

# Pan-European opinion poll on occupational safety and health



**Representative results in the 27 Member  
States of the European Union**



Package including results for the EU27 and  
for **Ireland**

# Opinion Poll Design

The pan-European perception poll was conducted through the use of an EU-wide omnibus survey. Interviews were conducted by TNS partner institutes in the 27 European Member States.

## Universe:

**Population aged 18+** with usual place of residence in the territory of the EU - Member States and in full command of the resp. national language(s)

## Sample:

**Representative random sample** in each of the EU Member States (except for the Netherlands, Hungary, Greece and Belgium where a representative quota sample was drawn)

## Method of data collection:

**CATI** (Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviews) in 19 Member States. In Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Romania, interviews were conducted Face to Face because of lower telephone penetration rates.

## Sample size:

**27.106 Interviews** (appr. 1.000 interviews per country)

## Fieldwork period:

**March 24 – May 12 2009**

## Margin of error:

0,3\* to 0,6\*\*percentage points (total EU27)  
1,4\* to 3,1\*\*percentage points (national sample)

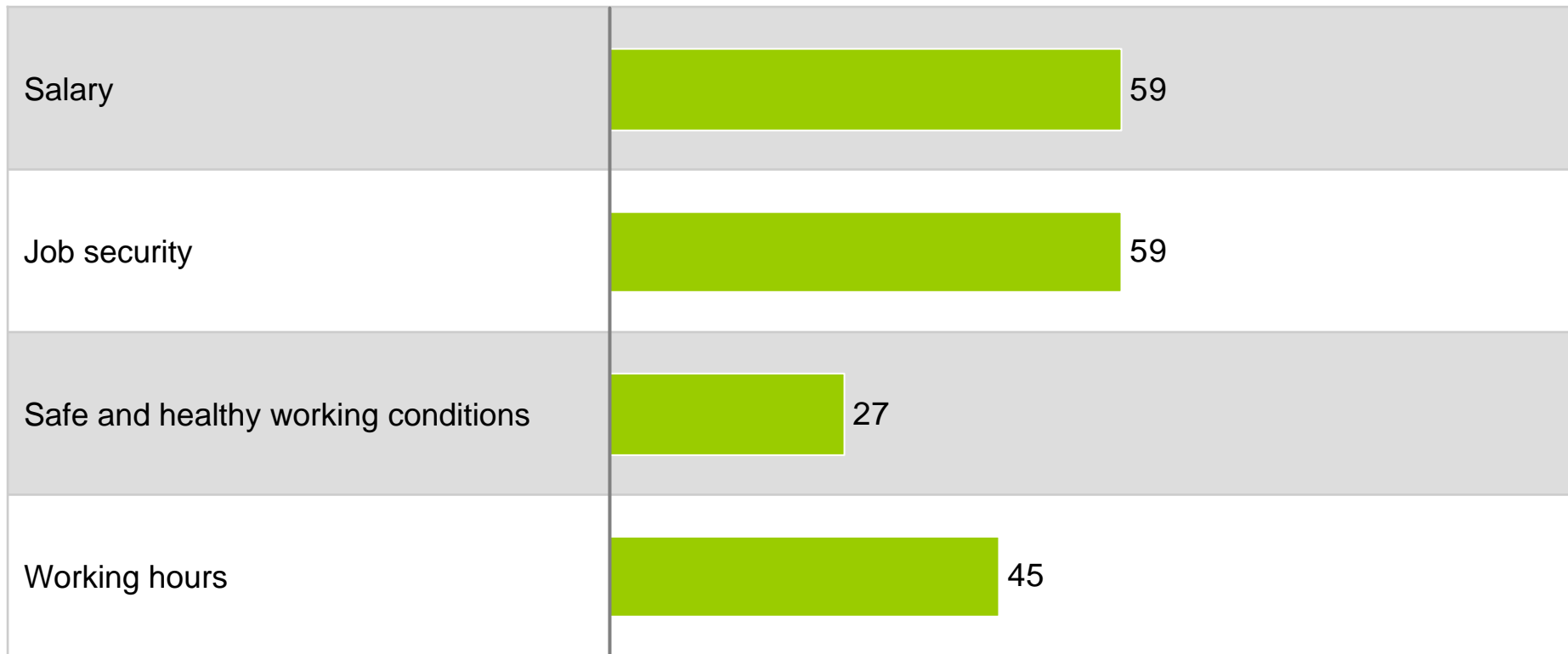
## Questionnaire Overview

- (1) If you were deciding whether to take a new job, which two of the following would most influence your decision? (Salary | Safe and healthy working conditions | Job security | Working hours | Others | None of these | Don't know/ no answer)**
- (2) In general, to what extent do you think that ill health is caused by the job people have? (A great deal | To some extent | Not really | Not at all | Don't know/ no answer)**
- (3) Do you think that over the last 5 years health and safety at work in Ireland has got ...? (much better | Better | Worse | Much worse | Don't know/ no answer)**
- (4) Regarding safety and health risks at the workplace, do you consider yourself ...? (Very well informed | Fairly well informed | Not very well informed | Not at all informed | Don't know/ no answer)**
- (5) Do you expect or not that safety and health conditions at work in Ireland might deteriorate due to the economic crisis? (A great deal | To some extent | Not really | Not at all | Don't know/ no answer)**

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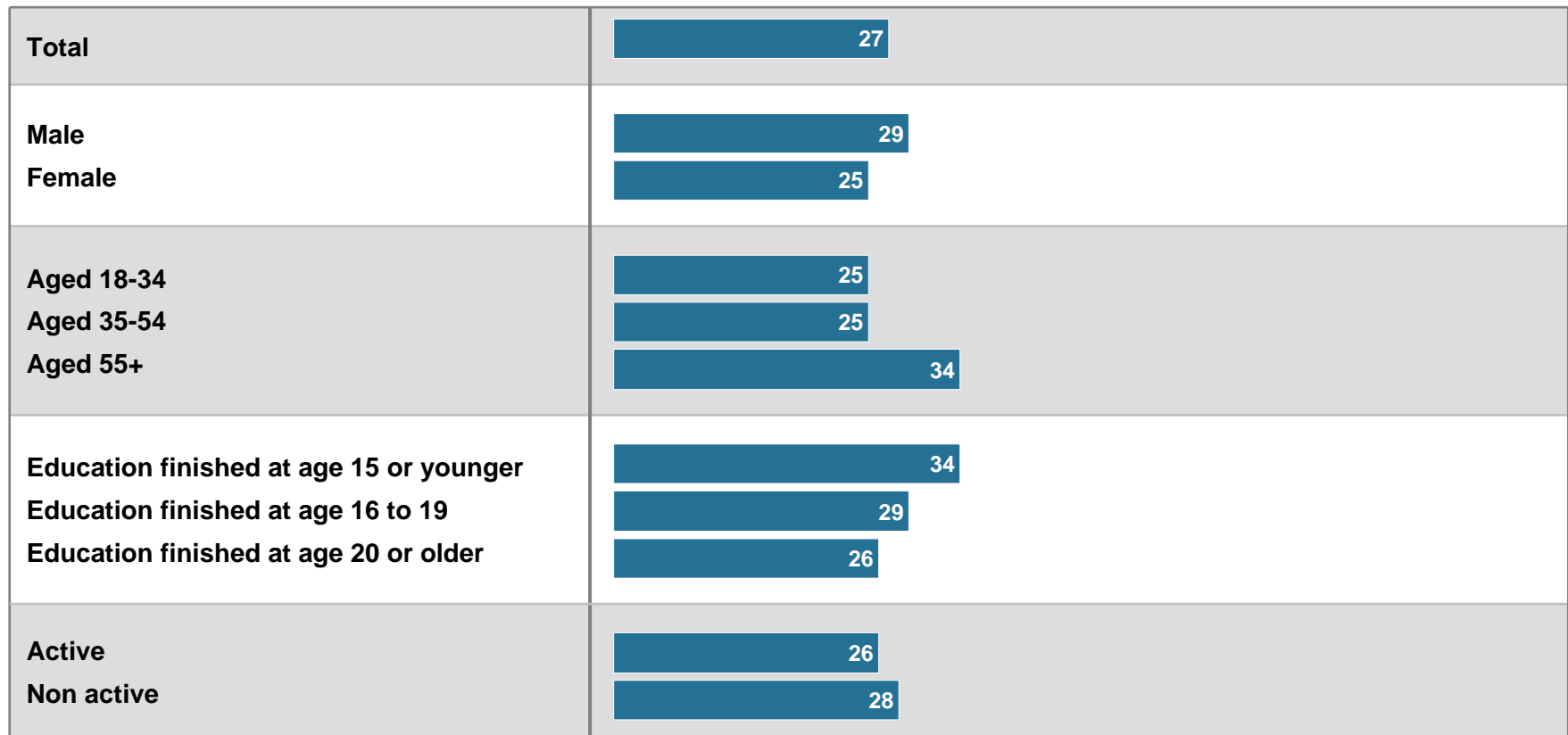
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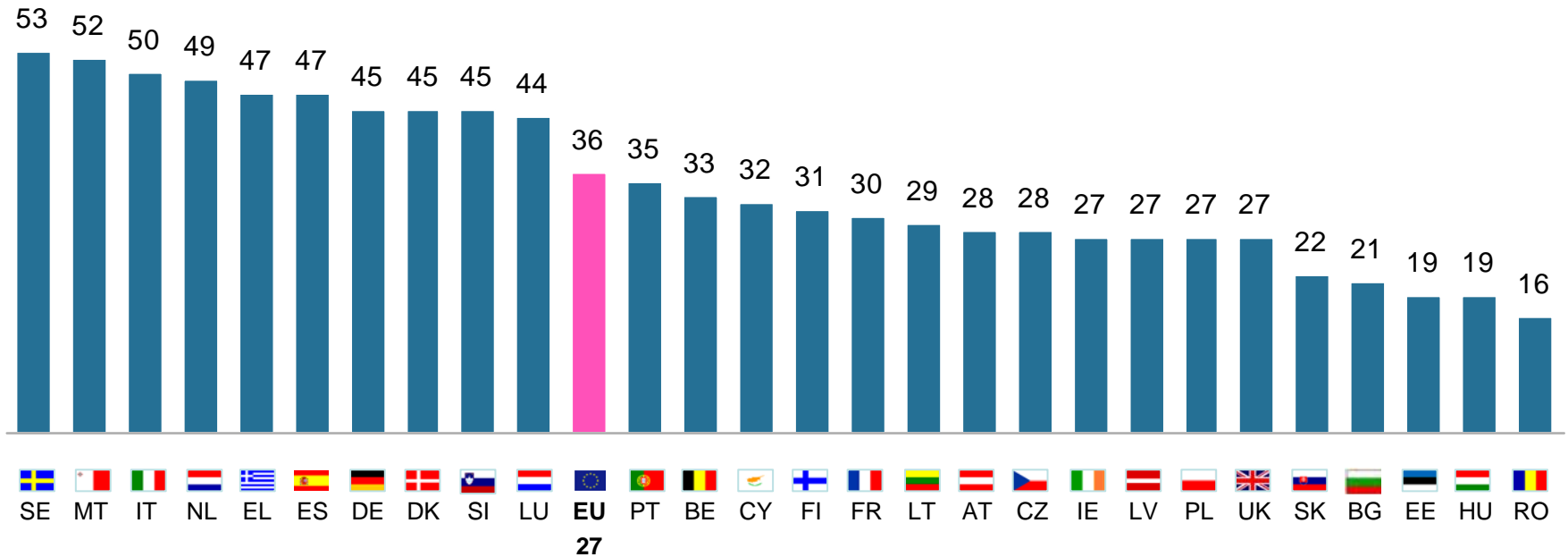
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Bottom line shows rank of safe and healthy working conditions among 4 factors including also salary, job security and working hours:

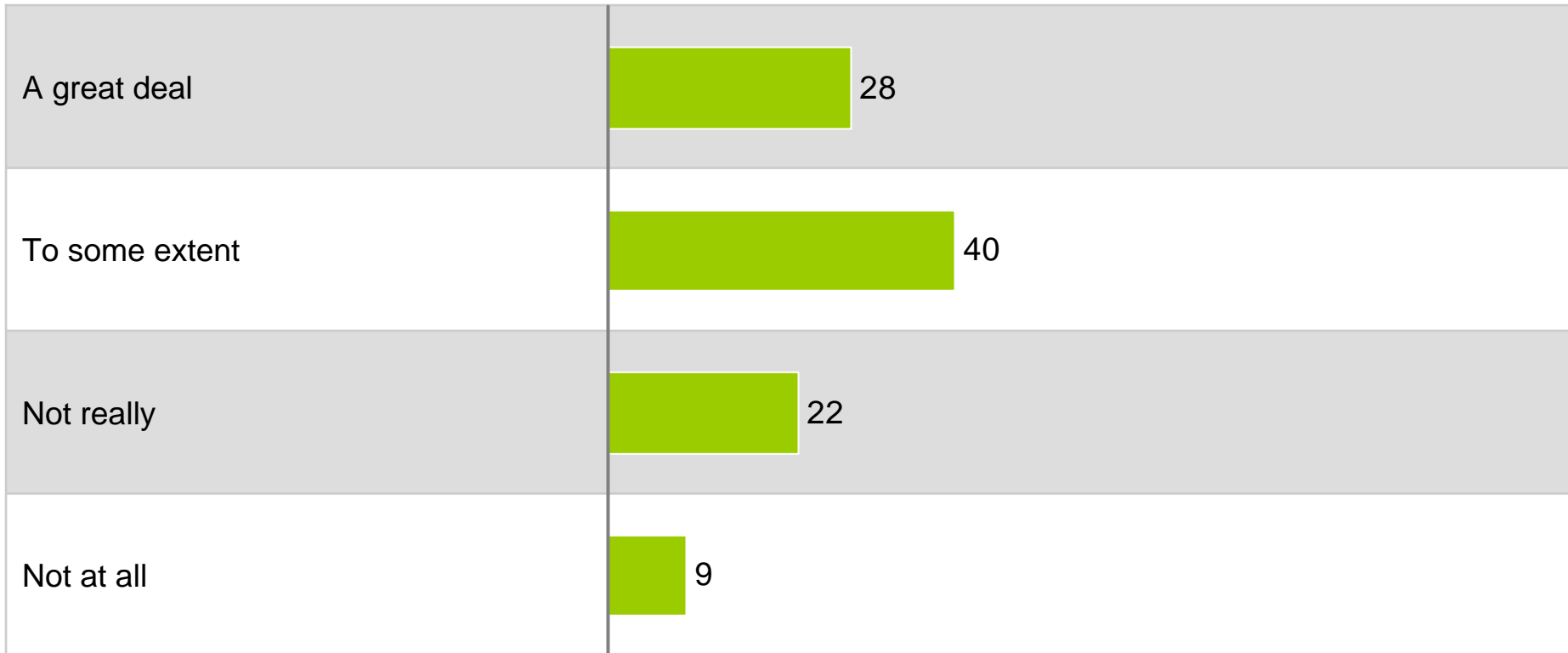


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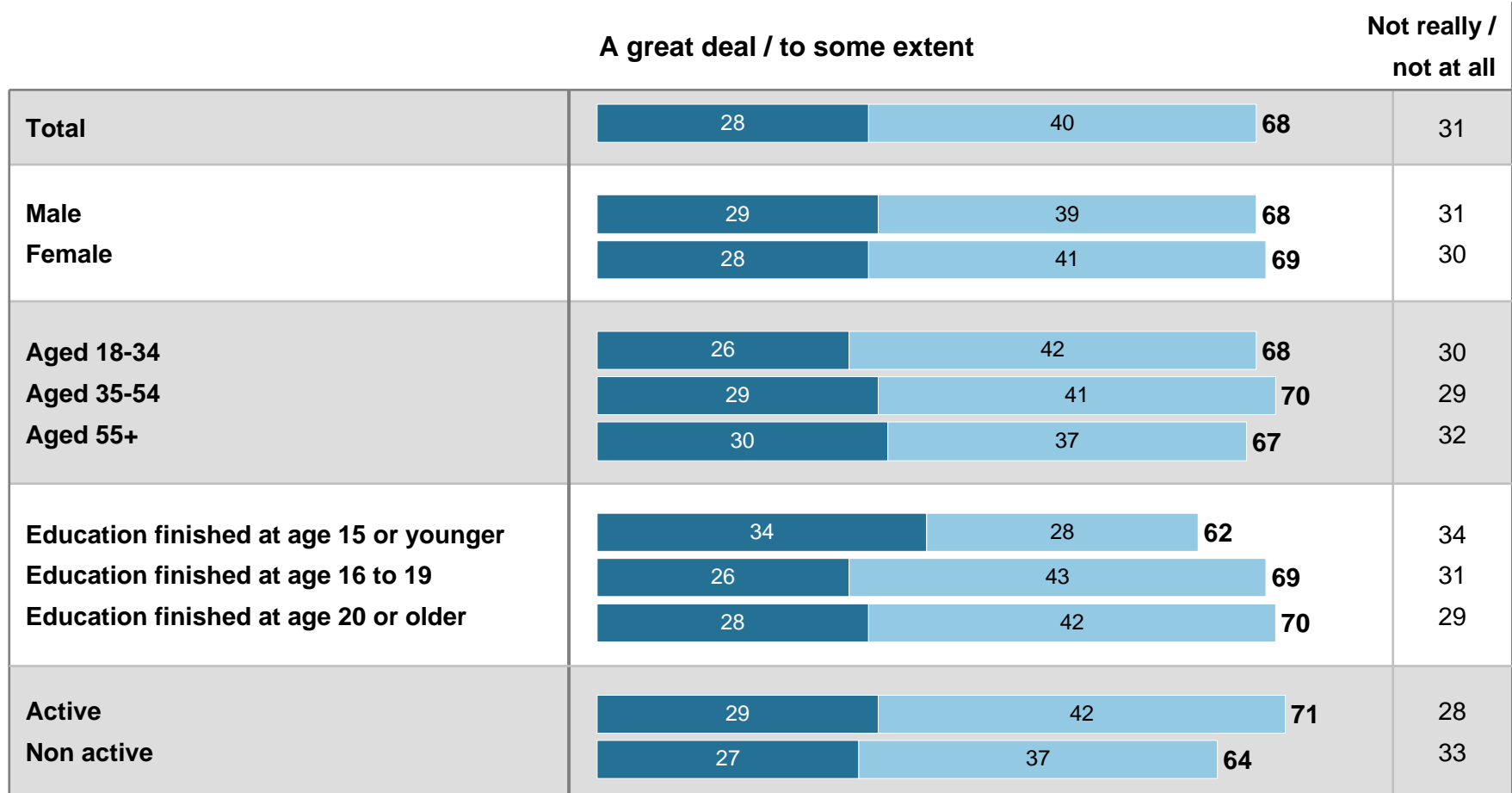
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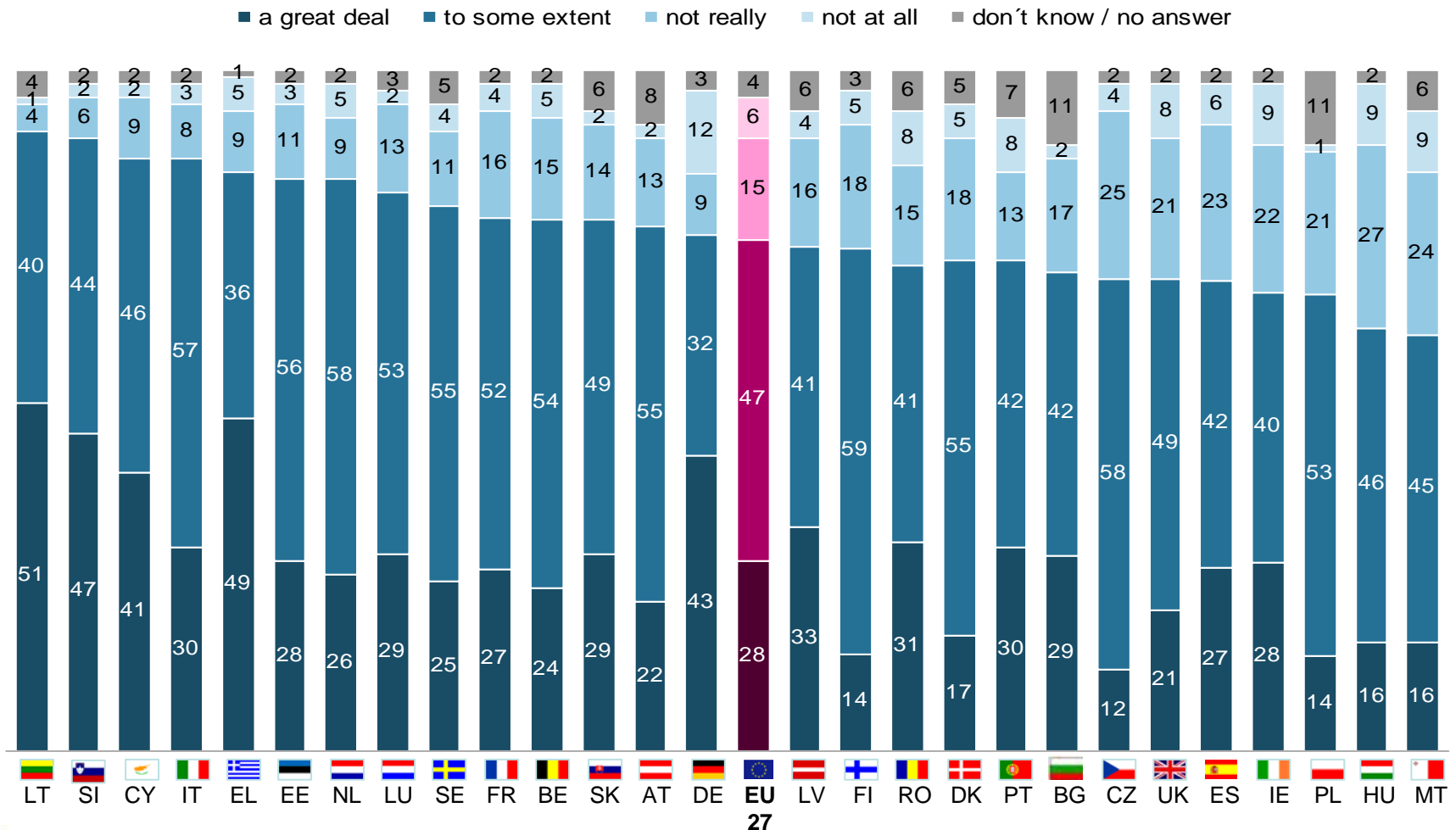
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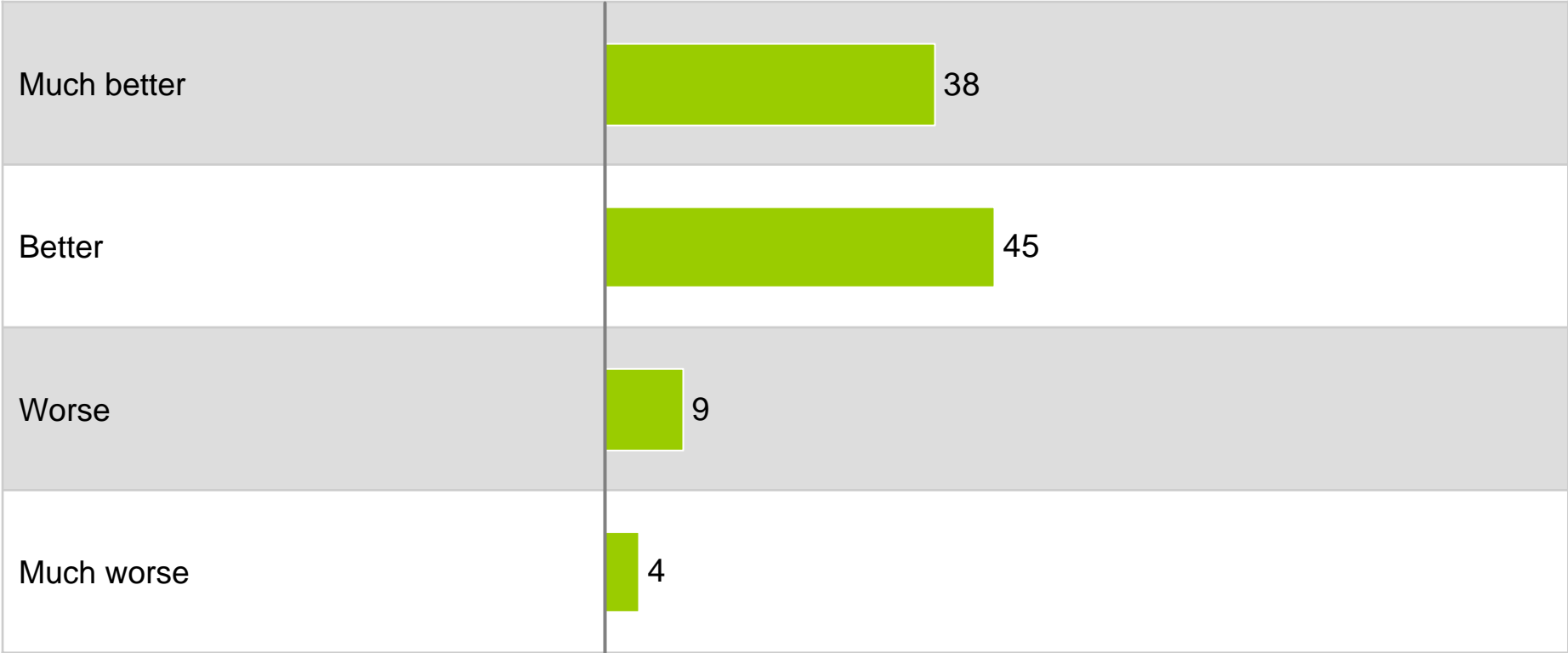


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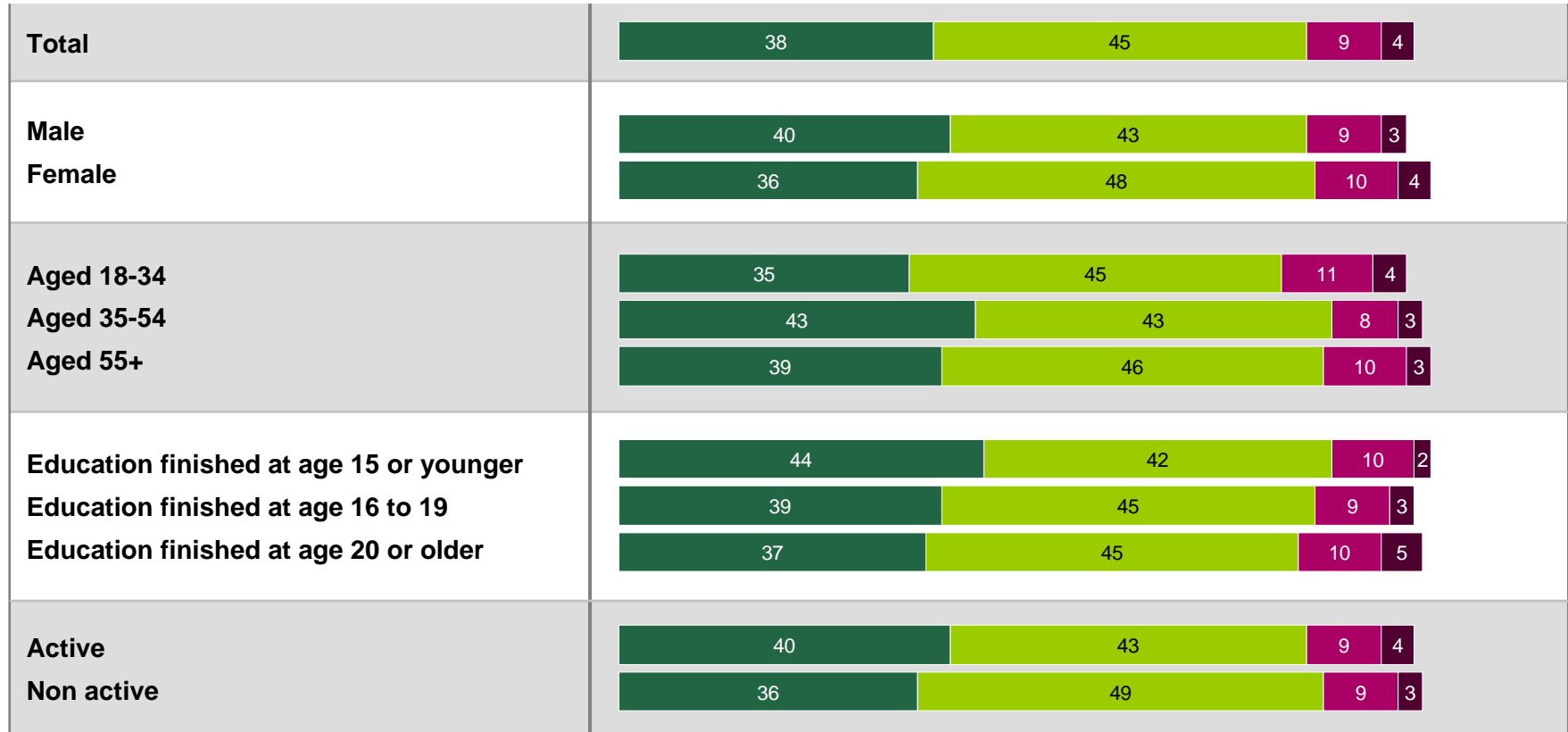
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Percent  
Difference to 100 percent: don't know / no answer; Universe: population aged 18+

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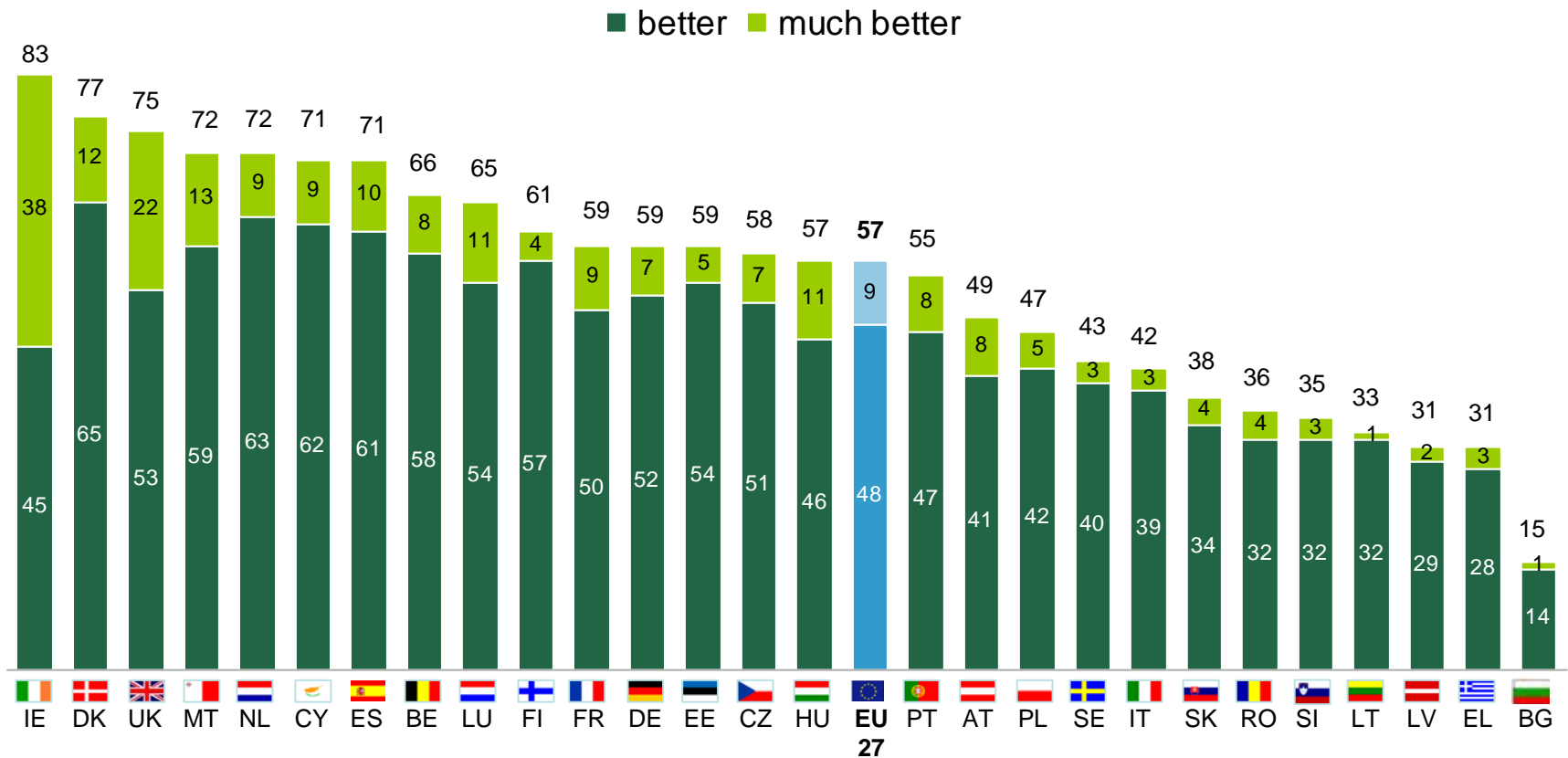
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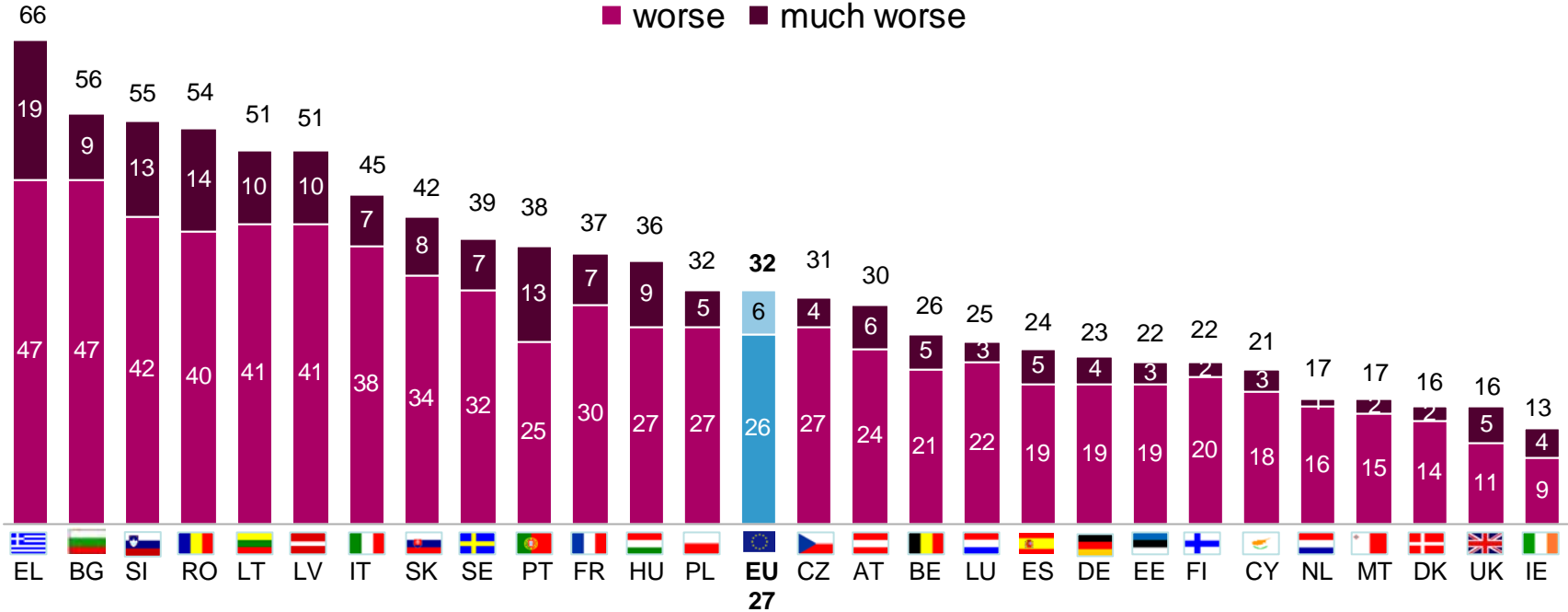
# Improvement of safety and health at the workplace – EU27

Do you think that over the last 5 years health and safety at work in (YOUR COUNTRY) has got ...?



# Decline of safety and health at the work place – EU27

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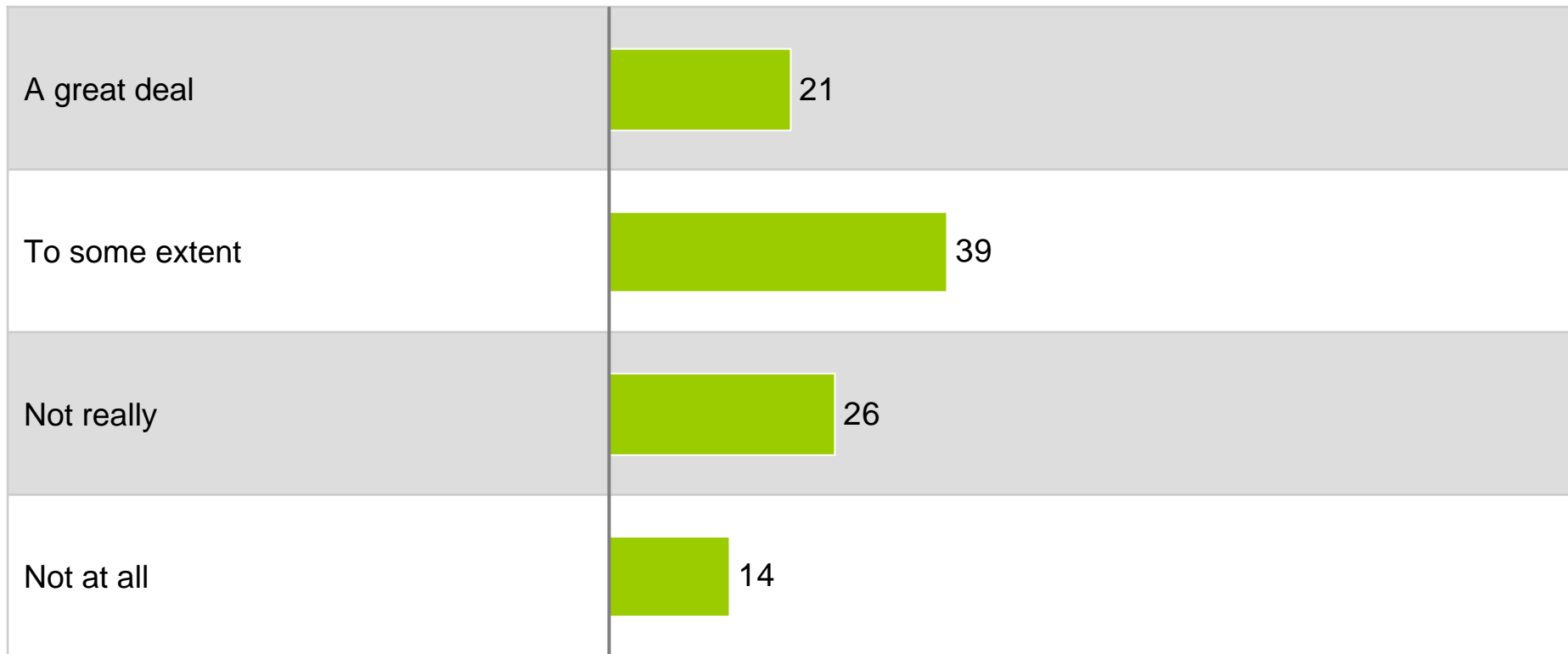




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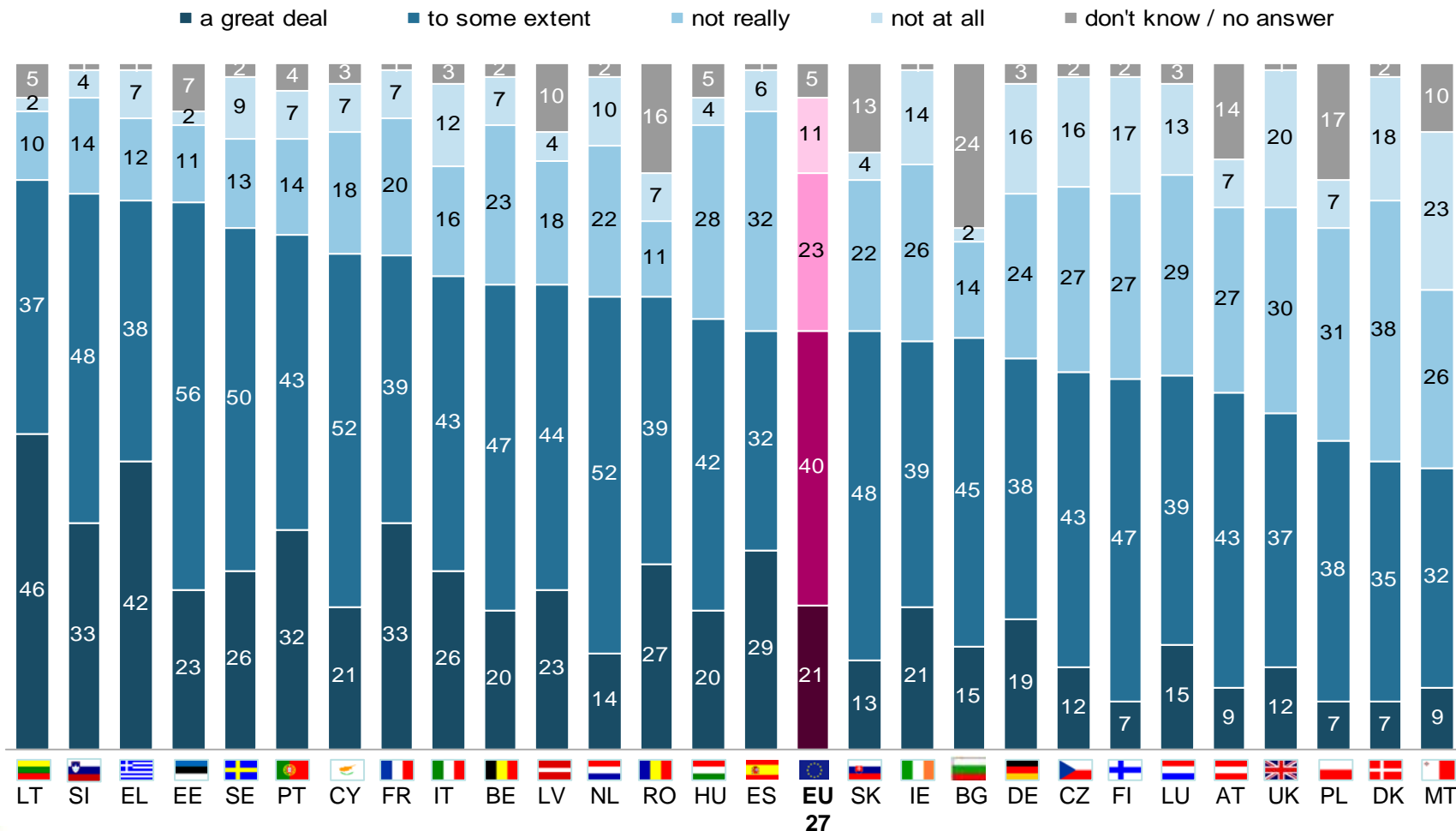
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Do you expect or not that safety and health conditions at work in Ireland might deteriorate due to the economic crisis:

	A great deal / to some extent		Not really / not at all	
<b>Total</b>	21	39	60	40
<b>Male</b>	20	38	58	41
<b>Female</b>	23	39	62	38
<b>Aged 18-34</b>	17	37	54	46
<b>Aged 35-54</b>	23	39	62	38
<b>Aged 55+</b>	25	37	62	36
<b>Education finished at age 15 or younger</b>	29	25	54	43
<b>Education finished at age 16 to 19</b>	20	41	61	40
<b>Education finished at age 20 or older</b>	23	38	61	40
<b>Active</b>	20	39	59	41
<b>Non active</b>	25	37	62	37

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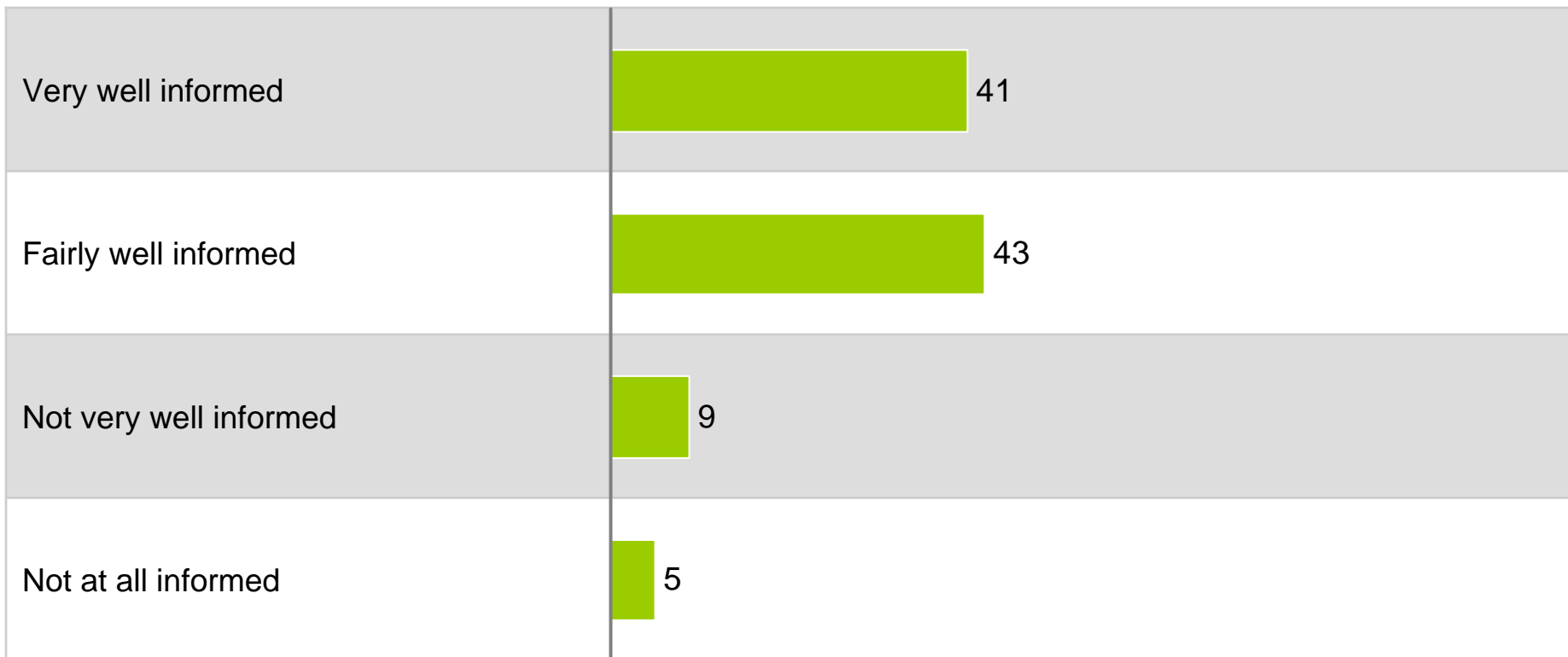
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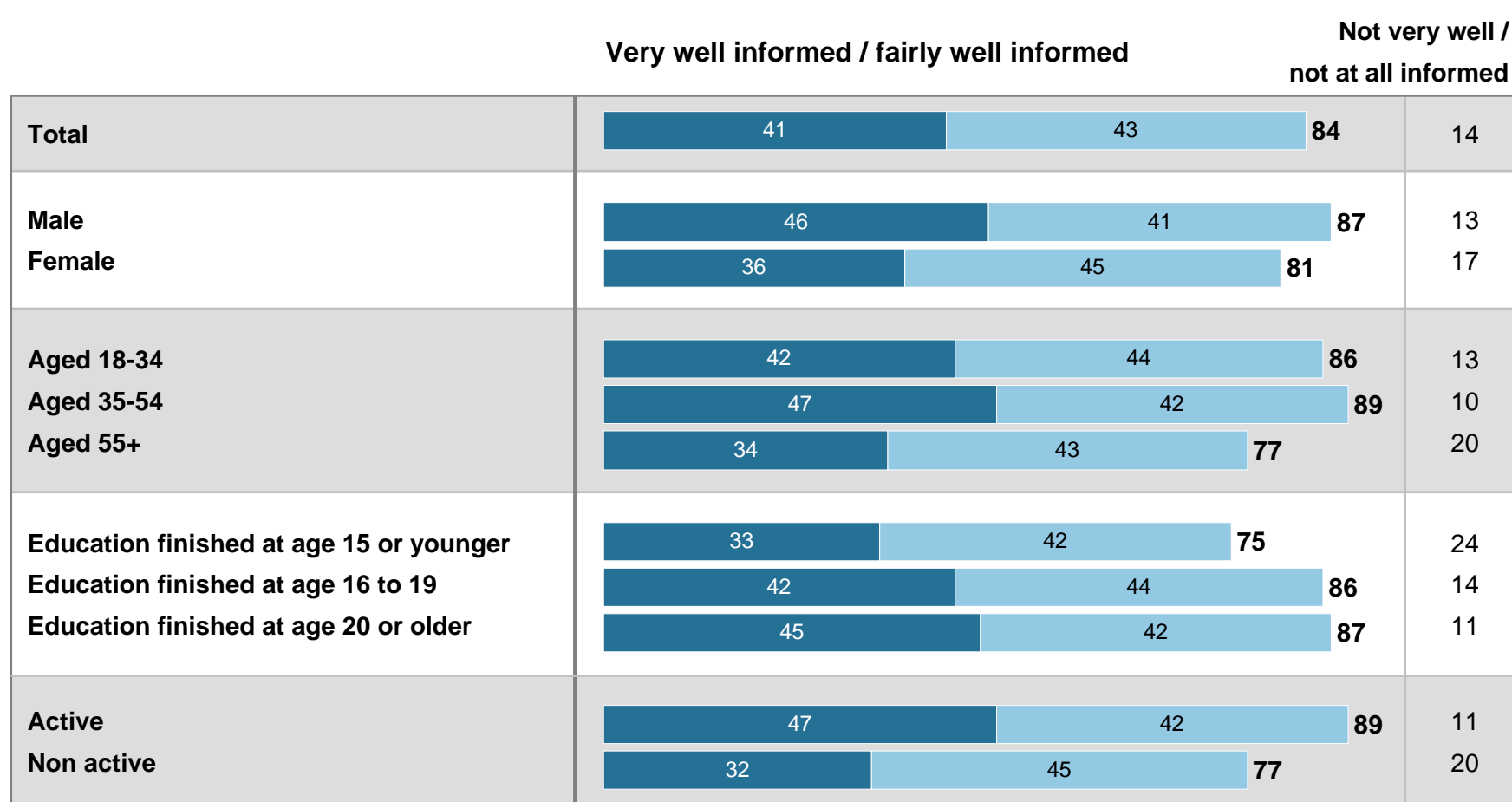
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