



Cancer and Work Survey 2023

Work-life circumstances and challenges of
working-age cancer survivors in Finland



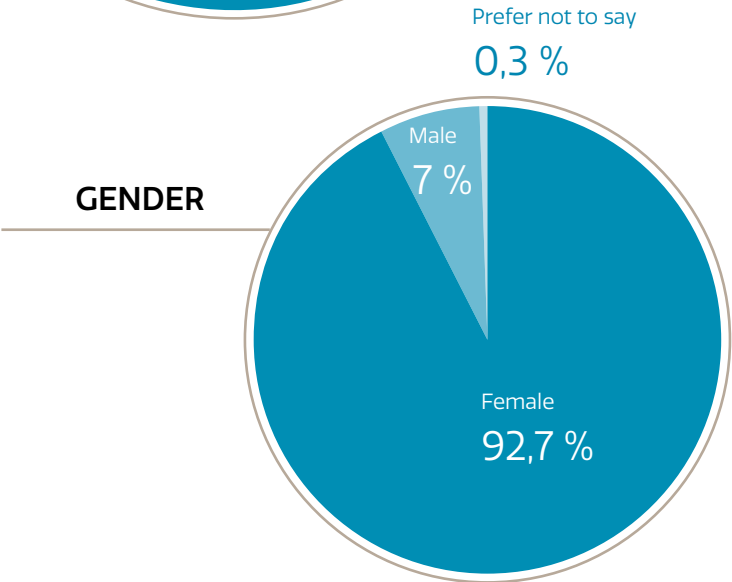
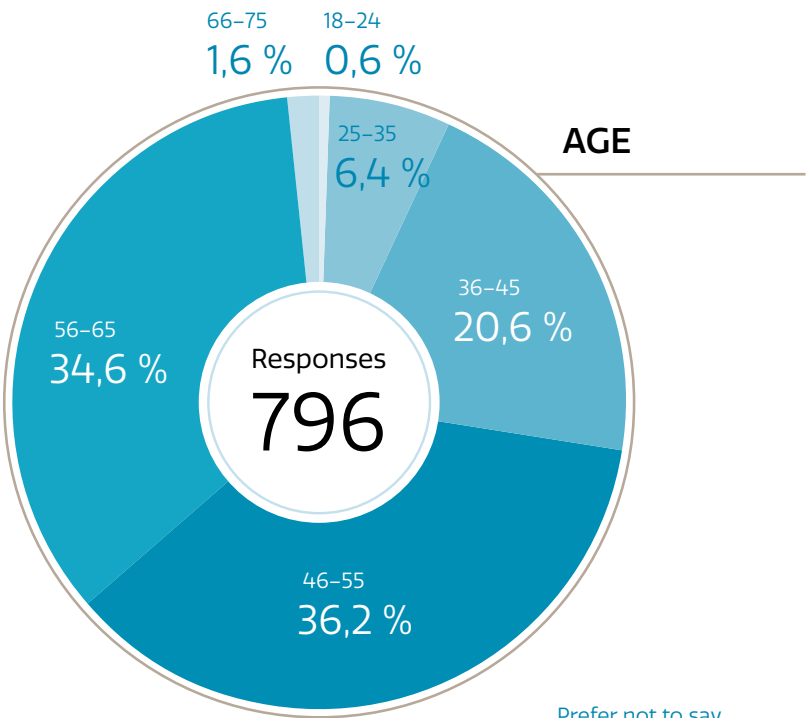
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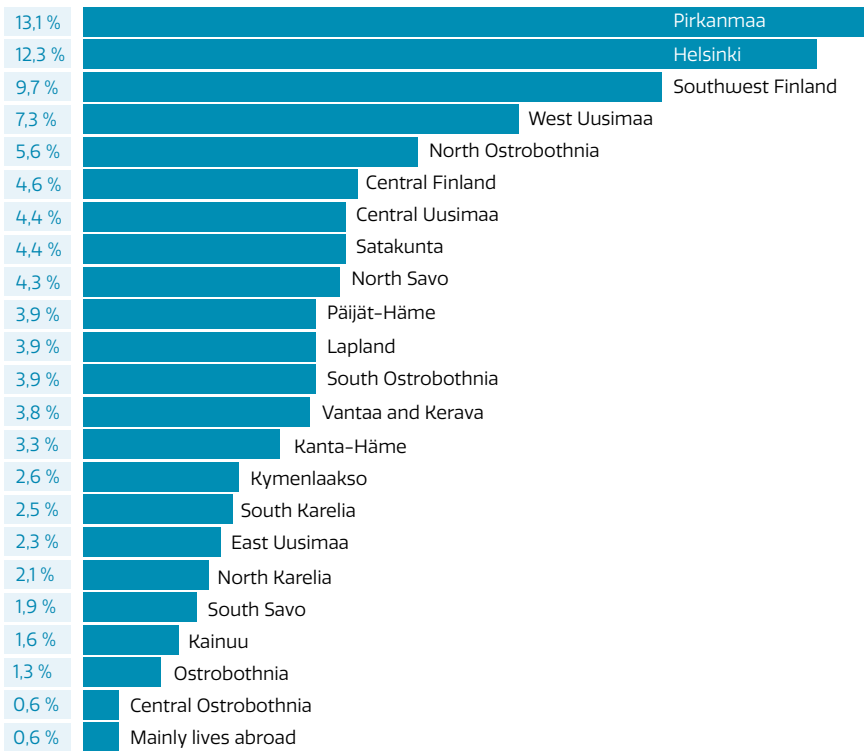
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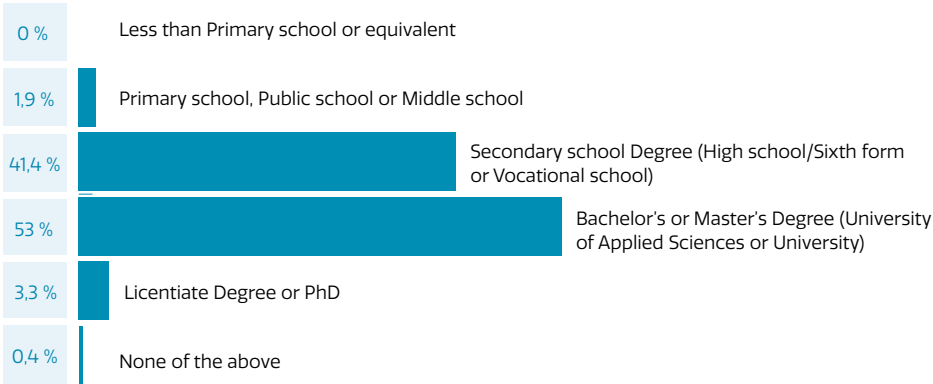
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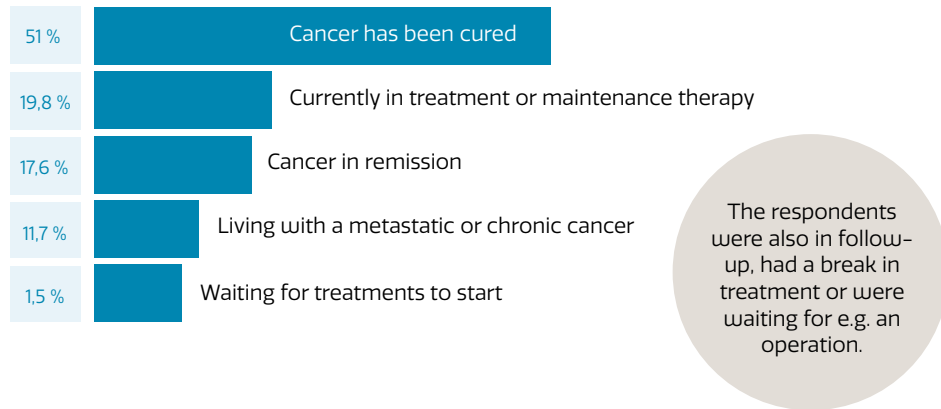
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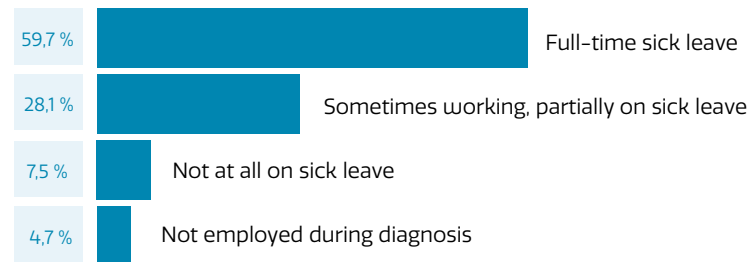
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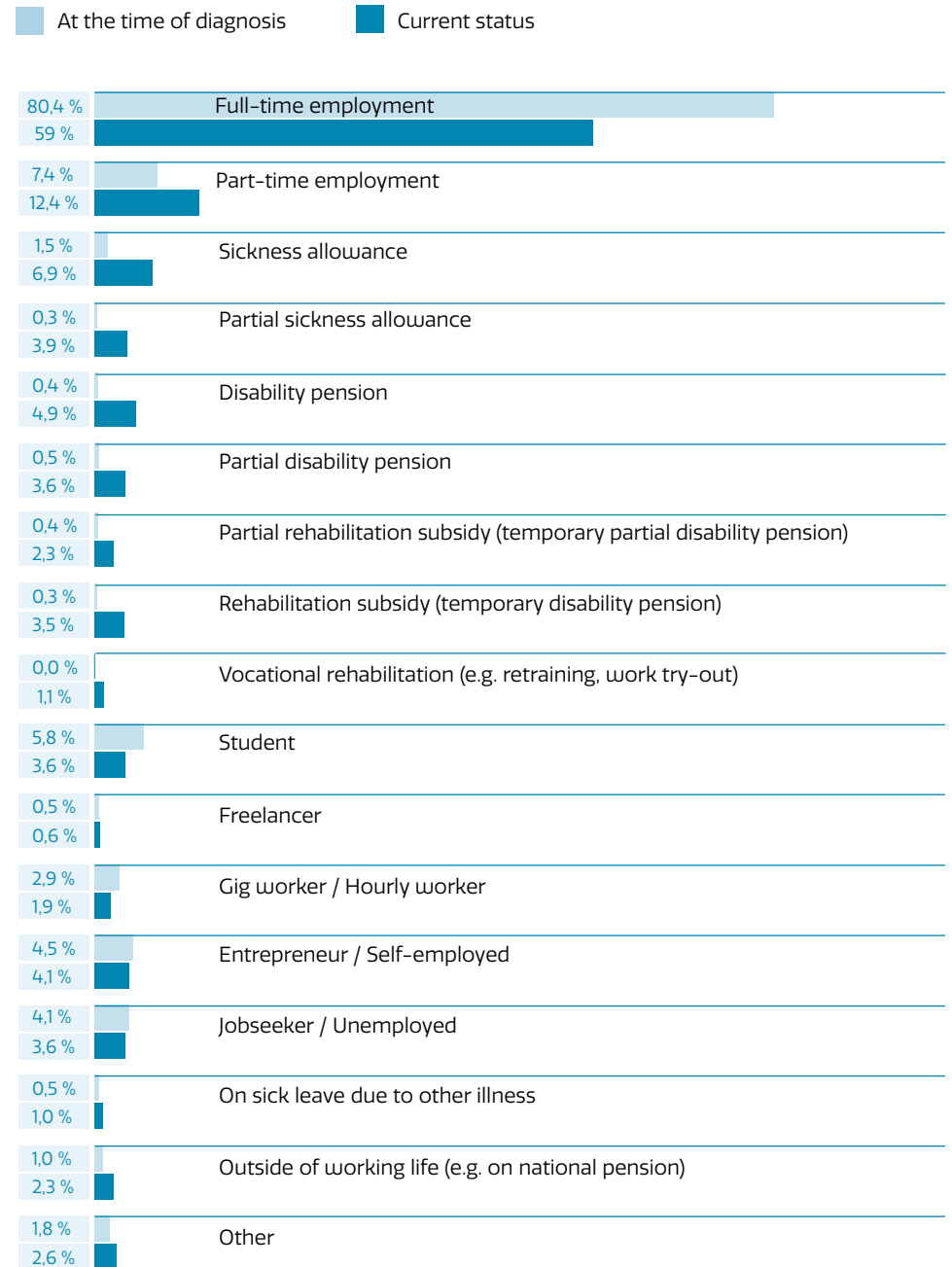
Current status of cancer



Working during cancer treatment(s)

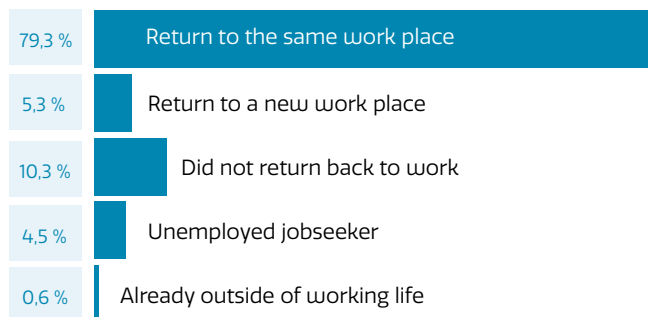


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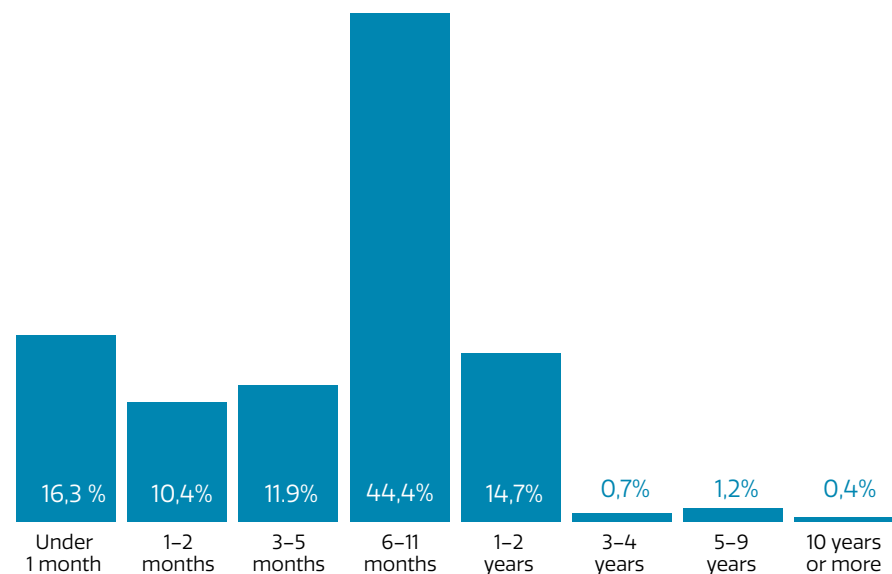


Return to work and Working

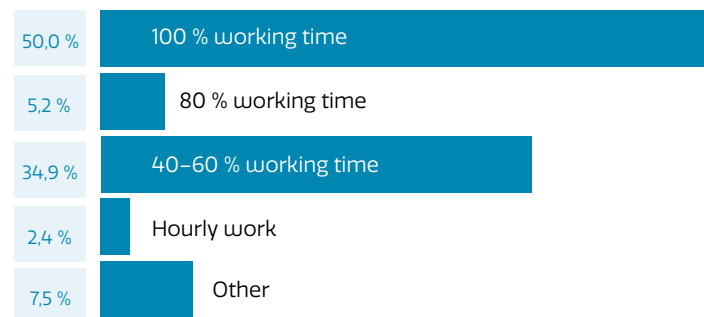
1. Return to work after absence from work



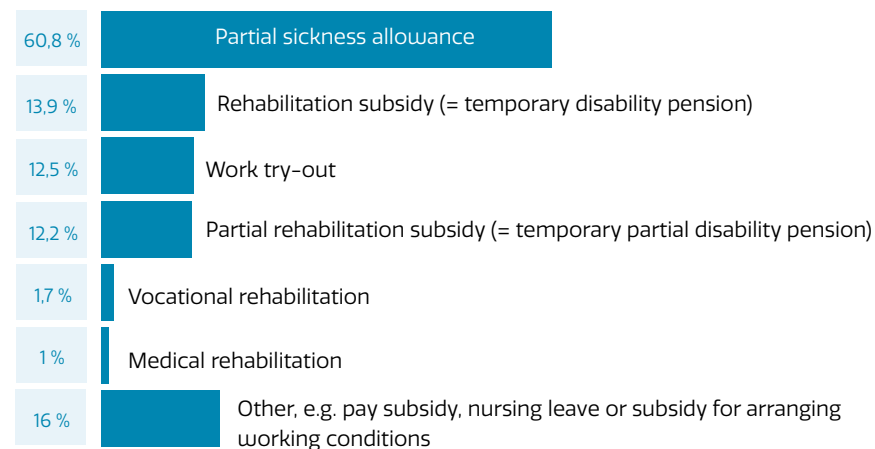
2. Time of return to work after first diagnosis (n=674)



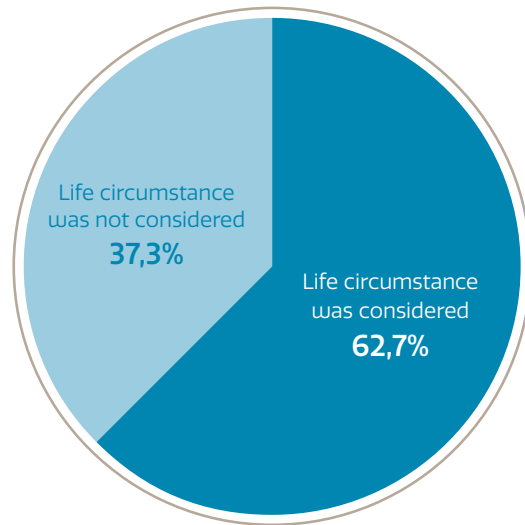
3. Working time in the beginning of return to work (n=676)



4. Employees returning to work part-time benefited from the following support mechanisms (n=288)

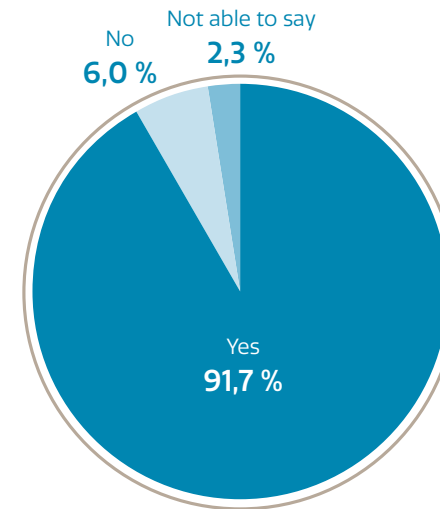


5. Sense of being met in individual life circumstances during treatment: E.g. flexibility in treatment schedules (n=796)

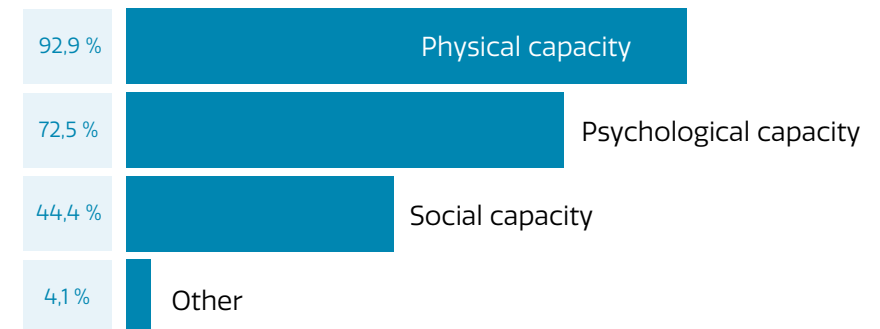


Work capacity and Rehabilitation

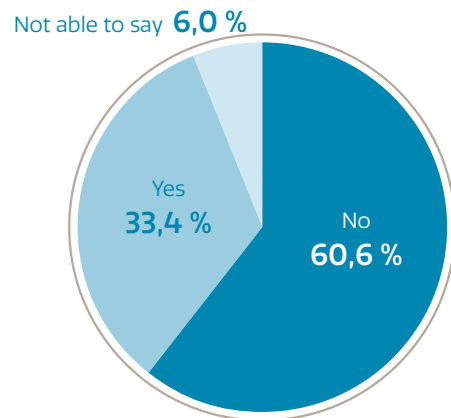
6. Did cancer or treatments affect work capacity? (n=796)



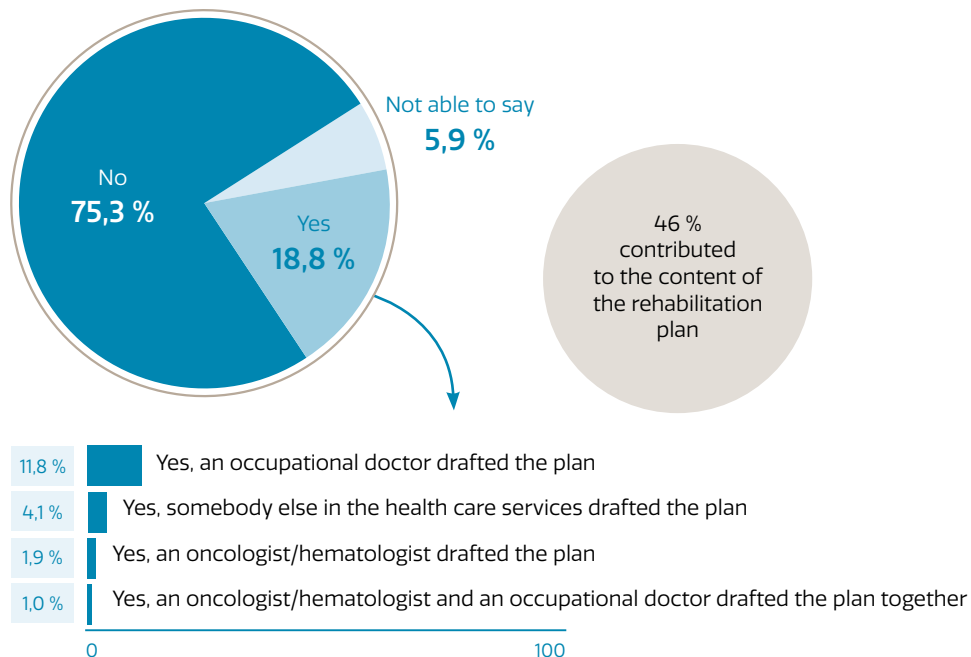
7. How did cancer or treatments affect work capacity? (n=737)



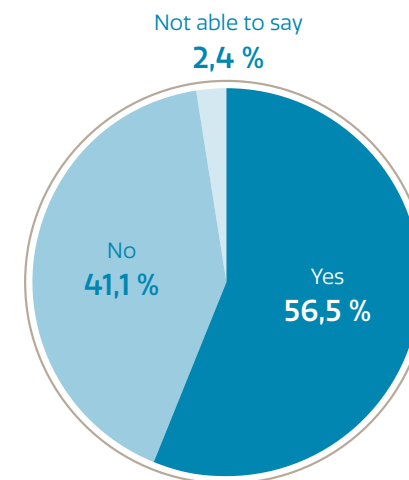
8. Were rehabilitation needs discussed (e.g. rehabilitation plan) or was work capacity evaluated in the health care services? (n=796)



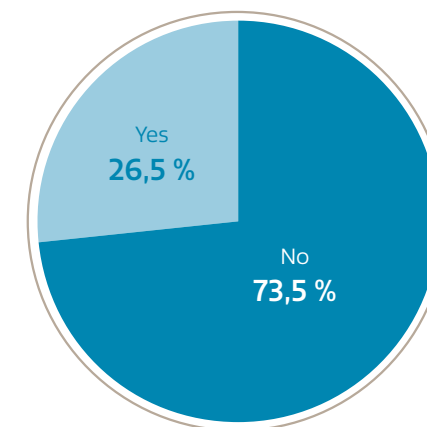
9. Was a rehabilitation plan drafted? (n=796)



10. Offer for psycho-social support after diagnosis (social worker, rehabilitation counselor, psychiatric nurse, psychologist, psychiatrist, psychotherapy, peer support etc.)? (n=796)

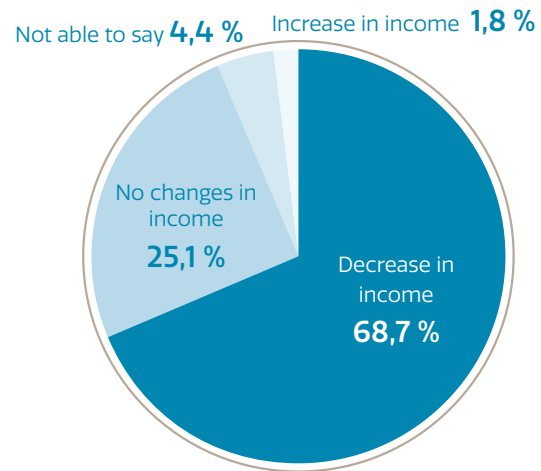


11. Seeking out rehabilitation after diagnosis (vocational rehabilitation, rehabilitation and adaptation training courses by the Social Insurance Institution of Finland Kela or rehabilitation course by Cancer associations, physiotherapy, recreational course etc.)? (n=796)

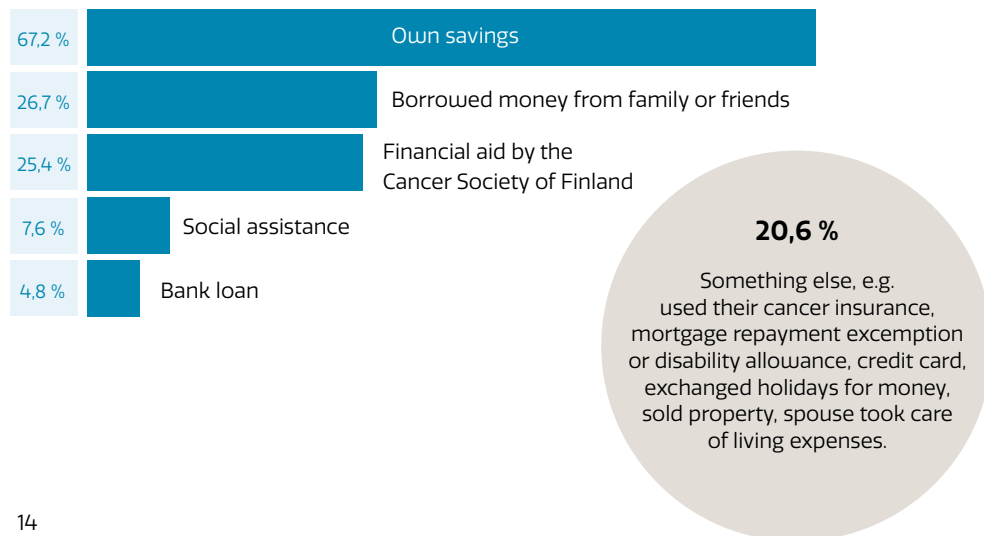


Income and Finances

12. Impact of cancer on income (n=796)

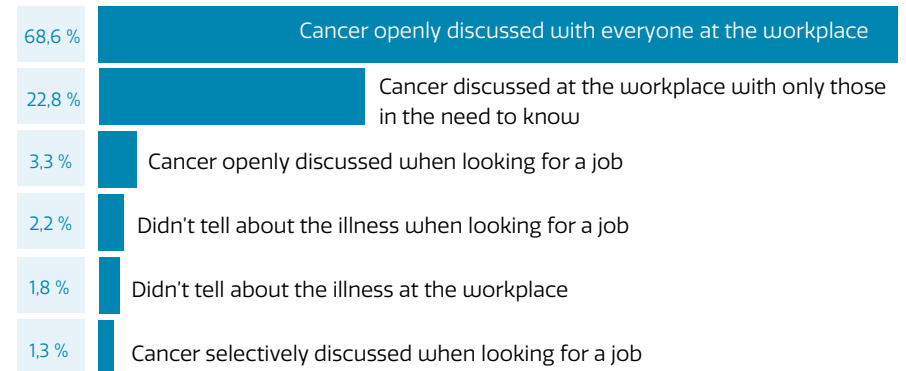


13. Resorting to financial aid or support? (n=476)

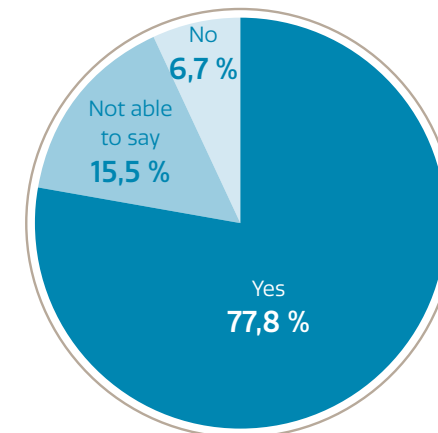


Absence from work and Employer support

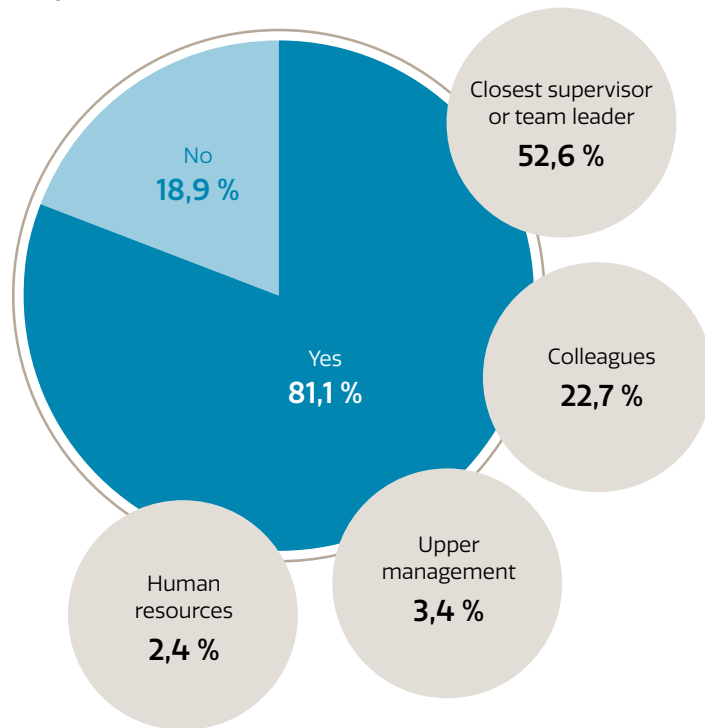
14. Discussing cancer or absence from work openly in the work community or job search? (n=778)



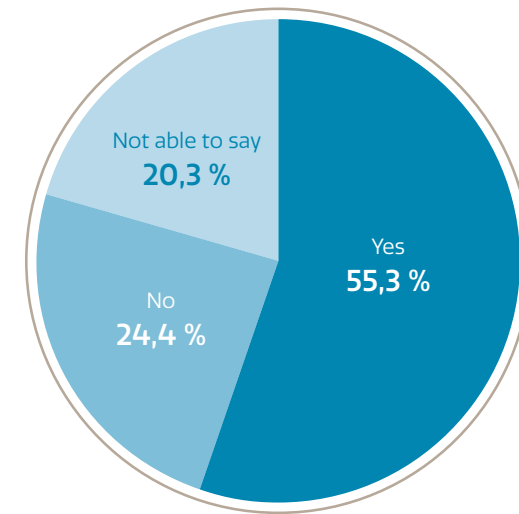
15. Was it worth discussing cancer openly at the workplace or when looking for a job? (n=671)



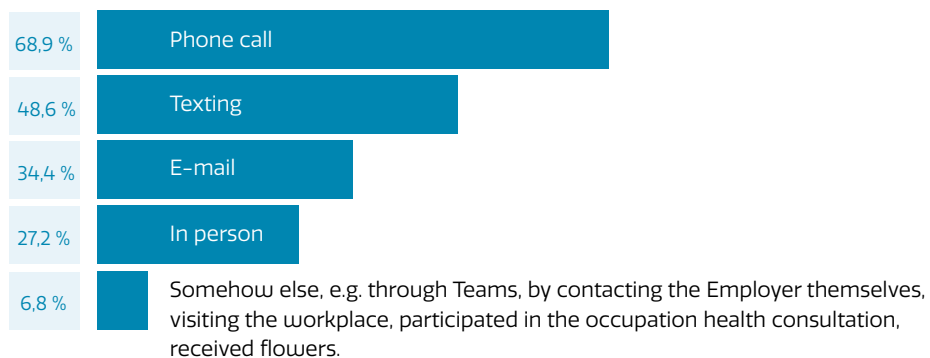
16. Was the Employer in contact during the absence from work? (n=708)



18. Did the Employer provide necessary support when returning to work? (n=665)

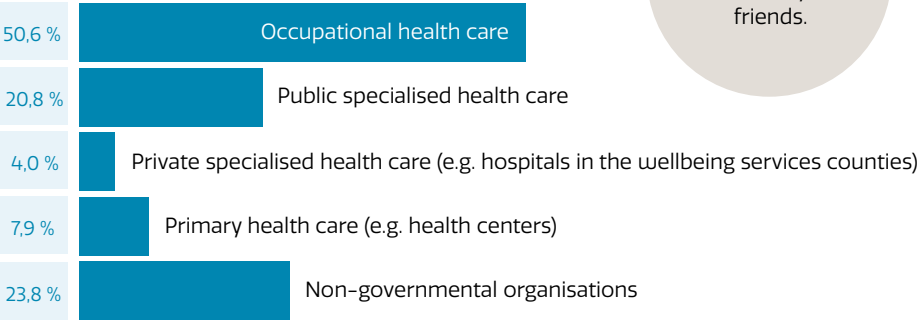


17. How was the Employer in contact during the absence from work? (n=636)



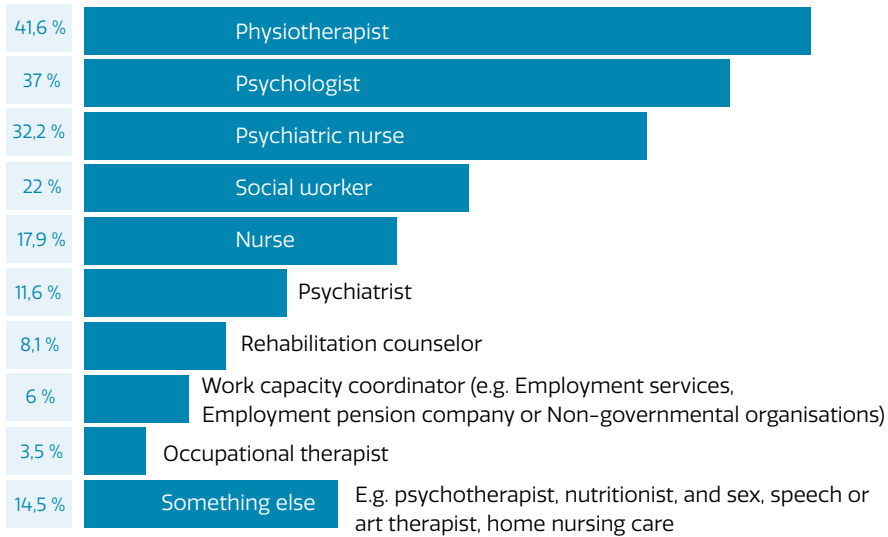
Coping and Peer support

19. Necessary support for coping from elsewhere? (n=530)

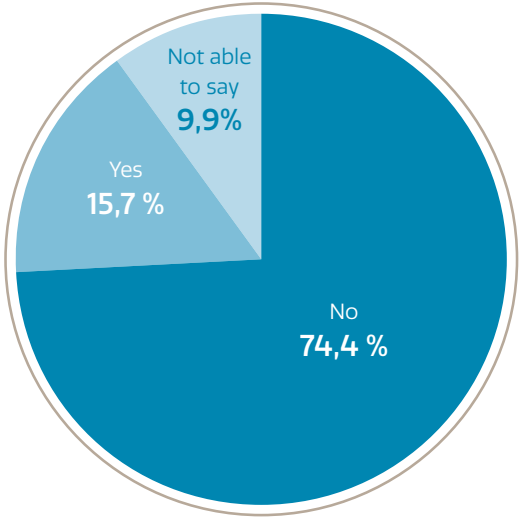


Many also received support from family and friends.

20. Use of professional support (n=519)

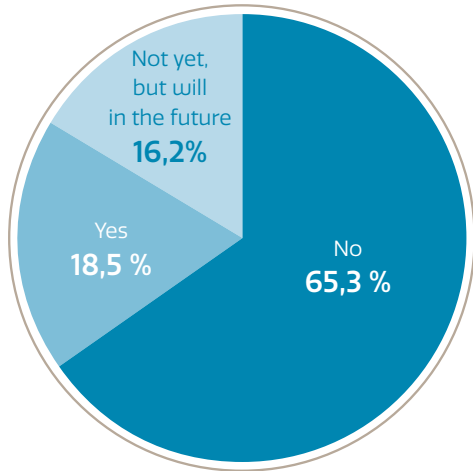


21. Inclusion of loved ones and family during cancer treatments (n=796)

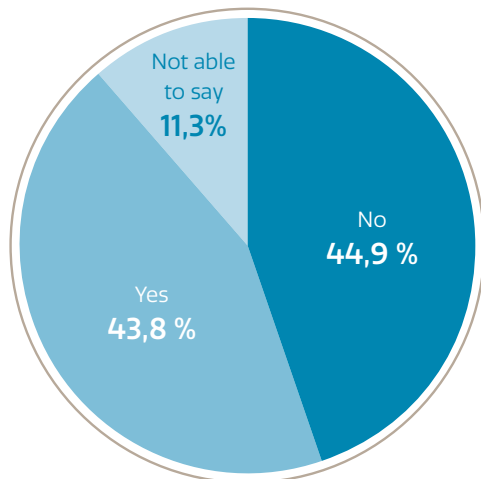


Services of Non-governmental organisations

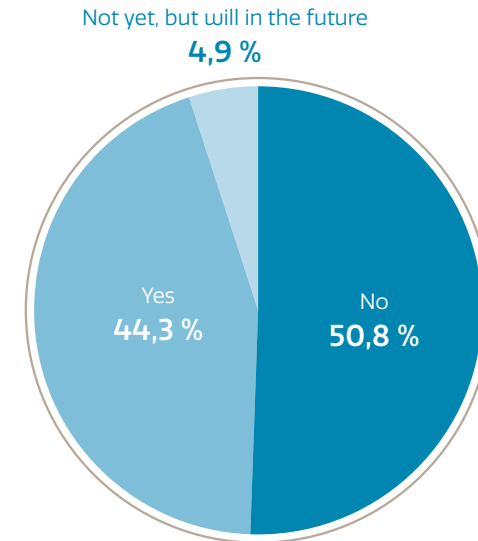
22. Visiting Cancer & Work website Syopajatyo.fi? (n=796)



23. Receiving information on services by cancer organisations during cancer treatment (e.g. peer support, recreation or rehabilitation courses, exercise services, etc.)? (n=796)



24. Using services by cancer organisations (patient organisations, regional cancer associations & Cancer Society of Finland)? (n=796)



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