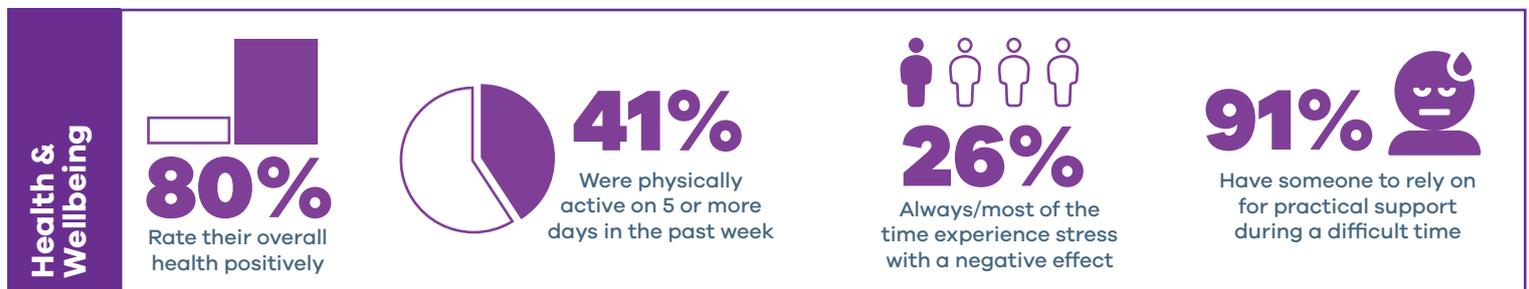
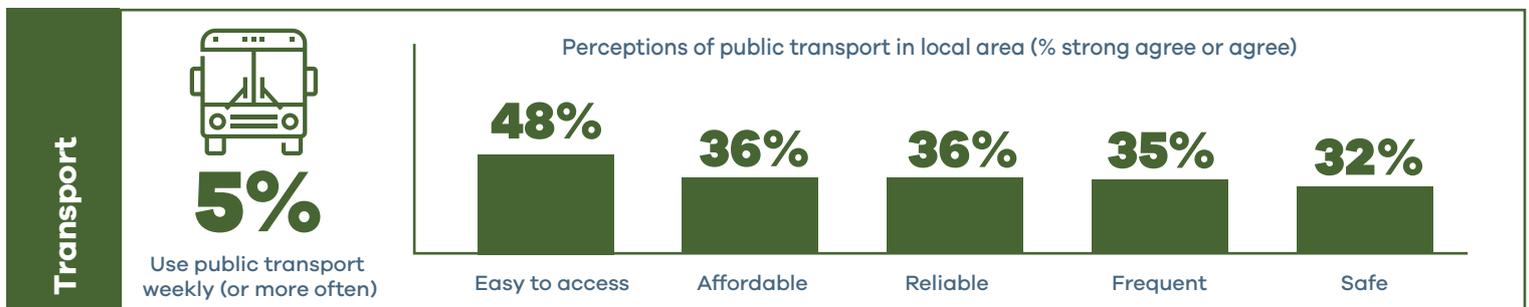
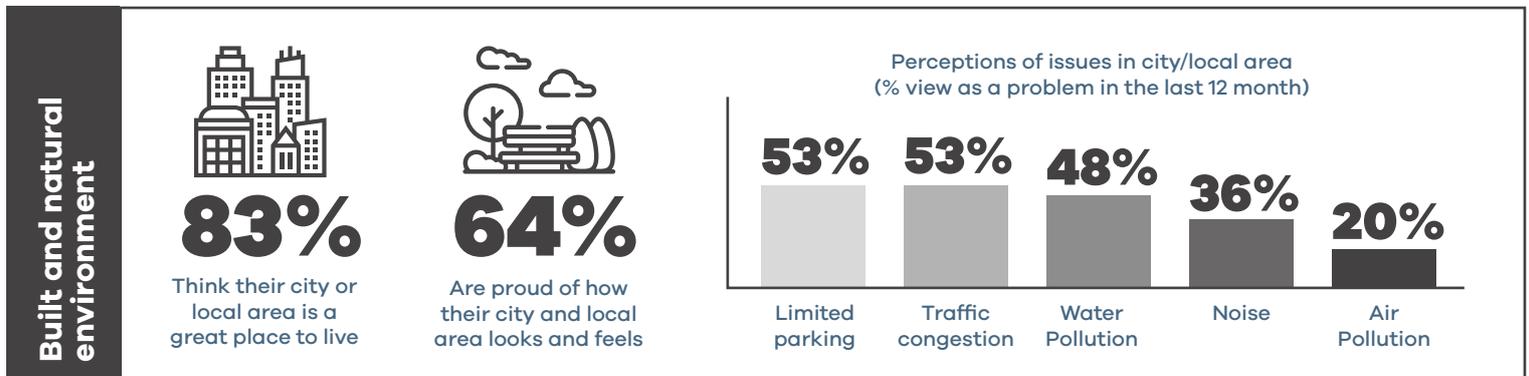


# WAIKATO REGION Quality of Life

## Key highlights 2022

The 2022 Quality of life survey measures people's perceptions of several aspects related to quality of life.

A random selection of residents were invited to participate either online or via hardcopy questionnaire. The Waikato Survey was completed by 1,502 people aged 18 years and over between 28 March to 13 June 2022.

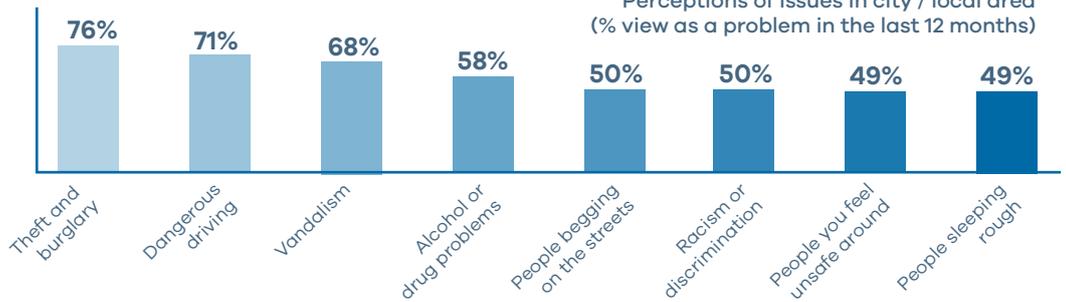


# WAIKATO REGION Quality of Life Key highlights 2022

## Crime & Safety



**63%**  
Feel safe walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark



## Community, culture & social networks

Believe a sense of community in neighbourhood is important **73%**

Feel a sense of community in their neighbourhood **57%**

**19%** Think there is a broad range of arts and artistic activities in their city/local area

### Top 3 social networks and groups

- Hobby or interest groups
- Clubs and societies
- Professional/work networks



Never or rarely feel isolated



Say cultural diversity makes their city/local area a better place to live

## Economic wellbeing



Employed (full or part time)



Satisfied with work/life balance

**46%**

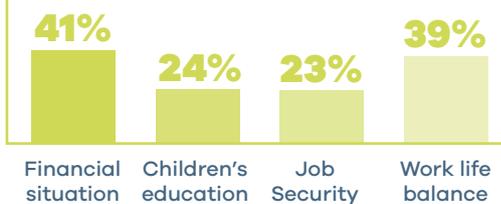
Have more than enough or enough income to cover costs of everyday needs

**36%**

Have 'just enough' income to cover costs of everyday needs

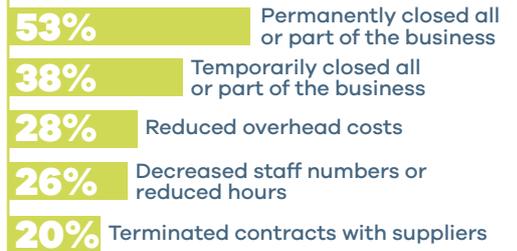
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### Perceptions of negative impact of Covid-19

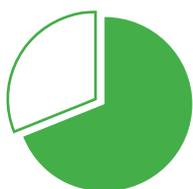


**79%**

Have made changes as a result of Covid-19 (of those that owned a business the last two years)

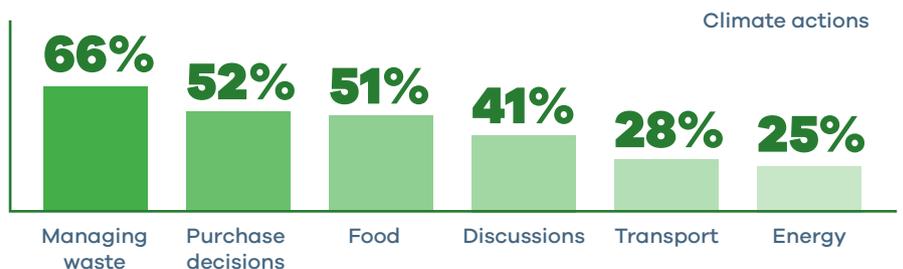


## Climate



**69%**

Worried about the impact of climate change on the future



## Council process



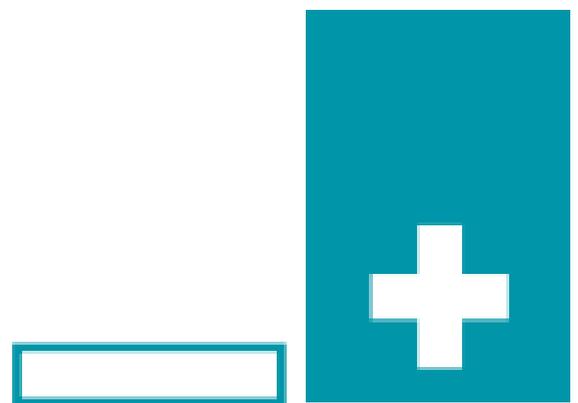
**28%**

Are confident in their local council's decision-making



**31%**

Believe the public has an influence on council decision-making



86%

Rate their overall quality of life positively



19%

Say their quality of life has improved compared with 12 months ago

#### Top 4 reasons for improvement

- ♥ Financial wellbeing
- ♥ Health and wellbeing
- ♥ Work situation
- ♥ Lifestyle

#### Top 4 reasons for decline

- ✗ Poor financial situation
- ✗ Poor health and wellbeing
- ✗ Impacts of COVID-19
- ✗ Lifestyle



**83%**

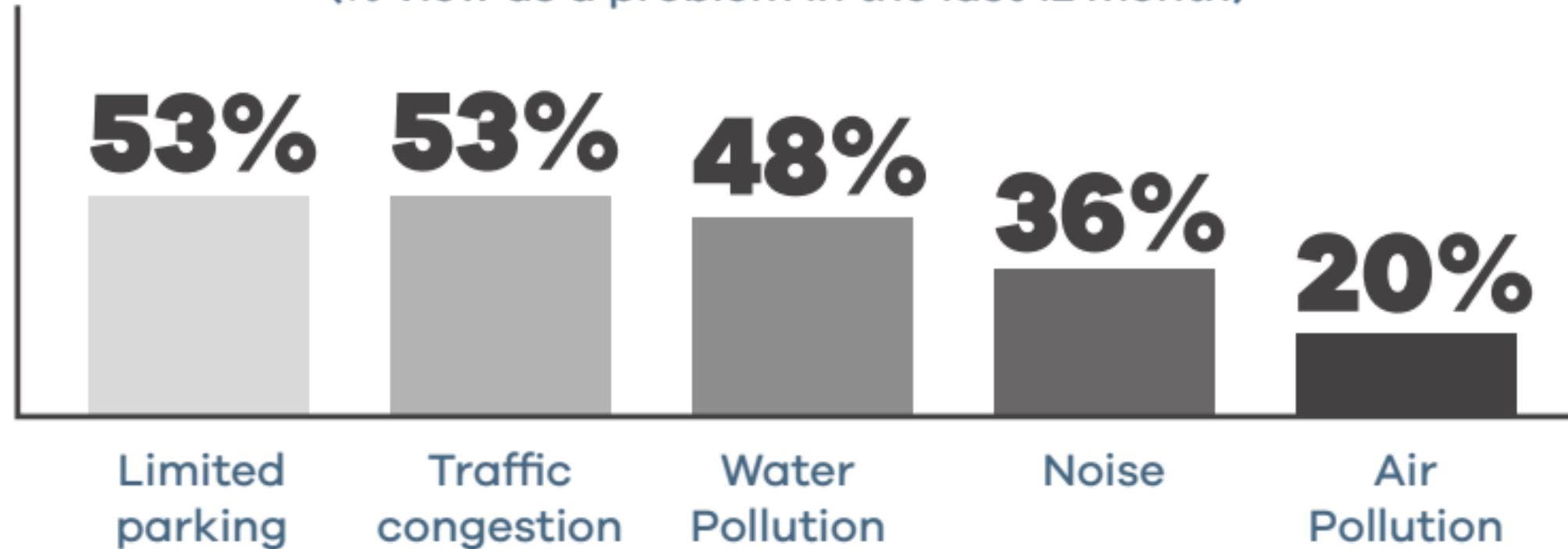
Think their city or local area is a great place to live



**64%**

Are proud of how their city and local area looks and feels

Perceptions of issues in city/local area  
(% view as a problem in the last 12 month)



Perceptions of housing (% strong agree or agree)



**82%**

Home is suitable



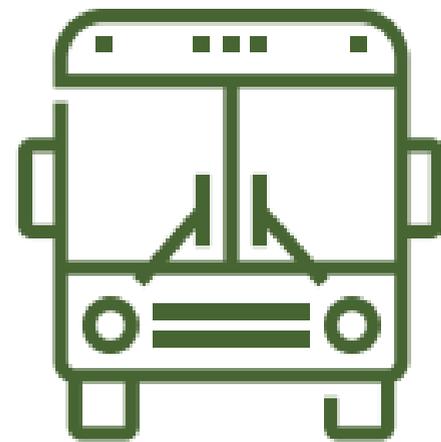
**84%**

Live in suitable area



**44%**

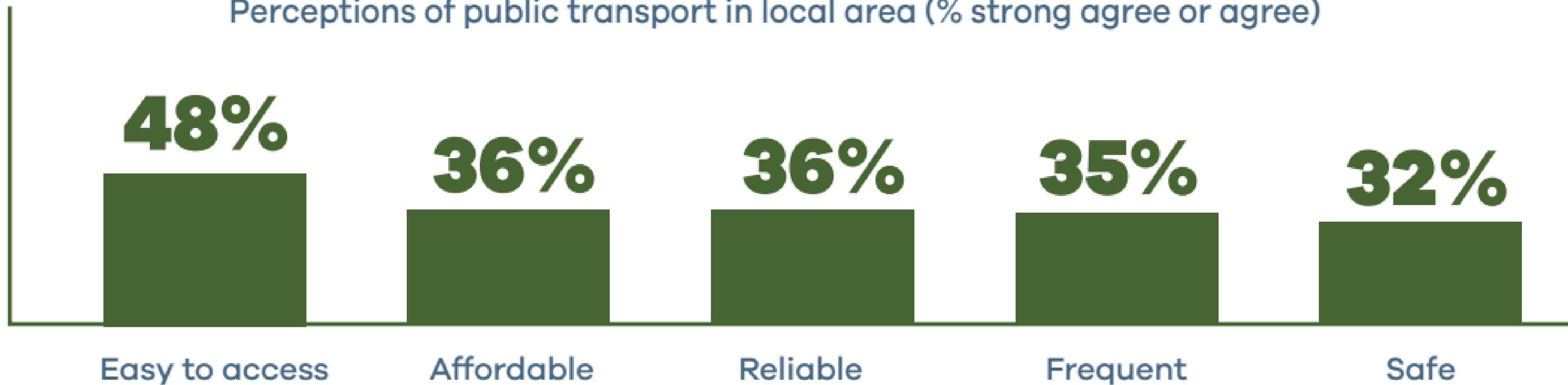
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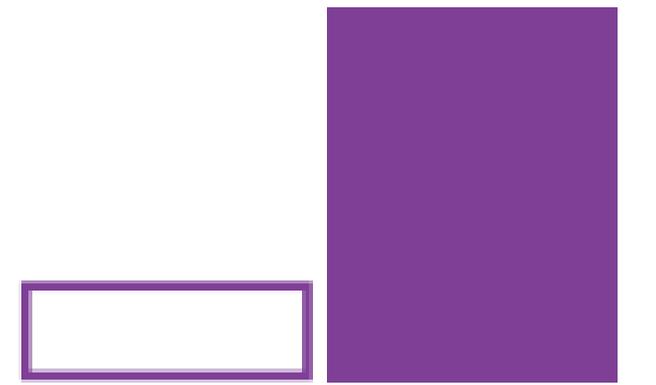


5%

Use public transport weekly (or more often)

Perceptions of public transport in local area (% strong agree or agree)





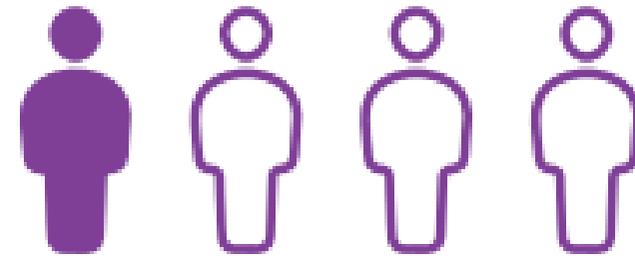
**80%**

Rate their overall health positively



**41%**

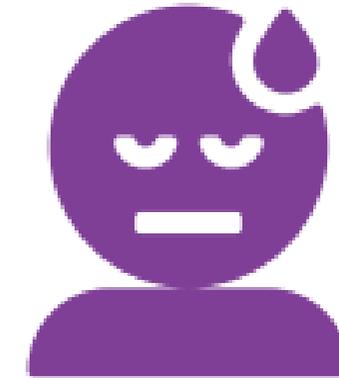
Were physically active on 5 or more days in the past week



**26%**

Always/most of the time experience stress with a negative effect

**91%**

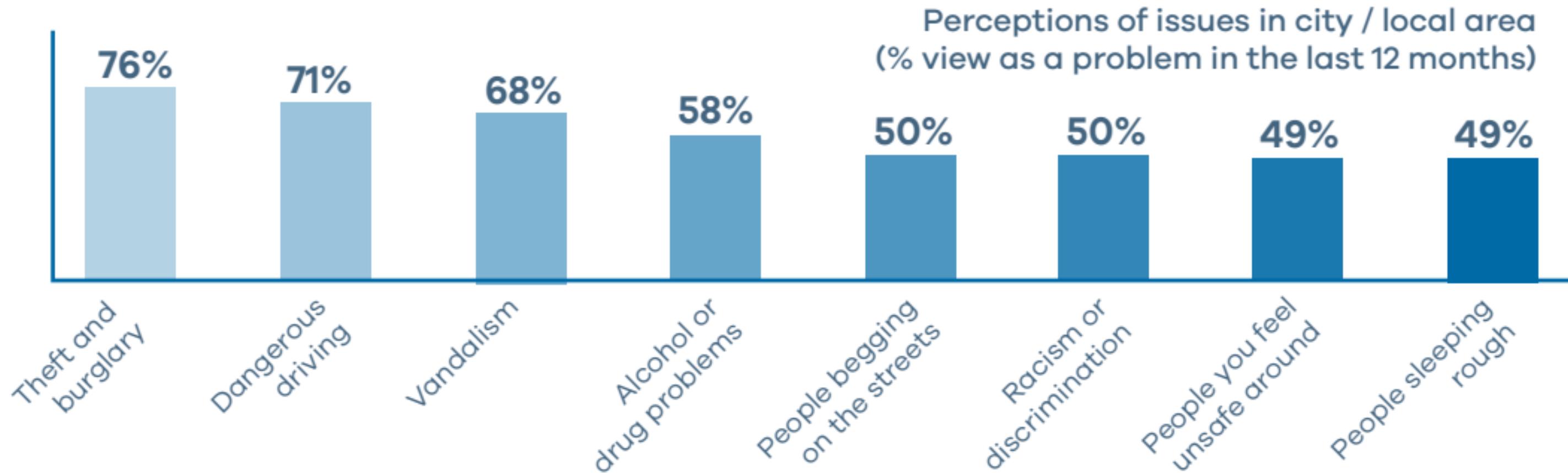


Have someone to rely on for practical support during a difficult time



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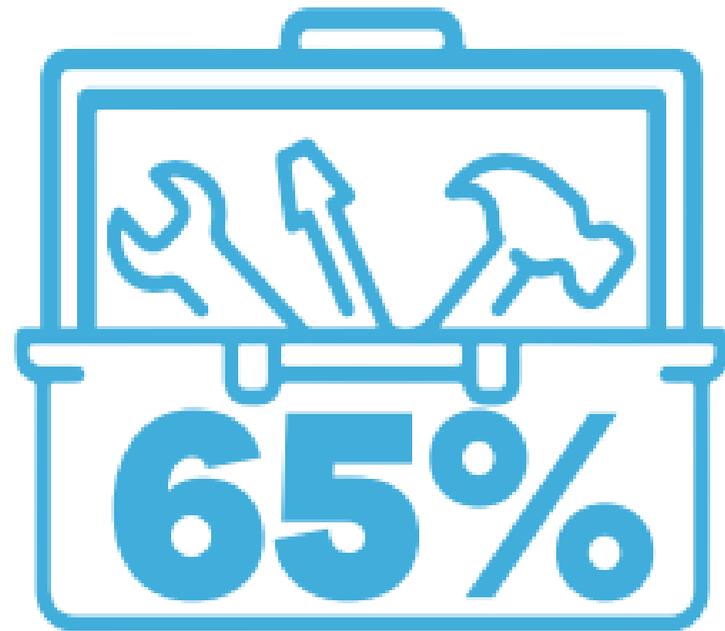
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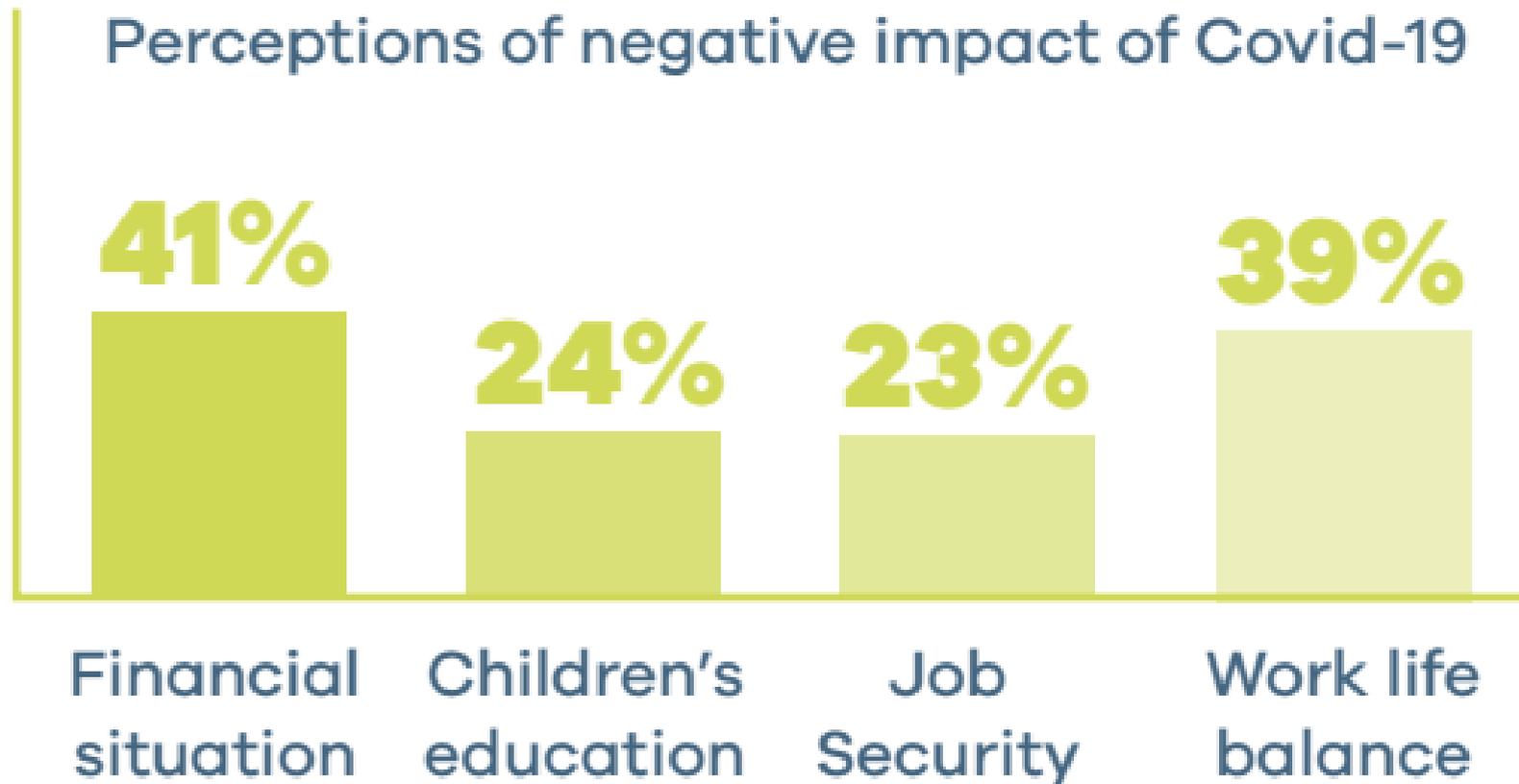
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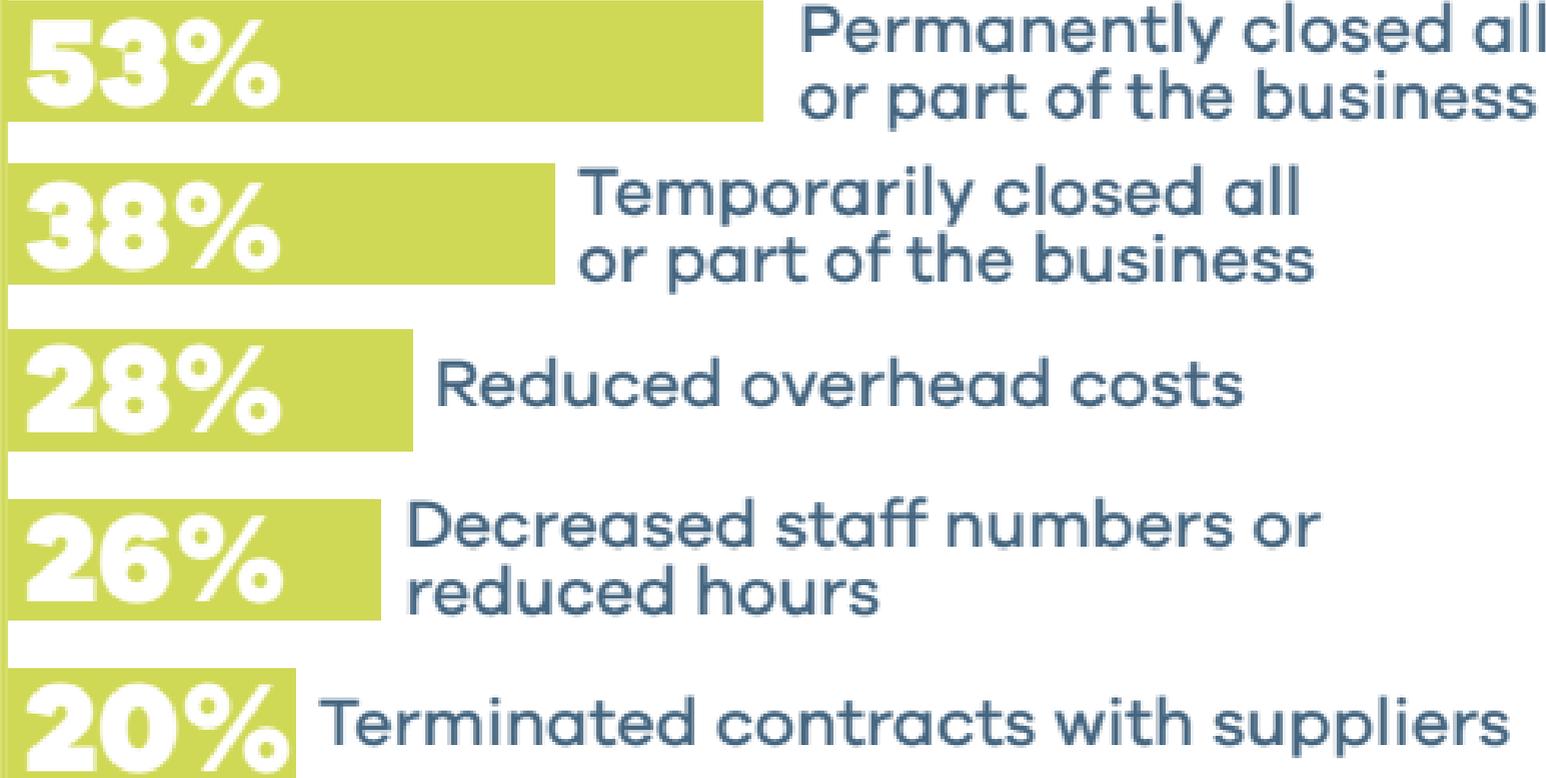
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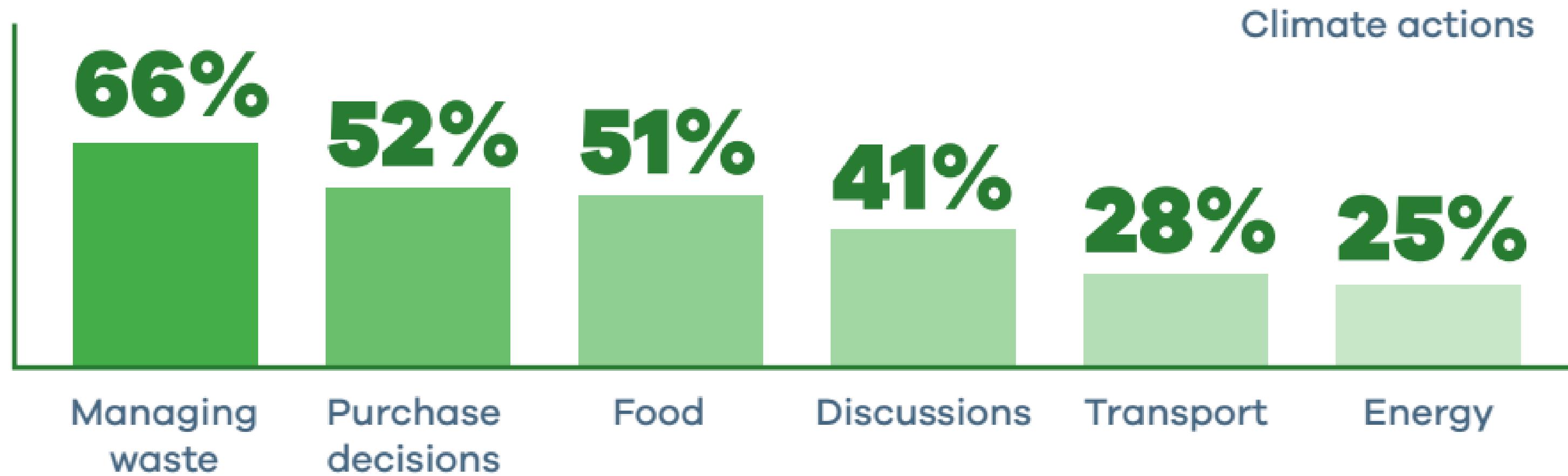
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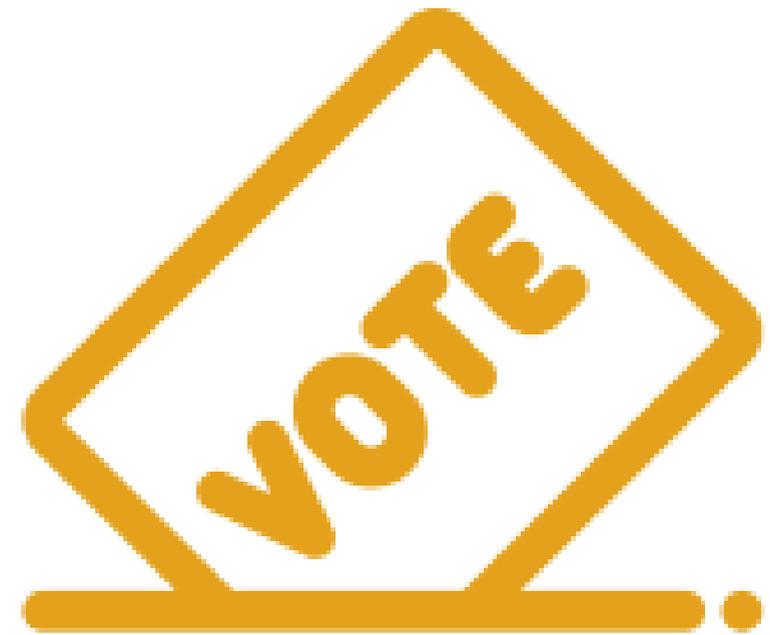


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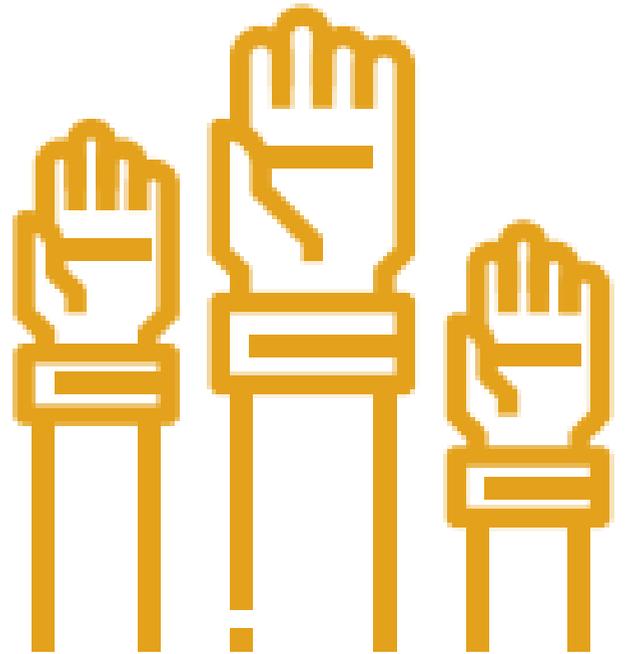


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