General Election & Attitudes Towards Brexit Opinion Poll

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Methodology and Weighting

/ RED C interviewed a random sample of 1000 adults aged 18+ by telephone between the 14th- 20th February 2019.

/ A random digit dial (RDD) method is used to ensure a random selection process of households to be included – this also ensures that ex-directory households are covered.

/ Half of the sample are interviewed using an RDD landline sample, with the other half conducted using an RDD mobile phone sample, this ensures 98% coverage of the population reaching landline only households, mobile only households and those with both a landline and a mobile.

/ Interviews were conducted across the country and the results weighted to the profile of all adults. A further past vote weighting is included that takes the recall for how people voted at the last election, compares this to the actual results and weights the data between the two.

/ Vote intention results are weighted based on turnout, including both how likely each respondent is to actually go and vote on a 10 point scale, where 1 is not at all likely and 10 is very likely, as well as whether or not they voted in the last general election.

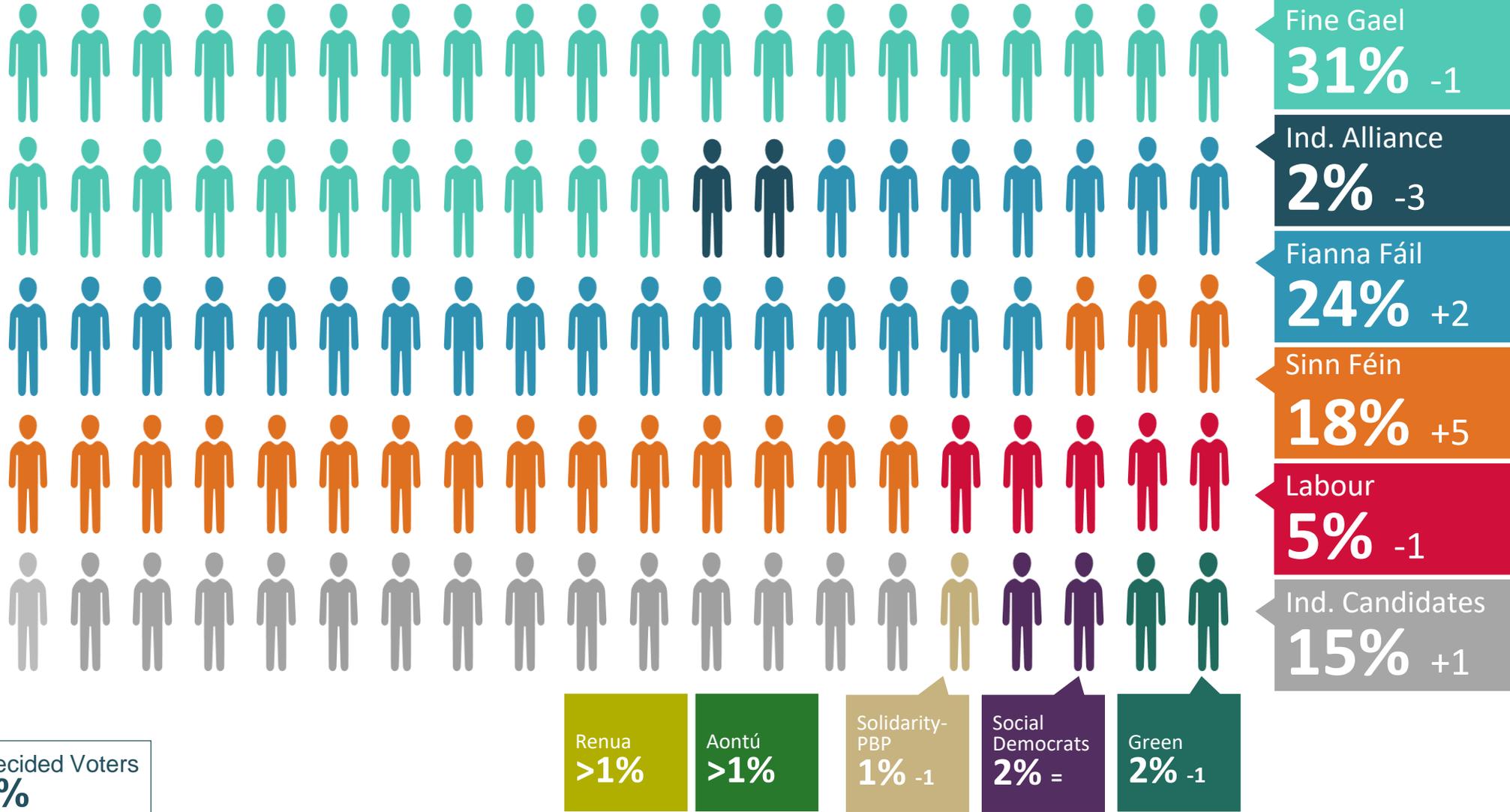/ In all respects the poll was completed to the opinion polling guidelines set out by both ESOMAR and AIMRO.

General Election

First Preference Vote Intention – 24th February 2019

If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)
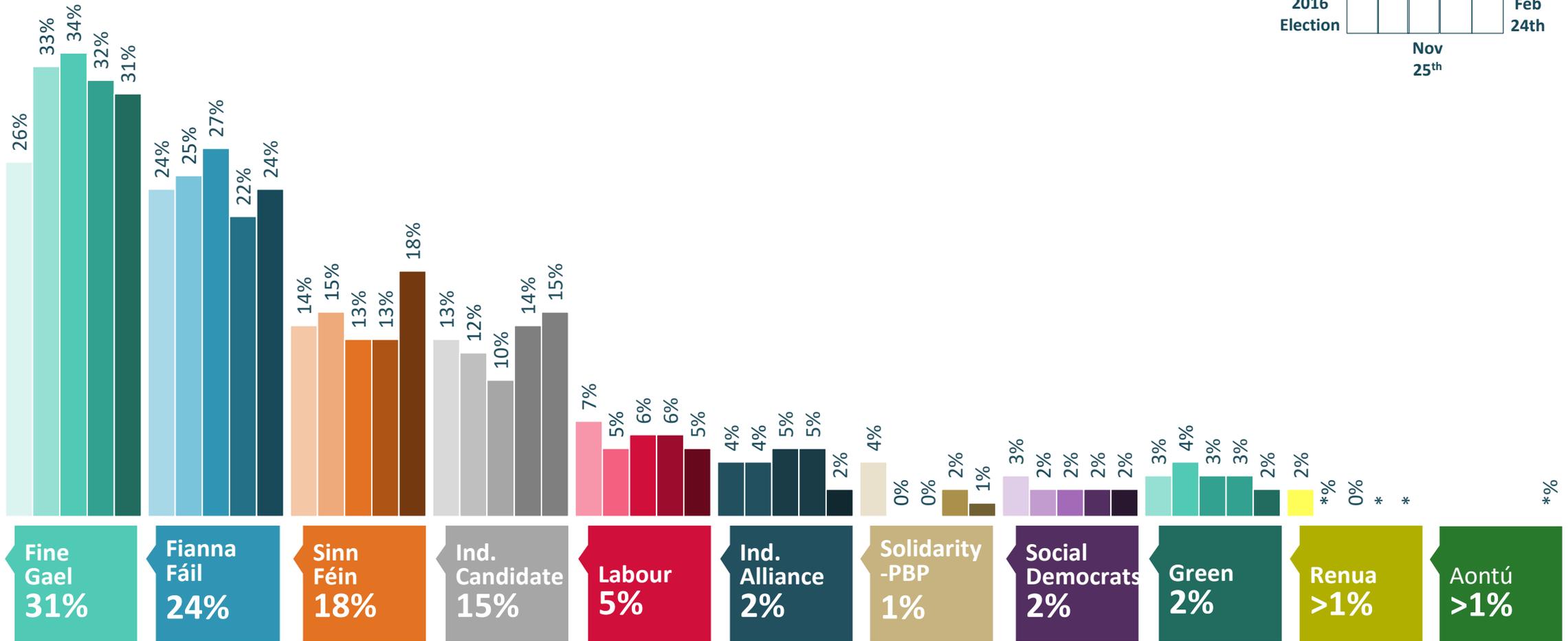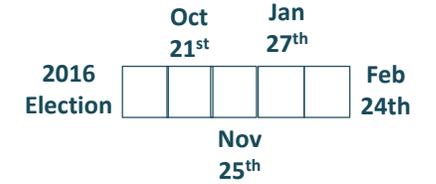
(Base: All adults 18+ who will vote)

Fine Gael
31% -1

Ind. Alliance
2% -3

Fianna Fáil
24% +2

Sinn Féin
18% +5

Labour
5% -1

Ind. Candidates
15% +1

Undecided Voters
13%

Renua
>1%

Aontú
>1%

Solidarity-PBP
1% -1

Social Democrats
2% =

Green
2% -1

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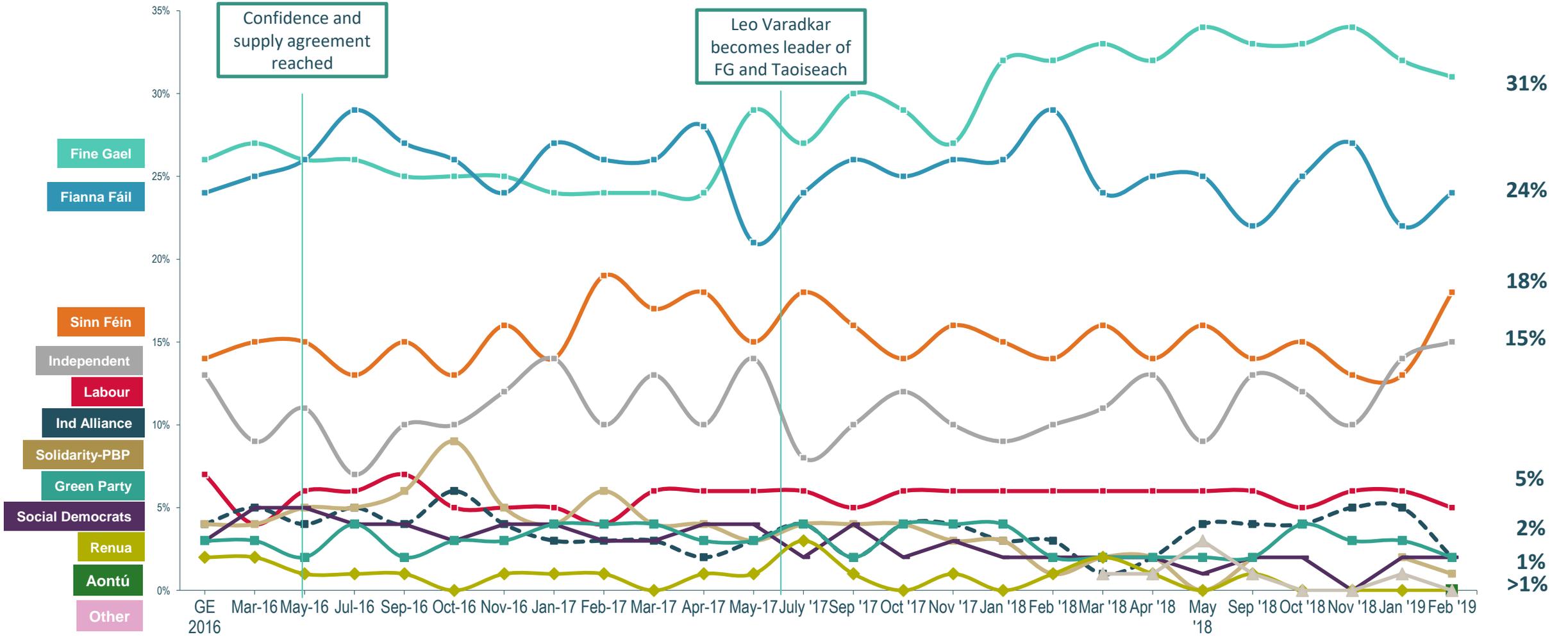# First Preference Vote Intention – February '19

If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)c

(Base: All adults 18+ who will vote)

Fine Gael 31%
26% | 33% | 34% | 32% | 31%

Fianna Fáil 24%
24% | 25% | 27% | 22% | 24%

Sinn Féin 18%
14% | 15% | 13% | 13% | 18%

Ind. Candidate 15%
13% | 12% | 10% | 14% | 15%

Labour 5%
7% | 5% | 6% | 6% | 5%

Ind. Alliance 2%
4% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 2%

Solidarity -PBP 1%
4% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 1%

Social Democrats 2%
3% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2%

Green 2%
3% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 2%

Renua >1%
2% | *% | 0% | * | *

Aontú >1%
*%

2016 Election | Oct 21st | Nov 25th | Jan 27th | Feb 24th

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Party Preference X Demographics

If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)c

	Total	Gender		Age			Social Class			Region			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Conn/ Uster
Fine Gael	**31%**	31%	31%	22%	33%	33%	38%	22%	46%	31%	30%	29%	34%
Fianna Fáil	**24%**	23%	26%	20%	19%	33%	20%	26%	43%	14%	28%	31%	25%
Sinn Fein	**18%**	18%	17%	27%	19%	12%	9%	28%	*	24%	19%	11%	15%
Other Independent Candidate	**15%**	14%	16%	17%	17%	12%	17%	14%	8%	12%	11%	21%	17%
Labour	**5%**	7%	2%	6%	3%	5%	6%	4%	0	8%	7%	2%	*
The Green Party	**2%**	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	0	3%	1%	3%	2%
Independent Alliance Candidate	**2%**	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	5%
Social Democrats	**2%**	2%	2%	4%	1%	*	2%	1%	0	4%	1%	1%	1%
Solidarity- People Before Profit	**1%**	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	0	1%	2%	*	*
Renua	*****	*	1%	0	1%	*	1%	*	0	1%	0	*	0
Aontú (February 2019)	*****	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	1%

First Preference Vote Intention – Since GE 2016

If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)
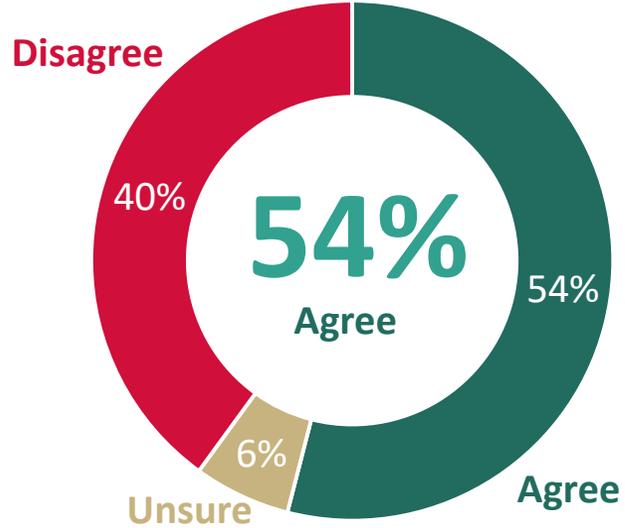
(Base: All adults 18+ who will vote)

Confidence and supply agreement reached

Leo Varadkar becomes leader of FG and Taoiseach

Fine Gael	31%
Fianna Fáil	24%
Sinn Féin	18%
Independent	15%
Labour	5%
Ind Alliance	2%
Solidarity-PBP	1%
Green Party	>1%
Social Democrats	
Renua	
Aontú	
Other	

GE 2016 · Mar-16 · May-16 · Jul-16 · Sep-16 · Oct-16 · Nov-16 · Jan-17 · Feb-17 · Mar-17 · Apr-17 · May-17 · July '17 · Sep '17 · Oct '17 · Nov '17 · Jan '18 · Feb '18 · Mar '18 · Apr 18 · May '18 · Sep '18 · Oct '18 · Nov '18 · Jan '19 · Feb '19

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First Preference Vote Intention – 2012-2019

If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)

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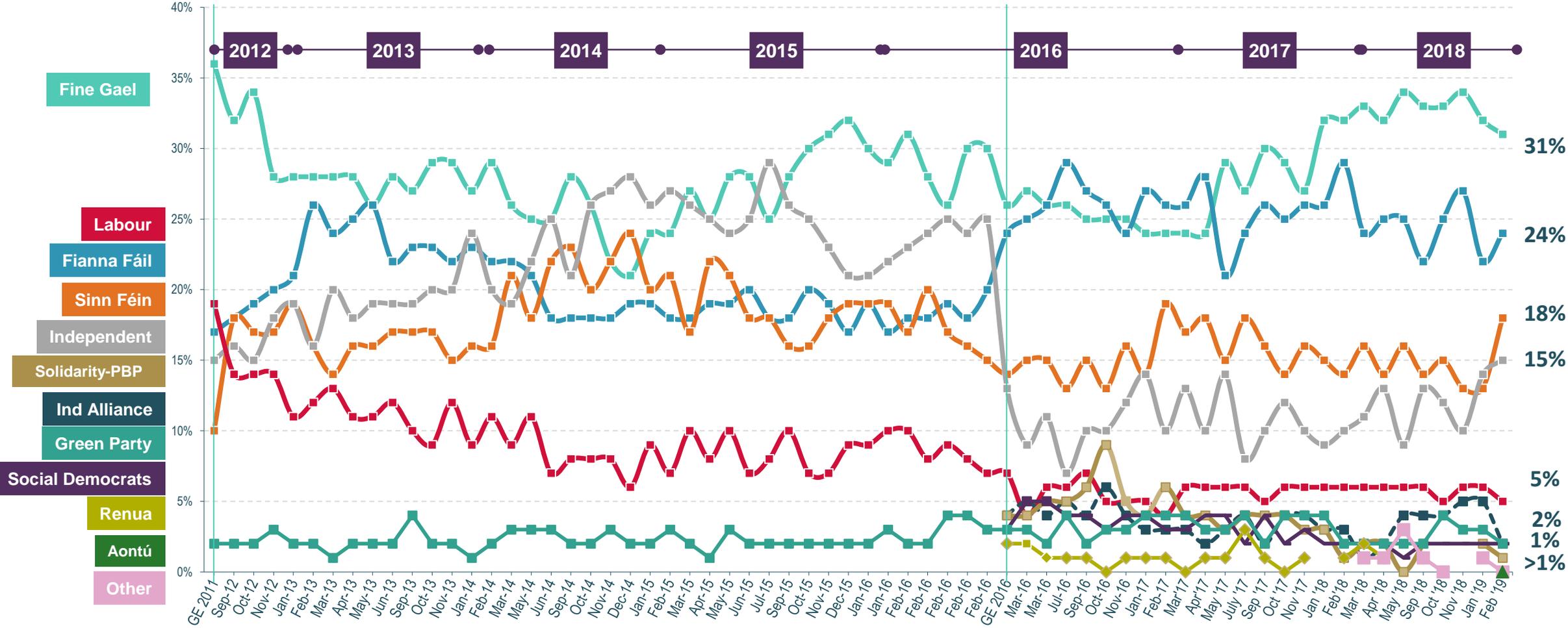
Note; From GE 2016 Onwards, 'Independents/Others' split out to show Solidarity-PBP, Social Democrats & Renua separately

First Preference Vote Intention – 2009 to 2019

If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)

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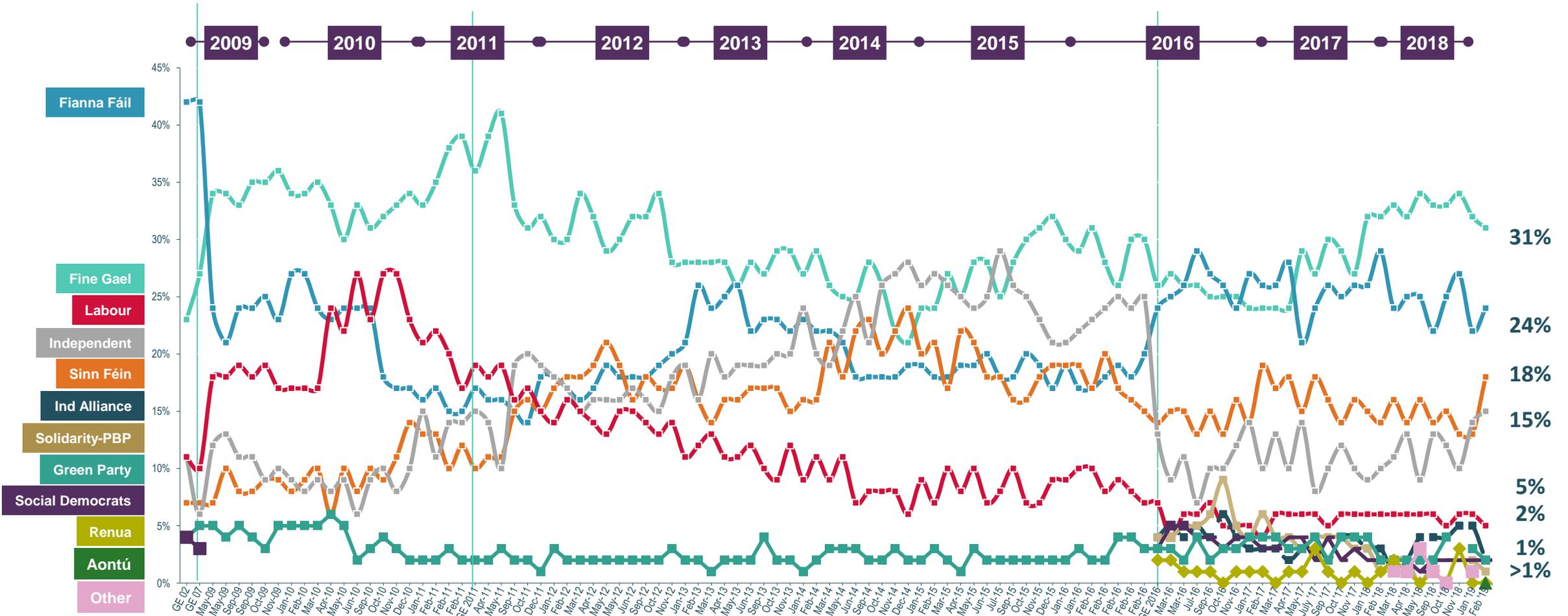
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National Children's Hospital

Attitudes relating to the National Children's Hospital

Simon Harris should resign over costs overruns at the Children's Hospital
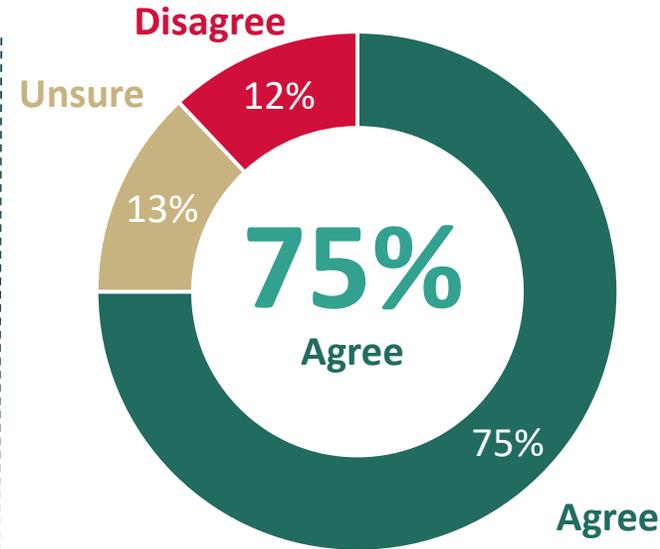
- Disagree 40%
- Unsure 6%
- Agree 54%

54% Agree

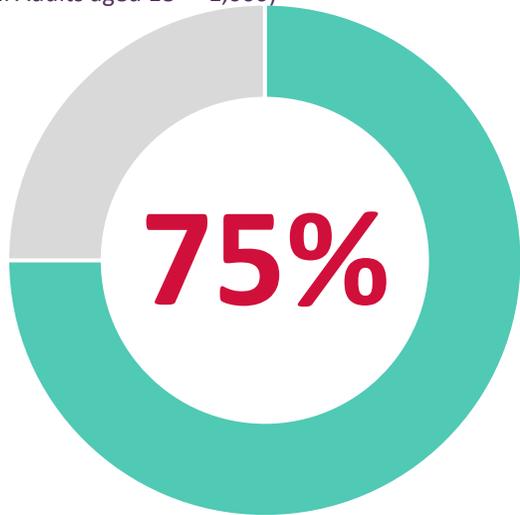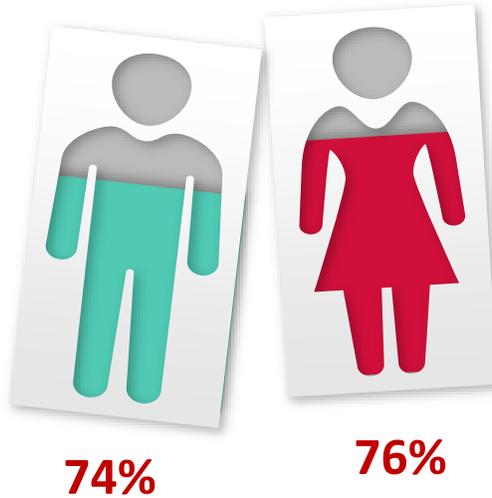**I think the confidence and supply agreement is vital to ensure secure government in Ireland during Brexit**
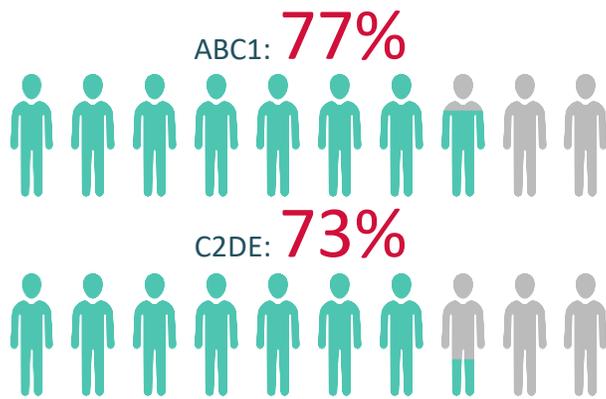
- Disagree 12%
- Unsure 13%
- Agree 75%

75% Agree

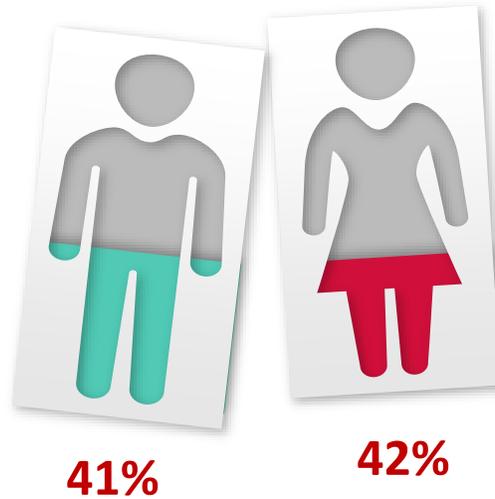**Fianna Fail should bring the government down over the overrun costs of delivering the Children's Hospital**

- Disagree 52%
- Unsure 7%
- Agree 41%

52% Disagree

I believe that other public servants should now get pay increases in line with the nurses pay increase

- Disagree 52%
- Unsure 3%
- Agree 45%

52% Disagree

Simon Harris should resign over costs overruns at the Children's Hospital -% Agree

(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

54%

Gender

56% 52%

Age

18-24	62%
25-34	61%
35-44	64%
45-54	51%
55-64	42%
65+	40%

Social Class

ABC1: 50%

C2DE: 58%

Party Support

Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Ind
56%	32%	53%	81%	59%

Region

Conn/ Ulster 53%

Dublin 51%

Rest of Leinster 56%

Munster 55%

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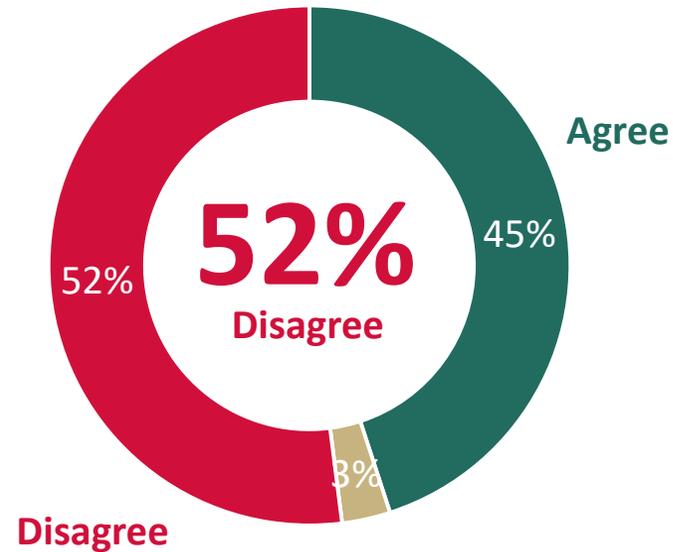
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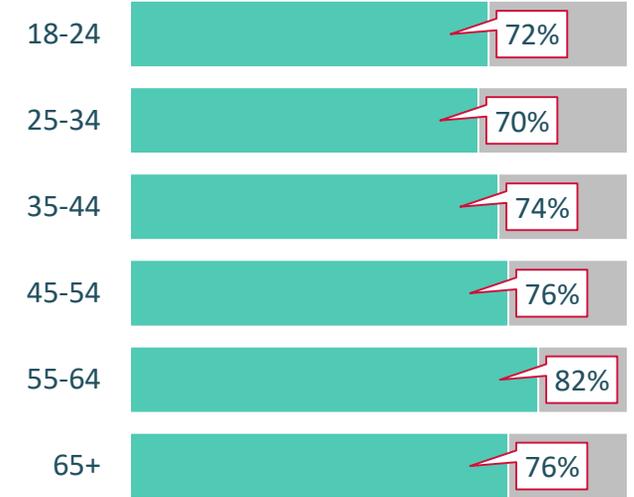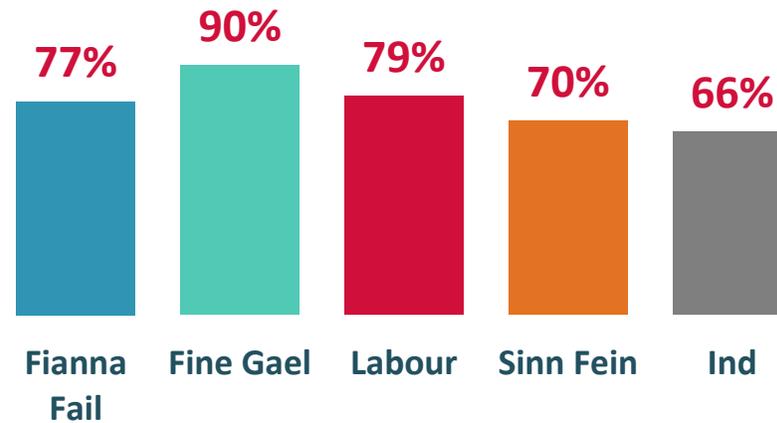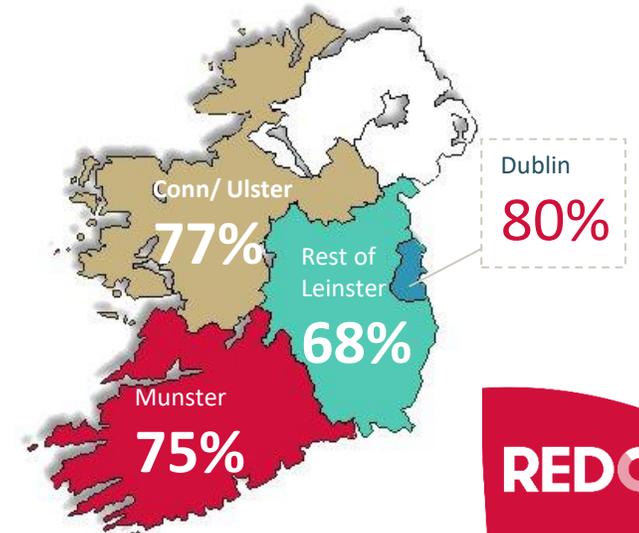
75%

Gender

74%   76%

Age

18-24	72%
25-34	70%
35-44	74%
45-54	76%
55-64	82%
65+	76%

Social Class

ABC1: **77%**

C2DE: **73%**

Party Support

Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Ind
77%	90%	79%	70%	66%

Region

Conn/ Ulster **77%**

Dublin **80%**

Rest of Leinster **68%**

Munster **75%**

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Fianna Fail should bring the government down over the overrun costs of delivering the Children's Hospital -% Agree

(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

41%

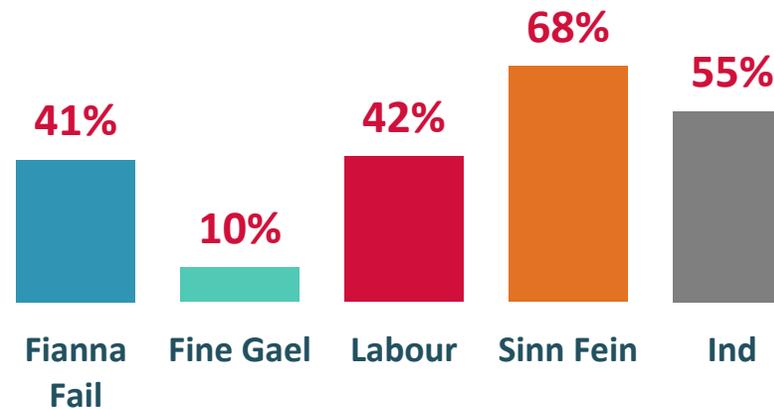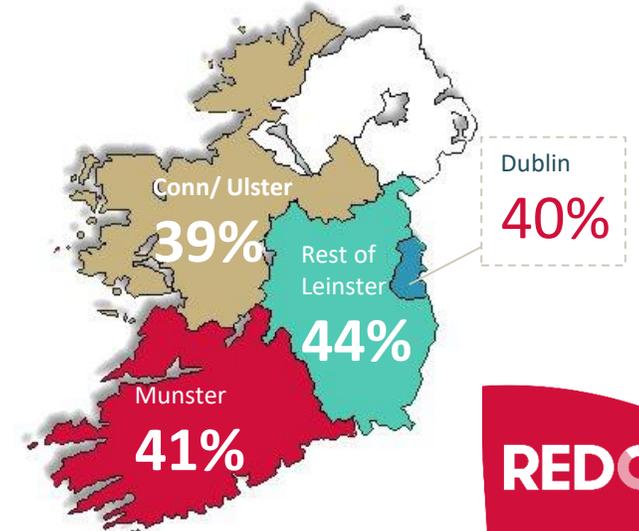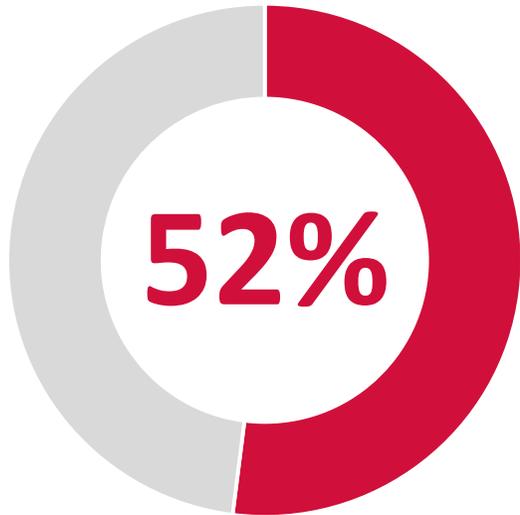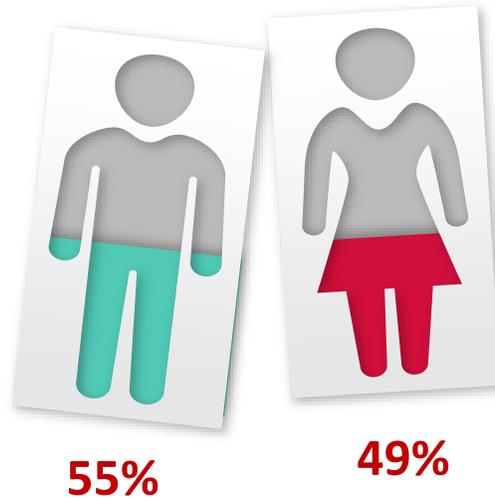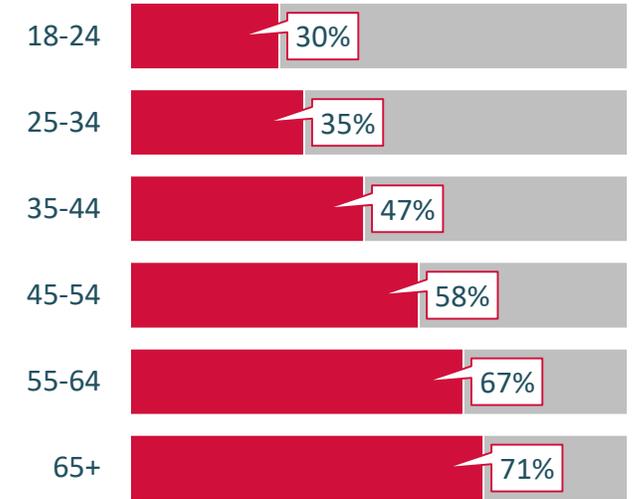**Gender**

41%   42%

Age

18-24	61%
25-34	53%
35-44	51%
45-54	36%
55-64	29%
65+	23%

Social Class

ABC1: 36%

C2DE: 47%

Party Support

Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Ind
41%	10%	42%	68%	55%

Region

Conn/ Ulster **39%**

Dublin **40%**

Rest of Leinster **44%**

Munster **41%**

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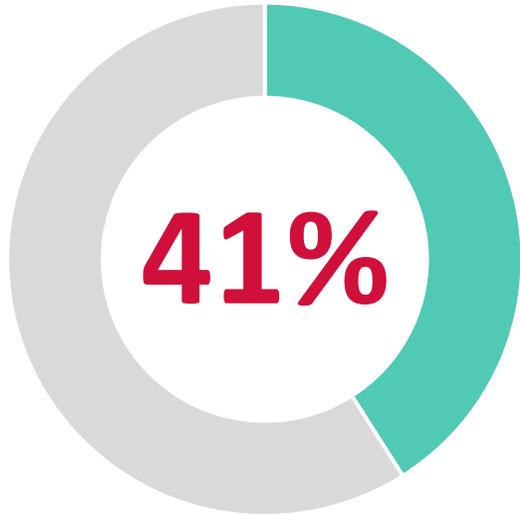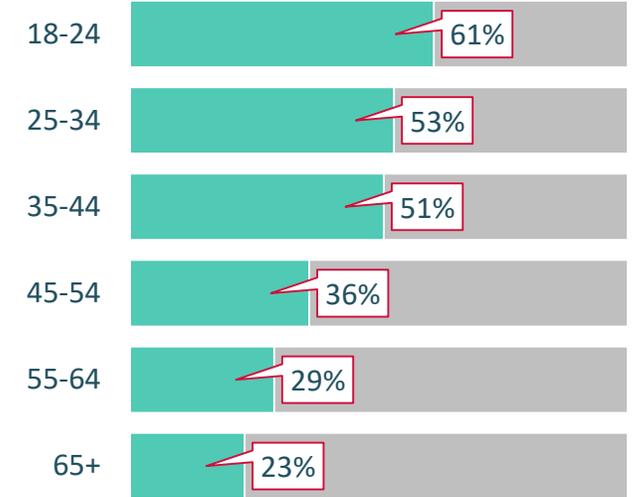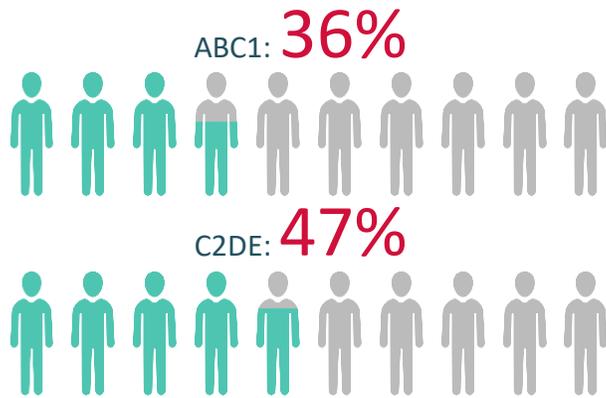
Fianna Fail should bring the government down over the overrun costs of delivering the Children's Hospital -% Disagree
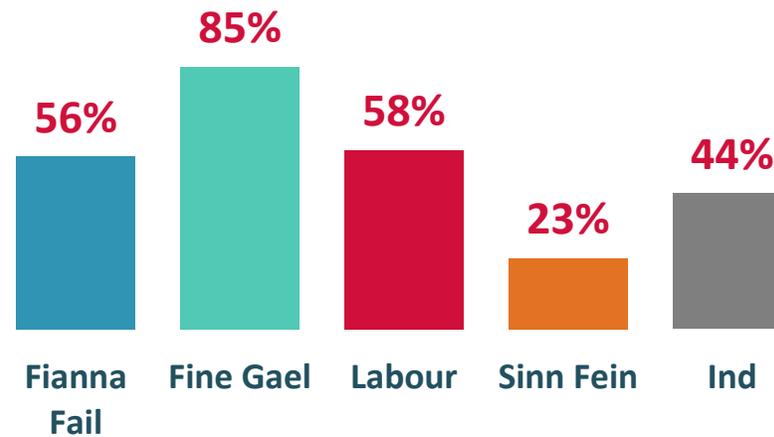
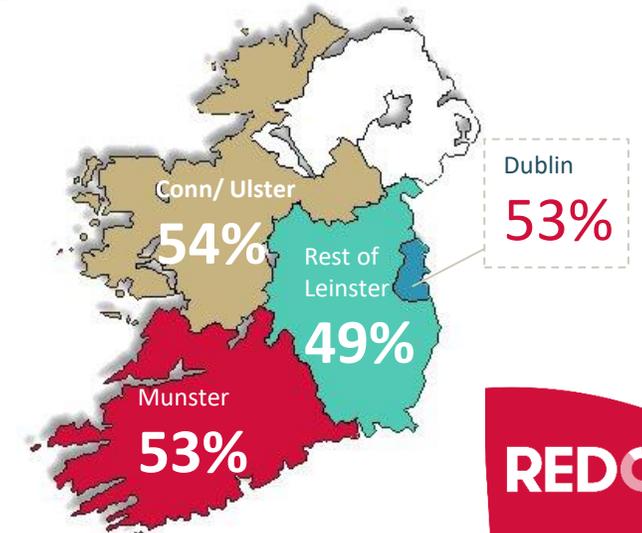(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

52%

Gender

55%   49%

Age

18-24	30%
25-34	35%
35-44	47%
45-54	58%
55-64	67%
65+	71%

Social Class

ABC1: **59%**

C2DE: **45%**

Party Support

Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Ind
56%	85%	58%	23%	44%

Region

Conn/ Ulster **54%**

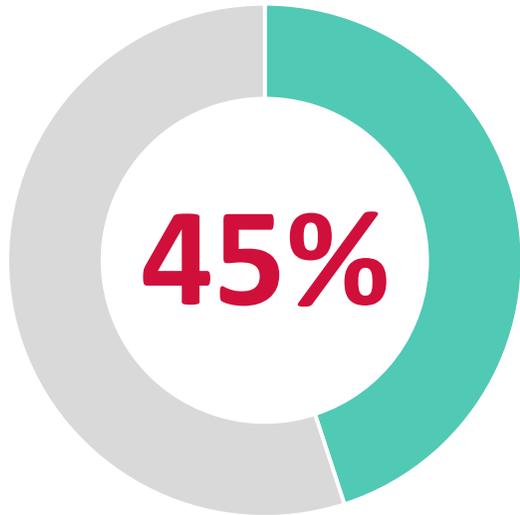Dublin **53%**
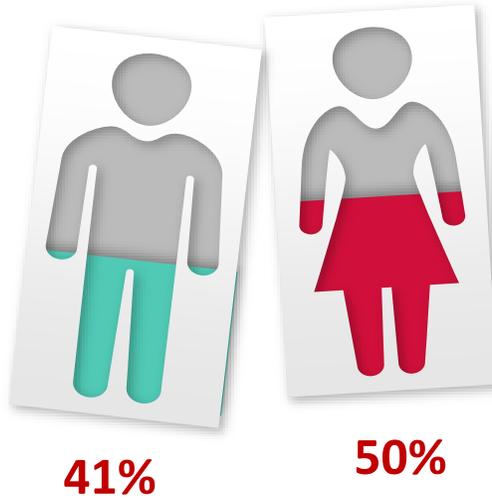
Rest of Leinster **49%**

Munster **53%**

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I believe that other public servants should now get pay increases in line with the nurses pay increase -% Agree

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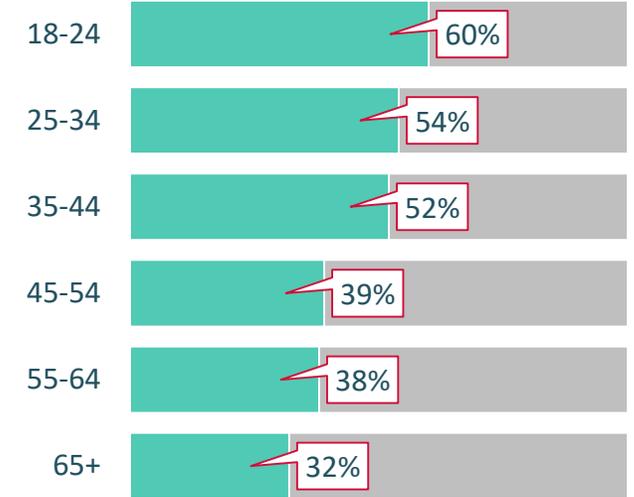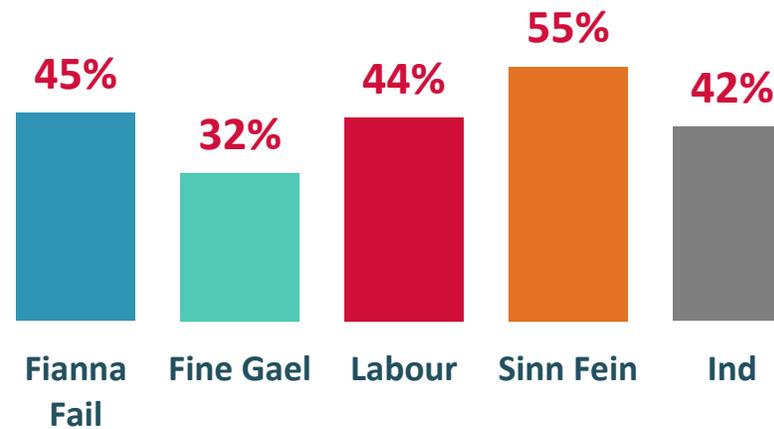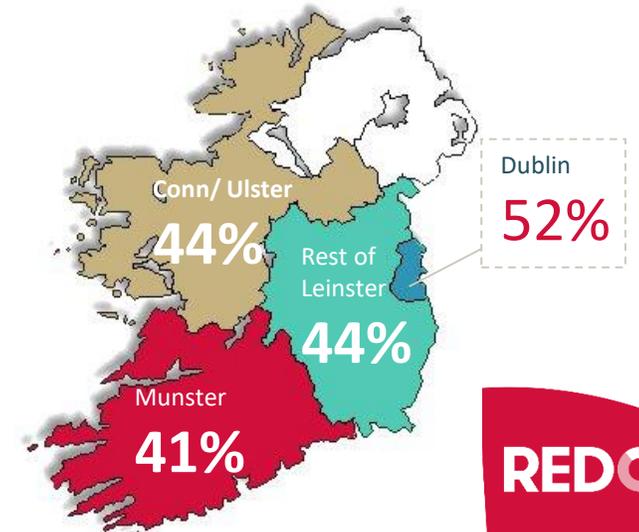
45%

Gender

41%   50%

Age

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25-34	54%
35-44	52%
45-54	39%
55-64	38%
65+	32%

Social Class

ABC1: 45%

C2DE: 48%

Party Support

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45%	32%	44%	55%	42%

Region

Conn/ Ulster **44%**

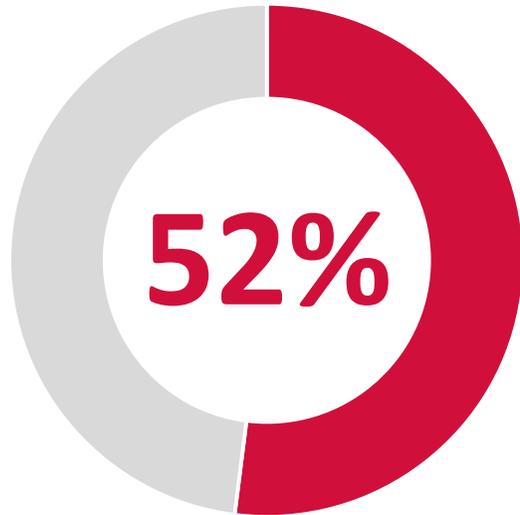Dublin **52%**

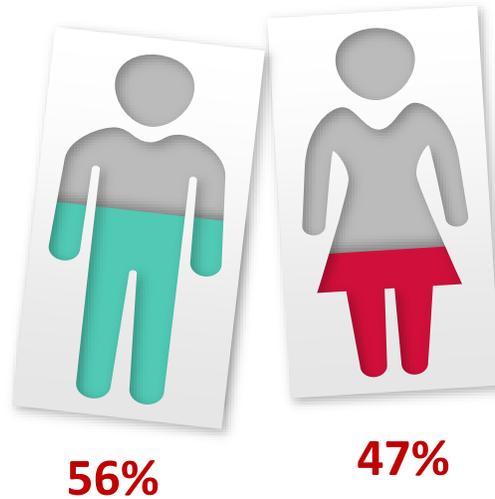Rest of Leinster **44%**

Munster **41%**

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I believe that other public servants should now get pay increases in line with the nurses pay increase -% Disagree

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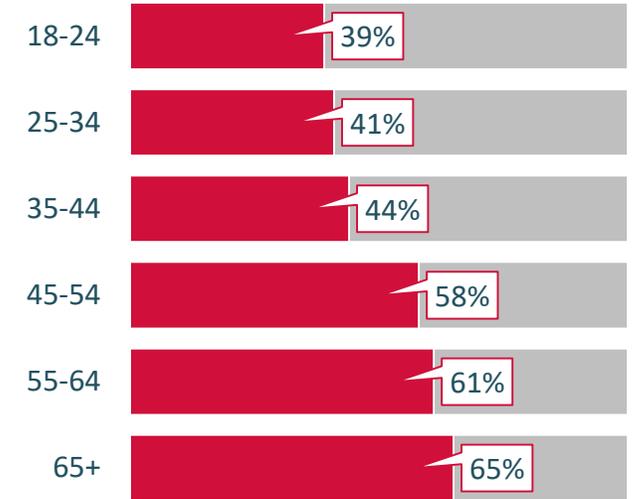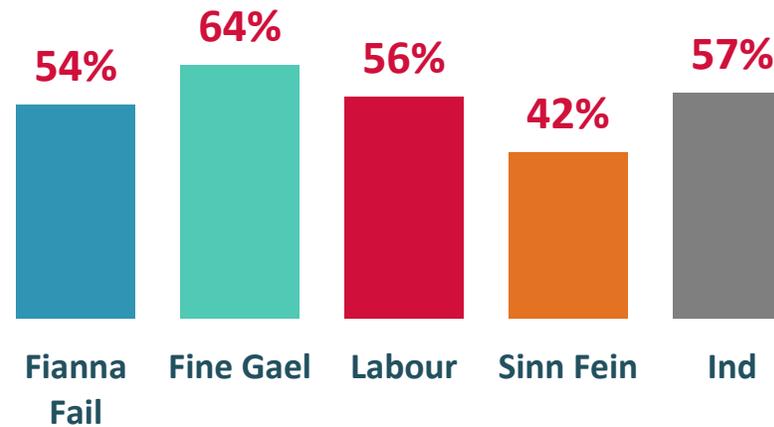
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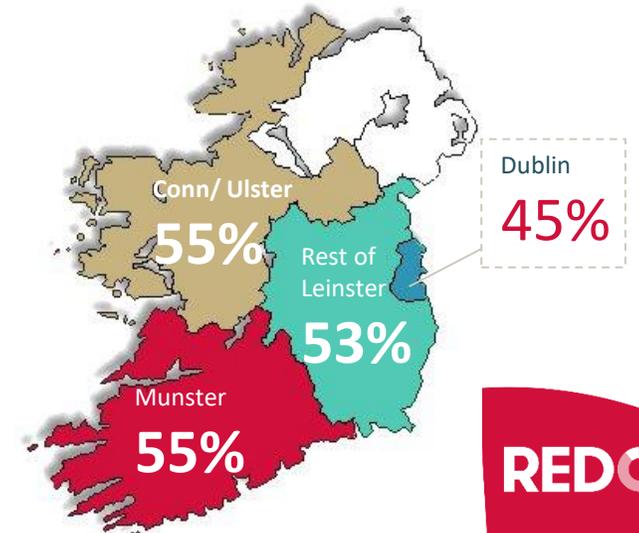
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