

# Coronavirus **COVID-19**

**Public Opinion Tracking Research: 24/08/20**

## ABOUT THE RESEARCH

The research findings in this report are based on surveys by **Amárach Research** on behalf of the Department of Health.

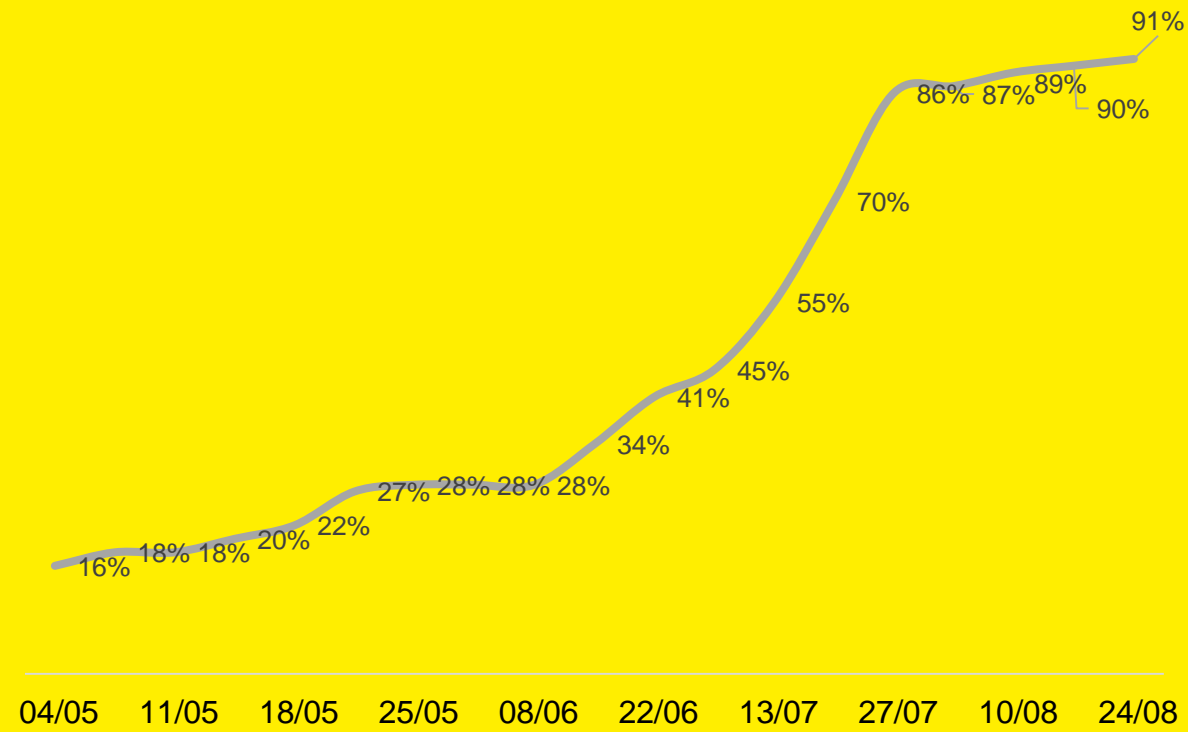
The polls are conducted and reported on the same day using Amárach's SmartPoll panel and weighted to the demographics of the 18+ adult population.

Sample size (24/08/20): n=1,695

# Behavioural Change

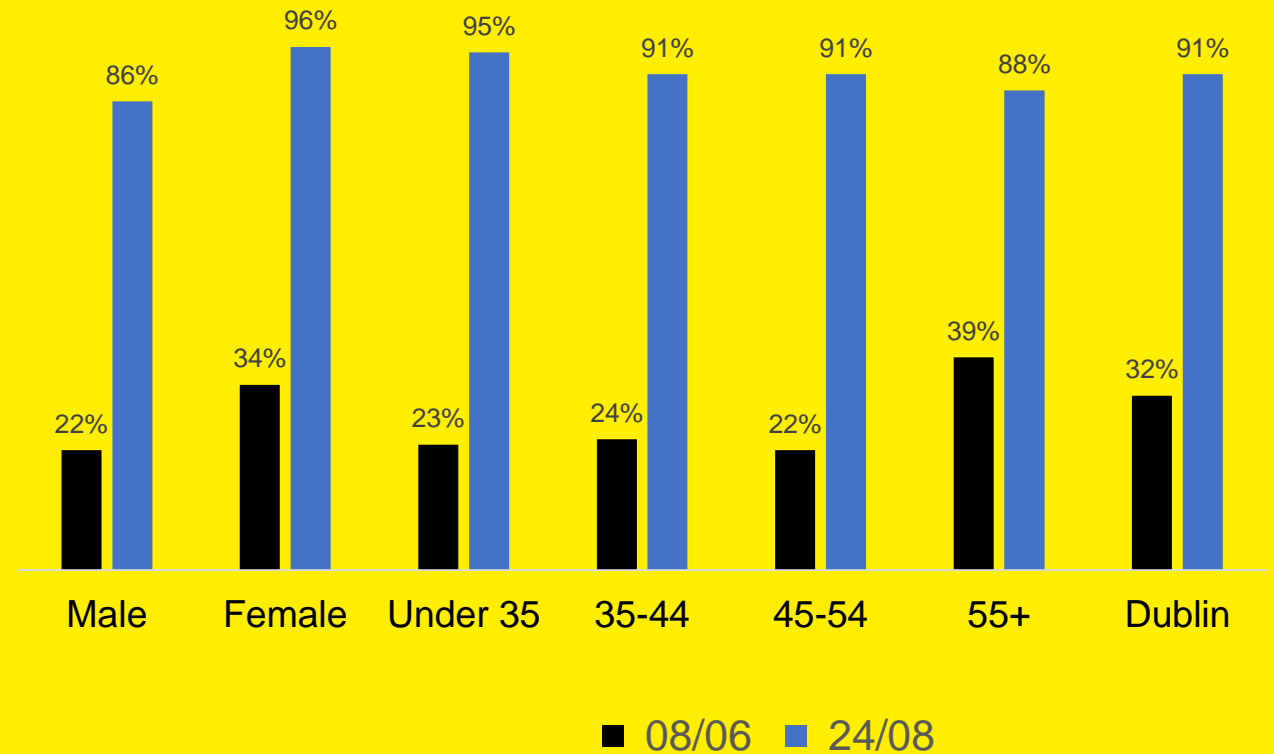
## Face Masks

Do you wear a face mask when in public places? All Adults: % Yes



## Face Mask Demographics

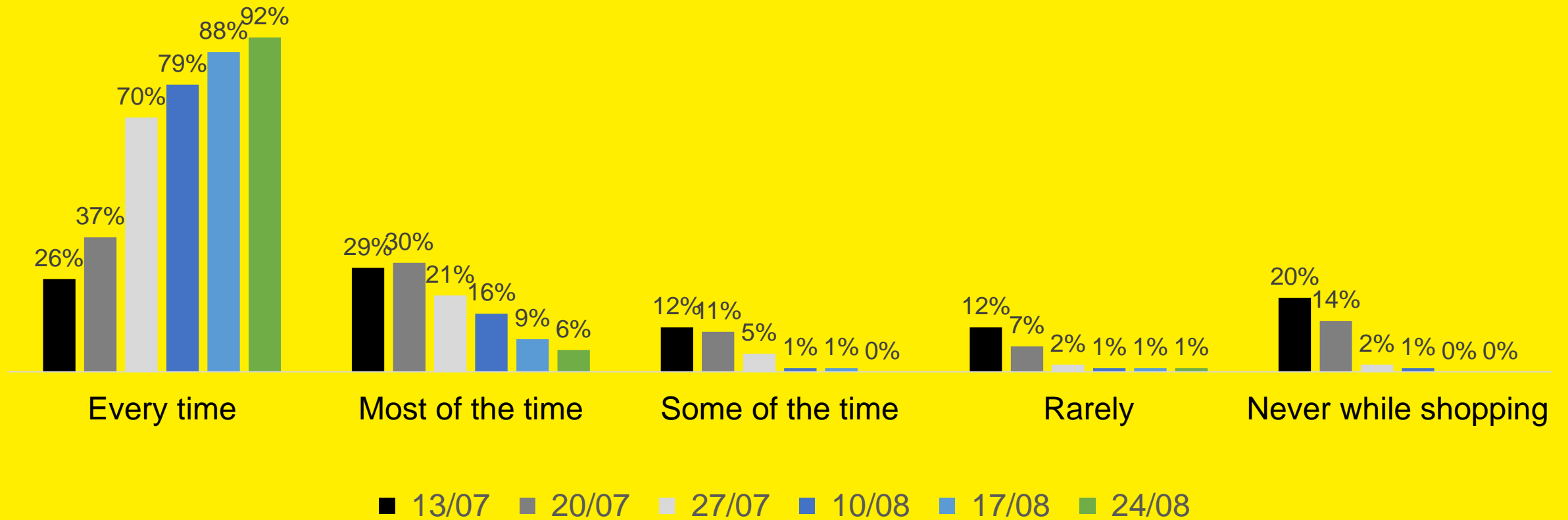
Do you wear a face mask when in public places? % Yes



## Face Mask Frequency - I

Do you wear a face covering when you are shopping?

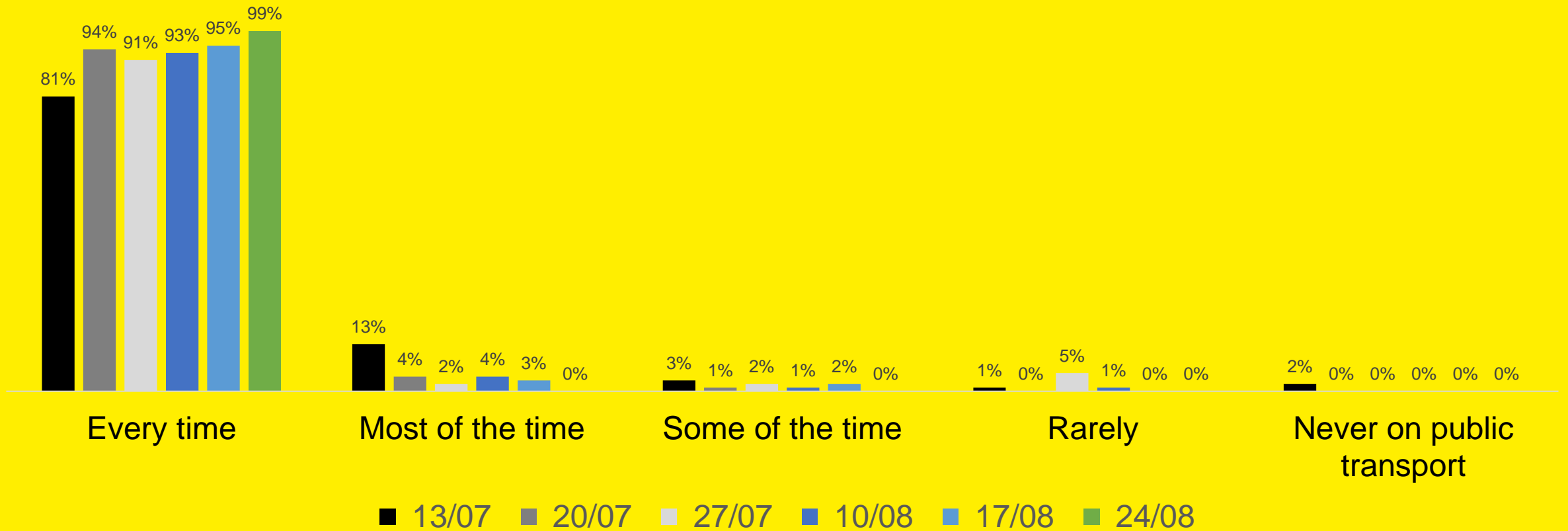
*Base: shoppers (99% of sample)*



## Face Mask Frequency - II

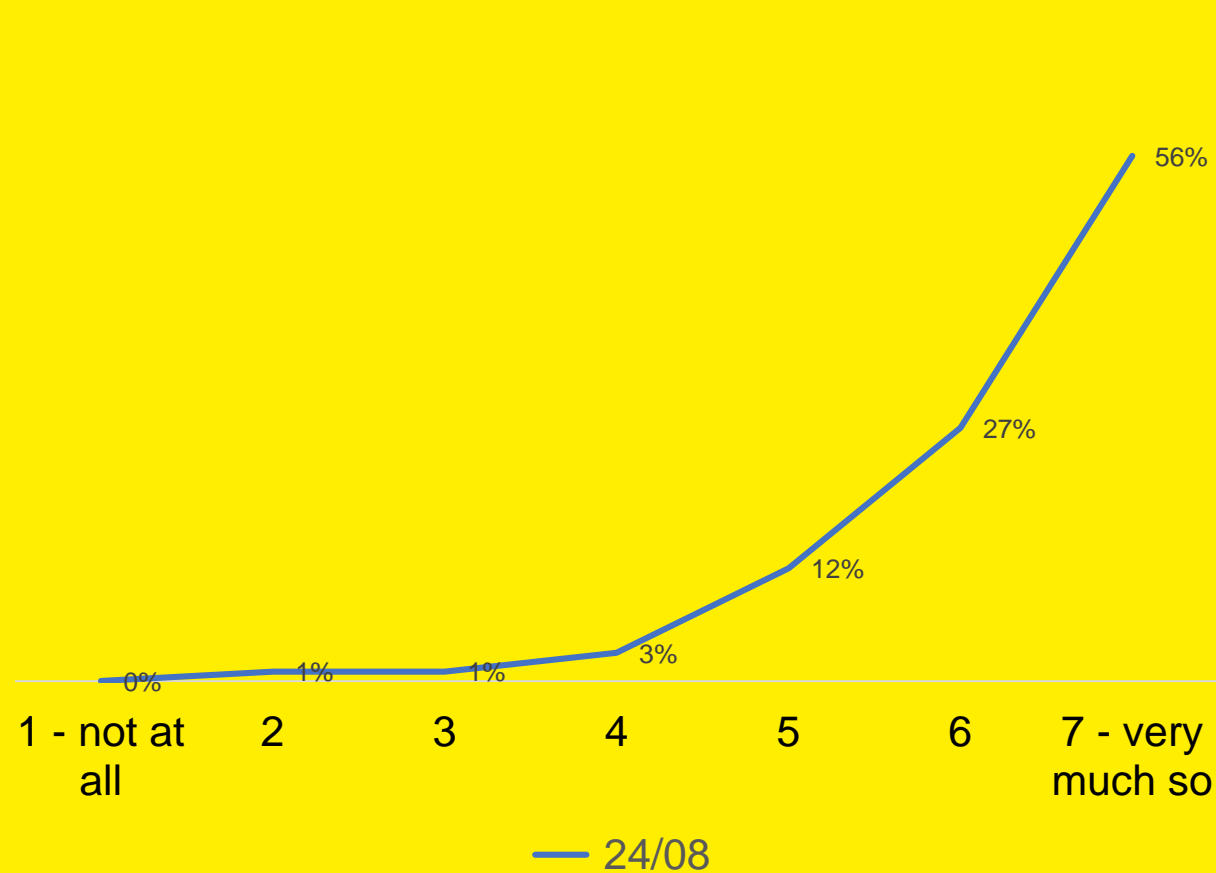
Do you wear a face covering when using public transport?

*Base: users of public transport (20% of sample)*



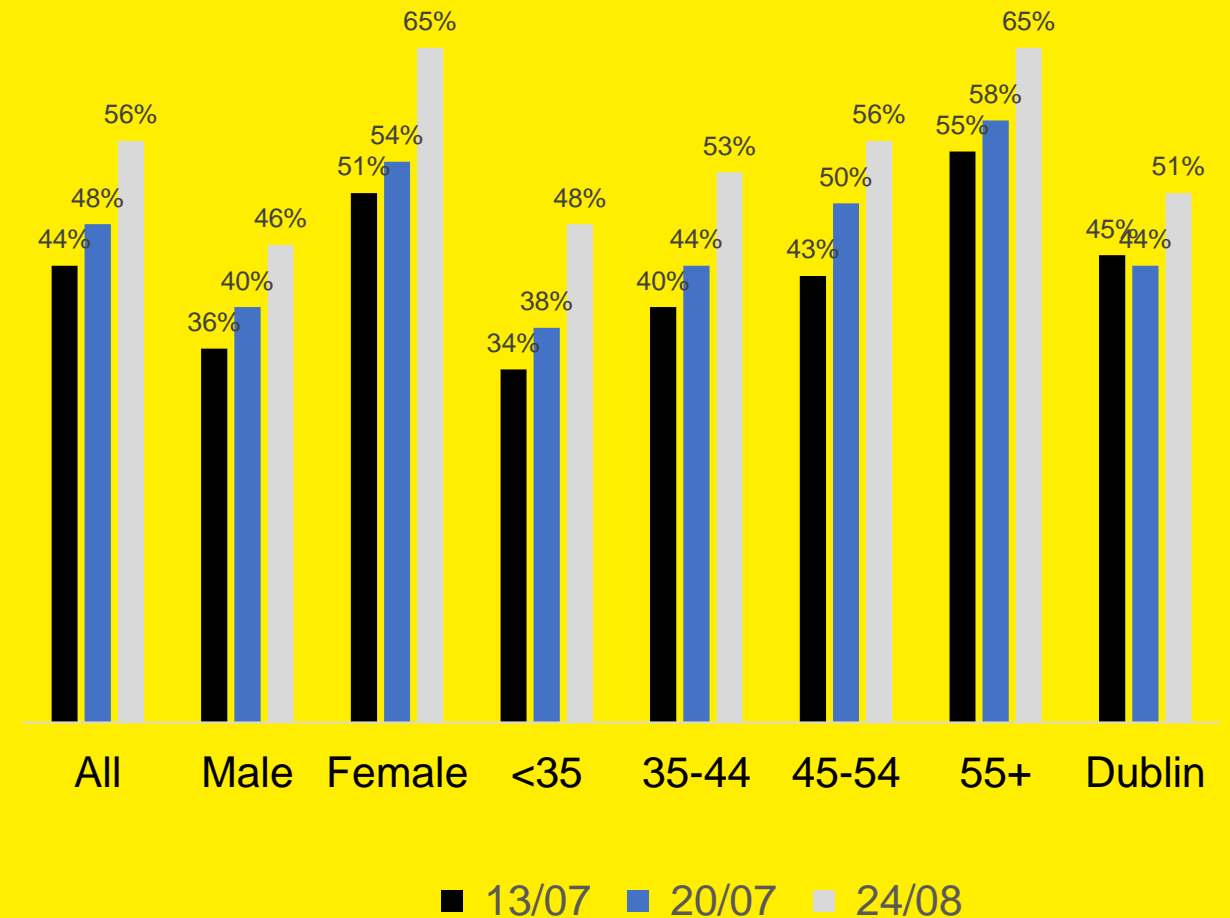
## Following Recommendations - I

To what extent do you follow the recommendations from the Department of Health and HSE to prevent spread of coronavirus?  
Scale of 1 - 7



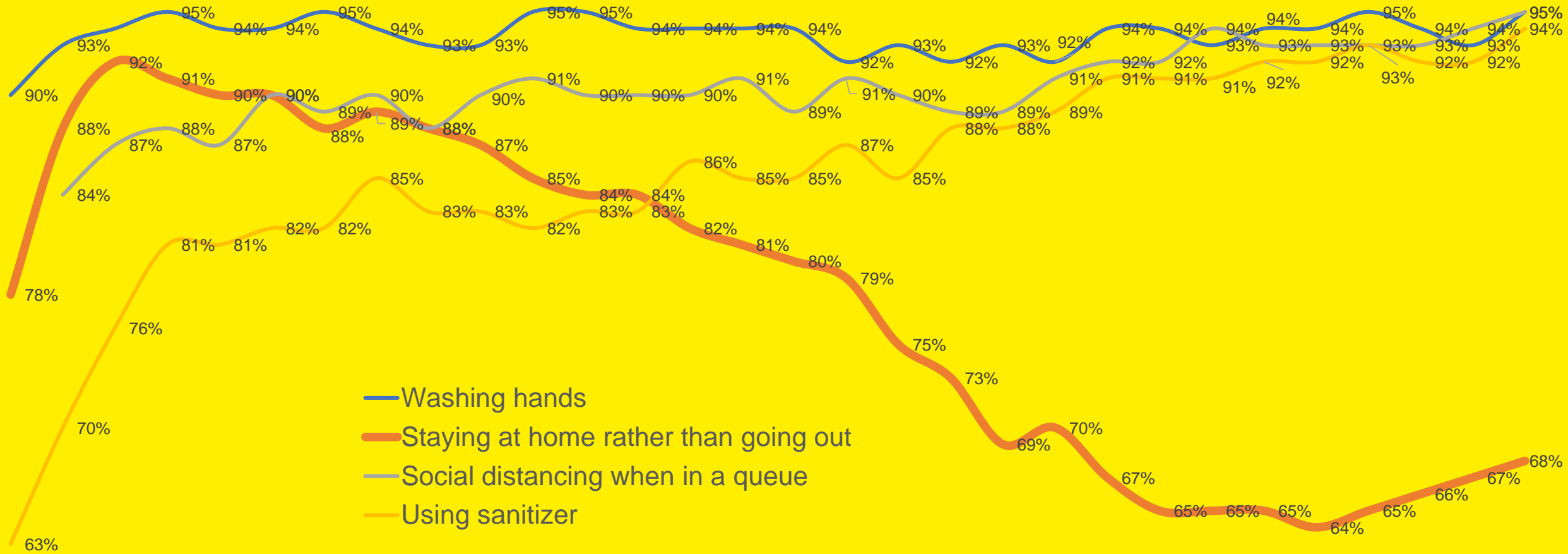
## Following Recommendations - II

Demographics: % 7 – very much so



# Safe Behaviours – I

Which of the following are you doing more often as a result of the Coronavirus?

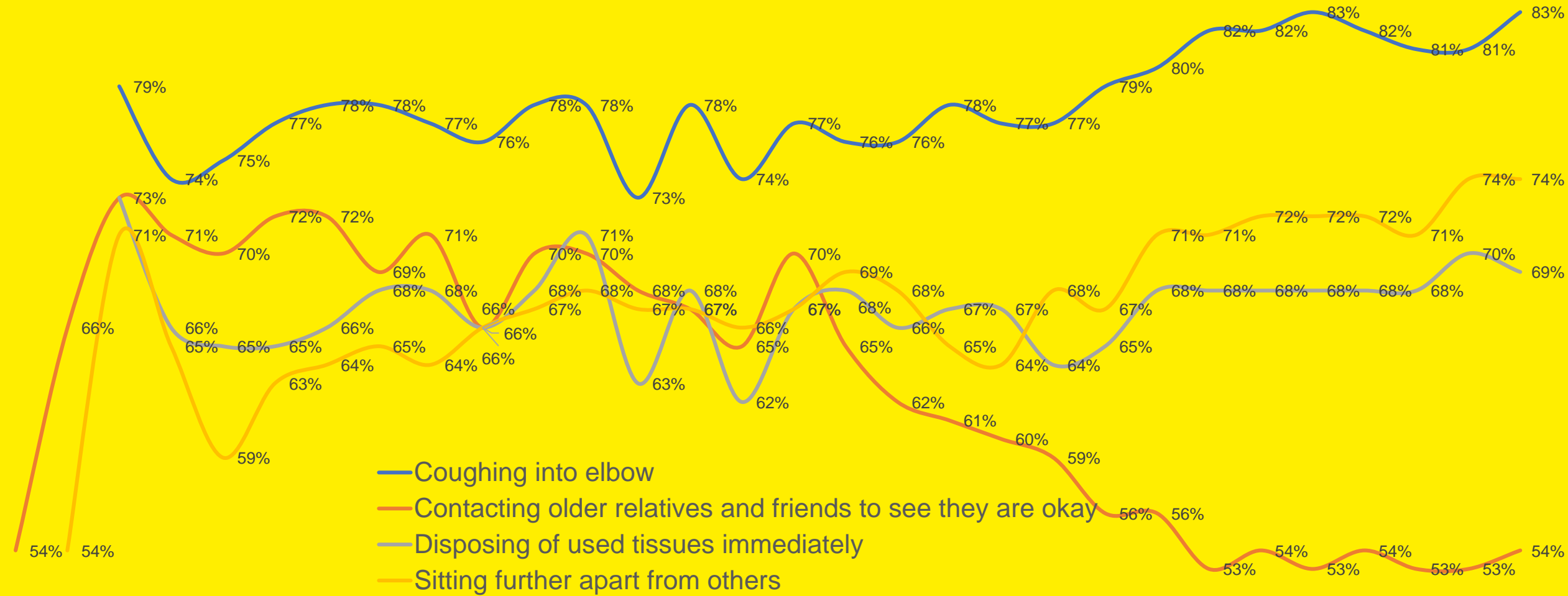


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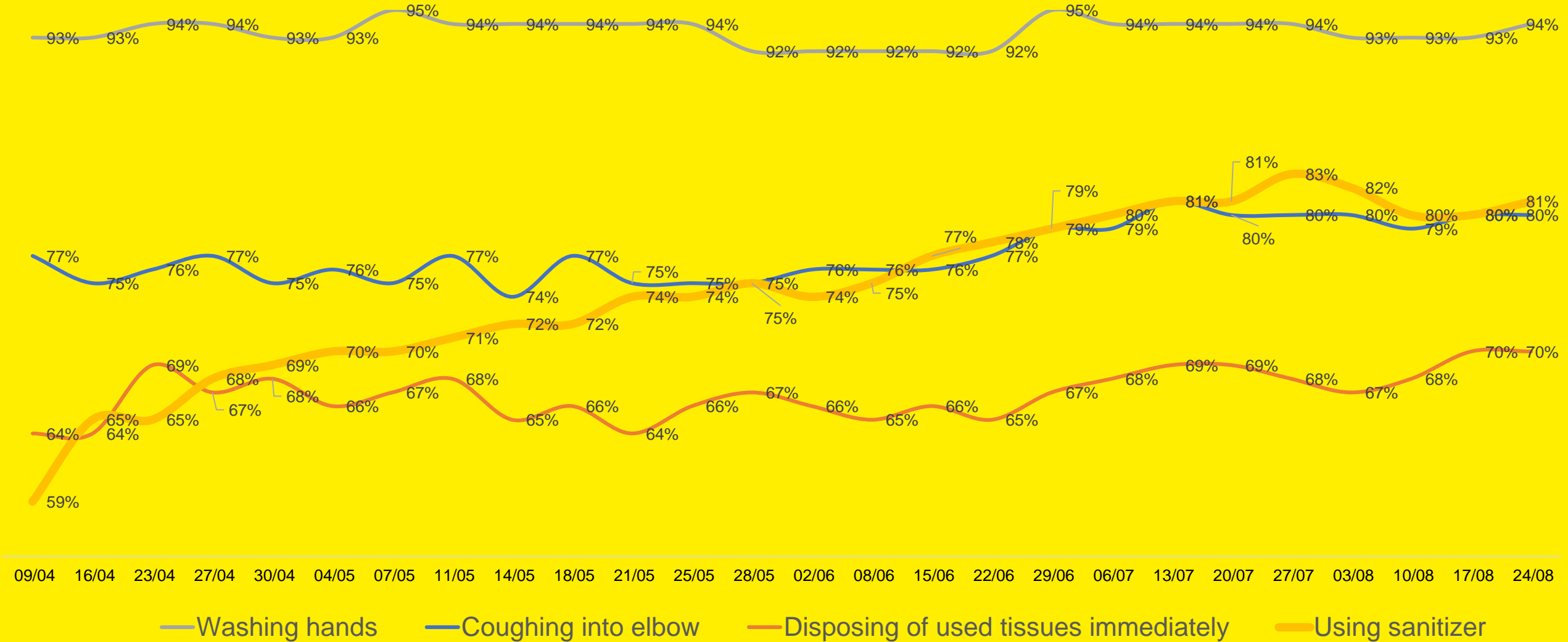
# Safe Behaviours – II

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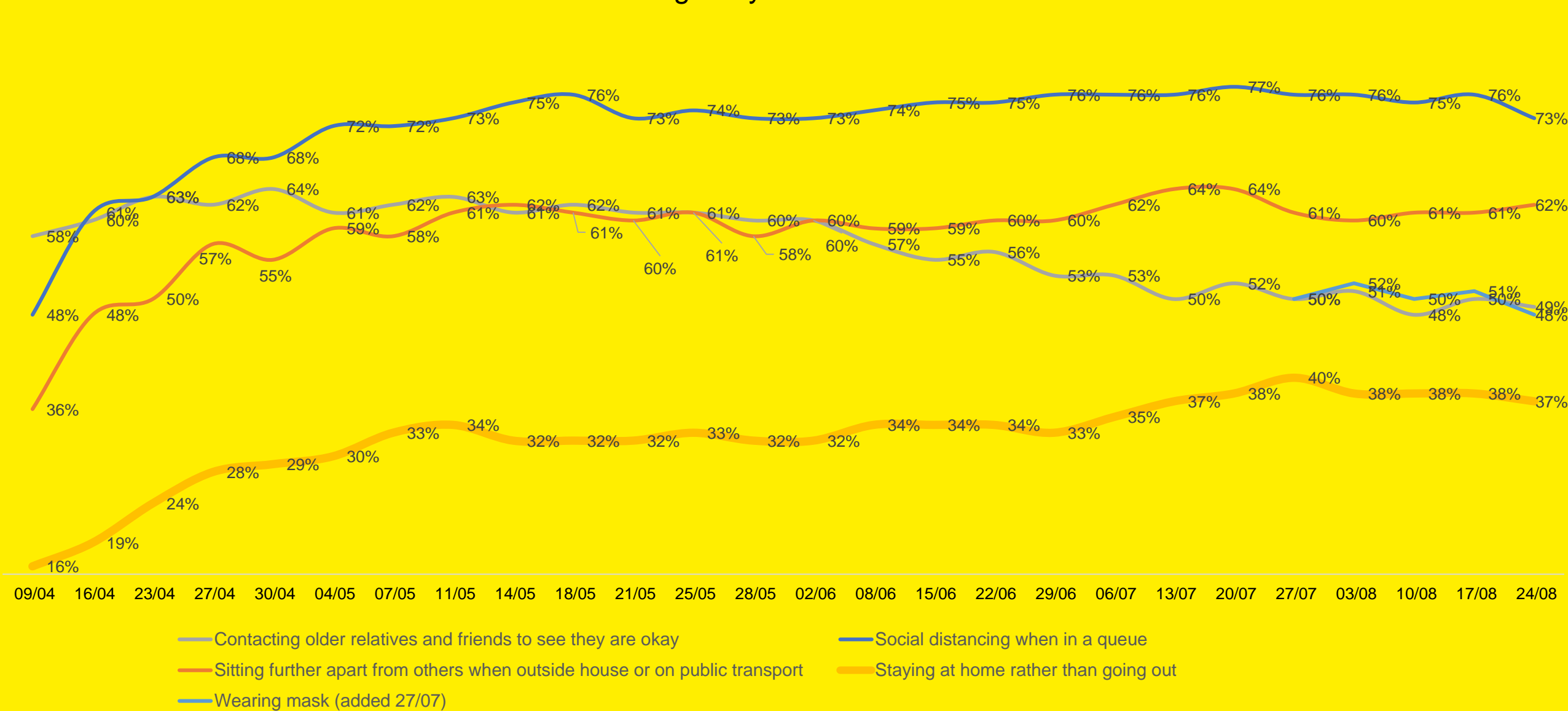
# Future Behaviours – I

## Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?



# Future Behaviours – II

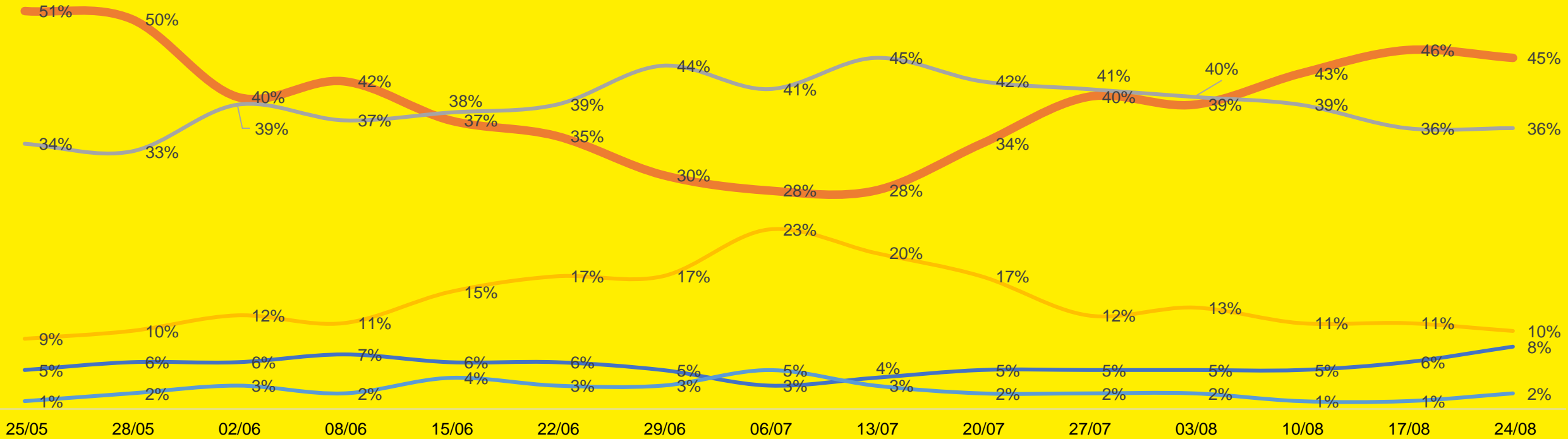
## Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?



Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health

# Socially Distanced

Which of the following best describes the extent to which you think people in general are following the social distancing guidelines?



- Almost everybody is following the guidelines
- It's about 50/50 in terms of people following the guidelines
- Almost nobody is following the guidelines

- Most people are following the guidelines
- Most people are not following the guidelines

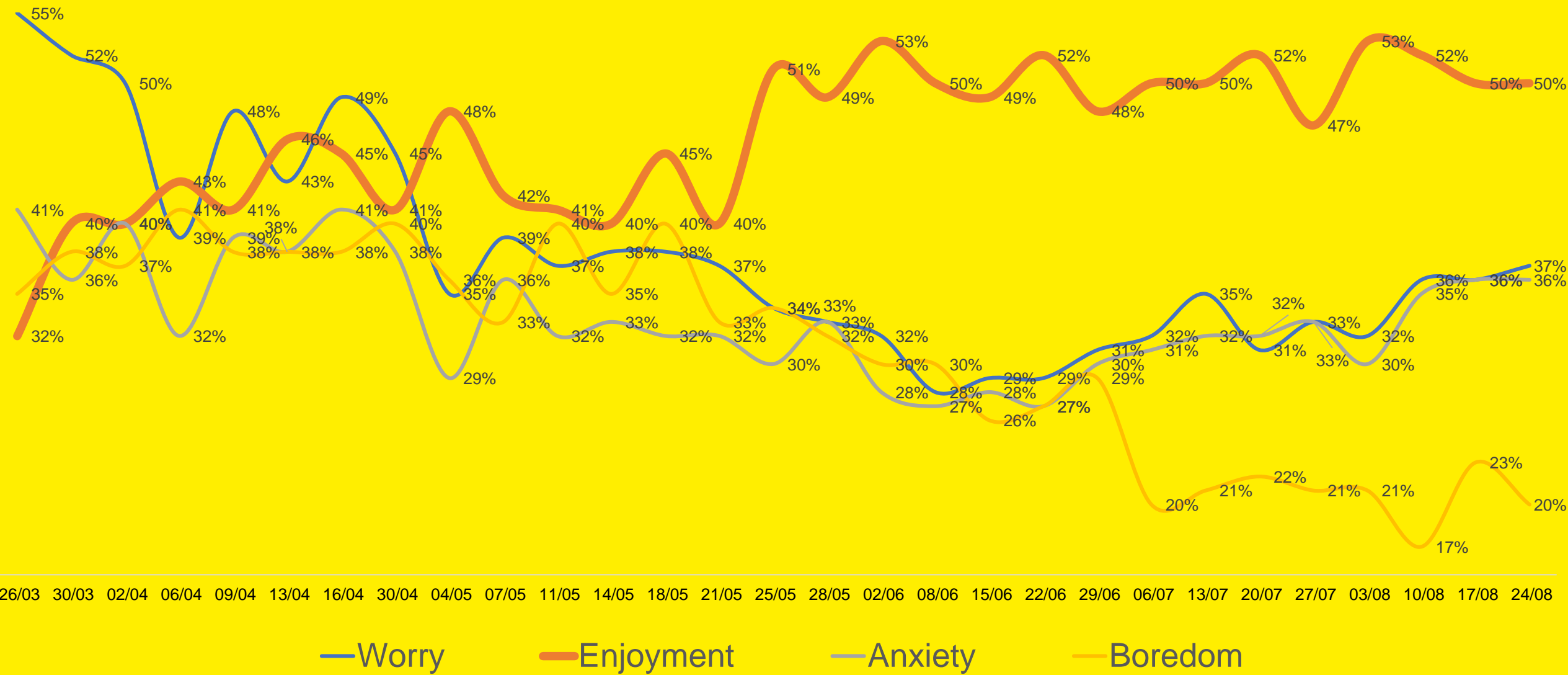


# Emotional Wellbeing

# Emotional Wellbeing – I



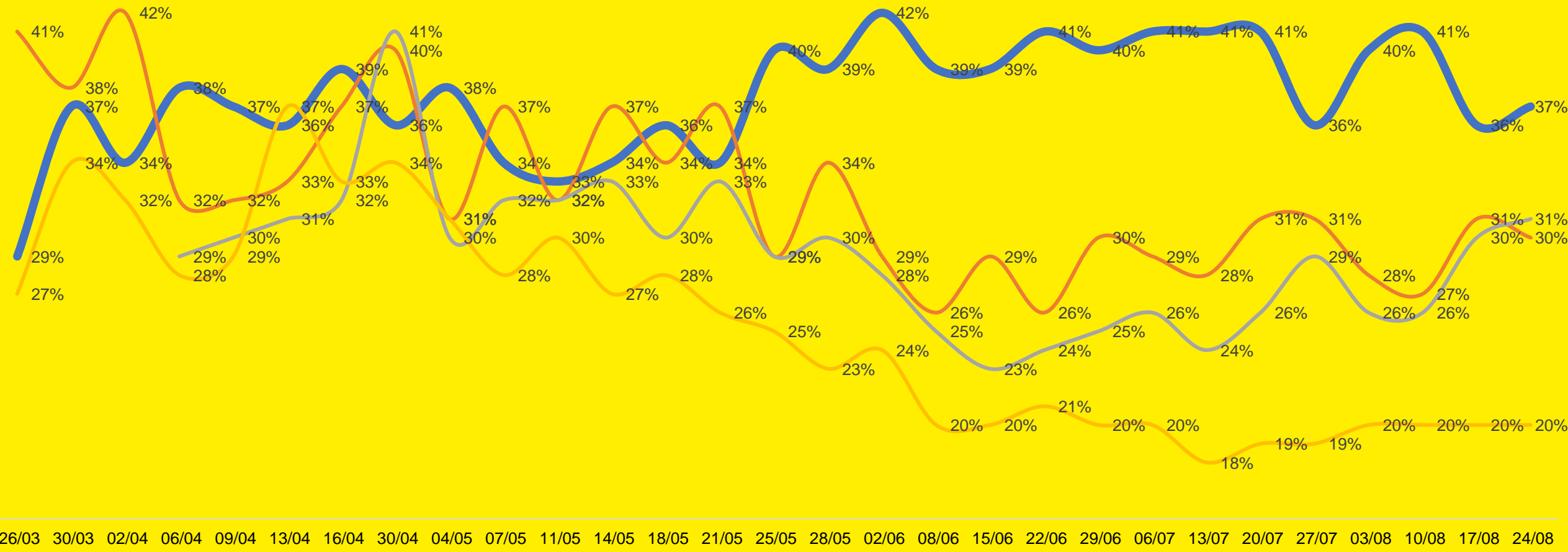
Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:



# Emotional Wellbeing – II



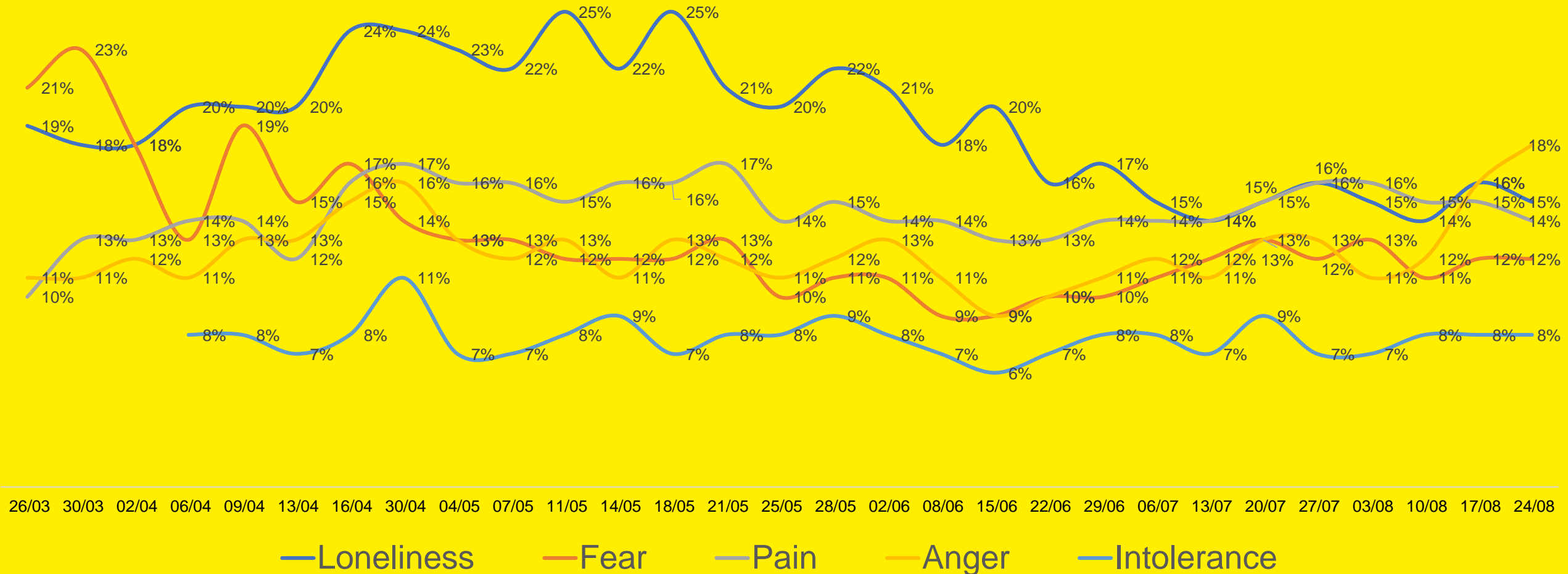
Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:



— Happiness — Stress — Frustration — Sadness

# Emotional Wellbeing – III

Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:

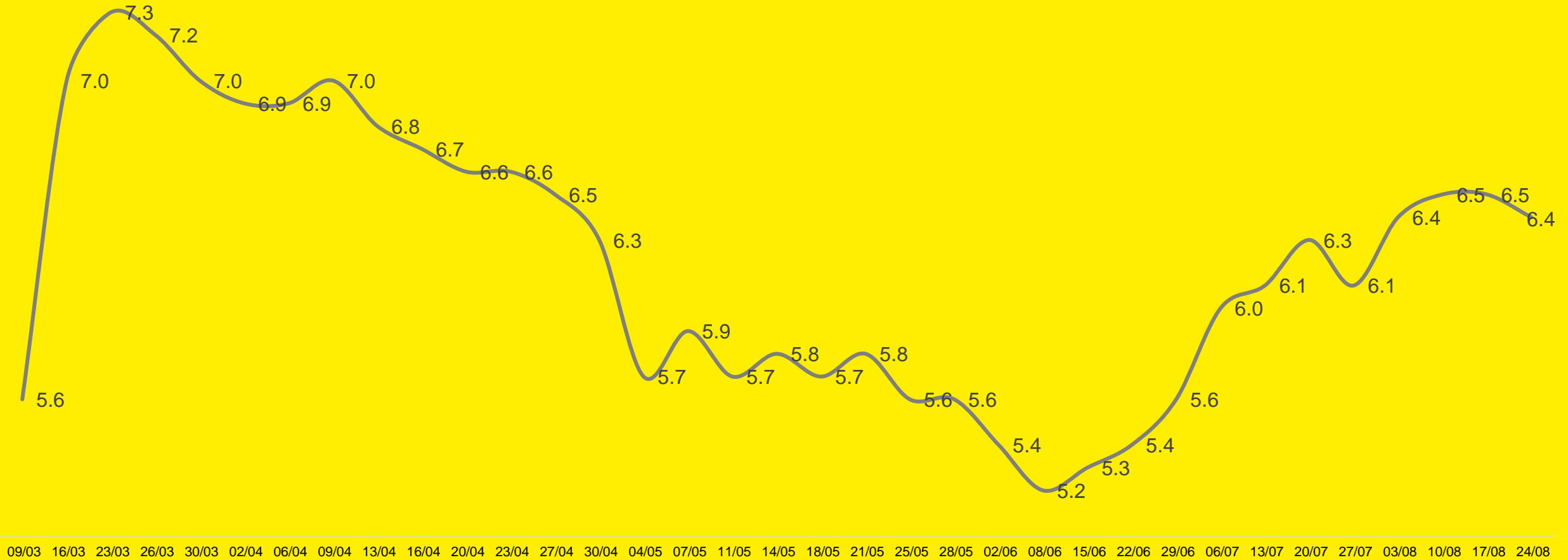




# Risk Perceptions

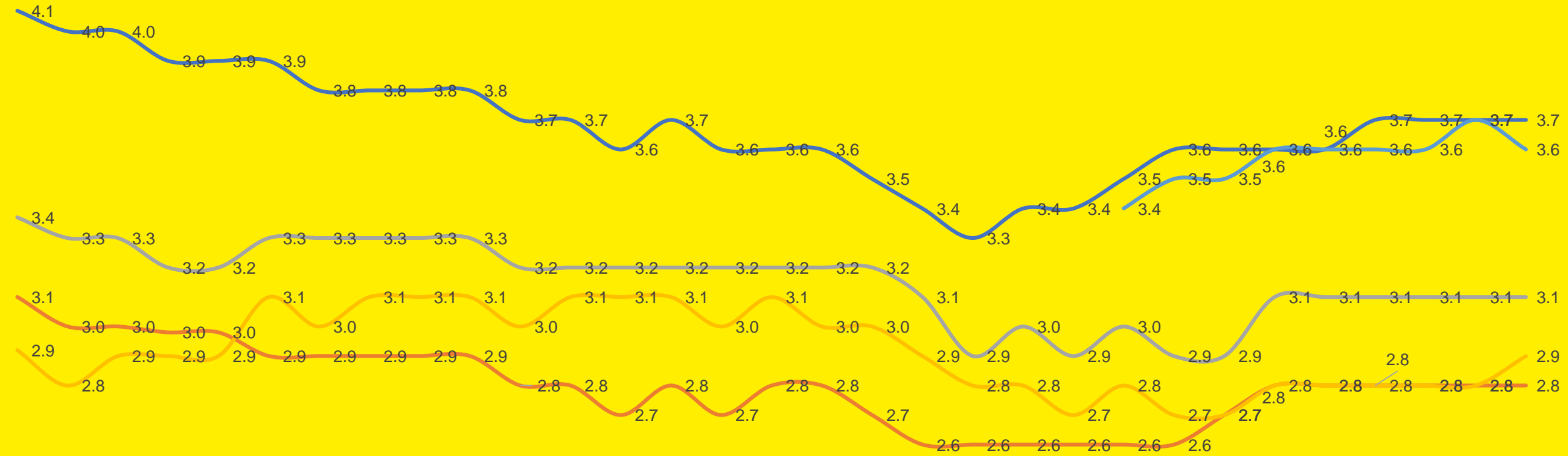
# Still Worried?

How worried are you personally about the Coronavirus? On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is extremely worried: Average Score



# Sources of Worry – I

Please indicate the extent to which any of the following is a current source of worry?  
On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all and 5 is a great deal: Average Score

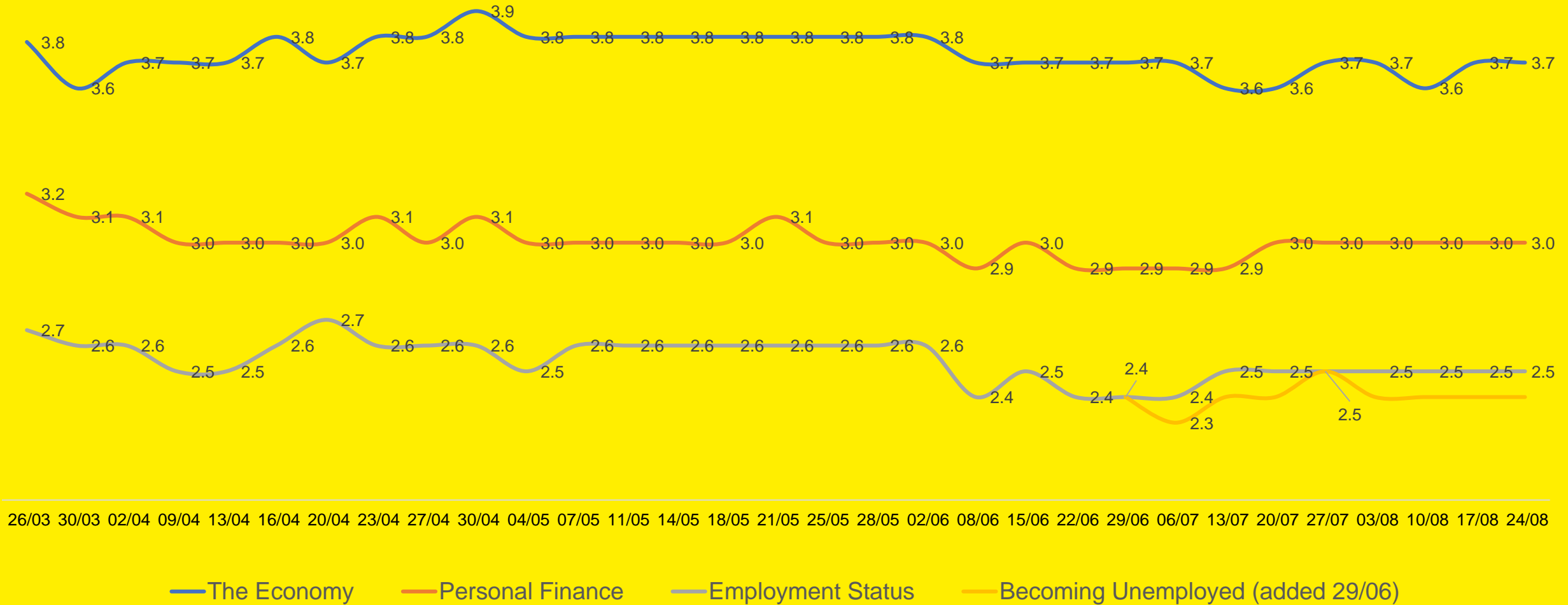


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- Health of Family & Friends
- Prolonged Restrictions
- Health system being overloaded (added 29/06)
- Personal Health
- Reduced Social Contact

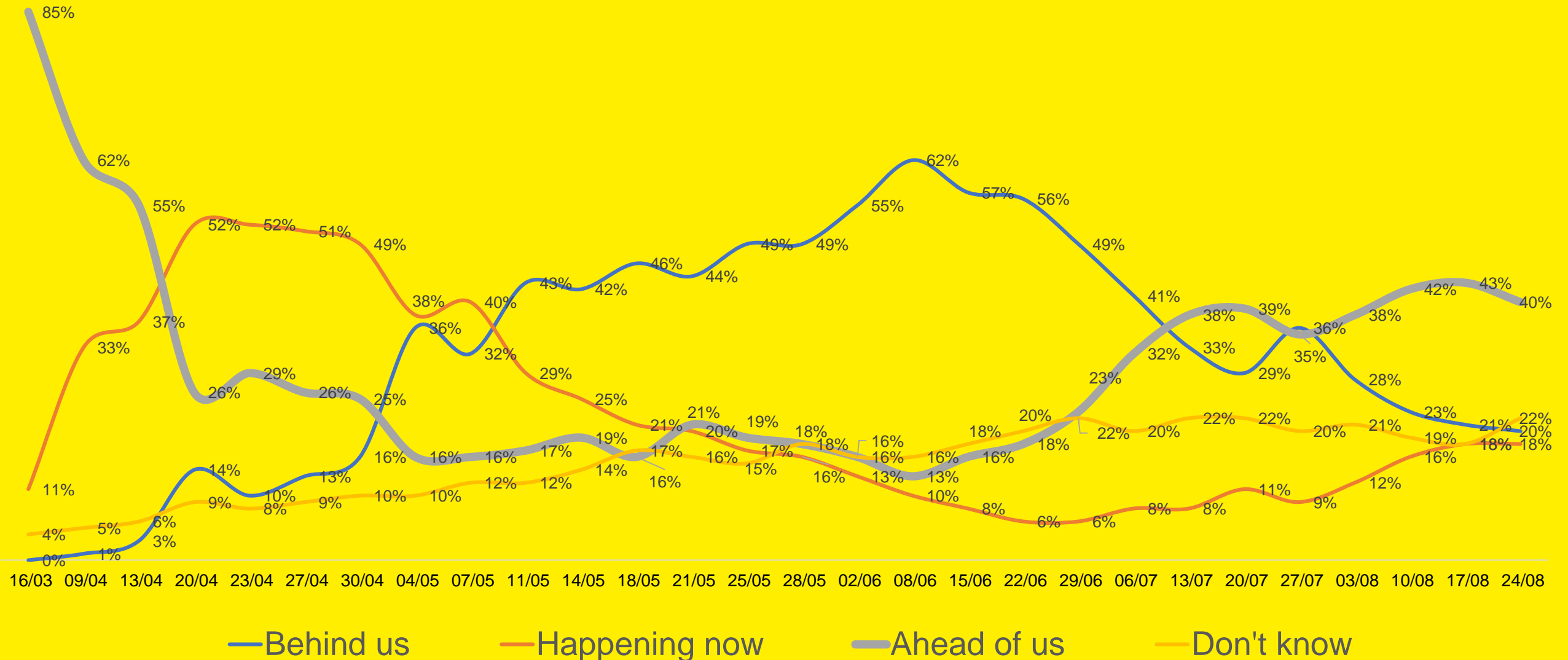
# Sources of Worry – II

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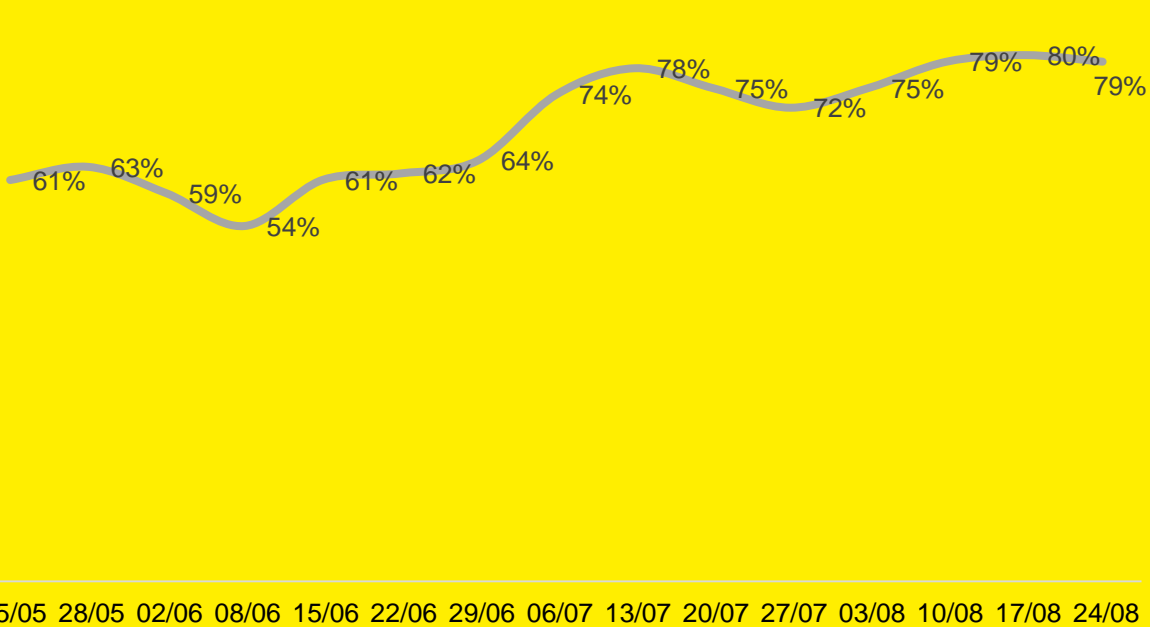
# Pandemic Stage

Do you feel that the worst of the Coronavirus crisis in Ireland is:



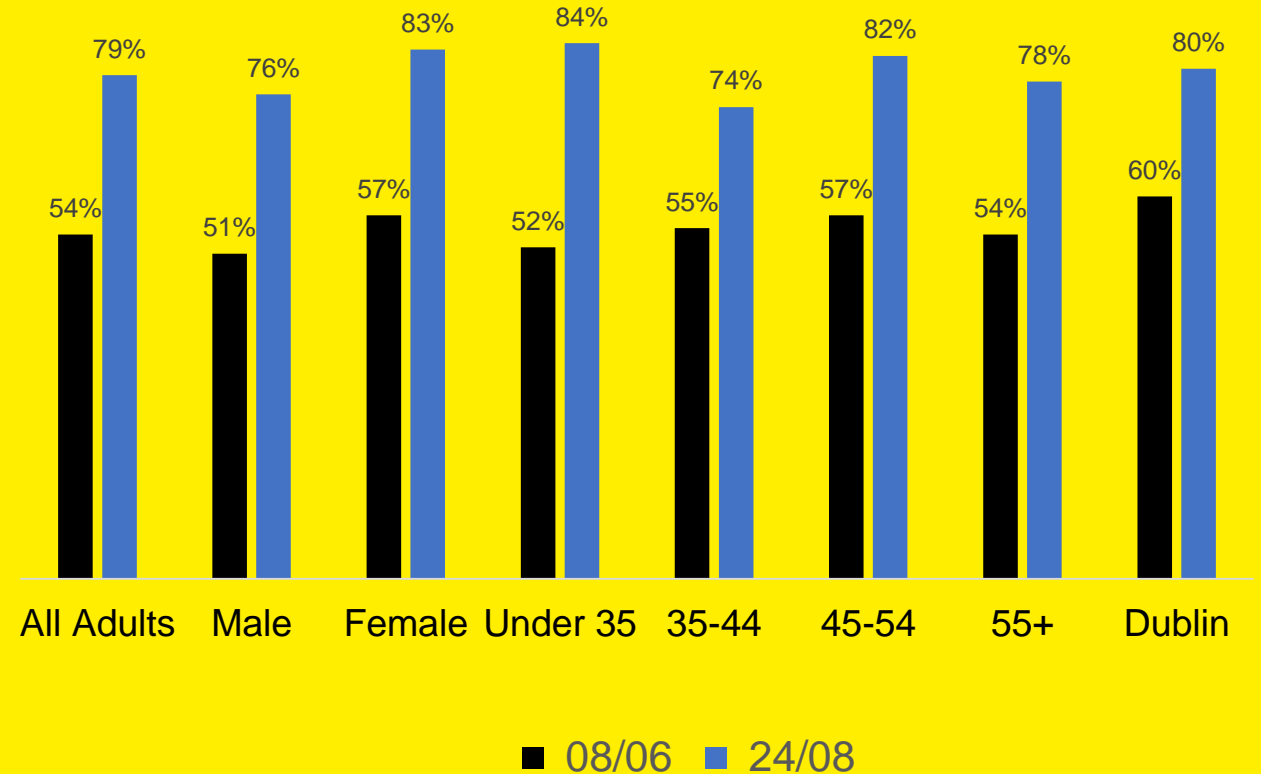
## A Second Wave

How likely do you think it is that Ireland will experience a second wave of COVID-19 infections? On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is 'very unlikely' and 7 is 'very likely': % 5-7



## A Second Wave

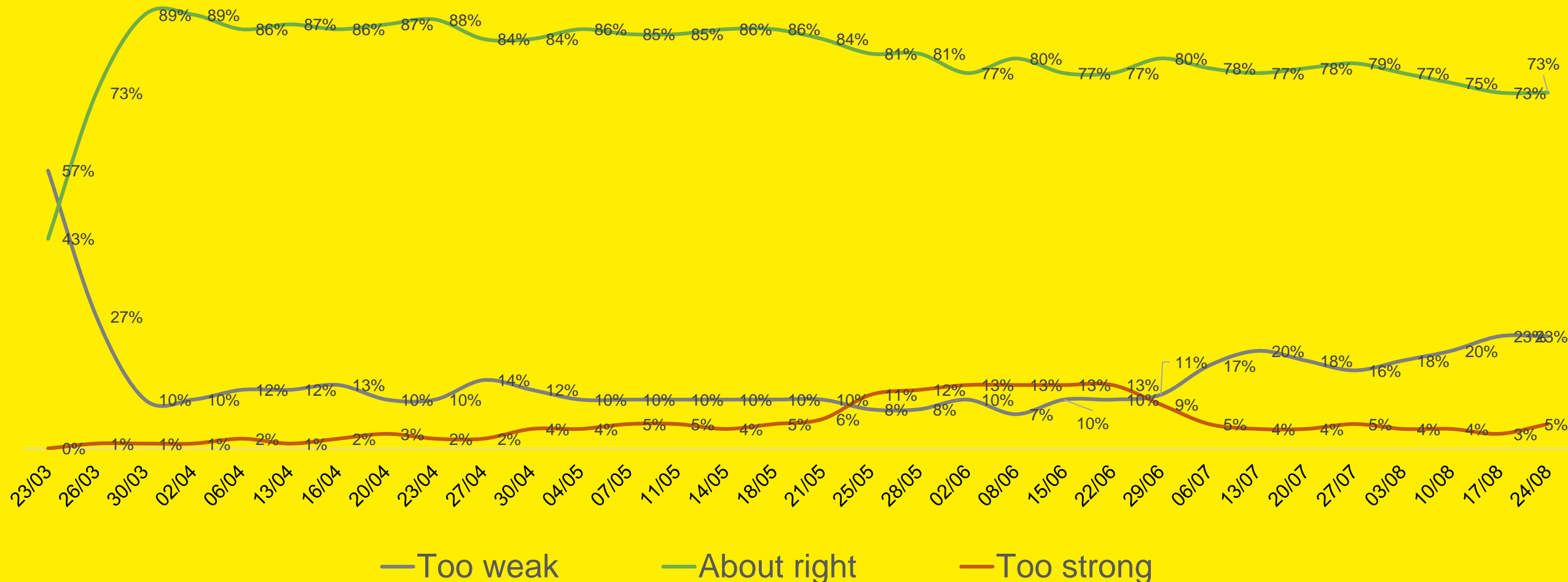
Demographics: % 5-7



# Policy Preferences

# Social Distancing

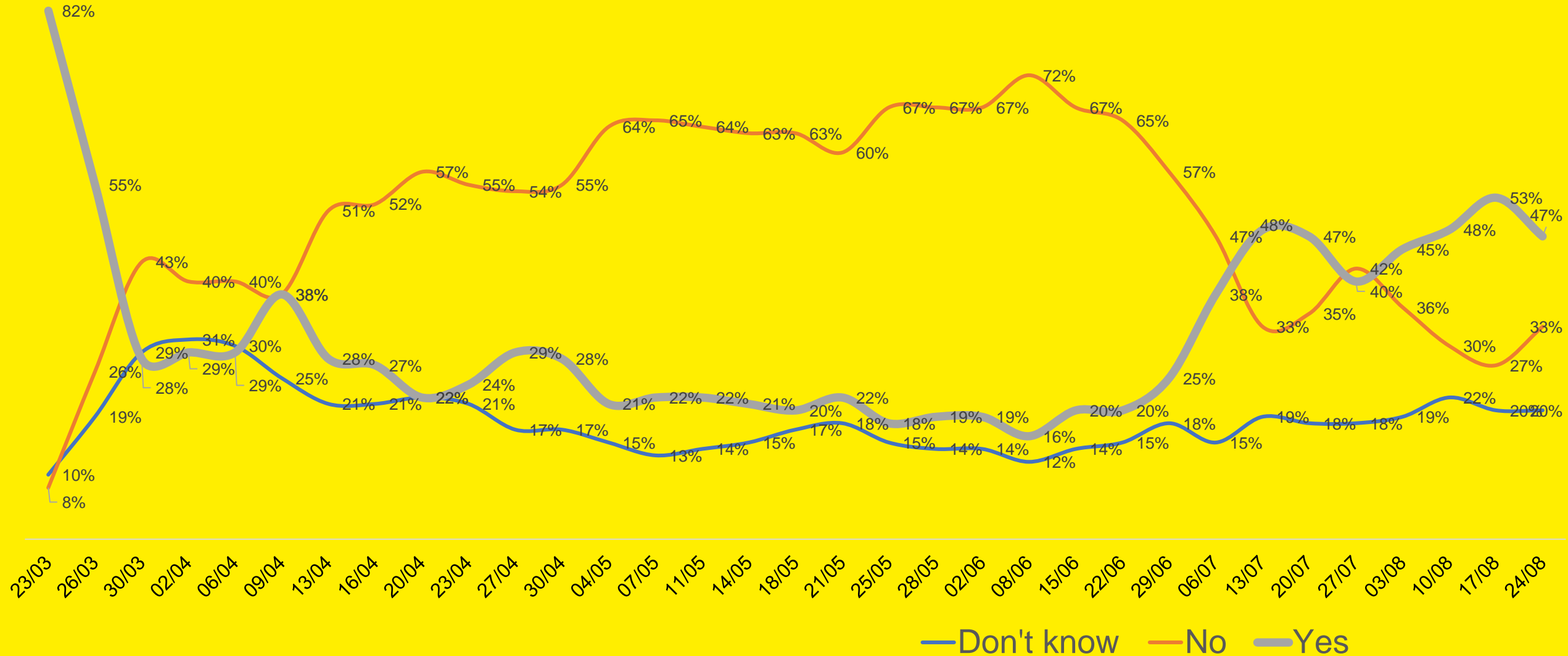
Do you think the current government measures on social distancing are:





# Go Further?

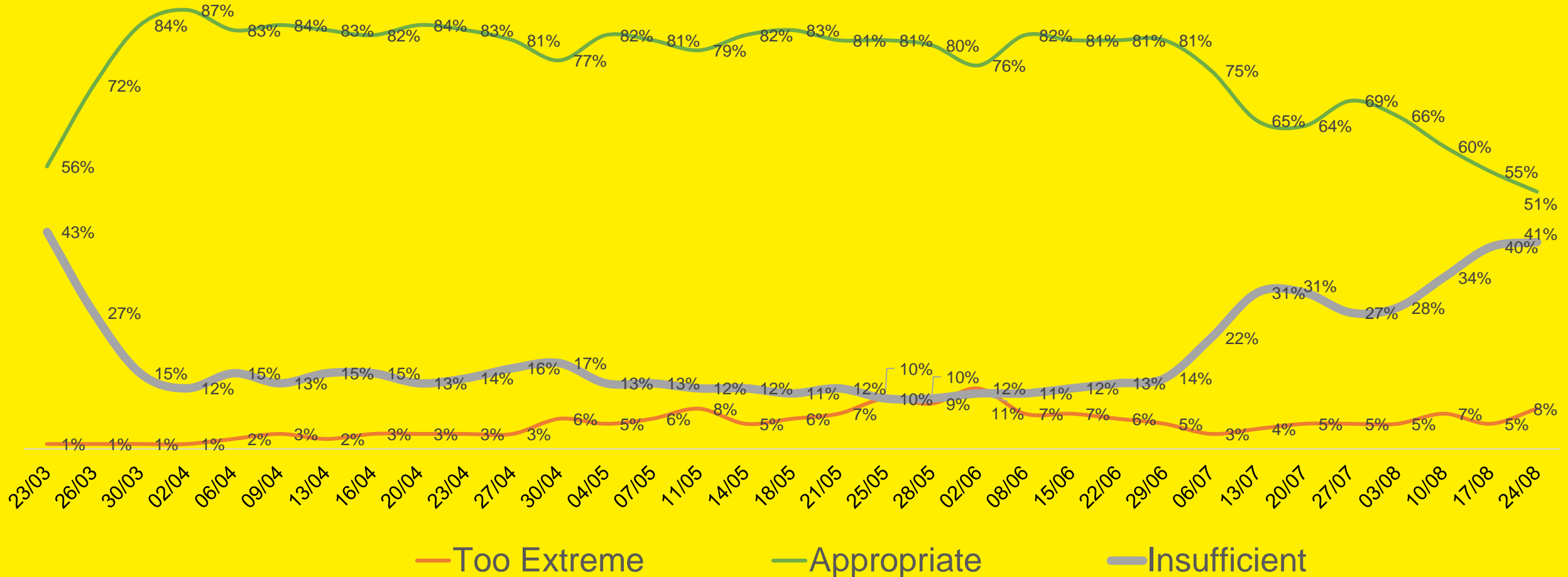
## Do you think there should be more restrictions?



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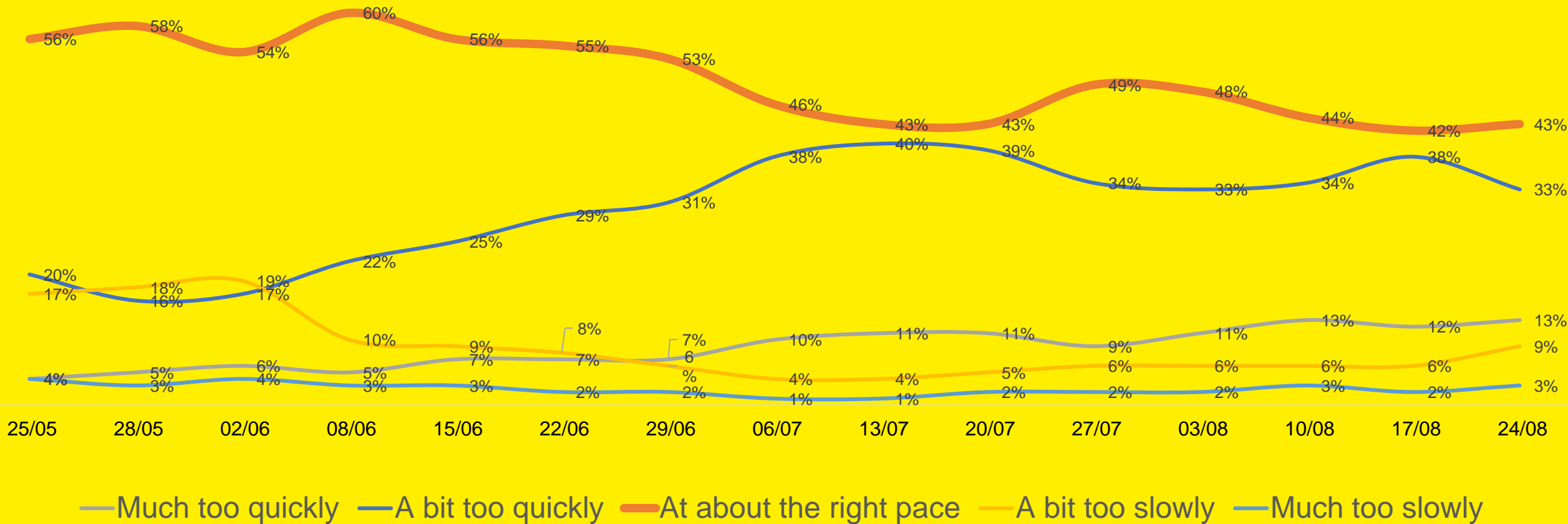
# Going Too Far?

Do you think the reaction of the government to the current coronavirus outbreak is appropriate too extreme or not sufficient?



# Returning to Normal

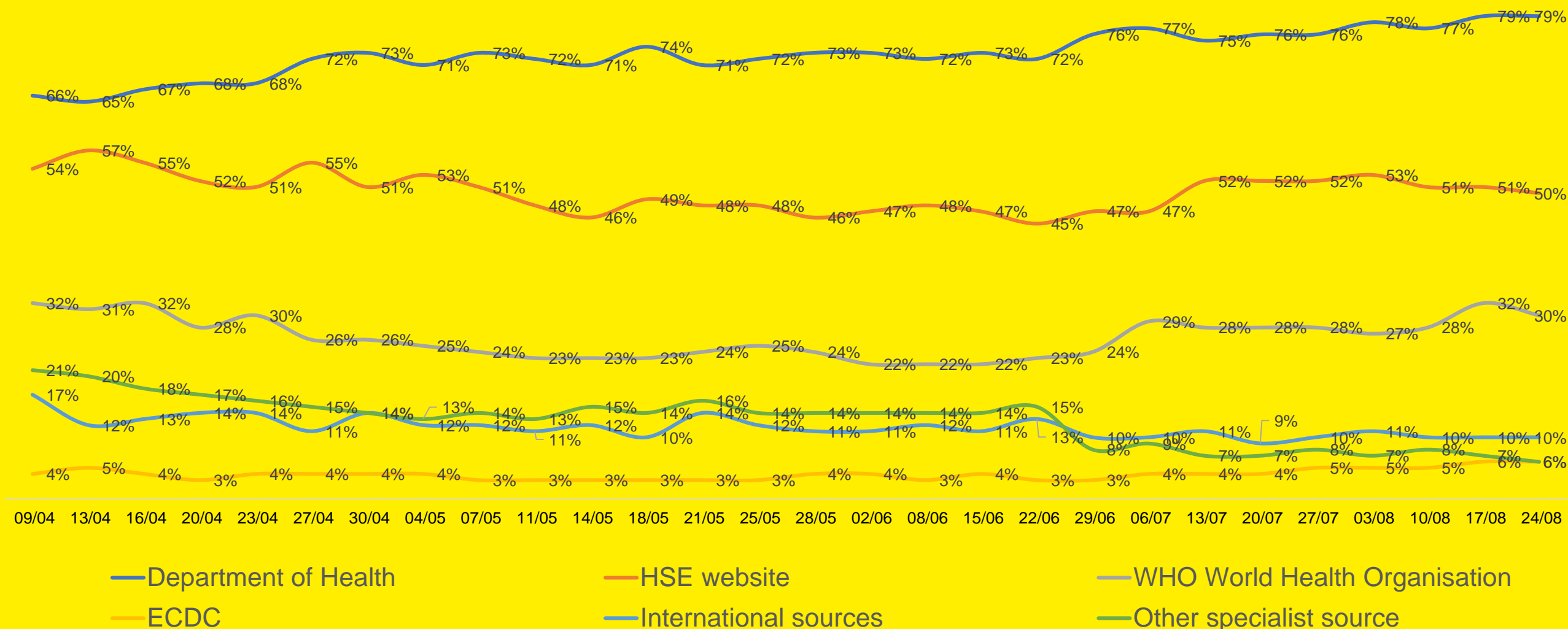
On balance, do you think that Ireland is trying to return to normal:



# Information & Communications

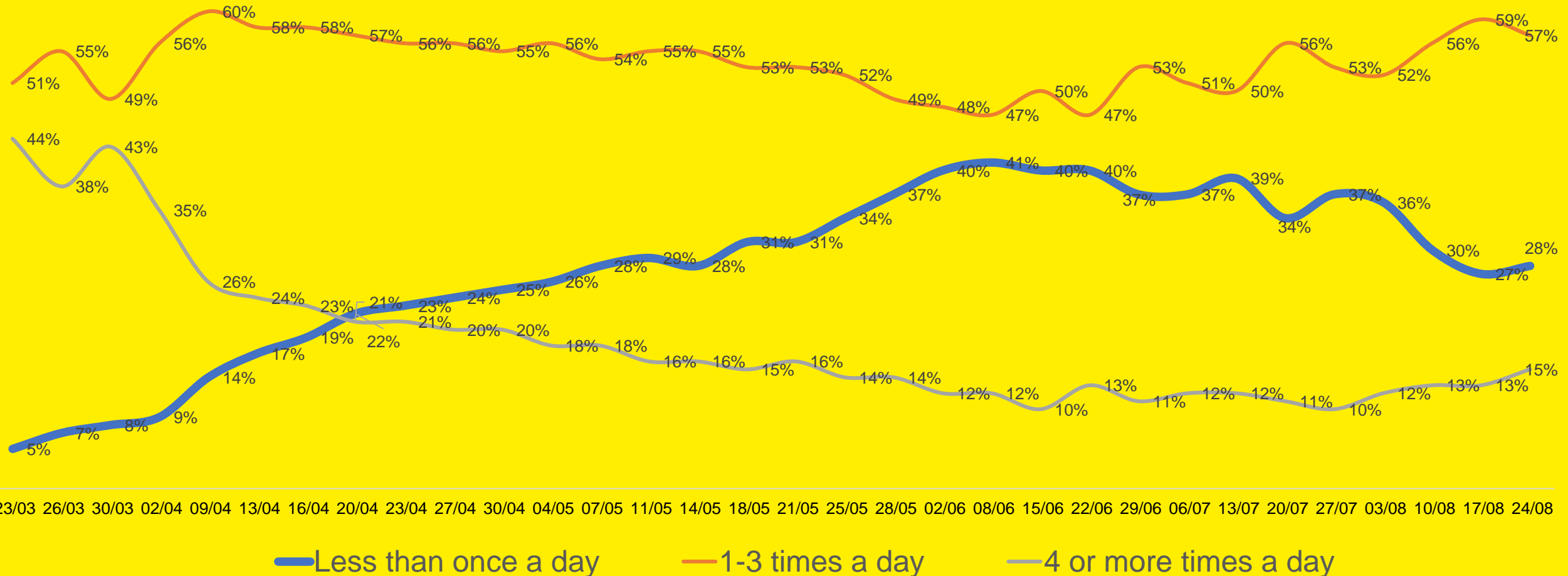
# Covid-19 Information Sources

Where are you currently getting trusted information on Covid-19 from?



# Media Consumption

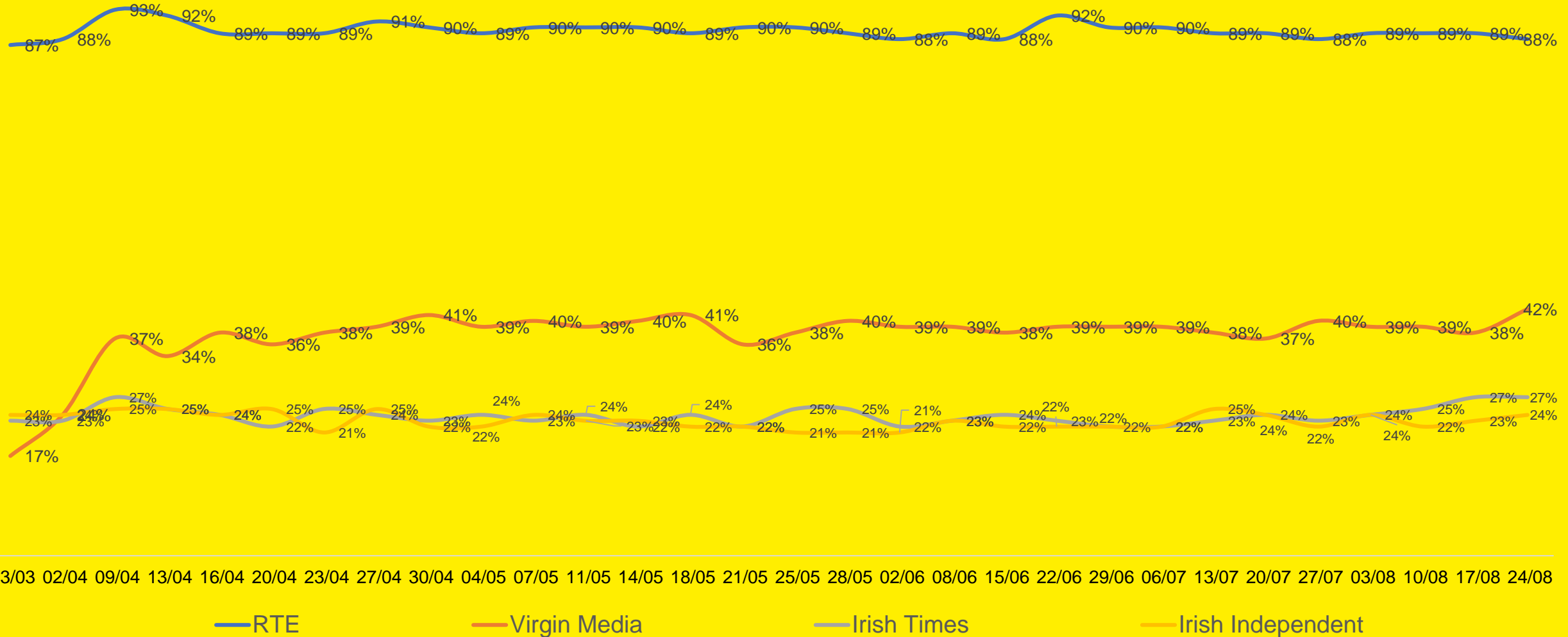
How often are you checking the news about Coronavirus (on TV, radio the internet apps etc)?



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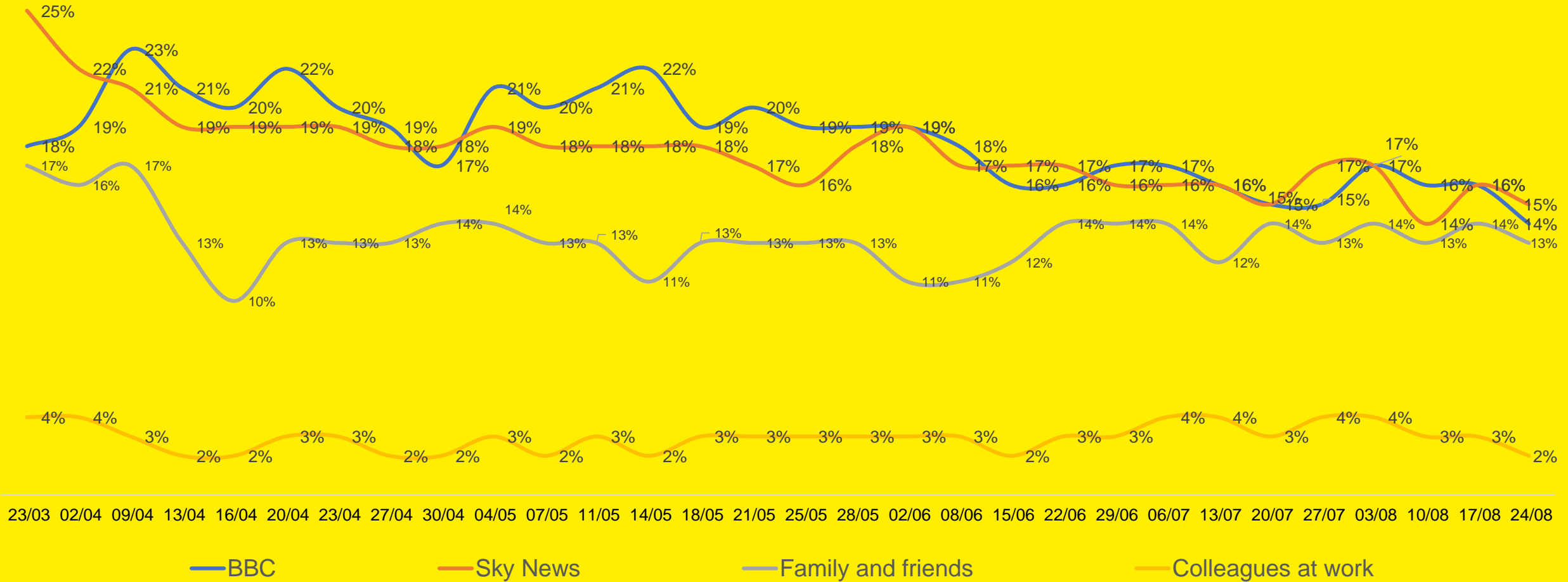
# News Sources – I

What are the main media sources through which you access information on the Coronavirus: % Any Mentions (in top 3)



# News Sources – II

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# News Sources – III

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