OPINION POLL REPORT

Kwara 2027 governorship and *Senate* poll



The largest statewide telephone survey in Kwara history, of 30,000 registered voters in all 16 local governments and all 193 wards.

METHOD

Who was interviewed

Statewide figures are accurate to within about 1 point either way, at the 95% confidence level. 52% of voters live in rural polling units and 70% are under 45. Trading and farming are how 47% of voters earn a living; 19% have been to a university or polytechnic.

Group	Share of registered voters, from the weighted interviews
Gender	Men 51% · Women 49%
Age	18 to 29 34% · 30 to 44 36% · 45 to 59 19% · 60 and over 11%
Area	Urban 48% · Rural 52%
Senatorial district	Kwara Central 41% · Kwara South 30% · Kwara North 29%
Education	No formal schooling 12% · Quranic only 10% · Primary 16% · Secondary 43% · Tertiary 19%
Occupation	Trading 30% · Farming 17% · Artisan 11% · Public servant or teacher 13% · Private sector 5% · Student 12% · Not in work 12%
Religion	Islam 74% · Christianity 25% · Traditional or other 1%
People group	Yoruba 46% · Ilorin 19% · Nupe 11% · Baruba 8% · Boko (Busa) 3% · Hausa or Fulani 8% · Other 5%

PART ONE

The race for governor

Who voters would choose today: statewide, by senatorial district and by local government.



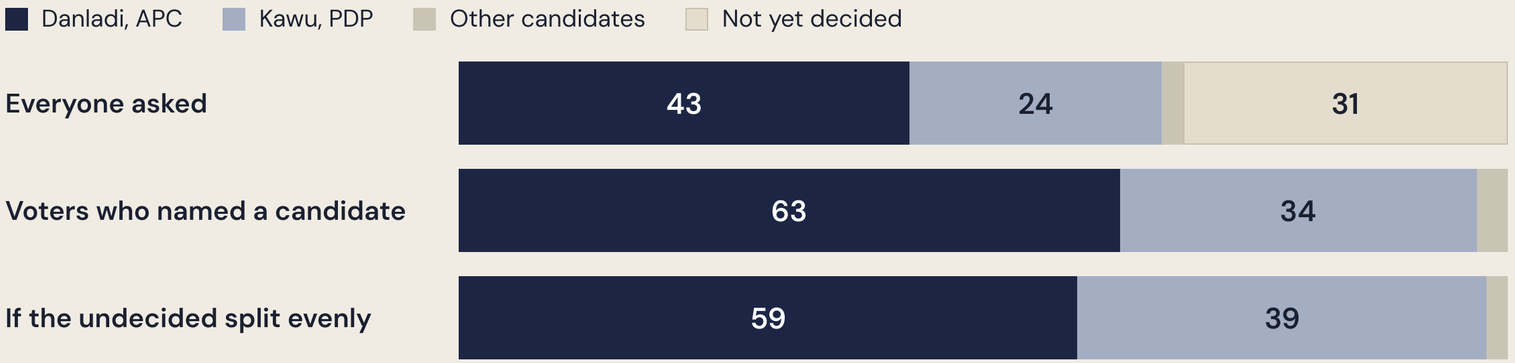
Governorship vote among decided voters

Among the 69% who named a candidate, Danladi leads Kawu by 63% to 34%, a lead of 29 points. Margin of error for this group: plus or minus 0.9 points.

63%
Salihu Yakubu Danladi
APC

34%
Bolakale Kawu
PDP

3%
Other candidates
ADC, SDP and others

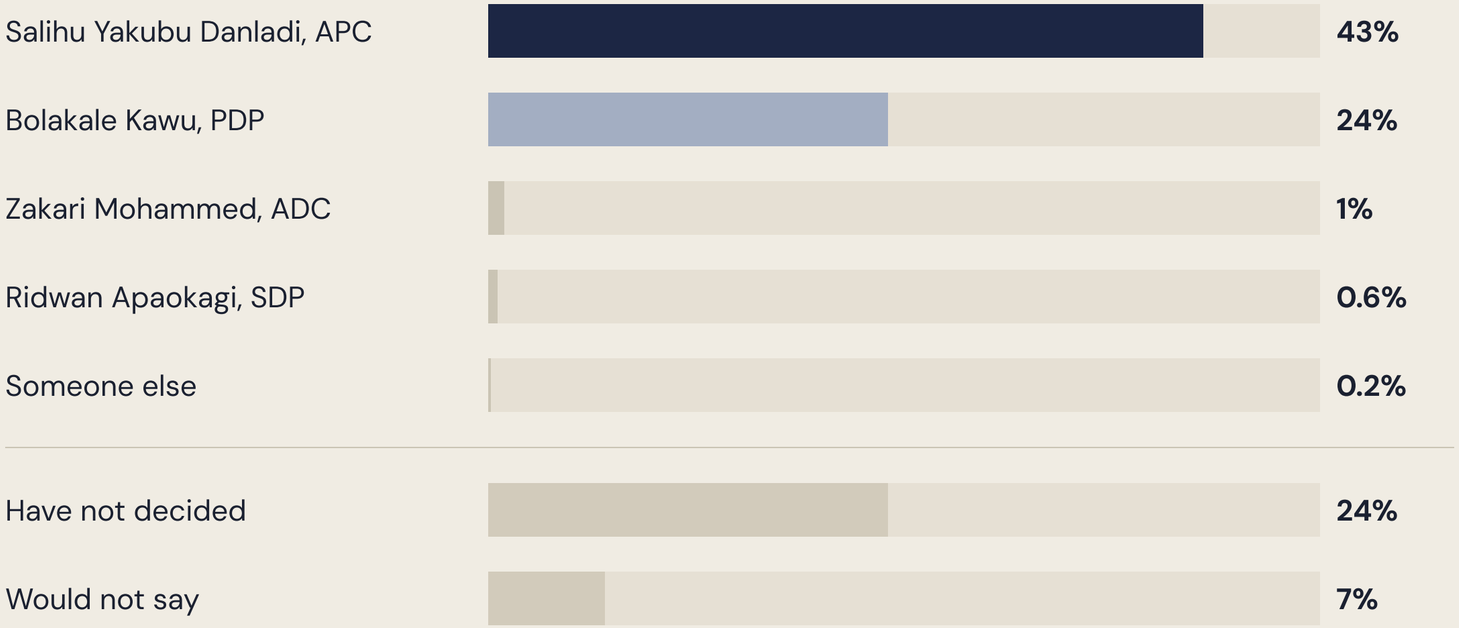


The top bar is everyone we asked. The middle bar sets aside the voters who have not decided. The bottom bar shows the result if they split equally between Danladi and Kawu.

What would change it. Kawu would need about 81 of every 100 undecided voters just to draw level.

Governorship vote among everyone asked

Danladi is the choice of 43% of registered voters and Kawu of 24%. 31% have not decided or would not say, more than Kawu's whole vote.



31%

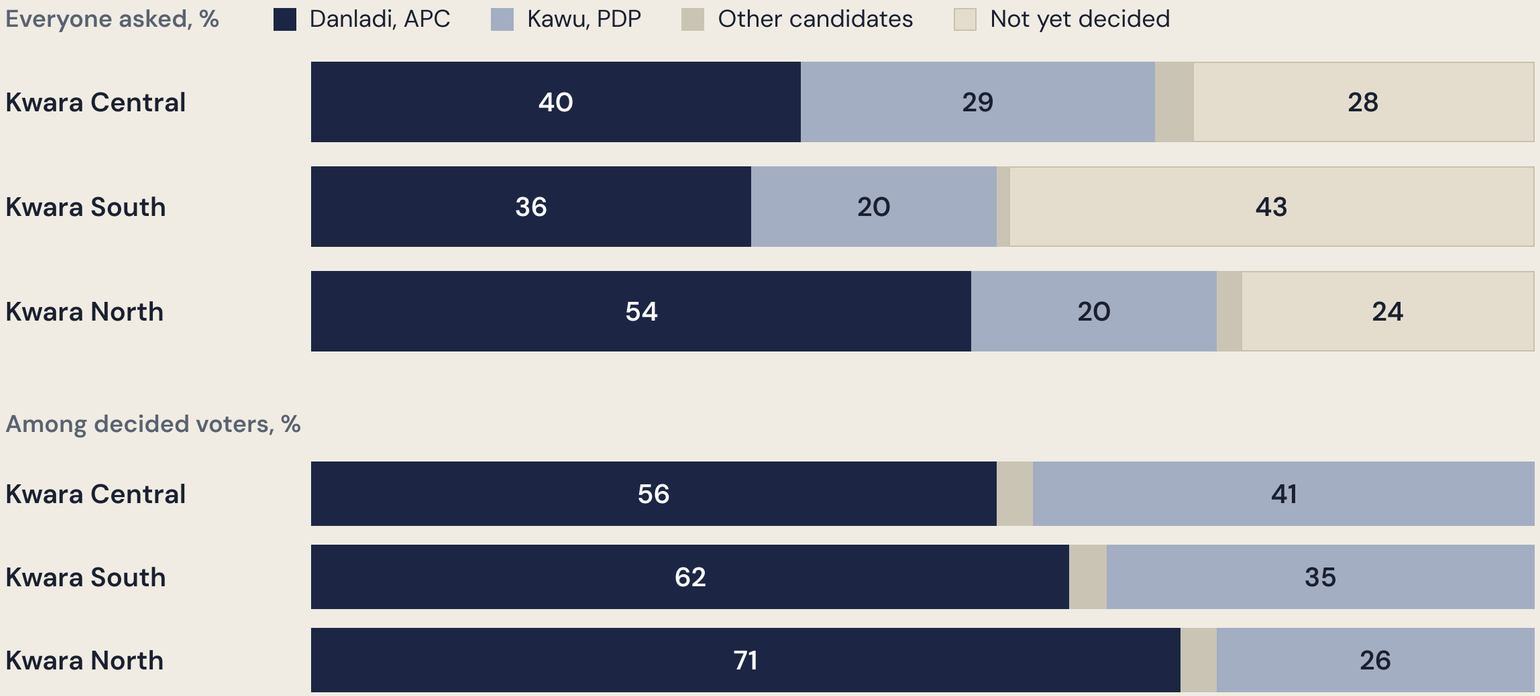
have not decided or would not say: the biggest group after Danladi's voters

19 points

Danladi's lead over Kawu among everyone asked

Governorship vote by senatorial district

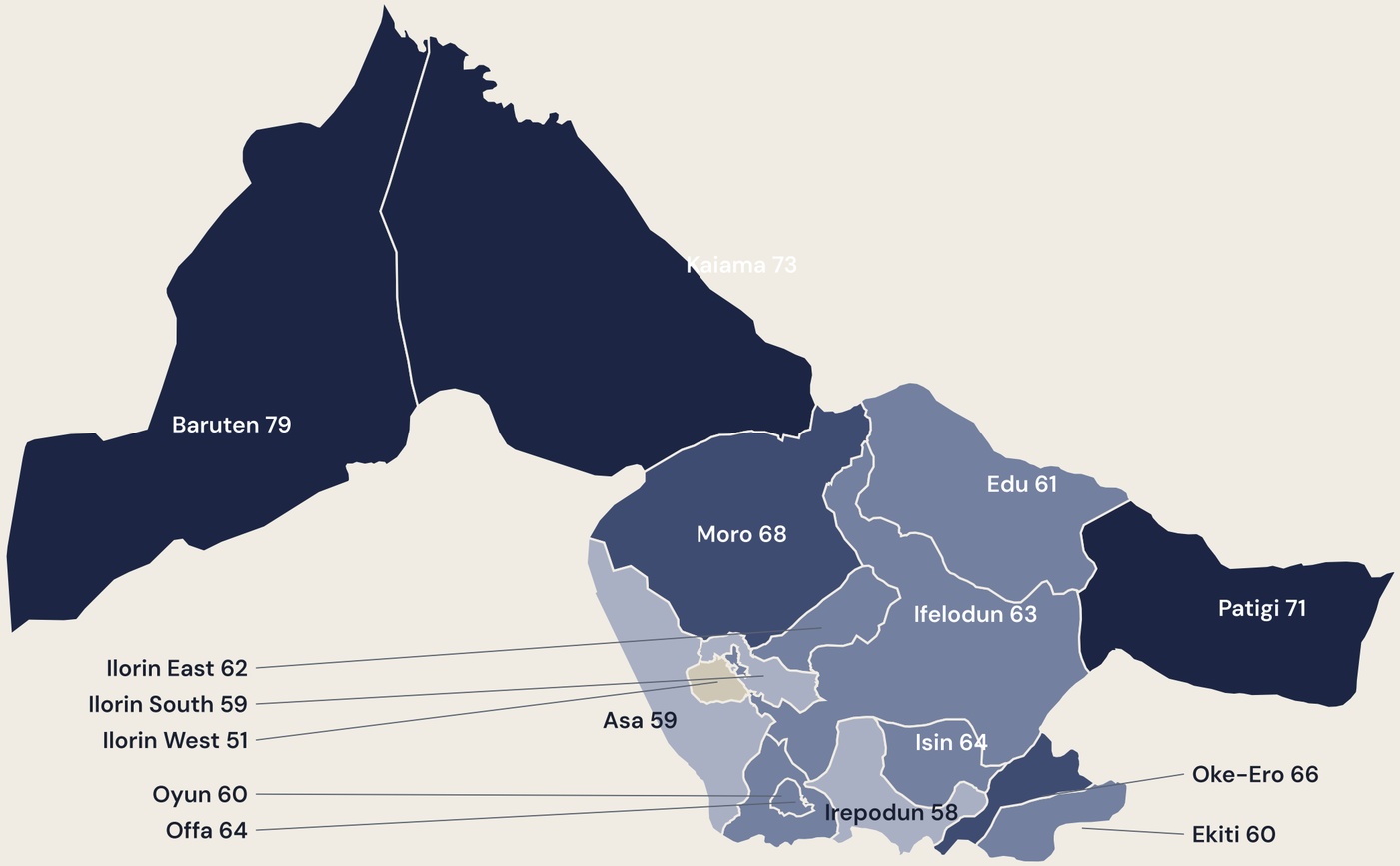
Danladi leads in all three districts. His lead is widest in Kwara North (71% to 26% among decided voters) and narrowest in Kwara Central (56% to 41%). Kwara South has the most undecided voters.



District	Share of registered voters
Kwara Central	40%
Kwara South	30%
Kwara North	29%

Danladi's share of the decided vote by local government

Danladi is strongest in the north and west of the state and weakest around Ilorin. His lowest share is in Ilorin West (51%), Kawu's home local government.



Danladi's share among decided voters

Under 55% 1 local government
Ilorin West

55% to 59% 3 local governments
Ilorin South, Asa, Irepodun

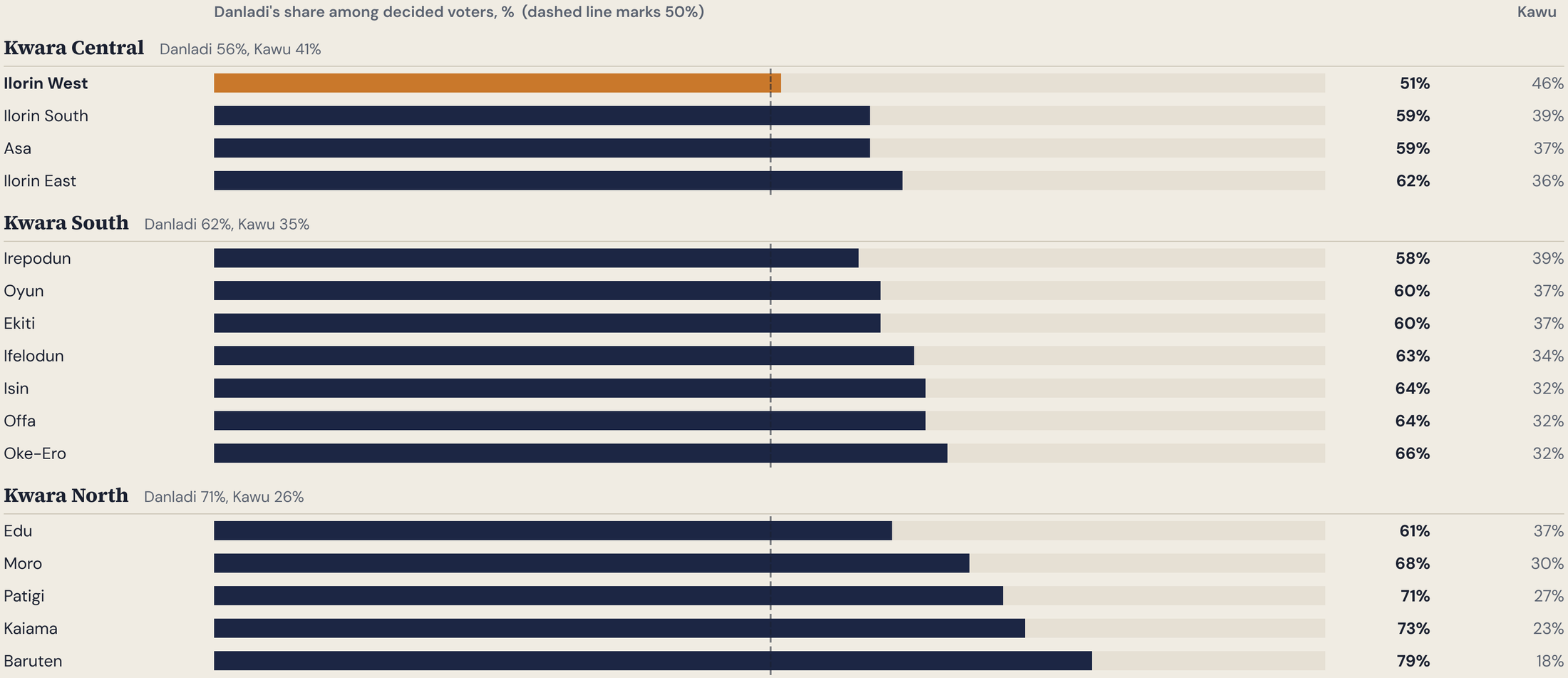
60% to 64% 7 local governments
Ilorin East, Offa, Oyun, Ifelodun, Isin, Ekiti, Edu

65% to 69% 2 local governments
Oke-Ero, Moro

70% and over 3 local governments
Patigi, Baruten, Kaiama

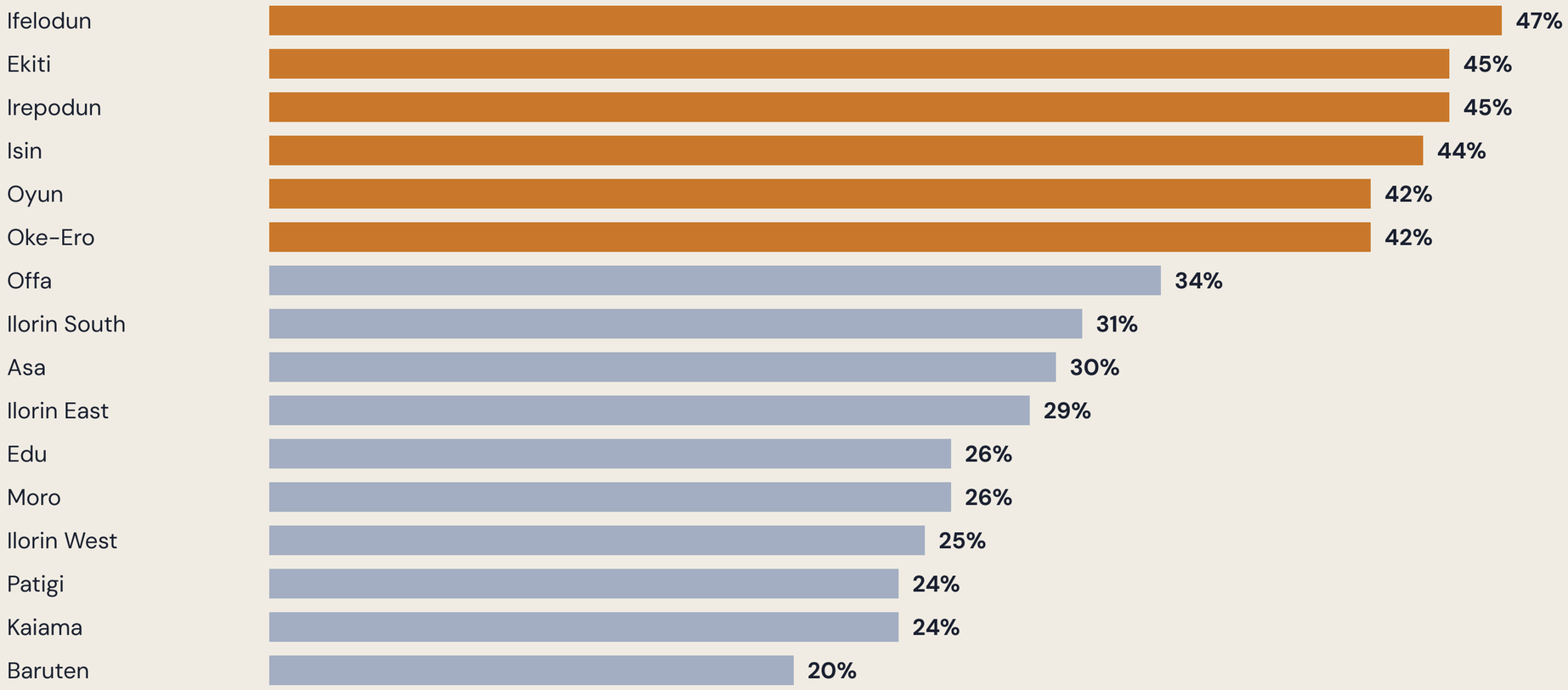
Vote share by local government

Danladi leads in all 16 local governments.



Undecided voters by local government

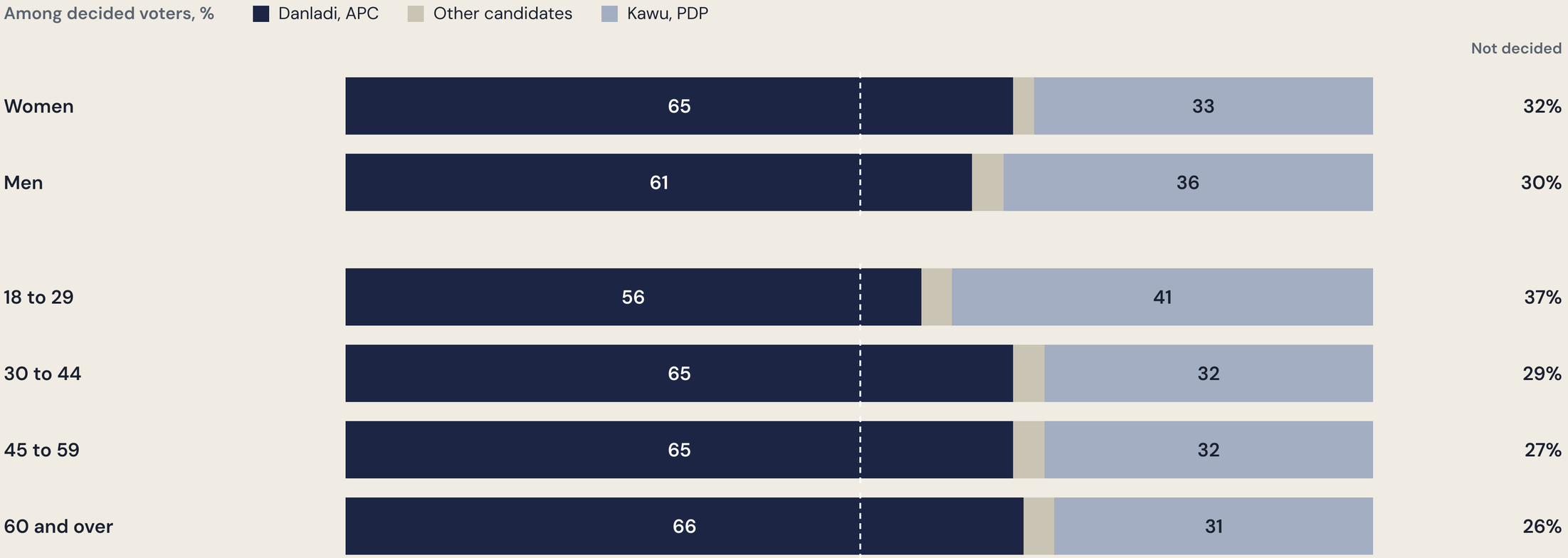
In six local governments, 4 in 10 voters or more have not named a candidate, all of them in Kwara South: Ifelodun, Ekiti, Irepodun, Isin, Oyun, Oke-Ero.



Orange: 40% or more of voters have not named a candidate

Vote by gender and age

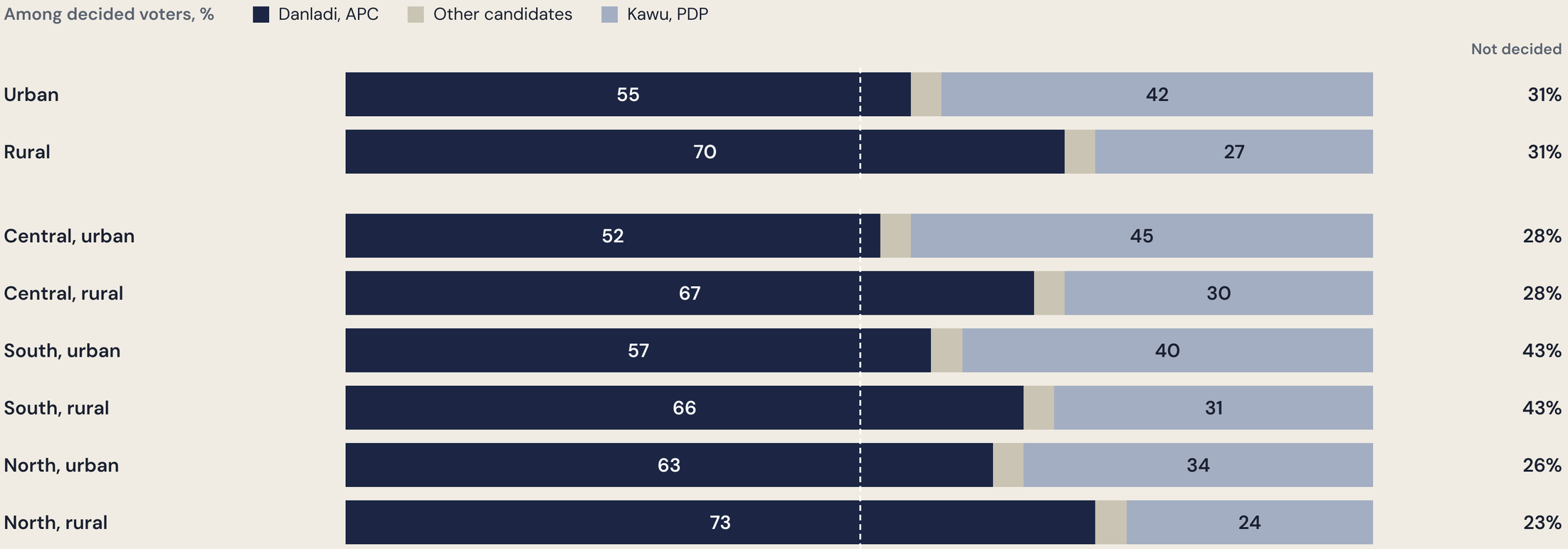
Women back Danladi a little more than men, 65% against 61%. Age matters more: voters aged 18 to 29 are his closest group (56% to 41%) and the least decided (37% have not chosen).



The dashed white line marks half of decided voters.

Vote in urban and rural areas

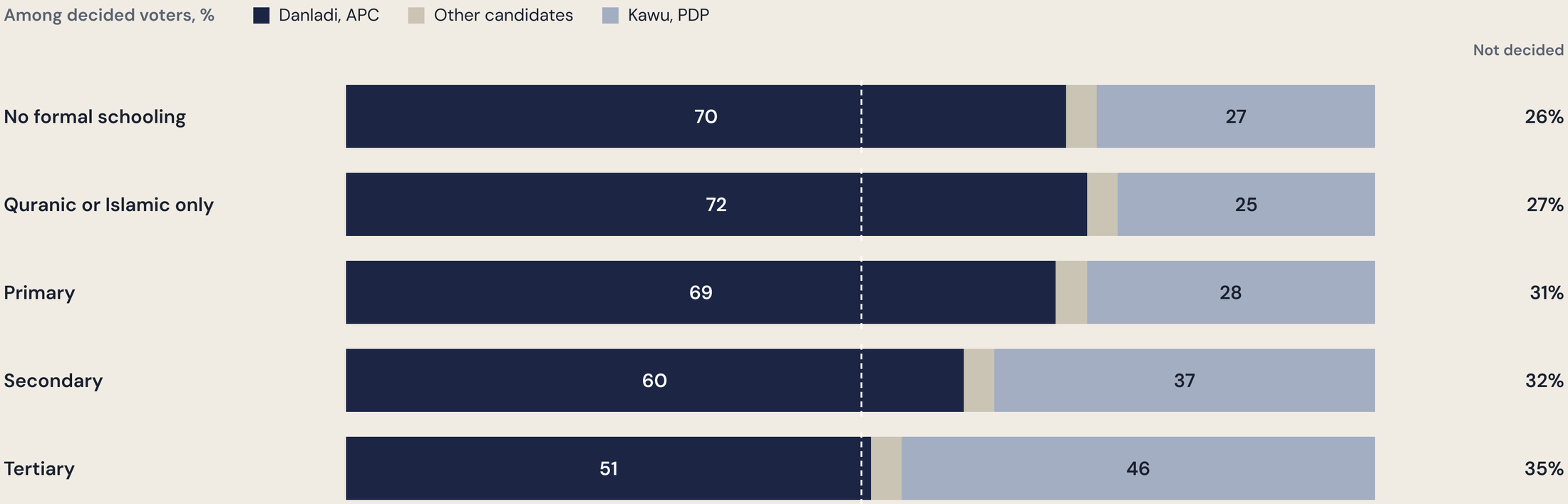
Rural voters are Danladi's base: 70% back him against 55% of urban voters. The gap holds in every district, and it is widest in Kwara Central, where urban Ilorin is Kawu's best ground.



Urban means a polling unit in Ilorin or one of the larger towns. Rural is everywhere else.

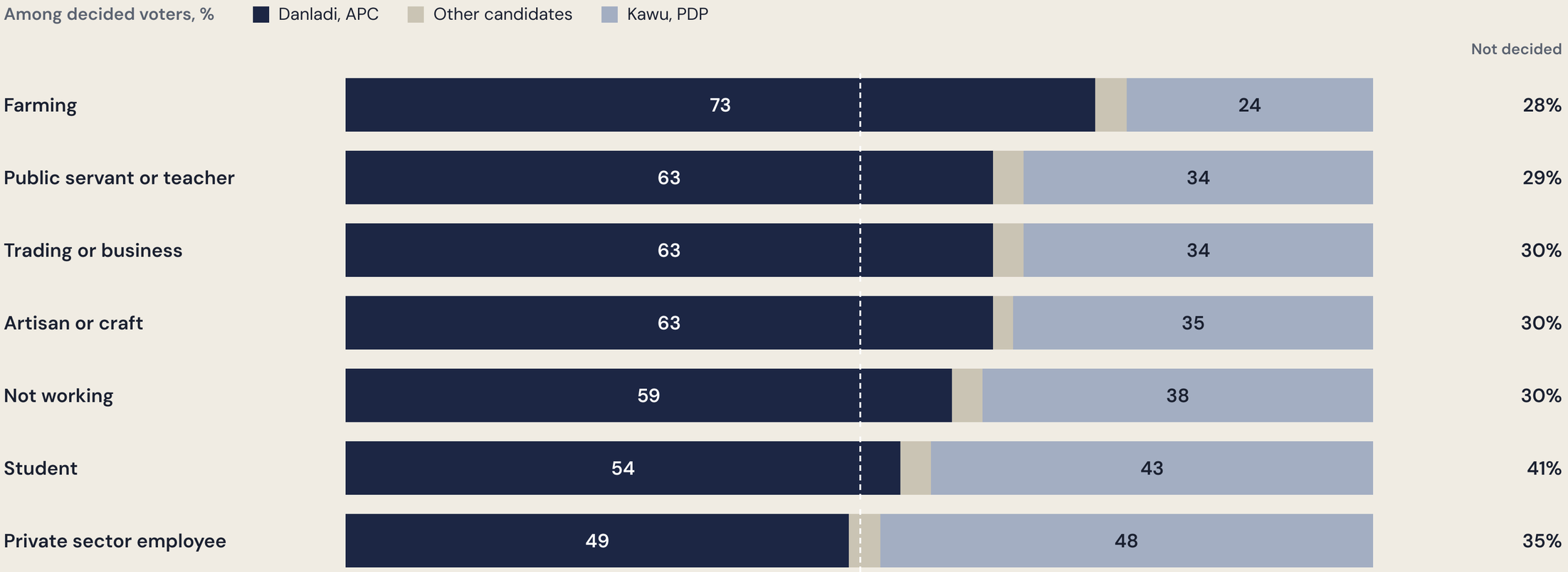
Vote by education

Danladi does best among voters with little or no schooling (69% to 72% for no formal, Quranic-only and primary schooling). He does worst among graduates of a university or polytechnic, who back him 51% to 46%. They are also the most likely to be undecided.



Vote by occupation

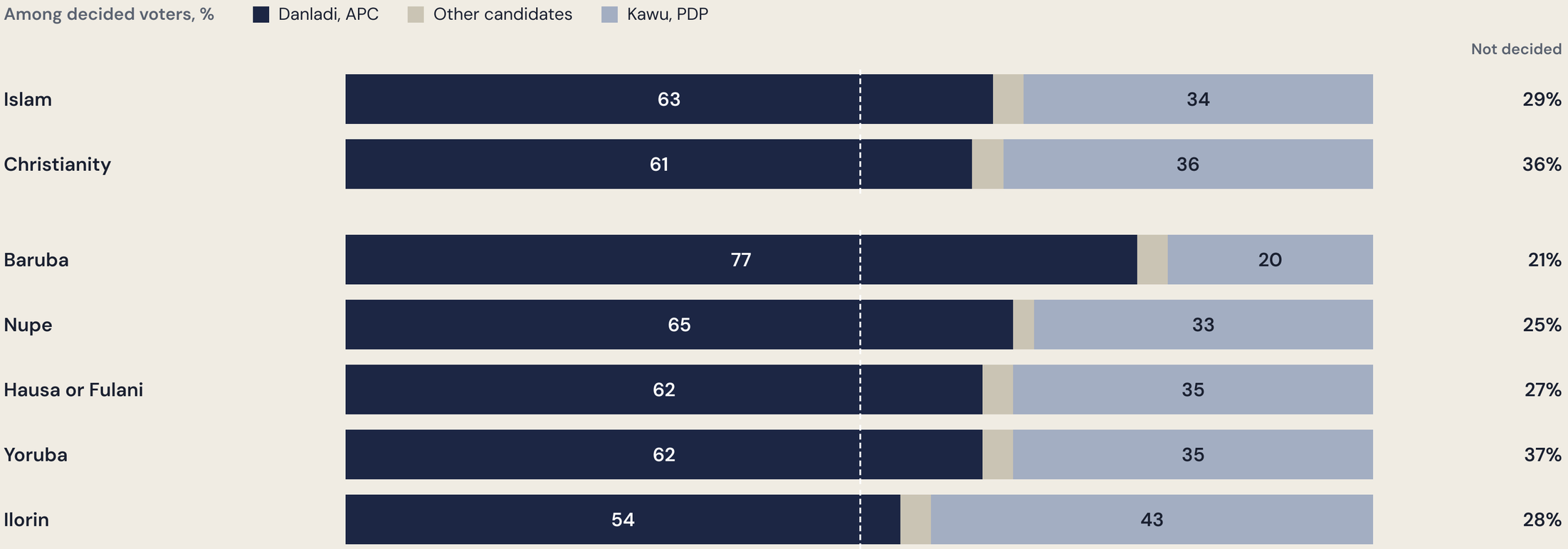
Farmers back Danladi most strongly (73%). Private sector employees are too close to call (49% to 48%). Students are the most undecided (41%).



"Not working" covers the unemployed, retired people and full-time homemakers.

Vote by religion and people group

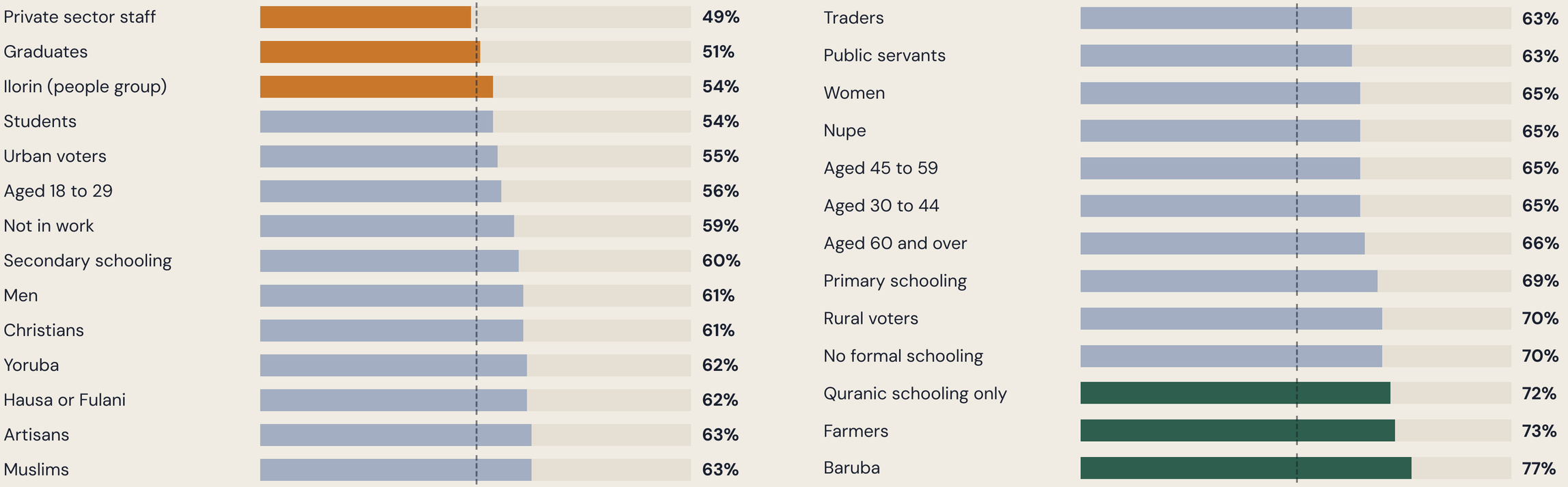
Danladi leads among Muslims (63%) and Christians (61%). By people group, the Baruba are his strongest supporters (77%); voters who call themselves Ilorin are the closest (54% to 43%).



People group is how voters describe themselves. "Ilorin" is kept separate because many voters in the Ilorin local governments answer that way.

Danladi's share across every group

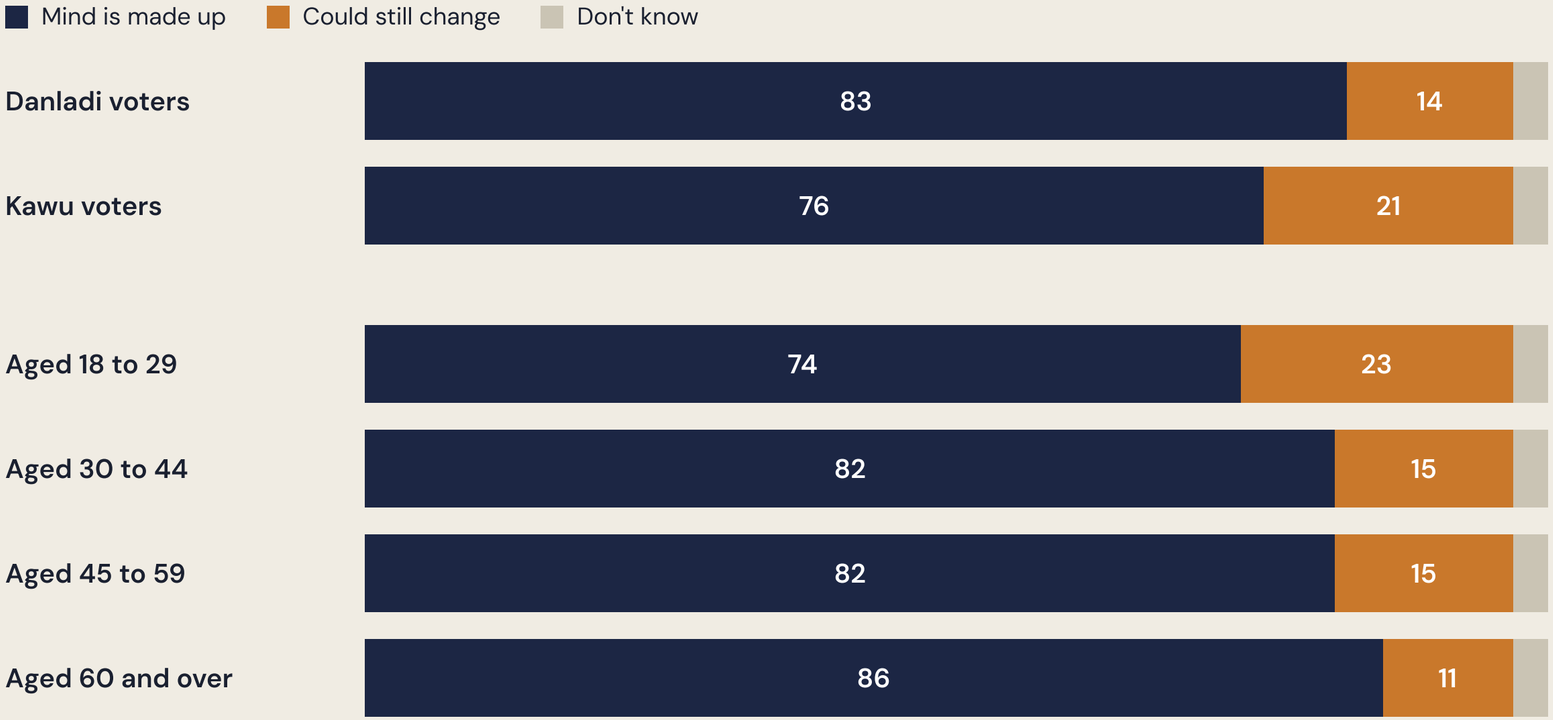
His support runs from 49% among private sector employees to 77% among Baruba voters. He is clearly ahead in every group except private sector employees, where the race is too close to call.



Orange: his three weakest groups. Dark green: his three strongest. Dashed line marks 50%.

How firm each candidate's support is

83% of Danladi voters say their mind is made up, against 76% of Kawu voters. Voters aged 18 to 29 are the least firm.



Soft support. Voters who named a candidate but could still change are 11% of all registered voters. Add the 31% undecided and 42% of the electorate is still open.

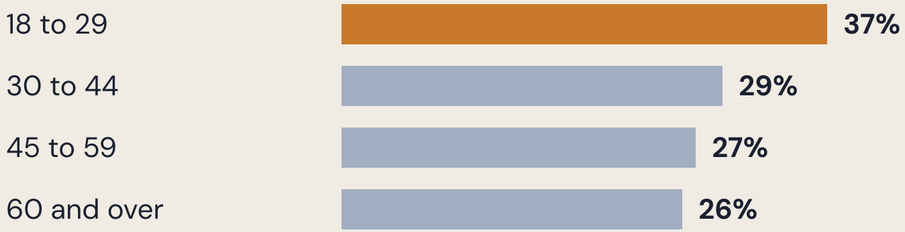
Who the undecided voters are

Undecided voters are younger, better educated and more often in Kwara South than voters who have chosen. 4 in 10 undecided voters are aged 18 to 29.

By senatorial district, % not yet decided



By age, % not yet decided



By area, % not yet decided



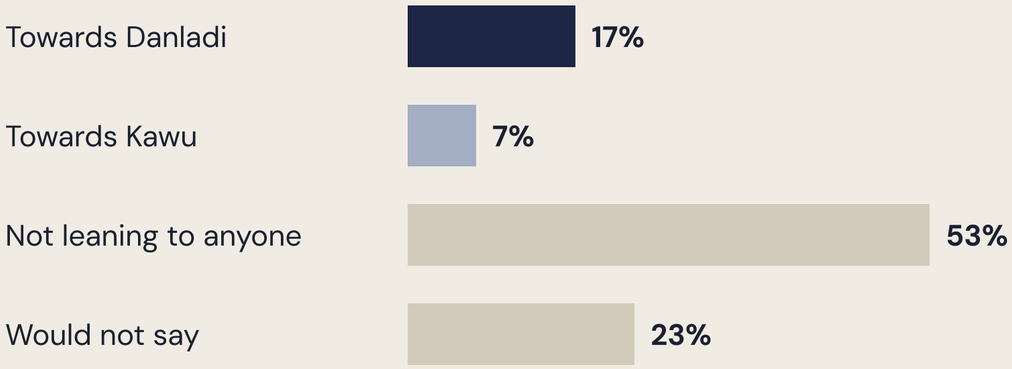
By education, % not yet decided



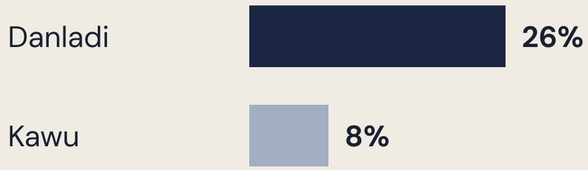
Which way the undecided voters lean

Most undecided voters lean to nobody yet. Those who do lean favour Danladi by about 2 to 1, Of all undecided voters, 26% like Danladi and 8% like Kawu.

Which way are you leaning? % of undecided voters



Undecided voters who like each candidate, %

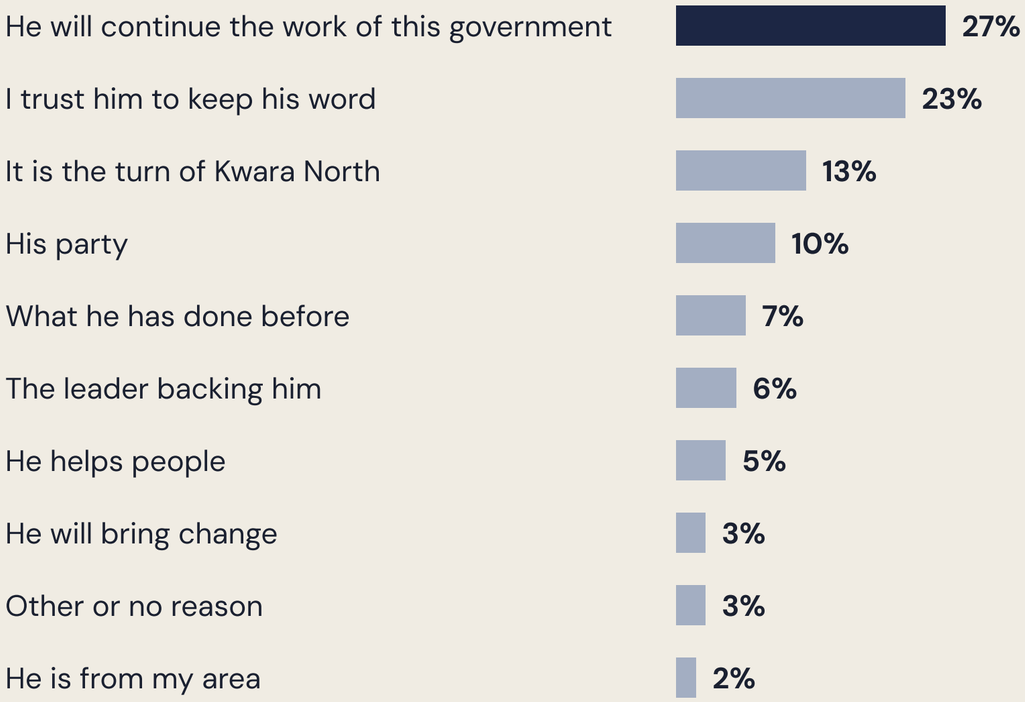


These are shares of all undecided voters, including those who have never heard of the candidate.

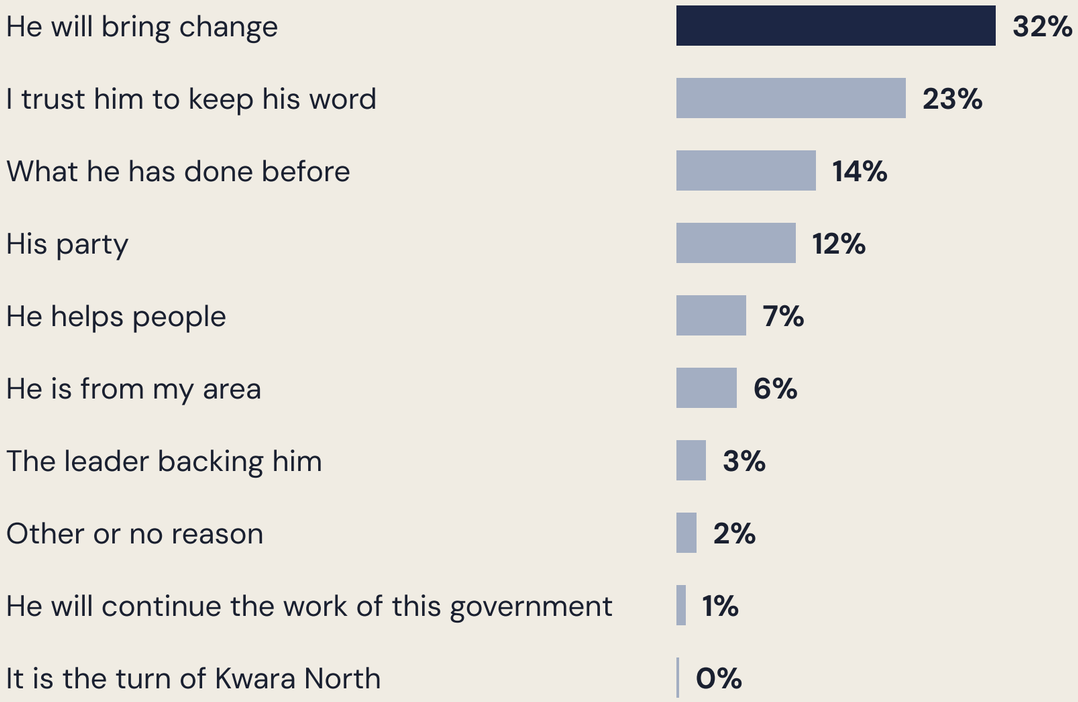
Why voters choose their candidate

Danladi's voters choose him mostly to continue the work of this government (27%) and because they trust him (23%). Kawu's voters want change (32%). Only 13% of Danladi's voters name zoning to Kwara North as the main reason.

Danladi voters, %

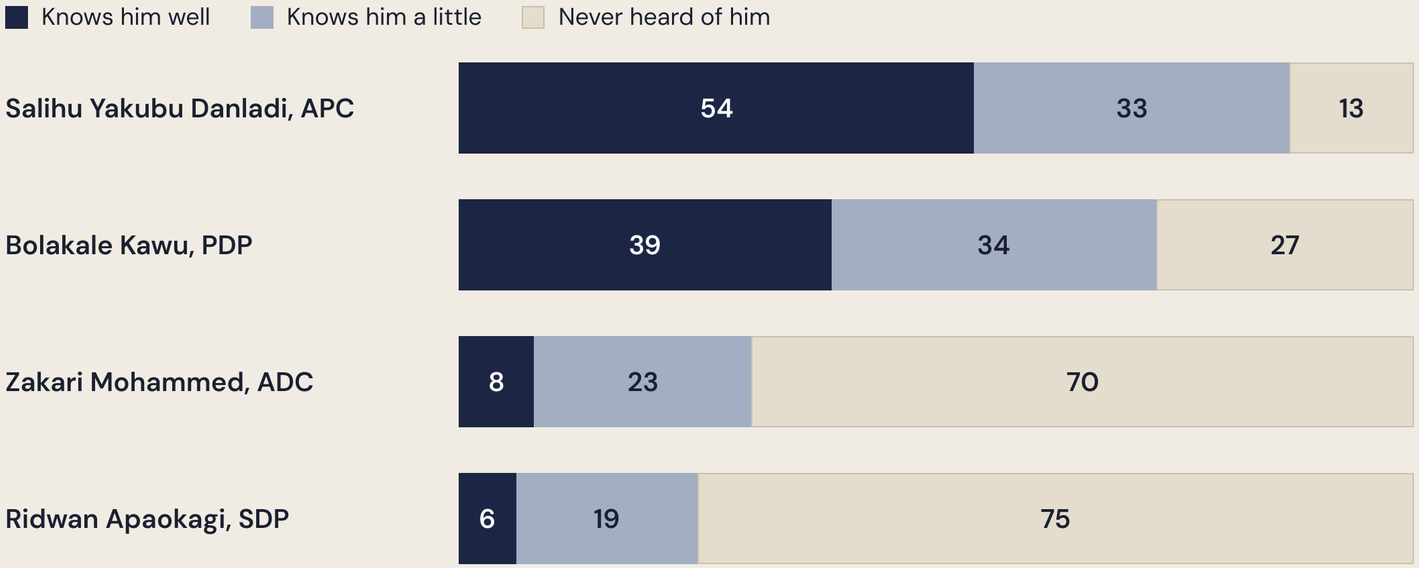


Kawu voters, %



How well known each candidate is

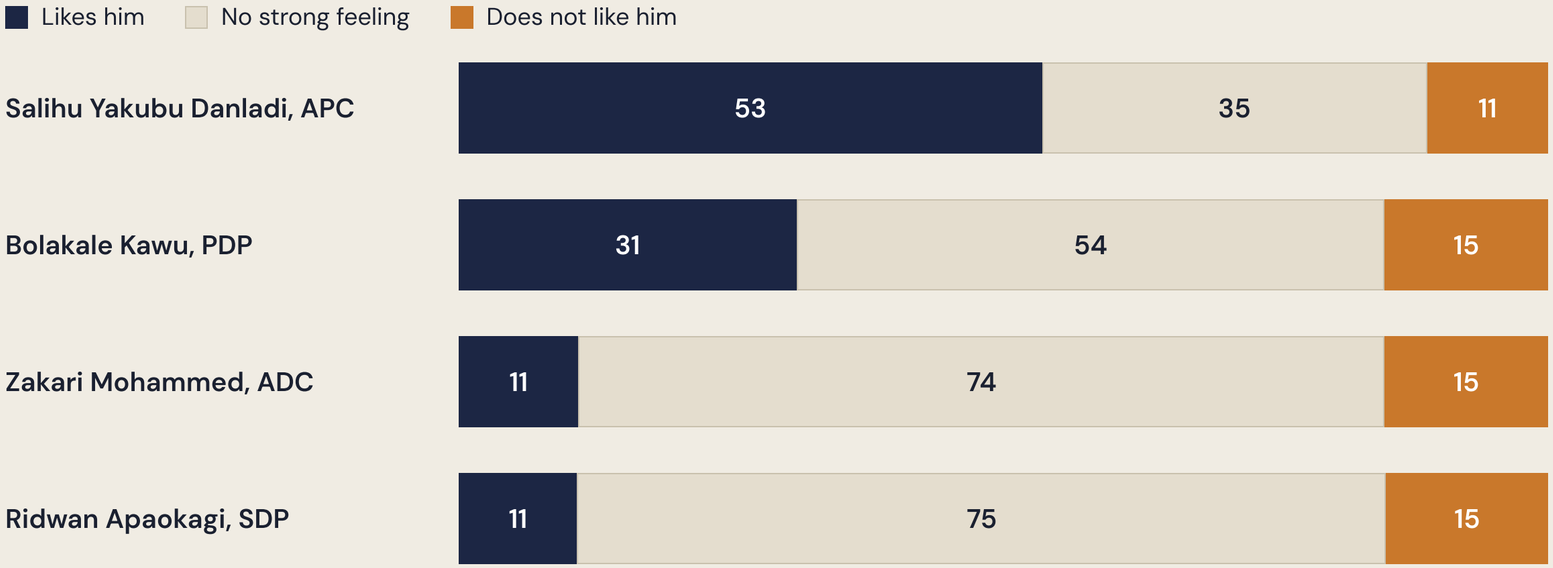
Danladi is known to 87% of voters and Kawu to 73%. Each is best known at home: Danladi in Kwara North (95%), Kawu in Kwara Central (85%). In Kwara South, 20% have never heard of Danladi.



Have heard of him	Danladi	Kawu
Kwara Central	86%	85%
Kwara South	80%	68%
Kwara North	95%	64%

How voters feel about each candidate

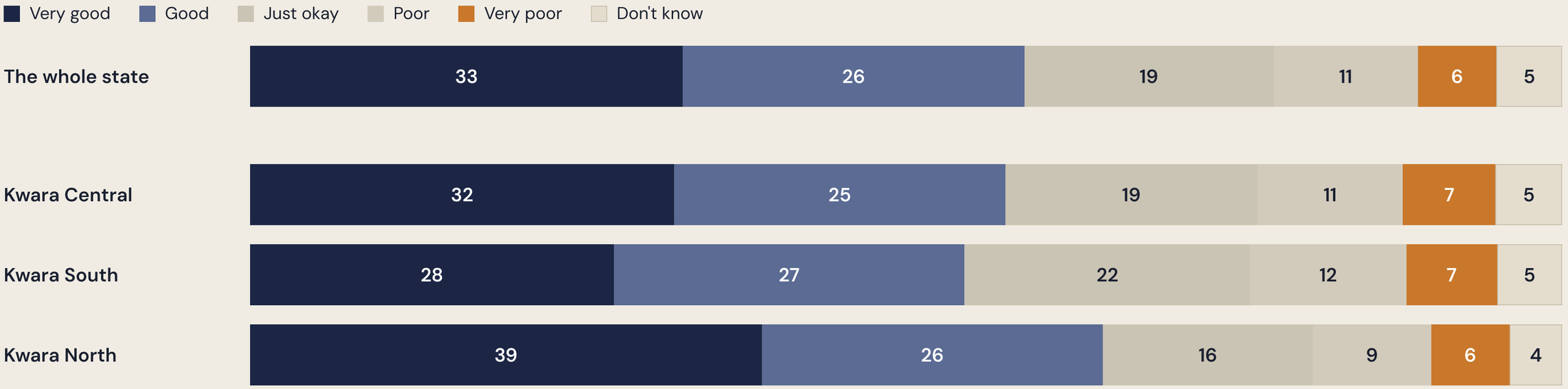
Among voters who know him, 53% like Danladi and 11% do not. Kawu is liked by 31% and disliked by 15%; most voters who know him have no strong feeling either way.



Net feeling. Danladi +42, Kawu +16, Zakari −4, Apaokagi −4: the share who like him minus the share who do not.

Rating of Governor AbdulRazaq's work

59% rate the governor's work good or very good and 17% rate it poor or very poor. Kwara South is the least positive: 55% rate it good or very good, against 65% in Kwara North.

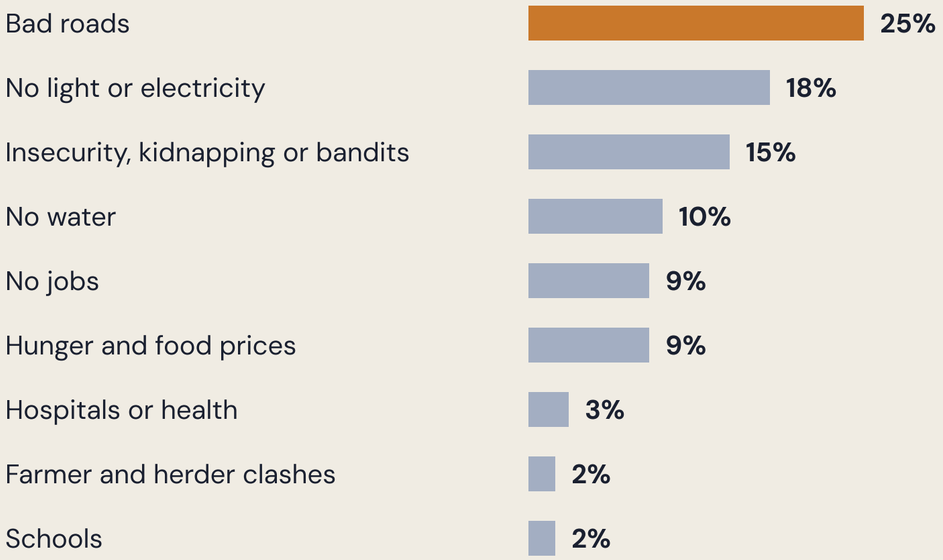


By vote: 84% of Danladi voters rate the governor good or very good, as do 25% of Kawu voters and 51% of undecided voters. A good view of the governor has not yet turned into a vote for his party's candidate among the undecided.

The biggest problem in voters' areas

Bad roads is the biggest local problem statewide, named by 25% of voters. The top problem differs by district: Kwara Central, no light or electricity (26%); Kwara South, bad roads (32%); Kwara North, insecurity, kidnapping or bandits (30%).

The whole state, %



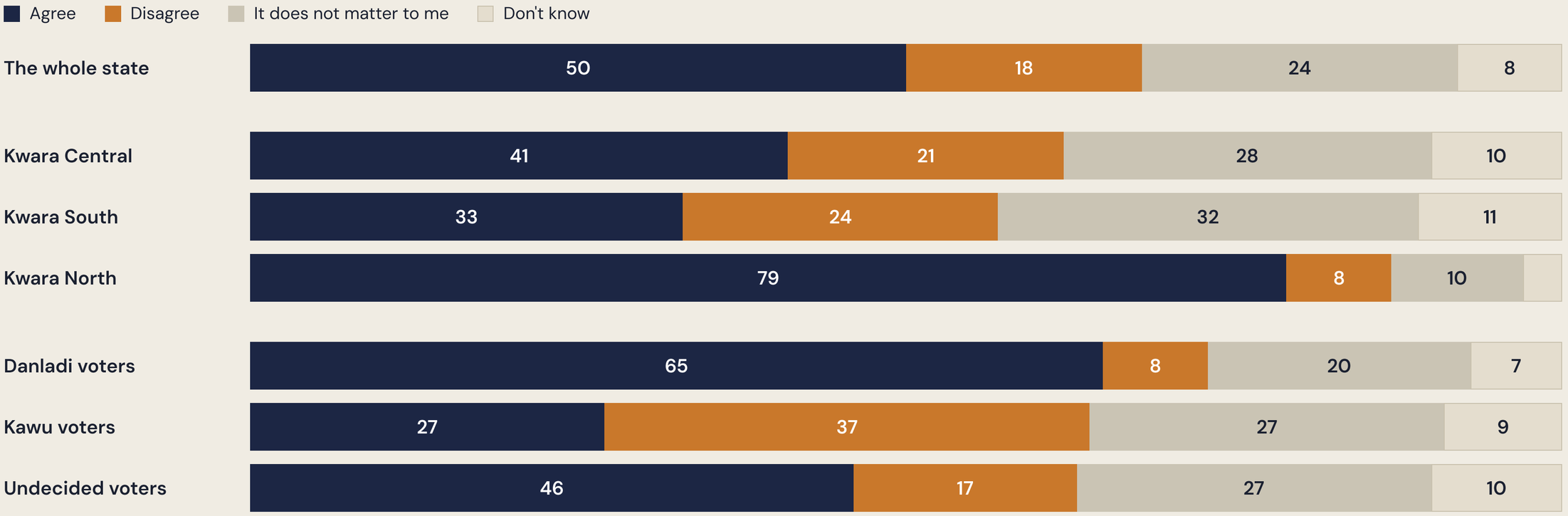
By senatorial district, %

	Central	South	North
Bad roads	**22**	**32**	**24**
No light or electricity	**26**	**15**	10
Insecurity, kidnapping or bandits	6	14	**30**
No water	12	10	9
No jobs	13	9	5
Hunger and food prices	11	9	7
Hospitals or health	3	3	2
Farmer and herder clashes	0	1	5
Schools	1	2	2

Orange figures: the top two problems in each district.

Views on zoning the governorship to Kwara North

50% agree it is Kwara North's turn and 18% disagree. Agreement is highest in Kwara North (79%) and lowest in Kwara South (33%), where most say it does not matter or disagree.



How 2023 voters plan to vote now

65% of voters who say they backed the APC in 2023 now choose Danladi, and 23% have not decided. That undecided slice of past APC voters is 11% of the whole electorate.

What they say they did in 2023	Share of voters	Danladi now	Kawu now	Others now	Not decided	Interviews
Voted APC	45%	65%	11%	1%	23%	13,701
Voted PDP	15%	15%	72%	1%	11%	4,248
Voted another party	2%	21%	29%	23%	28%	699
Did not vote	29%	32%	20%	2%	46%	8,550
Can't remember or would not say	9%	22%	19%	2%	57%	2,802

Wards each candidate leads

Danladi leads clearly in 135 of the 193 wards. 58 are too close to call and Kawu leads clearly in none. 27 of the close wards are in Kwara Central.

Local government	Wards	Danladi ahead	Too close	Kawu ahead
Ilorin West	12	3	9	0
Ilorin East	12	8	4	0
Ilorin South	11	3	8	0
Asa	17	11	6	0
Offa	12	10	2	0
Oyun	11	7	4	0
Irepodun	11	5	6	0
Ifelodun	18	12	6	0

Local government	Wards	Danladi ahead	Too close	Kawu ahead
Isin	11	9	2	0
Ekiti	10	5	5	0
Oke-Ero	10	8	2	0
Moro	17	16	1	0
Patigi	10	10	0	0
Edu	10	7	3	0
Baruten	11	11	0	0
Kaiama	10	10	0	0

The closest wards in the state

These 18 wards have the smallest gap between Danladi and Kawu among decided voters. 9 of them are in Kwara Central.

Ward	Local government	Danladi	Kawu	Not decided
Osi II	Ekiti	49%	48%	48%
Obbo Ile	Ekiti	50%	49%	48%
Balogun Alanamu Central	Ilorin West	50%	49%	24%
Ojuekun/Zarumi	Ilorin West	47%	49%	26%
Ajikobi	Ilorin West	47%	49%	21%
Tsonga III	Edu	47%	51%	23%
Isanlu II	Isin	51%	47%	46%
Oko Erin	Ilorin West	45%	49%	32%
Oke Ogun	Ilorin South	46%	50%	20%

Ward	Local government	Danladi	Kawu	Not decided
Essa B	Offa	51%	47%	36%
Ipetu/Rore/Aran Orin	Irepodun	52%	47%	38%
Idofian I	Ifelodun	46%	50%	54%
Irra	Oyun	52%	48%	38%
Oloje	Ilorin West	50%	46%	26%
Agbona/Fata	Asa	51%	47%	26%
Omu Aran II (Ihaye)	Irepodun	49%	44%	42%
Balogun Fulani III	Ilorin South	50%	46%	28%
Awe/Orimaro	Asa	51%	47%	19%

Wards with the most undecided voters

In these 18 wards, 48% to 58% of voters have not named a candidate. All 18 are in Kwara South.

Ward	Local government	Not decided	Danladi	Kawu
Ojoku	Oyun	58%	63%	32%
Igbaja I	Ifelodun	57%	58%	36%
Share IV	Ifelodun	56%	71%	28%
Ile-Ire	Ifelodun	55%	76%	21%
Esie Ijan	Irepodun	54%	63%	36%
Idofian I	Ifelodun	54%	46%	50%
Koro	Ekiti	53%	55%	42%
Share V	Ifelodun	52%	53%	43%
Arandun	Irepodun	52%	57%	40%

Ward	Local government	Not decided	Danladi	Kawu
Idofian II	Ifelodun	52%	63%	35%
Aiyedun	Oke-Ero	52%	64%	33%
Oko	Irepodun	51%	69%	29%
Alla	Isin	50%	64%	34%
Ikotun	Oyun	50%	76%	19%
Share III	Ifelodun	50%	71%	26%
Obbo Ile	Ekiti	48%	50%	49%
Sabaja-Pamo	Isin	48%	64%	31%
Iloffa	Oke-Ero	48%	69%	28%

Each candidate's strongest wards

7 of Danladi's 9 strongest wards are in Kwara North; the best, Gwanara in Baruten, gives him 90% of decided voters. Kawu's best ward is Tsonga I in Edu (58%); 5 of his top 9 wards are in Kwara Central.

Danladi's strongest wards

Ward	Local government	Danladi	Kawu
Gwanara	Baruten	90%	7%
Kpura/Yakiru	Baruten	89%	10%
Kiyoru/Bwen	Baruten	86%	11%
Kenu/Taberu	Baruten	85%	10%
Gwedereru/Babane	Baruten	84%	12%
Kaiama I	Kaiama	84%	15%
Idofin Igbana I	Oke-Ero	84%	15%
Ajase Ipo II	Irepodun	81%	18%
Patigi III	Patigi	80%	17%

Kawu's strongest wards

Ward	Local government	Kawu	Danladi
Tsonga I	Edu	58%	40%
Badari	Ilorin West	57%	41%
Okaka II	Ilorin South	53%	45%
Akanbi I	Ilorin South	53%	47%
Eruku	Ekiti	52%	47%
Tsonga III	Edu	51%	47%
Oke Ogun	Ilorin South	50%	46%
Idofian I	Ifelodun	50%	46%
Ogidi	Ilorin West	50%	44%

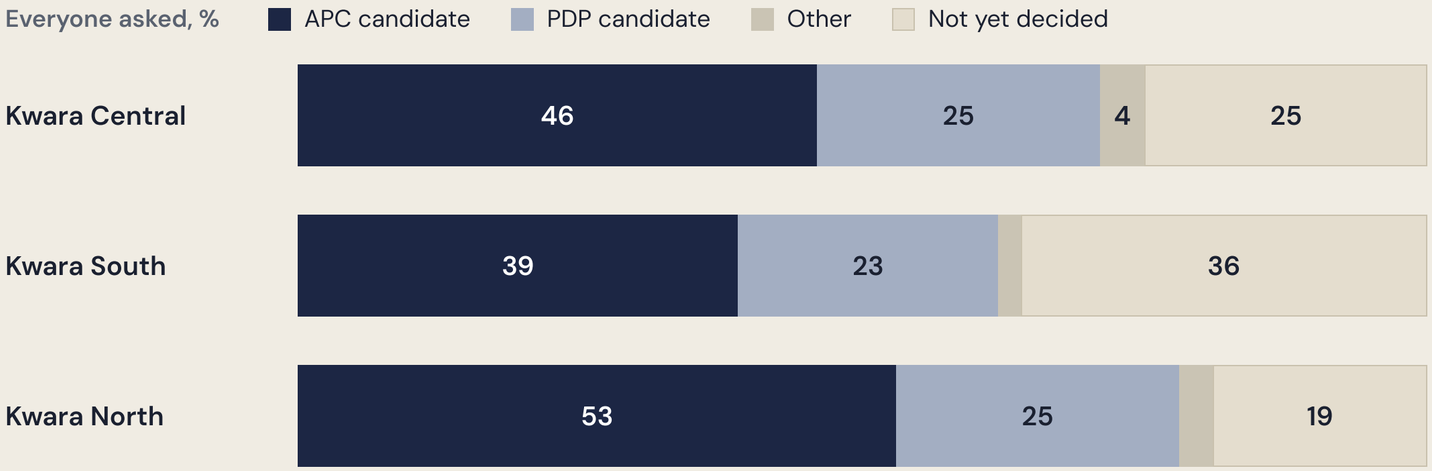
PART SIX

The Senate races



Senate vote by senatorial district

The APC candidate leads in all three districts among decided voters. Kwara South has the most undecided Senate voters: 36% named no candidate.



Kwara Central

62% AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, APC

33% Saliu Mustapha, PDP

Kwara South

60% Olalekan Adewoye, APC

36% Saheed Popoola, PDP

Kwara North

65% Mahmud Umar Muhammad, APC

31% Kolo Baba Jiya, PDP

Shares among voters who named a Senate candidate.

Kwara Central Senate race by local government

AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq (APC) leads Saliu Mustapha (PDP) by 62% to 33% among decided voters across Kwara Central. The closest local government is Ilorin West, at 59% to 36%; 25% of the district has not decided.

Local government	AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, APC	Saliu Mustapha, PDP	Not decided
Ilorin West	59%	36%	24%
Ilorin East	66%	29%	27%
Ilorin South	63%	33%	26%
Asa	64%	32%	25%

Kwara South Senate race by local government

Olalekan Adewoye (APC) leads Saheed Popoola (PDP) by 60% to 36% among decided voters across Kwara South. The closest local government is Irepodun, at 58% to 39%; 36% of the district has not decided.

Local government	Olalekan Adewoye, APC	Saheed Popoola, PDP	Not decided	Interviews
Ifelodun	59%	36%	38%	2,790
Offa	62%	34%	31%	1,872
Irepodun	58%	39%	37%	1,715
Oyun	58%	38%	35%	1,716
Oke-Ero	61%	34%	37%	1,550
Ekiti	60%	36%	36%	1,550
Isin	63%	33%	35%	1,705

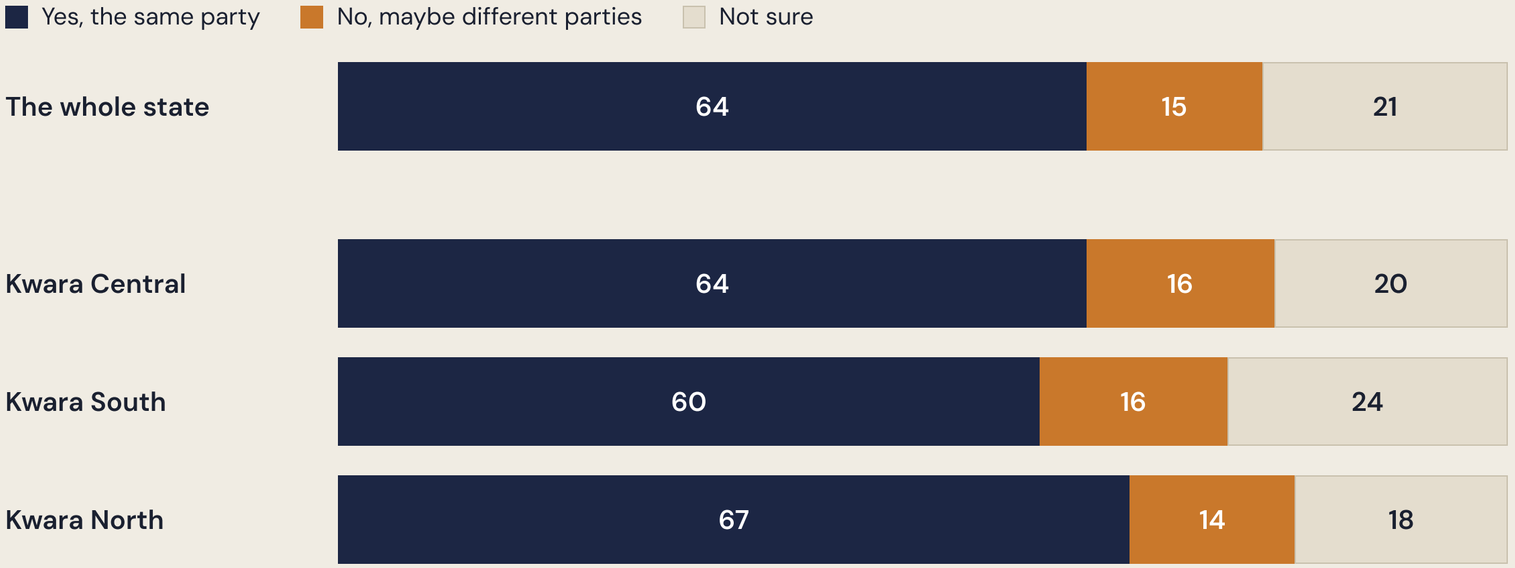
Kwara North Senate race by local government

Mahmud Umar Muhammad (APC) leads Kolo Baba Jiya (PDP) by 65% to 31% among decided voters across Kwara North. The closest local government is Edu, at 58% to 38%; 19% of the district has not decided.

Local government	Mahmud Umar Muhammad, APC	Kolo Baba Jiya, PDP	Not decided	Interviews
Baruten	69%	27%	18%	1,705
Edu	58%	38%	20%	1,550
Kaiama	66%	29%	19%	1,550
Moro	63%	33%	20%	2,635
Patigi	66%	29%	17%	1,550

Voting for the same party for Senate and governor

64% say they will vote for the same party in both elections. 15% may split their vote, and 21% are not sure.



Split already showing. Voters whose Senate and governorship choices are for different parties: Central 6%, South 4%, North 5%.

SUMMARY

The findings in one place

Every headline figure in this report on one page.

Measure	Result
Governorship, everyone asked	Danladi 43% | Kawu 24% | others 2% | not decided 31%
Governorship, decided voters	Danladi 63% | Kawu 34% | others 3%
Local governments	Danladi ahead in 16 of 16; closest Ilorin West (51% to 46%, too close to call)
Wards	Danladi clear lead in 135 of 193; 58 too close to call
Most undecided	Kwara South (43%); voters aged 18 to 29 (37%)
Danladi's weakest and strongest groups	Private sector staff (49%); Baruba (77%)
Firmness	83% of Danladi voters and 76% of Kawu voters have made up their minds
Senate, decided voters	Central: APC 62%, PDP 33% | South: APC 60%, PDP 36% | North: APC 65%, PDP 31%
Governor's rating	59% good or very good; 17% poor or very poor
Biggest local problem	Bad roads (25%)
Kwara North zoning	50% agree; 18% disagree