

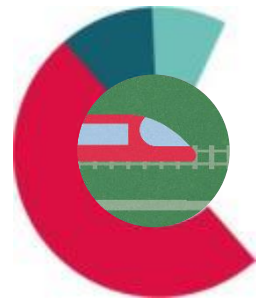
# Newstalk Immigration Poll

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Job Number: 137015



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# Research Objectives & Methodology



- / In the lead up to the 2016 General Election, Newstalk are interested in learning more about the issues of concern for the Irish population.
- / ***The results detailed in this report are in reference to questions asked on the Syrian Refugee crisis and Irelands stance on taking in Refugees.***
- / Based on these objectives, the study required a nationally representative view and as such our telephone omnibus was the research methodology used.
- / The RED Express is our high speed telephone omnibus survey which is representative of all Irish adults aged 18+.
- / A sample of 1,008 adults aged 18+ were interviewed.
- / Fieldwork took place between 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
- / Respondents were reached using a mix RDD (Random Digital Dial) landline and mobile phone sample. This ensures we reach 98% of population including mobile phone only households, landline only households and dual phone households.
- / Quotas were set and data weighted to know profiles on age, gender, class and region to ensure that the sample is representative of the total Irish adult population.
- / Throughout the deck the following notations apply:



**Higher**



**Lower**

- / Where appropriate the results have been analysed by the Newstalk target (25-44 years).

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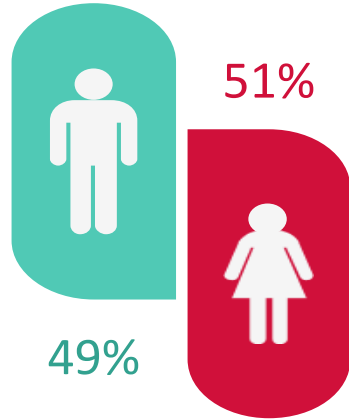


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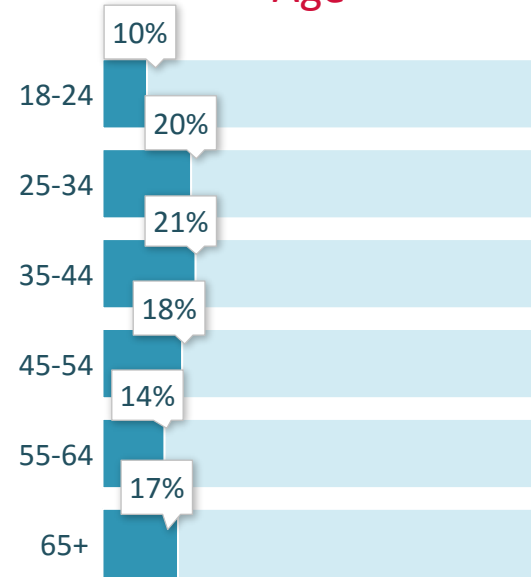
# Nationally Representative Sample Profile

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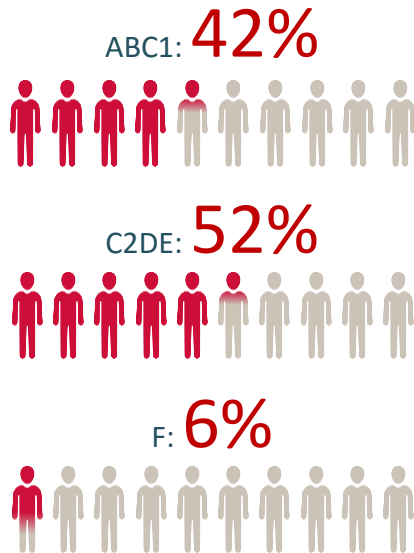
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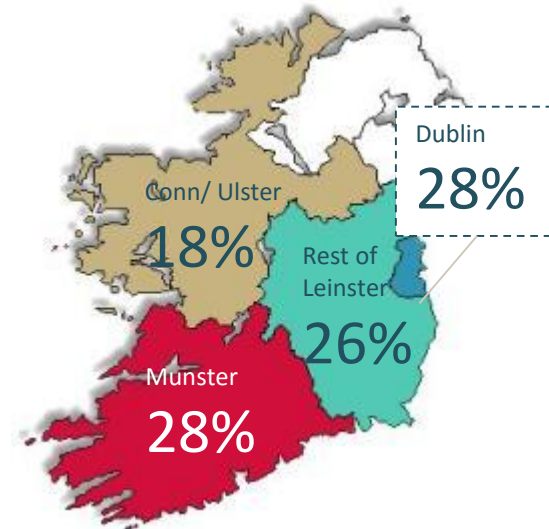
## Age



## Social Class



## Region



Targets were set and data weighted to ensure a nationally representative sample was surveyed.



## Key Findings & Summary

- / There is a polarised attitude towards the number of Syrian refugees the Irish Government has committed to taking into Ireland. A third of all adults claim they believe 4000 is too many, but half believe it is just right, while 1 in 5 believe it is not enough and that we should take more.
- / In total therefore the majority of Irish residents (67%) do support the commitment by the government to take in 4000 refugees.
- / Those that believe 4000 is “too many” are more likely to come from more working class backgrounds, and come from mid age groups 35-54 year olds, living in Munster and in particular those that are unemployed at present.
- / The majority of all adults (68%) do not however believe that refugees should have an automatic entitlement to social welfare payments. With men, those from more working class backgrounds and those aged 35-44 least likely to agree.
- / Almost half of all adults (49%) also believe that taking in 4,000 Syrian refugees will result in increased crime in Ireland, with those in both the youngest and oldest age groups most concerned.
- / Building on this concern about crime and apparent caution to bringing in refugees to the country, almost all adults (88%) believe that refugees should be Garda vetted before entering Ireland.
- / However despite this, there remains an openness to accommodating refugees, with 6 in 10 claiming they are happy to have refugees live in close proximity to their home. This openness is particularly seen more so in Dublin and among women, though farmers are also positive.
- / Local authority provided accommodation is considered most suitable for housing refugees, with 65% of all adults agreeing that these are suitable. Communal accommodation in direct provisions is also accepted, but to a lesser degree at just 43%.
- / Voluntary hosts (38%) and private accommodation such as hostels and hotels (26%) are not as strongly endorsed by the public, with least support for these options among the oldest 65+ age groups.



# Government Response to Syrian Refugee Crisis

# Attitudes Towards Irish Government Committing To Take In 4,000

## Refugees From Syria

(Base: All Adults 18+; n=1,008)

In response to the current Syrian refugee crisis, the Irish government has committed to take-in 4,000 refugees. Based on this, do you think the number of refugees being received by Ireland in response to the current crisis is...



1 in 3 Adults 18+ believe that 4,000 refugees is too many to accept into Ireland. Just under half believe this number is just right, while 1 in 5 believe it is not enough.



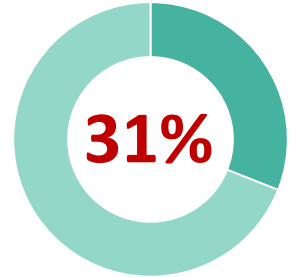
# Who Believes it is Too Many

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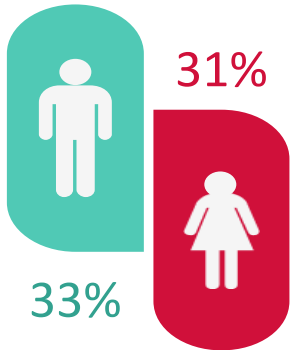
# 32%

## 4,000 Refugees is too many to take-in to Ireland.

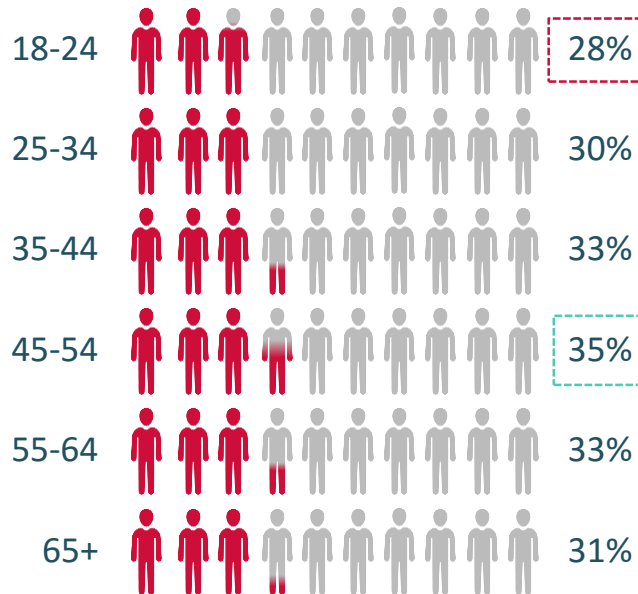
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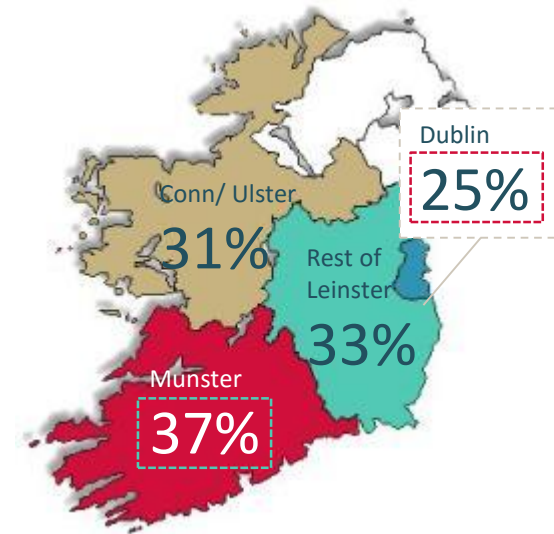
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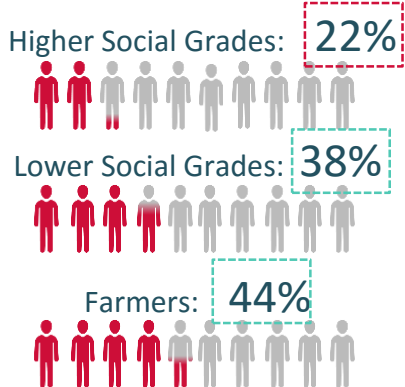
### Age



### Region



### Social Grade



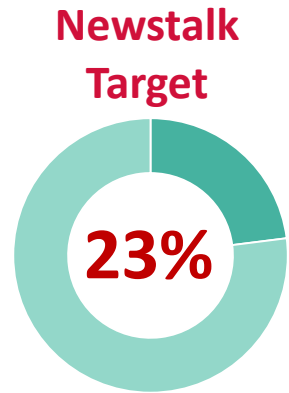


# Who Believes it is Not Enough

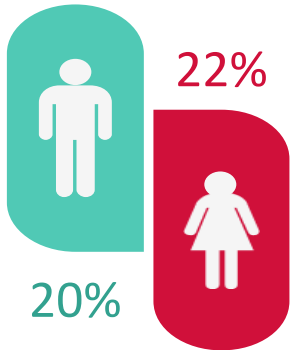
(Base: All Adults 18+; n=1,005)

# 21%

## Believe taking in 4,000 Refugees to Ireland is not enough.



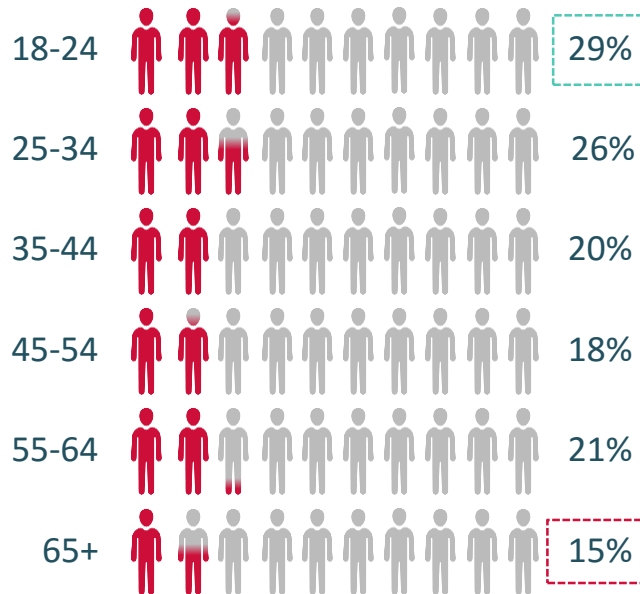
### Gender



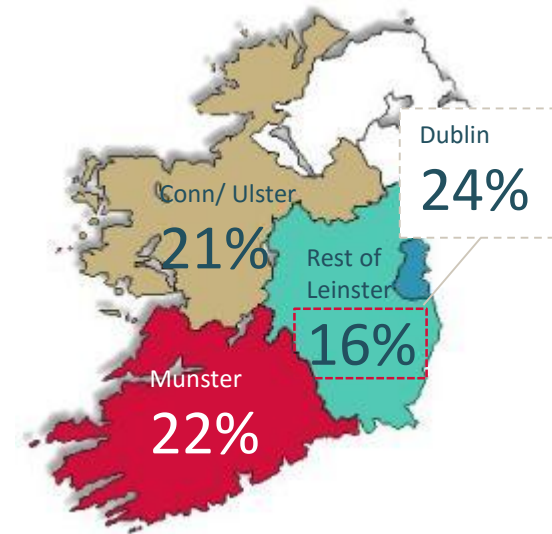
### Social Grade



### Age



### Region



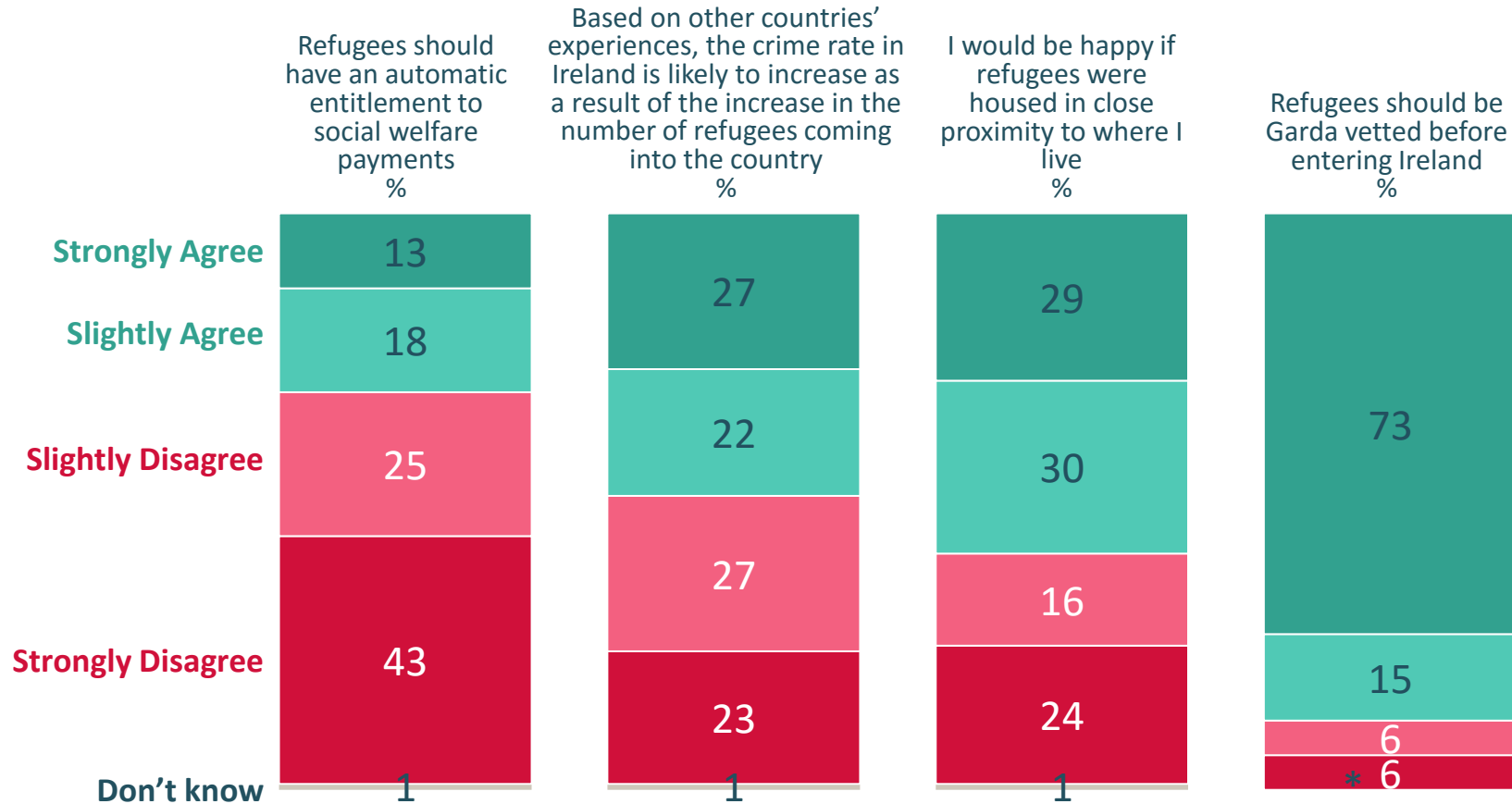


# Refugees In Ireland

# Attitudes Generally To Refugees In Ireland

(Base: All Adults 18+; n=1,008)

**Q.3** I am now going to read out a number of statements which other people have made in relation to the taking-in of refugees to Ireland. For each, please tell me on a scale of 1-4 how much you agree or disagree with each statement where 1 is strongly disagree and 4 is strongly agree



Some fear that an increase in refugees may result in increased crime, with half in agreement. Very high agreement that refugees should be vetted in advance of entering Ireland. However despite this, a higher proportion, 6 in 10, are happy to live in close proximity.



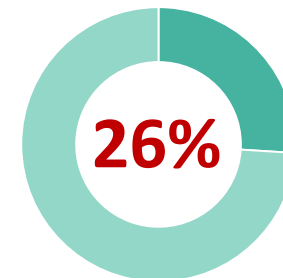
# Who Believes Refugees Should Have An Automatic Entitlement To Social Welfare Payments

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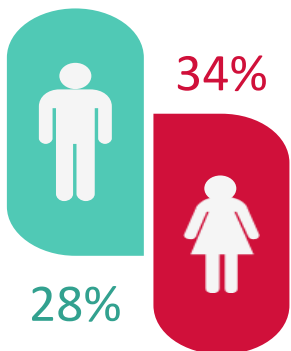
# 31%

## Believe Refugees Should Have An Automatic Entitlement To Social Welfare Payments

Newstalk  
Target



### Gender



### Social Grade

Higher Social Grades: 34%



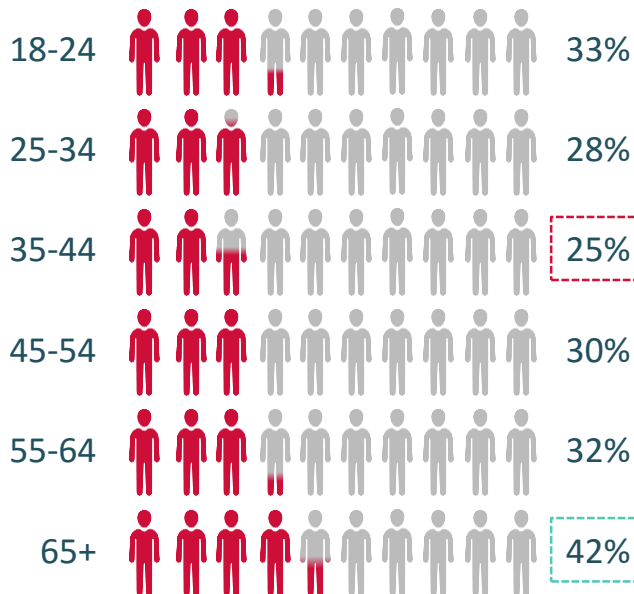
Lower Social Grades: 28%



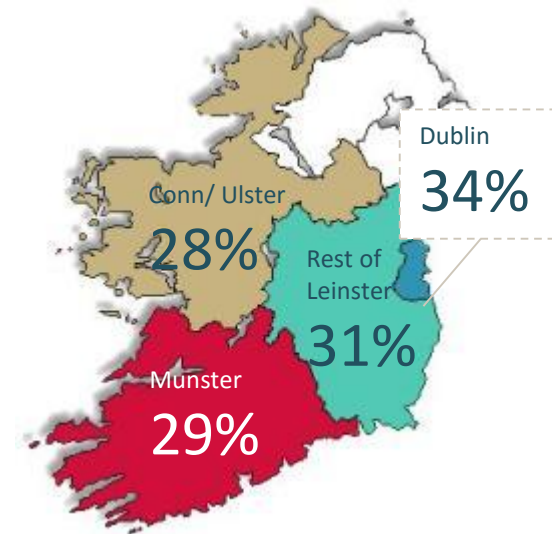
Farmers: 32%



### Age

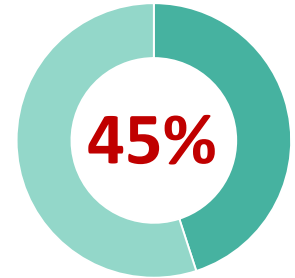


### Region



# Who Believe Based On Other Countries' Experiences, The Crime Rate In Ireland Is Likely To Increase As A Result Of The Increase In Number Of Refugees Coming Into The Country

Newstalk  
Target

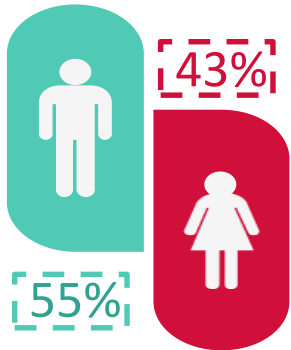


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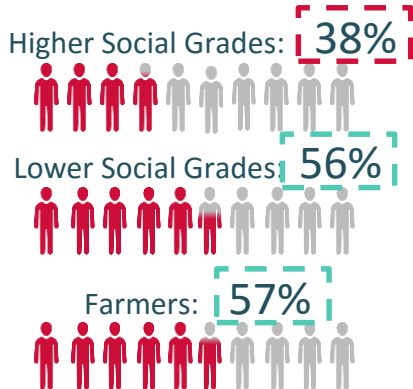
49%

Believe Crime Rate In Ireland Is Likely To Increase As A Result Of The Increase In Refugees Coming Into The Country

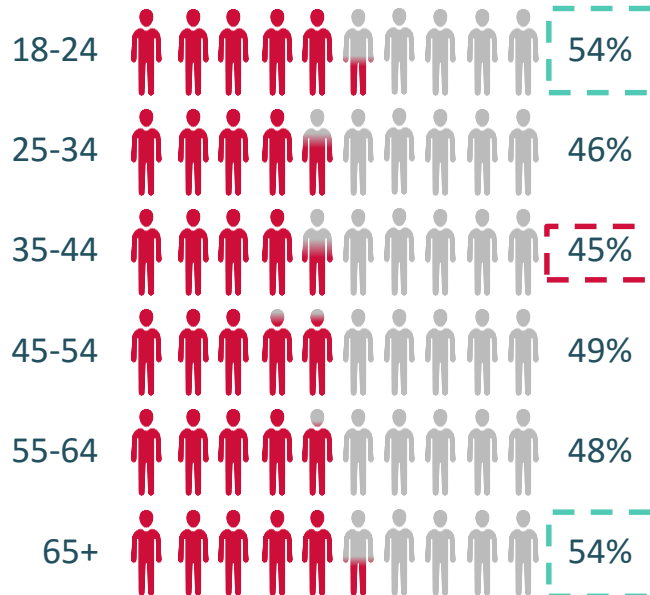
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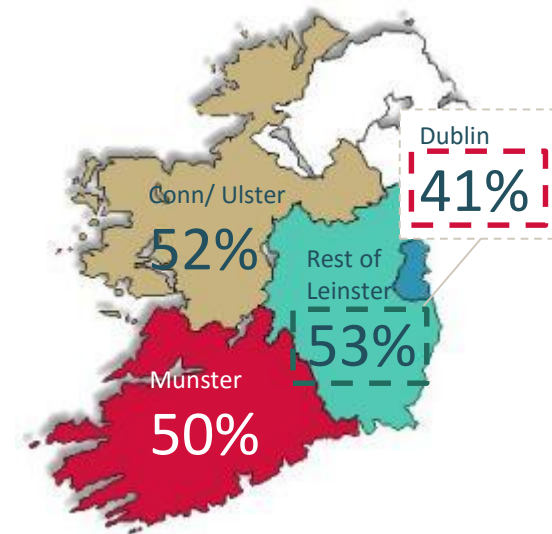
## Social Grade



## Age



## Region



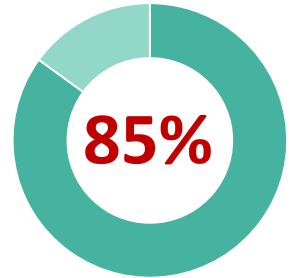
# Who Believe Refugees Should Be Garda Vetted Before Entering Ireland

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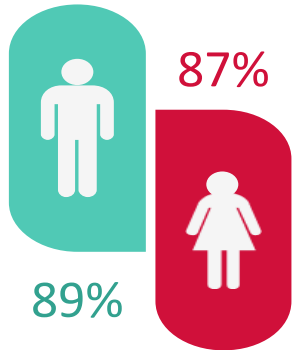
# 88%

## Believe Refugees Should Be Garda Vetted Before Entering Ireland

Newstalk  
Target



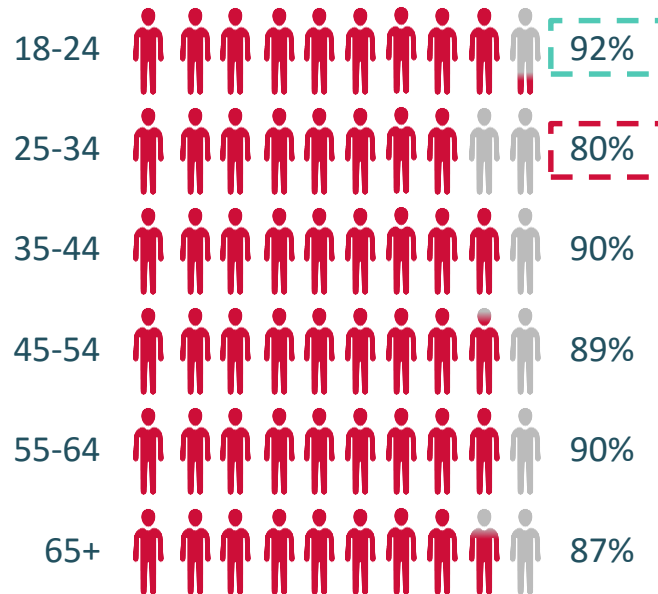
### Gender



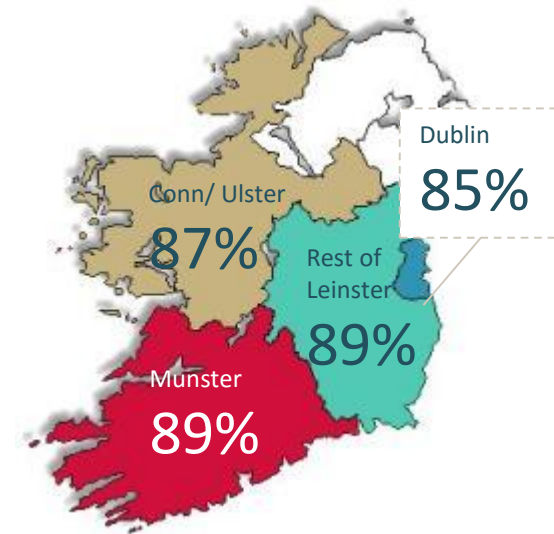
### Social Grade



### Age



### Region



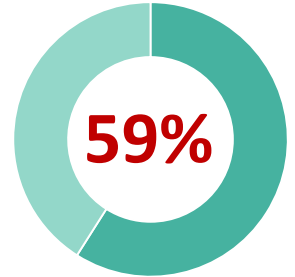
# Who Would Be Happy If Refugees Were Housed In Close Proximity To Where I Live

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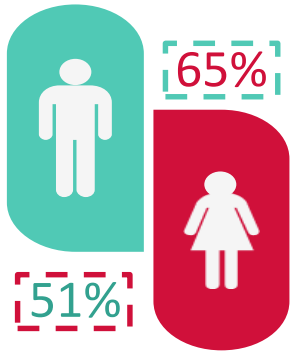
# 59%

Would Be Happy If Refugees Were Housed In Close Proximity To Where I Live

Newstalk  
Target



## Gender



## Social Grade

Higher Social Grades: 62%



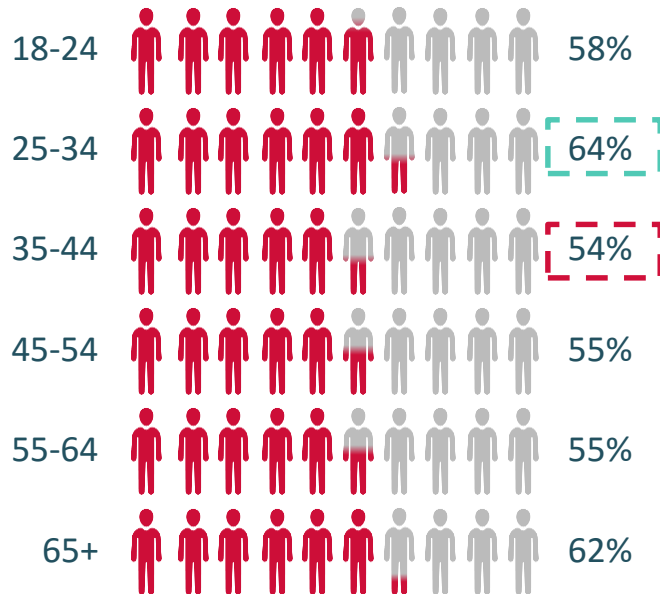
Lower Social Grades: 55%



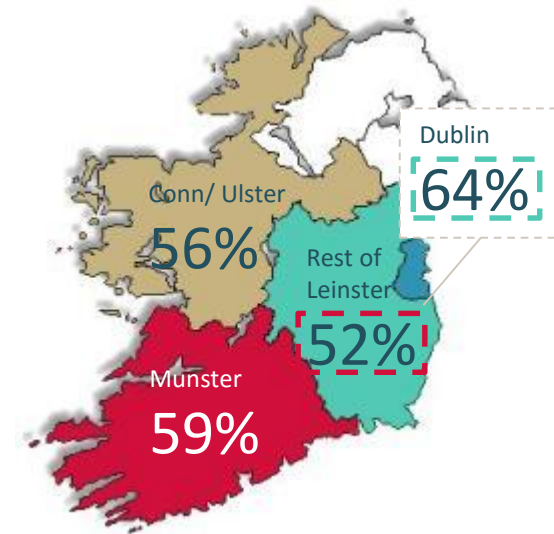
Farmers: 54%



## Age



## Region



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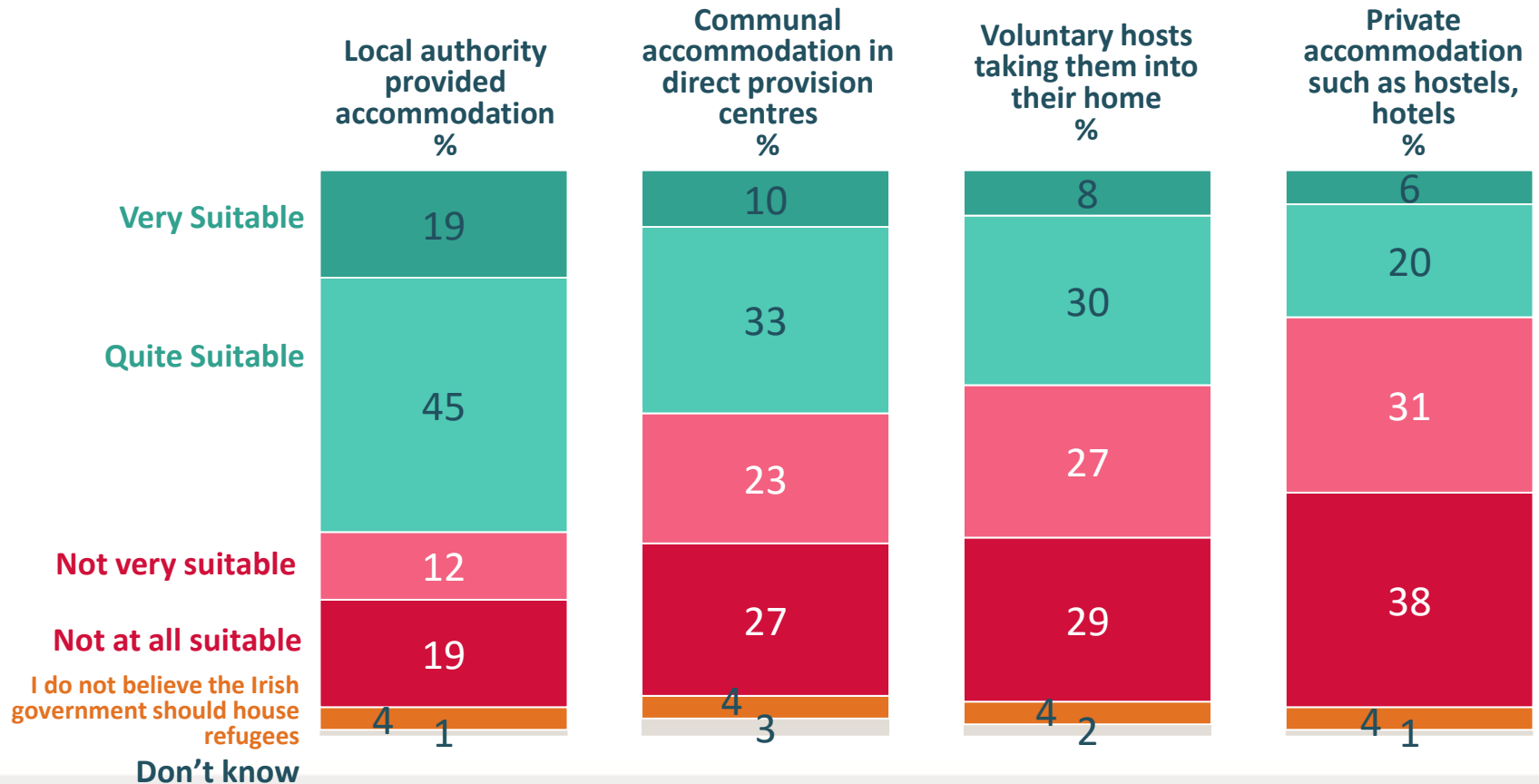
# Housing of Refugees in Ireland



# Suitability Of Housing Options For Refugees

(Base: All Adults 18+; n=1,008)

**Q.2** There are a range of options for the Irish government when it comes to housing refugees. How suitable or not do you believe each of these options to be when providing accommodation for refugees?



Of the housing options suggested, local authority provided accommodation is seen to be the most suitable, by almost 2 in 3. Hotels/hostel are seen to be much less suitable at just over 1 in 4.



(Q.2)

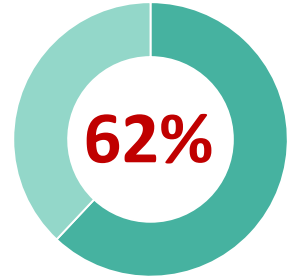
# Support Local Authority Provided Accommodation

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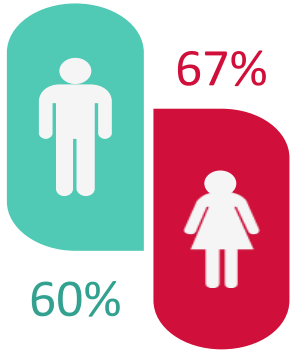
# 64%

## Believe Local Authority Provided Accommodations is suitable for Refugees

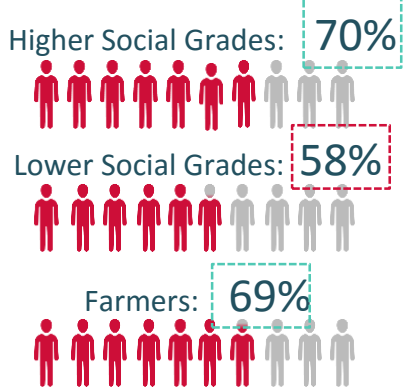
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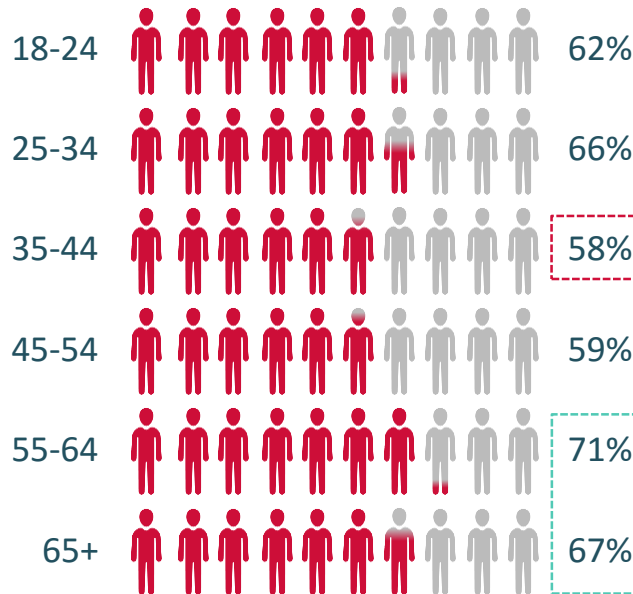
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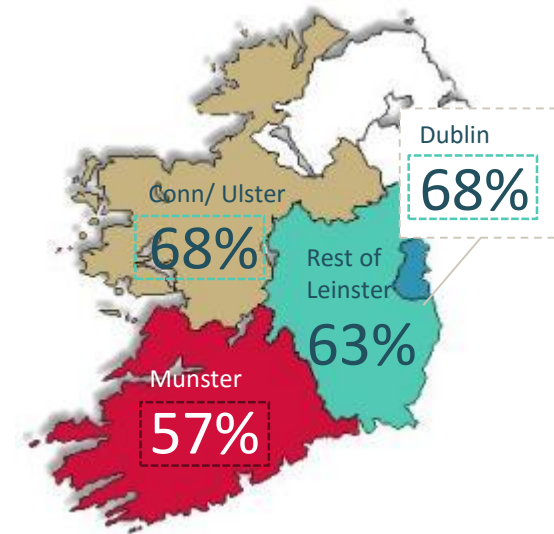
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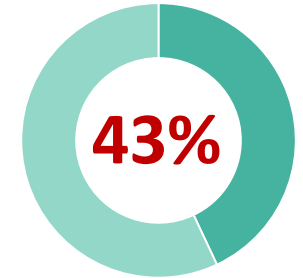
# Support For Communal Accommodation In Direct Provision Centres

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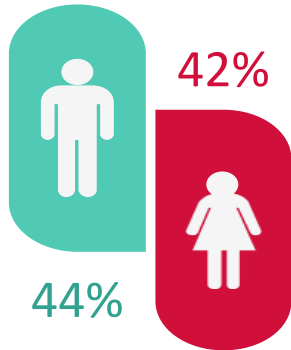
# 43%

Believe Communal Accommodation in Direct Provision Centres is suitable for Refugees

Newstalk  
Target



## Gender



## Social Grade

Higher Social Grades: 41%



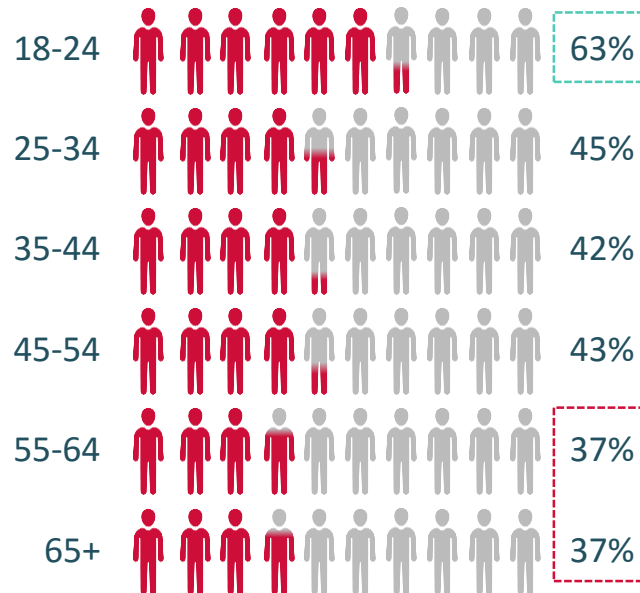
Lower Social Grades: 46%



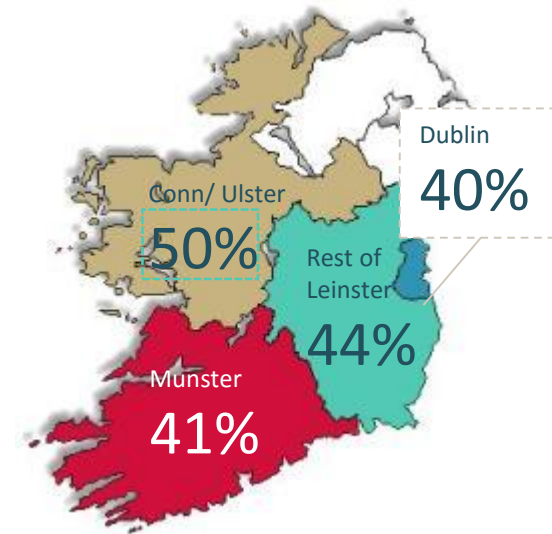
Farmers: 38%



## Age



## Region



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(Q2)

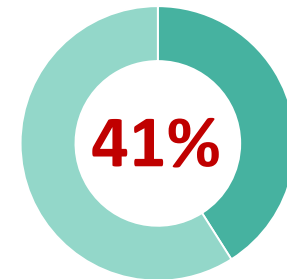
# Support Voluntary Hosts Taking Them Into Their Home

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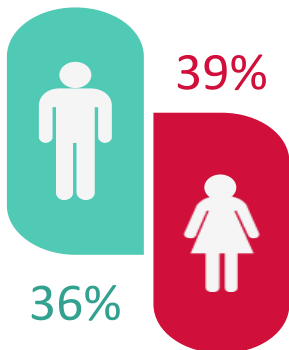
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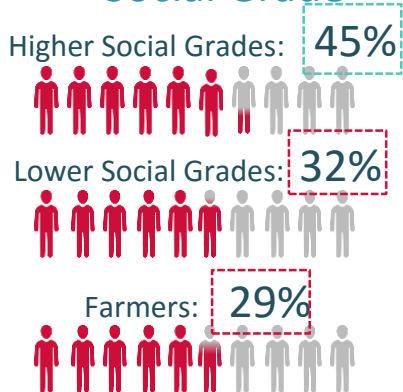
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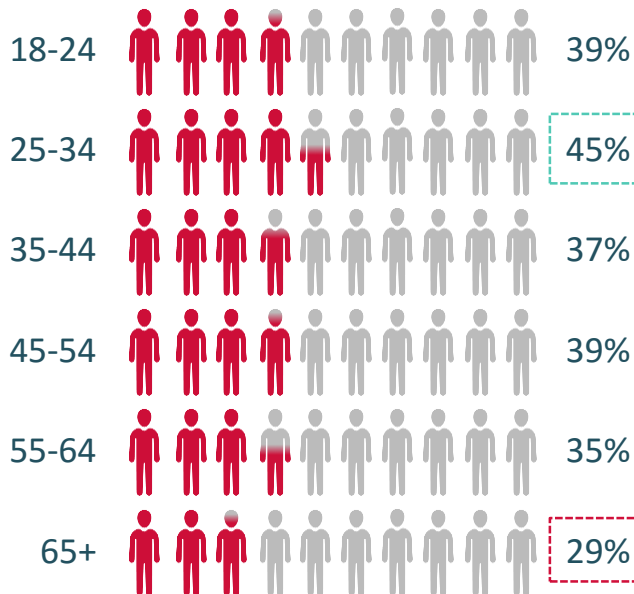
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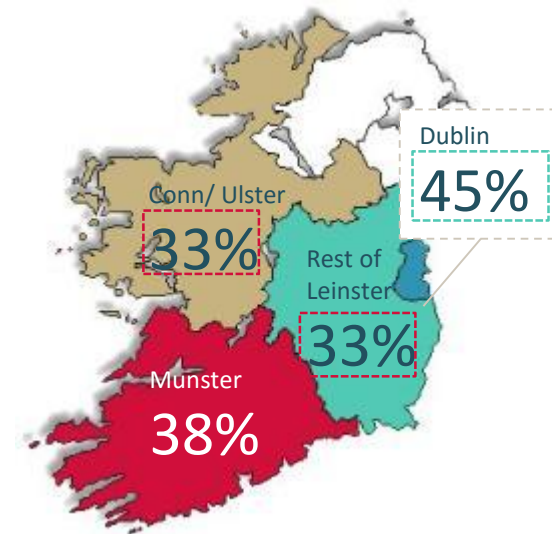
### Social Grade



### Age



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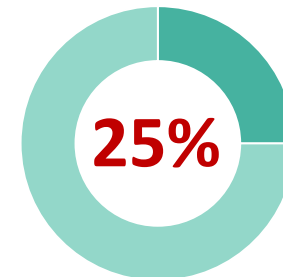
# Support Private Accommodation Such As Hotels, Hostels

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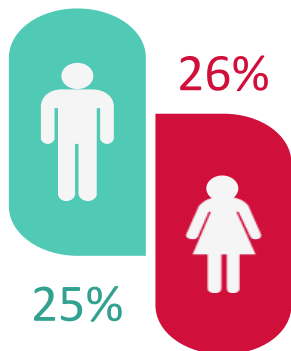
Newstalk  
Target

# 26%

## Believe Private Accommodation Such As Hotels, Hostels is suitable for Refugees



### Gender



### Social Grade

Higher Social Grades: 25%



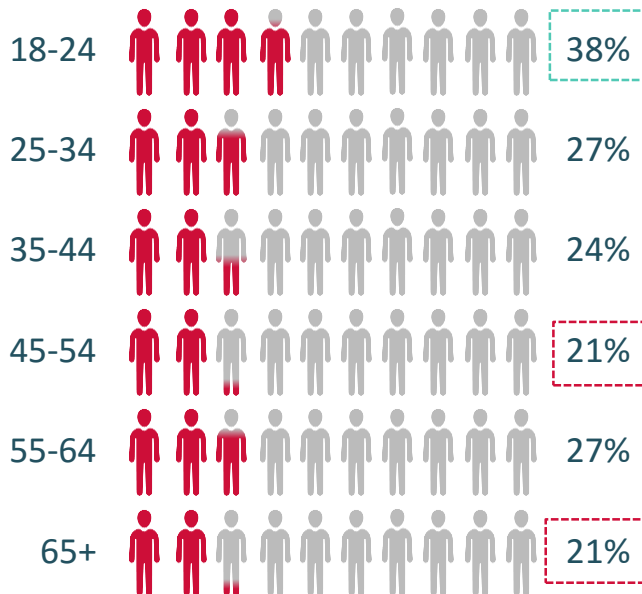
Lower Social Grades: 27%



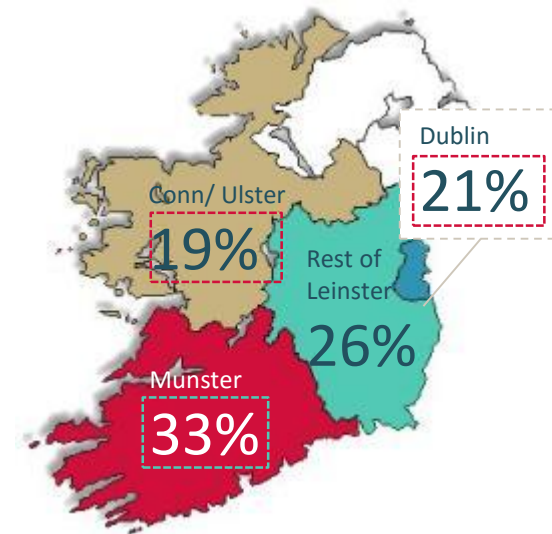
Farmers: 17%



### Age



### Region



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