

PERCEPTIONS SURVEY ABOUT COVID 19 SITUATION IN MONTENEGRO

March 19, 2020

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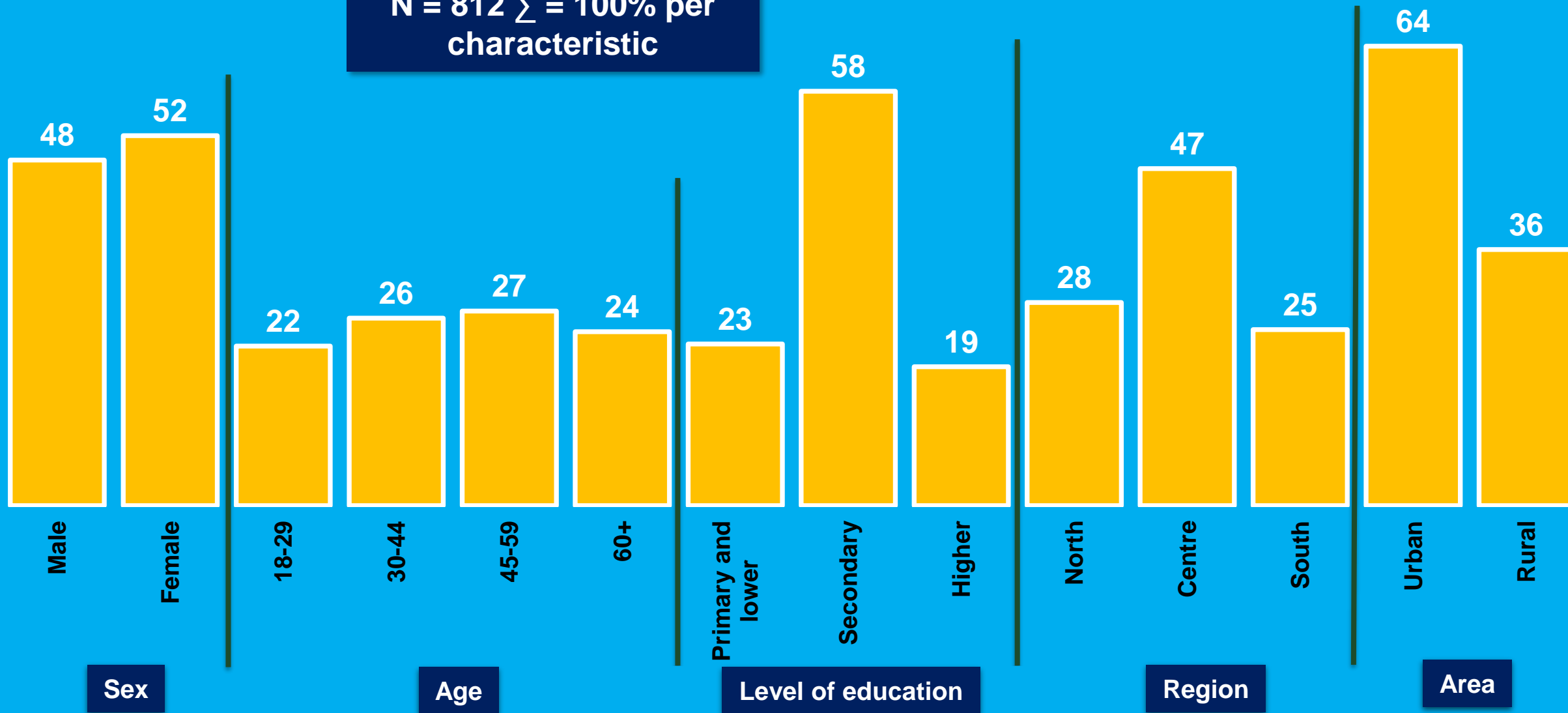
METHODOLOGY

Implementation period:	Data collection lasted from March 18 to March 19, 2020
Sample framework:	Population of Montenegro, 18+
Sample size:	812 respondents
Sample type:	Single-stage representative stratified sample Respondents in the household
Research type:	Telephone survey with a questionnaire with an average duration of 17 minutes
Research location:	19 municipalites in Montenegro, urban, suburban and rural settlements
Substratification:	By sex, age
Error:	±1.57% for occurences whose incidence is 5% ±3.10% for occurences whose incidence is 25% ±3.59% for occurences whose incidence is 50% (<i>marginal error</i>)

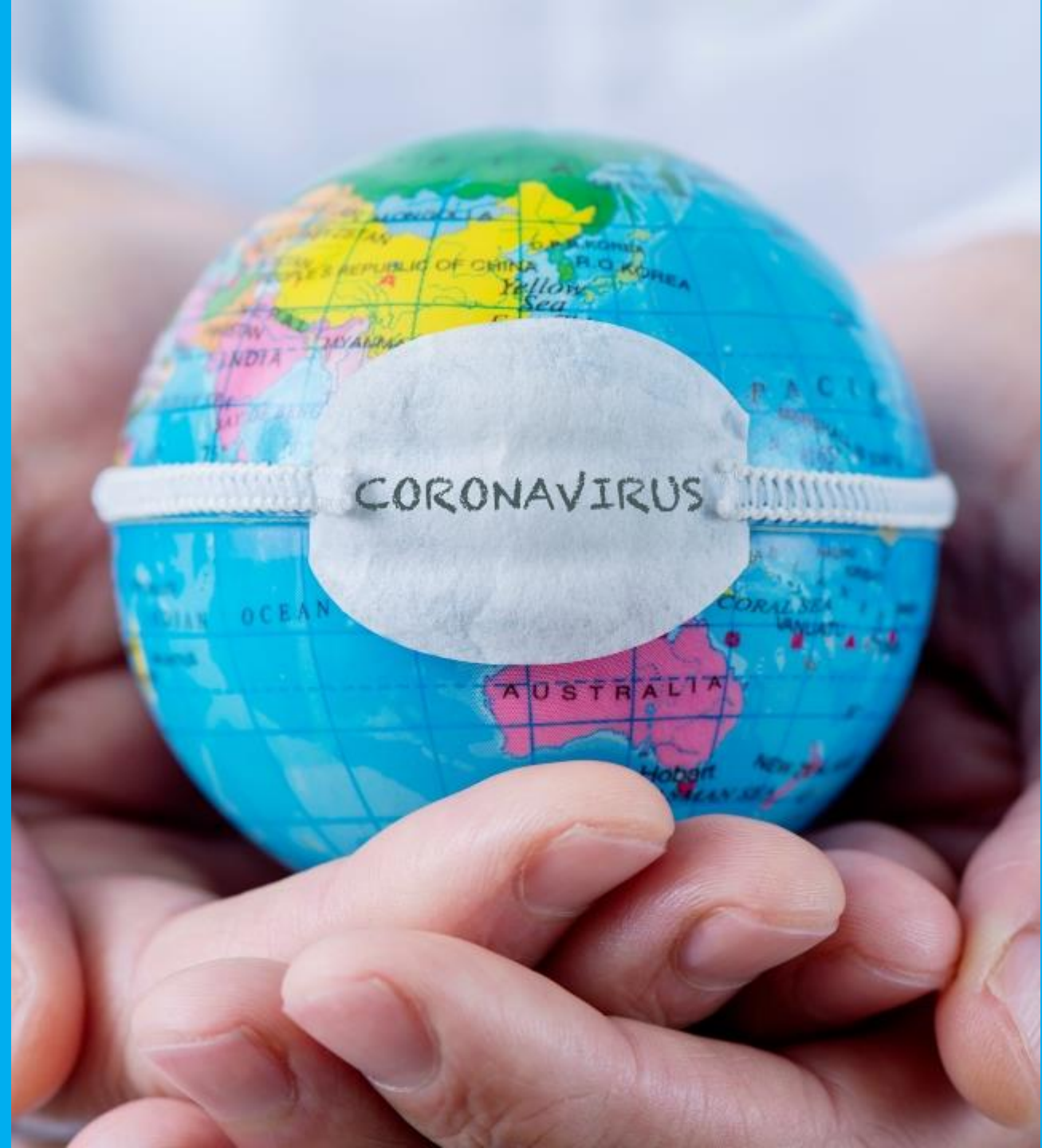
SAMPLE

SAMPLE – MARCH 2020

N = 812 Σ = 100% per characteristic



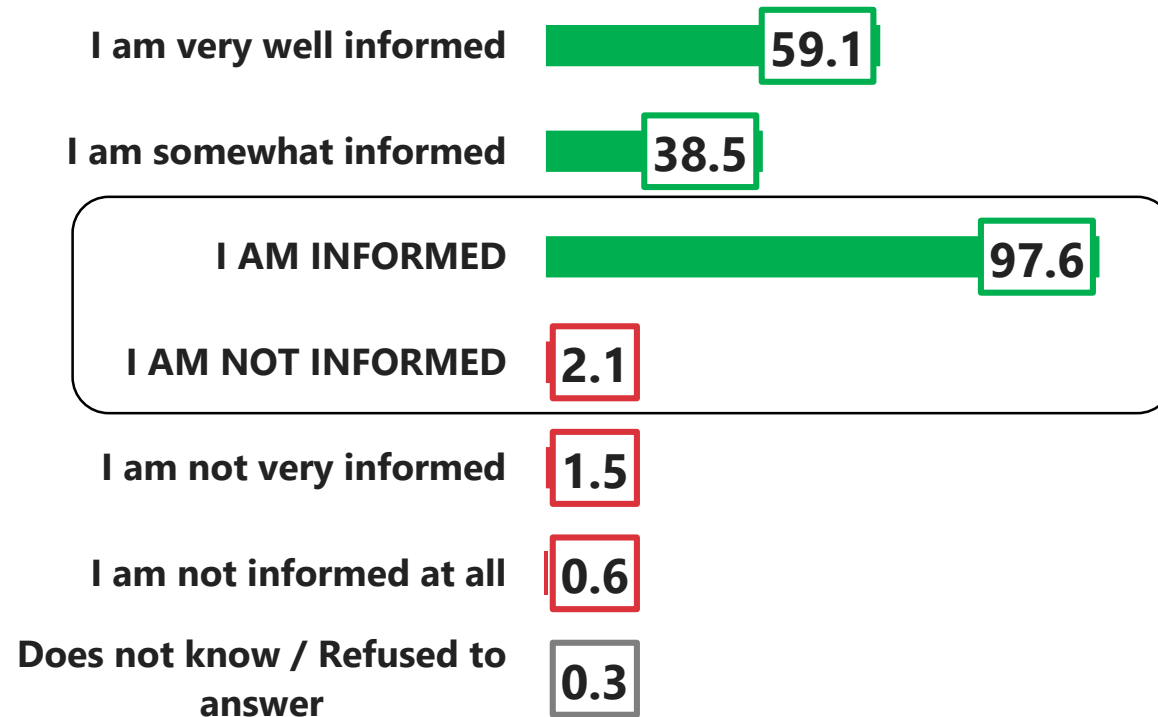
RESULTS



CORONAVIRUS AWARENESS

Almost 98% of Montenegrin citizens feel informed about coronavirus

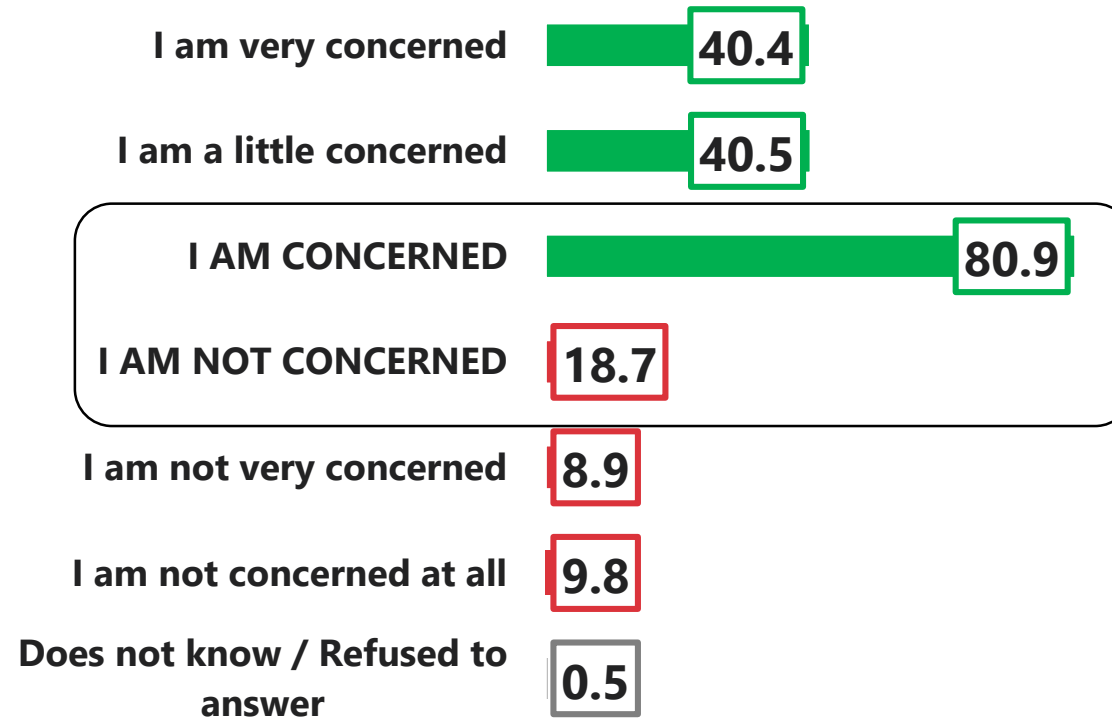
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Concern that respondents and their loved ones could become infected with the virus

- **Eight in ten Montenegrin citizens claim that they are concerned that they or their loved ones could be infected with the virus.**

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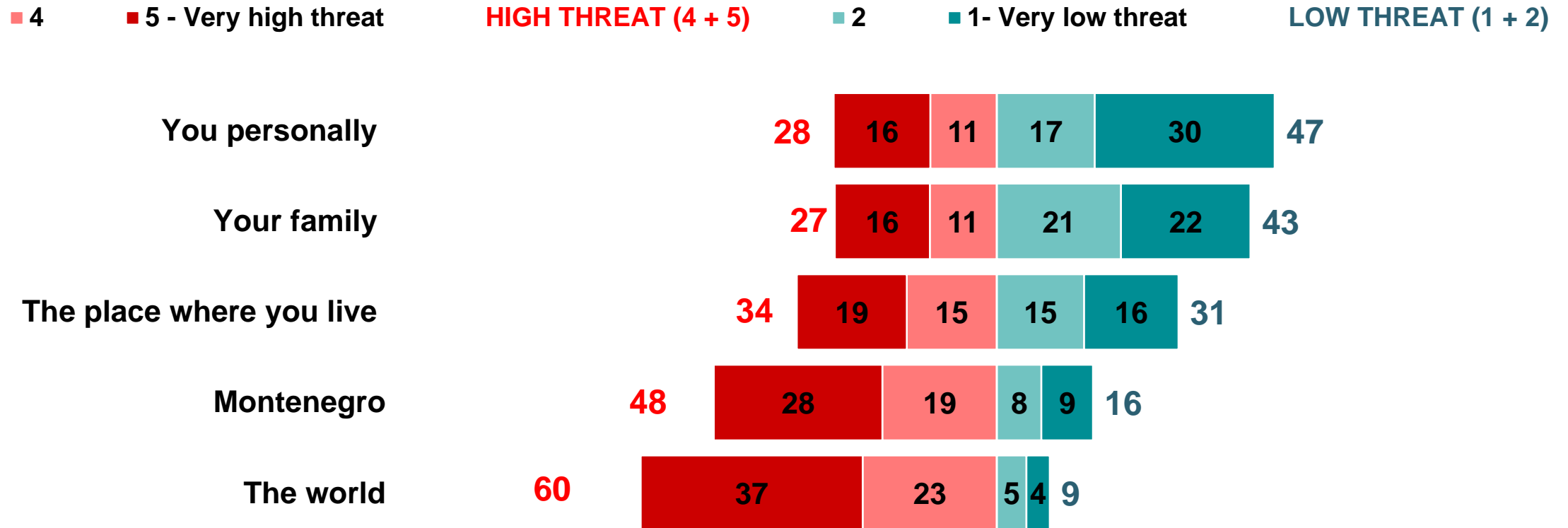
⑩ How much are you personally concerned that you and your loved ones could become infected with the virus?

⑩ Base: Total target population, N=812

The coronavirus threat level for...

- Montenegrin citizens are more likely to think that coronavirus poses a high threat to the world (6 out of 10) and Montenegro (almost half of the respondents) than to their family (just over a quarter) and themselves (almost 30%)

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10 In your opinion, what is the level of threat coronavirus poses to...?

10 Base: Total target population, N=812

Confidence in the readiness of organizations and institutions to successfully combat...

- There are more citizens who are confident about the readiness of organisations and institutions to successfully combat coronavirus compared to those who are sceptical about their readiness.

All data are expressed as %

■ 2 ■ 1- I am not confident at all I AM NOT CONFIDENT (1 + 2) ■ 4 ■ 5 - I am quite confident I AM CONFIDENT (4 + 5)



⑩ Based on what you have seen, read, or heard, how confident are you that the following organisations and institutions are sufficiently prepared to successfully combat coronavirus?

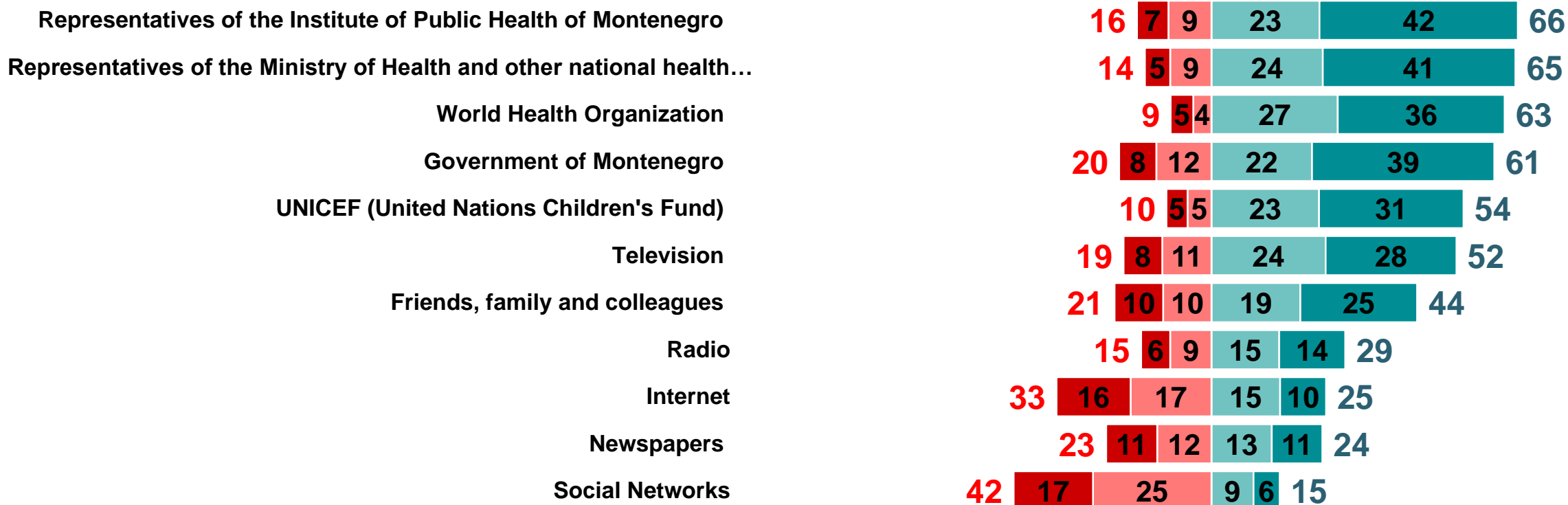
⑩ Base: Total target population, N=812A

Confidence in the accuracy of coronavirus information obtained from...

When it comes to information on coronavirus, citizens trust the representatives of institutions and television most, while they are most skeptical of the information they receive from social networks and the Internet in general.

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■ 2 ■ 1- I am not confident at all **I AM NOT CONFIDENT (1 + 2)** ■ 4 ■ 5 - I am quite confident **I AM CONFIDENT (4 + 5)**



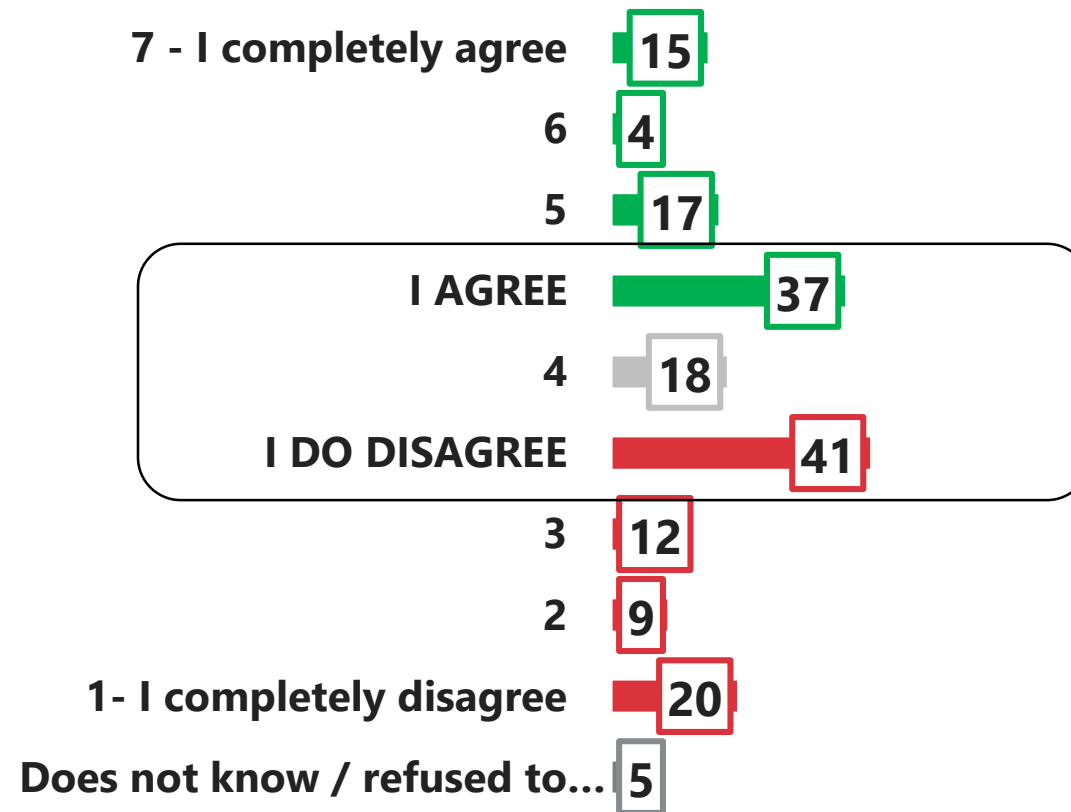
⑩ How much confidence do you have in the accuracy of the information on coronavirus obtained from the following sources?

⑩ Base: Total target population, N=812

Agreeing with the following claim - CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK HAS BEEN CURBED AND IT WILL END SOON

- **Montenegrin citizens' opinions diverge when it comes to the claim that the outbreak of the virus has been curbed and that it will end soon.**

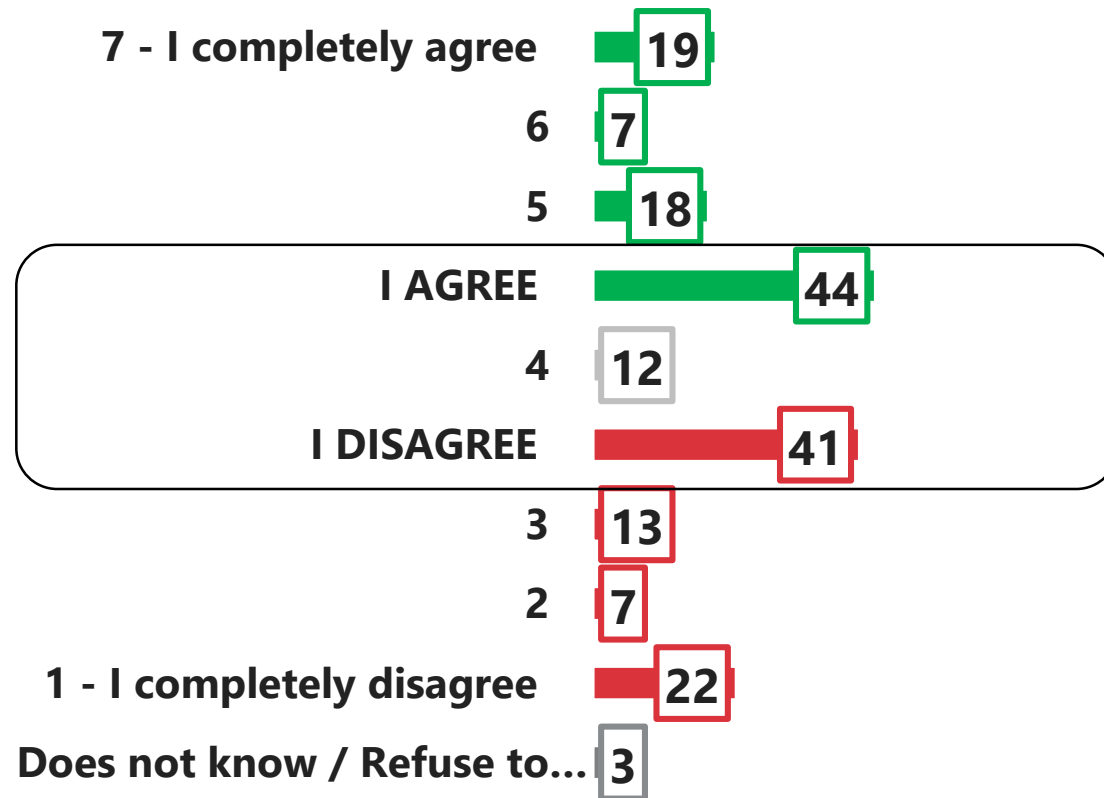
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Agreeing with the following claim - THE MEDIA HAVE EXAGGERATED THE EXTENT OF CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

- **Montenegrin citizens' opinions diverge when it comes to the claim that the media has exaggerated the extent coronavirus outbreak**

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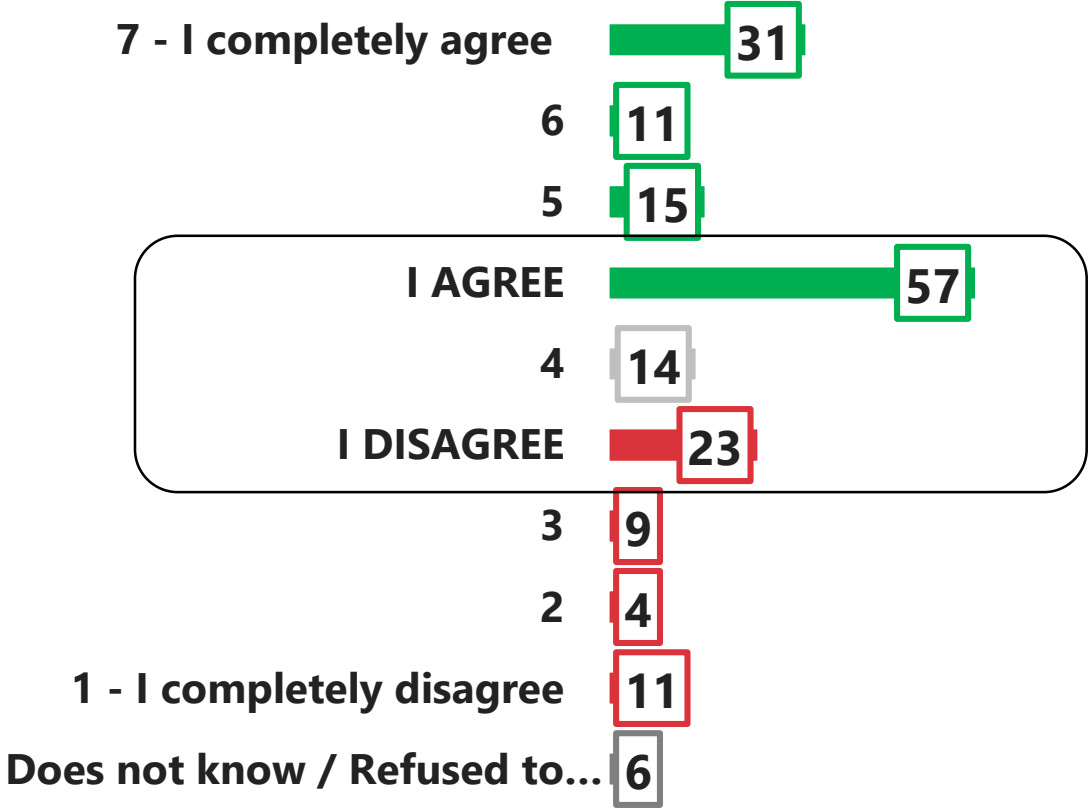
⑩ To which extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Please, use a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means that you completely disagree and 7 means that you completely agree.

⑩ Base: Total target population, N=812

Agreeing with the following claim - I AM CONVINCED THAT PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES WILL DEVELOP A VACCINE OR CURE AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

- **Most citizens believe that a vaccine or cure for the virus corona will be developed soon.**

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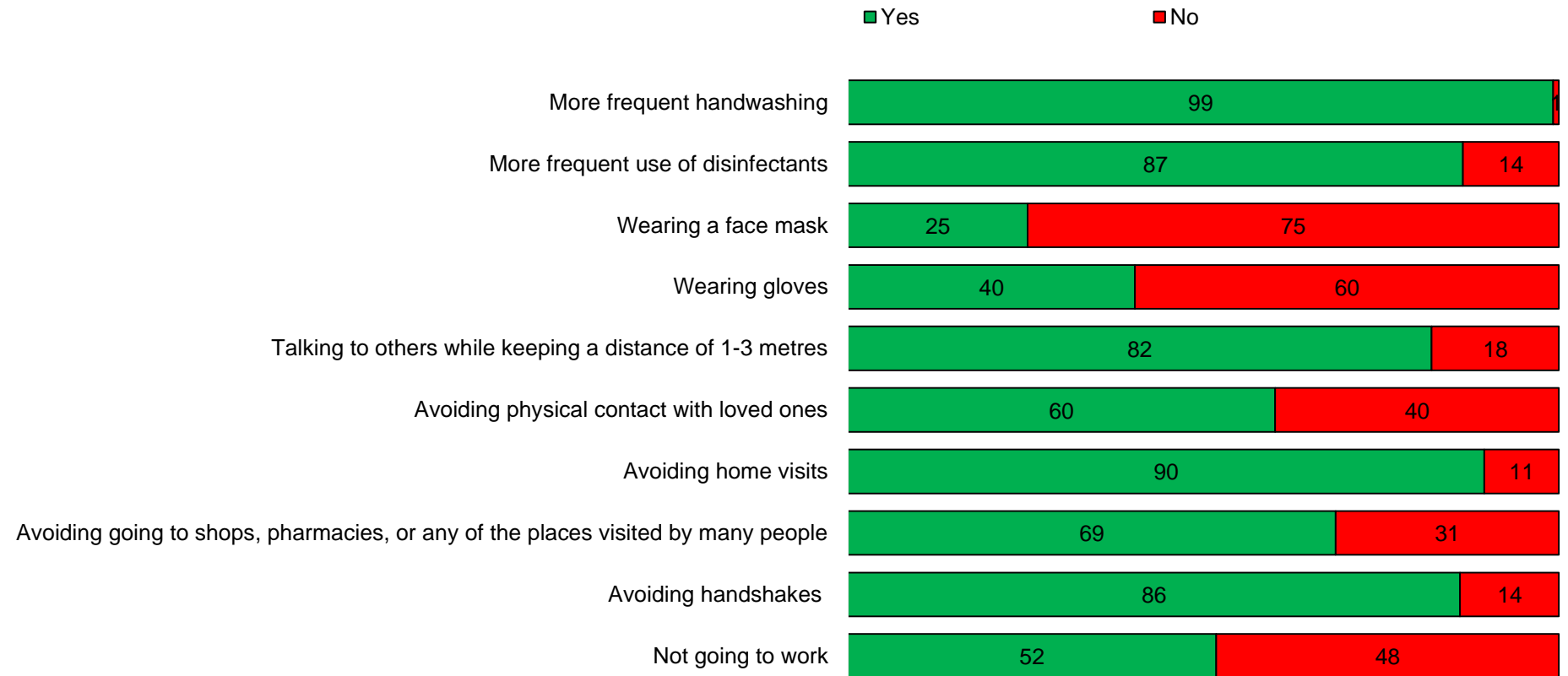


10 To which extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Please rate the agreement on a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means that you disagree at all and 7 that you completely agree..
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Implementation of preventive measures against coronavirus

- Of all the preventive measures recommended, Montenegrin citizens most often use the wearing of a face mask (one-quarter) and wearing gloves (4 out of 10 citizens). On the other hand, almost everyone applies the measure of more frequent hand washing.

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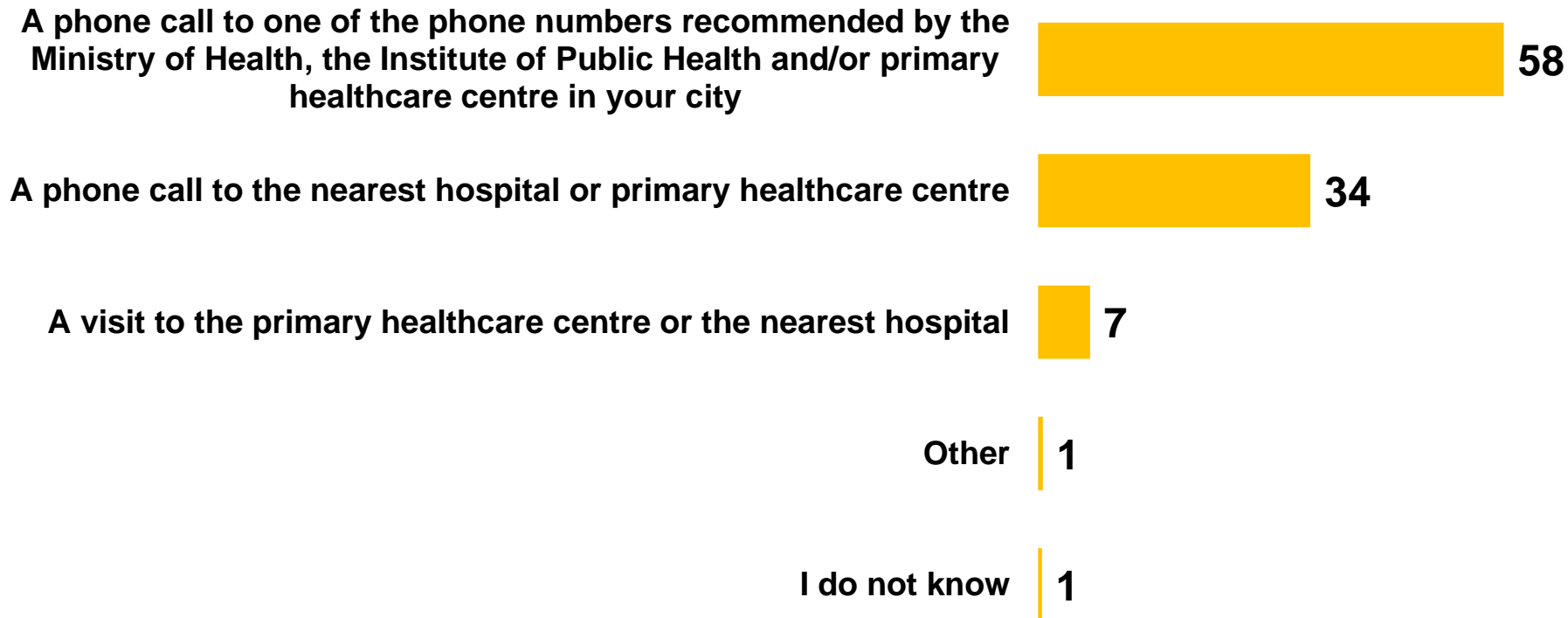
10 Could you please tell me which of the following measures do you personally apply to protect yourself against coronavirus?
Please, answer with Yes or No.

10 Base: Total target population, N=812

The first step in case one suspects the contraction of coronavirus

- More than half of Montenegrin citizens claim that in case they suspected the contraction of coronavirus, they would call one of the phone numbers recommended by the Ministry of Health, the Institute of Public Health or the primary healthcare centre in their city. On the other hand, one-third of citizens think that their first step should be a phone call to the nearest hospital or primary healthcare centre.

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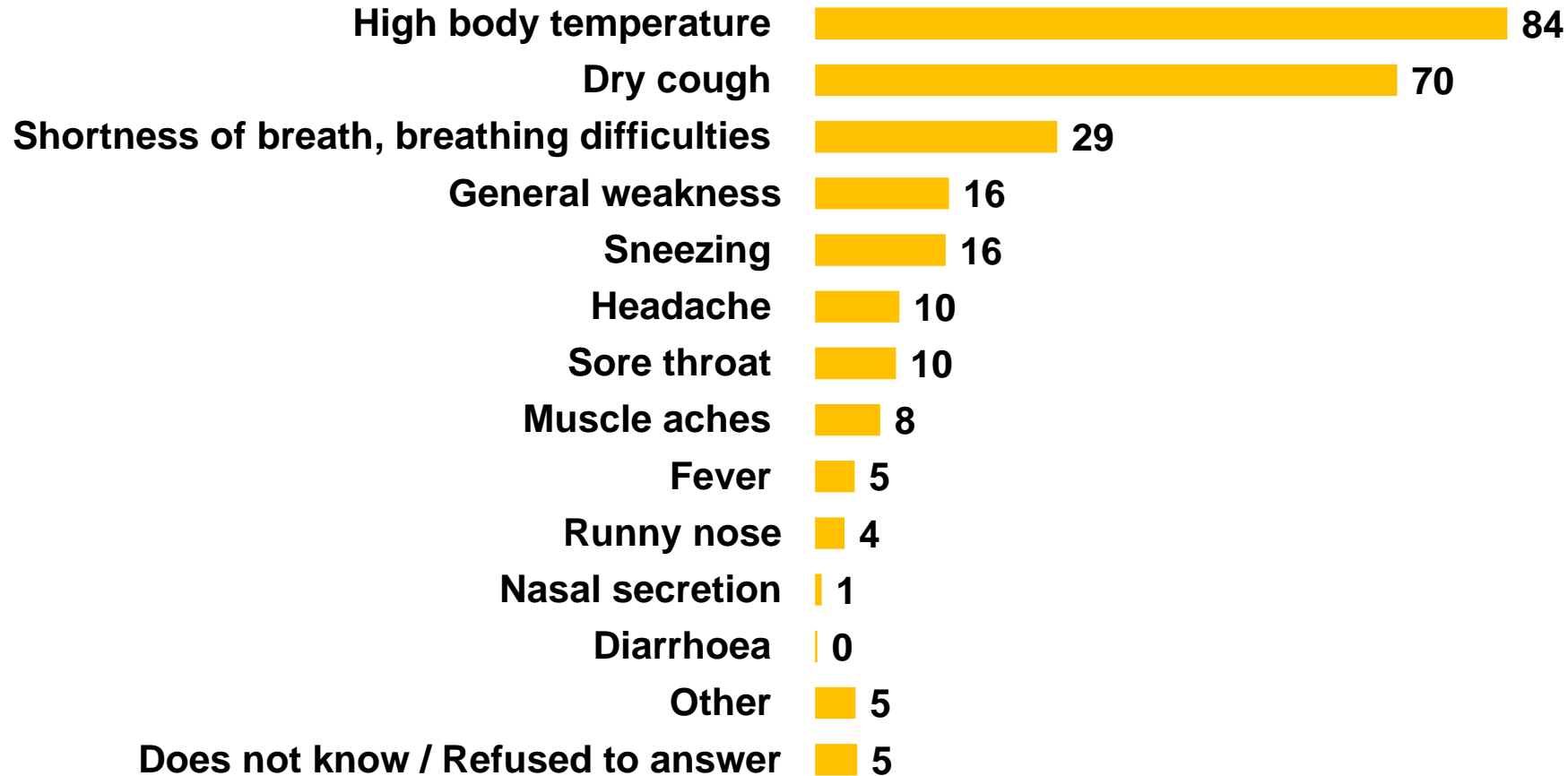
In your opinion, in case you suspect that you or one of your immediate family members contracted virus corona, what step should you take first?

Base: Total target population, N=812

The symptoms of coronavirus

- **Most Montenegrin citizens have heard of fever and dry cough as symptoms of the virus corona.**

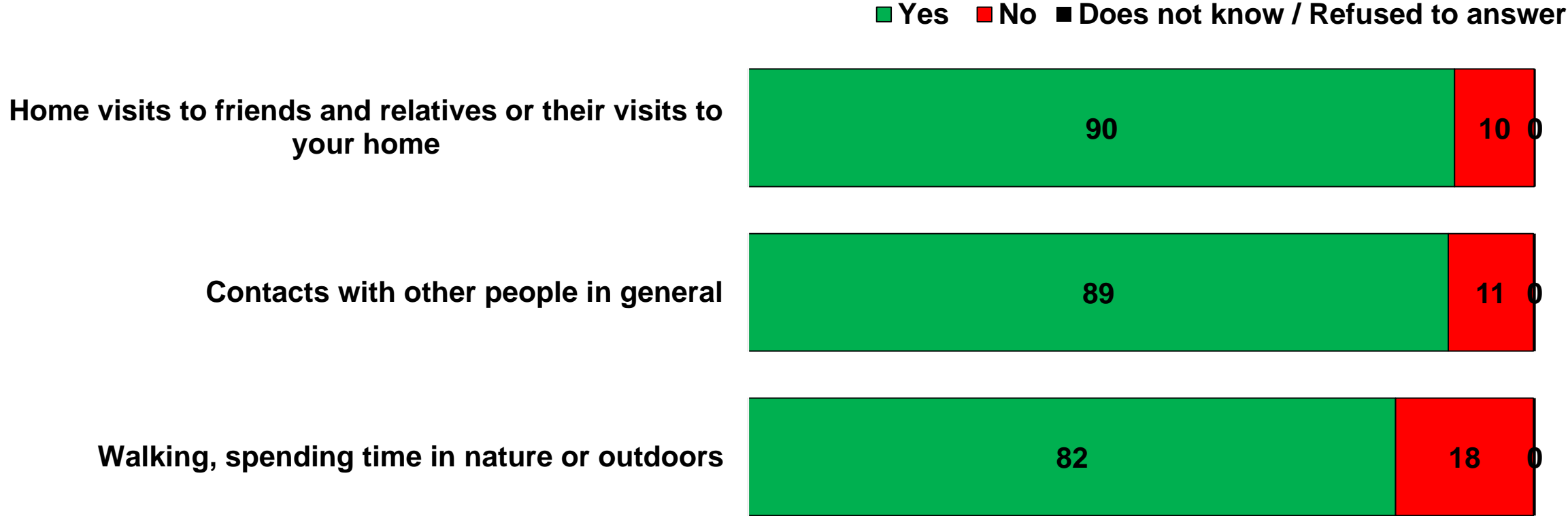
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Did the respondents reduce the number of visits to... in the last 7 days?

- In the last 7 days, citizens of Montenegro state that they have greatly reduced the number of home visits and contacts with people in general, as well as the practice of walking and staying outdoors.

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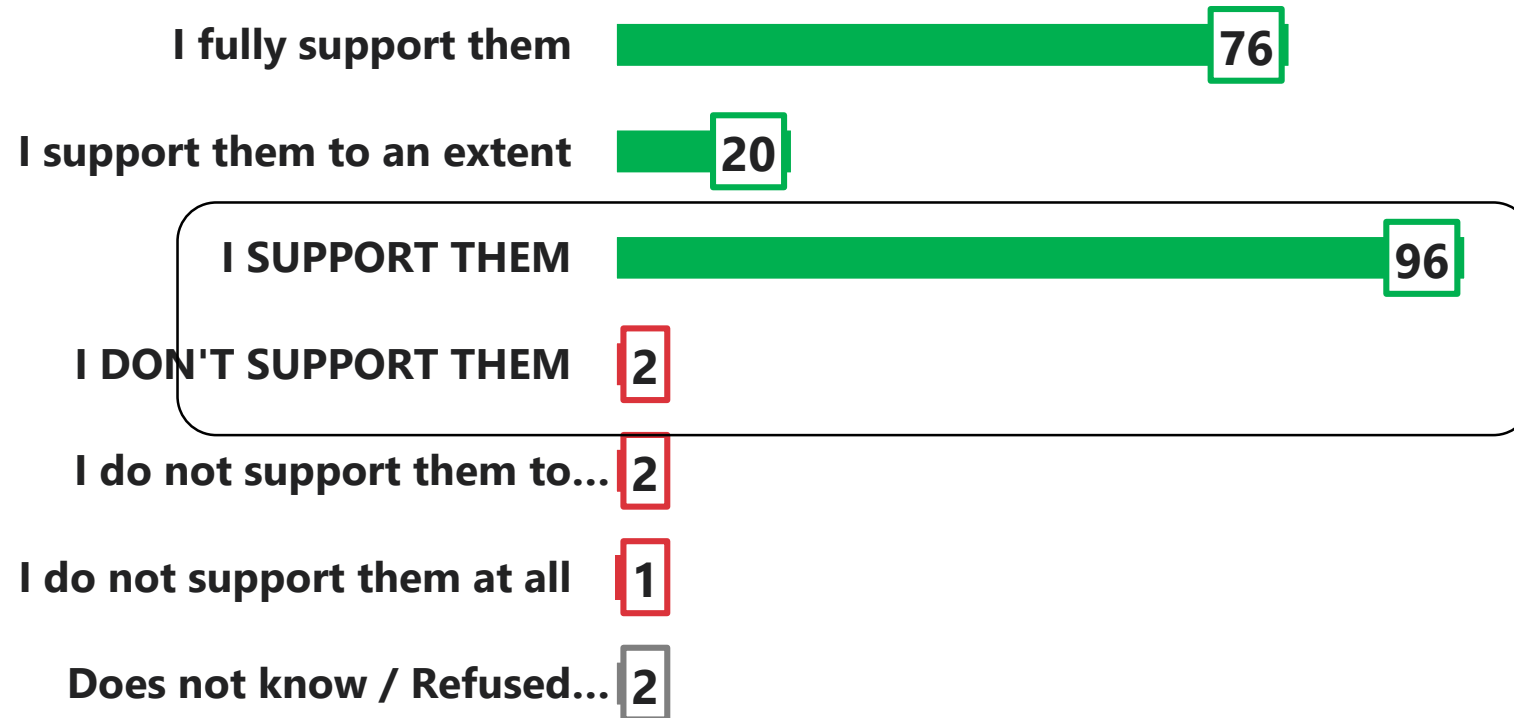


⑩ Have you reduced the number of visits to:
⑩ Base: Total target population, N=812

Support to the Government of Montenegro in establishing the National Coordination Body for combating coronavirus

- Citizens support the measures of the Government of Montenegro, i.e. the National Coordination Body in combating coronavirus, while 3/4 of the citizens fully support the measures undertaken so far.

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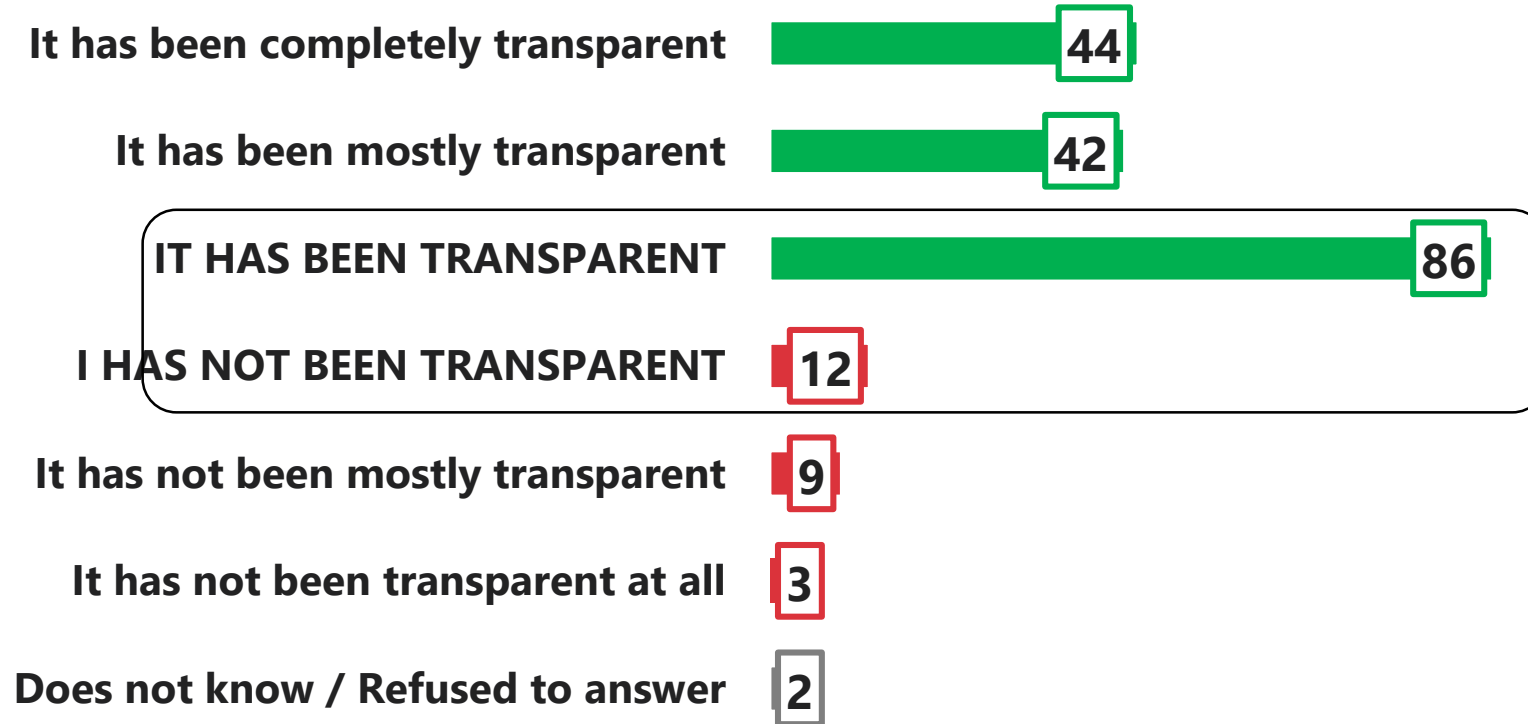


- ⑩ The Government of Montenegro has set up the National Coordinating Body for Infectious Diseases, whose work has been intensified recently in order to combat coronavirus. This body has adopted
- ⑩ a whole set of measures in order to protect the health of the population from the said virus. To what extent do you support these measures by the Government, i.e. the National Coordination Body?
- ⑩ Base: Total target population, N=812

Transparency of the state in informing the public about coronavirus

- **86% of citizens think that the state has been transparent in informing the public about coronavirus, while over two-fifths consider it to have been completely transparent**

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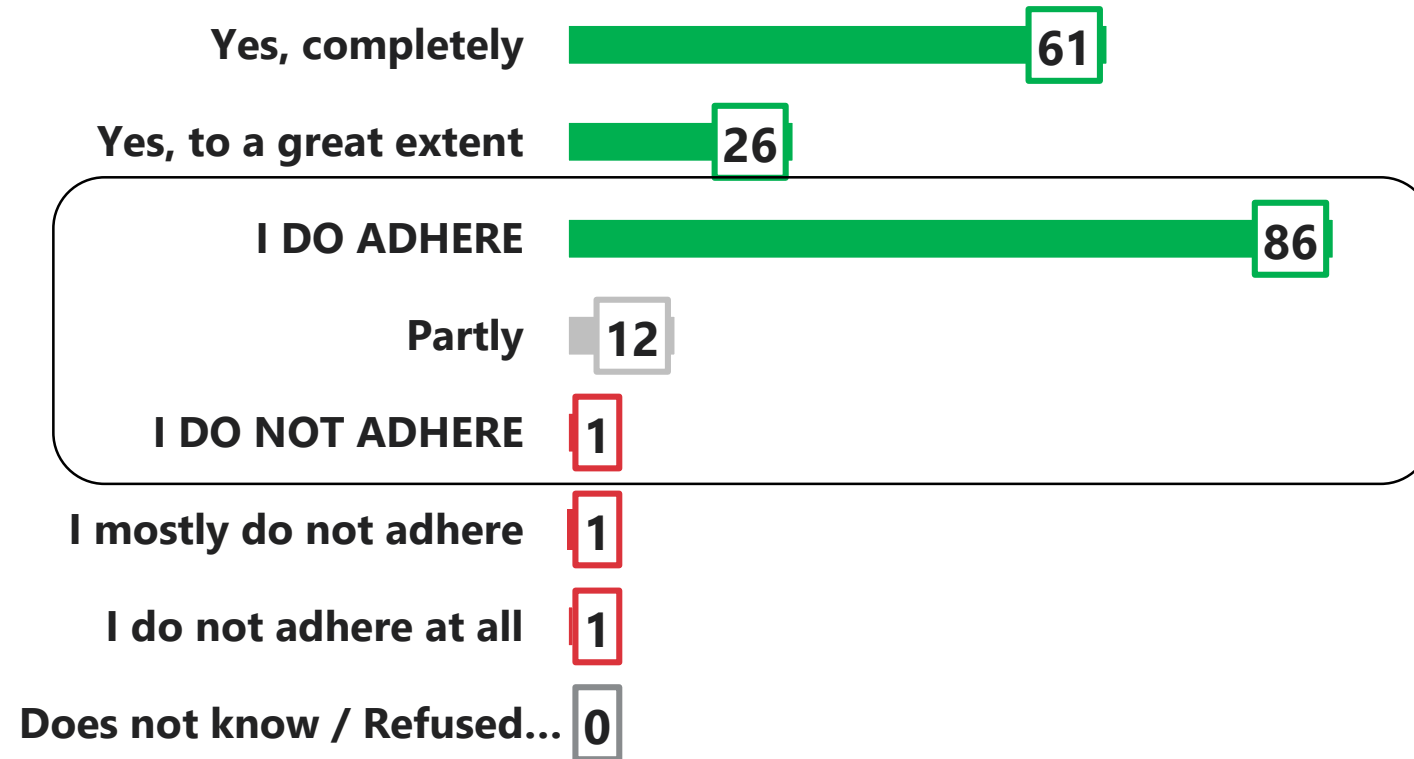
⑩ To what extent do you think the state has been transparent in informing the public about coronavirus so far?

⑩ Base: Total target population, N=812

The respondents' adherence to preventive measures imposed by the Government of Montenegro

- Over 4/5 of the citizens claim that they adhere the Government's preventive measures to stay at home, avoid public gatherings and contact with other people, while more than half claim to fully adhere to these measures.

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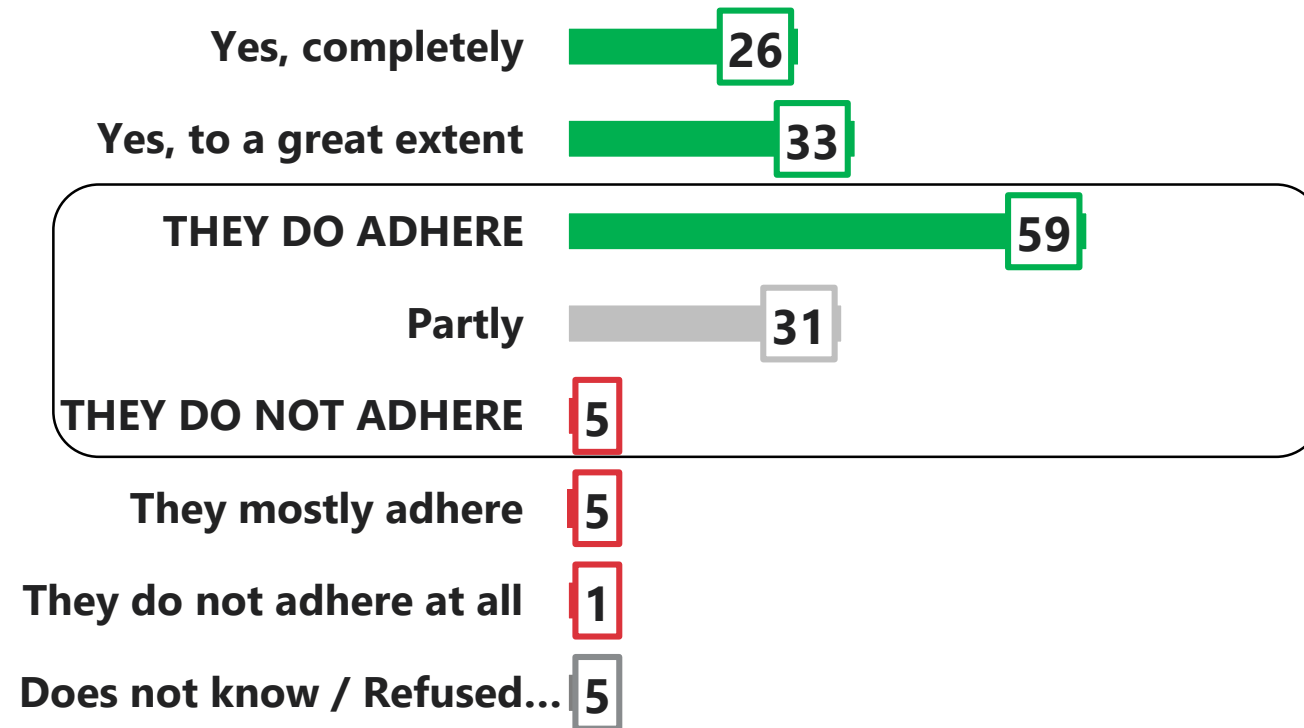
⑩ Do you, personally, adhere to the Government measures that recommend staying home, avoiding public gatherings, and avoiding contact with other people?

⑩ Base: Total target population, N=812

Adherence of the respondents' closest environment to preventive measures imposed by the Government of Montenegro

- **6 out of 10 citizens claim that the people from their closest environment act in accordance with the Government's preventive measures to stay at home, avoid public gatherings and contact with other people, while one-third claim to partly adhere to these measures.**

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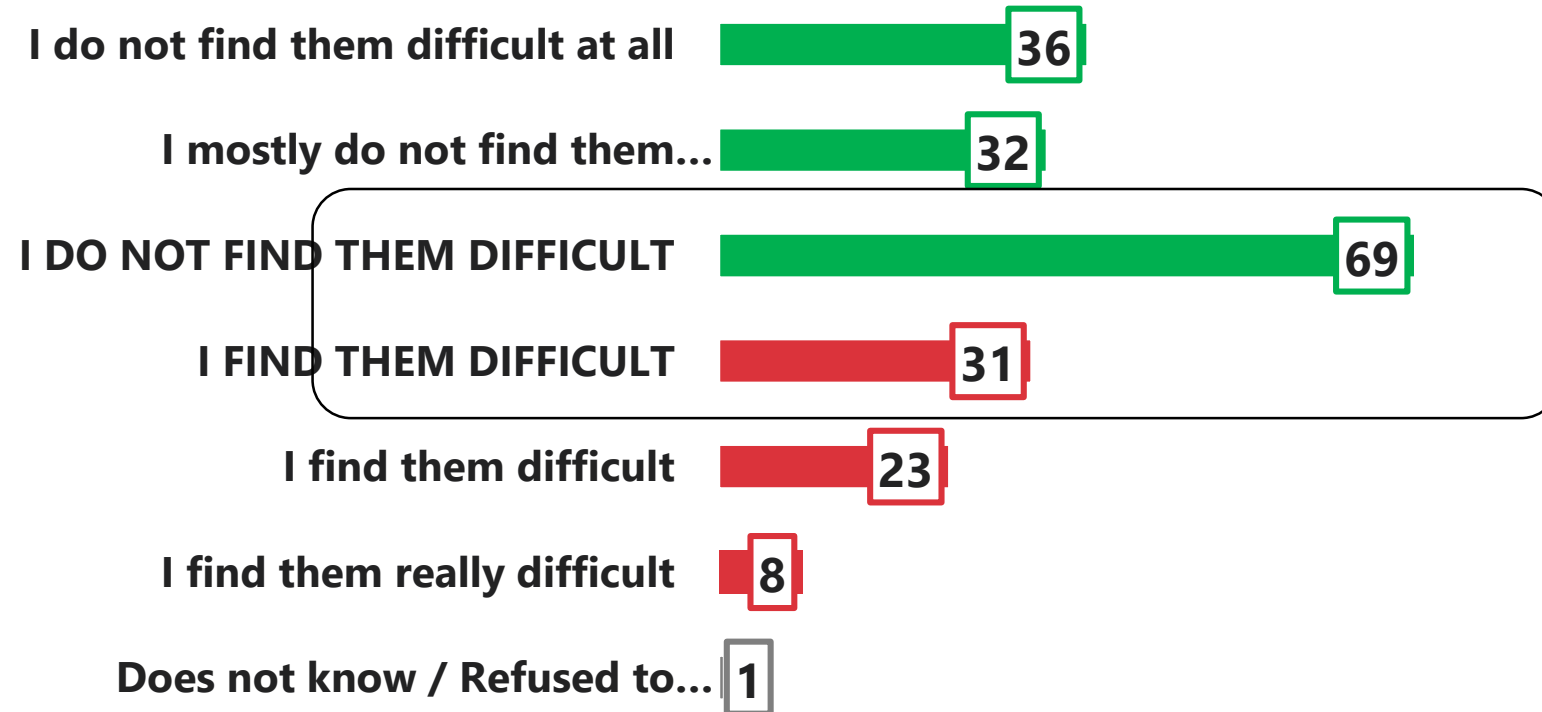


⑩ Do other people in your immediate area adhere to the Government's measures that recommend staying home, avoiding public gatherings, and avoiding contact with other people?
⑩ Base: Total target population, N=812

How difficult they find to comply with the preventive measures imposed by the Government of Montenegro

- **Over 2/3 of the citizens say that they do not find it difficult to take measures by Governments that recommend restricted movement and avoiding contact with other people. On the other hand, almost a third point out that they find it difficult.**

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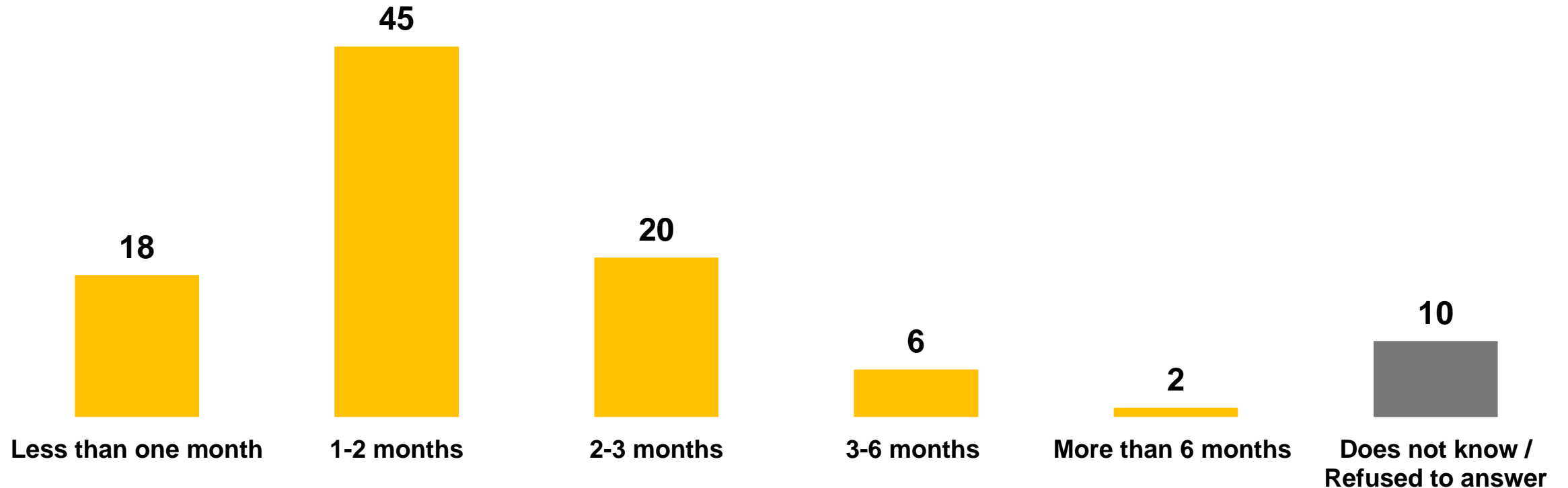
⑩ How difficult do you find measures of the Government of Montenegro that recommend restricted movement and avoiding contact with other people?

⑩ Base: Total target population, N=812

The estimated duration of preventive measures imposed by the Government of Montenegro

- **Almost half of the citizens estimate that the preventive measures imposed by the Government of Montenegro will last for one to two months.**

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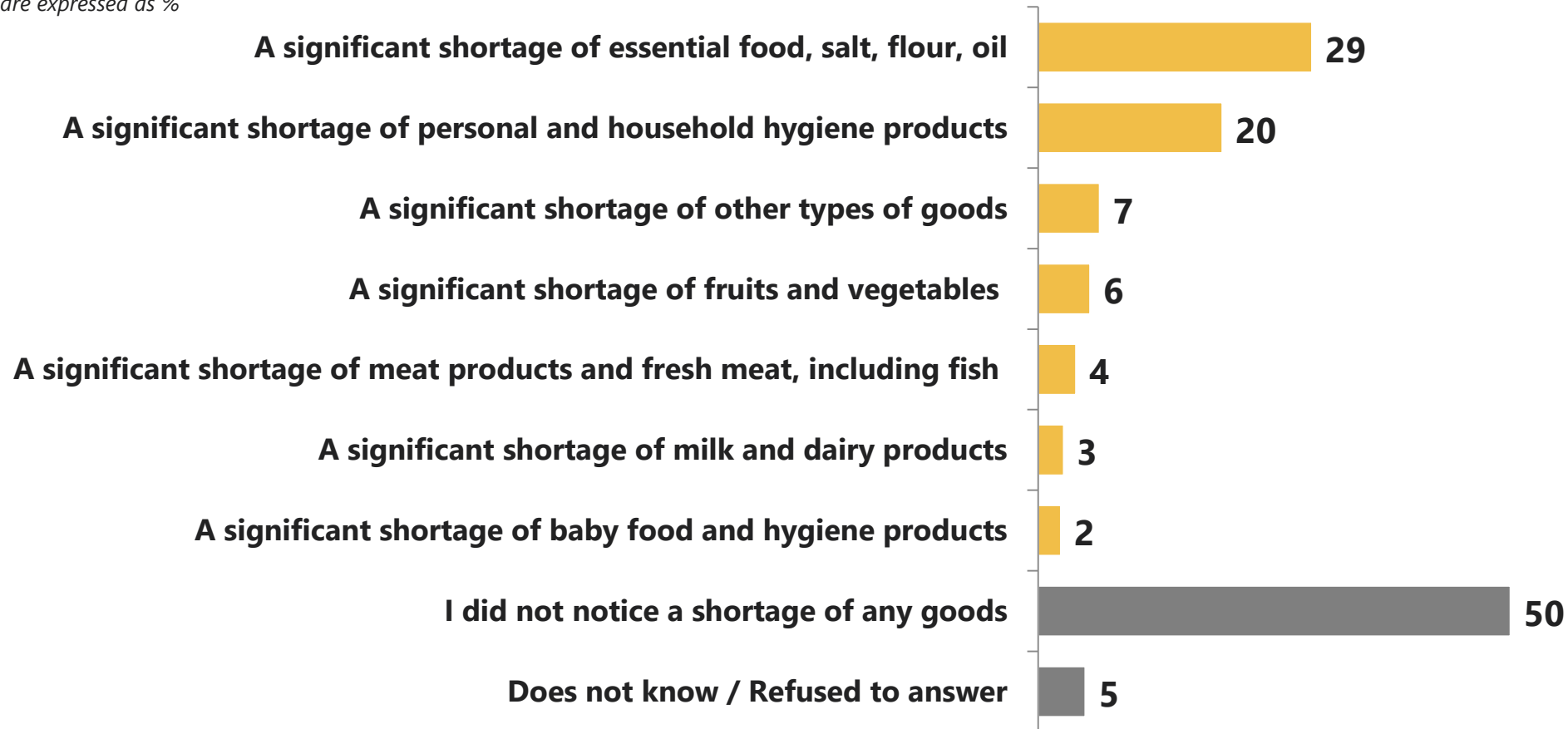
• In your opinion, how long will the recommended measures of restricted movement and avoiding contact with other people remain in force?

⑩ Base: Total target population, N=812

When you last shopped at the store, did you notice...

- Half of the citizens say that they have not noticed that there was a shortage of any products and goods in the stores. 30% of citizens say they have noticed a significant shortage of essential food, salt, flour and oil during their last shopping. 20% of respondents said they had noticed a shortage of personal and household hygiene products

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- Did you notice any of the following during your last visit to the store::
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