

# Budget 2024-2025: Public Participation and Expectations\*

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## Budget Instant Survey Results March 5, 2024

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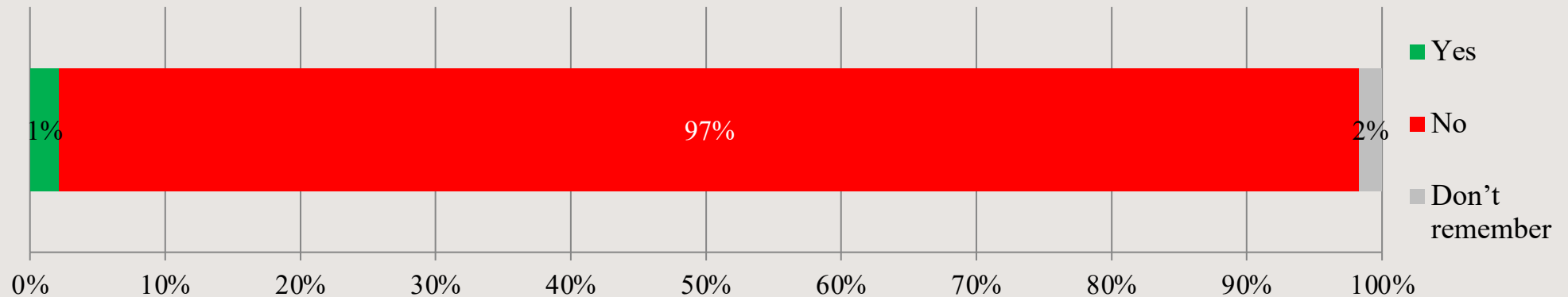
Date of survey	1:30pm, February 28 – 9am, February 29, 2024
Survey method	“POP Panel” online survey
Target population	Hong Kong residents aged 18+
Total sample size	2,409
Success rate	3.2%
Sampling error	Sampling error of percentages at +/-2% at 95% confidence level
Weighting method	Rim-weighted according to 1) gender-age distribution, educational attainment (highest level attended) distribution and economic activity status distribution of Hong Kong population from Census and Statistics Department; 2) appraisal of political condition and political inclination distribution from regular telephone tracking surveys.

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- **Question: Q1 The government had launched public consultation exercises before the 2024/25 Budget. Did you participate in the public consultation to express your opinions?**

	Percentage (n=2,209)
Yes	1%
No	<b>97%</b>
Don't remember	2%

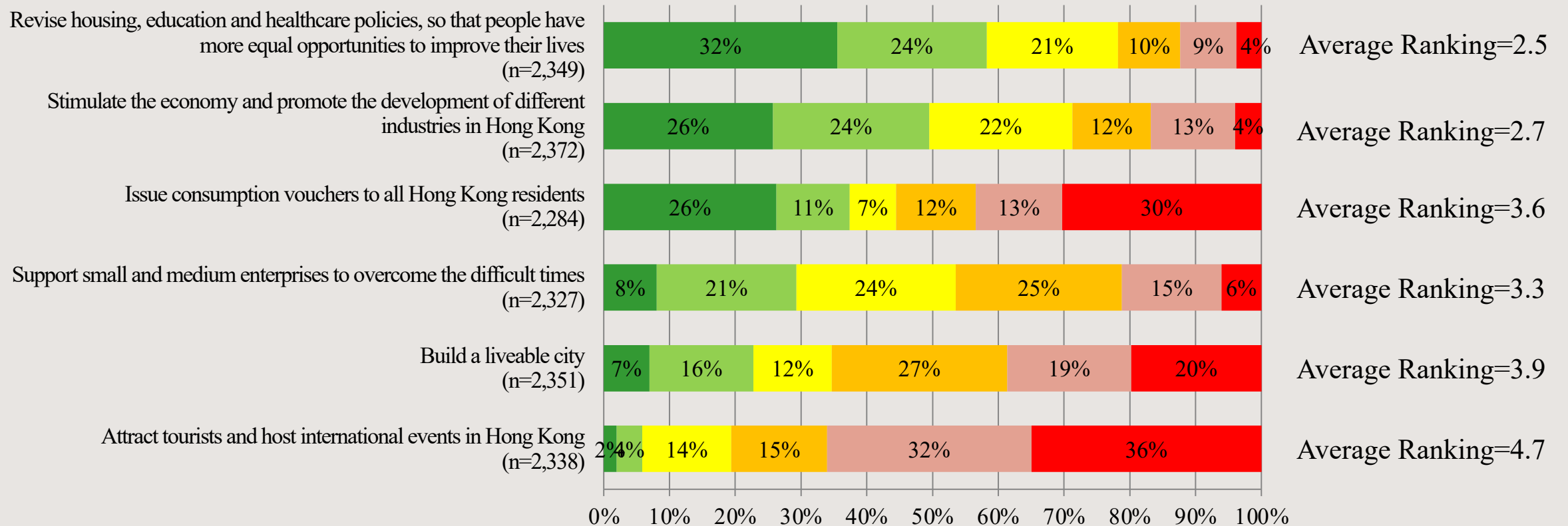


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- **Question: Q2 Which of the following measures do you think is more important? Please rank the following in descending order of importance.**

■ Rank 1 ■ Rank 2 ■ Rank 3 ■ Rank 4 ■ Rank 5 ■ Rank 6

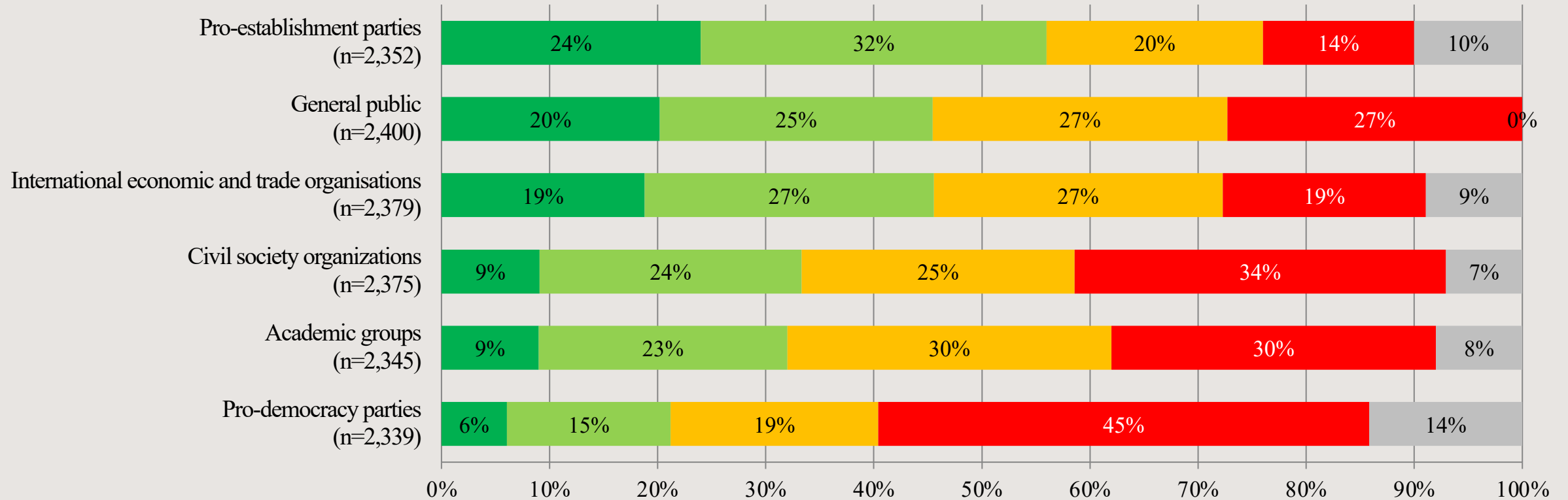


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- **Question: Q3 How much influence do you think the opinions of the following groups have had on the content of the Budget?**

■ A lot ■ Some ■ Little ■ Not at all ■ Don't know / hard to say



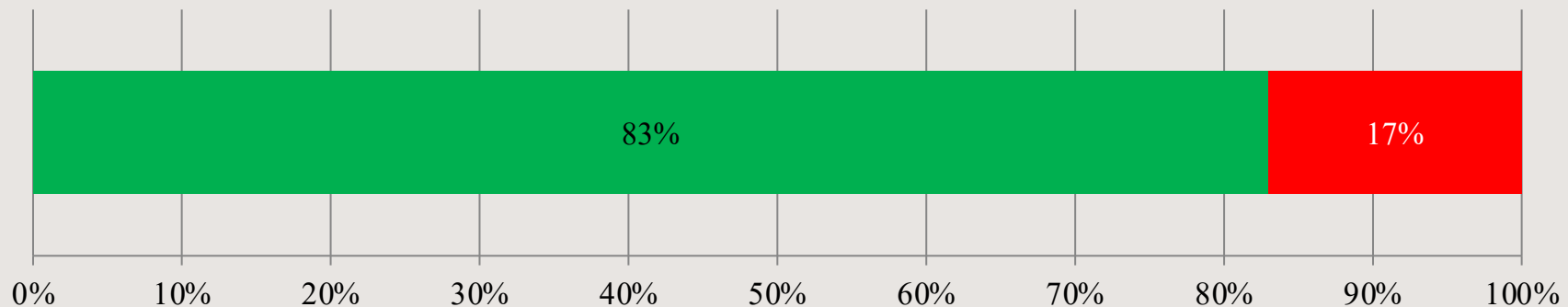
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- **Question: Q4 Do you have any knowledge of the contents of the Budget this year?**

	Percentage (n=2,409)
Have some knowledge of the contents of the Budget	83%
Don't have any knowledge of the contents of the Budget	17%

■ Have some knowledge of the contents of the Budget    ■ Don't have any knowledge of the contents of the Budget



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- **Question: Q5 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Budget this year?\***

	Percentage (n=2,006)	
Very satisfied	6%	} 19%
Somewhat satisfied	13%	
Half-half	25%	
Somewhat dissatisfied / Not quite satisfied	26%	} 53%
Very dissatisfied	27%	
Don't know / hard to say	3%	
Net satisfaction	<b>-34%</b>	
Mean value <sup>†</sup>	2.4	

- **Question: Q6 Please rate on a scale of 0 to 100 your extent of satisfaction with the Budget this year, with 0 indicating very dissatisfied, 100 indicating very satisfied and 50 indicating half-half. How would you rate the Budget this year?\***

Rating (n=1,922)
37.2

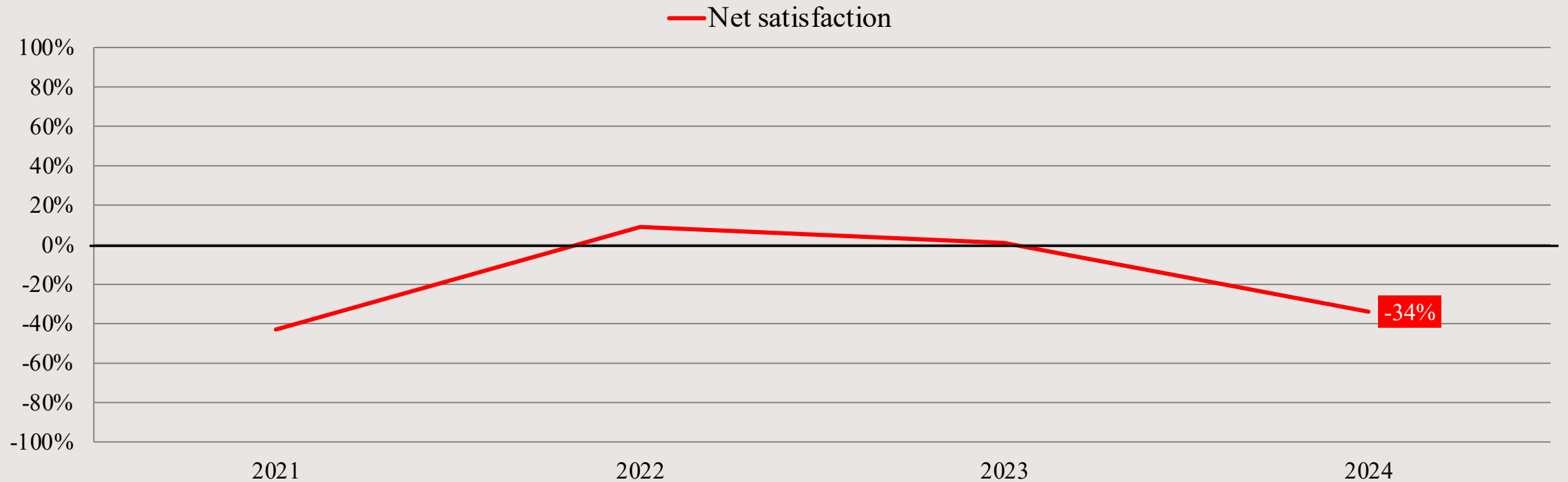
\*Only asked those who “have some knowledge of the contents of the Budget”

† The mean value is calculated by quantifying all individual responses into 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 marks according to their degree of satisfaction, where 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest, and then calculate the sample mean.

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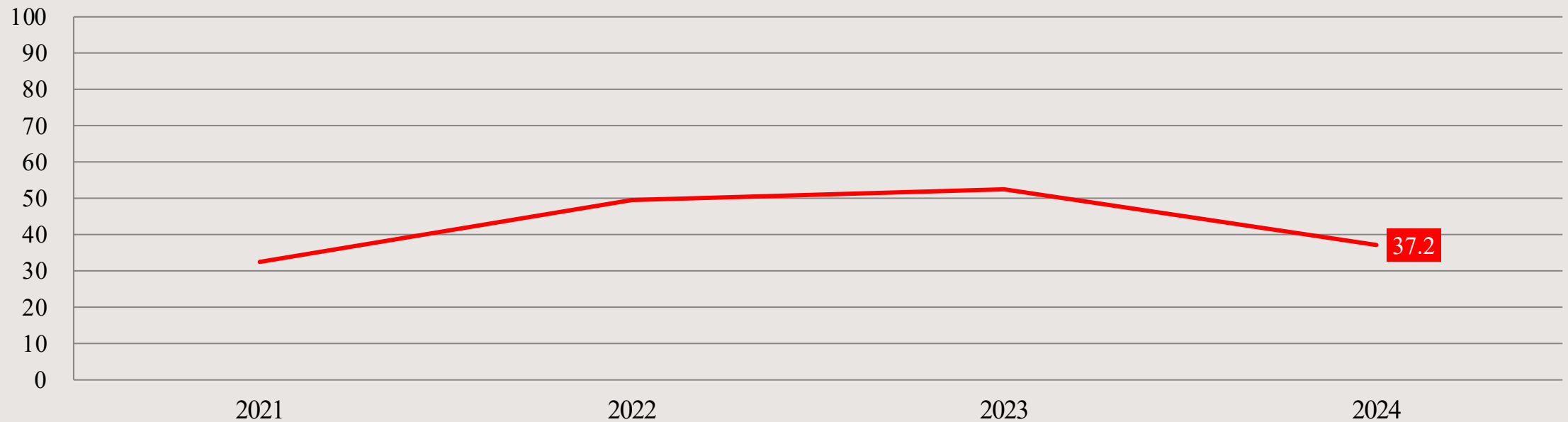


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- **Question: Q6 Please rate on a scale of 0 to 100 your extent of satisfaction with the Budget this year, with 0 indicating very dissatisfied, 100 indicating very satisfied and 50 indicating half-half. How would you rate the Budget this year?**

— Rating calculated by new method



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- **Question: Q7 Please rate on a scale of 0 to 100 your extent of support to the Financial Secretary Paul Chan, with 0 indicating absolutely not supportive, 100 indicating absolutely supportive and 50 indicating half-half. How would you rate the Financial Secretary Paul Chan?**

<b>Rating (n=2,252)</b>
36.1

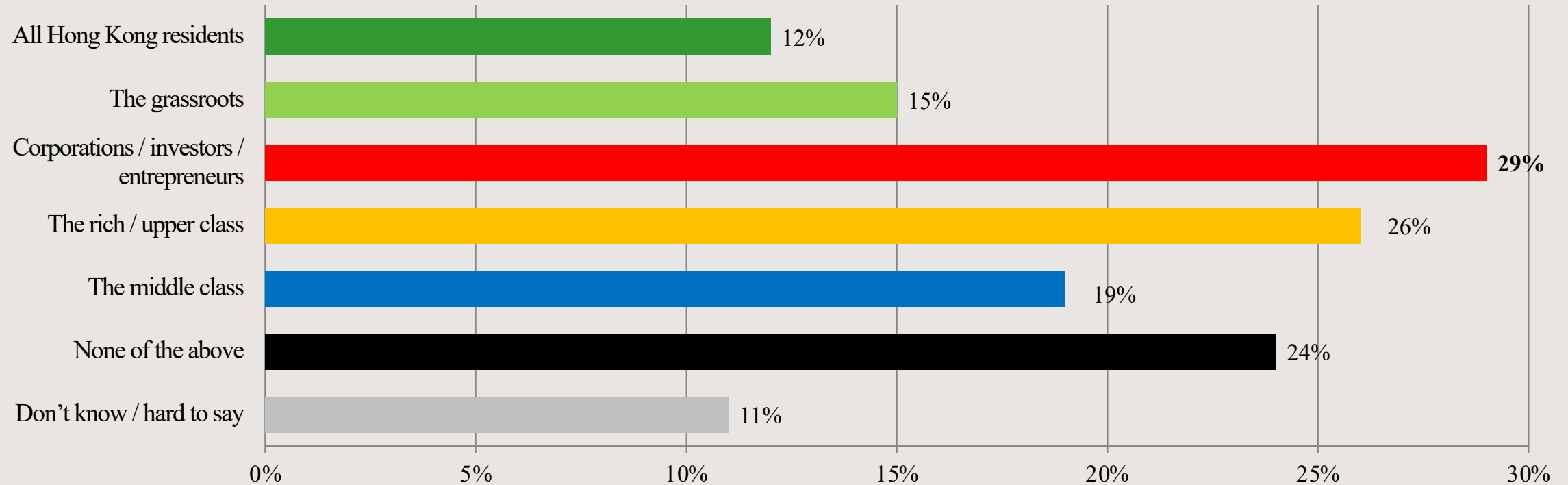
- **Question: Q8 If you had the right to vote on the reappointment or dismissal of Paul Chan as the Financial Secretary now, how would you vote?**

	<b>Percentage (n=2,131)</b>
Reappointment	32%
Dismissal	<b>50%</b>
Abstention	18%
Net value	-18%

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- **Question: Q9 In your view, who are the main beneficiaries of the Budget?**



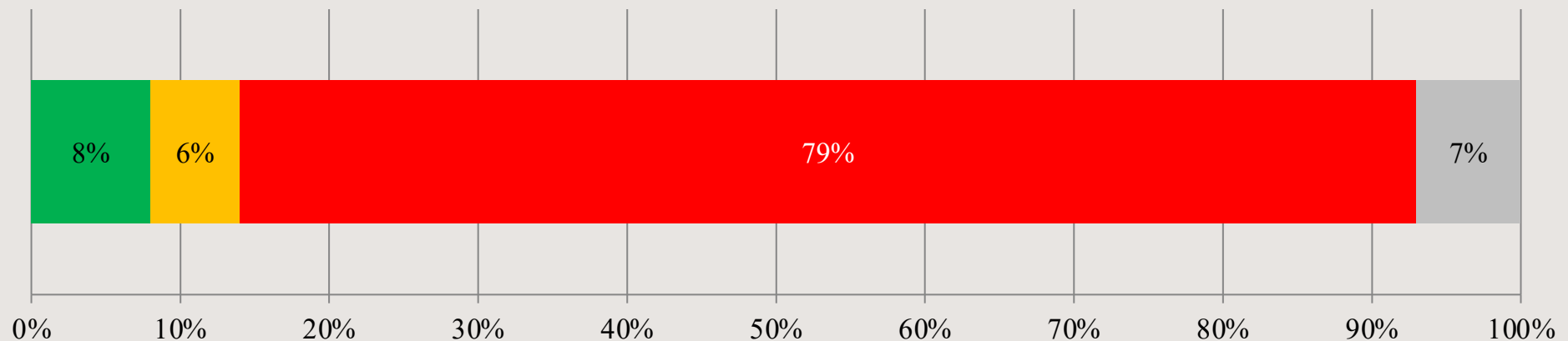
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- **Question: Q10 In your opinion, are the relief measures (known commonly as “sweeteners”) in the Budget this year stronger or weaker compared with those last year?**

	Percentage (n=2,409)
Stronger than the Budget last year	8%
More or less the same	6%
Weaker than the Budget last year	<b>79%</b>
Don't know / hard to say	7%

■ Stronger than the Budget last year   ■ More or less the same   ■ Weaker than the Budget last year   ■ Don't know / hard to say



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- **Question: Q11 Do you think you and your family's lives will become better, worse, or more or less the same in the coming year?**

	Percentage (n=2,409)
Better	12%
More or less the same	42%
Worse	44%
Don't know / hard to say	2%

