



Tackling carbon change 2022 survey

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Executive summary

COP26 saw 74 countries committing to reach net-zero emissions by 2050 and agreeing to revise their official national climate mitigation plans. In addition, over 600 companies set net-zero emissions targets in the run-up to COP26.

However, carbon still remains a real issue. The UK's net territorial greenhouse gas emissions in the UK are estimated to be c.400 million tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO₂e), with carbon dioxide making up almost 80% of the total. The average household emits 2.7 tonnes of CO₂ every year from heating their home, and an individual carbon footprint is c.10tonnes CO₂ per person per year.

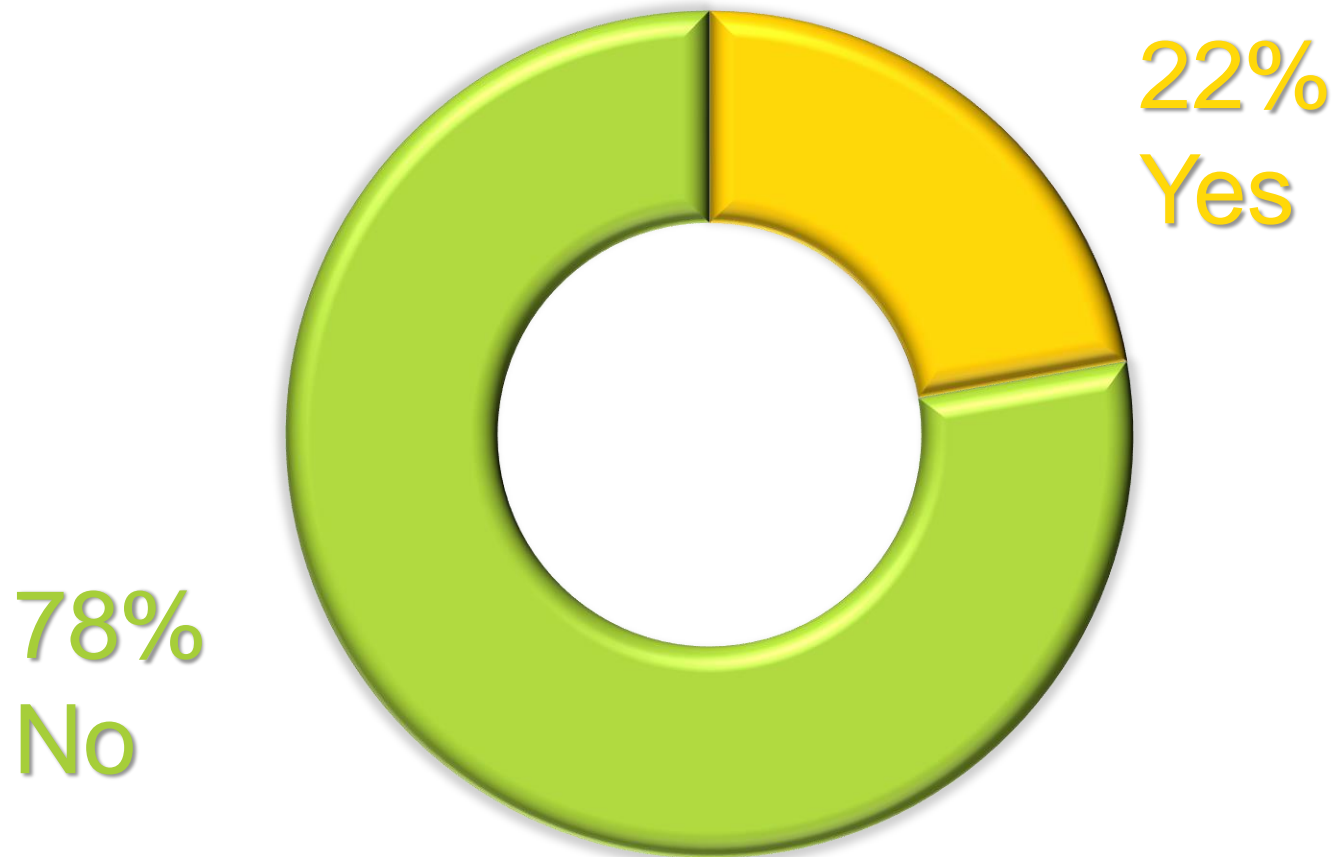
While the technology and telecoms sector are significantly lower carbon producers than the construction industry at 40%, the industry is still contributing around 2.1-3.9% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Our tackling carbon change survey went out to IT and technology professionals to gage their opinions on what is happening within the industry to tackle climate change. A summary of the findings are shown on the following pages.

It is interesting to note that some of the recommendations for tackling climate change include a closer look at how technology can support sustainable working methods. The role of the sector in delivering a solution is vital if the 2050 net zero targets are to be met.

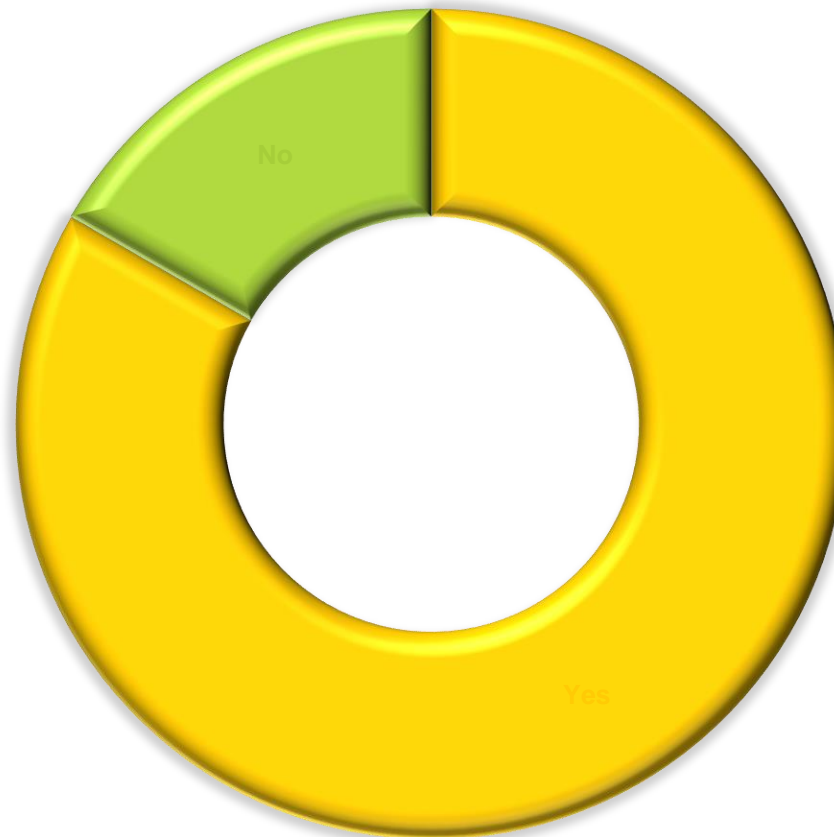
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Do you think the country will achieve the government's Net Zero targets for 2050?



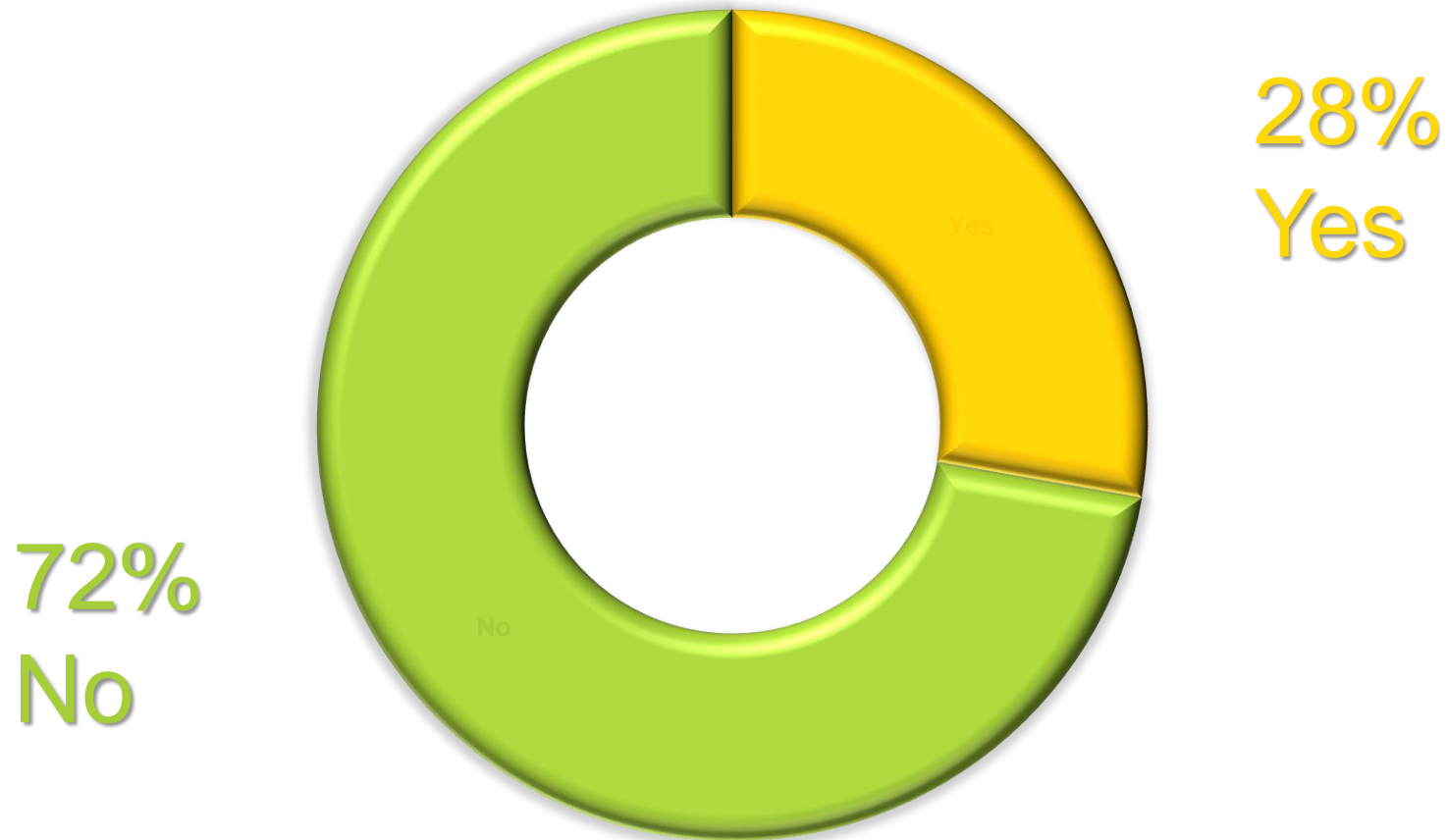
Is your company actively involved in reducing its carbon footprint?

17%
No

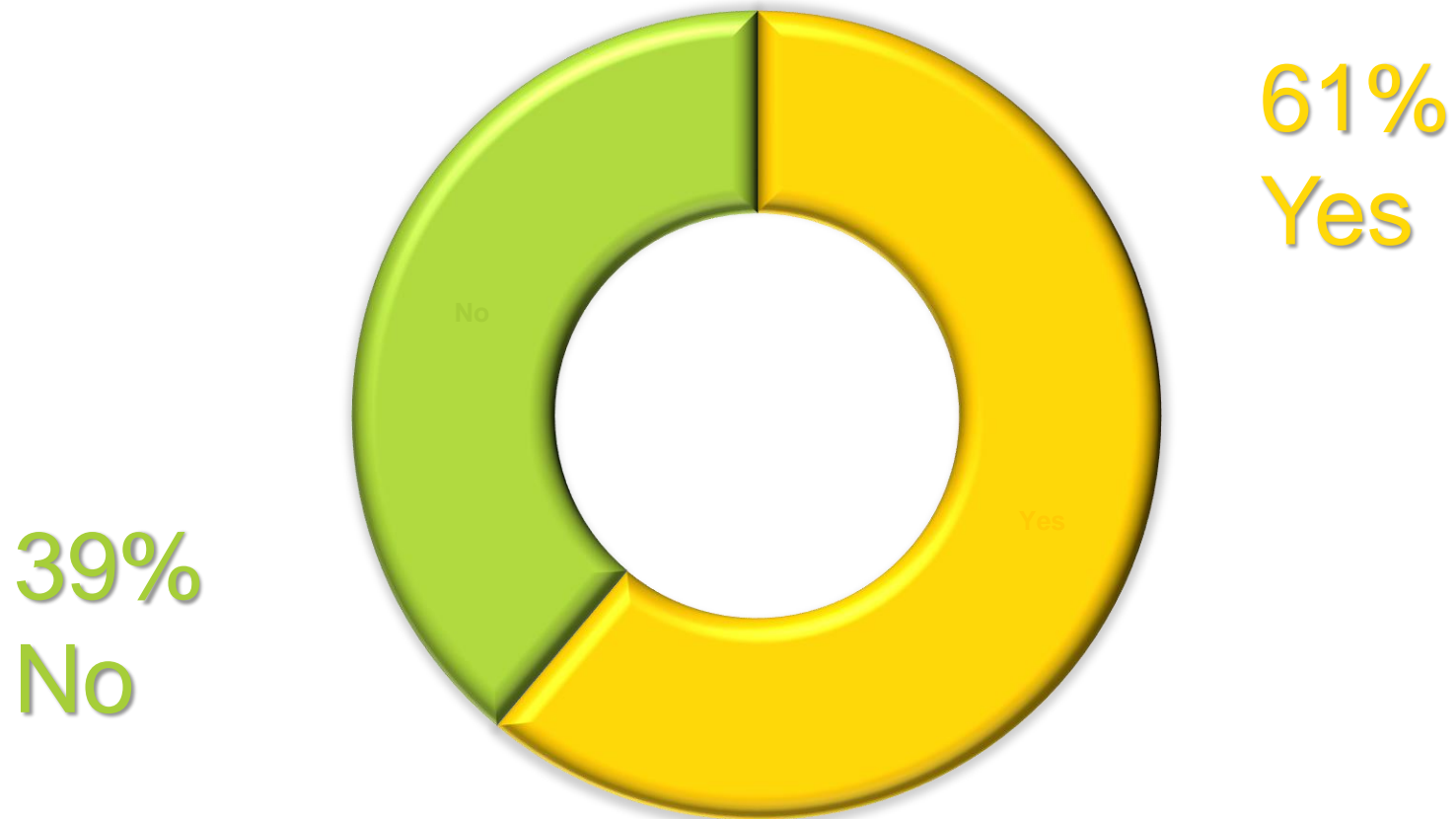


83%
Yes

Are you involved in net zero or environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) initiatives?

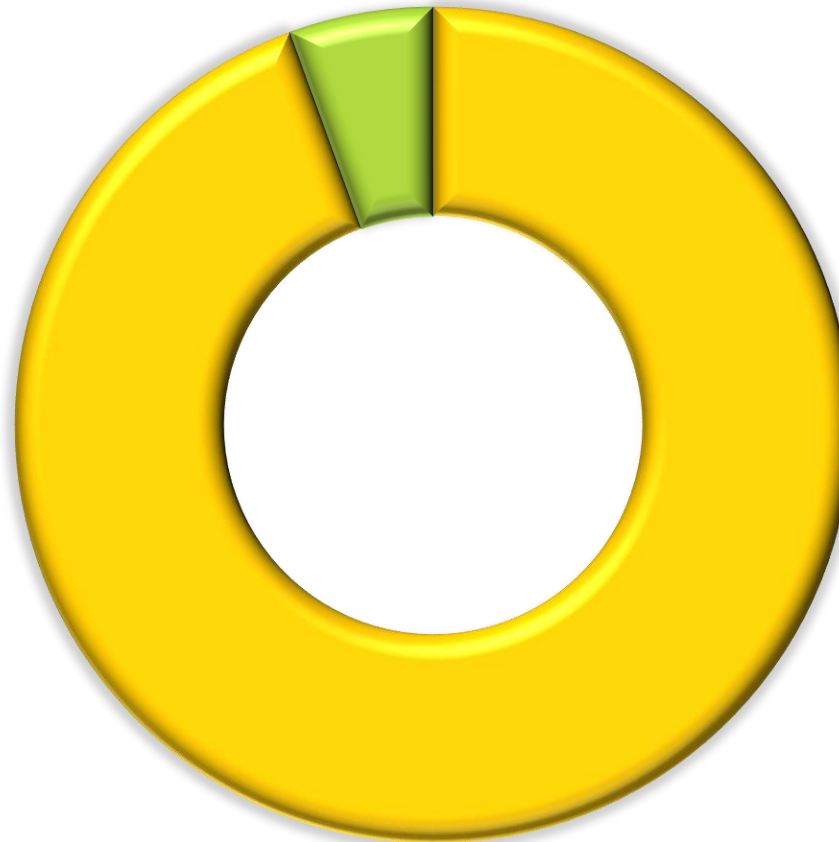


Is your company producing carbon reports?



Do you think technology has a greater role to play in achieving net zero targets?

6%
No



94%
Yes

Is sustainability/ESG owned by a specific person or team in your organisation?

56%
No



44%
Yes

Where do you think we could be making the most impact in reducing our carbon footprint?



The findings for this question provided some rich content. recommendations which accounted for 55% of the total. 30% felt the answer lay in renewable energy and a quarter believed it was a case of reducing consumption.

Other impacts recommended focused on IT solutions providing the answer (20% of respondents) and reducing travel (15% of respondents)

Legislation is seen as important in both identifying and enforcing the need for change with 10% believing this would be most effective. Looking at construction and sustainable housing stock to reduce the carbon footprint was cited by 5% of respondents as the biggest impact.

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