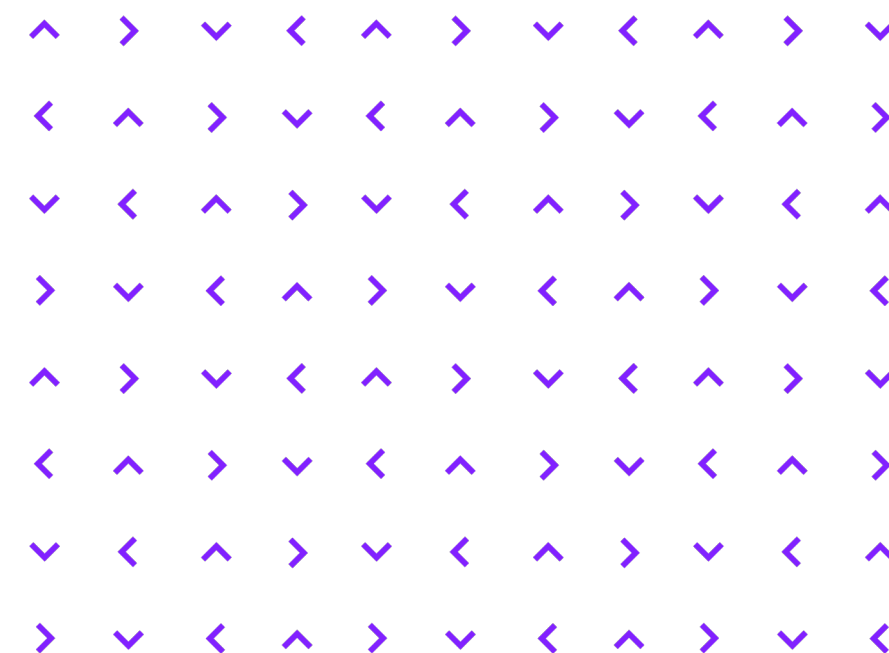


Cost of living and student belonging

October 2023



Methodology and demographics



ABOUT THE SURVEY

In the spring and summer of 2023 Wonkhe and Pearson advertised a student survey via Wonkhe SUs-subscribed students' unions exploring the ways that rising cost of living is shaping students' educational experience and sense of belonging.

We also invited students who had taken part in our earlier research on belonging to complete the survey.

908 students took the survey. Students from two institutions - one a large research-intensive university in the North of England, and the other a post-92 university in the South of England - constituted the majority of the sample.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender Female 65.7% | Male 28.9% | Non-binary 3.3%

Domicile UK 76.4% | Outside UK 23.6%

Disability Disabled 19.1% | Non-disabled 74.1%

Age 17-22 56.5% | 23-30 28.9% | 30+ 14%

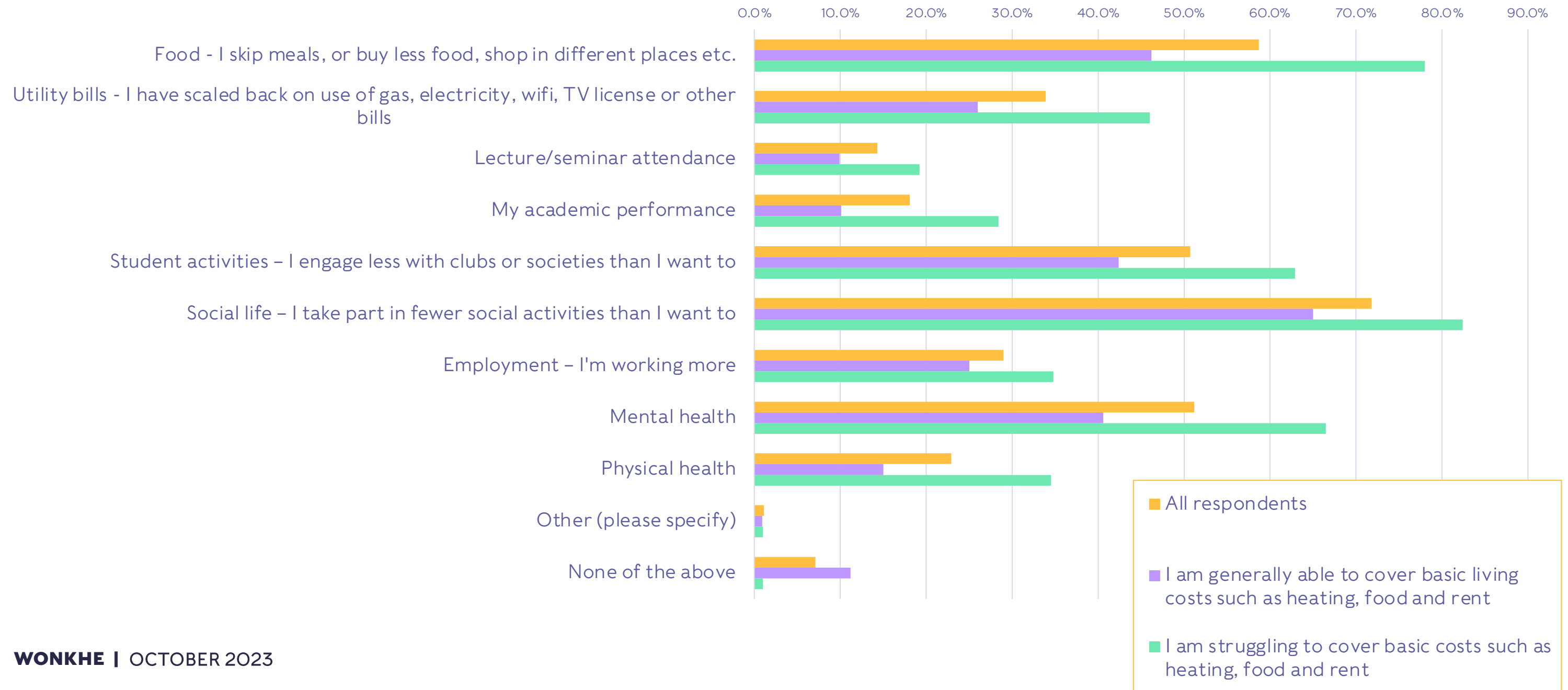
Ethnicity White 68% | Asian/Asian-British 17.3% | Black/Black-British 6% | Arab 0.5% | Mixed 5%

Qualification Bachelors or other UG 70.5% | Masters or MBA 20% | Other PG 4.4%

Parental education One parent/caregiver attended university 23.4% | Two attended university 23.8% | None attended university 50.8%

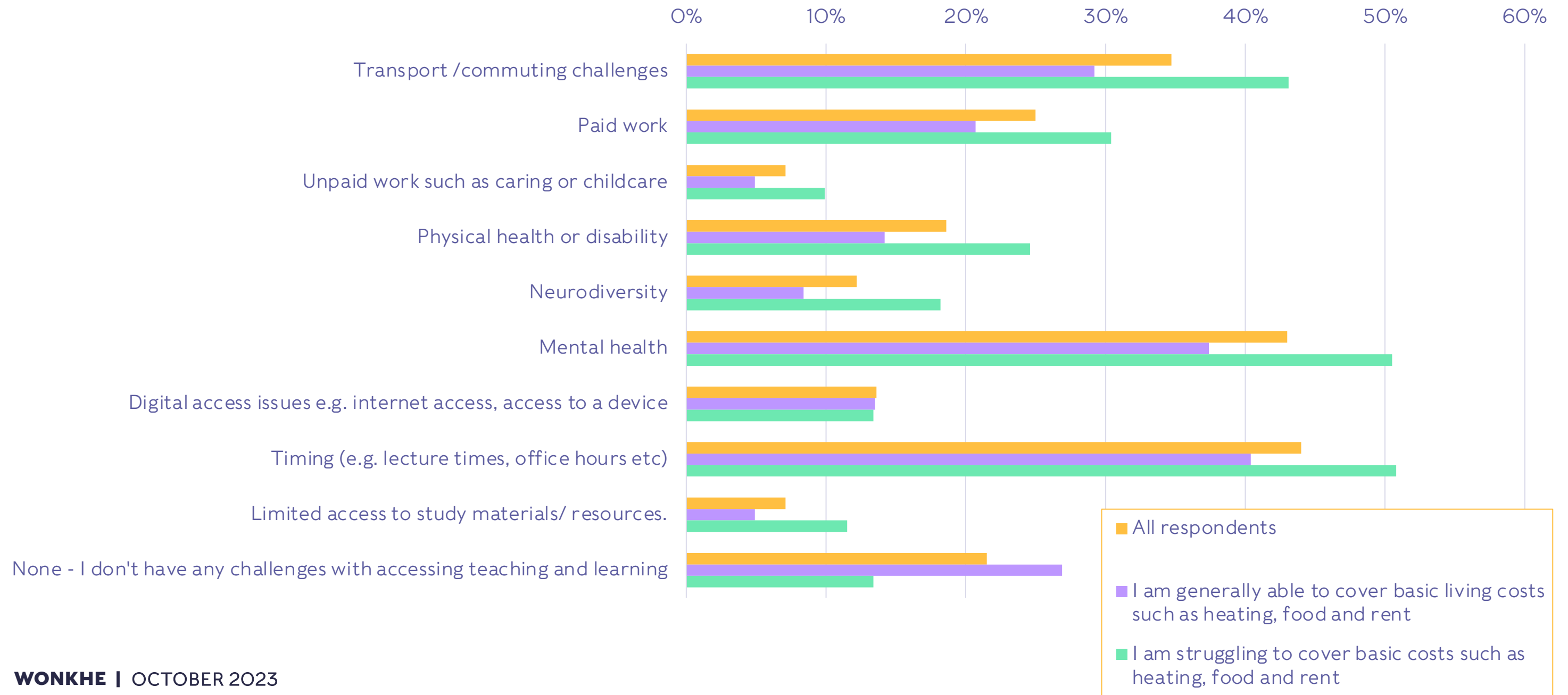
Adverse impact on students of cost of living challenges

What areas of your life are adversely affected by cost-of-living challenges?



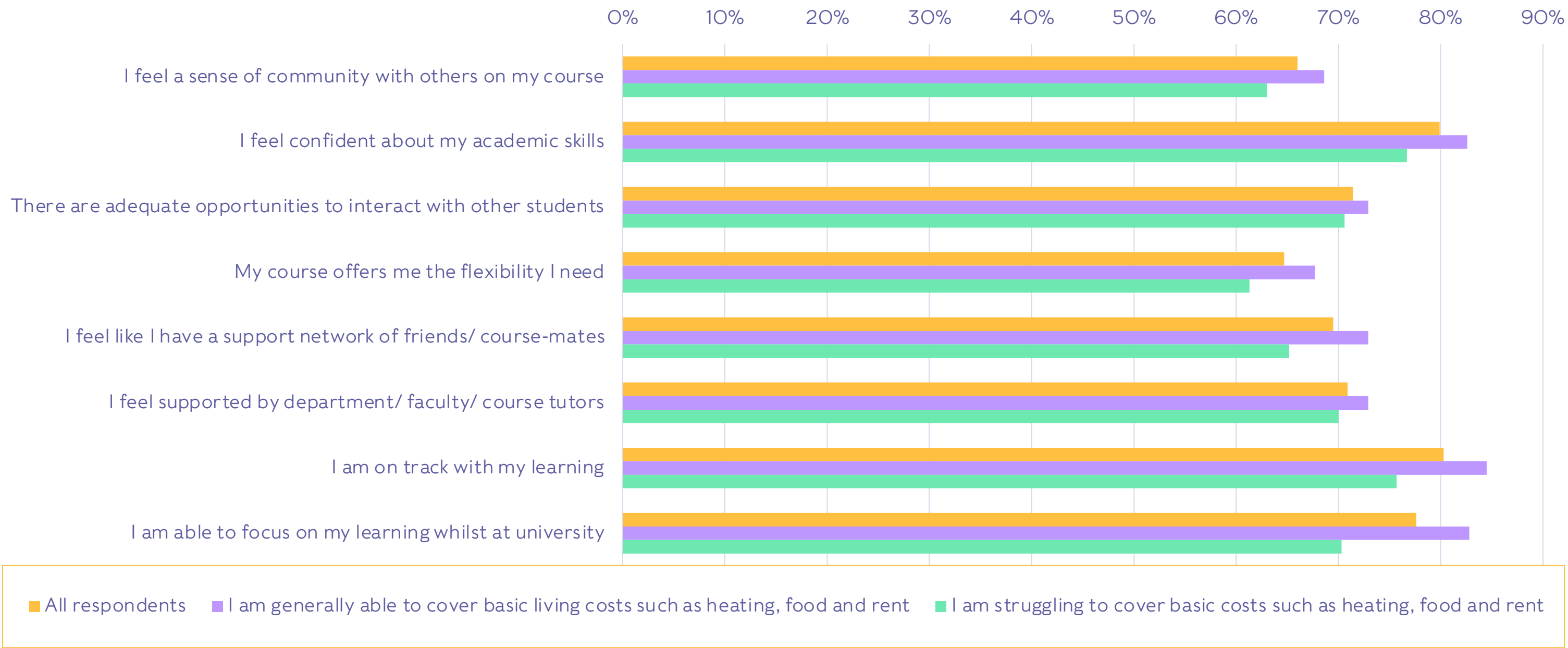
Access to teaching and learning

Which of these things regularly impact on your ability to access your teaching or learning (on campus or online)?



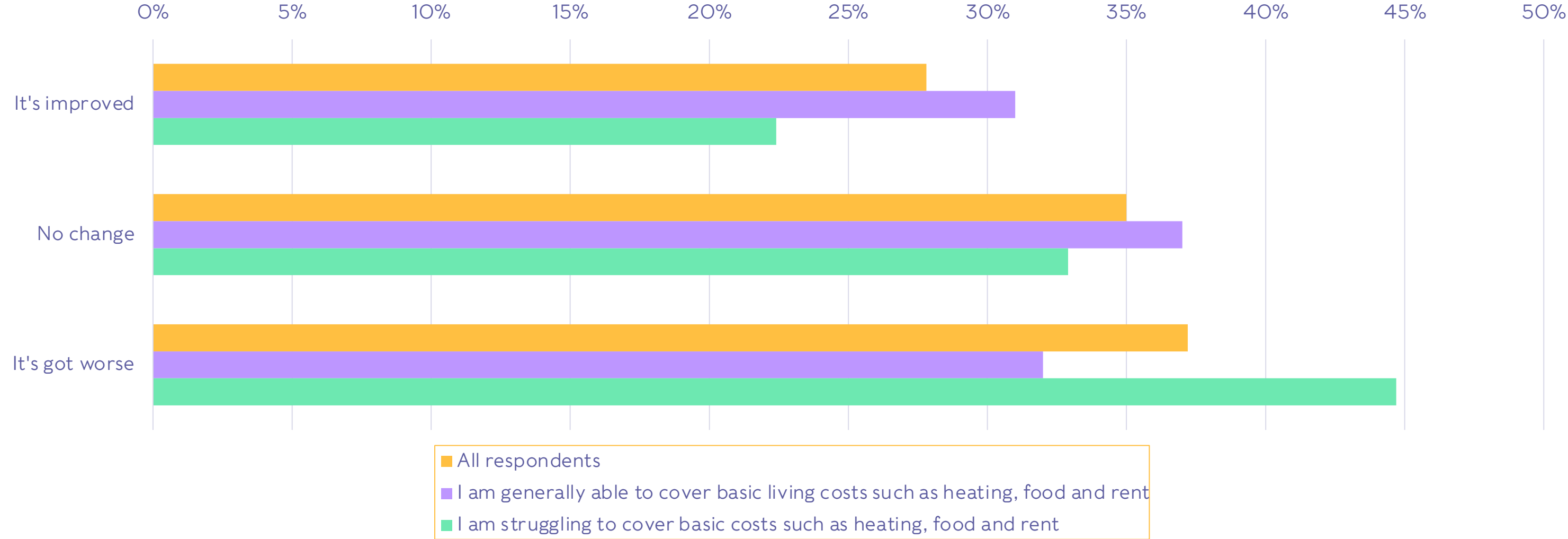
Course experience and connections

Please indicate to what extent you agree with the following statements about your course this semester (% strongly agree/mostly agree)



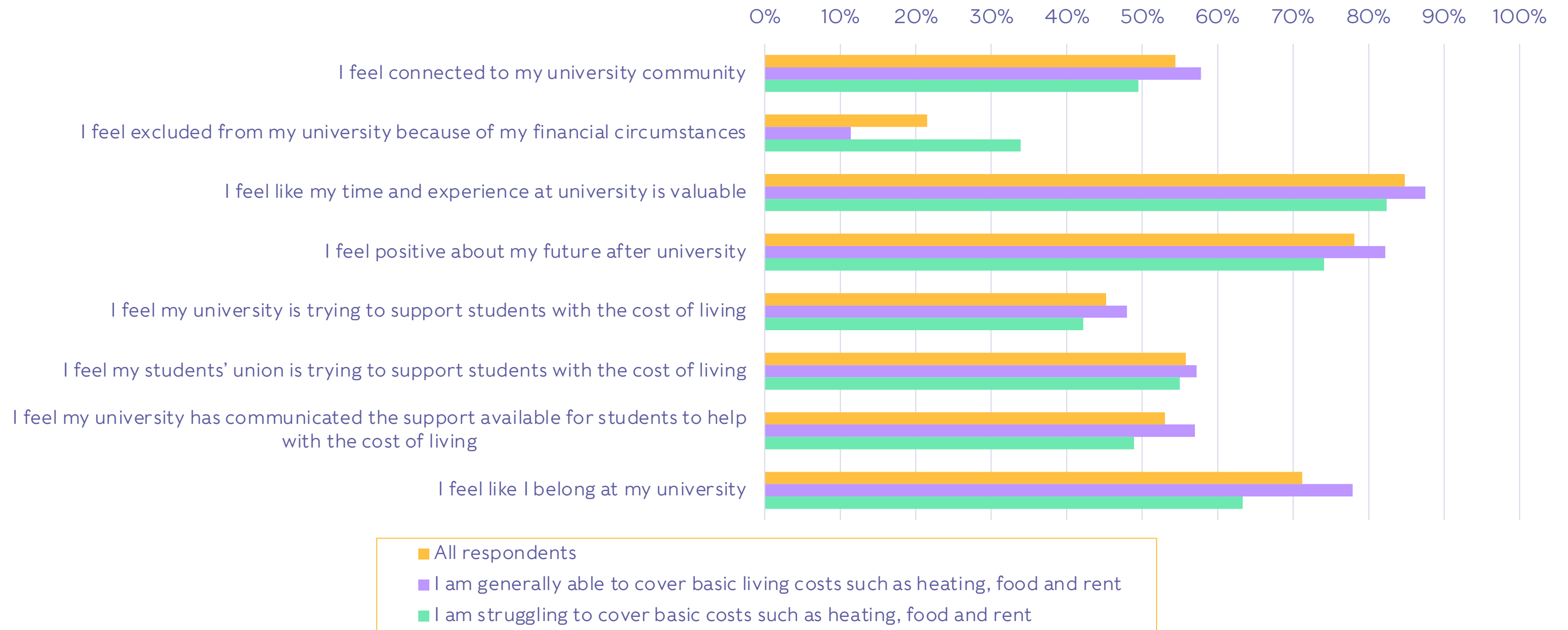
Mental health and financial challenges

In your opinion, how has your mental health changed since coming to university this year?



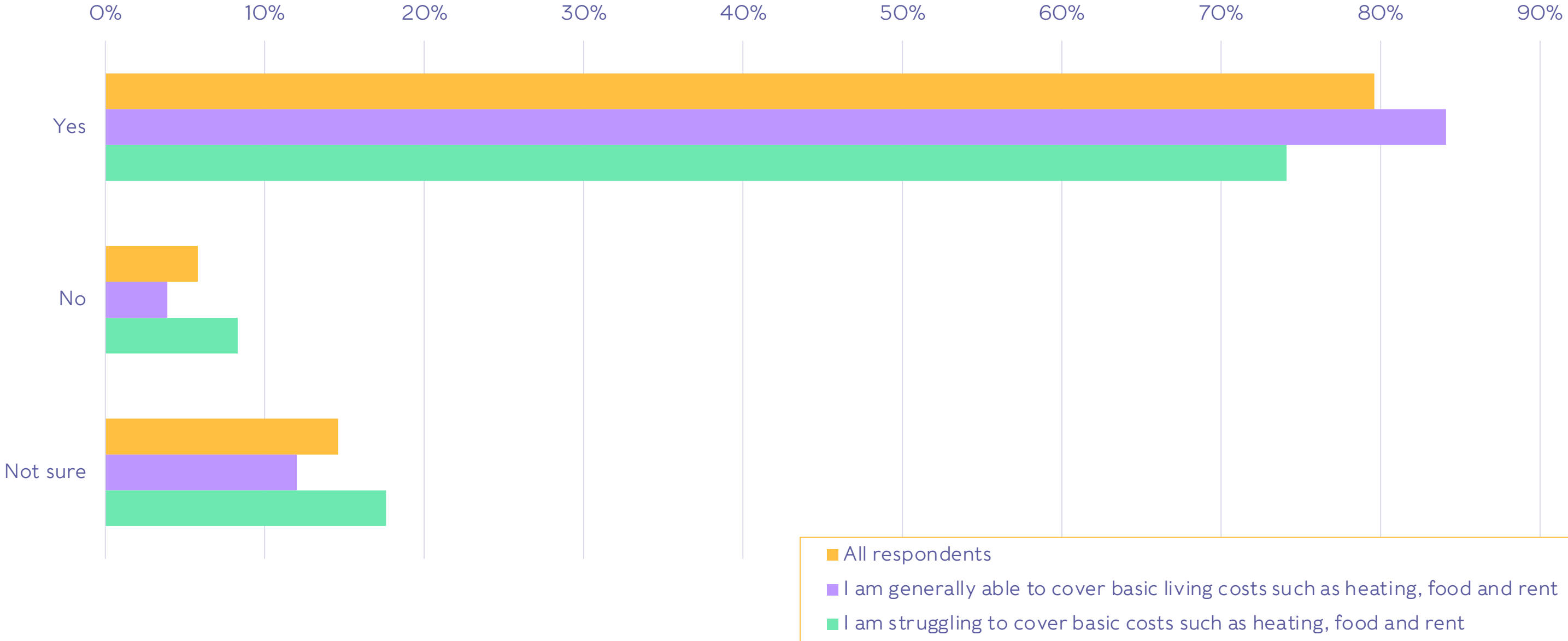
Feelings about university

How far would you agree with these statements about how you feel when at university? (% strongly agree/mostly agree)



Feeling like university is the right choice

Do you still feel that university is the right choice for you?



Thank you

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