

ESSential Insights into Latvians' Social Wellbeing:

what the European Social Survey Round 10 data tell us

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European Social Survey: Overview

- **First funded in 2001**
Funded by the European Commission, following preparatory work by Roger Jowell and Max Kaase at the European Science Foundation
- **Academic cross-national survey**
Measuring attitudes, behaviour, and demographics of people in Europe (but also incl. Israel, Turkey, Ukraine etc.)
- **10 rounds completed**
Every two years since 2002/03 - in 39 participating countries
- **Face-to-face interviews R1-9**
The questionnaire lasts one-hour and has been translated into 50 languages
- **Self-completion methods in R10**
Due to the pandemic, national teams could implement self-completion methods in Round 10 for the first time
- **All data free for non-commercial use**
Available to download from the ESS Data Portal in a range of file formats for statistical software programmes
- **Over 215,000 registered users**
More than 65% students
- **6,585 academic publications**
Journal articles, books, working and conference papers that analysed our data have been published (2003-22)

European Social Survey: Core Scientific Team (CST)

1. HQ: City, University of London (UK) 
2. Centerdata (Netherlands) 
3. GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (Germany) 
4. Sikt - Norwegian Agency for Shared Services in Education and Research (Norway) 
5. SCP - The Netherlands Institute for Social Research (Netherlands) 
6. Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain) 
7. University of Essex (UK) 
8. University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) 



Participating countries

10 ROUNDS

1. Belgium
2. Finland
3. France
4. Germany
5. Hungary
6. Ireland
7. The Netherlands
8. Norway
9. Poland
10. Portugal
11. Slovenia
12. Spain
13. Sweden
14. Switzerland
15. United Kingdom

9 ROUNDS

16. Austria
17. Czechia
18. Estonia

8 ROUNDS

19. Denmark

7 ROUNDS

20. Israel
21. Lithuania
22. Slovakia

6 ROUNDS

23. Bulgaria
24. Cyprus
25. Italy

5 ROUNDS

26. Greece
27. Iceland
28. Russia
29. Ukraine

4 ROUNDS

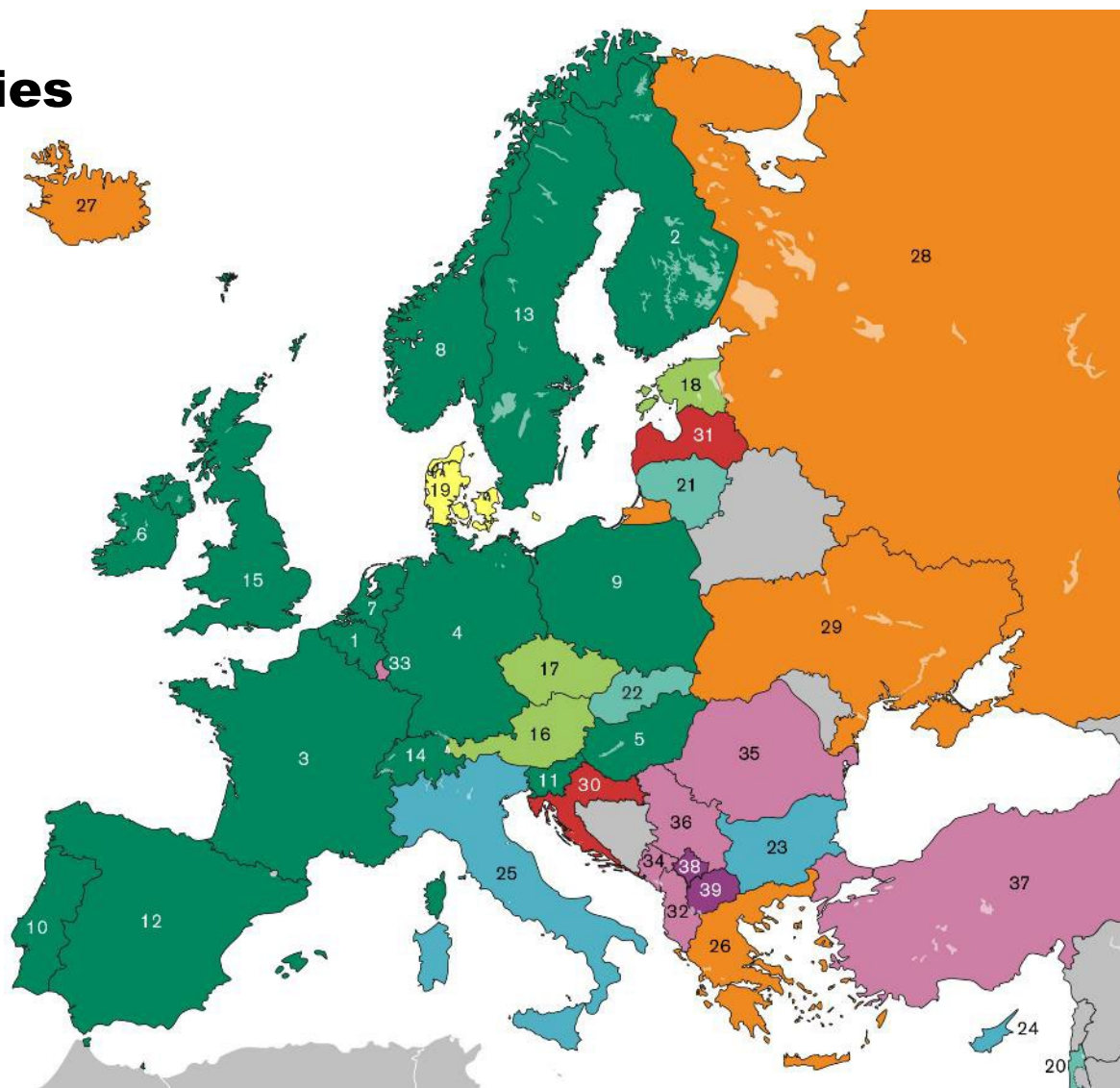
30. Croatia
31. Latvia

2 ROUNDS

32. Albania
33. Luxembourg
34. Montenegro
35. Romania
36. Serbia
37. Turkey

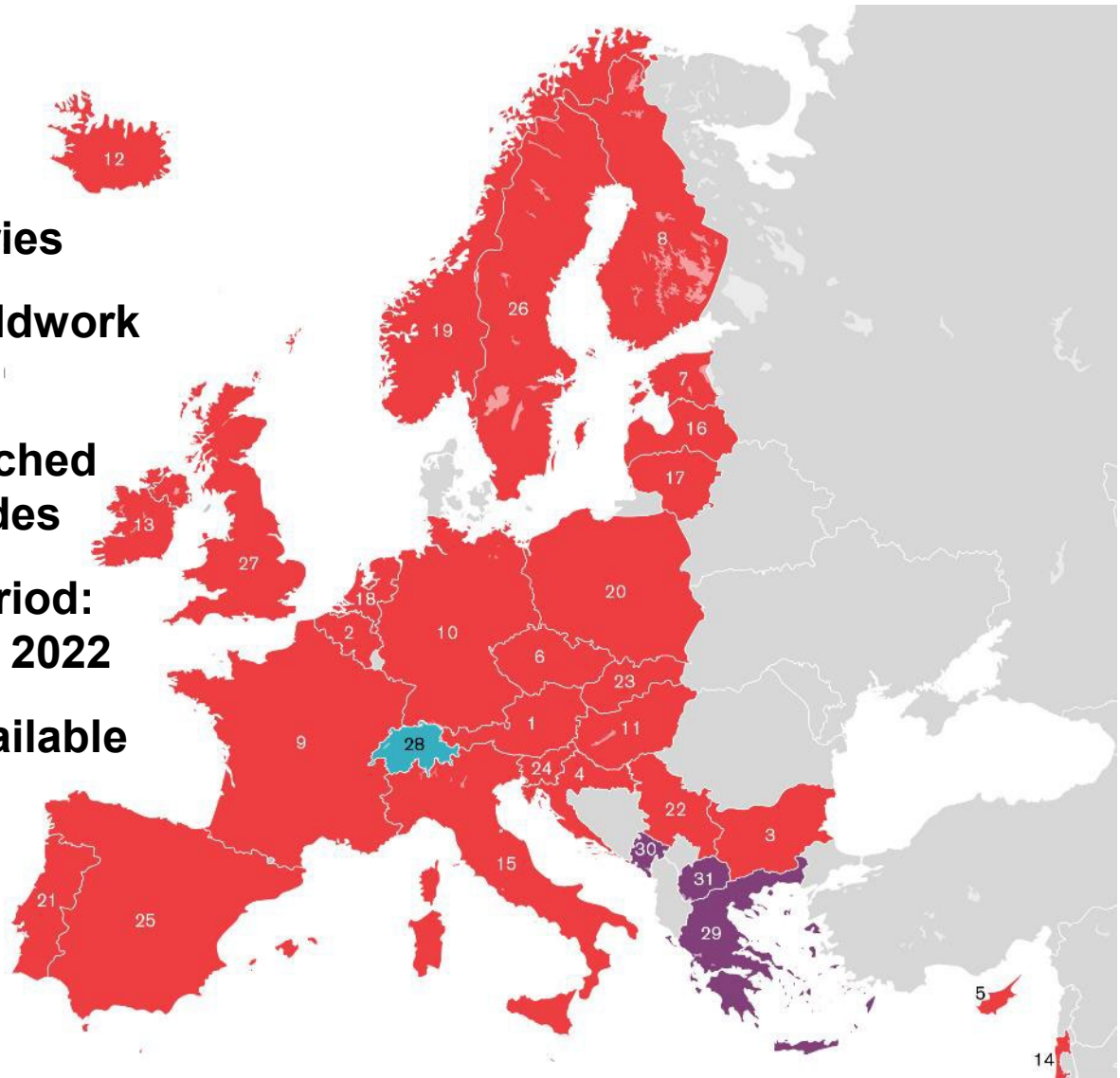
1 ROUND

38. Kosovo
39. North Macedonia



Round 10 (2020-22)

- 31 participating countries
- Complications with fieldwork due to pandemic
- Several countries switched to self-completion modes
- Extended fieldwork period: September 2020 – May 2022
- Weighted data now available for 30 countries
- Separate datasets: Face to face & Self-completion



ESS Questionnaire Structure

CORE MODULES

- Media/Internet use, social trust
- Political interest, trust in others / institutions, electoral and other forms of participation, party allegiance, socio-political orientations, immigration
- Subjective wellbeing, social exclusion, crime, religion, perceived discrimination, national and ethnic identity, vote intention in EU referendum
- Socio-demographic profile: household composition, sex, age, marital status, type of area, education & occupation of respondent, partner, parents, union membership, income and ancestry
- Human Values Scale

ROTATING MODULES (ESS R10):

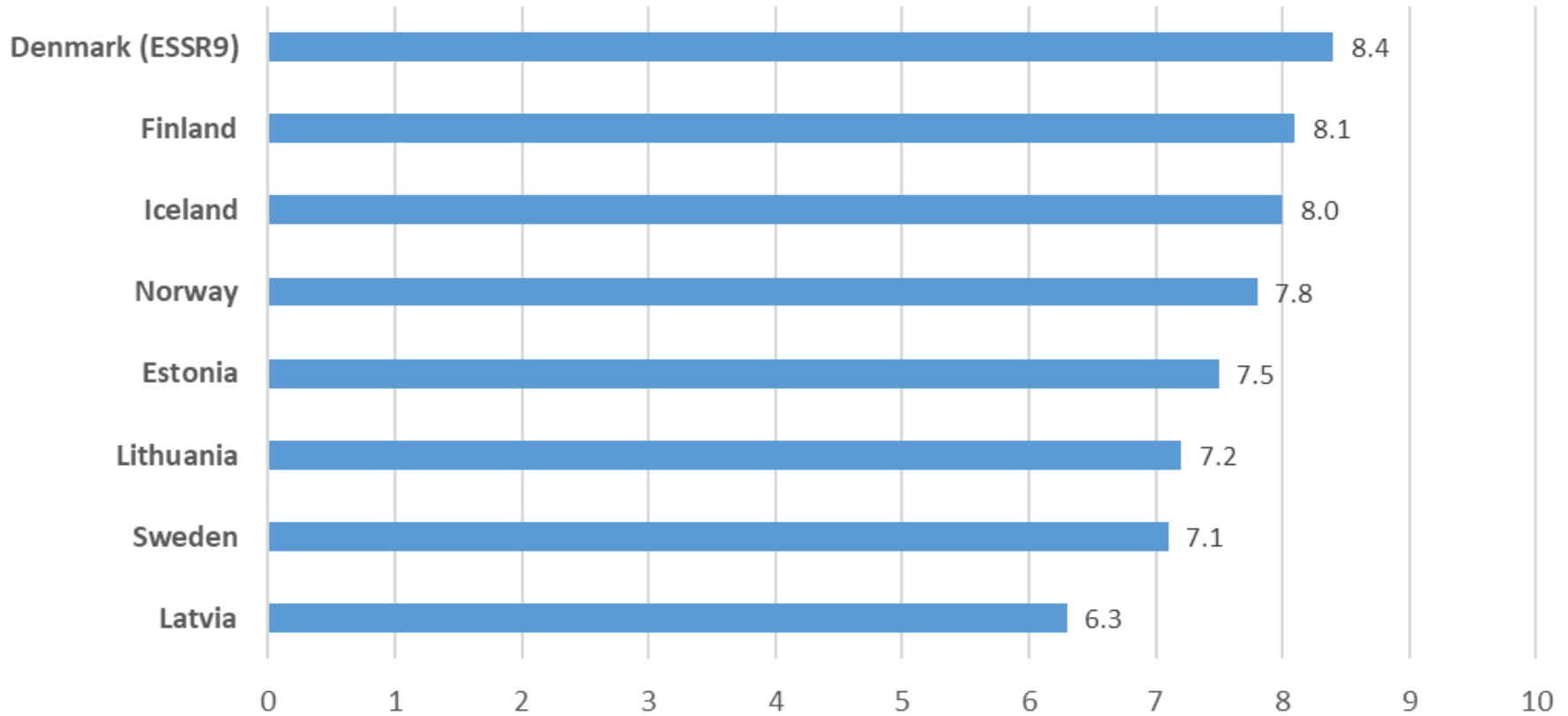
- Understandings and Evaluations of Democracy
- Digital Social Contacts in Work and Family Life

ESSENTIAL Insights: Countries & Topics

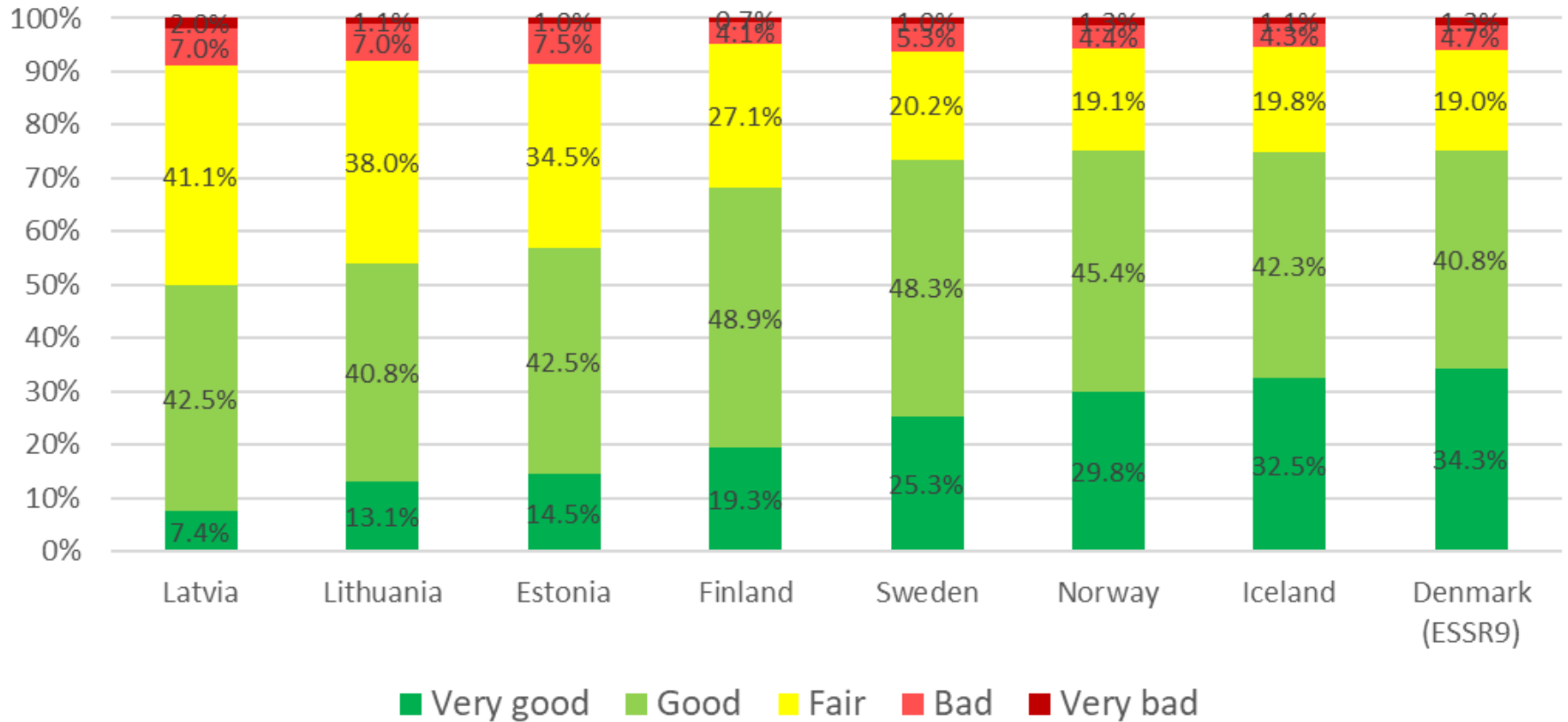
- Subjective happiness, health, social life
- Household income and feelings about its sufficiency
- Subjective safety
- Satisfaction with institutional performance (democracy, government, economy, education, healthcare)



Taking all things together, how happy would you say you are? (n = 11 928)

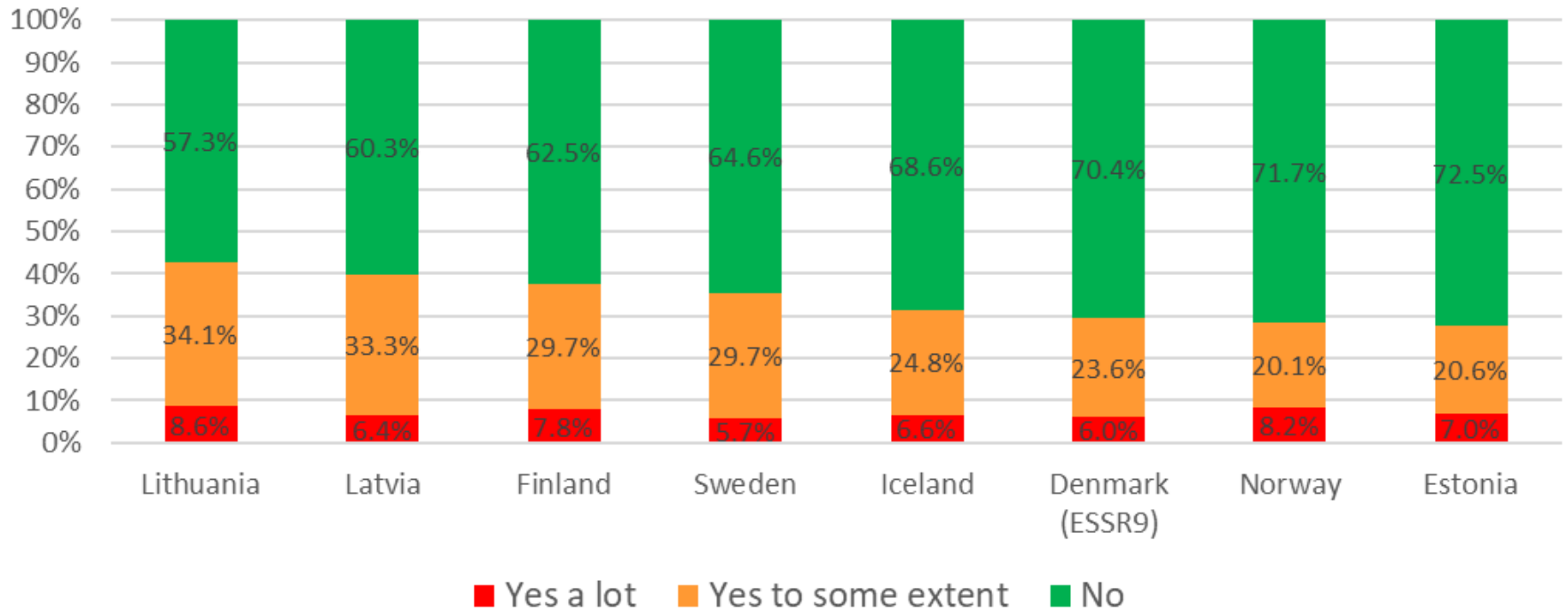


How is your health in general? (n = 11 957)

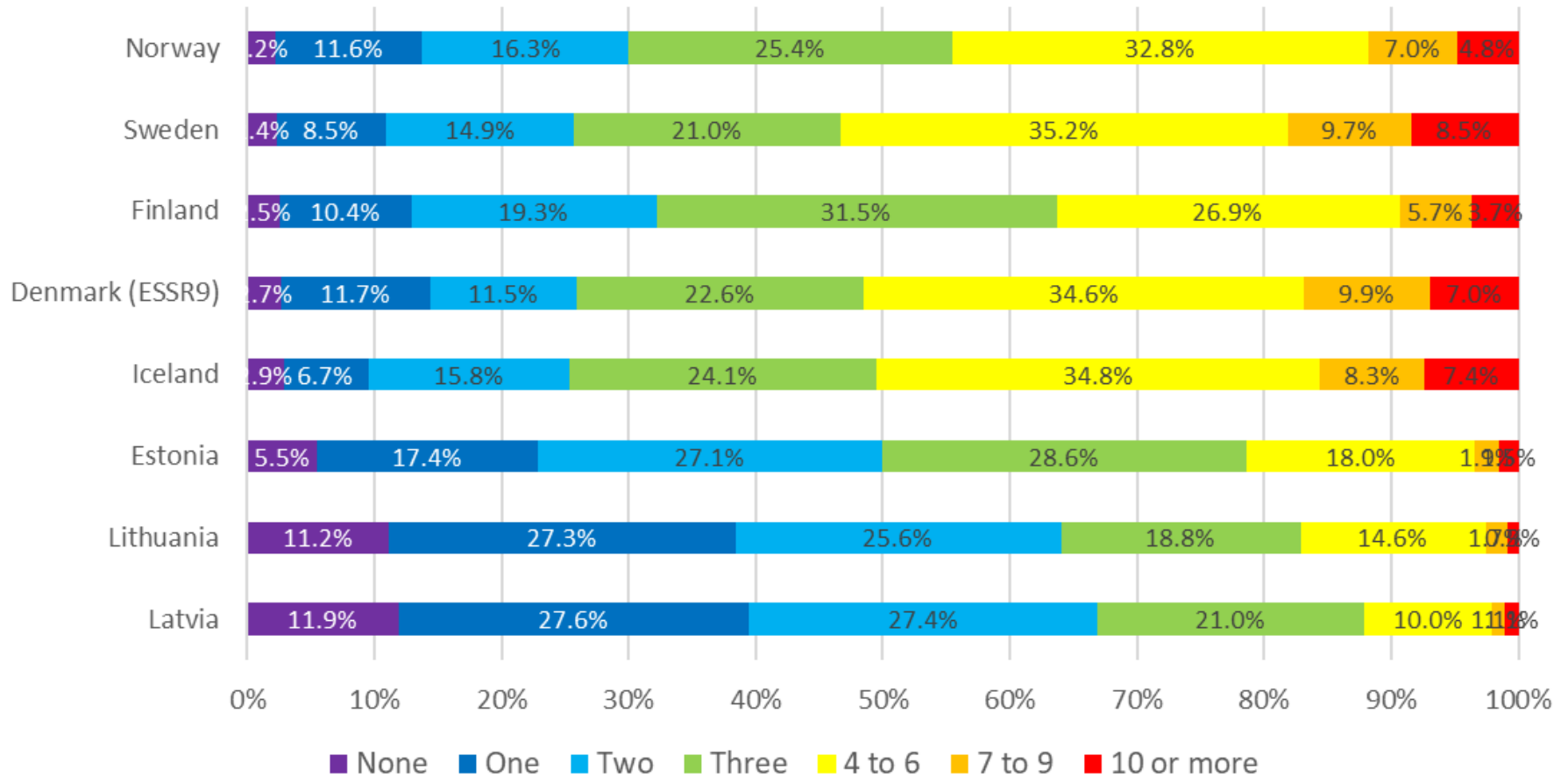


Are you hampered in your daily activities in any way by any longstanding illness, or disability, infirmity or mental health problem?

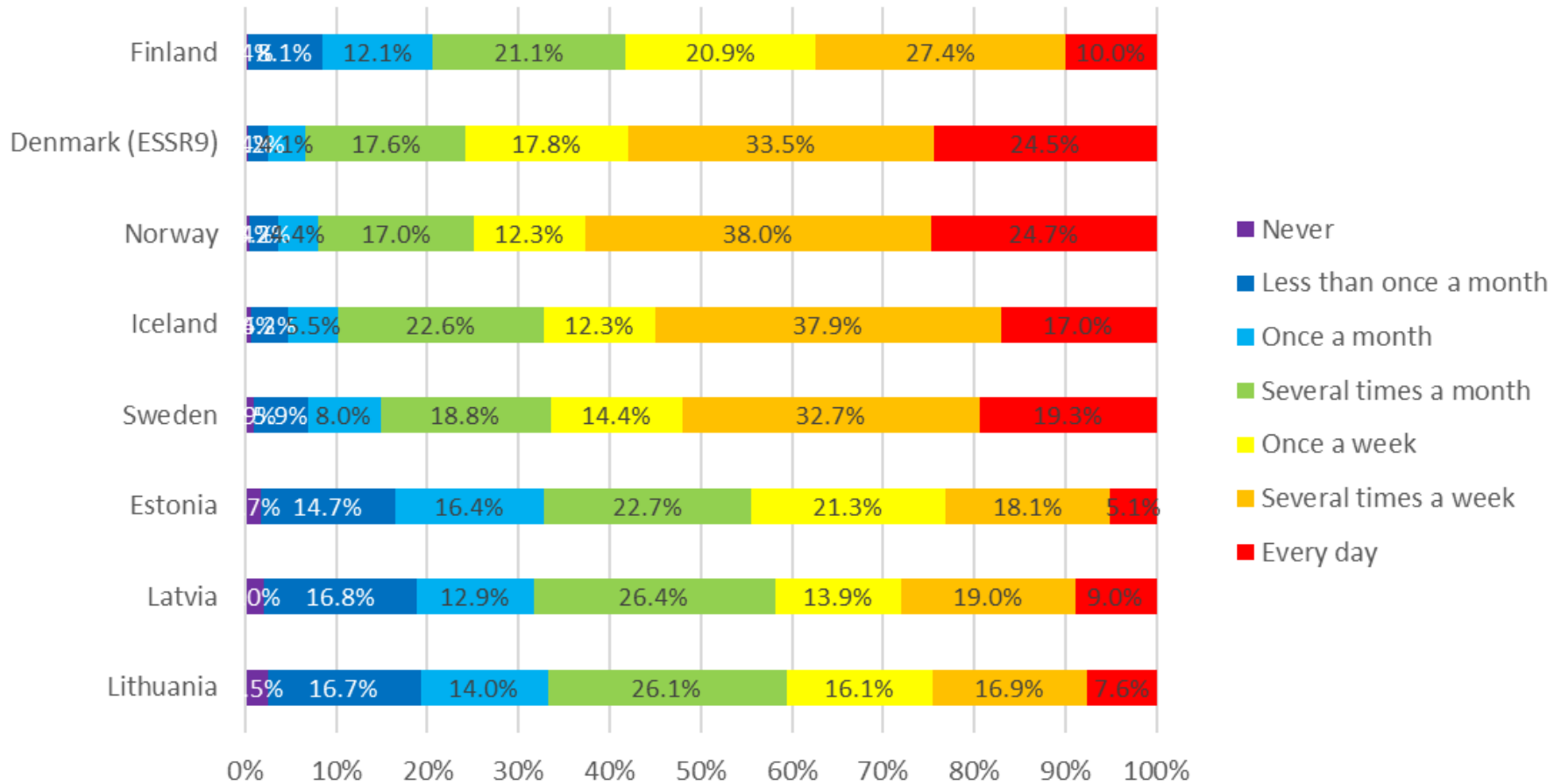
(n = 11 939)



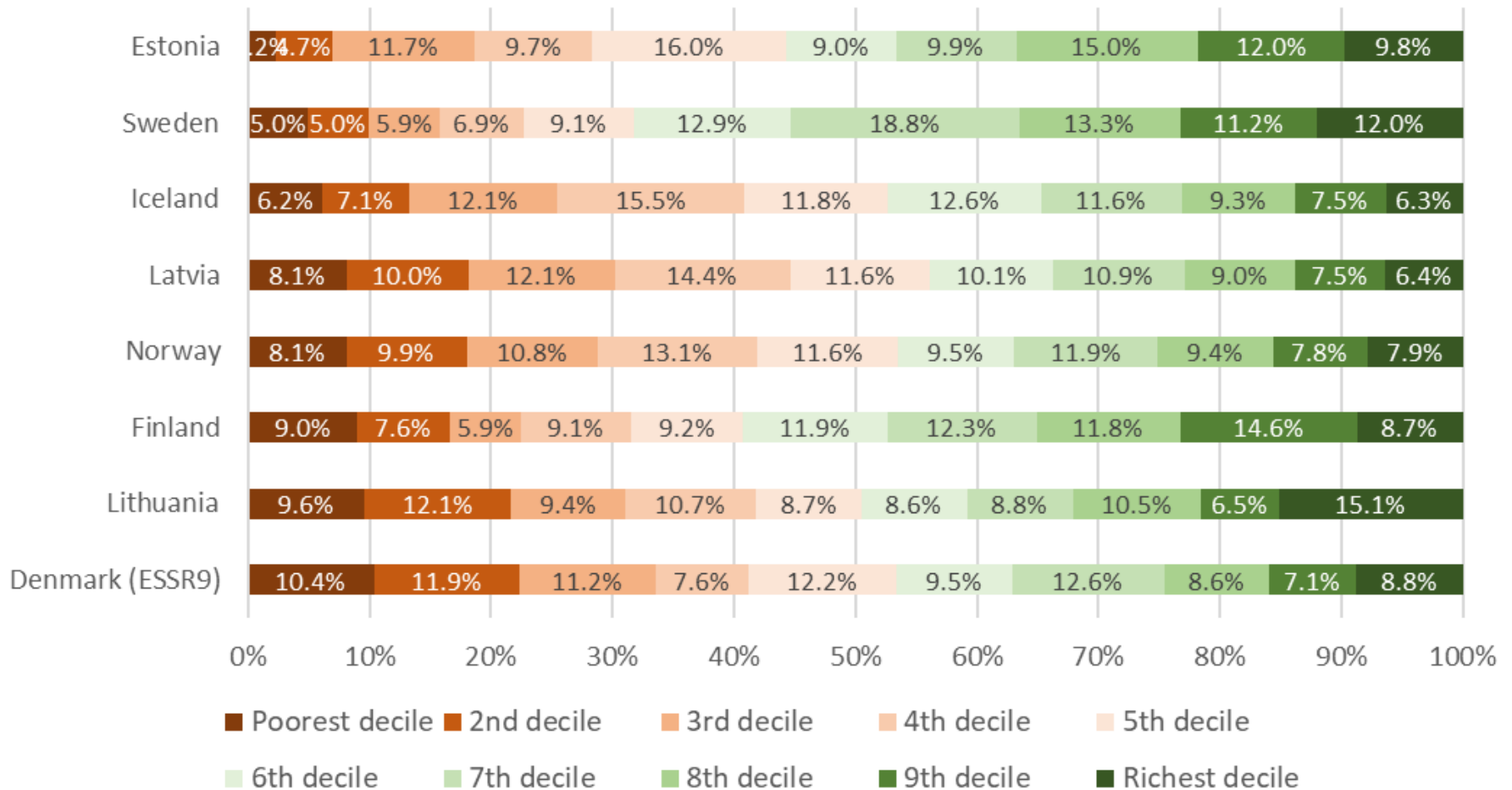
How many people, if any, are there with whom you can discuss intimate and personal matters? (n = 11 875)



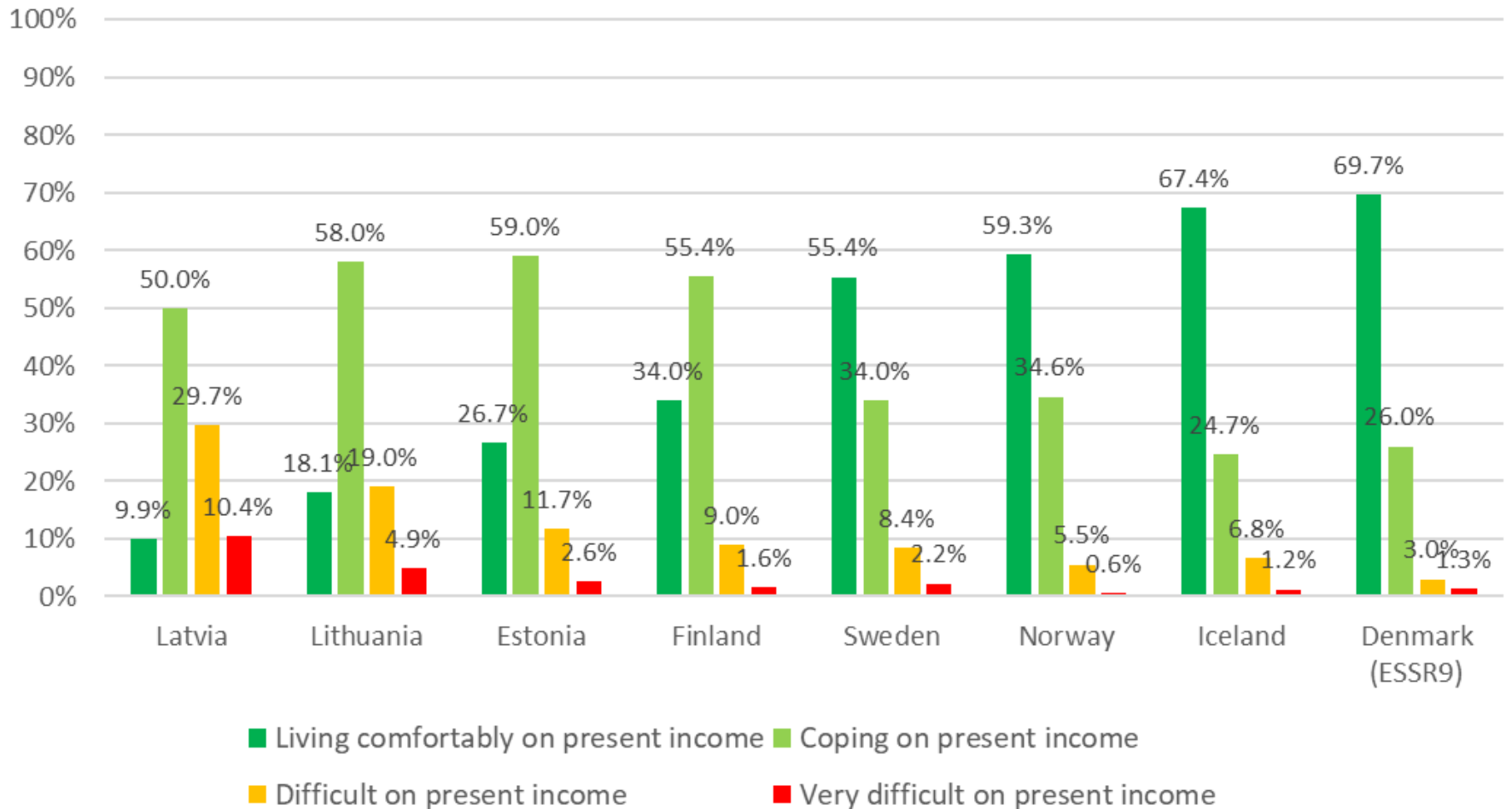
How often do you meet socially with friends, relatives or work colleagues? (n = 11 940)



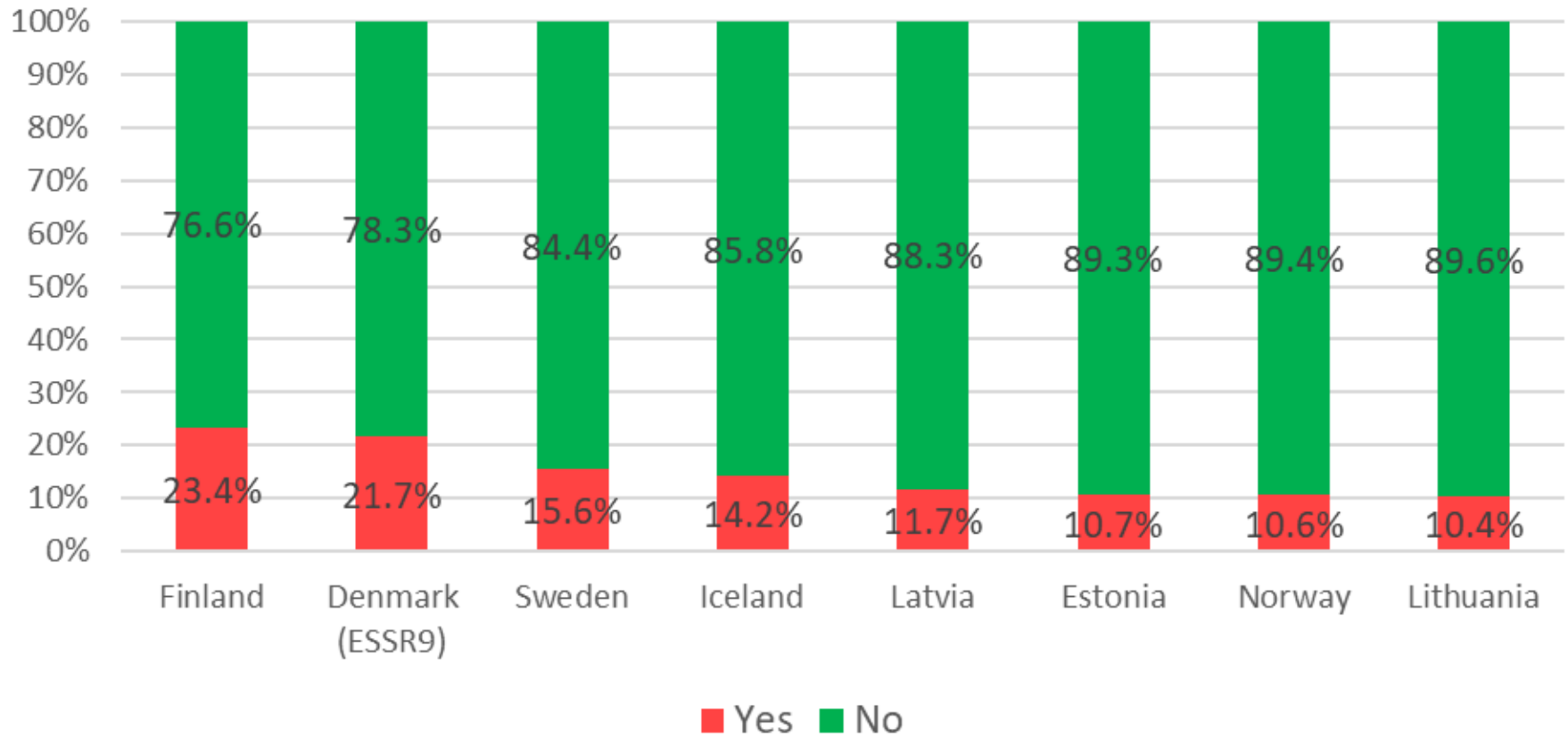
Household's total income, after tax and compulsory deductions, from all sources (n = 10 969)



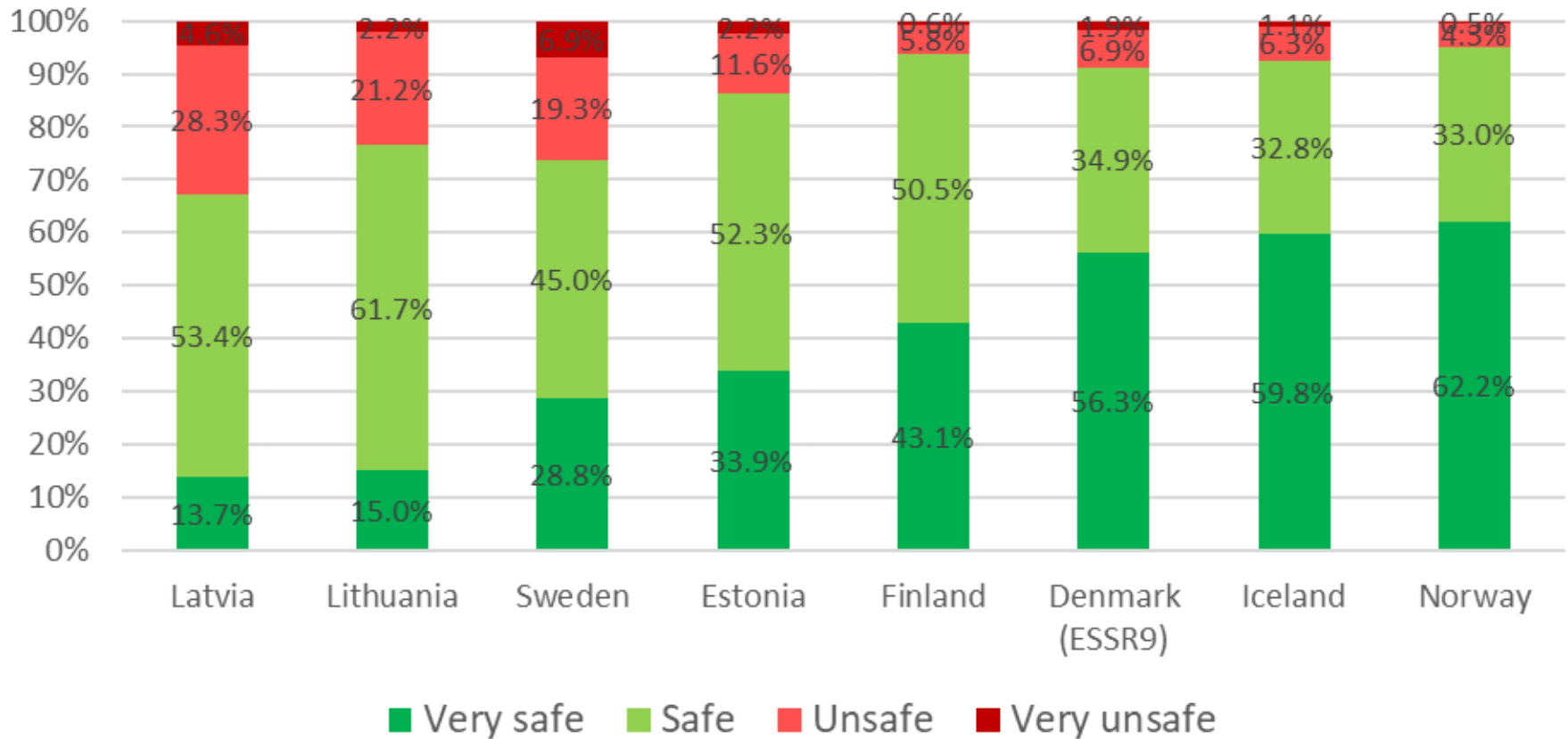
Which of the descriptions on this card comes closest to how you feel about your household's income nowadays? (n = 11 823)



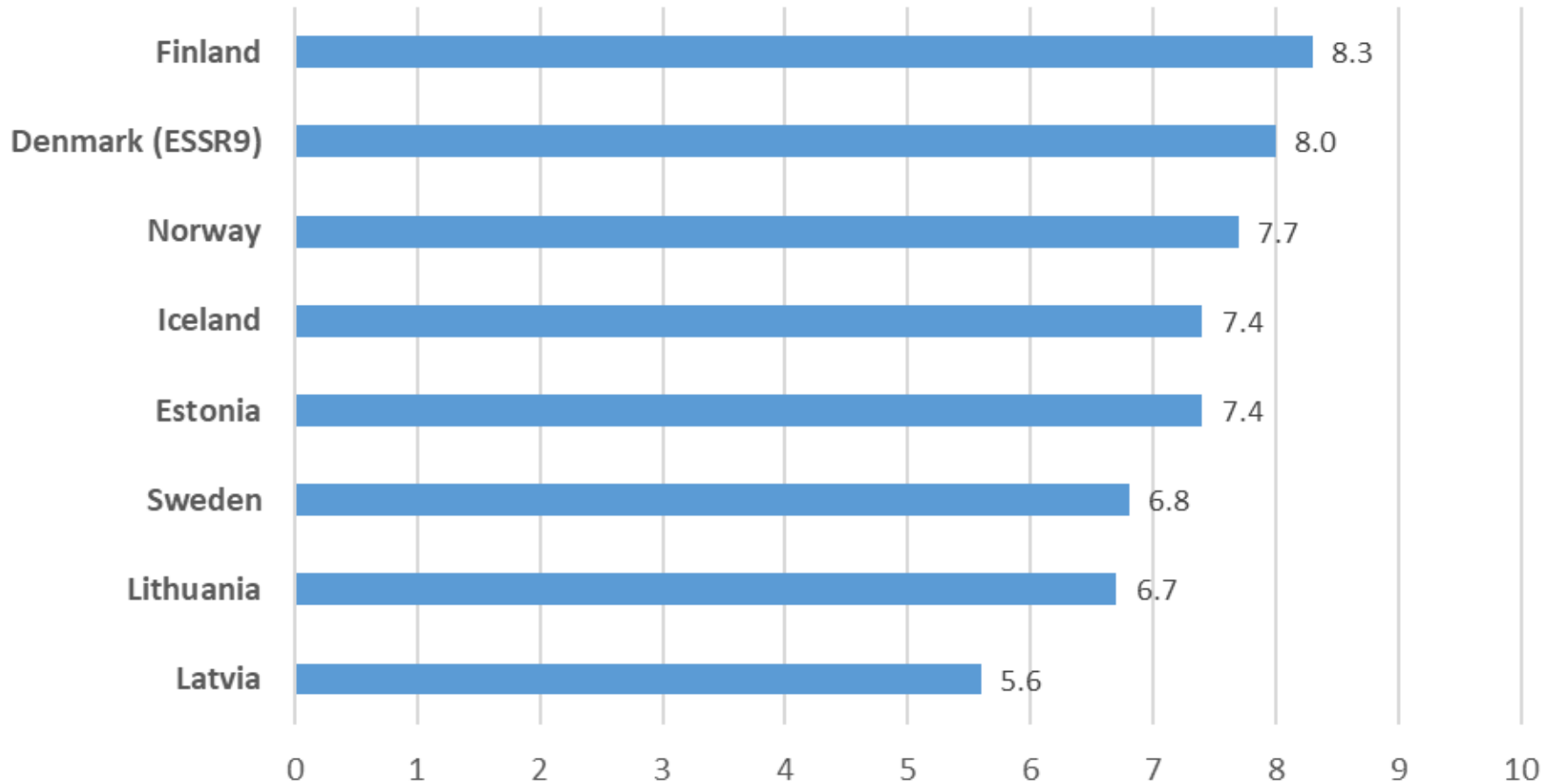
Have you or a member of your household been the victim of a burglary or assault in the last 5 years? (n = 11 928)



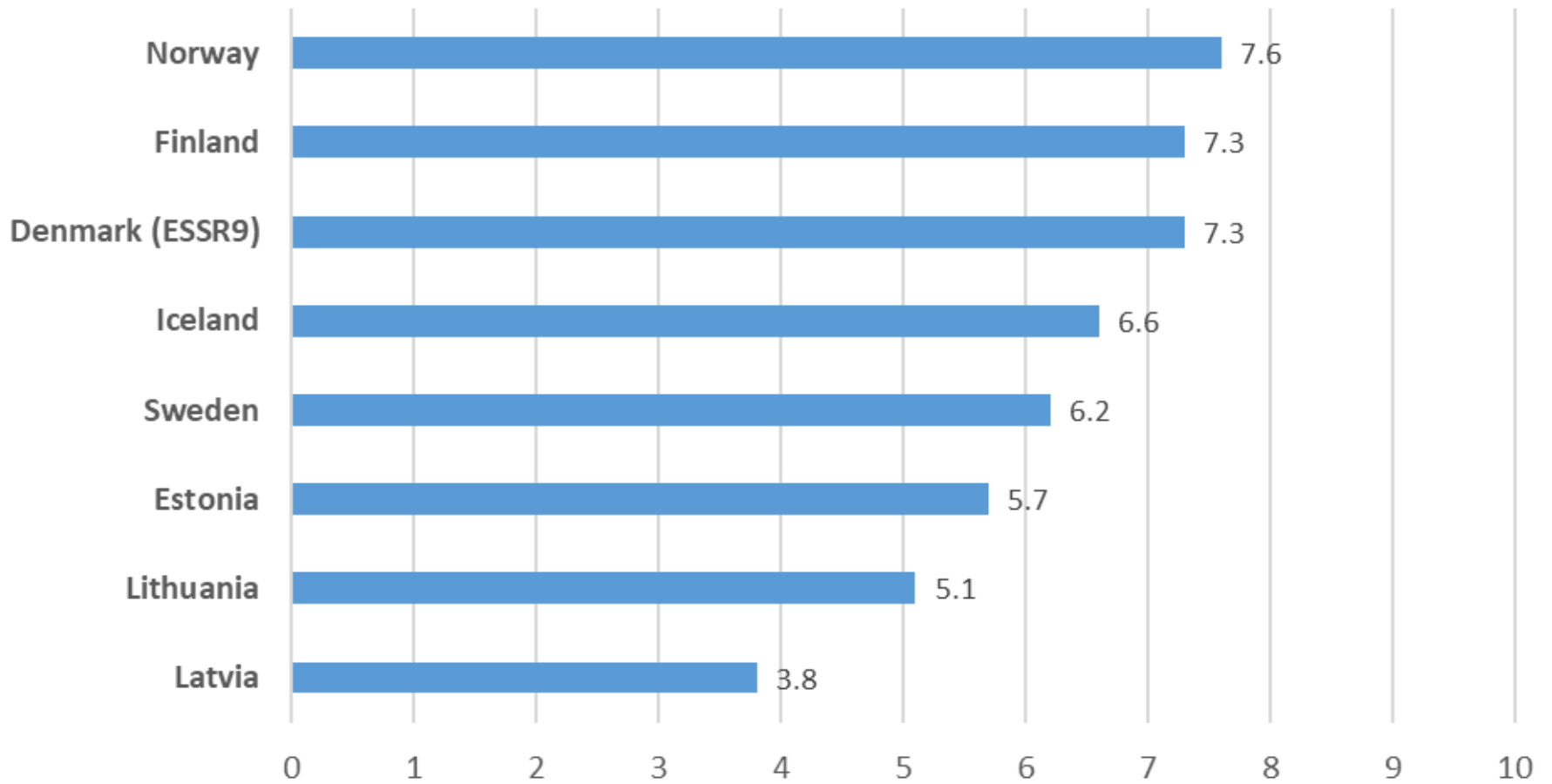
How safe do you – or would you – feel walking alone in this area after dark? (n = 11 914)



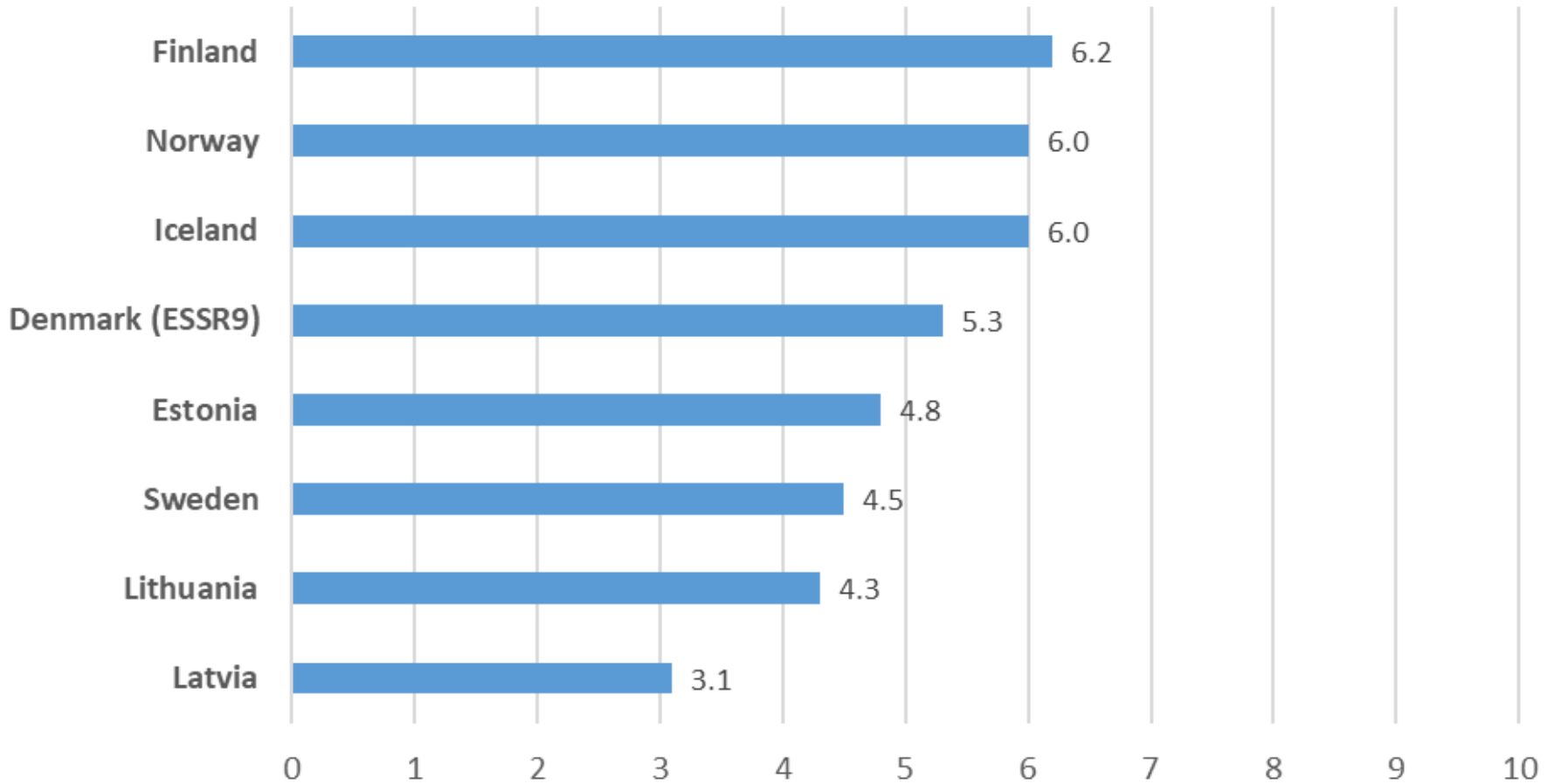
Trust in police (n = 11 923)



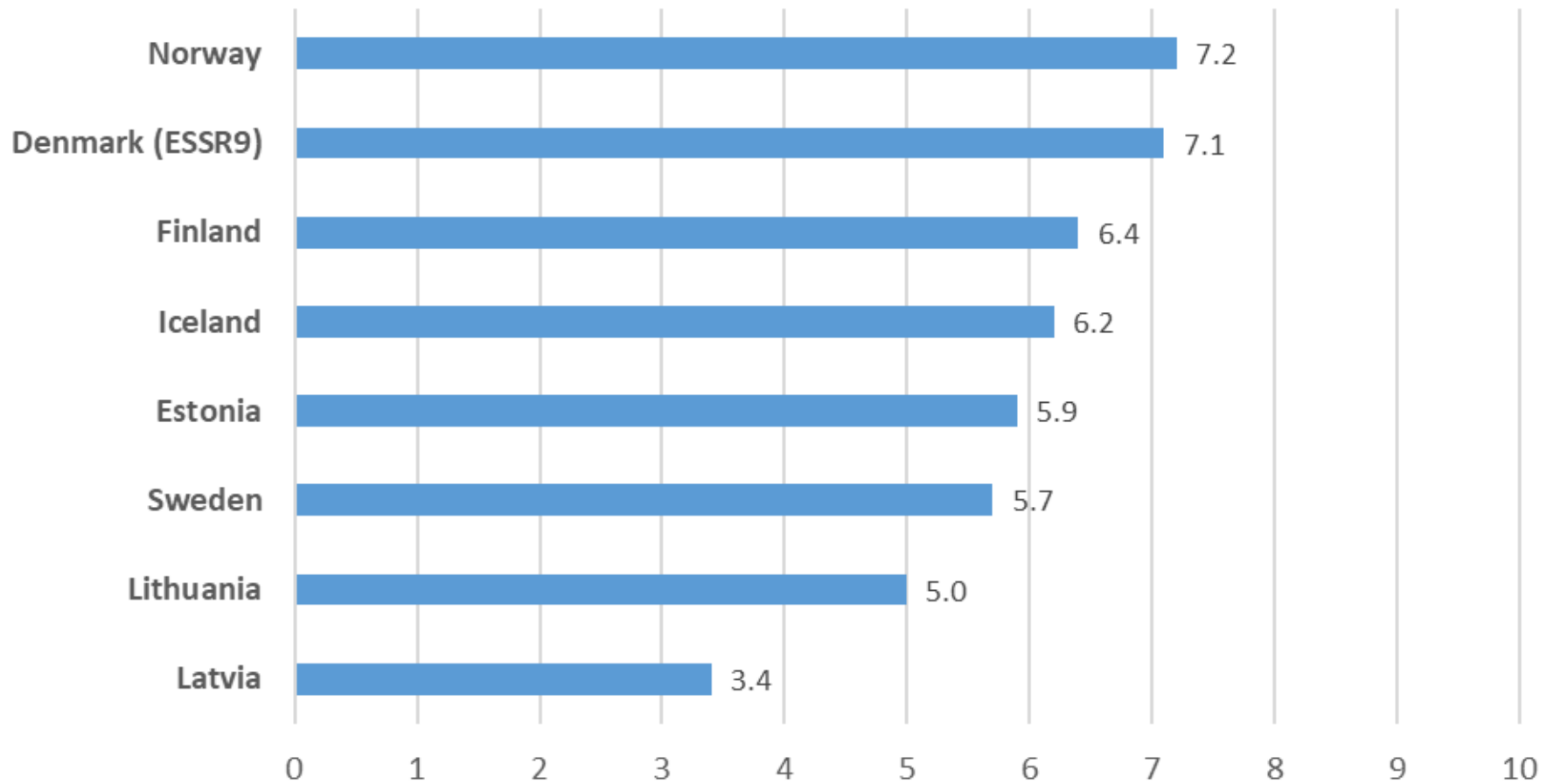
Satisfaction with how democracy works in country (n = 11 739)



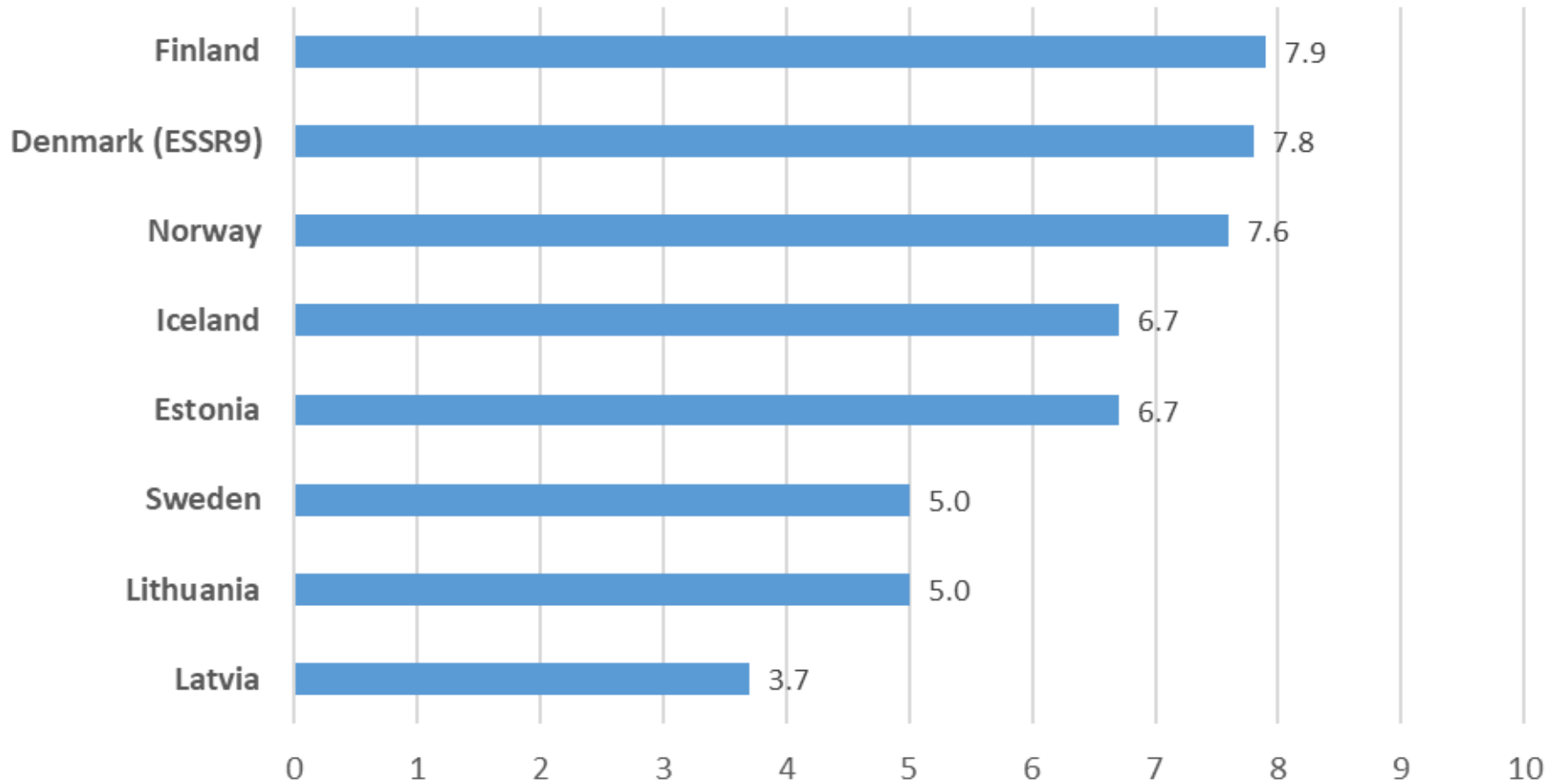
Satisfaction with national government (n = 11 763)



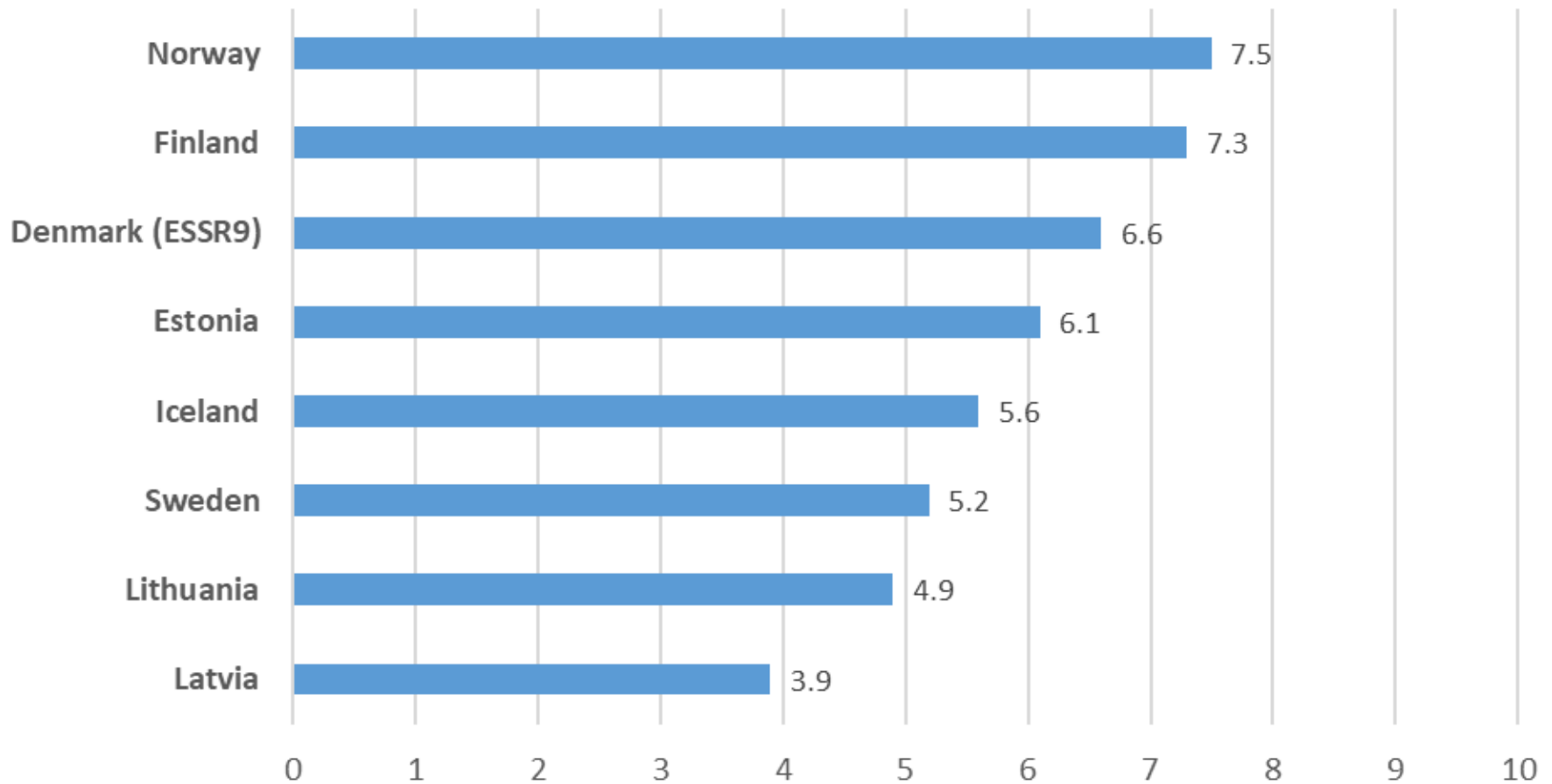
Satisfaction with economy (n = 11 766)



Satisfaction with state of education (n = 11 637)



Satisfaction with state of healthcare services (n = 11 900)





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