



# Should I stay or should I go (out)?

## New Zealand vs Omicron

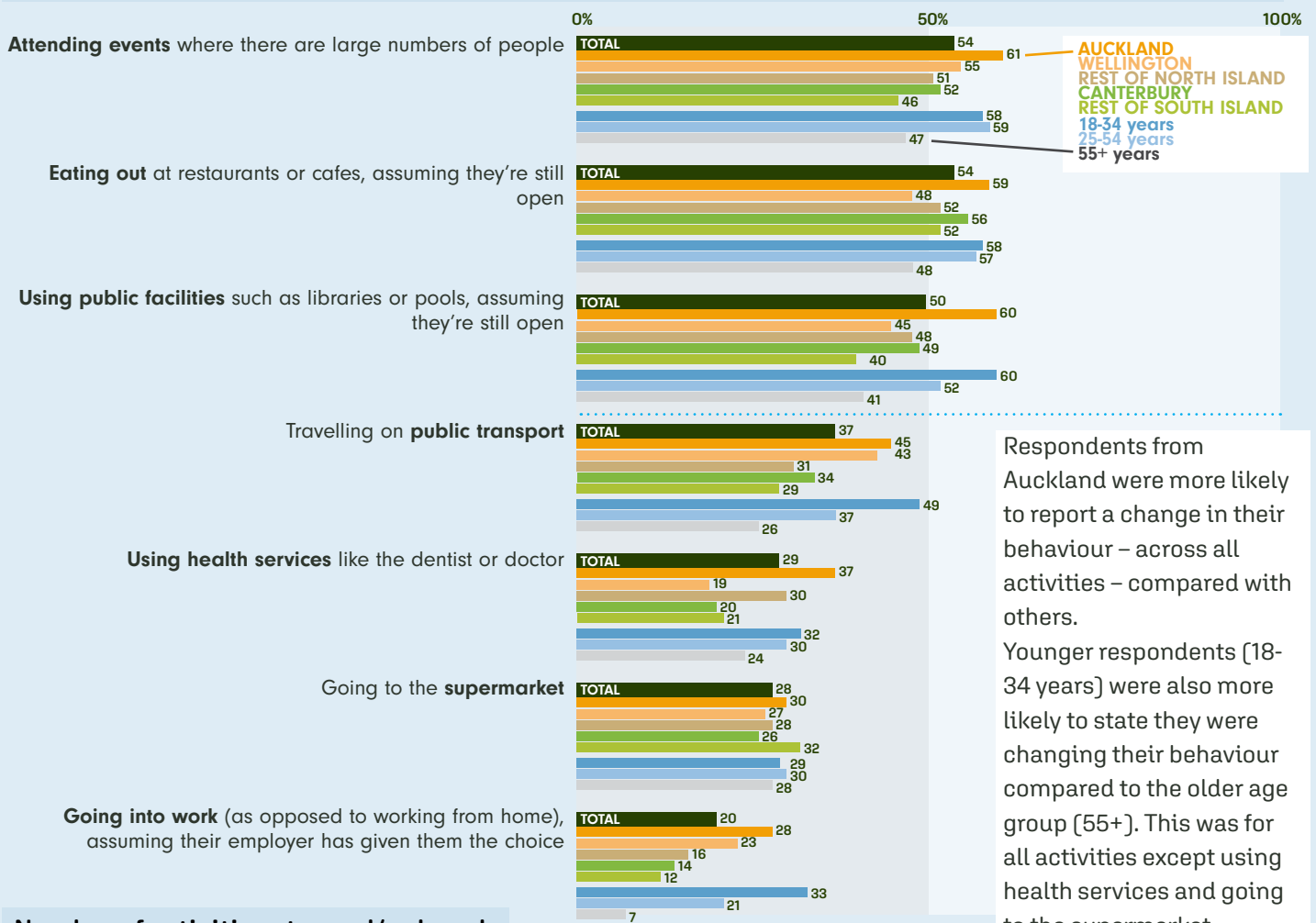


As New Zealanders wait and watch the spread of the contagious Omicron variant, we asked whether they are curtailing activities due to concerns about catching Omicron.

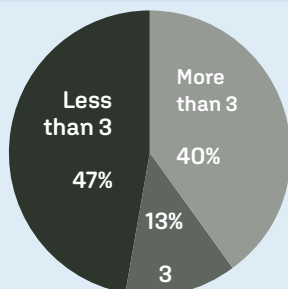
**One-half** or more of respondents stated they had completely **stopped doing three activities, or were doing them less often, specifically: attending events** (54%), **eating out** at restaurants or cafes (54%) and **using public facilities** such as libraries or pools (50%).

### Percentage avoiding activities because of concerns about catching Omicron – by region/age

Chart shows the percentage who have stopped the activity completely or are currently doing it less.



### Number of activities stopped/reduced



The 'average' respondent reported changing (stopping or doing less) 3 of the 7 activities.

*"What we are seeing is a form of polarisation – between those who are obviously concerned about personally catching COVID-19 and/or infecting others, and are therefore consciously changing their behaviour despite being vaccinated, and those who are simply just trying to get on with life and return to normality. The significant size of this former group has social and economic implications."*

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