

COVID-19 Consumer Tracker

Methodology

The Food Standards Scotland (FSS) commissioned Ipsos MORI to track behaviour and attitudes toward food purchasing and consumption during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is the **fourth wave** of a monthly tracker which started in April 2020.

During this wave, Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of **511 adults, aged 16-75 living in Scotland.** Interviews were conducted online via i:Omnibus from: **14-17 August 2020.**

Findings for subgroups are included to highlight similarities and differences in responses for key questions. 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.

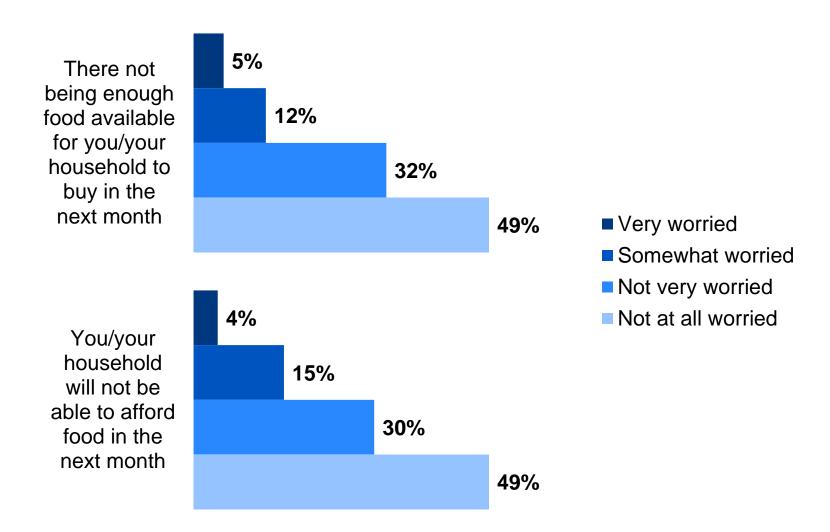






Levels of concern about food availability and affordability

To what extent, if at all, are you worried about...?



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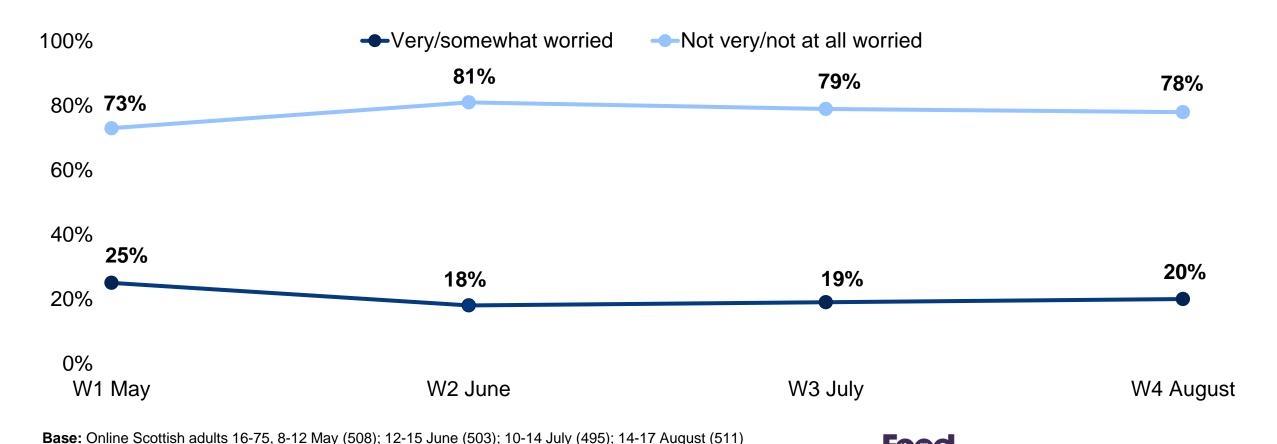
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Levels of concern about food affordability over time

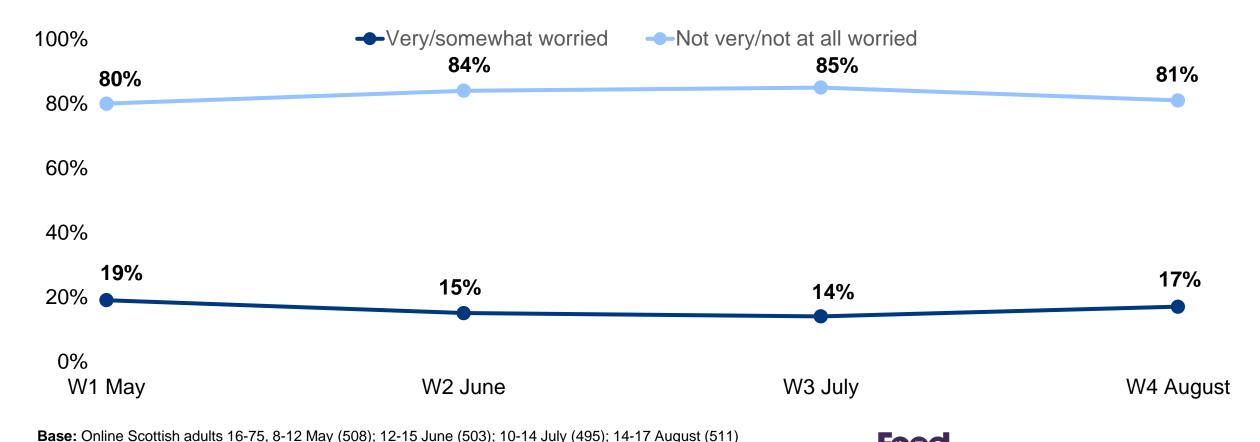
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Levels of concern about food availability over time

To what extent, if at all, are you worried about there not being enough food available for you/your household to buy in the next month?



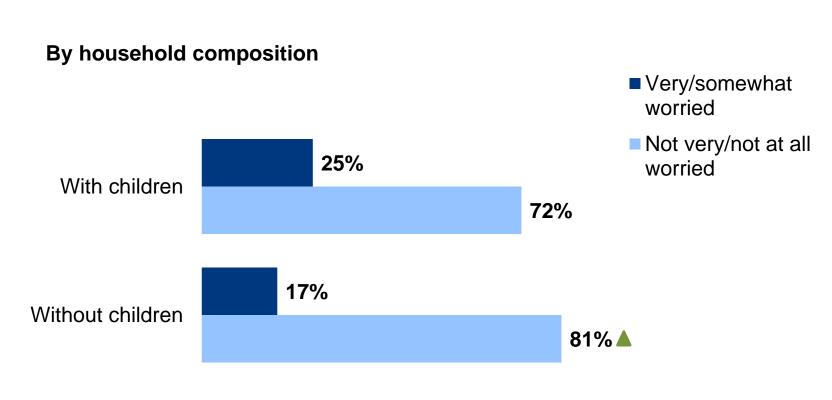




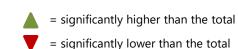
Concern about food affordability by household composition

20%Total **78%**

To what extent, if at all, are you worried you/your household will not be able to afford food in the next month?



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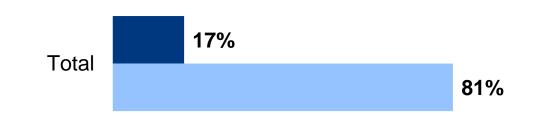


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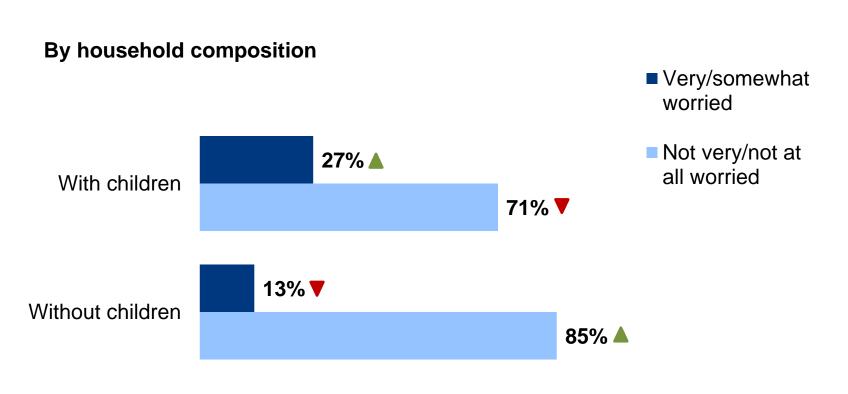




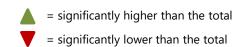
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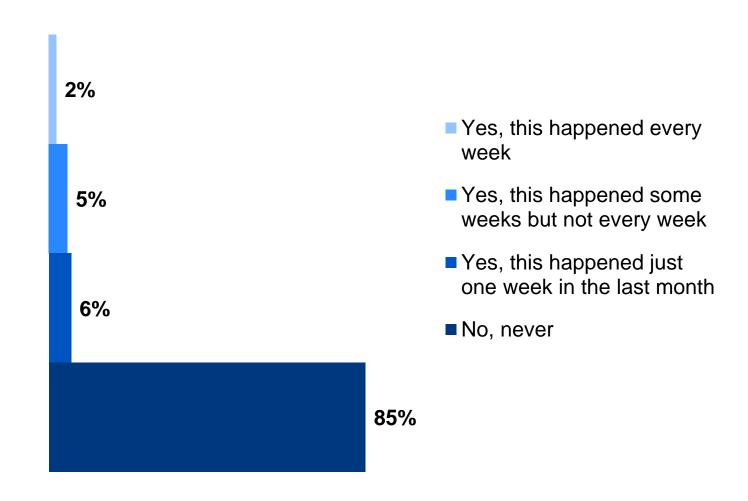




Impacts on food consumption

In the last month have you cut down the size of your meals or skipped meals for any of these reasons?

You did not have enough money to buy food



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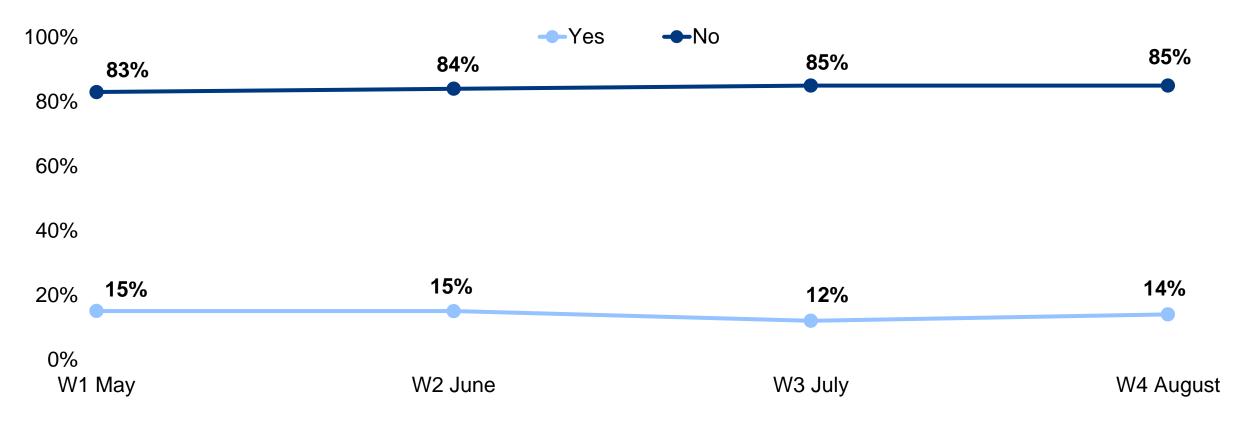






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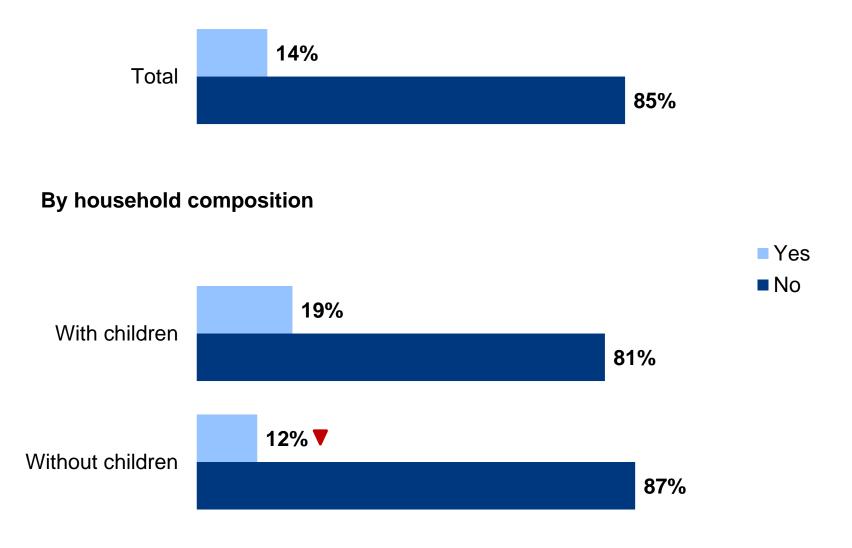






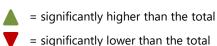
Impact on food consumption: 'You did not have enough money to buy food' by household composition

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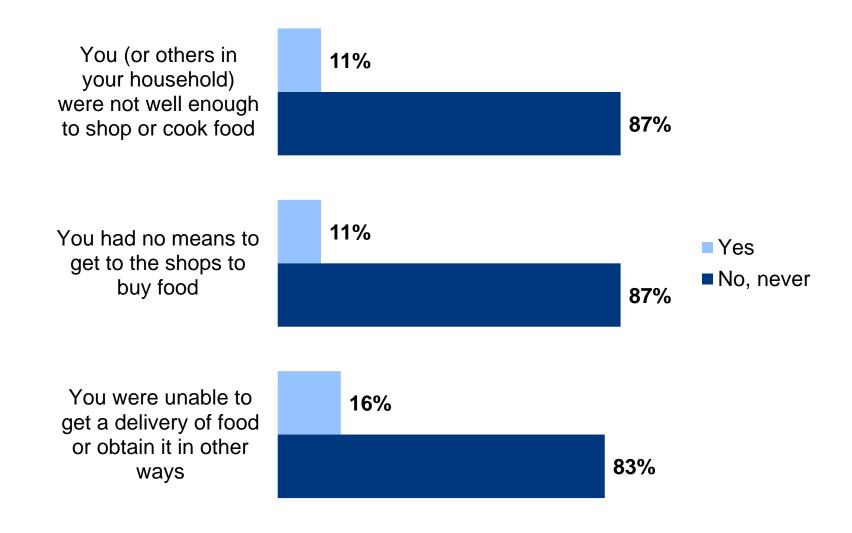




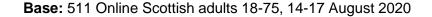


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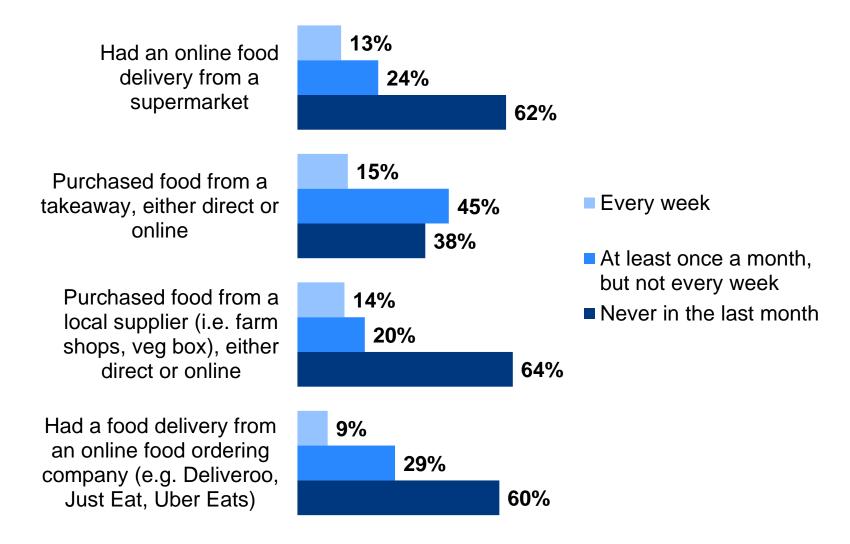






Food purchasing behaviour

In the last month, how often, if at all, have you done any of the following?



At least once a month but not every week combines – some weeks but not every week, and just one week in the last month

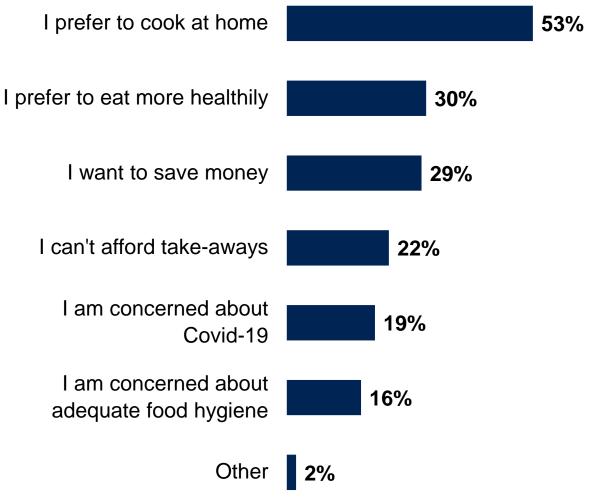






Reasons for buying fewer take-aways

Which, if any, of the following are reasons why you did not buy a take-away in the past month?



Multiple-response question, will not sum to 100%

Base: 163 Online Scottish adults 16-75 who are buying from takeaways less often, 14-17 August 2020

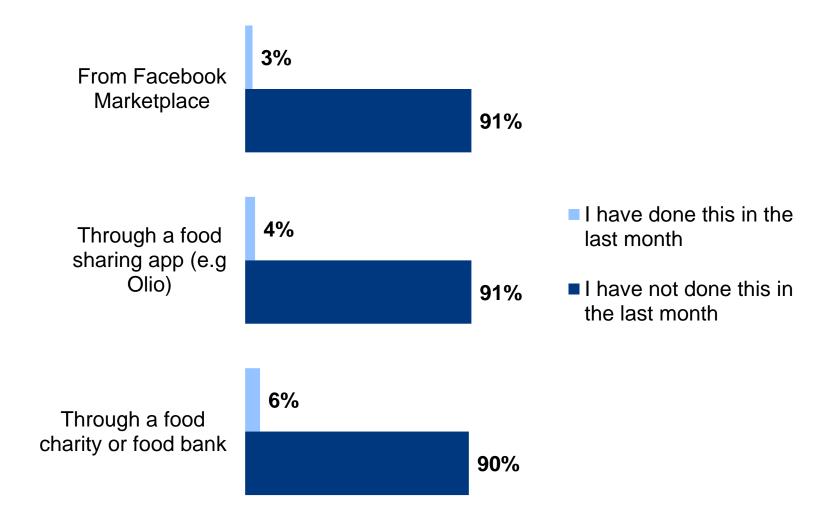




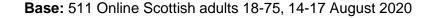


Methods of accessing food

In the last month, how often, if at all, have you arranged for food to be delivered to your house in the following ways?



May not add to 100% as the "Don't know/can't remember and Prefer not to answer" options are not charted









Methods of accessing food over time

In the last month, how often, if at all, have you arranged for food to be delivered to your house in the following ways?

→From Facebook Marketplace →Through a food sharing app (e.g. Olio) →Through a food charity or food bank 30%

% done this in the last month

20%









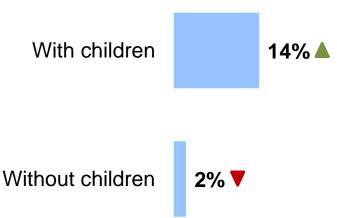
Methods of accessing food: 'Through a food charity or food bank' by household composition

In the last month, how often, if at all, have you arranged for food to be delivered to your house through a food charity or food bank?

% done this in last month



By household composition



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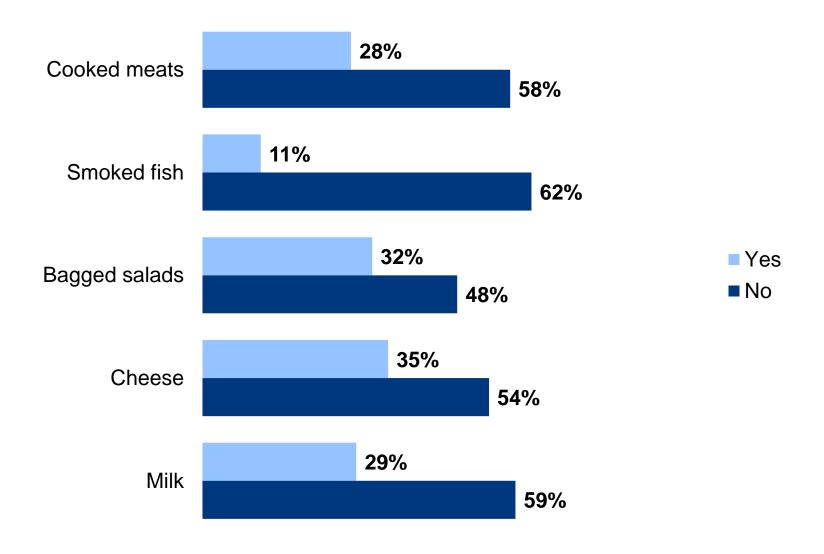


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Food consumption: following 'use by' dates

In the last month have you or anyone in your family eaten any of the following foods that has gone past its 'use by' date?



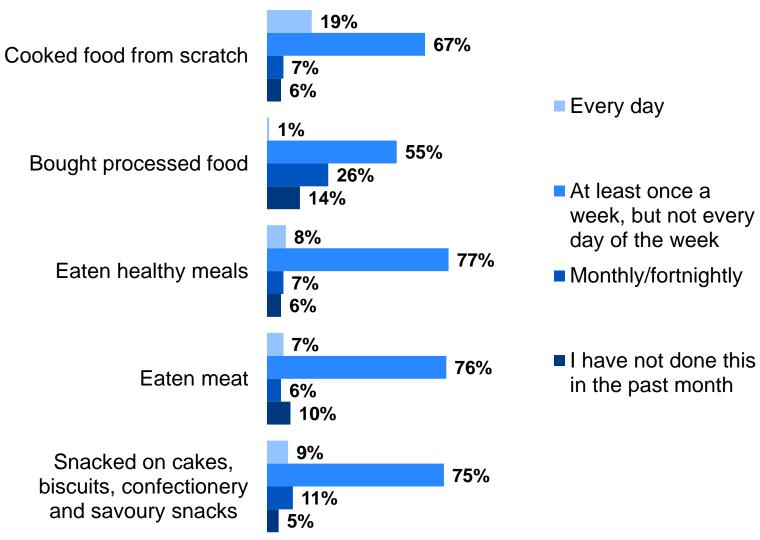
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May not add to 100% as the "Prefer not to answer" and 'have not eaten this type of food in the past month' options are not charted



Food behaviours – nutrition

In the last month, how often, if at all, have you done any of the following?



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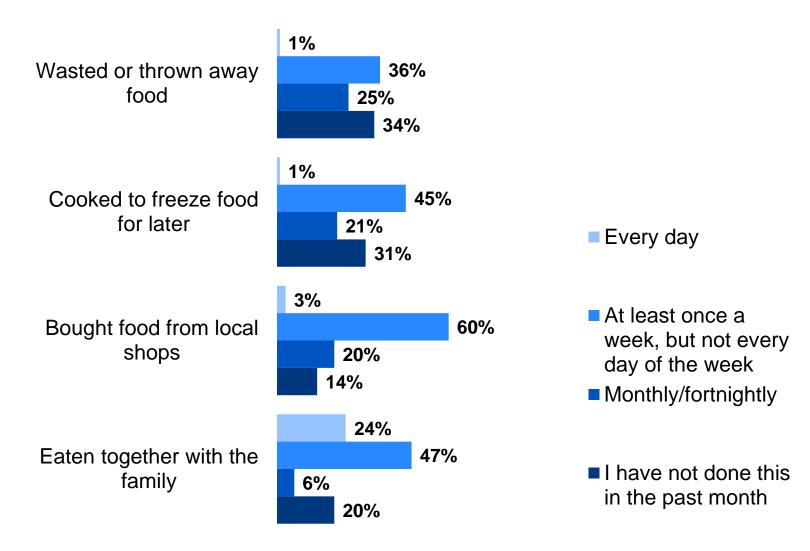






Food behaviours – other

In the last month, how often, if at all, have you done any of the following?



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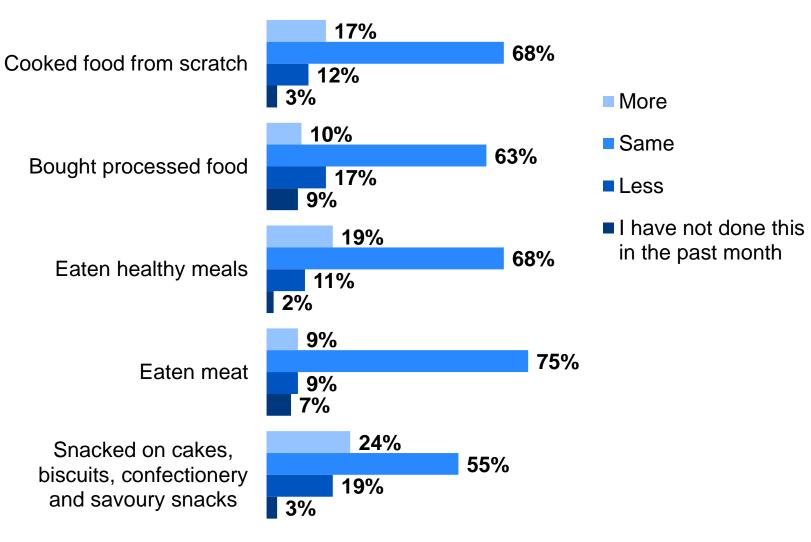






Changes in food behaviours – nutrition

In the last month, have you done any of the following more or less often when compared to the month before?



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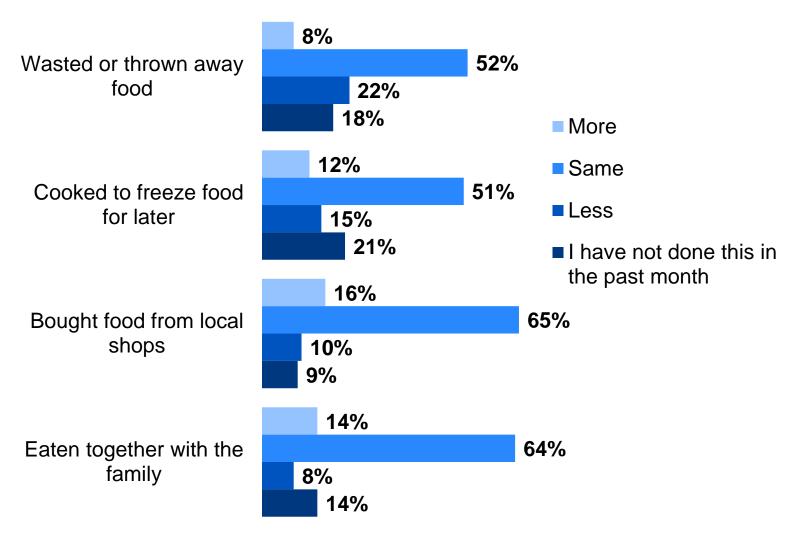






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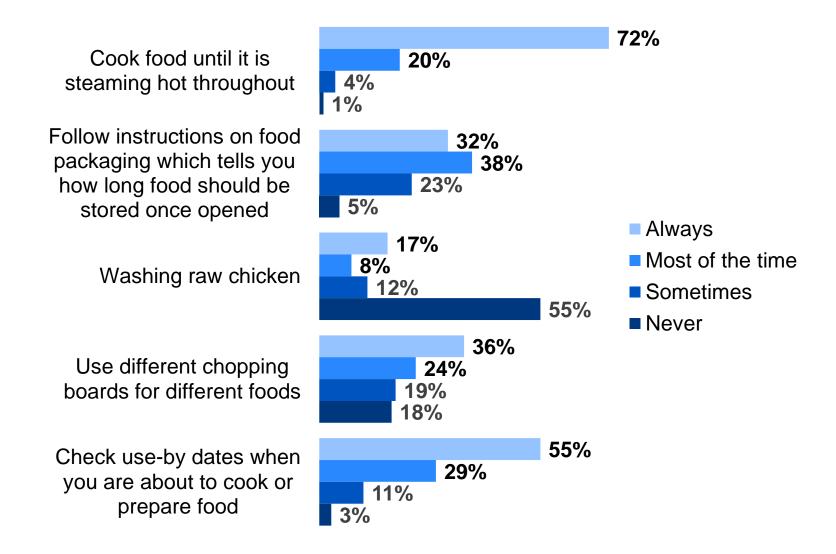






Food safety and hygiene in the home

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following?



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