

# Australians Favour a Republic

Findings from UMR Omnibus  
May 2008

# Key findings

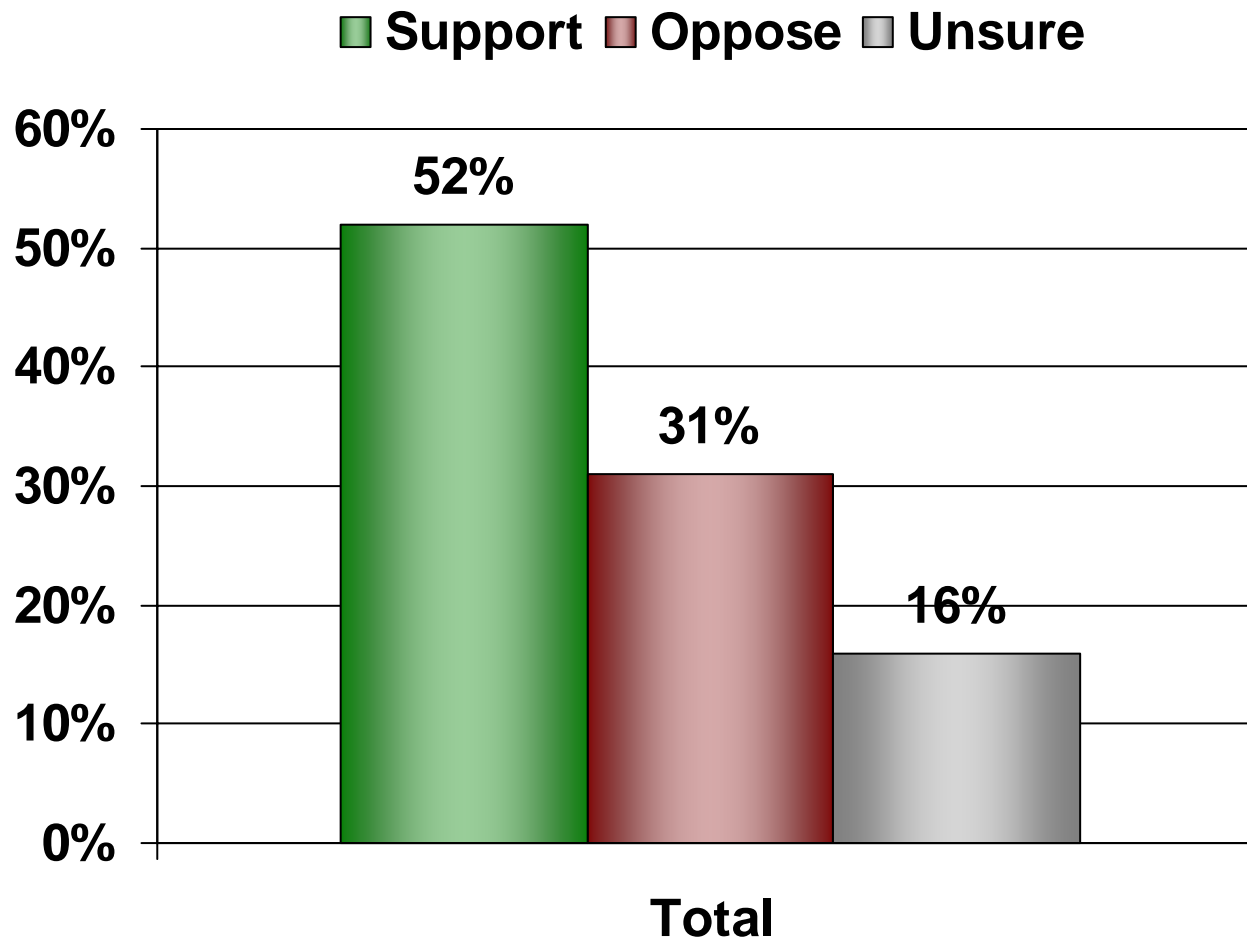


- About 1 in 2 (52%) Australians support Australia becoming a republic, while less than a third (31%) oppose it.
- The support is higher amongst men (59%) and amongst people with higher income (58% support amongst those earning \$80,000 and more).
- Australians aged 70 and over are the only age group opposing Australia becoming a Republic.
- There is also a great difference between Coalition voters, who mainly oppose a republic (53%), and Labor voters who largely support it (67%).
- Nearly 4 in 5 (79%) think that if Australia did become a republic with a president as head of state, he should be elected by the people, in contrast to only 13% saying he should be appointed by parliament.
- There is not much difference for this between the segments, although generally more older people than younger and more men than women want a president who is appointed by parliament.
- Nearly 1 in 5 (18%) of people supporting Australia becoming a republic think the president should be appointed by parliament, while only less than 1 in 10 (8%) opposing the republic are of this opinion.

- 1,000 online interviews
- Nationally representative sample
- Age: 18+
- Fieldwork: 16-21 May 2008
- Data was weighted to achieve actual population distribution
- Maximum margin of error at 95% confidence level: +/- 3.1%

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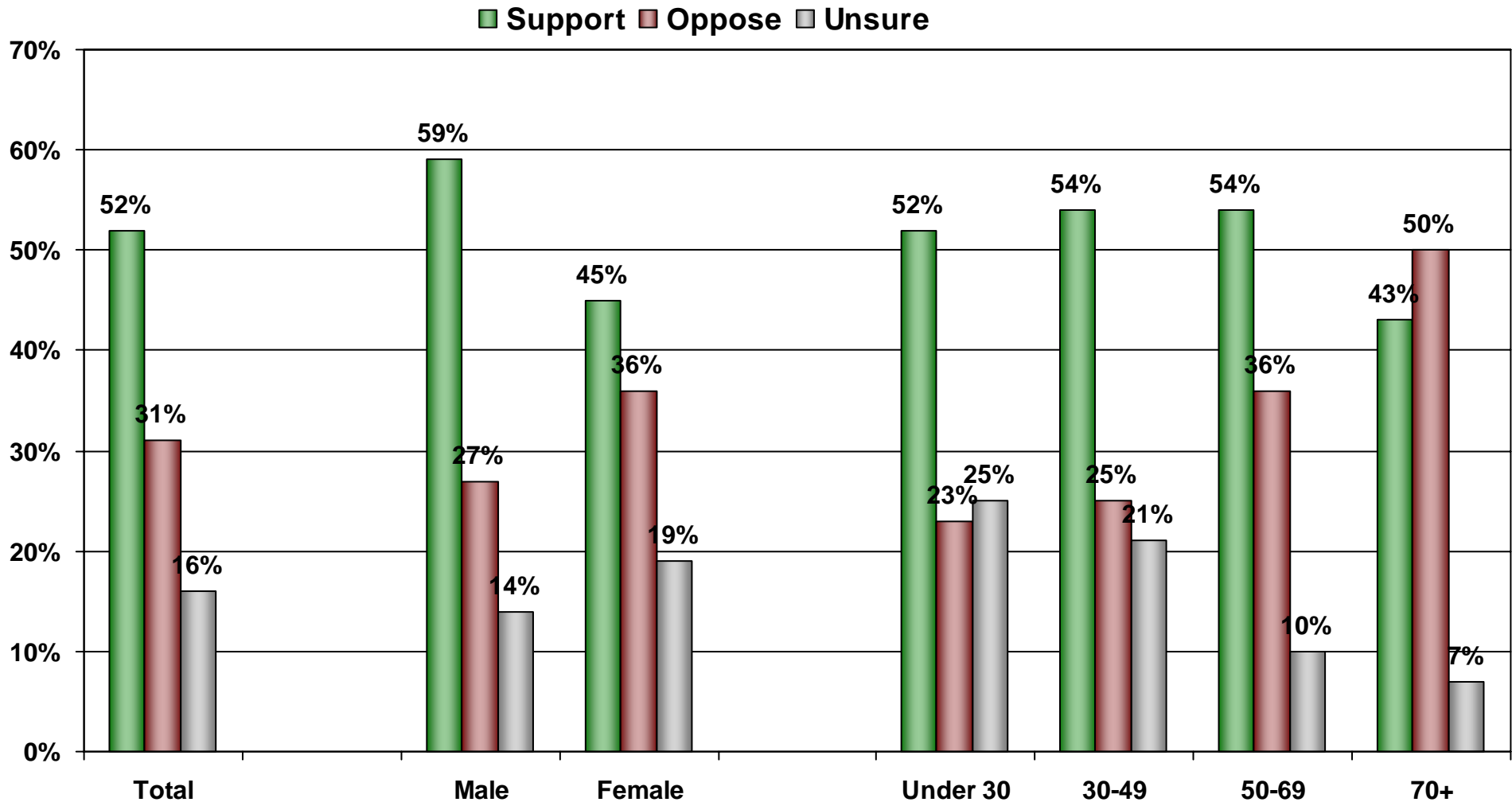
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# Higher support amongst males and younger Australians



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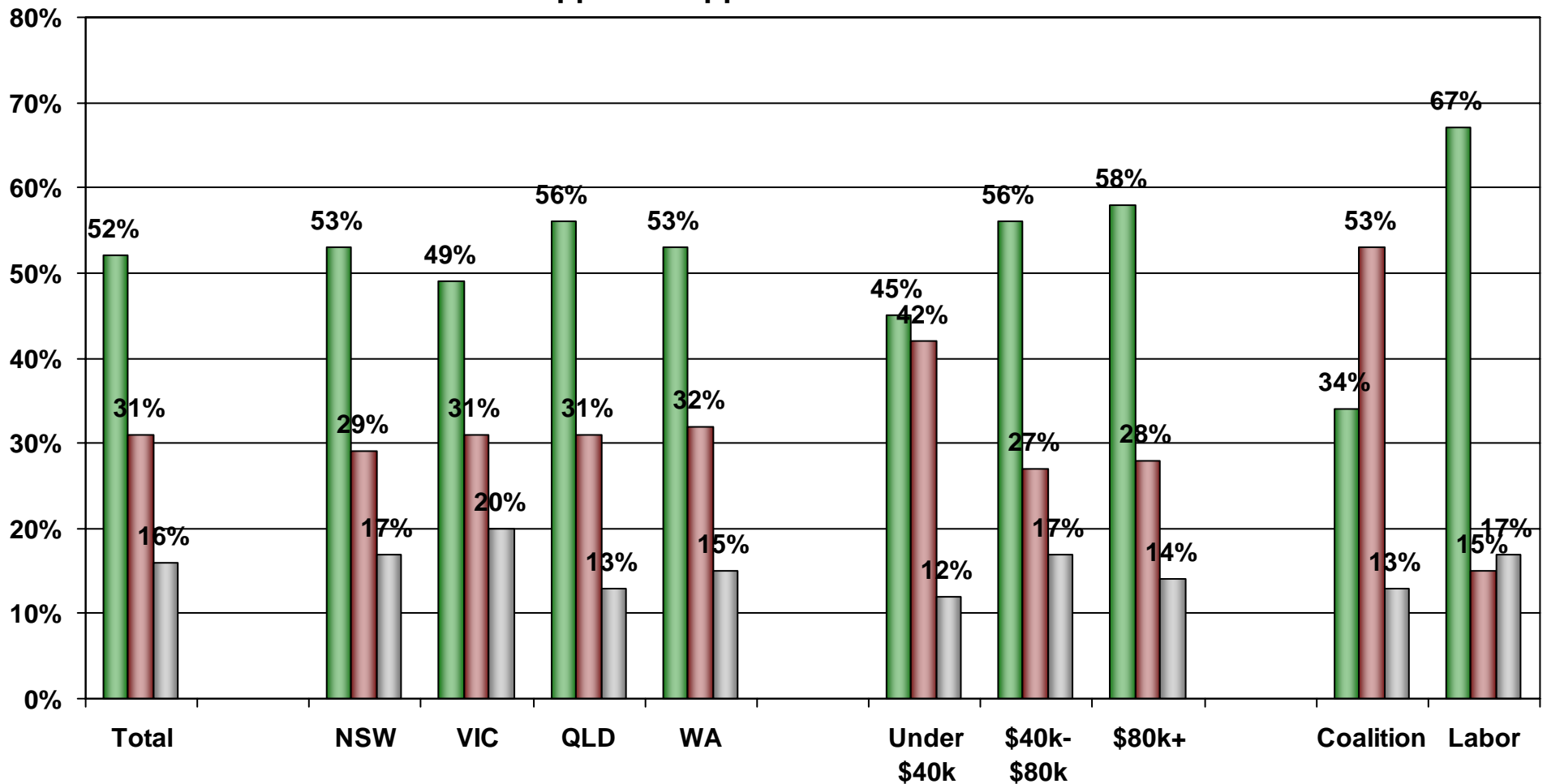


# Coalition voters oppose republic



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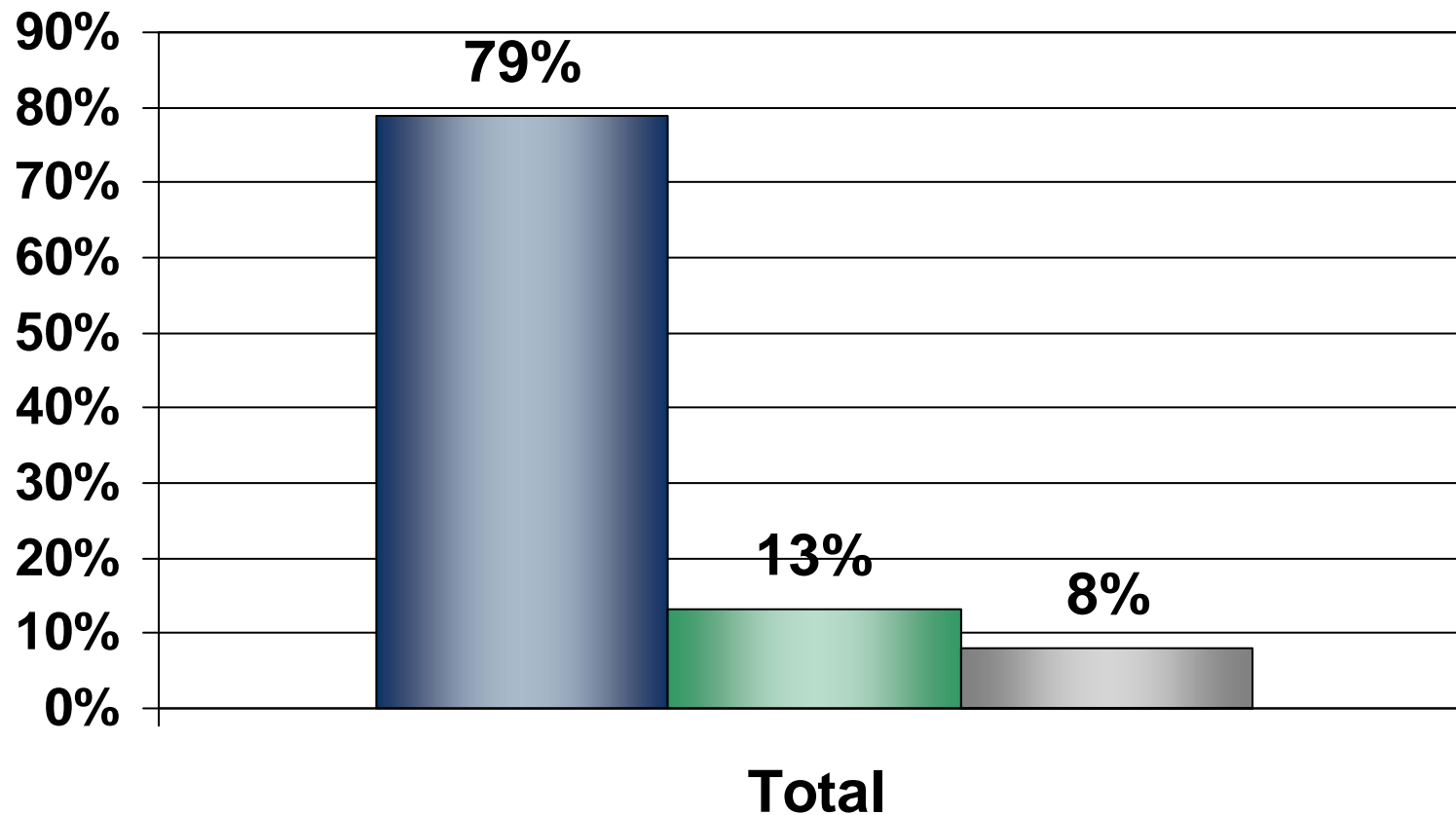
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# The president should be elected by the people

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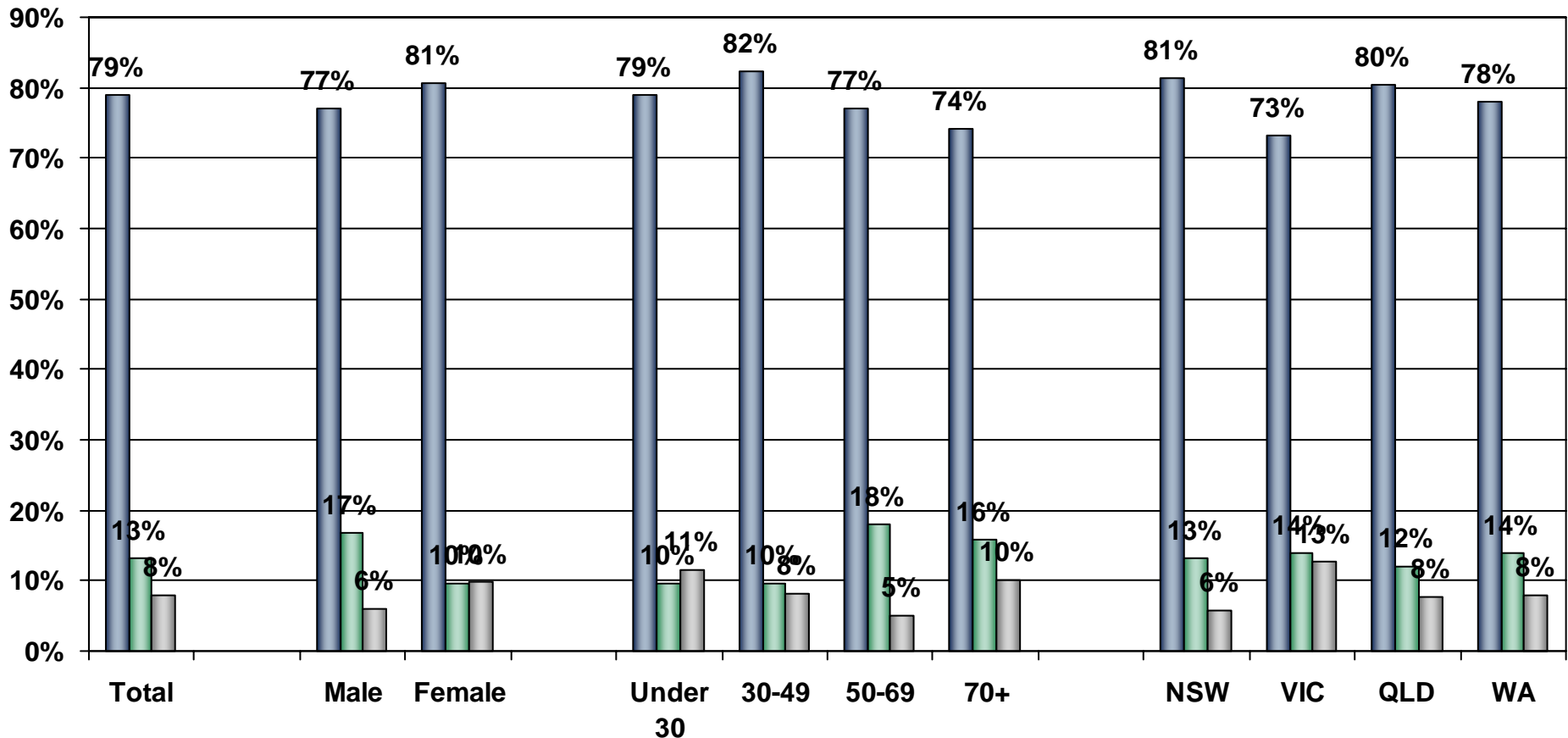


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