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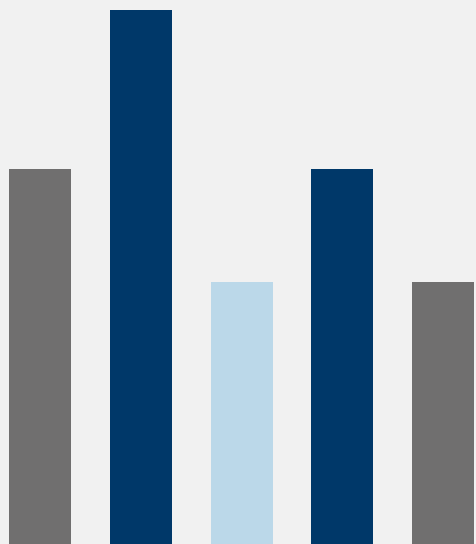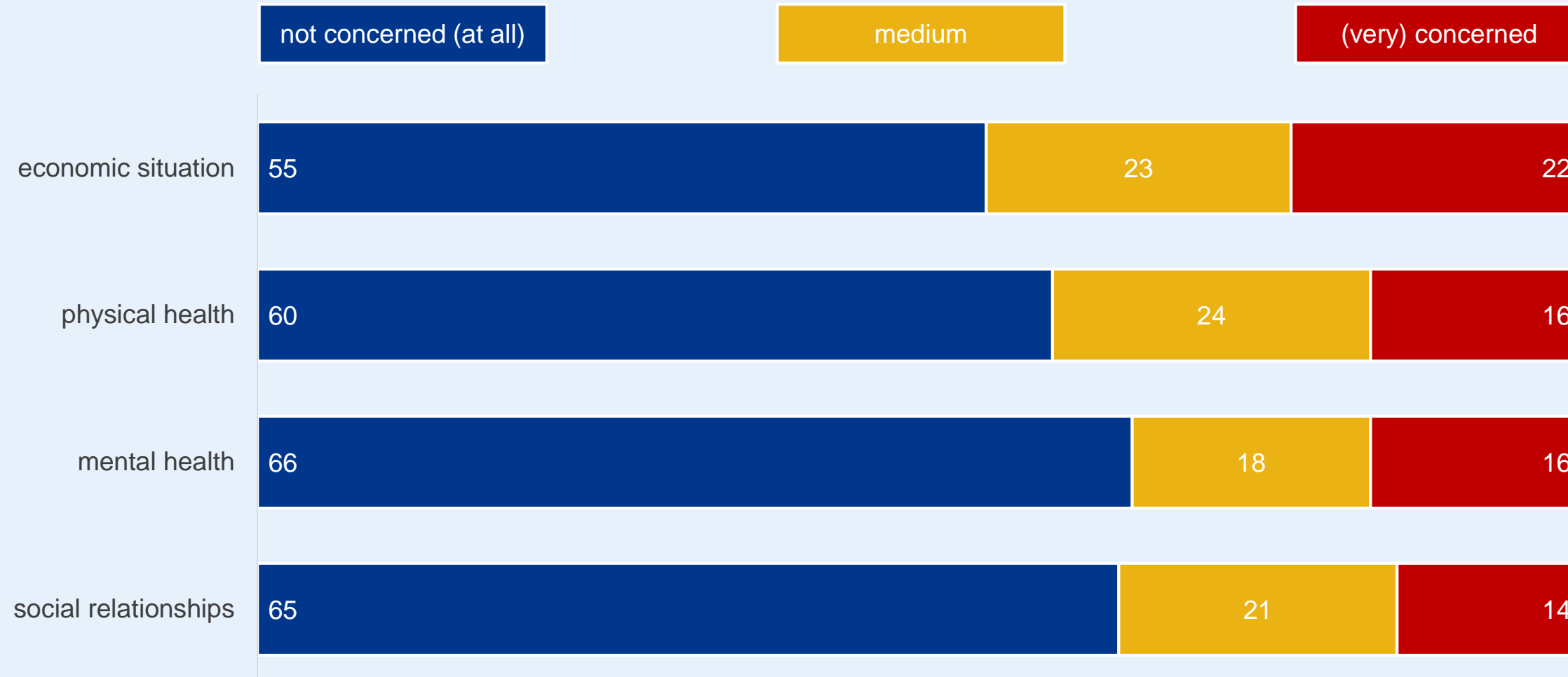**MONITOR**

6–7 December 2022

Current week

Concern about the impact of the coronavirus

To what extent are you personally concerned or not concerned about the impact of the novel coronavirus in the following areas of life?
(Response scale: 1 'not concerned at all' to 5 'very concerned')

	not concerned (at all)	medium	(very) concerned
economic situation	55	23	22
physical health	60	24	16
mental health	66	18	16
social relationships	65	21	14

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 986–994 participants
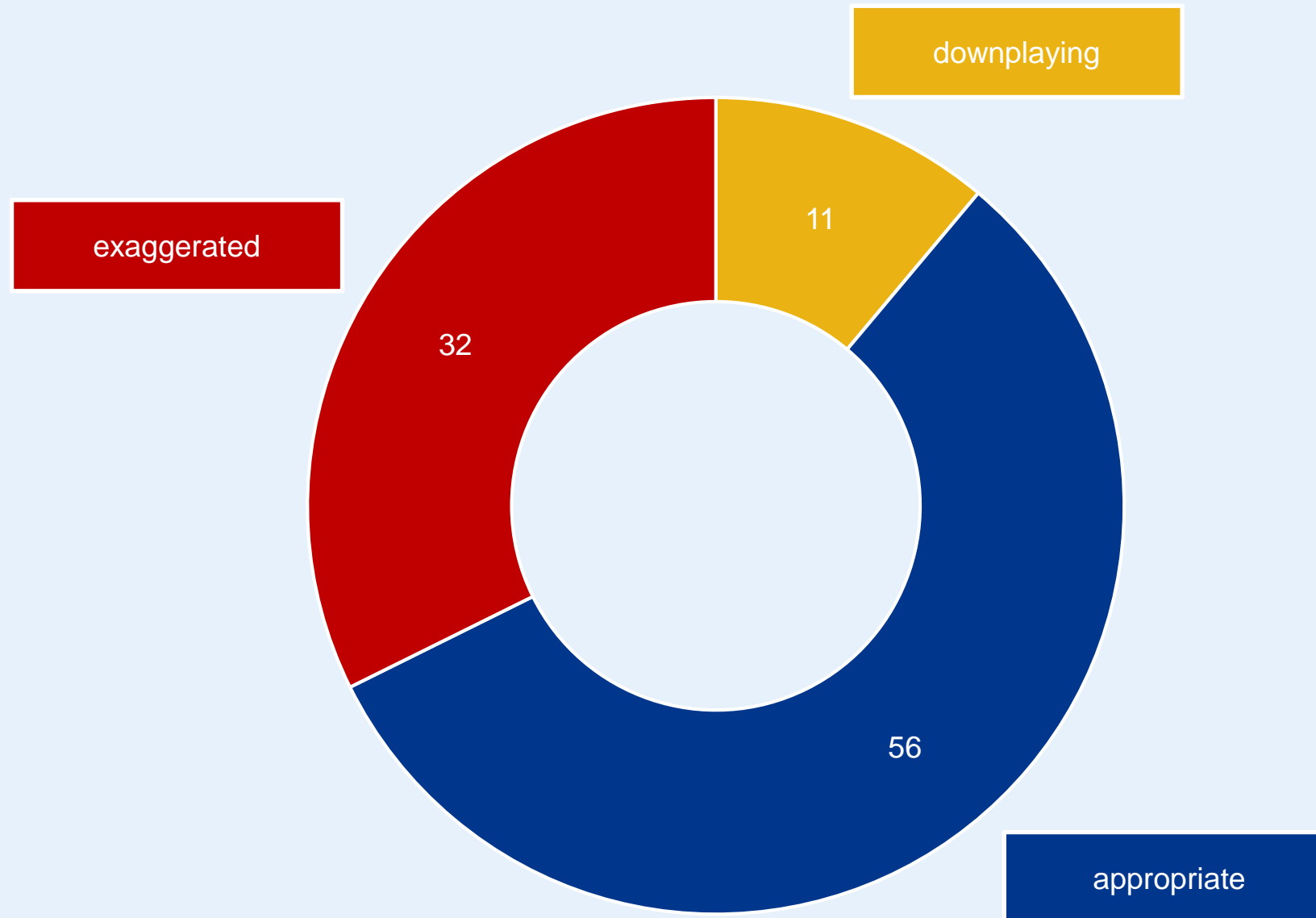
Perceived level of information

How well do you feel informed about the following aspects of the novel coronavirus?
(Response scale: 1 'not well informed at all' to 5 'very well informed')

	not well (at all)	medium	(very) well
procedure in case of a suspected infection	19	19	62
symptoms of a coronavirus disease	18	20	61
infection routes of the coronavirus	23	17	60
current vaccination recommendations	26	20	54
long-term effects (long COVID)	28	27	46
measures currently in effect	29	28	44
current coronavirus variants	34	26	41
current infection numbers	43	24	32

Figures given in percentages
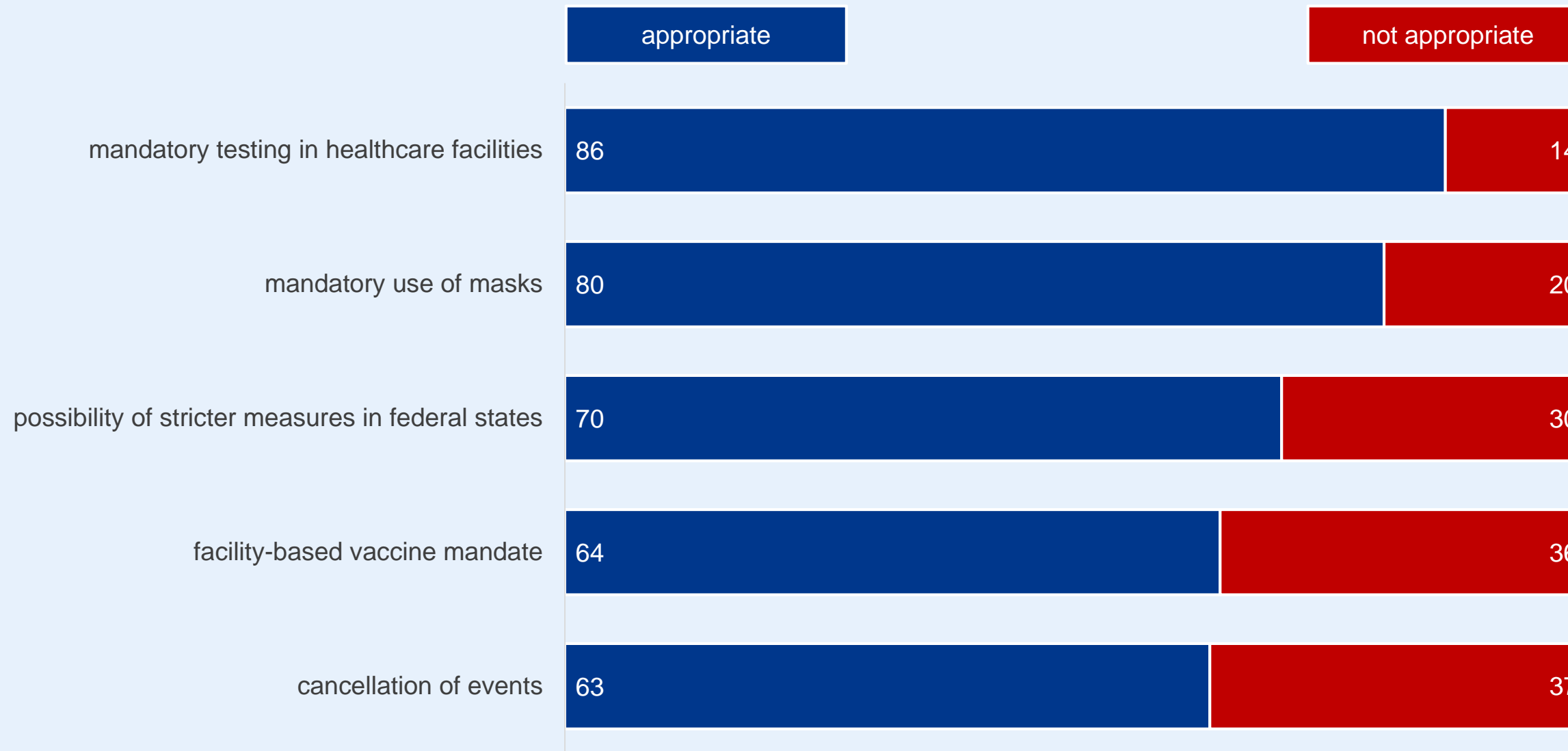Basis: 947–984 participants

Evaluation of media coverage

How do you evaluate the overall media coverage of the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: 'downplaying', 'appropriate', 'exaggerated')

downplaying

11

exaggerated

32

appropriate

56

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 981 participants

Appropriateness of the measures for containment

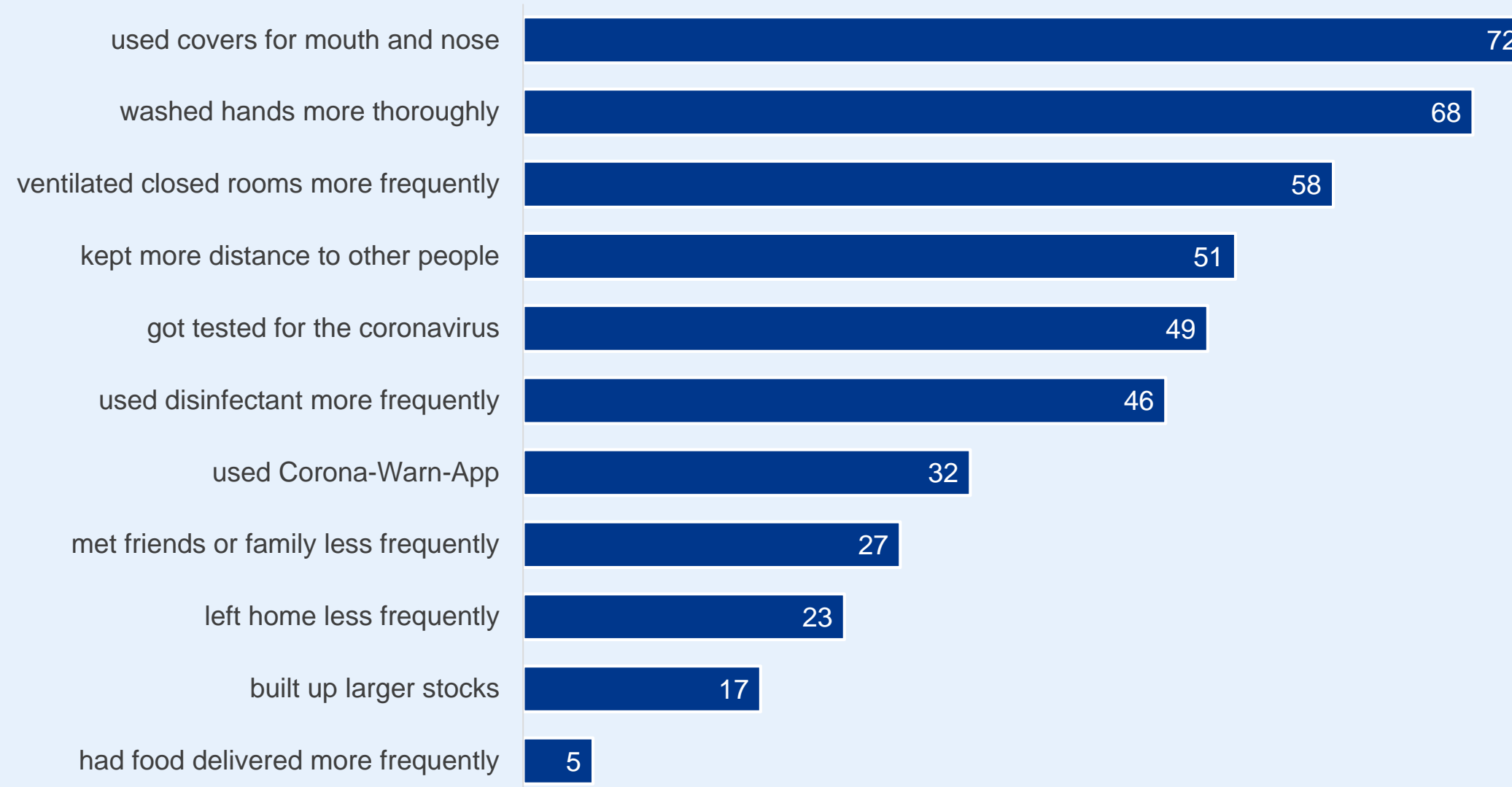How do you evaluate the following measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: 'not appropriate', 'appropriate')

	appropriate	not appropriate
mandatory testing in healthcare facilities	86	14
mandatory use of masks	80	20
possibility of stricter measures in federal states	70	30
facility-based vaccine mandate	64	36
cancellation of events	63	37

Figures given in percentages
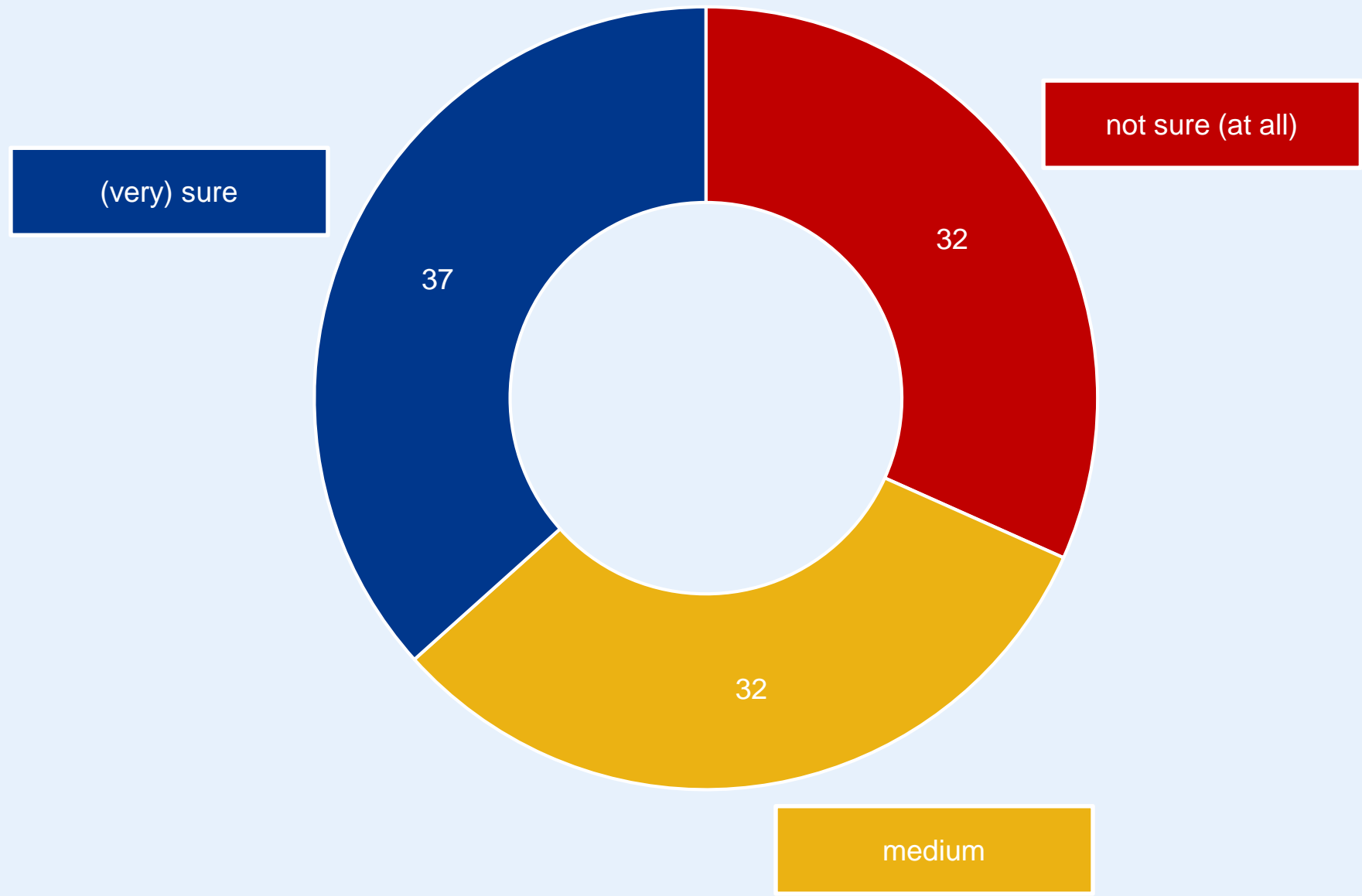Basis: 970–991 participants

Current protective measures of the participants

Which of the following measures have you taken within the past 2 weeks to protect yourself or others from the novel coronavirus? *(multiple selection)*

Measure	Percentage
used covers for mouth and nose	72
washed hands more thoroughly	68
ventilated closed rooms more frequently	58
kept more distance to other people	51
got tested for the coronavirus	49
used disinfectant more frequently	46
used Corona-Warn-App	32
met friends or family less frequently	27
left home less frequently	23
built up larger stocks	17
had food delivered more frequently	5

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 943 participants

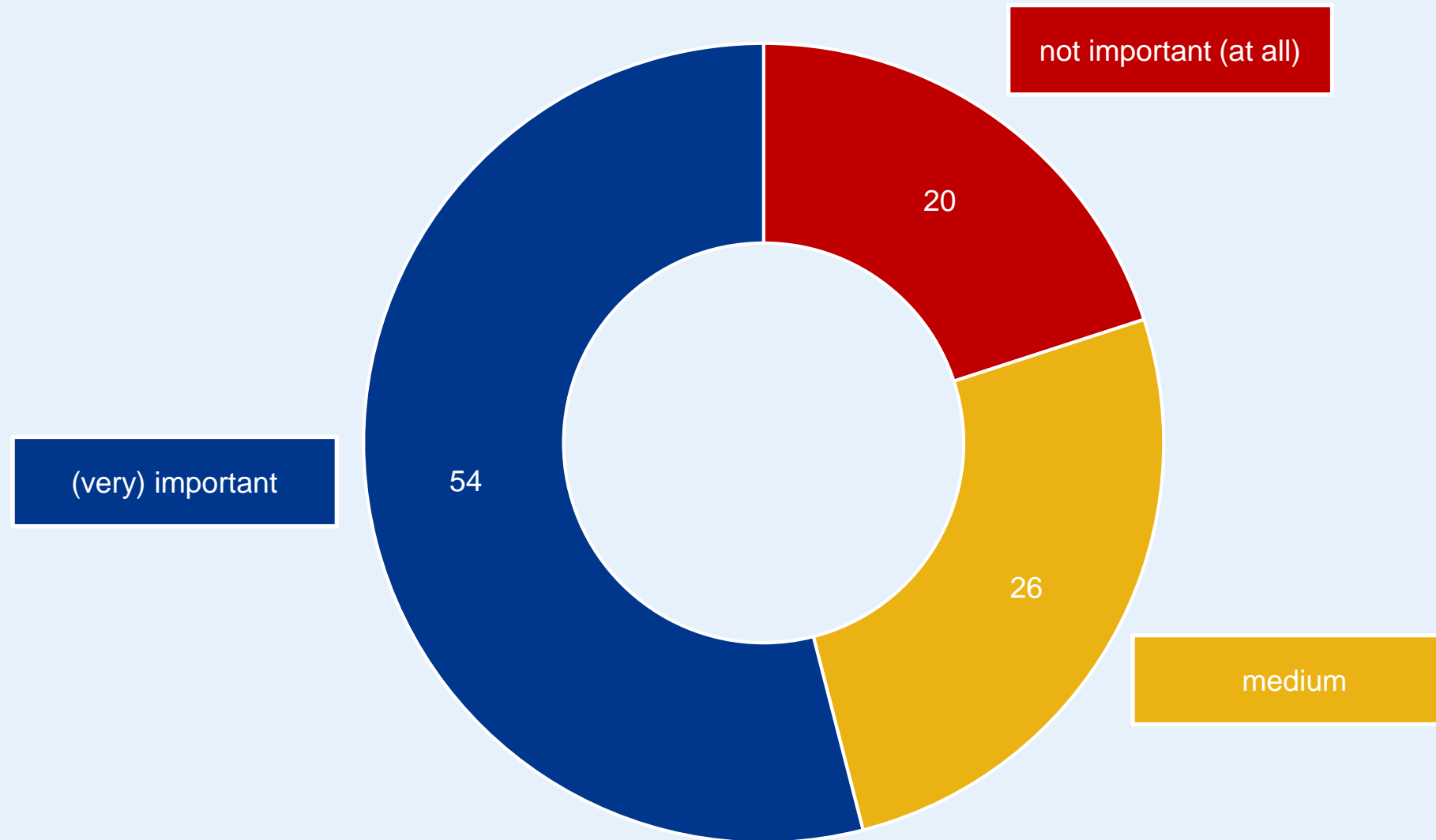# Perceived controllability of the risk of infection

How sure are you that you can protect yourself from an infection with the novel coronavirus?
(Response scale: 1 'not sure at all' to 5 'very sure')

(very) sure

not sure (at all)

37

32

32

medium

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 989 participants
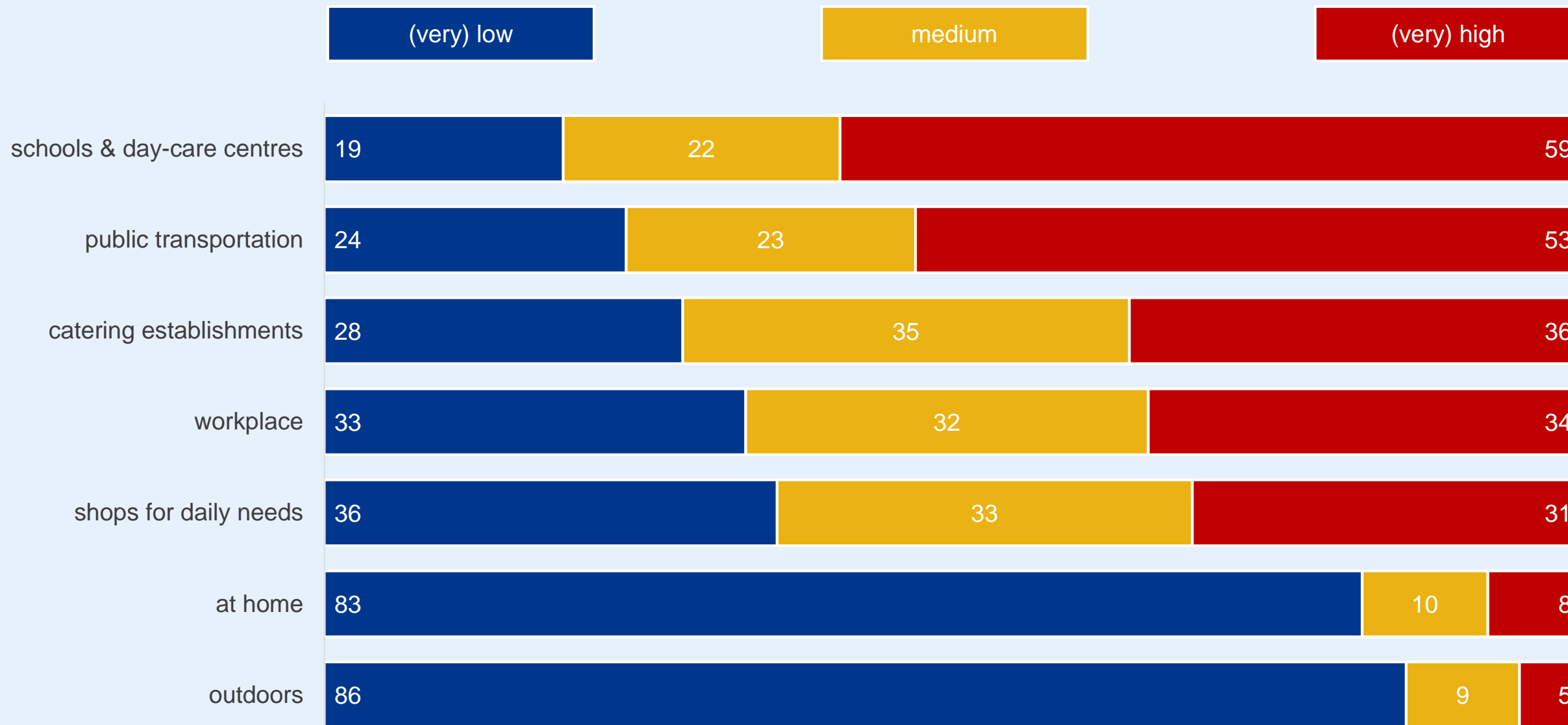
Behaviour of others

When dealing with other people, how important is it to you that they take measures to prevent a transmission of the novel coronavirus?
(Response scale: 1 'not important at all' to 5 'very important')

not important (at all)

20

(very) important

54

medium

26

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 989 participants

Perceived probability of an infection

How high or low do you estimate the probability of currently being infected with the novel coronavirus at the following locations?
(Response scale: 1 'very low' to 5 'very high')

|	(very) low	medium	(very) high
schools & day-care centres	19	22	59
public transportation	24	23	53
catering establishments	28	35	36
workplace	33	32	34
shops for daily needs	36	33	31
at home	83	10	8
outdoors	86	9	5

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 913–994 participants

Over time

Concern about the impact of the coronavirus

To what extent are you personally concerned or not concerned about the impact of the novel coronavirus in the following areas of life? *(Response scale: 1 'not concerned at all' to 5 'very concerned')* – **Shown: response category '(very) concerned' (values 4 + 5)**
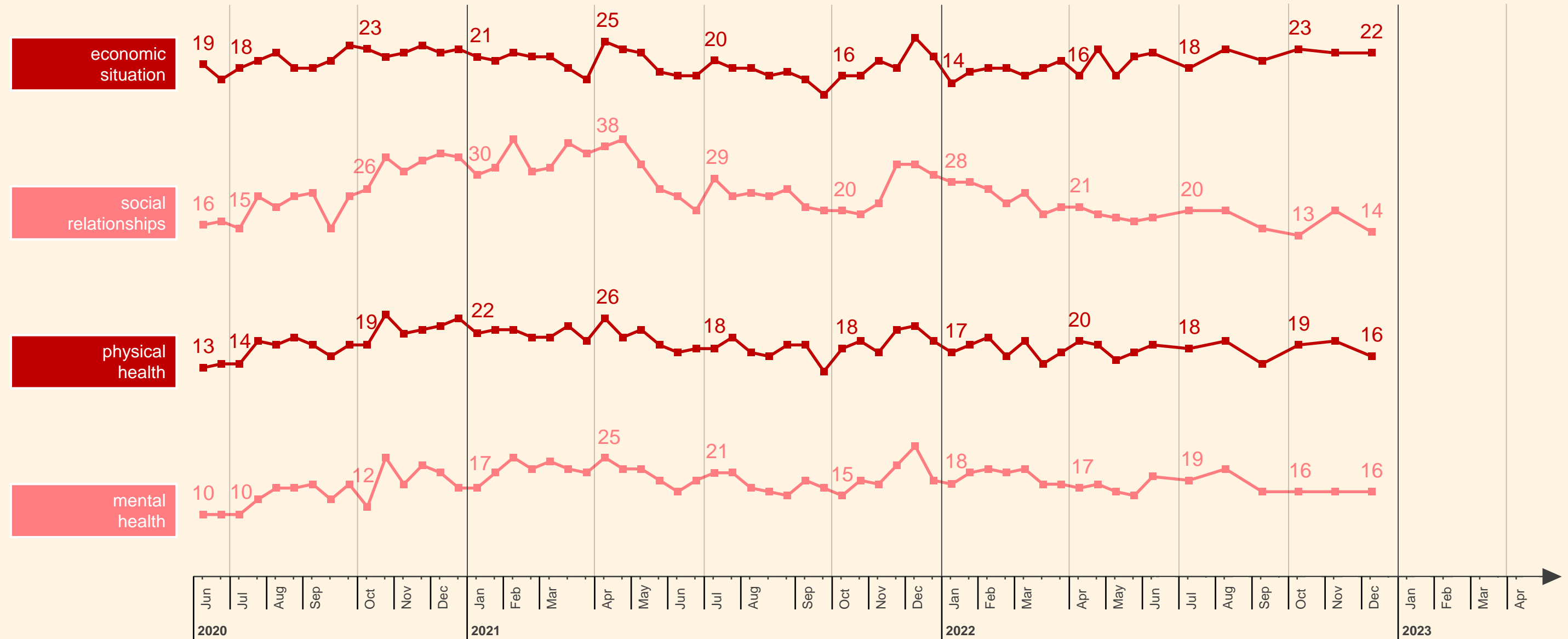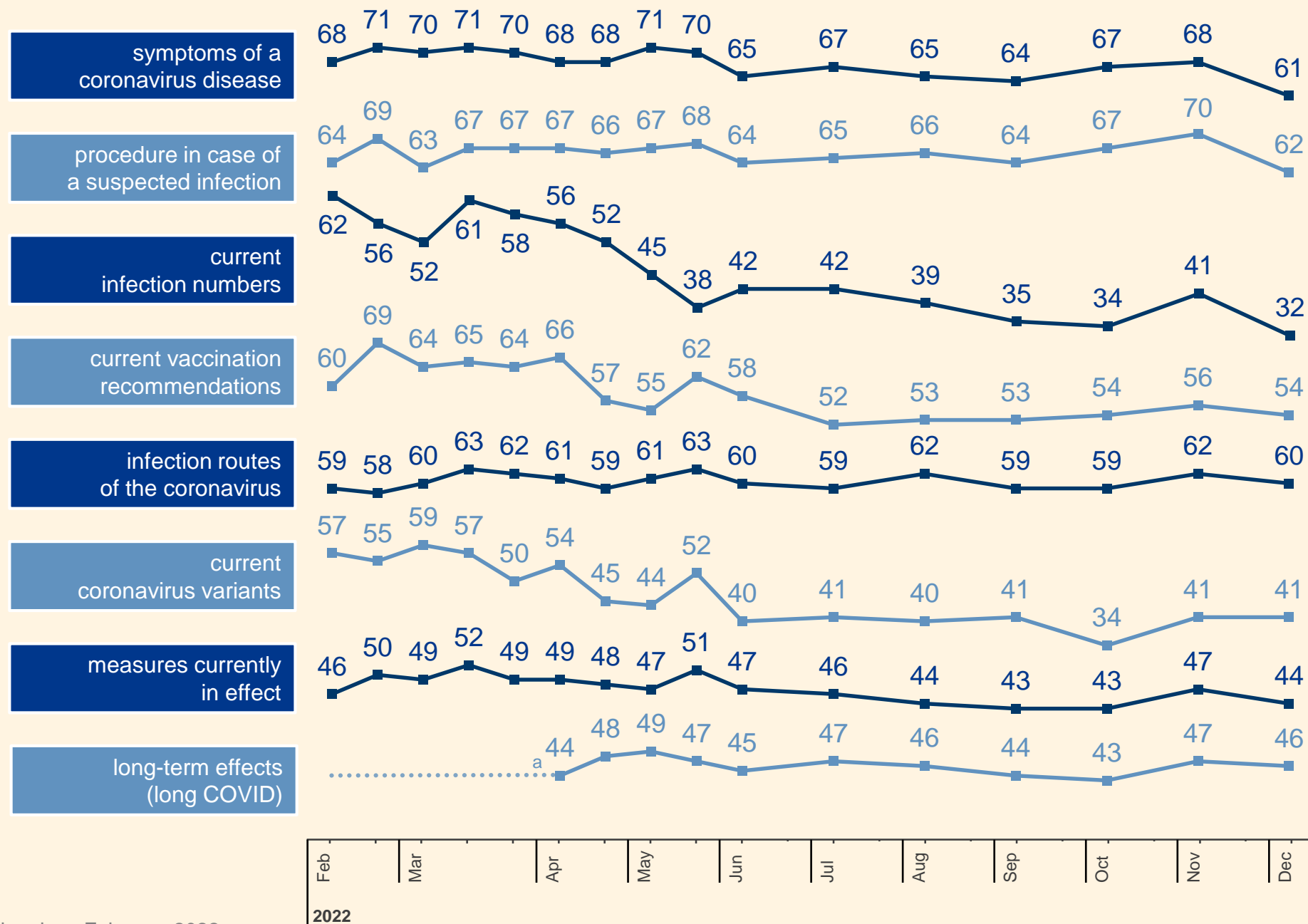

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 977–1.035 participants

Part of the questionnaire since June 2020

Perceived level of information

How well do you feel informed about the following aspects of the novel coronavirus?
(Response scale: 1 'not well informed at all' to 5 'very well informed') – **Shown: response category '(very) well informed' (values 4 + 5)**

symptoms of a coronavirus disease: 68 71 70 71 70 68 68 71 70 65 67 65 64 67 68 61

procedure in case of a suspected infection: 64 69 63 67 67 67 66 67 68 64 65 66 64 67 70 62

current infection numbers: 62 56 52 61 58 56 52 45 38 42 42 39 35 34 41 32

current vaccination recommendations: 60 69 64 65 64 66 57 55 62 58 52 53 53 54 56 54

infection routes of the coronavirus: 59 58 60 63 62 61 59 61 63 60 59 62 59 59 62 60

current coronavirus variants: 57 55 59 57 50 54 45 44 52 40 41 40 41 34 41 41

measures currently in effect: 46 50 49 52 49 49 48 47 51 47 46 44 43 43 47 44

long-term effects (long COVID): a 44 48 49 47 45 47 46 44 43 47 46

Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr

2022　**2023**

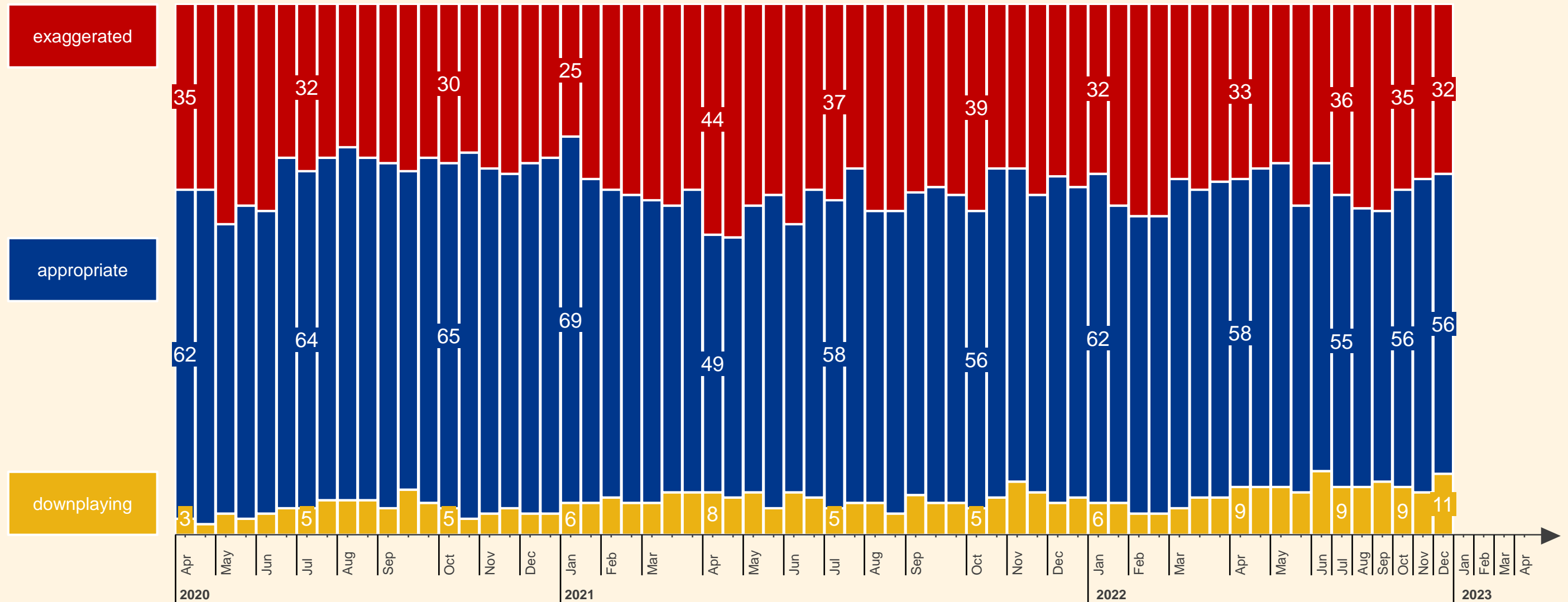Part of the questionnaire since February 2022
a Measure was added to the questionnaire at the time indicated

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 946–1.004 participants

Evaluation of media coverage

How do you evaluate the overall media coverage of the novel coronavirus?
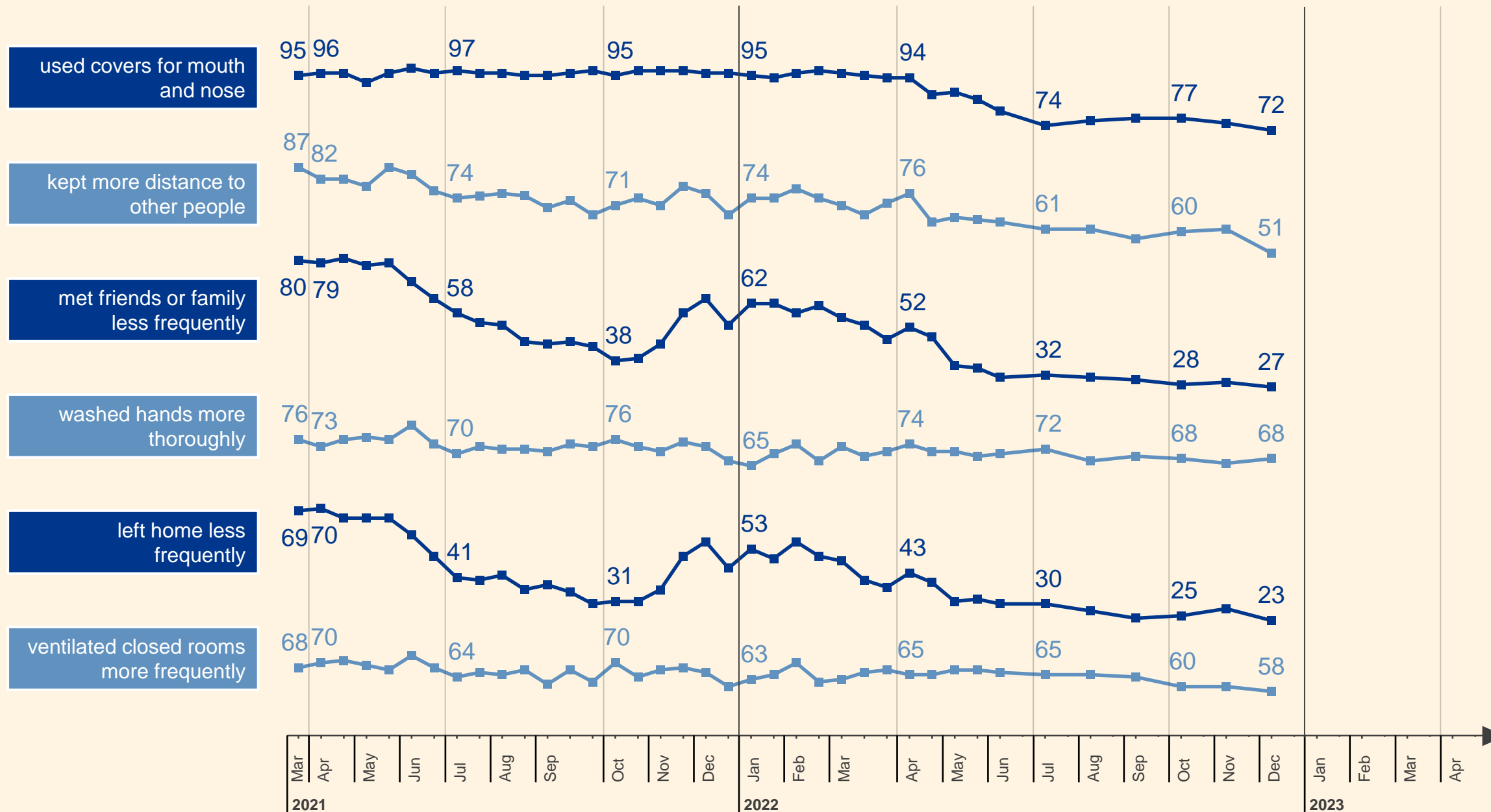*(Response options: 'downplaying', 'appropriate', 'exaggerated')*

exaggerated 35 | 32 | 30 | 25 | 44 | 37 | 39 | 32 | 33 | 36 | 35 | 32

appropriate 62 | 64 | 65 | 69 | 49 | 58 | 56 | 62 | 58 | 55 | 56 | 56

downplaying 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 11

2020   2021   2022   2023

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May 2020: 480–502 participants
Basis from Jun 2020: 944–1.019 participants

Part of the questionnaire since April 2020

Appropriateness of the measures for containment

How do you evaluate the following measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: 'not appropriate', 'appropriate') – **Shown: response category 'appropriate'**

cancellation of events

mandatory testing in healthcare facilities

mandatory use of masks

facility-based vaccine mandate

possibility of stricter measures in federal states

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May 2020: 474–512 participants
Basis from Jun 2020: 916–1.031 participants

a Wording was adapted to the current situation at the time
b Measure was added to the questionnaire (again) at the time indicated

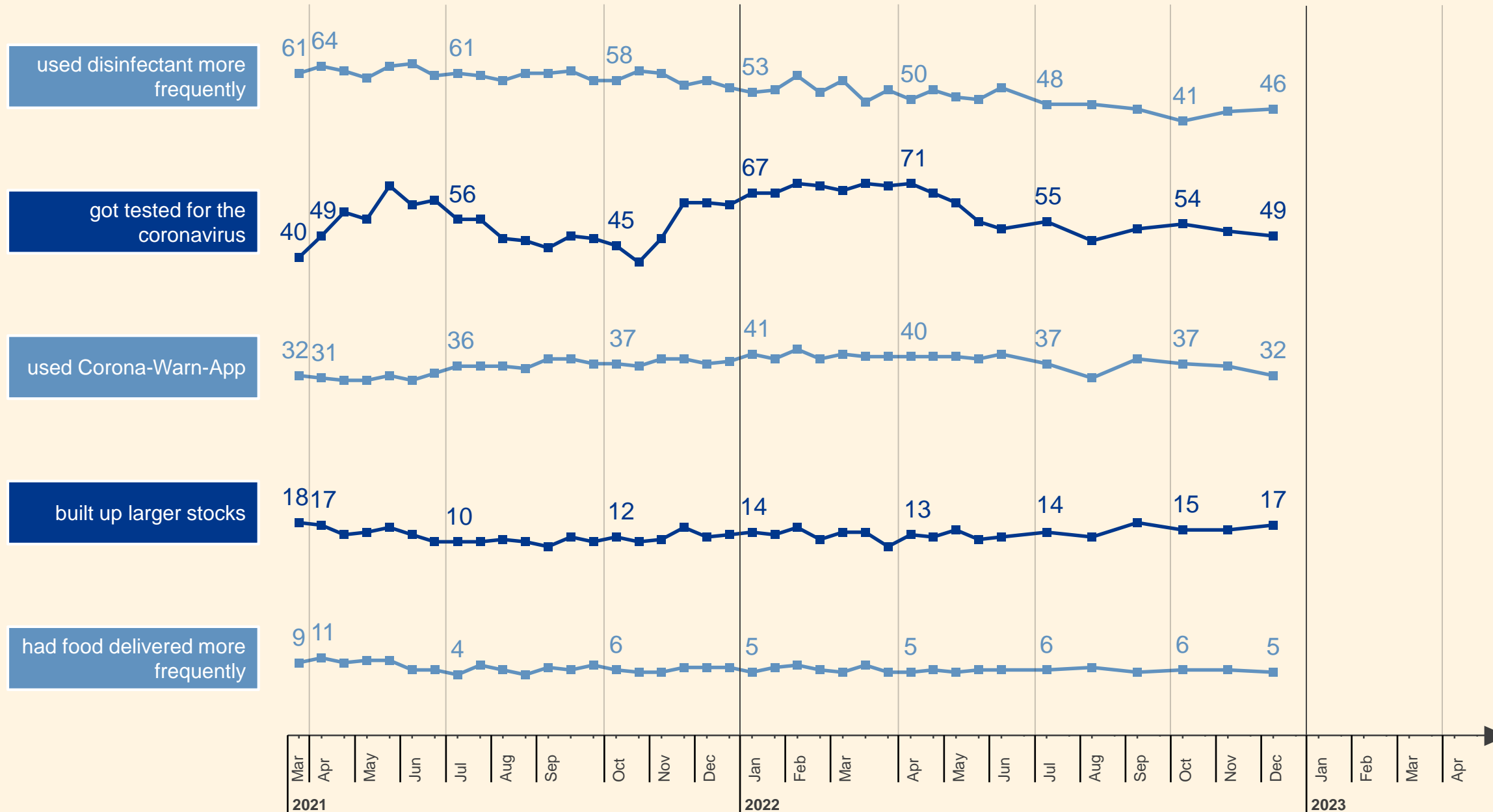# Current protective measures of the participants I

Which of the following measures have you taken within the past 2 weeks to protect yourself or others from the novel coronavirus?
(multiple selection)

used covers for mouth and nose: 95 96 97 95 95 94 74 77 72

kept more distance to other people: 87 82 74 71 74 76 61 60 51

met friends or family less frequently: 80 79 58 38 62 52 32 28 27

washed hands more thoroughly: 76 73 70 76 65 74 72 68 68

left home less frequently: 69 70 41 31 53 43 30 25 23

ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 68 70 64 70 63 65 65 60 58

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2021   **2022**   **2023**

Part of the questionnaire since March 2021

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 917–1.016 participants

Current protective measures of the participants II

Which of the following measures have you taken within the past 2 weeks to protect yourself or others from the novel coronavirus?
(multiple selection)

used disinfectant more frequently: 61 64 61 58 53 50 48 41 46

got tested for the coronavirus: 40 49 56 45 67 71 55 54 49

used Corona-Warn-App: 32 31 36 37 41 40 37 37 32

built up larger stocks: 18 17 10 12 14 13 14 15 17

had food delivered more frequently: 9 11 4 6 5 5 6 6 5

Timeline axis: Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec (2021) Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec (2022) Jan Feb Mar Apr (2023)

Part of the questionnaire since March 2021

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 917–1.016 participants

Perceived controllability of the risk of infection

How sure are you that you can protect yourself from an infection with the novel coronavirus?
(Response scale: 1 'not sure at all' to 5 'very sure')
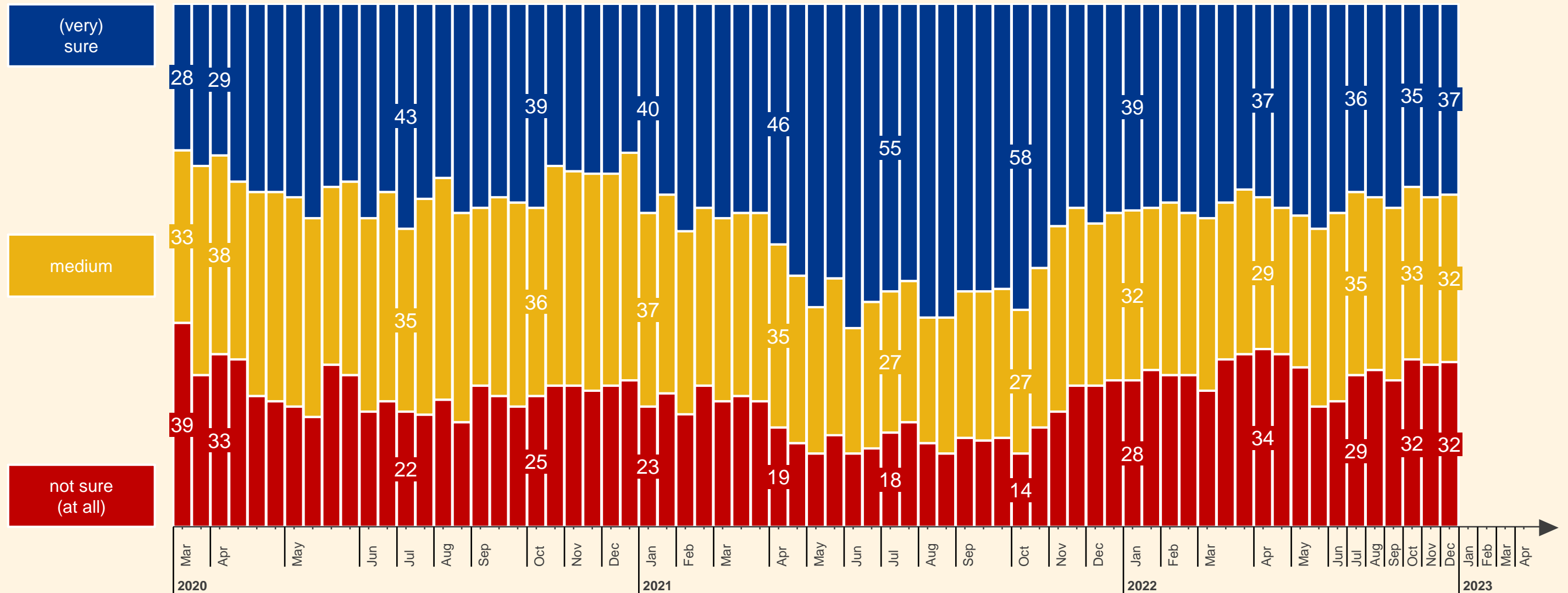
Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May 2020: 492–514 participants
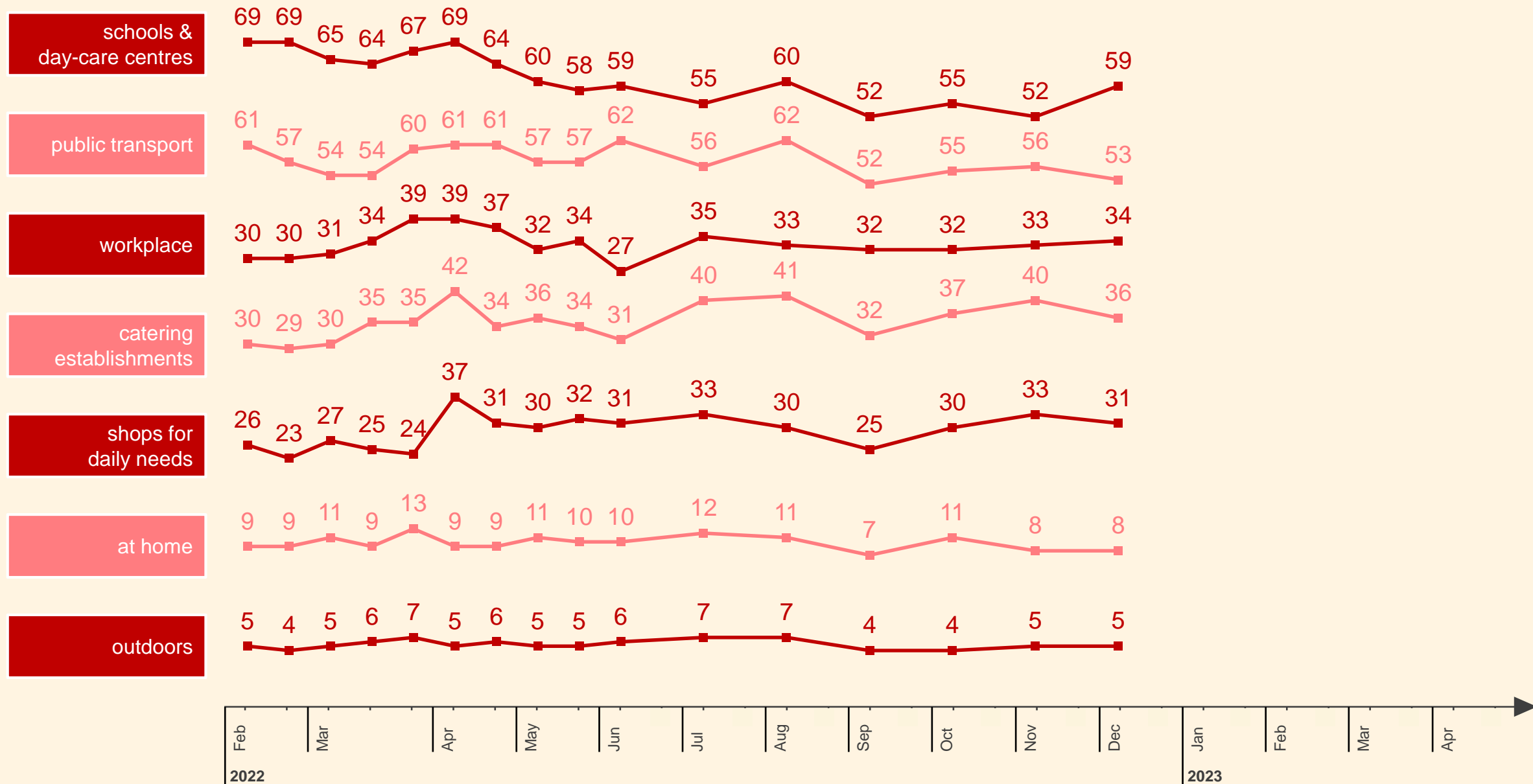Basis from Jun 2020: 957–1.017 participants

Behaviour of others

When dealing with other people, how important is it to you that they take measures to prevent a transmission of the novel coronavirus?
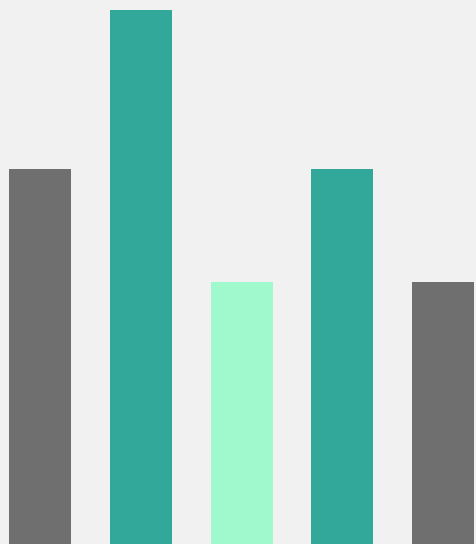*(Response scale: 1 'not important at all' to 5 'very important')*

(very) important

medium

not important (at all)

	Feb	Mar			Apr		May		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
(very) important	73	72	71	72	62	71	66	66	64	64	62	63	53	57	60	54
medium	15	17	17	16	23	17	20	20	20	21	20	21	27	26	24	26
not important	12	11	11	13	15	12	15	14	16	15	18	15	20	17	16	20

2022   **2023** (Jan Feb Mar Apr)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 983–1.008 participants

Part of the questionnaire since February 2022

Perceived probability of an infection

How high or low do you estimate the probability of currently being infected with the novel coronavirus at the following locations?
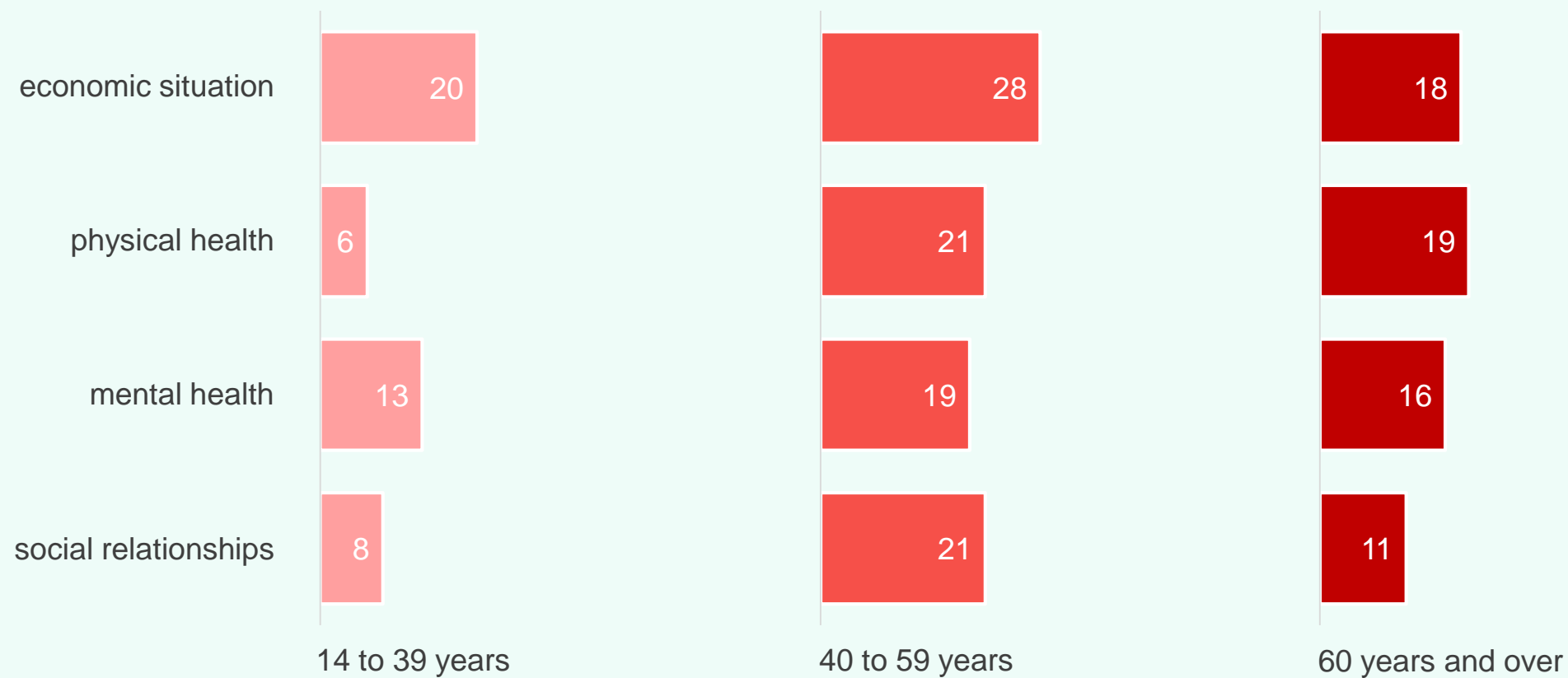*(Response scale: 1 'very low' to 5 'very high')* – **Shown: response category '(very) high' (values 4 + 5)**

schools & day-care centres: 69, 69, 65, 64, 67, 69, 64, 60, 58, 59, 55, 60, 52, 55, 52, 59

public transport: 61, 57, 54, 54, 60, 61, 61, 57, 57, 62, 56, 62, 52, 55, 56, 53

workplace: 30, 30, 31, 34, 39, 39, 37, 32, 34, 27, 35, 33, 32, 32, 33, 34

catering establishments: 30, 29, 30, 35, 35, 42, 34, 36, 34, 31, 40, 41, 32, 37, 40, 36

shops for daily needs: 26, 23, 27, 25, 24, 37, 31, 30, 32, 31, 33, 30, 25, 30, 33, 31

at home: 9, 9, 11, 9, 13, 9, 9, 11, 10, 10, 12, 11, 7, 11, 8, 8

outdoors: 5, 4, 5, 6, 7, 5, 6, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7, 4, 4, 5, 5

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2022   **2023**

Part of the questionnaire since February 2022
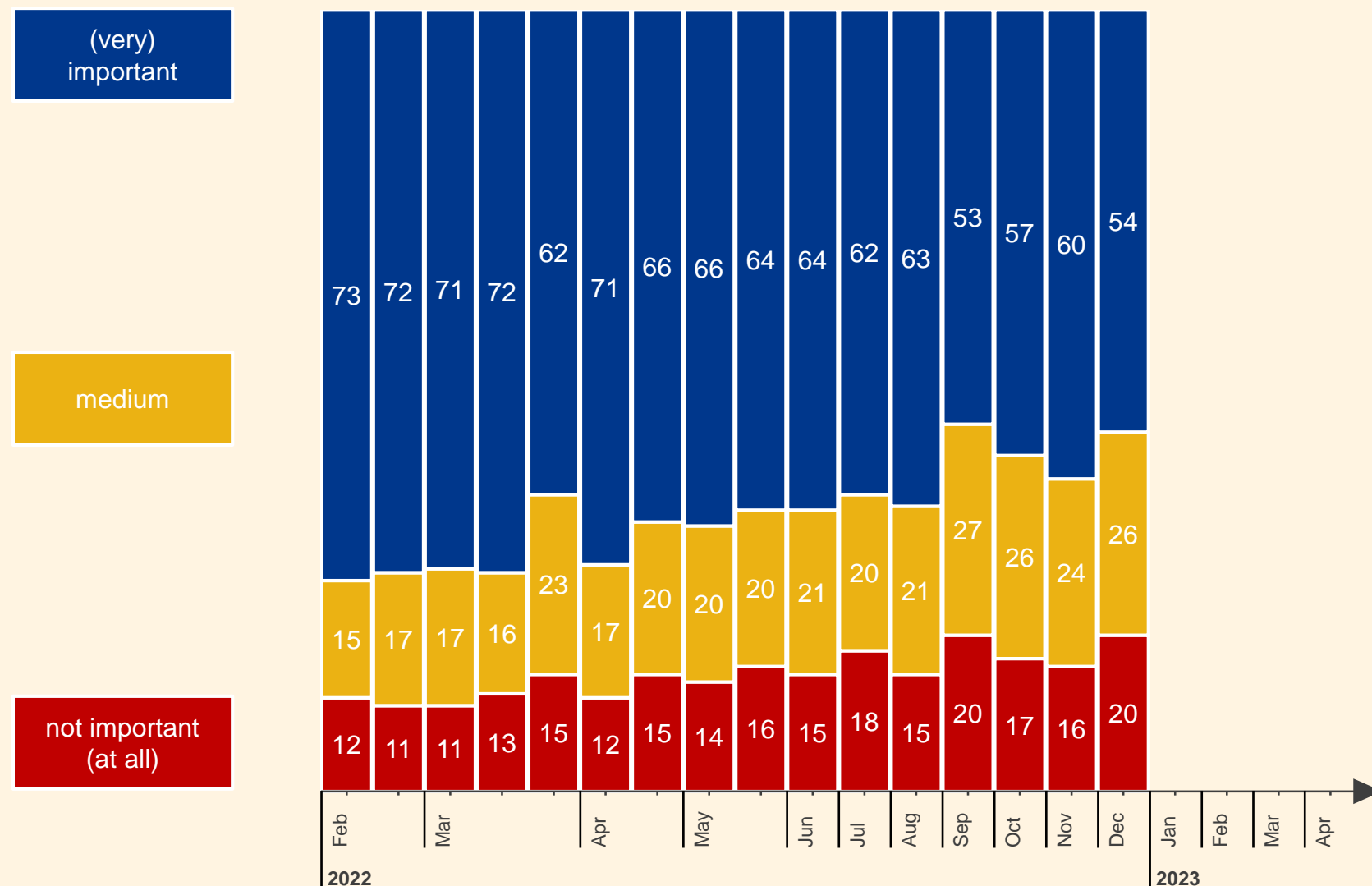
Figures given in percentages
Basis: 899–1.014 participants

Age groups

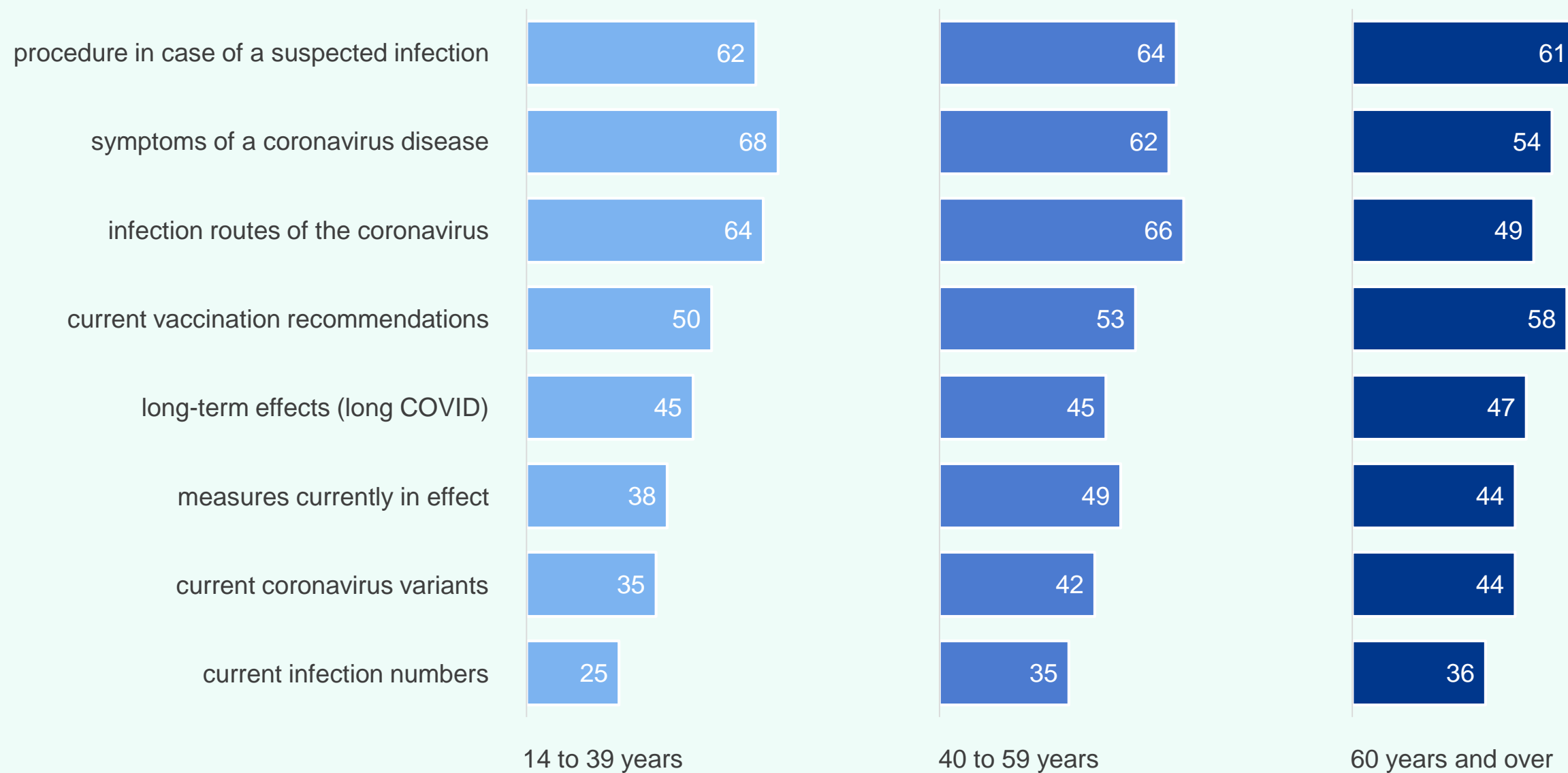# Concern about the impact of the coronavirus

To what extent are you personally concerned or not concerned about the impact of the novel coronavirus in the following areas of life?
(Response scale: 1 'not concerned at all' to 5 'very concerned') – **Shown: response category '(very) concerned' (values 4 + 5)**

	14 to 39 years	40 to 59 years	60 years and over
economic situation	20	28	18
physical health	6	21	19
mental health	13	19	16
social relationships	8	21	11

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 311–351 participants in corresponding age group

Perceived level of information

How well do you feel informed about the following aspects of the novel coronavirus?
(Response scale: 1 'not well informed at all' to 5 'very well informed') – **Shown: response category '(very) well' (values 4 + 5)**

	14 to 39 years	40 to 59 years	60 years and over
procedure in case of a suspected infection	62	64	61
symptoms of a coronavirus disease	68	62	54
infection routes of the coronavirus	64	66	49
current vaccination recommendations	50	53	58
long-term effects (long COVID)	45	45	47
measures currently in effect	38	49	44
current coronavirus variants	35	42	44
current infection numbers	25	35	36

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 297–341 participants in corresponding age group

Evaluation of media coverage

How do you evaluate the overall media coverage of the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: 'downplaying', 'appropriate', 'exaggerated')

	downplaying	appropriate	exaggerated
14 to 39 years	12	62	27
40 to 59 years	12	48	39
60 years and over	11	60	29

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 306–345 participants in corresponding age group

Appropriateness of the measures for containment

How do you evaluate the following measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: 'not appropriate', 'appropriate') – **Shown: response category 'appropriate'**

	14 to 39 years	40 to 59 years	60 years and over
mandatory testing in healthcare facilities	92	81	84
mandatory use of masks	83	75	81
possibility of stricter measures in federal states	76	60	74
facility-based vaccine mandate	65	52	76
cancellation of events	68	56	65
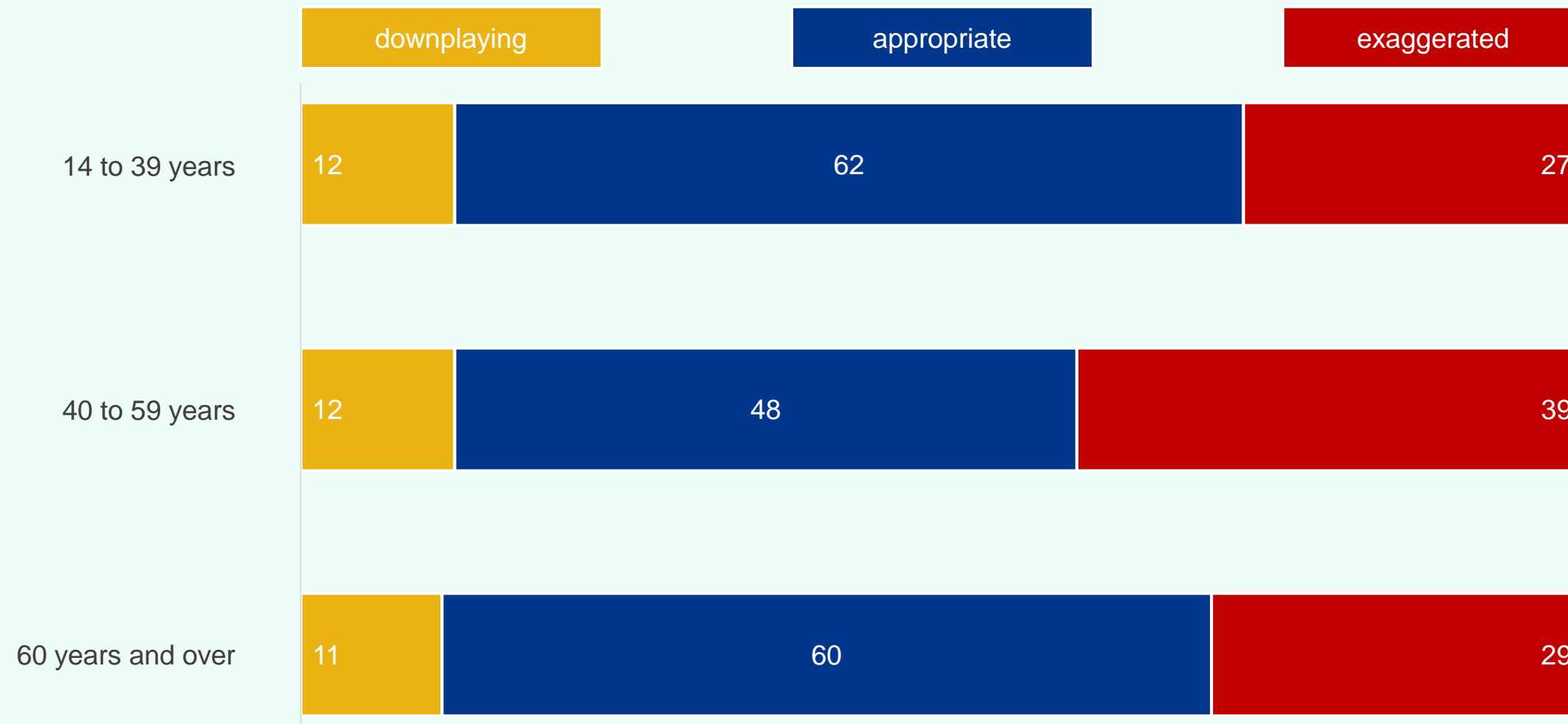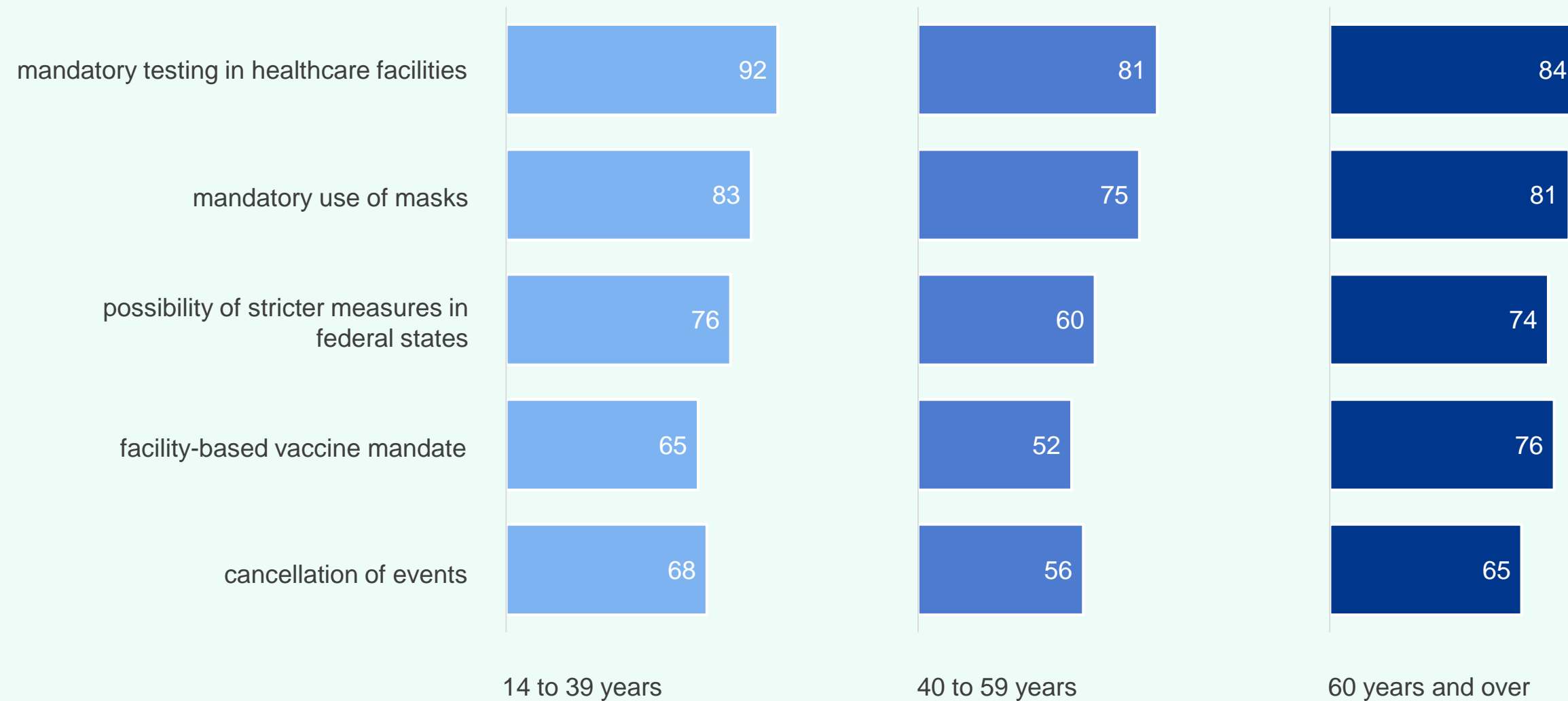
Figures given in percentages
Basis: 307–345 participants in corresponding age group

Current protective measures of the participants

Which of the following measures have you taken within the past 2 weeks to protect yourself or others from the novel coronavirus?
(multiple selection)

	14 to 39 years	40 to 59 years	60 years and over
used covers for mouth and nose	67	68	80
washed hands more thoroughly	64	68	73
ventilated closed rooms more frequently	48	64	61
kept more distance to other people	33	56	64
got tested for the coronavirus	47	56	44
used disinfectant more frequently	43	49	47
used Corona-Warn-App	29	33	34
met friends or family less frequently	19	28	35
left home less frequently	16	27	26
built up larger stocks	13	20	18
had food delivered more frequently	4	5	6
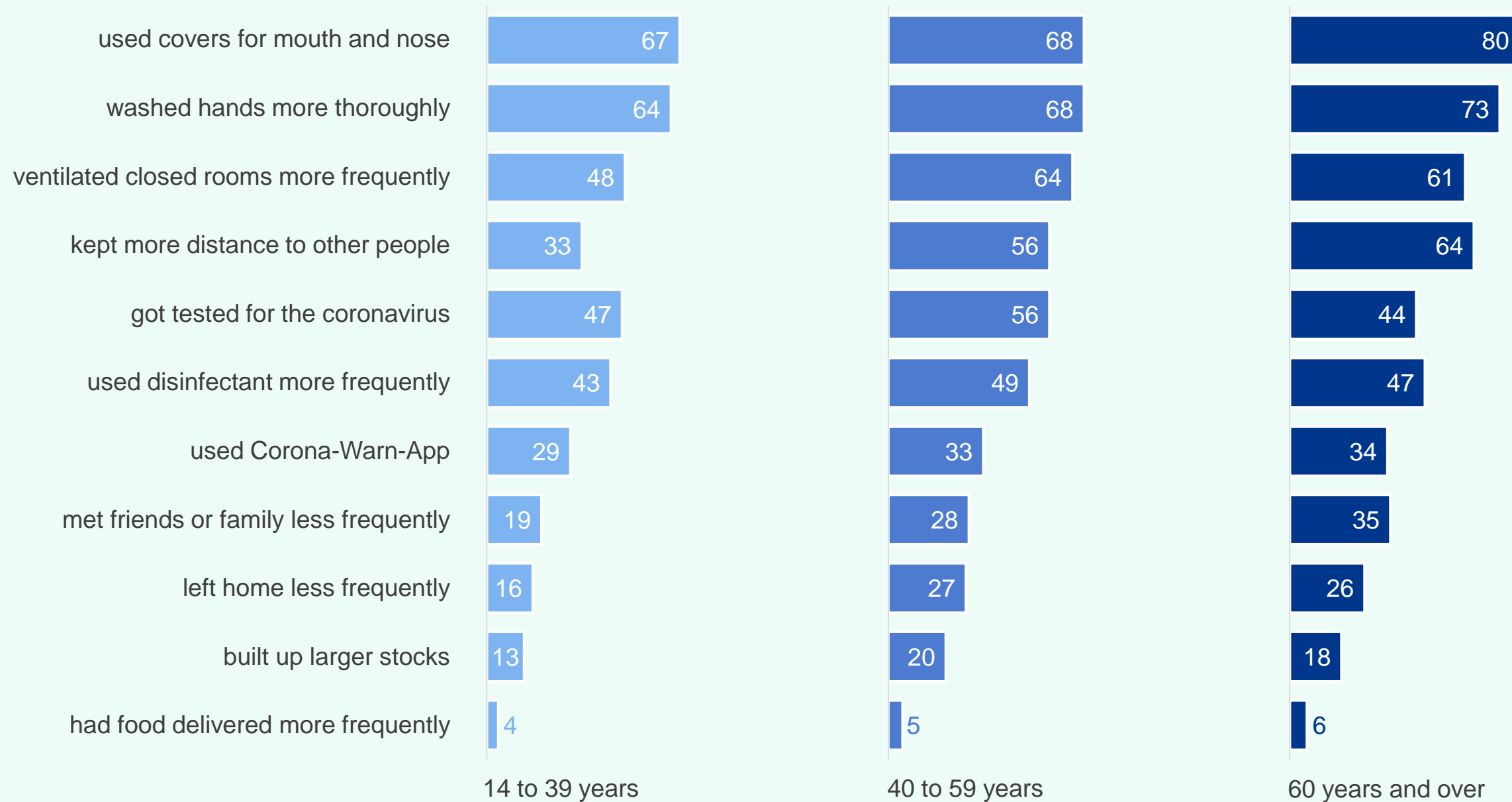
Figures given in percentages
Basis: 312–318 participants in corresponding age group

Perceived controllability of the risk of infection

How sure are you that you can protect yourself from an infection with the novel coronavirus?
(Response scale: 1 'not sure at all' to 5 'very sure')

	not sure (at all)	medium	(very) sure
14 to 39 years	31	33	36
40 to 59 years	36	28	36
60 years and over	27	34	38
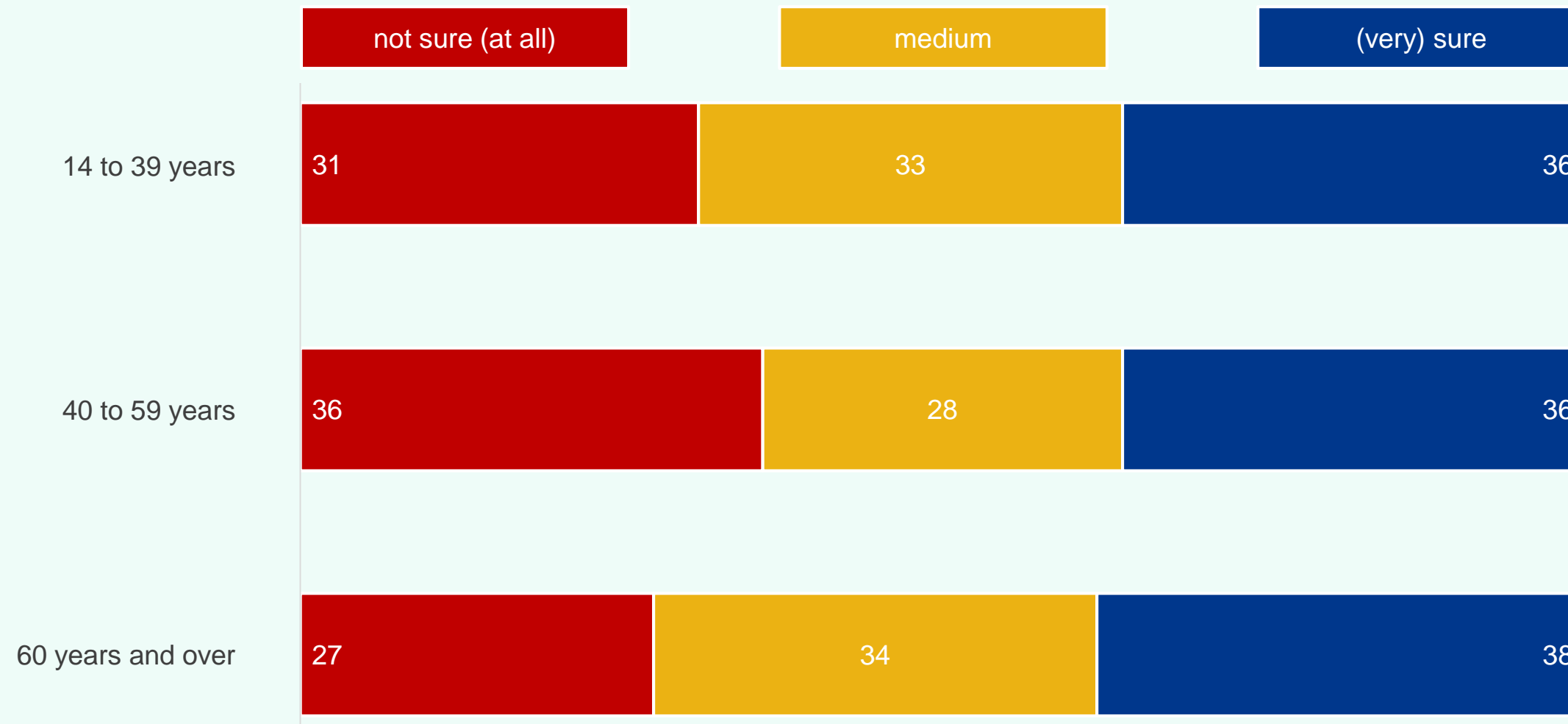
Figures given in percentages
Basis: 311–346 participants in corresponding age group

Behaviour of others

When dealing with other people, how important is it to you that they take measures to prevent a transmission of the novel coronavirus?
(Response scale: 1 'not important at all' to 5 'very important')

	not important (at all)	medium	(very) important

14 to 39 years	20	36	44
40 to 59 years	20	27	52
60 years and over	19	16	65

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 311–346 participants in corresponding age group

Perceived probability of an infection

How high or low do you estimate the probability of currently being infected with the novel coronavirus at the following locations?
(Response scale: 1 'very low' to 5 'very high') – **Shown: response category '(very) high' (values 4 + 5)**

	14 to 39 years	40 to 59 years	60 years and over
schools & day-care centres	59	62	56
public transport	47	57	54
catering establishments	39	38	32
workplace	39	34	30
shops for daily needs	22	40	29
at home	6	7	10
outdoors	4	4	7

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 262–351 participants in corresponding age group
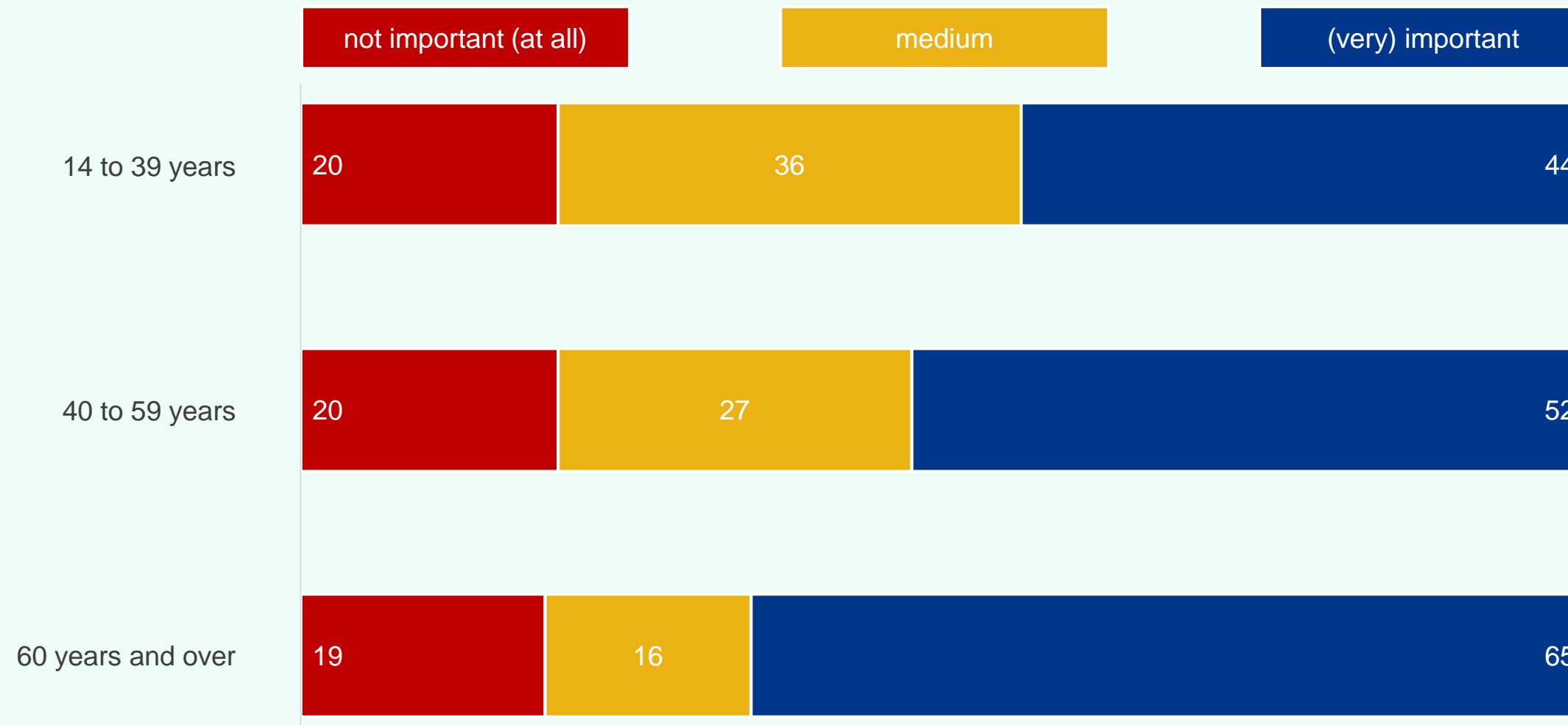
Dates and sample sizes of the survey

24 Mar	510 participants	27–28 Oct	1.006 participants	03–04 Aug	1.007 participants	10–12 May	998 participants
31 Mar	500 participants	10–11 Nov	1.009 participants	17–18 Aug	1.010 participants	24–25 May	1.005 participants
07 Apr	510 participants	24–25 Nov	1.018 participants	31 Aug – 01 Sep	1.004 participants	07–08 Jun	1.002 participants
14 Apr	515 participants	08–09 Dec	1.004 participants	14–15 Sep	1.007 participants	05–06 Jul	1.010 participants
21 Apr	505 participants	17–18 Dec	1.010 participants	28–29 Sep	1.022 participants	02–03 Aug	998 participants
28 Apr	503 participants	05–06 Jan	1.017 participants	12–13 Oct	1.002 participants	06–07 Sep	998 participants
05 May	504 participants	19–20 Jan	1.018 participants	26–27 Oct	1.003 participants	04–05 Oct	999 participants
12 May	510 participants	02–03 Feb	1.004 participants	09–10 Nov	1.003 participants	02–03 Nov	991 participants
19 May	509 participants	16–17 Feb	997 participants	23–24 Nov	1.007 participants	06–07 Dec	1.000 participants
26 May	510 participants	02–03 Mar	1.014 participants	07–08 Dec	995 participants		
09–10 Jun	1.015 participants	16–17 Mar	1.012 participants	21–22 Dec	1.005 participants		
23–24 Jun	1.037 participants	30–31 Mar	1.008 participants	04–05 Jan	1.001 participants		
07–08 Jul	1.011 participants	13–14 Apr	1.007 participants	18–19 Jan	1.011 participants		
21–22 Jul	1.037 participants	27–28 Apr	1.024 participants	01–02 Feb	1.014 participants		
04–06 Aug	1.024 participants	11–12 May	1.023 participants	15–16 Feb	1.005 participants		
18–19 Aug	1.033 participants	25–26 May	1.006 participants	01–02 Mar	1.002 participants		
01–02 Sep	1.013 participants	08–09 Jun	1.010 participants	15–16 Mar	1.001 participants		
15–16 Sep	1.026 participants	22–23 Jun	1.005 participants	29–30 Mar	1.003 participants		
29–30 Sep	1.012 participants	06–08 Jul	1.002 participants	12–13 Apr	1.003 participants		
13–14 Oct	1.015 participants	20–21 Jul	1.012 participants	26–27 Apr	1.004 participants		

How were the data collected?

Statistical population: German-speaking population ages 14 years and over in private households in the Federal Republic of Germany

Sampling: Samples drawn at random from land line and mobile telephone numbers which can also include telephone numbers not listed in directories (in line with standards set by the Association of German Market Research Institutes – ADM)

Data weighting: Data was weighted according to gender, education, age, employment, size of city and German federal state to guarantee representativeness

Method: Telephone interview (CATI omnibus survey, Dual Frame)

Presentation of results: All figures given in percentages, rounding differences are possible, only valid responses were included (response option 'don't know' was excluded from all analyses)

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