

Vaccination Readiness Union Survey Feedback

June 2021

Introduction

- Survey launched on the 28 May 2021 and closed 08 June 2021
- Total of 20,995 responses were received across the country
- The initial design of the survey was to support advocating for education sector workers to be prioritised for the vaccine. This status shifted in the time the survey was running. However, the data collected is still relevant to support communication strategies etc. for the Unions and other relevant stakeholders

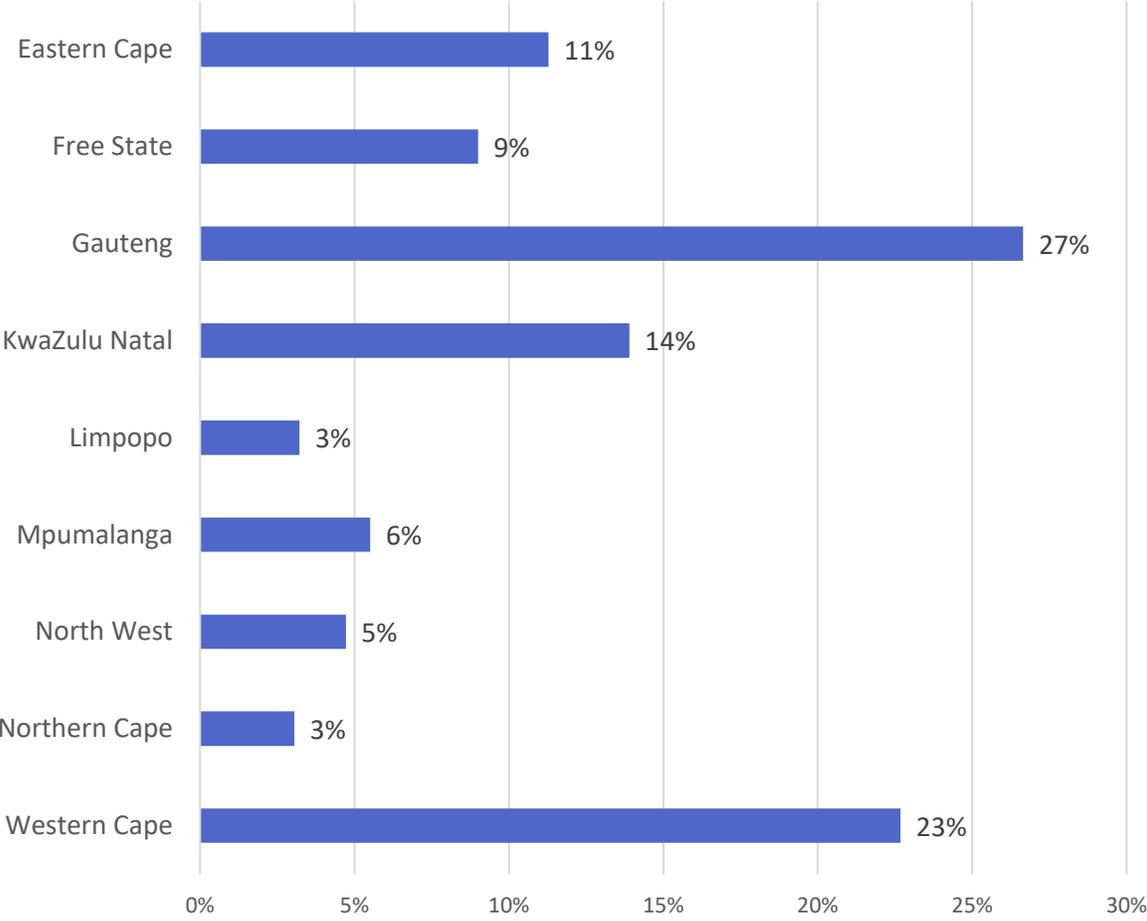
Limitations of the survey

- The survey was communicated to participants through the unions and their communication platforms. As the survey is an online platform requiring internet connectivity, the level and variety of responses could have been impacted on with rural education sector workers not being able to complete the survey
- The gender distribution of responses is aligned with the education sector gender distribution
- The limited response from the education sector officials could be linked to the distribution channel of the survey.
- Ethnicity data was not collected as part of the survey

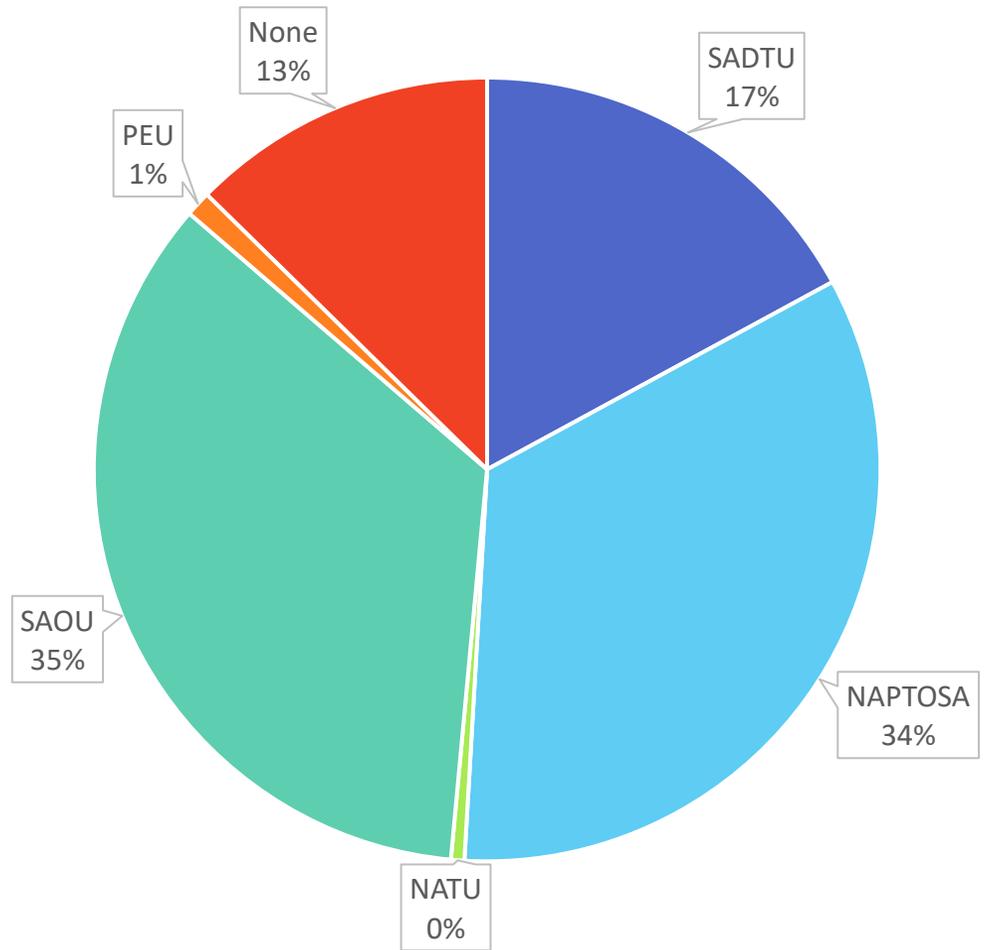
Survey information

Response Rate

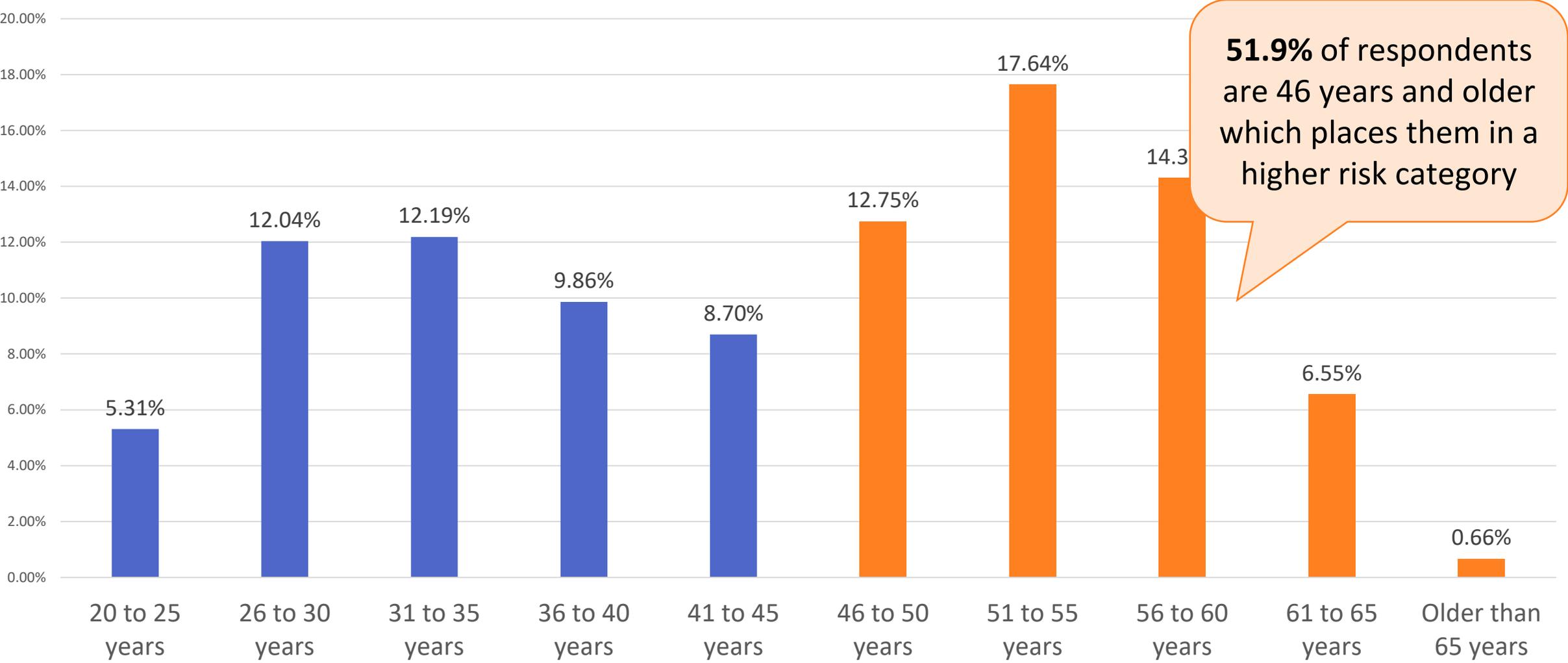
Response by Province



Union Affiliation

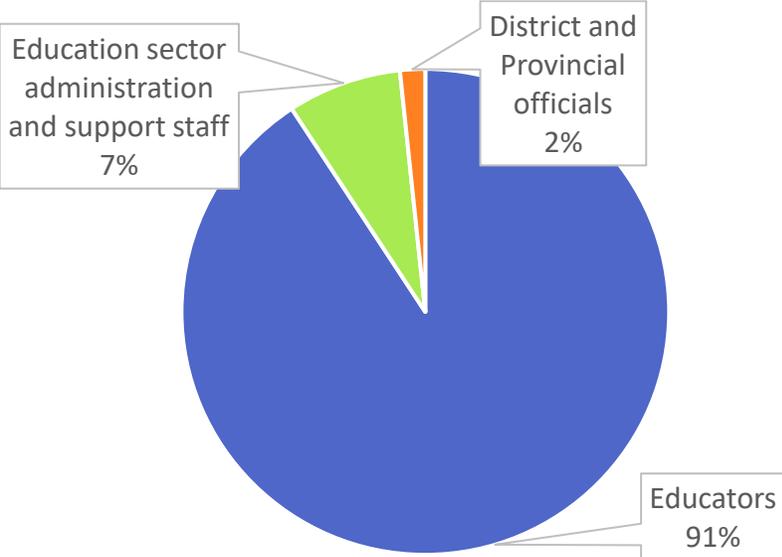


Age of Respondents



Responder demographic data

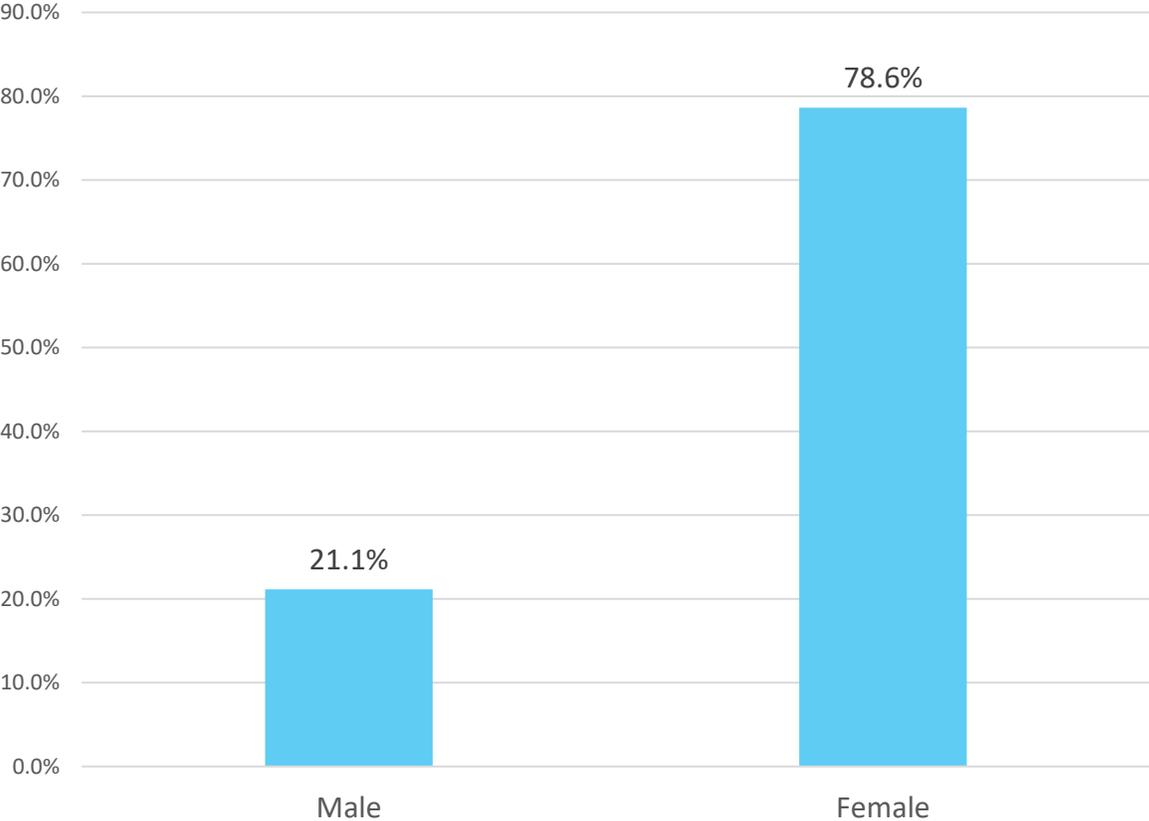
Role of responders in the education sector



Of the educators and education sector admin and support staff:

- 59% were from primary schools
- 29% were from secondary schools
- 5% were from combined schools
- 5% were from schools for learners with special needs
- And the balance of 2% were from other education institutions

Gender split of responders were in line with the gender split in the sector



Feedback from vaccinated respondents

Vaccination Feedback

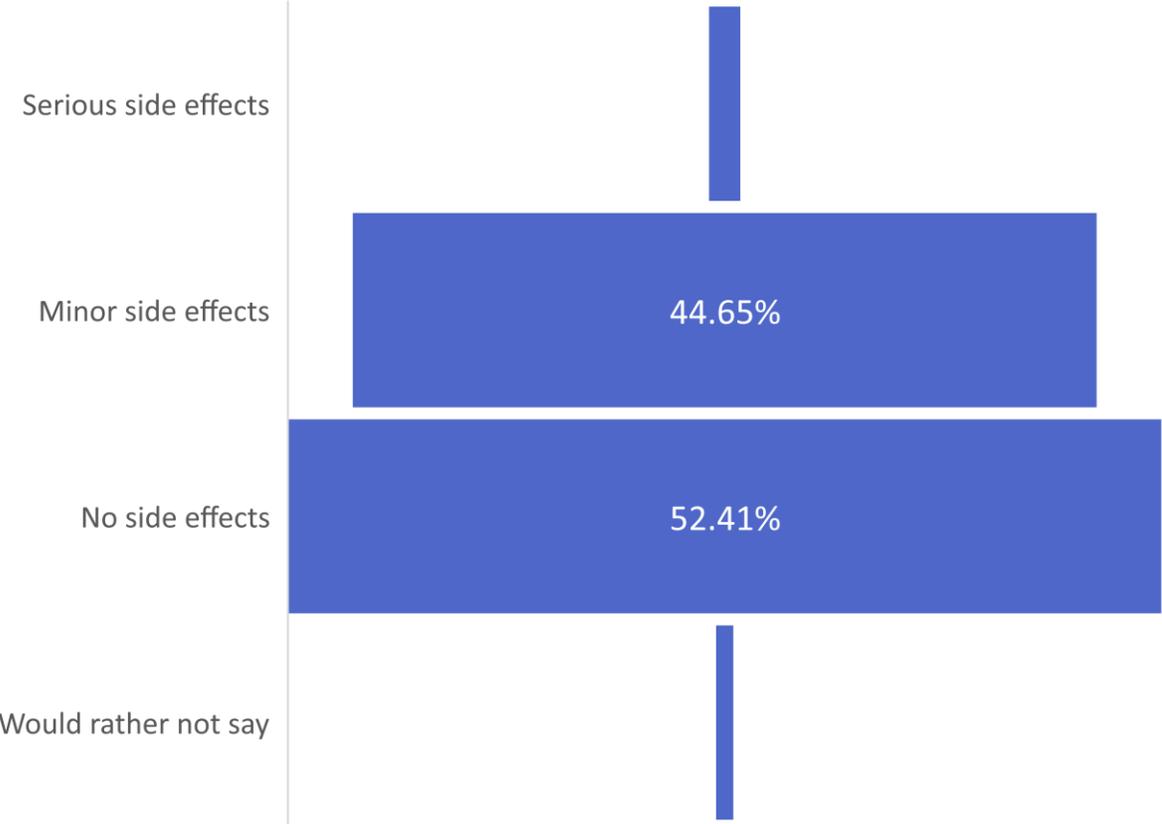
- Only 2.5% of respondents have already received the vaccine
- Most of these were administered in KwaZulu Natal
- Of those who had been vaccinated, the experience was generally very positive
- Experience of the vaccination process include:
 - 65% of respondents said the queues were short and the process was quick
 - 91% said the process was easy to follow
 - 97% indicated that the organisers were helpful
 - 95% said that the communication was good at the vaccination site
 - 98% had their questions answered
 - 87% were provided information on potential side effects
 - 70% were provided contact details in the case of side effects

General feedback to the vaccination process



Feedback post the vaccine

- More than **52%** of respondents had no side effects
- Less than **2%** having serious side effects



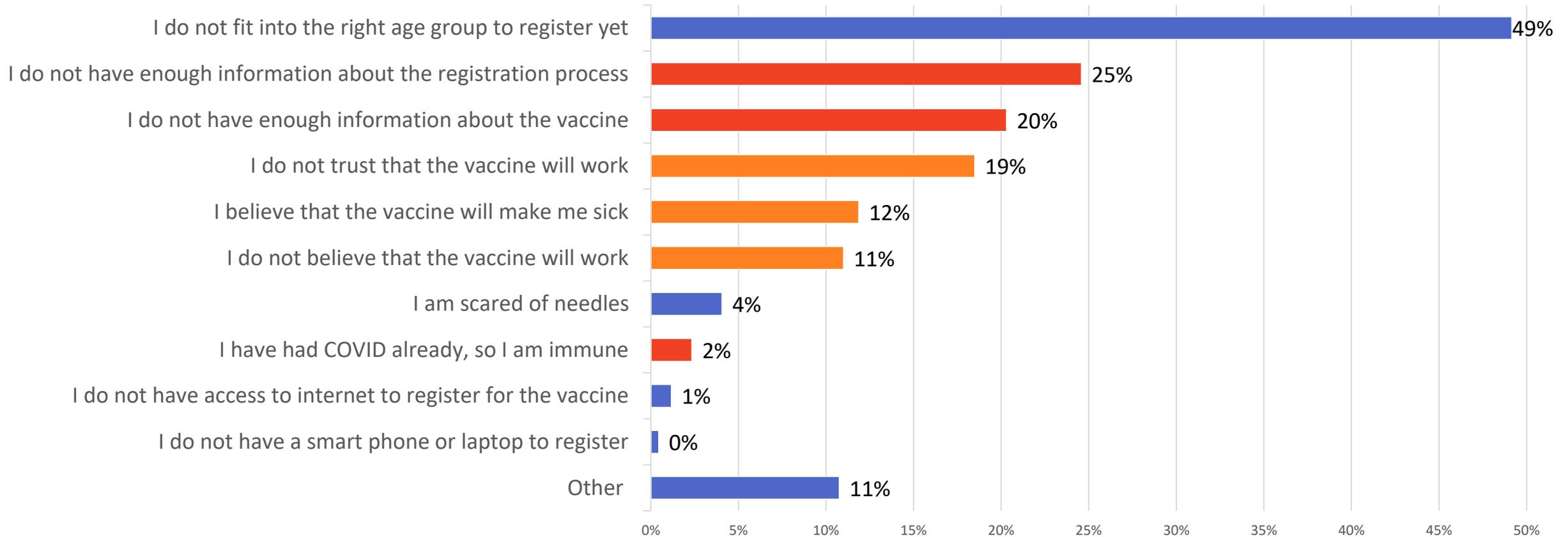
- Of the people vaccinated:
 - **72.8%** of people told as many people as possible
 - **26.8%** told their family and friends
 - **0.4%** told no-one
- This bodes well for a positive communication strategy to teachers

Vaccination registration feedback

Registration for the Vaccine

- **With respect to registration:**
 - **9%** of respondents have registered for the vaccine
 - **11%** tried to register but failed
 - **80%** have not registered
- A concern is that **58.1%** of respondents do **NOT** know where to register
- Of people who have registered or have tried to register:
 - **68%** used only the DoH website
 - **17%** used both their medical aid and DoH website
- Experience of the DoH platform for registration was:
 - **Easy** or very easy according to **52.4%** of respondents
 - **29.3%** were **neutral** about the platform
 - **Difficult** or very difficult for **18.3%** of respondents

Top reasons for not registering for the vaccine

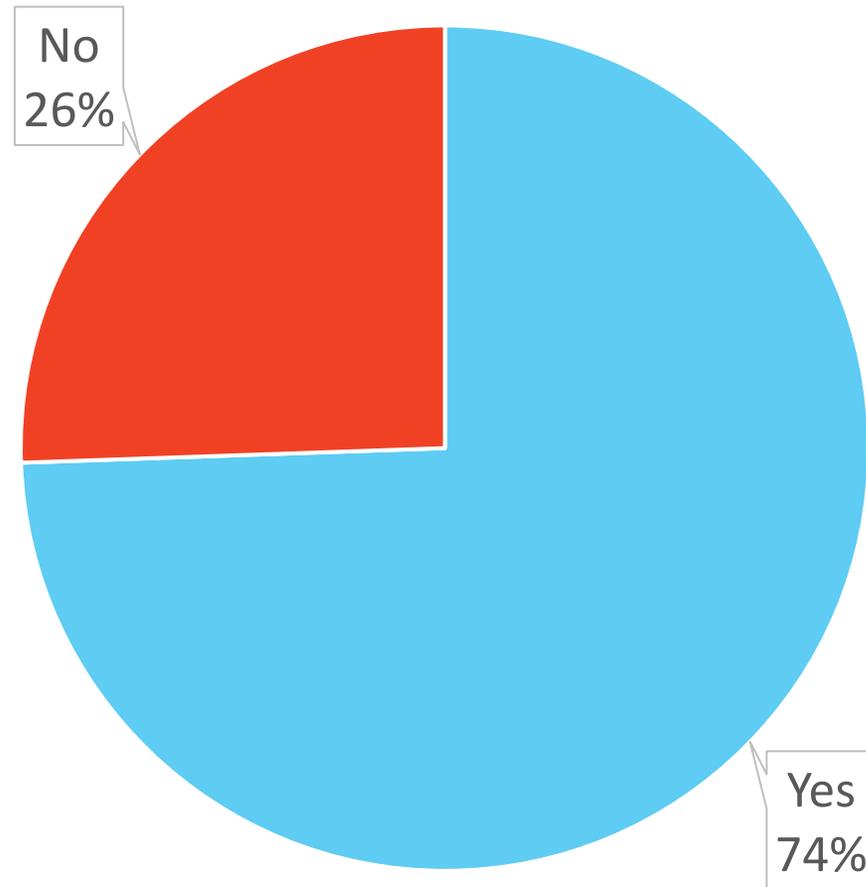


The feedback relating to other responses are largely focused on:

- The age to be eligible to register
- Religious reasons
- Medical reasons including underlying conditions, other medication and pregnancy
- Disbelief in the vaccine and its effectiveness and / or safety

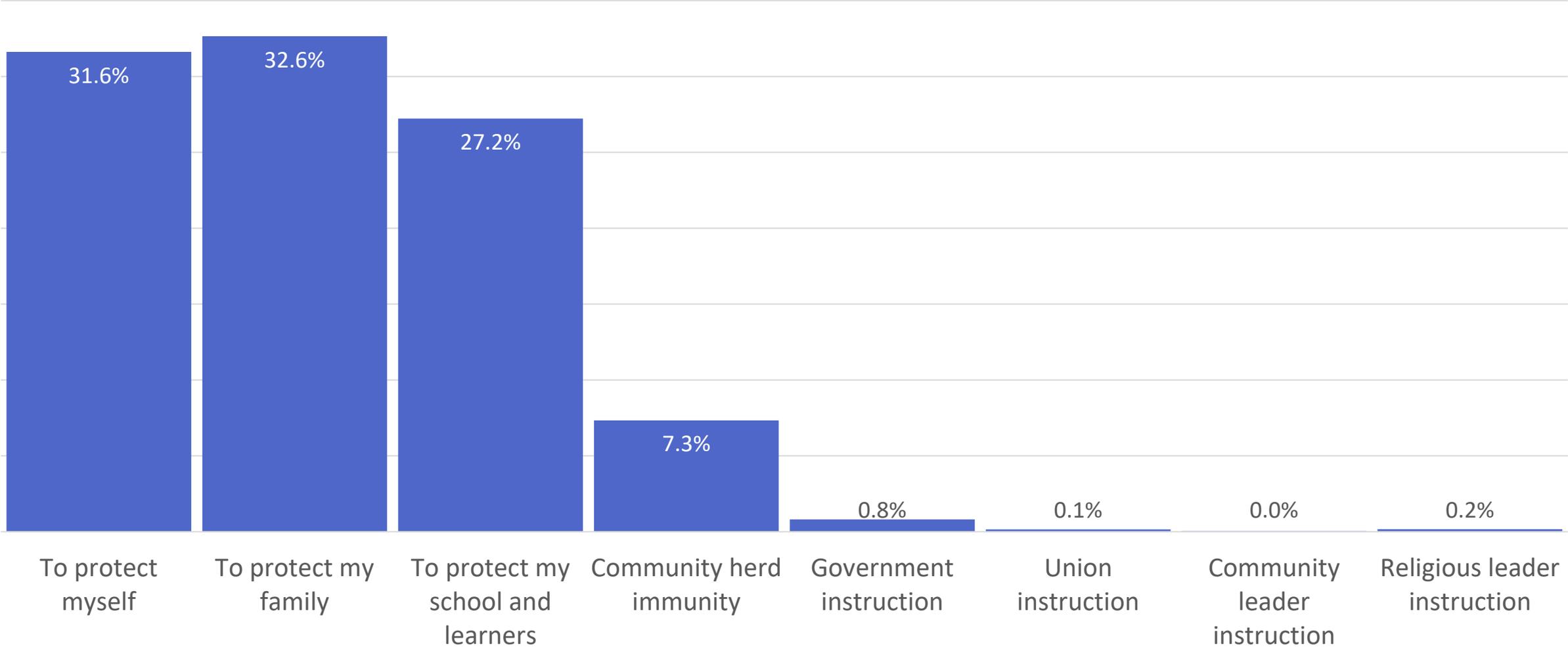
Feedback and feelings about the vaccine

Do you plan to take the vaccine as soon as it is available to you?

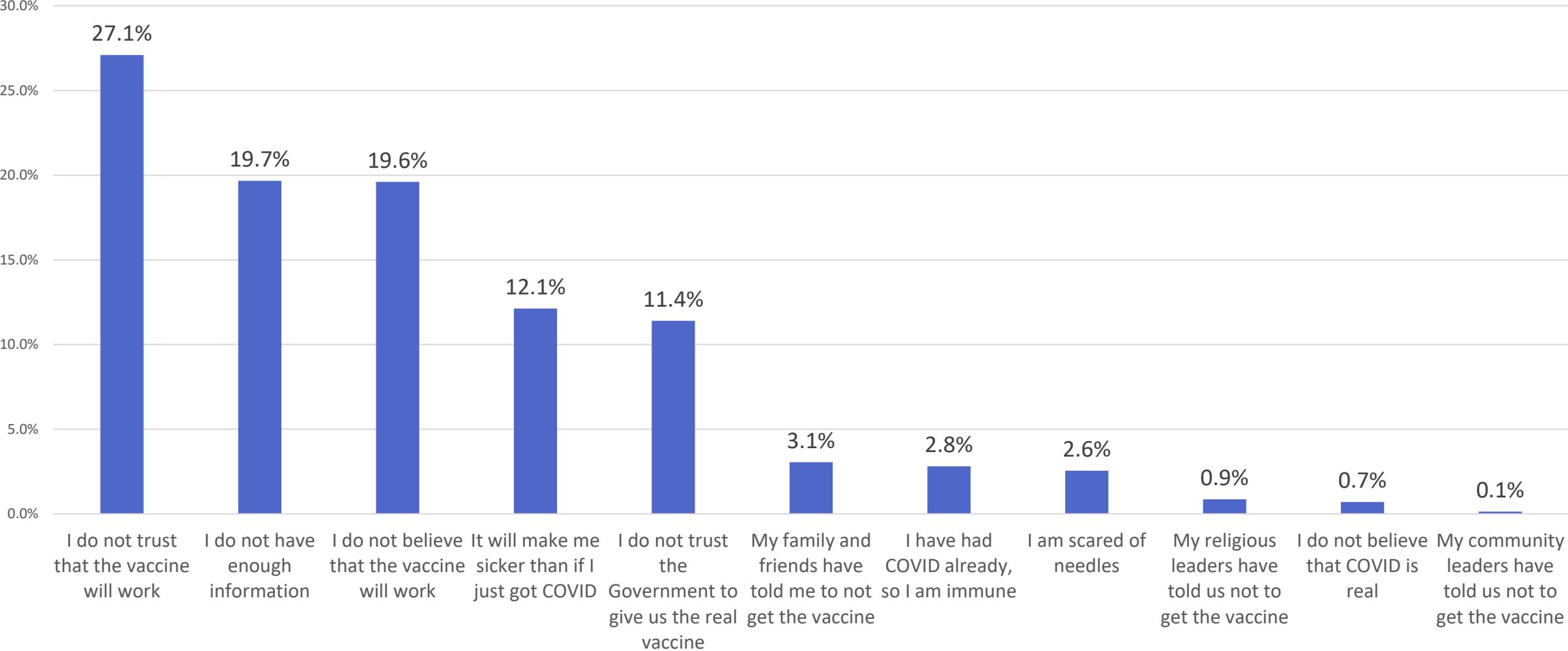


Almost three quarters of respondents plan on taking the vaccine when it is available

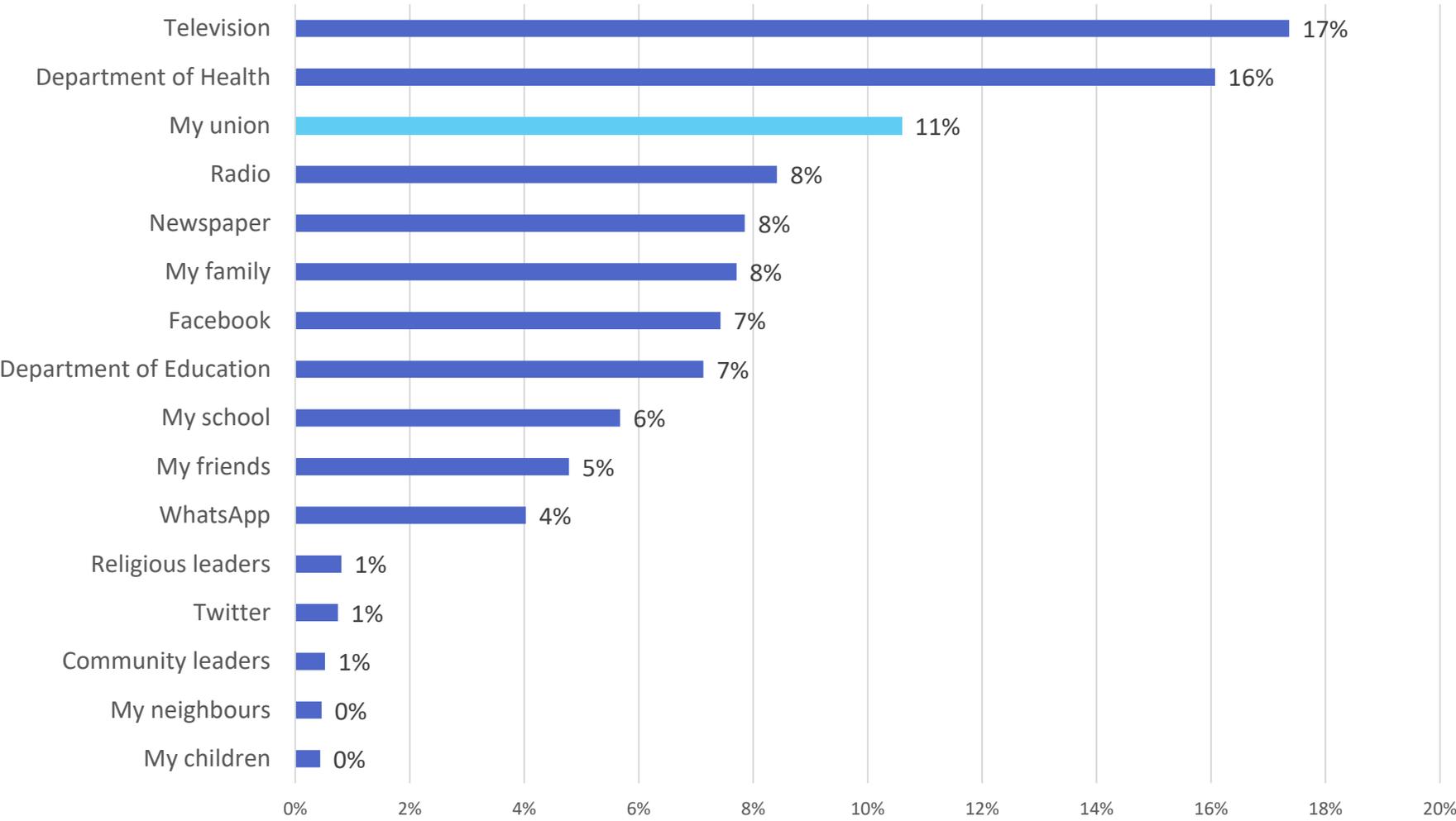
Top motivators for getting the vaccine



Top motivators to NOT get the vaccine



Sources of information relating to the vaccine



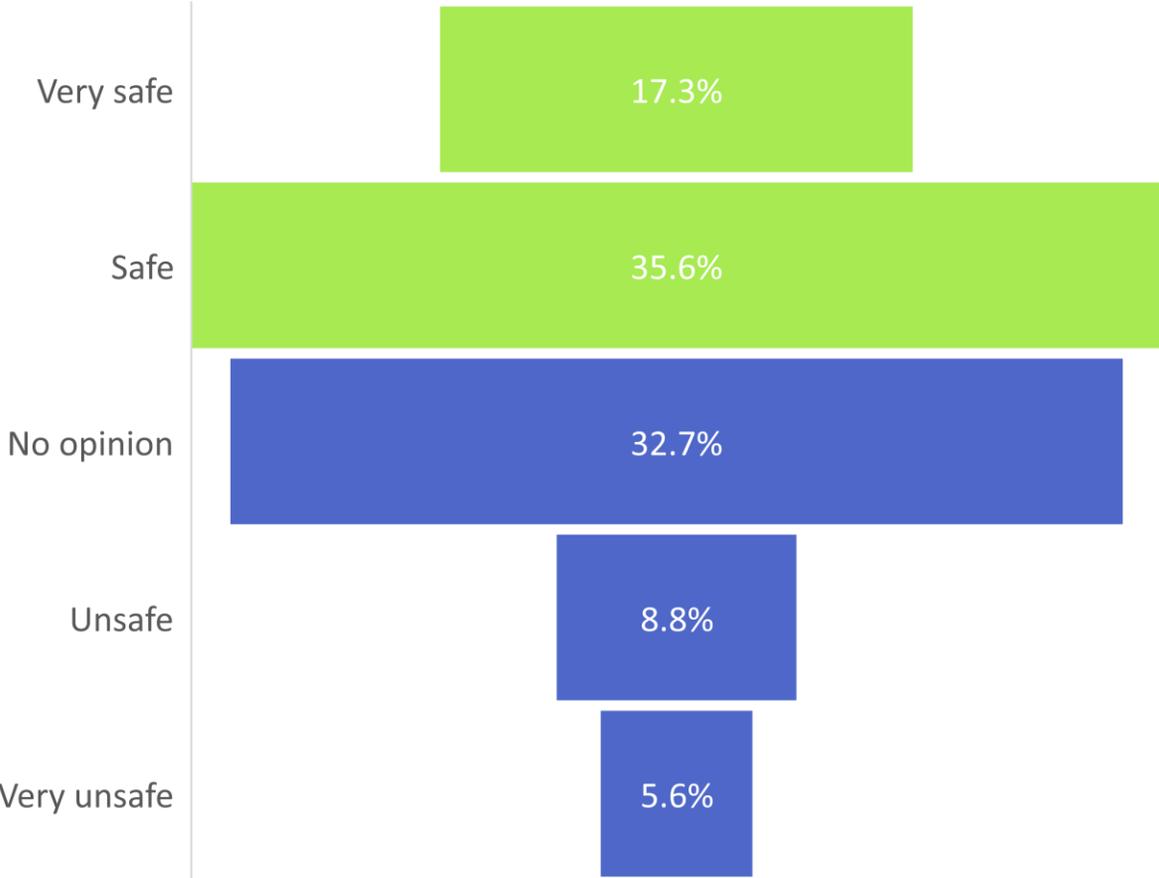
• This information is supported by the fact that respondents trust information from:

1. Health workers (68%)
2. Health scientists (65%)
3. Unions (46%)
4. Internet and / or social media (22%)

Feelings about the vaccine

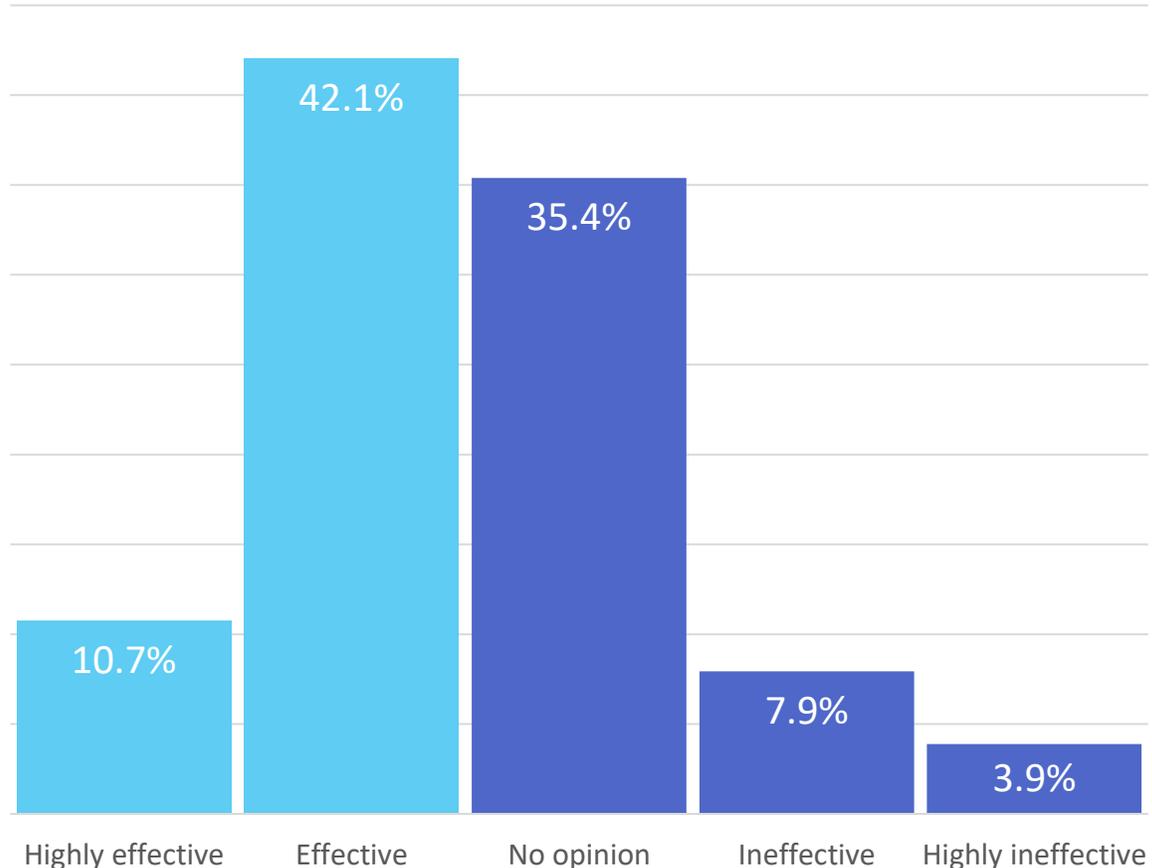
How safe is the vaccine?

- **52.9%** believe it is safe or very safe

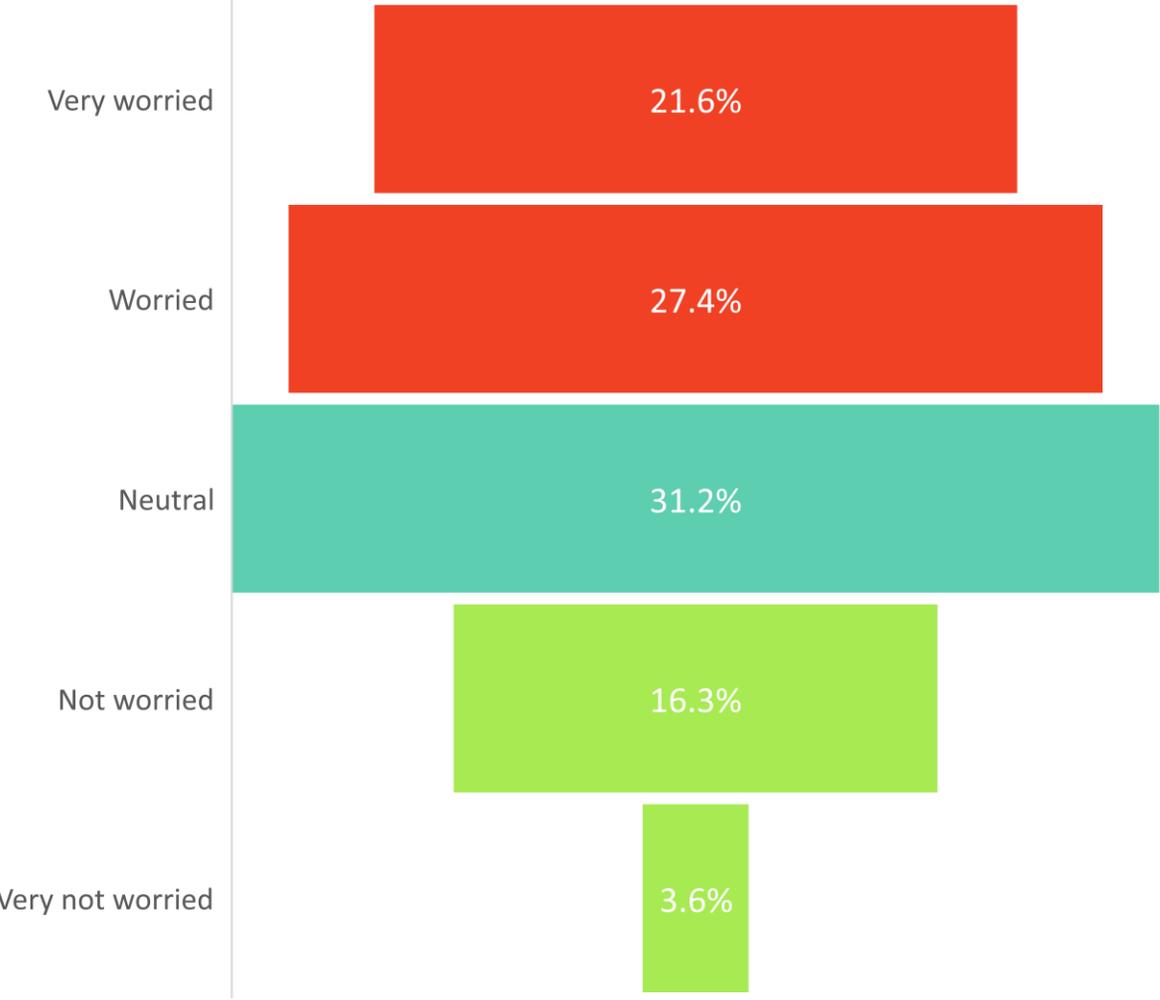


How effective is the vaccine?

- **52.8%** believe the vaccine will be effective or highly effective



Respondents worry about the risks of the vaccine



- **49%** of respondents are worried or very worried about the risks associated with the vaccine
- **31.2%** are neutral about the risks
- **19.9%** are not worried about the risks

- This needs to be integrated into the communications strategy with respect to the vaccine