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Survey profile

The results presented in this analysis are based on the cumulative data of two telephone opinion surveys, which are conducted by Public Issue, with a general population sample of 2008 adults (18+) from across Greece. The surveys were carried out during the period of November to December 2012.

The use of the bicycle in Greece, 2012

The use of the bicycle as a means of transport is steadily increasing in Greece.

In 2012, the 3.1% of Greek people stated that they use the bicycle for their daily transportation, to and from work or school, for shopping or entertainment. Cyclists are mostly men (4%), especially unmarried and in general, young people of 18 and 24 years old (7%), but significant percentage of use is also observed in the middle age groups, e.g. in the category of 45-54 years old (5%).

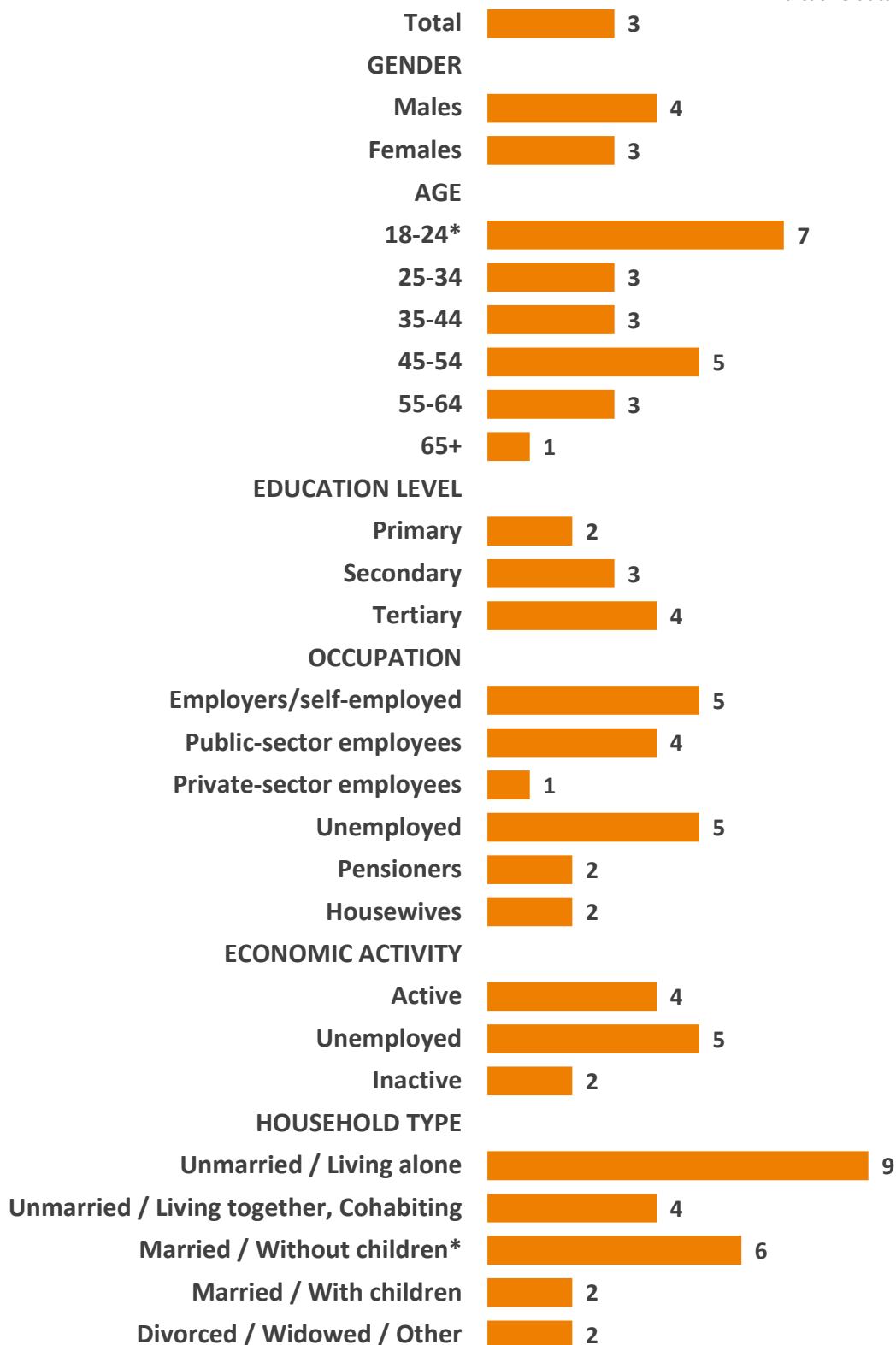
The use of the bicycle is probably “interclass”. Cycling is popular among the unemployed (5%), but also equally among the employers and self-employed (5%). The people who mainly commute by bike belong to the lower social strata or can hardly make it (4%), but also to those who can make it with their disposable income (4%), or have higher educational level (4%).

The use of the bicycle refers mainly to the cities. The bike is used equally by residents of urban and semi-urban areas of the country.

The geographical regions that mainly stand out are Thessaly and Eastern Macedonia-Thrace, in the flat cities of those the tradition of cycling continues to survive and be revived.

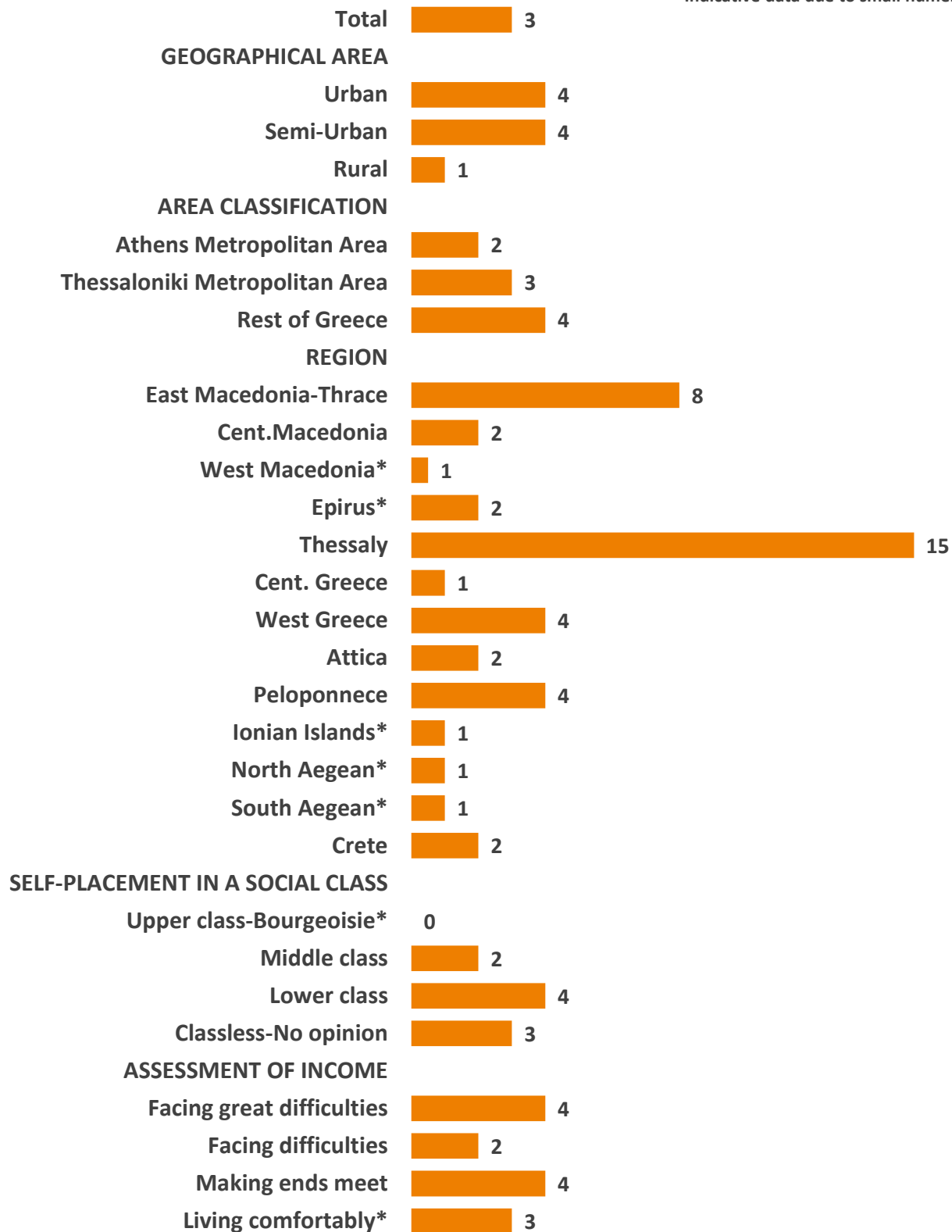
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