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**County Kilkenny:  
COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

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**REPORT No 4.  
CRIME, SAFETY &  
SUBSTANCE MIS-USE**

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## **Research Findings**

## RESEARCH FINDINGS:

### Crime and Safety

- 12% of respondents stated that a person in their household had been the victim of a personal or property crime in the past twelve months. At Electoral area level Kilkenny (16%) had the highest level of personal/ property crime, while Pillotwn (5%) had the lowest.
- 1 in 5 persons stated that they had contact with the Community Gardai in the past 12 months. In the Ballyragget electoral area this rose to 3 in 10 and for persons classified as Middle Class it rose to 4 in 10.
- When those who had contact with the Community Gardai in the past twelve months were asked to rate the Gardai performance, 71% rated them as either good or excellent and 10% rated them as poor or very poor.
- 1 in 4 persons stated that they 'definitely' be willing to help with public safety efforts, while a further 48% stated that they would 'possibly' be willing to help. Only 12% said they would not help.
- 1 in 5 persons thinks that vandalism is prevalent in their neighbourhoods.
- 1 in 8 persons thinks that gangs are present in their neighbourhoods.
- 1 in 3 persons thinks that burglaries are present in their neighbourhoods.

### Substance Mis-Use

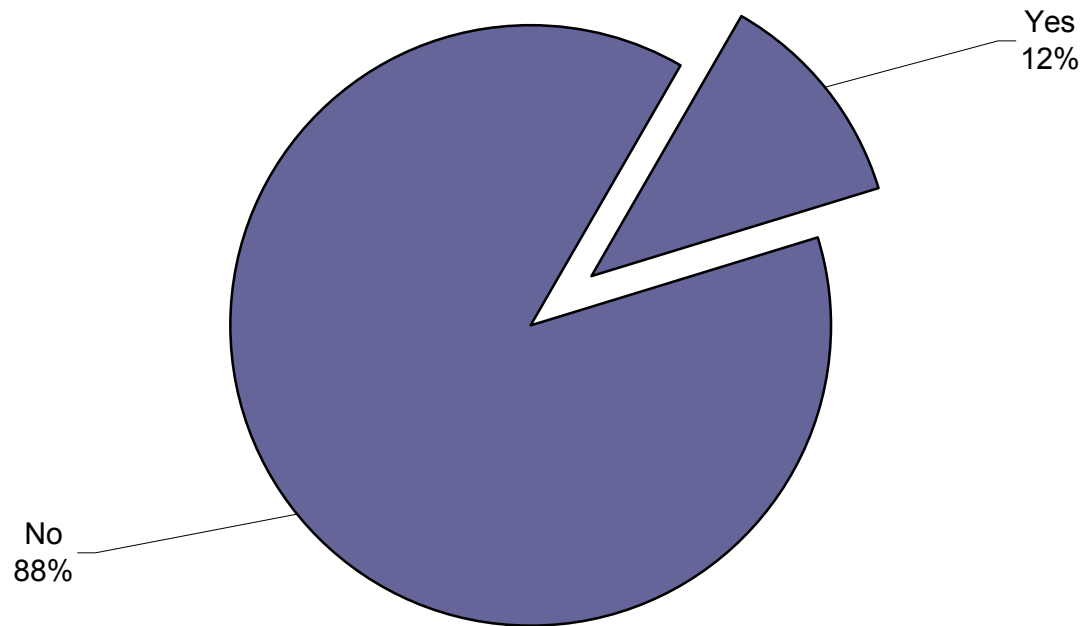
- Overall Alcohol (more than 40%) was the substance (legal or illegal) which people considered to be the greatest problem for mis-use in their neighbourhood.
- Nearly 15% think that Cannabis is a problem, while 10% stated Tobacco and Ecstasy.

## **Research Results**

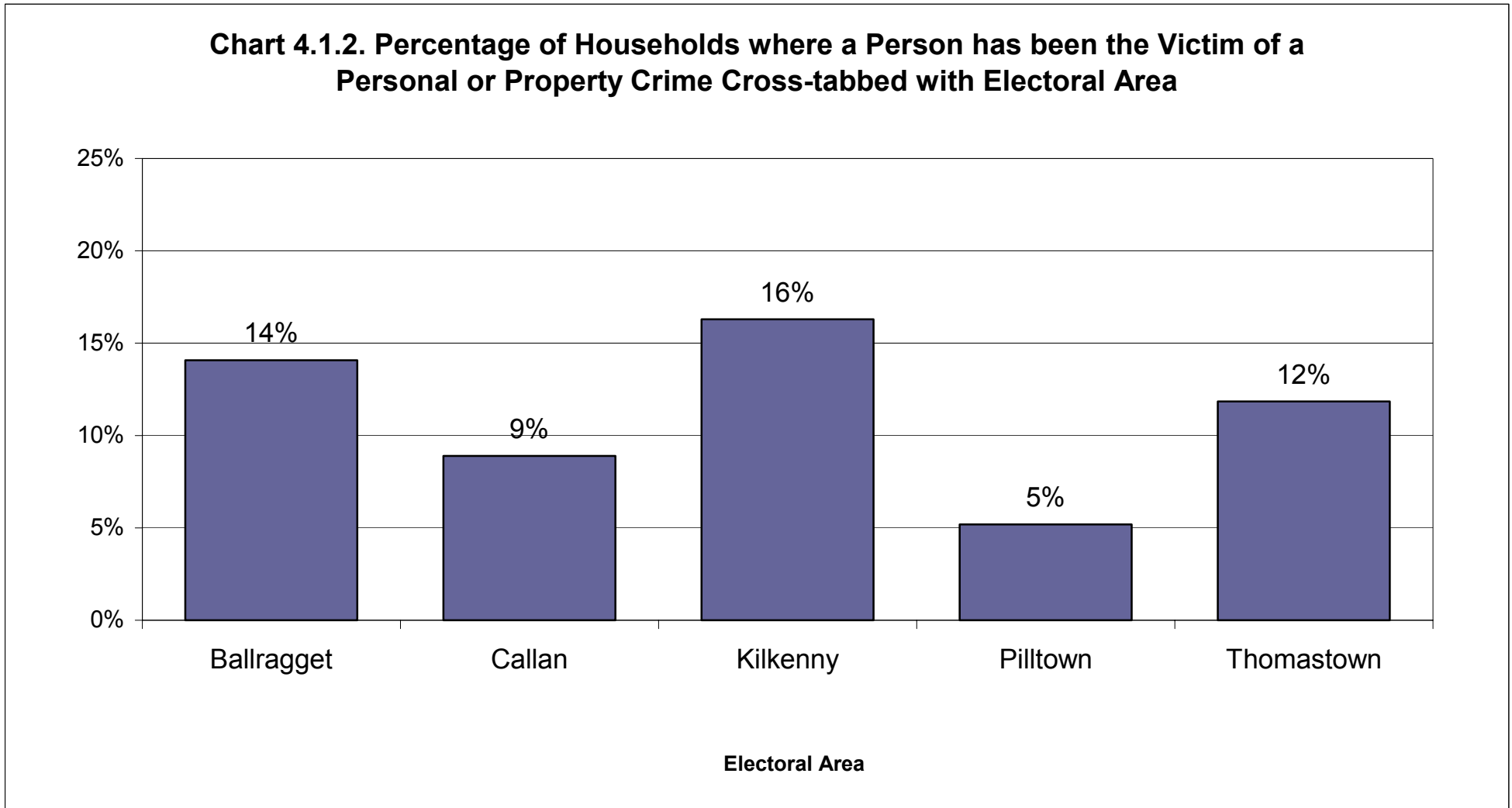
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**Chart 4.1.1. Percentage of Households where a Person that has been the Victim of a Personal or Property Crime in the Last 12 months**

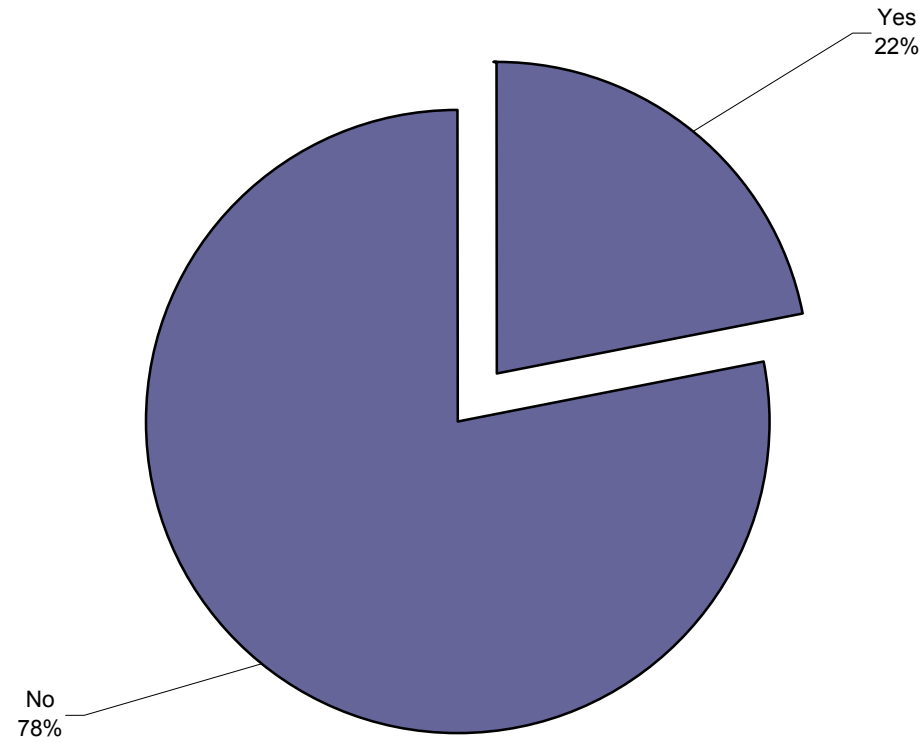
Response base = 628



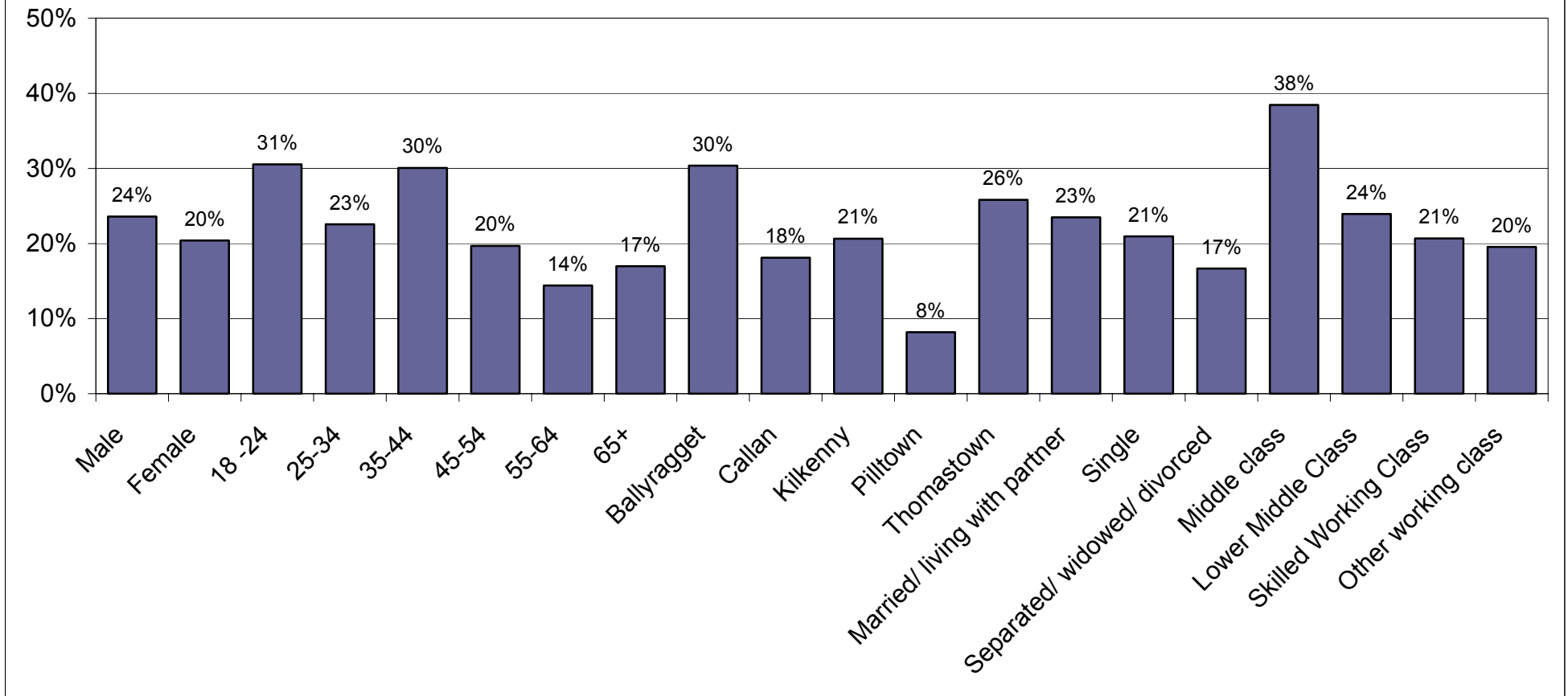
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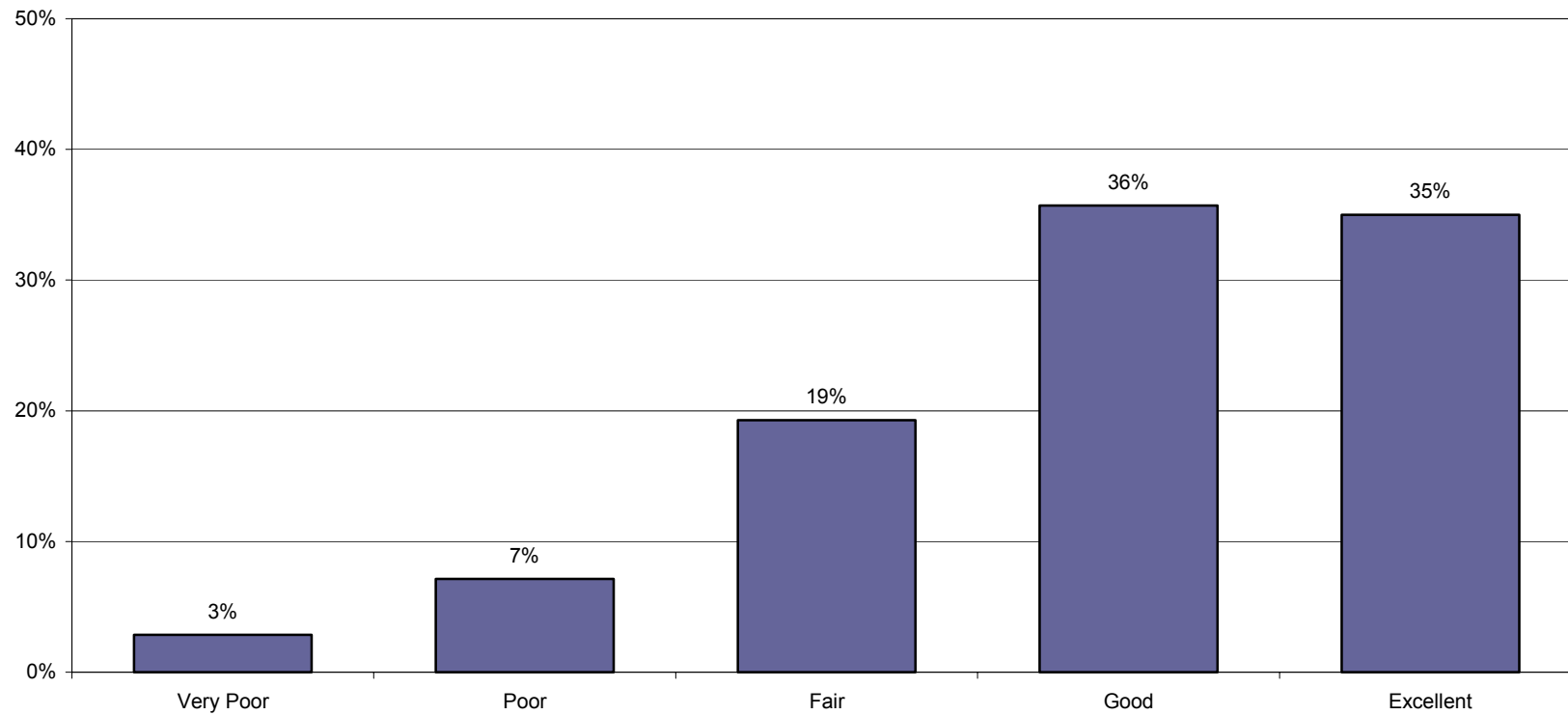
**Chart 4.1.3. Percentage of Respondents that have had Contact with the Community  
Gardai in the Past 12 months  
Response base = 634**



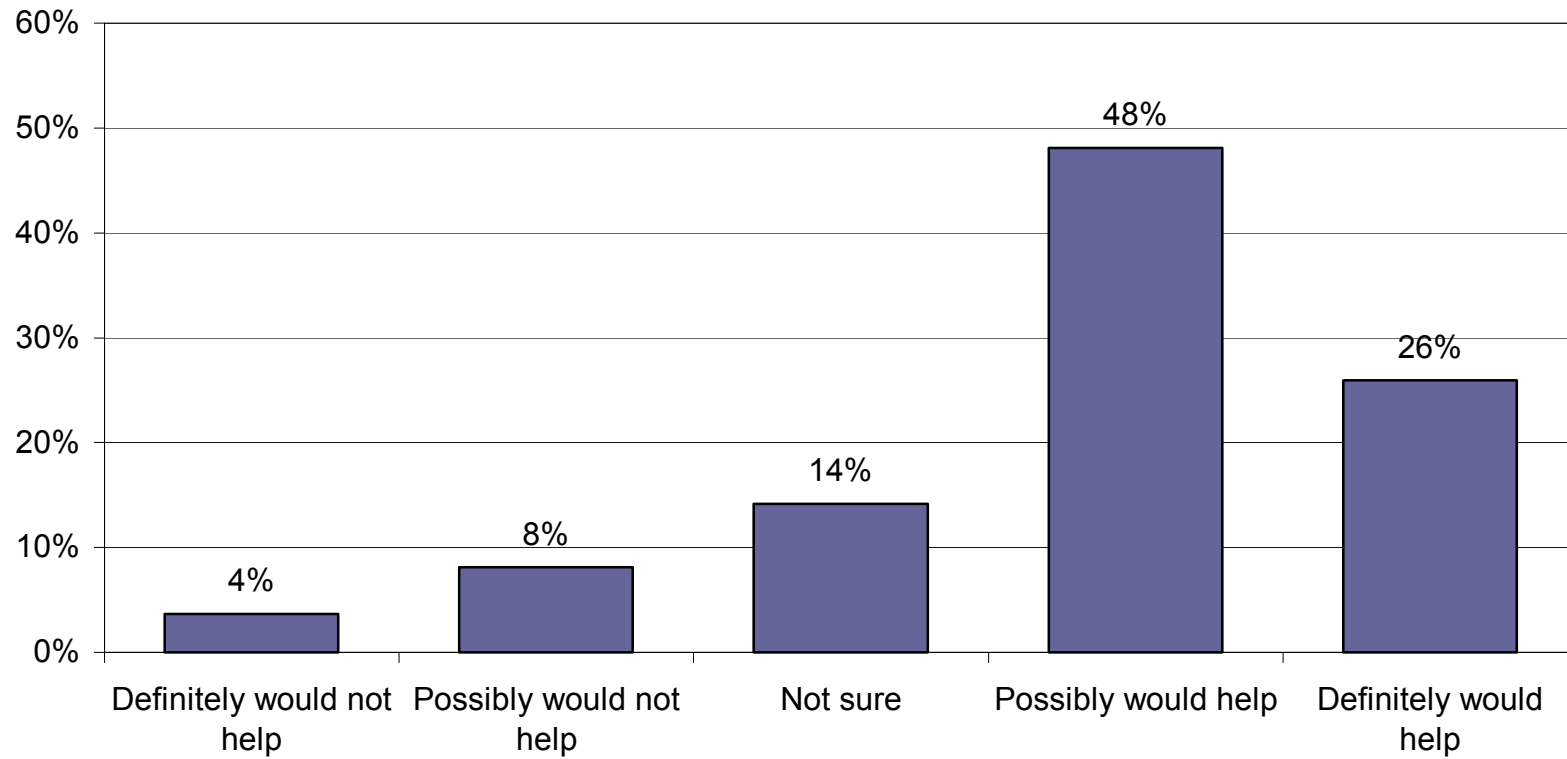
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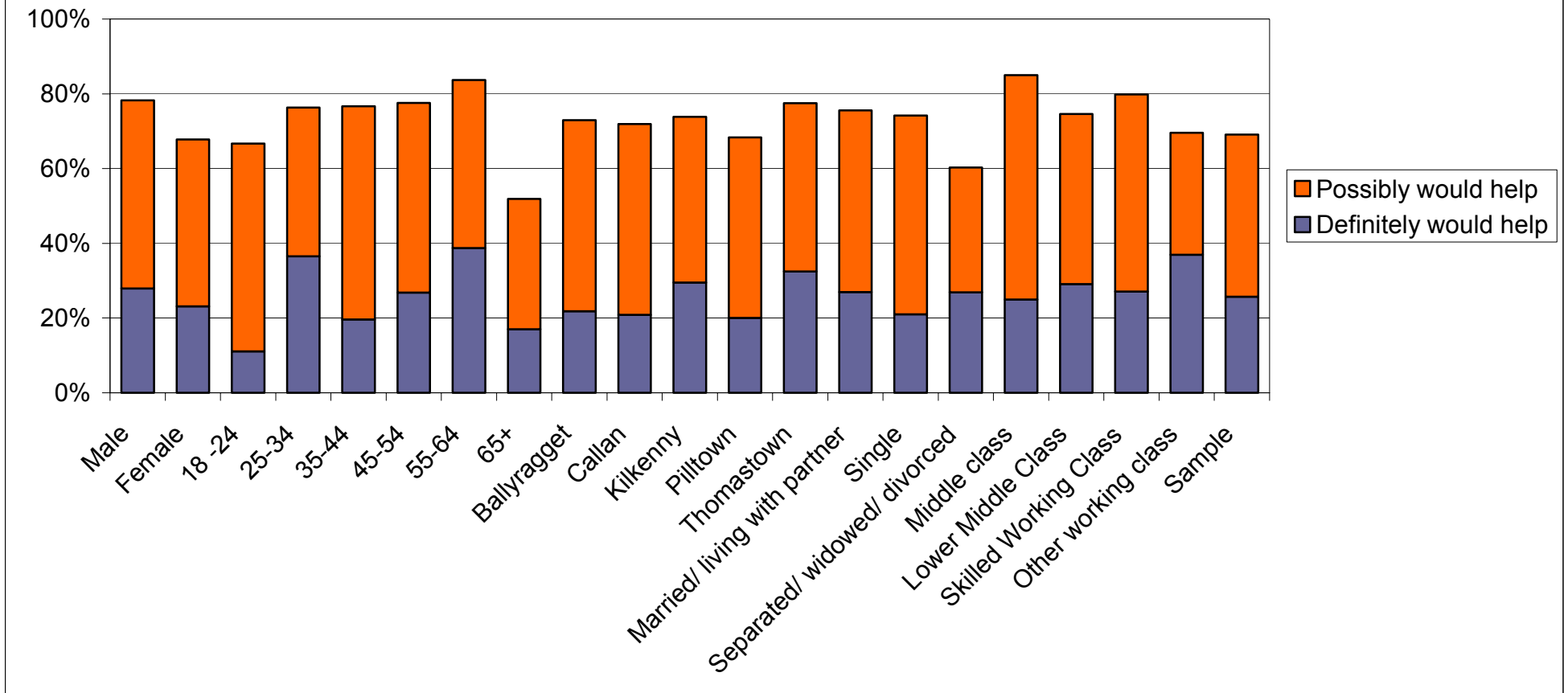
**Chart 4.1.5. Rating of Gardai Performance**  
Response base = 140  
(All who had contact with Community Gardai in Past 12 months)



**Chart 4.1.6. Willingness to Actively Help with Public Safety Efforts**  
**E.g. Neighbourhood Watch**  
Response base = 628

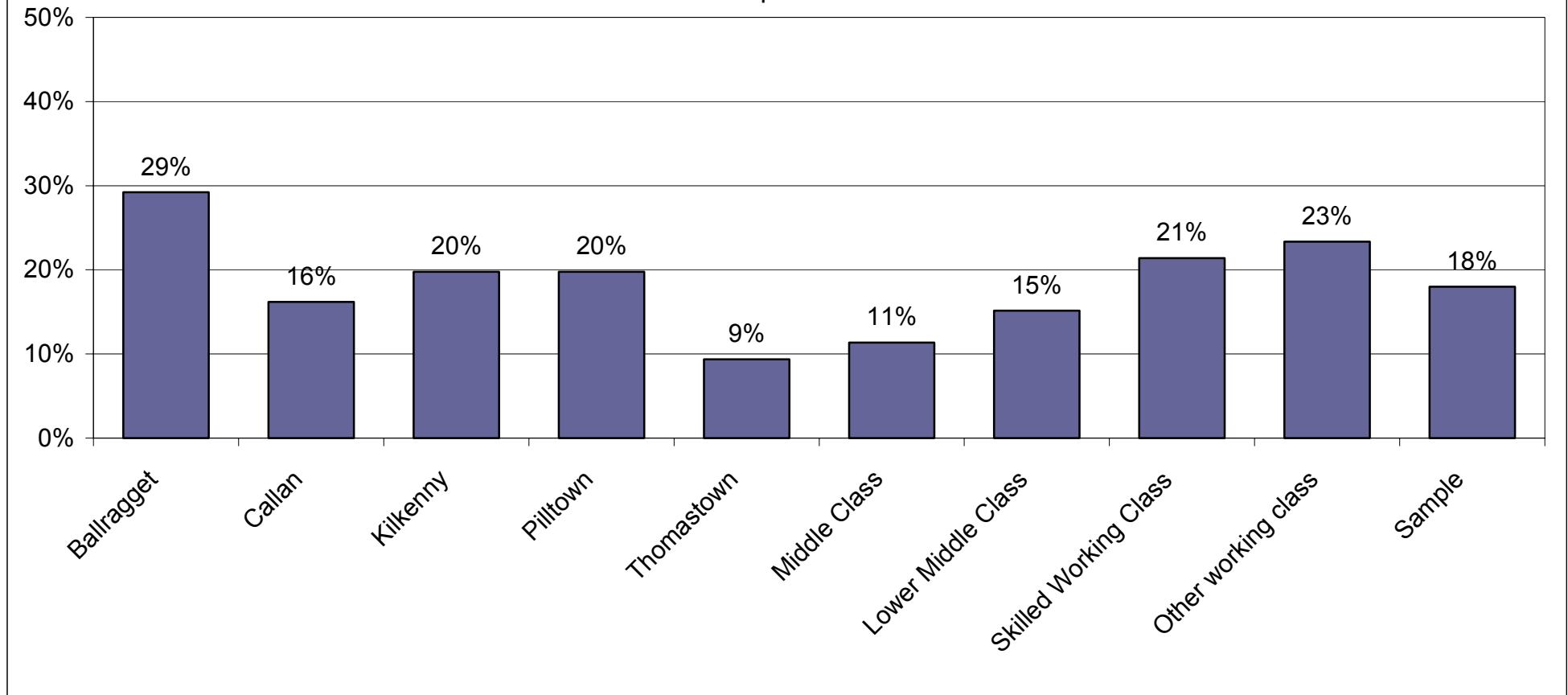


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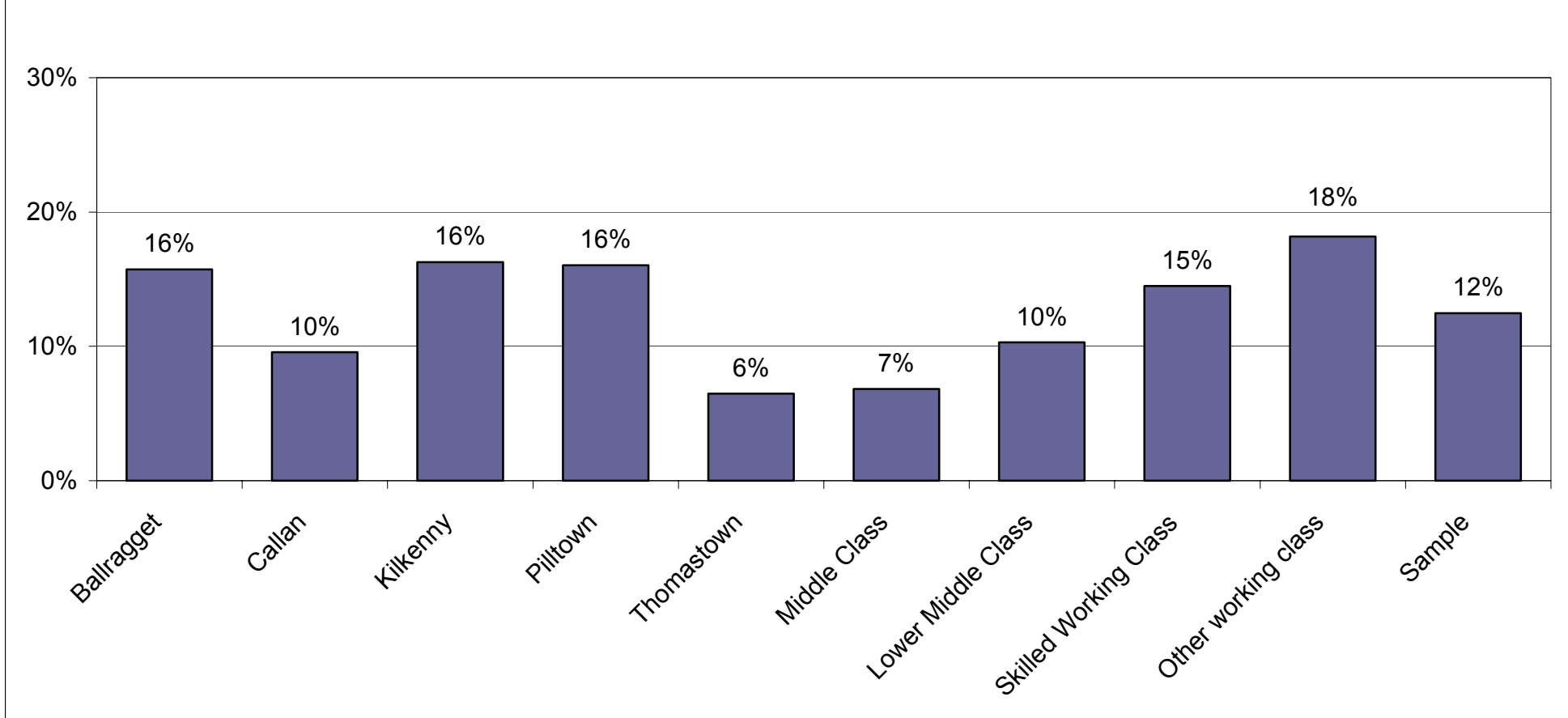
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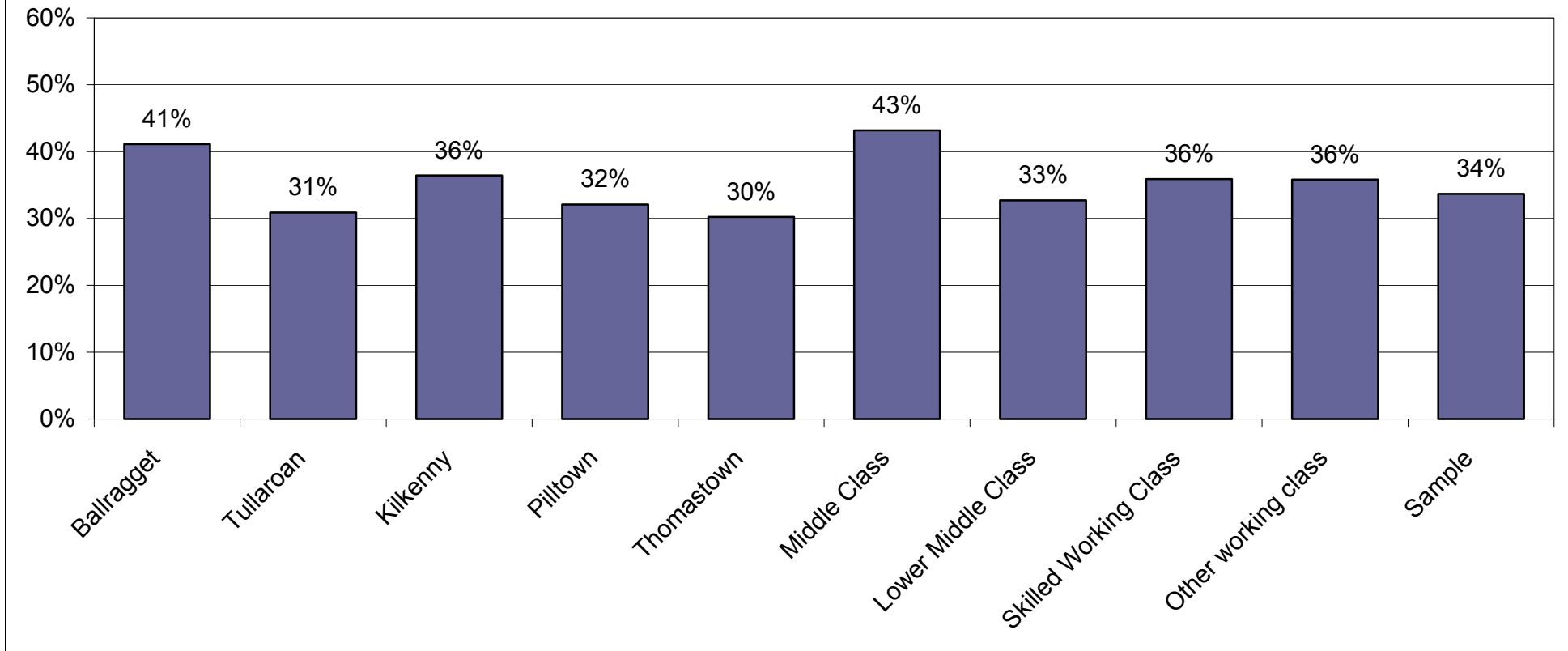
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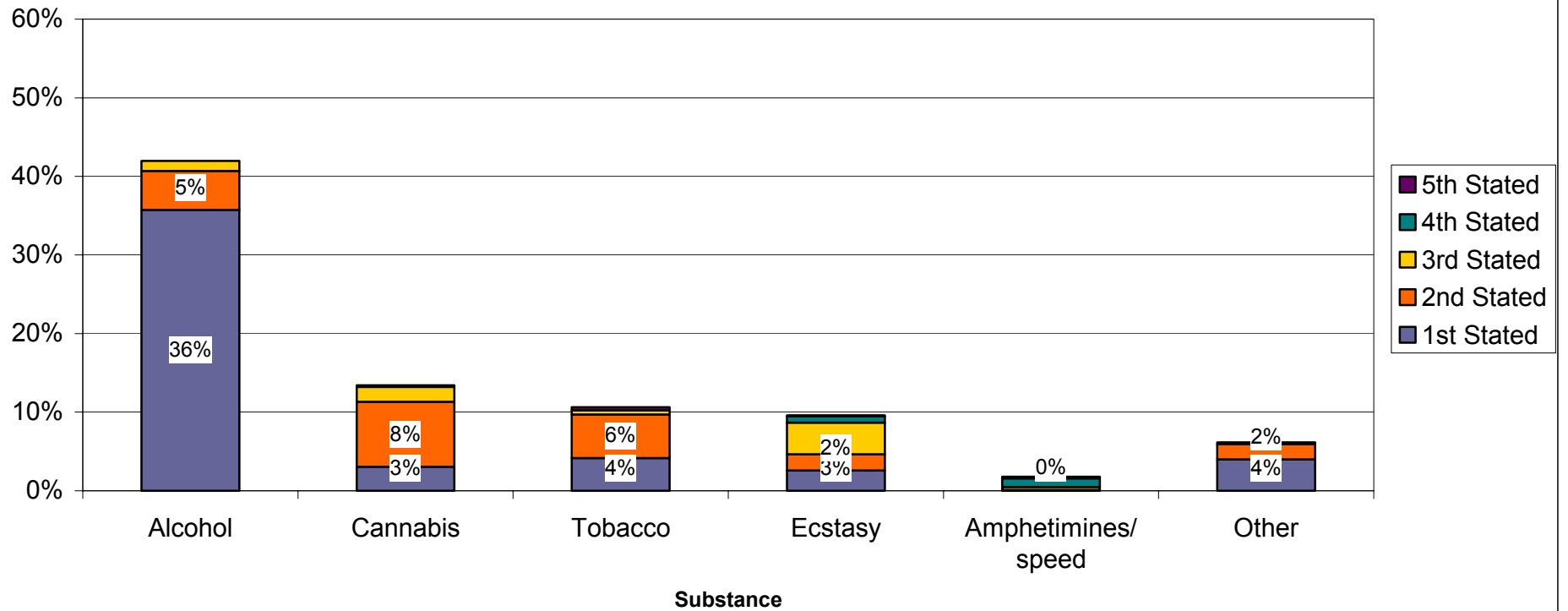


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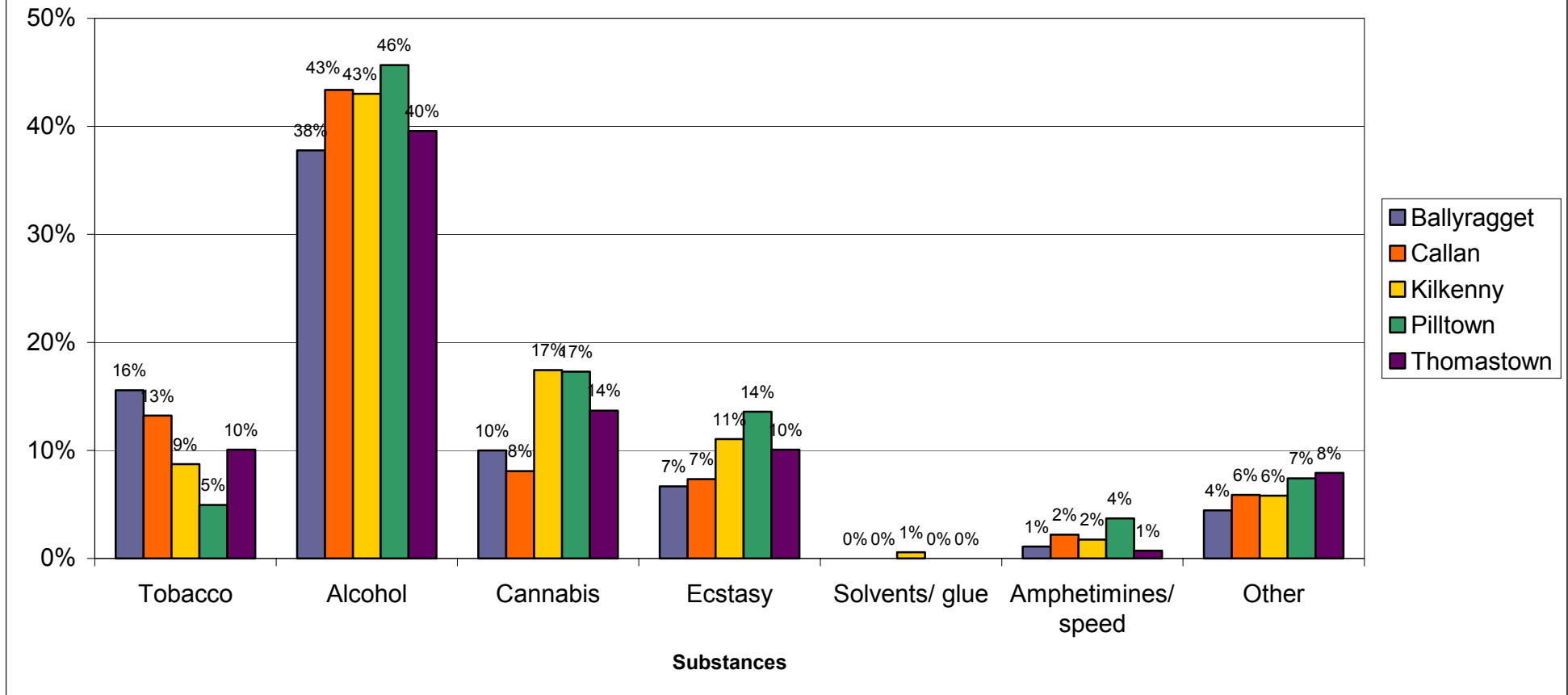
**Chart 4.2.1 Legal and Illegal Substances which Respondents Consider to be the Greatest Problems in their Neighbourhoods**

Multiple responses allowed

Note: 50% of respondents stated 'don't know/none'



**Chart 4.2.2. Substances which Respondents feel are the Greatest Problems in their Neighbourhoods, Cross-tabbed with Electoral Area**



**Chart 4.2.3. Sources of Help for Persons with Substance Abuse Problems**

