

# Crime, Insecurity and Corruption

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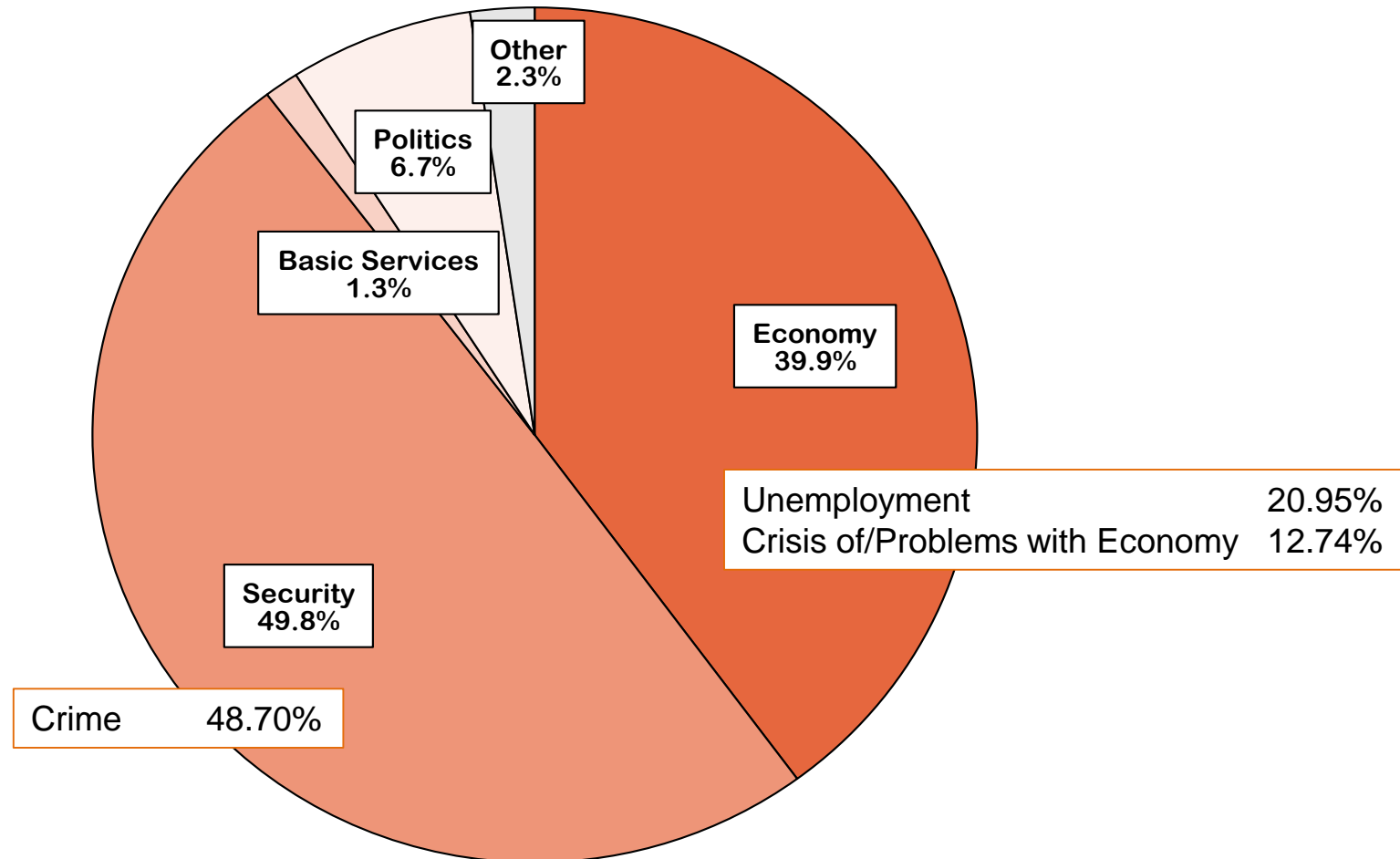
# Structure of the Presentation

- The most serious problem in the country
- Crime victimization and perceptions of insecurity
- Corruption victimization and perceptions of corruption

**The Most Serious Problem  
Facing the Country**

# Security (crime in particular) is perceived as the most serious problem in 2014

A4. In your opinion, what is the most serious problem faced by the country?

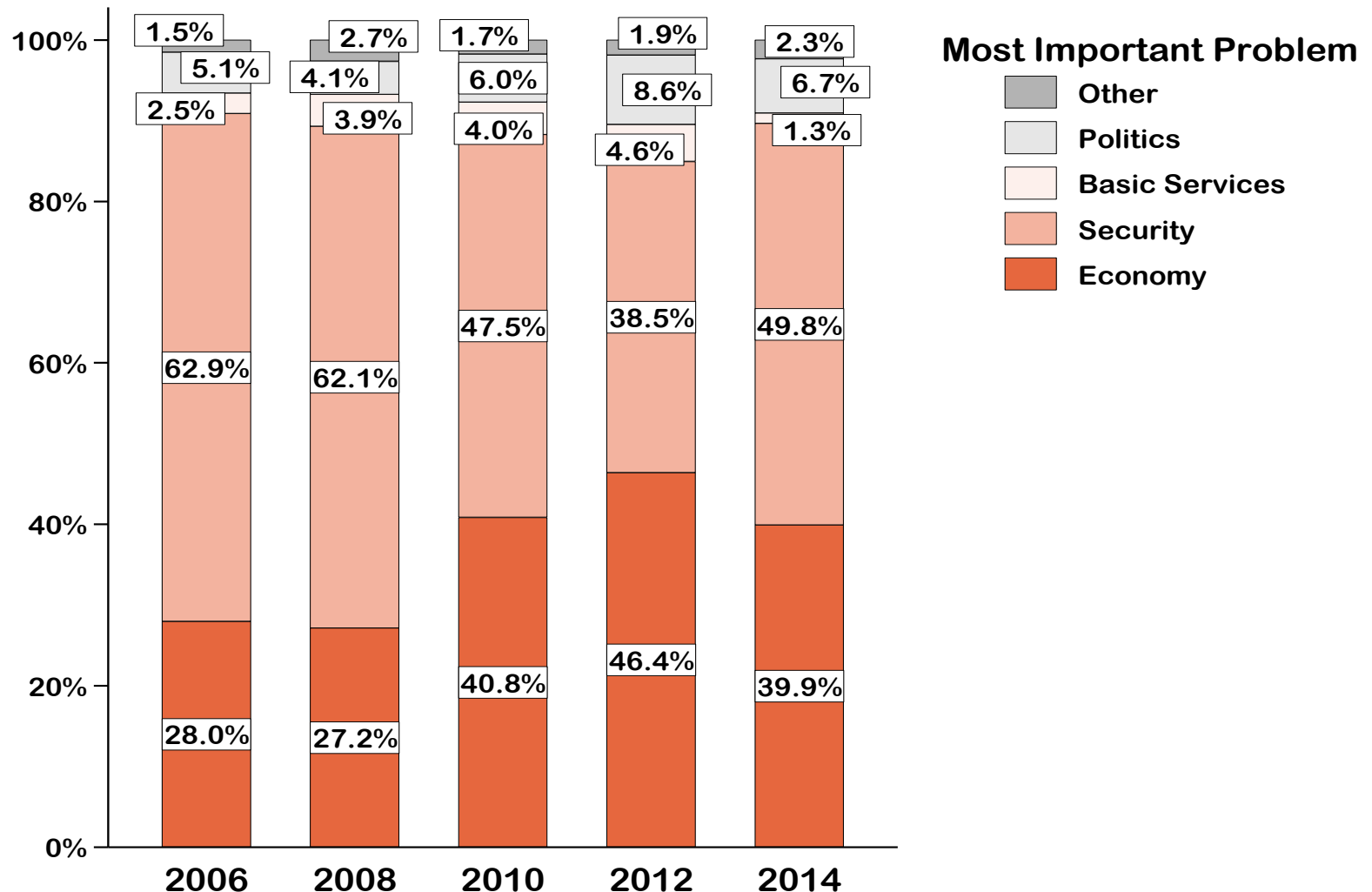


**Most Important Problem**

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# Concerns about different types of problems have remained fairly stable in Jamaica in recent years

A4. In your opinion, what is the most serious problem faced by the country?



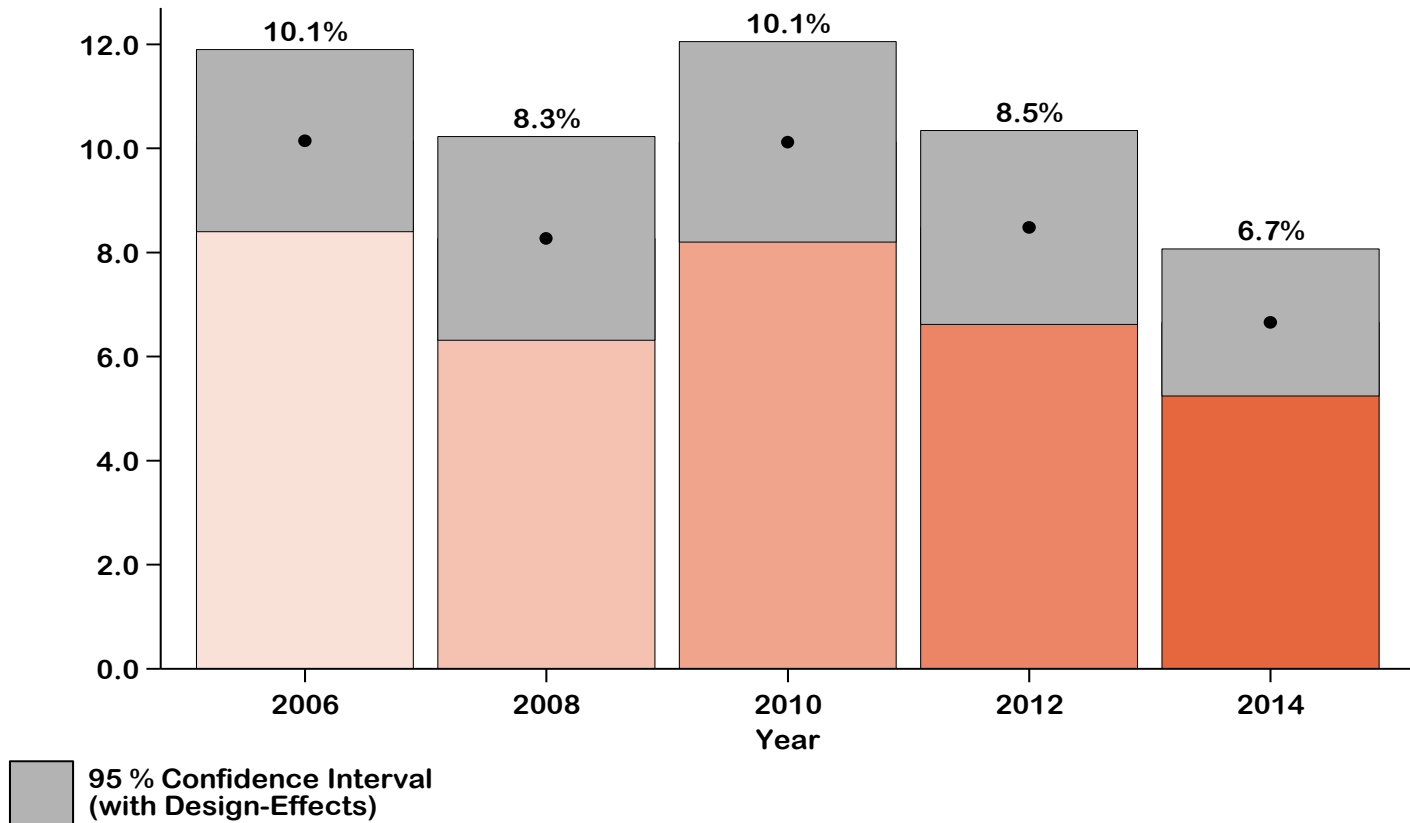
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# **Crime Victimization and Perceptions of Insecurity**

# Reports of crime victimization have decreased in recent years

**VIC1EXT.** Now, changing the subject, have you been a victim of any type of crime in the past 12 months? That is, have you been a victim of robbery, burglary, assault, fraud, blackmail, extortion, violent threats or any other type of crime in the past 12 months? (1) Yes (2) No

**Percentage that report being a victim of crime in the last 12 months, Jamaica 2014**



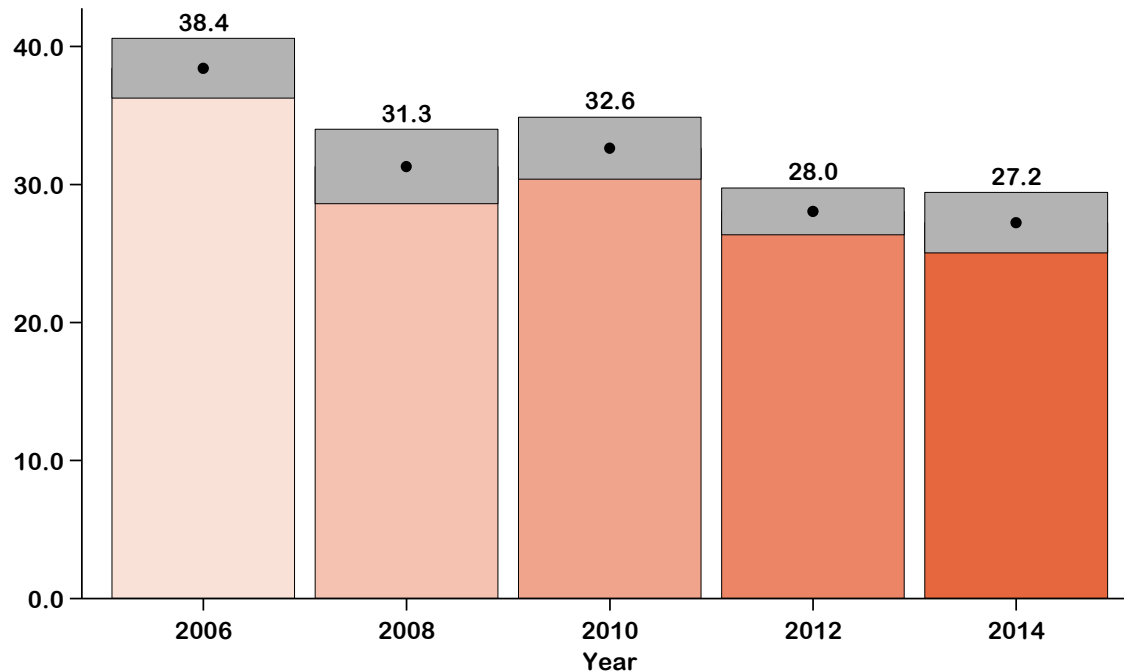
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# Perceptions of insecurity have decreased since 2006

**AOJ11.** Speaking of the neighbourhood where you live and thinking of the possibility of being assaulted or robbed, do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe?  
(1) Very safe (2) Somewhat safe (3) Somewhat unsafe (4) Very unsafe

The variable AOJ11 is recoded from 0-100, where 0 = Very safe and 100 = Very unsafe

**Average perception of insecurity in the last 12 months in Jamaica**



95 % Confidence Interval  
(with Design-Effects)

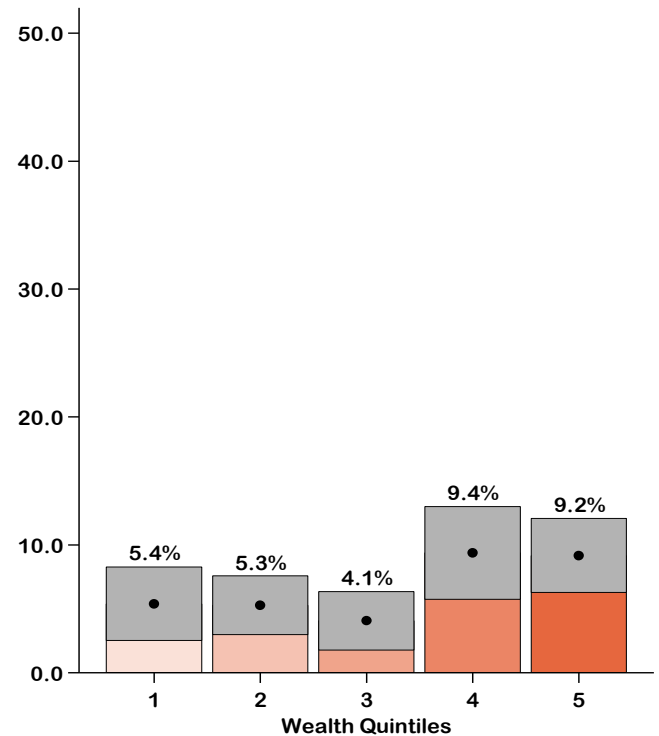
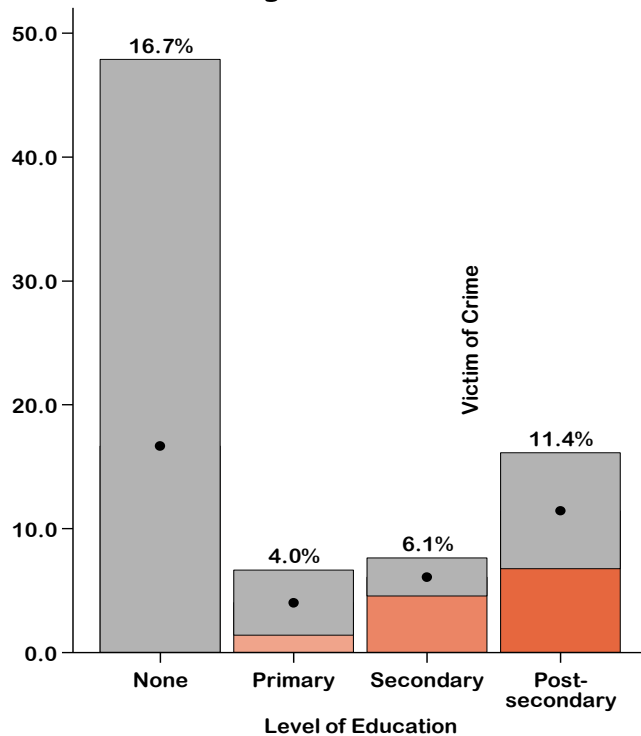
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# Those with higher levels of wealth report greater rates of crime victimization

**National  
Average:  
6.7%**

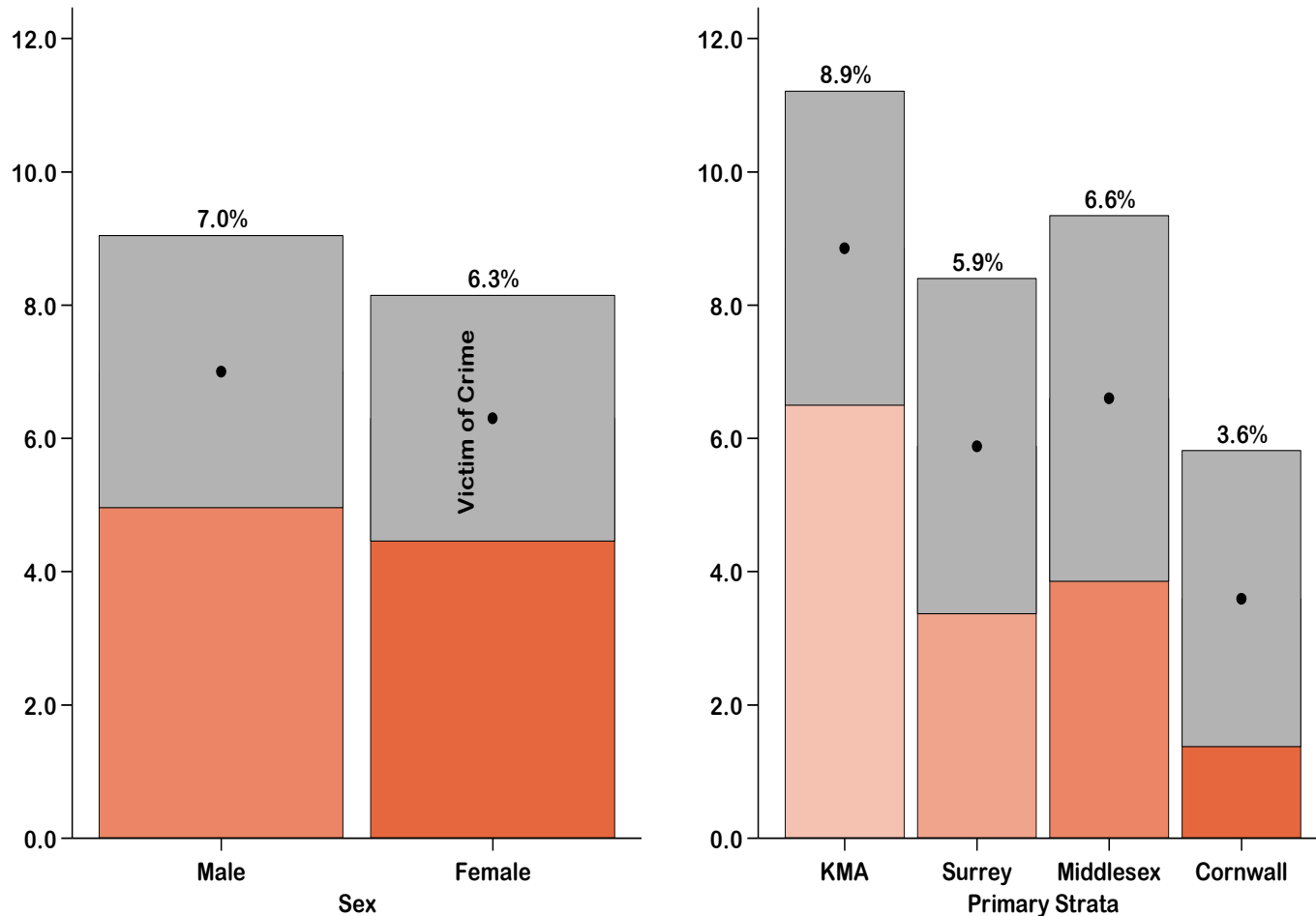
**Percentage that report being a victim of crime in the last 12 months by education level and wealth, Jamaica 2014**



95 % Confidence Interval (with Design-Effects)

# Capital city residents report higher rates of crime victimization

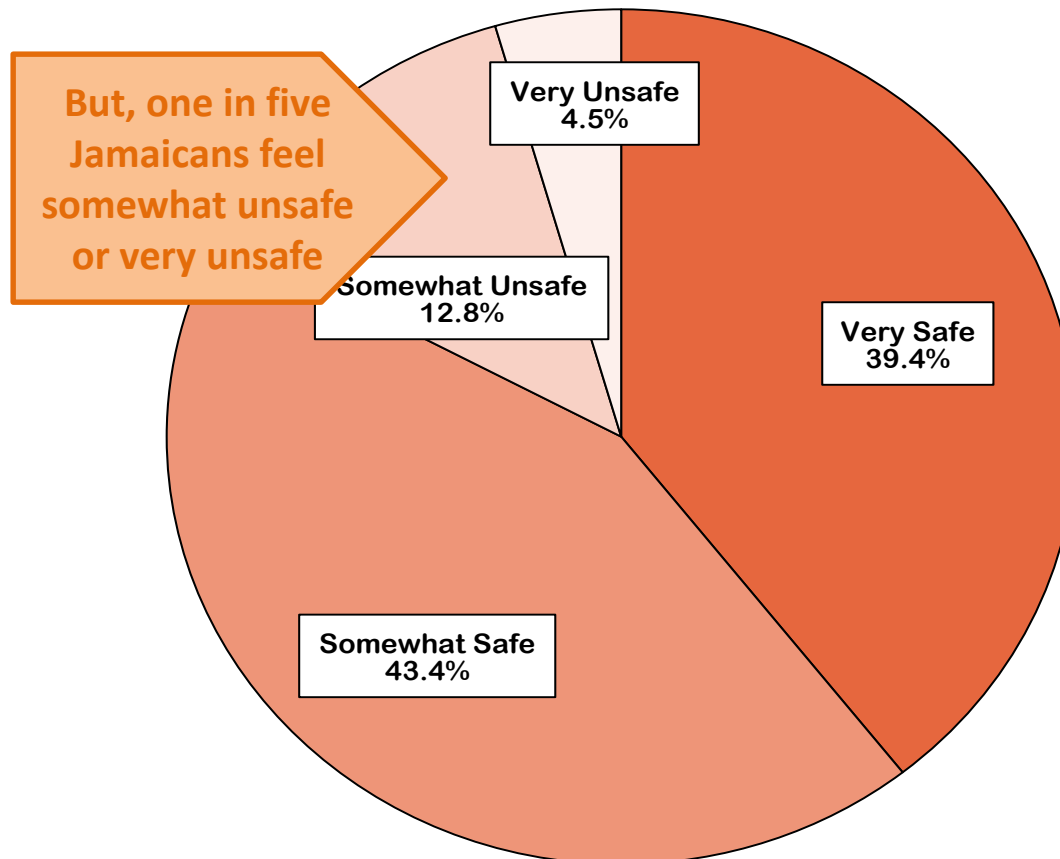
Percentage that report being a victim of crime in the last 12 months by gender and place of residence, Jamaica 2014



95 % Confidence Interval (with Design-Effects)

# Most Jamaicans feel at least somewhat safe in their neighbourhood

**AOJ11.** Speaking of the neighbourhood where you live and thinking of the possibility of being assaulted or robbed, do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe?  
(1) Very safe (2) Somewhat safe (3) Somewhat unsafe (4) Very unsafe



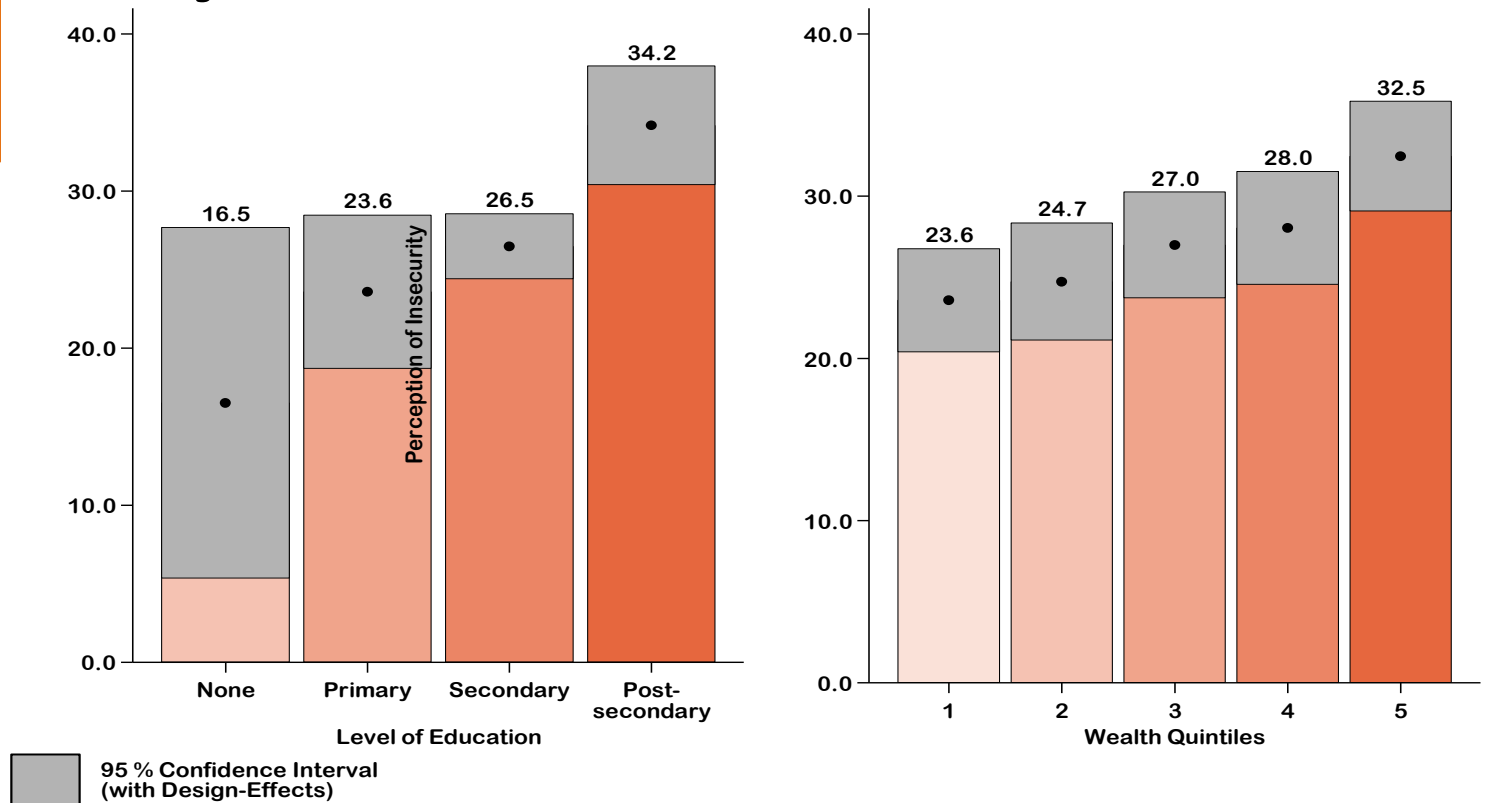
**Perception of Neighbourhood Security**

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# Those with the highest levels of education and wealth have higher perceptions of insecurity

National  
Average:  
27.2

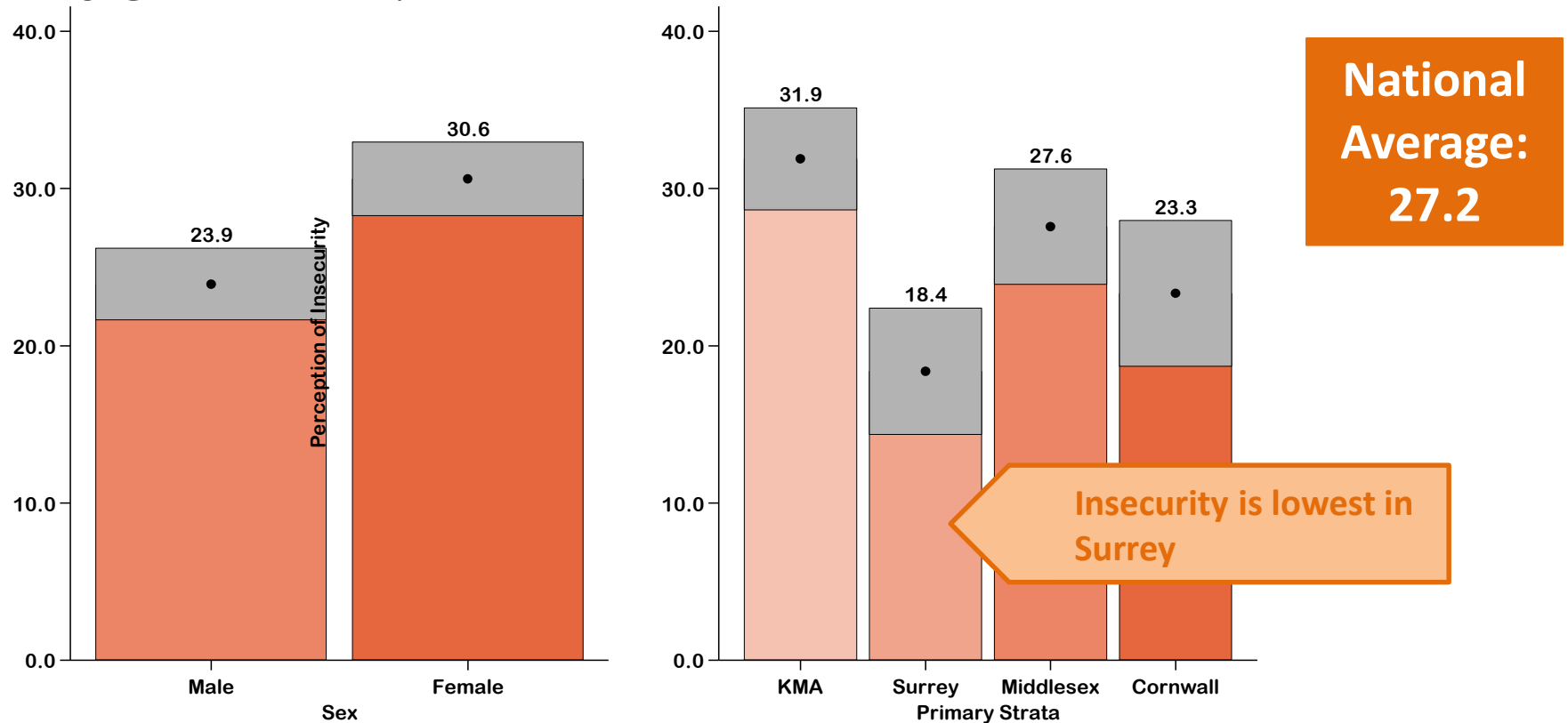
## Average perception of insecurity in the last 12 months by education level and wealth, Jamaica 2014



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# Women and capital city residents report higher perceptions of insecurity

## Average perception of insecurity in the last 12 months by gender and place of residence, Jamaica 2014



95 % Confidence Interval (with Design-Effects)

# **Corruption Victimization and Perceptions of Corruption**

# Corruption victimization in 2014

**EXC2.** Has a police officer asked you for a bribe in the last twelve months?

**EXC6.** In the last twelve months, did any government employee ask you for a bribe?

**EXC11.** In the last twelve months, to process any kind of document in your local government, like a permit for example, did you have to pay any money above that required by law?

**EXC13.** In your work, have you been asked to pay a bribe in the last twelve months?

**EXC14.** Did you have to pay a bribe to the courts in the last twelve months?

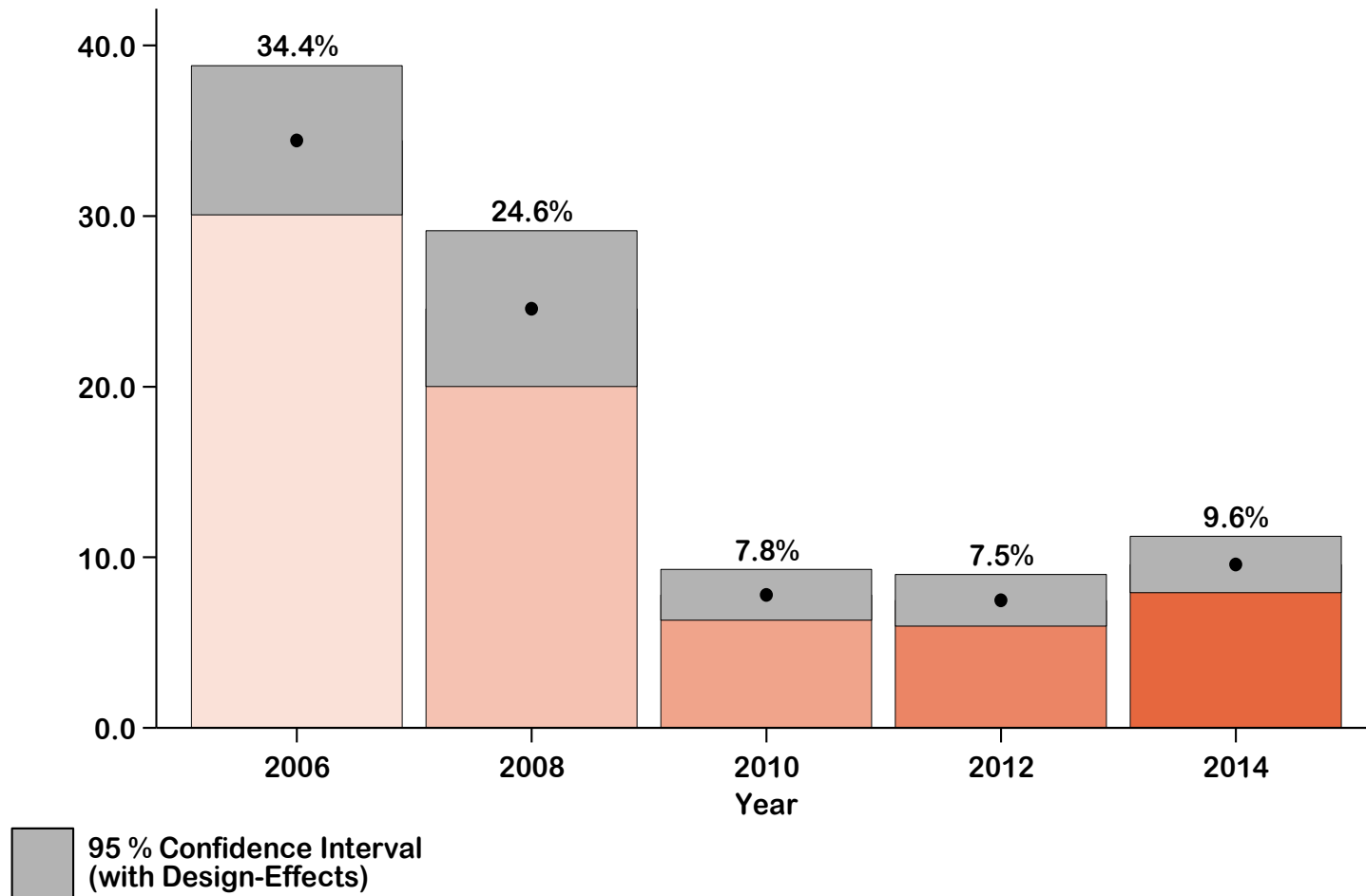
**EXC15.** In order to be seen in a hospital or a clinic in the last twelve months, did you have to pay a bribe?

**EXC16.** Have you had to pay a bribe at school in the last twelve months?

\*This series of corruption victimization is converted to an index and then the percentage of respondents who were victims is calculated.

# In 2010 to 2014, reports of corruption victimization are much lower than in 2006 and 2008

Percentage who report being victim of corruption in the last 12 months, Jamaica 2014



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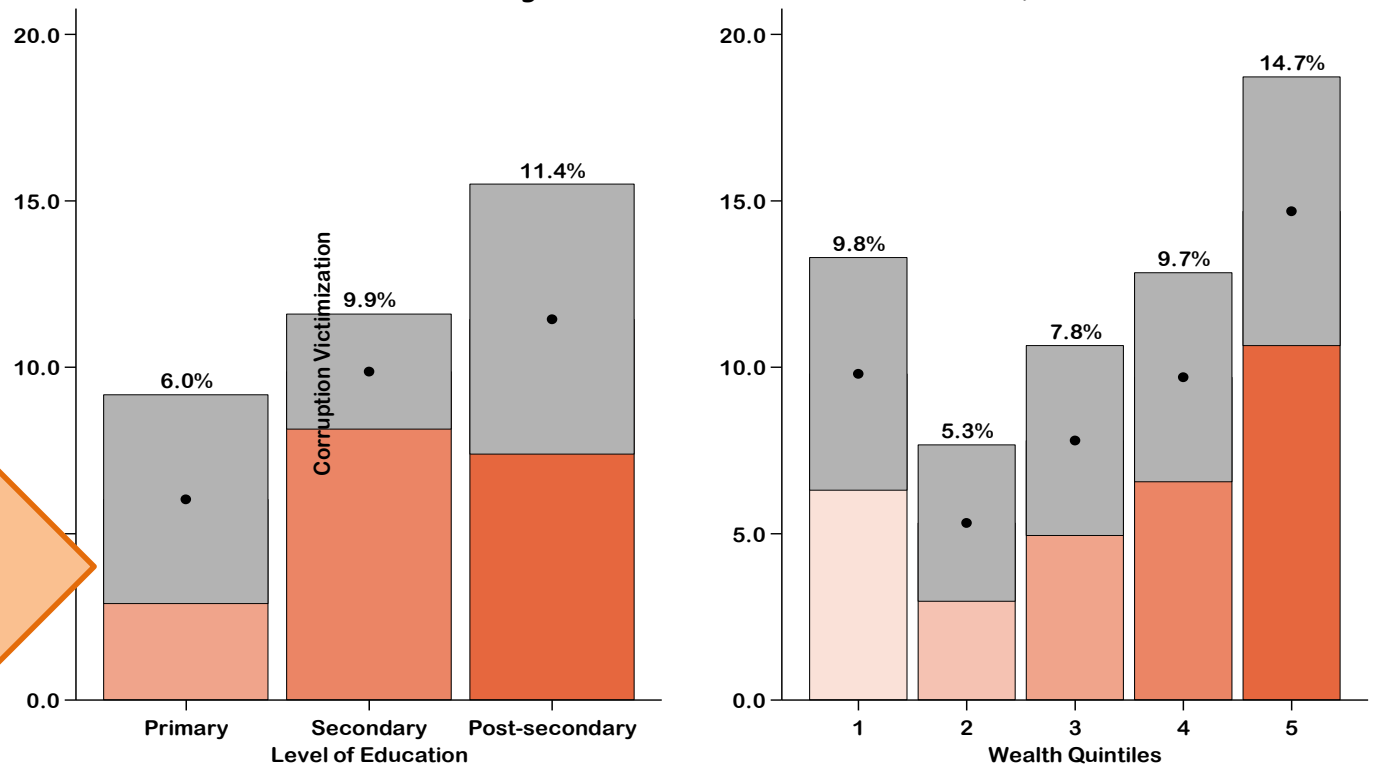


# Those with the highest level of wealth report a higher level of corruption victimization

**National average: 9.6%**

Those with primary education report low levels

**Percentage who report being victim of corruption in the last 12 months by education and wealth, Jamaica 2014**



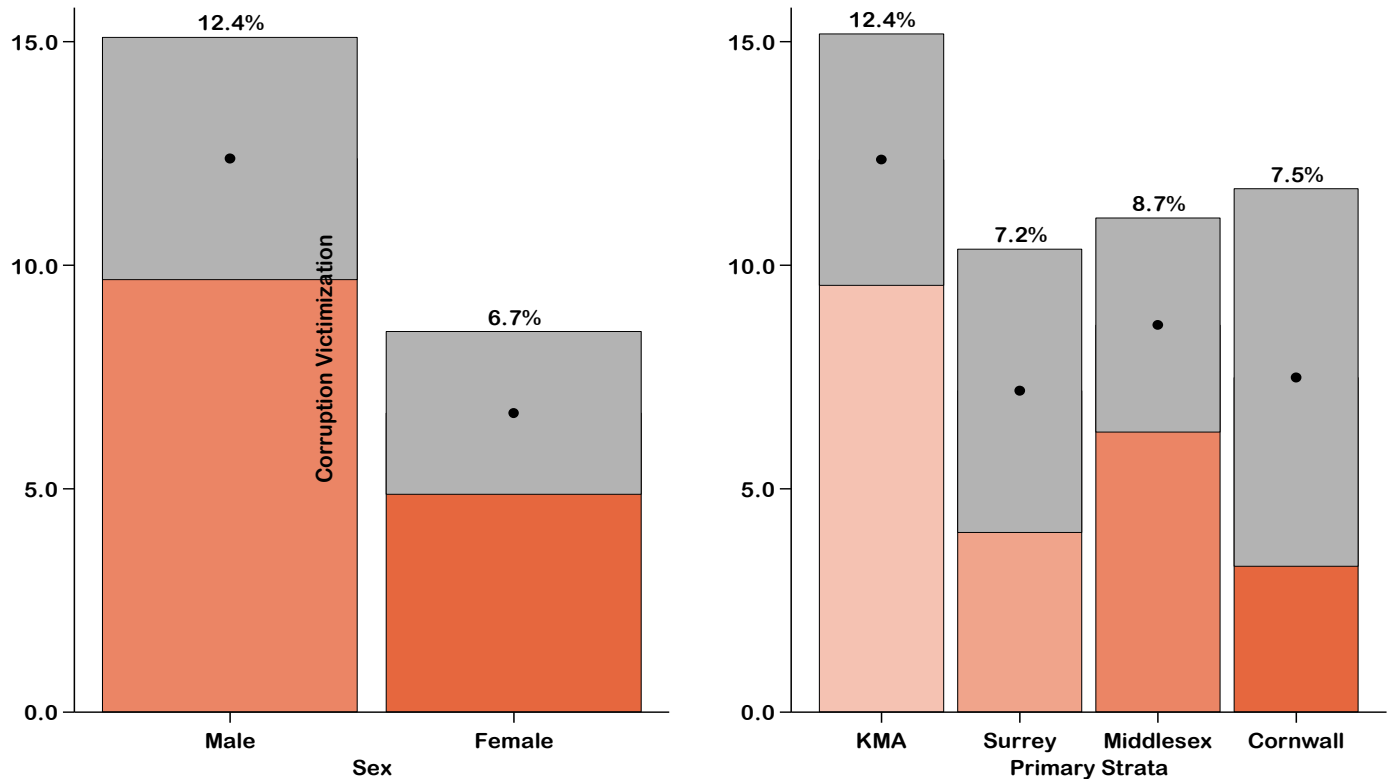
95 % Confidence Interval (with Design-Effects)

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# Men and capital city residents report higher rates of corruption victimization

**National average: 9.6%**

Percentage who report being victim of corruption in the last 12 months by gender and place of residence, Jamaica 2014



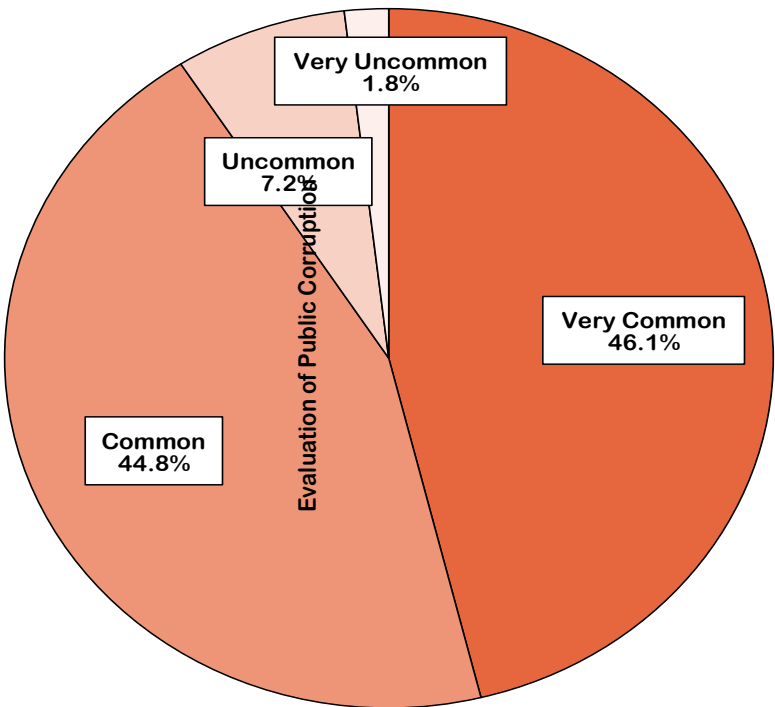
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# Most Jamaicans believe corruption is commonplace and these perceptions are stable over time

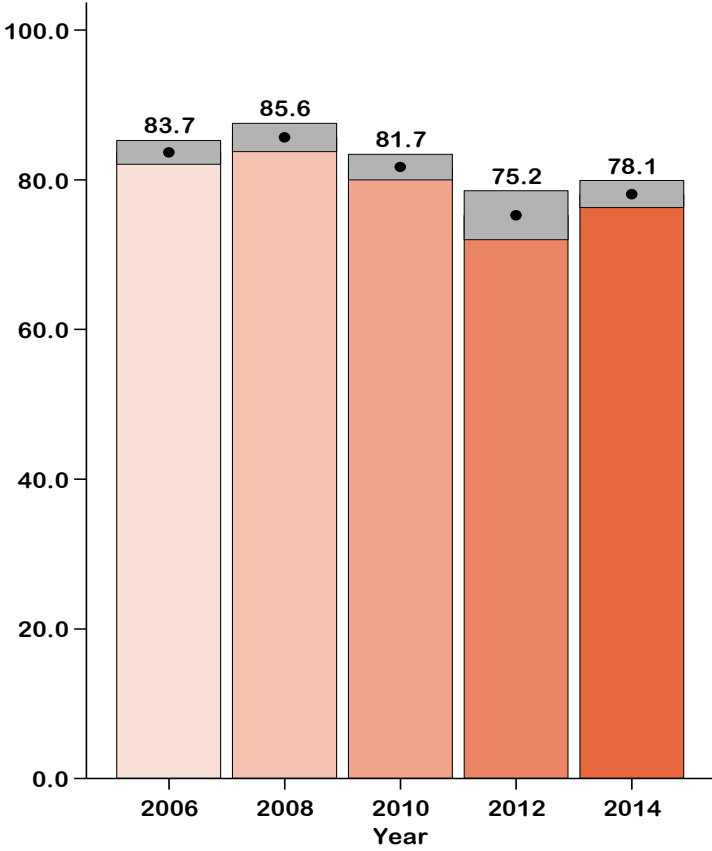
EXC7. Taking into account your own experience or what you have heard, corruption among public officials is:  
 (1) Very common      (2) Common      (3) Uncommon or      (4) Very uncommon?

### Perception of Public Corruption



2014

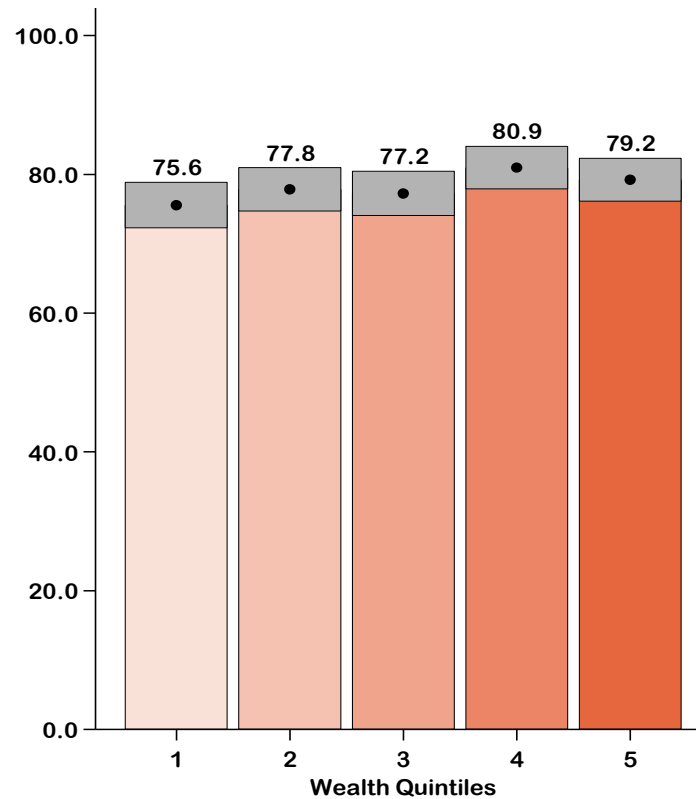
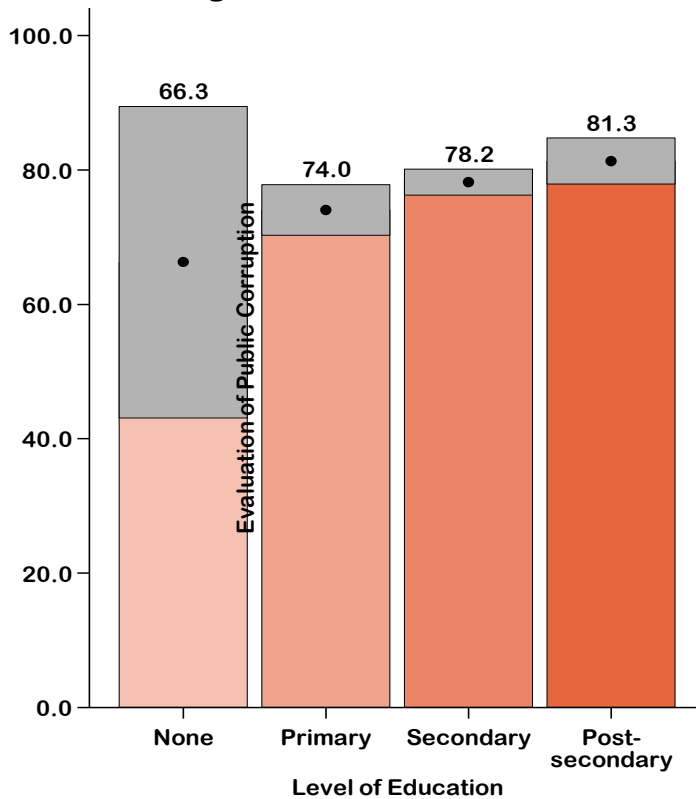
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# No statistically significant differences across education or wealth subgroups classes in terms of corruption perception

## Average perception of corruption by education and wealth, Jamaica 2014



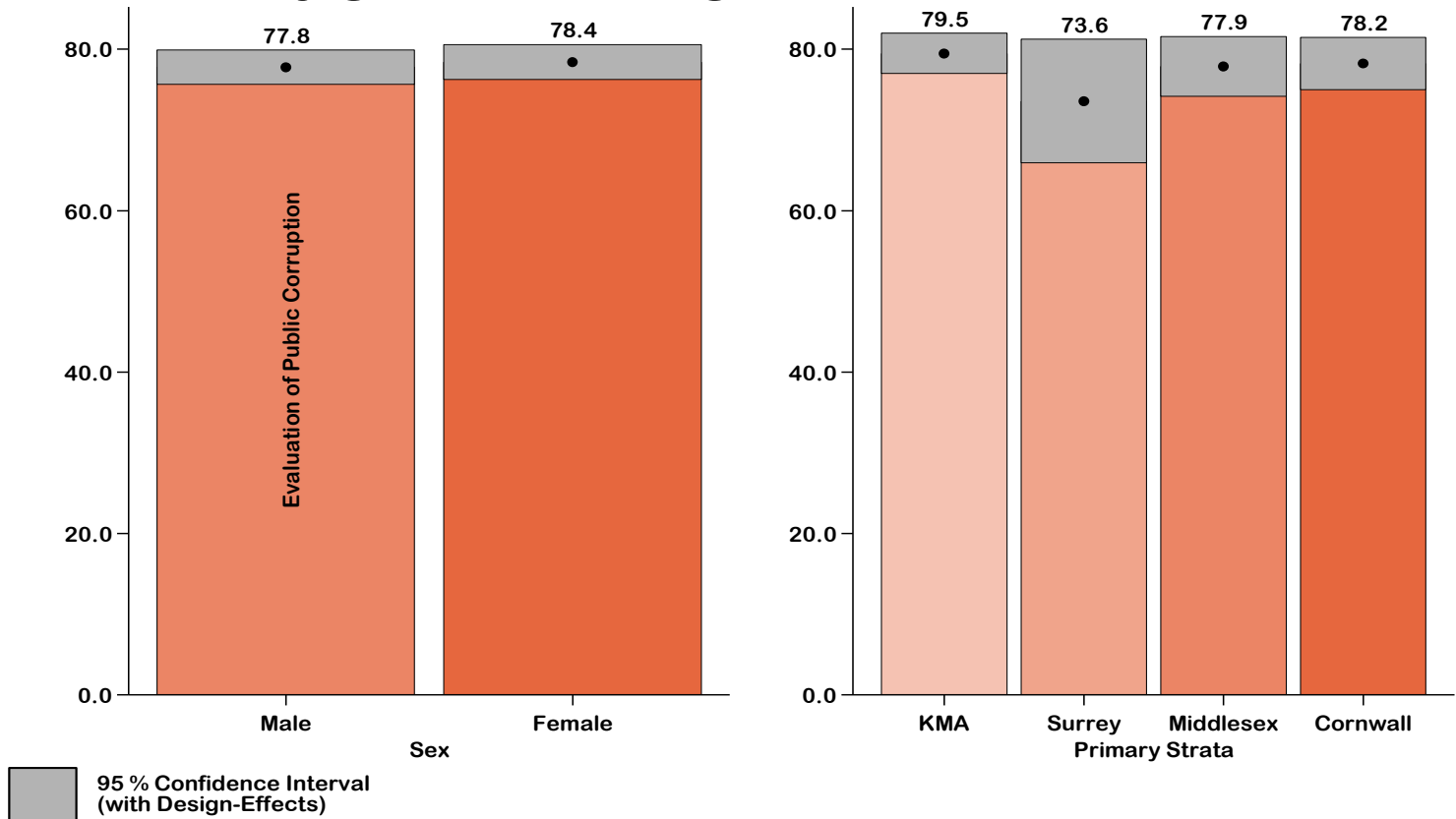
**National Average: 78.1**

95 % Confidence Interval (with Design-Effects)

# There are also no significant differences in corruption perceptions by gender or region

National  
Average:  
78.1

### Average perception of corruption by gender and region, Jamaica 2014

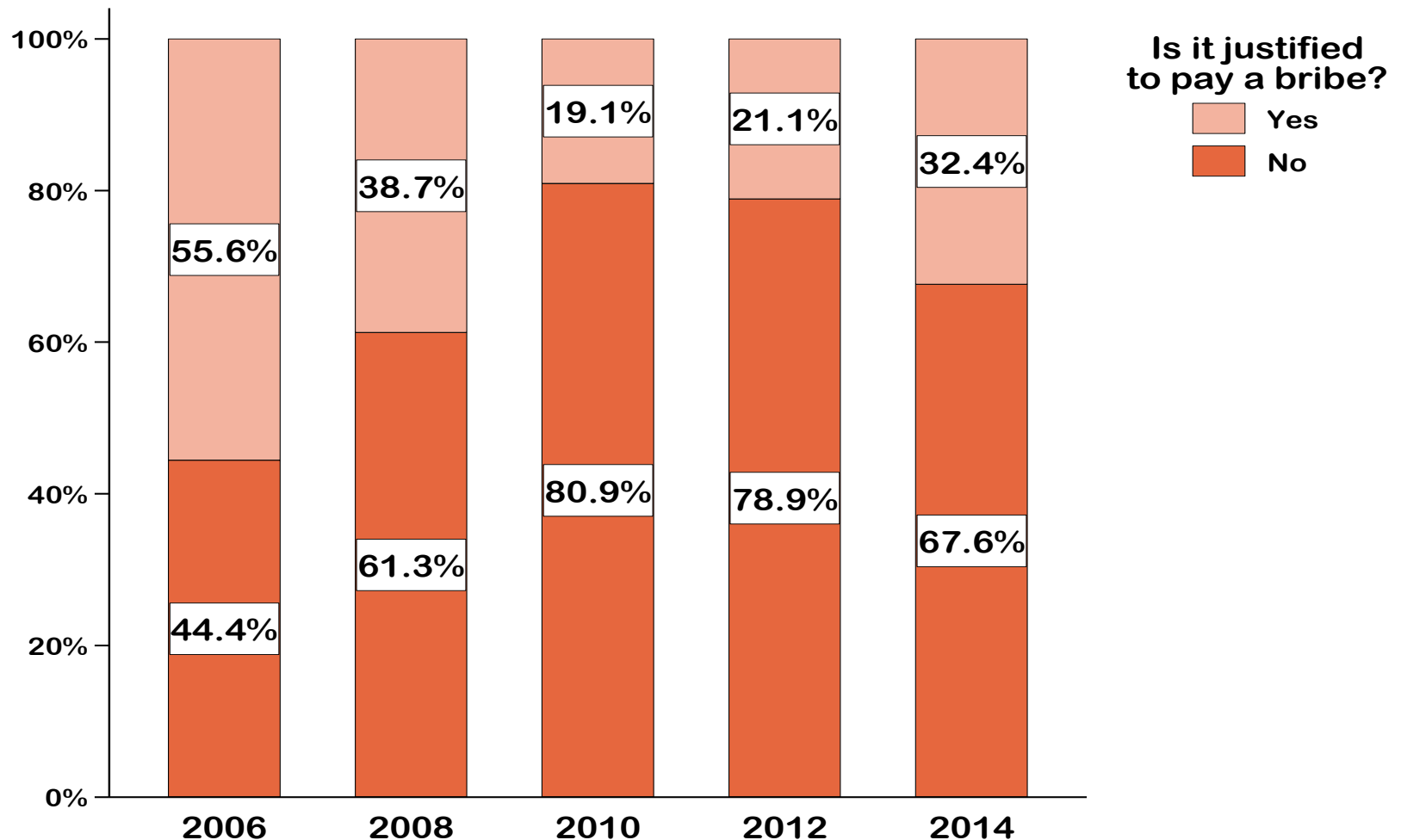


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# In 2014, one third of Jamaicans justifies paying a bribe

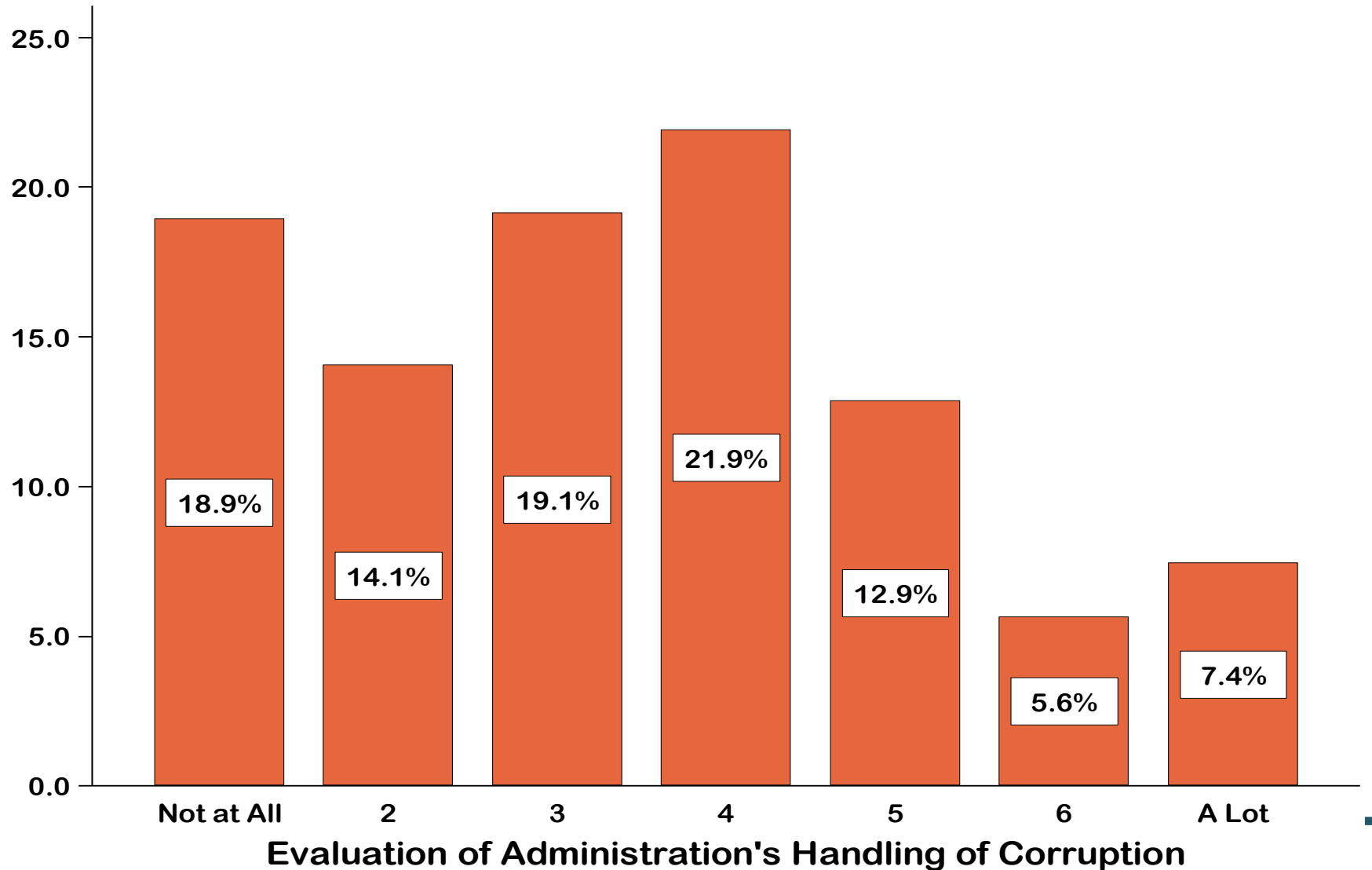
**EXC18.** Do you think given the way things are, sometimes paying a bribe is justified?

(1) Yes (2) No



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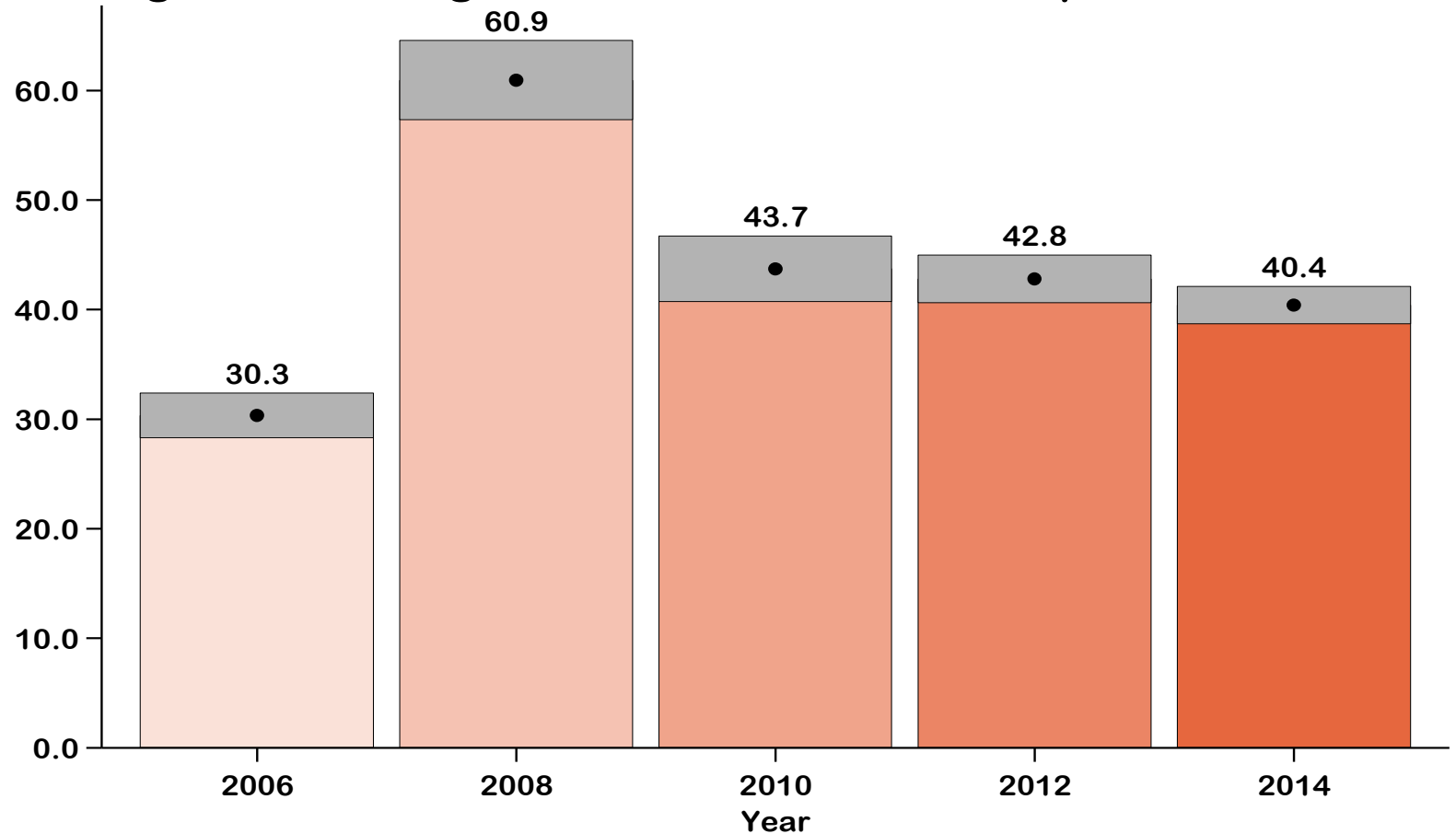
# Level of satisfaction with the fight against corruption



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# Levels of satisfaction with the fight against corruption have decreased in recent years

Average belief that government combats corruption in Jamaica



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