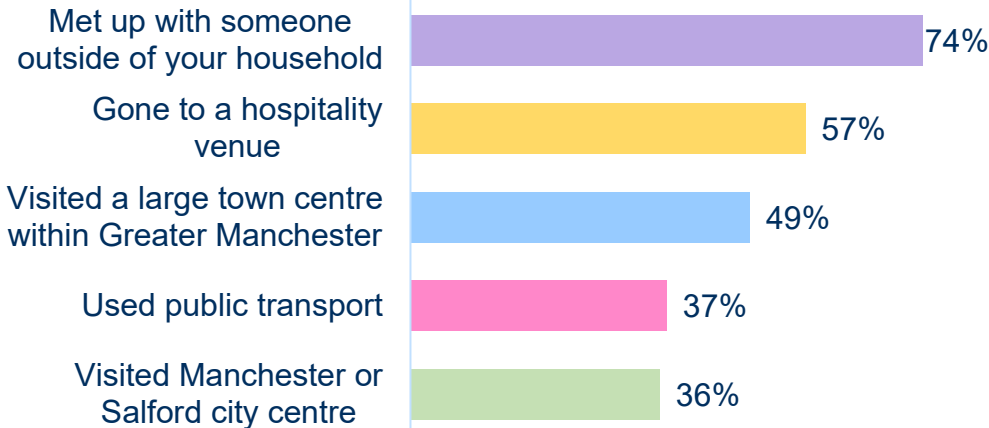
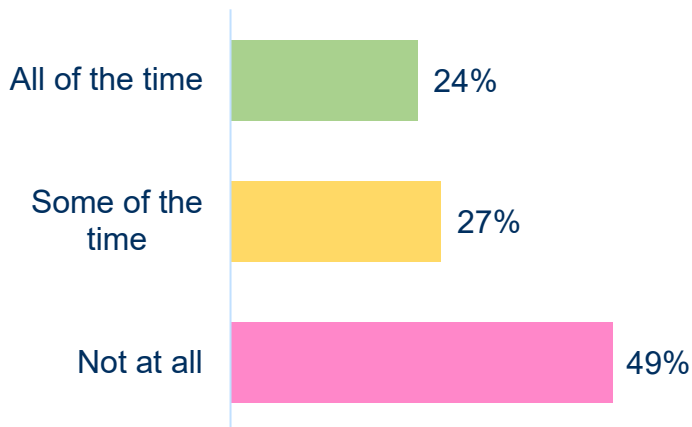
The vast majority of adults have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Two fifths (41%) of children aged 5-17 have received at least one vaccine dose.



Child vaccine uptake (5-17)



Over half (51%) of respondents are working from home at least some of the time



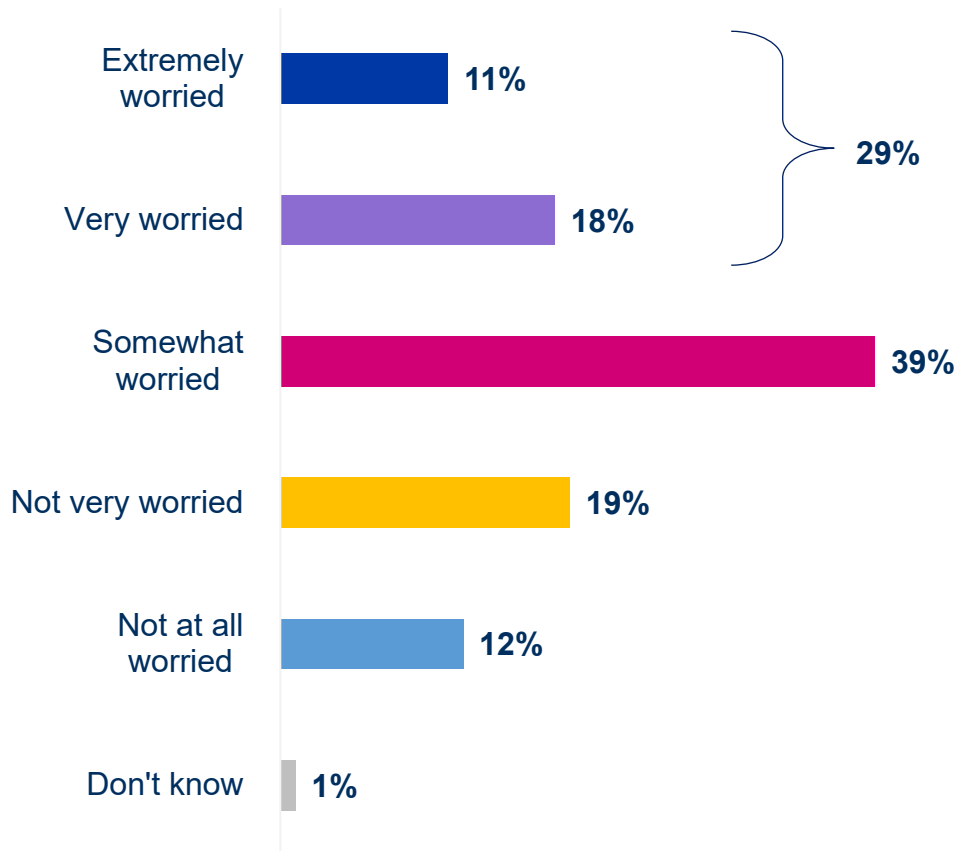
In the last week, nearly three quarters are socializing outside their household. Over half have visited a hospitality venue

Doing key safe behaviours in daily life all/most of the time

- 85%** Regularly washing / sanitising
- 83%** Staying home if feeling unwell
- 64%** Wearing a mask in crowded spaces
- 61%** Wearing a mask on public transport
- 50%** Opening doors/windows when indoors with non-household members
- 49%** Meeting people outdoors

Overall, almost a third (29%) of respondents are **very or extremely worried about COVID-19**. Residents in precarious situations with their access to food are particularly likely to feel worried, as are those with a disability

Overall, how worried are you about COVID-19?



Respondents more likely to be extremely/very worried about COVID-19 (cf. 29% GM average):

Demographics

- Carers (50%), or those who are former carers (46%)
- Muslim respondents (44%)
- Those whose first language is not English (43%)
- Those with children in early years (0-4) education (43%)

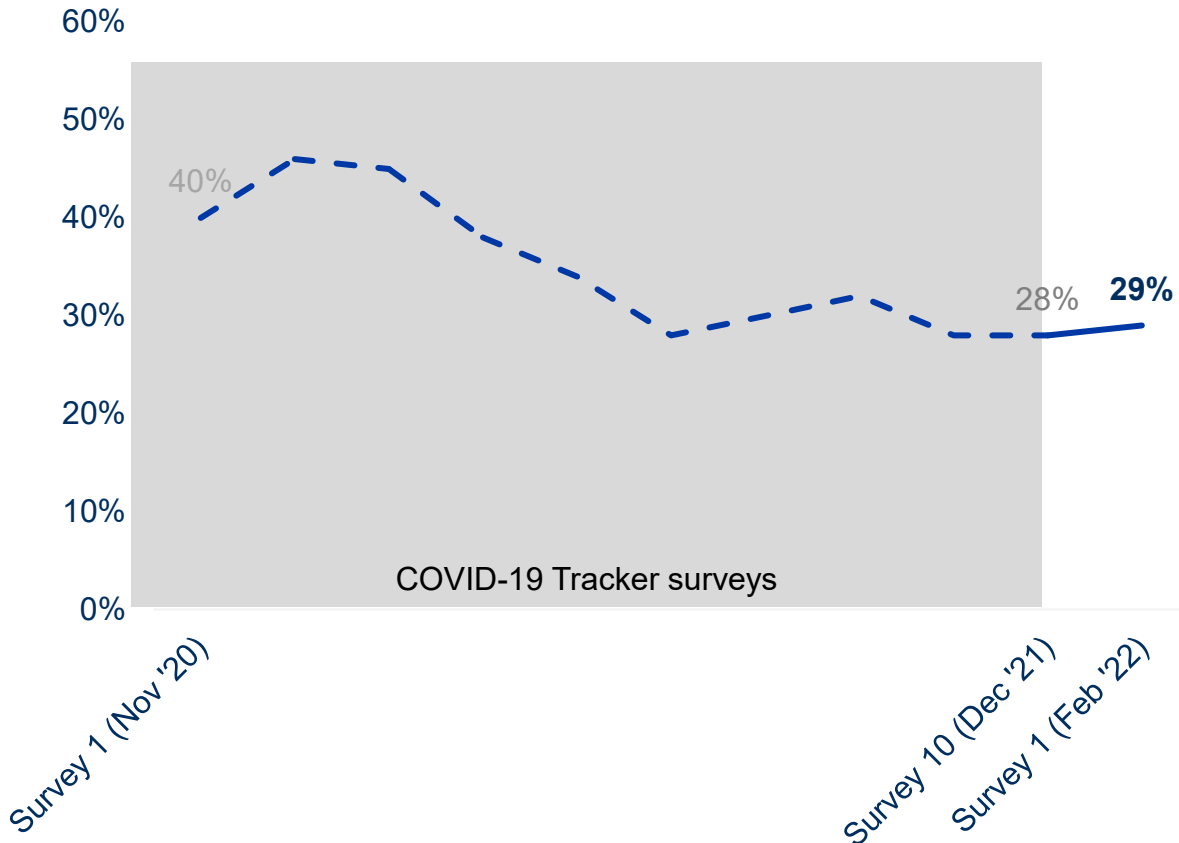
Individual and/or family circumstance

- Those who have not eaten for a whole day for lack of food (55%)
- Those who have received a food parcel between two and six times in the past year (57%)
- Those who have personally (52%), or someone one in their household (54%) has received support from a community hub
- Those who have cut the size of their own (48%), or their households (49%) meals in the past year
- Those with children entitled to free school meals (48%)
- Those who think they are likely to lose their job in the next 12 months (45%)
- Those with mental ill health (46%), or a mobility disability (45%)
- Those who have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (42%)

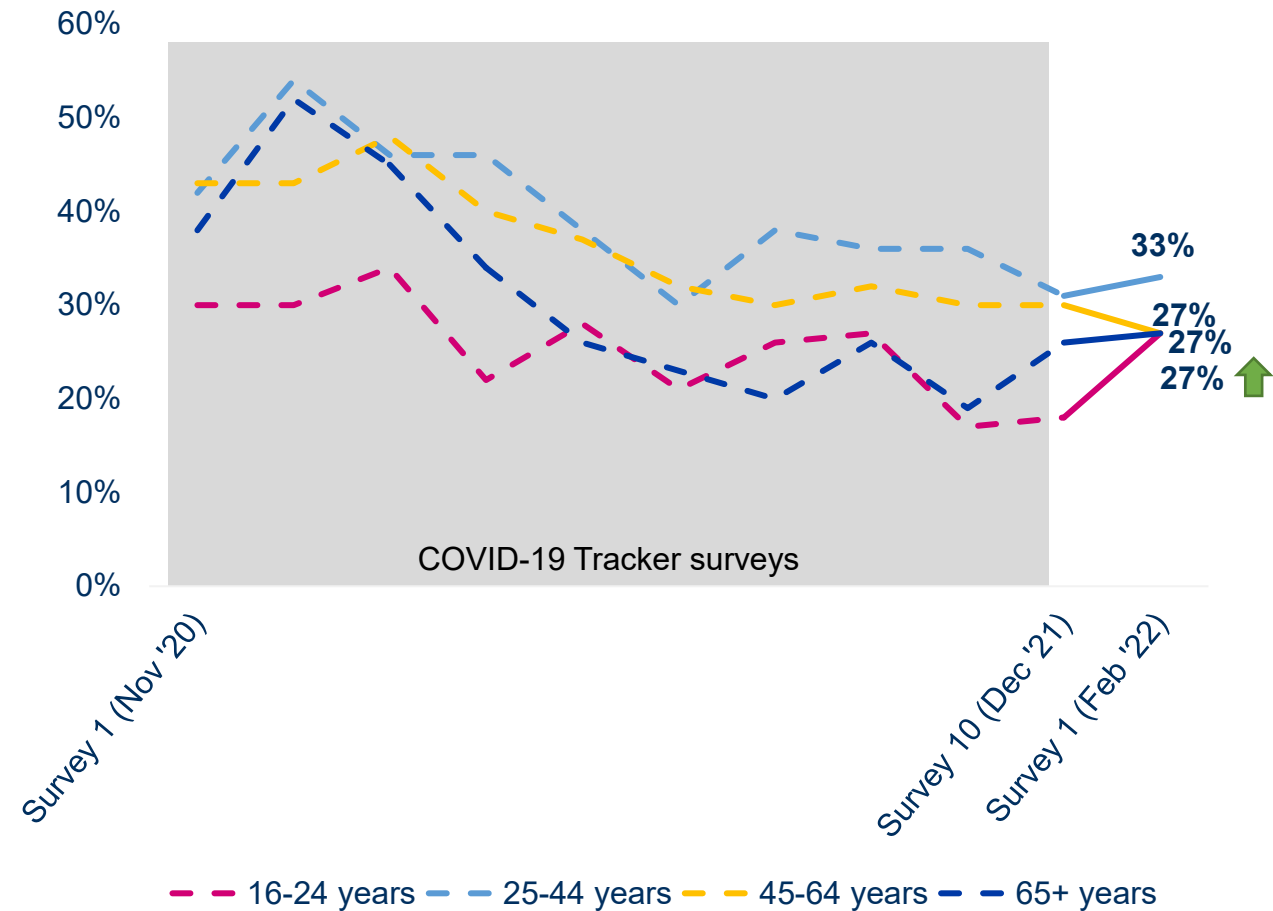
B4. Overall, how worried are you about coronavirus and its impacts?
Unweighted base: 1385 (All respondents)

The proportion of respondents who say they are **extremely or very worried about COVID-19 and its impacts** has remained stable since December 2021. However there has been an increase in the proportion of those 16-24 year-olds who are extremely or very worried

% Extremely/very worried about COVID-19 – overall

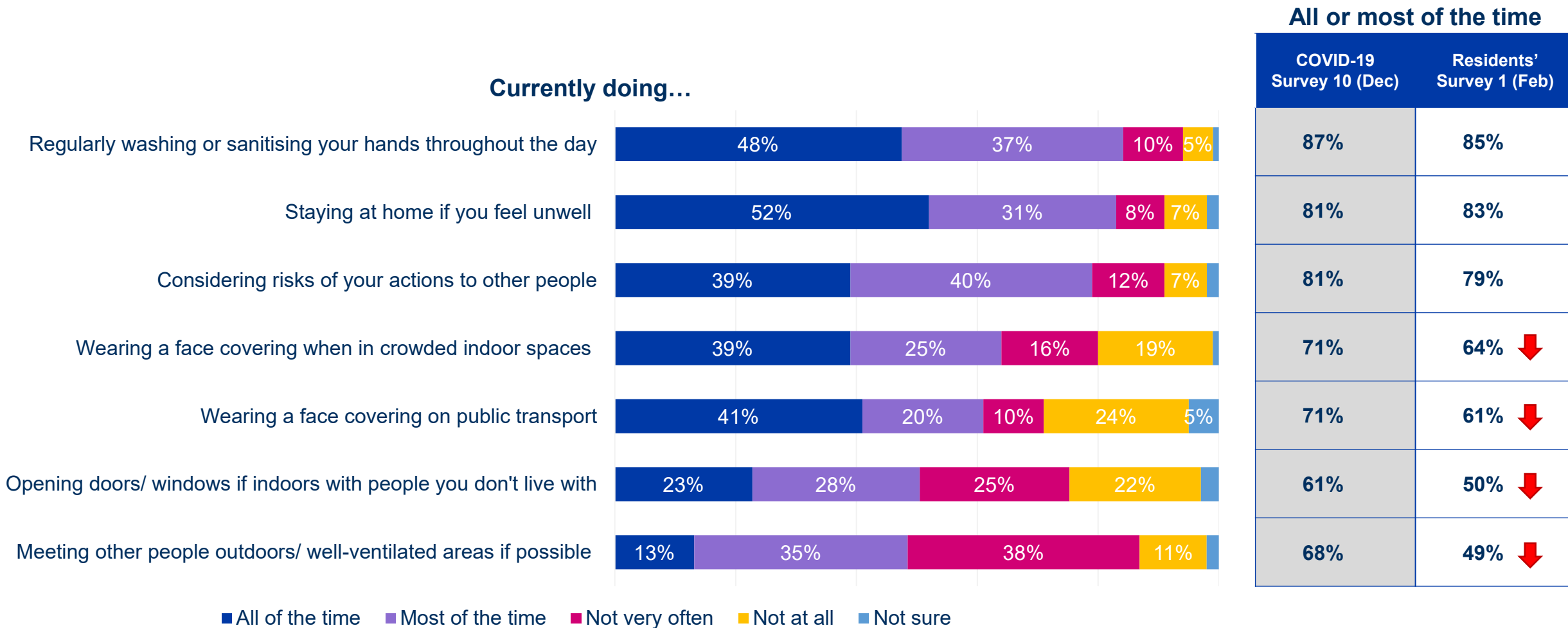


% Extremely/very worried about COVID-19 – by age



↑ ↓ Significantly higher/lower than December survey

The proportions of respondents observing the **recommended behaviours to stop the spread of COVID-19** all or most of the time have decreased since December. Respondents are significantly less likely to wear face coverings compared to December.



↑ ↓ Significantly higher/lower than December survey

Certain parts of the population are significantly less likely to wear face coverings in crowded indoor spaces or stay home if they feel unwell:

64% of respondents say they wear a face covering in crowded indoor spaces all or most of the time

The proportion is significantly lower among:

Demographics

- Those with children aged 12-15 years old (62%)
- British people (60%), White people (59%)
- Those who live in Salford (58%), or Stockport (57%)
- Home makers (51%)

83% of respondents say they stay home if they feel unwell all or most of the time

The proportion is significantly lower among:

Demographics

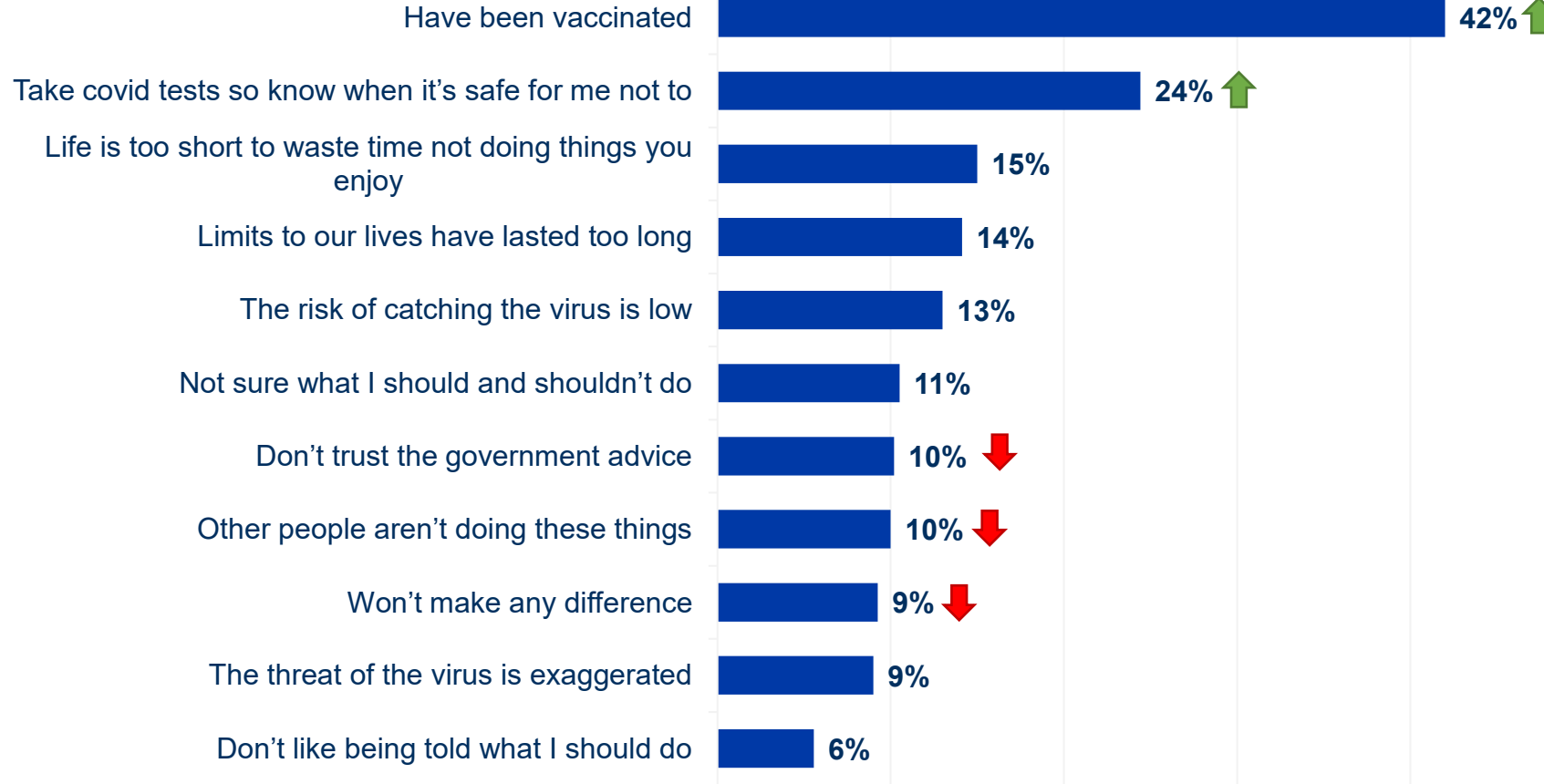
- Males (80%)

Individual and/or family circumstance

- Those not likely to lose their job in the next year (80%)
- Those satisfied with their pay (79%)
- Those not very/not at all worried about COVID-19 (77%)
- Those that do not always have access to devices that can access the internet (76%), or some of the time (78%)
- Those not working from home at all (76%)
- Those not likely to get promoted in the next three years (76%)
- Those who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine (75%)
- Those who are not taking rapid COVID-19 tests (75%)
- Those not confident in using digital services (74%)
- Those not satisfied with their job (70%)

There has been an increase in respondents stating that being vaccinated is their main **reason for not continuing safe behaviour** since December. But there have been decreases in respondents stating they don't trust government advice, other people aren't observing safe behaviours, or it won't make any difference

Reasons for not doing at least one of these safety behaviours all or most of the time

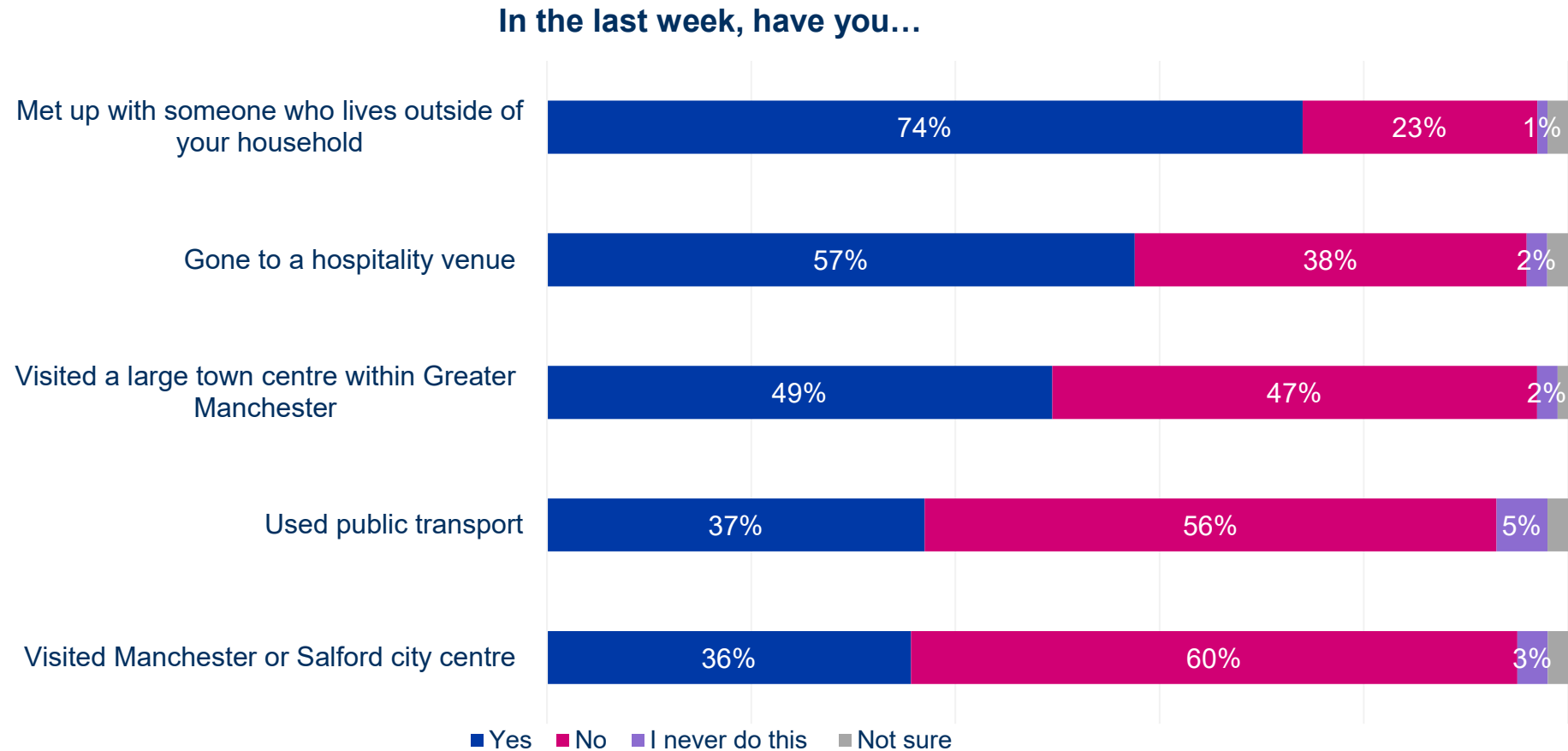


COVID-19 Survey 10 (Dec)
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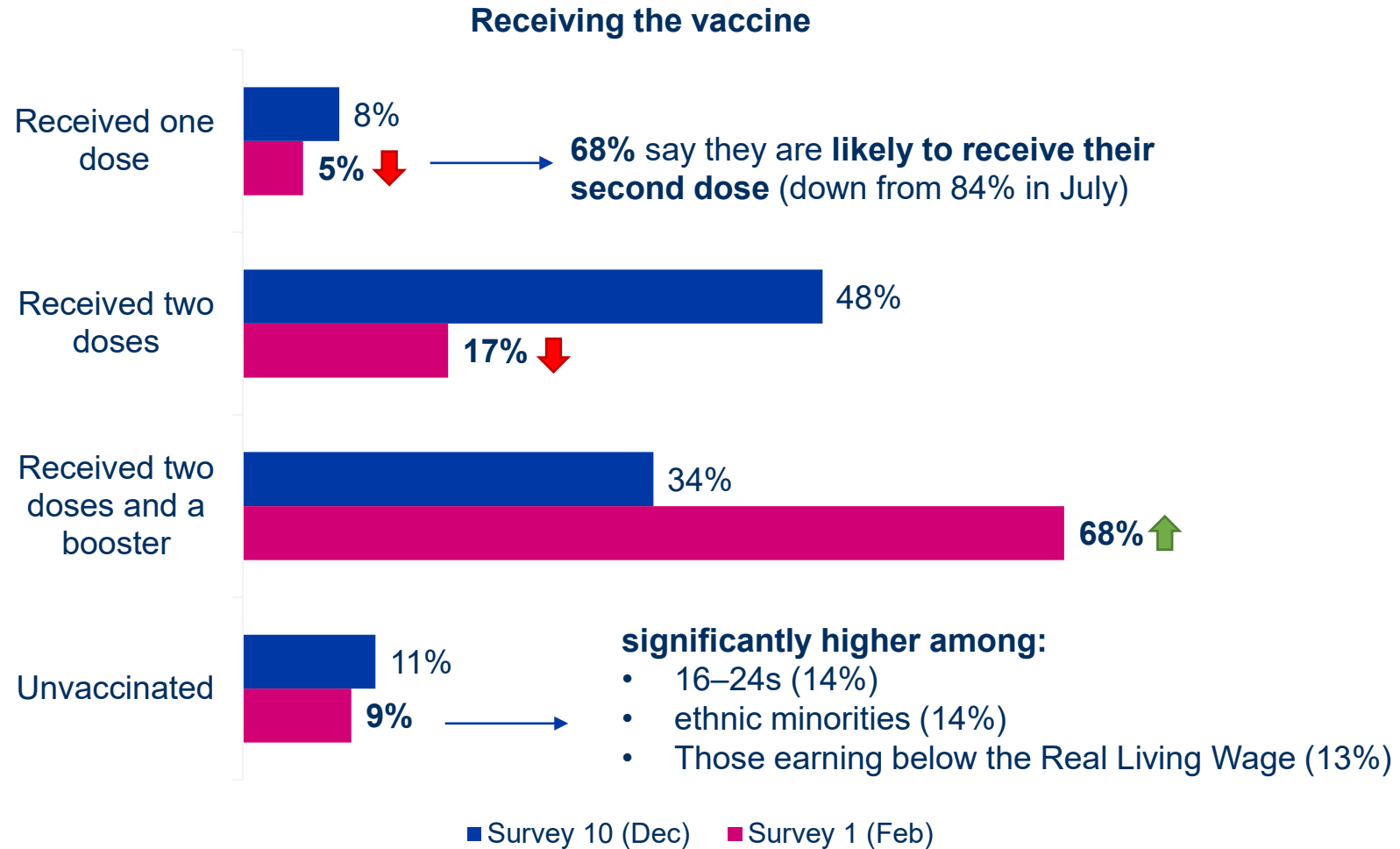
'Limits to our lives have lasted too long' is significantly more likely to be mentioned by parents with children under 5 (21%) or those in part time work (23%). Parents whose children are in college are significantly more likely to say they **don't like being told what to do (15%)**, while women are significantly more likely to say **life is too short to waste time not doing things you enjoy (16%)**.

↑ ↓ Significantly higher/lower than December survey

In the last week most respondents have been socialising, with nearly three quarters (74%) of respondents meeting up with someone who lives outside of their household or going to a hospitality venue. A lower proportion of respondents are using public transport



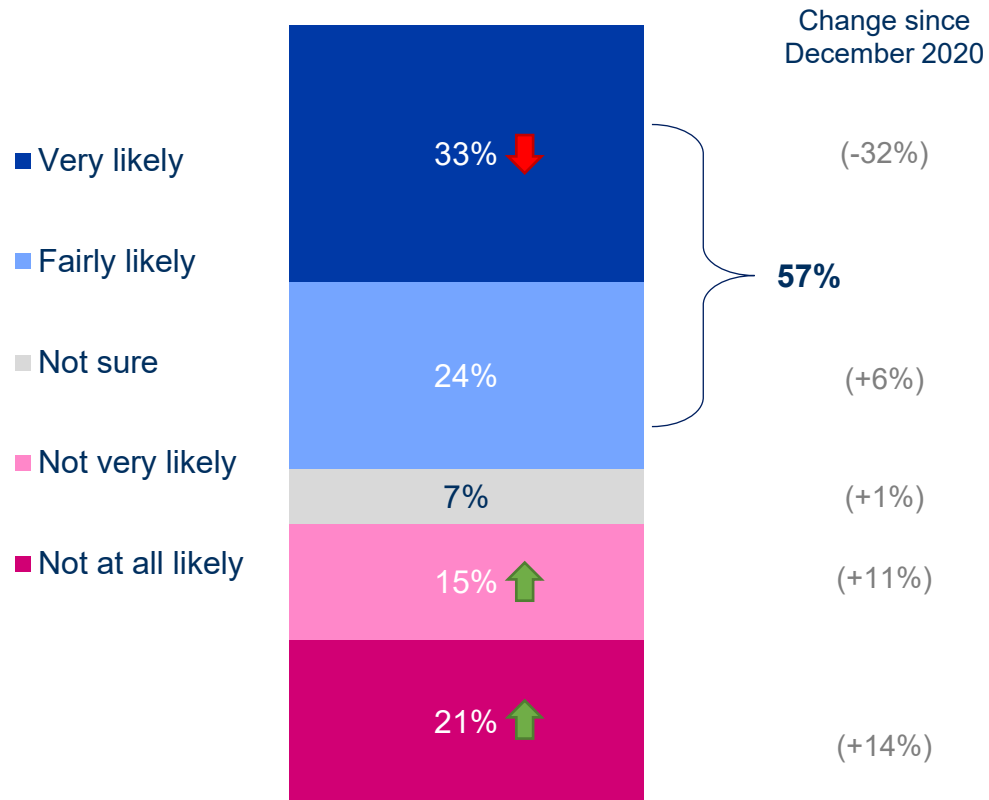
Nine tenths (91%) of respondents had **received at least one vaccine**, with two thirds (68%) having both doses and a booster, a large increase from December (34%). Of those who had only received one dose, over two thirds (68%) said they were likely to get their second



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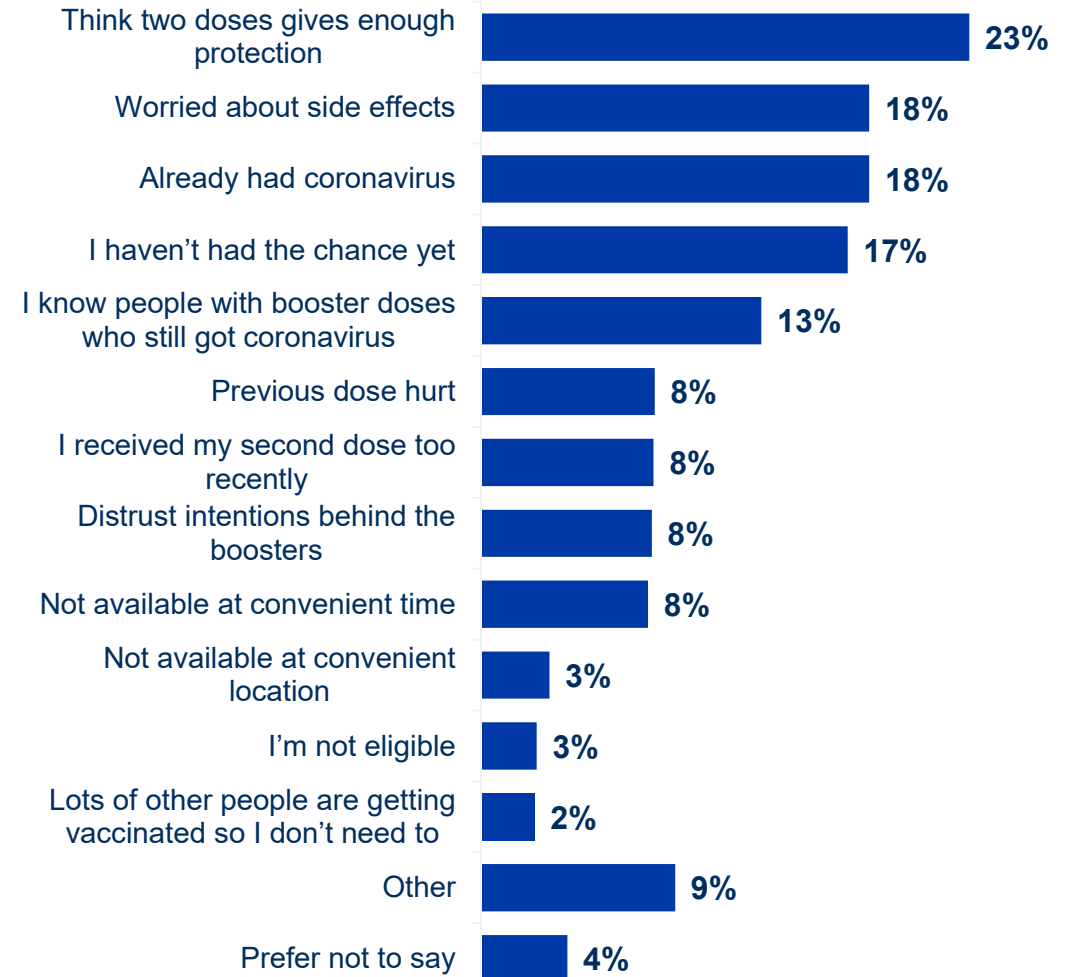
Over two thirds (68%) of respondents had already received a vaccine booster. The majority of those yet to receive it (57%) are very or fairly likely to also get the booster. The main reasons not to get the booster for those who are reluctant are that two doses give enough protection and worries about the side effects

Likelihood to receive booster (among those who have two doses)



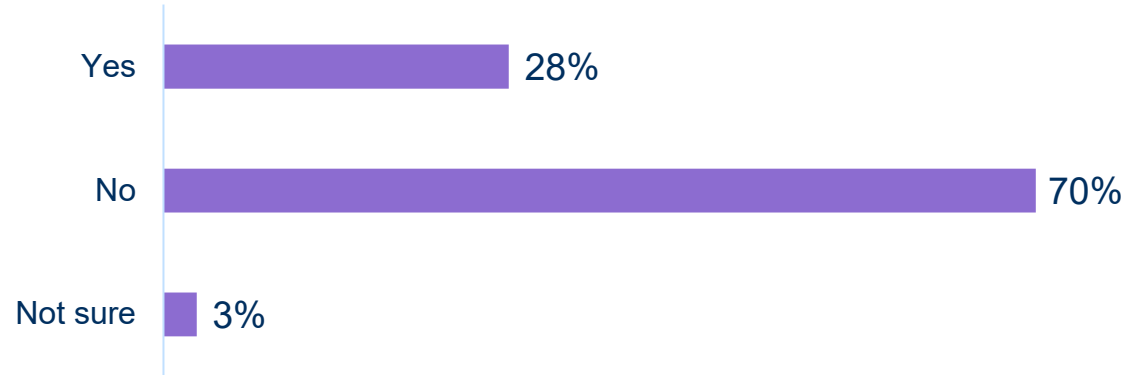
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Reasons for not getting the booster



At the time of fieldwork, nearly three quarters (70%) of parents said that their **children aged 5-11 had not received the vaccine**. Over half (56%) of **children aged 12-17 have received the vaccine**. Of those who had children not yet vaccinated, over half are unlikely to have them vaccinated or not sure.

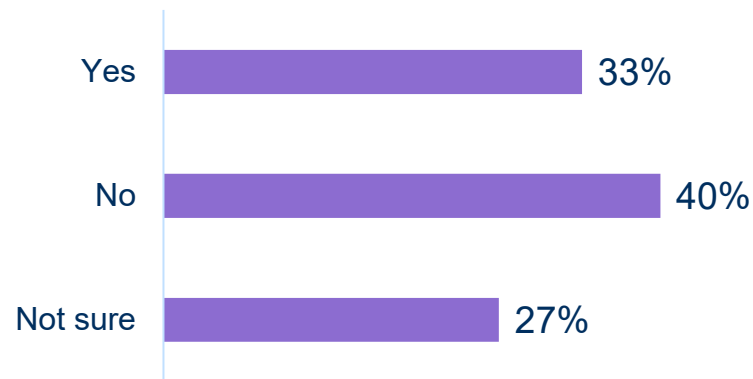
Have children aged 5-11 had the vaccine



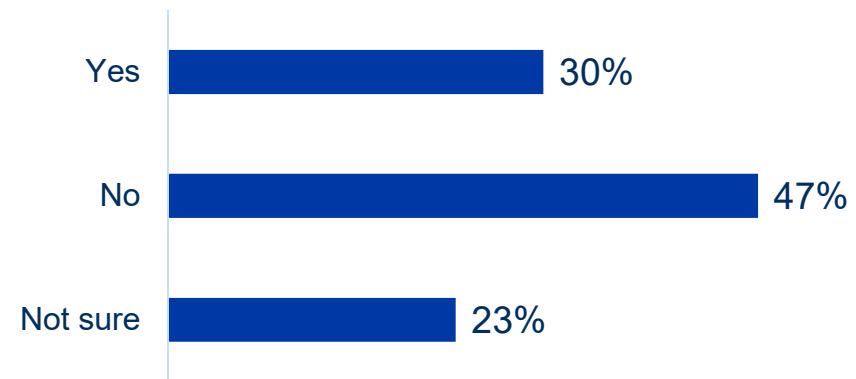
Have children aged 12-17 had the vaccine



Likelihood to have their child vaccinated (if not already)



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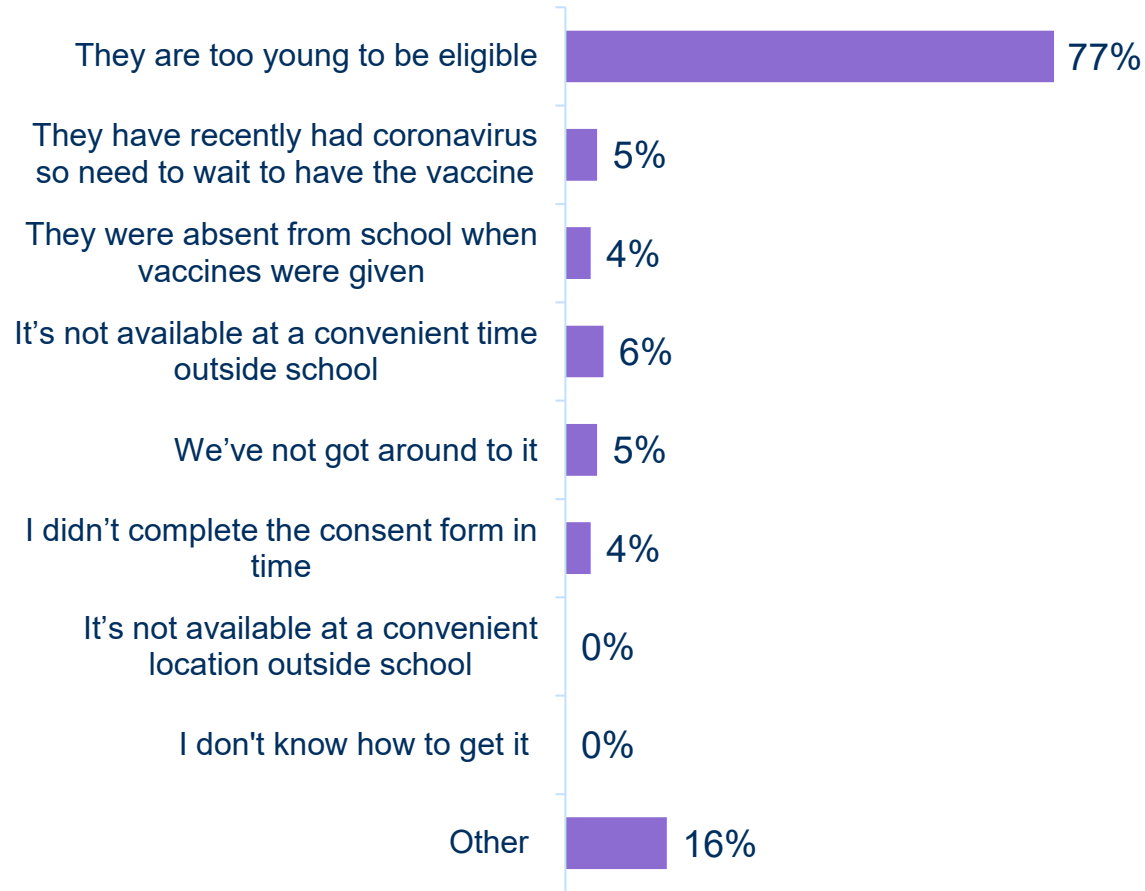


D5. And have all your children aged under 18 received at least one Covid vaccine? D6. Do you intend for all your children aged under 18 to receive at least one Covid vaccine?
 Unweighted base: 209 (Children aged 5-11 offered the vaccine); 248 (Children aged 12-17 offered the vaccine); 159 (Those who have not yet vaccinated their 5-11 year old); 159 (Those who have not yet vaccinated their 12-17 year old) *At time of fieldwork, vaccines were available for all children aged 5+*

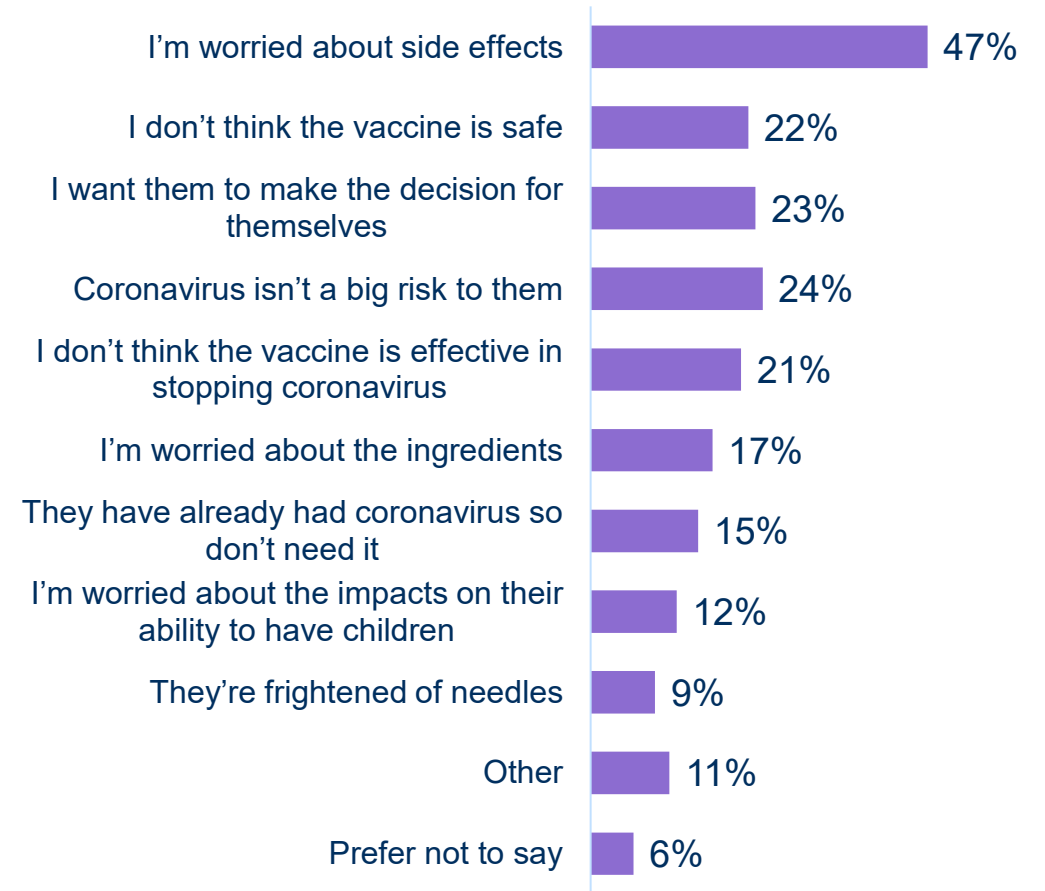
The majority of parents have said they have not vaccinated their children yet as they are too young to be eligible. For those who do not intend to vaccinate them, almost half (47%) say they are worried about the side effects.

Children aged 5-11

Why have they not all received a vaccine already?



Why do you not intend to vaccinate them?*

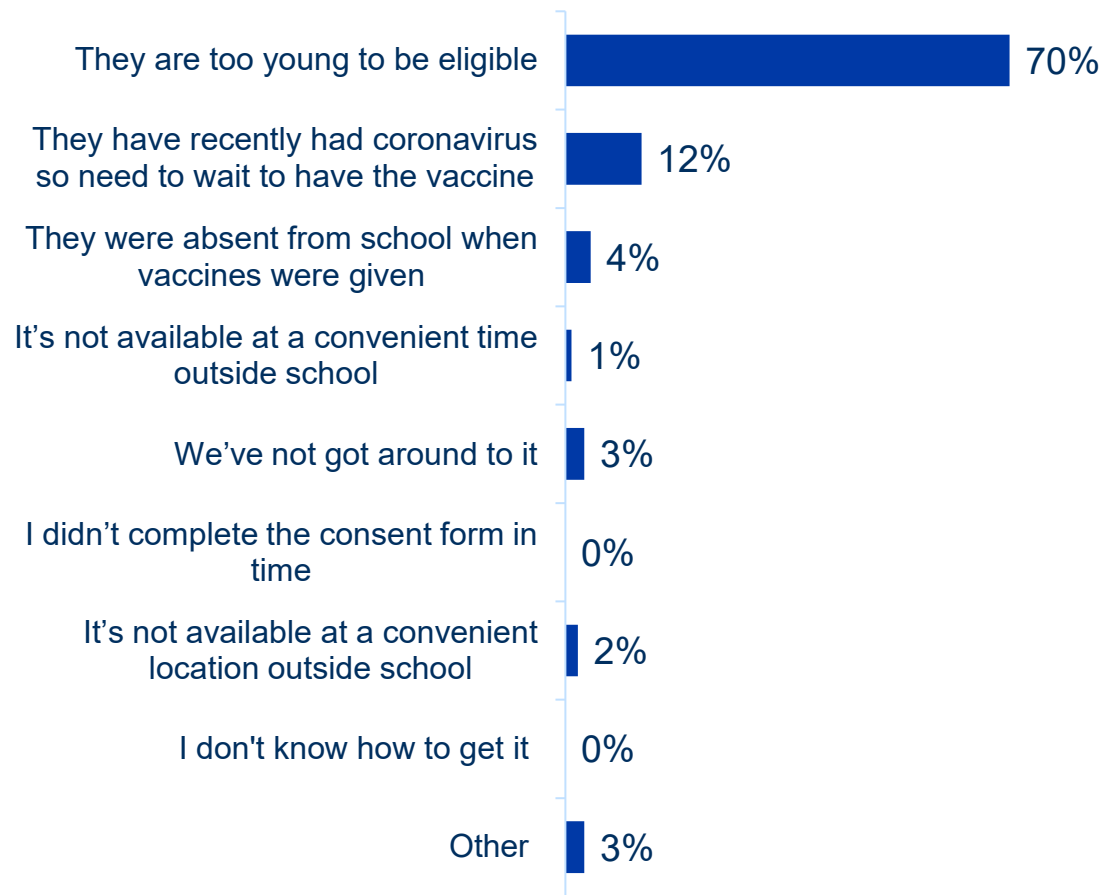


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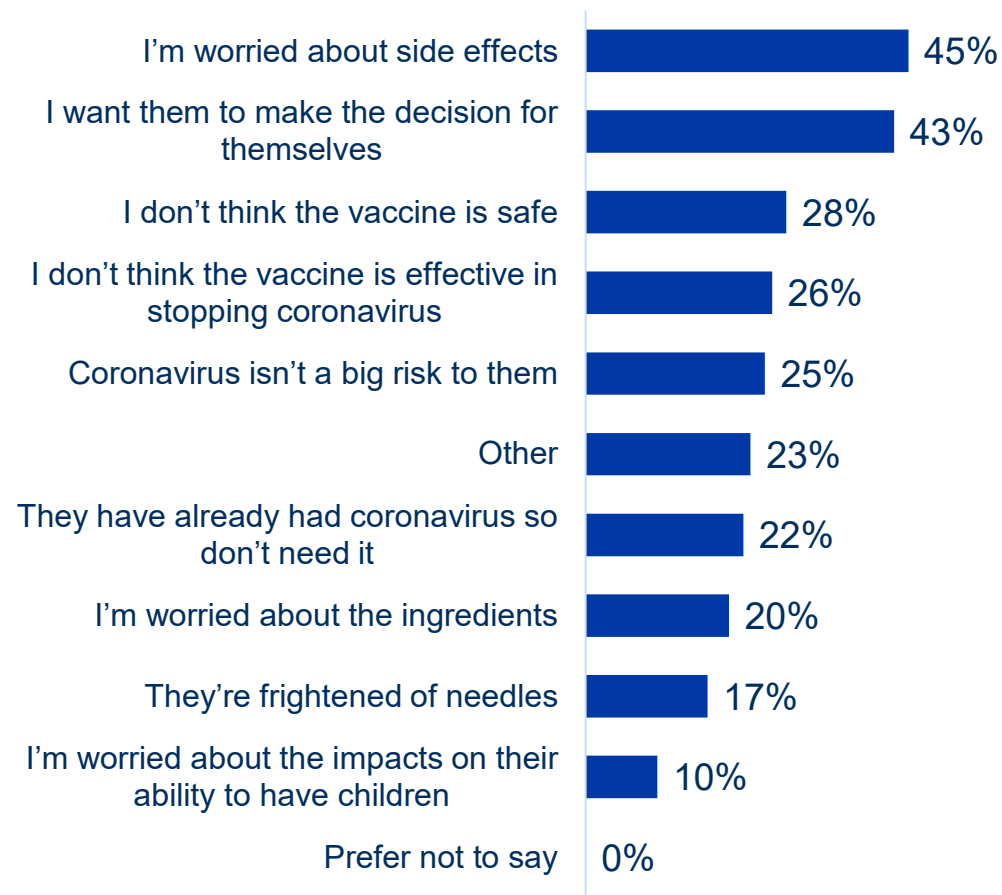
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Children aged 12-17

Why have they not all received a vaccine already?

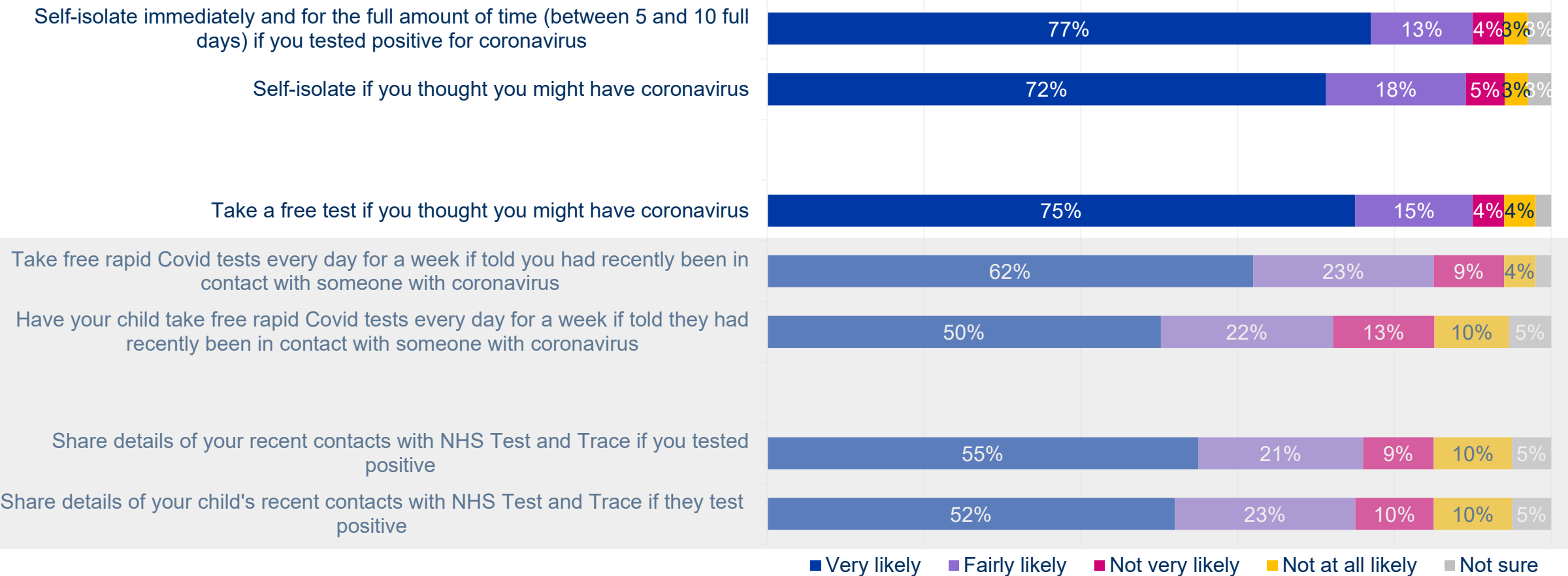


Why do you not intend to vaccinate them?*



*Only code above 10% shown

Around 9 in 10 respondents say they are very or fairly likely to self-isolate if they tested positive for COVID-19, self-isolate if they thought they might be positive or take a free test. The highest proportion (90%) say they are very or fairly likely to self-isolate immediately if they tested positive for COVID-19.

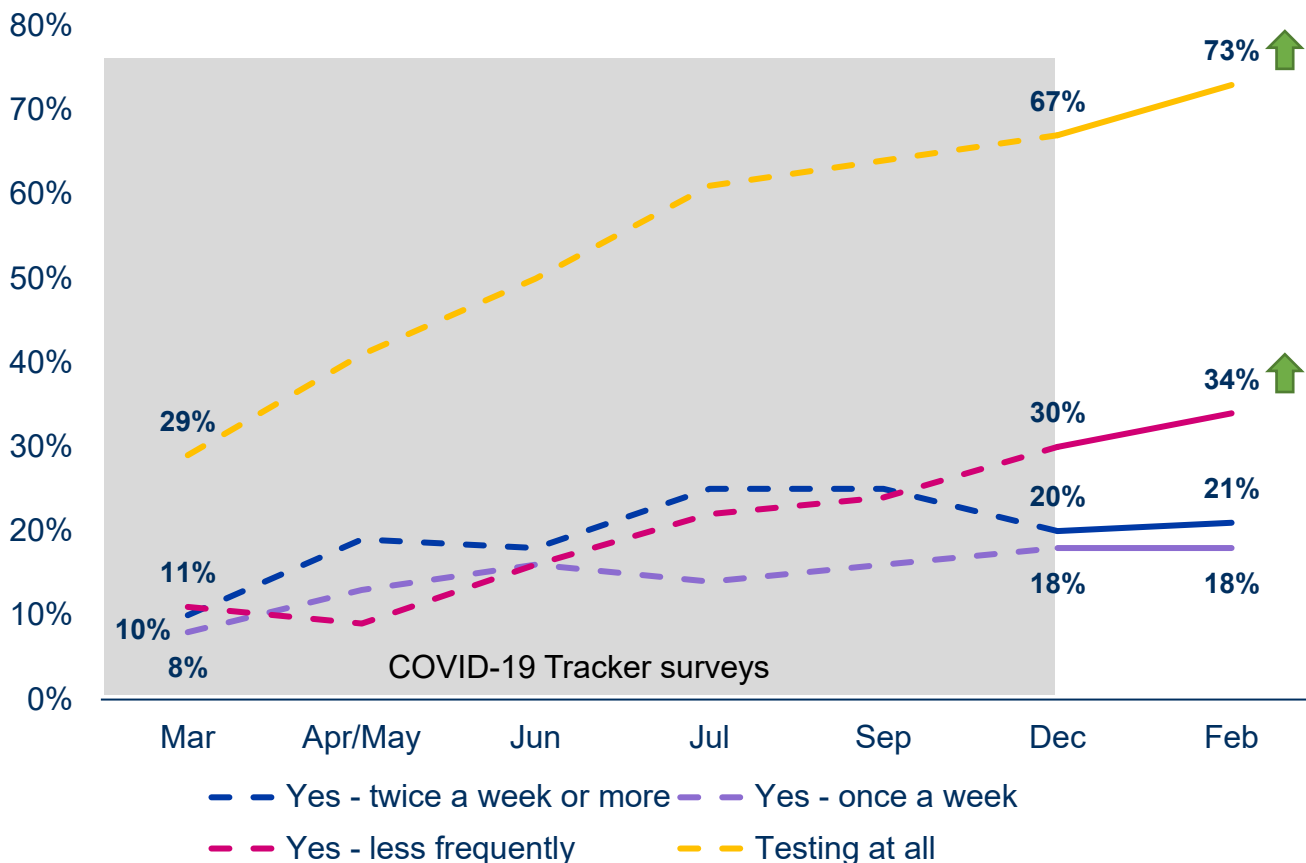


During the fieldwork period and reporting stage of this survey, the guidelines for those who had been in contact with someone with the virus to take a rapid COVID test were removed, as were those to enter the result of that test on NHS Test and Trace. As such, we have hidden these responses so that only the options that are clearly visible, are those the public are encouraged to follow under current regulations.

D8. How likely would you be to do each of the following?
Unweighted base: All respondents: 1385

Nearly three quarters (73%) of respondents are **taking rapid COVID-19 tests** – the highest rate seen in tracking so far. But only a fifth (21%) are taking the tests at the previously recommended twice a week frequency or more

Taking asymptomatic tests...



↑ ↓ Significantly higher/lower than December survey

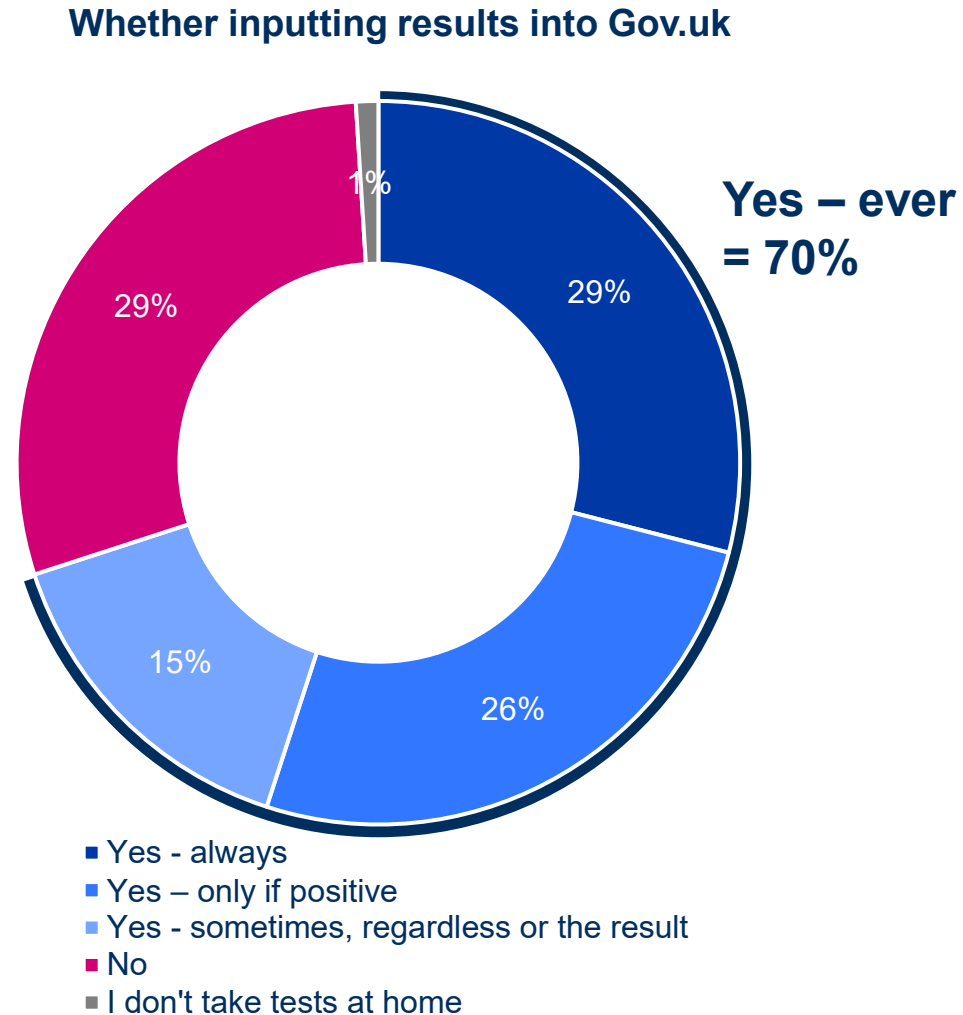
Demographic groups significantly more likely to be 'testing at all' compared to average (73%) include:

- Those who have received one dose of the vaccine (86%)
- Have children aged 5-11 (83%), 16-17 (86%)
- Minority ethnic groups (81%), those whose first language is not English (82%)
- Parents with children in primary school (80%)
- Females (78%)
- Aged 16-34 (78%)
- Those working from home some of the time (80%)
- Those earning above the Real Living Wage (77%)

Demographic groups significantly less likely to be 'testing at all' compared to average (73%) include:

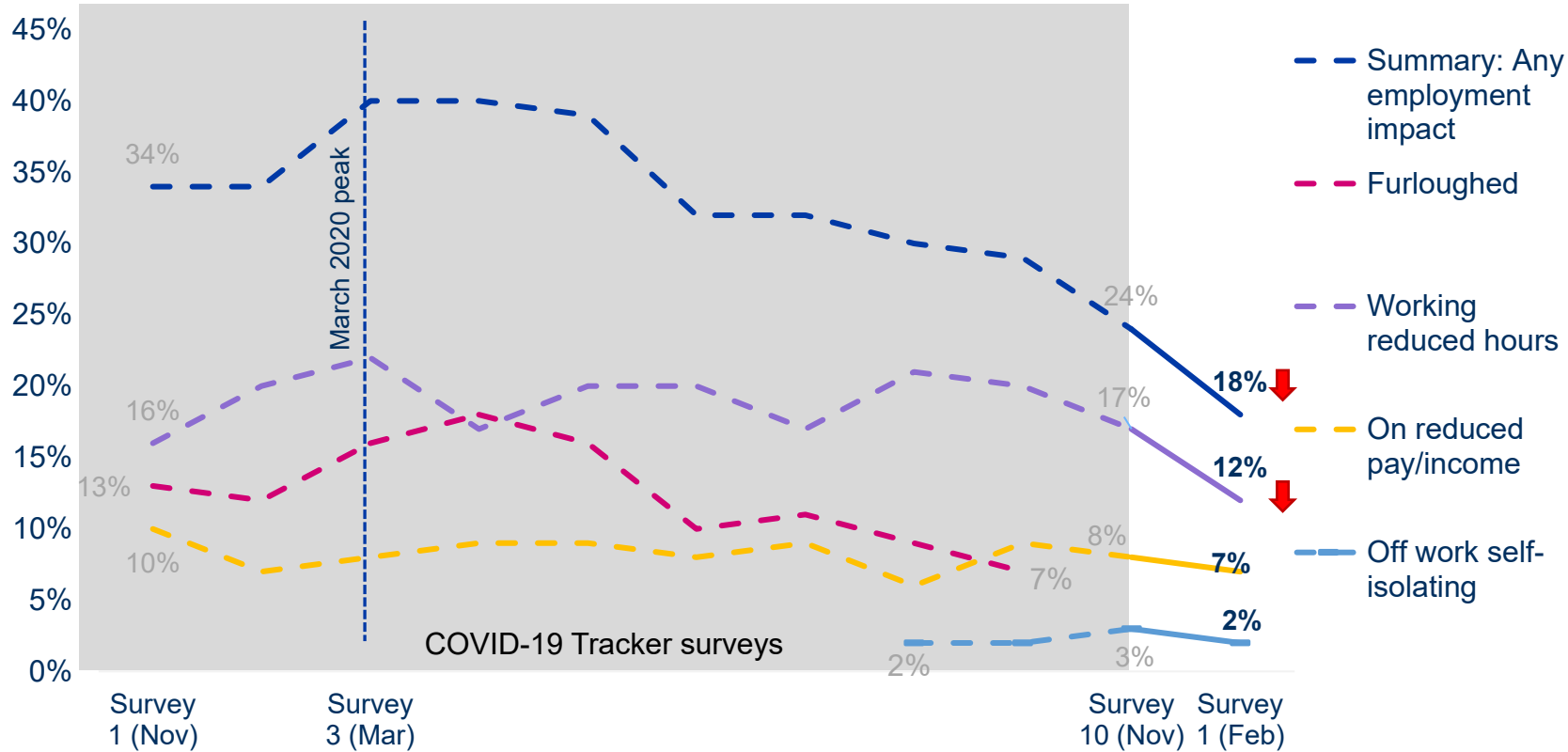
- British respondents (71%)
- Those not in employment (70%)
- Males (68%)
- Aged 65+ (64%)
- Those with a mobility disability (61%)
- Those who have not been vaccinated (52%)

7 in 10 (70%) of respondents ever **input results into Gov.uk**, with almost a third (29%) doing so always.



There has been a reduction in those **currently experiencing employment impacts** as a result of the pandemic – to under a fifth (18%), less than half of what it was last March. The highest proportion of those who have been impacted are working reduced hours

Are you currently...?



The proportion that have had their work impacted by the pandemic - significantly higher among (cf. 18% GM average):

Demographics

- Carers (46%)
- Aged 16-24 (40%)
- Disabled respondents (35%)
- Those whose first language is not English (33%)
- Minority ethnic groups (28%)
- Those who have children aged 0-5 years old (26%), including those with children aged 0-4 in early years (32%)
- Males (24%)
- Those who have only received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine (31%)

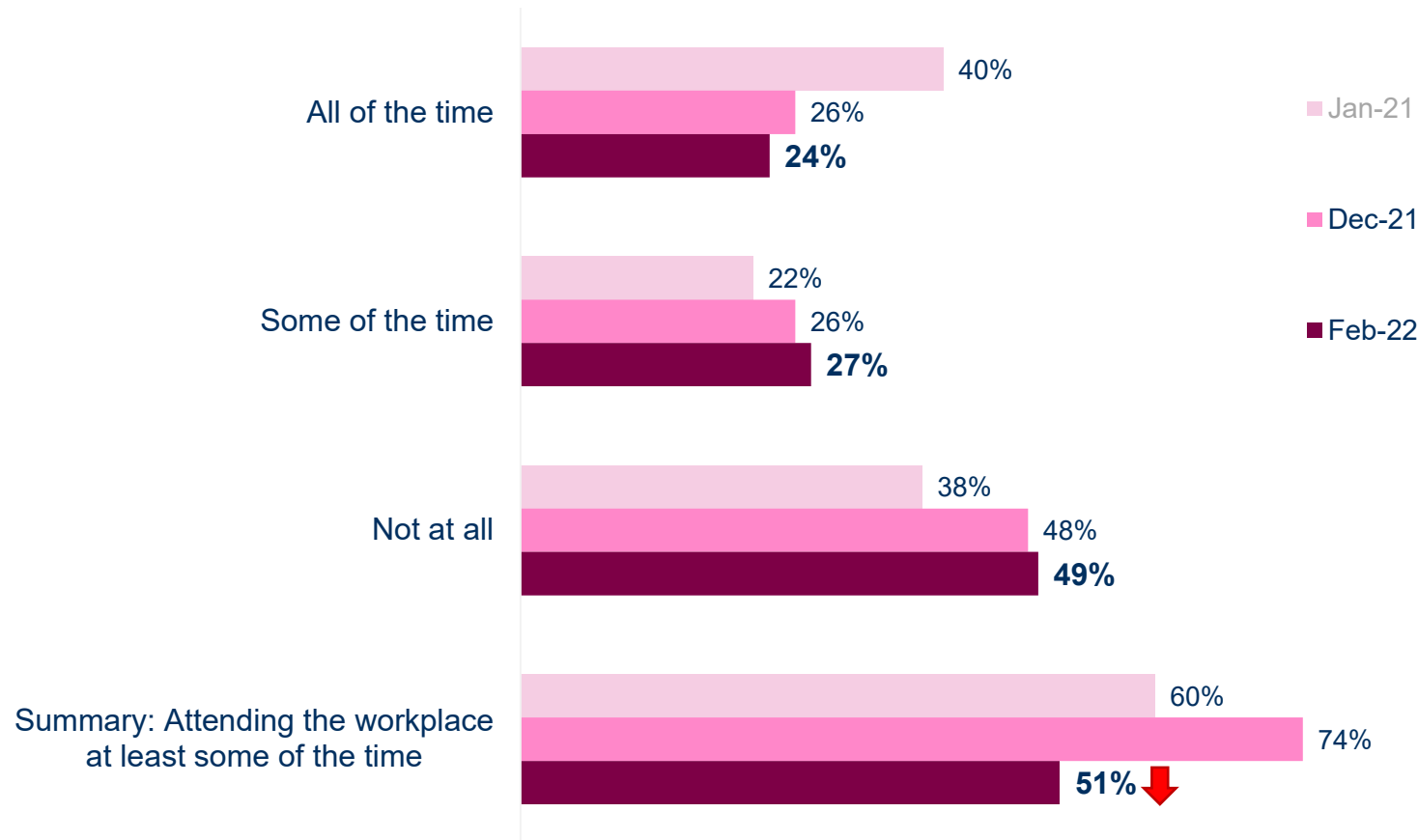
Individual and/or family circumstance

- Those who have received support from a community hub (54%), or borrowed money from family and friends (26%)
- Those with access to the internet some of the time (40%), or access to devices that allow access to the internet (50%)
- Those who have cut the size of or skipped a meal (37%), or eaten all day for lack of money (54%)

↑ ↓ Significantly higher/lower than December survey

The proportion of working respondents **attending their workplace at least some of the time** has increased since December, as has the proportion who do not work from home at all. Just over half are attending the workplace at least some of the time

Are you currently working from home because of the pandemic?



The proportion not attending the workplace at all - significantly higher among...
 (cf. 49% GM average):

Demographics

- Those in part-time work (68%)
- Those in Oldham (68%)
- Parents of children aged 16-17 years old (63%), and parents of children aged 19-25 years-old (61%)
- Females (55%)

Individual and/or family circumstance

- Those earning below the Real Living Wage (71%)
- Those not likely to lose their job (53%)
- Those not likely to get promoted (60%)

↑ ↓ Significantly higher/lower than December survey



Food insecurity

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Approach and sample – Food insecurity

Approach

- This report presents summary findings for survey 1 of the 2022 research study of the residents of Greater Manchester conducted amongst a representative sample of the city population by region.
- The information within this section provides the initial findings on the food insecurity questions, but the data only represents the first survey in a series intended to run throughout 2022, the frequency of this is yet to be determined. Questions of this nature have not been asked of Greater Manchester residents before and as such, these results should be treated as indicative rather than conclusive at this stage – they are used best as indicators to open up further dialogue.
- The focus of this research is therefore to provide a growing base of evidence, one which can initially serve as a way to highlight potential trends and indicators which individual Local Authorities can explore in greater detail. As this evidence base grows across multiple surveys we will be able to provide greater depth on which groups are likely to be more affected by the issues explored, highlighting those where more investigation would prove useful.
- On some questions responses have been filtered on those who were asked relevant questions (e.g. those in work or with children), and bases may be lower than the full sample of 1385 in some instances. Where relevant, this has been noted on the slides, along with the unweighted base sizes.
- This section contains a food insecurity score. The methodology for this is based on the US Department of Agriculture’s approach to defining food insecurity which is detail on the following page. This approach is also used in the UK as part of the Department of Work & Pensions Family Resources Survey. Despite this, the approach has been adapted for the purposes of this survey, and does not provide a direct comparable. Instead, the use of this statistic in this report is to understand those communities within Greater Manchester who are most at risk of food insecurity, as a way to help local authorities investigate this issue further.

Sample breakdown

Sample info

Survey	1
Fieldwork start	9 February 2022
Fieldwork end	25 February 2022
Total respondents	1385
Sample used in Food Insecurity score	1135
Food Insecurity score – Live with children u18	320
Do not live with children u18	815

The Food Insecurity score

Approach

- As mentioned on the previous slide, this food insecurity score is based on an adapted version of the score used by the USDA.
- As part of the resident's survey, respondents were asked questions relating to food insecurity. These question numbers are listed below, and slides relating to each can be found throughout the following section of this report.

All respondents				Children in household only	
B2 statements 1-3	B3 statements 6-10	AD1a	AD1b	CH1	CH1a

- For each question, if a positive response was given (e.g. "Yes, I have had to cut the size of my meals"), then the respondent was scored a point.
- Taking all above questions in to consideration respondents points were totalled, and their score assessed on a scale of food insecurity. This scale differed for those with or without children in their household. A breakdown of the scale can be seen to the right.
- The donut graphs on the following slide show the overall level of food insecurity as well as food insecurity amongst those with and without children in their household.

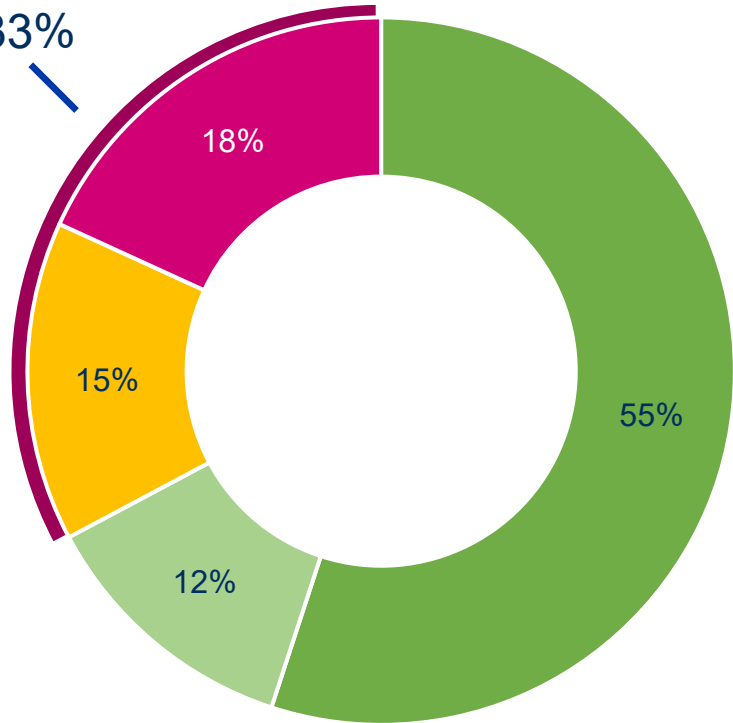
Food insecurity score

Total points	Household with children	SUM: Food secure/ insecure	Household without children	SUM: Food secure/ insecure
0	High food security	Food secure	High food security	Food secure
1	Marginal food security		Marginal food security	
2		Low food security	Food insecure	Very low food security
3				
4				
5				
6				
7	Very low food security	Food insecure	Max score = 10	
8				
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A third (33%) of those in **Greater Manchester** are considered **food insecure by this score**. This includes 18% with very low food insecurity. This proportion falls to a quarter (25%) of households without children, but almost half (48%) of those with children

Food insecurity – GM overall

Food insecure = 33%

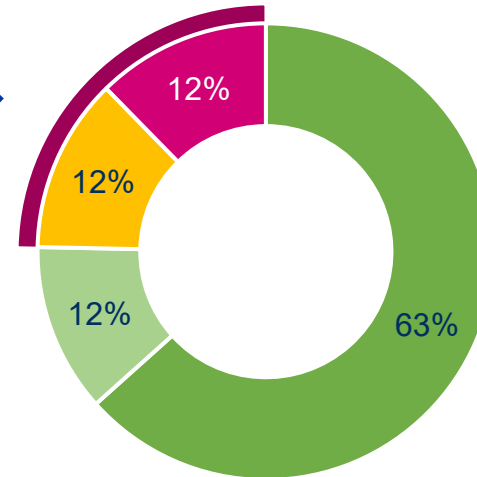


Greater Manchester Food Insecurity Score
Unweighted base: 1135 (Online respondents)

- High food security
- Marginal food security
- Low food security
- Very low food security

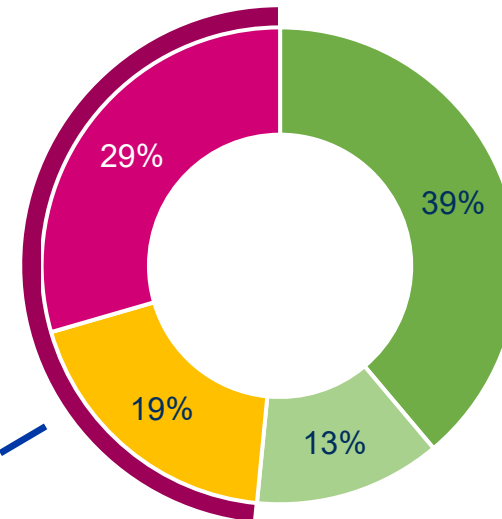
Households without children

Food insecure = 25%



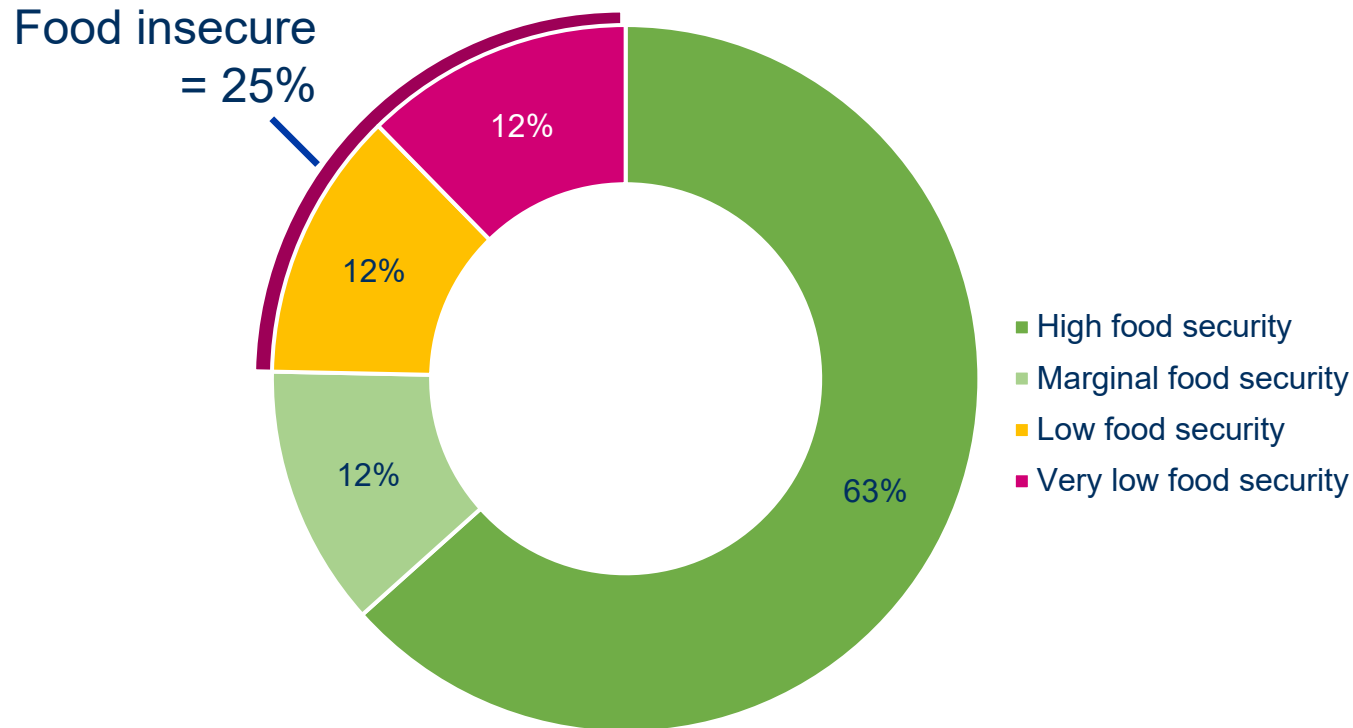
Households with children

Food insecure = 48%

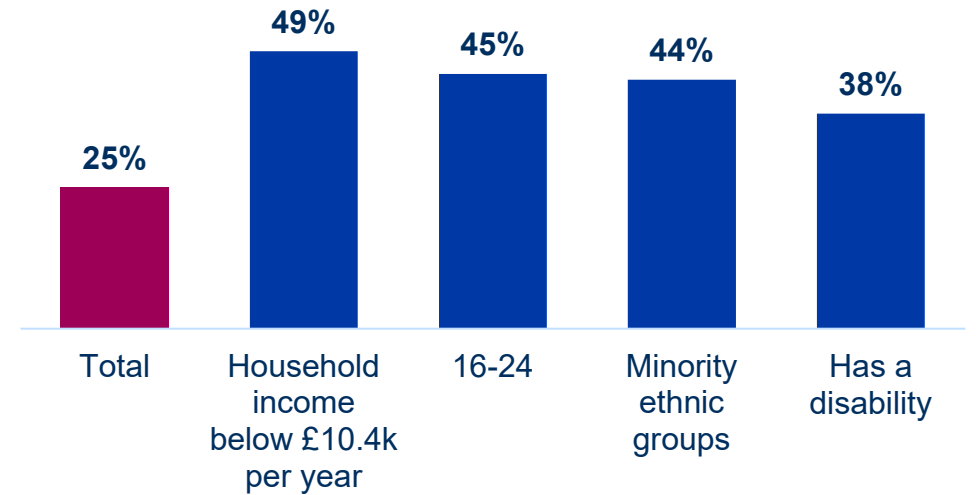


Amongst those without children in their household, respondents from low income households (47%), minority ethnic groups (44%), those aged 16-44 (43%), and those with a disability (38%) are more likely to be **food insecure**

Food insecurity – Households without children

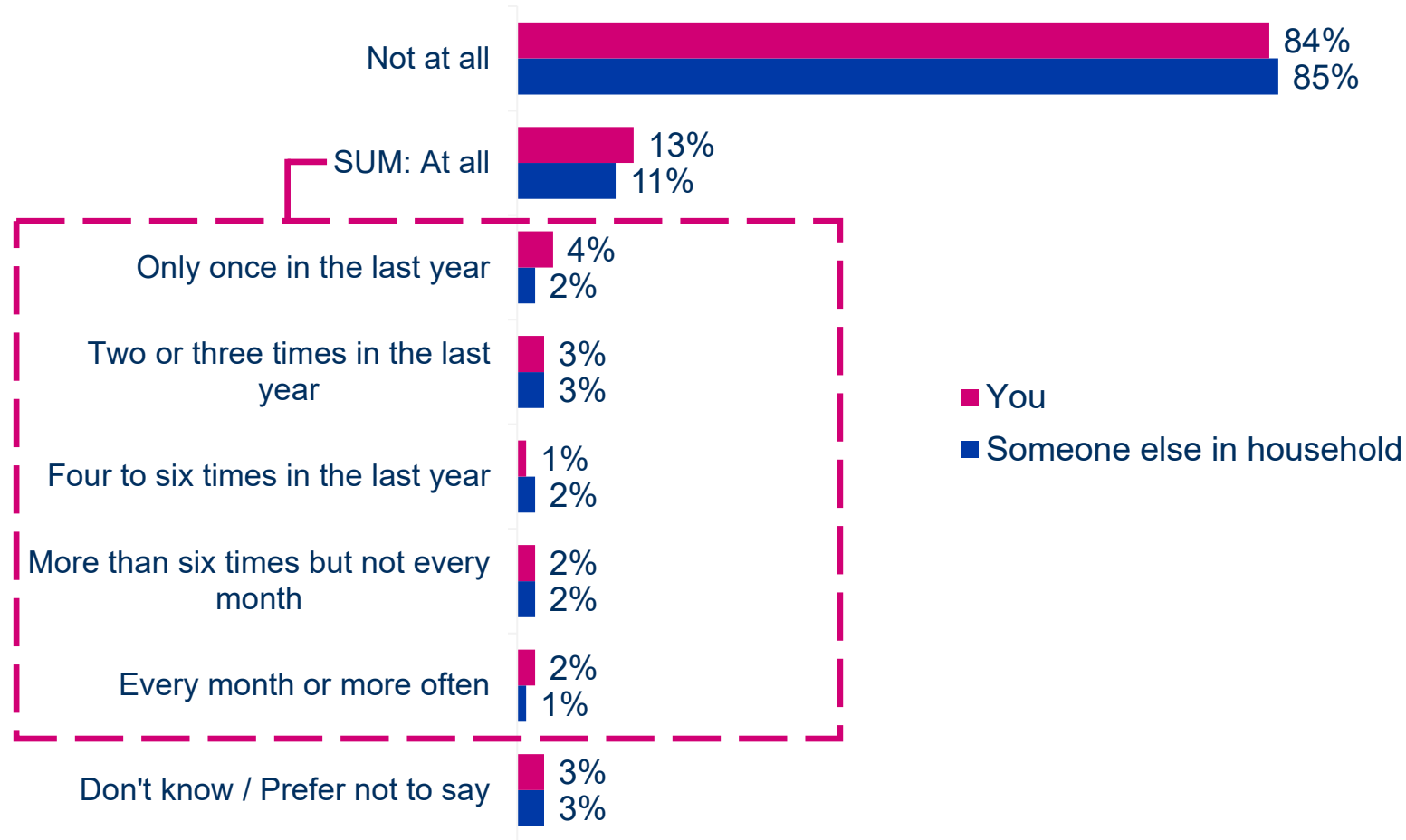


% Food insecure...



Around 1 in 8 (13%) of households have received a free parcel of food or essentials over the past year, most of whom have received them two or three times in the past twelve months

In the past twelve months, have you received a free parcel of food or essentials from a food bank or other emergency food provider...?



Parts of the population significantly less likely to never receive a free parcel compared to average (84%) include:

Demographics

- Parents of children not in early years (54%)
- Those who were previously carers (60%)

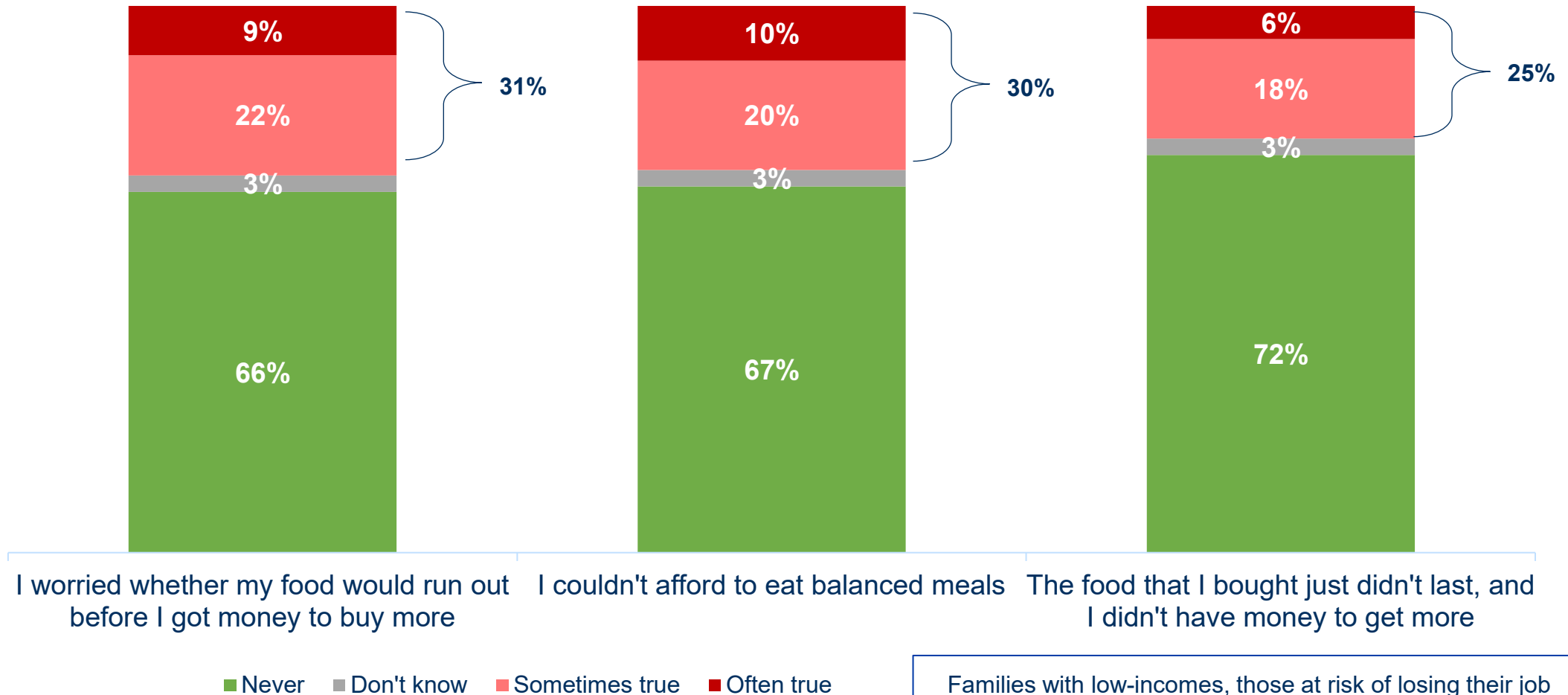
Individual and/or family circumstance

- Those who have received support from a community hub (36%)
- Those who have not eaten all day for lack of money (46%)
- Parents whose children are entitled to free school meals (51%)
- Those with access to devices that access the internet some of the time (54%), or not all of the time (54%)
- Those with access to the internet some of the time (62%), or not all of the time (61%)
- Those who have cut the size or skipped a meal (62%)

FI_2. In the last 12 months, have you, or anyone else in your household, received a free parcel of food/ essentials from a food bank or other emergency food provider?
Unweighted base: 1385 (All respondents)

Over the last 12 months, almost a third (31%) of respondents have **worried about their food running out** before they could afford to get more, or **could not afford a balanced meal** (30%). A quarter (25%) **ran out of food** before they could afford to get more

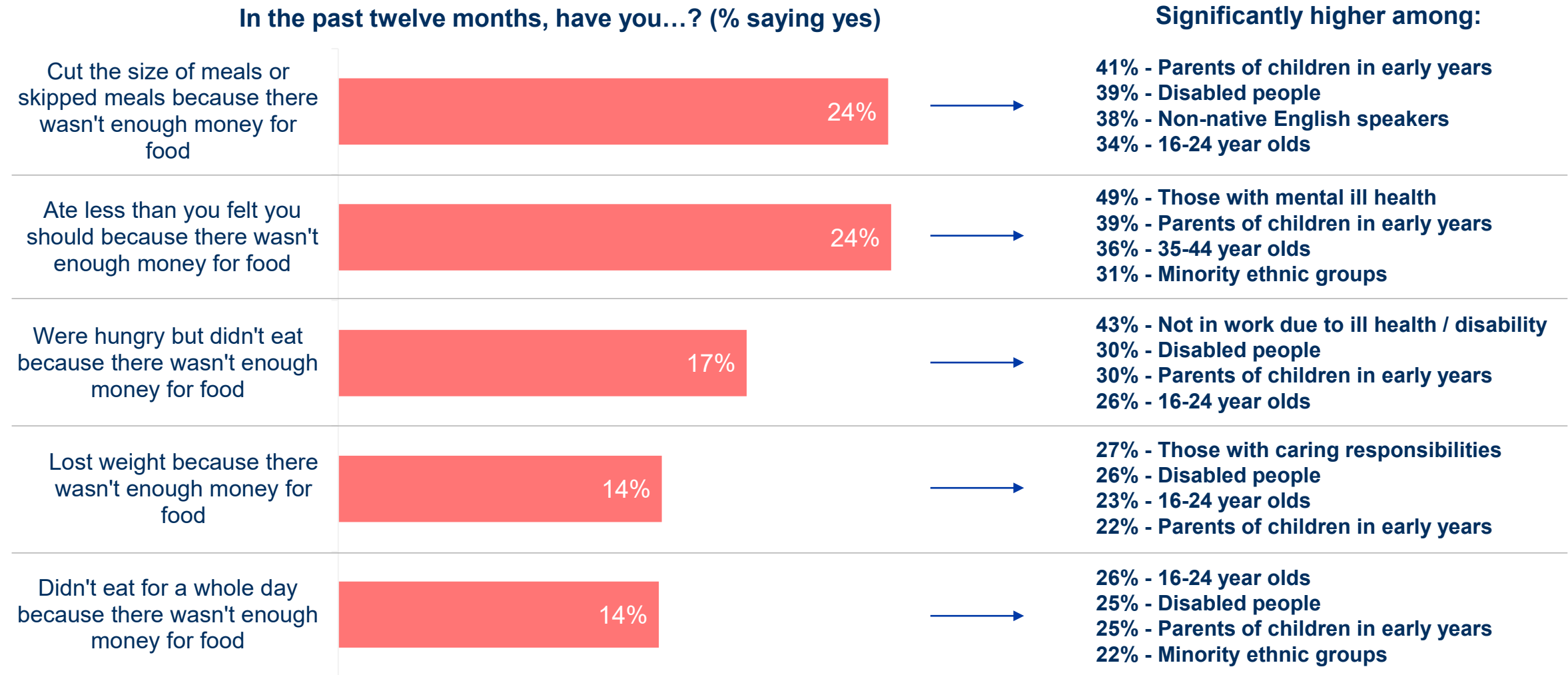
In the past twelve months, have you...?



Families with low-incomes, those at risk of losing their job and those not in work due to ill health and disability are significantly more likely to state that they have often found the above to be true in the past twelve months

B2. How true would you say the following statements are when applied to your household for the last 12 months?
Unweighted base: 1385 (All respondents)

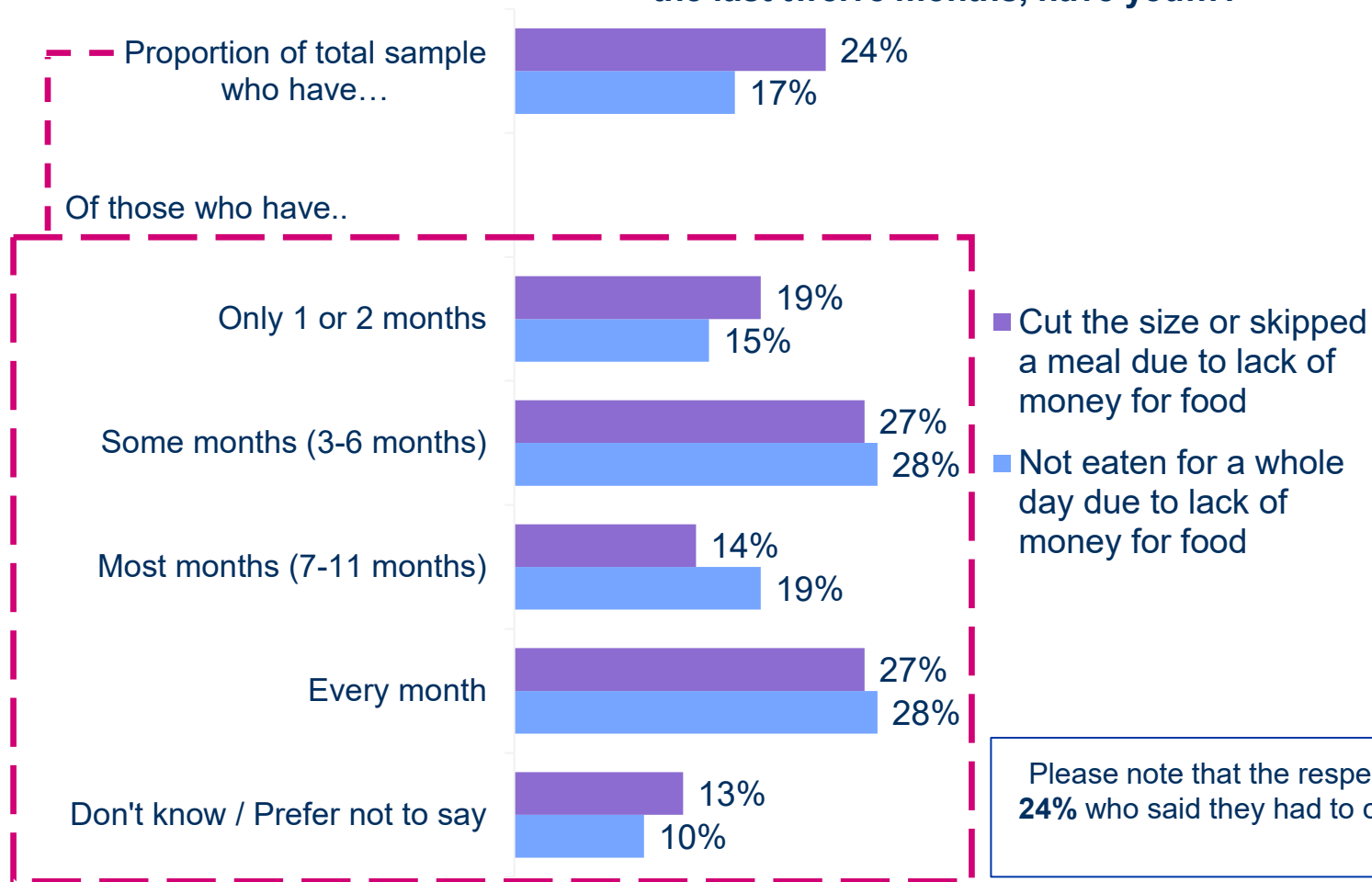
Almost a quarter (24%) of respondents have **cut the size of their meals or ate less than they wanted** because there wasn't enough money for food. A smaller proportion (17%) said they were hungry but **did not eat for the same reason**. Parents of children in early years, respondents reporting health issues or disabilities, minority ethnic groups, and younger respondents (16-24) all reported particular issues.



B3. In the past 12 months have any of the following happened to you or someone else in your household?
Unweighted base: 1135 (Online respondents)

Of the respondents who have **cut the size or skipped a meal**, over a quarter (27%) have done so every month in the last year. A similar proportion (28%) of those who have said they have **not eaten for a whole day due to a lack of money for food** have done so every month

Of those who have cut the size of meals, or not eaten for a whole day, how often in the last twelve months, have you...?



% cutting the size of their meals every month is significantly higher among...

Demographics

- Those not in work due to ill health or disability (46%)
- Aged 45-54 (43%)

Individual and/or family circumstance

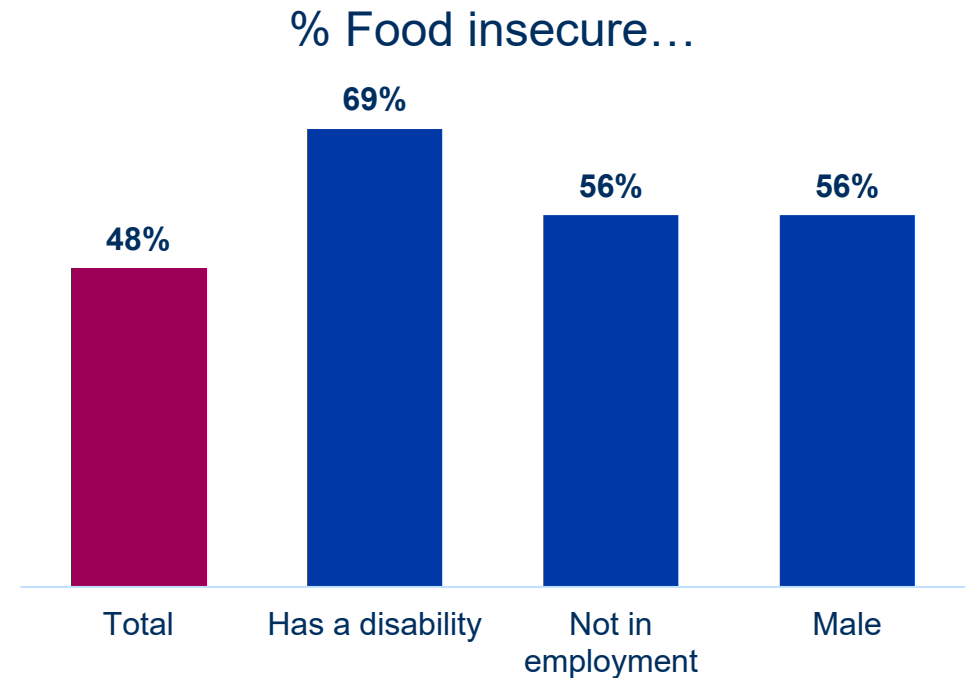
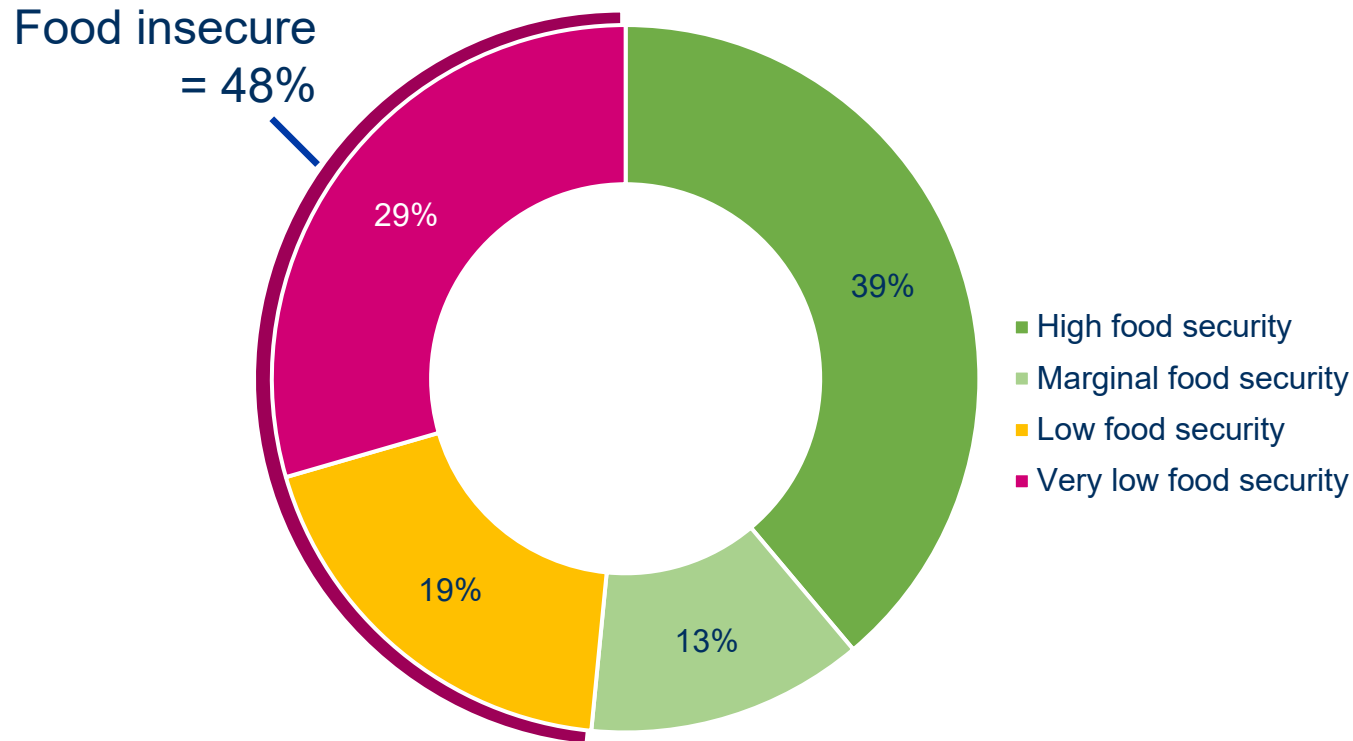
- Those who have received a free parcel of food or essentials up to three times in the past year (46%)
- Those who have not eaten all day for lack of money (38%)
- Those who have borrowed money from family and friends (33%)

Please note that the respective parts of this question were only asked of the **24%** who said they had to cut their meal sizes, or the **17%** who had not eaten for a whole day.

AD1a. How often in the last 12 months did you/ other adults in your household cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food? AD1b. How often in the last 12 months did you/ other adults in your household not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food? Unweighted base: Anyone who has cut the size or skipped a meal (239); Anyone who did not eat for a full day (128)

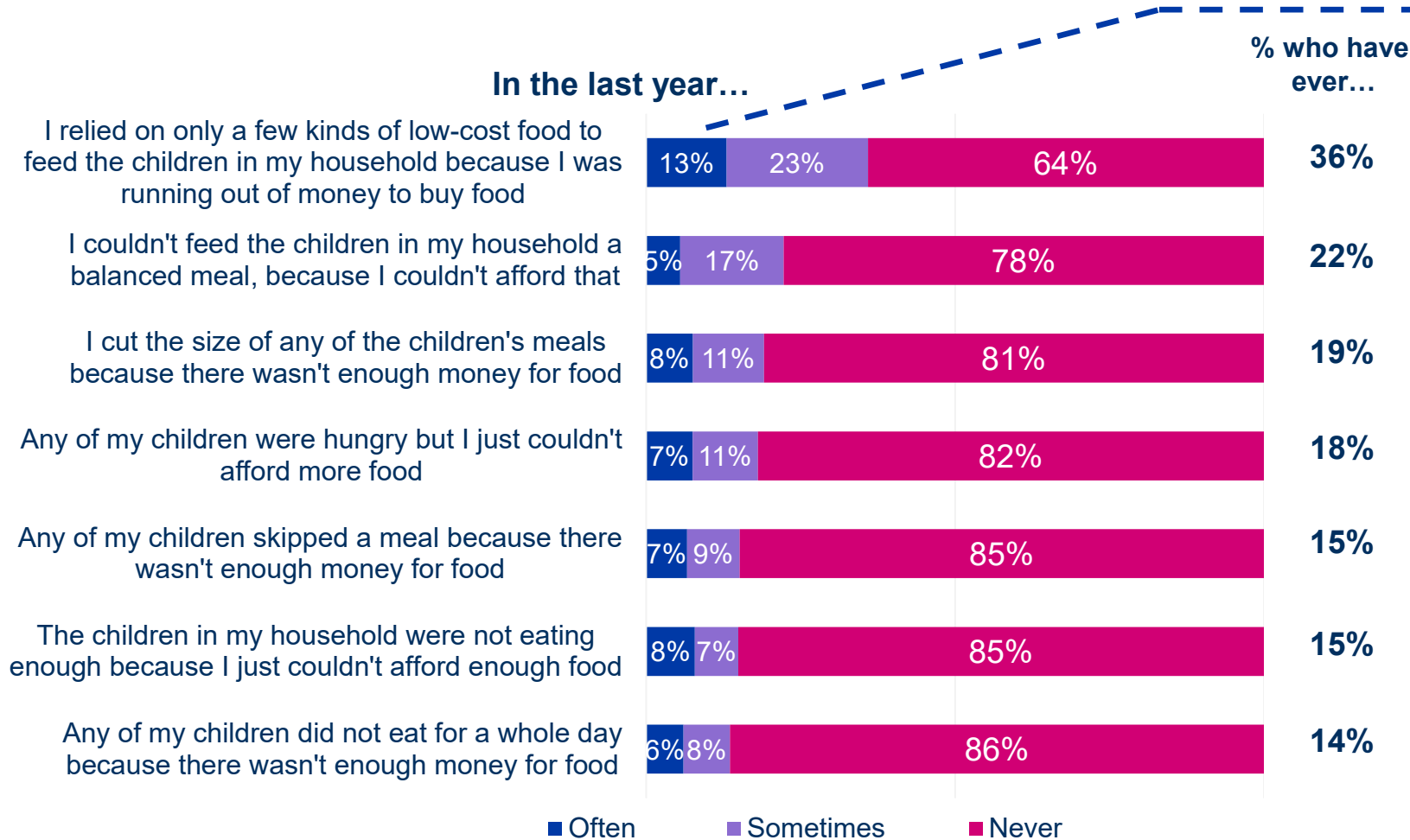
Amongst those with children in their household, respondents with a disability (38%), not in employment (56%), or who are male (56%) are more likely to be food insecure

Food insecurity – Households with children



Greater Manchester Food Insecurity Score
Unweighted base: 320 (Online respondents with children)

Over a third (36%) of respondents with children in their household have relied on low-cost food to feed their children as they were running out of money. A lower proportion (14%) have had to not feed their child for a whole day due to lack of money



Parts of the population significantly more likely to often rely on low-cost food to feed children compared to average (13%) include*:

Demographics

- Those with children not in early years (29%)

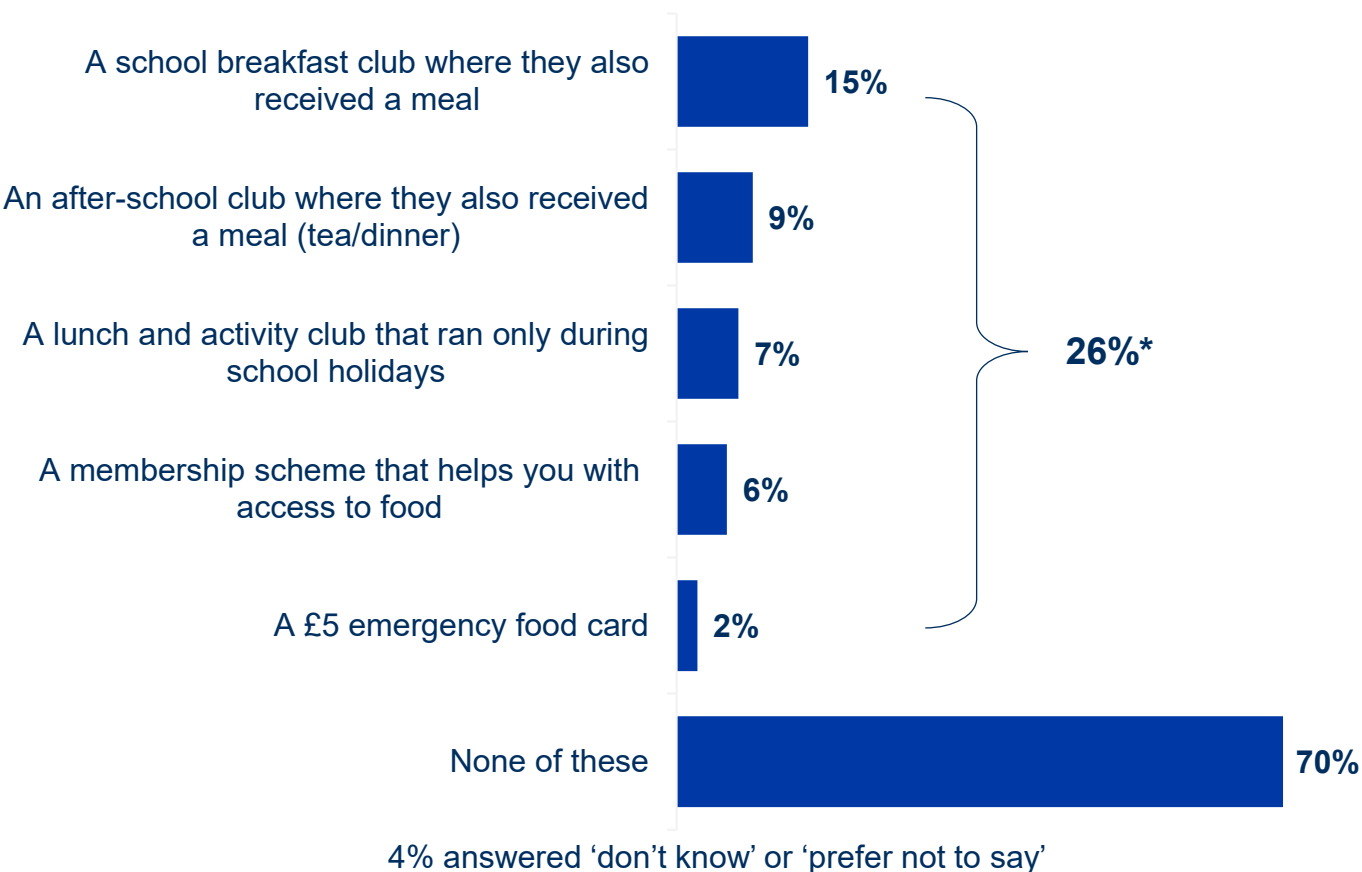
Individual and/or family circumstance

- Those who have not eaten all day for lack of money (47%)
- Those who received support from a community hub (38%)
- Those likely to lose their job in the next year (37%)
- Those who have received a free parcel of food or essentials up to 3 times in the past year (30%)
- Those with access to devices that can access the internet some of the time (30%), not all of the time (29%)
- Those with children entitled to free school meals (28%)

*Unweighted base: 578 (Respondents with children in the house)

A quarter (26%) of parents have had their children benefit from any activity designed to help families and children access food over the past year. This number rises among carers, disabled people and younger parents (16-24)

In the past year, have your children benefited from...?*



- Demographic groups who have benefitted from any is significantly higher among...**
- Carers (51%)
 - Aged 16-24 (46%)
 - Parents of children in early years (41%), under 4 years-old but not in early years (47%), or primary school (35%)
 - Disabled people (41%)
 - Minority ethnic groups (34%), in particular those who are Muslims (41%)
 - Males (34%)
 - Those in full time employment (31%), or working from home all of the time (41%)
 - Households of 2 people (30%)

*Please note that respondents can choose any number of these options. This number is the percentage of those who have selected any

F13. Did your child/any of the children in your household benefit from of the following in the past 12 months?

Unweighted base: 527 (Respondents with children)

*Please note that this metric is not included in the food insecurity score shown at the start of this section.



Good work

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Approach and sample – Good work

Approach

- This report presents summary findings for survey 1 of the 2022 research study of the residents of Greater Manchester conducted amongst a representative sample of the city population by region.
- The information within this section provides the initial findings on the good work questions, but the data only represents the first survey in a series intended to run throughout 2022. Questions of this nature have not been asked of Greater Manchester residents before and as such, these results should be treated as indicative rather than conclusive at this stage – they are used best as indicators to open up further dialogue.
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- On some questions responses have been filtered on those who were asked relevant questions (e.g. those in work or with children), and bases may be lower than the full sample of 1385 in some instances. Where relevant, this has been noted on the slides, along with the unweighted base sizes.
- We also recognise that definitions and interpretations of 'good work' can be highly subjective and the questions posed within the survey only consider a limited number of factors (ranging from terms and conditions and stability of employment to levels of autonomy / influence and progression / development opportunities) that might be deemed to be indicators of good work.

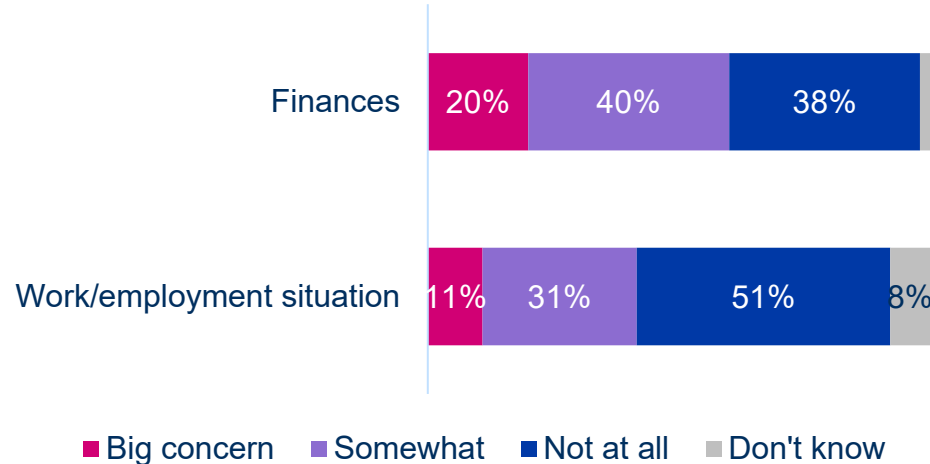
Sample breakdown

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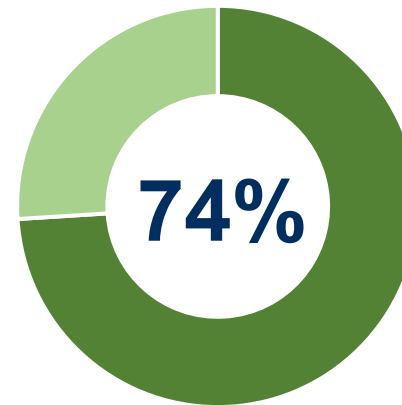
Survey	1
Fieldwork start	9 February 2022
Fieldwork end	25 February 2022
Total respondents	1385
All employed respondents	778
Those in full or part-time employment	722

Summary: Good work

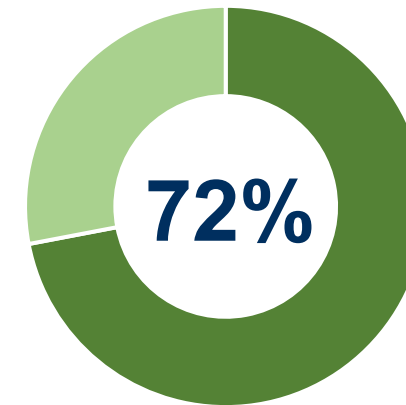
Two fifths of respondents say their work or employment situation is a big or somewhat of a concern. An even higher proportion say the same about their finances



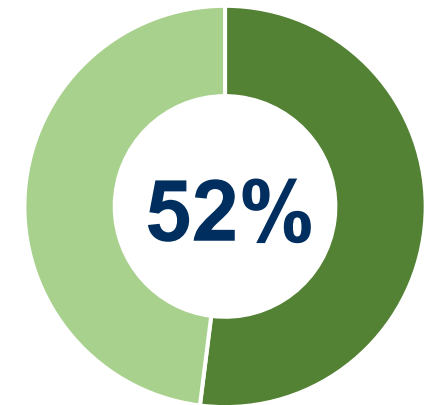
I am satisfied...



...with my job



...with my working hours



...with my pay

Almost three quarters of respondents are satisfied with their work and their hours, though just over half are satisfied with their pay

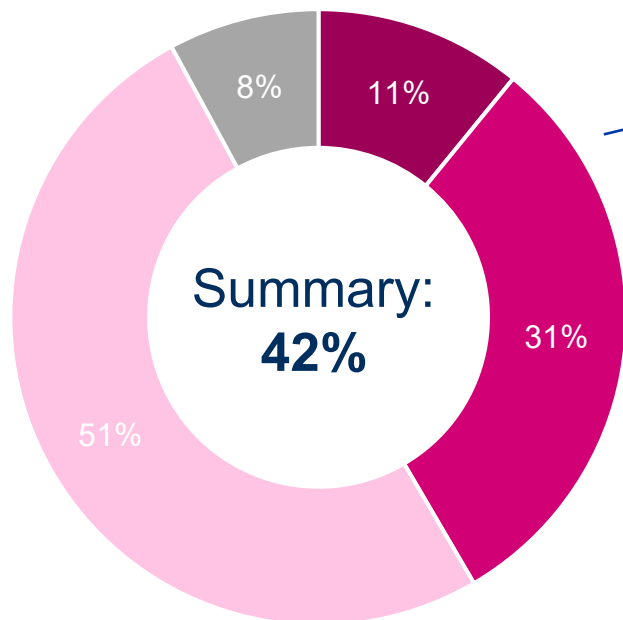
18% think they are likely to lose their job in the next 12 months

36% think they are likely to be promoted in the next 3 years

Nearly a fifth of respondents think they are very or somewhat likely to lose their job in the next twelve months, while just over a third think it is likely they will be promoted over the next three years

Over two fifths (42%) of respondents say **their work and employment** situation is either a ‘big’ concern or ‘somewhat’ a concern, and almost three fifths (59%) say the same **about their finances**. Those in minority ethnic groups, those with a disability, and parents are more likely to be concerned about both

Concerned about work/employment situation



■ Big concern ■ Somewhat concerned
 ■ Not at all ■ Don't know

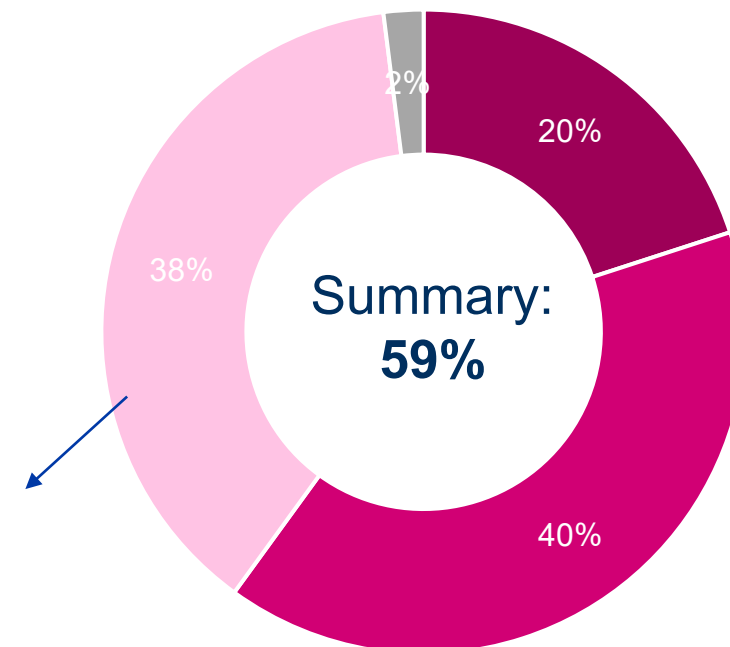
Demographic groups concerned about their employment significantly higher among...

- Minority ethnic groups (50%), non-native English speakers (53%), Those who are Muslims (56%)
- Disabled people (49%), in particular those with mental ill health (58%)
- Those working from home all of the time (49%)
- Parents (46%)
- Parents of children in early years (0-4) but not in education (61%)

Demographic groups concerned about their finances significantly higher among...

- Aged 35-44 (72%)
- Females (63%)
- Minority ethnic groups (68%), non-native English speakers (74%), Those who are Muslims (73%)
- Disabled people (69%), in particular those with mental ill health (83%), or with a mobility disability (70%)
- Parents (70%), in particular those with children at primary school (69%), or at college (74%)

Concerned about finances

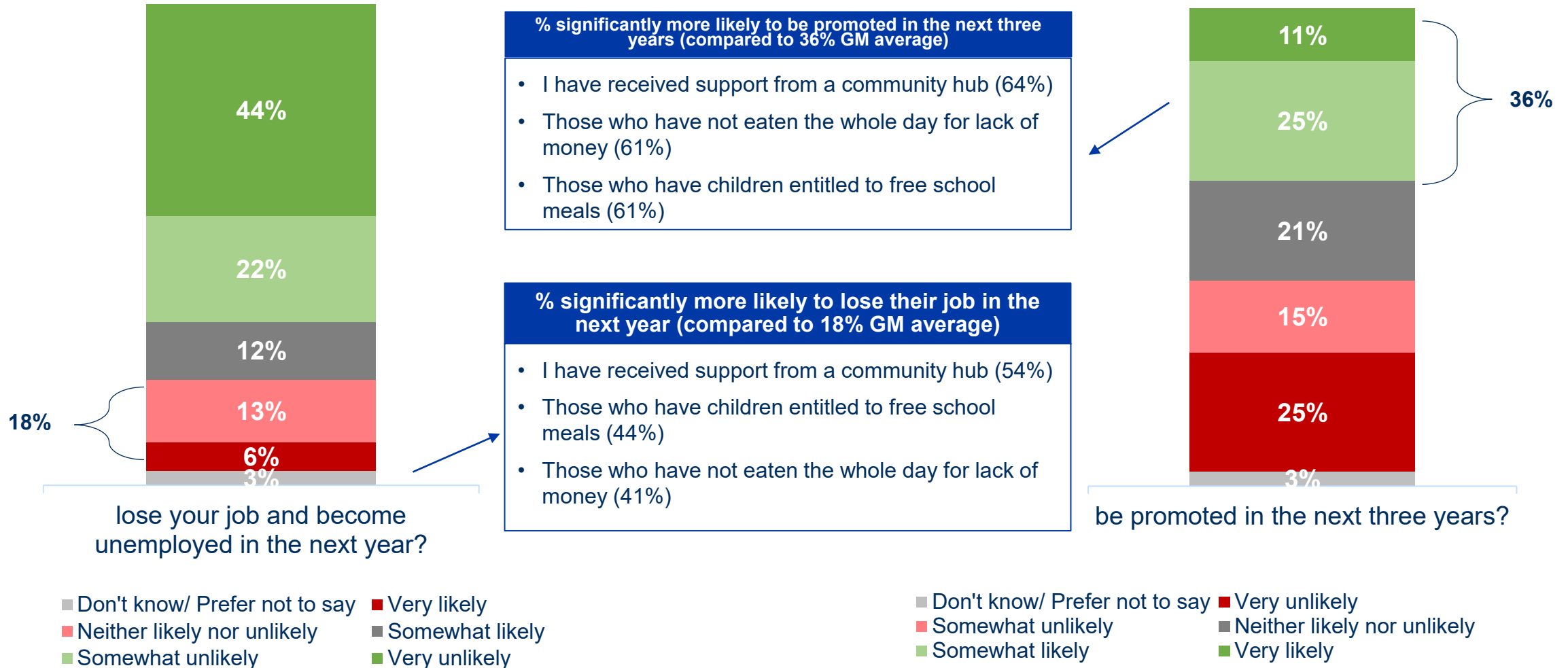


■ Big concern ■ Somewhat concerned
 ■ Not at all ■ Don't know

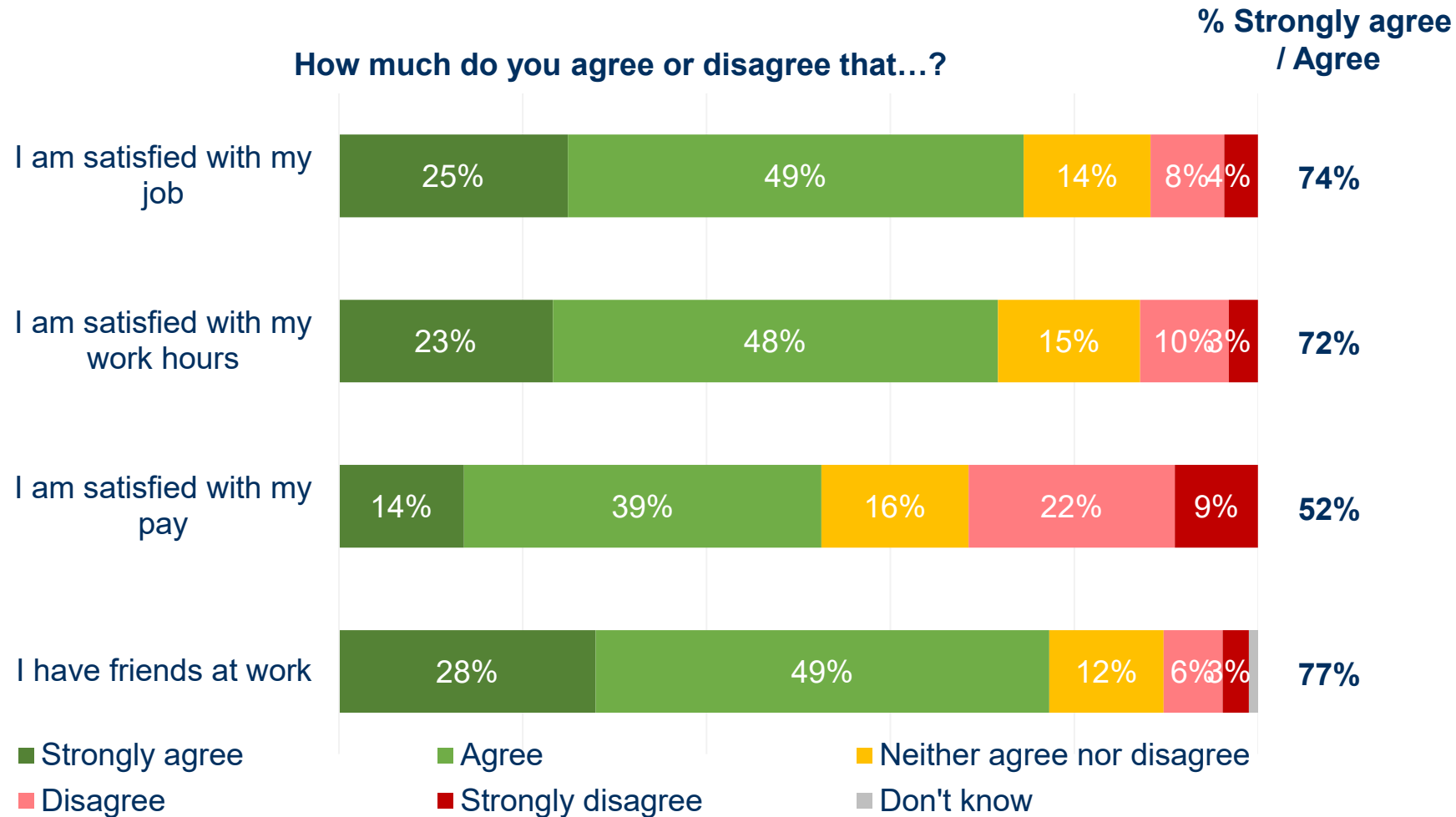
B1. Which if any of the following are currently a concern or difficulty for you, and where each is a concern would you consider it a ‘big concern’ or ‘somewhat’ a concern?
 Unweighted base: 1385 (All respondents); 1015 (Non-retired respondents)

Over a third (36%) of respondents think they are 'very' or 'somewhat' likely to be promoted in the next three years, while less than a fifth (18%) think they are 'very' or 'somewhat' likely to lose their job in the next year.

How likely are you to...



Almost three quarters (74%) of respondents 'strongly agree' or 'agree' that **they are satisfied with their job and their working hours**. Just over half (52%) would say the same thing about their pay. Respondents who are in financially precarious situations and disabled are significantly less likely to say they are satisfied with their job



% who are significantly less likely to agree they are satisfied with their job (compared to 74% GM average)

Demographics

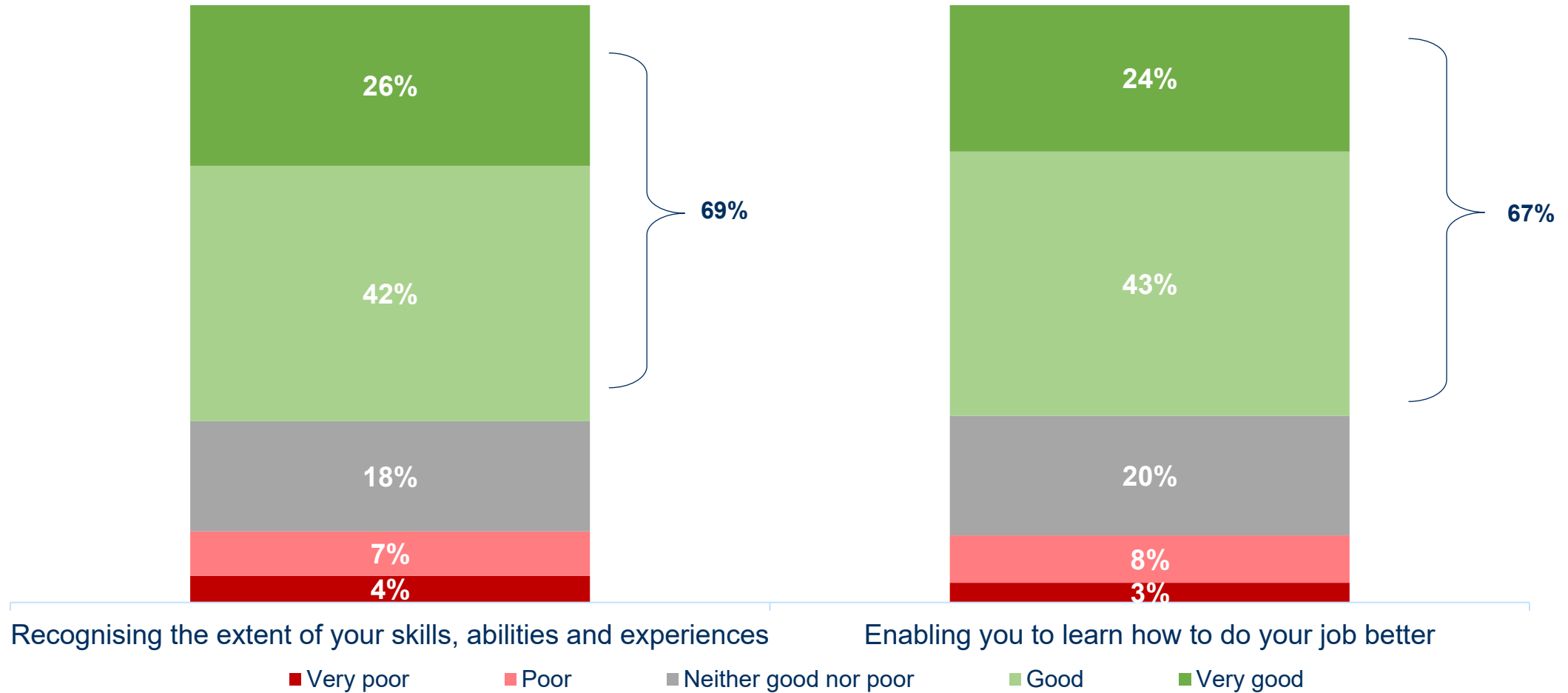
- Those with a disability (63%), those with a mental ill health (57%)
- Those whose local authority is Manchester (65%)

Individual and/or family circumstance

- Those earning below the Real Living Wage (66%)
- Those who are not satisfied with their pay (50%)
- Those who are not likely to get promoted (66%)
- Those not working from home at all (71%)
- Those who have cut the size of or skipped a meal (62%)
- Those who did not eat the whole day for lack of money for food (72%)

Over two-thirds (69%) of respondents **rate their supervisor or manager** as being 'very good' or 'good' at recognising their skills and abilities. A similar proportion (67%) of respondents rate them the same way for enabling them to do their job better

How would you rate your supervisor or manager at...?

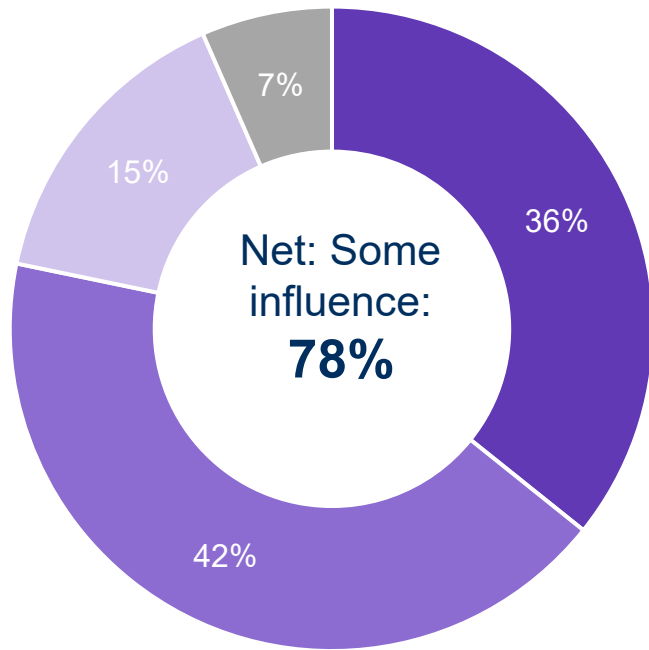


GW4. How would you rate your supervisor or manager when it comes to...
Unweighted base: 722 (Those who in full or part time employment)

Almost four fifths (78%) of employees feel **they have either ‘a great deal’ or ‘a fair amount’ of influence on deciding how to do a task**. Just under three quarters (72%) say they can personally influence which task they do next or the pace of their work

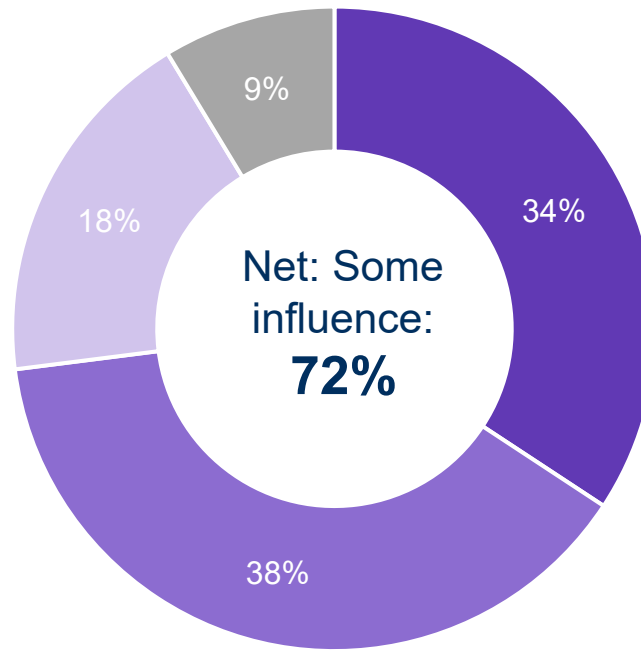
How much influence do you personally have on...?

Deciding how to do the task



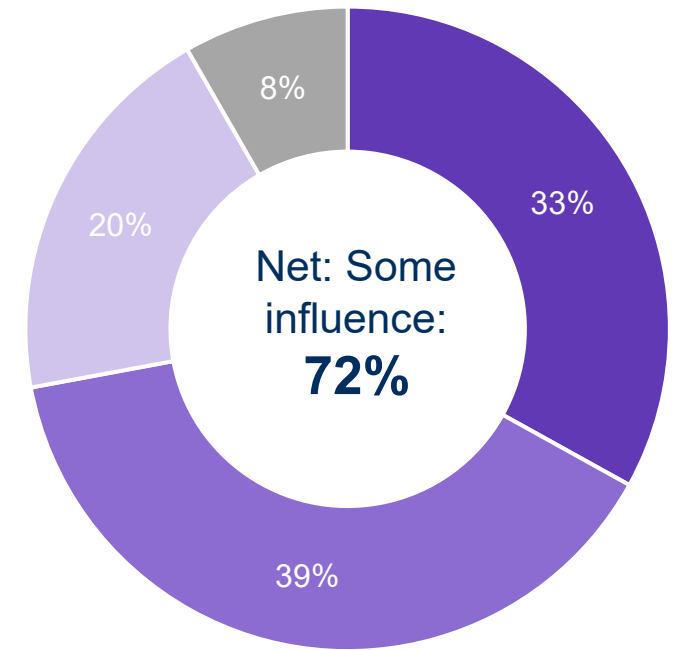
- A great deal
- A fair amount
- Not much
- None at all

Deciding what task to do next



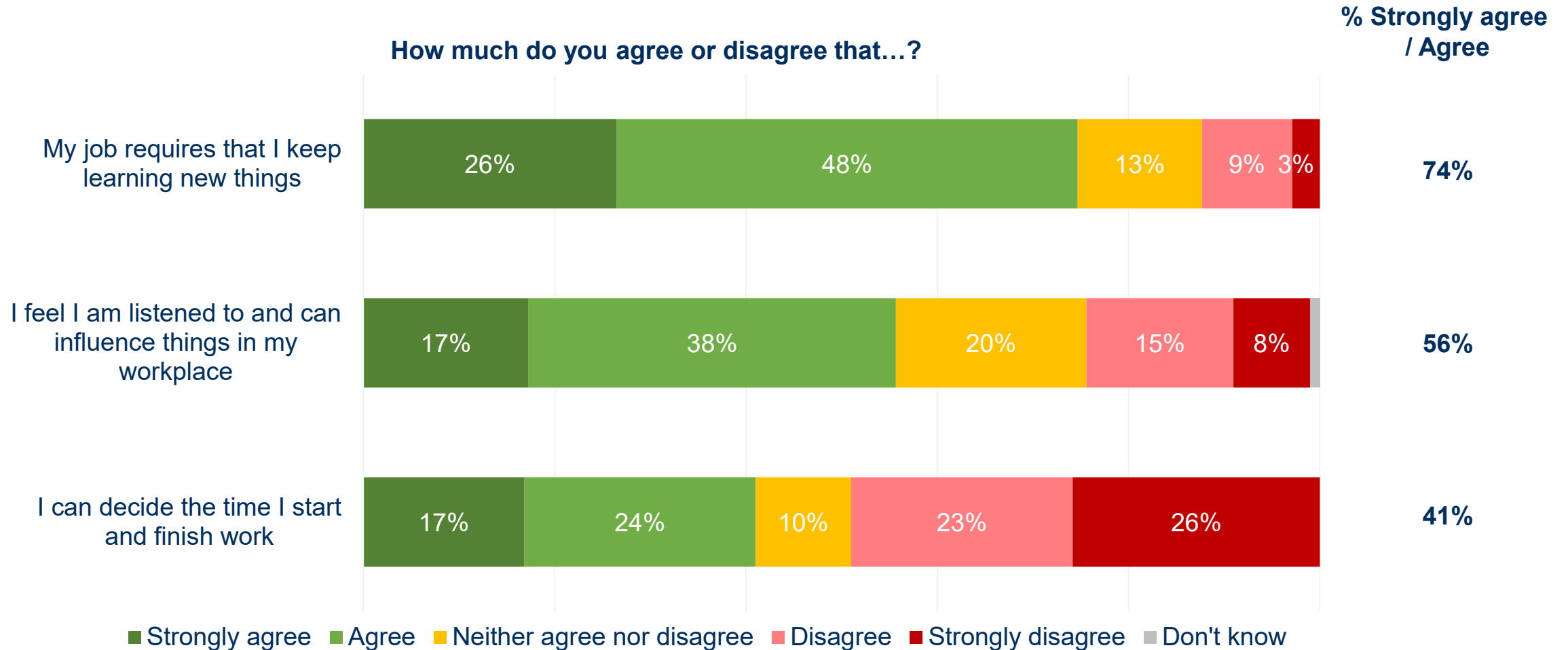
- A great deal
- A fair amount
- Not much
- None at all

The pace of your work



- A great deal
- A fair amount
- Not much
- None at all

Almost three quarters (74%) of respondents ‘strongly agree’ or ‘agree’ that **their job challenges them to keep learning new things**. Two fifths (41%) agree that they can decide their starting and finishing time



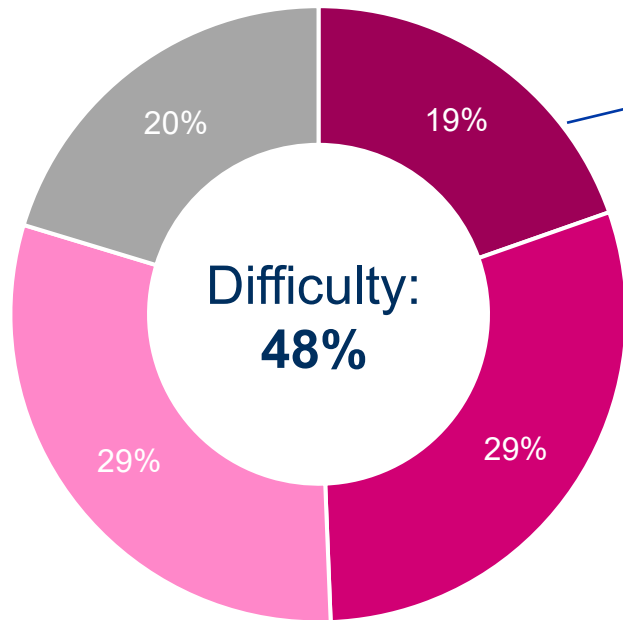
Some groups are significantly more likely to say they learn new things, feel listened to, and can decide what time they start and finish work. Financially secure respondents are more likely to agree than others

Job requires I keep learning new things	Feel I am listened to and can influence workplace	Decide when I start and finish work
<p>Greater Manchester average: 74%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those likely to be promoted in the next three years (86%) • Those satisfied with their pay (85%) • CATI respondents (84%) • Those satisfied with their job (80%) • Those not likely to lose their job in the next year (78%) • Those with access to devices that access the internet all of the time (77%) 	<p>Greater Manchester average: 56%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who are Muslims (72%) • Parents of children aged 5-11 (63%) • Males (62%) <p>Individual and/or family circumstance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those earning £78,000 and above (79%), those earning £52,000 and above (72%) • Those satisfied with their pay (76%) • Those likely to get promoted in the next three years (73%) • Those entitled to free school meals (70%) • Those satisfied with their job (68%) • Those working from home some of the time (67%) 	<p>Greater Manchester average: 41%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those with caring responsibilities (53%) • Males (47%) <p>Individual and/or family circumstance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those working from home all of the time (68%) • Those earning £78,000 and above (67%), those earning £52,000 and above (53%) • Those who have received support from a community hub (62%) • Those likely to lose their job in the next year (62%) • Those working from home some of the time (51%) • Those who do not have access to the internet all of the time (50%), some of the time (50%) • Those likely to get promoted in the next three years (50%) • Those satisfied with their pay (49%) • Those satisfied with their jobs (46%) • Those earning above the Real Living Wage (44%)

Just under half (48%) of respondents find it 'very' or 'somewhat' difficult asking to vary their working hours. A lower proportion, but still more than a third (38%) of respondents say the same about taking an hour off during work to attend to personal matters

How difficult do you find...?

Asking to vary your working hours



- Very difficult
- Somewhat difficult
- Not too difficult
- Not at all difficult

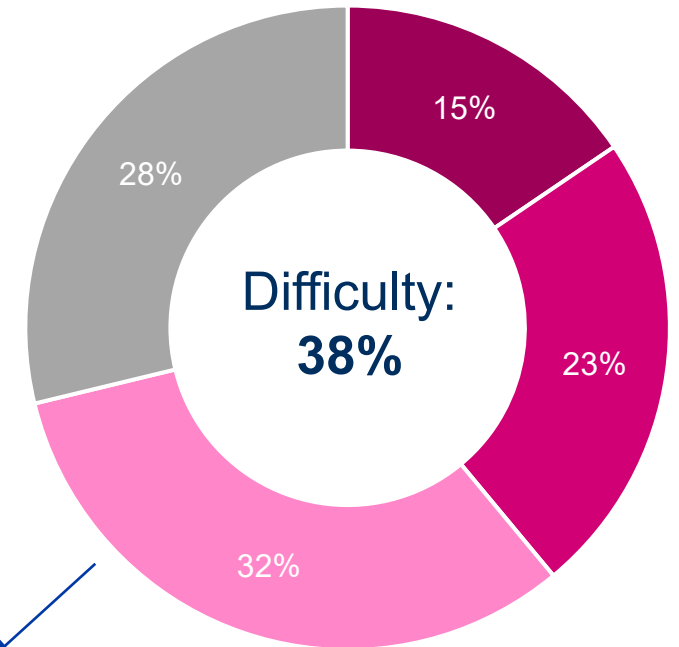
% who find it difficult to ask to vary working hours significantly higher among... (compared to 48% GM average)

- Those who have received free parcel of food one to three times in the last year (70%)
- Those who have received support from a community hub (70%), borrowed money (55%)
- Those likely to lose their job in the next year (69%)
- Those who have not eaten all day for lack of food (69%), cut the size or skipped a meal (61%)
- Those not satisfied with their jobs (59%)
- Those with mental ill health (53%)

% who find it difficult to take an hour off during working hours significantly higher among... (compared to 38% GM average)

- Respondents who live in Rochdale (66%)
- Those who have received support from a community hub (65%), borrowed money (56%)
- Those not satisfied with their job (64%), or likely to lose their job in the next year (64%), not satisfied with their pay (55%)
- Carers (64%)
- Parents whose children are entitled to free school meals (61%)
- Those who have cut the size or skipped a meal (59%)
- Disabled respondents (58%)

Arranging to take an hour or two off during work hours to take care of personal/ family matters



- Very difficult
- Somewhat difficult
- Not too difficult
- Not at all difficult



Digital inclusion – telephone sample only

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Approach and sample – Digital inclusion

Approach

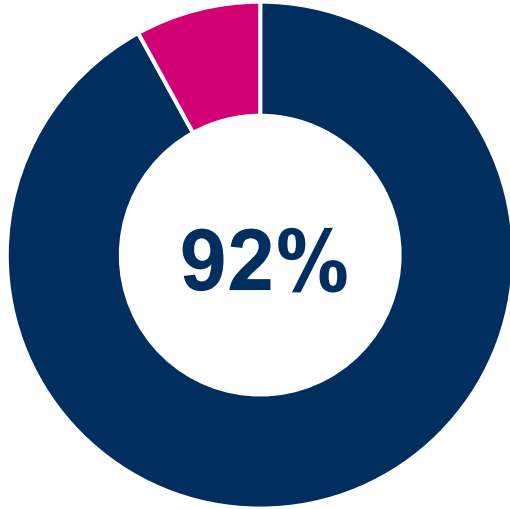
- This report presents summary findings for survey 1 of the 2022 research study of the residents of Greater Manchester conducted amongst a representative sample of the city population by region.
- In this section only the responses of the telephone sample are presented. The telephone methodology was selected so that those without internet access could take part in the survey, to ensure that the sample is not influenced by respondents taking the survey online, who are by definition, digitally included. However the resulting constraints of sample size mean that insights are less robust. There is a particular focus on under 25-year-olds, older and disabled people as priority groups for GM activity to address digital exclusion.
- While the sample will increase with the addition of the second survey, questions of this nature have not been asked of Greater Manchester residents before and as such, these results should be treated as indicative rather than conclusive at this stage – they are best used as indicators to open up further dialogue.
- The focus of this research is to provide a growing base of evidence, one which can initially serve as a way to highlight potential trends and indicators which individual Local Authorities can explore in greater detail. As this evidence base grows across multiple surveys we will be able to provide greater depth on which groups are likely to be more affected by the issues explored, highlighting those where more investigation would prove useful.
- On some questions responses have been filtered further and bases may be lower than the full sample of 250 in some instances. Where relevant, this has been noted on the slides, along with the unweighted base sizes. Any low bases with an unweighted base size below 50 have also been noted, but need to be treated with caution.
- **65+ (39) have been included in this report due to the base size for 75+ being too low to use (17).**

Sample breakdown

Sample info

Survey	1
Fieldwork start	9 February 2022
Fieldwork end	25 February 2022
Total respondents	1385
Telephone respondents	250
Aged 16-24 (telephone)	38
Aged 65+ (telephone)	39
Disabled (telephone)	51

Summary: Digital Inclusion*



My household is confident in using digital services online

The majority of respondents are very or quite confident their household can use the digital services it needs and wants online. Including...

98%

59%

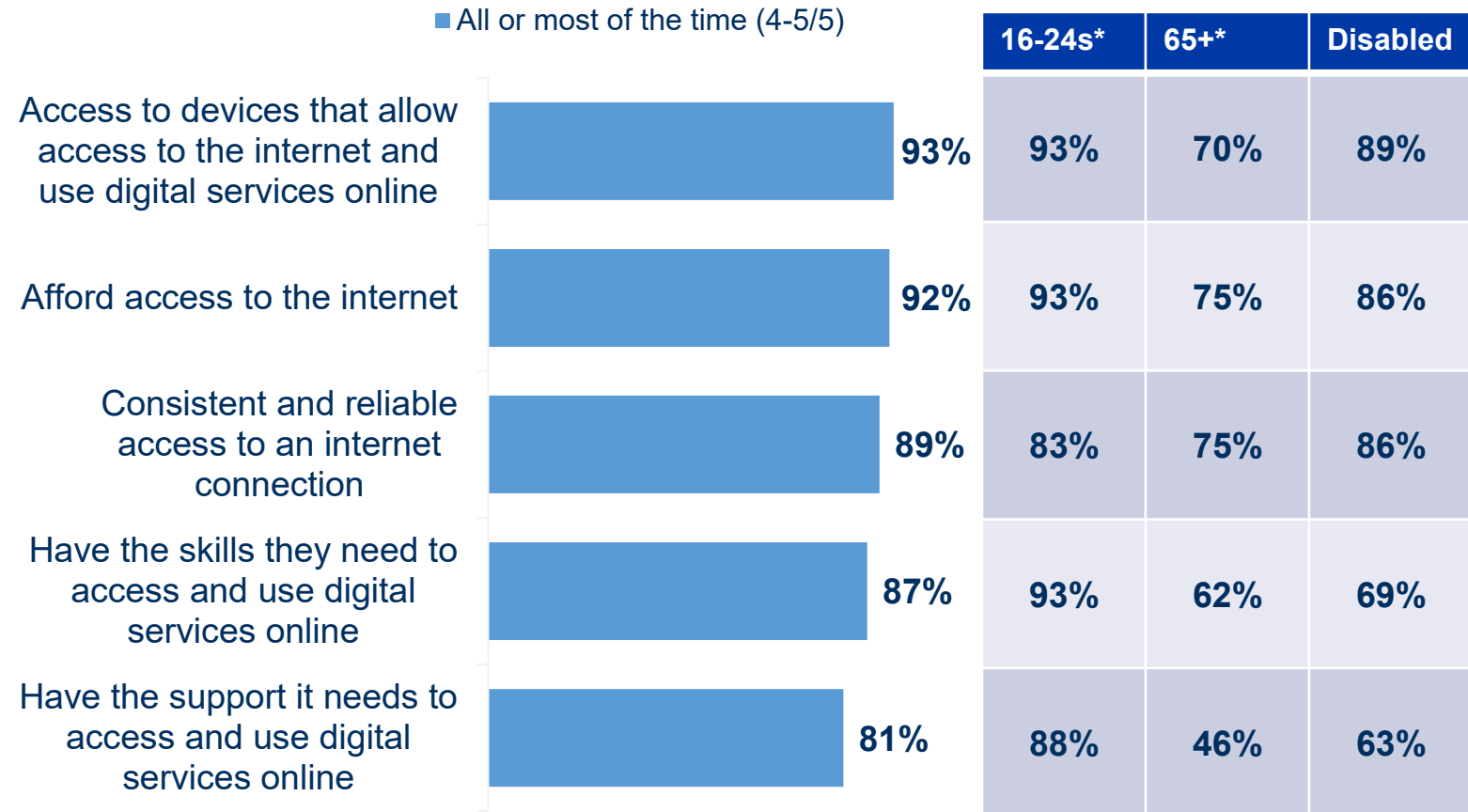
92%

Aged 16-24*

Aged 65+*

Those with a disability

Over four fifths of respondents can afford the internet and even more have consistent and reliable access to devices that allow them to access it all or most of the time. However, this proportion is lower amongst those aged 65+ and those with disabilities

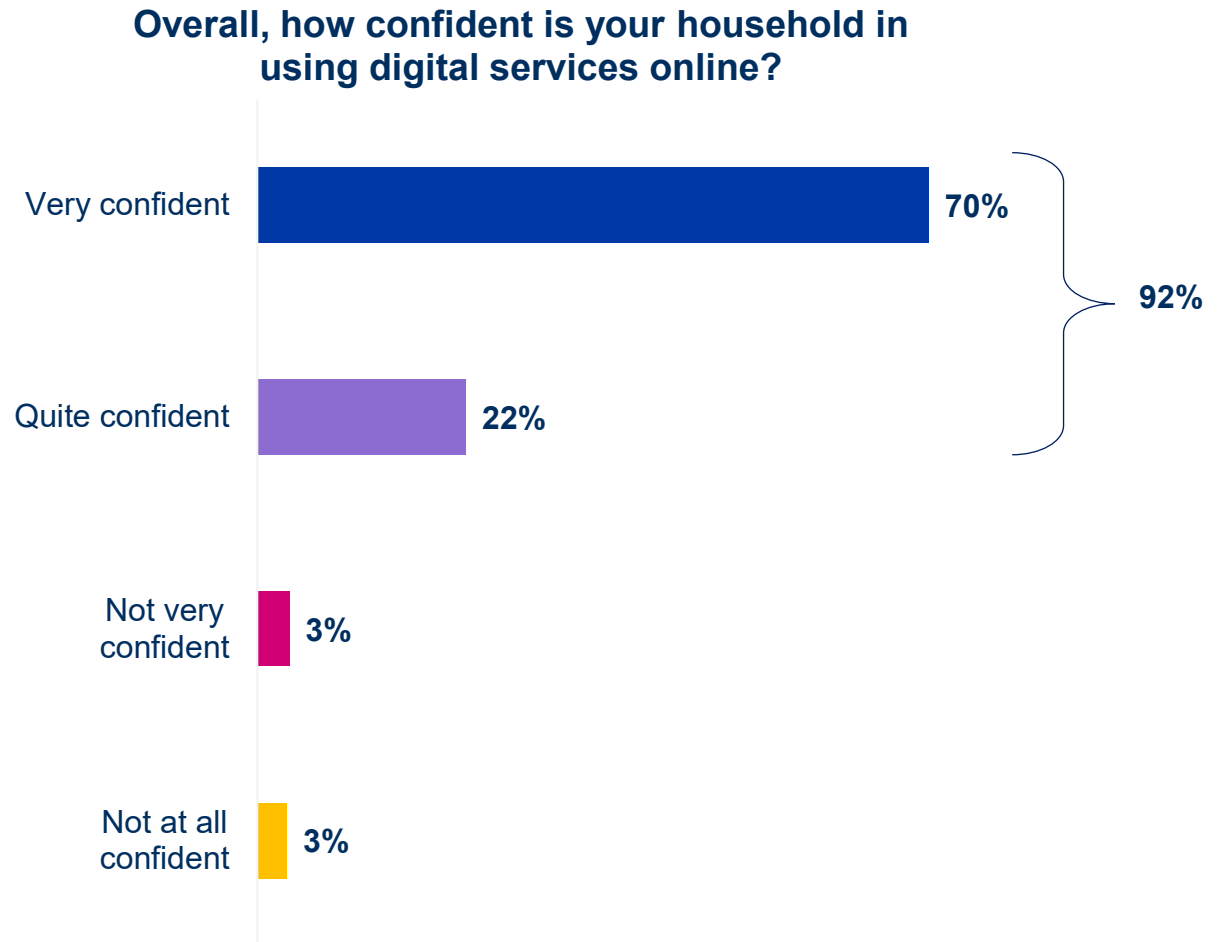


*Please note low base sizes

Telephone respondents are most likely to have sent emails (91%), shopped (85%) or banked (84%) online. While the base size is small, a third of 65+ telephone respondents do not do any activity online.



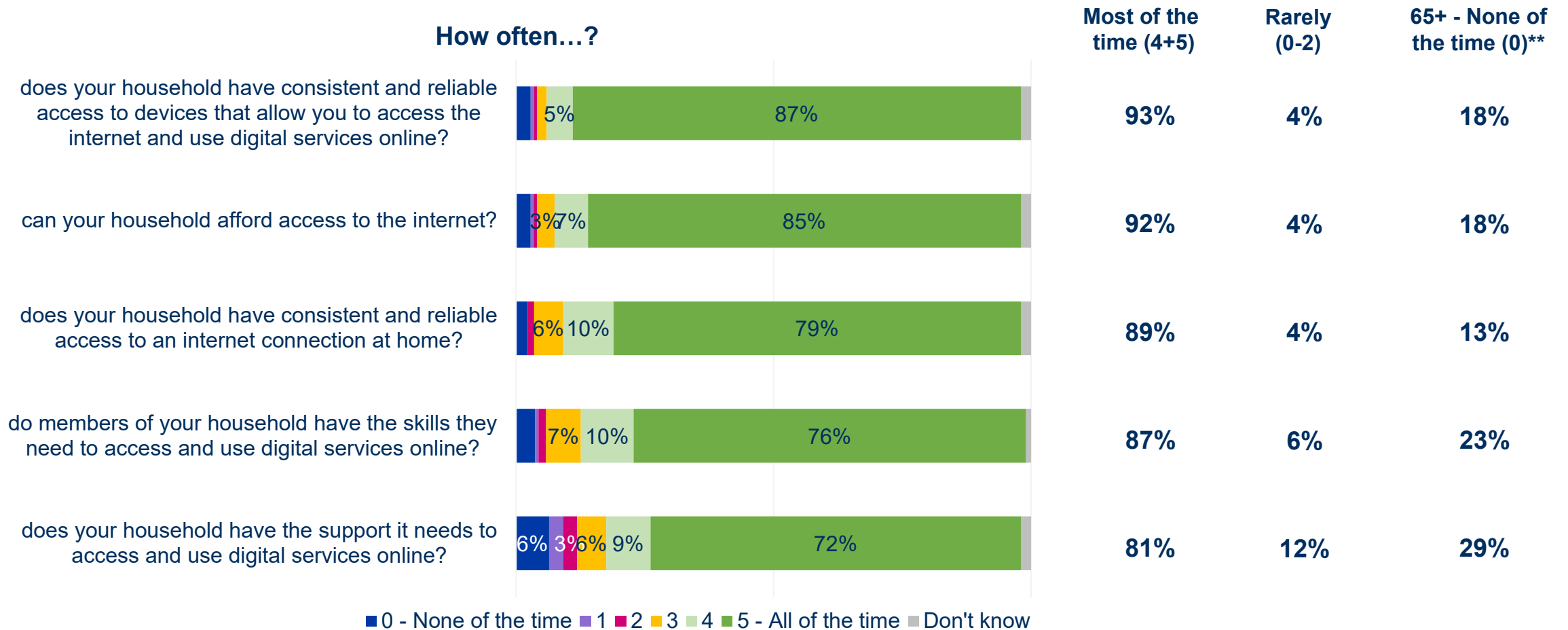
The majority of respondents (92%) are 'very' or 'quite' confident in using digital services online. Older respondents and those who are not in employment are less likely to be confident.



Respondents in the Telephone sample less likely to be quite confident/very confident in using digital services online (cf. 92% GM average):

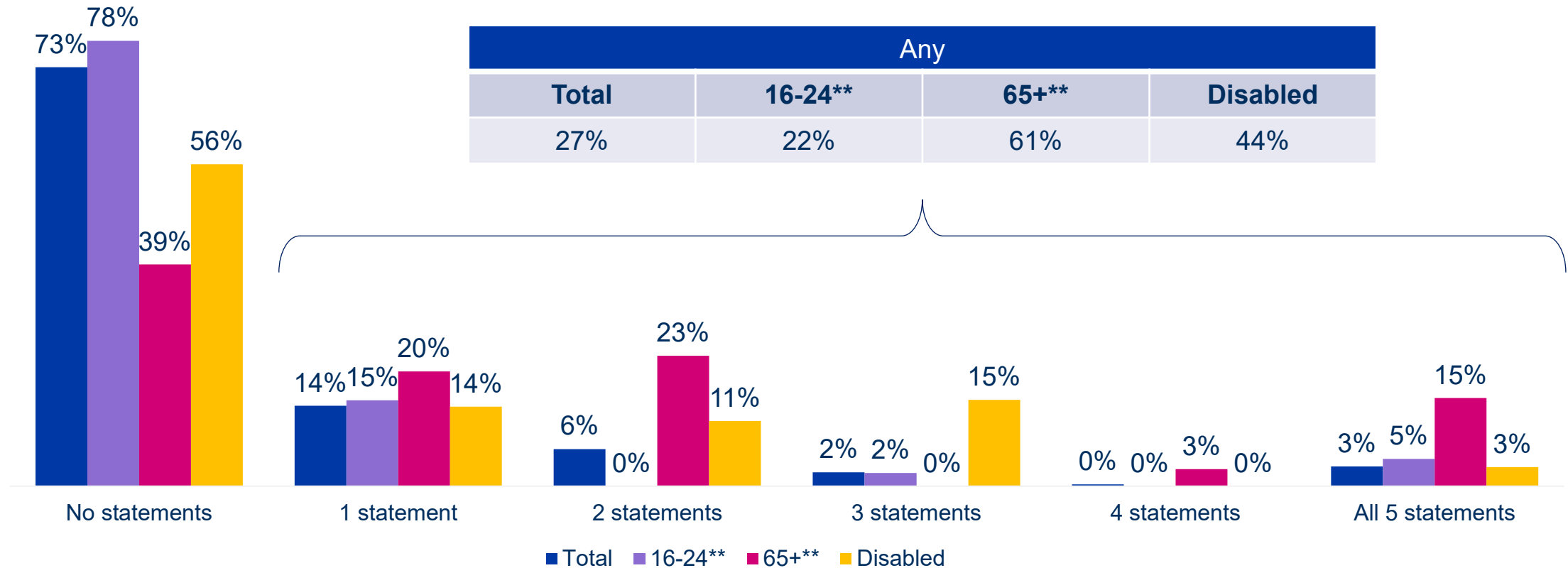
- Aged 65%+ (59%)**
- Those not in employment (87%)

Most (93%) telephone respondents state that their household **has access to devices that allow access to the internet most of the time, and that they have the skills they need to access and use digital online services, however those aged 65+ are more likely to not have access or the skills needed**



Over three quarters (27%) of telephone respondents **select 0-3** for at least one of the statements tested at question DI2x7. This proportion is much higher amongst those aged 65+ (61%) and those who are disabled (44%)

Analysis of how many statements telephone respondents responded low (0-3) on DI2x7



DI2x7. How often...?
 Unweighted base: 250 (Telephone respondents) Prefer not to say not shown, ** Low base size

Two thirds (66%) of telephone respondents use digital services online and are happy with their current level of usage. Under one fifth (15%) of respondents currently use digital services and want to increase their usage

Current and intended future use of digital services online

