

Public attitudes to the NHS

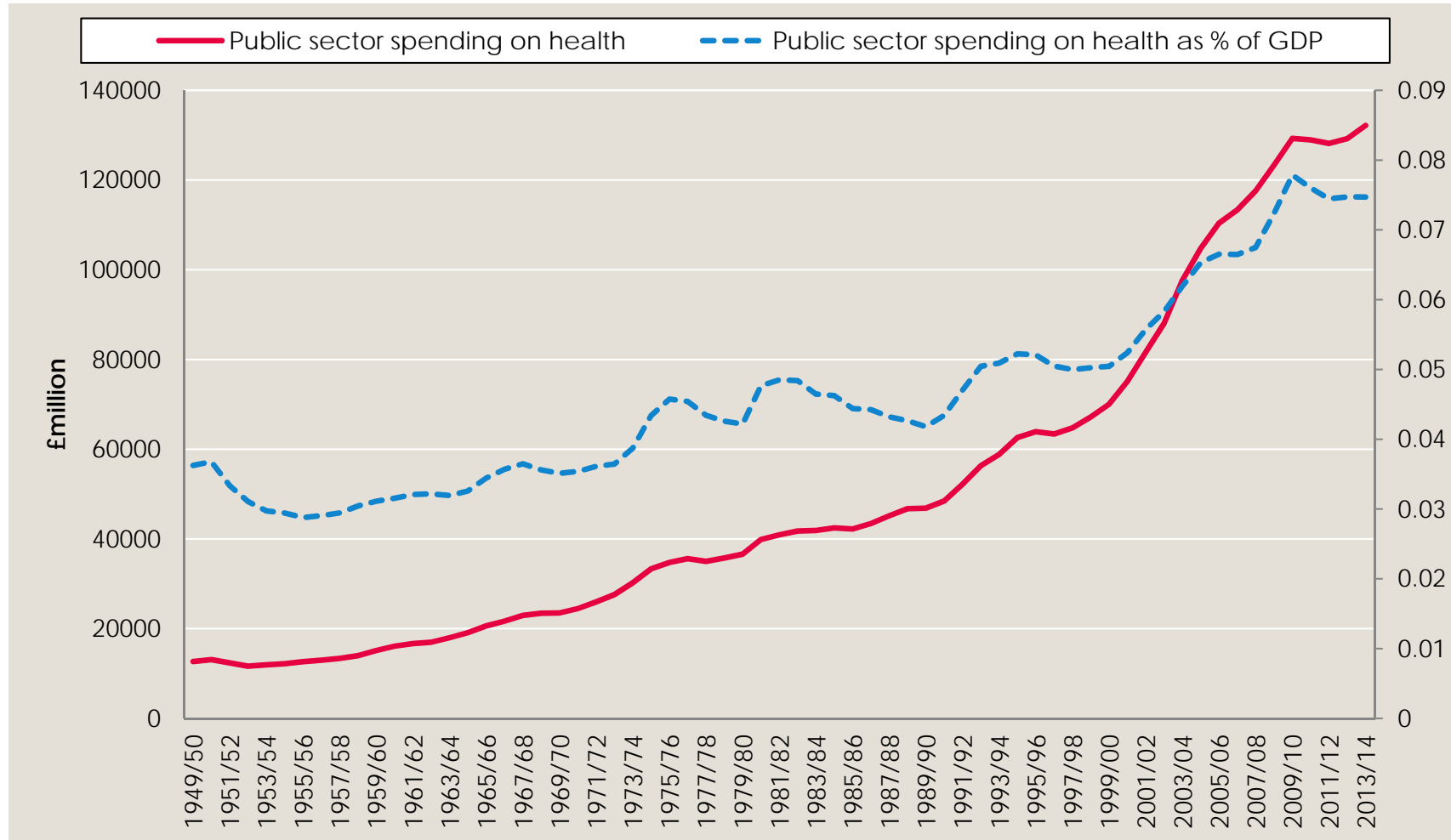
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The British Social Attitudes survey

- Annual survey initiated by NatCen in 1983
- Measures social and political attitudes and moral values
- Random sample of 3000 adults across Britain
- Face-to-face interview
- Range of funding sources: government depts, charities, grants from ESRC and other foundations
- Health is a key topic

Figure 1. Public spending on health in the UK, in real terms and as a percentage of national income.



Source: Lloyd T. *Funding overview: Historical trends in the UK*. The Health Foundation, 2015.
Note: GDP deflators for 1949/50 to 1954/55 are estimated.

Figure 2. Political party supporter representation in the BSA results

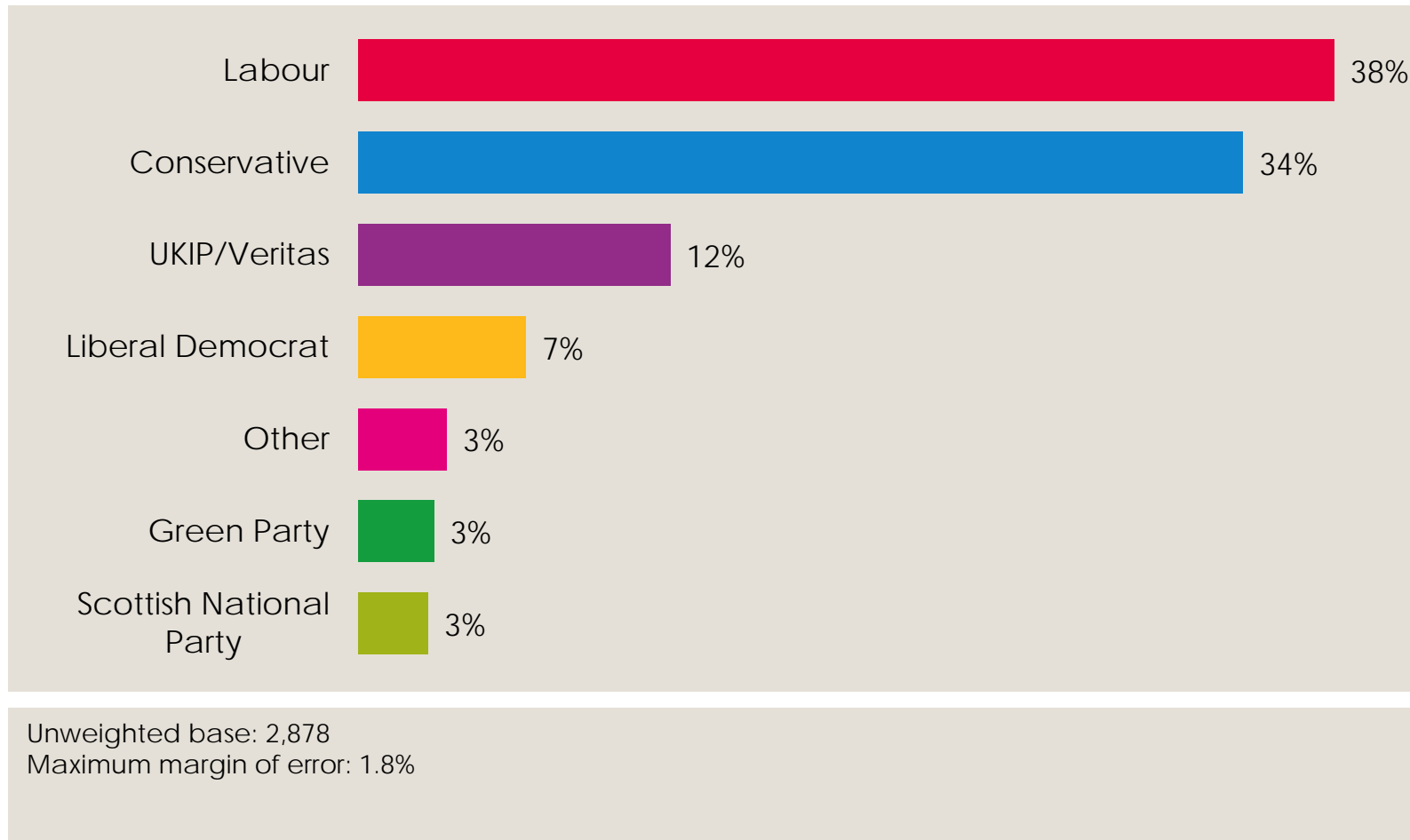
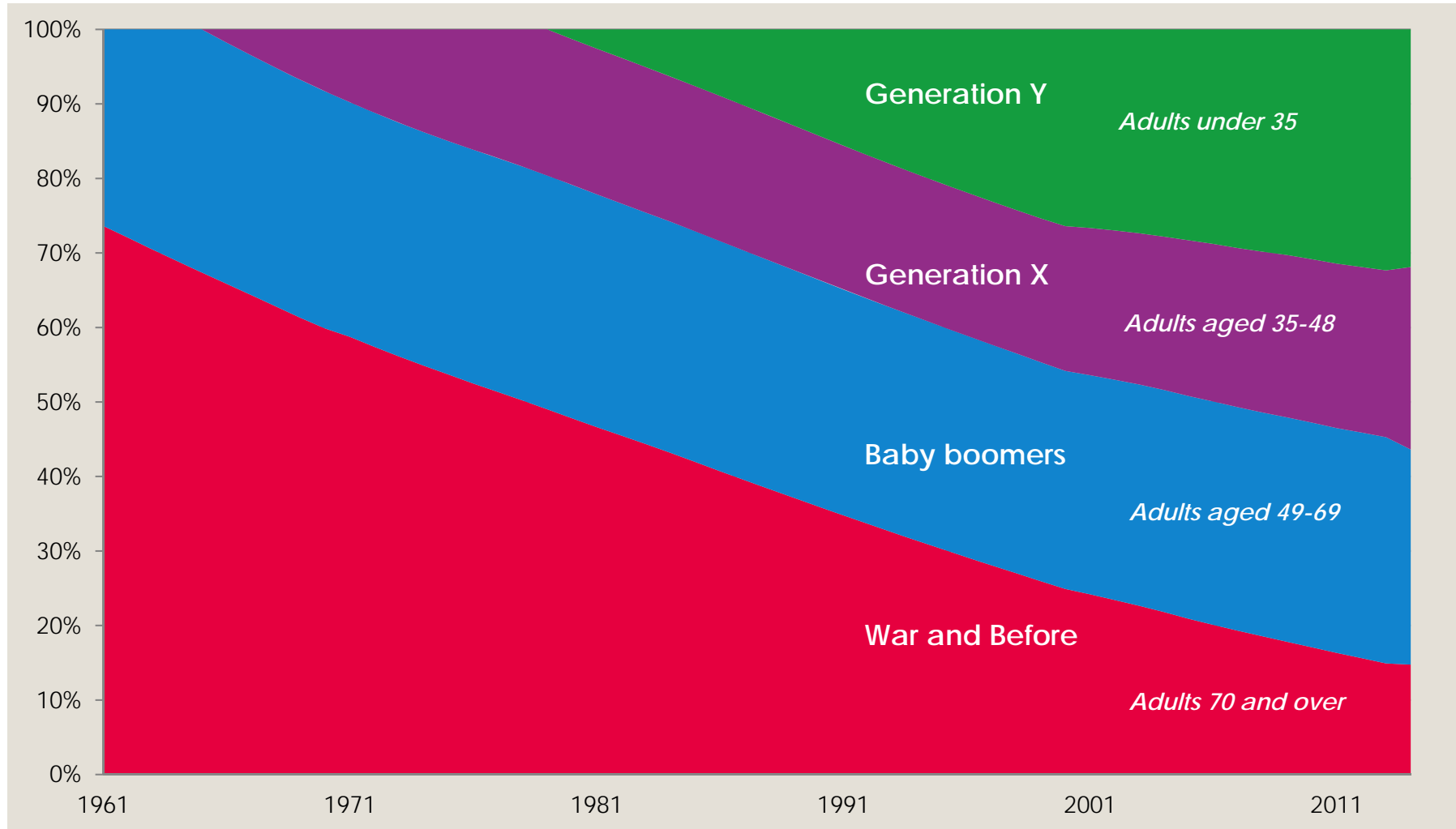


Figure 3. Percentage of population (born before 2001) belonging to each of the four generations since 1961



Source: ONS population estimates England & Wales: 1838 to 2013

Figure 4. View on whether the government should support a national health system that is tax funded, free at the point of use, and providing comprehensive care for all citizens

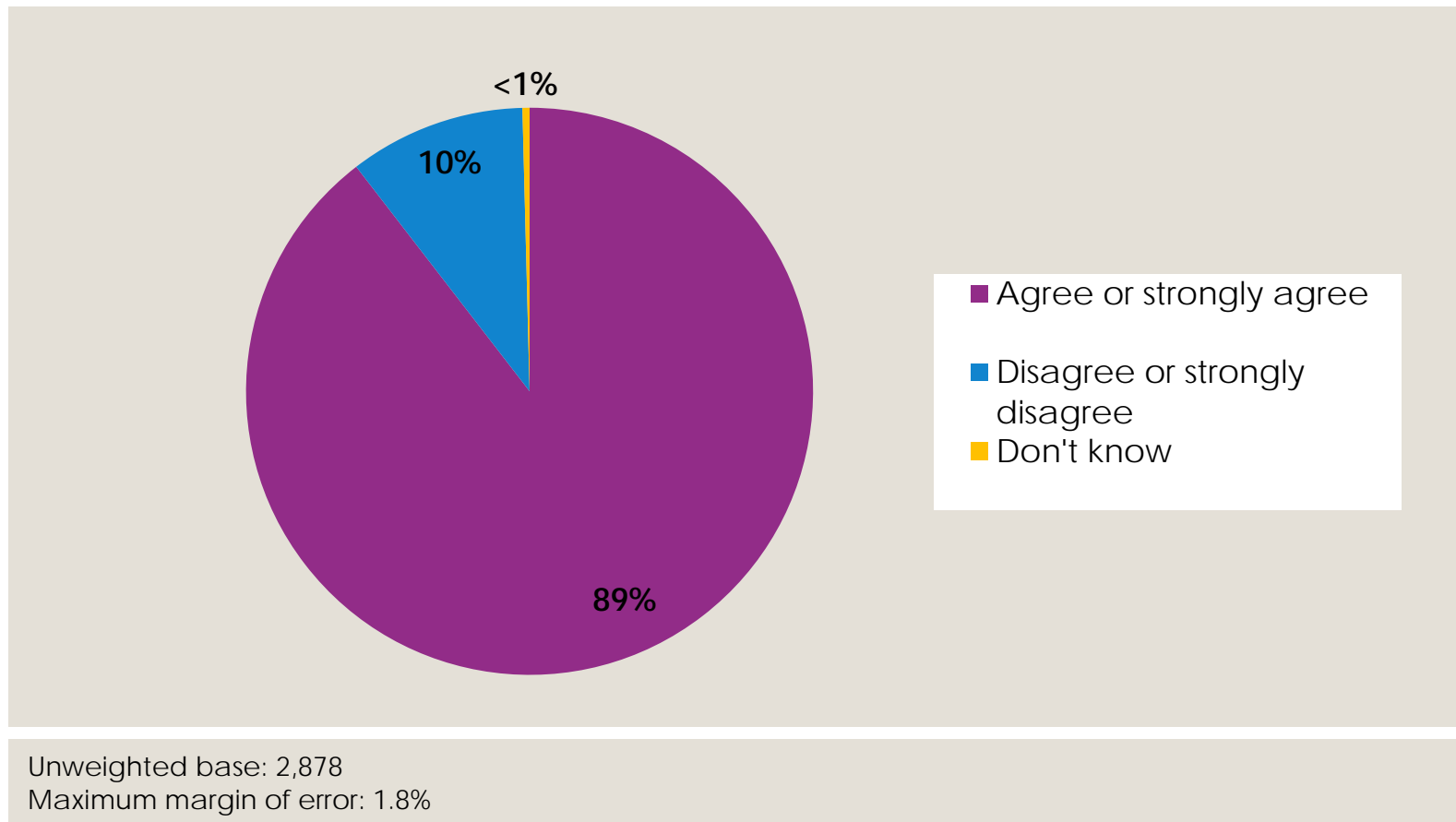


Figure 5. View on whether the government should support a national health system that is tax funded, free at the point of use, and providing comprehensive care for all citizens, by political party supported

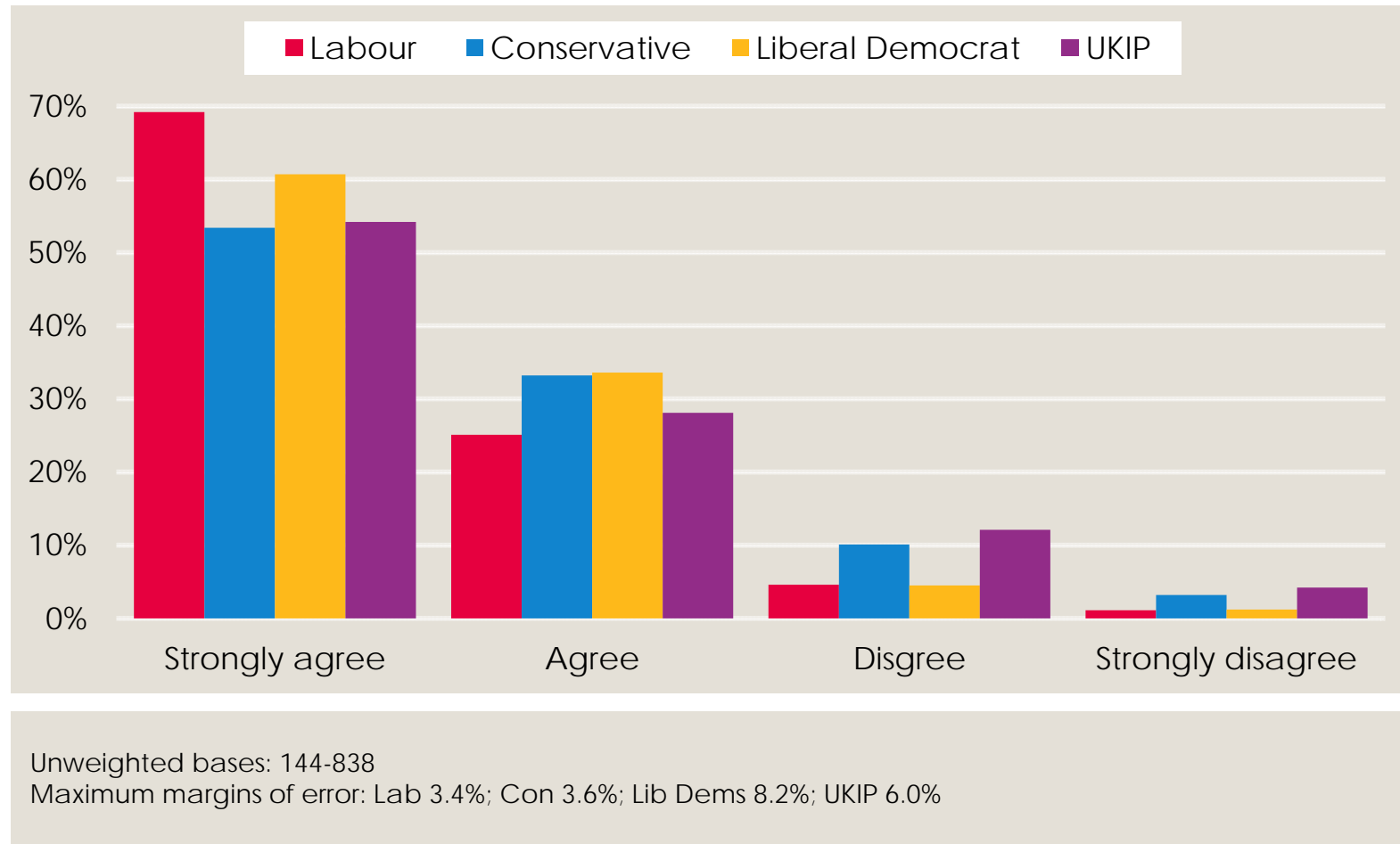


Figure 6. Percentage of respondents agreeing that the government should support a national health system that is tax funded, free at the point of use, and providing comprehensive care for all citizens

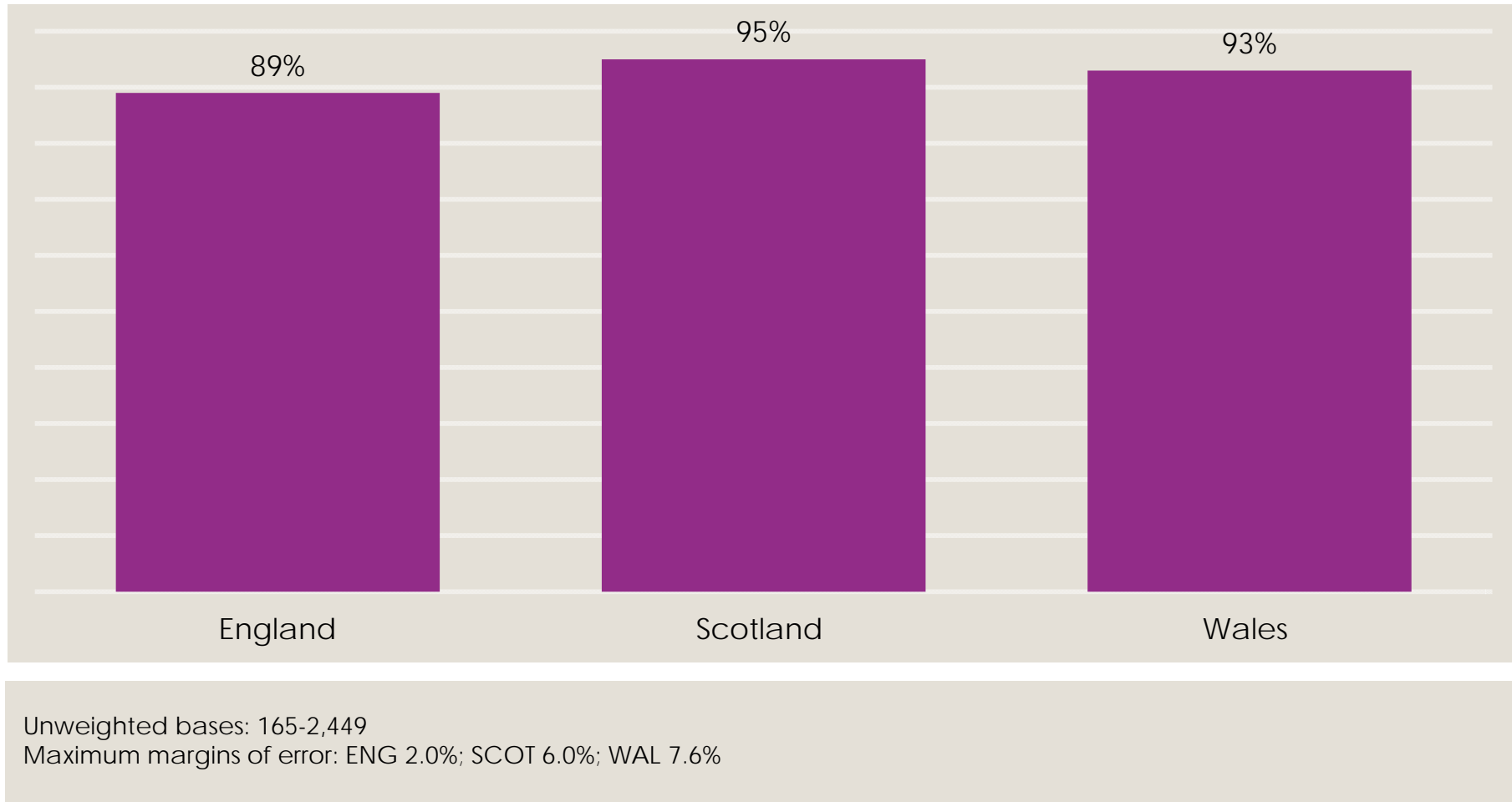


Figure 7. View on how the general standard of care has changed over the last five years

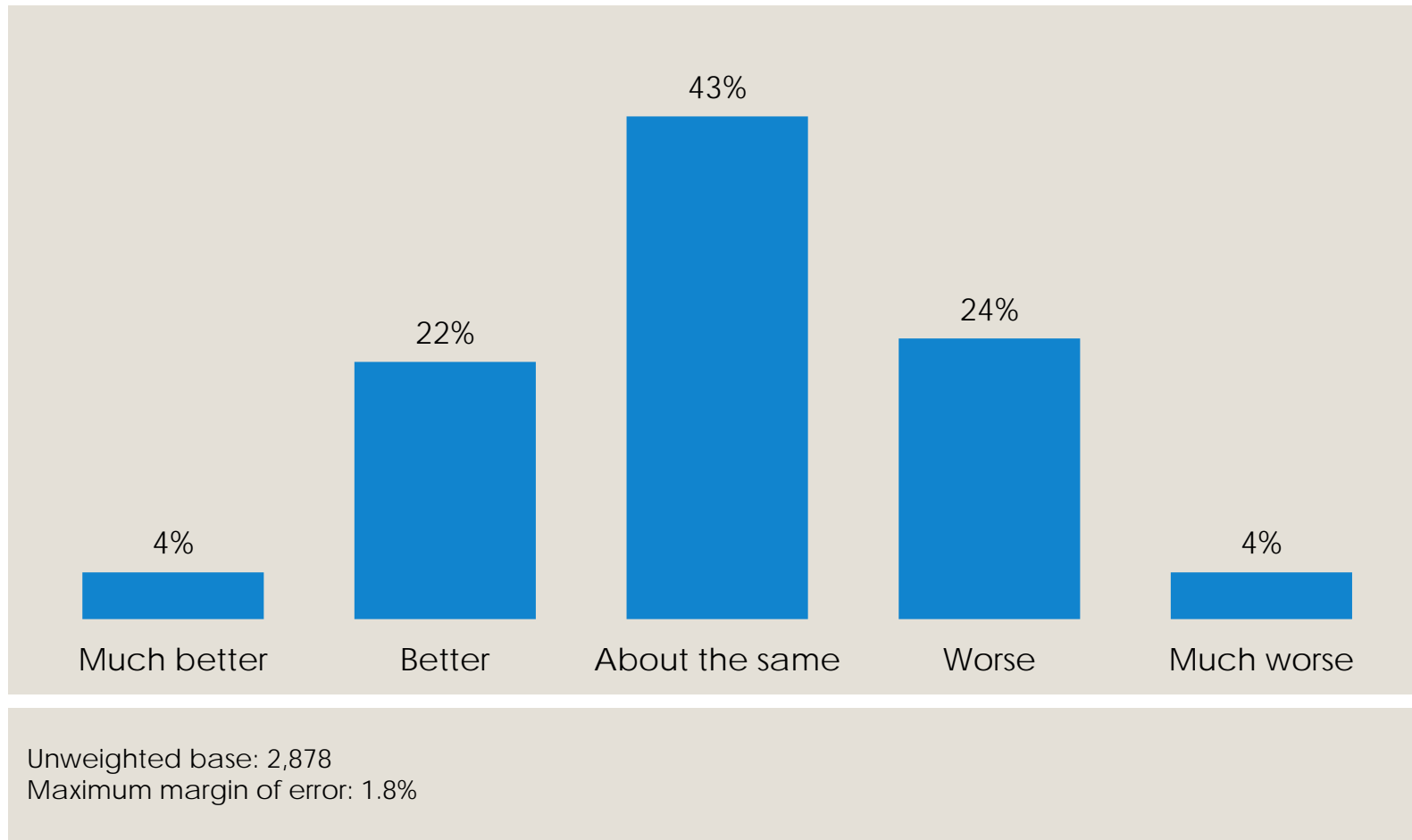
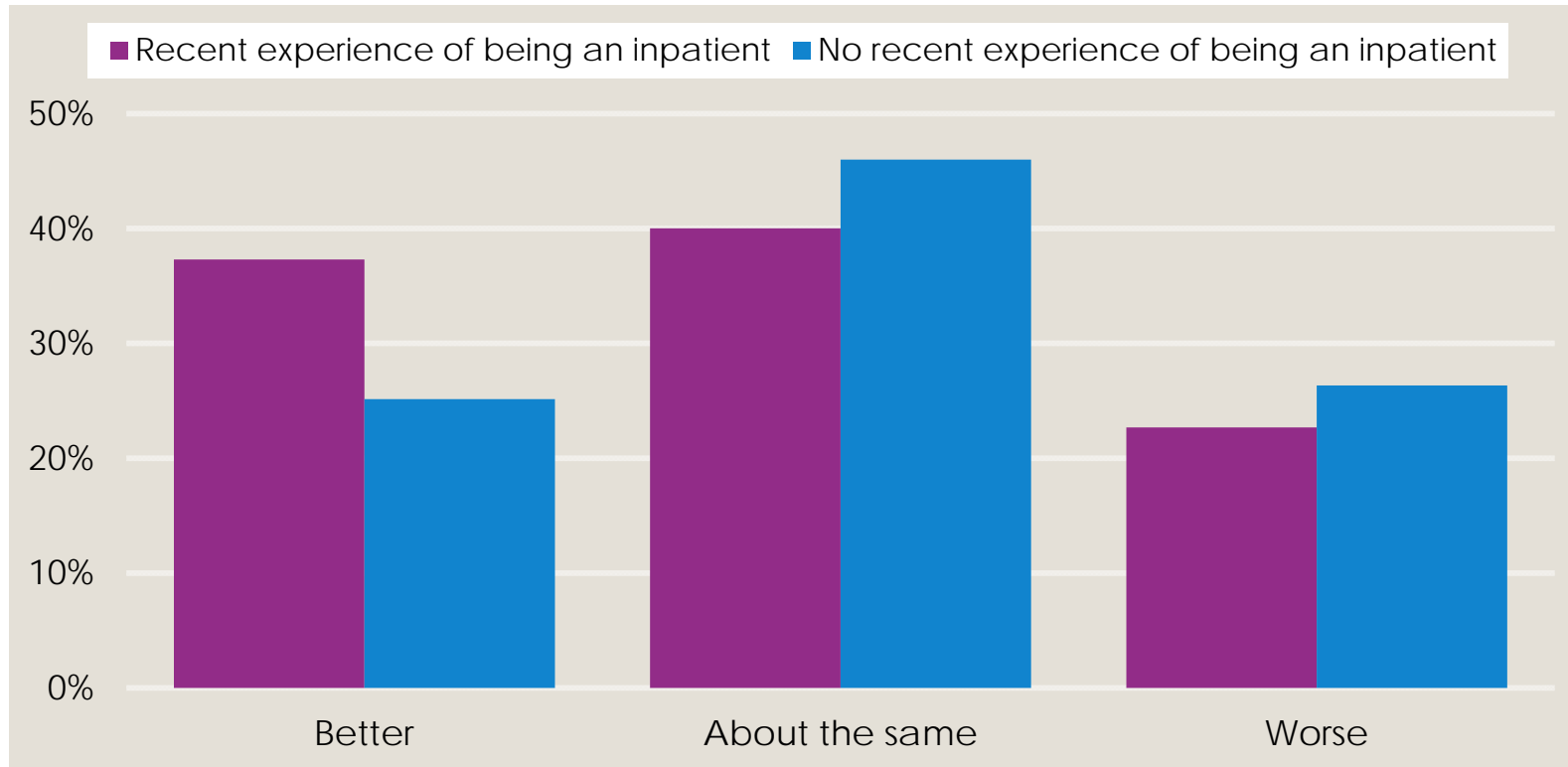


Figure 8. View on how the general standard of care has changed over the last five years, by experience of being an inpatient in the last year or not



Unweighted bases: 137-612
Maximum margins of error: Yes 8.3%; No 3.9%

Figure 9. View on where people would like to receive NHS-funded treatment

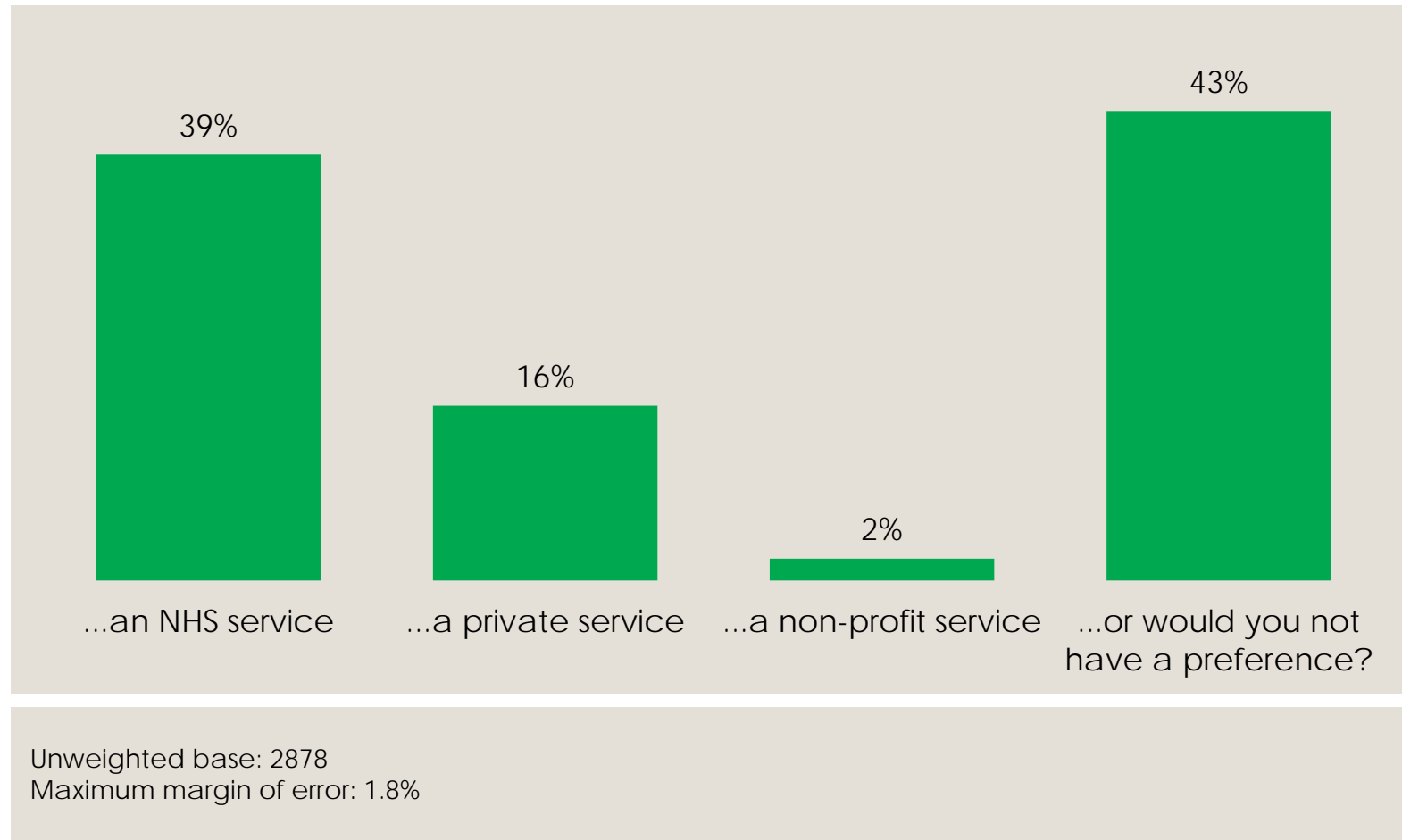
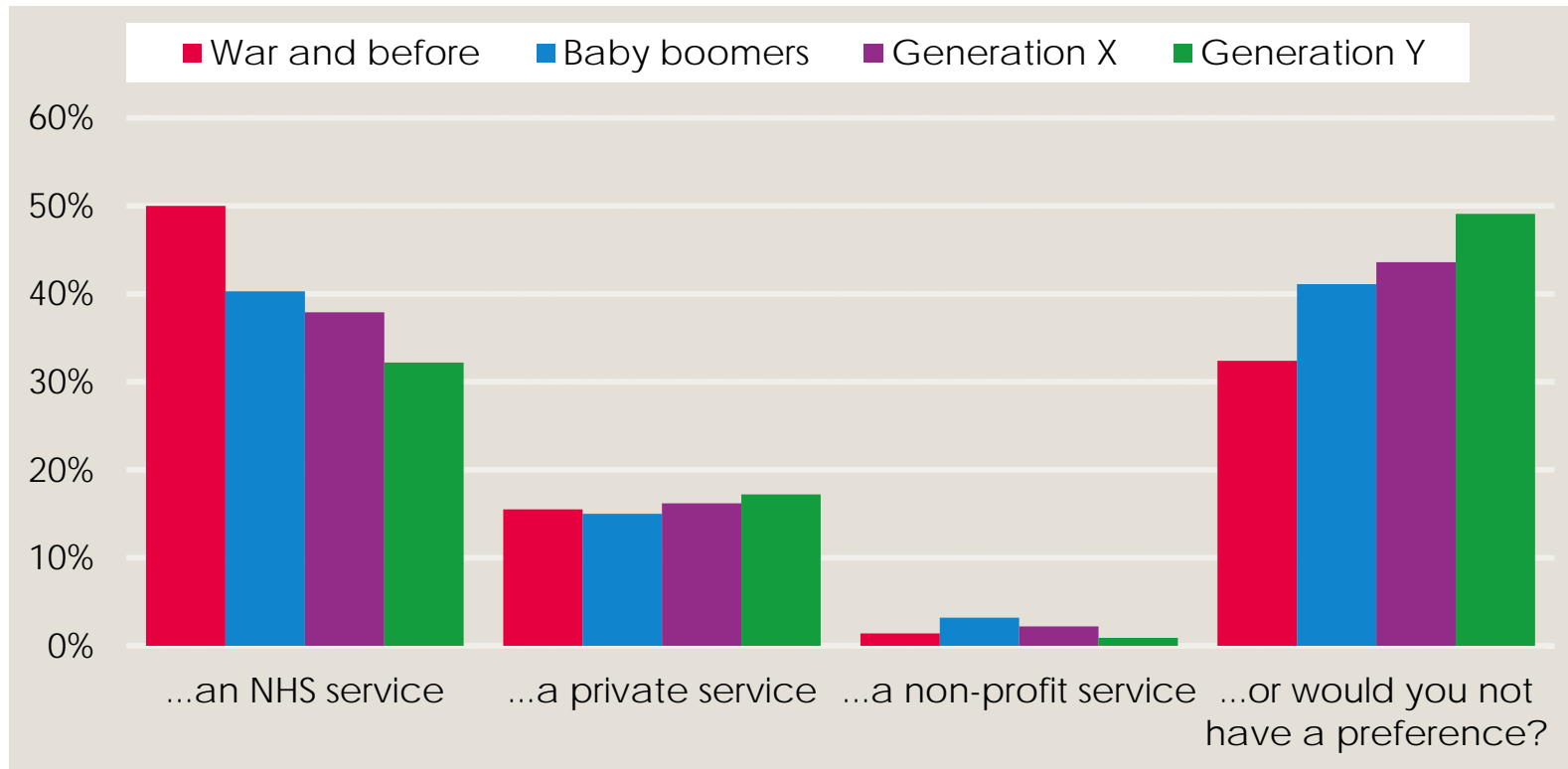
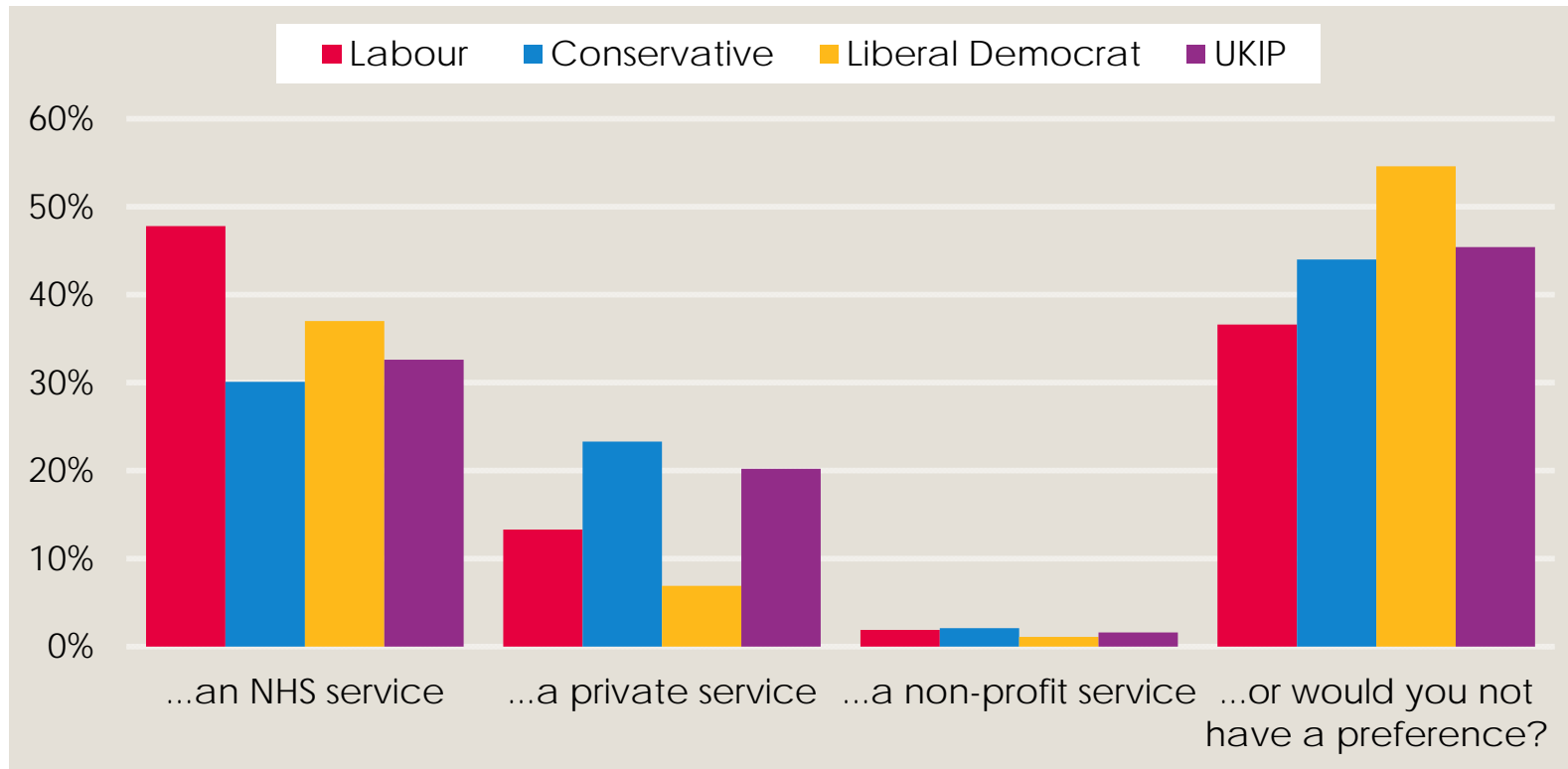


Figure 10. View on where people would like to receive NHS-funded treatment, by generation



Unweighted base: 543-1075
Maximum margins of error: WAB 4.1%; BB 3.0%; X 3.7%; Y 4.2%

Figure 11. View on where people would like to receive NHS-funded treatment from, by party supported



Base: 2075

Maximum margins of error: Lab 3.4%; Con 3.6%; Lib Dems 8.2%; UKIP 6.0%

Figure 12. View on still being happy to be treated in non-NHS organisations even if this meant that your local NHS hospital or clinic was at risk of being closed as a result of people using other providers



Figure 13. View on the way the NHS uses money

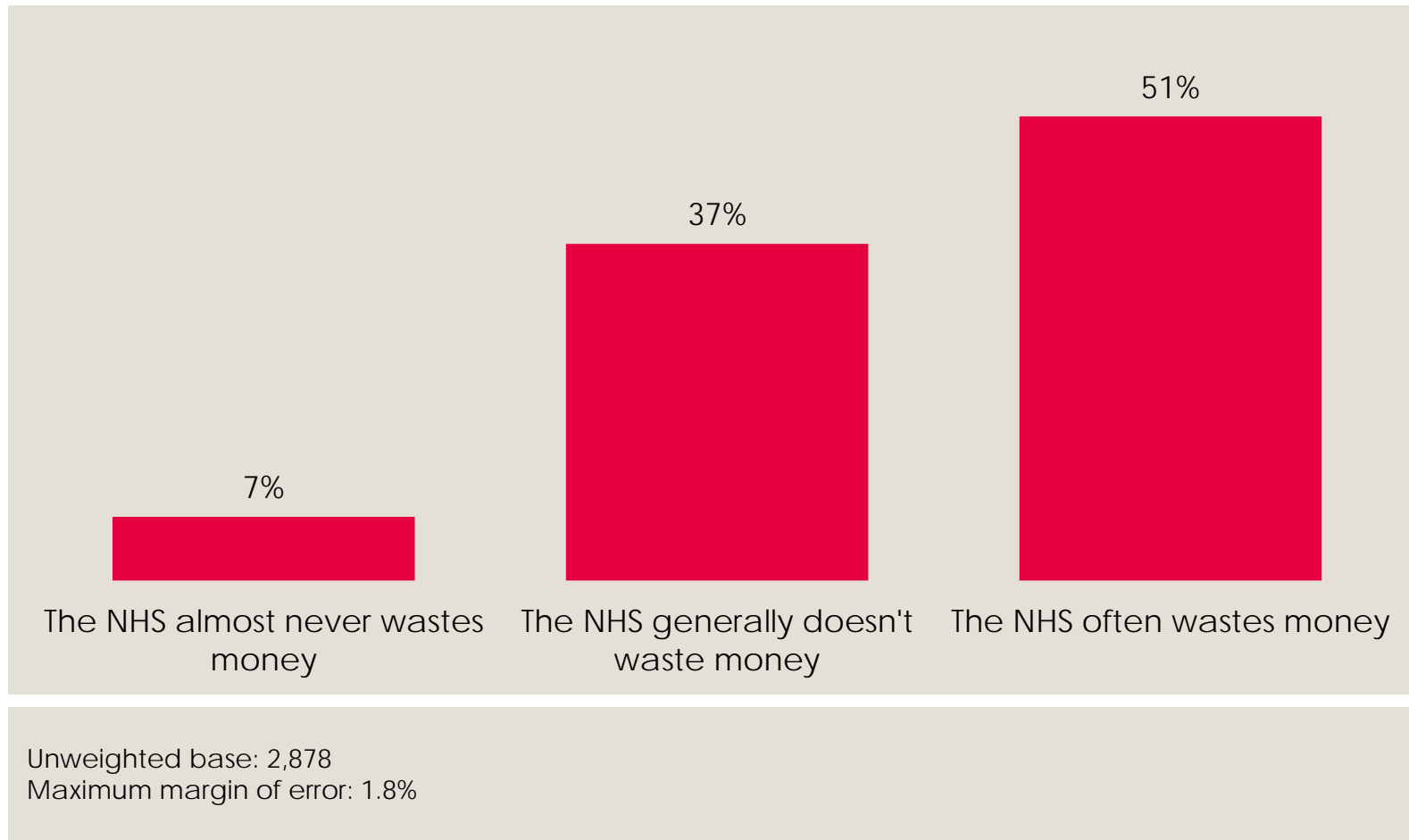


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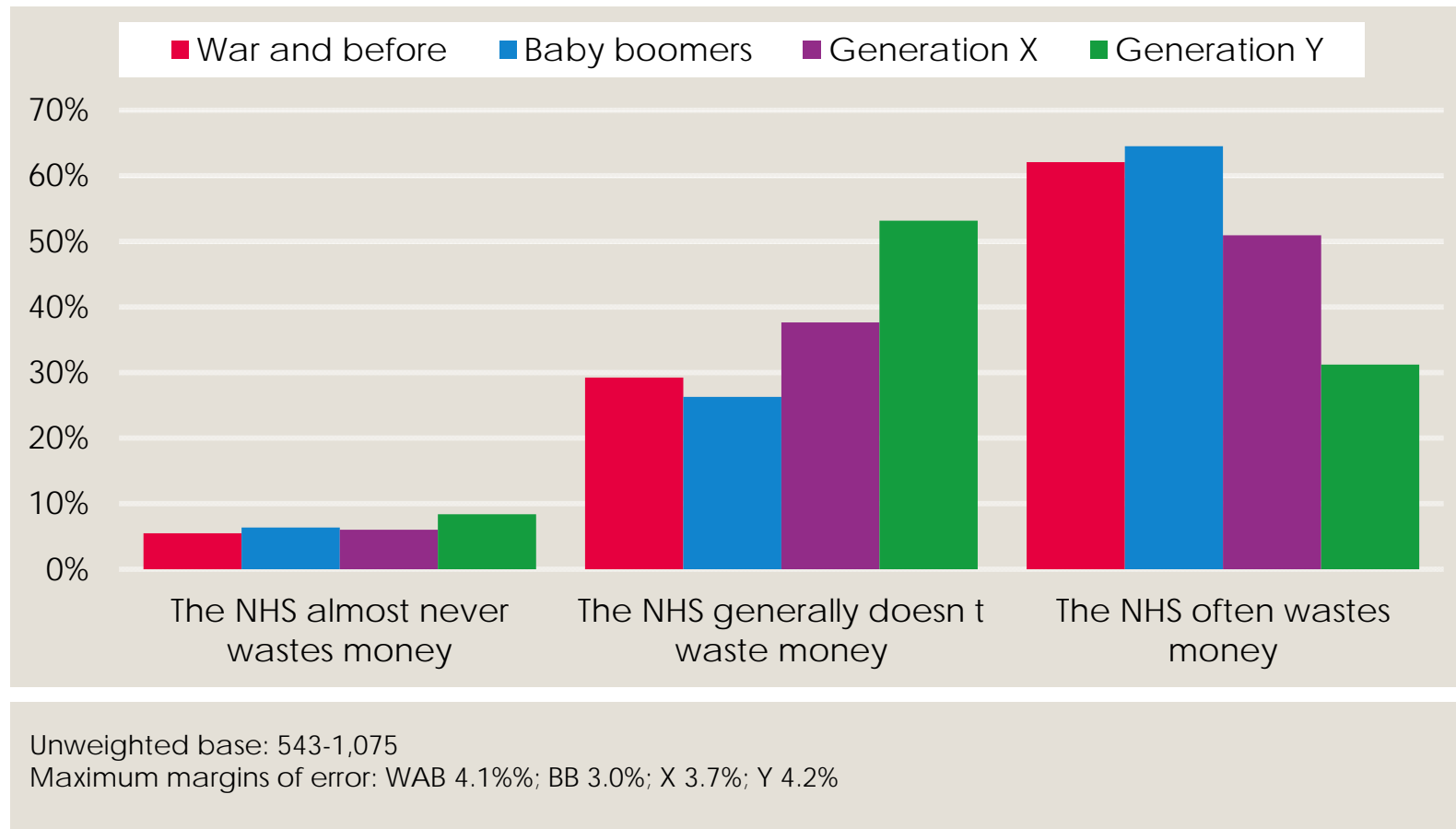
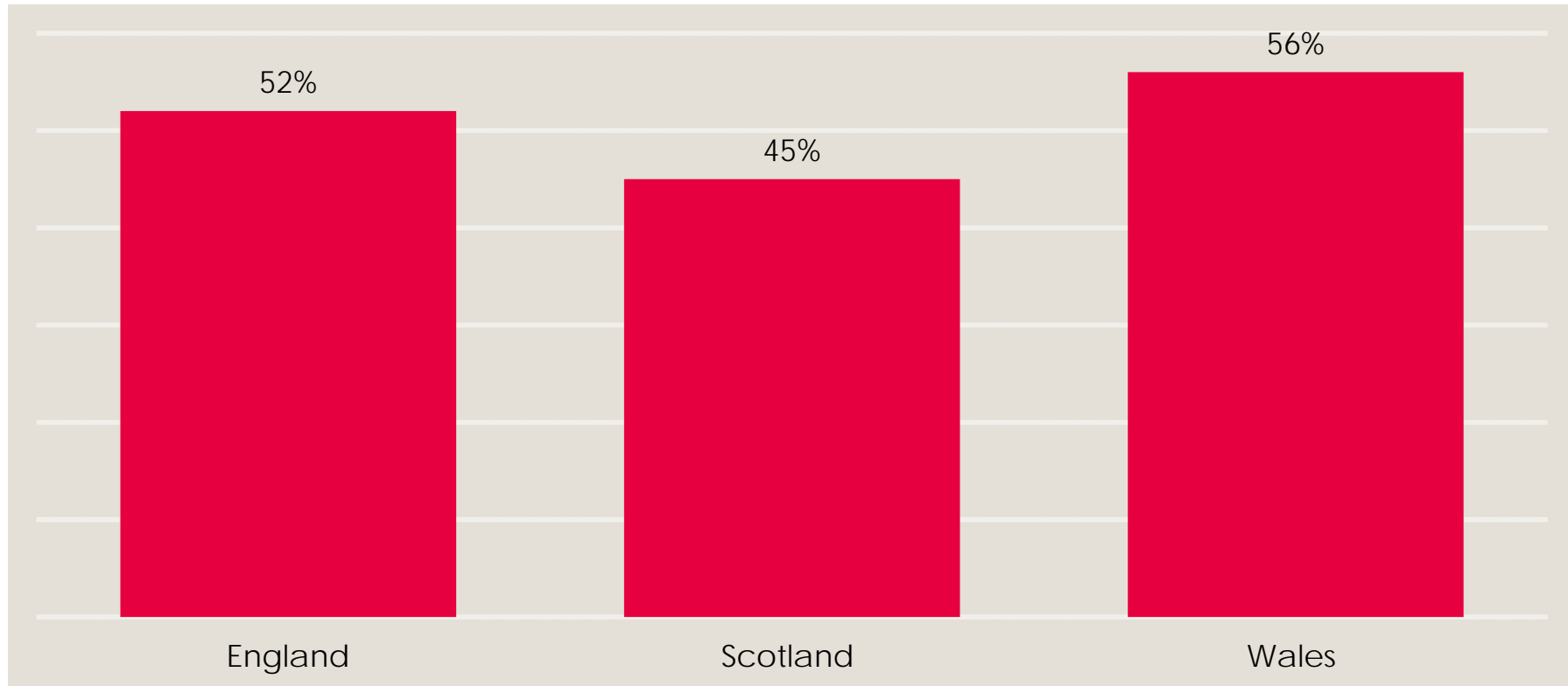


Figure 15. Percentage of respondents who think that the NHS often wastes money



Unweighted bases: 165-2,449
Maximum margins of error: ENG 2.0%; SCOT 6.0%; WAL 7.6%

Figure 16. Willingness for the government to spend less money on other public services to maintain current NHS services

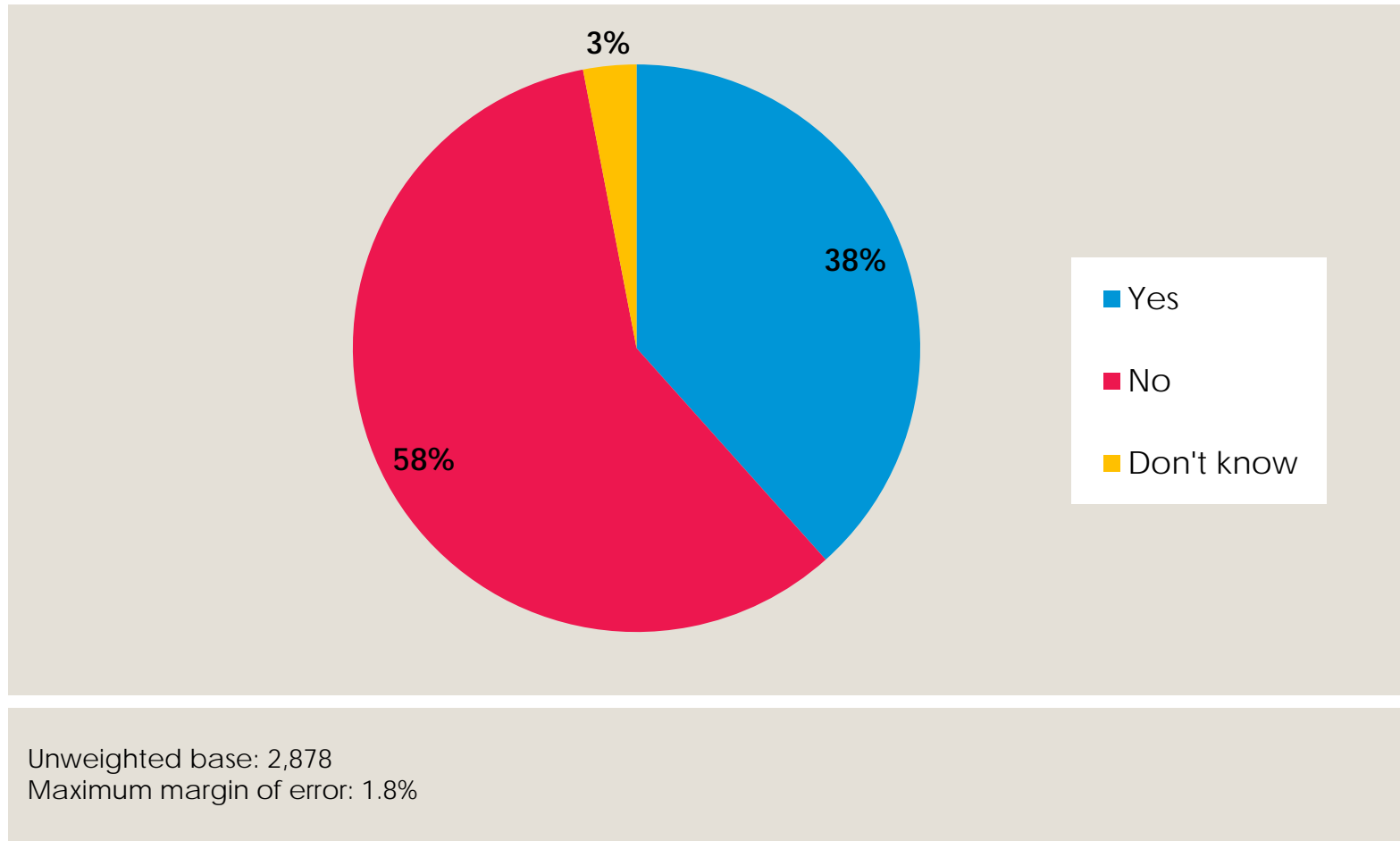


Figure 17. View on cutting other public services to maintain current NHS services, by views on how often the NHS wastes money

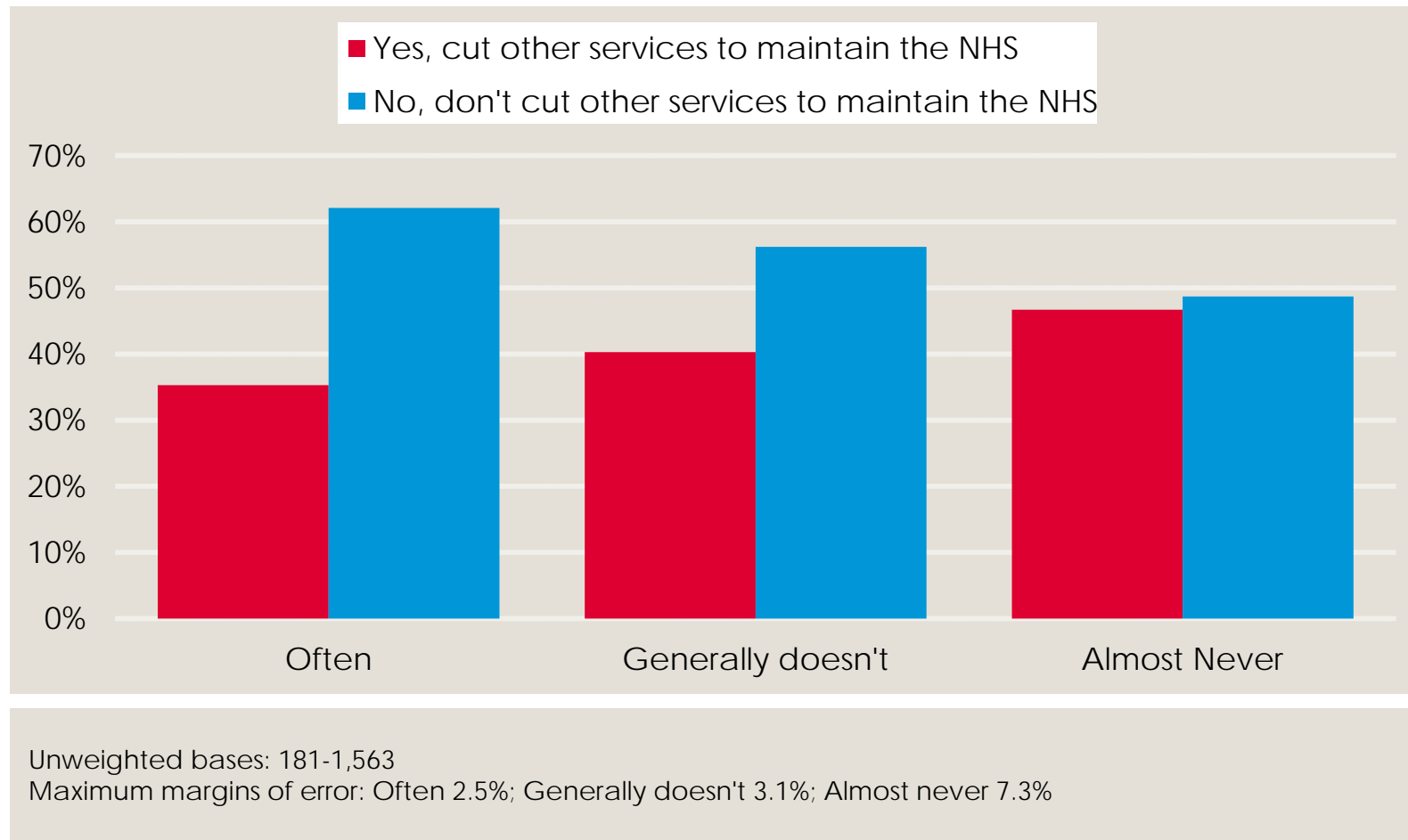


Figure 18. View on cutting other public services to maintain current NHS services, by recent experience of being an inpatient in an NHS hospital

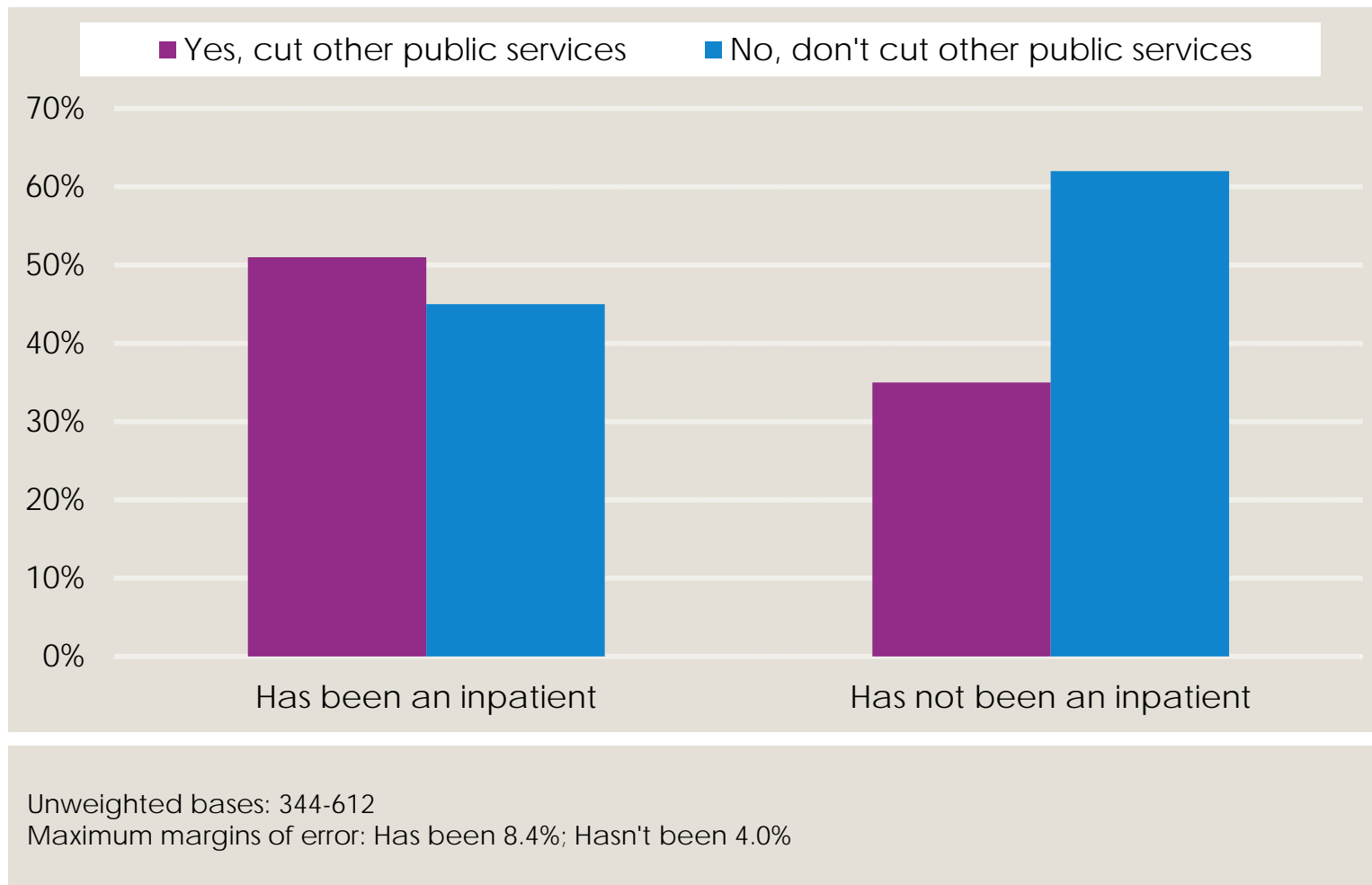


Figure 19. Percentage of respondents willing to cut other public services to fund NHS

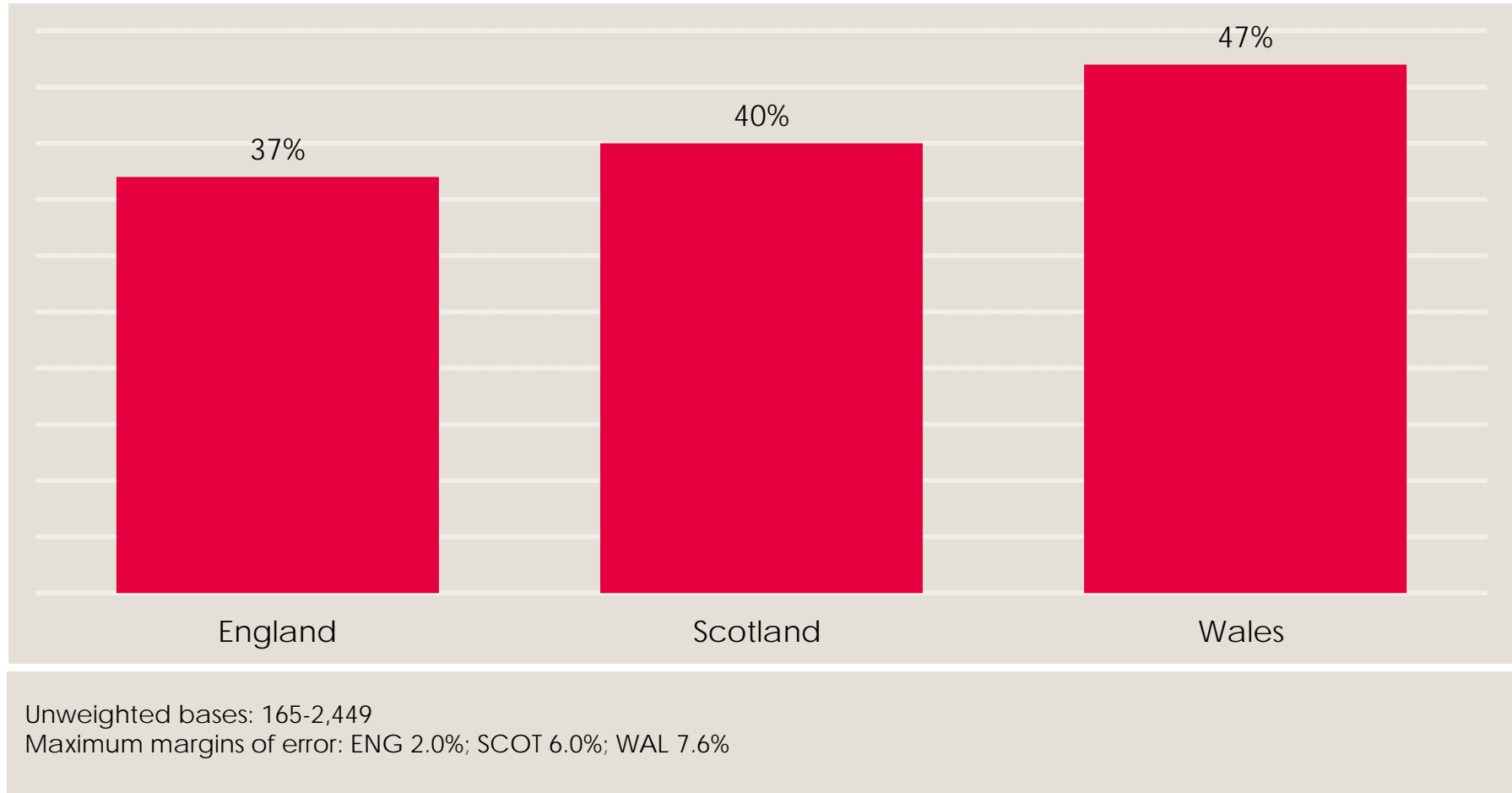


Figure 20. Percentage of respondents prepared to travel further away from their home for different types of care

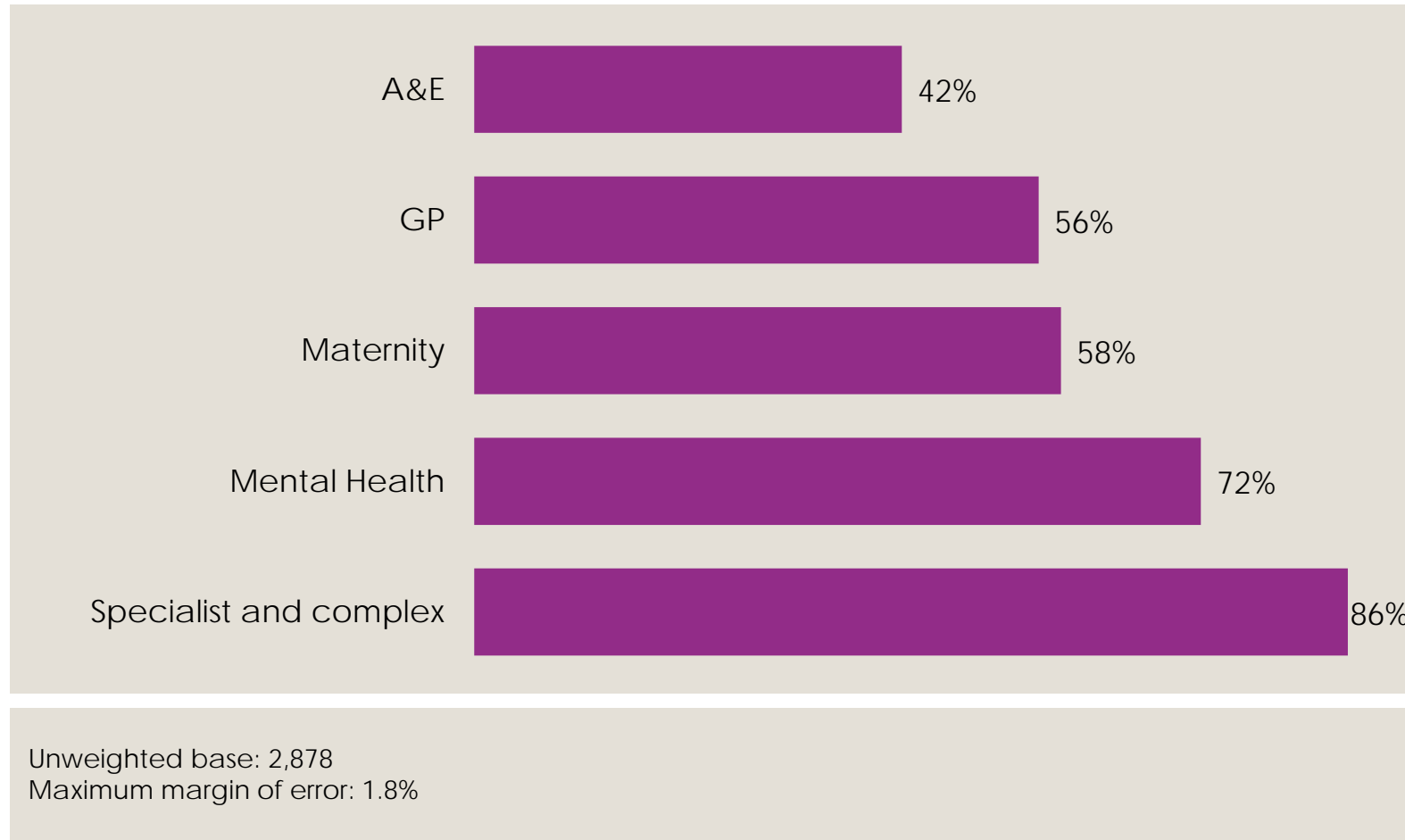
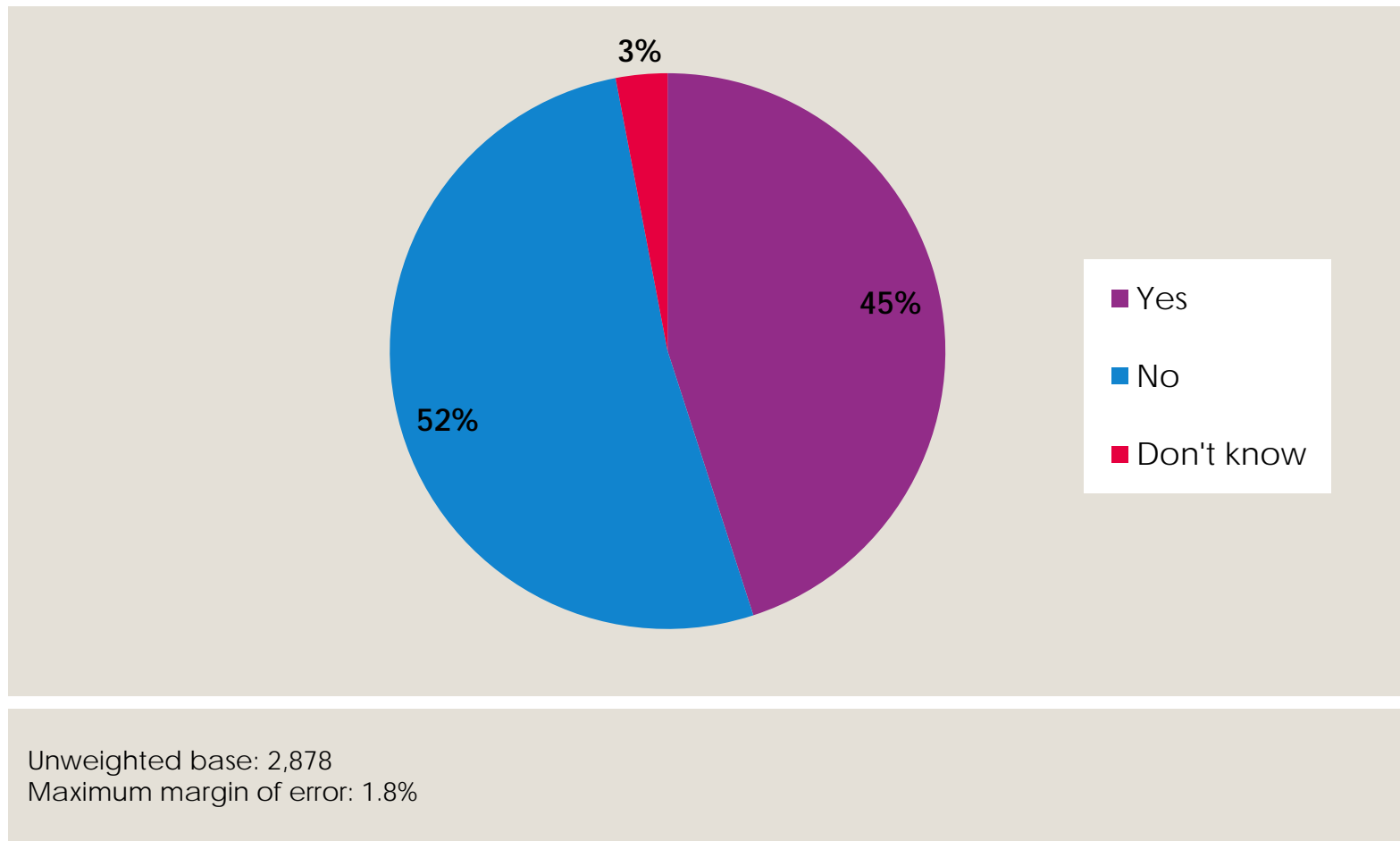


Figure 21. Would you still be prepared to travel further away from your home for care if this meant that your local hospital or clinic was at risk of being closed?



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