Hertsmere Council Tax Benefit Survey

Summary results





Summary

It should be noted that this is not a representative sample:

- Around 9 in 10 respondents (87%) said that their name appear on the council bill for their house
- Around 6 in 10 (59%) said that their household received council tax benefit
- 63% receive other benefits
- 96% of the sample were respondent as an individual

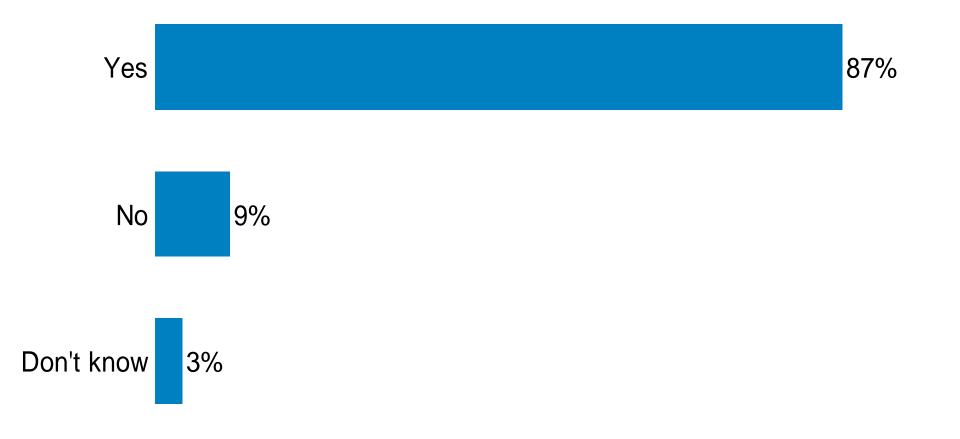


About you: Paying Council Tax





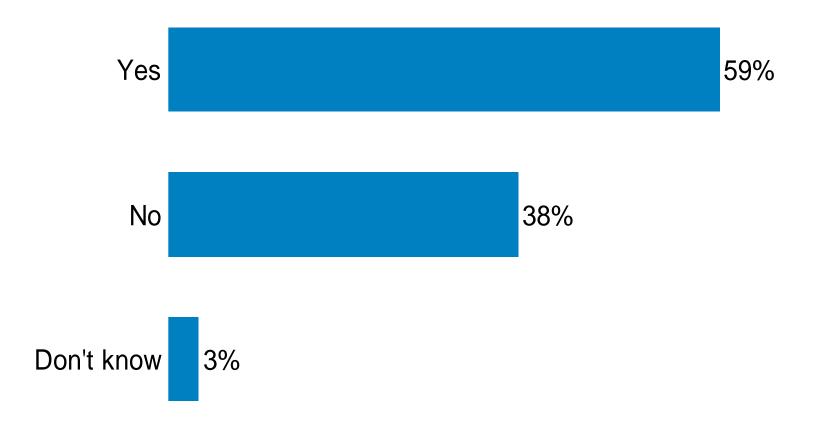
Q1. Does your name appear on the Council Tax Bill for your household?



Base: All respondents (415)



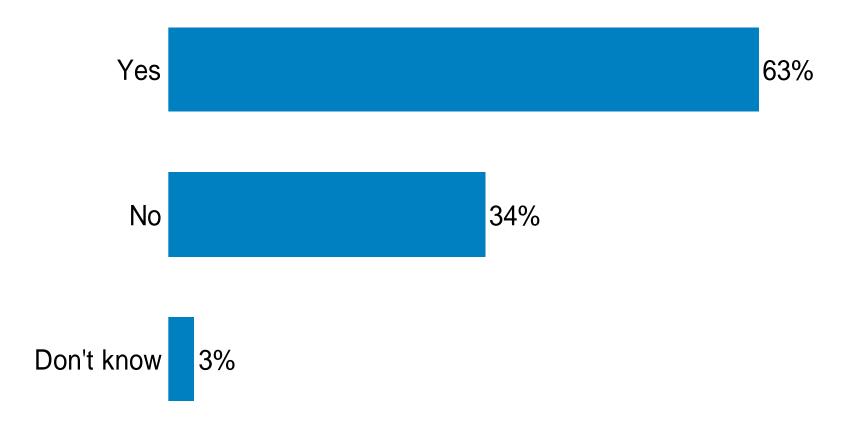
Q2. Does your household receive Council Tax Benefit?



Base: All respondents (412)



Q3. Do you or your household receive any other benefits?



Base: All respondents (409)



Q5. Are you answering this survey as:



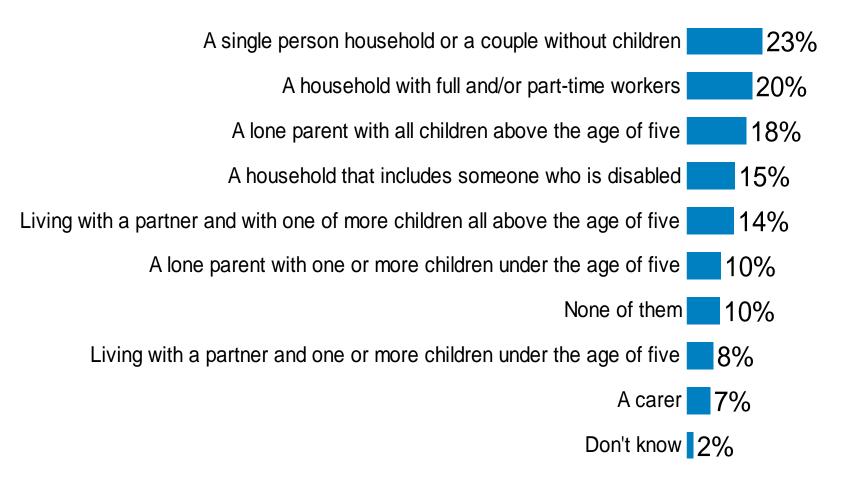
A representative of a local community group, business or organisation

4%

Base: All respondents (398)



Q7. Would you say that any of the following describe you or your household?



Base: All respondents who are answering as a representative (374)



Q8. Are you a service personnel or ex service personnel?



Base: All respondents who are answering as a representative (371)



Q9. Are you a War widow/widower?

Yes

No No

Base: All respondents who are answering as a representative (373)



Key findings





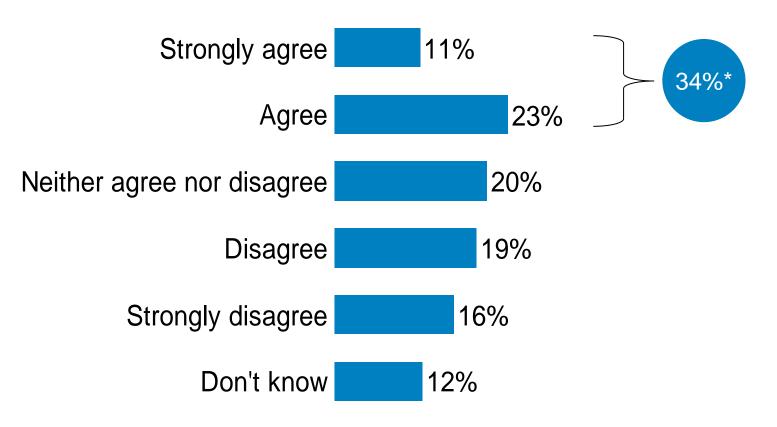
Summary (1)

"People who receive Council Tax Benefit who are in properties with a higher Council Tax charge should be asked to pay more (Band E,F,G and H)"

- Those who do not receive CT Benefit significantly more likely to agree (43%) than those who do receive CT Benefit (28%)
- Those who receive no benefits (44%) significantly more likely to agree than those who receive benefits (30%)
- Those who said they are "A lone parent with one or more children under the age of five" were the least likely to agree (13%)
- Those who are not disabled are significantly more likely to agree than those who are disabled (38% vs 24%)



Q10a. People who receive Council Tax Benefit who are in properties with a higher Council Tax charge should be asked to pay more (Band E,F,G and H)



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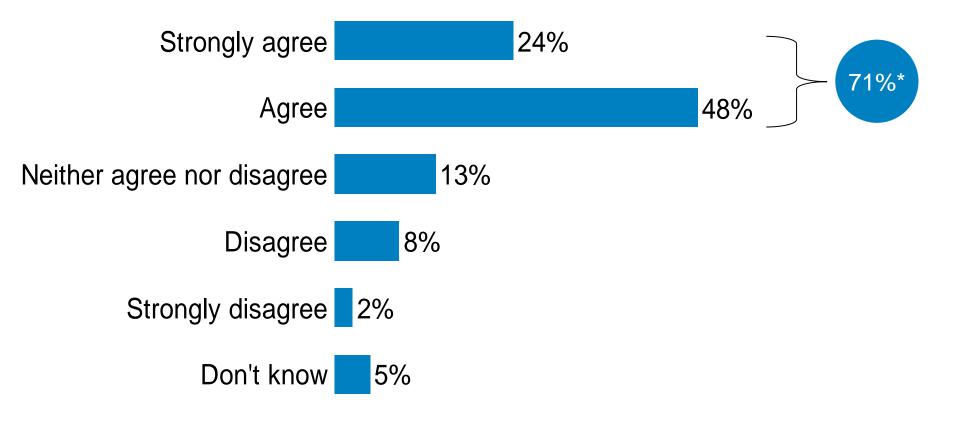
Summary (2)

"People receiving Council Tax Benefit should be given extra benefit for a limited period to help pay their Council Tax when they start work"

- Those who receive CT Benefit significantly more likely to agree (76%) than those who do not receive CT Benefit (64%)
- Those who receive benefits (76%) significantly more likely to agree than those who do not receive benefits (62%)
- Those who said they are "Living with a partner and with one of more children all above the age of five" were the least likely to agree (57%)
- Those aged 25-64 more likely to agree than other age groups.



Q10b. People receiving Council Tax Benefit should be given extra benefit for a limited period to help pay their Council Tax when they start work



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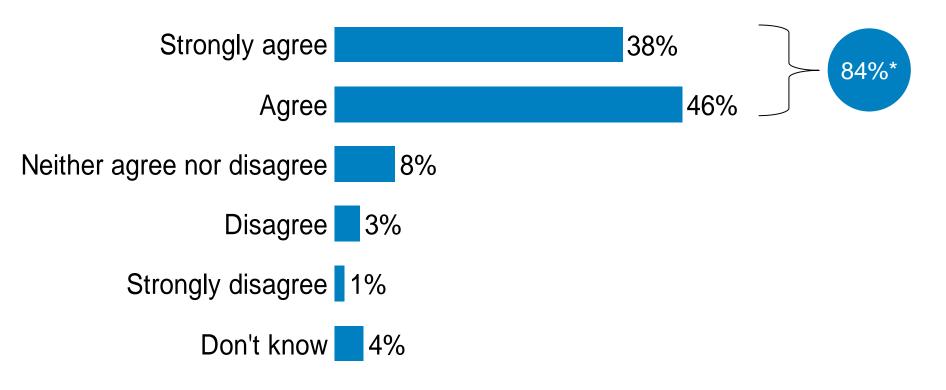
Summary (3)

"People who are receiving benefits, who are working but are on a low income should be given additional help with their Council Tax."

- Those who receive benefits (89%) significantly more likely to agree than those who receive no benefits (75%)
- Those who are a member of the service, or ex member of the services
 Significantly less likely to agree (58%) than those who are not members of the services/ ex members (85%)
- 100% of those that described themselves as "Living with a partner and one or more children under the age of five" agreed.
- 25-44 age group more likely to agree (93%) than other age groups



Q10c. People who are receiving benefits, who are working but are on a low income should be given additional help with their Council Tax. (This may encourage people who aren't working to move into employment)



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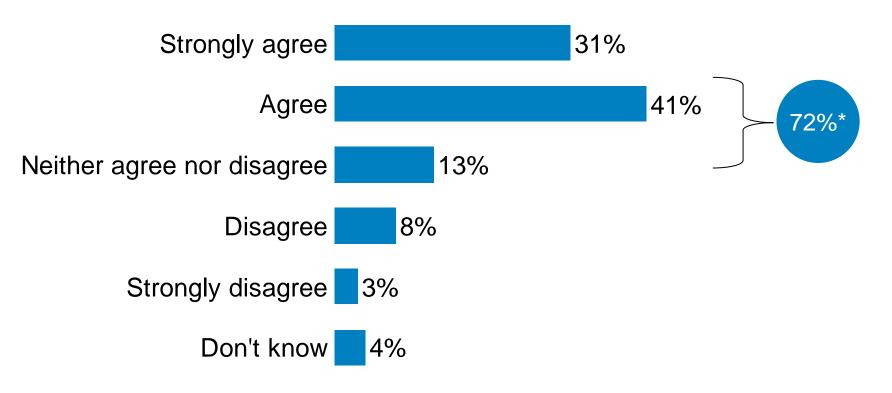
Summary (4)

"People who are receiving benefits, who are unable to work because they (or a member of their family) are disabled should be given more Council Tax Benefit than those who could work but do not currently do so."

- Those who said they are "Living with a partner and with one of more children <u>all</u> above the age of five" were the least likely to agree (55%)
- Those who are disabled are more likely to agree (84%) than those who are not disabled (70%).



Q10d. People who receive benefits, unable to work because they are disabled should be given more Council Tax Benefit than those who could work but do not



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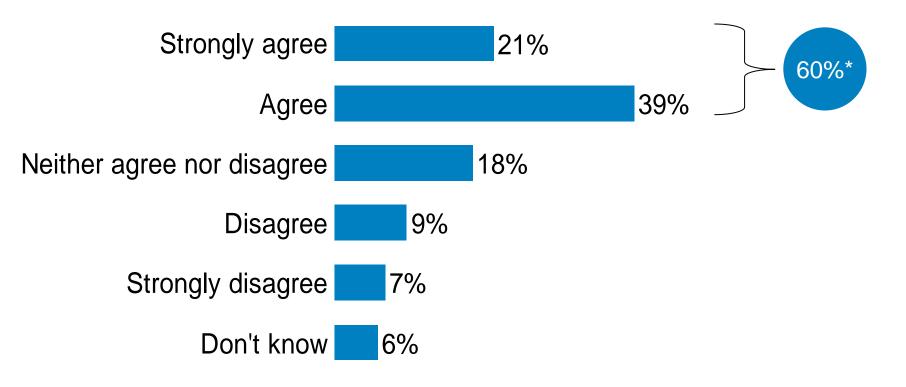
Summary (5)

"Lone parents who are receiving benefits and are unable to work because they have a child under the age of 5 should be given more Council Tax Benefit than those who could work but do not currently do so"

• Those who said they are "Living with a partner and with one of more children <u>all</u> above the age of five" were the least likely to agree (51%), followed by those who described themselves as "A single person household or a couple without children" (53% agreed)



Q10e. Lone parents who are receiving benefits and are unable to work because they have a child under the age of 5 should be given more Council Tax Benefit than those who could work but do not currently do so



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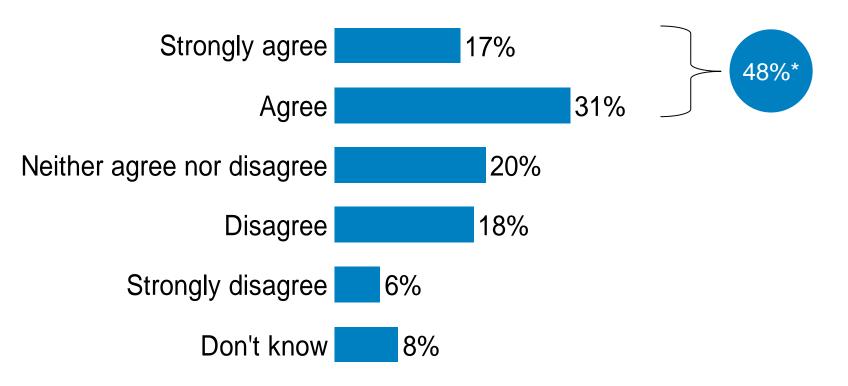
Summary (6)

"Other working adults living in a household where the Council Tax payer claims Council Tax Benefit, should be asked to pay more toward the Council Tax bill than they do now."

- Those who do not receive Council Tax benefit were significantly more likely to agree (55%) than those who do received Council Tax Benefit (43%)
- Those who do not received other benefits were significantly more likely to agree (56%) than those who receive other benefits (44%)
- Those who describe themselves as a carer (67%) or "A single person household or a couple without children" (55%) were the most likely to agree
- 65+ age group was the most likely to agree (66%)



Q10f. Other working adults living in a household where the Council Tax payer claims Council Tax Benefit, should be asked to pay more toward the Council Tax bill than they do now.



Base: All respondents (387)



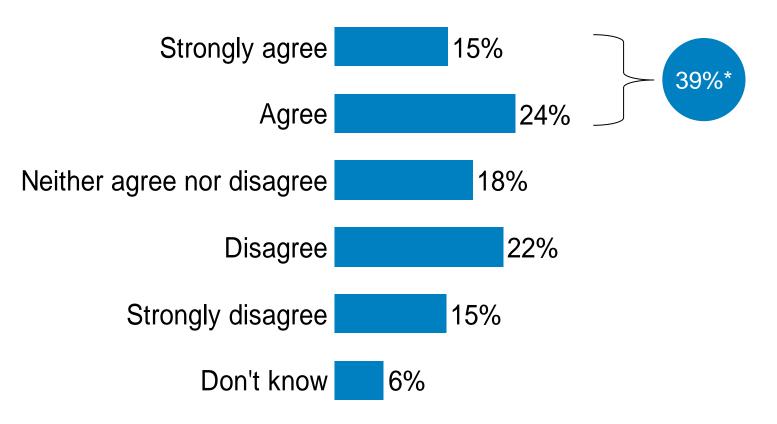
Summary (7)

"People who are receiving benefits, with savings of more than £8,000 should be asked to use these savings to pay their Council Tax"

65+ age group least likely to agree (28%)



Q10g. People who are receiving benefits, with savings of more than £8,000 should be asked to use these savings to pay their Council Tax



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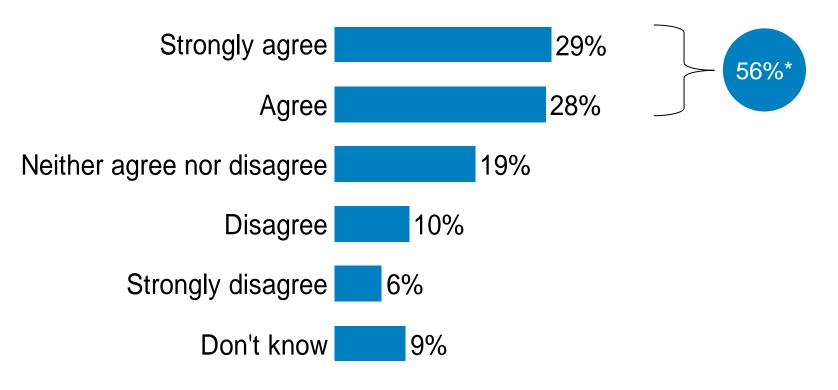
Summary (8)

"Discounts / exemptions on the Council Tax bills for second homes and empty homes should be reduced or abolished to generate income towards the Council Tax Support scheme"

There was little variation among subgroups.



Q10h. Discounts / exemptions on the Council Tax bills for second homes and empty homes should be reduced or abolished to generate income towards the Council Tax Support scheme



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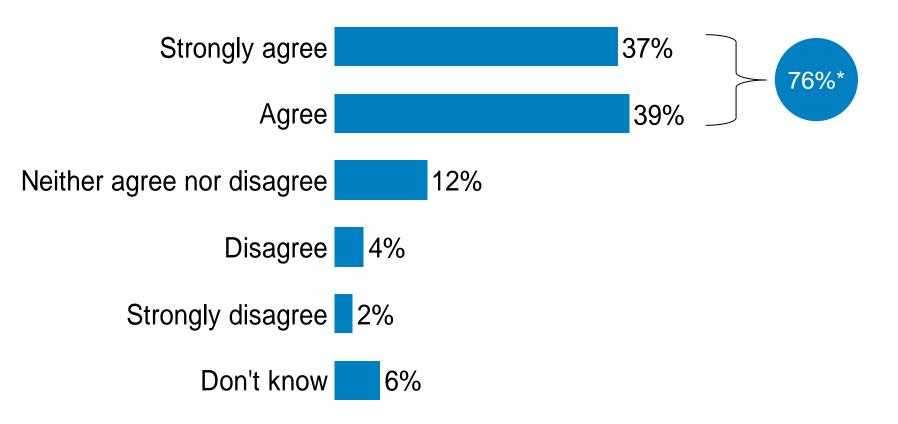
Summary (8)

"The council should create a Hardship Fund to support people who are receiving benefits, suffering genuine hardship because of the changes to Council Tax Benefit"

- Those who receive Council Tax Benefit were significantly more likely to agree (81%) than those who do not receive Council Tax Benefit (68%)
- Those who receive other benefits were significantly more likely to agree than those who do not receive other benefits (80% Vs 70%)



Q10i. The council should create a Hardship Fund to support people who are receiving benefits, suffering genuine hardship because of the changes to Council Tax Benefit



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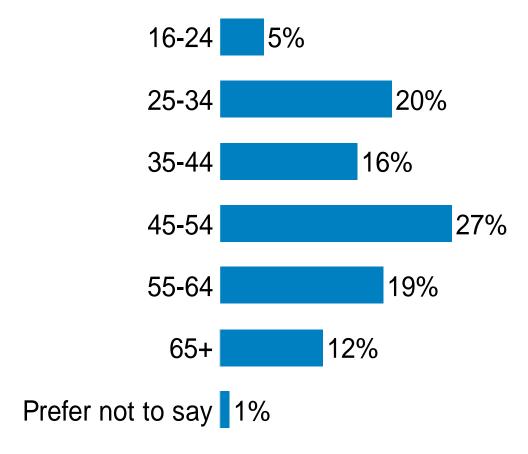


About you: Demographic Profile





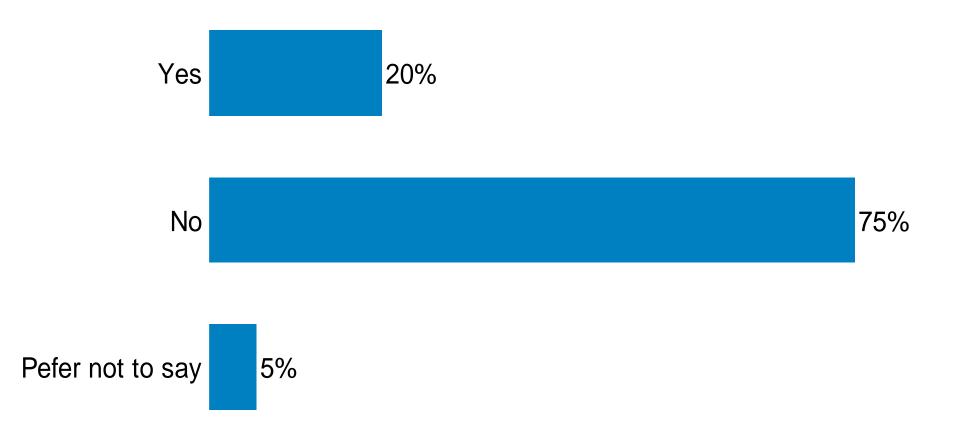
Q12. Your Age



Base: All respondents (401)



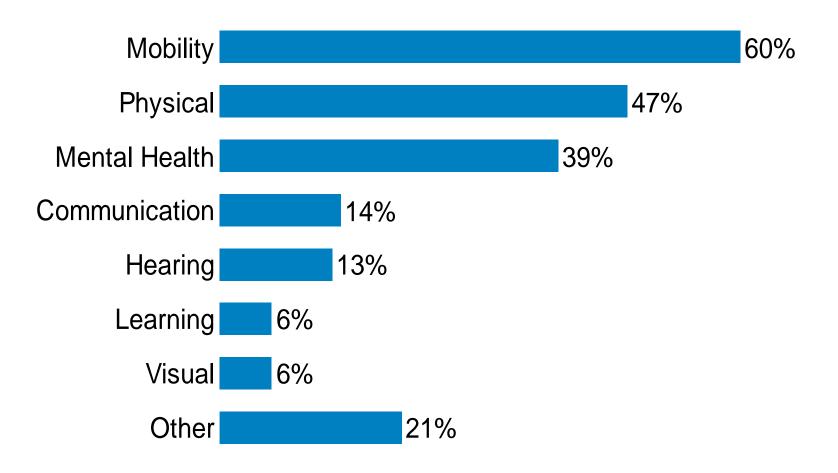
Q13. Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the terms given in the Equality Acto 2010?



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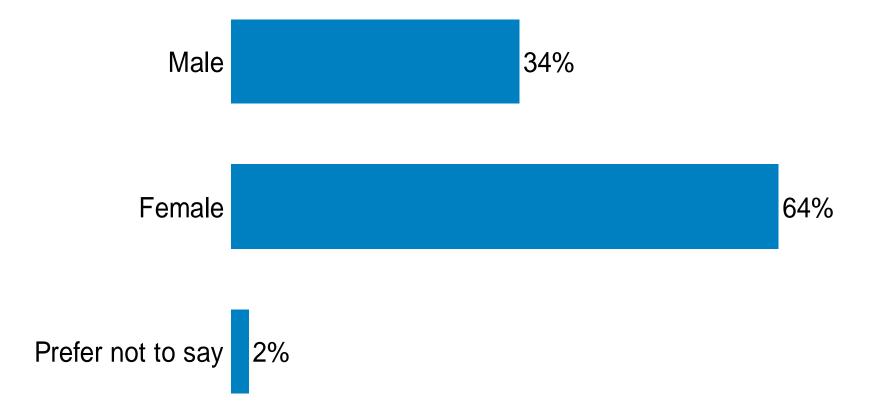
Q14. Yes, I do consider myself to have a disability



Base: All respondents who consider themselves to have a disability (77)



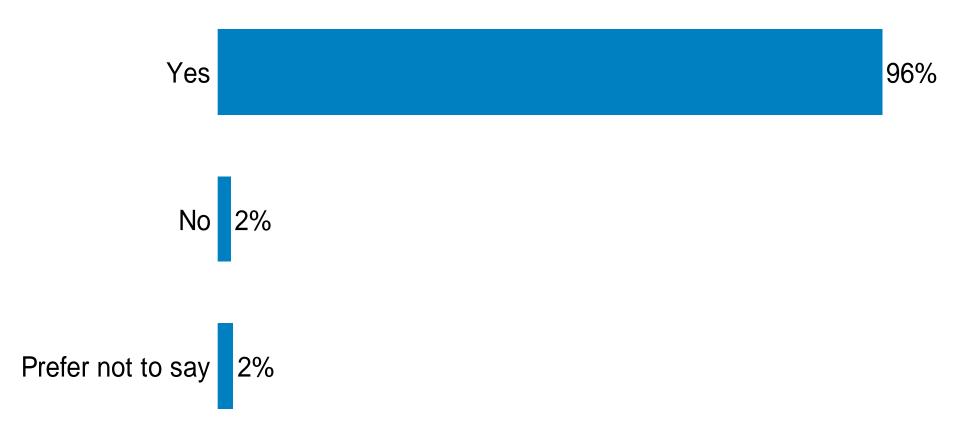
Q15. Your sex



Base: All respondents (394)



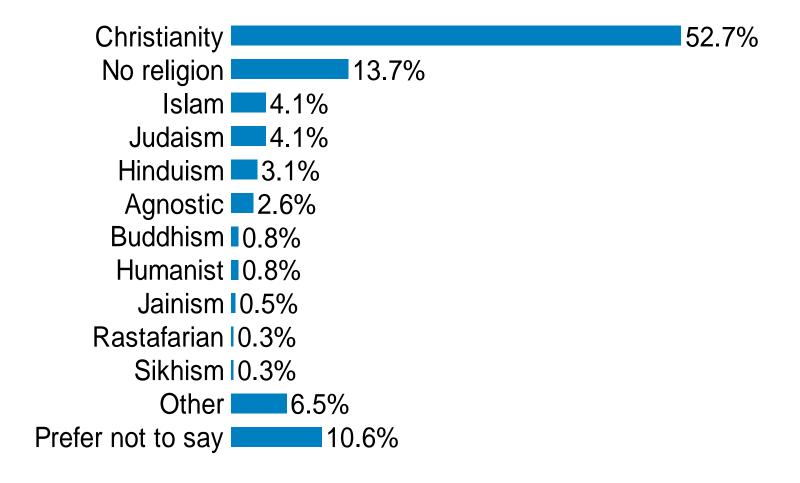
Q16. Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?



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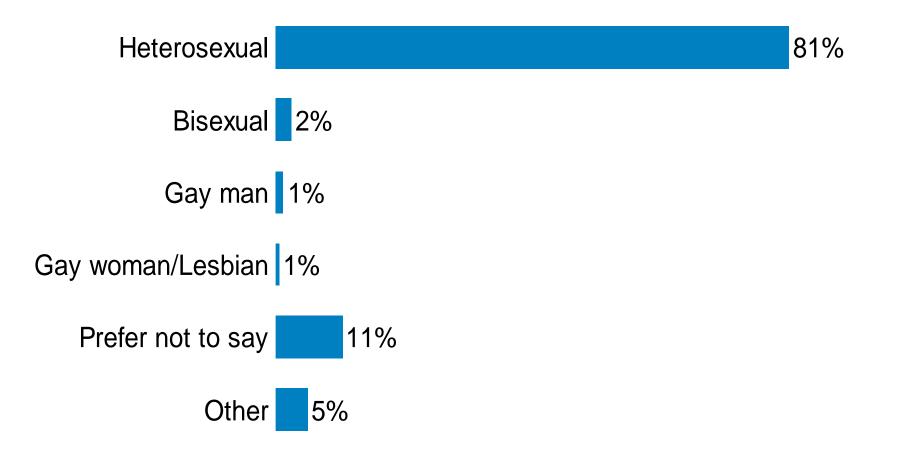
Q17. Your religion and belief



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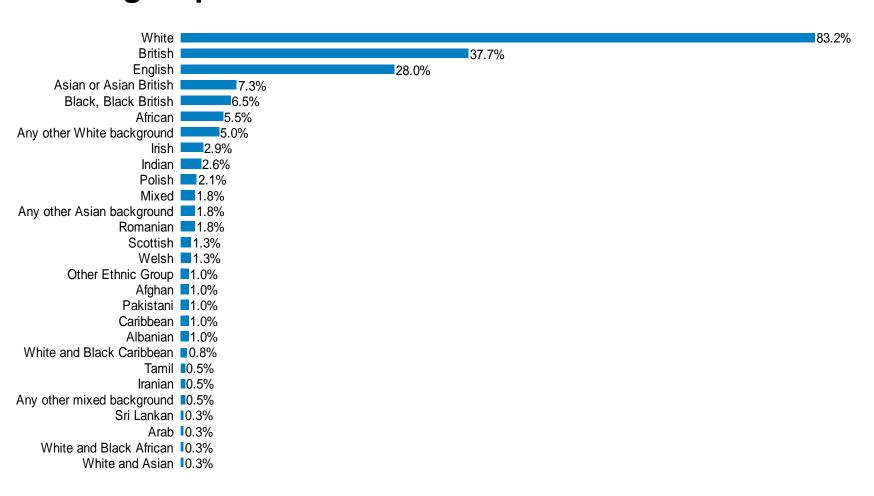
Q18. Your sexual orientation



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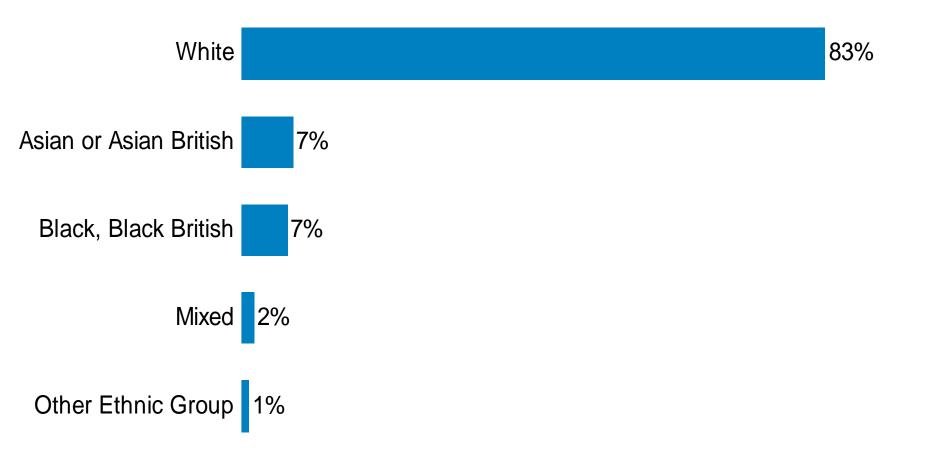
Q19. Which of the following most closely describes your ethnic group?



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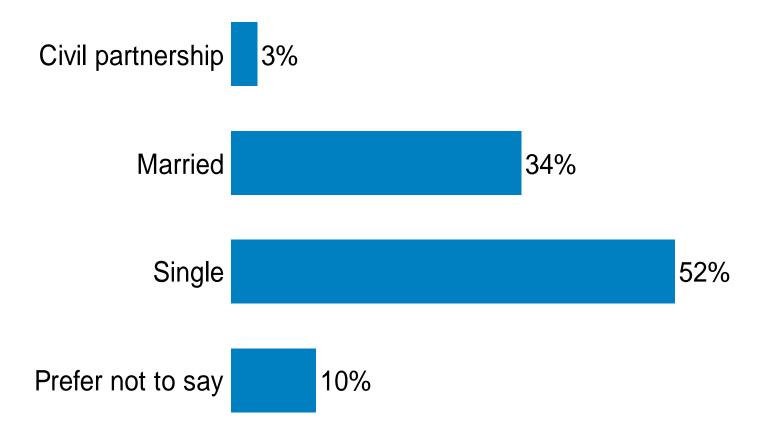
Q19. Which of the following most closely describes your ethnic group?



Base: All respondents (382)



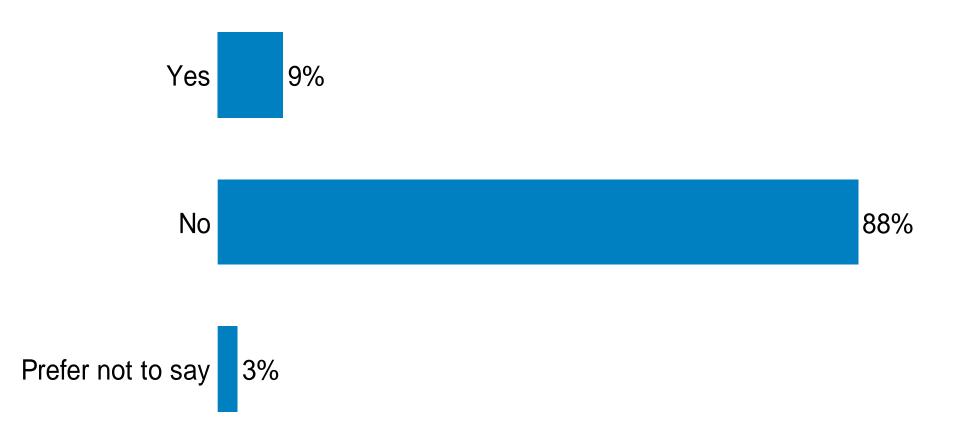
Q25. Your marital status



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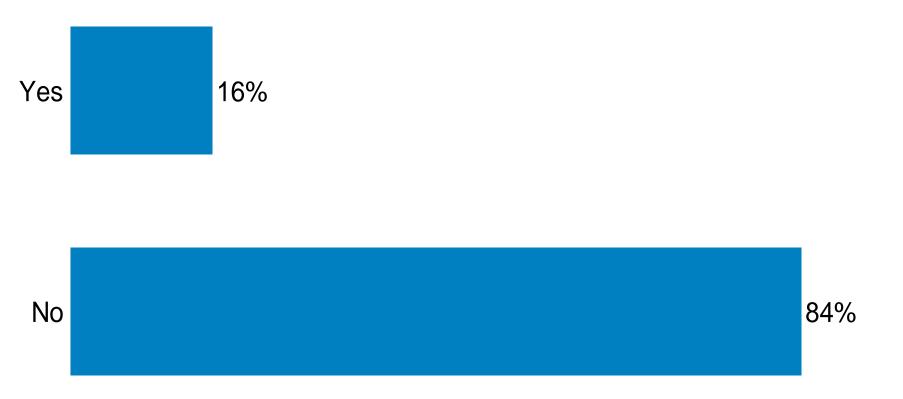
Q26. Pregnancy and maternity: Have you been pregnant and/or on maternity leave in the past two years?



Base: All respondents (377)



Q27. Do you regularly provide unpaid support caring for someone?



Base: All respondents (389)



End of presentation



