

Have Your Say

Precept
2017/18



Findings Report

Report Date: 23/01/17

Introduction

The OPCC launched an e-consultation on 16th December 2016, which ran for 5 weeks, closing on the 20th January 2017. During this time, residents of Gwent were asked for their views on:

- **The proposed level of increase in the precept.**

The precept is the part of the council tax which is allocated to the police. It is the responsibility of every local Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to set the level of the precept for their area annually. Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the PCC has a statutory duty to consult with ratepayers on budget and precept proposals.

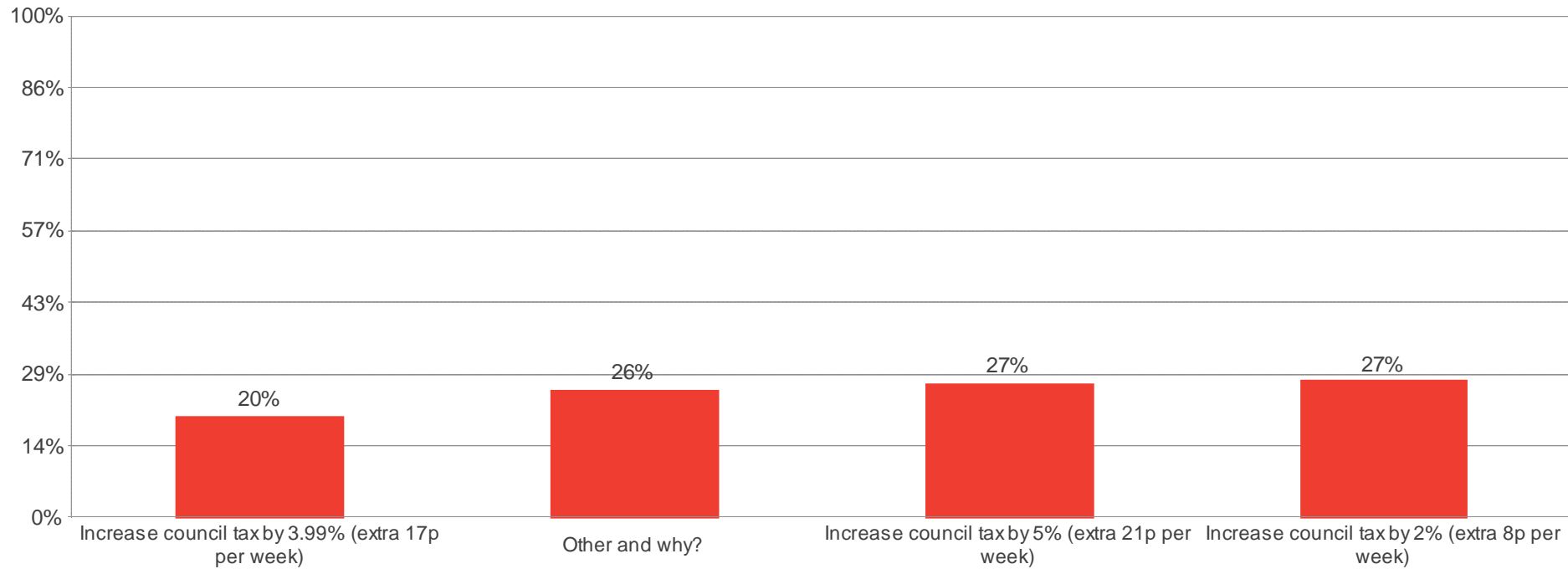
All responses were received in electronically through the medium of English, with the exception of one which was received through the medium of Welsh.

This report details findings from the consultation carried out.

Q's1-4. Proposed Precept Increase

Respondents were asked to select which of the three levels of precept increase they most agreed with. Respondents were also given the option of 'other', which provided them with the opportunity to select their own level along with a brief explanation.

Proposed Increase

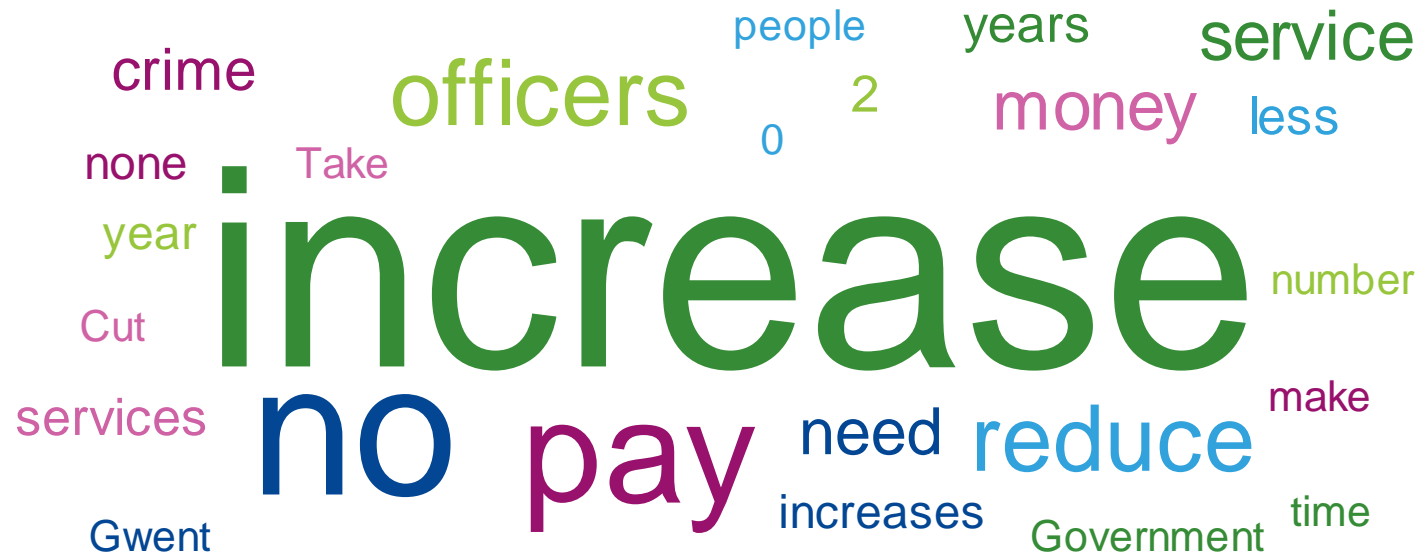


Of the **491** who answered the survey, **27.3%** agreed to **Increase council tax by 2% (extra 8p per week)**.

Of the **26.9%** who answered '**Other and Why?**', **21** stated they would pay a higher level of precept. This equates to **4.3%** of total respondents.

*It must be noted that a number of respondents did select more than one option for this set of

Other and why?

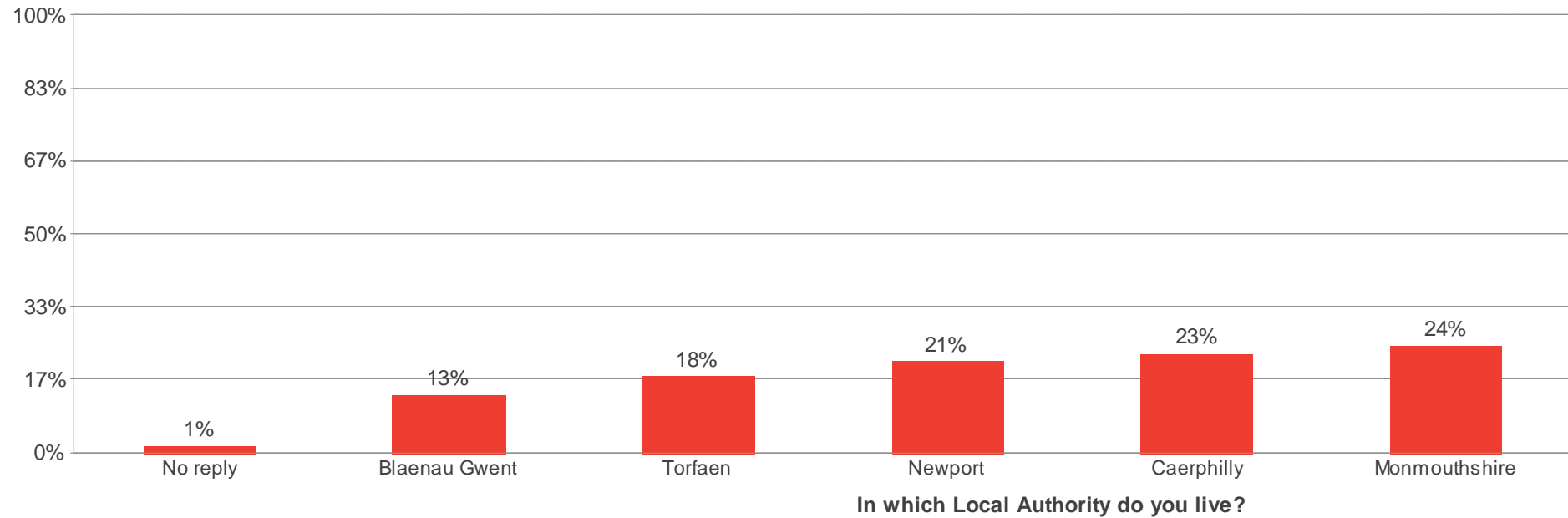


The above cloud demonstrates the most common topics respondents raised as being important when considering an increase in the level of precept. It must be noted that the most common themes identified included 'increase' and 'no'.

Q's 5-9 - Demographics

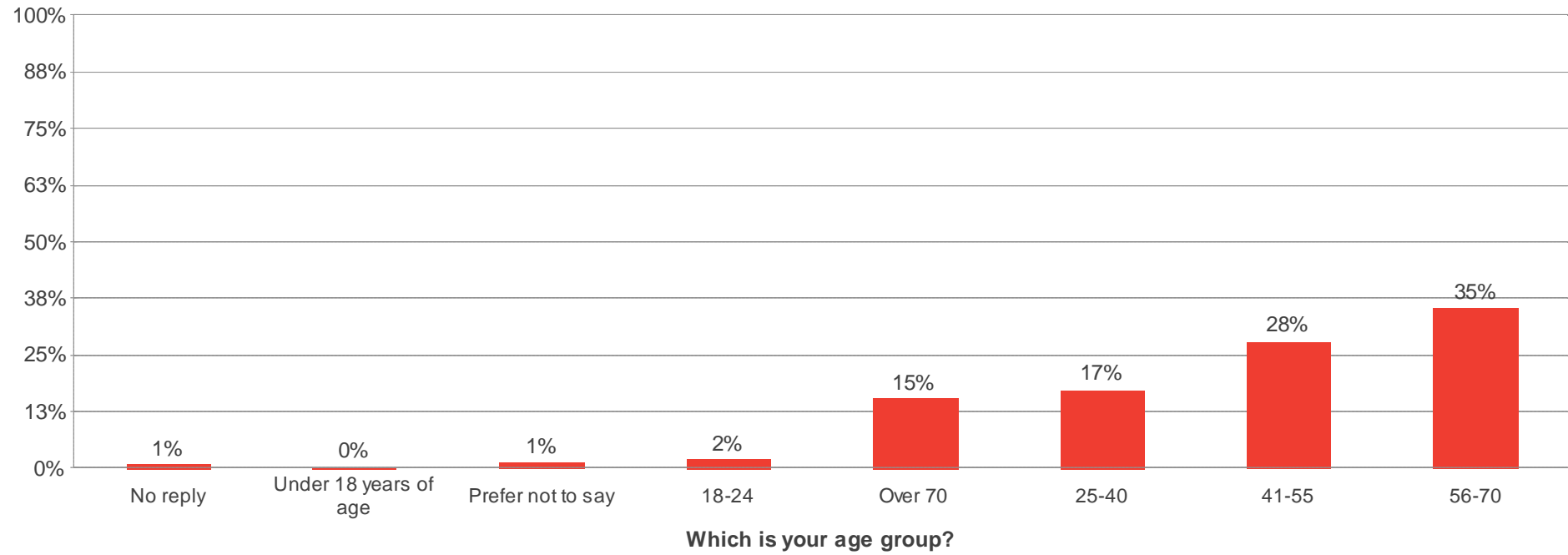
The remaining questions gathered information regarding the demographics of the respondents.

In which Local Authority do you live?



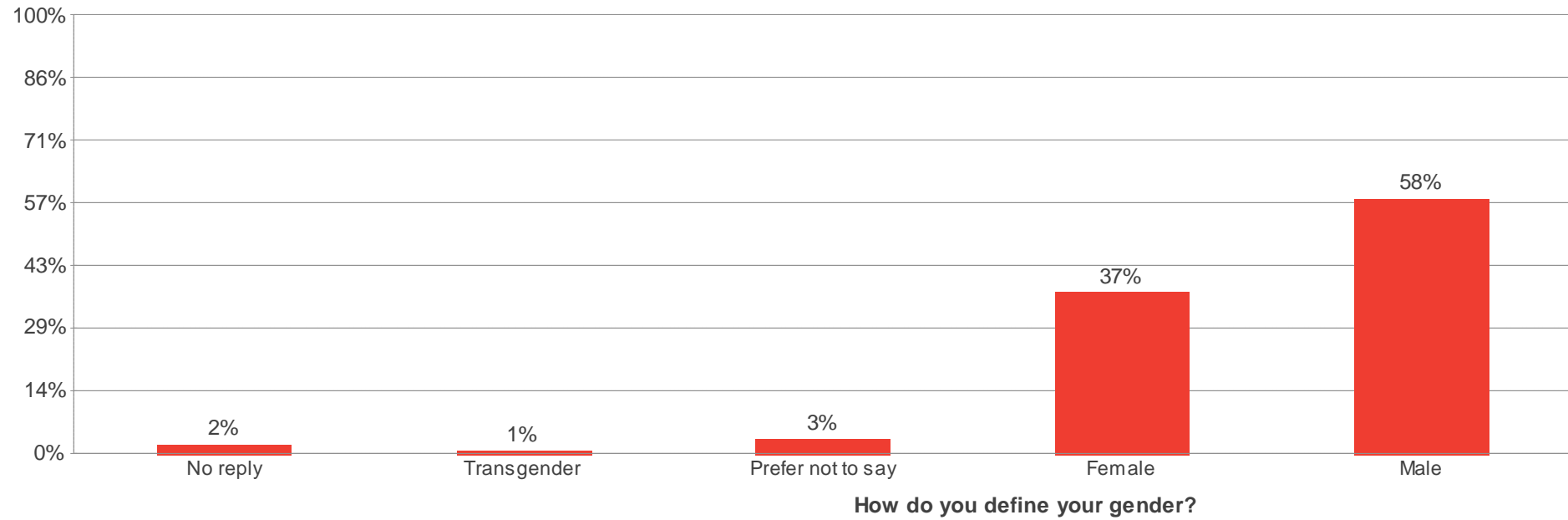
Of the **491** respondents to the survey, **24.44%** were from the **Monmouthshire** area.

Which is your age group?



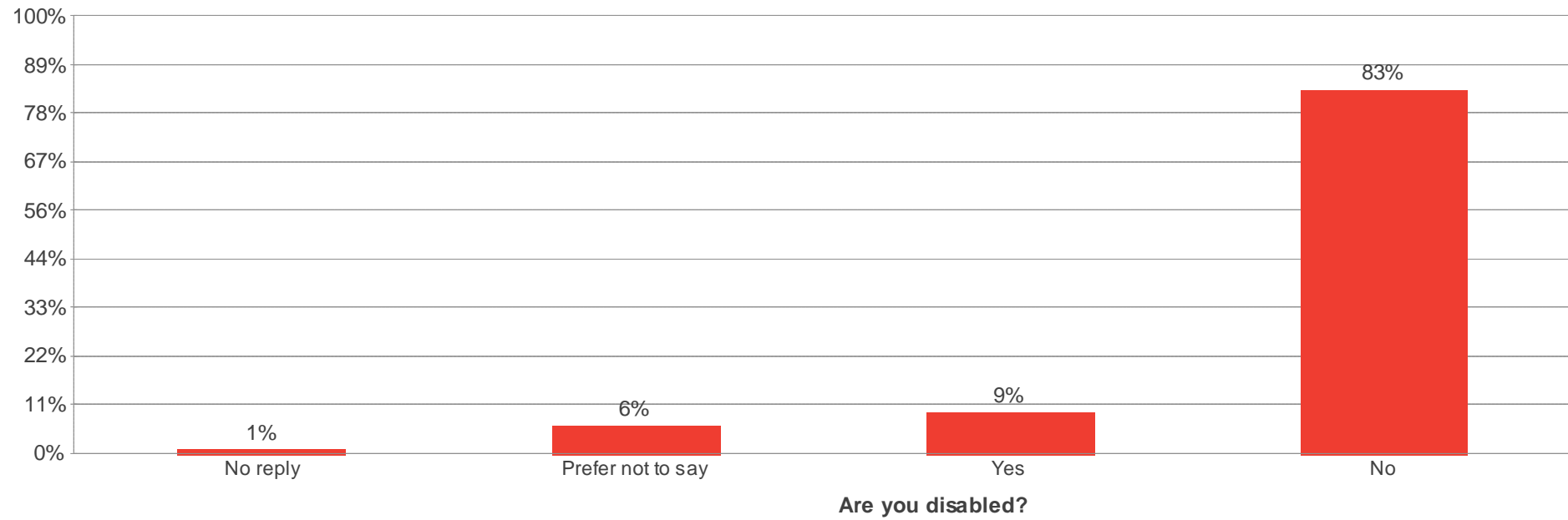
Of the **491** respondents to the survey, **35.4%** were aged **56-70**.

How do you define your gender?



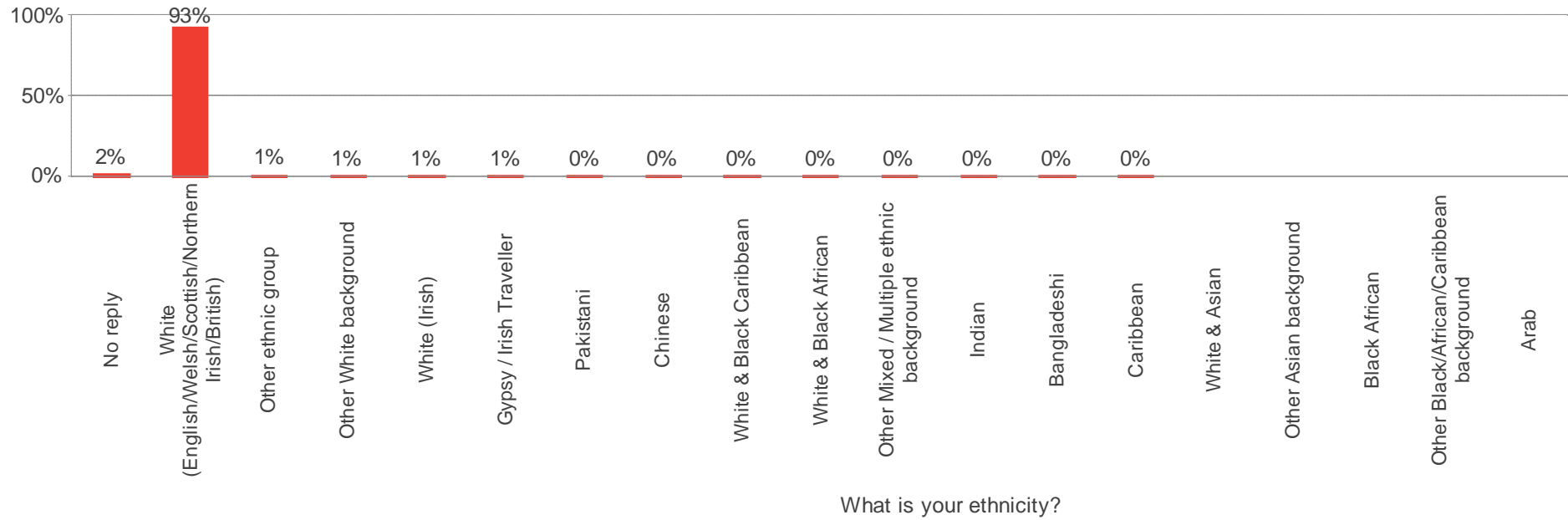
Of the **491** respondents to the survey, **58.0%** associated themselves as being **Male**.

Are you disabled?



Of the **491** respondents to the survey, **83.3%** classed answered **No** to being disabled.

What is your ethnicity?



Of the **491** respondents to the survey, **1.8%** associated themselves as being .

*Please note that the percentages above may equate to more than 100% due to rounding up.

The findings from this report will now be used by the PCC to inform the 2017/18 precept level which will be announced at the public Police and Crime Panel meeting on 27th January, 2017.