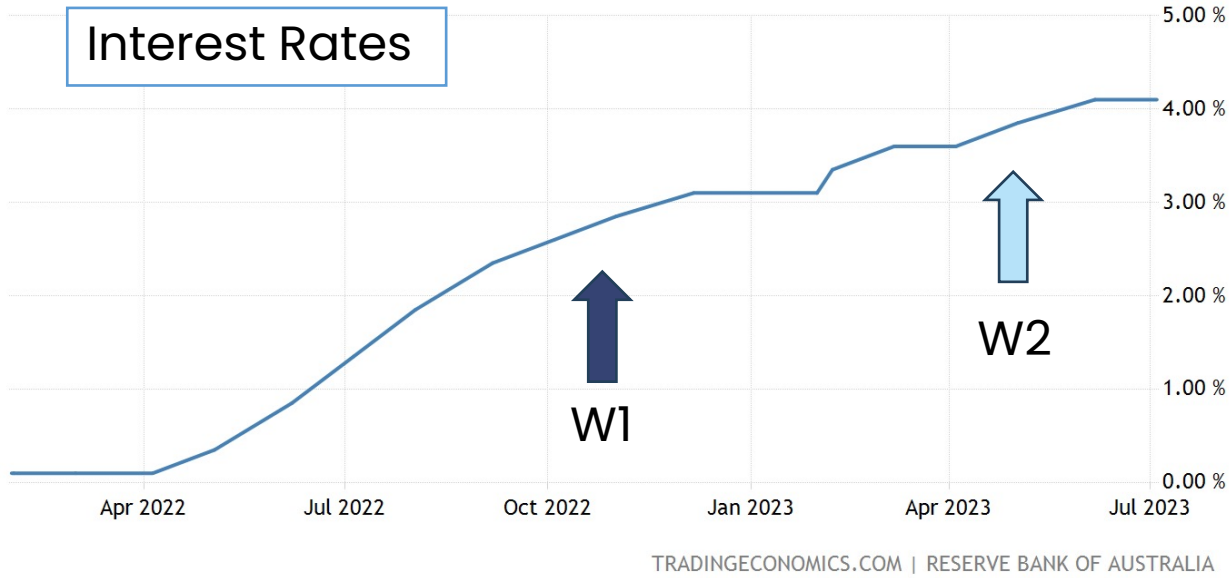


# Cost of Living and Giving

## Part II: Can we double giving?

# Cost of living

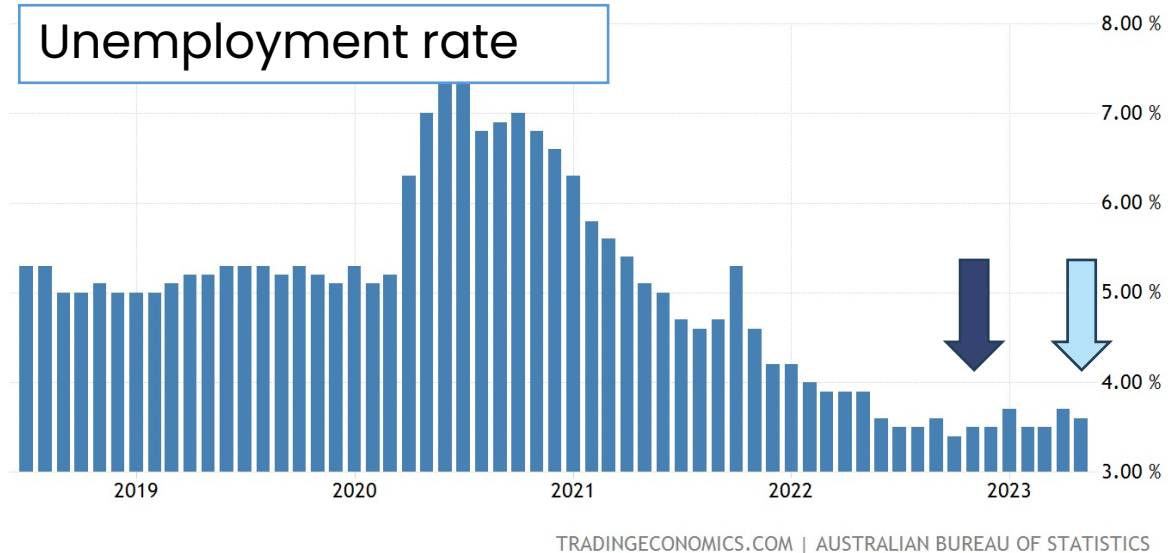
## Interest Rates



## Inflation



## Unemployment rate

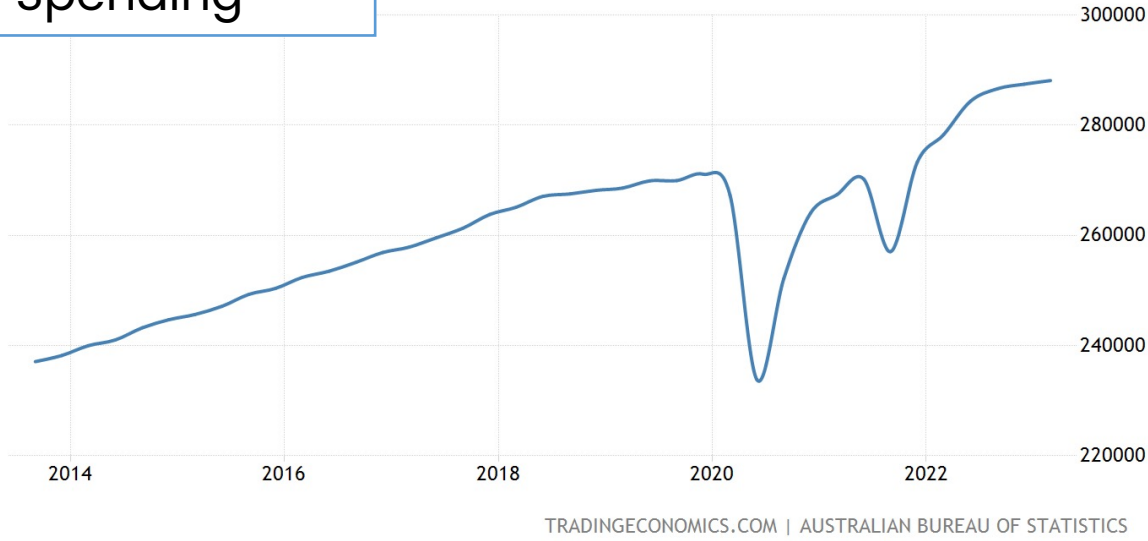


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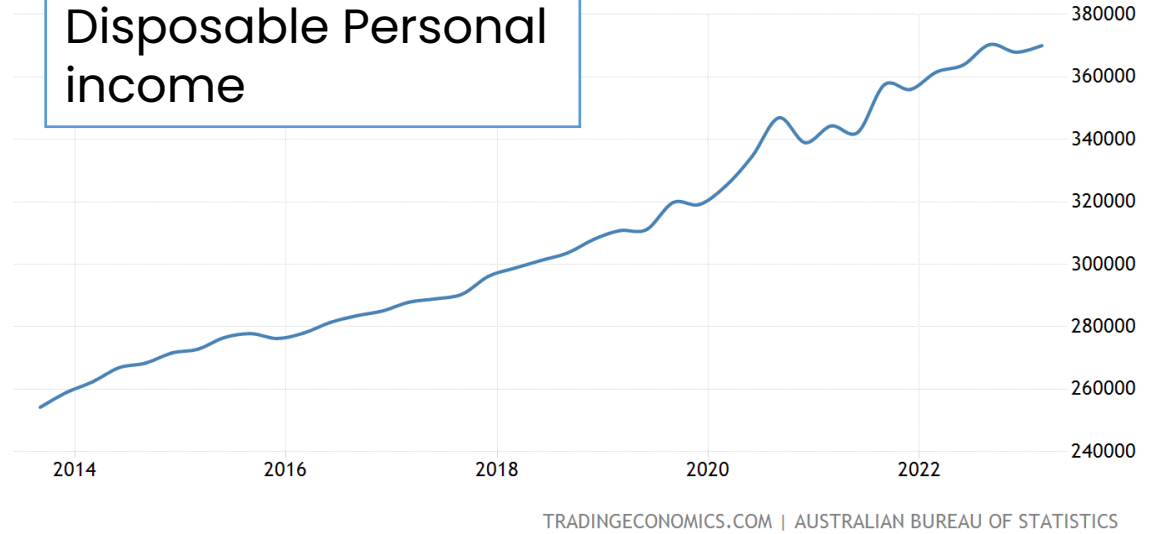


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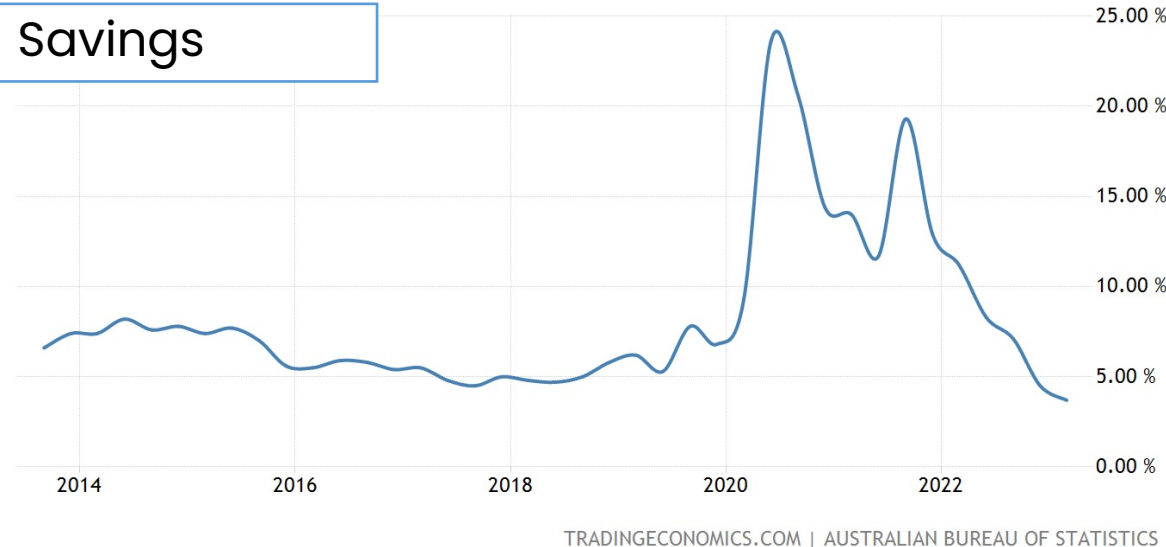
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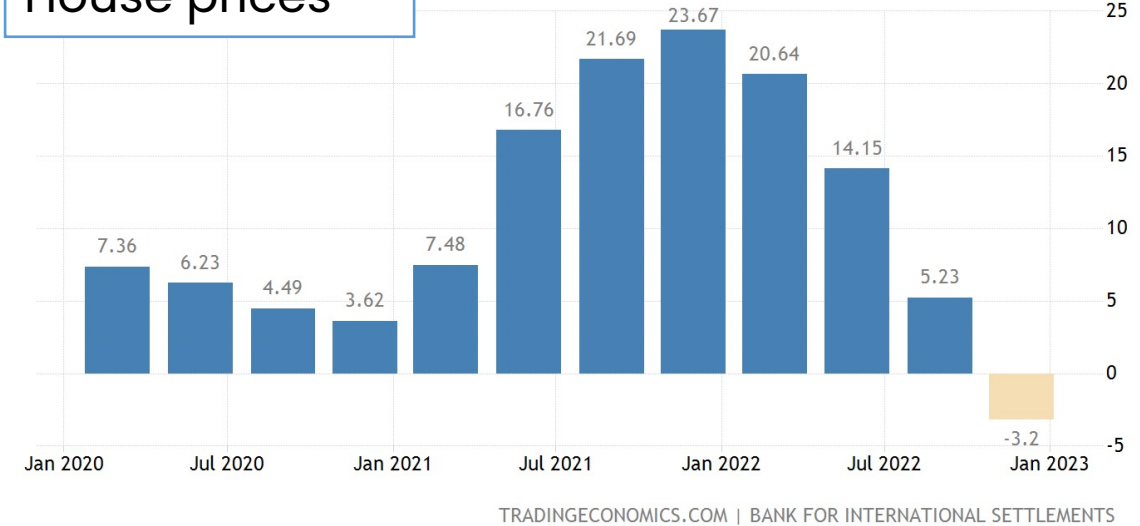
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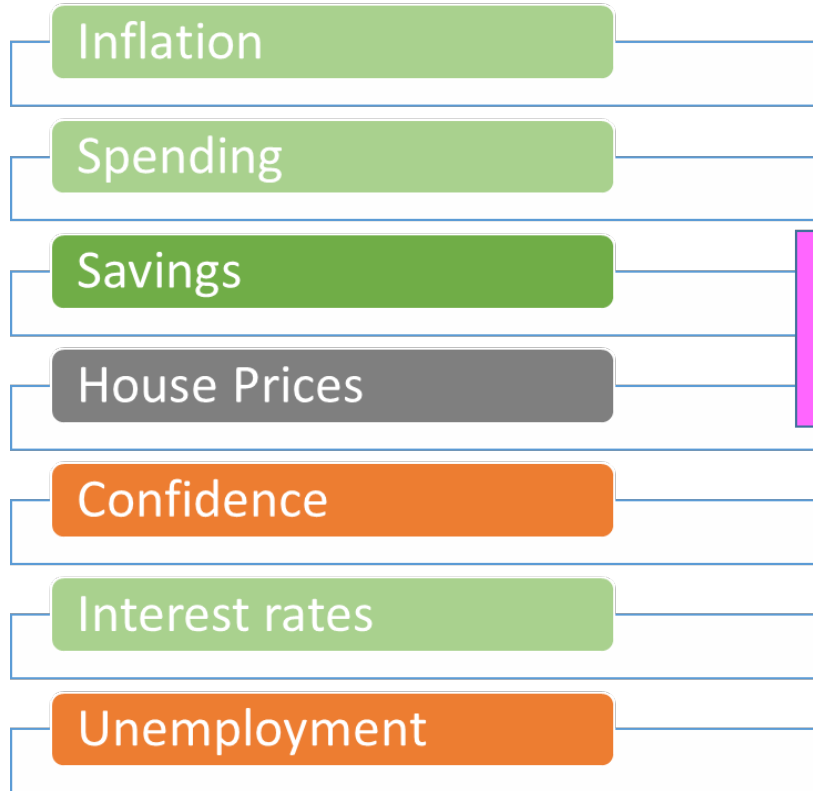
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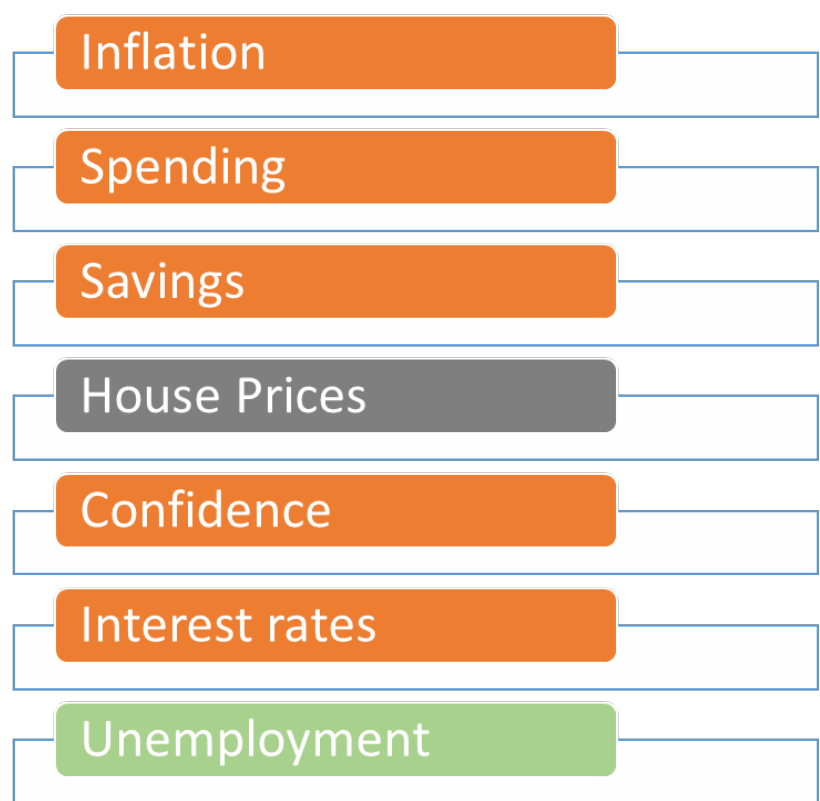


# COVID



Momentary Reprieve

# CoLIV



# Why

- **Economic uncertainty**
- **Leadership asking questions**
- **Managing expectations**
- **Preparing for the future**
- **Budgets and understanding results**
- **Adjusting strategy and tactics**
- **Influencing decision makers**

# Thank You



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# 2x by 2030



- Status and inclusivity
- Streamline
- New audiences
- New mechanisms
- New partners
- Better data
- Deeper understanding
- Optimisation
- Greater appreciation

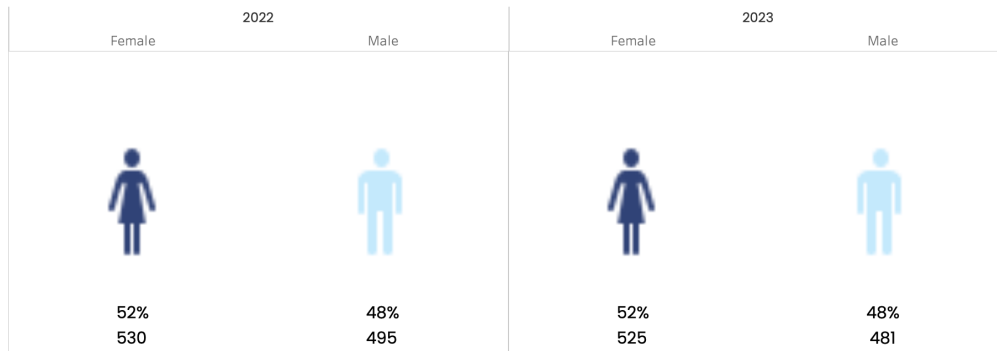
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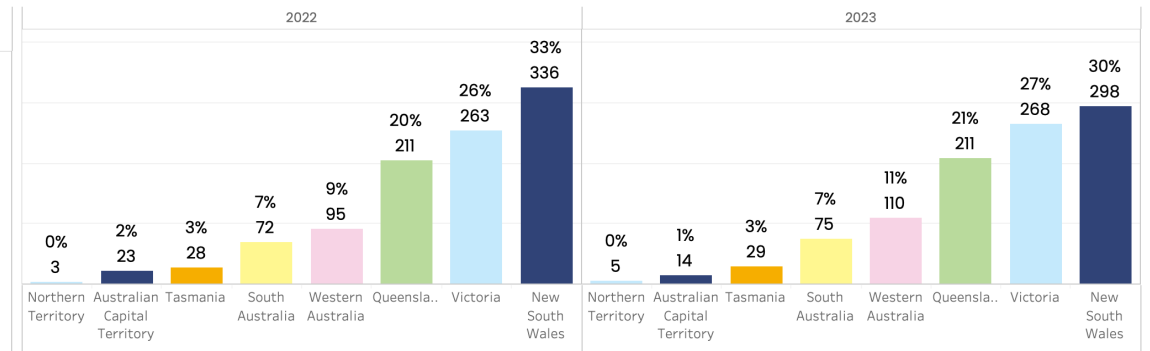


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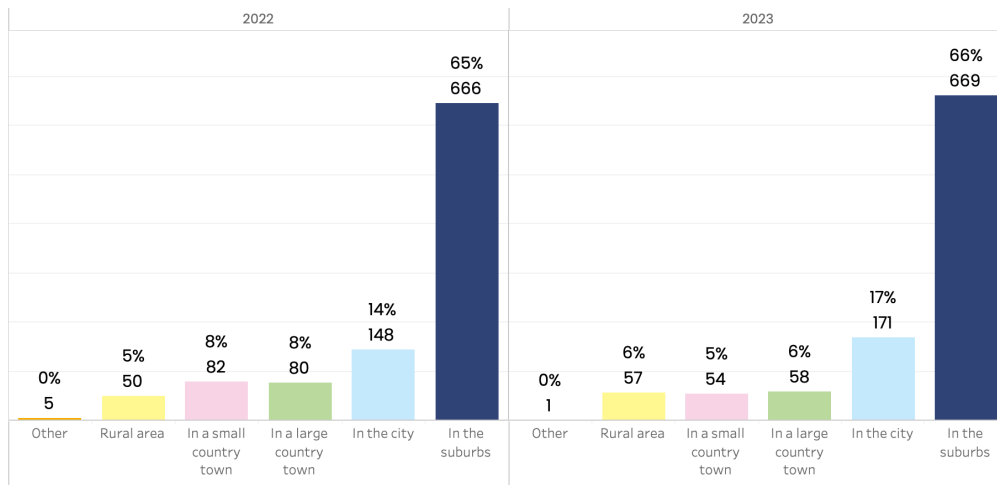
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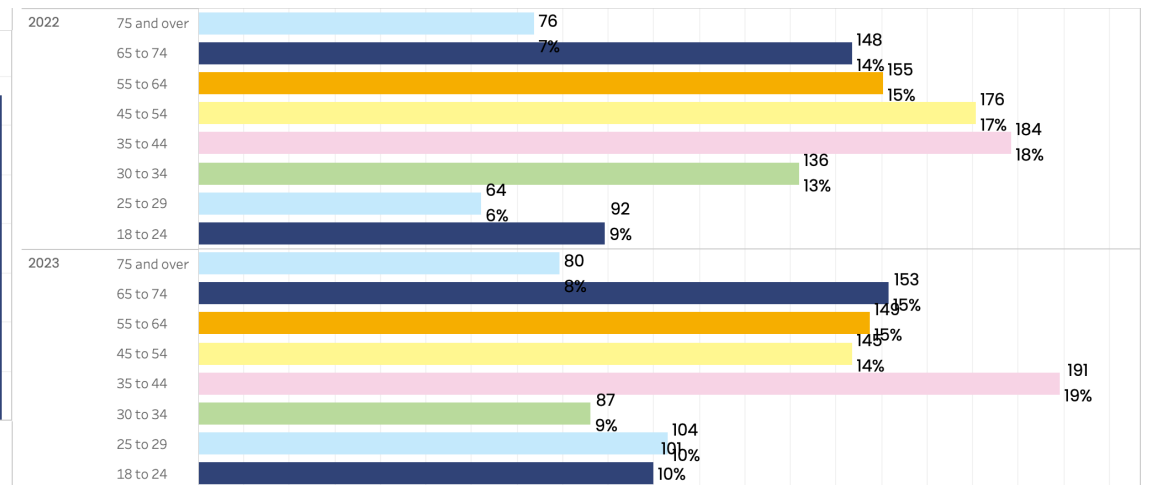
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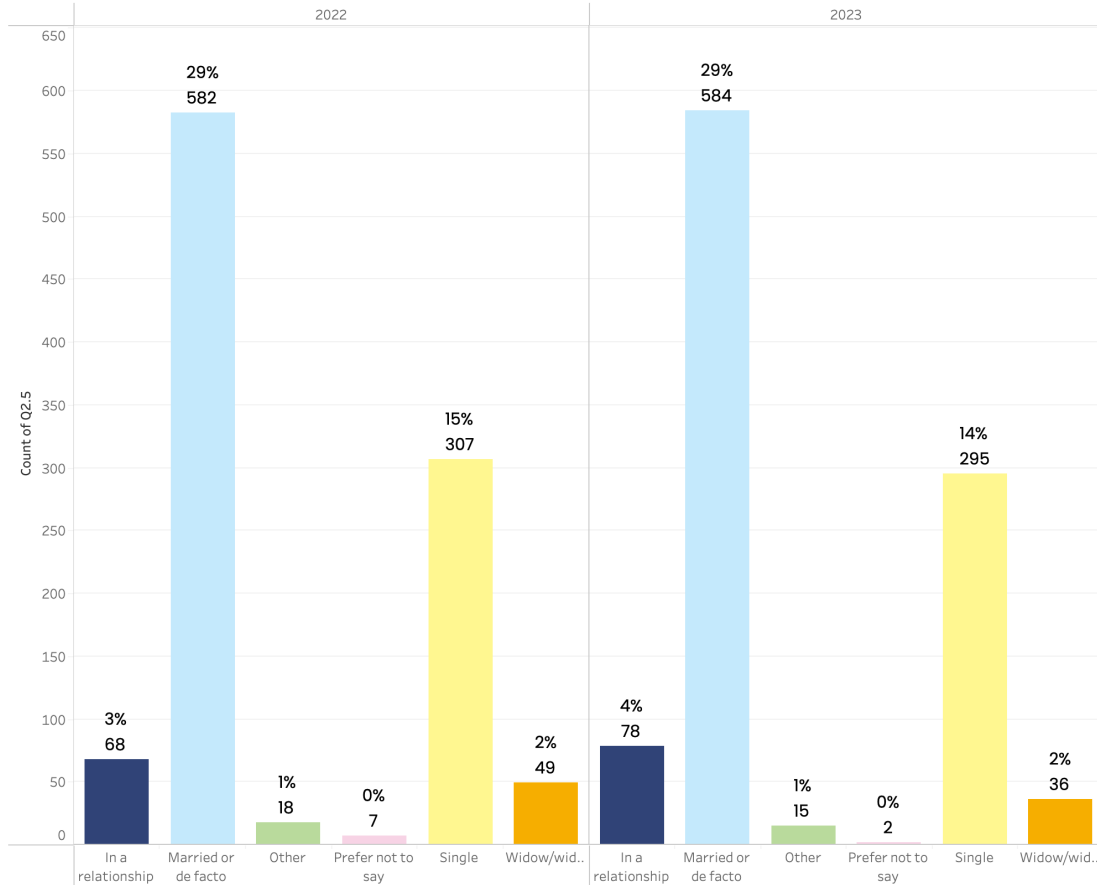


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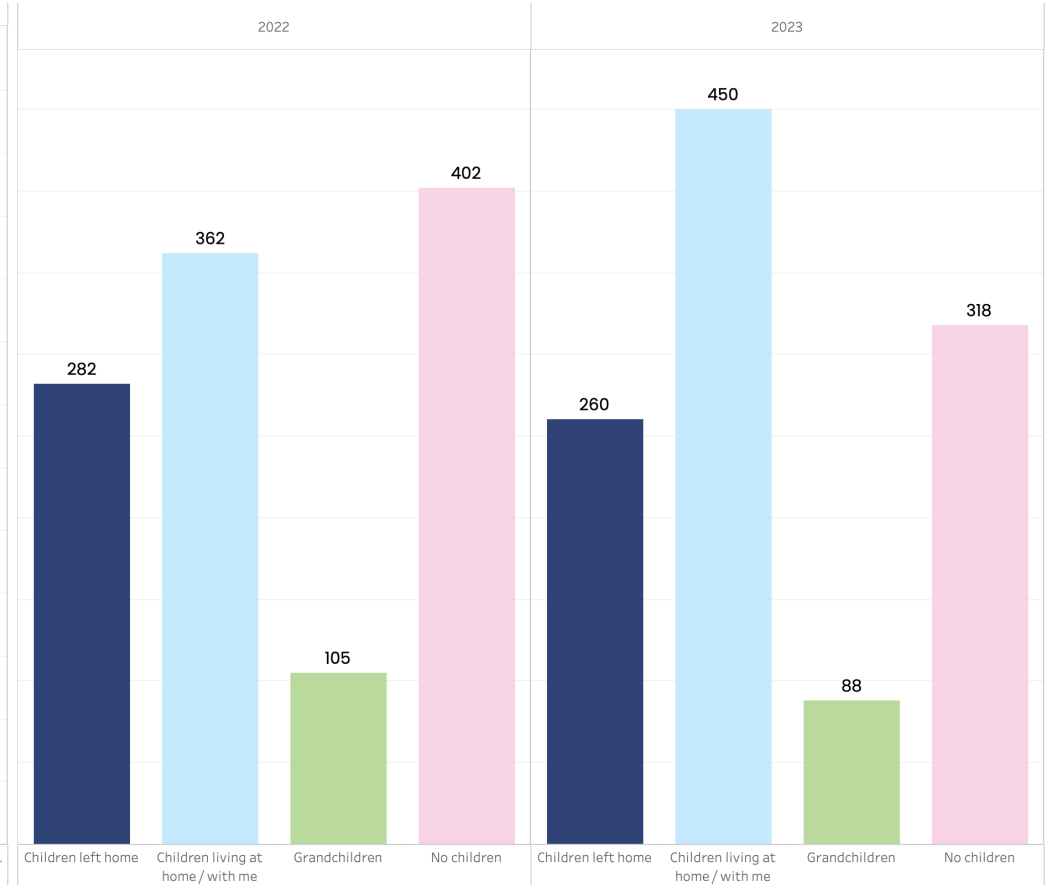


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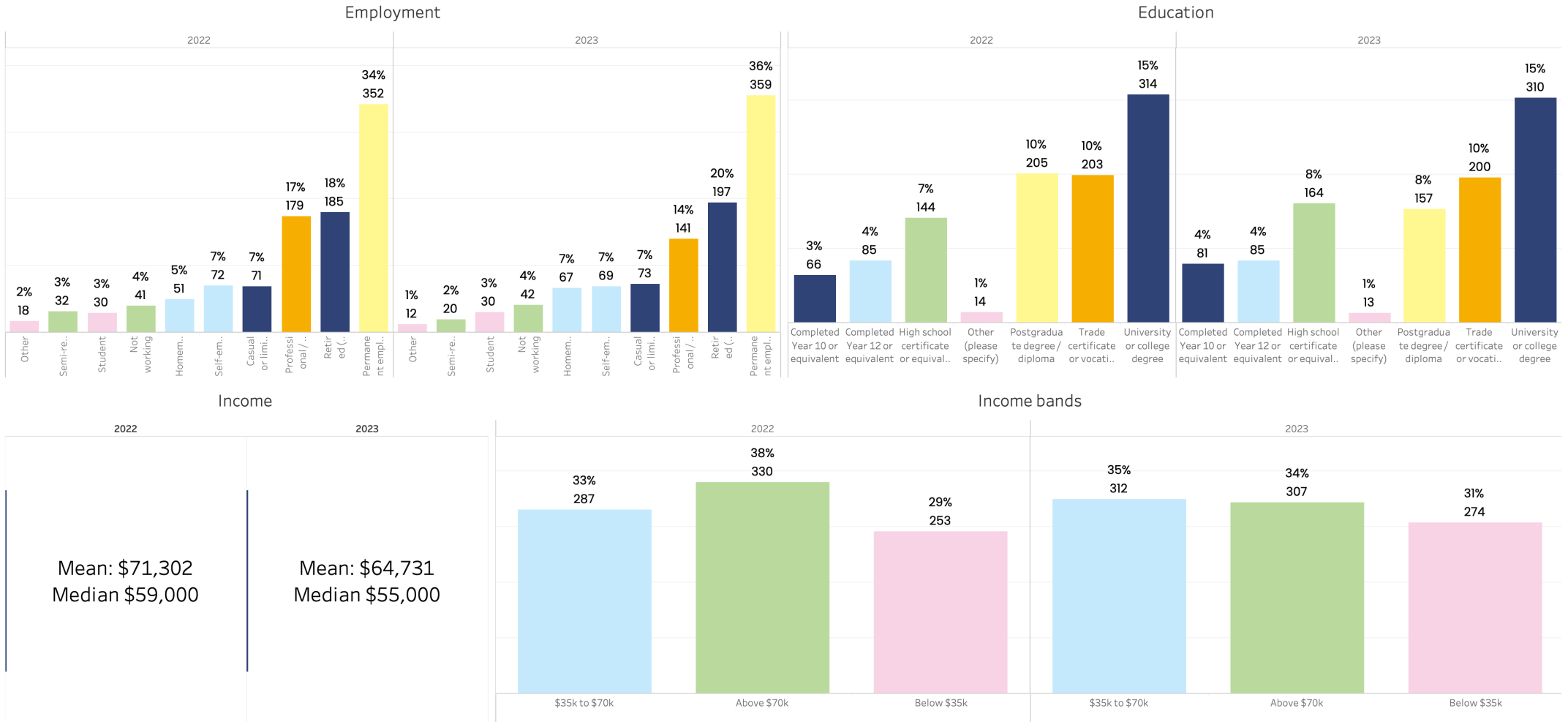


Family makeup



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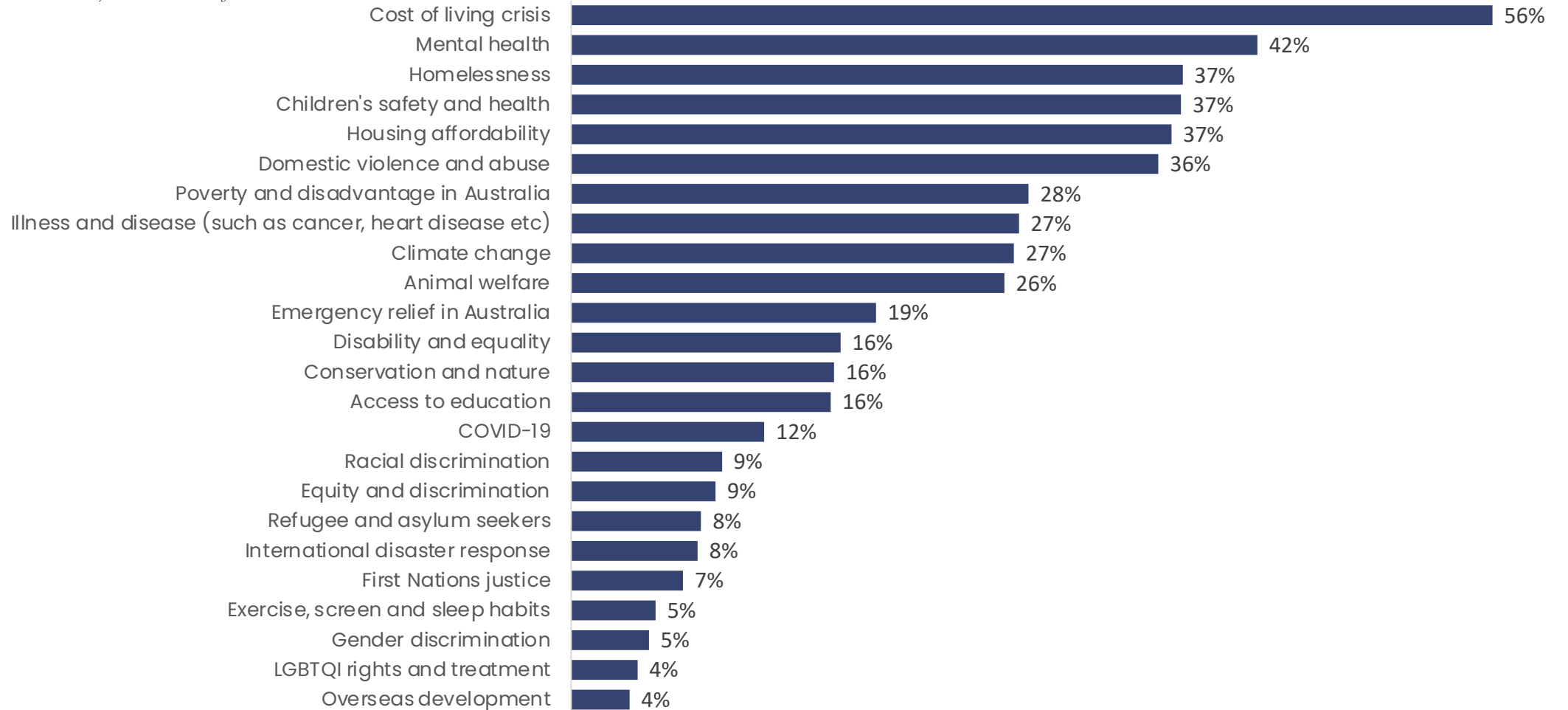
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# Cause & Issues

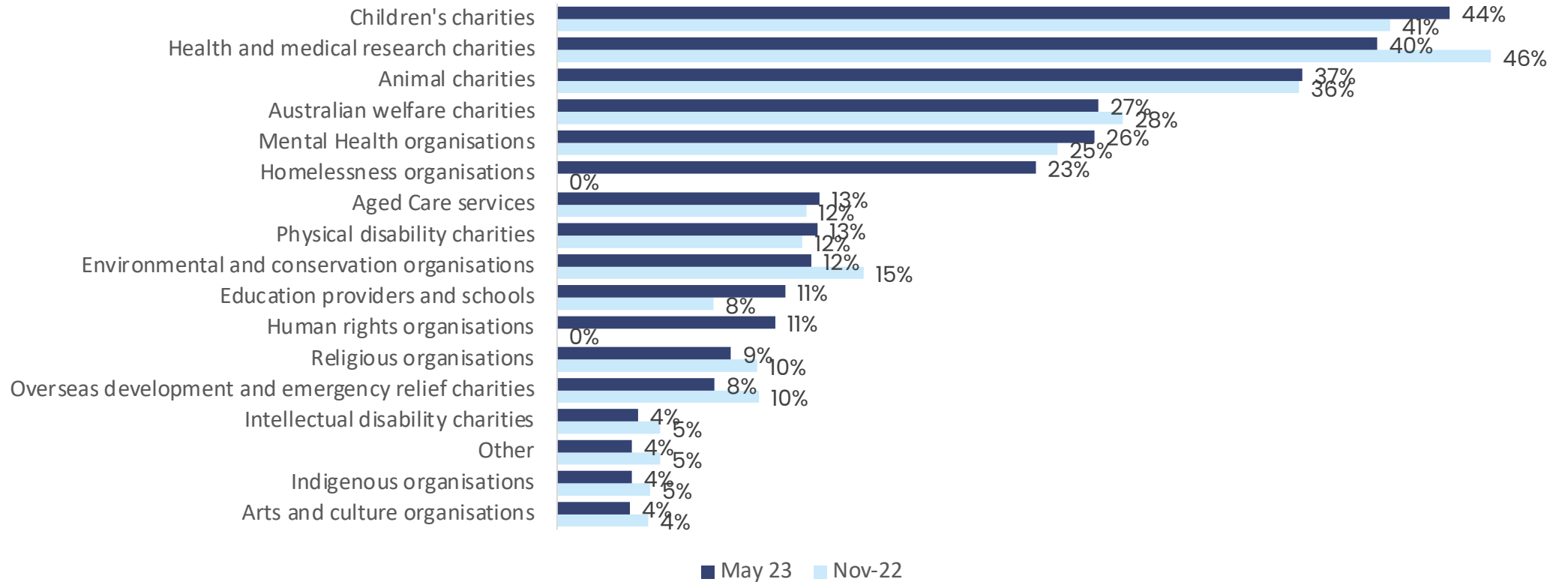
# Issues

## Ranking in Top 5



We appear to be more insular with overseas issue of very low concern. Despite the coverage of the Voice, First Nations Justice is still 20/24 issues.

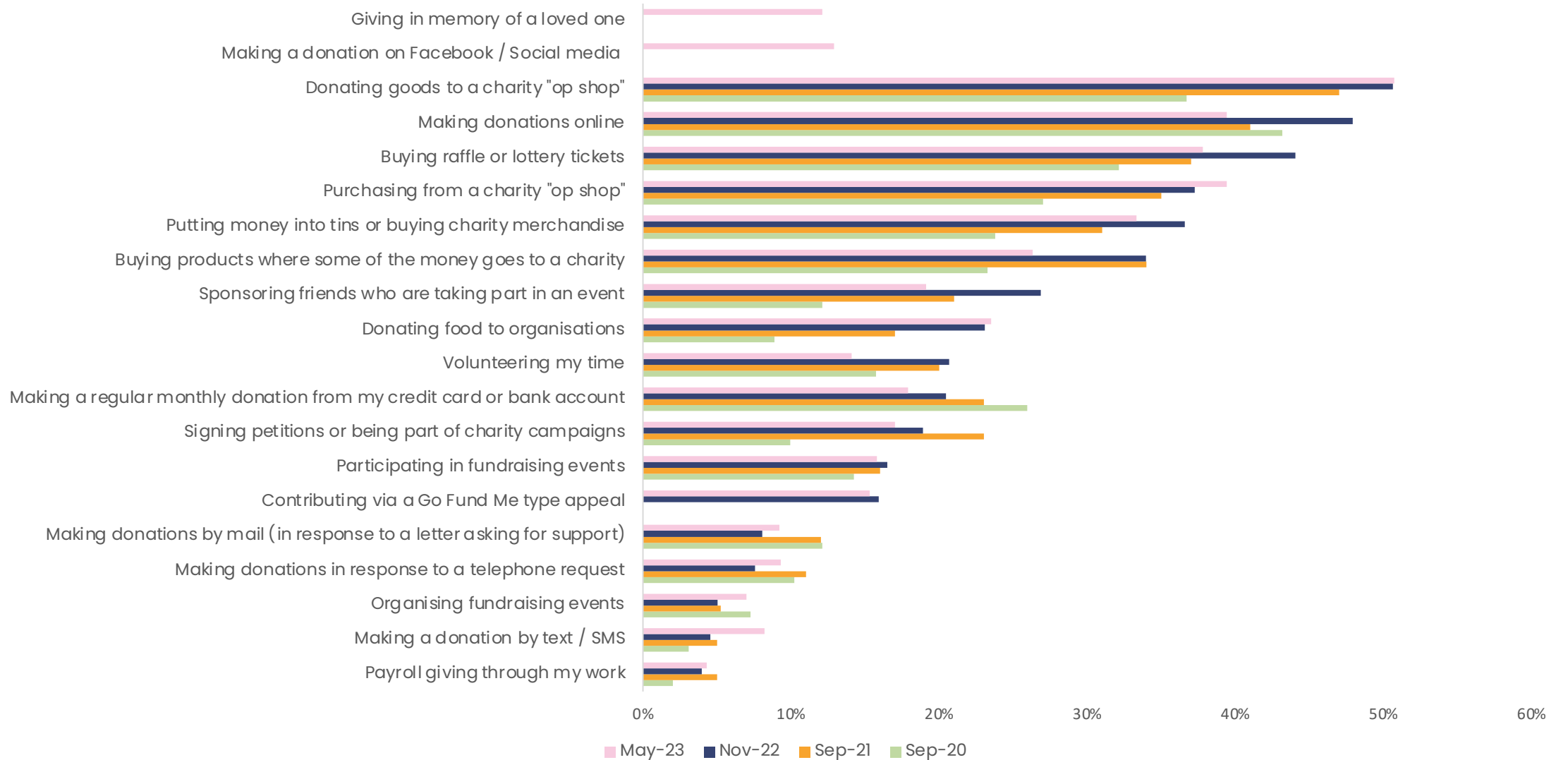
## Q8.3 – Which sorts of organisations do you most like to support with donations? Please select up to 3 that you most frequently support.



The order of priority of cause areas supported remained the similar but medical research has dropped a little post COVID. Note homelessness and human rights were added in May 2023. This somewhat impacts other scores

# The Past

# Ways of giving: 4-year trend data





# Giving: Significant shifts

## NEW

1. Making a donation on Facebook / Social Media **13%**
2. Giving in memory of a loved one **12%**

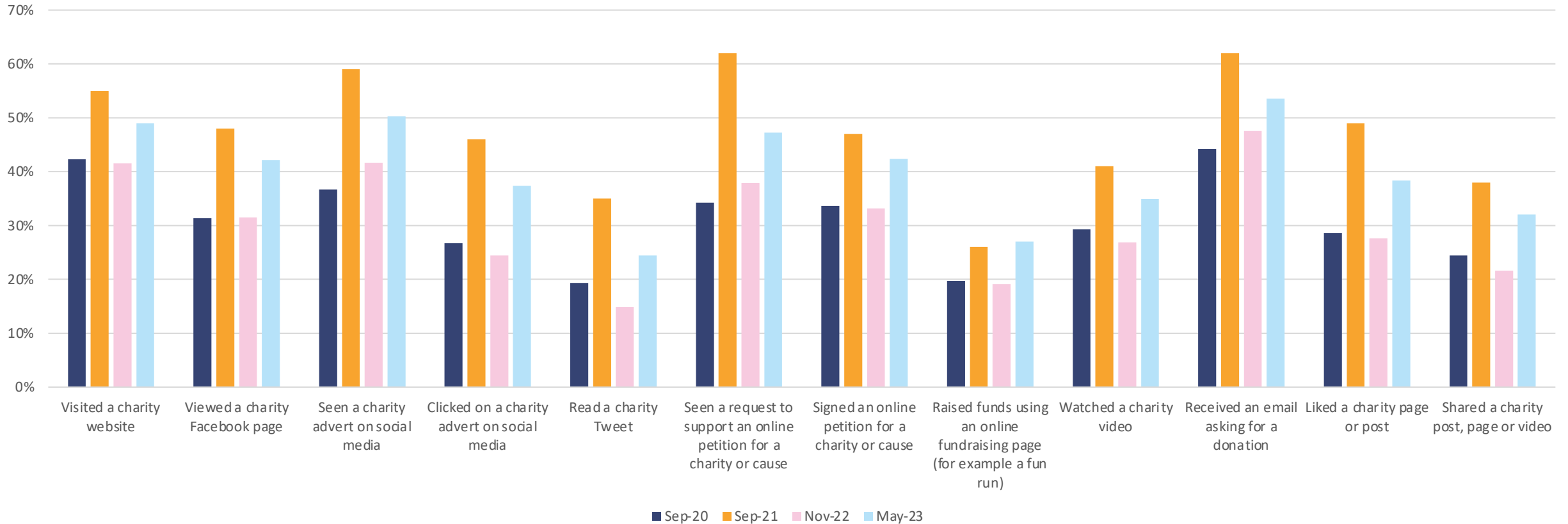
## UP

1. Making a donation by text/SMS – Up from **5% to 8%**

## DOWN (BUT NORMALISING!)

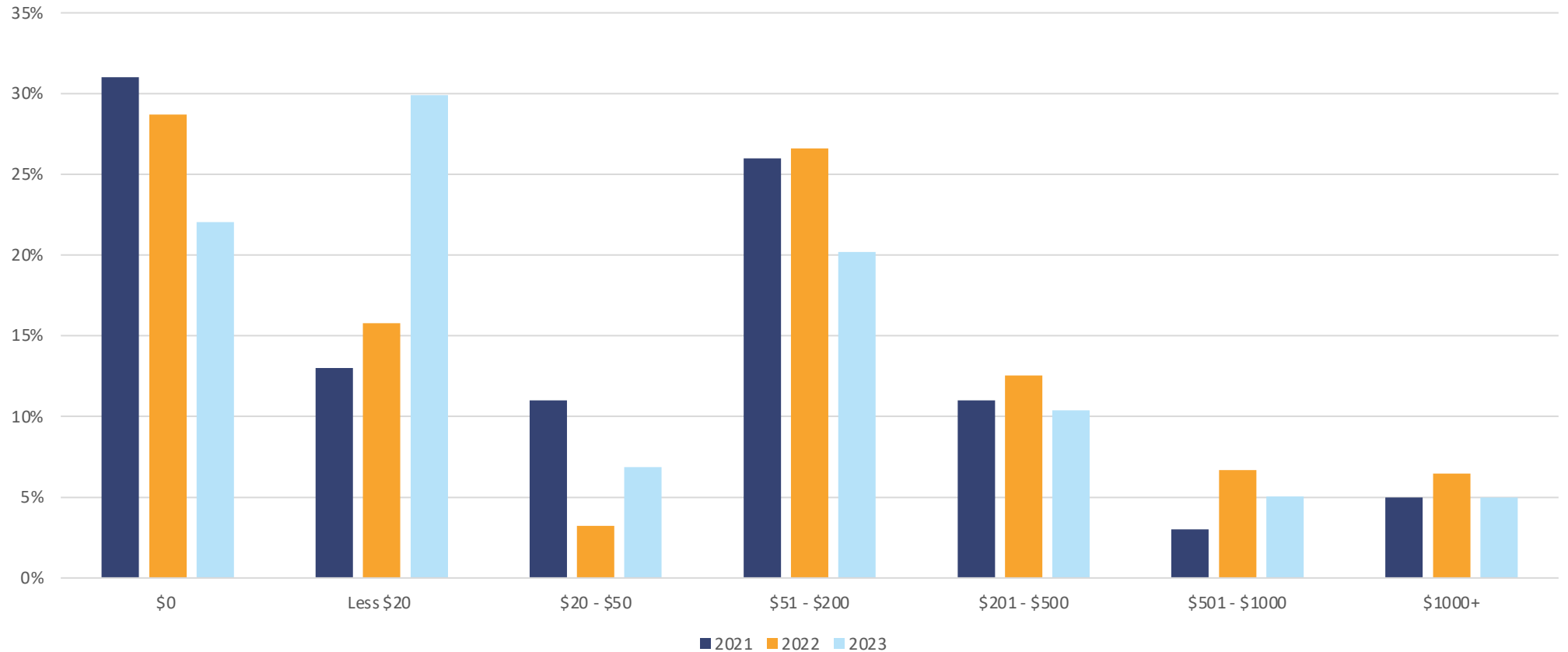
1. Making donations online **48% to 39%**
2. Buying raffle or lottery **44% to 38%**
3. Sponsoring friends who are taking part in an event **27% to 19%**
4. Volunteering my time **21% to 14%**
5. Buying products where some of the money goes to charity **34% to 26%**

Done in past 3 months



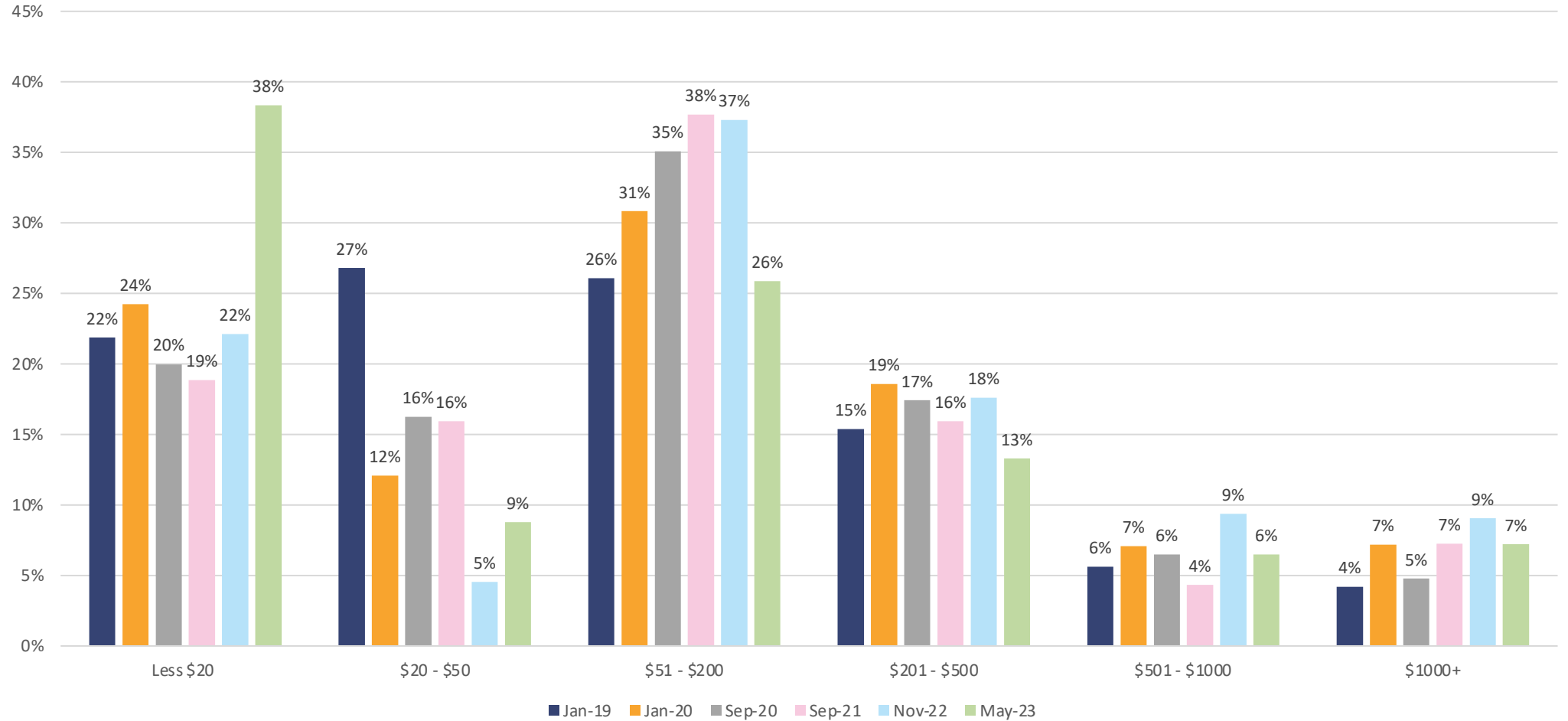
There's been a rebound in digital activity although not as high as the peak in Sept 2021.

# Donation behaviour: 3yrs



There was a significant increase in people screened out for donations of under \$20 up to 52% from 44%.

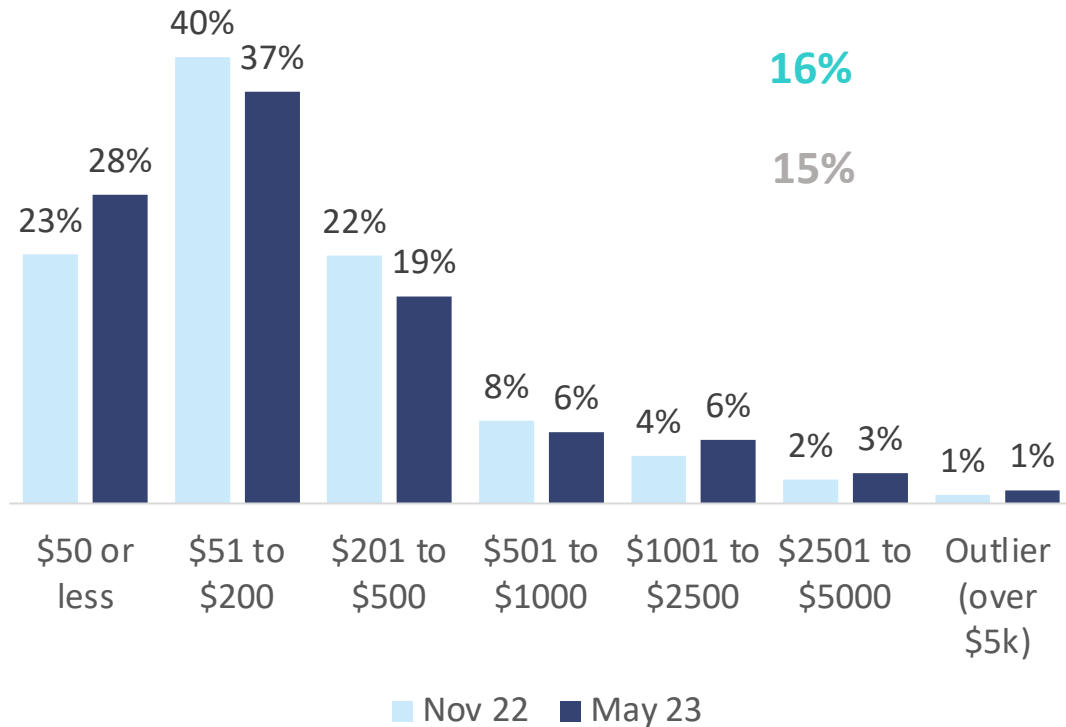
# Donation behaviour: 5yrs



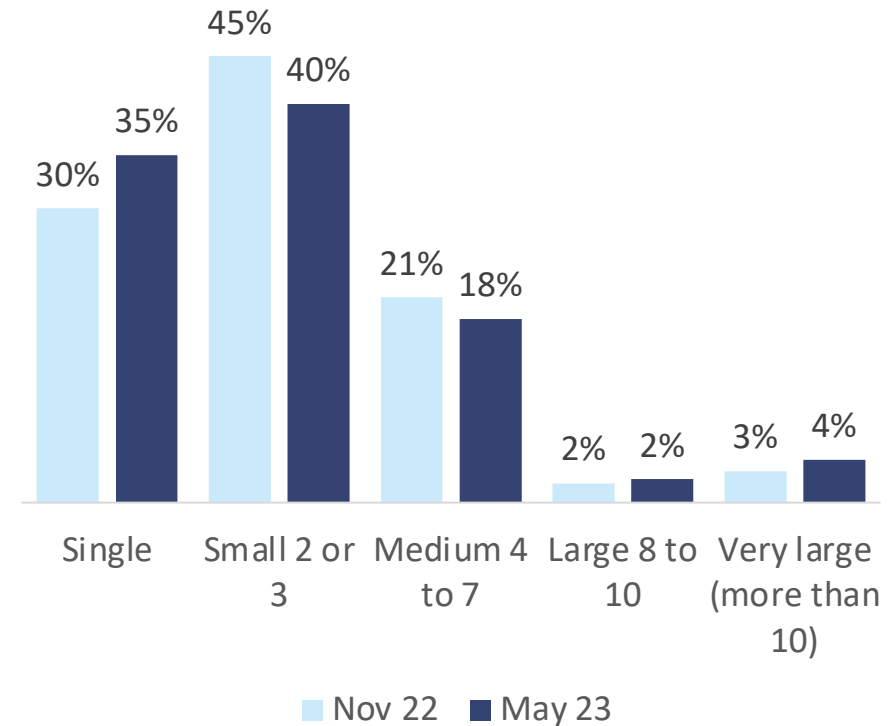
This is the highest recording of donations under \$20 across 5 years of studies.

# Stated behaviour (embedded data fields)

Estimated Giving



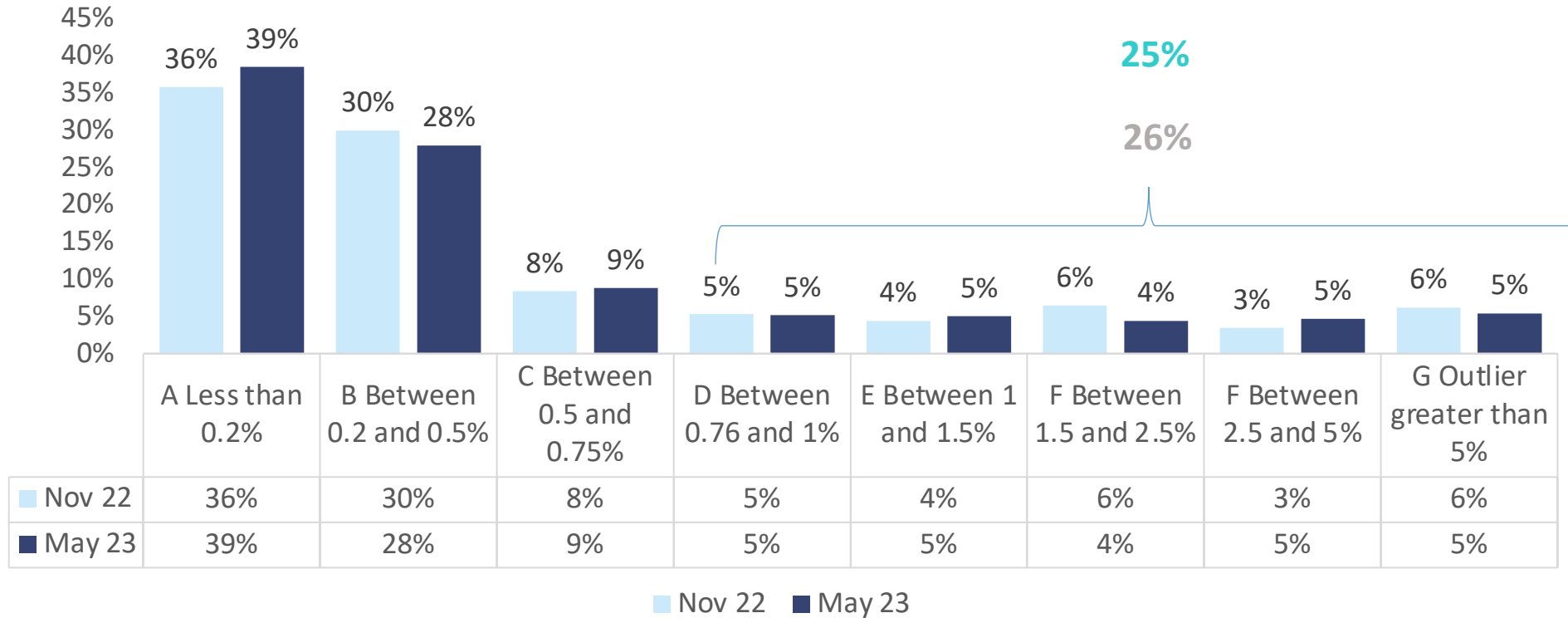
Portfolio Size



Really very little change in claimed giving by value or number of charities

# Proportionate giving

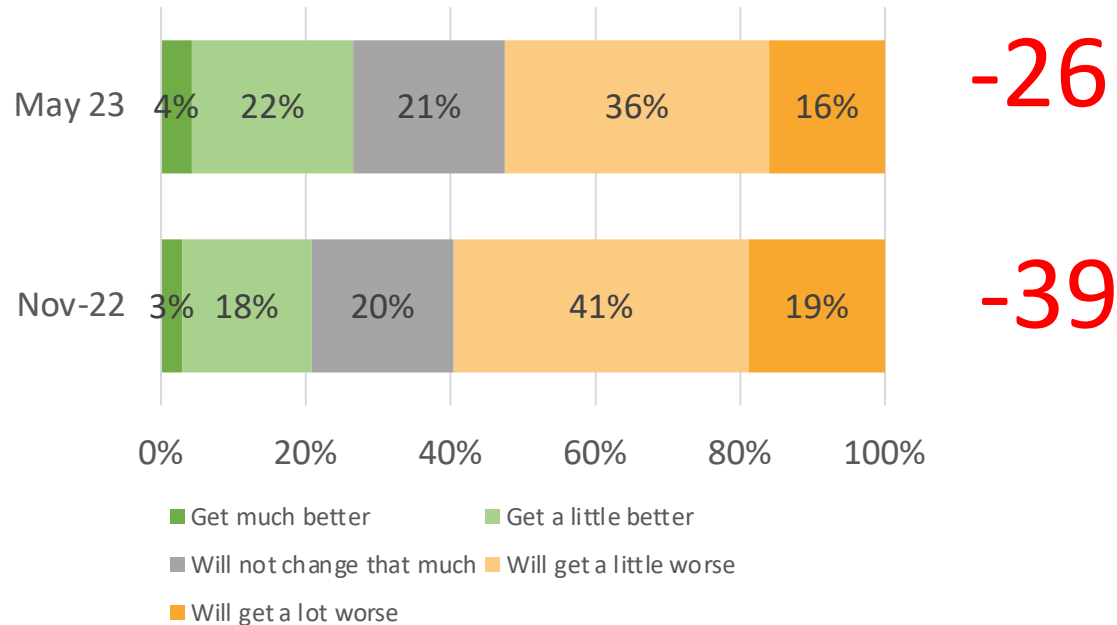
Donation Percentage of Income



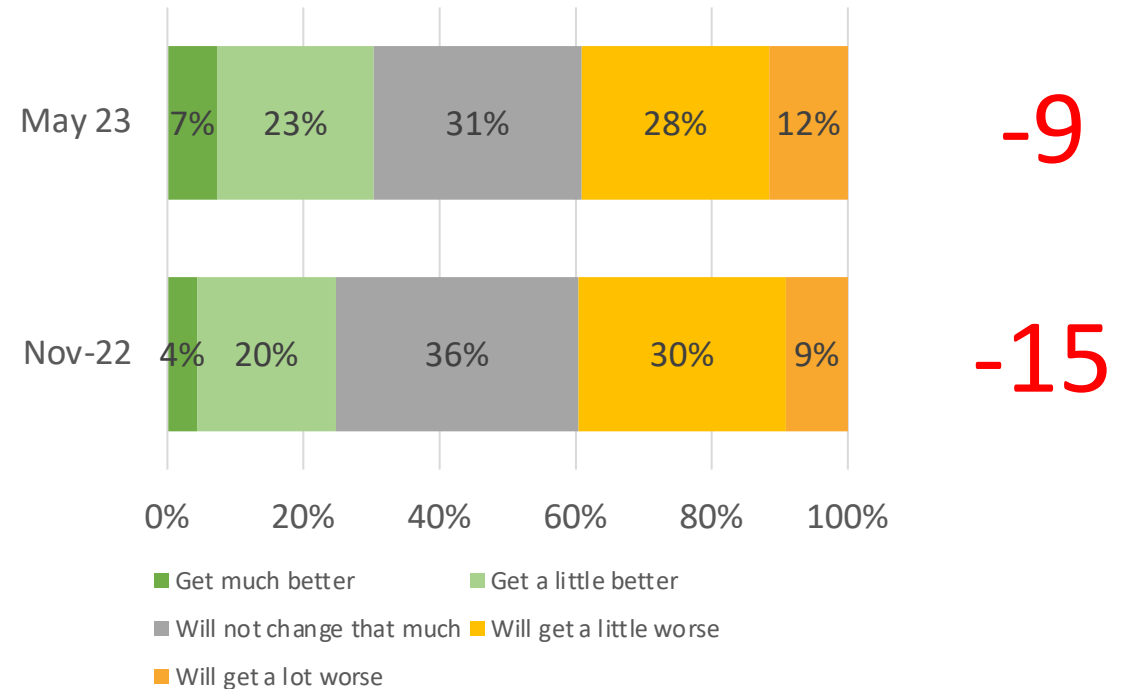
Really very little change in the proportion of income given

# The Future

Q3.1 - Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole, how do you think the economy will fare in the next 12 months?



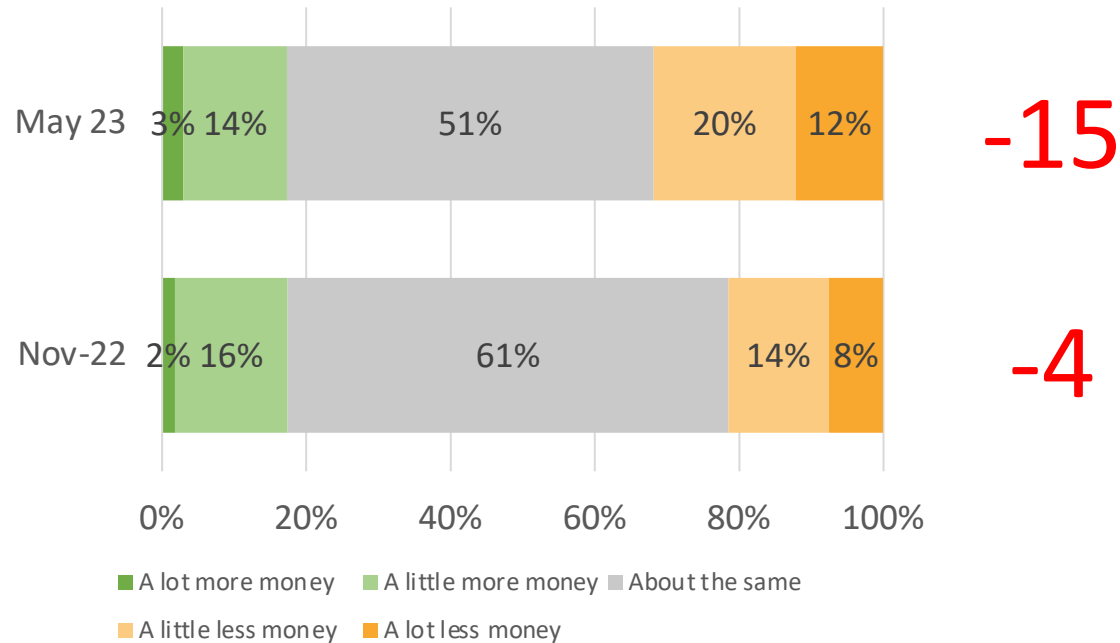
Q3.2 - How do you think your financial situation may change in the next 12 months?



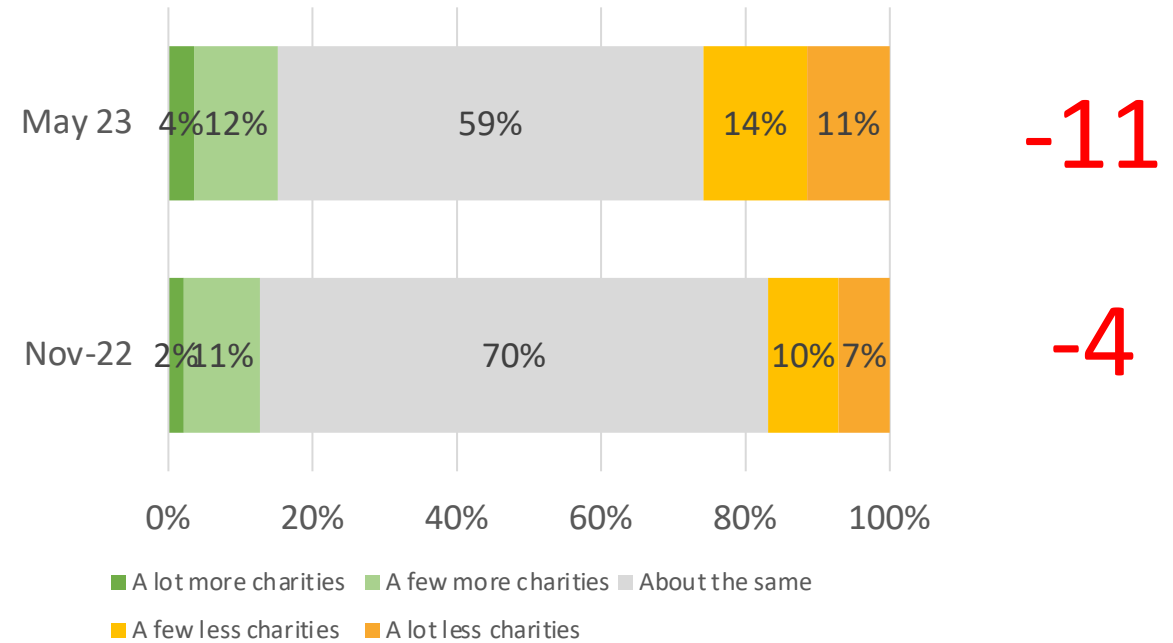
People think the overall economic outlook is much worse than their own personal financial situation. But more people think their own situation will get worse than better. Both have improved since November



Q3.4 - Thinking about your charitable giving in the next year. Do you expect to give more or less money than the year before?



Q3.5 - Thinking about your charitable giving in the next year. Do you expect to give to more or less charities than the year before?

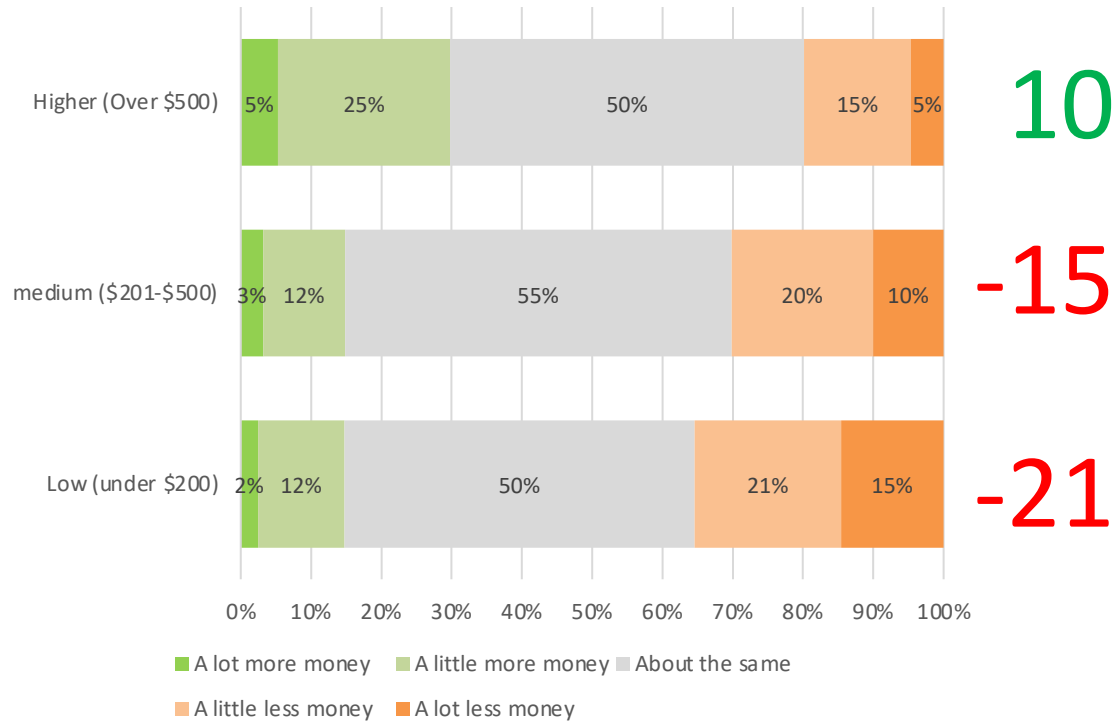


The majority expect to give the same amount to the same number of organisations. A greater proportion expect to give less than give more and this has worsened since November with people moving from the same to less (up from 22% to 32%)

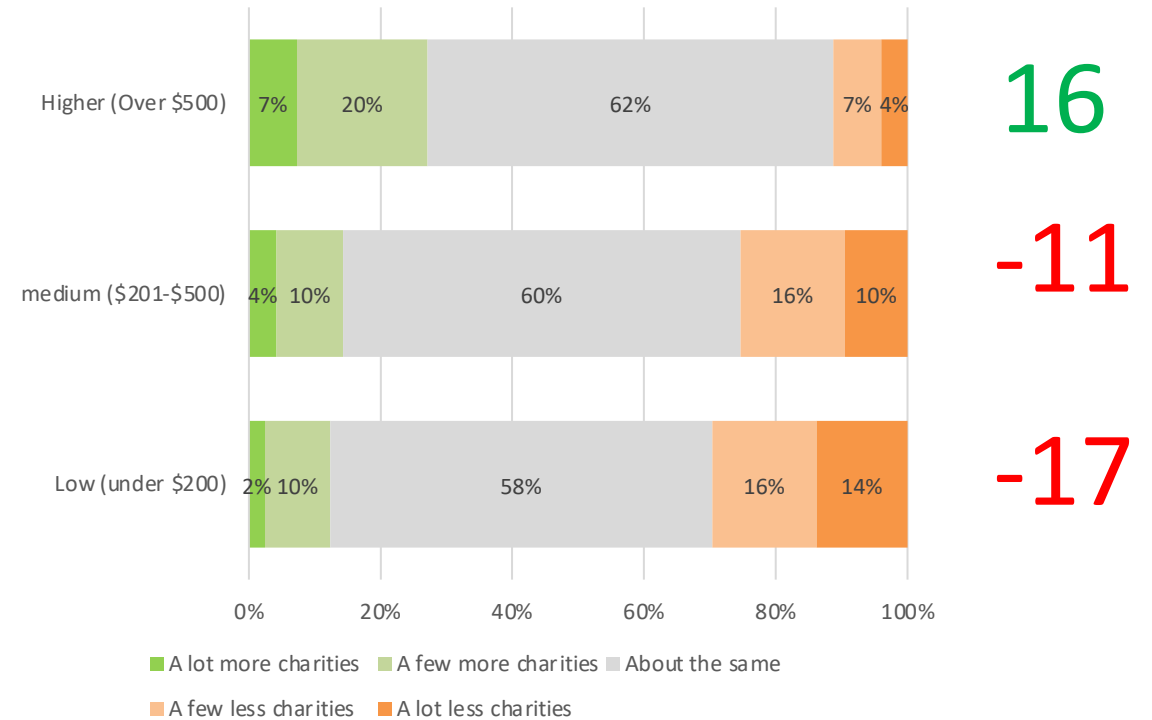
# Giving Intention by Value

W1=1,031  
W2=1010

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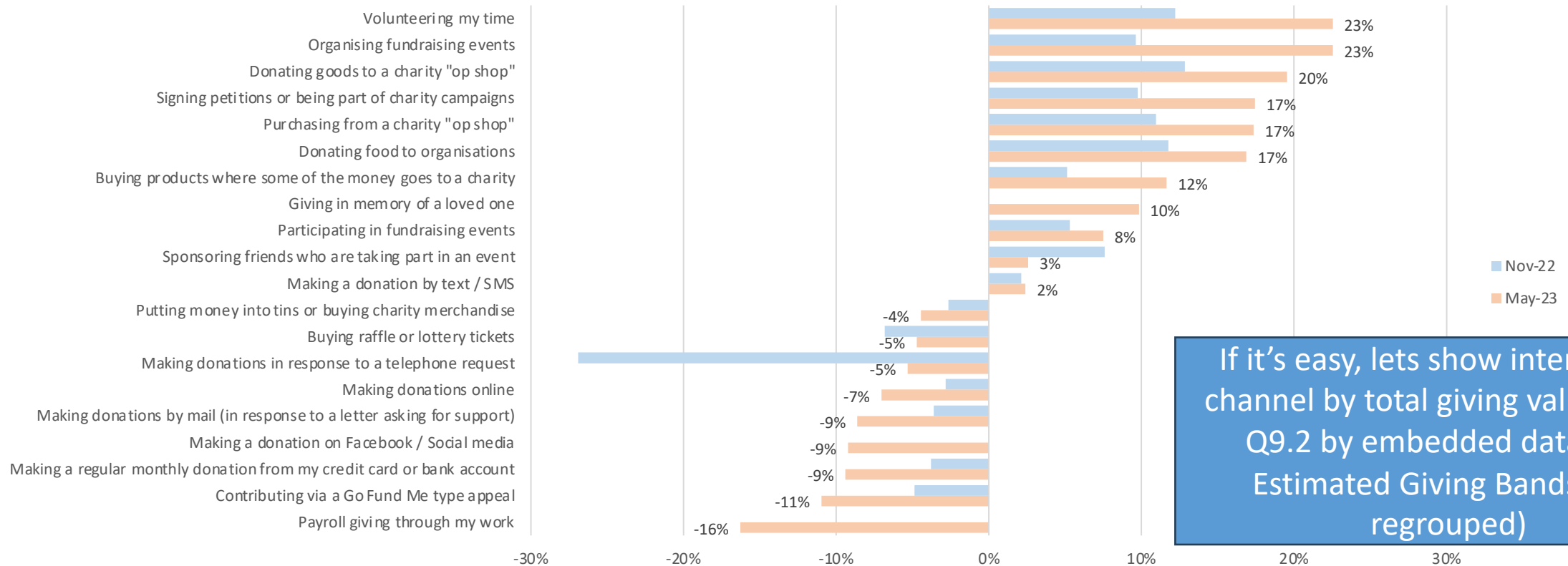
Q3.5: Thinking about your charitable giving in the next year. Do you expect to give to more or less charities than the year before?



Those giving over \$500 have a much greater and indeed increased likelihood to give. This has improved from -7 to +10 since November 2022

# Net change in intention

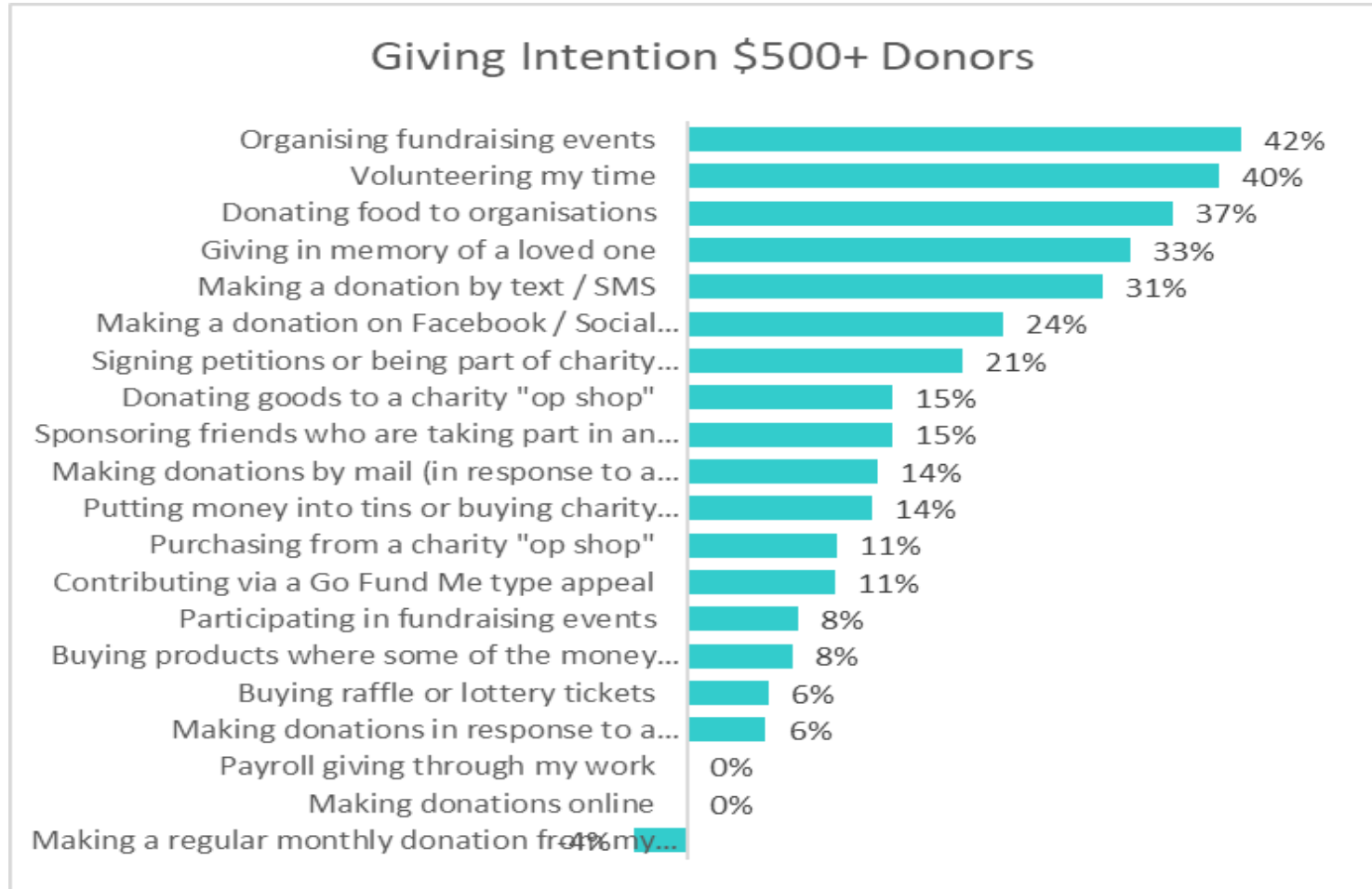
Q9.2 - Do you expect to give more, less or about the same amount through each of the different ways you support charities in the next year?



If it's easy, let's show intention by channel by total giving value bands Q9.2 by embedded data field Estimated Giving Bands (but regrouped)

**Greater volatility in 2023, with even more emphasis on doing the "free" things and being more likely to cut back on the higher value, more committed actions**

# Net change in intention

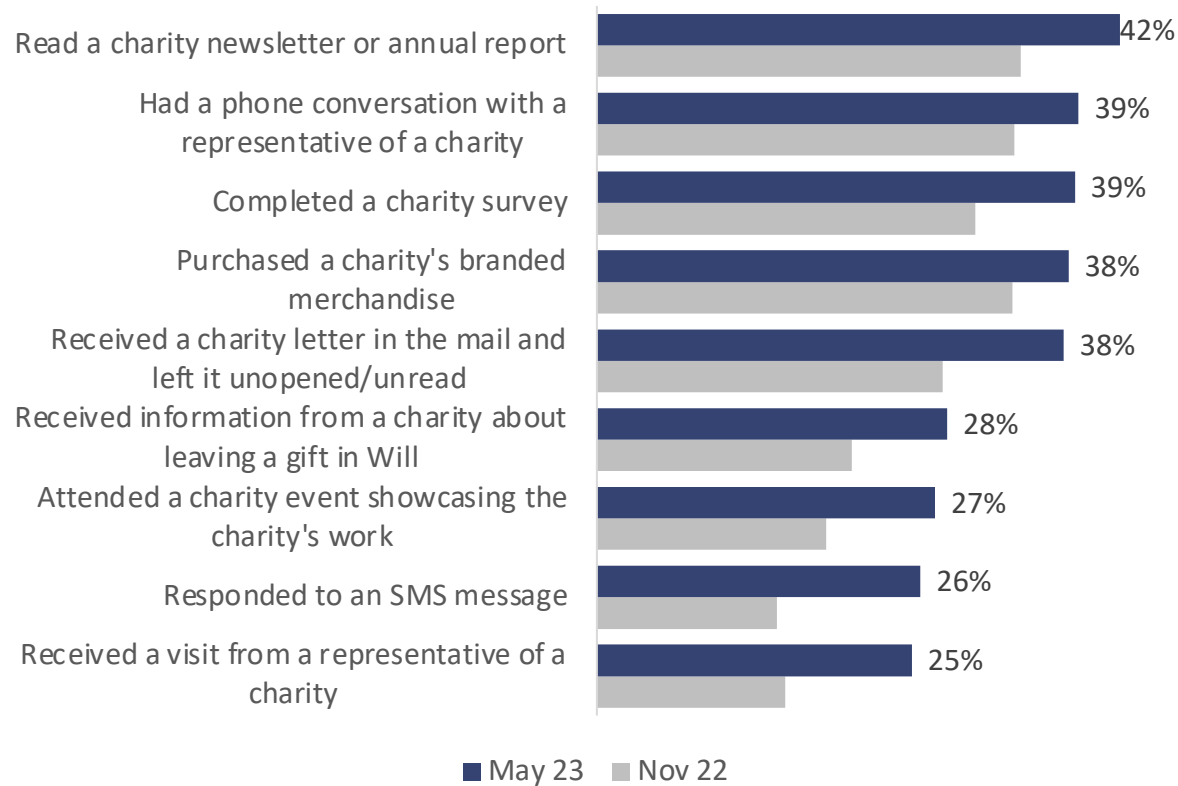


**When we filter by value, we see a much more positive outlook**

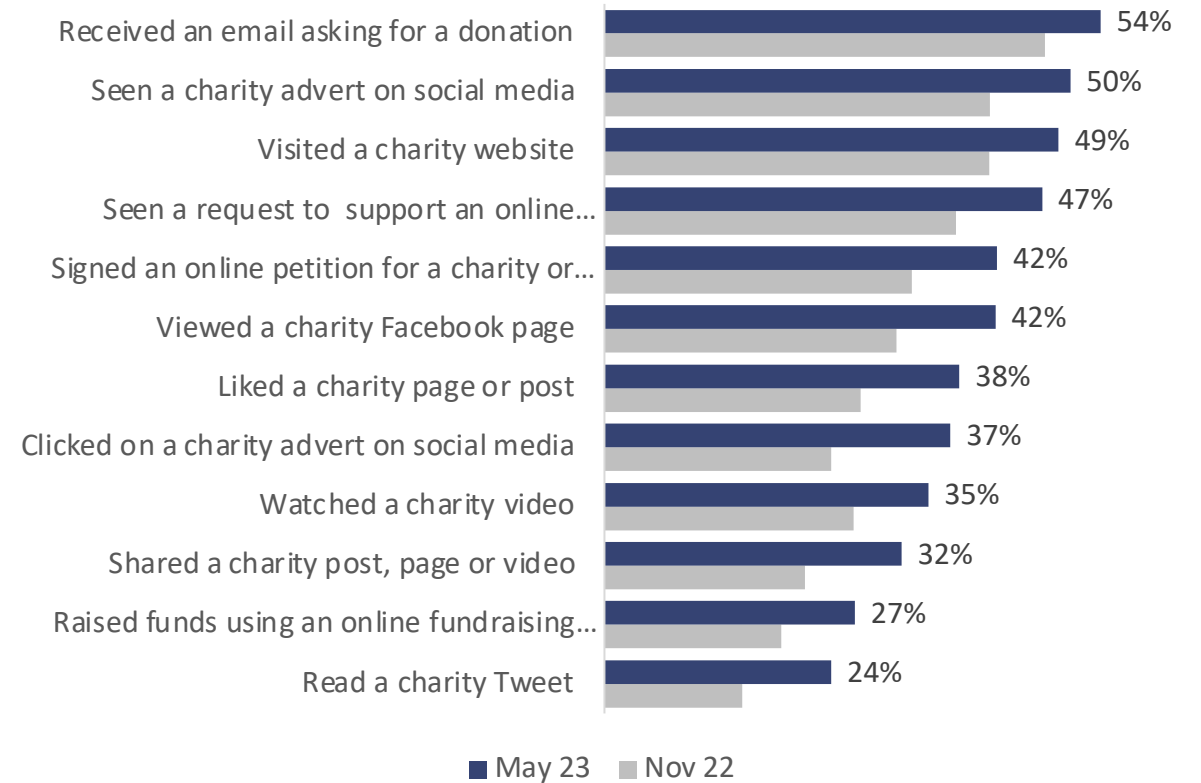
# Engagement

# Charitable engagement

Q16.2 - Thinking about your interactions with charities, in the past 3 months have you..... (please tick all that apply)



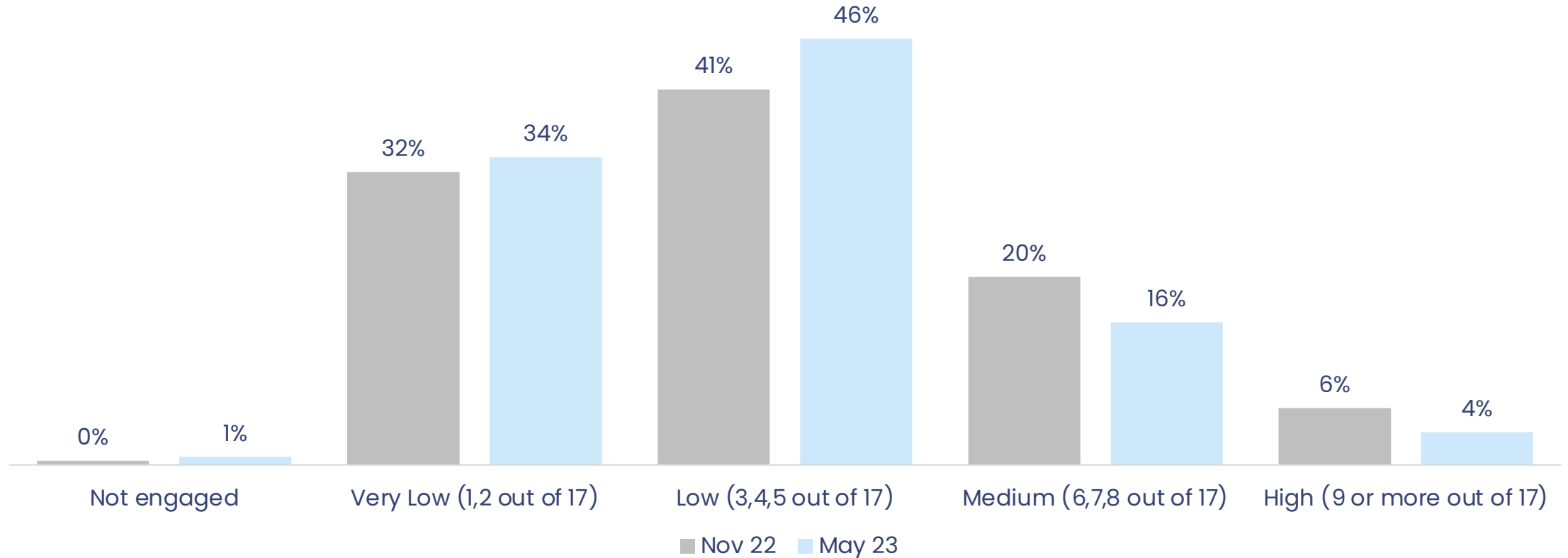
Q16.3 - Thinking about your digital or online behaviour, in the past 3 months have you..... (please tick all that apply)



**Perhaps a seasonal "tax time" issue but across both digital and other channels there is increased exposure to everything! As we have seen though this did not translate into higher levels of giving**

# Charitable engagement

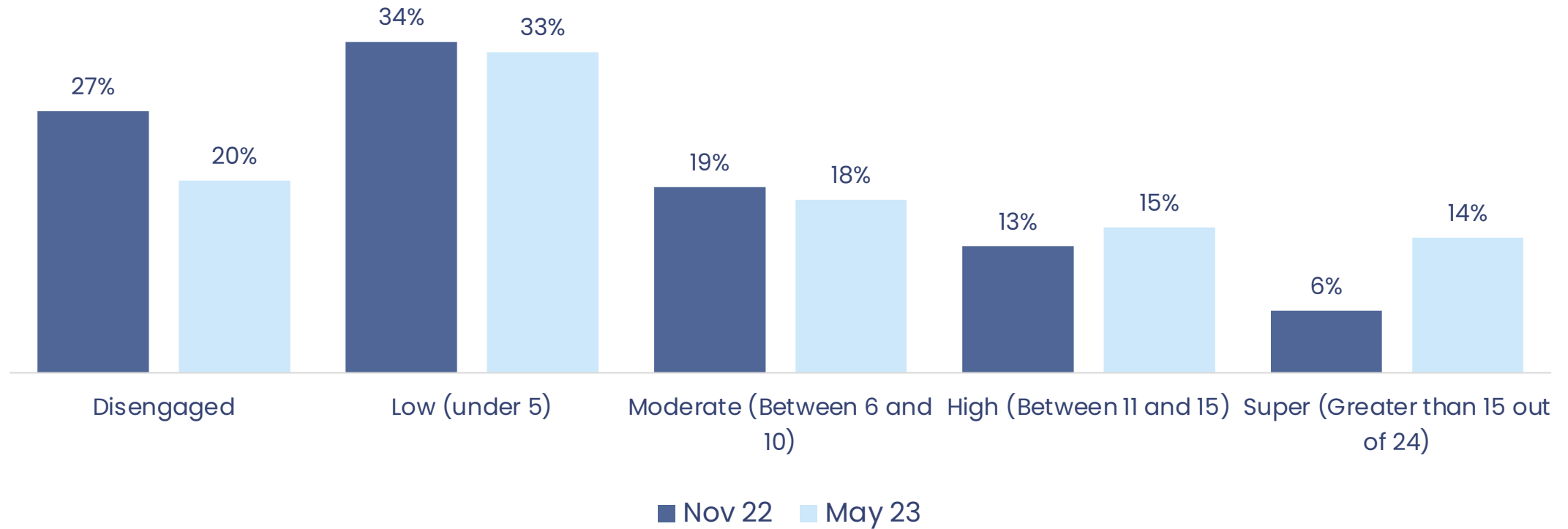
Charitable engagement



The number of ways people have supported has decreased slightly (so a smaller number must be doing more things)

# Digital exposure

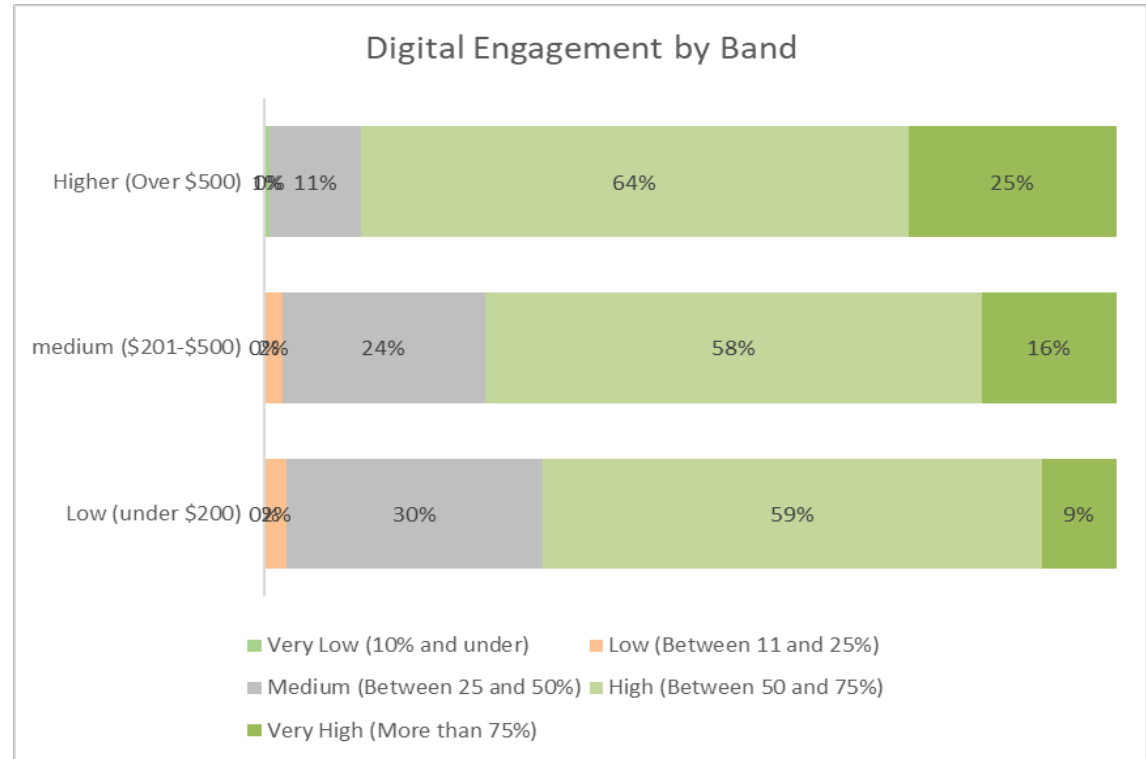
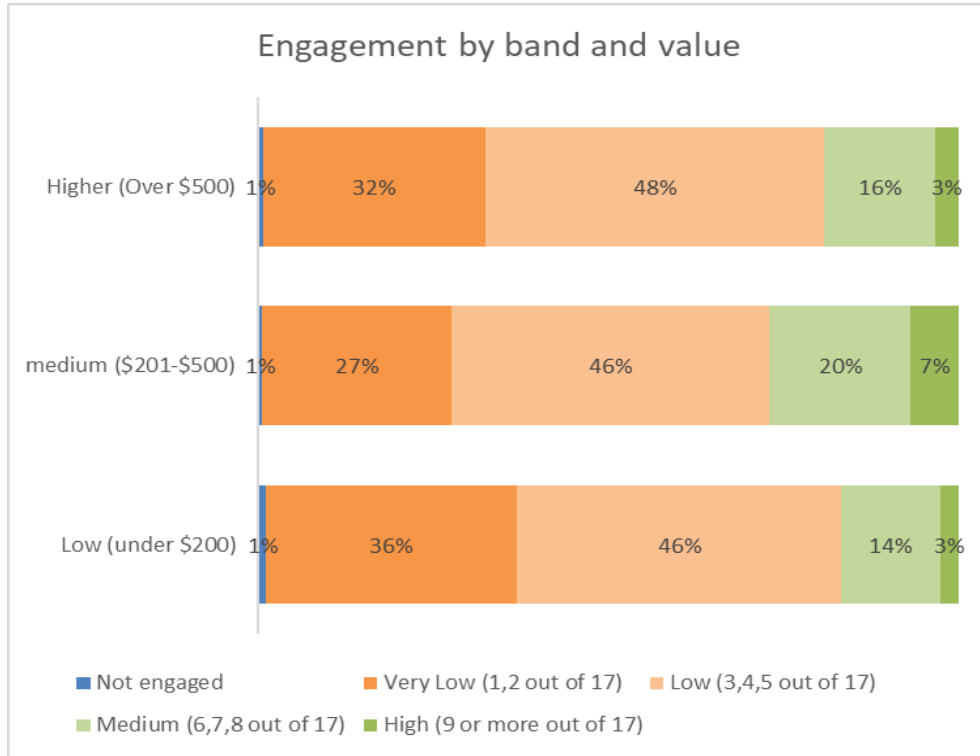
Digital Engagement Band



The level of digital engagement has increased.



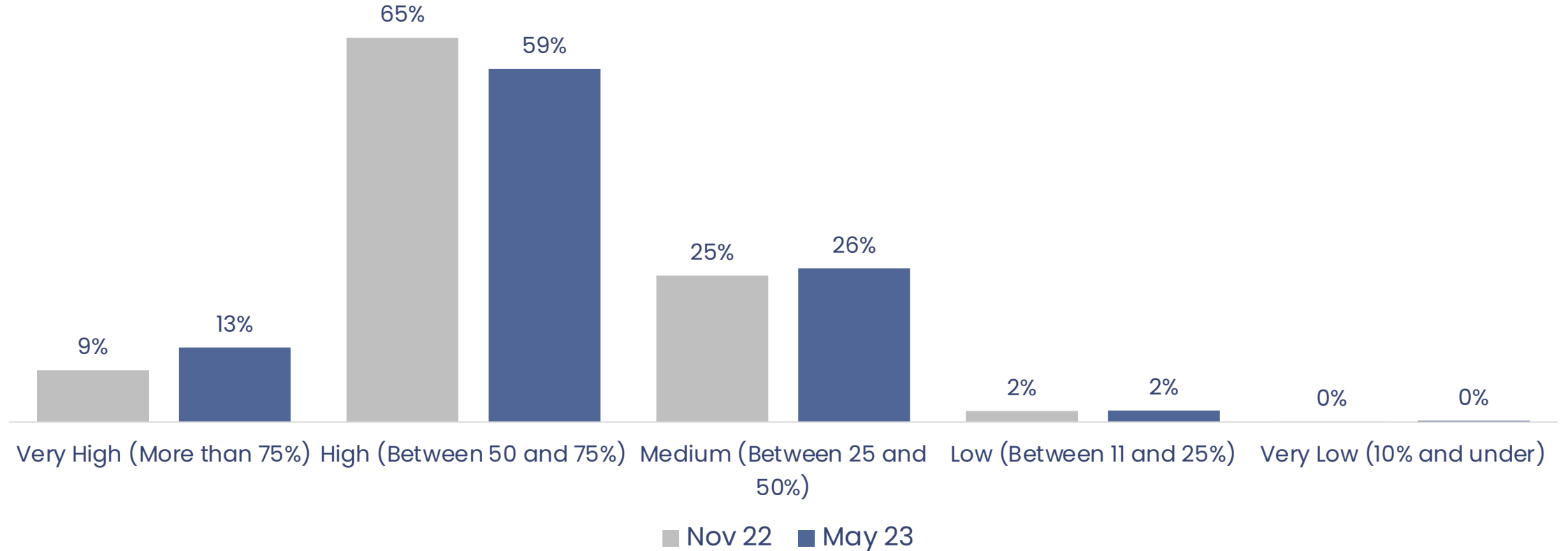
# Charitable Engagement Bands



**Everyone is doing and seeing something! Digital visibility is greater for higher value donors. Charitable engagement (number of ways supporting, is greatest for the \$201 to \$500 group)**

# Donor Confidence Index

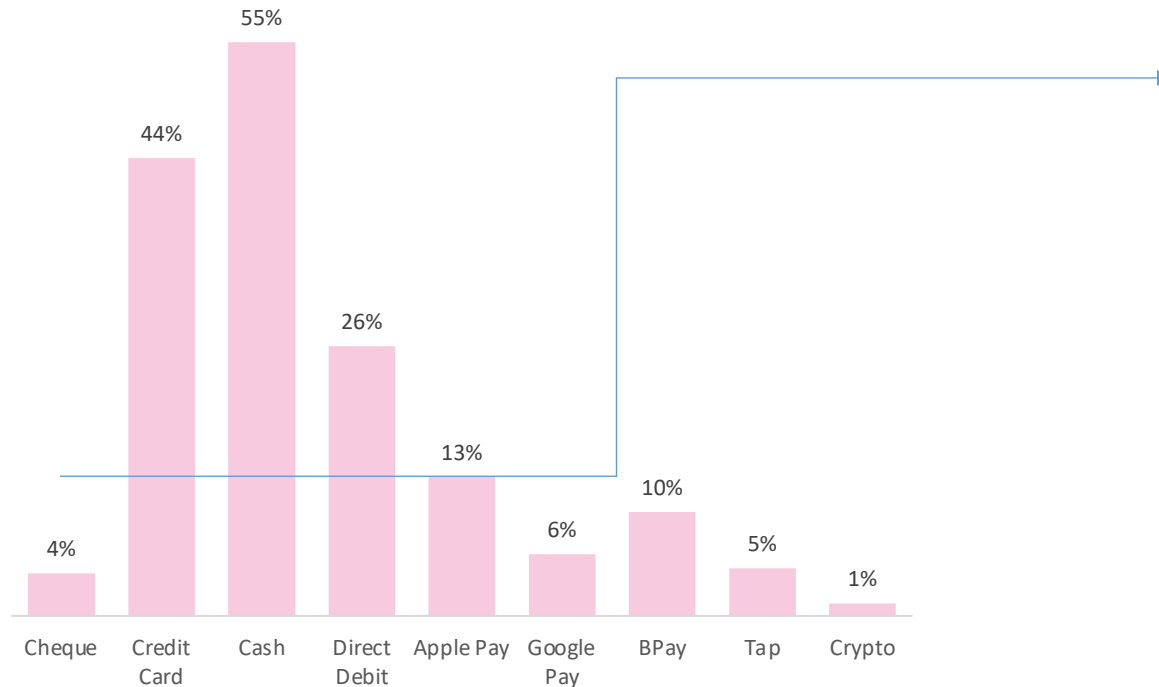
Donor Confidence Index Bands



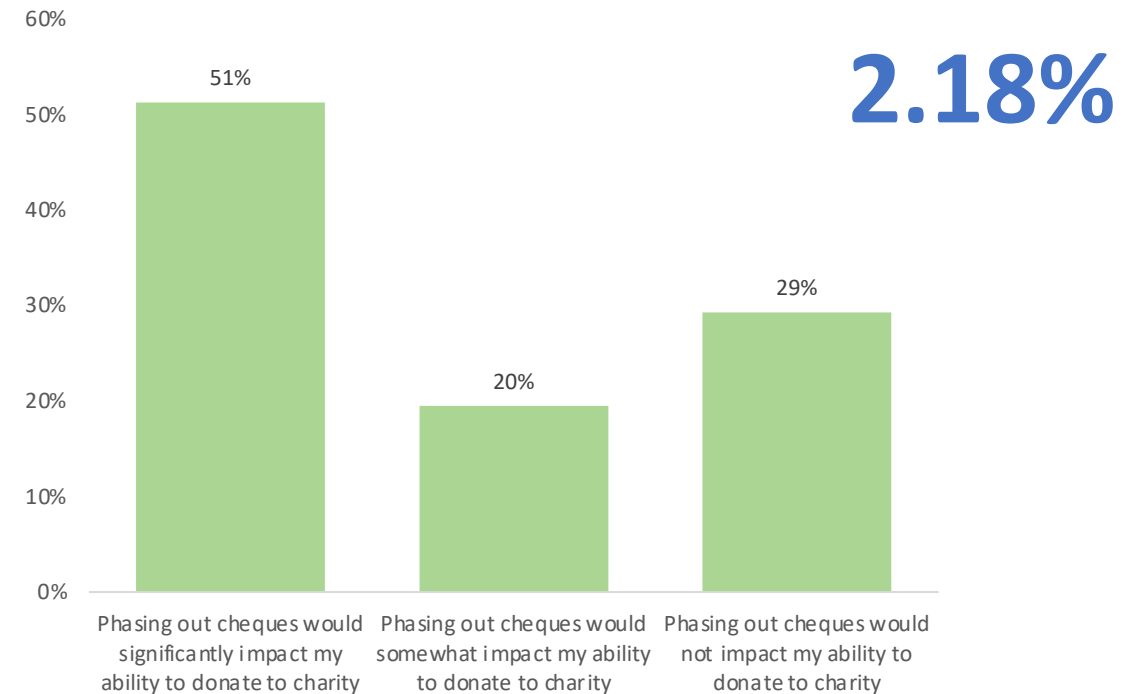
**The overall donor confidence index has dropped very slightly from 58.2 to 58.06. The score is 63.6 for the over \$500 donors**

# Payment Mechanisms

Q9.3 - Thinking about donations you have made to charity in the past year, which of the following payment methods have you used?



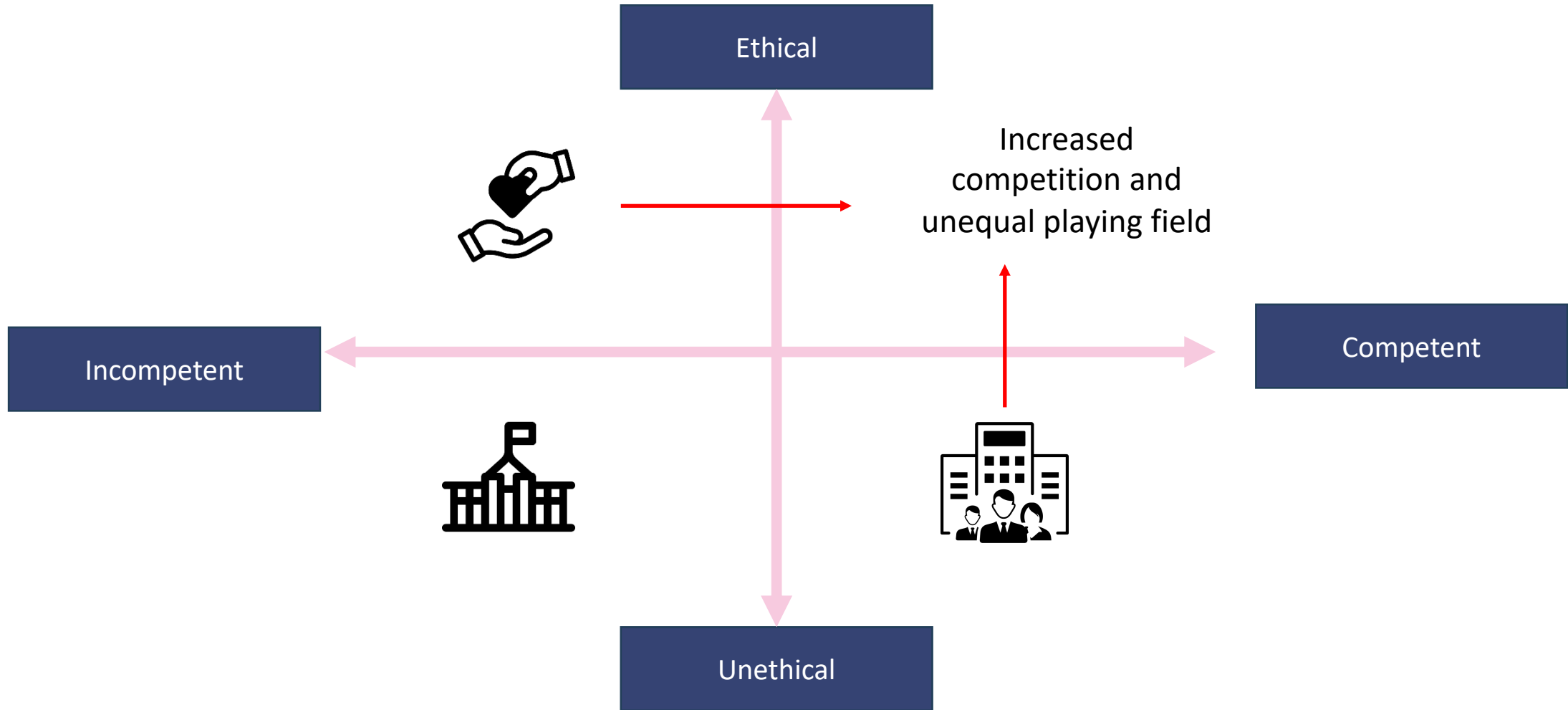
Q9.4 - The use of cheques as a payment method continues to decline. It is suggested cheques will soon be phased out. How may this impact your method of making a donation to charity?



**Of the 4% who donated by cheque, 50% say it will significantly impact their giving. They account for 2.18% of all the money donated by respondents to the survey**

# Trust

# The Edelman Conundrum

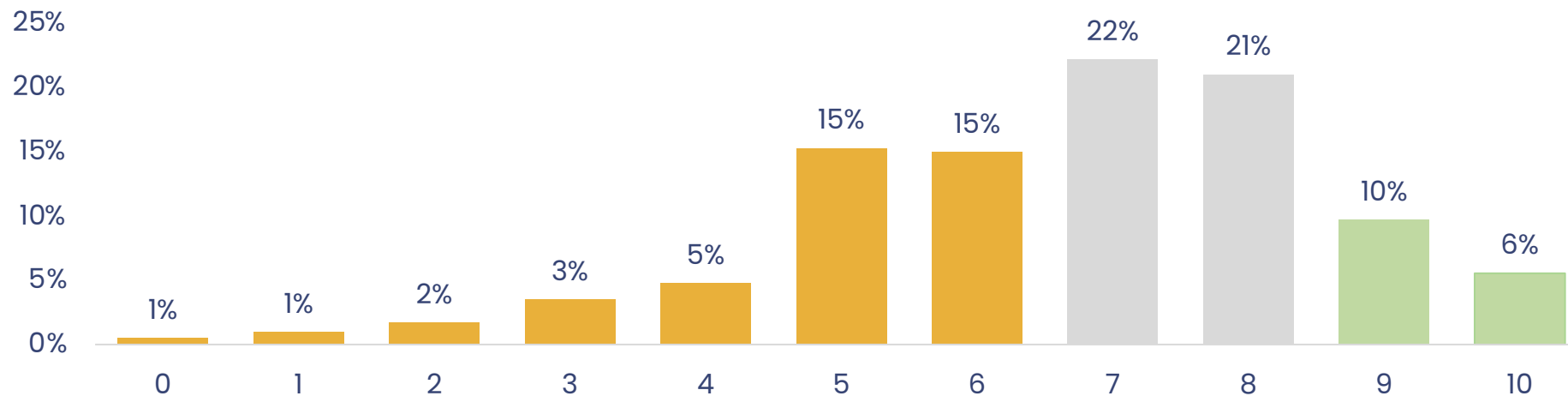


# Ethical and Honest

Q4.4 - To what extent do you believe charities or not for profits are ethical and honest? Please rank on a scale of zero to ten, where zero is Very Dishonest and Unethical, and ten is Very Honest and Ethical



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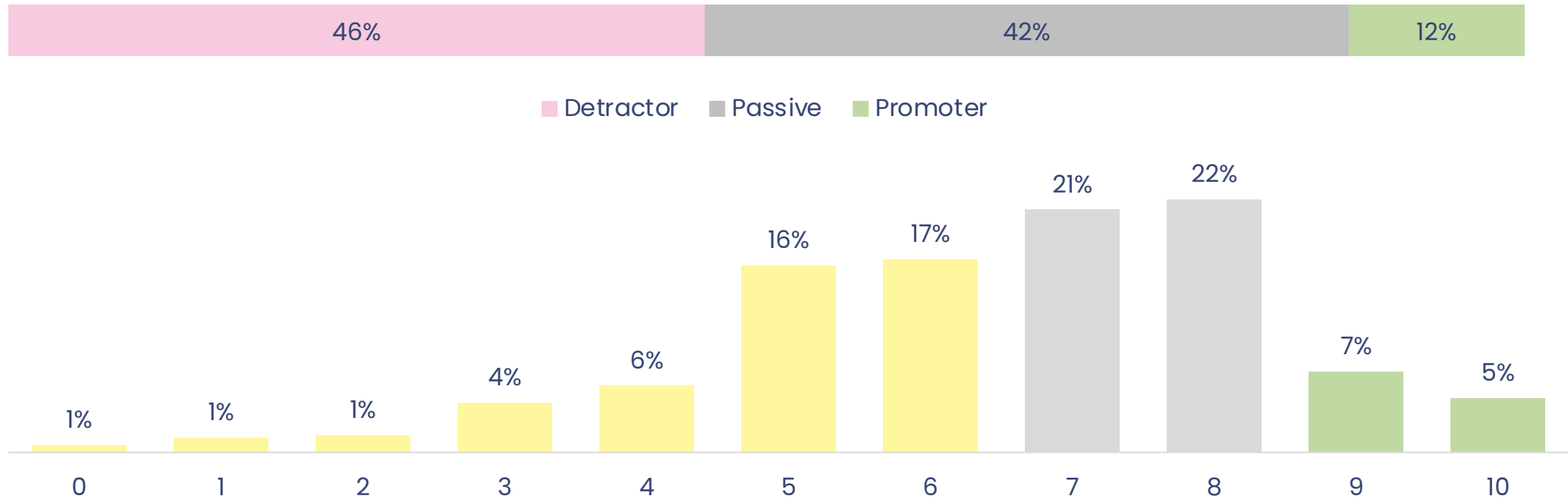


The majority are neutral or slightly negative

# Competency

Q4.5 – To what extent do you believe charities or not for profits are well run and effective?

Please rank on a scale of zero to ten, where zero is Badly Run & Ineffective and ten is Well Run and Very Effective



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■ Detractor ■ Passive ■ Promoter

There is a higher negative and lower promoter score. Our competency is lower than our intent

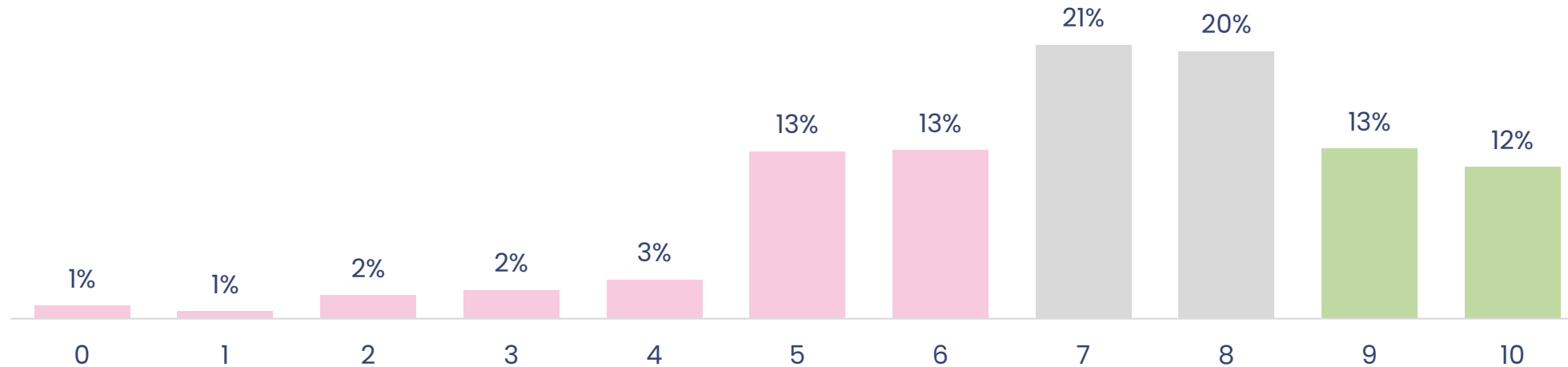
# Importance

Q4.6 - How important is supporting charities or not for profits to you?  
Please rank on a scale of zero to ten, where zero is Not At All Important and ten is  
Extremely Important



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■ Detractor ■ Passive ■ Promoter

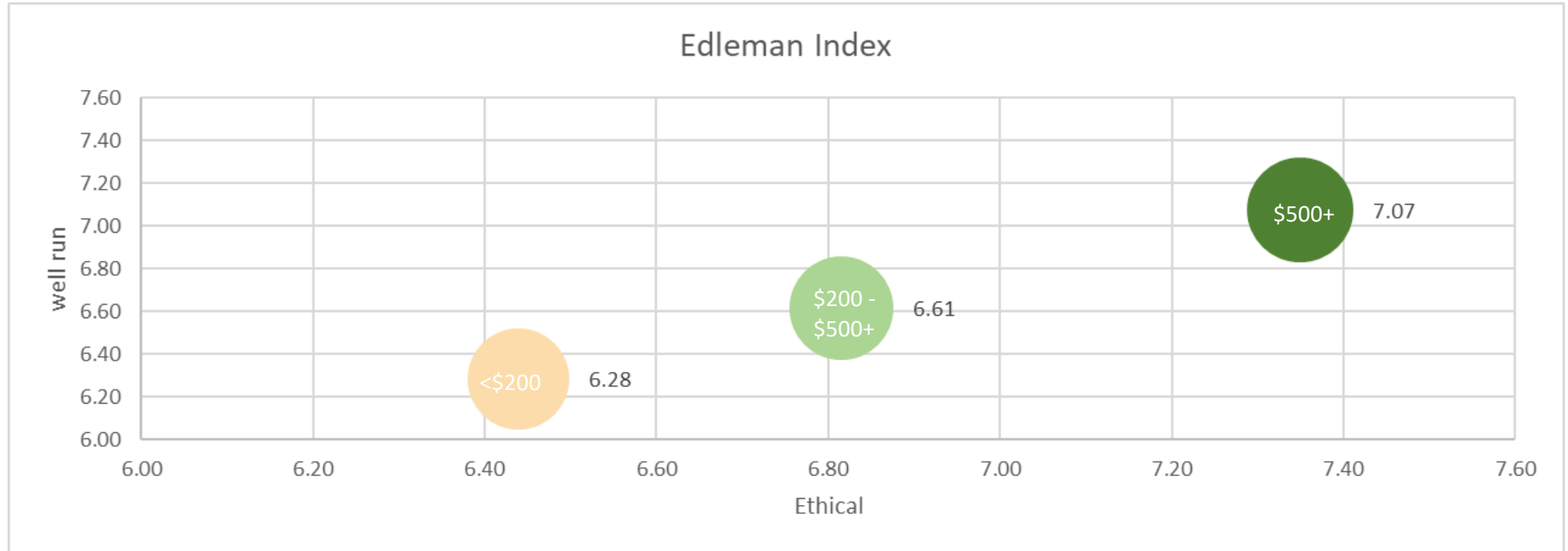


**Giving scores better than both competency and ethics, but we are still in negative territory**



# Edelman by value

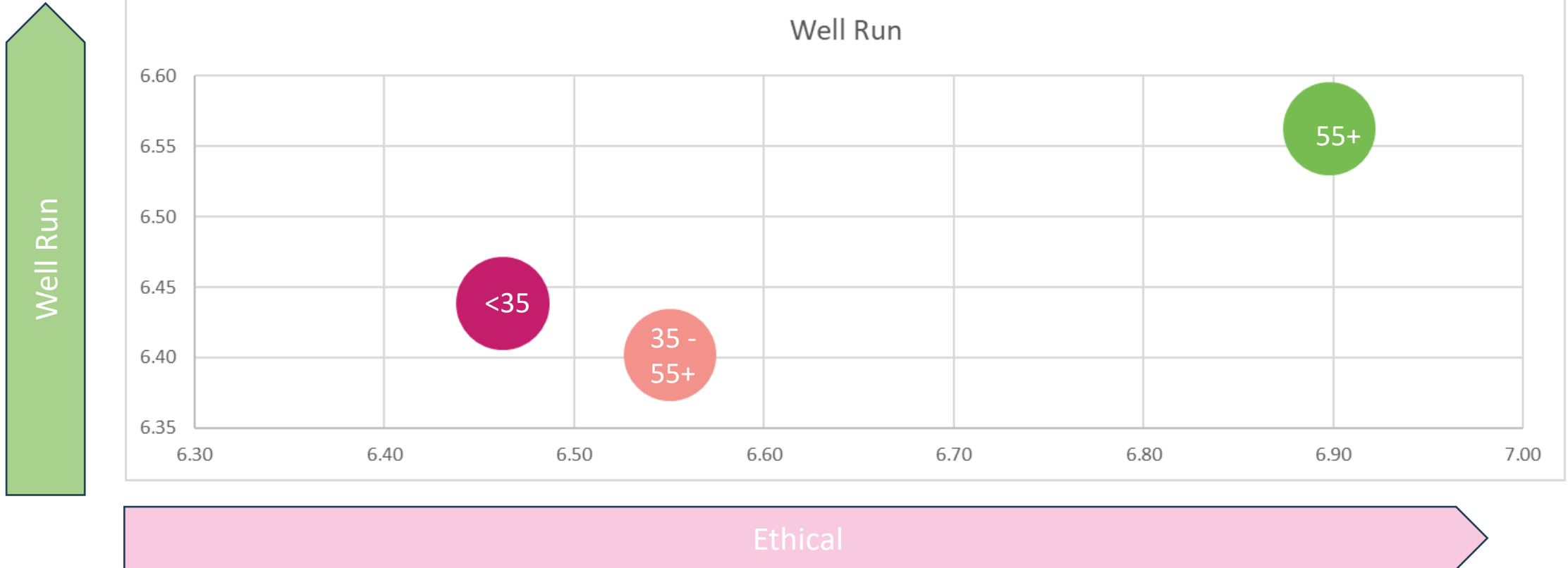
Well Run



Ethical

There is a direct correlation between trust, competency and integrity

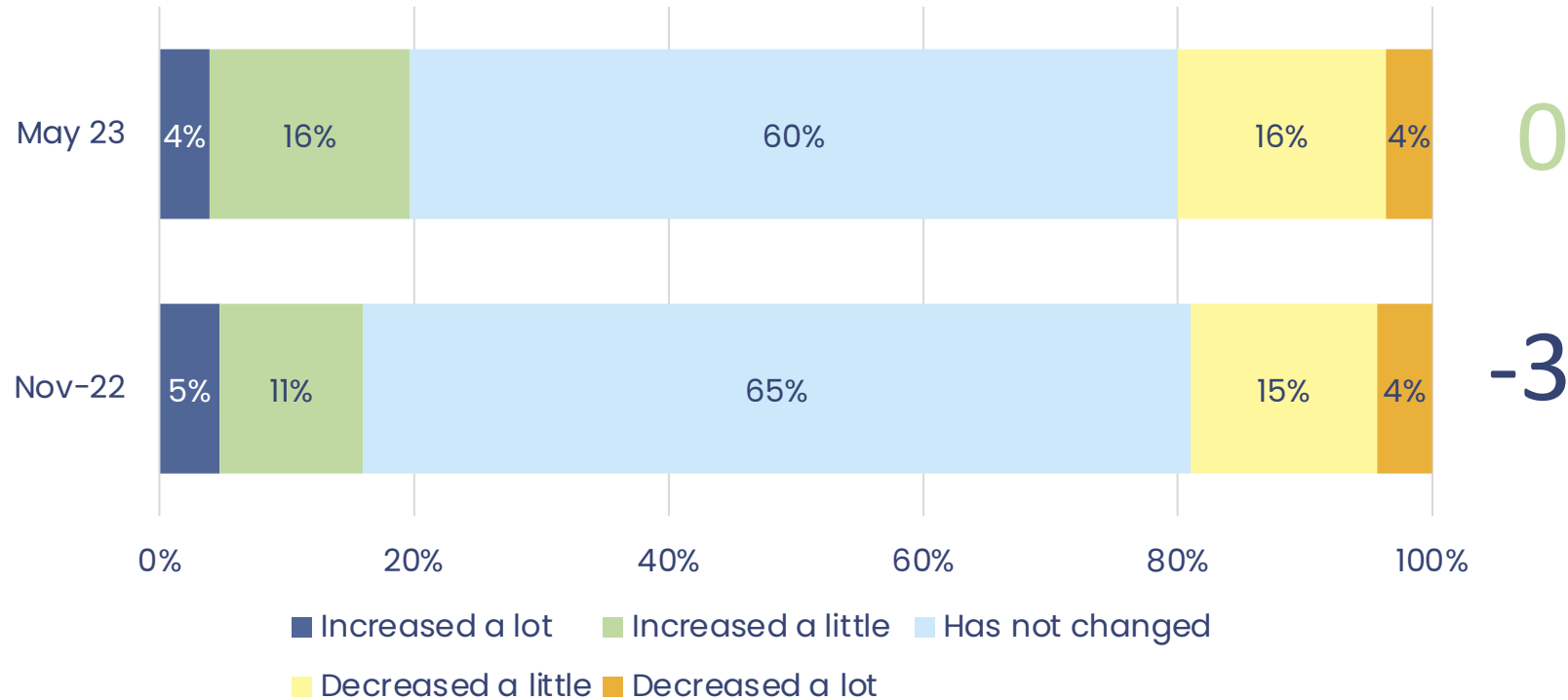
# Edelman by Age



There is a direct correlation between trust, competency and integrity

# Trust Changes

Q4.2 - Has your trust in charities changed over the past 3 years?

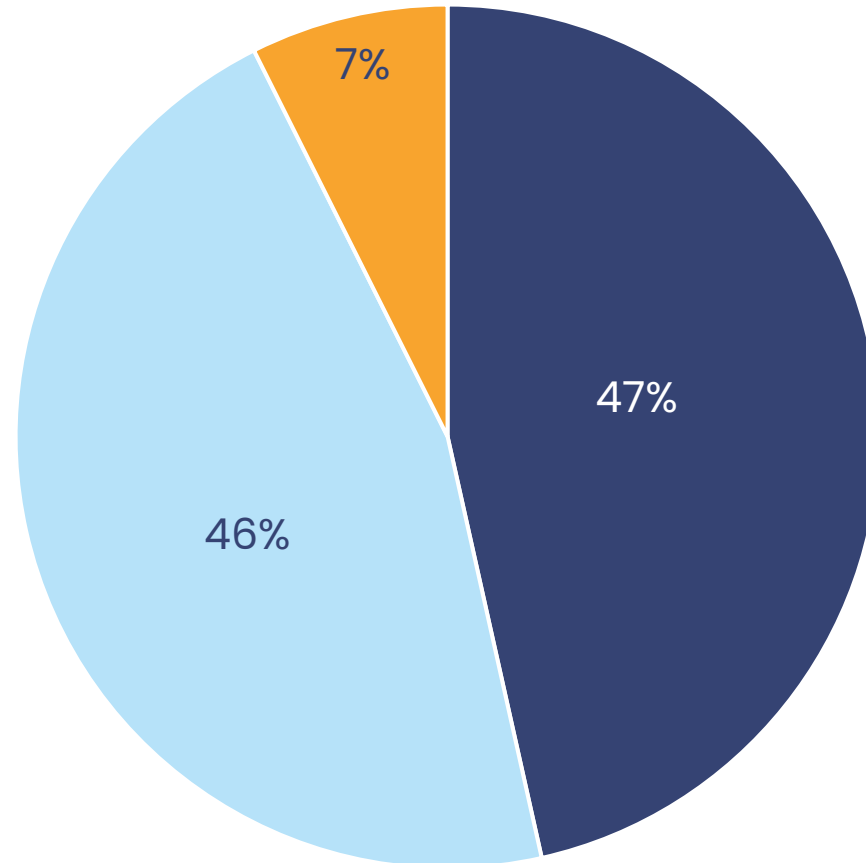


**Reported change in trust has improved marginally since November 2022**

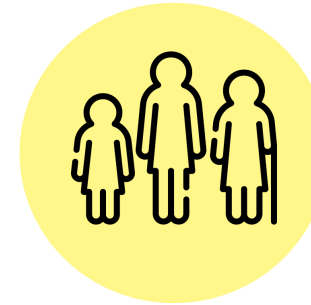
# Supporter Experience

# Creating brand stand-out

- I can remember every charity I give to
- I can remember some of the charities I've given to
- I can't remember any of the charities I've given to but know I've given



## Can remember:



U35yrs: 36%  
35-54yrs: 46%  
55-74yrs: 54%  
75yrs+: 60%



Under \$200: 42%  
\$201-\$500: 52%  
\$501+: 60%

**Older and more generous donors are more likely to remember you. For the majority of supporters under 54yrs they can only remember some of the charities they give to. This may indicate low levels of loyalty and need to differentiate your brand to be more memorable.**

# Memorable Experiences

**32%** of supporters remember a moment with a charity when the impact of the donation was made clear.

**22%** of supporters remember a moment that made them feel good or was fun.

**18%** With equal response to story inspired or personal experience



The impact of one's donation is very important and the feel good factor. How we understand impact and their interpretation of impact requires further research but we hypothesize much of our communications are broad and what we do not the impact of their dollars.

# SUPPORTER EXPERIENCE



**Emotion:** Understand and evoke emotions that change behaviour. Utilise behavioural economics and prediction techniques to influence behaviour



**Personalisation:** Show that you know them, understand their needs and motivations and they are not treated like a number



**Ease:** Remove barriers, create processing fluency. Maximise multi-channel communications to meet supporter needs.



**Act:** Once someone feels a sense of belonging, they are willing to act on your behalf and become a voice in the community.



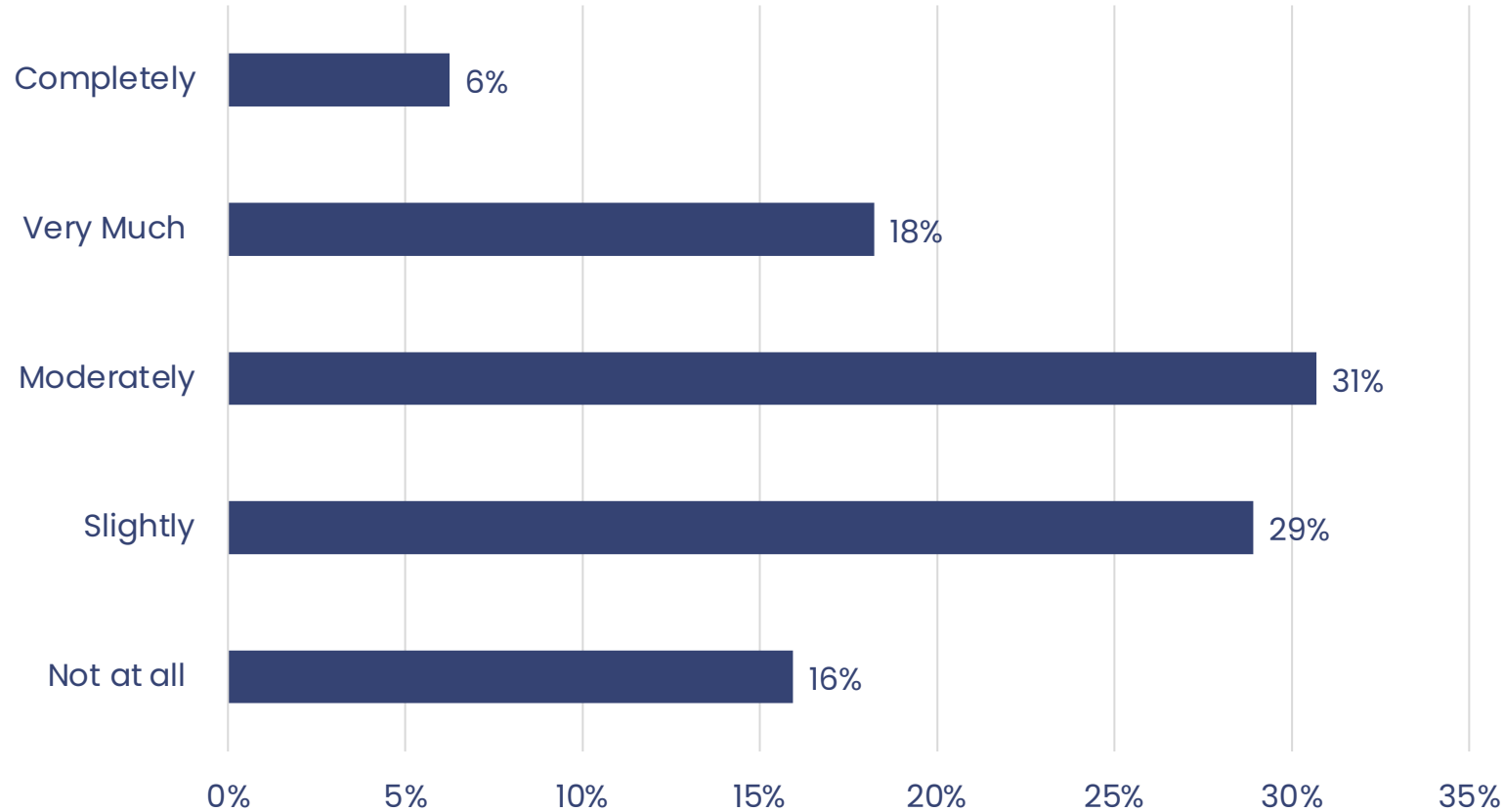
**Tribe:** Create a feeling of belonging. These are my people. Create physical and virtual networks that deepen engagement and connectivity.



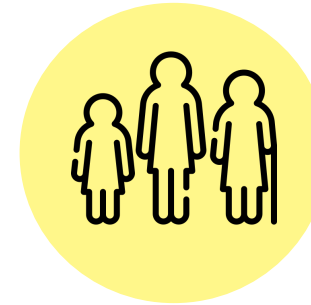
**Impact:** Create the change they seek. Talk about the difference they have made. Keep expectations aligned. Trust is a driving force in all relationships.

# Personalisation

To what extent do you feel that charities personalise their communications to you?



Completely & very much:



U35yrs: 25%  
35-54yrs: 21%  
55-74yrs: 24%  
75yrs+: 40%

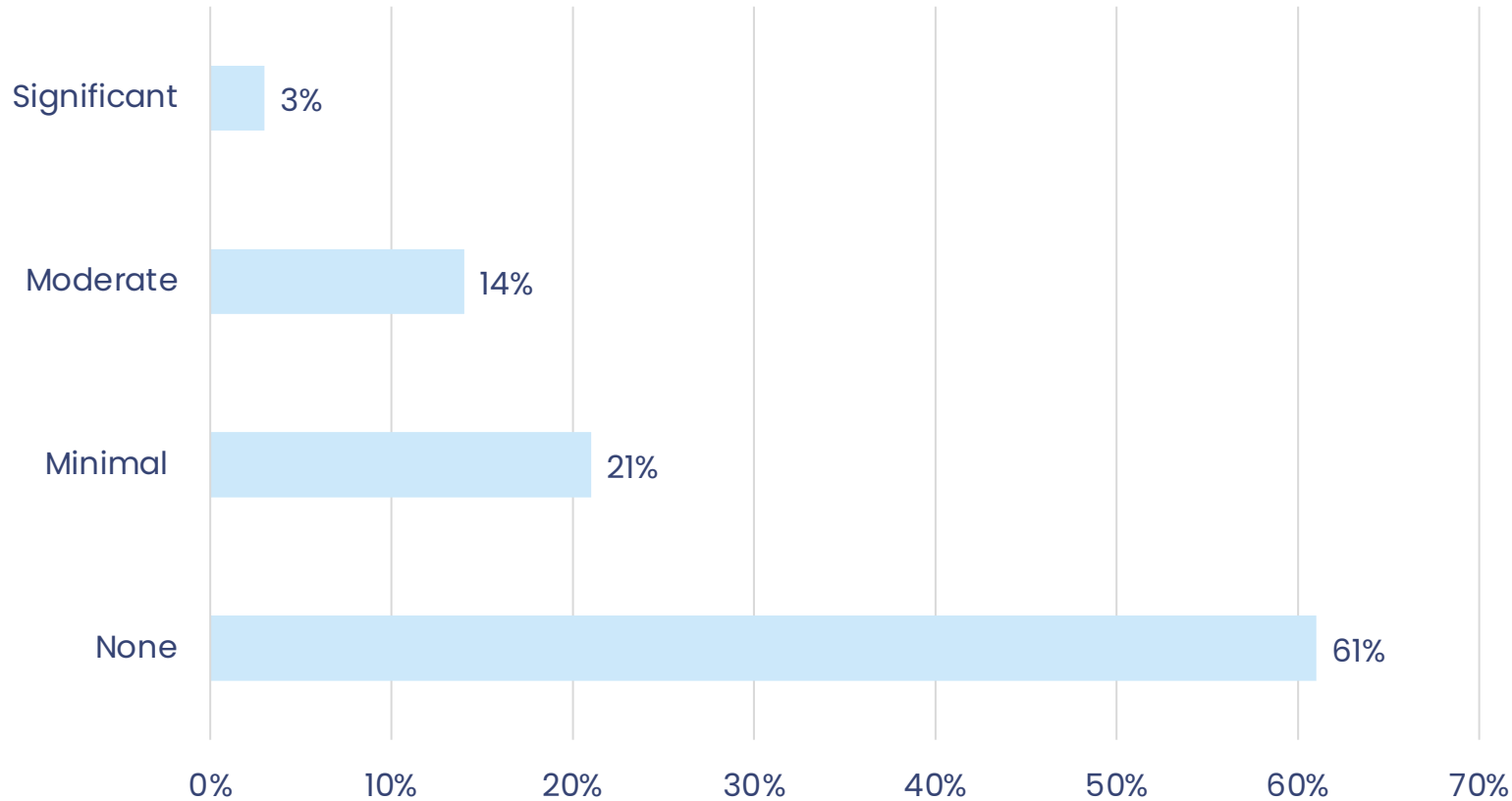


Under \$200: 21%  
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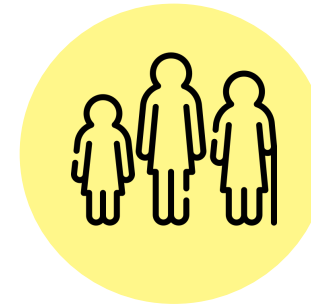
**It is critical that we improve our personalisation of communications to grow our mid value and next generation of supporters.**



In the past two years, have you faced any issues or difficulties when engaging with your preferred charities?



Moderate & significant:



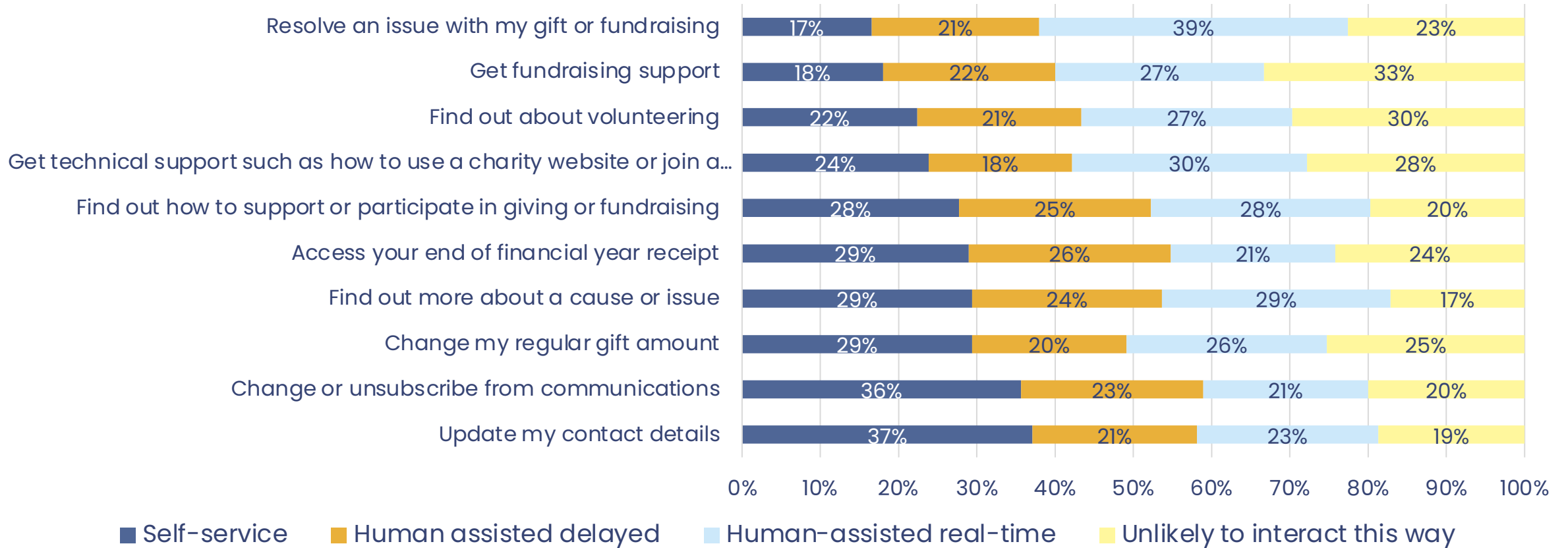
U35yrs: 25%  
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55-74yrs: 8%  
75yrs+: 5%



Under \$200: 15%  
\$201-\$500: 20%  
\$501+: 25%

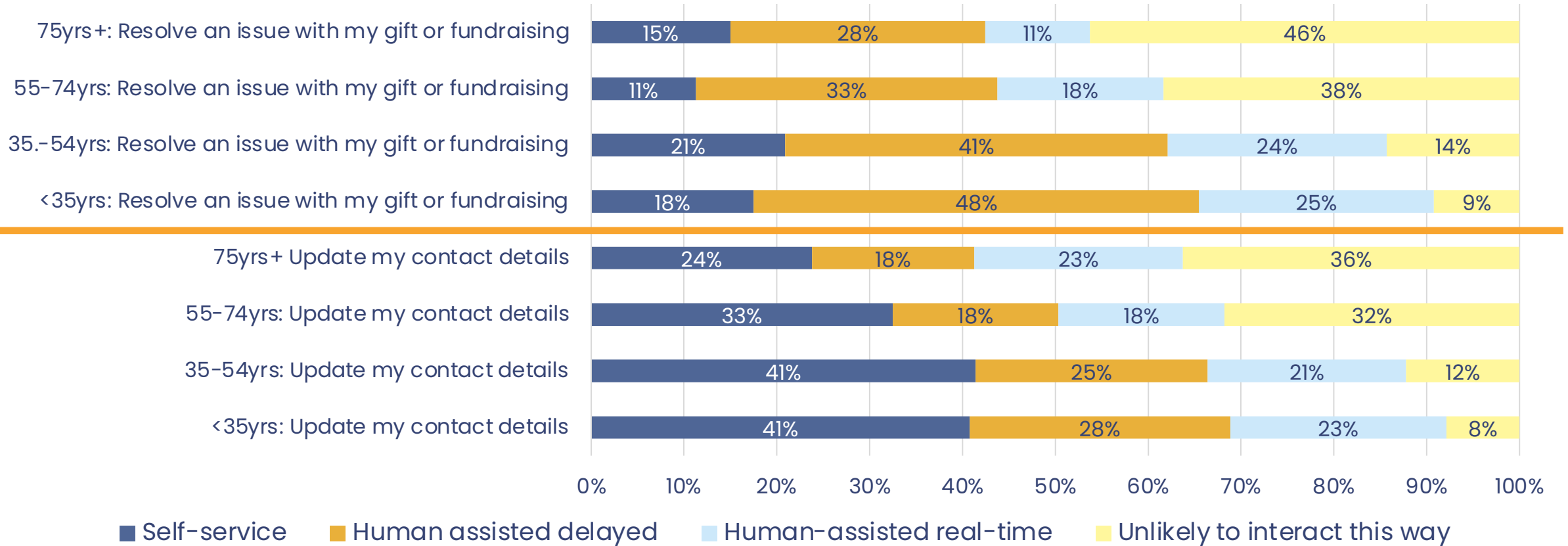
**We are not making engagement with our charities easy for the 54yrs under, however, we're also seeing high reported issues for those \$500+. We need to optimize our supporter experience.**

# Human vs self service



**This varies dramatically for age but not for giving value**

# Higher expectations

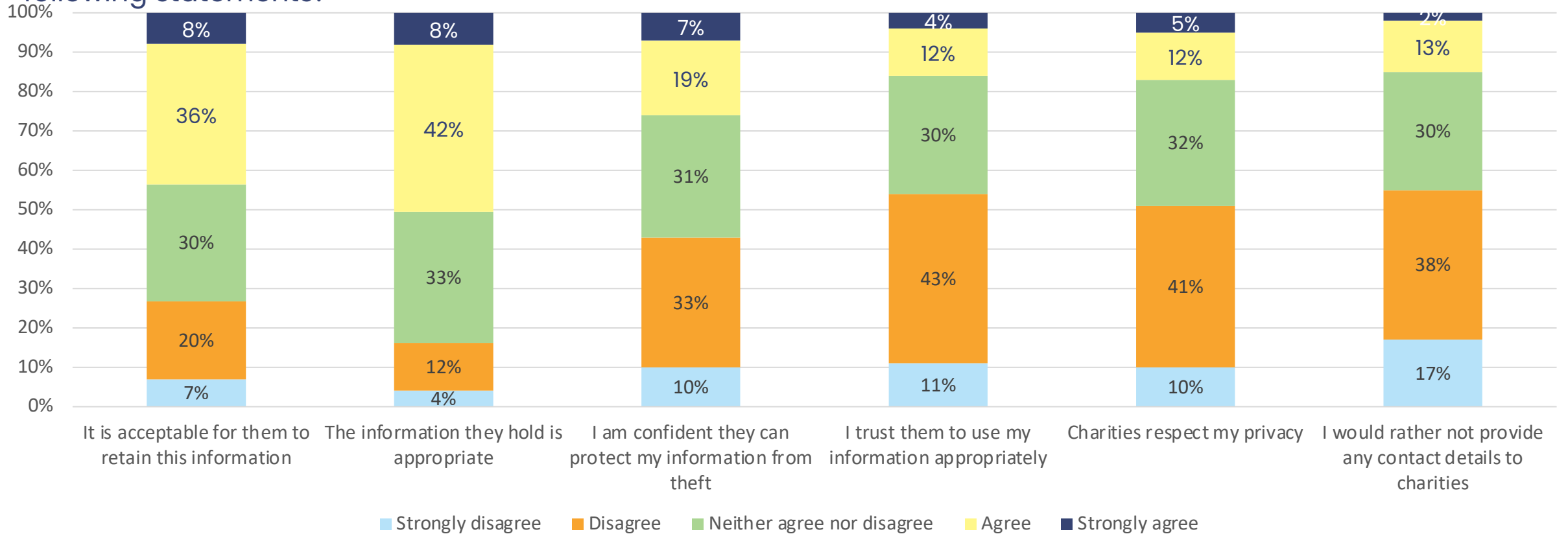


**Younger audiences are more likely to be seeking service from their charity both by human and technically assisted.**

# Data and Privacy

# Privacy of supporter data

Q11.1 – When you think about the data that you provide, and charities hold, would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

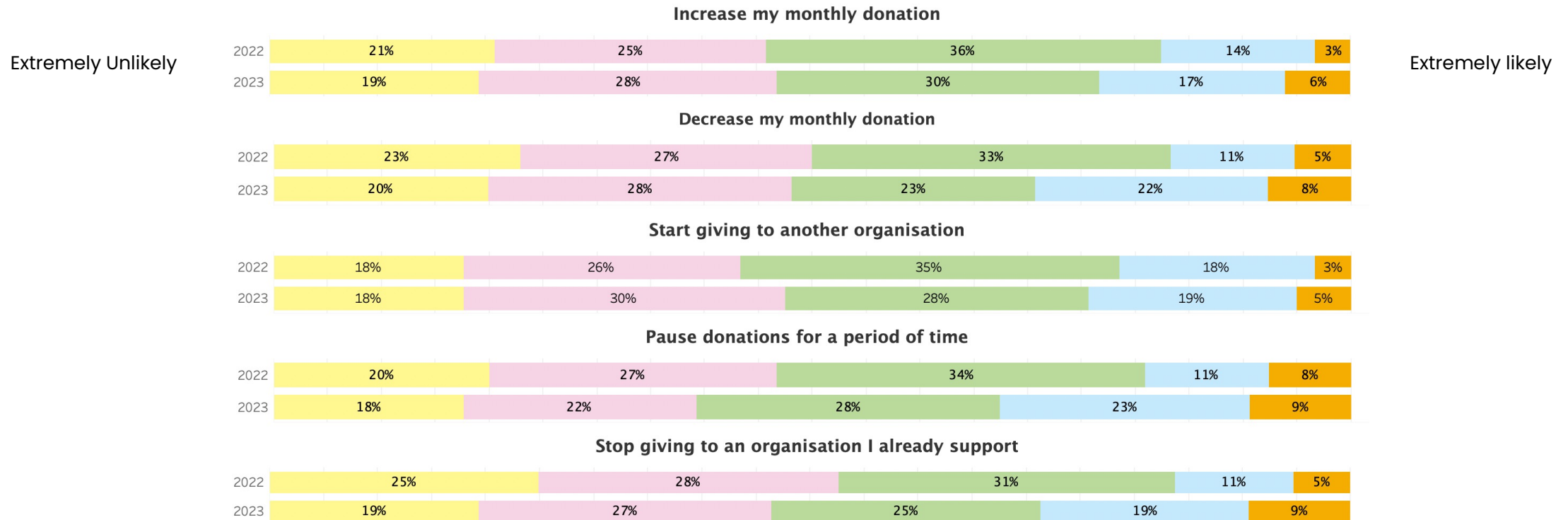


**50% of supporters agree the information charities hold is appropriate. Unfortunately, 54% disagree that they trust us to use their data appropriately and 51% that they respect their privacy.**

# Regular Giving

How likely are you to change the way you support organisations with regular monthly donations over the next 12 months?

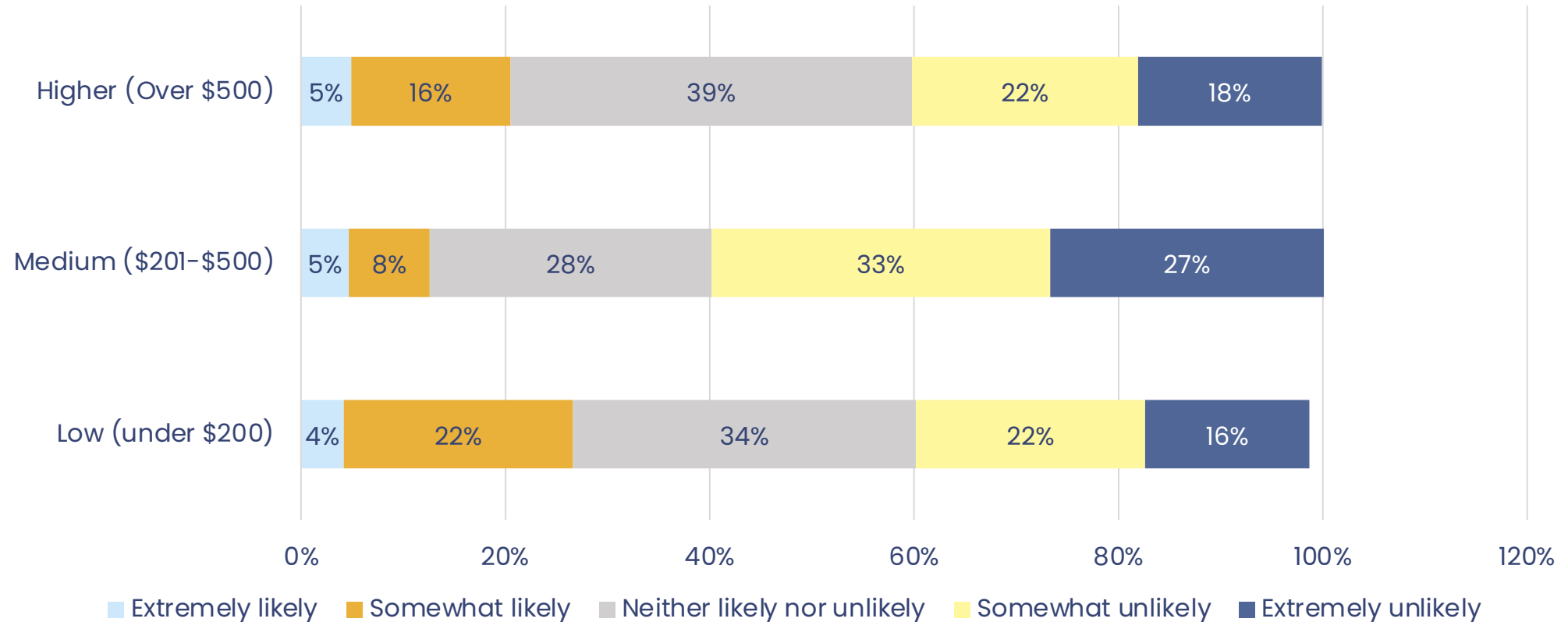
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There is an increase in likelihood to decrease monthly donations, pause or stop giving since last year.

# RG: capacity to increase

Current RG's and Intention by band

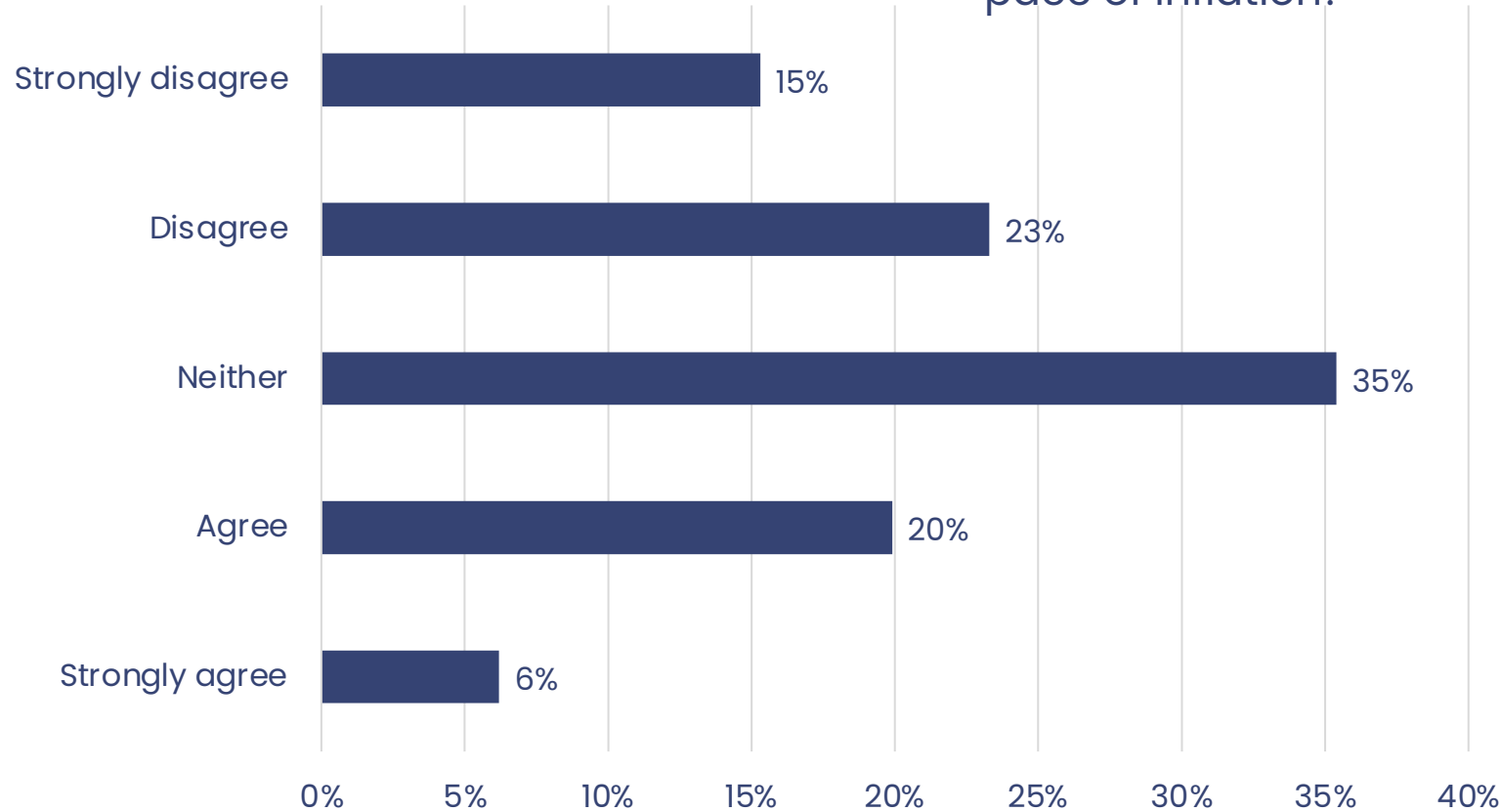


**The middle range donors, giving \$200 to \$500 are least likely to increase their regular gift. We usually find this group to be the ones who agree most that they are financially stretched and giving as much as they can**

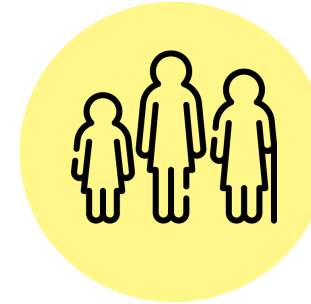


# RG & Inflation

To what extent do you agree that regular donations to charities should automatically increase to keep up with the pace of inflation?



Strongly agree:



U35yrs: 10%  
35-54yrs: 7%  
55-74yrs: 3%  
75yrs+: 0%

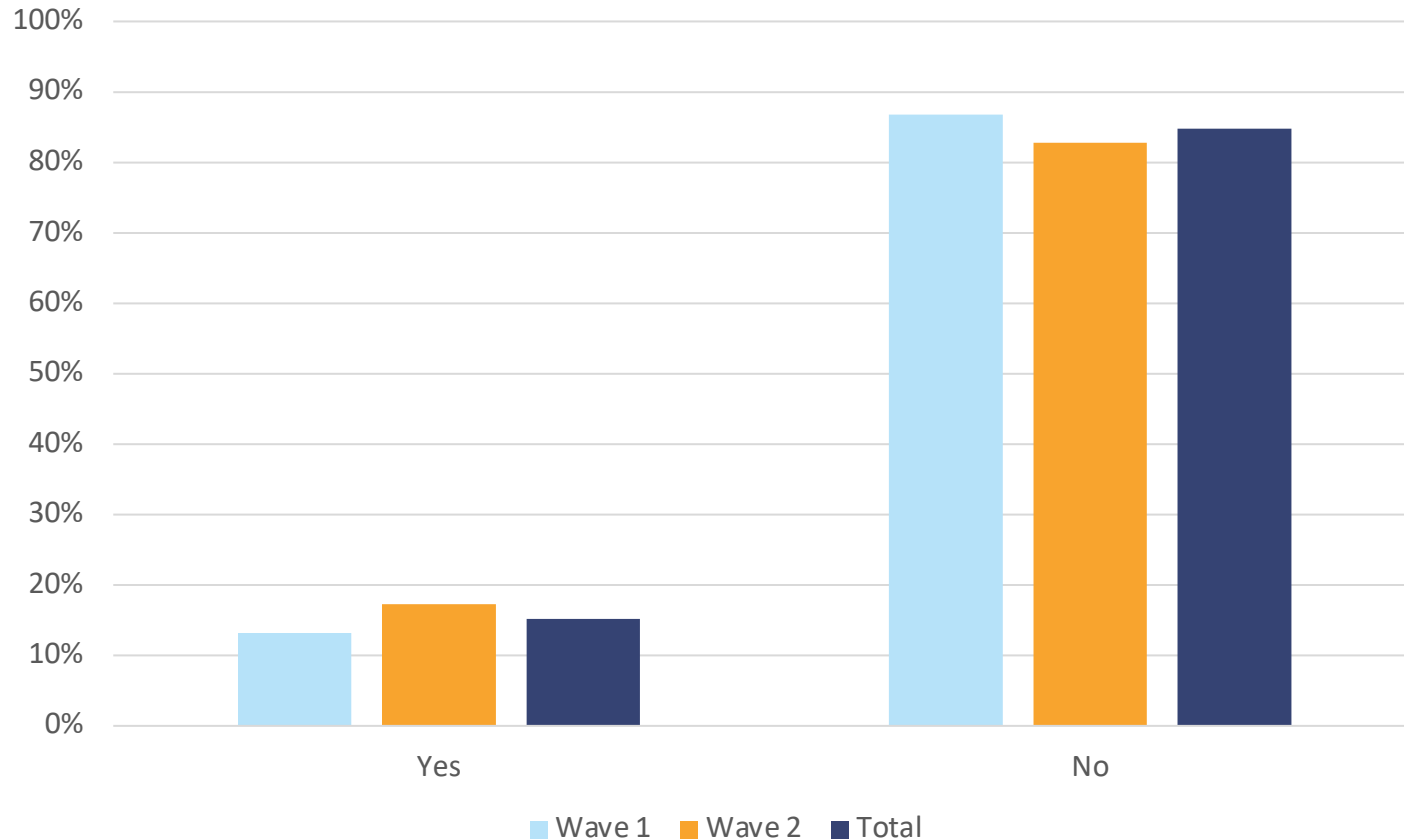


Under \$200: 5%  
\$201-\$500: 4%  
\$501+: 12%

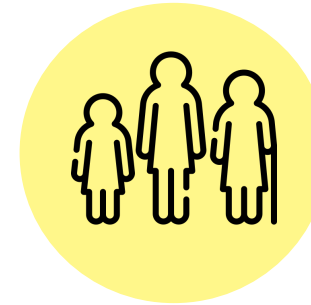
**Our higher value and younger audiences are more receptive to RG pro-rata increase to inflation. However, it is still not a majority with 37% of \$500+ Agreeing or strongly agreeing.**

# Gifts in Wills

# GiW: Confirmed



Yes:



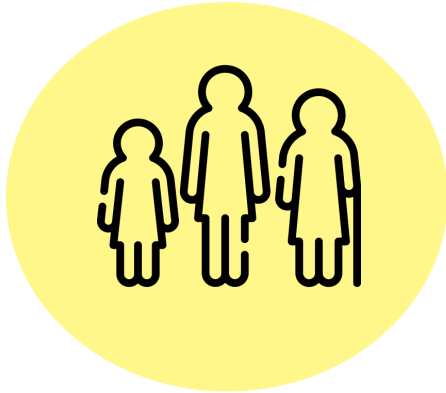
U35yrs: 21.4%  
35-54yrs: 15.7%  
55-74yrs: 10.2%  
75yrs+: 9.6%



Under \$200: 13%  
\$201-\$500: 17%  
\$501+: 23%

**There is a significant shift in confirmed GiW supporters. Our older bands more likely to be realized are still around 10%. The highest value donors have greatest likelihood to have included a GiW.**

# What drove the shift?



Total	Wave 1	Wave 2
U35yrs: 21.4%	16.4%	26.4%
35-54yrs: 15.7%	12.5%	19.0%
55-74yrs: 10.2%	11.2%	9.3%
75yrs+: 9.6%	11.8%	7.5%

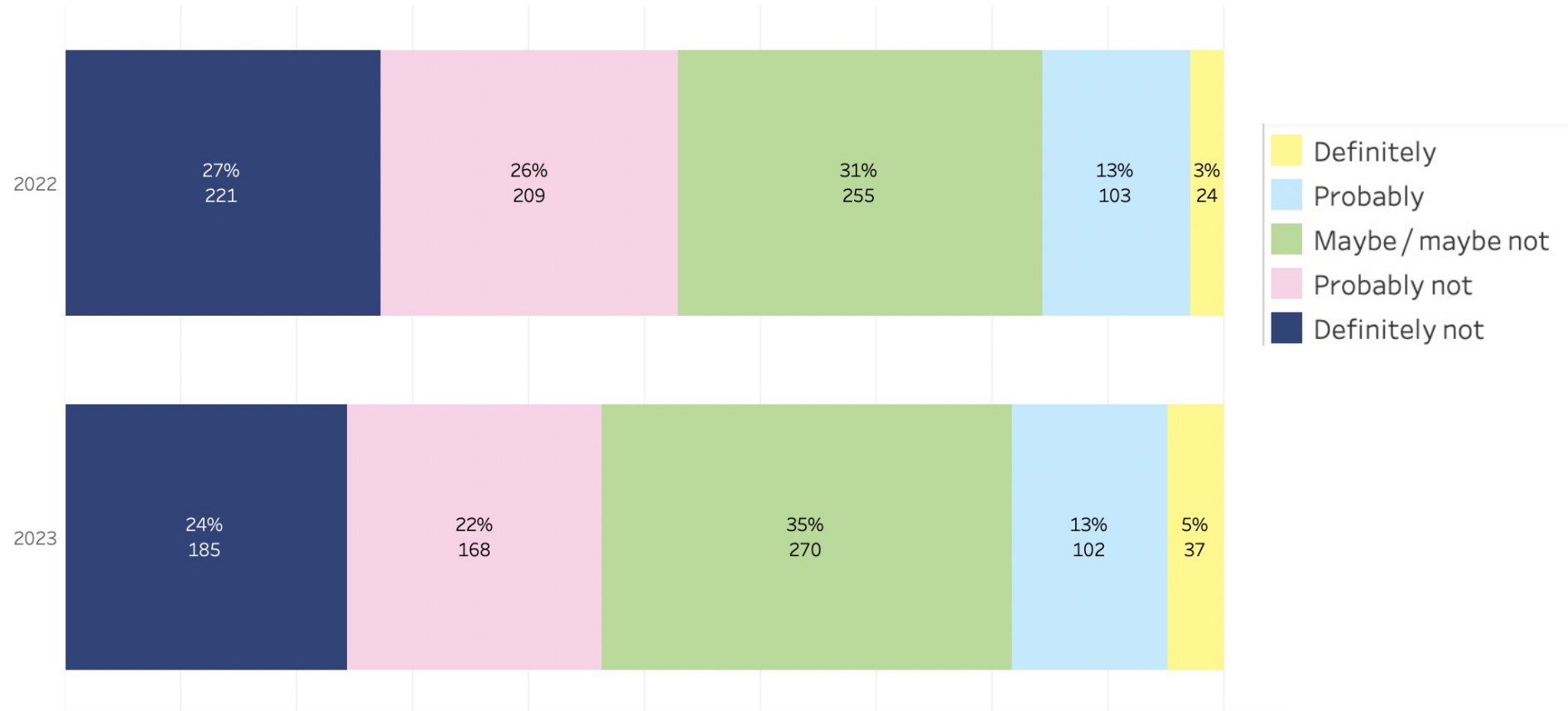


Total	Wave 1	Wave 2
Under \$200: 13%	11.0%	14.3%
\$201-\$500: 17%	14.1%	20.6%
\$501+: 23%	20.8%	25.8%

**Under 55yrs have driven the shift in confirmed bequestors**

# GiWs: Consideration

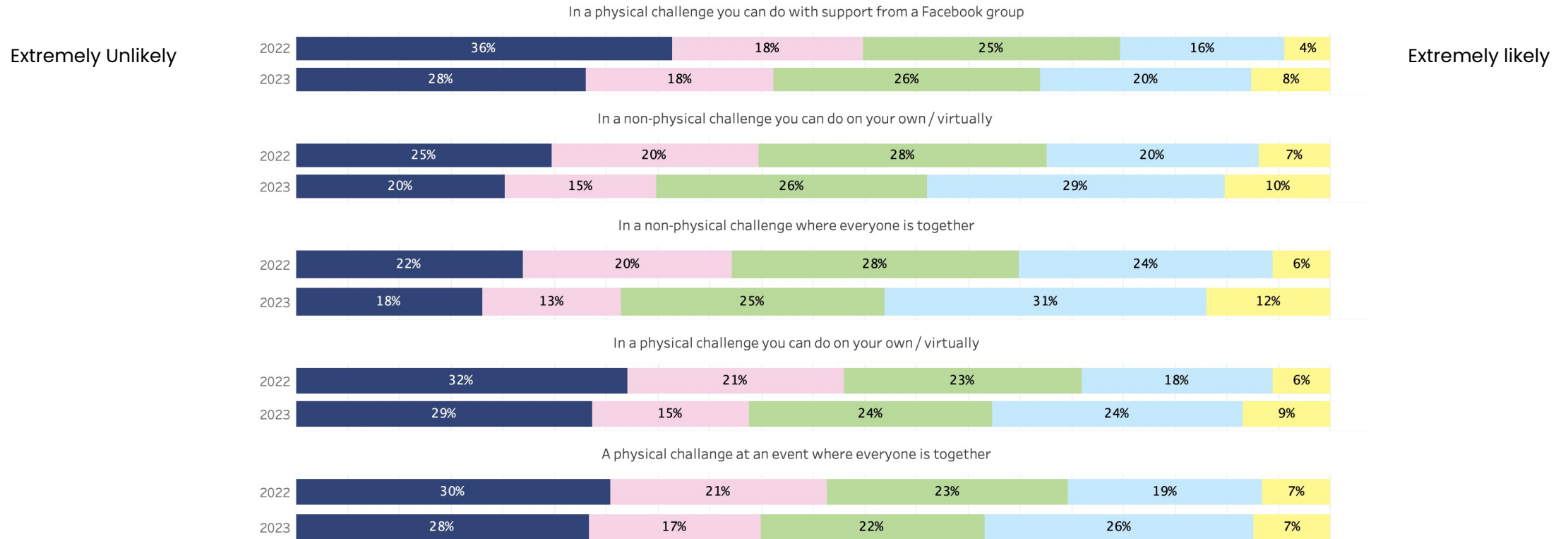
When you make or next update your Will, how likely are you to leave a donation to a charity or not-for-profit organisation in your Will?



**Wave 1 had a larger group who had not considered a gift in Will so Wave 2 is an improvement.**

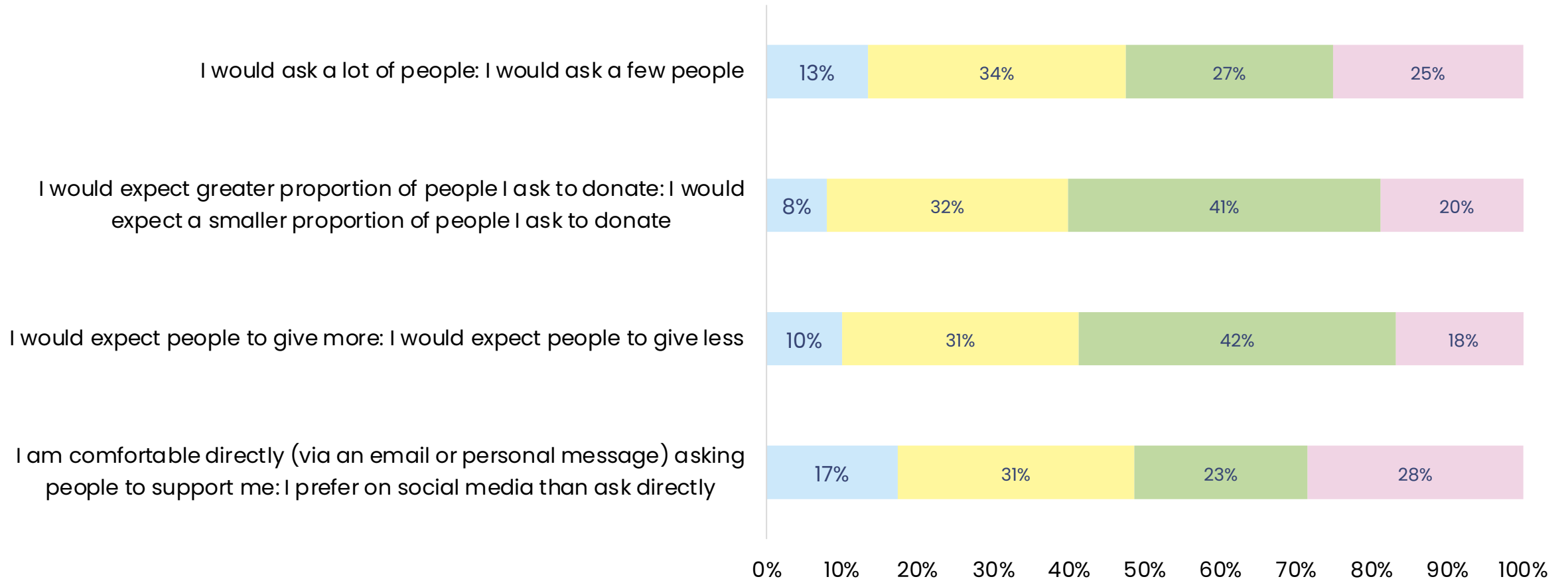
# Events

# In the next 12 months, how likely would you be to fundraise in a peer-to-peer fundraising event for a charity:



# P2P Statements

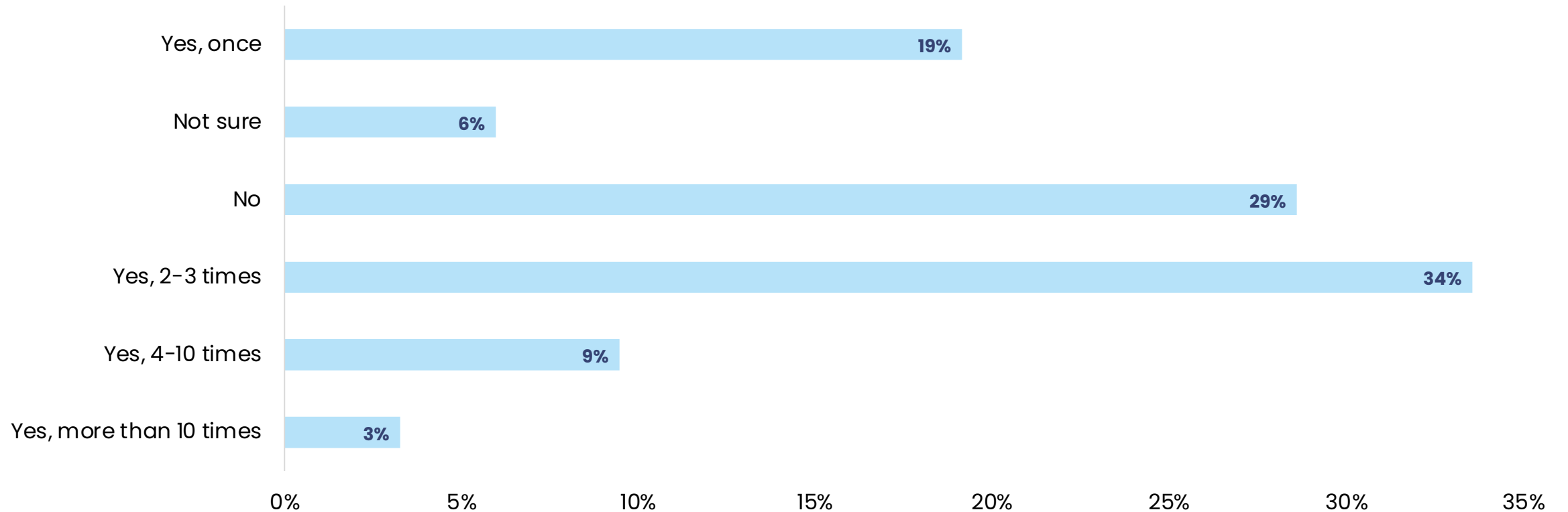
Thinking about fundraising for a peer to peer physical challenge in the next 12 months which of these statements do you agree with more?





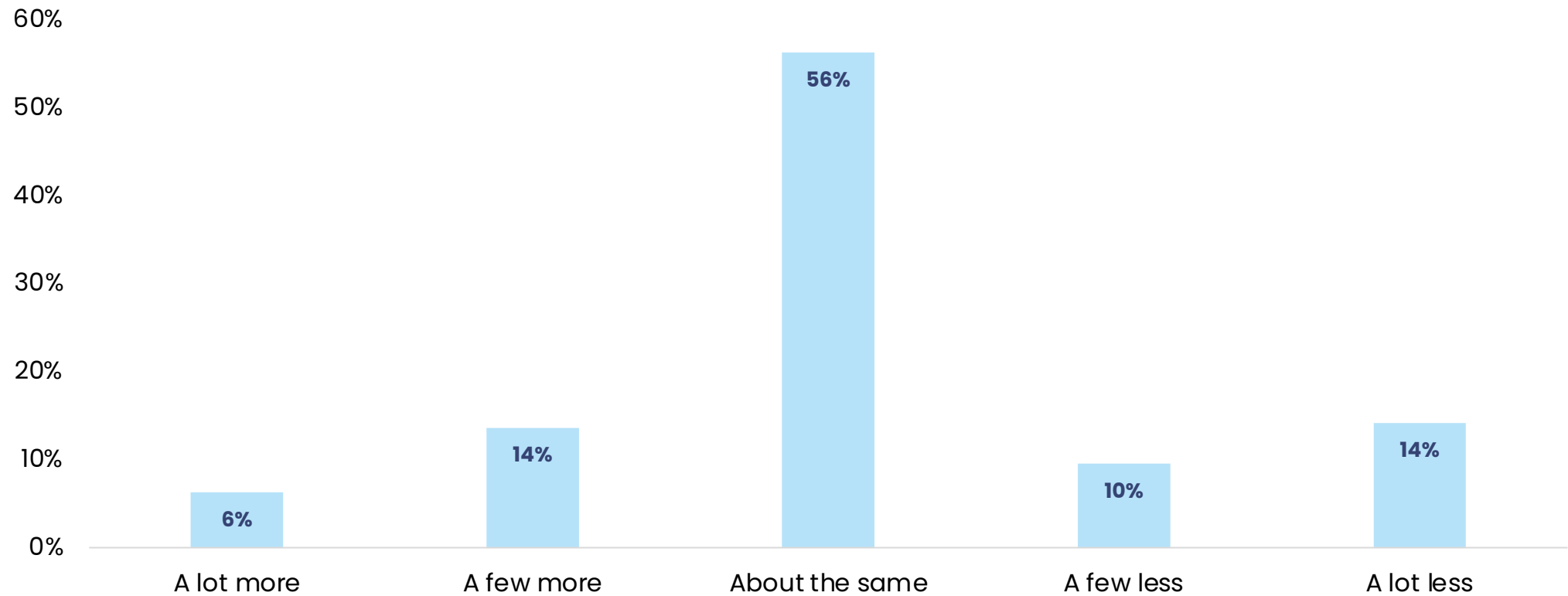
# P2P : been asked

Have you been asked to donate to friends to support their fundraising activities in past year?



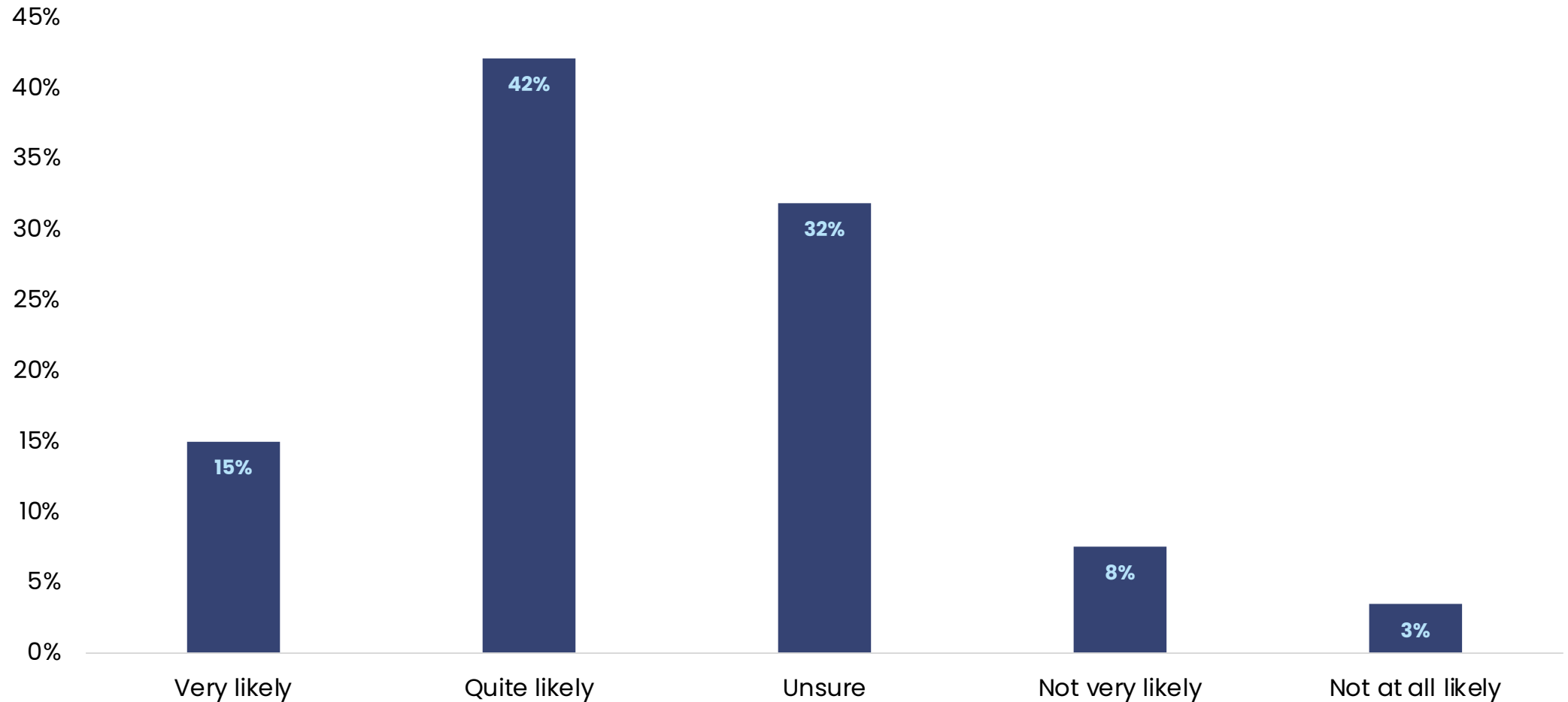
# P2P : change

Do you receive more or less requests from friends to support them, than you did a year ago?



# P2P : likelihood to give

If friend asked you today to support their fundraising activity, how likely would you be to do so?



# What to do....

Recalibrate expectations – Covid was 'savings' good times

Monitor the market and relative performance – lots going on!

Protect investments in retention with cautious acquisition

Build capability in supporter service

Improve impact messaging from a supporter perspective

Don't miss engagement opportunities. And build these for longer term while cash poor community.

Laser focus on intergenerational wealth transfer and higher receptivity to giWs

Focus on maintaining on growing high value (fanatics) / Mid value

Differentiate through memorable experiences

Prime for good fortune & empower P2P optimism

# The Productivity Commission

Economic systems are not meeting the needs of the disadvantaged or environment



Government is unable to meet all the demands placed upon it

People and Planet need more help

NFP's do not have enough resources

They are not asked to do so

Organisations and individual do not contribute enough

Resources are not deployed effectively

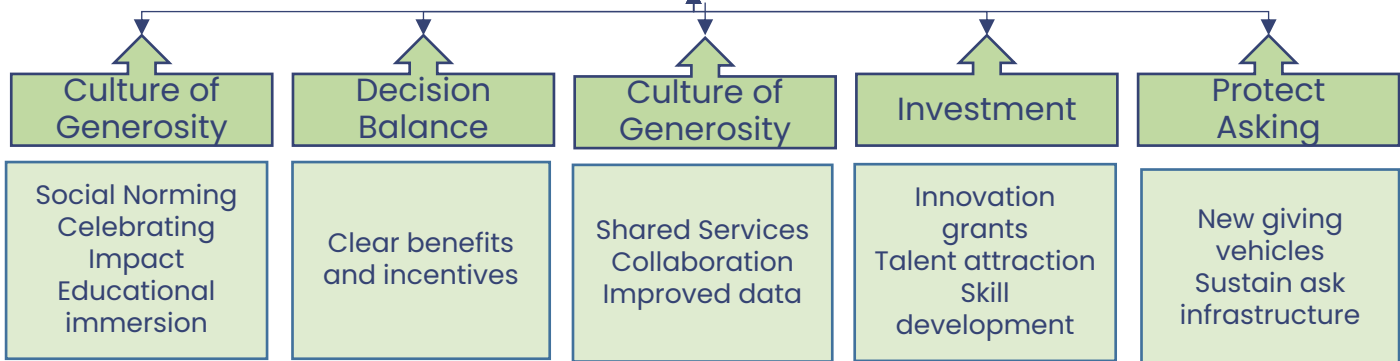
They don't contribute when asked

Unable: discretionary funds  
Unwilling: philosophical beliefs  
Higher priorities  
Unclear benefits  
Diffusion of responsibility  
Past history  
Value exchange low  
Doing enough (pay taxes)

Duplication  
Governance  
Broad missions  
Investment in evaluation  
Infrastructure  
Fragmentation  
Niche needs

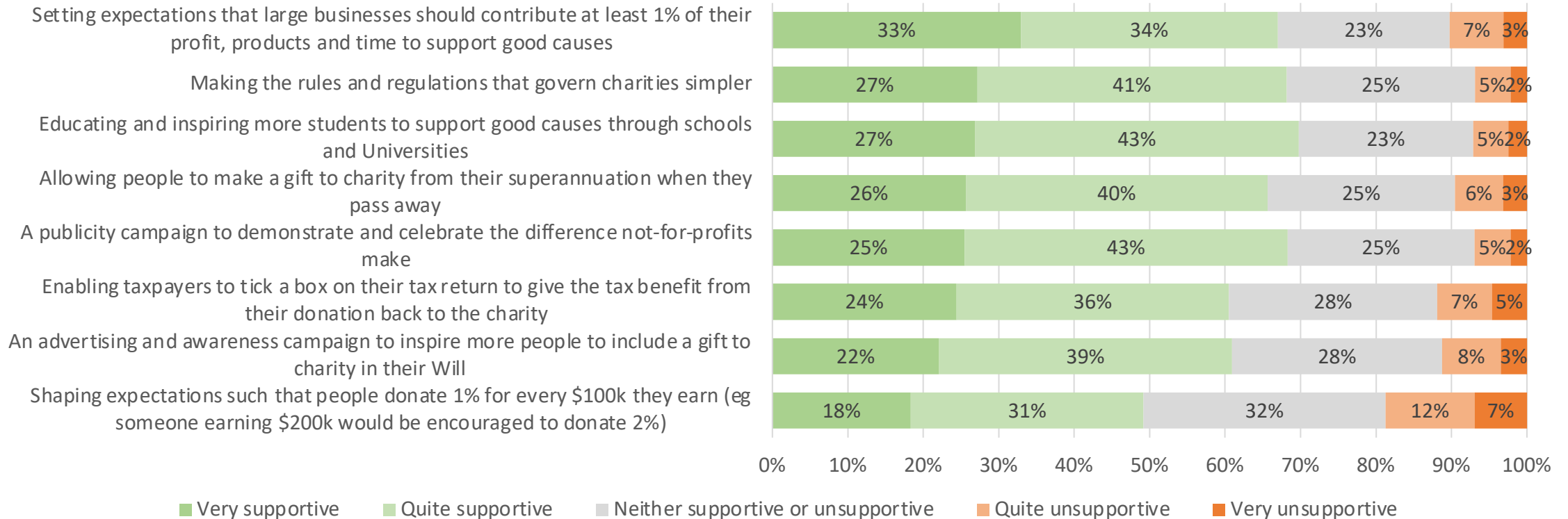
They don't contribute enough

They don't sustain contributions



# Doubling Giving

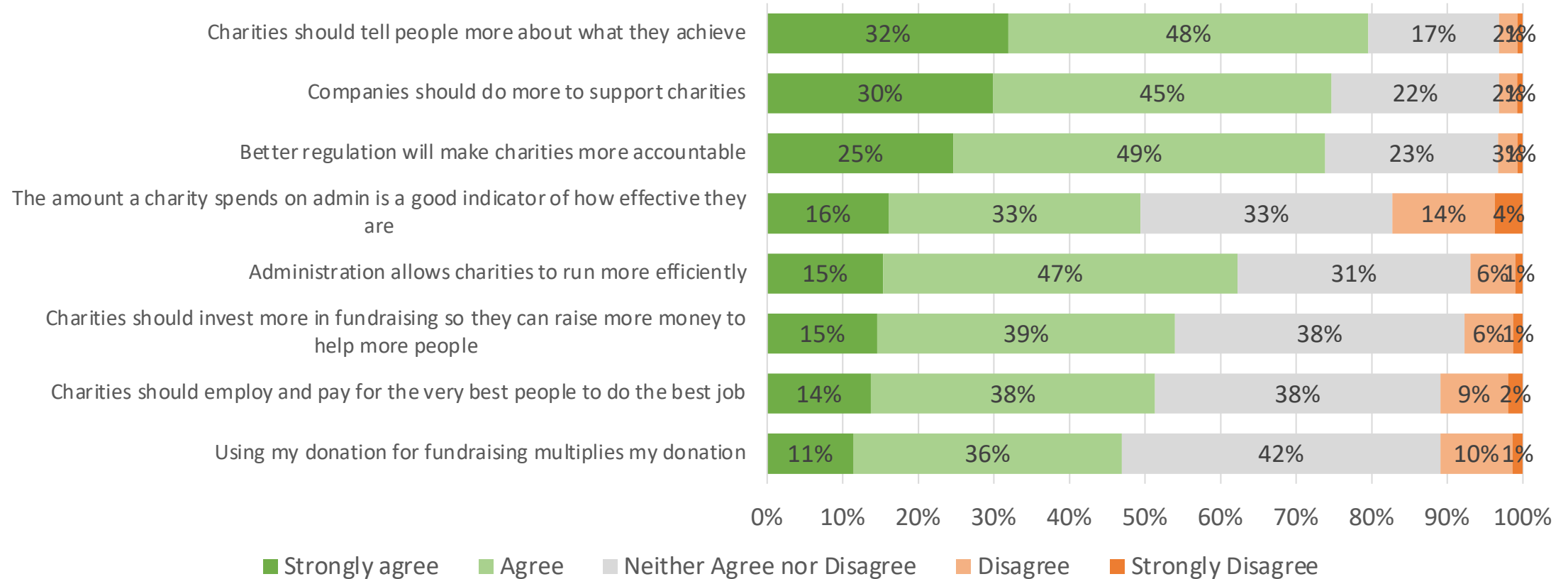
Q7.1 - The Federal Government has set a goal to double charitable giving in Australia over the next 7 years. How supportive would you be of each of the initiatives below?



**There is widespread support for all initiatives but especially those that don't cost me anything!**

# How to improve

## Q11.2 - Would you agree or disagree with the statements below about charities?



**Whilst people agree with most statements the "multiplier" and paying for the best people are lowest**

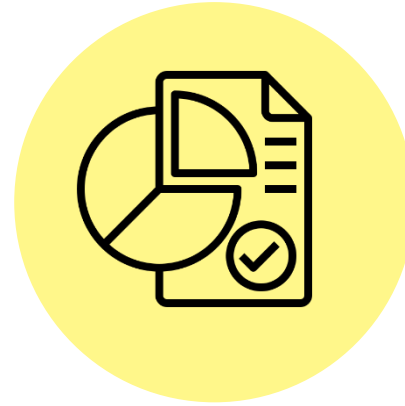


# PARTICIPATE?



## WEBINAR

Present findings in a 2-hour partner presentation twice a year.



## REPORTS

Report of results by key demographics  
Report of changes in attitudes and behaviours  
Report for charity specific question  
Report compare donors to public (if supplied)



## DASHBOARD

Key metrics presented in a dashboard.

*Additional analysis can be undertaken if requested.*

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