

PHARMACISTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Perceptions and attitudes towards pharmacists in Newfoundland and Labrador with national comparisons.

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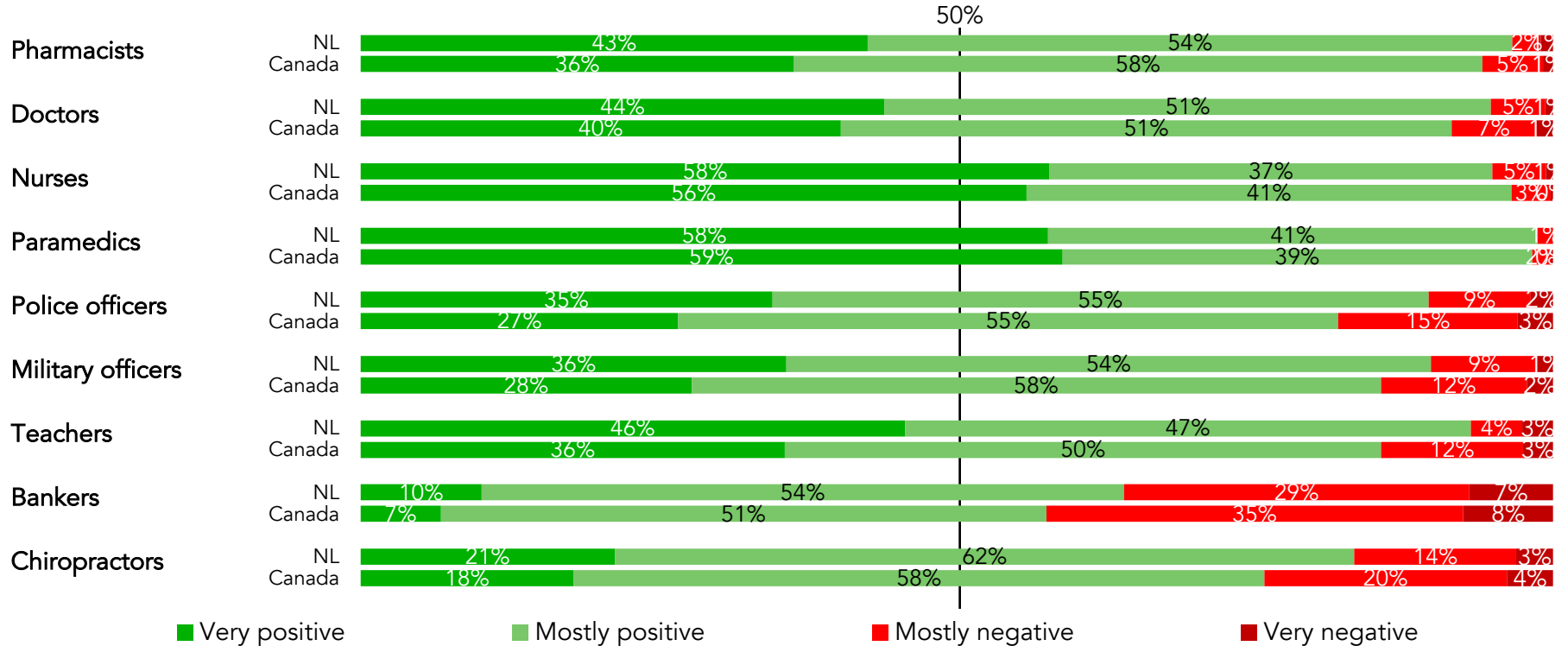
METHODOLOGY

Online survey	Survey was conducted among a representative sample of Canadians from Research Now panel.
Sample Size	Canada-wide: 4,173 (Comparable Margin of Error + 1.6%)
	Newfoundland and Labrador: 500 (Comparable Margin of Error + 4.5%)
Field dates	February 10 th and 18 th , 2017
Statistical Weighting	Data weighted by age, gender, education and region.

KEY FINDINGS

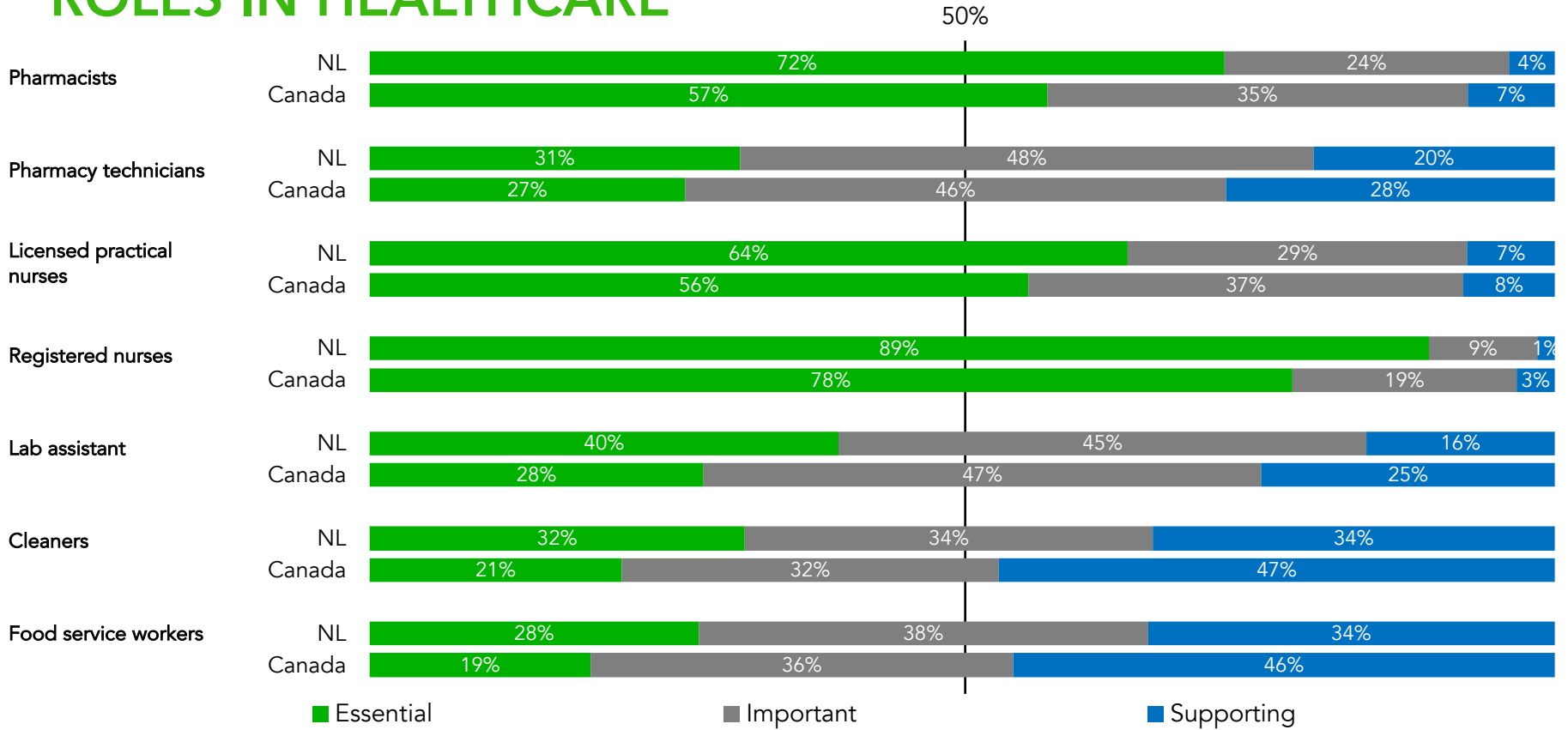
- Overall, Newfoundland and Labrador residents have more positive impressions of pharmacists than Canadians in other parts of the country. Overall 97% in NL have a positive impression of pharmacists (3 points higher than average) and the impressions are more intensely positive.
- NL residents are also more likely to think pharmacists play an essential role in the health care system. 72% view them as essential to the system compared with 57% nationally.
- NL residents are also more trusting of pharmacists to deliver a set of services than Canadians in other parts of the country.
- Awareness of the services pharmacists can provide is about par or slightly lower than in other parts of the country.
- Despite higher levels of trust and more positive impressions, NL residents are less likely to say they would be likely to visit a pharmacist to get a vaccination or a flu shot. They are just as likely to say they would visit a pharmacist for the other services we tested.
- Over eight in ten NL residents agree that allowing pharmacists to do more for patients will improve health outcomes (85%) and reduce costs in the system (88%). Both are slightly higher than the national average.

IMPRESSION OF PROFESSIONS



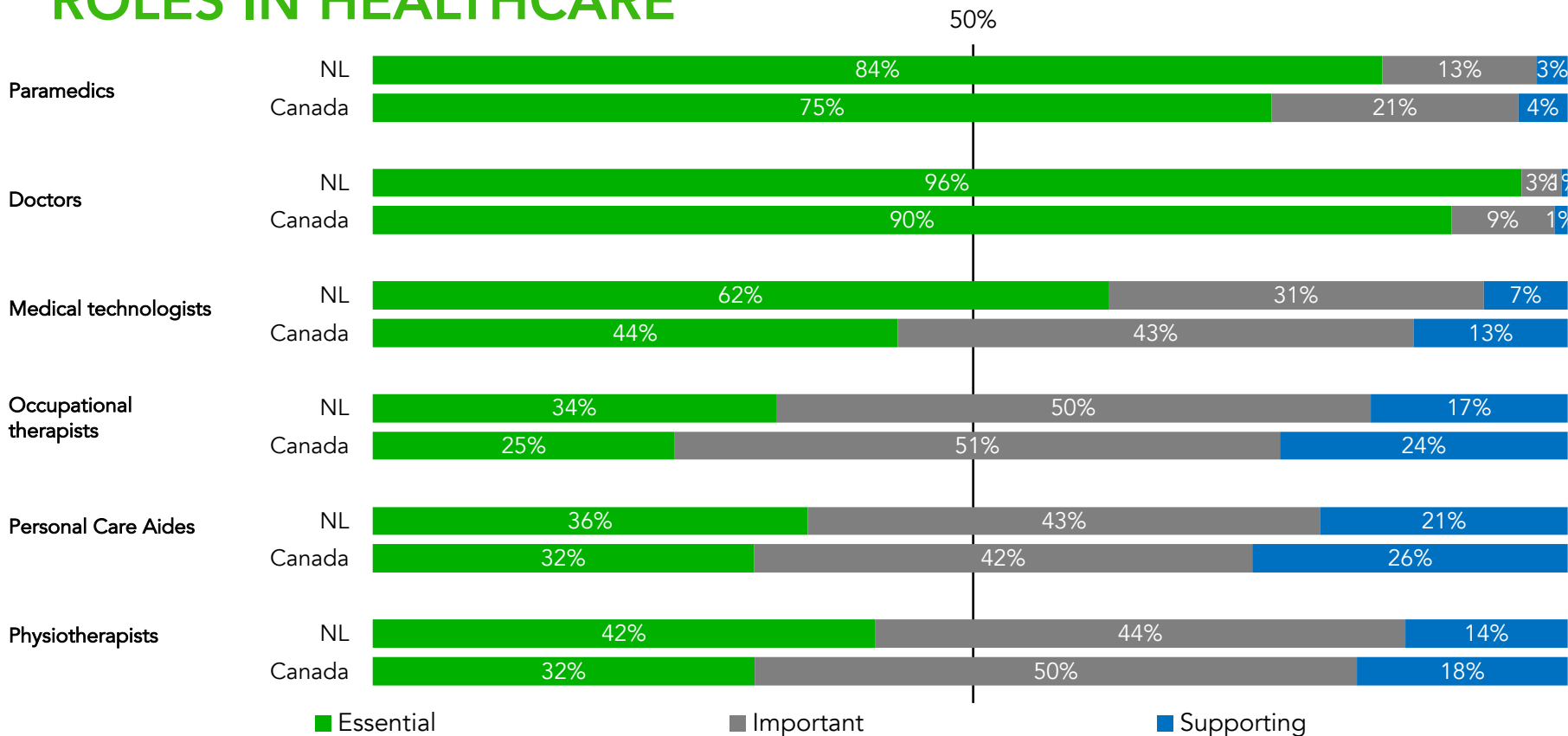
Below is a list of different professions in Canada. Please tell us if you have a very positive, mostly positive, mostly negative, or very negative impression of each.

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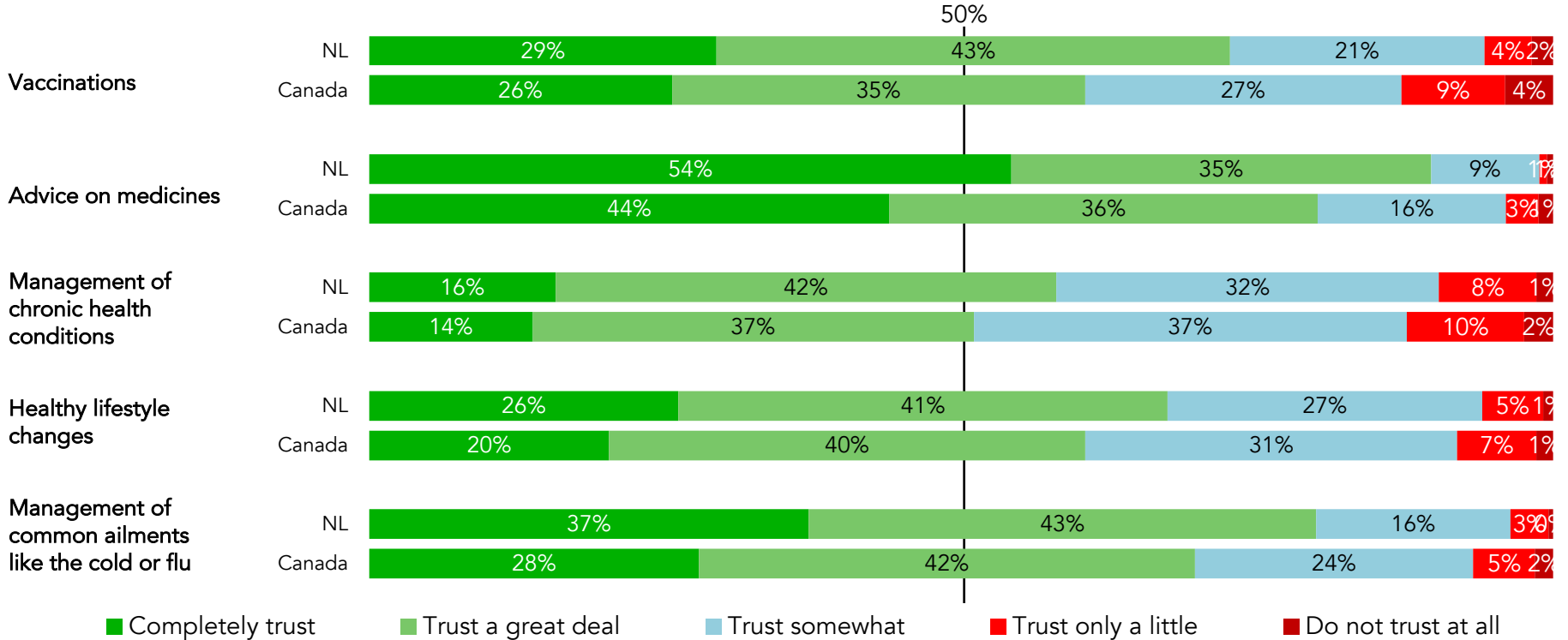
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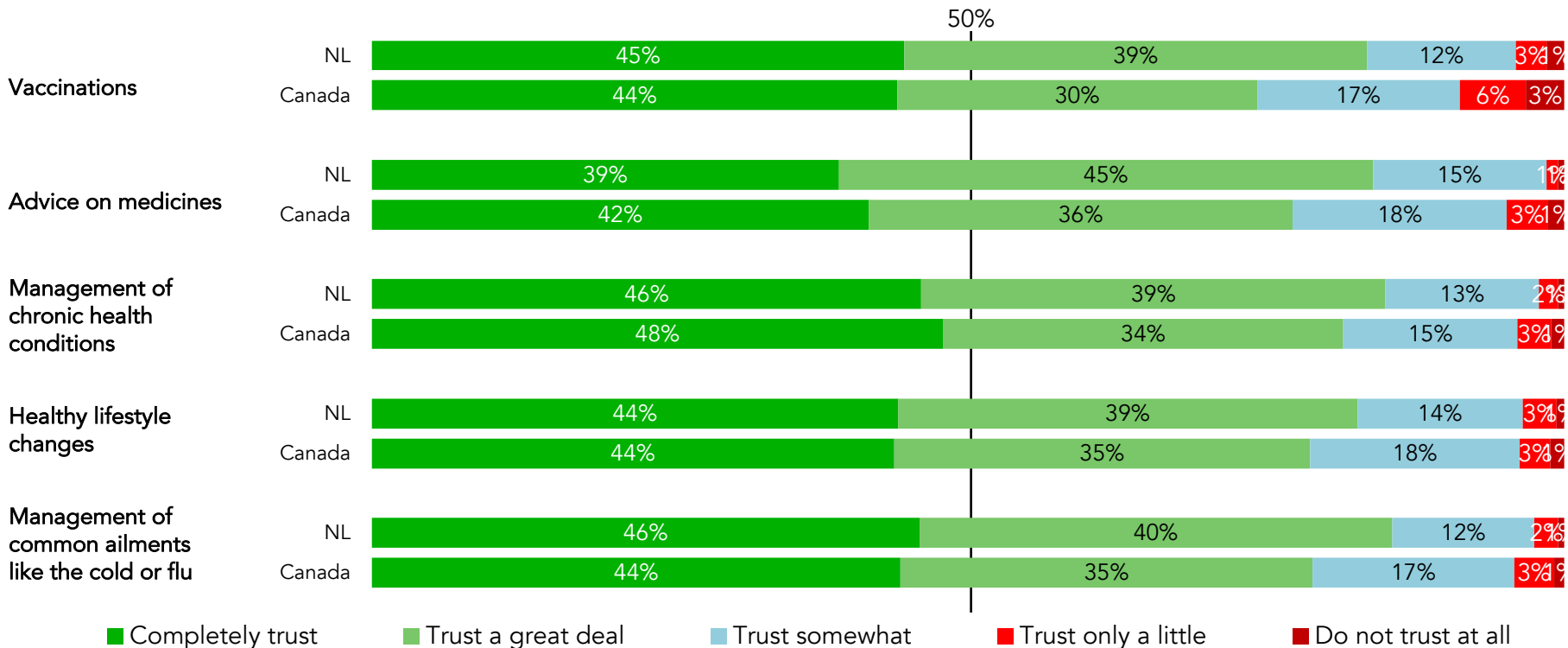
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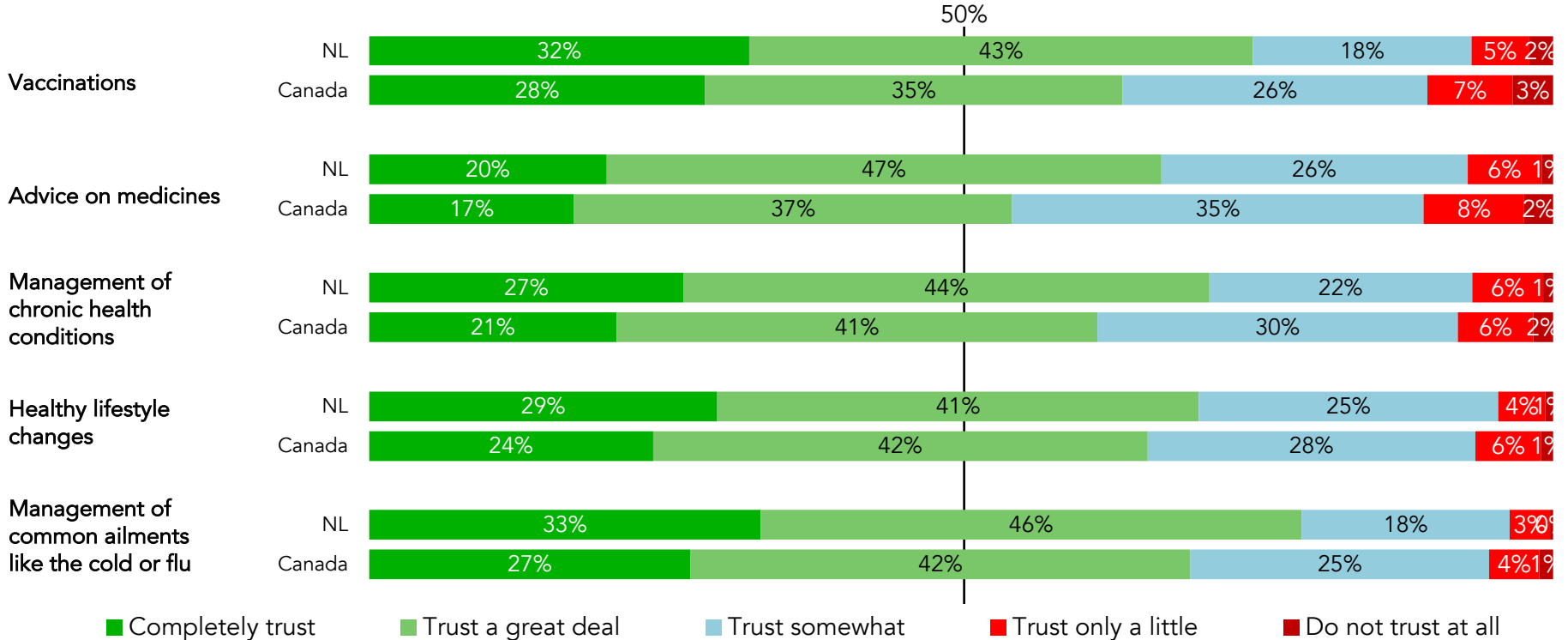
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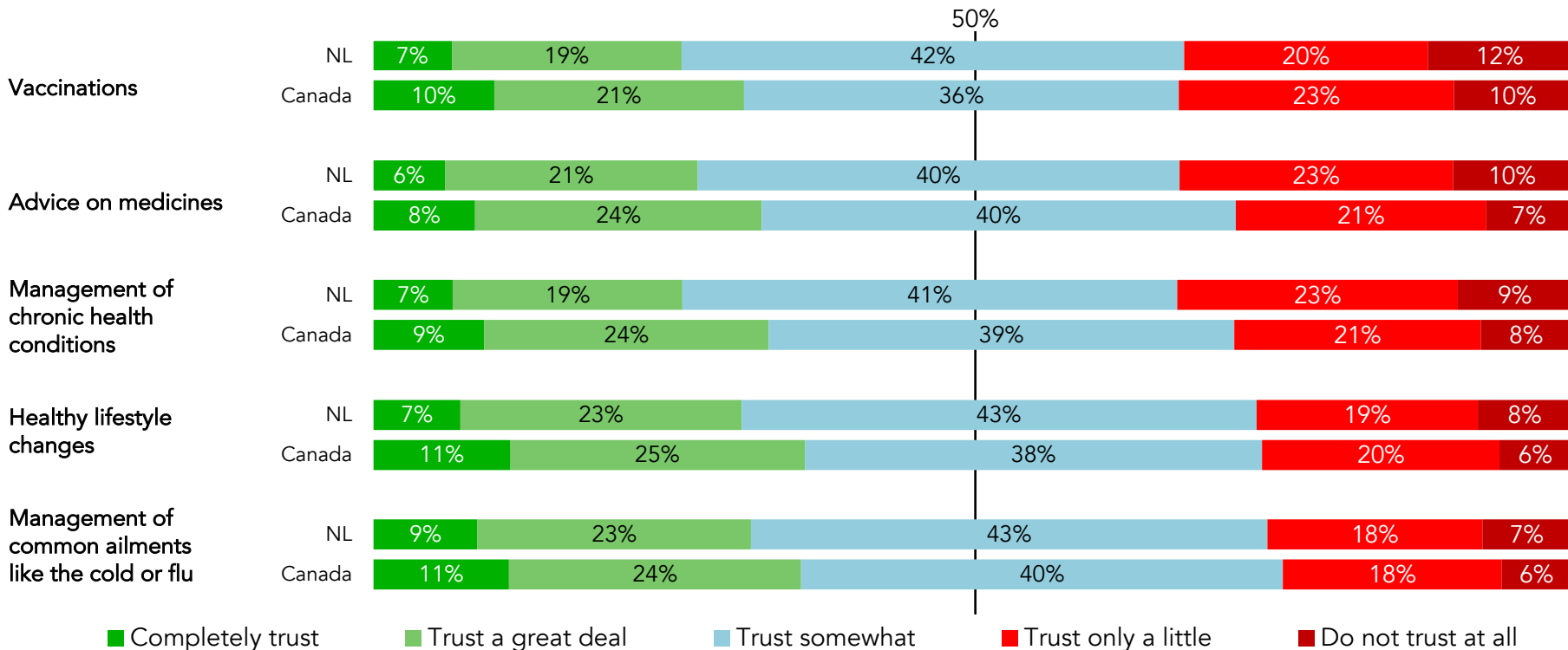
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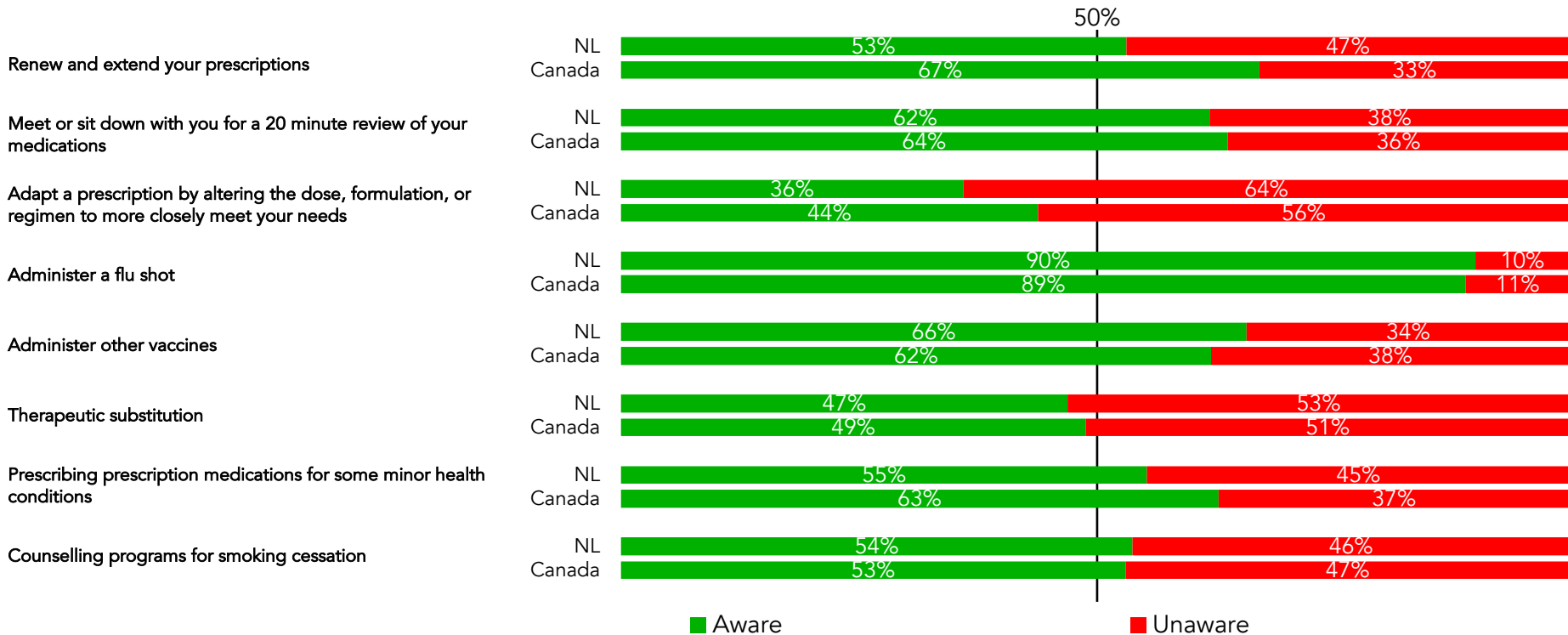
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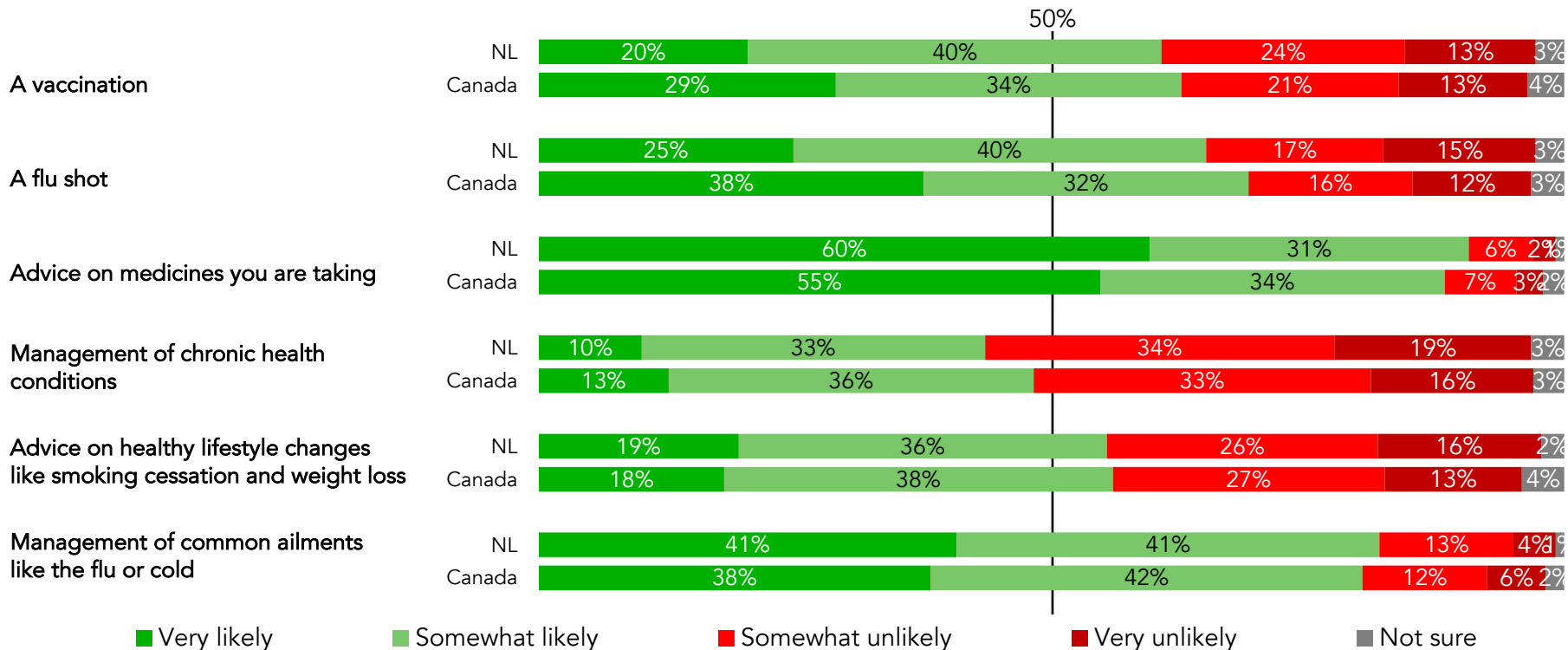
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AWARENESS OF SERVICES



Before today, were you aware or unaware that pharmacists provide the following services?

GOING TO YOUR PHARMACIST

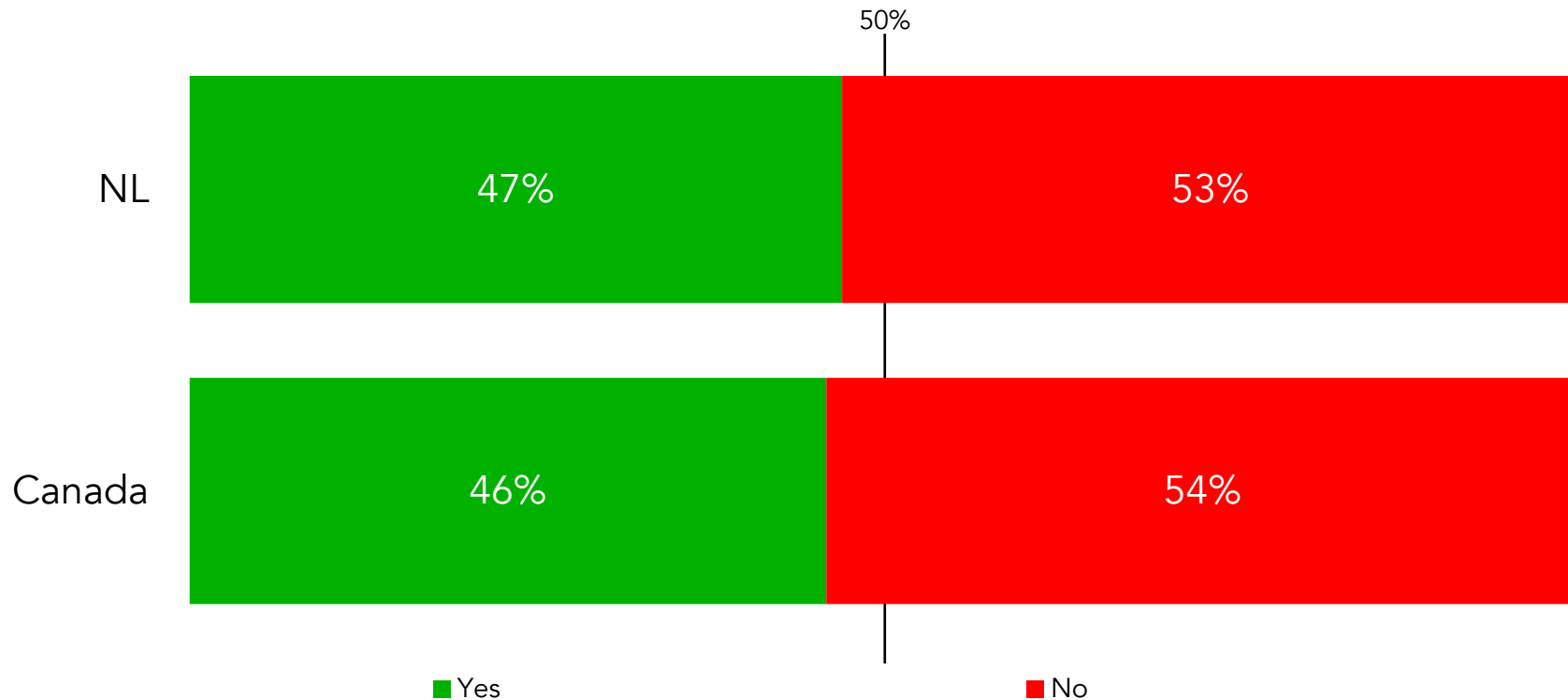


If you required the following services, how likely are you to go to a pharmacist to get them?

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CALL OR VISIT PHARMACIST FIRST



Typically, before you seek treatment for common ailments like the flu or a cold, do you call or visit a pharmacy before seeking help from your doctor or after hours clinic?

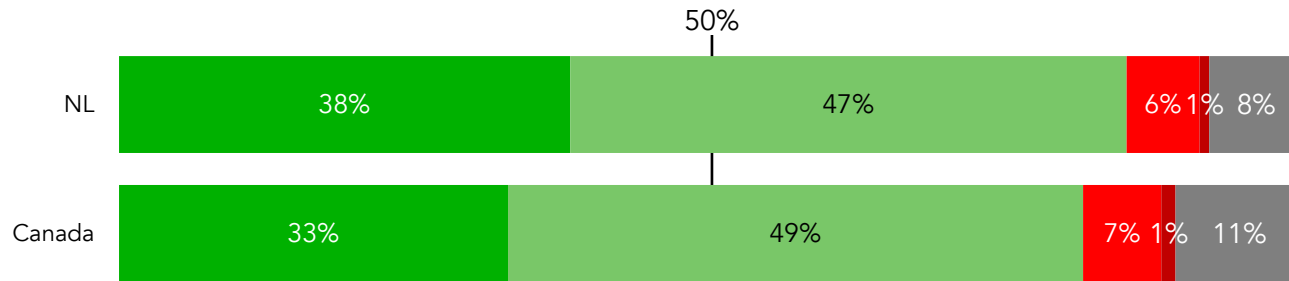
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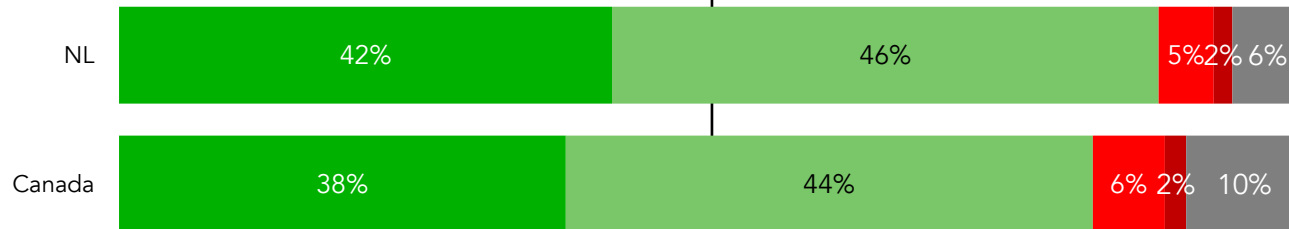
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IMPACT OF EXPANDED SCOPE

Allowing pharmacists to do more for patients will improve health outcomes for patients.



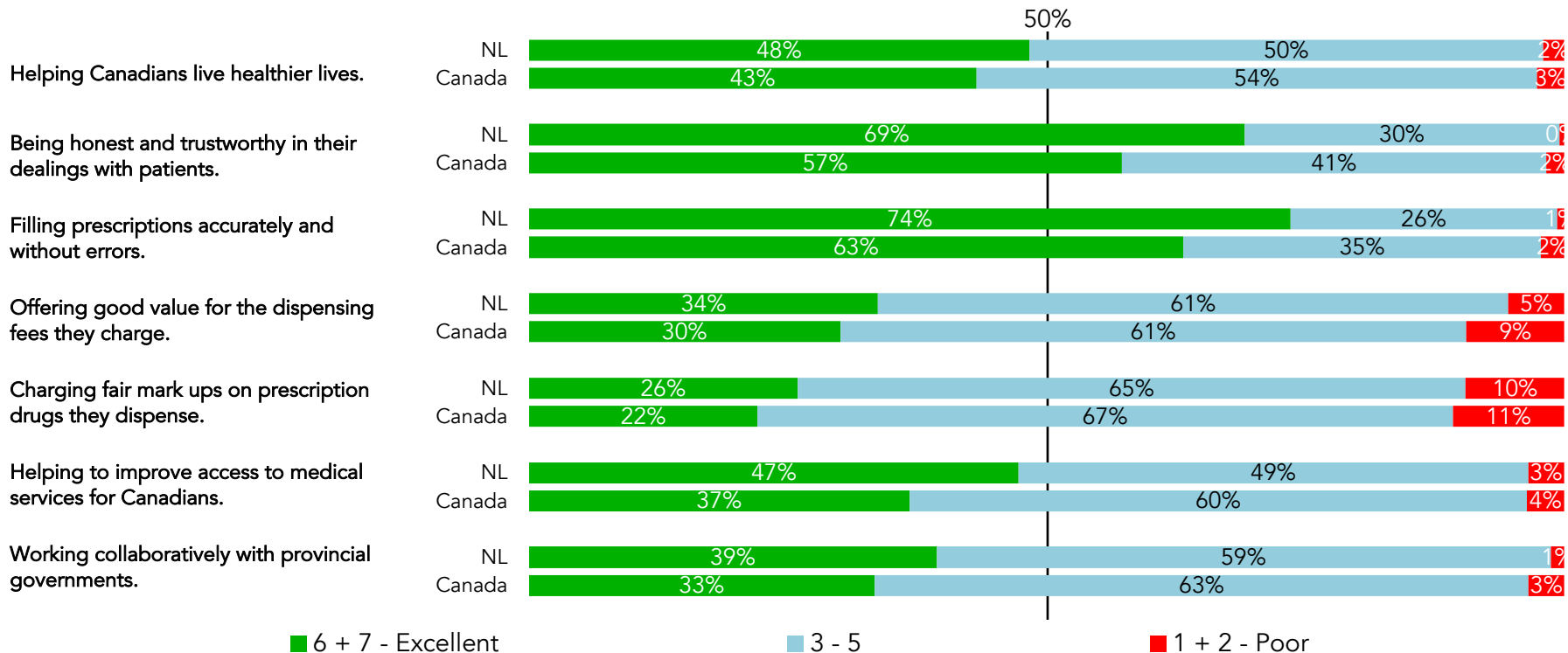
Allowing pharmacists to do more for patients will reduce costs in the health care system.



■ Strongly agree
 ■ Mostly agree
 ■ Mostly disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Unsure

Below are a number of statements that could be used to describe pharmacists in your community. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with each statement.

PHARMACIST PERFORMANCE



Now, thinking about pharmacists in Canada, please tell me how you would rate the performance of pharmacists by giving me a number between 1 and 7 where "1" means "very poor" and "7" means "excellent" on each of the following items. How would you rate pharmacists on...?

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PHARMACISTS' ASSOCIATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR QUESTIONS

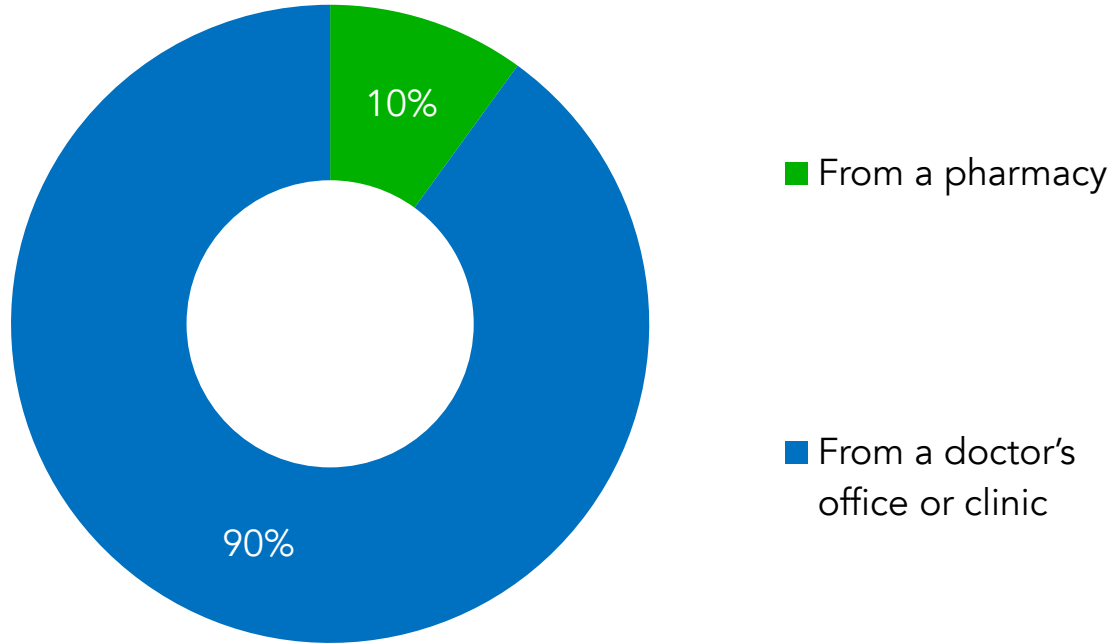
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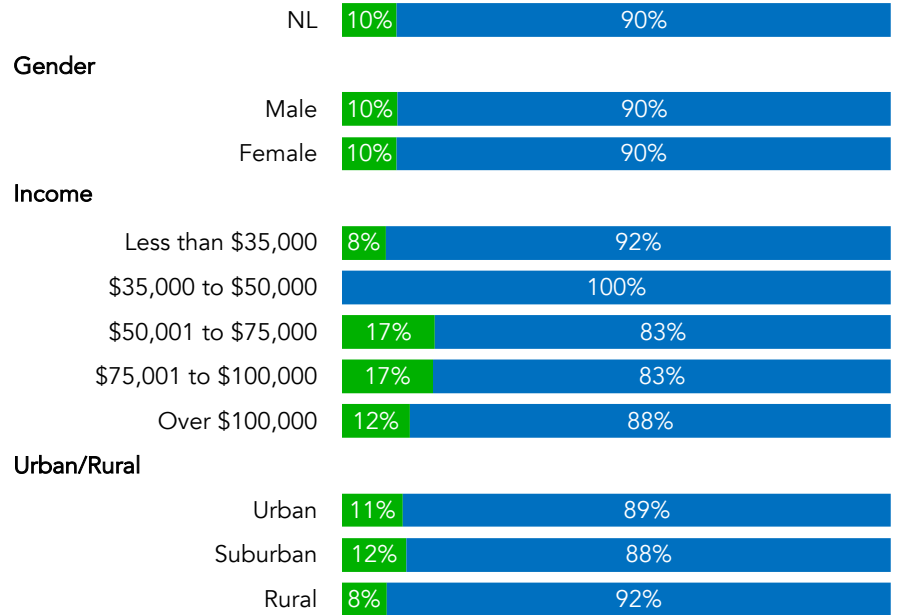
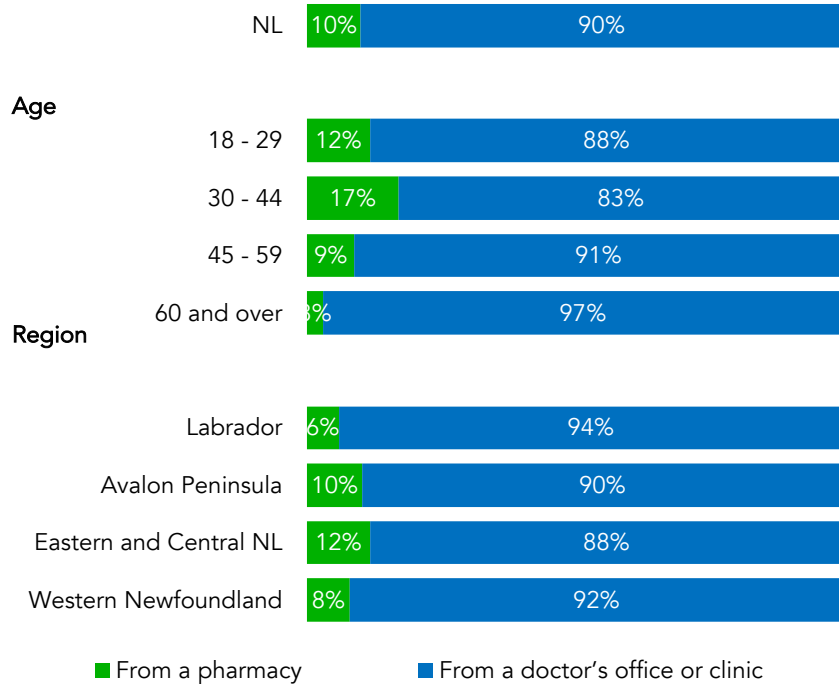
- Given information about the cost to get a flu shot from a pharmacy, 90% of NL residents said they would be more likely to get a flu shot from a doctor's office or clinic than from a pharmacy. This is largely unchanged from last year where 89% said they would be more likely to go to a doctor's office.
- 93% of NL residents would support the provincial government changing its policy so that patients do not pay out of pocket for a flu shot. In 2016, 92% supported a change in government policy so patients do not pay out of pocket for a flu shot.
- 80% of NL residents think the abuse of strong prescription painkillers or opioids in NL is an extremely serious or very serious problem. This view is held across the province and across demographic groups. Those in Labrador are somewhat more likely to view it as an extremely serious problem.
- Moreover, 7 in 10 think the problem is getting worse compared to 5 years ago.
- There is broad support for the government covering the cost of Naloxone kits, which contain the antidote to fentanyl overdoses, obtained at pharmacy for residents with low incomes (69%) and covering the costs through the provincial health insurance plan (68%)

WHERE TO GET A FLU SHOT



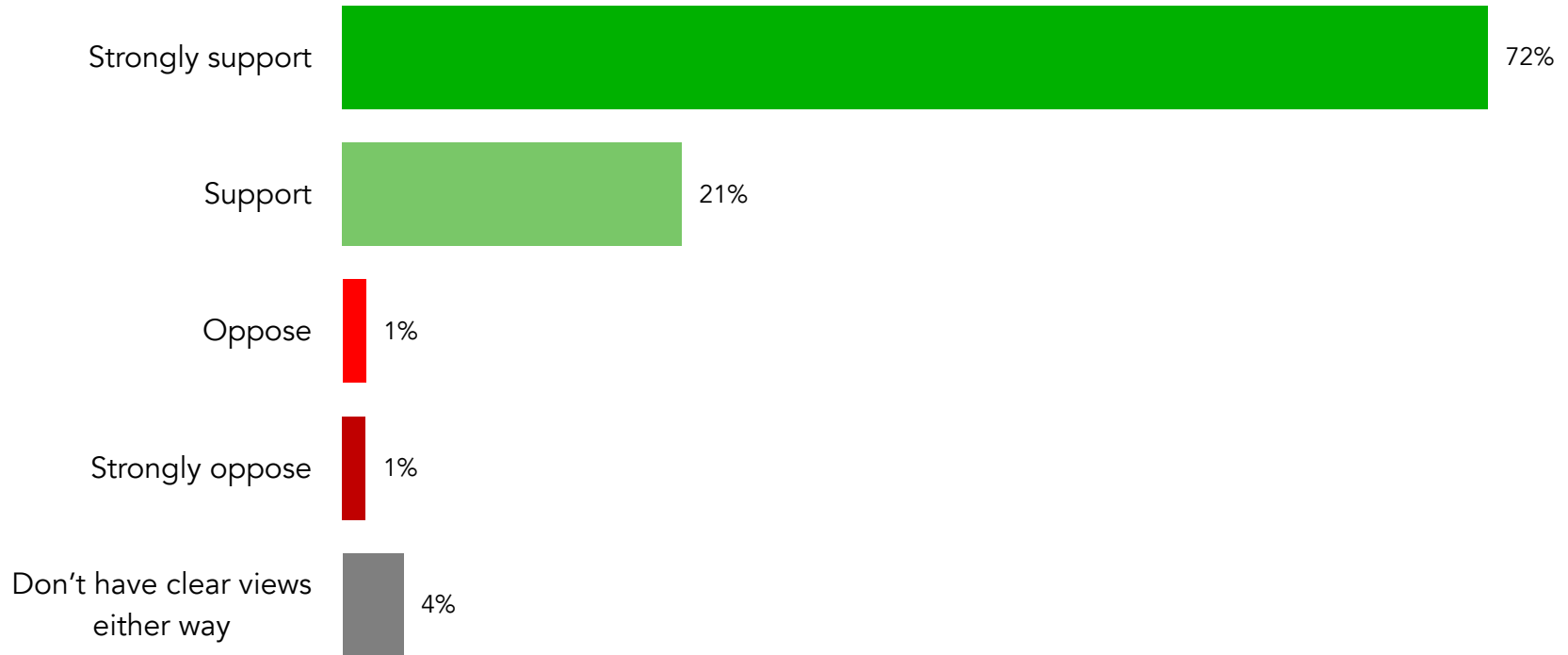
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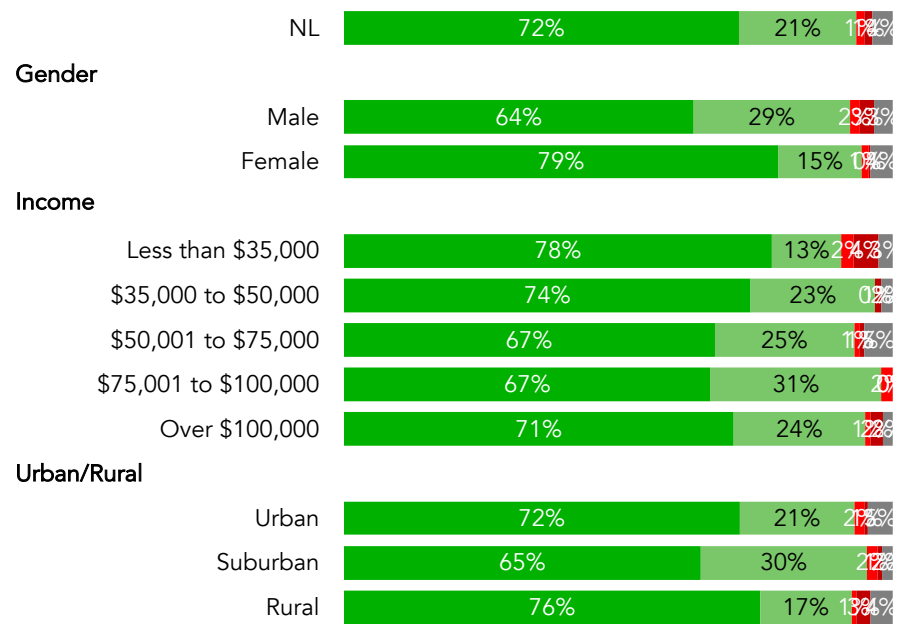
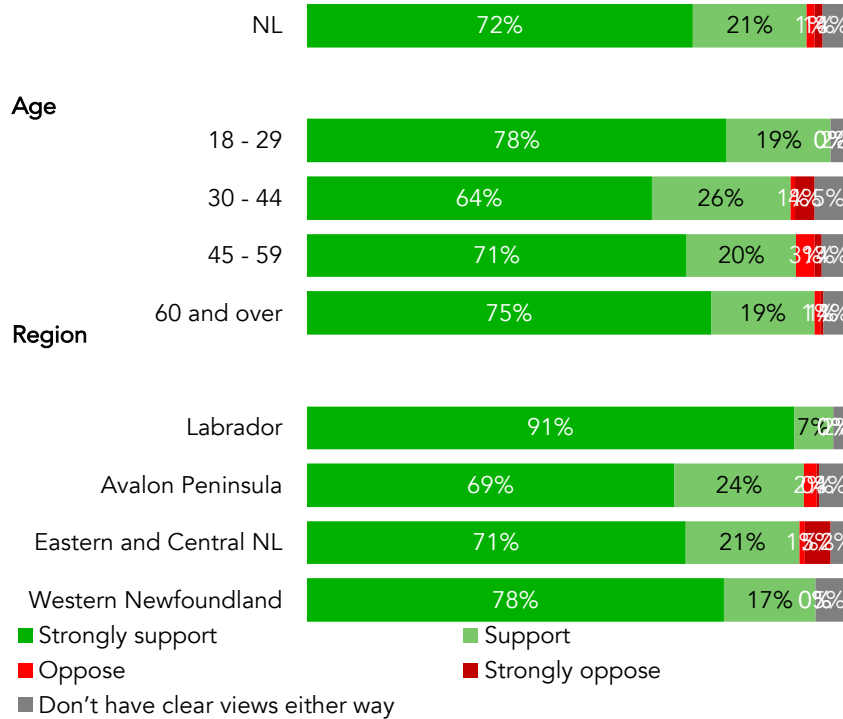
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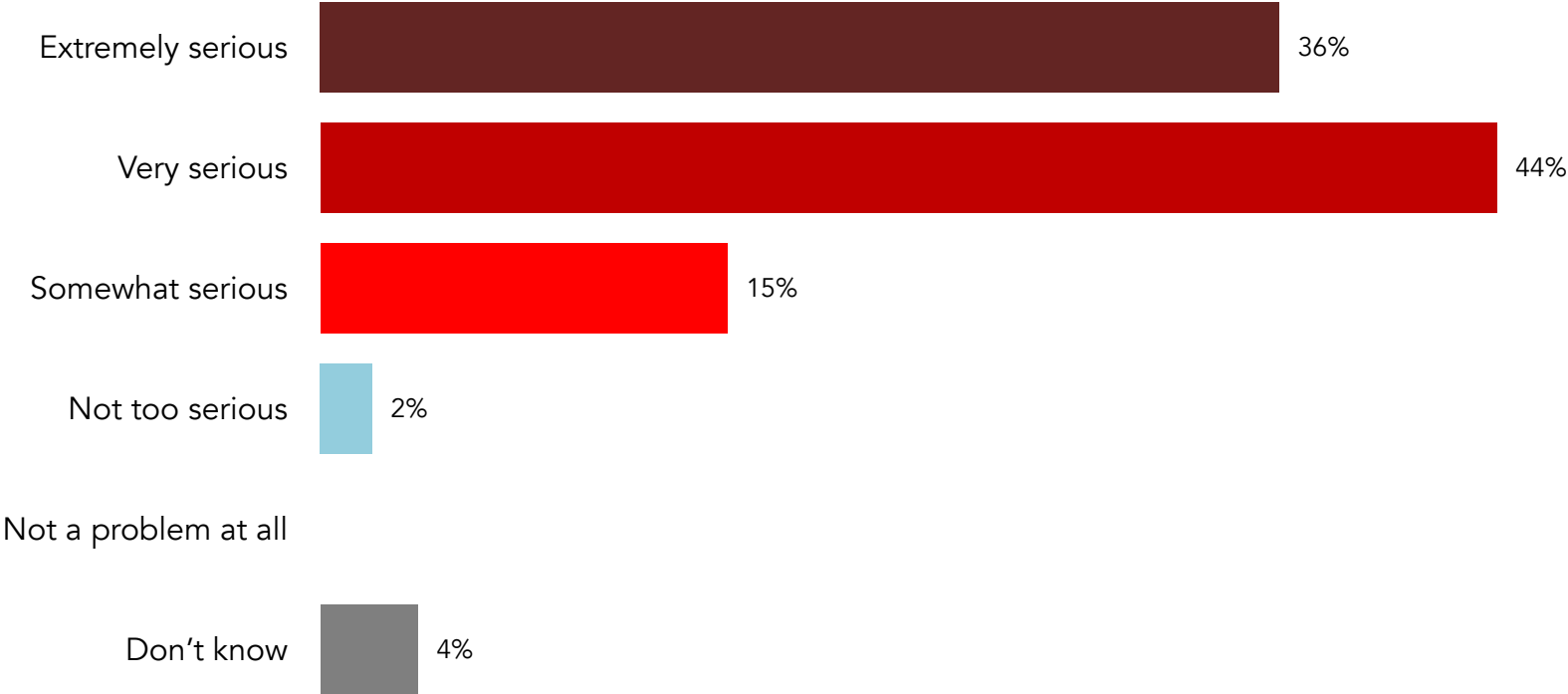
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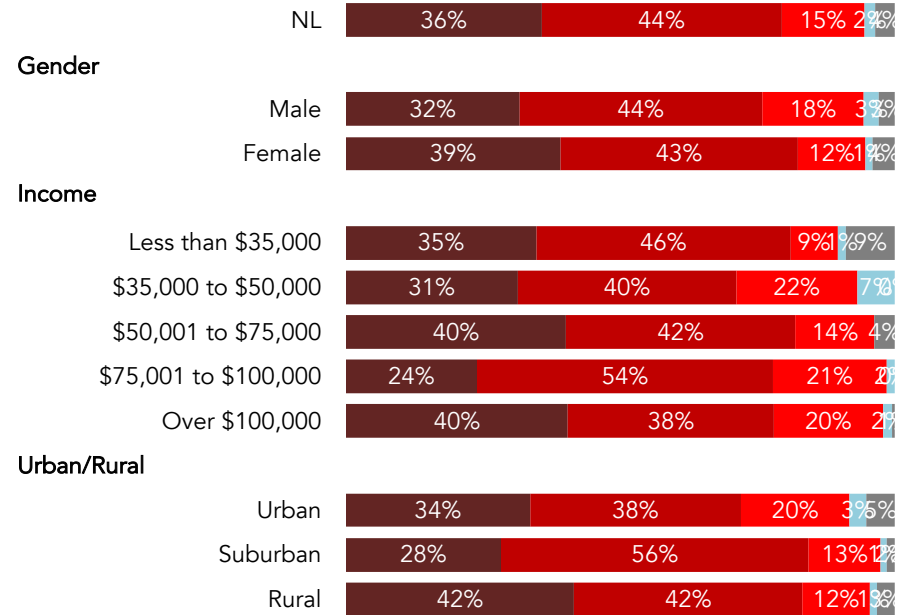
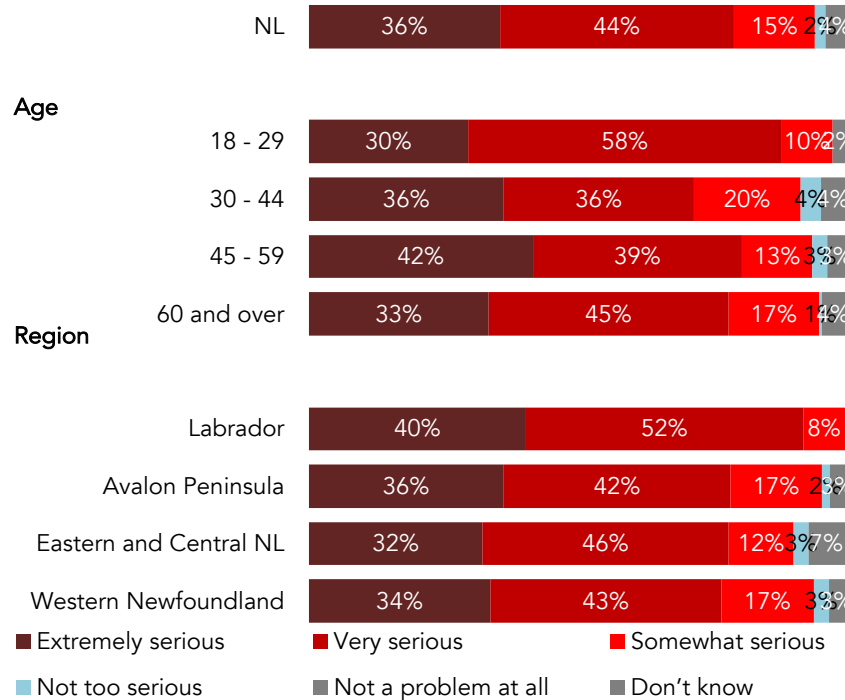
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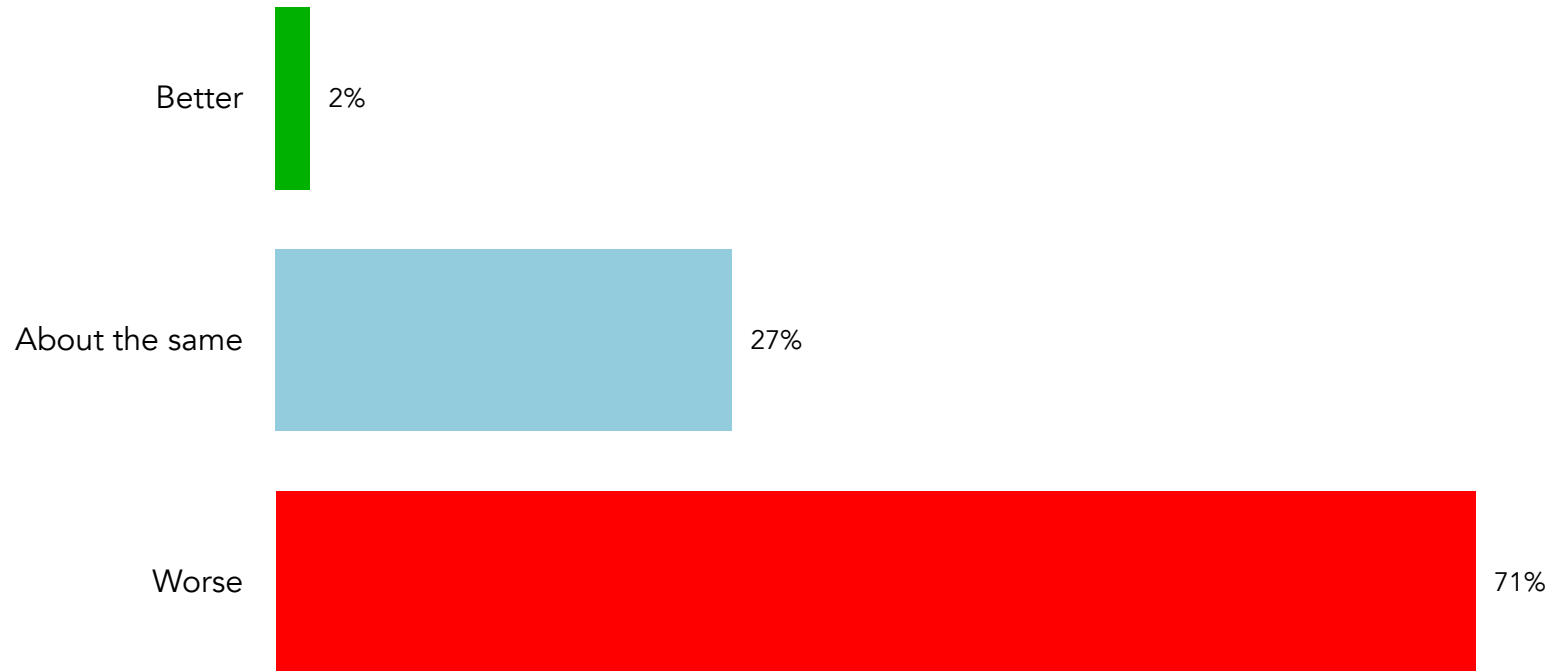
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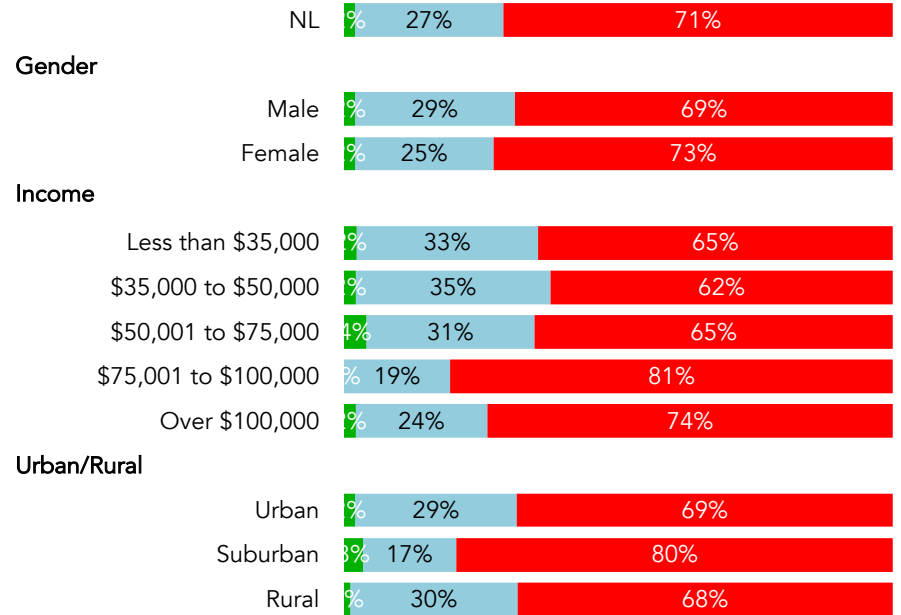
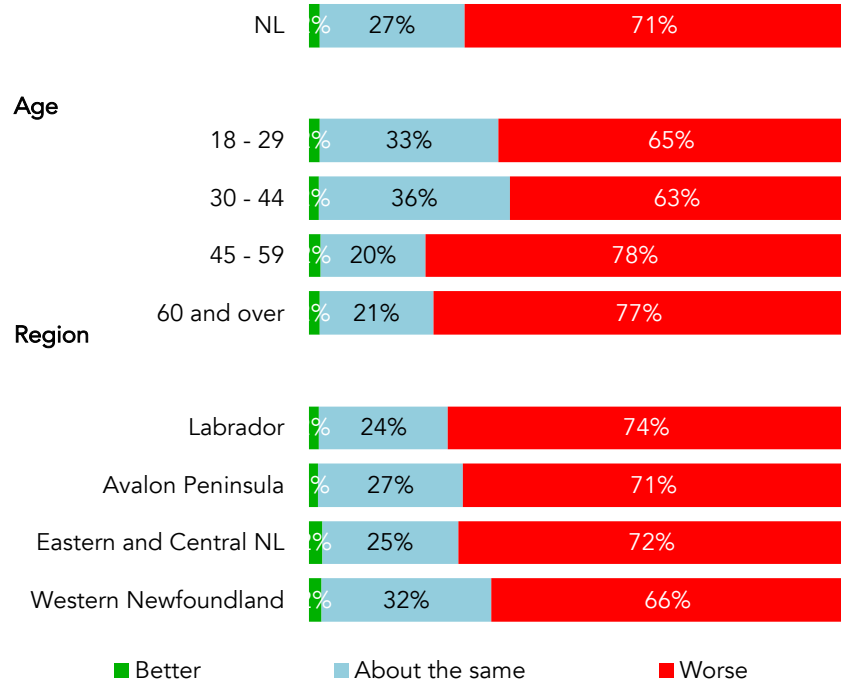
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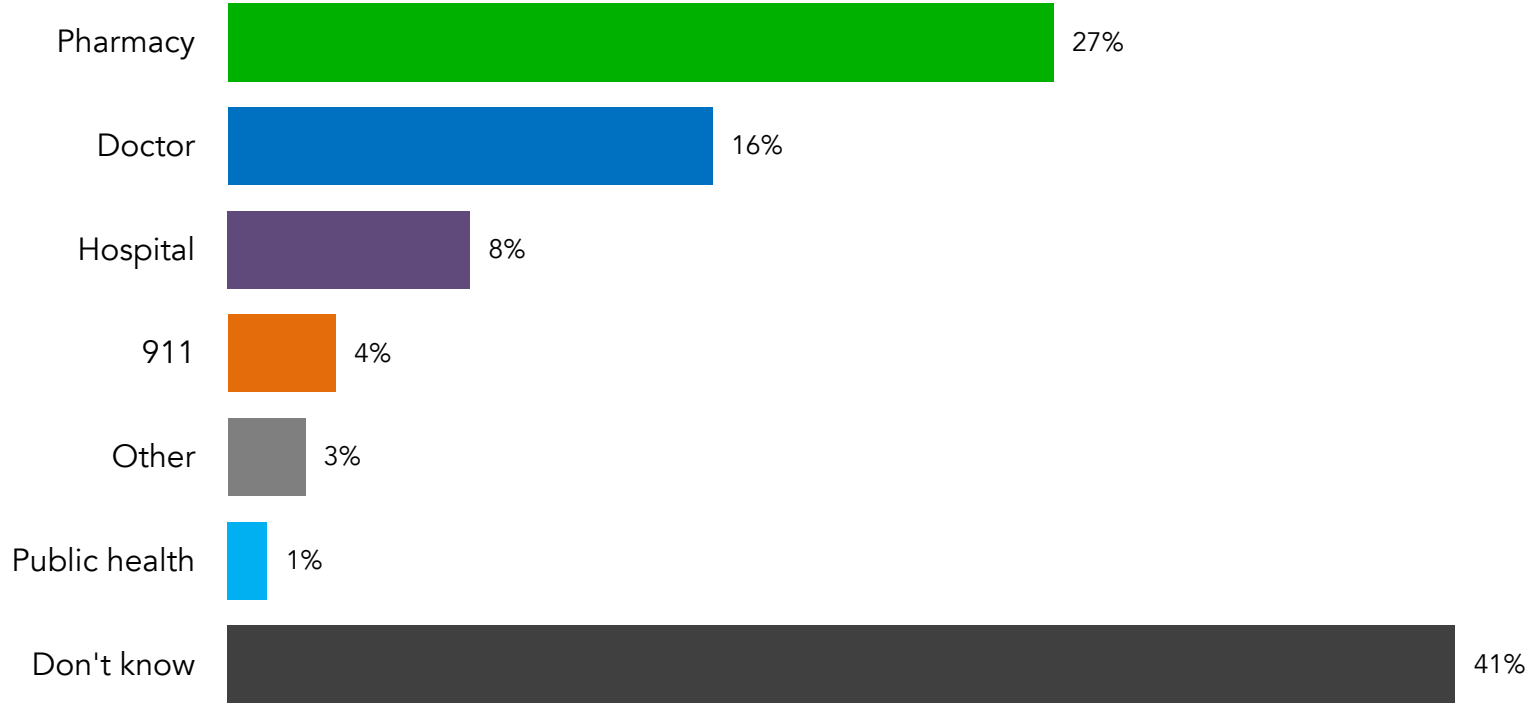
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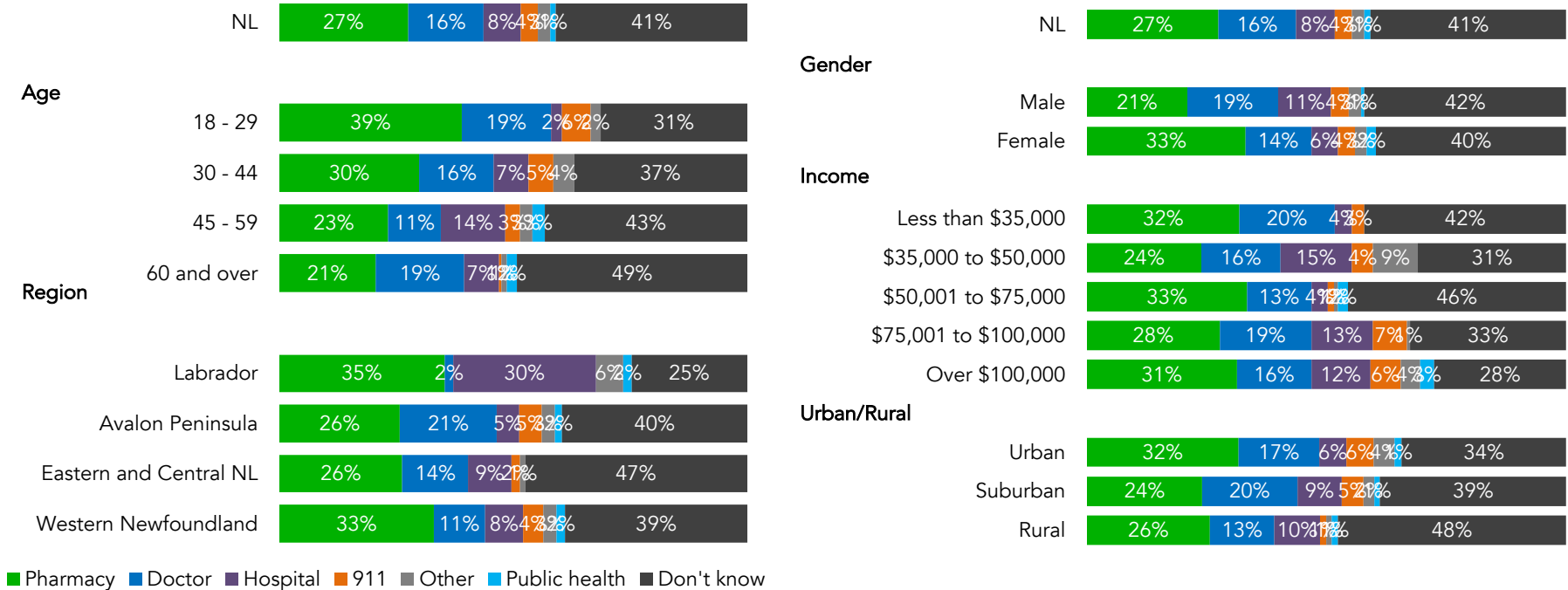
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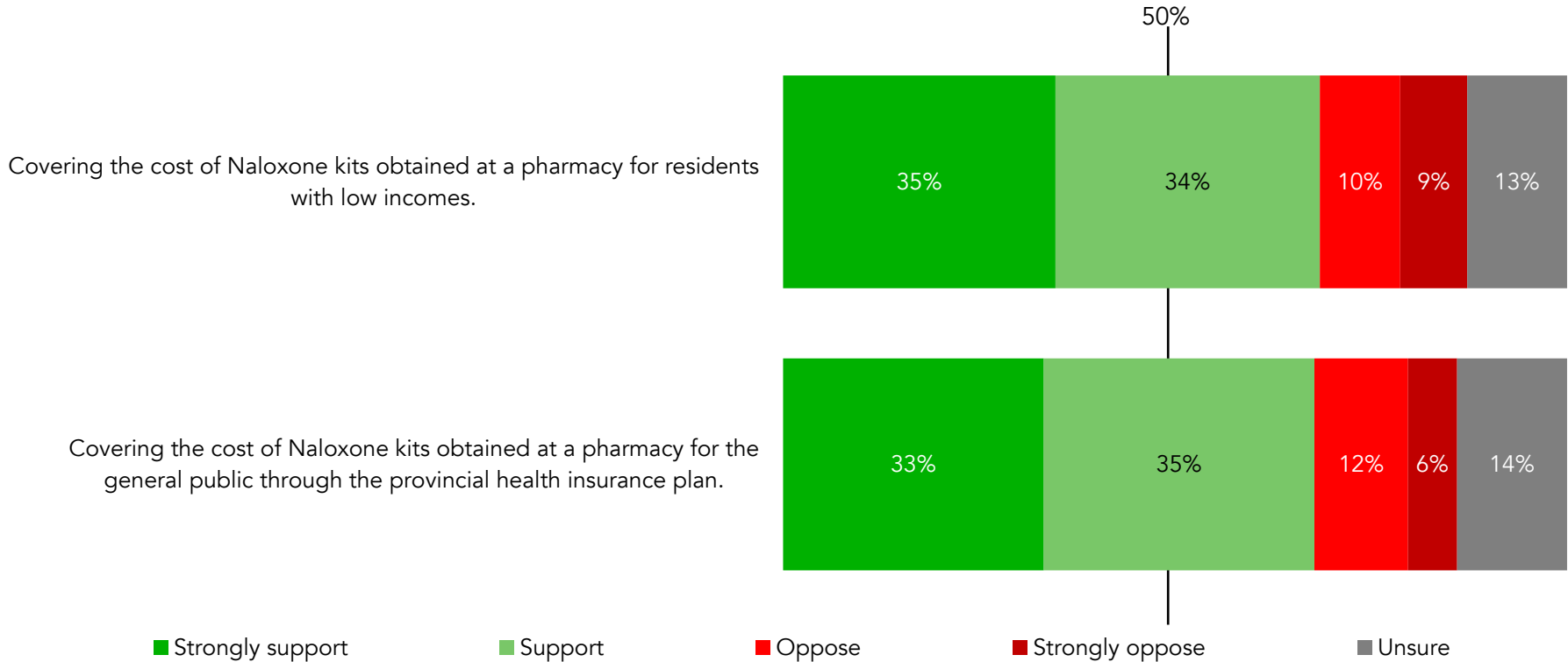
Overdoses and deaths due to the drug Fentanyl are on the rise across the country. One way to help prevent these deaths is for the drug user or family/friends of a drug user to have a Naloxone kit on hand - this kit includes an antidote for a Fentanyl overdose. If you needed to get a Naloxone kit, where would you go to get one?

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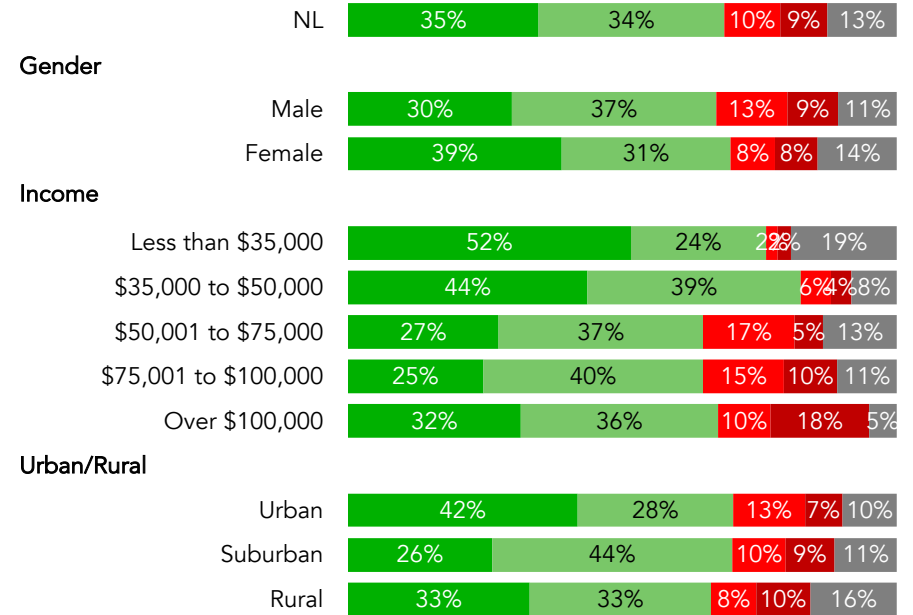
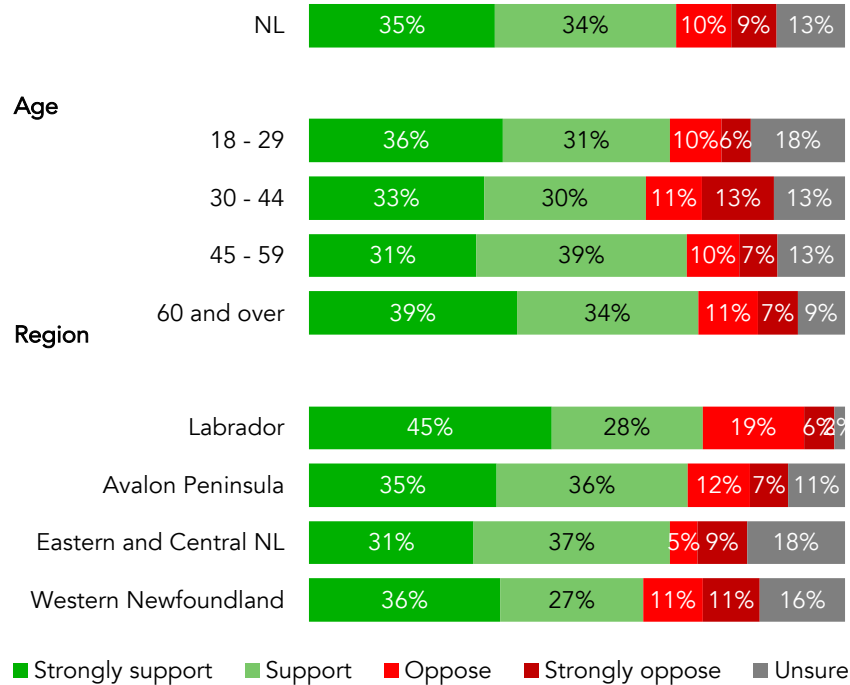
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SUPPORT FOR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS



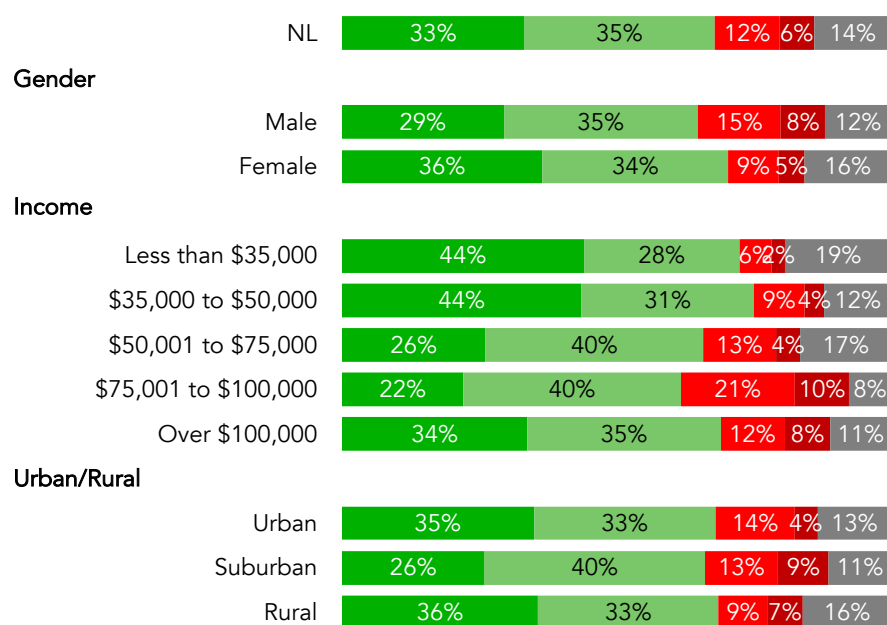
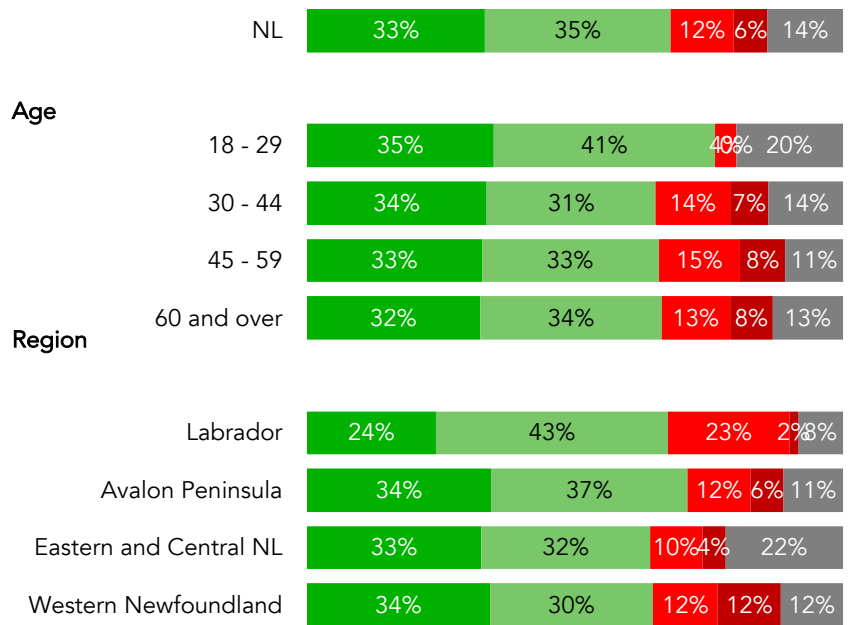
As you may be aware, the provincial Ministry of Health recently announced an Opioid Action Plan which includes providing some free Naloxone kits for community groups who interact with drug users to distribute. In order to help the opioid addiction problem and to prevent people dying from addiction, do you support or oppose the provincial government doing the following?

COVERING THE COST OF NALOXONE KITS OBTAINED AT A PHARMACY FOR RESIDENTS WITH LOW INCOMES



In order to help the opioid addiction problem and to prevent people dying from addiction, do you support or oppose the provincial government doing the following?

COVERING THE COST OF NALOXONE KITS OBTAINED AT A PHARMACY FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN



■ Strongly support
 ■ Support
 ■ Oppose
 ■ Strongly oppose
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