



Northern Ireland Young Life and Times Survey

Preview of the 2010 results

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 - Introduction, background
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 - Leisure and Play
- **Helen Beckett (Barnardos – Safe Choices)**
 - Sexual Exploitation
- **Dirk Schubotz**
 - Community Relations
 - YLT - future plans
- **Questions**

Sample

- Invited: all young people living in Northern Ireland who receive Child Benefit and celebrated their 16th birthday in February and March 2010
- Postal questionnaire sent out in November 2010
- Online version of questionnaire
- One follow-up ten days later

Response rate

- 786 responded (response rate 21%)
 - paper completions (85%)
 - online (15%)
- £500 prize draw (5x£100.00 cash)
- £10 gift vouchers for first 100 online respondents

	%		
	Not well-off	Average	Well-off
Online	9	16	17

Subject areas covered

- **Main areas:**
 - **Play and Leisure** (funded by OFMDFMNI)
 - **Caring** (funded by Patient Client Council)
 - **Sexual Exploitation** (funded by Barnardos)
 - **Perception of young people** (funded by NICCY)
- **Other areas:**
 - **Community relations**
 - **Attitudes to Child Maintenance** (questions set by DSDNI)
 - **Background questions**



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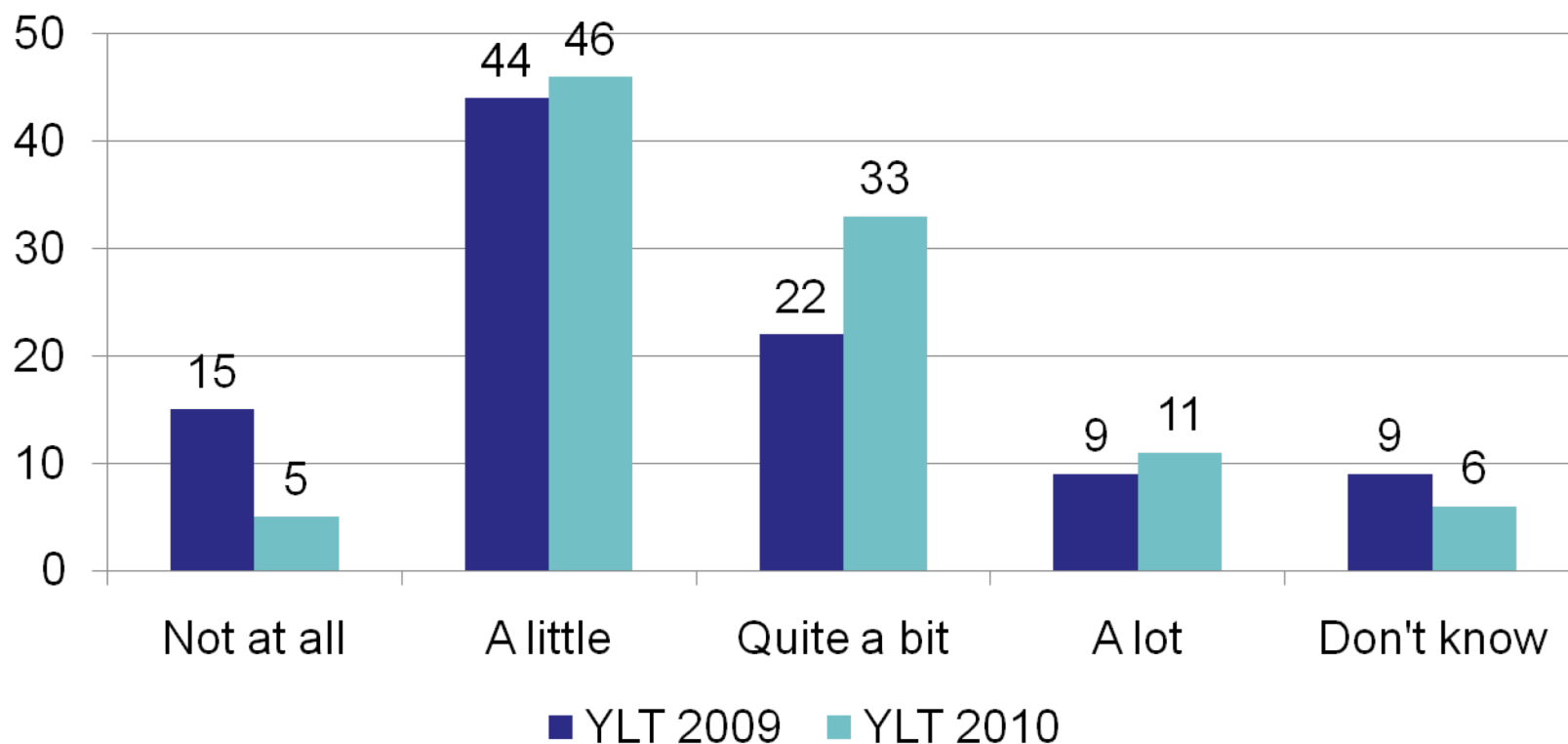
		%
Gender	Male	36
	Female	64
Religion	Catholic	43
	Protestant	37
	Other/no religion	20
Education	Planned integrated	6
	Grammar	52
	Secondary	35
	Other	6

Background

Sexual attraction	Opposite sex attracted	89
	Same/both sex attracted	8
Respondents living with	Both their parents	77
	Mother only	17
	Father only	1
	Mother at some time and father at some time	3
Family financial background	Well off	24
	Average	57
	Not well off	19

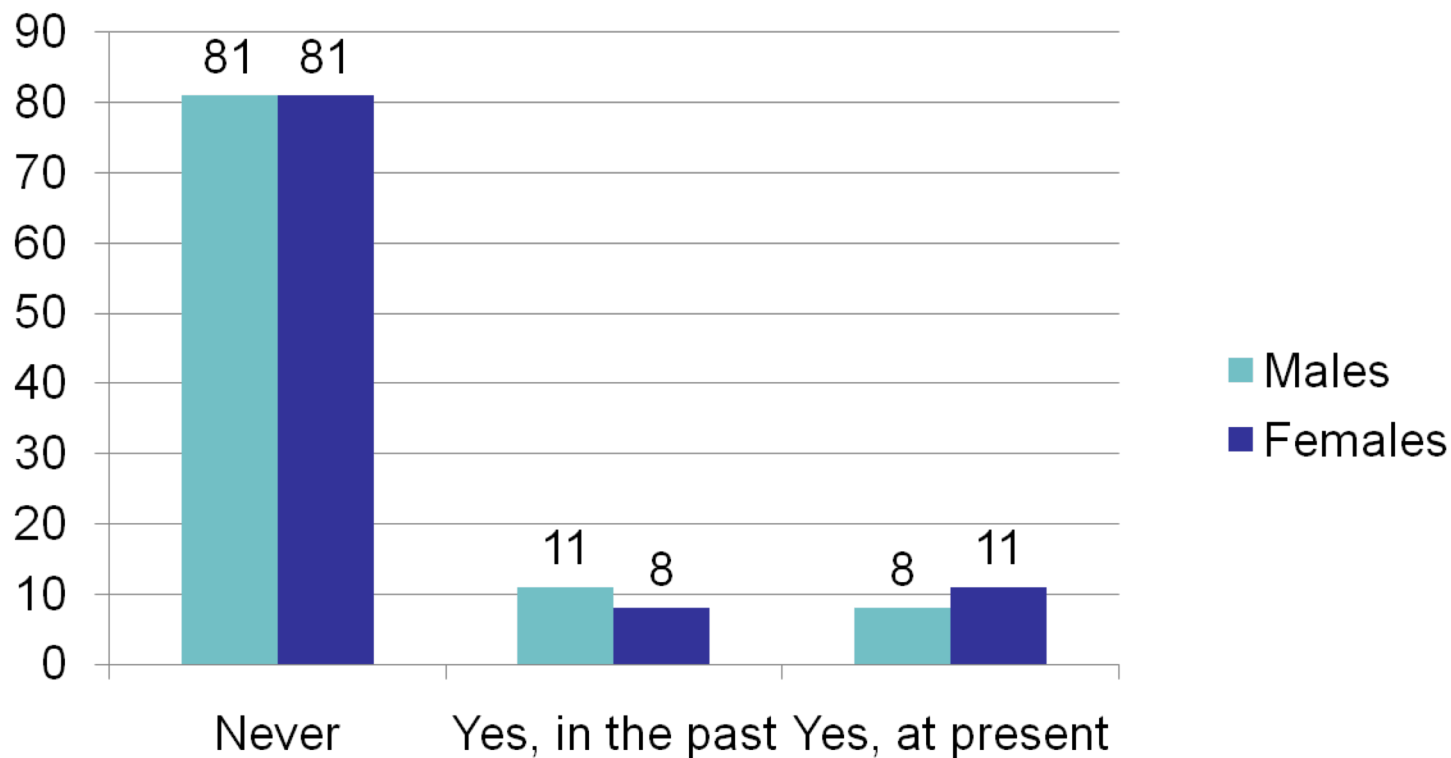
‘Credit Crunch’

To what extent has the recent economic crisis (‘credit crunch’) affected you and your family (%)?



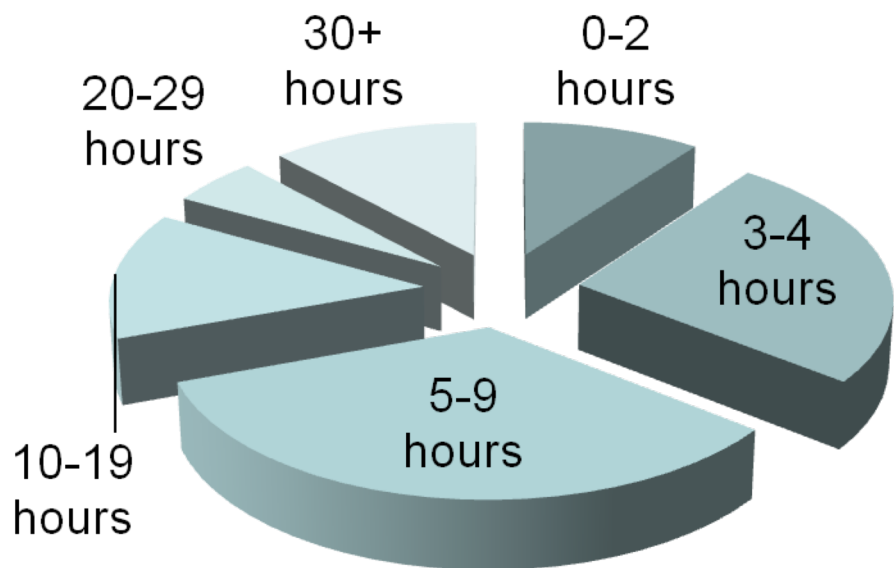
Young Carers

Ever caring responsibility? (%)

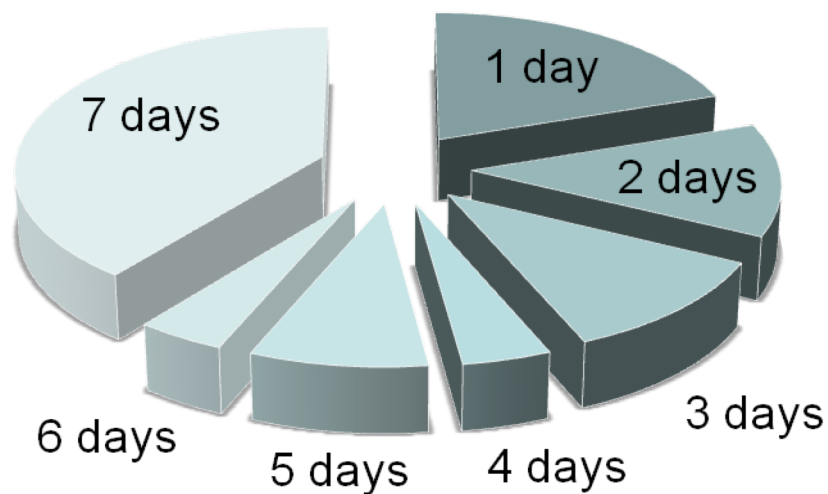


Young carers

Hours per average week



Days per week



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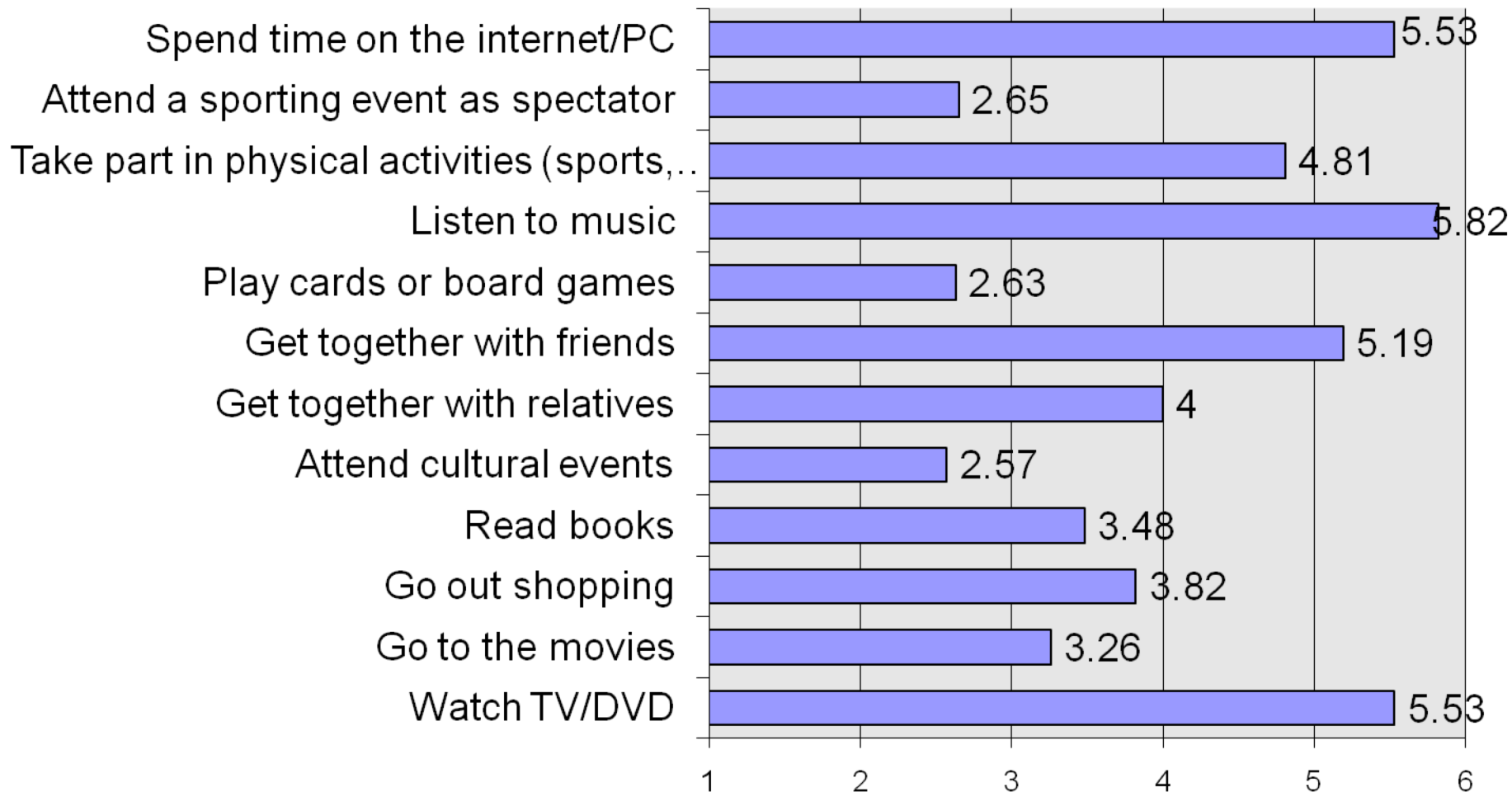
Play and Leisure



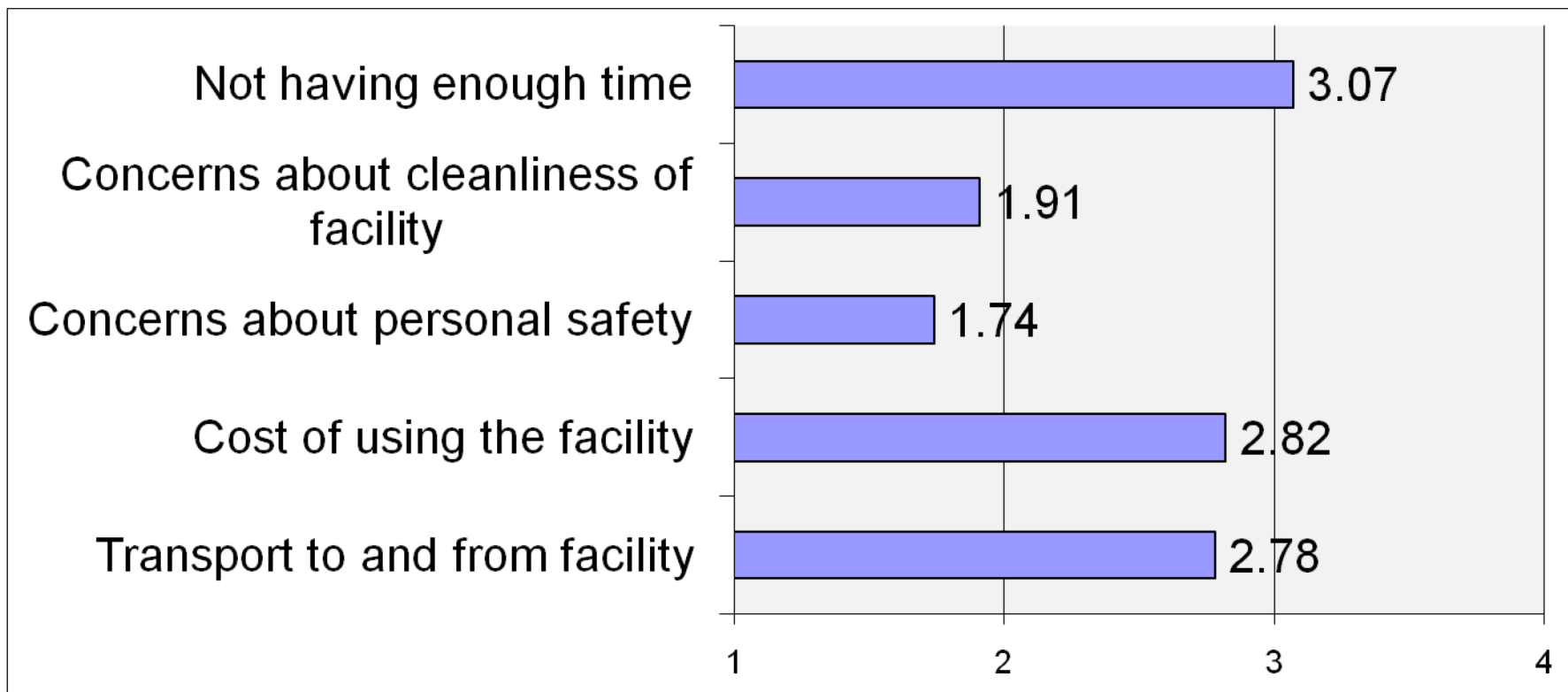
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Play and Leisure: Activities



Respondents saying the following factors restricted them ‘a lot’ in taking part in leisure time activities (mean scores)



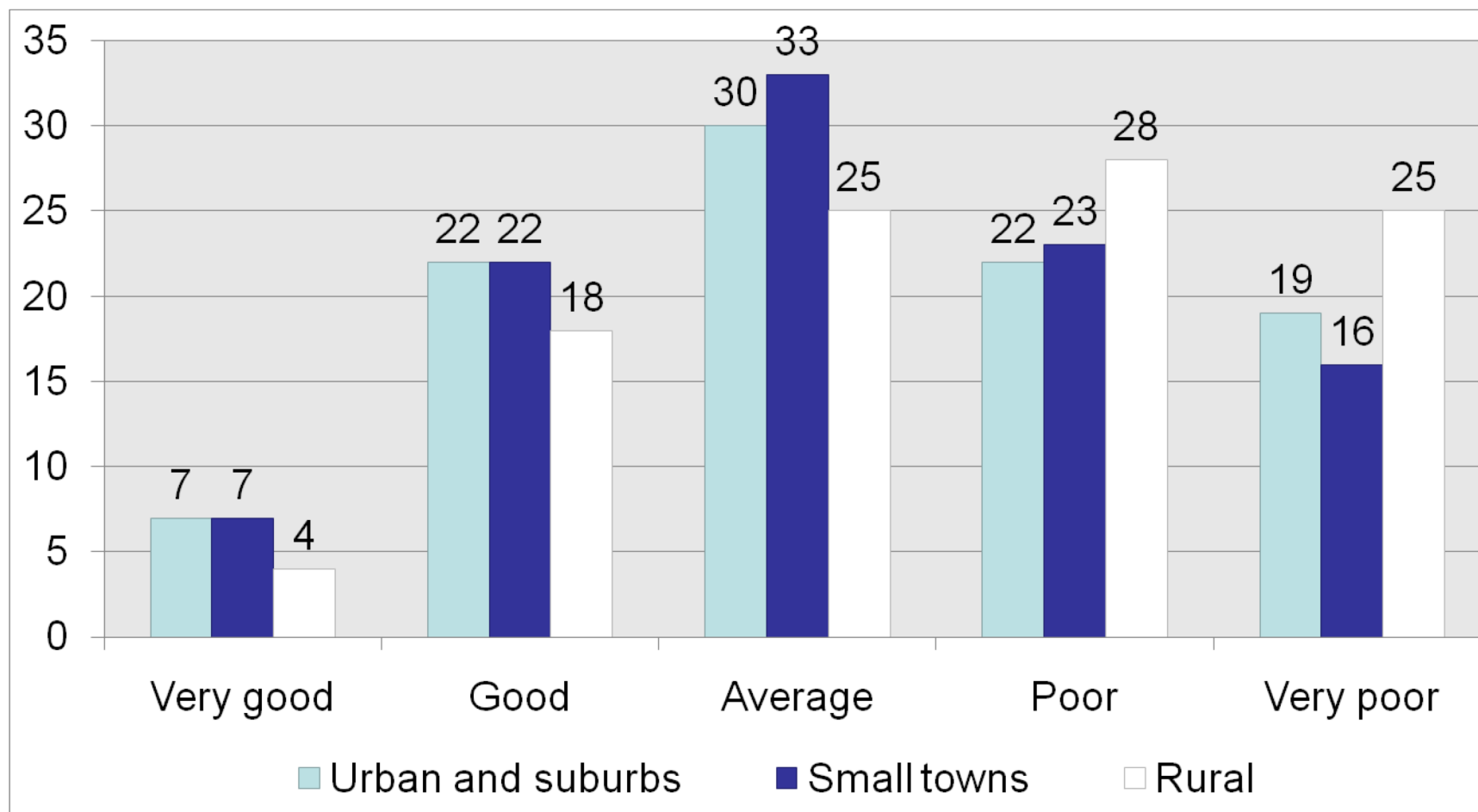
**Proportion of respondents saying the factors below restricted them ‘a lot’ in taking part in play and leisure:
By family financial background**

	(%)		
	Not well off	Average	Well-off
Lack of time	40	38	44
Cost involved	47	26	16
Transport	38	27	22
Personal Safety	10	4	4
Cleanliness	12	8	4

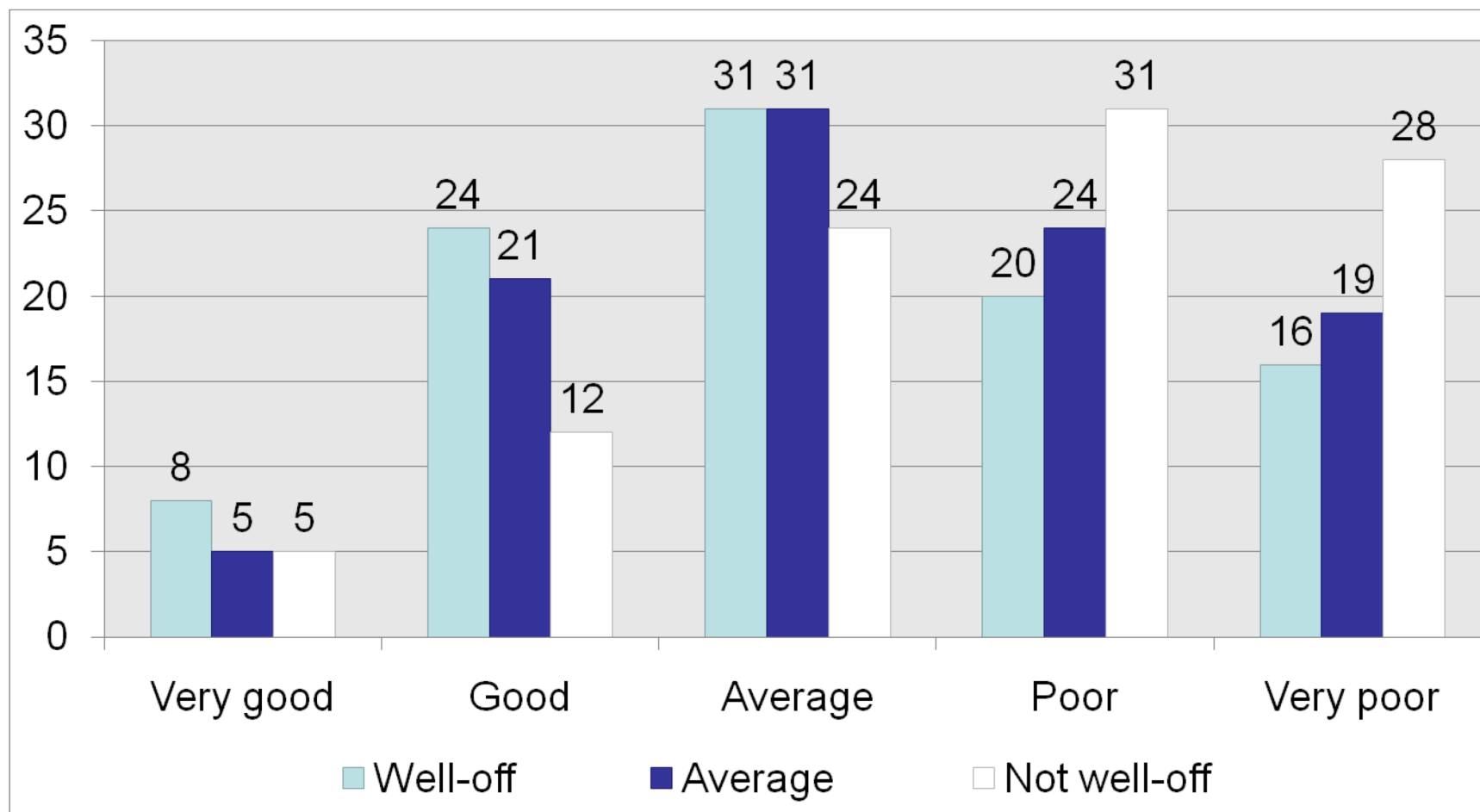
**Proportion of respondents saying the factors below restricted them ‘a lot’ in taking part in play and leisure:
By rurality**

	(%)		
	Large cities or suburbs	Small towns or cities	Rural
Lack of time	41	40	38
Cost involved	31	28	25
Transport	18	17	42
Personal Safety	7	6	3
Cleanliness	8	9	7

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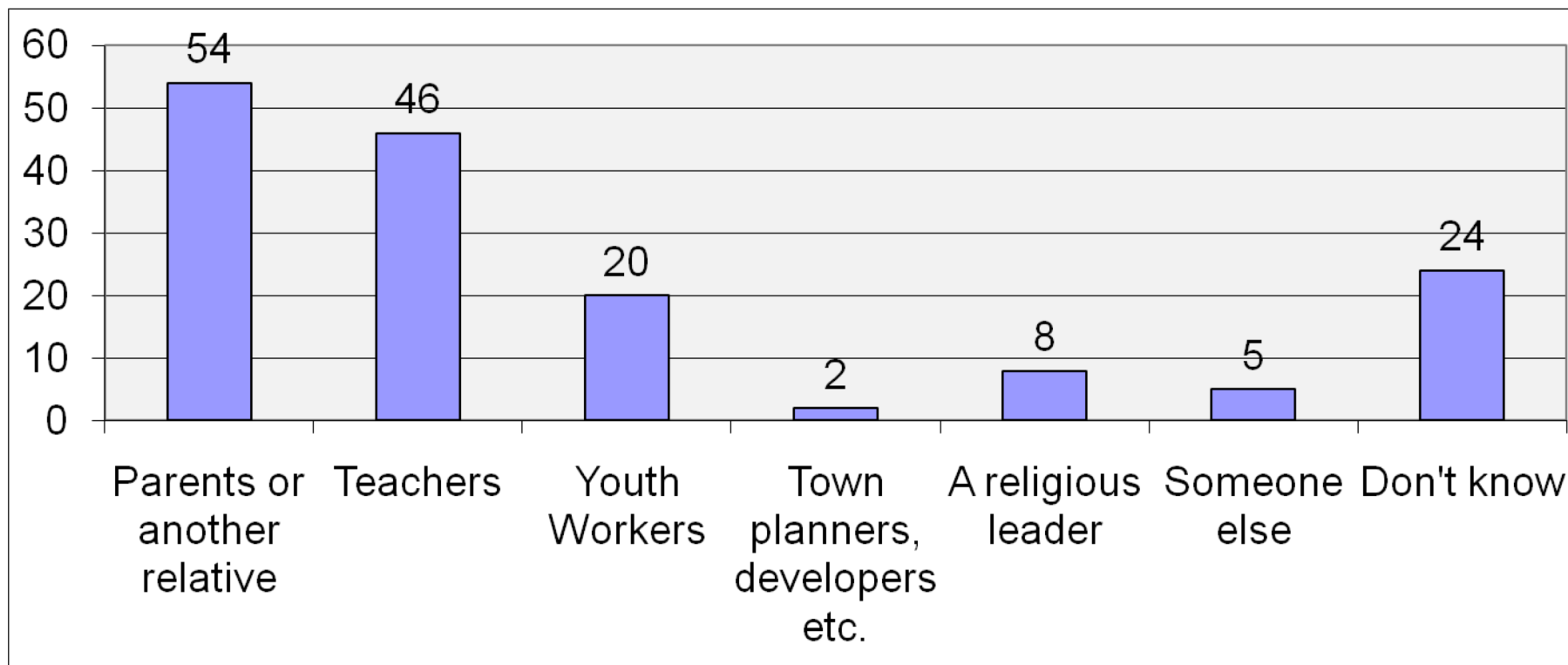


Play and Leisure: Attitudes

	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Don't know
Children and young people should have the right to be consulted	91	6	2	1
Young people who have no space to play won't develop into healthy adults	60	22	14	2
The design of leisure spaces should be left to adults experts only	6	15	79	2
Young people should be able to easily assess public spaces for play and leisure	97	2	<1	<1
Playing is just something for younger children – not for 16-year olds	16	20	64	1

Play and Leisure: Consultation with young people

Respondents (%) saying they had ever been asked their opinion about play and leisure facilities and spaces they use by:



Play and Leisure: Consultation with young people

- Females were more likely than males to have been asked their opinion by teachers and youth workers
- Respondents from well-off families were more likely to be asked their opinion by their parents and town planners/developers
- Respondents from grammar schools were **most** likely to have been asked their opinion by teachers but **least** likely to have been asked by youth workers

Stereotyping of young people

Are young people judged negatively just because they are young?

Yes	No	Don't know
85%	10%	5%

How are young people portrayed in the media?

Mostly positively	Mostly negatively	Don't know
3%	79%	18%

Stereotyping

Respondents with experiences of the following (%):

	%
'All the time' or 'regularly' treated with disrespect because they are young	30
Been told to leave school bag outside a shop	39
Been excluded from a shopping centre	17
Been treated suspiciously by staff in a shop	44
Been told to move on when standing on the street with friends	57



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Sexual Exploitation

The Context

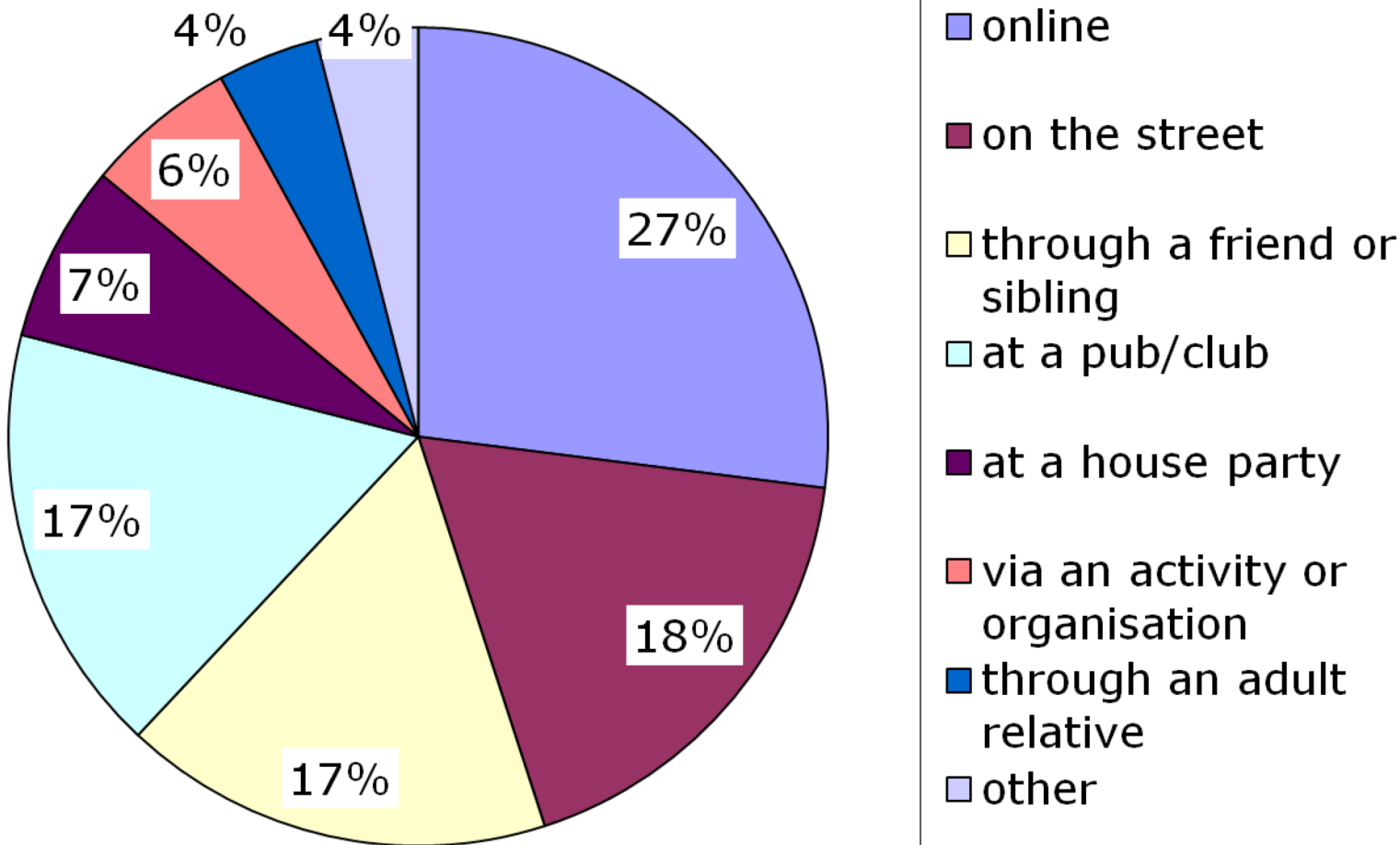
When someone tries to build a relationship or gain the trust of a young person with the aim of getting them to take part in some kind of sexual activity....

1 in 9

**said an adult had tried to
groom them**

- **45% of those who said someone had tried to groom them, said it happened more than once**
- **75% said it happened when they were under the age of consent**
- **90% said the person who tried to groom them was male**

Grooming: First contact



- **1 in 8** engaged in sexual texts, emails or conversations
- **1 in 12** sent or received sexual images
- **At least 6%** had some form of face to face sexual contact

1 in 15

**said someone had given them alcohol,
solvents or drugs and taken advantage of
them when they were under the influence**

Use of substances

- **2/3** of those who said they had been given substances then taken advantage of, were under the age of consent when this happened
- **2/3** said it was someone of a similar age who did this to them

‘Sex’ in exchange for...

1 in 20

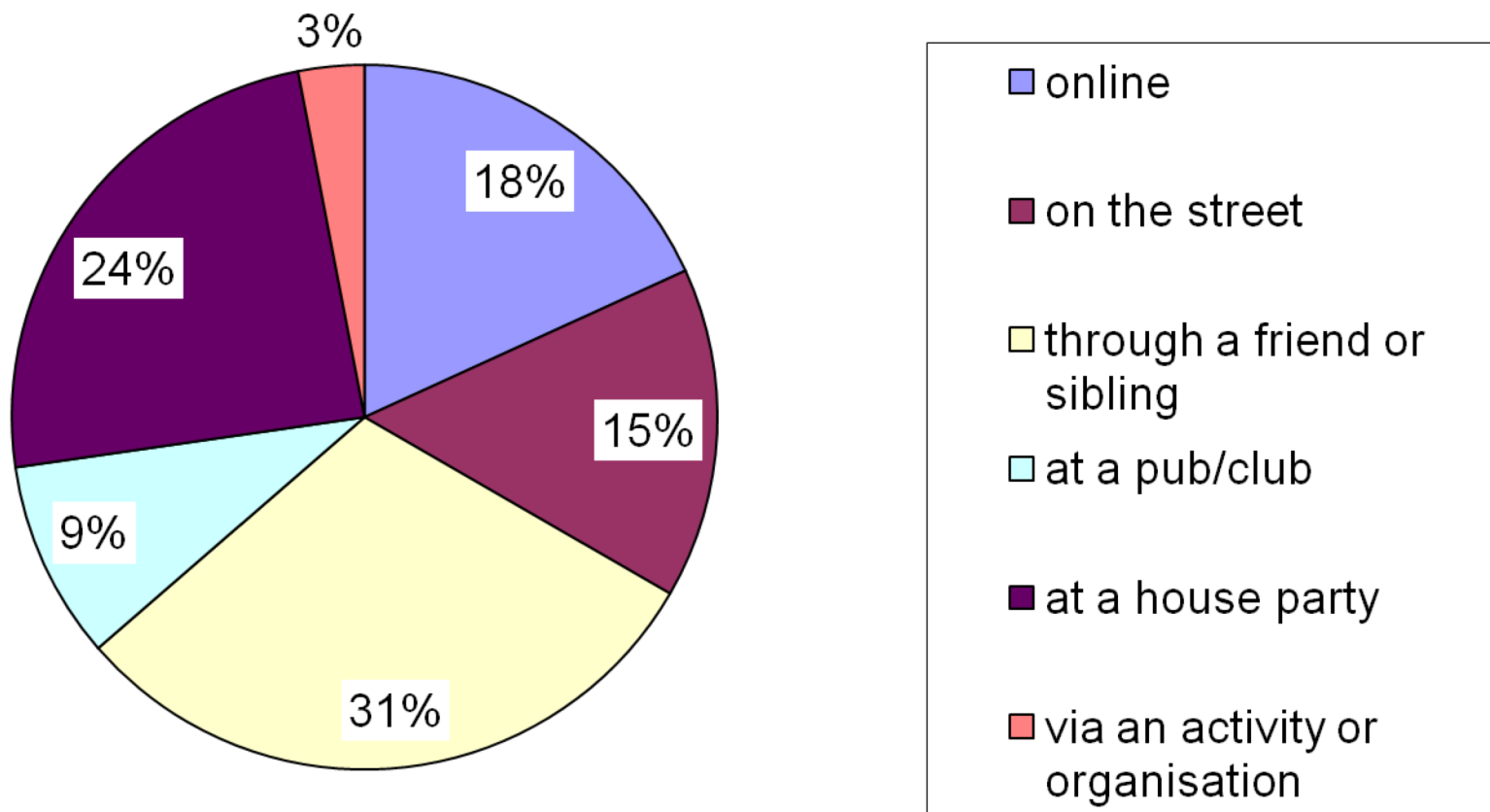
**said they had been offered
something in exchange for taking
part in sexual activity**

‘Sex’ in exchange for...

- **80%** of those who said they had been offered something in return for sexual activity, were under the age of consent when this first happened
- **40%** were offered this by someone 5 or more years older than them

'Sex' in exchange for...

Initial Contact - Sex in Exchange



62%

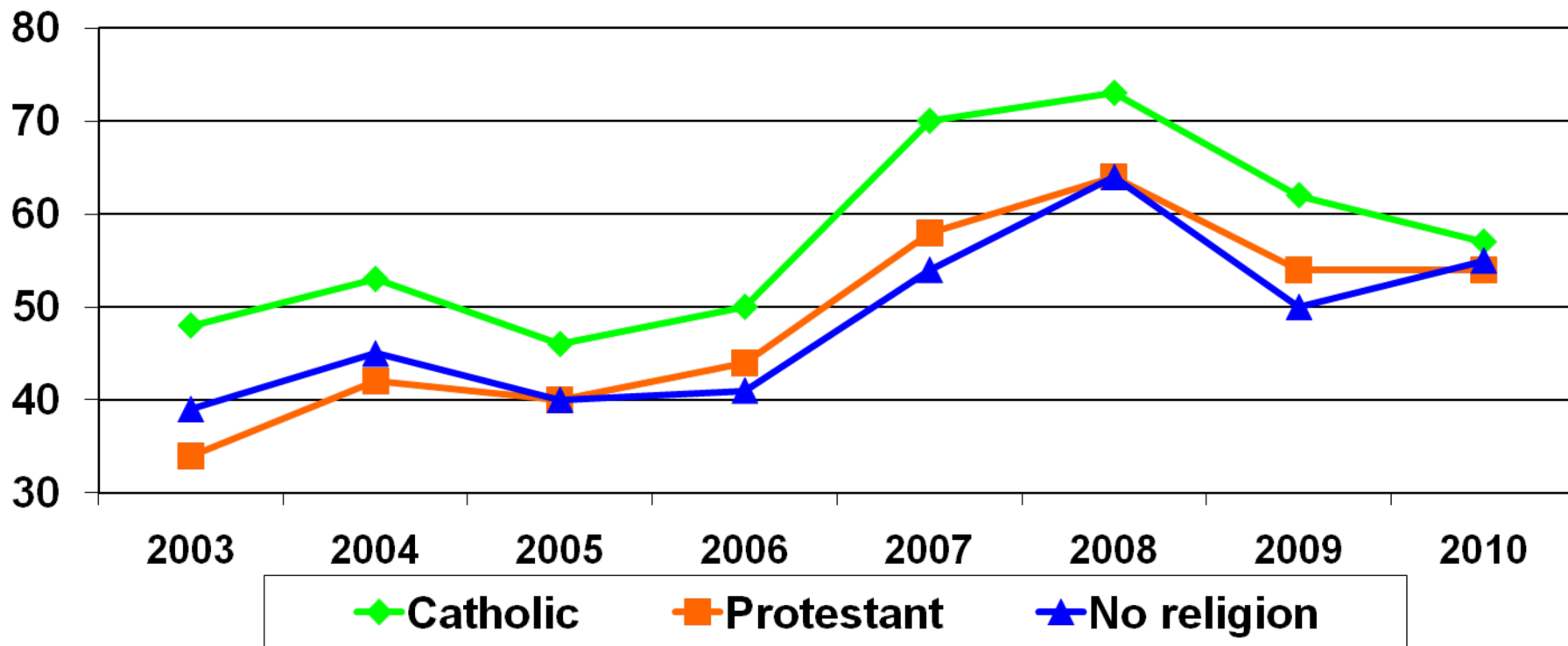
of those who were offered something in return for sexual activity, did not tell a parent or anyone in a position of authority that this had happened



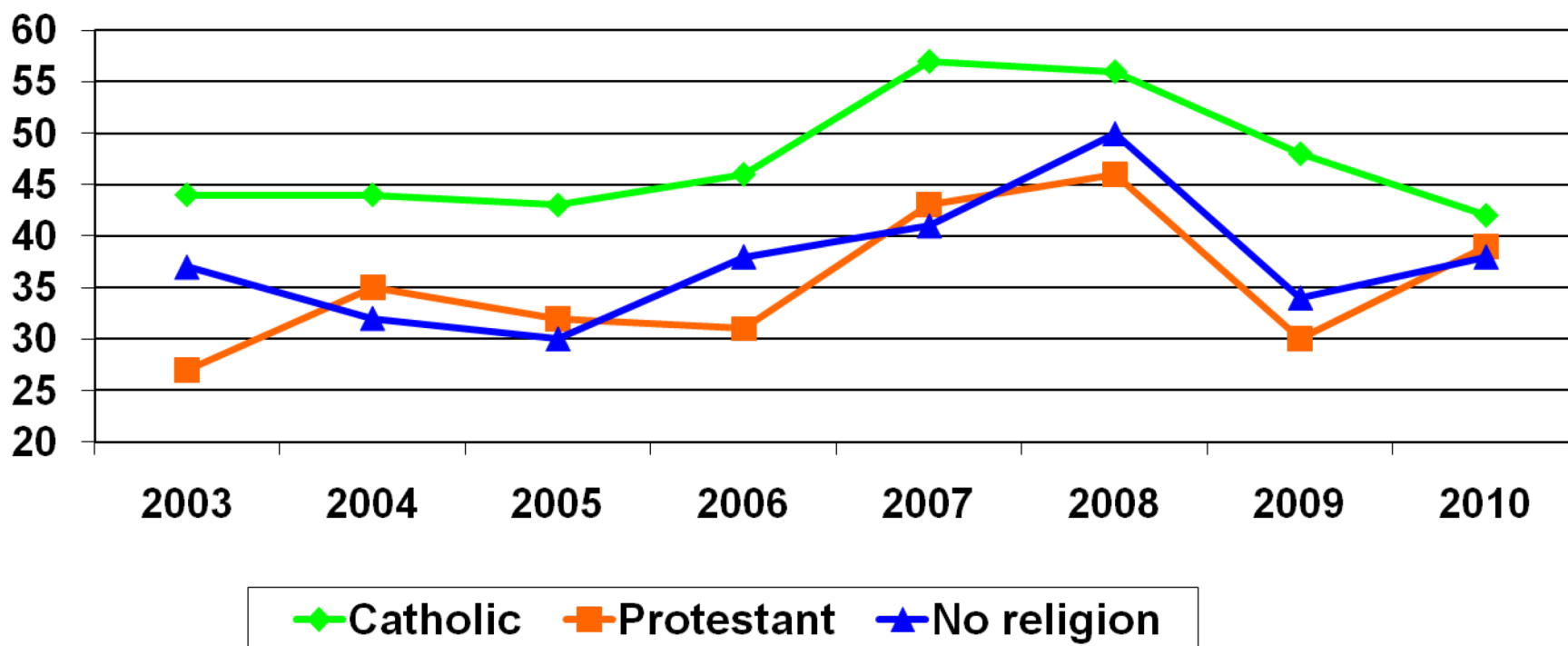
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Community Relations

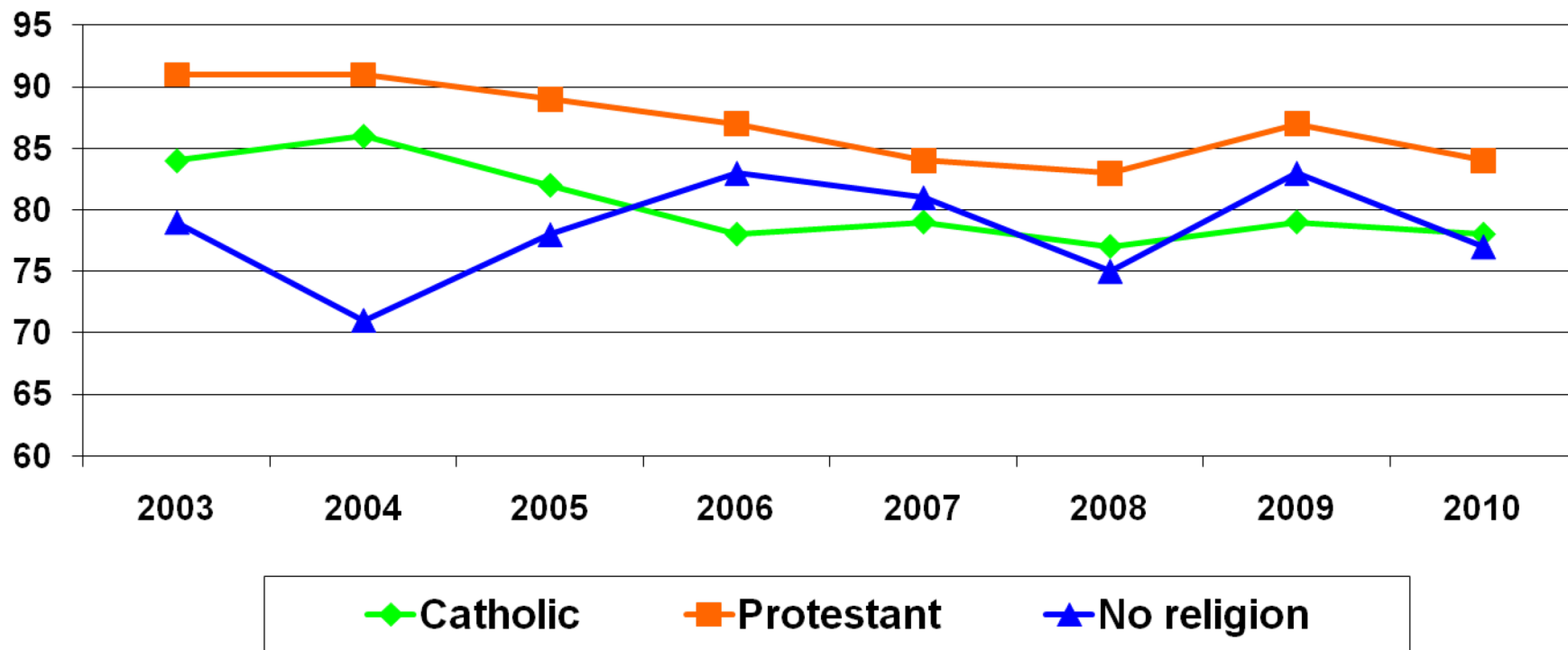
Respondents saying relations between Catholics and Protestants are better now than 5 years ago (%)



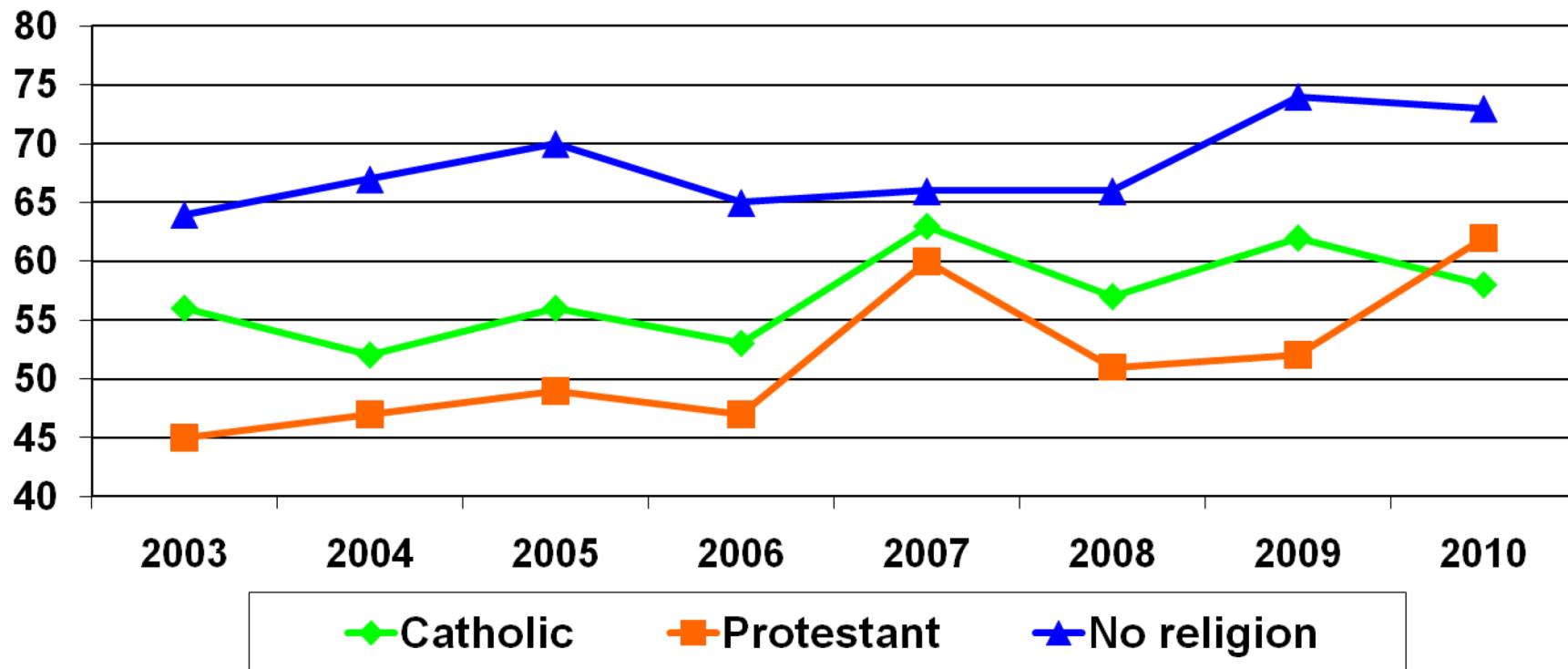
Respondents saying that relations between Catholics and Protestants will be better in 5 years than now (%)



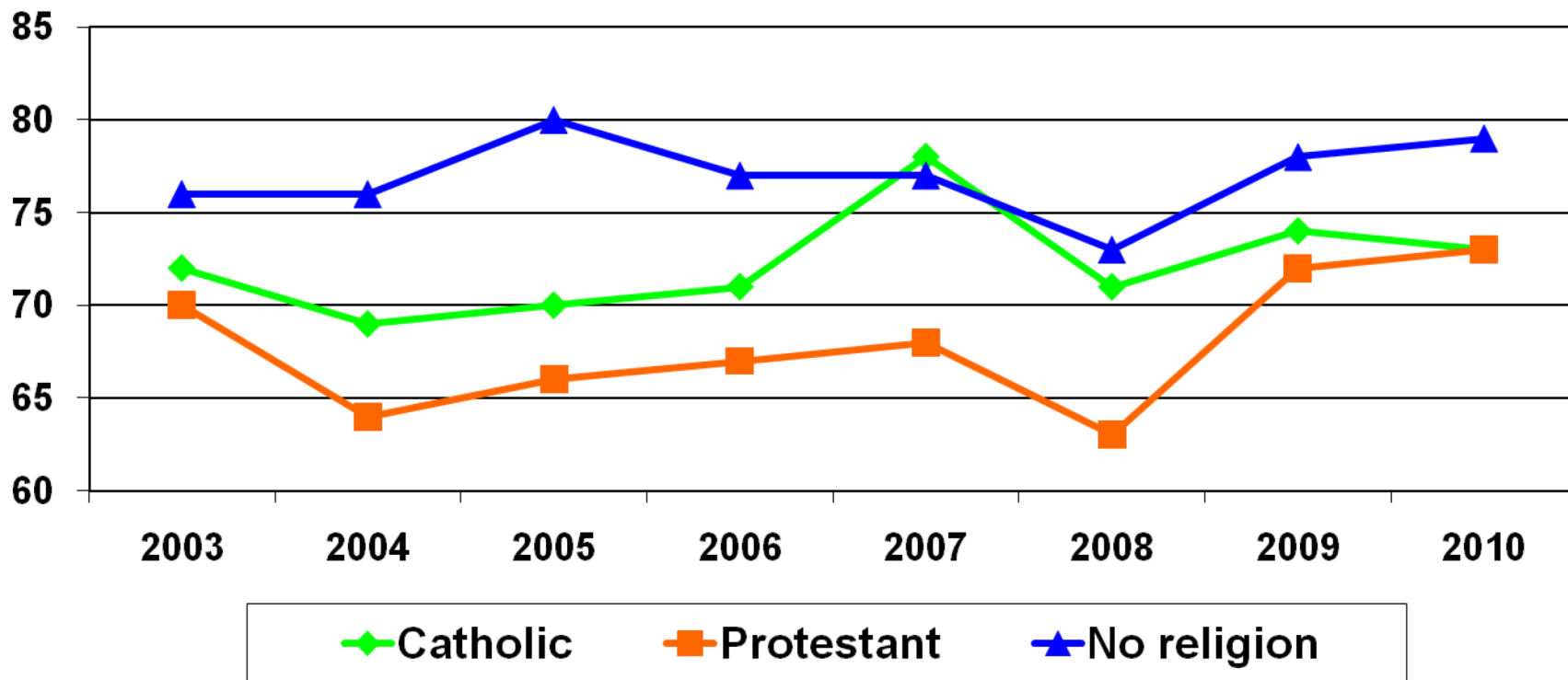
Respondents saying that religion will always make a difference to the way people feel about each other in Northern Ireland



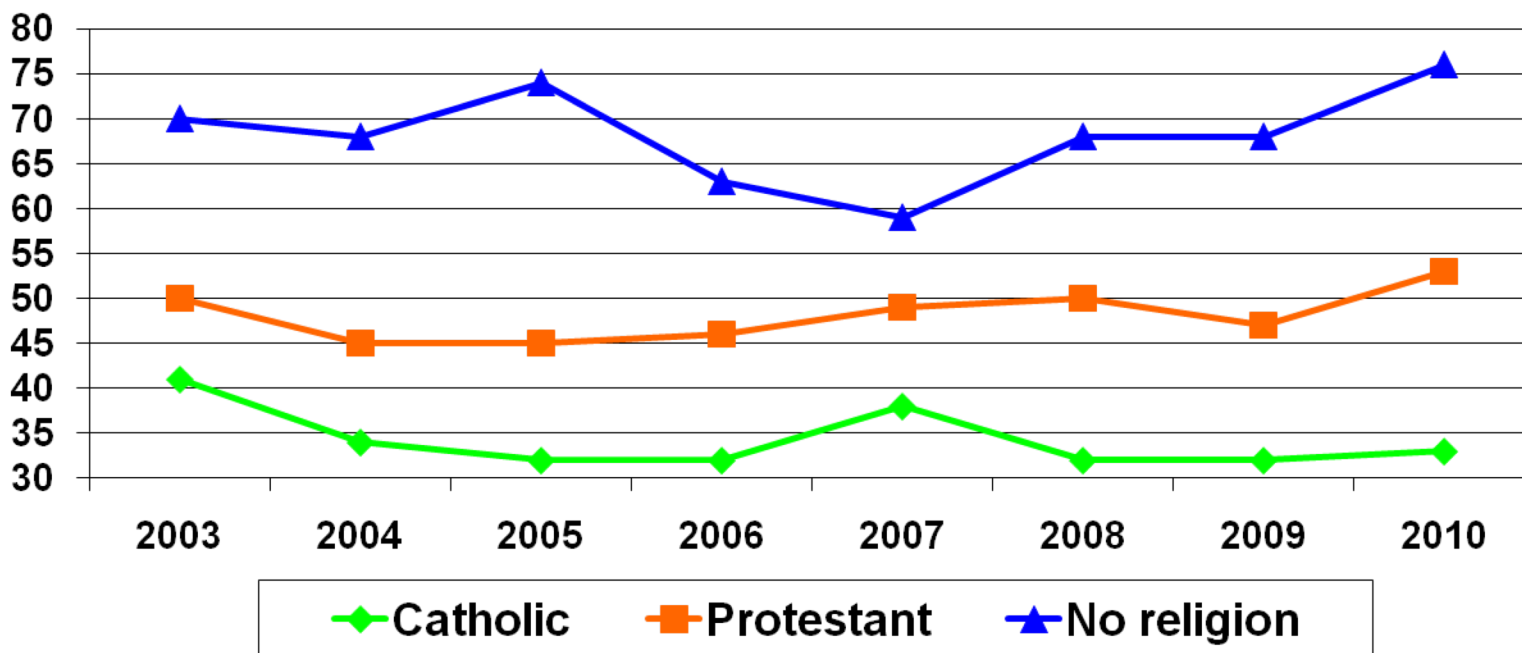
Respondents saying they prefer to live in religiously mixed neighbourhoods (%)



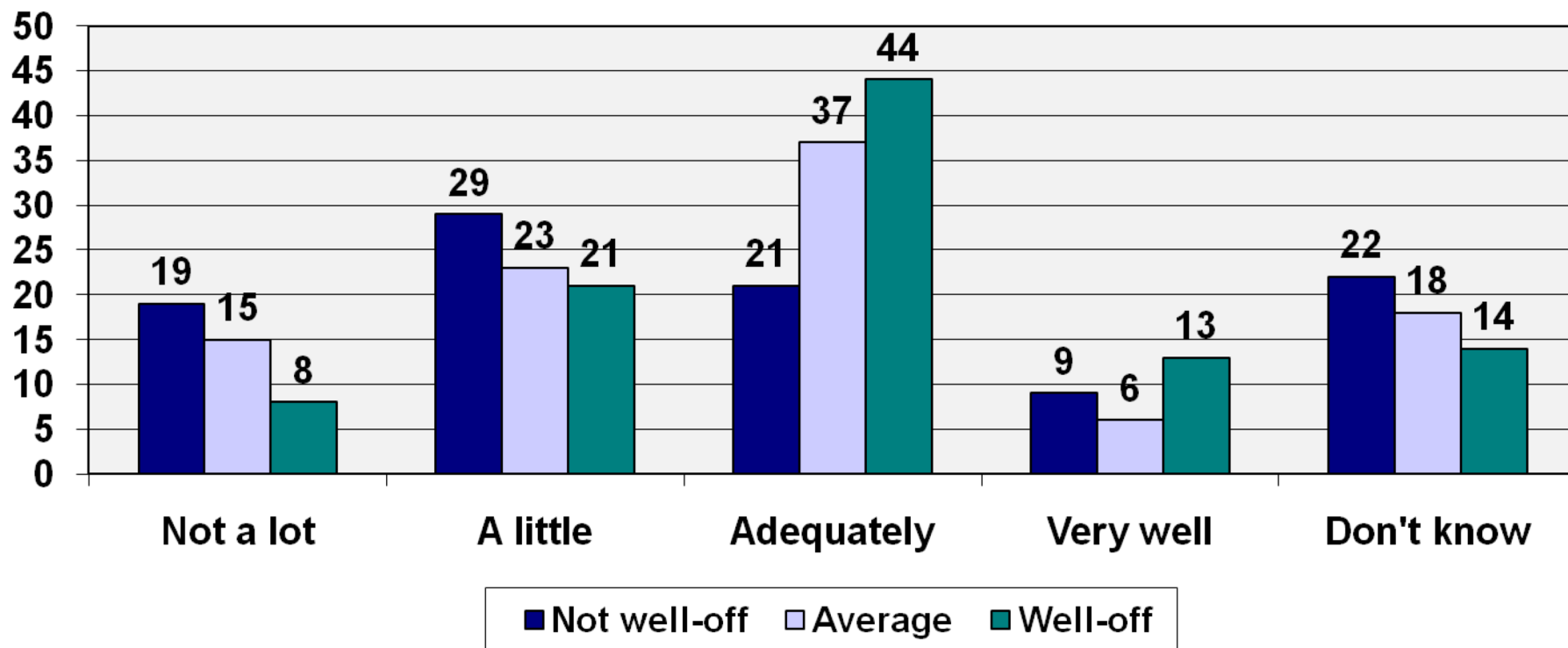
Respondents they prefer to work in religiously mixed workplaces (%)



Respondents they would prefer to send their children to religiously mixed schools (%)



How well does the government protect your rights as a young person (%)?





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Forthcoming projects



- **Research Update on Caring - comparing NILT, YLT and KLT data (13th June 2011)**
- **Planning of 2011 YLT survey**



Questions and Thank you!