

# **NATIONAL PRIORITIES, GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL REFORM IN JORDAN**

## ***NATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION POLL #6***

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**Fieldwork conducted August 9-13, 2008, by:**



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# Methodology

- Sample size is 1,000 individuals, 18 years of age or older, 50 percent men and 50 percent women.
- A stratified two stage cluster sample based on 2004 Housing and Population Census for the selection of 100 clusters across the Kingdom. The Nyman allocation approach was used to distribute the sample of clusters among governorates.
- Ten households were drawn (with replacement allowing for non-contacts) from each cluster using a random start and a systematic procedure of selection to ensure representation of different parts of the cluster in sample and to reduce intra-class correlation.
- Researchers conducted one in-person interview per household, selected using the Kish method.
- Interviewers were provided with building maps identifying households selected for interview.
- The margin of error is  $\pm 2.5$  percent at 95 percent confidence level.
- Number of field researchers: 50
- The poll was conducted August 9-13, 2008.

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## Survey Demographics

### Sex:

Male 50.0%  
Female 50.0%

### Geographic Location:

Center 63.7%  
North 27.3%  
South 9.0%

### Age Groups

18-24 16.9%  
25-34 26.7%  
35-49 32.0%  
50+ 24.4%

### Education

Less than Secondary 39.6%  
Secondary 32.4%  
More than Secondary 28.0%

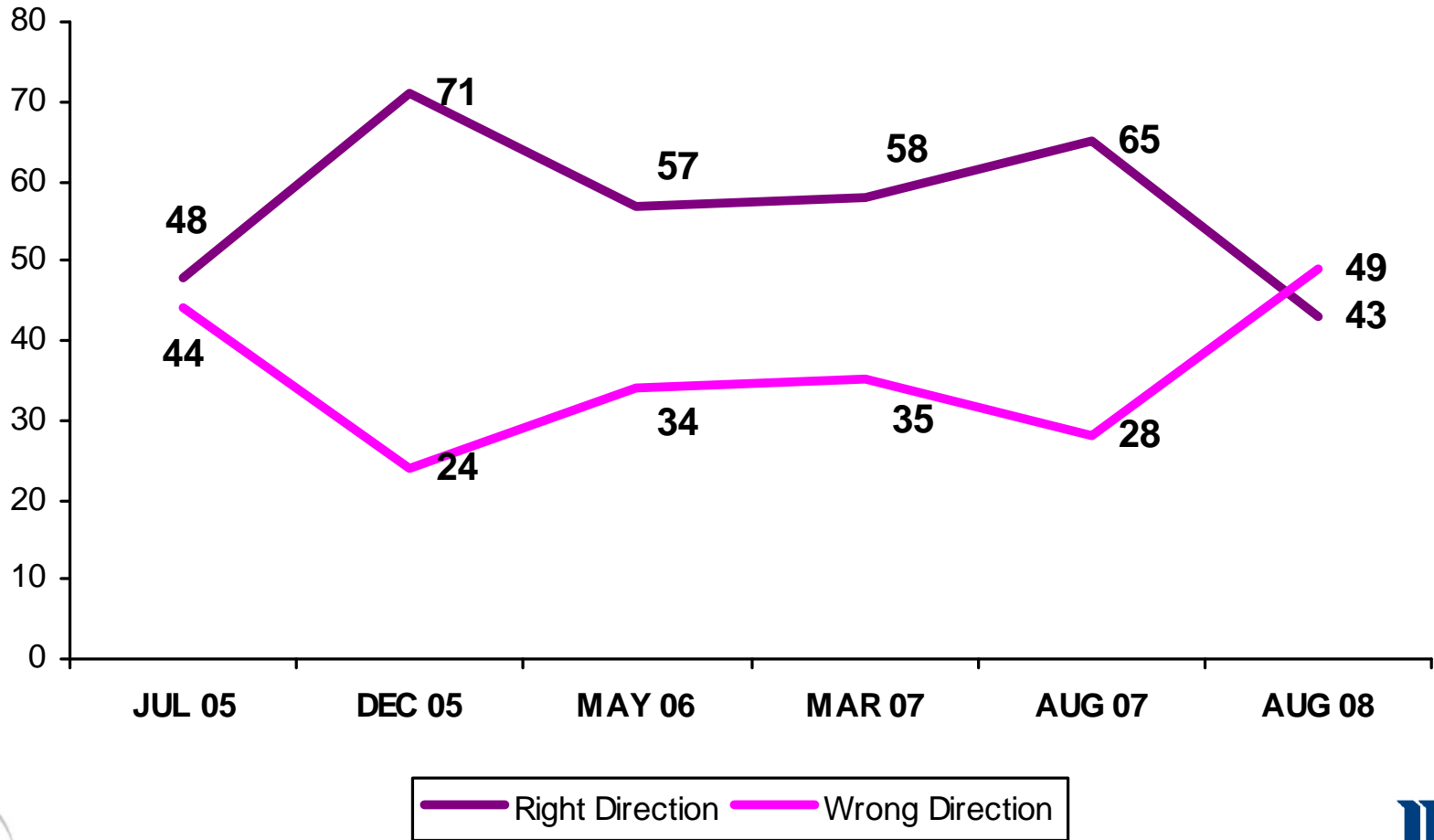
### Income Levels

Less than 200 JD 23.9%  
200-599 JD 64.2%  
600-999 JD 7.7%  
1,000 JD or Higher 2.8%  
Not Sure/Don't Know 1.4%

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# General State of Affairs

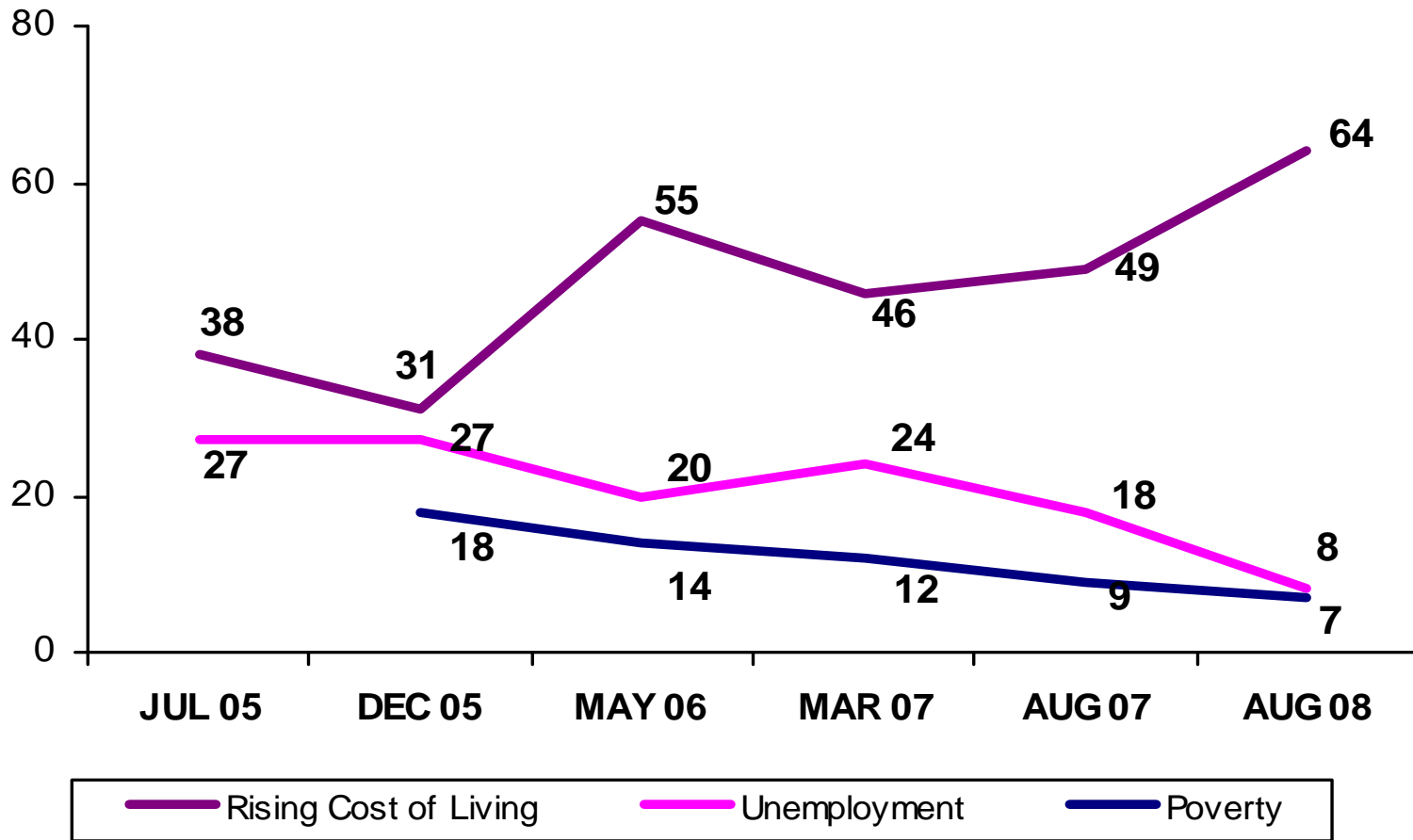
*Q: In general, are things in Jordan going in the right or the wrong direction?*



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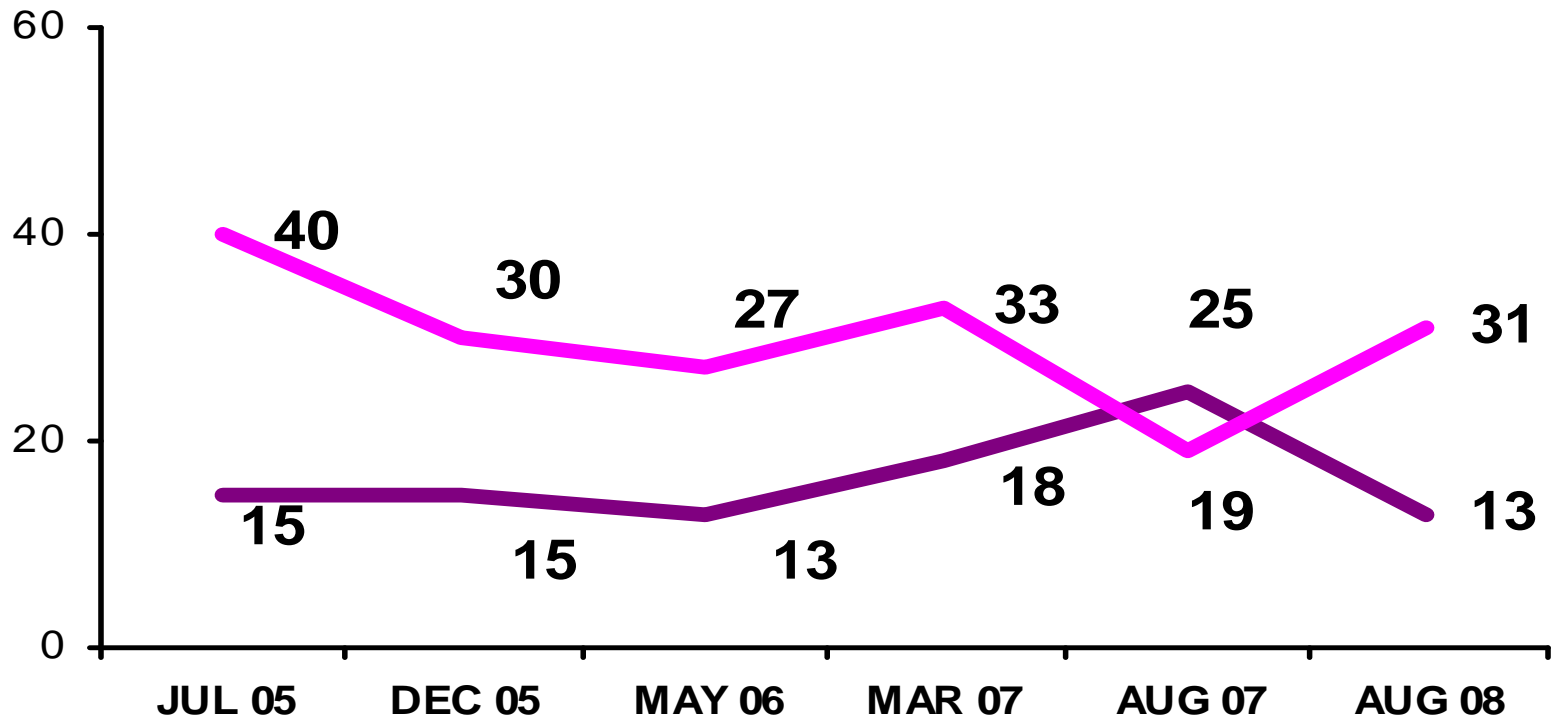
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*Q: Taking all things into consideration, what is the most important problem facing Jordan today?*



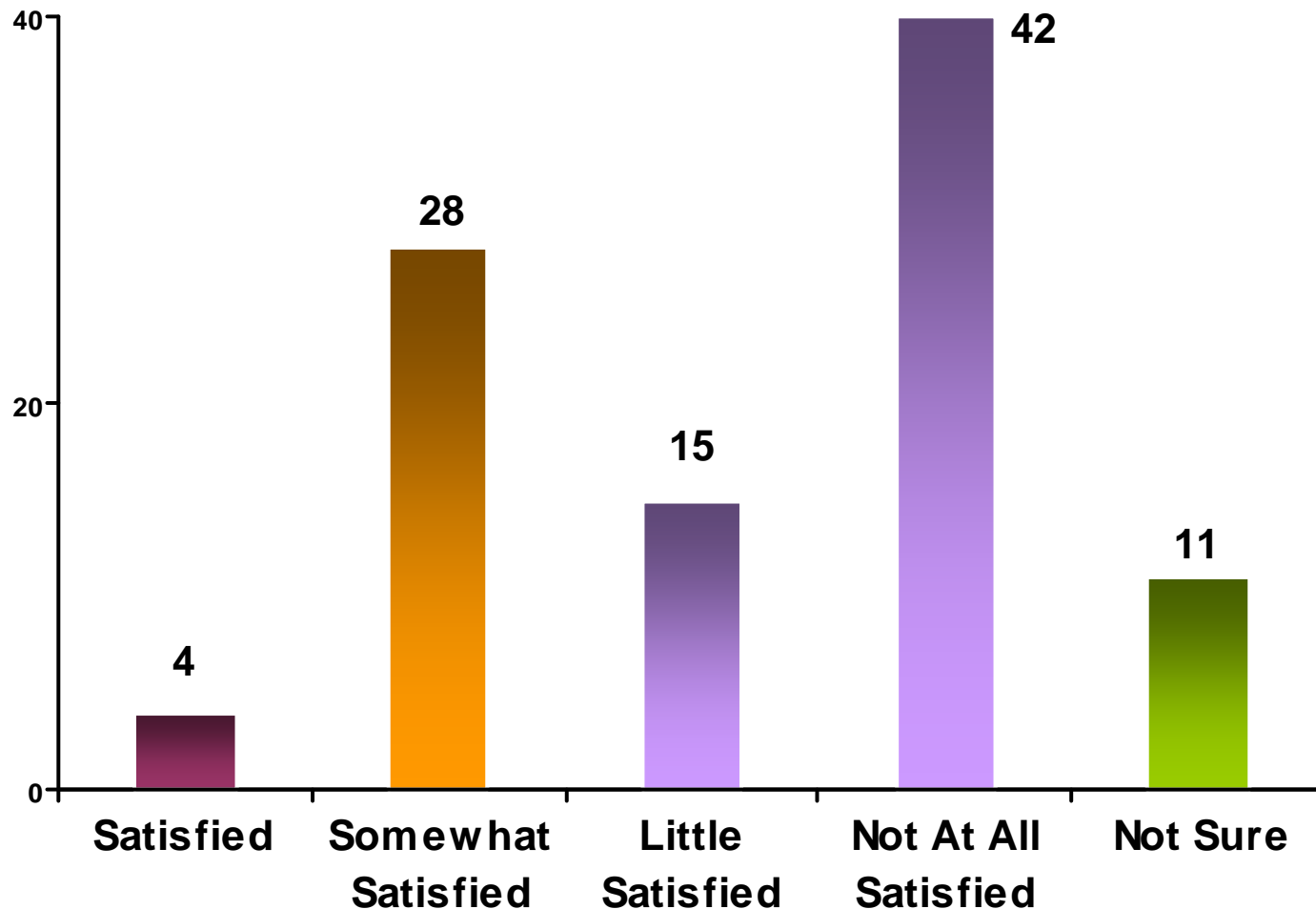
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*Q : To what degree do you think that the freedom to publicly criticize the Government's decisions and policies is guaranteed in Jordan?*



# Parliament's Approval Ratings

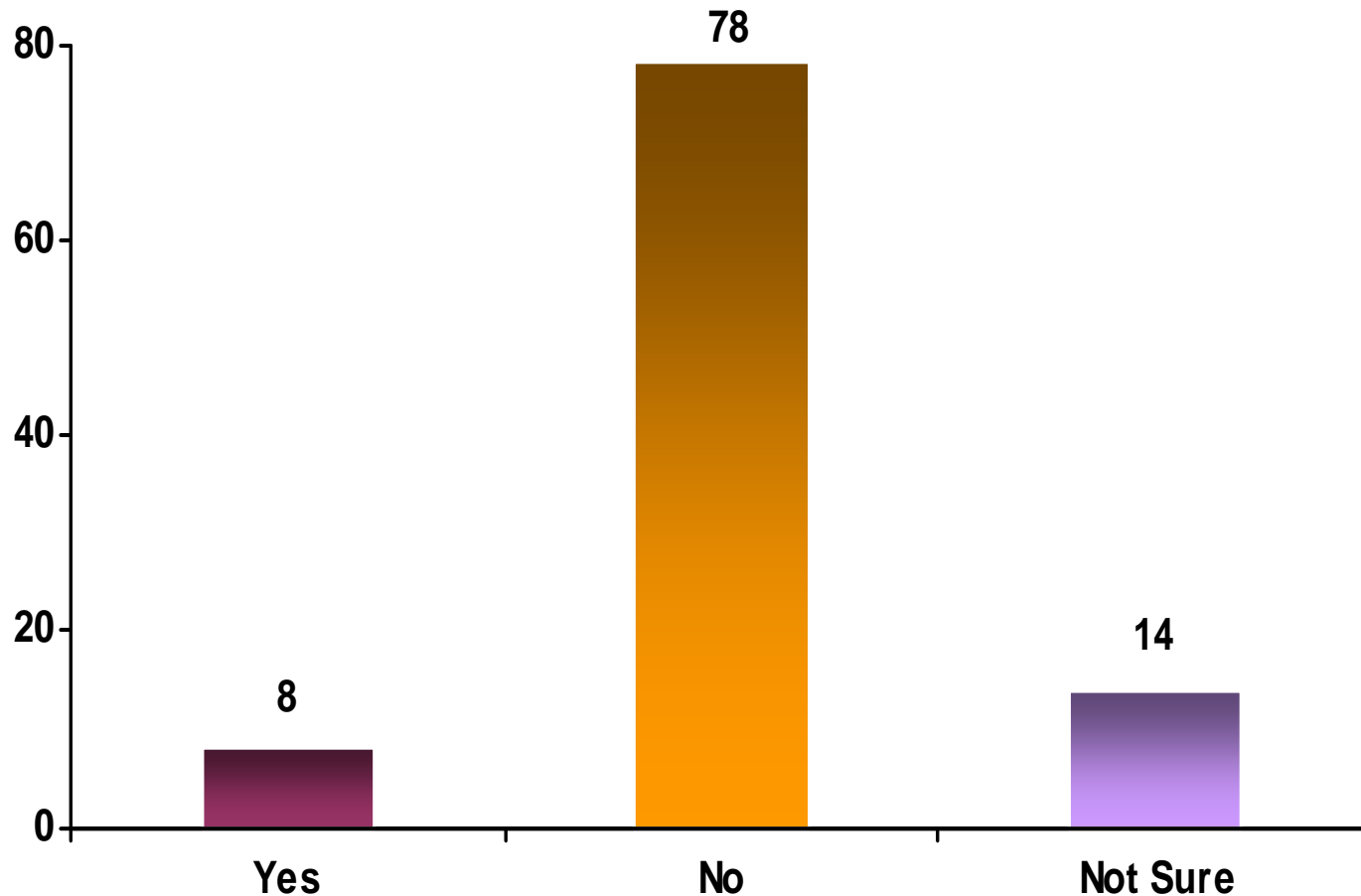
*Q : Are you satisfied with the performance of the current Parliament?*



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# Parliament's Approval Ratings

*Q : Did the current parliament accomplish anything worthy of recognition?*

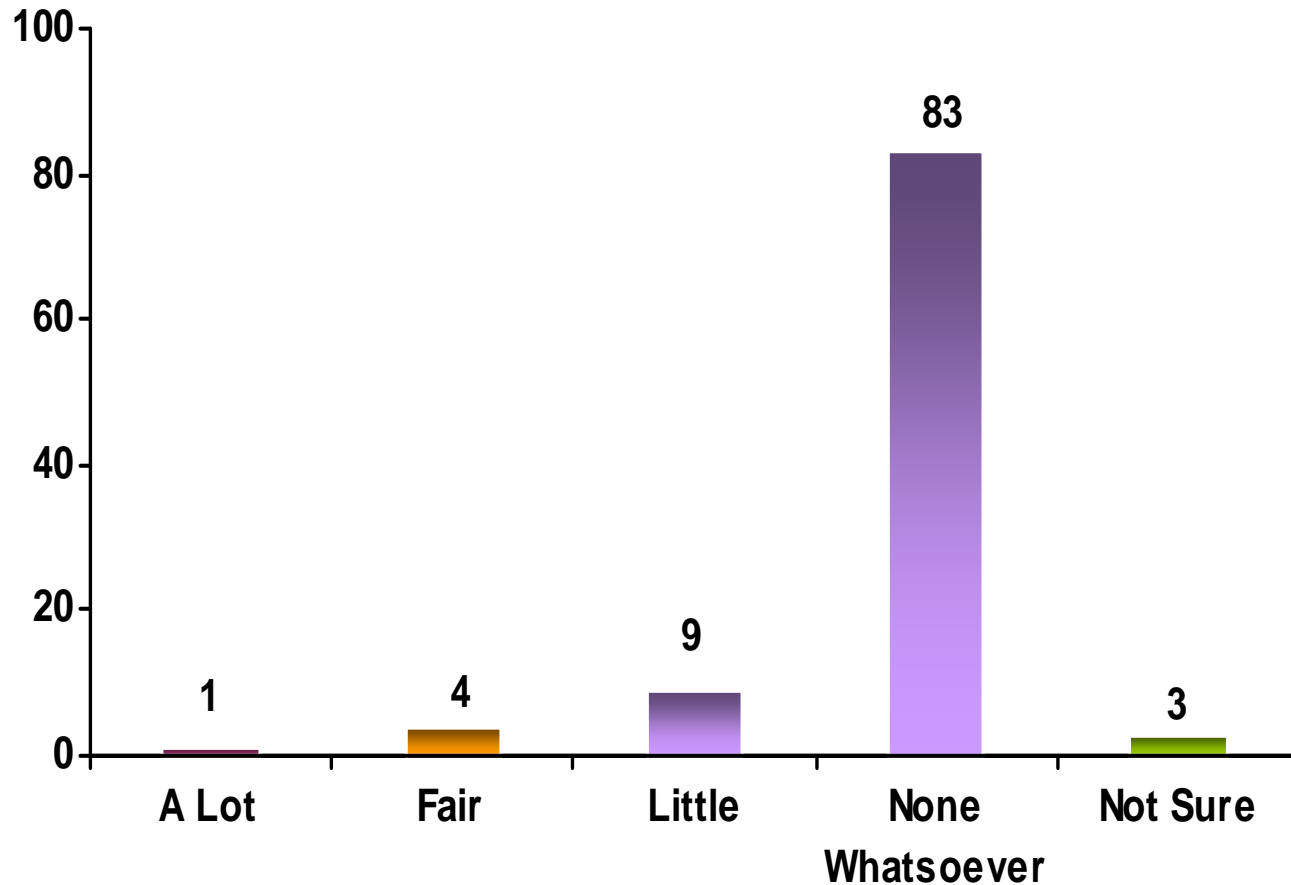




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# Public Assembly Law

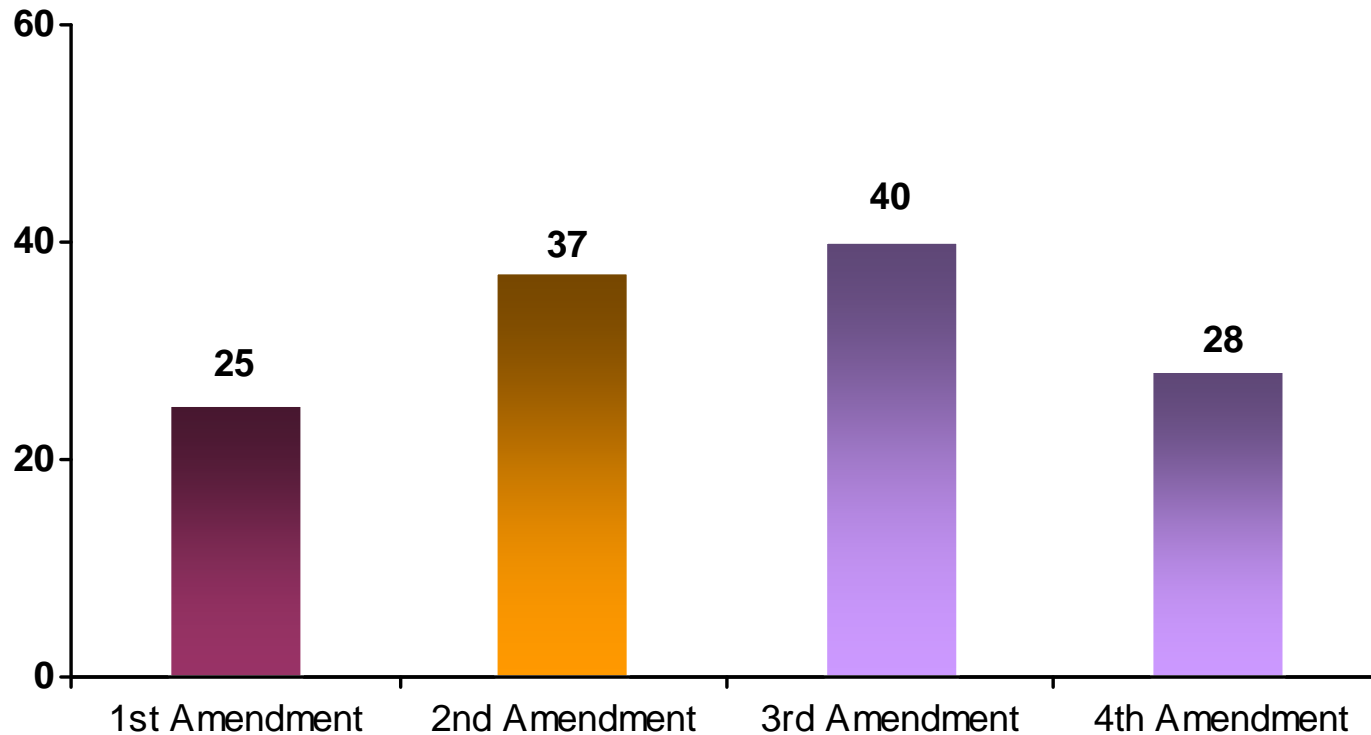
*Q : Did you hear, read or listen to anything that relates to this newly amended law?*



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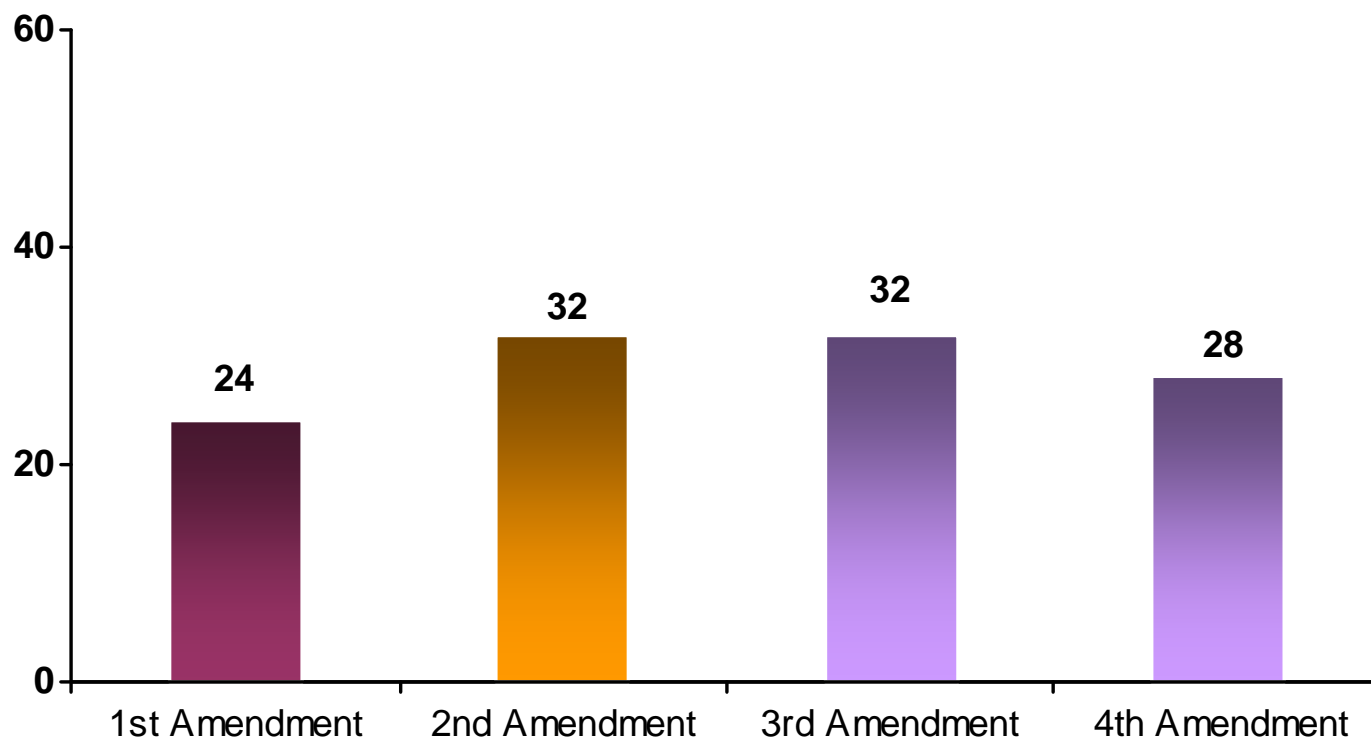
*Q : How important do you think this amendment is?  
(Respondents who replied important)*



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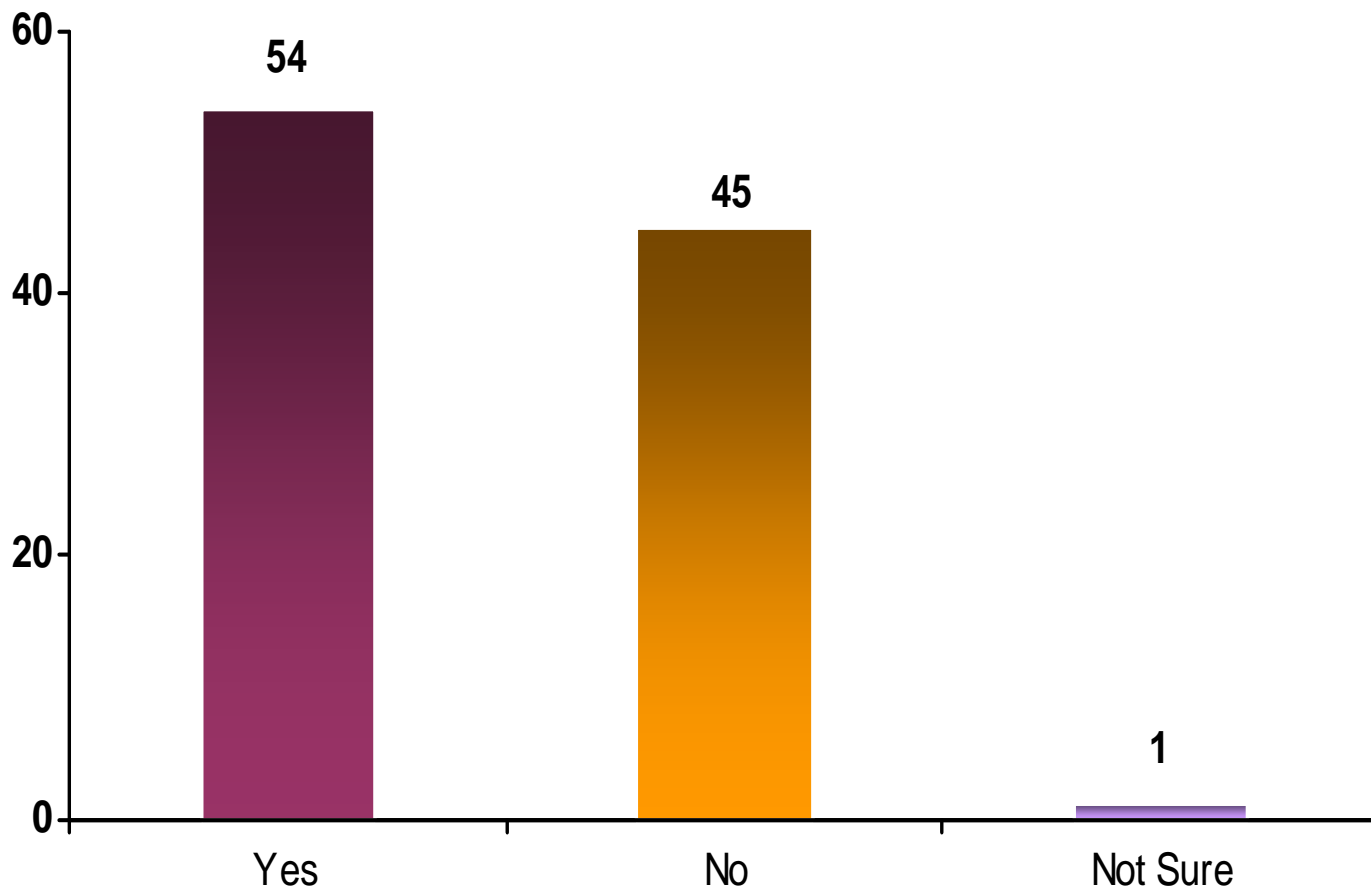
*Q : Do you think this amendment is an important or somewhat important step towards the advancement of political reform in Jordan?  
(Respondents who said yes, to a great extent)*



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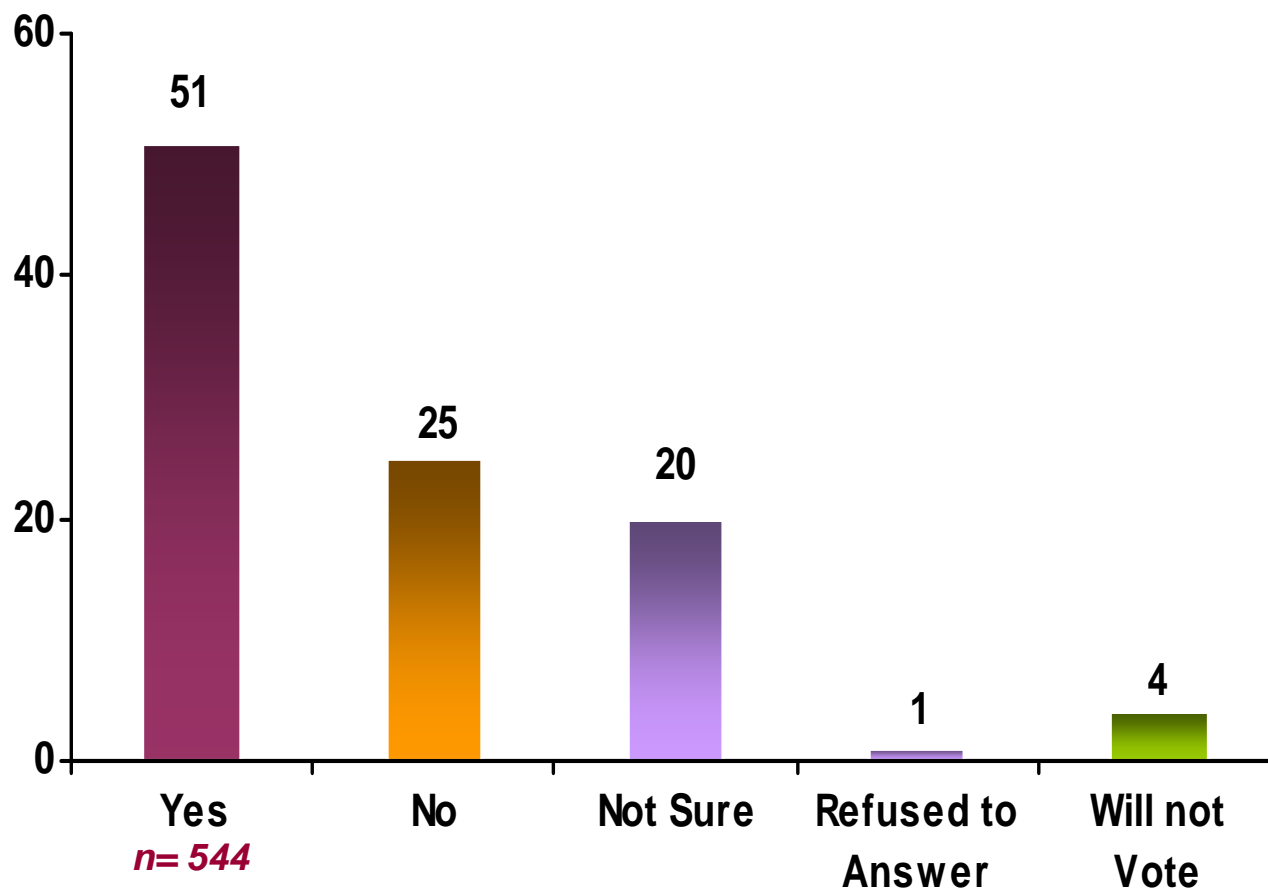
# Electoral Culture & Voter Attitudes

*Q : Did you vote in the last parliamentary elections that were held in November 2007?*



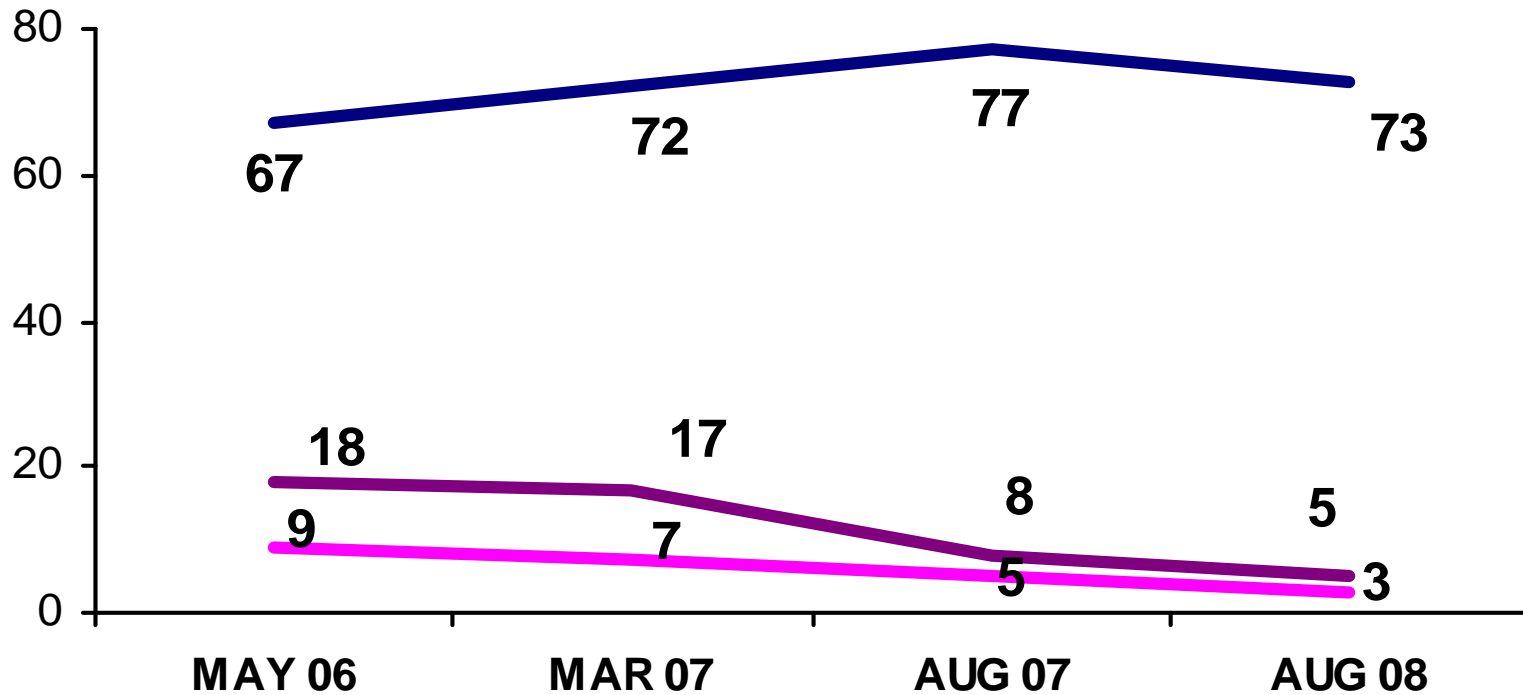
# Electoral Culture & Voter Attitudes

*Q : If parliamentary elections were held today, would you vote for this candidate again?*



# Electoral Culture & Voter Attitudes

*Q : If parliamentary elections were held today, would you vote for a political party candidate or an independent candidate?*



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# Electoral Culture & Voter Attitudes

*Q : For which party would you vote?*

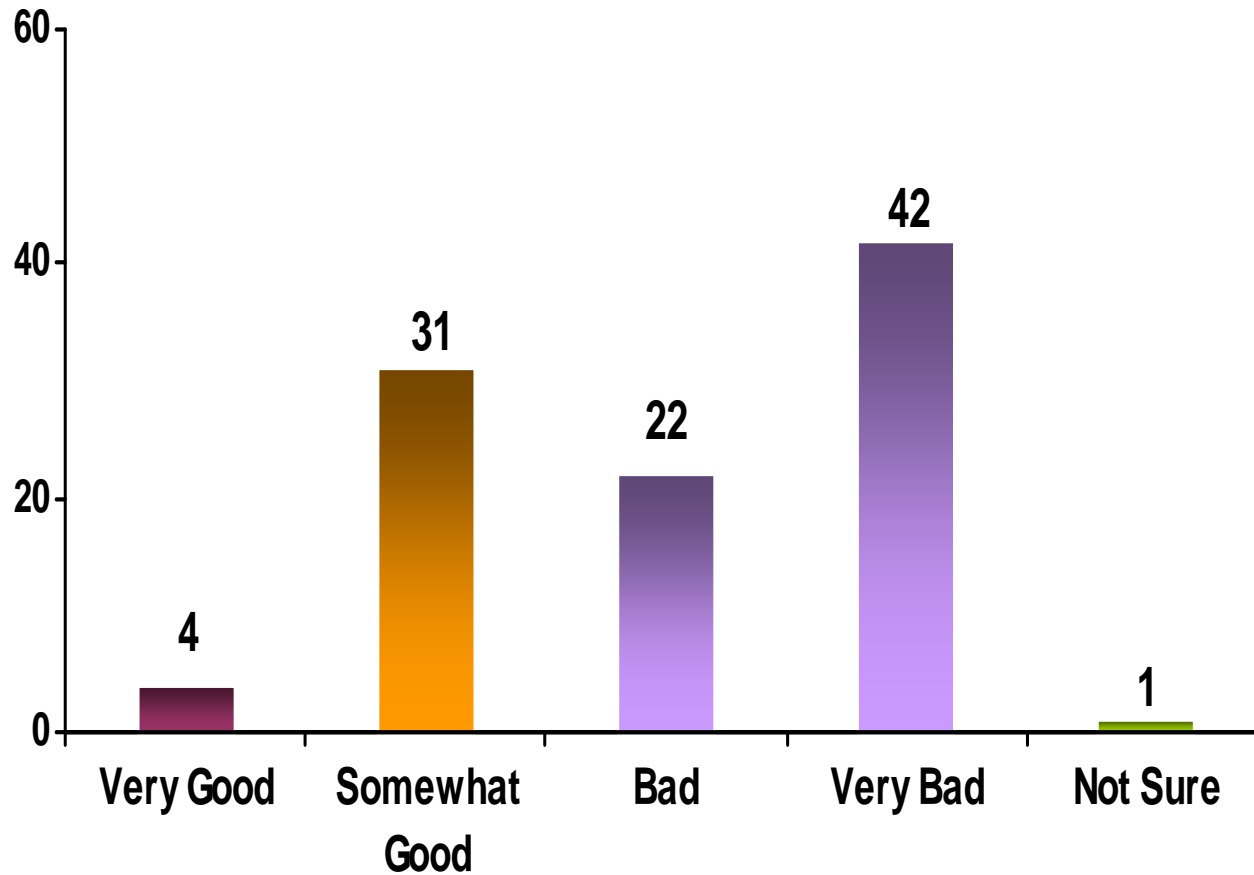
*(Respondents who said they would vote for a political party candidate, n=51)*

	<i>Name of Party</i>	<b>%</b>	<b>% of total sample</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Islamic Action Front</b>	66.6	3.4
<b>2</b>	<b>People's Democratic Party "HASHED"</b>	3.0	0.1
<b>3</b>	<b>"Al-Ahed" Party</b>	2.3	0.1
<b>4</b>	<b>National Constitutional Party</b>	1.7	0.1
<b>5</b>	<b>"Taqadom &amp; Adalah" Party</b>	6.1	0.3
<b>6</b>	<b>Communist Party</b>	1.5	0.1
<b>7</b>	<b>Did not define a party</b>	1.2	0.1
<b>8</b>	<b>Refused to answer</b>	2.8	0.1
<b>9</b>	<b>Not sure/Don't know</b>	14.8	0.8
<b>10</b>	<b>Total</b>	100.0	5.1

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# The Economic Situation in Jordan

*Q : How would you describe the current economic situation in Jordan?*

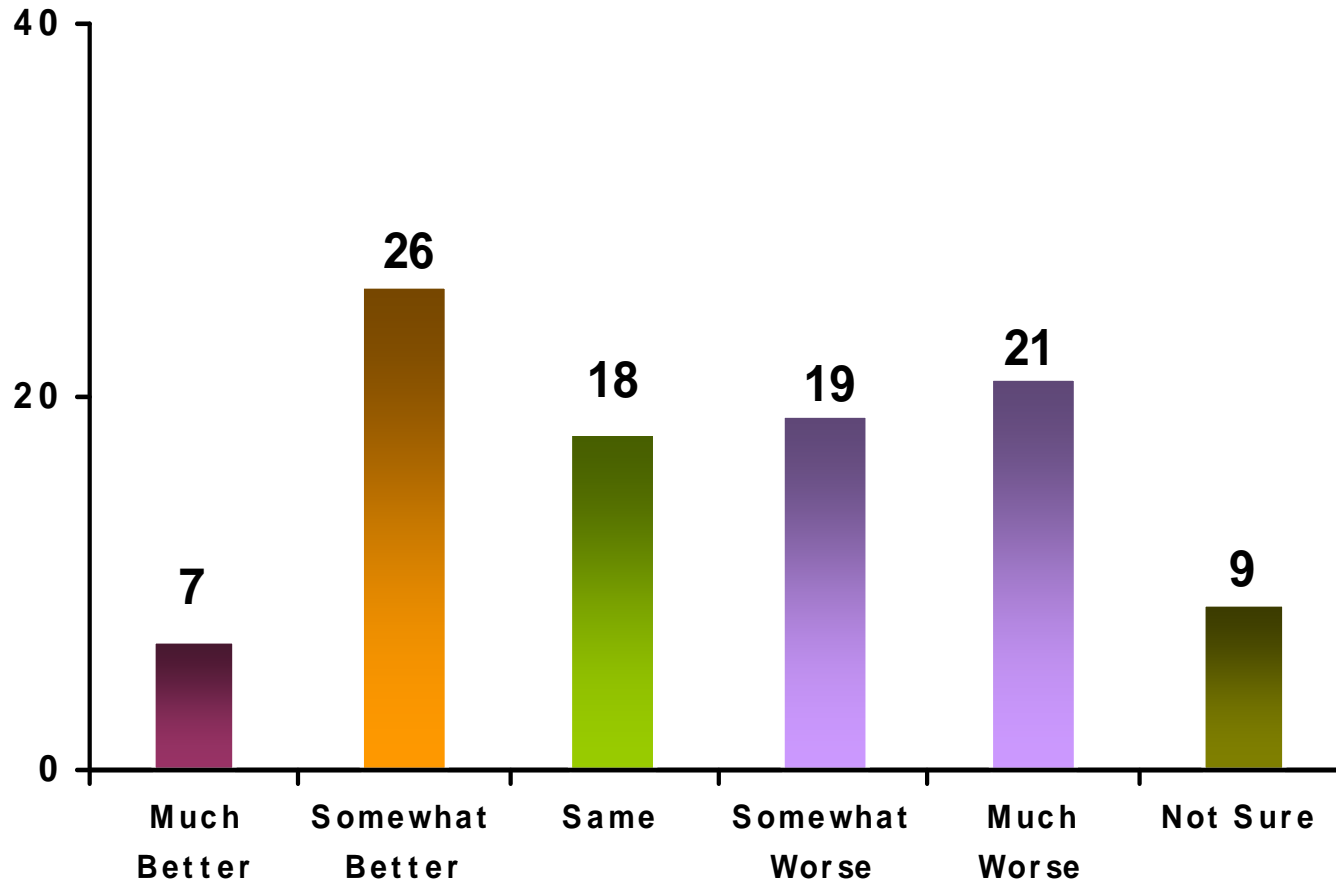




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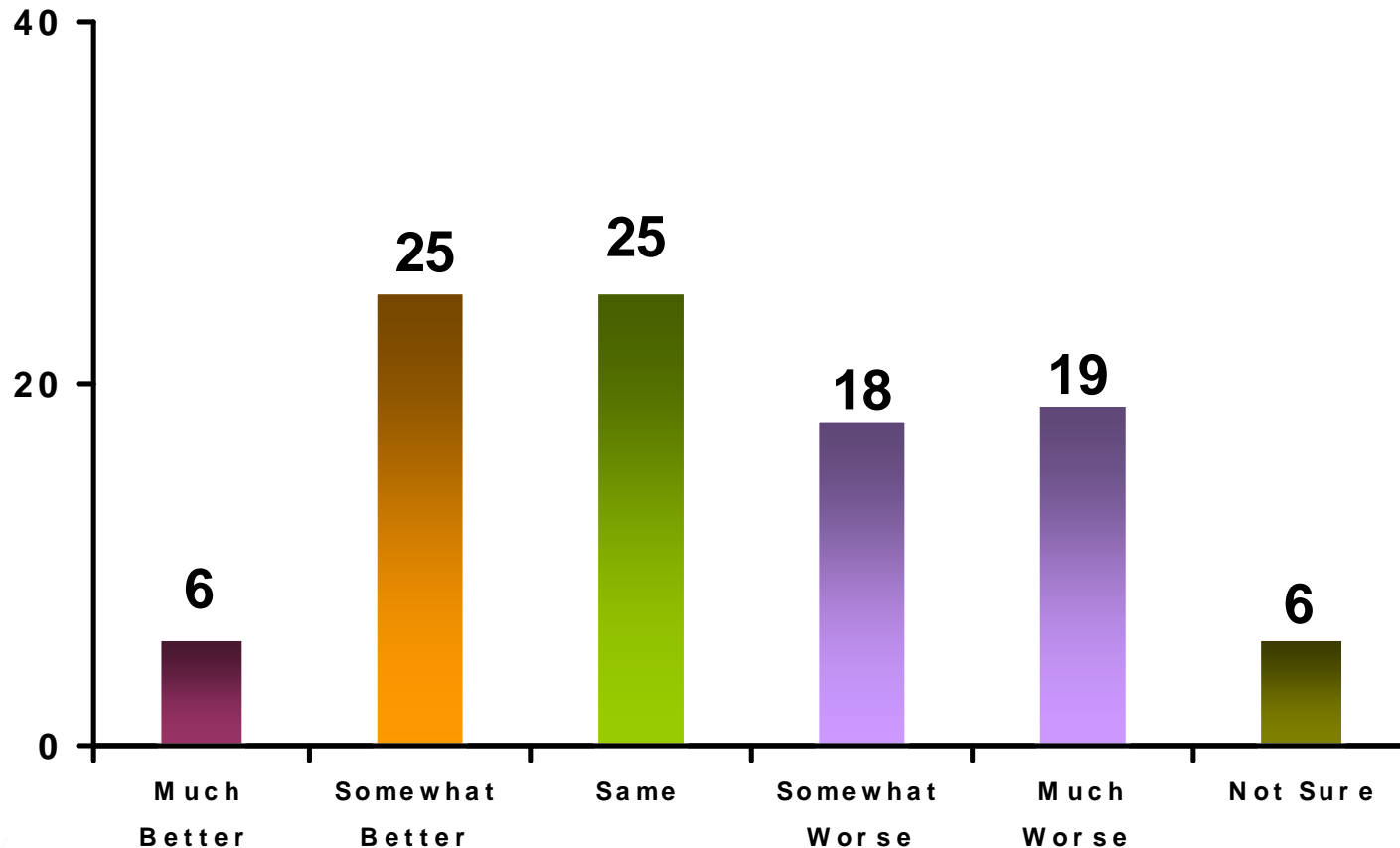
*Q : Is the general economic situation in Jordan over the next 12 months likely to get...?*



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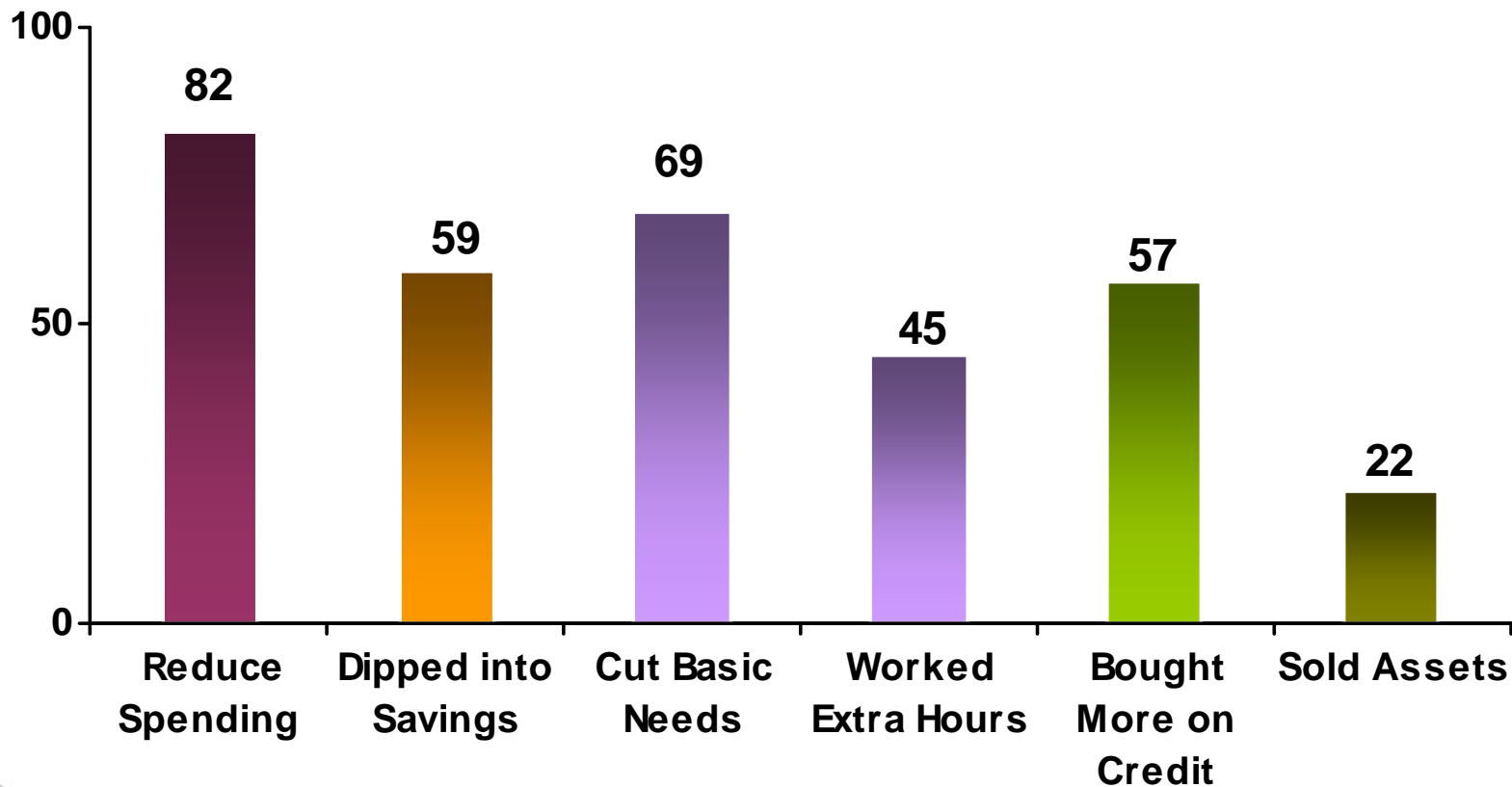
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*Q : Thinking now about your own household economic situation and comparing it with one year ago, do you think it is now...?*



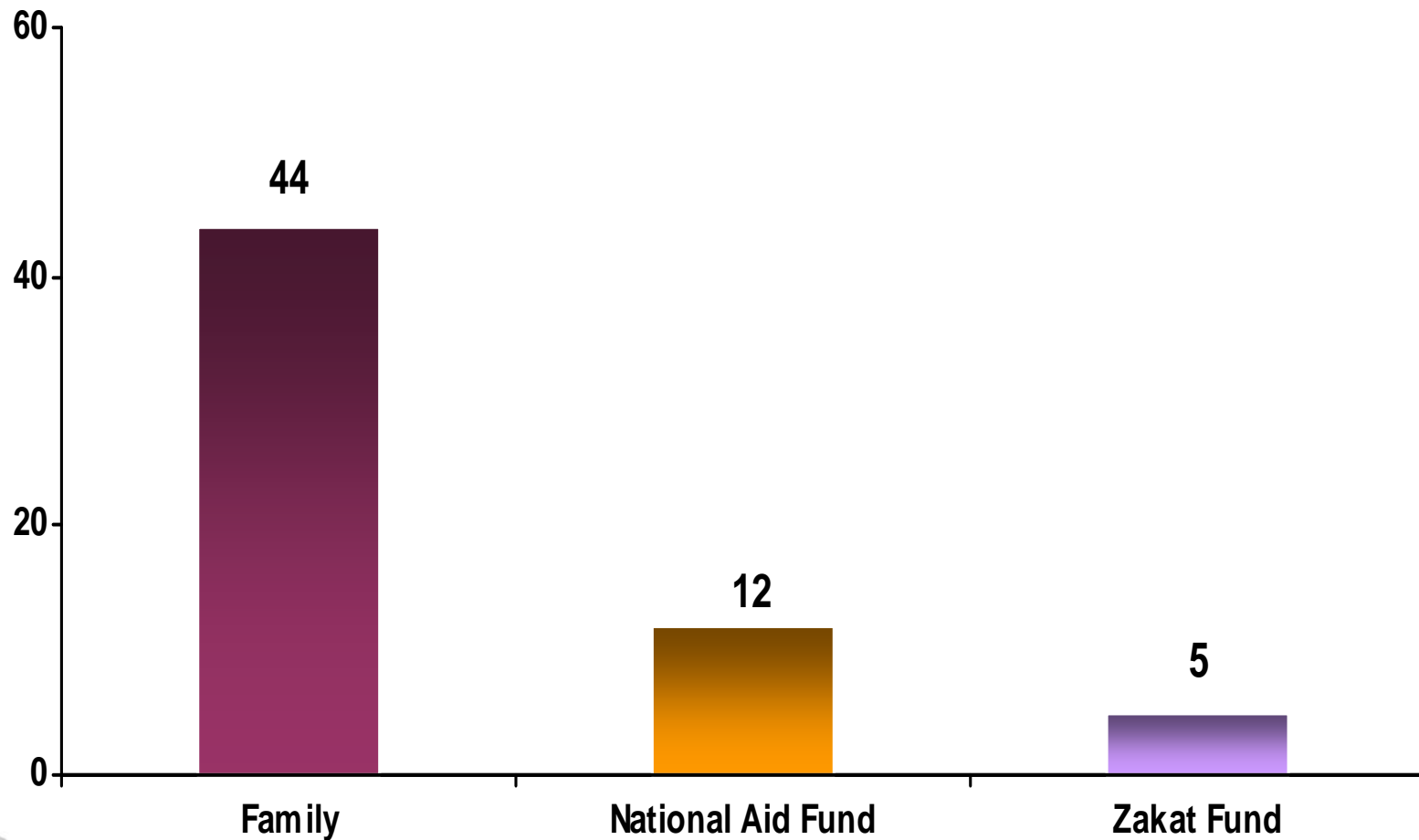
# The Economic Situation in Jordan

*Q : Over the past 12 months what have you had to do in order to meet family expenses?*



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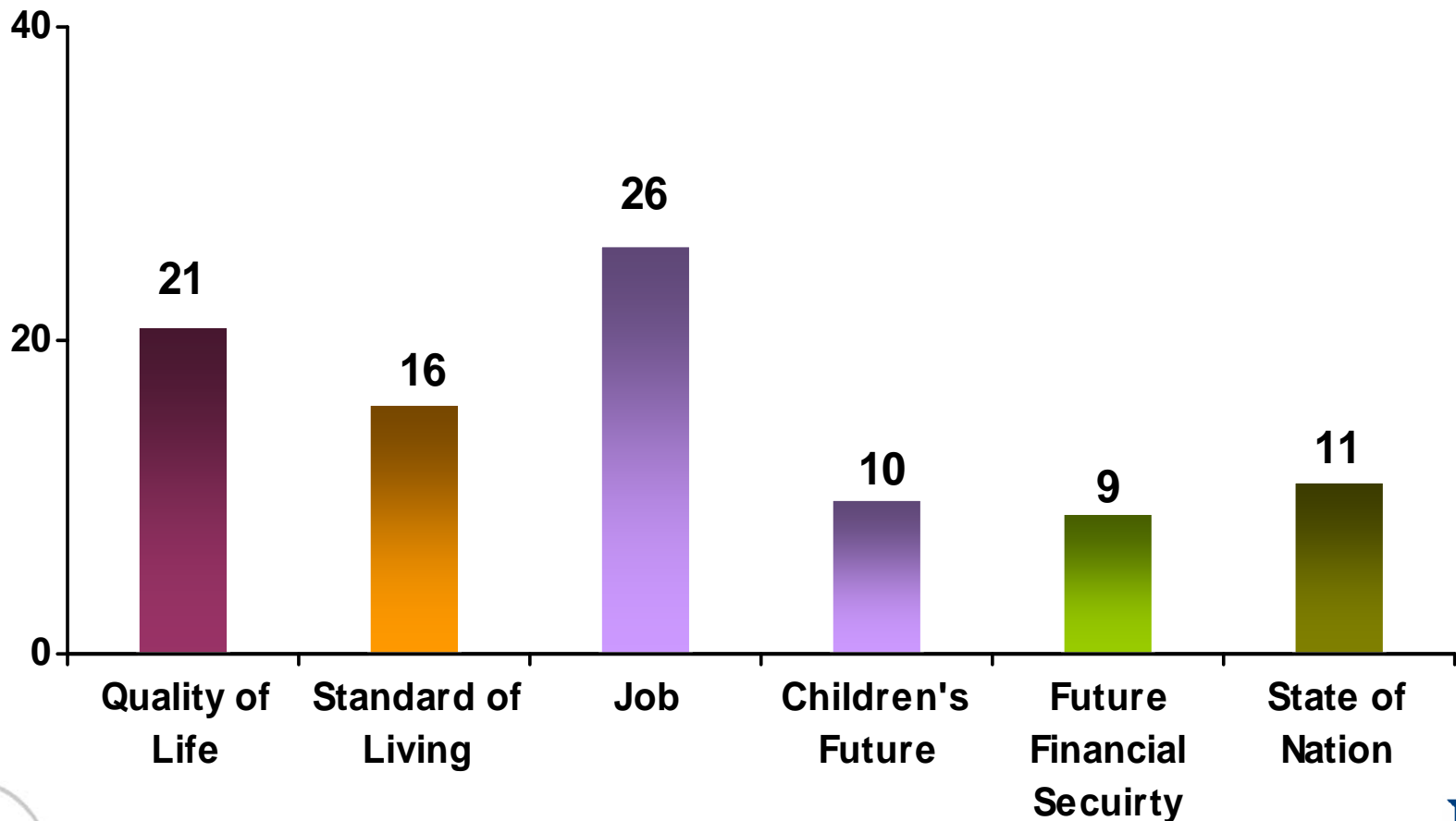
*Q : Over the past 12 months, did you ask for help from... in order to meet family expenses?*



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# Quality of Life Indicators

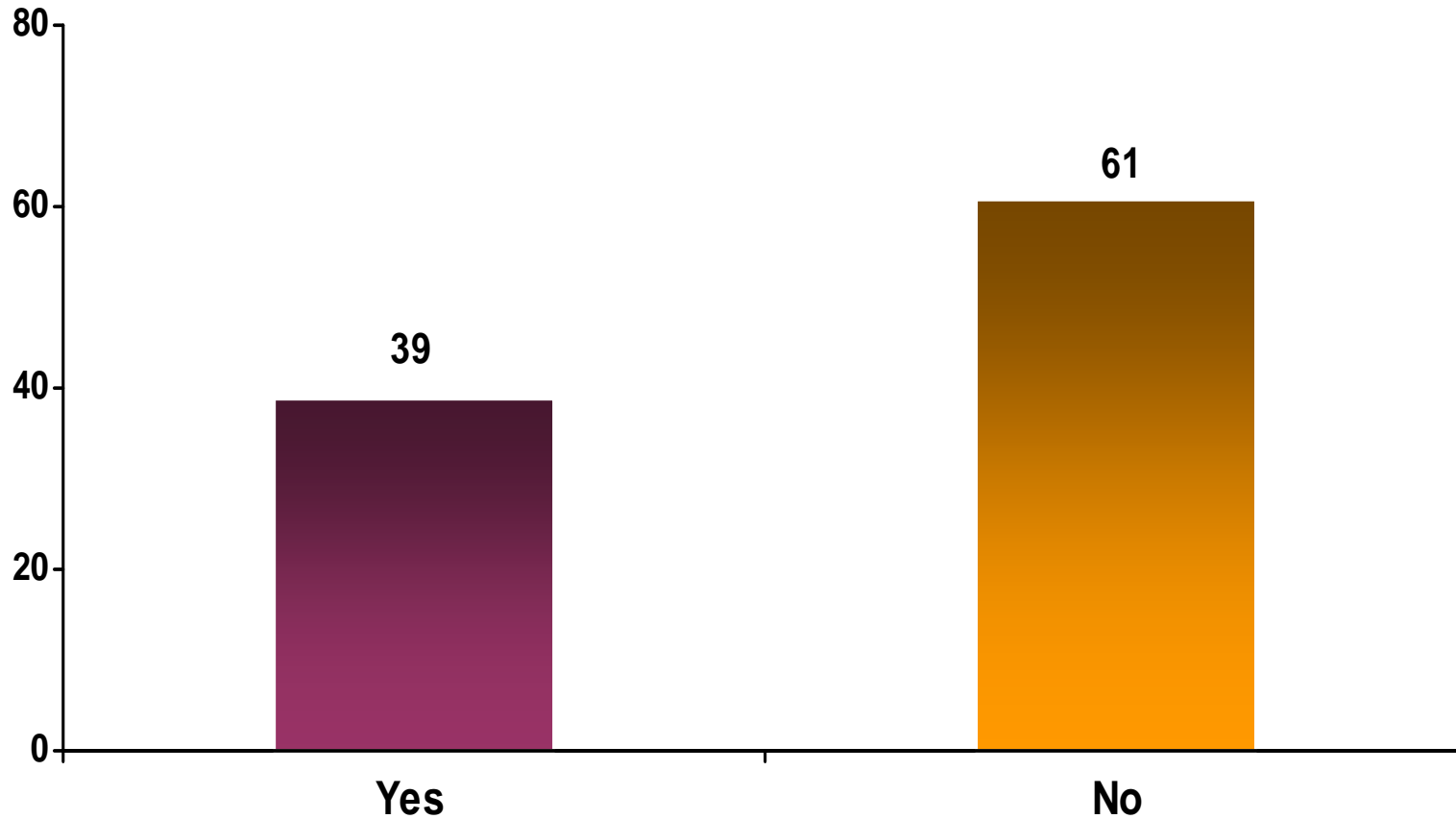
*Do you feel good about your...?  
(Respondents who said yes)*



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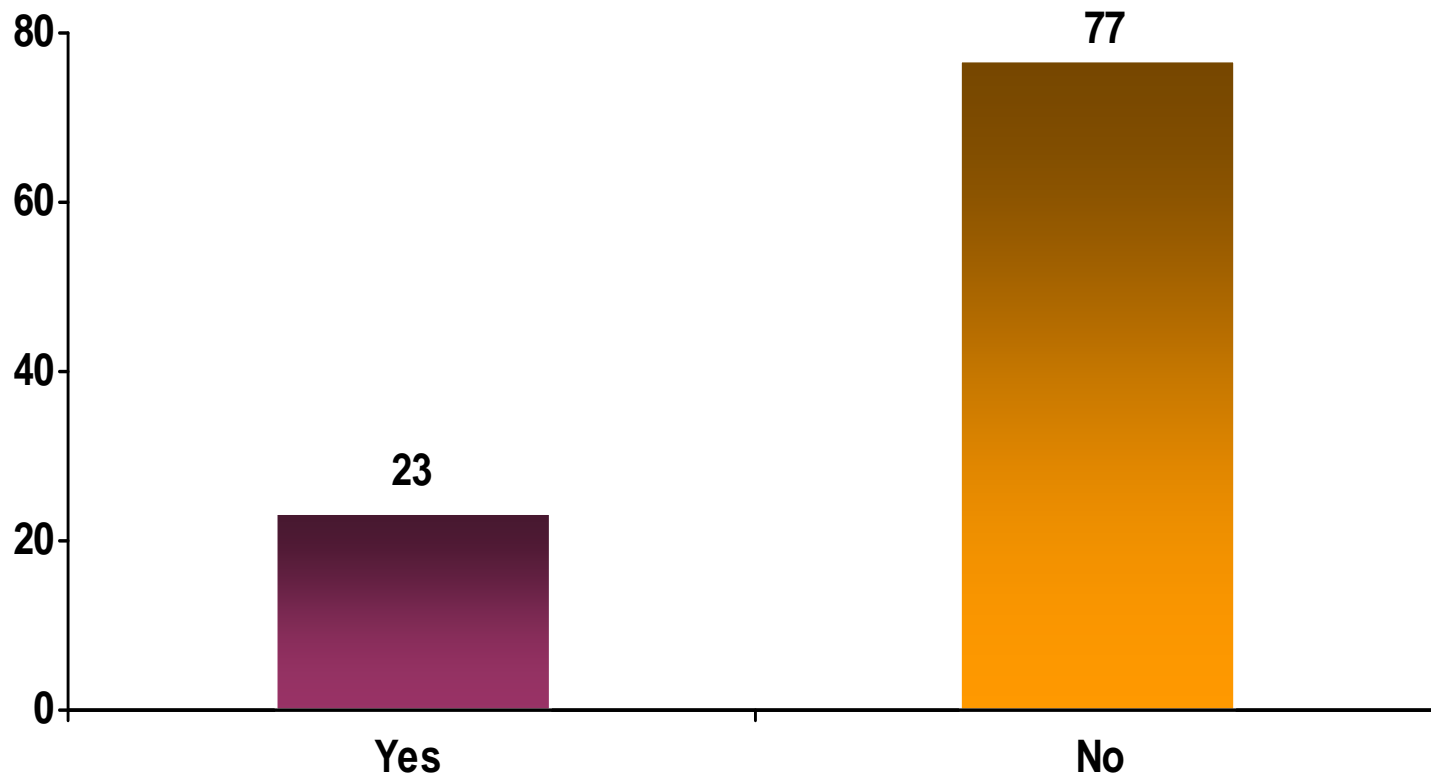
Q : *Do you currently work?*



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# Employment

Q : Are you looking for a job or new job?



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# Employment

*Q : Have you heard of the following training programs or have you applied for any of them?*

