Public and MSPs' attitudes to the climate emergency

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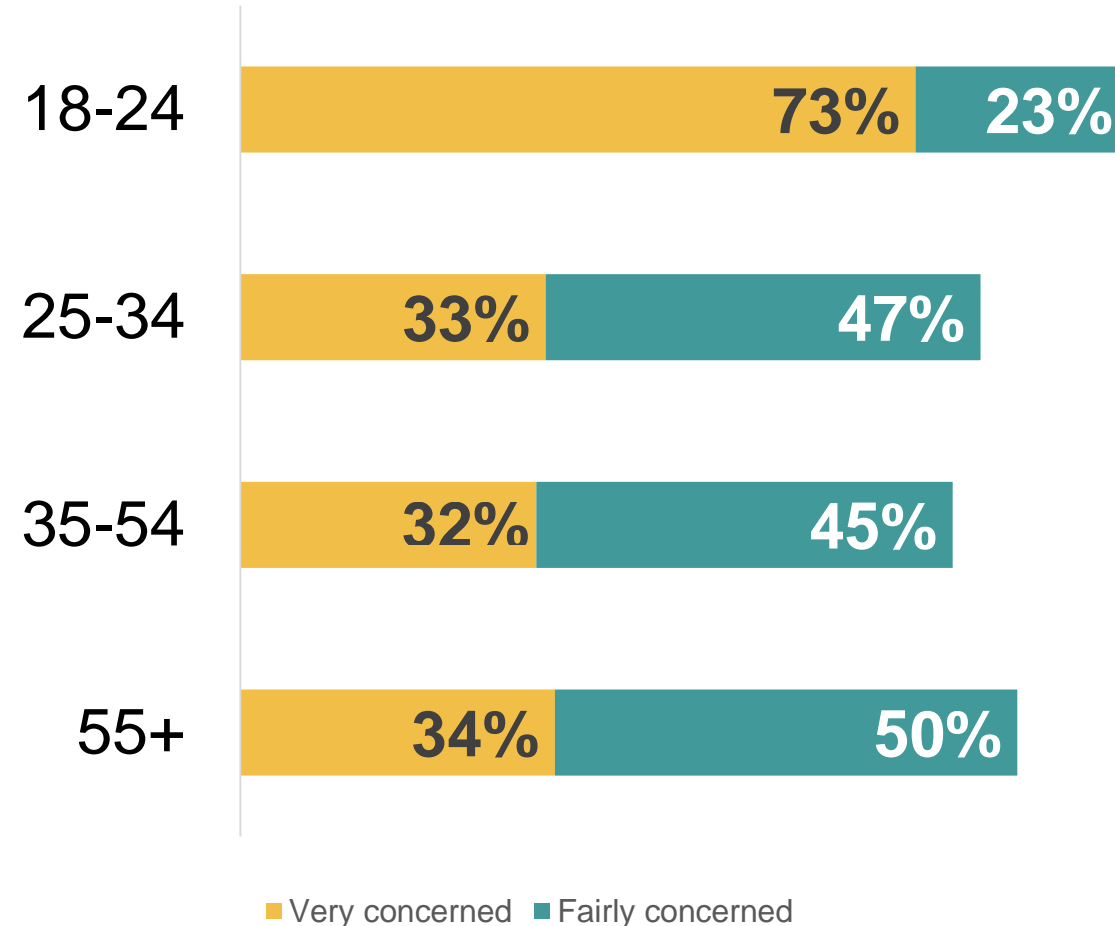**Ipsos MORI**

84%

of the Scottish public are concerned about climate change

(including 38% who are *very* concerned)

Concern about climate change – by age

How concerned, if at all, are you about climate change, sometimes referred to as 'global warming'?
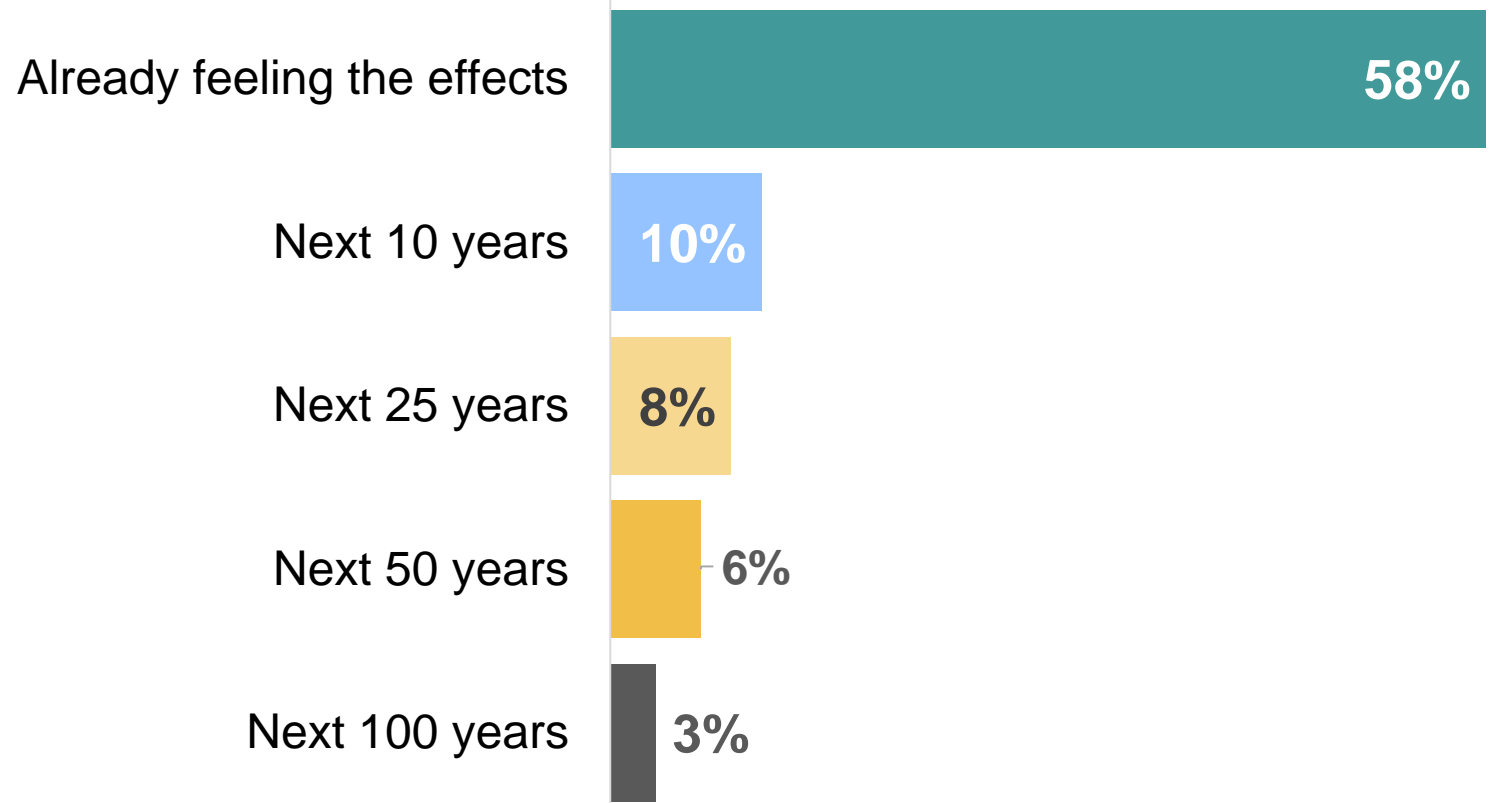
18-24   **73%** **23%**

25-34   **33%** **47%**

35-54   **32%** **45%**

55+   **34%** **50%**

■ Very concerned ■ Fairly concerned

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Feeling the effects of climate change

When, if at all, do you think Scotland will start feeling the effects of climate change, sometimes referred to as 'global warming'?

Already feeling the effects **58%**

Next 10 years **10%**

Next 25 years **8%**

Next 50 years 6%

Next 100 years 3%

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Net zero emissions by 2045

As you may know, the Scottish Government has committed to end its contribution to global warming by 2045 by bringing all carbon emissions to net zero by that date.

Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about this target?

Scotland should bring all emissions to net zero earlier than 2045 — **45%**

2045 is about the right target for Scotland to bring all emissions to net zero — **25%**

Scotland should bring all emissions to net zero later than 2045 — **7%**

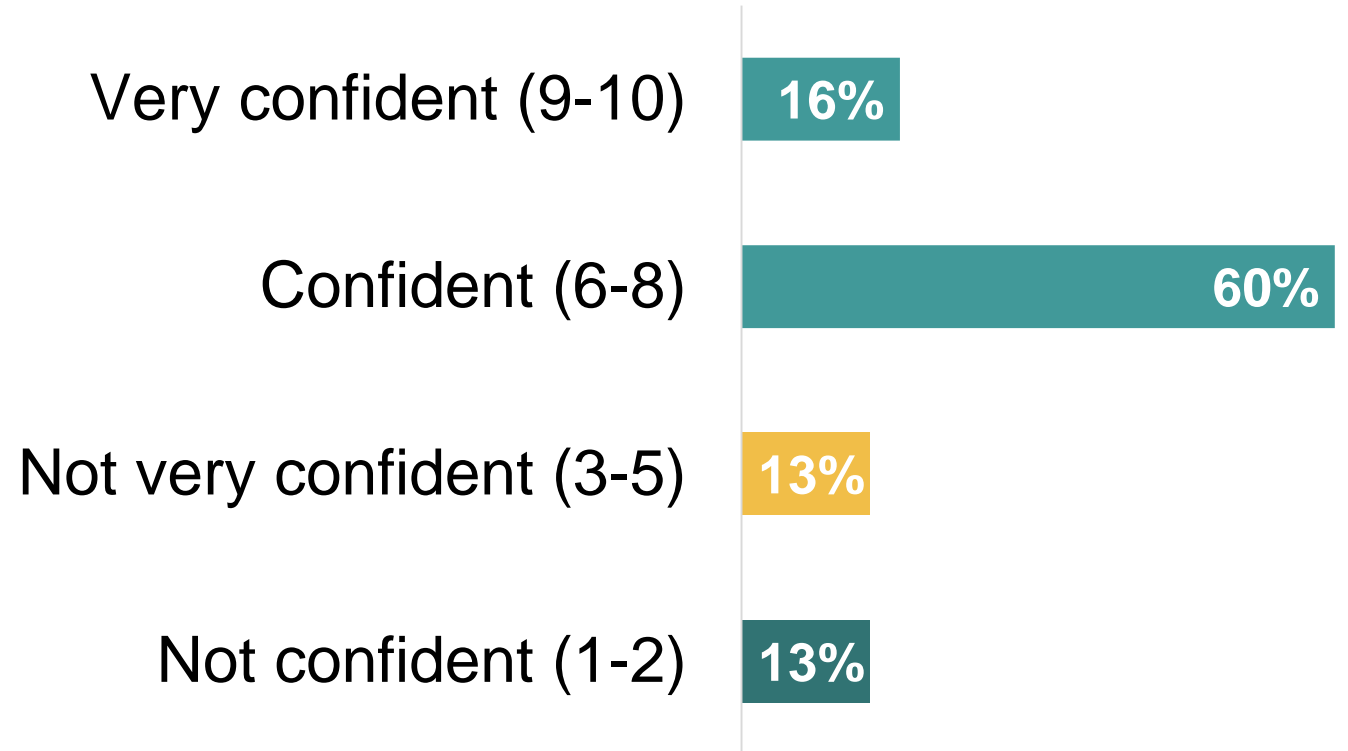Scotland should not have a target to bring all emissions to net zero — **9%**

Don't know — **14%**

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MSPs relatively confident that net zero will be achieved by 2045

How confident do you feel that Scotland will meet the target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2045, where 10 is very confident and 1 is not confident at all?
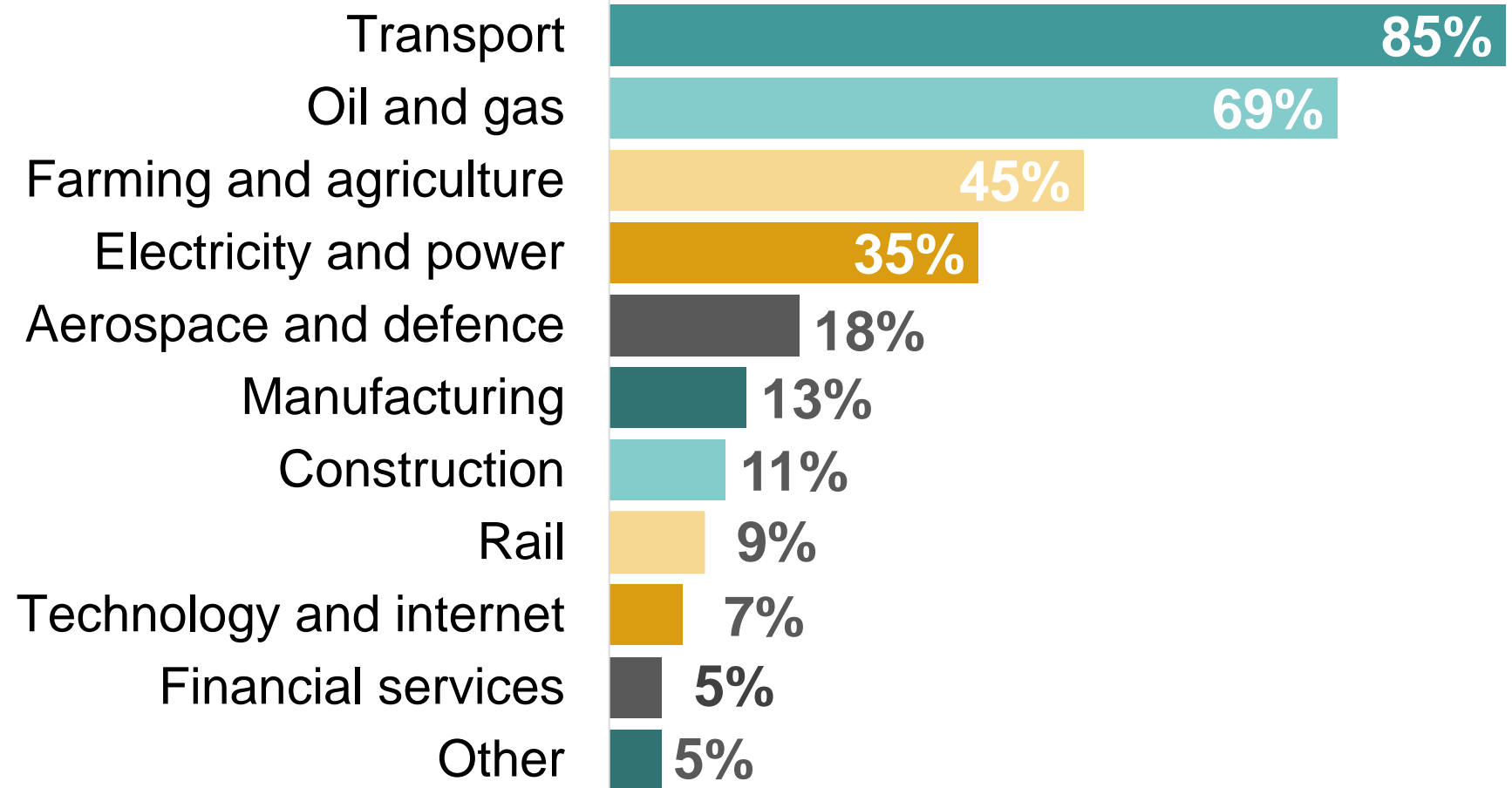
Very confident (9-10) **16%**

Confident (6-8) **60%**

Not very confident (3-5) **13%**

Not confident (1-2) **13%**

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MSPs see transport as a key sector for change

Which industries do you think will need to implement the most change to achieve this?

% of MSPs who mentioned each industry as one of the three industries where most change will be needed
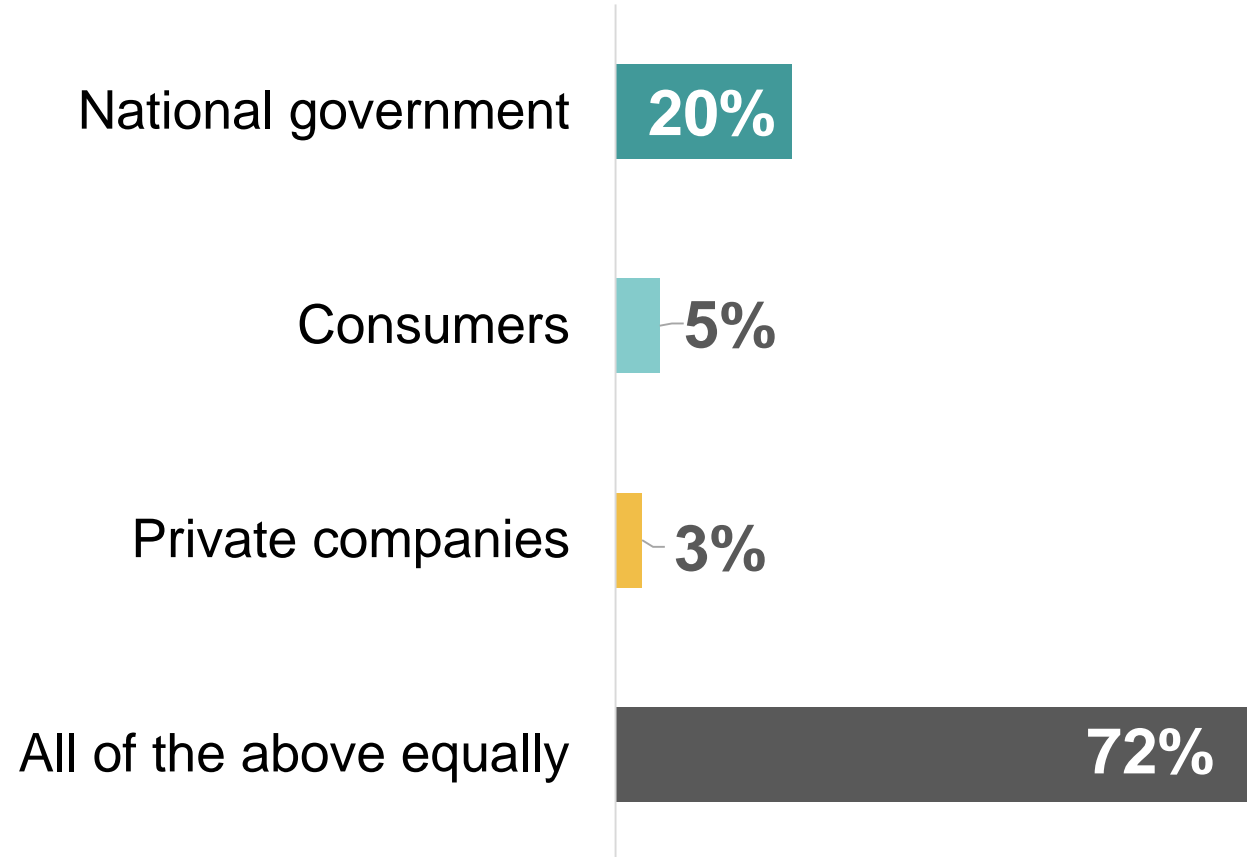
Industry	%
Transport	85%
Oil and gas	69%
Farming and agriculture	45%
Electricity and power	35%
Aerospace and defence	18%
Manufacturing	13%
Construction	11%
Rail	9%
Technology and internet	7%
Financial services	5%
Other	5%

Base: 55 Members of the Scottish Parliament, interviewed 14 September – 20 December 2019

Source: Ipsos MORI Annual Survey of MSPs

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Everyone has responsibility, according to MSPs

Who if anybody, do you believe should take most responsibility for finding a way to take better care of the environment?

National government **20%**

Consumers **5%**

Private companies **3%**

All of the above equally **72%**

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