



Detailed report

Understanding and social acceptability of the Falco underground mine project

Survey of Abitibi-Témiscamingue residents

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Methodology

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Context and objectives	Ressources Falco commissioned Léger to conduct a survey of the Abitibi-Témiscamingue population regarding awareness, understanding and social acceptability of its underground mine project.
How?	Léger conducted a Web and telephone survey of 500 respondents.
Who?	Sample of 500 Abitibi-Témiscamingue residents aged 18 and over, able to express themselves in French or English.
When?	Data was collected from February 27 to March 9, 2025.
Ponderation	Results were weighted by age, gender, region (city), education level, presence of children in the household and homeowner/renter status to ensure a representative sample of the study population.
Margin of error	As an indication, a probability sample of 500 respondents would have an assumed margin of error of $\pm 4.38\%$, 19 times out of 20.

Notes

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES

Data in bold **red** characters indicate a significantly lower proportion than that of other respondents. Conversely, data in bold **green** characters indicate a significantly higher proportion than that of other respondents.

ROUNDED DATA

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.

DK / Refusal

The words “DK / Refusal” appearing in the report refer to “I don't know / I prefer not to answer”. For each question, the complement to 100% corresponds to this one.

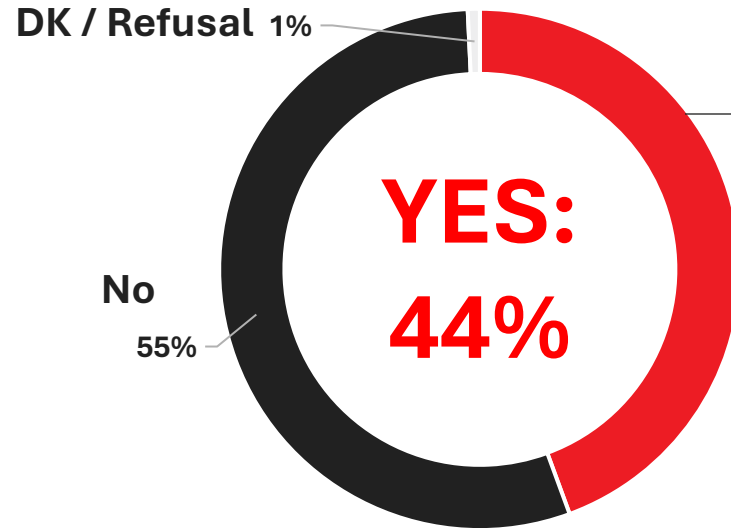
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Detailed results

Awareness of the Falco underground mine project

Q1. In recent months, have you heard of the Falco underground mine project, even if only by name?

Base: All respondents (n=500)



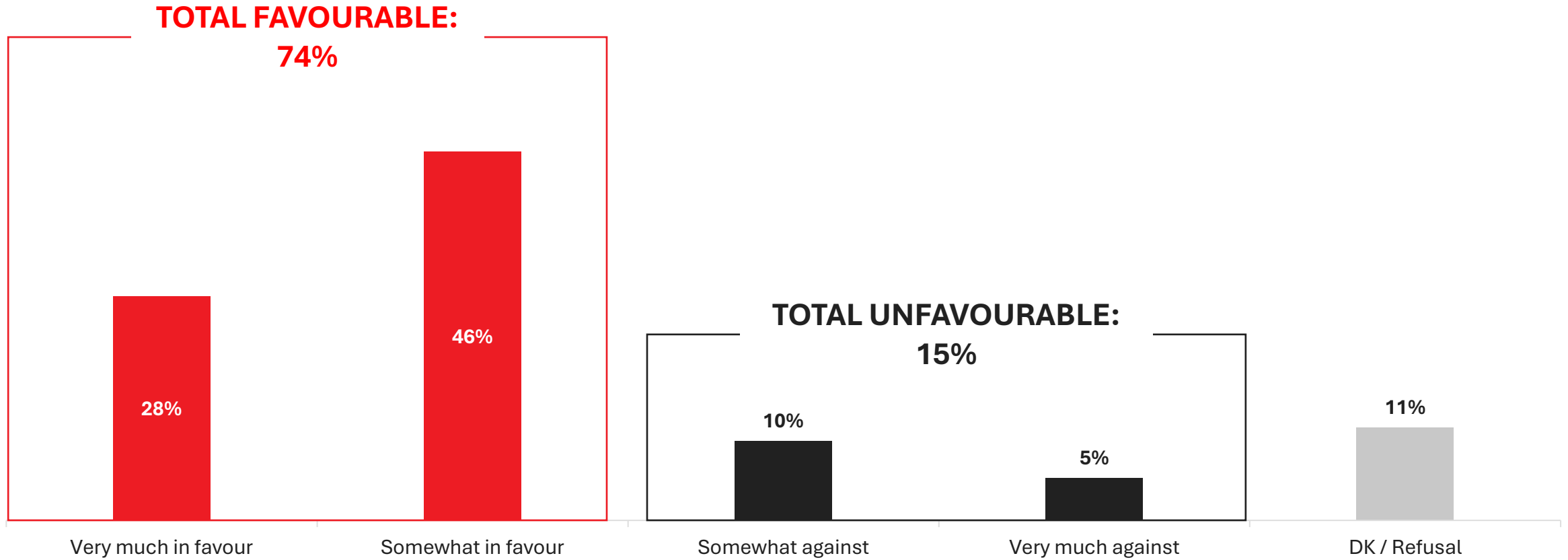
Awareness of the project is **69%** among Rouyn-Noranda residents.

	Total	Gender		Age			Region		Education			Housing status		Favourability of the project	
		M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	Rouyn-Noranda	Others	Elem. / HS	Coll.	Univ.	Own	Rent	Favourable	Unfavourable
	n= 500	214	286	114	122	264	244	256	203	148	144	348	136	352	88
Yes	44%	53%	35%	36%	48%	47%	69%	35%	37%	47%	60%	49%	33%	46%	56%
No	55%	46%	64%	64%	52%	52%	30%	64%	62%	53%	39%	50%	67%	54%	42%
DK / Refusal	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%

Support for Falco underground mine project (1/2)

QWSP18. Which of the following statements best describes your attitude toward the Falco underground mine project?

Base: All respondents (n=500)



Support for Falco underground mine project (2/2)

	Total	Gender		Age			Region		Education			Housing status		Project awareness	
		M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	Rouyn-Noranda	Others	Elem. / HS	Coll.	Univ.	Own	Rent	Yes	No
n=	500	214	286	114	122	264	244	256	203	148	144	348	136	266	230
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	74%	79%	68%	61%	77%	77%	72%	74%	76%	72%	67%	76%	67%	75%	72%
Very much in favour	28%	35%	21%	23%	27%	31%	27%	28%	30%	27%	20%	28%	27%	34%	23%
Somewhat in favour	46%	44%	47%	38%	50%	47%	45%	46%	46%	45%	46%	48%	40%	41%	50%
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE	15%	15%	15%	21%	15%	12%	19%	13%	13%	15%	22%	14%	18%	19%	11%
Somewhat against	10%	10%	10%	14%	9%	8%	10%	10%	9%	10%	13%	9%	12%	12%	8%
Very much against	5%	6%	5%	7%	6%	4%	9%	4%	4%	5%	10%	5%	6%	7%	4%
DK / Refusal	11%	6%	17%	19%	8%	10%	9%	13%	10%	14%	11%	10%	15%	6%	16%

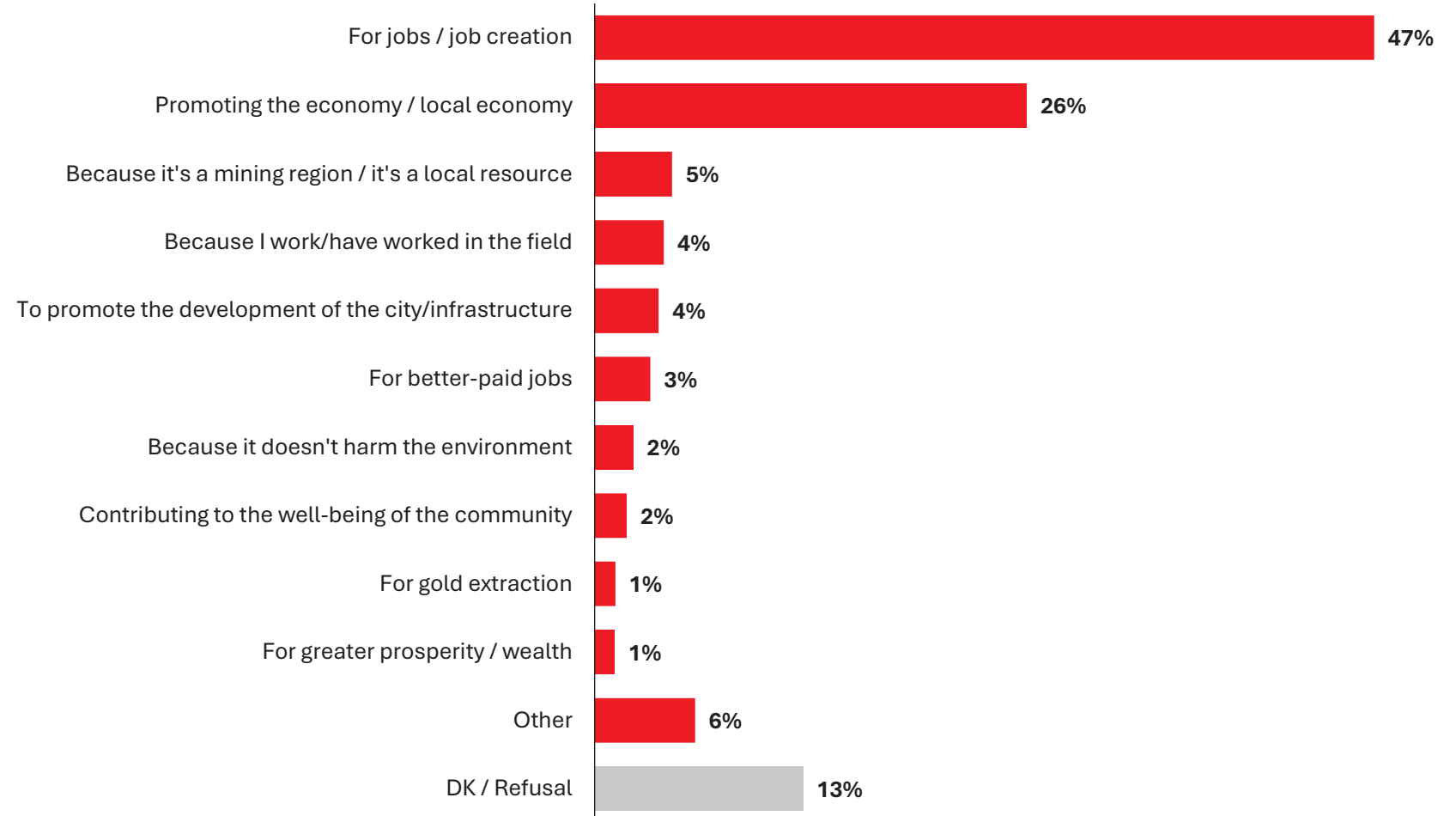
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Base: All respondents (n=500)

Reasons to be in favour of the project (1/2)

Q3. Why are you in favour of this project? – *Spontaneous mentions, no choice of answer*

Base: The respondents in favour of the projet (n=352) (73% of all respondents)



Reasons to be in favour of the project (2/2)

	Total	Gender		Age			Region		Education			Project awareness	
		M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	Rouyn-Noranda	Others	Elem. / HS	Coll.	Univ.	Yes	No
n=	352	171	181	62	89	201	172	180	149	103	95	193	157
For jobs / job creation	47%	41%	54%	41%	47%	50%	41%	50%	51%	41%	45%	48%	47%
Promoting the economy / local economy	26%	23%	30%	19%	39%	21%	24%	27%	24%	29%	32%	22%	30%
Because it's a mining region / it's a local resource	5%	3%	6%	1%	2%	8%	5%	5%	3%	7%	7%	6%	4%
Because I work/have worked in the field	4%	7%	1%	7%	3%	4%	6%	3%	4%	5%	3%	6%	2%
To promote the development of the city/infrastructure	4%	5%	3%	12%	1%	3%	8%	2%	5%	1%	7%	4%	4%
For better-paid jobs	3%	2%	5%	0%	2%	6%	1%	4%	4%	4%	0%	4%	2%
Because it doesn't harm the environment	2%	3%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%
Contributing to the well-being of the community	2%	3%	0%	0%	4%	1%	0%	2%	0%	4%	1%	2%	2%
For gold extraction	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%
For greater prosperity / wealth	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Other	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	7%	7%	6%	2%	9%	14%	11%	2%
DK / Refusal	13%	12%	14%	22%	11%	10%	14%	12%	16%	10%	8%	9%	16%

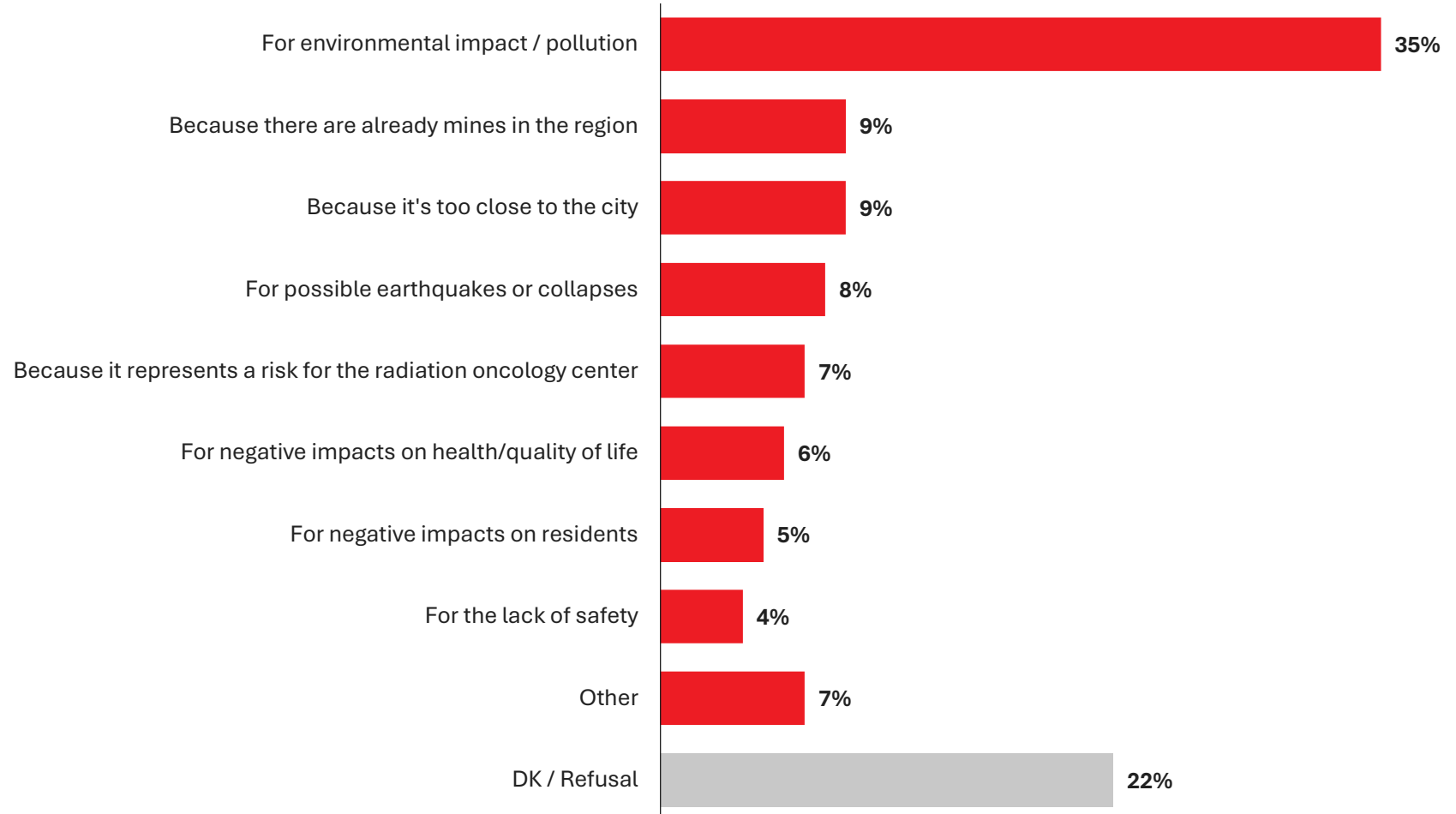
Q3. Why are you in favour of this project? – Spontaneous mentions, no choice of answer

Base: The respondents in favour of the projet (n=352) (73% of all respondents)

Reasons to be against the project (1/2)

Q4. Why are you against this project? - *Spontaneous mentions, no choice of answer*

Base: The respondents against the project (n=88) (15% of all respondents)



Reasons to be against the project (2/2)

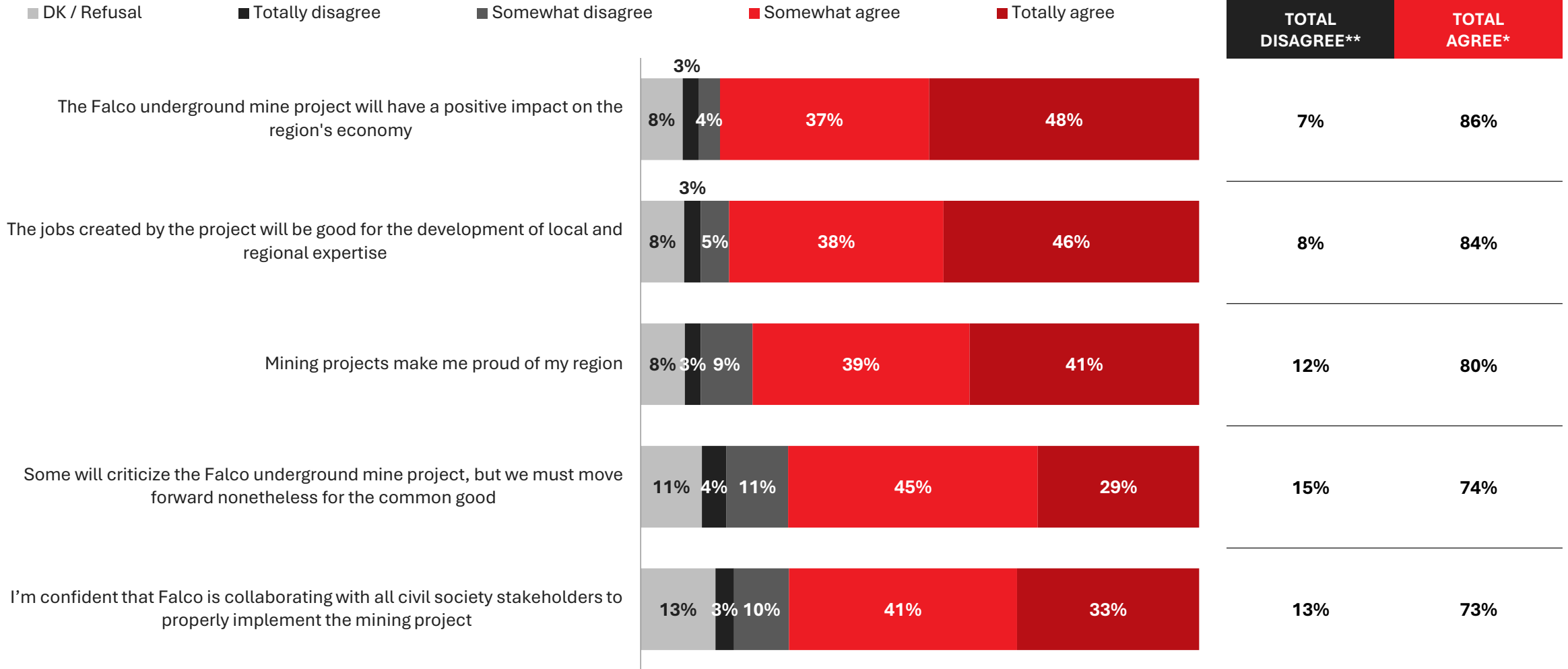
	Total	Gender		Age			Region		Education			Project awareness	
		M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	Rouyn-Noranda	Others	Elem. / HS	Coll.	Univ.	Yes	No
n=	88	32	56	28*	21*	39	51	37	28*	24*	36	57	30
For environmental impact / pollution	35%	34%	35%	31%	36%	37%	41%	31%	35%	22%	51%	42%	27%
Because there are already mines in the region	9%	11%	7%	13%	14%	2%	18%	4%	8%	4%	18%	12%	5%
Because it's too close to the city	9%	11%	7%	2%	2%	20%	5%	11%	7%	11%	10%	11%	3%
For possible earthquakes or collapses	8%	13%	4%	16%	9%	2%	5%	10%	11%	4%	9%	11%	5%
Because it represents a risk for the radiation oncology center	7%	8%	5%	12%	5%	4%	13%	3%	0%	4%	21%	12%	0%
For negative impacts on health/quality of life	6%	2%	10%	10%	0%	8%	1%	9%	7%	3%	9%	3%	11%
For negative impacts on residents	5%	7%	2%	4%	0%	9%	2%	7%	8%	3%	2%	9%	0%
For the lack of safety	4%	8%	1%	0%	11%	3%	3%	5%	8%	0%	3%	8%	0%
Other	7%	7%	7%	10%	2%	8%	7%	7%	3%	14%	5%	4%	12%
DK / Refusal	22%	15%	29%	31%	30%	8%	20%	23%	20%	38%	4%	9%	40%

Q4. Why are you against this project? - Spontaneous mentions, no choice of answer

Base: The respondents against the project (n=88) (15% of all respondents)

*Given the number of respondents (n<30), results are presented for information purposes only.

Agreement with various arguments concerning the Falco underground mine project (1/3)

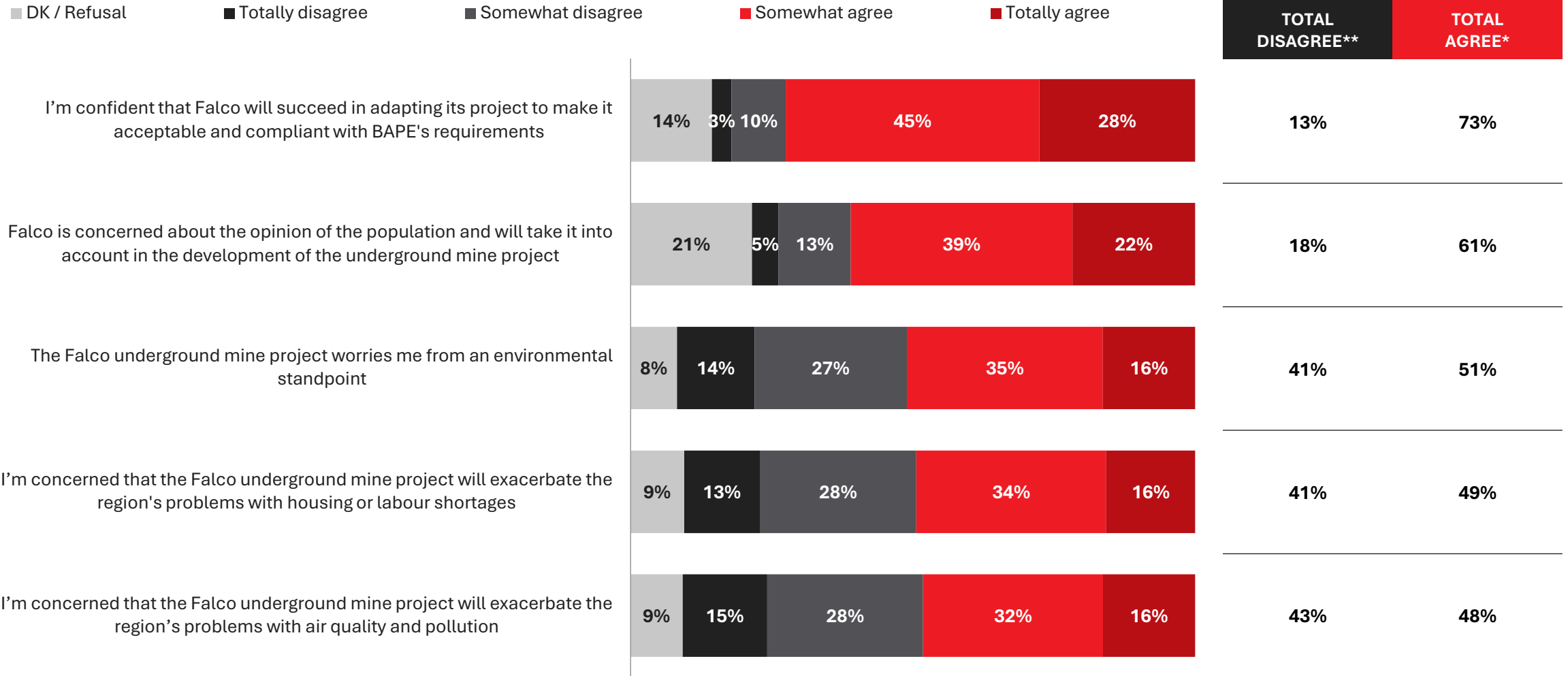


Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Base: All respondents (n=500)

*TOTAL AGREE= % Totally agree + % Somewhat agree / **TOTAL DISAGREE = % Somewhat disagree + % Totally disagree

Agreement with various arguments concerning the Falco underground mine project (2/3)



Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Base: All respondents (n=500)

*TOTAL AGREE= % Totally agree + % Somewhat agree / **TOTAL DISAGREE = % Somewhat disagree + % Totally disagree

Agreement with various arguments concerning the Falco underground mine project (3/3)

TOTAL AGREE* PRESENTED	Total	Gender		Age			Region		Education			Favourability of the project	
		M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	Rouyn-Noranda	Others	Elem. / HS	Coll.	Univ.	Favourable	Unfavourable
<i>n=</i>	500	214	286	114	122	264	244	256	203	148	144	352	88
The Falco underground mine project will have a positive impact on the region's economy	86%	90%	82%	74%	90%	89%	85%	86%	85%	84%	91%	95%	63%
The jobs created by the project will be good for the development of local and regional expertise	84%	85%	84%	78%	88%	85%	83%	85%	83%	83%	88%	95%	54%
Mining projects make me proud of my region	80%	84%	76%	68%	80%	86%	73%	83%	83%	75%	77%	89%	47%
Some will criticize the Falco underground mine project, but we must move forward nonetheless for the common good	74%	77%	70%	68%	74%	76%	74%	73%	77%	73%	63%	90%	22%
I'm confident that Falco is collaborating with all civil society stakeholders to properly implement the mining project	73%	80%	67%	65%	73%	78%	73%	74%	76%	73%	64%	88%	32%
I'm confident that Falco will succeed in adapting its project to make it acceptable and compliant with BAPE's requirements	73%	76%	69%	58%	72%	79%	67%	74%	73%	75%	67%	87%	25%
Falco is concerned about the opinion of the population and will take it into account in the development of the underground mine project	61%	63%	59%	51%	63%	65%	61%	61%	61%	64%	55%	75%	17%
The Falco underground mine project worries me from an environmental standpoint	51%	50%	52%	57%	47%	51%	52%	51%	51%	49%	56%	46%	86%
I'm concerned that the Falco underground mine project will exacerbate the region's problems with housing or labour shortages	49%	46%	53%	44%	57%	48%	50%	49%	49%	55%	41%	46%	76%
I'm concerned that the Falco underground mine project will exacerbate the region's problems with air quality and pollution	48%	47%	50%	58%	47%	44%	49%	48%	45%	53%	48%	41%	88%

Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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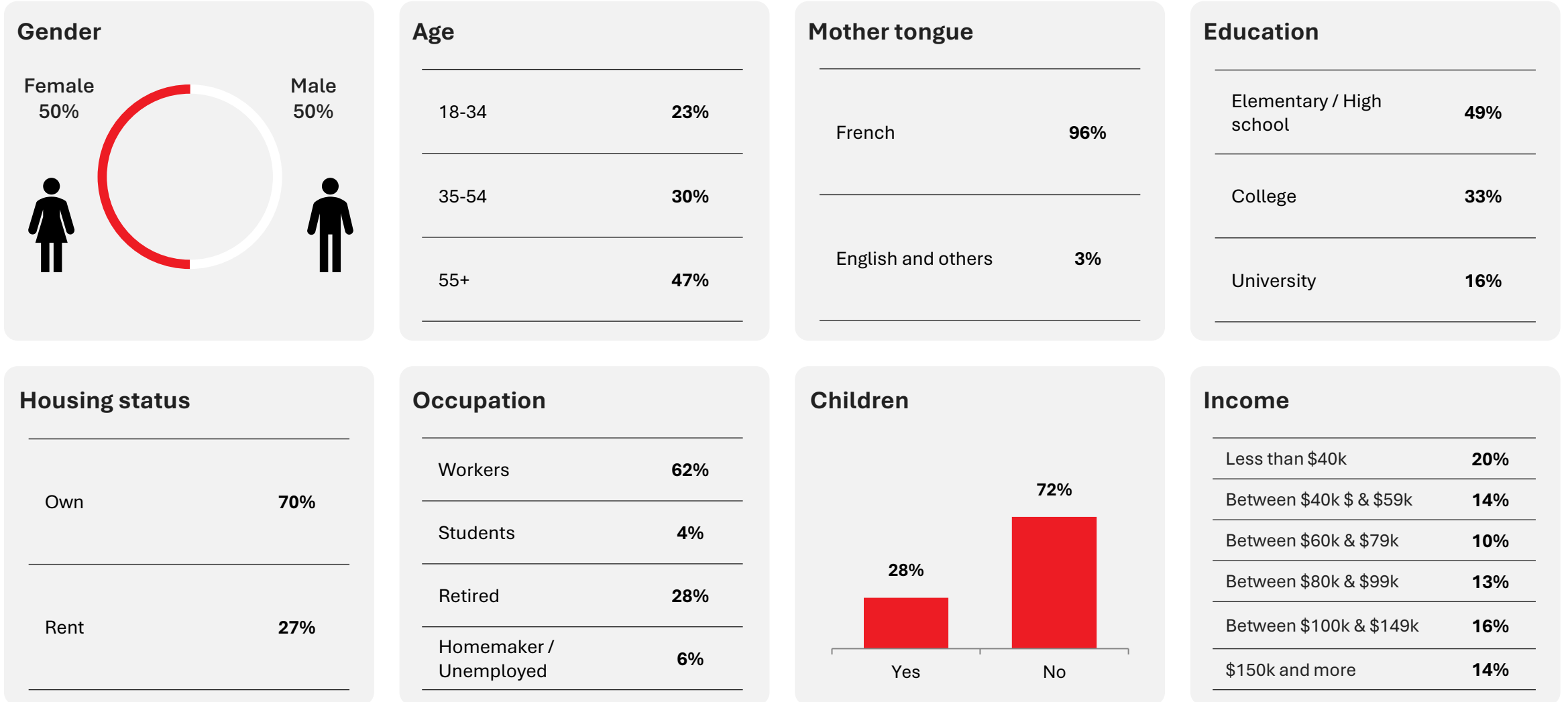
*TOTAL AGREE= % Totally agree + % Somewhat agree

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Respondents' profile

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Base n=500. The profile has been weighted.



Note: For each profile category, the 100% complement corresponds to "Don't know" and "Refusal".

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