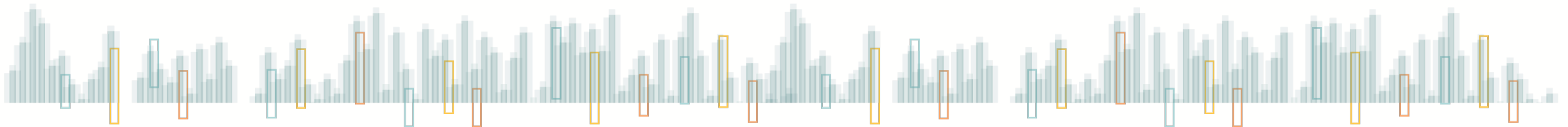




DHM Panel Results

Perceptions of the criminal justice system

March 2023



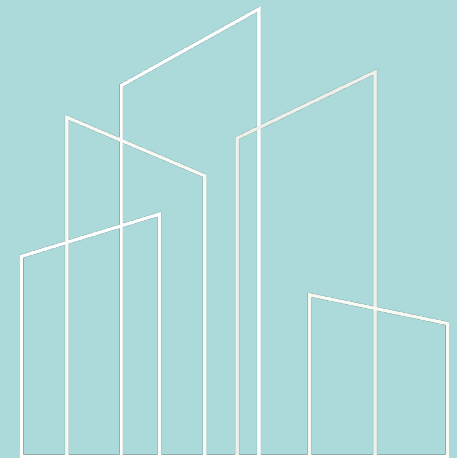
Research purpose

- DHM has tracked these results since 2017 as part of DHM Research's ongoing statewide surveys of Oregonians
- Topics highlighted in this report include Oregonians' confidence in several parts of the criminal justice system and their perception of the responsibilities for jurors
- Other topics in the survey will be reported separately include tracking Oregonians' feelings about the direction of the state, impressions of key political leaders, and their perceptions of the housing and economic conditions.

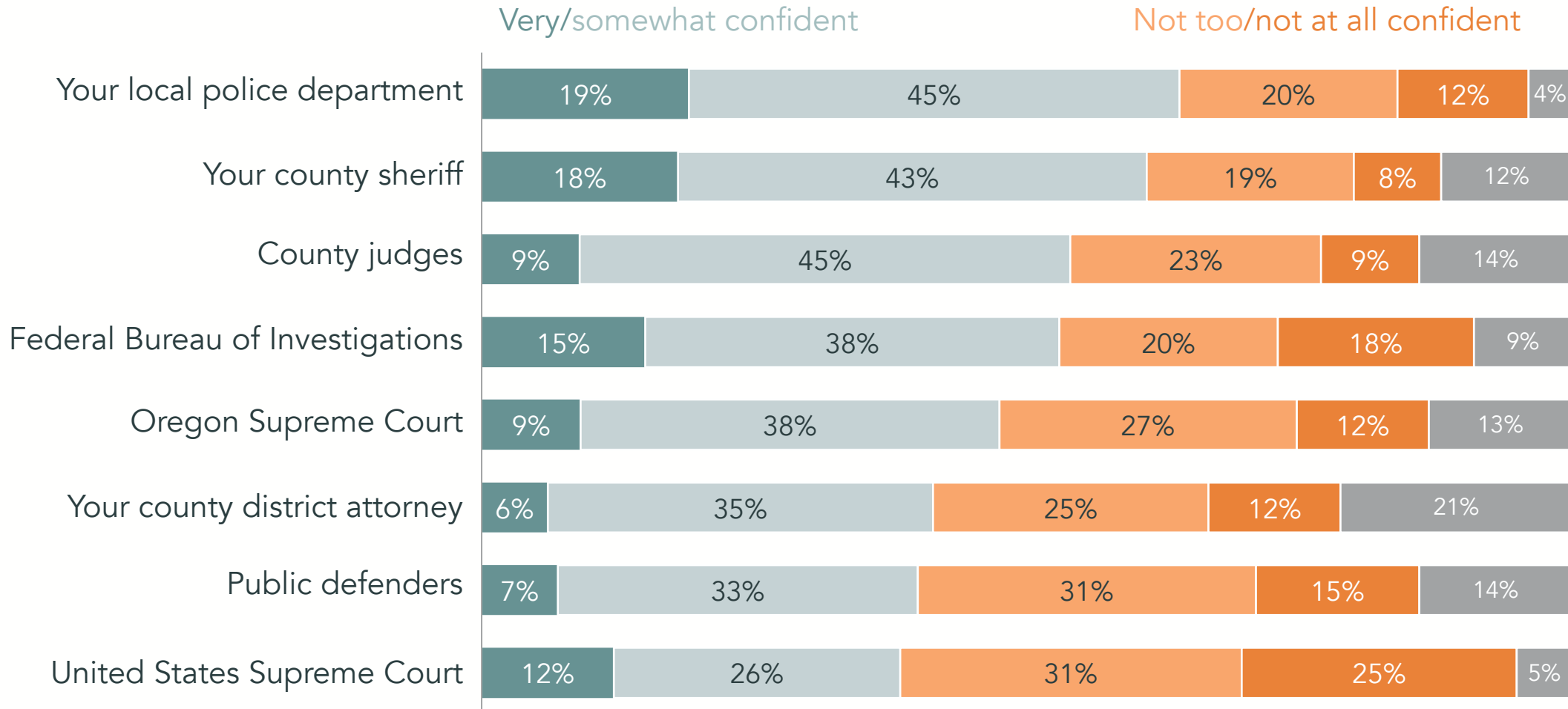
Methodology

- Online survey of N=500 Oregonians age 18+
- Conducted February 24–March 1, 2023; 12 minutes to complete
- To ensure a representative sample of Oregonians quotas were set by age, gender, area of the state, education, race, voter registration status and party registration
- Margin of error $\pm 4.4\%$
- Due to rounding, some totals may differ by ± 1 from the sum of separate responses.

Confidence in the criminal justice system

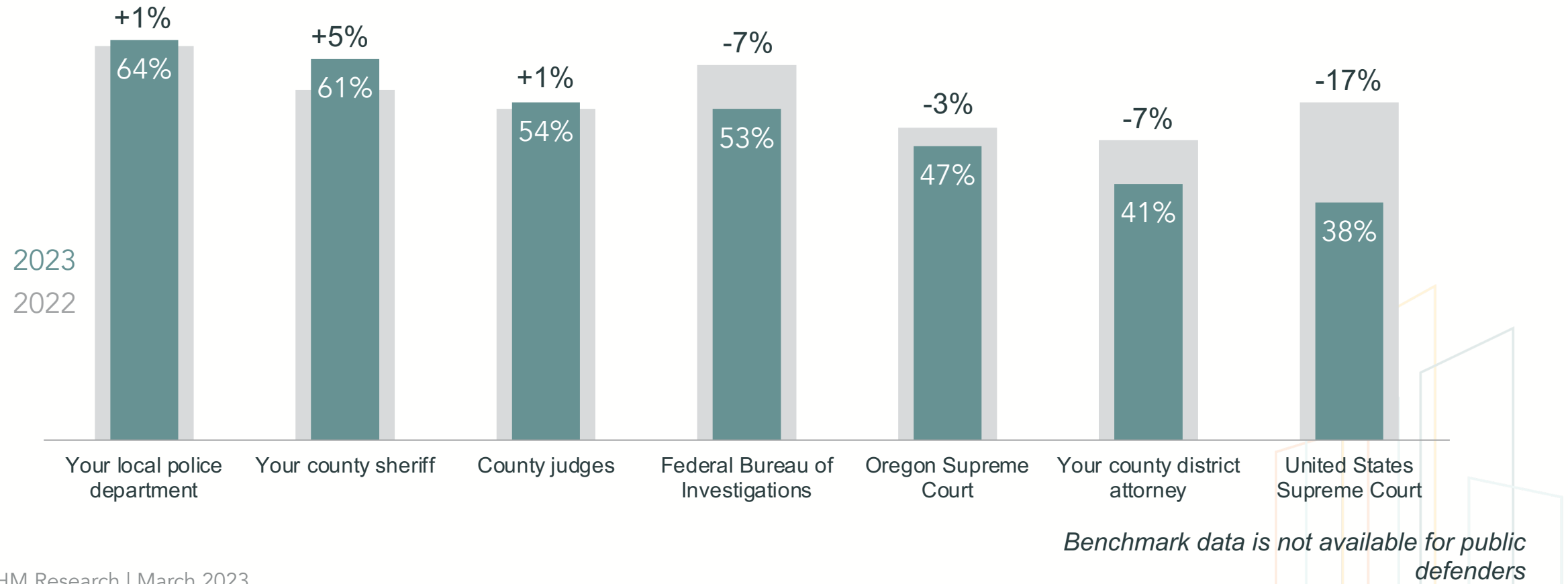


Oregonians hold greater confidence in law enforcement than those with judicial responsibilities.

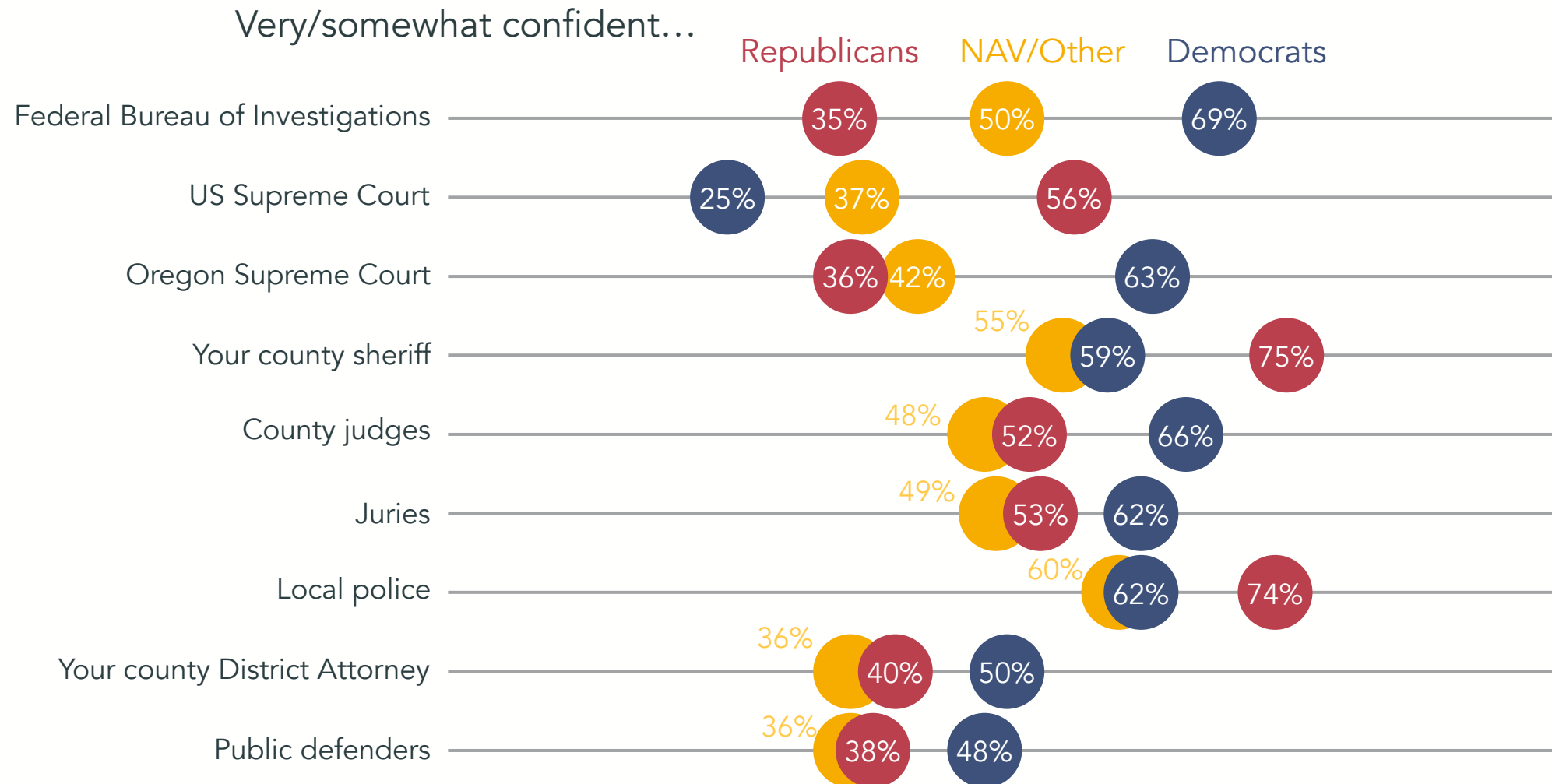


Confidence in the US Supreme Court has decreased 17 percentage points in the last year.

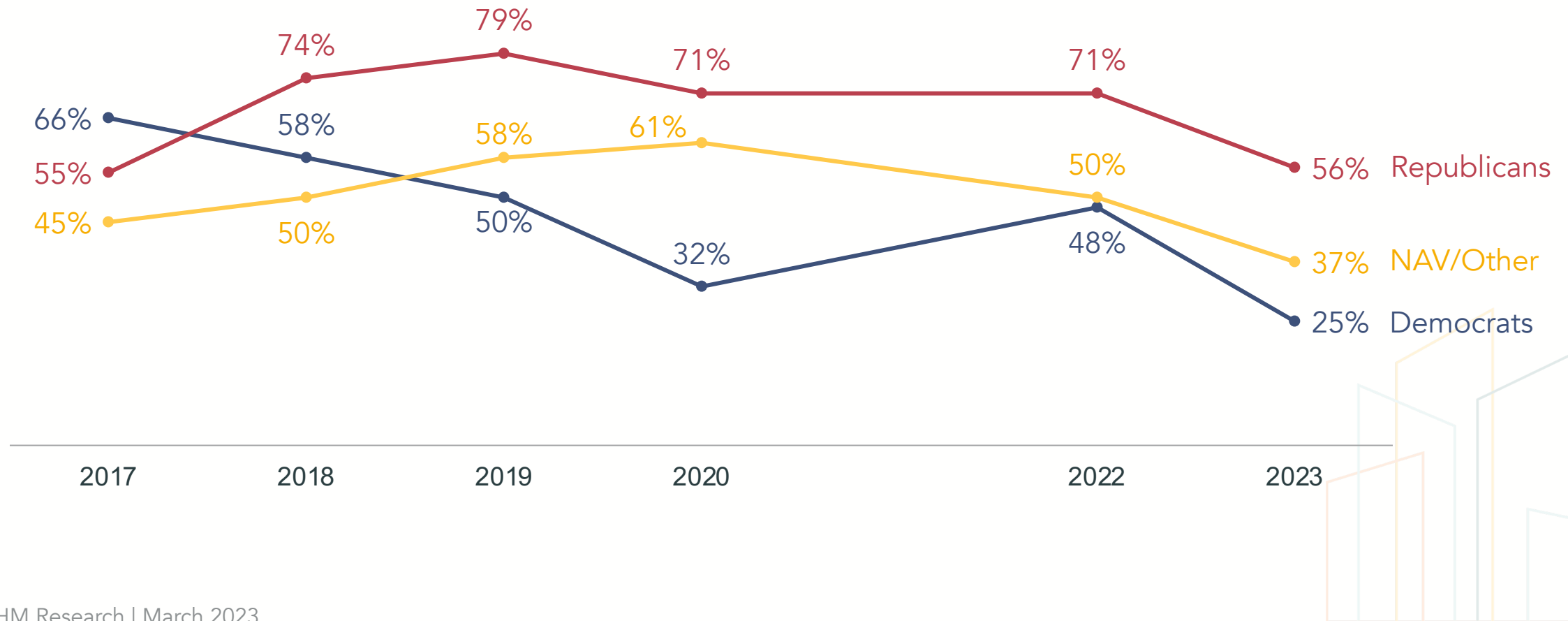
Very and somewhat confident total...



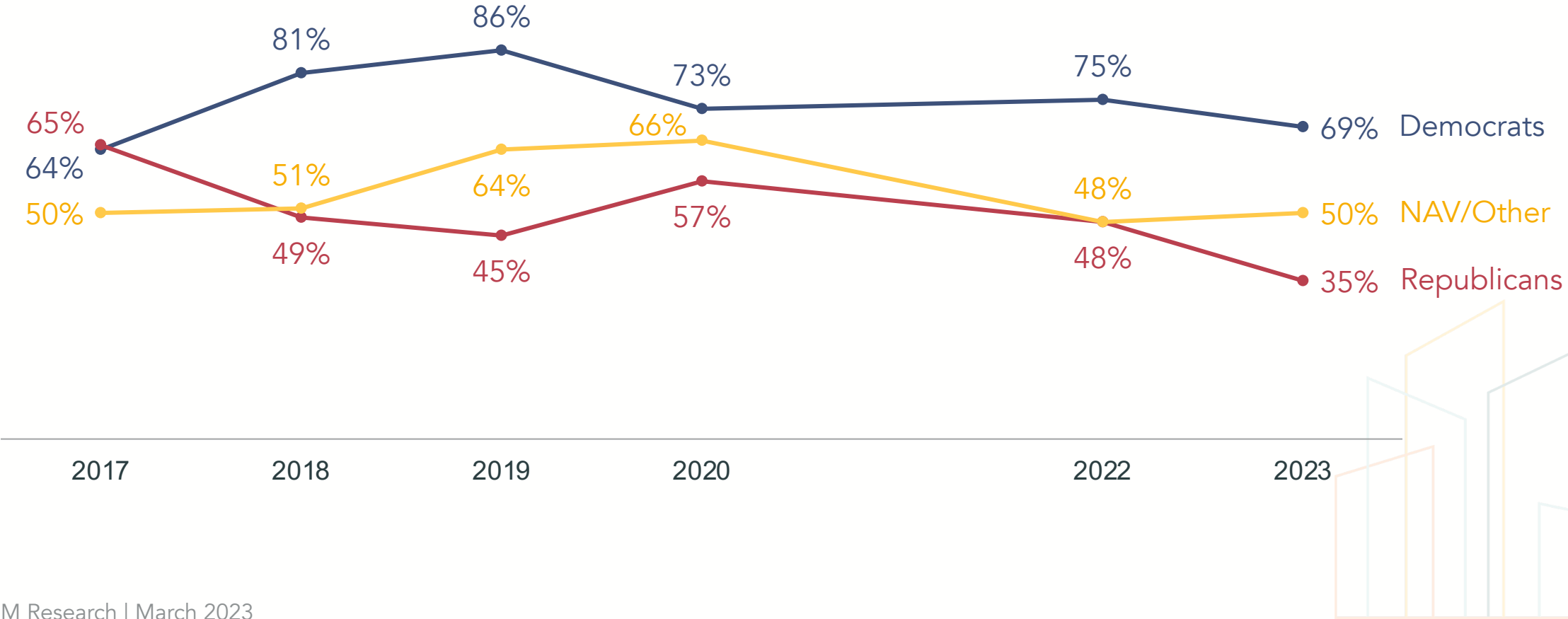
The criminal justice system has become more partisan with Democrats and Republicans holding strikingly different levels of confidence in the FBI and the US Supreme Court.



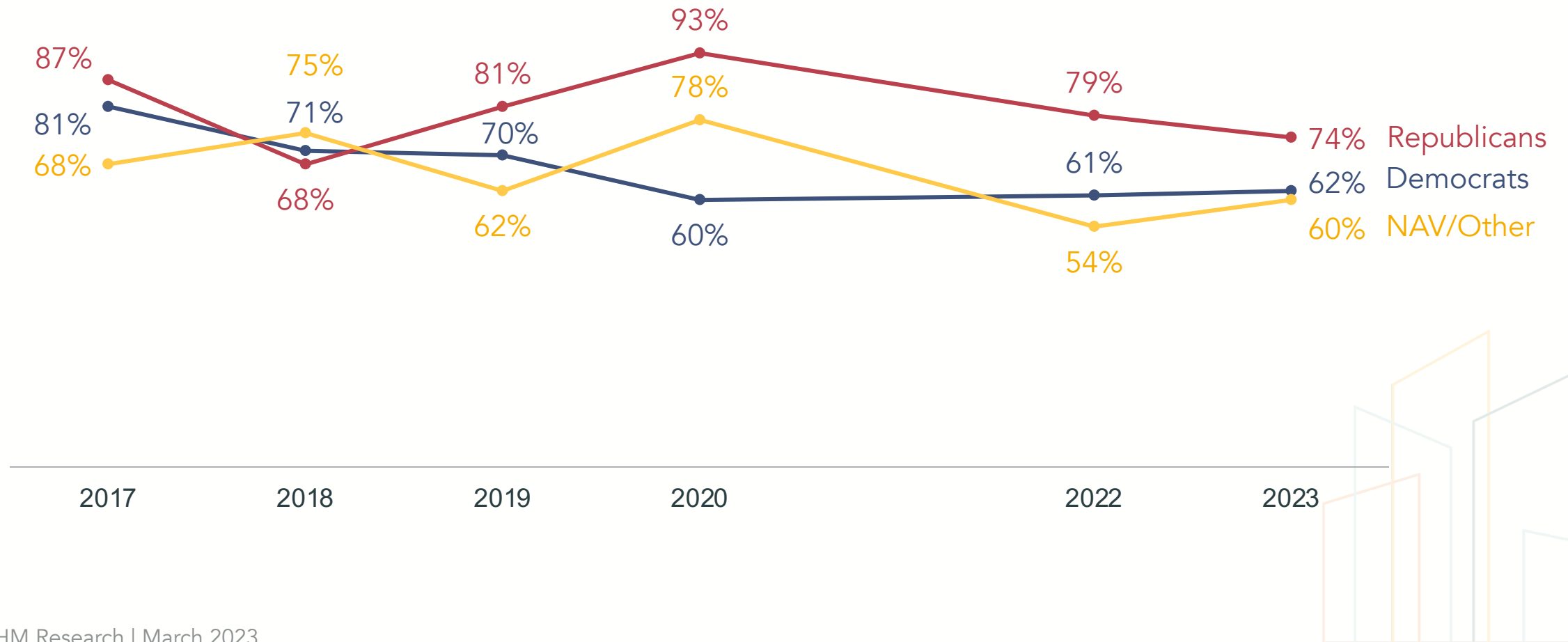
Confidence in the US Supreme Court decreased across all political parties. Confidence among Democrats has fallen 41 percentage points since 2017.



Confidence in the FBI is highest among Democrats, though confidence levels decreased in both major parties. Confidence among Republicans has fallen 30 percentage points since 2017.



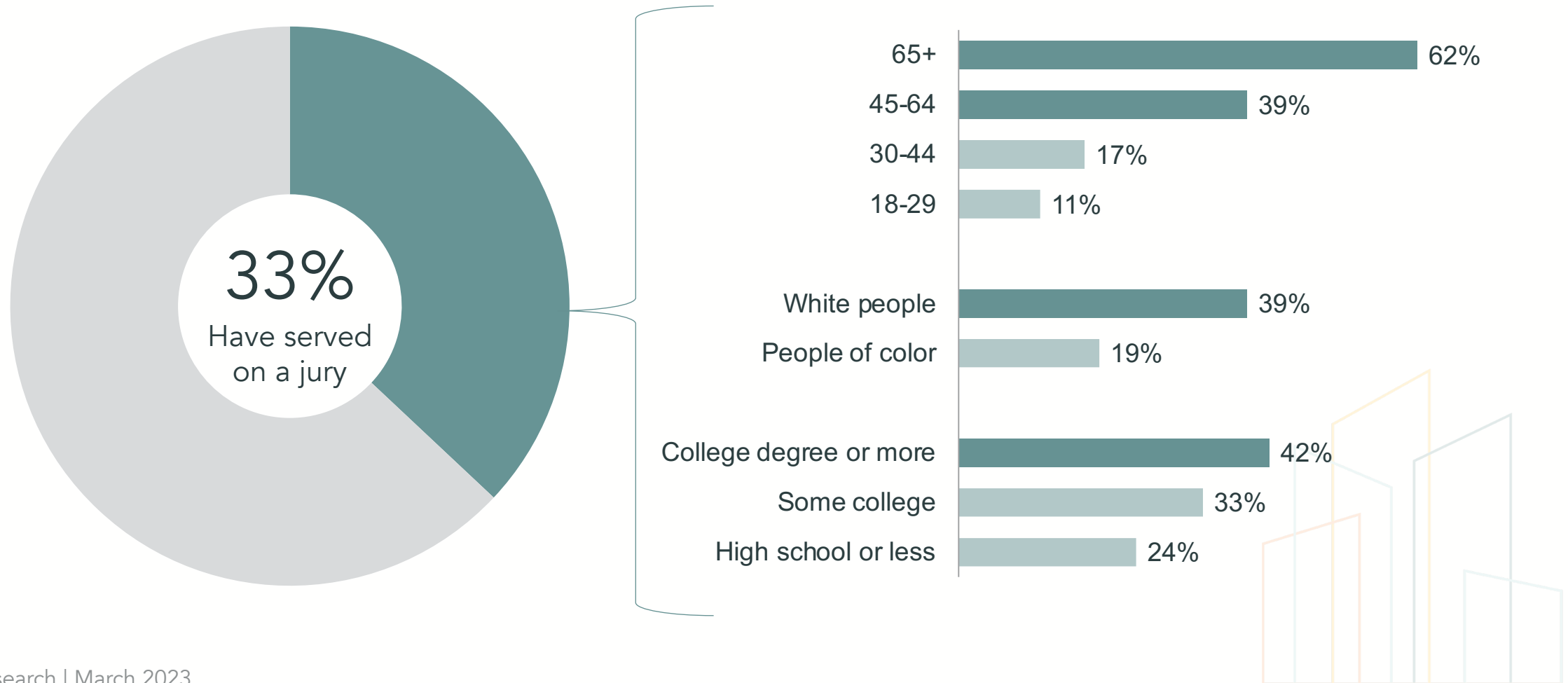
Confidence in the local police is less partisan than in previous years with a majority from each party saying they're confident.



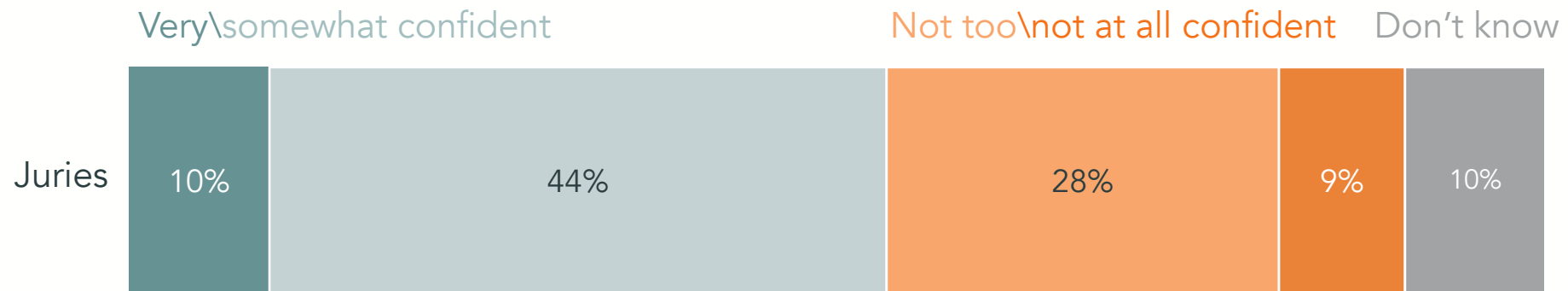
Confidence and responsibility of juries



A third of Oregonians have served on a jury. Older people, White people, and college graduates are more likely to have done so.

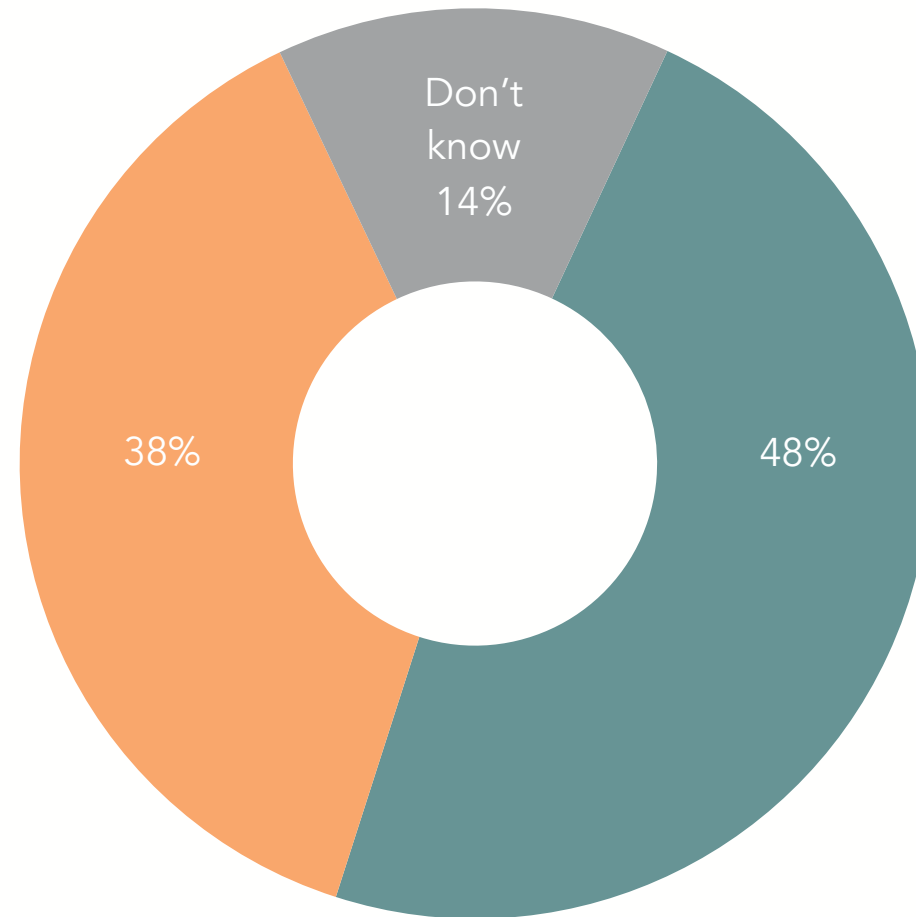


Most Oregonians are confident in juries, though a third are not that confident.



Fewer than half of Oregonians believe that the jury should follow the letter of the law. 38% think juries should achieve the most just outcome.

It is the responsibility of jury members to achieve the most just outcome, even if it means not following the letter of the law.



It is the responsibility of jury members to always follow the letter of the law, even when they believe that it will result in an unjust outcome.



People who think jurors have the responsibility to go outside the letter of the law to achieve a just outcome are younger, non-affiliated voters, and haven't served in a jury.

