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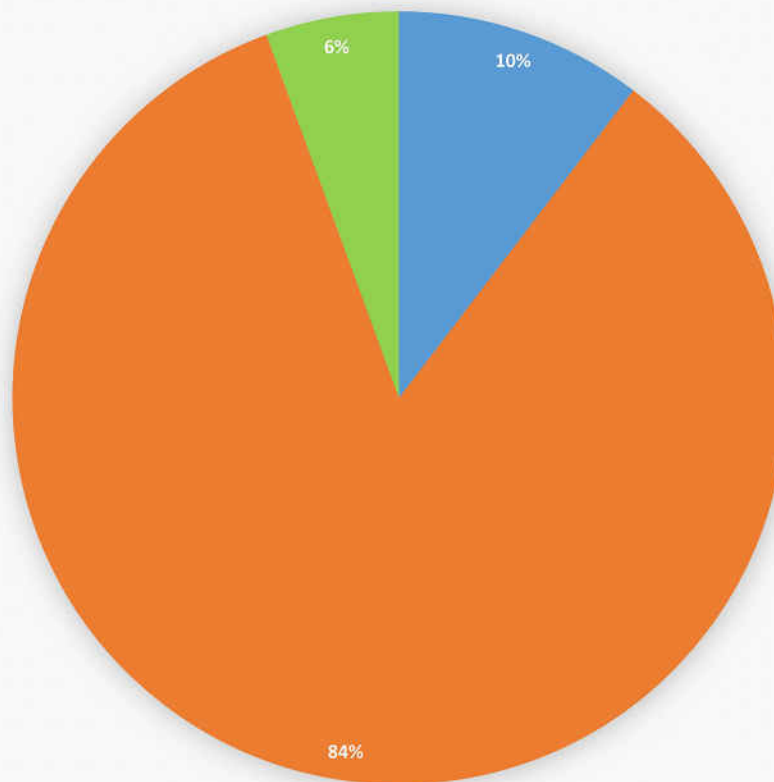
EU REFERENDUM SURVEY 2016

Freight exchange platform Returnloads.net has invited HGV drivers to take part in a survey about the EU referendum. The purpose of the survey was to see what the drivers opinions were about remaining in the EU and whether they had made their minds up on how they will vote.

In total, Returnloads.net had 502 responses and this report presents its findings.

Question 1

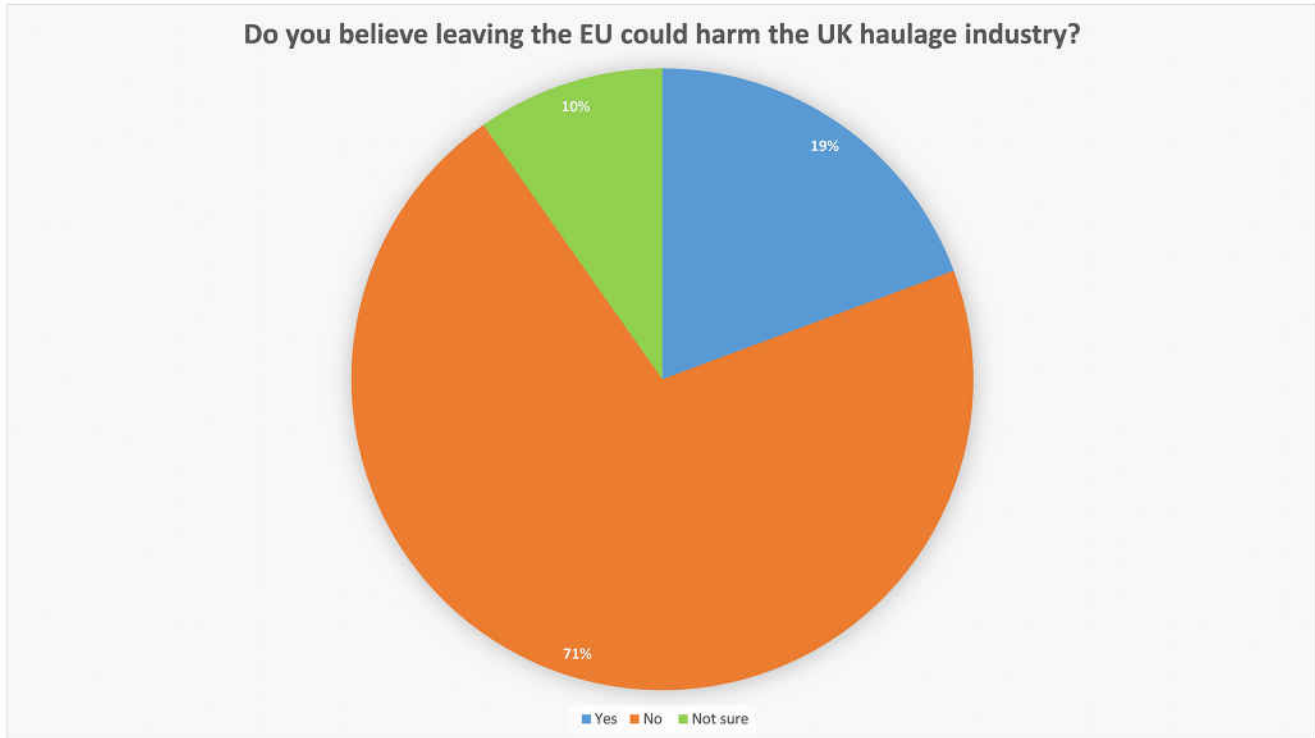
How do you intend to vote in the EU referendum in June?



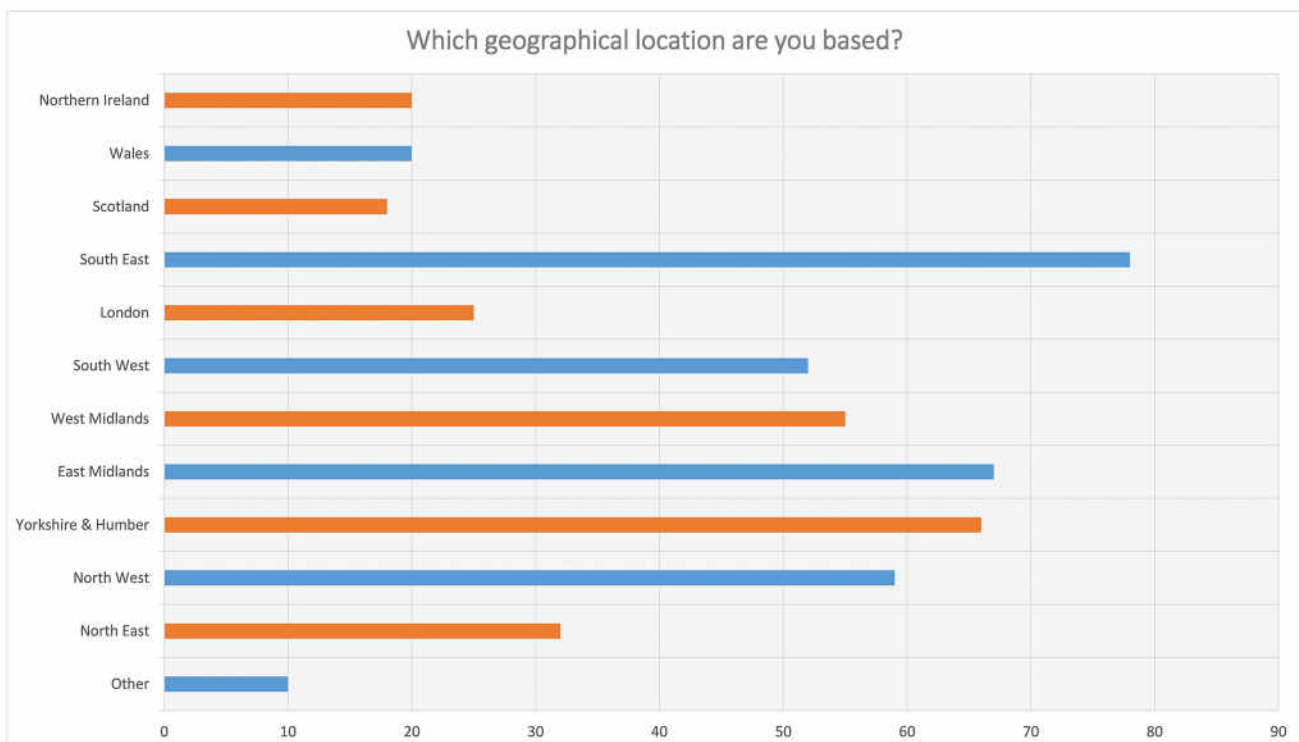
■ Stay in the EU ■ Leave the EU ■ Undecided



Question 2

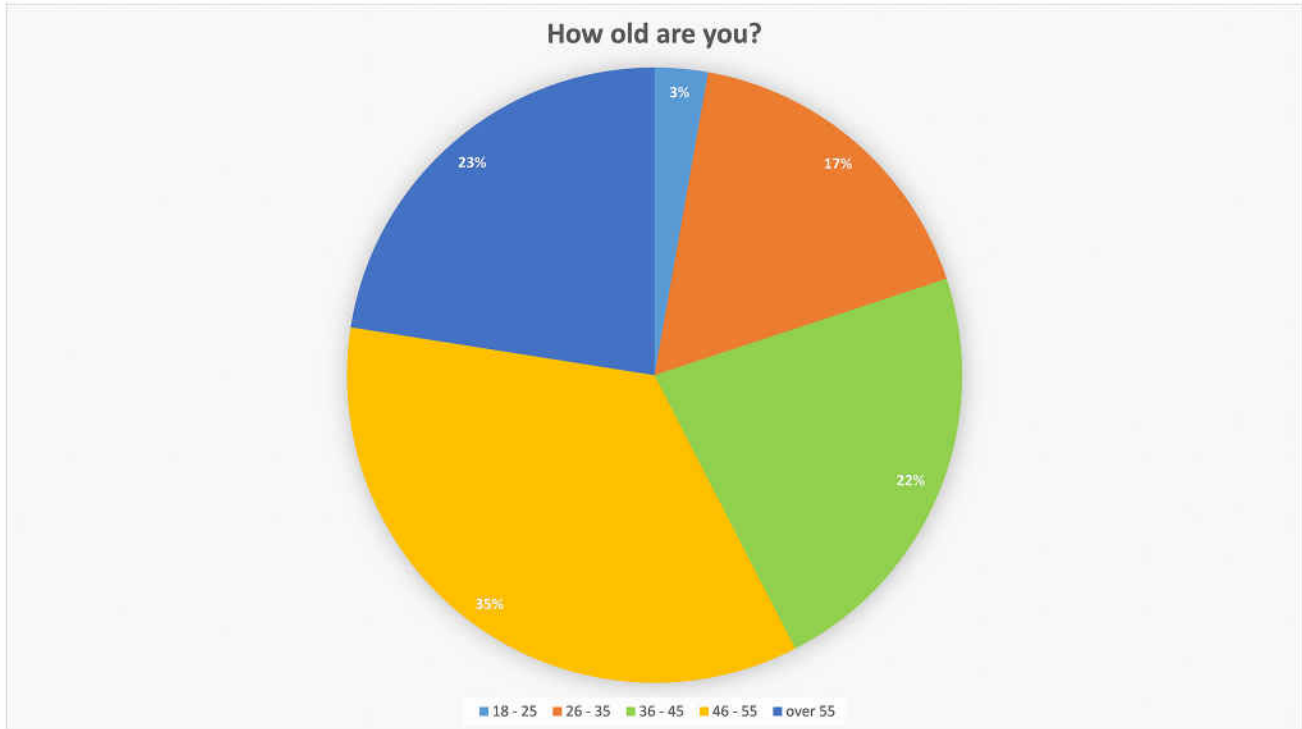


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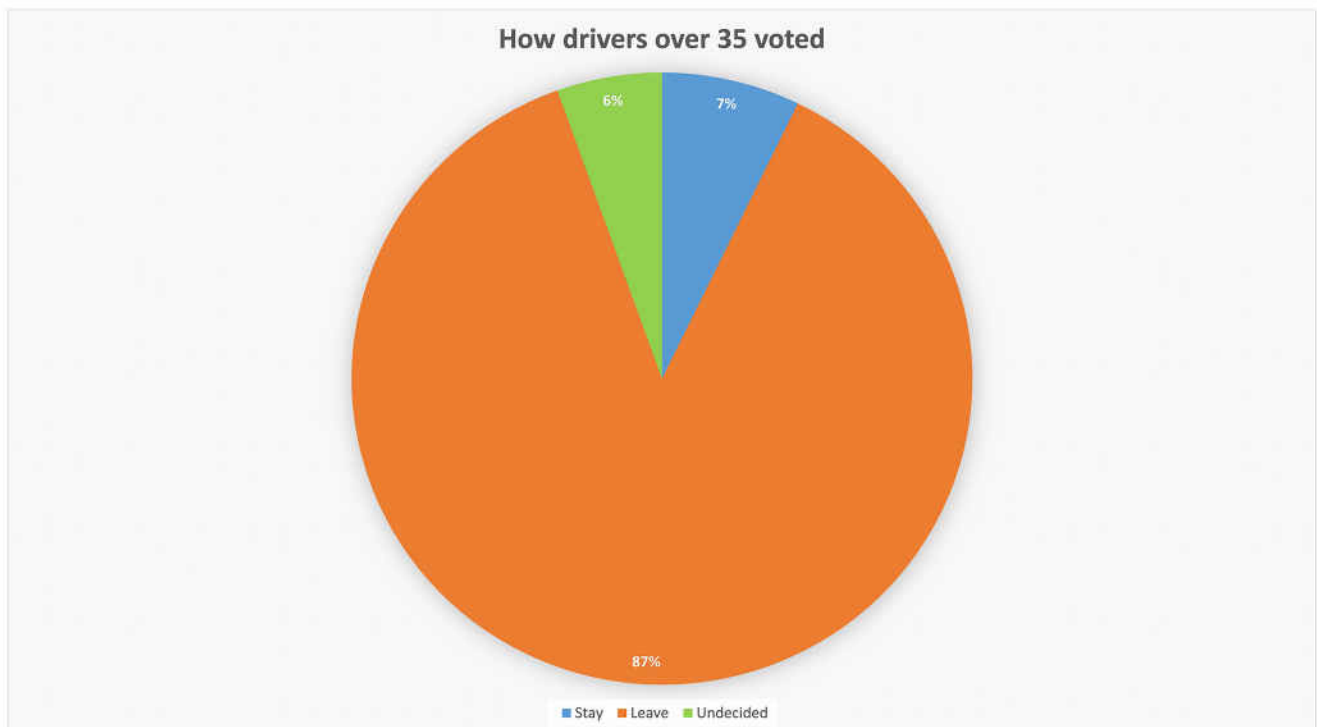
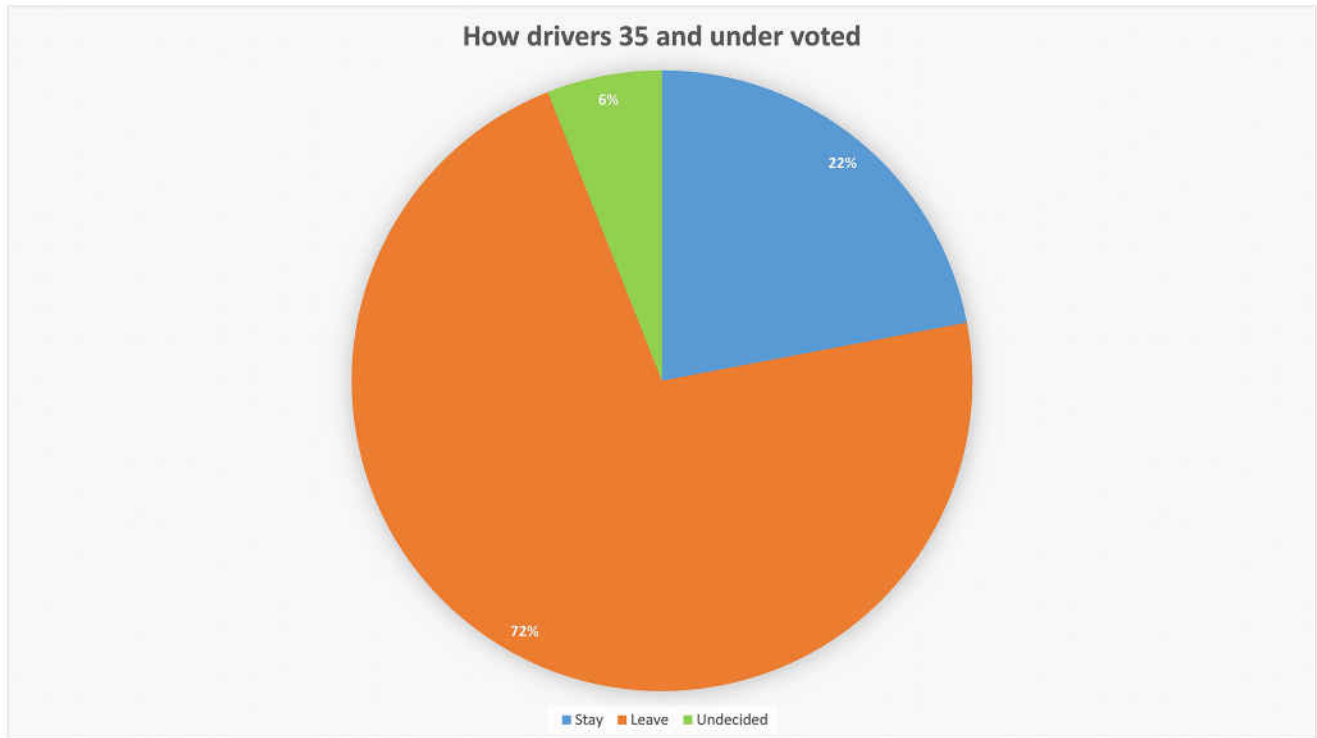


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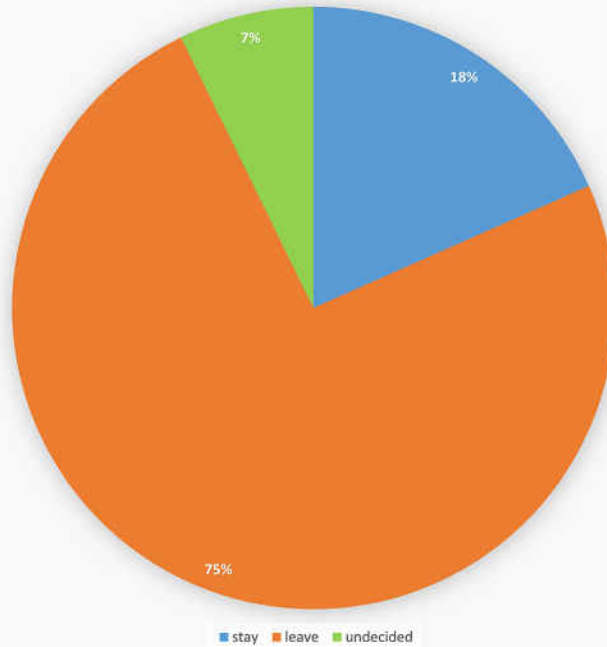
Further Analysis



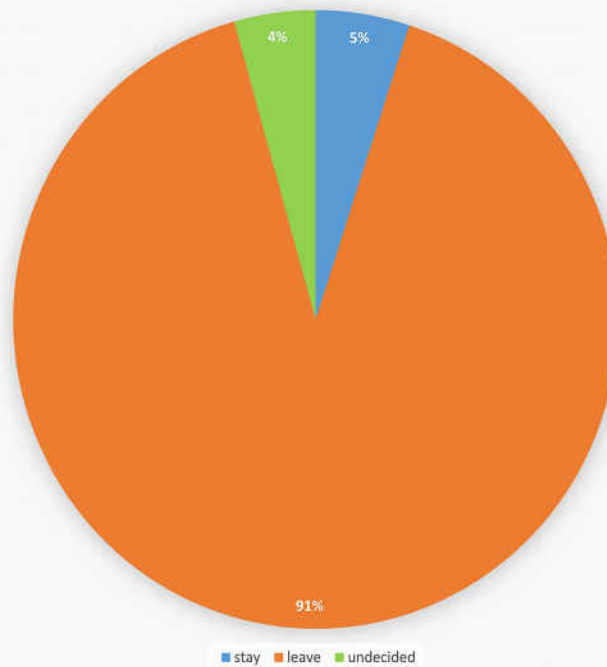


Further Analysis

How drivers voted who have been working in the industry under 15 years



How drivers voted who have been working in the industry for 15 years and over





Conclusion

This survey has resulted in some interesting findings. The vast majority, 84%, of the HGV drivers who took part will be voting to leave the EU. The main comments we received for their reasoning was that whilst in the EU foreign drivers working in the UK are keeping wages low and keeping some UK drivers out of work. Other areas of concern included immigration, too much regulation and people not wanting the UK people to be controlled by an un-elected power that may not have the UK's best interests at heart.

6% of those who took part are undecided and this is mainly due to the lack of clear information available on how it would affect them directly.

Only 10% will be voting to stay in the EU, a few respondents feel that if we leave the EU we will still have to pay and accept EU conditions if we wanted to trade with them but the UK will no longer have any say. Others feel that if we leave the EU prices for goods and services across the country will increase.

19% of HGV drivers felt that leaving the EU could harm the haulage industry.

It is interesting to see that a higher percentage of HGV drivers who have been in the industry for over 15 years have chosen to vote to leave, 91%, than that of people who have worked in the industry for less time, 75%.

22% of HGV drivers aged 35 and under will be voting to stay in the EU whereas only 7% of those over 35 will be voting to stay.