



# **Truth Recovery Independent Panel Access to Records Survey: Measurable Results Report**



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The Truth Recovery Independent Panel's Access to Records Survey ran from 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and received **78 Responses**.

**Question 1:** What is your name?

**Question 2:** What is your email address?

**Question 3:** Would you like to remain anonymous?

**Question 4:** Which of the following institutions, or their pathways and practices, is your experience connected to?

**Question 5:** In the context of the Truth Recovery process, how do you describe yourself?

**Question 6:** Please select your current age range

**Question 7:** What is your religious background?

**Question 8:** What is your sex?

**Question 9:** What is your ethnic group?

**Question 10:** Are you content for us to use your comments, without revealing your identity, on the Independent Panel's website and in our Final Report?

**Question 11:** Who have you applied to for access to records?

**Question 12:** How has your experience of accessing records been?

**Question 13:** Are you satisfied that you have been provided with all of the records to which you are entitled?



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**Question 14:** How much time passed between making your request and receiving your records?

**Question 15:** How has your experience of trying to access records affected you?

**Question 16:** Did you have any advocacy support in accessing records?

**Question 17:** On 29 November 2023, the Department of Health published new guidance for Health and Social Care Trusts processing requests for access to records relating to adoption. If you applied for records before 2023, have you reapplied under the new guidance?

**Question 18:** Have you used the Access to Records Guidance published by the Independent Panel?

**Question 19:** If you answered “Yes” to Question 18 above, did you find the Guidance helpful? If you answered “No” to Question 18 above, please leave this question blank and proceed to Question 20.

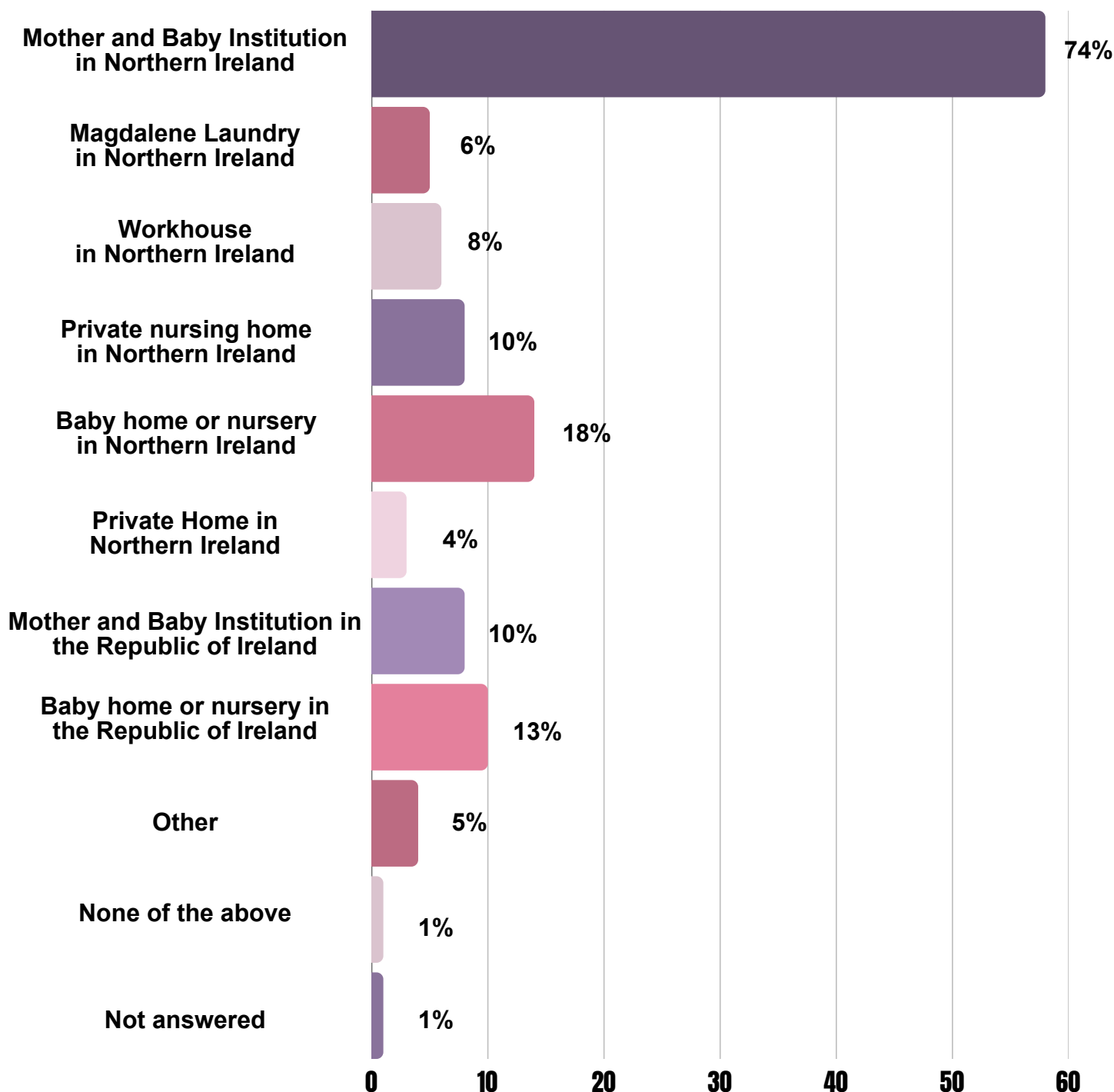
**Question 20:** Have you sought legal advice in relation to accessing records relating to your past experience or that of your family?

**Question 21:** What steps do you think should be taken to ensure that victims and survivors and their families have an improved experience of accessing records?

**Question 22:** Would you be willing to speak to us in more detail about your experience accessing records?

**Questions 1 - 3** asked respondents for their name, email address, and their preference regarding anonymity. The responses to these questions have been excluded from this analysis.

**Question 4: Which of the following institutions, or their pathways and practices, is your experience connected to? (please select all that apply):**

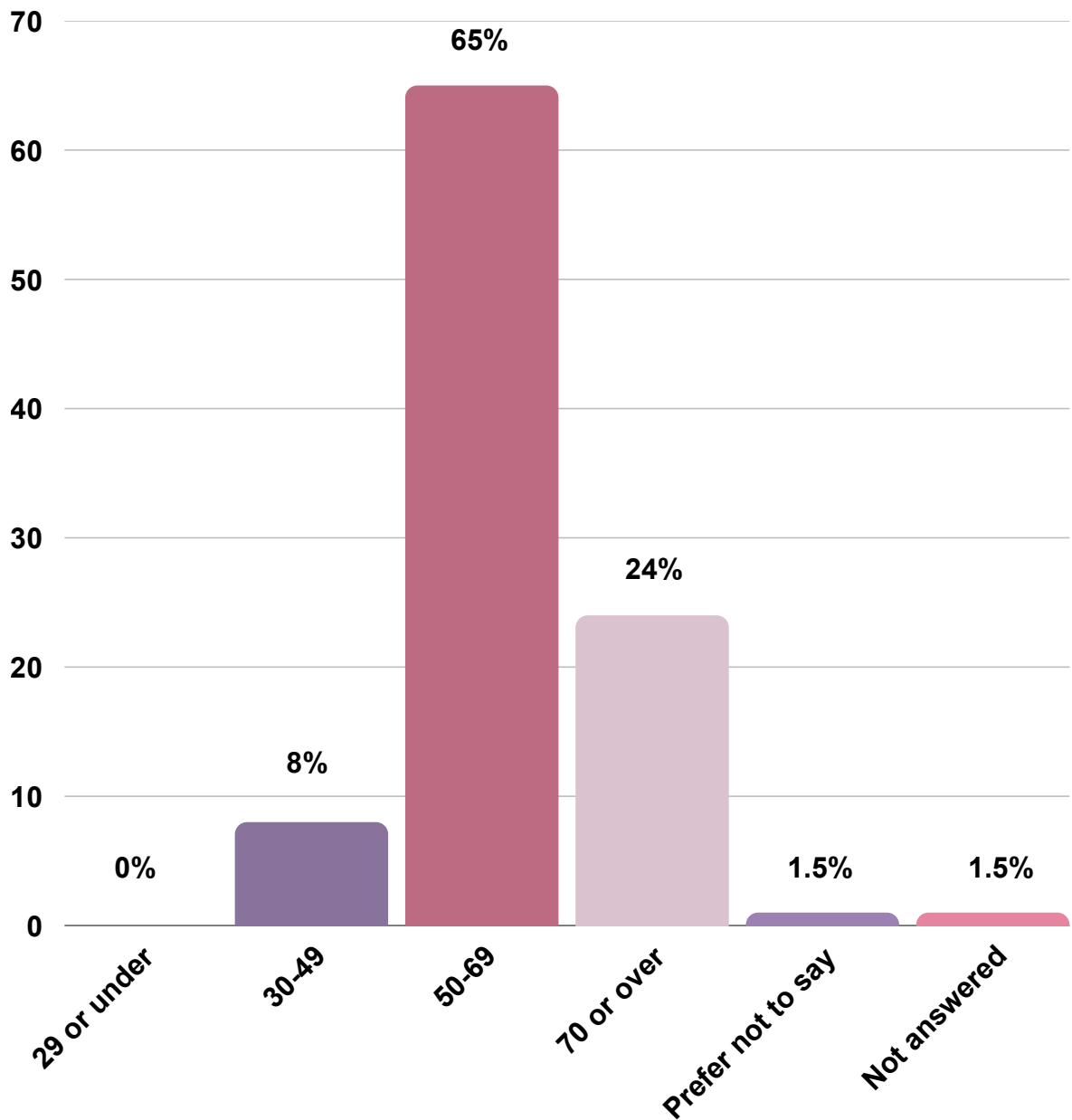


**Please note:** The percentages for this question add up to more than 100%. This is because the experiences of many respondents are connected to more than one institution or related pathway or practice.

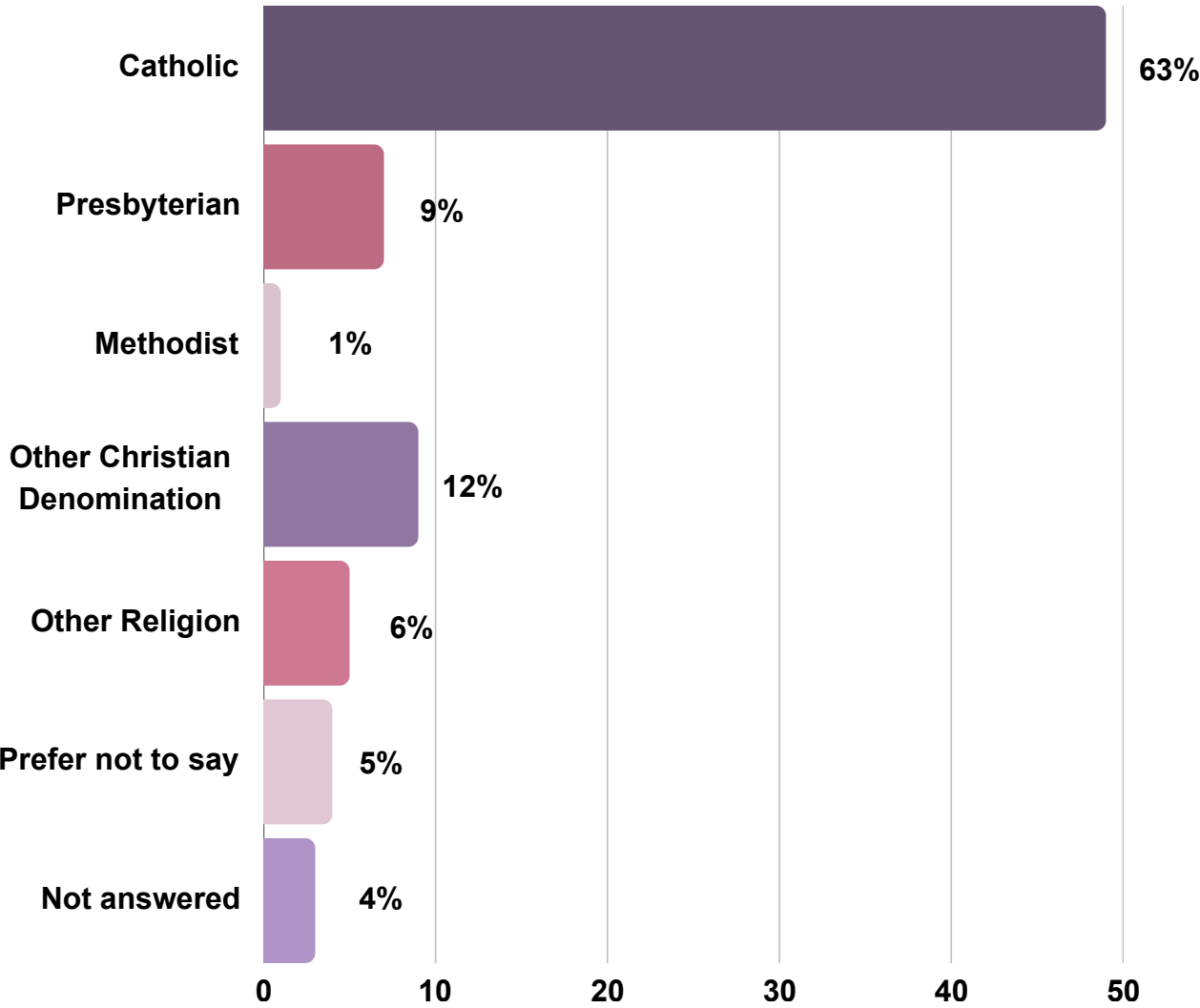
**Question 5: In the context of the Truth Recovery process, how do you describe yourself?**

**73 people shared detailed written comments** in response to this question. You can find a summary of these insights on pages 10 - 12 of our **Detailed Analysis Report**.

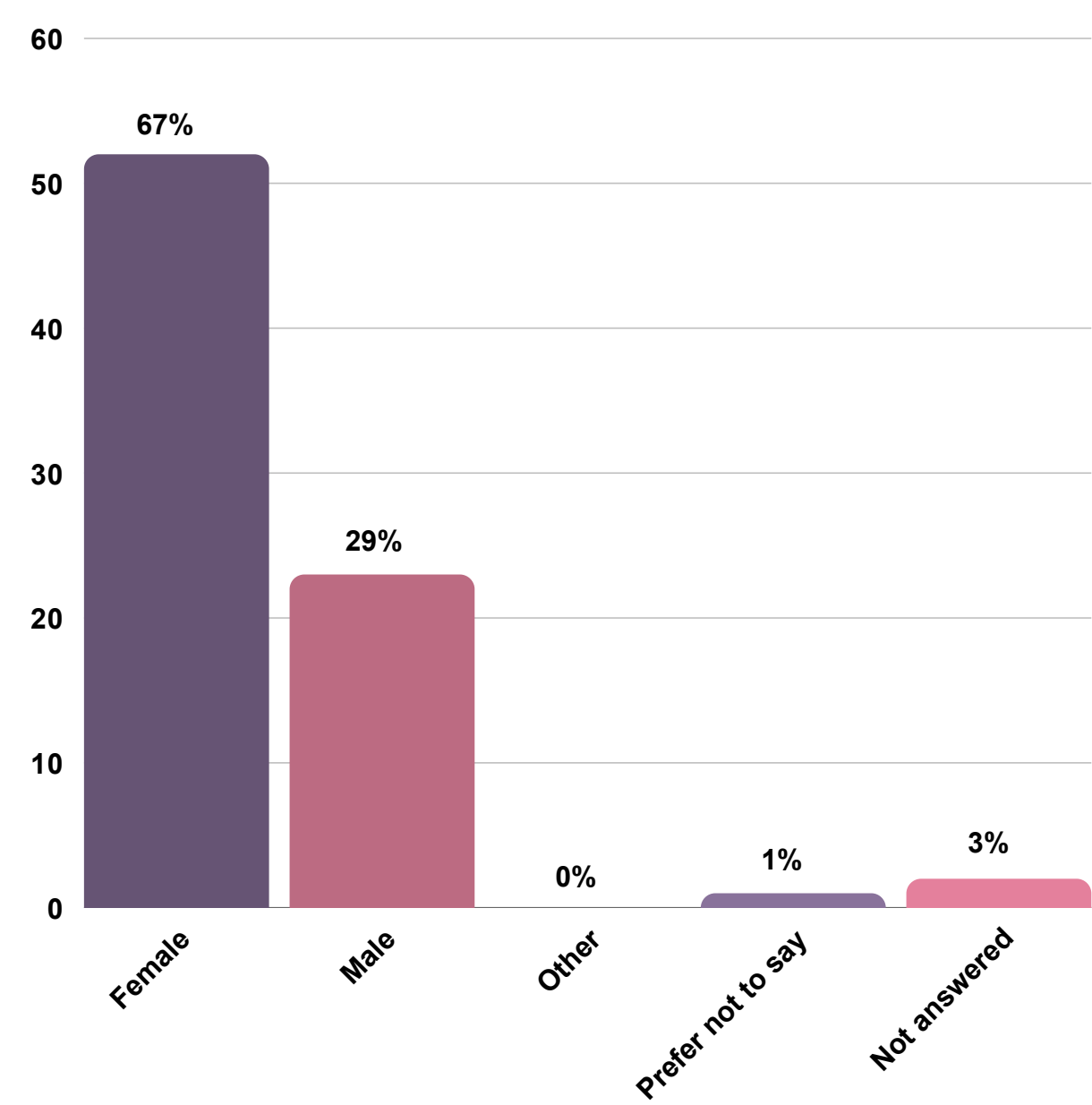
**Question 6: Please select your current age range: (optional)**



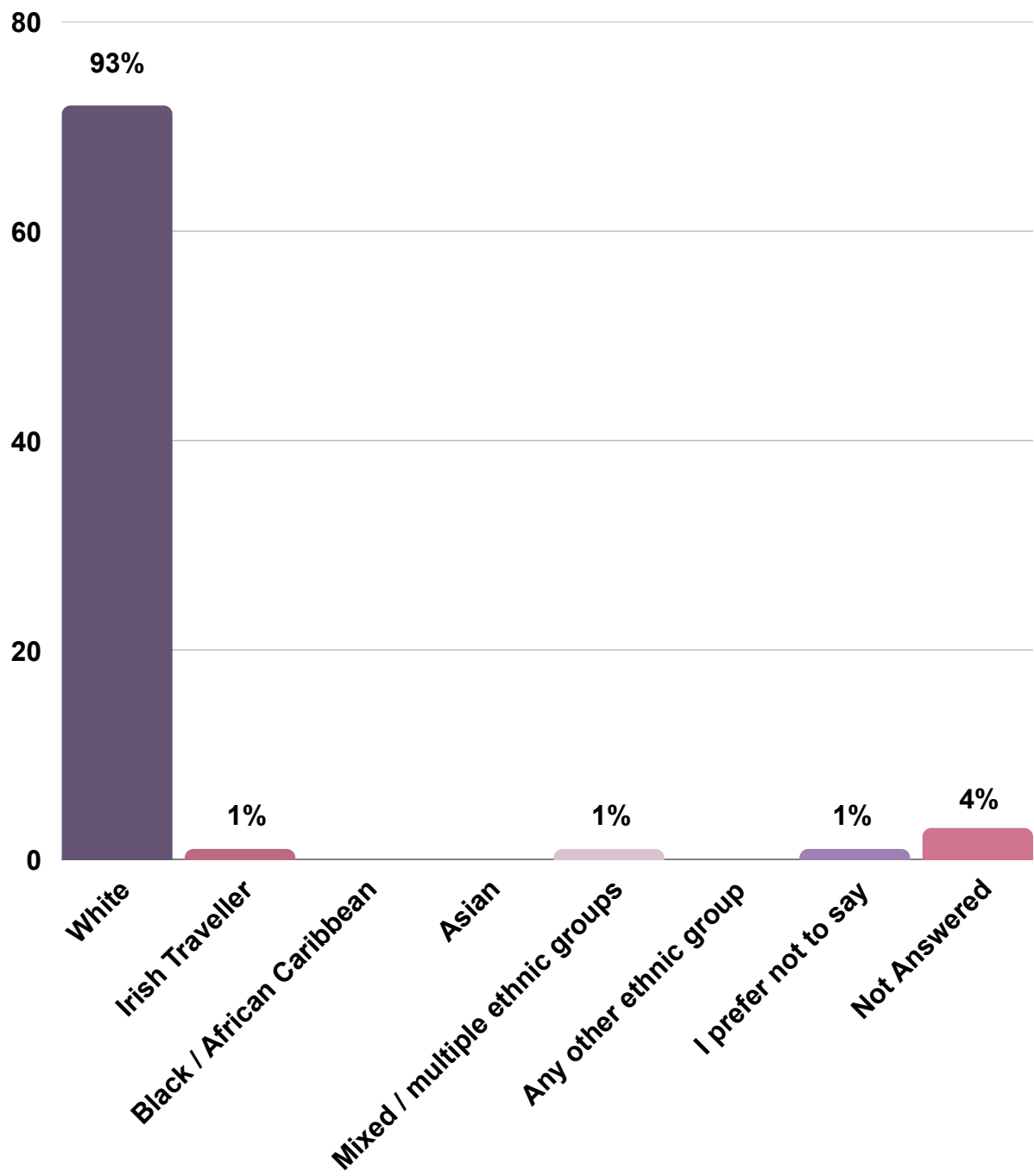
Question 7: What is your religious background? (optional)



Question 8: What is your sex? (optional)



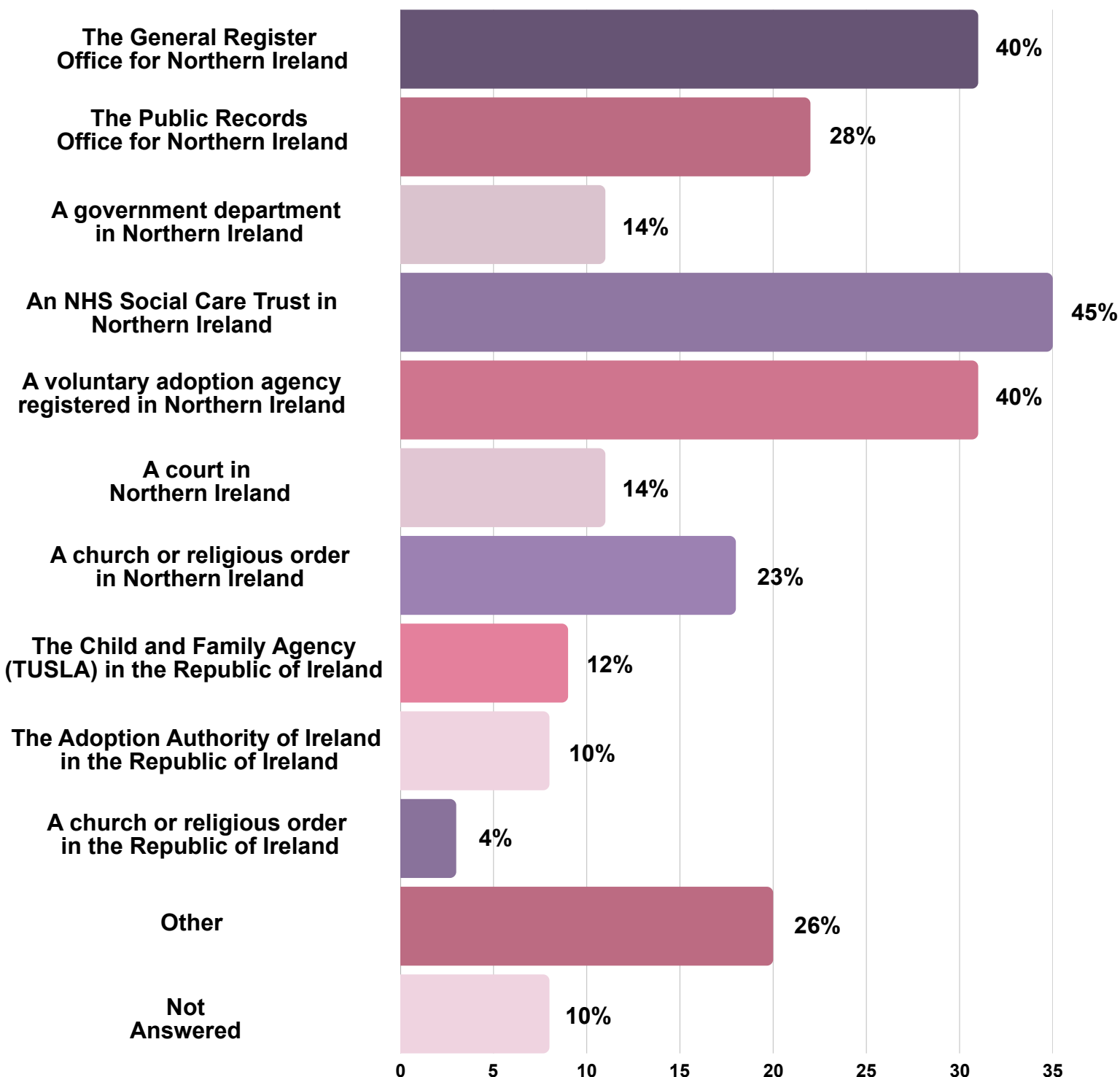
**Question 9: What is your ethnic group?**



**Question 10** asked respondents for their consent to use their comments whilst protecting their anonymity. The responses to this question have been excluded from this analysis.



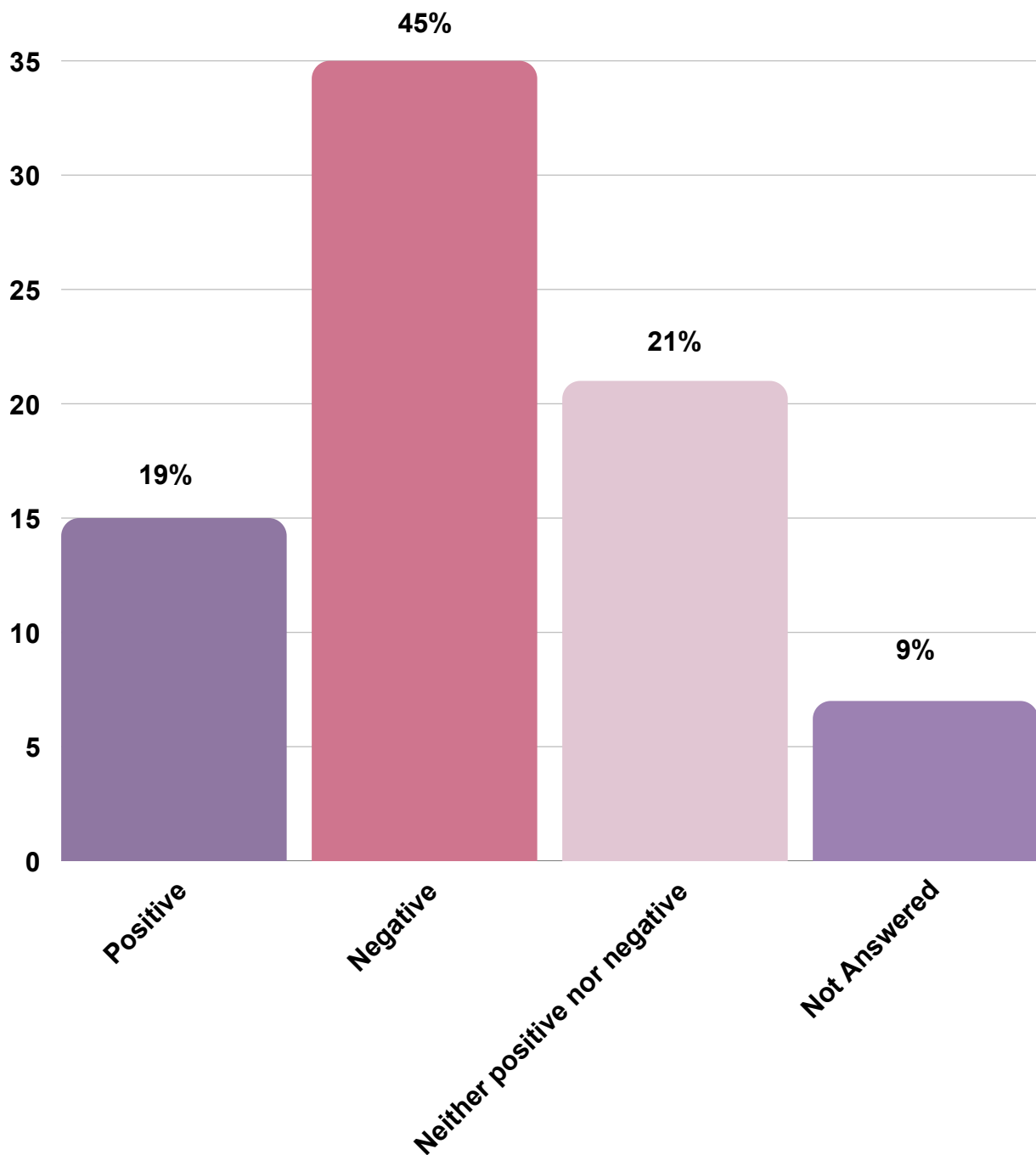
### Question 11: Who have you applied to for access to records?



**Please note:** The percentages for this question add up to more than 100%. This is because many respondents have applied to several agencies for records.

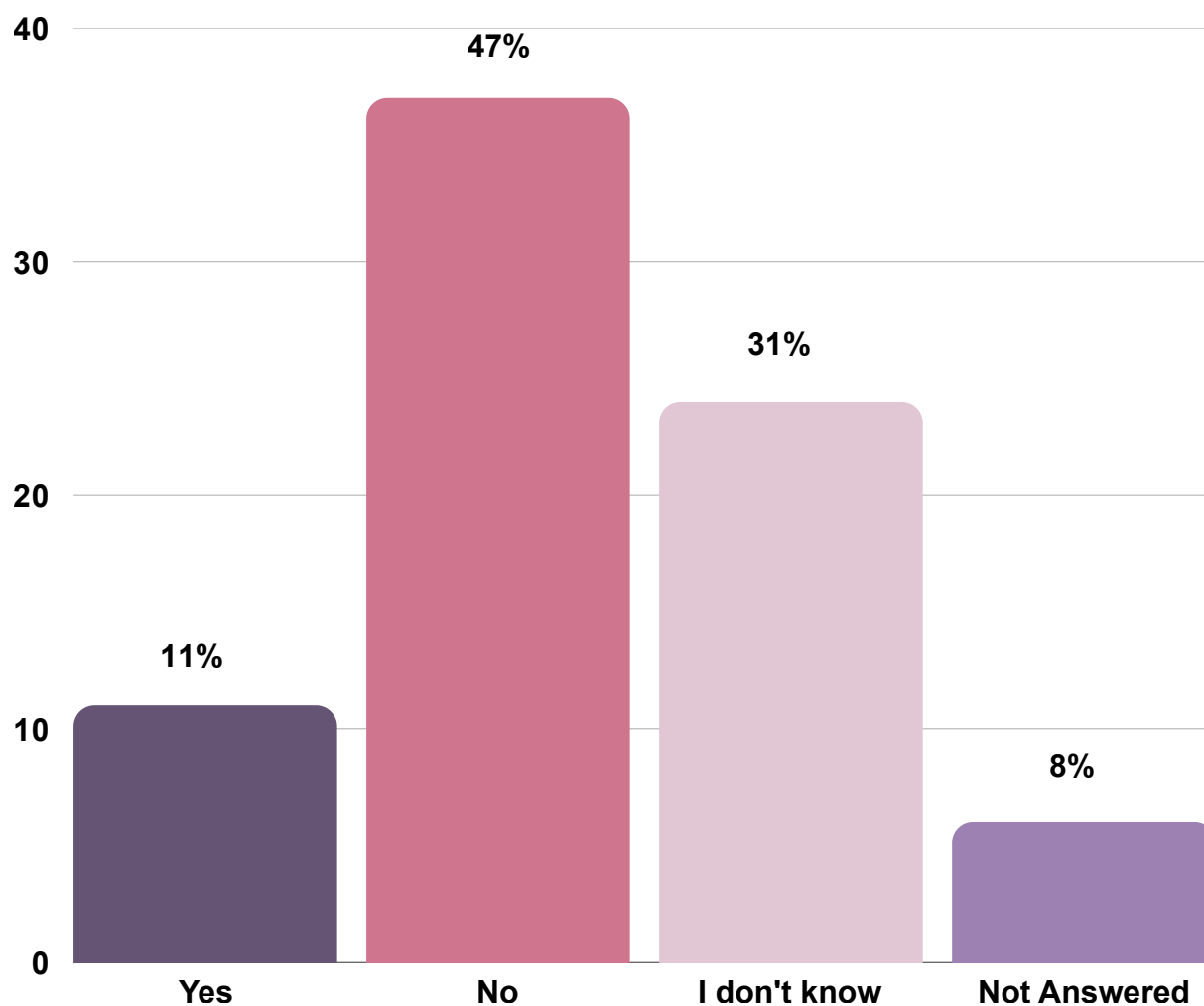
**24 people shared detailed written comments** in response to this question. You can find a summary of these insights on pages 13 - 15 of our **Detailed Analysis Report**.

**Question 12: How has your experience of accessing records been?**



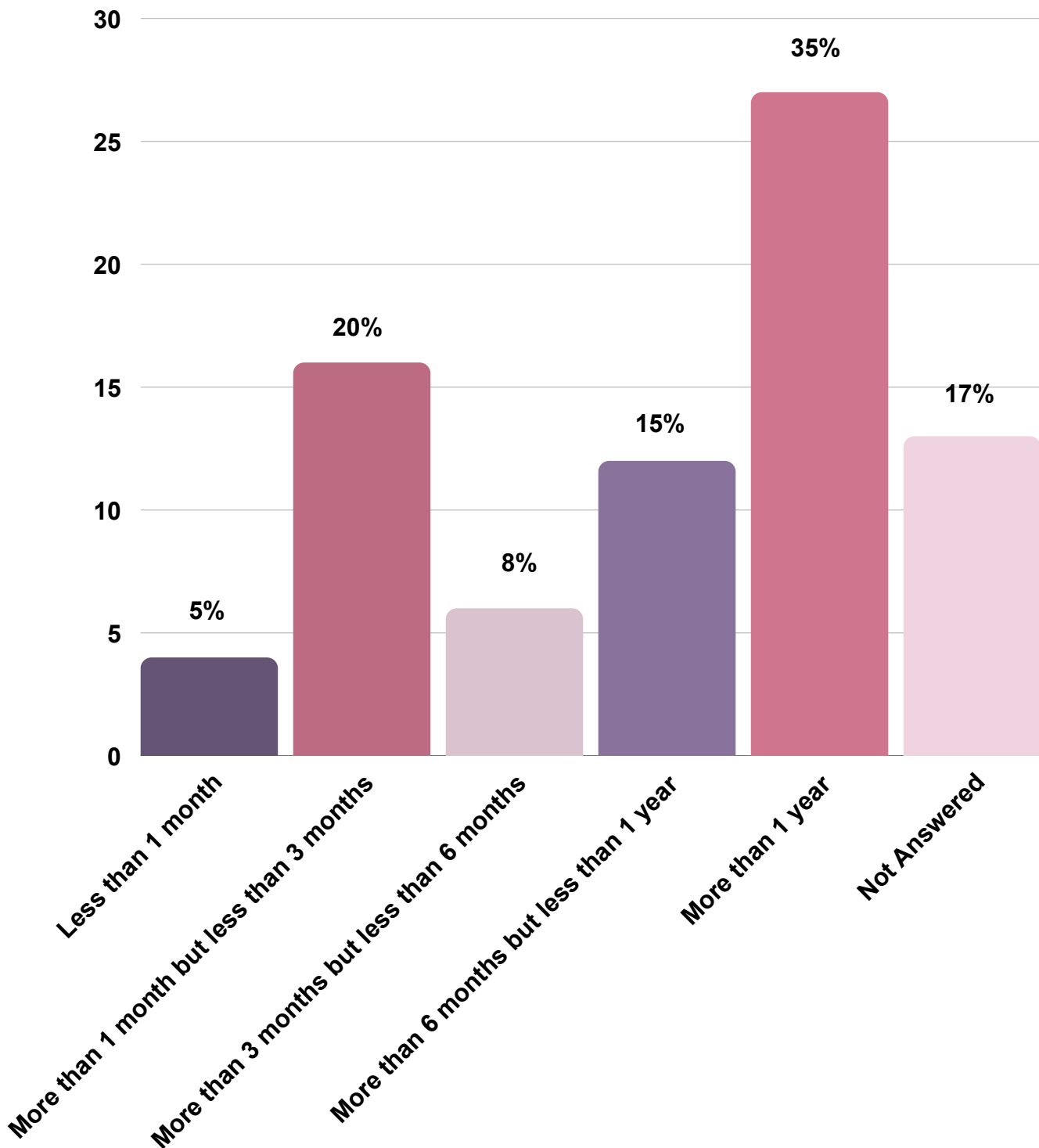
**58 people shared detailed written comments** in response to this question. You can find a summary of these insights on pages 15 - 22 of our **Detailed Analysis Report**.

**Question 13: Are you satisfied that you have been provided with all of the records to which you are entitled?**



**52 people shared detailed written comments** in response to this question. You can find a summary of these insights on pages 15 - 22 of our **Detailed Analysis Report**.

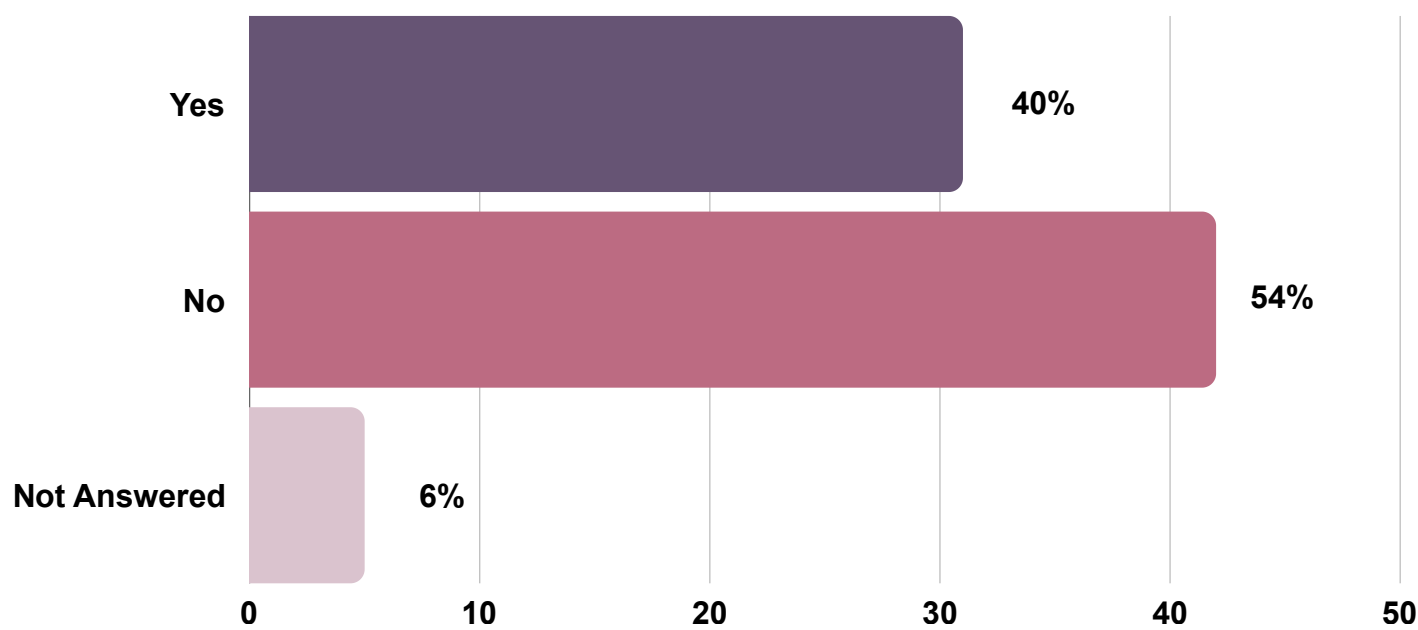
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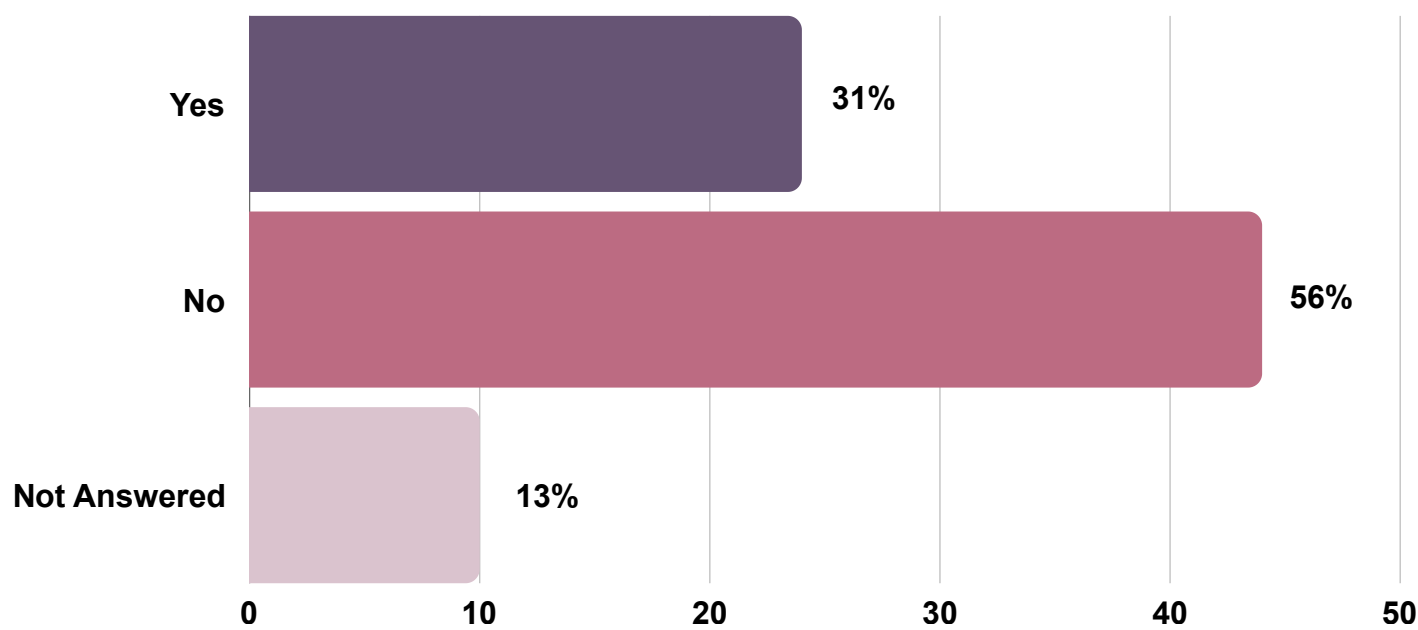
**71 people shared detailed written comments** in response to this question. You can find a summary of these insights on pages 23 - 24 of our **Detailed Analysis Report**.

**Question 16: Did you have any advocacy support in accessing records?**



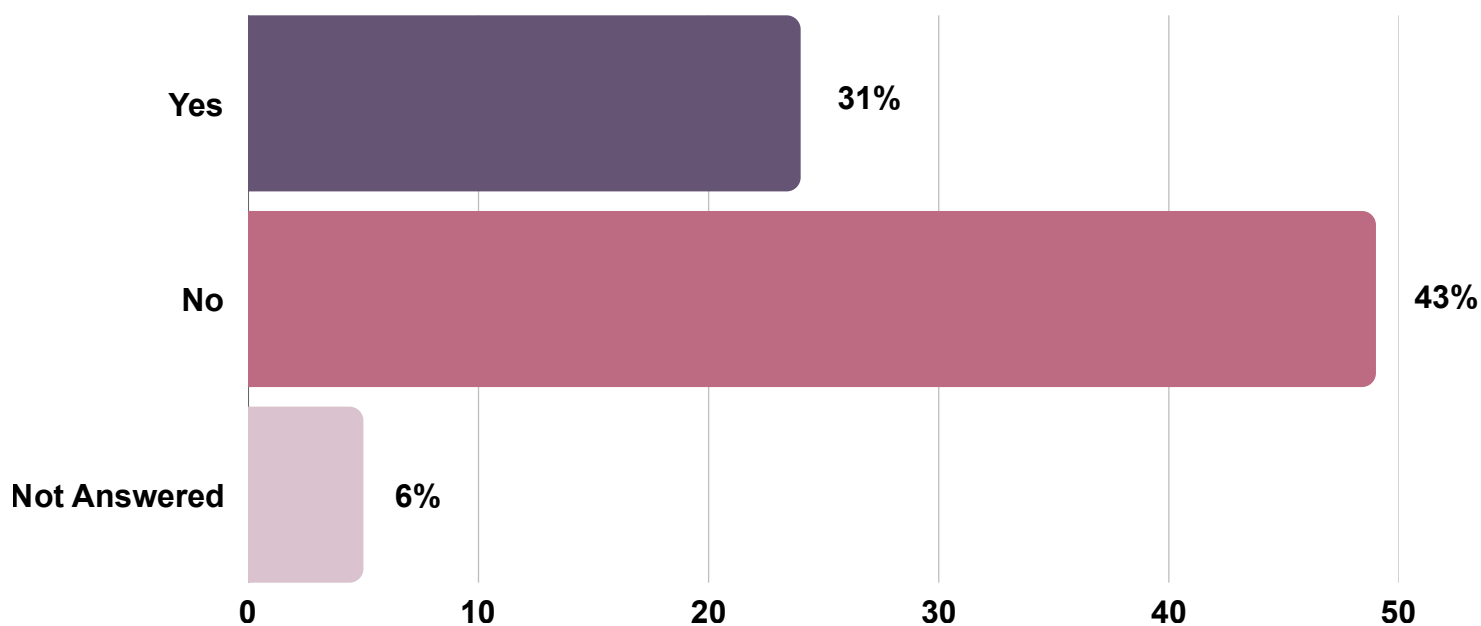
**34 people shared detailed written comments** in response to this question. You can find a summary of these insights on pages 29 - 31 of our **Detailed Analysis Report**.

**Question 17: On 29 November 2023, the Department of Health published new guidance for Health and Social Care Trusts processing requests for access to records relating to adoption. If you applied for records before 2023, have you reapplied under the new guidance?**

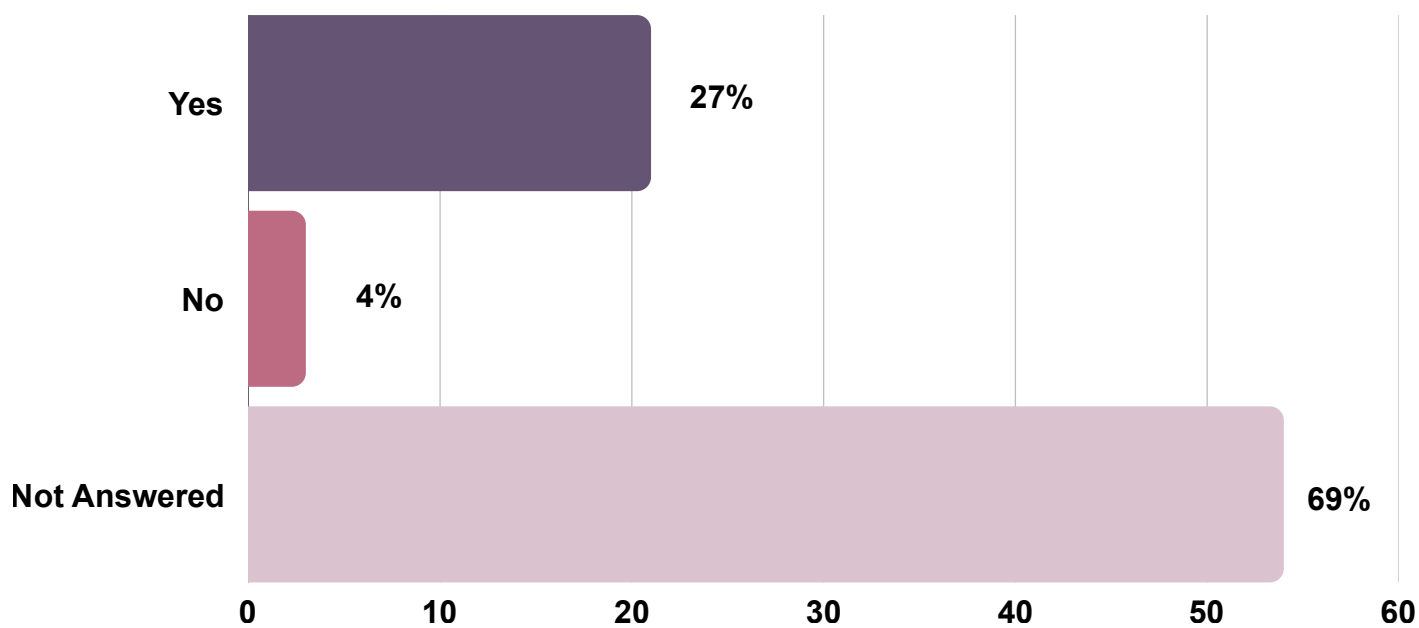


**27 people shared detailed written comments** in response to this question. You can find a summary of these insights on pages 31 - 34 of our **Detailed Analysis Report**.

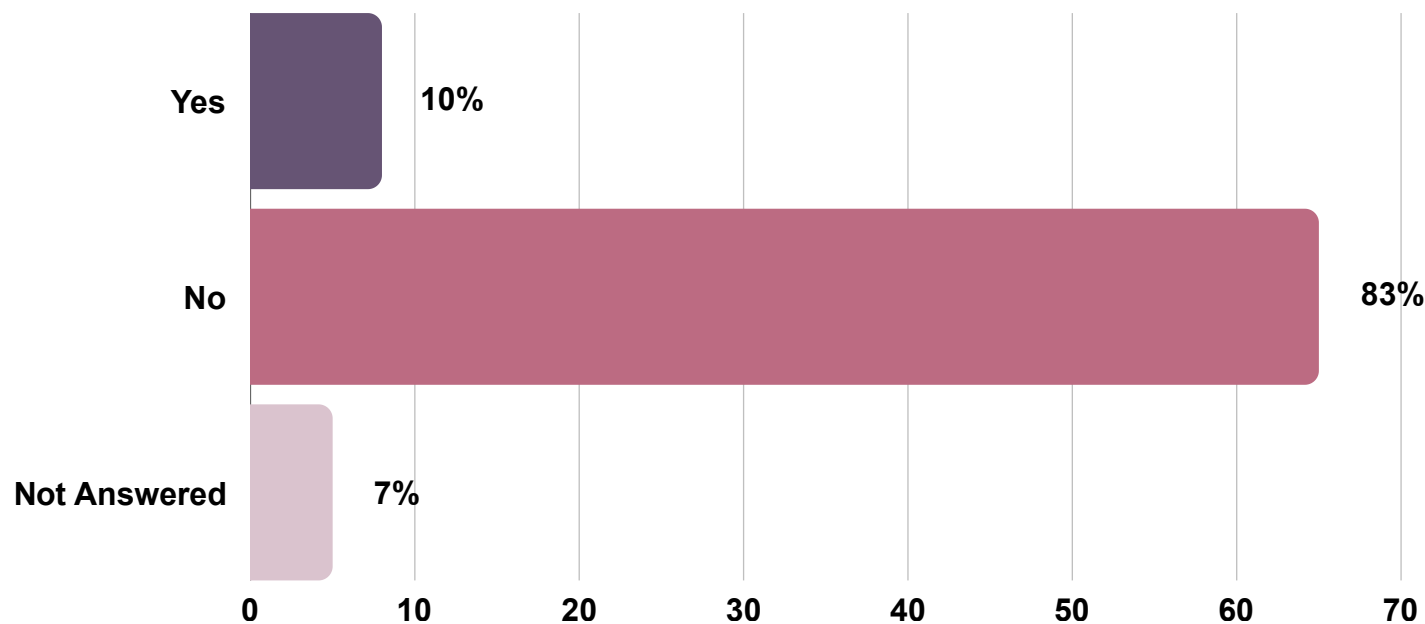
**Question 18: Have you used the Access to Records Guidance published by the Independent Panel?**



**Question 19: If you answered “Yes” to Question 18 above, did you find the Guidance helpful? If you answered “No” to Question 18 above, please leave this question blank and proceed to Question 20.**



**Question 20: Have you sought legal advice in relation to accessing records relating to your past experience or that of your family?**



**61 people shared detailed written comments** in response to this question. You can find a summary of these insights on pages 35 - 36 of our **Detailed Analysis Report**.

**Question 21: What steps do you think should be taken to ensure that victims and survivors and their families have an improved experience of accessing records?**

**70 people shared detailed written comments** in response to this question. You can find a summary of these insights on pages 37 - 43 of our **Detailed Analysis Report**.

**Question 22** asked respondents if they would be willing to speak to the Independent Panel in more detail about their experience accessing records. The responses to this question have been excluded from this analysis.