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**County Kilkenny:
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RECREATION & LEISURE**

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Research Findings

RESEARCH FINDINGS: RECREATION AND LEISURE

- Sport (4 in 10), Library (nearly 2 in 10) and the Cinema (1 in 10) were the activities most frequently attended in the past week.
- Almost 60% of respondents replied that they had attended a sporting event in the past year, while fewer than 40% replied that they attended either a concert or the theatre in the past year and less than this replied that they had attended an art gallery (3 in 10) in the same time period.
- Of those who responded that they attended a library in the past month, those classed as lower middle class had the highest attendance, with females and those in the Ballyragget electoral area also having a high attendance.
- 25-34 and 35-44 year olds had the highest cinema attendance.
- 25-34 year olds are the most active in sport or any keep-fit activity in the past month (65%). While approx. 2 in 3 persons aged 65+ responded that had not played any sport or keep-fit activity in the past year.
- The percentage of those who are aware of local organisations, which provide opportunities for young people to develop social and personal skills is highest among the lower middle class and those in the age group 55-64. It is lowest among those who are over 65 years of age.
- 1 in 3 persons (that were aware of any such service) stated that that were aware of the GAA as such a youth organisation and 32% were aware of a youth group or centre or a sports club in their area.
- A majority of persons believe that there are not enough youth work programmes for all youth age groups.
- When asked if they had any suggestions for improvement to youth development in their area, respondents mentioned youth development programmes, sports facilities and youth facilities/ centres/ clubs the most (12% respectively).

Research Results

Chart 2.1. Attendance at Recreational Activities in County Kilkenny

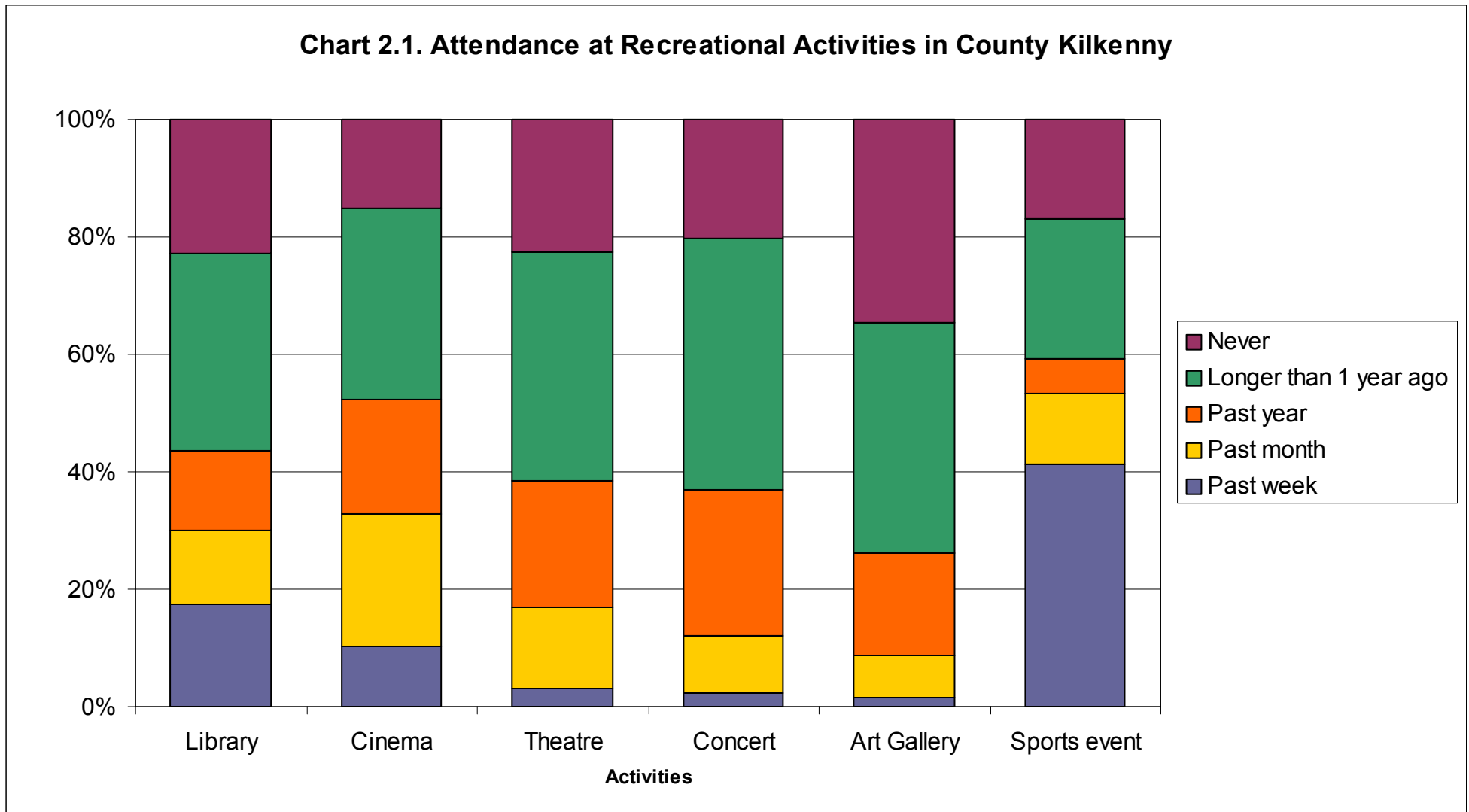


Chart 2.2. LIBRARY Attendance Frequency, Cross-tabbed with Demographic Profile

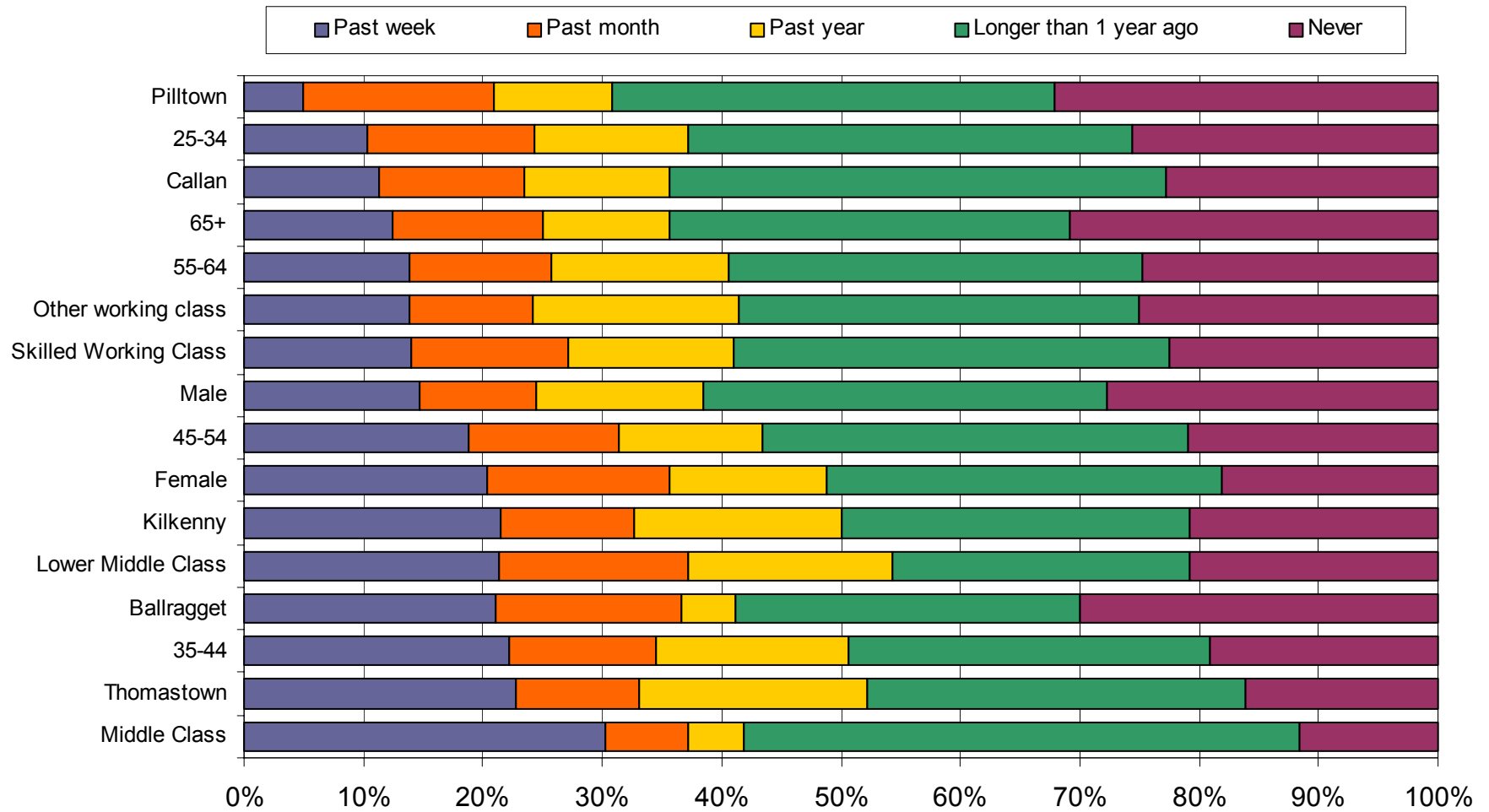


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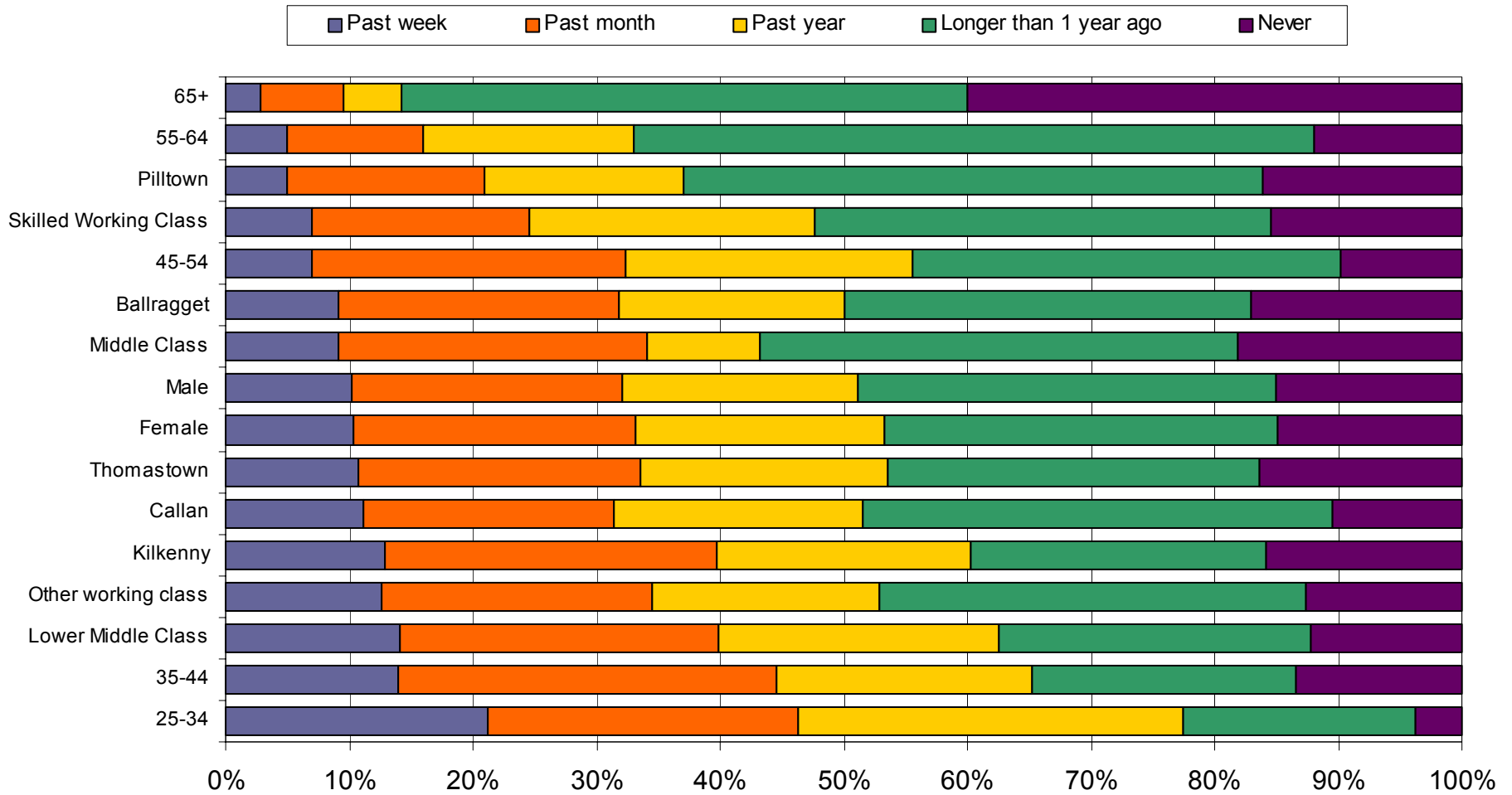


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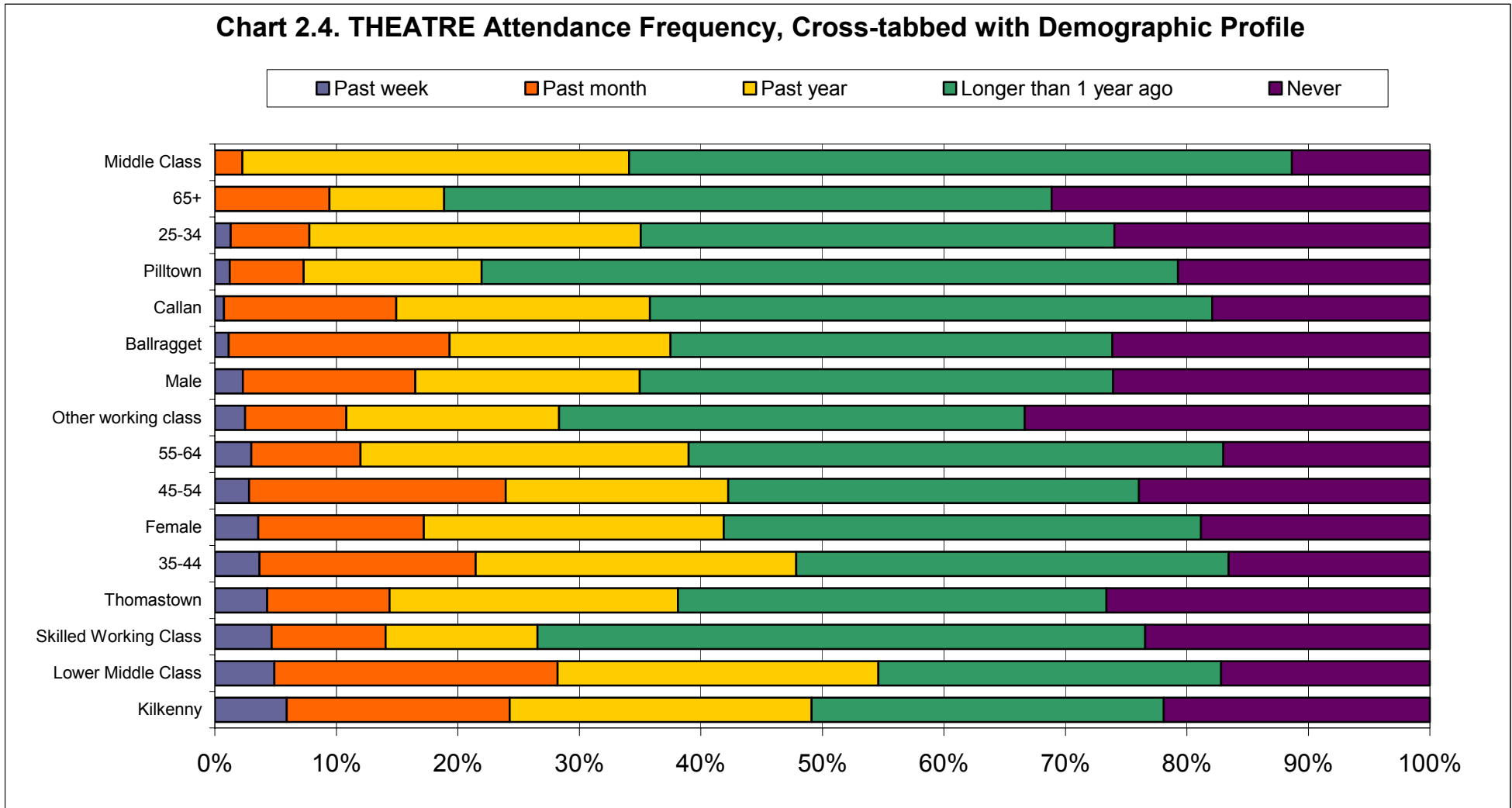


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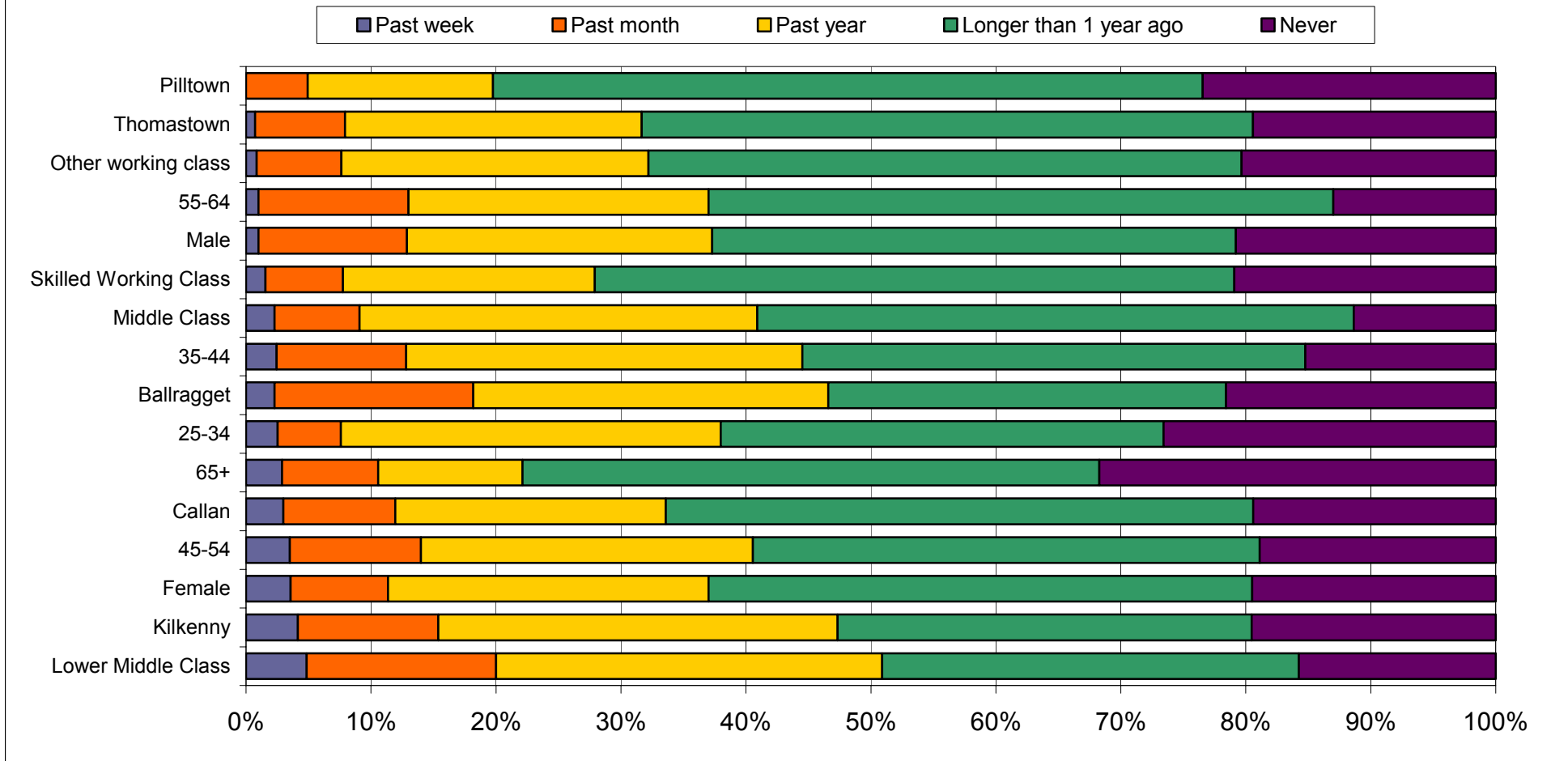


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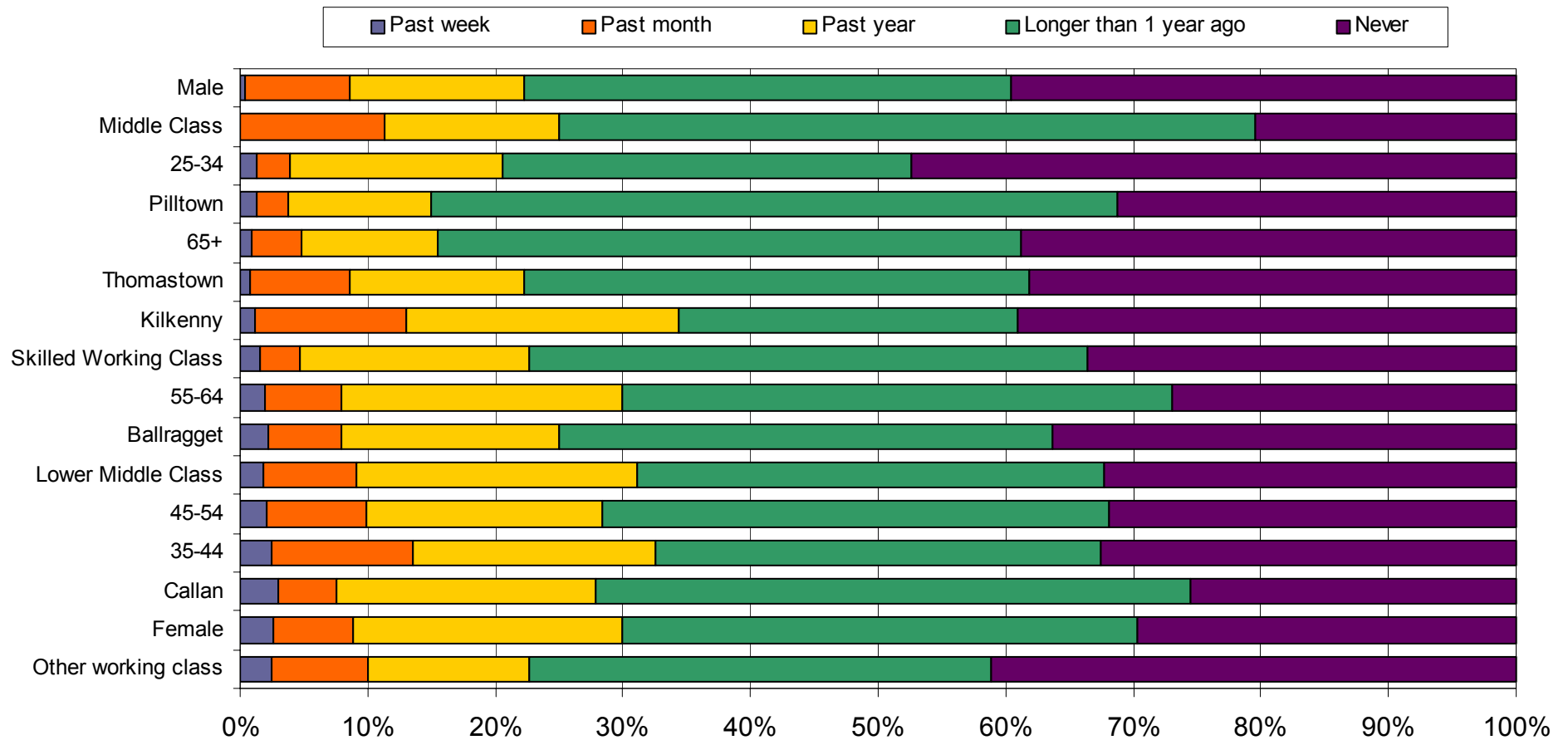


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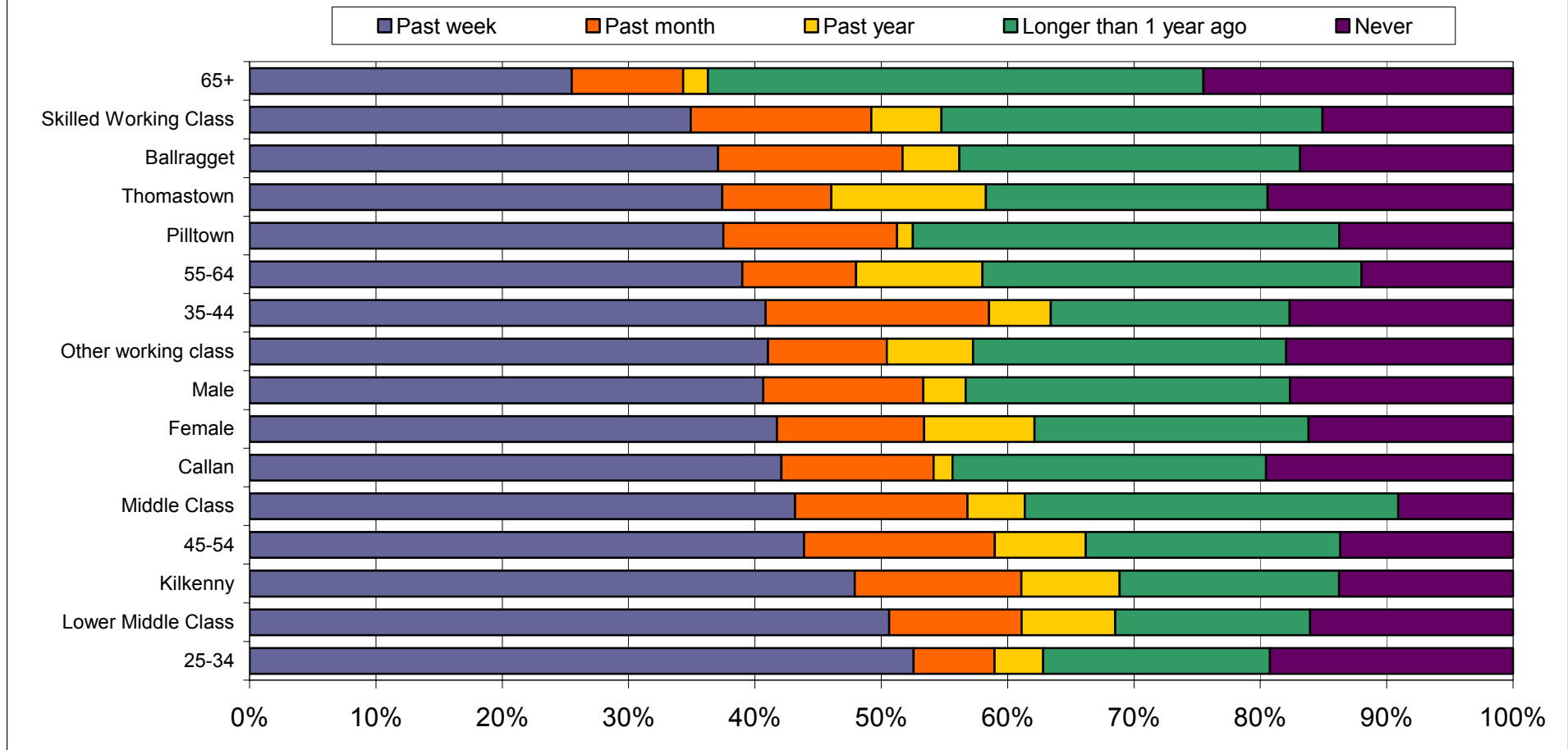


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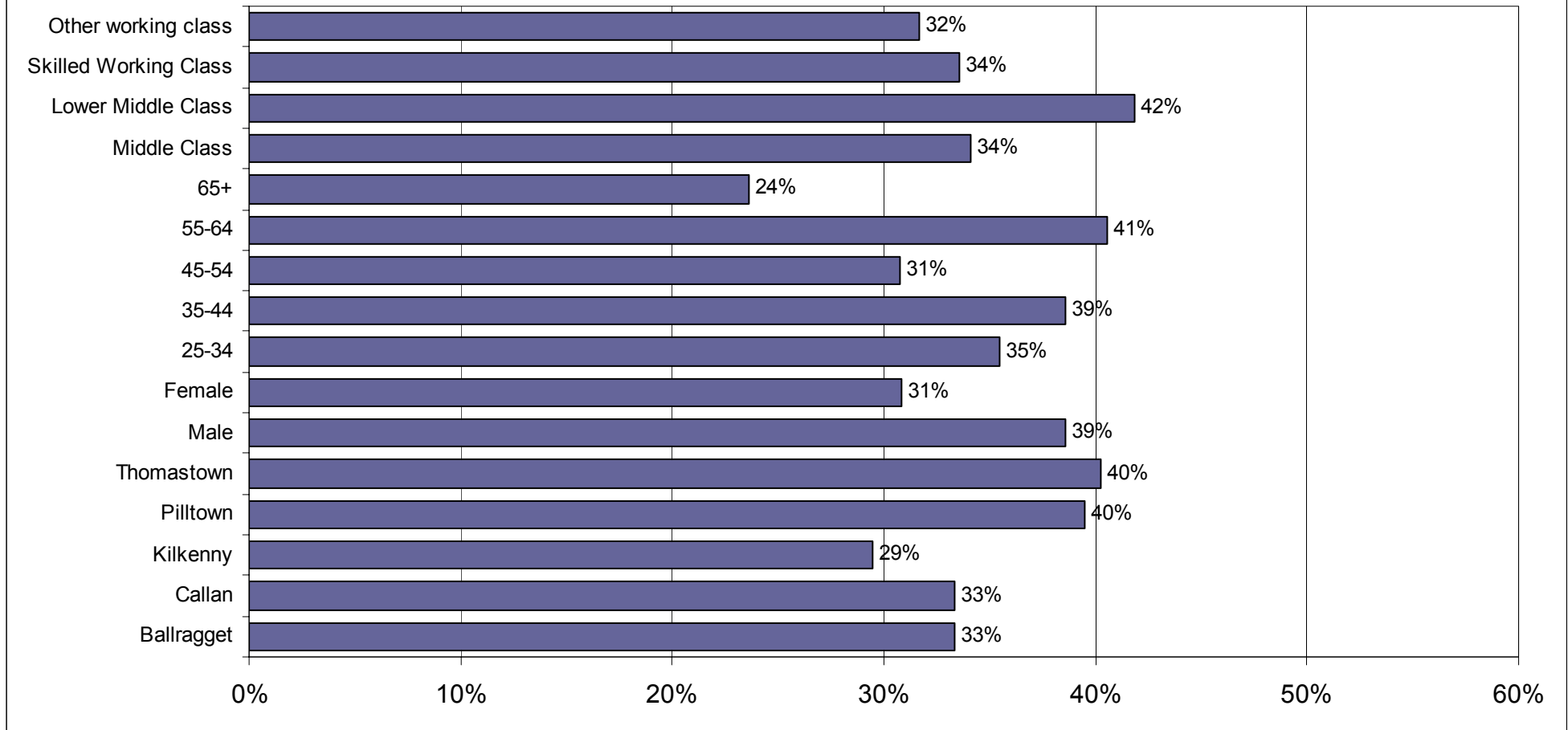


Chart 2.9. Youth Organisations that Provide Opportunities for Youth Development

Response base = All who were aware of organisations providing opportunities for youth development

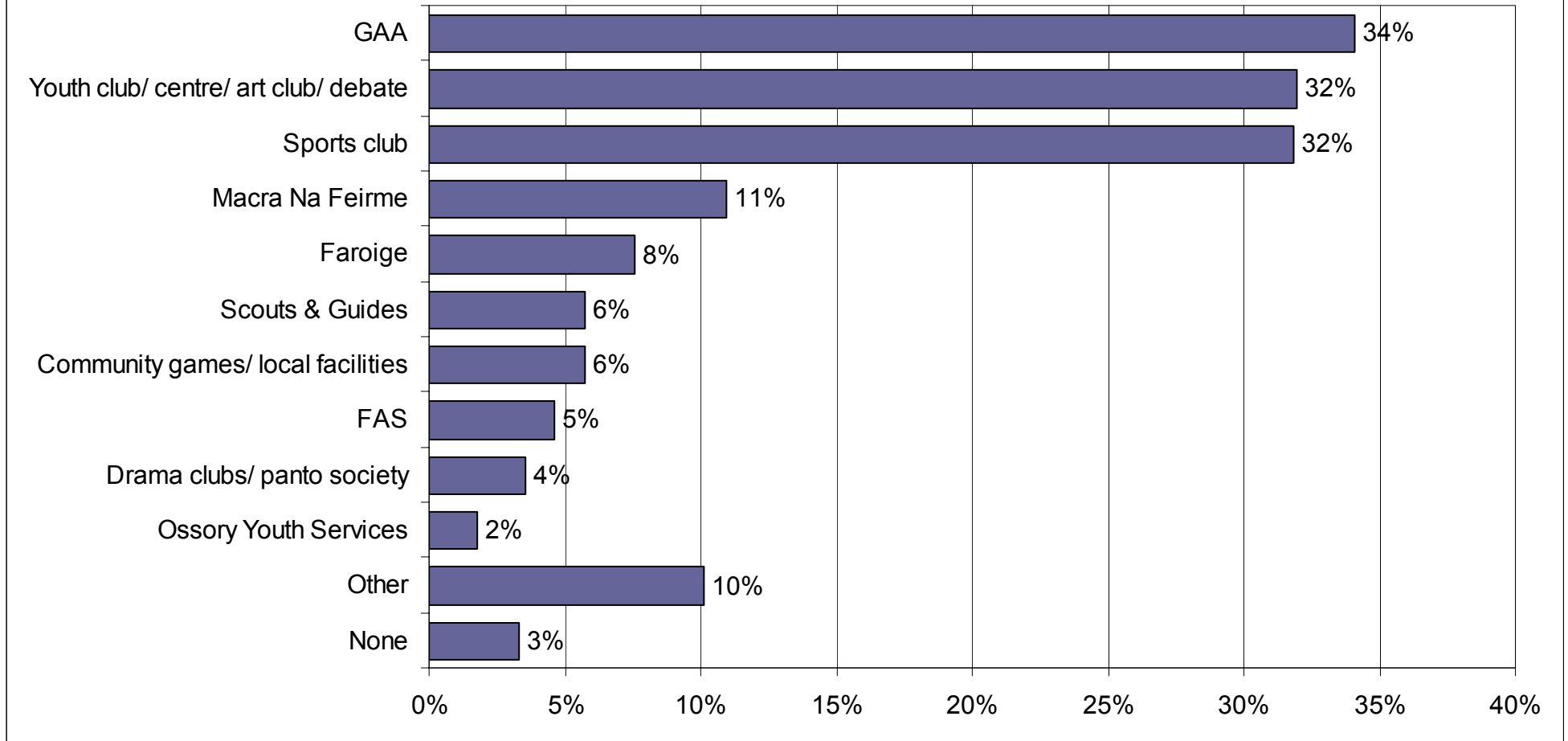


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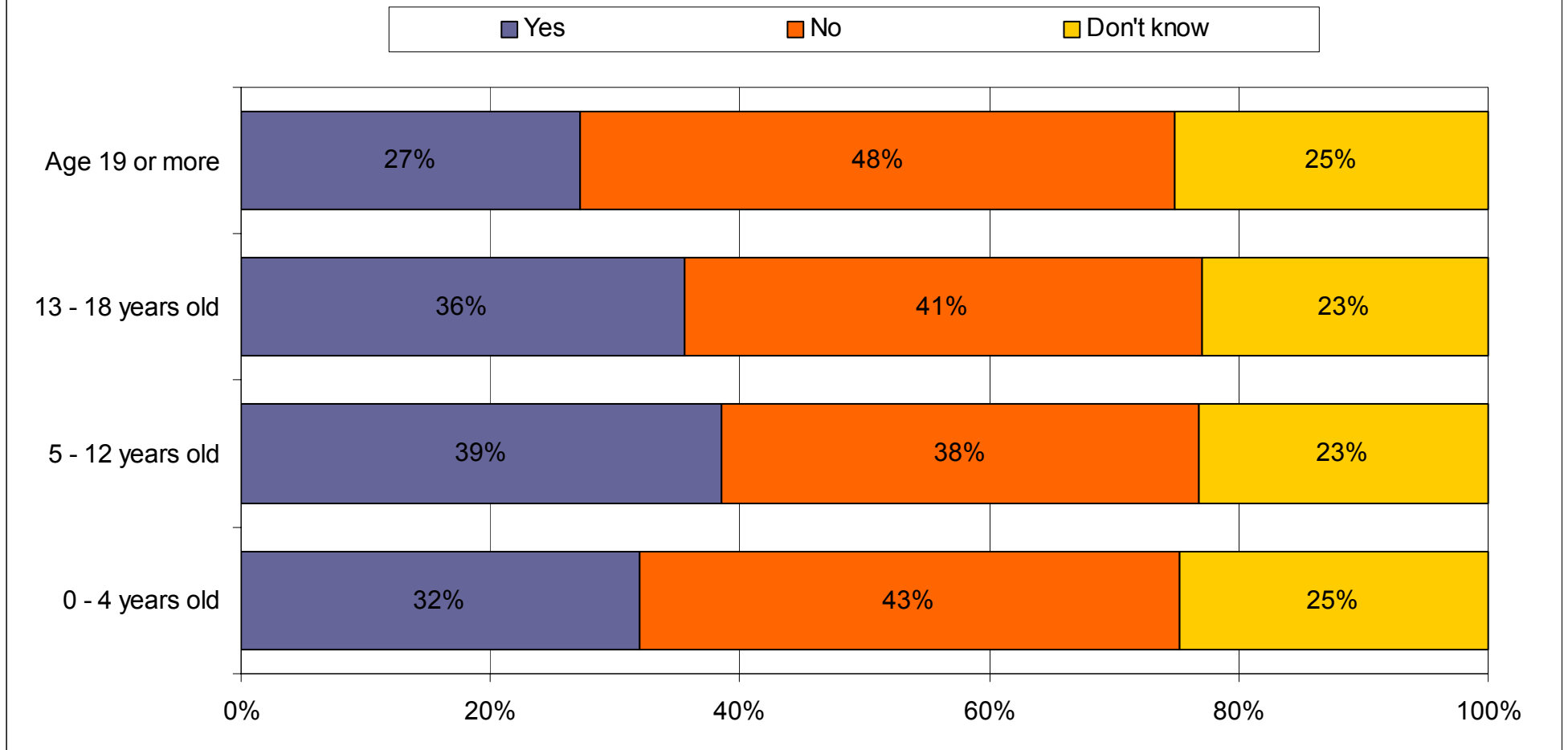


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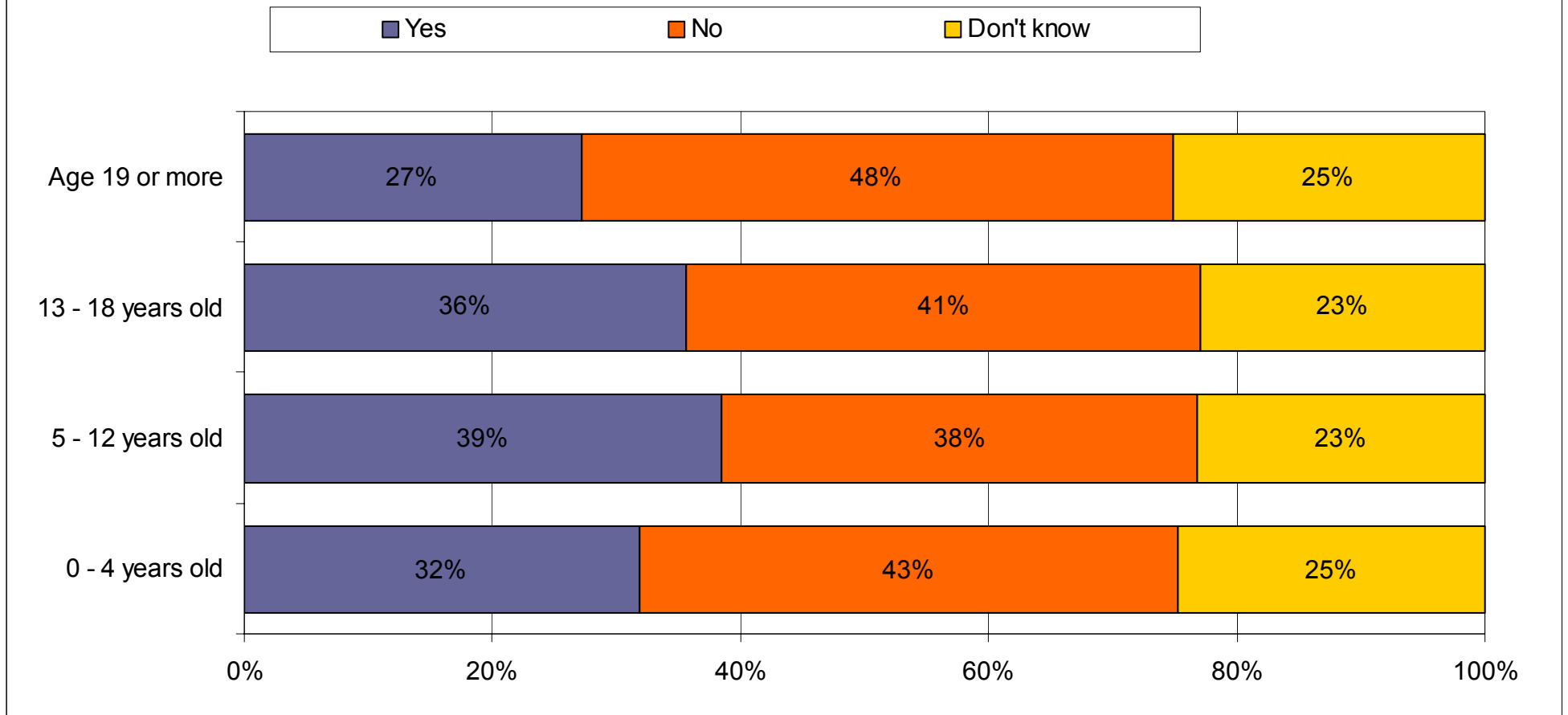


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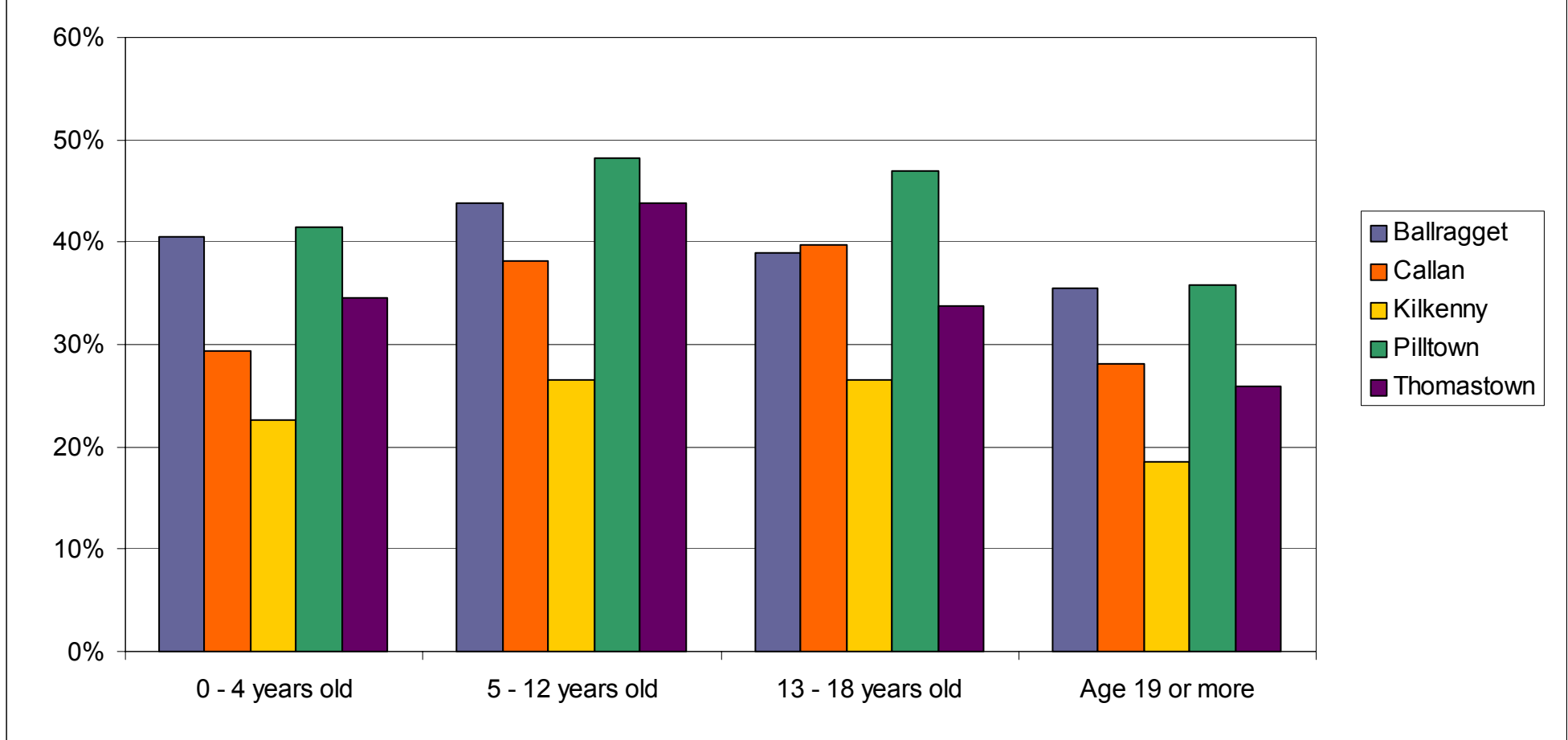


Chart 2.12. Suggestions for Improvement to Youth Development in Your Area

