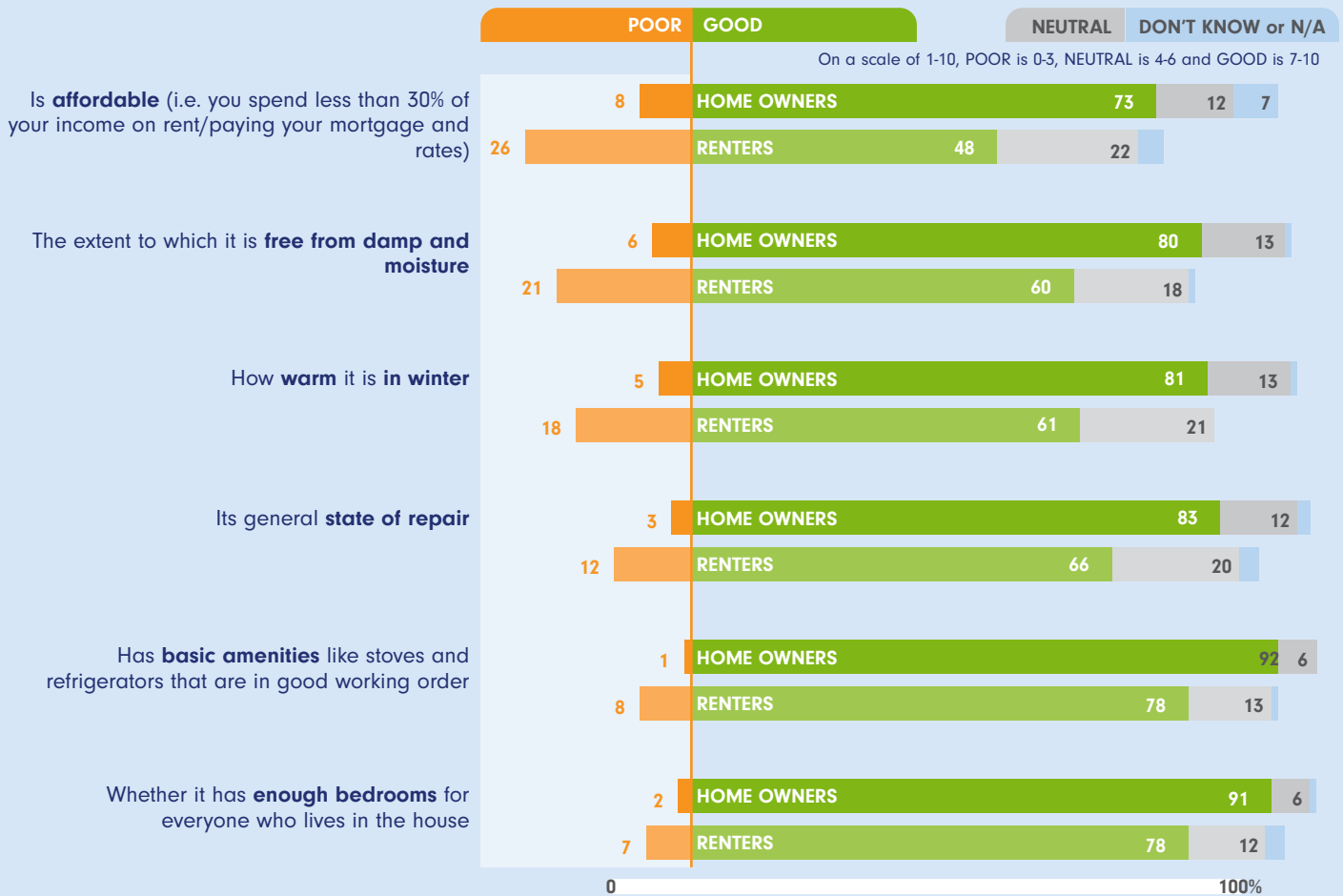


New Zealand homes: Sweet as? Or not?



An insight into how New Zealanders rate their homes in terms of their warmth, dampness, general repair, size, amenities, and affordability.

We asked New Zealanders if they own or rent their home, and how they rate it in terms of a series of “decent home” factors: affordability, dampness, warmth in winter, state of repair, amenities and living space.



Sixty-three percent stated they live in their own home, while almost **thirty percent** rented (29%), **ten percent** lived in another arrangement (e.g. with parents or relatives) and **one percent** didn't currently have a fixed address.

The results show a stark contrast between those living in homes they own and those renting, with **home owners significantly more positive** about the state of their homes than those renting.

Likewise, **older New Zealanders (55+)** were **more positive** than younger people (aged 18 to 34 years) and were significantly more likely to rate their homes as “good” on all the aspects measured. For example:

- **83% of 55+ year olds** rated their home as **good** for being **free from damp and moisture**, compared to **63% of 18-34 year olds**
- **72% of 55+ year olds** rated their **home affordability as good**, compared to **55% of 18-34 year olds**.

“These results show that New Zealand is a divided society. While many of us live in warm, affordable homes, there are obviously many struggling without the decent homes that allow us to lead healthier lives. Especially concerning is that many of those in substandard homes are young people.” Research New Zealand Managing Partner, Emanuel Kalafatelis

These results are based on our survey of 1,011 respondents between 5 and 10 August 2021, aged 18 years and over, sourced from Dynata, and conducted online. The maximum margin of error is +/- 3.1% (at the 95% confidence level). The sample has been weighted by gender and age to ensure the results are representative of the population 18 years and over. The survey was not undertaken on behalf of any organisation, but as part of Research New Zealand's social polling of New Zealanders' opinions about topical issues.