

Ibec Manufacturing Survey 2021

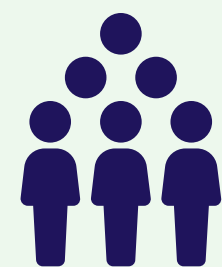
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Survey background



Conducted in October 2021

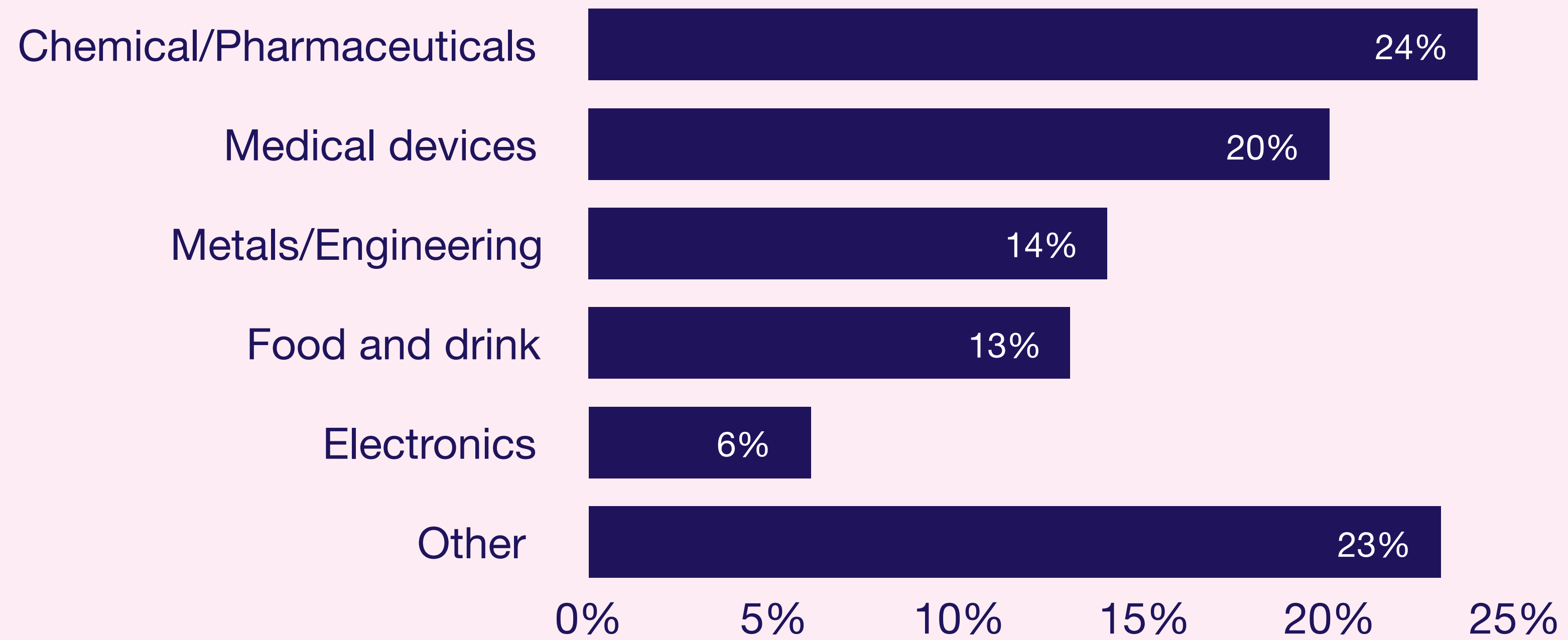


**Ibec members engaged in
manufacturing invited to participate**

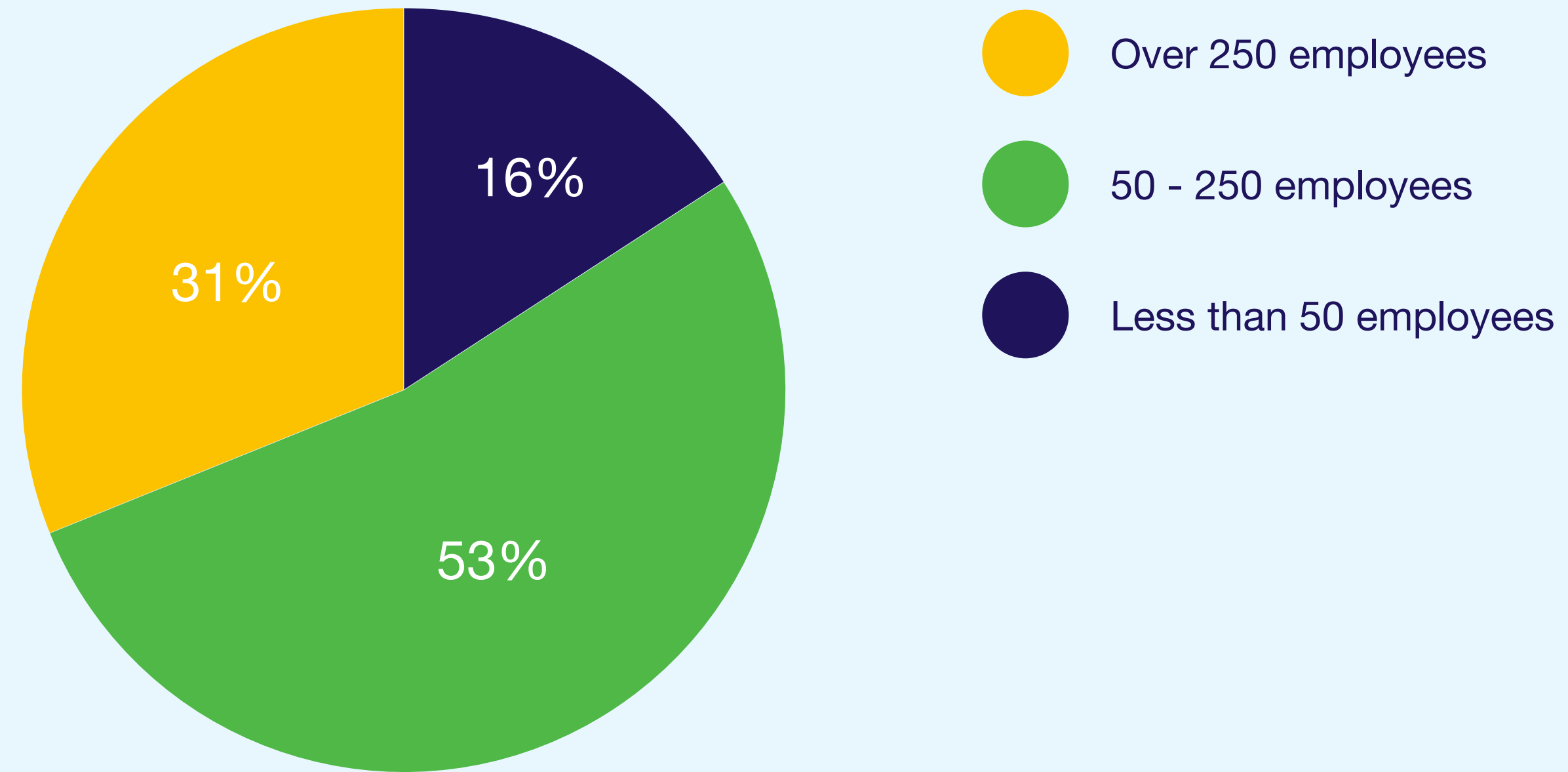


Total of 108 responses

Respondents by manufacturing activity



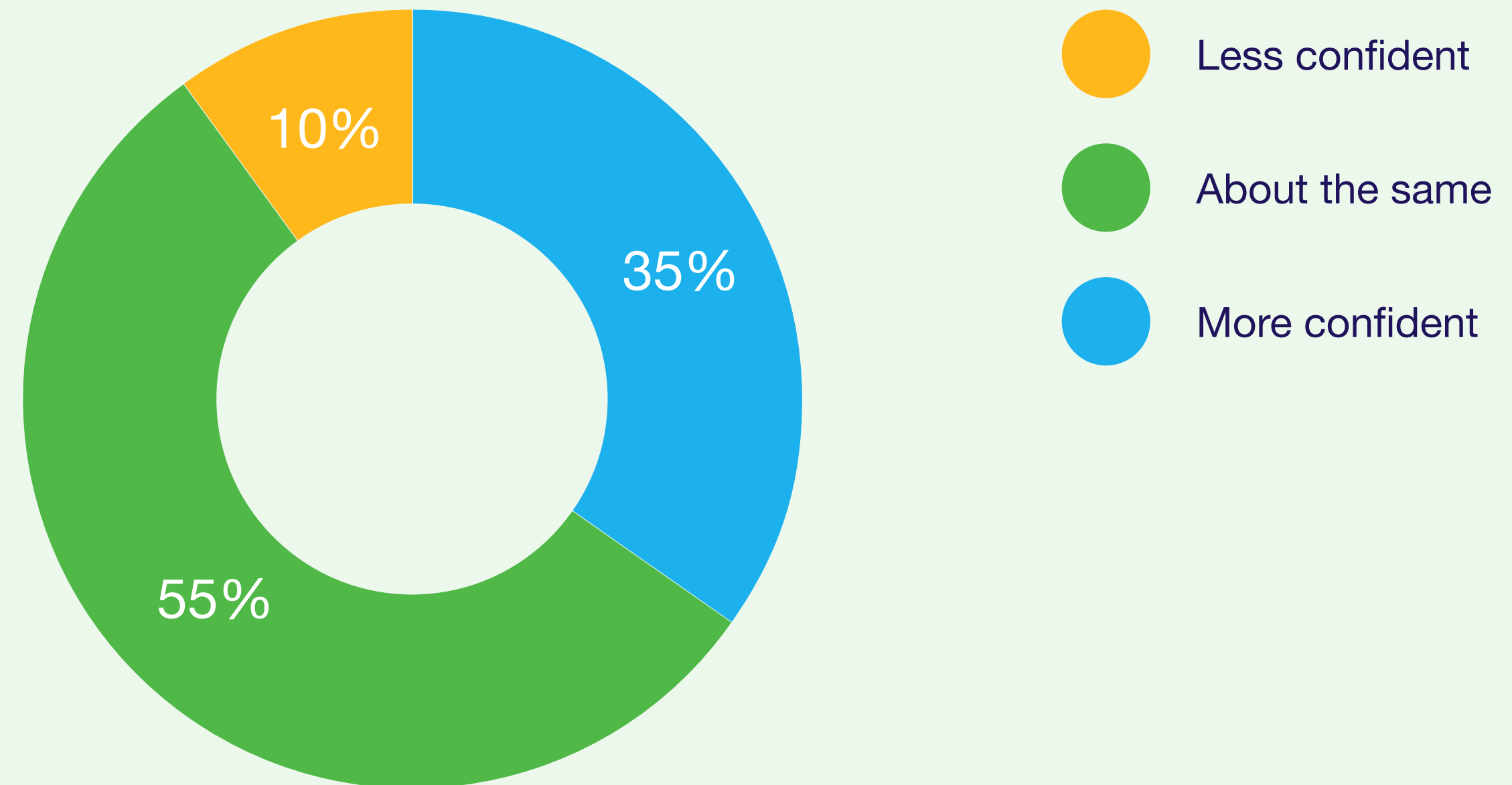
Respondents by company size



Business confidence

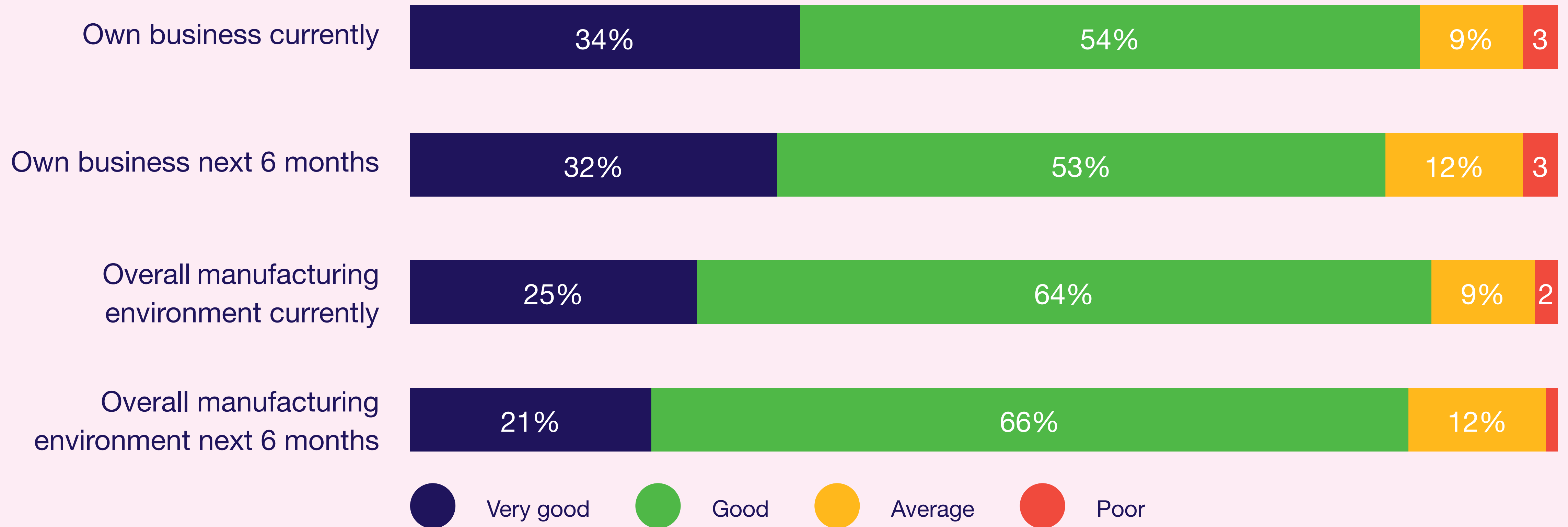
Compared to six months ago, around a third of manufacturing organisations were more confident about their business.

One in ten (10%) were less confident now compared with six months prior to the survey.



Respondents were more confident about their own business than the overall manufacturing environment both currently and in six months time.

Evaluation of overall manufacturing business environment and own business - currently and in six months time

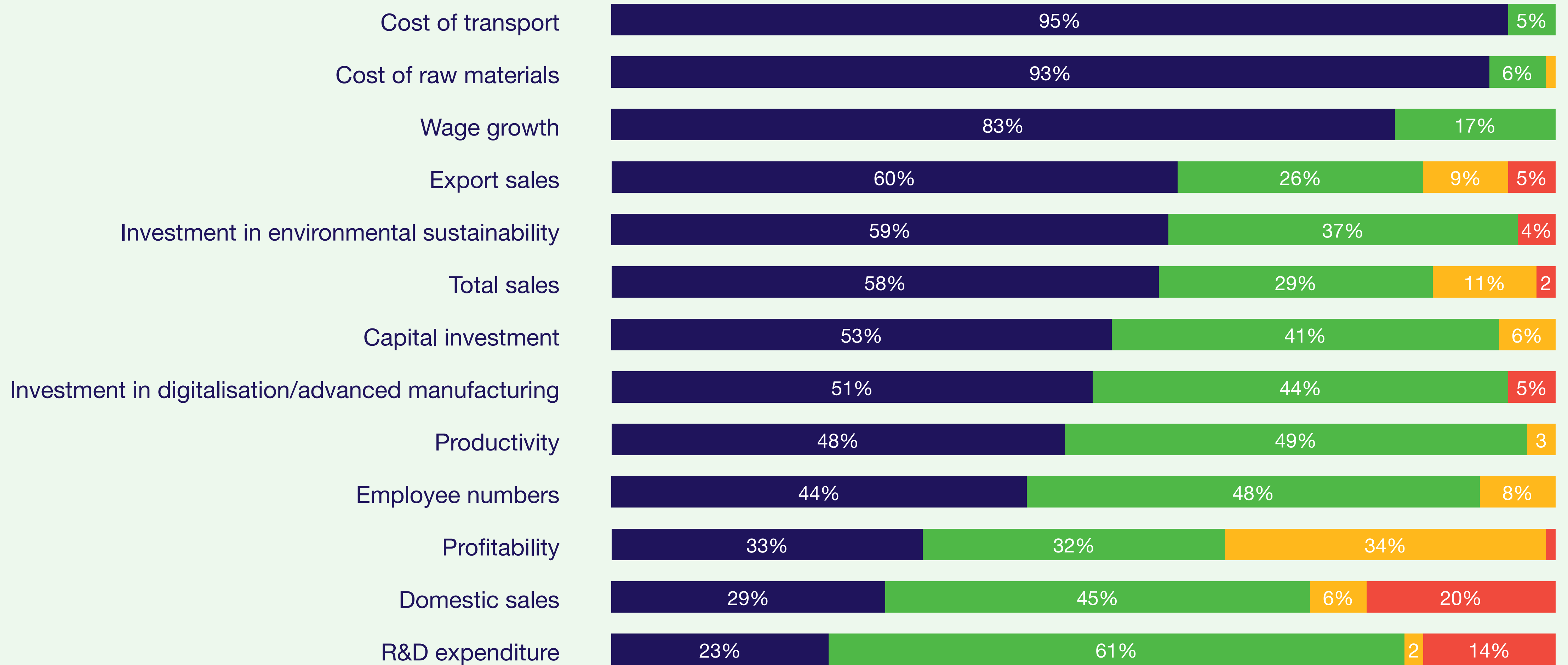


Expected changes in next six months

Key findings

- **Over nine out of ten respondents expect increases in cost of transport (95%) and cost of raw materials (93%) in the next six months.**
- **Around a third (33%) expect profitability to increase.**
- **Three out of five (59%) expect investment in environmental sustainability to increase in the next six months.**

Excluding seasonal factors, please indicate whether you expect the following to increase, decrease or stay the same for your own organisation in the next six months?



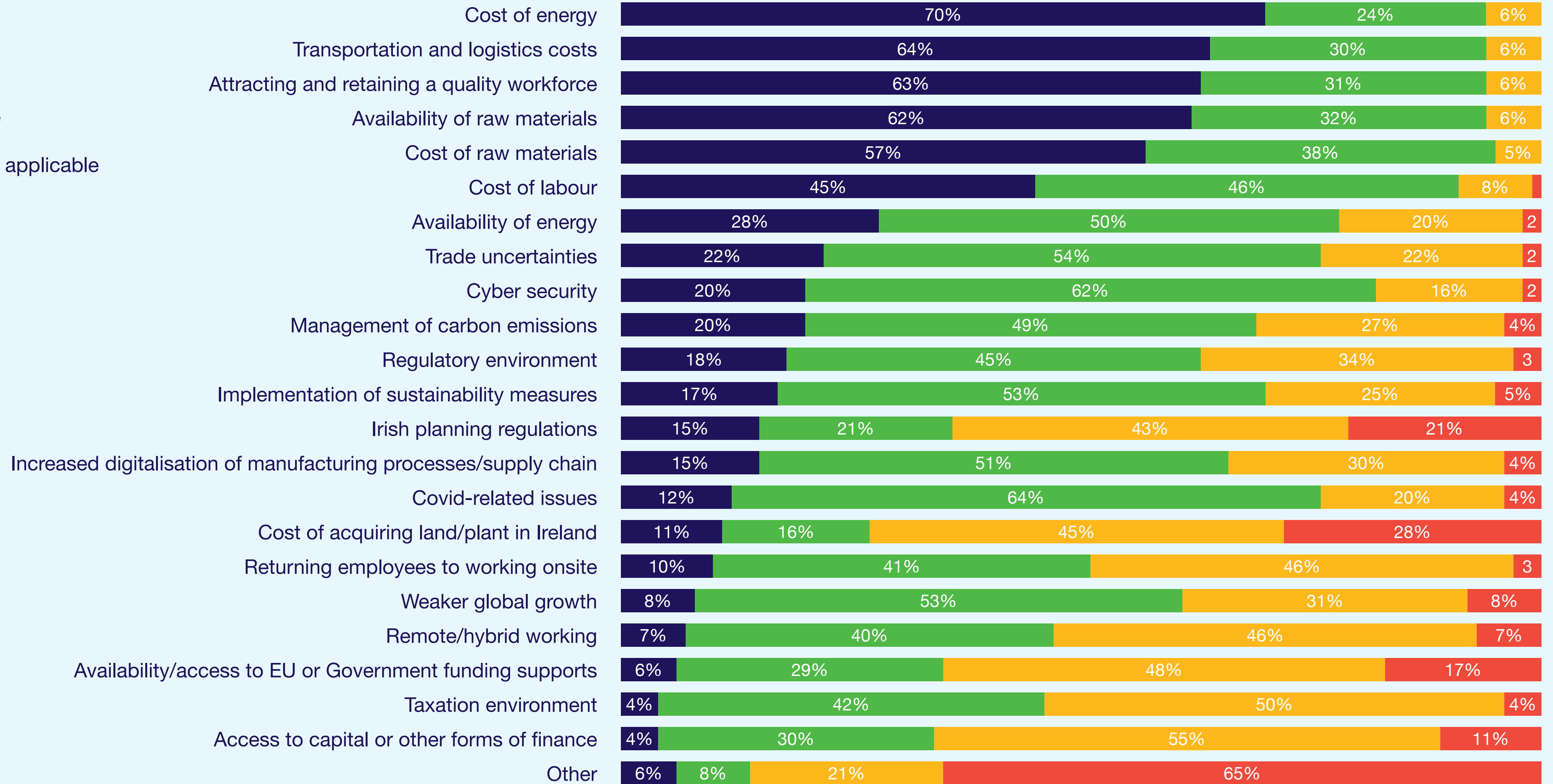
Challenges for organisations in next six months

Key findings

- **Major challenges are expected for organisations around cost of energy (70%), transportation and logistics (64%) and attracting and retaining a quality workforce (63%).**
- **Cost and availability of raw materials will also create major challenges for manufacturing organisations in the next six months.**
- **Covid related issues are expected to remain a challenges for over three quarters of the respondents over the next six months (76%)**

Over the next six months, do you expect any of the following to be a challenge for your organisation?

- Major challenge
- Not a challenge
- Minor challenge
- Don't know/Not applicable

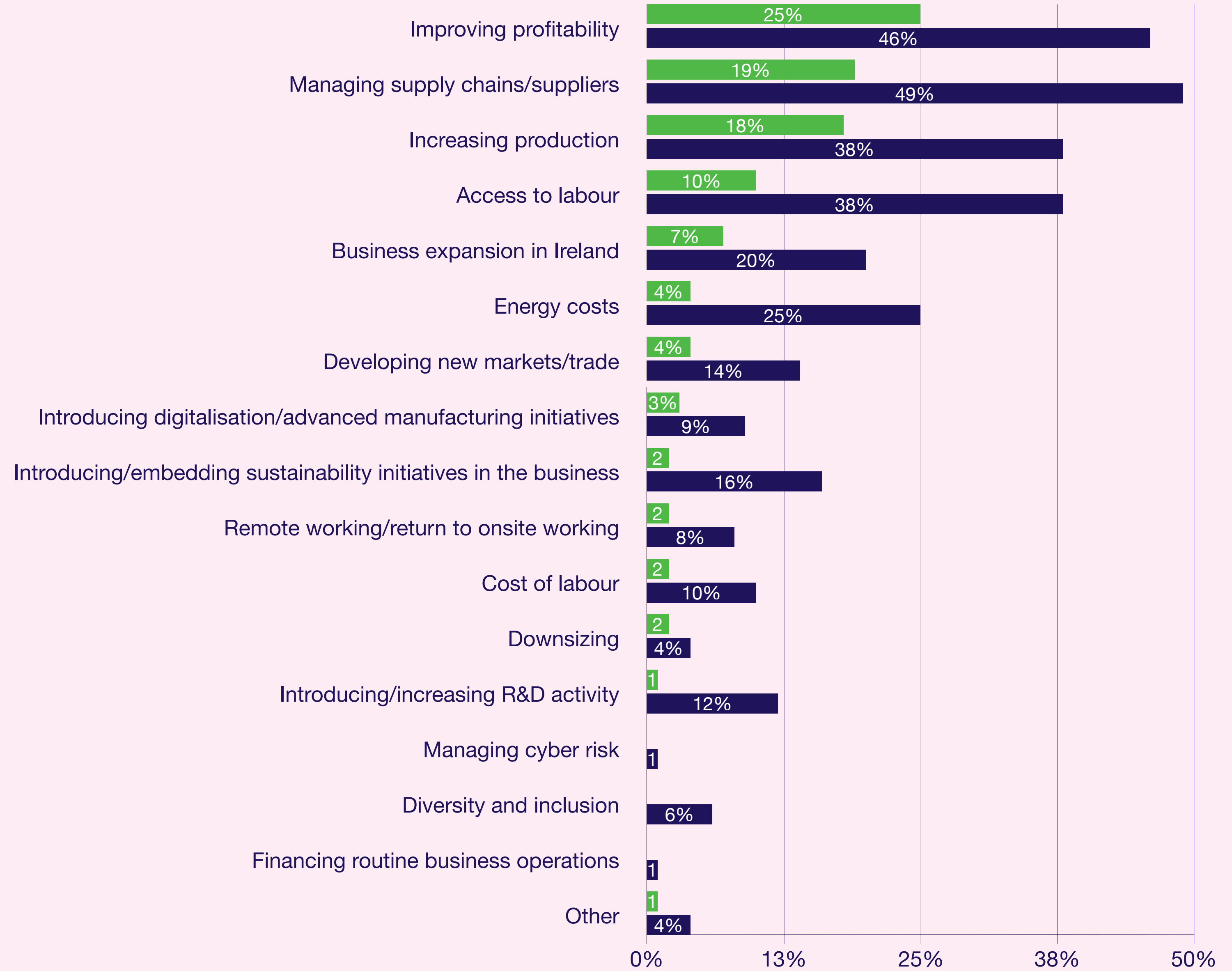


Manufacturing priorities 2022

Key findings

- **Improving profitability (25%), managing supply chains (19%) and increasing profitability (18%) are the top priorities for manufacturing organisations for next year.**
- **Access to labour is a top three priority for over a third of respondents (38%)**

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