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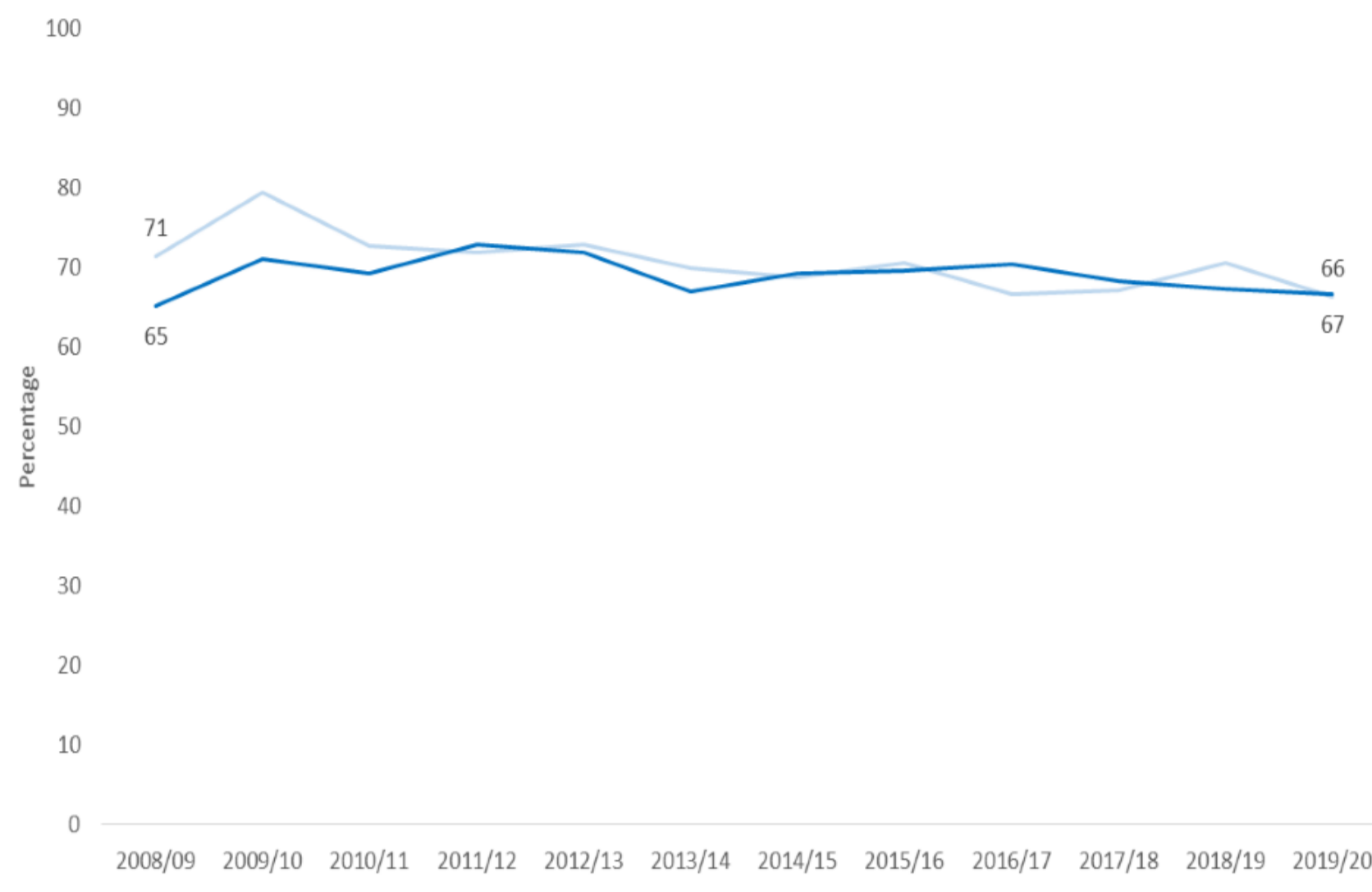
Heritage - Taking Part Survey 2019/20

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The Taking Part survey asks questions on whether respondents have engaged with the heritage sector. The survey questions for 5-10 year olds are completed by an adult on behalf of the child and ask about activities done outside of school only. The interview for 11-15 year olds is conducted with the young person themselves and the questions cover engagement done both in school lessons and outside of school.

In 2019/20, 66% of all children (aged 5-15) had visited a heritage site in the last 12 months, a similar proportion to 2018/19 (69%).

Figure 2.1: Heritage engagement in the last 12 months by age group 2008/09 to 2019/20



1. 5-10 year olds

In 2019/20, 66% of children aged 5-10 had visited a heritage site in the last 12 months. This is a similar proportion to 2018/19 (71%).

In 2019/20, a similar proportion of boys (67%) and girls (66%) aged 5-10 had visited a heritage site outside of school in the last 12 months. This is similar to 2018/19 for both boys and girls (70% and 71% respectively).

2. 11-15 year olds

There was no change in the proportion of children aged 11-15 who had visited a heritage site in the last 12 months in 2019/20 (67%) compared to 2018/19 (67%).

In 2019/20, a similar proportion of boys (64%) and girls (69%) aged 11-15 had visited a heritage site in the last 12 months. This is a similar level to 2018/19 for both boys and girls (67% and 68% respectively).

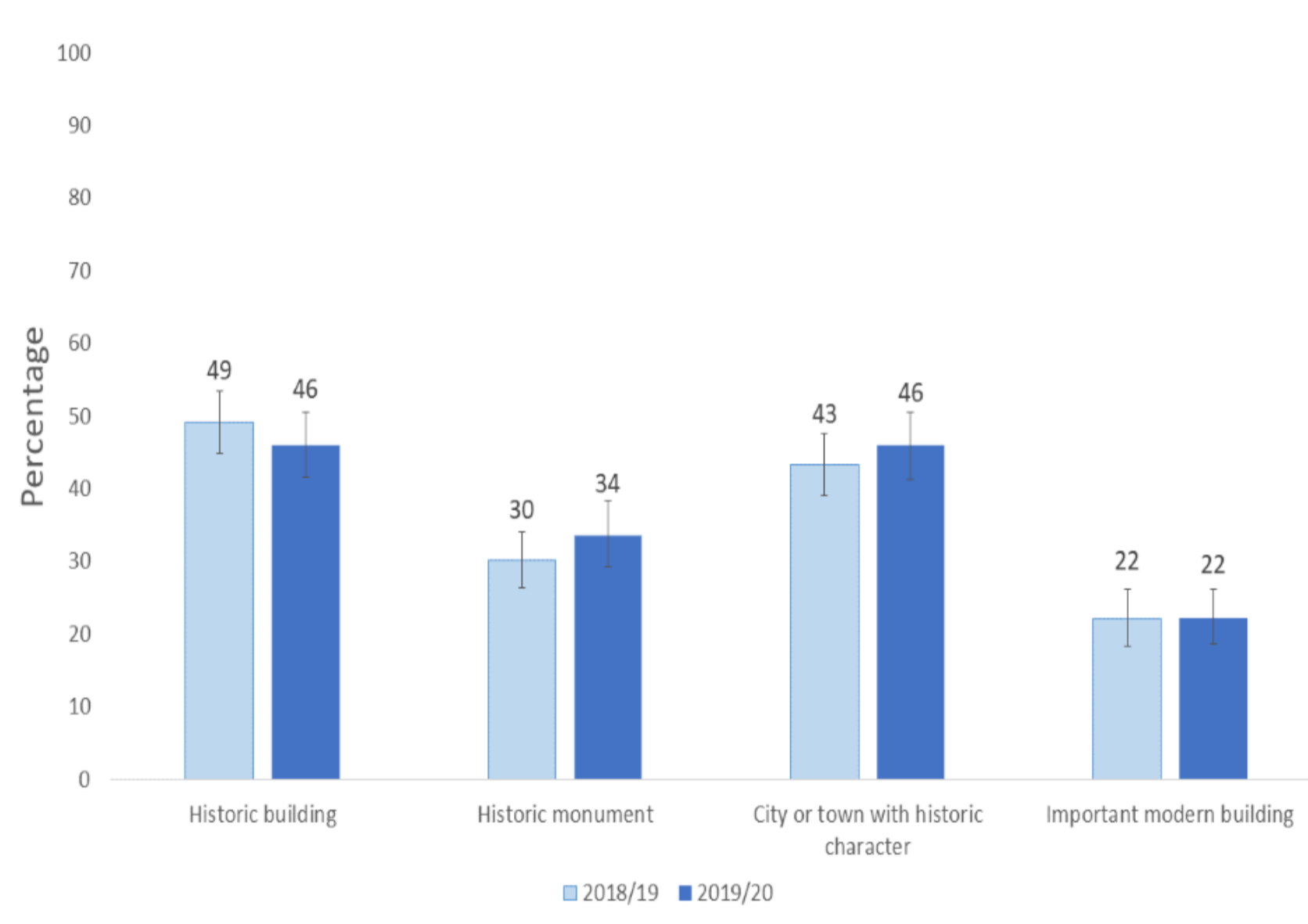
2.1 Type of heritage site visited

Children aged 11-15 who had visited a heritage site in the last 12 months were also asked which types of heritage sites they had visited:

- 46% had visited a historic building, garden or landscape open to the public
- 34% had visited a historic monument or site of archaeological interest
- 46% had visited a city or town with historic character
- 22% had visited an important modern building or public space

There were no significant changes in the percentage of children aged 11-15 who had visited any of the above sites since 2018/19.

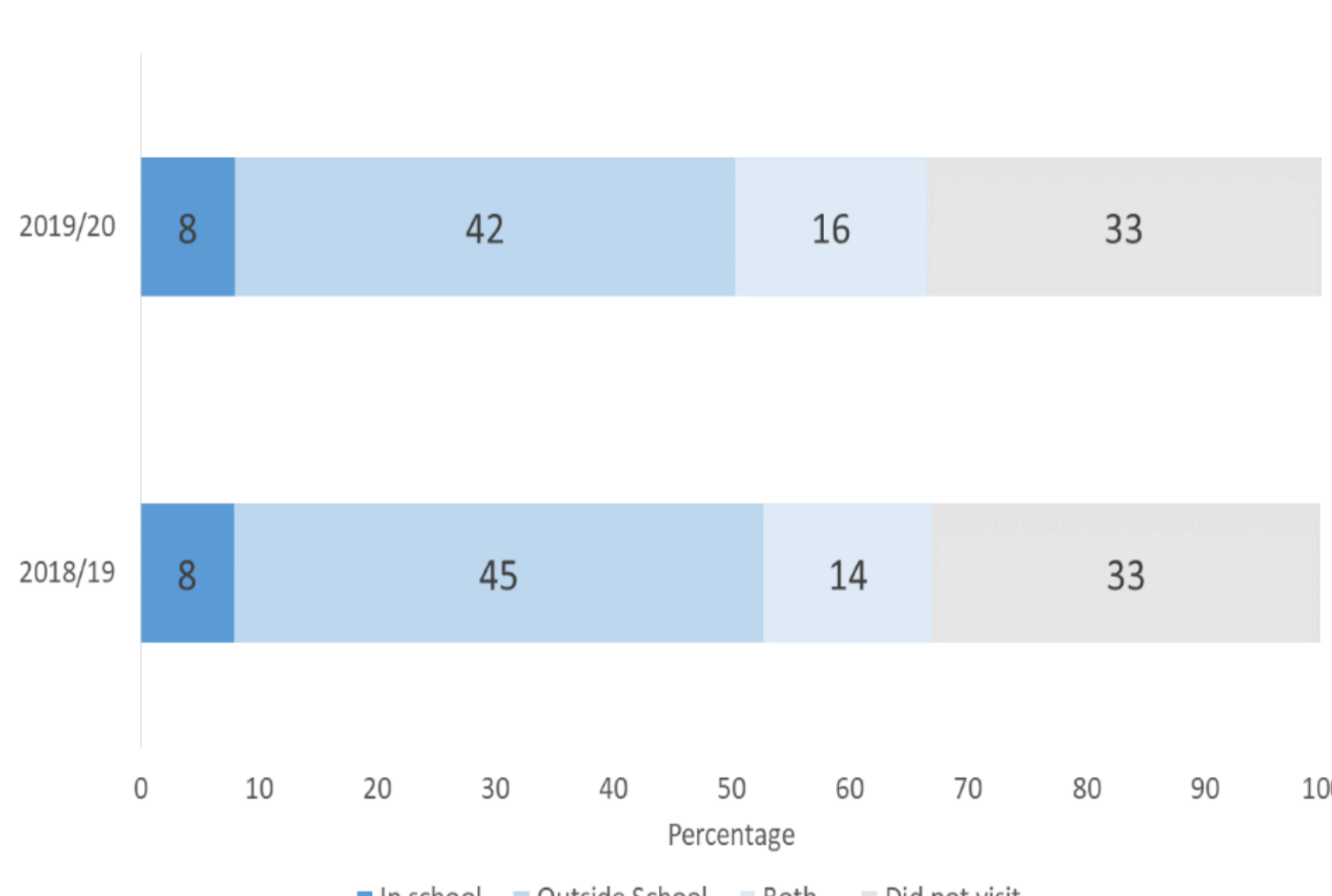
Figure 2.2: Proportion of children aged 11-15 years old who had visited different types of heritage sites in the last 12 months, 2017/18 and 2018/19



2.2 In and out of school engagement

Children aged 11-15 were more likely to have visited heritage sites outside of school only than with school only, as was the case in 2018/19. In 2019/20, • 42% of 11-15 year olds visited a heritage site outside of school only • 8% visited in school only • 16% visited both with and outside of school

Figure 2.3: Proportion of 11-15 year olds that had visited a heritage site in the last 12 months split by in school and outside school engagement, 2017/18 and 2018/19



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