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LONGFORD LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESULTS

Prepared by Invisio Ltd.

Summary

335 responses to the consultation – 39 groups / organisations and 296 private individuals

Perceptions of Safety

- 64% of people feel safe in the area where they live
- 53% feel safe in the area where they work
- 41% feel safe in the areas where they socialise
- 30% agree that County Longford is a safe place

Younger respondents had lower perceptions of safety where they lived and socialised.

Perceptions of safety were also lower among those not in paid employment and among those living in towns.

Residents of the Longford Municipal District had lower than average perceptions of safety, while those in the Ballymahon Municipal District had higher than average perceptions of safety.

Respondents of white Irish ethnicity had a higher than average perception of safety in the area where they live than others.

There was little variation in perception when analysed by gender identity.

Perceptions of Safety in Longford Town

- 29% of individuals felt that Longford Town is safe during the day
- 6% feel that Longford Town is safe in the evening / night-time

Perceptions of safety in relation to Longford Town were higher among older respondents and lower among respondents who were living in Ireland all or most of their lives.

Perceptions of safety reported by groups / organisations were broadly in line with those of individuals.

Awareness of Services

- 41% of individuals would know how to access the relevant services if they had a concern about safety. A further 41% indicated some uncertainty about how to access services, and 19% did not know where they could access relevant services.
- Respondents aged 18-34 had the highest degree of uncertainty about where or how to access services
- Respondents in a relationship were less confident in their knowledge of where or how to access services if they had a concern about safety.
- “Gardaí” were mentioned by 97% of individuals as the service they would think of going to first if they had a concern about safety.
- 19% would consider contacting Longford County Council if they had a concern about safety.
- 12% would consider contacting community services such as family resource centres, community workers if they had a concern about safety.
- 11% would consider contacting HSE services if they had a concern about safety.

Areas of Focus

- 59% of individuals and 38% of groups ranked **“Policing and Emergency Services”** as the most important area of focus for the Longford LCSP for delivering a safe community.
- **Second** ranked was **“Public Spaces and Amenities”**
- **Third** ranked was **“Youth; Prevention Initiatives and Education”**
- **Fourth** ranked was **“Community Engagement and Development”**
- **Fifth** ranked was **“Community Services and Family Supports”**

Actions

- The most commonly suggested actions under the theme **“Policing and Emergency Services”** related to **“More Gardaí on the street / increase visibility / presence”** (85% of suggestions under this theme)
- The most commonly suggested actions under the theme **“Public Spaces and Amenities”** related to **“More / better public / street lighting”** (38% of suggestions under this theme)
- The most commonly suggested actions under the theme **“Youth; Prevention Initiatives and Education”** related to **“More amenities for youth / activities”** (38% of suggestions under this theme)
- The most commonly suggested actions under the theme **“Community Engagement and Development”** related to **“Engage with young people”** (30% of suggestions under this theme)
- The most commonly suggested actions under the theme **“Community Services and Family Supports”** related to **“Support / funding for community / volunteer groups”** (27% of suggestions under this theme)

Summary

Getting Involved - Individuals

- 27% of individuals would be likely to get involved in initiatives led by the Longford LCSP. A further 43% would be interested but were not sure if they had the skills or resources to help.
- 21% of individuals interested in getting involved felt that training courses and mentoring would help them to get involved.

Getting Involved - Groups

- 38% of groups / organisation would be likely to get involved in initiatives led by the Longford LCSP. A further 49% would be interested but were not sure if they had the skills or resources to help.
- 37% of groups interested in getting involved felt that access to funding would help them to get involved.

One Thing that Longford LCSP Can Do

- When asked what was the one thing they would like to see Longford LCSP do to improve community safety, 32% of individuals mentioned “**Increase Garda presence / visibility**”. The next most common suggestion related to “**Address antisocial behaviour**” (16%)

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Introduction

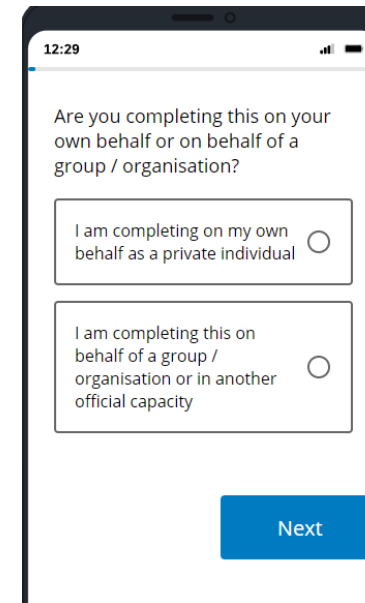
- Online questionnaire
- Facilitated groups (offline)
- 19 Feb – 26 Mar 2022
- 335 responses in total
- Online median time per response: 9.5 minutes
- Margin of error +/-5.6%

Are you completing this on your own behalf or on behalf of a group / organisation?

I am completing on my own behalf as a private individual

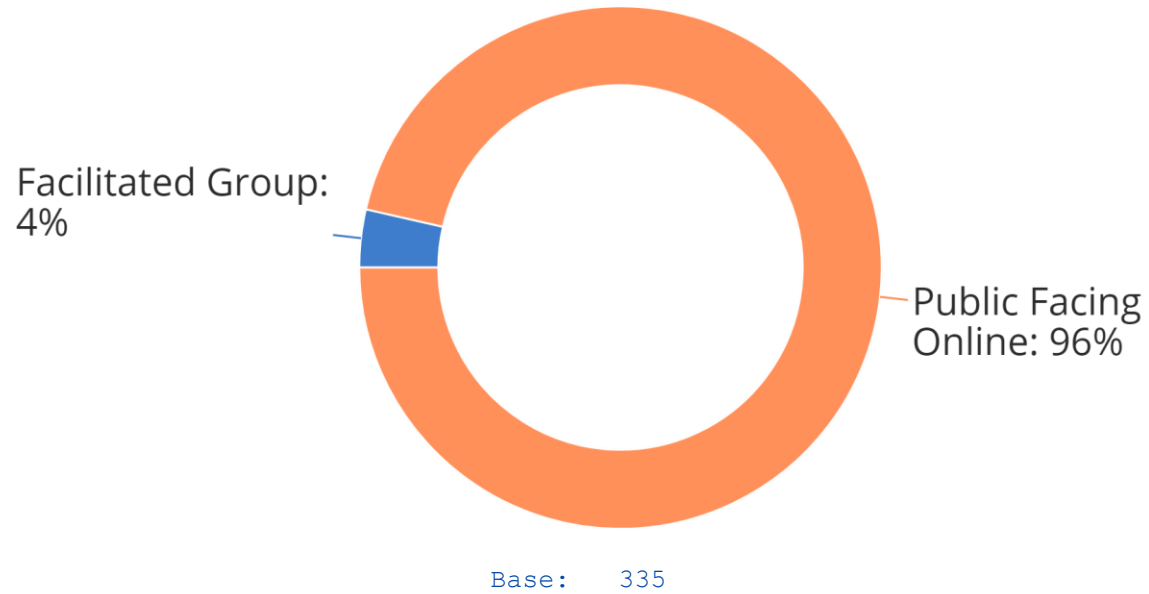
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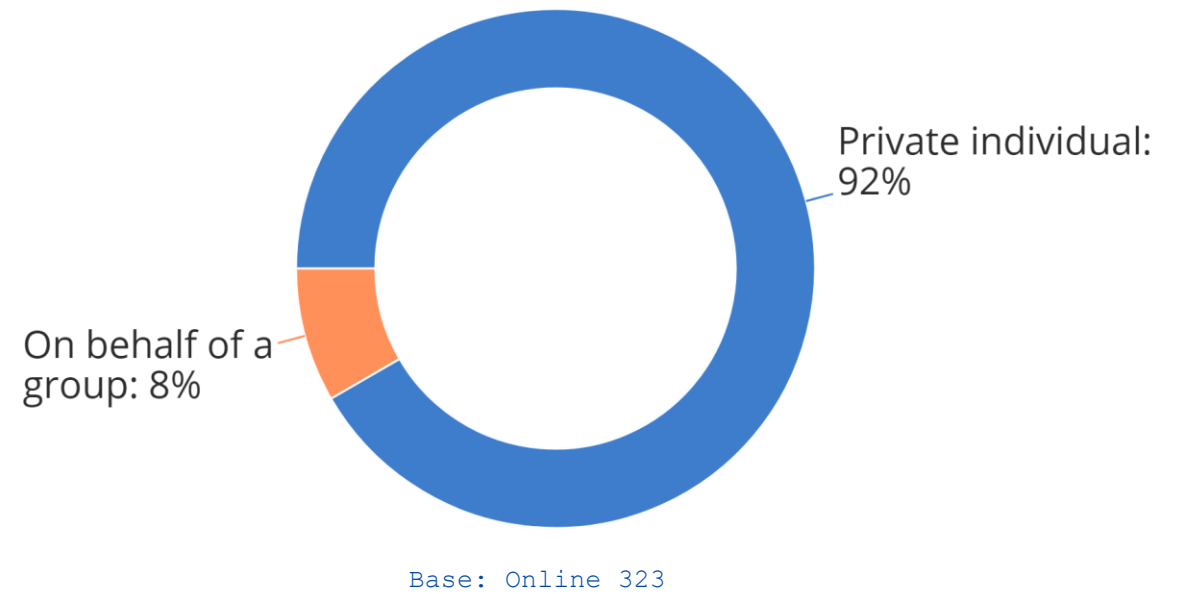


Source Profile

Online and Offline Modes



Online

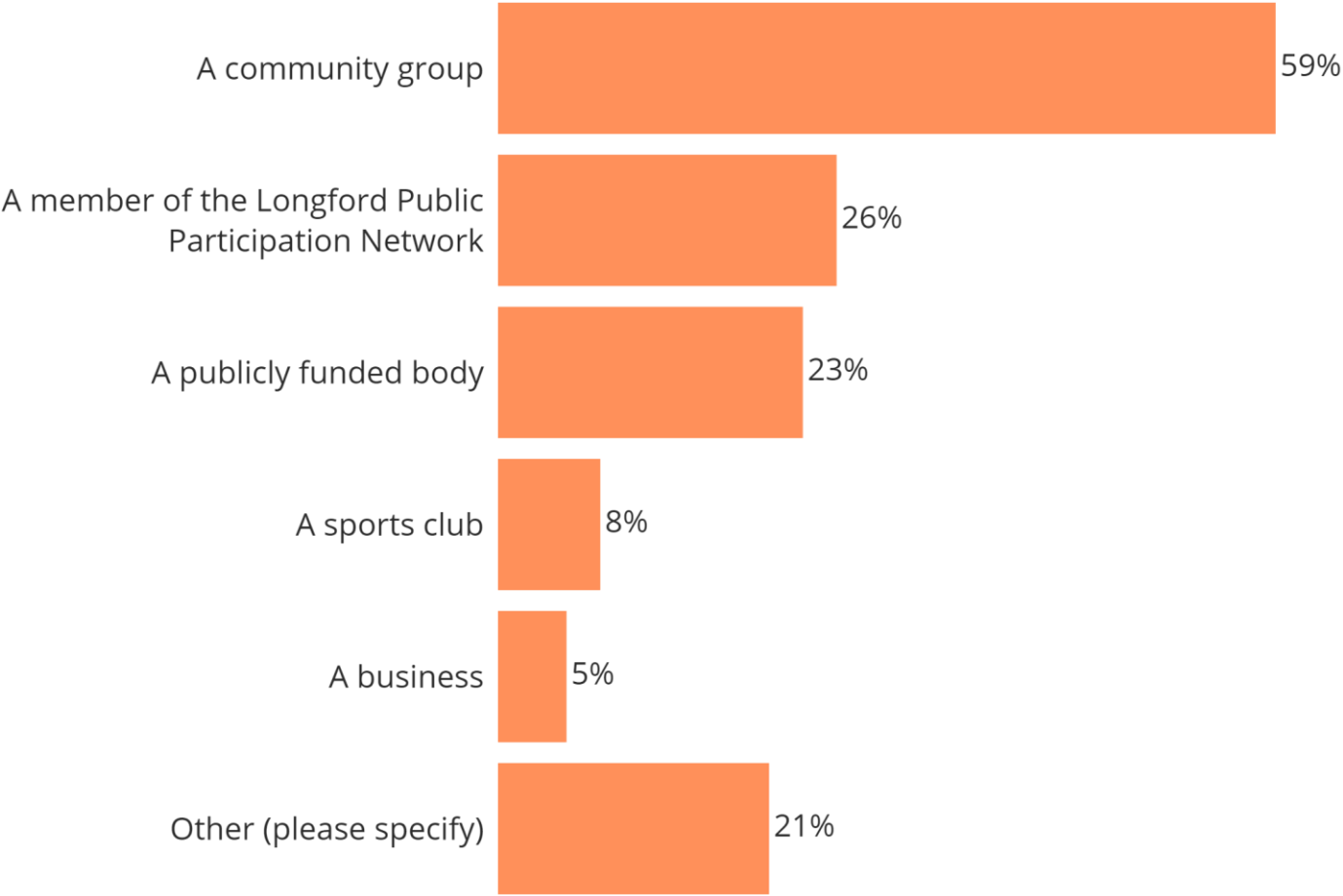


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Private individuals: 296

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Group Profile

Is your group / organisation: (please select as many as apply)



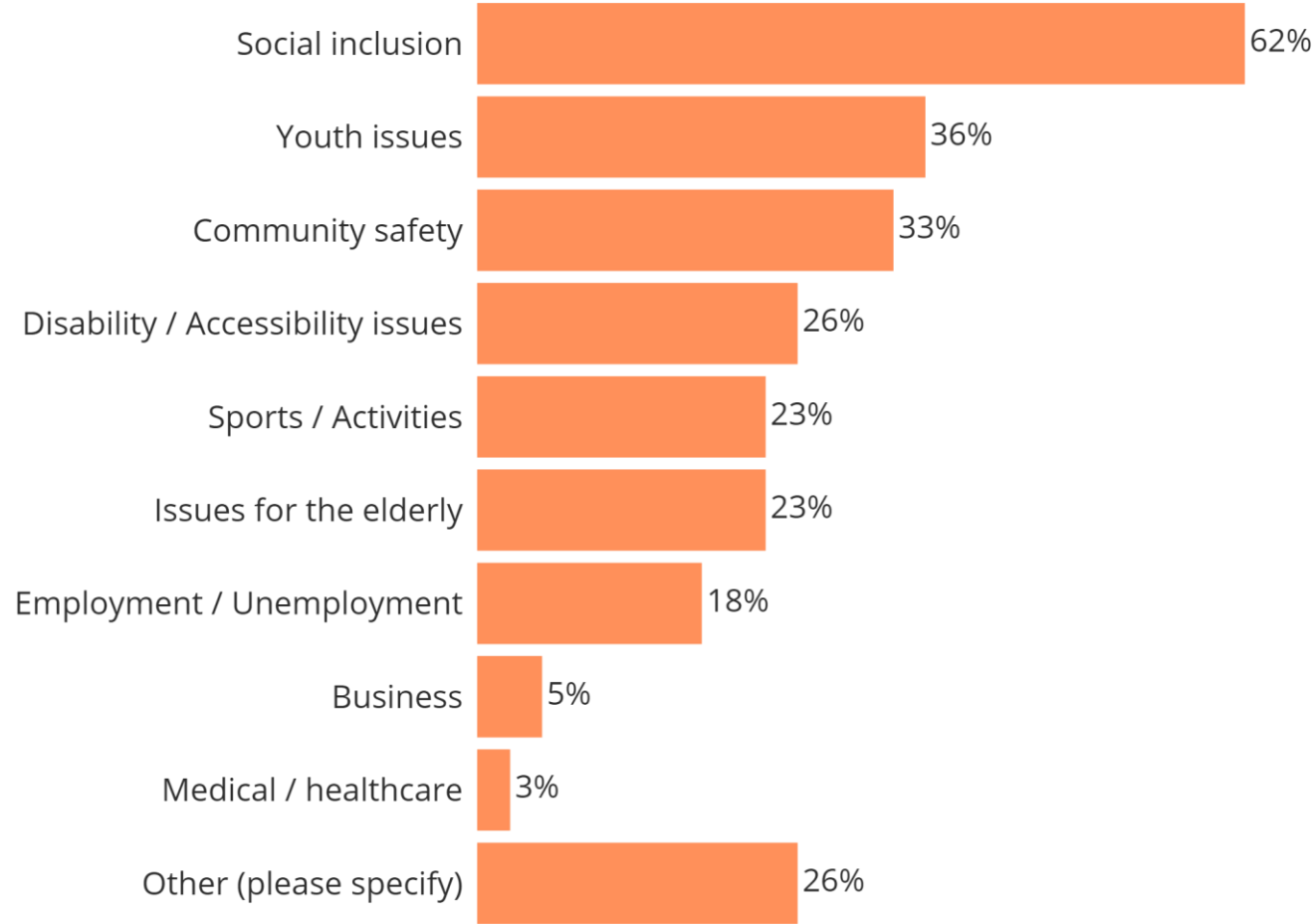
Other specified:

- >Arts Group
- >Education
- >open public consultation event
- >Open Public Meeting in Edgeworthstown Library
- >Open Public Meeting- Longford Library
- >PPN Plenary Meeting
- >PPN Plenary Meeting- Granard Municipal District
- >Public meeting held by the LCSP

Base: 39

Group Profile

What areas does your group / organisation address or represent? Please select as many as apply.



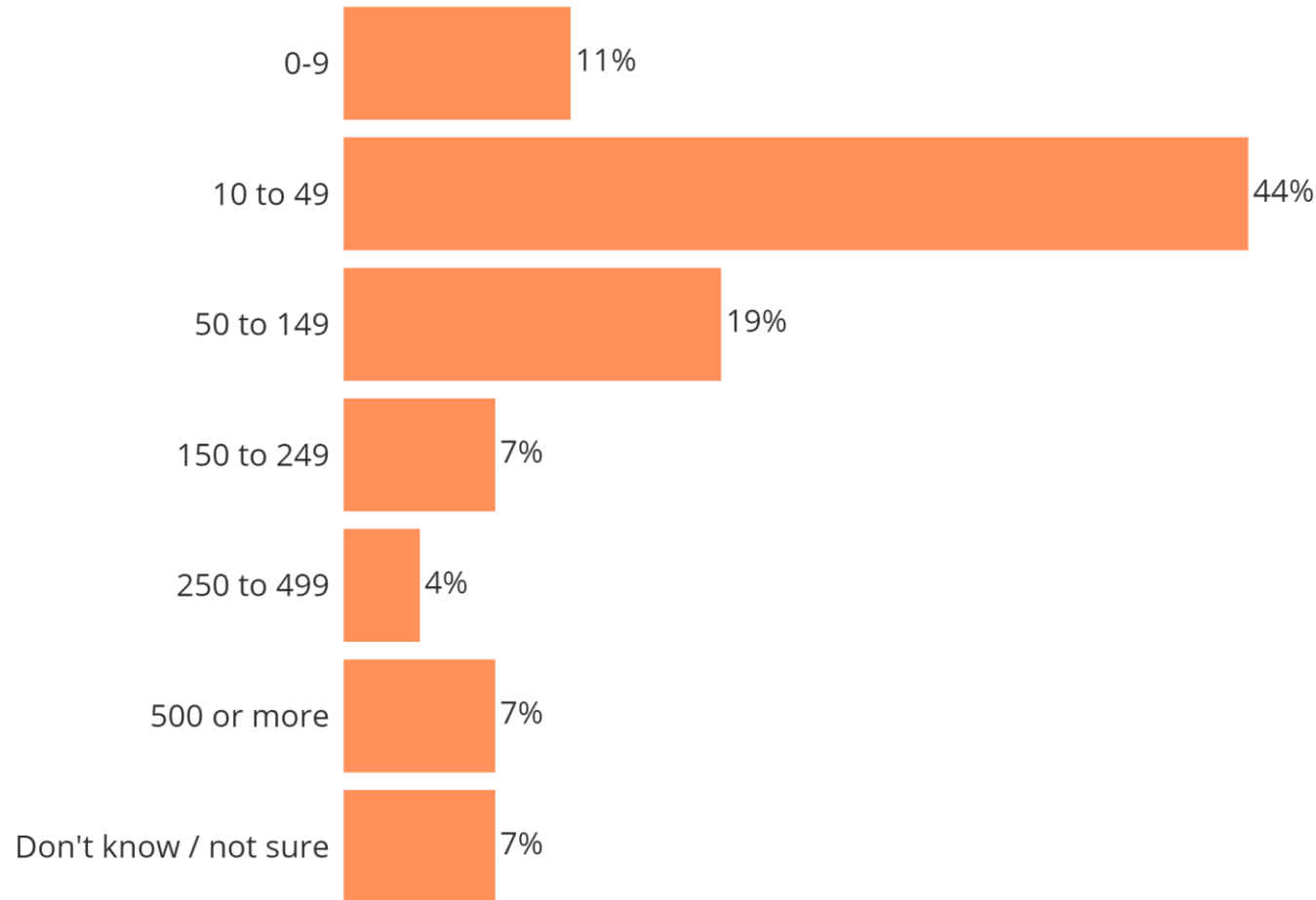
Other specified:

- >Arts Engagement
- >Education
- >Open meeting, all issues on table
- >Open meeting, all topics up for discussion
- >Policing
- >PPN Plenary meeting for Ballymahon MD (all registered PPN groups in Ballymahon invited)
- >Residents Association/Neighbourhood Watch.
- >Support for people in direct provision
- >We provide rural transport for the NTA in Longford
- >Writers

Base: 39

Group Profile

Approximately how many members does your group represent in County Longford?



Mean group size:

116 members

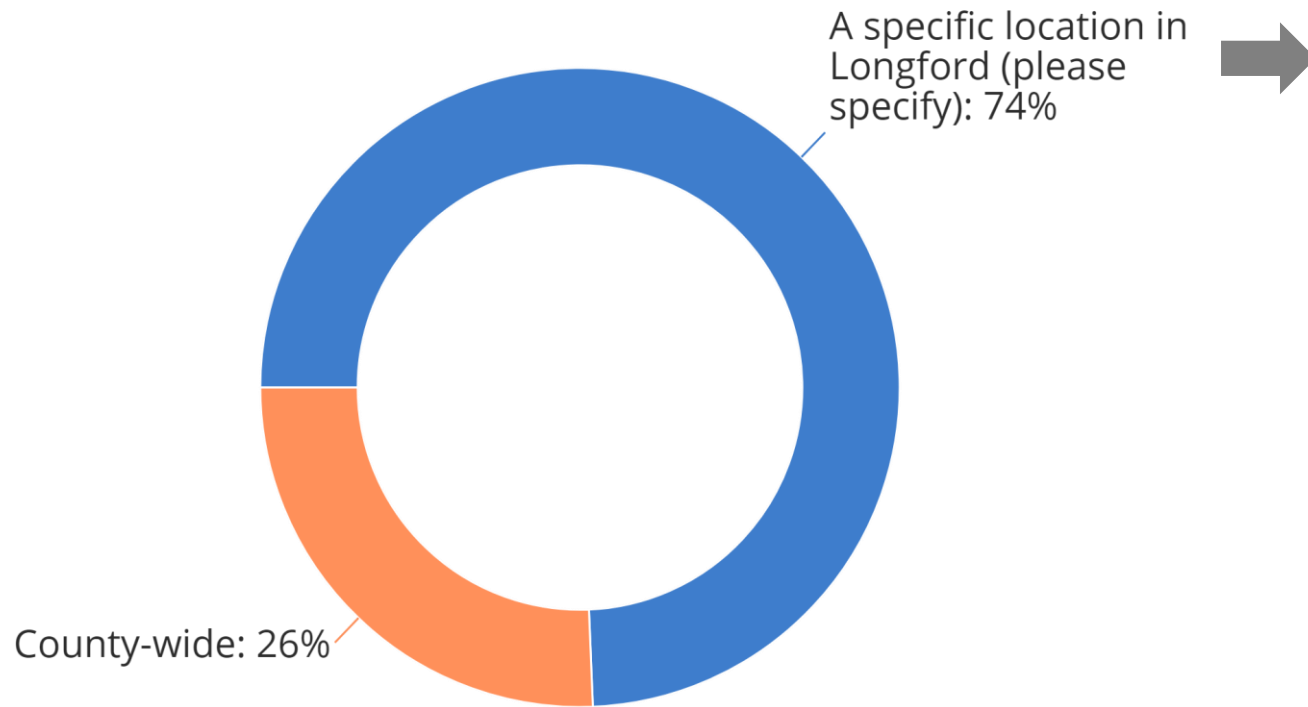
Median group size:

30 members

Base: 27

Group Profile

Does your group operate county-wide or in a specific location in Longford?



- >Ardagh
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- >Ardnacassa Residents Association (Old Ardnacassa, Dublin Road).
- >Aughnaccliffe and surrounds, north Longford
- >Aughnaccliffe, Co. Longford
- >Ballymahon MD
- >Bridgewaya
- >Catkins longford womens link
- >Edgeworthstown
- >Edgeworthstown/Ballymahon MD
- >Granard
- >Granard and surrounding area
- >Granard Municipal district
- >Held in Edgeworthstown area
- >Kenagh
- >Lanesboro - Knock Manor
- >Longford Municipal Distict
- >Longford town
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- >Longford Town
- >Longford Town centre ,with studios at Garveys Yard
- >North Longford, Granard MD

Base: 39

Group Profile

To give further context to your response, would you like to give the name of your group / organisation?

- >An Garda Siochana
- >Ardnacassa Residents Association
- >Ballinamuck Foroige juniors youth club
- >Catkins longford womens link
- >Club Ardagh Preschool and Afterschool
- >Colmcille GFC
- >Droplink Ltd
- >Edgeworthstown District Development Association
- >EDI Centre
- >Engage longford
- >Granard Motte Community Enterprise clg
- >Irish Wheelchair Association
- >Killoe/Newtownforbes CE Scheme
- >Longford Shopping Centre
- >Longford Sports Partnership
- >Longford Writers Group
- >Revamp 3R Store
- >St Brigids gaa Killashee
- >St Mels College
- >TFI Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon
- >Tiff

Facilitated Group Details

Facilitated Groups

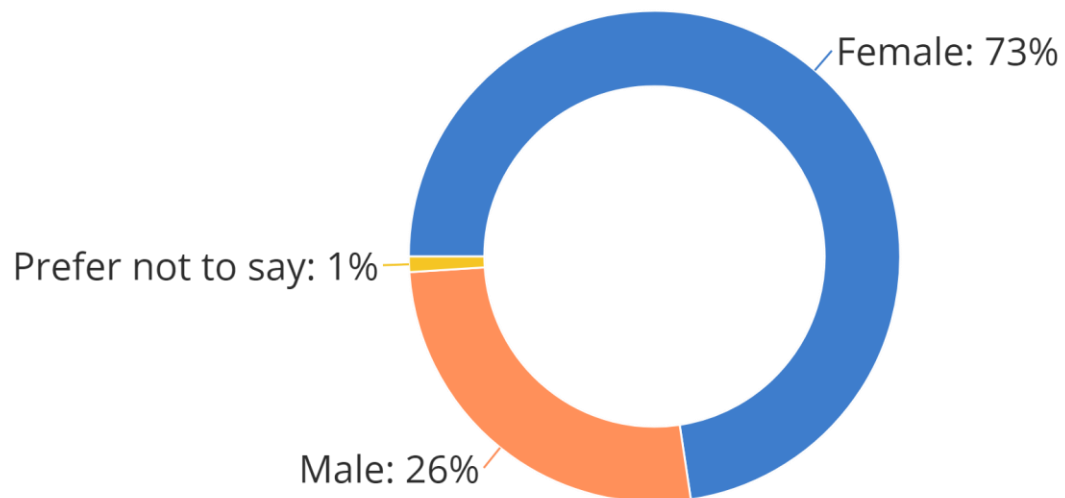
Group facilitated	Number of participants in the group session	Date of the group session
Community Engagement event- Edgeworthstown Library	27	22/2/2022
Fáilte Active Age Group, (Dolmen Centre Aughnacliffe)	15	8/3/2022
Granard Municipal District PPN Plenary meeting	27	8/3/2022
Moate- Siders Active Age (Ladies) group	9	10/3/2022
Open Public Meeting- Edgeworthstown Library	27	22/2/2022
Open Public Meeting- Moyne Latin School Community Centre	12	14/3/2022
Open Public Meeting, Longford Library	23	23/2/2022
PPN Plenary Meeting- Ballymahon MD	23	9/3/2022
PPN Plenary Meeting- Longford Municipal District	17	10/3/2022
Rathmhuire Mens Shed/Mens group	12	15/3/2022
Richmond Court Direct Provision Centre (via County Longford Youth Service)	9	15/3/2022
Roma Girls youth group- County Longford Youth Service	7	15/3/2022

Base: 12

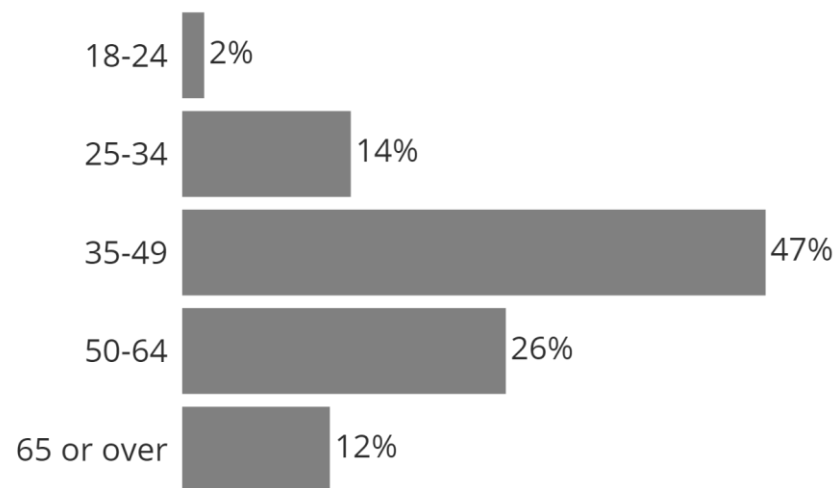
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Respondent Profile - Private Individuals

Do you identify as...



Please select your age group

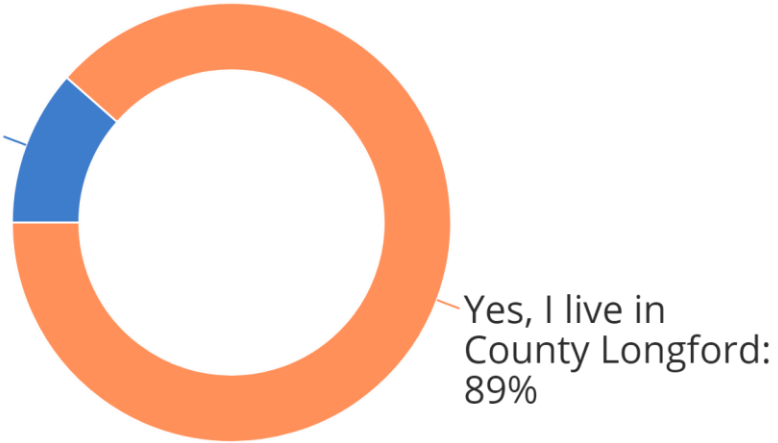


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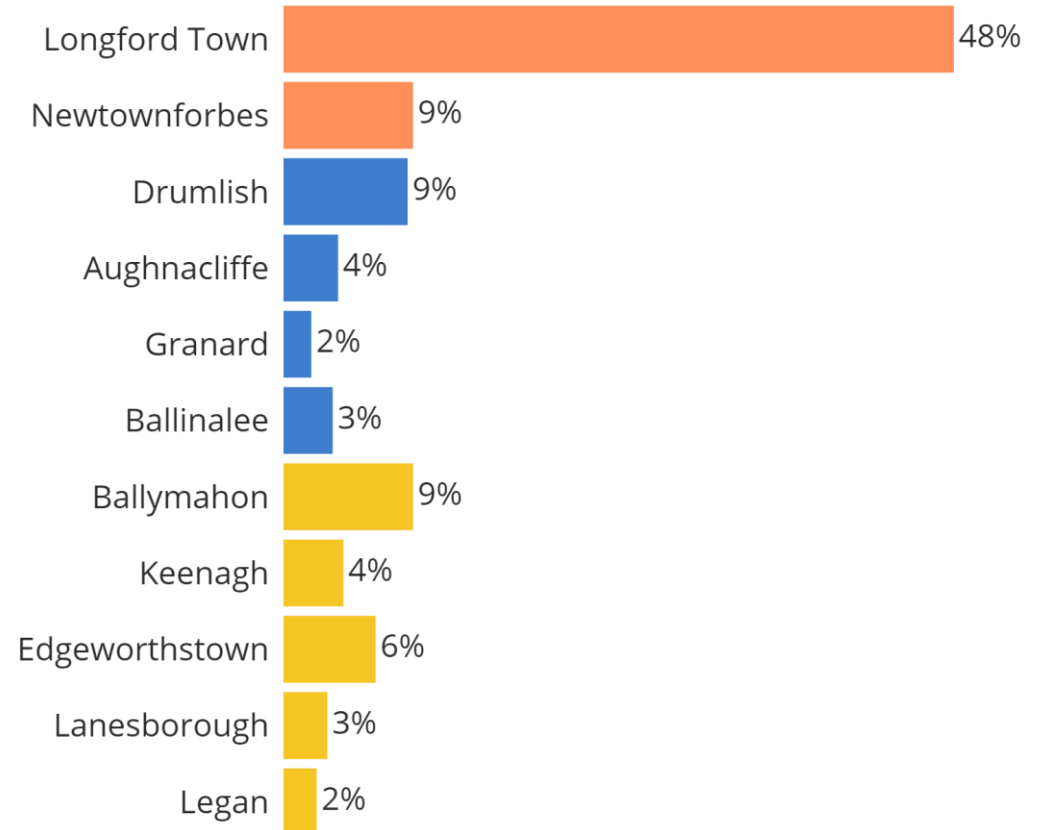
Respondent Profile - Private Individuals

Do you live in County Longford?

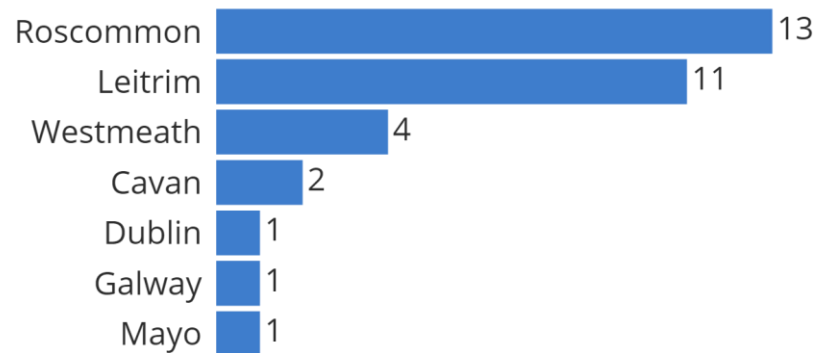
No, I live outside County Longford: 11%



Which of these towns do you live in or is closest to where you live?



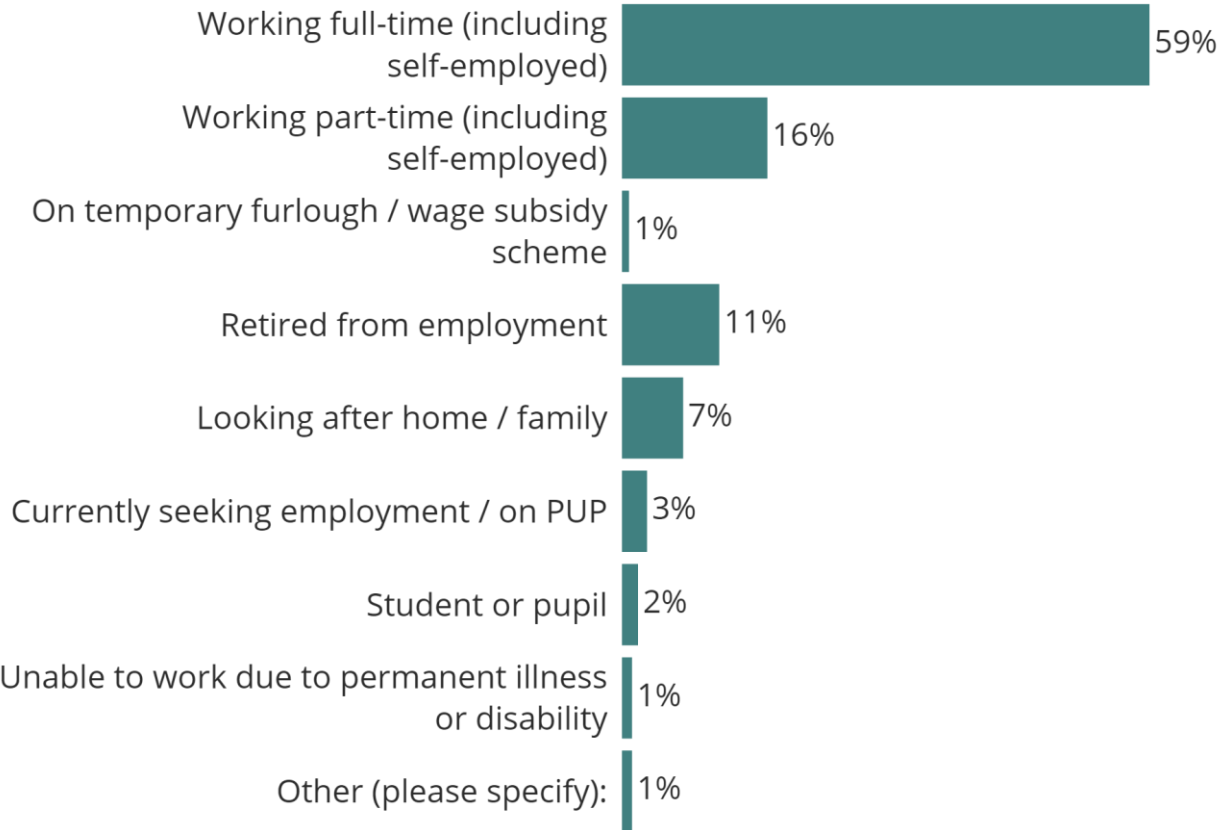
Which county do you live in?



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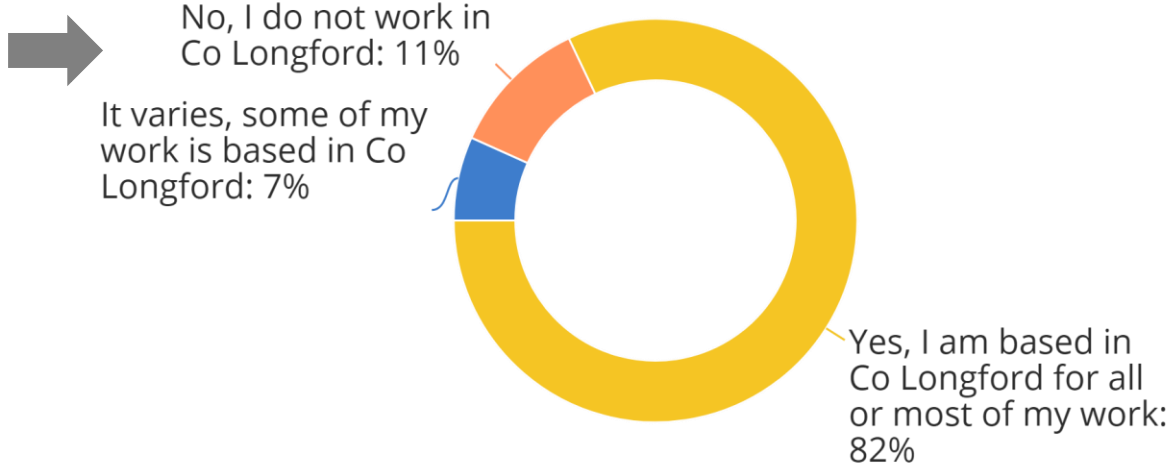
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How would you describe your main status?



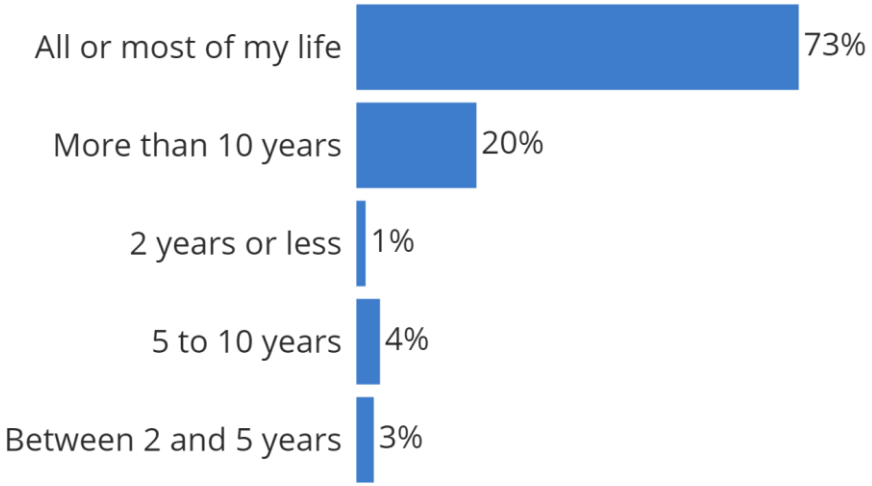
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Do you work in County Longford?

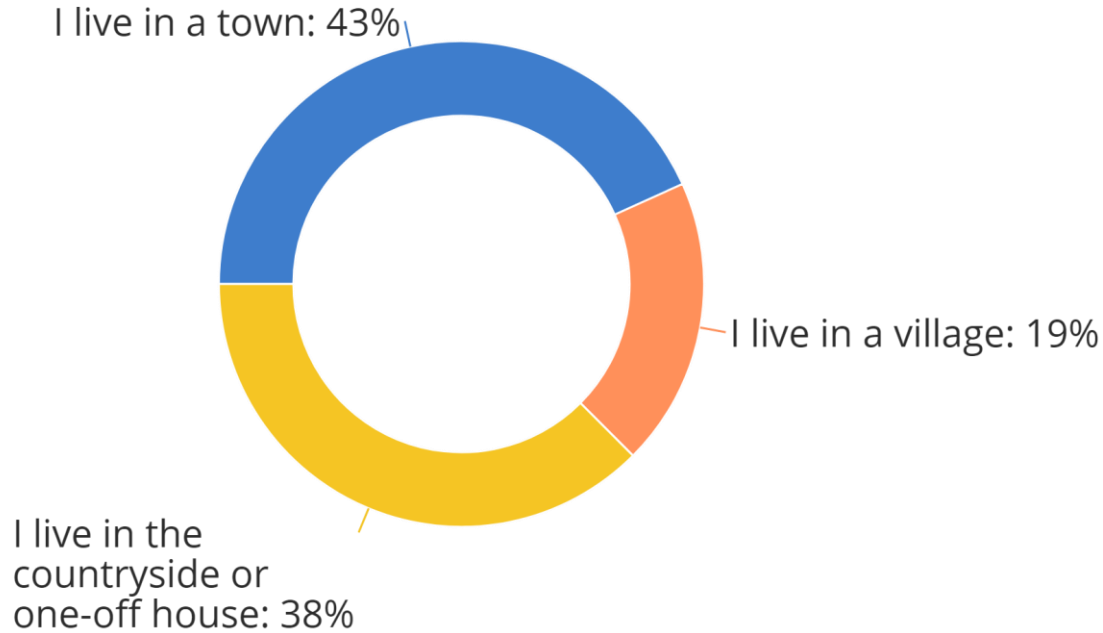


Respondent Profile - Private Individuals

How long have you been living in Ireland?



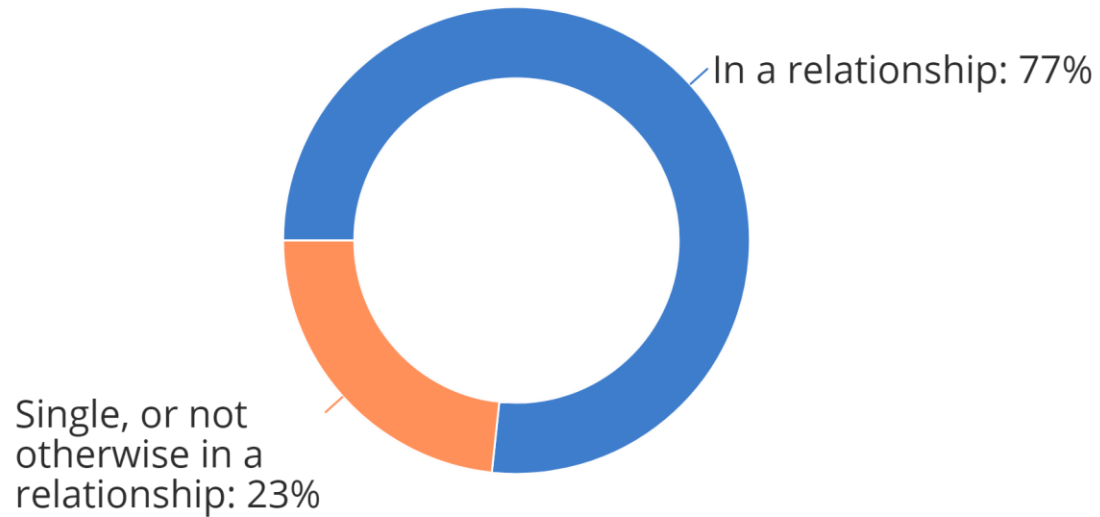
Which of the following best describes the area where you live?



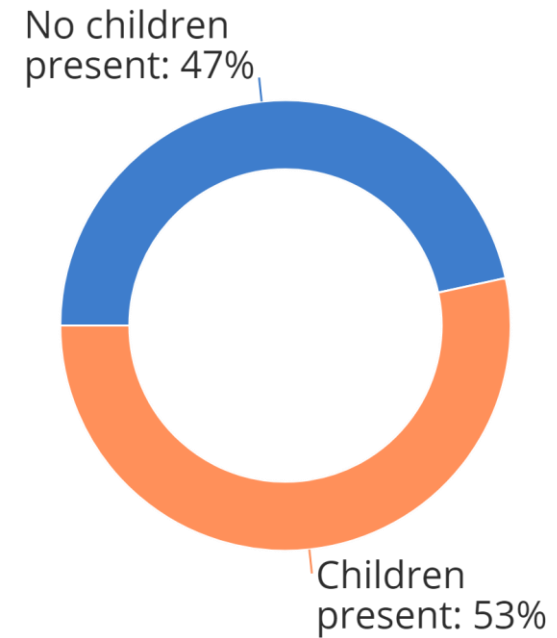
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Respondent Profile - Private Individuals

Which of the following best describes your relationship status?



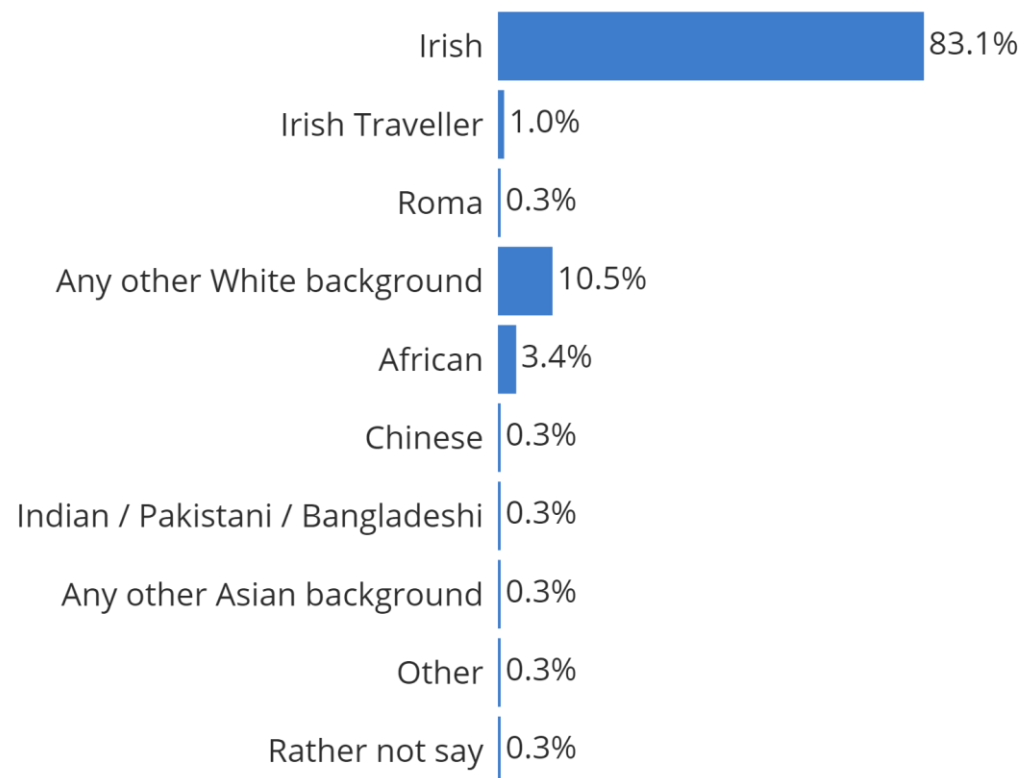
Are there dependent children under 18 living in your household?



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Respondent Profile - Private Individuals

To ensure we get the views of a representative sample of the population, please indicate your ethnicity:

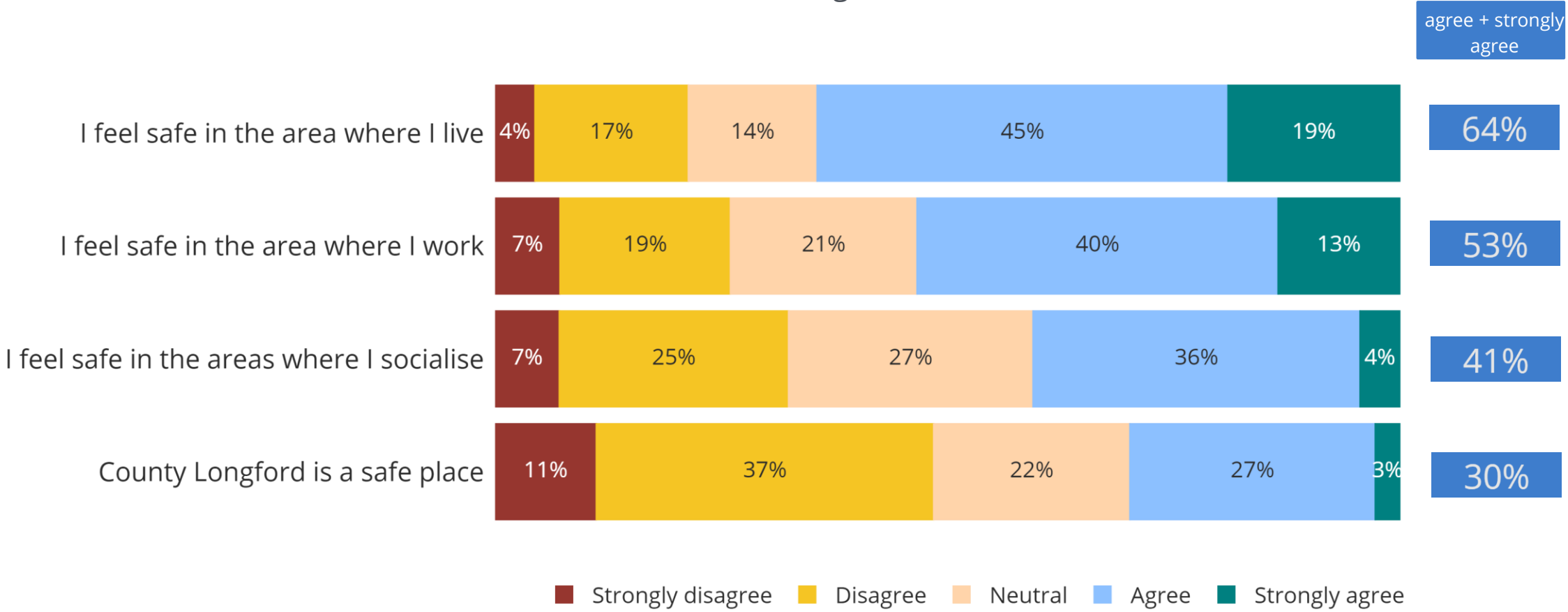


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Feeling Safe - Private Individuals

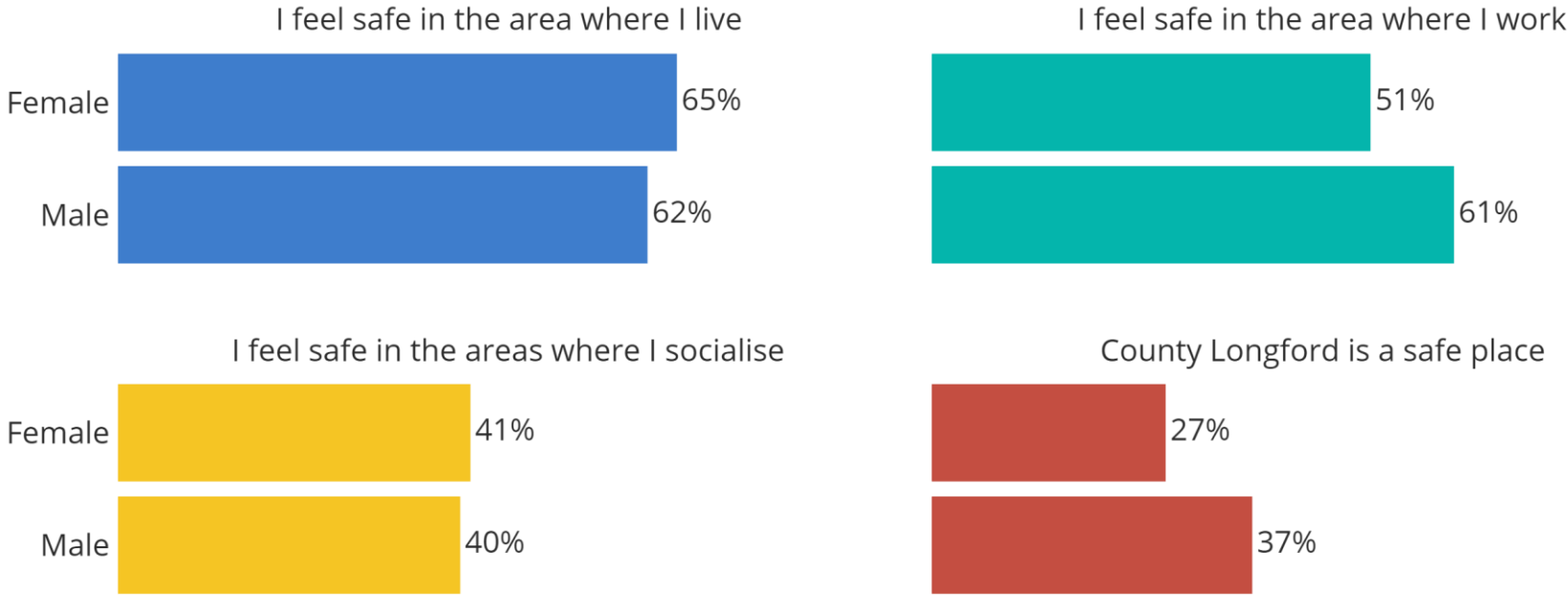
Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements:



Base: Private individual 296

Feeling Safe - Private Individuals, by gender

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements
 % agreeing or strongly agreeing



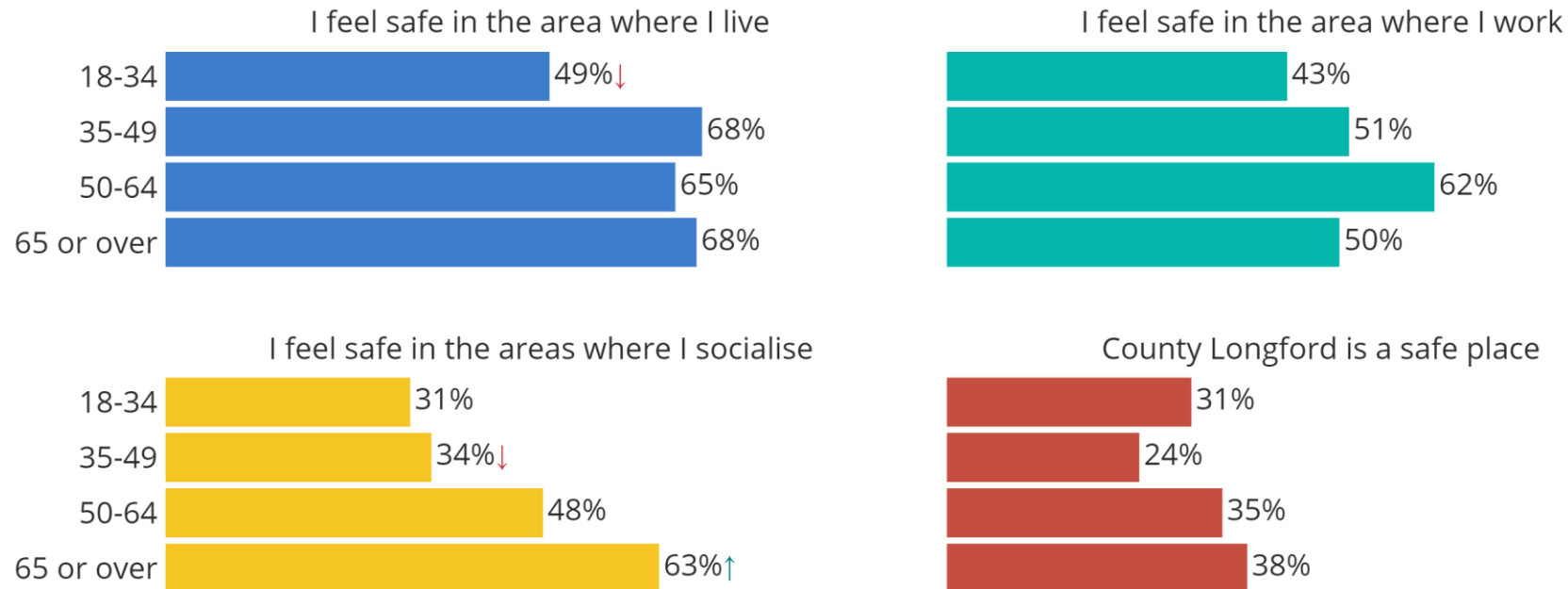
No significant differences when analysed by gender

Base: Private individual 296

Feeling Safe - Private Individuals, by age group

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements
% agreeing or strongly agreeing

Note: statistically significant variances above ↑ and below ↓ the overall average are indicated with arrows

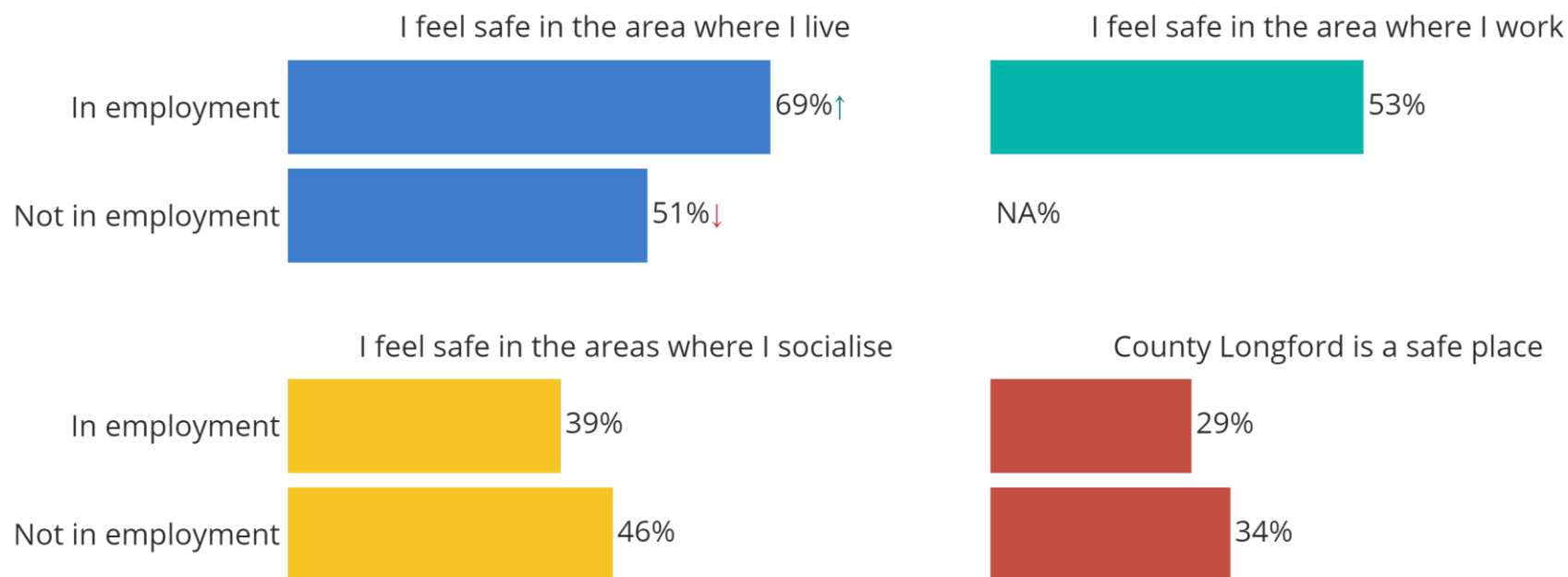


18-34 year-olds were less likely to feel safe where they live. Under 50s were less likely than over 50s to feel safe where they socialise. Those aged 65 or over were most likely to feel safe where they socialise.

Base: Private individual 296

Feeling Safe - Private Individuals, by employment status

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% agreeing or strongly agreeing

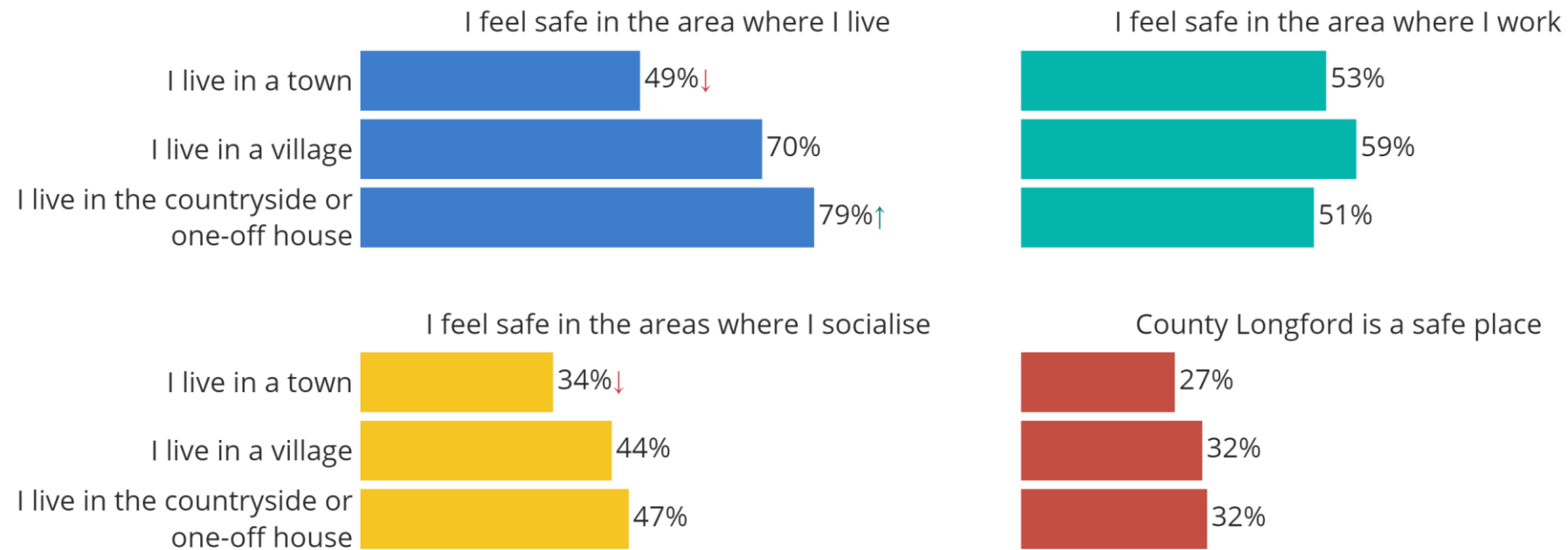


Those in employment were more likely to feel safe in the area where they live.

Base: Private individual 296

Feeling Safe - Private Individuals, by urbanicity

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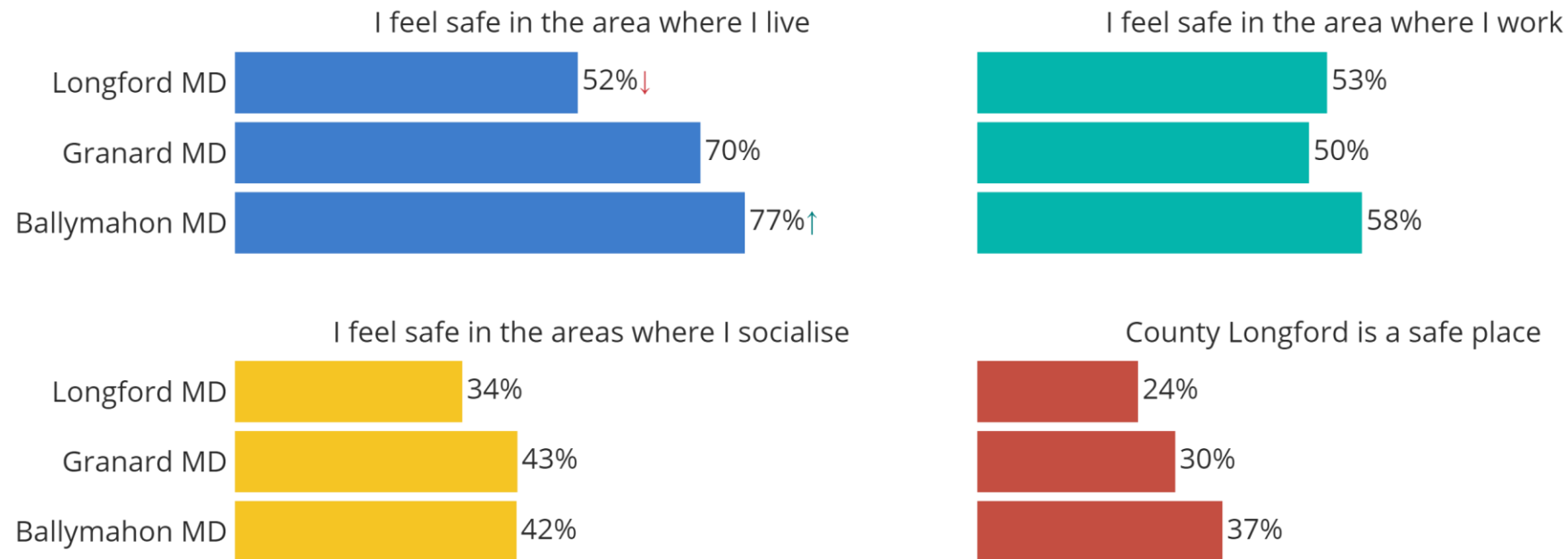


Respondents living in a town were less likely to feel safe where they live and in areas where they socialise.

Base: Private individual 296

Feeling Safe - Private Individuals, by municipal district

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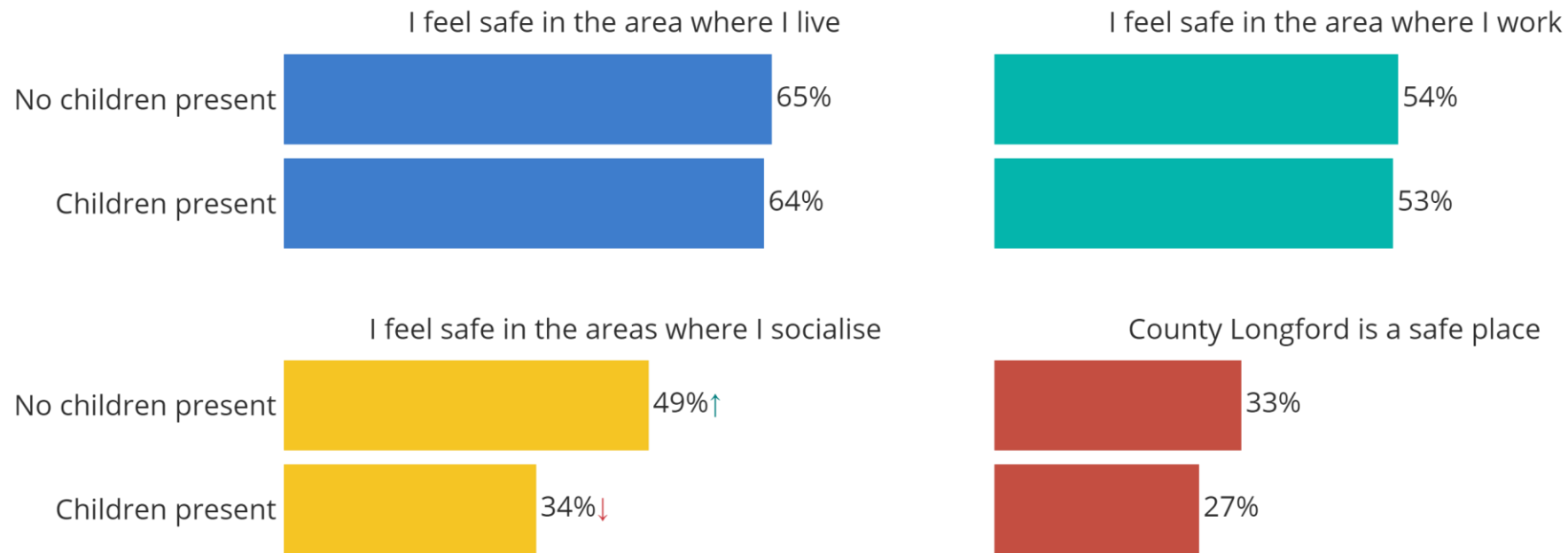


Respondents living in the Longford Municipal District were less likely to feel safe where they live, while those living in the Ballymahon Municipal District were more likely than others to feel safe where they live.

Base: Private individual 296

Feeling Safe - Private Individuals, by presence of children

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements
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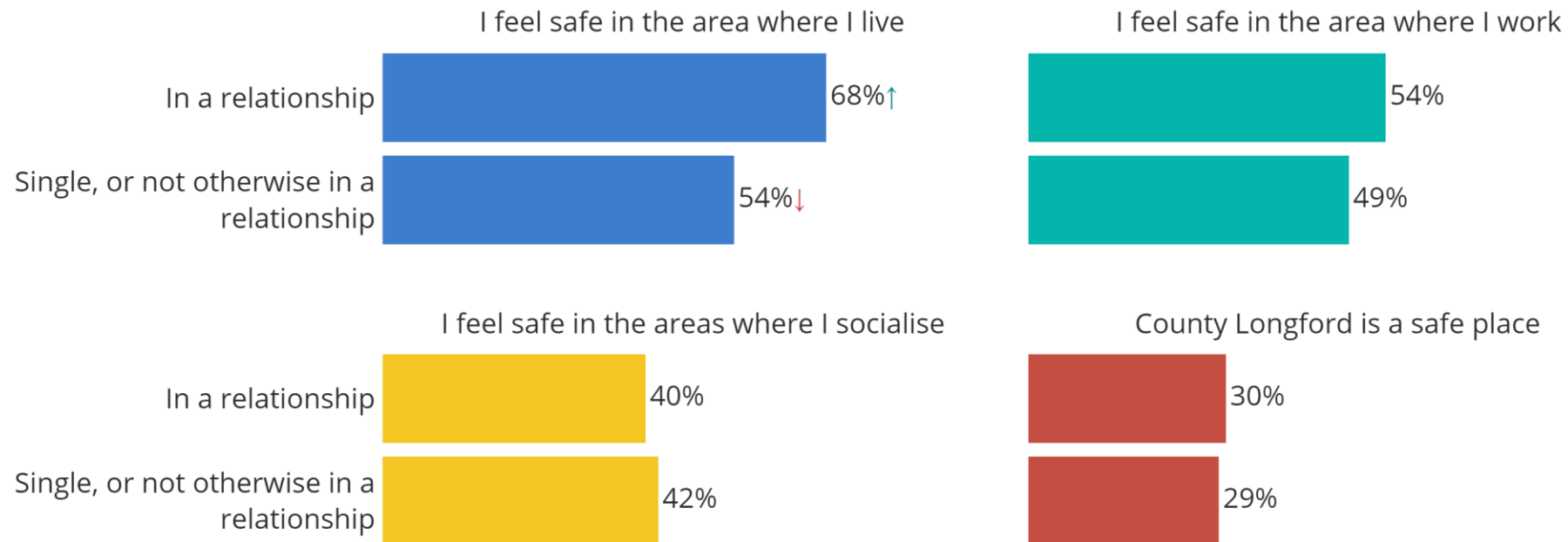


Respondents with dependent children in the household were less likely to feel safe in the areas where they socialise.

Base: Private individual 296

Feeling Safe - Private Individuals, by relationship status

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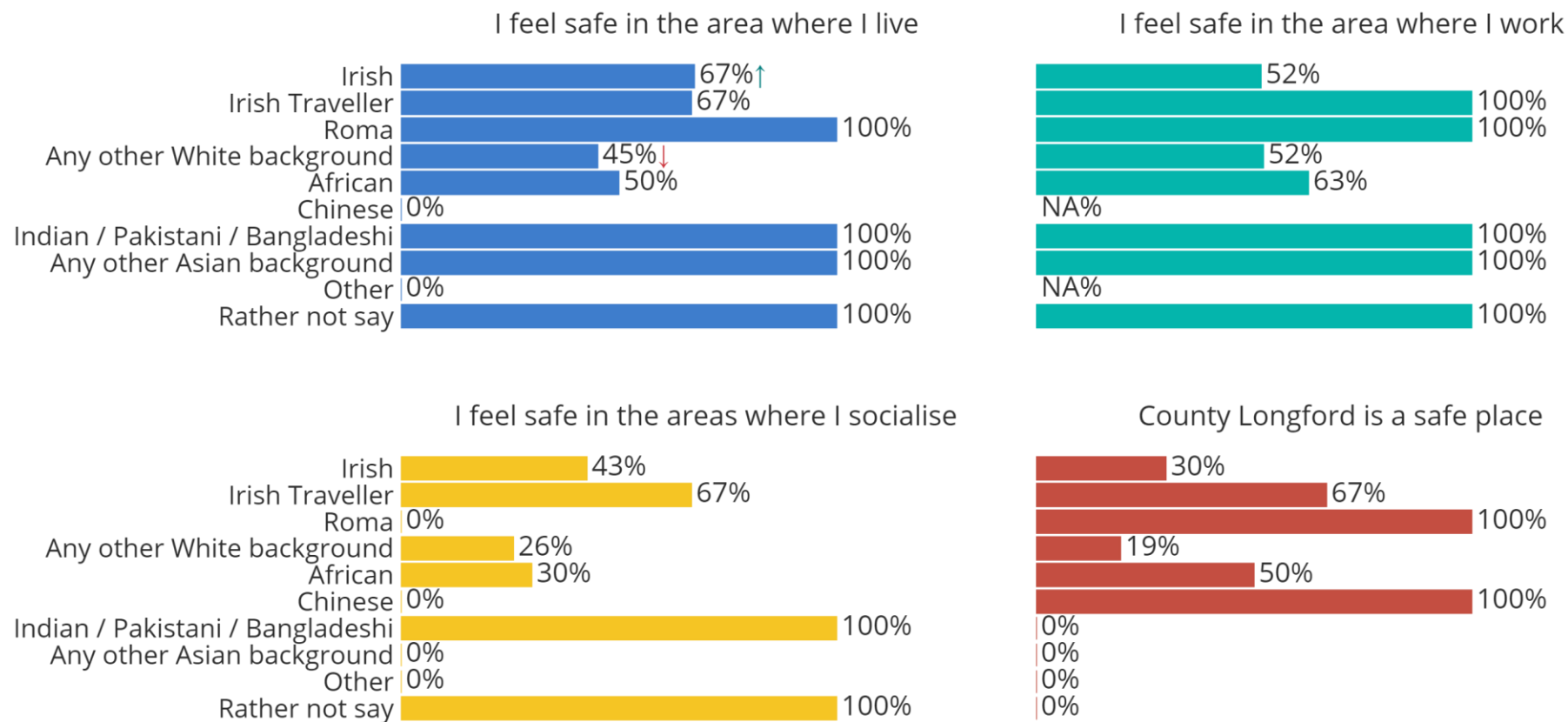


Respondents who were in a relationship were more likely to feel safe in the area where they live.

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Feeling Safe - Private Individuals, by ethnicity

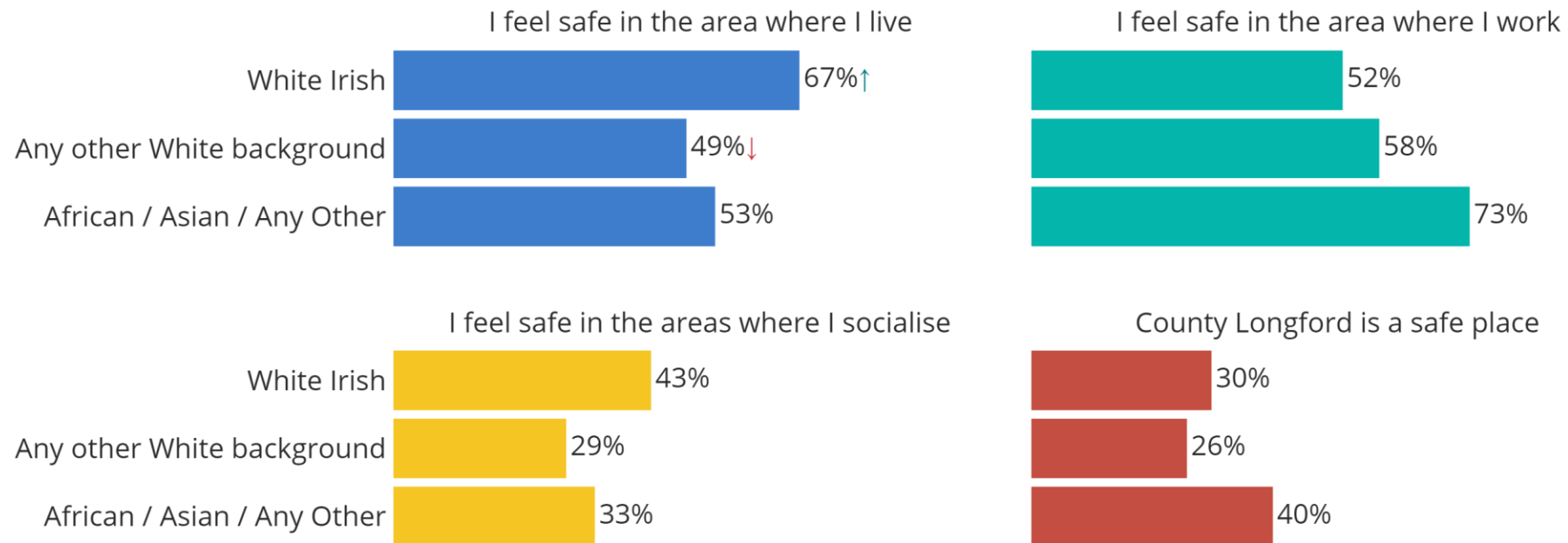
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Feeling Safe - Private Individuals, by ethnicity

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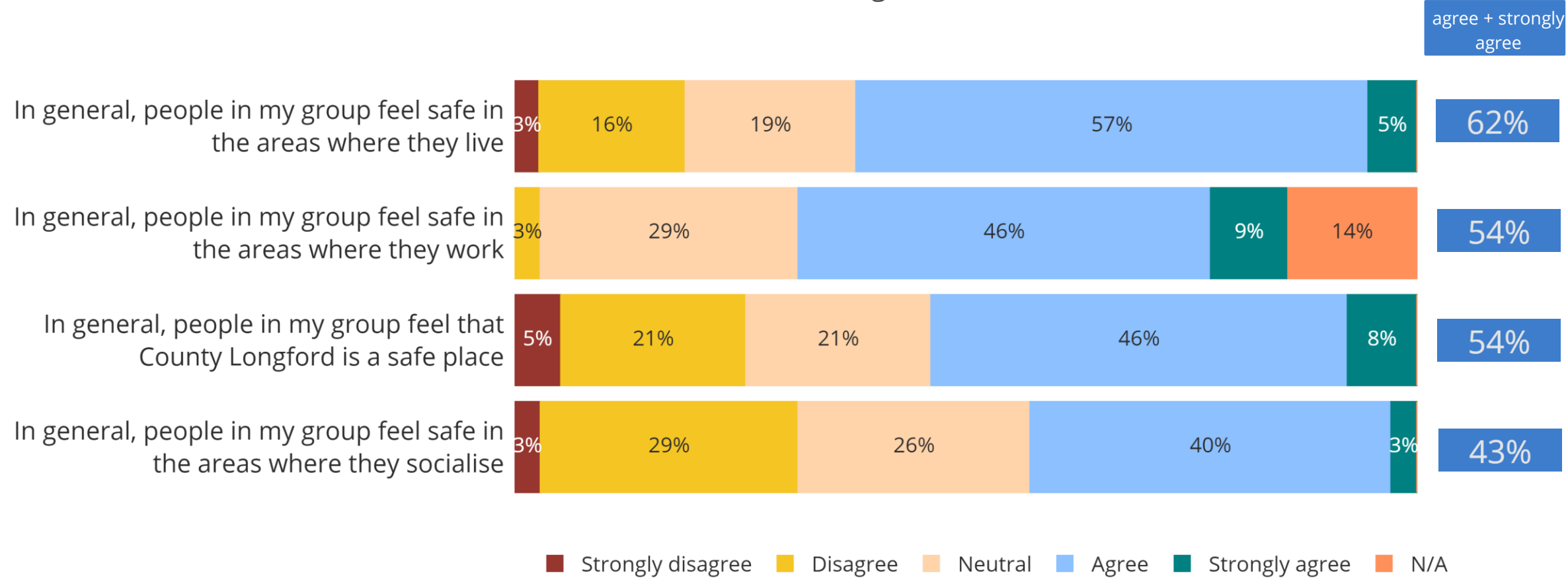


Respondents of white Irish ethnicity were more likely to feel safe in the area where they live.

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Feeling Safe - Groups

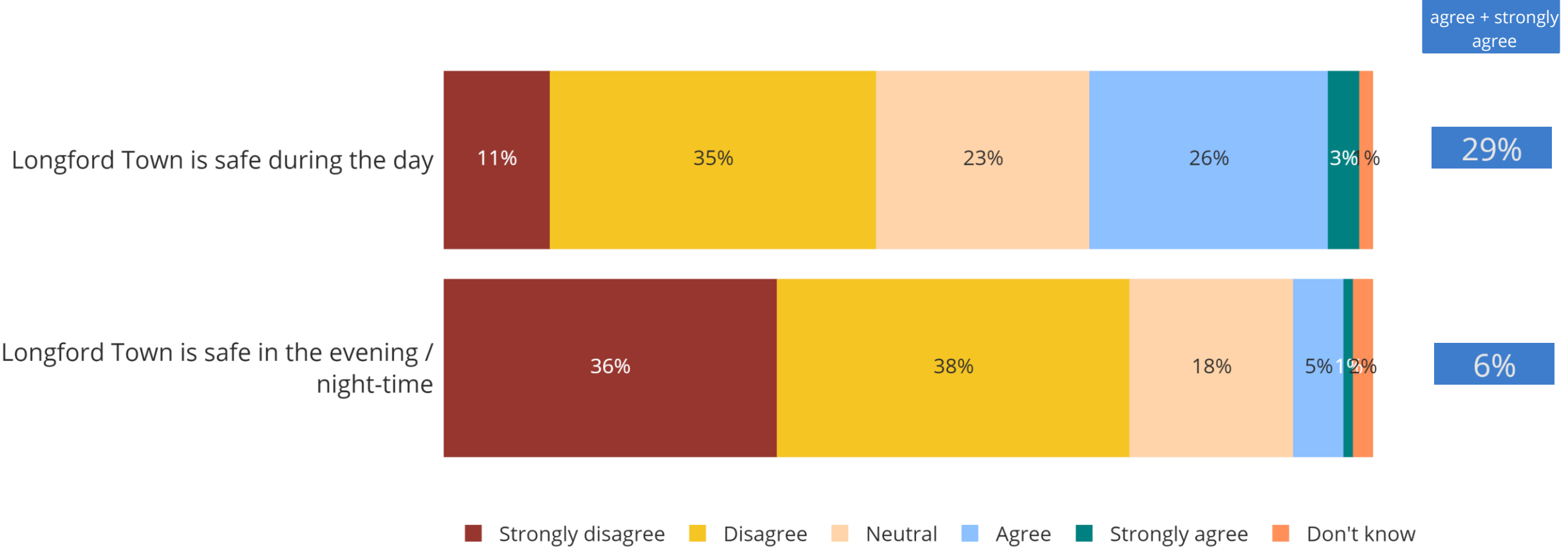
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Longford Town Safety - Private Individuals

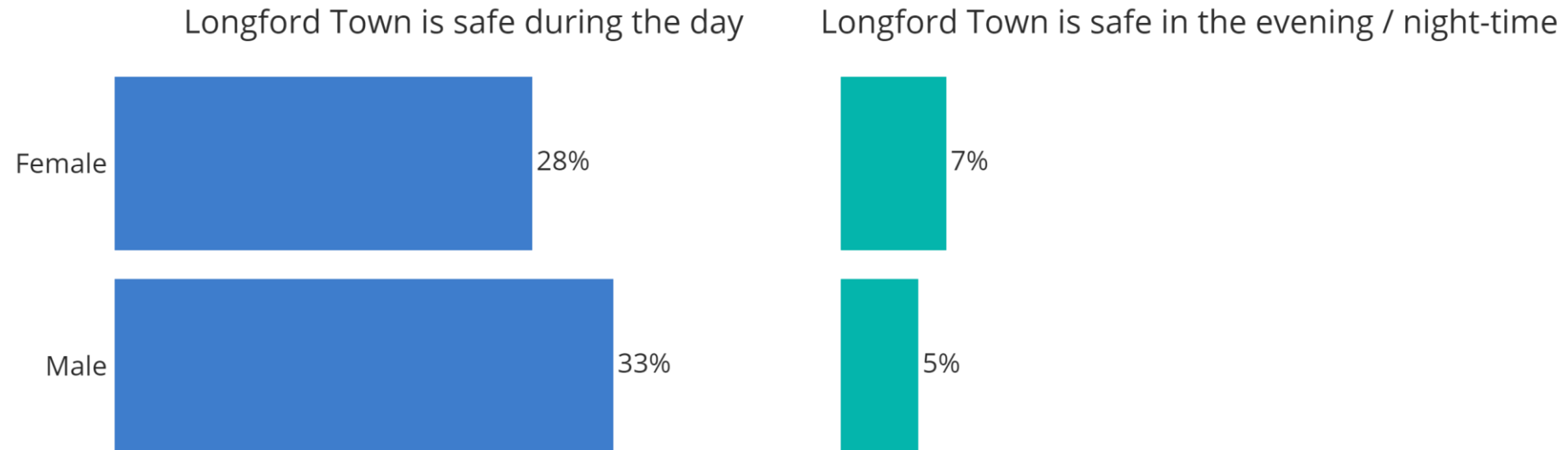
Thinking now specifically about Longford Town:



Base: Private individual 296

Longford Town Safety - Private Individuals, by gender

Thinking now specifically about Longford Town
% agreeing or strongly agreeing

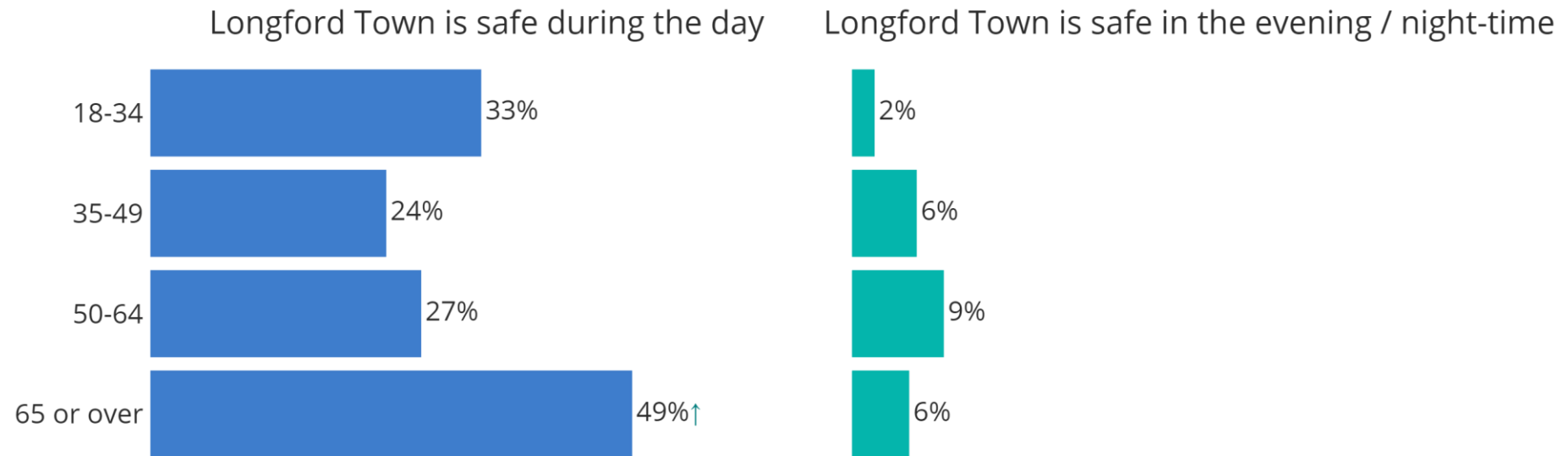


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Longford Town Safety - Private Individuals, by age group

Thinking now specifically about Longford Town
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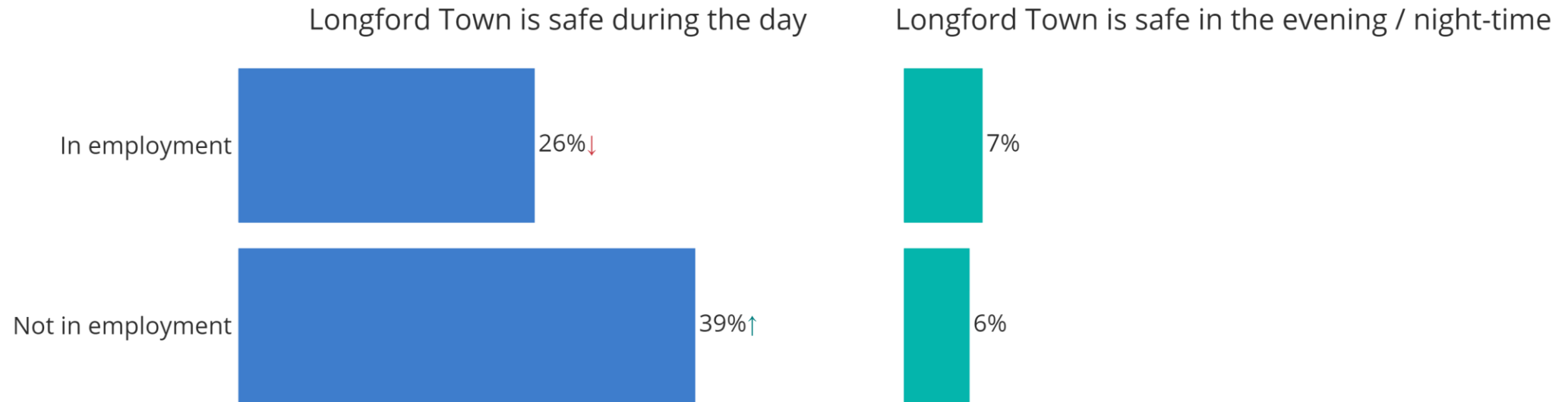


Those aged 65 or over were more likely to feel that Longford Town is safe during the day.

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Longford Town Safety - Private Individuals, by employment status

Thinking now specifically about Longford Town
 % agreeing or strongly agreeing

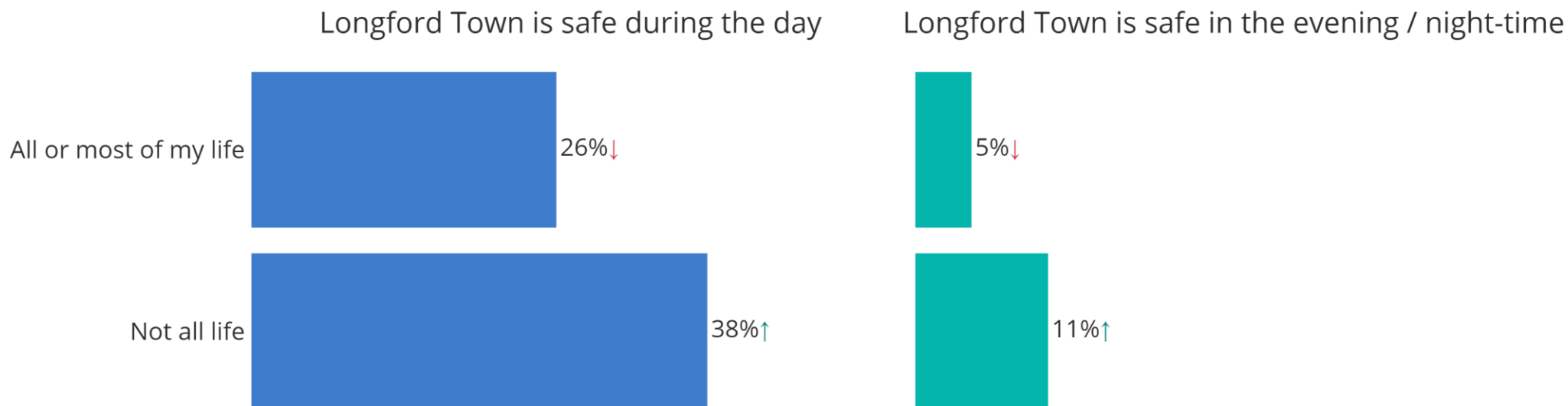


Respondents who were in employment were less likely to feel that Longford Town is safe during the day.

Base: Private individual 296

Longford Town Safety - Private Individuals, by time living in Ireland

Thinking now specifically about Longford Town
% agreeing or strongly agreeing

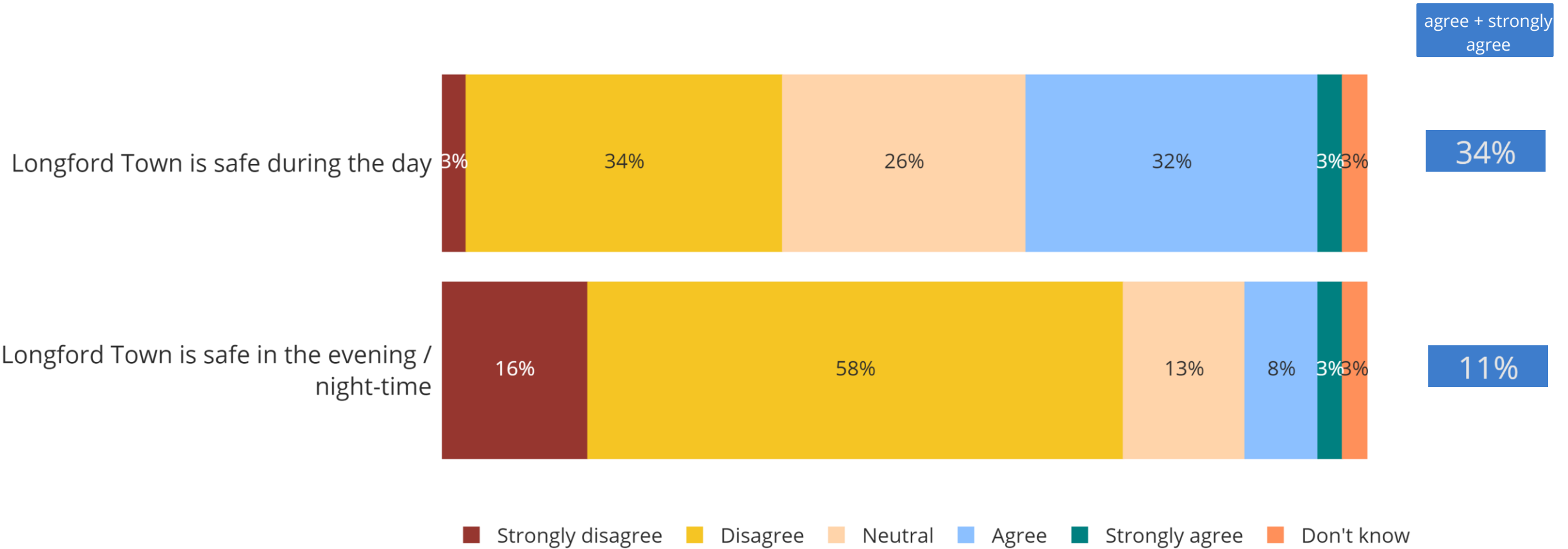


Respondents who were living in Ireland all or most of their lives were less likely to feel that Longford Town is safe.

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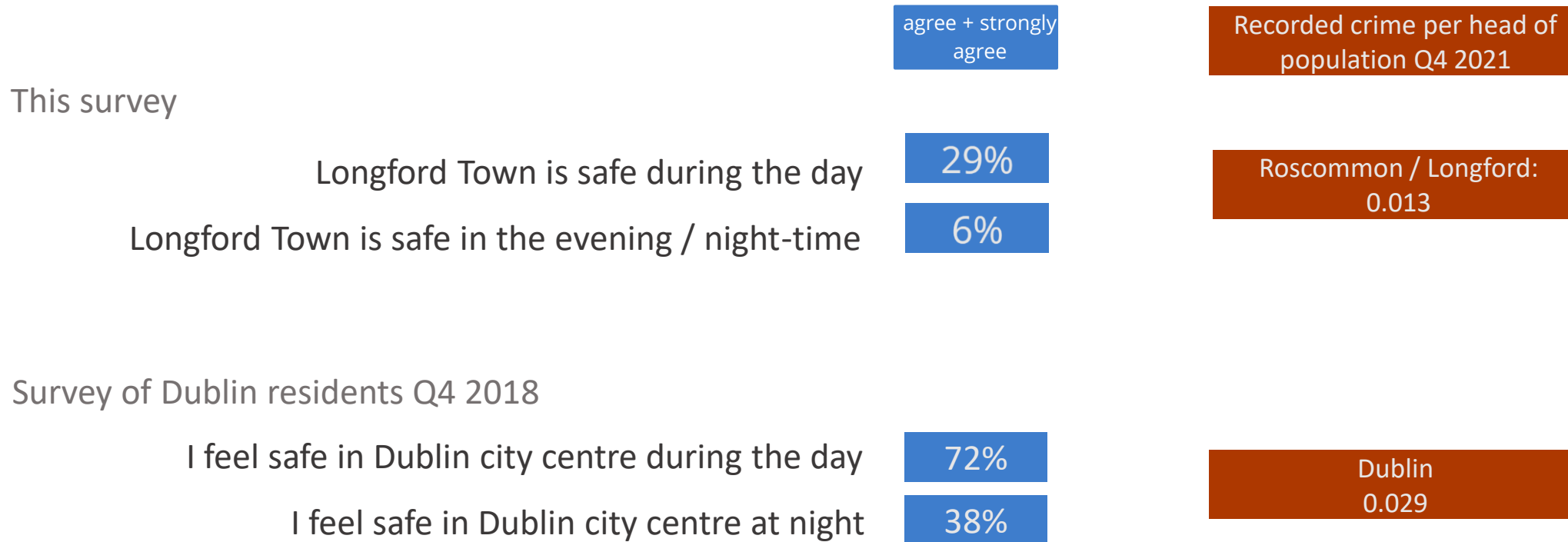
Longford Town Safety - Groups

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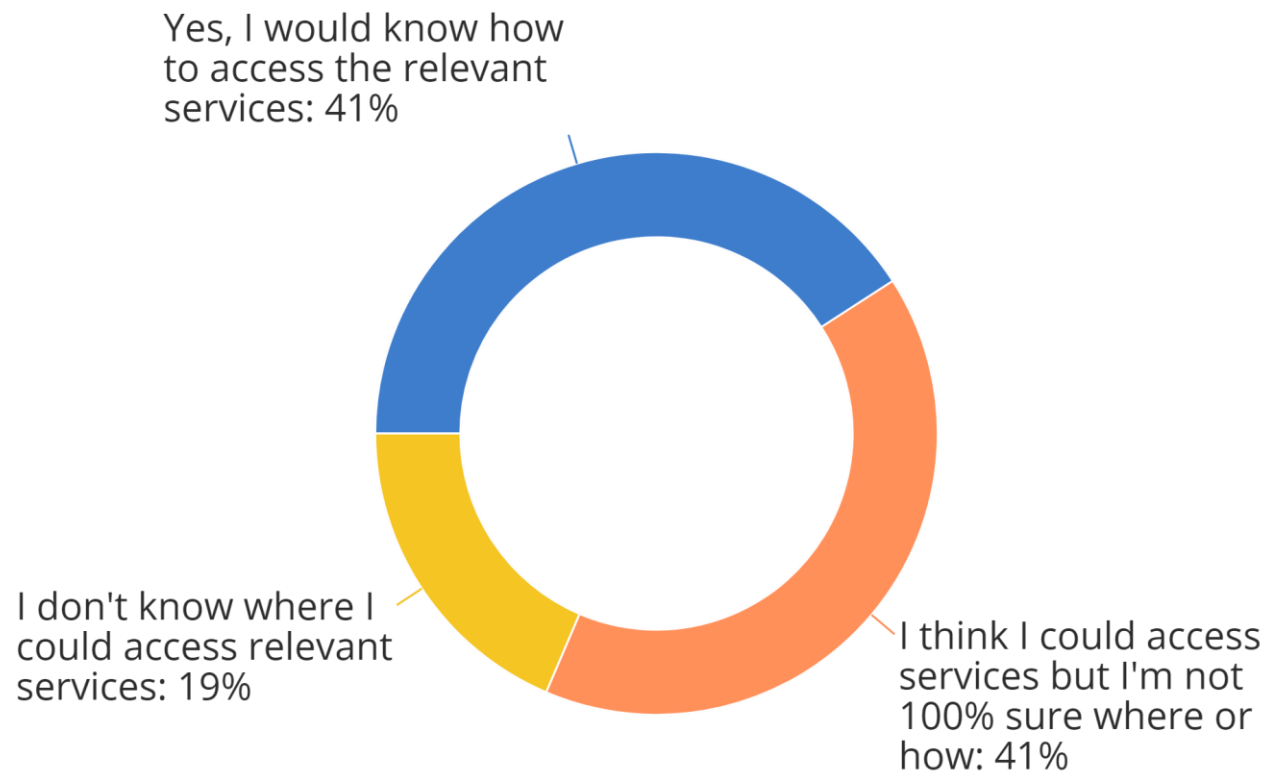
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Awareness of Relevant Services - Private Individuals

If you had a concern about safety (e.g. your personal safety, violence, crime, verbal or physical abuse) do you know where you can access relevant services in County Longford?

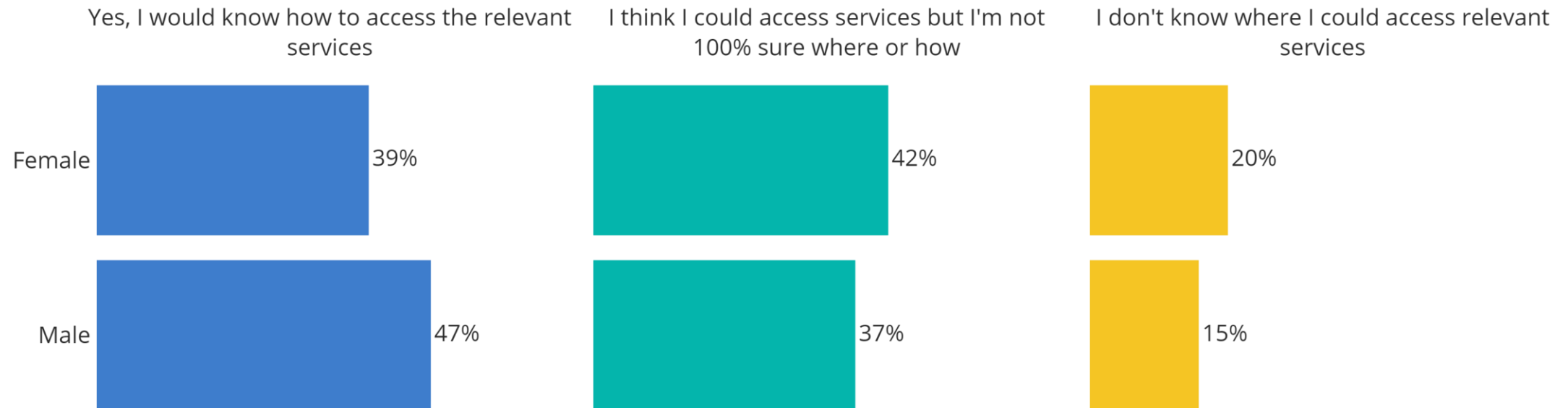


41% of individuals would know how to access the relevant services if they had a concern about safety

Base: Private individual 296

Awareness of Relevant Services - Private Individuals, by gender

If you had a concern about safety (e.g. your personal safety, violence, crime, verbal or physical abuse) do you know where you can access relevant services in County Longford?

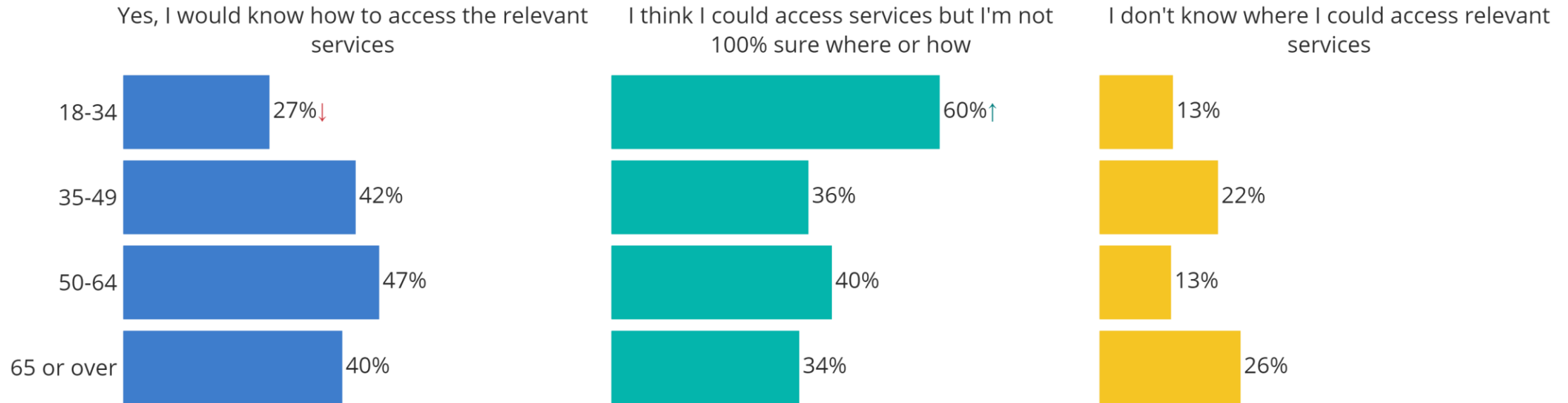


No significant differences when analysed by gender

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Awareness of Relevant Services - Private Individuals, by age group

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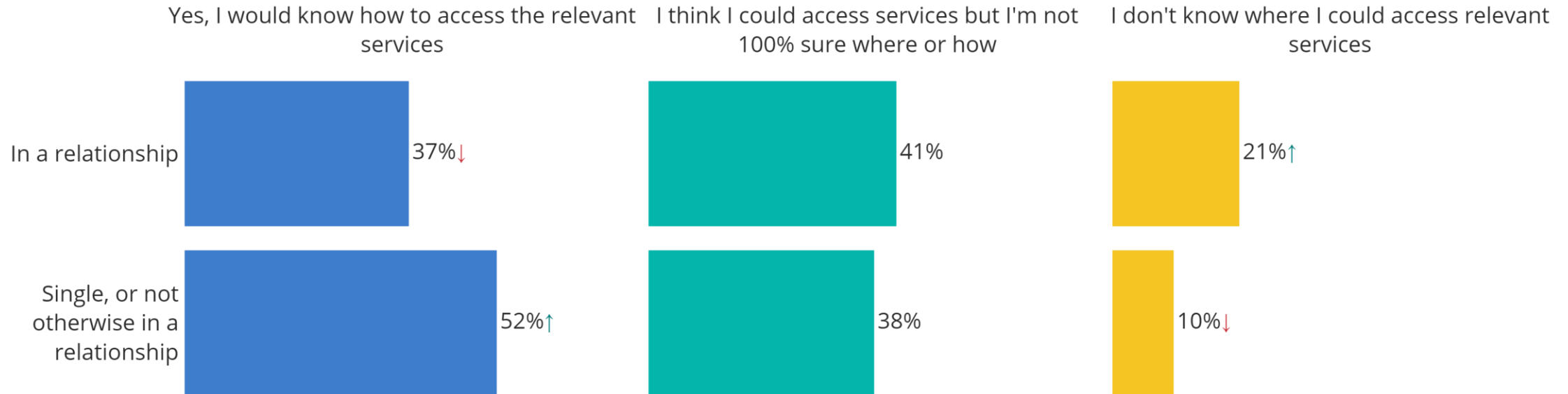


Respondents aged 18-34 had the highest degree of uncertainty about where or how to access services

Base: Private individual 296

Awareness of Relevant Services - Private Individuals, by relationship status

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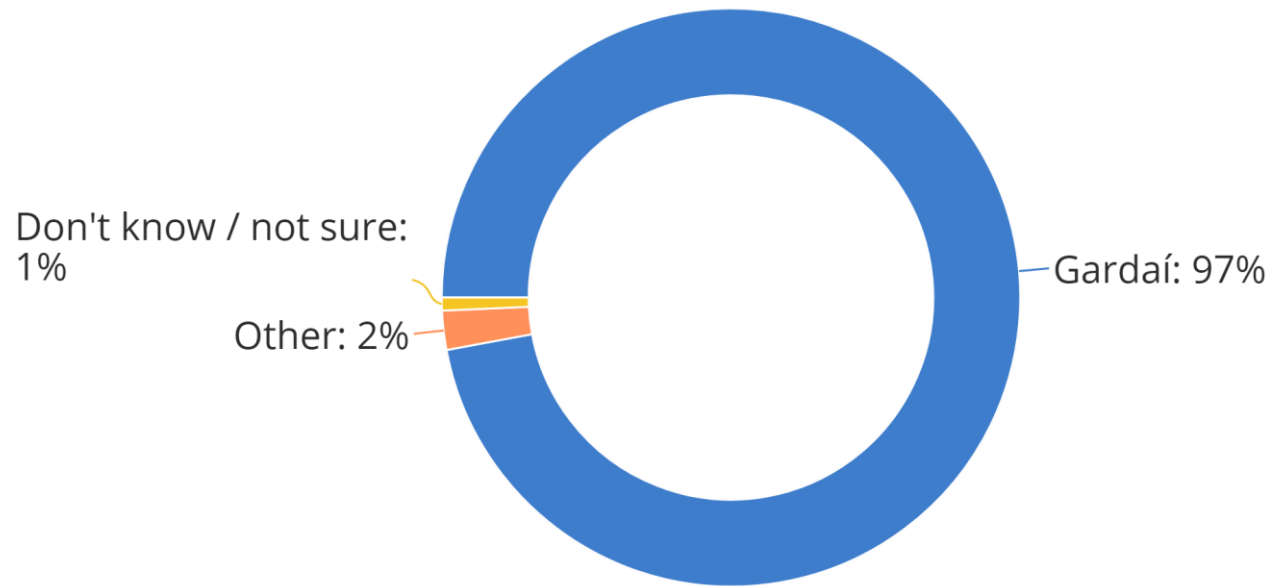


Respondents in a relationship were less confident in their knowledge of where or how to access services if they had a concern about safety.

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Services - Top of Mind if You Have a Concern About Safety

What service would you think of going to first, if you had a concern about safety?



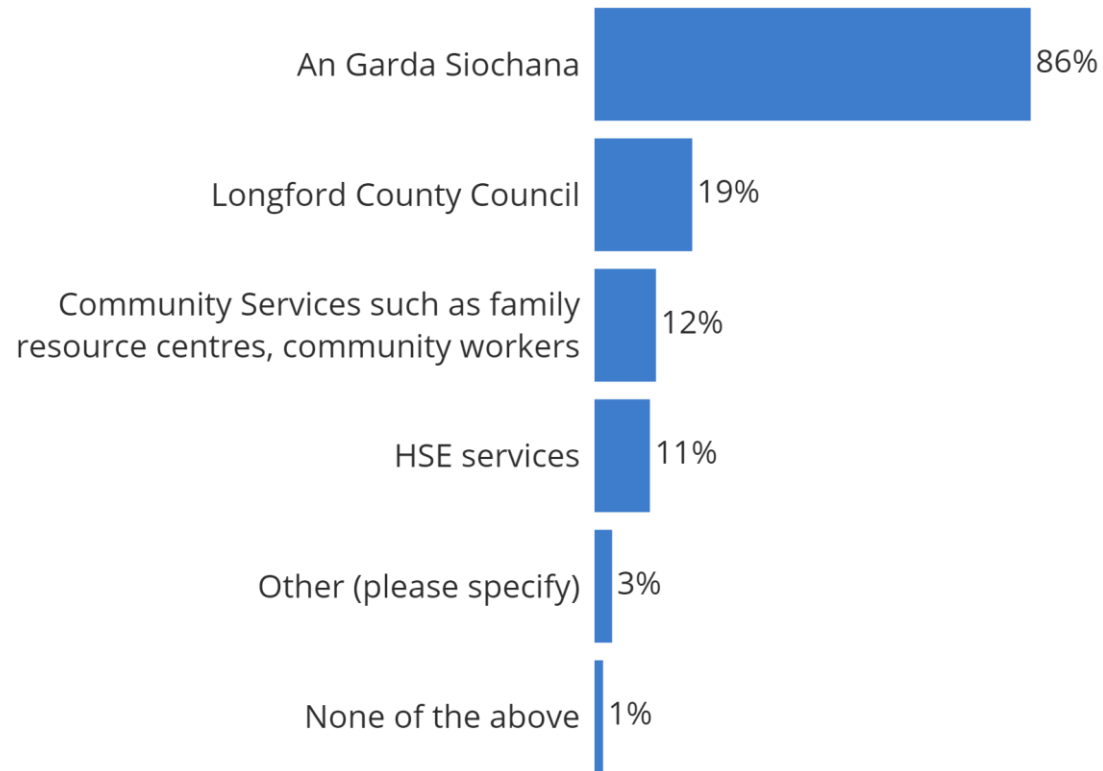
"Other":

- Friends (x3)
- Women's Link
- Housing Authority
- Community Liaison Officer

Base: Private individual 296

Services - Would Consider Contacting with Concern About Safety

Which of the following service providers would you consider contacting, if you had a concern about safety?



Other specified:

- >Bethany House (Domestic Violence)
- >Family and friends, my significant other
- >Fire brigade
- >Friends
- >its all bs
- >Like too many others in this County/Country the first port of call would be TD or Cllr
- >Local councillor
- >Local politicians
- >Neighbourhood watch
- >Neighbours
- >Woman's link

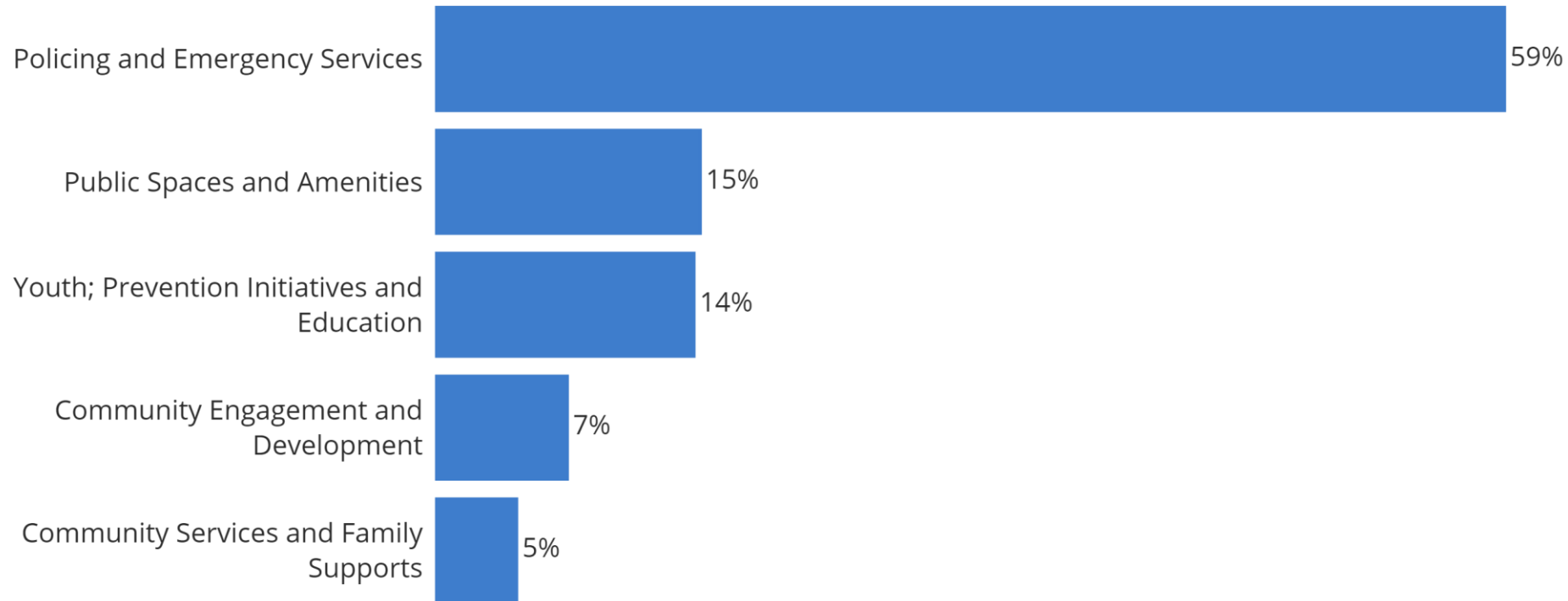
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Areas of Focus - Ranked Importance, Private Individuals

The Longford Local Community Safety Partnership has developed five areas of focus for delivering a safe community. Please rank these in order 1 to 5, with 1 being what you think is the most important aspect, 2 for the next most important and so on.

% ranking #1



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Areas of Focus - Ranked Importance, Private Individuals, by gender

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ranking by gender

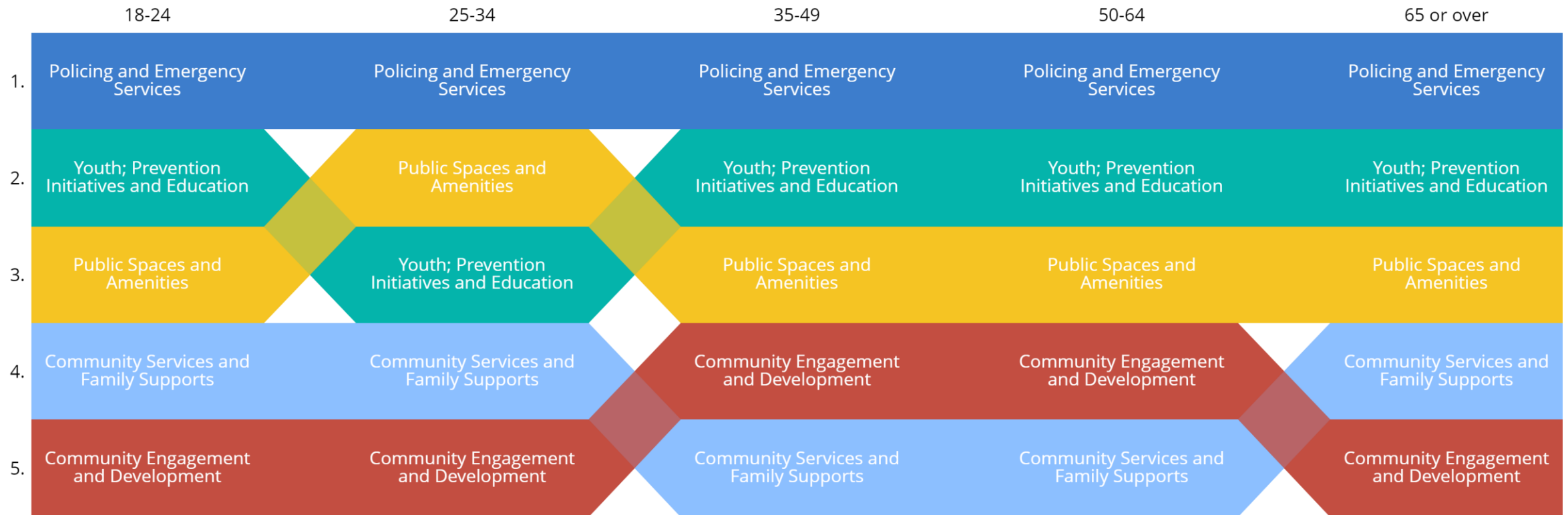


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Areas of Focus - Ranked Importance, Private Individuals, by age group

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ranking by age group

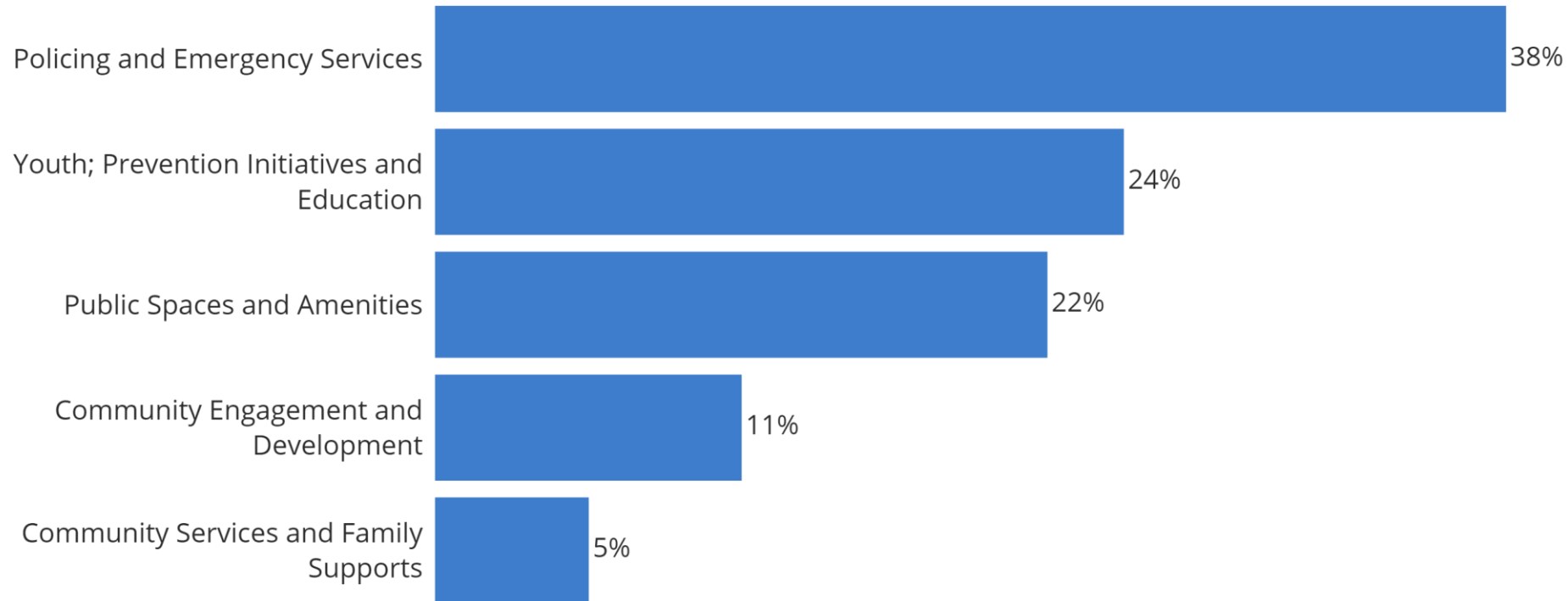


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Areas of Focus - Ranked Importance, Groups

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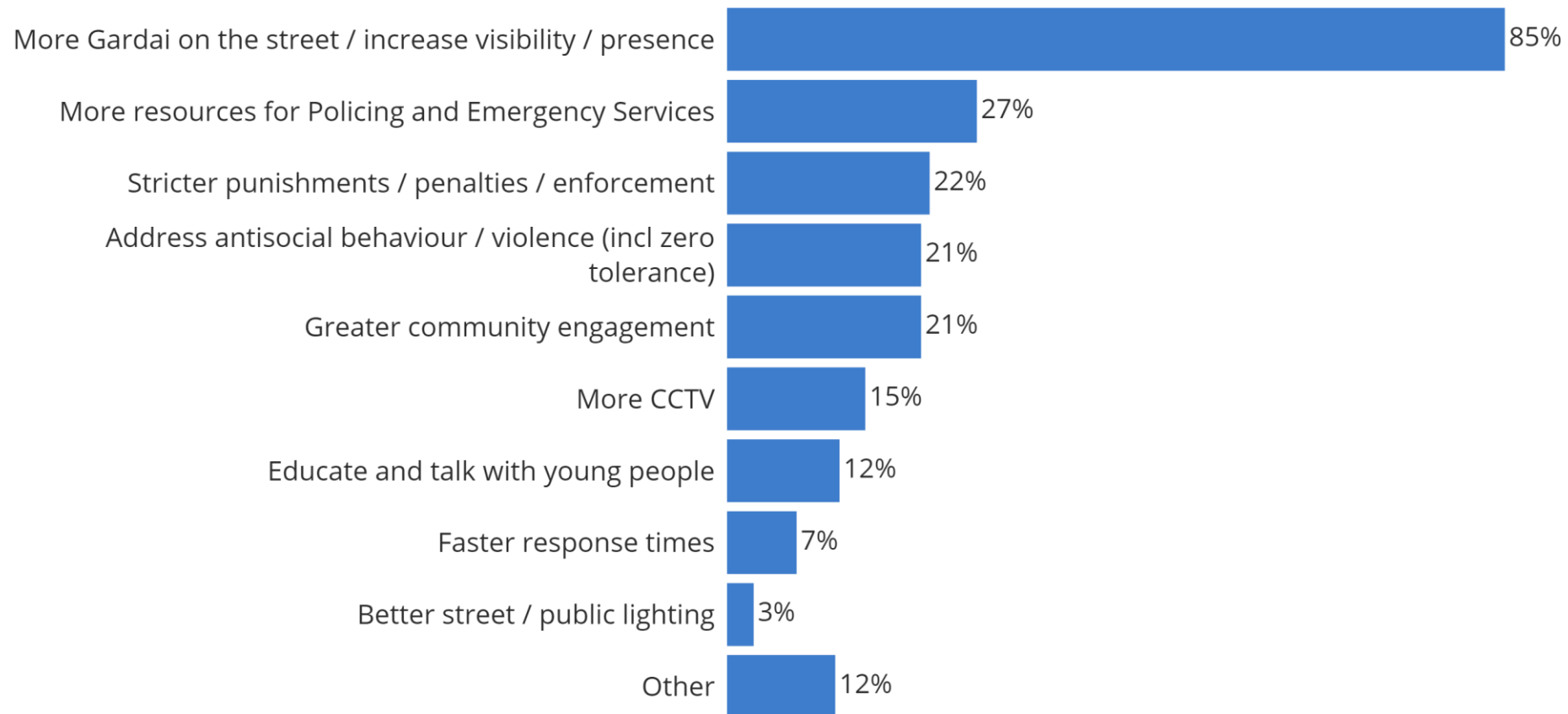
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Policing and Emergency Services - Actions

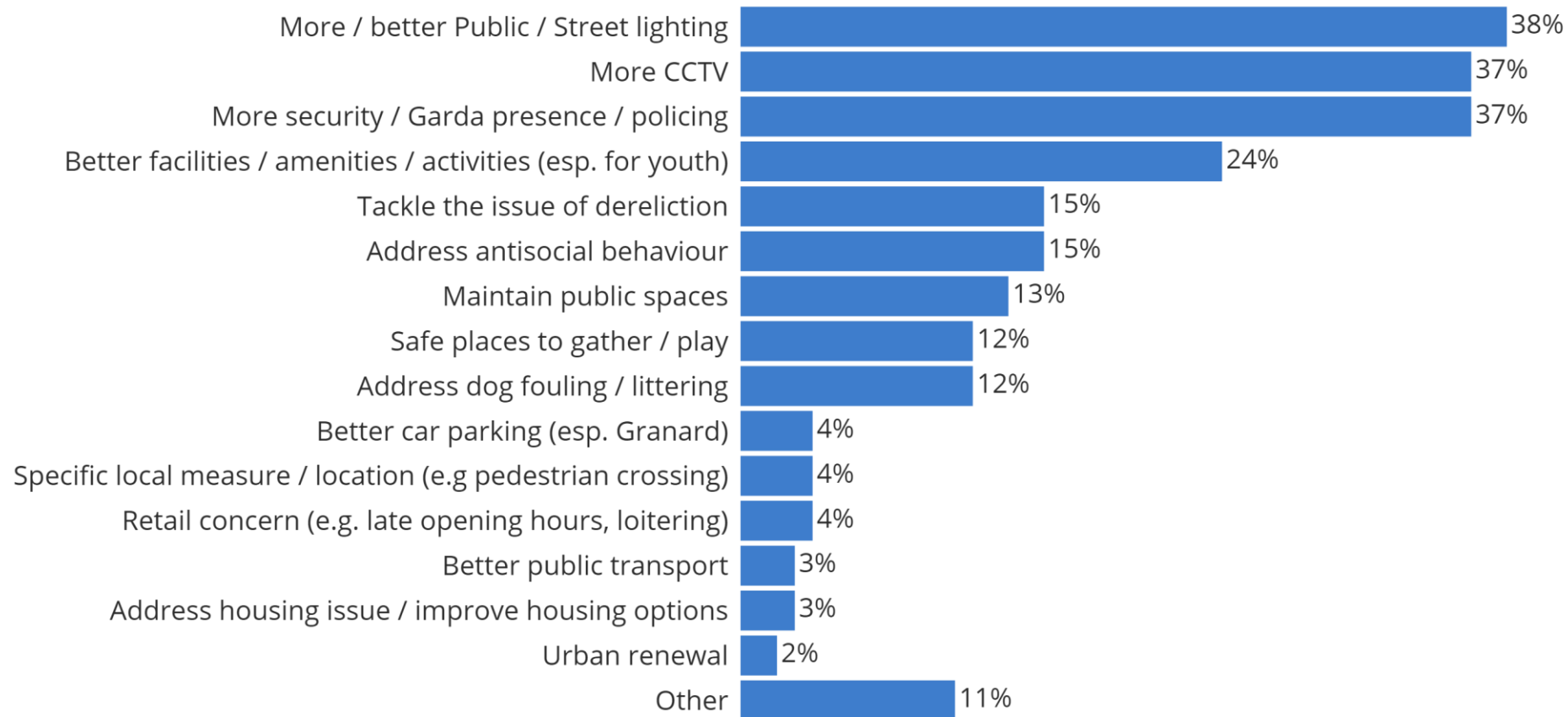
You have selected Policing and Emergency Services as the most important / second most important area of focus for delivering a safe community. What specific actions would you like to see undertaken by the Longford Local Community Safety Partnership to address issues you identify under this theme?



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Public Spaces and Amenities - Actions

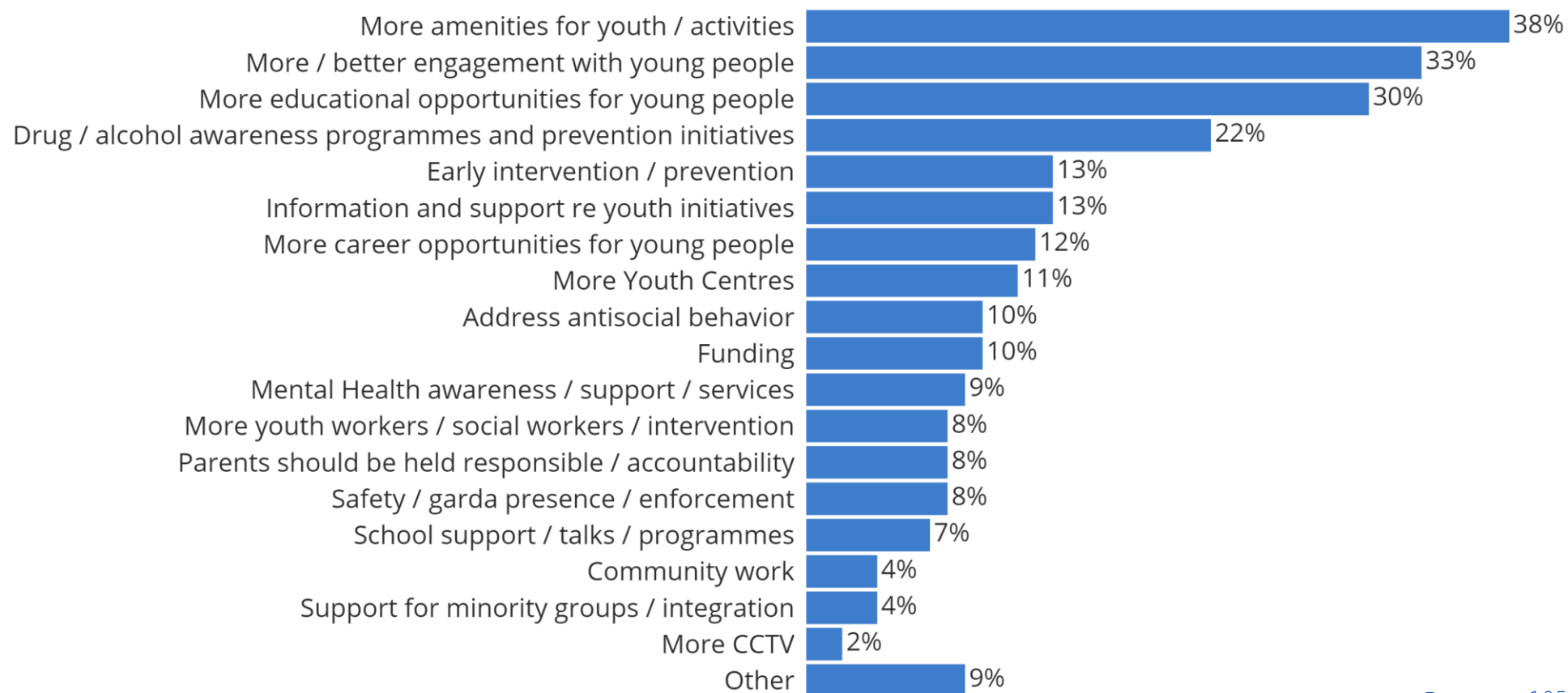
You have selected Public Spaces and Amenities as the most important / second most important area of focus for delivering a safe community. What specific actions would you like to see undertaken by the Longford Local Community Safety Partnership to address issues you identify under this theme?



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Youth; Prevention Initiatives and Education - Actions

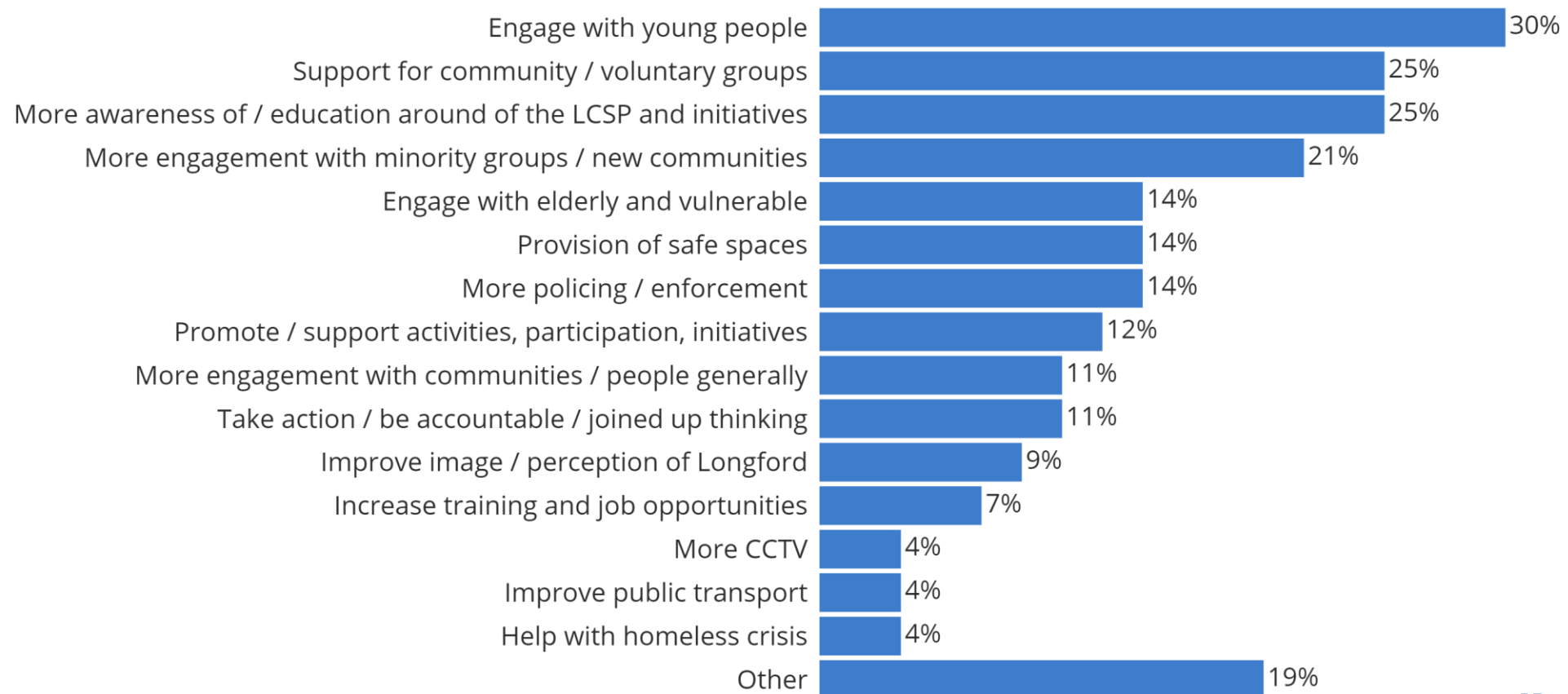
You have selected Youth; Prevention Initiatives and Education as the most important / second most important area of focus for delivering a safe community. What specific actions would you like to see undertaken by the Longford Local Community Safety Partnership to address issues you identify under this theme?



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Community Engagement and Development - Actions

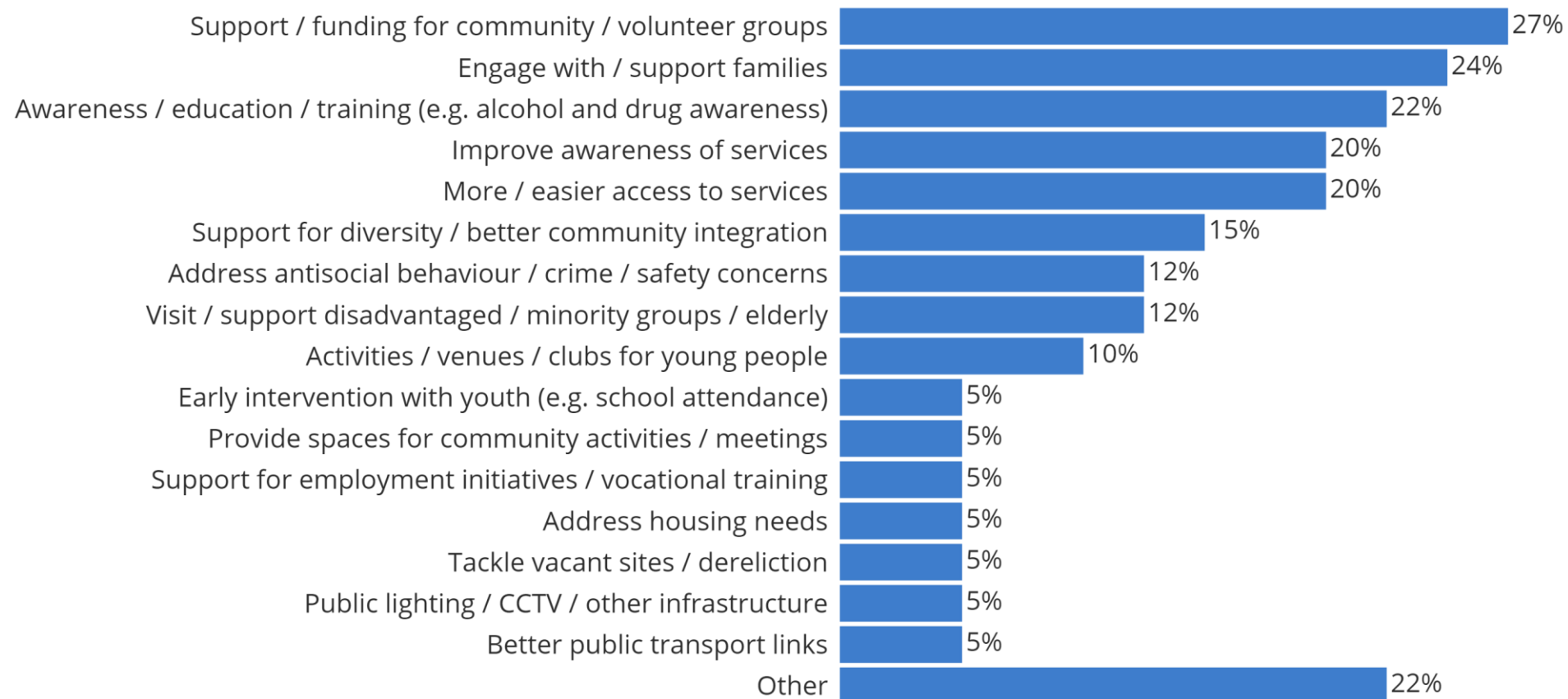
You have selected Community Engagement and Development as the most important / second most important area of focus for delivering a safe community. What specific actions would you like to see undertaken by the Longford Local Community Safety Partnership to address issues you identify under this theme?



Base: 57

Community Services and Family Supports - Actions

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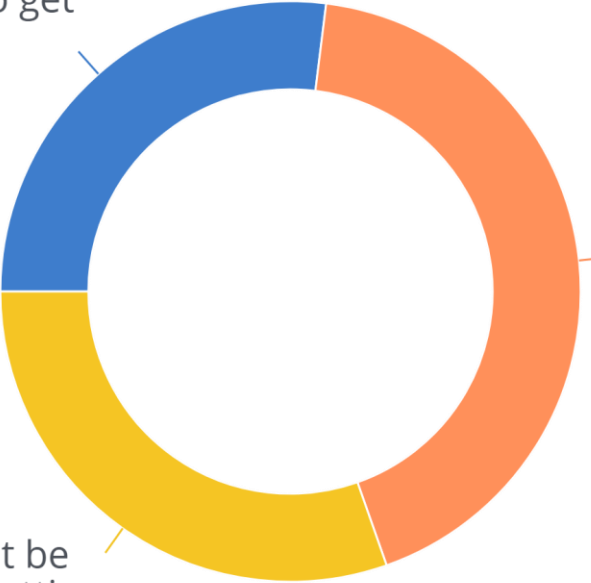
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Getting Involved in Initiatives - Private Individuals

If the opportunity arose, would you like to get involved in initiatives or projects led by the Longford Local Community Safety Partnership to address issues around safety in the community?

Yes, I would be likely to get involved: 27%



I would be interested but I'm not sure if I have the skills or resources to help: 43%

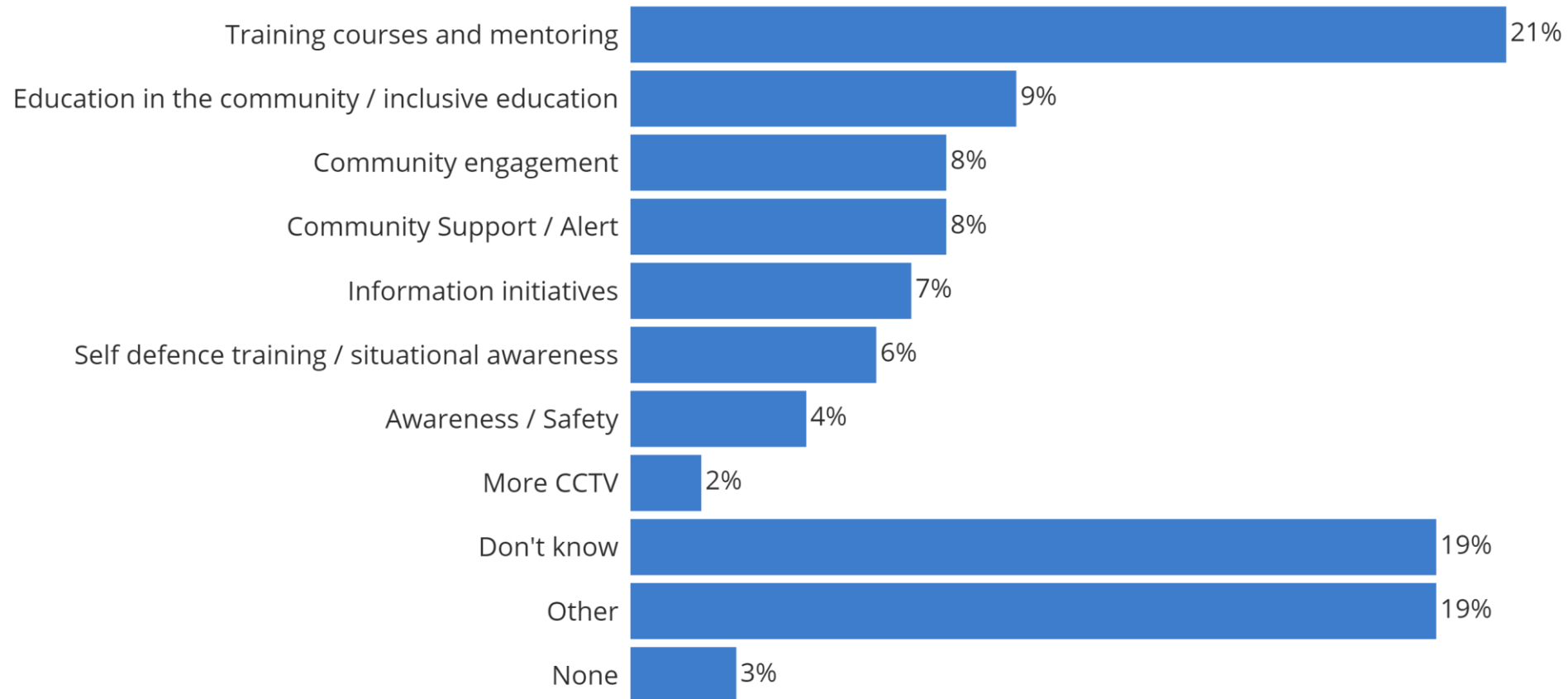
No, I would not be interested in getting involved: 30%

27%
of individuals would be likely to get involved in initiatives led by the Longford LCSP

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Training or Resources Needed to Get Involved - Private Individuals

What training, resources or other supports could Longford Local Community Safety Partnership provide to help you assist with community safety initiatives?



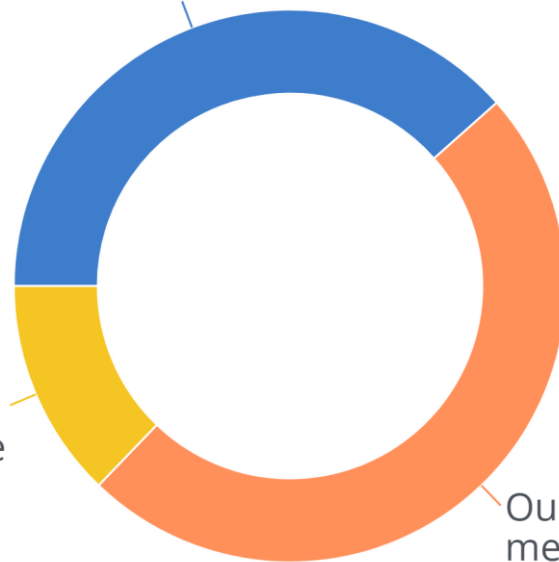
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Getting Involved in Initiatives - Groups

If the opportunity arose, would your group / organisation get involved in initiatives or projects led by the Longford Local Community Safety Partnership to address issues around safety in the community?

Yes, our group / organisation and its members would be likely to get involved: 38%

No, our group / organisation and its members would not be interested in getting involved: 13%



Our group / organisation and its members would be interested but we're not sure if we have the skills or resources to help: 49%

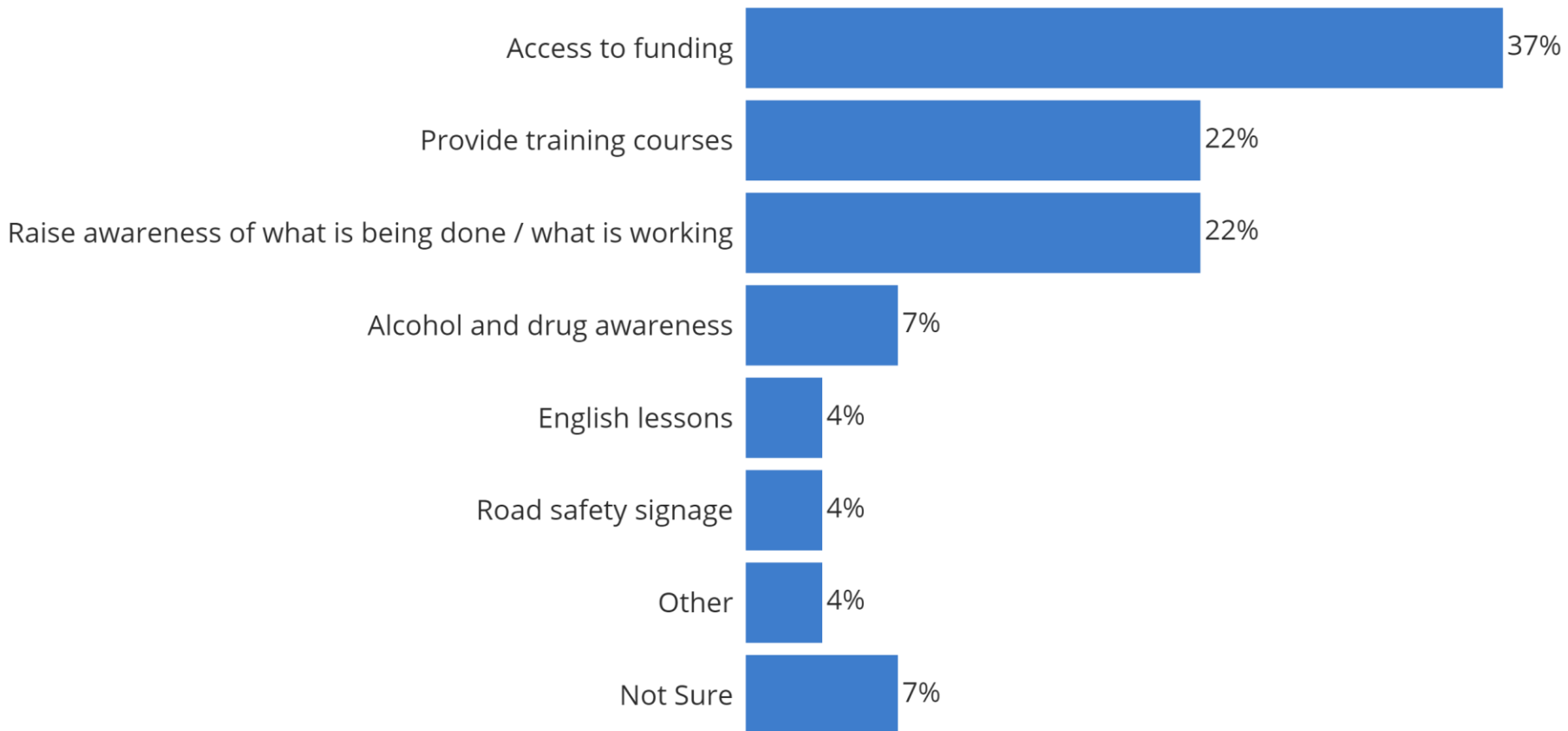
38%

of groups would be likely to get involved in initiatives led by the Longford LCSP

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Training or Resources Needed to Get Involved - Groups

What training, resources or other supports could Longford Community Safety Partnership provide to help your group / organisation and its members assist with community safety initiatives?

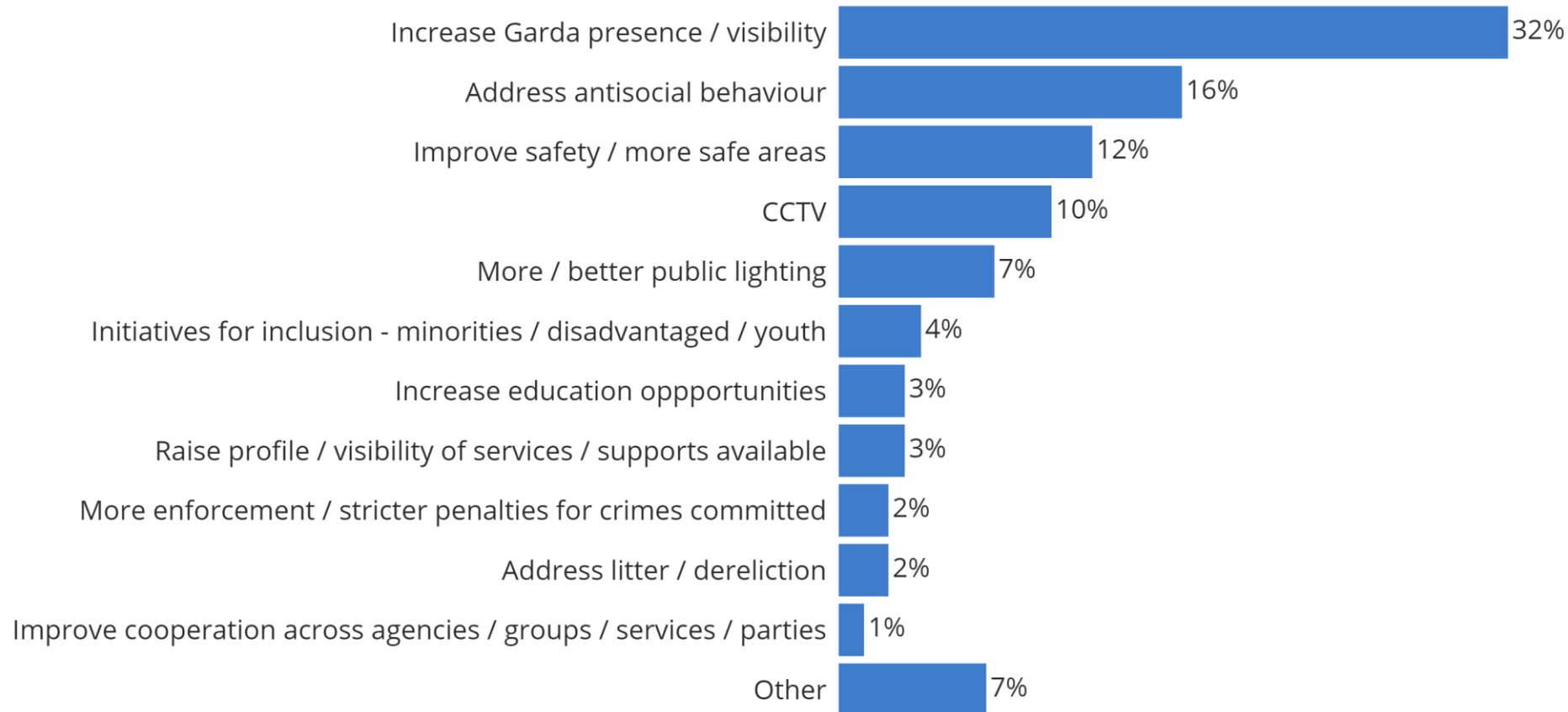


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One Thing that the Longford LCSP Can Do

If there was one thing you would like to see Longford Local Community Safety Partnership do to improve community safety for you, what would that be?



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Richmond Court Direct Provision Centre (via County Longford Youth Service)**

- people in direct provision are coming from situations where many have experienced extreme trauma. they need understanding and support, currently not any service that helps them (on an official basis)
- the asylum seekers from somalia are all well educated and experienced and want to become valuable members of the community in Longford
- based on teh experience of the asylum seekers, they think Longford is a very safe place, a lovely place to live and people are nice
- not overt racism experienced by those in direct provision, but many of them are relatively new to ireland.

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Open Public Meeting, Longford Library

- Drug dealing needs to be stamped out. Ardnacassa is a no go zone
- the LCSP needs to take a 'trauma informed' approach to developing the Community Safety Plan
- members of the traveller community don't feel welcome or valued. it is acknowledged that feuding and criminality is an issue from some in that community, but more needs to be done on all sides to understand the issues and to help the traveller community
- there is only 1 playground in Longford town- this is not enough
- CCTV needed , upgraded and new locations
- Longford Town is drab, derelict and in need of regeneration.
- lots of violent incidents in Longford town, assaults, robberies thefts. people are afraid and intimidated. carparks off main street and some laneways are places for ASB and drug dealing
- people that are recurring offenders dont seem to get punished, courts are too lenient, Free Legal Aid should be stopped for those reoffenders.

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Please list any other important points or suggestions made during the session (bullet points).
Open Public Meeting, Longford Library

Facilitated
groups

- when criminals get out on suspended sentences, this doesnt make people feel safe. the Gardai are doing what they can but the judges and courts undermine all of it
- a family resource centre is needed for Longford
- family supports and supports for parents are needed
- there is nothing for young people to do,we have a crisis of kids leaving school , with anxiety and mental health issues. a lot of families cant afford to pay for private activities
- prevention services are needed. we run the risk of losing another generation of young people to crime, poverty , disadvantage
- no safe green areas for kids to play- Camlin meadows. rubbish and dumping is an issue. so is speeding in the estate
- while there are services in longford, the waiting lists are too long, so that essentially there are no services available (HSE, counselling, mental health services, disability, youth). we need more funding into longford for expanded services, or to bring services into longford rather than having them regional
- Free Legal Aid- cut this for repeat offenders, our taxes shouldnt be paying for this. put the money into prevention services

Please list any other important points or suggestions made during the session (bullet points).
Open Public Meeting- Edgeworthstown Library

- number of robberies to businesses in the area. business text alert scheme is needed
- fund a Family Resource Centre in Edgeworthstown
- there is an apathy and reluctance to report issues to An Garda Síochána, however people are encouraged to report everything, as this will help AGS plan responses. need to make it easier to make reports
- more Garda supports are needed, more community Gardaí and more Gardaí in general
- a directory of services, groups is needed for Edgeworthstown and the county in general
- mental health services, for young people especially are needed. Suicide is an issue
- Drugs are an issue. tackle drug dealers and give supports to those taking drugs/with drug problems. waiting times are far too long
- there is a lack of communication between groups in Edgeworthstown. need to work together
- derelict and vacant sites need to be dealt with in Edgeworthstown. too many places for anti-social behaviour which is rampant

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Open Public Meeting- Edgeworthstown Library

- sort out empty buildings. the town is dead. no cafes, nothing to do after 5pm. bad streetscap encourages drinking, loitering and ASB. no morale or energy in the town. needs something to perk it up. a drop in centre is needed
- St marys Hall, and the green are hotspots for ASB. people are afraid to go walking once it is dark
- illegal dumping is an issue CCTV needed as a deterrent. survey households to see who has a bin service

Please list any other important points or suggestions made during the session (bullet points).
Granard Municipal District PPN Plenary meeting

- Needs to be a womens refuge in Longford. this needs to be fully funded. the building and the operational costs
- We need a database or a leaflet of all services available in Longford. People don't know what services are available, community or statutory, or dont know how to access what they need
- A Carpark is needed in Granard as soon as possible
- address carparking issues in Granard. we do not want parallel parking on the main street. put in appropriate road markings. someone will be killed
- the regeneration of Columkille Terrace in Granard needs to be prioritised. the people living there are being treated badly, not getting answers. they are living in squalor with rats and rubbish.
- A safe play area is needed in every village in Longford
- Need more community engagement events and opportunities for groups to come together. this should be subsidised. esp for those from disadvantaged backgrounds. many families in granard dont have money send kids to activities- more needs to be provided for young people 10-18 to prevent them falling into mischief
- more prevention and early intervention supports are needed in schools and in communities

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Granard Municipal District PPN Plenary meeting

- Speeding is a major issue in Longford Town and some of the roads leading into it. more signage is needed
- Drumlish is now a town not a village. designate it as such and fund it as such
- Neighbourhood watch and text alert needs to be expanded to share information
- anti social drinking on back streets and laneways is an issue in granard. more gardai needed to disperse it. but the real issue is that there is nothing to do in the evenings

Please list any other important points or suggestions made during the session (bullet points).

PPN Plenary Meeting- Ballymahon MD

Even split in attendees between people from rural south Longford and Ballymahon Town

- pedestrian crossing at the school (Ballymahon) needs to be upgraded
- Drugs education- needed for parents and via schools. so much has changed, many new drugs and substances.
- need to encourage more volunteers in rural areas , young people, young farmers
- Community Text Alert, some areas in South Longford have no alert scheme, can this be looked at and expanded?
- Playground in Ballymahon needs CCTV to deter older kids loitering and drinking/littering
- Intimidation and ASB is rampant at the old convent building (Ballymahon), please do something about this, more Gardai, behaviour orders?
- Dereliction on main streets needs to be tackled, its bad for streetscape, morale and leads to ASB
- More CCTV needed
- racism and hate crime. we are not speaking about it and there is a lack of diversity even at this meeting. but it is happening everywhere. there is elements if discrimination, racism and exclusion all across Longford. we need to encourage integration, support communities sharing culture and breaking down barriers. Longford is very diverse and we are afraid to tackle to elephant in the room , communication will make it easier

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Fáilte Active Age Group, (Dolmen Centre Aughnaccliffe)

- the older ladies in the group all feel safe walking in their areas, and in Granard town, but speeding and lighting is an issue on some roads (rural areas)
- Community Gardai. people like the Community Policing staff, but it was noted that people dont know them any more. its not like year ago when the garda lived locally and knew everyone. its not as personable as it used to be.
- everyone acknowledged the good work of the Gardai but noted that there is not enough visibility of the gardai. it can take hours for them to come if called. there are not enough Gardai in Longford County
- can the Garda Reserves recruit young local people
- the famine road walkway- this needs to be finished off so it is an attraction and a safe place for people to walk.
- Free Legal Aid and the perception that people with recurring arrests are not dealt with was raised with this group.
- the Traveller community were mentioned as a cohort of people associated with ongoing violent incidents and criminality in Longford. while no-one had any direct experience of this , it is in the paper every week and makes people nervous of this community and also makes it seem like Longford Town is dangerous and a place to avoid. it creates a bad image of Longford. It was acknowledged that it is difficult for members of the Traveller community to get jobs, and they are discriminated against, but the fact is criminality is an issue and this needs to be addressed.

Please list any other important points or suggestions made during the session (bullet points).

Moate- Sidors Active Age (Ladies) group

- Litter, dog fouling and dumping were all mentioned as issues in Granard town and the hinterland
- Road markings, cats eyes and better verges are required on roads into Granard. lots of speeding is evident on way into Granard and through the town.
- 2 poorly place pedestrian crossings in Granard Town
- Ladies feel Granard is generally safe and 'crime' rates are low, but worry about drinking, drugs and young people having nothing to do and hanging around
- Garda Visibility- they want to see more gardai on beat in granard and doing patrols
- online safety, scam phone calls, texts and bogus caller were all mentioned and may of the participants have experience of all of these- would like some more info and support to avoid getting caught.

text alert is great but this can also increase fear- one lady mentioned getting alerts late in the evening on a regular basis re suspicious activity and this actually created fear for her before going to bed. never any follow up to say issue is solved, or stand down etc.

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PPN Plenary Meeting- Longford Municipal District

- Ardnacassa Estate in Longford Town is a no-go area. fear of members of the traveller community that live here and are engaged in drug dealing and feuding.

young people in the area get pulled into crime. people are afraid to go outside. complete fear. gives Longford a very bad name

-need more services and youth groups for young people. early intervention and prevention services are essential to save the next generation and help improve situation in Longford Town.

these services need to be free. disadvantaged households cant afford extracurricular activities

- more initiatives to integrate minority groups and new communities in Longford. there is a lack of understanding of some cultures and a fear when big groups congregate and this does create division in the town. need to break down barriers and stop fear

-Free Legal Aid : the discussion about the availability of free legal aid to habitual criminals came up and there is huge frustration that taxes are spent on this and that criminals with repeat offences get away with their behaviour. FLA should be stopped after a certain number of offences

parents need more supports especially those that have children at risk of getting into criminal justice system. some ask why cant parents be brought to court. others acknowledge that some parents don't have the skills or tools to supervise . prevention and family supports are needed.

A family resource centre is needed in Longford Town

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Rathmhuire Mens Shed/Mens group

- discussion around Free Legal Aid was also came up with this group. frustration with the Courts for going easy on people that are repeat offenders. frustration that taxes are going towards free legal aid. crime seems to pay for these people and it give Longford a bad bad name
- hedges on Granard/Kill road need to be cut at the graveyard and also at cara church
- the poor state of repair of Colombkille Terrace in Granard was noted and that this issue is ongoing. this entrance to the town is a disgrace and its terrible that the people in the area have to live in those conditions (a regeneration project planned for this area has been delayed)
- huge focus of the discussion was focused on the poor parking in the town and frustration that the Local Authority has not provided a public car park

**Please list any other important points or suggestions made during the session (bullet points).
Open Public Meeting- Moyne Latin School Community Centre**

- regular Garda patrols or even public meetings like the one held with LCSP- with the community gardai would help people feel like they are linked in better with AGS. the day of the local guard (who knew everyone locally) is gone, and this is a missing piece these days

-More youth services and supports are needed across the county. GAA is popular in this area but acknowledged that not all people are into sport. need safe places for young people to socialise to keep them away from drugs and drink.

also need to help encourage young people to get involved locally with committees and groups (not just u18, but younger parents and people living in an area) - often volunteers are older and retired members of the community- need to support next generation to take the reins

-Macra na Feirme is a good group to link in with

-Free Legal Aid: frustration over repeat offenders always getting FLA and there being no deterrent was a strong discussion in the group. contributes to lack of empathy and frustration but also doesn't help people feel safe knowing criminals are always let out

**Please list any other important points or suggestions made during the session (bullet points).
Roma Girls youth group- County Longford Youth Service**

- the girls congregate in groups that range in age (11-16) and are easily identified by appearance as being members of the Roma Community. they are often subject to sexually suggestive and inappropriate comments by men/groups of men in Longford Town and the Mall. they are a vulnerable group who are not supervised when out 'socialising' often late in the evening during the week and at weekends. they are all afraid of being sexually assaulted
- the group commented that overt racism and discrimination is not an issue, but that 'micro-agressions' and stereotyping does effect them in school- when issues arise in school often their word is not believed over other children in their class, or that reports made to AGS are perceived to be ignored
- anti-social behaviour - groups of people drinking and congregating around particular areas (grafton court, the courtyard - near tesco) is intimidating

**Please list any other important points or suggestions made during the session (bullet points).
Community Engagement event- Edgeworthstown Library**

- art project was mentioned by the coordinator of the Green- good way to get people engaged
- the fact that the train station is in the Town is perceived to be adding to or making criminal activity easier to engage in in the area (quick access in and out of town)
- lack of garda presence/station only manned part time does feed into the sense of insecurity and this is a major issue
- it was noted by many present that often crime or anti-social activity/nuisance activity is not reported as its felt it wont be acted upon. it was stressed that this **MUST** be reported or else An Garda Siochana cant react or act on any gaps in resource that related data would show.
- the profile of attendees was in the main middle aged/older residents born in Edgeworthstown, no representation from the minority groups, new irish, younger cohorts, travelers

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Garda station in Edgeworthstown is not manned. not enough garda activity in Edgeworthstown. People do not report issues that happen in edgeworthstown as it is presumed AGS wont respond. nee dto improve the relations between locals and AGS	people have fear to walk in edgeworthstown, especially in 'The Green'. Bye-laws are needed for the Green and ASB behaviour and loitering needs to be tackled to help people feel safer	there are a number of families in the area that create issues, ASB from young children, recurring offences that dont seem to be punished. huge frustration and Free Legal aid is an issue , people feel it shouldnt be given to recurring offenders
More Garda resources need in Ballymahon are, more garda beats, more visibility, make it easier for people to report to gardai without fear	Drugs- not so much drug dealing (although it is an issue) but drugs are rampant, fear of being spiked and assaulted (for young people in the community) and nuisance drinking and loitering is an issue around Ballymahon town. underage drinking in some pubs	Doesnt appear to be sufficient repercussions for criminals- people are up on multiple charges, get suspended sentences and are back into the community. violent crime seems to be very common in Longford Town, but there are examples of it in Ballymahon as well. Domestic Violence is also an issue

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<p>there are stories of break-ins and rurally isolated people can feel nervous about travelling criminals. some more crime prevention advice or presence of community gardai would help this</p>	<p>people have been intimidated by scam calls, nuisance/bogus callers and online scams. older people are more vulnerable to this</p>	<p>there is a general feeling that Longford Town is not safe and the whole of Longford has a bad reputation due to criminals (in Longford Town) that never seem to face repercussions for their ongoing offences. how can people feel safe is criminals are in courts week in week out and never face jail ? there is also a fear of intimidation if people report anything. one participant has a family member living in Longford Town that faces this on a daily basis. the Gardai are doing as much as they can, but suspended sentences just makes a mockery of Longford.</p>

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the Ladies dont always feel safe drawing out pension from the Post Office, one lady had been robbed/pickpocketed (In Granard) and there is a sense that older ladies in particular are targeted. this fear also in Longford Town anytime they have to transact business and carry cash. lots of unfamiliar faces/gangs that is intimidating	would like to see more of the community gardai, crime prevention initiatives and supports for older people and those living in rural isolation. in rural areas there is always a concern that machinery and equipment will be stolen or that burglaries will happen in isolated boreens and cul de sacs	deal with on street drinking, drugs and gatherings of people (young people and adults) engaged in Nuisance behaviour and ASB
Anti- social behaviour, violence on streets, drug dealing are all issues in the town, in full public view. the town feels like a no - go area. urgently needs to be dealt with	CCTV in needed in some of the estates to act as a deterrent. however it was noted that this could just relocate ASB and nuisance behaviour- the cause of this would also have to be dealt with	More garda resources are needed to tackle crime and feuds and drug (dealing) in Longford

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<p>In general, people in Moyne/North Longford feels safe where they live. Crime rates are low here. however they do not feel safe in Longford Town-Longford Town- more garda visibility is needed and victims of crime need to get feedback</p>	<p>more needs to be done to deter crime, it seems like the rights of the criminal are more important that rights of victims. Courts are too lenient on people with recuring charges too often people are up in court numerous times getting free legal aid and never end up in prison. it is also noted that mechanisms to stop people getting into criminality in the first place are severely lacking in longford. all of this feeds into the negative perception of Longford as being unsafe</p>	<p>the community text alert scheme started in Dromard. it has fallen to the side over recent times and there is also some rural isolation (older people people living alone.) would like to see more to support these people</p>

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More gardai are needed, more foot patrols, gardai on street on pension day, presence needed full time to deter violent behaviour, ASB, loitering etc	drug dealing , crime, intimidation are rife in Ardnacassa. people are living in fear. criminals can do what they like, they laugh at the gardai. this area needs to be tackled immediatley.	victims of crime and communities affecte by crim need more supports, from an gardai siochana but also more wrap around supports
Fear of burglaries for those in rural areas (it is perception, but the fear is there- mainly because people thing kteh gardai wont be able to respond quickly enough- More garda resources and Gardai in each area are needed	Money lending is highlighted as a big issue, a lot of people below poverty line and getting involved in illegal money lending	Too much negative press in Longford as a whole about people being brought to court for many offences and getting away with it - this makes people feel unsafe. why can these people not be put into prison

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in general, the men feel safe in Granard, but not in Longford Town day or night. the loss of a Superintendent in Granard (ie the amalgamation of Longford & Granard districts) has made people feel like they have lost Garda Resources	speeding in the town of granard is a big issue and the men want to see more Garda presence and initiatives to stop this. fears a child will be killed by speeding cars coming in or out of school as the bus drop offs are in a poor location.	CCTV as a deterrent or some other deterrent needed to disperse groups drinking and engaging in nuisance behaviour in back streets and vacant site areas in town. More Garda feet on the street

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Community Gardaí budget increased significantly.	More co-ordination with Longford CC, Youth Service, Drugs Forum, etc.	CCTV.. if used correctly.
Street presence	No loitering	Fight drug crime
Garda on the street	More punishment when criminals commit crime	Dont let minors away with crime as nothing you can do ,
More gardai or security personnel visible in streets during the day	Harsher penalties for those involved in public violence, who are found guilty of same.	More funding to provide CCTV which may help deter crime
Higher penalties for disruptive people	Not allowing certain elements of the community to run the town	

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More visible local police who know the local areas and local criminals	Local emergency services ie within 10 mile radius GP, ambulance, AED, Guard, Fire, brigade	Encourage/invite skilled local people to help in community eg retired nurses doctors counsellors, tradespeople, teachers, Use the skills available in communities. Provide some incintive
More visible policing on the streets.	Known drug users/ pushers visible at school gates , this needs to stop	Better services available
More Gardai presence	Deal with the horrendous drug and anti-social problems	Court services to deal effectively with the constant revolving door situation
Arrest and punish offenders.	Judges to start giving appropriate jail sentences.	Stop soft community services.

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More visibility	More resources	Greater community engagement
more on the ground policing		
More direct engagement with schools, groups and agencies	Visibility on the streets and in the country side	Improved followup if there is an incident
More guards presence and guard stations manned and n the communities		
more visible presence on the streets during the day & night	strict closing of pubs, takeaways etc	
Longford Town seems to be the only area in Longford where there is an issue and it gives a bad name to the whole County. Loitering on the Market Square can be very disruptive.	Don't just target the easy targets like double parking, target the people who are giving Longford Town the bad rep. These people have too much time on their hands, therefore too much time to cause trouble. If doing an initiative, get these people active and give them a bit of motivation	Iniative ideas; get people involved in keeping the town tidy and then they might see the benefits. Basically give them a reason to do the right thing

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24 hour Garda station in towns throughout county	More Gardai patrolling	Gardai visiting schools introducing themselves. Visiting pubs ensuring licensing laws adhered to
More Gardai presence	Gardai presence at night	Living in very rural Longford, how long would it take the gardai to get your assistance. Granard approx 18km/ Longford approx 24 km away. Cause for concern
More Garda patrolling the town	More visible Garda presence	
Resources - responding to actual needs - we dont have enough Gardai	Improve communication - managing expectation of what they can and cant do. When we ask for help and don't get it what can we do	Be viable, and challenge idea that they are ineffective

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More on street gardai	Gardaí available day and night	Zero tolerance of anti social behaviour
More gardai	More drugs gardai	More cctv
A consistent more visible presence of Gardaí patrolling the town	A consistent visible presence of gardaí in the mall and on the Royal canal greenway	Measures to address the threatening loitering of known criminals on the main street daily
Liaising with Gardaí vis à vis their new policing model, which is being rolled out in Longford, giving advice and sharing results of this survey to they may see what locals believe constitutes the largest safety problems in Longford.	Advocating for safer towns and more frequent Garda patrols in housing estates throughout the town. I frequently feel unsafe in my area and avoid leaving my house after dusk, as I have been followed, verbally assaulted and my house burgled within the past year.	Working with the community and Gardaí to implement a Community Alert scheme or schemes in estates and residential areas throughout Longford Town.

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Engagement with groups	High visibility in the community	Talks to young people
BARRACK IN EVERY VILLAGE OPENED 24 7	More guards on the streets	Guards armed
More gardai on the streets	Persons who commit crimes should be punished	Lighting of streets & car parks
More visible presence of garda on streets	Community garda involvement in school	Rural gardai Station
Greater visible presence of Garda in the village	Action plan to deal with speeding into and through the village	To be confident that all emergency services are available 24/7
Lobby for Garda presence i.e. ,be more visible driving around our roads and reopen local Garda stations	If needed have emergency services closer to hand	Use all information please, too many surveys end up going nowhere

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Seminars / workshops on safety and policing	First aid training for youth	
More gardai on the streets and C.C.T.V.	More emergency help for mental health issues	Security and background checks of people coming into the country/community
cab should open a office in Longford to deal with the people who control drugs etc	Revolving door policy in our courts	Garda on our street
campaign for additional gardai	greater garda presence on the streets	
more Gardai to be seen	More positive info from the emergency services on radio television and paper	Again more interaction with Gardai with youths
greater visibility of gardai	greater marketing and promotion of existing services available	

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Longford needs a Family Resource centre, as a permanant drop in service, with family/parental supports, youth services, early intervention& prevention services. this needs to be have staff and operational costs funded	it is essential that more is done to support and improve relationships with the Traveller Community and other minority and new irish groups into society and to make them feel valued citizens of Longford	huge perception of fear about longford town, and negative press. some of it is warranted but most of it is not.

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
there is a negative image of Longford as a whole. a huge amount of work needs to be done to share positive stories and stop the spread of fear	Edgeworthstown needs to improve connection, communication and collaboration across community groups. groups dont know what others do , they dont know what services available	A family resource centre is needed for Edgeworthtown urgently. 2nd largest wotn in teh county, high levels of diversity, no place to go after 5pm, lack of safe spaces for young kids and young people to congregate, lack of family supports. A FRC is needed - with funding for the building and for the staff/running costs
Positive news stories about Longford need to be promoted more- rather than a constant fear mongering by local press- pages about what goes on in the courts, sensationalist language. although there is truth in what is reported, it really puts fear into people and make peopel travel to cavan to transact business rather than Longford or any of the other towns in Longford.	set up a 'community champions' scheme in different areas/townlands. like the Crime prevention ambassador scheme, except expanded to other age groups	drugs are a big issues across Longford- especially cocaine. even within GAA circles where once, this would never be an issue. need to identify the reasons why people end up taking drugs- why do they use drugs to make them feel better? do we need more services and counselling and entertainment for young people to keep them from getting down and pulled into drugs. work with GAA clubs and schools in the rural areas. most rural areas dont have youth clubs.

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
young people need more 'safe spaces' to congregate and socialise , especially after 5pm. there are no places that the Roma young people feel welcome, and they congregate in the Mall in Longford town	young people would like to see it made easier for their parents to get involved in groups and services	

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
link in with existing networks	use all media to promote Longford as a safe place to live work and socialise	Reactivate volunteer led Crime Prevention Ambassador prog
See more presence of garda on the streets and engaging with communities	Work with community groups to improve access to education and employment for at risk kids	develop safe spaces for young people to gather and socialise
Maybe some age focused focus groups especially with teenagers		
Reach out to disadvantaged minorities	Education about anti social behaviour and its effects.	Engage with all the stakeholders .
Make residents responsible for their own property, gardens, pets, visitors	Give the young people from each area something positive to do and to be proud of it	

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Get rid of violence	Address the concerns of the people	Help those of us in fear
Developing the overall image of the town.		
Public transport	Activities and encouragement for the youth	Areas for people to safely gather for meet ups, shelter for weather and activities
Change the mindset of those living mostly in social housing. Show them how to become involved and lead by good example	More activities for teenagers to become involved in. Give them responsibility for community tasks eg gardening, keeping spaces clean	Activities for children and teens, skateparks, bike parks, youth clubs
Improving people's perception of Longford	Working with groups to integrate them into our communities through group work, volunteering etc	Working with people to help them to take pride in the areas they live

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Cctv	Safe public spots	More policing
Engage with (marginalised) community members in a trauma informed/led manner.	Engage with people through empathetic active listening rather than paternalistically.	Spearhead projects that benefit the many, especially those who do not have easy access to funding.
more integration and interaction with minorities	stiffer penalties for racially motivated offences	Impartial security agency
Improve Longford's image ... get young and old involved, Love and respect of place	Organise a competition, on how to design involve and improve your area	Stimulate the development of activities, participation and focus in your own area

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
More publicity for LCSP.	A Longford specific and well funded public engagement campaign.	Increased training for all involved. More money and guidance from Dept of Justice!
Deaf clubs are nil in this county, it needs addressing	Make Irish Sign Language accessible in this county	Workshops and vocational courses to lift the moral of the Unemployed but especially the young ones
Active on-boarding of immigrants to Irish culture and vice versa. It was shocking to learn that there had been little/ no communications in their languages during Covid- so almost a certainty that no communications on other matters. Leadership and real actions by council executive needed there - and ditto re elected members	Lower end of Longford Town seems abandoned over decade - its down to either inaction, indifference or incompetence.	

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Drop in centre/office in the town	Integration projects for New Communities	Mutli agency approach with targeted projects
Additional Community Liaison Gardai	Get the message across that people who constantly flout the law will be brought to justice and effective demonstrate this, to ensure that the greater community feels safe.	
more integration with the different minorities		
More linked up thinking and actions	Knowledge sharing and coordination of initiatives	More visibility
making people more aware of issues where they live etc		

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Initiatives to share information about roma culture in schools- participants feel that they are ostracised and stereo-typed by students and teachers as they are members of the Roma Community	Additional youth services for young people (of all ages, including u10s) are required, like the County Longford Youth Service. activities and days away need to be free as cost is a barrier for Roma families	information and supports for drugs and alcohol misuse prevention for the roma community
A family resource centre or some central drop in hub is an absolute necessity for Edgeworthstown	drugs and substance abuse is a big issue in the town (as well as drug dealing) better supports and services are required to help people involved in drugs and their families. rampant in Edgeworthstown	Young people need more coordinated activities and supports- there is a great sports hub in teh town, but not all young people want ot get involved in sports. Mental health supports and a drop in service would help young people and their families. parents need to be targeted

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Teaching respect	Getting youth involved in local issues so they develop pride in their local environment	
Training	Youth engagement activities	Entertainment
Youth education programs	Amenities for Youth	Work placement / internship programs
Community Centre/Office in The town	Education programme for specific ethnic groups that might not have access to mainstream education	Collaborative Projects from All agencies within Longford made more accessible for everyone
education/information sessions for children	greater engagement with communities	
Put the youth first in all plans as they are future	More plans where youths are asked their opinions	More people going to schools sharing their experiences

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Education	Areas for teenagers, ie skate park, etc	Actual criminal convictions that show crime does not pay
Diverse Social groups	Social place to hang out for different ages	Sport excursions
. Parental advice and accountability	Educational/ sport programme for the youth,	
School attendance	Support sports groups and activities	Support second level schools
There's not much for the child to do if they're not involved in sport. What groups could they get involved in?	Try and reach the different backgrounds and cultures in the town.	
Drug danger awareness programmes.	Support for sports clubs to encourage vulnerable young people to engage in their activities.	

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
greater inter action of Gardai and youth groups / sports activity	all out effort to rid us of scourge of drugs and drug dealing and addiction	education on drug abuse and the consequences / steering youth to feel part of community and take a pride in their place
Speakers/workshops to engage youth in hands-on approach	Initiatives like Mens She'd or Allotments where young people could socialise learn and feel productive and sense of pride	
Youth Clubs	Organised sporting Activities	Education
More structured leisure activities	Drug awareness through engagement with former addicts now recovered.	Encourage youth to volunteer in helping their communities thereby giving them a sense of purpose

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<p>Information and help on all aspects of employment including Full and part time employment, trade Apprenticeship and not just 3rd level education. Encouragement to develop local commercial and retail sales and services</p>	<p>Strong support for groups like The Attic Cafe and more such like groups in large housing estates and communities-for all genders/ race / creed</p>	<p>Urgent need for more social housing and amenities. Private rents very high and not all landlords sympathetic to family needs</p>
<p>Activities for teenagers and older children after school and during summer</p>	<p>Decent employment opportunities dedicated to members of the travelling community</p>	<p>Social workers and therapists to work with families who are struggling due to minority status, lack of resources, single parent trying to cope on own, language barriers</p>
<p>Admit there are problems</p>		

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Stronger focus on education among the youth in Longford	More career opportunities for young people in Longford	Better social opportunities for the youth in Longford
More areas for youth to hang out safely , rather than being forced to linger on the streets with no where to go	More club, youth groups, sporting teams to engage with youth and develop proper friendships with the community	More opportunities for youth to express their opinions and spaces for them to inform the relevant people about what they need and want within their community
There needs to be something done about the drug problem in the county especially my local area	Something for the young people to do - safely and supervised	
Direct intervention with vulnerable youth	Direct intervention in families of vulnerable youth	Schools /resource centers used to coach families of vulnerable youth

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Drugs a big problem	Too easy to access drugs	Speeding at night time late hours doing handbrake turns, cary for elderly
More youth workers	Better cooperation and coordination between the services that are in existence	Mental health services for young people
Drug/addiction prevention initiatives to be started in schools at a very young age	More apprenticeships	Increased support for sports/youth clubs and other bodies providing outlets for young people. Most of these clubs are totally dependent on volunteers to stay in existence
More funding for youth clubs	more work carried out by clubs to try & keep youths away from crime	More Garda integration with the youths

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Education on health & safety	Mandatory education for law breakers	
Train young people for work , but not just to keep them occupied. Real work for real pay, not payouts to attend course after course to punch in time	Do something about our education system. It's one size fits all at present to a point and young people that don't meet these requirements can often feel like 2nd best	Use information to make this work... not just another talking shop
Keep minorities/youth off the street through sport / education		
Engaging with young people who may not have good family supports.	Engaging with young people who are locally known for delinquency.	
Everyone should have access to education and it should start from early ages.	Keep track of the progress at school (go to school doesn't mean they're learning or changing the way they see life). Education involves school and family.	Work together with parents. They need to be aware and willing to participate on their kids education.

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
footpaths could be improved across longford town and lights are needed in some other areas	the mall is a great amenity, but more lights are needed here	
Dereliction and vacant sites a huge issue in Granard. Brings down morale and creates dead-zones for ASB (the ASB is happening this is not hypothetical)	Parking in Granard town needs to be addressed. no public car park off-street. poor parkign by people on main street. serious danger to children near the schools- there has been some upgrade works but this is nto having an impoact- kids running along main raod and crossing to access buses with HGVs flying through the town. speeding is an issue. someone will be killed	Lighting needs to be improved. new lighbulbs are bright but only in teh immediate vicinity. not enough light thrown between posts. some spots with no lights at all. Footpaths need to be ugraded especially up to Higginstown

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Parking in Granard needs to be reviewed urgently. someone will be killed in the town with poor parkign on main street, no public car park and the speed that vehicles go through town, including HGVs.	vacant and derelict sites around Granard town needs to be sorted out and owners fined for leaving buildings idle. An old hotel (houricans) in the town;vacant site on barrack lane; a building meant to be a shopping centre but currently empty and the old convent were mentioned. Anti- Social behaviour is noted as taking place at these place and it also just takes from the feel of the town- it looks shabby	relating to Longford town- the participants avoid Longford as its 'rough' and mentioned Grafters Court and Tesco area as looking shabby and in-hospitable with crowds loitering making people feel unsafe

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
More/better lighting is needed for public areas to make it feel safer to go walking etc	dereliction and vacant properties need to be tackled to bring more vibrancy to main streets in towns and villages. vacant sites attract ASB. LA must move quicker to deal with absentee landlords	illegal Dumping is a huge issue across ballymahon. Waste collection/Amnesty should be done more regularly and out reach is needed (ie a LA truck comes out to collect rather than expecting people to bring items into Longford- as many people dont have means to transport large items- this means they are more likely to go with door to door collectors- some of who are unauthorised and go on to dump)
Need to review speed limits on many smaller local rural roads, speeds are immense- even people out walking are in danger	a number of people noted that lighting at crossroads (major cross roads in rural areas could do with lighting, the property tax is paid by these people and they dont always see the benefit in their own (rural) area	could roads (local roads) be named, to help people give directions/help ambulances?

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Dereliction and vacant properties in Granard are an eyesore and make the town look bad, but also provide areas for ASB. Barrack Lane and also Columbkille Terrace were mentioned. Main street needs to be brightened up	Carparking- no car park in Granard. there is often dangerous manoeuvres and parking on the main street and speeding through the town. fears an older person will be killed, or child at the schools- it is chaos at school times with buses, parents parking and kids running along the roads	there are some paths in granard that need improvement and also public lighting. new energy efficient light bulbs do not throw enough light between lamp-posts and often bulbs are gone a long time before being replaced. Ladies would be afraid to walk in town once it gets dark, mainly due to perception and fear-- nothing has happened to anyone they know but they don't feel safe in the dark
vacant and derelict sites in the town especially towards the barracks make the place look terrible. The Council needs to be forced to take action and regenerate the town	More playgrounds and safe places for young people to socialise are needed	Transport for elderly people is needed- Local Link is acknowledged but times/frequency and routes are not ideal

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
public lighting needs to improved across the town- LED upgrades and areas not currently covered by lights.	dereliction and vacant properties is a huge issue in the town centre. no footfall. bery few businesses- only 1 coffee shop. nothing to do except go to the pub after 5pm. the town needs to be invigorated and more needs to be done about vacant properties d	dumping and antisocial behaviour ongoing in key areas (the green, st marys campus, the hub)

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Updating the zebra crossing outside at Matthew church	Lights around the canals	More Garda present in
Greater/ enhanced use of CCTV with appropriate lighting and monitoring	Better judicial support for law enforcement - less bail & suspended sentencing	Zero tolerance for anti-social behaviour and crime
Dereliction to be tackled, i feel the local community would benefit & have pride in their local area if deleliction of property was addressed.	Fines should be enforced for damage / litter to public areas.	If a property is not handed back to the county council in the same condition it was originally received (allowing for wear & tear) they should be held accountable.
Zero tolerance on littering and anti-social behaviour	Good lighting and garda presence	Renovating or getting rid of derelict buildings

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Extension of the Mall / To cater for sports for the youth	Closing of food restaurants on main st and Ballymahon st by 12am	Co Council work closely with tidy towns ireland
More lighting and cctv		
Cctv	Improved lighting	More gardai walking
Clean all public spaces	Strict law about dog droppings there are all over town	
Extra lighting		
Creation of infrastructure for safe stopping for buses and public transport visibility	Managing spaces allocated for buses and not allowing cars to park or impeded the buses	Consideri Rural safe spaces to wait for buses and identify good places for public transport stops in towns, villages, trailheads and amenities

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
More CCTV in Longford town and on main streets of smaller towns	Make derelict/unused buildings safe - board up and fence off	Brighter street lighting in Longford town at night
additional lighting		
Cctv	More policing	
CCTV	Public lighting	
Camera - Install	Gardai - More Gardai on the beat	
remove derelict sites and do up unoccupied sites around the town center	have a public area for markets / stage for local kids to play music etc - that is close to town	Improve lighting
Better facilities and access to same for young people	More visable policing and better deterrent to anti social behaviour	Regeneration of the town to make people proud

You have selected Public Spaces and Amenities as the most important area of focus for delivering a safe community. What specific actions would you like to see undertaken by the Longford Community Safety Partnership to address issues you identify under this theme?

Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
<p>Concentrating on efforts in disadvantaged areas and disadvantaged families in particular the people who need to live in a caravan as they will not be housed by the local authority</p>	<p>Housing support officers in these areas available and accessible to the people experiencing homelessness / housing related issues</p>	<p>Amenities required for eg Ardnacassa estate. It is disgraceful the way this housing estate has been ignored and those living there.</p>
<p>Supporting Traveller Accommodation. Many of my family have been left with no other choice but to be in an estate that they do not want to live in. It was chose this estate or be homeless. If the issue of Traveller specific accommodation was properly addressed and implemented this would immediately eliminate a large number of people residing in areas they don't want to live in and have no sense of belonging in.</p>	<p>Extra supports for local services such as a family resource centre in the town and more resources for Traveller services</p>	<p>Introduce facilities in estates such as residents assoc, central hubs, positive presence of Gardai not just when a child has died as a result of no ramps or amenities or when a feud has escalated due to people not feeling apart of the community there or not having pride in the estate</p>

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
<p>there is actually no service in Longford to help and support people in direct provision that are over 25. the county longford youth service supports those up to age of 25. for those older, they dont know where to go for information, integration, help with volunteering</p>	<p>it would be helpful if there was a programme to allow people in direct provision to get involved with civic participation. this would help them with their applications and integrate into the new communitis</p>	

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Family resource center in edgeworthstown	Better Cordination of services in longford town	Increased family support throughout the county focused on the whole family not just children
Give residents a space to say what they want to see in their community	Provide the services that the majority of residents	Longford county council to prioritise providing the required infrastructure
An add on to the library to facilitate community development	family support services (none in Edgeworthstown)	Programmes and activities for the community
More public awareness	Trainings	Family engaging
Housing for the disadvantaged	Drug awareness	Drink awareness
Get rid of anti social behaviour and drugs		

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Social cohesion for disabled folks	Irish Sign Language learning and at least one club for the deaf/deafened community to engage	Workshops for the unemployed to build vocational skills
Follow the money, all the properties that are purchased with limited income.	Enforcing the Vacant Site, Derelict Site & Dangerous Structures legislation and fines. This would force property owners into the mainstream population, force them to register their property and wealth and help with fairer tax compliance with all are paying some tax.	The hot stove should burn everyone equally, currently there is a perception that there is an elite class above the law and a criminal class below the law and that only the middle or working class have to follow the laws in all aspects dealing with central government.

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Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
More things for families to do	A proper playground not one used for drug taking	
Promote equality and diversity	Support families and children	AIM services

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What training, resources or other supports could Longford Community Safety Partnership provide to help you assist with community safety initiatives?

more open environment that you are not looking over your shoulder when out and about

Show where successful plans worked in similar towns .

Show how positive meetings had results

training and resource packs. better communication on all the supports that exist currently.

Community activation and capacity building

Yes

Not sure

Don't know

A Garda Siochana lead in combination with Family resource centres initiative whereby regular activities are supplied in the community involving families. In particular very young families. Mini festivals, clean up days and education programs highlighting benefits of community integration for an improved safe life

What training, resources or other supports could Longford Community Safety Partnership provide to help you assist with community safety initiatives?

I think that would depend on the area I was getting involved in. You could provide support to groups in completing grant applications

awareness of what is out there to help these groups of people as I am not aware of anything

Committee skills, listening skills

Legal training. Properly confidential reporting system

Not sure

I think it's more grouping like minded people together with the same goals and objectives

De escalation tips
Personal safety

None as such. But I am very approachable, easy to talk to, and none judgemental

More family supports are needed.

What training, resources or other supports could Longford Community Safety Partnership provide to help you assist with community safety initiatives?

Not sure...

Perhaps materials to facilitate poetry workshop

Craft workshop

Maybe a bit too old.

Not sure

Courses

Training and mentoring for volunteers, leadership, a framework to work within, coordination across teams of volunteers, resources to run family days in each village to promote positive engagement with known authorities

Self-defence training for women and for men (separate classes)

A guide to what techniques and items are legal/illegal to have on one's person and use in the event of being attacked (e.g. Using pepper spray is illegal, but spraying water or deodorant is not)

Advice on what to do if you are followed or feel unsafe

An inter-agency approach to discouraging daytime and night-time attacks throughout the county, perhaps by advocating for the implementation of harsher penalties and custodial sentences.

I plead ignorance and lack of knowledge on this but open to suggestions

Dealing with street problems

What training, resources or other supports could Longford Community Safety Partnership provide to help you assist with community safety initiatives?

More information on the LCSP and what its objectives are
Any guidance training that would increase knowledge on types of initiatives would be of assistance
Having a dedicated contact in LCSP for each town in the county so that communities could link in with them in relation to particular initiatives for their area

Promotion of groups like Sanctuary Runners to a wider audience than can be reached currently

Educate law breakers not to re offend and have respect for people in authority and have respect for all citizens who are tax payers paying for their social welfare

Any training or supports deemed necessary to undertake any job/task invited to perform

I'm not sure. Maybe I could help young mothers, to give time to their little ones and address little ones worries. Children are more busy these days and mite need more time to develop independence

Ensure we get cctv in villages and ensure older people are given access to emergency alarms within area

Community engagement training, litter and waste management training. training for community based projects

What training, resources or other supports could Longford Community Safety Partnership provide to help you assist with community safety initiatives?

not sure

I don't have the education to support with community service or similar since I've done my graduation in other area.

Times for meetings and events that are accessible to youth who attend school, so that their opinions and views can be heard alongside Adult Views.

Resources to circulate amongst community members
Training to facilitate these initiatives

Integration of locals and recent migrants

Better sports facilities

Directory of services to offer to peers

Ongoing training for community members to ensure they are made feel welcome, particularly those from minority groups

A co-ordinator to support ppl to assist with new initiatives

Examples of good practice in other areas

Intercultural awareness training for others who are assisting

A hub provided as a central resource for the town to access

What training, resources or other supports could Longford Community Safety Partnership provide to help you assist with community safety initiatives?

A team building of activities for kids along the lines of boy scouts open to all children... a mini garda initiative.

Younger people should be taught how to respect members of their community & to look out for each other

At the minute I'm recovering from surgery and when recovered would like to be involved

When an issue comes up for the person to get an update on the issue been resolved or not by the organisation that was contacted

Provide more support to put an end to gender based violence and misogyny so that women feel safe.

Provide compulsory paid work experience for the unemployed to give their lives focus and keep them gainfully occupied.

Integration and courses for new communities to prevent unemployment and ghettoisation in sub-standard housing within the town centre.

Not sure.

there are no preventive projects for children and young people in this country. Children are allowed to commit crimes such as theft, and no consequences are sued (at least from the travelers community). The lack of education of the young means bringing up more bandits

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- english lessons

- a service like County Longford Youth Service but for all ages with development workers to help the, integrate (similar to a family resource centre)

- must set up community councils or residents associations across neighbourhoods in Longford. People need to feel a part of their community. many areas are diverse and neighbours dont know wach other.

- dont go into an area and assume what they want and need. engage with residents, so that any improvements the council make or anything else is done in collaboration and residents feel ownership

- more funding is needed to support local initiatives and community groups. its easier for some groups who know how to do it but for disadvantaged areas , more support is needed to get these groups to apply for funding and to run projects.

- support more integration initiatives. even something small like local estate cultural days (share food, ,music and stories from your country, culture)

What training, resources or other supports could Longford Community Safety Partnership provide to help your group / organisation and its members assist with community safety initiatives?

- make it easier to access funding
 - incentivise groups to collaborate and make better use of funding
 - more support is needed from the Council, PPN and other services to integrate new communities and break down barriers. fund intercultural days and projects that foster trust
 - make it easier to access funding- its a nightmare trying to fill in forms and get quotes to get grants from council. disheartening for some groups
 - need to encourage groups to work together more. incentivise this. the funding model pits them against each other for accessing funding.
- Develop a scheme for a community champion in conjunction with An Garda Siochana. someone local that is well known and has peoples trust can help support isolated people , build links across community groups in North Longford for collaboration

What training, resources or other supports could Longford Community Safety Partnership provide to help your group / organisation and its members assist with community safety initiatives?

- initiatives to get TY students and others involved in local community groups. often its the same people involved in many committees and there is a lack of young people/new blood coming in. new to incentivise this. can there be a Local Authority initiative to encourage civic engagement?
- Student summer scheme
- Bridgeways Family Resource Centre do amazing work in the community but need additional funding for development workers, this will help engage more members of the community and community groups and empower them to get involved
- need to make it easier for groups to access funding. it is so frustrating to apply for grants. too much red- tape.
- groups and individuals need to be supported to report incidents of crime and ASB. there is a fear there at the moment many people are afraid to report in case of retaliation. create a safe way to report
- set up neighbourhood watch and residents associations in Longford Town and MD, lots of estates dont have one and neighbours keep to themselves. this will help people get involved

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would be willing to work with probation services/community service and tidy towns on some projects like seating, window boxes etc etc if some funding was provided for materials. many of the projects the mens shed do are restoring historical and heritage items. could pass these skills on to people in community service- if they were supervised!

Dromard and north Longford is very forward thinking- community alert started here. Community is very proactive and would get involved in anything.

LCSP needs to keep the community updated. the PPN is good for groups but many individuals have no interaction with the PPN. periodic updates in the Longford Leader would keep those without internet/social media updated.

really interested in a 'community champion' type initiative

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this group is made up of U18 year olds. to help them integrate and get involved, the youth groups and services they are involved in need additional supports (funding) and cooperation with each other to keep the young people engaged

- the individuals and groups in the town need to be encouraged and empowered to step up and take ownership of some of the issues identified- eg a committee needs to be formed to manage the Green- which is a great facility but is run in the main by 1 or 2 people- not sustainable
- it was suggested that integration activities be funded such as an intercultural day event would encourage people to get to know each other and this would help build trust and friendship across the multi-cultural and multi-generational community. some mistrust exists currently. need some positive events or projects to jump start community activity

What training, resources or other supports could Longford Community Safety Partnership provide to help your group / organisation and its members assist with community safety initiatives?

Security training
CPR training
First Aid
Defibrillator

To know how different age groups feel. Funding for writing projects. How to be personally safe, training,

I am not sure

Providing targeted opportunities for people to get involved in their community means that people will have more ownership, involvement and sense of responsible for their community.
Education around treating everyone with respect regardless of background, culture or demographic.

Road safety signs
Speed ramps

Apprentices courses

Drink and drug awareness

Speak with staff and learners on a regular visits - visibility
- Programmes - keep reminding individuals of the health & safety and risks involved in substance use.

Not sure

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Information

We don't know much about this group or expectations however would be eager to support such a valued cause. We would contribute from a vulnerable persons point of view

Provide facilitators to give talks to help educate people

Funding for Level 6 in reflecting on and responding to domestic abuse (DA) and coercive control (CC). Provide academic course for front line services supporting victims of DA and CC.

Extra funding for CYPSC who are made up of local front line managers - they know where local funds could be spent and where that funding will make the greatest difference

Self defence classes

Push the issues and needs of Longford at a local and national level

Connection to all services

First aid

Manual handling

Child protection

DPD

Barnabos

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I would like to see a lot more Garda presence on the streets especially at night. Repeat offenders should be dealt with curfews and if they break the curfew they should be arrested and brought to court.

additional gardai visible in the town during daytime as well as evening

Lobby for an increase in Gardaí recourses locally.

make me more confident to walk alone around the town

See more youths out and about assisting with community plans and groups.

Have youth clean up days where prizes and disco held after etc.

It will only change with the youth or adults of tomorrow

Reassurance that we live in a great town and that it is a safe place to live and work and socialise. Improve the image of the town in terms of safety. Currently many people are afraid and the perception is that it isn't safe although I feel very safe here.

More visible coordination of services

More gardaí on the ground preventing crime before it happens instead of waiting until something happens

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Hold information sessions in local libraries to inform local people about help/advice available to improve their own personal safety and safety in their own local areas.

More public lighting for walking at night time (the mall is very dark at night), more garda presence on the streets.

I think the problems lie deeper. Longford has highest numbers of socially dependent people etc

work with the garda on tackling anti social and criminal activity around the town

Employ more members of society

CCTV footage everywhere

Get known criminals off the streets of Longford. Day in day out they are loitering in the town. The town is rough, too many low income/SW people living in the town. It's an undesirable rough looking place and if I was passing through I would not stop.

Investment in education of minors to show or highlight that there is a better life out there. That some members of community are stuck in rut because it is all they know

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Punishment of repeating offender's, suspended sentences are not punishments, they are still free to do as feel. Real punishment, ban individuals from council housing, if tenant constantly breaks agreement punish them, to much talking and not enough being done. Actions speak louder than words and committees, people in general have no faith in the courts or council on repeat offender's. If liaison with Garda, very simple, who are the garda being called to regularly, I heard council say before three strikes and your out, use that Garda call outs as one way of seeing the problem makers. set up a confidential line, and basically just do what ye say ye will do, that's all what people want

To feel safe when walking down longford town

Educate people involved in antisocial behaviour how their thoughtlessness affects vulnerable citizens.

Push for services for dysfunctional families such as family resource centers

Provide an easy to find complete list of all the agencies with contact details.

Stand up to criminals who are fighting on the streets & dealing drugs openly in the middle of the day

Make the town center more attractive and encourage local people to feel safe and secure in their home town

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Make our carparks safer

Greater visibility of the Gardai and the addressing of parallel parking on the main street outside chippers at a time when people are trying to get home from work

Run the drug dealers less council estates and free up the Garda to get out and about talking with us the community. From knowing Longford Gardai they say they are buried behind admin with too many managers and civil servants micro managing their work. It's disappointing to hear.

A safer environment in the town

Employ local members for garda reserve

Have some form of visible security operational around the town and county.

Less anti social behaviour in town

Can we have a totally joint approach by all local political parties and stop claiming we did this and that etc and been so argumentative over silly issues. We have a serious drug problem in our towns and rural areas, we need a distractions for the youth

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Better policing and presence of guards in the community.

Eliminate the crime of domestic violence to ensure the safety of women and children

Get all age groups ethnic groups to take part in building and maintaining the community as it develops

Provide education to youth groups in areas such as drug awareness, prevention of violence against women, job prospects etc.

Take action against people causing trouble in the area that we live in.

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Ensure and promote safety within the town for people shopping and walking around.
Prevent people from loitering, littering and causing trouble in the town.

Help rid some areas of wandering, unrestrained and unsupervised dogs.

The littering and dog droppings is out of control also there are to many dangerous breeds mostly pit bulls been walked with out muzzle and for people who are afraid of dogs is a nightmare there are to many homeless dogs and dogs just walking them selfs or just randomly out with out owners barking at bypassing people is dangerous and stressful especially for people like me who have fear of dogs. I feel stress just walking out every day .

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Secure additional resources for Longford Garda Station.

A list of emergency services numbers and agencies and a victim support unit.

Improve road safety - upgrade footpaths

Create rural safe spaces to wait for buses and enforce the existing spaces by ensuring no cars park there

Improve people's perception of their county through an awareness campaign or education

Specifically At night in Longford town it's need to be a safe place to visit for all

More Community Gardai

Neighbourhood watch

Provide adequate working / regularly serviced c.c.t.v throughout town centre

Ensure that there is a visible Garda presence.

Deal with the substance misuse issues in Longford urban & Rural and the fear, loss and hardship that this has brought to all communities.

Build a network with community civilians to support Gardaí in building a rapport with drug users - this must be a rewarded & training position .

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More garda presence on streets

More Garda resources in the local area

To Stop the drugs and fighting in the town.

Maybe better lighting in problem areas

Incentives to bring youth into training

Have more in place to help individuals and their families feel safe to be more independent within their own community

More lighting in the community

Have a representative from each of front line services attend regular meetings and engage properly with all the other services- we are all doing the same job, we can and should support each other. Each group should have a voice

Have more volunteers around to ensure safety

More Guards

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Garda presence

More traning

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