
UKRAINIAN NEWCOMER SURVEY 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Prepared for the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC)
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The Ukrainian Newcomer Survey 2025, conducted by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) between May and July 2025, gathered insights from over 4,200 Ukrainian newcomers who arrived in Canada within the past ten years, including those who fled after February 2022. It is the first survey of its kind and provides us with comprehensive insight into the population of Ukrainian newcomers who have settled in Canada since 2015. The survey explored identity, settlement, culture, and community involvement, and the detailed analysis conducted by the Metropolis Institute, a division of the Association of Canadian Studies (ACS) that provides several recommendations for the future aimed at strengthening programs and supports for Ukrainian newcomers.

When the war began in 2022, many Ukrainians who arrived in Canada believed their stay would be temporary and they would return home quickly once the war ended. Even today, more than 3 years later, over half of the Ukrainians surveyed report a *very strong* connection to Ukraine, which is higher among women and those over 40 years of age. Interestingly, men were more likely to report a *weak or no connection*. Older cohorts also exhibited a thirst for keeping apprised of Ukraine-related news far more frequently than younger cohorts.

Similarly, over half of the Ukrainian women surveyed felt a very strong connection to their local Ukrainian Canadian community versus only one third of men feeling the same level of connection. The connection was even stronger for younger adults aged 18 to 23 who noted very close connections to their new community in Canada, demonstrating a positive integration.

The survey revealed that *holidays, ancestry, language, community participation, and respect for history* were seen as core to Ukrainian identity with female and older respondents placing stronger emphasis on these ‘requirements.’ It is no surprise that survey respondents identified their most important values to be *respect, responsibility, hard work, honesty, and freedom*. Perhaps not surprising that younger respondents were less likely to emphasize *hard work* and *honesty*.

Ukrainian nationals experienced many settlement challenges, but the most significant challenge noted by respondents was accessing *employment services*, followed by *housing supports*. Like many newcomers, language fluency was also an issue for Ukrainian nationals, with nearly half reporting language barriers as a challenge to integration but more prevalent in older cohorts (56 years and older).

The true test of settlement and integration services is the desire for newcomers to return to their home country. A striking 61% of survey respondents indicated they are not considering returning to Ukraine but 20% of older respondents (those aged 56 years and older) were. Younger adults cited *family/emotional ties* as reasons to consider a return. Wanting to *regain family connections*, *the high cost of living in Canada* and *no access to permanent residency* were the top reasons cited for those who were considering (or were unsure about) returning to Ukraine.

Developing educational and community connections also helps to strengthen settlement for newcomer populations. Just over 10% of adult Ukrainians attended a Ukrainian school in Canada while 34% of their children attended Ukrainian schools. Participation in Ukrainian cultural or educational programs was higher among women (with twice as many women as men doing so). Higher participation was also exhibited by younger adults aged 18 to 23 years and those residing in Quebec. Respondents prioritized programs for children/youth and support for new arrivals as most important for community development, with over 75% interested in strengthening ties with local Ukrainian Canadian communities. Finally, respondents identified celebrating Ukrainian holidays and preserving traditions as the experiences most important to them.

Community involvement and volunteerism are also used to determine attachment to a new country. The survey demonstrated that women (70%) are much more involved as well as actively participating in Ukrainian Canadian organizations as compared to men (56%). Moreover, participation was higher for those aged over 40 years. For those who did not participate in any Ukrainian-related organizations or activities, most respondents overwhelmingly cited *lack of time* as the main reason, with a *lack of interest* as another significant reason for those aged 18 to 23 years.

Respondents saw volunteering through their *educational or professional skills* as the best way of contributing to their communities. Among provinces, the volunteerism rate was the highest (over 52%) in British Columbia. Support in terms of language courses for middle-aged and older respondents (those aged 40 years and older) and flexible schedules and practical skills training for younger adults (aged 18 to 23) were identified as being the most helpful for volunteers. Organizations having a cause that Ukrainians care about and having an impact on the community were the most important factors in their decision to donate their time and effort.

Comparing these survey results of Ukrainian newcomers to Canadian immigrants (*using data from the latest available Social Identity cycle of the General Social Survey 2020*) in general is important and telling. The most striking finding perhaps is that 55.5% of Ukrainian newcomers reported having a strong connection to Ukraine versus 38.2% of Canadian immigrants overall. In 2020, 34.9% of Canadian immigrants reported a very strong sense of belonging to people with the same ethnic or cultural background while this 2025 survey reports only 11.8% Ukrainian respondents reporting a very close connection to their local Ukrainian Canadian community. Finally, when comparing volunteer participation, Ukrainian newcomers report that 41.8% of them volunteer to Ukrainian Canadian organizations or charitable initiatives in the past five years, while only 37% of Canadian immigrants reported having volunteered in an organization in the past five years. These data comparisons exhibit unique findings from this Ukrainian cohort distinguishing them from other cohorts from other countries. The immigration pathway for Ukrainians since 2022 is novel and unique and their pathway to permanence is fragile which may account for some of these outcomes, to date.

How Ukrainian newcomers see their community 10 years into the future was also canvassed by the survey and the results are important. Respondents envision a strong, united, supportive community that preserves language, culture, and traditions while helping newcomers adapt. They expressed a desire for greater influence in Canadian society, politics, and economy, while expressing continued hope for maintaining resilience and cultural pride, even in the midst of ongoing conflict in their native land.

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- The UCC survey is an important start but more research and analysis will help to shed further light on what drives Ukrainian nationals to settle and ultimately integrate into Canadian society.
- The following list of recommendations is not comprehensive but will advance the work that is necessary:
- Continue refining demographic weighting to better align with Census benchmarks.
- Conduct mixed-method approaches (surveys + focus groups) to capture nuanced experiences.
- Develop targeted outreach for men and younger adults to strengthen community ties.
- Expand youth-focused programming to address weaker connections to identity and lower engagement with Ukrainian news.
- Prioritize accessible employment and housing support programs.
- Invest in language training tailored to older newcomers.

- Explore advocacy on pathways to permanent residency to address uncertainty for temporary arrivals.
- Increase investment in Ukrainian schools, Saturday programs, and cultural activities, particularly for children and youth.
- Support intergenerational cultural programs to bridge gaps in identity between older and younger newcomers.
- Create flexible volunteer opportunities for students and working-age adults.
- Offer skill-building workshops and leadership training to empower youth volunteers.
- Strengthen outreach to men, highlighting practical, skill-based volunteering.
- Encourage donation campaigns tied to clear, impactful causes.
- Benchmark against broader immigrant integration trends to highlight strengths (volunteerism) and gaps (local belonging).
- Share findings with policymakers to advocate for resources comparable to other immigrant groups.
- Develop long-term strategies to sustain Ukrainian identity and unity while promoting civic and political engagement in Canada.
- Expand leadership pipelines for Ukrainian youth to ensure the next generation preserves cultural heritage and has a voice in Canadian society.

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FULL ANALYTICAL REPORT

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BACKGROUND

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), in partnership with the UCC Charitable and Educational Trust and the Canada-Ukraine Foundation, conducted a national survey to better understand and support Ukrainian newcomers in Canada. The survey targeted individuals who arrived from Ukraine within the past ten years, including those who came following the full-scale invasion in February 2022.

The primary goal of the 2025 survey was to gather evidence-based insights into newcomers' settlement experiences, community engagement, and the types of programs and supports that are most valuable to them. This information provides the UCC and partner organizations with the data needed to design, enhance, and evaluate programs that respond to the real needs of newcomers, while also strengthening their integration into Ukrainian Canadian communities across the country.

The survey was designed to address several key objectives:

- To understand how Ukrainian newcomers engage with Ukrainian Canadian community organizations and activities.
- To identify programs, services, and supports that newcomers consider most valuable.
- To document challenges and barriers newcomers face while settling in Canada, including housing, employment, language acquisition, and social integration.
- To provide insights on how community organizations can improve outreach and the delivery of programs to newcomers.
- To enable comparisons with established Ukrainian Canadian populations through questions adapted from the 2021 UCC Community Survey, particularly regarding identity, culture, and volunteerism.

OBJECTIVES

SURVEY THEMES

The questionnaire included approximately 45 questions organized into thematic blocks:

- Ukrainian identity and values
- Connection to Ukraine
- Settlement experience
- Involvement in the Ukrainian Canadian community
- Donations to Ukrainian Canadian organizations
- Participation in Ukrainian education
- Language use
- Future participation and programming

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The survey was open to individuals who:

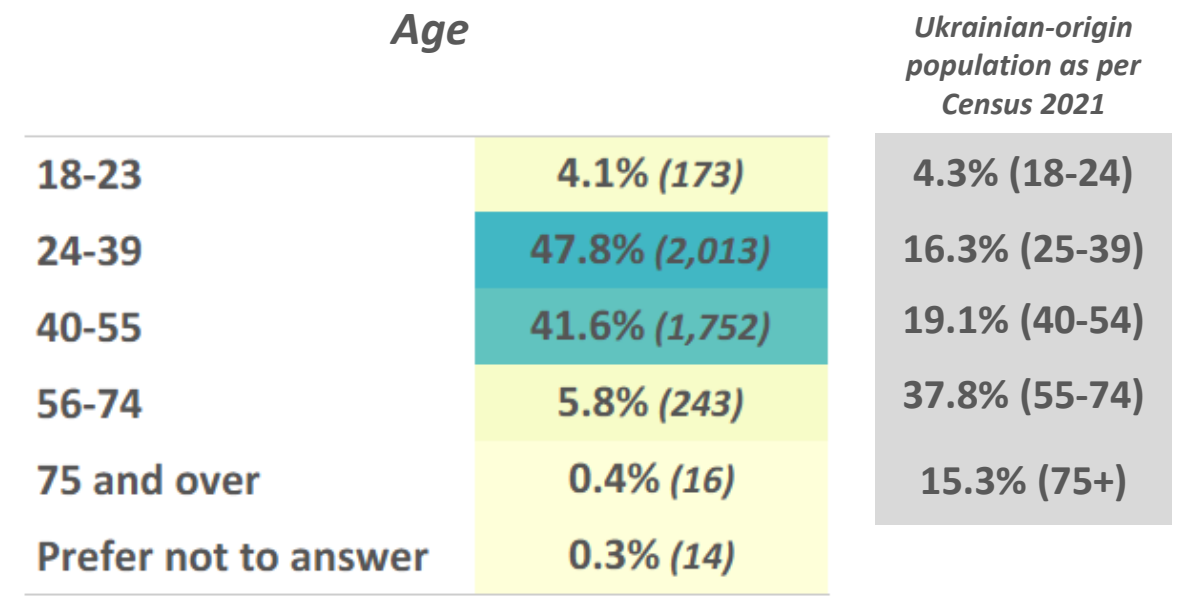
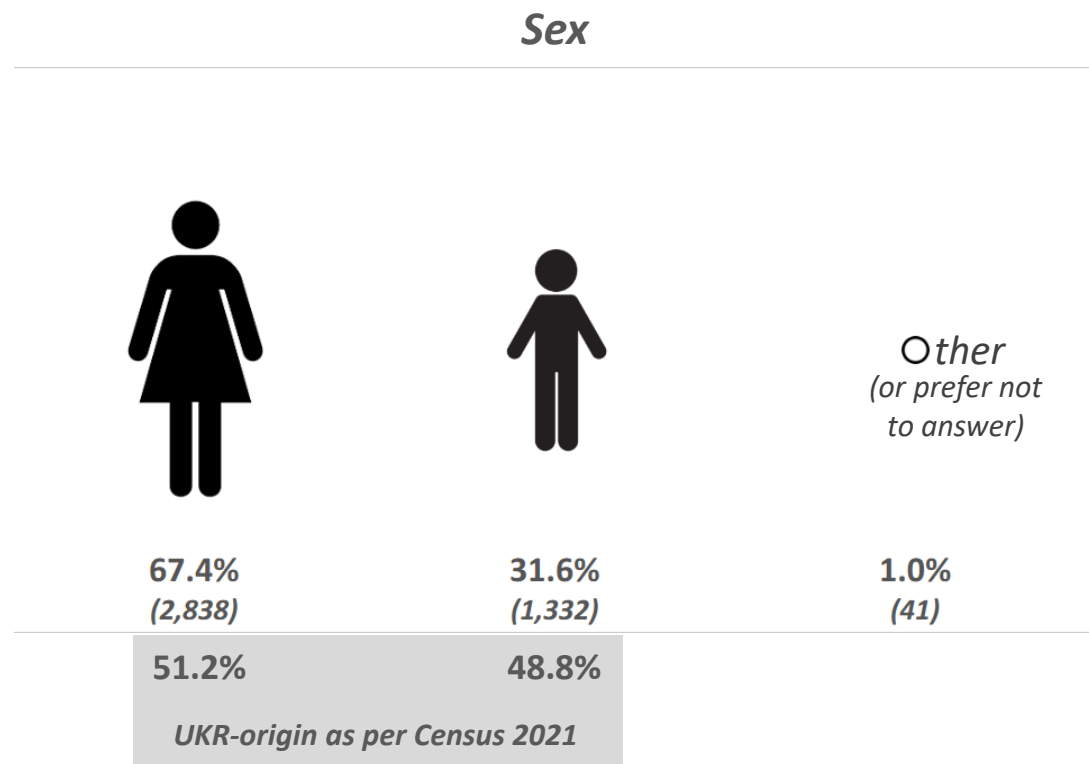
- Identify as Ukrainian or Ukrainian Canadian
- Are 18 years of age or older
- Arrived in Canada within the past ten years
- Currently reside in Canada

The survey was conducted online between May 20 and July 1, 2025. It was available in Ukrainian language.

Responses were collected anonymously; no personally identifying information was linked to survey answers. Participation was voluntary, and results will be reported only in aggregate form.

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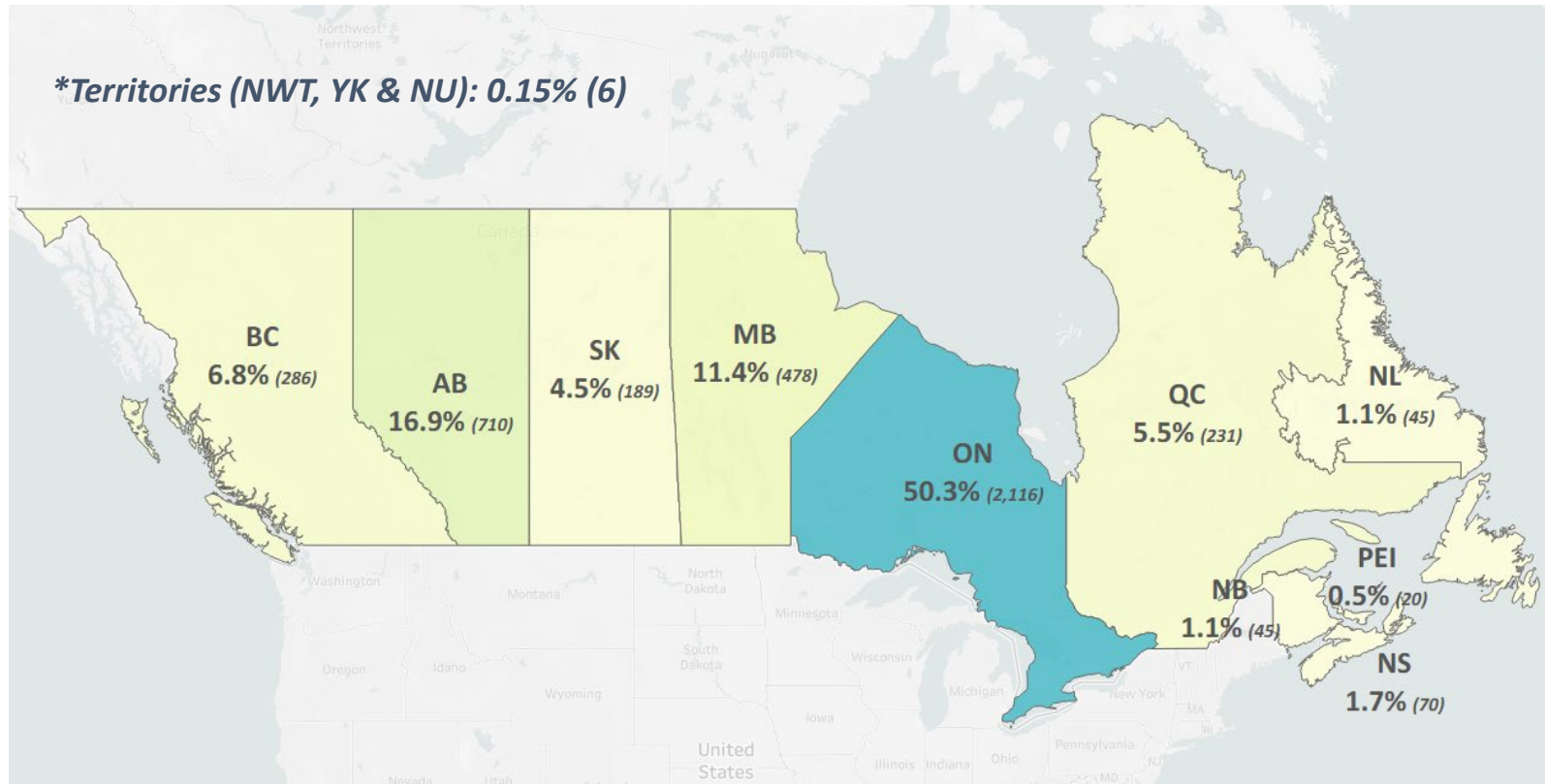


The sample was majority **female** and over half of the respondents were **under the age of 40**.

Note: The sample is not weighted and not a perfect representation of Ukrainian population in Canada, as shown by the demographic comparison with data from Census 2021. Also, the age groups are classified differently by Statistics Canada.

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Ukrainian origin population as per Census 2021

NL	0.1%
PEI	0.0%
NS	0.4%
NB	0.3%
QC	3.8%
ON	29.0%
MB	14.5%
SK	11.9%
AB	27.7%
BC	12.2%
Territories	0.1%

Over half of the respondents were from **Ontario**, and a significant portion from **Alberta** and the **Prairies**.

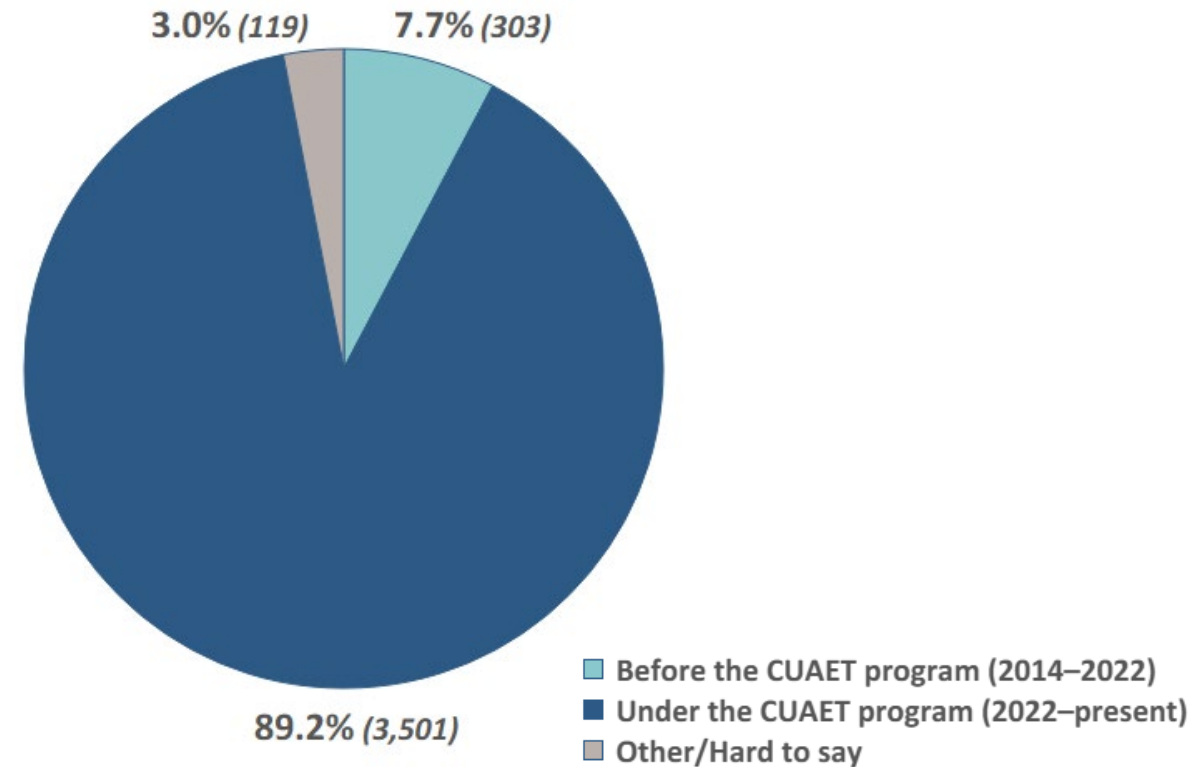
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Background of respondents

Born in Canada	0.4% (18)
Born in Ukraine	93.3% (3,930)
Born in another country but lived mostly in Ukraine	5.4% (228)
Prefer not to answer	0.8% (35)

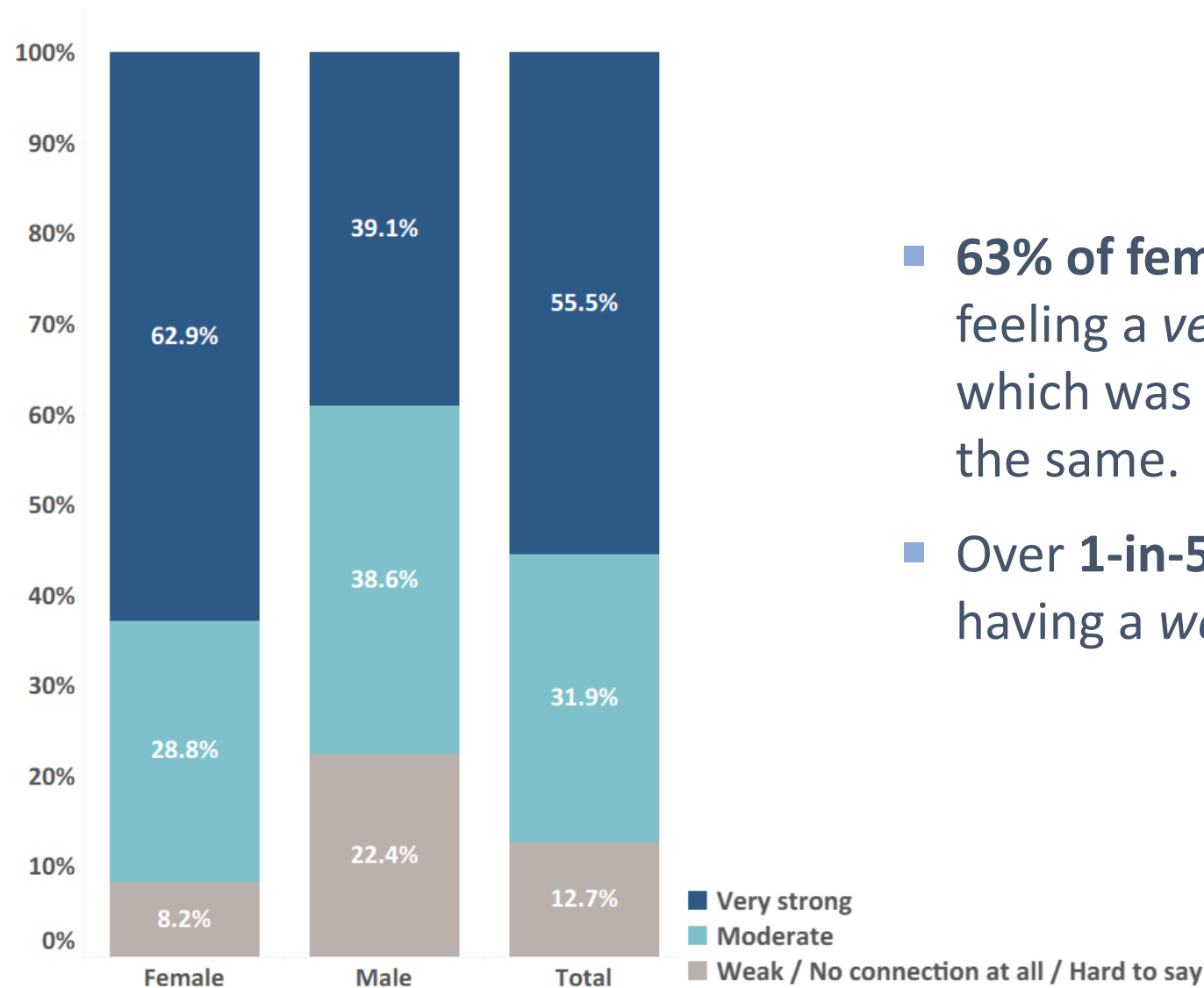
Arrival in Canada



Summary of Results

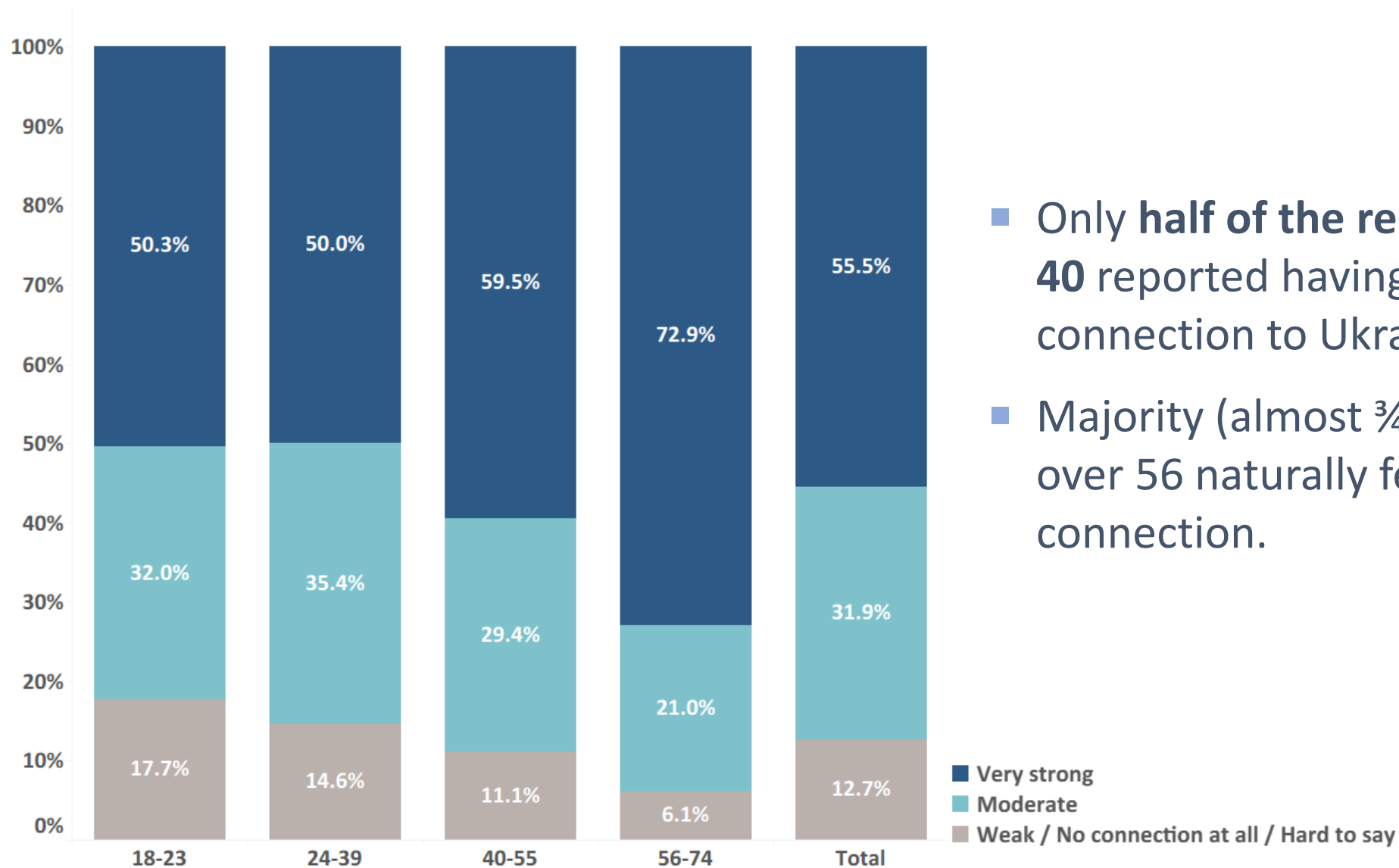
THEME: UKRAINIAN IDENTITY AND CONNECTION

How strongly do you feel connected to Ukraine?



- **63% of female** respondents expressed feeling a *very strong* connection to Ukraine, which was 24% higher than males who said the same.
- Over **1-in-5 male** respondents reported having a *weak or no connection at all*.

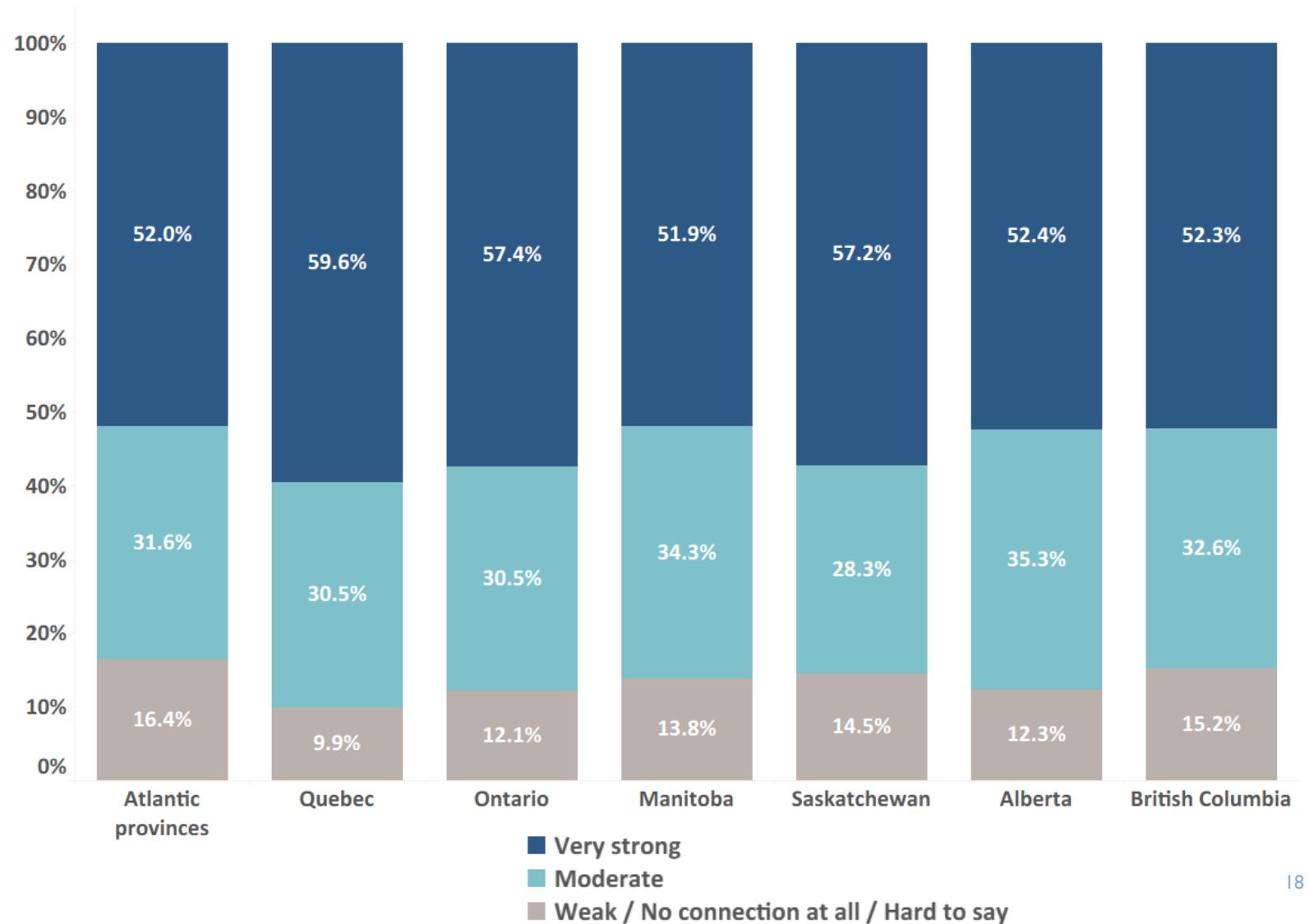
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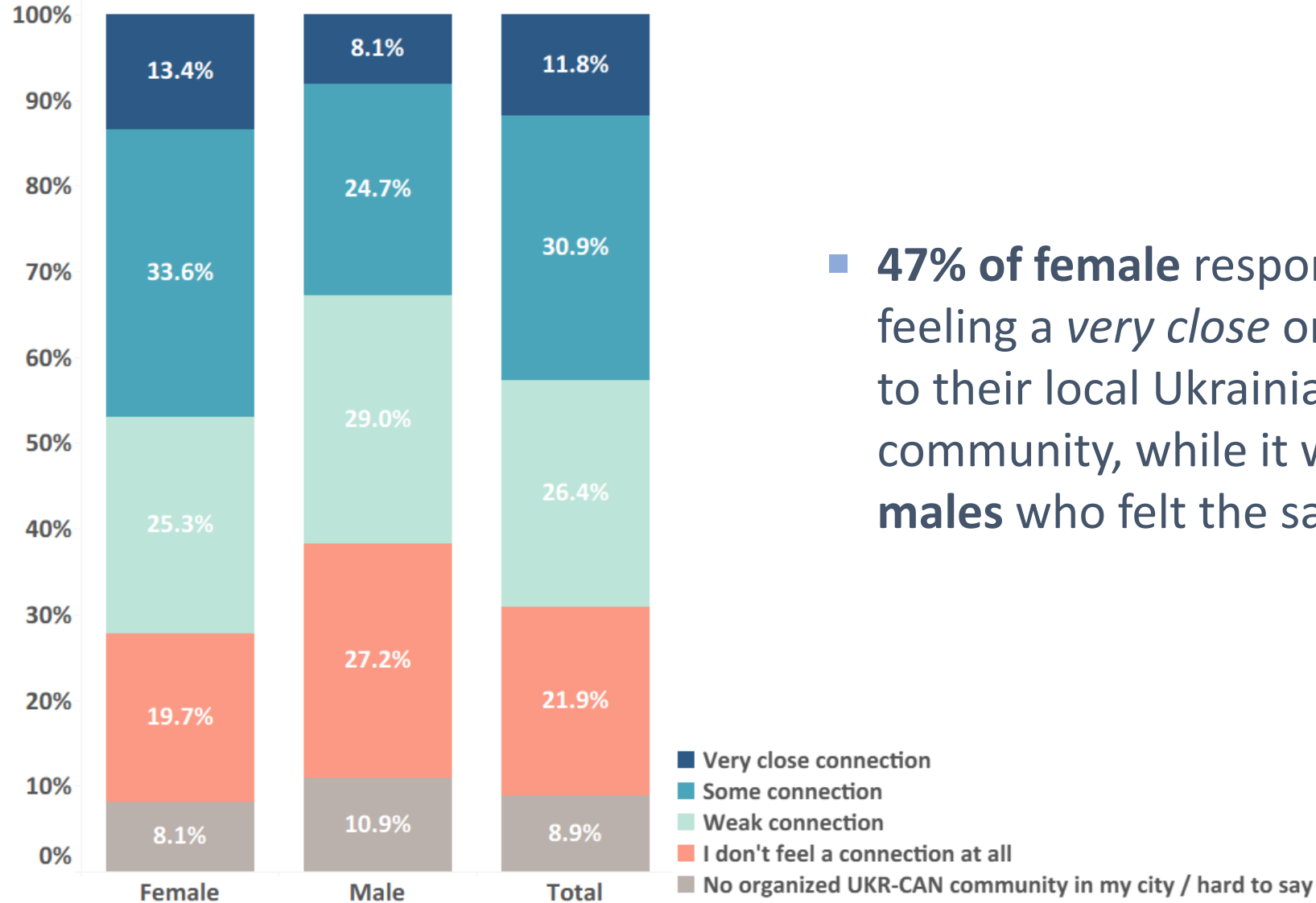
- Only half of the respondents under 40 reported having a *very strong* connection to Ukraine.
- Majority (almost $\frac{3}{4}$) of respondents over 56 naturally felt a very strong connection.

How strongly do you feel connected to Ukraine?

- Quebec, Ontario, and Saskatchewan had the highest proportion of respondents who expressed a *very strong* connection to Ukraine.



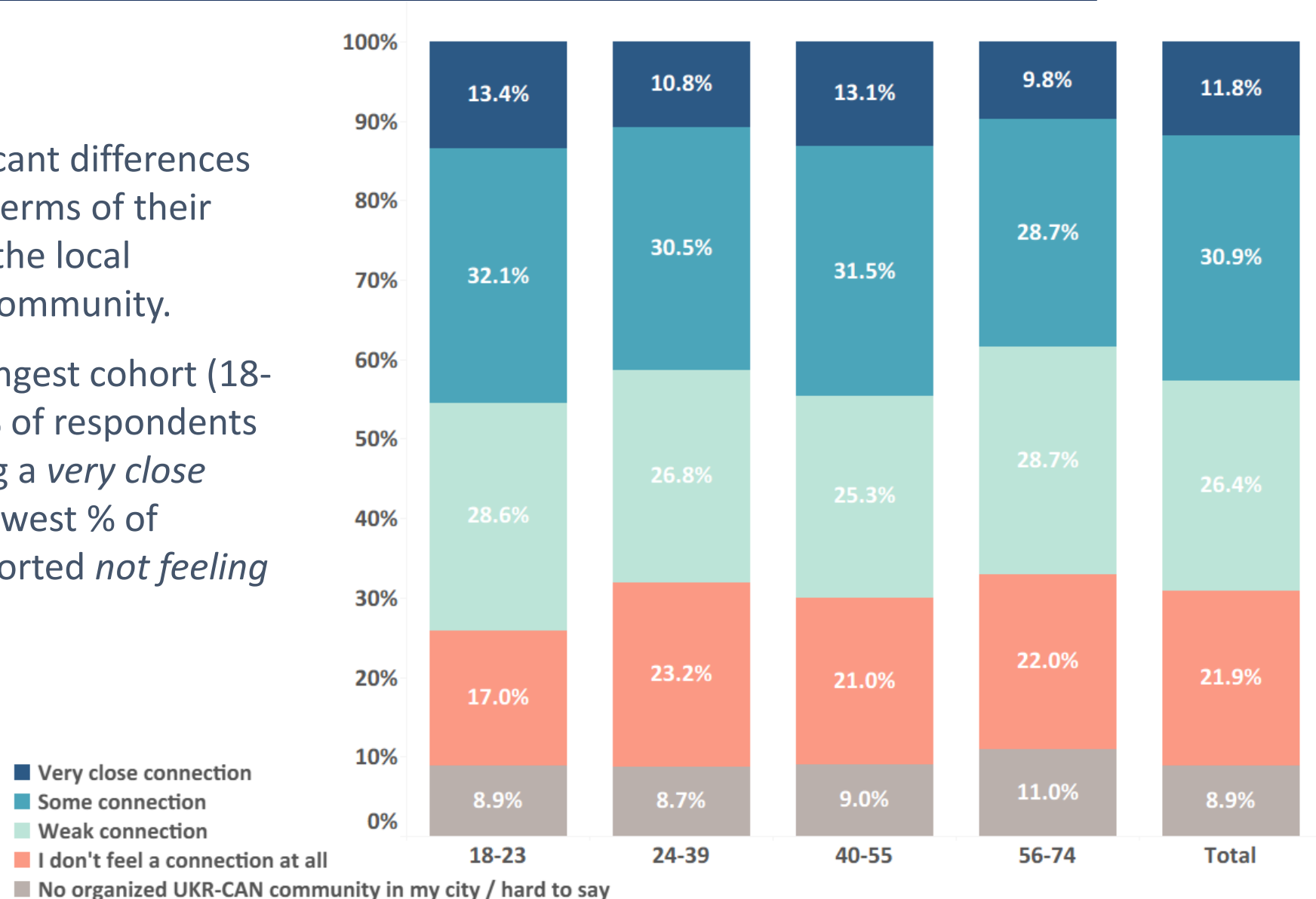
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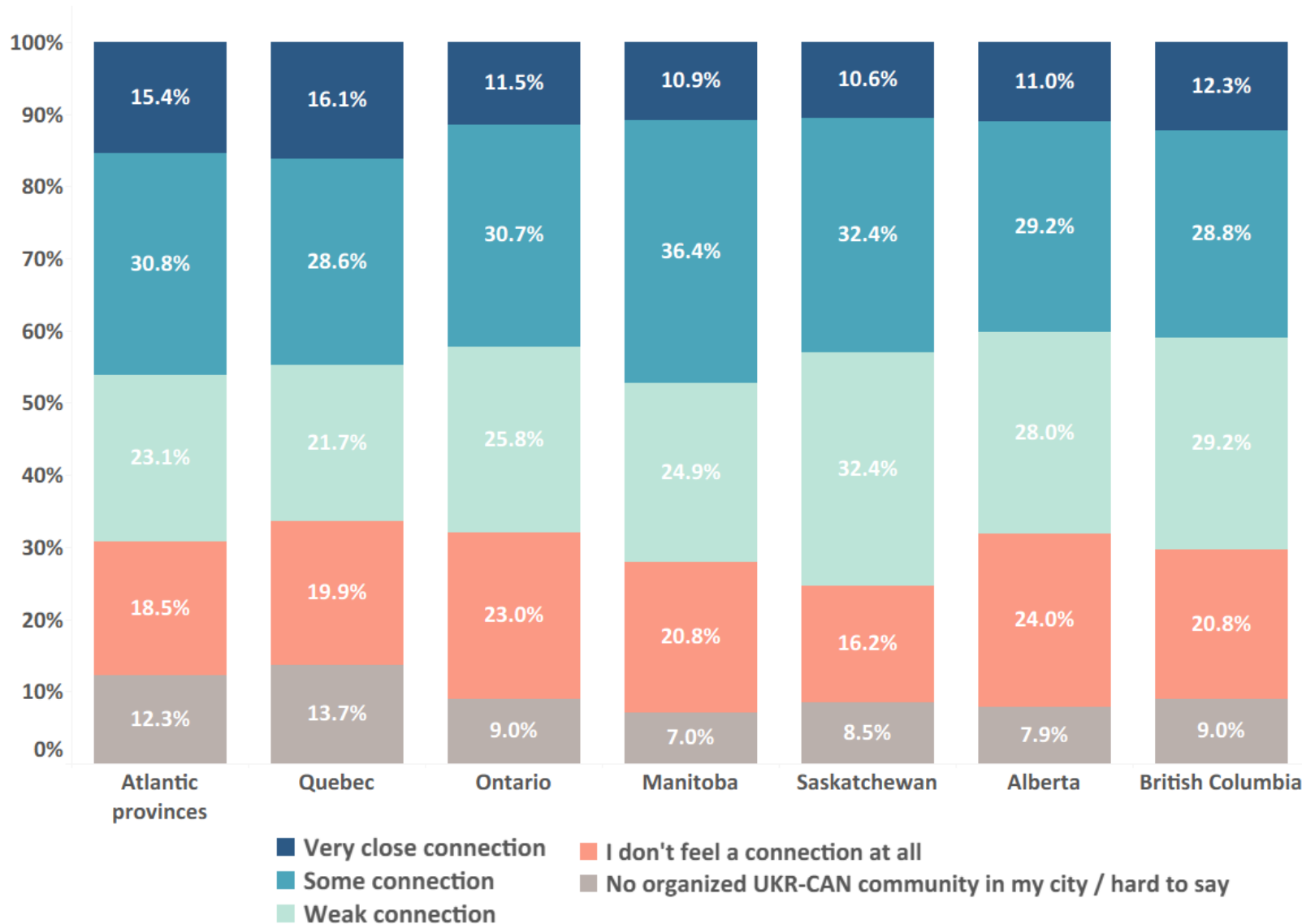
- **47% of female** respondents reported feeling a *very close* or *some connection* to their local Ukrainian-Canadian community, while it was only **33% of males** who felt the same.

How connected do you currently feel to the local Ukrainian-Canadian community in the city, town, or village where you live?

- There were no significant differences across age groups in terms of their feeling connected to the local Ukrainian-Canadian community.
- Interestingly, the youngest cohort (18-23) had the highest % of respondents who expressed having a *very close connection* and the lowest % of respondents who reported *not feeling any connection*.

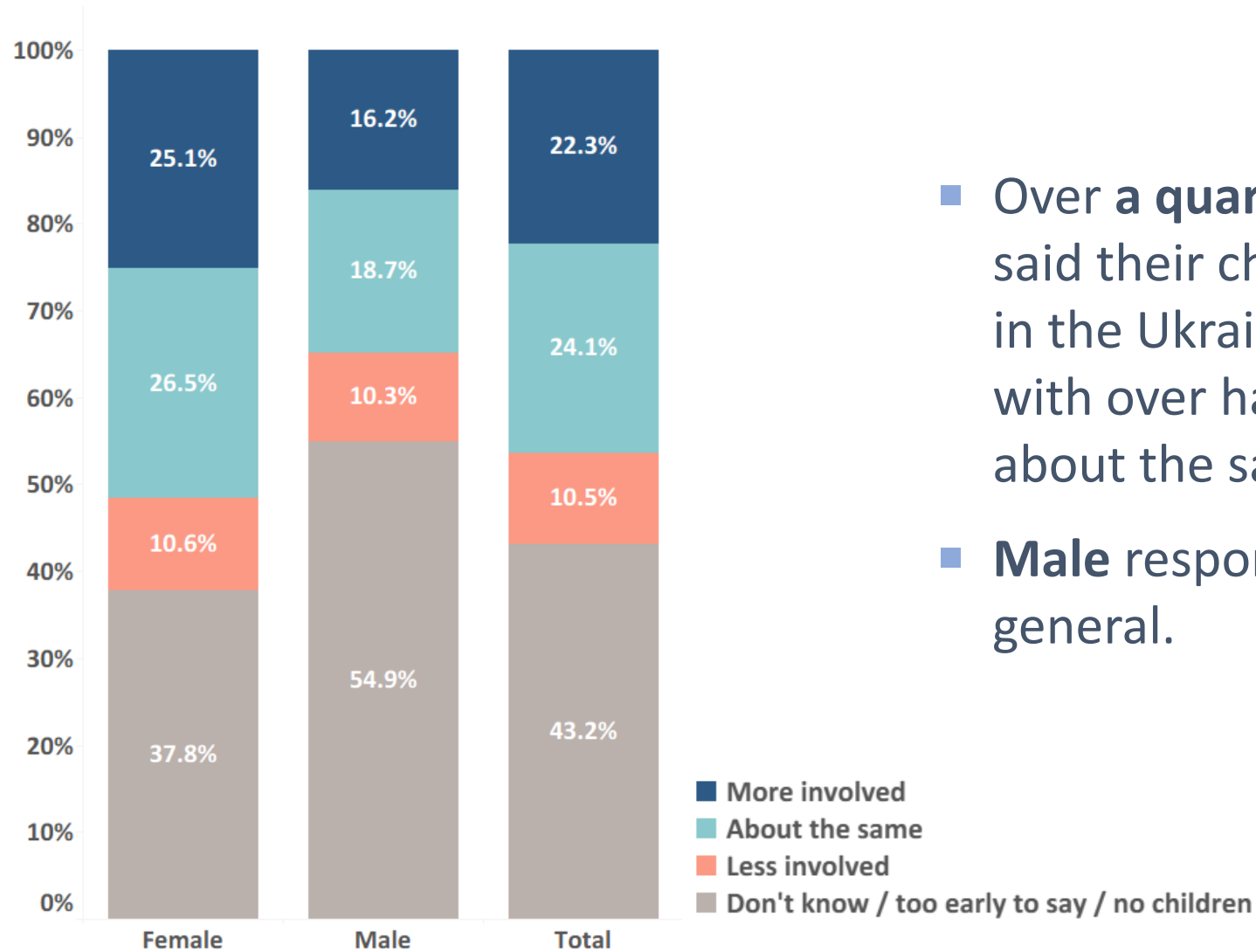


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- There were no significant differences across provinces in terms of respondents feeling connected to the local Ukrainian-Canadian community.
- **Quebec**, followed by the **Atlantic provinces**, had the highest % of respondents who felt a *very close connection*.

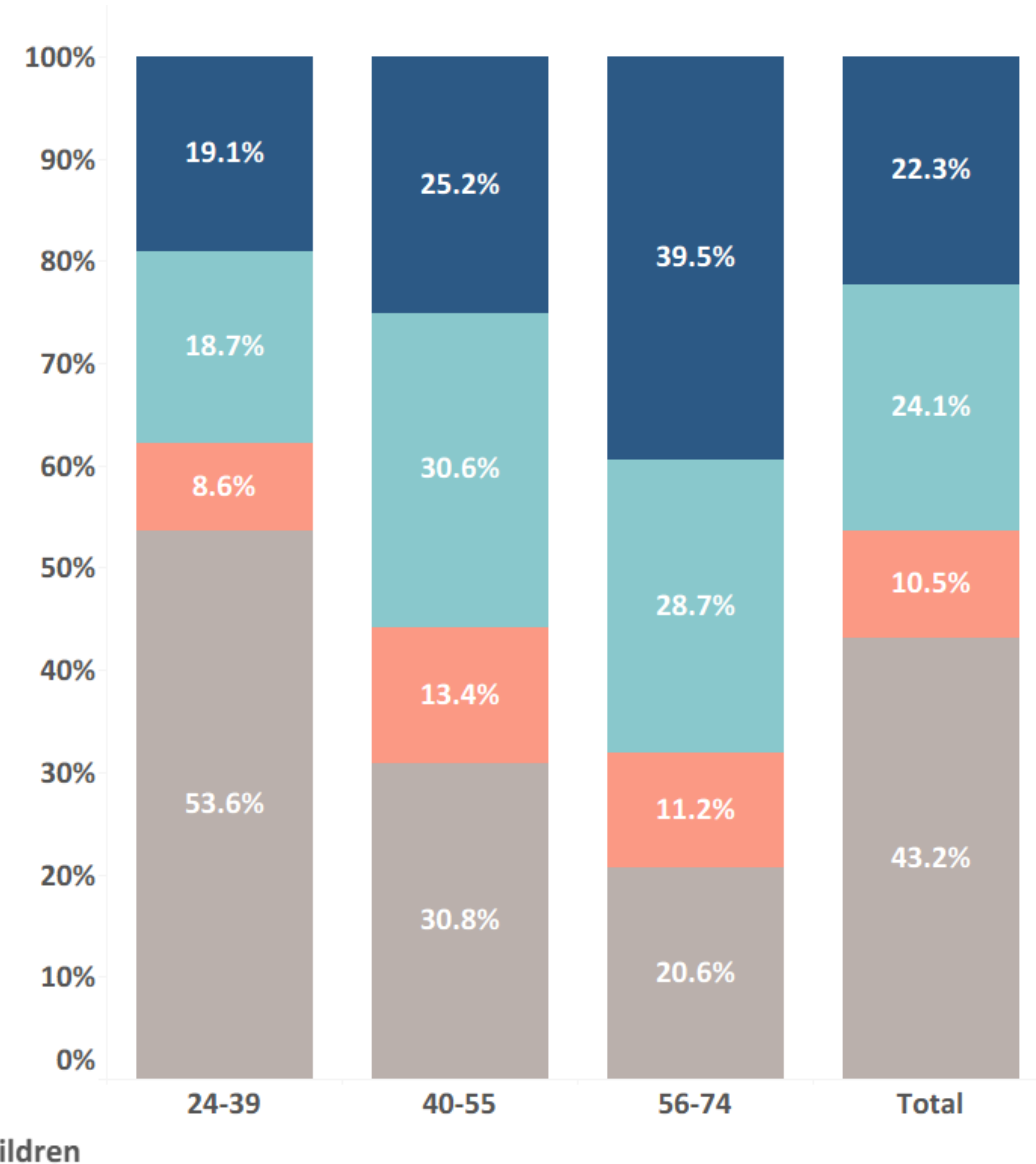
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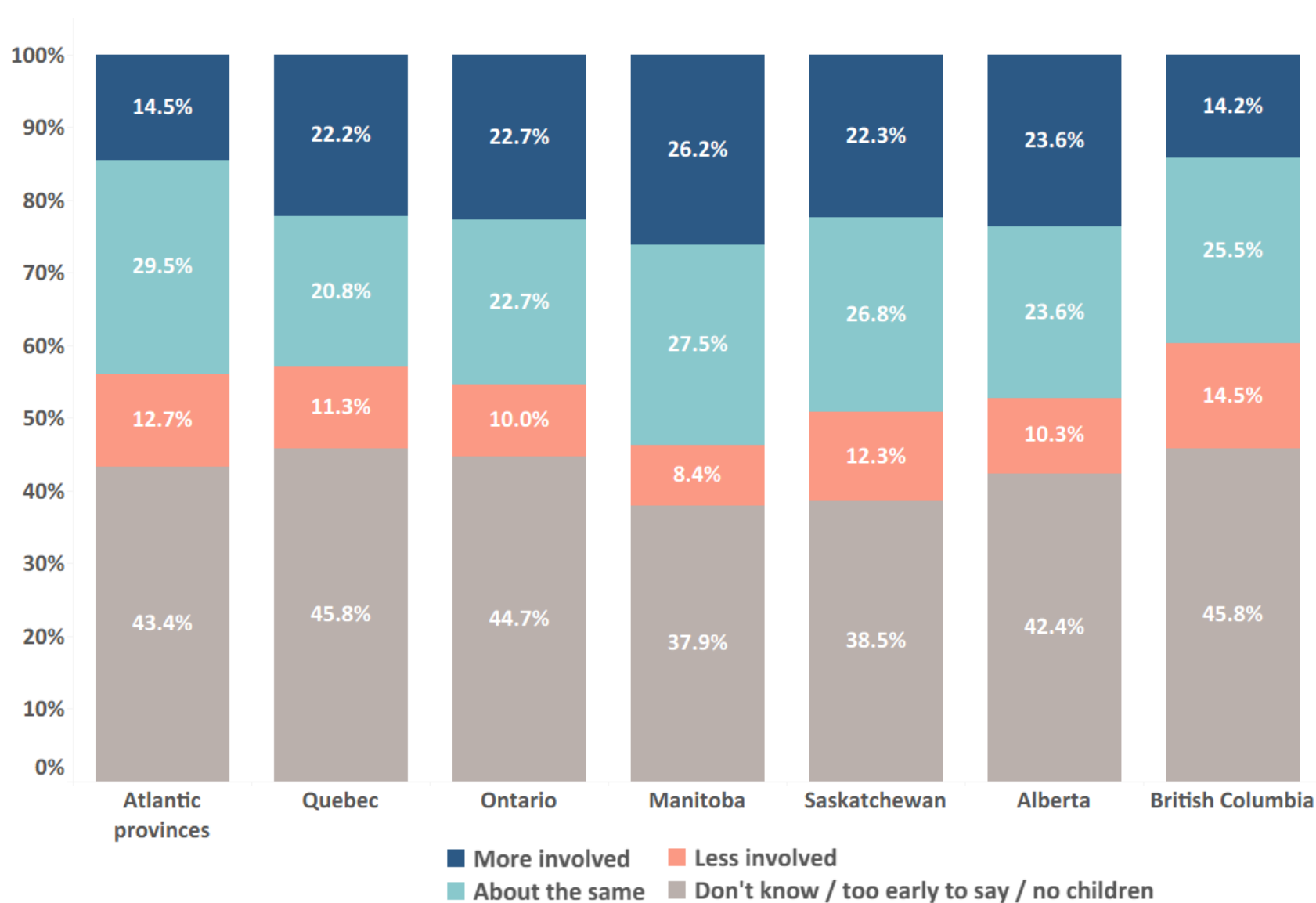
- Over a **quarter of Female** respondents said their children would be *more involved* in the Ukrainian-Canadian community, with over half of them saying it would be about the same or more involved.
- **Male** respondents were less optimistic in general.

If you have children, do you think they are (or will be as they grow older) more involved in the Ukrainian-Canadian community, less involved, or at the same level as you?

- Almost **40% of the older respondents (over 56)** said their children would be *more involved* in the Ukrainian-Canadian community.
- Only **1-in-5 of the 24-39 year old** respondents expressed the same level of optimism.



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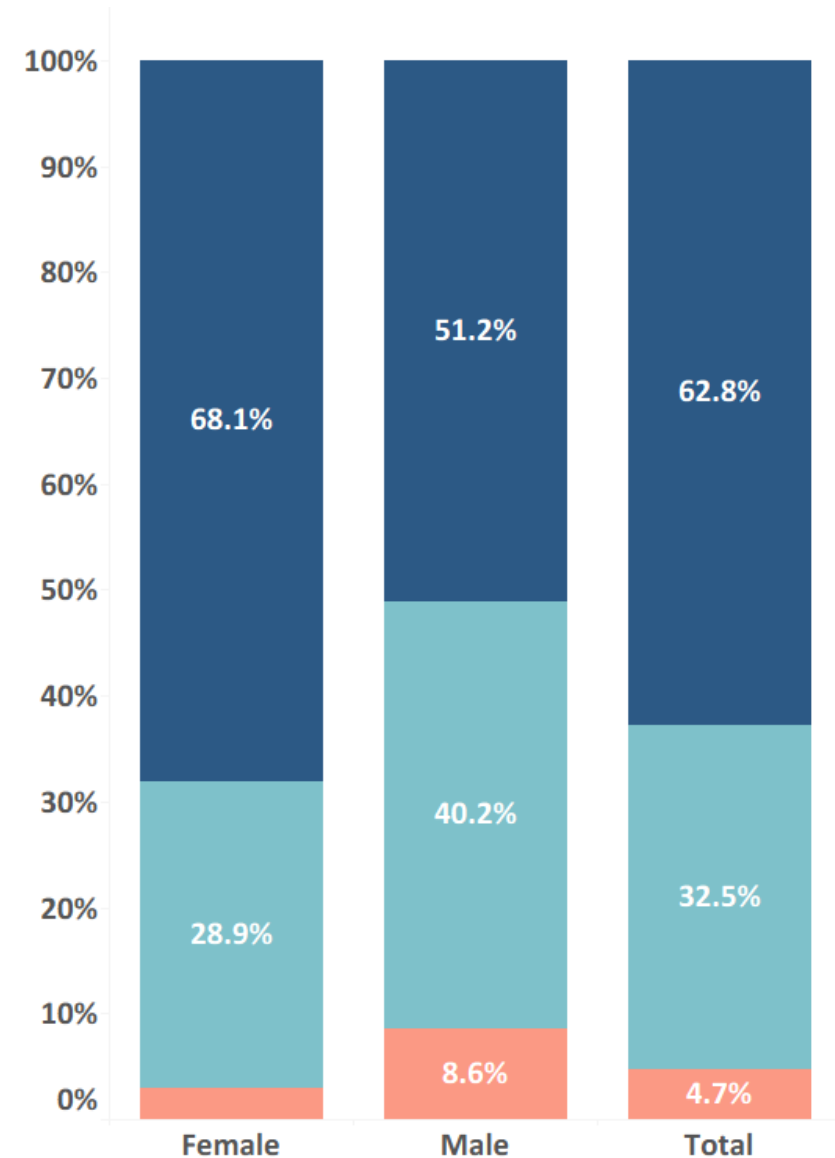


■ Respondents from both **coastal provinces** were *less* optimistic (~14%) about their children being more involved in the community while it was the highest among **Manitoba** residents

Respondents were asked to indicate how important they considered the following items to be as part of Ukrainian identity in Canada today:

- Celebrating Ukrainian holidays (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- Being part of the Ukrainian-Canadian community (local or national)
- Active participation in Ukrainian organizations/projects
- Participating in cultural events related to Ukraine
- Ukrainian ancestry
- Proficiency in the Ukrainian language
- Participating in religious events
- Remembering and honoring historical events
- Caring about Ukraine
- Knowledge and respect for the history and experiences of Ukrainians in Canada

■ Required
■ Important but not required
■ Not important / Other

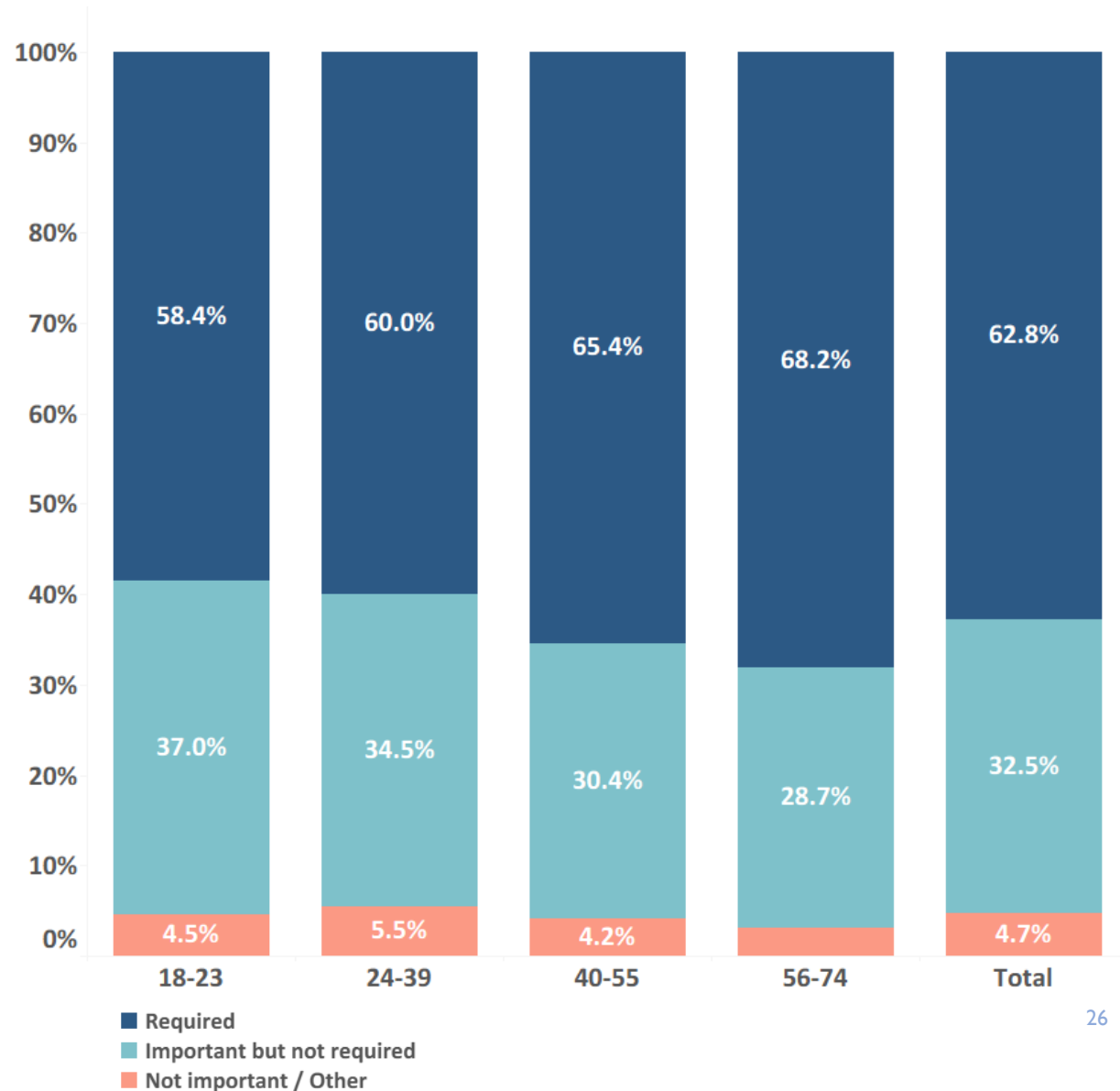


■ 17% more female respondents than males considered these items to be a ‘requirement’ for Ukrainian identity.

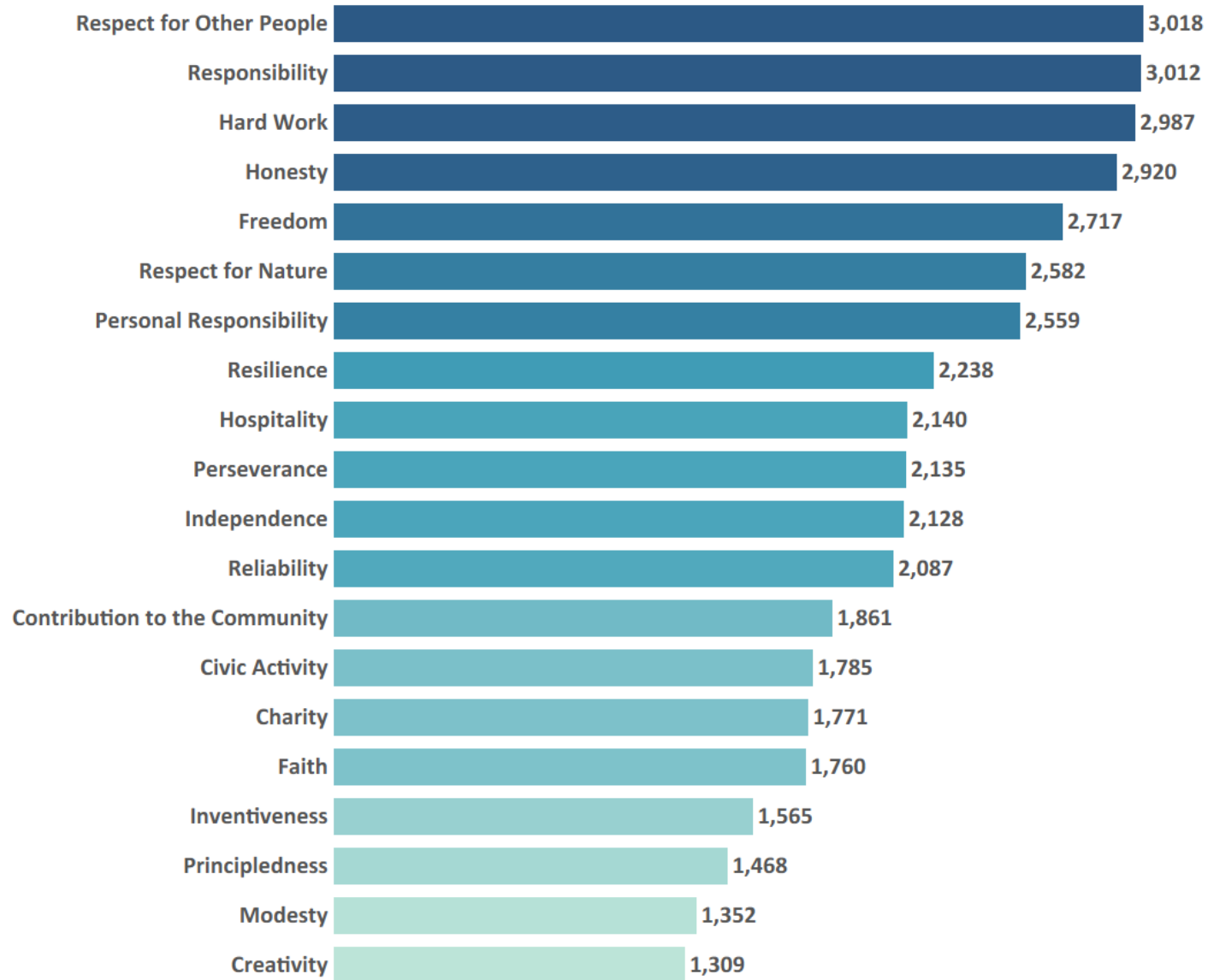
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- Older respondents more likely to consider these items as a ‘requirement’ for Ukrainian identity.



Which of the following values, if any, most closely align with your personal beliefs as a Ukrainian in Canada (or a person of Ukrainian descent)?

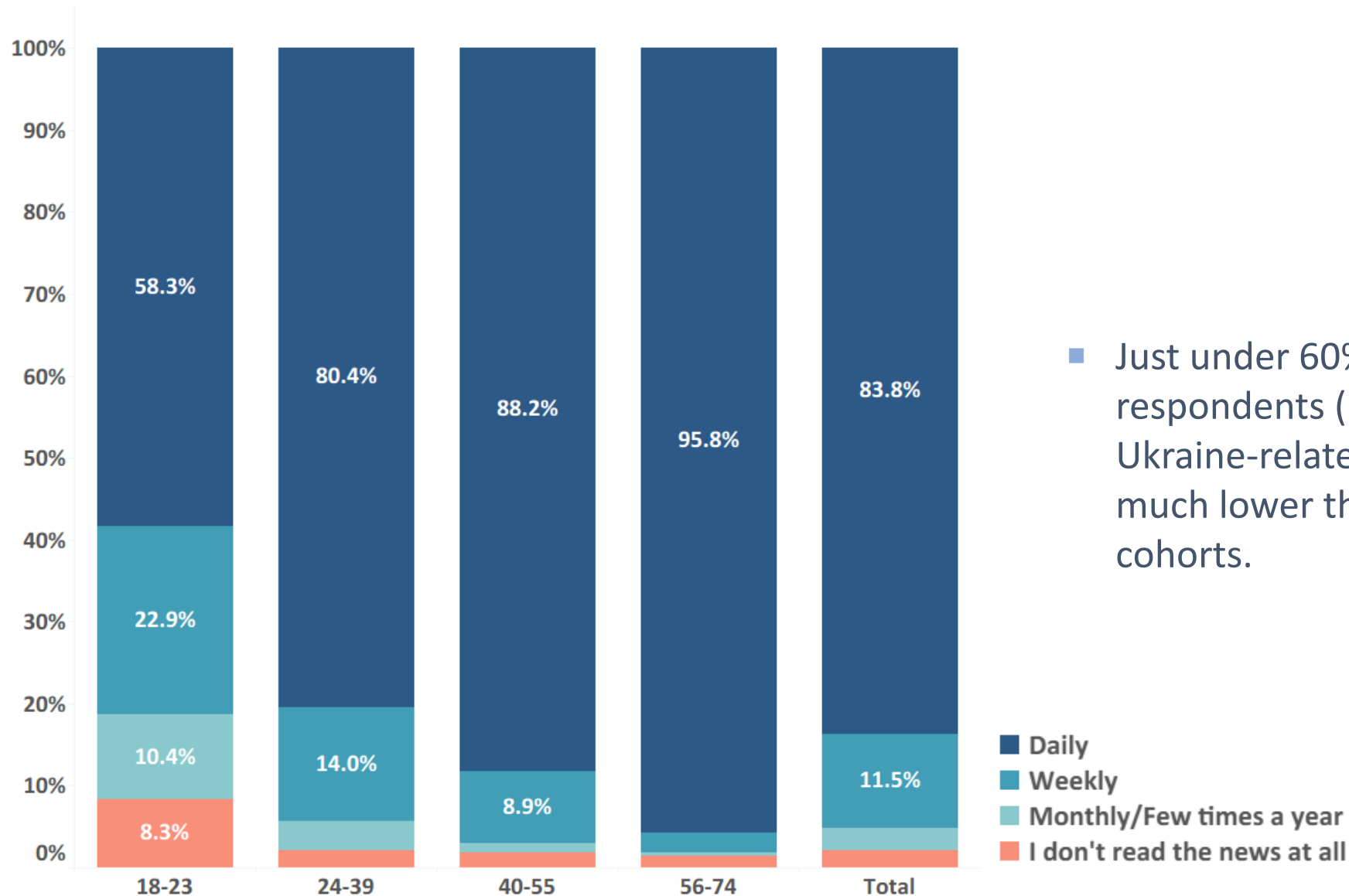


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Top 5 values	Sex			Age			
	Total	Female	Male	18-23	24-39	40-55	56-74
Respect for other people	72.3%	75.5%	64.3%	68.2%	71.2%	73.3%	69.1%
Responsibility	72.1%	73.6%	67.9%	69.4%	69.6%	75.0%	67.9%
Hard work	71.6%	74.0%	65.4%	60.1%	70.8%	73.6%	65.4%
Honesty	70.0%	71.1%	66.3%	57.2%	68.8%	72.1%	67.9%
Freedom	65.1%	66.0%	62.5%	67.6%	63.1%	67.0%	60.1%

Relatively lower % of the younger cohort (18-23) marked the values of ‘hard work’ and ‘honesty’ aligning with their personal beliefs.

How often do you read news about Ukraine (if at all)?



- Just under 60% of the younger respondents (18-23) said they read Ukraine-related news on a daily basis – much lower than any other age cohorts.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

IDENTITY AND CONNECTION

- More than half of the respondents said they felt a *very strong connection* to **Ukraine**, majority of whom were women and over the age of 40. Male respondents felt a *weak or no connection* at a relatively higher rate (one in five).
- Almost half of the female respondents also felt a *very close or somewhat close* connection to their **local Ukrainian-Canadian community**, while only a third of the males felt the same.
- Middle-aged (40-55) respondents with children were much more optimistic about their **children being involved in the Ukrainian-Canadian community** compared to younger adults (24-39) with children.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

IDENTITY AND CONNECTION

- Values that aligned most closely with respondents' personal beliefs – Respect for other people, Responsibility, Hard work, Honesty, and Freedom.
- Women were much more rigid about behaviors and aspects related to Ukrainian-identity than men in the survey.
- Younger respondents (18-23) were reportedly reading news related to Ukraine at a significantly lower frequency than older respondents.

Summary of Results

THEME: MIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT

Which of the services or types of support were difficult for you to obtain after your arrival?

Main services and support

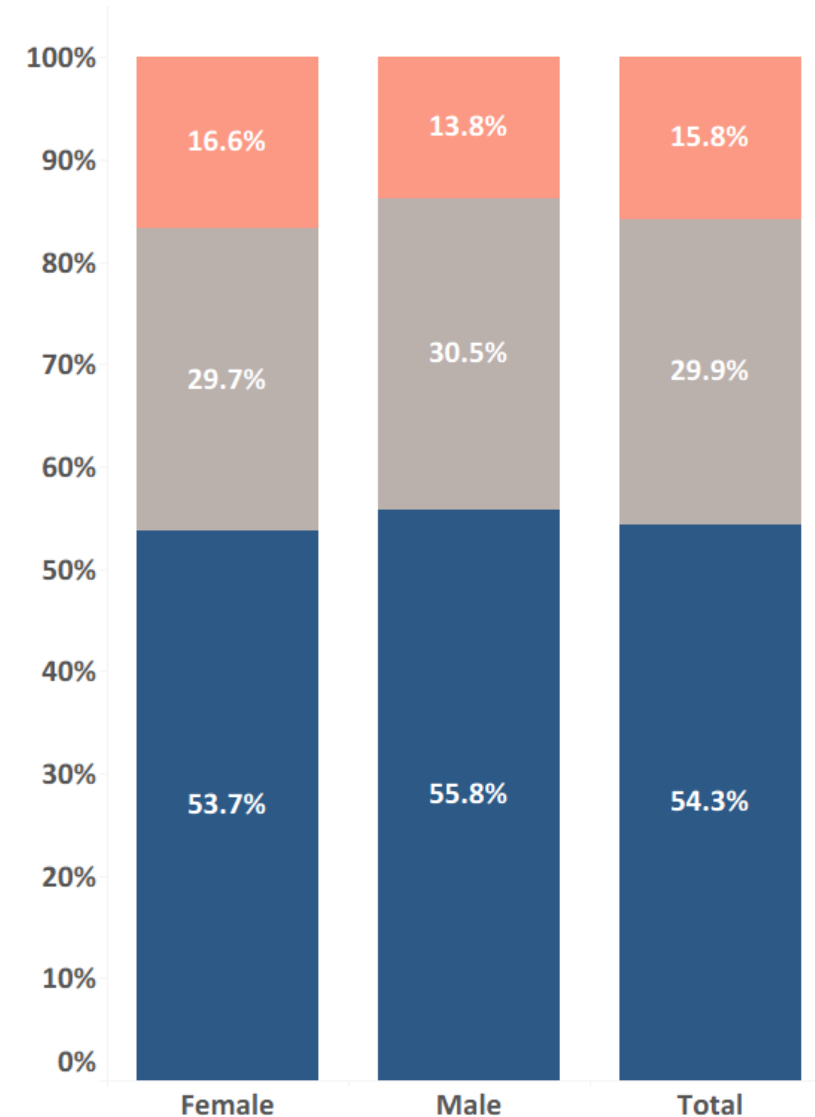
	Sex			Age			
	Total	Female	Male	18-23	24-39	40-55	56-74
Employment services or job search assistance	39.9%	42.5%	35.7%	41.0%	38.4%	42.8%	38.3%
Immigration or legal information	32.7%	32.6%	34.2%	24.9%	35.3%	32.9%	23.5%
Housing support programs	32.1%	32.6%	32.1%	30.6%	30.3%	35.4%	28.8%
Language courses or language training	24.0%	24.3%	24.0%	18.5%	23.0%	26.9%	21.4%
Assistance with recognition of diplomas or obtaining licenses (for professionals such as doctors, teachers, etc.)	19.9%	20.4%	19.2%	13.9%	20.5%	20.7%	17.3%

- **Employment services** was the top priority which all groups found difficult to obtain
- Middle-aged respondents (40-55) also cited **housing support programs** as another service which was lacking.

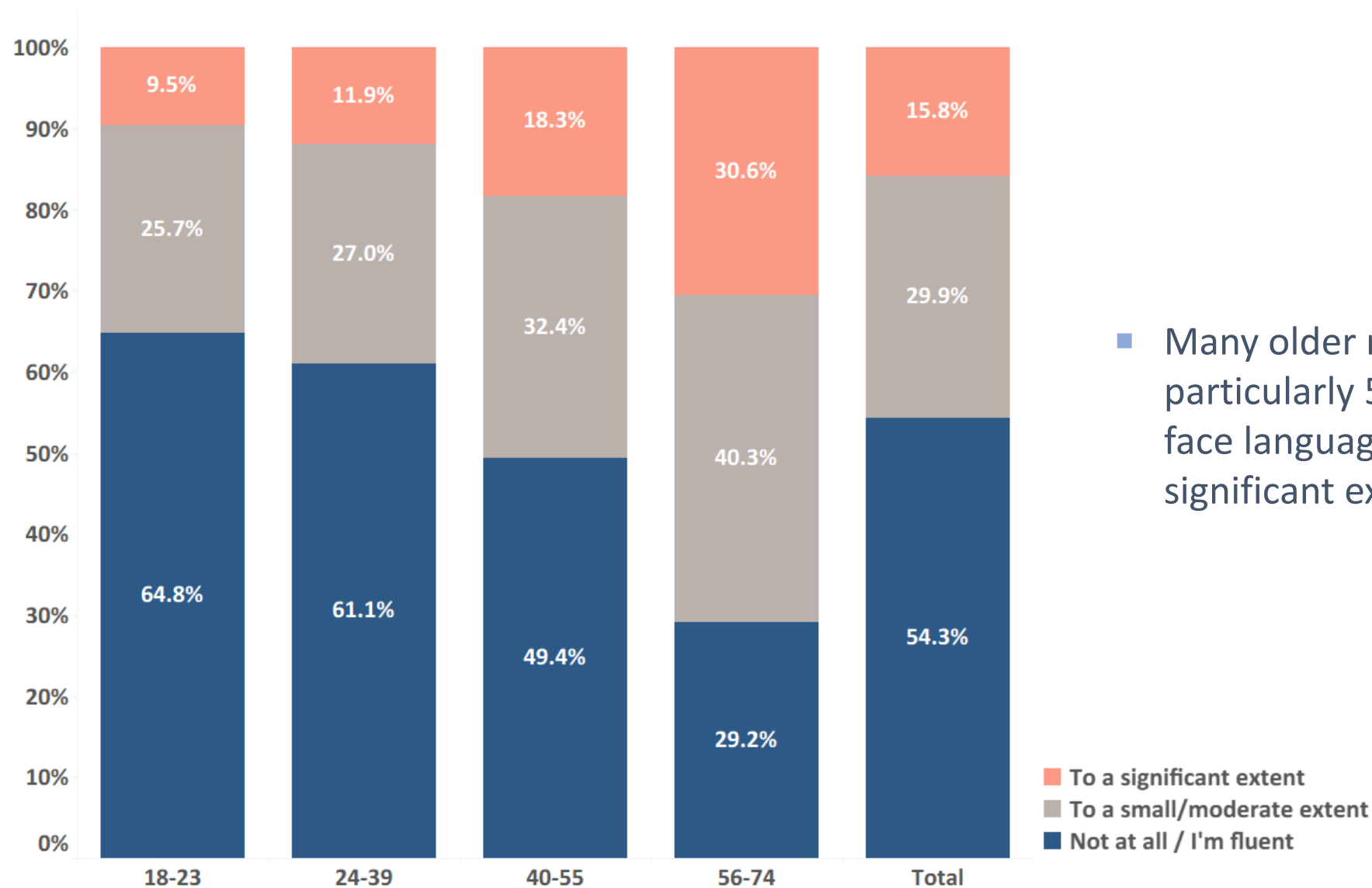
To what extent, in your opinion, has insufficient language skills (e.g., Ukrainian, English, French) been an obstacle to your participation or integration in a Ukrainian-Canadian organization?

- Roughly 45% of the respondents reported facing some language-related obstacles in their participation or integration in a local organization.

■ To a significant extent
■ To a small/moderate extent
■ Not at all / I'm fluent

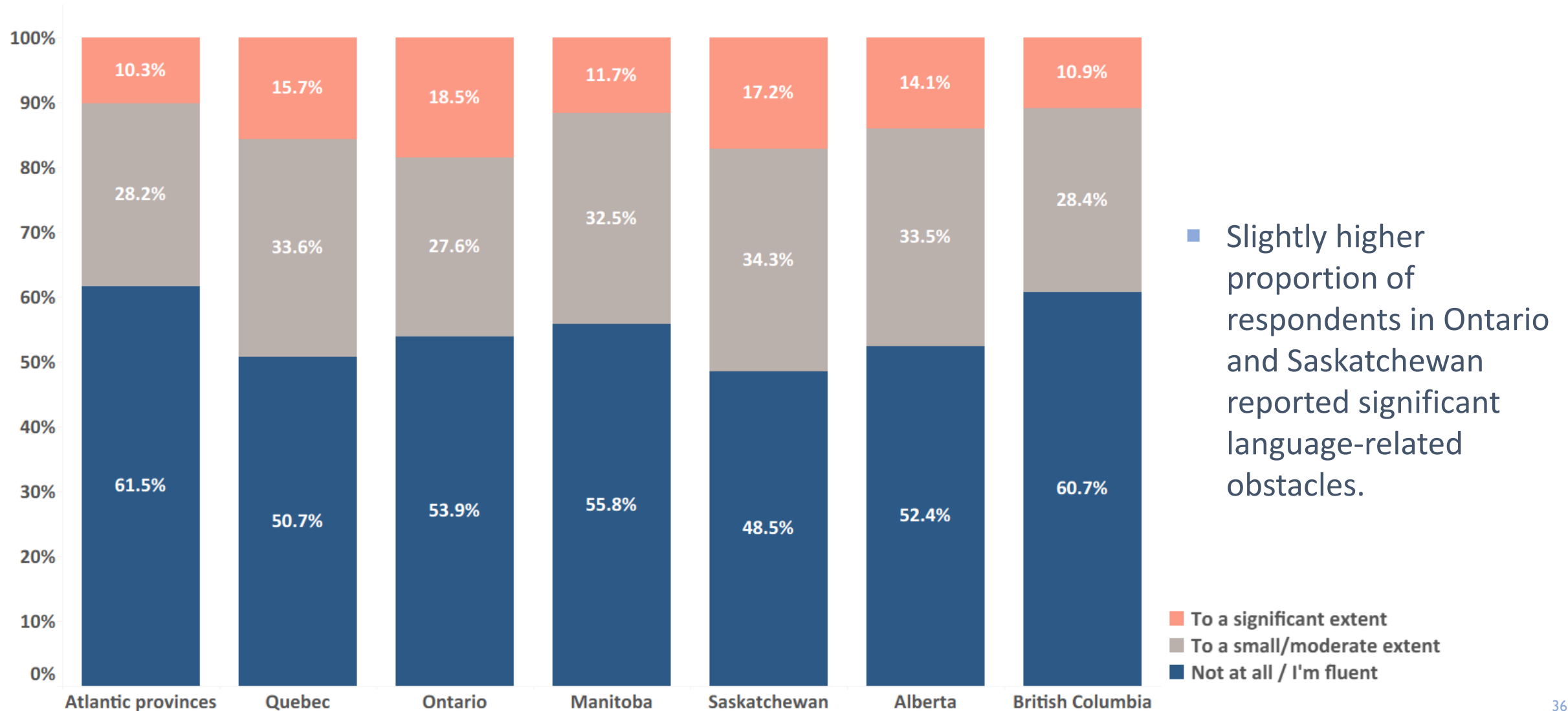


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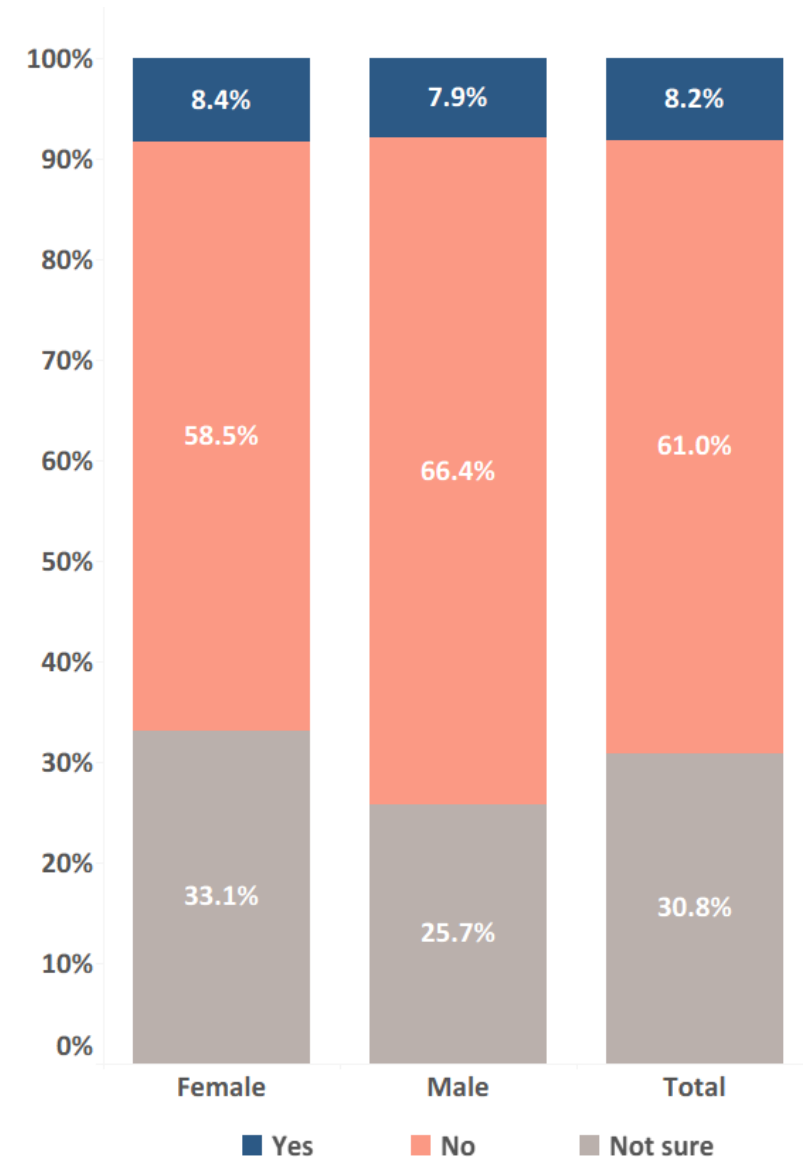
- Many older respondents (over 30%), particularly 56 and older, seemed to face language-related obstacles to a significant extent.

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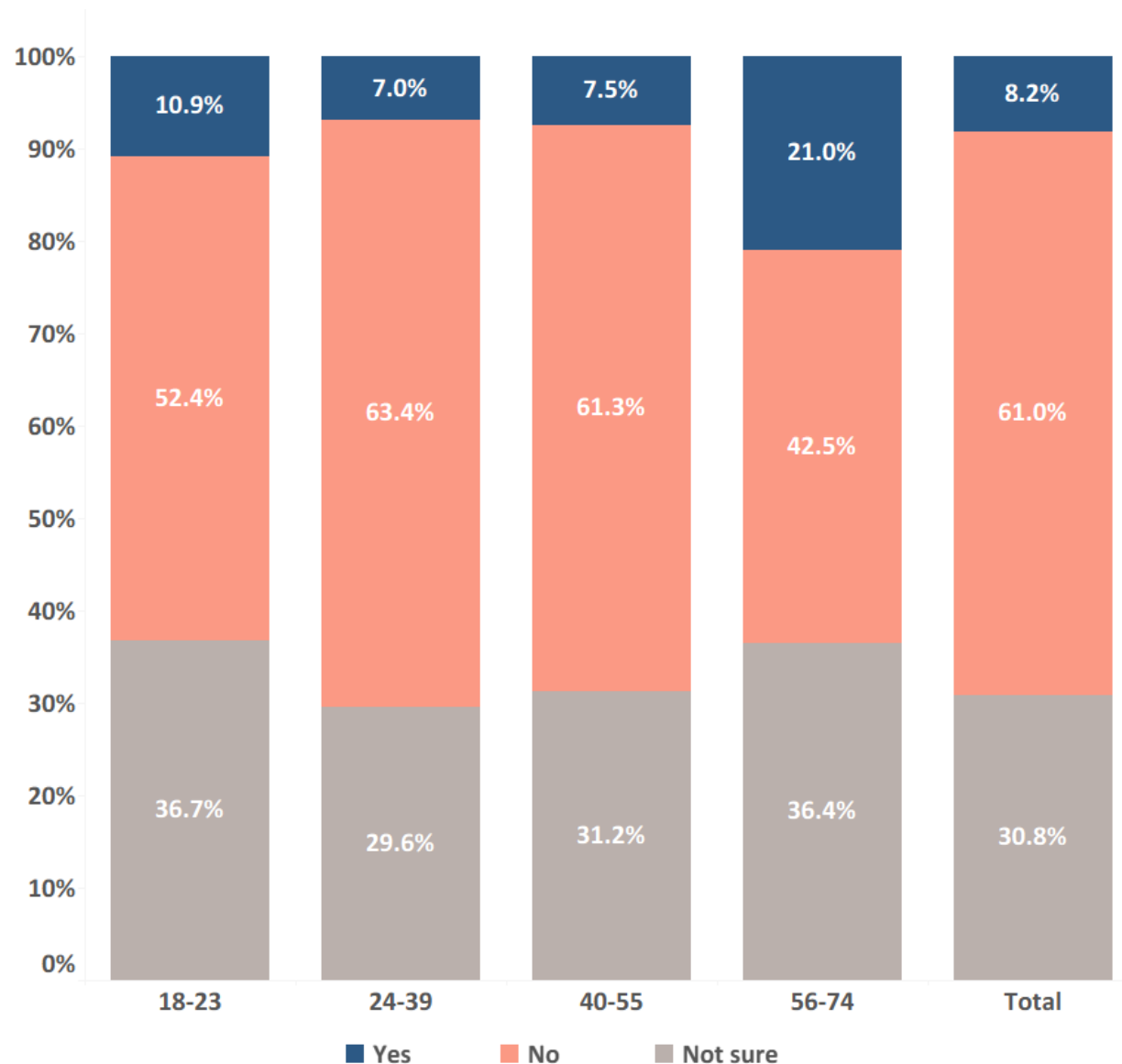


Are you considering returning to Ukraine in the near future?

- Roughly 61% of the respondents said they were NOT considering returning to Ukraine in the near future – slightly higher proportion of **males** had this opinion.

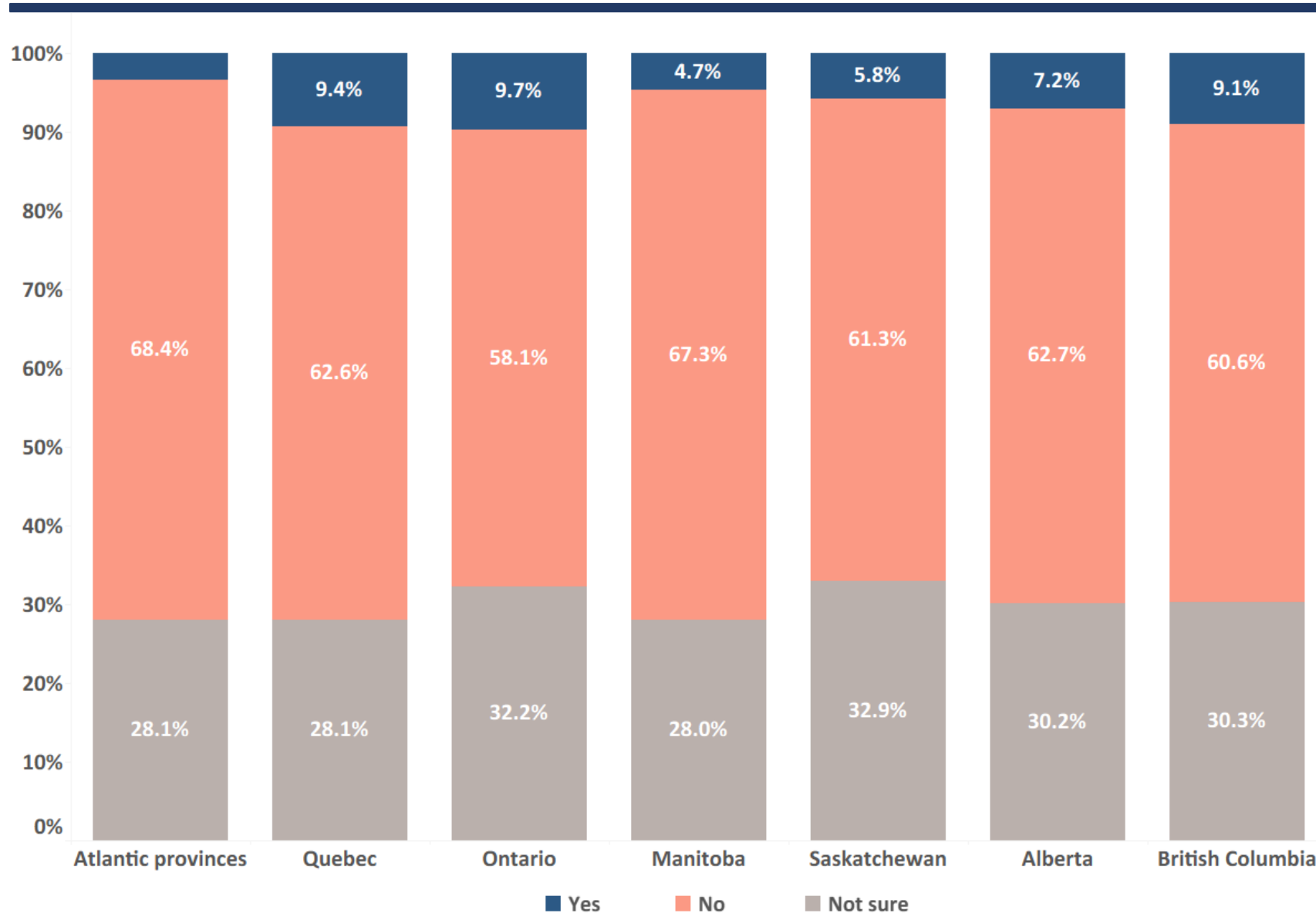


Are you considering returning to Ukraine in the near future?



- Over 1-in-5 of the 56-74 year old respondents were considering returning to Ukraine in the near future.
- Interestingly, 18-23 year old respondents were slightly more optimistic about returning compared to 24-55 year old respondents.

Are you considering returning to Ukraine in the near future?



- Respondents in Atlantic provinces were the least optimistic about returning – over 68% said ‘No’.

What influences your decision to return to Ukraine?

(Asked of those who said they were either considering or not sure about returning to Ukraine in the near future.)

Main reasons

	Sex			Age			
	Total	Female	Male	18-23	24-39	40-55	56-74
Part of your family is in Ukraine	48.5%	49.2%	46.6%	60.0%	50.0%	46.8%	44.7%
No access to permanent residency	46.6%	44.1%	53.7%	28.6%	50.5%	47.4%	35.0%
High cost of living in Canada	43.4%	42.8%	45.1%	41.4%	44.1%	41.4%	49.6%
Homesickness or emotional connection to Ukraine	42.1%	45.0%	34.2%	61.4%	46.5%	34.6%	43.9%
Lack of affordable housing to rent or buy	38.8%	38.8%	38.7%	30.0%	37.7%	40.0%	41.5%
Difficulty finding stable work	38.7%	39.5%	36.7%	40.0%	37.7%	39.0%	42.3%

- Over 60% of the younger adults (18-23) cited ‘family’ and ‘emotional connection’ as their reasons of wanting to return to Ukraine.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

MIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT

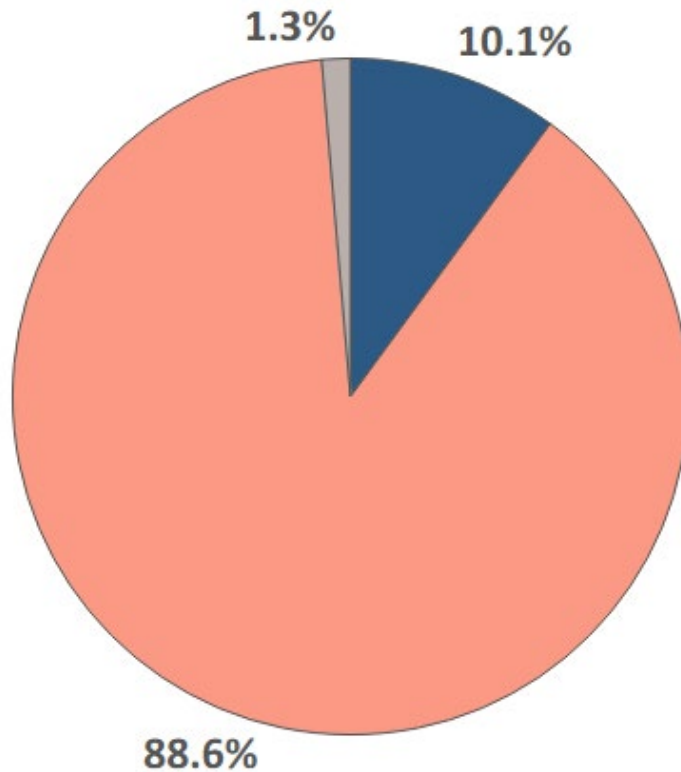
- *Employment services and job search assistance* was cited as the **most difficult to obtain** support after arrival.
- **Insufficient language skills** seemed to be an obstacle to *some or even significant extent* for at least half of the 40-55 age group and for over 70% of respondents over 56.
- While most respondents said they were **not considering returning to Ukraine** in the near future, at least *one-in-five of the 56+ age group* respondents were optimistic about returning.
- *Family connection, no access to permanent residency, and high cost of living in Canada* were the top reasons for those who were considering (or were unsure about) returning to Ukraine.

Summary of Results

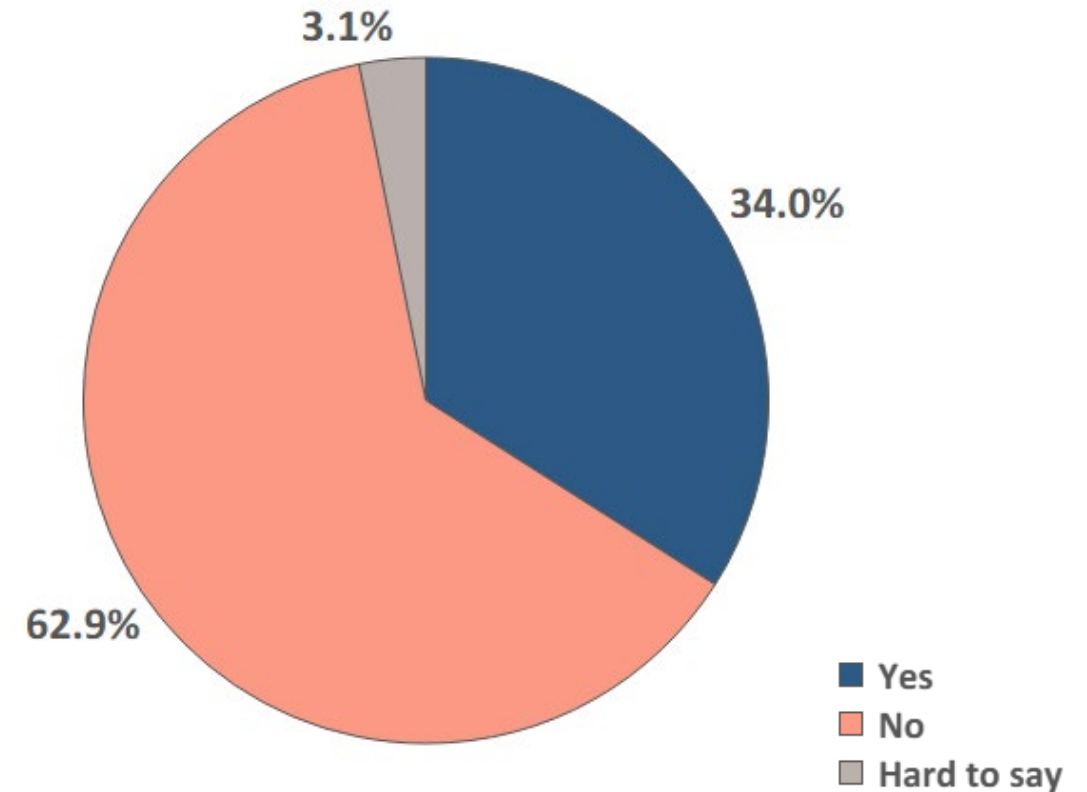
THEME: CULTURE AND HERITAGE

.... a Ukrainian school in Canada (within the public or Catholic school system, or in an evening/Saturday school)?

Did you attend ...?

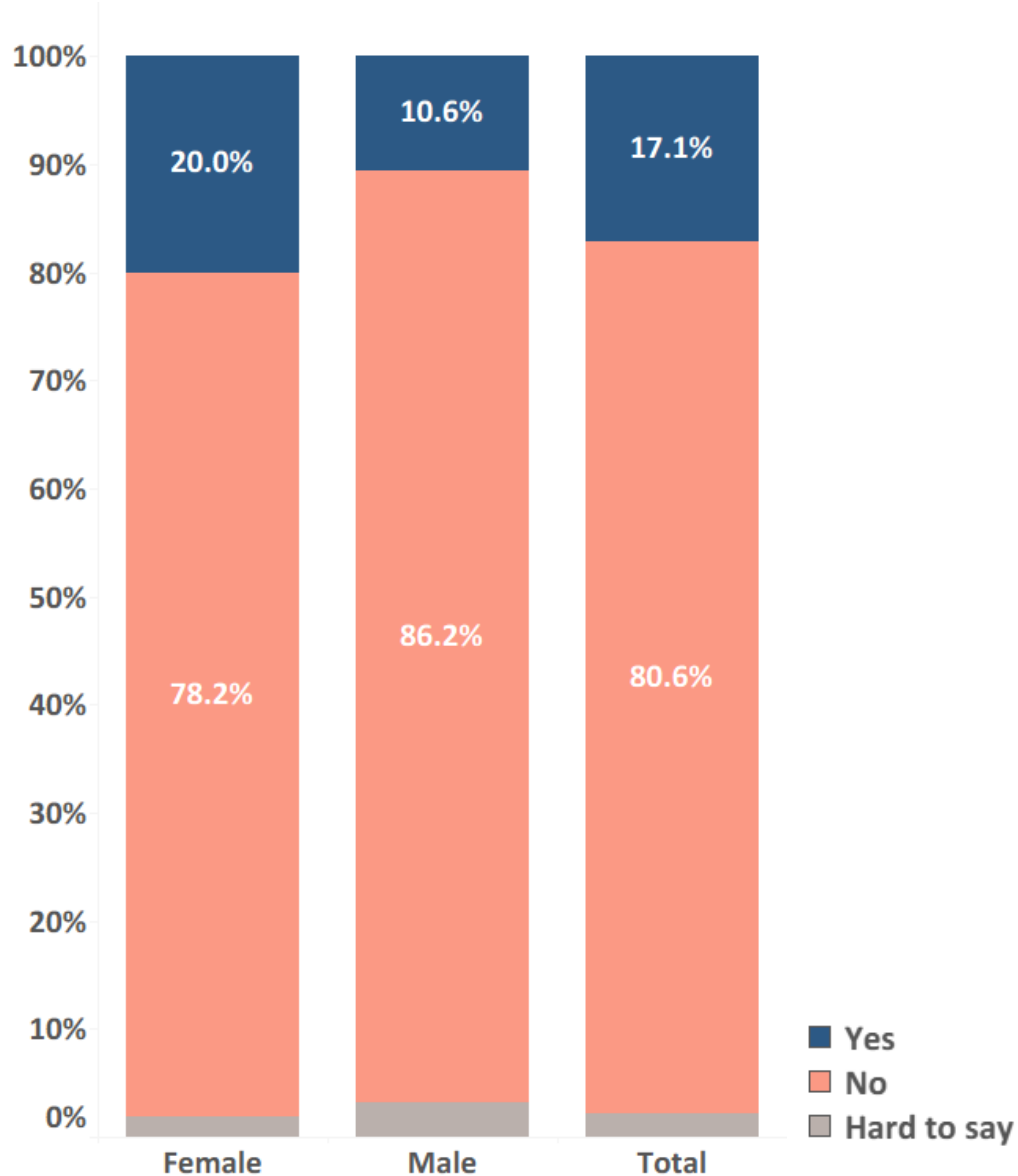


If you have children, did they attend ...?



- 10% of the respondents had attended a Ukrainian school in Canada, while the children of over a third of the respondents were attending the same.

Have you participated in other Ukrainian educational or artistic programs in Canada (e.g., youth organization, dance ensemble, music program, Sunday school)?



- 20% of the female respondents said they have participated in Ukrainian educational or artistic programs in Canada, while only 10% of the male respondents reported the same.

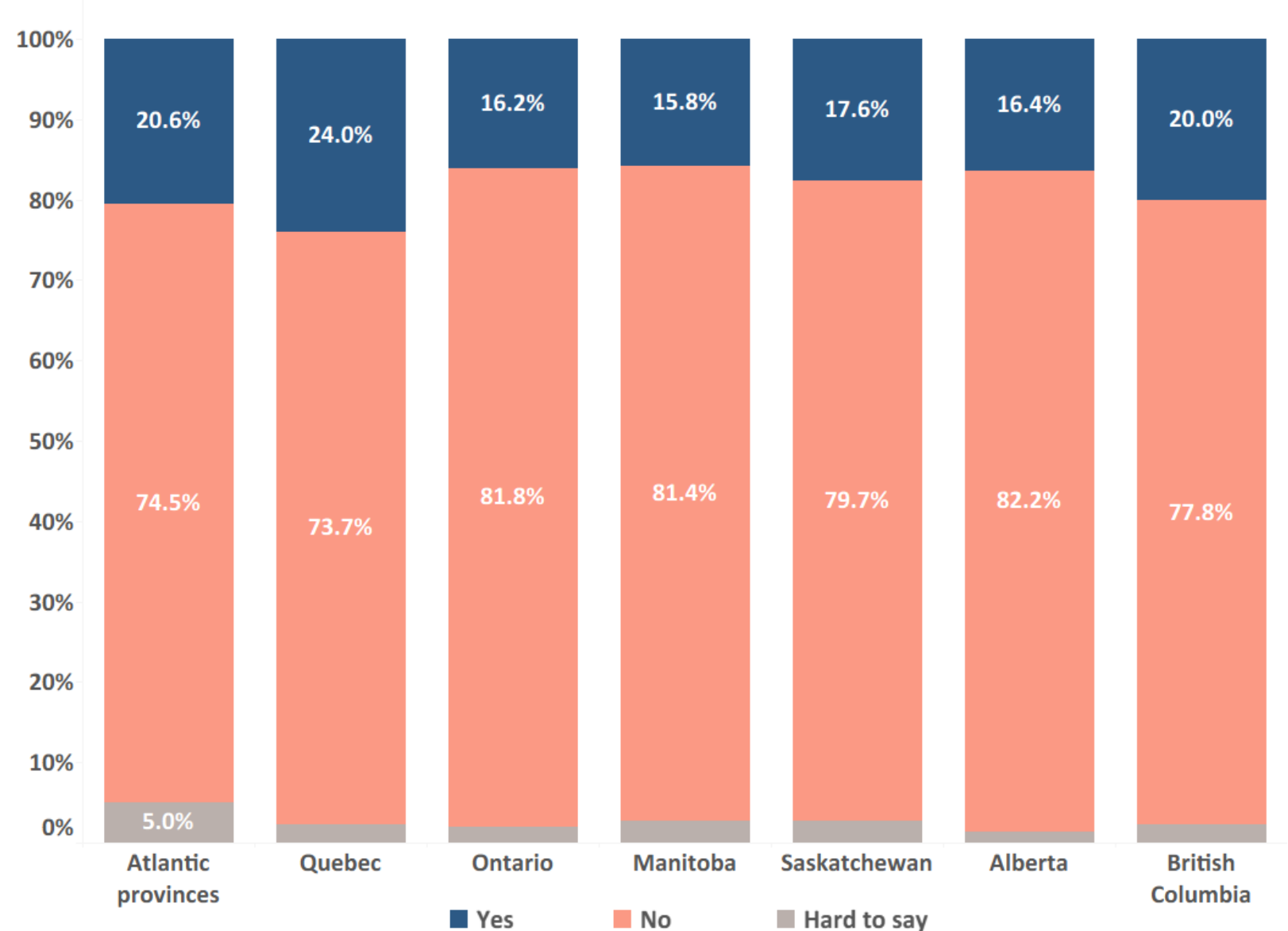
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- 18-23 and 40-55 age group respondents had higher rates of participation compared to other age groups.

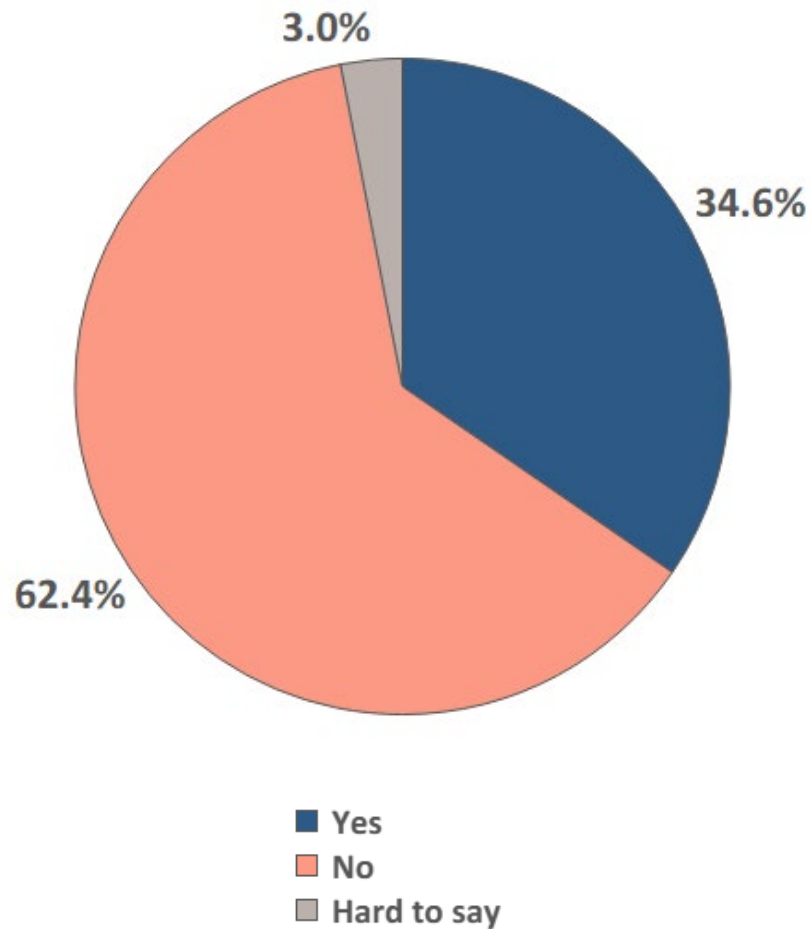


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- Quebec respondents reported higher rates of participation, followed by Atlantic provinces and British Columbia.

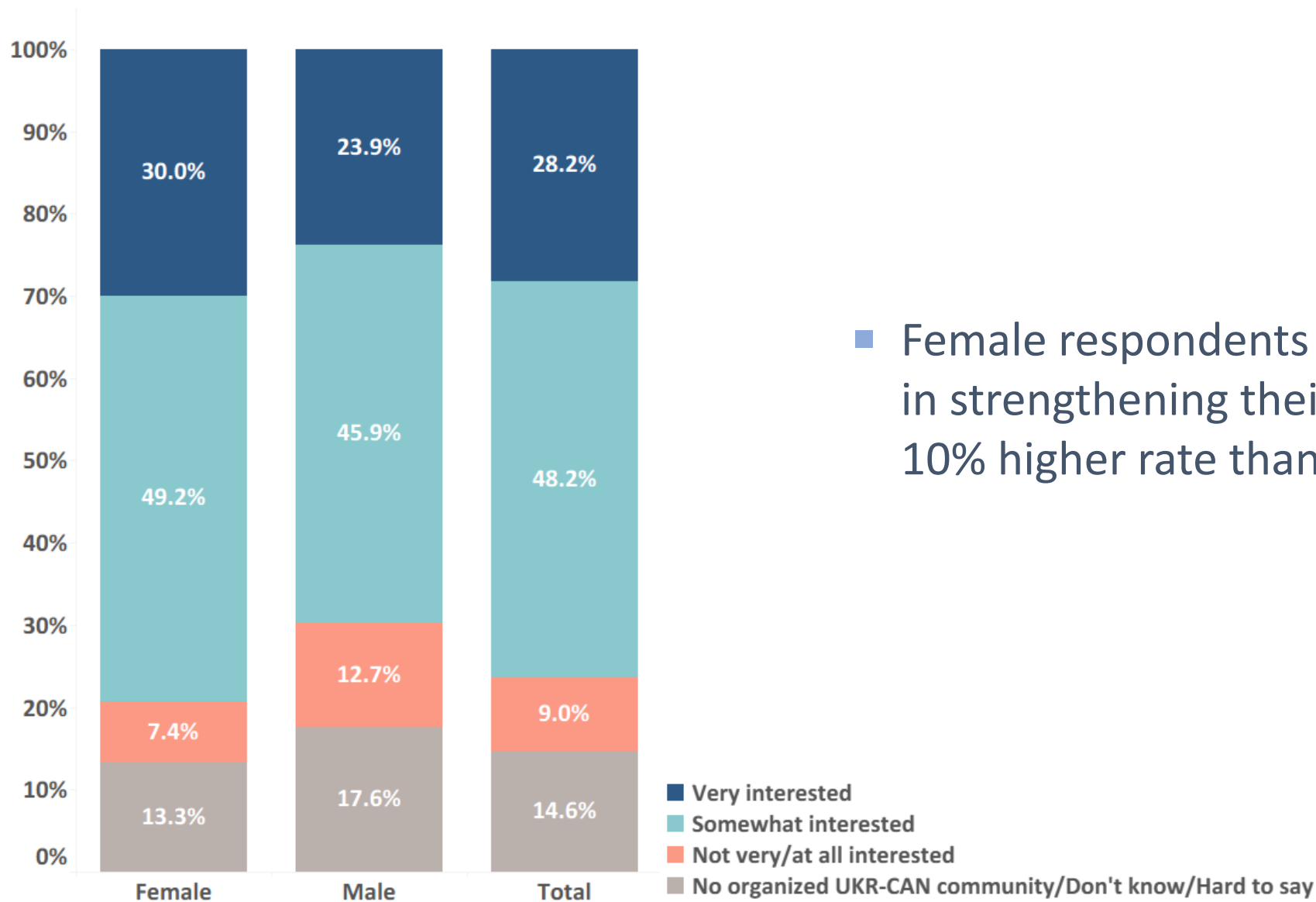


Have your children participated in other Ukrainian educational or arts programs in Canada (e.g., youth organization, dance ensemble, music program, Sunday school)?



- Over a **third of the respondents** with children said their children participated in Ukrainian education/arts programs in Canada.

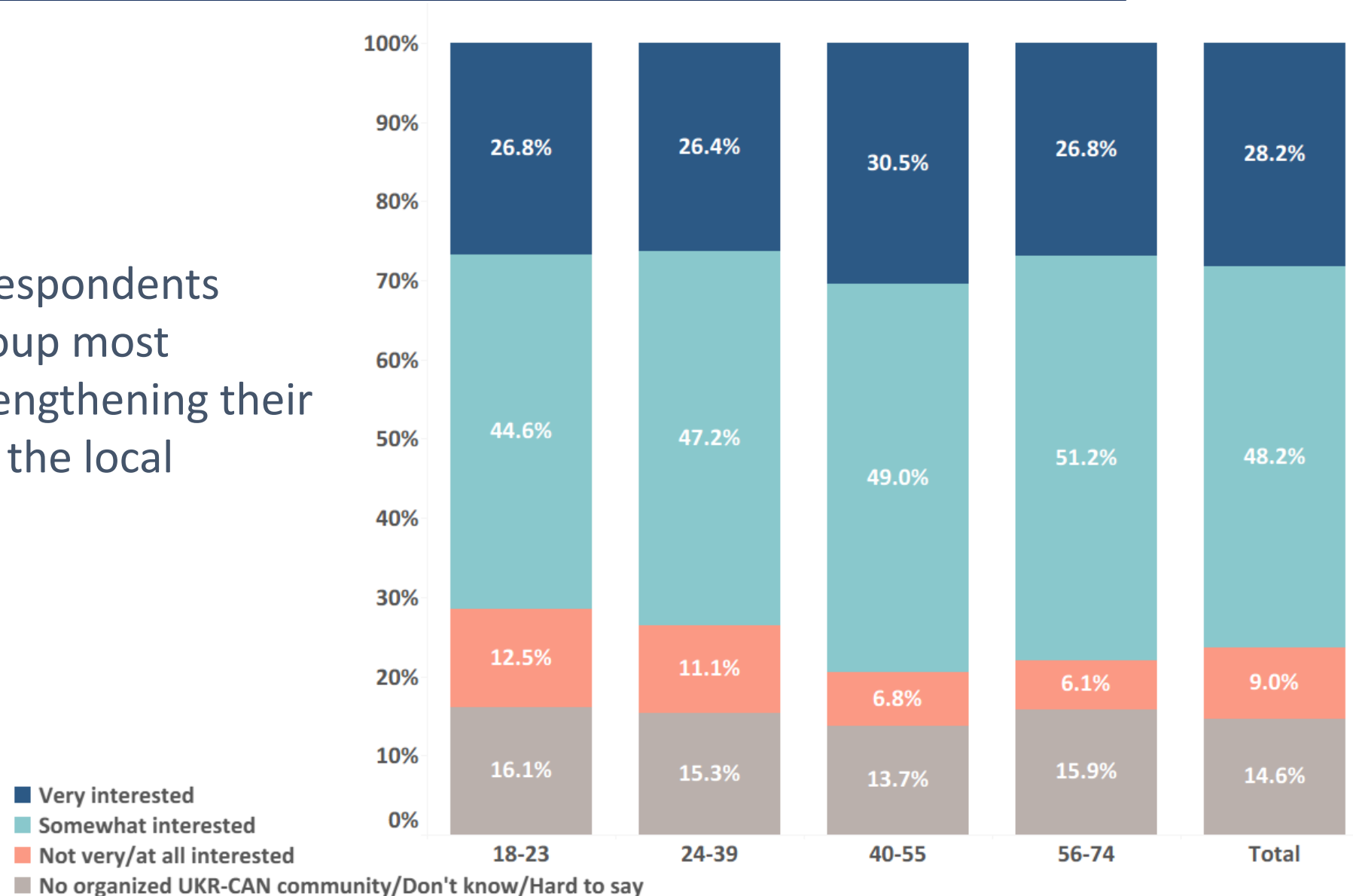
How interested are you in strengthening your connection with the local Ukrainian-Canadian community in your community?



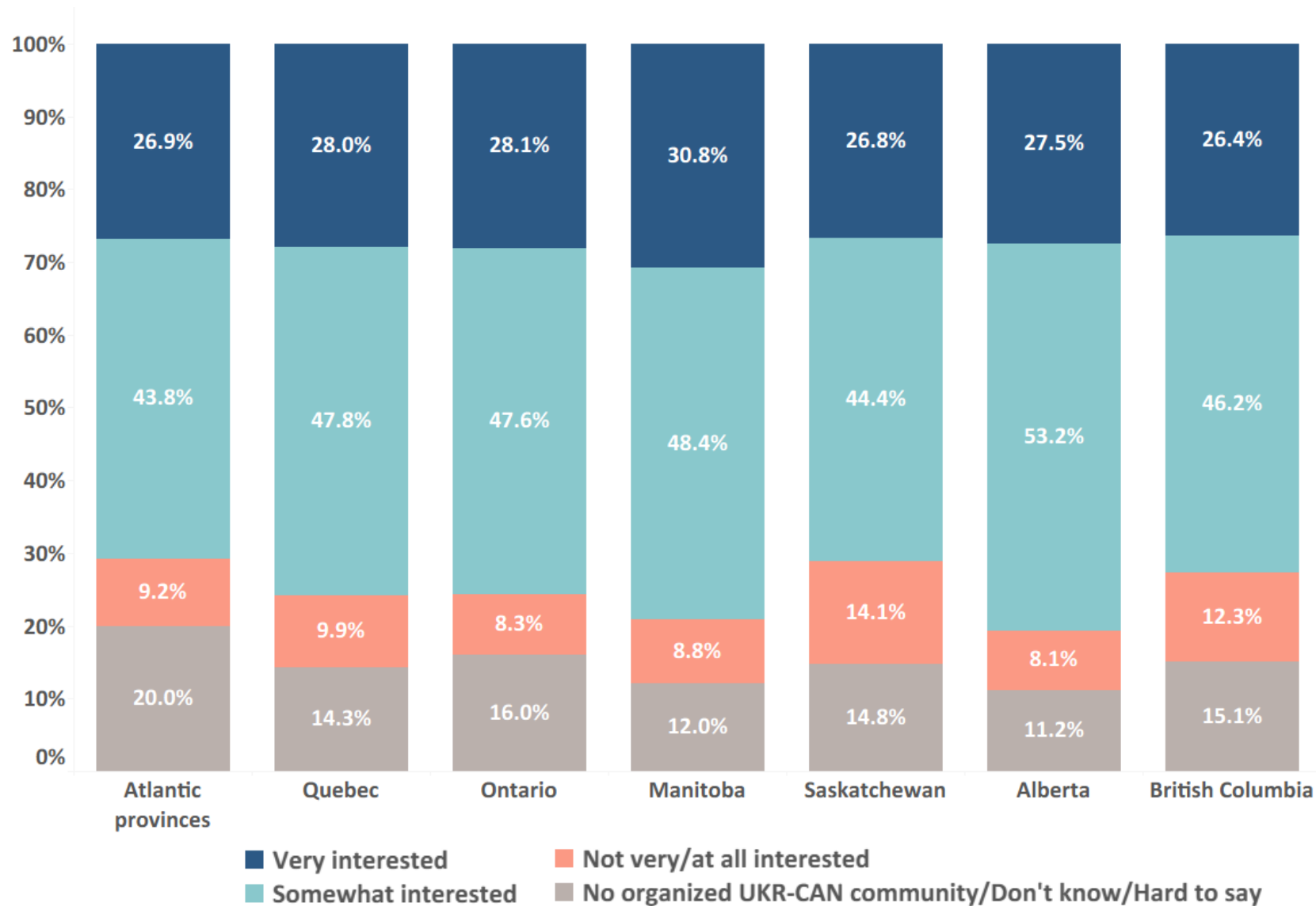
- Female respondents expressed interest in strengthening their connection at 10% higher rate than males.

How interested are you in strengthening your connection with the local Ukrainian-Canadian community in your community?

- **40-55 year old** respondents were the age group most interested in strengthening their connection with the local community.



How interested are you in strengthening your connection with the local Ukrainian-Canadian community in your community?



- Similar level of interest was observed across provinces, with **Manitoba** having the highest % of respondents having the most interest.

What Ukrainian programs or activities would you like to participate in in your community if they were available?

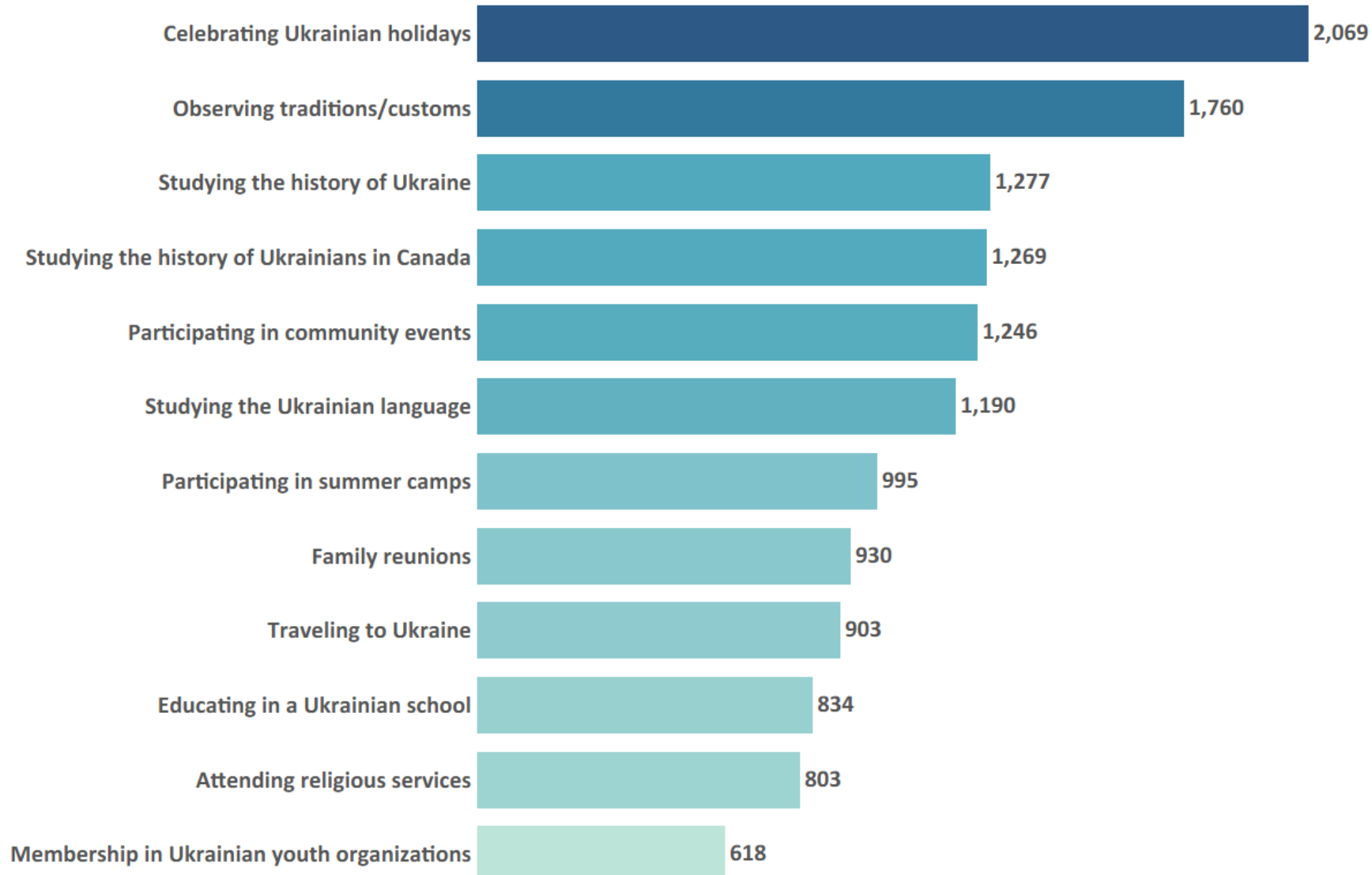
(Asked of the respondents who said they were interested or unsure about participating in their community.)

Top programs/activities

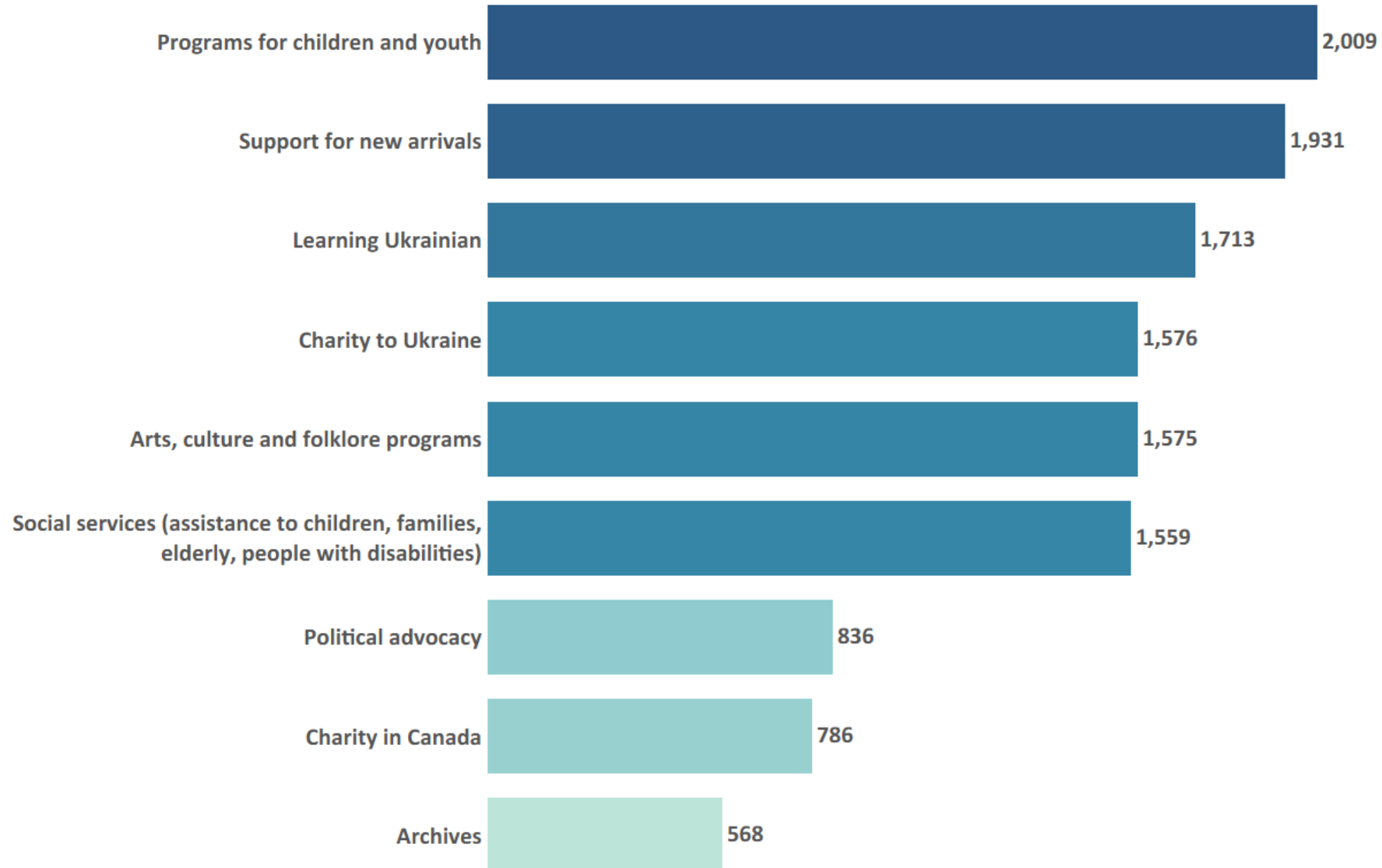
	Sex			Age			
	Total	Female	Male	18-23	24-39	40-55	56-74
Educational (lectures, conferences, talks, book clubs)	43.2%	45.4%	37.7%	46.9%	42.2%	44.5%	39.0%
Cultural (dance, art, cinema, theatre, concerts)	42.5%	46.4%	32.9%	50.0%	45.1%	39.9%	37.7%
Social events (charity, sports)	39.3%	39.8%	38.0%	33.7%	41.1%	39.1%	31.8%
Business and professional (associations, clubs)	38.0%	36.3%	42.1%	40.8%	39.2%	39.3%	18.8%
For specific groups (families, children, youth, pensioners)	29.4%	33.5%	19.1%	25.5%	28.8%	29.7%	32.5%
Political (associations, clubs)	18.8%	15.4%	27.2%	24.5%	18.6%	19.0%	15.6%
Religious (services, ceremonies)	12.4%	12.9%	11.2%	11.2%	10.9%	12.9%	20.8%

- Educational and Cultural programs/activities were the most popular among most demographic groups.
- Men, in general, were most interested in business and profession-related activities.

What types of Ukrainian experiences are most important to you or your family?



What areas of program activity do you think are most important for the development of the Ukrainian-Canadian community as a whole?



KEY TAKEAWAYS

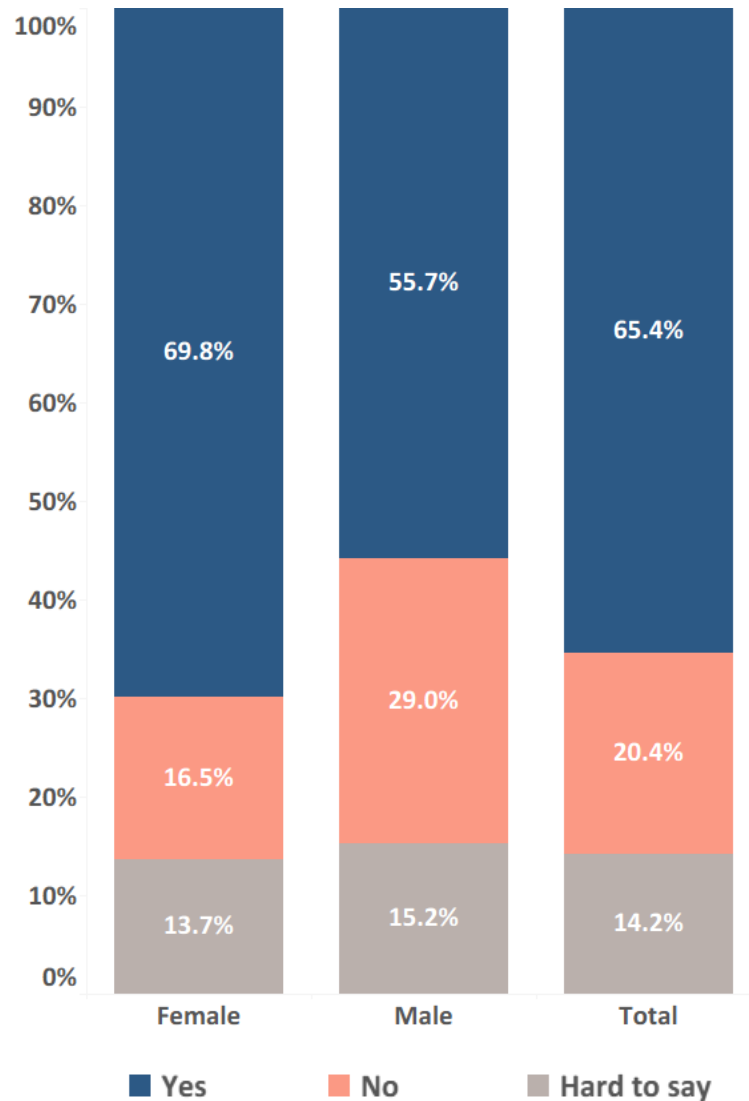
CULTURE AND HERITAGE

- The children of over a third of the respondents (with children) attended a Ukrainian school in Canada (within the public/Catholic/evening/Saturday school system) as well as participated in other Ukrainian educational or artistic programs.
- One-in-five women participated in Ukrainian educational and/or artistic programs in Canada. Among provinces, such participation rate was the highest in Quebec (at 24%).
- Celebrating Ukrainian holidays and observing traditions were the most important Ukrainian experiences for respondents.
- Over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the respondents expressed interest in strengthening their connection with the local Ukrainian-Canadian community.
- Respondents believed that programs for children and youth and support for new arrivals were most important for the development of the Ukrainian-Canadian community.

Summary of Results

THEME: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

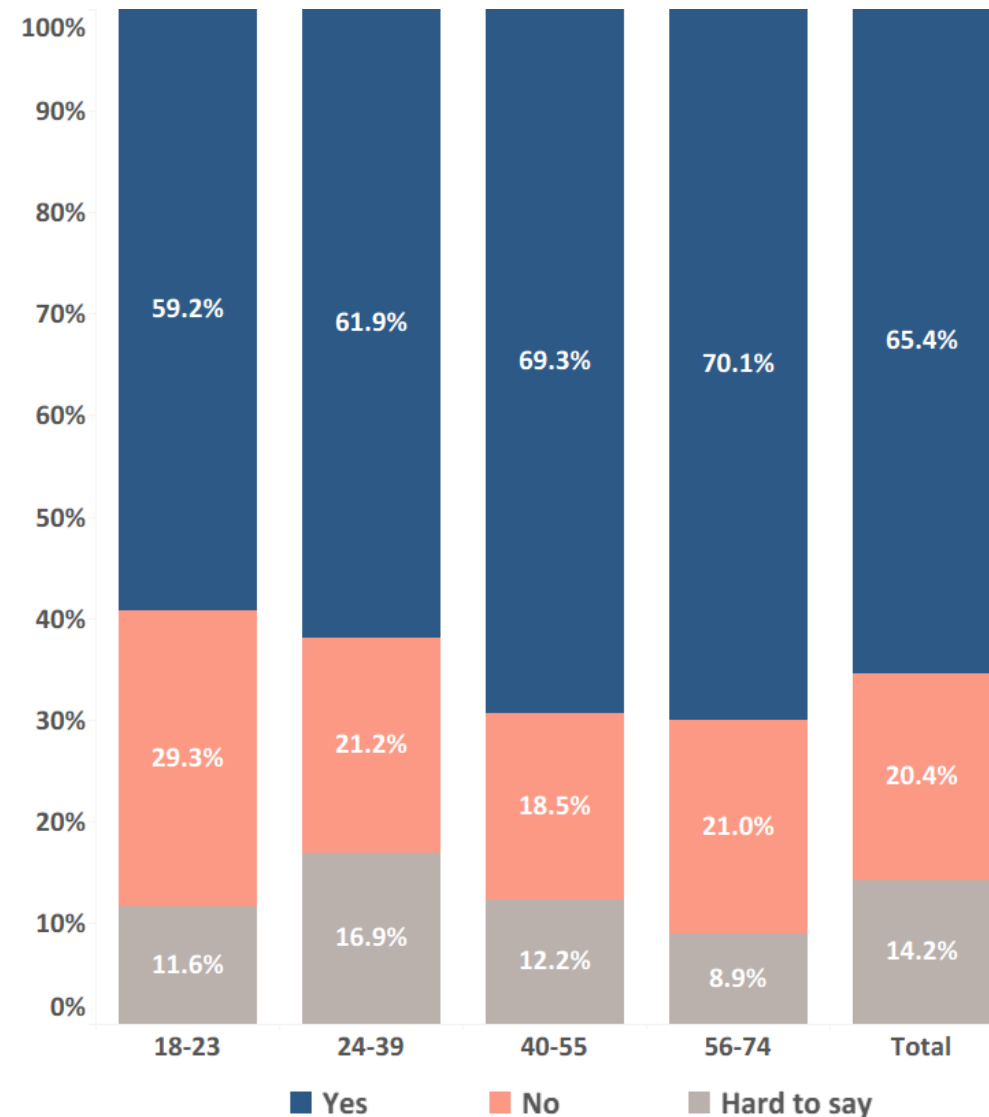
Are you involved in any groups, organizations, or projects related to Ukraine or supporting Ukraine?



- Nearly **7 in 10 Female** respondents said they were involved in Ukraine related groups, organizations, or projects
- Only **56% of Male** respondents reported the same involvement

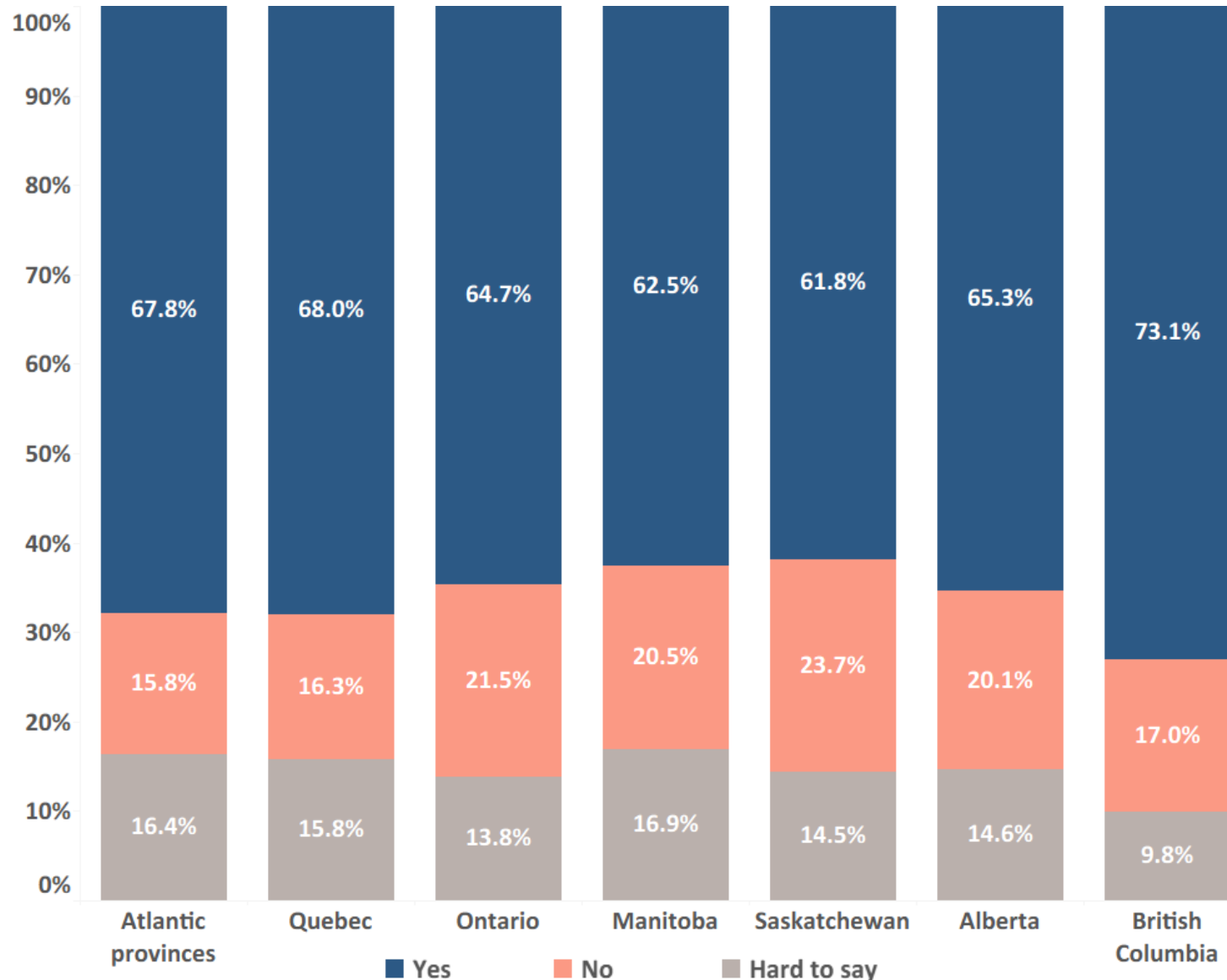
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- Majority of respondents **over 40 years old** (~70%) were involved in Ukraine related groups or projects



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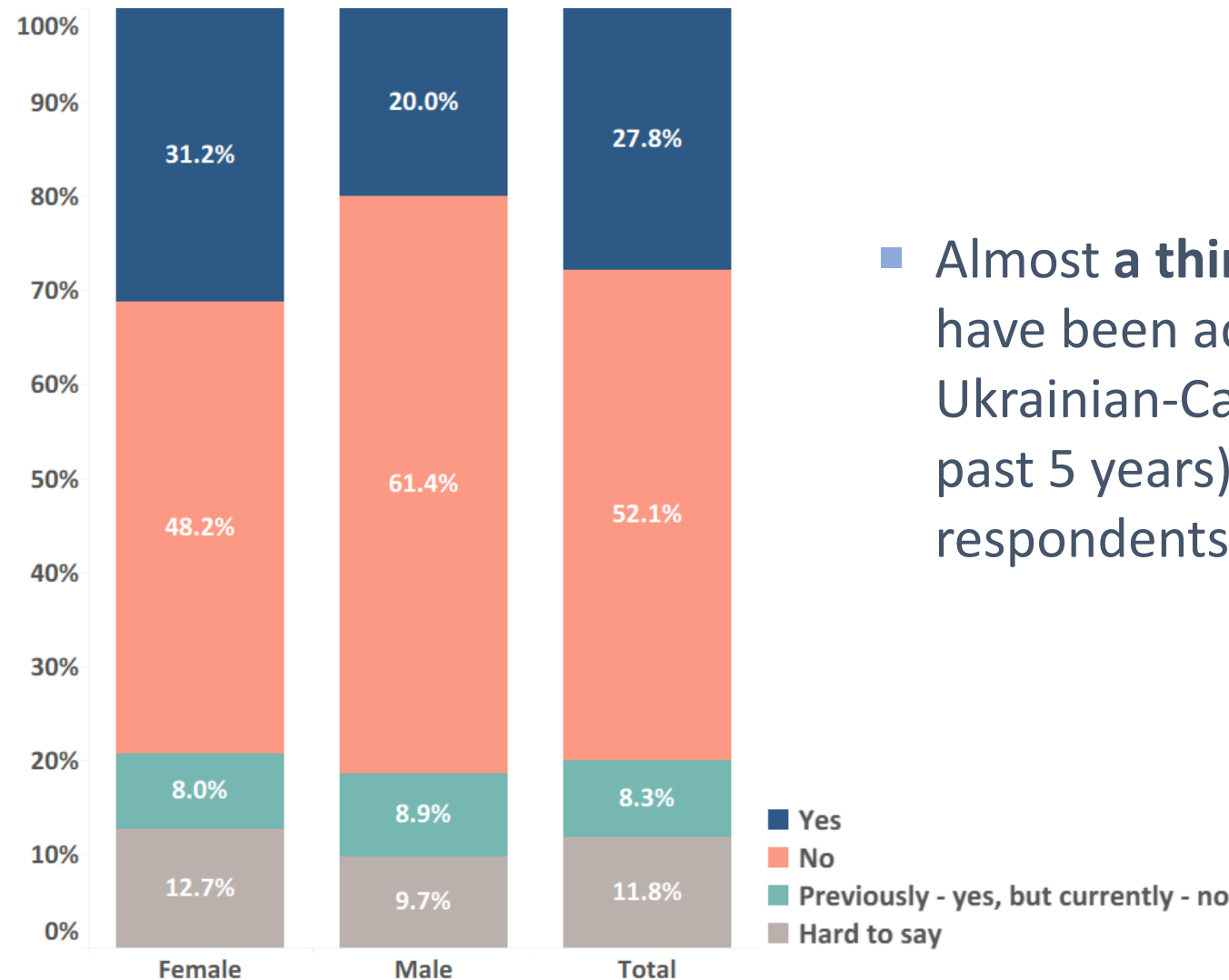
Are you involved in any groups, organizations, or projects related to Ukraine or supporting Ukraine?



- Almost **3 in 4 British Columbia** respondents said they were involved in Ukraine related groups, organizations, or projects.
- Relatively lower involvement among those in the **Prairies**.

Have you been an active participant in a Ukrainian-Canadian organization or charitable initiative within the past five years?

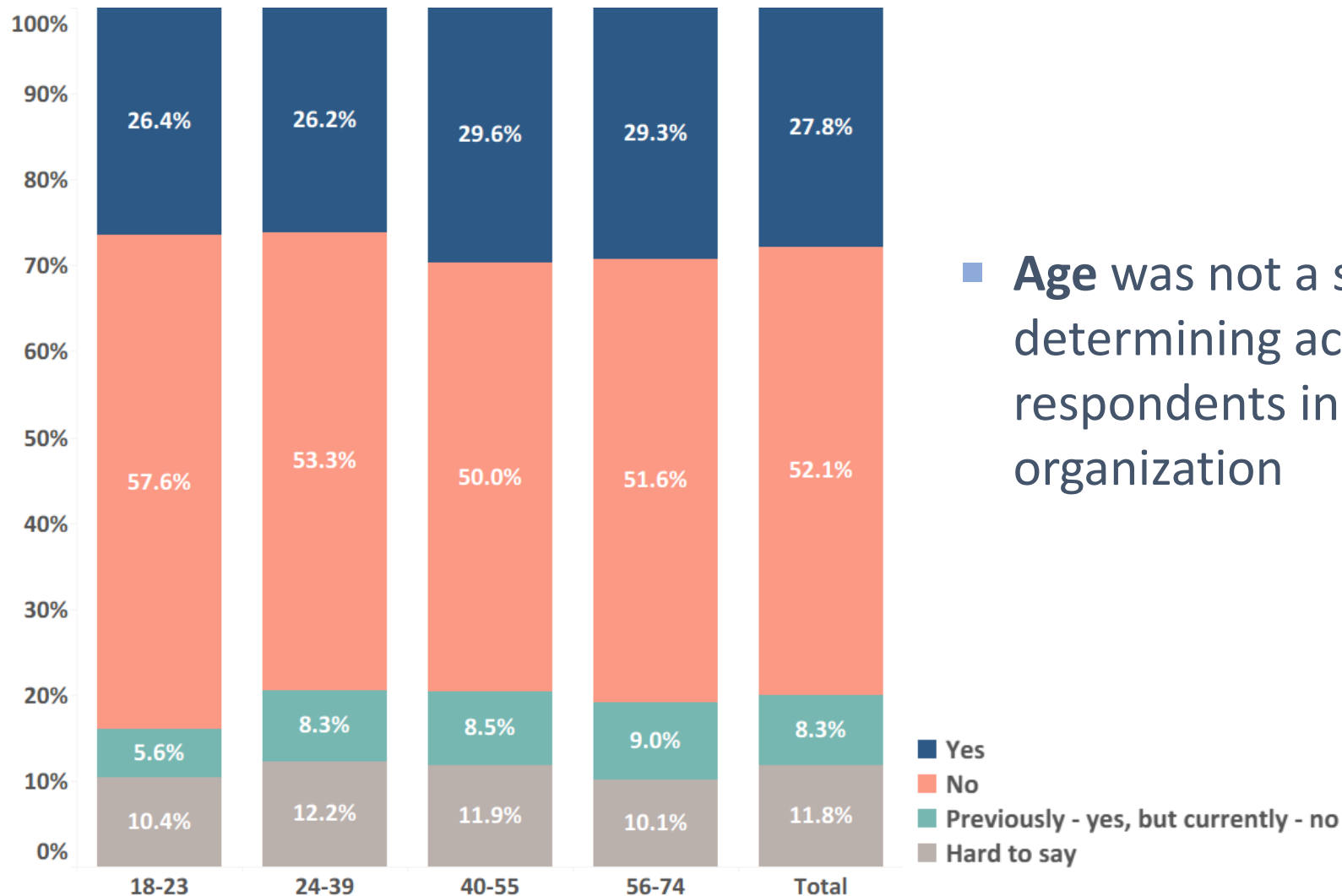
(“Active participant” means someone who is registered, subscribed to a mailing list, or regularly attends meetings or events)



- Almost a **third of Female** respondents have been actively participating in a Ukrainian-Canadian organization (in the past 5 years); only **1 in 5 Male** respondents

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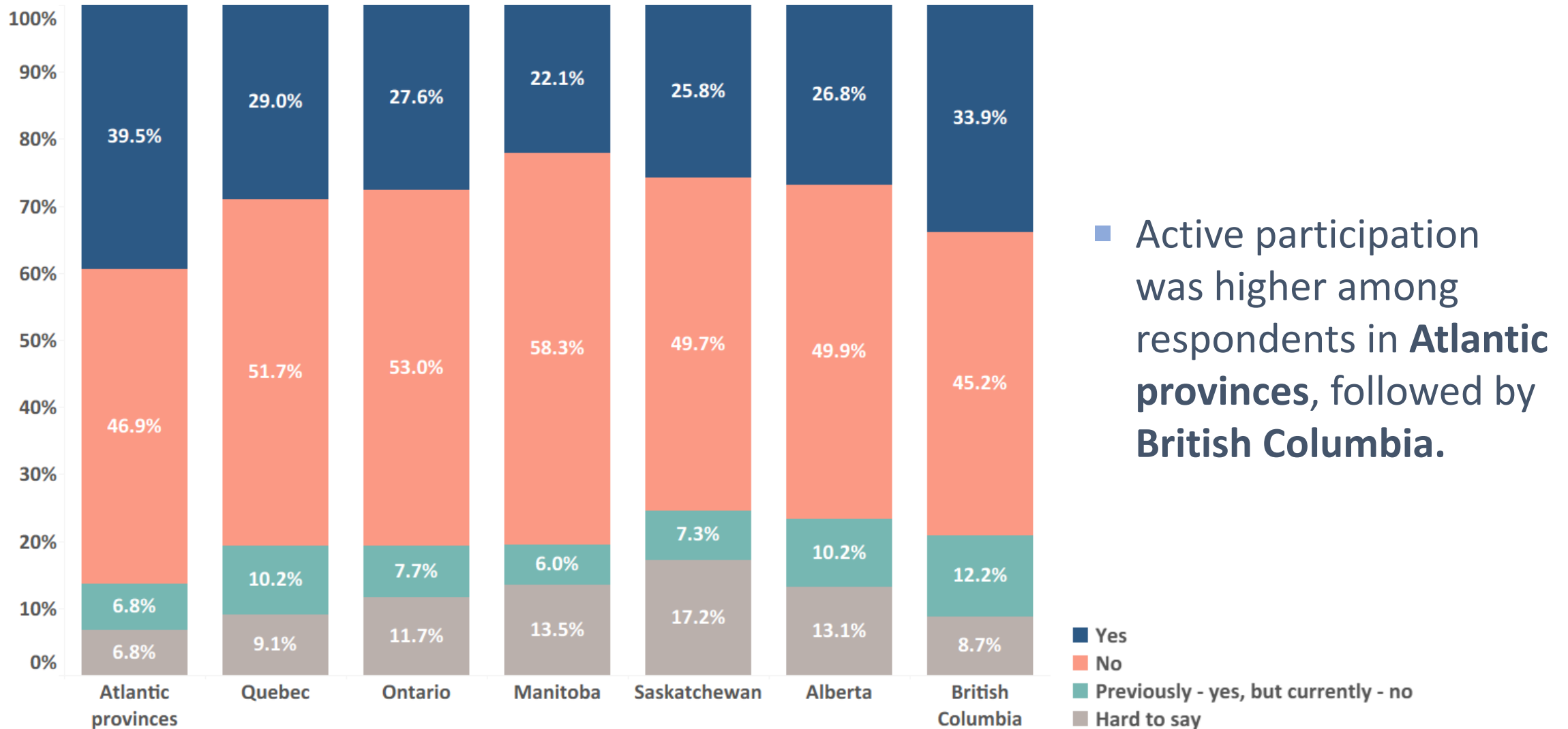


- **Age** was not a significant factor in determining active participation of respondents in a Ukrainian-Canadian organization

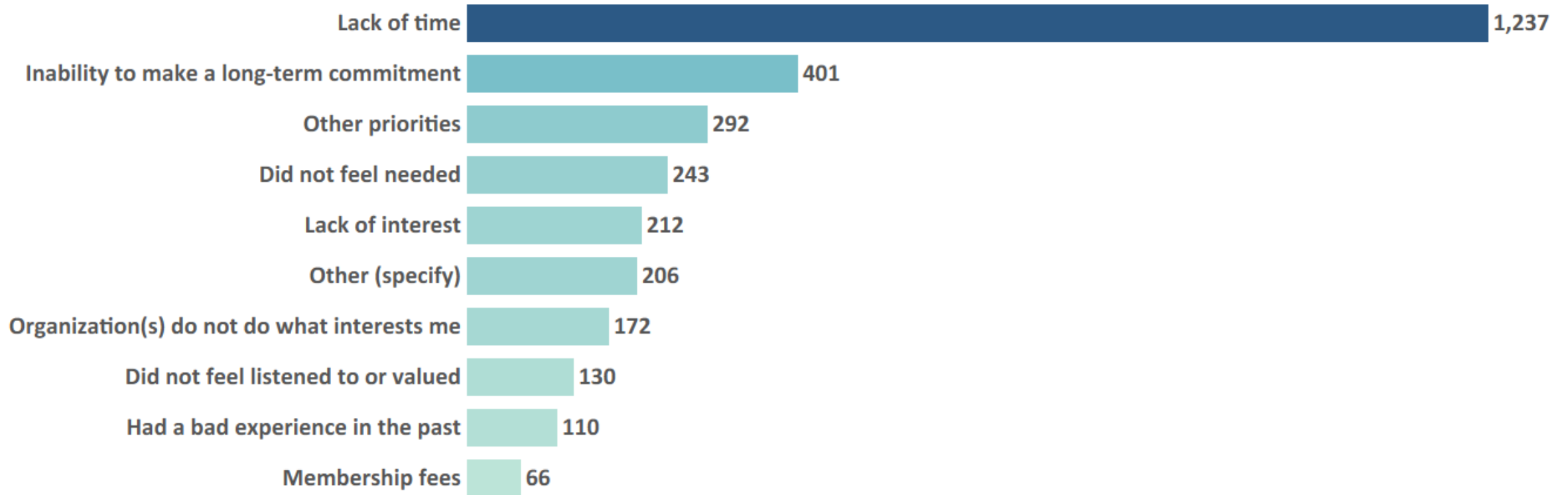
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What are the main reasons for your non-participation (in a Ukrainian-Canadian organization or charitable initiative) over the past five years?

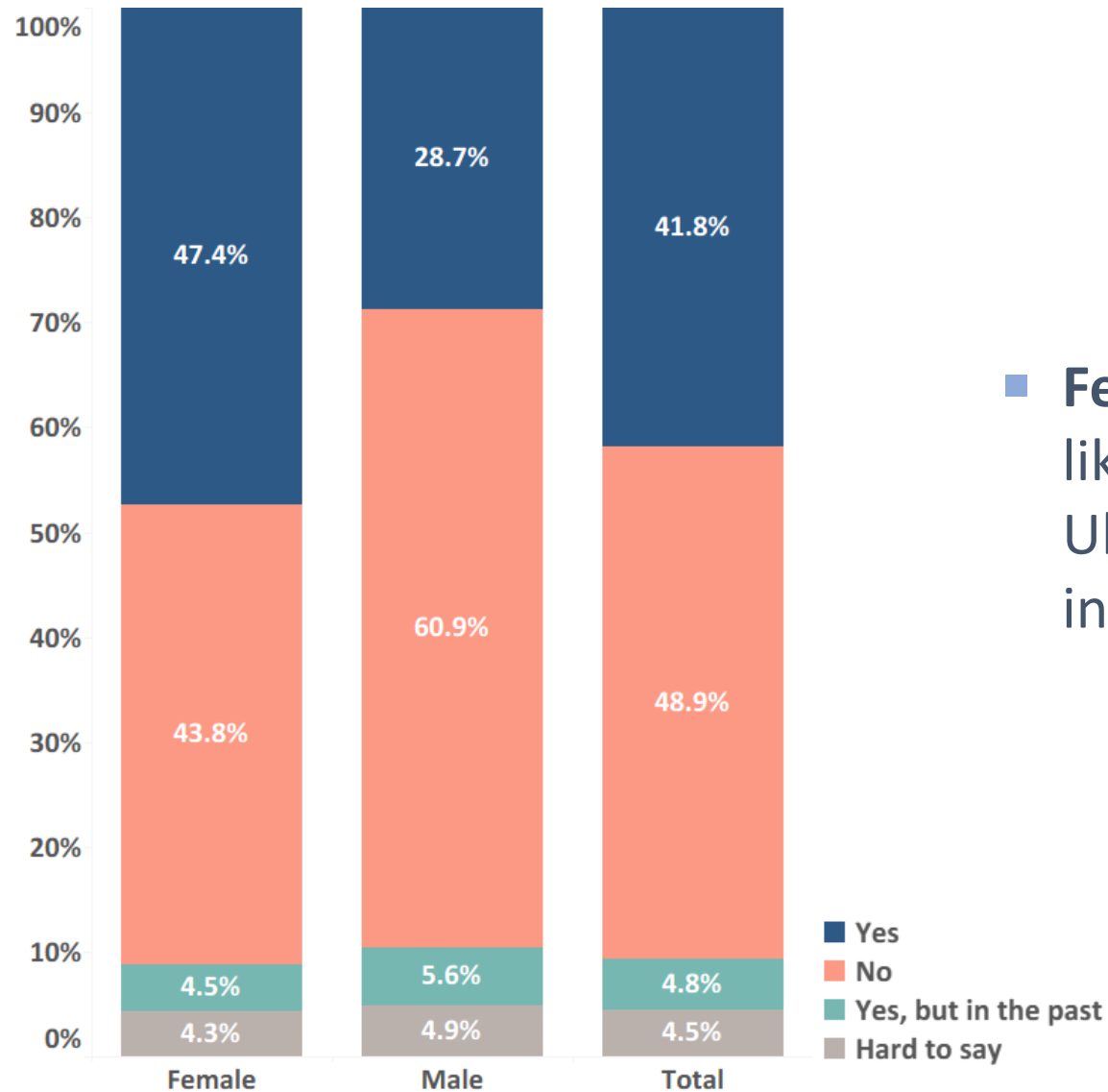


What are the main reasons for your non-participation (in a Ukrainian-Canadian organization or charitable initiative) over the past five years?

Top 5 reasons	Sex			Age			
	Total	Female	Male	18-23	24-39	40-55	56-74
Lack of time	63.0%	65.6%	58.1%	60.8%	63.9%	64.7%	50.9%
Inability to make a long-term commitment	20.4%	22.0%	17.5%	24.1%	20.2%	20.1%	23.7%
Other priorities	14.9%	12.4%	19.5%	26.6%	17.6%	11.8%	4.4%
Did not feel needed	12.3%	12.4%	12.2%	16.5%	10.6%	12.9%	18.4%
Lack of interest	10.7%	8.3%	15.1%	21.5%	13.4%	7.3%	7.0%

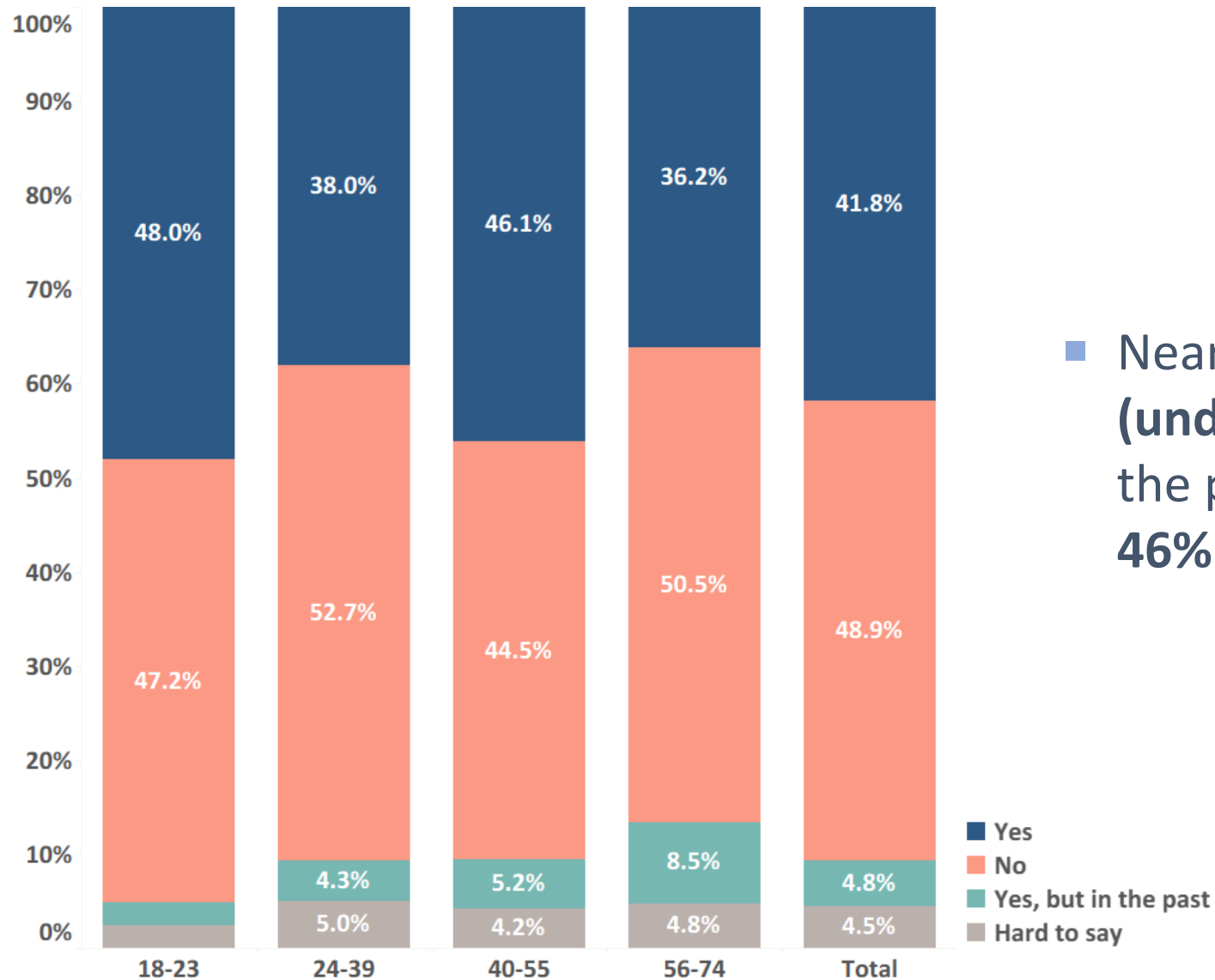
While “**lack of time**” was the main reason for a majority of respondents, over **one-in-five 18-23 year old** respondents also expressed a “**lack of interest**”.

Have you volunteered with Ukrainian-Canadian organizations or charitable initiatives in the past five years?



- **Female** respondents were much more likely to have volunteered with Ukrainian-Canadian organizations and initiatives in the past five years.

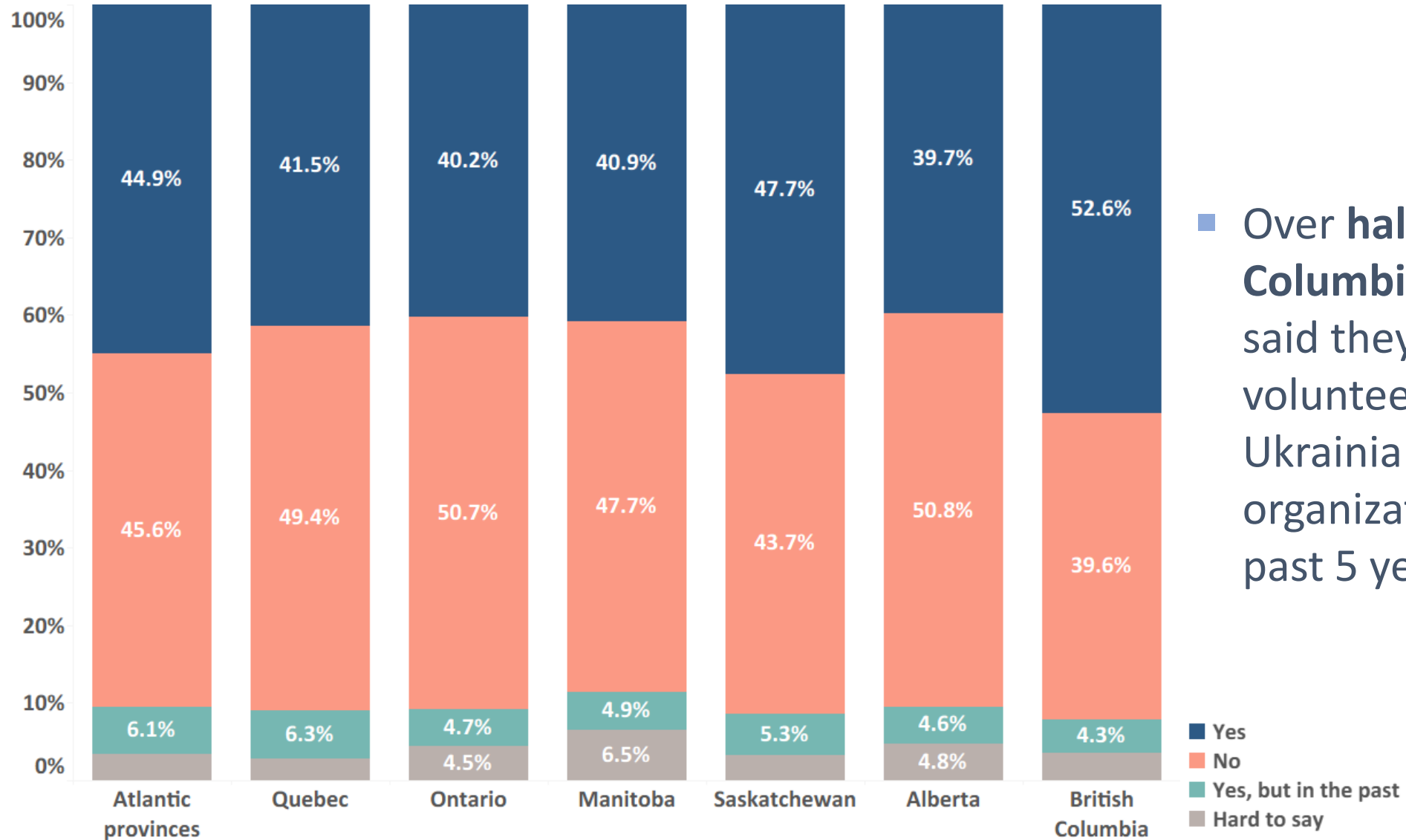
Have you volunteered with Ukrainian-Canadian organizations or charitable initiatives in the past five years?



- Nearly half of the young Ukrainians (under 24) reportedly volunteered in the past five years, along with over 46% of respondents aged 40-55.

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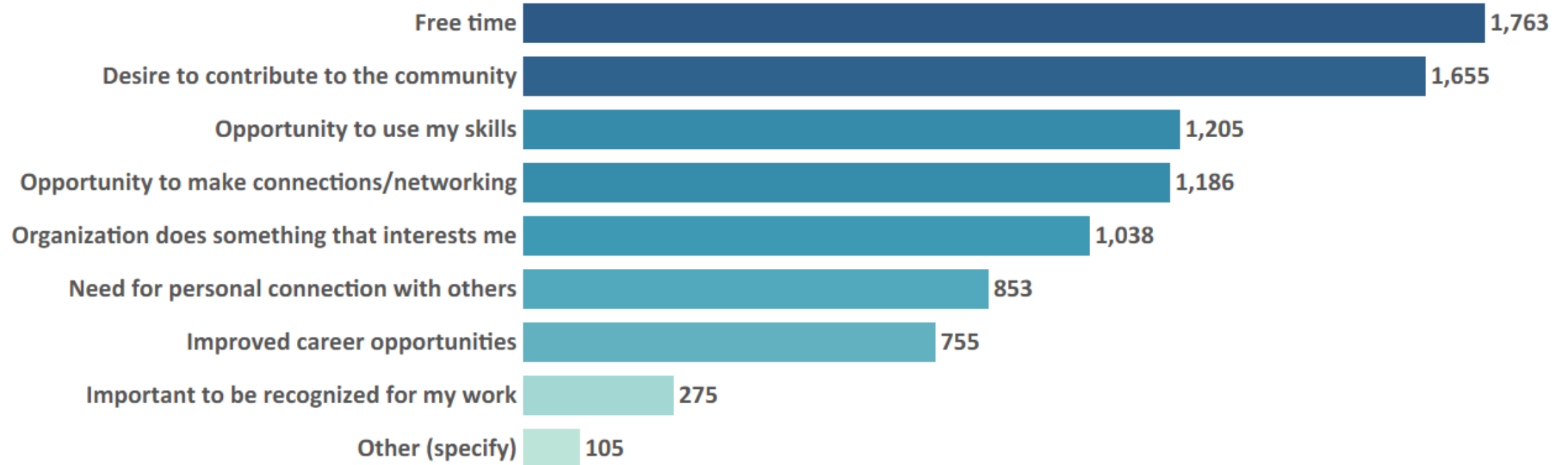
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■ Over half of **British Columbia** respondents said they have volunteered with Ukrainian-Canadian organizations (in the past 5 years).

Which factors would have the greatest influence on your decision to become a volunteer in the Ukrainian-Canadian community?

(Question asked of those who did not say “Yes” to the previous question on volunteering.)



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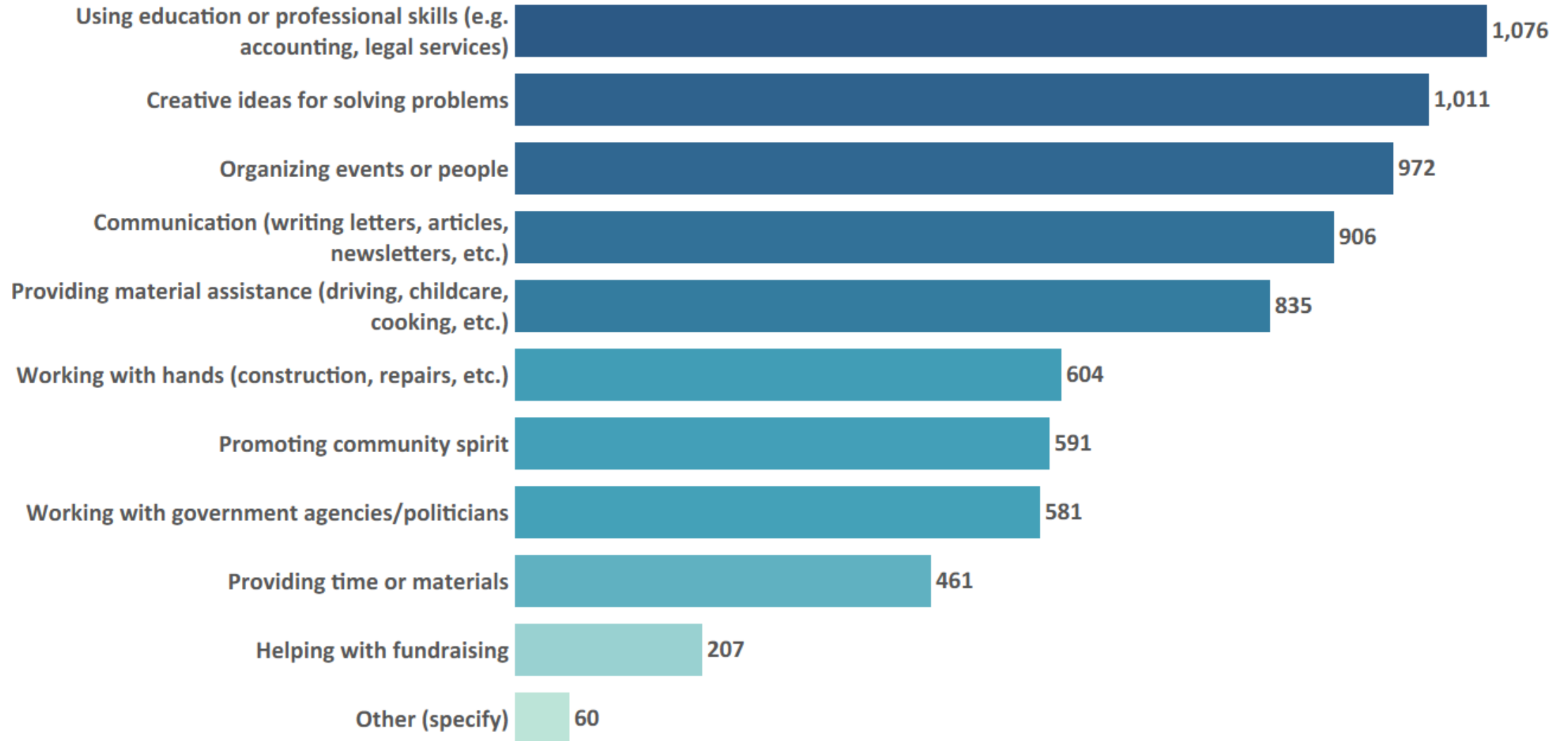
(Question asked of those who did not say “Yes” to the previous question on volunteering.)

Top 5 factors

	Sex			Age			
	Total	Female	Male	18-23	24-39	40-55	56-74
Free time	93.2%	94.0%	77.4%	93.8%	91.5%	97.8%	72.5%
Desire to contribute to the community	87.6%	96.5%	57.9%	92.3%	79.0%	99.5%	78.3%
Opportunity to use my skills	63.7%	74.9%	44.4%	69.2%	59.2%	69.5%	60.0%
Opportunity to make connections/networking	62.8%	71.3%	48.2%	90.8%	60.2%	66.5%	45.0%
Organization does something that interests me	54.7%	60.3%	45.0%	86.2%	53.3%	56.9%	38.3%

There was a stark contrast between female and male respondents in their “**desire to contribute to the community**” being a major factor that would influence them to volunteer.

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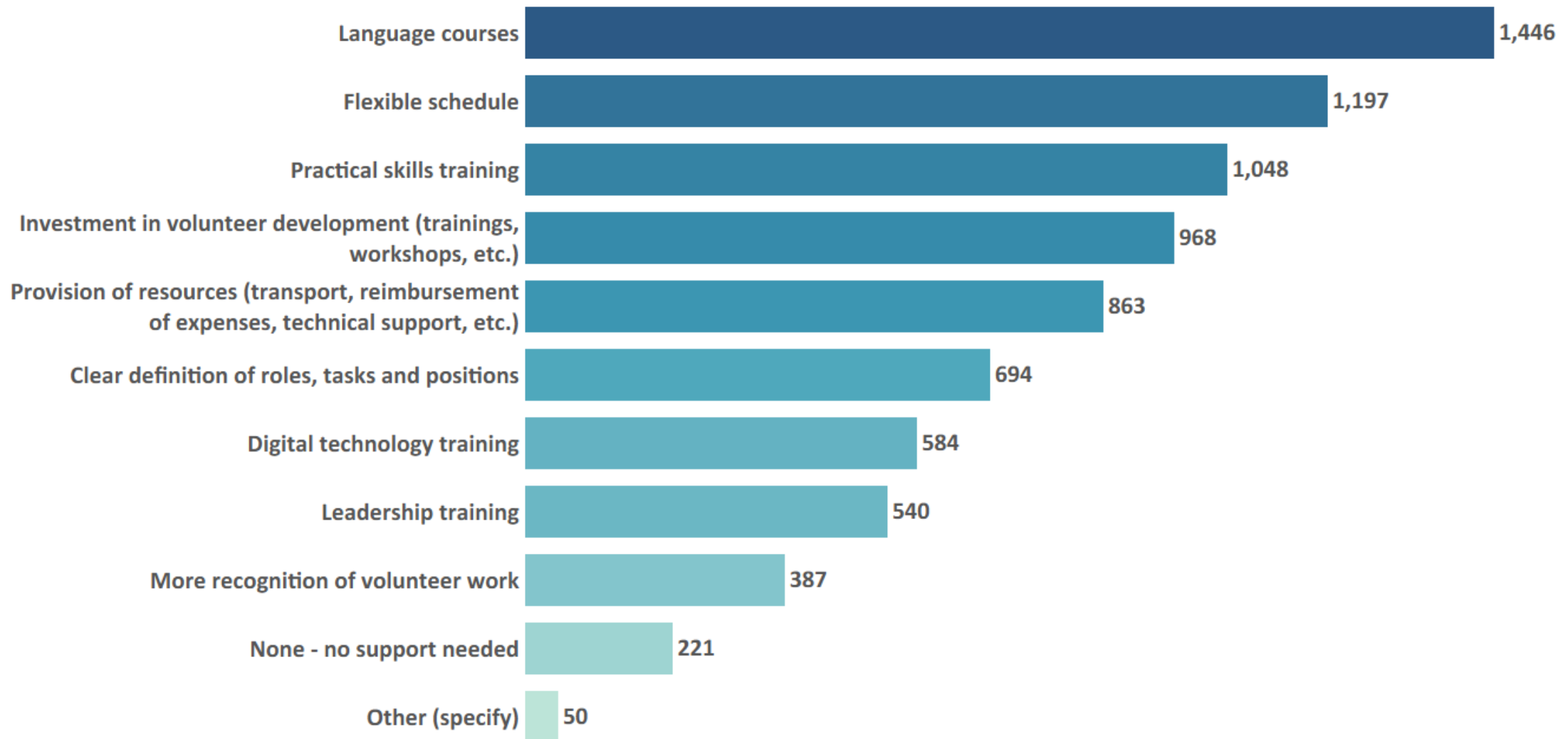
Top 5 ways

	Sex			Age			
	Total	Female	Male	18-23	24-39	40-55	56-74
Using education or professional skills (e.g. accounting, legal services)	33.1%	35.1%	28.5%	30.4%	32.6%	35.5%	21.3%
Creative ideas for solving problems	31.1%	31.0%	31.3%	47.2%	34.4%	28.4%	14.9%
Organizing events or people	29.9%	33.9%	20.6%	49.6%	31.5%	27.7%	21.8%
Communication (writing letters, articles, newsletters, etc.)	27.9%	32.1%	18.1%	39.2%	31.0%	24.1%	22.9%
Providing material assistance (driving, childcare, cooking, etc.)	25.8%	27.9%	20.9%	23.2%	23.8%	26.8%	36.2%

Younger adults (18-23) were more inclined towards “*creative problem solving*” and “*organizing events or people*” as their potential contribution ideas as volunteers.

What support (if any) would be most helpful to you as a volunteer in Ukrainian-Canadian organizations?

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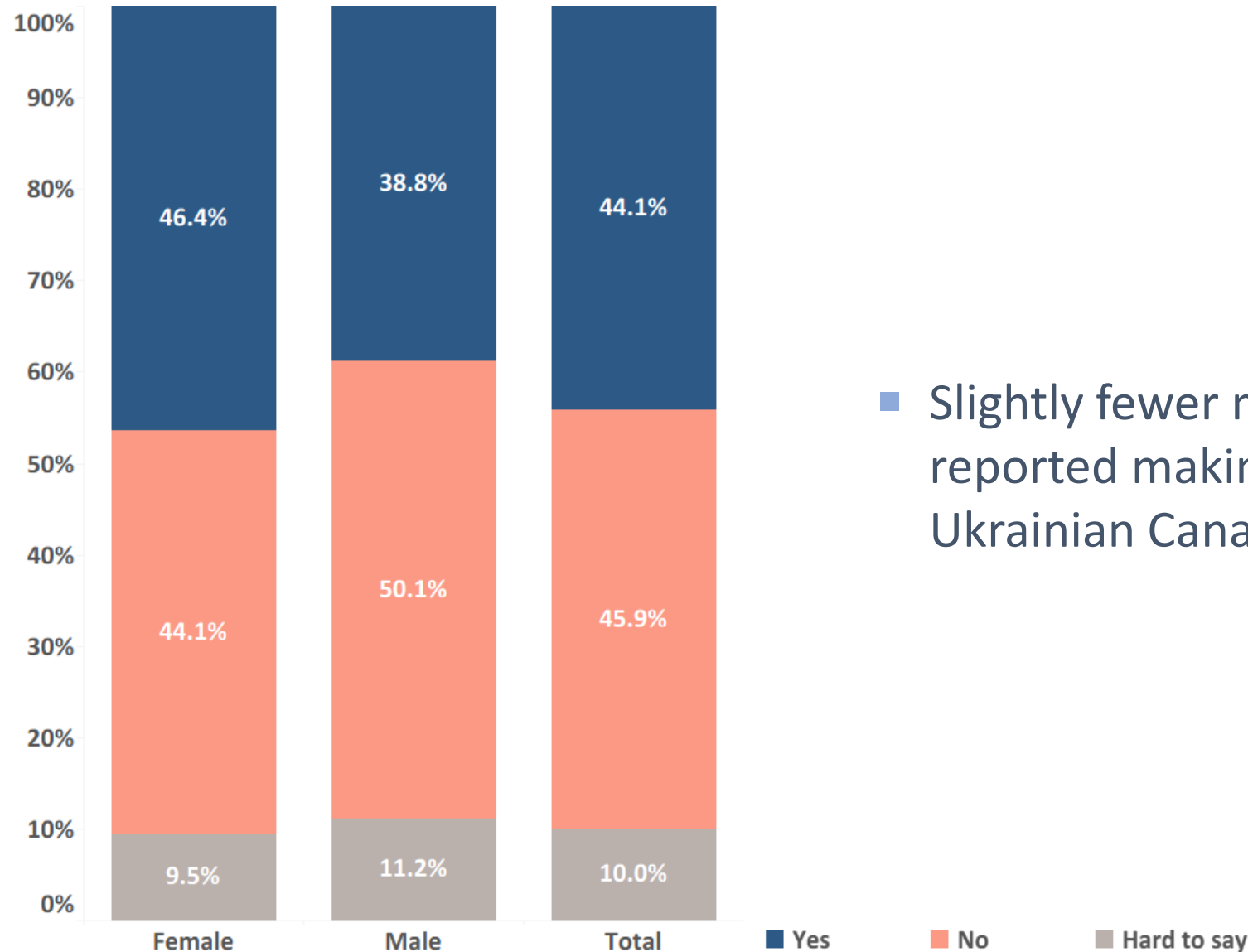
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Top 5 types of support

	Sex			Age			
	Total	Female	Male	18-23	24-39	40-55	56-74
Language courses	44.5%	45.9%	41.1%	32.8%	37.6%	51.5%	58.0%
Flexible schedule	36.9%	38.9%	32.1%	46.4%	39.0%	35.7%	22.3%
Practical skills training	32.2%	33.5%	29.3%	39.2%	30.8%	34.0%	28.2%
Investment in volunteer development (trainings, workshops, etc.)	29.9%	33.6%	21.2%	47.2%	31.5%	28.5%	14.4%
Provision of resources (transport, reimbursement of expenses, technical support, etc.)	26.5%	28.1%	22.8%	35.2%	27.9%	25.2%	20.7%

Younger respondents (18-23) wanted **flexibility, skills training, and development programs**, while older adults (40 and over) looked for more support through **language courses**.

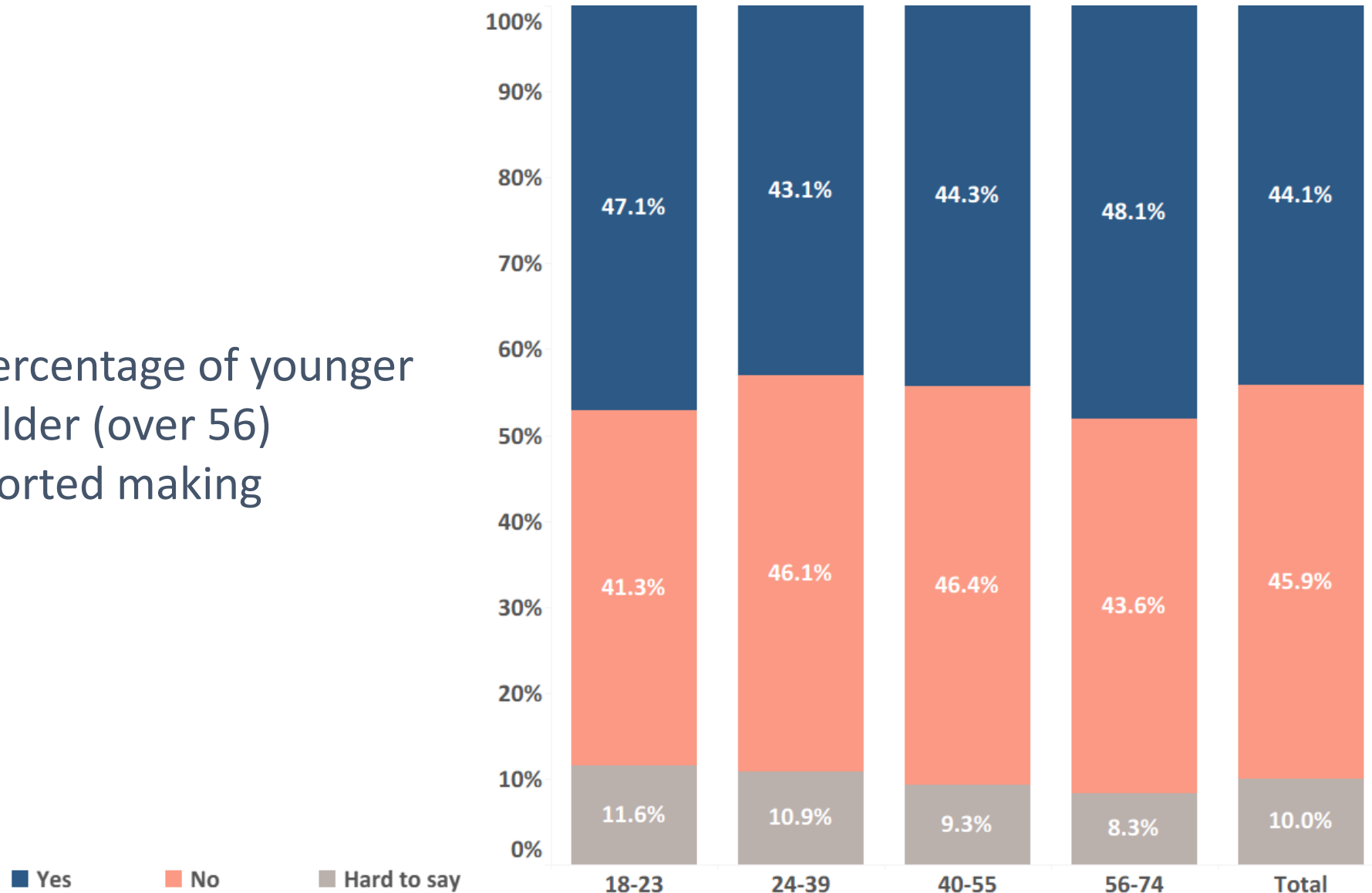
In the past five years, have you or anyone in your household made a donation to a Ukrainian Canadian organization or charitable foundation?



- Slightly fewer male respondents reported making a donation to Ukrainian Canadian organizations.

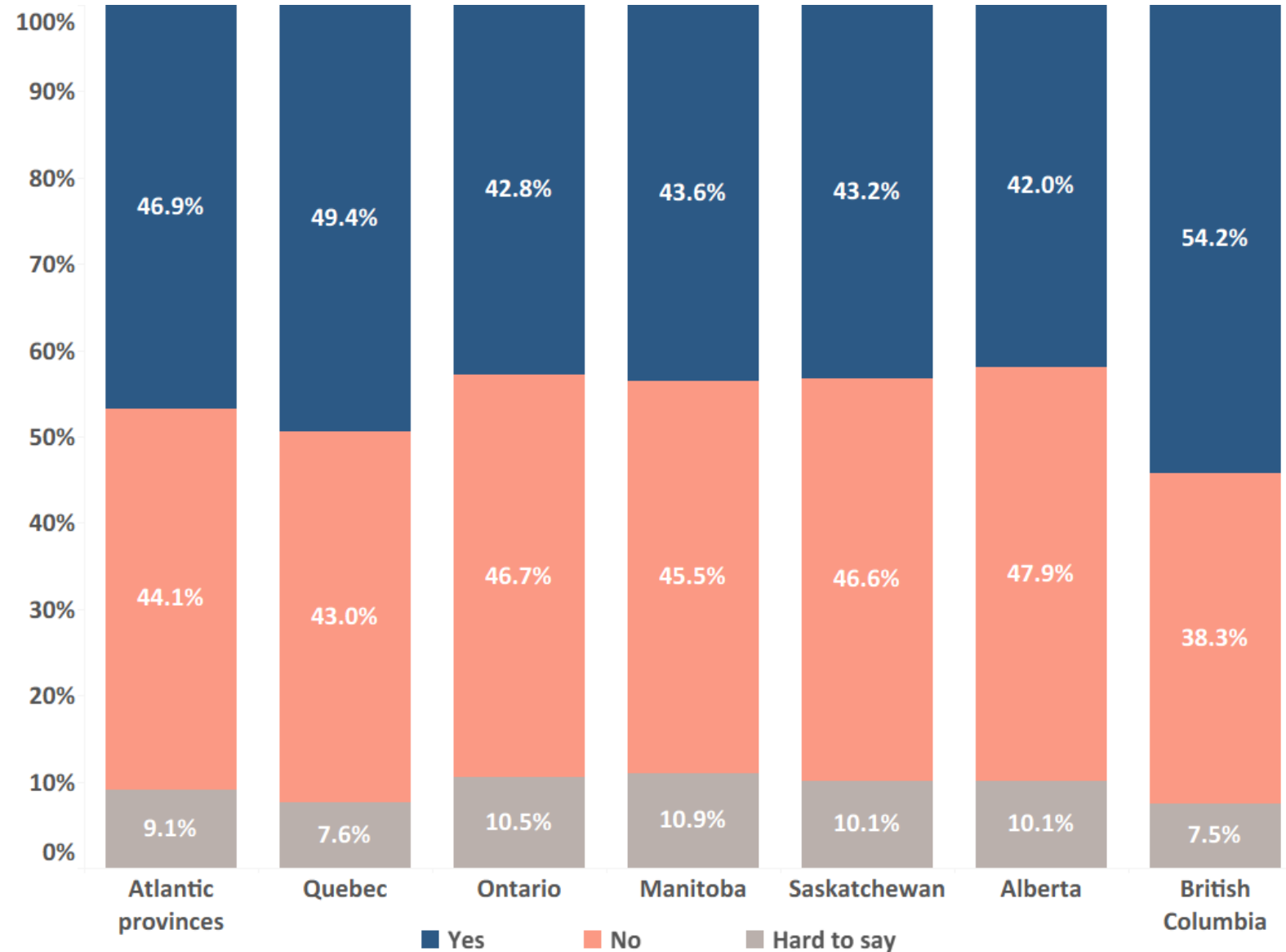
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- Slightly higher percentage of younger (under 24) and older (over 56) respondents reported making donations.



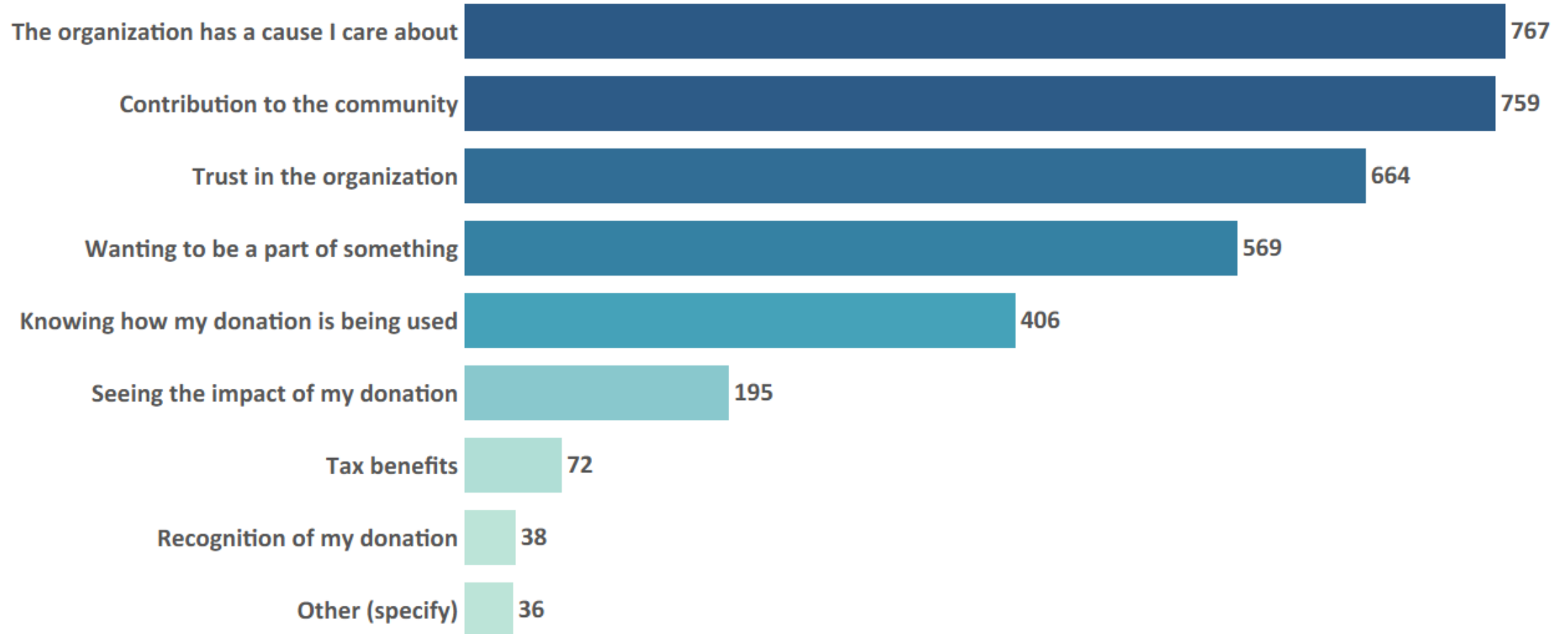
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- Donation rates to Ukrainian-Canadian organizations were relatively higher in **British Columbia** and **Quebec**.



Which of the following factors were most important in your decision to donate?

(Question asked of those who said “Yes” to the previous question on making a donation.)



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Top 5 factors

	Total	Sex		Age			
		Female	Male	18-23	24-39	40-55	56-74
The organization has a cause I care about	55.0%	55.9%	52.4%	57.9%	55.4%	56.0%	46.0%
Contribution to the community	54.5%	53.4%	57.6%	57.9%	54.3%	56.2%	43.7%
Trust in the organization	47.7%	49.2%	43.5%	57.9%	47.4%	48.3%	40.2%
Wanting to be a part of something	41.1%	41.5%	39.9%	43.9%	37.0%	44.8%	40.2%
Knowing how my donation is being used	29.2%	30.1%	26.9%	36.8%	32.2%	26.7%	18.4%

Majority of respondents expressed that the **“cause”** and **“contribution to the community”** were the biggest factors in their decision to donate.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

- Women were much more involved as well as actively participating in Ukrainian-Canadian organizations compared to men.
- Among those who did not participate in any Ukraine-related organizations or activities, most respondents overwhelmingly cited a lack of time as the main reason. One-in-five of the 18-23 year old respondents also expressed a lack of interest.
- Just under half of the women as well as the youngest cohort (18-23) in the survey reported having volunteered with a Ukrainian-Canadian organization or charitable initiative in the last five years. Among provinces, the volunteerism rate was the highest (over 52%) in British Columbia.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

- Respondents saw volunteering through their educational or professional skills and creative ideas for problem-solving as the best ways of contributing to their communities.
- Support in terms of language courses for middle-aged and older respondents (40+) and flexible schedule and practical skills training for younger adults (18-23) were claimed to be the most helpful for volunteers.
- Organizations having a cause that people cared about and having an impact on the community were the most important factors in people's decisions to donate.

Comparing the 'Connection' felt by Ukrainian-Canadians to 'Sense of Belonging' felt by Canadian immigrants in general

In 2020, **38.2%** of Canadian immigrants reported a **very strong sense of belonging** to their country of origin.

As per this survey, **55.5%** Ukrainian-Canadian respondents reported a **very strong connection** to Ukraine.

***Note:** The comparisons made here can only be taken as a reference since the 'sense of belonging' questions from the GSS are not an exact proxy for the 'connection' related questions in the Ukrainian Newcomer Survey.*

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*UKRAINIAN NEWCOMER
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Comparing 'Connection' felt by Ukrainian-Canadians to 'Sense of Belonging' felt by Canadian immigrants in general

In 2020, **34.9%** of Canadian immigrants reported a **very strong sense of belonging** to people with same ethnic/cultural background.

As per this survey, only **11.8%** of the respondents reported a **very close connection** to their local Ukrainian-Canadian community.

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Comparing *Volunteerism* among Ukrainian-Canadians and Canadian immigrants

In 2020, **37%** of Canadian immigrants reported having volunteered in an organization in the past five years.

As per this survey, **41.8%** of the respondents reported having volunteered in Ukrainian-Canadian organizations or charitable initiatives in the past five years.

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