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## Methodology

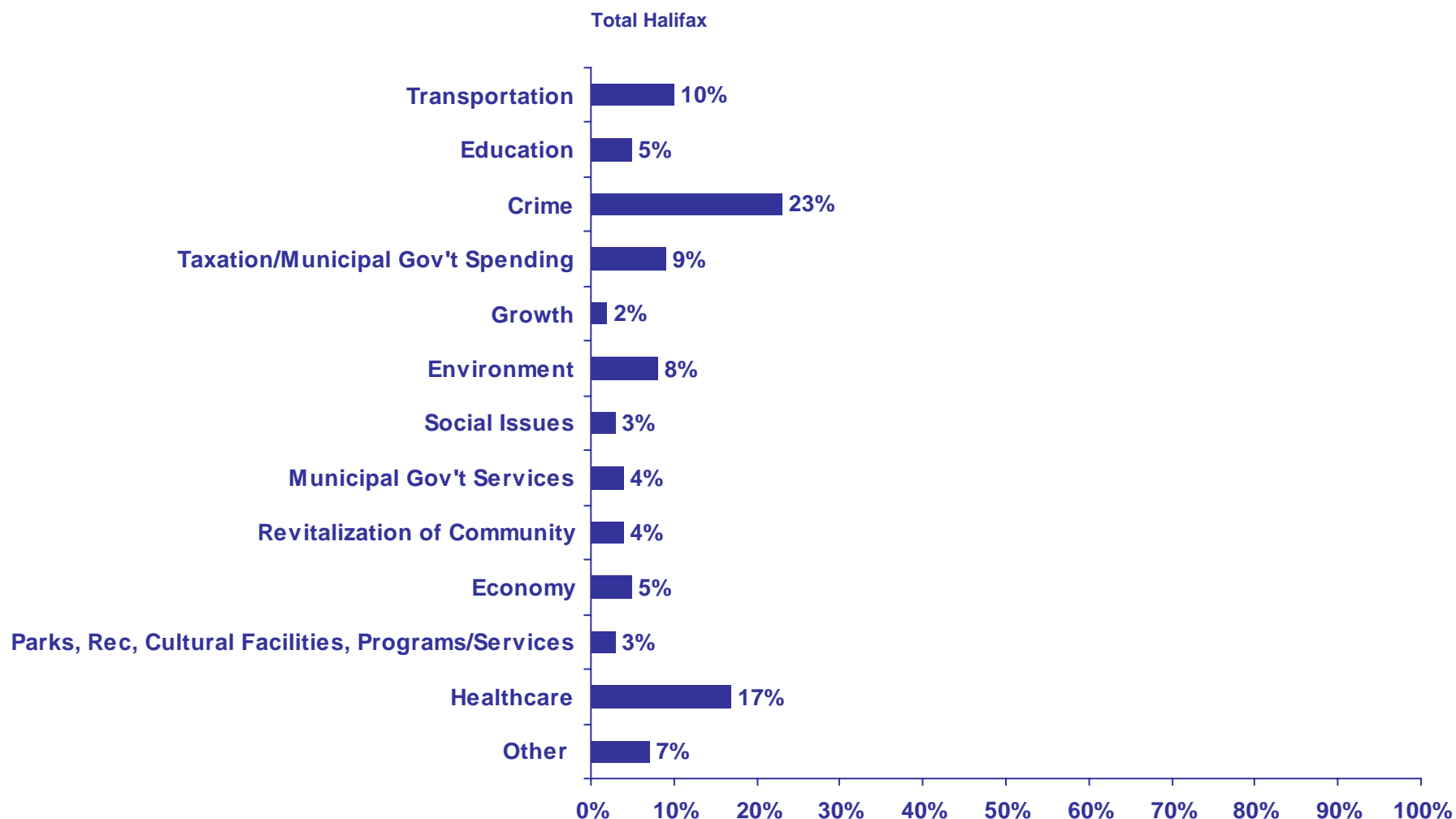
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- These are some of the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted between August 14 and 18, 2009 on behalf of Global Television. For this survey, a sample of 440 adults living in Halifax from Ipsos' Canadian online panel was interviewed online.
- Weighting was then employed to balance demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe.
- A survey with an unweighted probability sample of this size and a 100% response rate would have an estimated margin of error of +/-4.7 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what the results would have been had the entire population of this city or region been polled. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.
- The national "Canadian" results are not representative of the overall Canadian population as the poll was limited to urban centres, with the exception of Newfoundland and Labrador. As such, these results should not be used to generalize to a Canadian population average, but rather as a barometer of attitudes within Canadian cities.

## **1. Local Issues Facing Community**



## Overall – Most Important Local Issue Facing Your Community

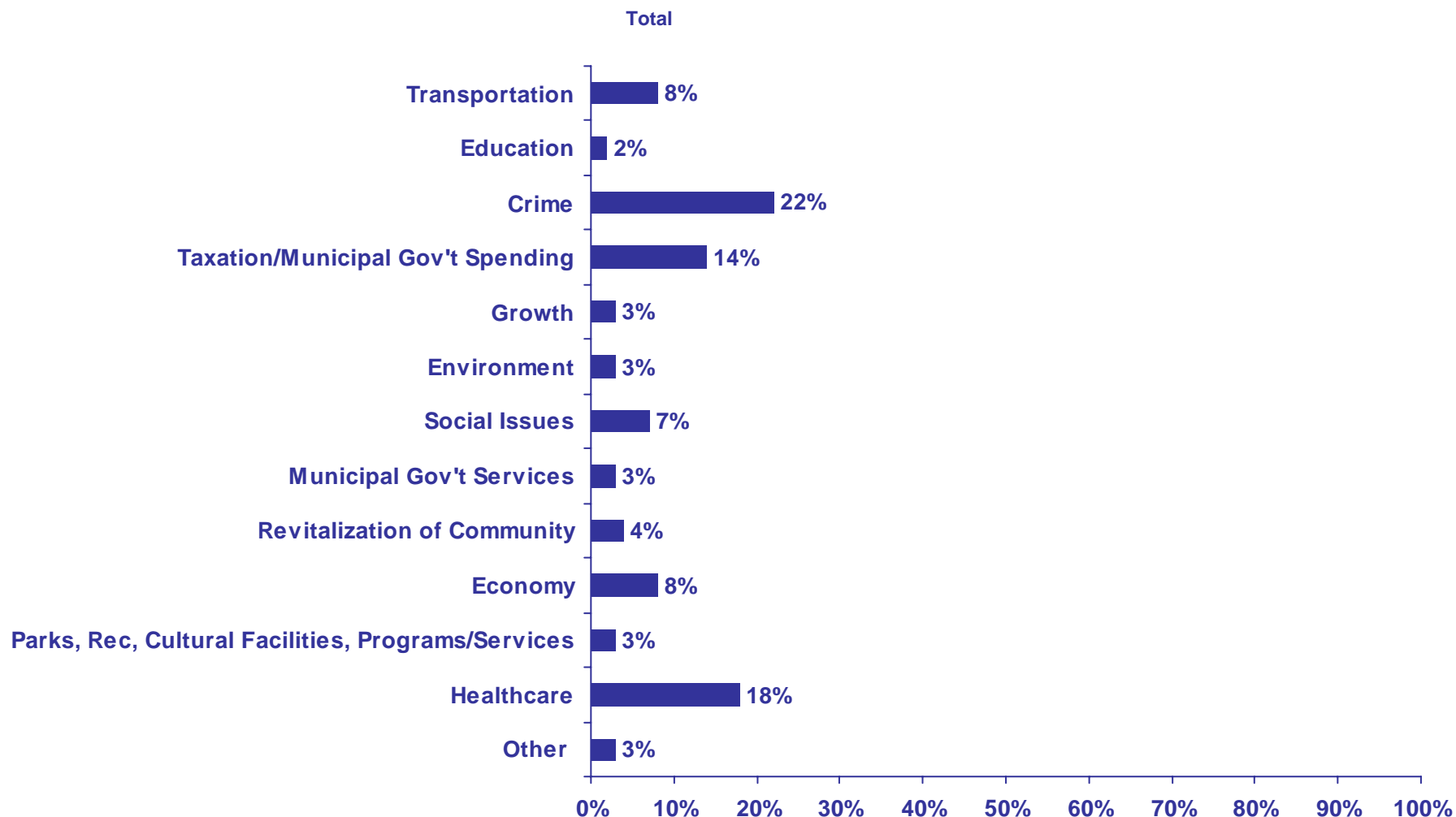


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Base: All Halifax Respondents n=440



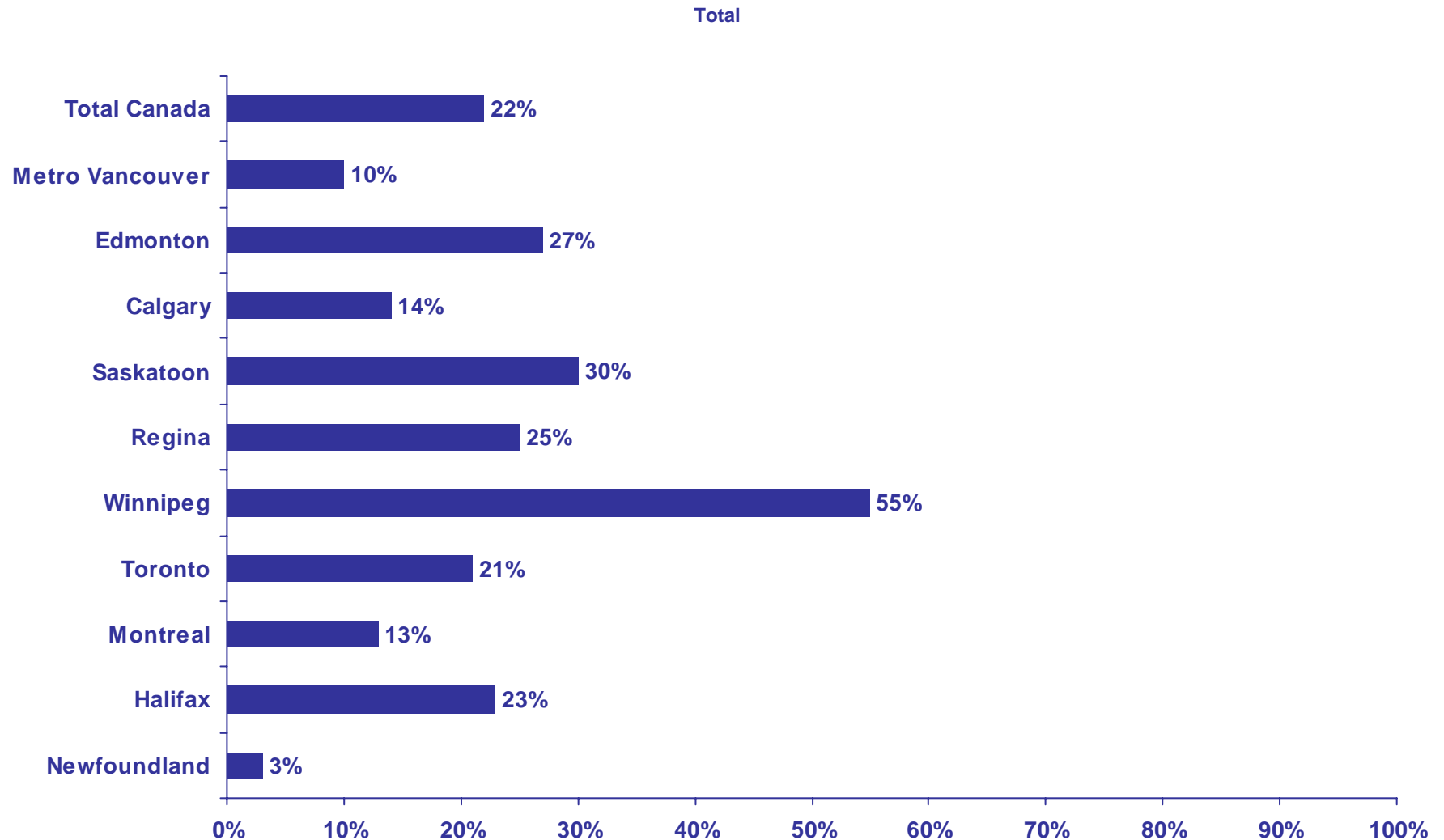
## Overall – Most Important Local Issue Facing Your Community – Total Canada



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## Top Issue - Crime



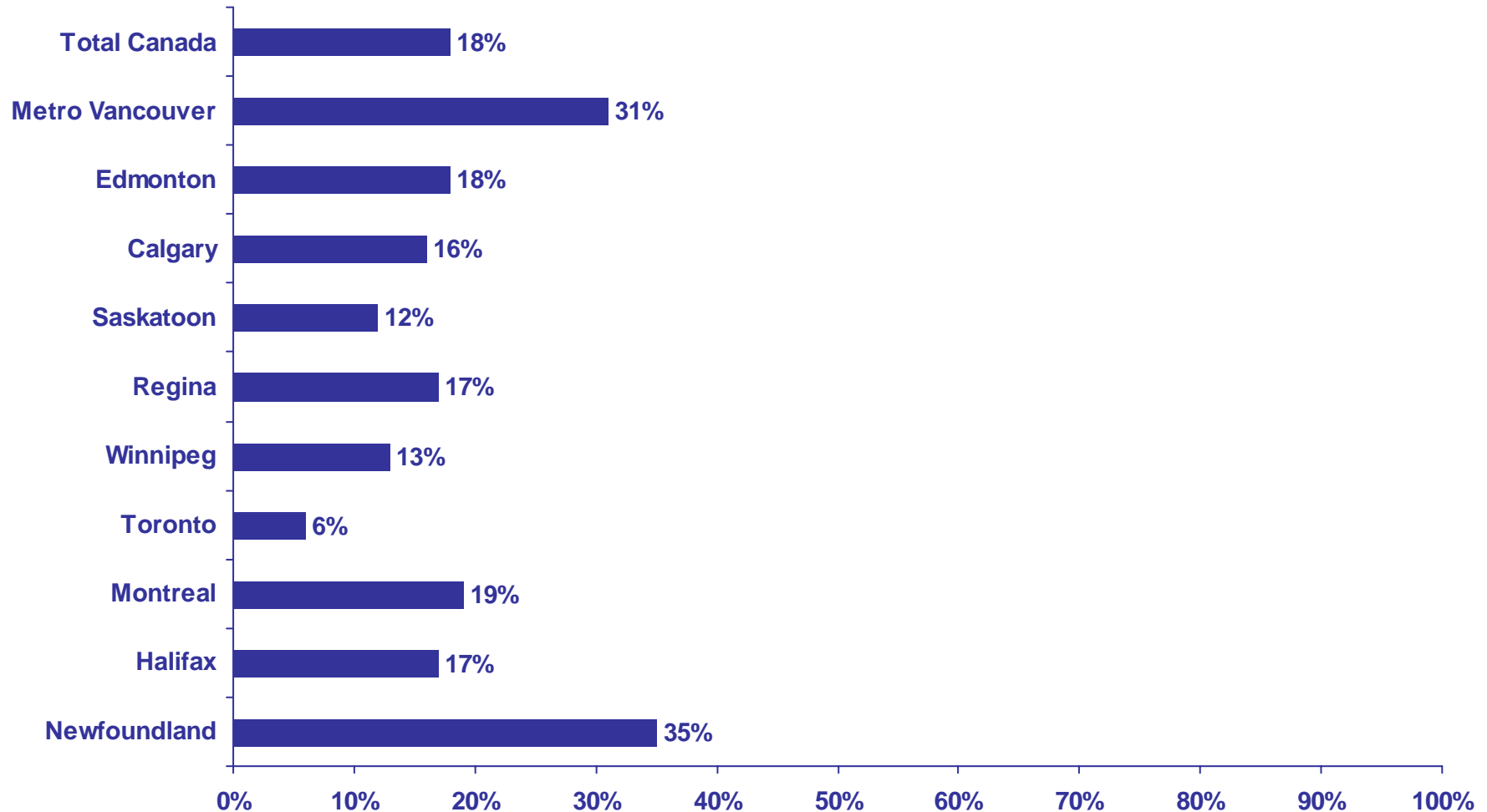
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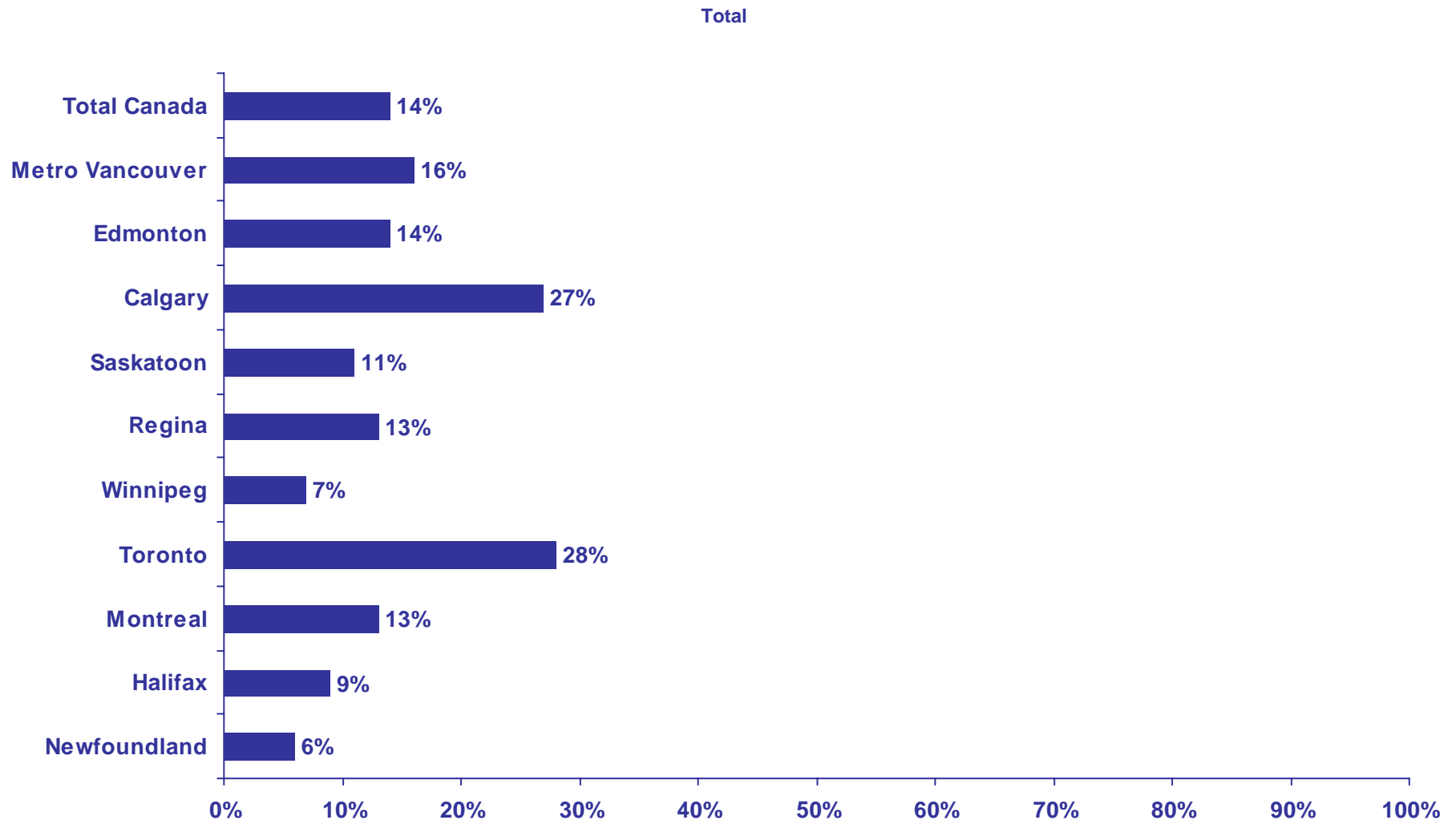
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Top Issue – Taxation/Municipal Spending



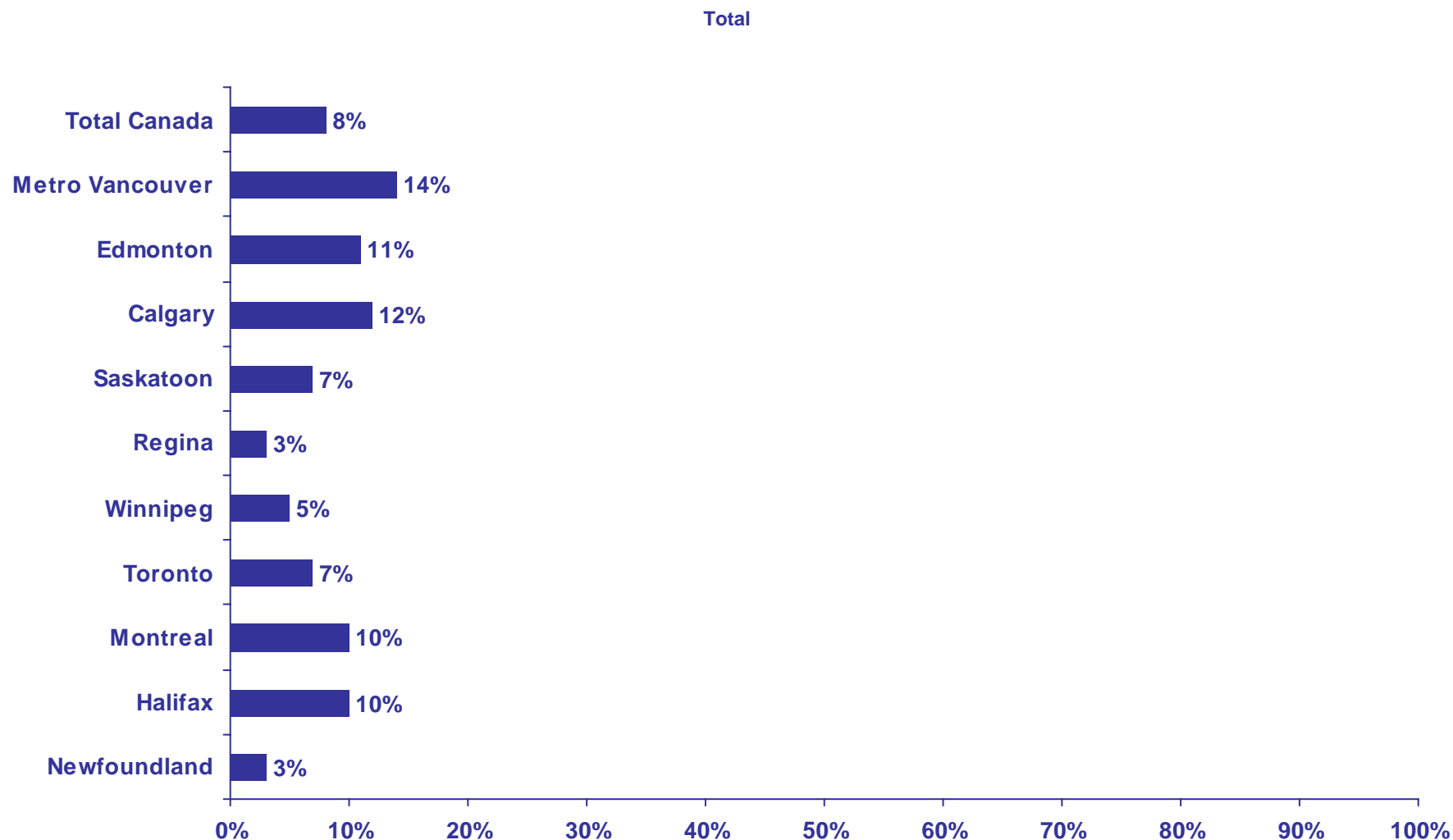
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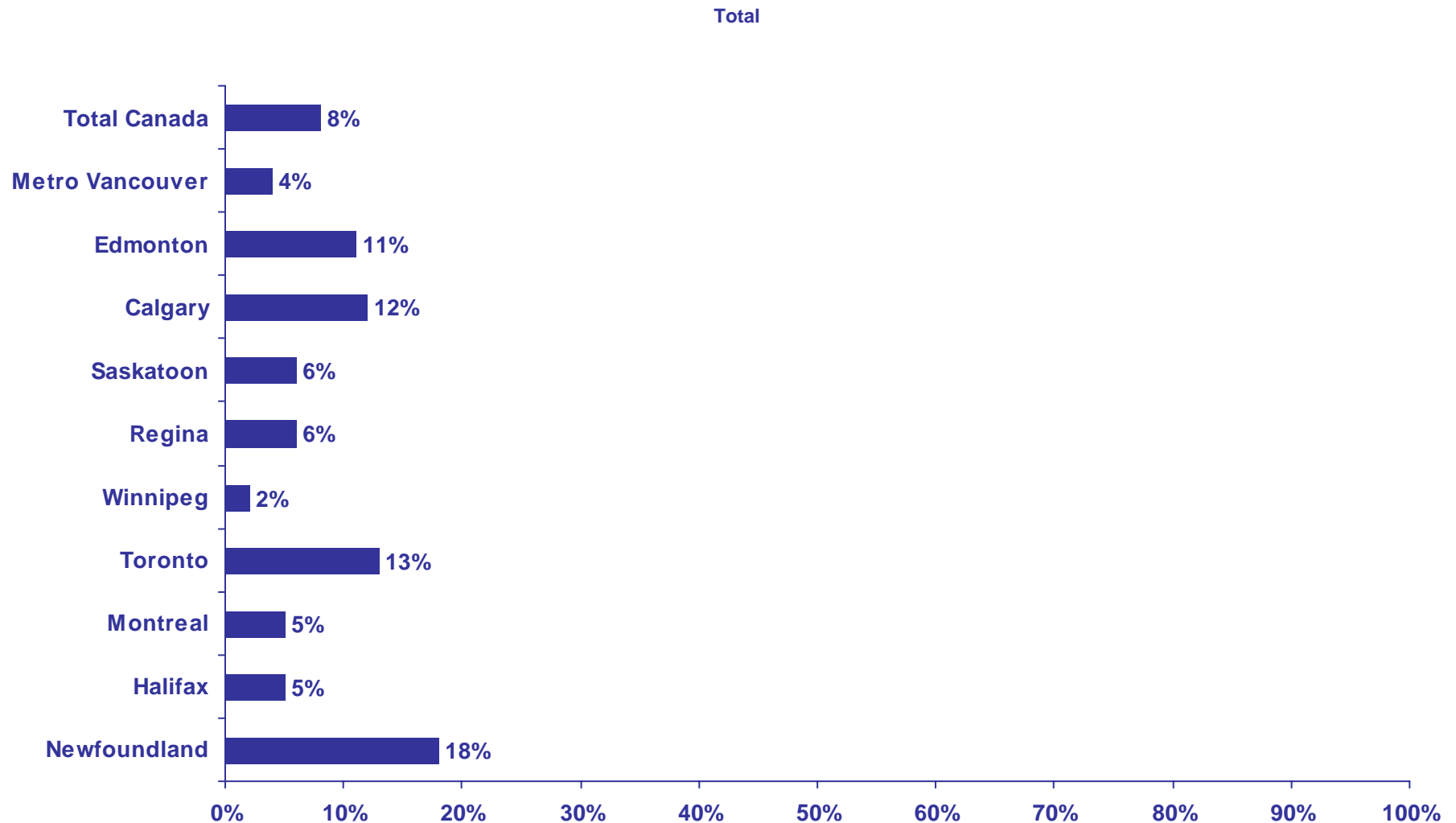
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## 5<sup>th</sup> Top Issue – The Economy

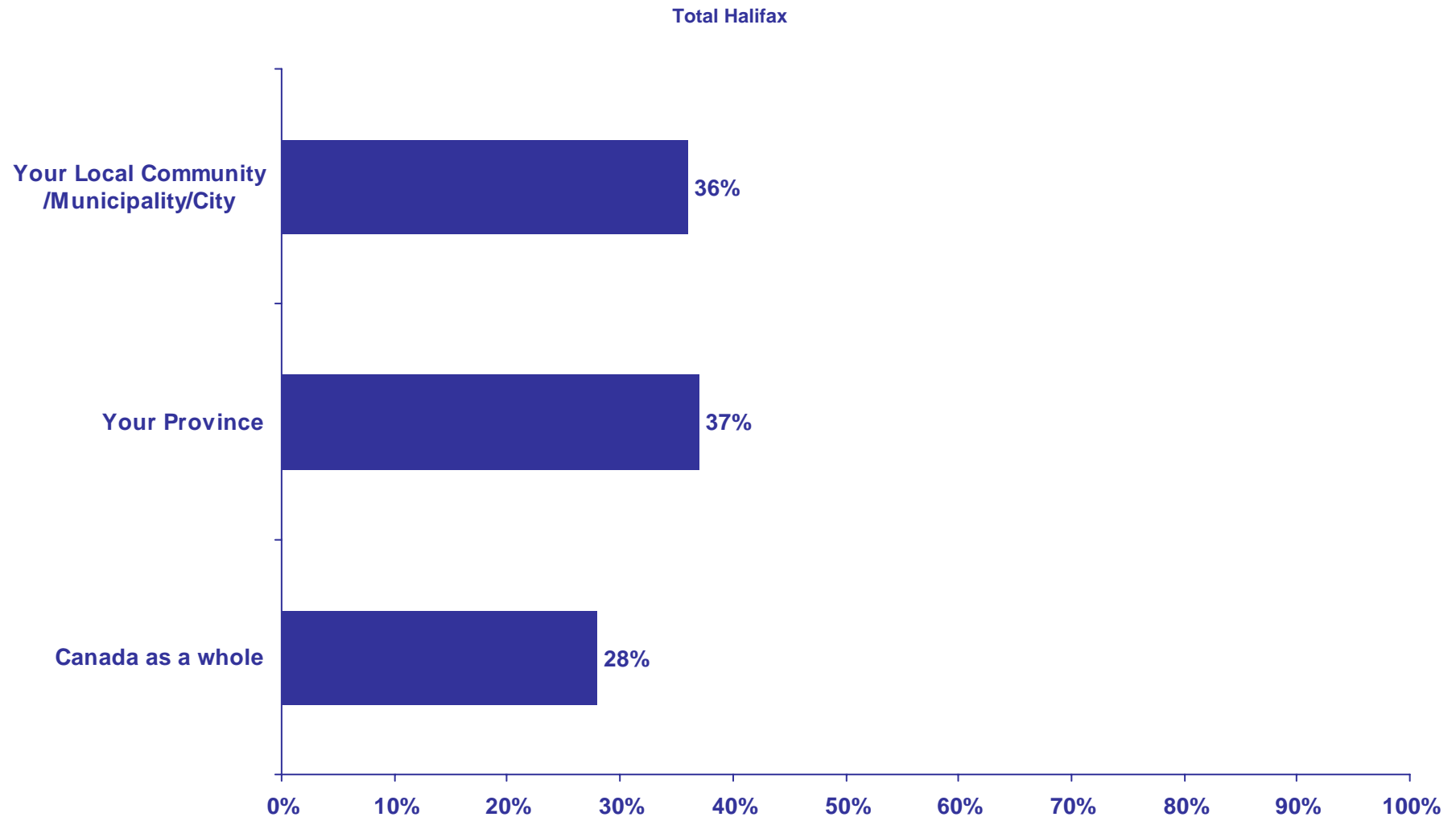


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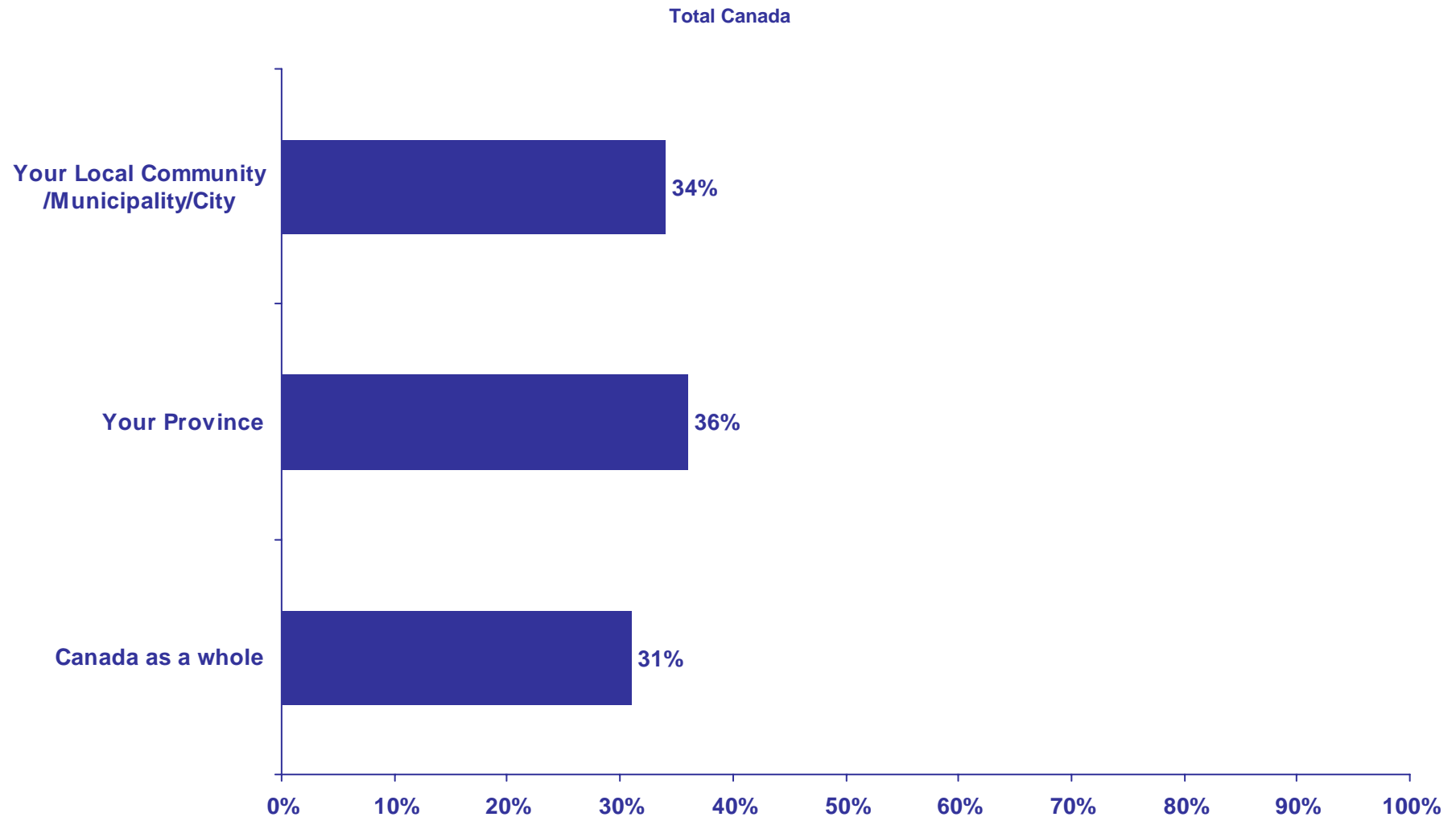
## 2. Geographic Identity

## Overall – Geographic Group Most Identify With



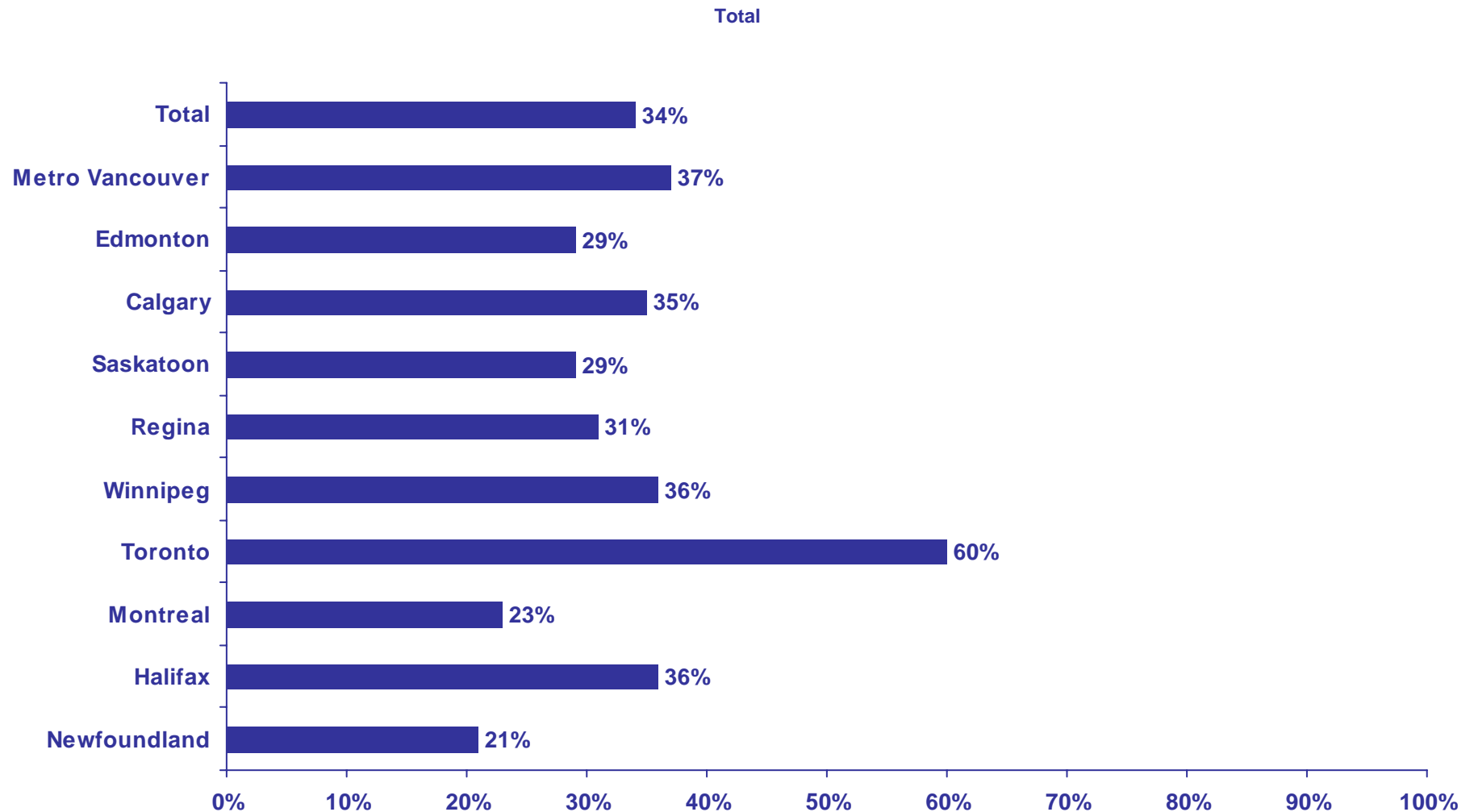
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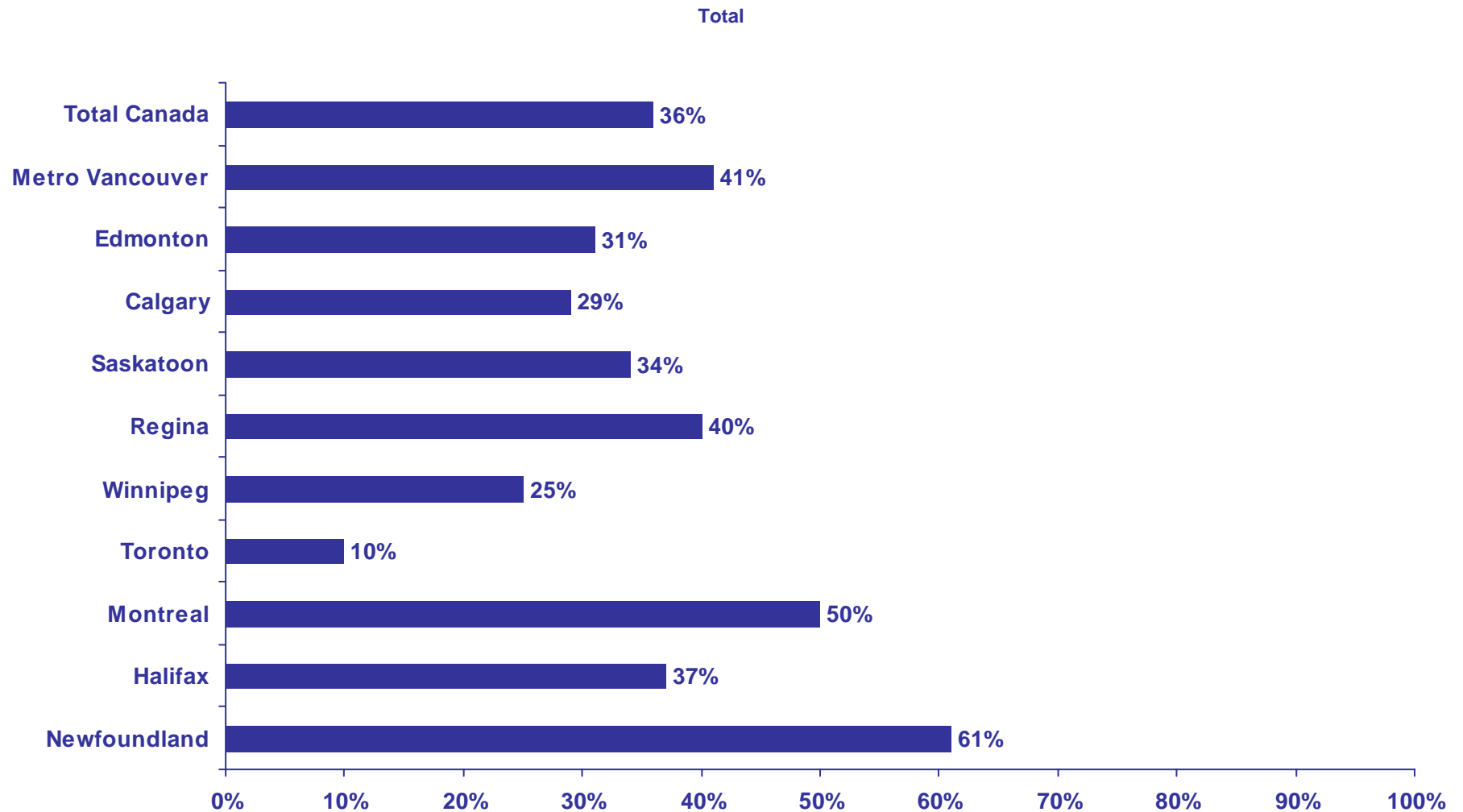
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## Your Local Community / Municipality / City



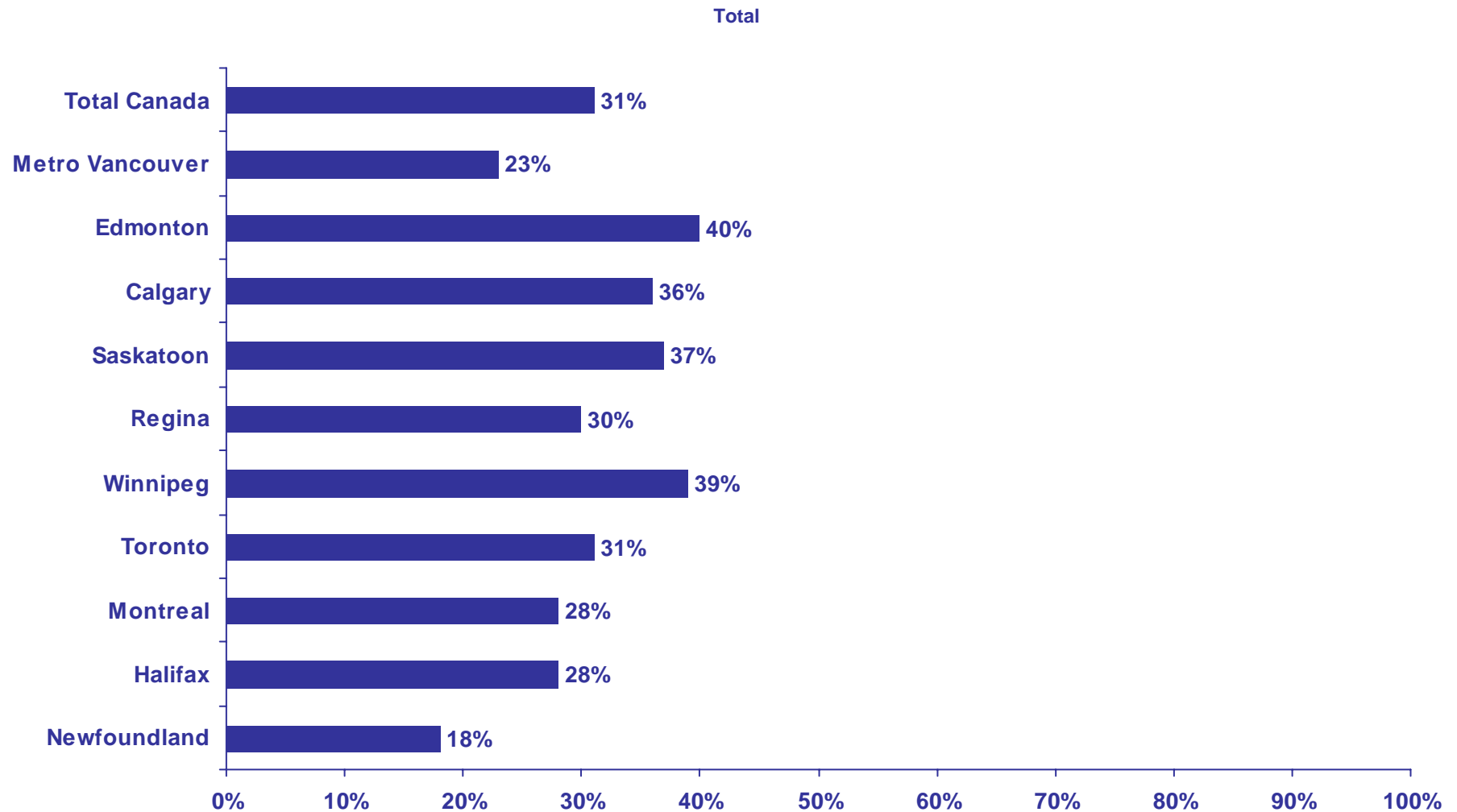
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## Canada As A Whole



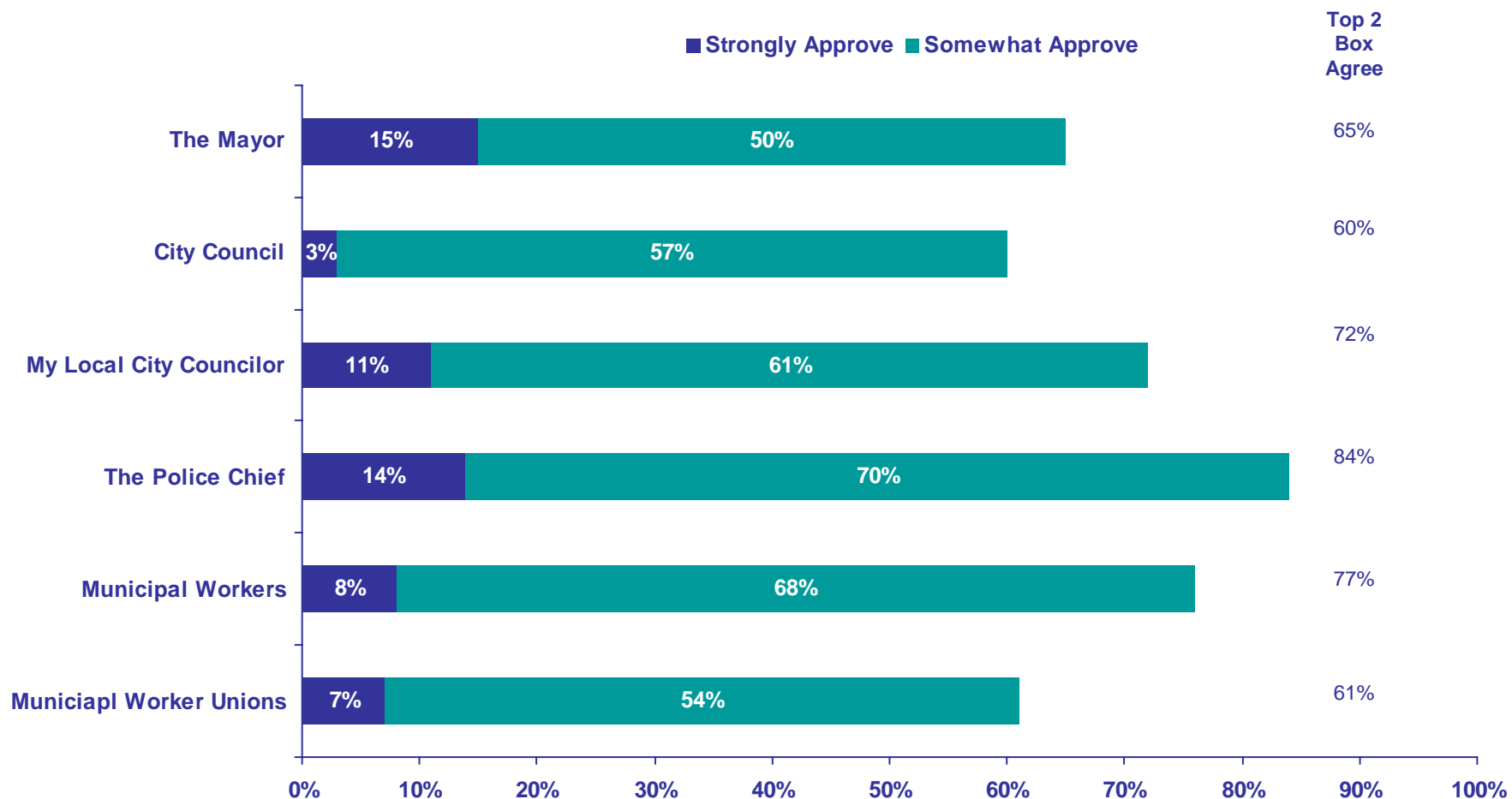
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### **3. Overall Performance of City**



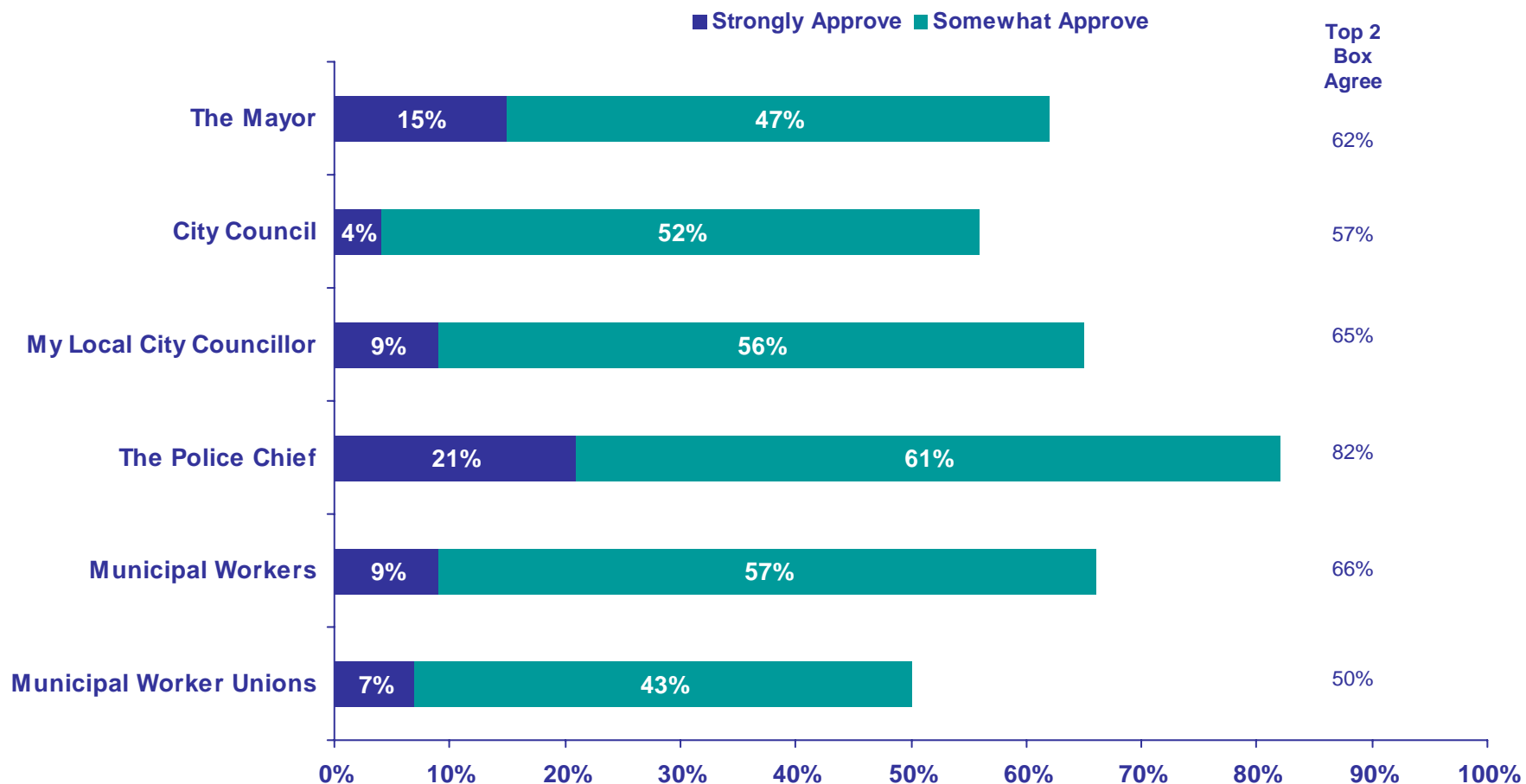
## Overall – Level of Approval of the Following – Total Halifax



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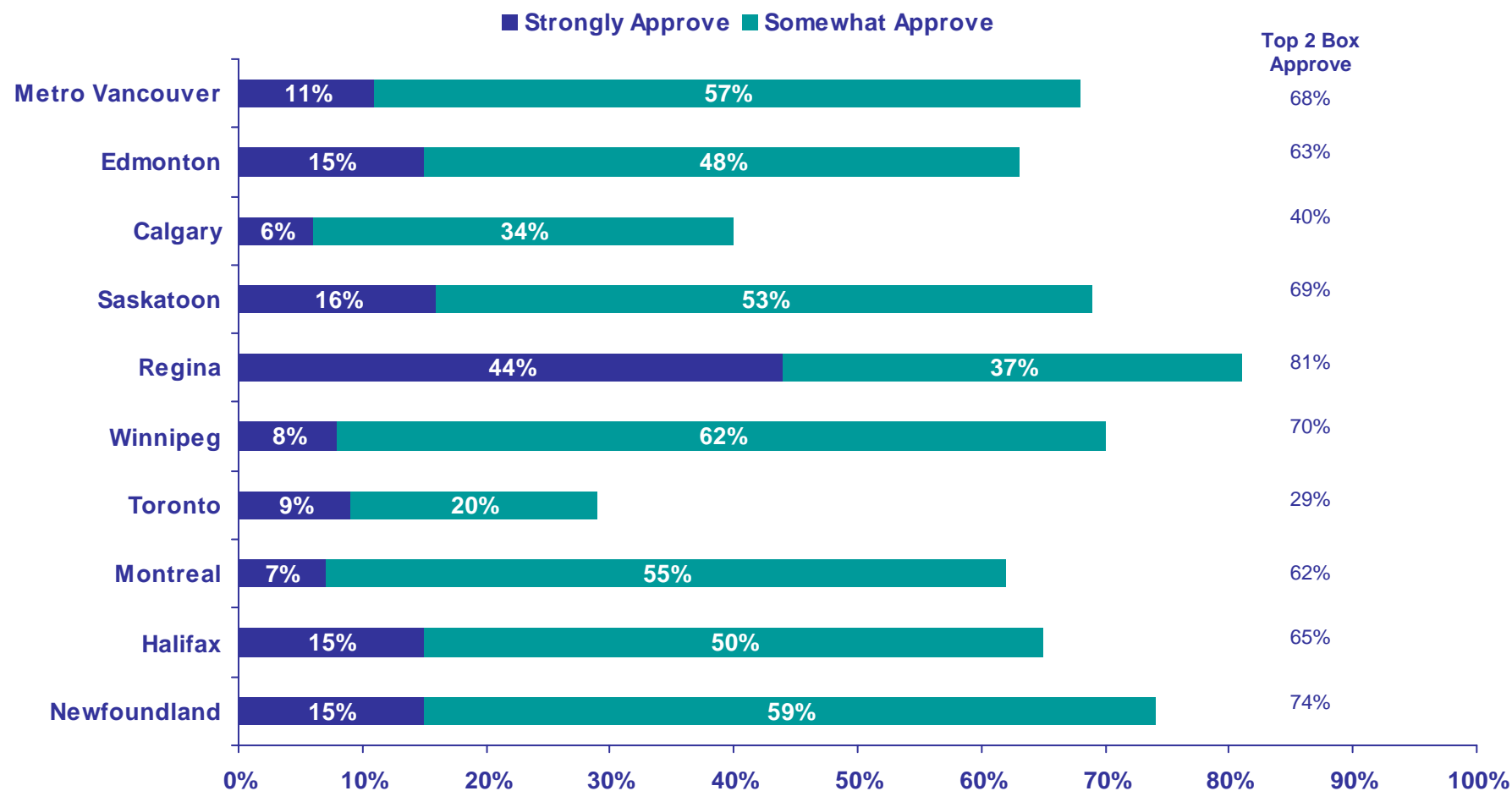


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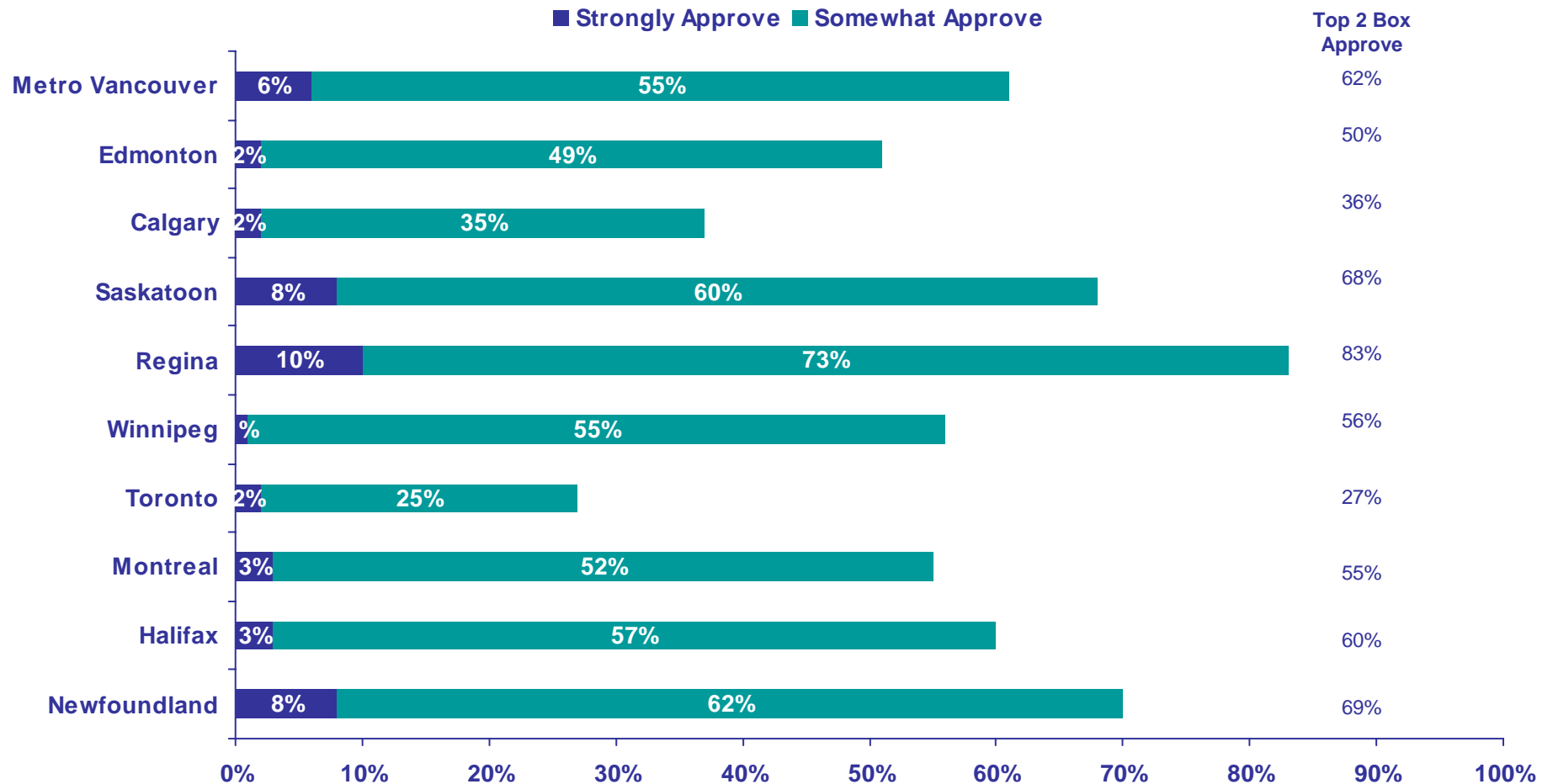
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## Level of Approval of The Mayor



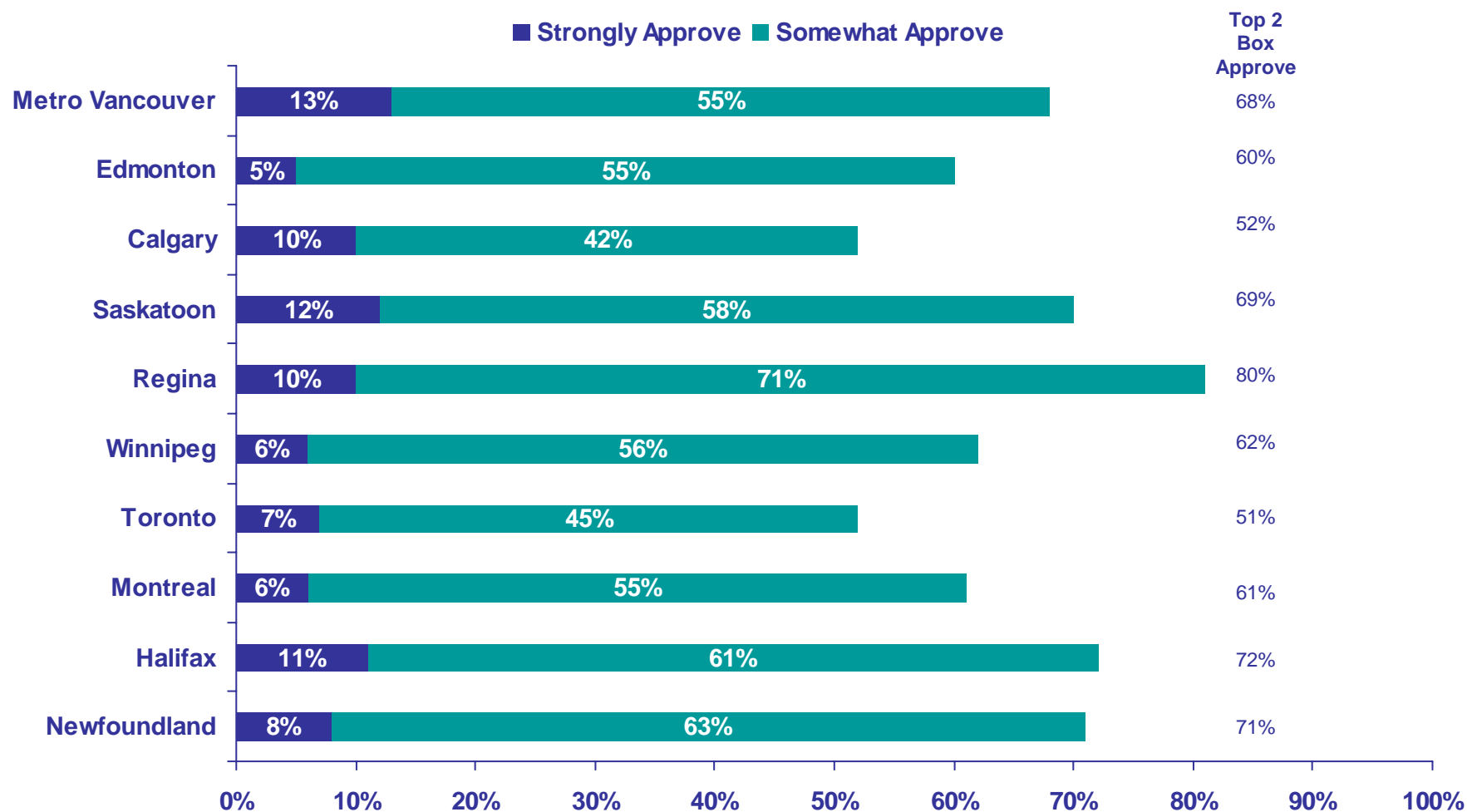
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## Level of Approval of City Council



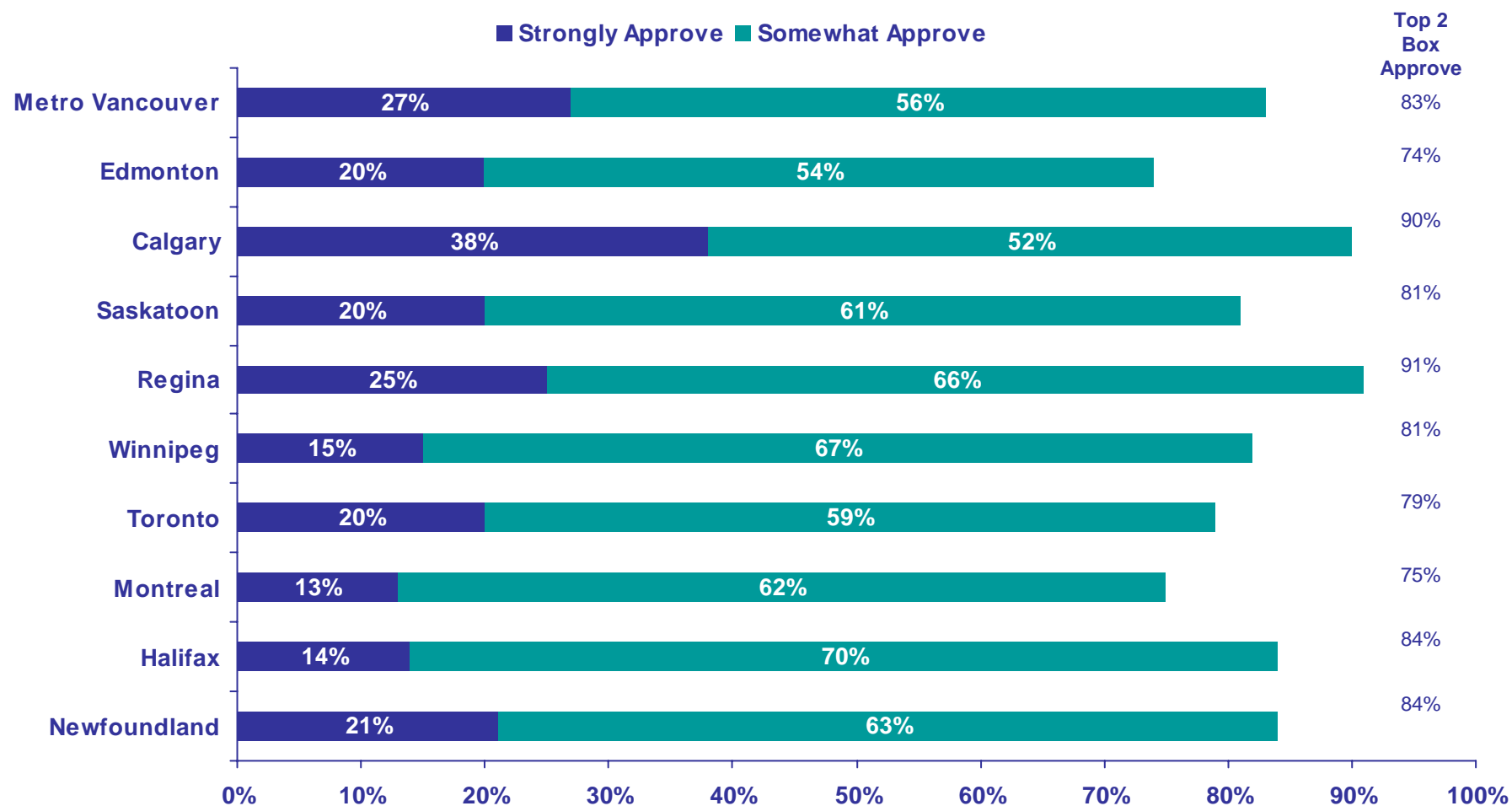
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## Level of Approval of My Local City Councilor



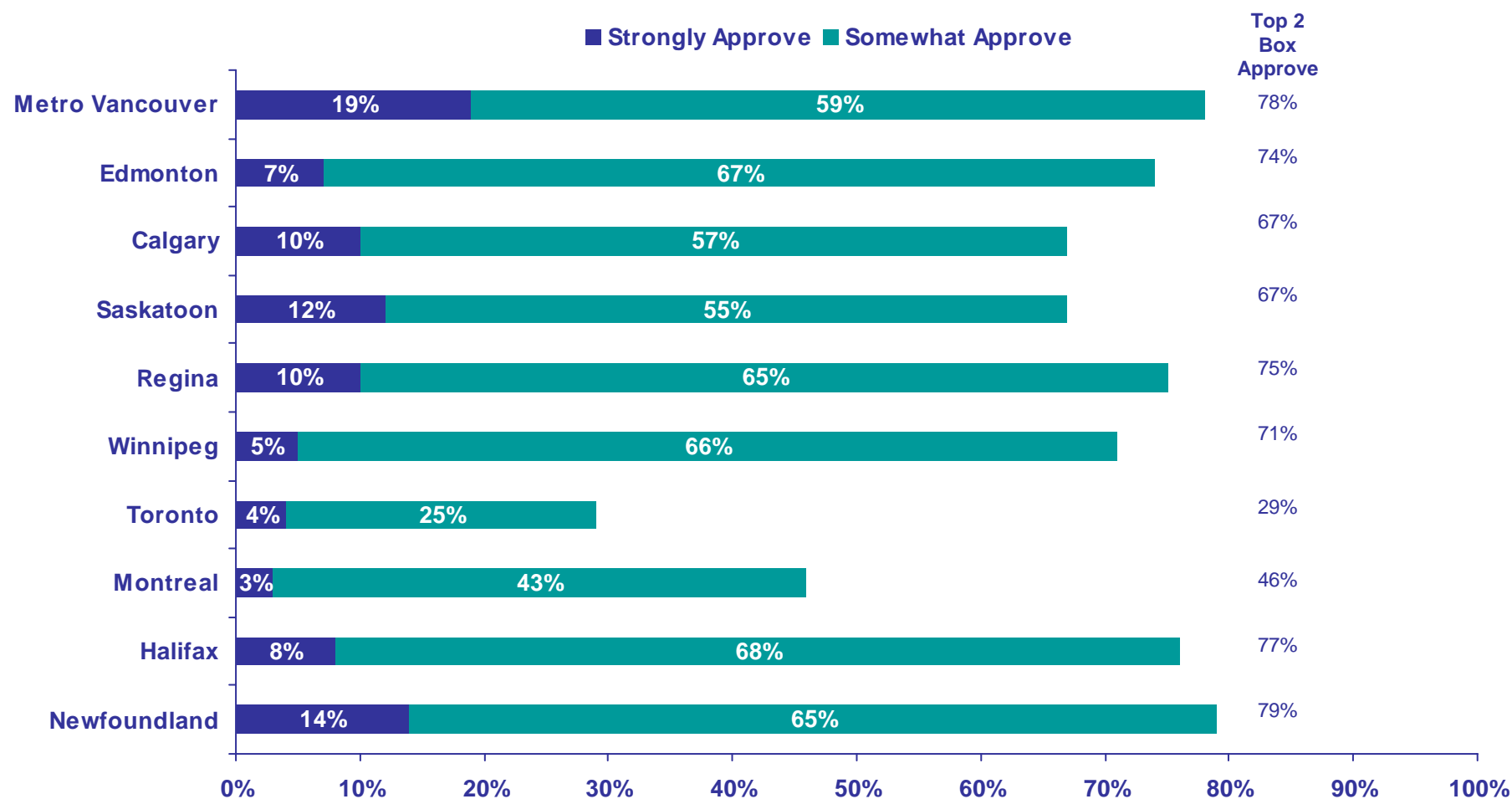
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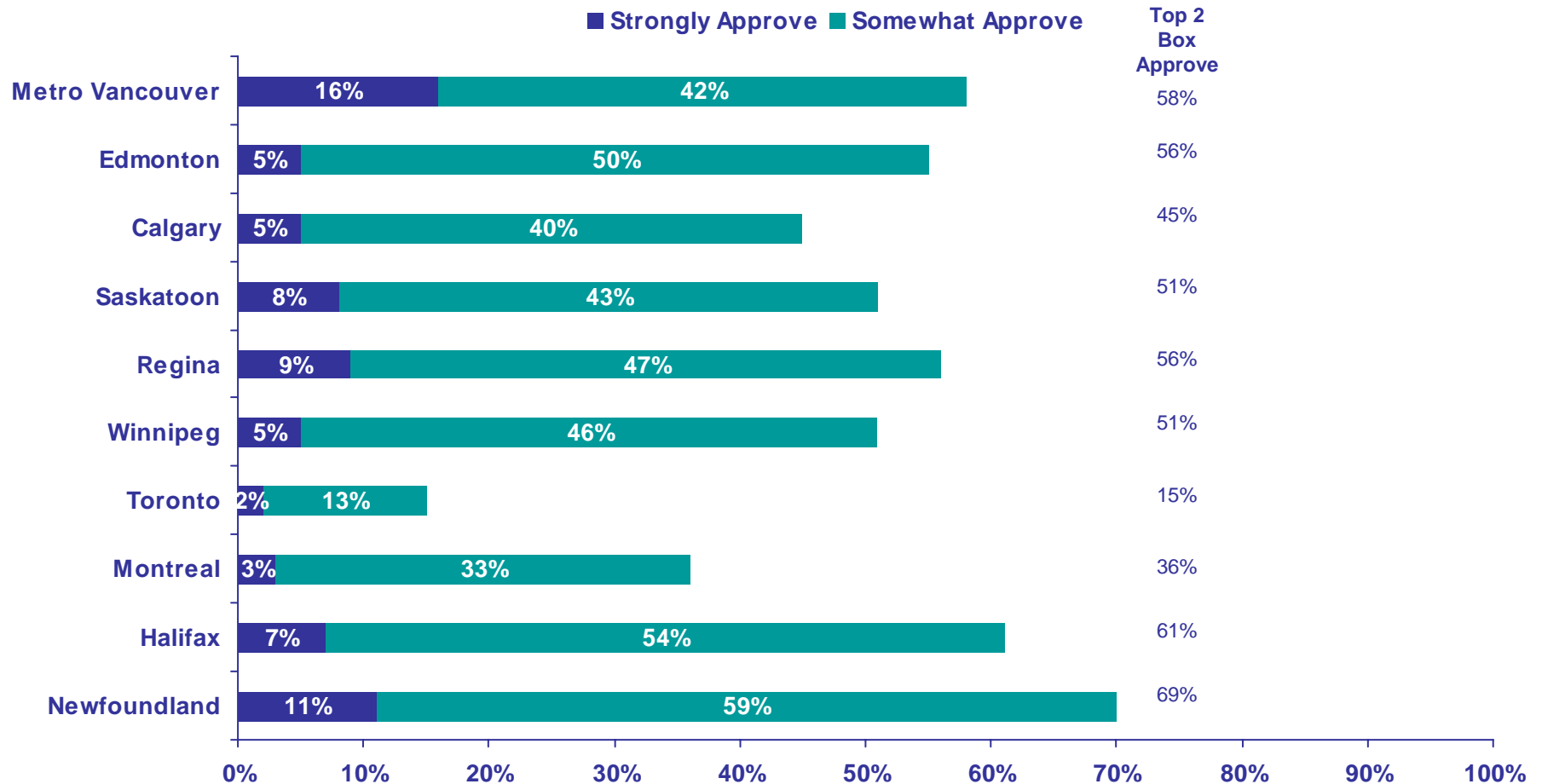
## Level of Approval of Municipal Workers



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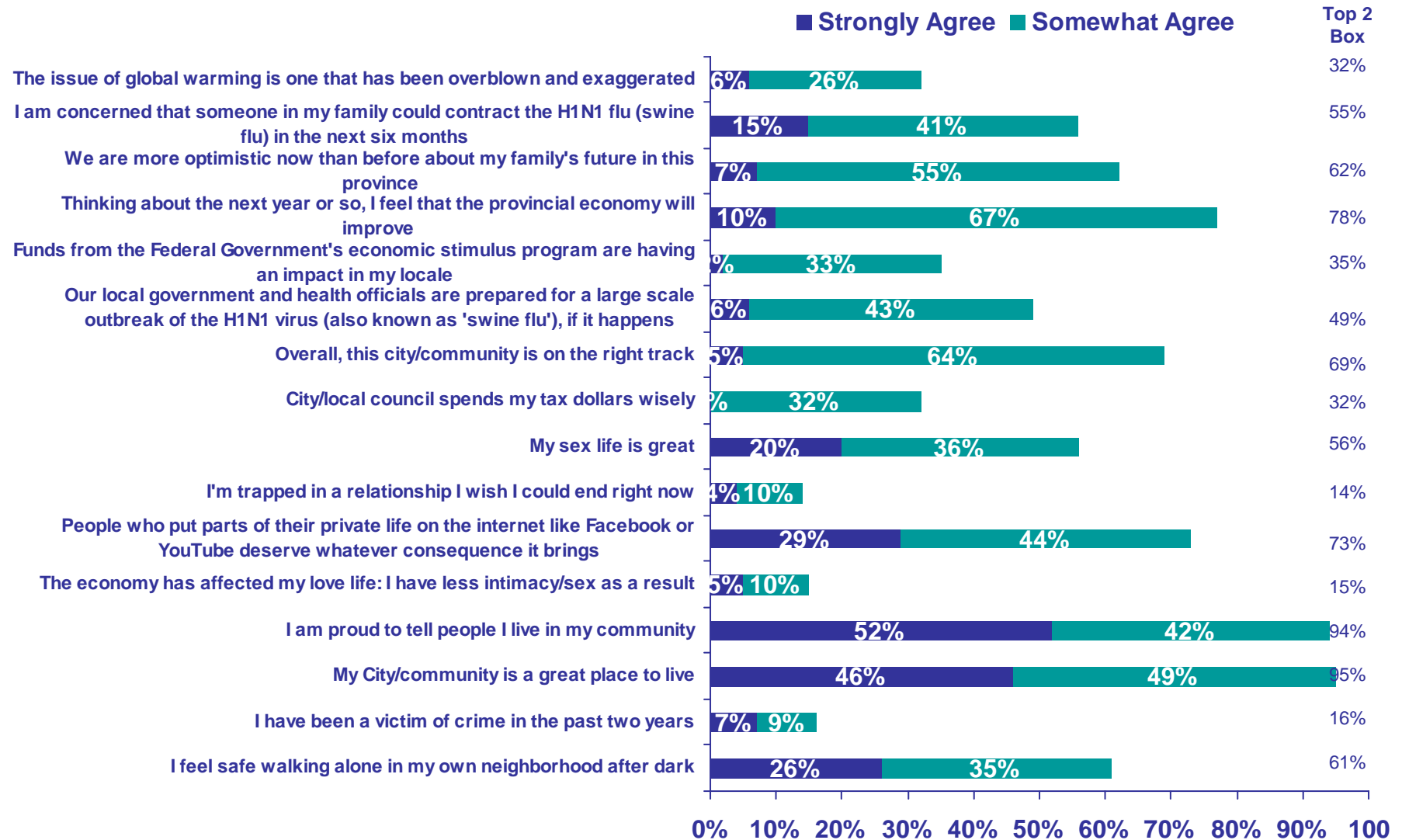
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## 4. Statements

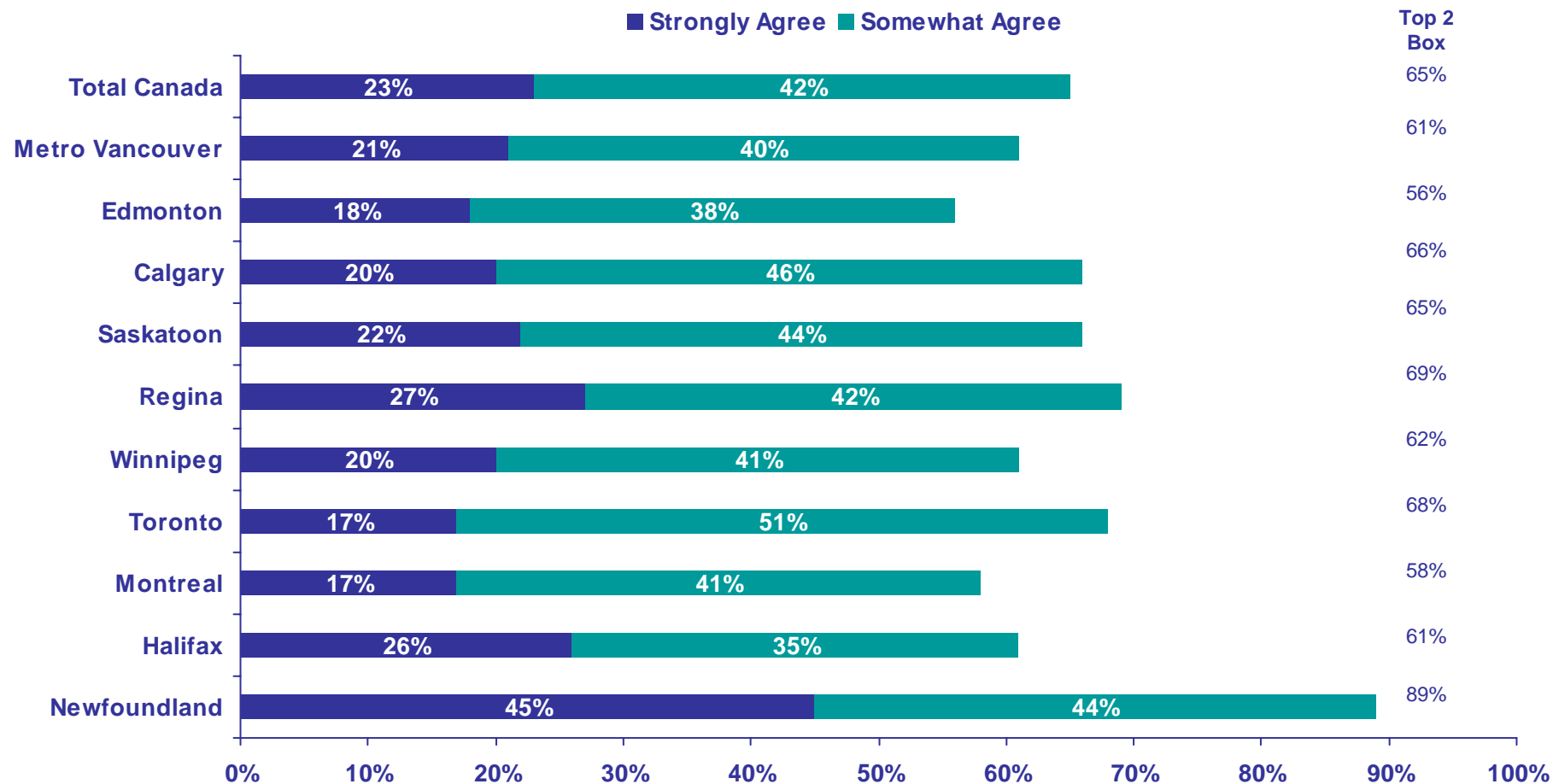
# Statements



4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?  
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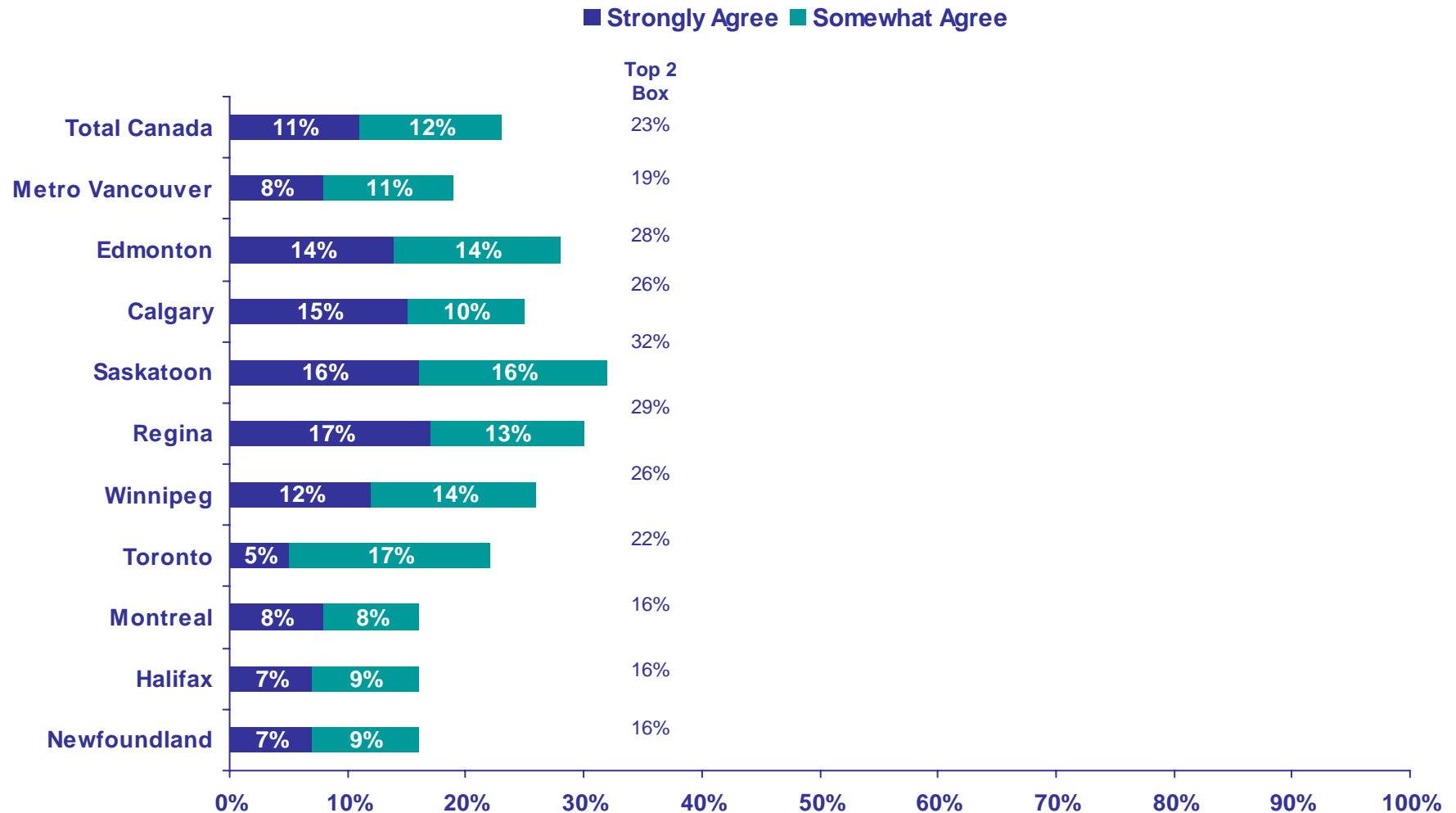


# I Feel Safe Walking Alone In My Own Neighborhood After Dark



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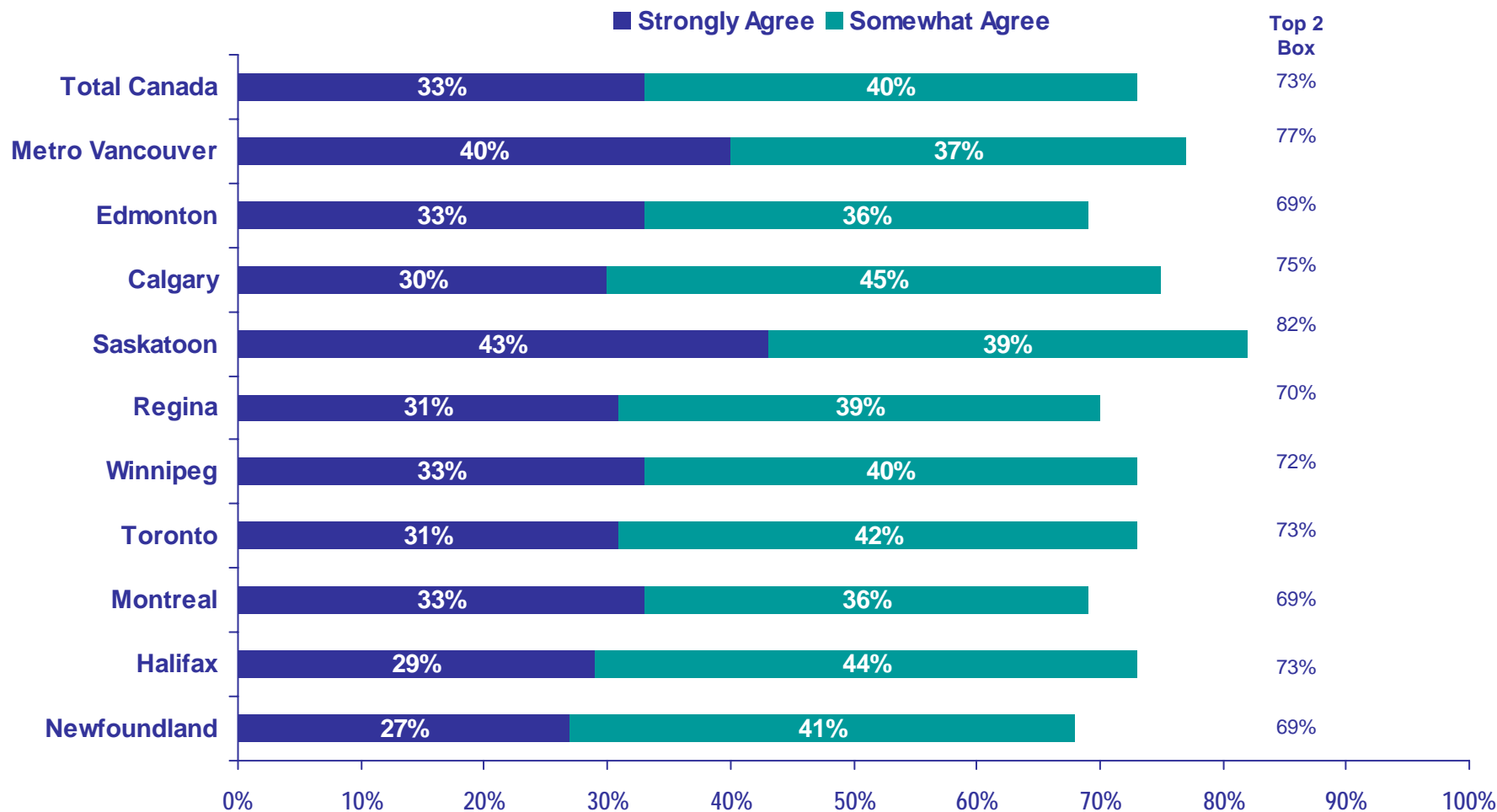
# I Have Been A Victim Of Crime In The Past 2 Years



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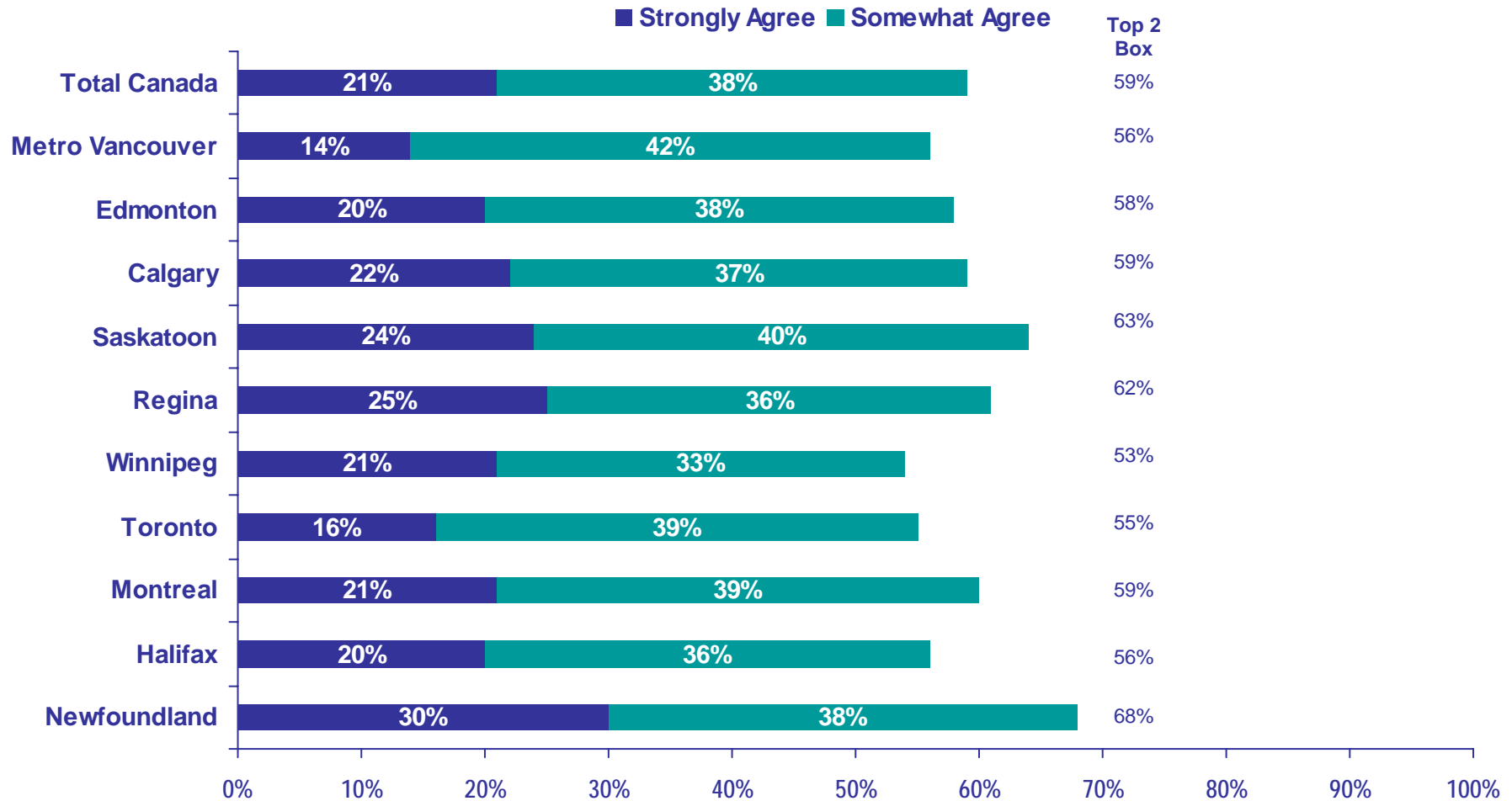


## People Who Put Parts Of Their Private Life On The Internet Like Facebook Or YouTube Deserve Whatever Consequence It Brings



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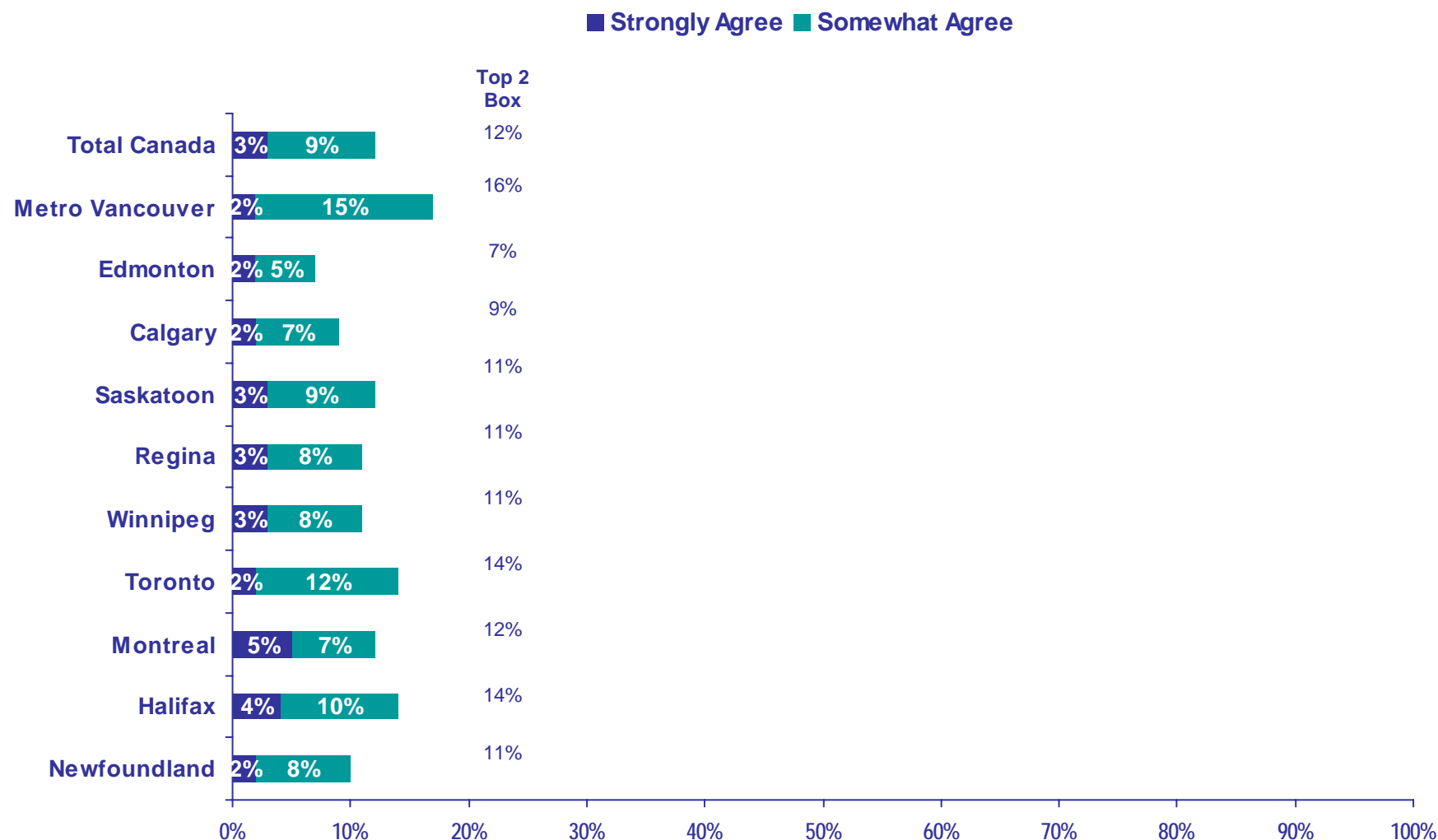
# My Sex Life Is Great



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# I'm Trapped In A Relationship I Wish I Could End Right Now

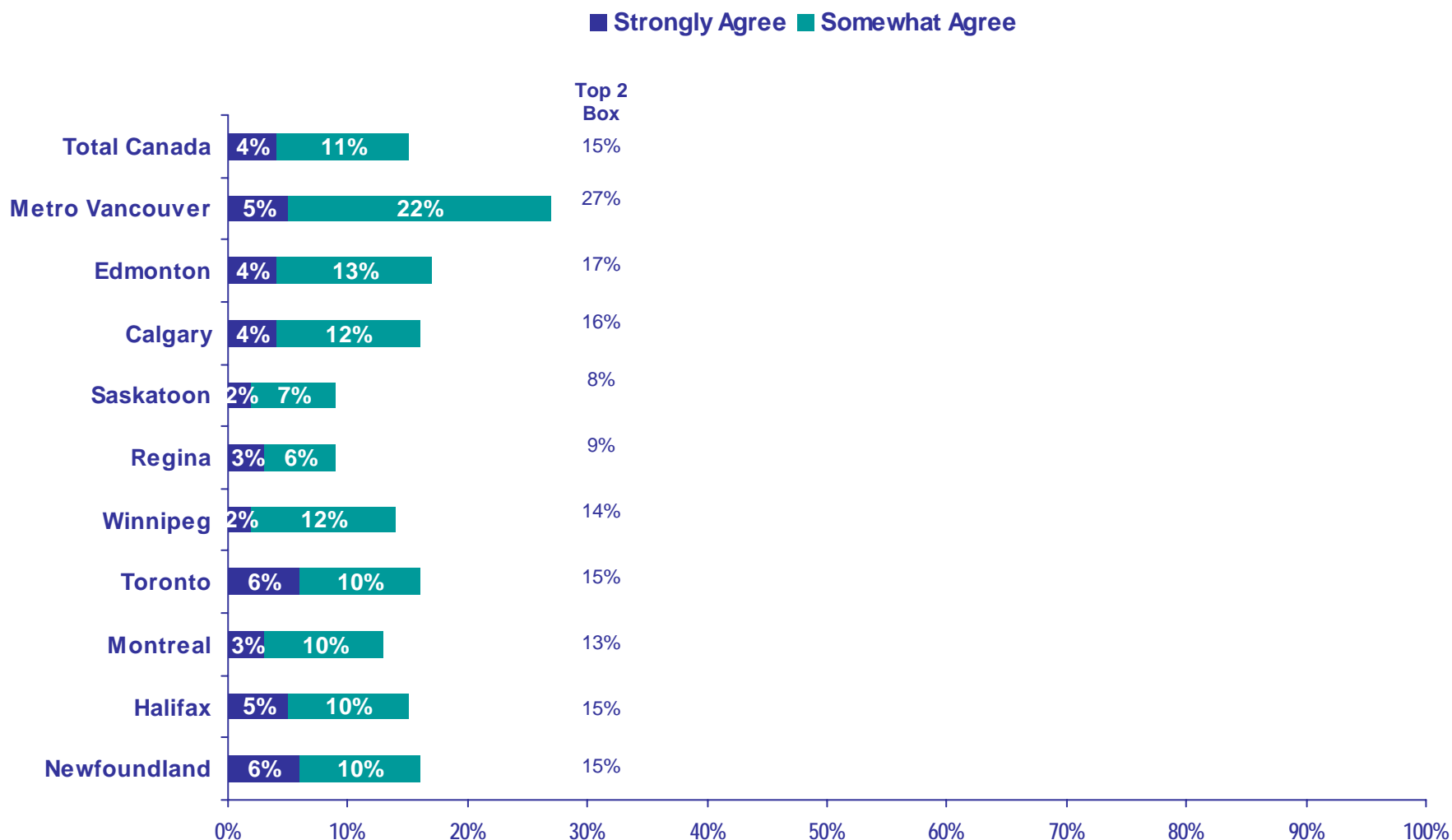


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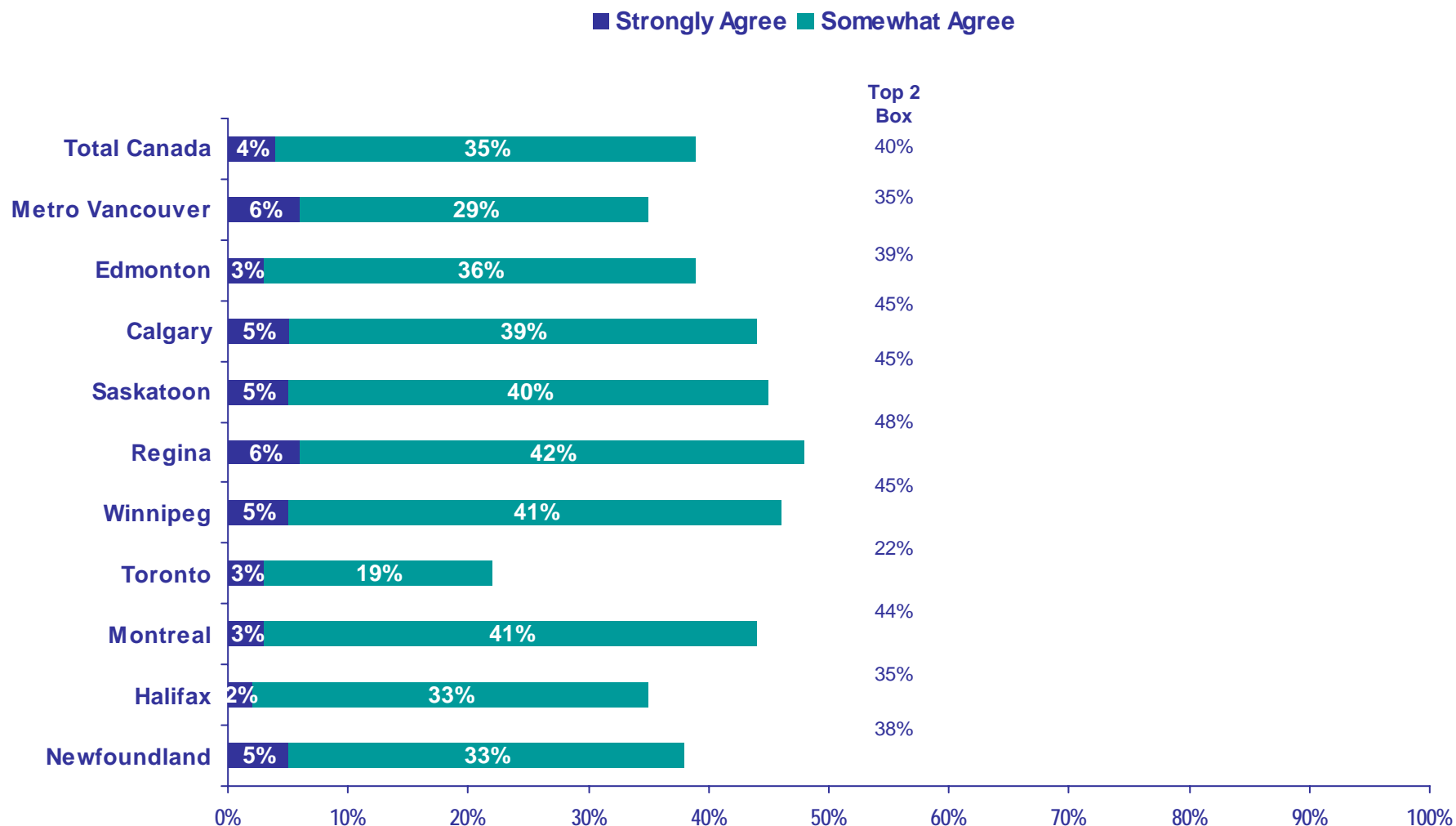
# The Economy Has Affected My Love Life; I Have Less Intimacy/Sex As A Result



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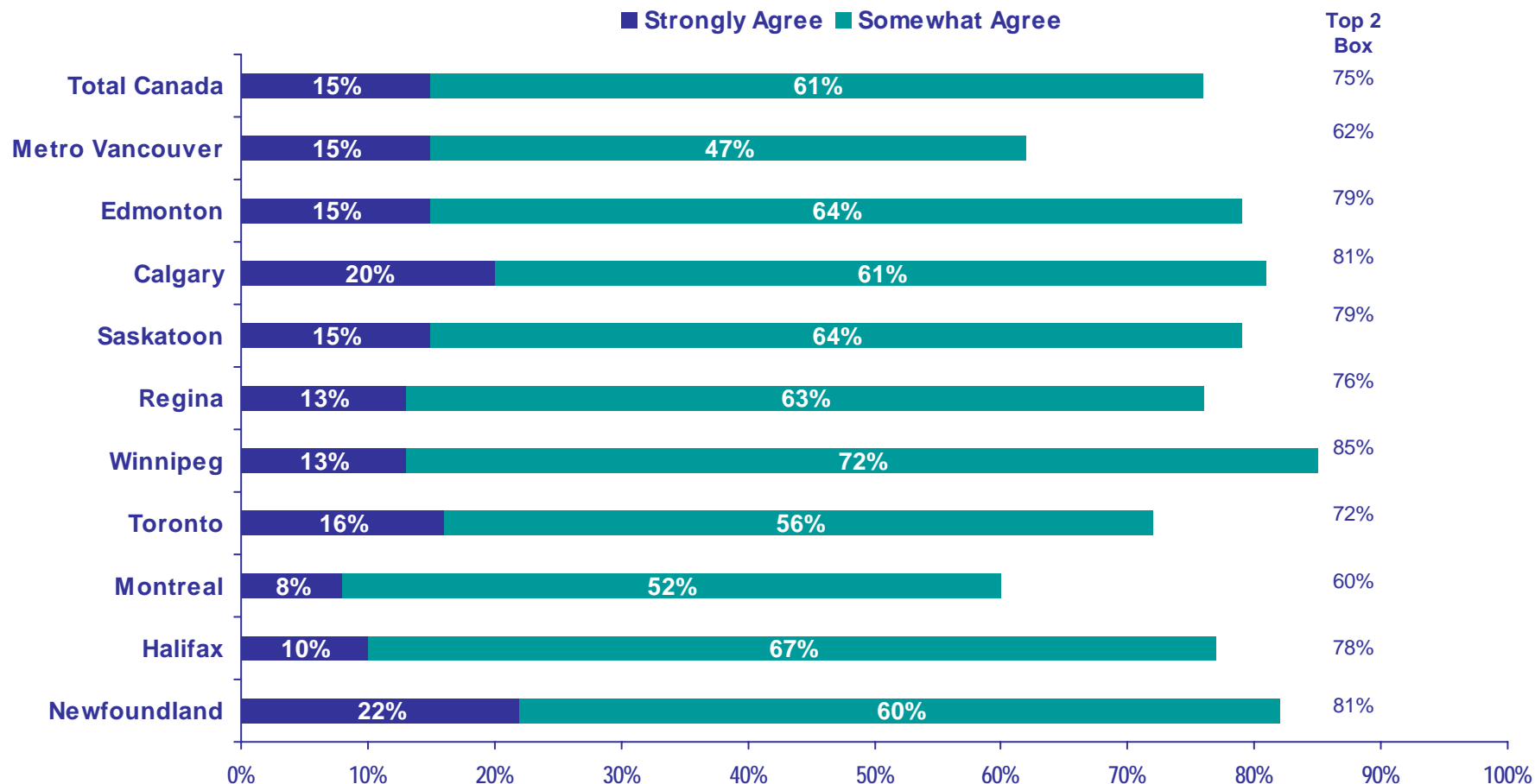
# Funds From The Federal Government's Economic Stimulus Program Are Having An Impact In My Locale



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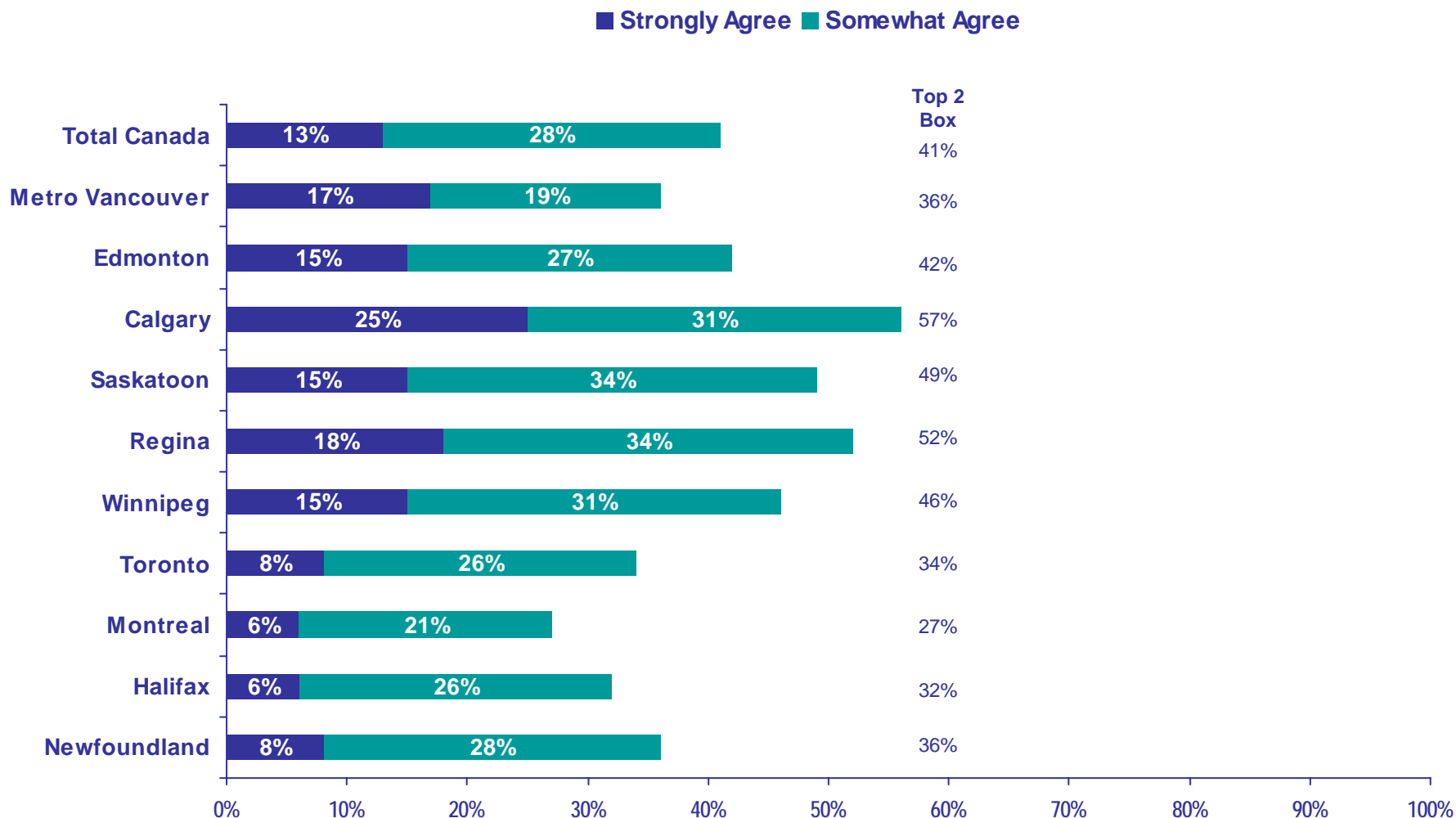
# Thinking About The Next Year Or So, I Feel That The Provincial Economy Will Improve



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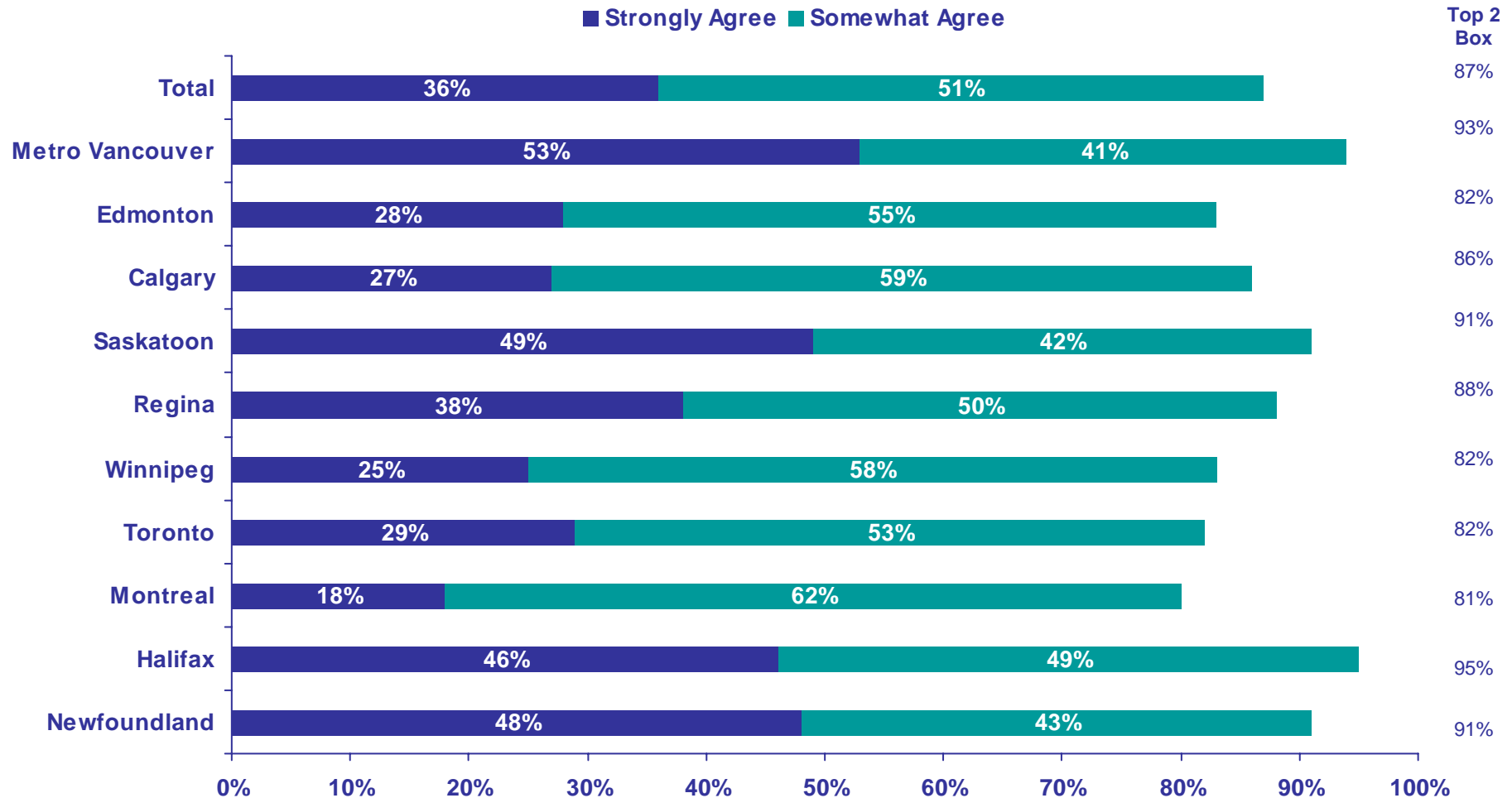
# The Issue Of Global Warming Is One That Has Been Overblown And Exaggerated



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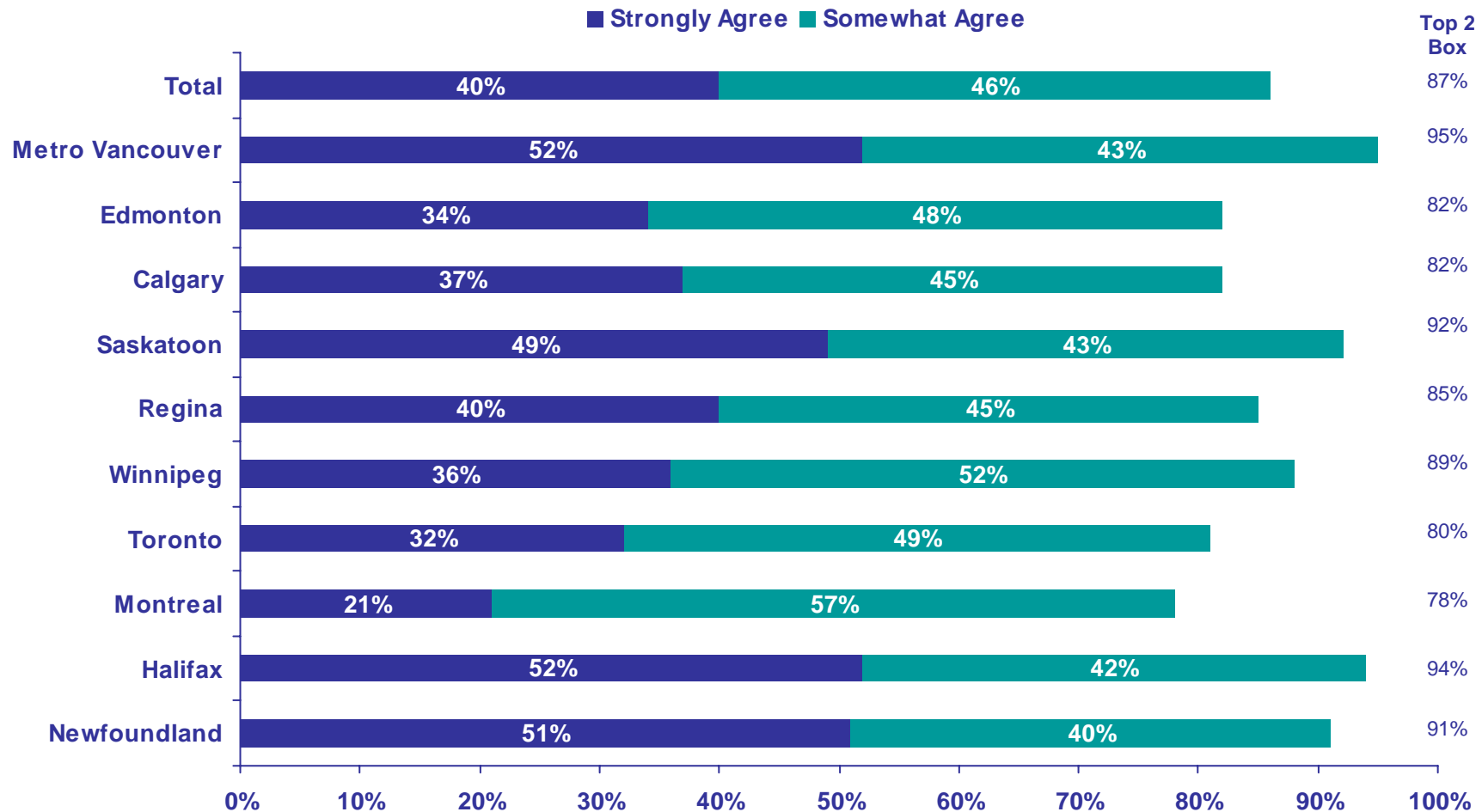


## My City/Community Is A Great Place To Live



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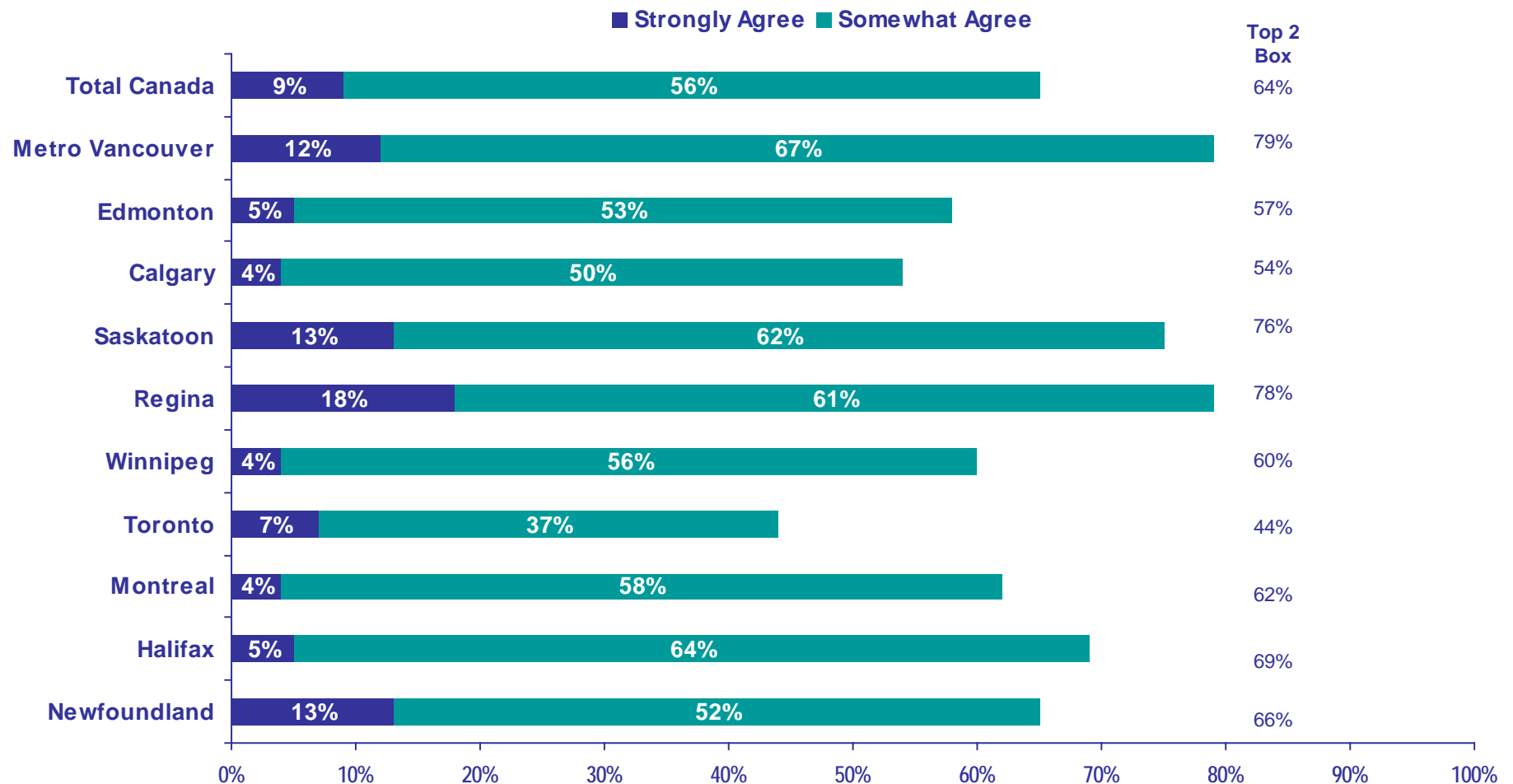
# I Am Proud To Tell People I Live In My Community



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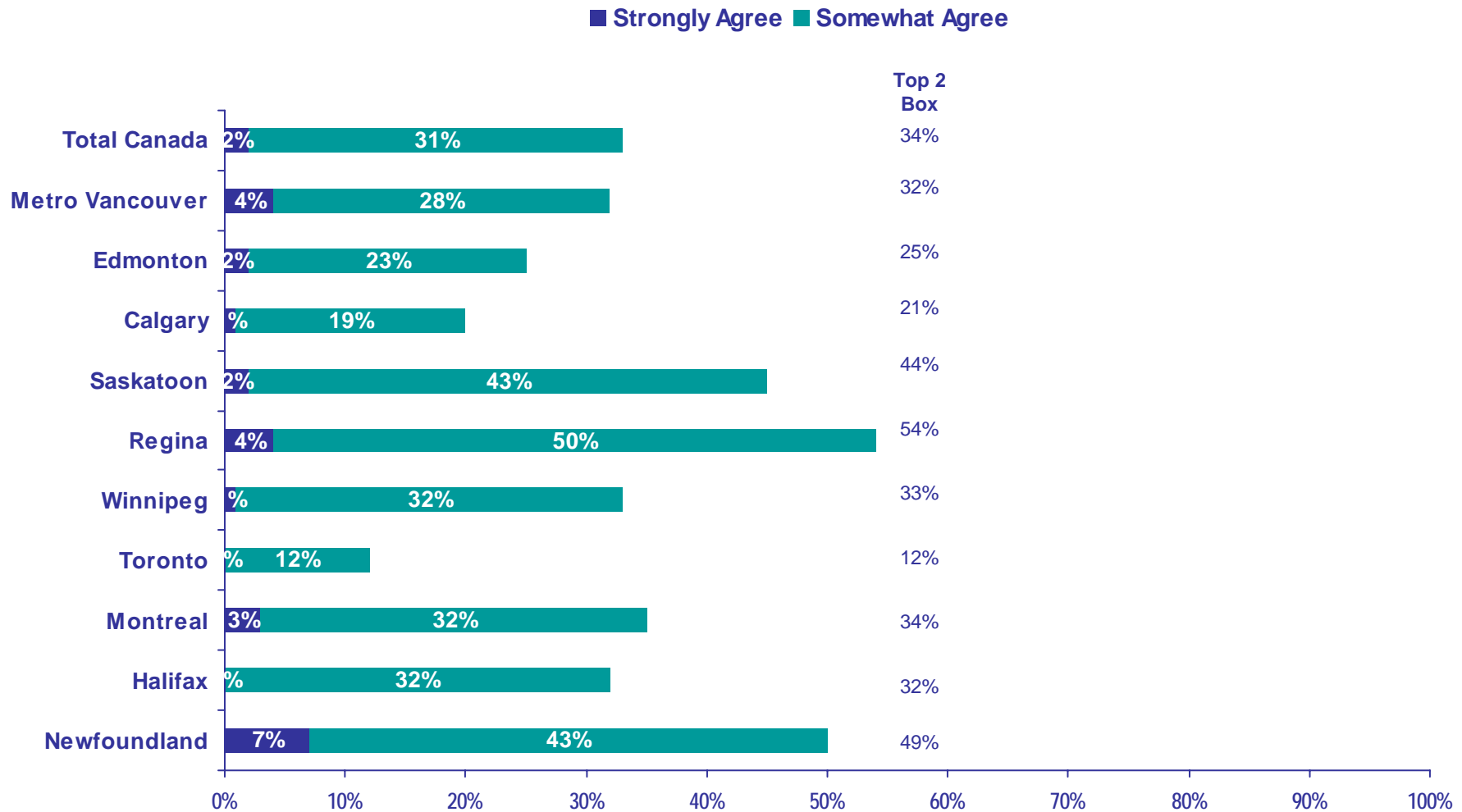


## Overall, This City/Community Is On The Right Track



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# City/Local Council Spends My Tax Dollars Wisely

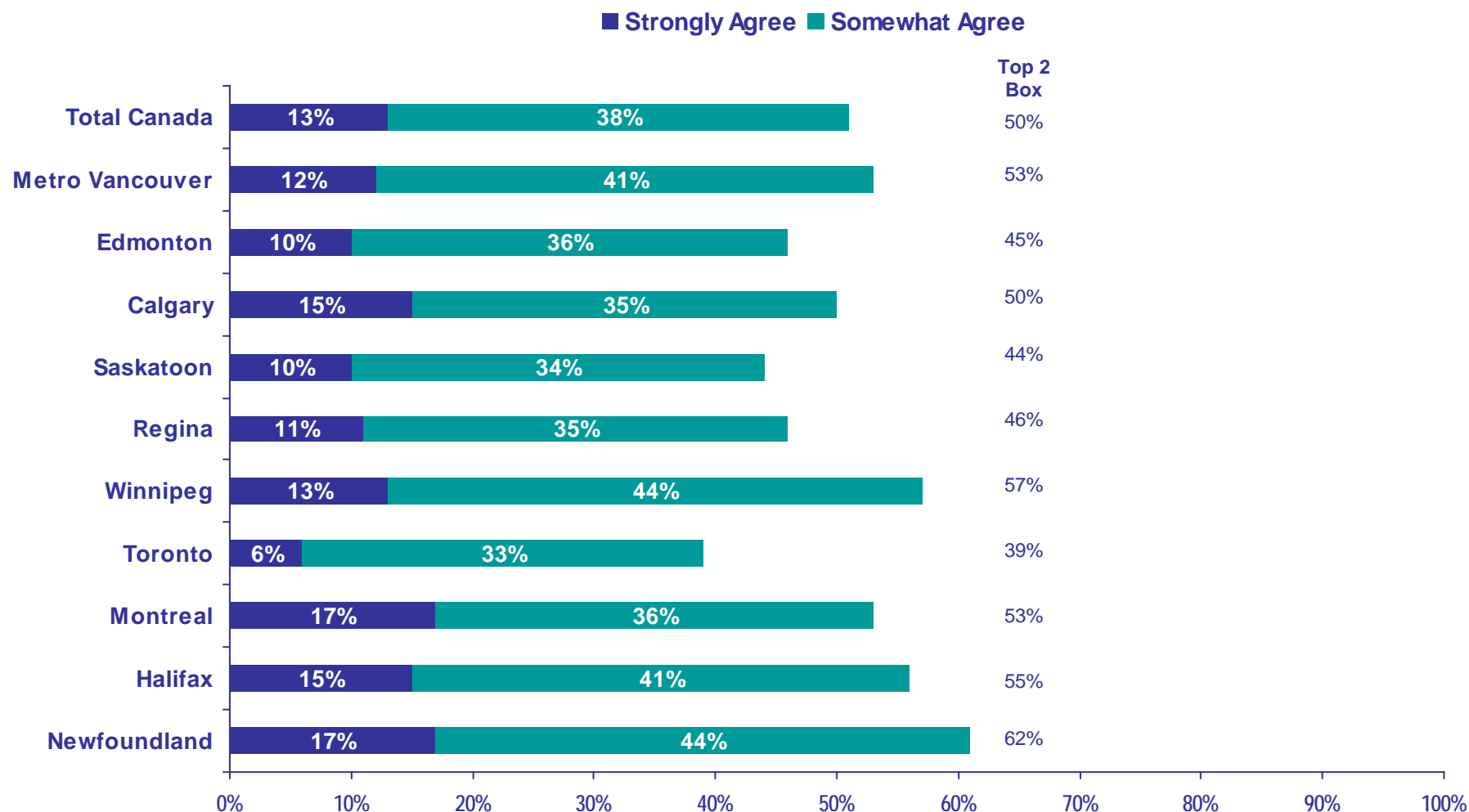


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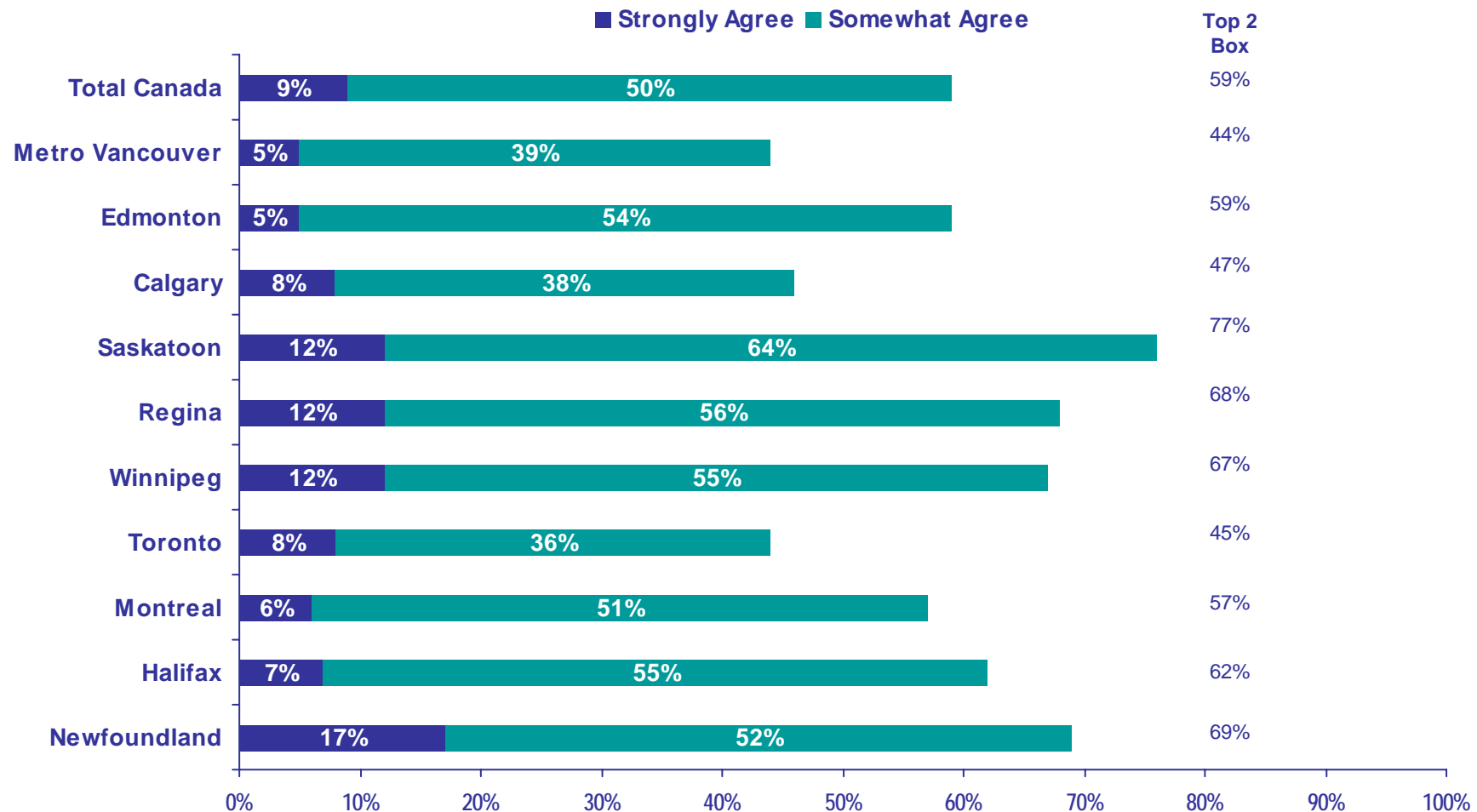
## I Am Concerned That Someone In My Family Could Contract The H1N1 Flue (Swine Flu) In The Next Six Months



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# We Are More Optimistic Now Than Before About My Family's Future In This Province

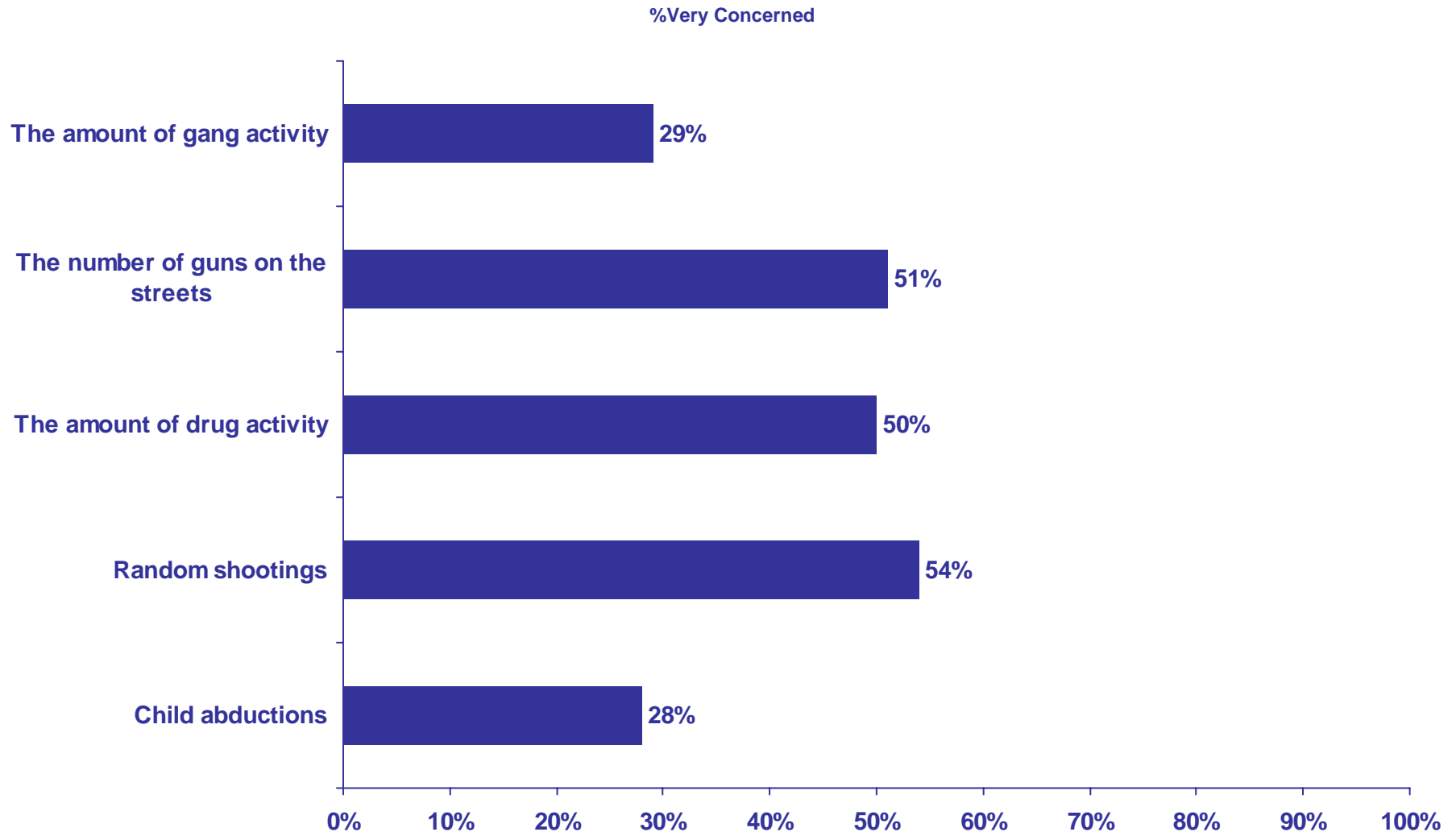


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## **5. Concern with Issues in Community**

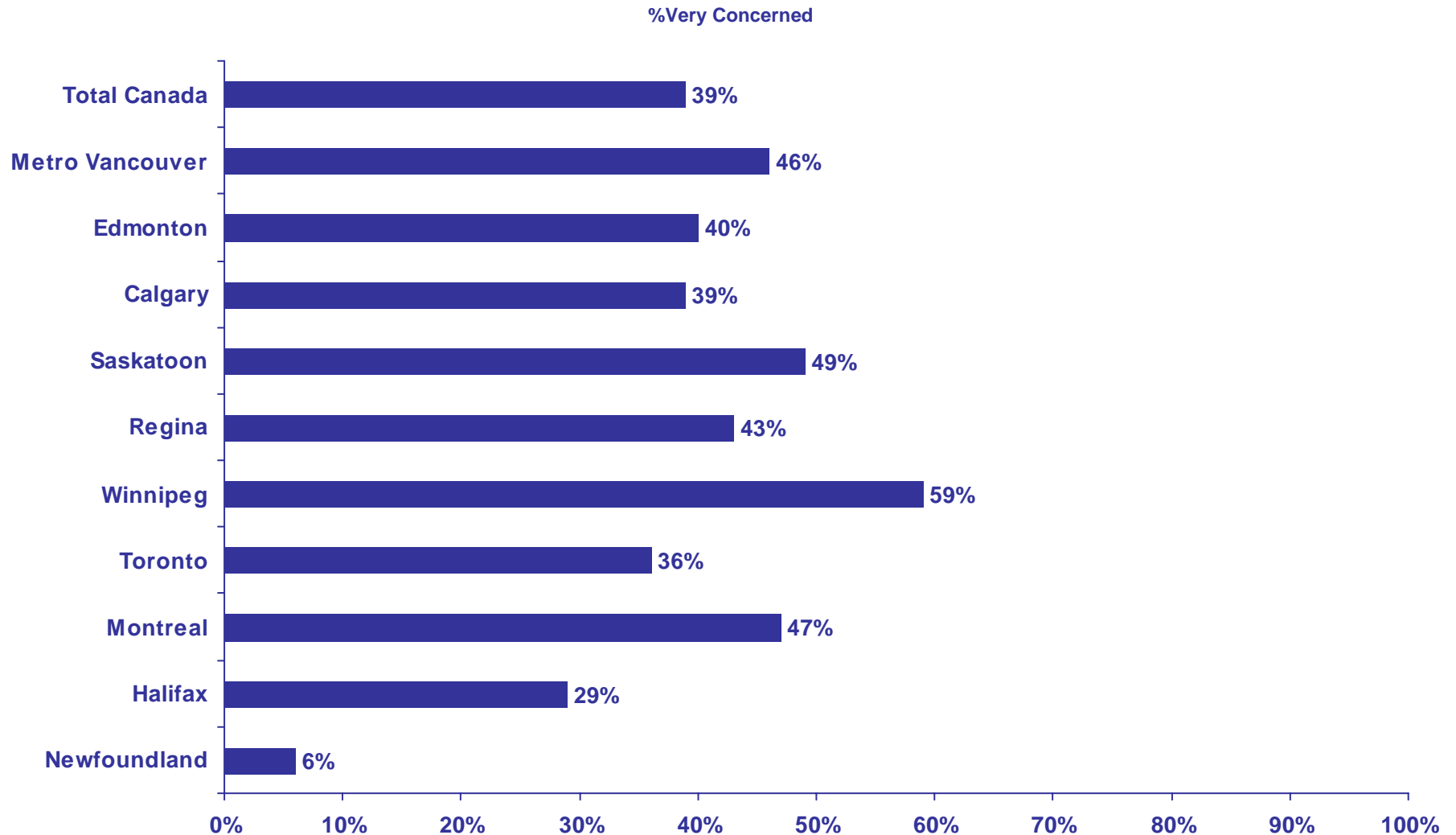


## Community Concerns - Halifax



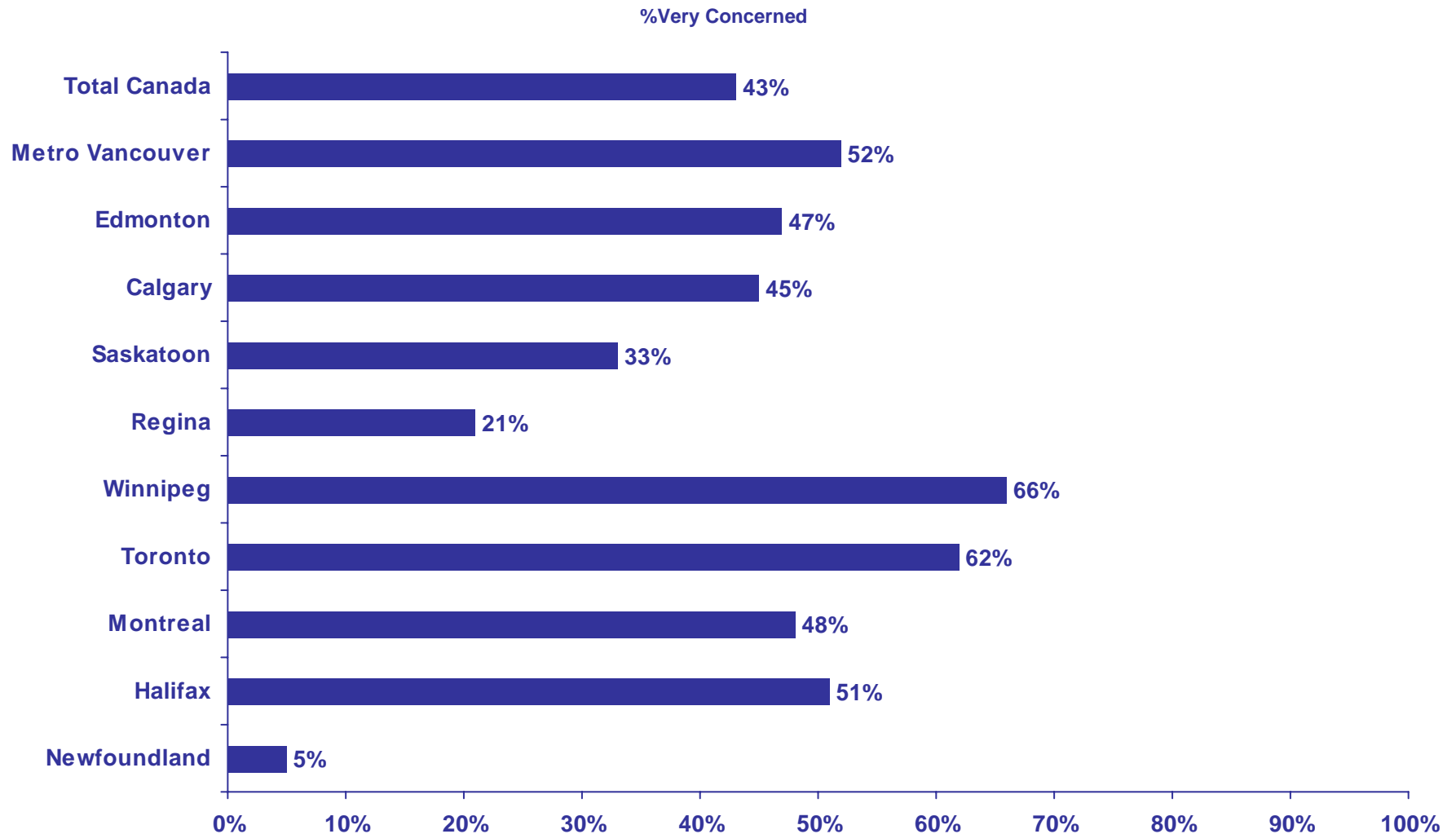
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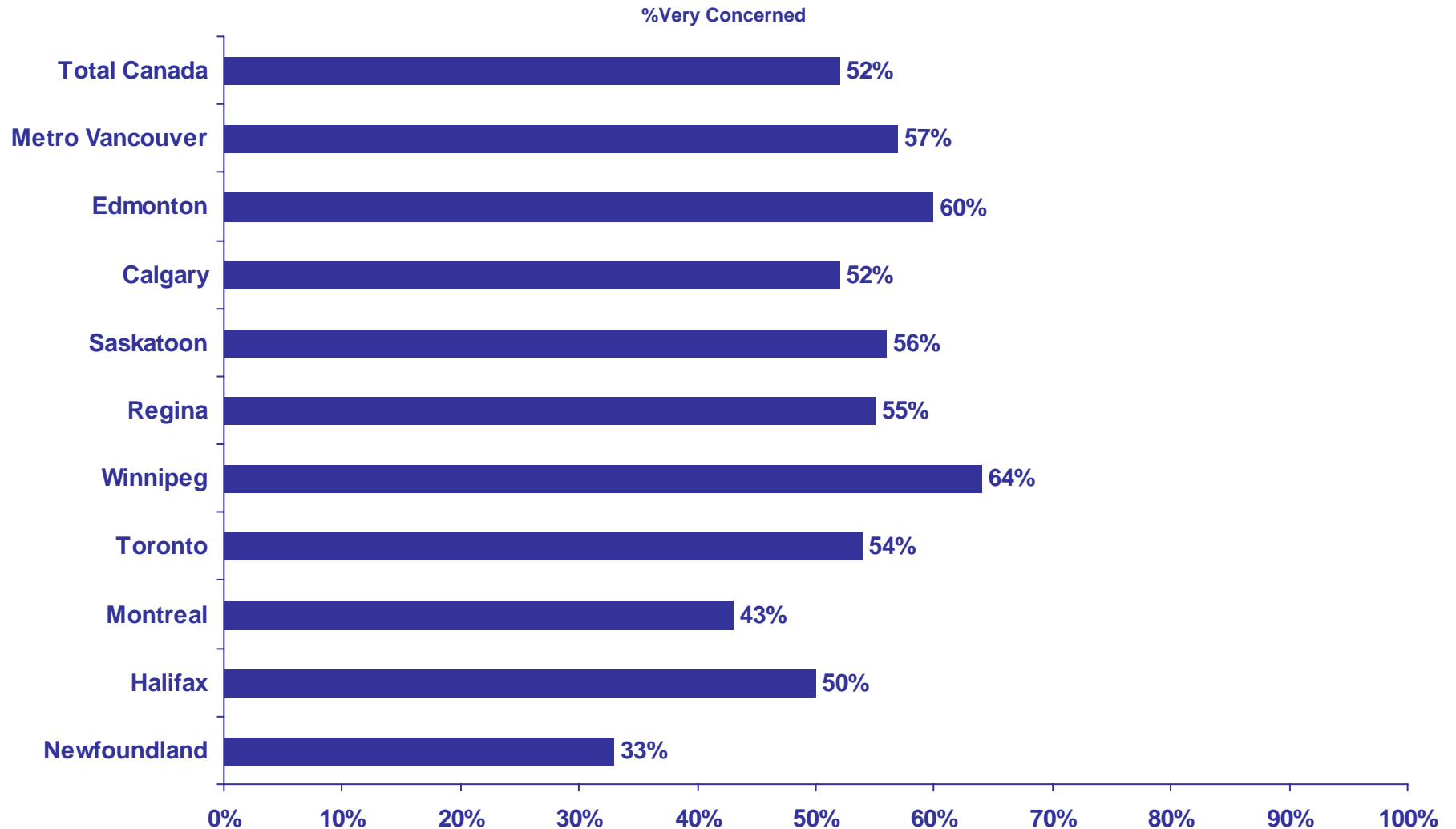
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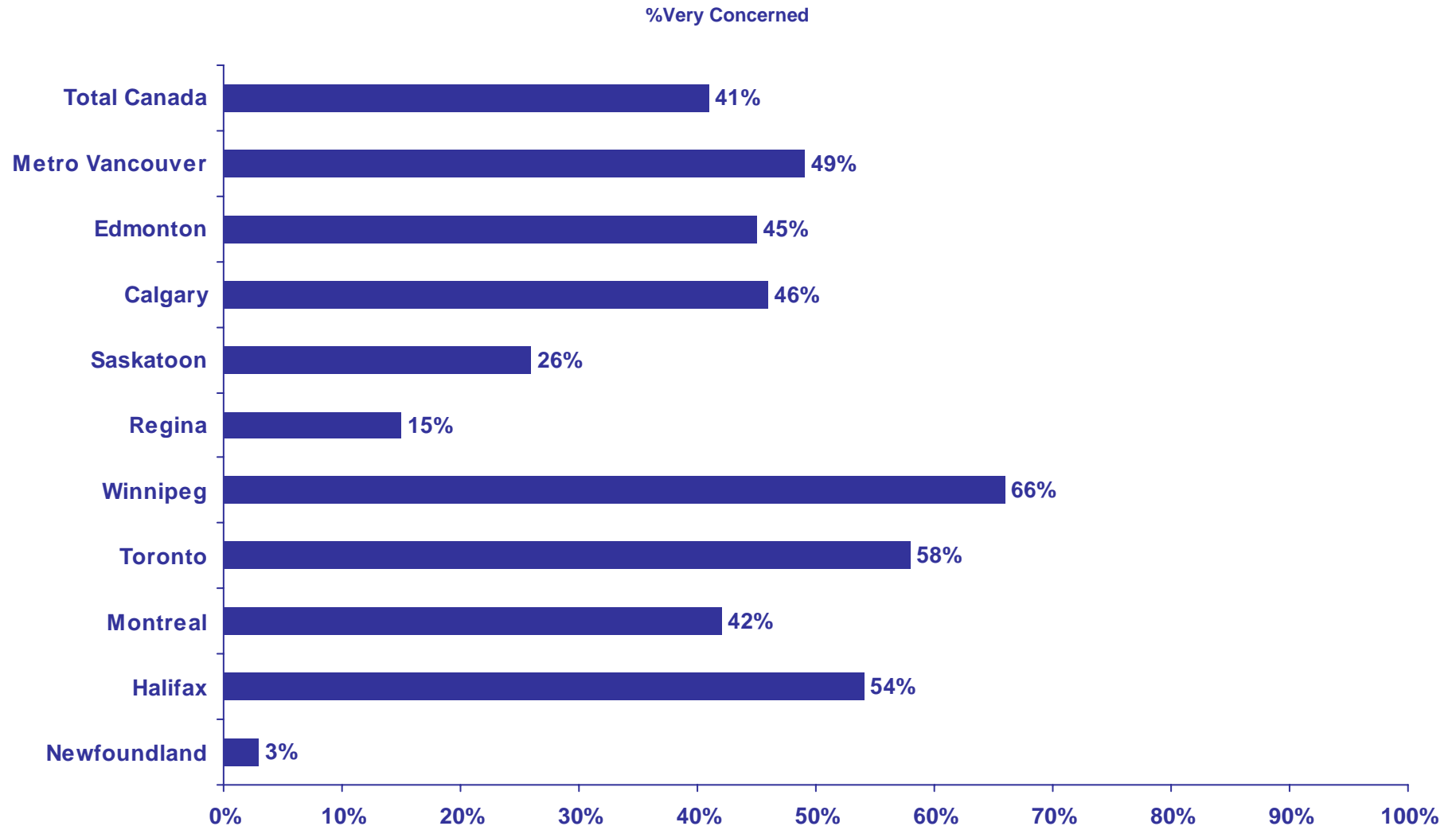
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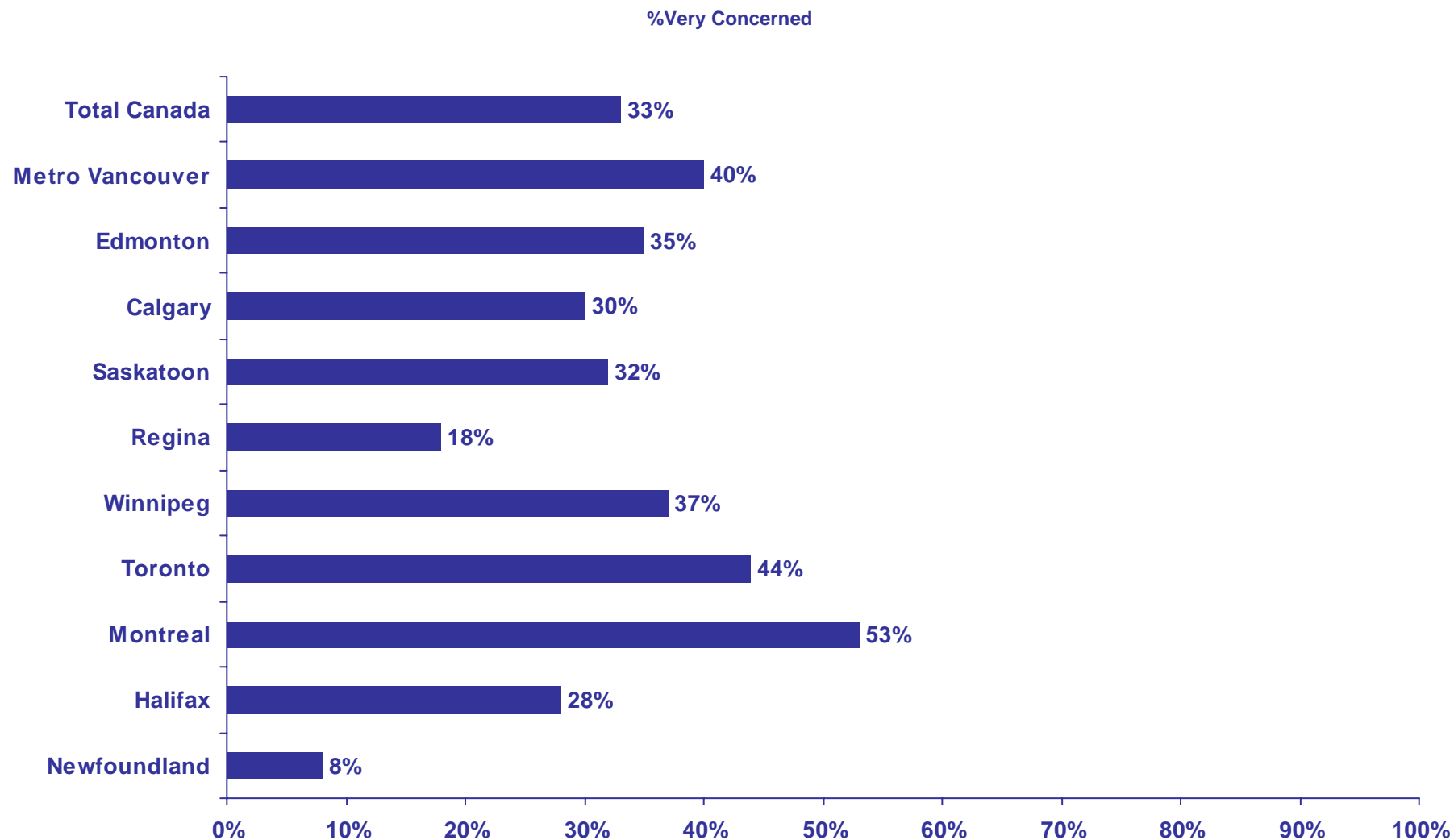
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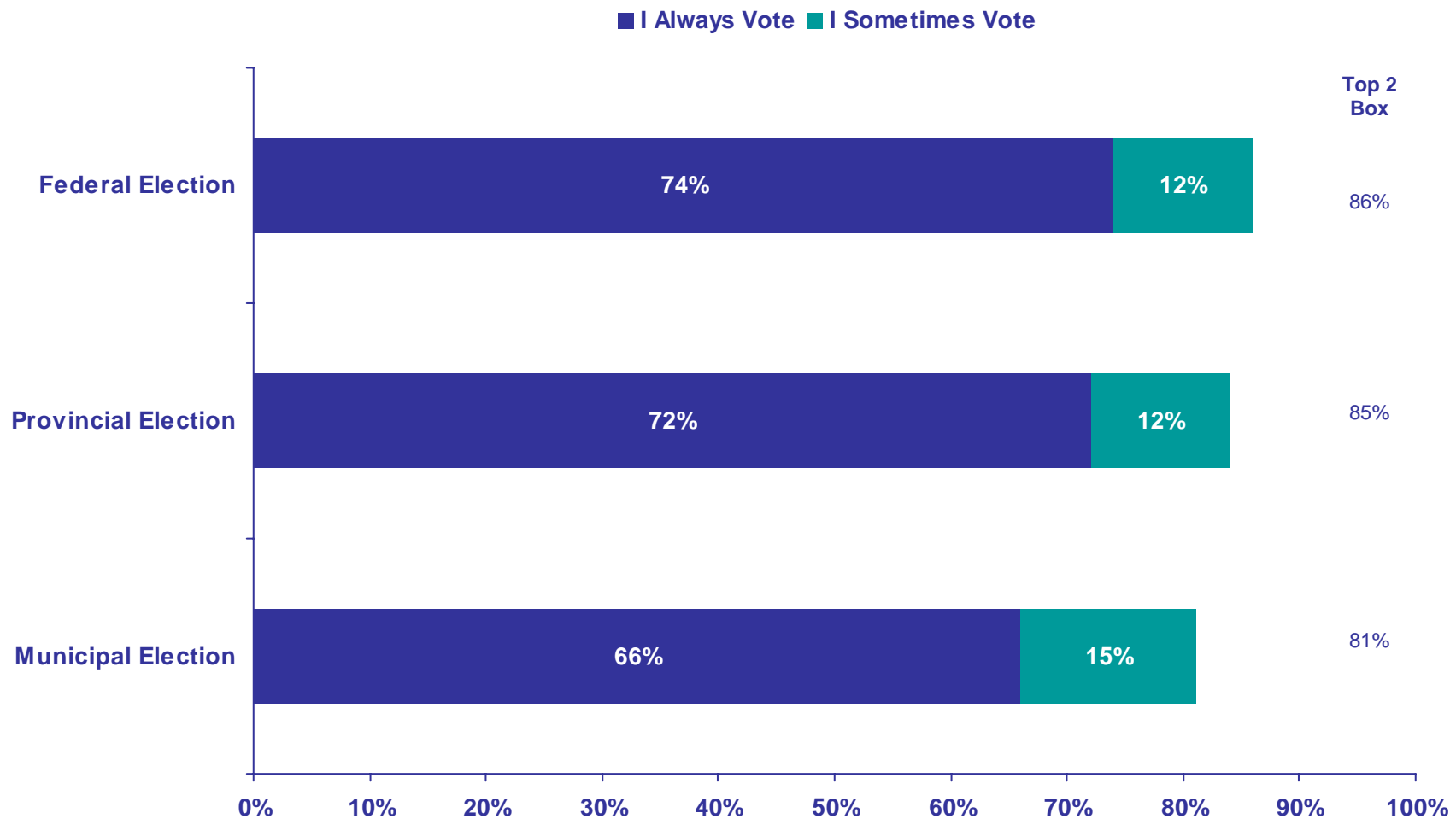
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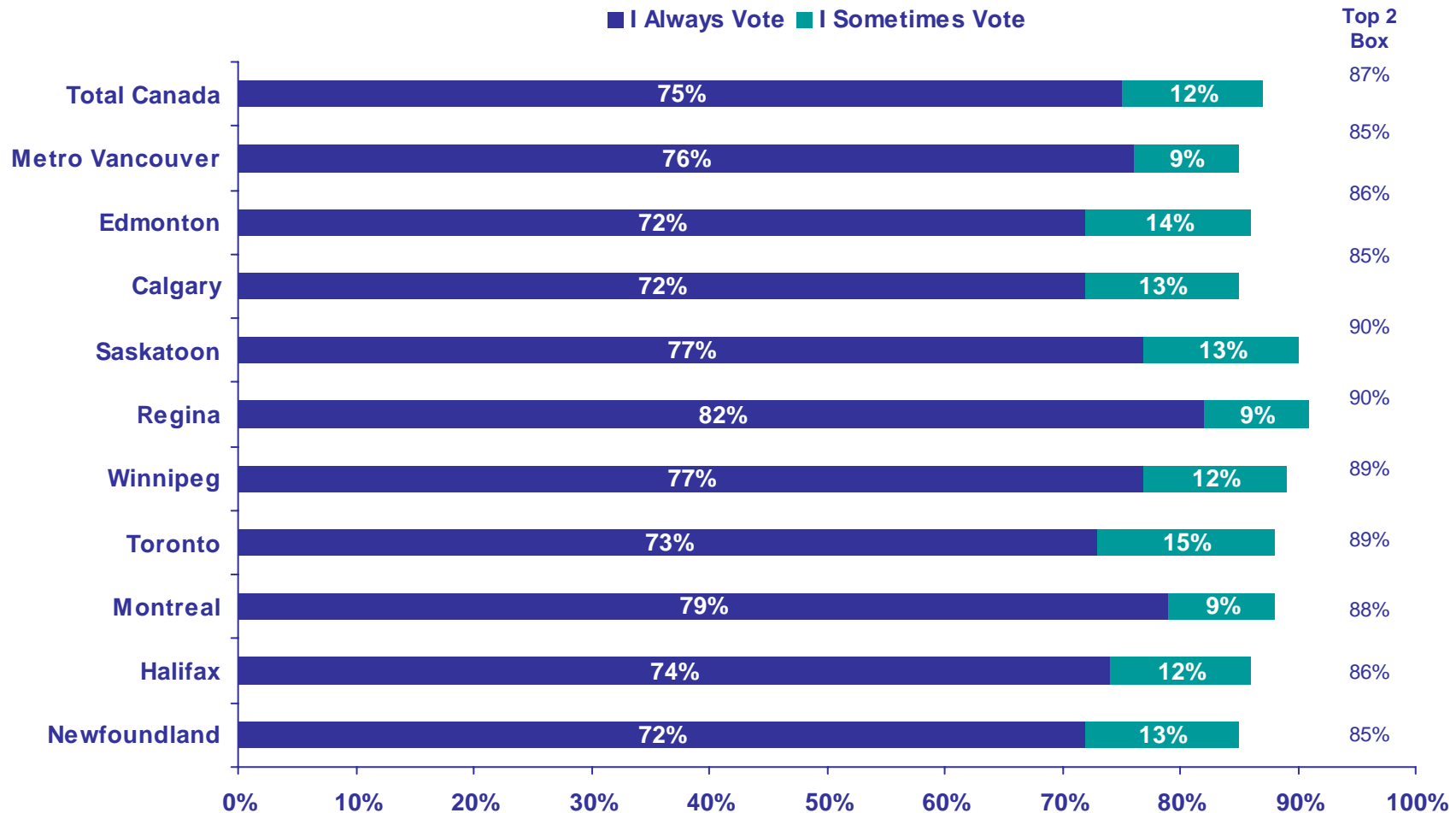
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## Voting - Halifax



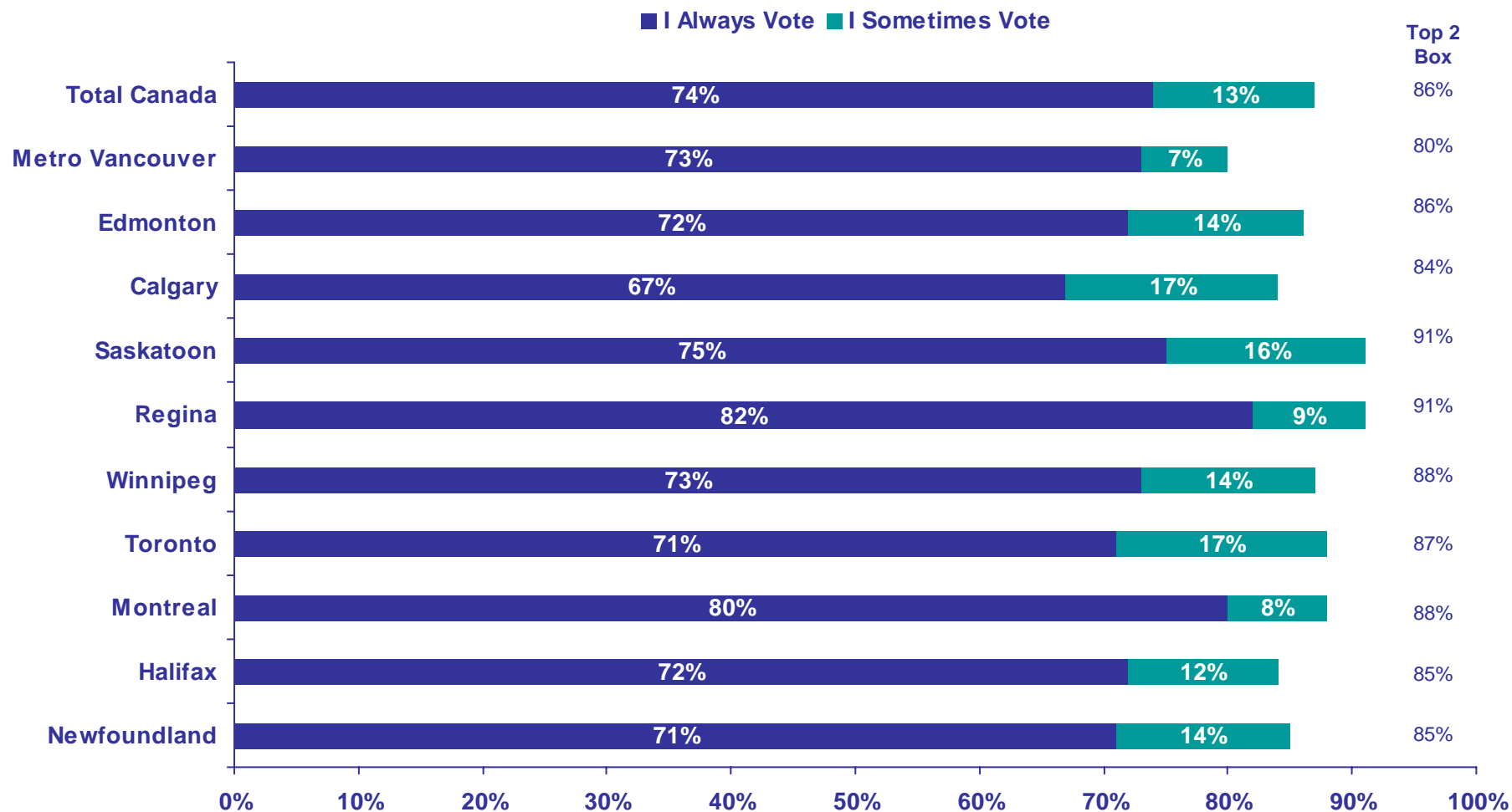
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# Voting in Federal Election



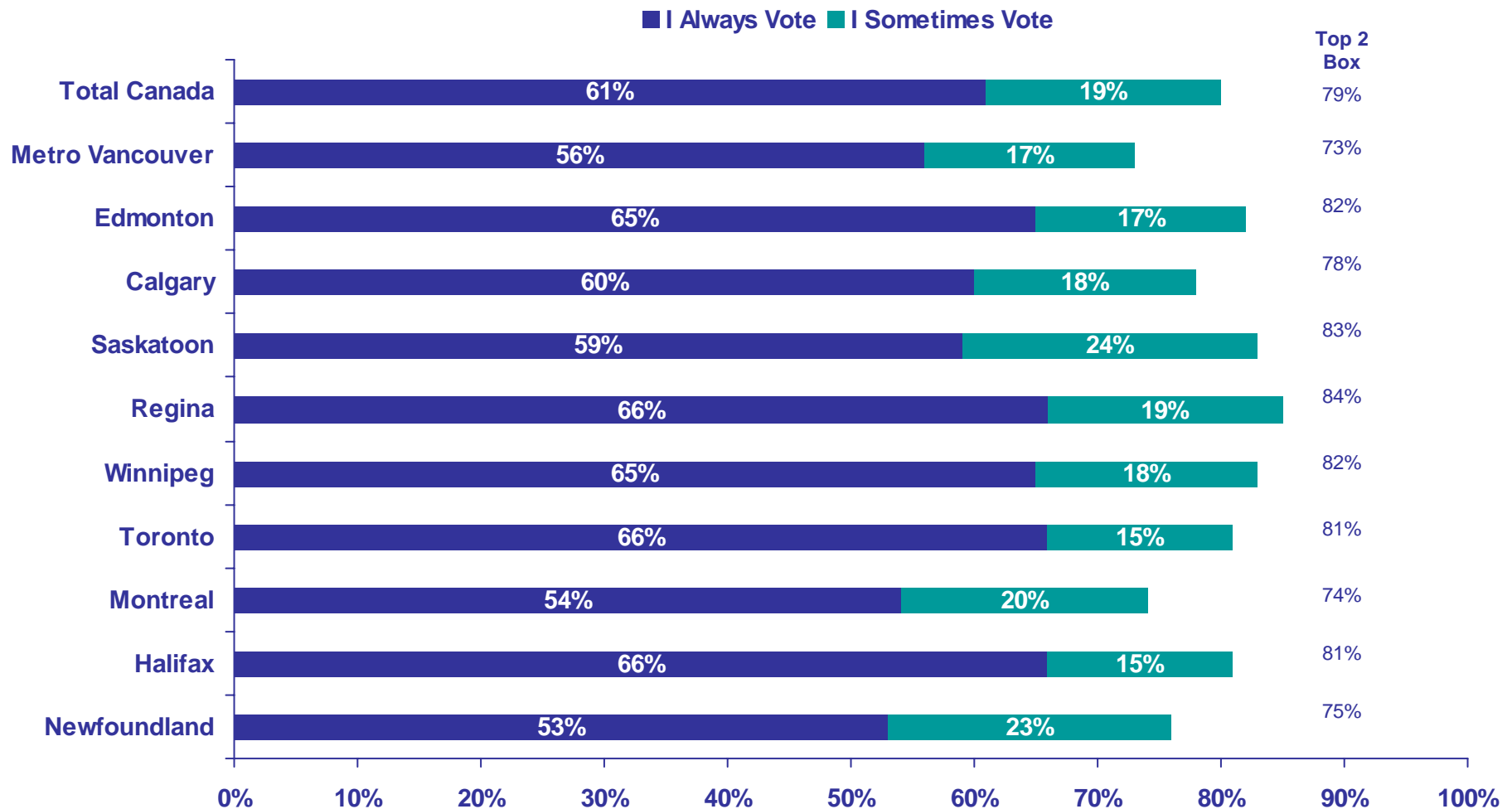
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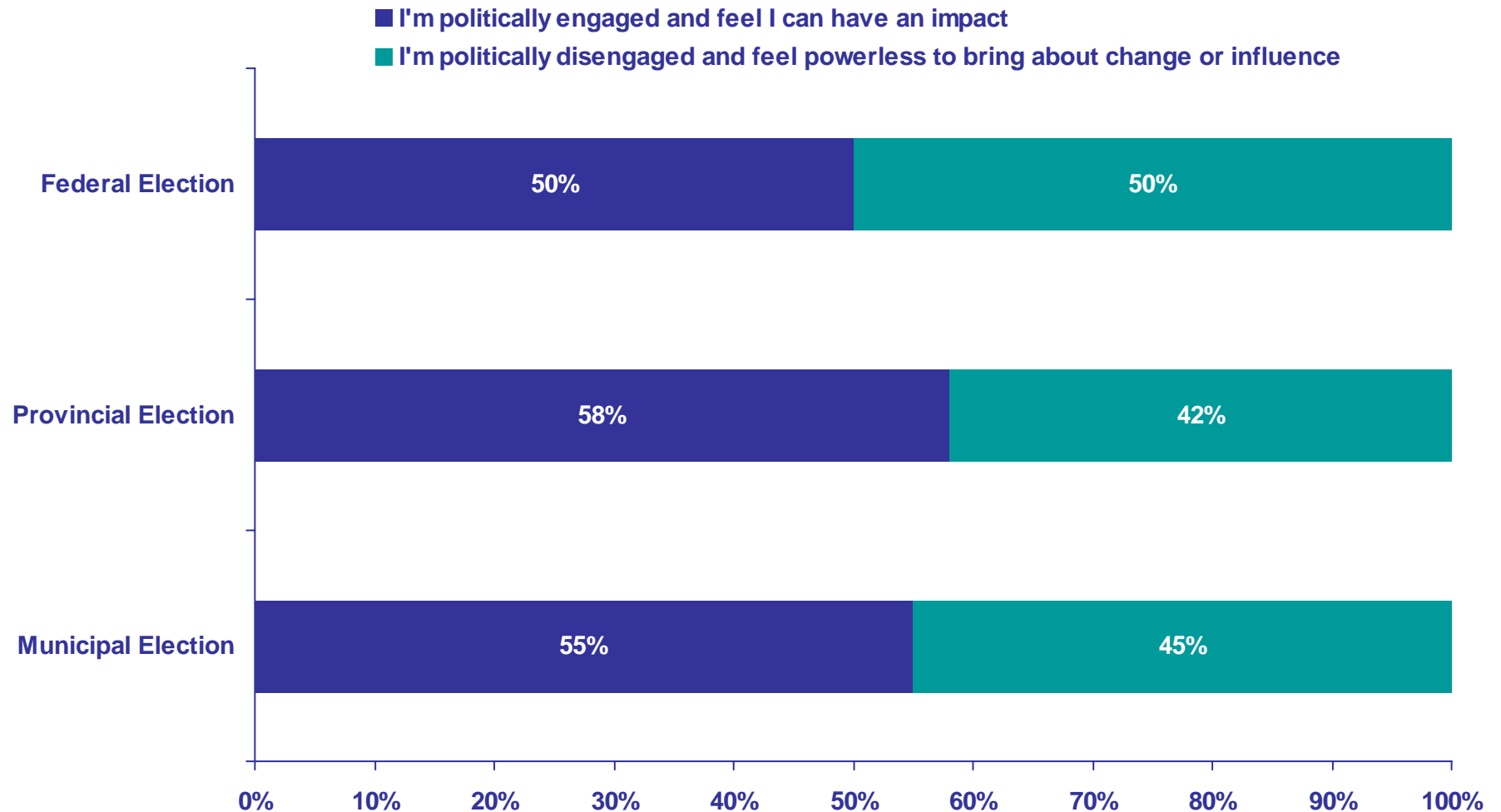
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## **7. Level of Engagement / Impact of Voting**

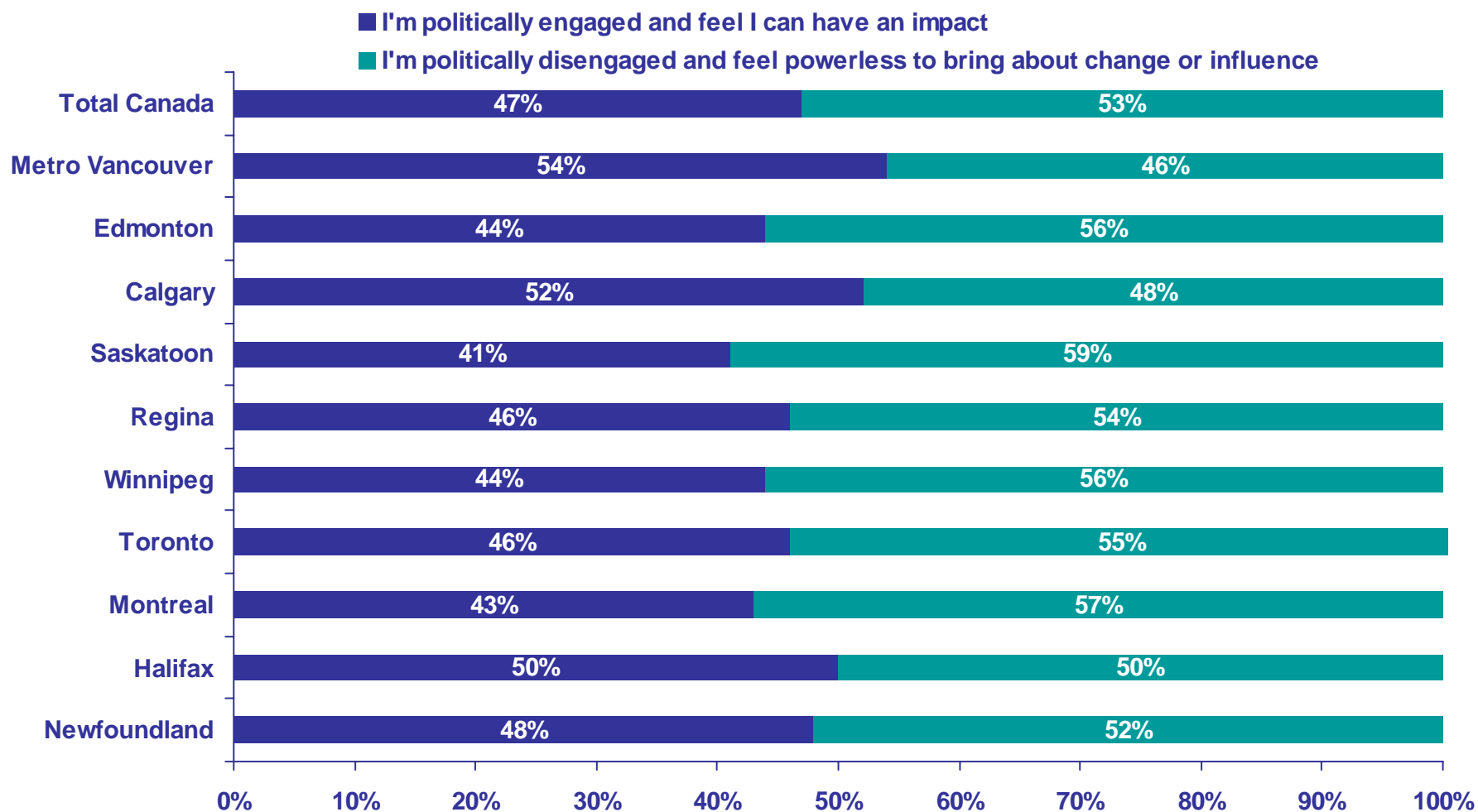
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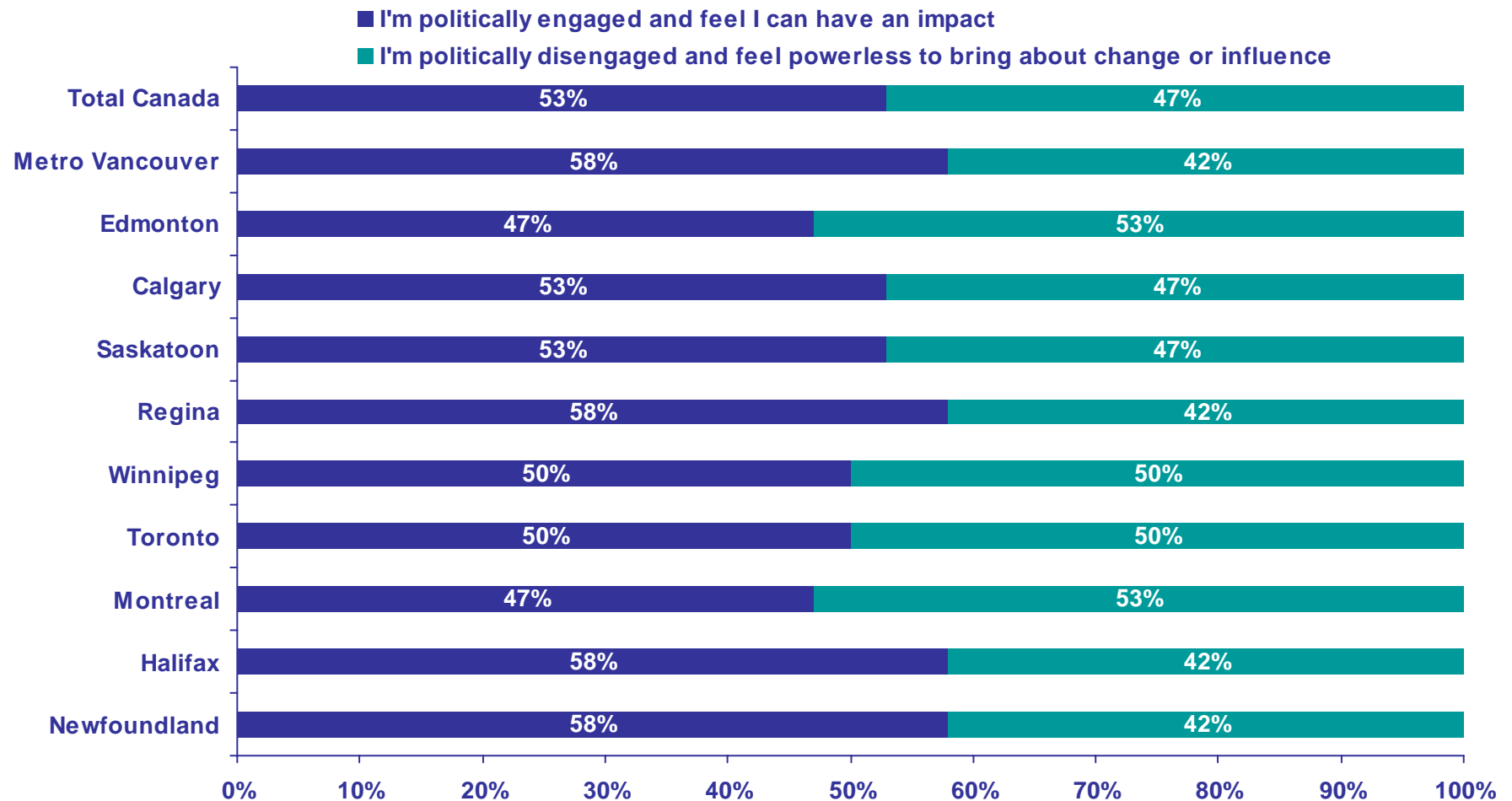


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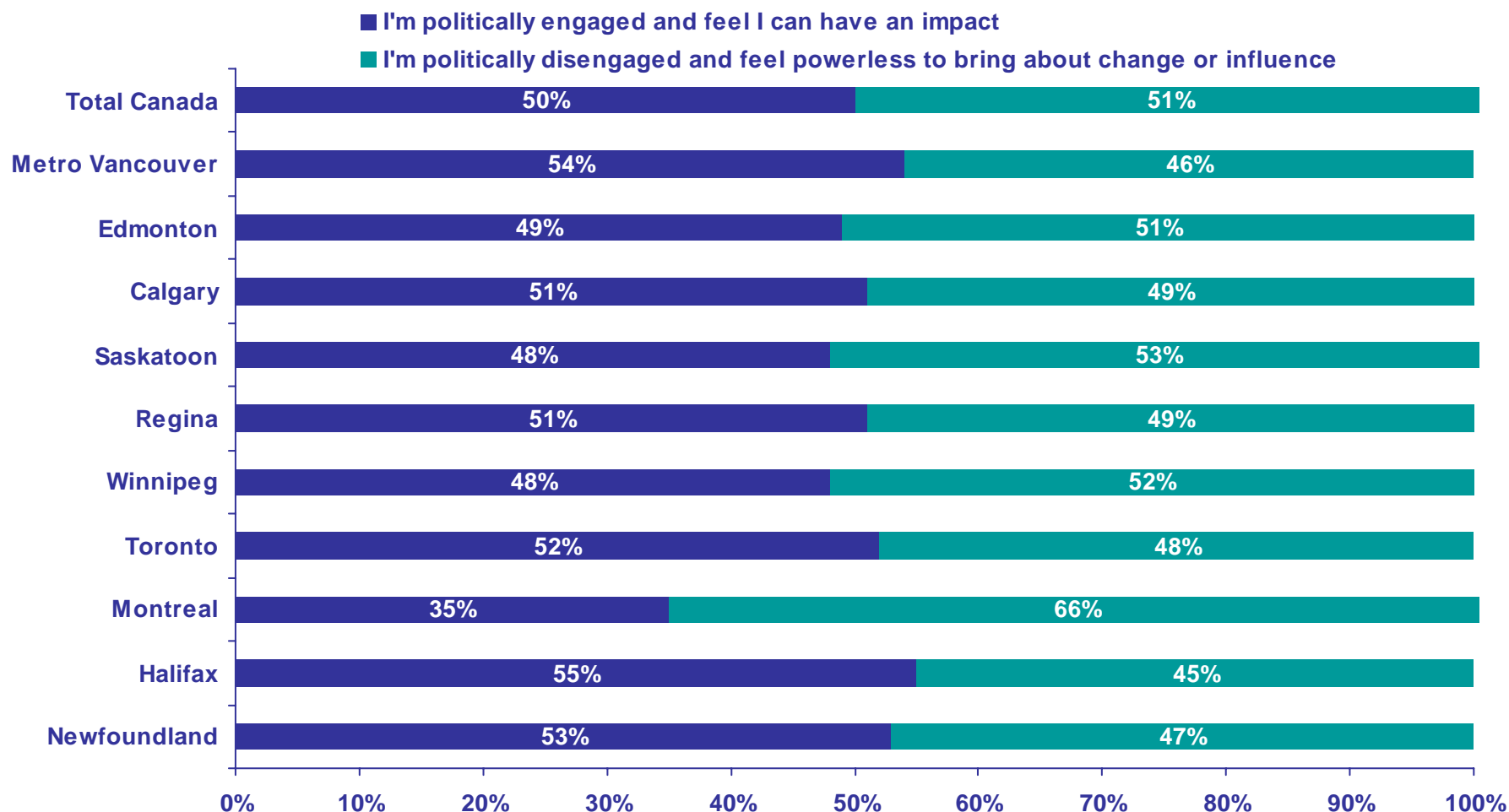
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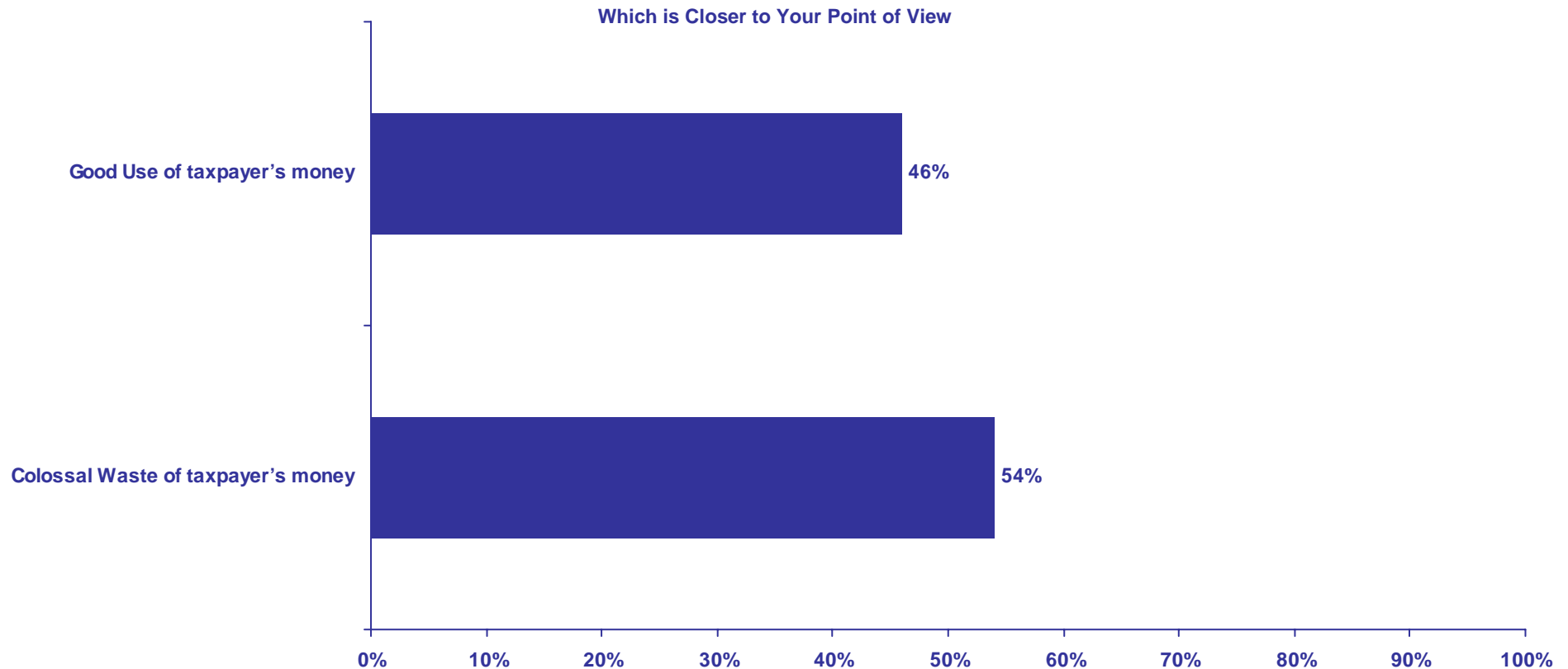


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## City Specific Questions



## Harbour Cleanup Solution



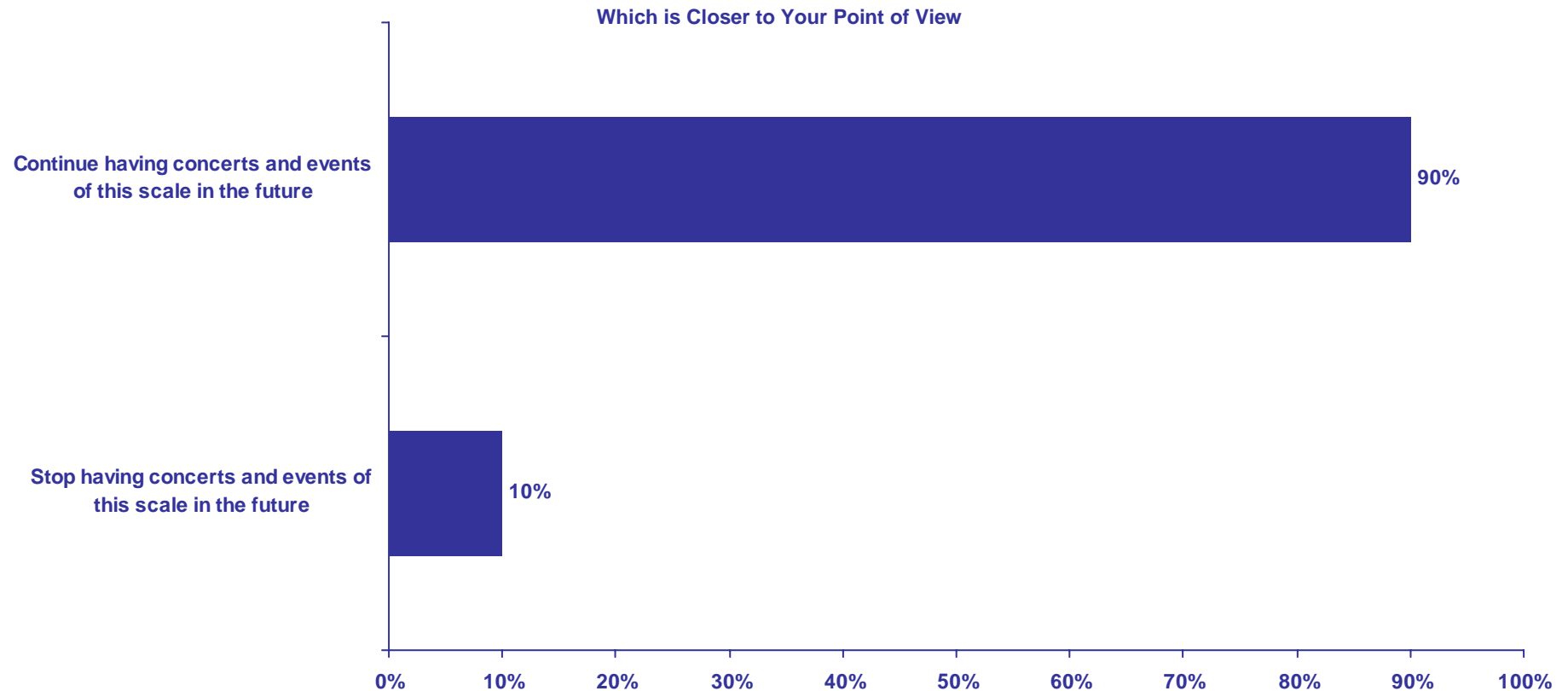
8. As you know, about ten years ago the Halifax municipality initiated the Harbour Cleanup Solution. After five years of construction and costs of approximately \$330 Million, the treatment facilities went into operation last fall. Recently the Halifax treatment facility broke down and the Dartmouth facility is failing standards tests.

[Some/Other] people say that the Harbour Cleanup Solution treatment facility breakdown and the failure of the standards tests are evidence that the project has been mismanaged and is a colossal waste of taxpayers money that wasn't worth what was done

[Other/Some] people say that every new enterprise like the Harbour Cleanup Solution has growing pains and what is currently happening will sort itself out, and it was a good use of taxpayer's money that will be good for the future.

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## Concerts



9 Over the past number of years, the Common in Halifax has hosted some pretty big concerts including Paul McCartney, KISS and the Rolling Stones. Now

[Other/Some] people say that the apparent benefits—such as revenue, notoriety and good music—outweigh the disruption that local residents have with their business, traffic and sometimes the mess that is left to clean up after the concert, and that events of this scale at the Common should be continued into the future.

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