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**County Kilkenny:  
COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

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**REPORT No 6.  
EMPLOYMENT &  
STANDARD OF LIVING**

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## **Research Findings**

## **RESEARCH FINDINGS:**

### **Employment**

- 62% of males and 22% of females stated that they were in full-time employment. 5% of males and 16% of females stated that they were in part-time employment.
- 44% of females were occupied in home duties.
- Males in full-time employment work an average of 49 hours per week compared to 40 hours for females. Males in part-time employment work an average of 22 hours compared to 19 hours for females.
- Males work an average of 49 hours per week, compared to 23 hours for females in full-time employment. In part-time employment, males work an average of 40 hours per week and females work an average of 19 hours.
- When attitude toward aspects of the work environment was rated, 63% of respondents rated their pay as either good or excellent and 11% rated it as either poor or very poor.
- 73% rated employment conditions and 72% rated job security as good or excellent.
- 79% of respondents rated their working hours as good or excellent.
- 32% rated the opportunity for promotion as either poor or very poor.
- When cross-tabbed with work type, those in full-time employment give a higher rating for each aspect of the employment environment than respondents in part-time employment.

### **Standard of Living and Household Income Levels**

- 60% of respondents rated their standard of living as good and 11% rated it as excellent, while 5% rate it as poor or very poor.
- 53% rate their household income level as good and 8% as excellent. 6% rate their household income level as poor or very poor.
- When cross-tabbed with electoral areas, Kilkenny was found to have the highest rating, and Ballyragget had the lowest rating for both standard of living and household income. Those unable to work and those who are unemployed had the lowest rating for standard of living. This is apparent when cross-tabbed with respondent's source of income, where those with a source of income by employment only give the highest rating and those with a source of income of social welfare only give the lowest rating for both standard of living and household income.

## **Research Results**

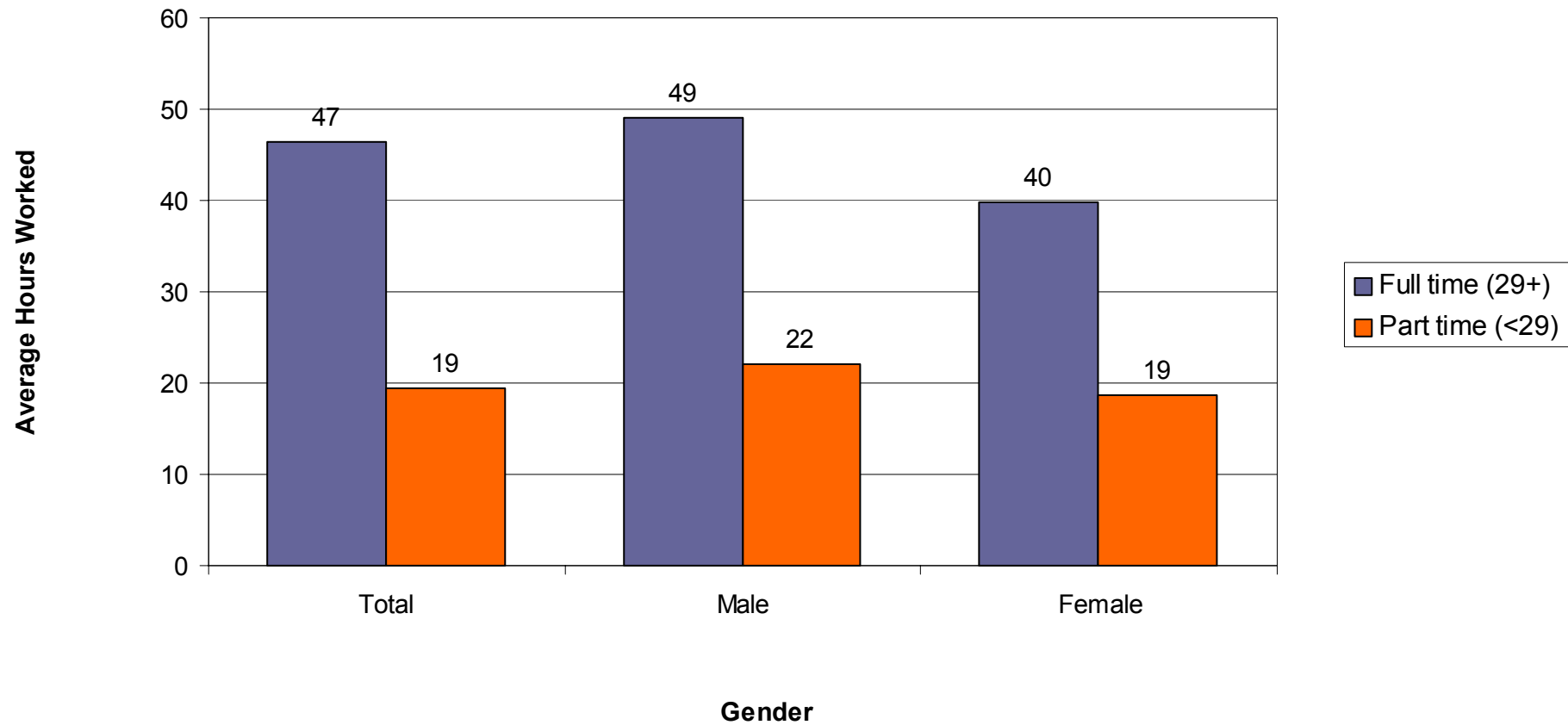
## **6.1 Employment**

**Table 6.1.1. Employment Status of the Population in County Kilkenny**

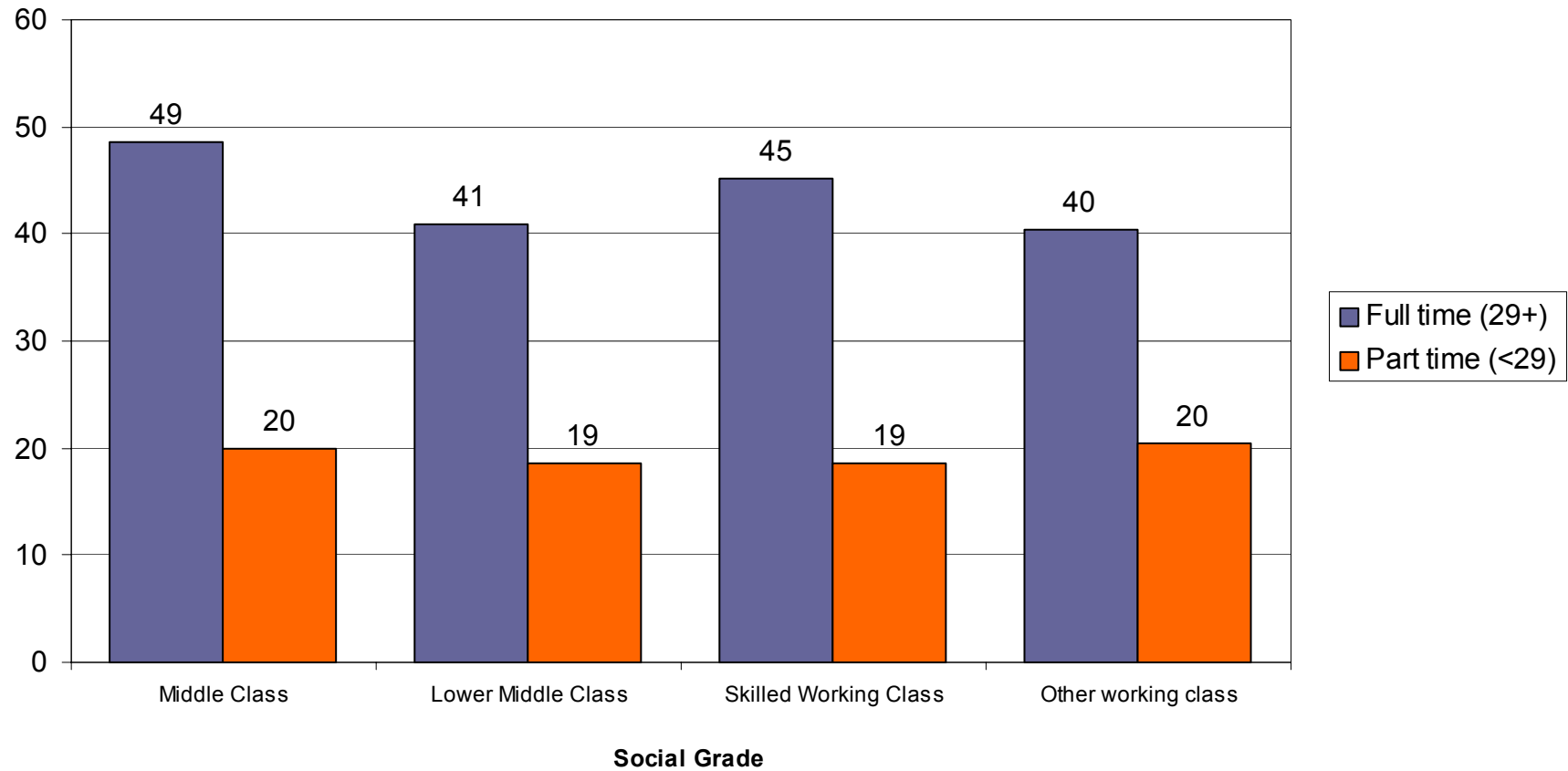
	Male	Female	Total
Employed full-time	62%	22%	42%
Employed part-time	5%	16%	10%
Student	3%	1%	2%
Home duties	1%	44%	22%
Retired	22%	14%	18%
Unable to work	3%	1%	2%
Unemployed	4%	2%	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Note: The sample focused primarily on the household and therefore interviews were conducted mostly with heads of household, resulting in a low sample of students*

**Chart 6.1.1. Average Hours worked per Week Cross-tabbed with Gender**  
Weighted data

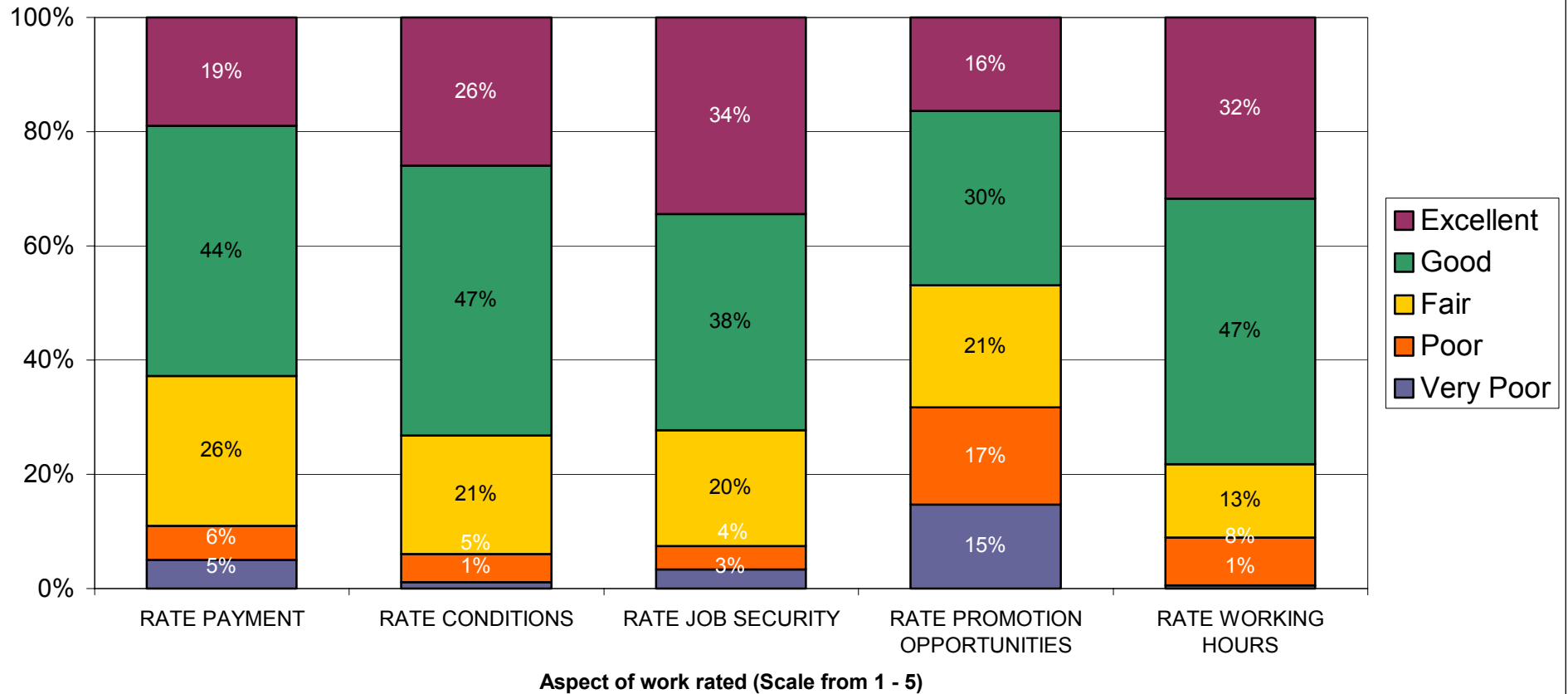


**Chart 6.1.2. Average Hours Worked per Week Cross-tabbed with Social Grade  
Weighted data**

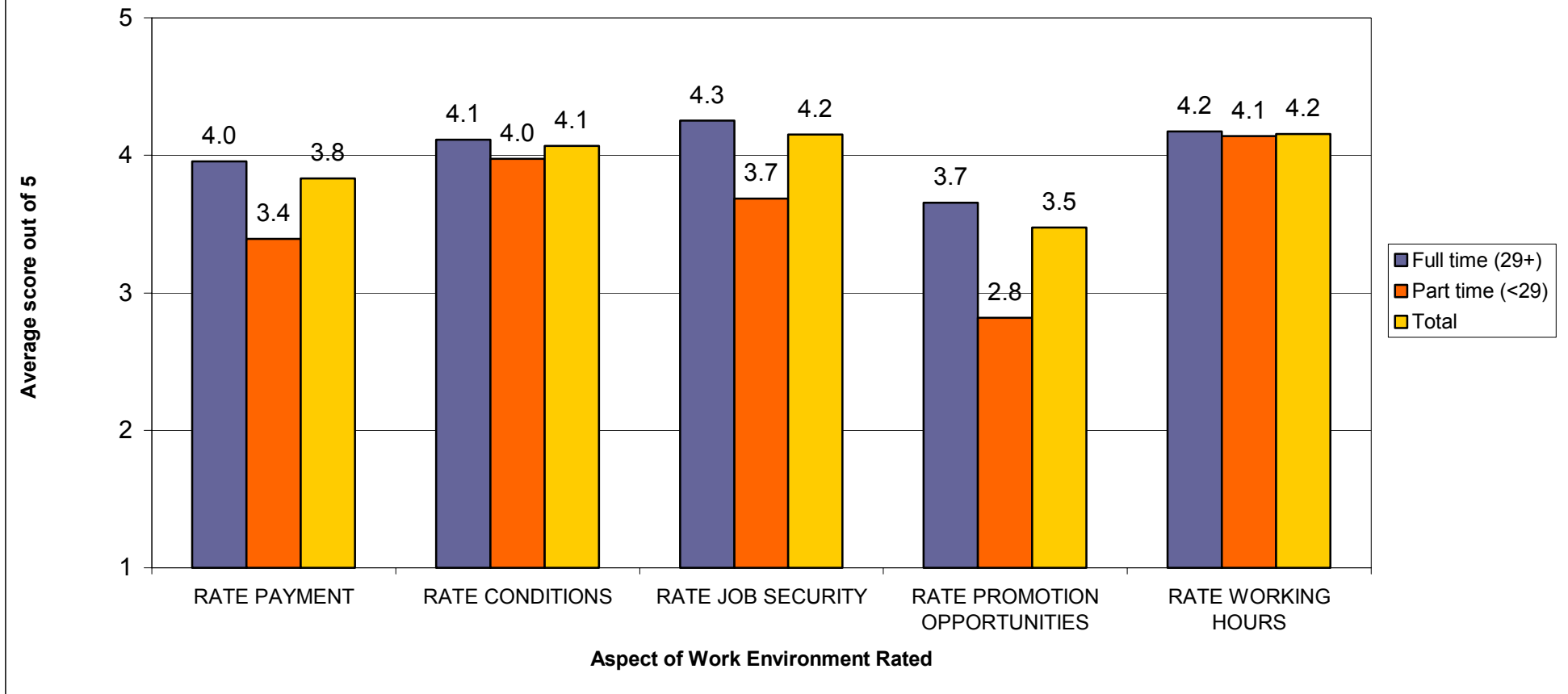


**Chart 6.1.3. Attitudes toward Aspects of the Work Environment**

Response base = All who work



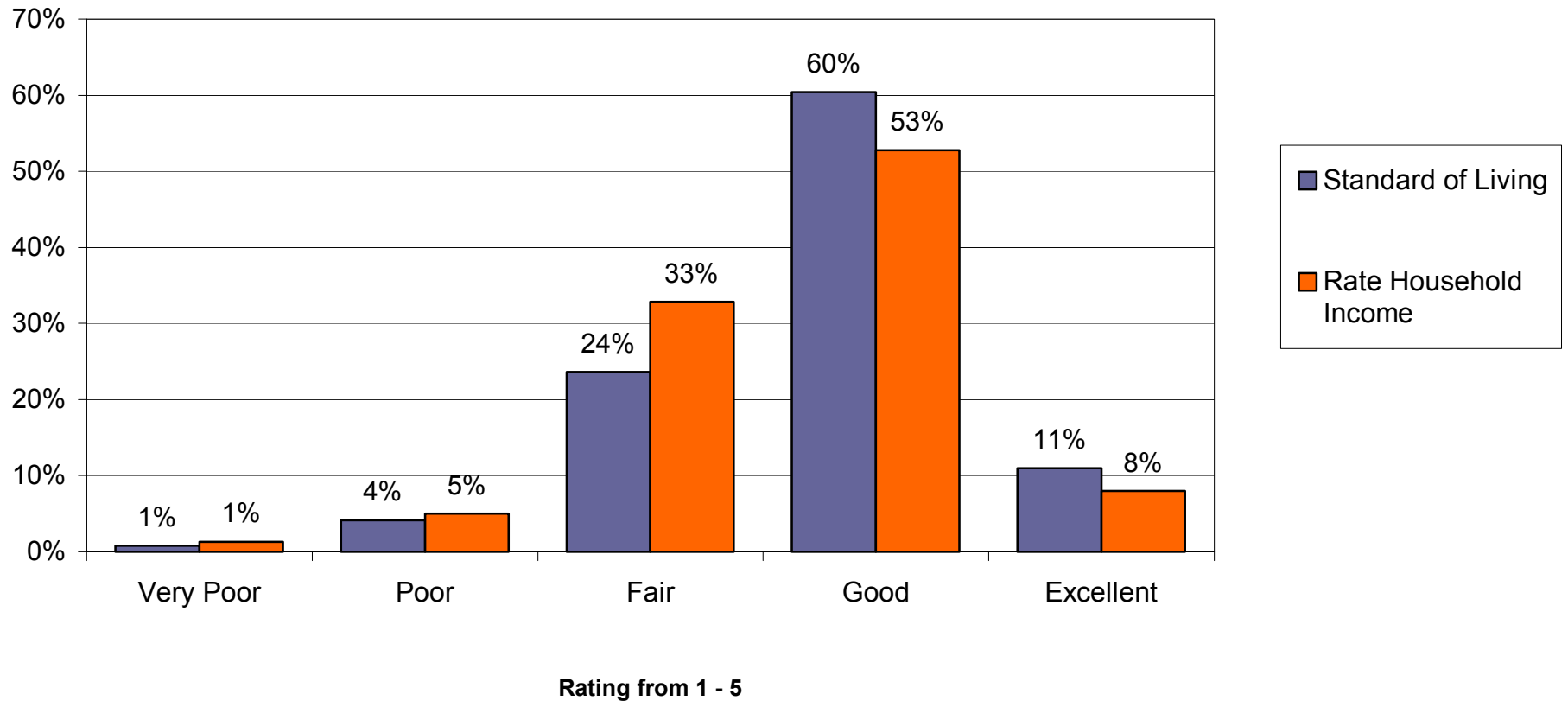
**Chart 6.1.4 Employee Rating of Aspects of the Employment Environment  
Cross-tabbed with Work Type**



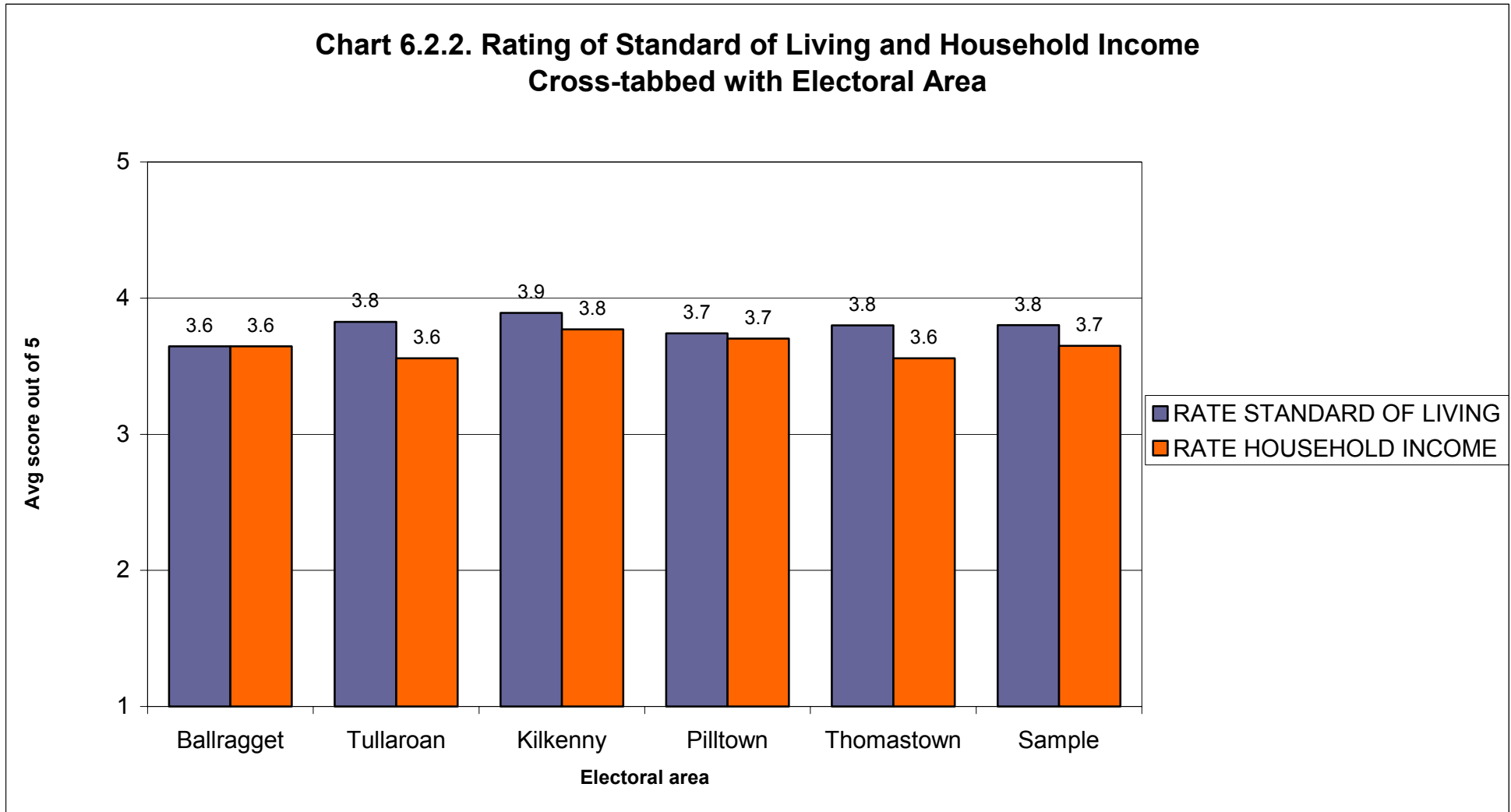
## **6.2 Rating of Standard of Living and Household Income Levels**

### Chart 6.2.1. Rating of Standard of Living and Household Income

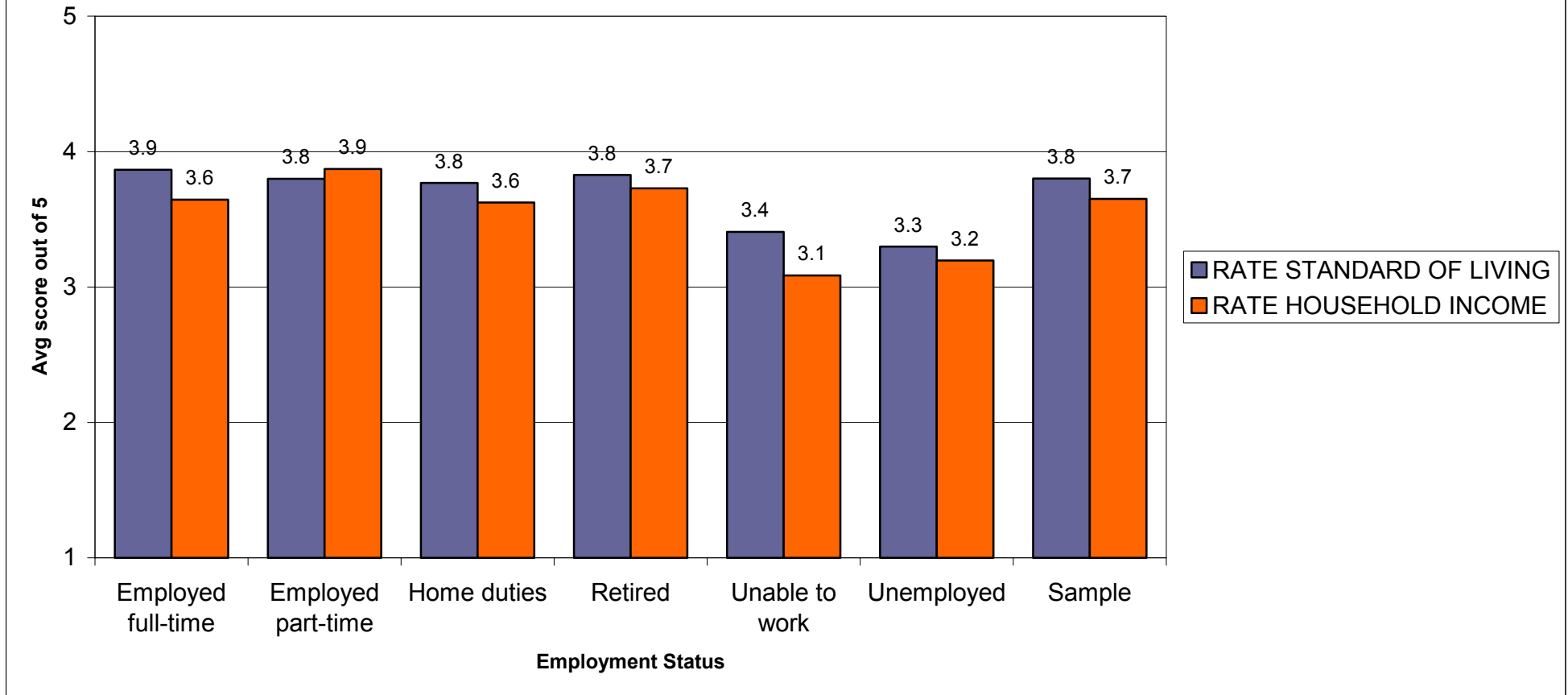
Note: Standard of living includes ability to afford or but housing, clothing, food, car, recreation, travel etc  
Weighted data



**Chart 6.2.2. Rating of Standard of Living and Household Income  
Cross-tabbed with Electoral Area**



**Chart 6.2.3. Rating of Standard of Living and Household Income  
Cross-tabbed with Employment Status**



**Chart 6.2.4. Rating of Standard of Living and Household Income Cross-tabbed with Source of Household Income**

