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UK INFRASTRUCTURE RESEARCH RESEARCH APPROACH

- ~ The survey was conducted online, and interviews lasted around 15 minutes
- ~ The sample size was n=1,050 completed interviews with residents in the United Kingdom
- ~ Fieldwork was undertaken from 22 – 31 October 2025
- ~ Data are weighted to be representative of UK residents
- ~ The margin of error is approximately +/- 3% for topline results, it will be significantly larger for subsamples

UK INFRASTRUCTURE RESEARCH EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Brits are evenly divided as to whether they are satisfied with the quality of UK infrastructure, with 49% reporting satisfaction and 50% saying they are *not satisfied*.
2. Almost one half (45%) of Brits consider UK infrastructure one of the worst (13%) or about average (32%) when compared to the rest of the world.
3. A clear majority (72%) of Brits agree that the UK should be investing more in infrastructure at this time.
4. A majority of Brits rate airports (56% good), digital connectivity networks (53%), and electricity networks (51%) in the UK as currently being of good quality; water & sewerage (41% poor), roads (40%), flood defences (37%), and EV charging (31%) are seen as poor.
5. A majority (59%) of Brits describe the UK Government as not capable of delivering the infrastructure the country needs.
6. A similar proportion (59%) of Brits say that the private sector is capable delivering the infrastructure the country needs.
7. Brits are more likely to believe that the water supply and sewerage network (44%) is a priority for investment, followed by roads and highways (36%).
8. A majority (64%) of Brits support the private sector playing a role in upgrading and delivering infrastructure in the UK.
9. Brits agree that without greater private investment, the UK risks falling behind other countries delivering infrastructure (NET +58), that private sector investment will help to relieve the government's current backlog of infrastructure developments (+57), and that private companies do a better job in delivering infrastructure more efficiently than the government (+36).



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Infrastructure Attitudes

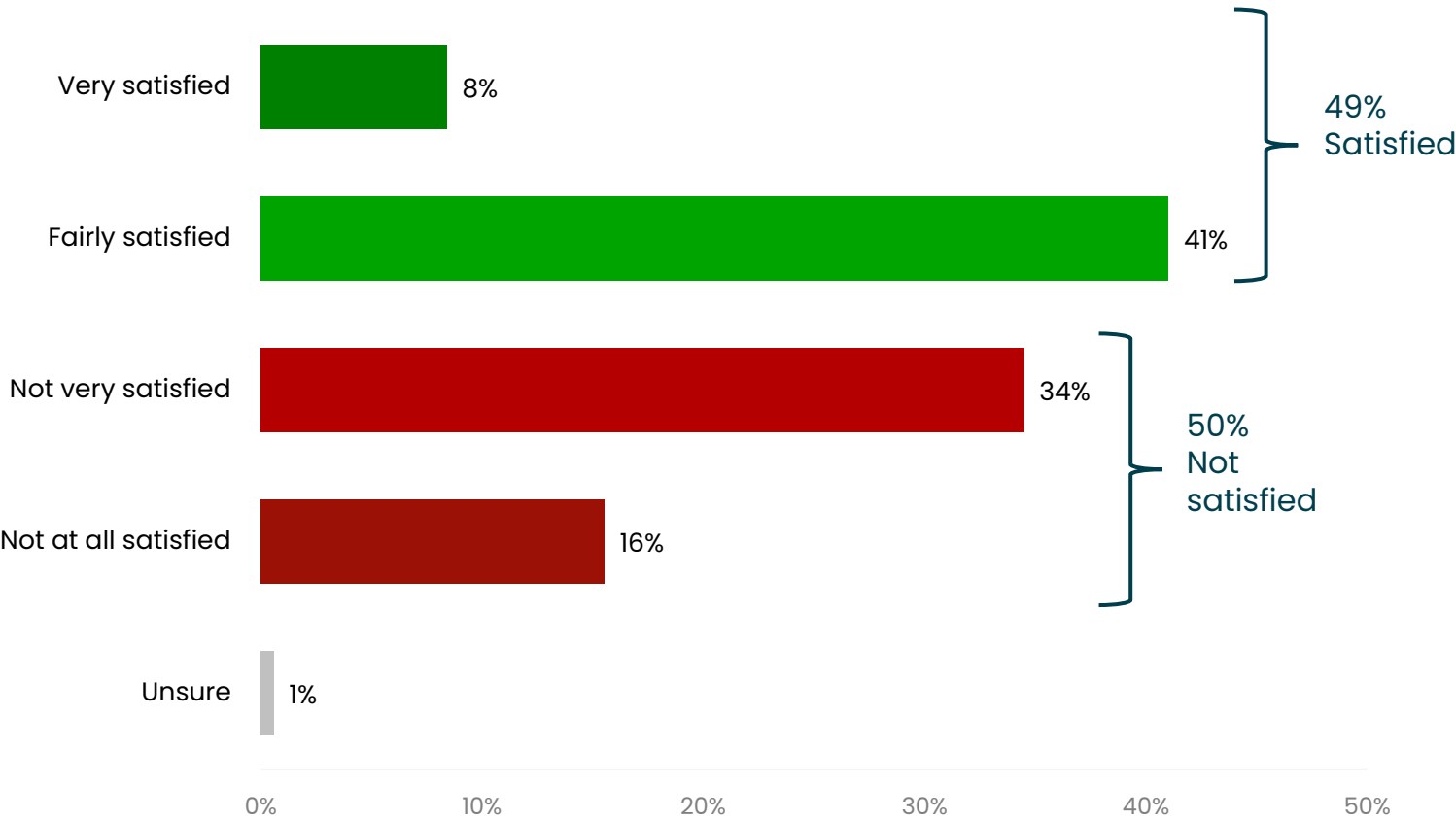
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ATTITUDES TOWARDS UK INFRASTRUCTURE

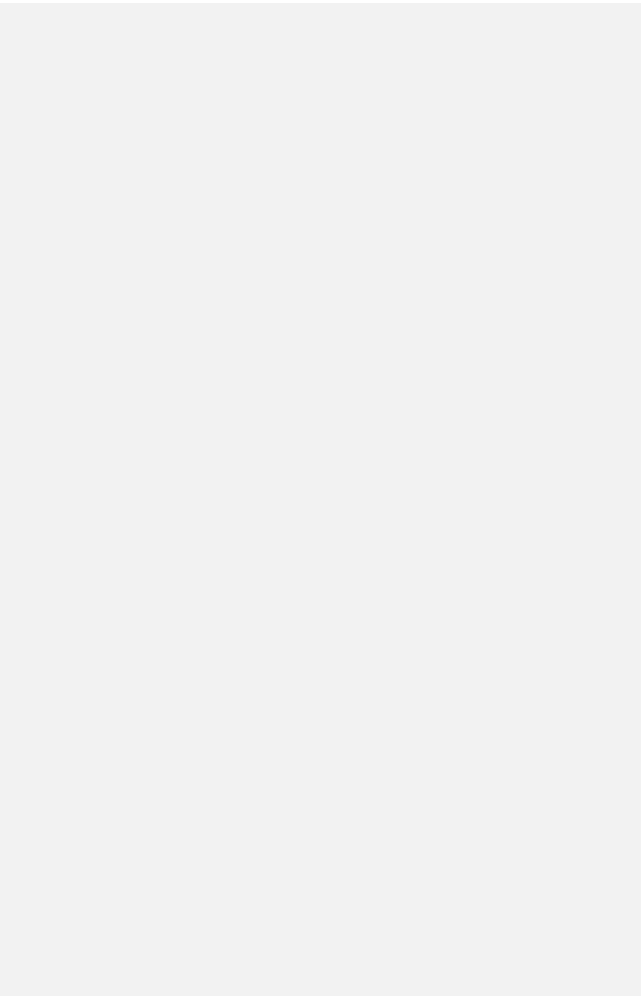
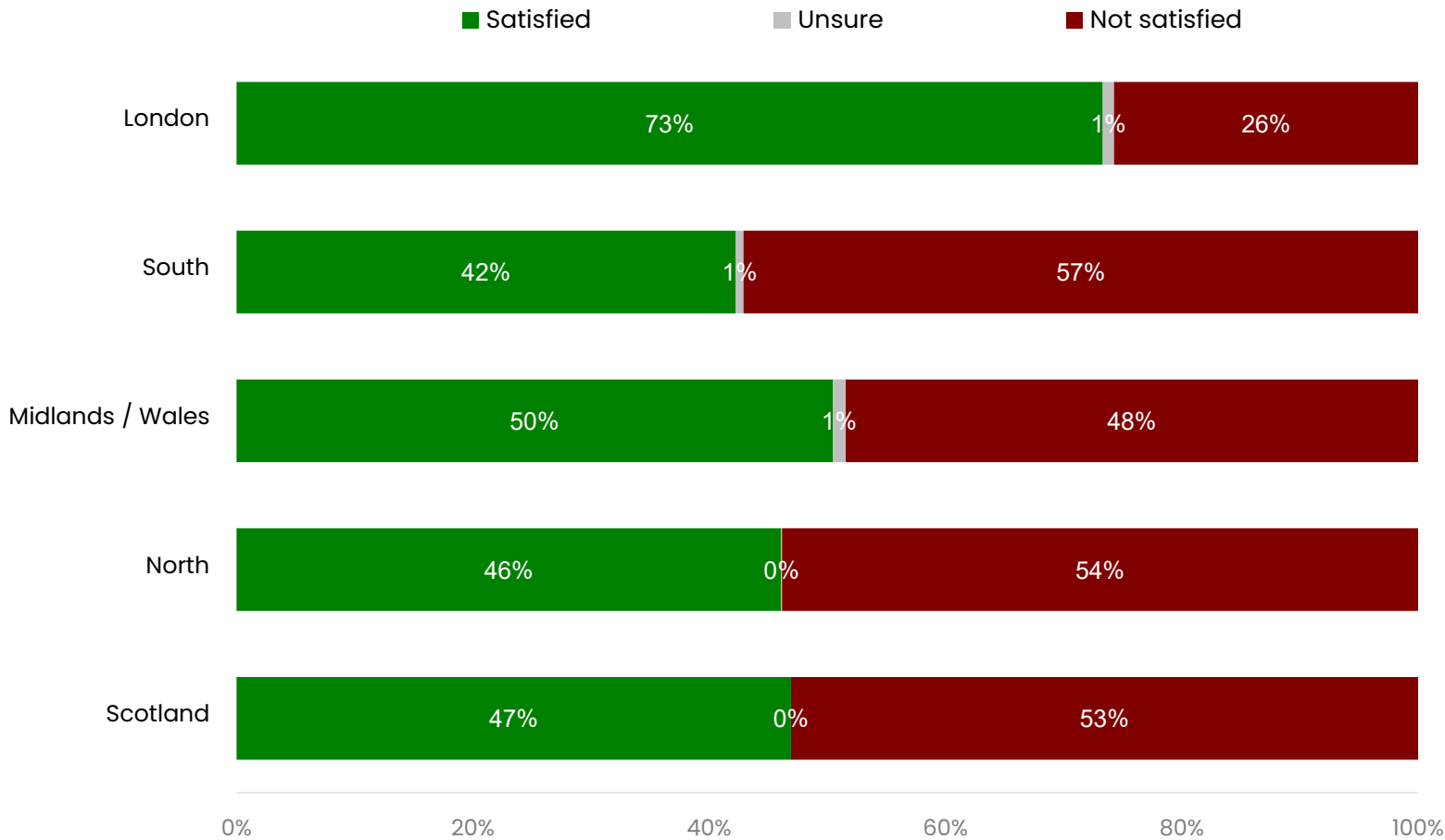
Brits are divided as to whether or not they are satisfied with the quality of UK infrastructure



Brits are divided on their views towards the quality of UK infrastructure, with 49% reporting satisfaction and 50% saying they are *not satisfied*.

Q: Overall, how satisfied are you, if at all, with the quality of UK infrastructure? By infrastructure, we mean things like roads, electricity, water and sewerage systems, digital connectivity (e.g. broadband, 5G), flood defences, airports, railways, and local transport systems. (Squeezed).

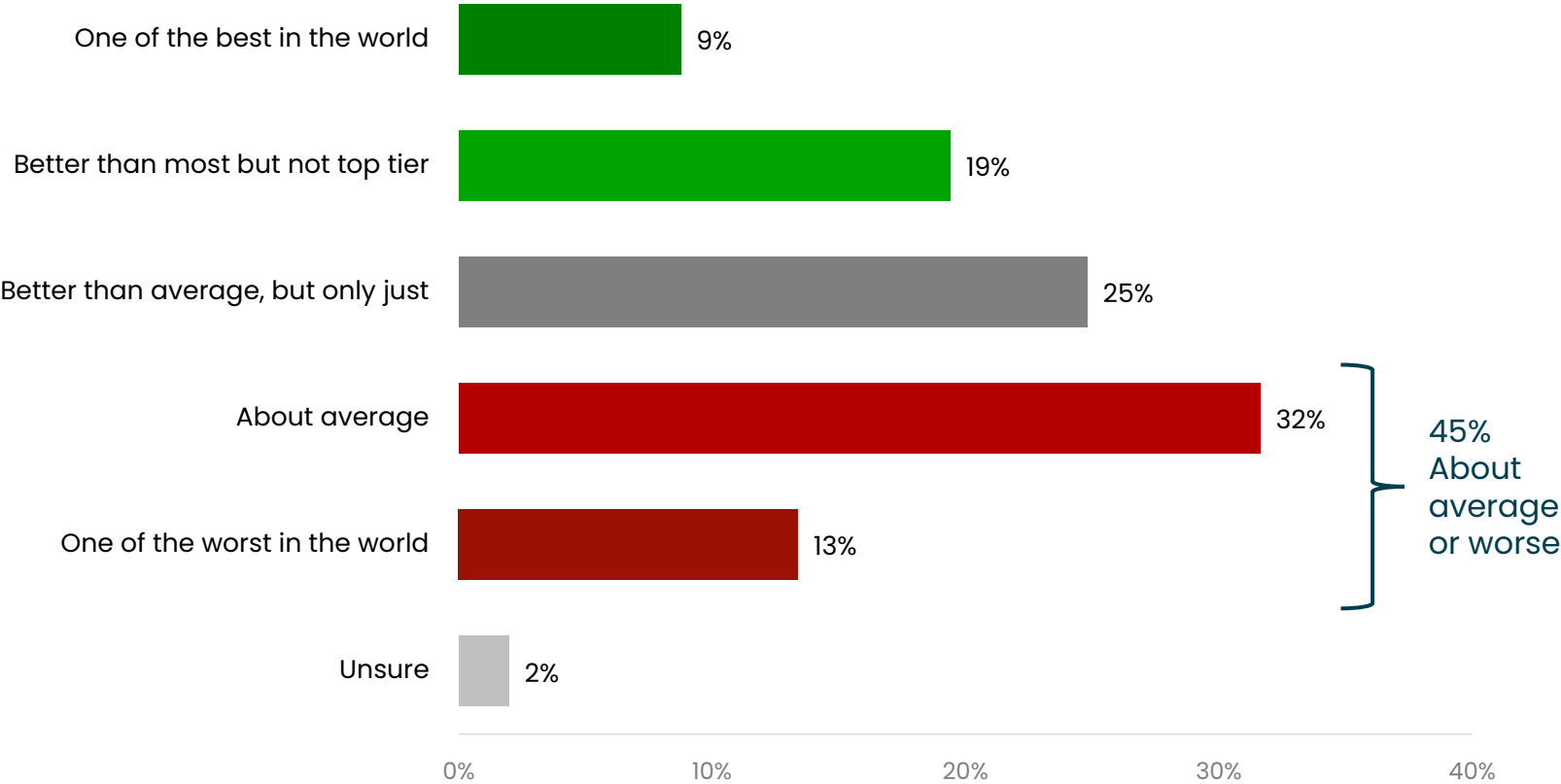
ATTITUDES TOWARDS UK INFRASTRUCTURE BY REGION
Voters in London are likely to say they are satisfied with UK infrastructure, whilst other regions are either split or more likely to say not satisfied



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QUALITY OF UK INFRASTRUCTURE COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTRIES

Almost one half of Brits consider UK infrastructure to be one of the worst or about average when compared to the rest of the world

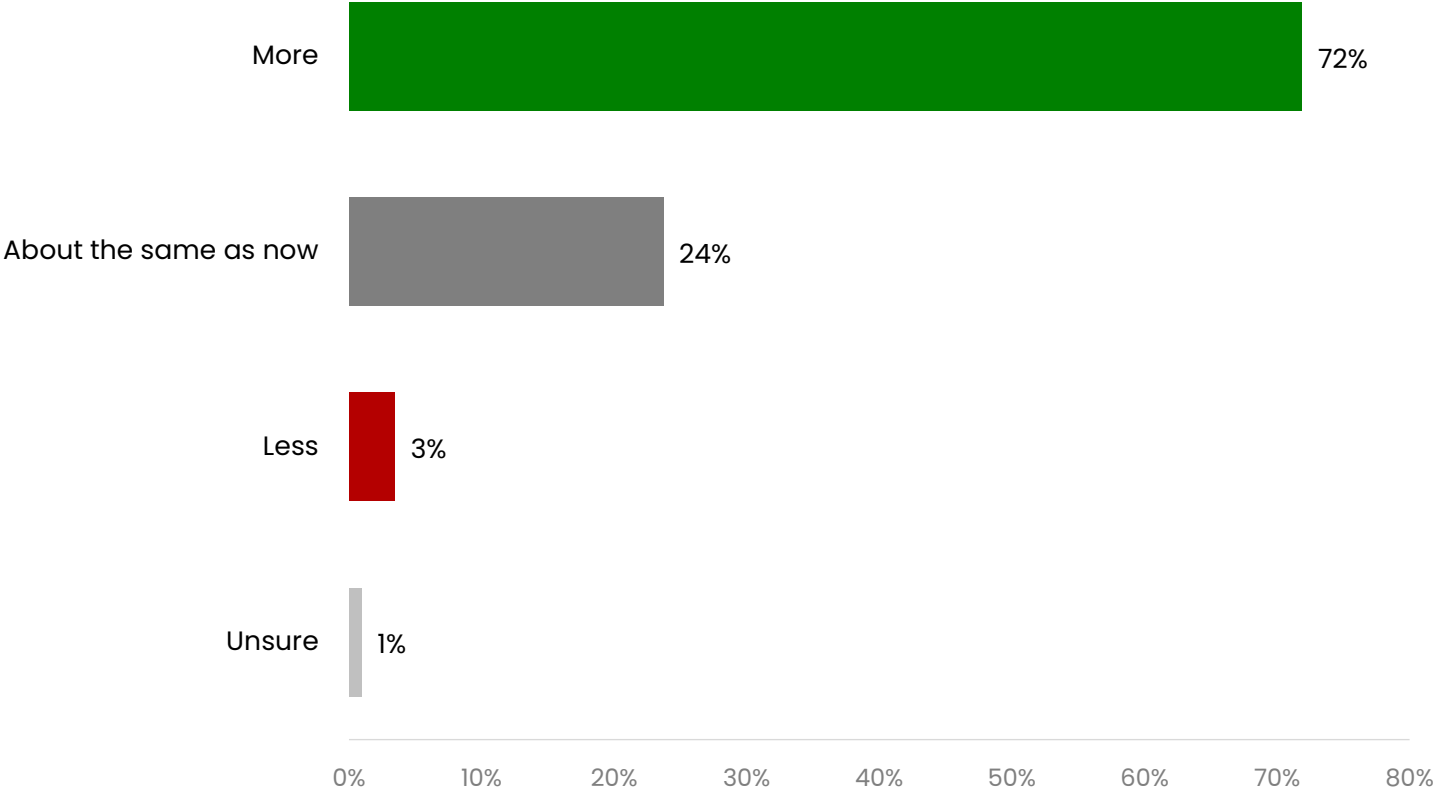


Almost one half (45%) of Brits consider UK infrastructure one of the worst (13%) or about average (32%) when compared to the rest of the world.

Q: How would you say the quality of UK infrastructure compares to other countries around the world? Is it one of the best, one of the worst, or about average? By infrastructure, we mean things like roads, electricity, water and sewerage systems, digital connectivity (e.g. broadband, 5G), flood defences, airports, railways, and local transport systems. (Squeezed)

UK INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

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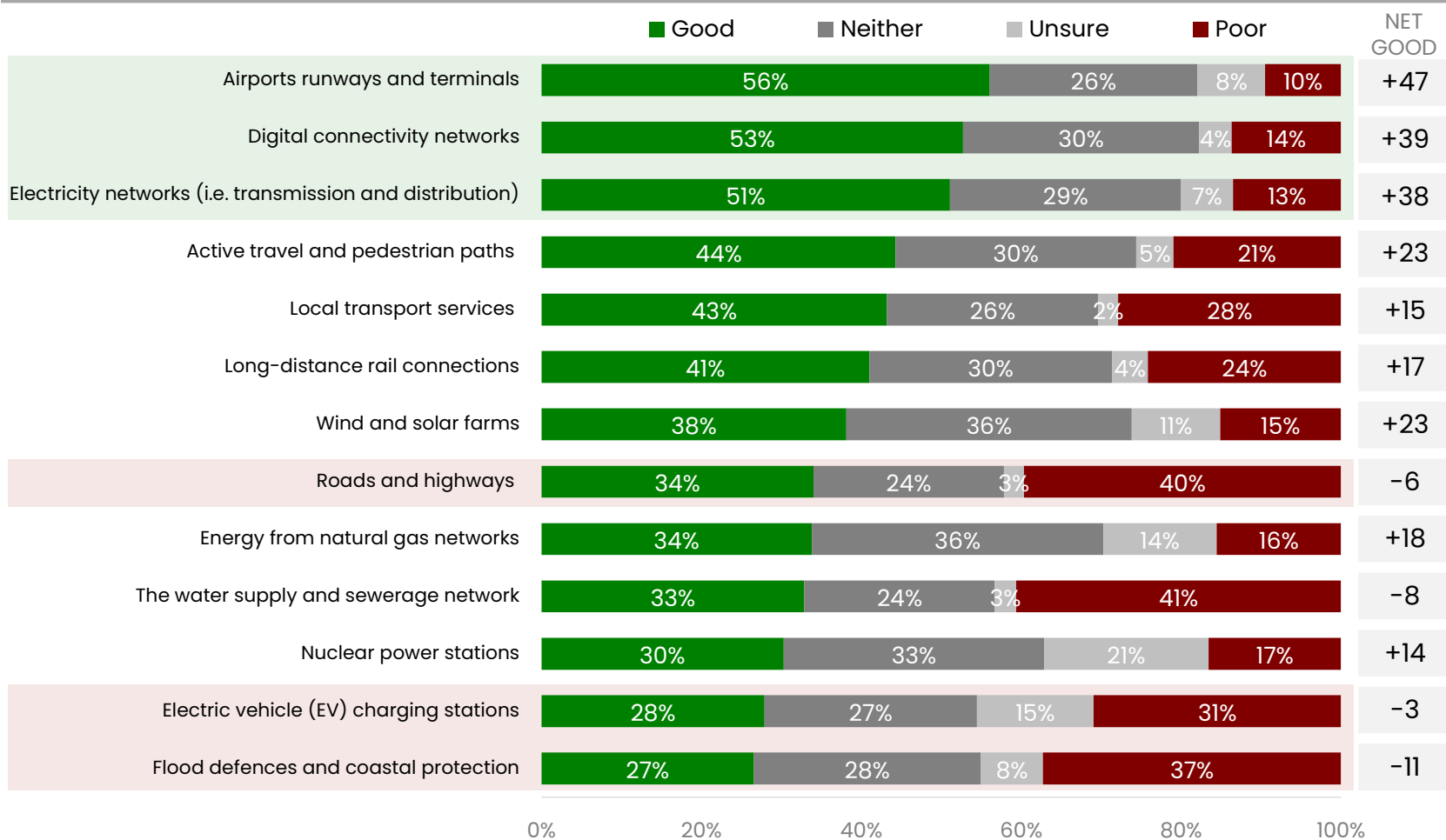
Roughly one quarter (24%) say that the UK should be investing about the same as now in infrastructure at this time.

Very few (3%) say the UK should invest less in infrastructure.

Q: Do you think the UK should be investing more, less or about the same amount, in its infrastructure at this time? By infrastructure, we mean things like roads, energy networks, water and sewerage systems, digital connectivity (e.g. broadband, 5G), flood defences, airports, railways, and local transport systems. (Squeezed)

QUALITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE

A majority of Brits rate airports, digital connectivity networks, and electricity networks in the UK as currently being of good quality; water & sewerage, roads, flood defences, and EV charging are seen as poor



Types of infrastructure that are more likely to be considered poor include the water supply and sewerage network (41%), roads and highways (40%), flood defences and coastal protections (37%) and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations (31%).

Q: These next questions are about different types of infrastructure.
Please indicate how you would rate the CURRENT QUALITY of each in the United Kingdom?



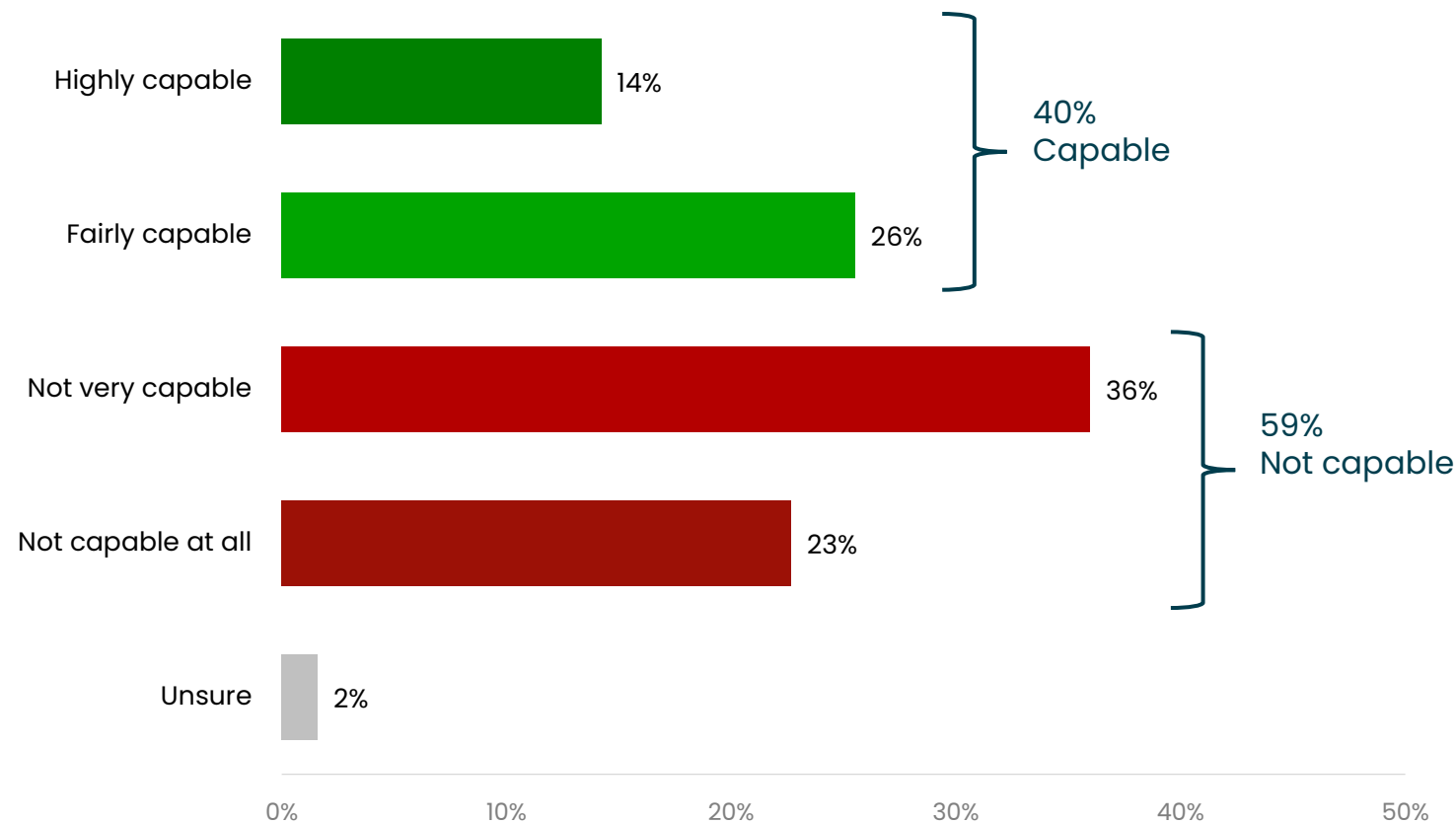
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UK GOVERNMENT CAPABILITY OF DELIVERING INFRASTRUCTURE
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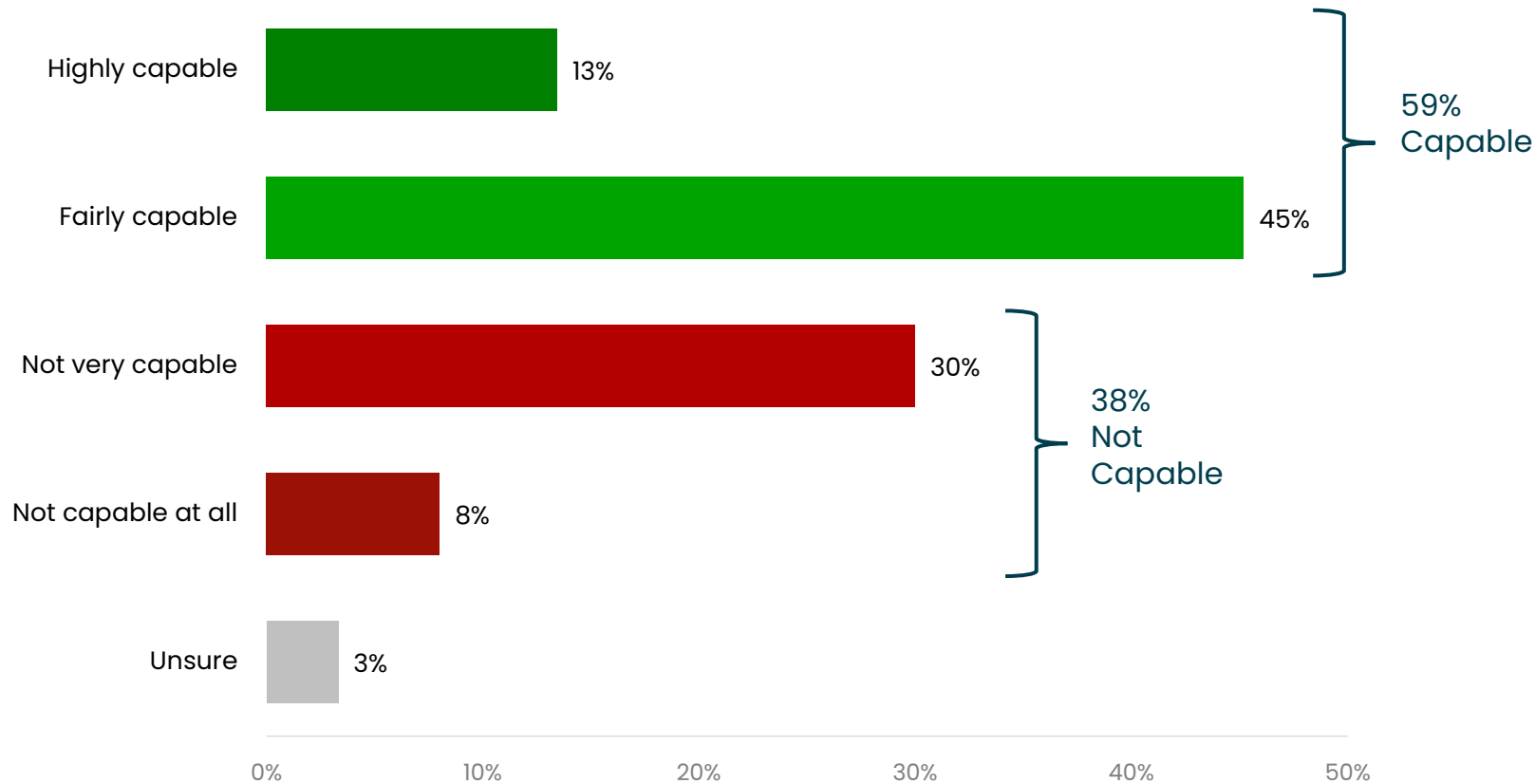


A majority (59%) of Brits describe the UK Government as not capable of delivering the infrastructure the country needs, with roughly one quarter (23%) say not capable at all.

Q: To what extent do you agree, or disagree, that the UK government is capable of delivering the infrastructure that the country needs at this time? (Squeezed)

PRIVATE SECTOR CAPABILITY OF DELIVERING INFRASTRUCTURE

A majority of Brits believe the private sector is capable of delivering the infrastructure the UK needs, though just one in eight say highly capable

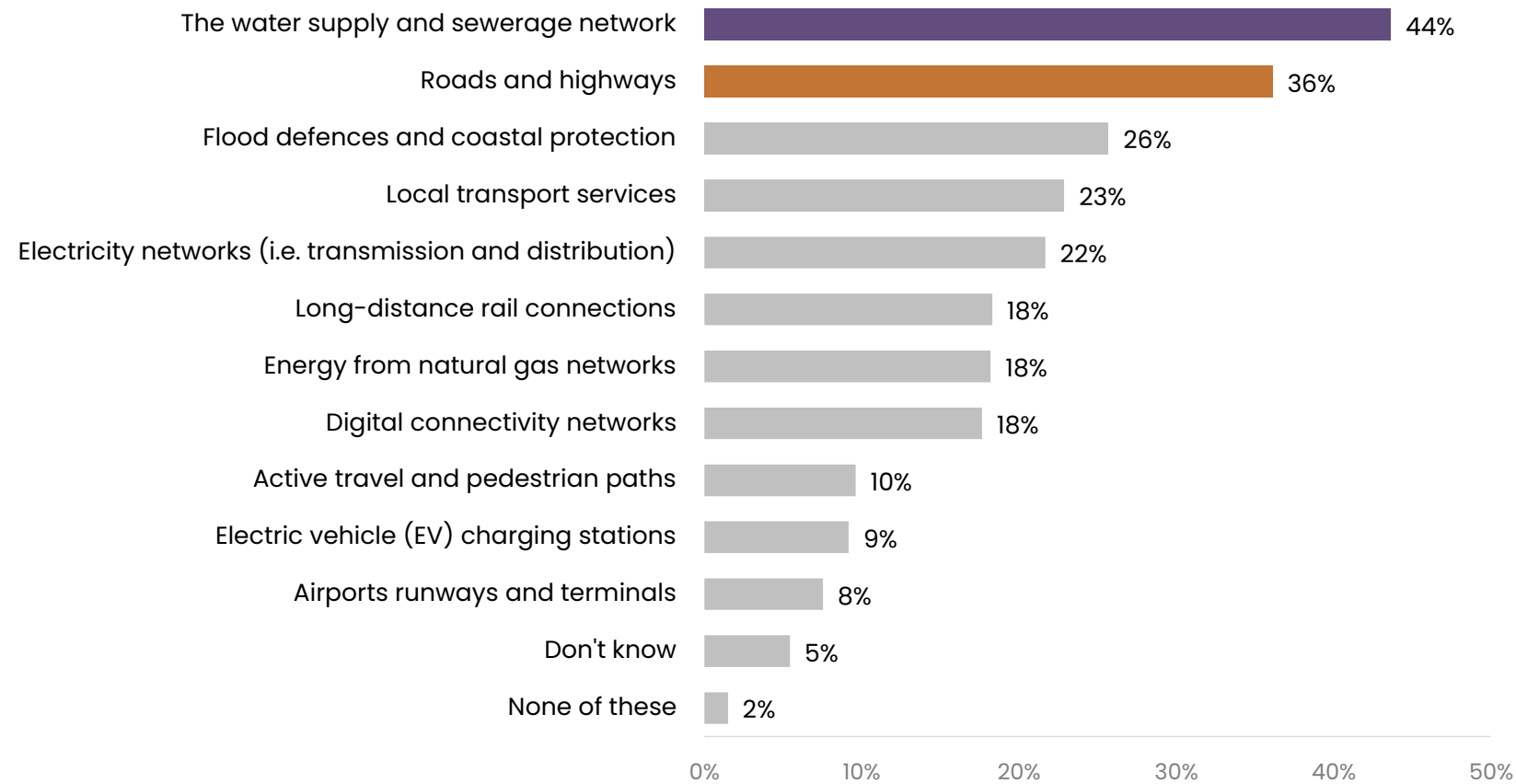


A majority (59%) of Brits believe the private sector is capable of delivering the infrastructure the UK needs, though just one in eight (13%) say highly capable.

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the private sector is capable of delivering the infrastructure that the country needs at this time? (Squeezed)

INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES

Brits are more likely to believe that the water supply and sewerage network is a priority for investment, followed by roads and highways



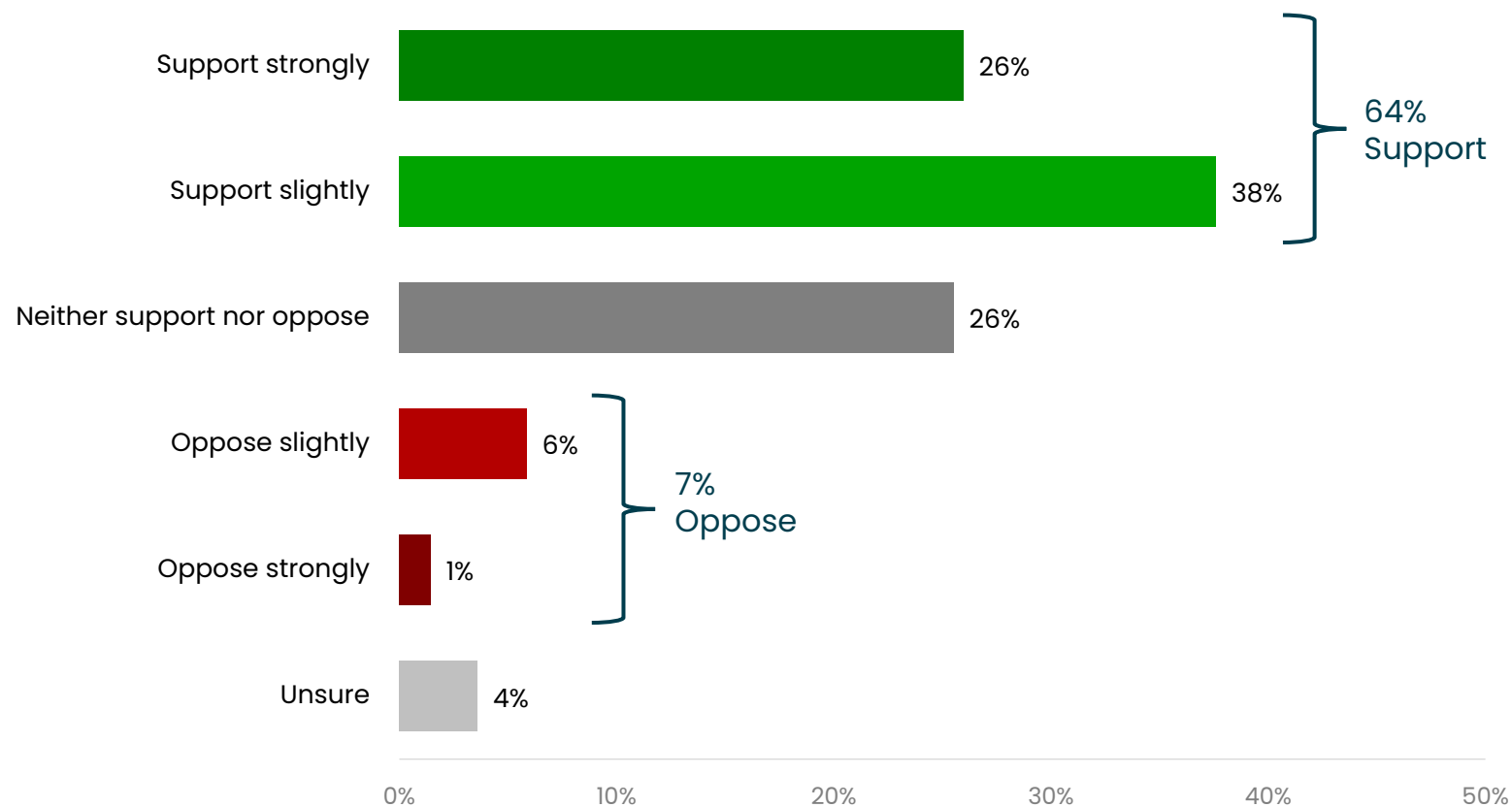
Brits are more likely to believe that the water supply and sewerage network (44%) is a priority for investment, followed by roads and highways (36%).

Brits are less likely to prioritise Airports (8%), electric vehicles (9%), and pedestrian paths (10%).

Q: Which of these types of infrastructure, if any, do you think should be made a priority for investment for the United Kingdom? Select up to three

SUPPORT FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PLAYING A ROLE IN INFRASTRUCTURE

A majority of Brits support the private sector playing a role in upgrading and delivering infrastructure in the UK

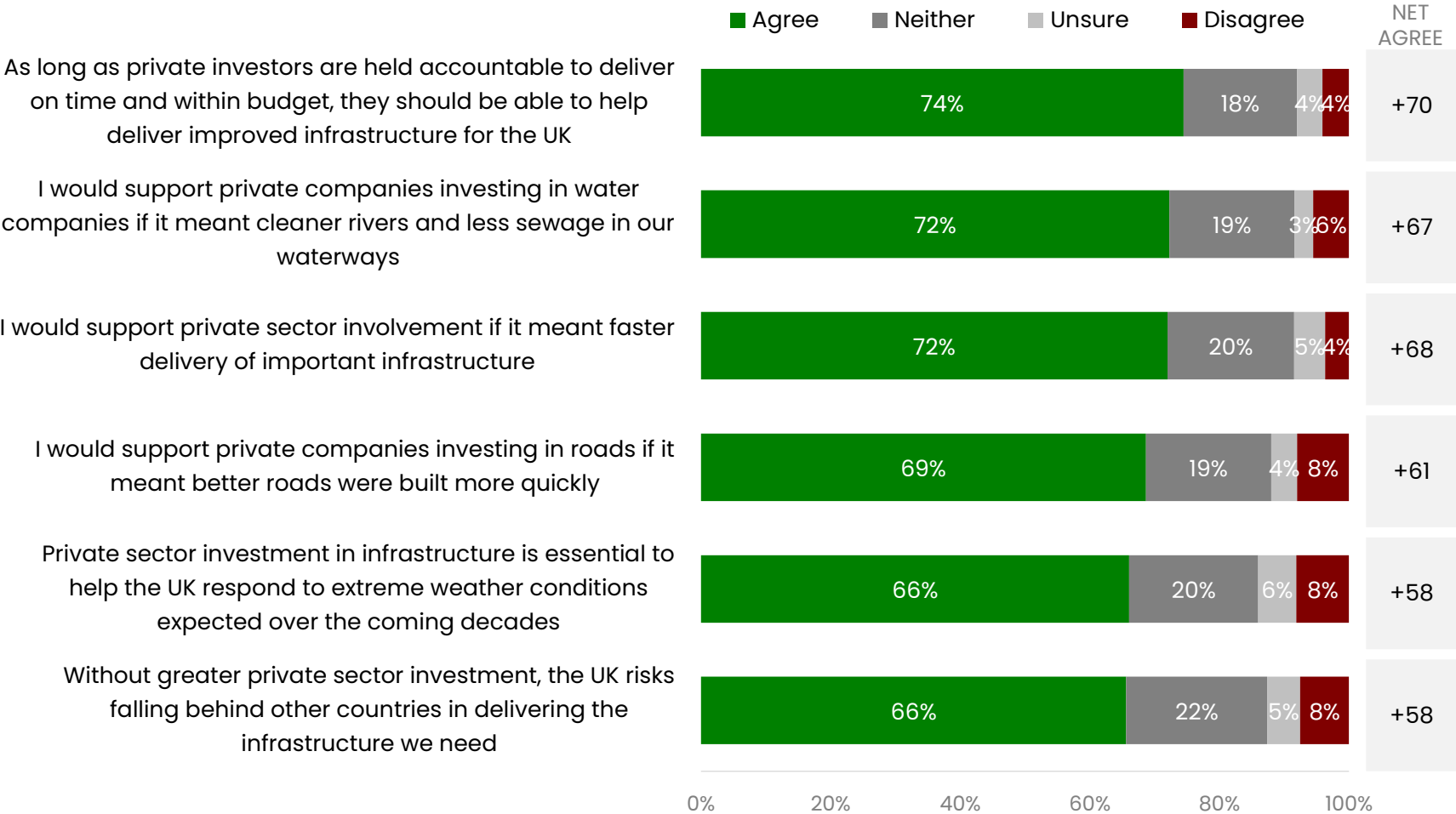


A majority (64%) of Brits support the private sector playing a role in upgrading and delivering infrastructure in the UK.

Q: To what extent do you support or oppose the private sector playing a role in upgrading and delivering infrastructure in the UK?

Private infrastructure investment

A majority of Brits support private sector involvement in the UK, and believe the UK otherwise risks falling behind other countries



Brits believe private investors should help deliver infrastructure if they are held accountable to deliver on time and within budget (NET +70).

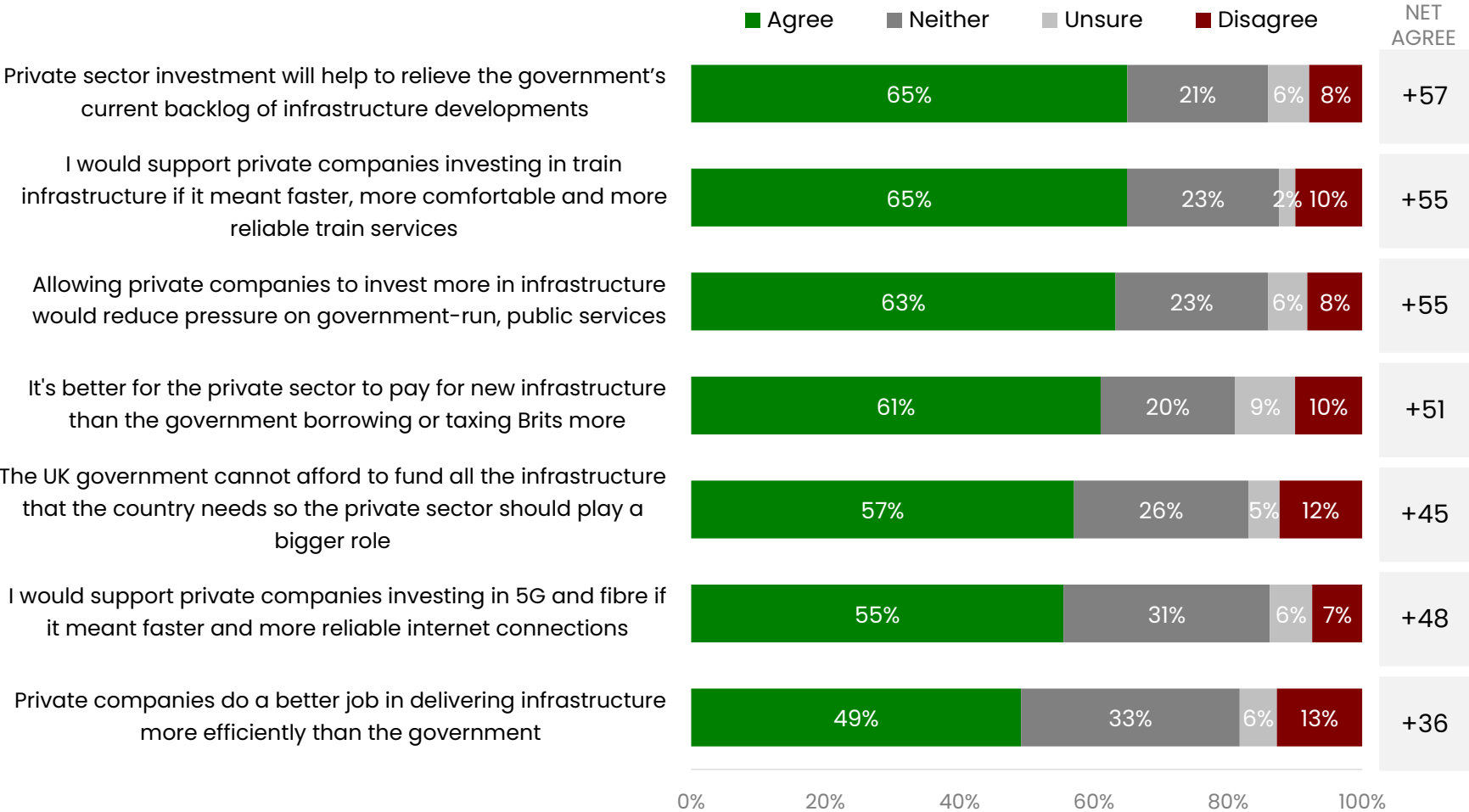
Brits support private sector involvement if it means faster delivery of important infrastructure (+68).

Brits agree that without greater private investment, the UK risks falling behind other countries delivering infrastructure (+58).

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Private infrastructure investment

Brits agree that private sector investment will help to relieve the government's current backlog of infrastructure developments



Brits agree that private sector investment will help to relieve the government's current backlog of infrastructure developments (NET +57).

Brits support private companies investing in train infrastructure if it meant faster, more reliable train services (+55), believe that private company's investment would reduce pressure on public services (+55), and believe it's better for the private sector to pay for new infrastructure than the government (+51).

Brits also agree that private companies do a better job in delivering infrastructure more efficiently than the government (+36).

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?



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