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Survey of Public Opinion in Macedonia

September 29 - October 5, 2015

Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the [International Republican Institute](#) by the [Brima](#) market research firm (member of Taylor Nelson Sofres and Gallup International) under the supervision of David Williams from [Williams and Associates](#) in Salem, Massachusetts.
- Data was collected from September 29 - October 5, 2015, using in-person, face-to-face methodology by trained professional interviewers.
- A total of 1,106 interviews was completed yielding an overall margin of error of plus or minus three percent at the midrange of the 95-percent confidence level. A nationally representative sample was based on a multistage stratification proportionate to population sample distribution, with a random selection of households and respondents. The refusal rate stands at 382 cases, out of which 71 refused to take part in the survey due to resistance to political questions.
- The sample was prepared using the State Statistical Office data (2002 census results) for the population aged 18 and older, considering the structure of the population according to age, gender, education, type of housing, national affiliation and region and updated according to estimates and primary information, collected by Brima.
- Stratification was based on three stages: first, the number of respondents for each of the regions was specified in proportion to the size of the population aged 18 and older that live in the region. Second, the sampling plan consisted of 164 sampling points located according to urban/rural split, municipality size and nationality diffusion. Third, the selection of households was based on random route method, whereby in urban areas, every third household on the left-hand side of the street was selected. In rural areas, the wave-wise approach is applied and the selected household is every fourth inhabited house/dwelling on both sides of the interviewer's route/track, counting from the first house on the left.
- The next birthday method was used to select respondents 18 years and older.
- Figures in charts and tables may not add to 100 percent due to rounding error.
- This poll was conducted with support from the [United States Agency for International Development](#).



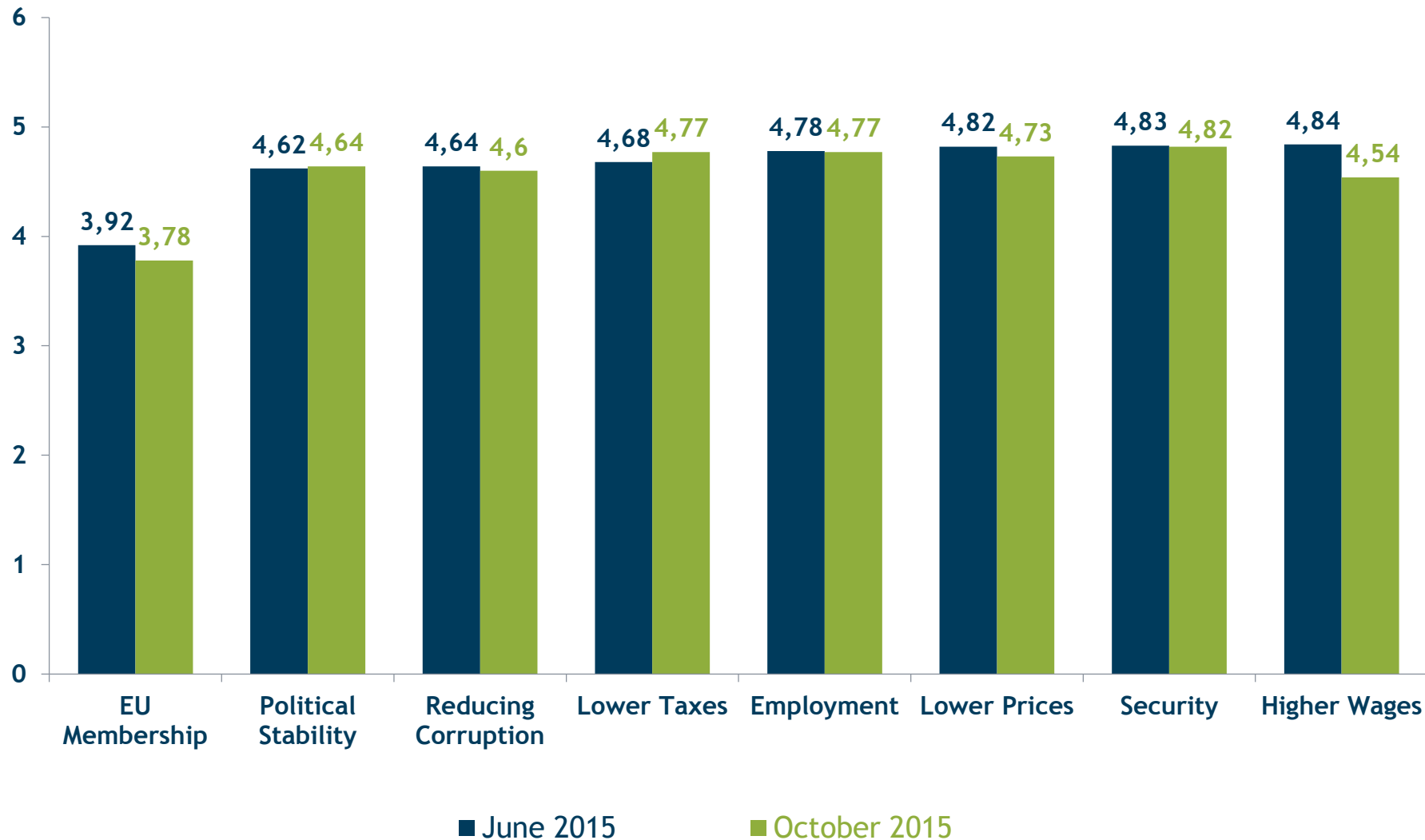
Euro-Atlantic Integration and Other Issue Attitudes

In your opinion, what are the two most serious problems facing Macedonia today?

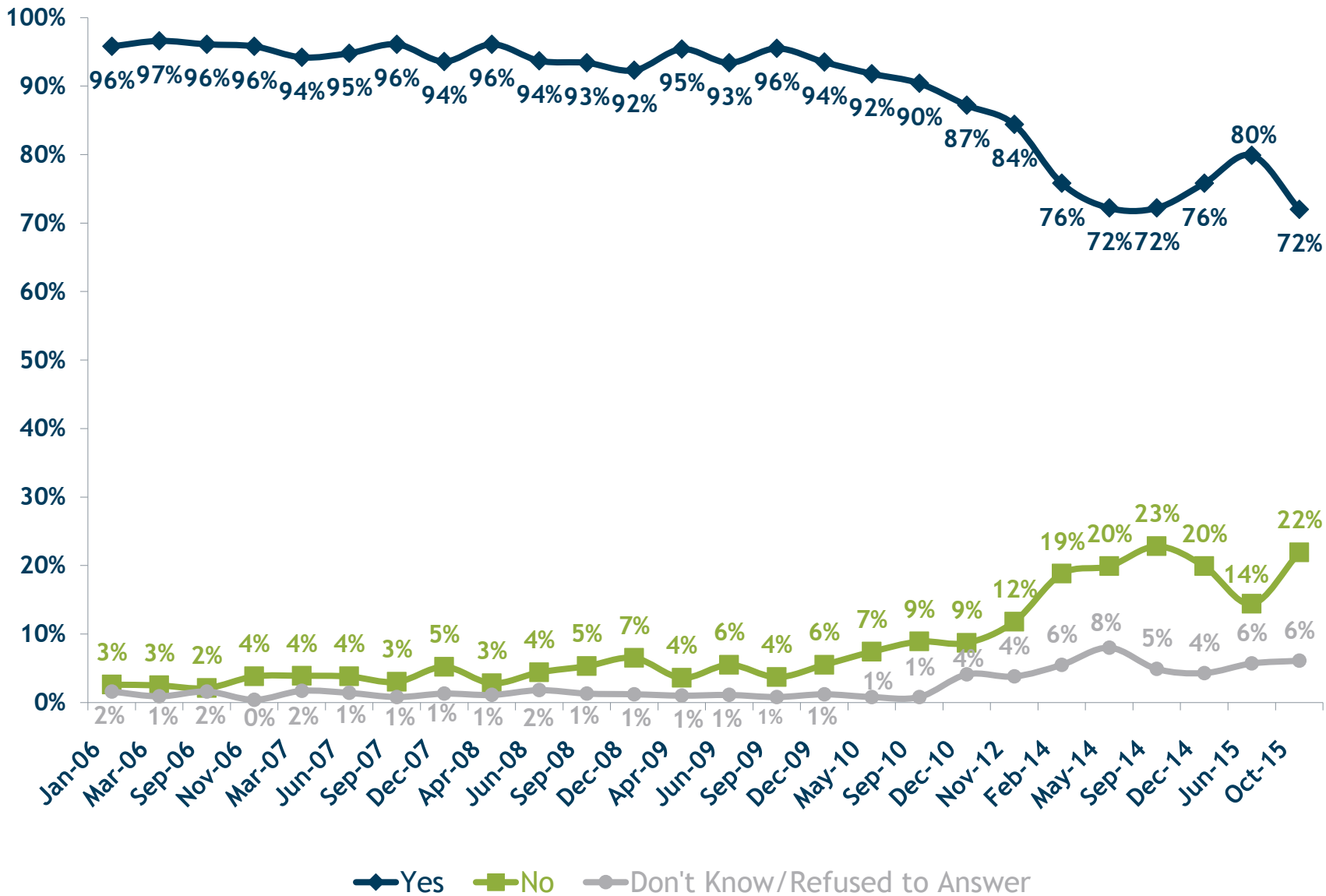
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Issue	First	Second	Total
Unemployment	41%	15%	56%
Poverty, Low Standard of Living, Problems of Common People	13%	17%	30%
Low/Non Payment of Salary or Pension	6%	12%	18%
Economic and Financial Crises	9%	8%	17%
General Political Situation	5%	7%	12%
Corruption	3%	5%	8%
High Prices	2%	6%	8%
Name of the Country	3%	2%	5%
Poor Performance of the Current Government	2%	3%	5%
Crime	2%	3%	5%
Low Prices for Agricultural Products	2%	2%	4%
Security Crises, Peace/Stability, War, Terrorism	1%	2%	3%
Entrance into NATO/European Union	1%	2%	3%
Emigration of Youth	1%	2%	3%
Interethnic Relations/Conflicts	1%	1%	2%

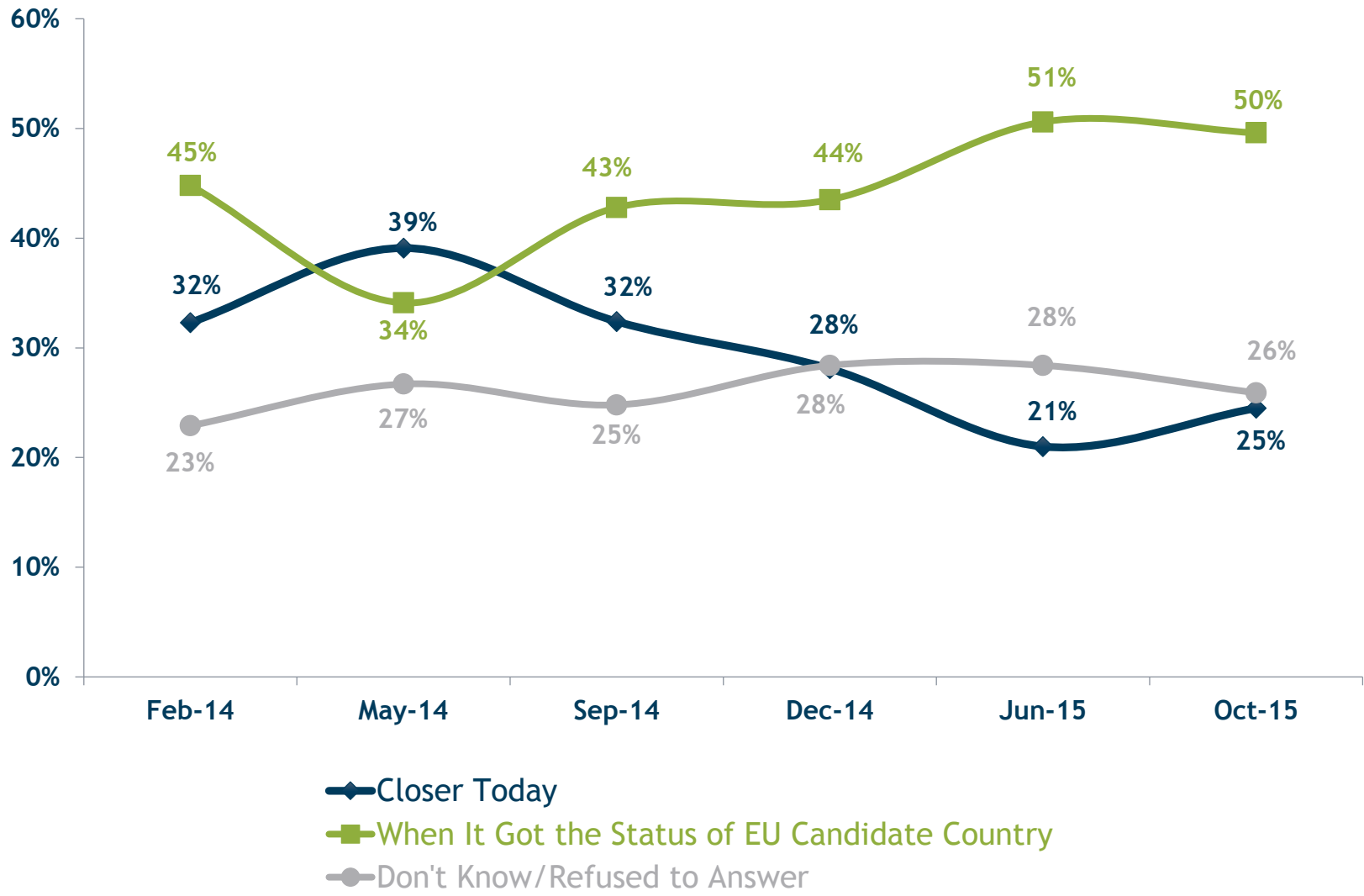
Using the scale in Macedonian schools, from one to five (one being the least important and five being the most important), how important is each of these issues in your daily life?



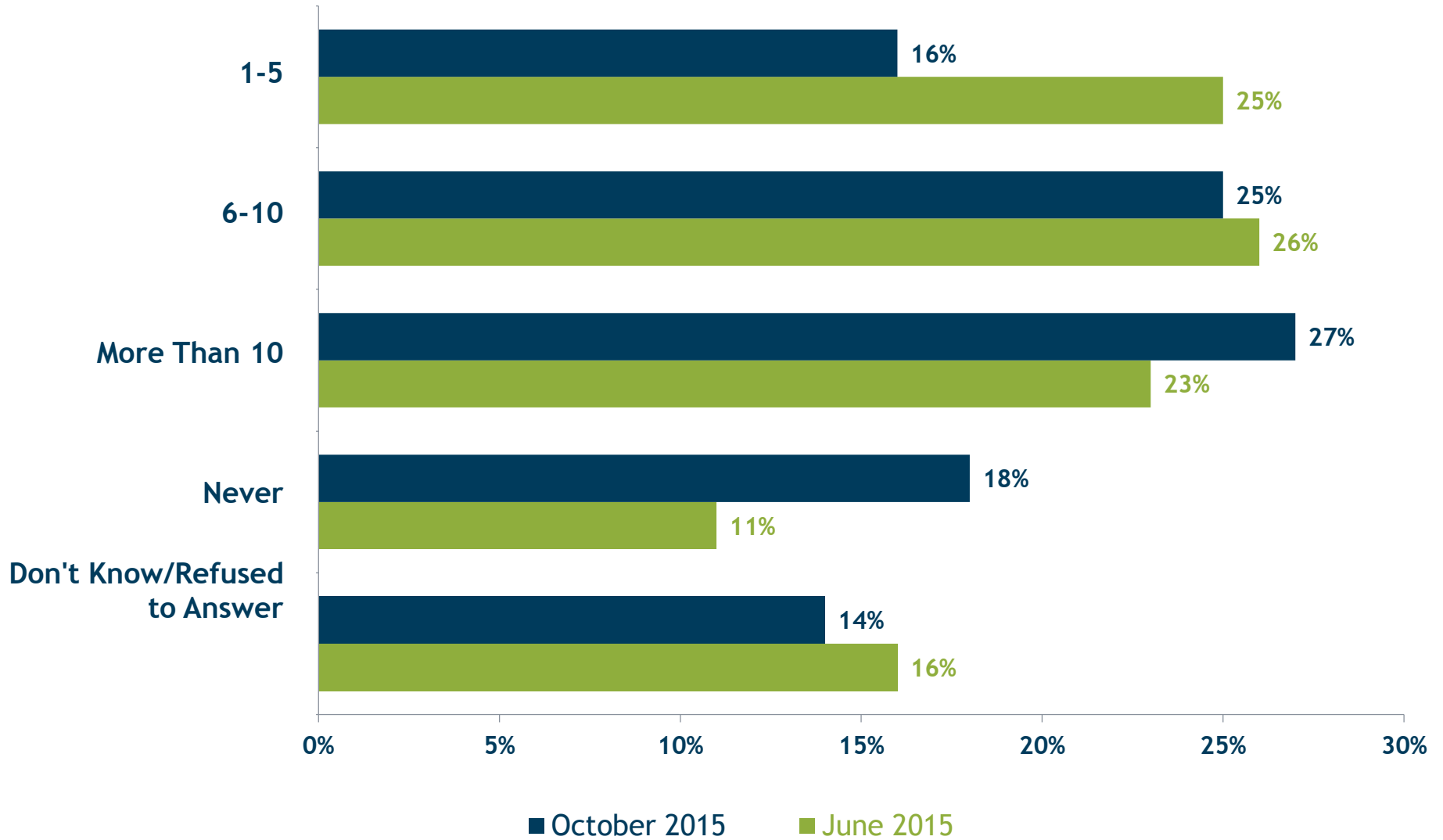
Do you support Macedonia becoming a member of the EU?



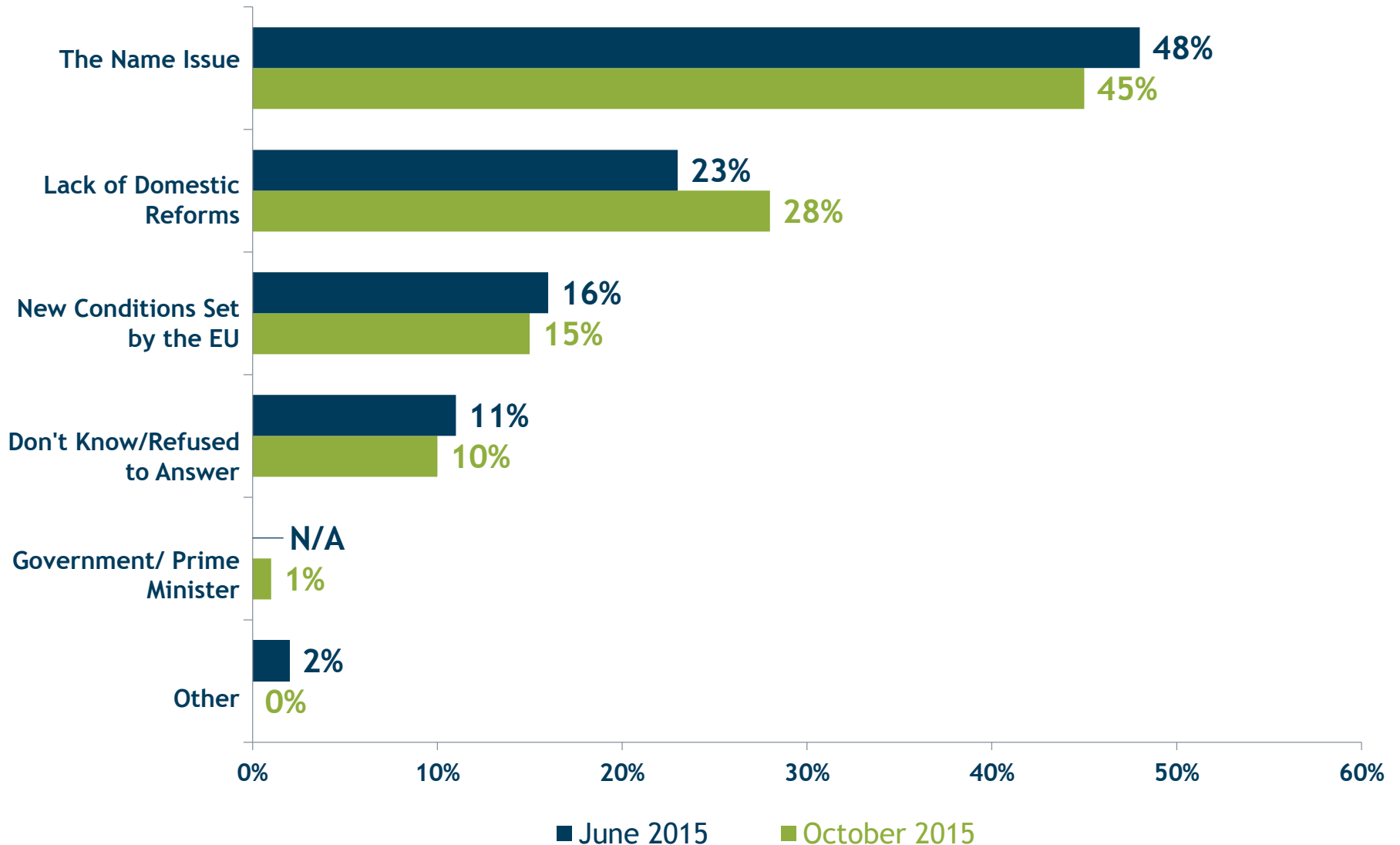
Do you think Macedonia is closer to EU entry today, or was it closer when it got its EU candidate member status?



In how many years do you think Macedonia will become a member of the EU?

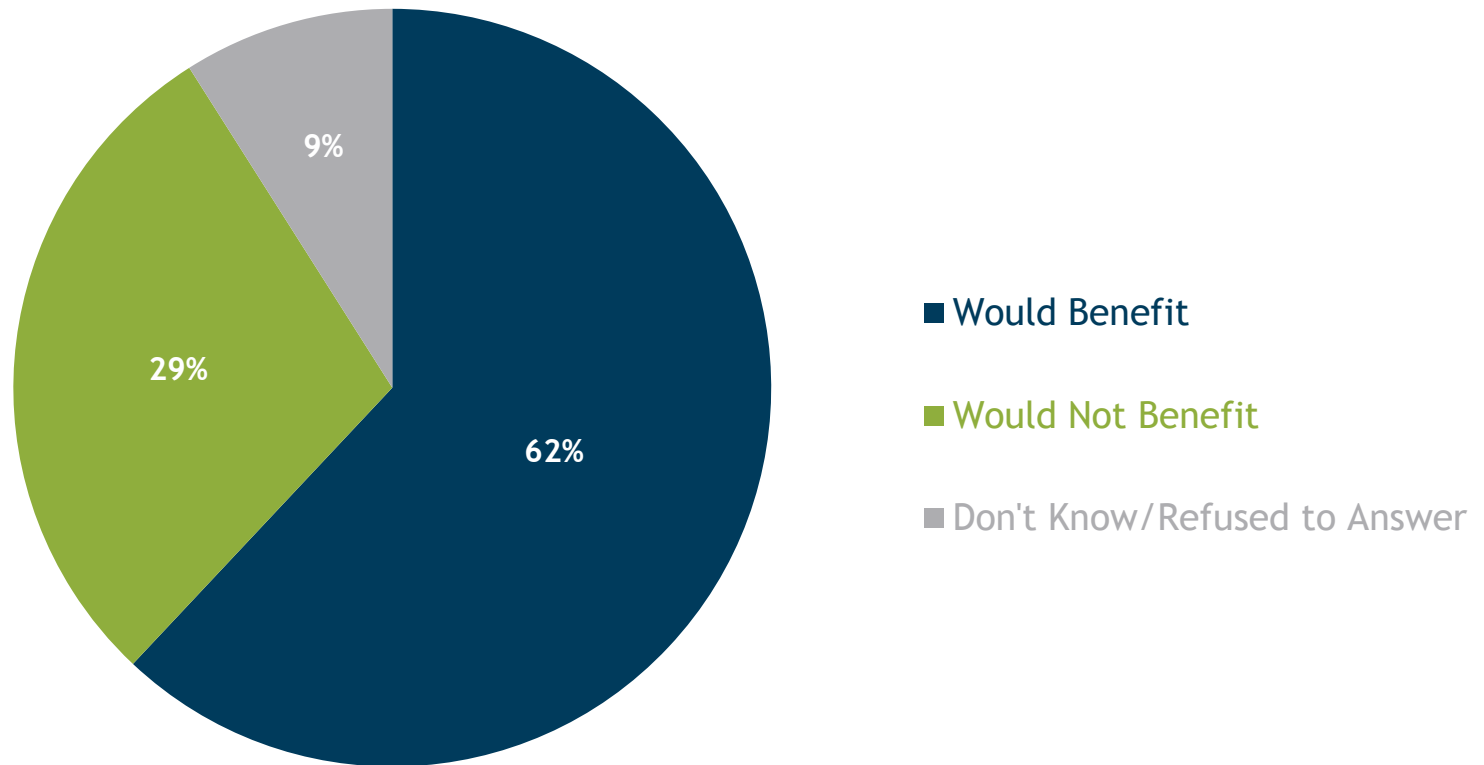


According to you, what is the reason for the slowdown in Macedonia's EU integration?

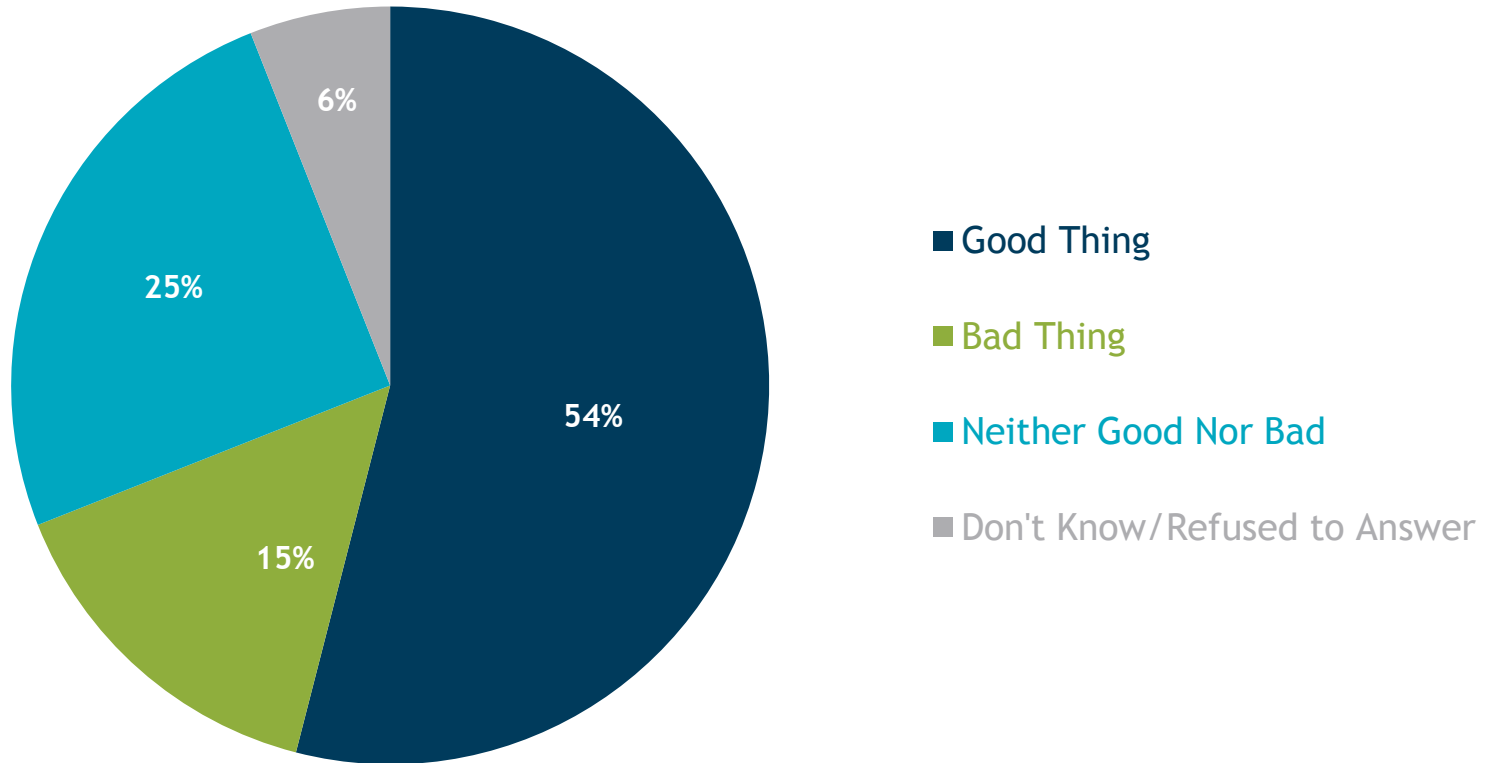


Note: The Government/Prime Minister response was not an option for respondents in the June 2015 poll.

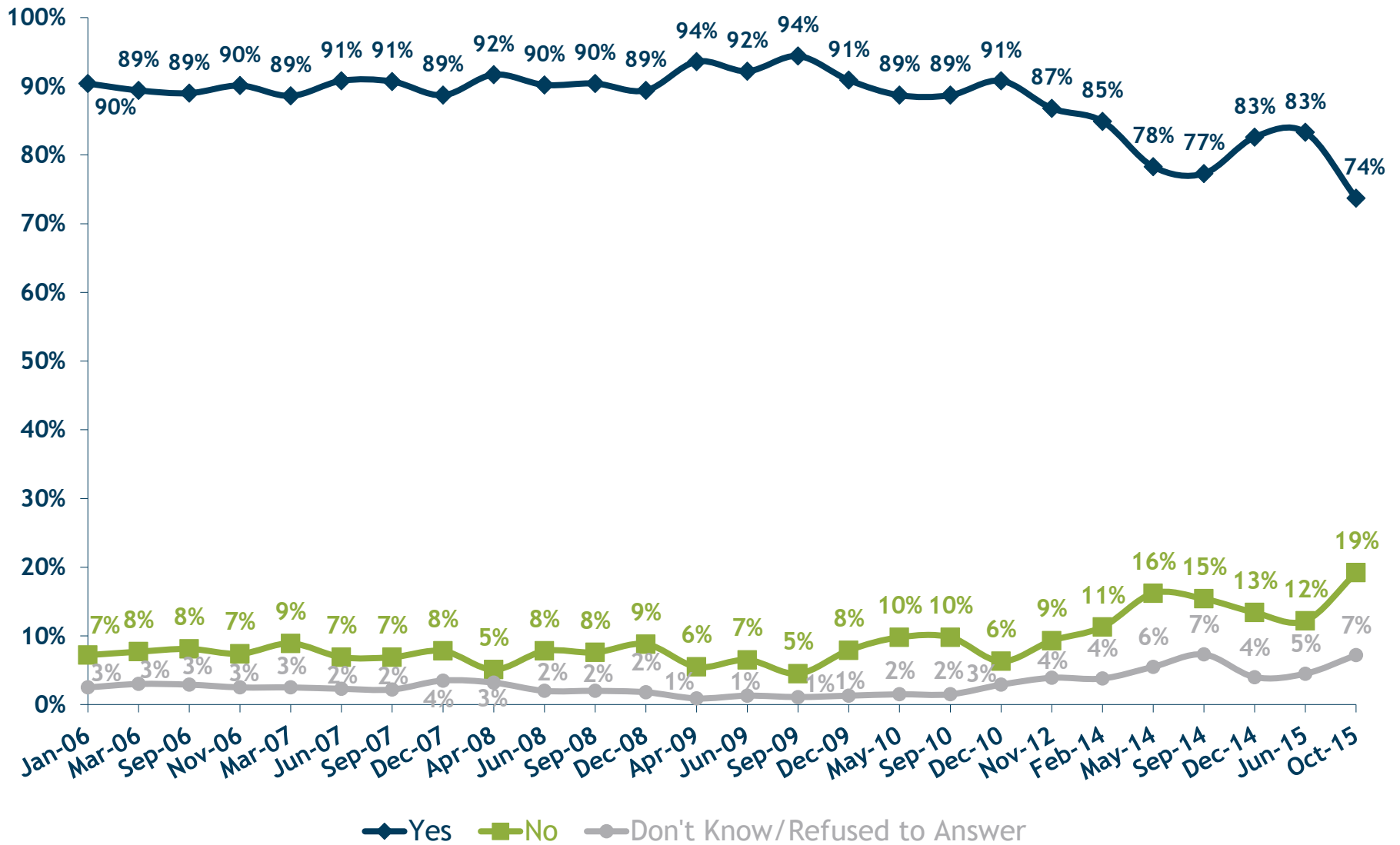
Taking everything into account, would you say that Macedonia would benefit or not benefit from being a member of EU?



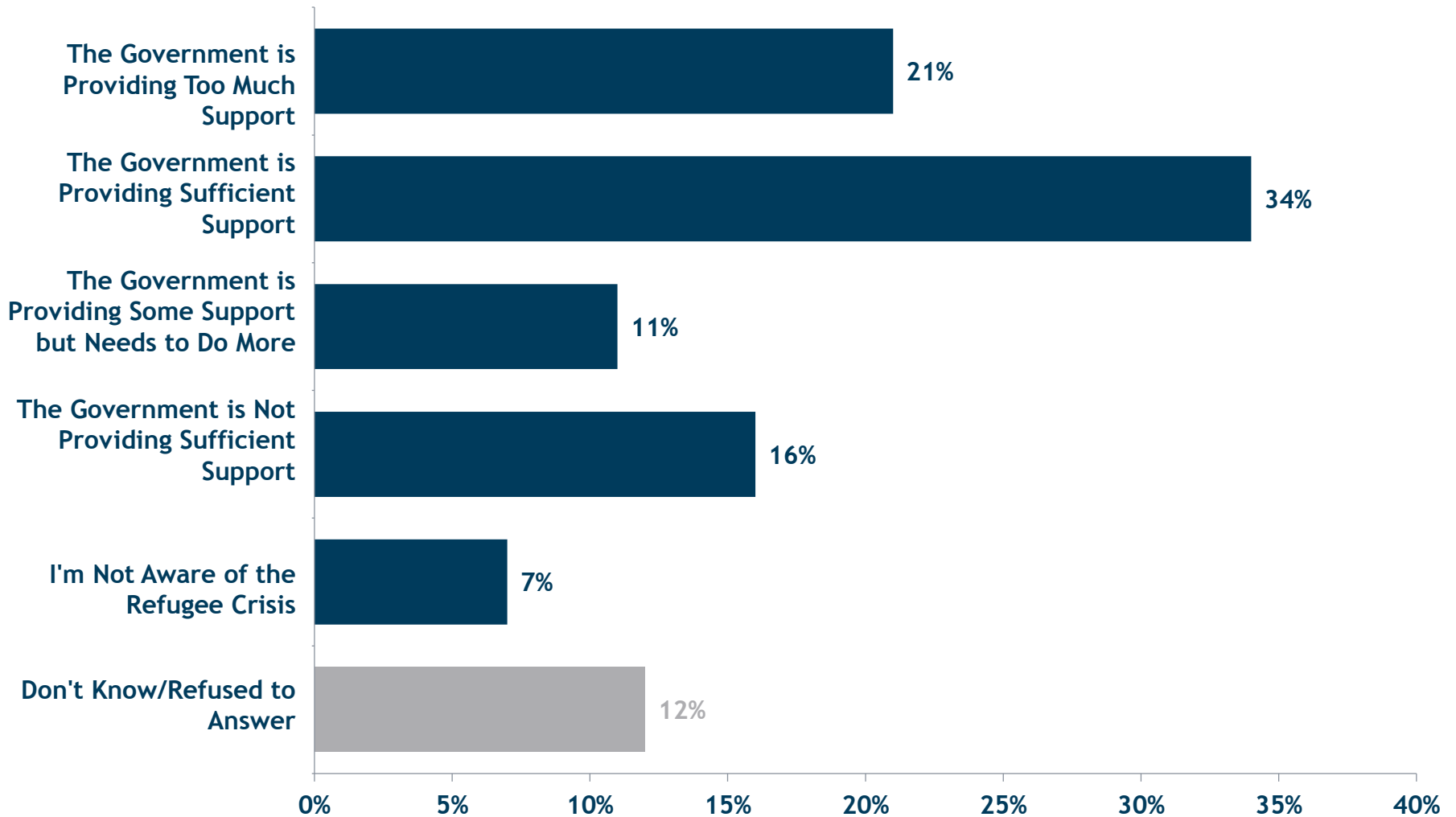
Generally speaking, do you think that Macedonia's membership in the European Economic Area is a good thing or a bad thing?



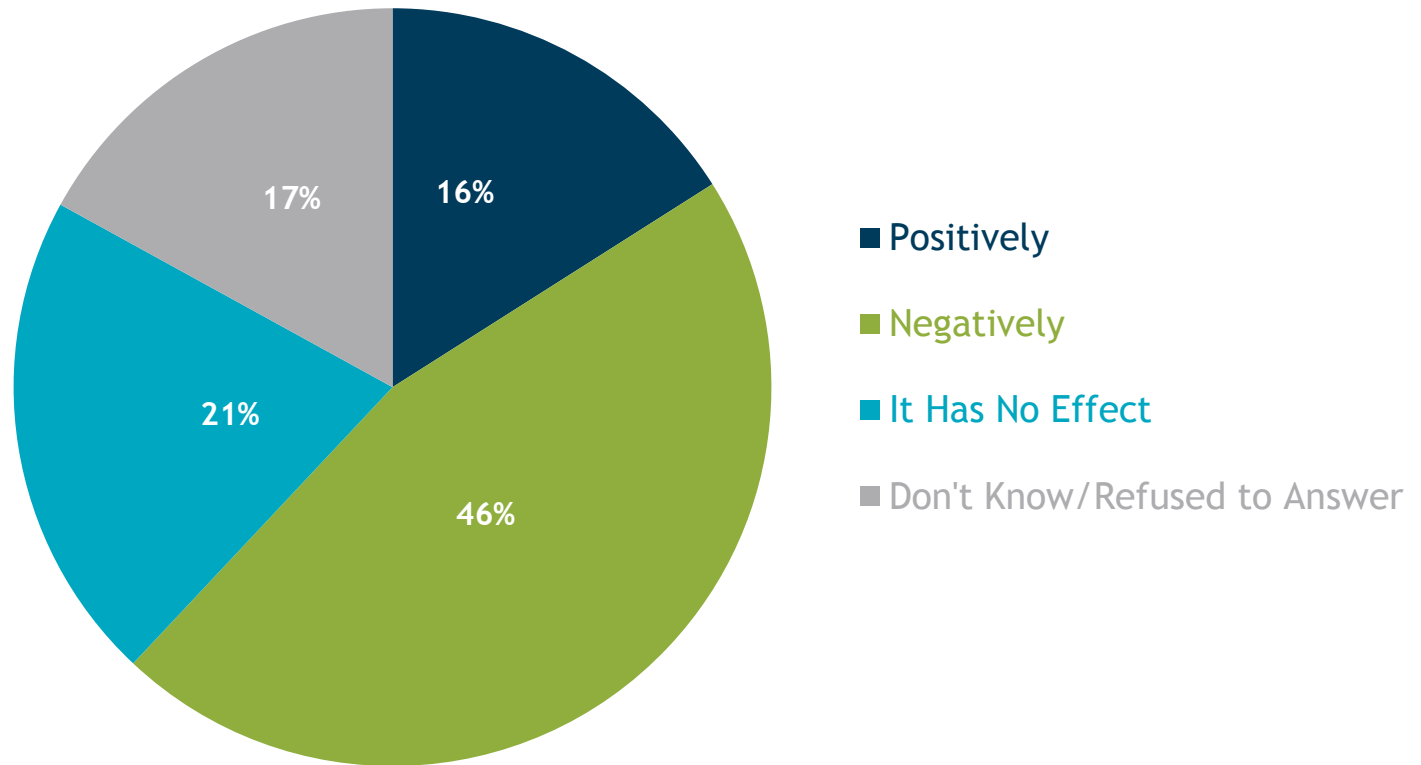
Do you support Macedonia becoming a member of NATO?



Given its capacities, how do you feel the Macedonian government is handling the current refugee crisis?



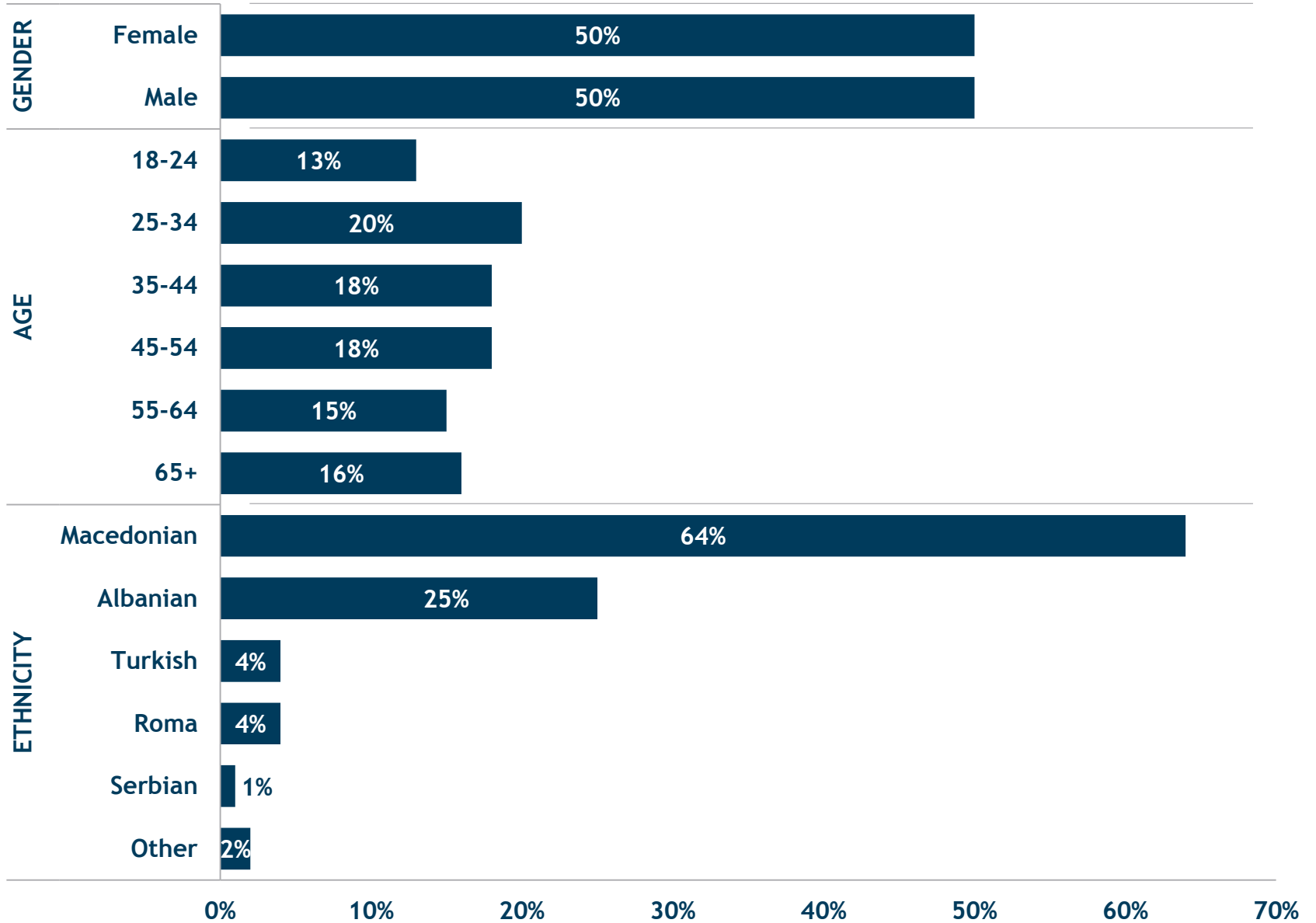
In your opinion, how is the EU's handling of the refugee crisis affecting Macedonia?



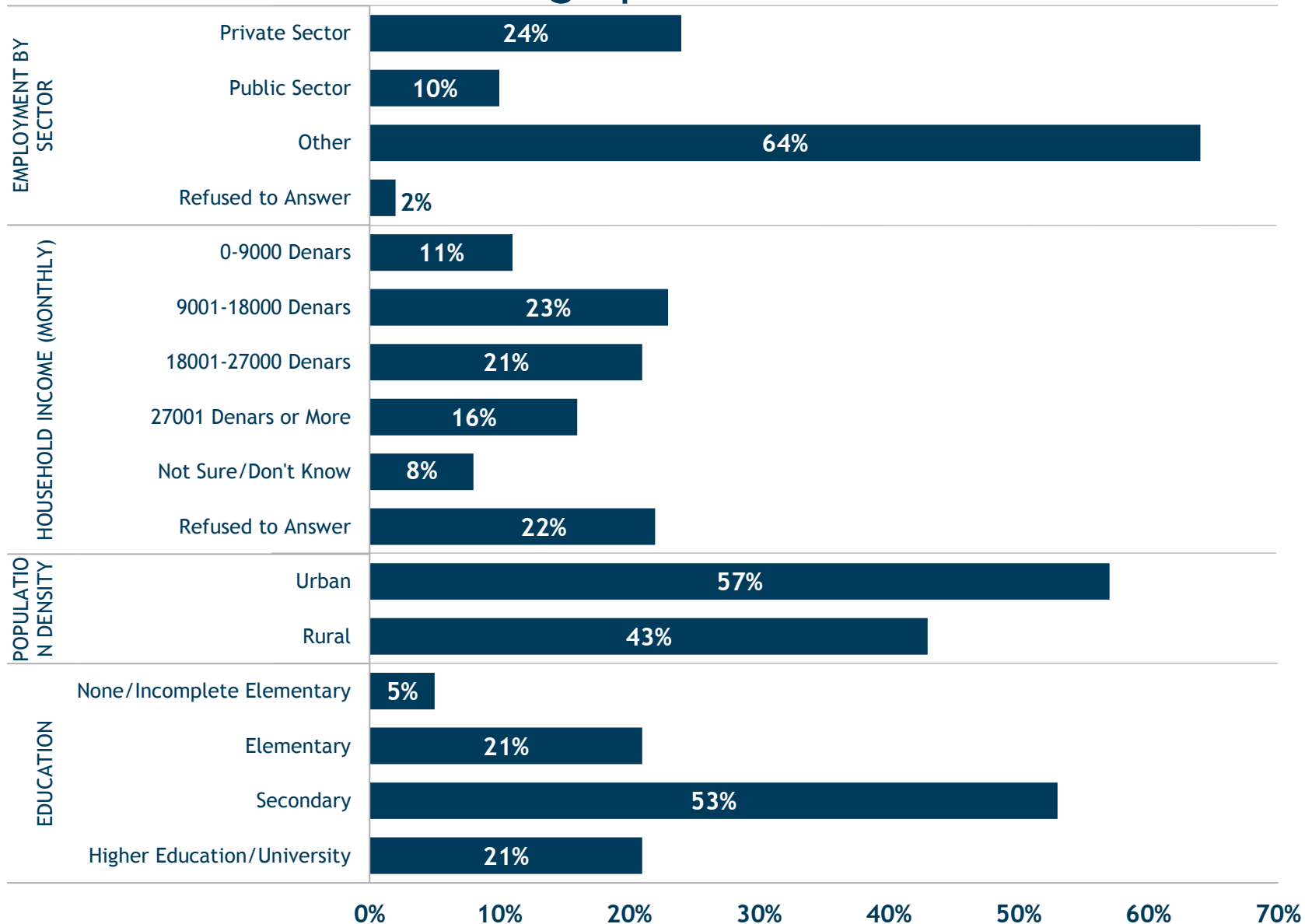


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