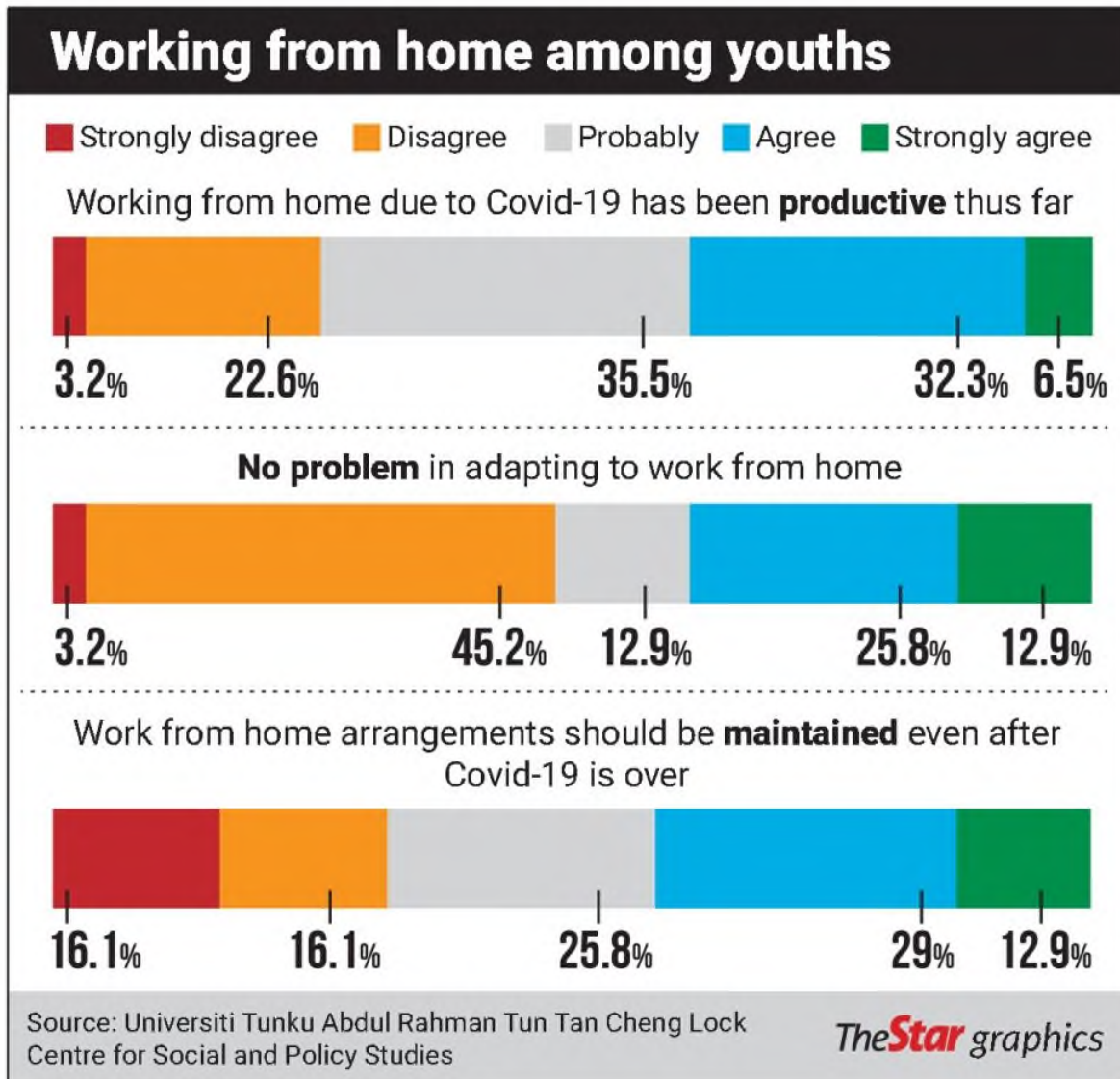


## Young adults want WFH option too

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Flexibility should extend beyond education institutions and be adopted in offices too.

In a Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) Tun Tan Cheng Lock Centre for Social and Policy Studies (TCLC) online survey, 38.8% of the 520 respondents found work from home (WFH) effective, while 35.5% responded “probably” to it.

Just under half of the respondents, aged between 16 and 30, at 41.9%, wanted WFH arrangements to be maintained even after the pandemic is over.

This, the survey revealed, indicates that the youths have benefited from the flexibility of WFH and want the model to be continued in the long run.

These findings are supported by the Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) "Implementation of Work From Home and Work From Office Practices In Response to Covid-19 Pandemic" survey where 89.4% of employees said they saved up on commuting expenses and 88.6% of them said they experienced less commuting stress.

MEF president Datuk Dr Syed Hussain Syed Husman told StarEdu the WFH approach has benefited employers and employees alike.

Out of 203 companies that responded from June 9 to Aug 6 last year, 61.7% said they would continue to implement the WFH and work from office arrangement.

TCLC researcher Kenneth Lee Tze Wui, who is a lecturer at UTAR's Faculty of Creative Industries, Mass Communication Department, said youths working from home feel they have regained the hours they'd lose on commuting to and from office, and this has resulted in spending more quality time with their families.