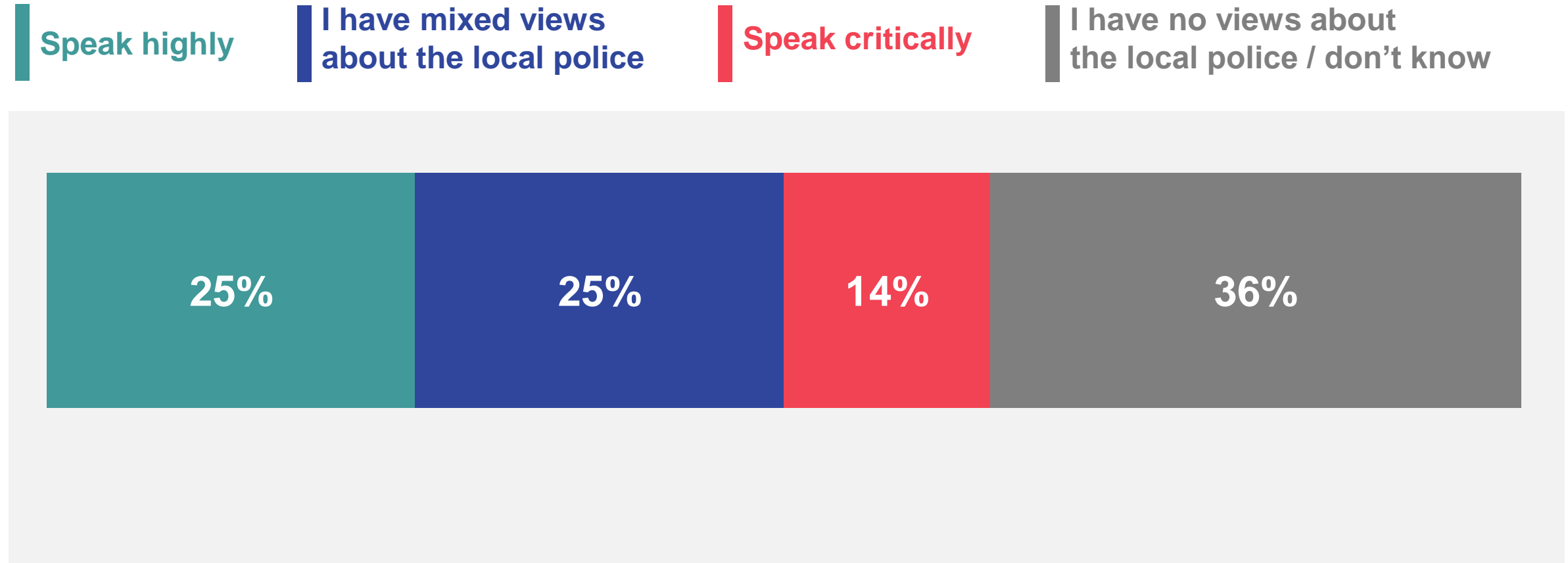


Public perceptions of local policing and the police

Fieldwork: March 2022

One in four (25%) would speak highly of their local police

Thinking now about the police in your local area, which of these phrases best describes the way you would speak about them to other people?

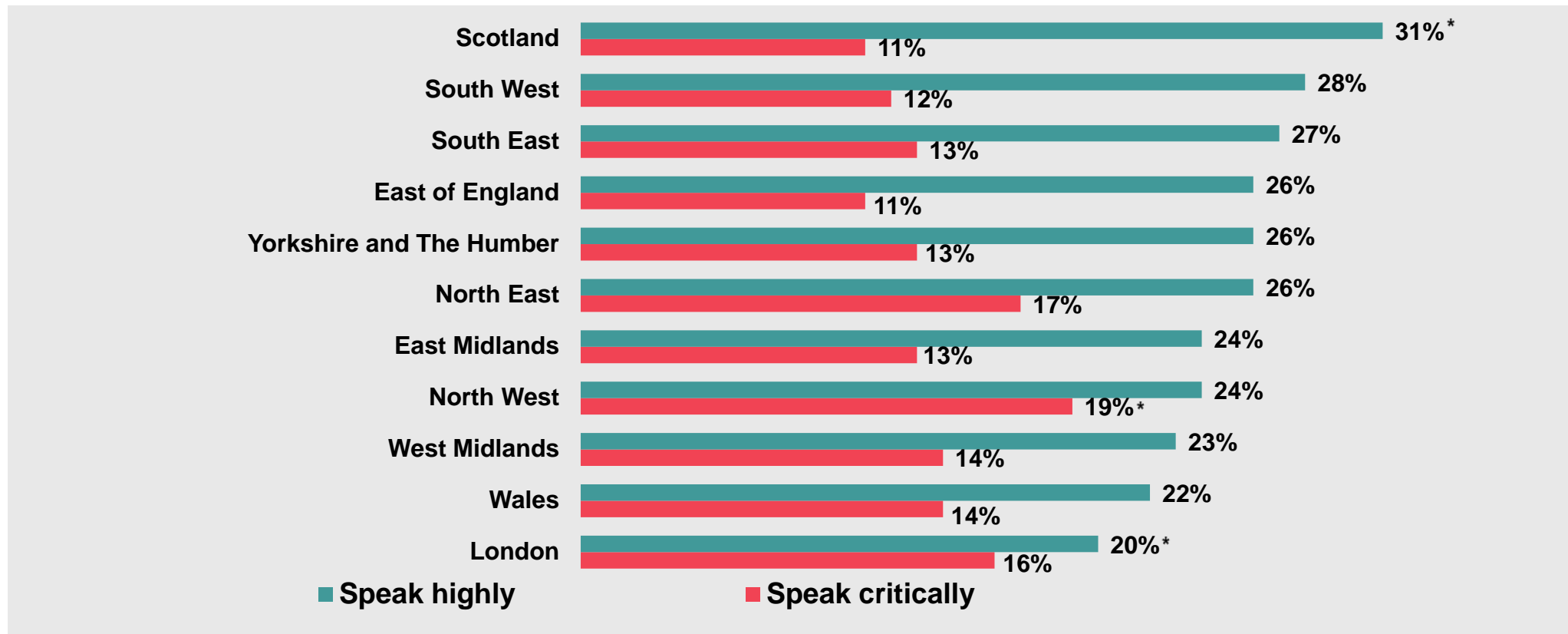


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People in Scotland are more likely to speak highly of the police, while Londoners are least likely

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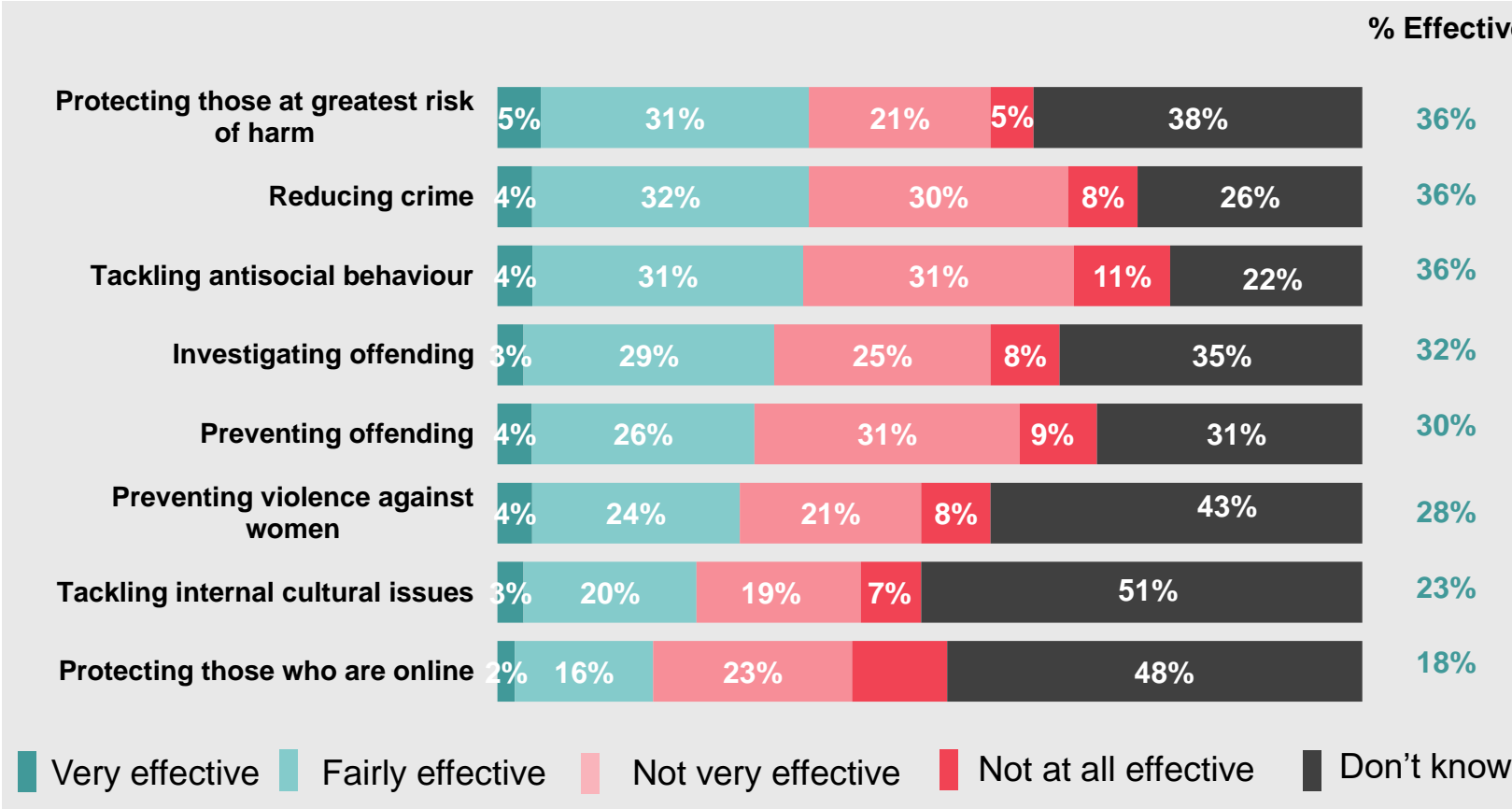
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Respondents from Scotland (439), Wales (223), North East (192), North West (507), Yorkshire and the Humber (425), East Midlands (385), West Midlands (410), East of England (453), South East (658), South West (450), London (567)

Public view local police as most effective at protecting those at greatest risk of harm (36%), but least effective at protecting those online (18%)

In the past 12 months how effective, if at all, do you think the police in your local area have been at each of the following?

- People view local police as most effective at protecting those at greatest risk of harm (36%), tackling anti-social behaviour (36%), and reducing crime (36%).
- The public feels local police are least effective in protecting people online (18%) and tackling internal cultural issues (23%).
- 3 in 10 (29%) think local police are not effective at preventing violence against women

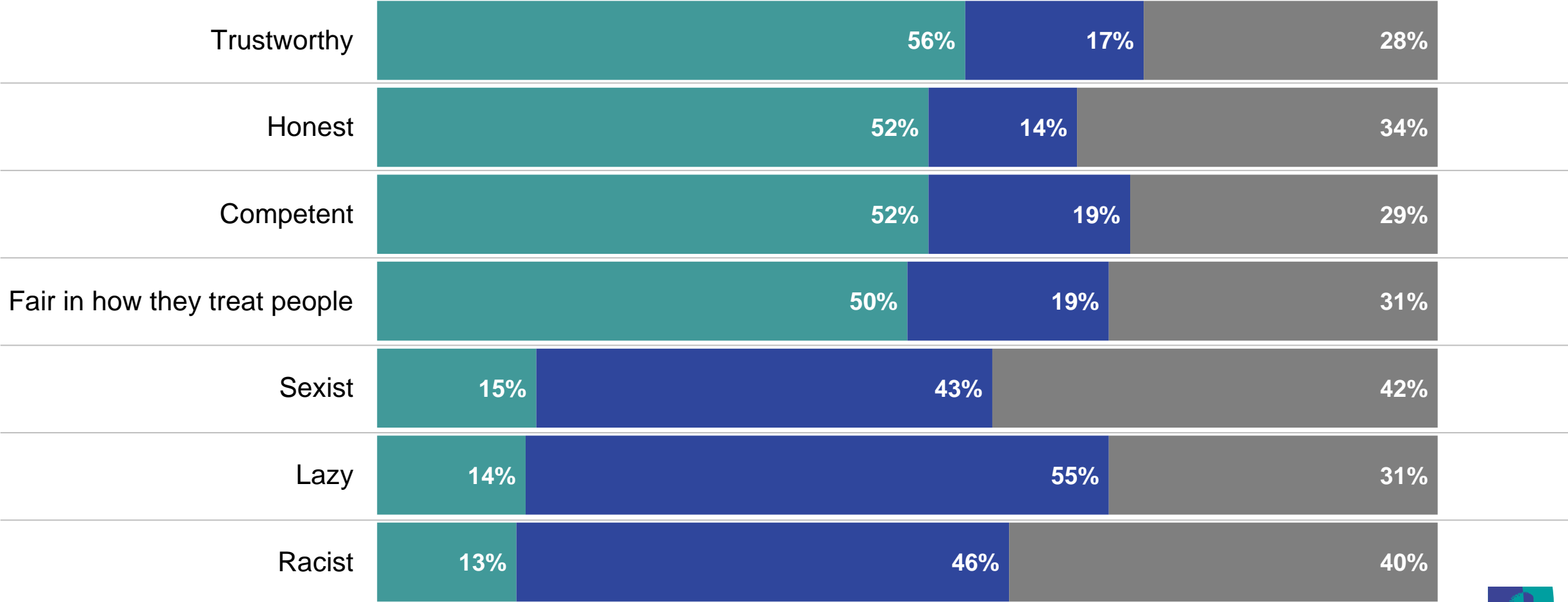


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Around half of the public think that local police officers are trustworthy, honest, competent and fair - opinions have improved since 2021

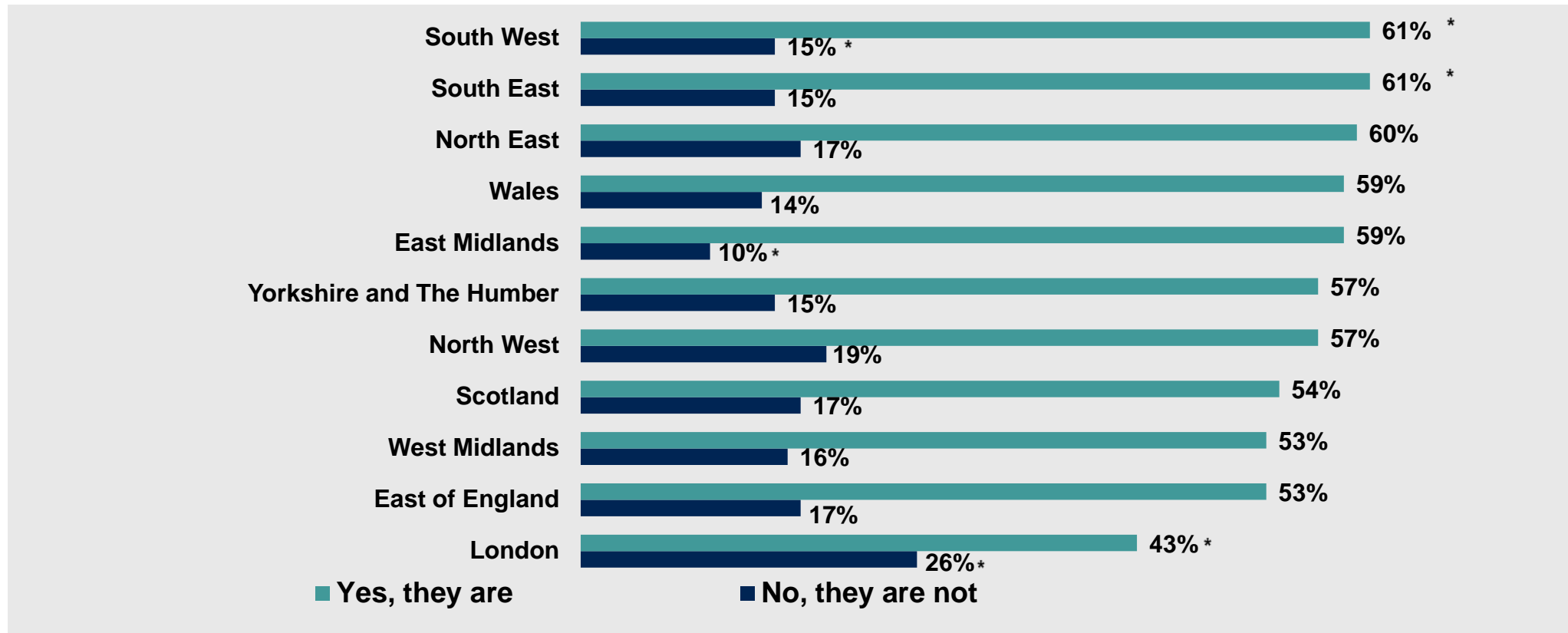
Here is a list of characteristics that a police officer may have. Thinking about the police in your local area, please indicate whether you think that, on the whole, they are or are not...?

Yes, they are No, they are not Don't know



Those in the South West and South East are more likely than average to think police in their local area are trustworthy. Whereas just 2 in 5 Londoners think this (43%)

Thinking now about the police in your local area, which of these phrases best describes the way you would speak about them to other people?



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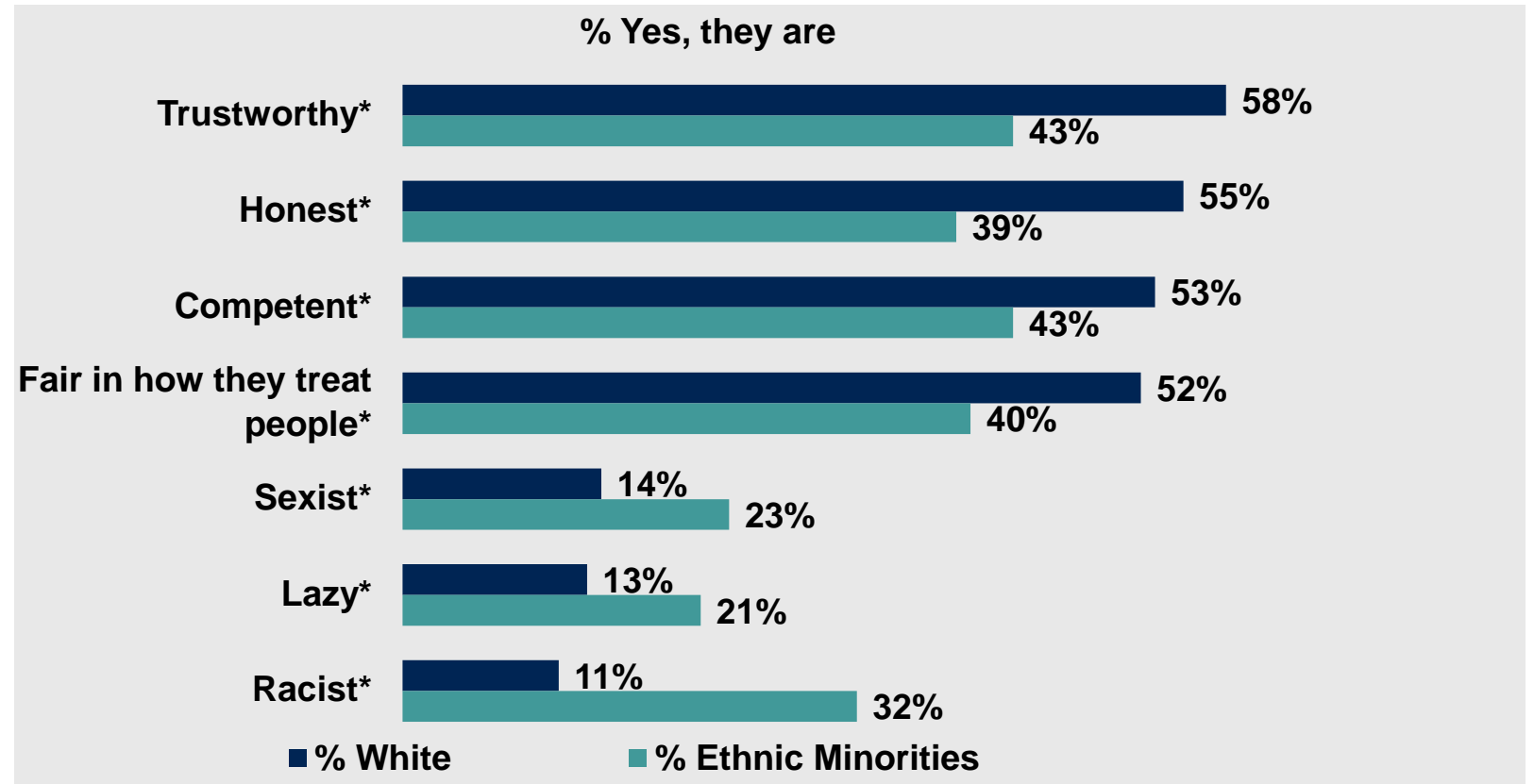
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Ethnic minorities are more likely to think police officers are racist and sexist compared to White people

Here is a list of characteristics that a police officer may have. Thinking about the police in your area, please indicate whether you think that, on the whole, they are or are not...?

- Three in ten (32%) ethnic minorities think that police officers are racist, compared with just 11% of White people.
- White people hold more positive views of police officers; half or more think they are trustworthy, honest, fair in how they treat people, and competent. This is lower among ethnic minority respondents.



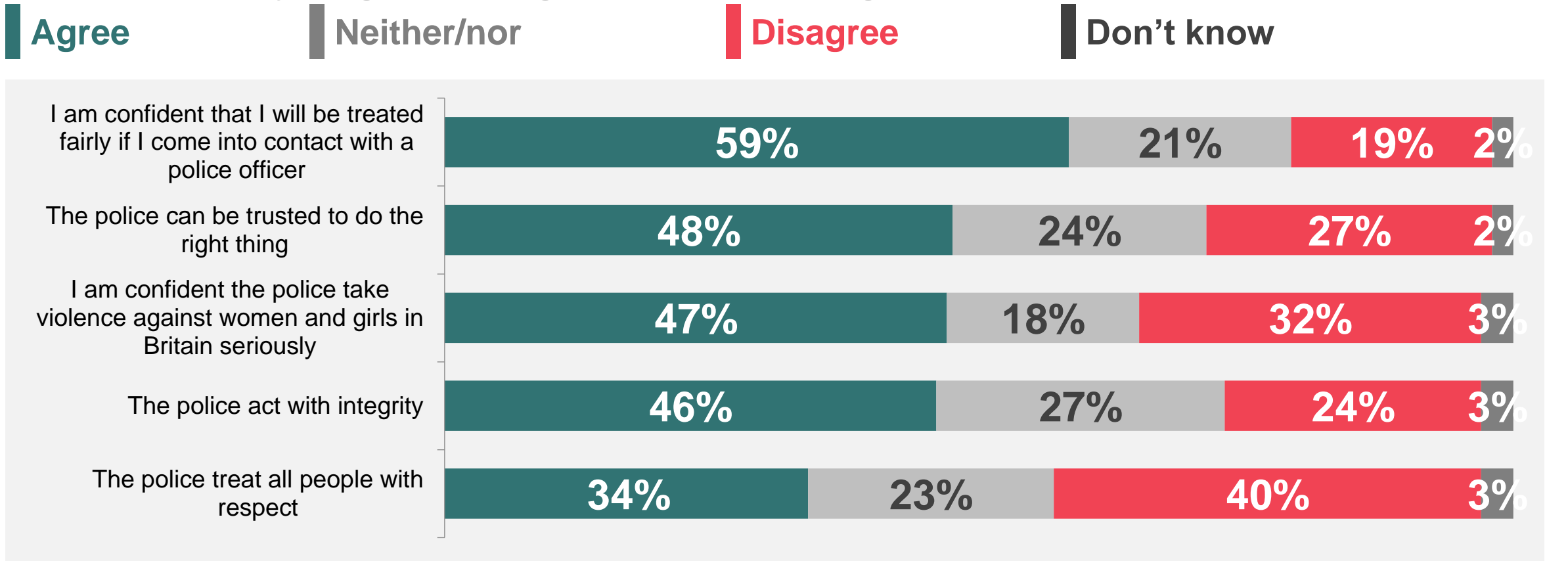
Source: Ipsos 2022

Base 2022: Respondents from White ethnic groups (3870), respondents from ethnic minorities (793)

**Statistically significant difference*

The majority (59%) of Britons are confident they would be treated fairly by the police, but just one third (34%) think the police treat all people with respect

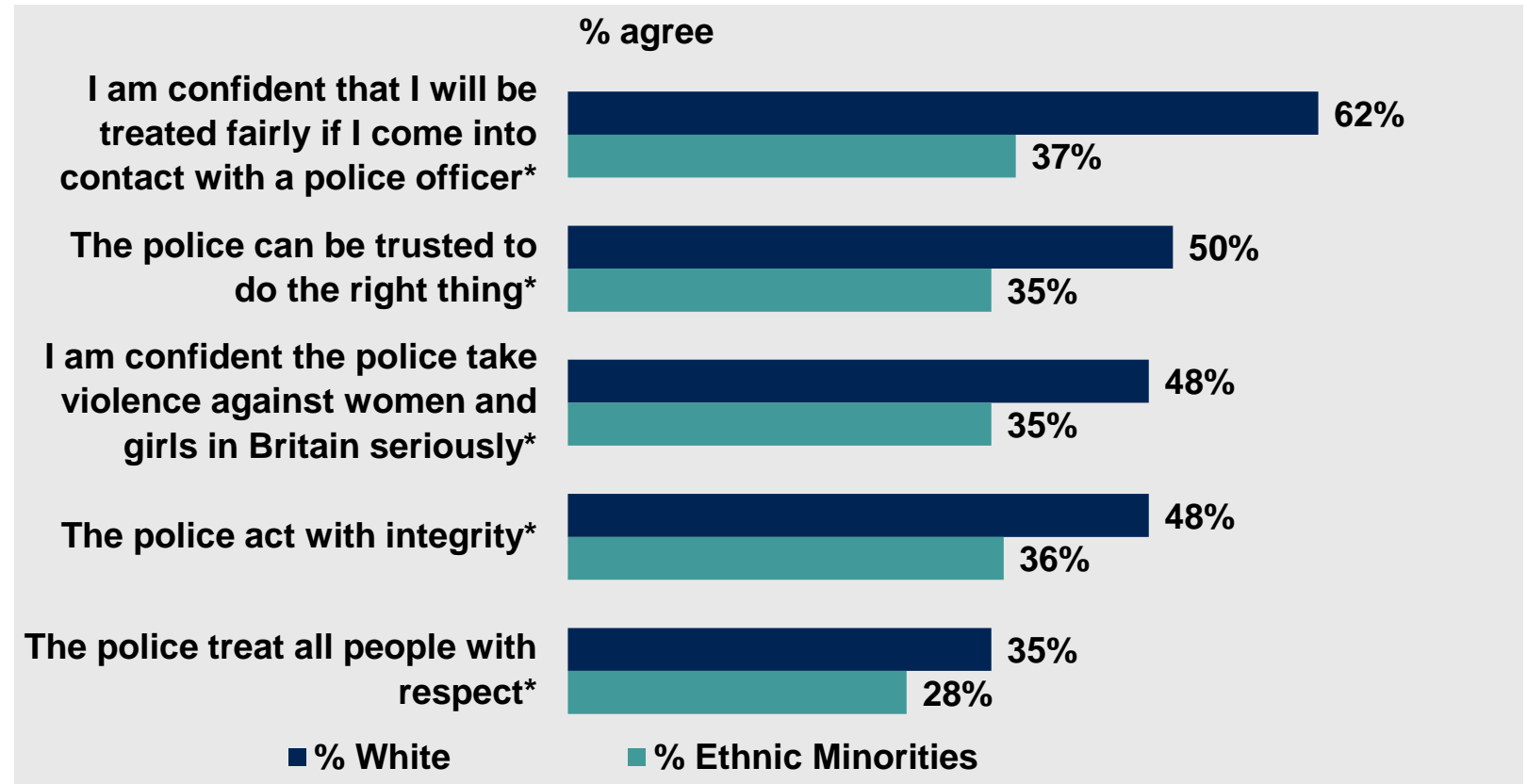
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the police in Britain...?



Ethnic minorities have less confidence and trust in the police compared to White people – just 37% think they will be treated fairly if they come in contact with a police officer

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the police in Britain...?

- Just 37% ethnic minorities are confident that they will be treated fairly if they come into contact with a police officer compared to 62% of White people.
- White people hold more positive views of police officers; around half or more think that they will be treated fairly, can be trusted to do the right thing, act with integrity and take violence against women and girls seriously



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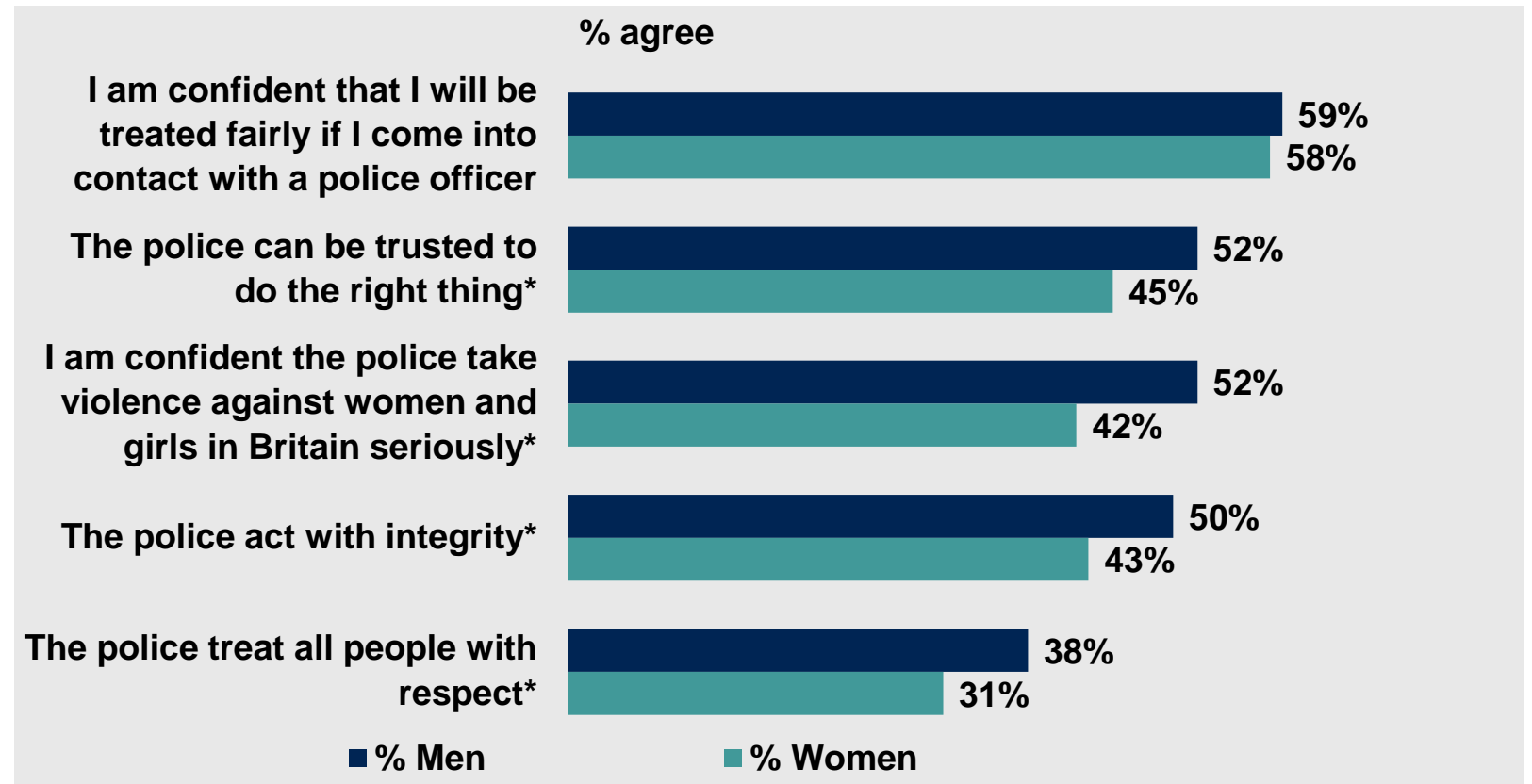
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Women are less likely to think the police take violence against women and girls seriously in Britain compared to men

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the police in Britain...?

- Men are more confident the police take violence against women and girls in Britain seriously
- Women are less likely to think that the police treat all people with respect and that they can be trusted to do the right thing



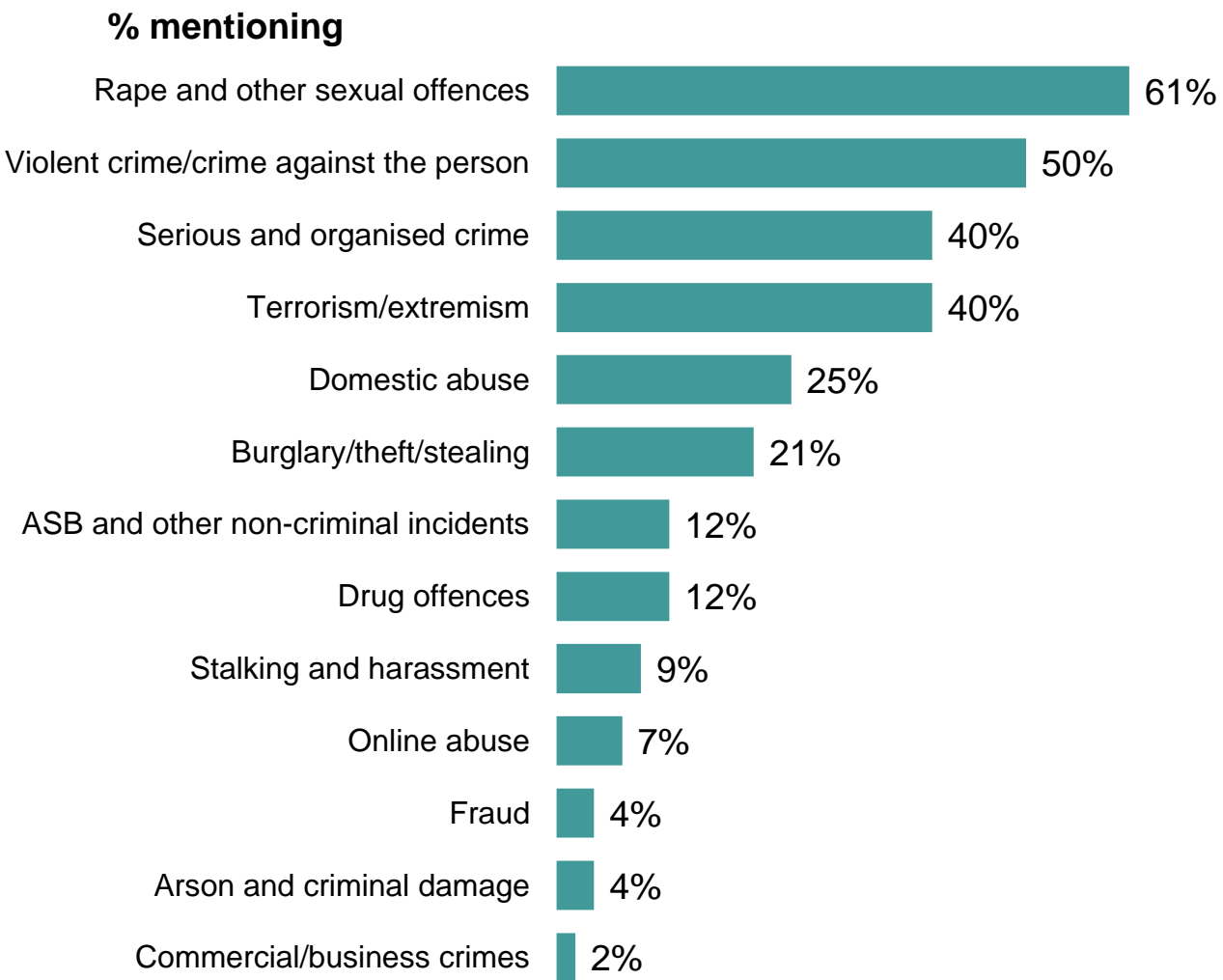
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Female respondents (2256), Male respondents (2422)

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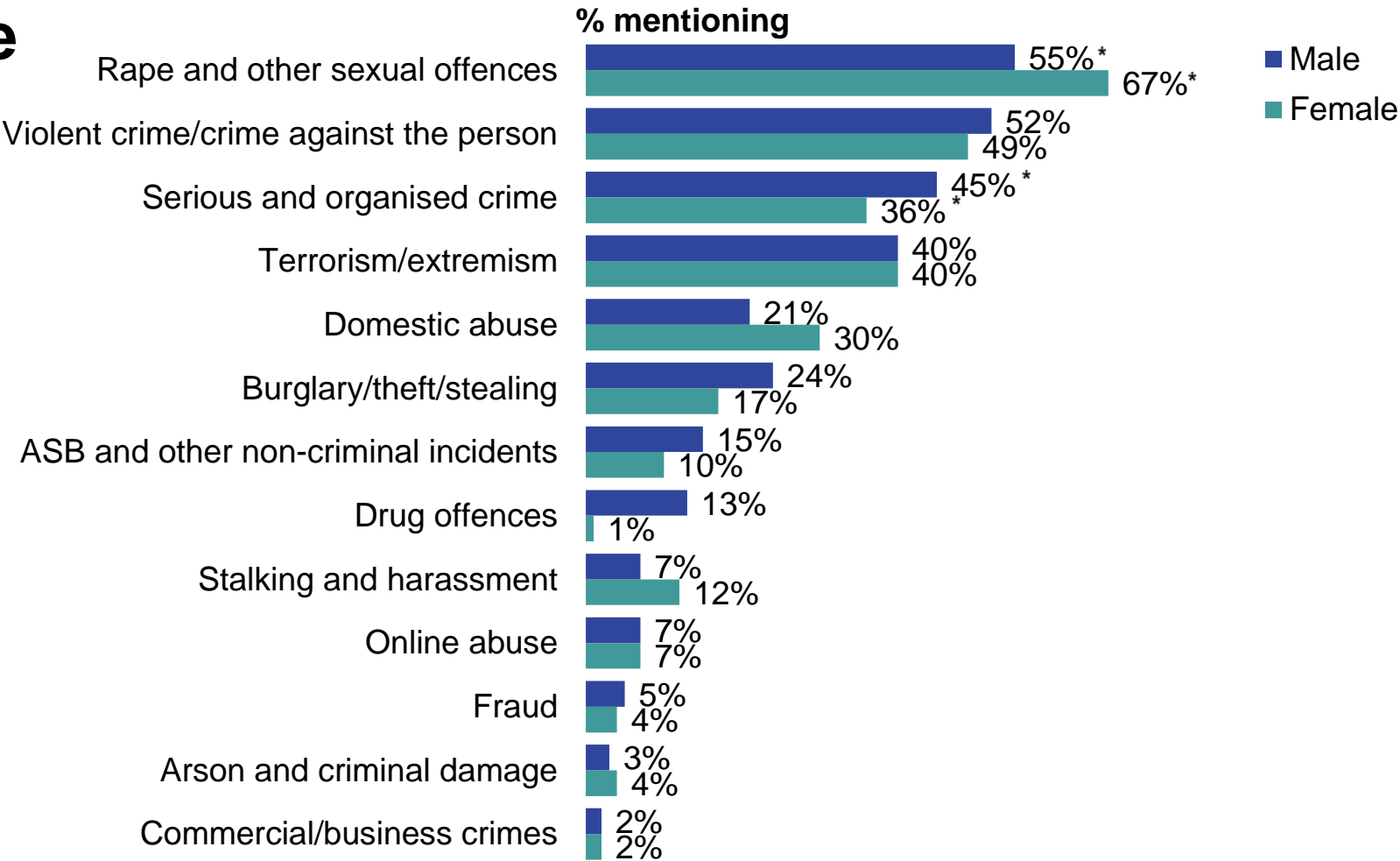
Britons are most likely to think the police should prioritise rape and sexual offences and violent crime

Which three of the following types of crime/anti-social behaviour do you think police across Britain should prioritise?



More women than men think the police should prioritise rape and other sexual offences

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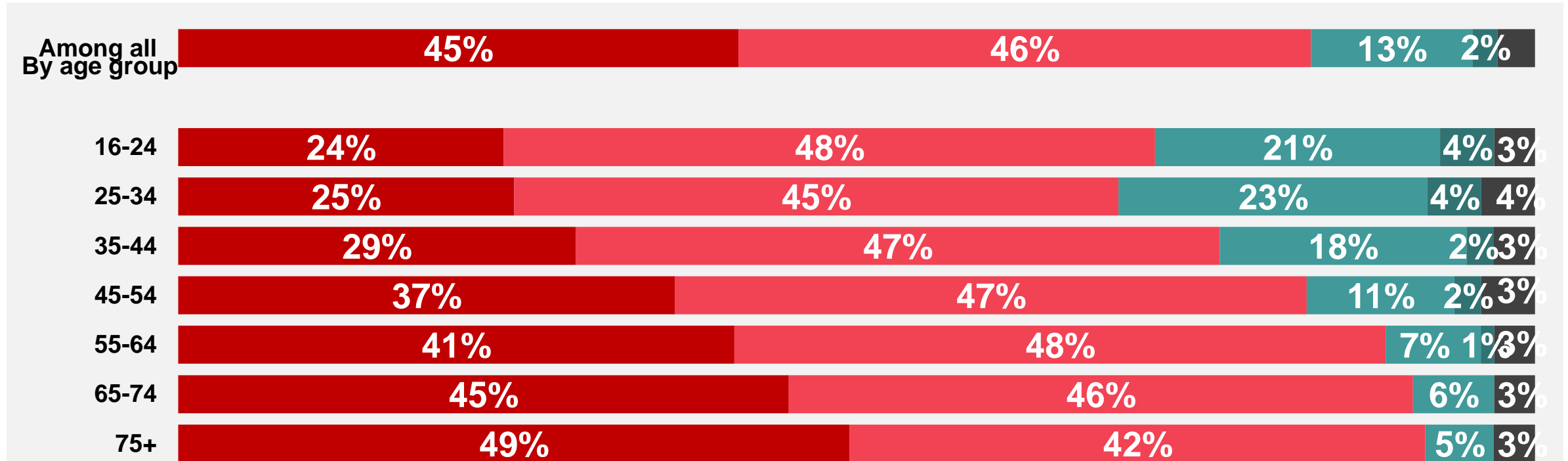
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**Statistically higher or lower*

Four in 5 (81%) think drug use is a serious problem in Britain. Older age groups are more likely think this than younger age groups.

To what extent, if at all, do you consider drug use to be a serious problem in Britain?

Very serious **Fairly serious** **Not very serious** **Not at all serious** **Don't know**

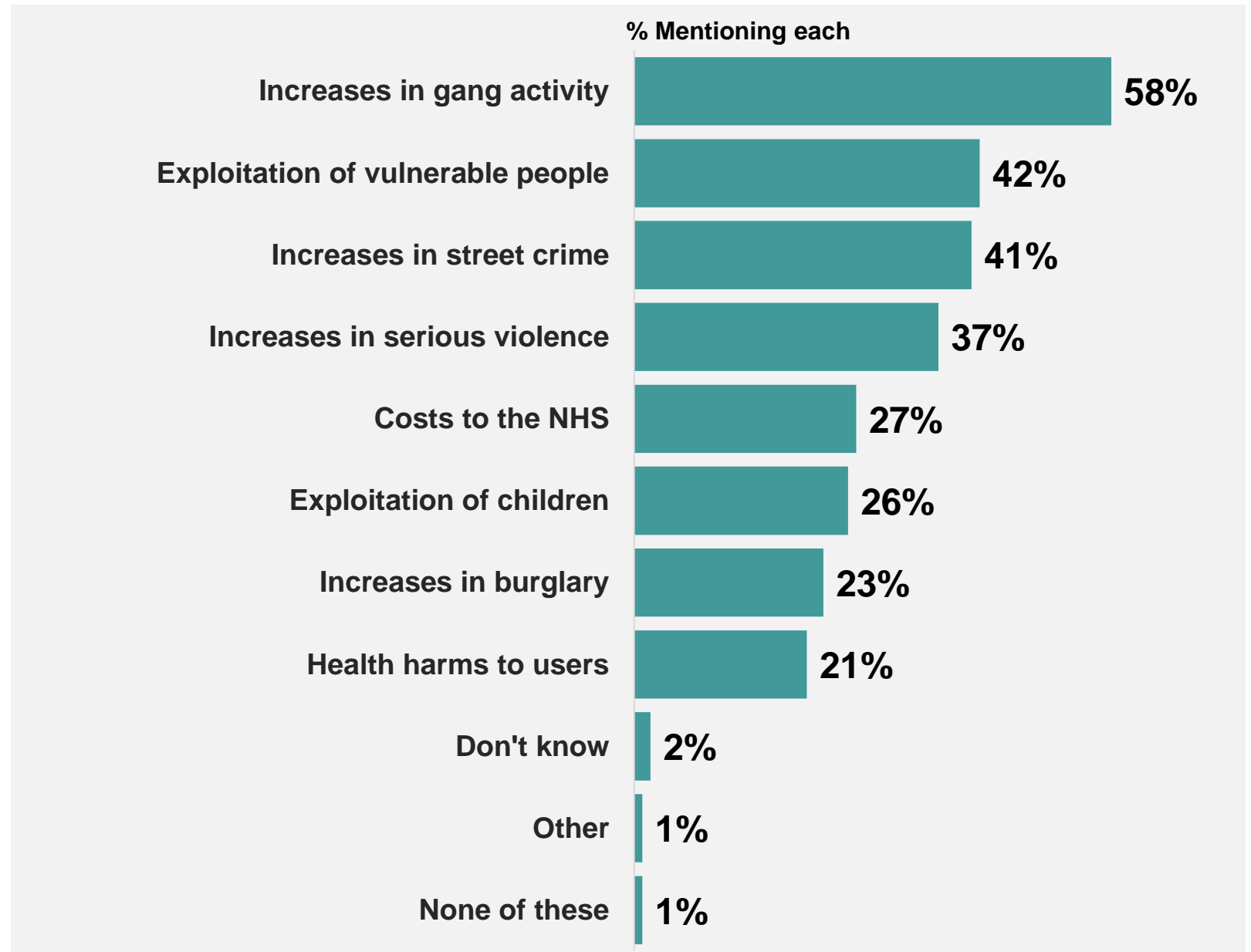


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Increases in gang activity is thought to be the largest impact that drug use is having on society

Of the following, which two or three, if any, do you think are the largest impacts that drug use in Britain is having on society?

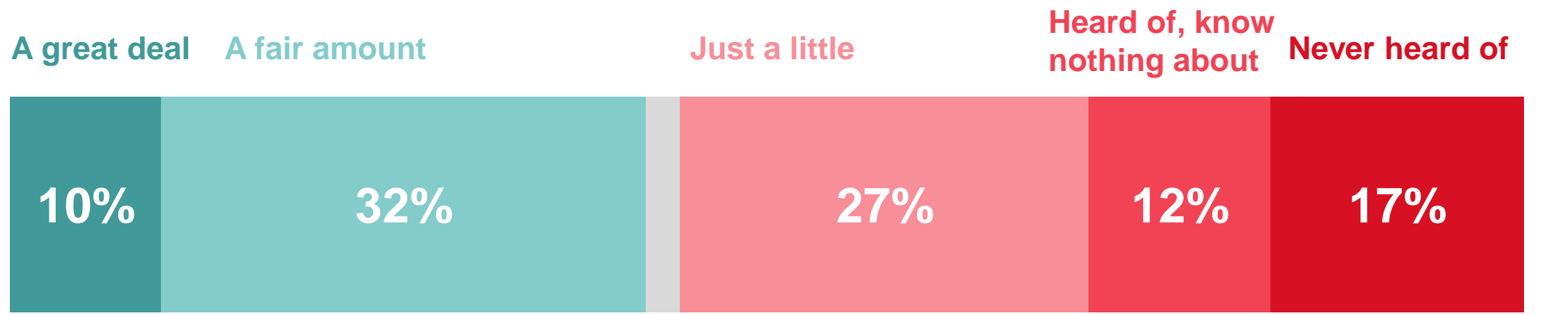


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Three in 10 (29%) Britons have never heard of, or know nothing about, county lines

How much, if anything, have you heard about county lines?



Great deal/fair amount: 43%

Know nothing about/ never heard of : 29%

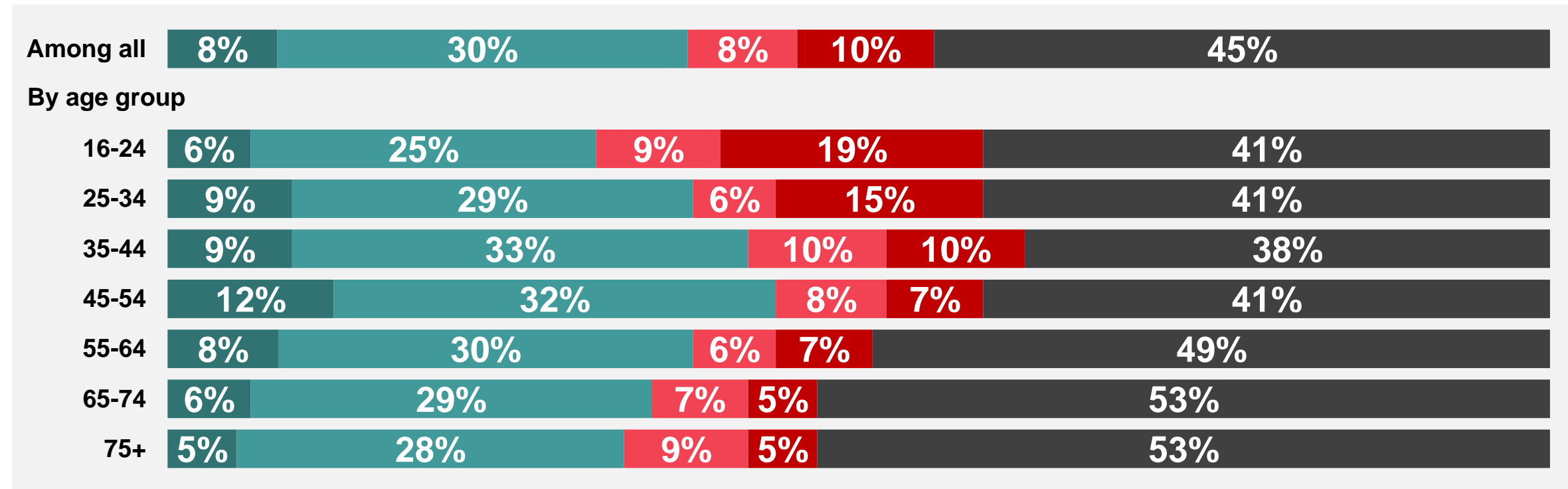
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Nearly 2 in 5 (38%) think county lines operate in their local area – this is lower among 16-24 year olds

To the best of your knowledge, to what extent, if at all, do county lines operate in your local area?

Yes, to a great extent Yes, to some extent Yes, but hardly at all No, not at all Don't know



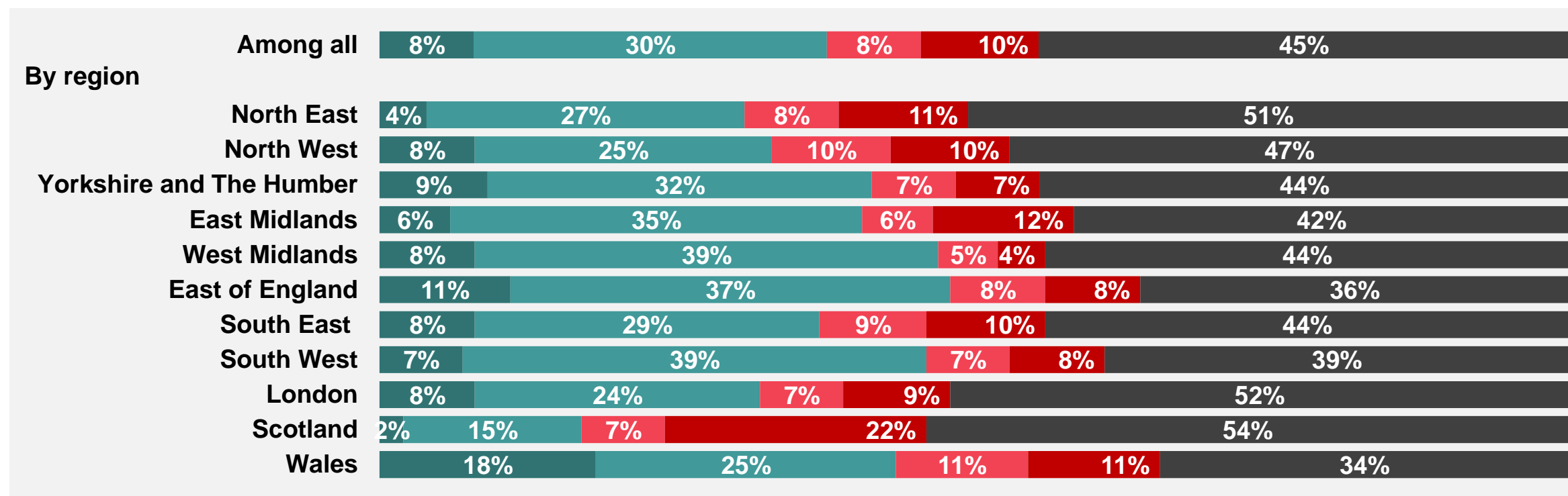
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Those in the West Midlands and East of England are most likely to think county lines operate in their local area

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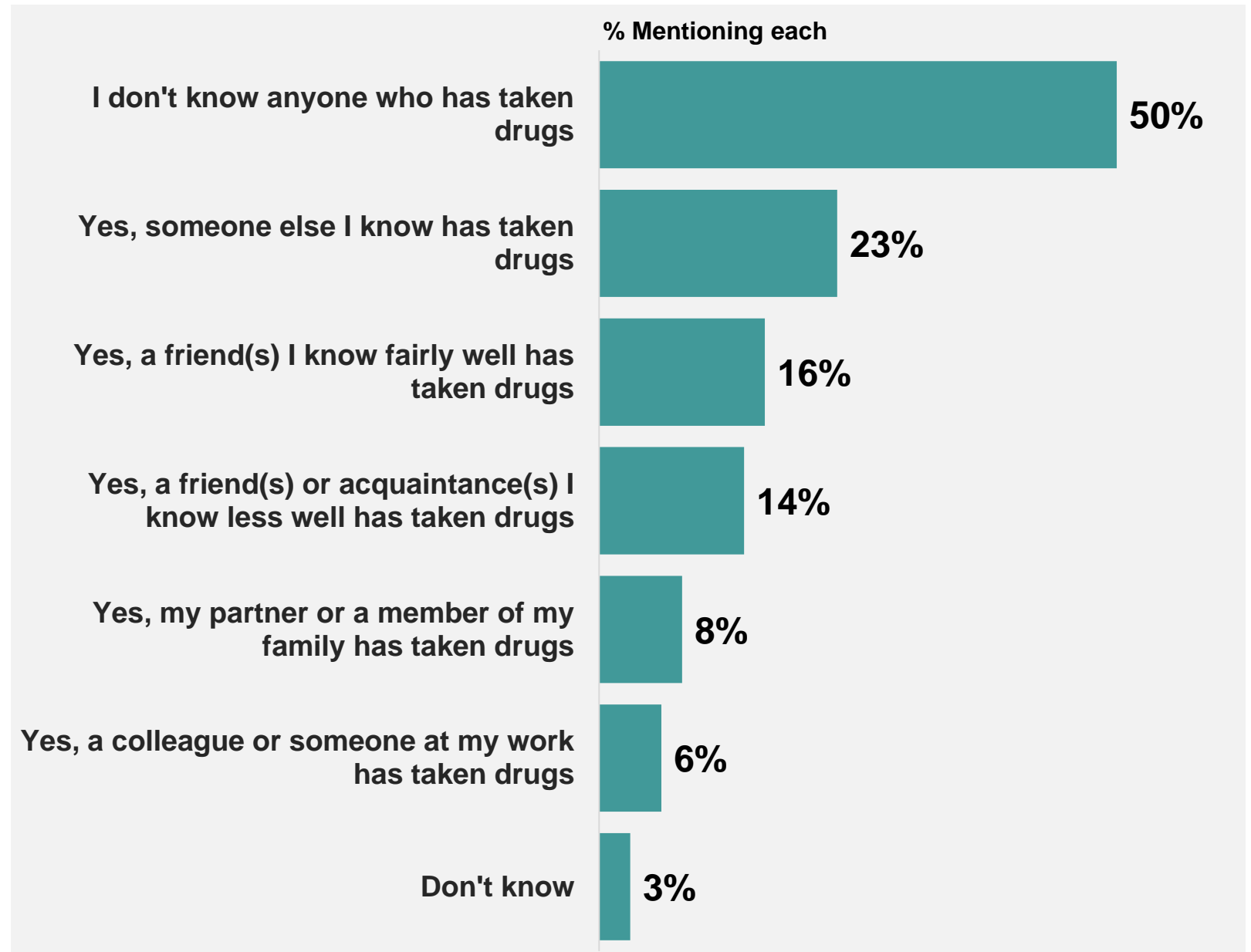


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Almost half (45%) of Britons say they know someone who has taken drugs

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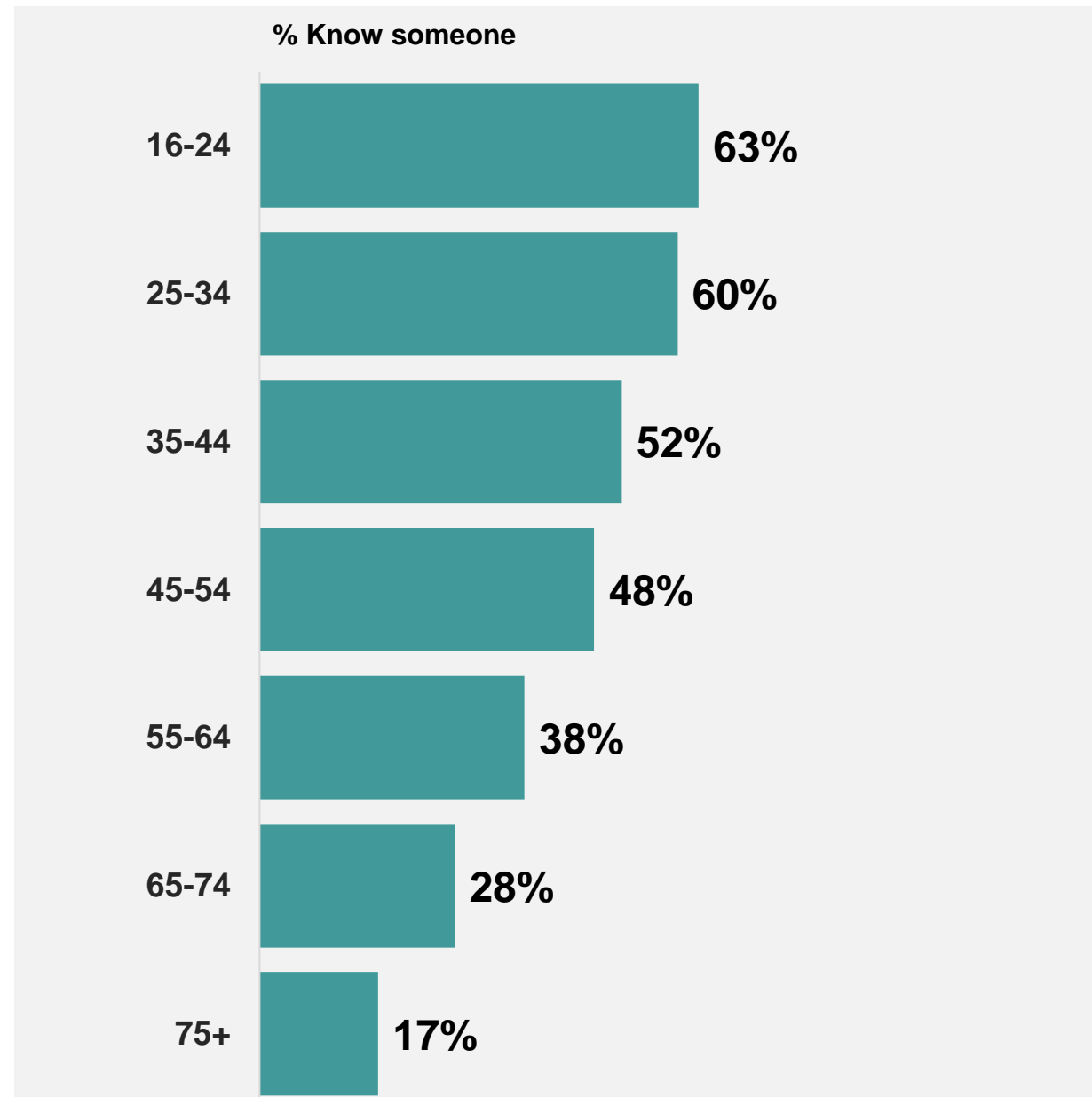


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Over 3 in 5 of 16–34-year-olds say they know someone who has taken drugs

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