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Further Education survey

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Methodology

On behalf of Unison, Yonder conducted an online survey among 512 respondents who had been further education (FE) students institutions in the last 12 months.

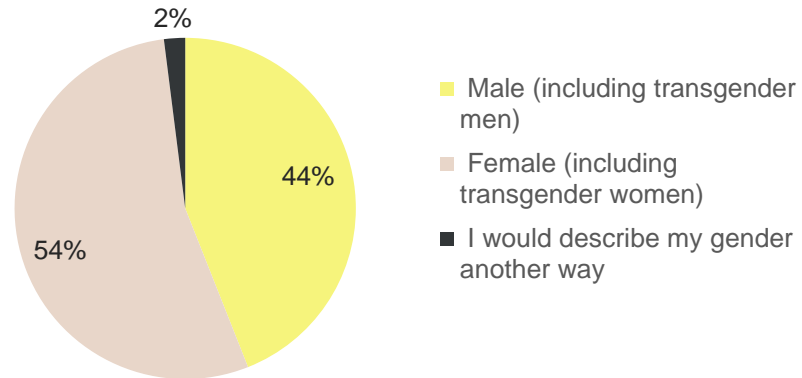
Fieldwork was conducted between 3 – 10 August 2021.

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

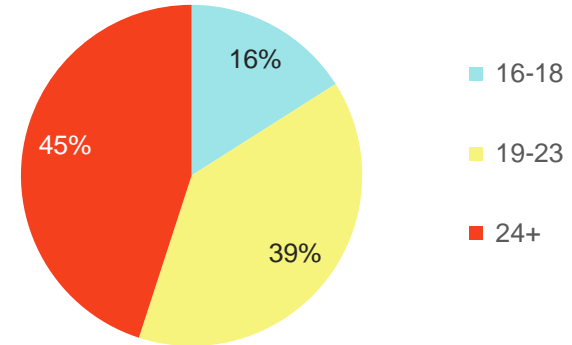
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Sample demographics

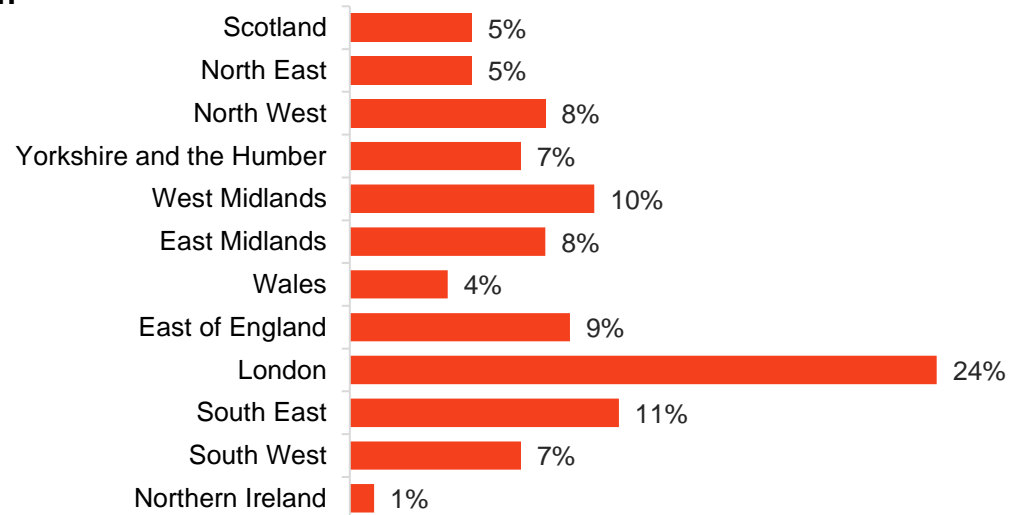
Gender



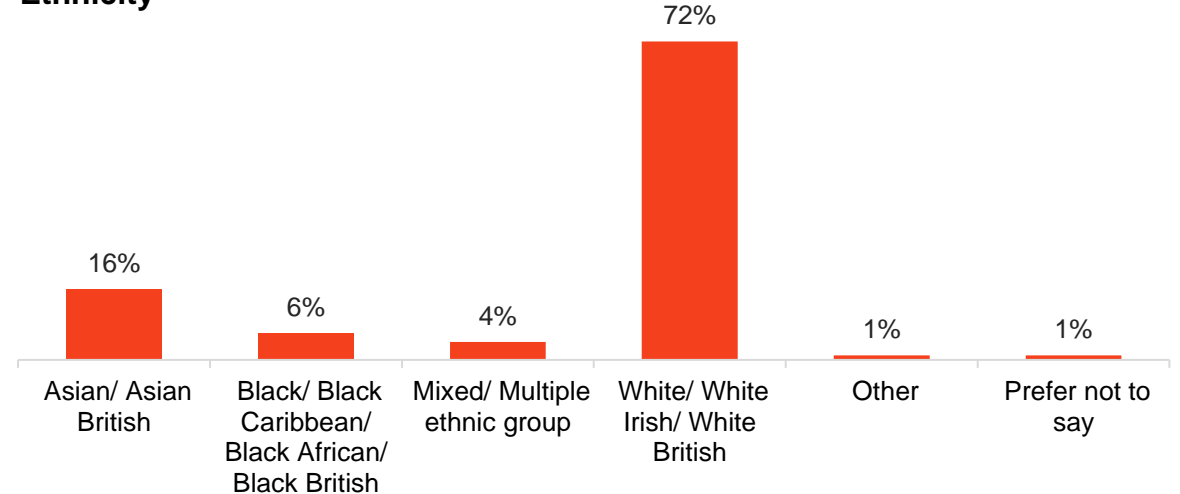
Age



Region

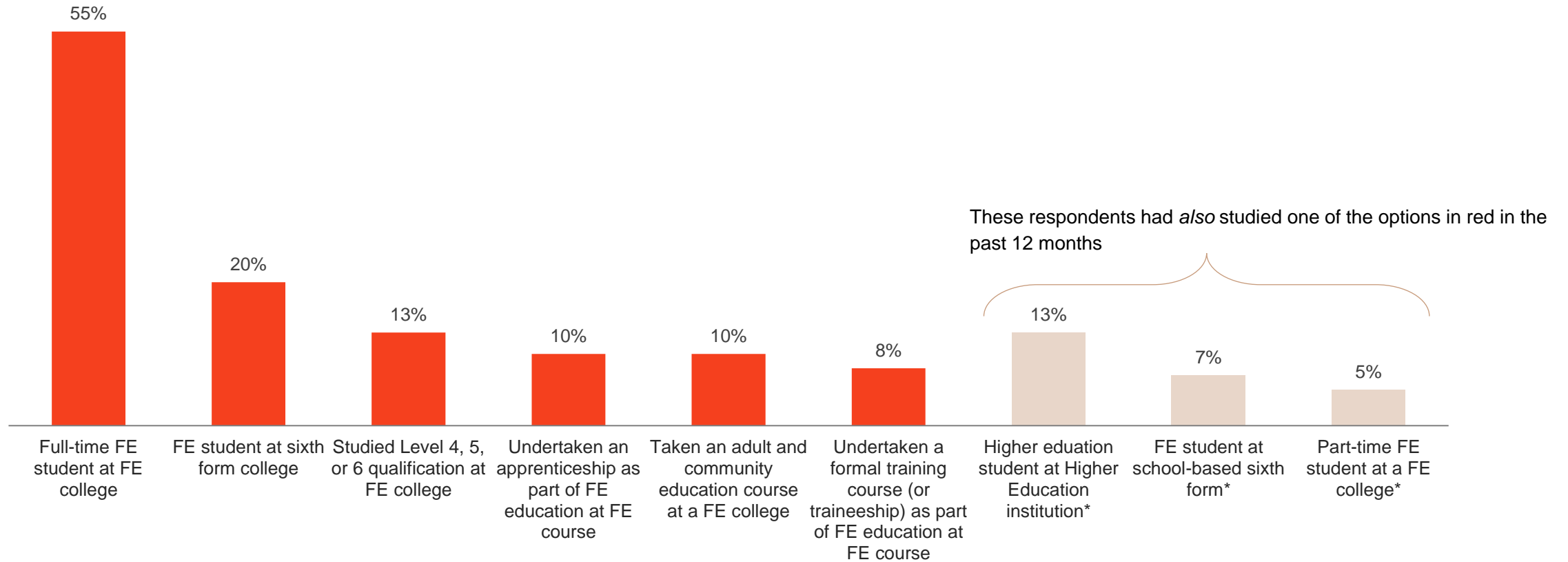


Ethnicity



Over half (55%) of respondents were full time FE students at an FE college

In the past 12 months, which of the following statements have applied to you?

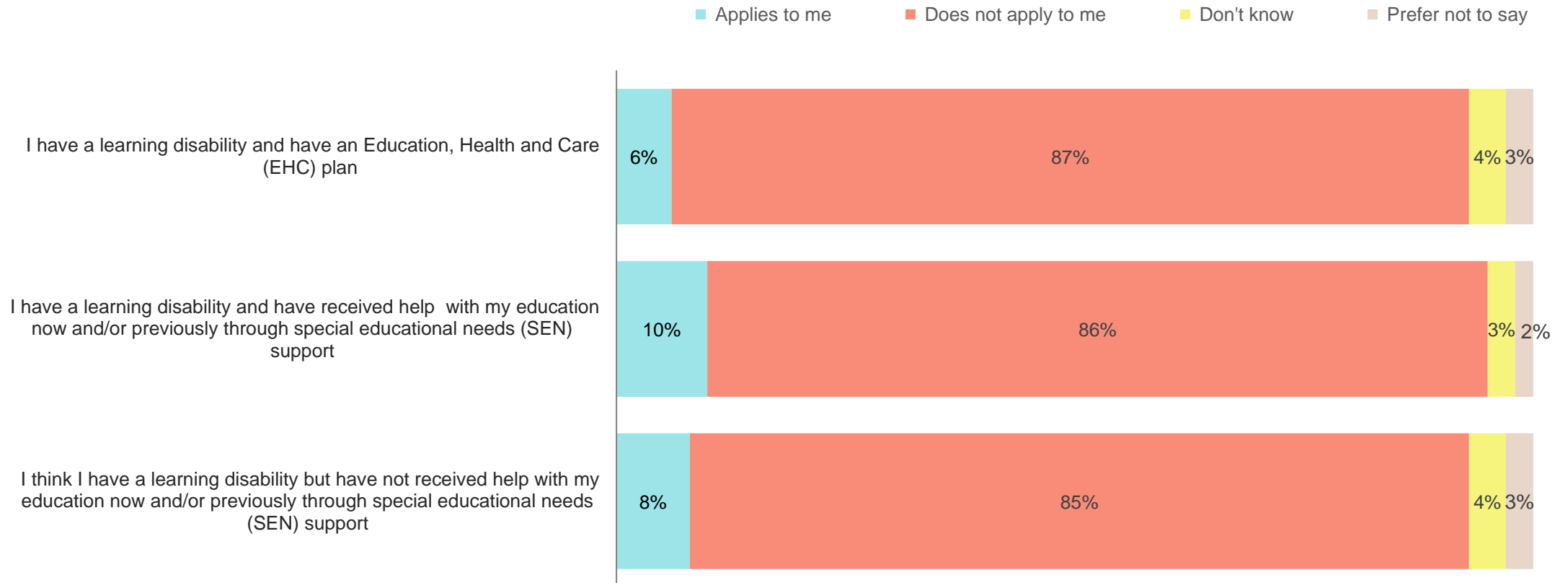


Q4. Base: 512

* Note respondents allowed to choose more than one option. Those choosing options in light brown also chose option in red – otherwise would have been screened out
Some options shortened for charting purposes

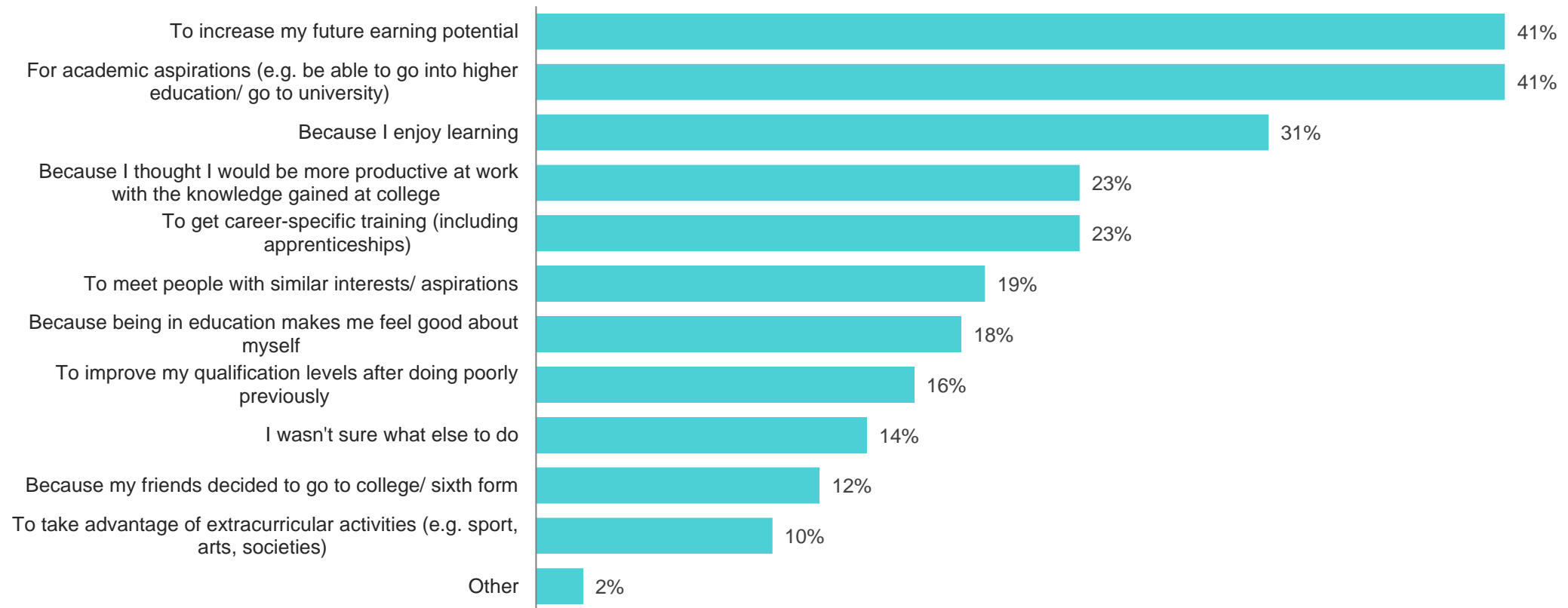
10% had a learning disability and had accessed SEN support –while 6% had a learning disability and had a EHC plan

Do the following statements apply to you, or not?



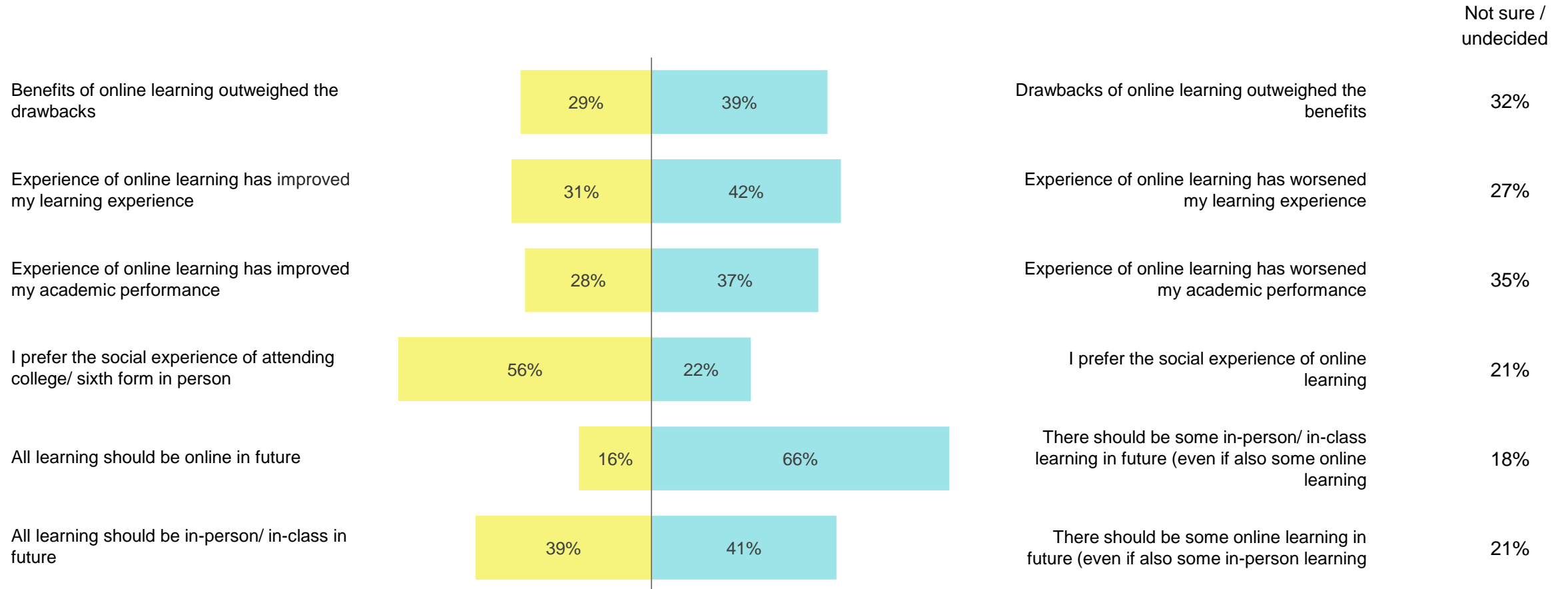
Popular reasons for attending college included to increase future earning potential, for academic aspirations, and for learning enjoyment

Why did you decide to go to college/sixth form in general? Here we mean why did you decide to go to college/sixth form in general, not why you picked your specific college/sixth form?



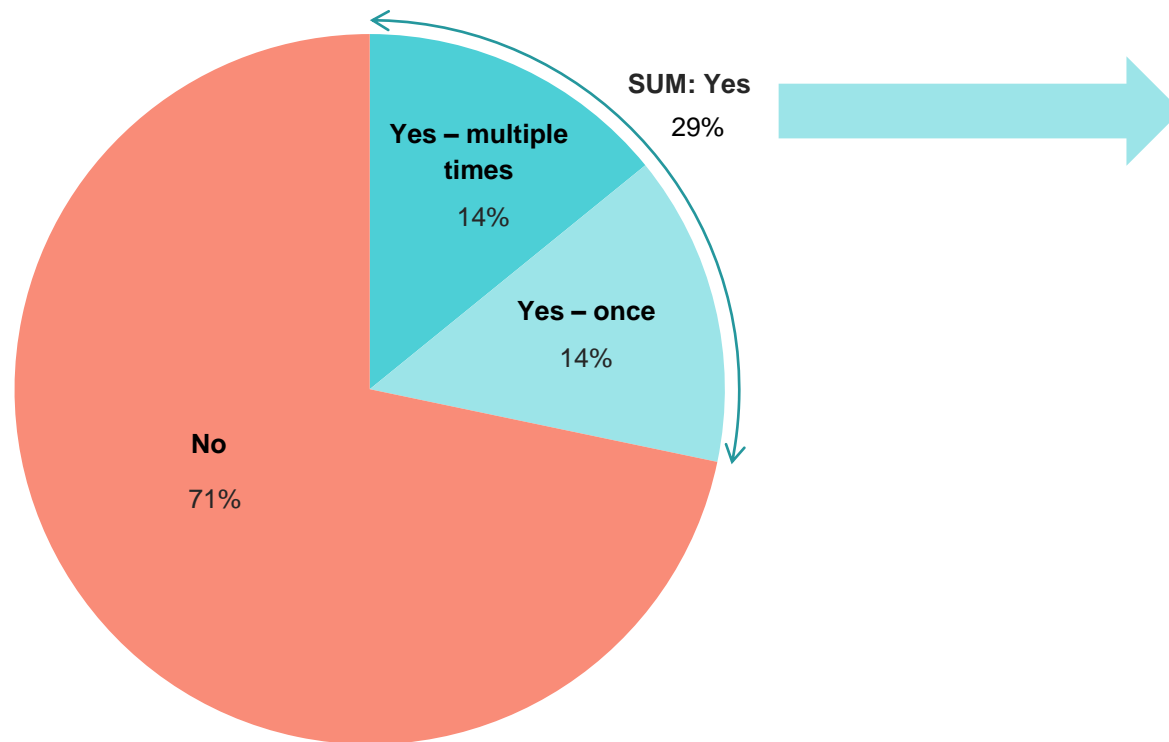
56% prefer the social experience of attending college in person. Two thirds think there should be some in-person learning in future

For each pair of statements please pick one answer that you agree with more, or haven't you thought much about it?

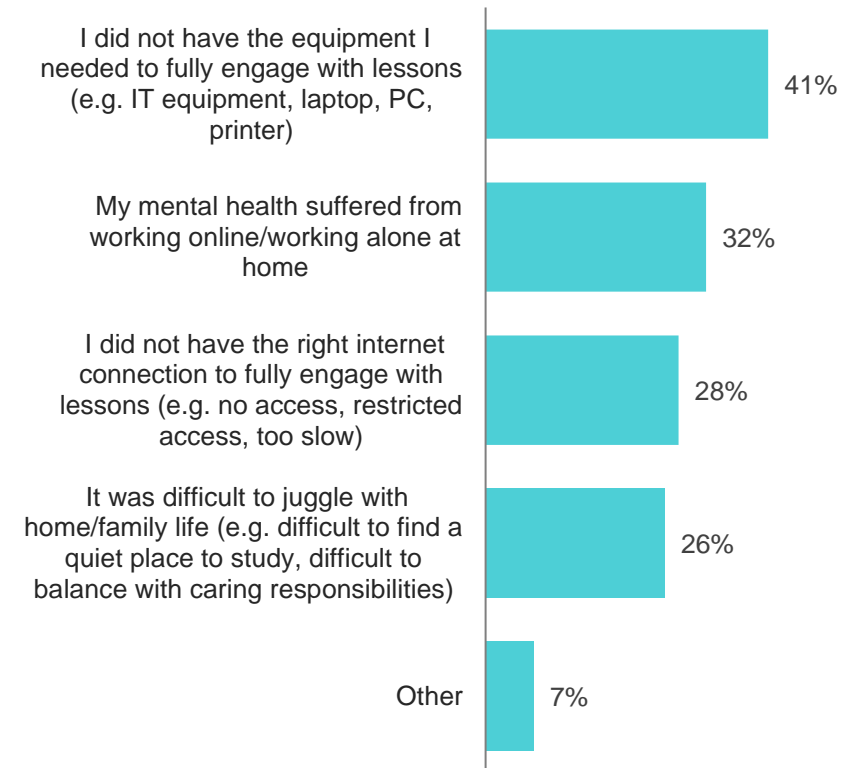


29% attended college/sixth form while it was officially closed, and did so for a variety of reasons

During the COVID-19 lockdowns over the past 18 months, did you ever attend the college/ sixth form site while it was officially closed to most students? This could have been because you were classed as vulnerable, or because of an emergency, or because you didn't have the right equipment at home, or for other reasons?

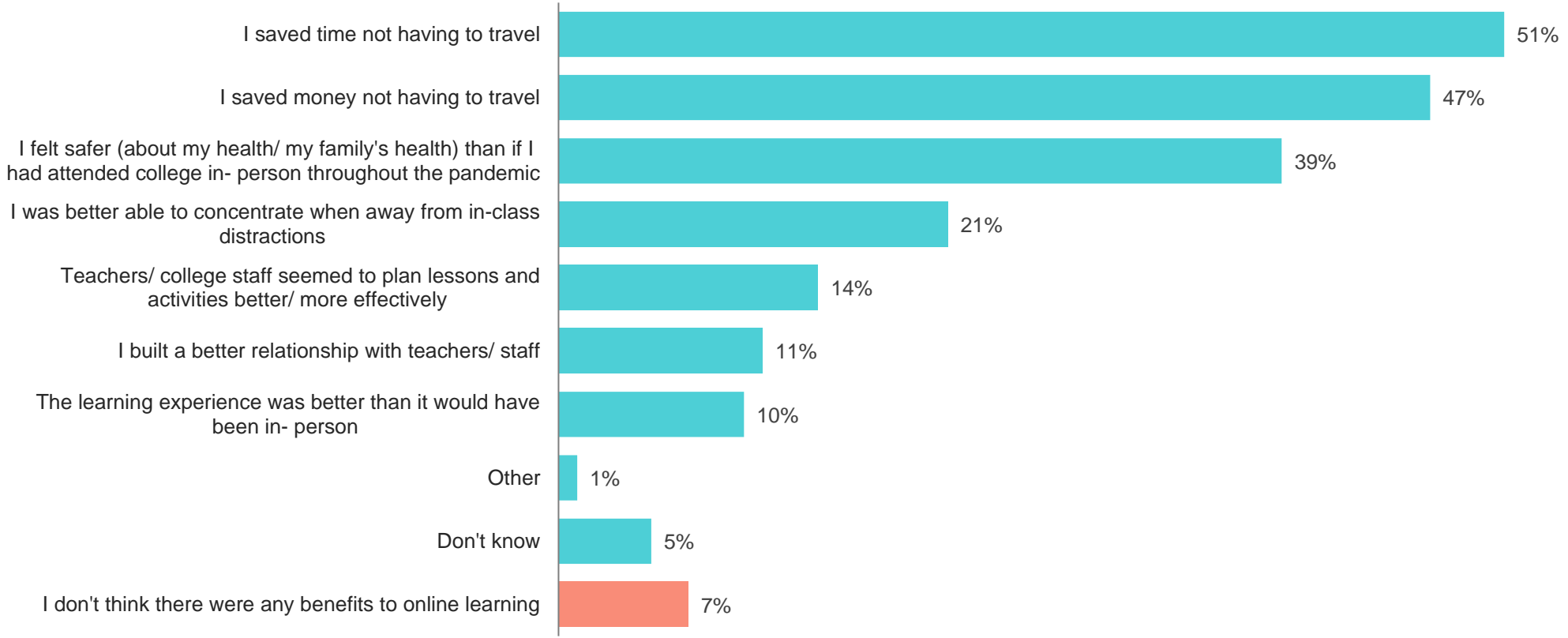


Why did you need to attend the college/sixth form site while it was officially closed to most students?



Key benefits of online learning included saving time and money not having to travel and feeling safer about their / their families' health

What kind of benefits, if any, do you think online learning since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic brought you?



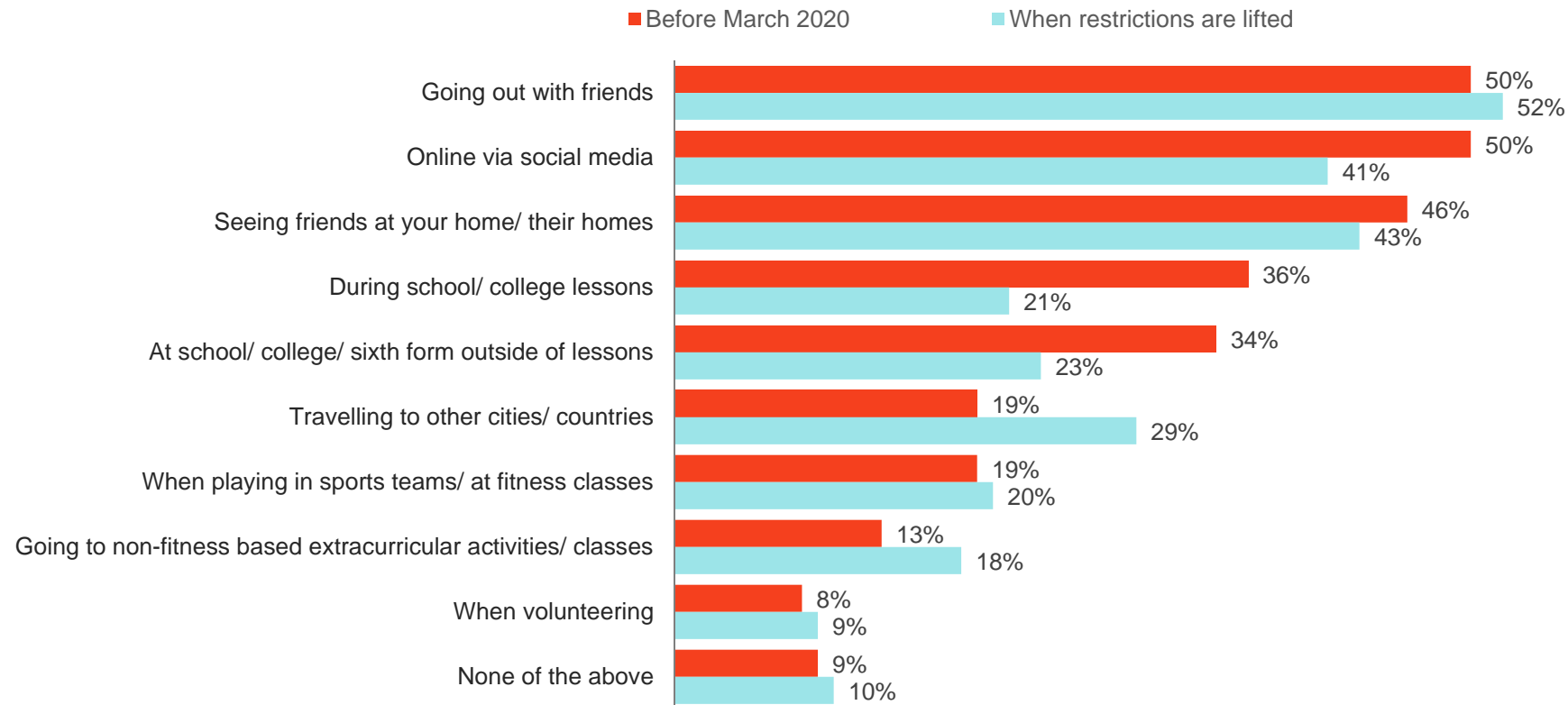
Feeling socially isolating, struggling to concentrate at home and ineffective online teaching were the main downsides of online learning

What drawbacks, if any, do you think online learning since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic had for you?



Students are less likely to want to socialise on social media, during lessons and outside of lesson than they were pre-Covid 19

Thinking back to before March 2020 and the outbreak of the Coronavirus-19 pandemic, in which of the following ways did you use to socialise regularly with friends, if at all? / Thinking ahead to when Coronavirus-19 related restrictions are lifted in the UK, in which of the following ways do you want to socialise with friends on a regular basis? By regularly we mean at least once a fortnight.



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