

# Safety Monitor

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# Introduction

# What is the Safety Monitor?



- Large-scale population survey

## Opinion

- Opinion on security topics (neighbourhood problems, security, tasks and assessment of the police services, prevention, etc.)

## Victim survey

- Of which were people victimised and filed a complaint?

# 11<sup>th</sup> edition



Number of completed questionnaires

| 1998   | 2000   | 2002   | 2004   | 2006   | 2008   | 2011   | 2018    | 2021   |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| 29.399 | 26.243 | 22.360 | 41.017 | 43.318 | 36.948 | 65.000 | 168.206 | 98.116 |

# Research set-up

## Research question

- What is the population's opinion on certain security issues?
- To what extent were people victims and have they filed a complaint?



## Target group

- Residents of the country from the age of 15 years with Belgian or foreign nationality domiciled in Belgium

## Sample

- Stratified sample proportional by age, sex and municipality



## Data-collection

- Mixed-mode: paper and online



# Purpose

## Preparation, follow-up and evaluation of plans:

- National Security Plan
- Zonal Security Plan
- Strategic Security and Prevention Plan of cities and municipalities



organised by

DRI/BIPOL – Federal Police

in collaboration  
with

- Ministry of the Interior
- Local entities (police zones and municipalities)

# Questionnaire

## Common section

working group

redesigned

8 pages

balance between  
keeping questions and  
adding new questions

paper: 3 languages  
NL FR DE

online: 4 languages  
NL FR DE EN

## Local page

local component

1 page

own questions

strong local touch

## Safety monitor 2024

Vous pouvez aussi participer **en ligne** en français.  
<https://moniteurdesecu>  
U kan ook **online** deelnemen  
<https://veiligheidsmonit>

Sie können auch **online** auf Deutsch teilnehmen

### I. Introduction

I.1 In which (sub)

I.2 How old are y

I.3 You are ...

I.4 What is the hi

I.5 What is your c

I.6 What do you t

I.7 What does liv

employee/self-employ

well kept

Give a score from

b

### II. Neighbourhood problems

II.1 Do you find the following situations a problem in your neighbourhood?

|  | a big problem            | a minor problem          | not really a problem     | not at all a problem     |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Burglaries and thefts</b>   |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| 1. House burglary  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Theft around the house (garden shed, basement, etc.)                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Car theft   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Theft from cars   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Motorcycle/moped theft  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Theft of bicycles/scooters (electric or other)  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Pickpocketing   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Damage to a vehicle (car, motorcycle, etc.)   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Traffic</b>   |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| 9. Inappropriate speed   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Aggressive driving in traffic  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Obstructive parking (e.g., on the pavement)  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Traffic accidents  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Problems related to scooters/bikes   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Problems related to heavy vehicles (buses, trucks, etc.)                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Noise pollution caused by...</b>  |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| 15. by people on public roads  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. from bars or party rooms   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. road traffic (acceleration, skidding, horns, etc.)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. neighbours (lawnmowers, private parties, works, barking, etc.)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Social</b>  |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| 19. Problems related to gatherings in public spaces                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. Problems related to the use of alcohol and/or drugs                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. Sexual harassment in the street (e.g., inappropriate comments, wolf-whistling, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22. Drug trafficking on the street   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Environment</b>   |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| 23. Vandalism and graffiti   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24. Illegal waste dumping and littering on the street                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25. Insufficient street lighting   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



# Content of the questionnaire

1. Socio-demographic questions
2. Neighbourhood problems
3. Feeling of insecurity
4. Victimization and complaints
5. Prevention and range of services
6. Tasks and assessment of the police services + last contact with your police zone
7. Local questions: specific to the police zone

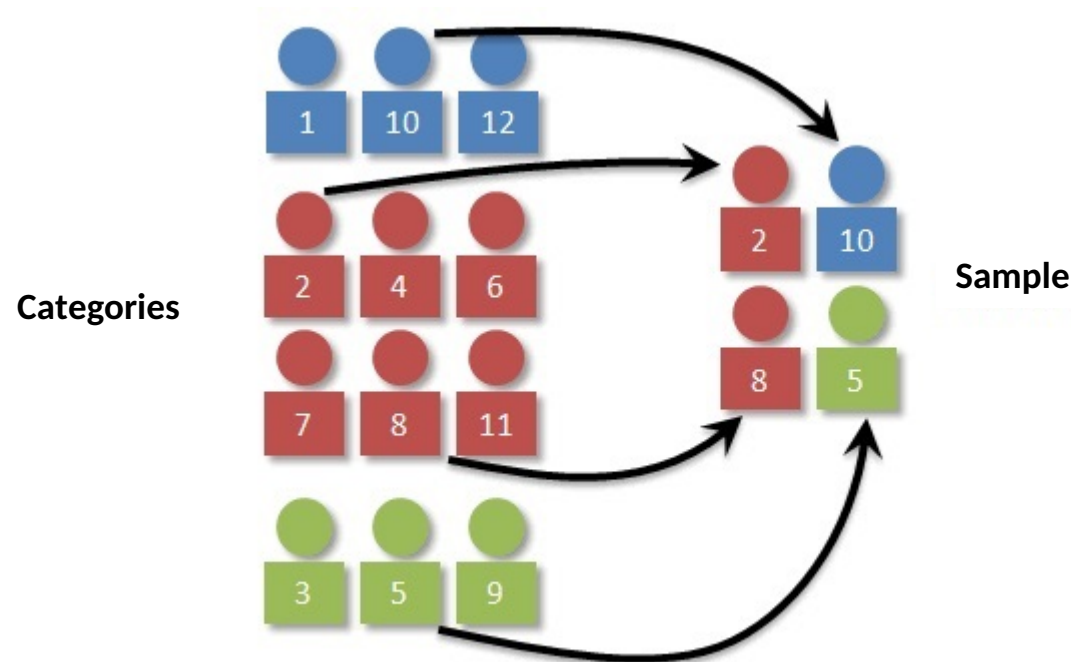
# SAMPLING

# Sampling

Minimum local sample: 350 completed surveys per municipality or police zone (more for larger cities or zones) → mailing x 4

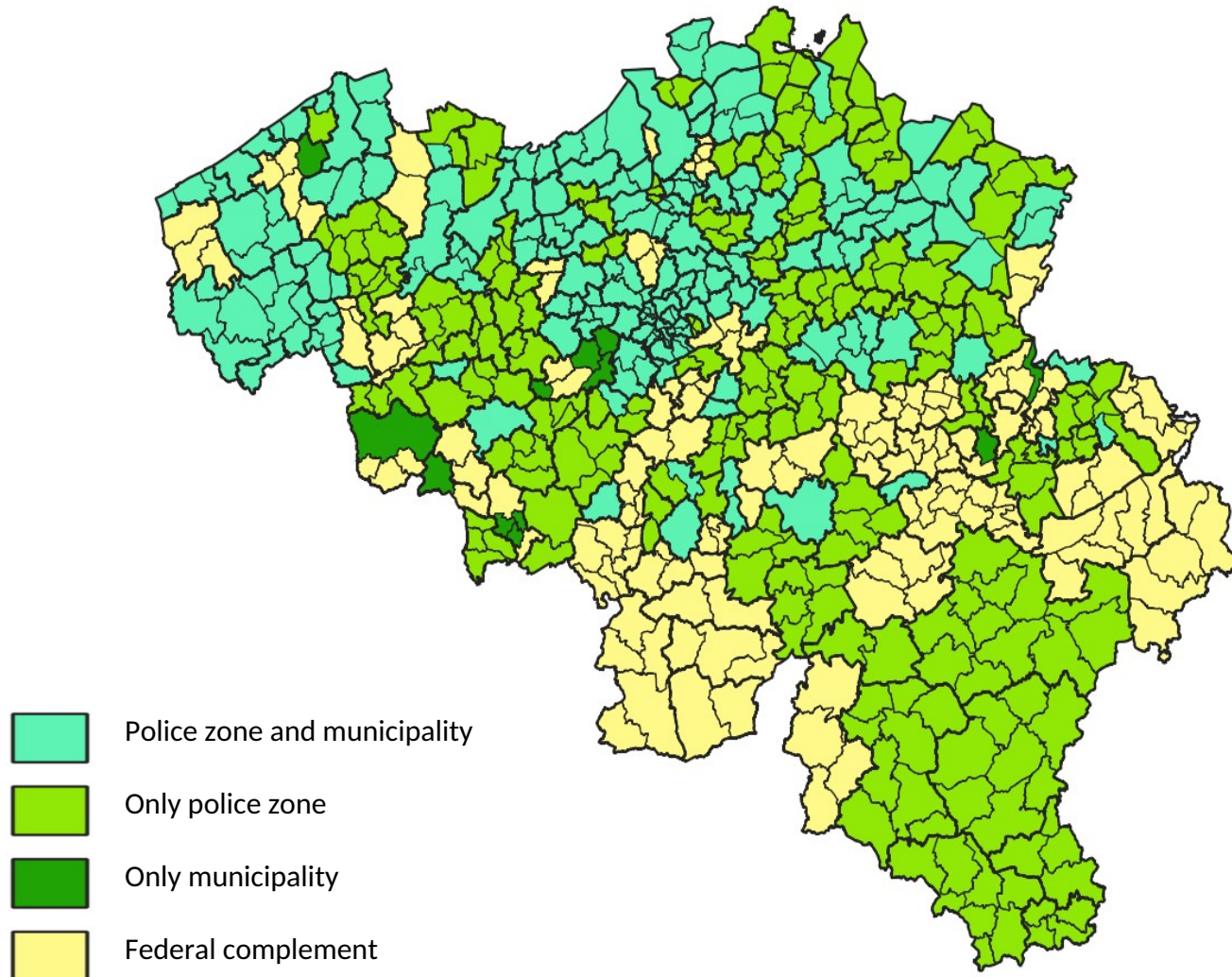


Representative, stratified and random sample, drawn:



- Proportional distribution in relation to
  - population of the municipalities
  - sex
  - age categories
- Random selection within these categories (random sampling)

# Geographical distribution of sample 2024



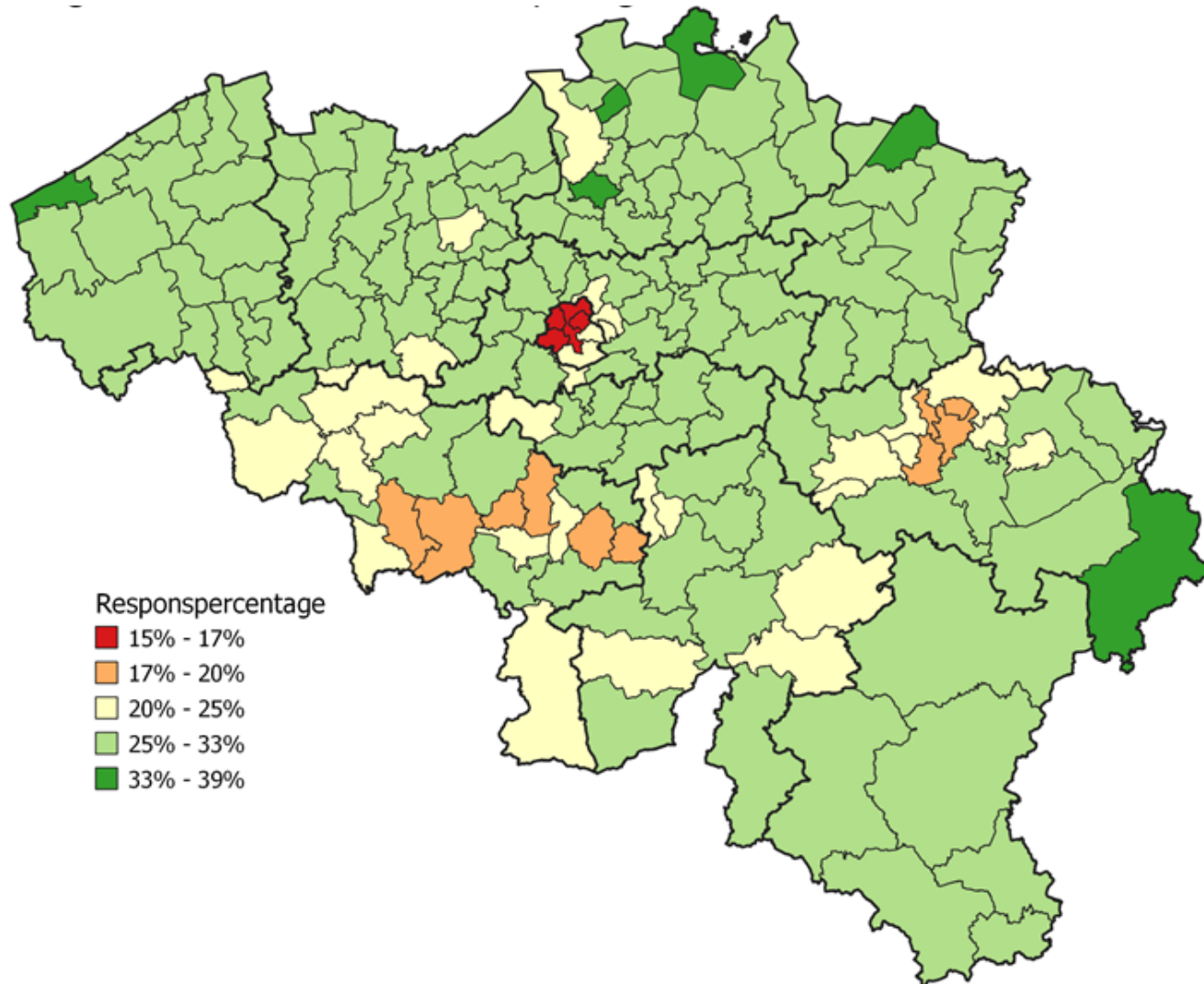
- 136 Police zones
- 185 municipalities
- Federal complement  
= 430.000 citizens will receive an invitation to participate online

## Second mailing:

- non-respondents
- participation paper or online

# FEDERAL RESULTS 2021

# Participation 2021



391.573 sent letters:

- 1 mailing

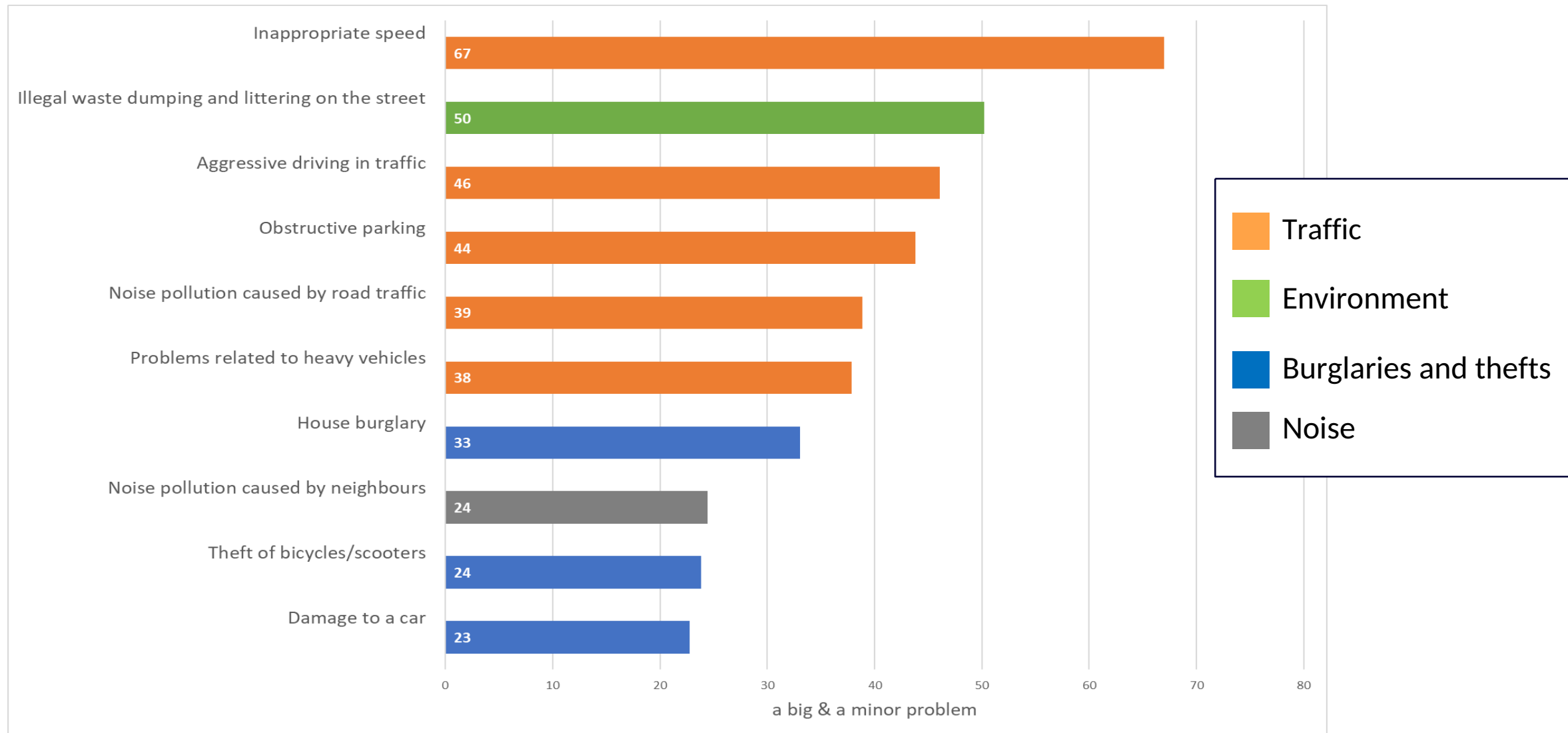
- paper or online participation

98.614 useful answers

Average participation rate: 25,1%

# Neighbourhood problems

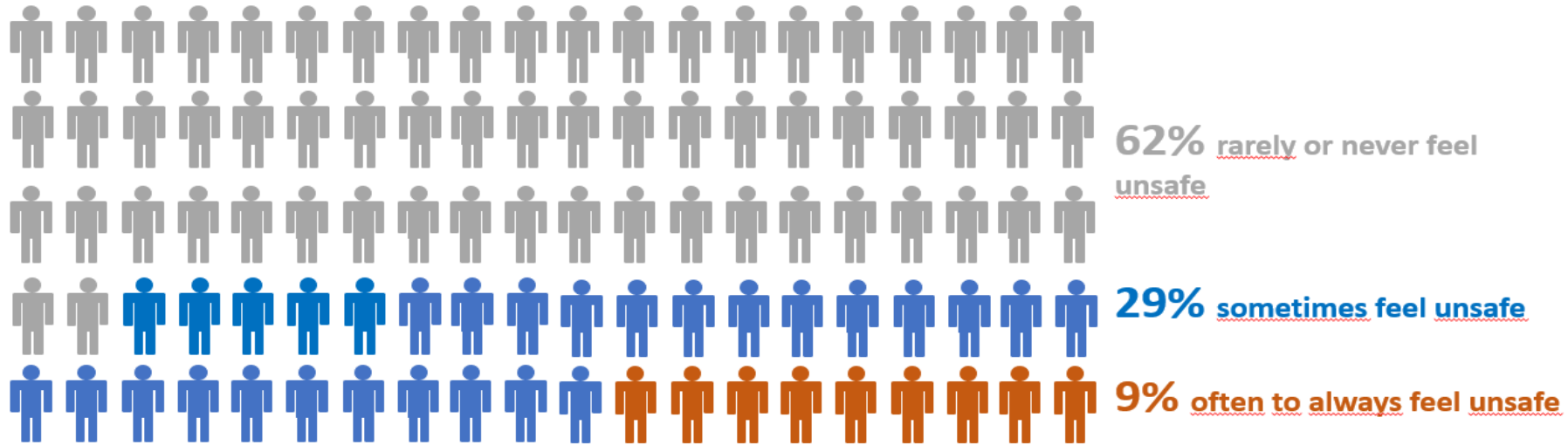
# Neighbourhood problems: top 10





Feeling of insecurity

# Feeling of insecurity



## Always and often unsafe

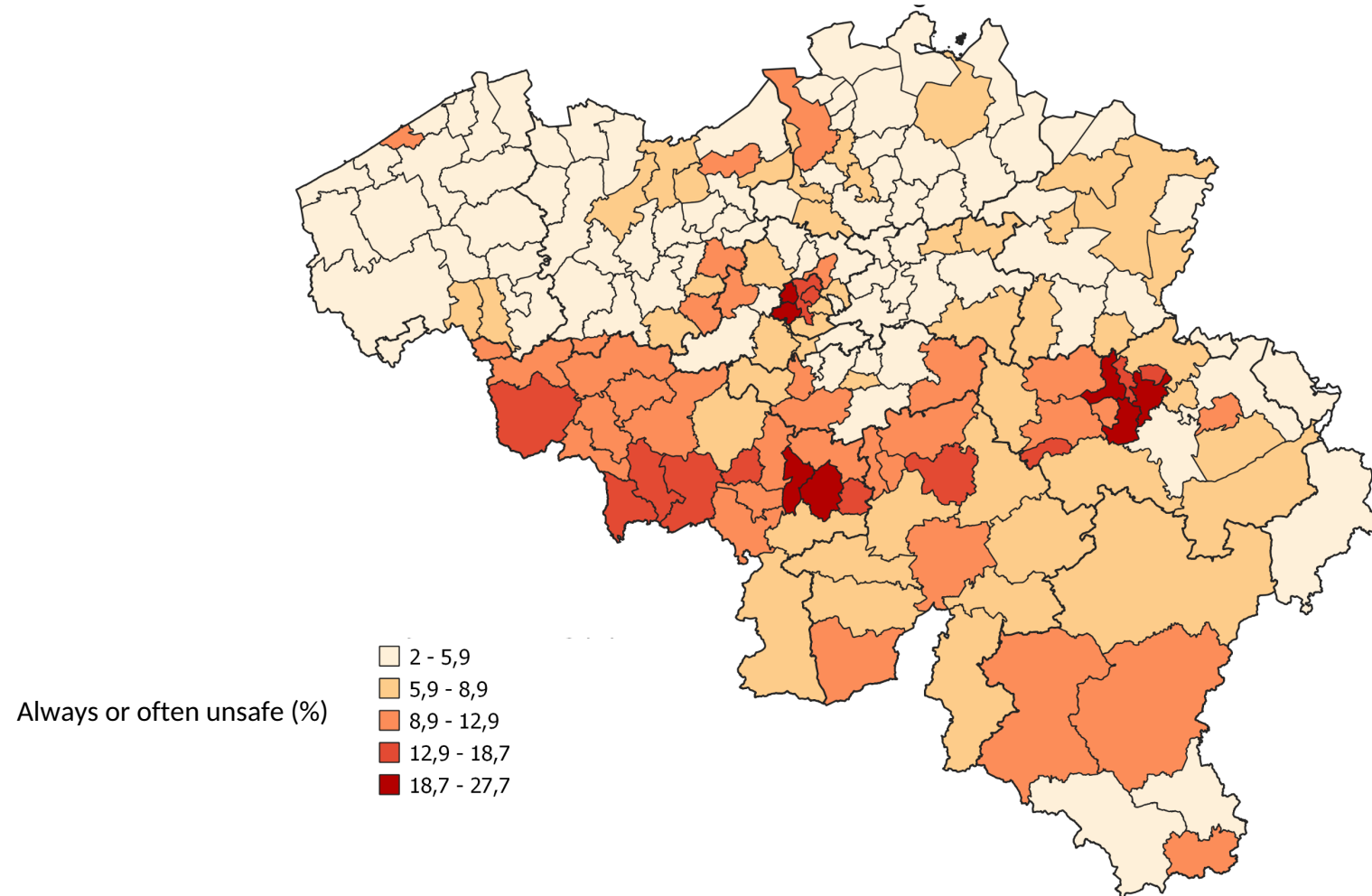


14% of 15-24-year-olds surveyed

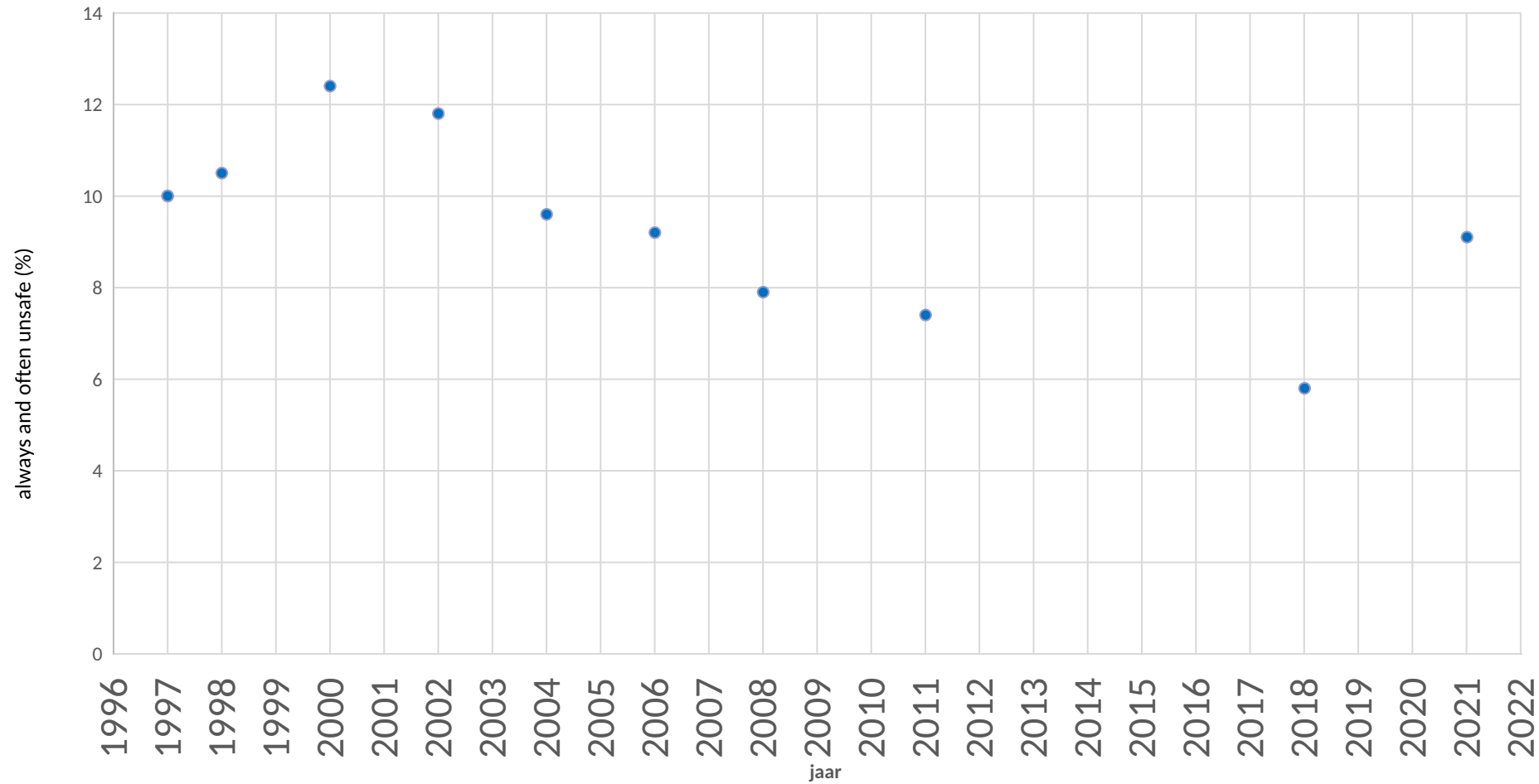


14% of unemployed/looking for a job surveyed

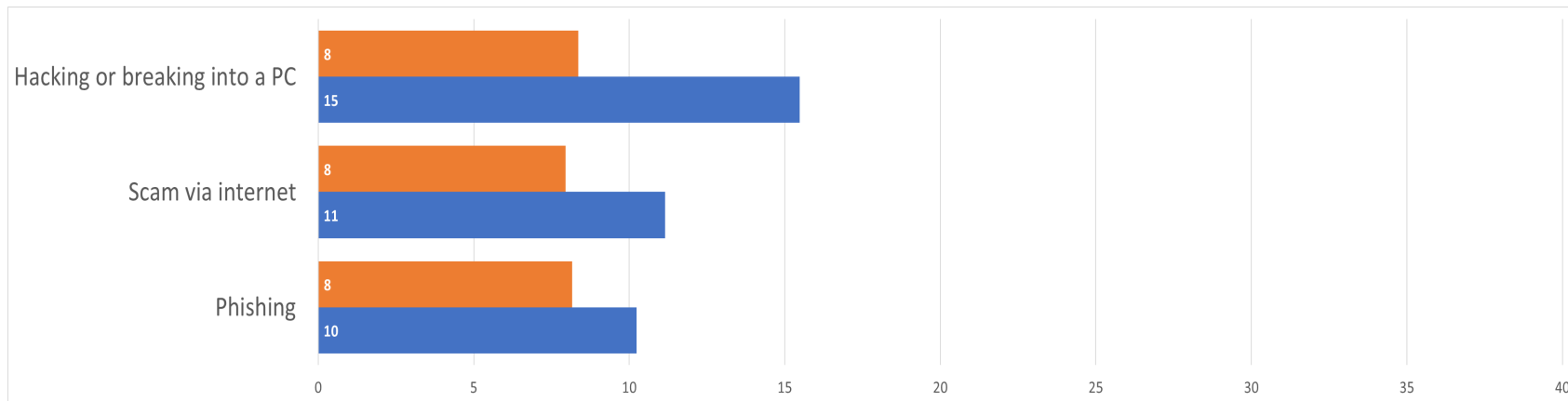
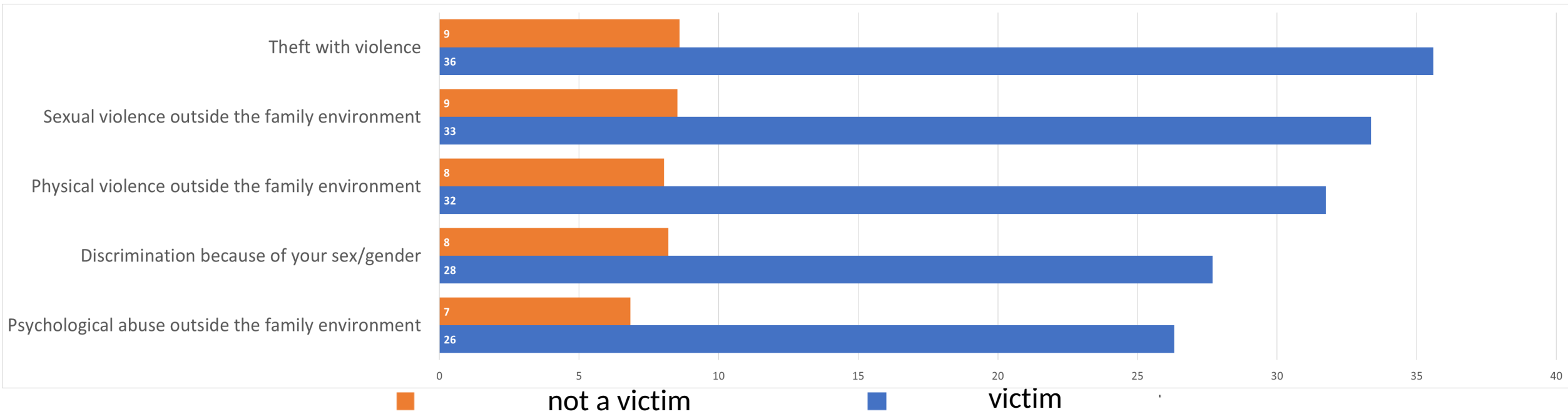
# Geographical distribution of feeling of insecurity



# Evolution of the feeling of insecurity



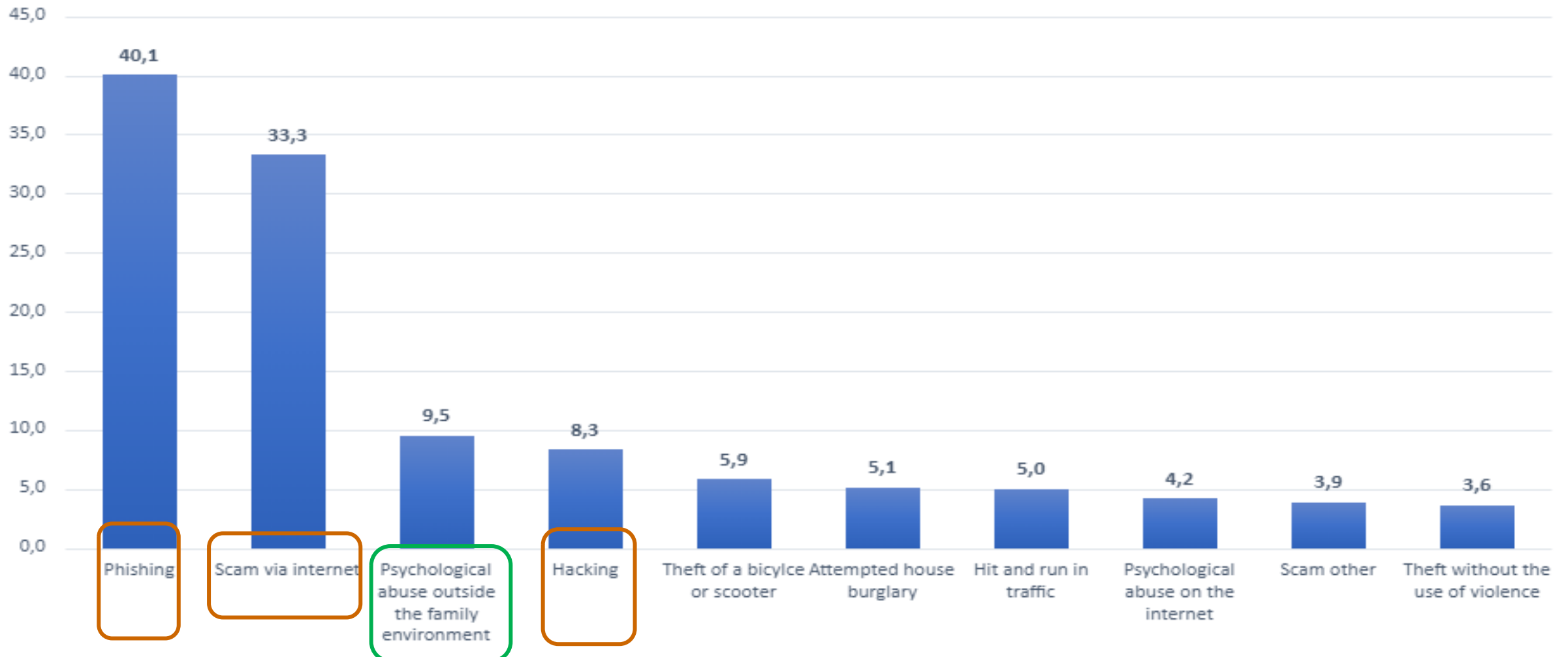
# Feeling of insecurity by victimisation



# Victimisation

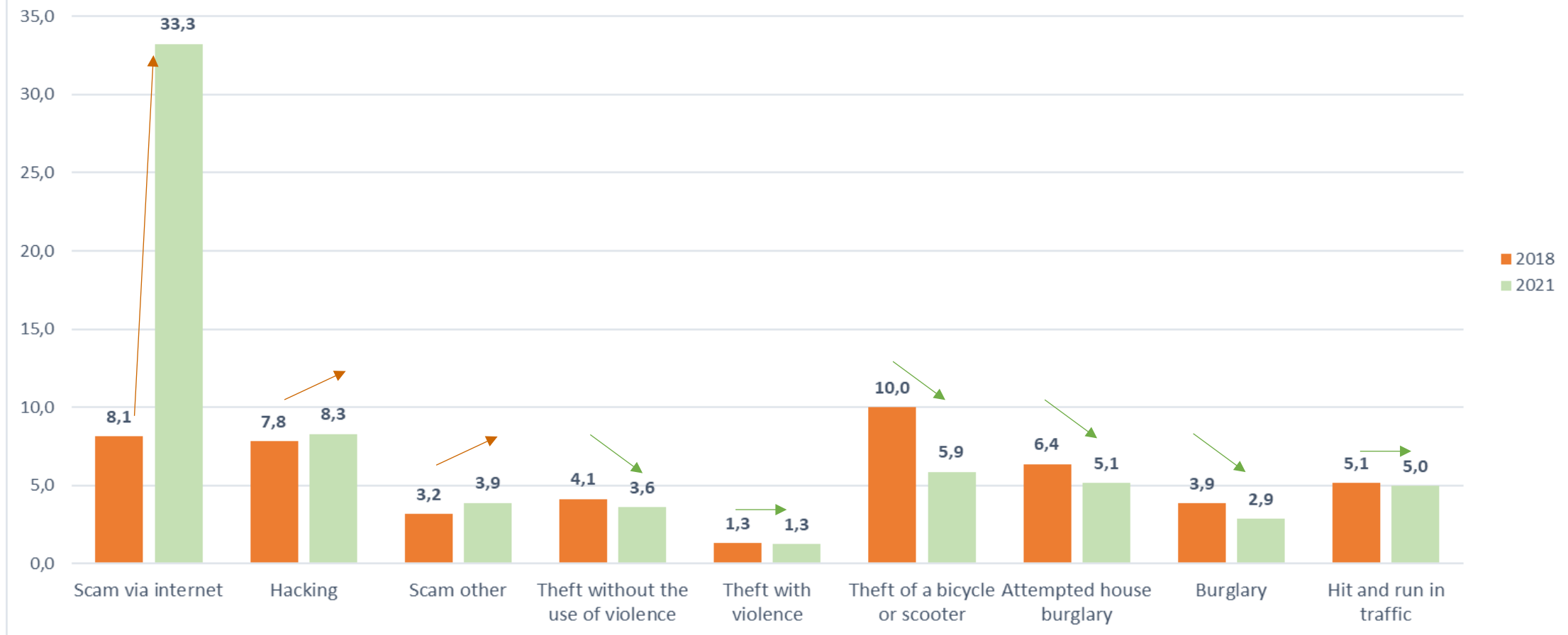
# Victimisation

Victimisation - TOP 10



# Evolution victimisation

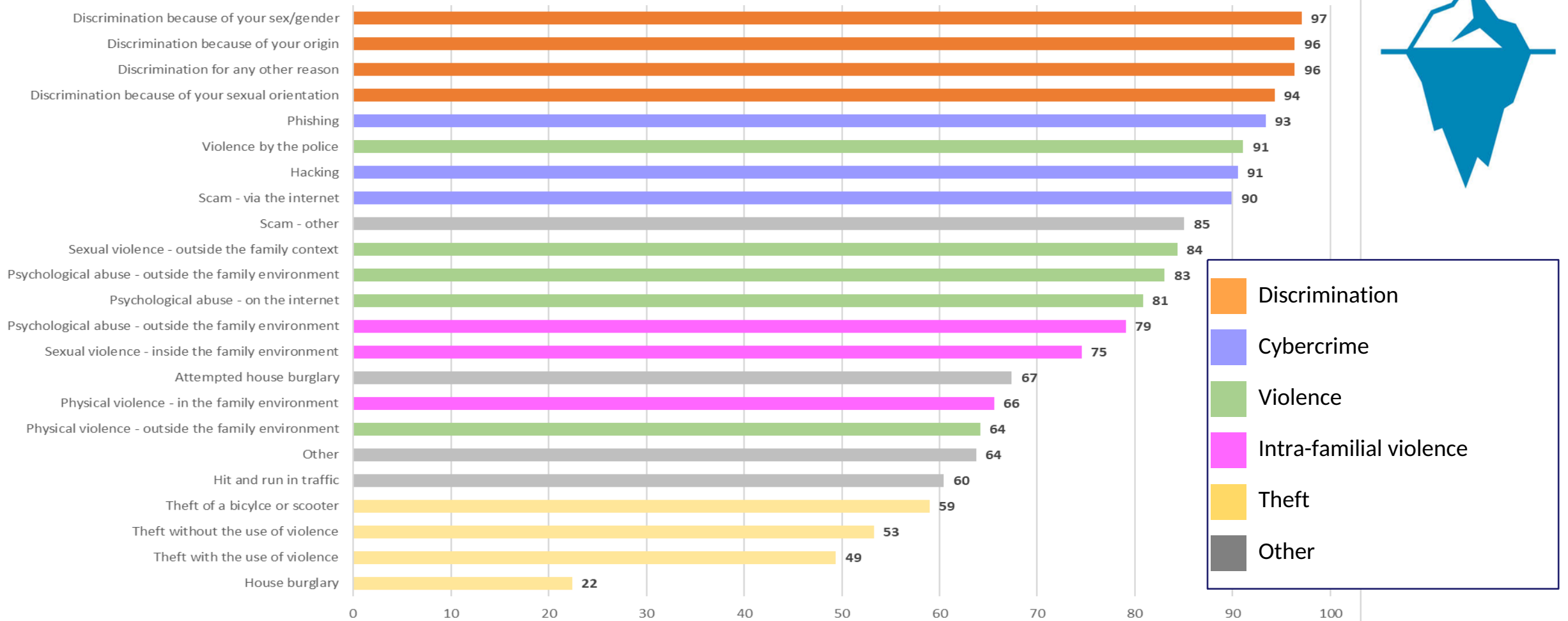
Evolution of victimisation (Safety Monitor 2018 - 2021)





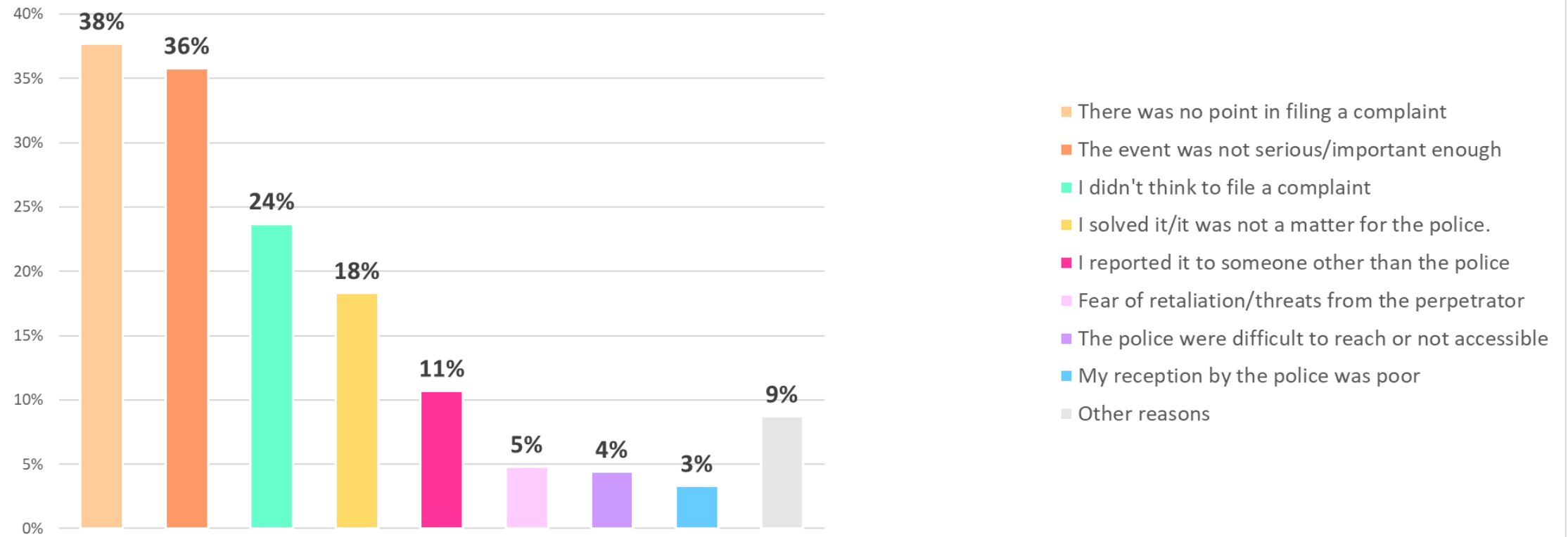
# Dark number

Dark number

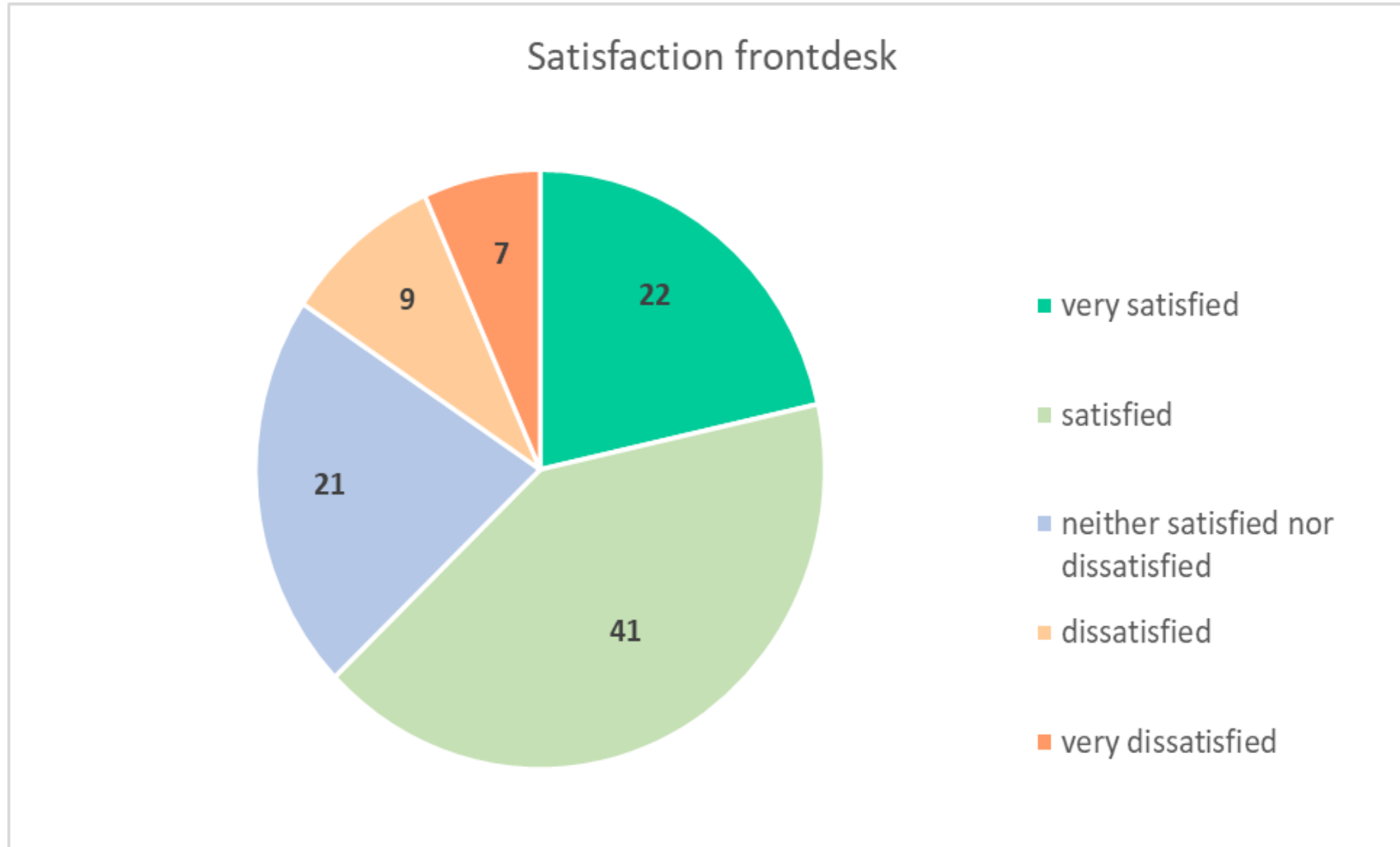


# Reasons for not filing a complaint

Reasons for not filing a complaint

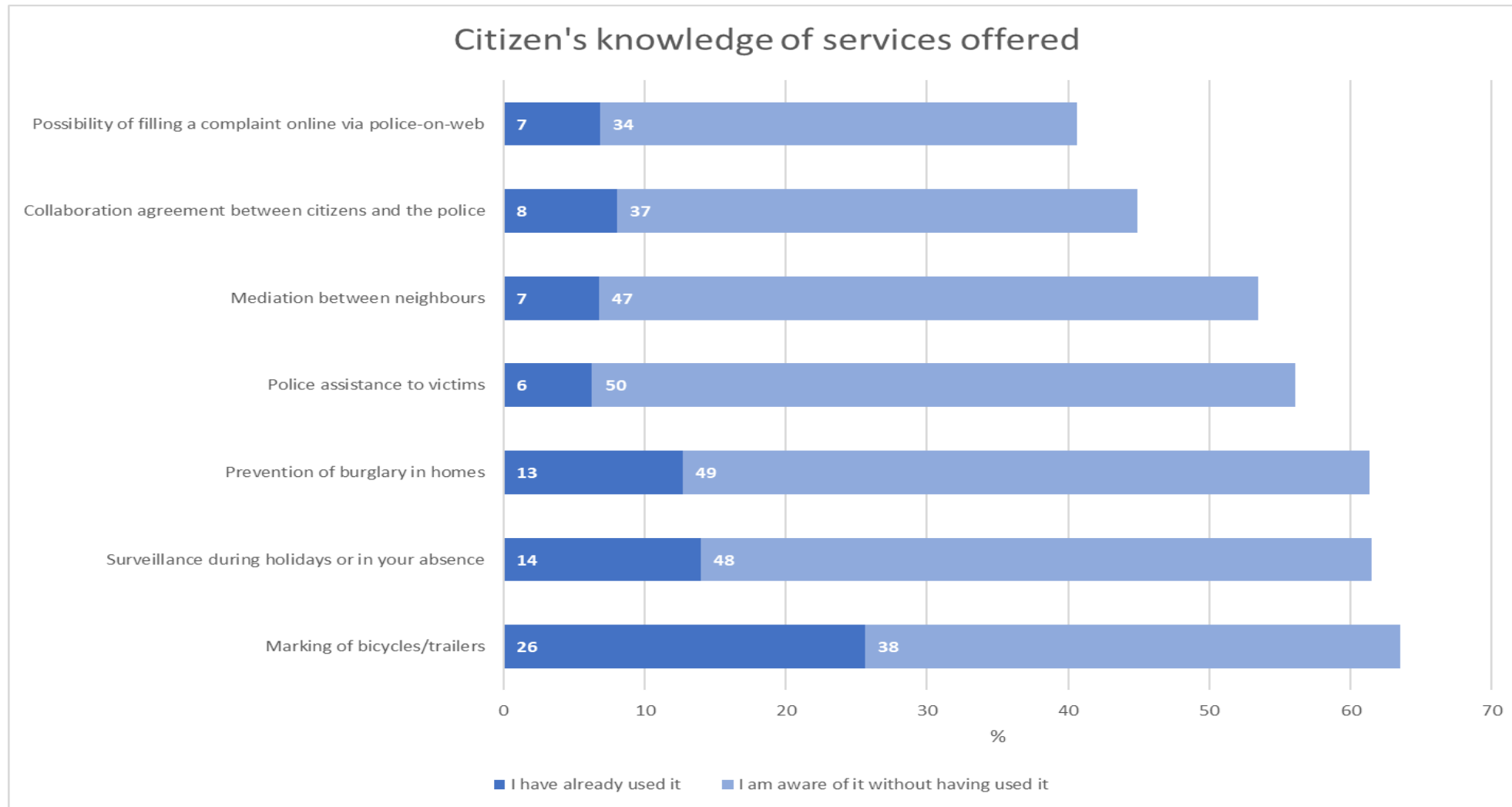


# Satisfaction with frontdesk (by declaration victimisation)



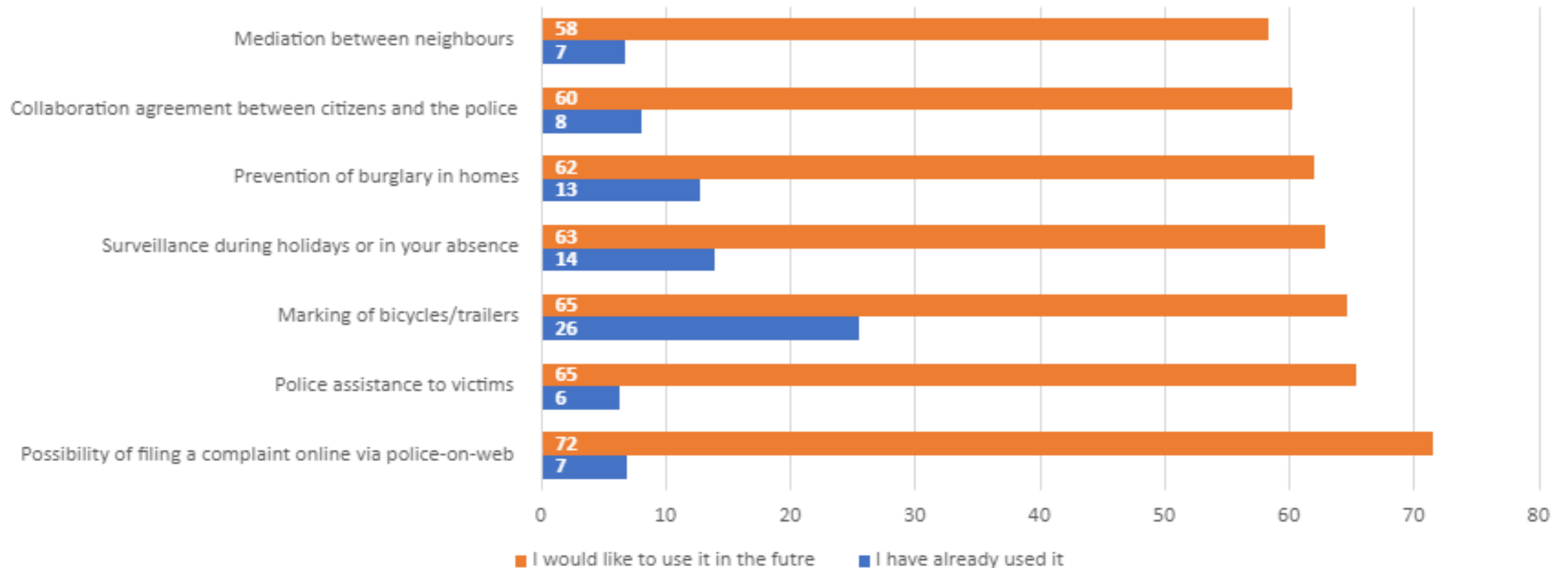
# Prevention and range of services

# Knowledge of offered services



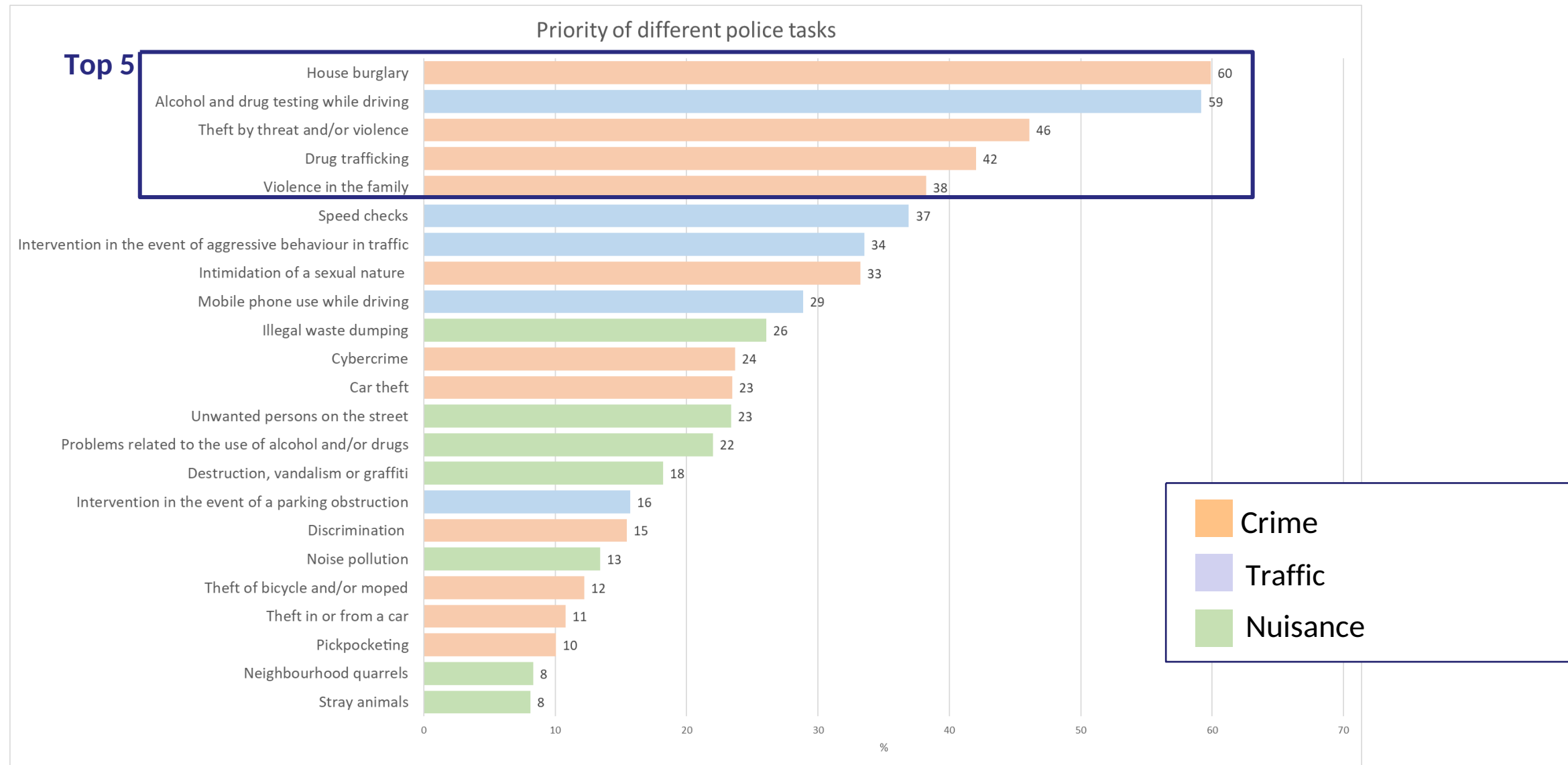
# Desire to use offered services in the future

Offered services: already used - future use



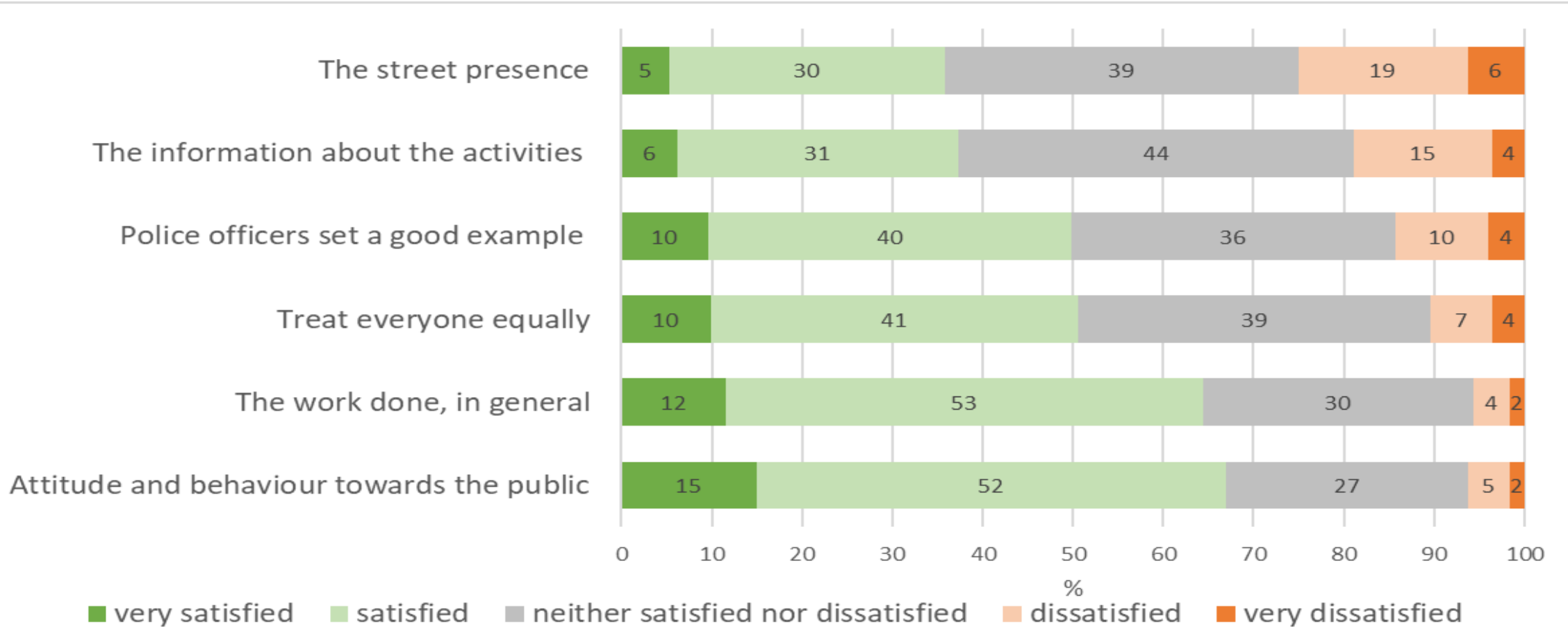
# Tasks and assessment of the police services

# Priority of different police tasks





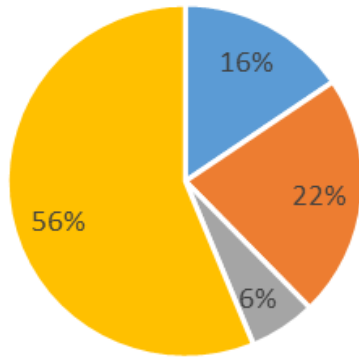
# Satisfaction with Local Police work



# Neighbourhood officer

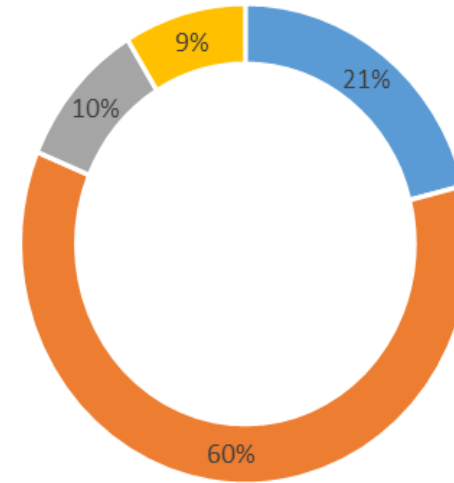


## Do you know your neighbourhood officer?



- yes, but only by sight or by name
- yes, contact once
- yes, contact sometimes/often
- no

## Desire to have more contact with the neighbourhood officer



- yes
- only if a problem
- no
- I don't know

# Results



<https://www.politie.be/statistieken/nl/veiligheidsmonitor>

Federal + analysis

By region

By province

By typology police zone

By typology municipalities

By participating zone

By participating municipality



In pdf downloadable on the website + methodological note, questionnaire



In Excel by mail

# Safety Monitor 2024

# Planning 2024

## Inscription

- Inscriptions
- Sample size; personalisation invitation lettre
- Local questions

## Preparation

- Templating
- Sample National Register
- Test printing and scanning

## Fieldwork

- May 2024: **first mailing to citizens**  
only online participation
- June 2024: **second mailing to non-respondents**  
online or paper

## Analyses

- Scanning paper questionnaires
- Entry of local questions by zones
- Statistical processing
- Early 2025: publication results + federal analyses + training

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