

Citywide – Attitude to Drugs & Drug Users

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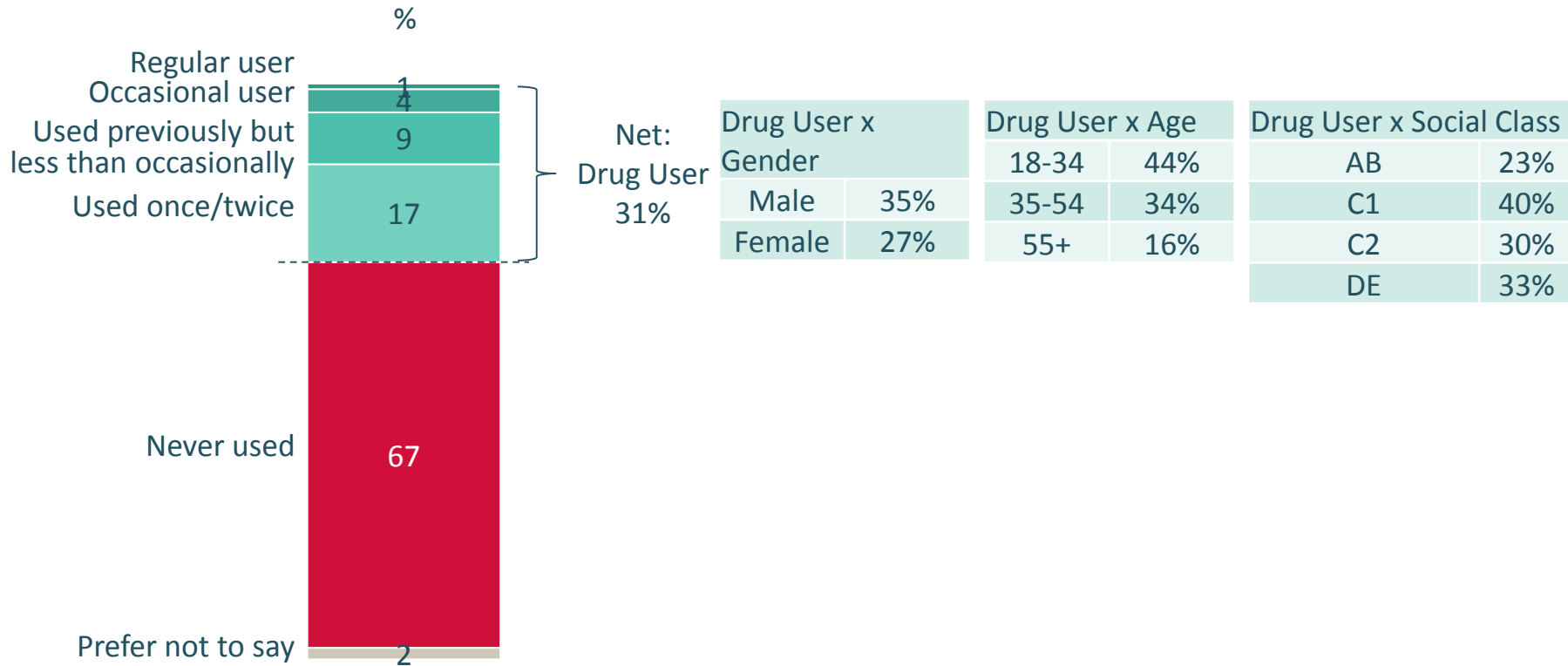
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Drugs in Irish Society

Use of Illegal Drugs

(Base: All Respondents, n=1,035)

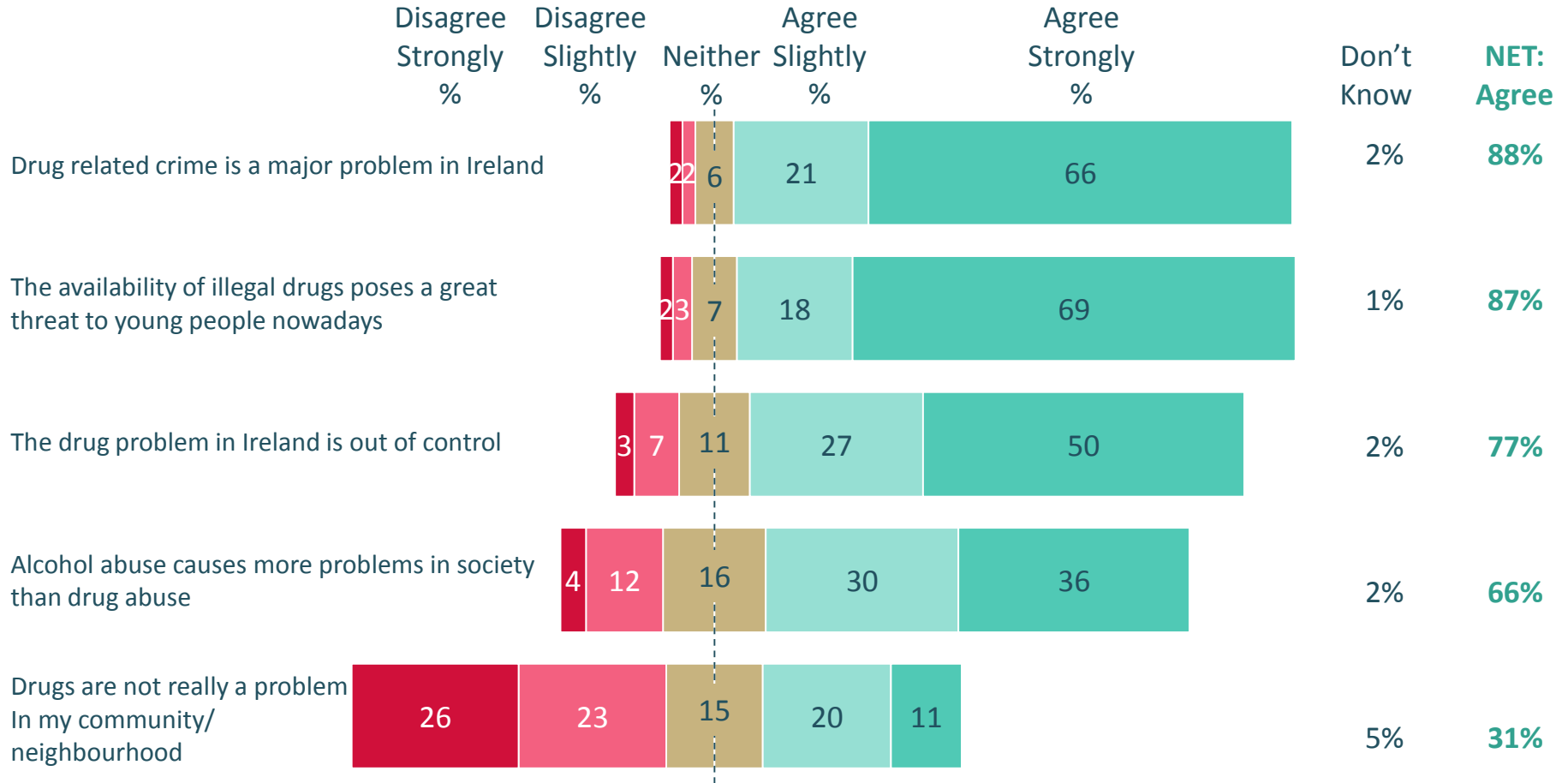


31% of the population report to have ever use illegal drugs with males more likely to state this and those aged 18-34.



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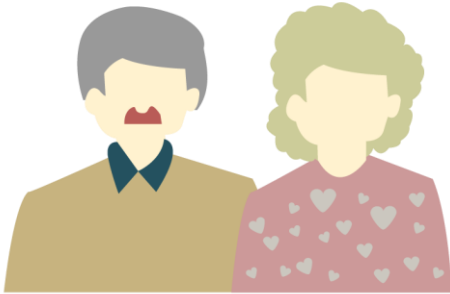
High level of agreement with statements associated with crime and drugs and the impact of the wide availability of drugs on young people



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Attitudes to drugs in Irish society differ by age with those aged 55+ more likely to agree with the following statements



Drug related crime is a major problem in Ireland

94% (88%)

The availability of illegal drugs poses a great threat to young people nowadays

95% (87%)

The drug problem in Ireland is out of control

83% (77%)

...also those who haven't used illegal drugs are more likely to agree with the statements posed

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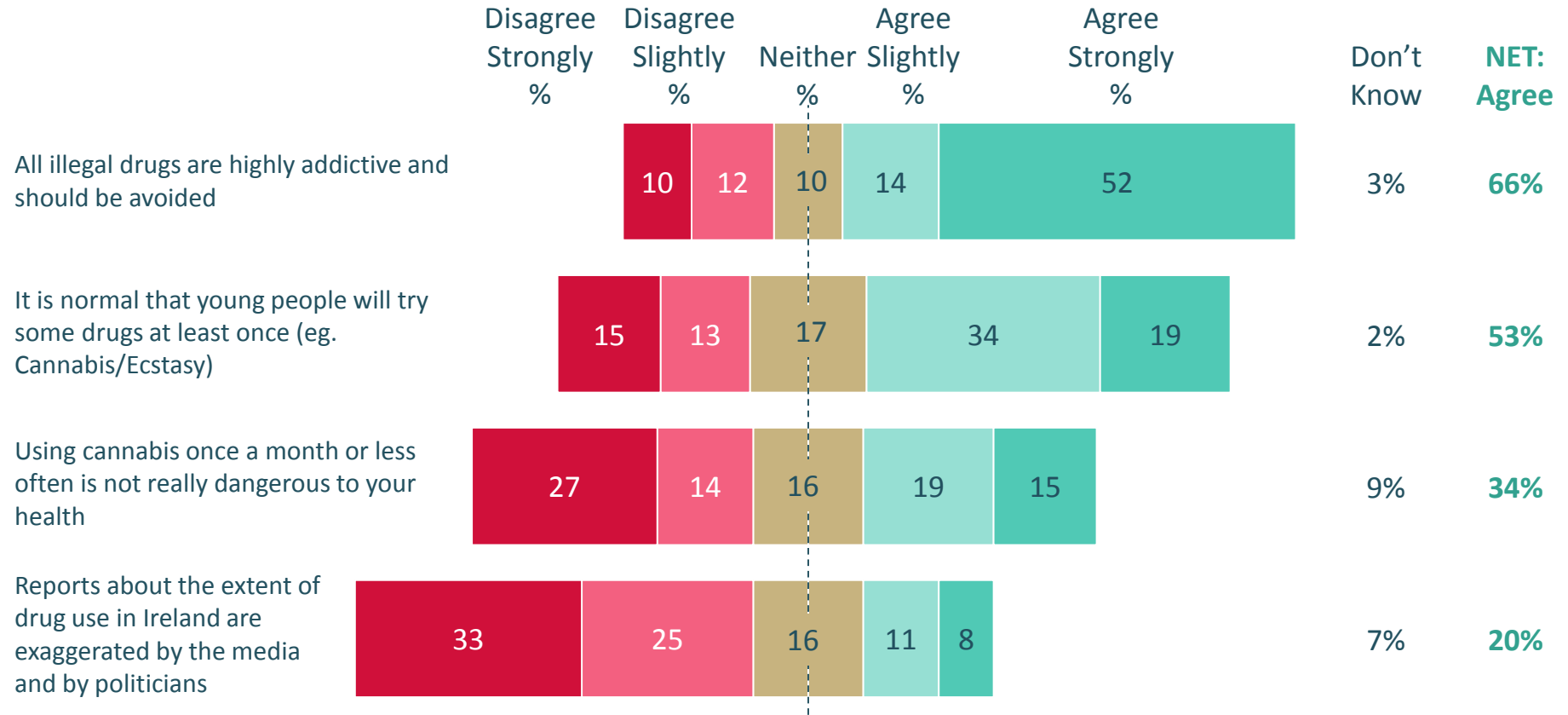
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Drugs Use

Drugs Use In Ireland

(Base: All Respondents, n=1,035)



66% of the population agree that illegal drugs are highly addictive and should be avoided, however 22% of the population disagree with this statement.



Drugs Use In Ireland

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Young people in Ireland more likely to state that in frequent use of cannabis is not perceived as dangerous to health and that its normal for young people to try drugs at least once



Using cannabis once a month or less often is not really dangerous to your health

47% (34%)

It is normal that young people will try some drugs at least once (eg. Cannabis/Ecstasy)

59% (53%)

..those who identified themselves as ever using illegal drugs are more likely to agree with the statements posed

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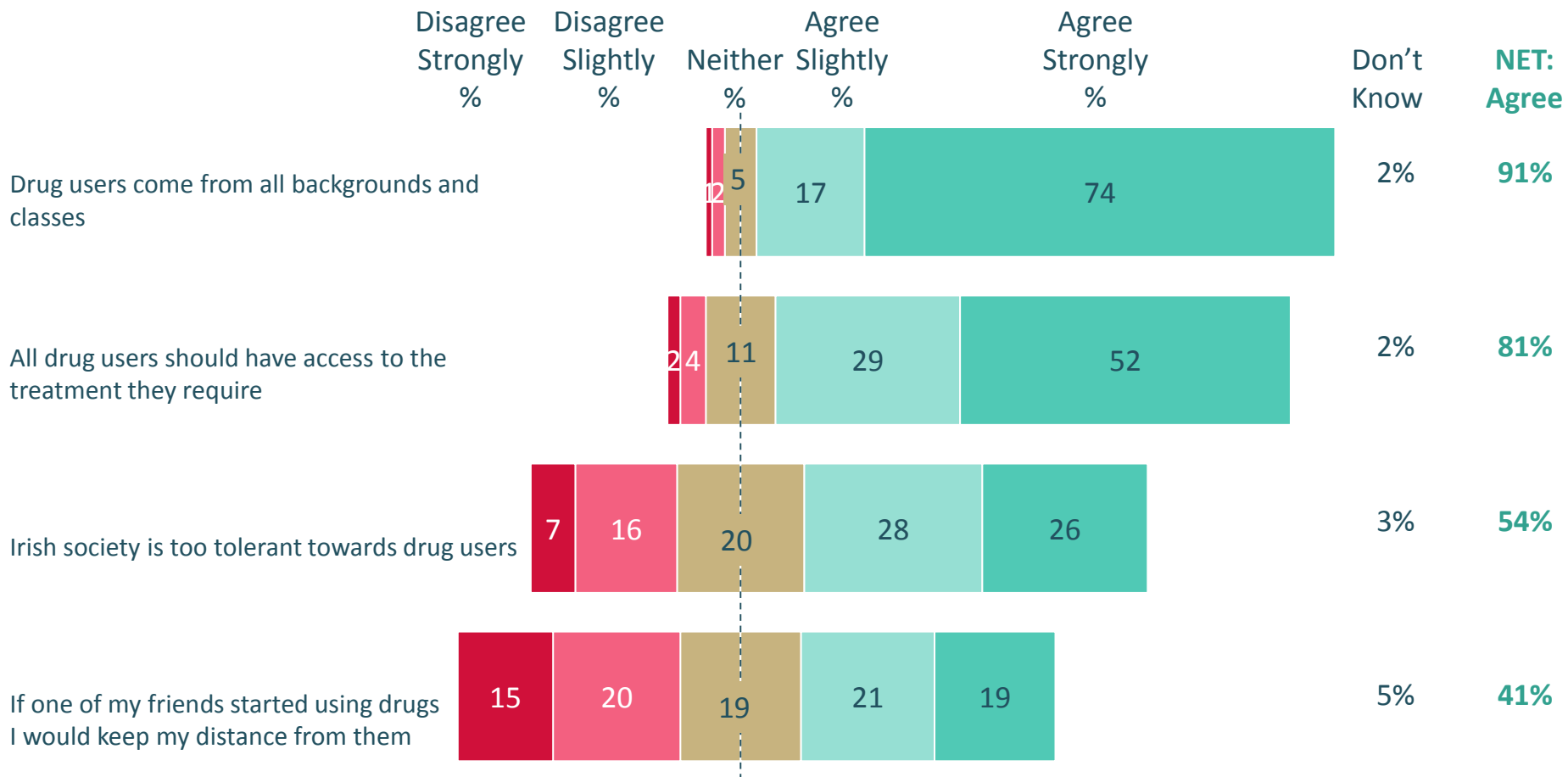
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Drugs Users

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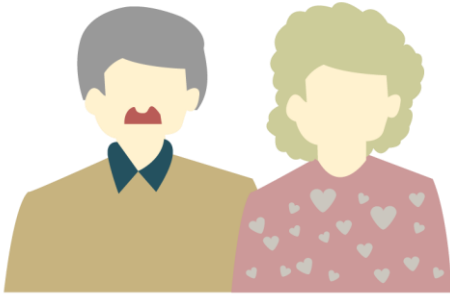
Appreciation that drug users come from all backgrounds and classes and high level of agreement that drug users should have access to the treatment they require



Drug Users

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Those aged 55+ were most likely to agree that drug users should have access to the treatment they required and that Irish society is too tolerant towards drug use



All drug users should have access to the treatment they require

86% (81%)

Irish society is too tolerant towards drug users

63% (54%)

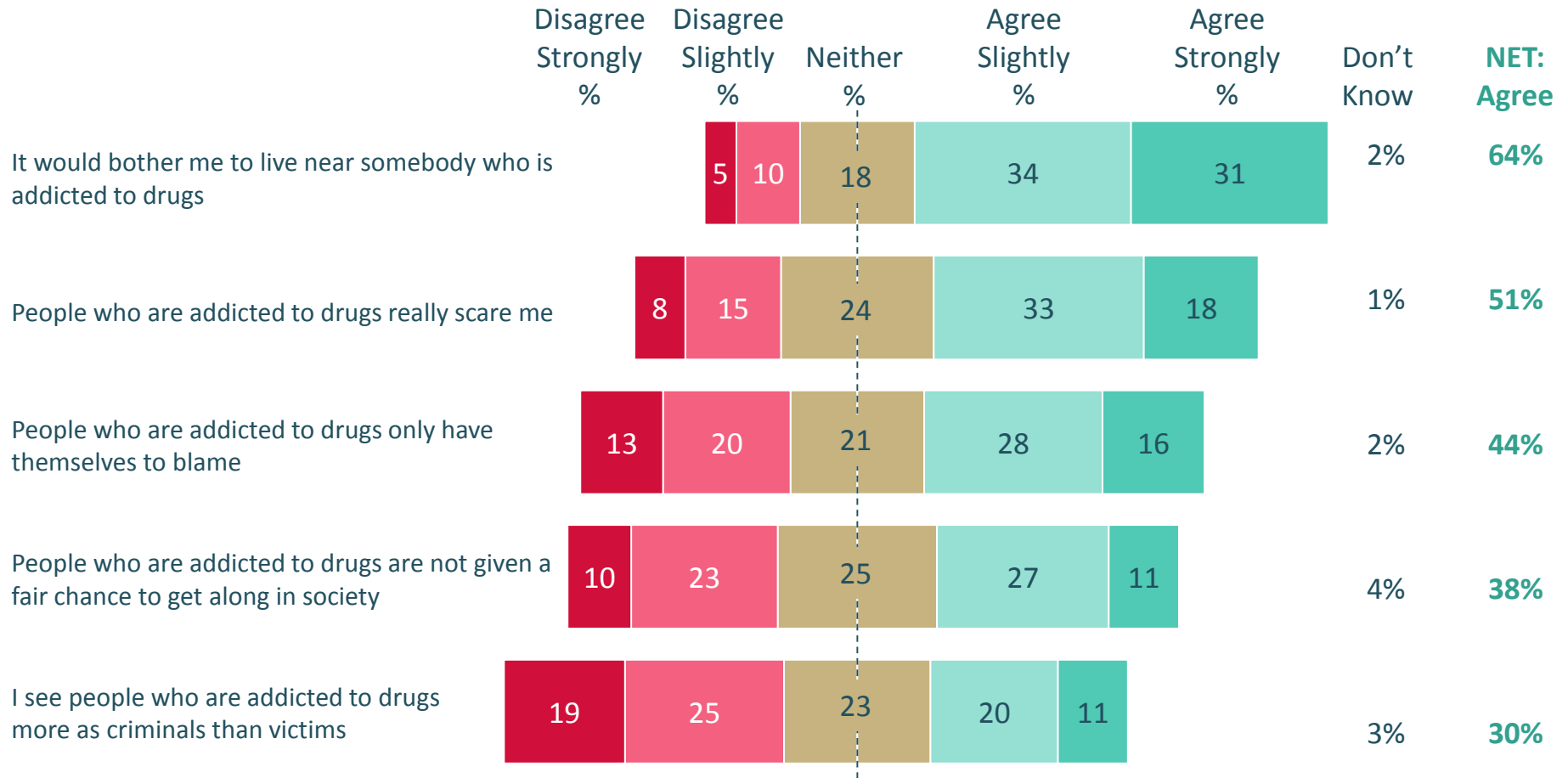
Non Drugs users are more likely to agree with these statements

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Drug Users

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64% of the population agree that it would bother them to live near somebody who is addicted to drugs. Just over half of the population admit to feeling 'scared' of people who are addicted to drugs.



Drug Users

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Females are more likely to report being scared of people who are addicted to drugs. Females are also more likely to state people who are addicted to drugs are not given a fair change to get along in society



People who are addicted to drugs
really scare me

56% (51%)

People who are addicted to drugs
are not given a fair chance to get
along in society

42% (38%)

Non Drugs users are more likely to agree with these statements

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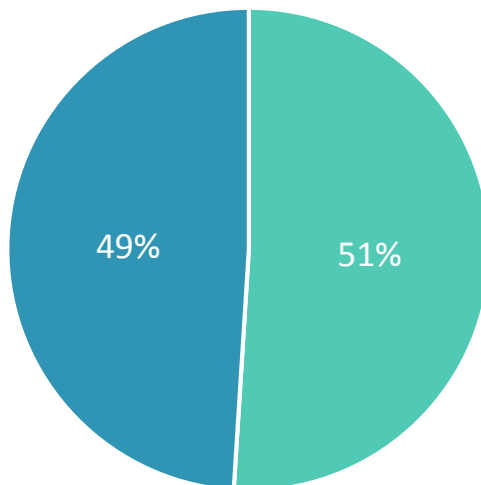
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Decriminalisation of Drugs

(Base: All Respondents; n=1,035)

Q6. Possession of illegal drugs, no matter how small the amount, is currently a criminal offence in Ireland.

The law in Ireland should be changed so that the possession of small quantities of illegal drugs is 'decriminalised' as described



The law in Ireland should stay as it currently is so that possession of illegal drugs remains a criminal offence

	Total %	Gender		Age			Drugs	
		Male %	Female %	18-34 %	35-54 %	55+ %	User %	Non-User %
The law in Ireland should remain the same	51	44	57%	42	52%	57	26	63%
The law in Ireland should be changed.	49	56%	43	58%	48	43	74%	37

On a national level support for decriminalisation is split however within the population support for decriminalisation is higher for males, 18-34 and those who have ever used illegal drugs before.

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