

# SRA Diversity Survey

Data collected July 2021



## Foreword

**It's been a whirlwind couple of years since we last published the data from our SRA survey. In that time we've had a global pandemic, a real reckoning with racism, an intensification of the fight for trans rights and a spotlight on male violence against women. In the midst of this, as a firm that is acutely aware of its reliance on people, we've reassessed our progress and doubled down on our intention to build a business that reflects the diversity of our communities and is a place where everyone can be themselves and have their contribution valued.**

Our 2021 diversity statistics according to the SRA survey are outlined in this document. They are based on a response rate of 64.5% and were collated following an anonymised survey run in July 2021. Our regular HR data gives a more accurate reflection of representation across our business, but overall we are clear that we need to challenge ourselves to continue to build a more diverse, but perhaps more importantly, more inclusive firm.

Over the last year we have continued to develop and execute on our D&I strategy including building out the infrastructure through our networks, investing in better analysis tools and building our team focussing on D&I and ESG more generally. We know we are only part way along the journey, but we are confident in the momentum we are building and the Executive Board and I have committed to be accountable for the delivery of our plan.



**Ray Berg**  
Managing Partner



## Diversity and Inclusion at Osborne Clarke

Diversity and inclusion is a key strategic priority for the firm. Sustaining an inclusive culture and increasing diversity within our firm are central to making Osborne Clarke a great place to work, a great firm for our clients to work with and a firm that is fit for the future.

We are committed to creating an environment where anybody can succeed regardless of their background. Actions we have taken to reach this ambition include:

- Launching our **Diversity Champions Forum**, a new governance board of senior stakeholders that will oversee the delivery of the firm's diversity and inclusion strategy and commitments;
- Establishing **employee networks** across our diversity strands: Gender, Race, LGBTQ+, Social Diversity and Mind & Body, with our OC Age employee network being launched in early 2022;
- Conducting an independent **review of our recruitment practices** with a view to increasing overall representation of target groups across the firm;
- Rolling out and expanding **reverse mentoring and other awareness and education programmes** to increase cultural understanding across the firm;
- Improving our **diversity data** to enable greater scrutiny of progress. We will be monitoring and tracking the outcomes for all our people at each stage of the employee lifecycle.

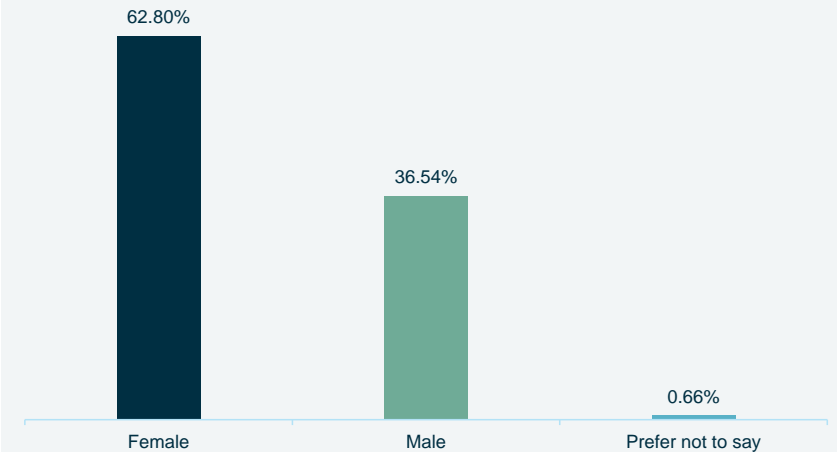


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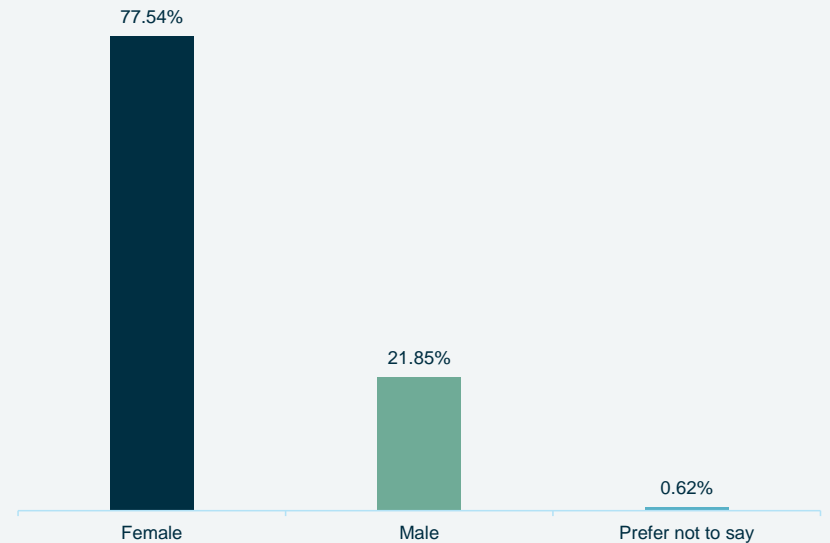


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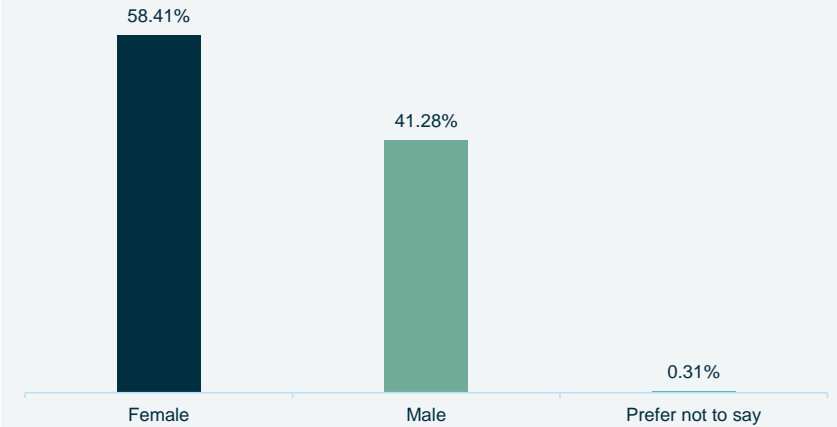


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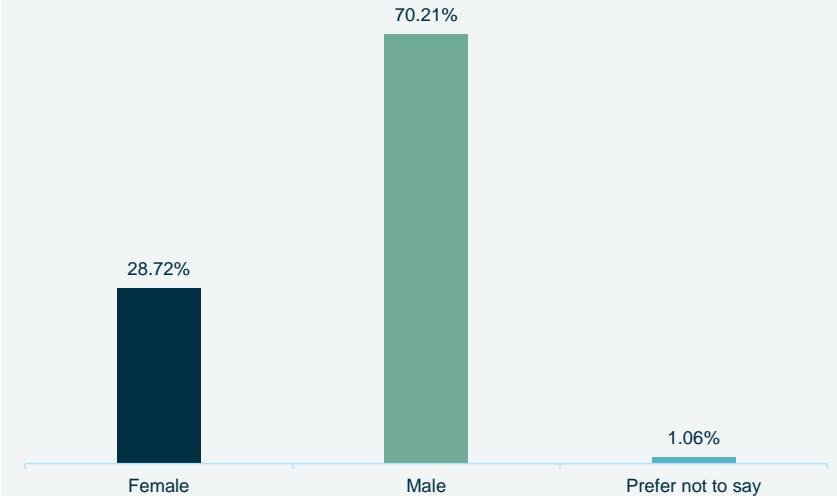


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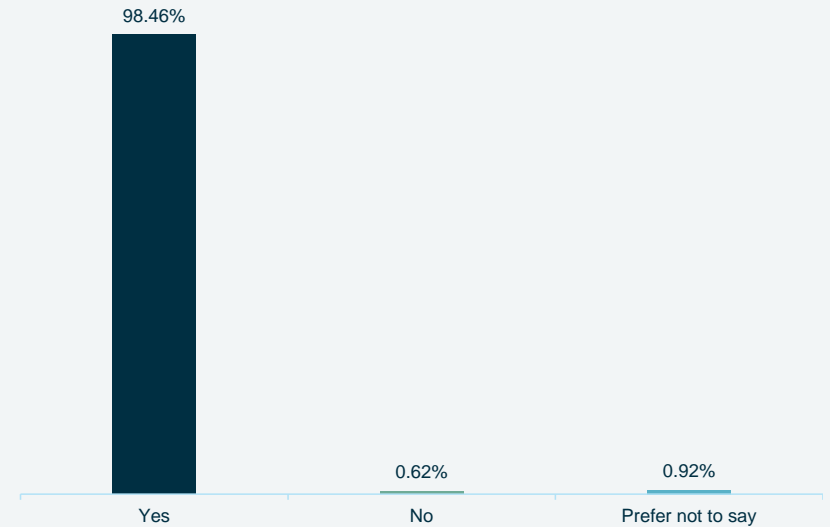
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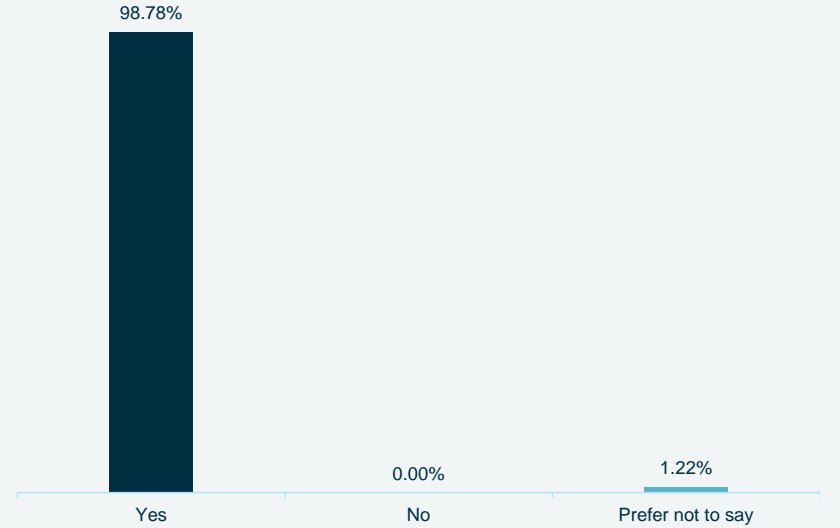
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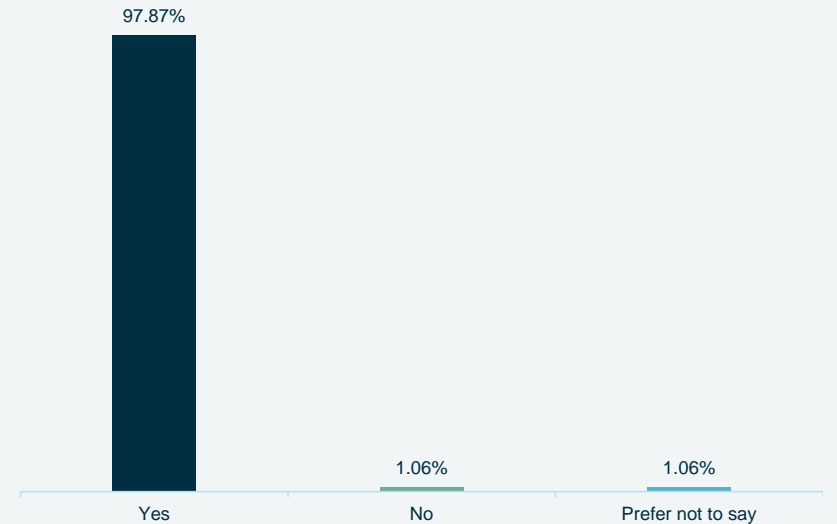
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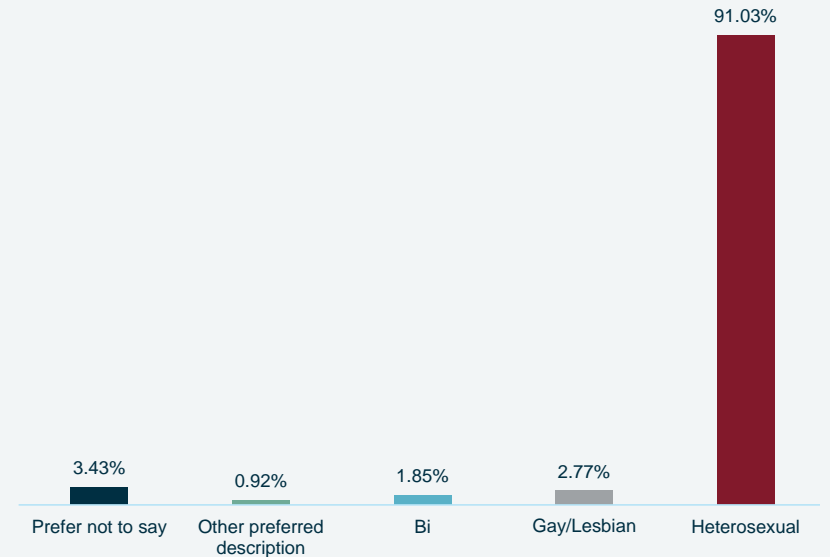
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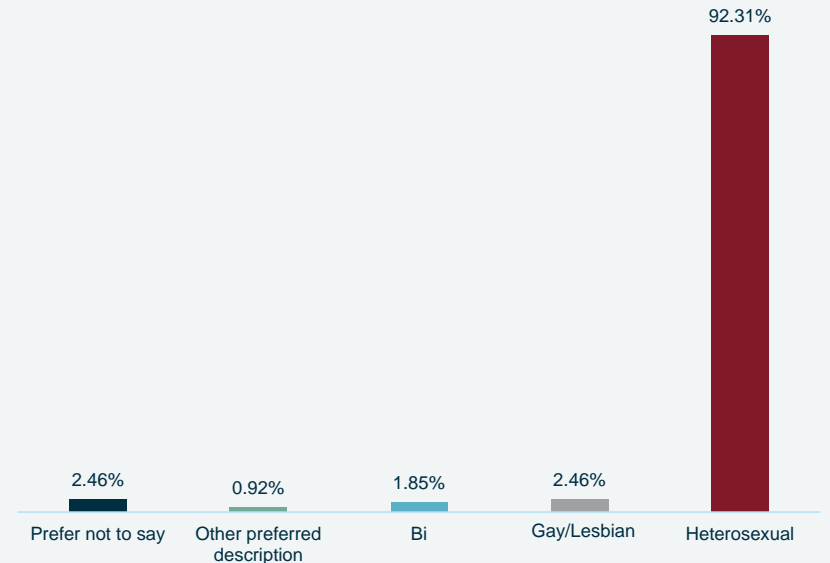
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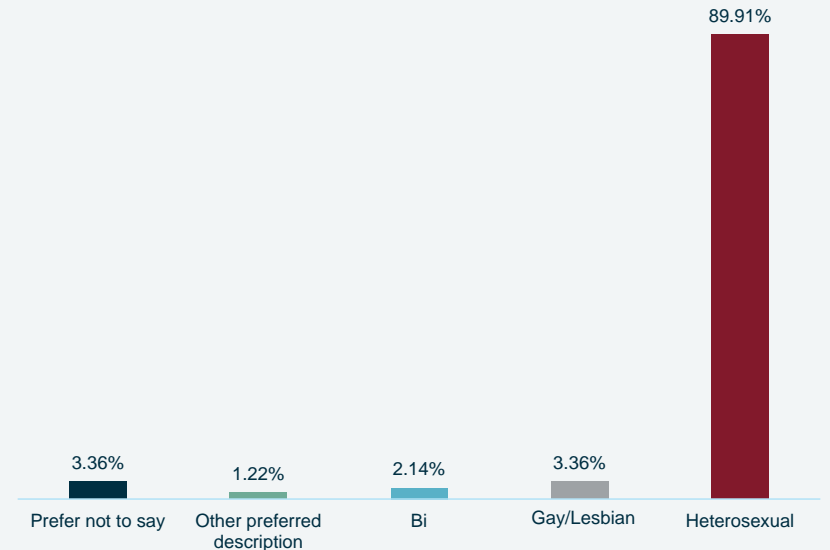
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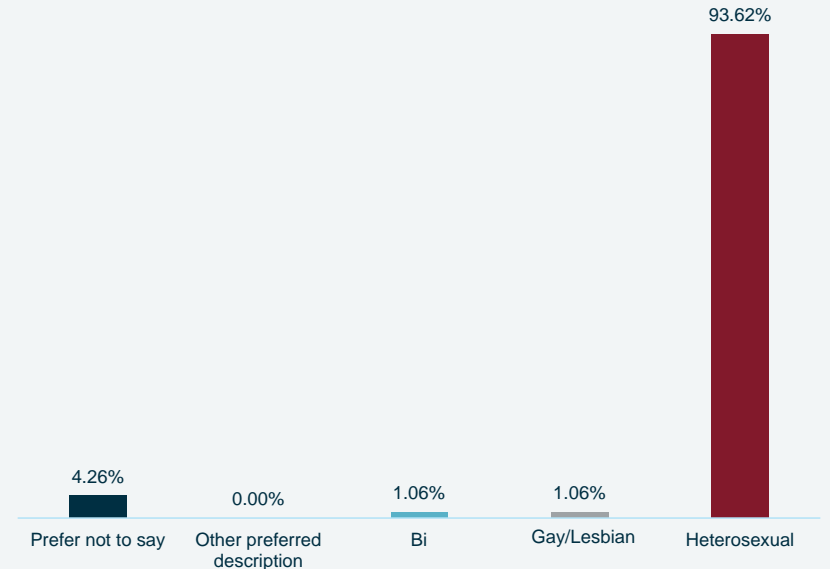
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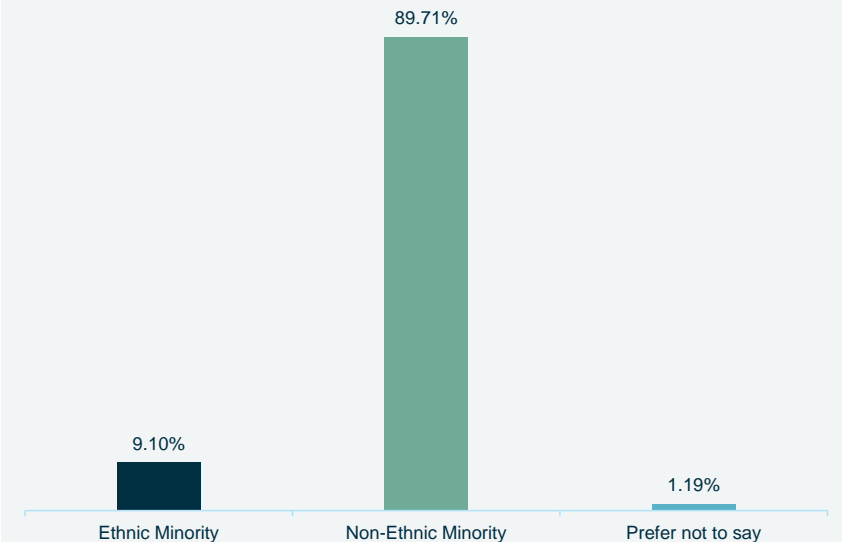
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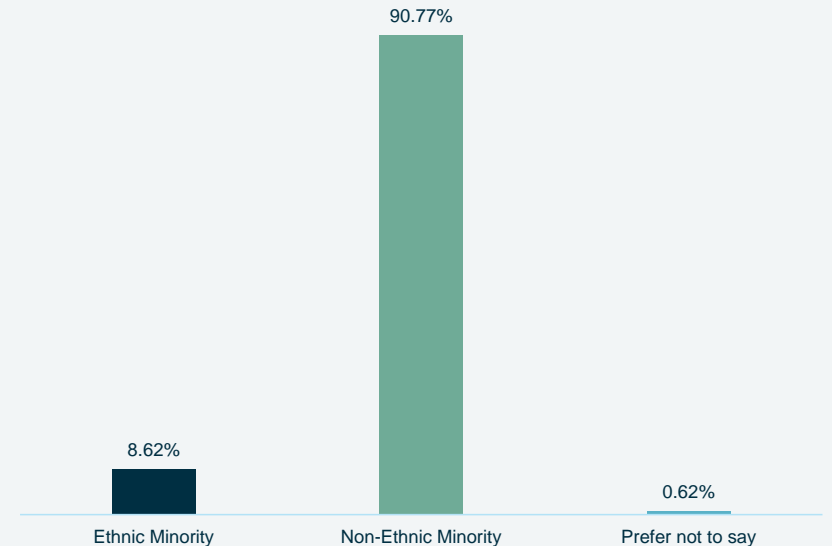
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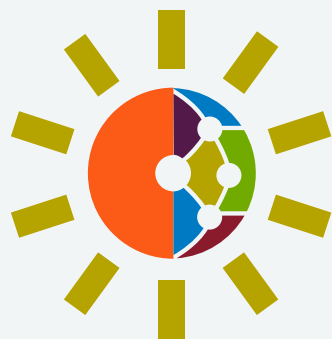


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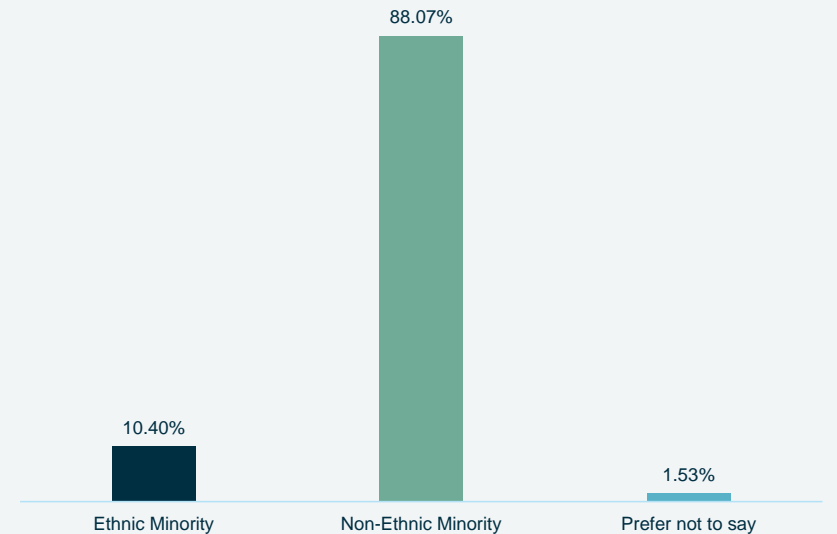
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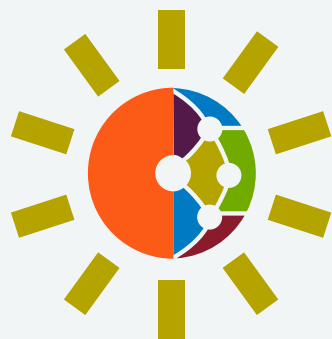
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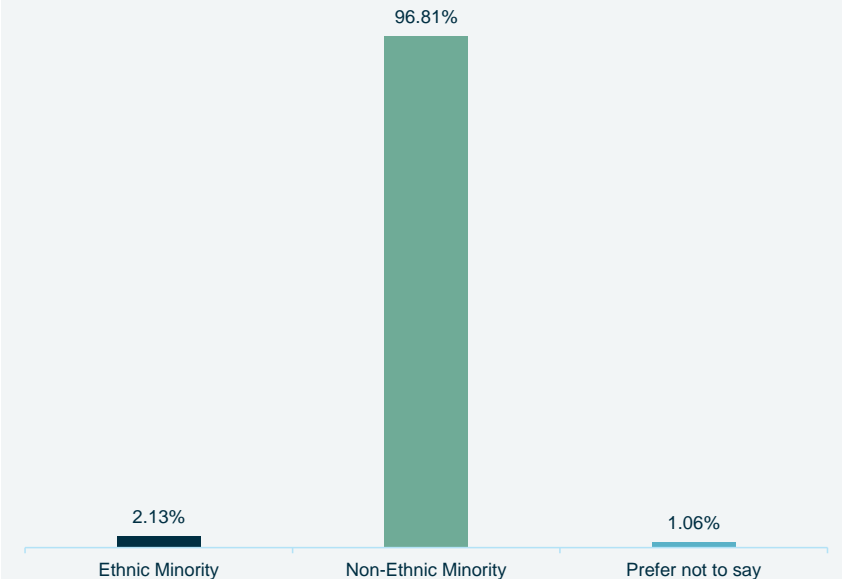
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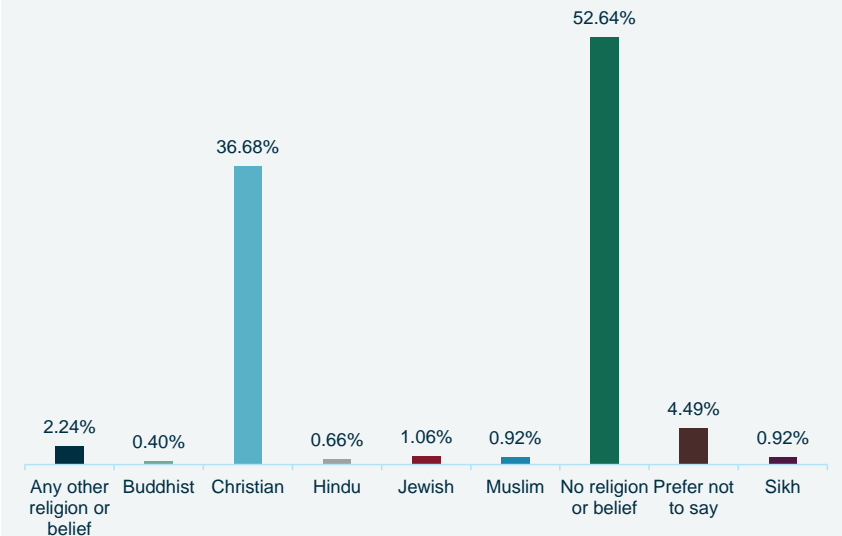
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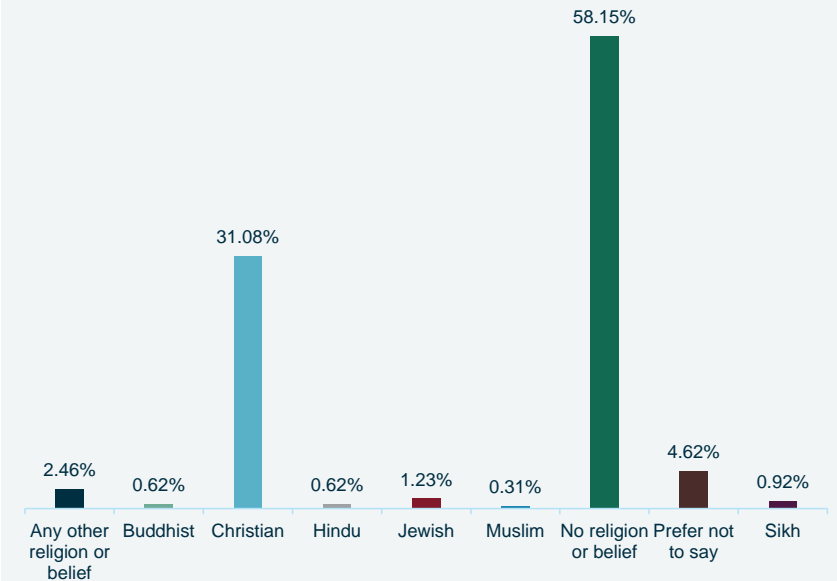
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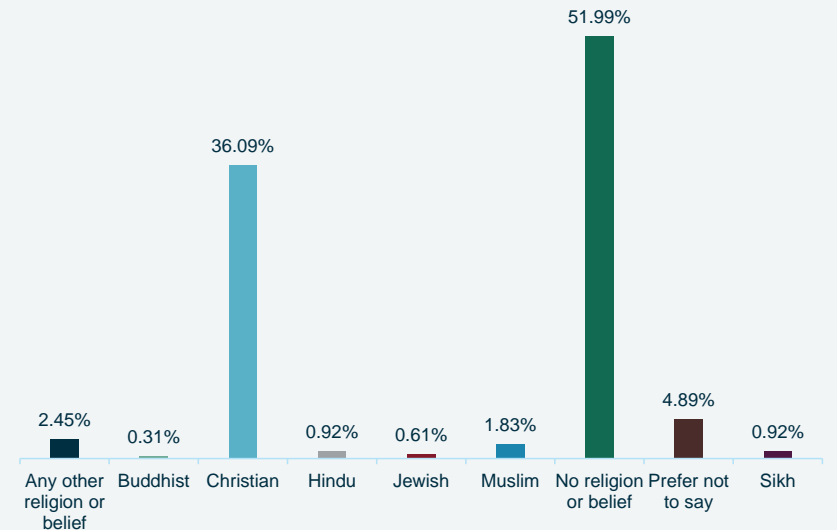
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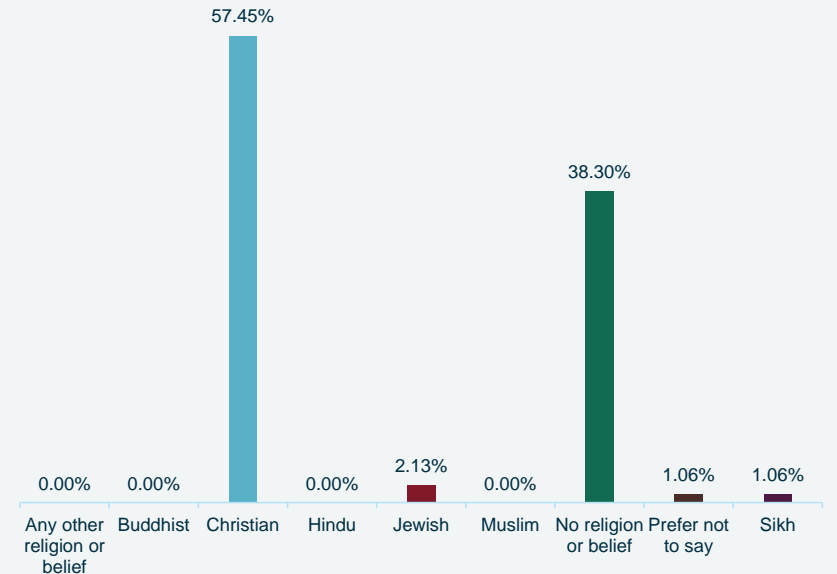
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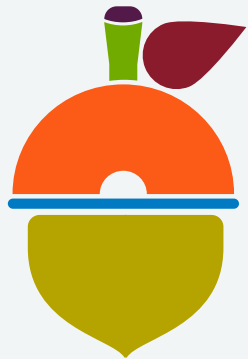
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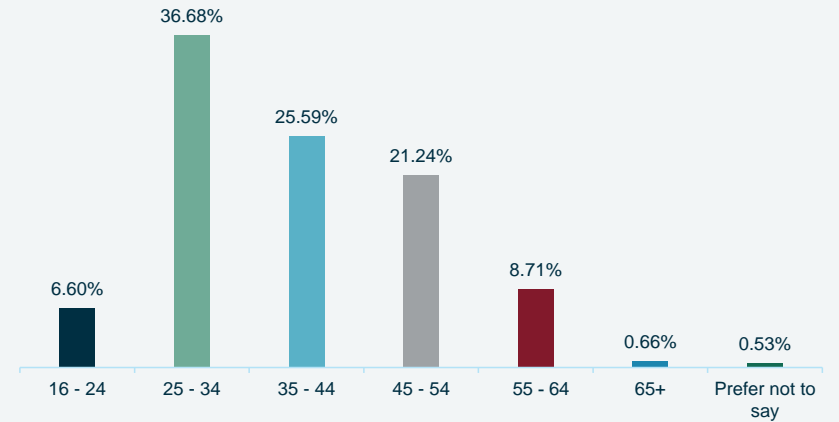
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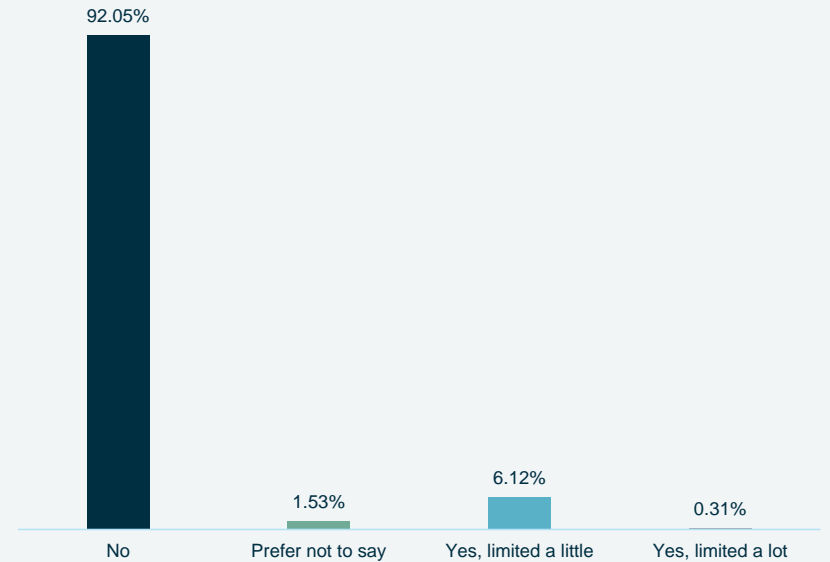
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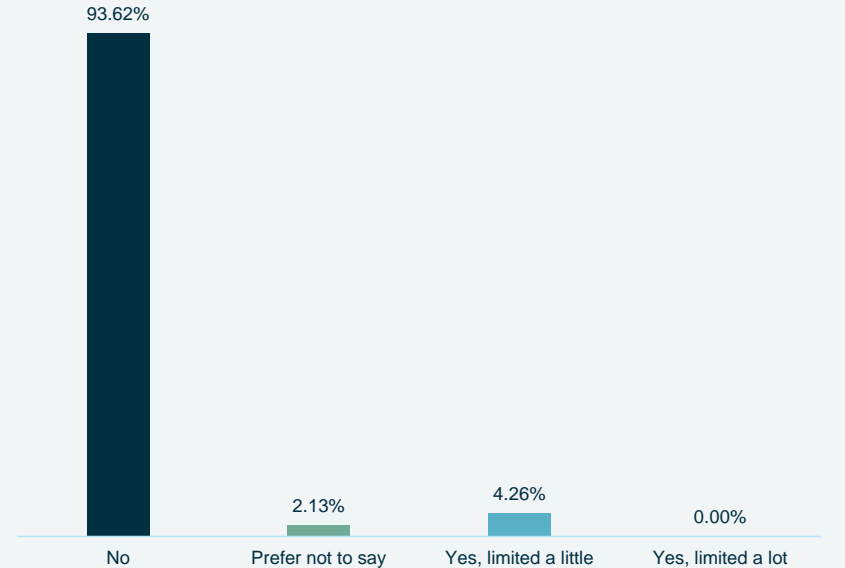
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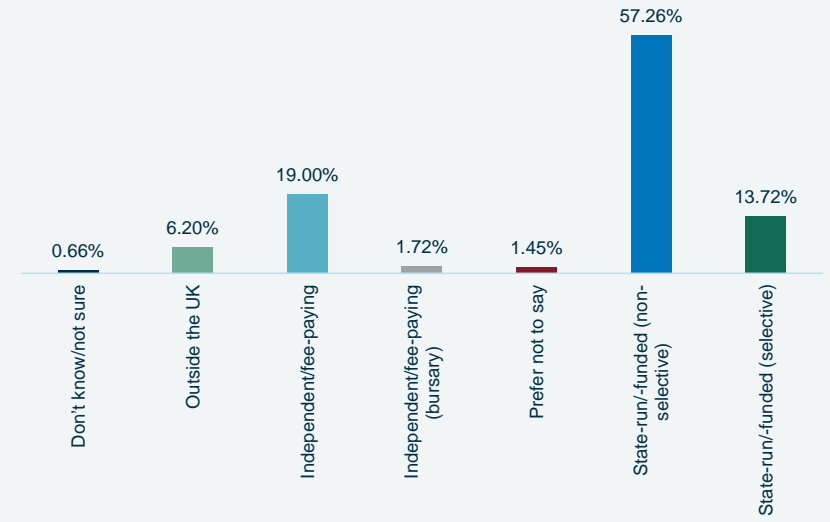
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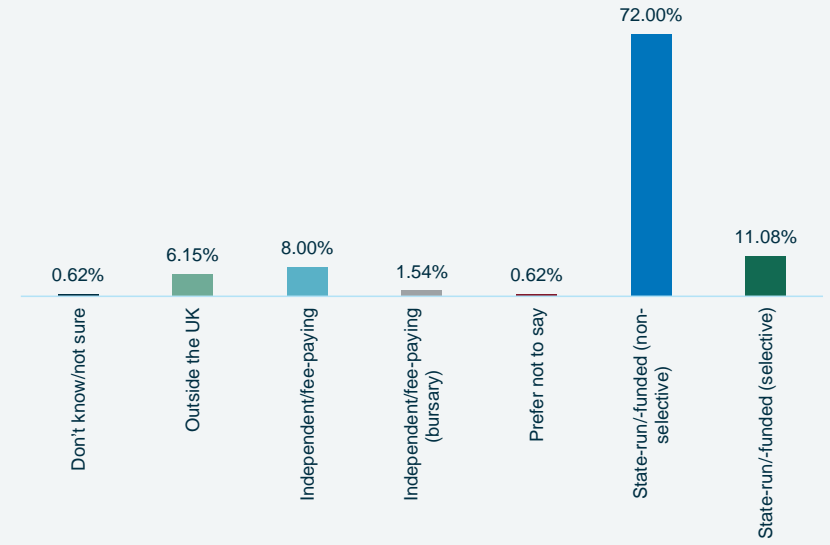


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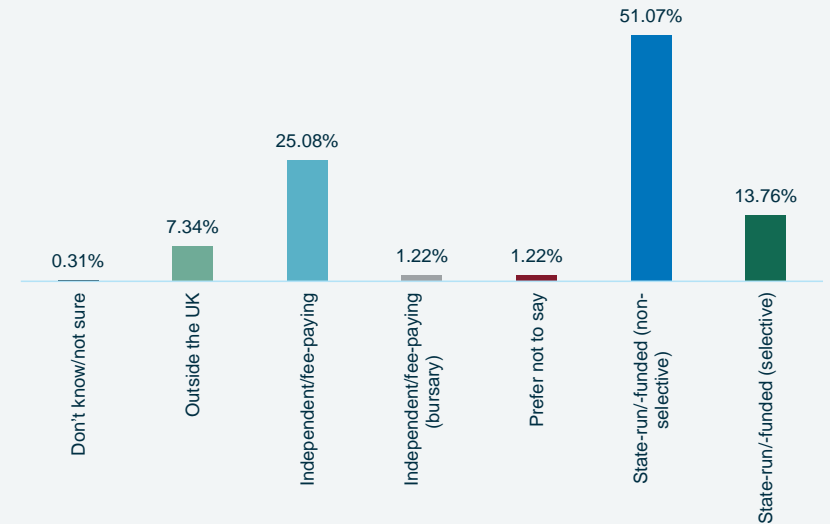


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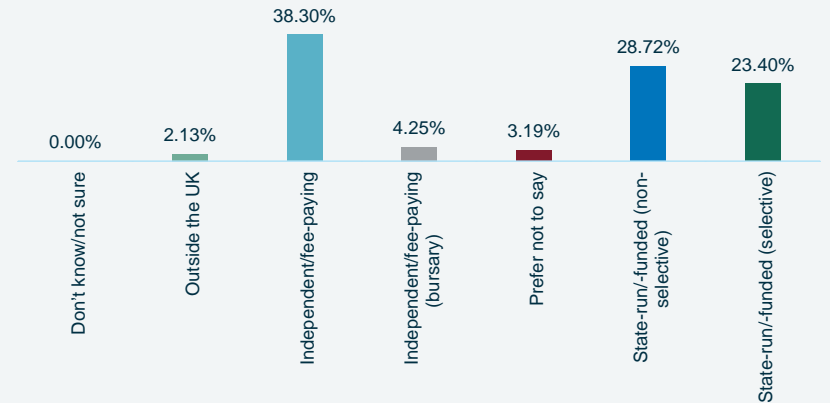


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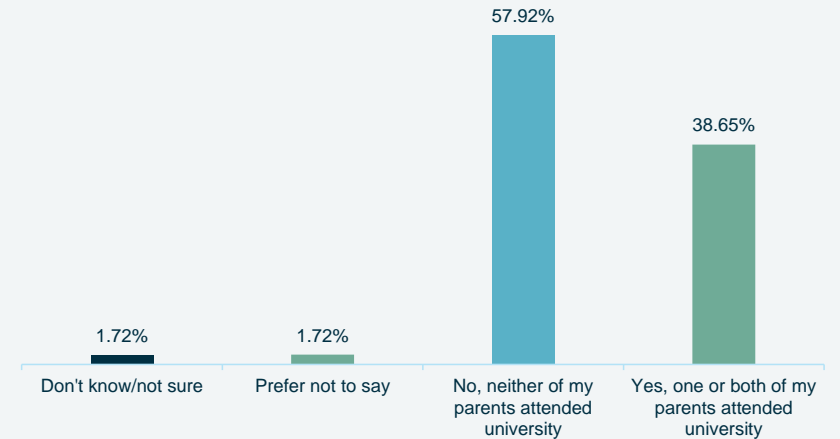
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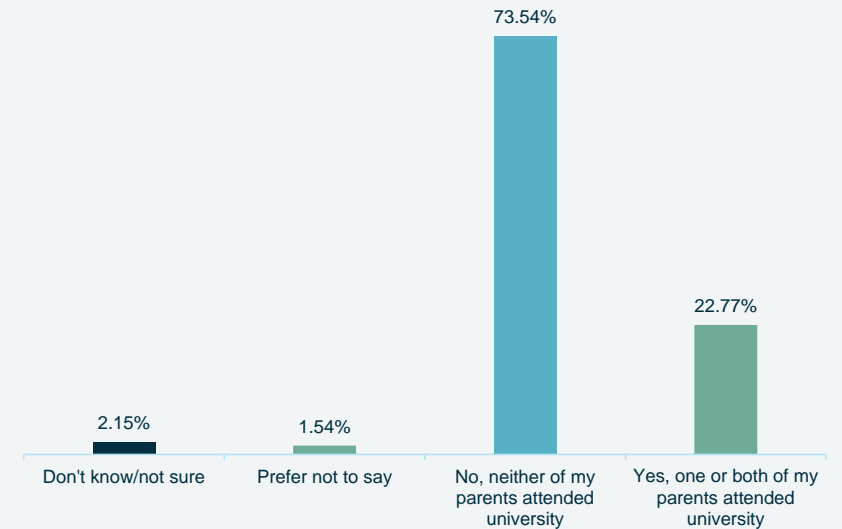


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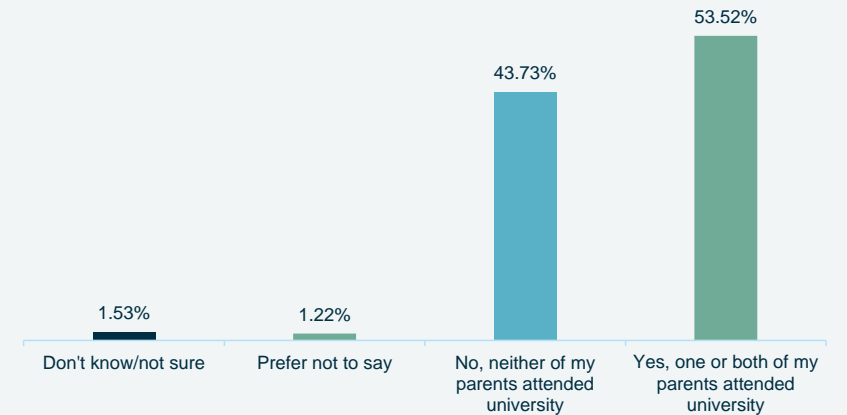
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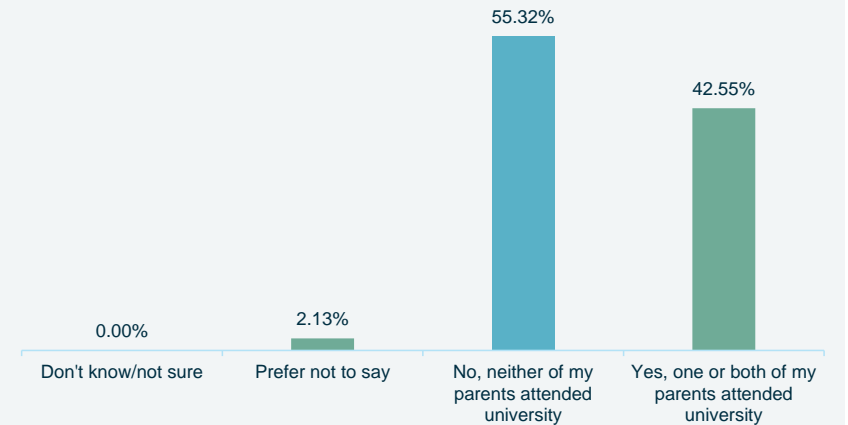


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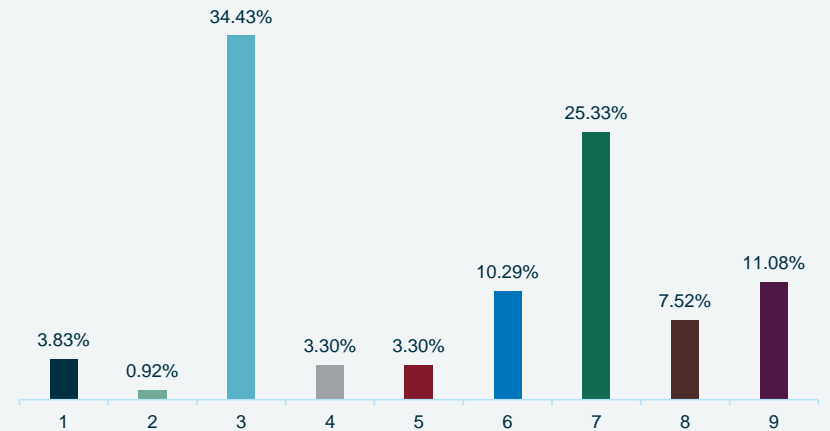
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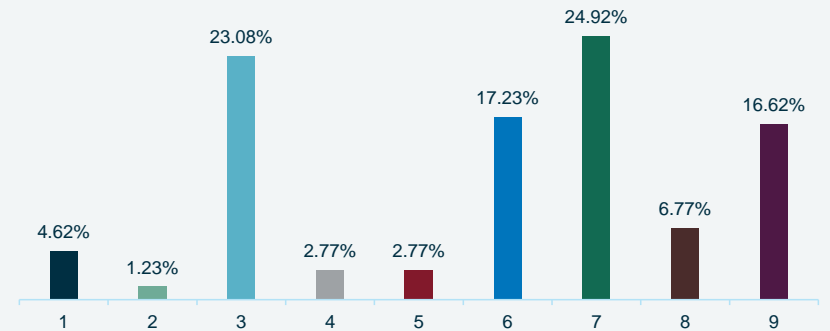
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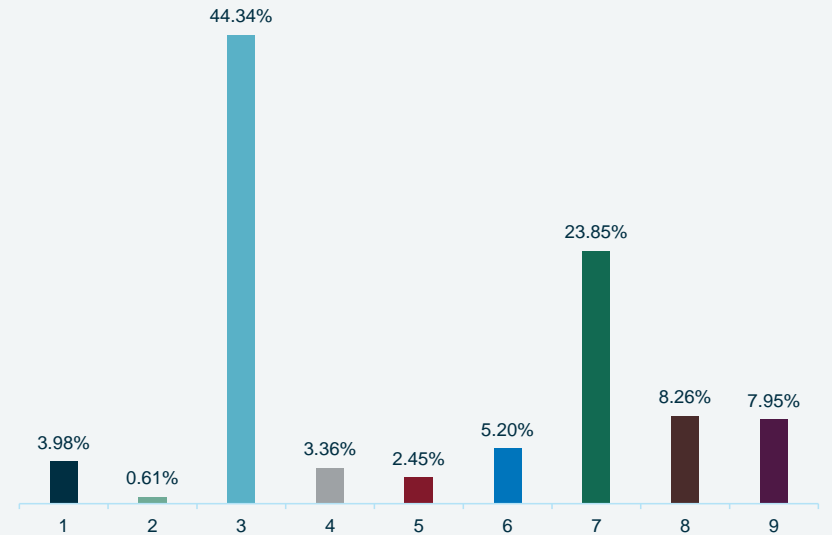
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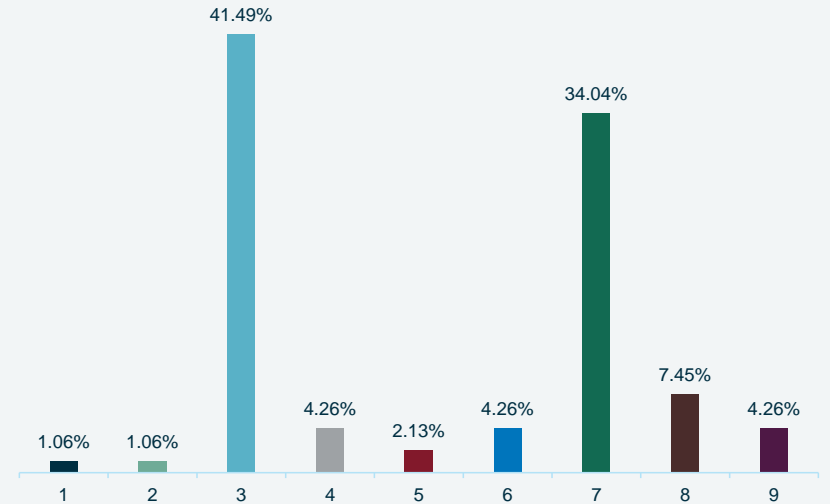
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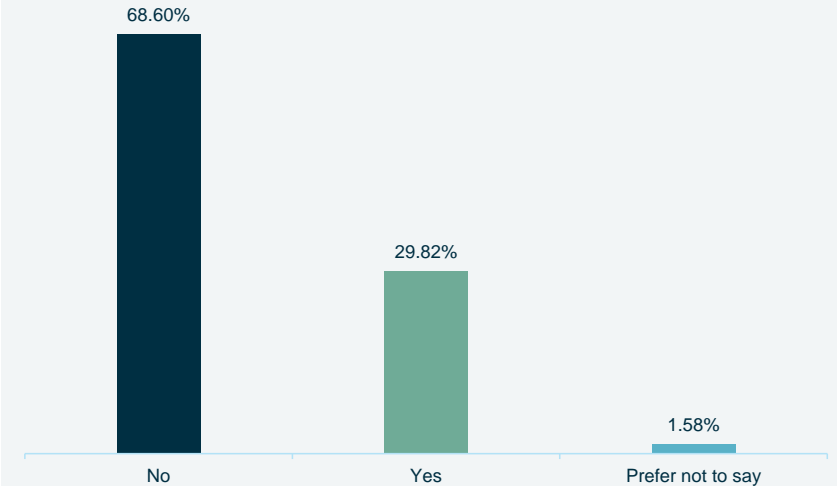


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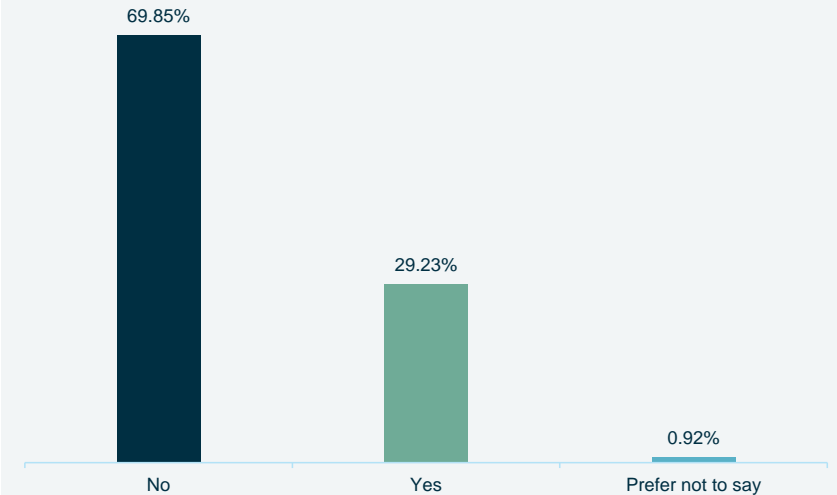


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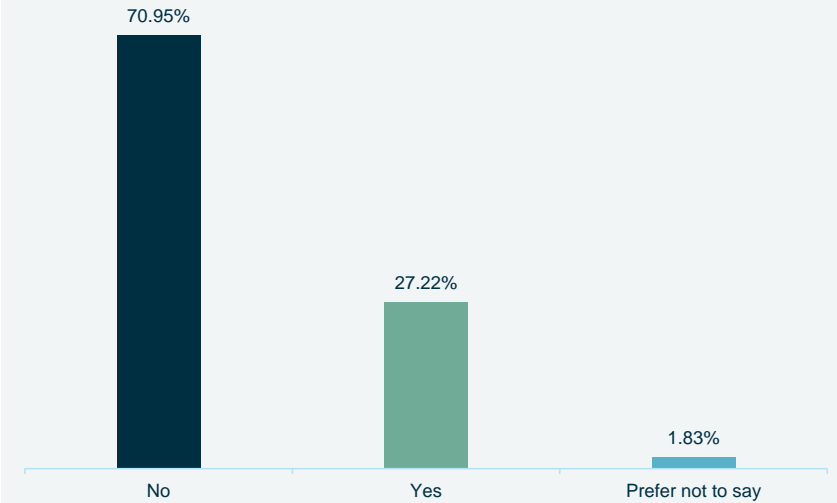


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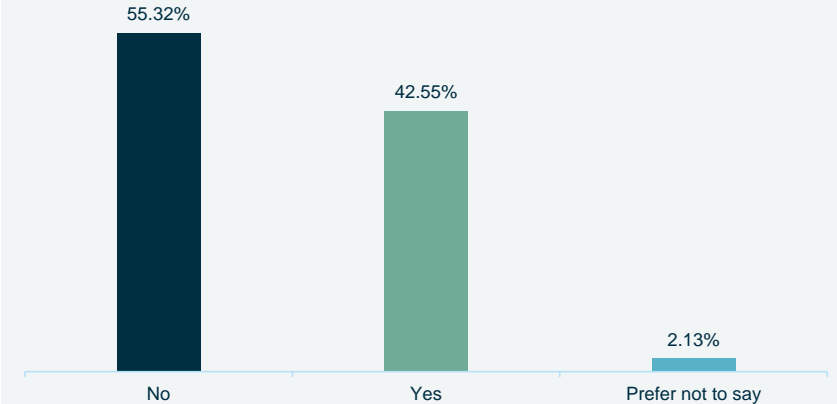


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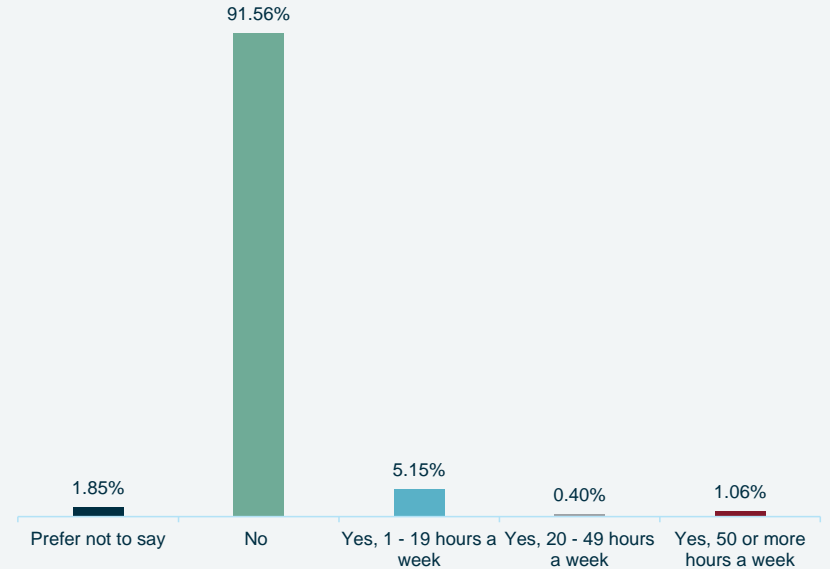


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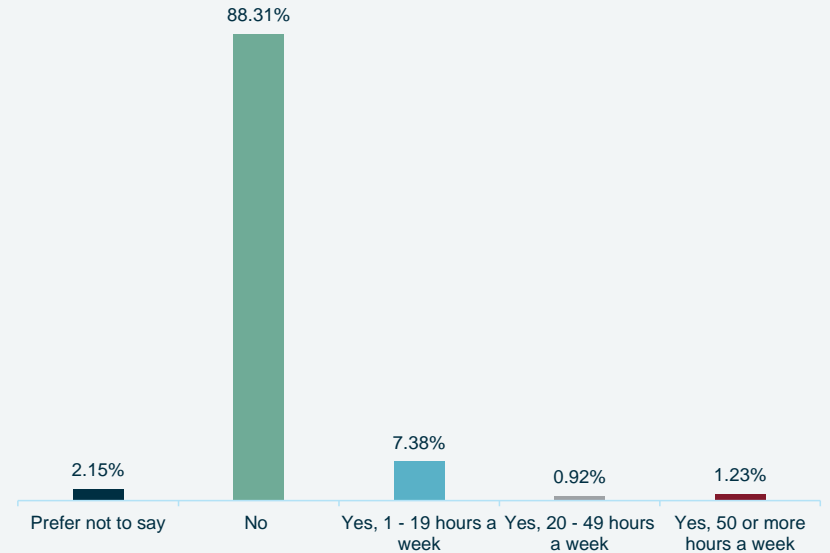


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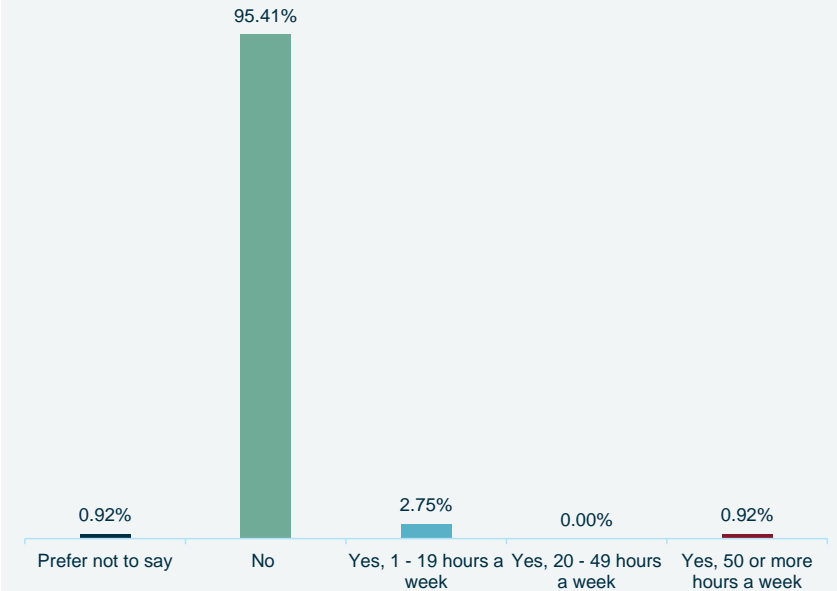


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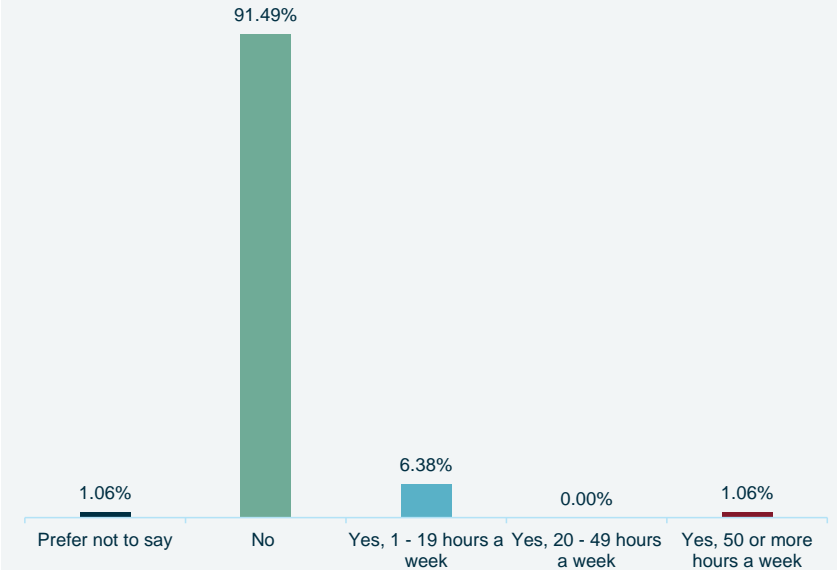


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