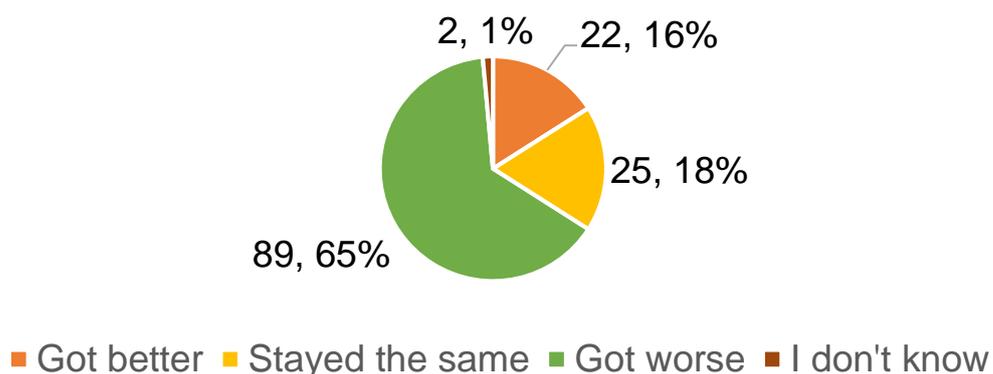


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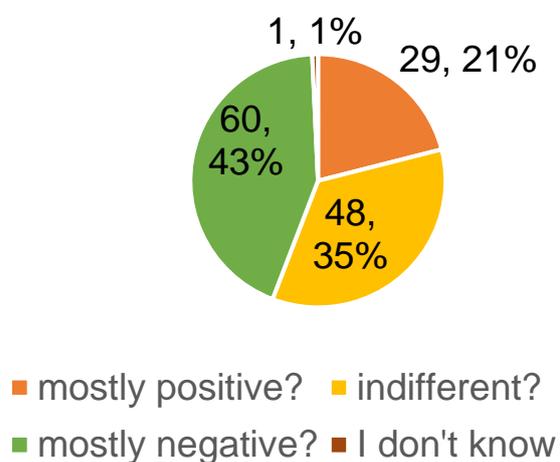
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Attitudes towards disabled people

Over the last 5 years, do you feel that attitudes to disabled people have...

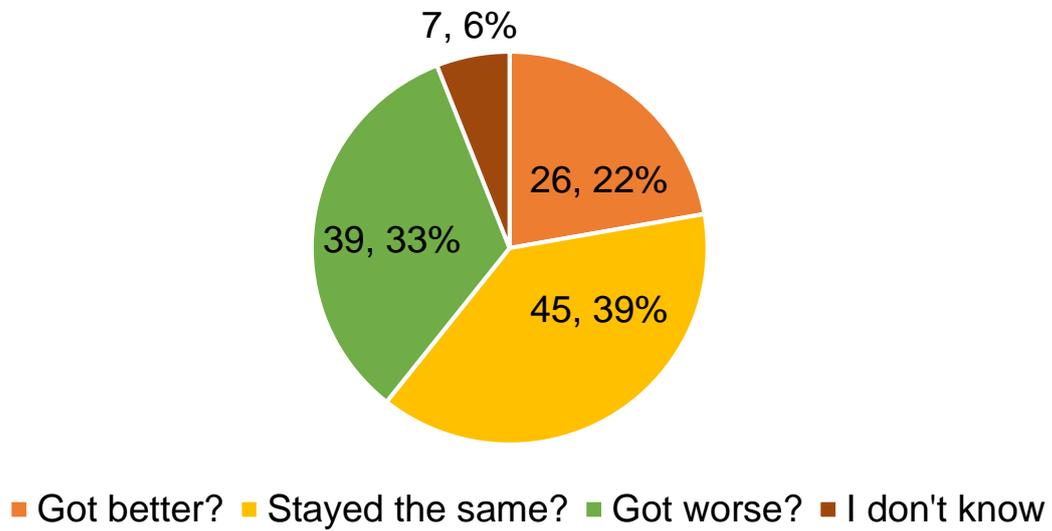


Do you feel that current attitudes to disabled people are...

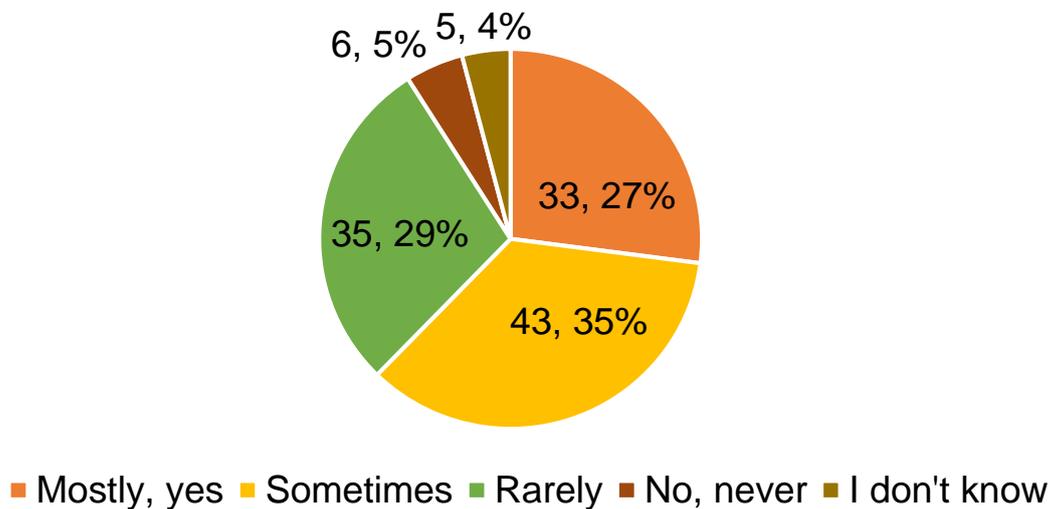


Access to Communication

Over the last 5 years, has your right to accessible communication...

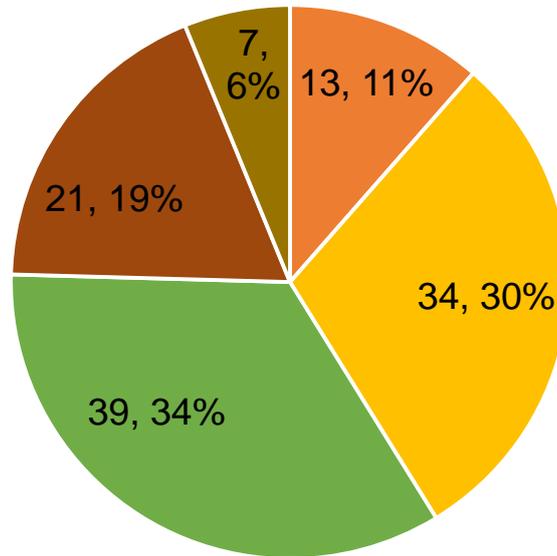


Do you feel you get your communication needs adequately met?



Advocacy

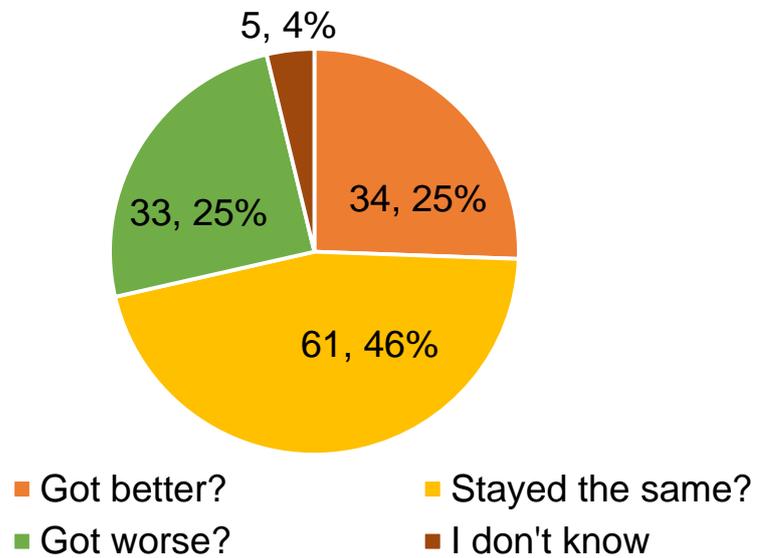
Over the last 5 years, do you feel your right to advocacy has been realised?



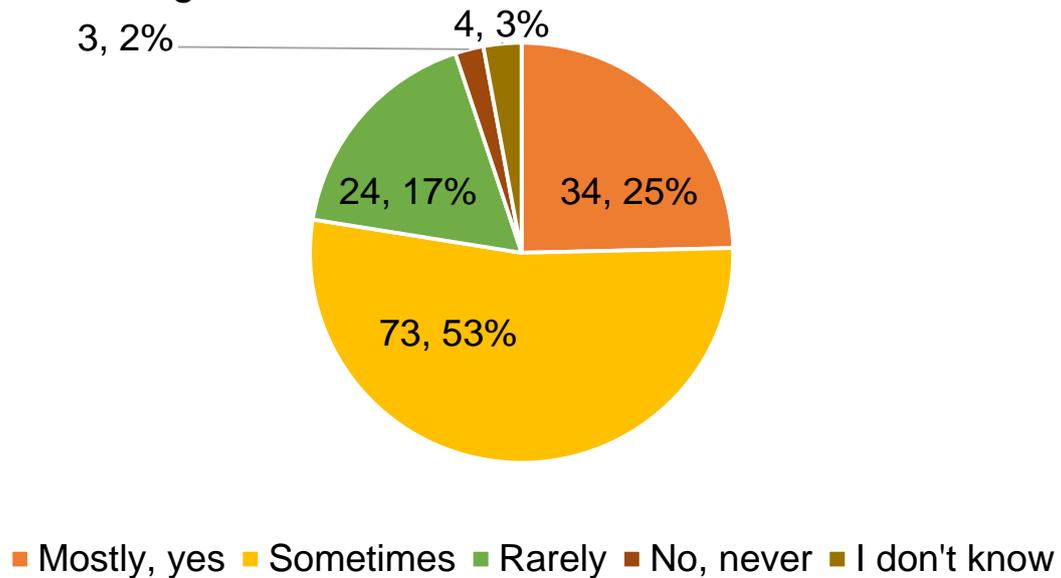
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Access to buildings and the environment

Over the last 5 years, have your rights to access to buildings and to the environment...

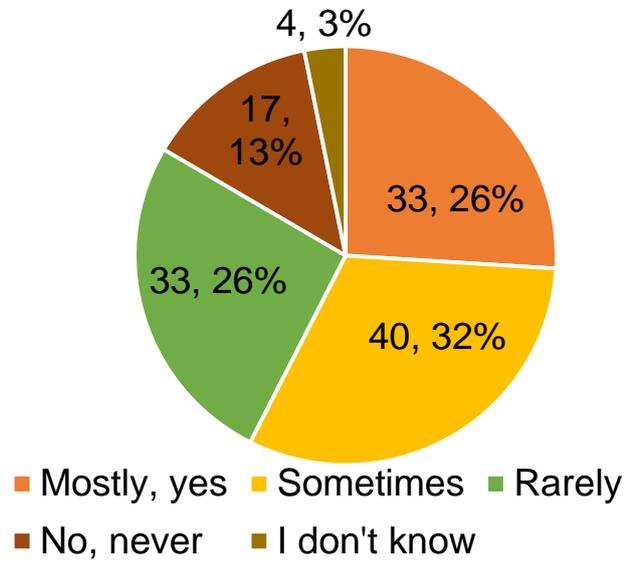


Do you feel you have adequate access to buildings and the environment now?

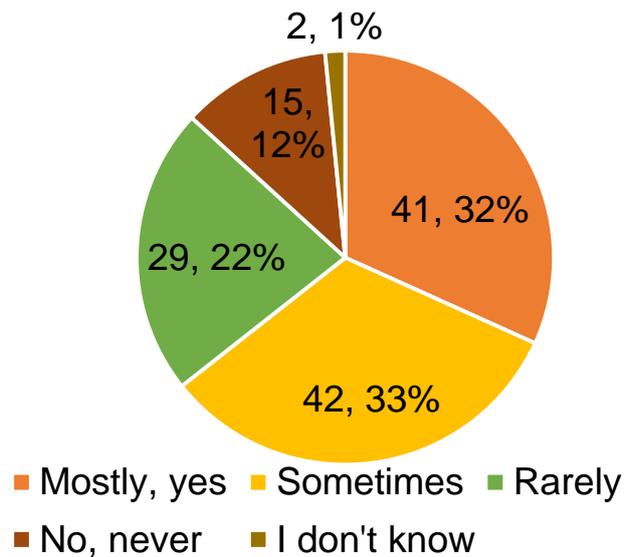


Access to public transport

In the last 5 years, have you been able to access public transport more easily?

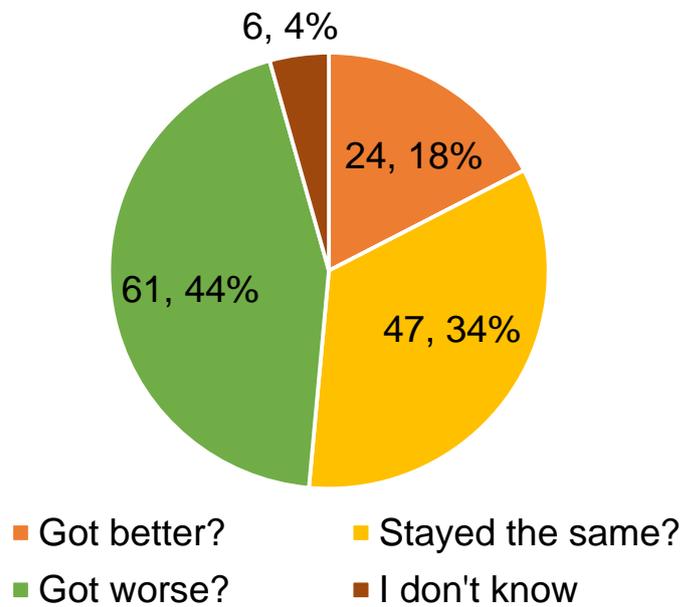


Are you able to access the public transport you need now?

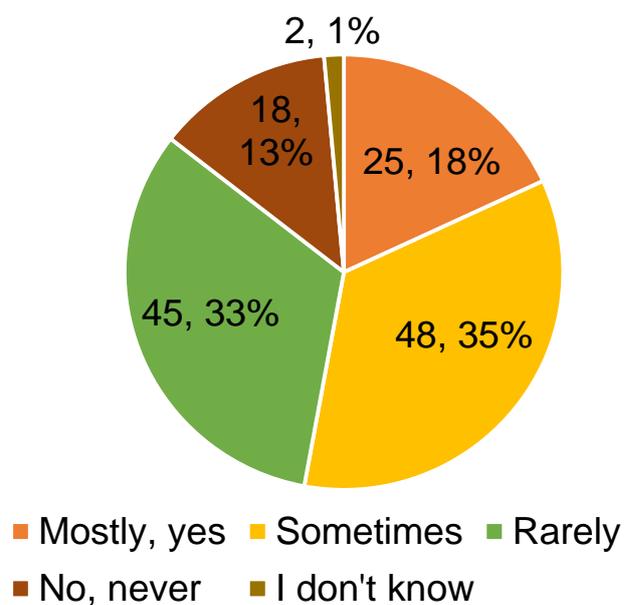


Right to be included in the community

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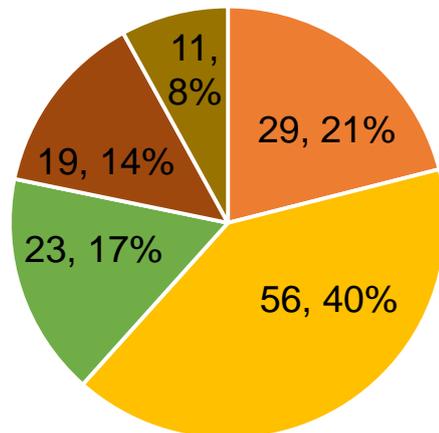


Do you feel you have adequate opportunities to be included in your community now?



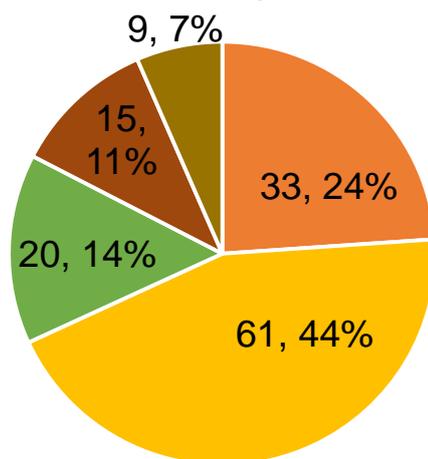
Right to take part in political decision making

Over the last 5 years, have you experienced specific barriers to participating effectively in political decision making?



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No, never I don't know

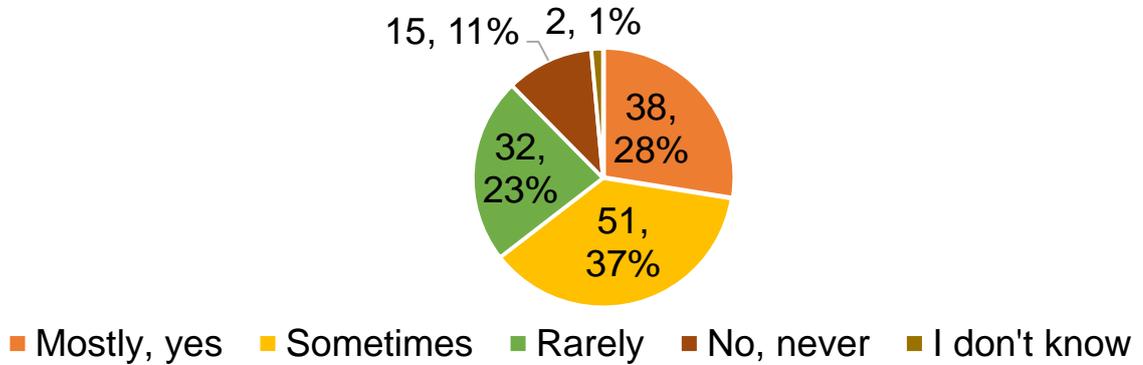
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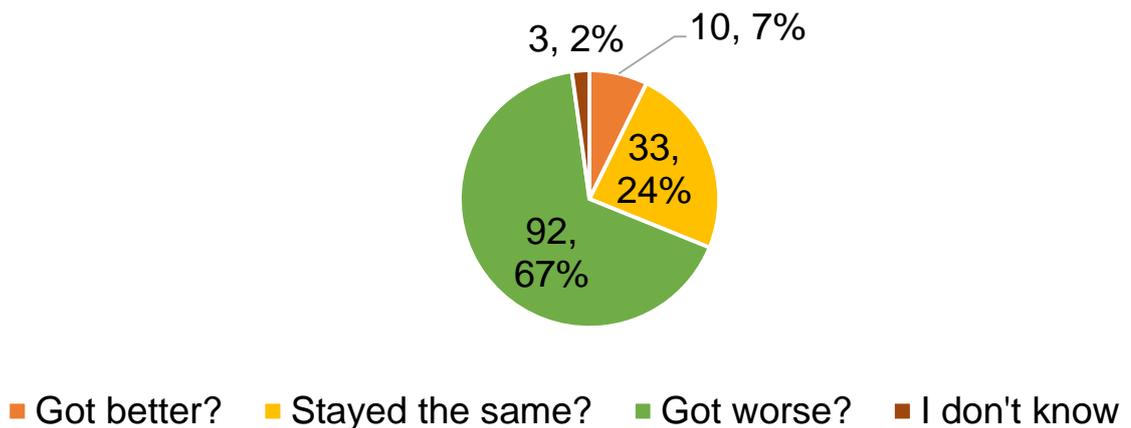
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Right to an adequate income

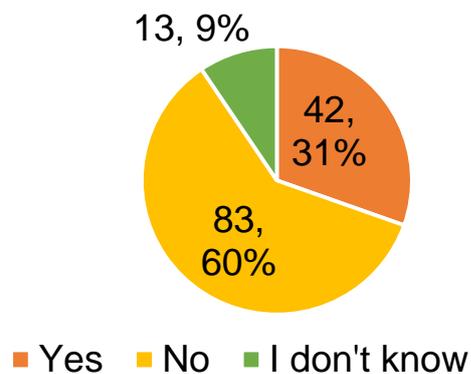
Over the last 5 years, have you had enough money to live on?



Over the last 5 years, has your income...

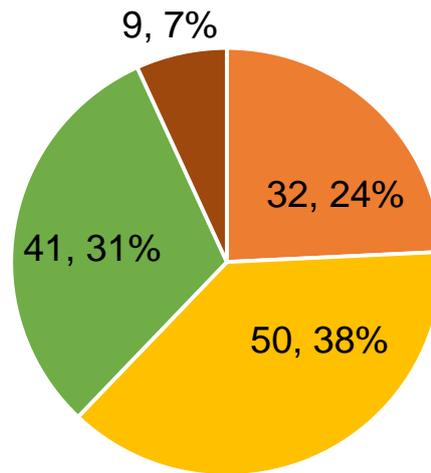


Do you NOW have enough income to adequately meet all your needs?



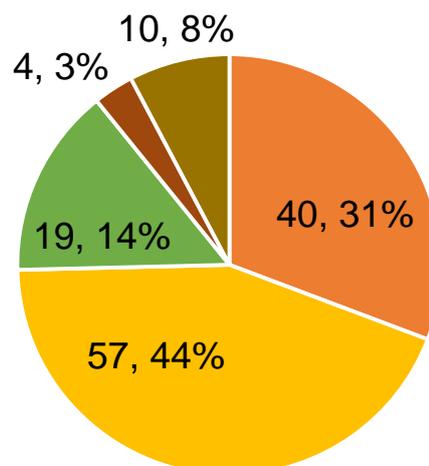
Right to access information

Over the last 5 years, has your right to accessible information...



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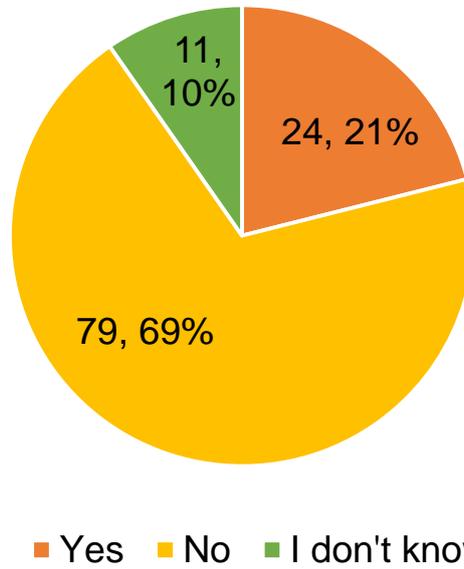
Do you feel you get information in the accessible formats you need now?



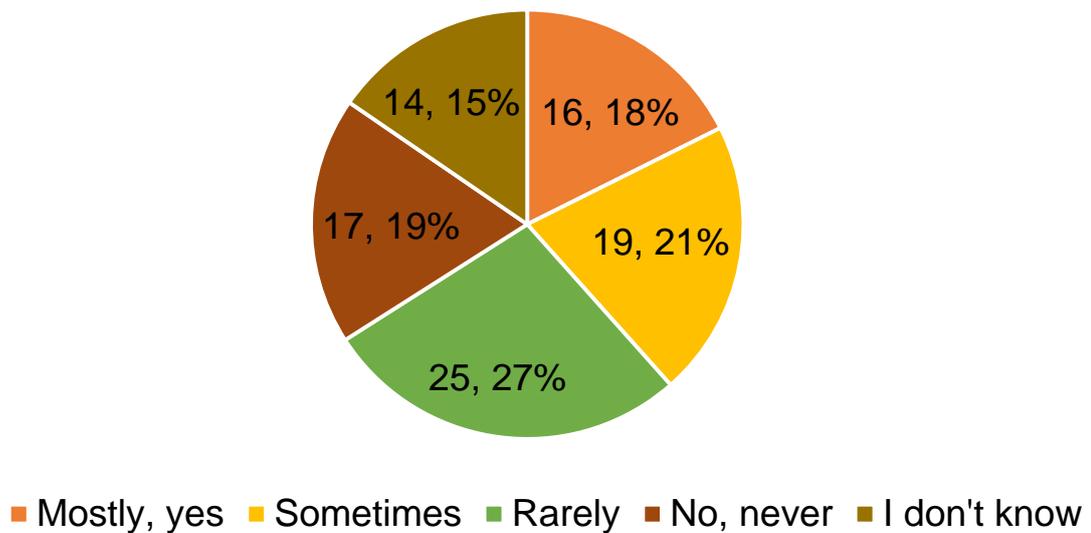
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Social Care

Do you get the social care that you need?

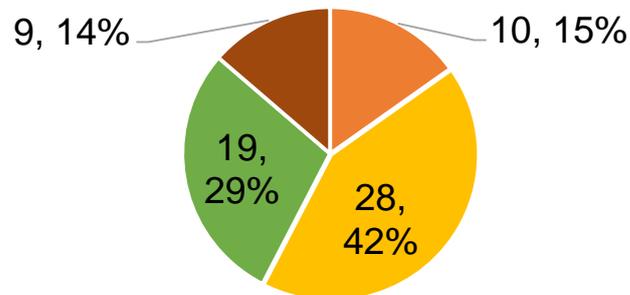


If you receive social care now, do you get the support you need to do the things you want to do?



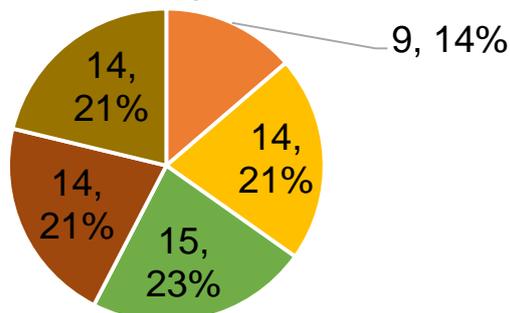
Mental health treatments and services

If you are a mental health service user, over the last 5 years, has your experience of mental health treatment...



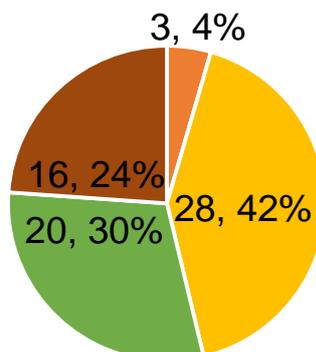
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If you are a mental health service user and you receive mental health treatment now, is it adequate to meet your needs?



■ Mostly, yes ■ Sometimes ■ Rarely ■ No, never ■ I don't know

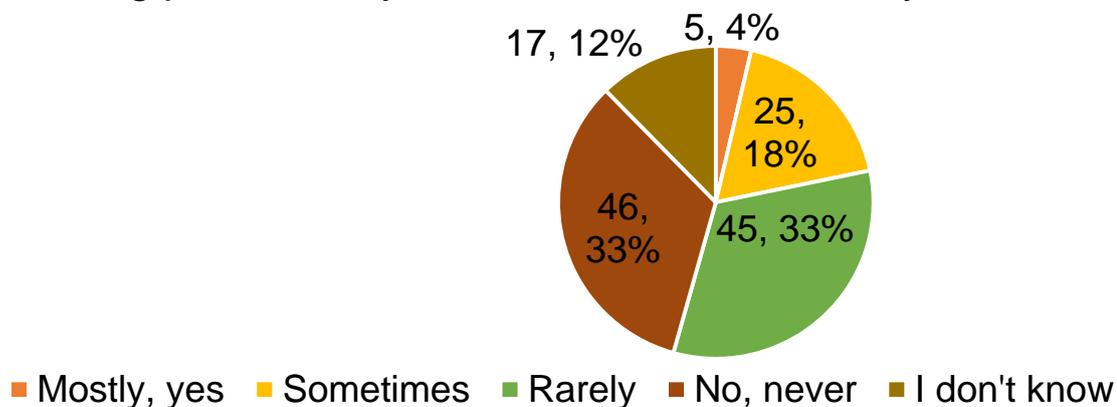
If you are a mental health service user, has your experience of other mental health services...



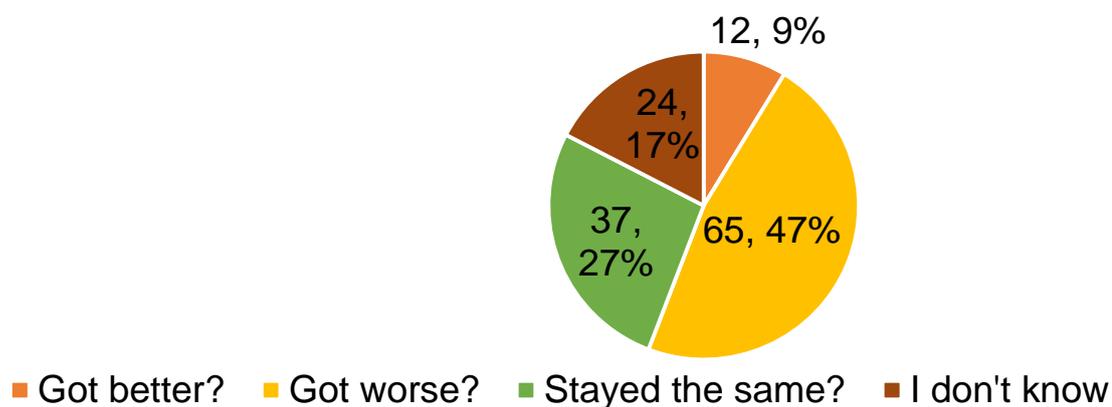
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Your Human Rights in the UN Disability Convention

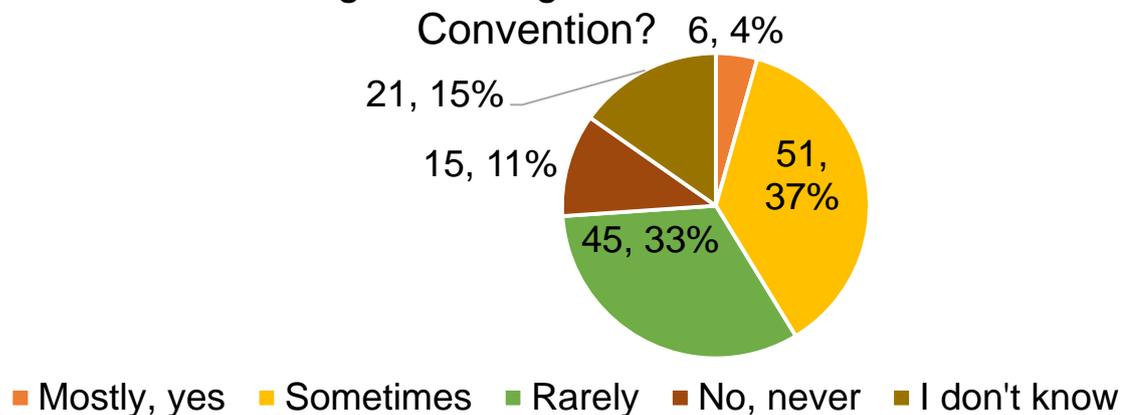
Do you feel that the rights within the UN Convention are being promoted by the Government effectively?



Over the last five years, do you feel that the way the (UK and Scottish) Governments have met of all of the rights in the UN Convention has...



Do you feel that the (UK and Scottish) Governments are meeting their obligations under the UN Convention?



Open text questions from online questionnaires:

Is there anything in particular that you would like to tell us about in relation to the questions so far?

- No treatment for my mental health condition.
- Do not feel the "right to speak funding" is being offered to children to allow them the chance to try and have the right to speak.
- UK Government policy has had an impact in a negative way, i.e. benefits. Scottish Government impact has been more positive.
- Demonisation of disabled people by the media and government, especially mental health issues
- Psychologist died, and was not replaced. Replacement social work care manager read wrong notes and for 3yrs was abusive to me. Finally abused me in front of a witness 1yr ago. Have seen new care manager twice, but support has stopped once again. Last time it took a rodent infestation to get temporary help. Social work lied to lawyer by stating that I still have a support worker so I have had no help at all this year and my health has suffered seriously as a direct result.
- It is very difficult to feel included when all or most decisions are made by able bodied people or organisations. How can we feel included if we are still fighting to have accessible communications, accessible transport and access to the built environment?
- I don't really see the point in living most days. This society does not want or value me.
- Benefits are a nightmare to apply for and are biased against disabled people.
- Welfare Reform has affected me very badly. The terrible stress I experienced during a 2 and a half year battle with ATOS and the DWP affected my health and income. I feel the DWP has an agenda against disabled people, especially those with mental

health problems. This agenda is backed and exacerbated by the mainstream media. I feel as if I am a burden.

- I have been ill for 25 years and am 20% disabled with an impaired bowel and other illnesses. ATOS deemed me fit to work and did not put me in the Support Group. I am losing my benefit on 10th July 2014 and do not qualify for any other benefit. Where is the help for people like me?
- Unfair and biased portrayal of disabled people, both unemployed and employed, by the media. We are deemed scroungers!
- Money and benefits
- (Paraphrased from e-mail). It is difficult to take up a public appointment if you are receiving DLA. The relevant department Scottish Government advised the respondent that there are certain criteria for permitted work, and this includes the stipulation that appointments cannot exceed one year. Public appointments are usually longer than a year and so this would be problematic. Anyone who was successful in gaining an appointment would therefore have to come off their benefits then reapply at the end of the appointment.
- My family and I are having extraordinary difficulty in accessing the Stagecoach x76/x77 Bus Service between Kilmarnock and Glasgow. Despite repeated requests for reasonable adjustments to help accommodate our individual and collective needs, they point black refuse to make them.
- The bedroom tax.
- Better protection against harassment is needed.
- Personality Disorders attract GREAT stigma from within NHS Scotland! Even academics confirm this.
- All laws that are supposed to protect the disabled are ignored by most councils and that's a fact especially if you have learning

difficulties. It's far easier to be in a wheelchair than to have learning difficulties.

- I have long term mental health problems and was made redundant. I have limited savings and so do not qualify for benefits. I worked 40 yrs, paid my dues and at 60yrs I struggle day to day to pay for stuff and now have to wait until I'm 66yrs + to qualify for my old age pension.
- The Scottish Government cannot be compared to the British Government when it comes to the human rights of Scottish disabled people. The Scottish Government is trustworthy and honest whilst the British Government is persecuting, demonising and dehumanising disabled people.
- Access to buildings has got slightly better but there is still a long way to go. For example, the recent Lego Exhibition in Paisley was completely inaccessible - rather than making it voluntary, the government should make it compulsory for Access Panels to be consulted.
- Accessible information for blind people is non-existent, particularly within UK government departments. Social care is non-existent in the rural areas, which is a disgrace.
- While the Scottish Government is doing what it can to improve the life of disabled people the UK government seem to be doing all they can to vilify disabled people.
- We are being deliberately portrayed in the media as being a burden on society - that we are lepers.
- It is time that all professionals listen to what the person who is disabled is saying - and I mean listen, not give lip service
- After the high profile Paralympics the way people viewed disabilities changed but only for a short time.

- I think the UK and Scottish governments are very, very different in regard to how they approach these obligations. I am mostly happy with the Scottish Government's approach. I am appalled by the UK government's approach.
- Governments need to listen, hear and then act.
- Access to public transport needs to be improved.
- The whole process to PIP is inhuman, stressful, degrading and soul destroying. It has made my condition worse, and done the same for many others.
- Home Care charges are a tax on disability.
- Access to legislation for disabled people takes too long to implement.
- Health, education and social care are not joined up.
- The Scottish Government are excellent when it comes to the rights of the disabled. The UK government however would happily strip every right the disabled have and are actively demonising the disabled.
- Social stigma and discrimination are increasingly bad. People with mental health issues are being deliberately sacked from employment and the government guidelines make it extremely easy to do this. Unemployment is increasingly discrimination, with the government's ATOS assessment not recognising mental health issues. I've had little to no access to mental health support outside of medication and emergency service care. There is no support locally for people with mental health issues and I have already seen three people commit suicide because they have received no help at best or have been criminalised and arrested at worst. People with mental health issues are treated like criminals and this restricts their ability to access the community or services in a safe way.

Are there any other rights in the convention that you feel are not being adequately met for you as a disabled person?

- No out of hours care.
- Benefits are being denied and are too low.
- Social inclusion projects for people with mental health issues are being cut, leading to greater social isolation and increased risk of deterioration in mental health conditions. This is coupled with punitive and relentless 'welfare reform'.
- Basic human rights
- As soon as you turn 18 you lose everything. There is nothing out there for young adults from 18 to 30.
- Our right to feel safe in our communities. The police have failed me many times when it comes to supporting my rights. It is either perceived as unimportant or a civil matter. With no right to legal aid and most crimes now being classed as civil, the vulnerable are left in fear.
- Disabled people are treated as scroungers
- The Govt. does not do enough to counter the bad feelings towards disabled people. These feelings are stirred up by the media: newspapers, social media and TV.
- Employment and Support Allowance has not been highlighted or discussed in the Welfare Reform debate. People like myself are losing all our benefit and no one is batting an eyelid. I want this taken further to whatever Court can help.
- Simply to be included.
- Rights which protect those with mental health conditions.
- Right to participation and decision making via public appointments. Not able to take up a public appointment without losing benefits.

- Education and Employment
- Adequate housing
- The central UK Government has the ability to ignore the convention and there is no system to call them to account.
- The right to live as an ordinary person and not to be harassed to work when it is obvious that I cannot. The ability to not live in fear of having no food etc.
- Access to goods and services still leaves a lot to be desired.
- The right to live in my own home with adaptations that are necessary.
- The right to decide for myself.
- I don't know where the right to move about the built environment safely comes in, but that has clearly deteriorated over the years and does not look like it will improve.
- Freedom of speech - I can communicate only by phone/computer and this may be monitored.
- Prisoners get more rights.
- Not enforcing the accessibility of buildings, etc. No-one is responsible for ensuring that disabled parking is for disabled people. There are no wardens and Police Scotland cannot be trusted.
- Access to public transport.
- Communication - I have aphasia.
- My right to Freedom and to have a voice.

- I am never taken out of my home. There is no service in place for this.
- The right to work without being pushed out of job for not meeting job requirements.
- The right to Association (social and political).
- The right not to live in fear of being destitute - being told I'm well enough to work when I'm not.

What is the most important thing that you think the Scottish or UK governments could change to improve your life?

- Listen more.
- Make the applications for welfare assistance much more efficient and less terrifying. Make sure disabled people can access the correct benefit without fear of being sanctioned. Applications that take long periods of time are detrimental to health. More help to access the right kind of assistance to find supported work that does not affect your benefit over time.
- Keep in touch.
- Make sure our benefits are safe for the disabled and sick with no fear of ATOS invading our Human Rights as people who are genuinely ill.
- Ring fenced funding.
- Help to live an independent live without constantly asking for hand-outs. Why is it that wheelchairs beds and other equipment costs the earth for disabled users, and their carers can rent or buy.
- Better employment opportunities.
- Help with benefits.

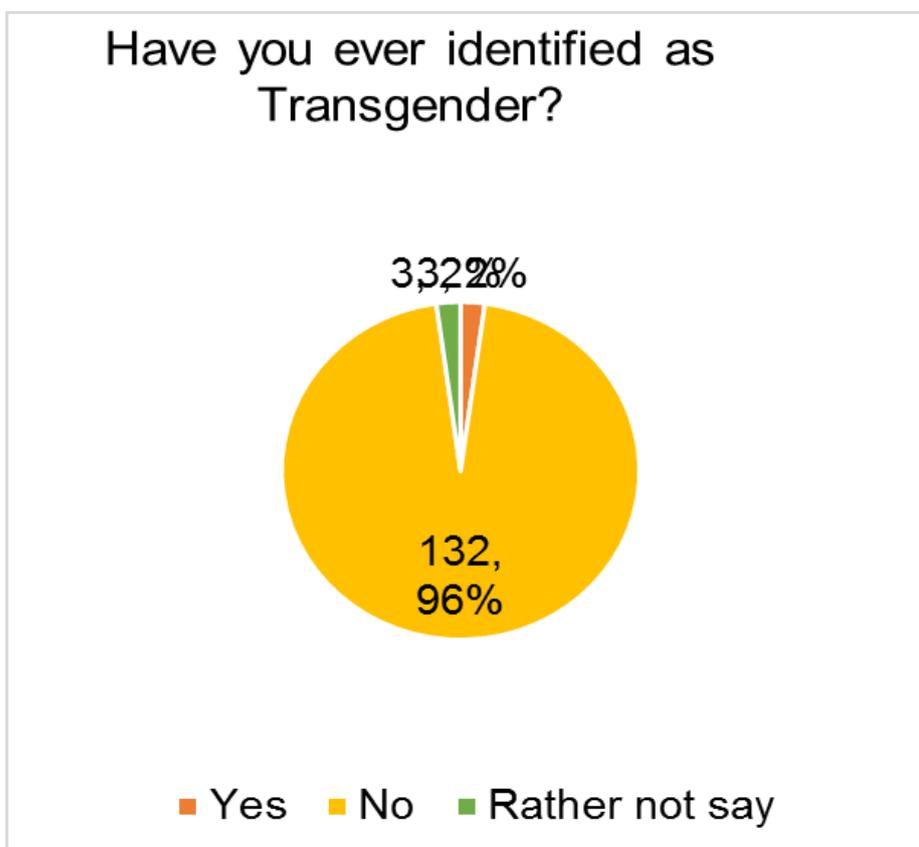
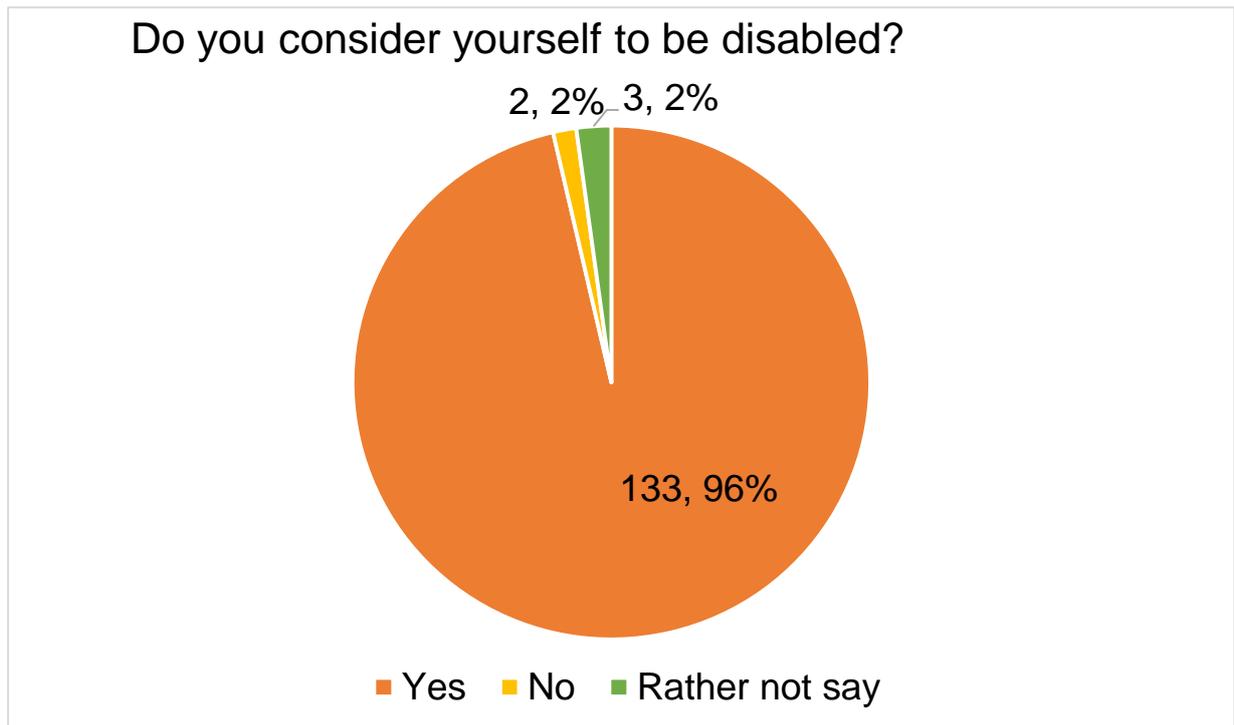
- Disability awareness campaigns and more financial support.
- Disabled person charter.
- Accessible buildings & transport.
- Help disabled people out of poverty and disadvantage.
- Provide services specifically for disabled people, not only full able bodied.
- Ring fencing benefits.
- All of your rights are ignored if you have learning difficulties.
- Re-evaluate DWP pension provision.
- Remove Value Added Tax from major domestic needs, such as modifications to domestic kitchens. Ours' dates back to 1967, when my wife and I occupied this house. Both taller than 6 feet, we are disabled, no longer supple and cannot bend to use low cupboards and white goods. Not all disabled persons occupy low level wheelchairs!
- Stop pillaring disabled people and treating them as if they are undeserving.
- The UK Government must be held to account for its vast campaign of human rights abuses against disabled people organised and orchestrated at the DWP and by Ian Duncan Smith especially.
- Access to buildings and transport - the single most important thing would be to make it statutory for the Planning Authority to consult its local access panel on every planning application for a new development or new environment that involves access by the general public; and make it obligatory for the authority to take the Panel's response/advice into account when determining the planning application.

- Teaching the use of modern technology.
- Re-establish a more open and accessible Disability Living Allowance. Improve access to lifetime learning at zero cost to the student. Stop making life hell for those who are unemployed by treating them like pariahs. Educate the population that the disabled are not scroungers and change the political rhetoric around disability. Improve access to housing and support to remain in housing. Greater funding for support and advocacy staff and organisations for people with disabilities or who are vulnerable. Pay for this by collecting taxes from the rich, both individuals and companies.
- Listen to disabled people and carers. Stop telling us what YOU think we want. Get rid of UK government and lead us from Scotland.
- Be allowed to administer disability benefits properly, but we need to get away from Westminster for that.
- Better cancer services.
- Strive for total equality between those with disabilities and those without.
- The main thing that will improve my life, and the lives of disabled people in Scotland, is for Scotland to become an independent nation state!
- Listen to what I am saying and then act in the best interests of the disabled person.
- Listen, hear, care and then make decisions - but always involve the people concerned.
- Create more employment for disabled people.
- One single UK Government, using the money saved to invest in services and people from all walks of life and not poured down the drain in Holyrood.

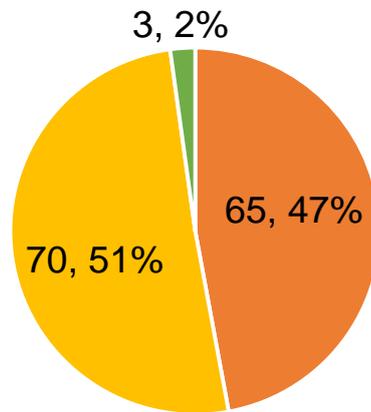
- Give me adequate access to healthcare despite the fact I am completely house-bound.
- Money.
- Subsidised access to internet & ban essential services using premium rate numbers.
- My human rights.
- Ensure my independence as a human being.
- Life-long funding of care costs.
- Access to public transport.
- Communication.
- Get rid of the Tories and bully boys.
- Stop cutting our benefits.
- Make sure there are clubs for disabled people to attend.
- Right to work and get paid.
- Properly accessible and integrated transport.
- Access to public transport - access regulation takes too long to implement.
- Provide a professional contact who would help with the myriad of forms and questions to obtain help.
- More services for children with autism, especially in mainstream schools.
- Joined up services for autism.

- UK government need to take a stand against the demonization of the disabled instead of leading the onslaught.
- Access to Social Care
- There is a need for extensive disability training for all those who face the public - for example, retail services etc. Then maybe I will never have the abuse I received in the dentist by the manager because I didn't have correct piece of paper - I couldn't hear her, I was in tears and had to change dentist because of her. Disgusting.
- End discrimination and provide non-medical support and services.

About the respondents

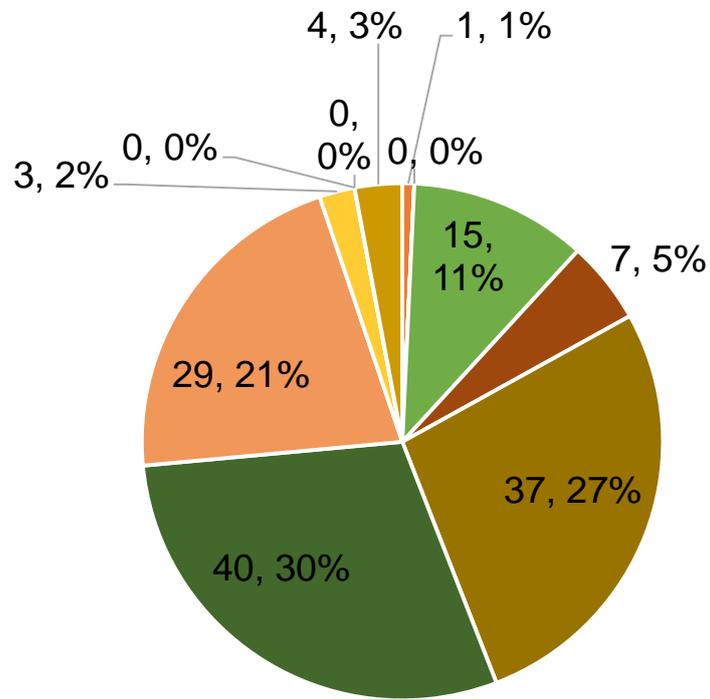


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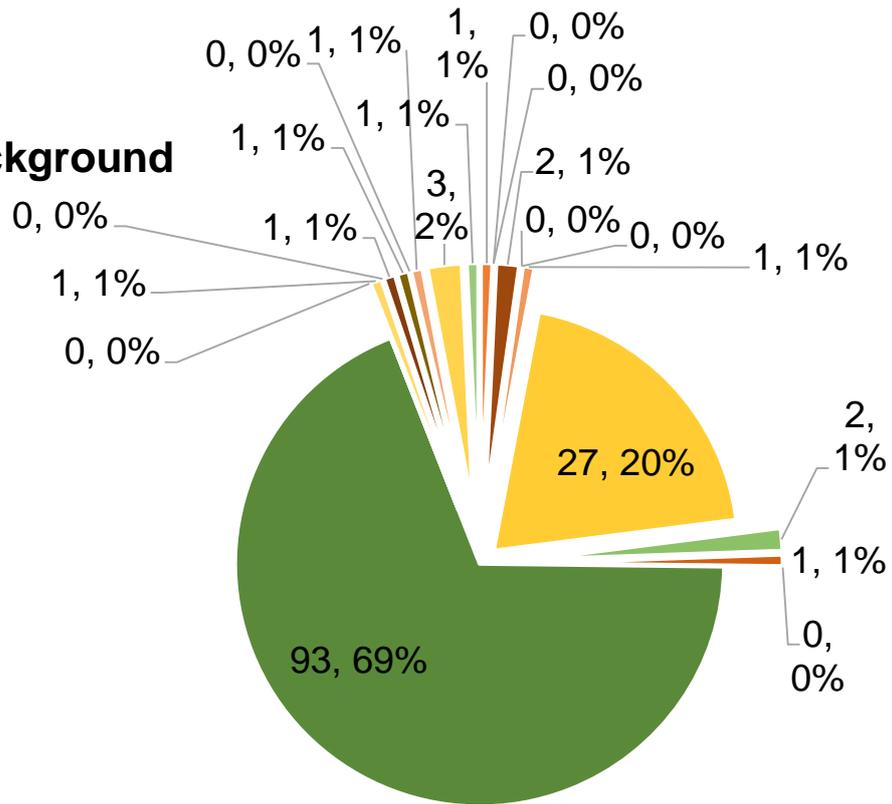
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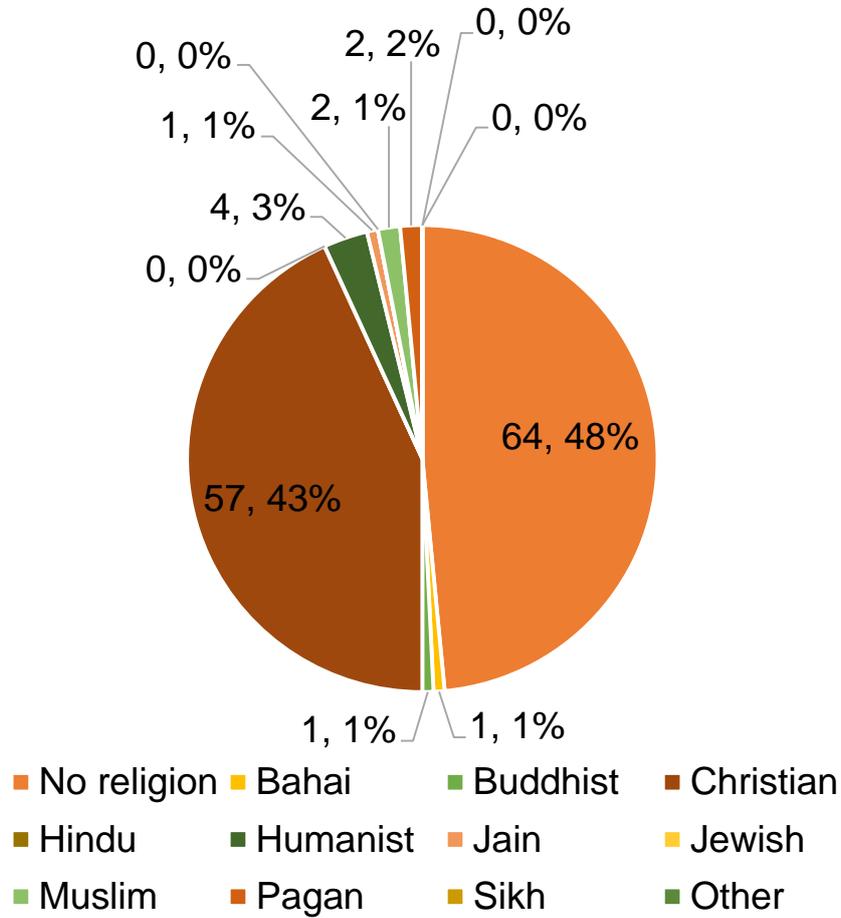
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I choose not to answer	1
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