

2022

Australian Service Index

**BANKING AND FINANCE
SECTOR REPORT**

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Foreword

I'm thrilled to present the results of the inaugural Australian Service Index - an Australia wide study, designed to provide insight into how Australians feel about customer service provided by the organisations they products and services from, and to identify ways for Australian organisations to improve their delivery.

Our research comes as organisations face increasing pressure in this period of ongoing crisis brought about by the global COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts.

As Australia's authority on customer service we have published this white paper to support organisations in creating and delivering better outcomes and experiences for their customers. The full 2022 Australian Service Index is available to CSIA's corporate members or by request to CSIA.



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ABOUT THE RESEARCH



Our approach



13 categories

A detailed exploration of a range of industries, and the customer service landscape overall



10,095 Australians

A robust, sample of Australian consumers



Weighted data

Sample weighted by age and gender to the 2021 ABS Census to ensure representivity.



Nationally representative

Talking to Australians in all states and territories.

Industry questioning

- Australian consumers surveyed about three industry groups that they've communicated with in the last 12 months... our participants were asked:

The brands...

- Which brand(s) have they most recently contacted?

How and why...

- Why did they contact the brand?
- How did they contact the brand...in person, phone, email, SMS, chatbot, live chat, mail, social media or another way?

Their satisfaction...

- Was their issue resolved?
- How did they feel post-interaction?
- Overall satisfaction
- Overall ease of use
- Overall trustworthiness
- Net Promoter Score

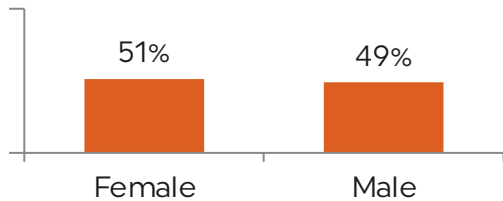
Opportunities for improvement...

- Did the brand solicit feedback?
- What could they have done to improve their service deliver?

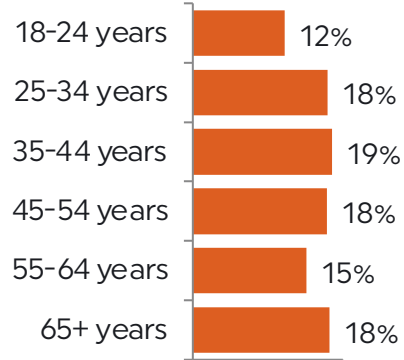
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Sample demographics

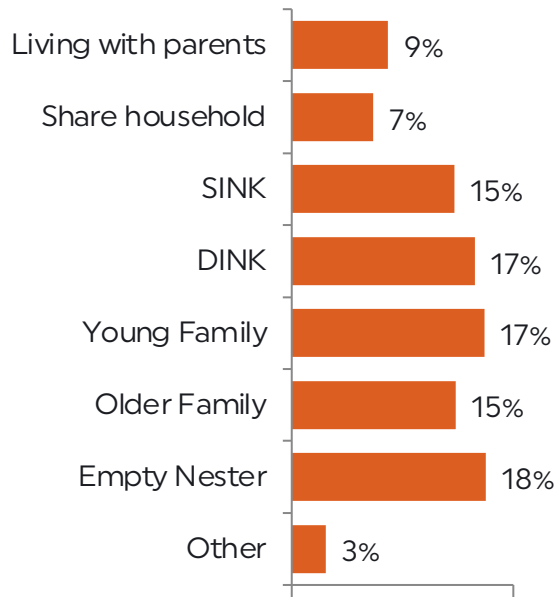
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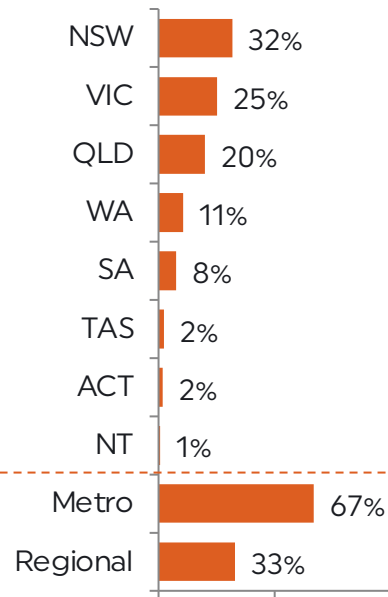
Age



HH Composition



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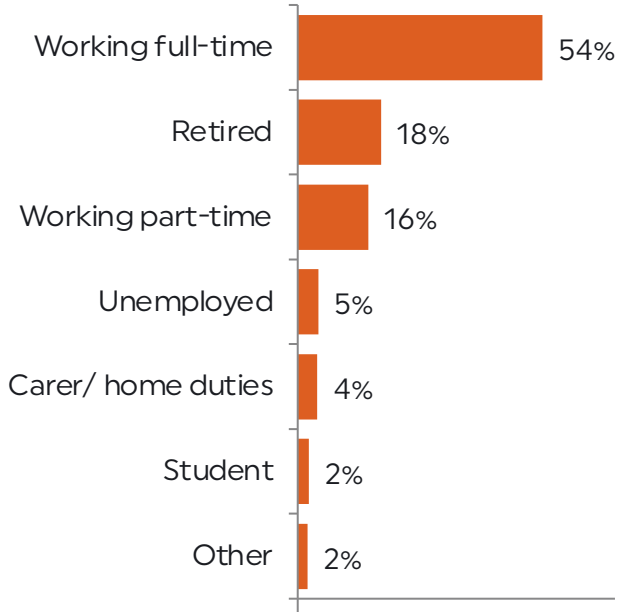


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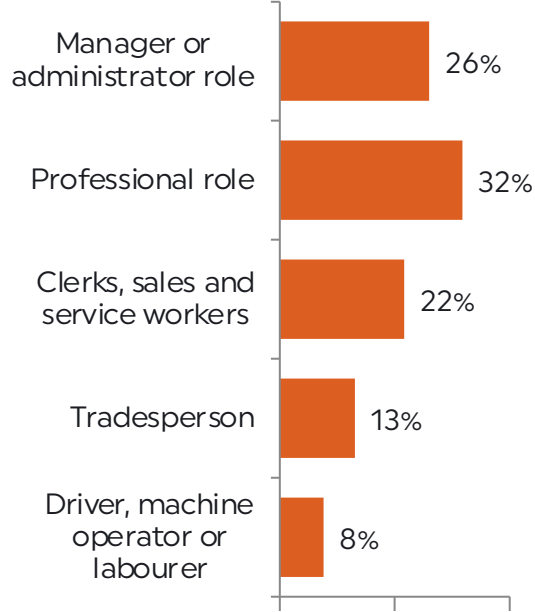
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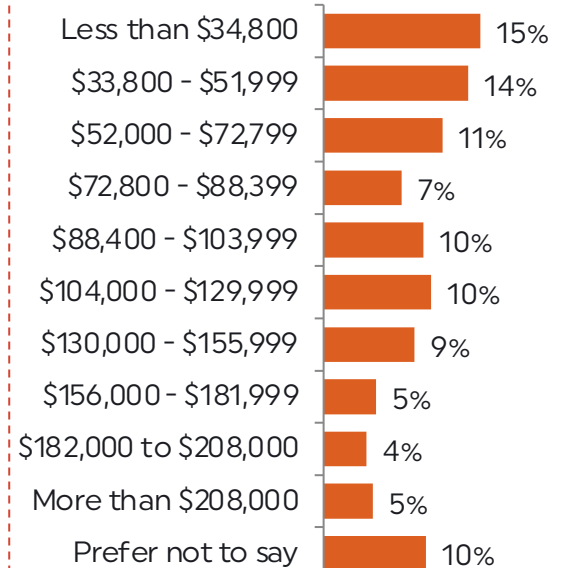
Employment



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Income



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How Australians see the current state of customer service.

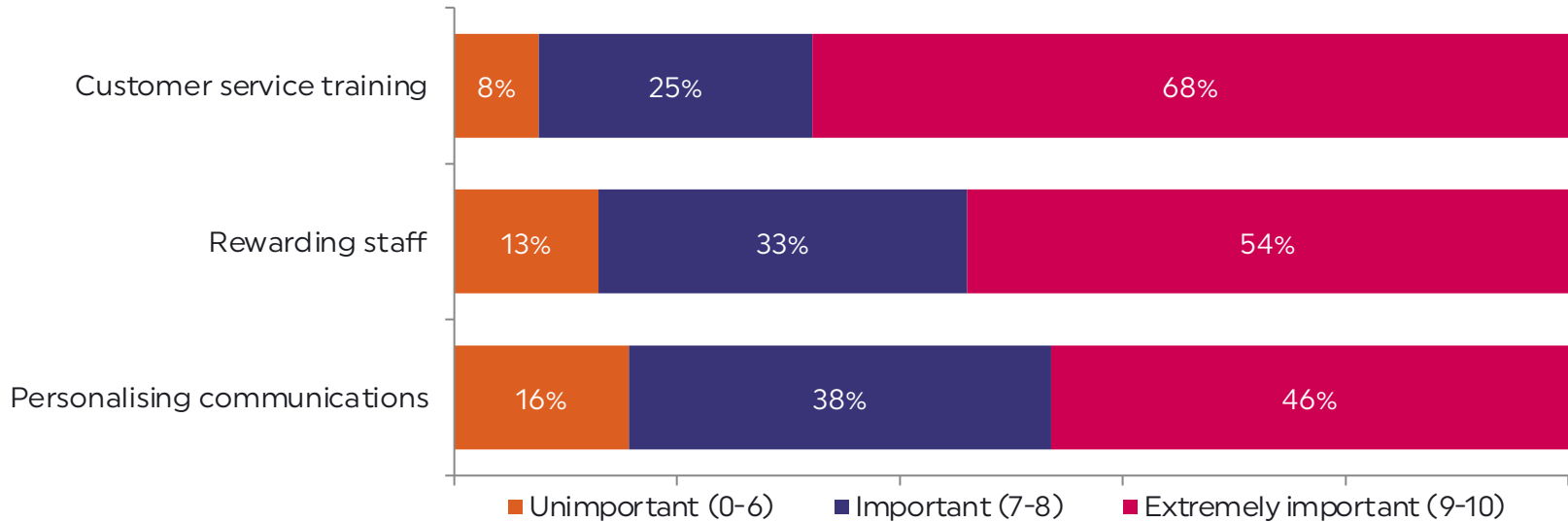


Two-thirds of Australians think training is essential in creating good customer service

Q34 - Please rate how important you think customer service training is to ensuring staff deliver good customer service?

Q35 - How important do you think it is to reward staff for providing good customer service?

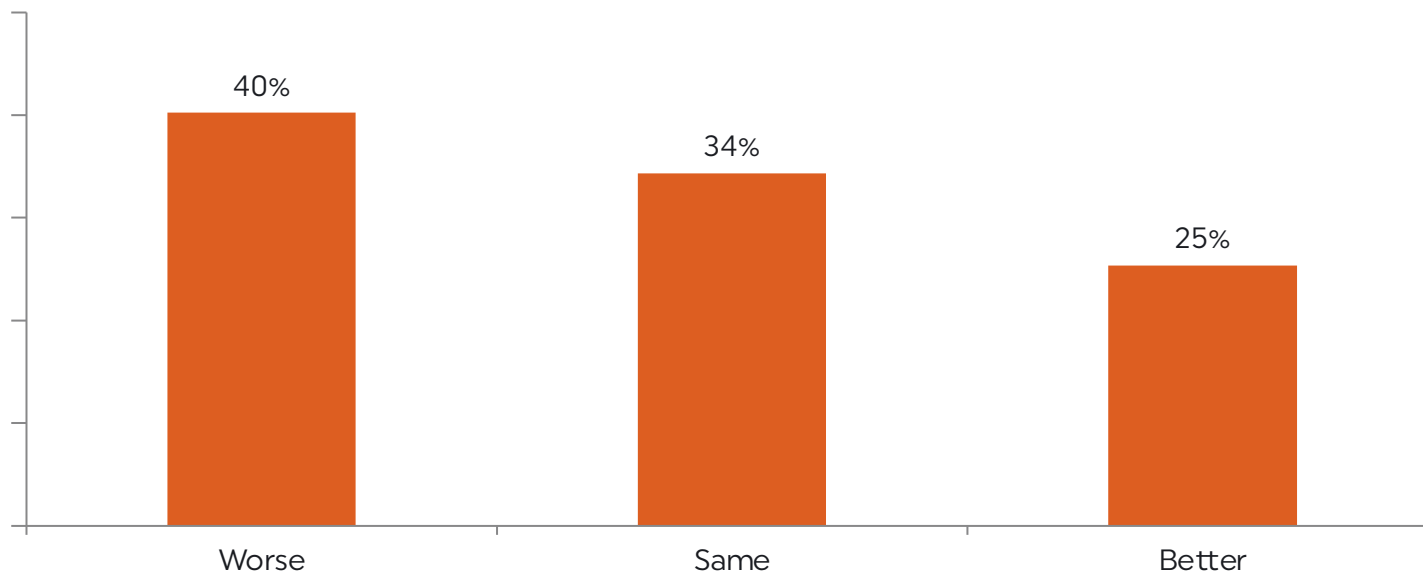
Q35B - How important do you think it is to personalise customer service communications to you?



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Four in ten Australians think customer service has worsened since COVID

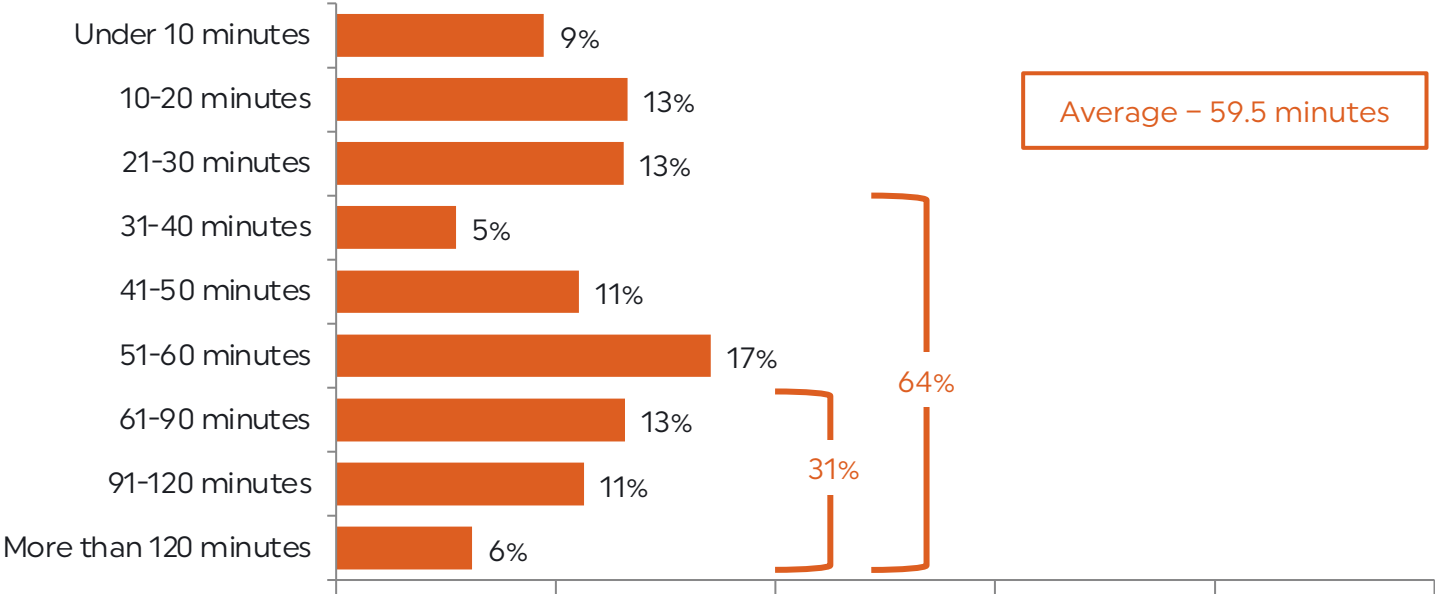
P3 - Has accessing help / customer service got better or worse since COVID?



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A third of Australians have waited more than an hour on hold to speak to customer service

P1 - What's the longest you have ever waited on hold to speak with customer service person?



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Almost two-thirds have waited more than 30 minutes in the past.

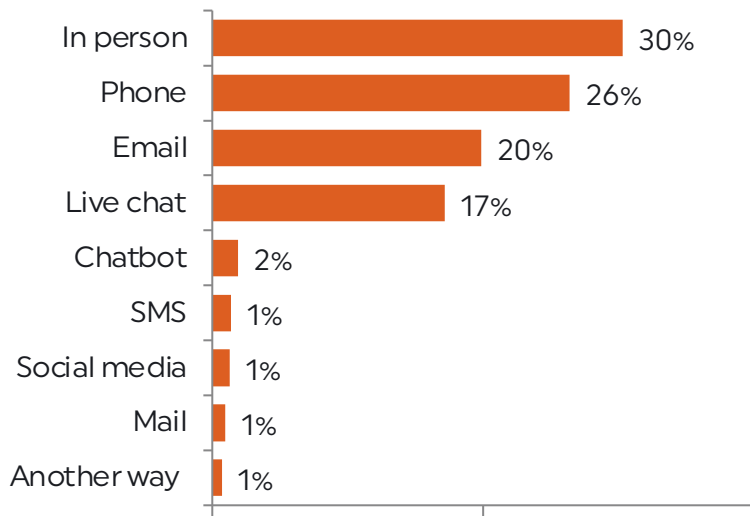


Most Australians prefer talking in person to customer service

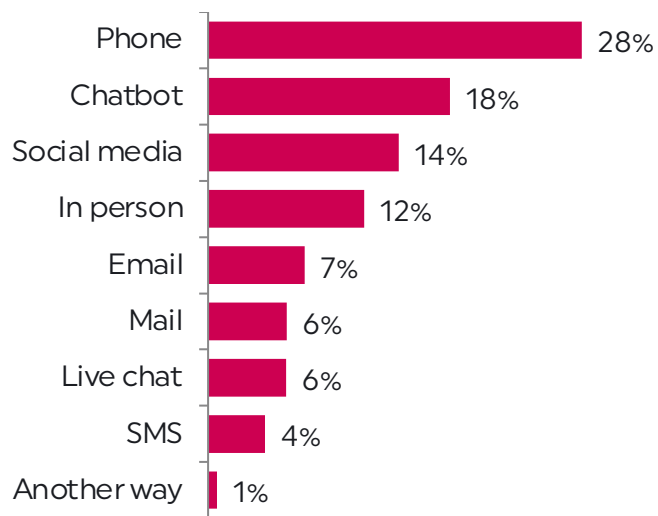
P4 - What is your favourite customer service channel to use?

P5 - What is your least favourite customer service channel to use?

Most favourite channel



Least favourite channel

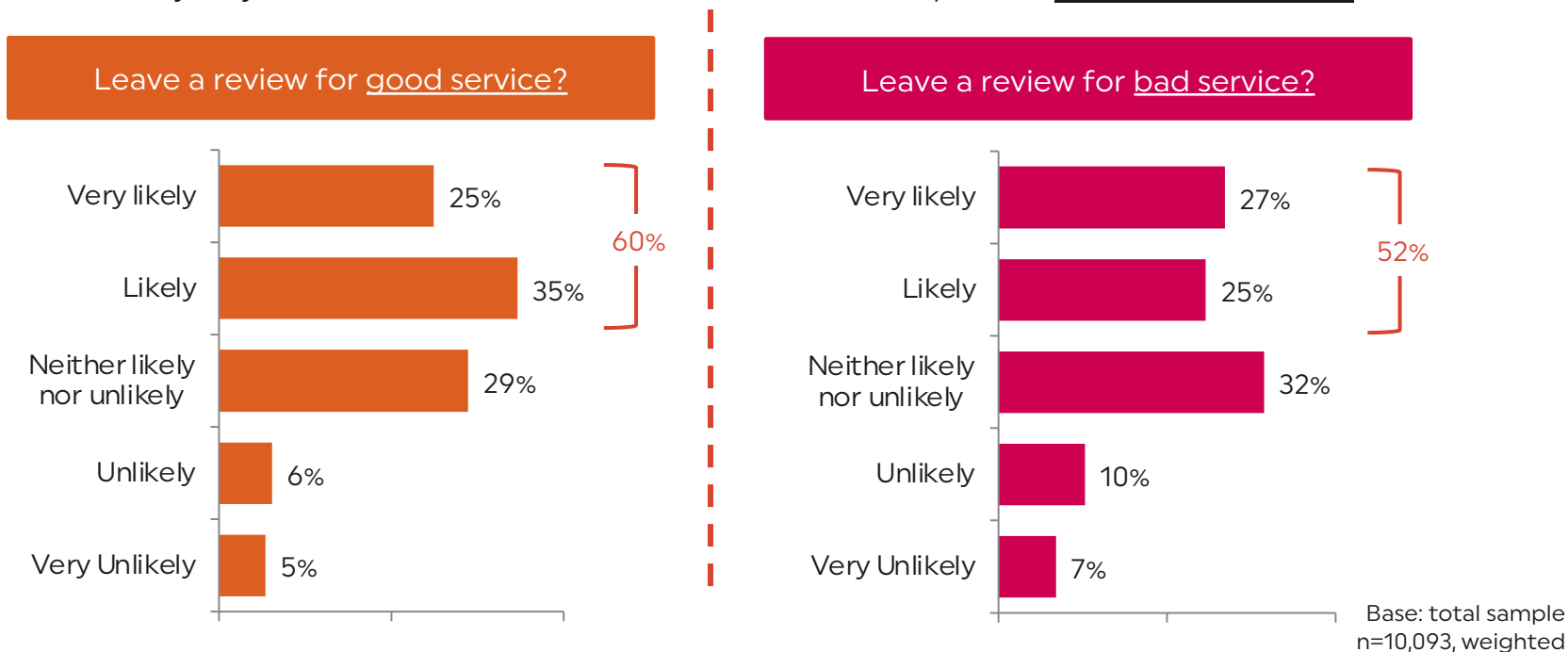


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Australians are more likely to leave a review for good service than bad

P6 - How likely are you to leave a customer review for a business that has provided great customer service?

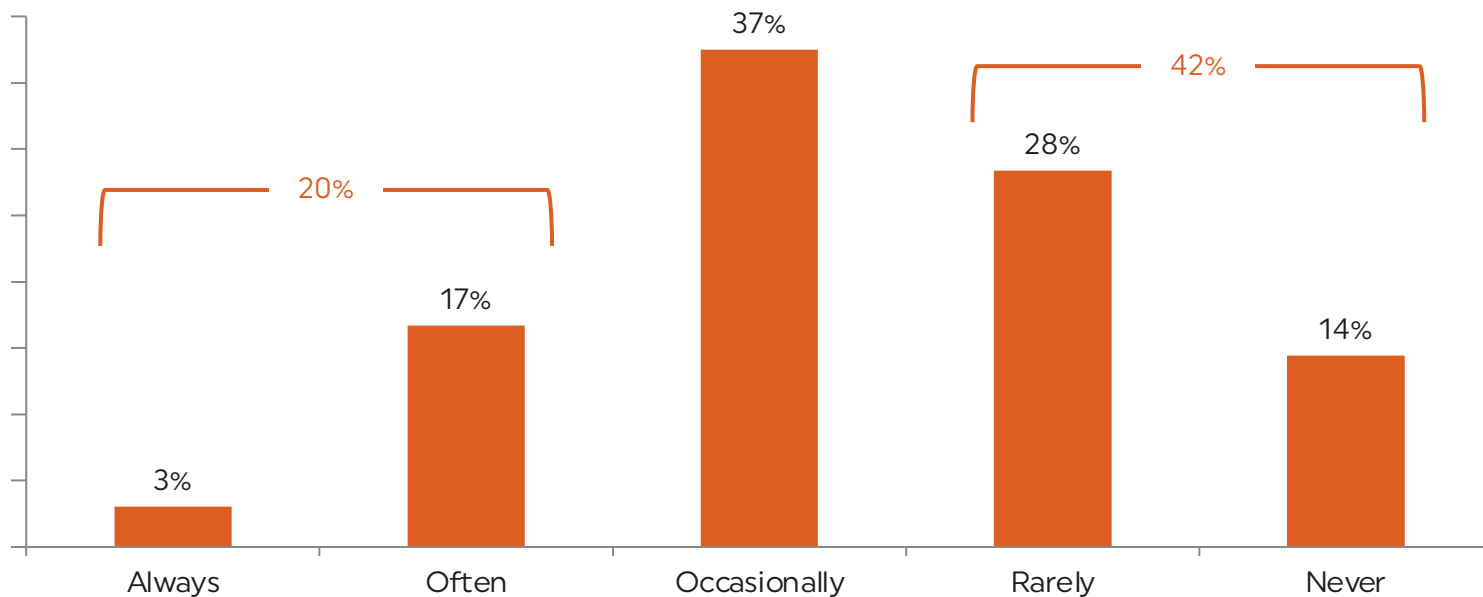
P7 - How likely are you to leave a customer review for a business that has provided poor customer service?



60% would likely leave a review if it was good, while only 52% would if it was bad.

One in five Australians always or often leave a review for service they've received

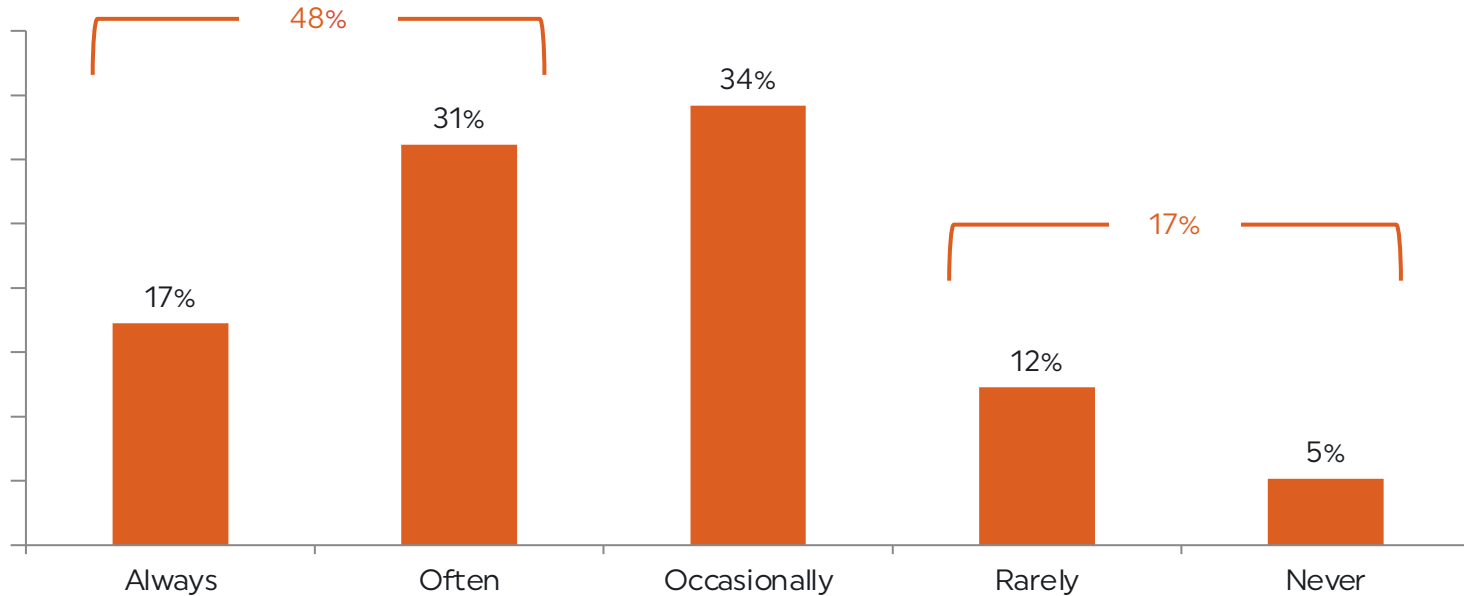
P8 - How often do you leave reviews about the service you have received?



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But they're far more likely to tell other people about their experience

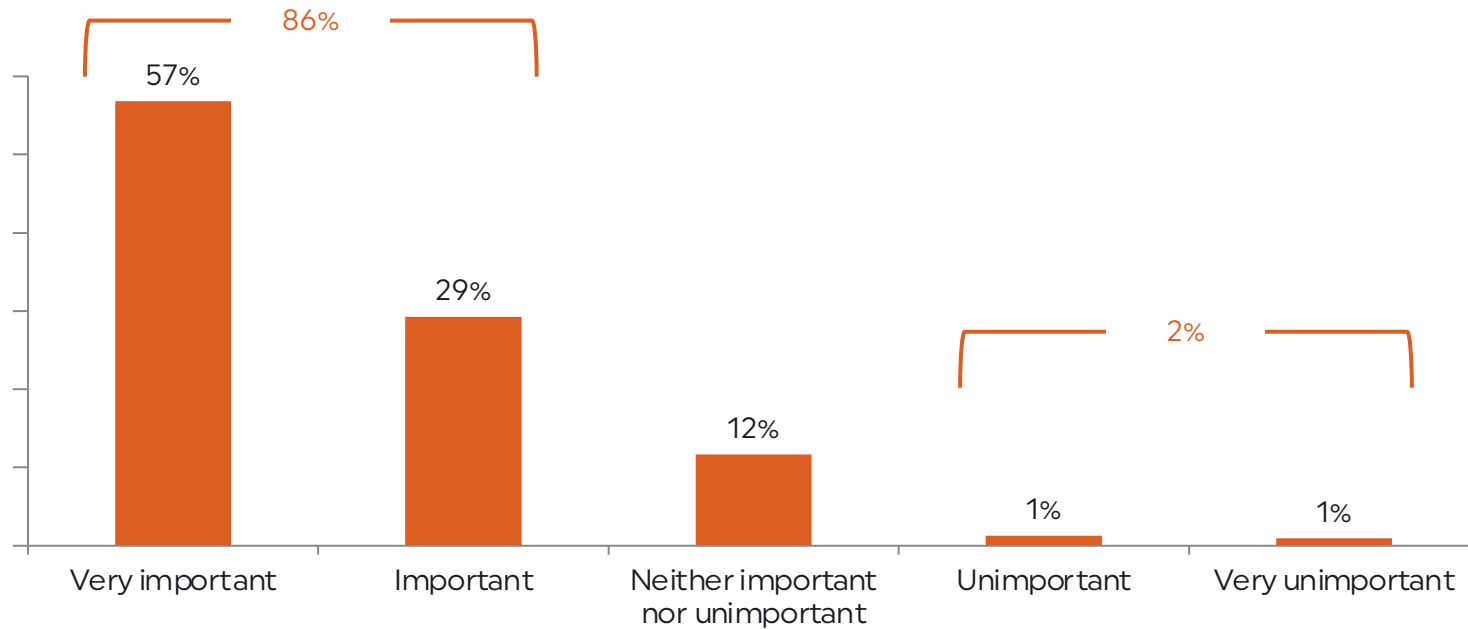
P9 - How often do you tell others about a poor service experience you have received?



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Almost nine in ten Australians feel having an Australian-based call centre is important

P10 - Is having a local / Australian based call centre important?



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More than half of Australians feel that having local call centres is a good predictor or good customer service

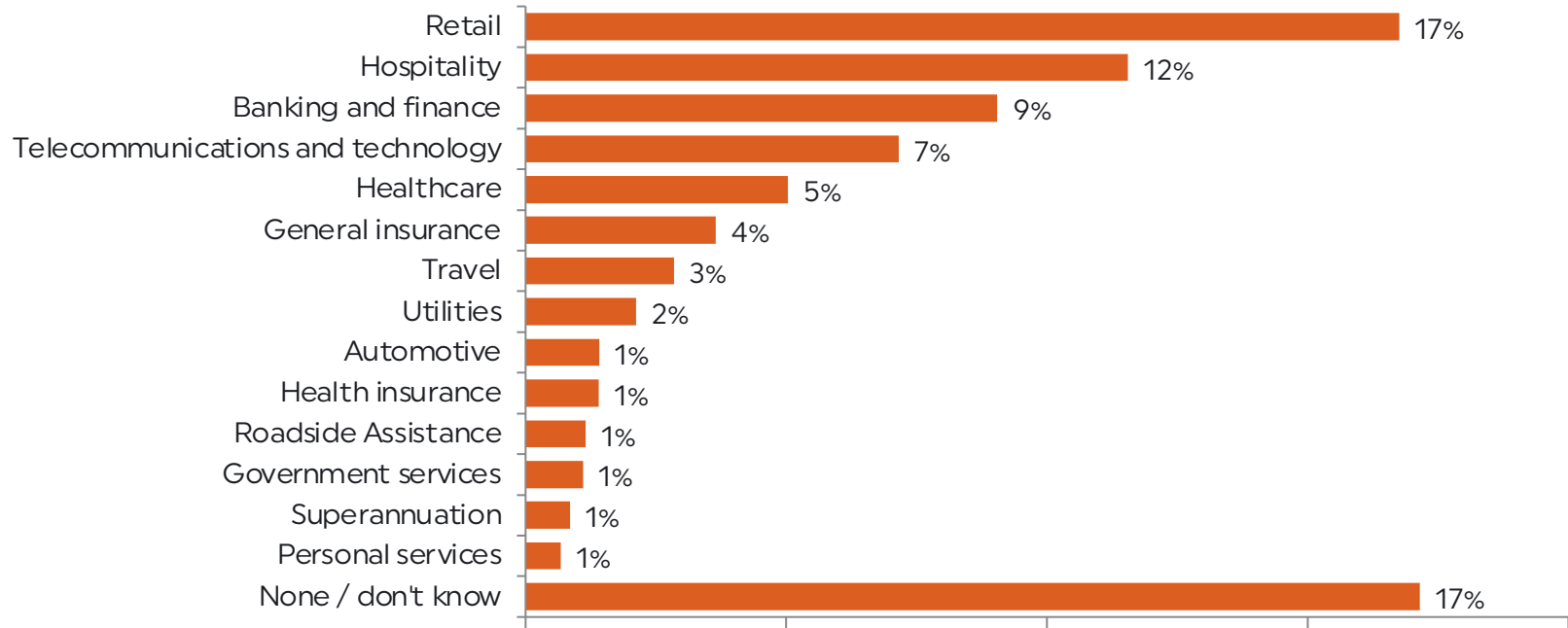
P13 - which of the following would help you, to predict if a company delivers great customer service?



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Which industry has the best customer service?

Q36 - Which industry do you think provides the best customer service? Please provide one industry only – the industry you think provides the best customer service.



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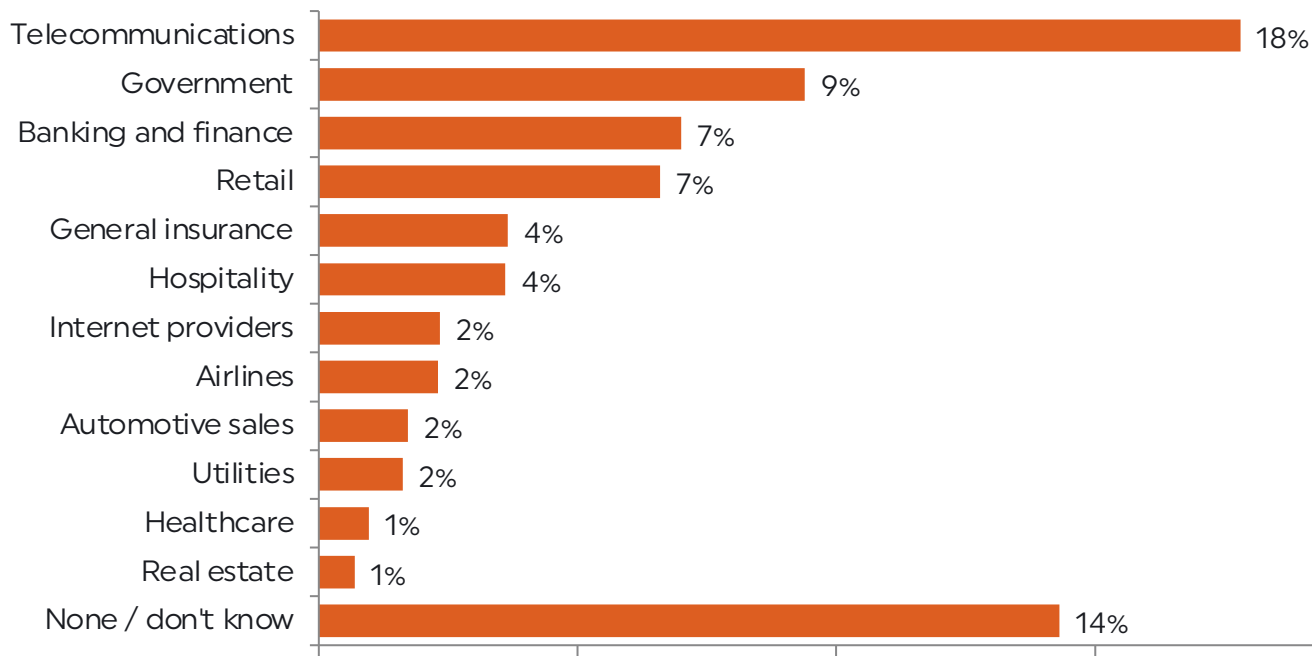


Retail and hospitality are seen to have the best customer service according to Australians.



Which industry has the worst customer service?

Q37 - Which industry do you think provides the worst customer service? Please provide one industry only – the industry you think provides the worst customer service.



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How do our thirteen categories perform?

Q8.1 - Overall, how satisfied are you with [BRAND]?

	Net Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Car insurance	82%	38%	45%	12%	4%	2%
Automotive	82%	46%	35%	12%	4%	2%
Home insurance	82%	34%	48%	13%	4%	2%
Banking & finance	81%	36%	45%	12%	5%	2%
Superannuation funds	78%	35%	44%	15%	5%	2%
Health insurance	78%	30%	48%	15%	5%	2%
TV streaming	77%	29%	48%	15%	5%	3%
Airlines & cruise lines	74%	29%	45%	13%	8%	6%
Energy providers	73%	30%	43%	17%	7%	3%
Gambling	72%	28%	44%	21%	4%	4%
Mobile phone providers	71%	29%	42%	16%	9%	4%
Government services	66%	26%	40%	20%	8%	5%
Internet providers	66%	30%	36%	19%	10%	5%
Aged care	52%	22%	29%	33%	8%	7%
NDIS providers	51%	25%	26%	35%	10%	5%

Which brands are the top performers in our 13 categories?

Q8.1 – Q.8.15 - Overall, how satisfied are you with [BRAND]? X brand

Brand	Category	Net Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Bendigo Bank	Banking	96%	61%	36%	4%	0%	0%
RAC	Home Insurance	96%	47%	49%	4%	0%	0%
ING	Banking	91%	58%	33%	4%	5%	0%
Carnival	Airlines & Cruise lines	90%	39%	52%	5%	0%	5%
Mazda	Automotive	89%	38%	51%	10%	1%	1%
Bank of Queensland	Banking	89%	56%	33%	5%	3%	3%
Woolworths Insurance	Car Insurance	89%	45%	44%	6%	4%	1%
ahm	Health Insurance	88%	32%	56%	5%	6%	2%
BMW	Automotive	87%	44%	43%	13%	0%	0%
Red Energy	Energy Providers	87%	42%	45%	11%	0%	2%
Apia	Car Insurance	87%	50%	37%	8%	5%	0%
Suncorp	Home Insurance	86%	30%	56%	11%	1%	1%
RACQ	Home Insurance	86%	42%	44%	12%	2%	0%
Stan	Streaming services	86%	37%	50%	9%	3%	1%
Disney	Streaming services	86%	36%	49%	9%	4%	1%
HESTA Super Fund	Superannuation	86%	46%	40%	9%	4%	1%
Commonwealth Superannuation	Superannuation	86%	34%	52%	5%	7%	2%
RACV	Car insurance	86%	41%	45%	8%	7%	0%
Toyota	Automotive	85%	38%	48%	11%	3%	1%
Audi	Automotive	85%	38%	47%	5%	10%	0%
Aldi	Mobile phone provider	85%	44%	41%	9%	4%	1%
Qsuper	Superannuation	85%	49%	36%	9%	6%	0%
MLC	Superannuation	85%	44%	40%	11%	2%	2%
RAC	Car insurance	85%	47%	38%	11%	3%	1%

Which brands are the worst performers in our 13 categories?

Q8.1 – Q.8.15 - Overall, how satisfied are you with [BRAND]? X brand

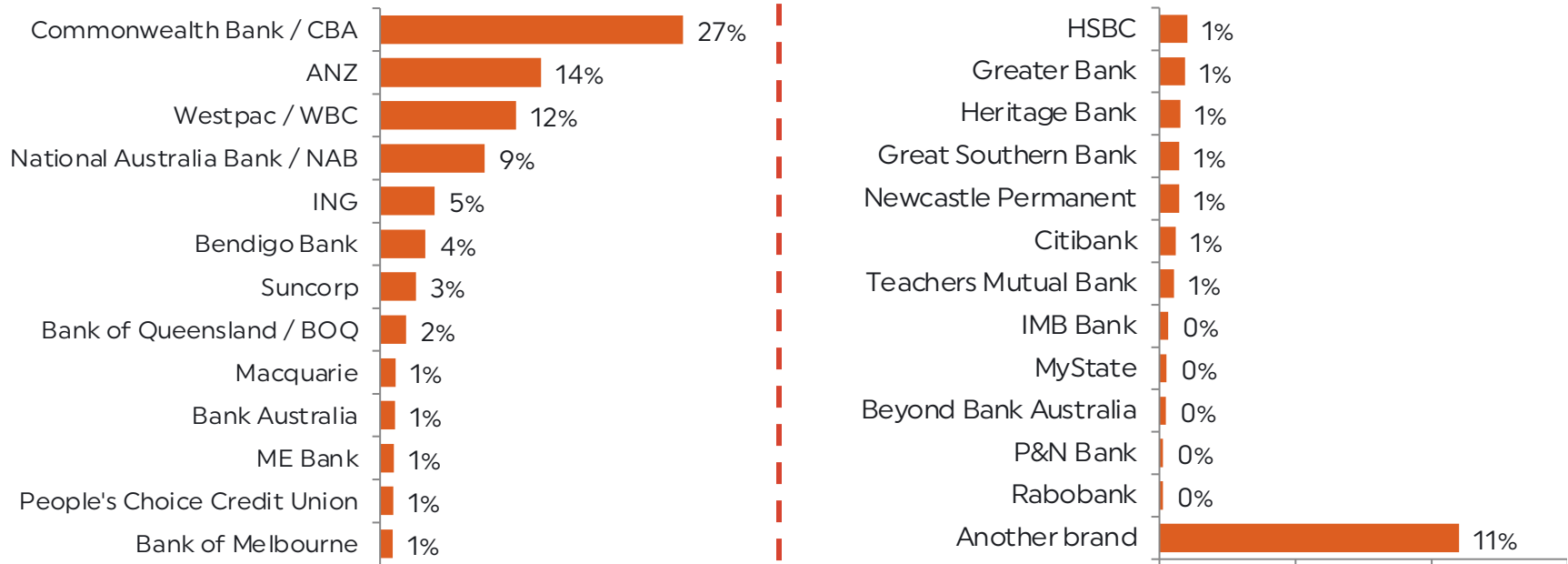
Brand	Category	Net Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Volkswagen	Automotive	65%	26%	38%	21%	13%	2%
Simple Energy	Energy provider	65%	25%	40%	18%	14%	4%
TPG	Internet provider	65%	26%	39%	25%	8%	2%
Telstra	Mobile phone provider	64%	24%	40%	18%	12%	6%
Service SA	Government	63%	27%	36%	25%	6%	6%
Dodo	Internet provider	63%	26%	37%	20%	8%	10%
Disability Services Australia	NDIS provider	63%	25%	38%	26%	8%	4%
Optus	Internet provider	62%	27%	34%	21%	11%	6%
Ladbrokes	Gambling	60%	25%	34%	30%	6%	4%
Foxtel	Streaming services	59%	17%	42%	22%	12%	8%
Bupa	Aged Care	59%	23%	36%	27%	5%	8%
Telstra	Internet provider	57%	22%	35%	21%	15%	8%
ATO	Government	52%	10%	41%	32%	9%	8%
Australian Unity	NDIS provider	51%	23%	28%	34%	13%	2%
Centrelink	Government	49%	14%	35%	30%	13%	8%
Anglicare	Aged Care	44%	21%	23%	41%	12%	3%
Betfair	Gambling	28%	10%	18%	64%	4%	4%
Annecto	Aged Care	9%	7%	3%	83%	2%	6%
Minda	NDIS provider	6%	0%	6%	89%	3%	3%

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Which banking and finance brands have they engaged with in the last year?

Q2.2 - Which of the following brands did you most recently have contact with?

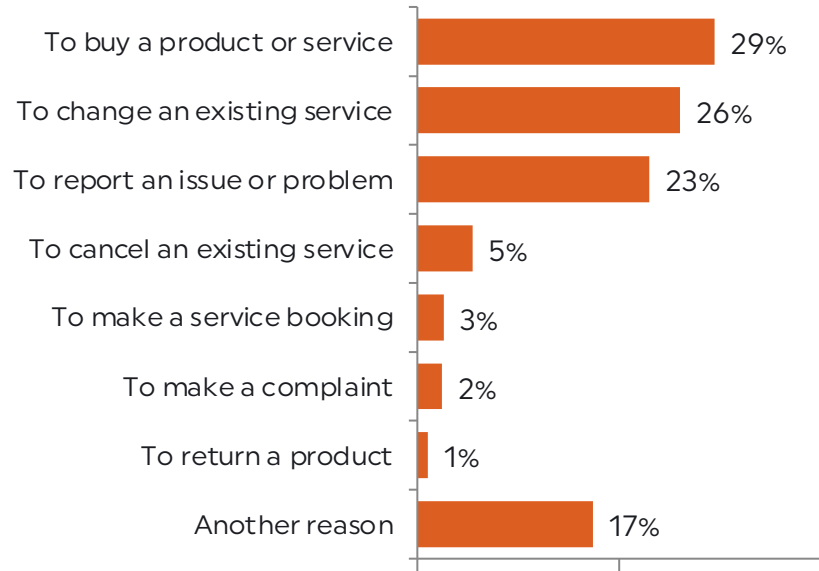


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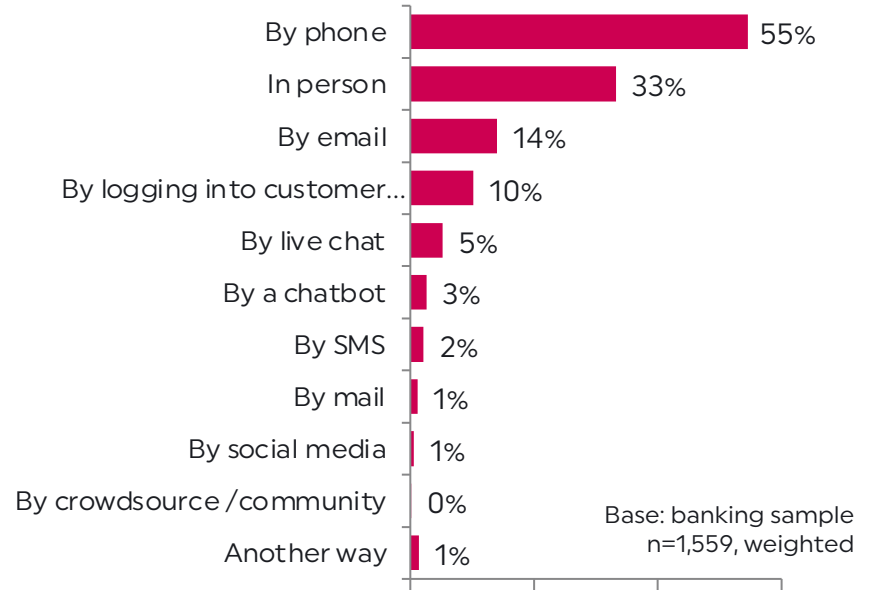
Why and how did they communicate with the brand?

Q3.2 - Why did you contact [BRAND]? Q4.2 - How were you in contact with [BRAND]?

Why did they communicate with the brand?



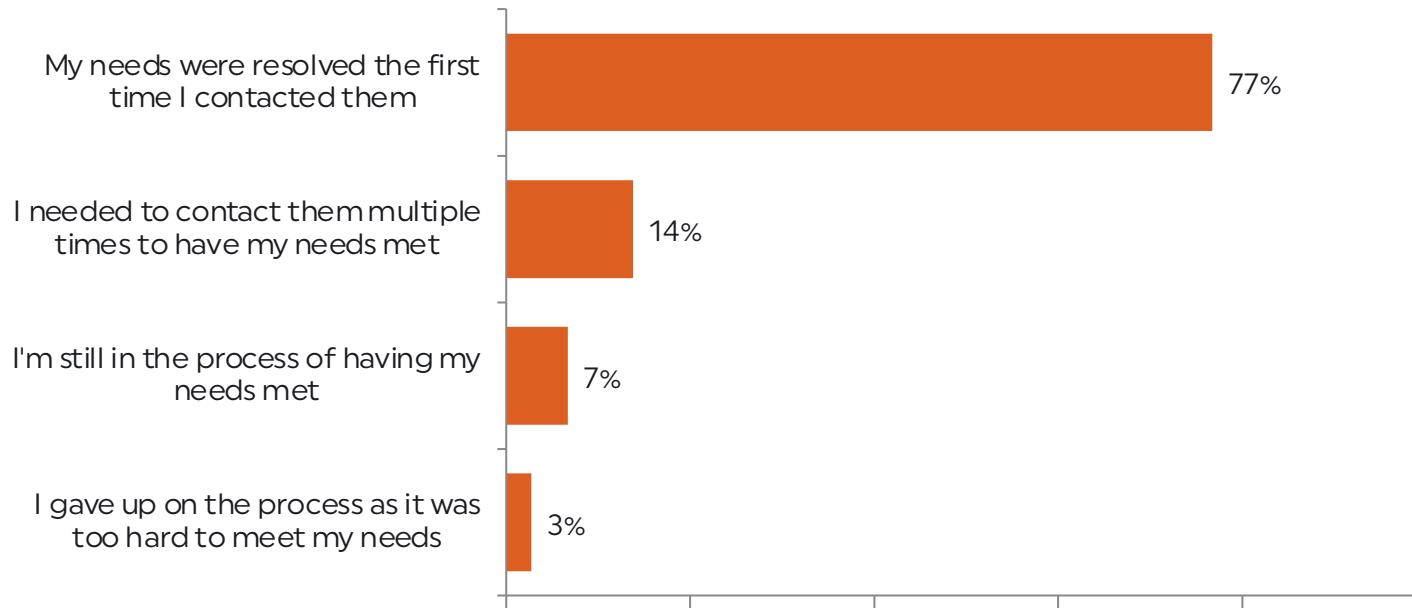
How did they communicate with the brand?



New services, changes to existing services and problems top the list, with phone and face-to-face interactions most common.

Three in four customers had their needs resolved on first contact

Q5.2 - Which statement best describes how your contact was handled?



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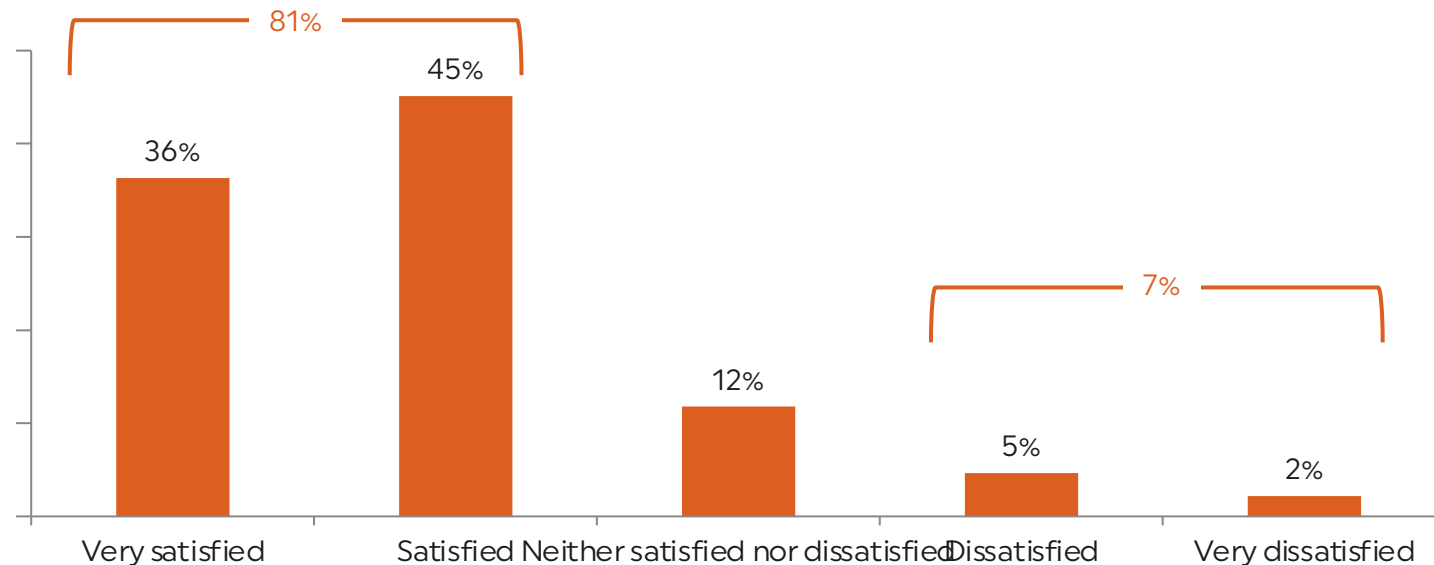


For one in seven, there's a need for multiple contacts.



Four in five Australians were satisfied with their banking interaction

Q8.2 - Overall, how satisfied are you with [BRAND]?



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Which brands had the most satisfied customers?

Q8.2 - Overall, how satisfied are you with [BRAND]? X brand

	Net Satisfied	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Bendigo Bank	96%	61%	36%	4%	0%	0%
ING	91%	58%	33%	4%	5%	0%
Bank of Queensland / BOQ	89%	56%	33%	5%	3%	3%
National Australia Bank / NAB	81%	38%	42%	14%	2%	3%
Suncorp	81%	31%	50%	8%	9%	2%
Westpac / WBC	80%	31%	50%	10%	7%	3%
ANZ	79%	31%	48%	15%	4%	2%
Commonwealth Bank / CBA	79%	29%	49%	14%	5%	2%

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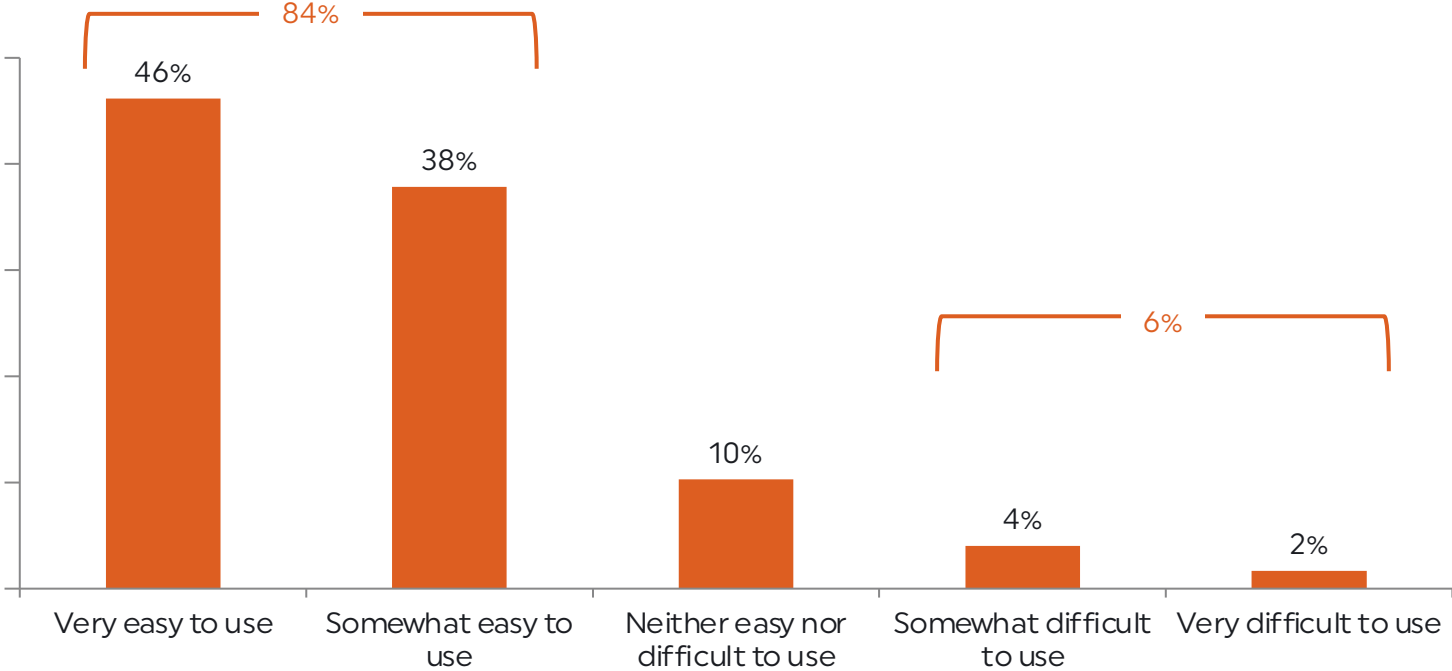


Smaller brands generally demonstrate a higher level of brand satisfaction.



A similar proportion thought that the interaction was easy

Q9.2 - Overall, how easy to use would you say [BRAND] is?



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Only 6% found the brand difficult to interact with.



Which brands are the easiest to interact with?

Q9.2 - Overall, how easy to use would you say [BRAND] is? X brand

	Net easy to use	Very easy to use	Somewhat easy to use	Neither easy nor difficult to use	Somewhat difficult to use	Very difficult to use
ING	96%	71%	25%	2%	1%	1%
Bank of Queensland	85%	70%	14%	7%	5%	3%
Bendigo Bank	92%	67%	26%	6%	2%	0%
National Australia Bank	84%	44%	40%	11%	3%	3%
Westpac / WBC	82%	41%	41%	10%	6%	1%
Commonwealth Bank	84%	41%	43%	10%	5%	1%
Suncorp	81%	40%	41%	12%	5%	2%
ANZ	79%	37%	41%	16%	4%	1%
Another brand	88%	54%	33%	8%	2%	2%

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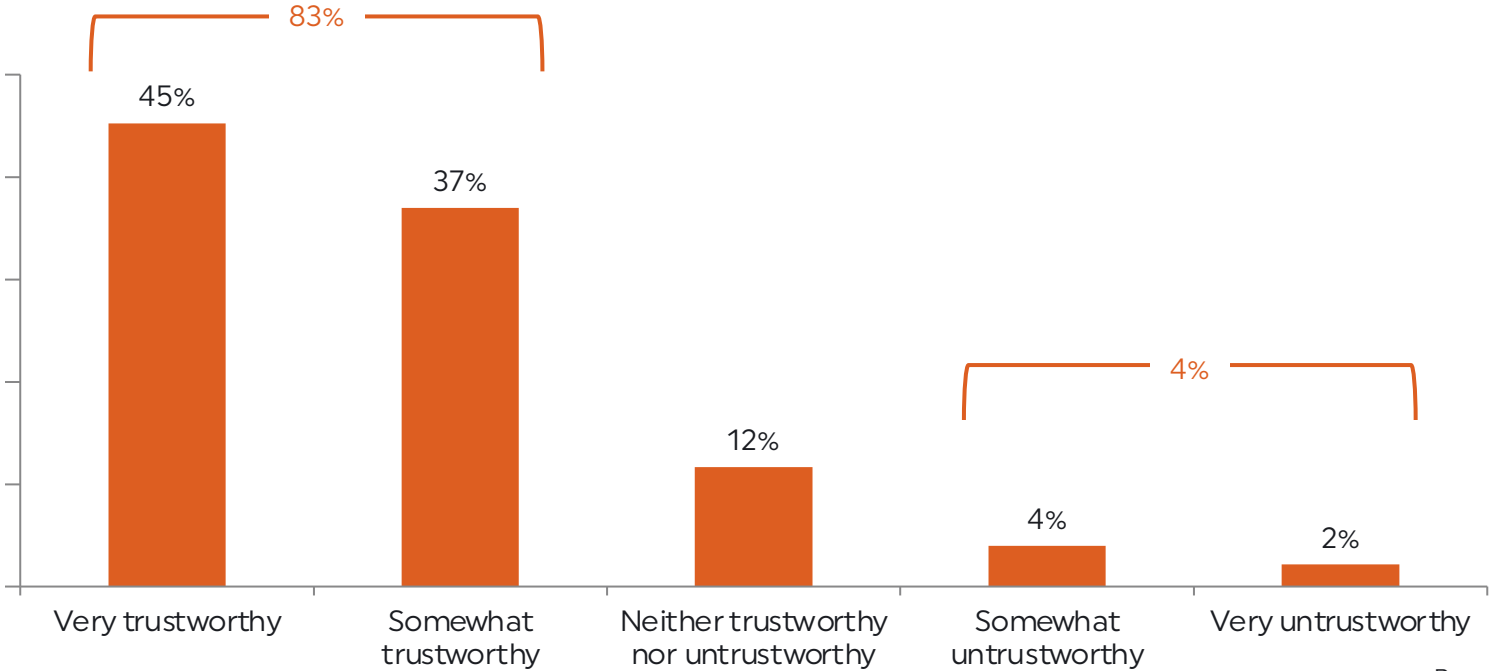


Again, a focus on smaller brands... ING tops the list here.



And around the same proportion see the brand as trustworthy

Q10.2 - Overall, how trustworthy would you say [BRAND] is?



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Despite the industry's reputation, only 4% found the brand untrustworthy.



Which brands are the most trustworthy?

Q10.2 - Overall, how trustworthy would you say [BRAND] is? X brand

	Net Trustworthy	Very trustworthy	Somewhat trustworthy	Neither trustworthy nor untrustworthy	Somewhat untrustworthy	Very untrustworthy
Commonwealth Bank	80%	39%	40%	12%	5%	4%
ANZ	84%	37%	46%	13%	3%	0%
Westpac / WBC	82%	42%	40%	13%	3%	2%
National Australia Bank	77%	43%	34%	17%	2%	4%
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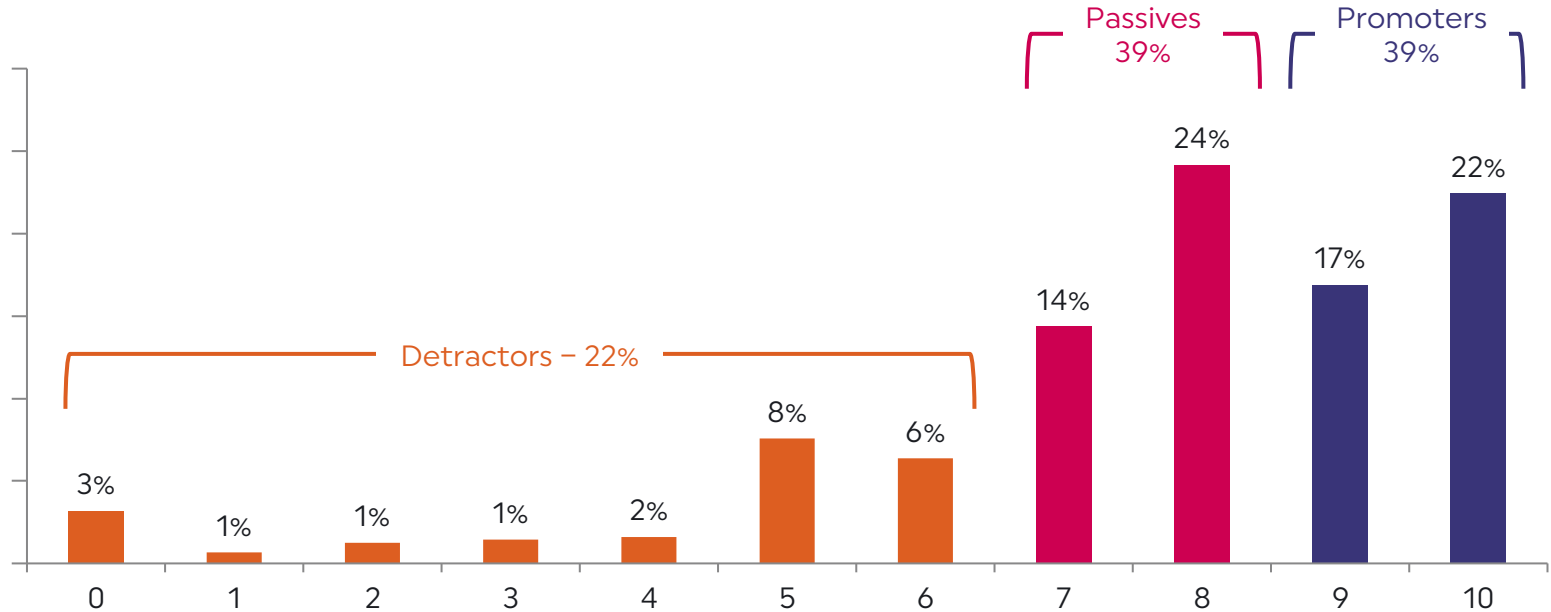


While Mazda tops the list here, a surprisingly higher position for Audi and Honda in the list.



How banking and finance brands perform on the Net Promoter Score (NPS)

Q10A.2 - How likely are you to recommend [BRAND] to a family member, friend or colleague?



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Which brands have the highest NPS?

Q10A.2 - How likely are you to recommend [BRAND] to a family member, friend or colleague? X brand

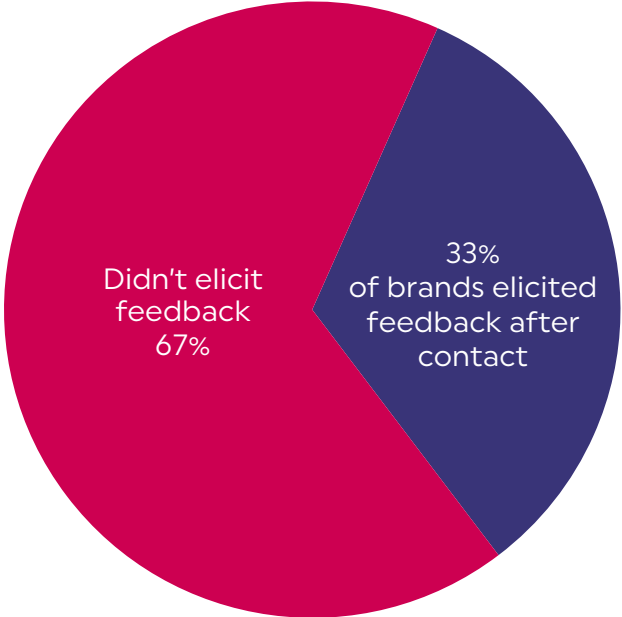
	NPS	Promoters	Passives	Detractors
Bendigo Bank	57%	68%	21%	11%
ING	56%	60%	36%	4%
Bank of Queensland	46%	63%	20%	17%
National Australia Bank	15%	36%	43%	21%
ANZ	14%	38%	38%	24%
Commonwealth Bank	9%	34%	41%	25%
Suncorp	8%	31%	45%	23%
Westpac / WBC	5%	30%	44%	26%
Another brand	25%	46%	32%	22%

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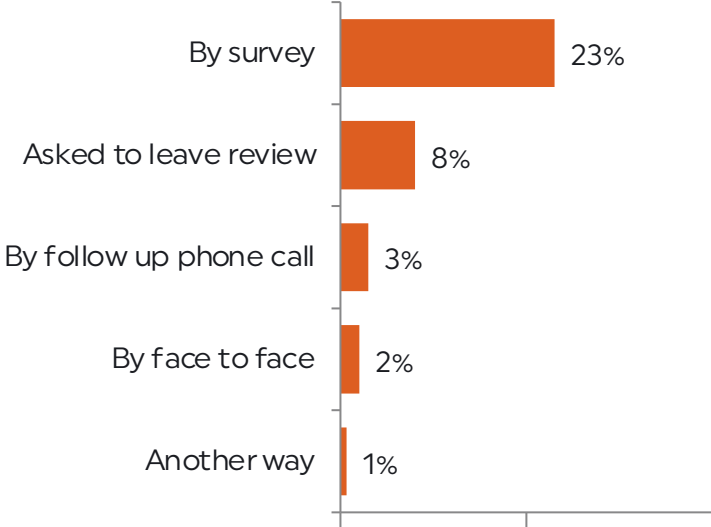
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Almost half of banking brands elicit feedback after contact

Q7.2 - Did [BRAND] solicit any feedback regarding your contact?



How did they seek feedback?



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Surveys are the most common form... around a quarter of banking customers have received them.

How could the service experience be improved?

Q11.2 - What could [BRAND] have done to improve its service delivery to you?

- Better reward my loyalty 33%
- Be more proactive with me 17%
- Been more responsive... answered the phone / email / chat faster 13%
- Provide its staff with customer service training 12%
- Provide more contact options (Live chat, Chatbots) 11%
- Answered my query 11%
- Solicit my feedback 6%
- Provide a customer community for seeking help 5%
- Provide online access to my account / customer portal 4%
- Another way 23%

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Greater reward for loyalty, and a more proactive relationship
top customers' lists for service improvements.



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