



Public attitudes in Georgia

Results of December 2018 survey



— Carried out for NDI by CRRC Georgia —

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WHY WE CONDUCT POLLS?



To foster the development of more responsive policies and governance;

To help stakeholders diagnose and address issues of public concern;

- ❖ leaders from across the political spectrum have reported that the polls are important to their work and encourage continued polling;
- ❖ Inclusive process: the polling instrument was developed in consultation with parties, government, and civil society leaders;

ABOUT THE POLL

- ❖ Fieldwork dates: 6-20 December, 2018
- ❖ 2205 completed interviews (45,1% response rate)
- ❖ The average margin of error is +/- 2,1%
- ❖ Note: the margin of error is different for every response

SAMPLE

- ❖ **A nationally representative sample** (excluding occupied territories) including oversampled areas of the Capital, large Urban, small Urban, Rural and minority settlements
- ❖ **large Urban** stratum consists of the cities with 40K and more population: Batumi, Zugdidi, Rustavi, Poti, Gori, Kutaisi
- ❖ **Small Urban** stratum consists of the rest of the cities/dabas holding urban status
- ❖ **Minority stratum** consists of population of those settlements, where ethnic minorities (mostly Armenians & Azeri) make at least 40% of the voters in given settlement. Settlements within this stratum are dispersed through Kvemo Kartli, Samtskhe-Javakheti & kakheti regions.

ABOUT THE POLL

Quality control

- ❖ All interviewers receive special training
- ❖ CRRC central office coordinators conduct quality control interviews



METHODOLOGY

We use random sampling at all stages. We use a complex survey design:

- ❖ **Stratification** – dividing population in relatively homogenous sub-groups
- ❖ **Clustering** – randomly selecting small geographic areas for each sub-group (stratum)
- ❖ Households are selected via random route sampling
- ❖ Respondents are selected using a Kish table
- ❖ Randomly selected households and individuals are not substituted
- ❖ All interviews were conducted face-to-face with 18+ population, using tablets, in Georgian, Armenian and Azeri.

How NDI Survey is Conducted

1

At the first stage, CRRC randomly selects voting precincts in Georgia. Interviewers are sent there with given starting point, directions for walking, step size, number of contacts.



2

Interviewer randomly selects households according to the given step size, e.g. every 3rd, 5th, 8th...

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The respondent is selected randomly, with special method - so called Kish grid. Selected respondent cannot be replaced.

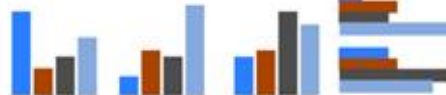
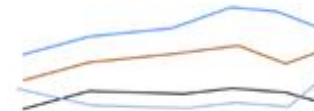


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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Interviewer submits the results via the internet to the special server.



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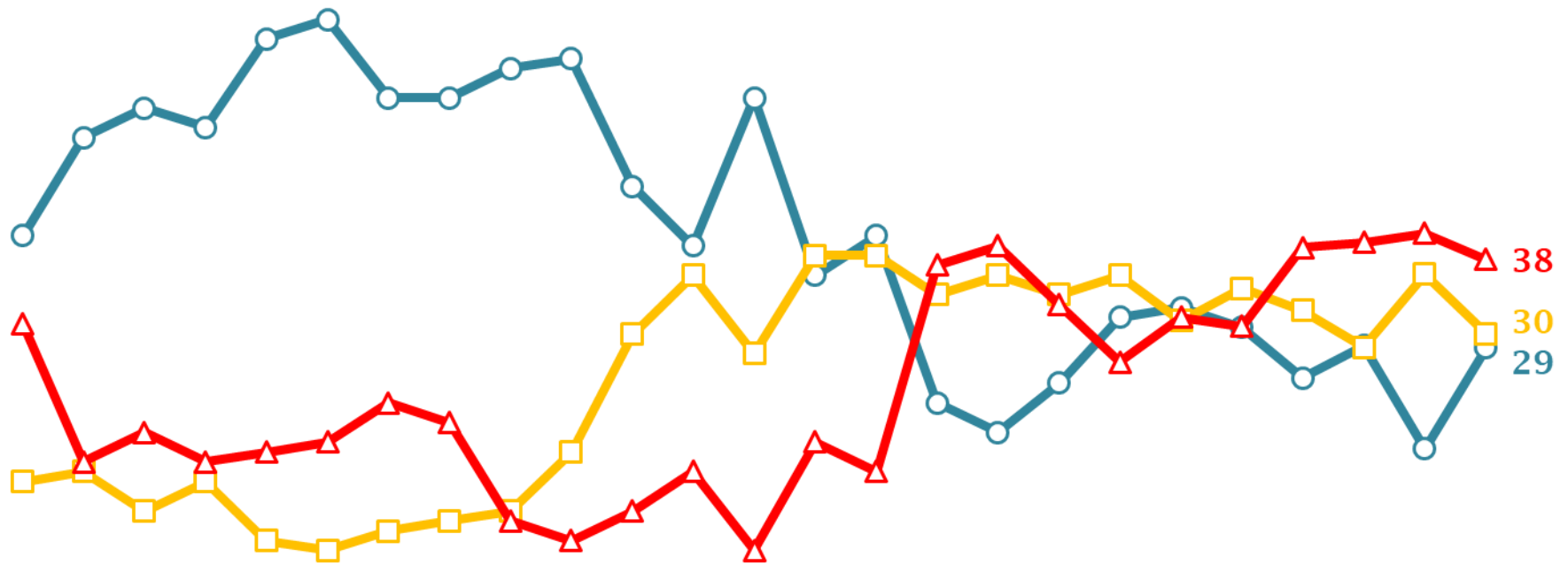
CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

Country's Direction and National & Local Issues

Country direction

There are different opinions regarding the direction in which Georgia is going. In your opinion ... (q2)

- Georgia is going in the right direction
- Georgia is not changing at all
- ▲ Georgia is going in the wrong direction

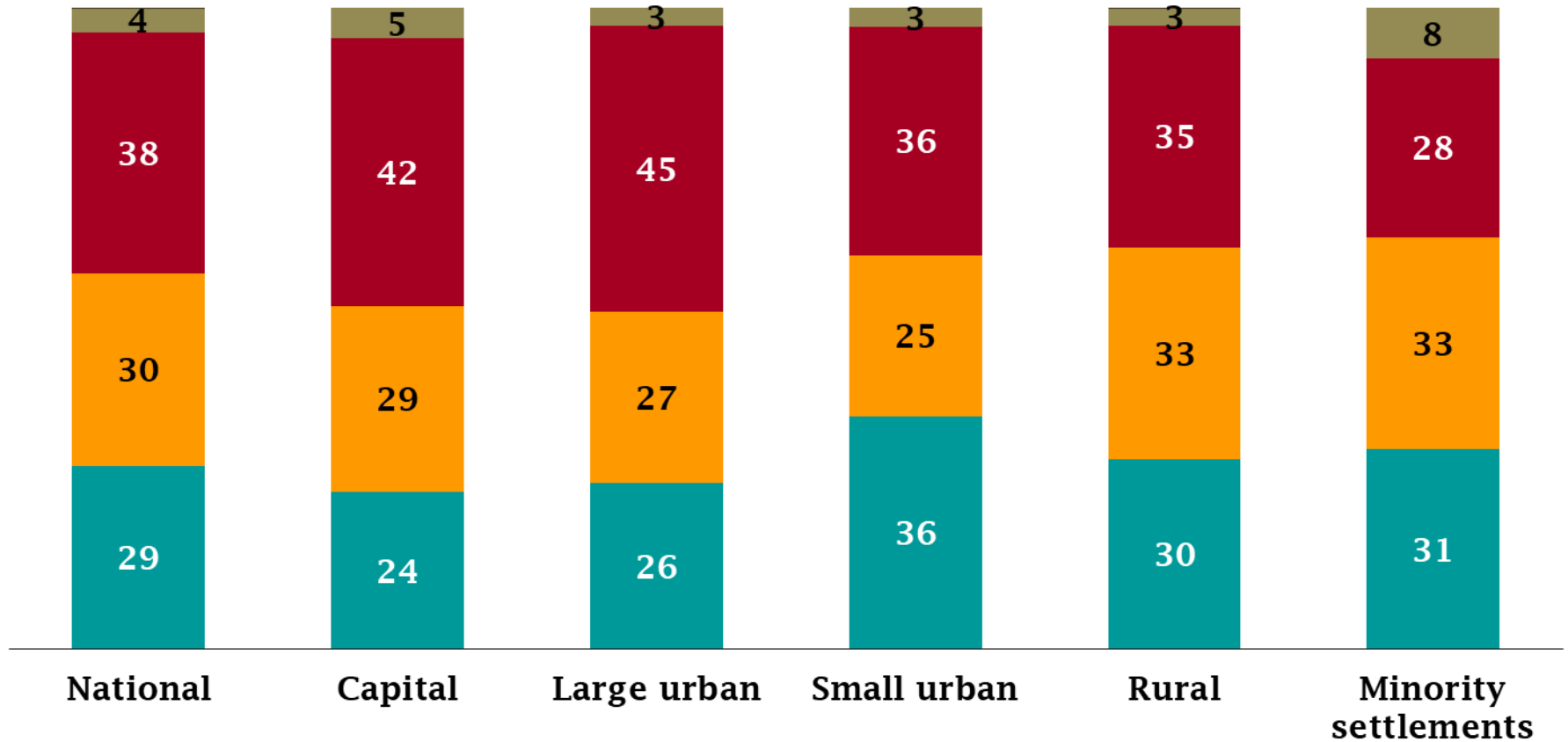


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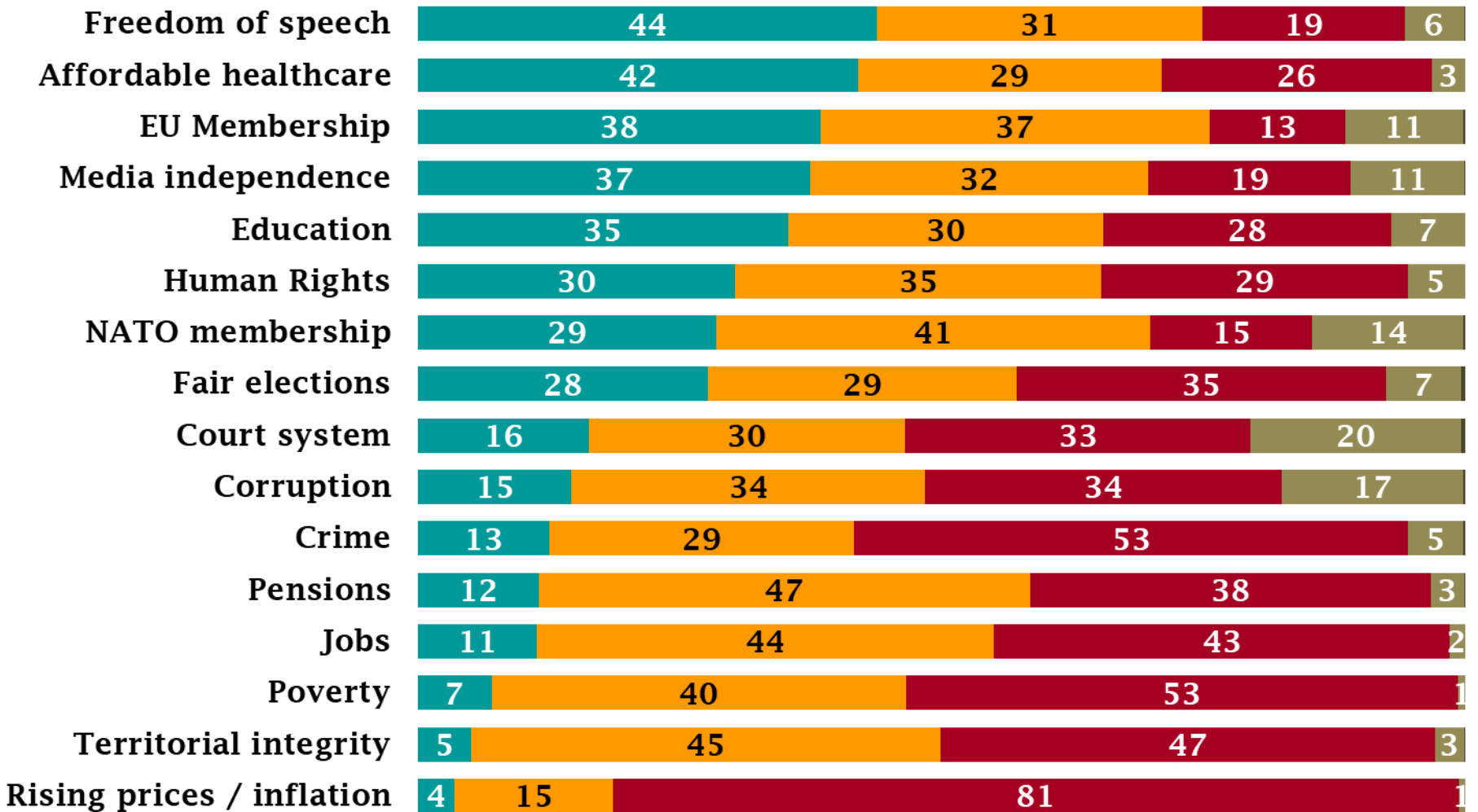
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- RA
- Georgia is not changing at all
- DK



Direction of different issues

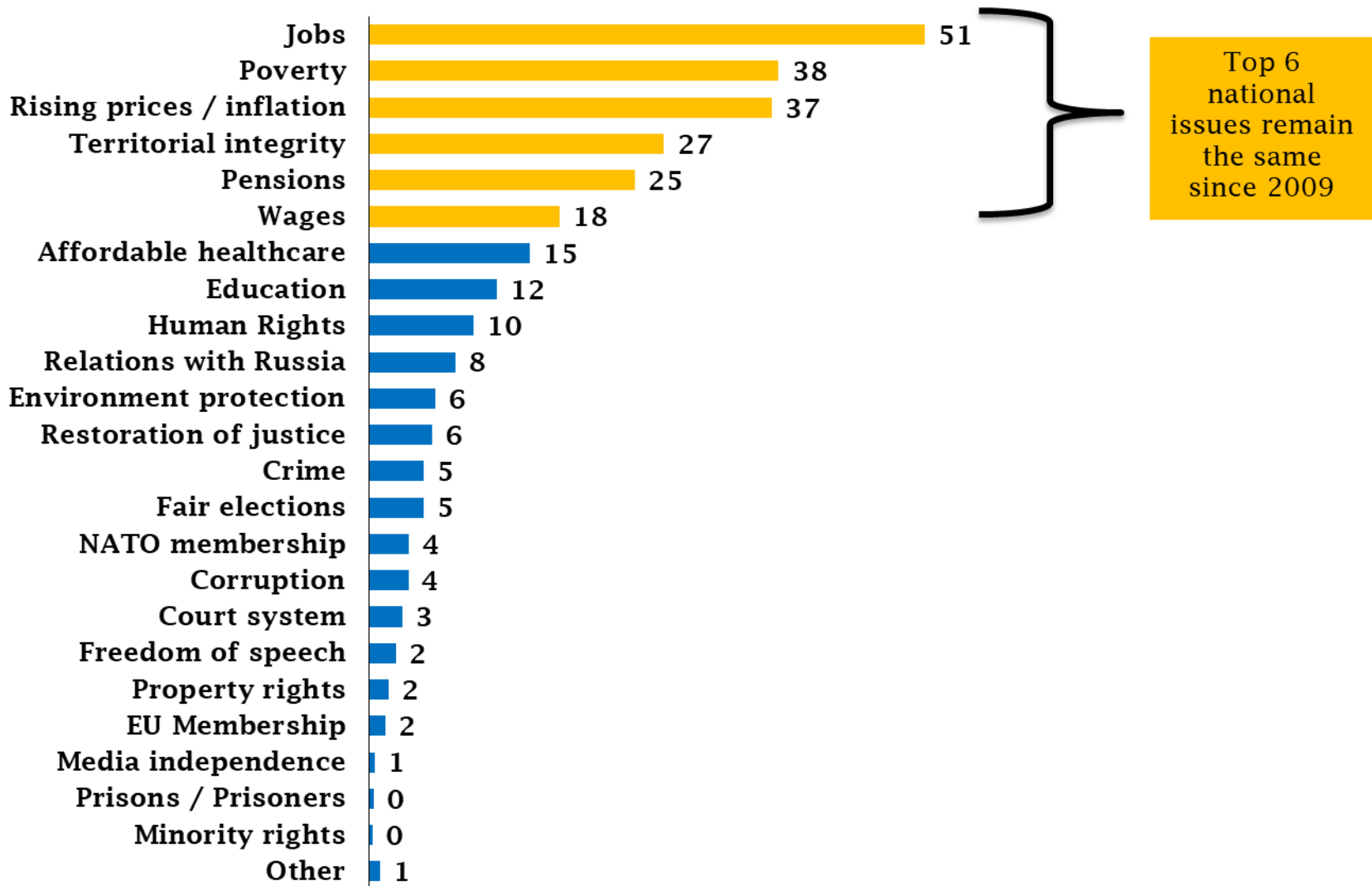
For each issue, please tell us whether situation is going in the right direction, in the wrong direction or is not changing at all? (q3)

■ Going in the right direction ■ Not changing at all ■ Going in the wrong direction ■ DK ■ RA



National issues

What are the most important national issues facing you and your family?
Please name up to three (q1)



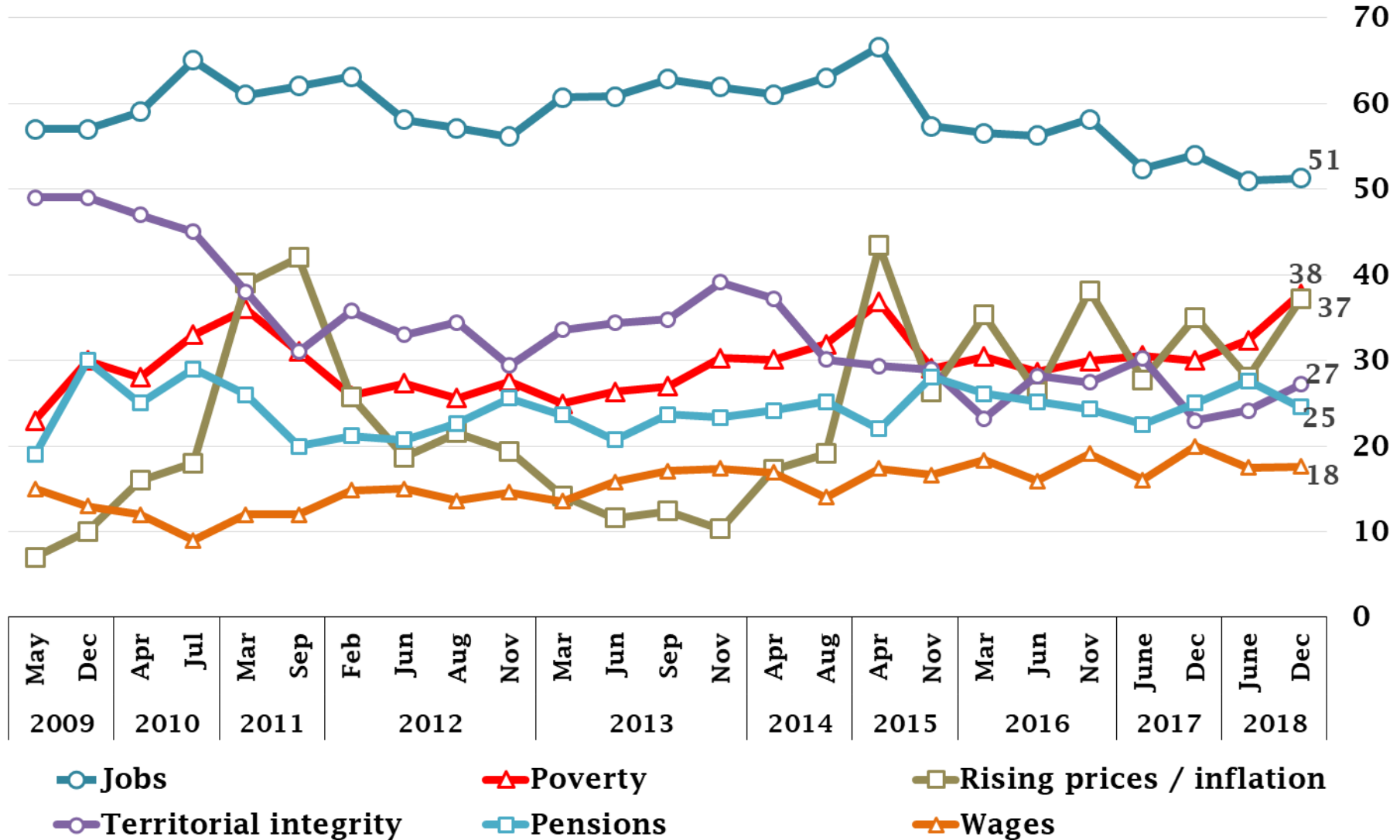
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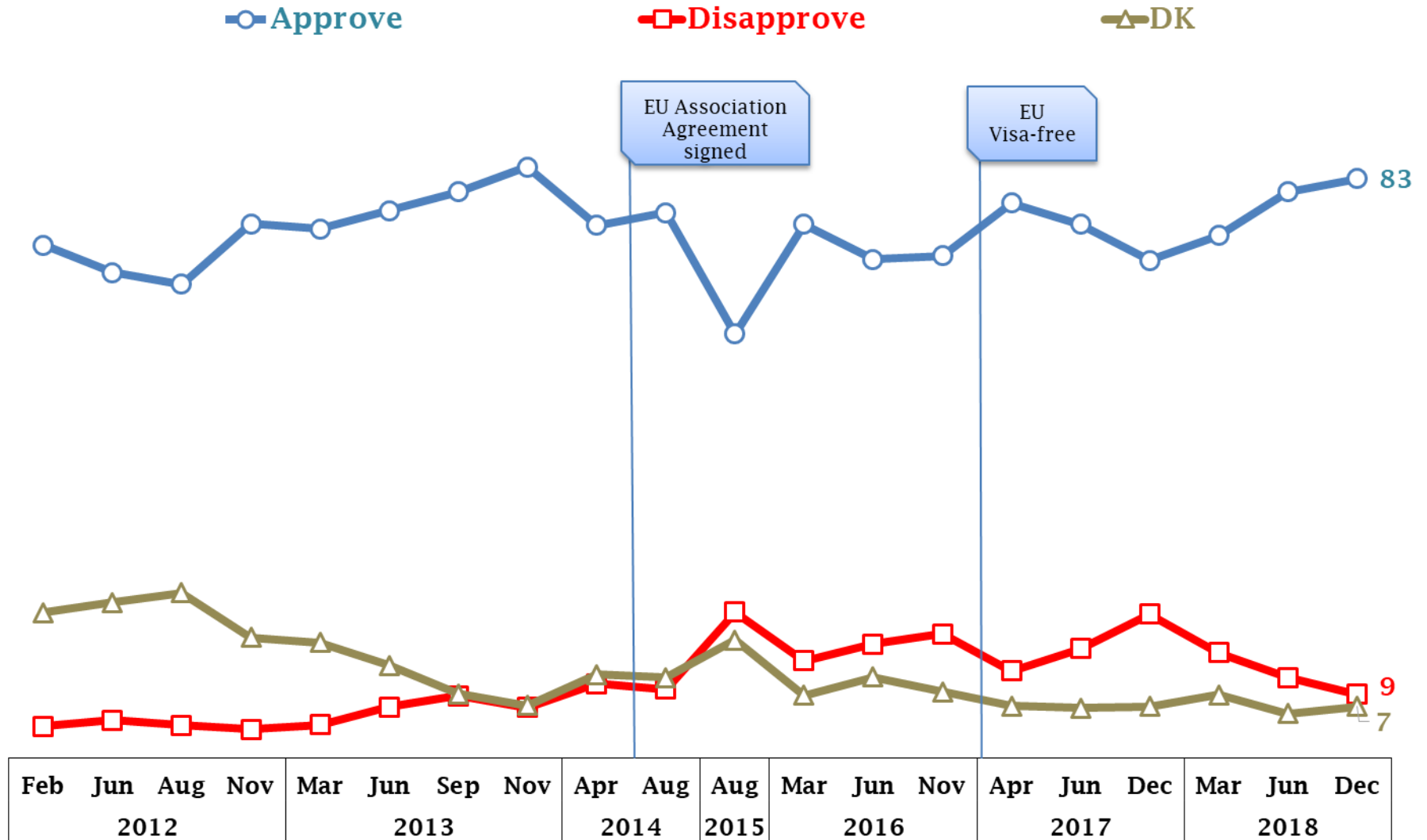
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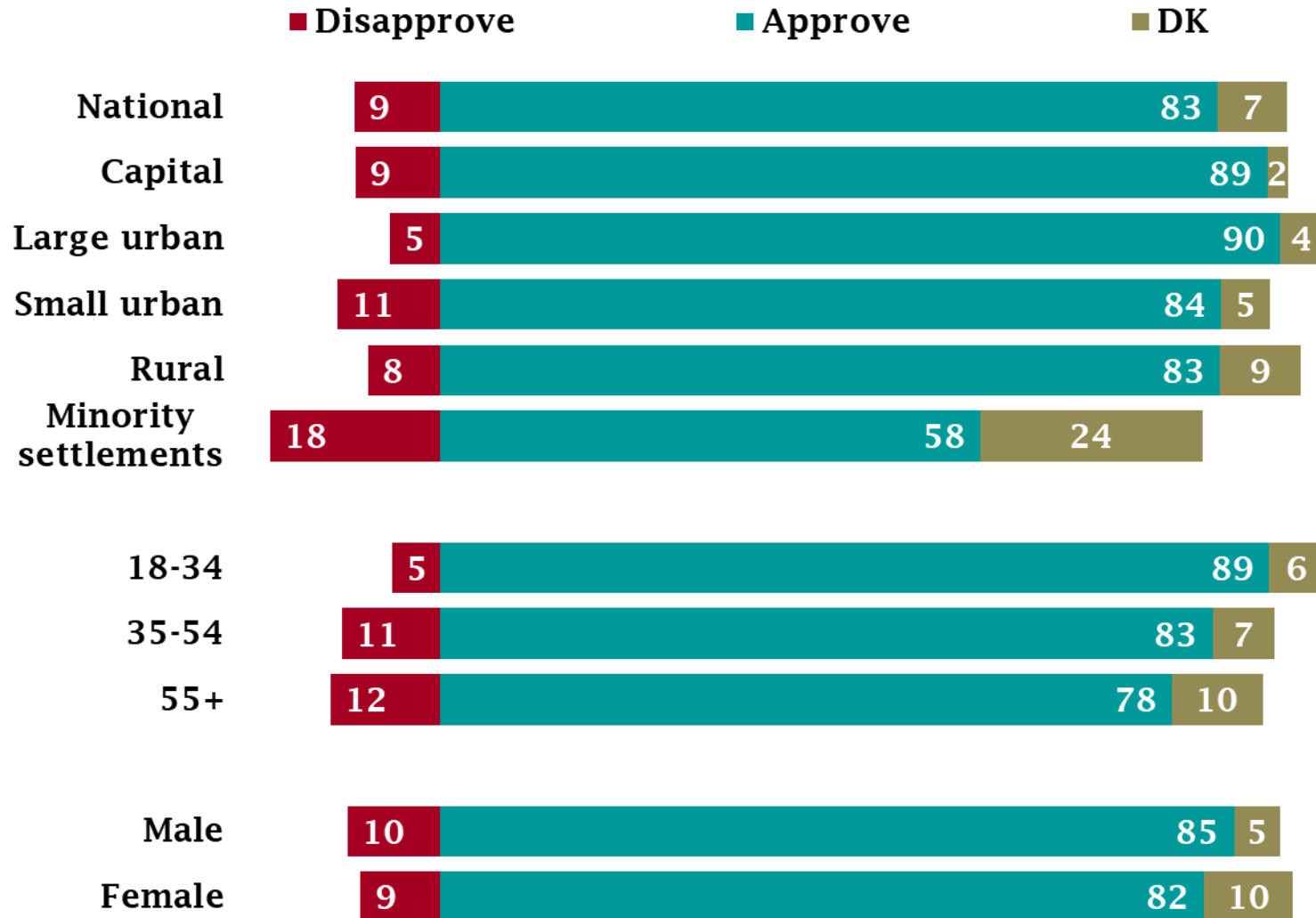
EU membership support

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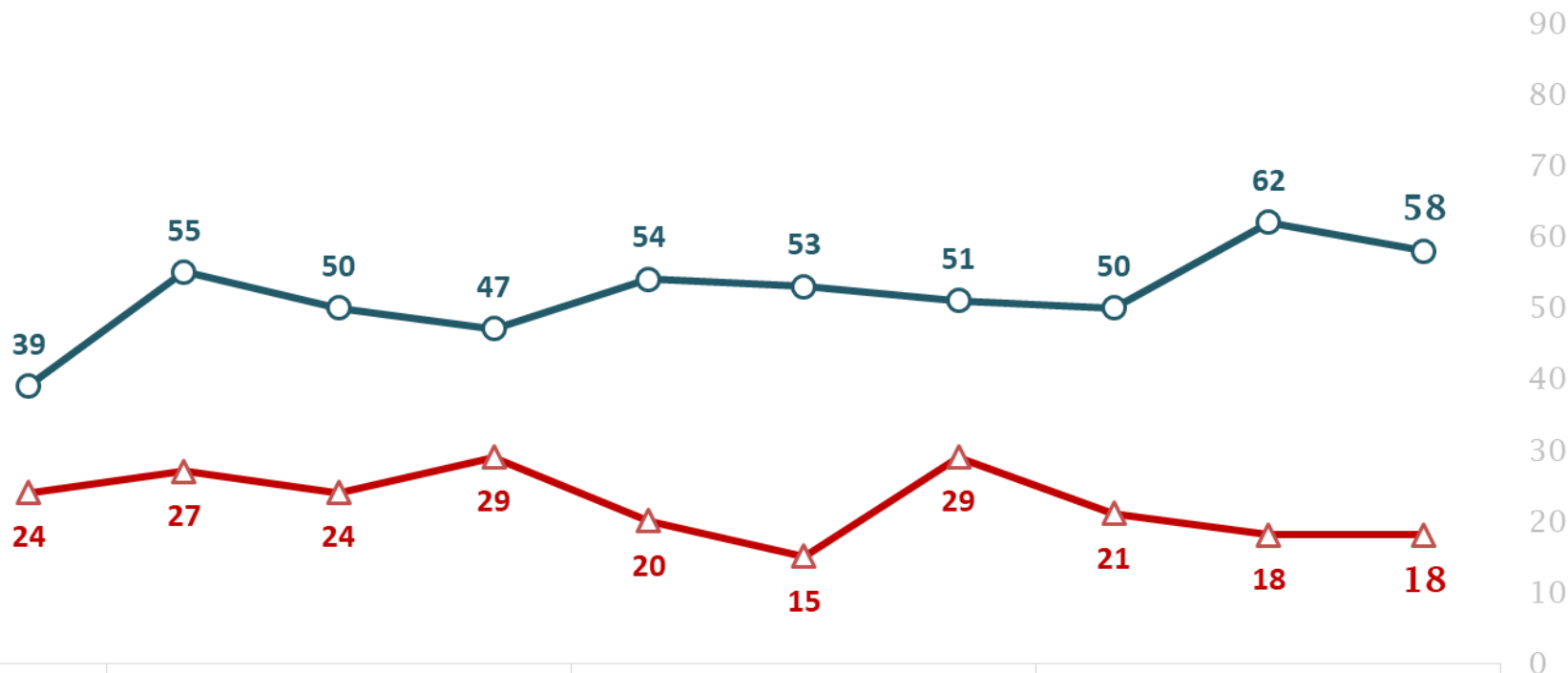
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Support for EU membership in minorities

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○ Approve ▲ Disapprove

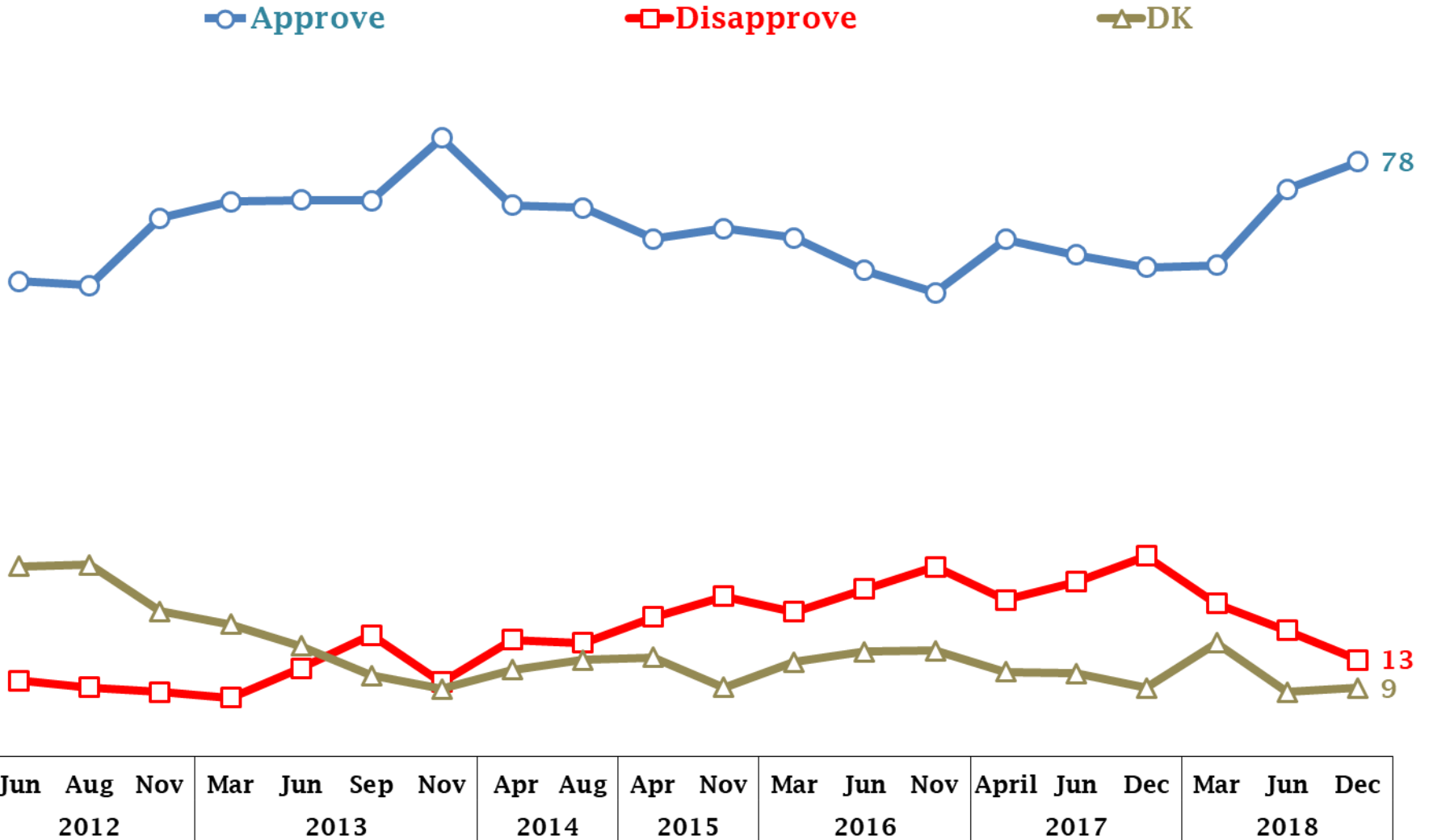


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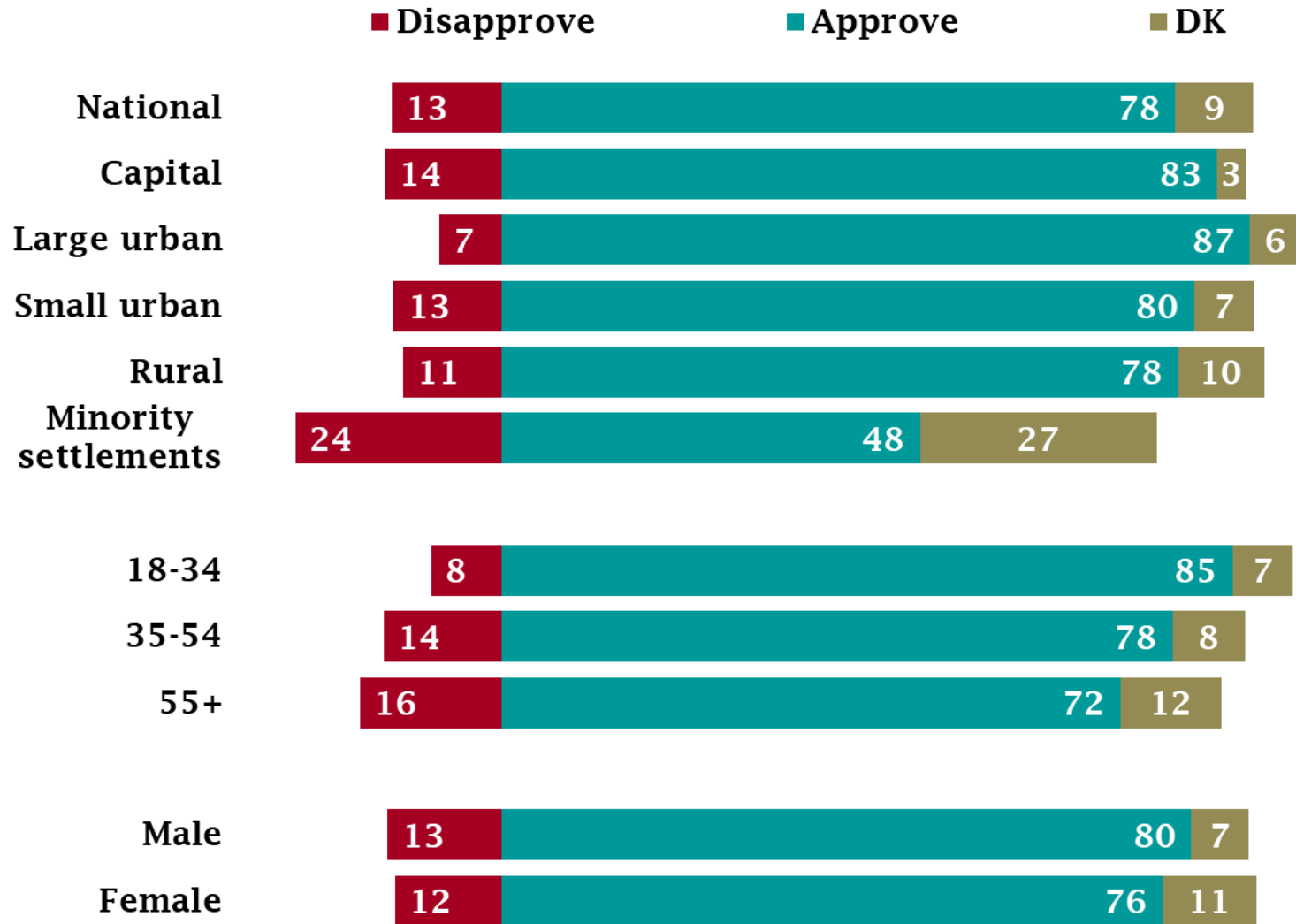
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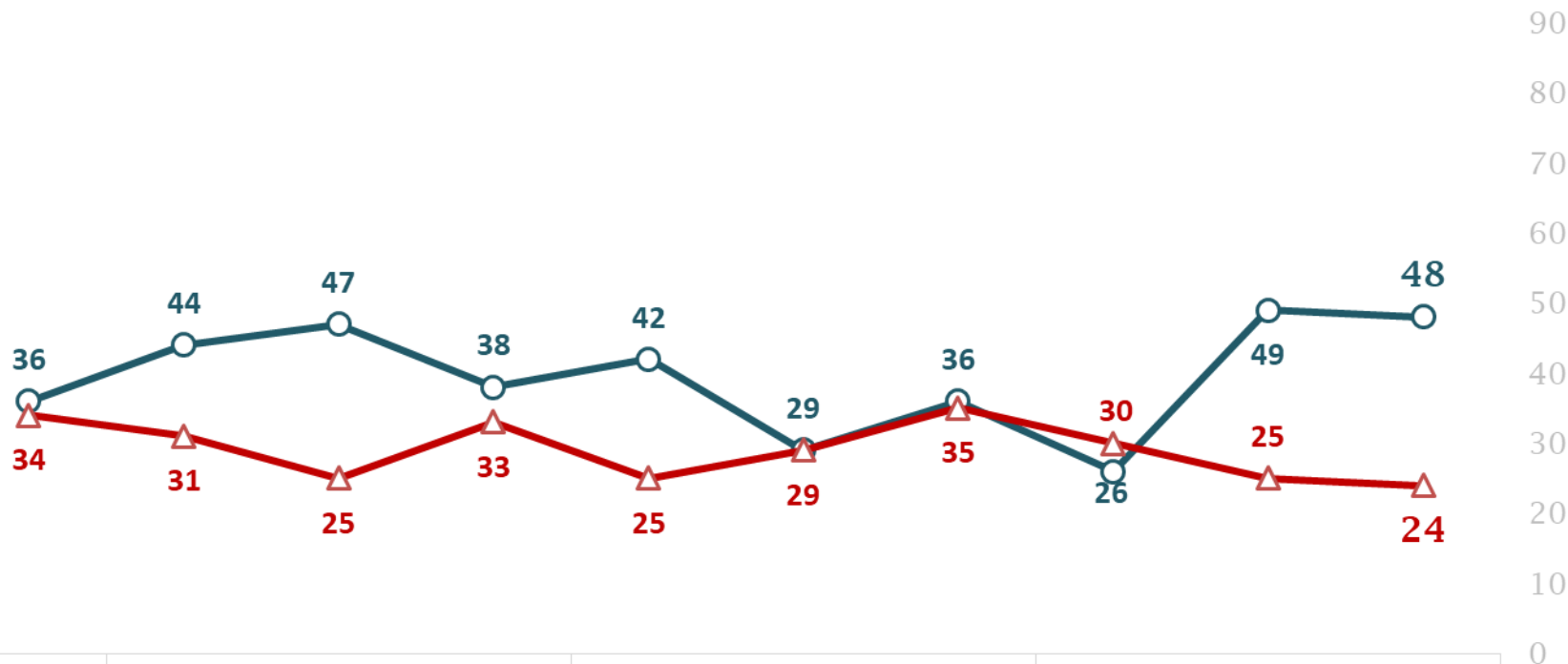
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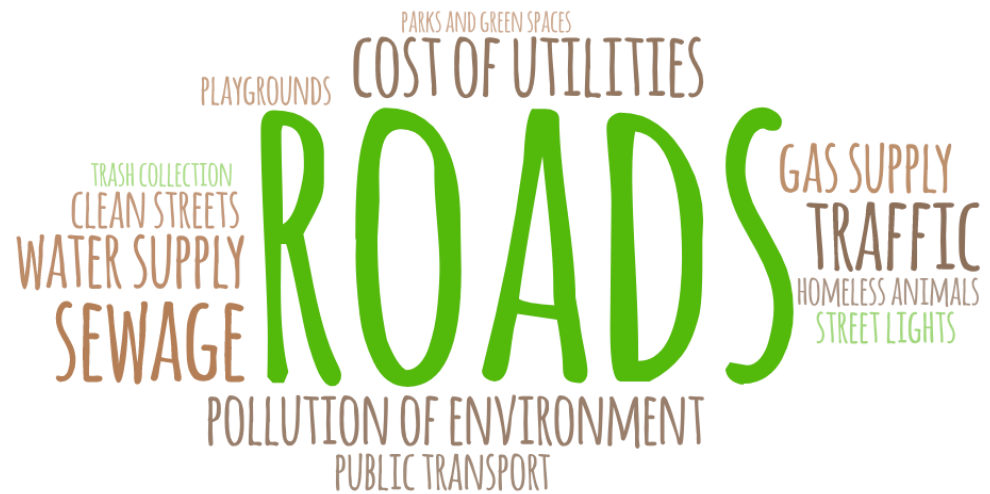
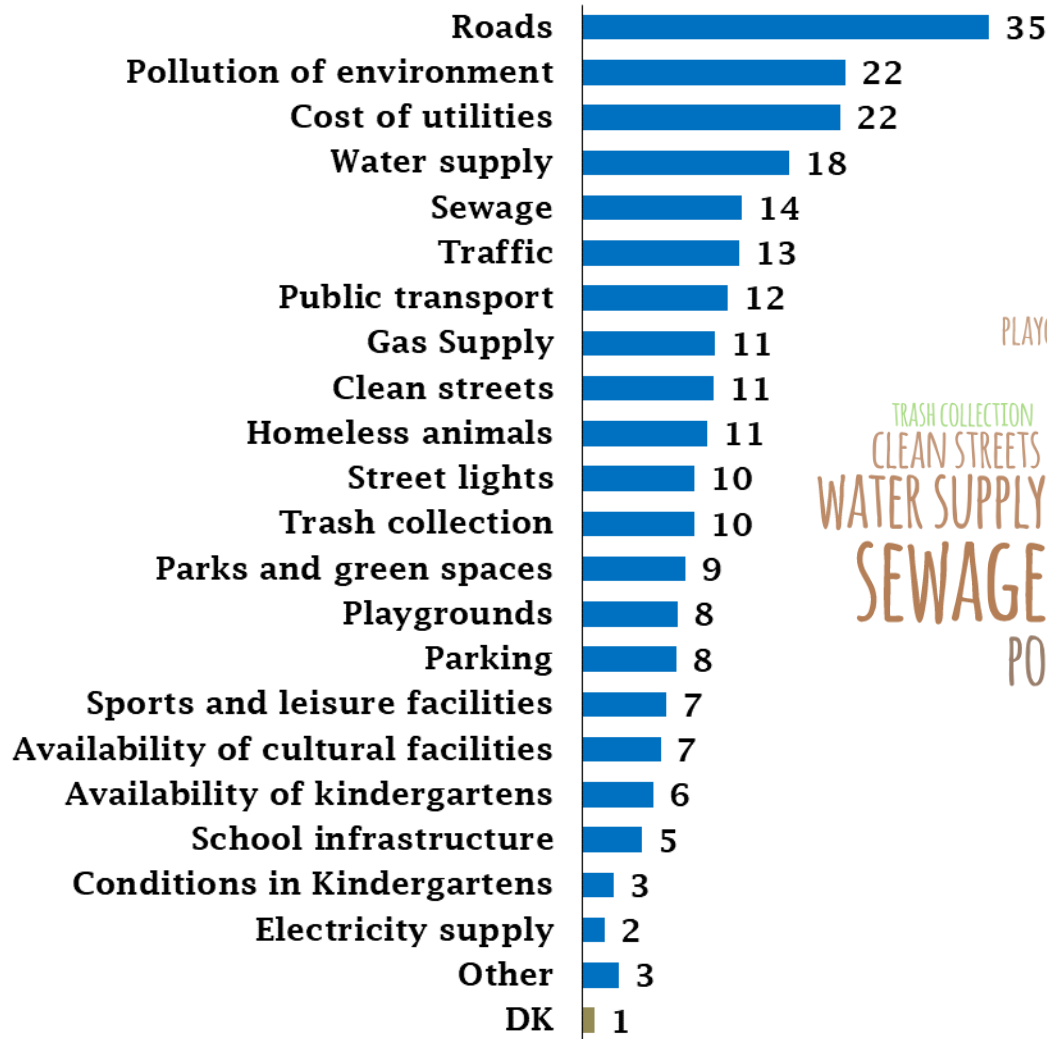


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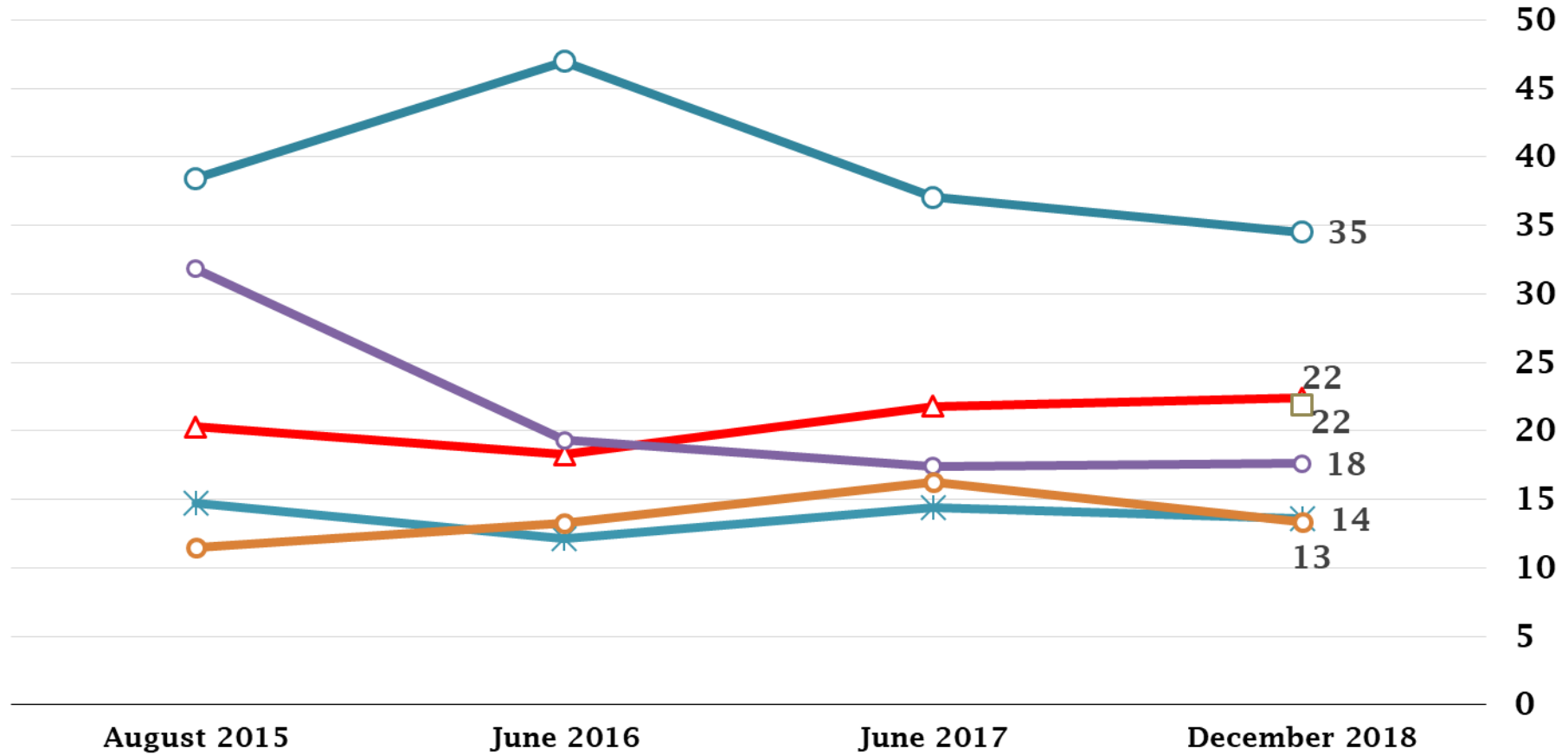
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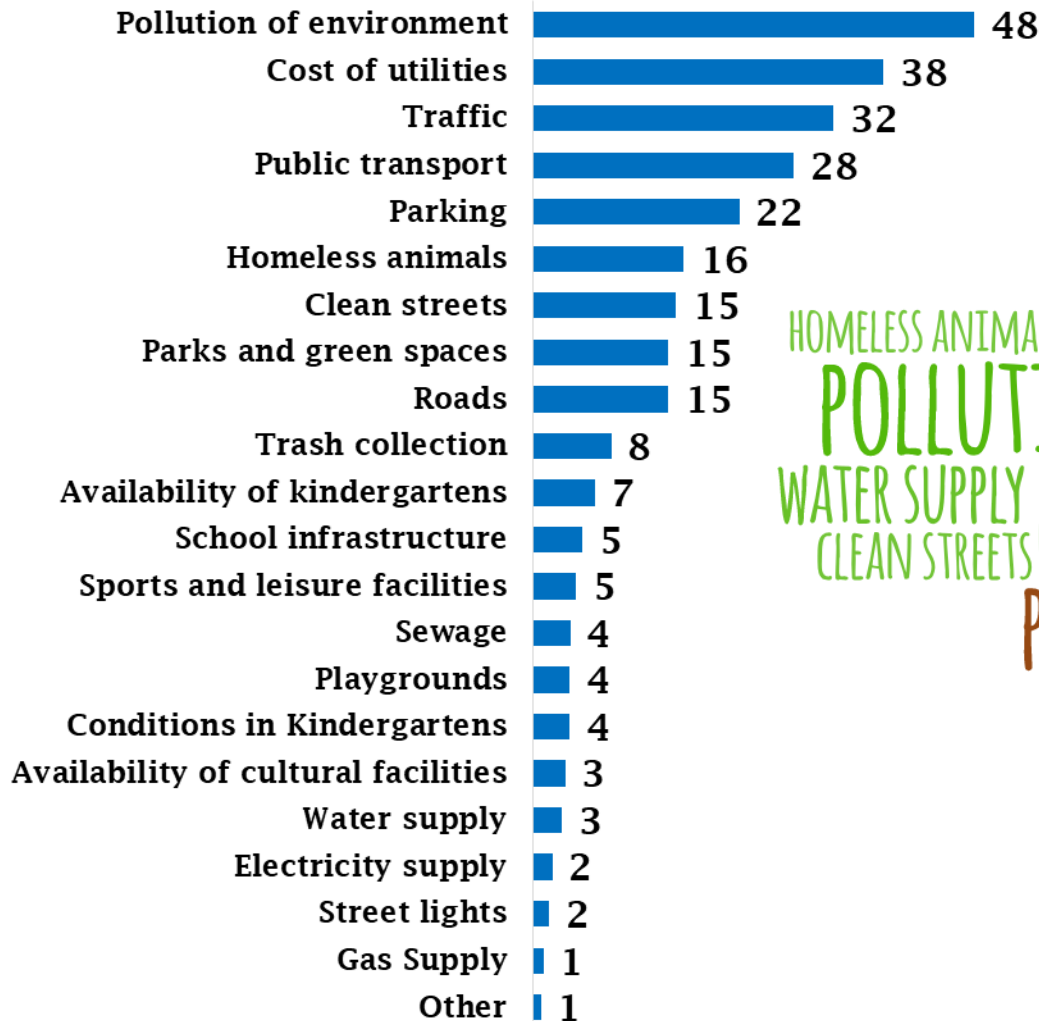
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- Water supply
- △ Pollution of environment
- ✱ Sewage
- Cost of utilities
- Traffic

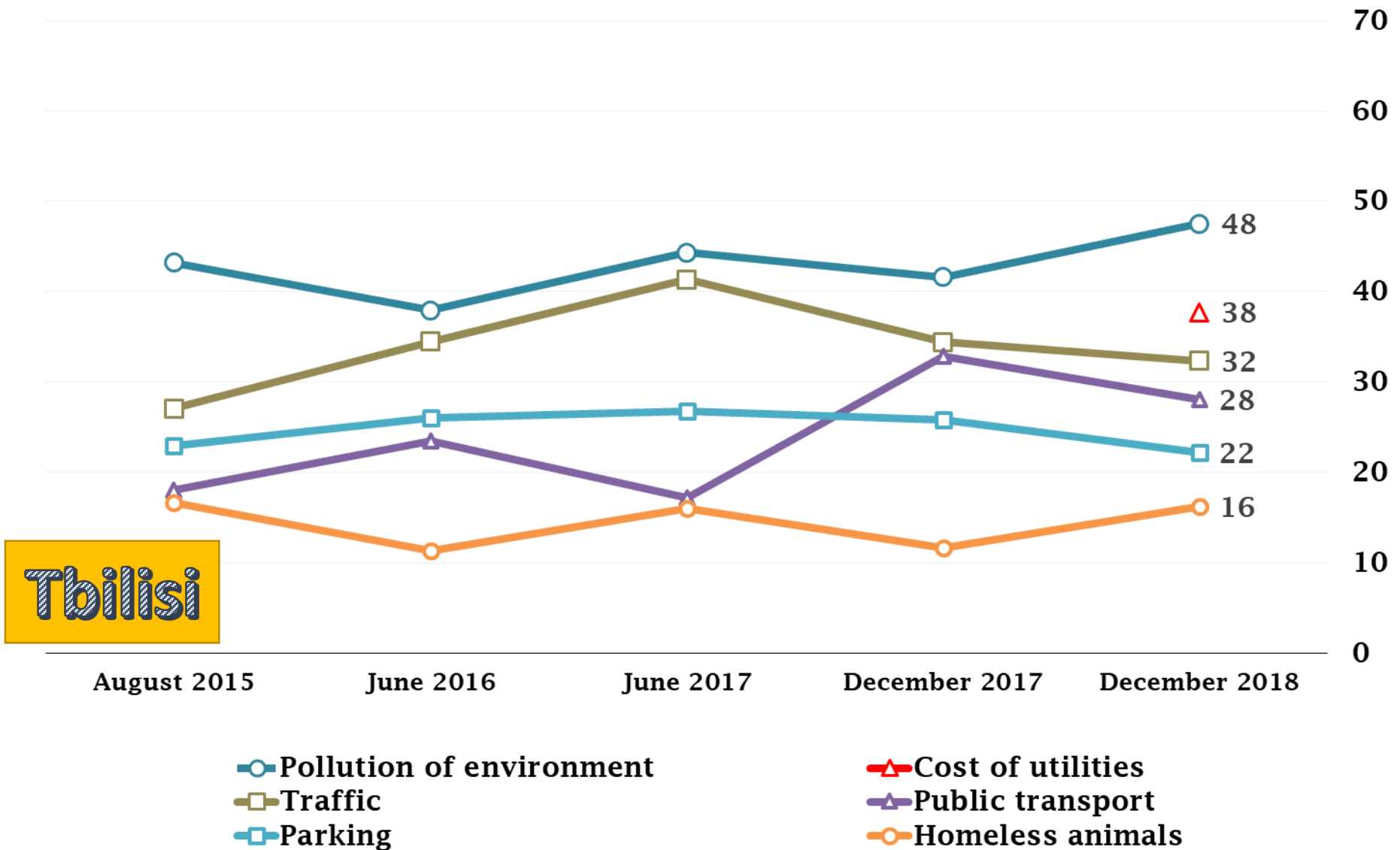
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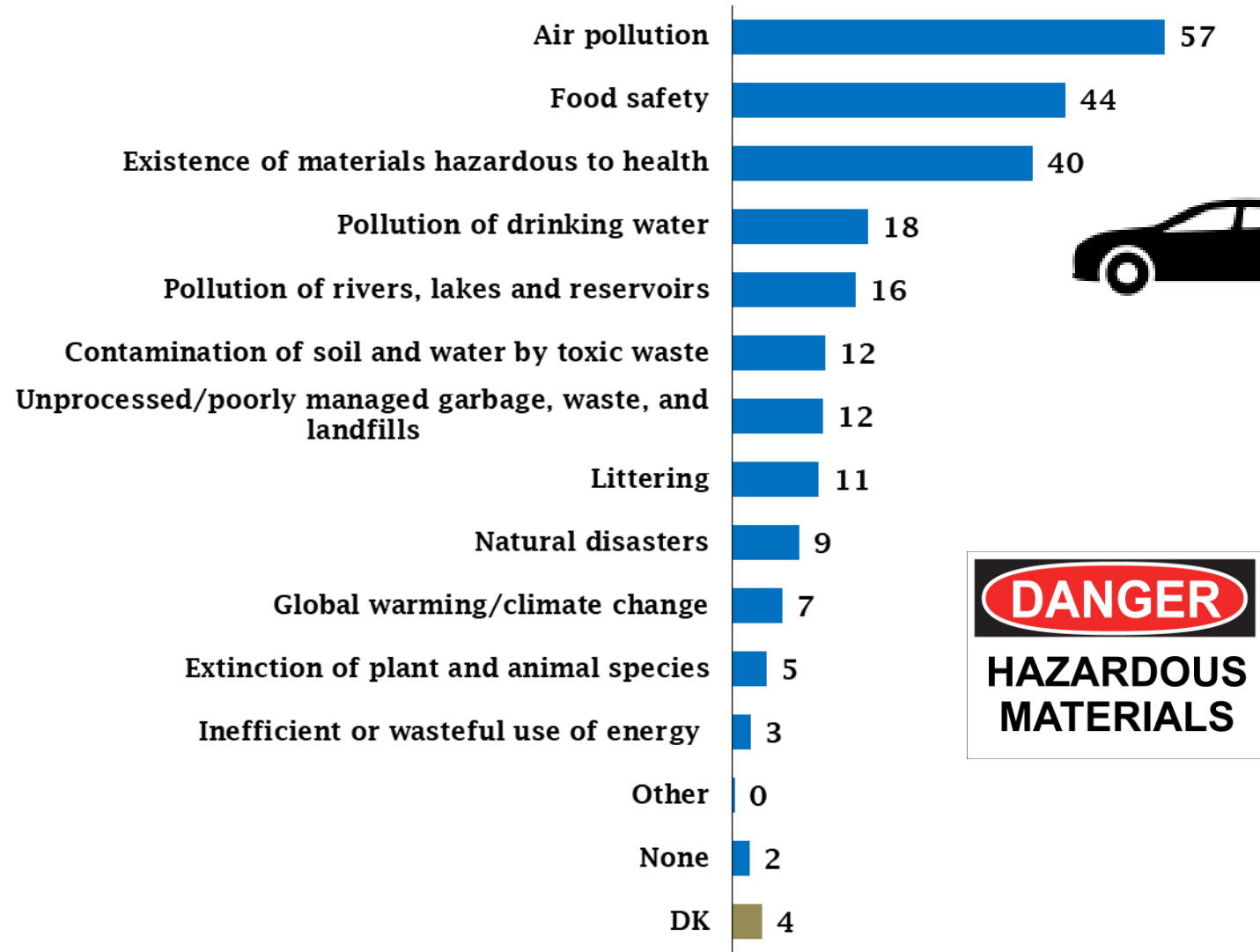
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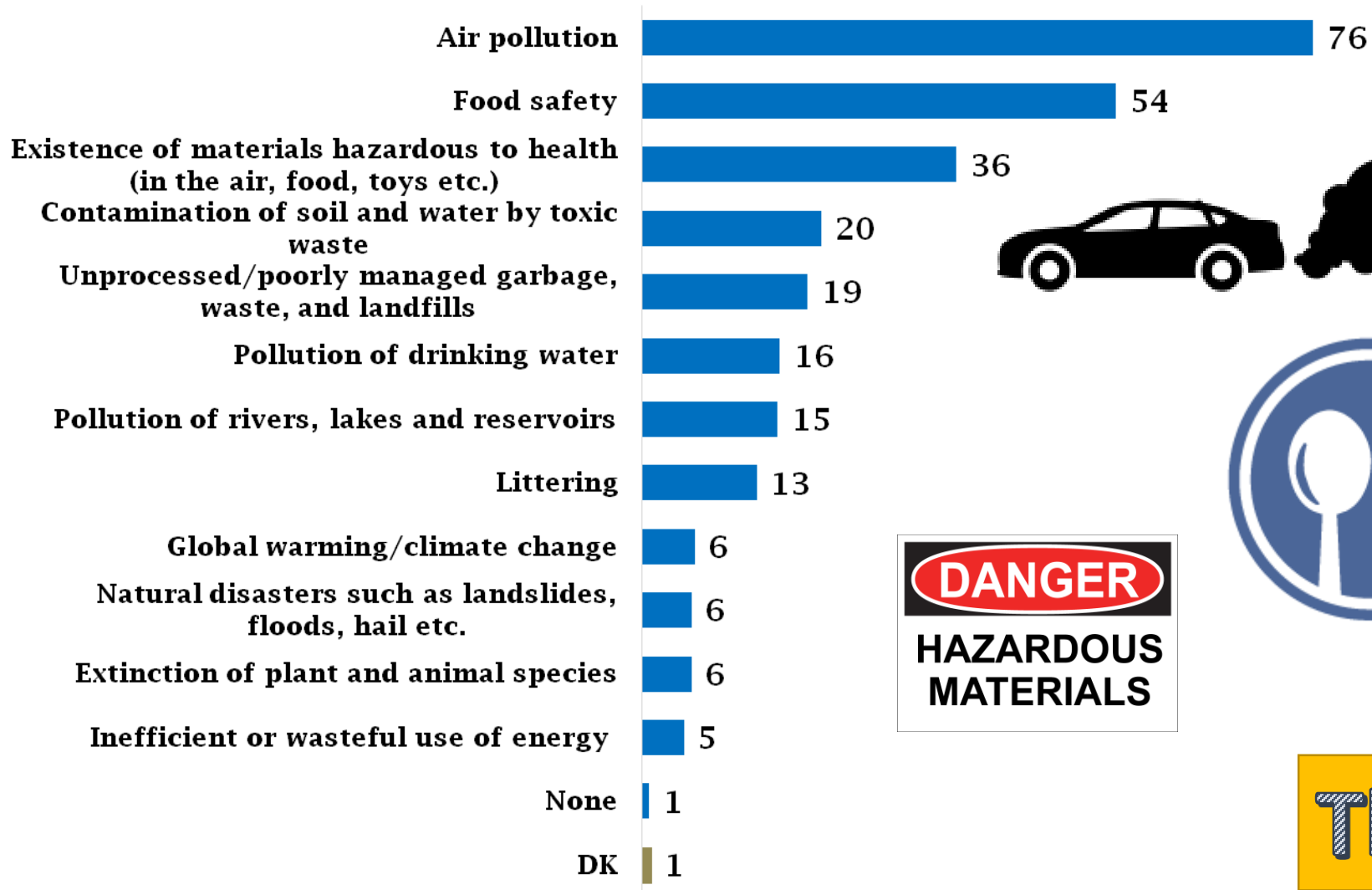
Environmental concerns

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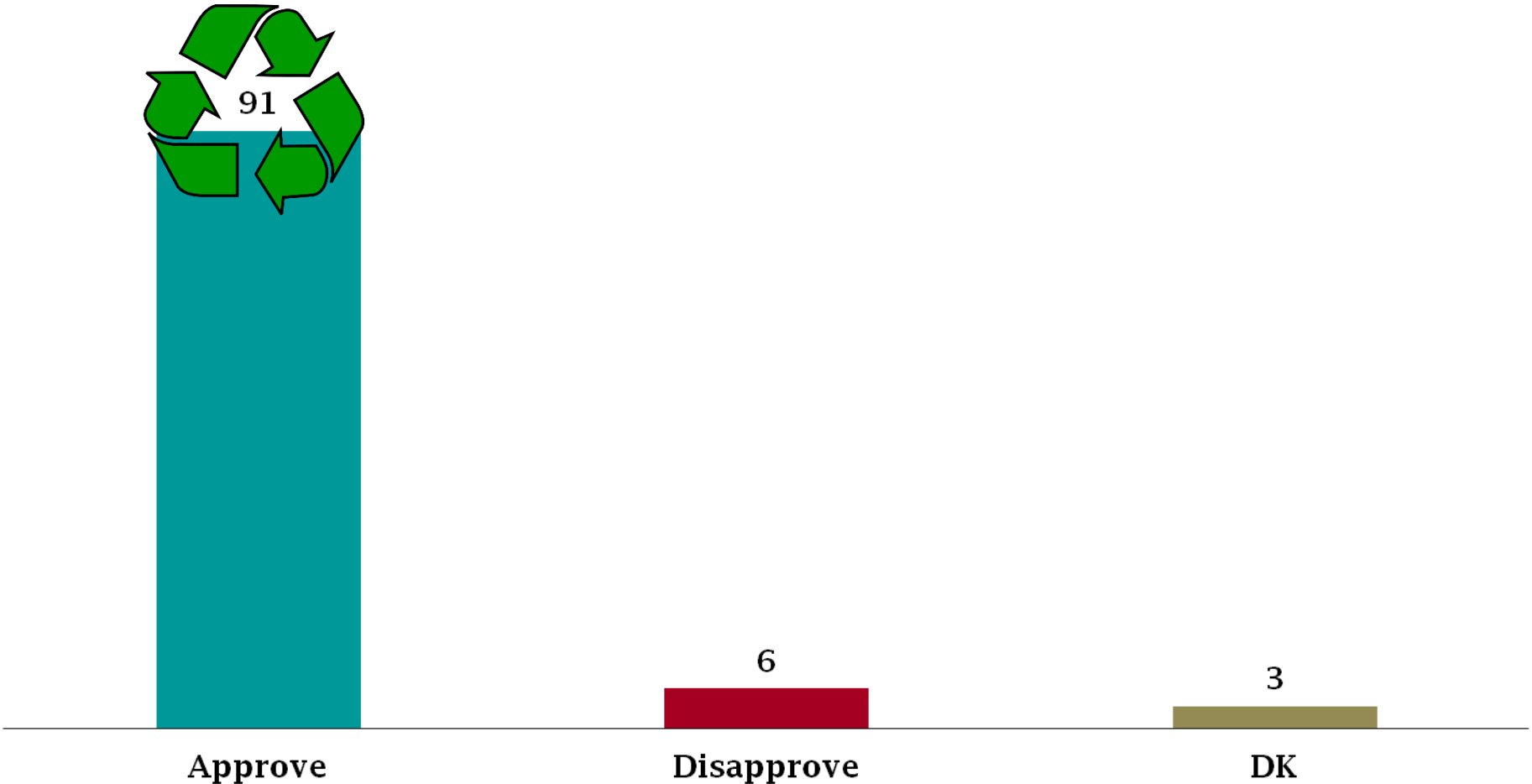
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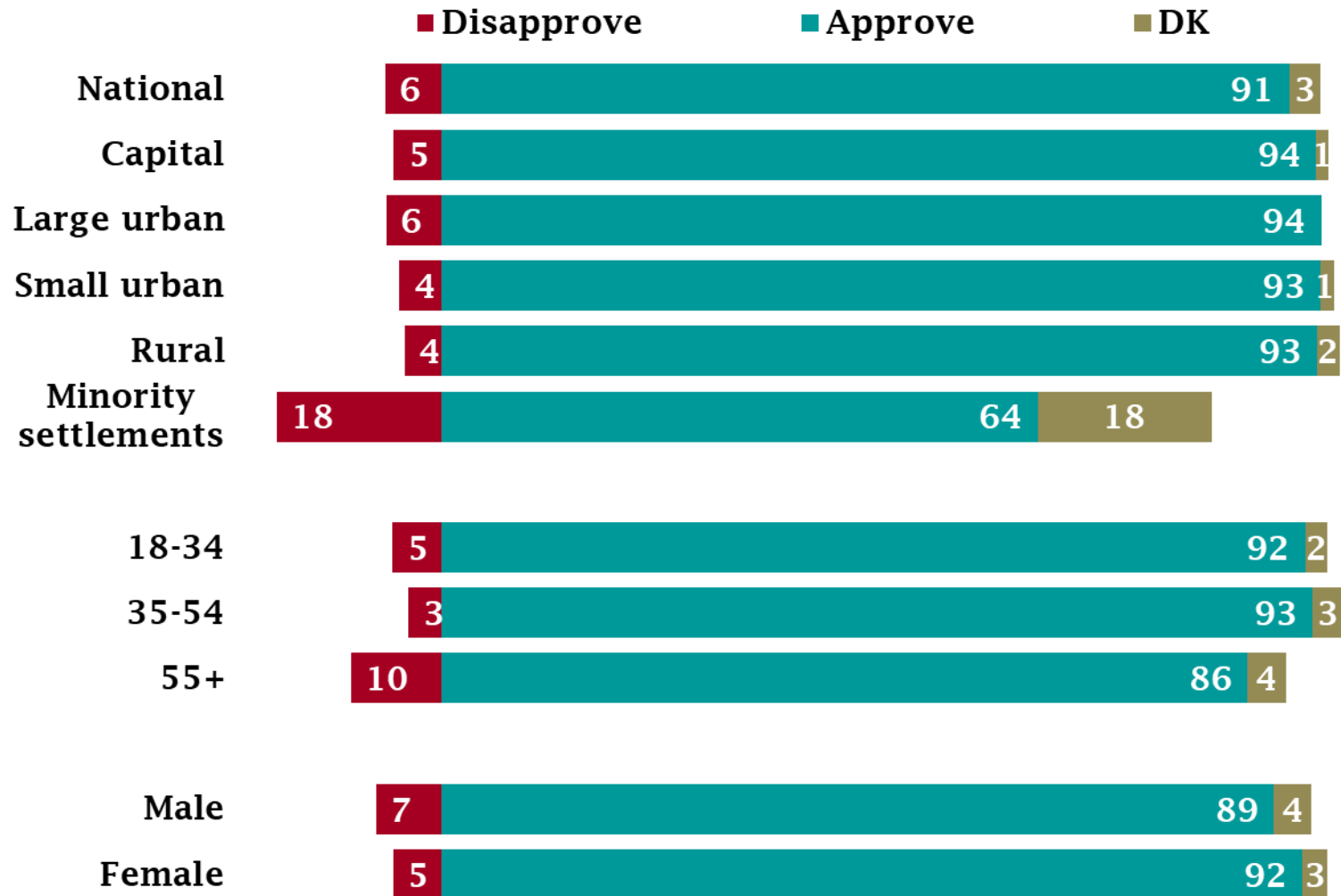
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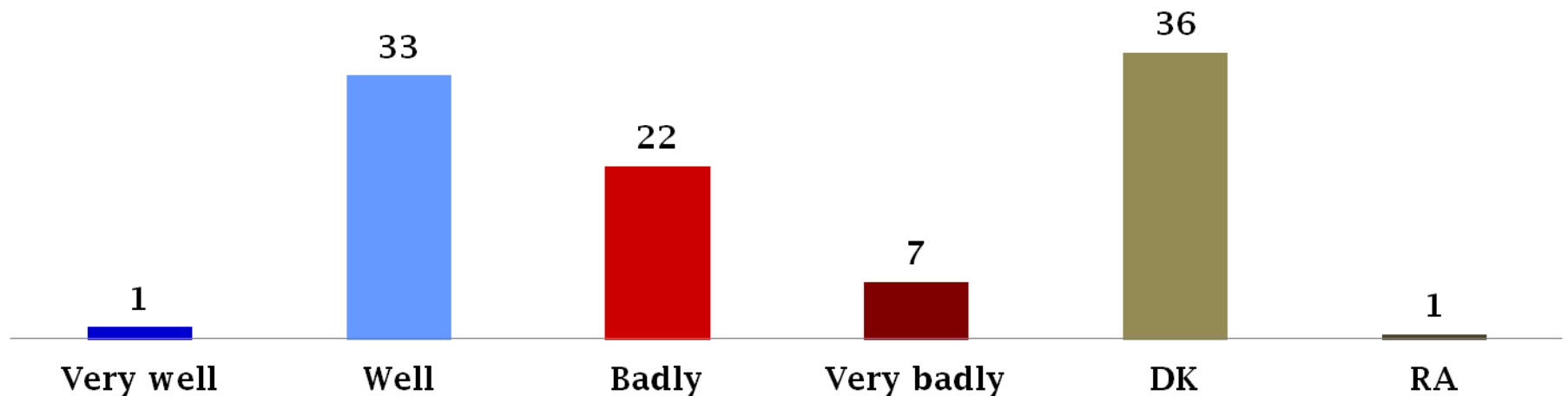
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(q60 X Settlement, Age, Gender)



Performance of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture

How would you rate the performance of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (Levan Davitashvili)? (q58)

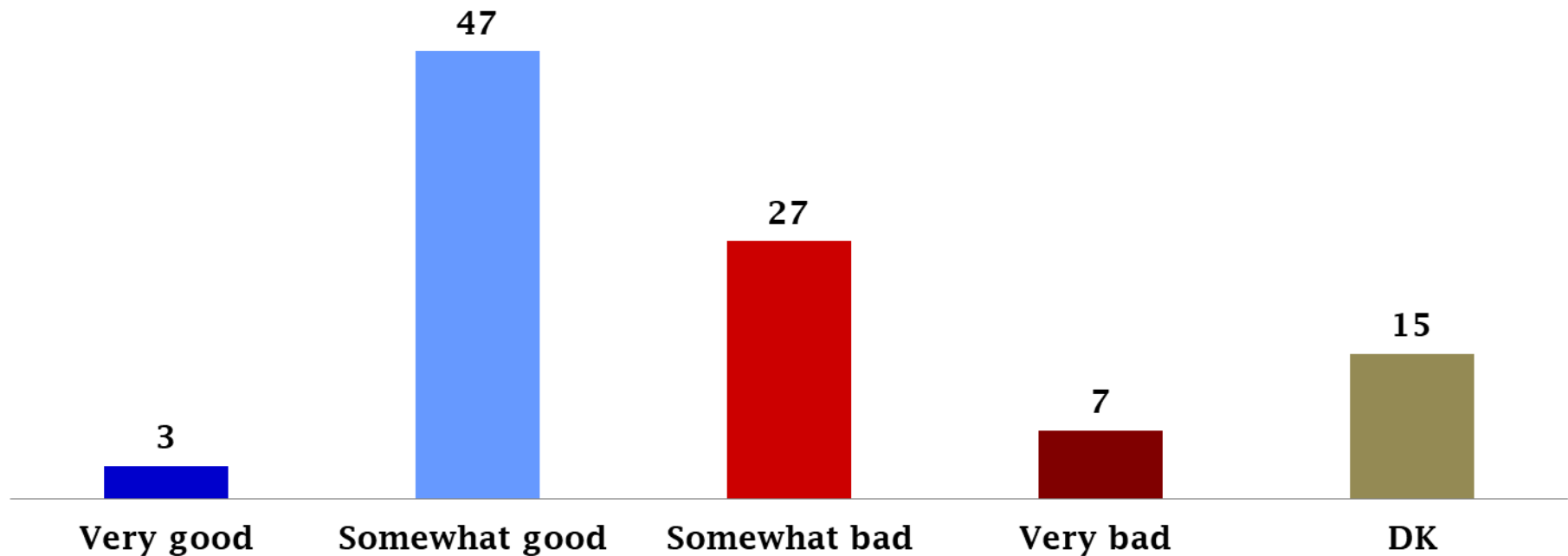


Education and Employment



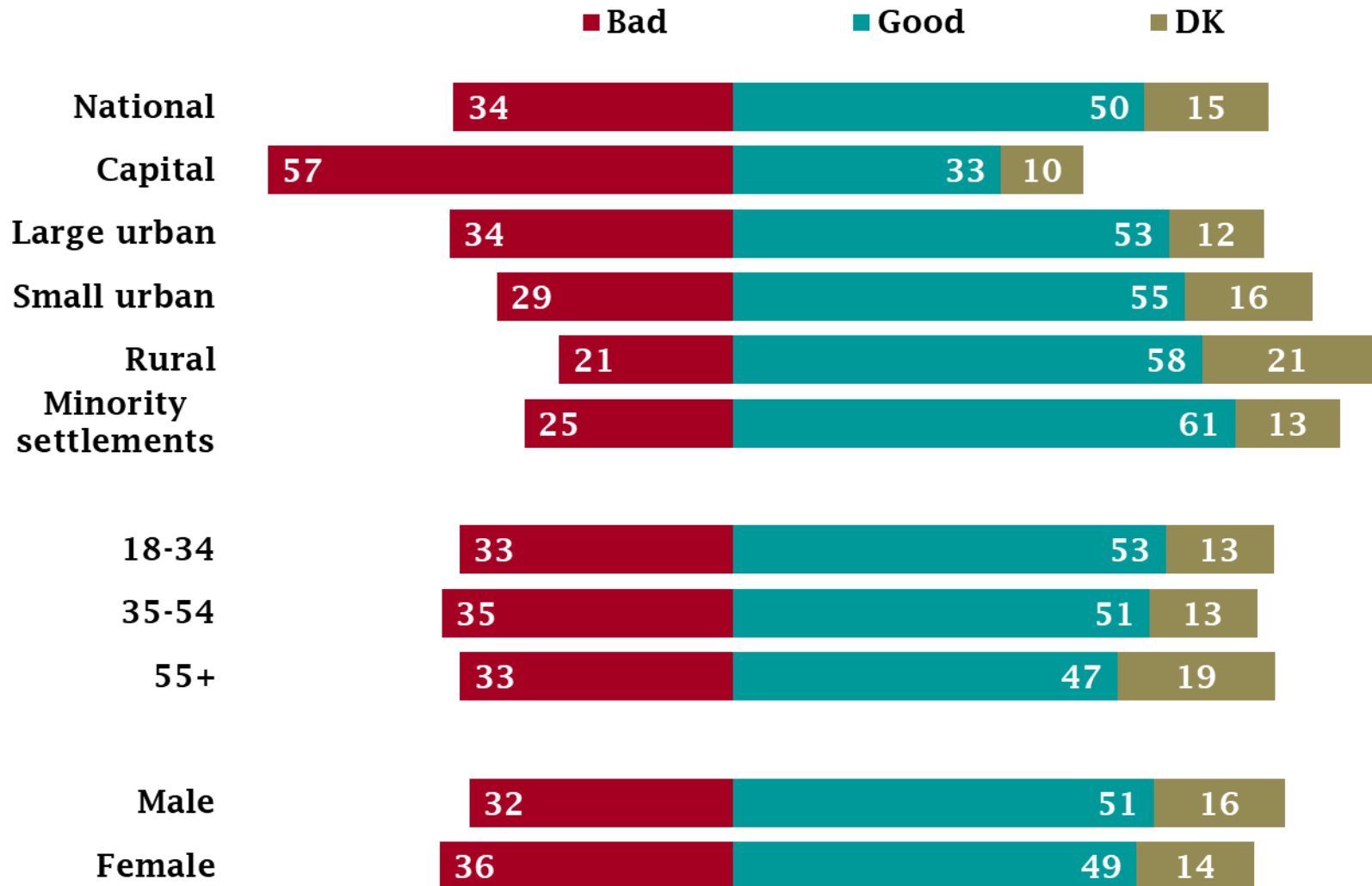
Public education

How good or bad is the government at providing high quality education to all citizens? (q49)

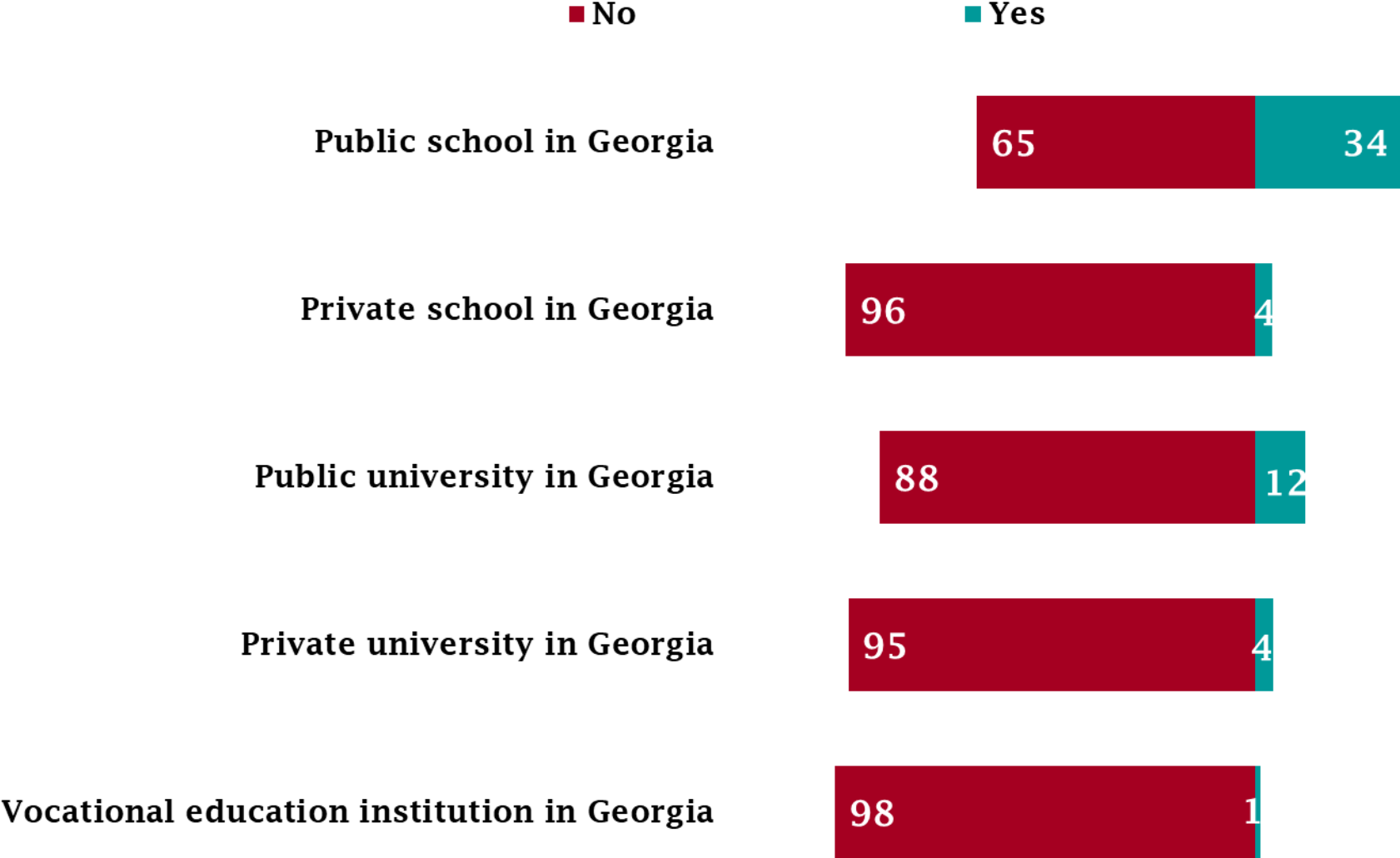


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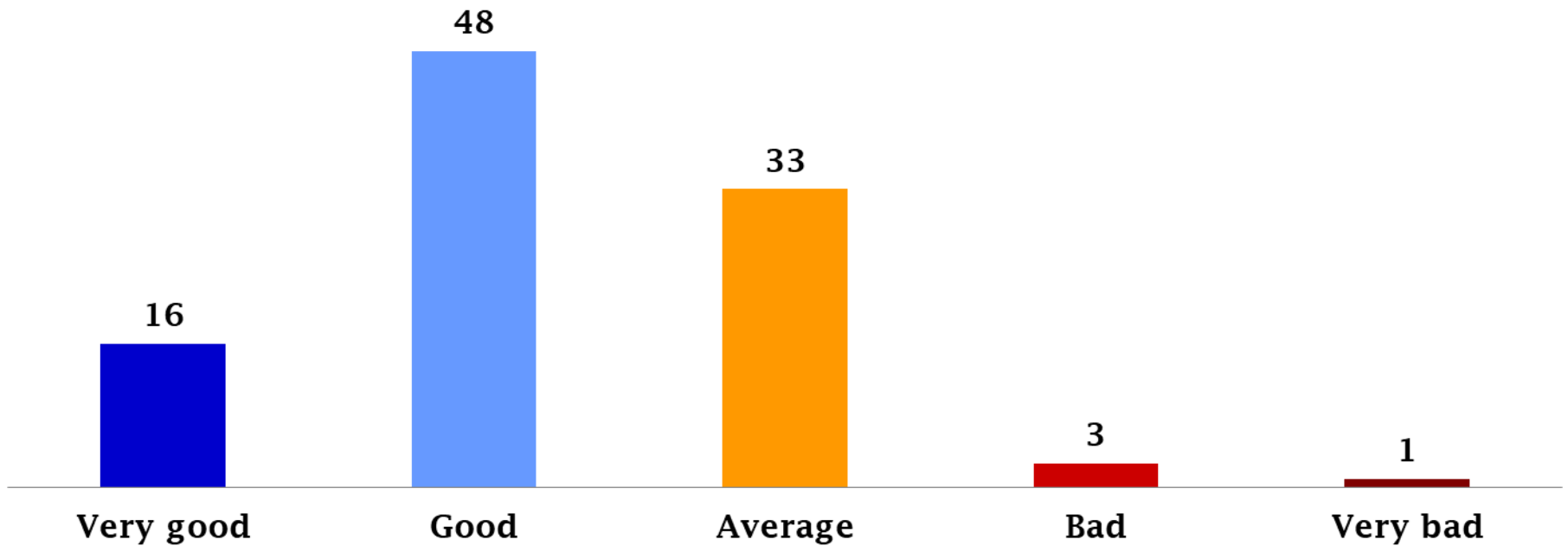


Do you have a family member who currently goes to ...? (q50)



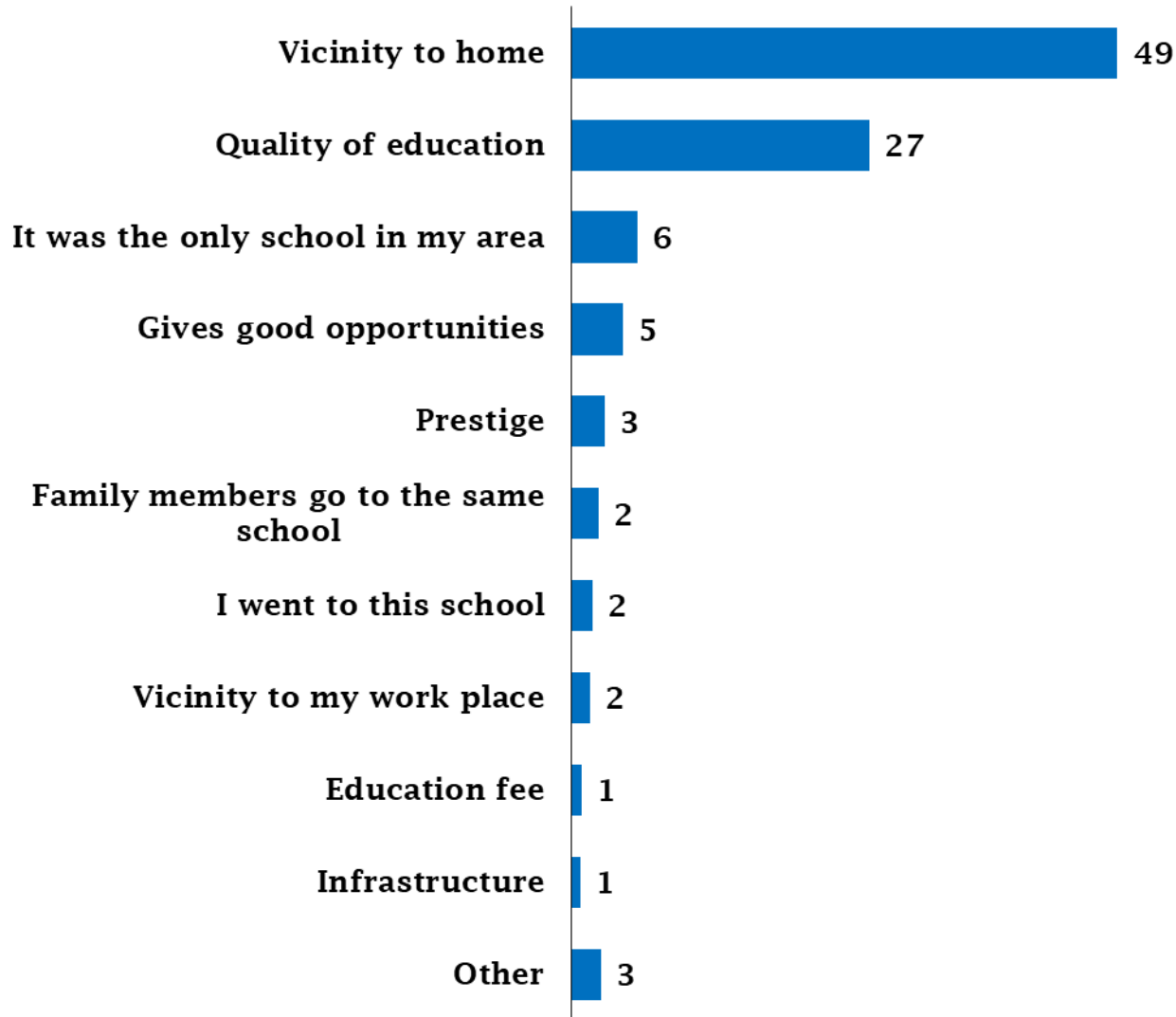
Assessment of schools

Do you think that the school that your children attend is ...? (q51) - of the 37% who has a family member who goes to school



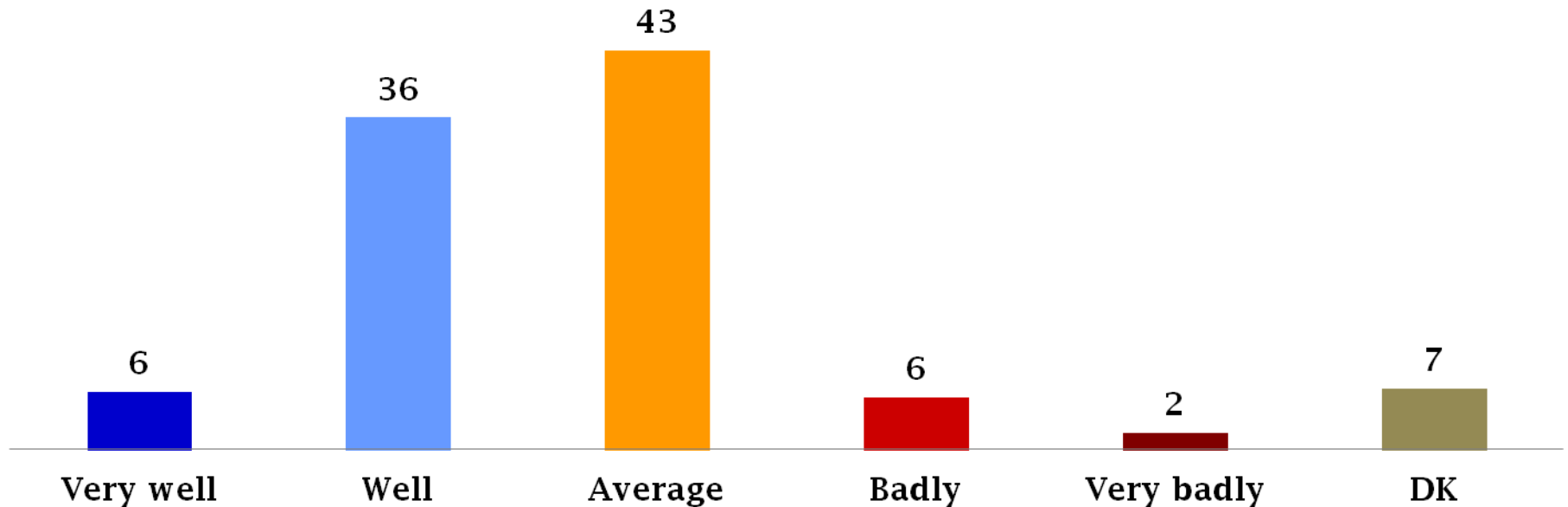
Why this school?

What was the most important criteria when selecting school for your child?
 (q52) - of the 37% who has a family member who goes to school



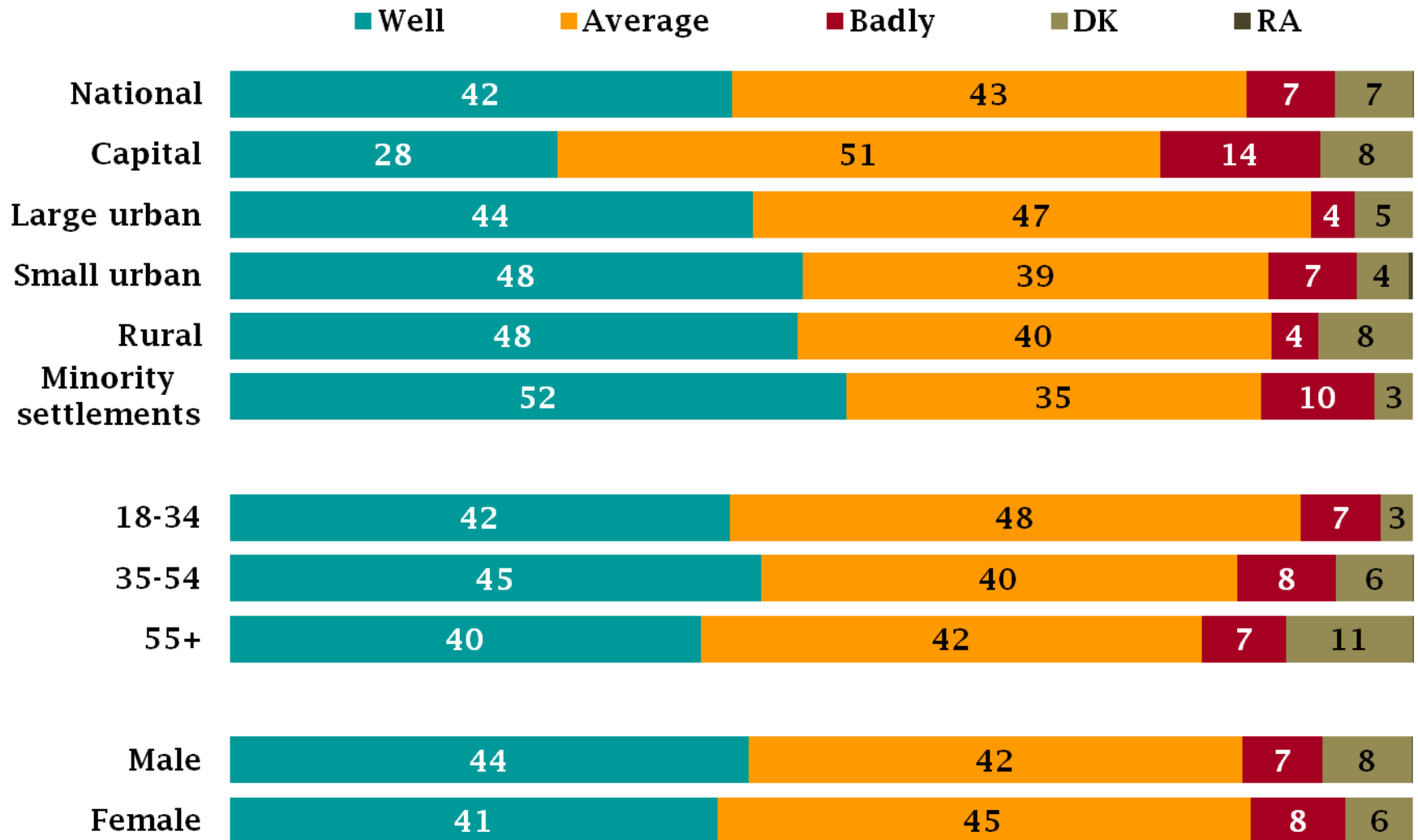
Assessment of public school teachers

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Private VS Public schools

If you think about public and private schools in Georgia, which do you think better provides the following: public, private, both or neither? (q54)

Part 1

■ Public
 ■ Private
 ■ Both
 ■ Neither
 ■ DK
 ■ RA

Safety



Infrastructure



Quality of education



Professionalism of teachers (knowledge and skills)



Private VS Public schools

If you think about public and private schools in Georgia, which do you think better provides the following: public, private, both or neither? (q54)
Part 2

■ Public
 ■ Private
 ■ Both
 ■ Neither
 ■ DK
 ■ RA

Extracurricular activities



Chances of getting into good university



Prepare for professional career



Private tutors

Agree or disagree that having a private tutor is essential to ...? (q55)

■ Agree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ DK
 ■ RA

To pass Unified National Exams (State Entry Exams)



To pass final high school exams



Study well at school



Assessment of public school teachers

Generally how would you assess the professionalism (knowledge and skills) of public school teachers in Georgia? (q53) X Agree that having a private tutor is essential to ...? (q55)

■ Well ■ Average ■ Badly ■ DK/RA

Those who think that private tutor is essential to pass Unified National Exams (73%)



Those who think that private tutor is essential to pass final high school exams (55%)



Those who think that private tutor is essential to study well at school (47%)



Private VS Public universities

If you think about state and private universities in Georgia, which do you think better provides the following: state, private, both or neither? (q56)

Part 1

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Safety



Infrastructure



Quality of education



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Professionalism of lecturers (Knowledge and skills)



Extracurricular activities

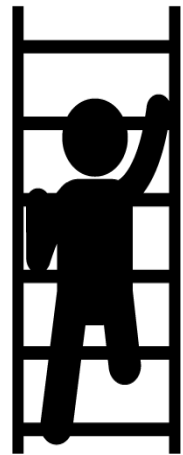
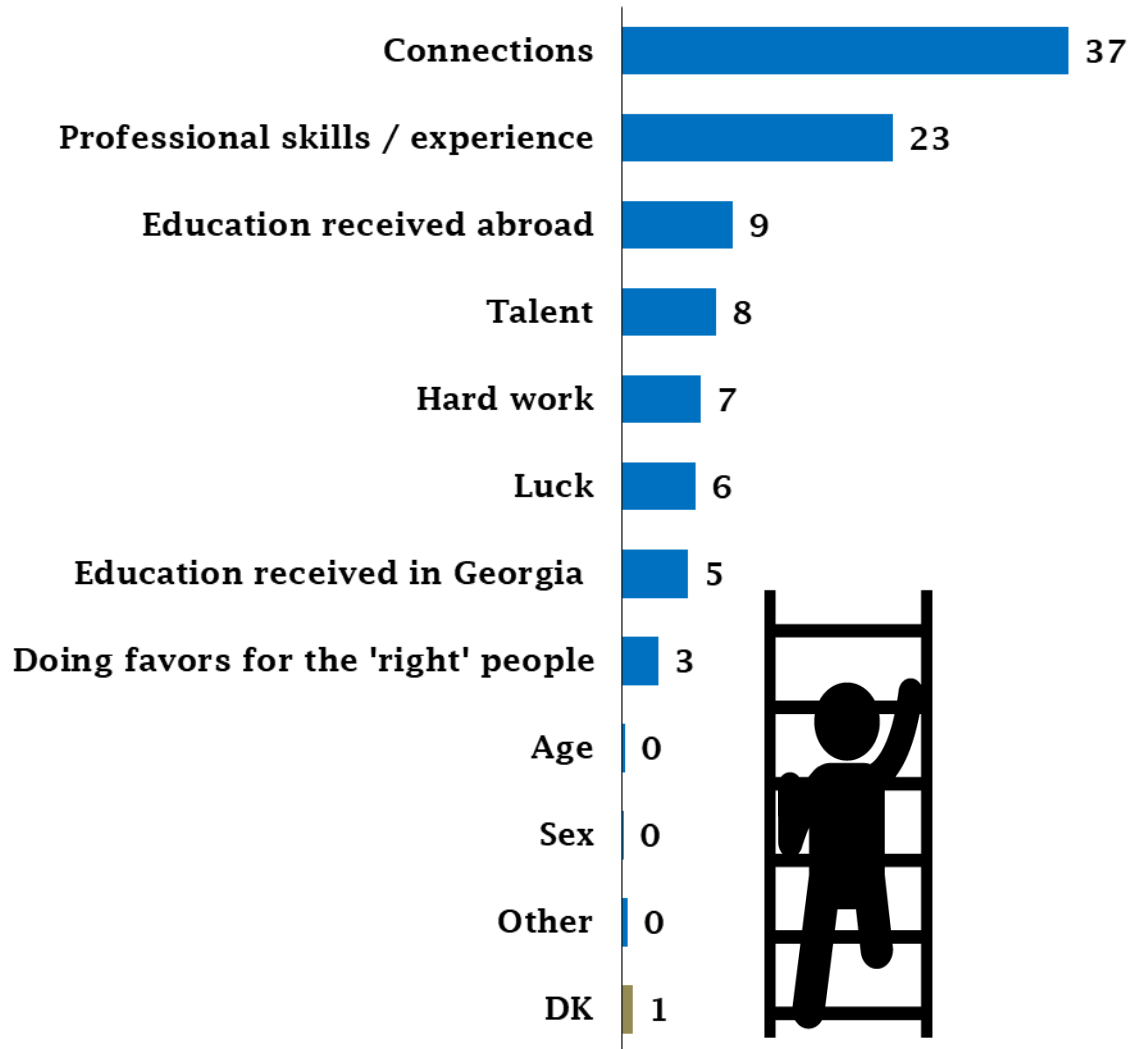


Chances of getting a good job



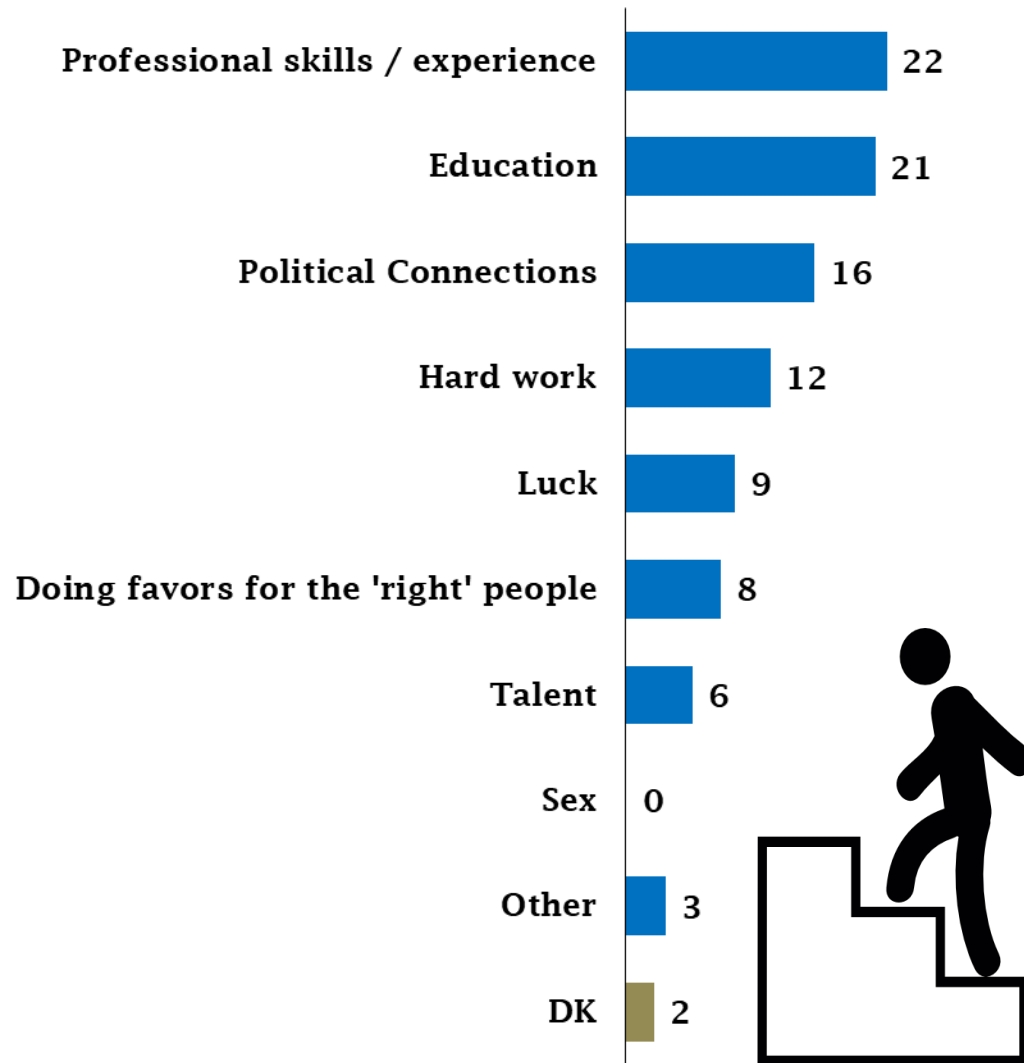
Factors for getting a good job

Which of the following factors do you consider most important for getting a good job in Georgia? (q57)



How to build successful business

Which of the following factors do you consider most important for building a successful business in Georgia? (q47)



Knowledge of languages

Please tell me which one of these levels best describes your ability in the following ... (q79)

■ Advanced
 ■ Intermediate
 ■ Beginner
 ■ No basic knowledge
 ■ DK
 ■ RA

Russian



English



Georgian (asked only when interview was in Armenian or Azerbaijani)

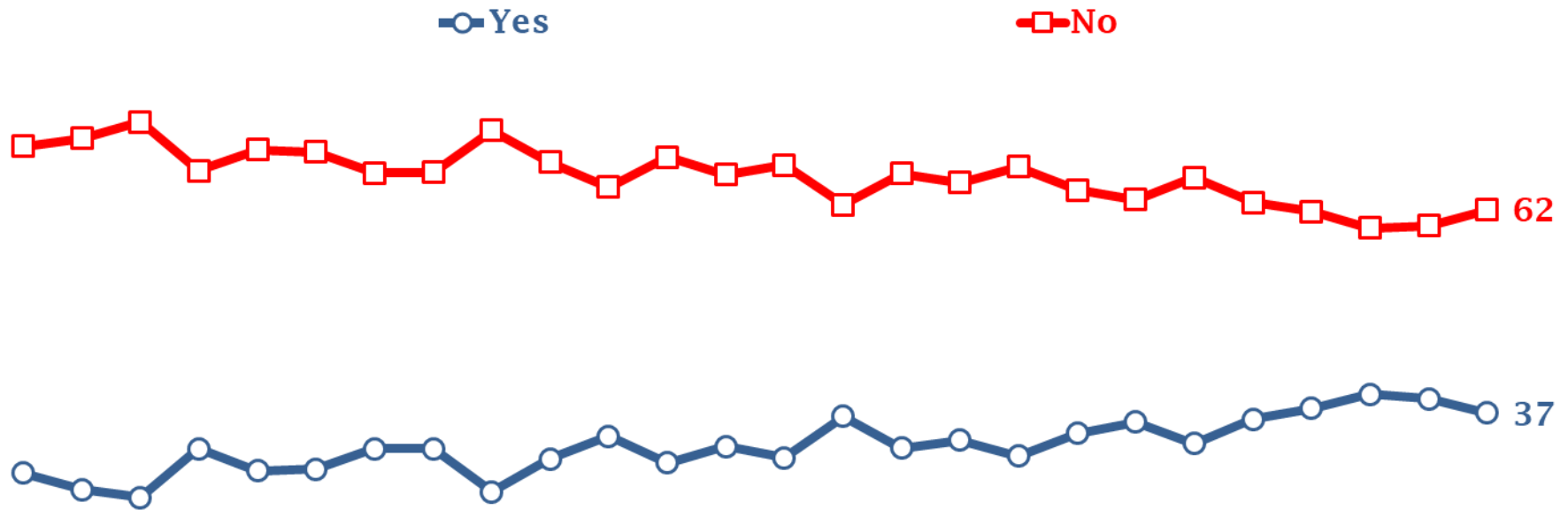


Turkish



Self-reported unemployment

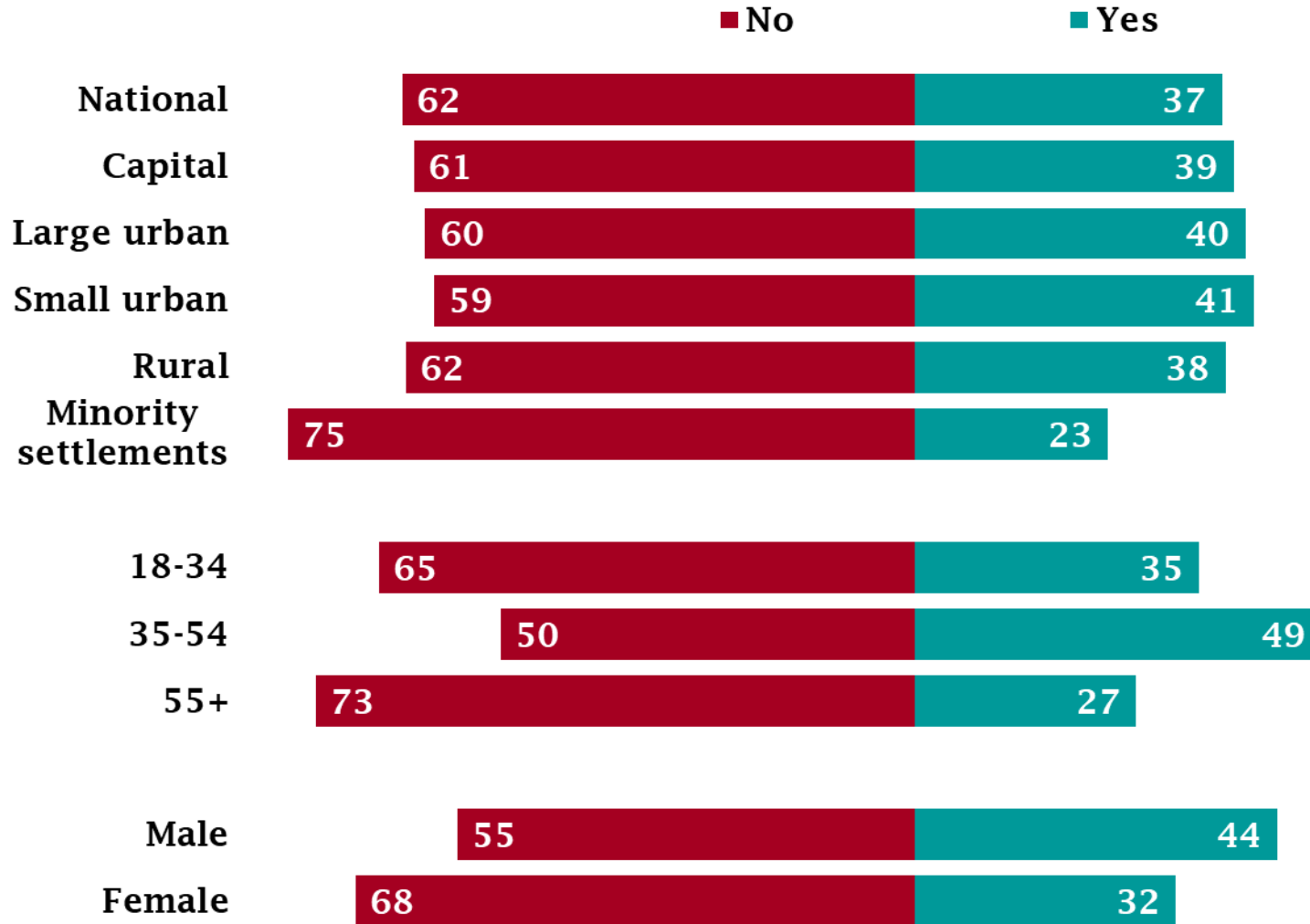
Do you consider yourself to be employed? This employment may be part-time or full-time, you may be officially employed, informally employed, or self-employed, as long as it brings you monetary income. (q77)



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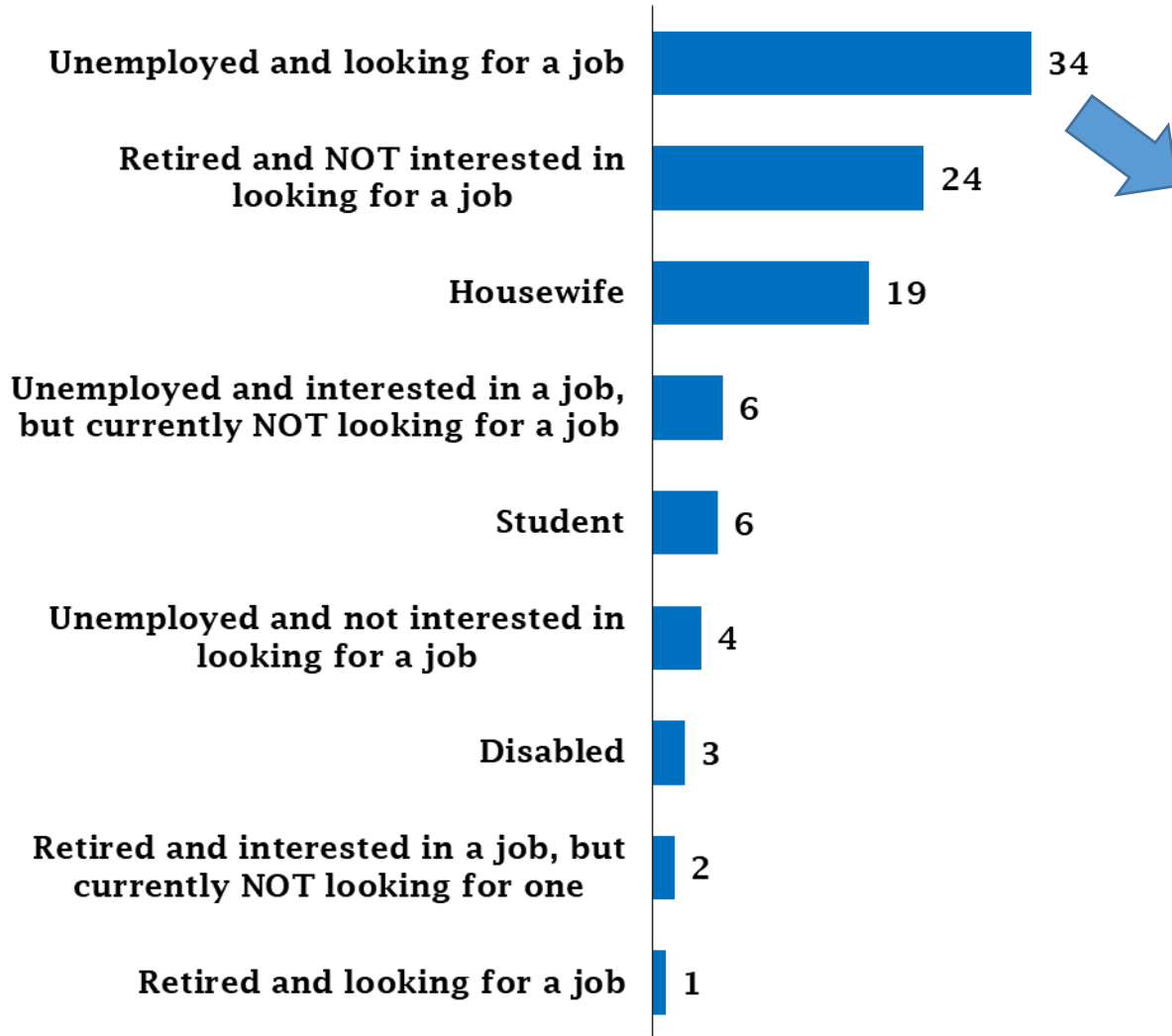
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 (q77 X Settlement, Age, Gende



Self-reported unemployment

Which of the following best describes your situation? (q78) - of the 63% who consider themselves to be unemployed

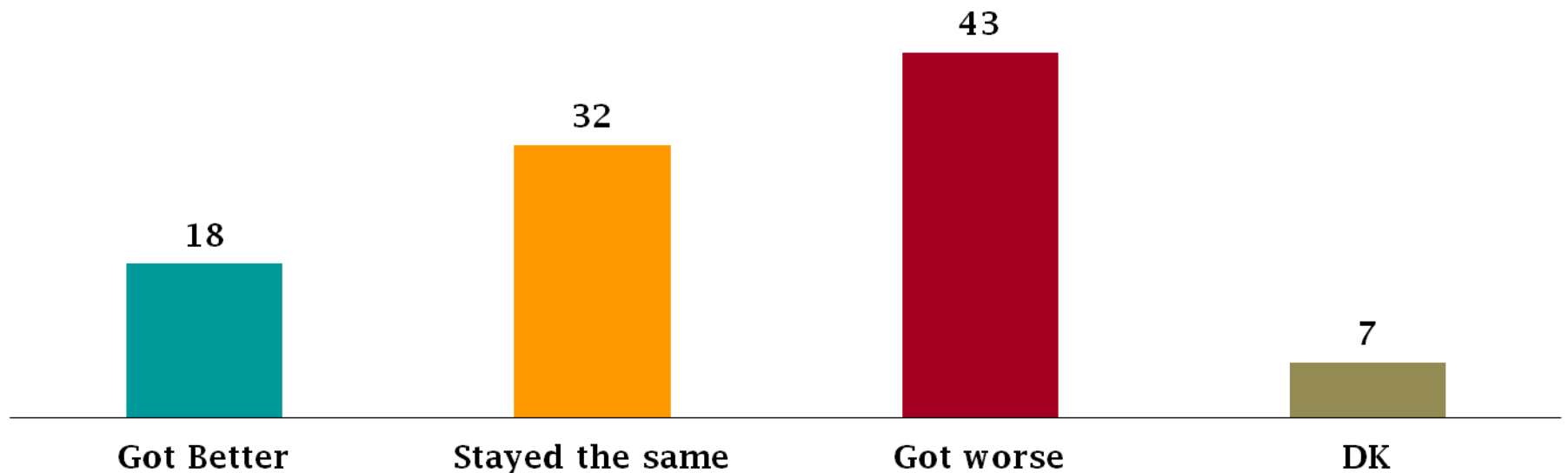


According to this data, 21% of population reports to be unemployed and looking for a job

Police and Crime

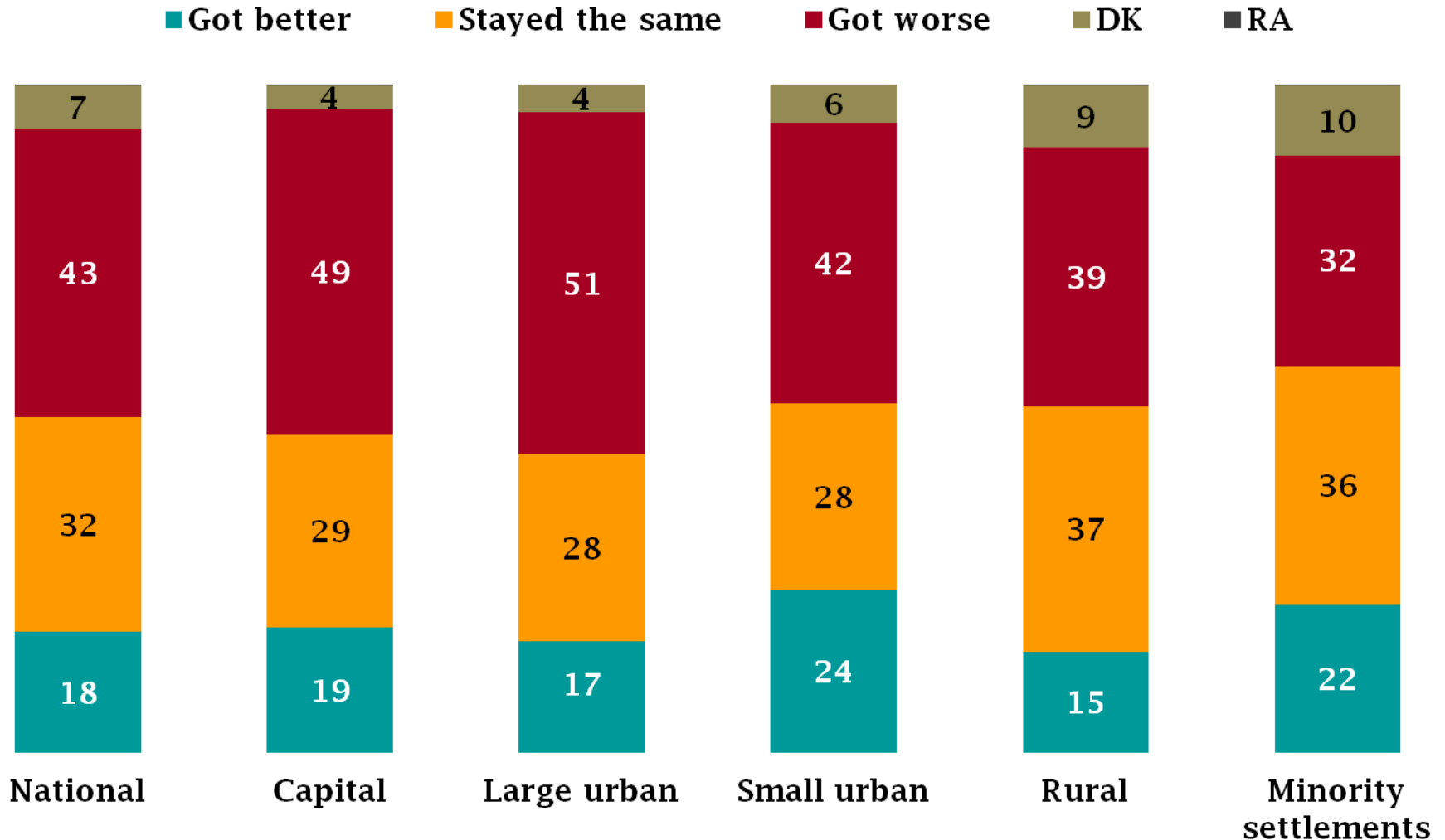
Criminal situation

How do you think the criminal situation has changed in Georgia in the last 10 years? Has it gotten worse, stayed the same or gotten better? (q64)



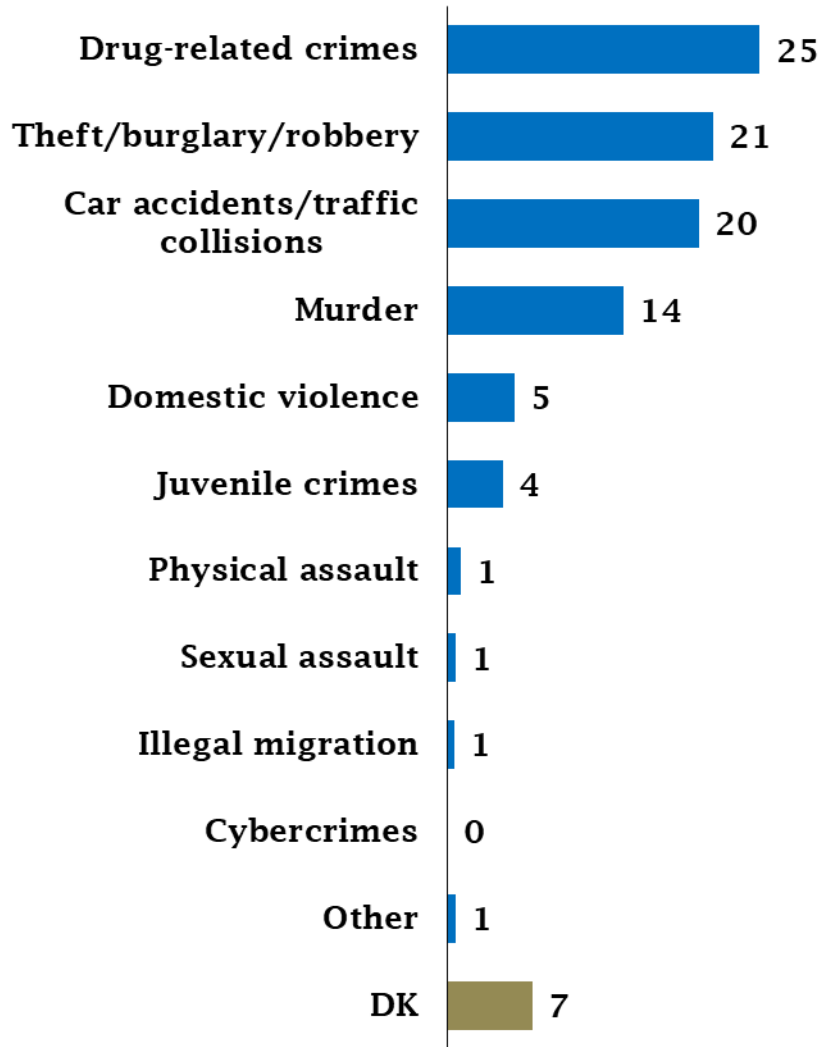
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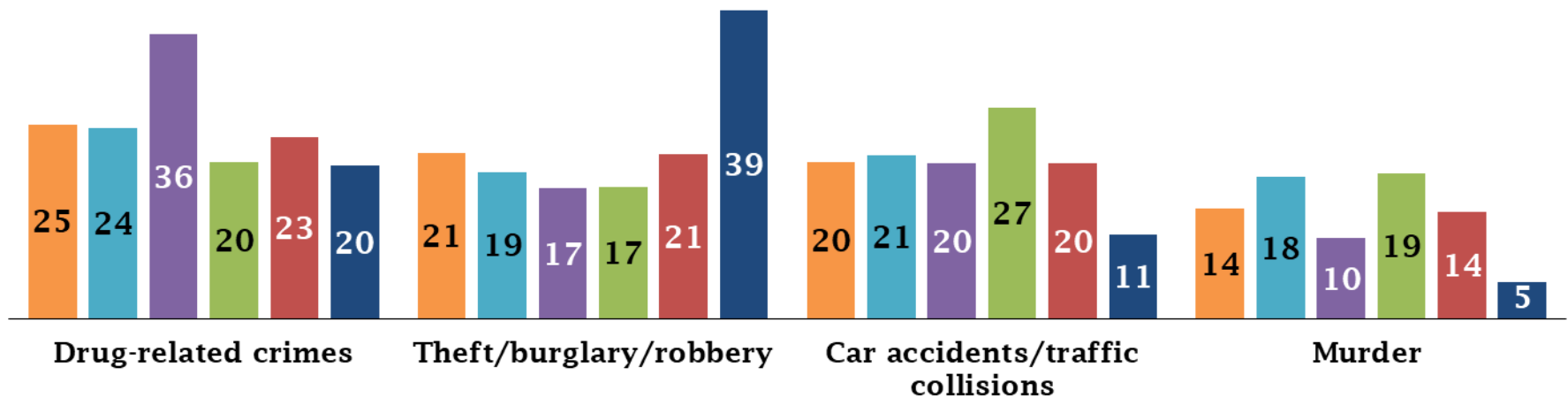
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The most widespread crime

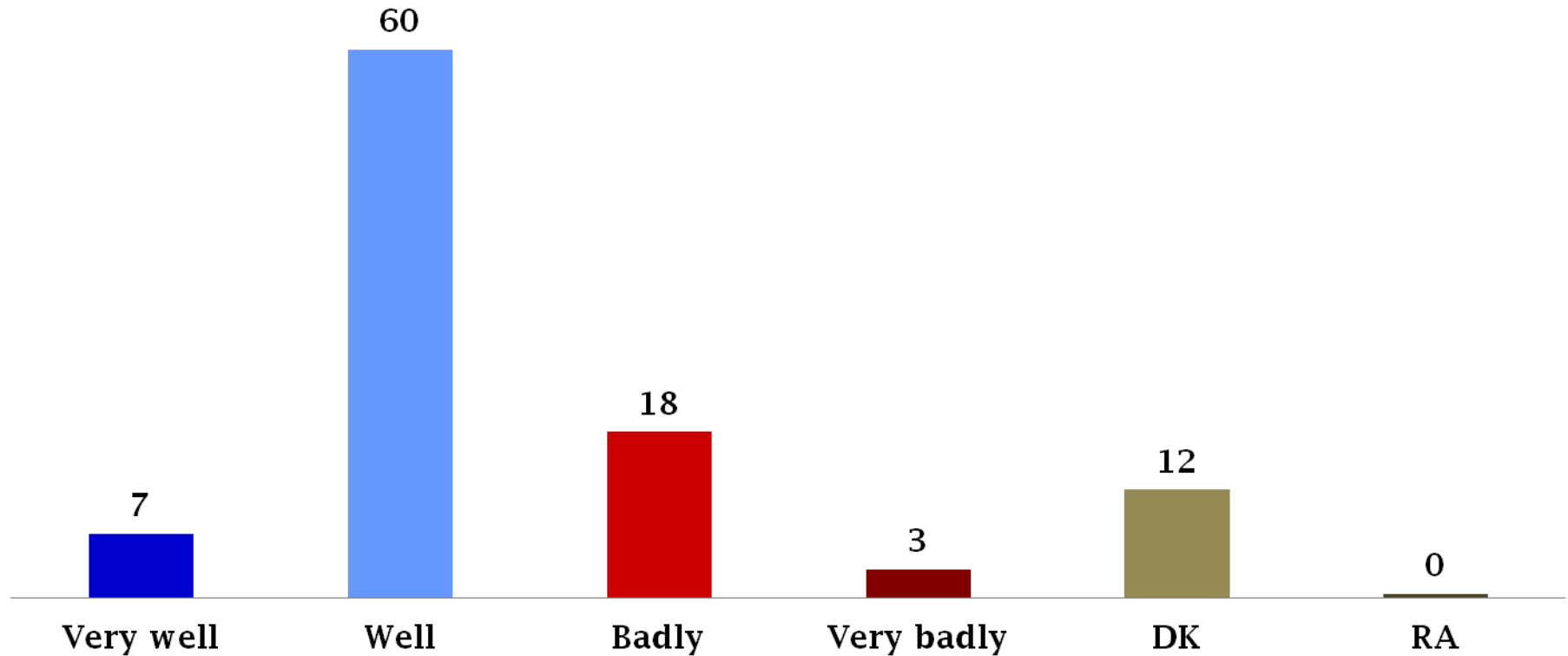
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■ National
 ■ Capital
 ■ Large urban
 ■ Small urban
 ■ Rural
 ■ Minority settlements



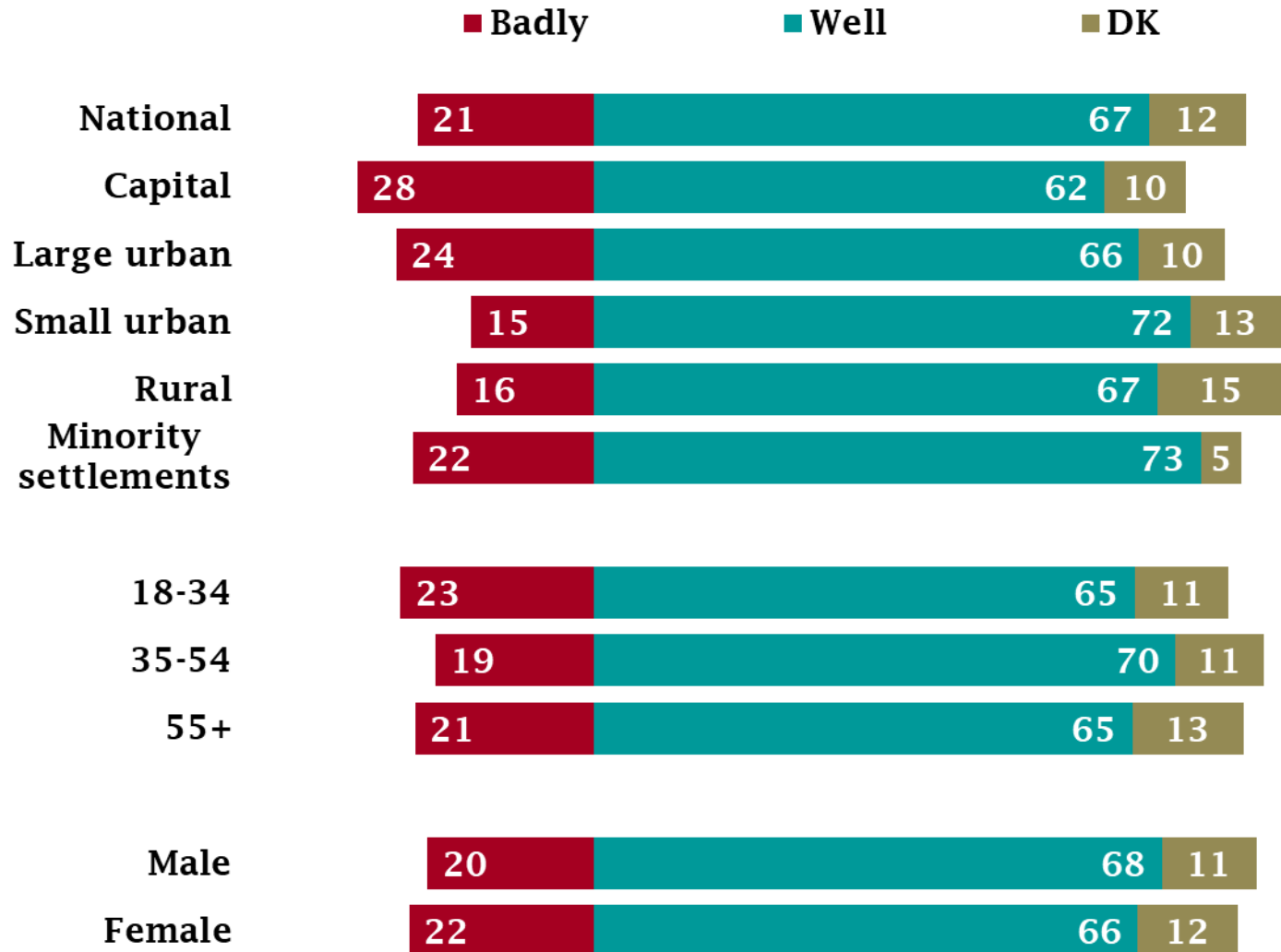
Performance of the police

How would you rate the performance of Georgian police? (q62)



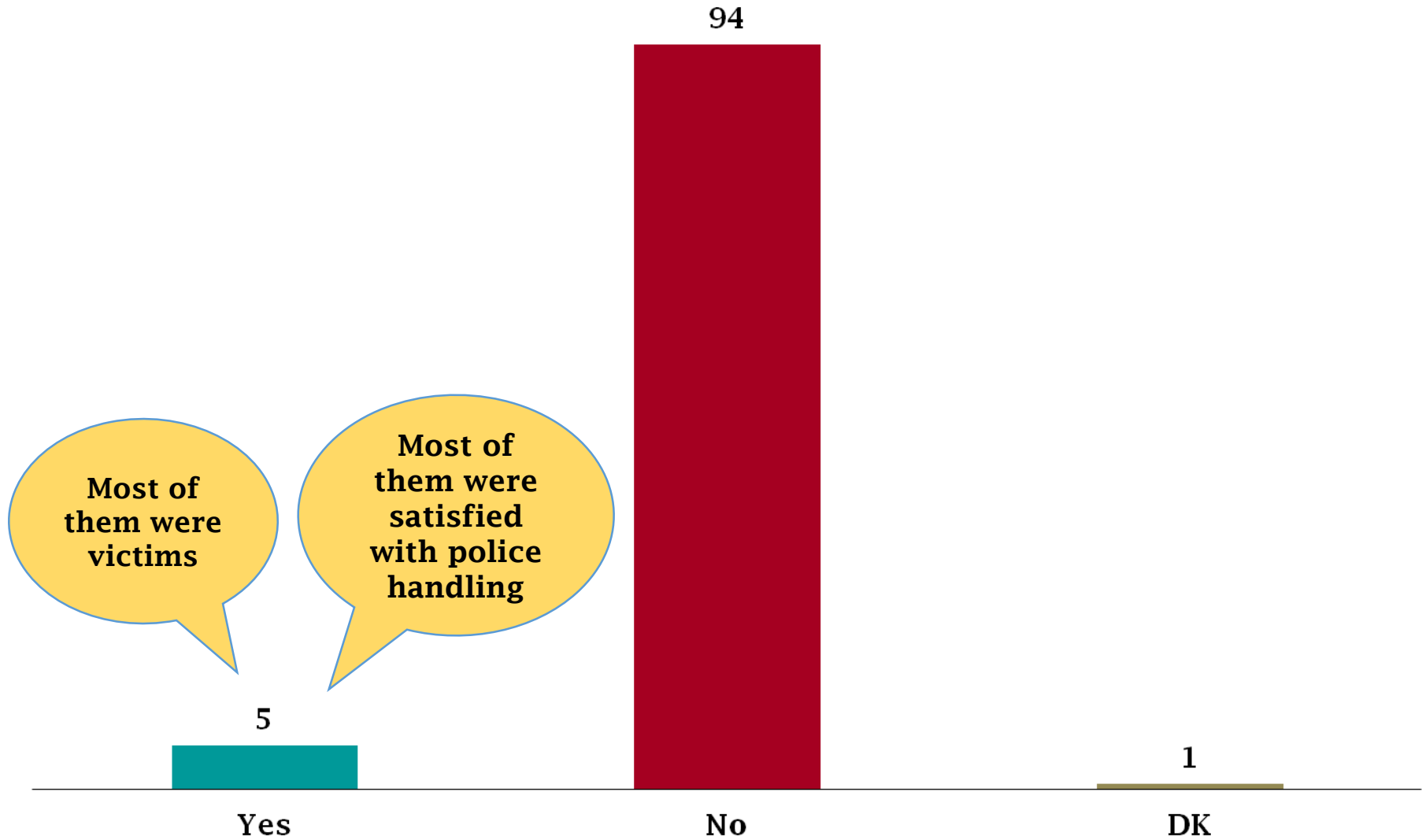
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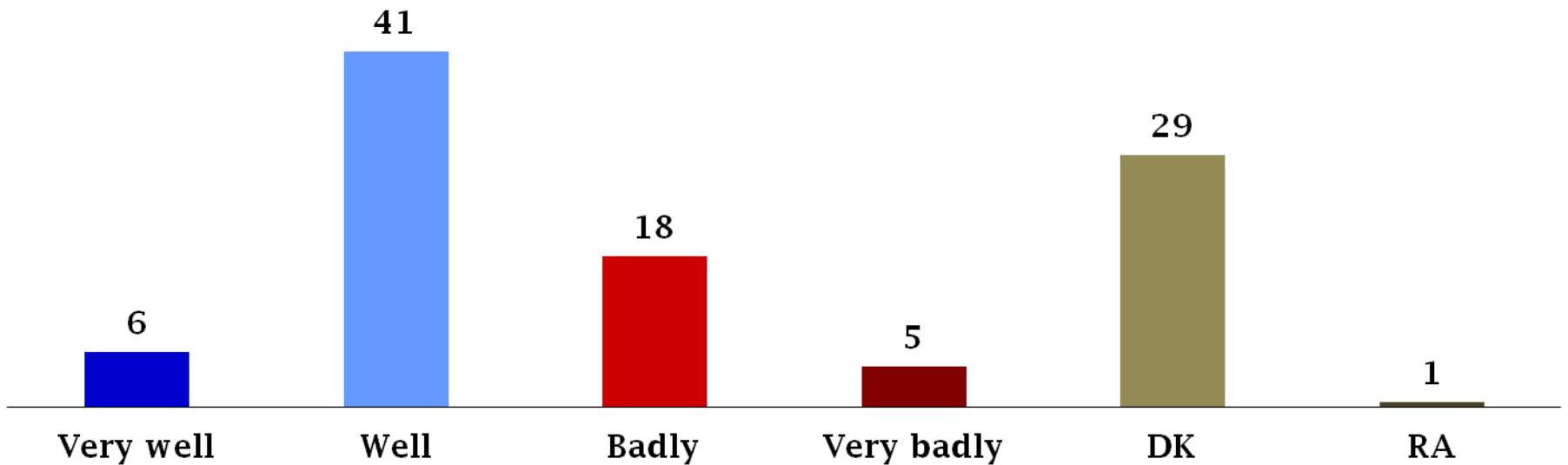
Addressing police

Have you referred to the police in the last 2 years? (q66)



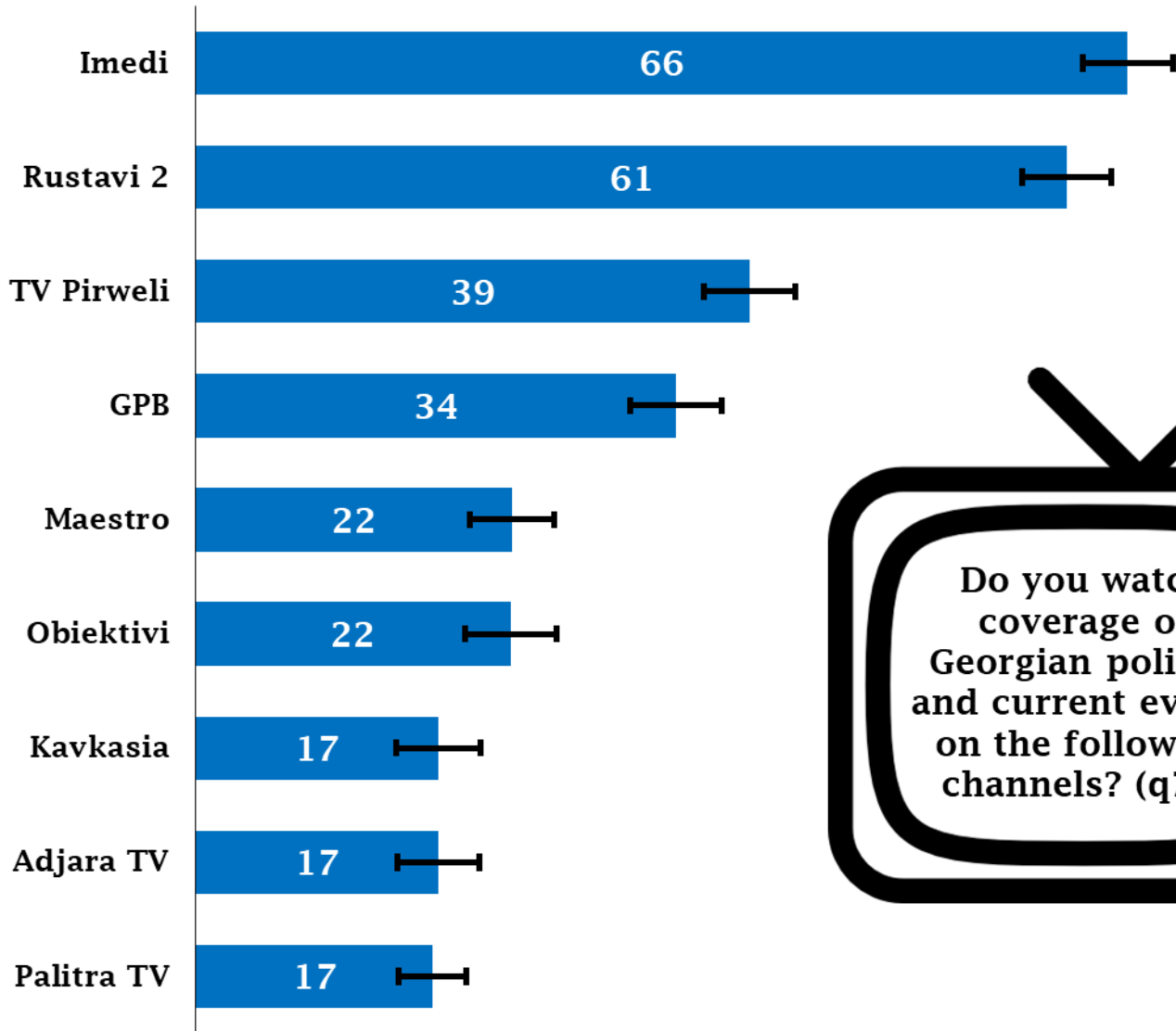
Assessment of MIA performance

How would you rate the performance of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia (Giorgi Gakharia)? (q61)



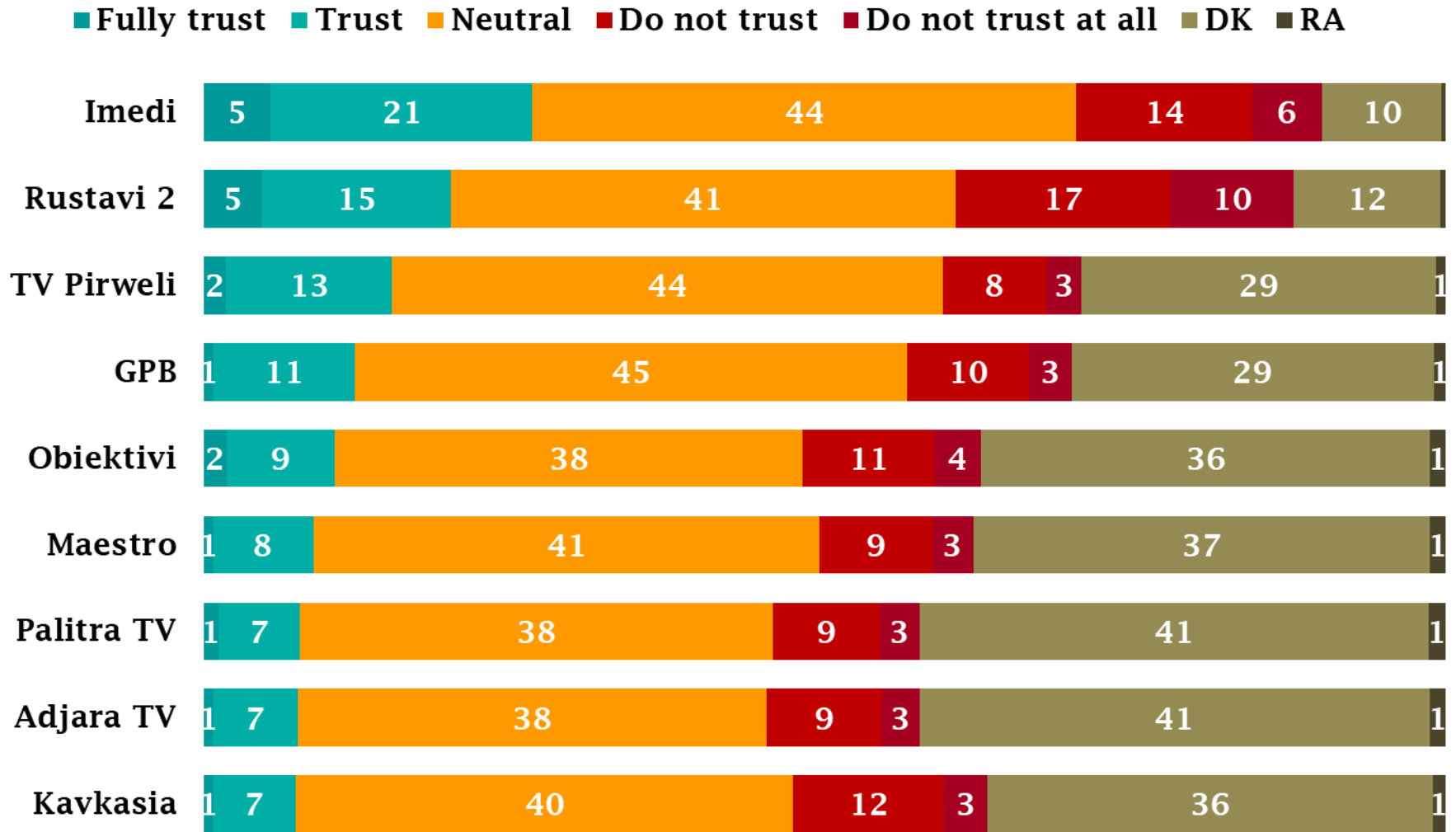
Media

Media viewership



Trust in media

In general, how much do you trust or distrust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? (q72)



Perceived disinformation on TV

Disinformation is false news, which is spread deliberately with the purpose to mislead and deceive people. Do you agree or disagree that Georgian TV stations often spread disinformation? (q73)

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ DK ■ RA

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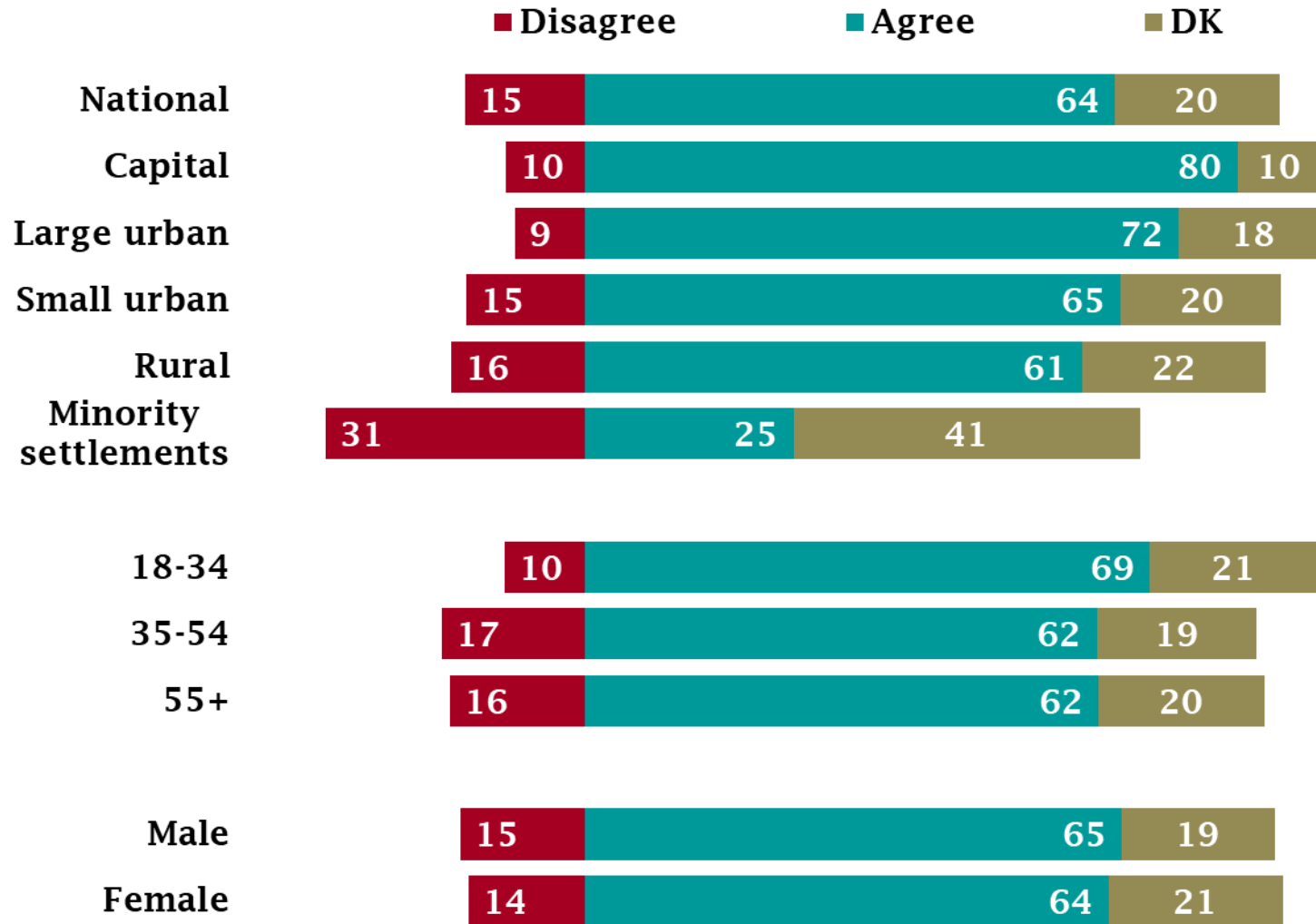


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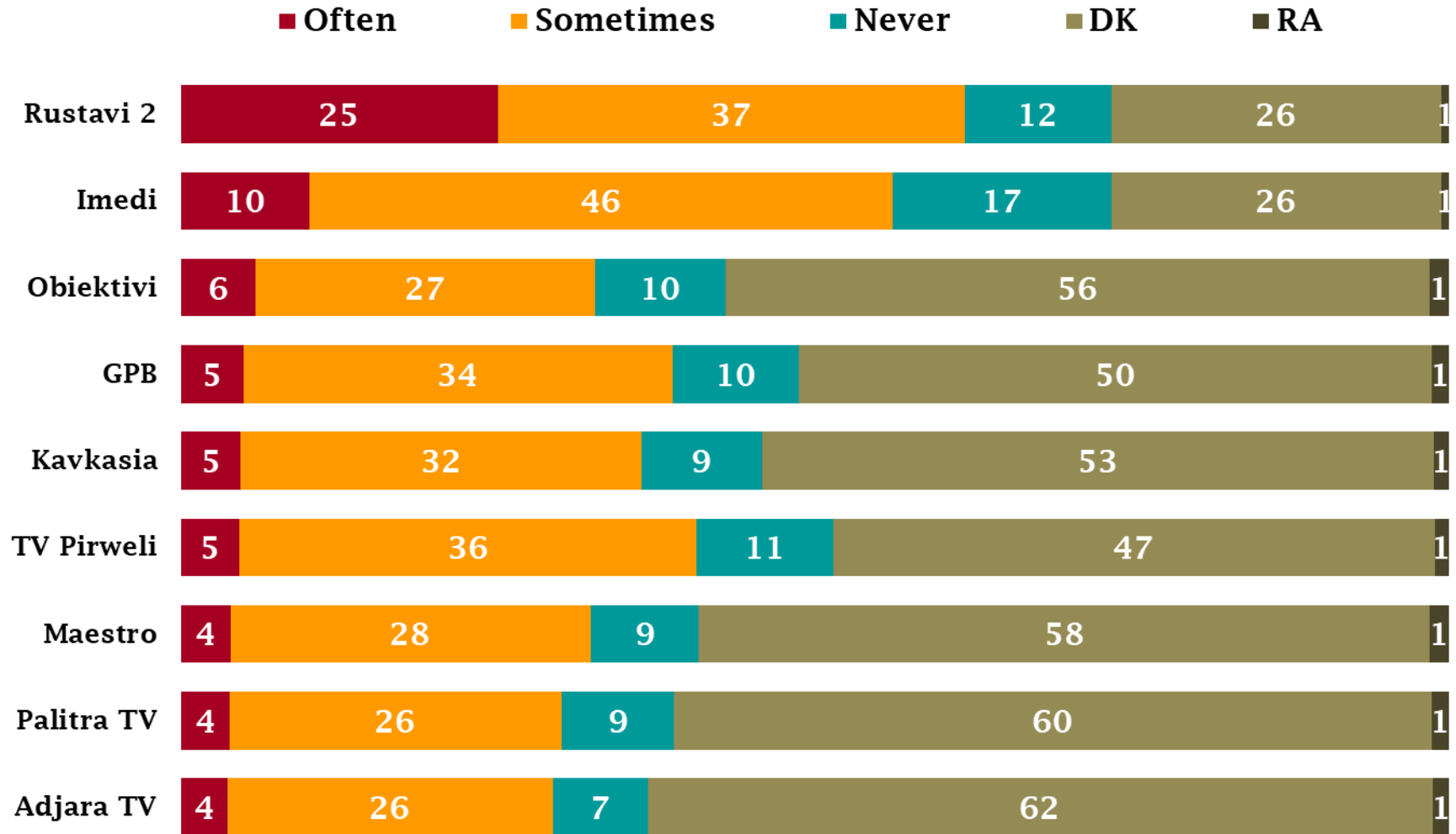
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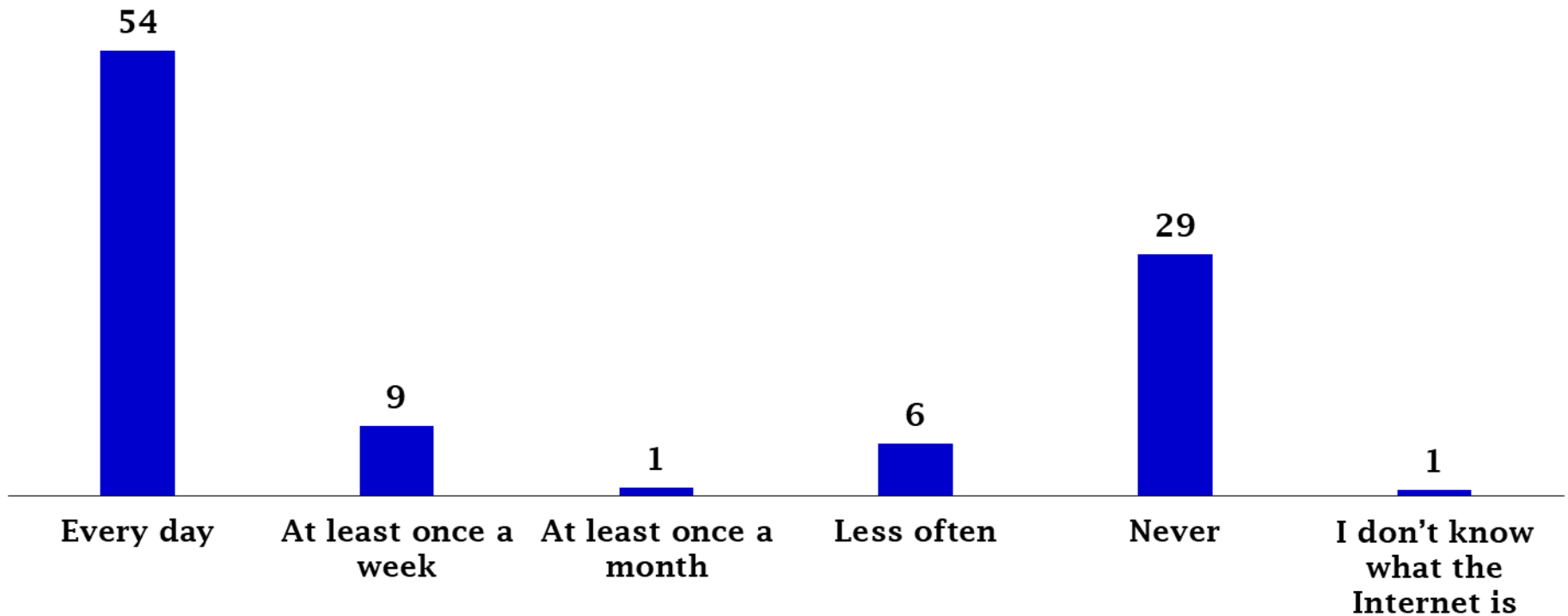
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For each of the following TV stations, please tell me, how often, if at all, do you think, they spread disinformation? (q74)



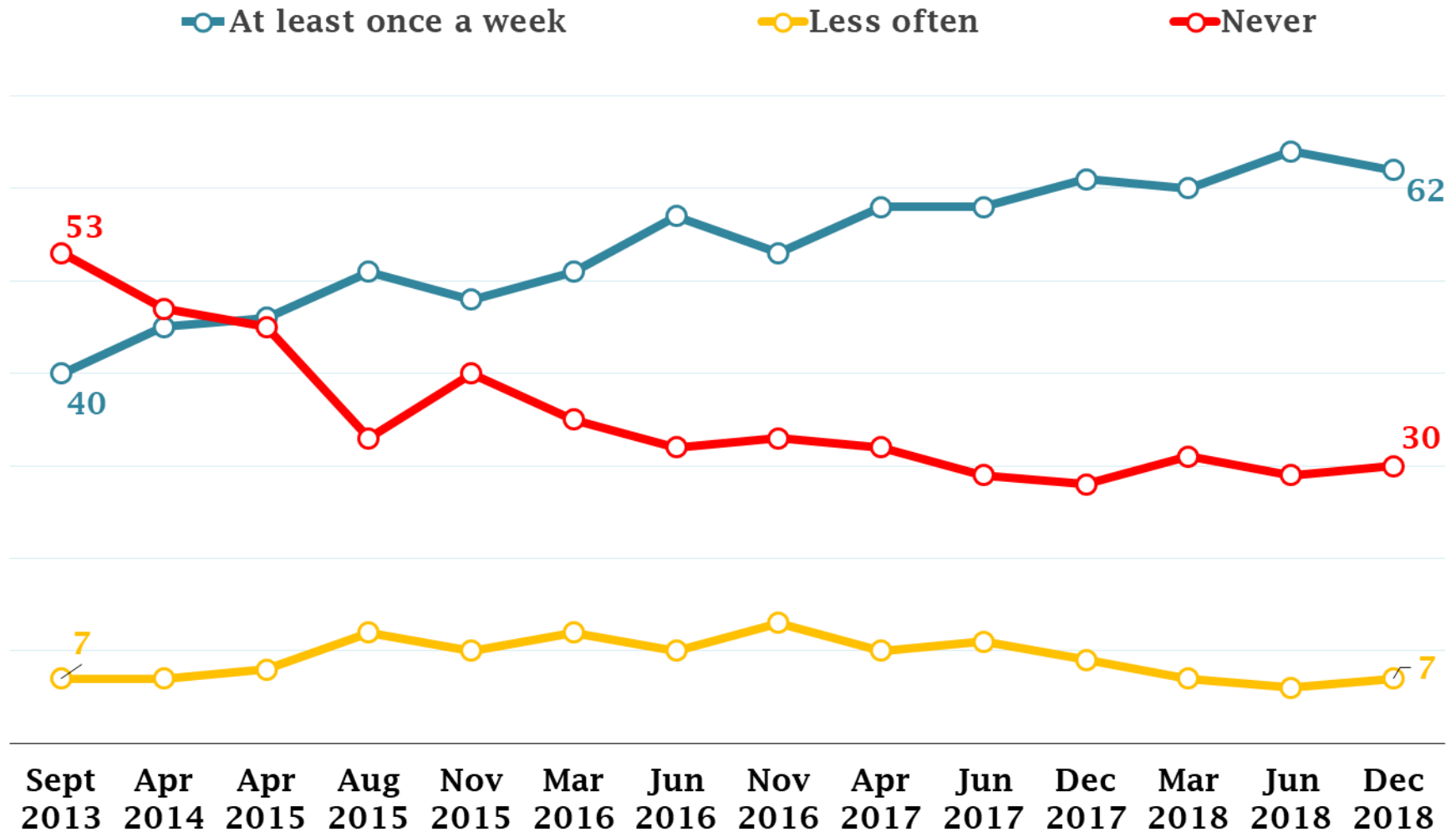
Internet use

How often do you use the Internet? Do you use the Internet ... (q76)



Internet Usage

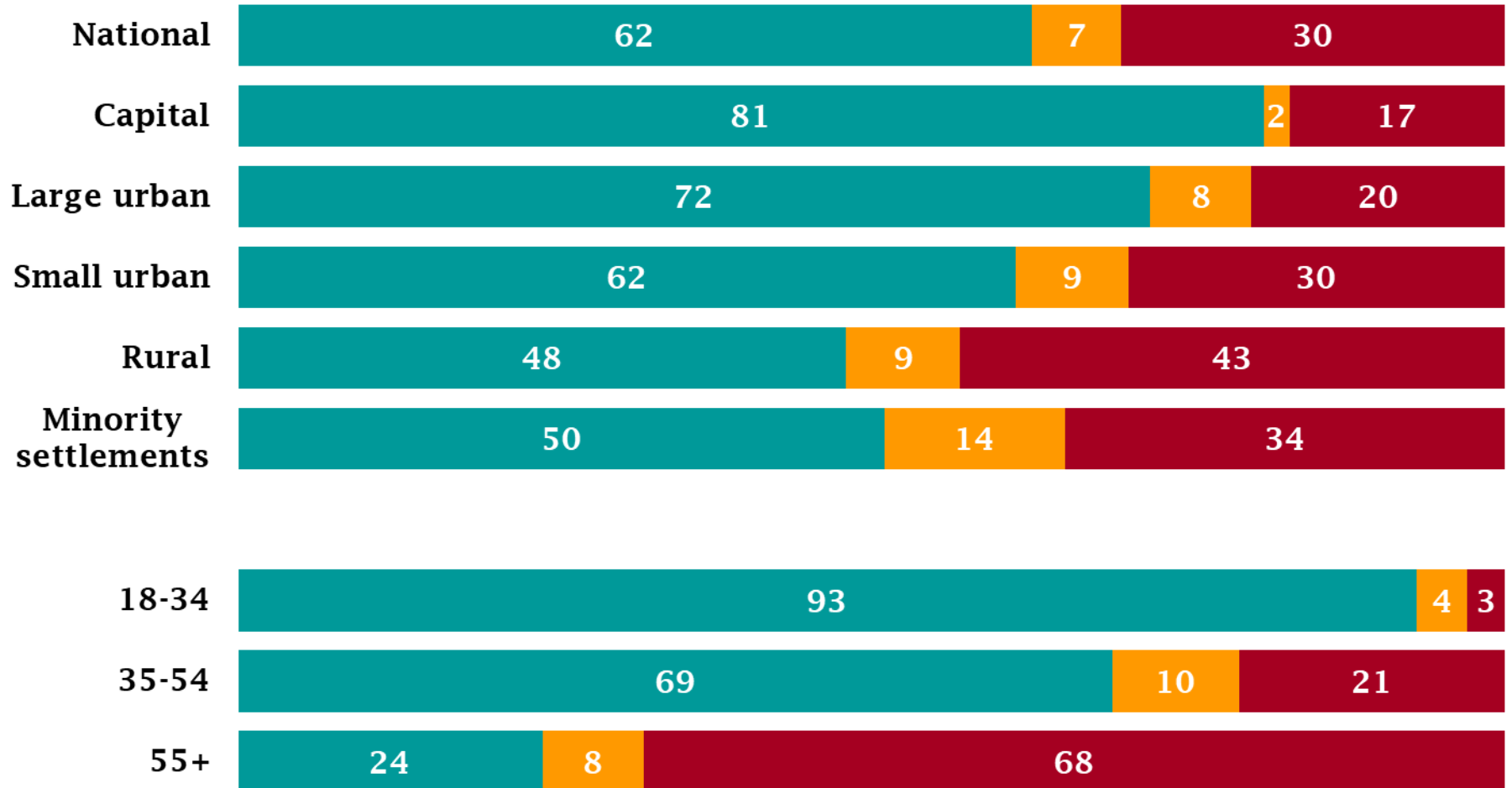
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Internet Usage

How often do you use the Internet? Do you use the Internet ... (q76 x Settlements, Age)

■ At least once a week ■ Less often ■ Never



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