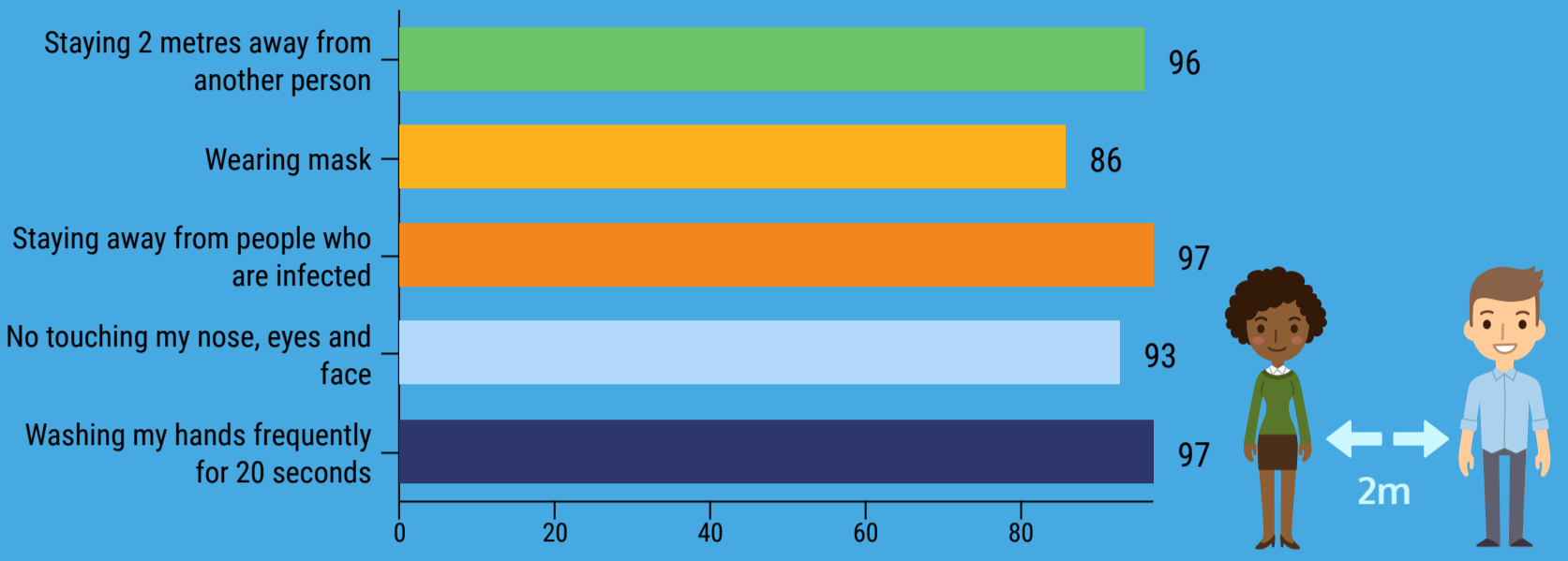


Public Understanding and Experiences of Covid-19 in South Africa

Studies of the public understanding, and experience, of Covid-19 have been conducted around the world, including in South Africa. With the first confirmed cases of Covid-19 occurring in the country in March 2020, and the current confirmed number of cases at 17 200, understanding these aspects has become even more important. This infographic presents the responses of South Africans at the time the studies were conducted.

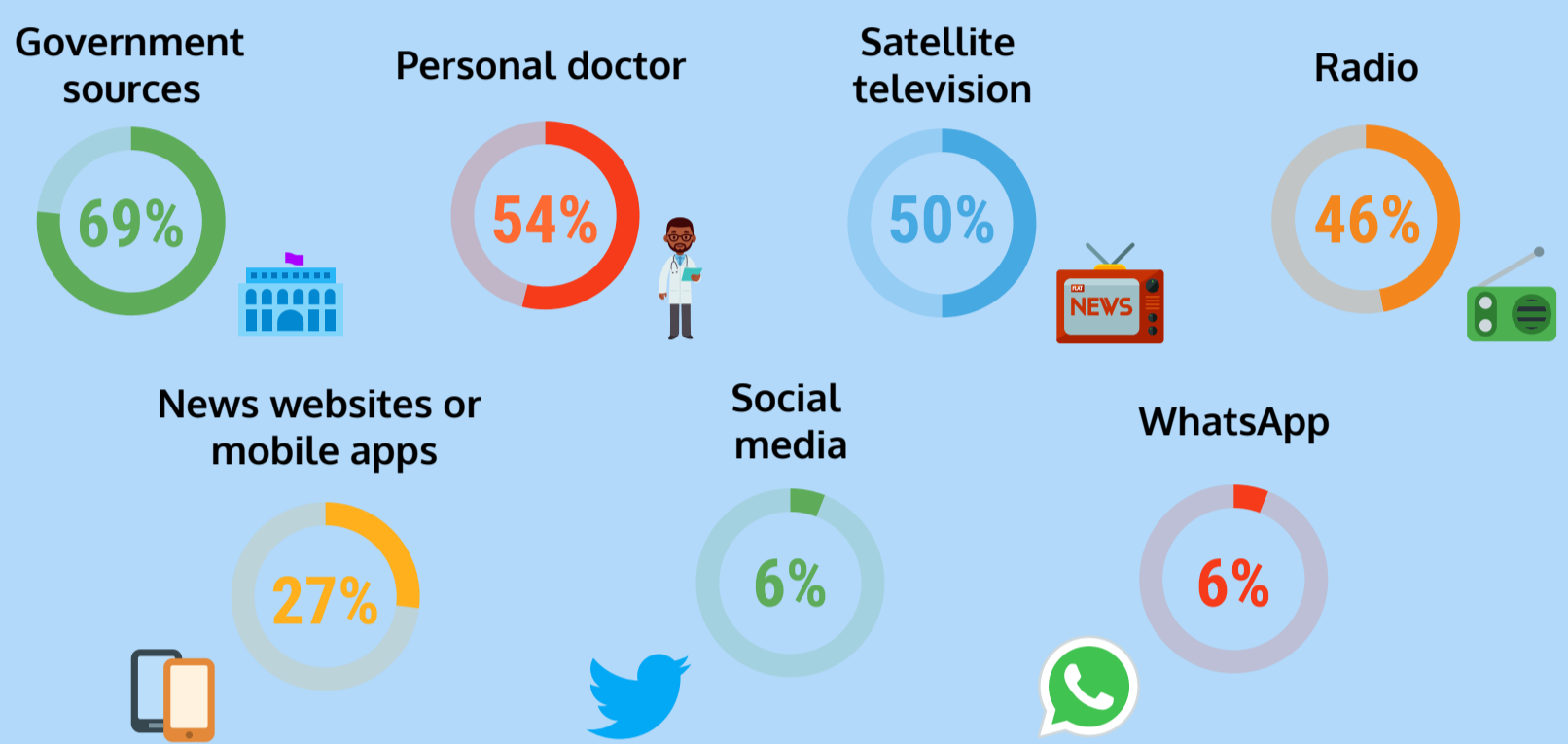
Knowledge about Covid-19 prevention¹



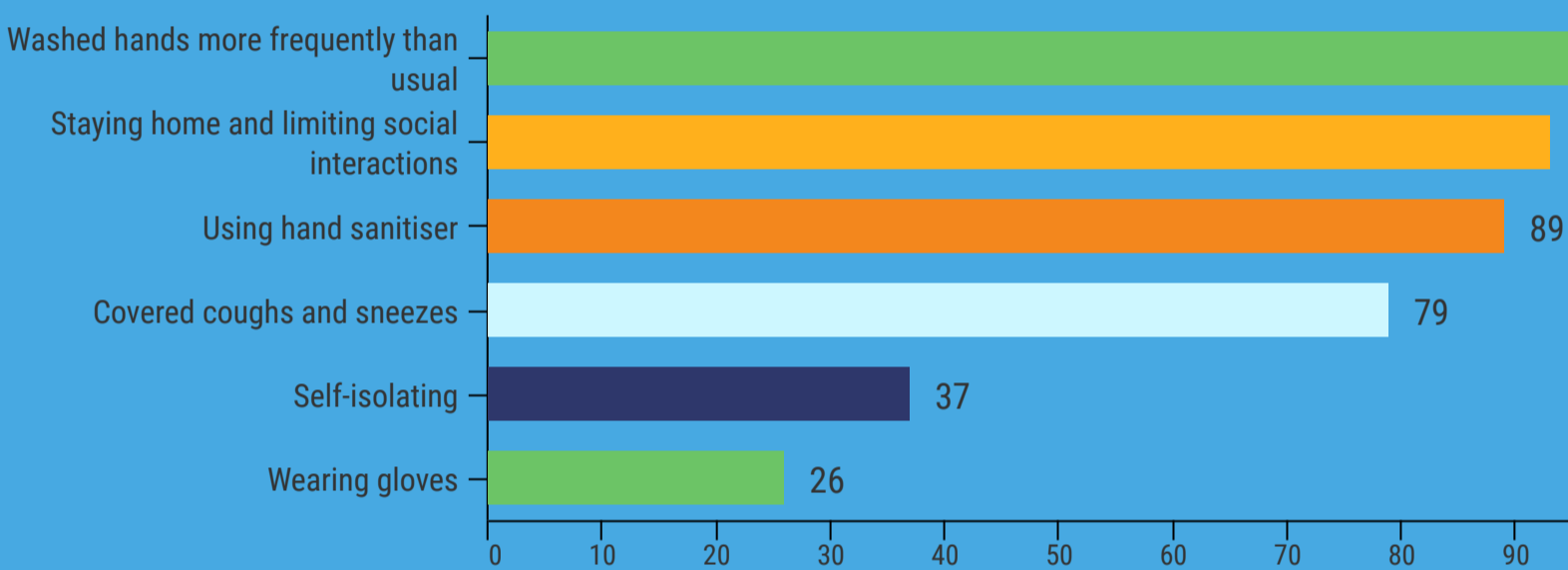
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PREVENTION

INFORMATION SOURCES ABOUT COVID-19

Main sources of trusted information on COVID-19²



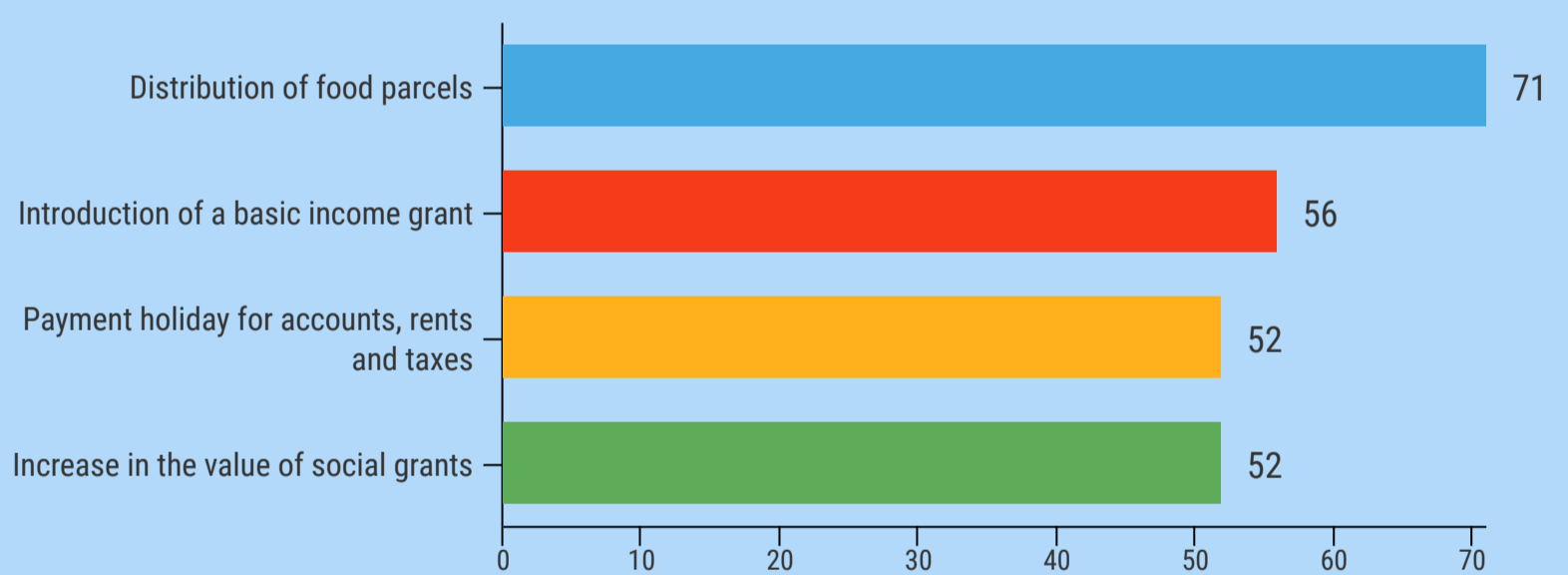
Strategies adopted to prevent COVID-19 infection²



STRATEGIES ADOPTED TO PREVENT INFECTION

POLICY PROPOSALS FAVOURED

Policy proposals with the most public support³



Percentage of respondents that agreed with these statements¹

"Lockdown will make it difficult to feed my family"

58%

"We do not have enough money to buy food during the lockdown"

24%

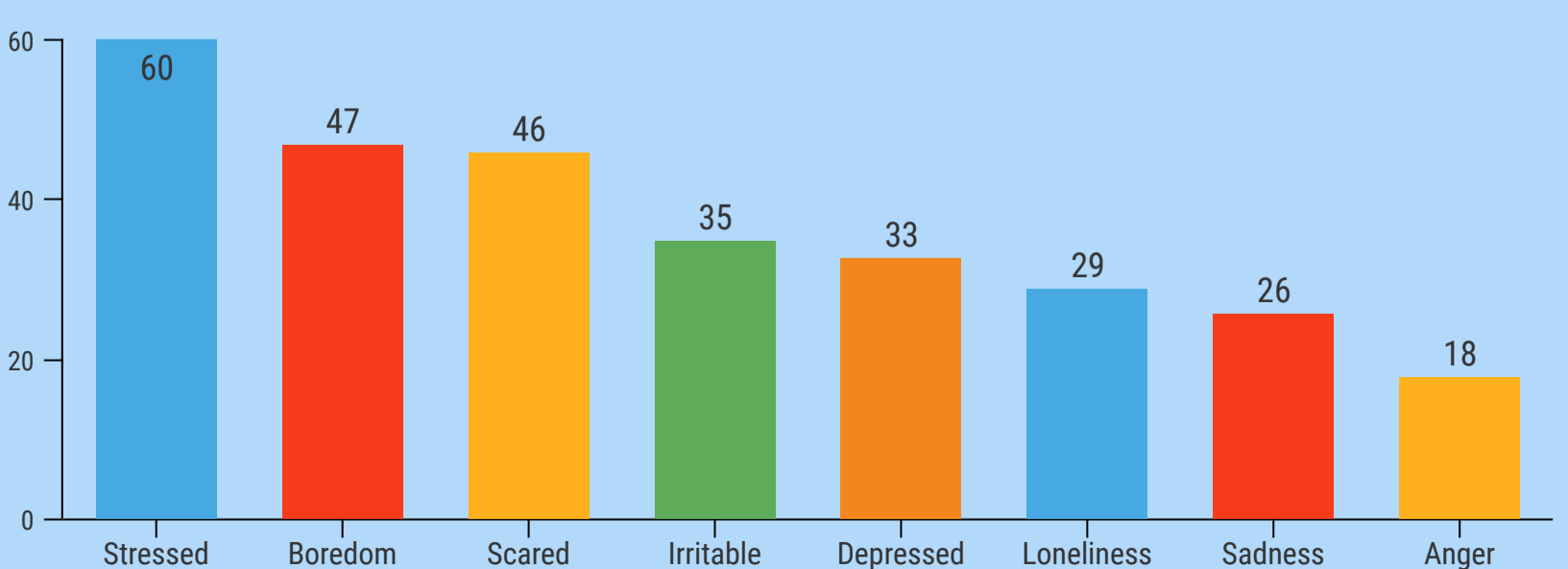
"Lockdown is making it difficult to keep my job"

45%

LOCKDOWN FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

FEELINGS DURING LOCKDOWN

Which of the following emotions have you felt frequently during the past week?⁴



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