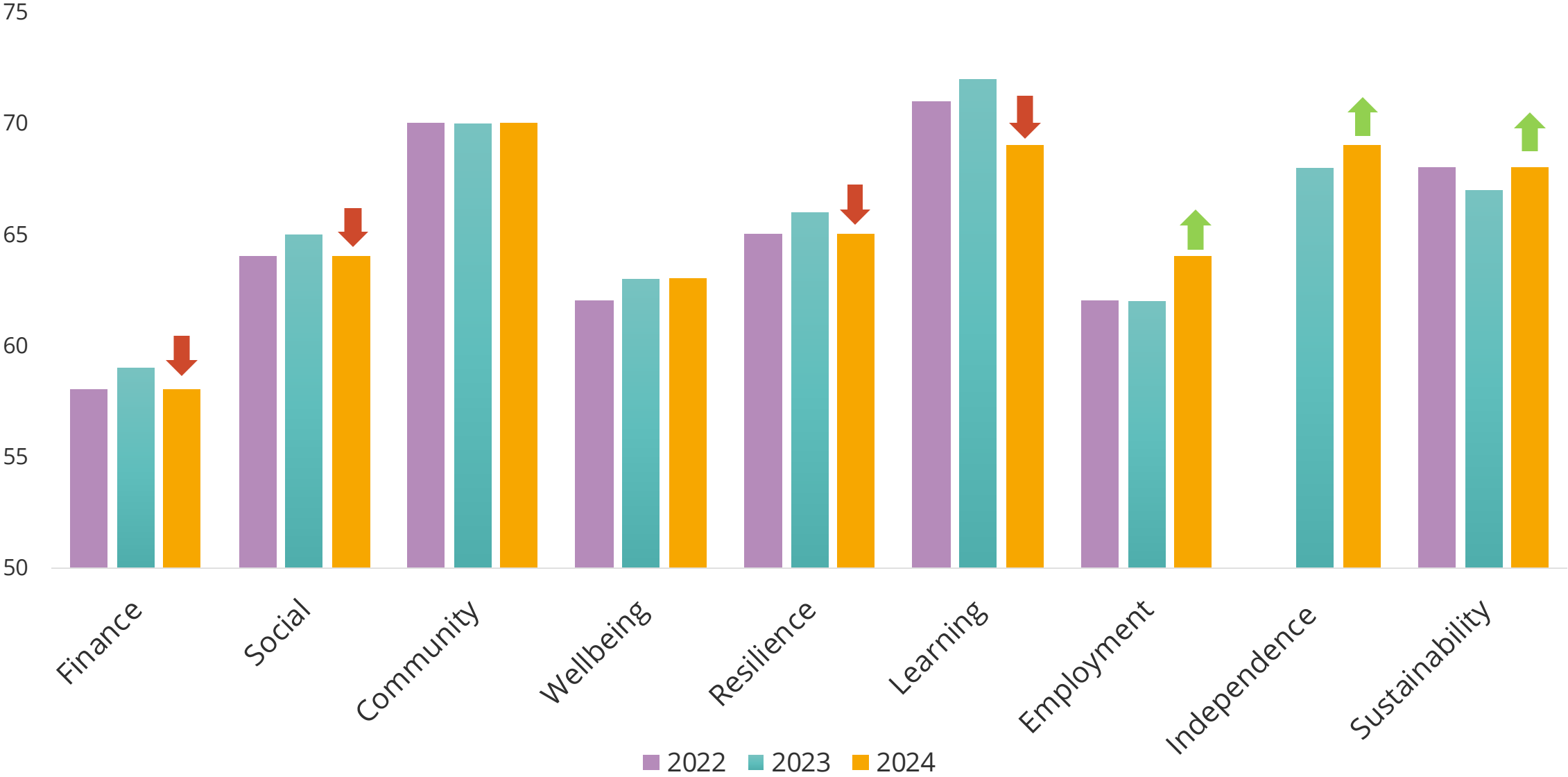


A photograph of four diverse students sitting on a light-colored sofa in a modern, well-lit lounge area. They are engaged in conversation. In front of them is a small, round, black metal coffee table with three legs, holding three coffee mugs. The background features a black metal shelving unit with various plants and books. The overall atmosphere is casual and friendly.

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Impact of pandemic on 2024 entrants

Put a pause on my learning, I felt robbed of two years of growth and development

I now prefer to work and study at home rather than outside

I feel that I was not able to gain exam skills and various other school skills during my GCSE exams which then reflected and transferred to my A-Levels.

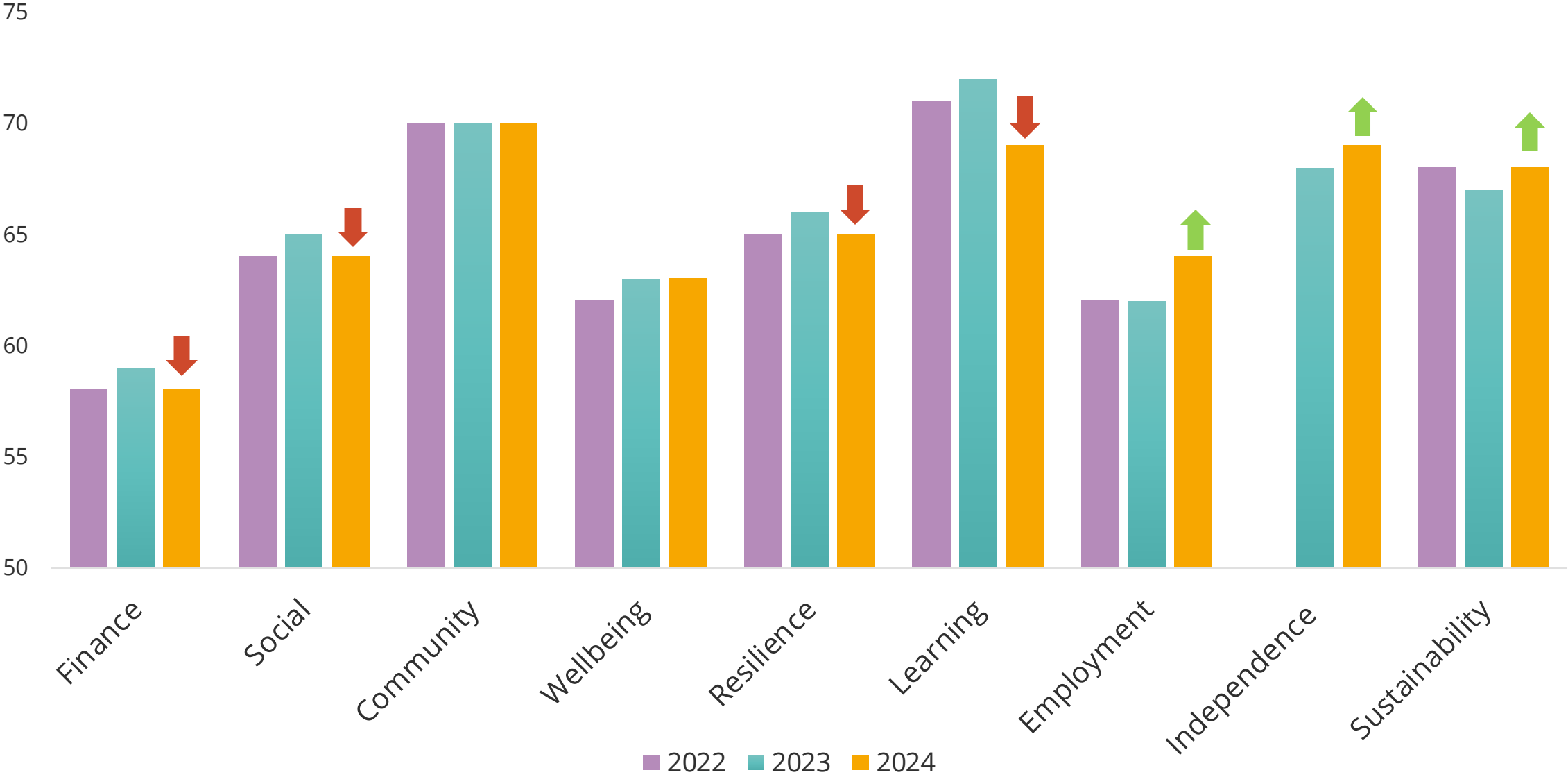
Felt like I missed out on a lot of my teenage years, time kind of stopped and now all of a sudden I'm supposed to be going to uni

I think it made me more shy and less comfortable around many people because I didn't have contact with other people for a long time

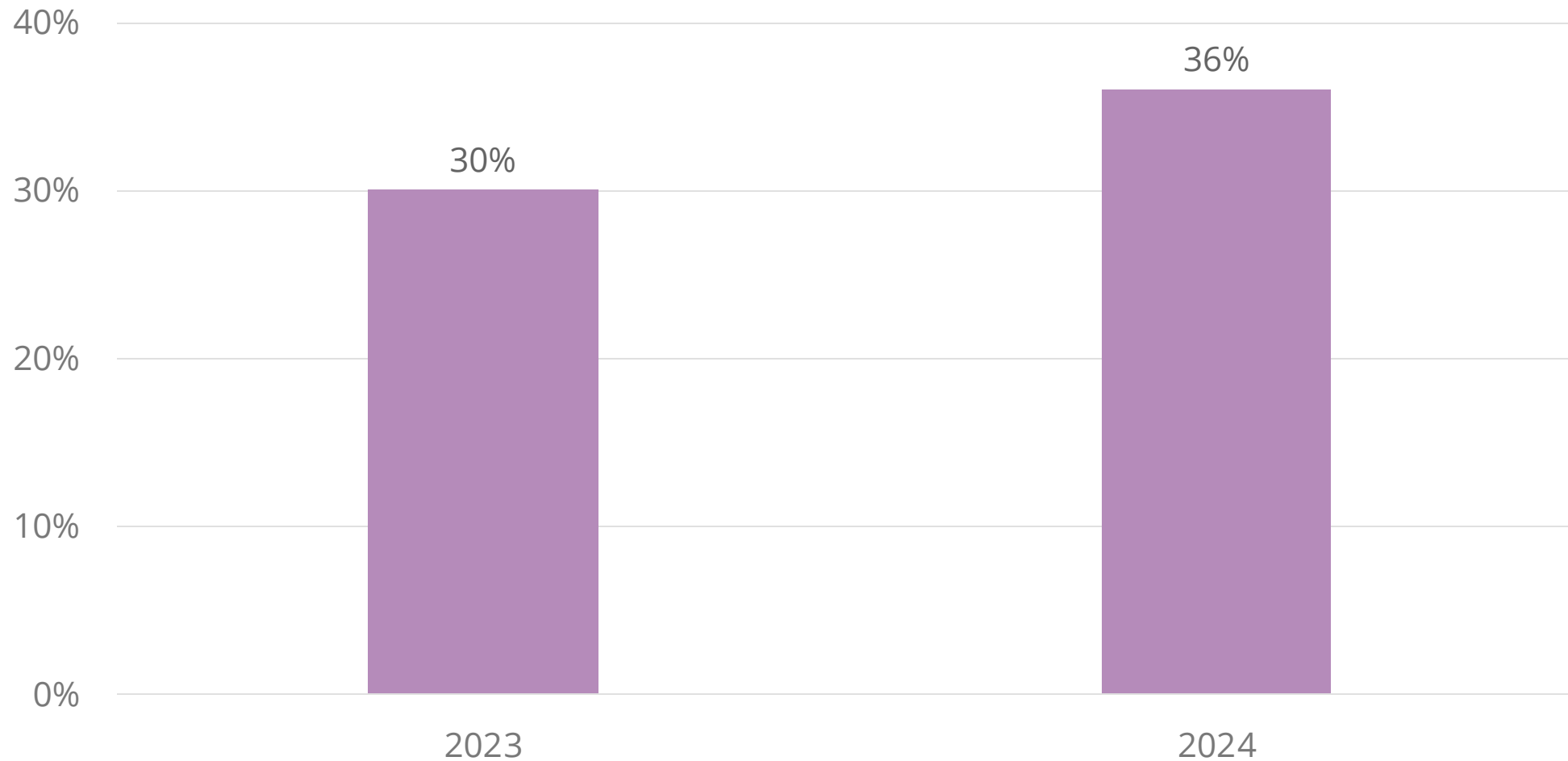
I think I became more anxious and found public speaking more difficult afterwards. I became less social too so I'm a bit scared for uni

Affected me a lot haven't been able to concentrate academically since the pandemic

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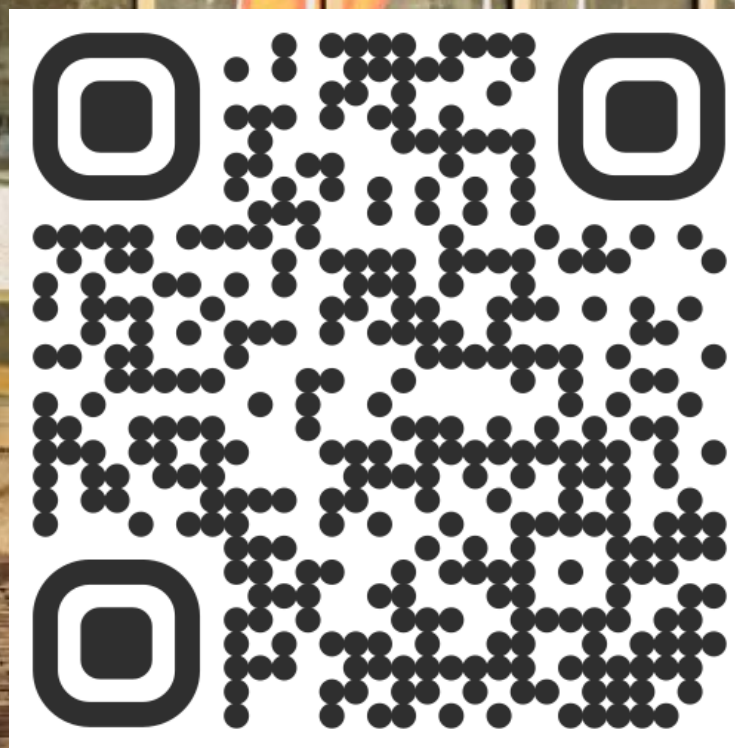


School Absence due to mental health



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