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BAR CLOSING Survey
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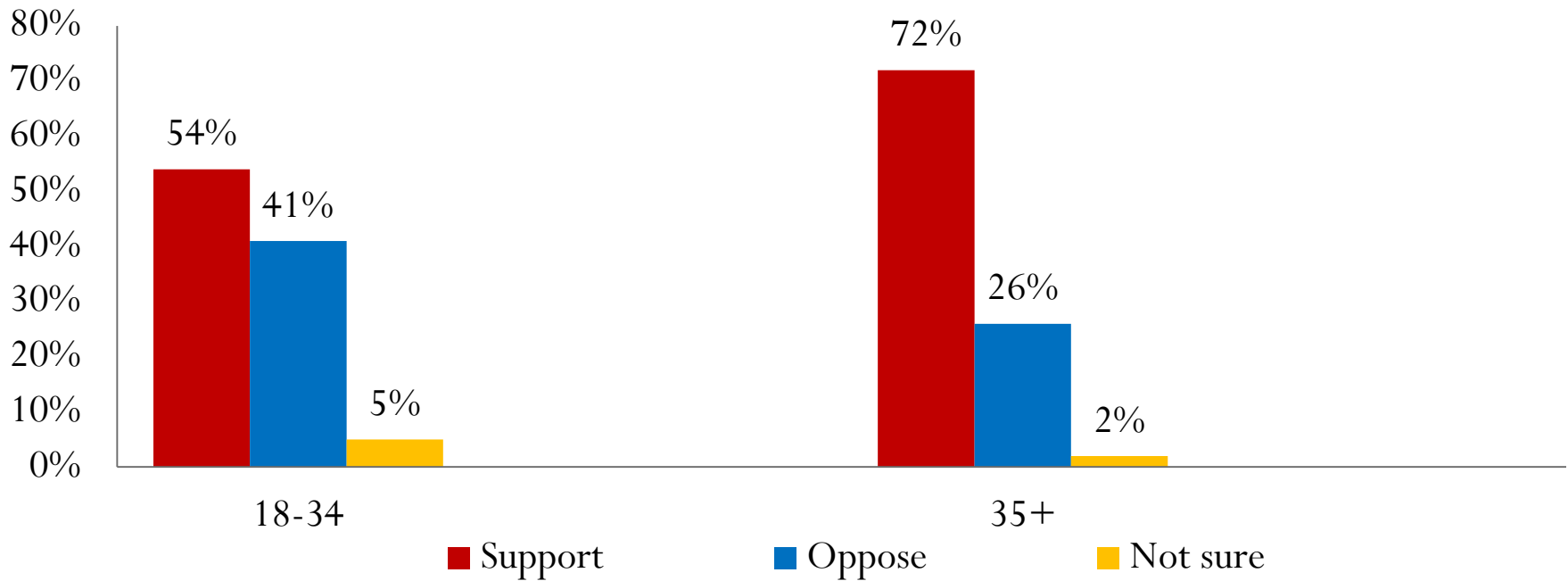
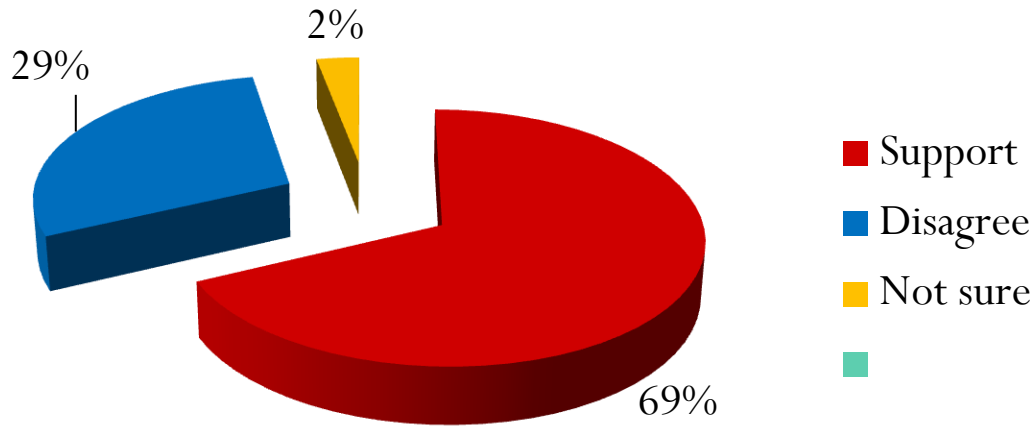
Survey Overview

- This survey was conducted in Erie County between September 9-11, 2015.
- The survey was conducted among 600 registered voters in Erie County with 30% of the respondents “cell phone only voters.”
- The margin of error associated with the 600 completed interviews is 3.9%.
- Demographic groups such as age, geographic distribution, affiliation and gender were all well within the margin of error associated with a sample of this size.

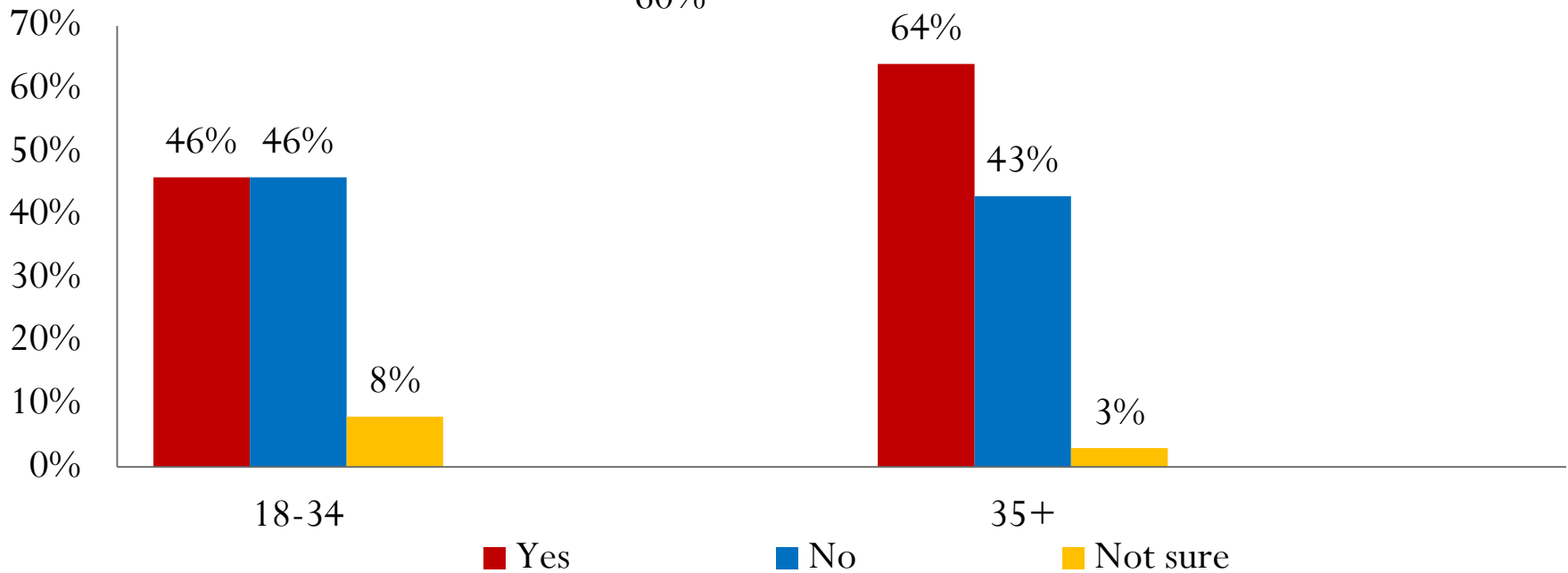
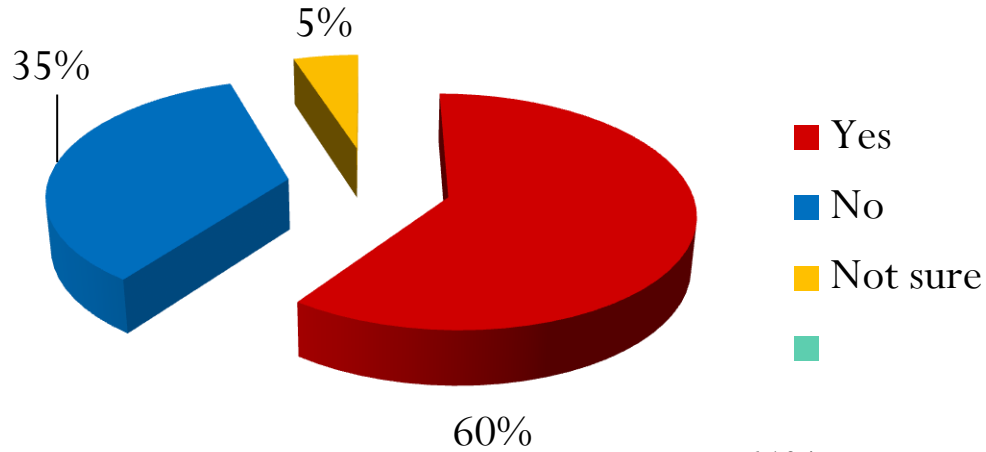
Issue Areas We Explored

- Support and opposition to lowering the closing time for bars and restaurants service alcohol in Erie County.
- Arguments in support of the earlier closing
- Arguments against the earlier closing
- A full set of demographics such as age, gender, geographic distribution and affiliation.

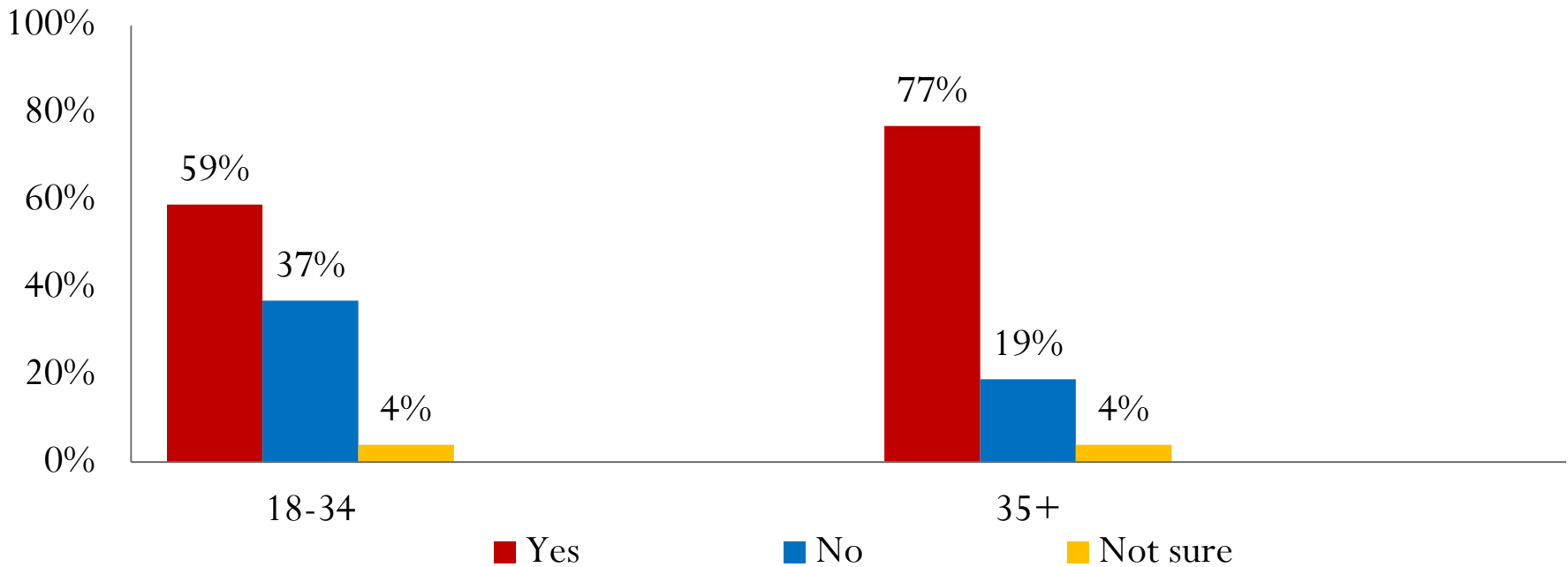
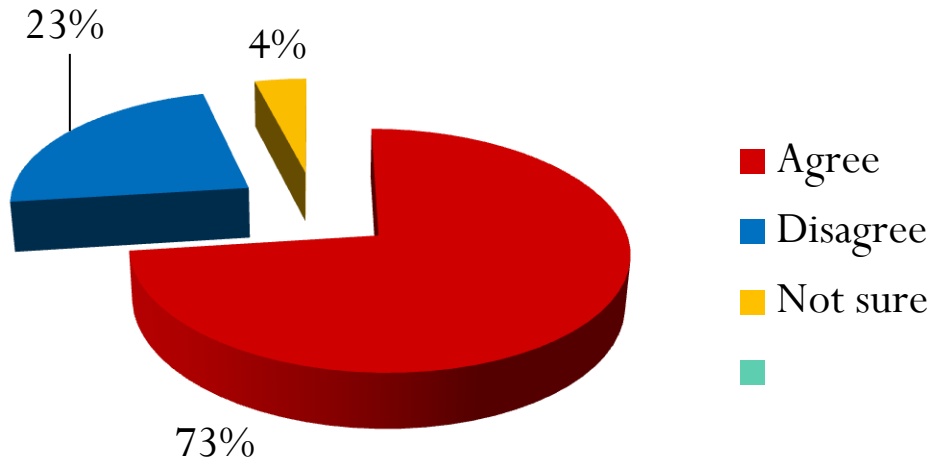
Do you support or oppose changing the closing time of bars and restaurants serving alcohol from 4AM to 2AM in Erie County.



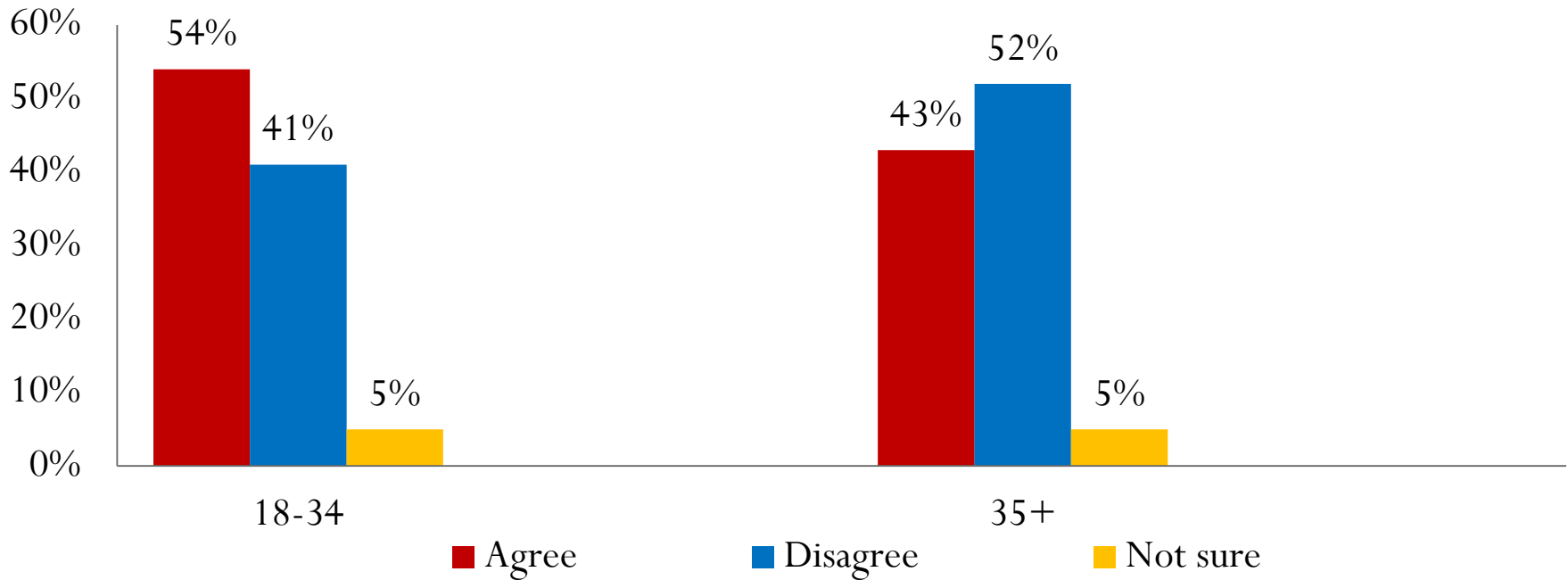
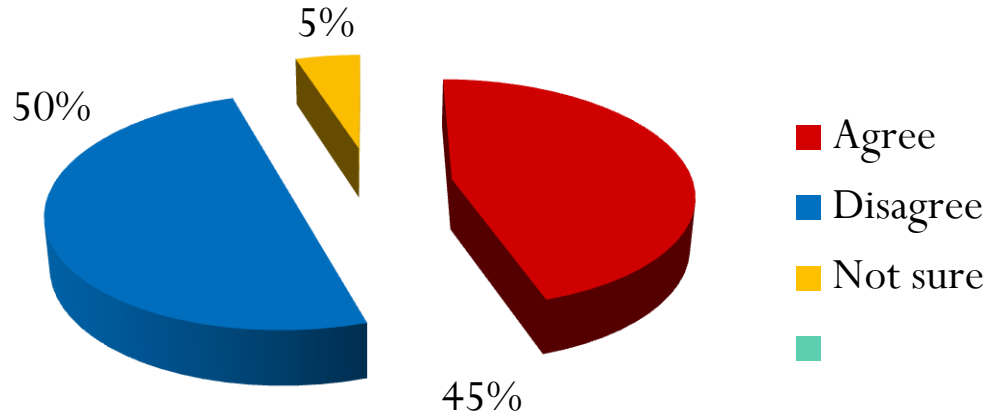
Over 30% of traffic fatalities are alcohol related and alcohol fatalities are four times more likely to happen at night. Do you believe lowering the closing times to 2AM will help decrease DWI accidents.



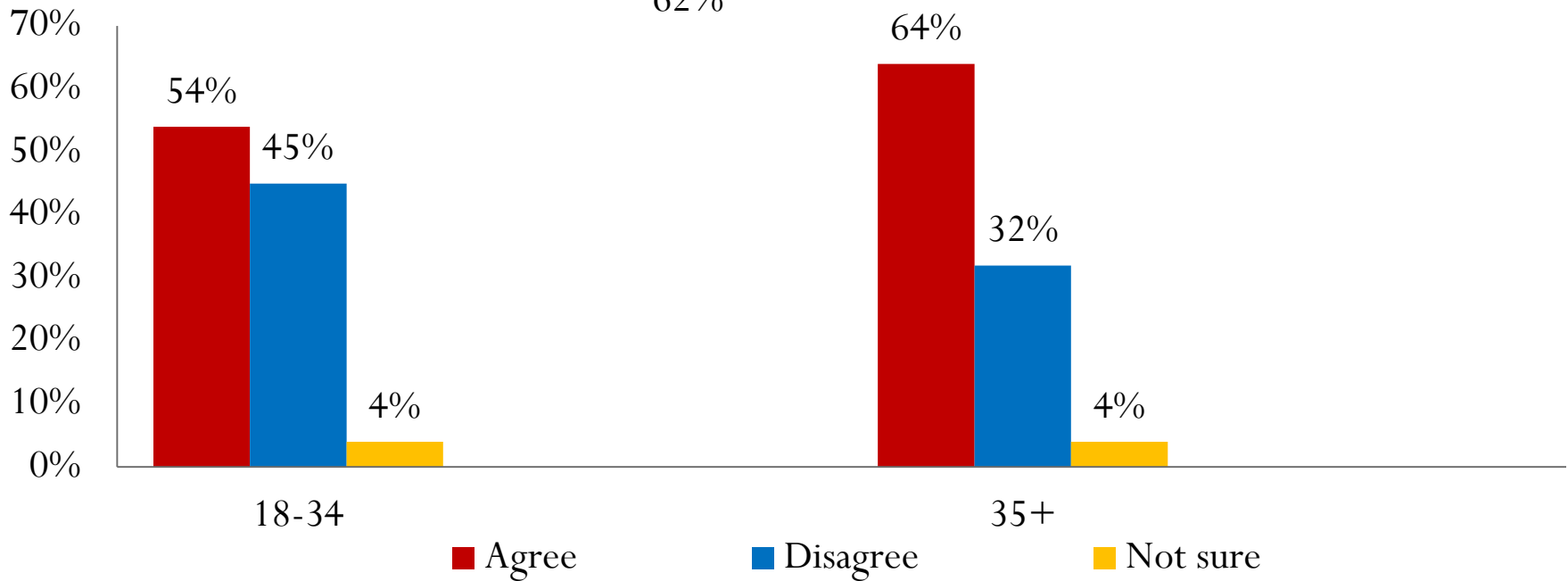
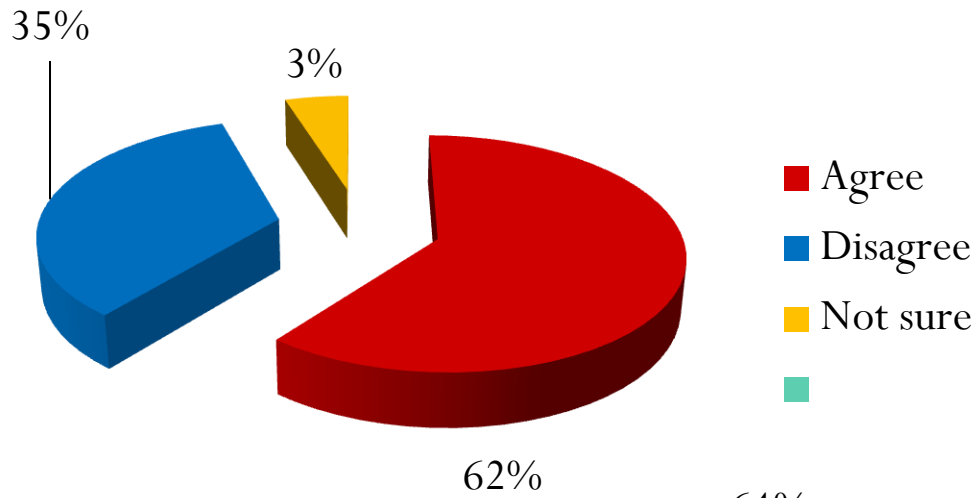
A major complaint of residents living close to bars and restaurants is related to noise, vandalism and other negative behavior by intoxicated patrons leaving bars with inconsiderate behavior increasing as it gets closer to 4AM.



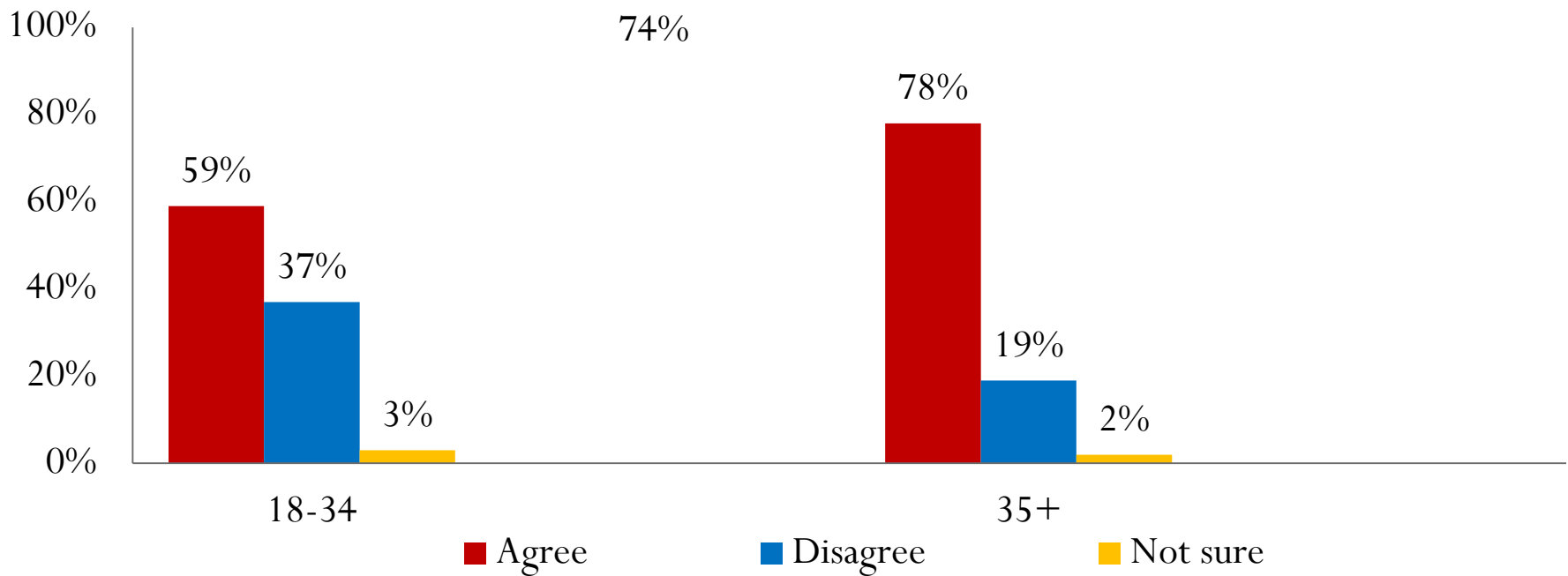
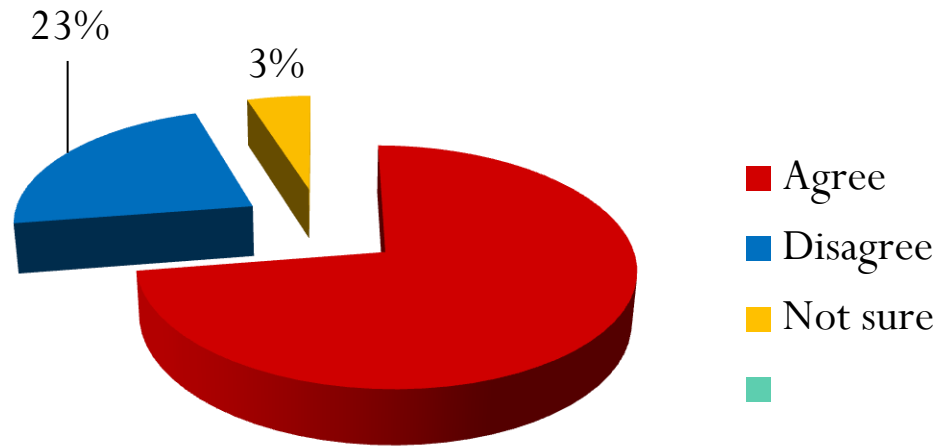
Some bar owners say that an earlier closing time will negatively impact the profitability of their bars.



Changing the bar closing time will decrease alcohol related crimes such as fighting and property damage.



Closing bars earlier will improve the quality of life for residents living around bars and restaurants that service alcohol.



Do you agree or disagree with the commonly used phrase: "Nothing good happens after 2AM."

