

STUDENT OPINION CLIMATE CHANGE AND COP26



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INTRODUCTION

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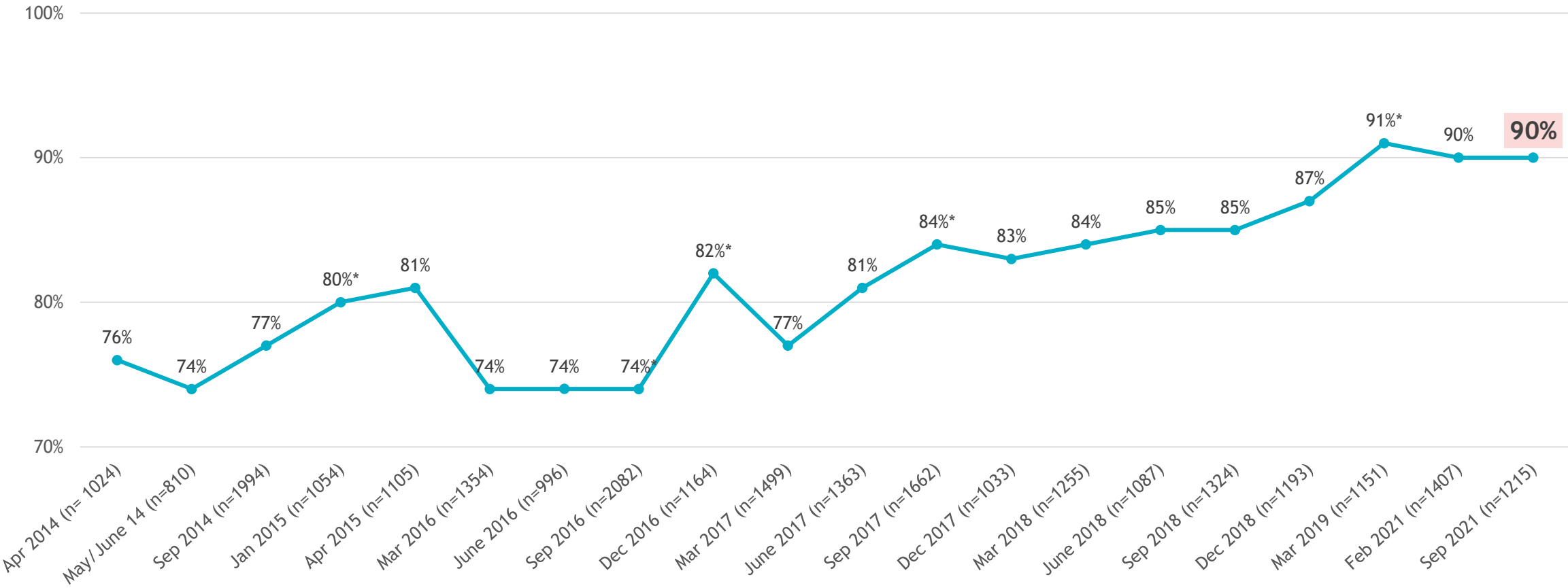
In the lead up to [COP26](#), the UN's climate change negotiations to be held in Glasgow, UK from 31st October to 12th November 2021, SOS-UK has conducted research with students across the UK to understand more about their views related to the negotiations.

The survey was distributed through the National Union of Students to the database of TOTUM cardholders and form part of a wider omnibus survey containing questions on a variety of topics. Respondents are incentivised to complete the survey with a cash prize draw. Responses have been weighted by gender to reflect the demographic make up of the UK higher education student population.

Just over 1200 students responded to the survey, and details of their characteristics can be found at the end of this report.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

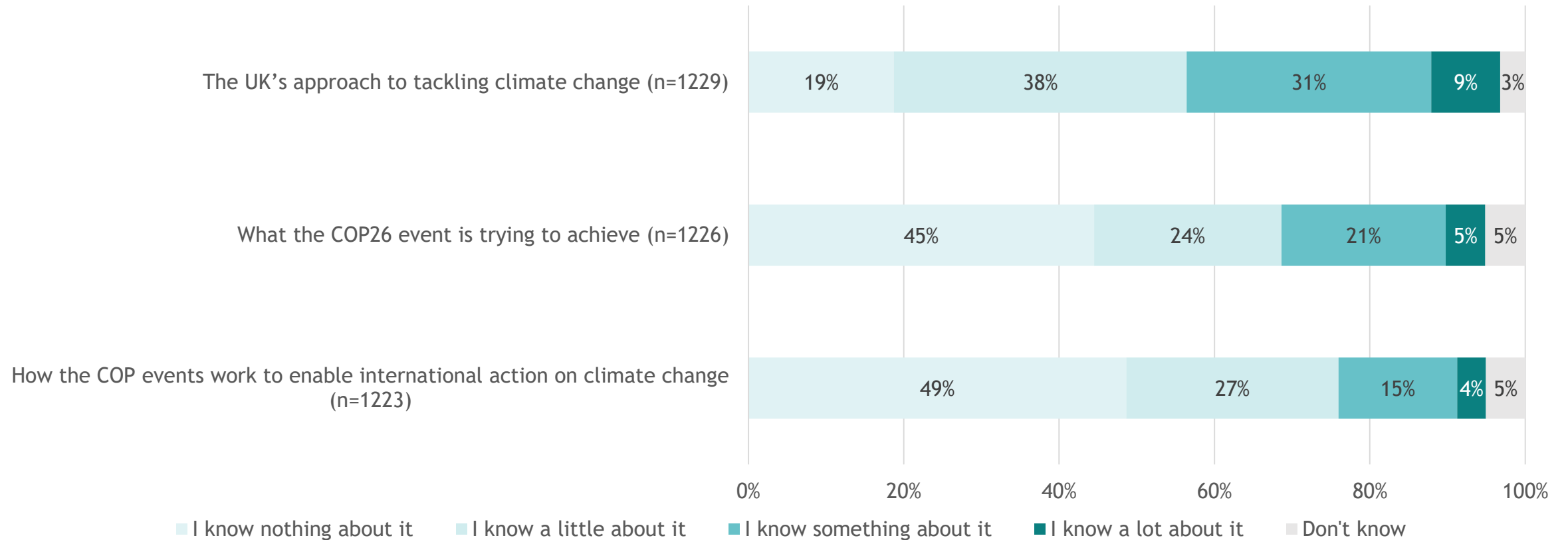
Since 2014, we've been asking students how concerned they are about climate change. They have consistently shown high levels of concern about climate change, with a majority saying they are fairly or very concerned. In this research, 90% of respondents feel this way.



Q. How concerned, if at all, are you about climate change? [Responses shown for very or fairly concerned]
 * Statistically significant change over the previous quarter (at 95% confidence level)
 [Base : In brackets Balance: No response or not concerned]

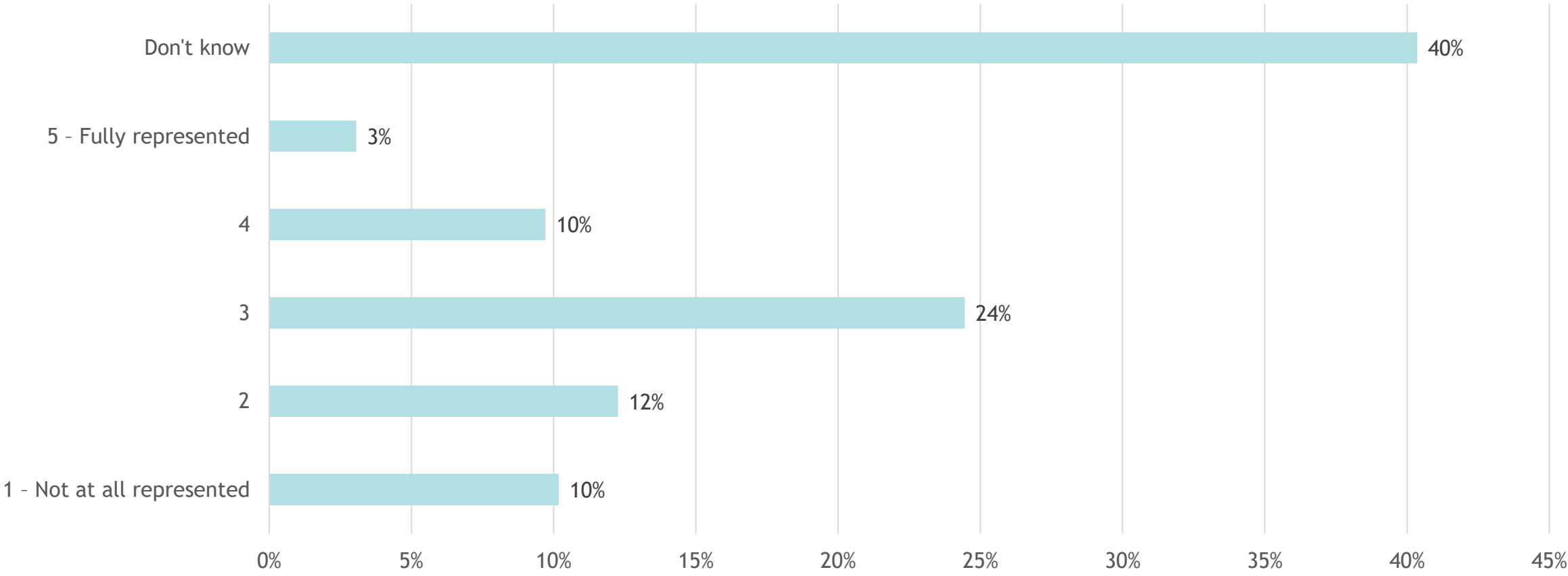


40% of respondents say they know at least something about the UK's approach to tackling climate change, however just 26% say they know the same about what COP26 is trying to achieve.



Q. Which of the following options best describes your knowledge and understanding of these aspects related to COP26?
[Base: In brackets Balance: No response]

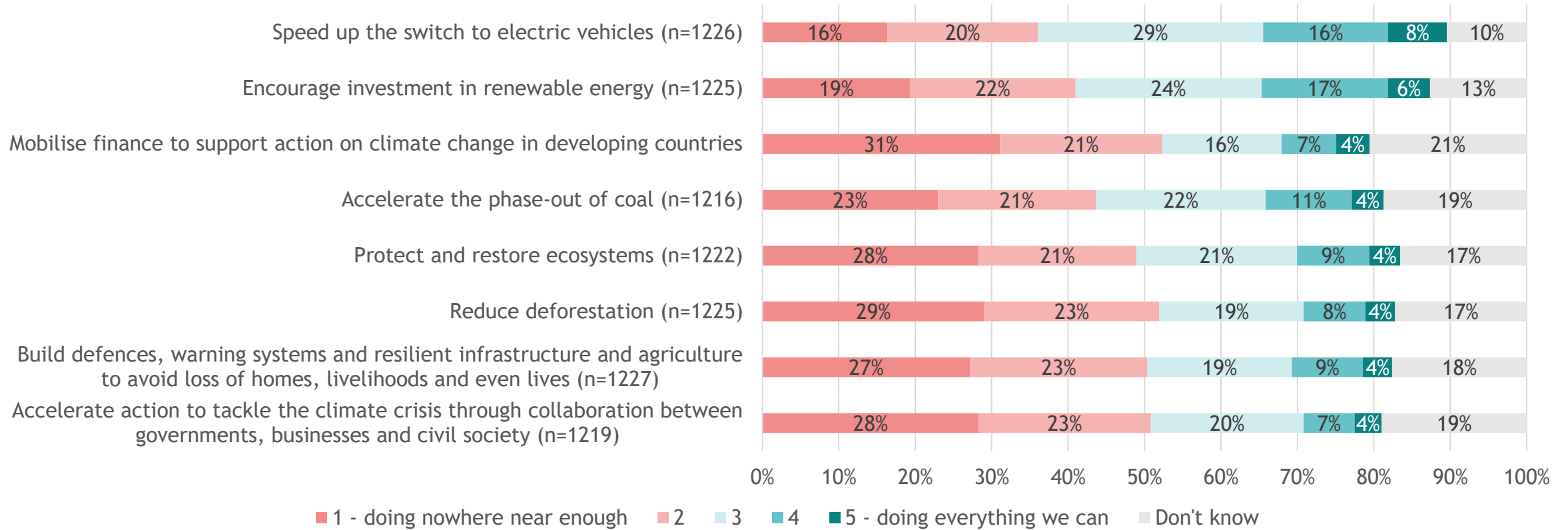
The most commonly reported response is that respondents ‘don’t know’ how their views, experiences and concerns related to climate change are represented at COP26. For those that do know (60%), just 13% see their views and experiences being represented.



Q. To what extent, if at all, do you feel your views, experiences and concerns related to climate change are represented at the COP26 event?
[Base: In brackets Balance: No response]



For all goals, more respondents believe the UK is not doing enough to deliver on the goals than those believing enough is being done. For example 52% believe not enough is being done on mobilising finance to support climate action in developing countries, compared to 11% that do.

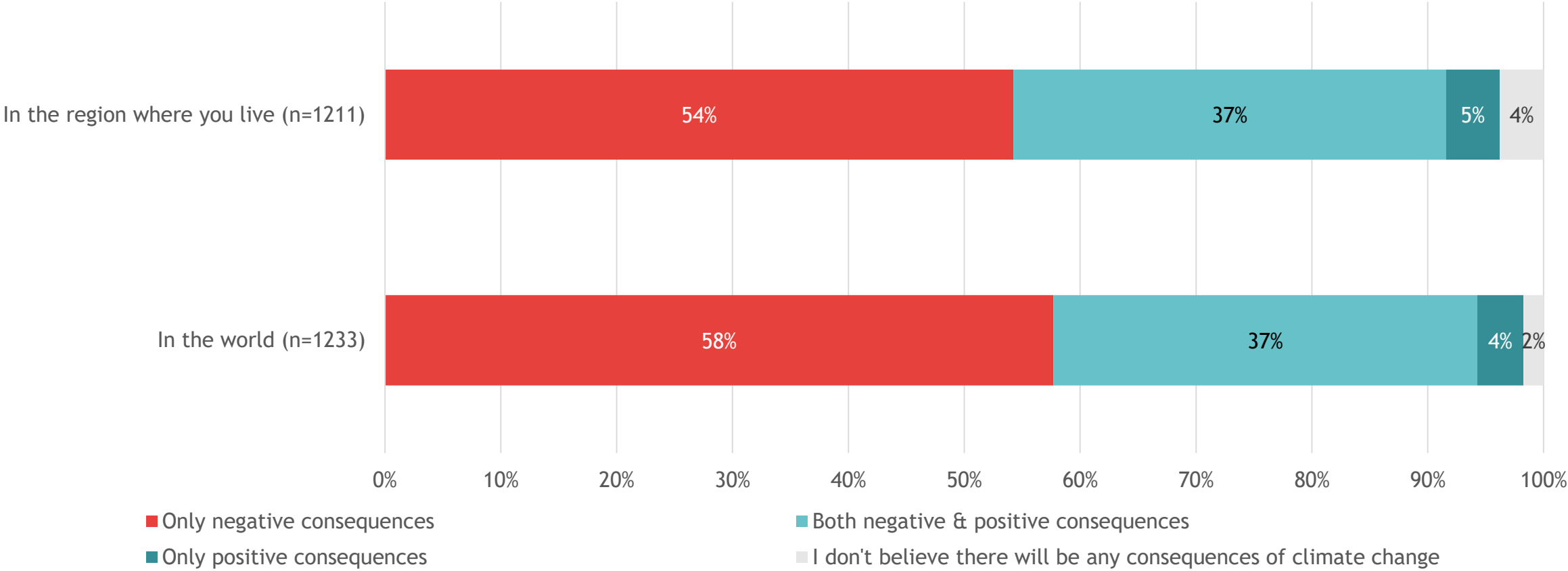


Q. Which of the following options best represents your views of how the UK is delivering against the following goals?

[Base: In brackets Balance: No response]

Goals presented are based on the goals outlined by the UK for COP 26 - <https://ukcop26.org/cop26-goals/>

More than half of respondents believe climate change will have only negative consequences in the region where they live (54%) and in the world overall (58%).



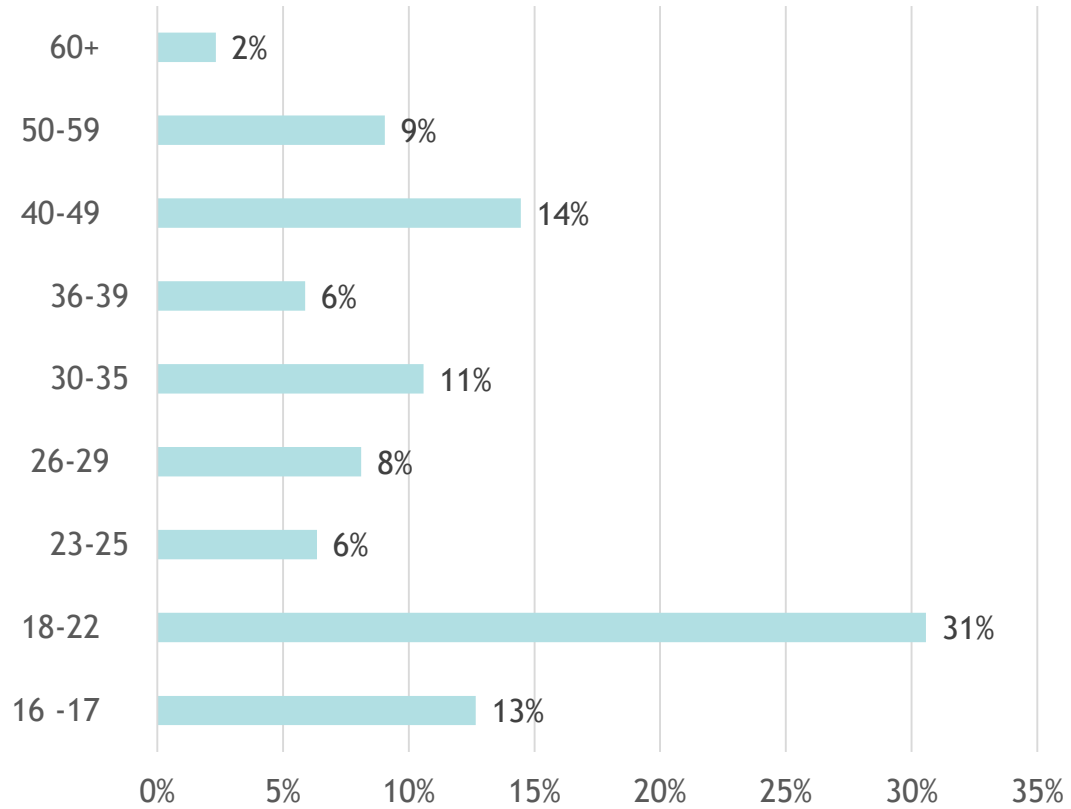
Q. In your opinion, climate change will have...
[Base: In brackets Balance: No response]



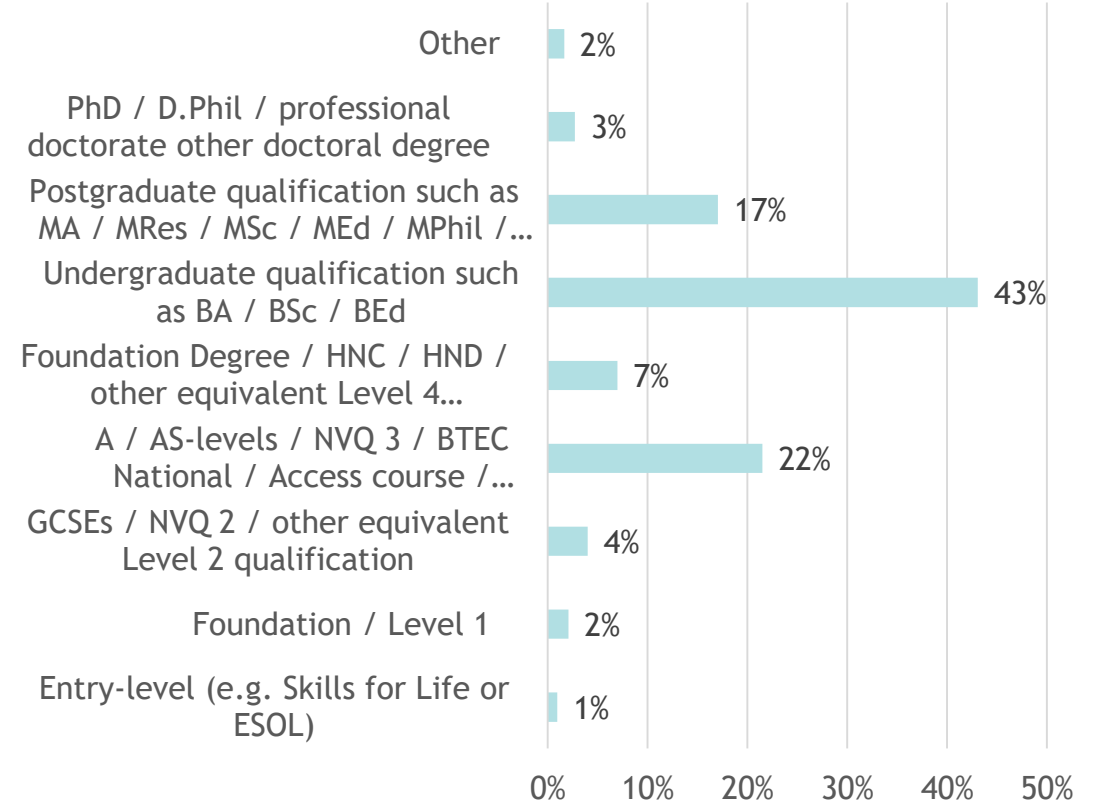
RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS

Respondent characteristics

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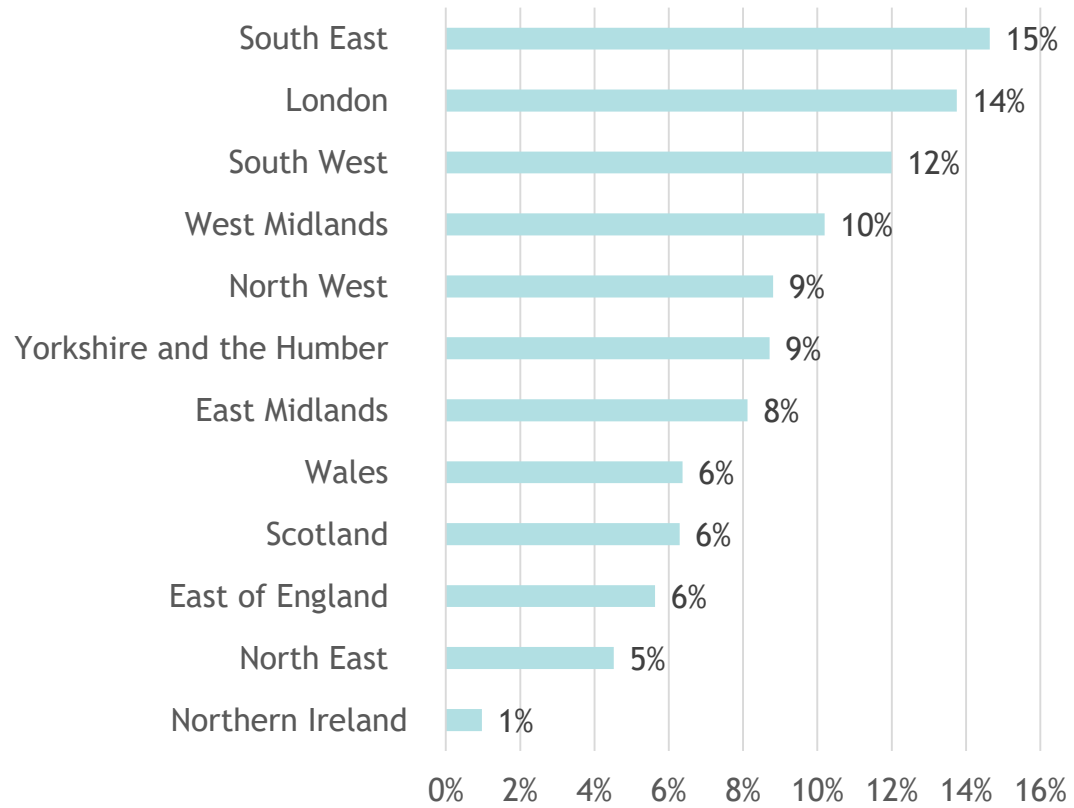


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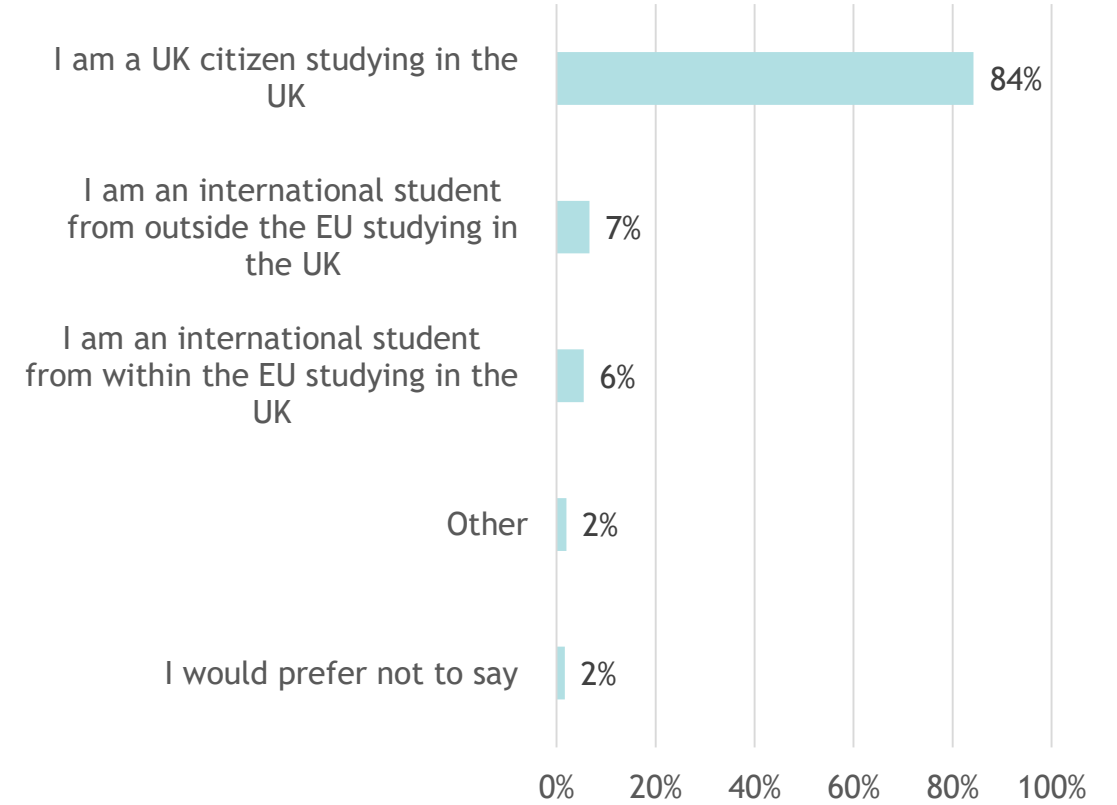


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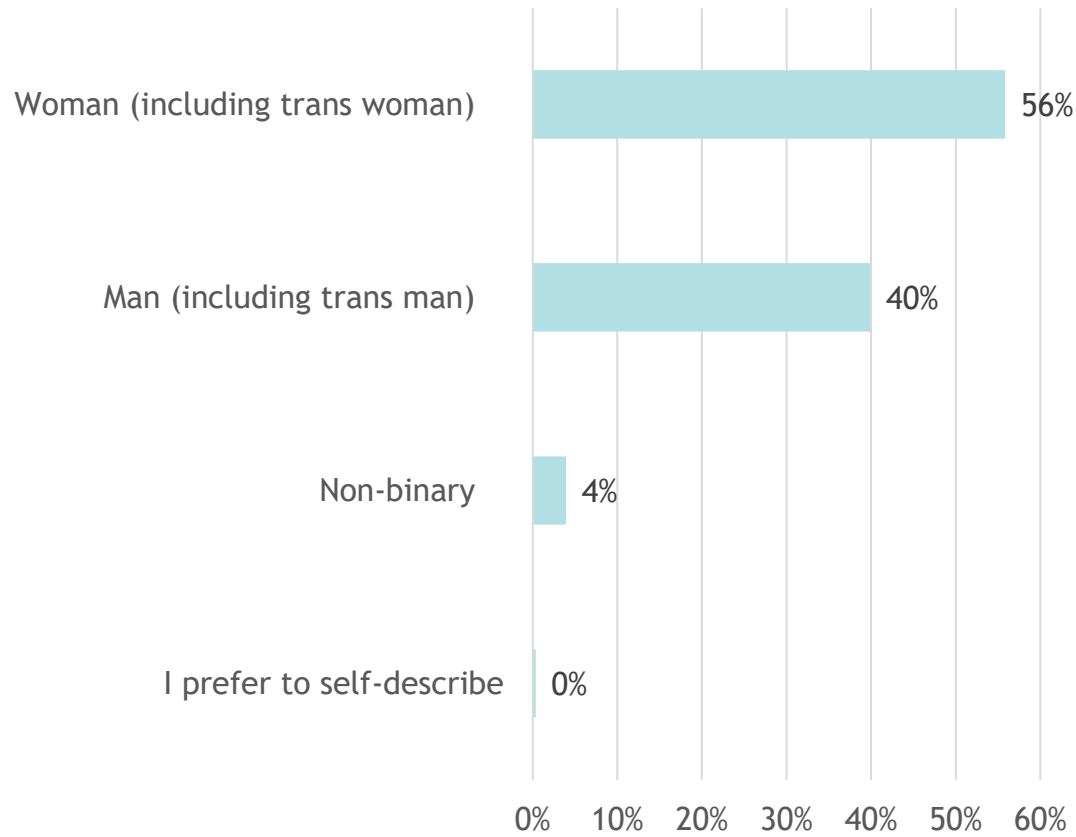


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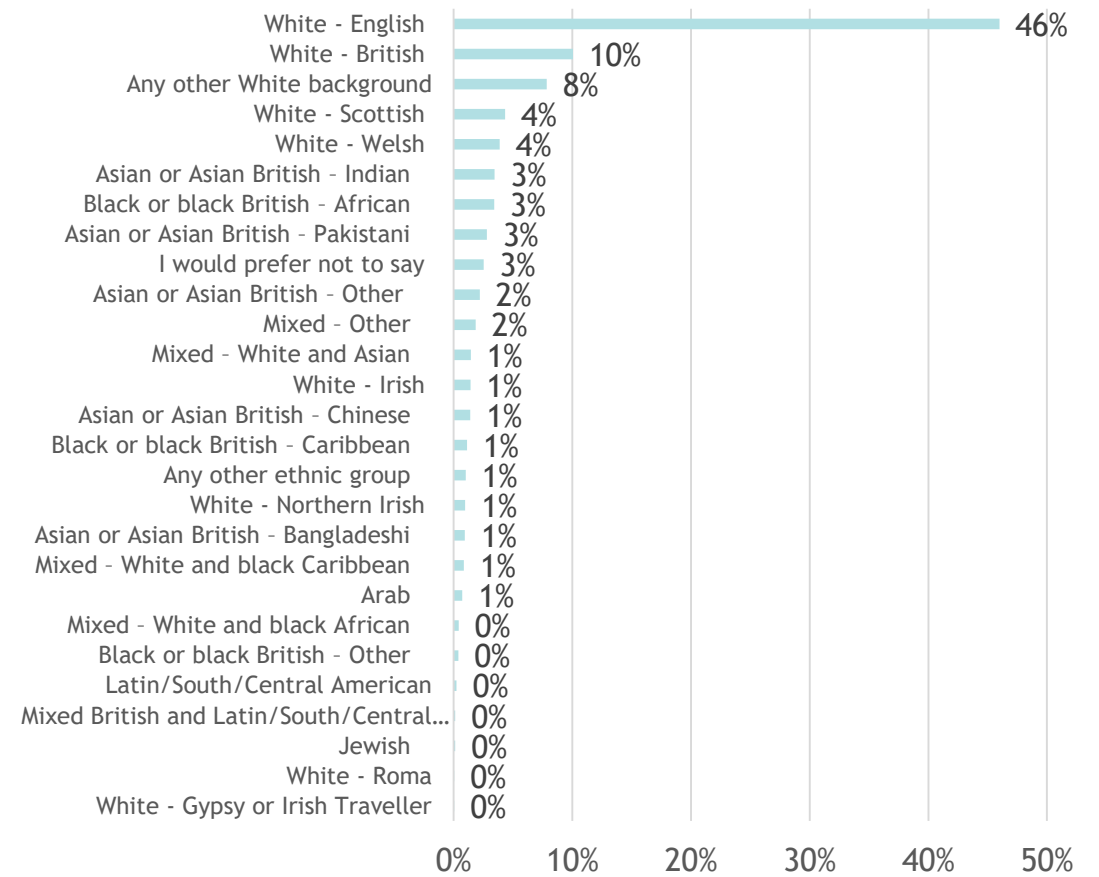


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