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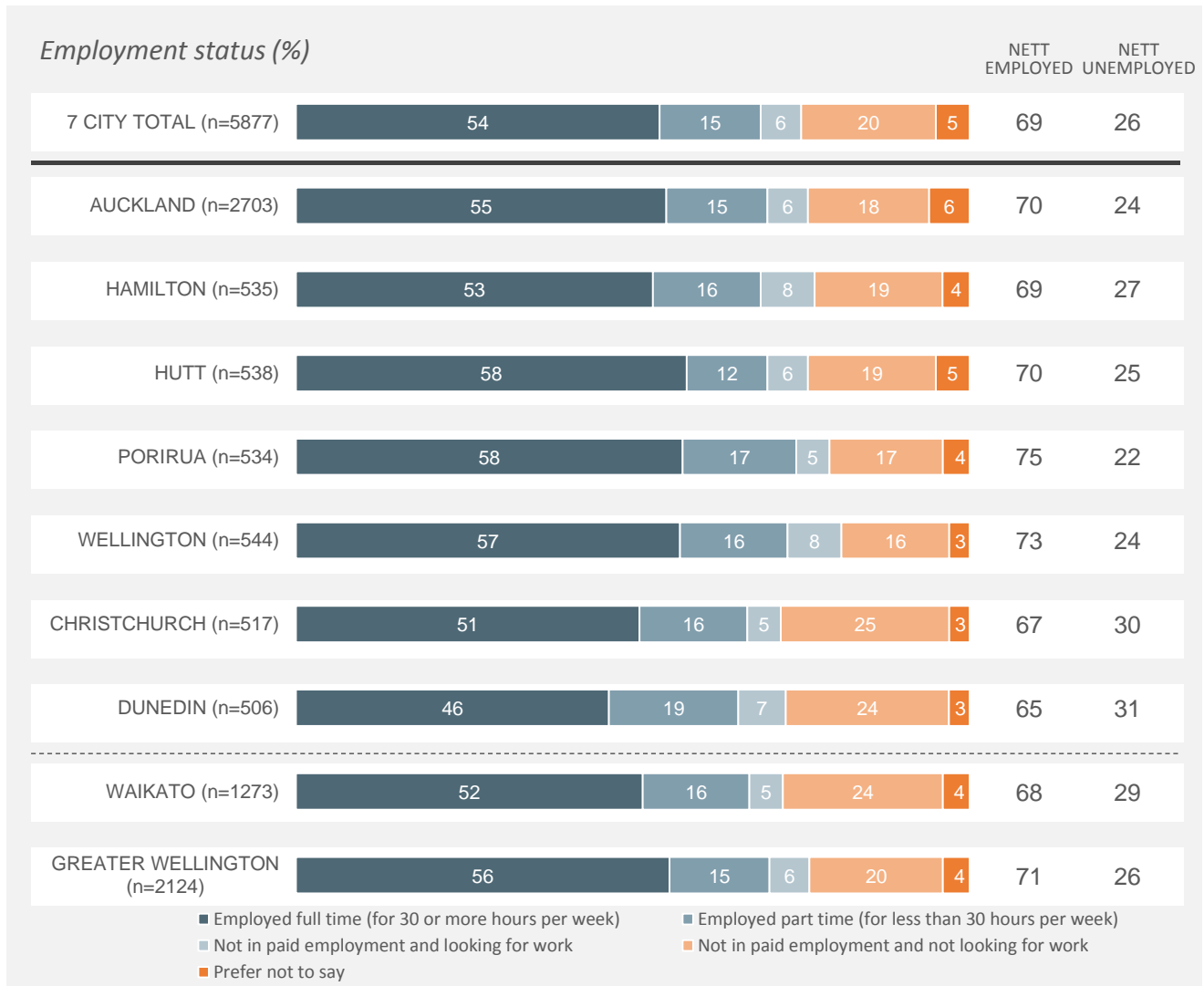
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## 10. ECONOMIC WELLBEING

This section reports on respondents' employment status, perceptions of their work/life balance, and their ability to cover costs of everyday needs.

### 10.1 Employment status

Seven in ten (69%) respondents were employed in either full-time (54%) or part-time (15%) work, and a further 6% were currently seeking work.



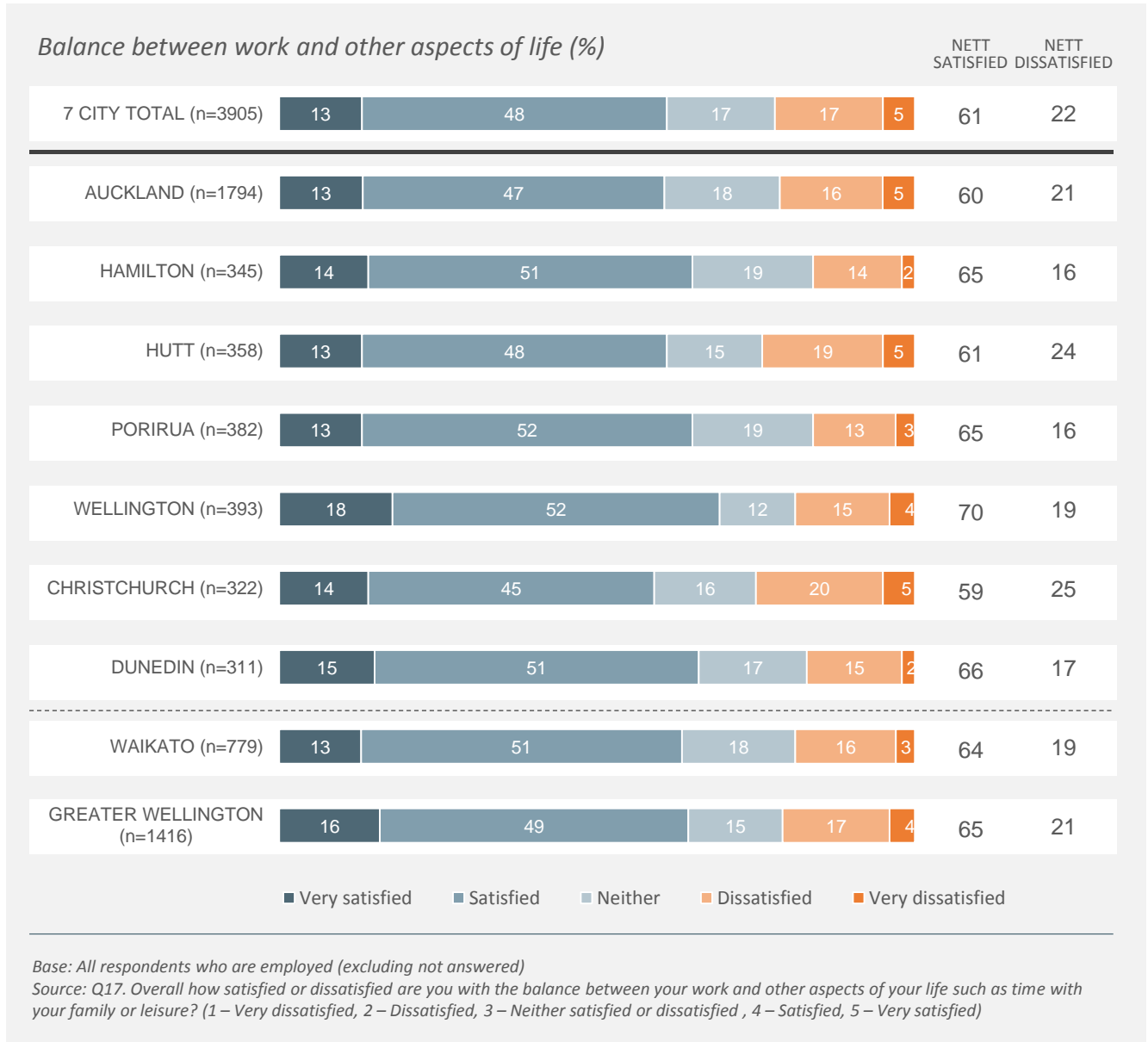
Base: All respondents (excluding not answered)

Source: Q16. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Employed means you undertake work for pay, profit or other income, or do any work in a family business without pay. (1 – Employed full time (for 30 or more hours per week), 2 – Employed part time (for less than 30 hours per week), 3 – Not in paid employment and looking for work, 4 – Not in paid employment and not looking for work (e.g. full-time parent, retired person), 5 – Prefer not to say)

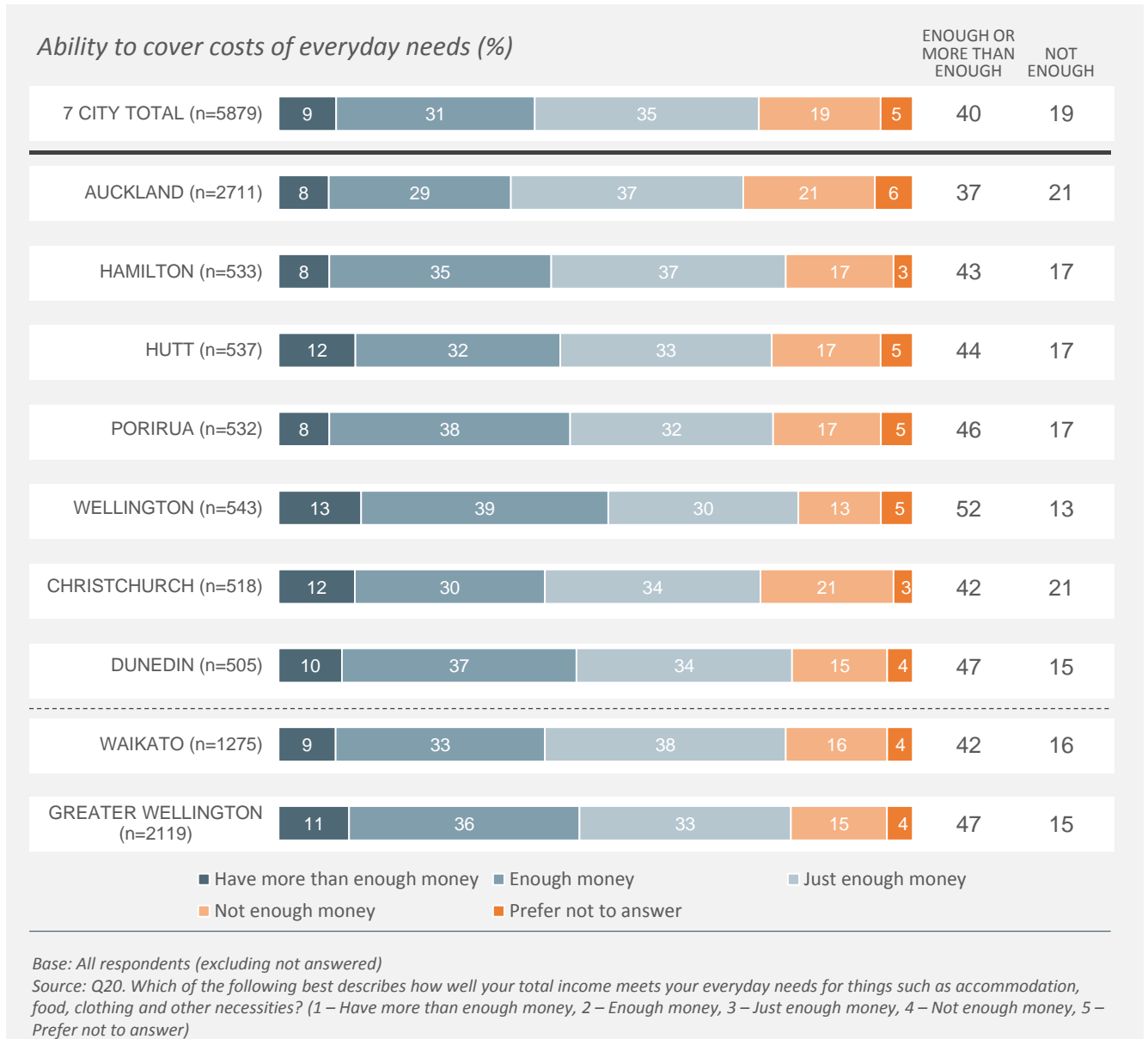
## 10.2 Balance between work and other aspects of life

Six in ten (61%) employed respondents were satisfied with the balance of work and other aspects of their life.



### 10.3 Ability to cover costs of everyday needs

Four in ten (40%) respondents in the seven cities felt that they have more than enough, or enough money to meet their everyday needs for things such as accommodation, food, clothing and other necessities. Almost one in five (19%) felt they did not have enough money.



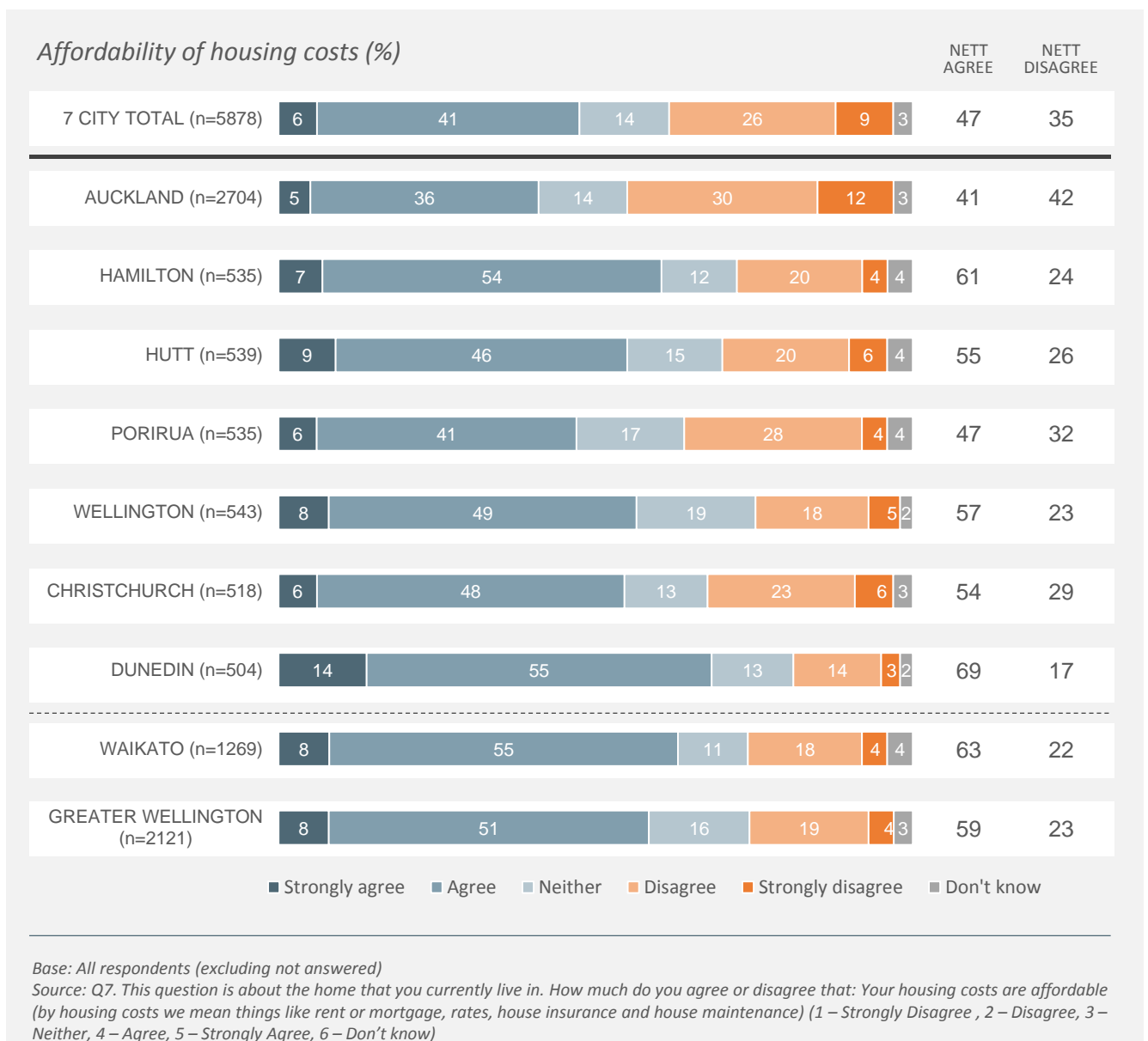
## 11. HOUSING

This section reports on respondents’ perceptions of housing affordability, access to a suitable dwelling type and location, and warmth of housing in winter.

Respondents were asked how much they agreed or disagreed with six statements related to their current housing situation. The first three questions related to affordability and general suitability of their home, and the subsequent three questions asked them to consider aspects of heating their home, during the winter months in particular.

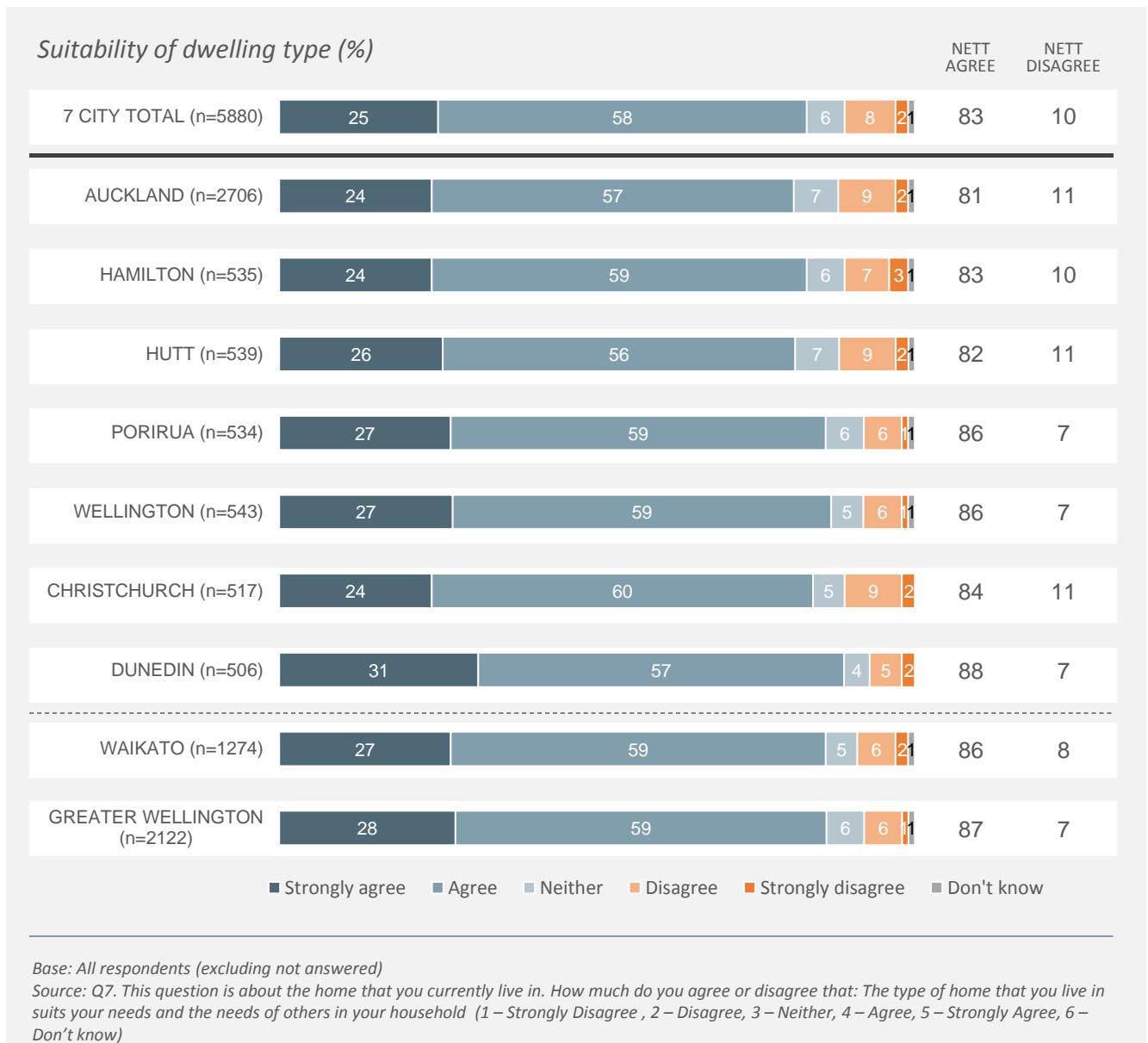
### 11.1 Affordability of housing costs

Just under half (47%) of respondents agreed that their current housing costs were affordable (housing costs included things like rent or mortgage, rates, house insurance and house maintenance).



## 11.2 Suitability of dwelling type

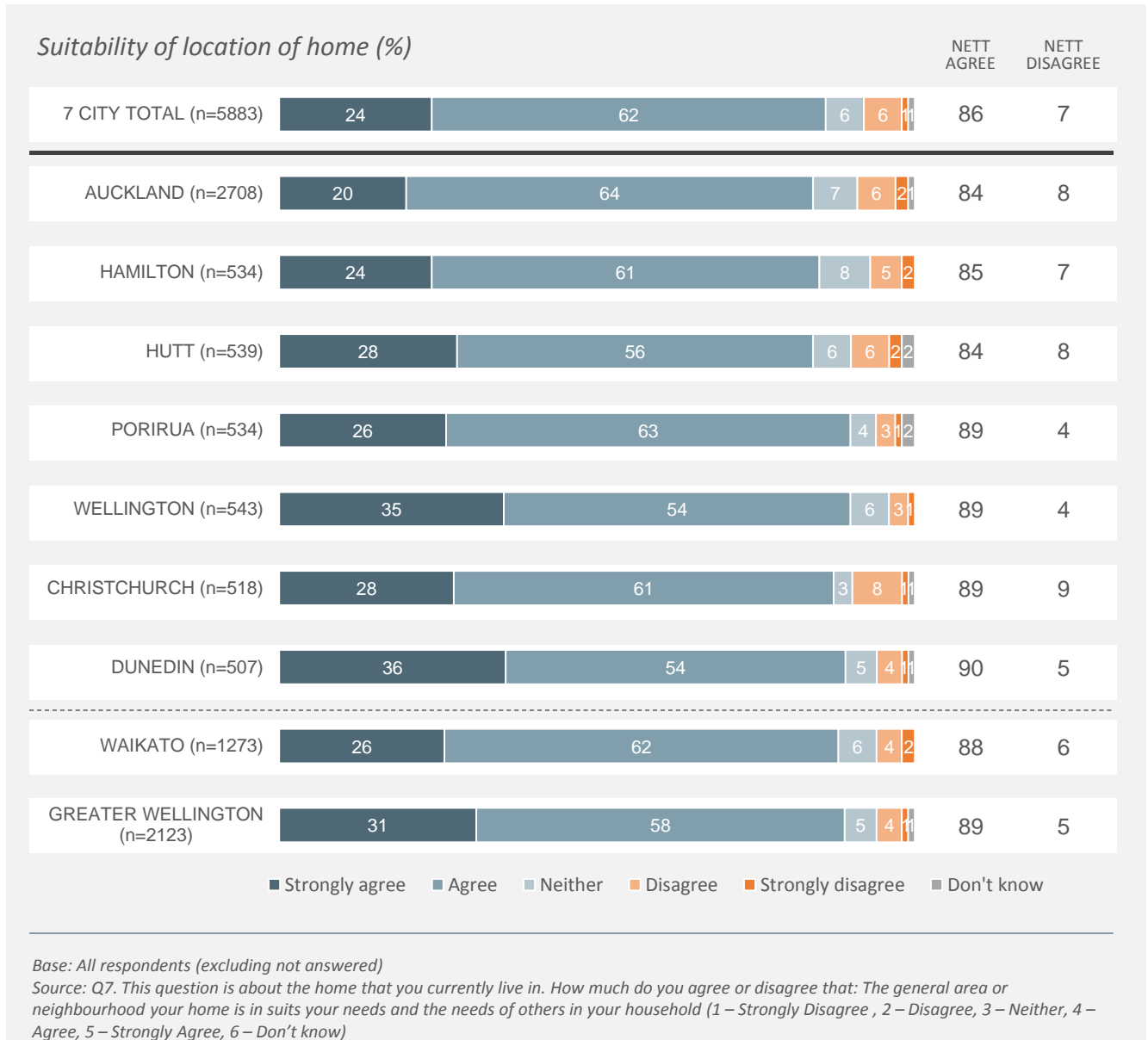
A large proportion (83%) of respondents agreed that the type of home they lived in suited their needs and the needs of others in their household.





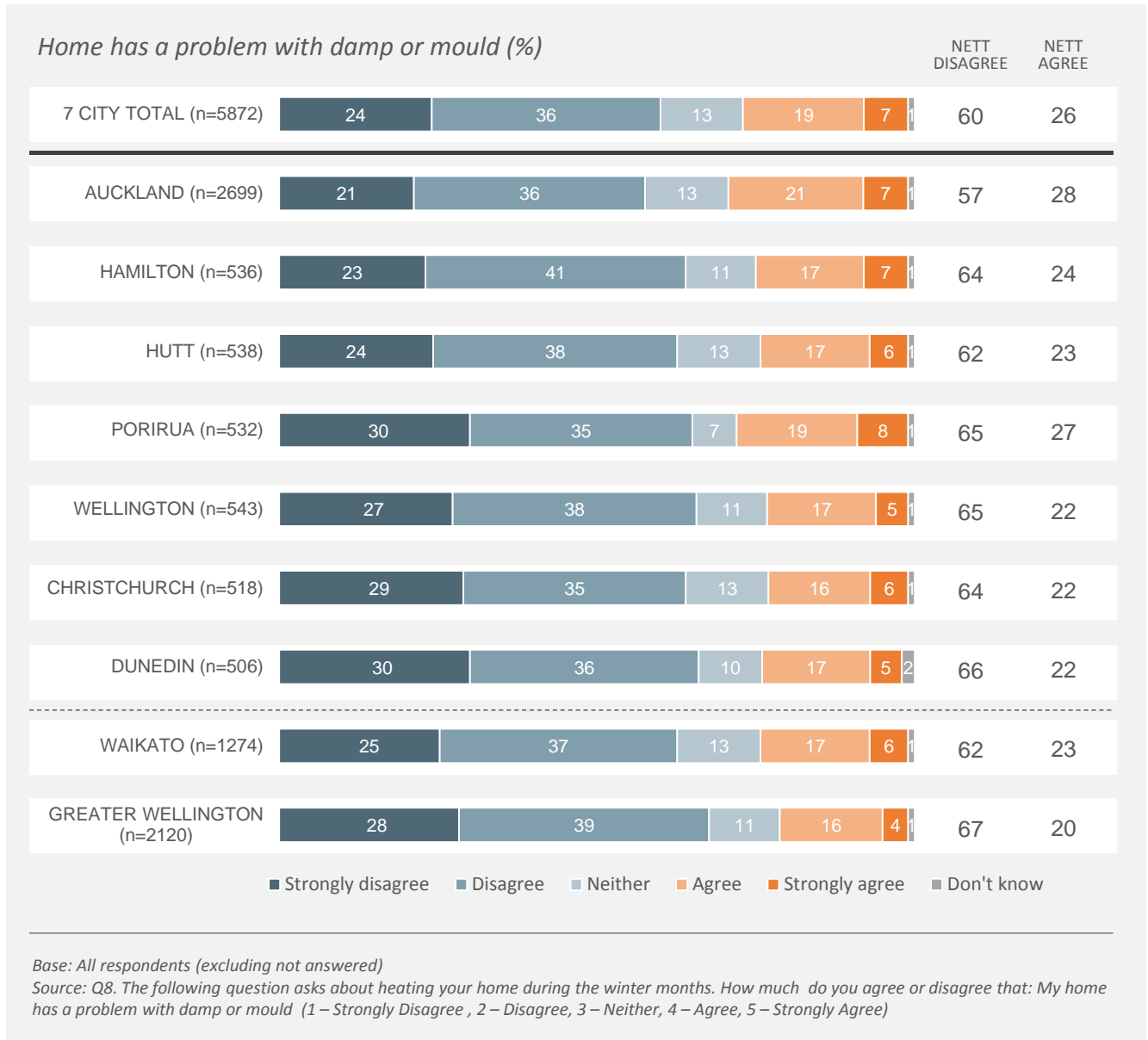
### 11.3 Suitability of location of home

A large proportion (86%) of respondents agreed that the general area, or neighbourhood, they lived in suited their needs and the needs of others in their household.



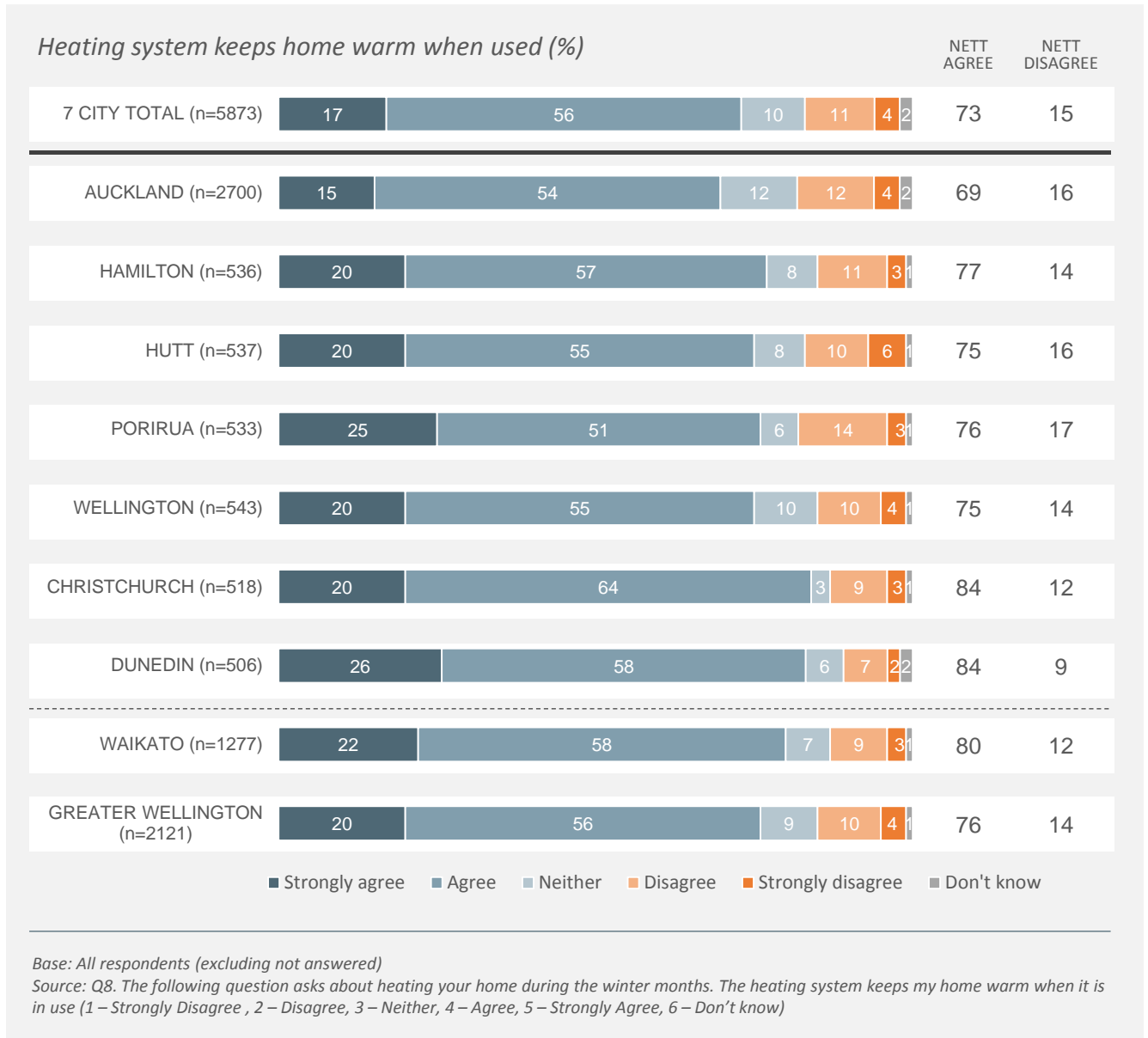
### 11.4 Home has a problem with damp or mould

Just over a quarter (26%) of respondents agreed that they had experienced problems with damp or mould in their home during winter.



### 11.5 Heating system keeps home warm when used

Three quarters (73%) of respondents agreed that their heating system keeps their home warm when it is in use during winter.



## 11.6 Can afford to heat home properly

Just under two thirds (64%) of respondents agreed that they can afford to heat their home properly during winter.

