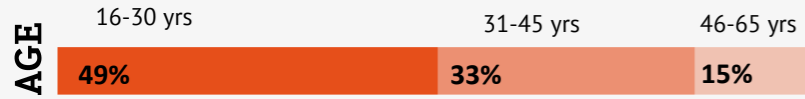


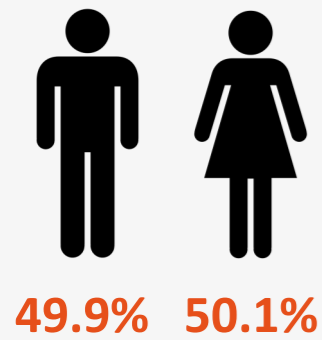
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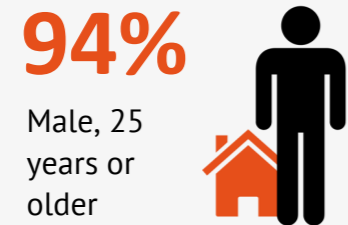
HSS RESPONDENTS (770)



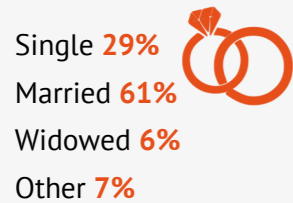
GENDER



Who is the head of your household?



MARITAL STATUS



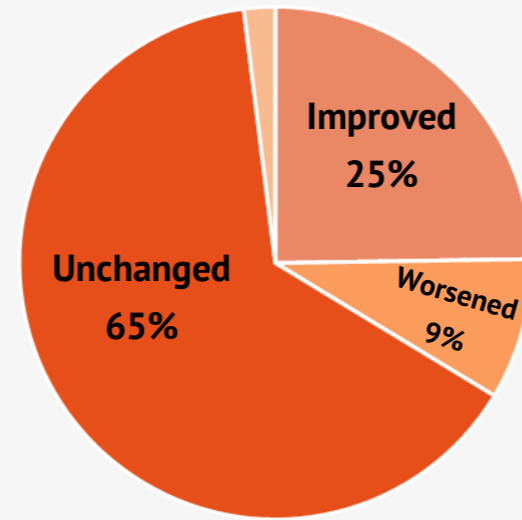
Do you currently have a job for which you earn a wage?



MAIN OCCUPATION



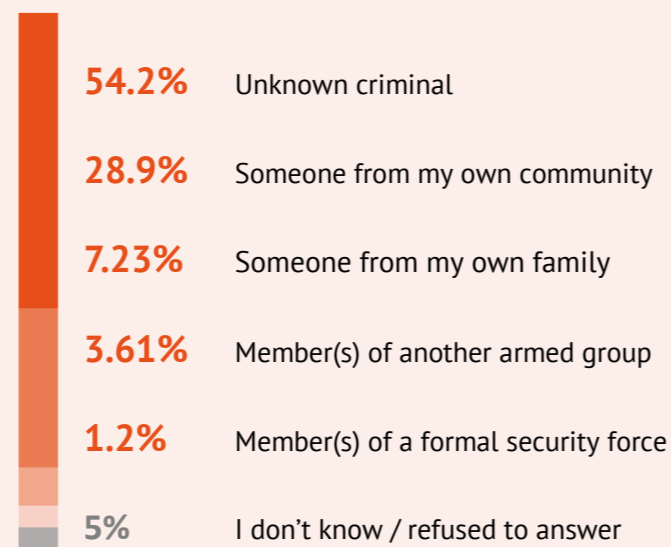
HOW DID YOUR PERSONAL SECURITY SITUATION CHANGE SINCE LAST YEAR?



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WHAT TYPE OF PERSON OR GROUP DO YOU BELIEVE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ROBBERY? [83 incidents]



WITH WHICH STATEMENT DO YOU AGREE MOST?

Some people in this community are more likely to be exposed to violence than others due to their age, religion, ethnicity, work, class, public activities, or other factors

50% 47%

All types of people in this community are equally likely to be exposed to violence due to their age, religion, ethnicity, work, class, public activities, and other factors

Disarmament of civilians in this governorate is needed for security

79% 18%

Civilians need arms to provide their own security in this governorate

Dispute resolution between communities is best handled by **local tribal leaders**.

39% 59%

Dispute resolution between communities is best handled by **the formal court system**.

Sectarianism has a **big impact** in this community

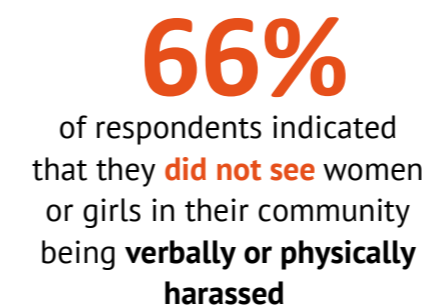
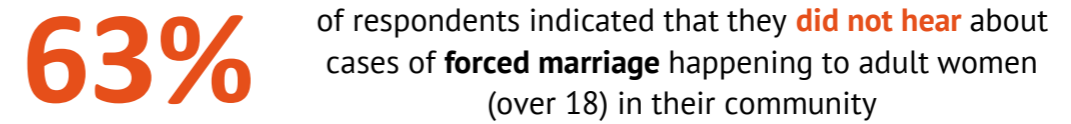
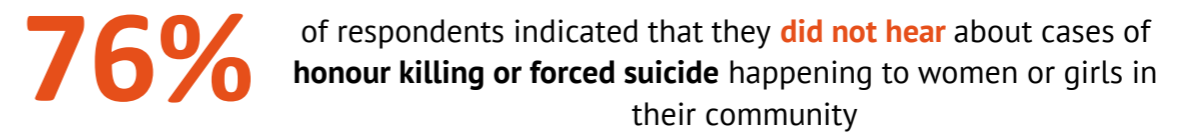
45% 47%

Sectarianism has **little to no impact** in this community

Political and security actors **need more information** about civilians' priorities in order to improve the security situation

76% 12%

Having more information about civilians' priorities **will not help** political and security actors improve the security situation.



WHO DO YOU THINK WAS THE PERPETRATOR OF THIS SEXUAL VIOLENCE? [108 incidents]

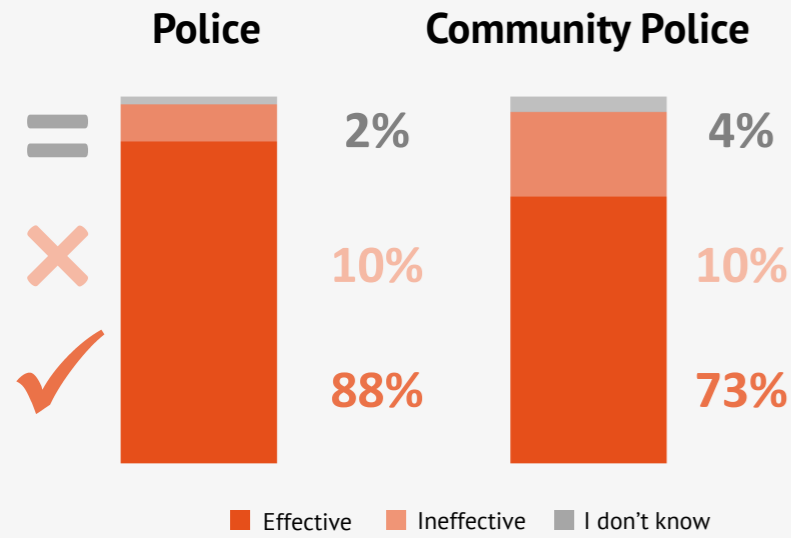




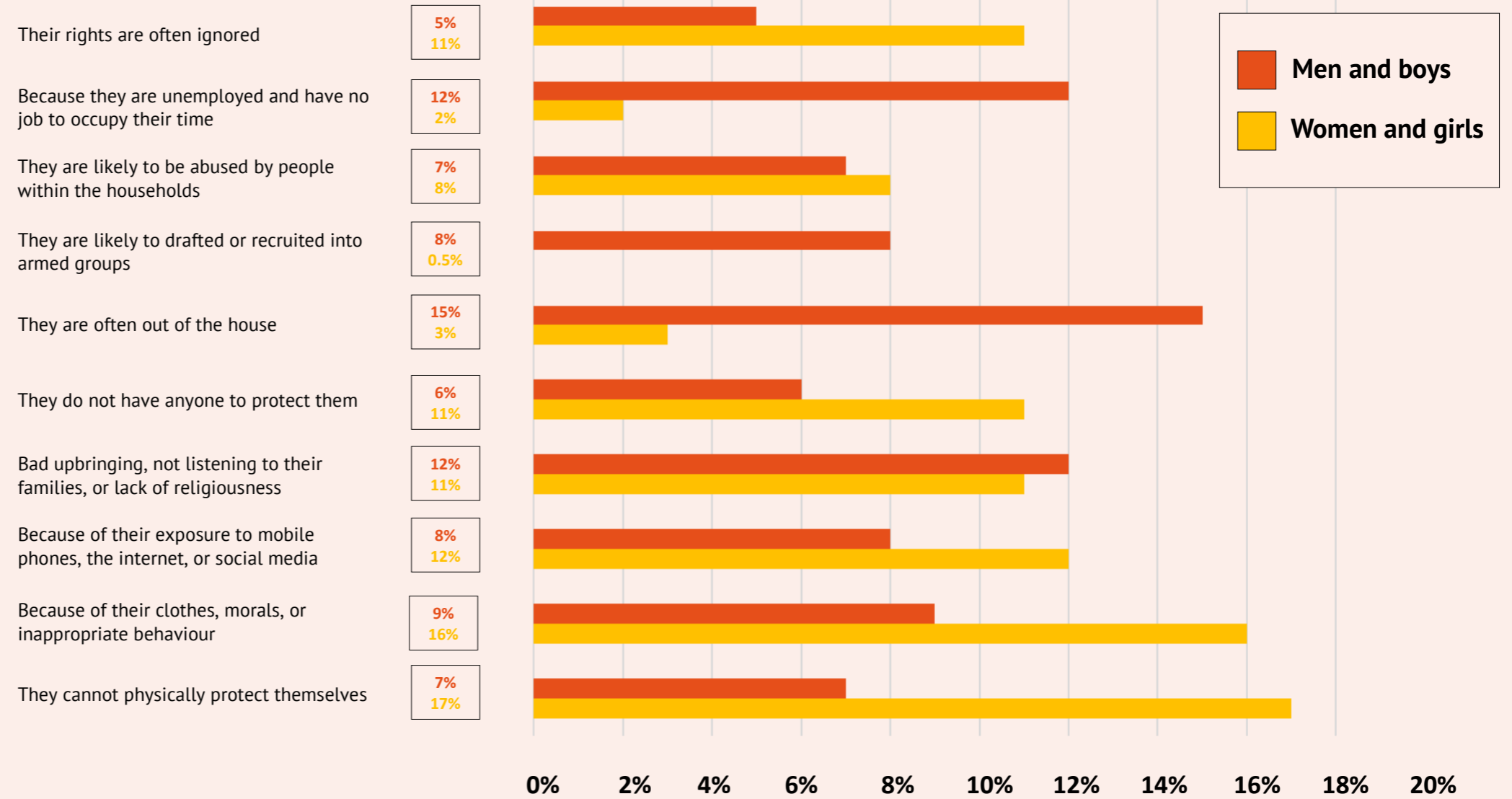
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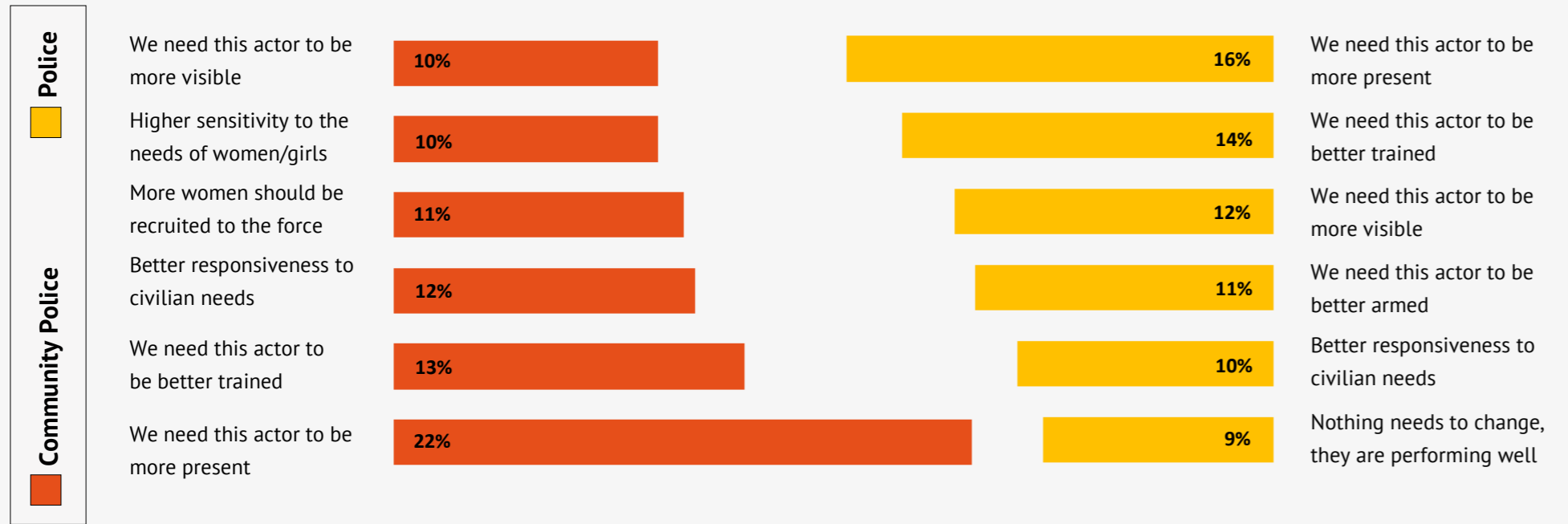
How do you rate the performance of this actor in providing security?



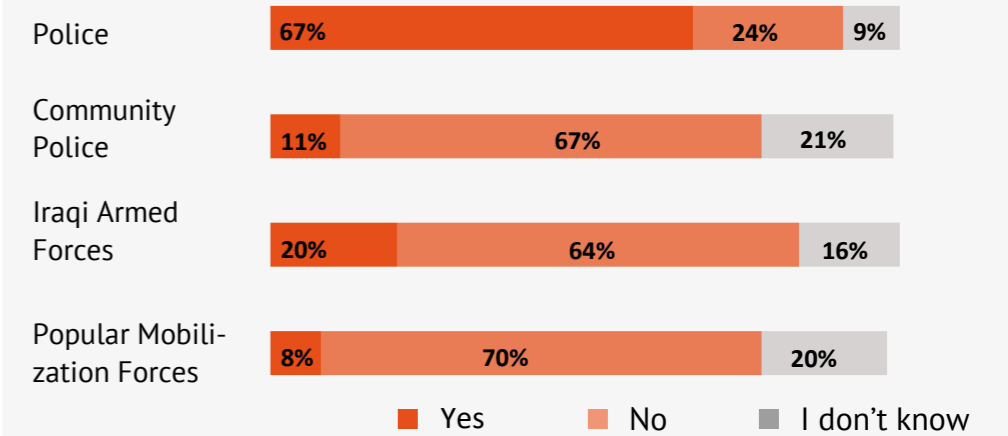
IN GENERAL, WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE MAIN REASONS THAT WOMEN, GIRLS, MEN AND BOYS ARE EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE?



WHAT DO YOU THINK IS NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS ACTOR [TOP CHOICES]



DOES THIS ACTOR HAVE A CONSISTENT PRESENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



88%

of respondents believe that police forces are **protecting** civilians rather than **harming** them

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47.5%

of respondents indicated that municipality vehicles **collect waste** in their area **daily**



59.7%

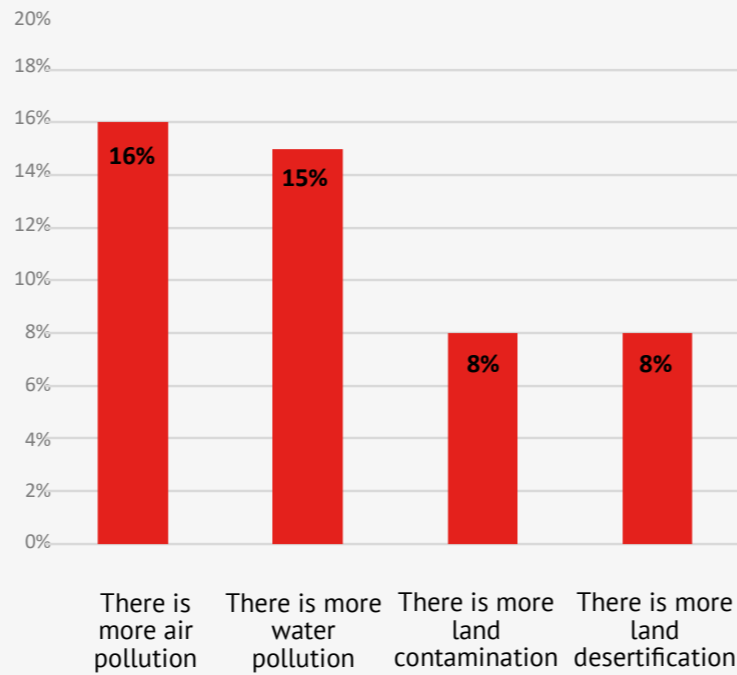
of respondents were **not** aware that **environmental laws** exist in Iraq



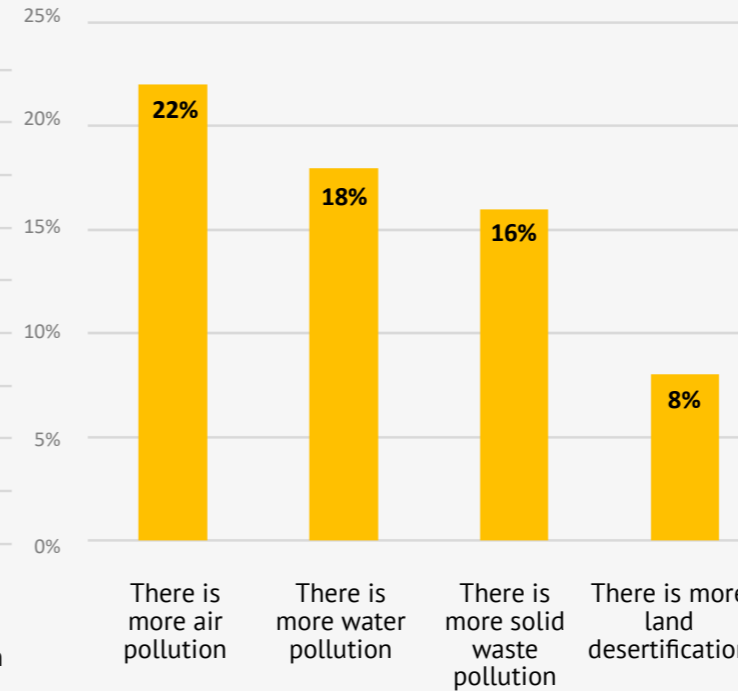
95.5%

of respondents indicated that having **environmental laws** drafted and enforced in Iraq would be **useful**

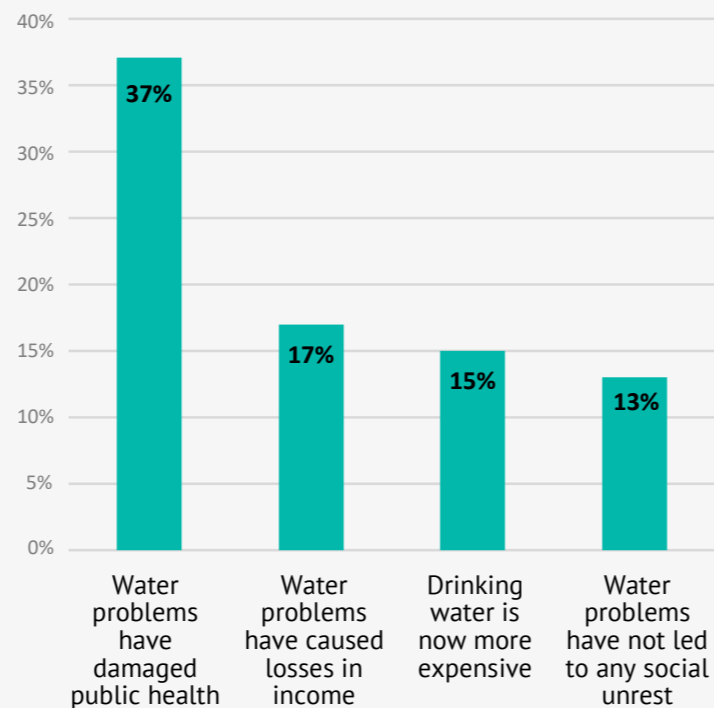
HAVE YOU OBSERVED ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES IN YOUR AREA IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?



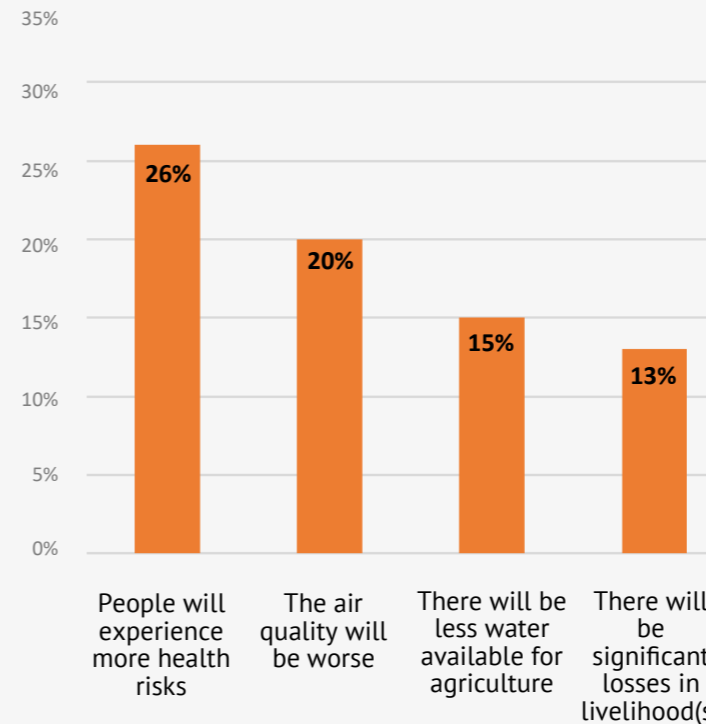
WHAT ARE THE MOST PRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE COMING 12 MONTHS?



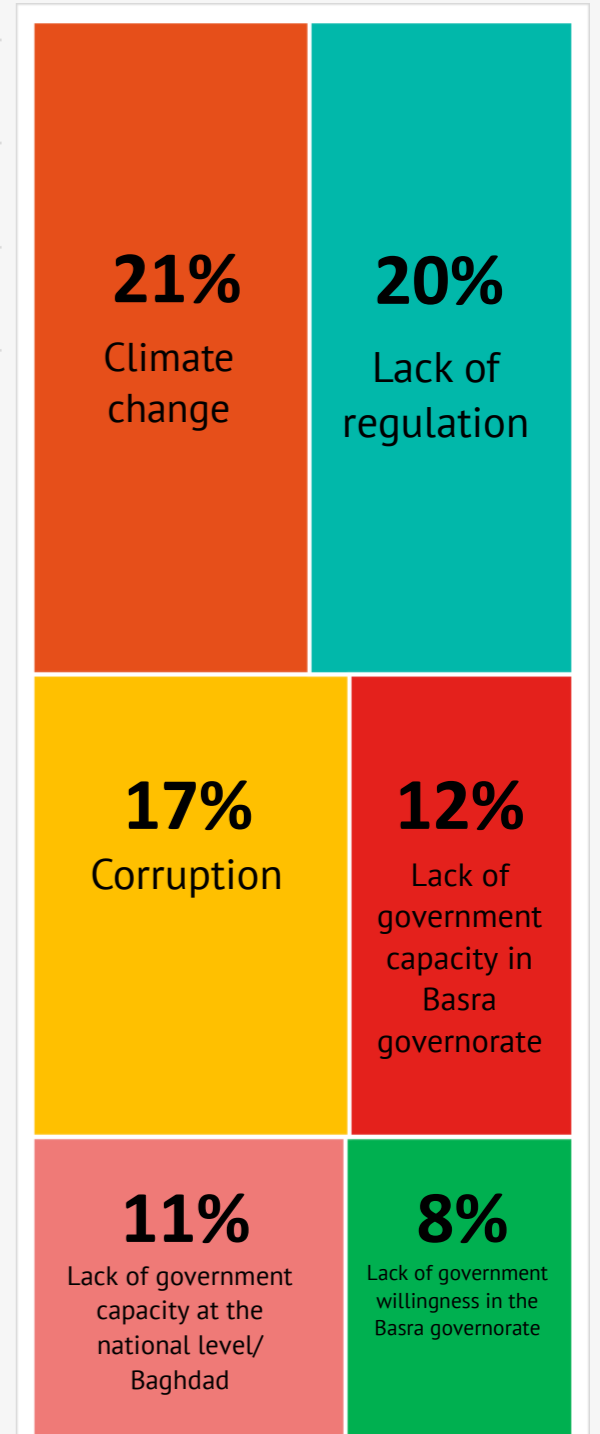
HOW HAVE WATER-RELATED PROBLEMS CAUSED UNREST IN YOUR AREA IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?



HOW WILL POLLUTION AFFECT YOUR AREA IN THE COMING 12 MONTHS?



WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE CAUSE BEHIND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES WE DISCUSSED TODAY?



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68%

of respondents think that **drug use has increased** in their communities in the last year

54%

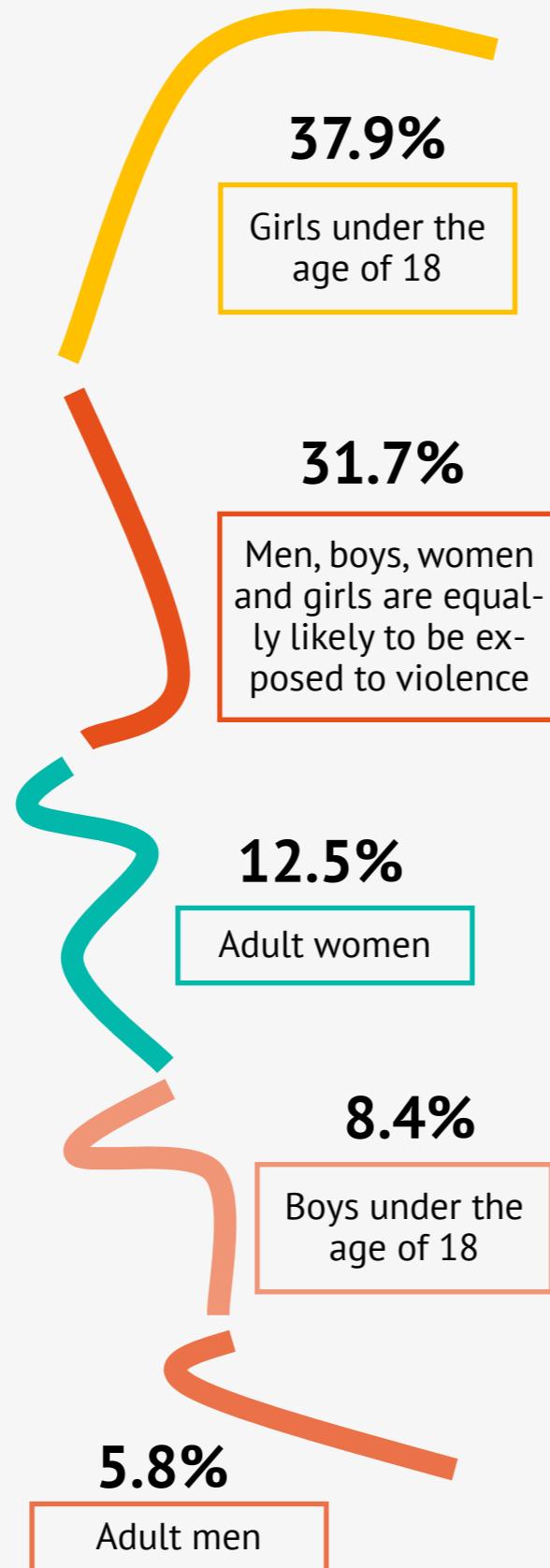
of respondents think that **electronic blackmail and cyber crimes** against women and girls **have increased** in the last year



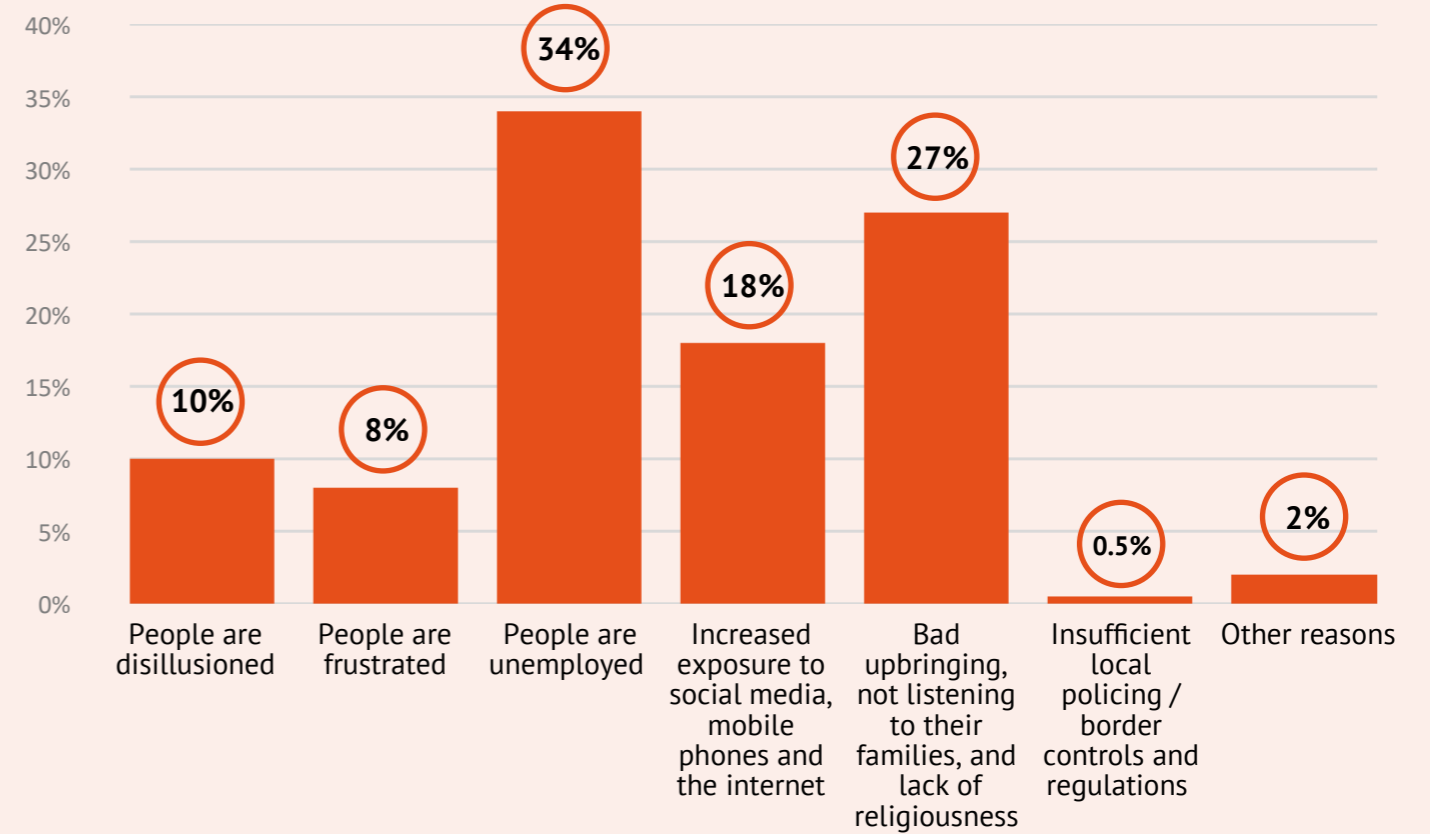
50%

of respondents **do not agree** with the following statement **'I generally feel safe from violence and crime in my community'**

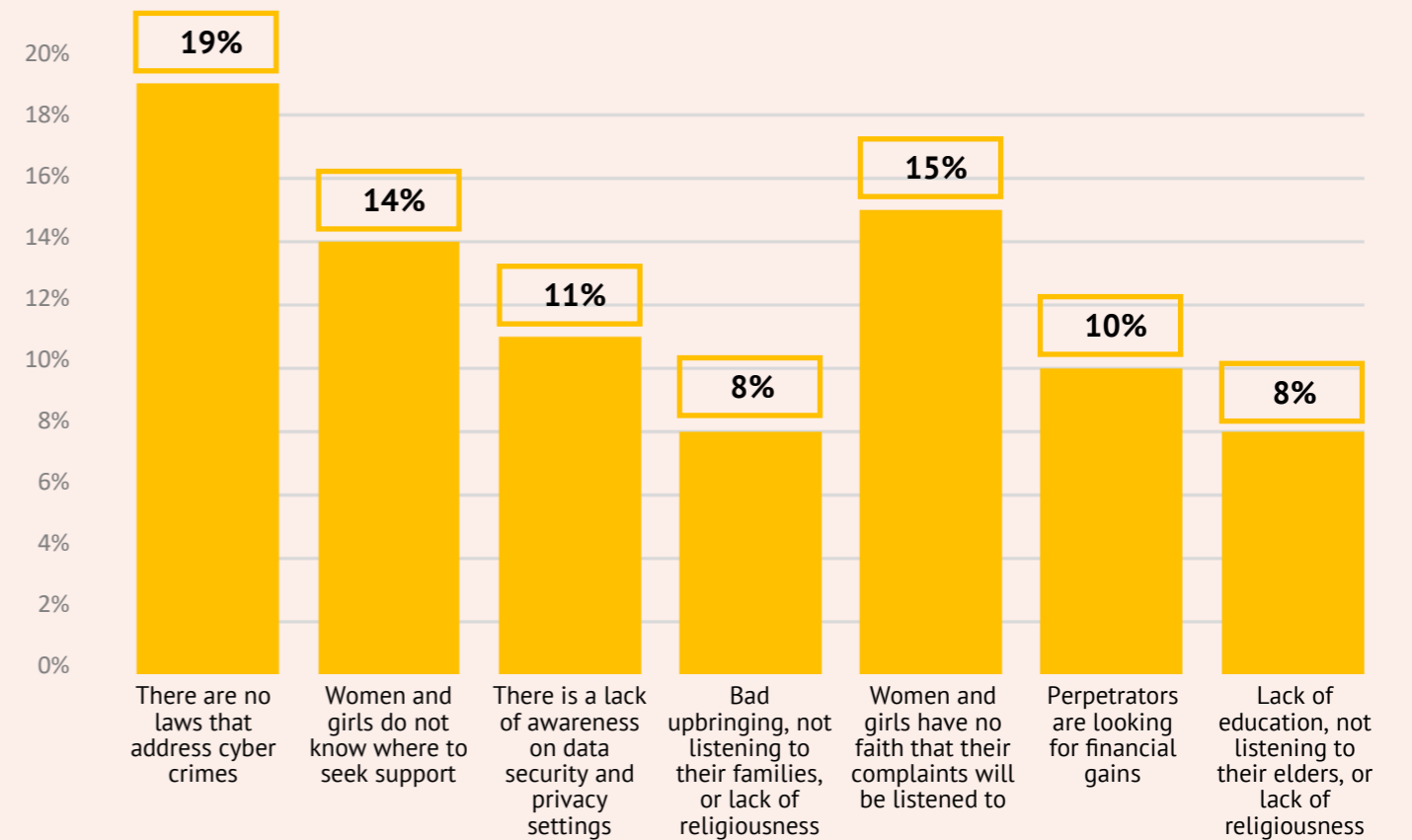
WHO IS MOST LIKELY TO BE EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE?



WHY DO YOU THINK DRUG ABUSE HAS INCREASED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



WHY DO YOU THINK CYBER CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN YOUR COMMUNITY HAVE INCREASED?



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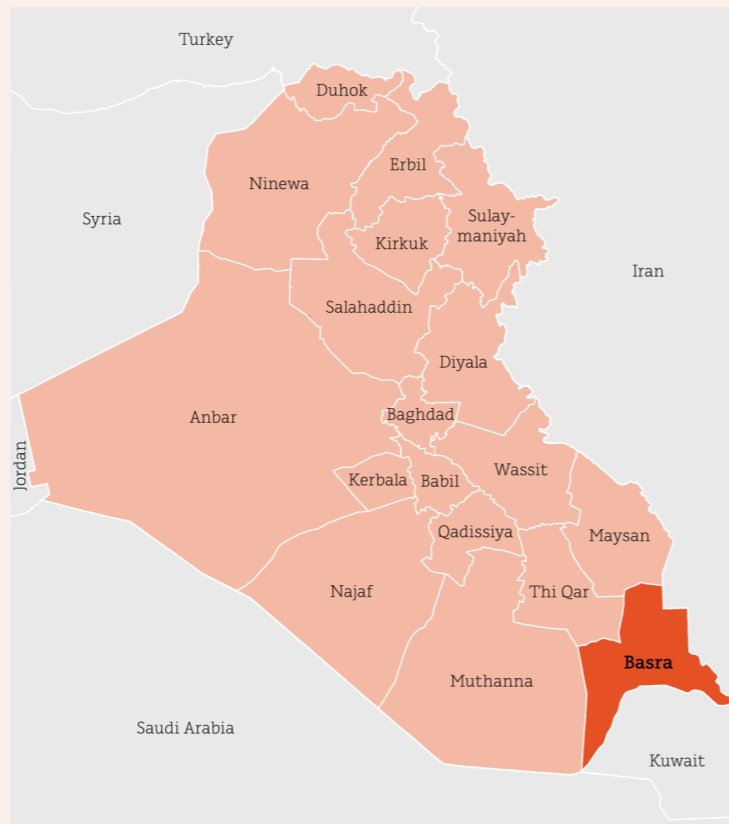
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HUMAN SECURITY SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Over a period of 3 weeks in September 2023, **14** enumerators conducted **770** face-to-face interviews across all **7** districts of Basra Governorate using a standardized survey script. For more details on how HSS data is collected and analysed, view our [methodological note](#).

Taking into account the most recent population estimates, respondent targets were set with the aim of a representative distribution across gender, district, subdistrict, and urban/rural areas. Communities, households, and individual respondents were selected to participate through a systematic and approximately **random procedure to increase the likelihood of generalizability**.

The Iraqi Al-firdaws Society, trusted long-time partner of PAX will continue its work in Basra through **community engagement activities** with civilians, authorities, and a multitude of security actors to improve the local security situation using the results of the Human Security Survey.



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76%

Of respondents believe that political and security actors need more information about the priorities of civilians in order to improve the local security situation.



Agree **Disagree** **I don't know**

I am not at risk of **violence or crime from within my own household:**

84.2% **14.7%** **1.0%**

National government in Baghdad is taking clear steps to **reduce violence** in our community

39.4% **32.1%** **26.6%**

Men and women are likely to **receive equal treatment** when reporting an incident to the police:

60.0% **28.2%** **11.8%**

Honour killing/forced suicide is an effective way to restore a family's honor

7.3% **87.5%** **3.3%**

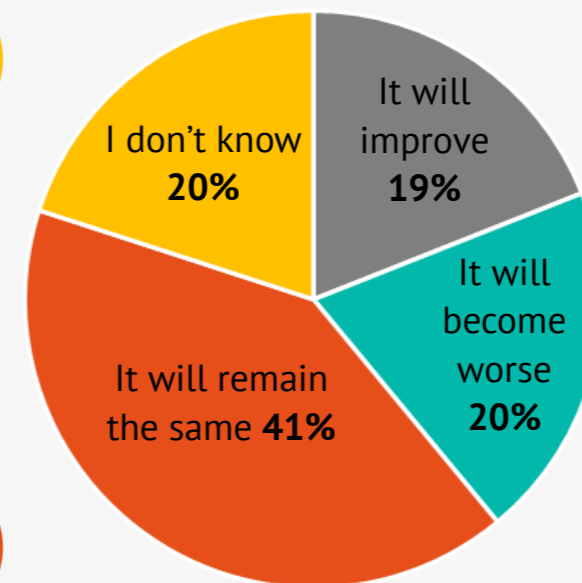
In our community it is common for **men to discipline women and girls through physical or verbal violence:**

29.2% **65.8%** **3.3%**

It is very easy for **civilians to acquire firearms** in this community:

66.2% **21.8%** **11.0%**

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT WILL HAPPEN WITH SECURITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY IN THE NEXT YEAR?



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