

Handwashing Consumer Tracker

Wave 4: April 2021

Key findings from Wave 4



Some handwashing behaviours have decreased

- Always washing hands after a trip away from home has decreased to 51% in April (58% in January)



Increase in activities outside the home

- More people report using public transport, 56% (47% in January), attending social events and going to the pub 'at the moment'.

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Methodology

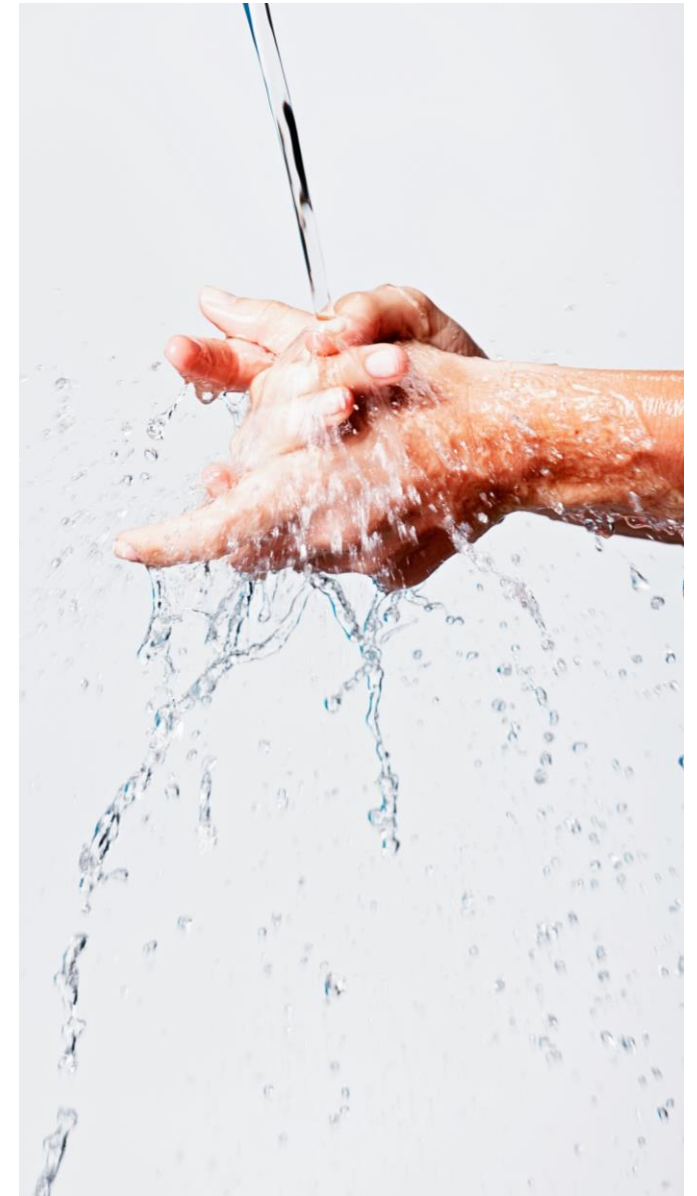
The Food Standards Agency (FSS) commissioned Ipsos MORI to track handwashing behaviour and attitudes during the COVID-19 pandemic and afterwards

This is the **fourth wave** of a quarterly tracker which will run for two years from **July 2020 to April 2022**.

During this wave, Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of **512 adults, aged 16-75 living in Scotland**. Interviews were conducted online via i:Omnibus from: **16-19 April 2021**. The subgroups included highlight differences across some of the questions and are therefore useful comparators. Where subgroups are reported on, the base size is provided in the footnote.

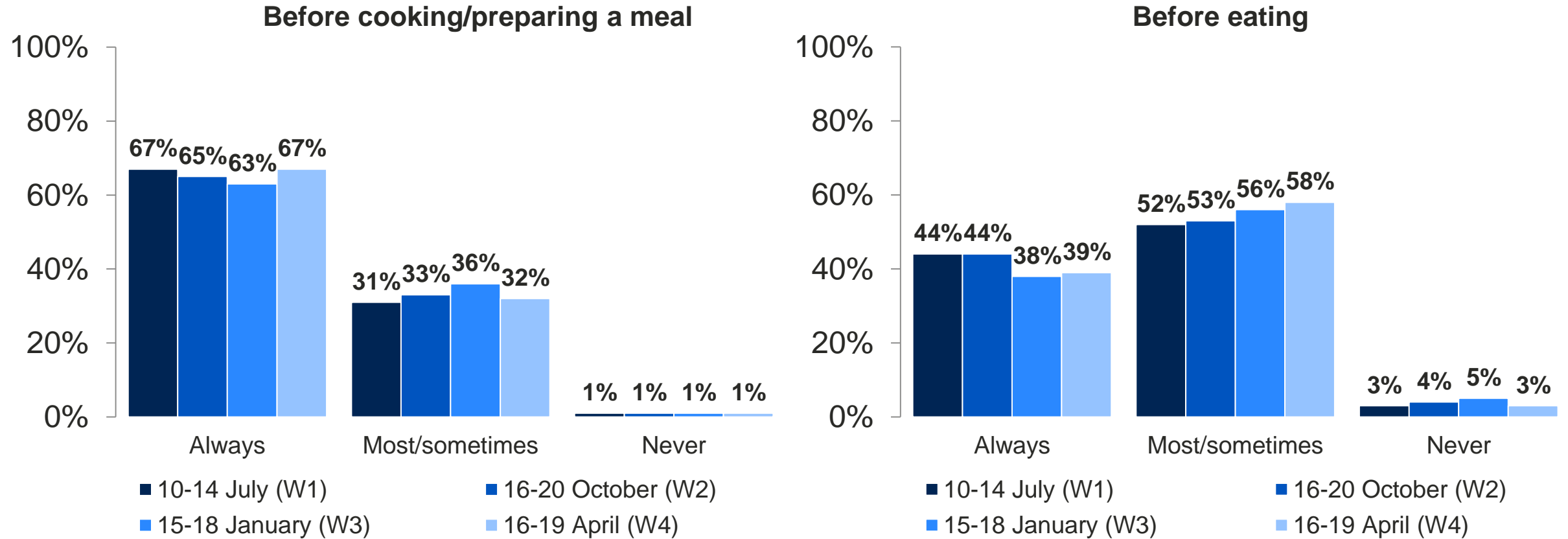
The data is weighted to best reflect the demographic profile of the adult population sampled.

Where results do not sum to 100, this may be due to computer rounding. Where appropriate the 'not applicable' and 'don't know' responses are not shown.



Frequency of handwashing at home over time

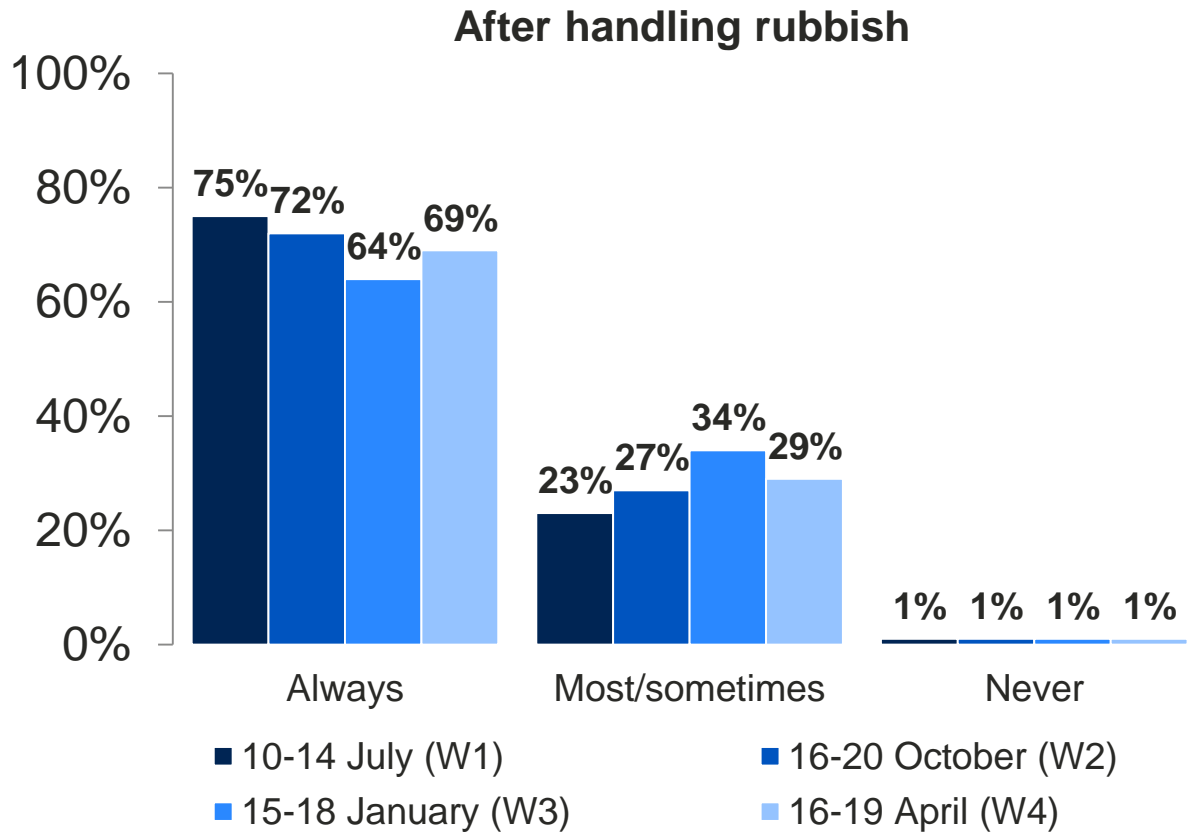
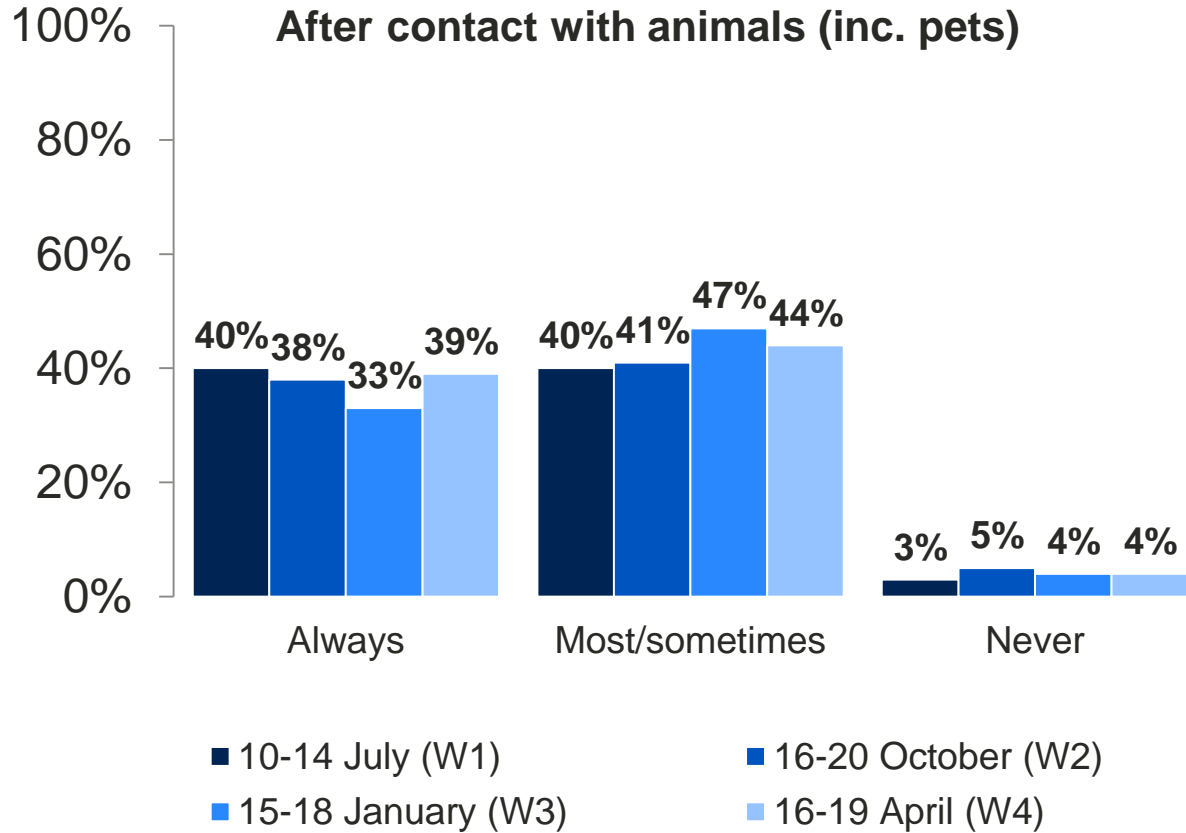
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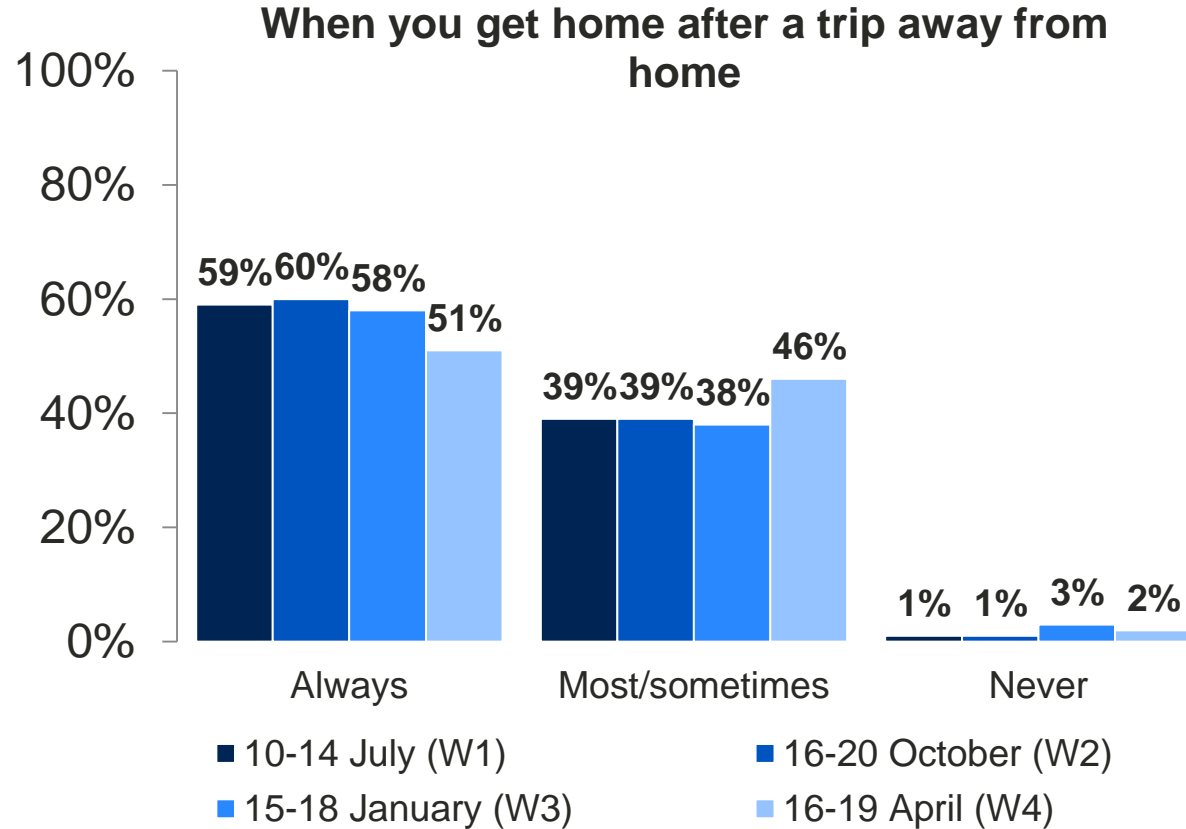
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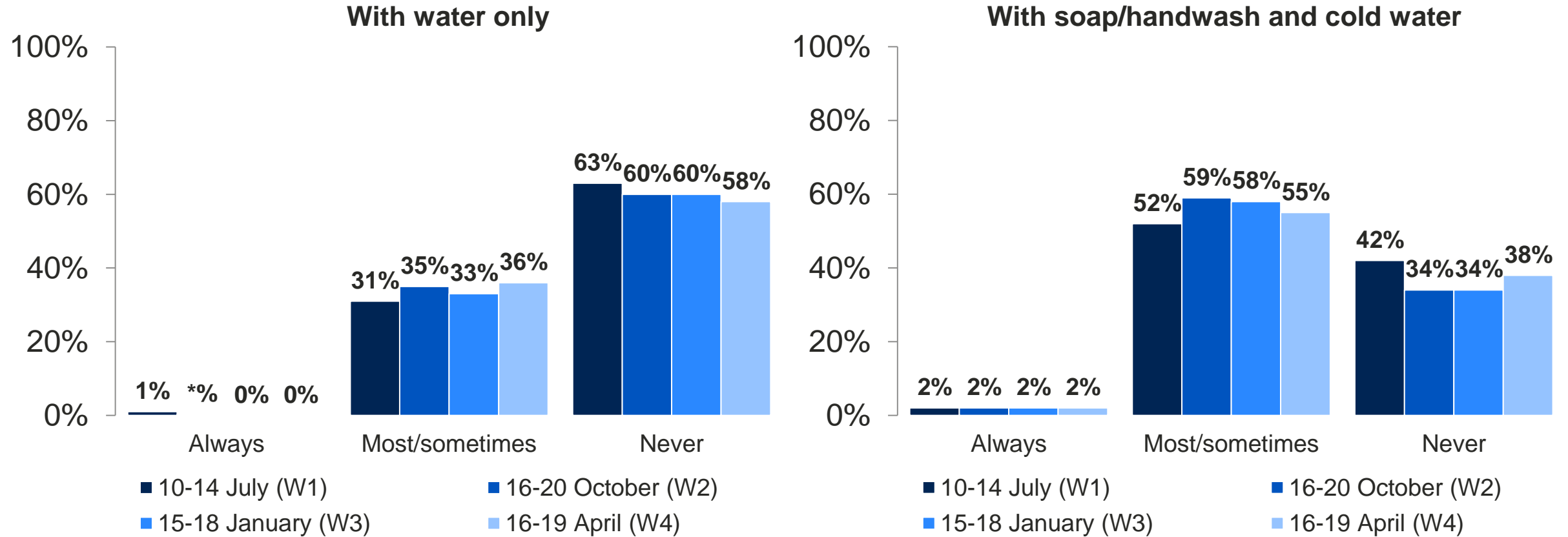
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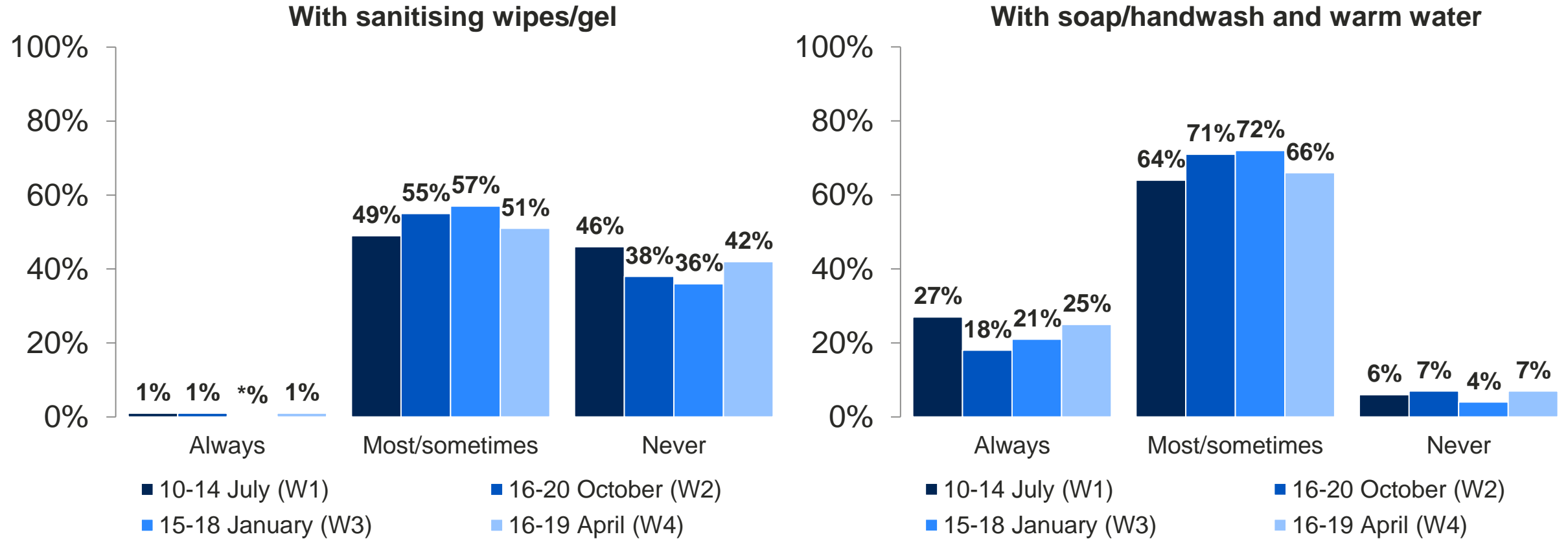
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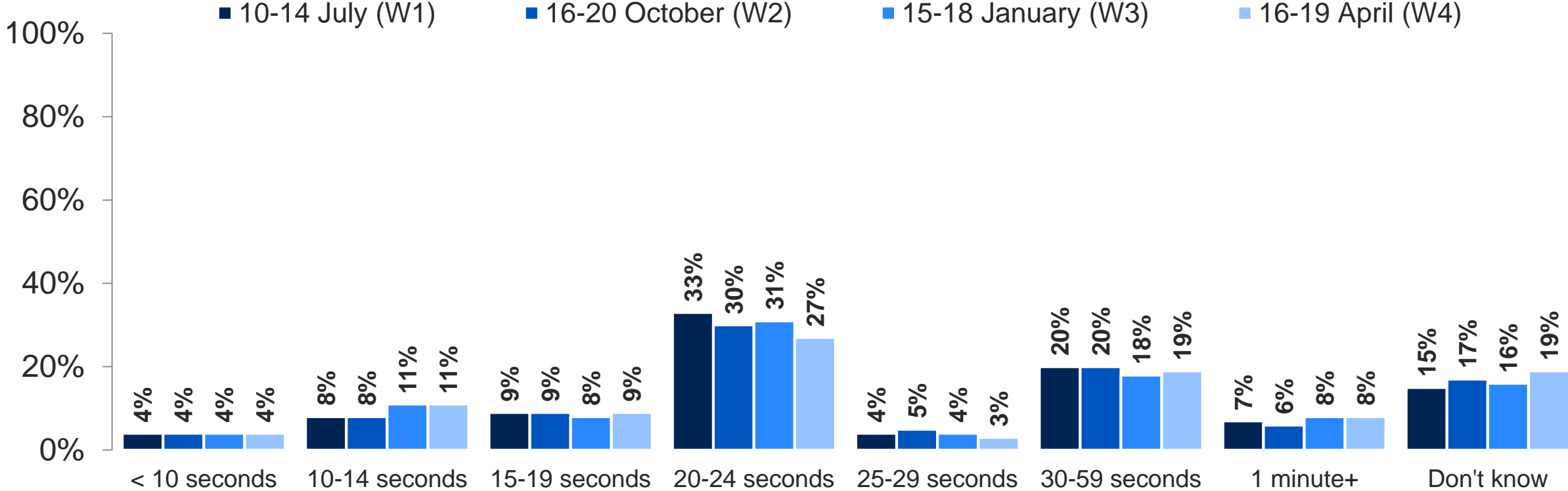
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Time spent handwashing over time

Thinking about when you are at home at the moment. How many seconds do you spend washing your hands each time?

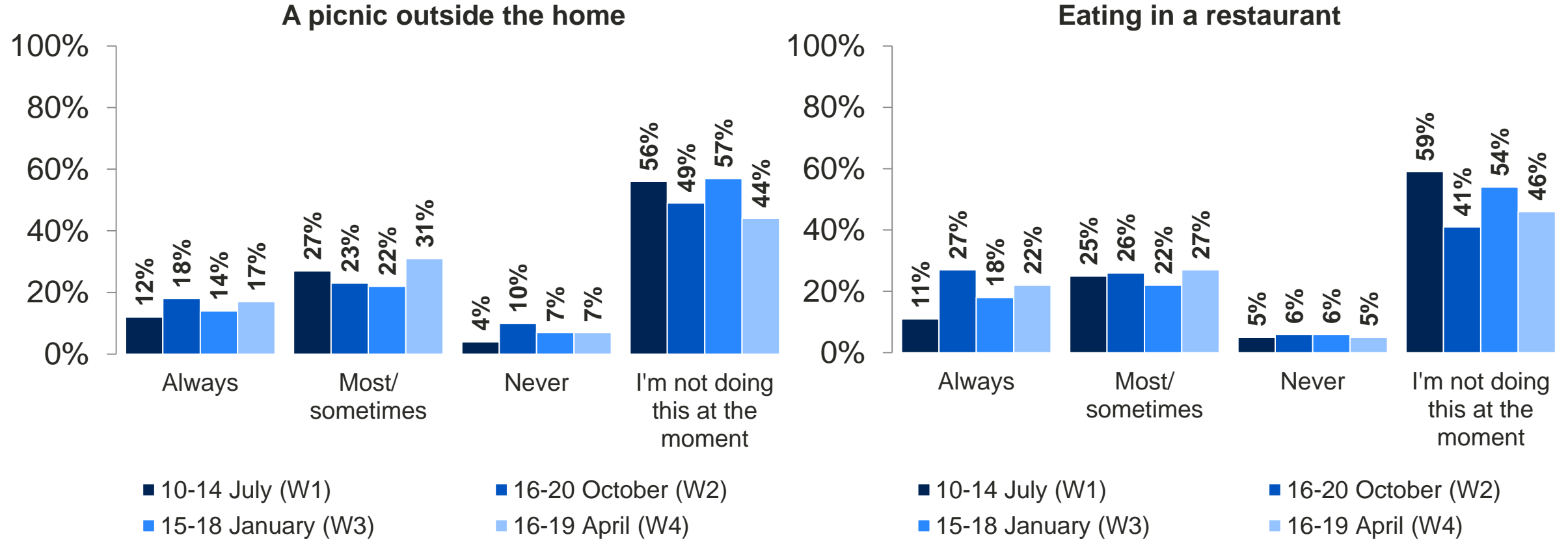


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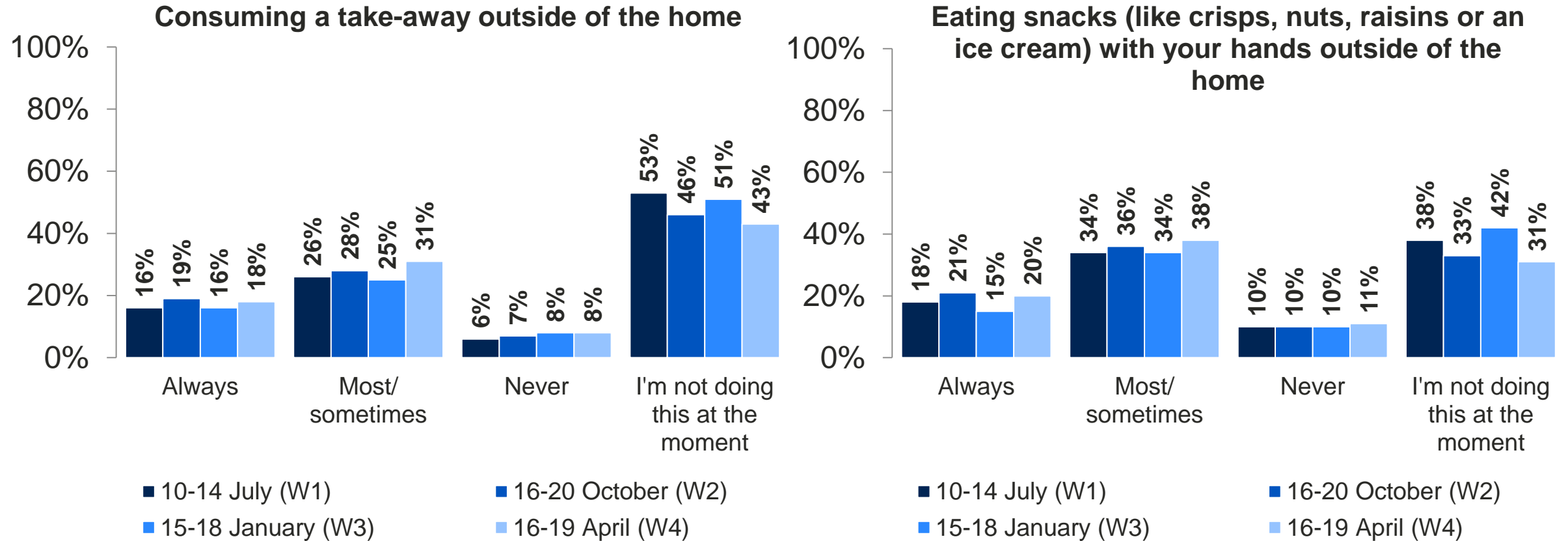
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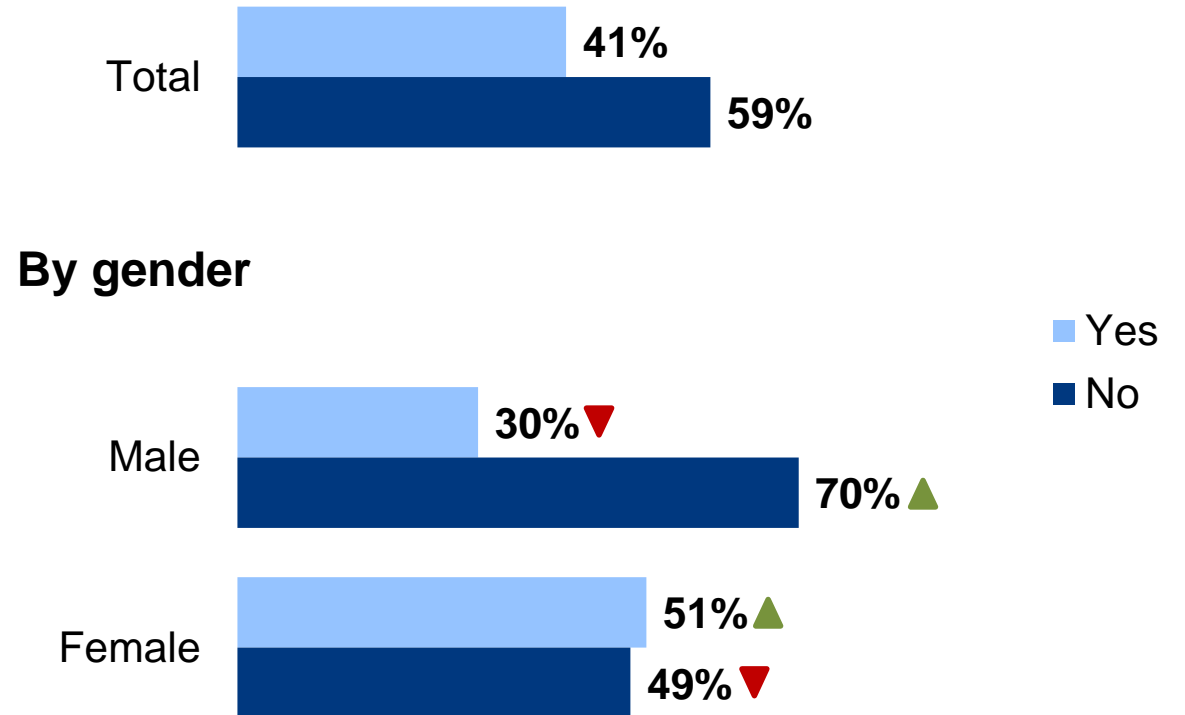
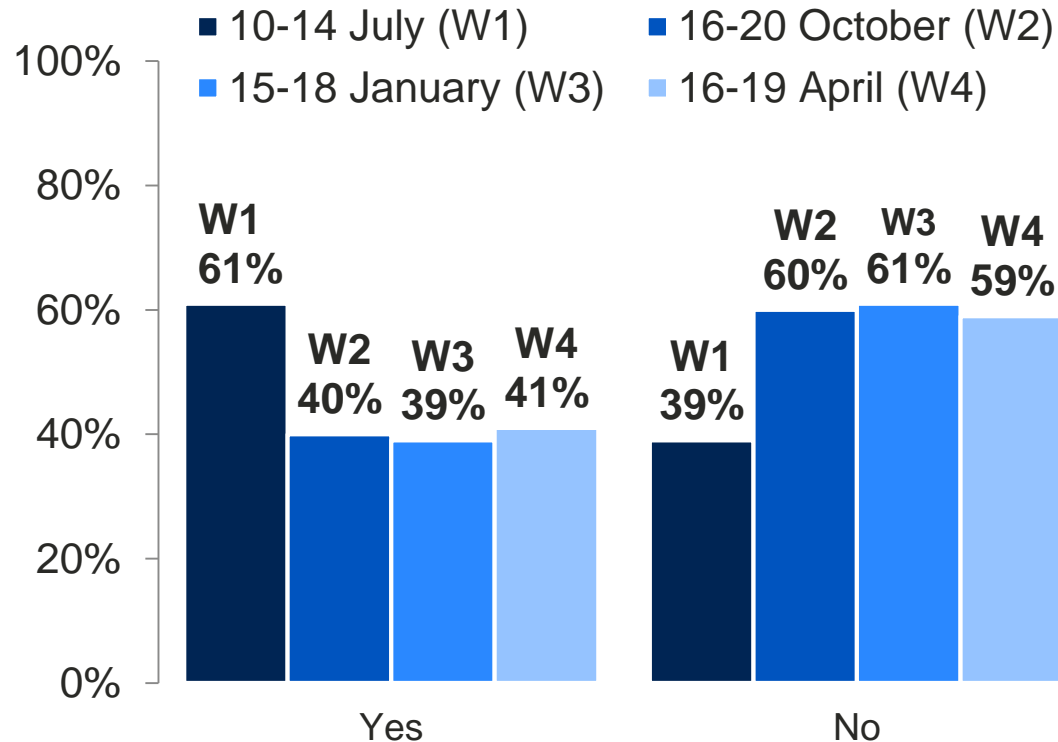
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Prevalence of sore hands as a result of handwashing

Does frequently washing your hands result in you having sore hands?

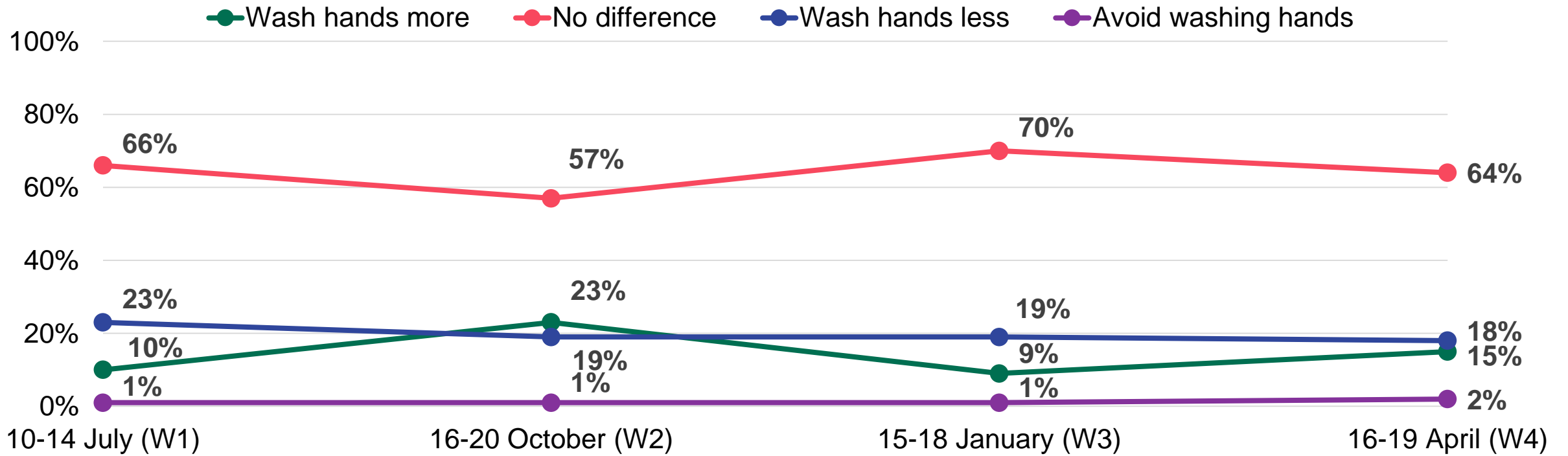


Base: Online Scotland adults 16-75, Male (265), Female (243), 10-14 July 2020 (495), 16-20 October 2020 (505), 15-18 January 2021 (511), 16-19 April 2021 (512)

▲ = significantly higher than the total
▼ = significantly lower than the total

Impact of sore hands on handwashing

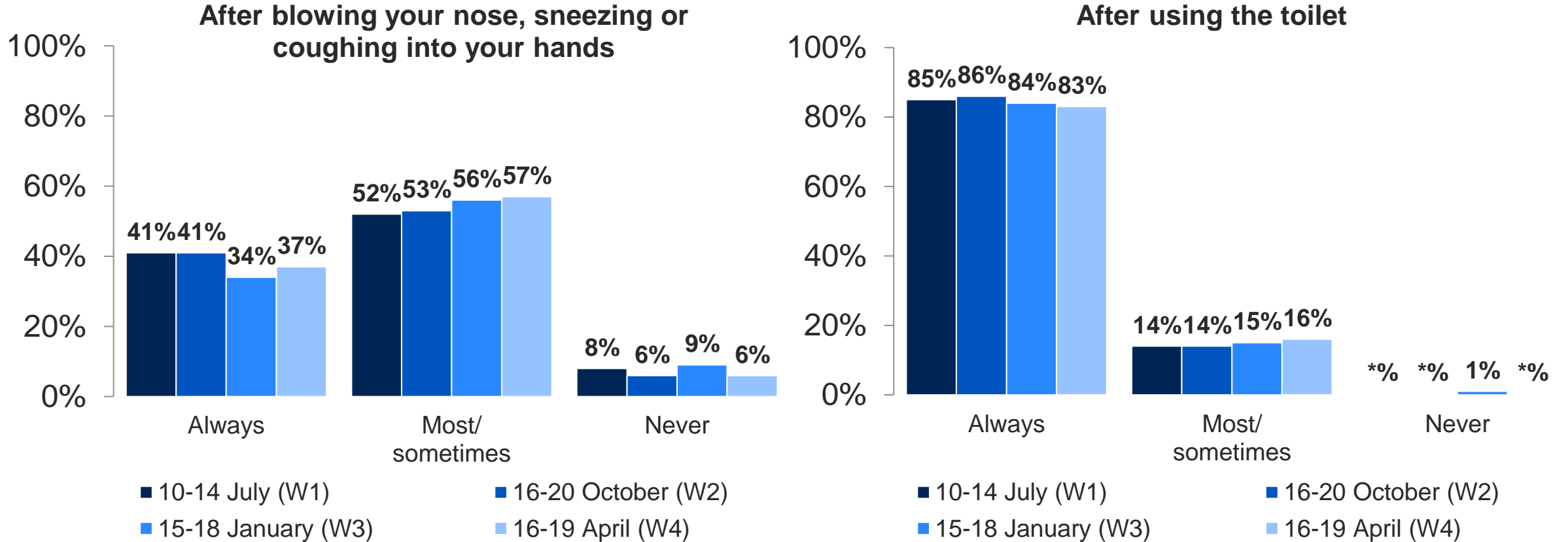
What impact, if any, does getting sore hands have on the frequency with which you wash your hands?



Base: Online Scottish adults 16-75 with sore hands, 10-14 July 2020 (178), 16-20 October 2020 (195), 15-18 January 2021 (199), 16-19 April 2021 (201)

Frequency of handwashing

At the moment, how often, if at all, do you wash your hands...?

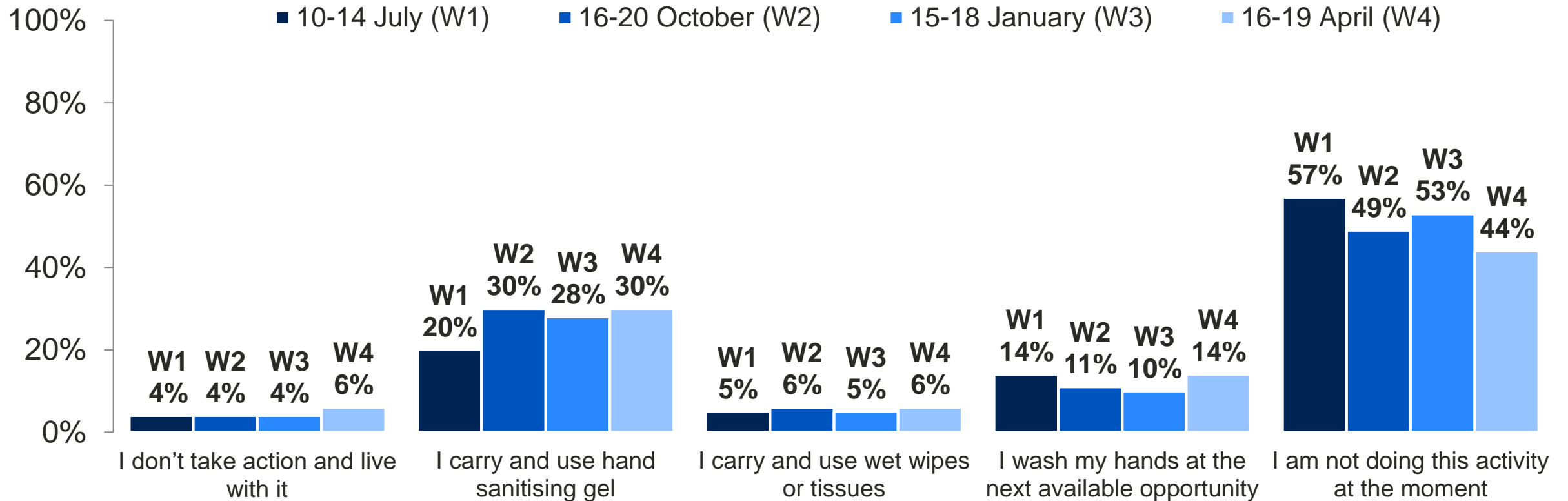


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Impact when handwashing facilities are not available

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After using public transport

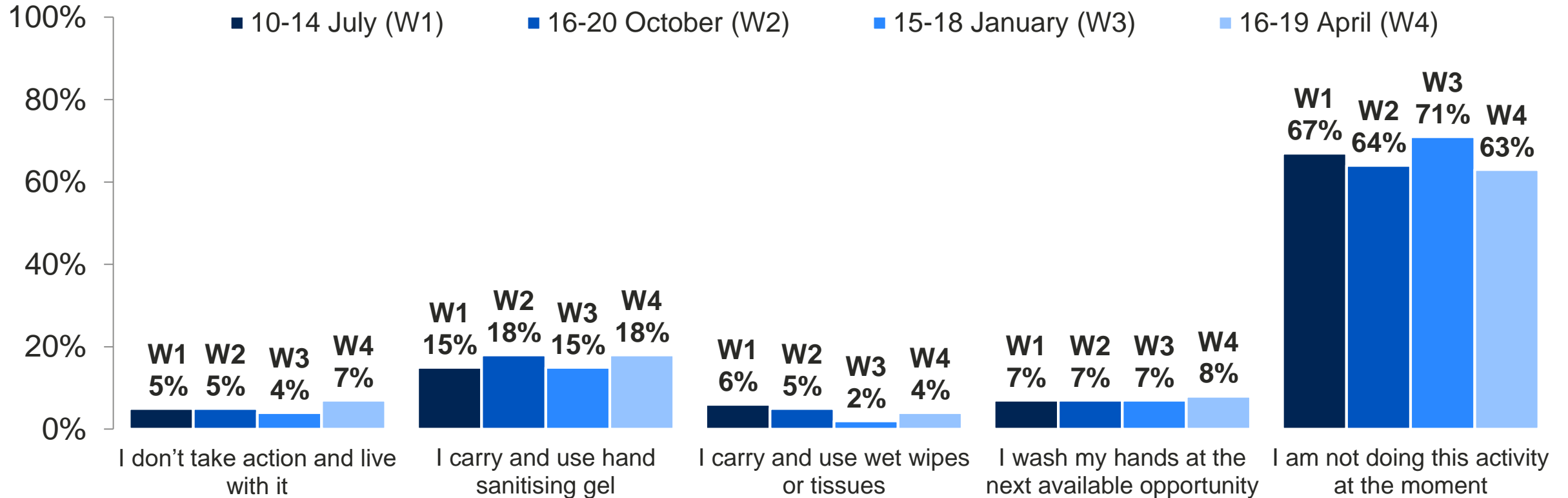


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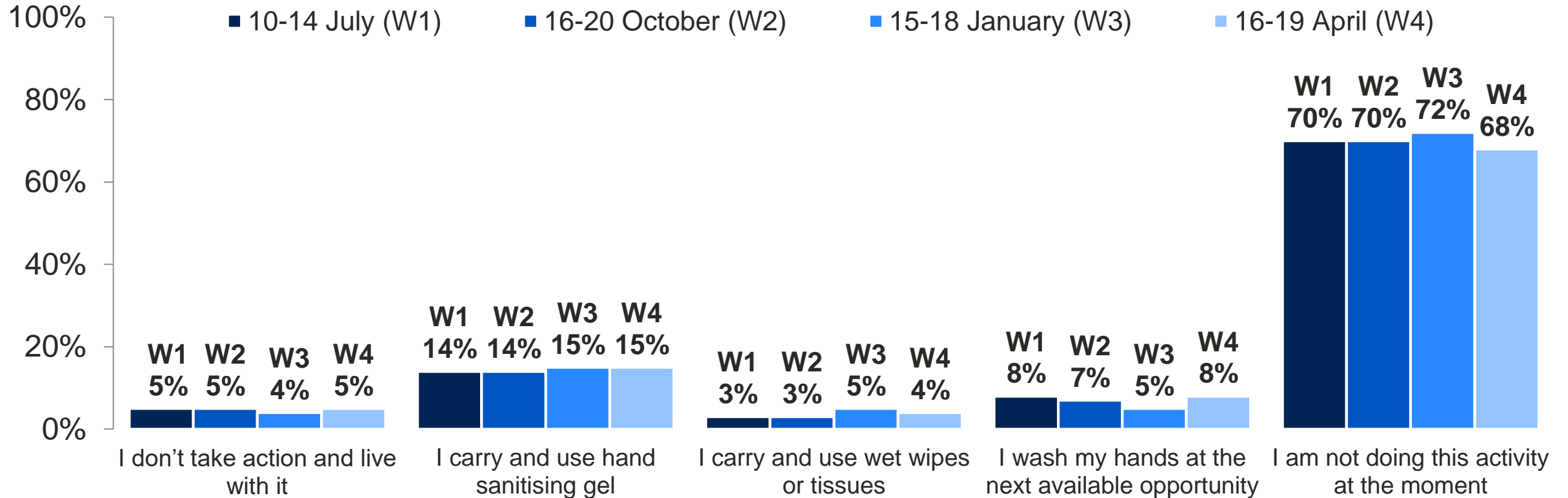


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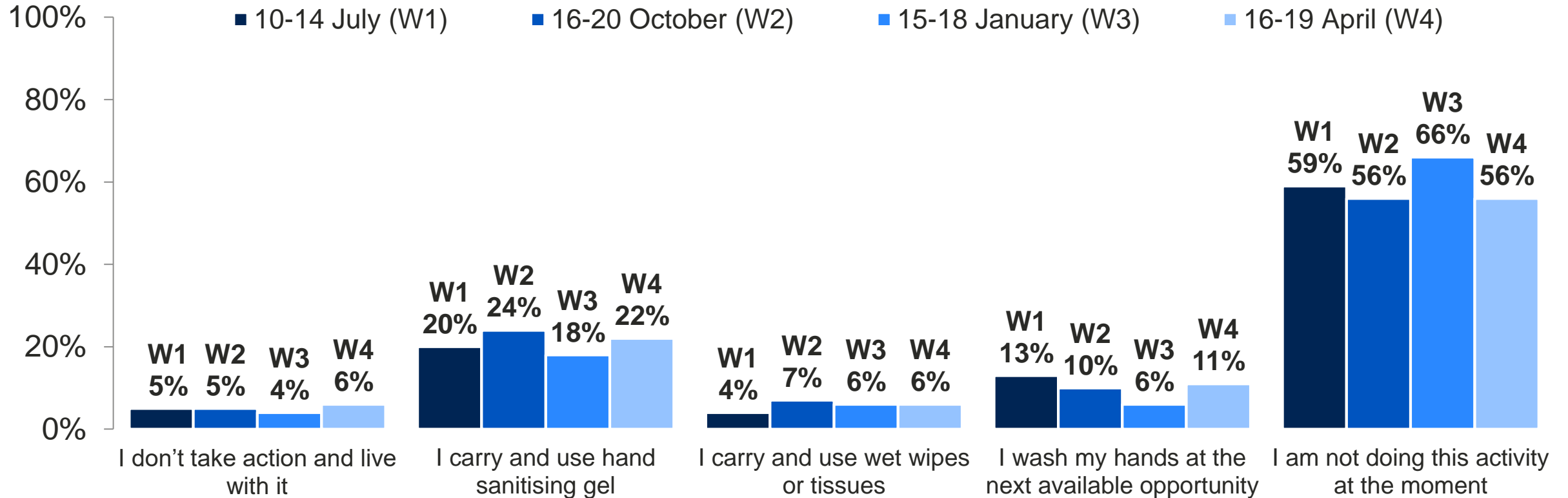


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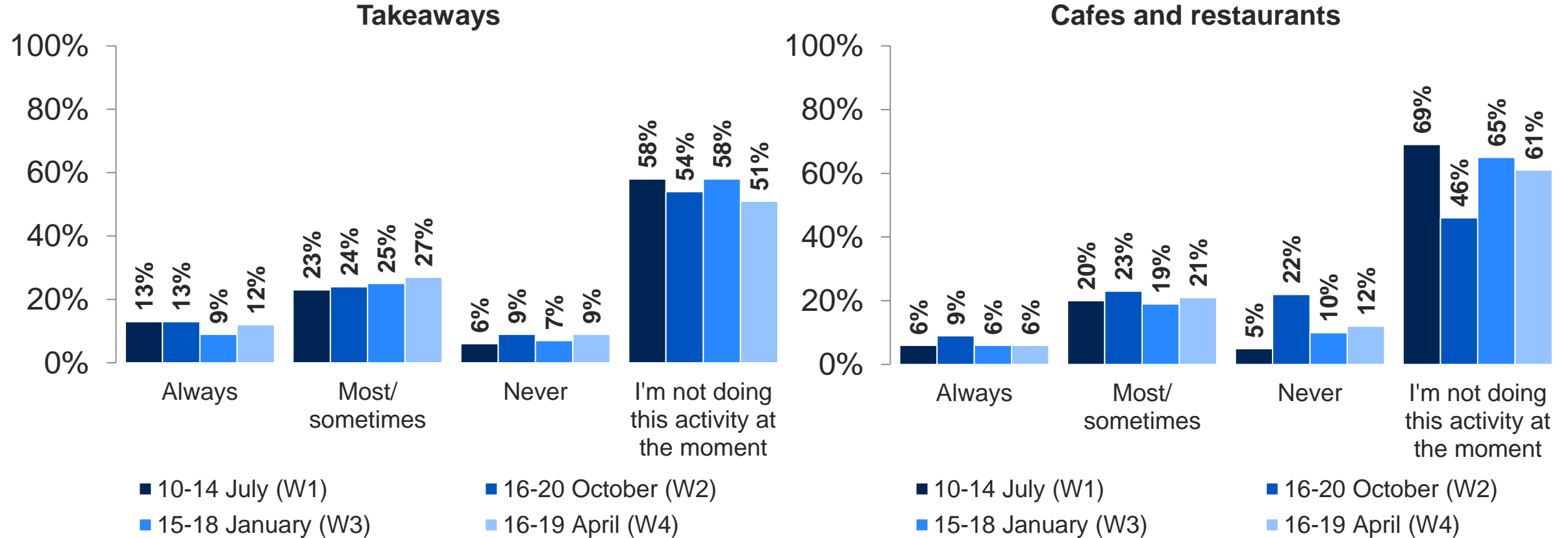
Attending a social event



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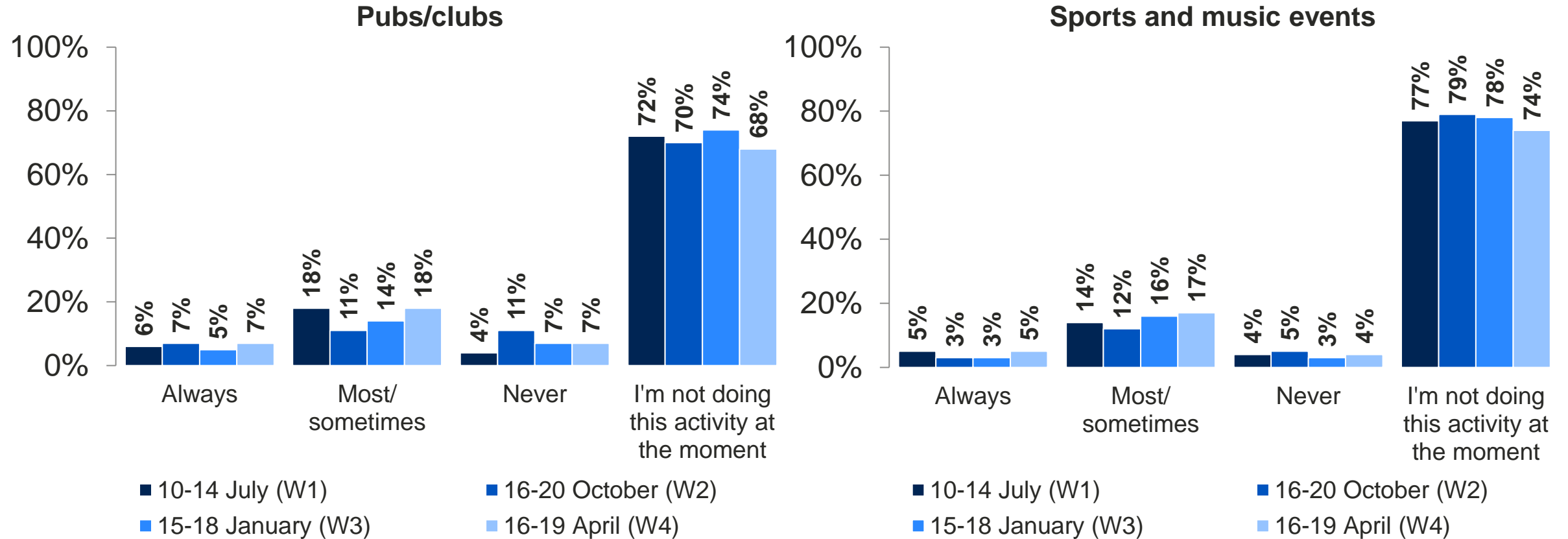
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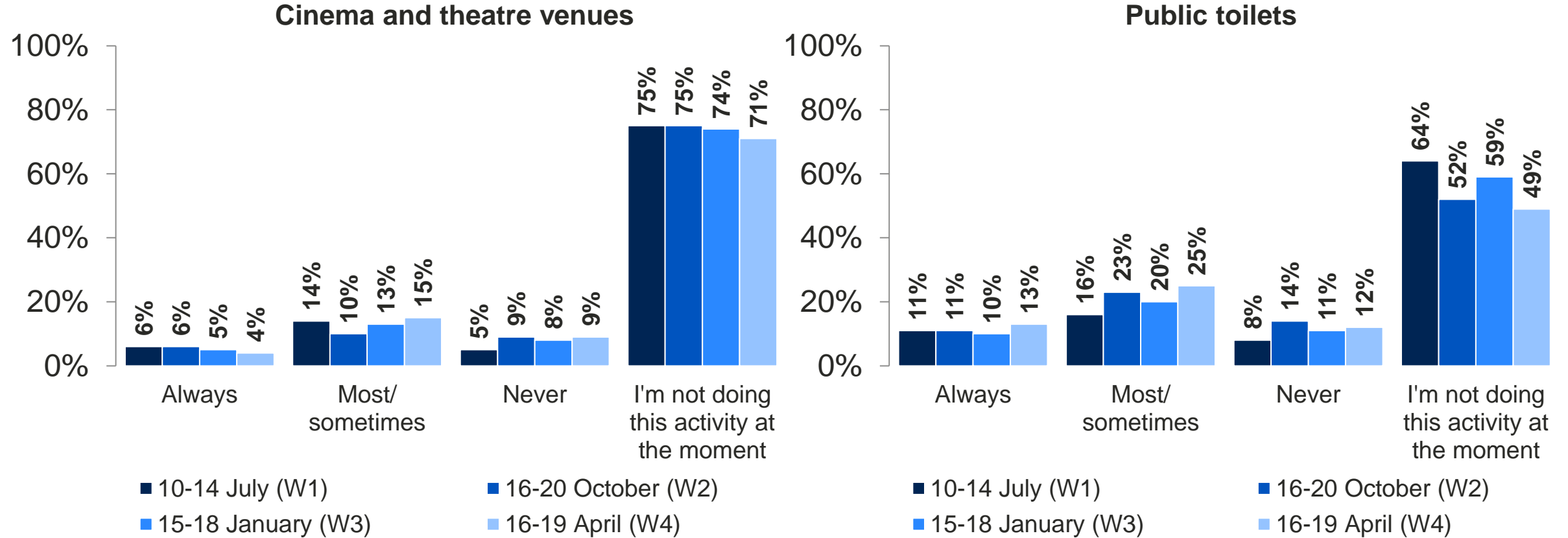
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