

HomeFinder Lettings Policy – Consultation Feedback (Aug 2025)

Q1. Are you a resident of Mansfield or Ashfield District?

475 responses

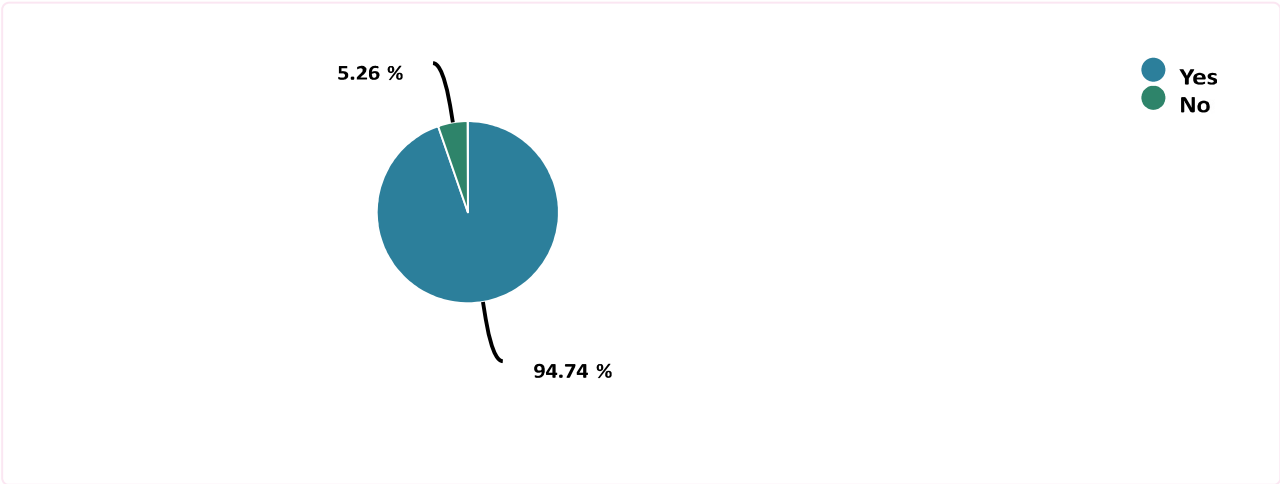


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Q2. What is your current housing situation?

477 responses

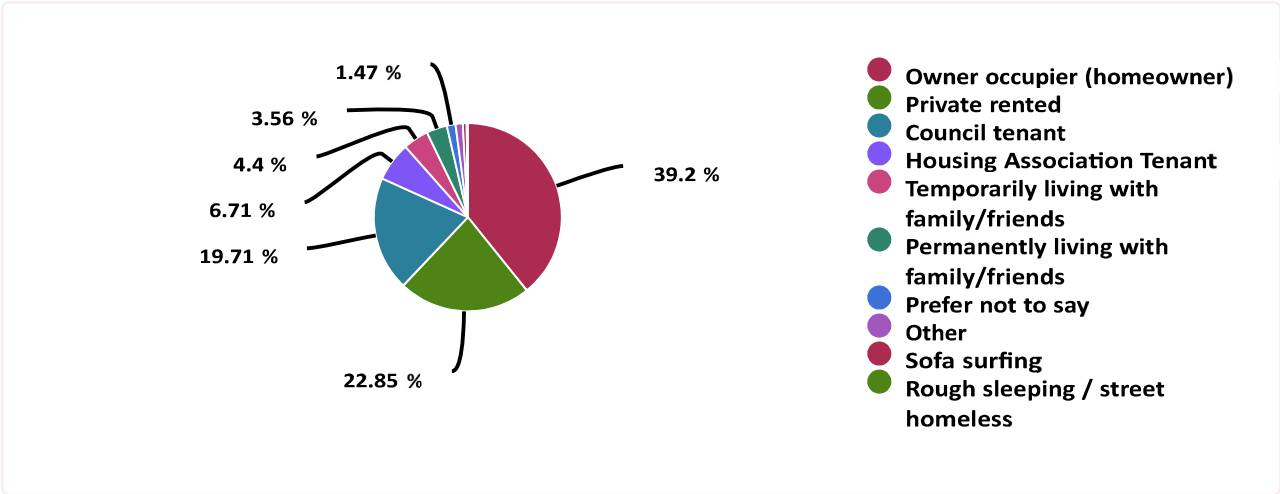


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Other

6 responses

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Q3. Are you currently registered on our Housing Register?

476 responses

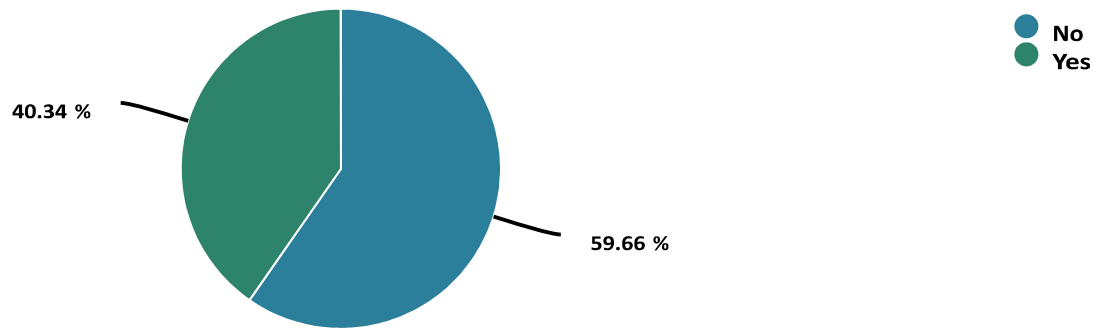


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Q4. Applicants have to prove a local connection to the Ashfield/Mansfield District to join the Housing Register. Most applicants meet the requirement to have lived in the District 2 years or more. Do you feel this is a suitable length of time? **472 responses**

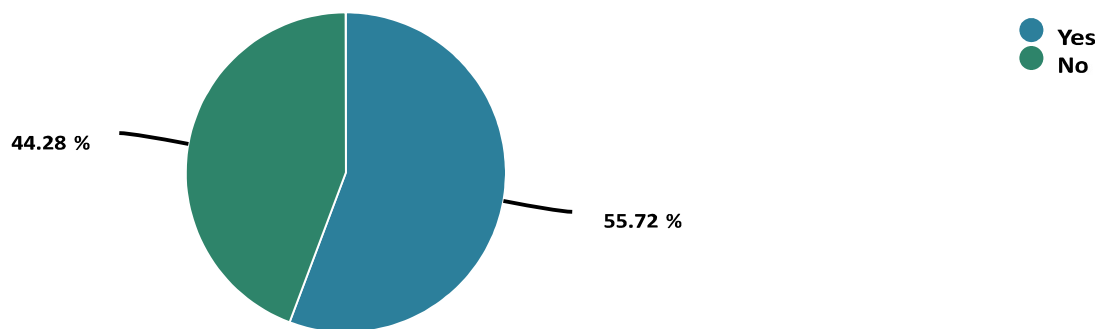


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Q5. If no, what do you feel is an appropriate length of time?

253 responses

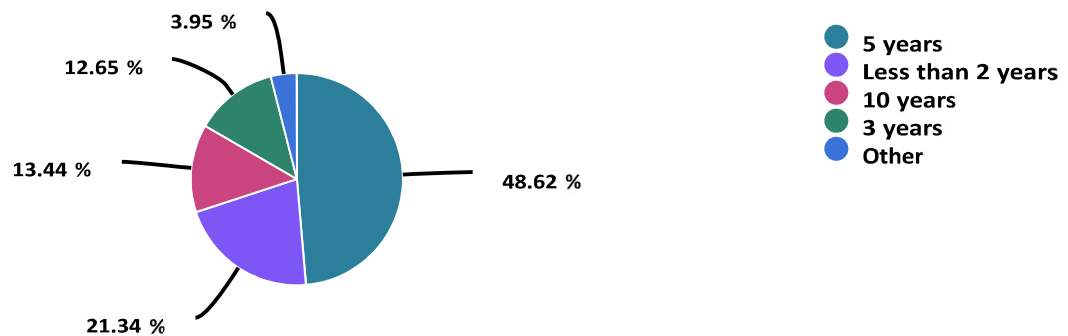


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Other

5 responses

2 years is sufficient

20 years

all of their adult life

Since born

N/A

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Q6. Some applicants prove a local connection through close family they have living in the Ashfield/Mansfield Districts. Who should we consider as close family?

473 responses

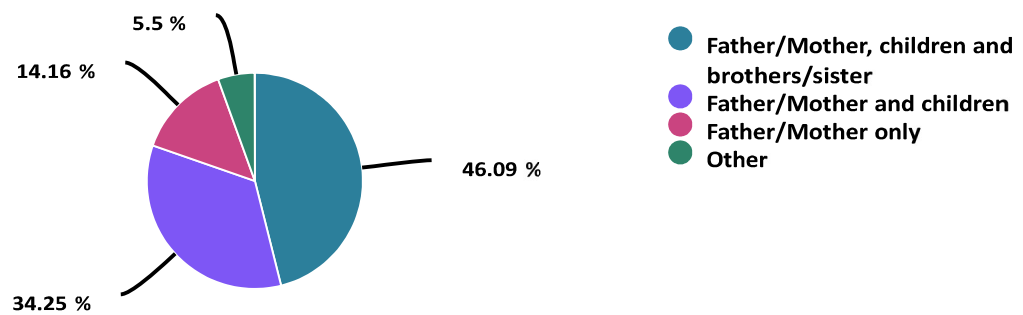


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Other

26 responses

Girlfriend

All of the above and grandparents

Close family/friends

Daughters/grandchildren

Close friend due to some people not having biological family

Family connection should apply even if parents are deceased. Special circumstances should be considered, disabilities etc...

Family can be friends if long and meaningful connection is there. Some people don't have "traditional family"

All the above but including grandparents as that's who some of us are raised by

Family (any) if the family member has been an Ashfield resident since birth. British citizens must ALWAYS be prioritised

Aunt /Uncle Grandparents

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Q7. Should an income limit be introduced, with applicants being excluded from the Housing Register if their income is above an agreed level? **475 responses**

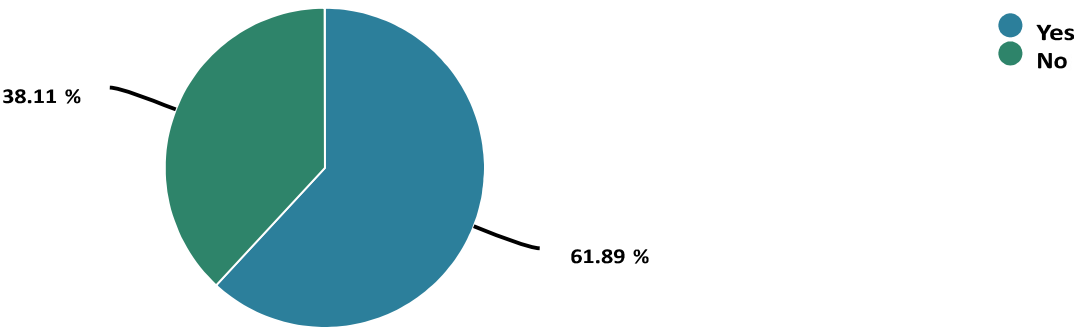


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Q8. If yes, for a family with 2 children, what do you feel is a suitable income limit? **340 responses**

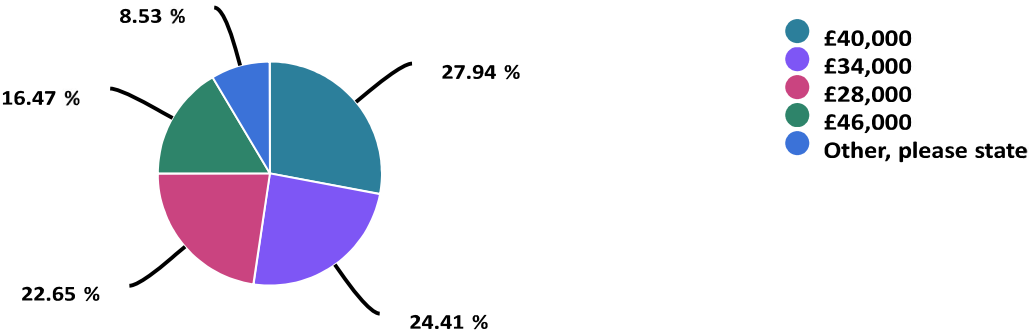


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Other, please state

23 responses

60000

Before an income limit can be introduced there should be an upper limit on what private rented accommodation can charge.

Don't know.

60,000

£50,000 combined they can afford to private rent or save to purchase. Maybe introduce a "live while save" where you give housing association houses up for a fixed term of two years as they're more affordable than private rent. Which gives people opportunity to save a deposit to purchase

Non working and/or pensioners

70000

With the cost of living on the rise this should not be a stand alone factor in whether someone should be on the housing register

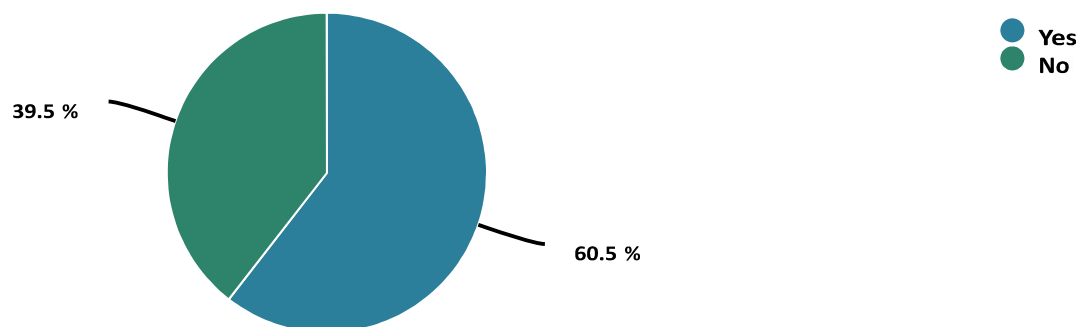
Over 60000

75000

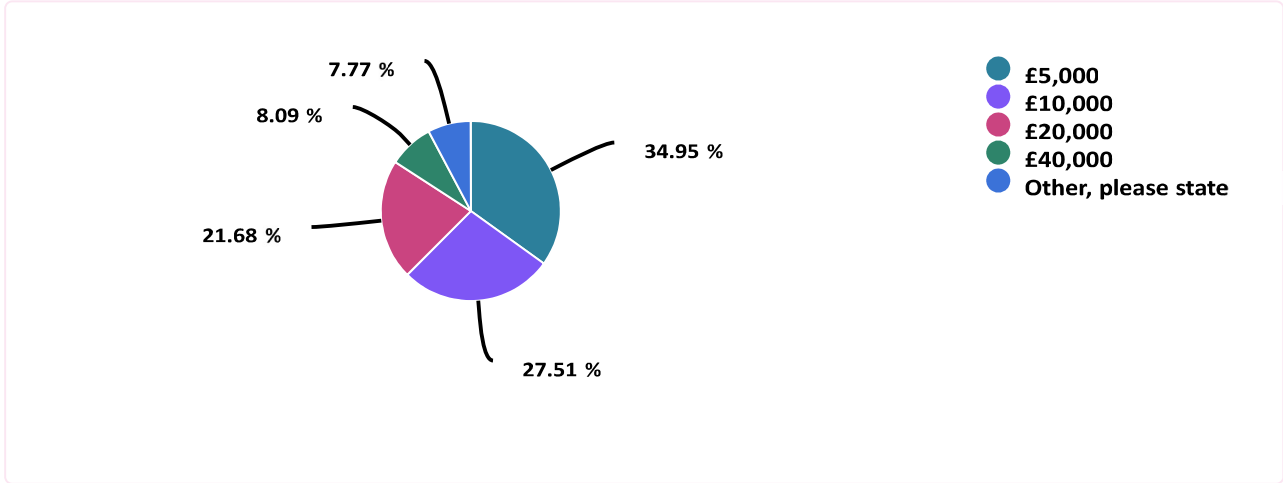
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Q9. In addition to an applicant's income, should we also consider how much savings they have when deciding if they can join the Housing Register?

476 responses



Q10. If yes, for a family with 2 children. what do you feel is a suitable savings limit? (please ignore if you chose "No" to the question above). **309 responses**



Other, please state **20 responses**

Not everybody can afford savings when they have to live private rented or otherwise.

Before a savings limit can be introduced there should be a limit in which a private landlord can charge per month, per bond etc

15,000

£1000

Don't know.

1,000

it should be in line with central gov for UC, so £6000

Same as for those in receipt of benefits

3000

£16 thousand like all other benefits

Q11. Do you think that all owner occupiers (homeowners), irrespective of their housing needs should be excluded from the Housing Register?

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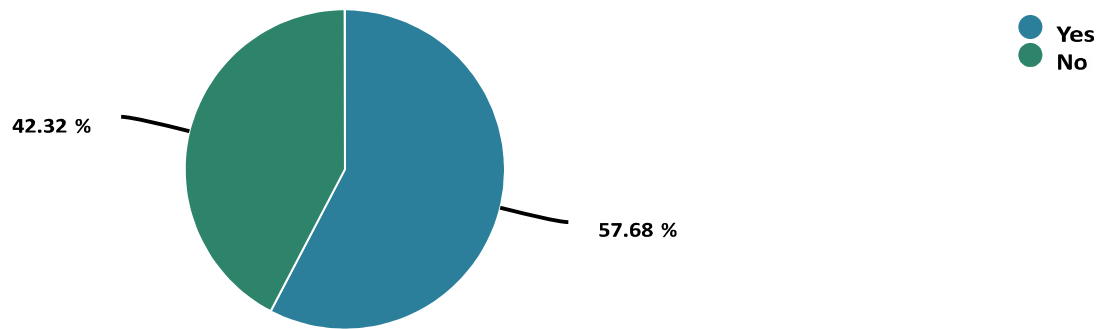


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Q12. If no, do you feel that an owner occupier who has an urgent housing need should be allowed to join the Housing Register and be given priority to move?

311 responses

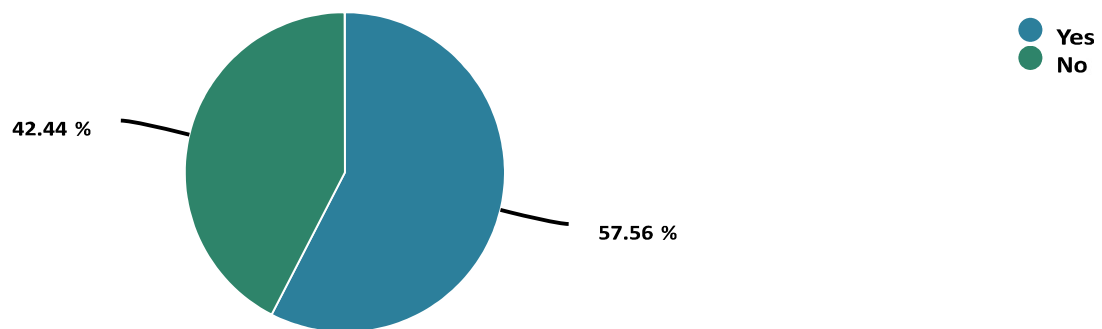


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Q13. Should applicants with no housing need be allowed to join the Housing Register?

472 responses

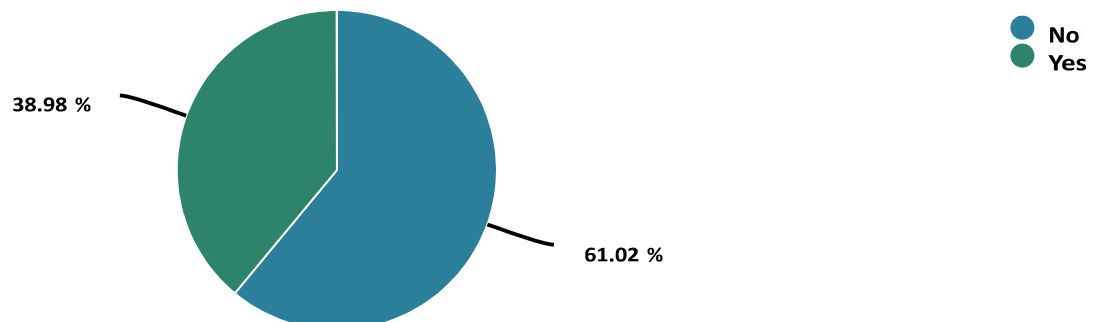


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Q14. Currently, Ashfield/Mansfield Council tenants can join the Housing Register and are given priority to move if they have no housing need but they have kept to their tenancy conditions. Do you think that tenants should be prioritised that way? **471 responses**

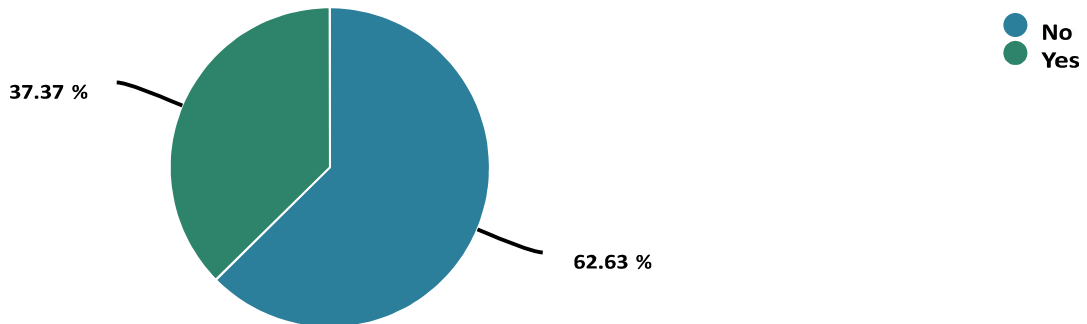


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Q15. Do you think that the current bands are correct? **455 responses**

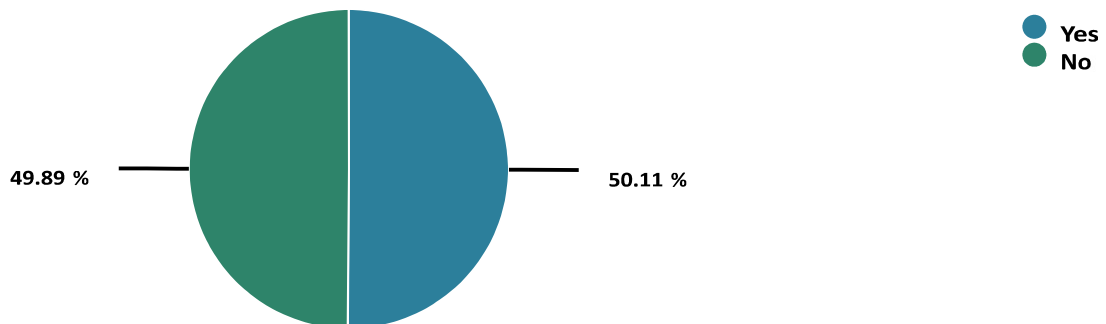


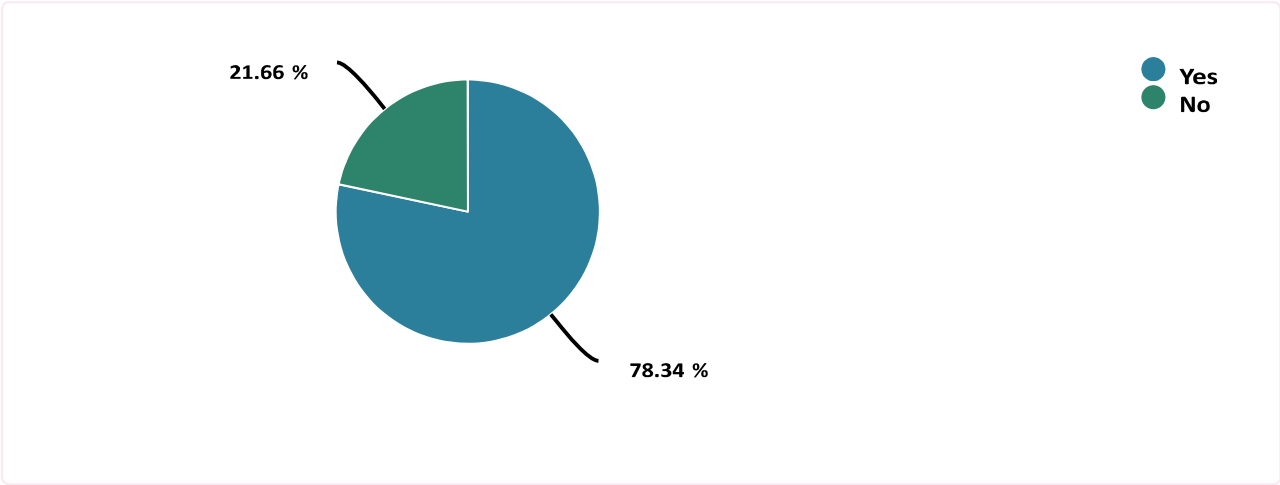
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Could you please explain your answer to the above question further? **194 responses**

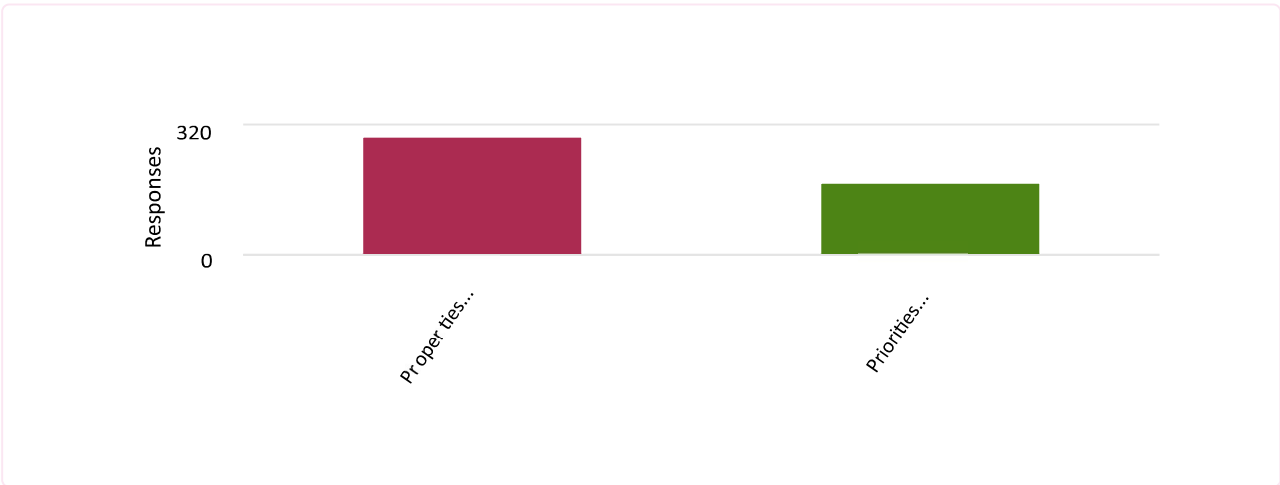
the way it works at the moment people in the lowest band grade will be waiting years for accommodation because of the constant flow of other people getting put into higher bands than them...single people or couples without kids have no hope of getting council accommodation

We are in band 4. Living in sheltered housing. Both having life changing conditions(more than one) .

Q16. Do you feel it is right to be giving additional priority to applicants with multiple housing **471 responses** needs?



Q17. Council housing is let to applicants in the most housing need. Do you think we should consider other factors when deciding who is allocated accommodation?



Please state any other factors that should be considered **188 responses**

Whether the area is suitable for their needs

Illness. Tax payer's. Income.

Does the person work. People out here wanting a house as private rent is just too high but seems most houses go to the unemployed and people who claim alot of benefits

Income and capital

Age not being on benefits

Income, lack of availability when it comes to decent housing. Overcrowding in homes, disabilities, young people.

Being on the waiting list for over 13 years

Unaffordability, overcrowded even if over 18

Should be who's been on the list the longest after homeless needs

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Q18. Should we only allow households where everyone is over 60 to be able to bid for sheltered **472 responses** properties?

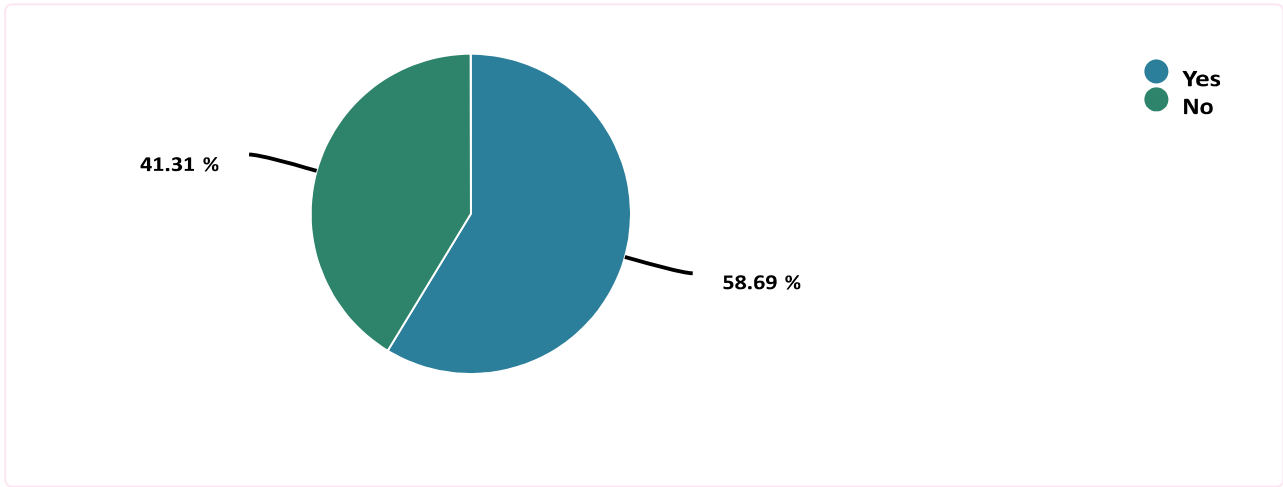


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Q19. If no, what age should be able to live in sheltered properties?

161 responses

50

Age may not be the best way to gauge need for sheltered housing. People younger than 60 may need sheltered housing due to health/disability.

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25+

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Q20. Up to what age do you feel it is acceptable for children of the opposite sex to share a bedroom?

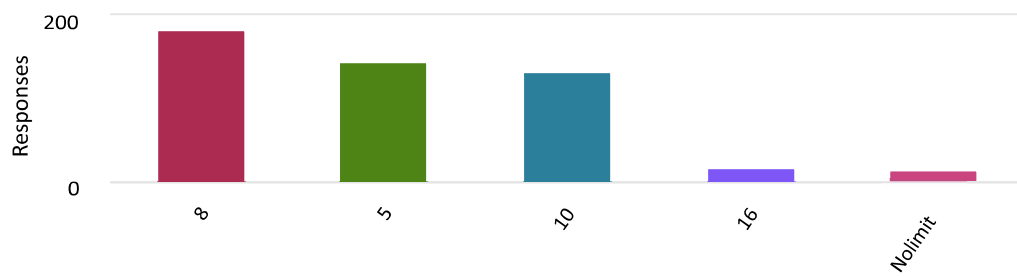
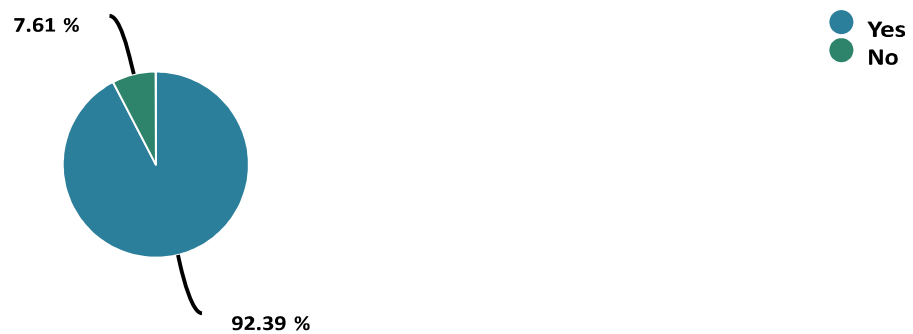


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Q21. Do you think that applicants who are guilty of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the local community should be excluded from applying for Council housing? **473 responses**



Q22. If yes, how long should the applicant be excluded for?

444 responses

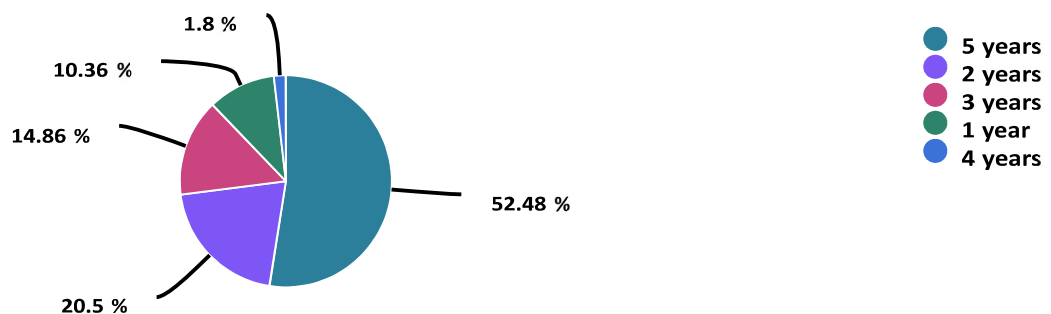


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Q23. If an applicant has engaged in positive steps to address their unacceptable behaviour, **471 responses**

should we reduce the length of exclusion?

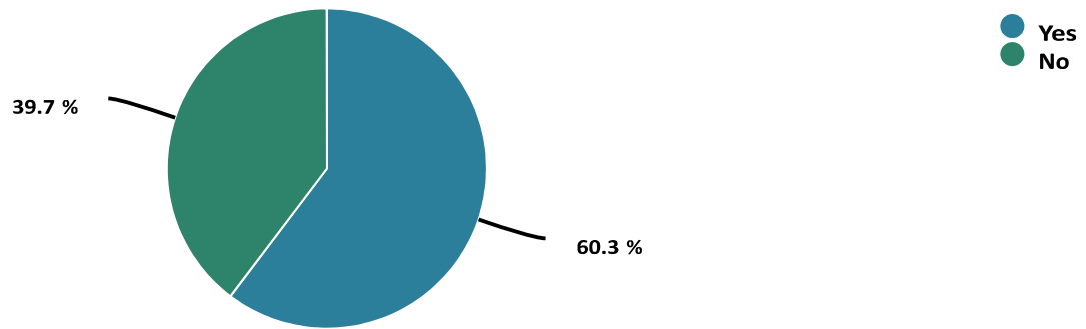


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Q24. Do you agree that Ashfield/Mansfield Council tenants who are under occupying their home **474 responses** should be given the highest level of rehousing priority, so that their current home can be returned and let to a family in need?

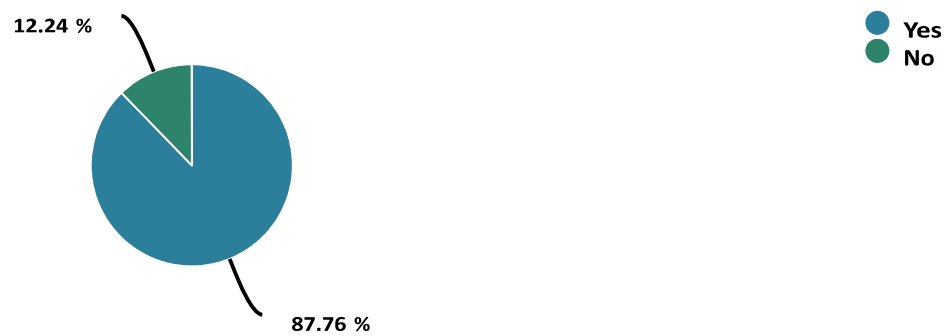


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Q25. Do you think the Lettings Policy is easy to understand?

461 responses

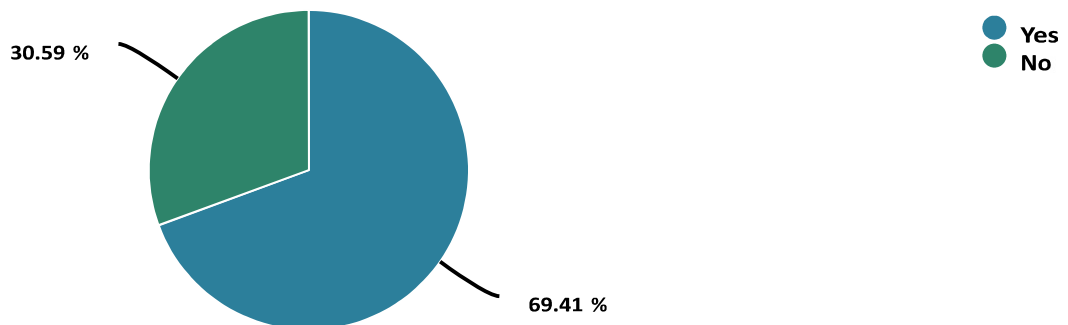


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Q26. Do you think we should consider reviewing any other parts of the policy?

159 responses

Yes. Maybe the length of time someone has been waiting. I mean me personally its been 11 years and no closer to even be offered a property. It is frustrating especially as private rent is so high and not always affordable to many on low income.

Definitely review individuals level of income ie are they in need of social housing and children over the age of 10 should be sharing if they are the same set, homeowners should be directed to access help being offered in the way of making adaptations to their property

Putting people who are risk of homelessness into band 1 and stop and stop changing the effective date if circumstances change. If someone's been registered longer than others they should be priority

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Q27. What is your age?

461 responses

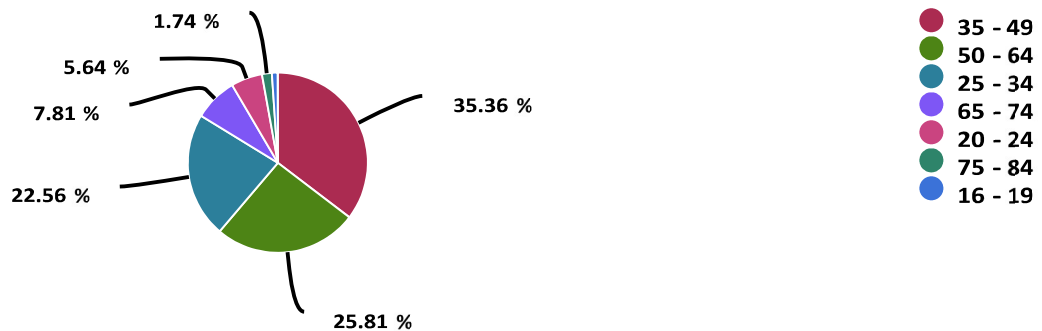
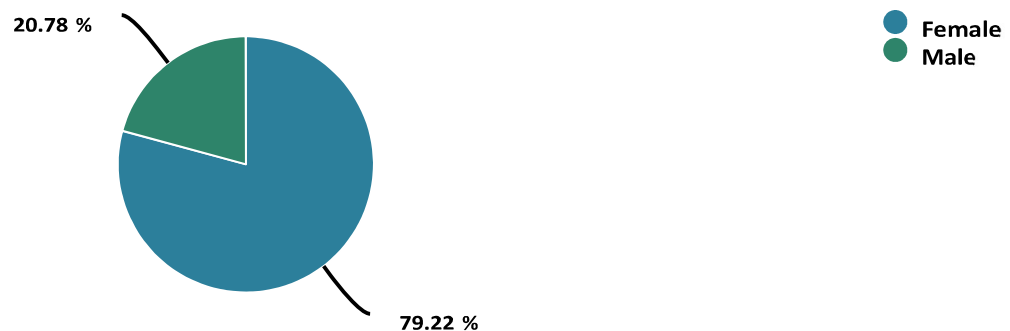


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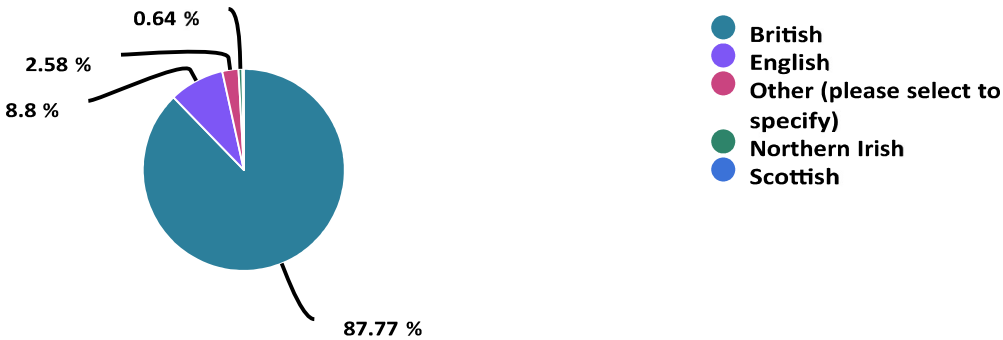
Q28. What is your sex?

462 responses



Q29. How would you describe your national identity?

466 responses



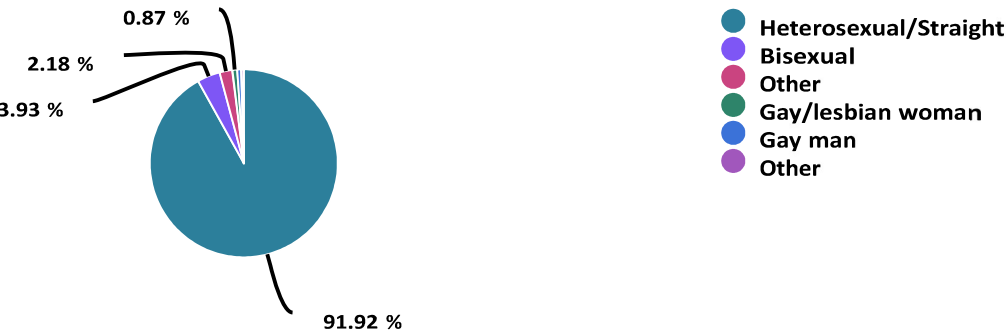
Q30. What is your ethnicity?

457 responses



Q31. What is your sexual orientation?

458 responses



Q32. Do you identify as Trans?

461 responses

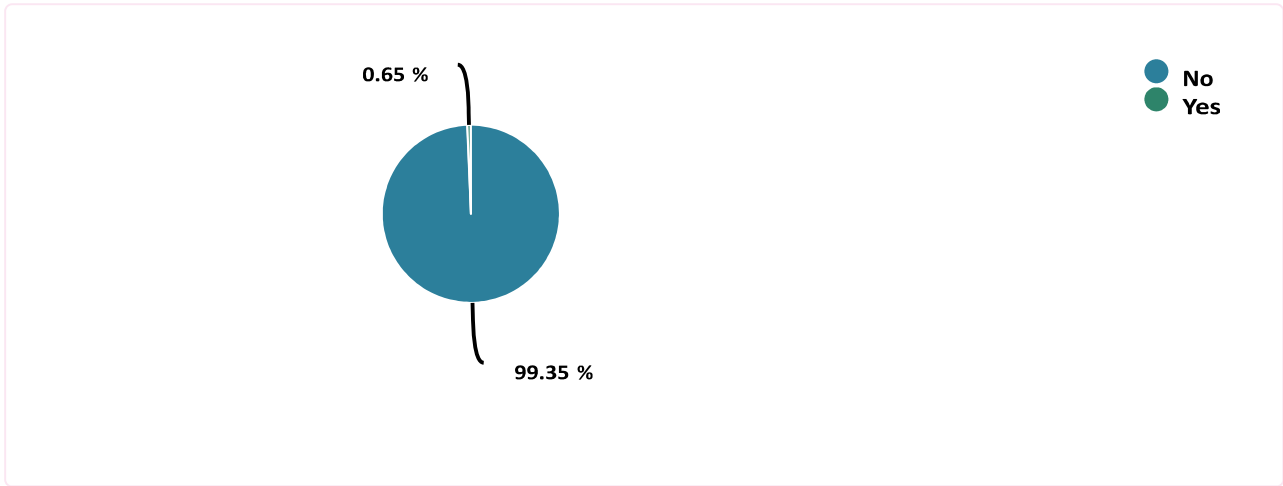


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Q33. What is your religion or belief?

461 responses

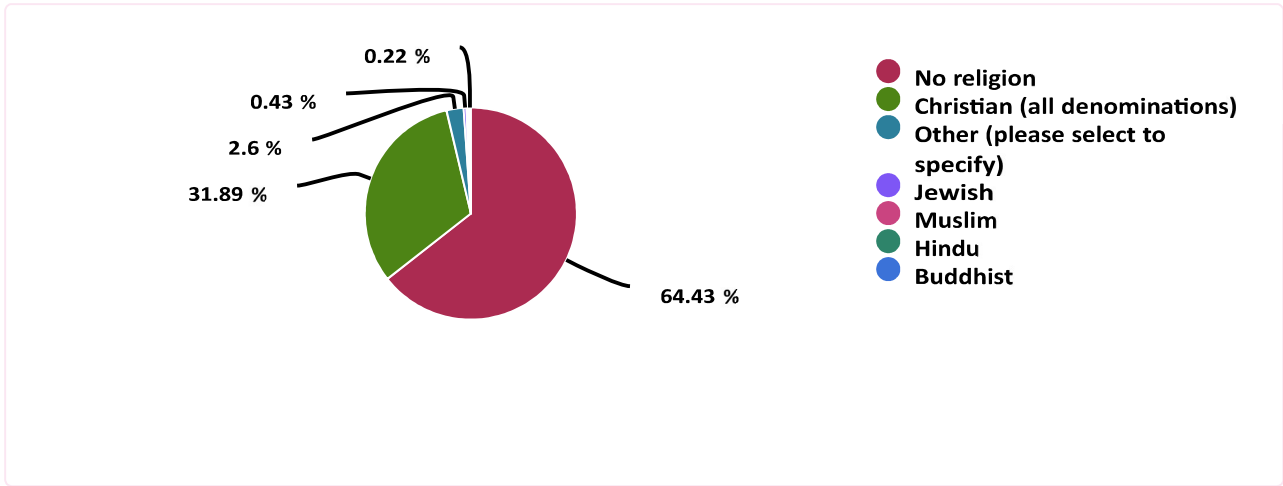


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Q34. Are you an unpaid carer?

464 responses

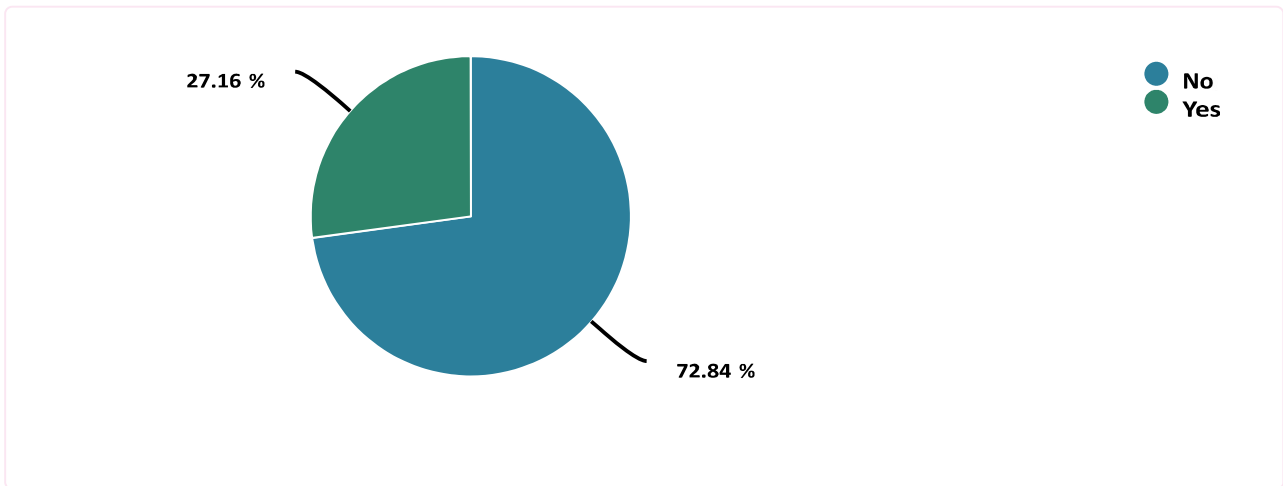


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Q35. Do you have personal experience of being looked after by children's care services? (this 458 responses includes if you were adopted after being under the care of a local authority).

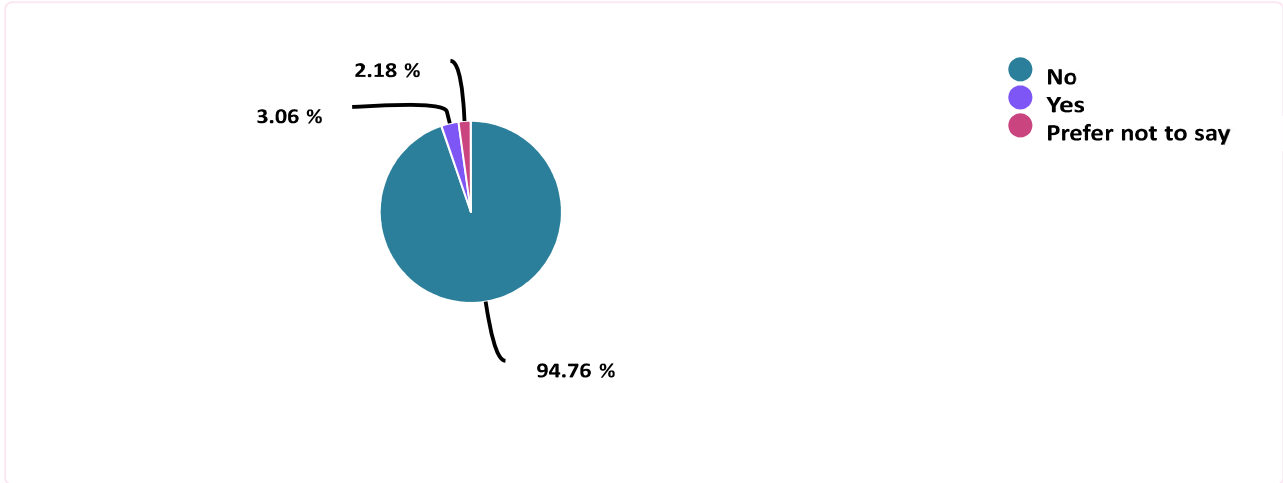


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Q36. Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person? 463 responses

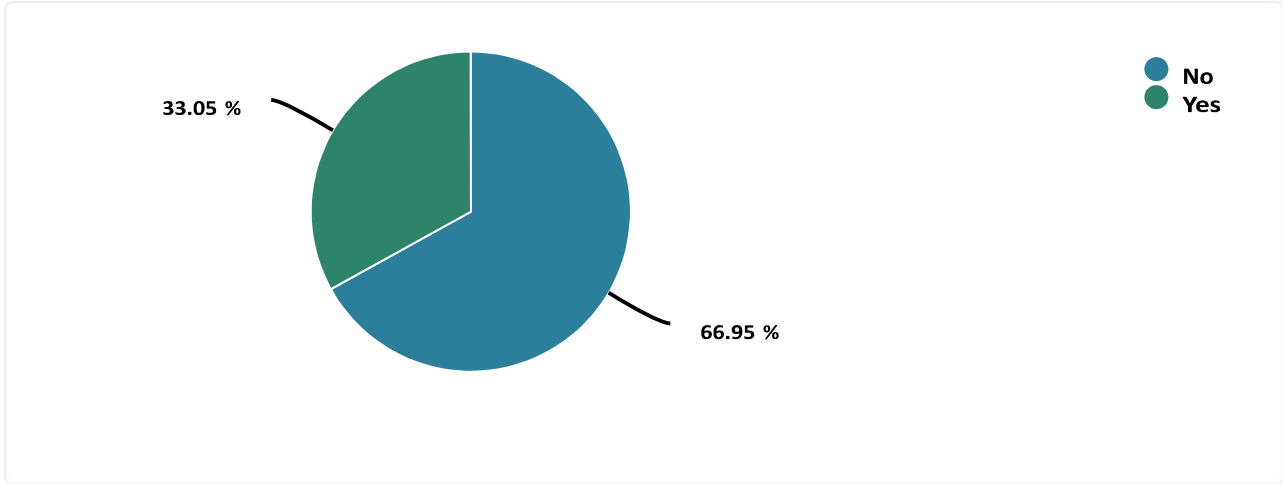


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Q37. Relationship to Mansfield/Ashfield 463 responses

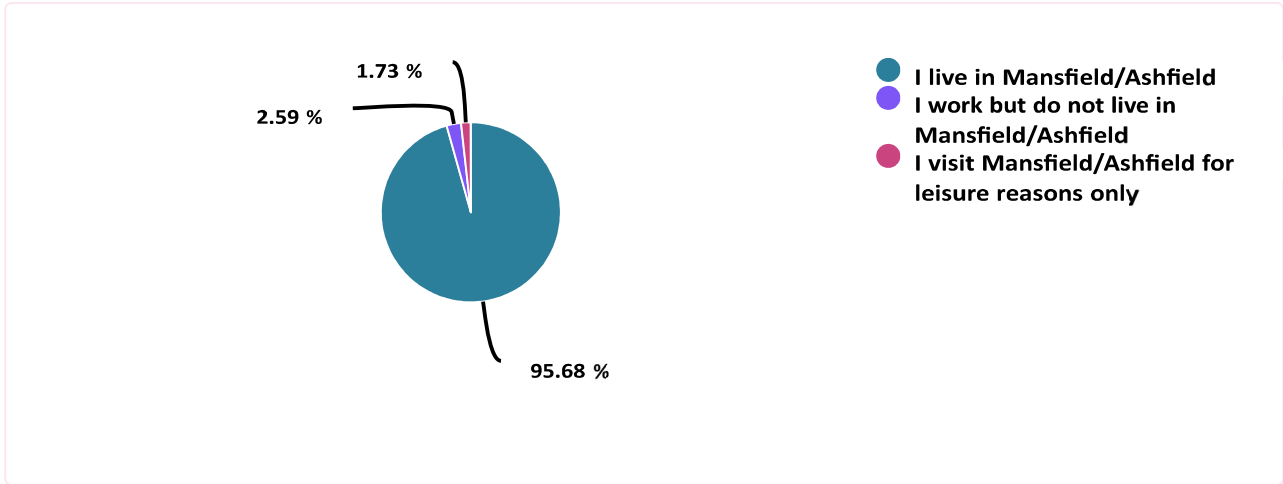


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Q38. Are you currently serving or a veteran in the UK Armed Forces?

462 responses

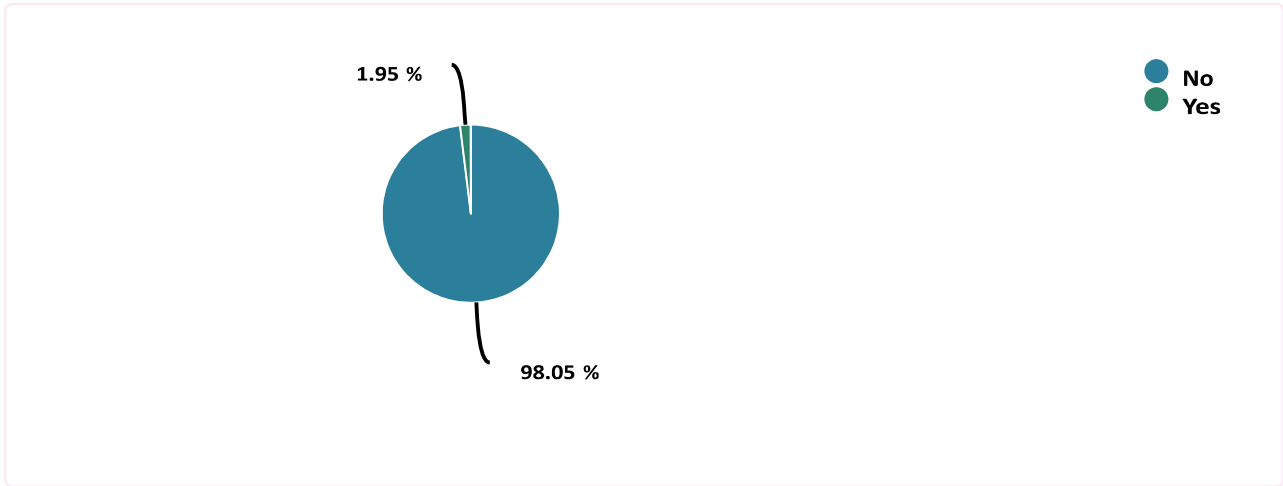


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Q39. Are you a member of a serviceperson's immediate family?

462 responses

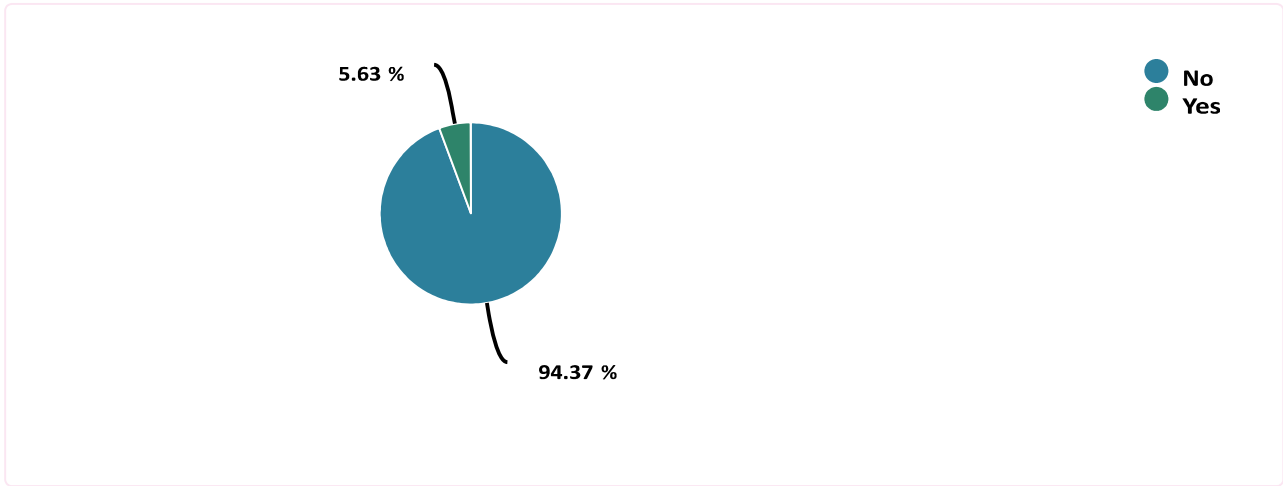


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Q40. Are you a reservist or in part time service such as in the Territorial Army Forces?

463 responses

Chart end

