

A person is standing in a dark, circular maze, holding a flashlight that illuminates the path ahead. The maze is made of stone walls and has a circular opening in the center. The person is standing in the center of the maze, looking towards the light.

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**HOMELESS YOUTH ADDRESS  
2018**

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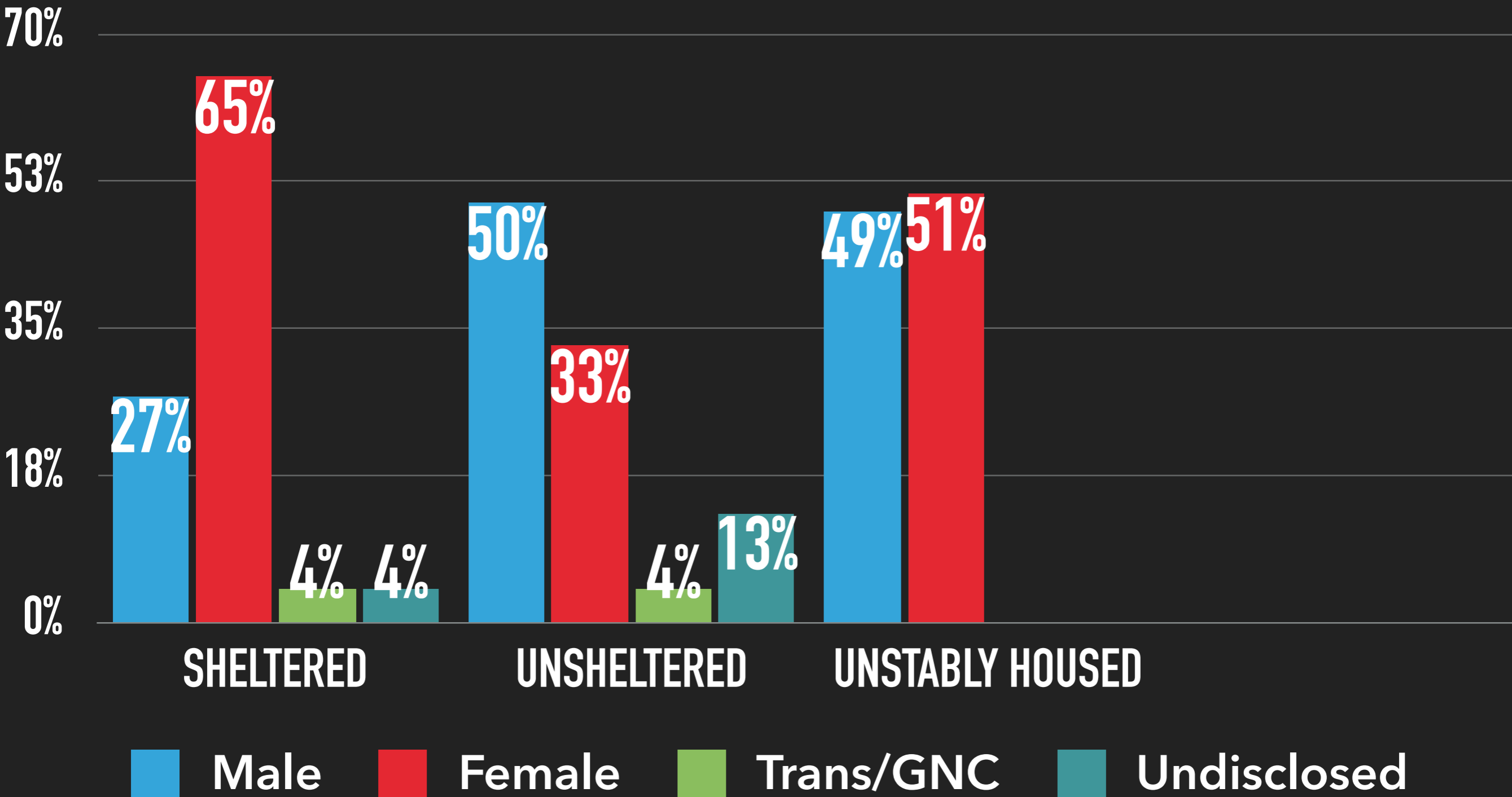
**INTERACTIVE ELEMENT:  
HOMELESS SIMULATION  
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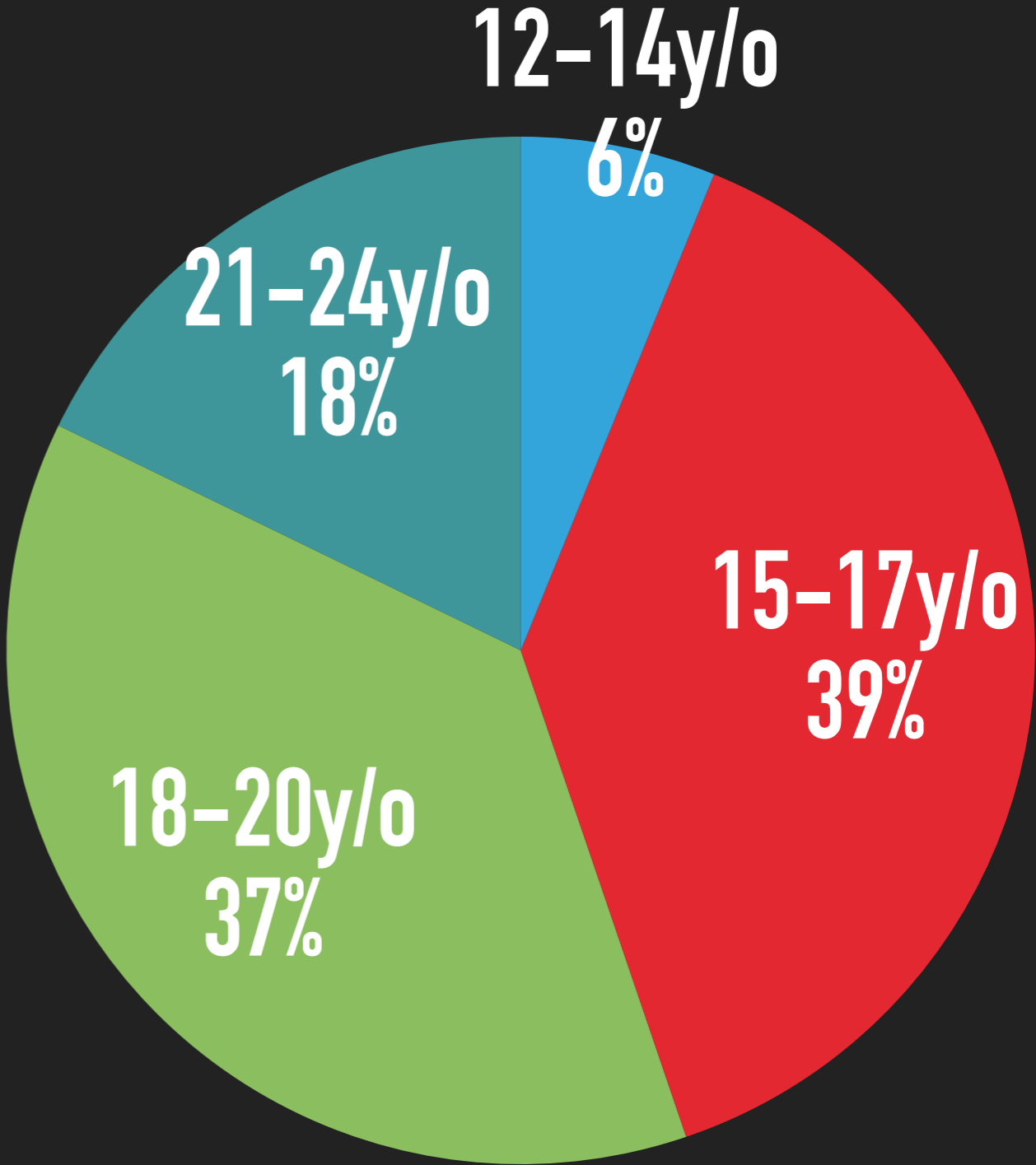
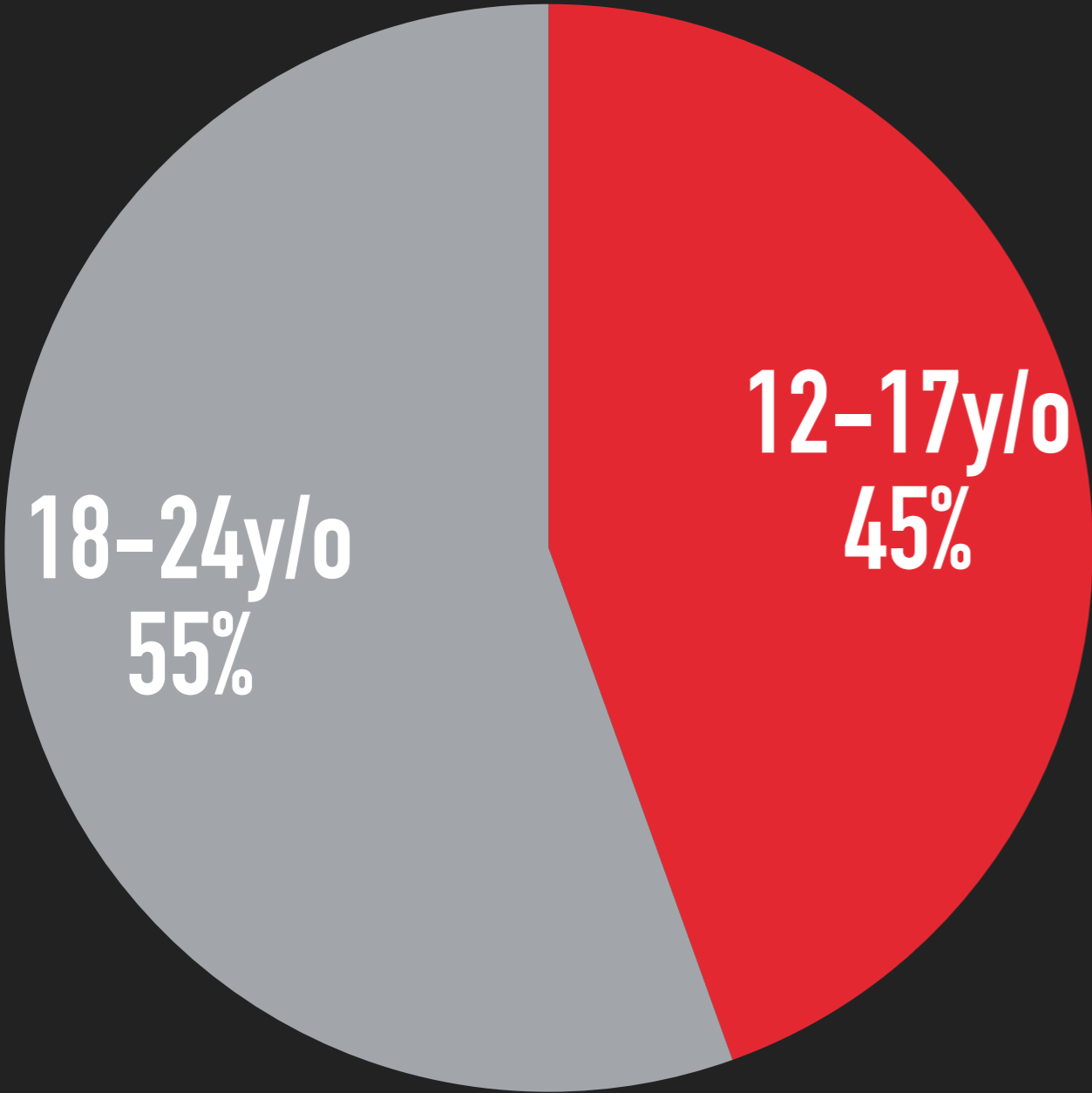
# BACKGROUND & METHODS

- ▶ Origins
- ▶ Study methodology:
  - Outreach
  - Service providers
  - Local school districts
- ▶ Criteria
- ▶ Total surveyed

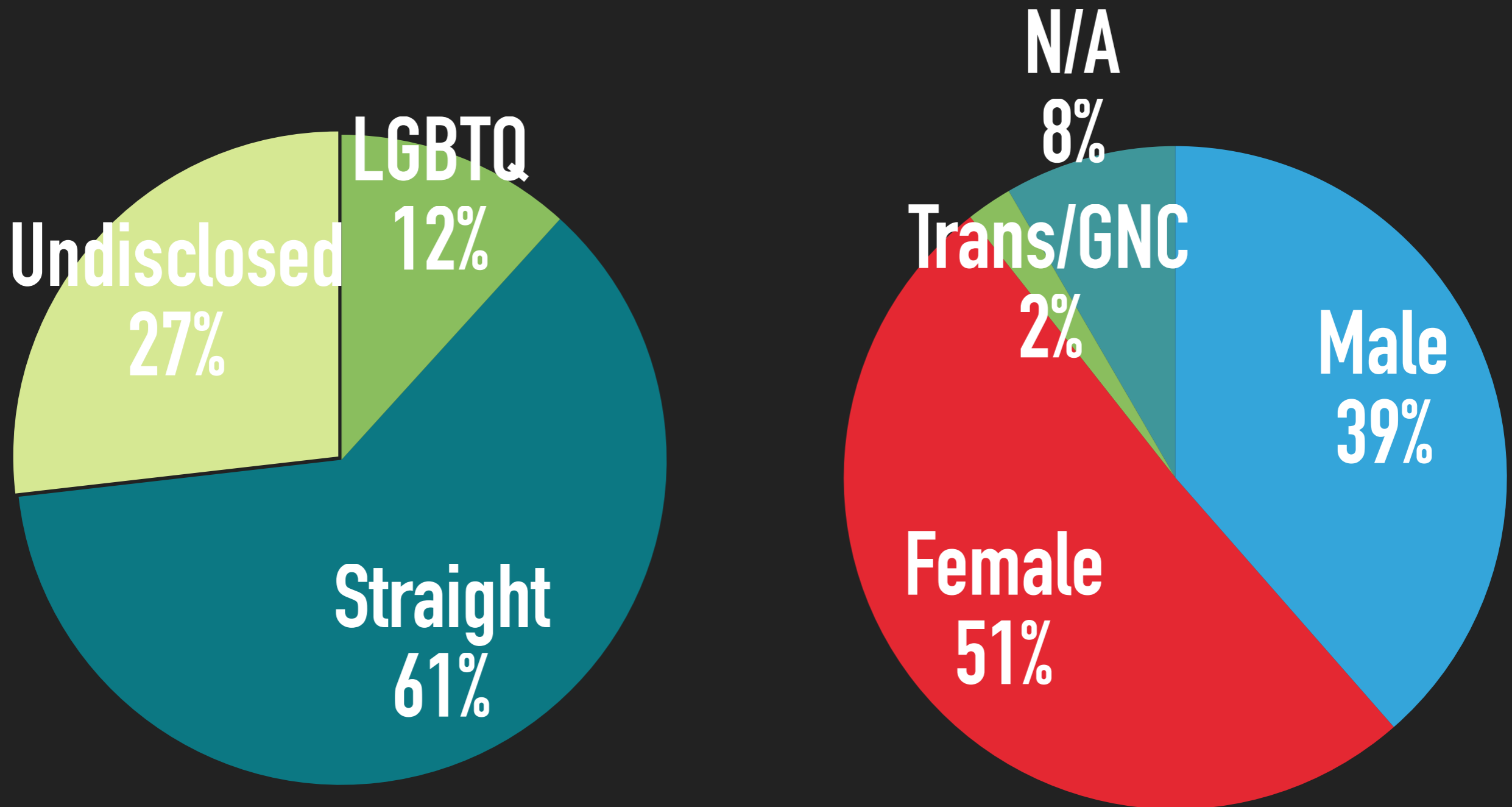
# COUNT FINDINGS - SUMMARY



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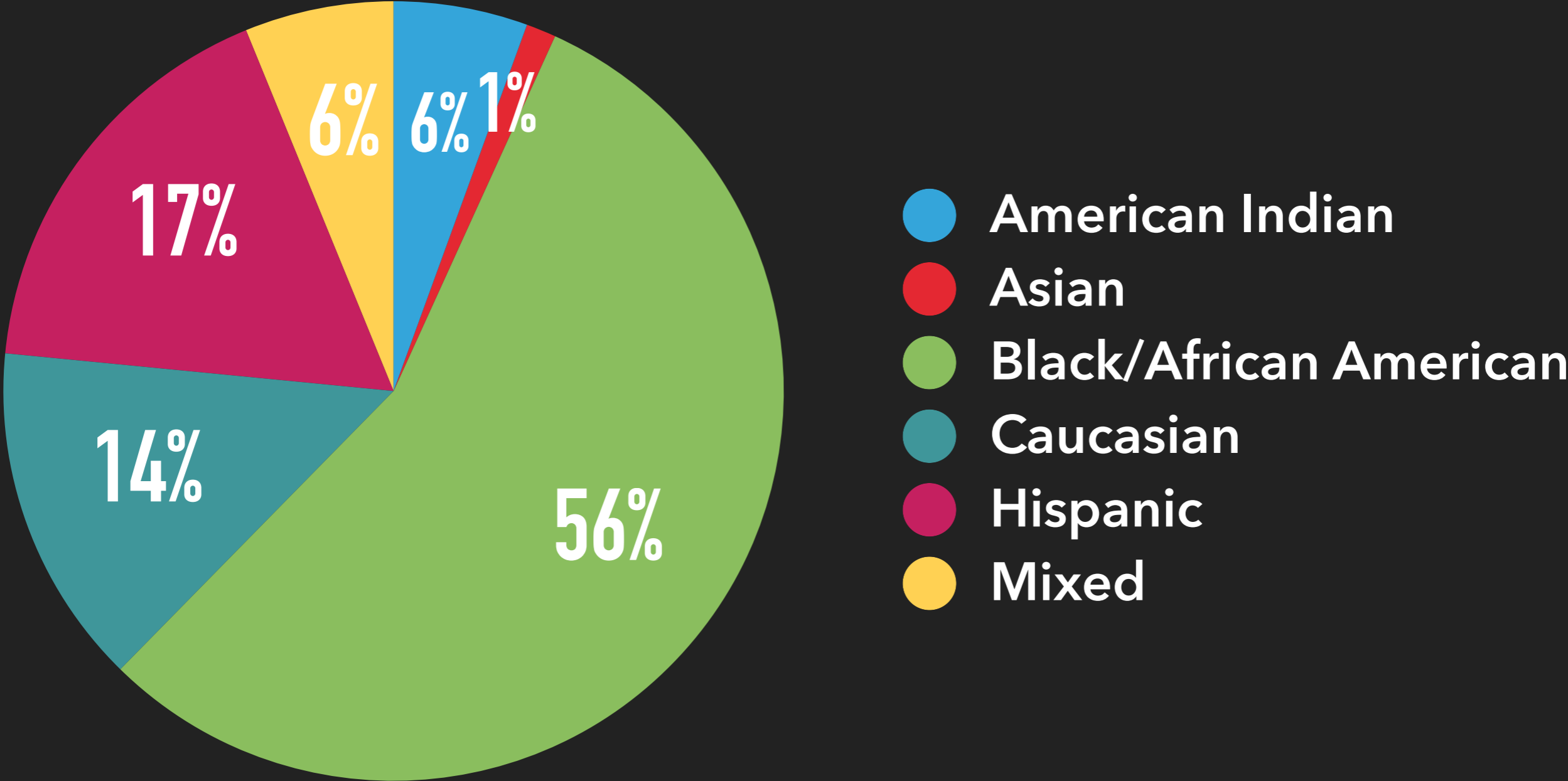


## SEXUAL ORIENTATION & GENDER IDENTITY (SOGIE)

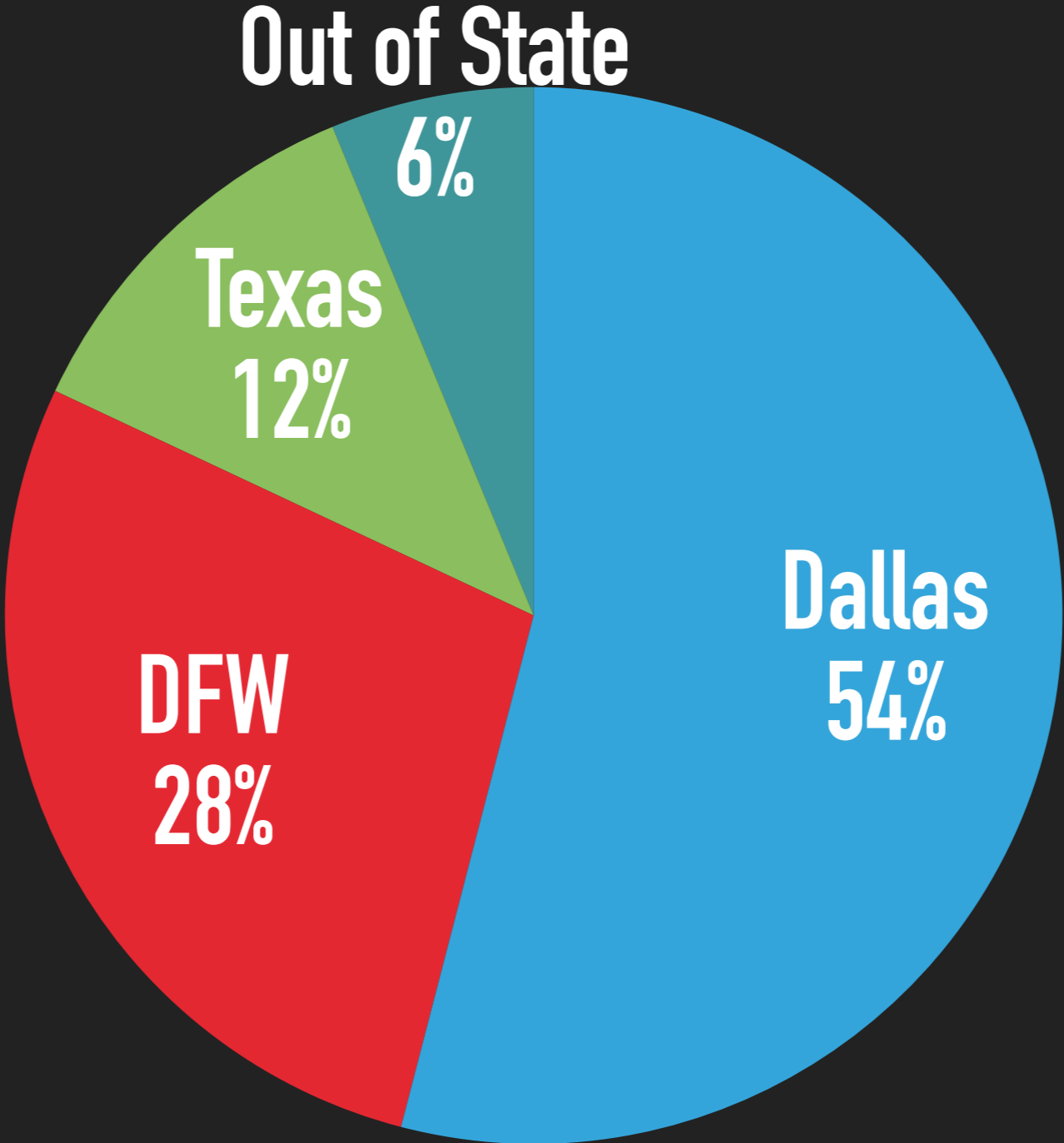




# RACE



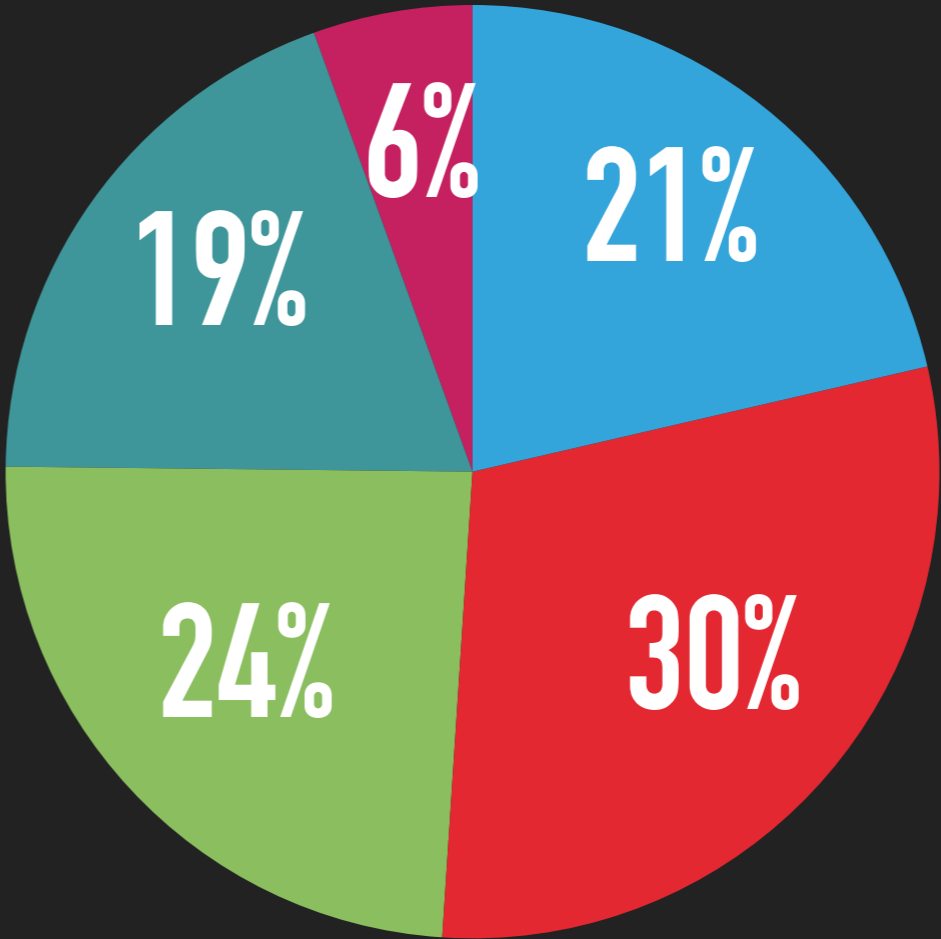
# LAST LOCATION



# HOMELESS EXPERIENCES

## PREVIOUS EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS

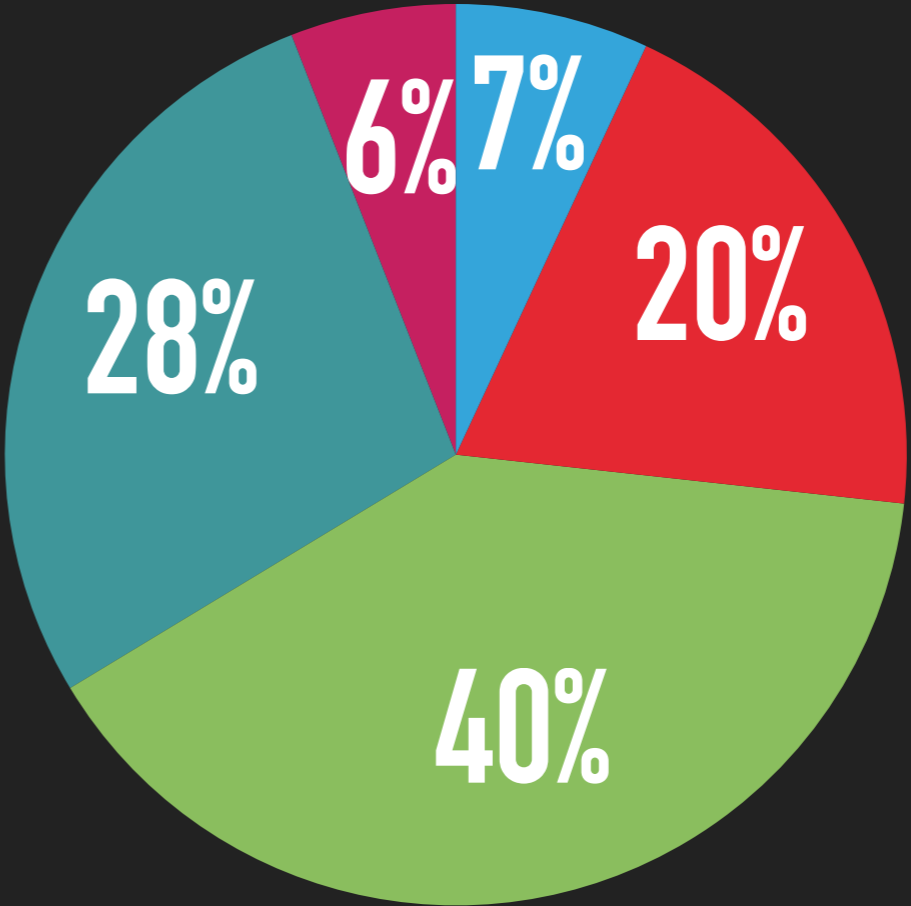
- Never
- 1x
- 2-3x's
- 4+x's
- Unsure



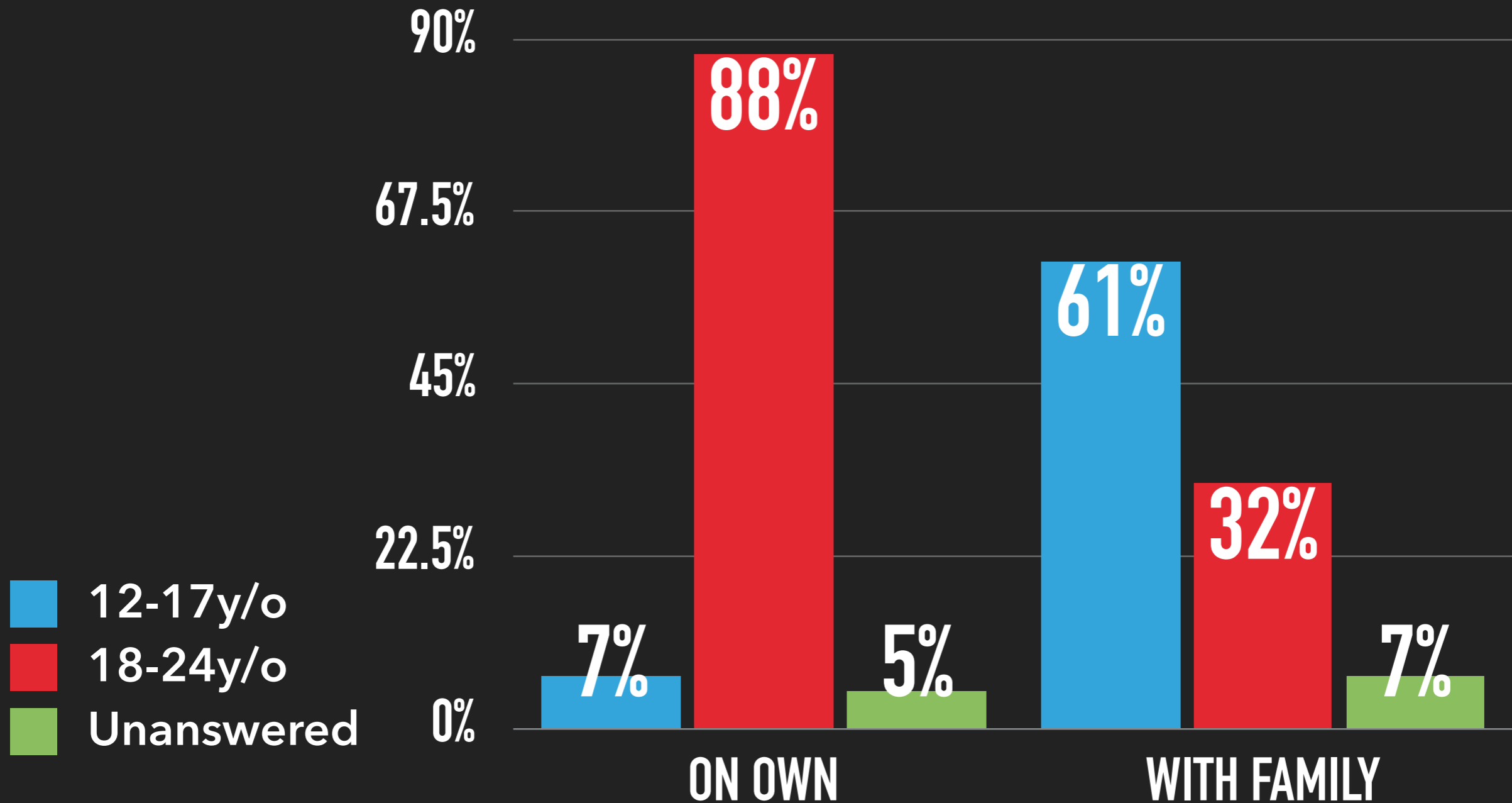
# HOMELESS EXPERIENCES

## AGE FIRST EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS

- 0-11
- 12-14
- 15-17
- 18-21
- 22-24



# FIRST EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS

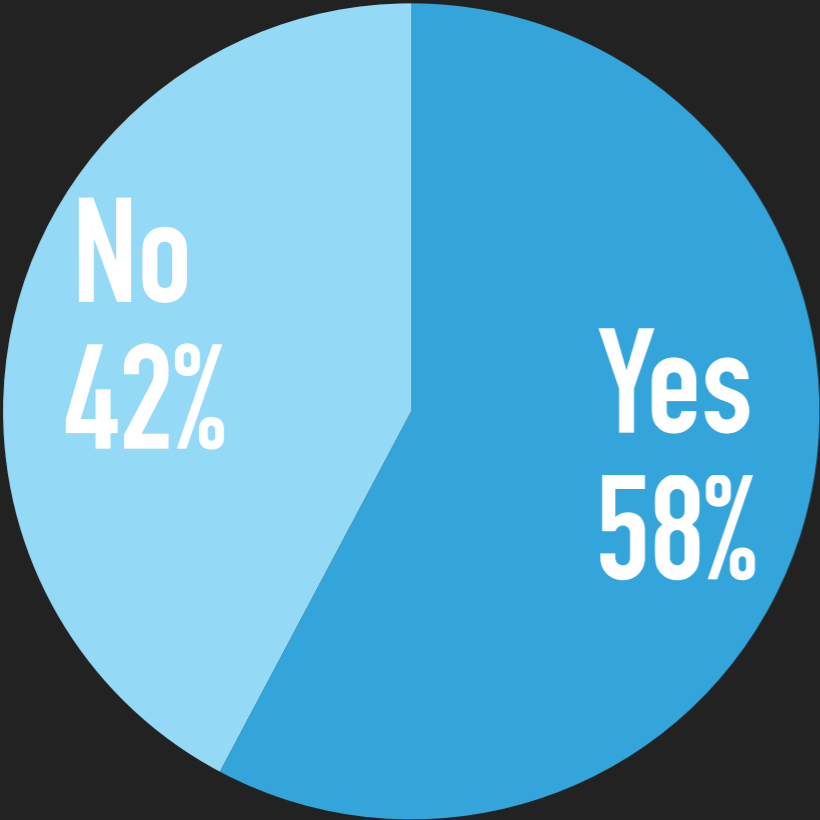


## TOP REASONS FOR HOMELESSNESS

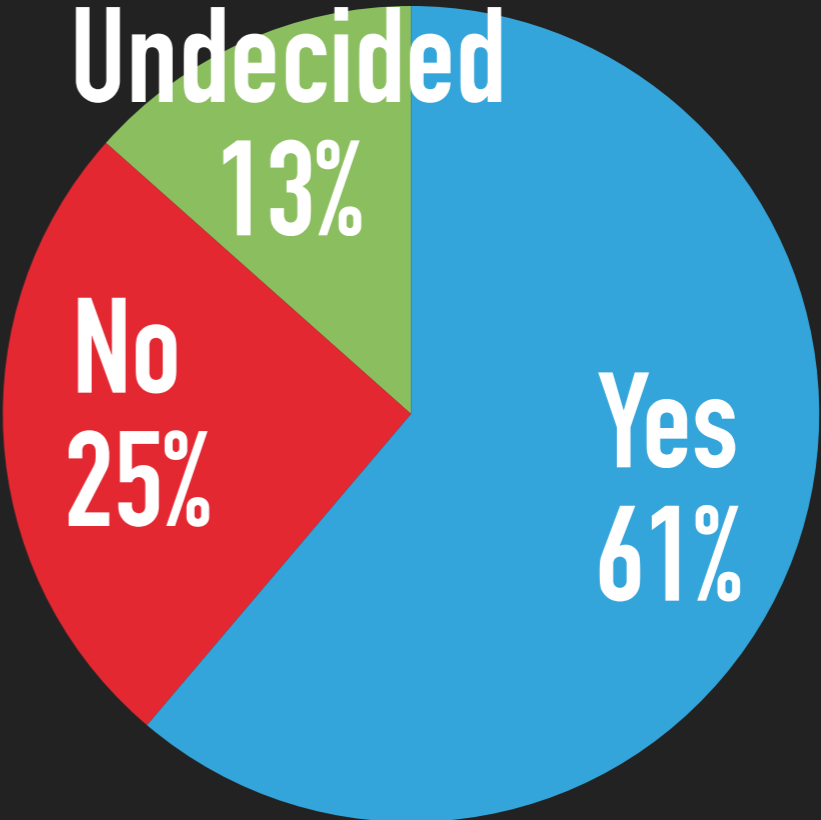
- ▶ 1) Financial reasons and/or unable to pay rent/mortgage
- ▶ 2) Forced out/kicked out of home
- ▶ 3) Unemployment
- ▶ 4) Domestic violence
- ▶ 5) Ran away from home
- ▶ Other reasons include: abandonment by parent/guardian; too crowded (doubled-up); substance abuse; criminal record/left jail/prison/detention center; etc.

# EDUCATION

### CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN SCHOOL

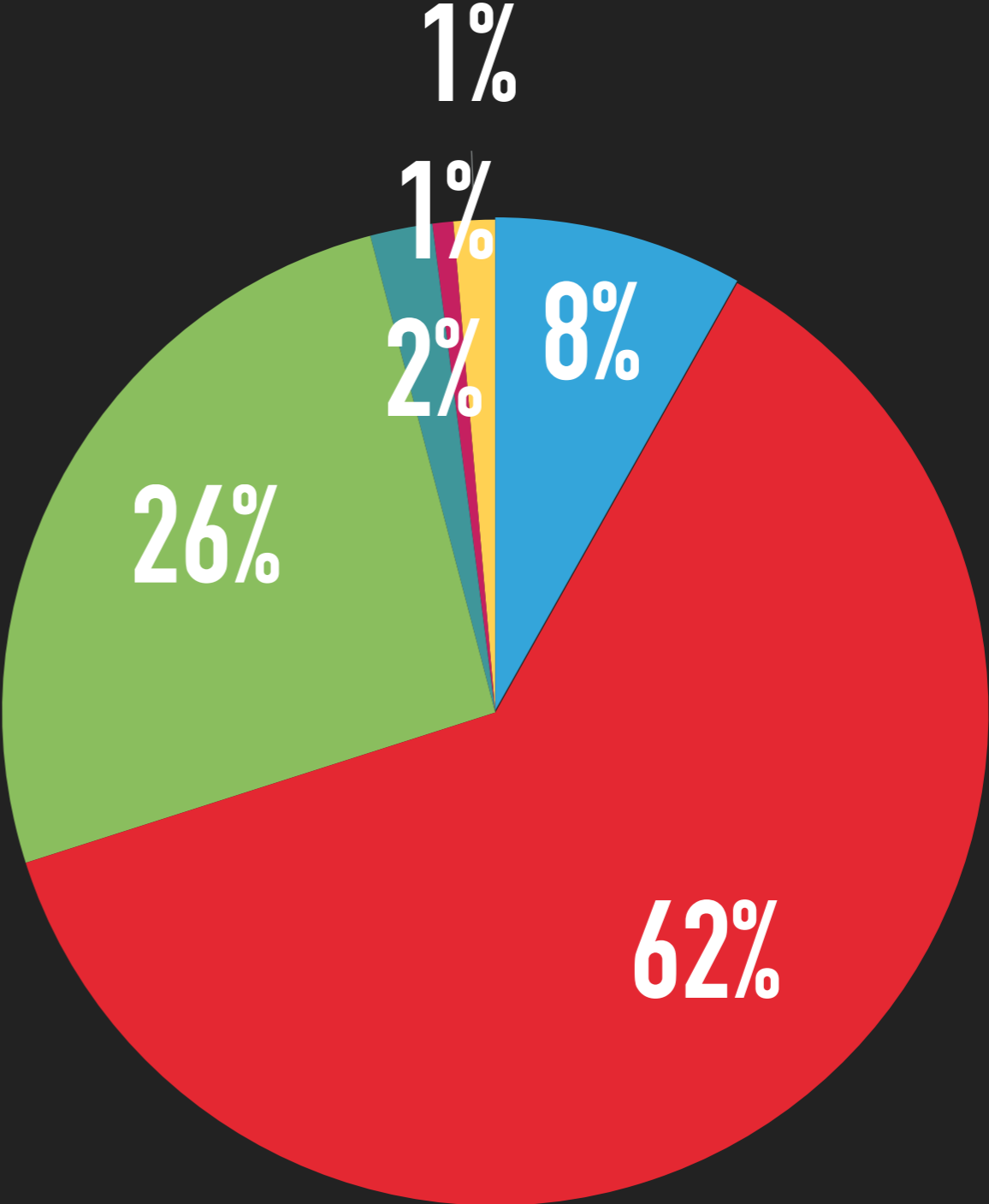


### IF "NO," PLANS TO RETURN



# HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION

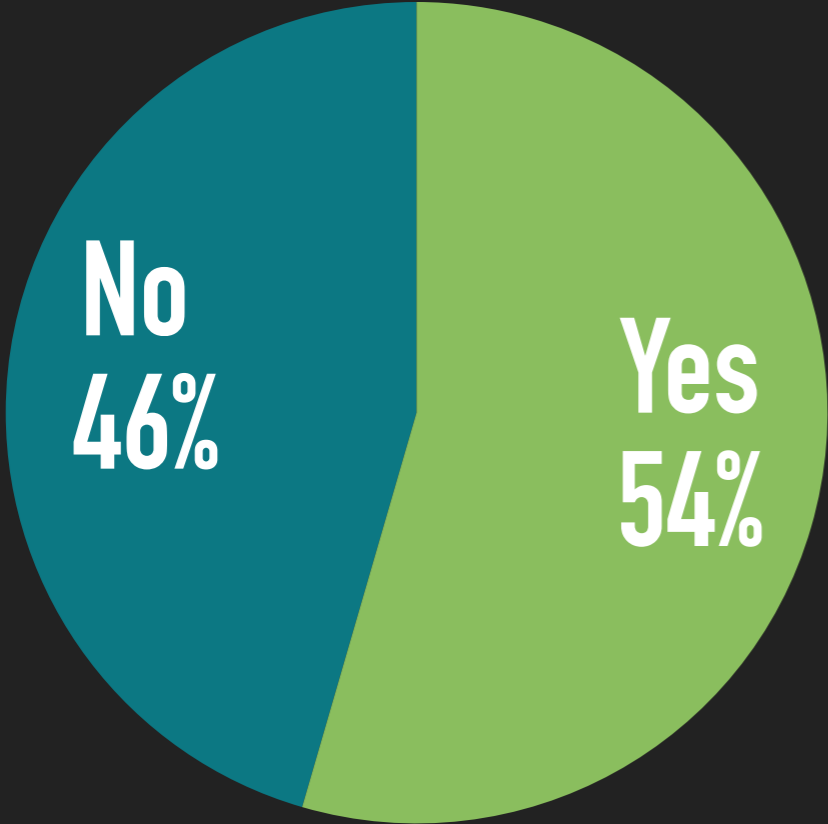
- > 9th gr
- Some HS
- HS Diploma
- GED
- College Grad
- Tech School



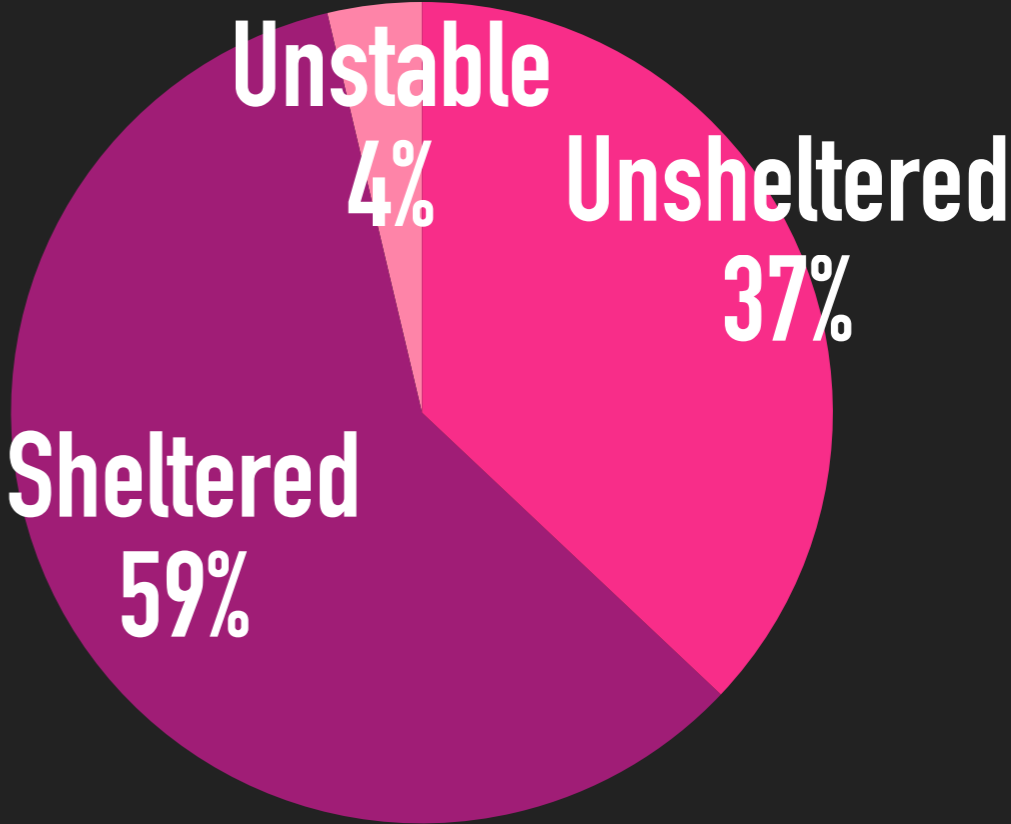


# EDUCATION

**COMPLETED SOME HS  
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ENROLLED**

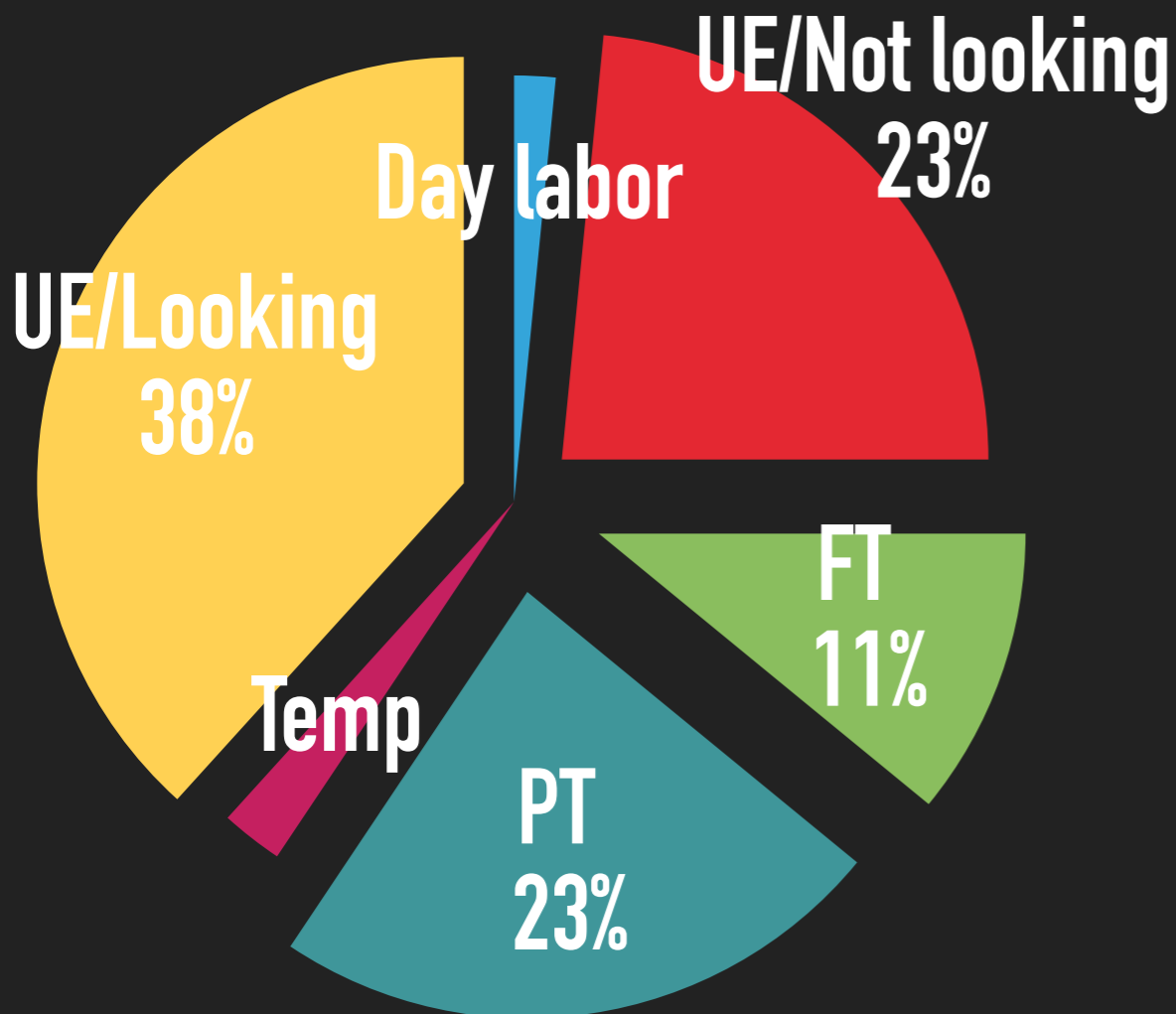


**IF NOT ENROLLED**



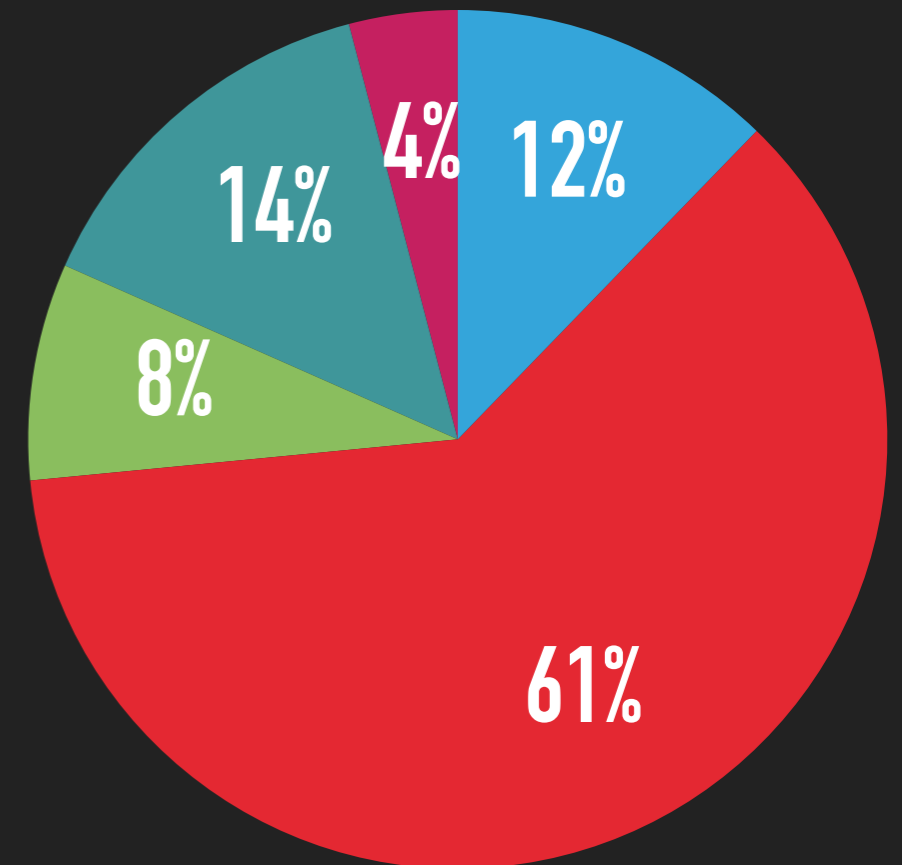
# VOCATION

## JOB STATUS



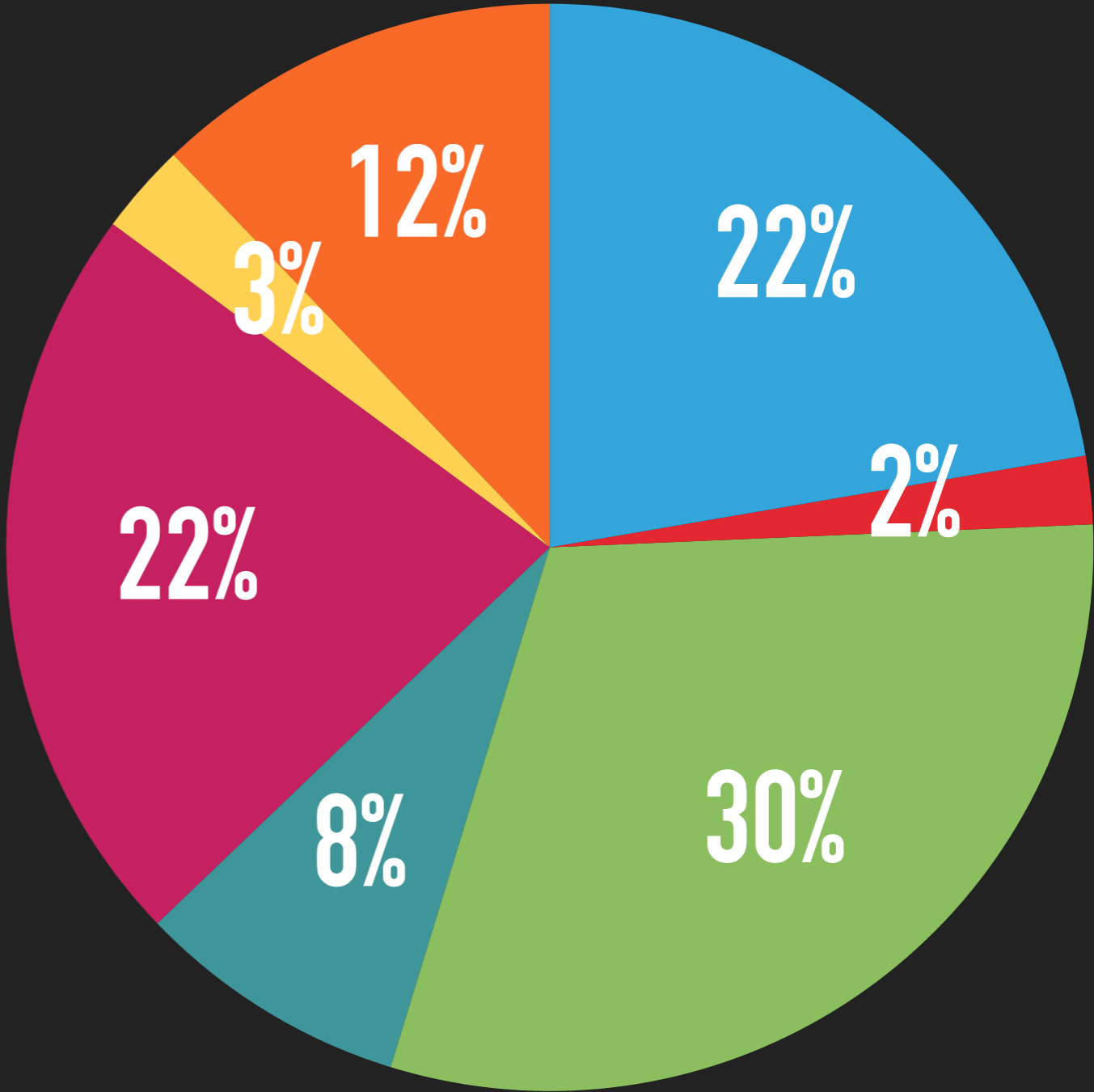
## UNEMPLOYMENT LENGTH

- > 1mo.
- 1-6mo.
- 7-11mo.
- 1yr
- 2+yrs



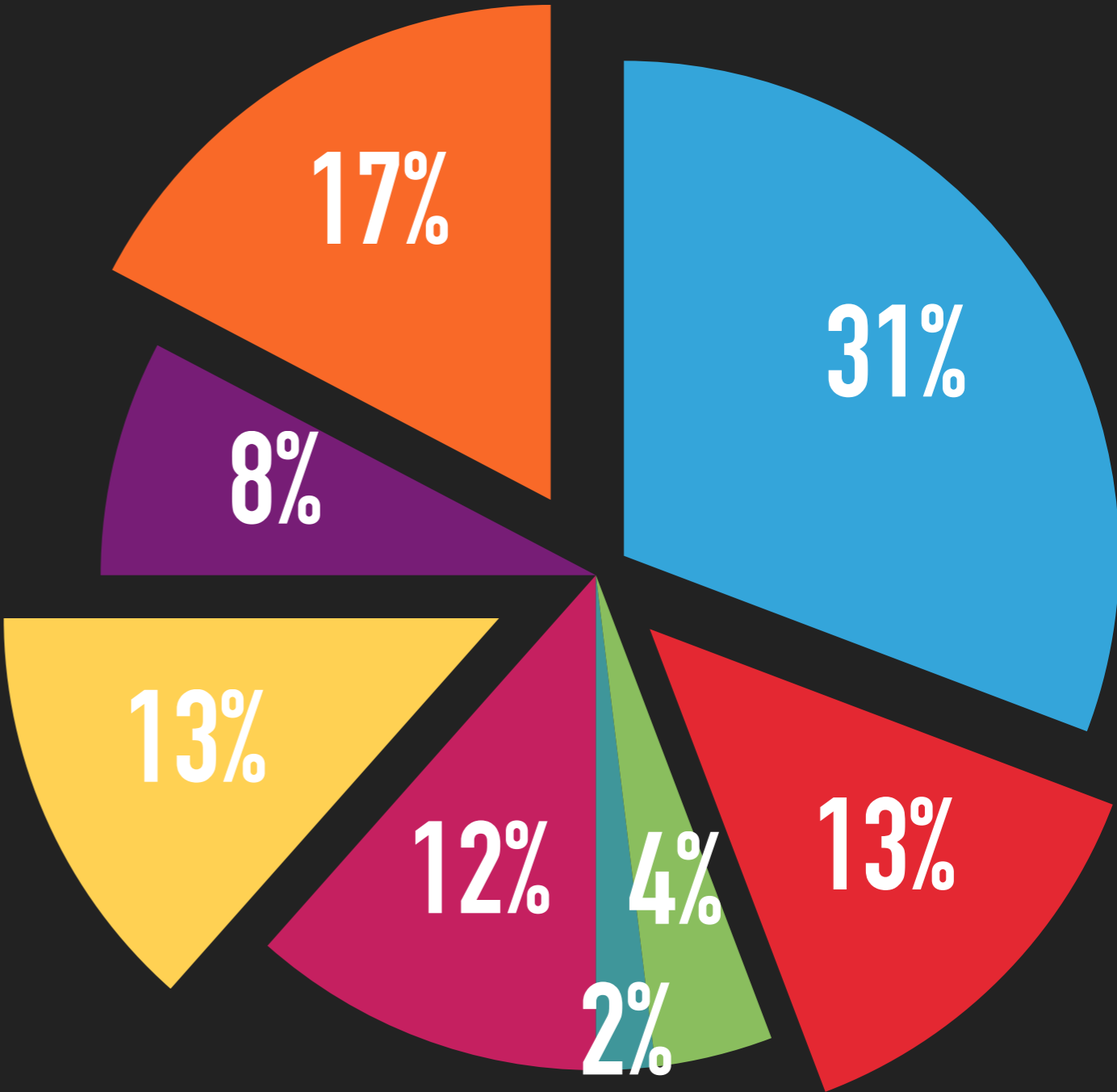
# FAMILY TYPE

- Minor w/ parent/guardian
- Couple w/ children
- Single adult
- Single parent
- Unacc. minor
- Couple-NC
- Other

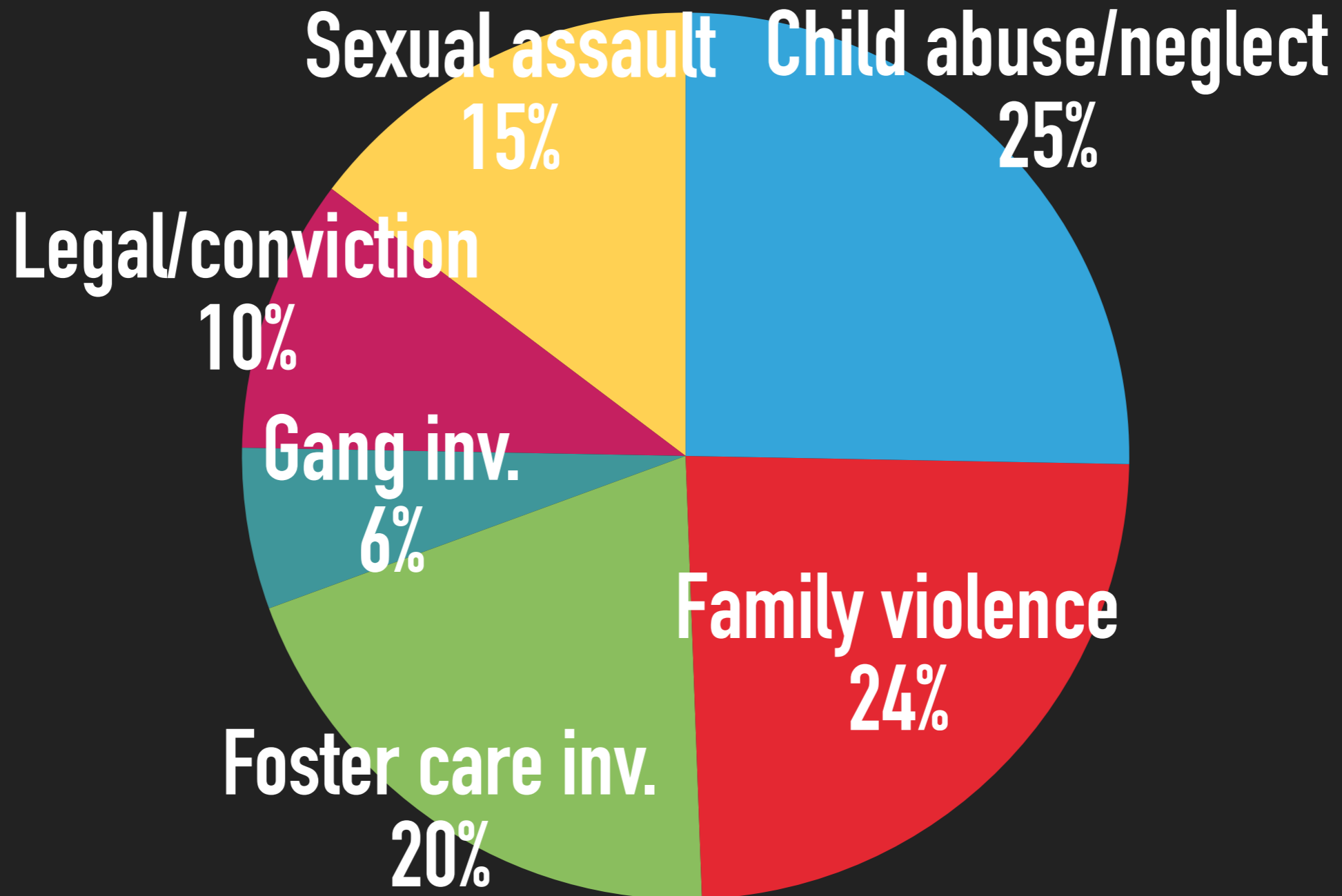


# HEALTH CONDITIONS

- Mental health
- Alcohol abuse
- IDD
- HIV/Aids
- Other chronic phys ill
- Substance abuse
- Phys disability
- PTSD



## EXPERIENCES



## SOURCES OF INCOME

- ▶ 1) Medicaid - 28%
- ▶ 2) None - 25%
- ▶ 3) SNAP - 22%
- ▶ Other reasons include: Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC); Women, Infants and Children (WIC); Foster care benefits; etc.

## TOP NEEDS

- ▶ 1-t) State ID
- ▶ 1-t) Clothing
- ▶ 2) Bus pass
- ▶ 3) Hygiene supplies
- ▶ Other needs include: phone #; birth certificate; emergency food; social security card; etc.

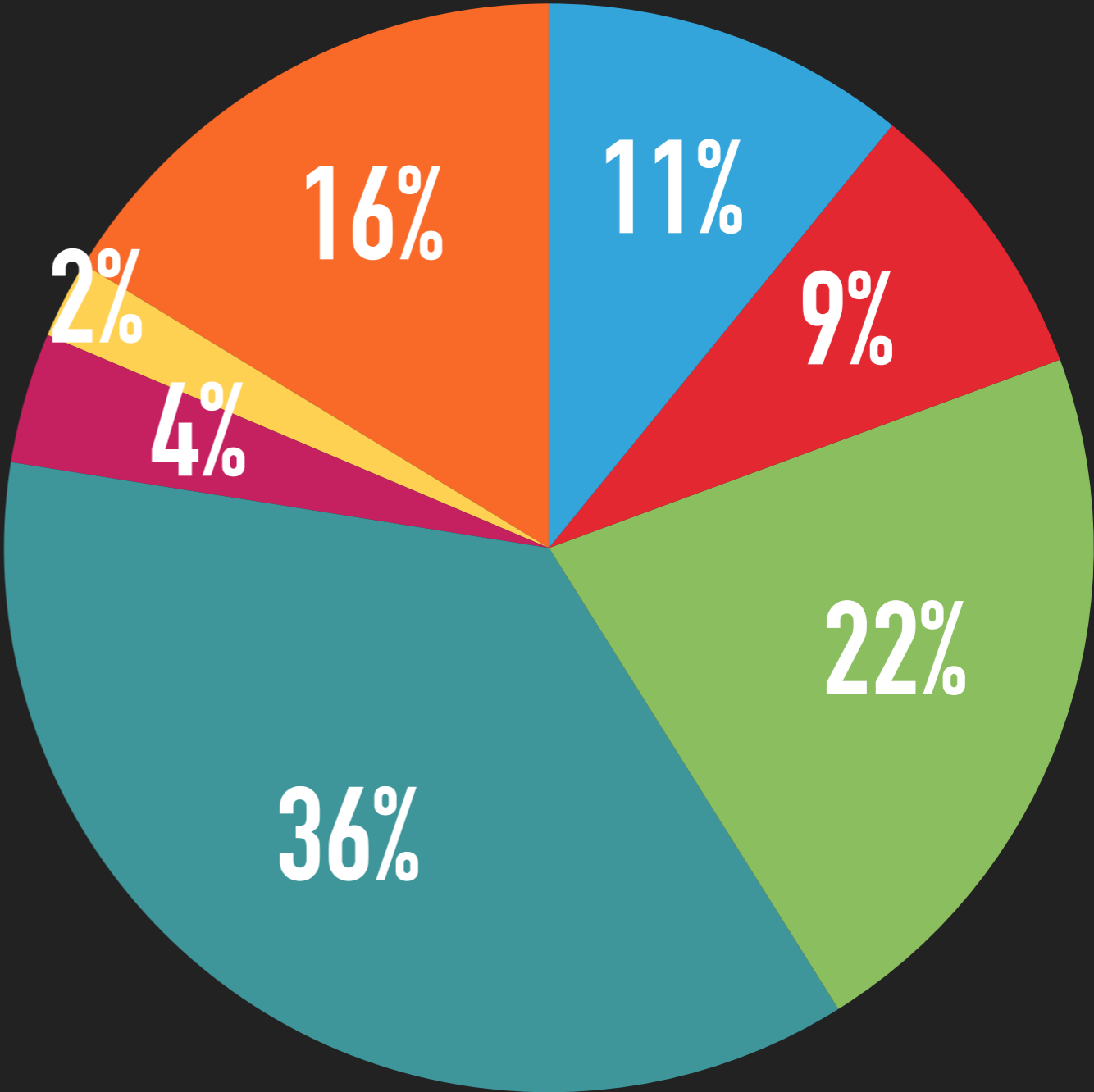
## SERVICES NEEDED

- ▶ 1) Dental care
- ▶ 2) Mental health care
- ▶ 3-t) Case management
- ▶ 3-t) Child care
- ▶ Other needs include: child support; emergency shelter; employment services; etc.

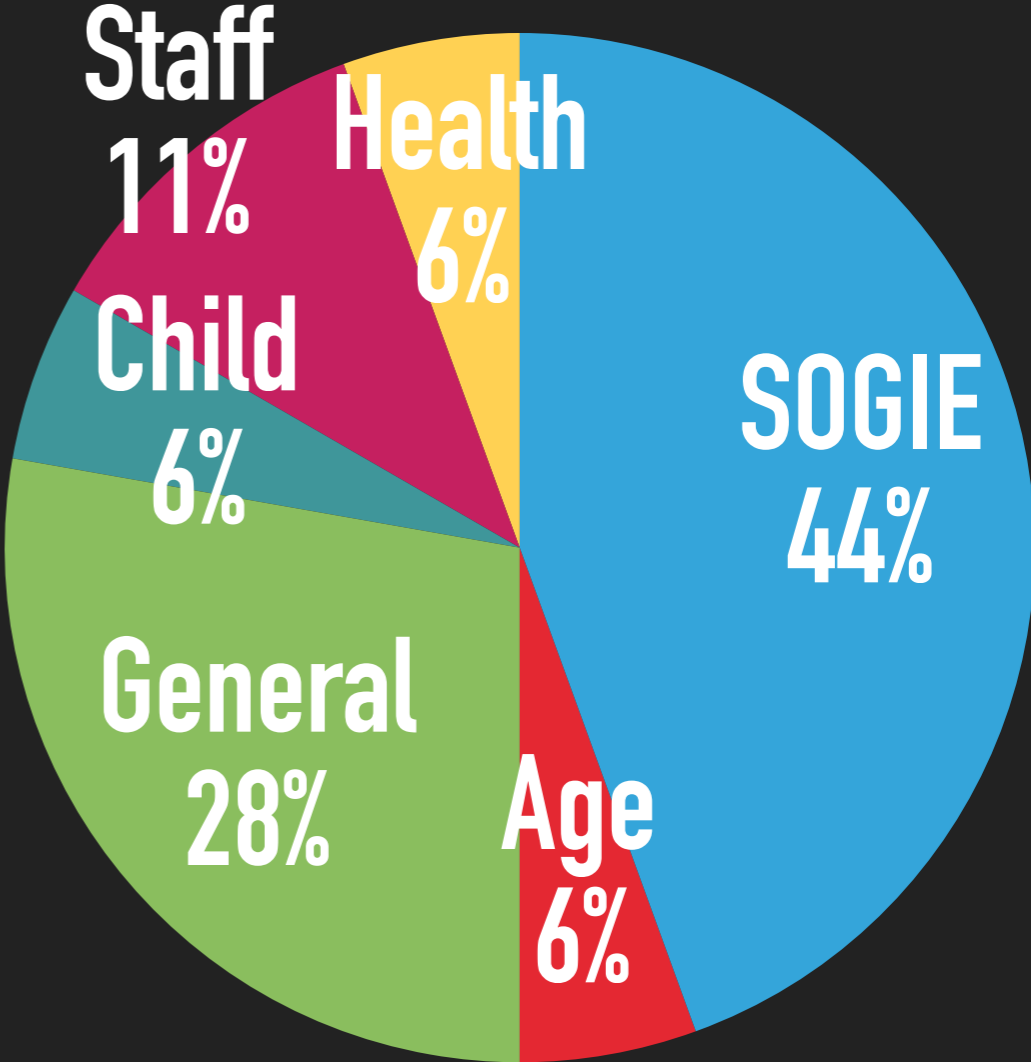
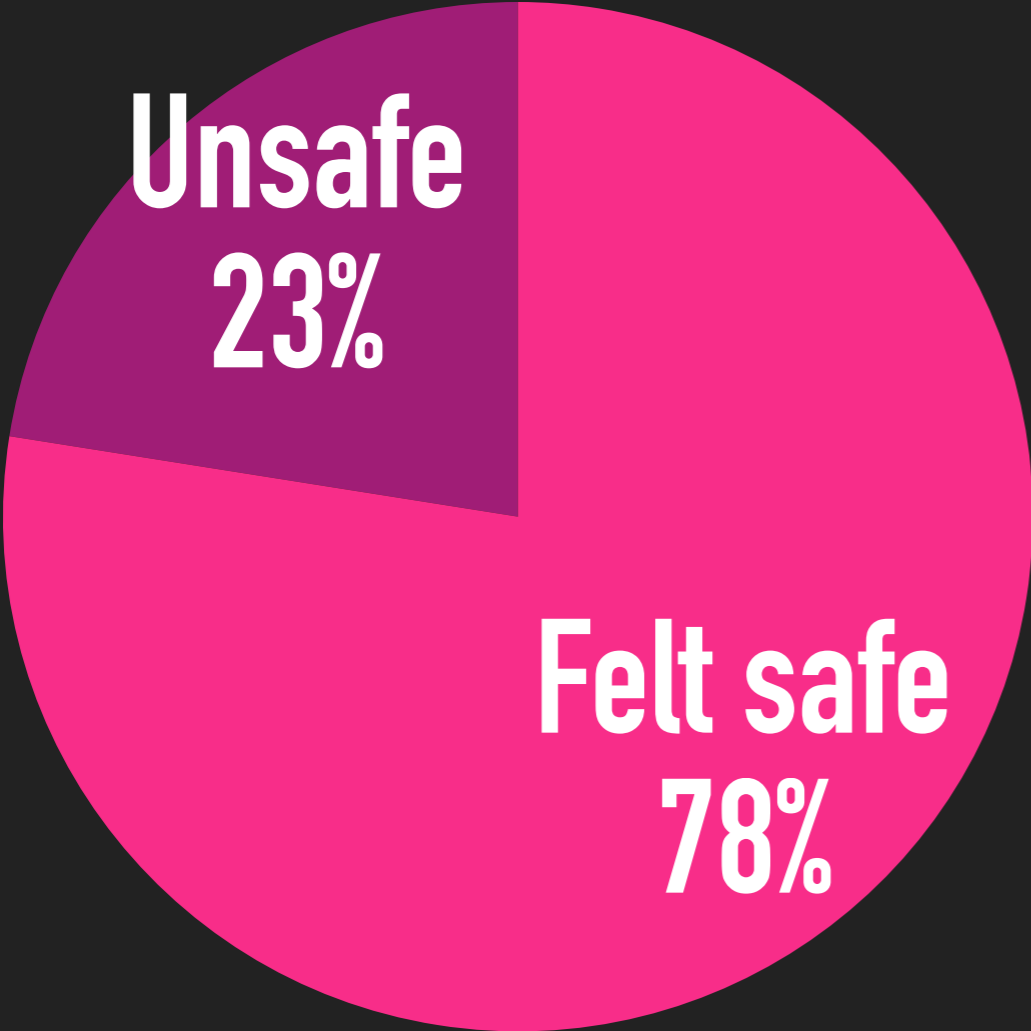


# SERVICES ACCESSED

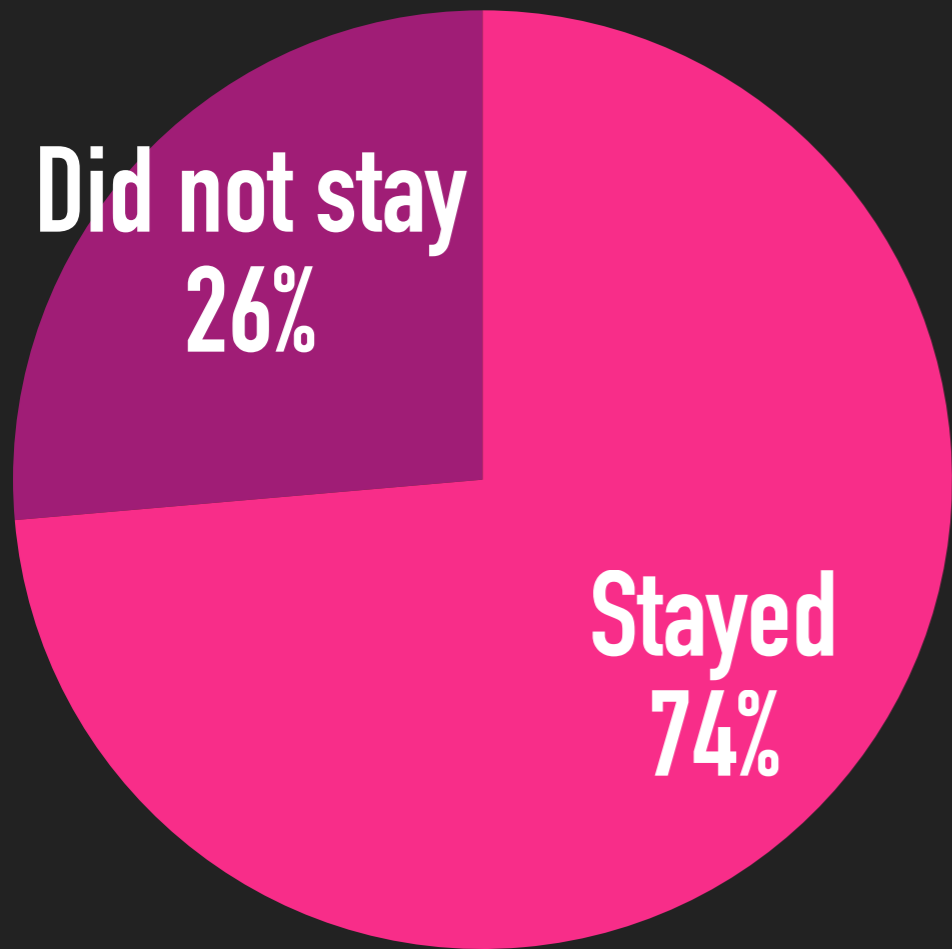
- Drop-in center
- Emerg. health care
- Emerg. shelter
- None
- Perm. Supp. House
- Transition center
- TLP



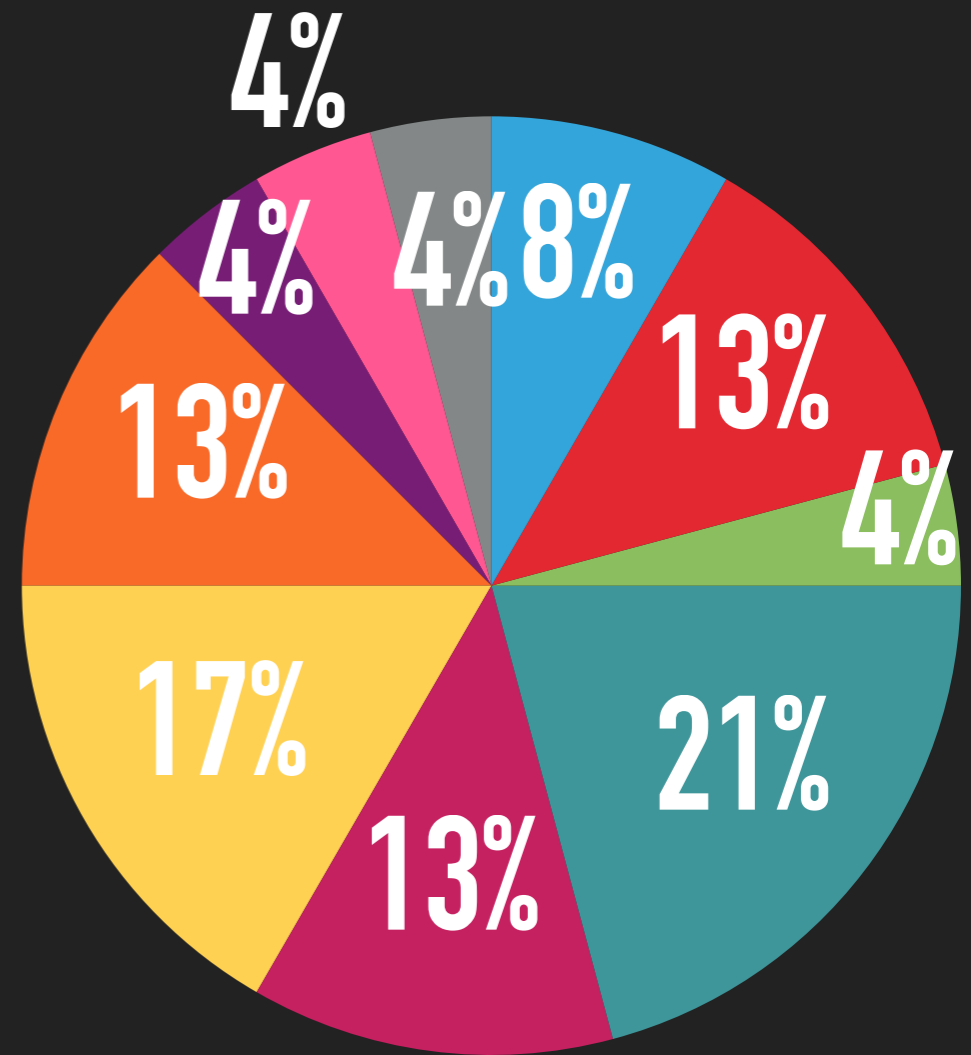
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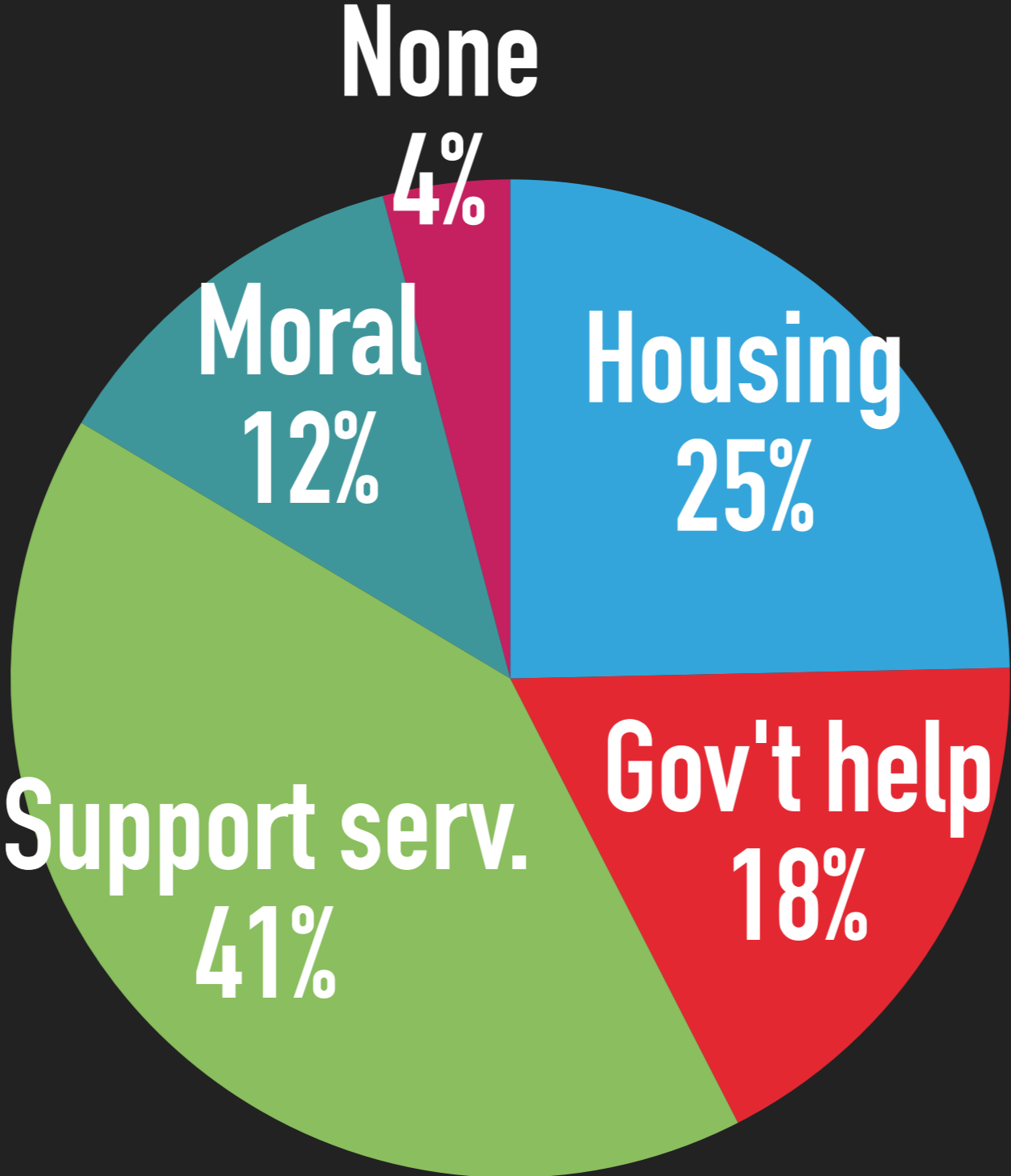
# WENT AND DID NOT STAY



- Too old
- Too young
- Bedbugs
- Unsafe
- Partner
- Rules
- Full
- ID
- Children
- Pay to stay



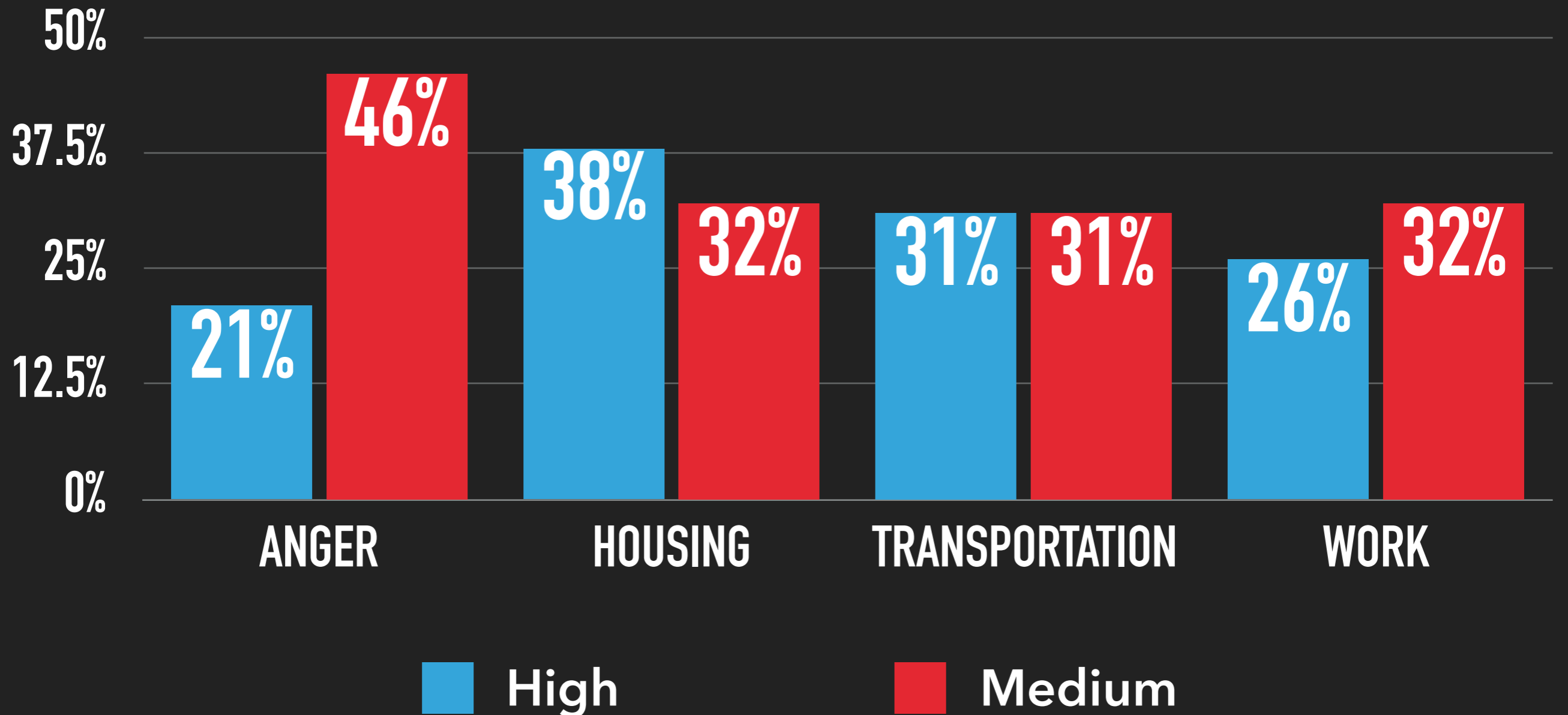
# MOST HELPFUL RESOURCE RECEIVED IN LAST YEAR



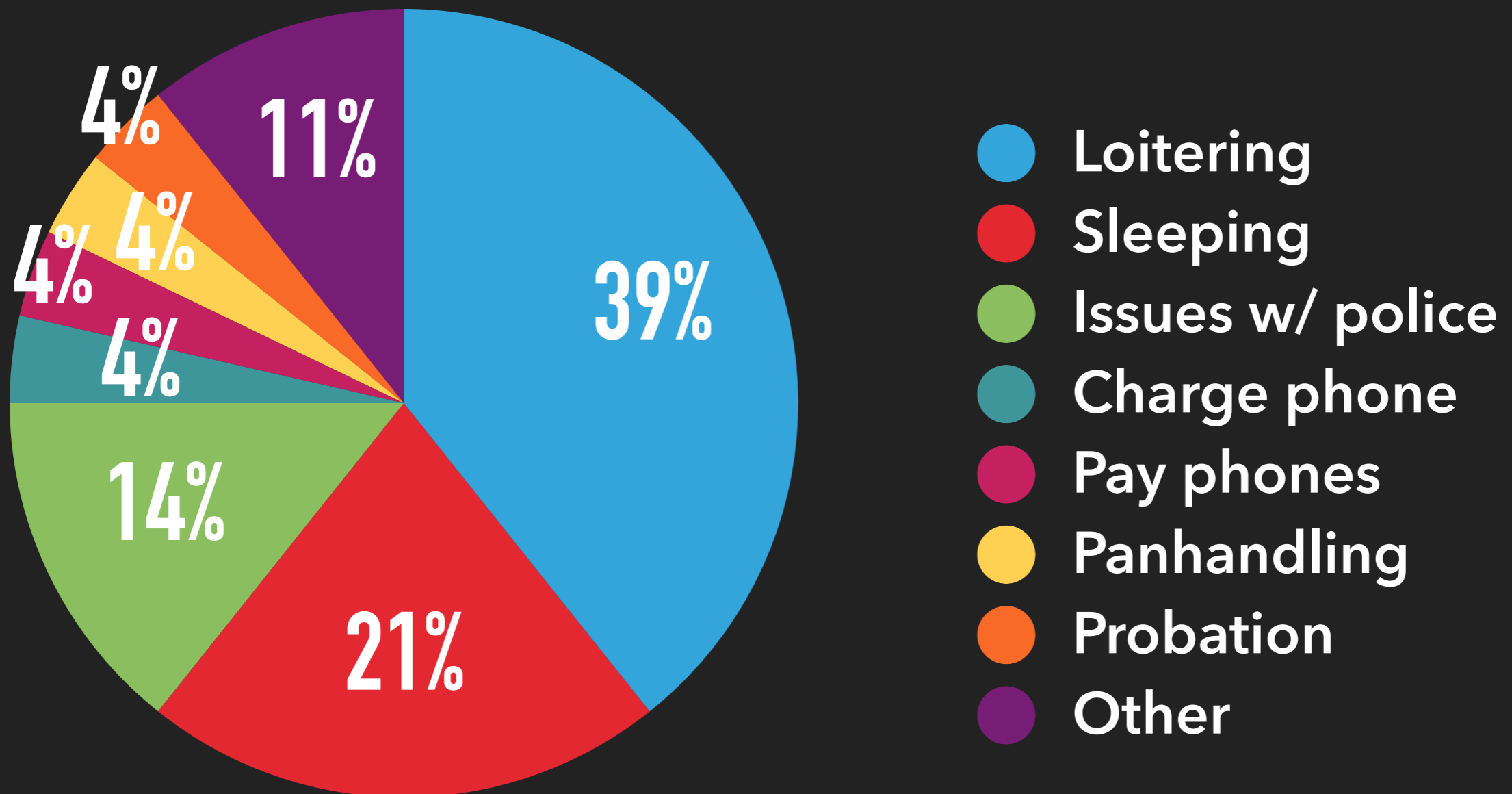
## METHODS TO GET ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ 1) Work - 38%
- ▶ 2) Financial support from family/friends/etc. - 19%
- ▶ 3) Borrow from others - 12%
- ▶ Other methods include: panhandling; food pantry; trade services/clothes/food; etc.

# TOP ISSUES OUR YOUTH ARE FACING



# RULES / PRACTICES THAT MAKE LIFE HARDER (DALLAS COUNTY)



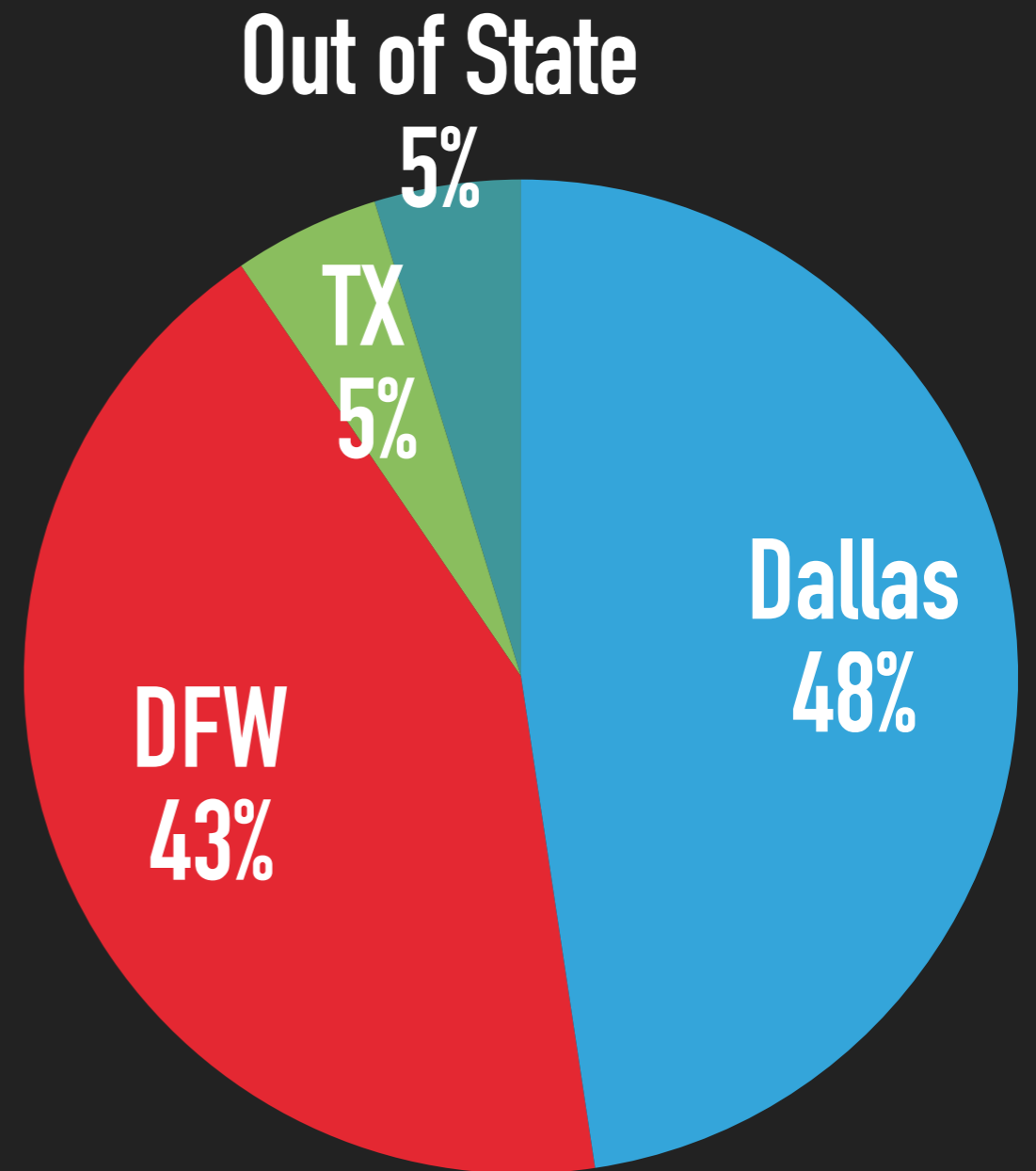
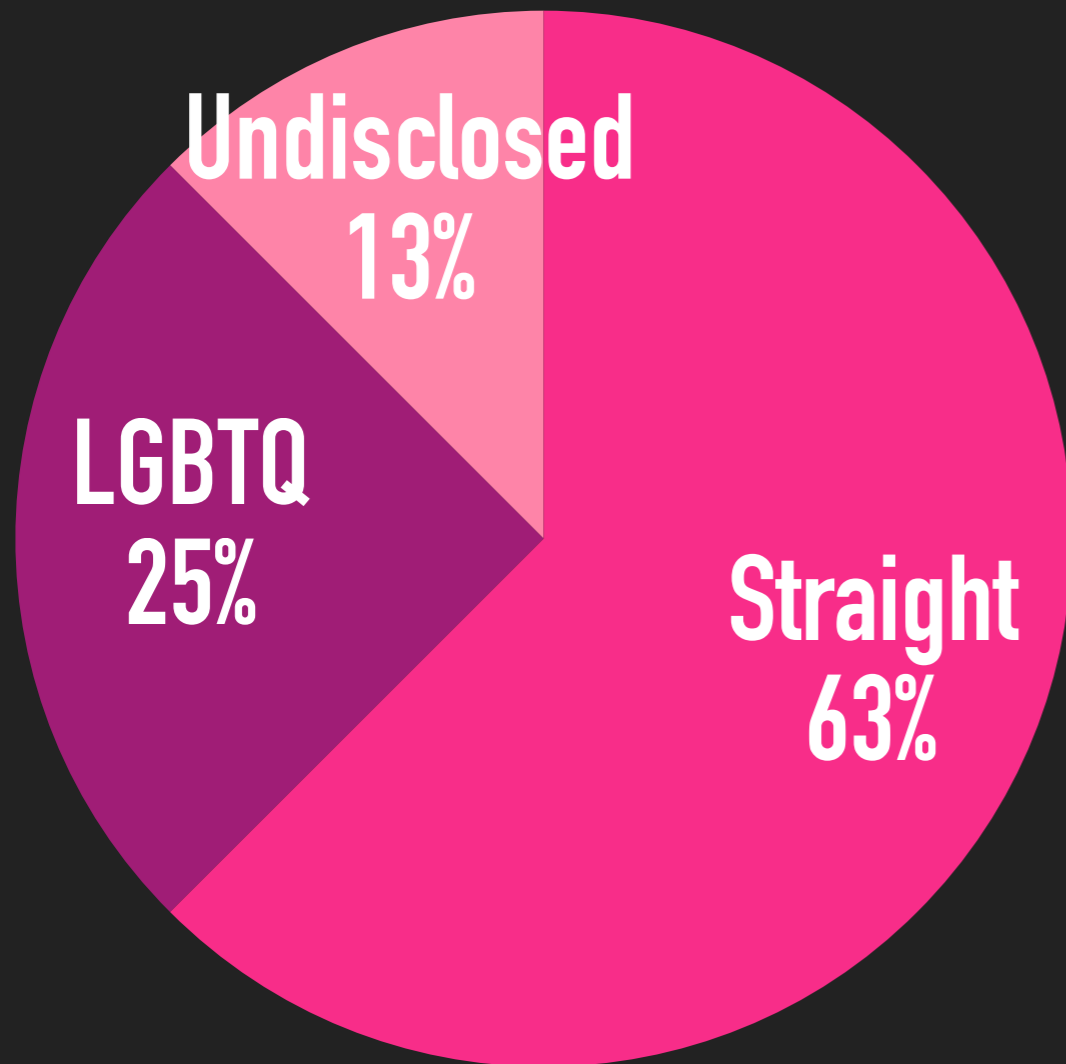
## STRENGTHS / TALENTS / SKILLS TO HELP YOUTH MOVE FORWARD

- ▶ 1) Arts (Drama, Music, Dance, Visual, etc.)
- ▶ 2) Determination
- ▶ 3) Resilience
- ▶ Others include: Ambition; Athletics; Kindness; Belief in self; Persistence; etc.



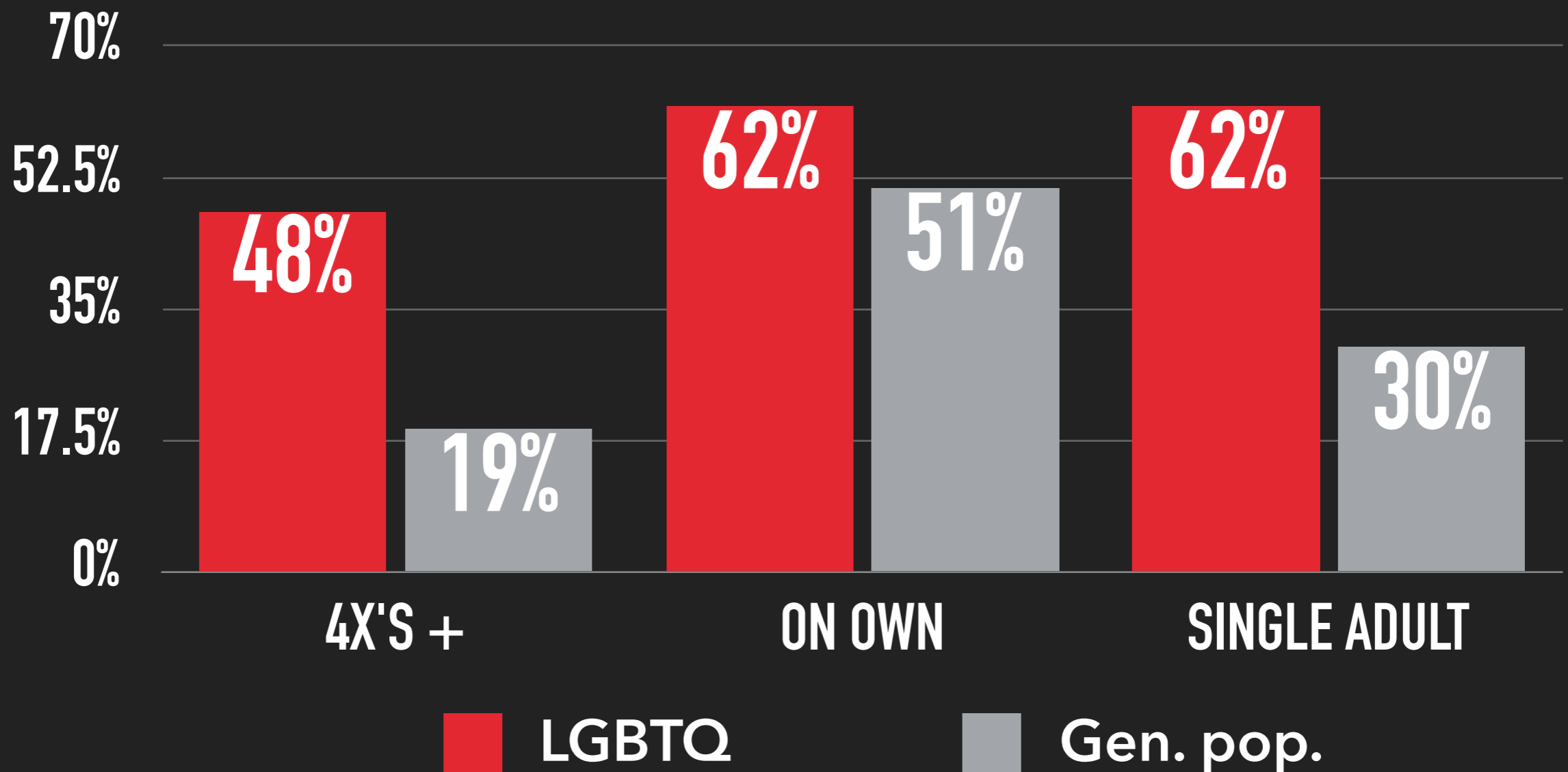
# LGBTQ YOUTH

## UNSHELTERED YOUTH



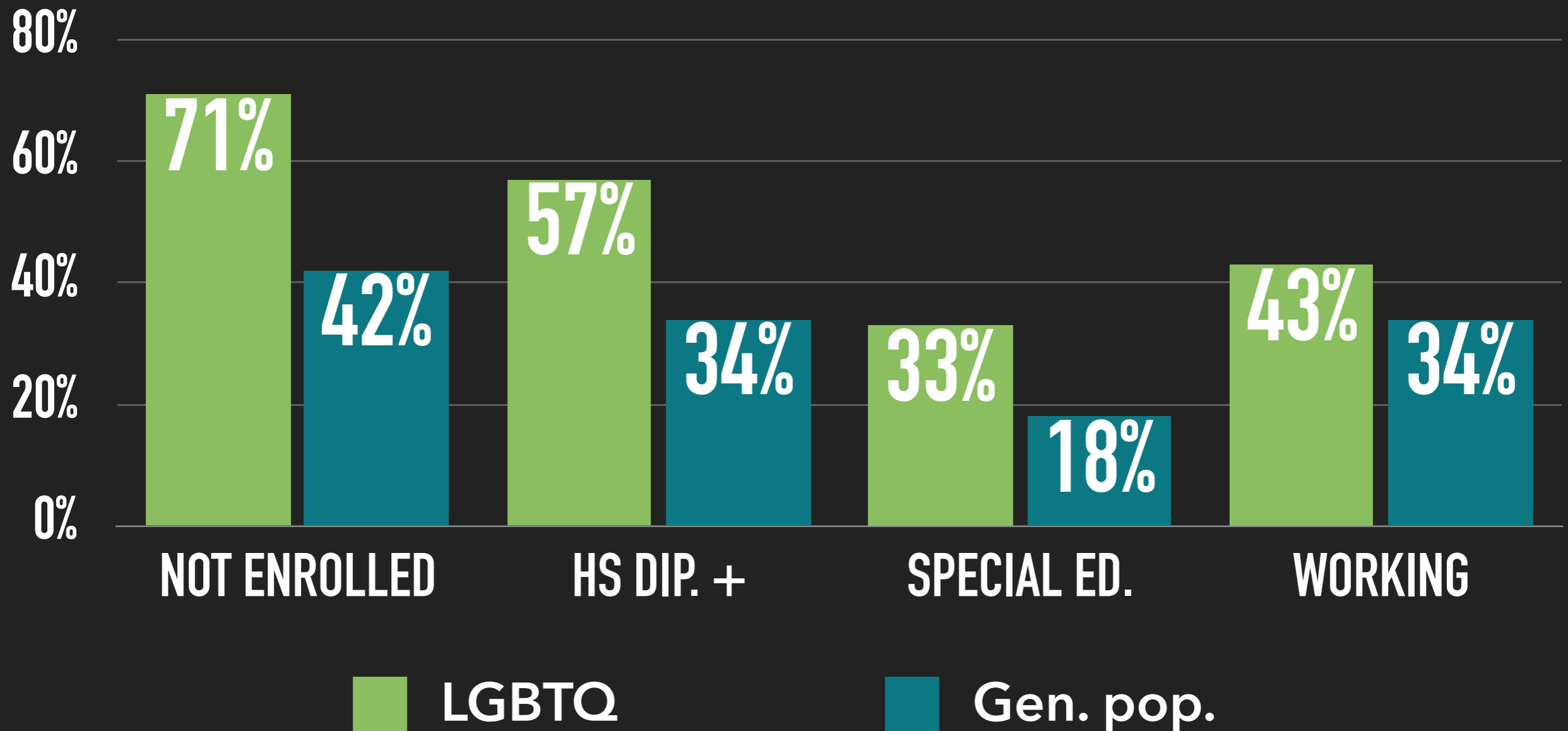
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### HOMELESS EXPERIENCE



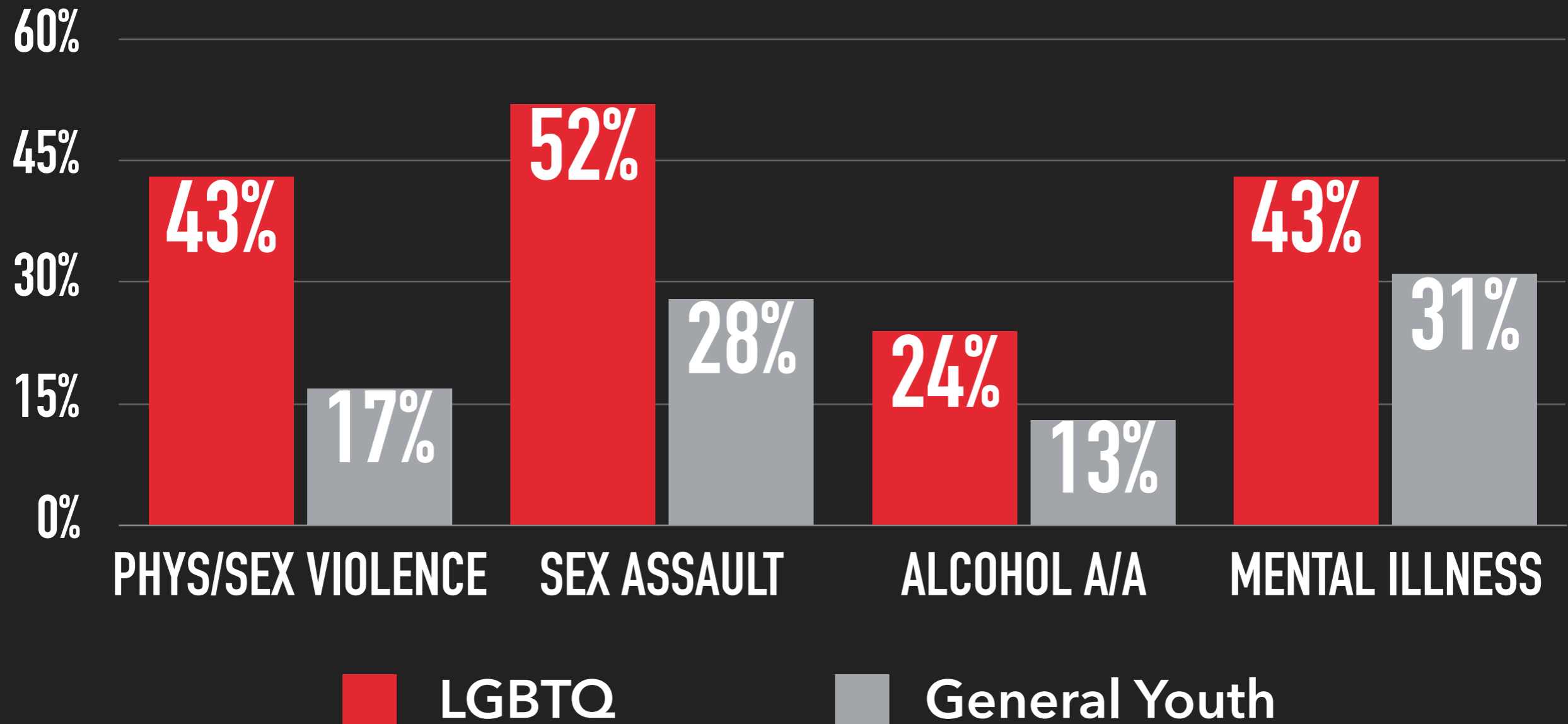
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### EDUCATION / VOCATION



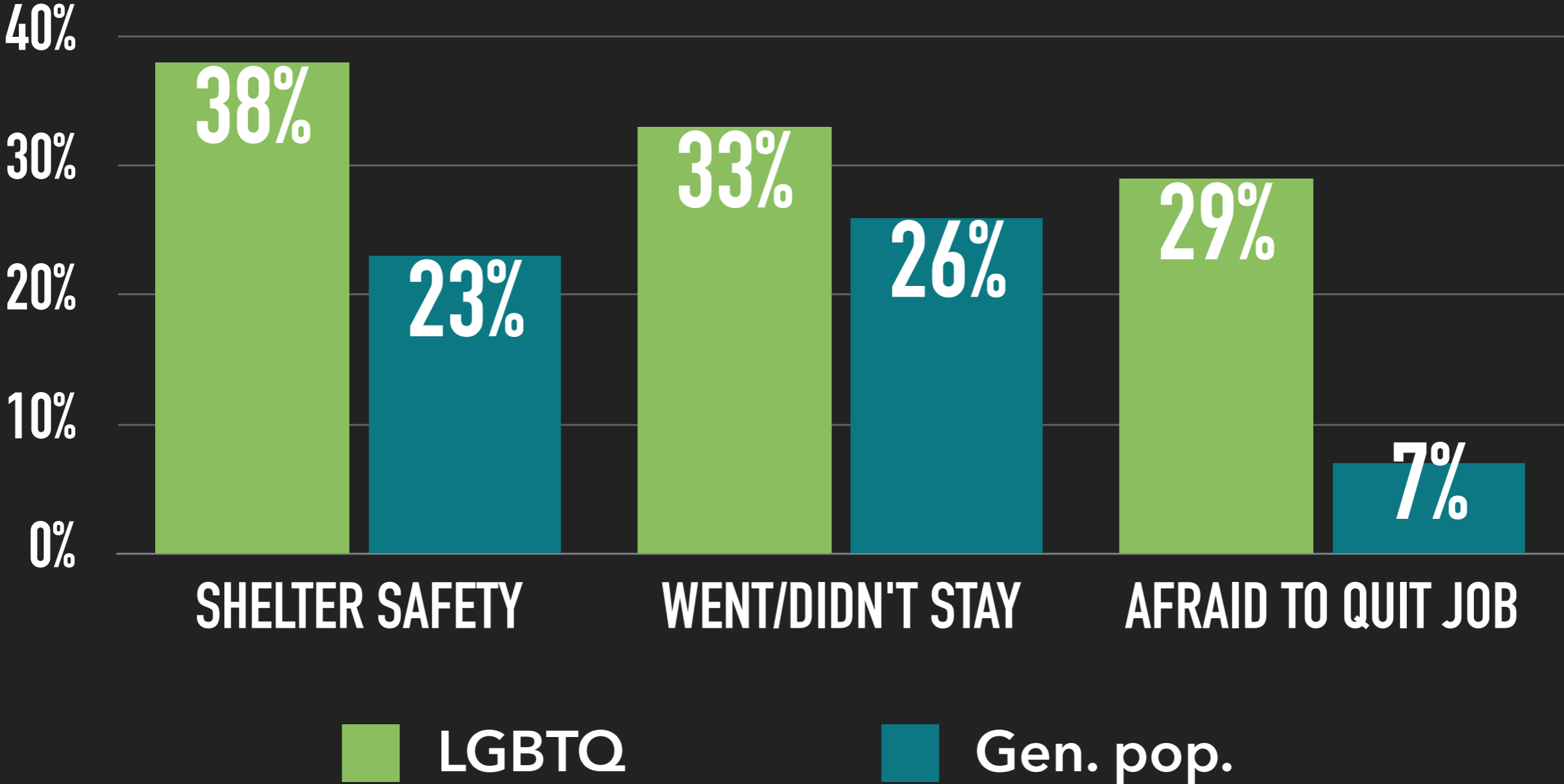
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### EXPERIENCES

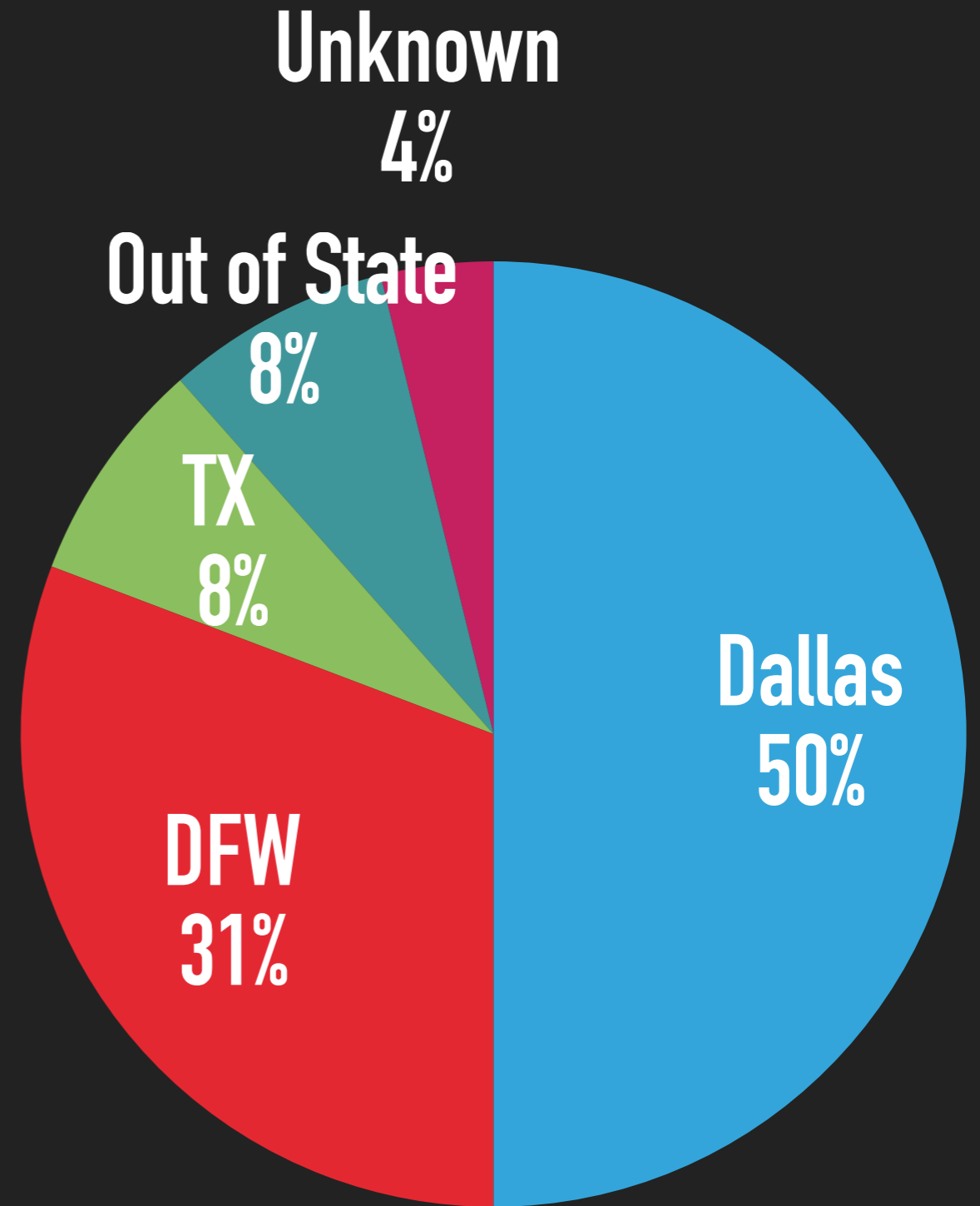
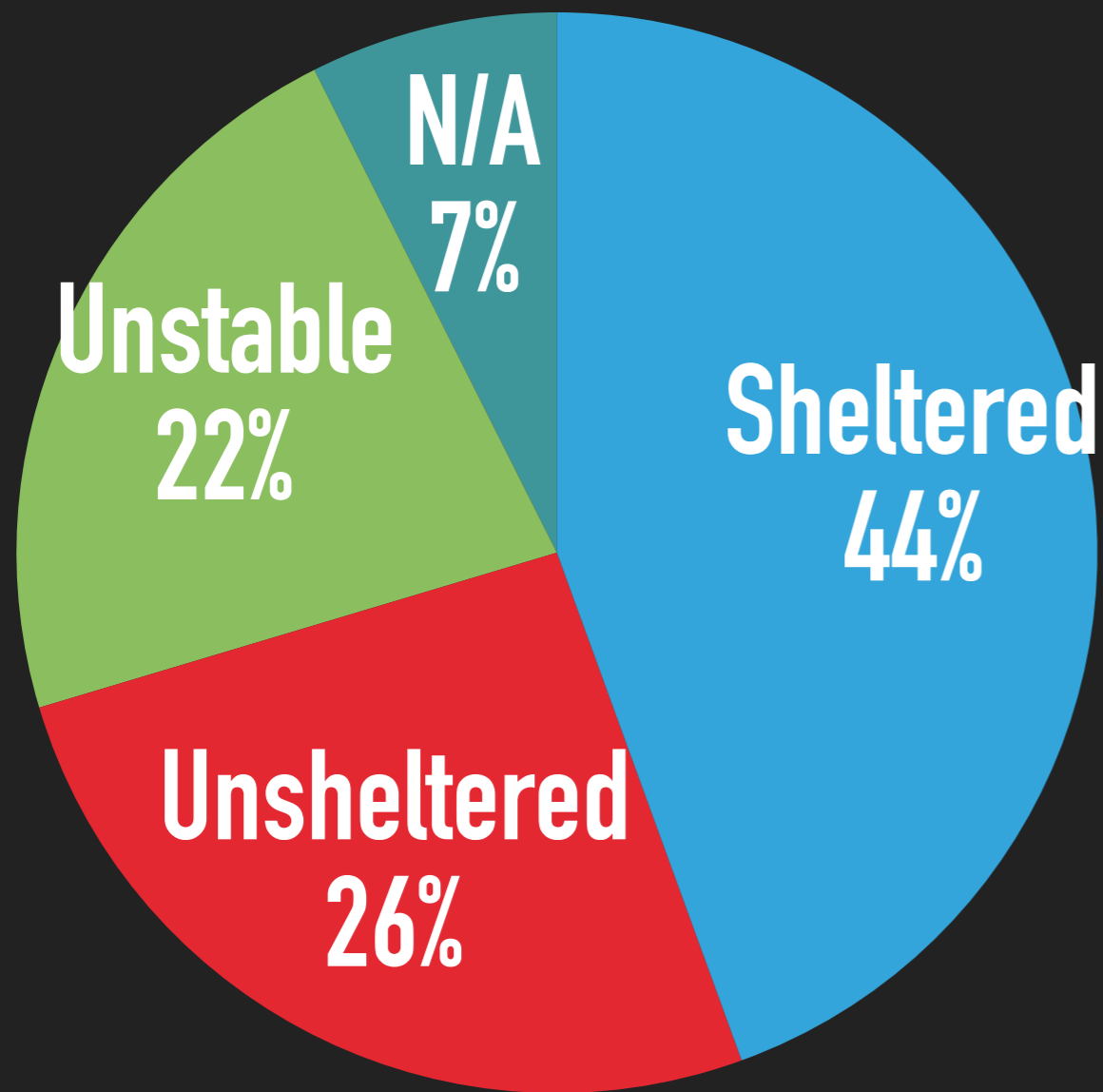


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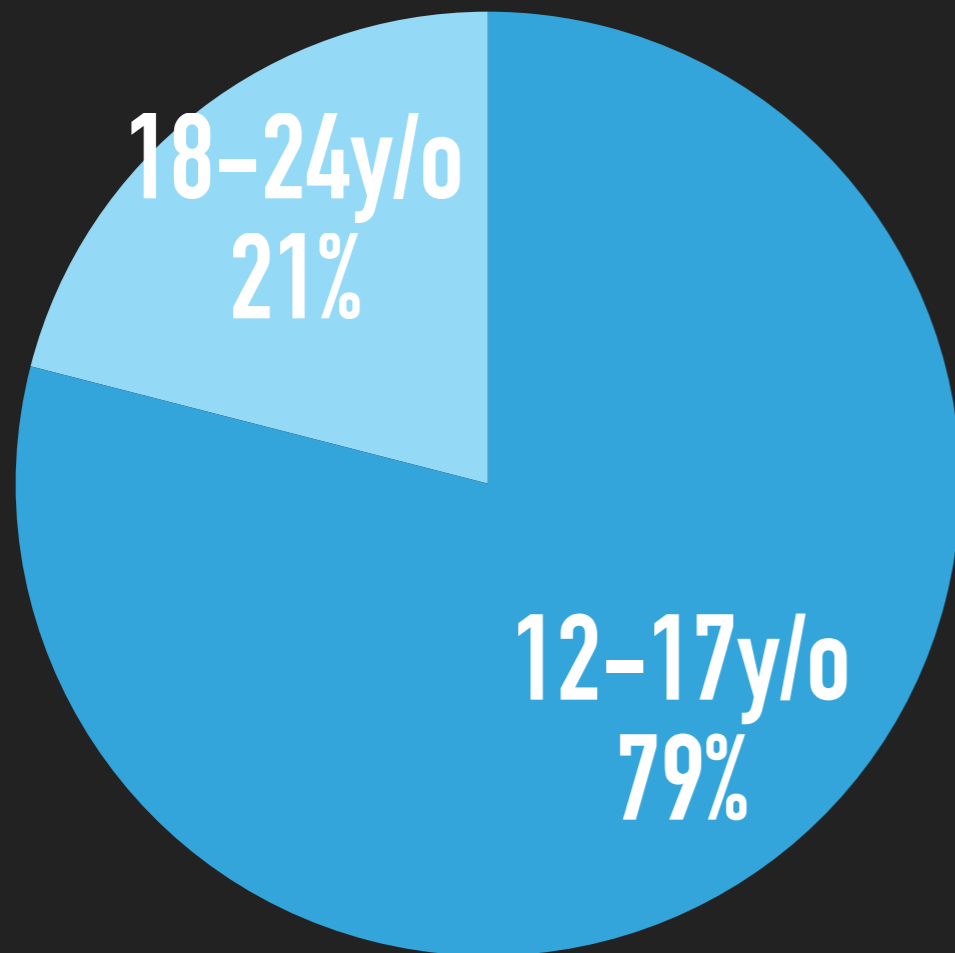


# JUVENILE JUSTICE YOUTH (JJD)

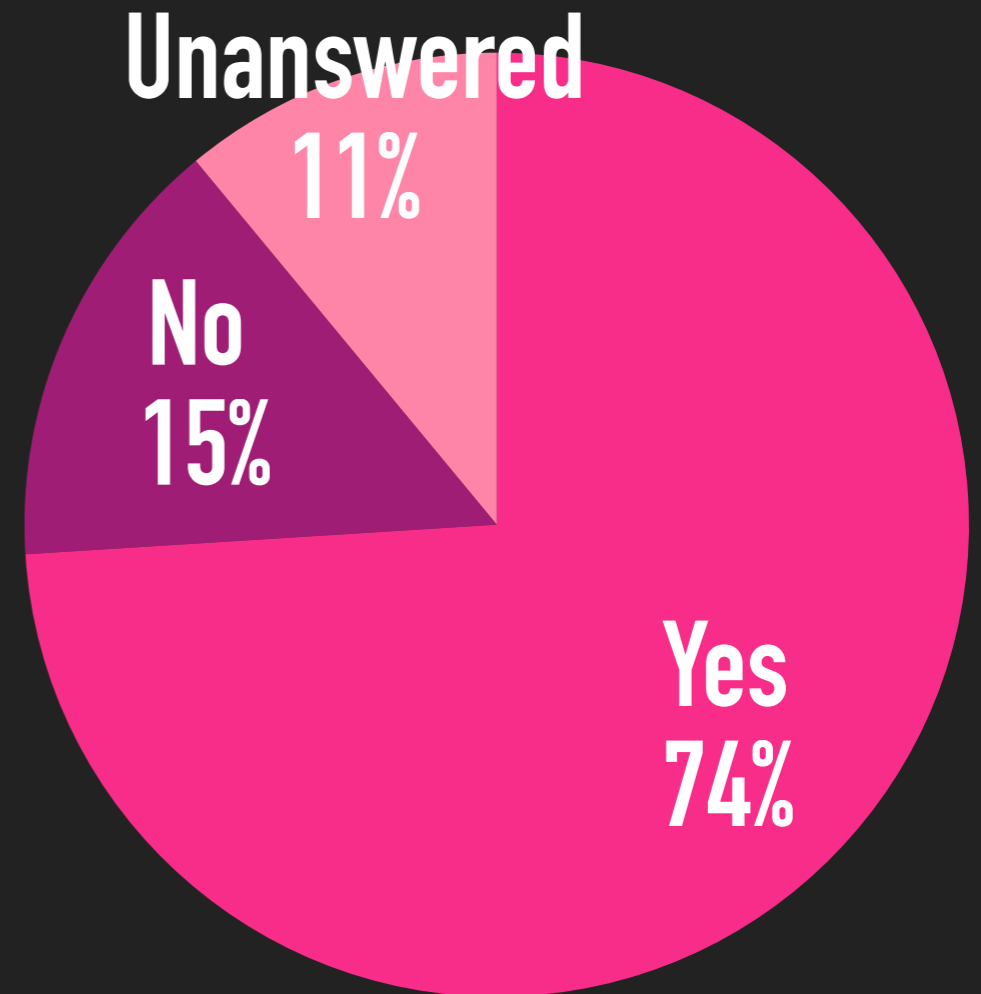


## JJD YOUTH (CONT.)

### AGE ENTERED SYSTEM

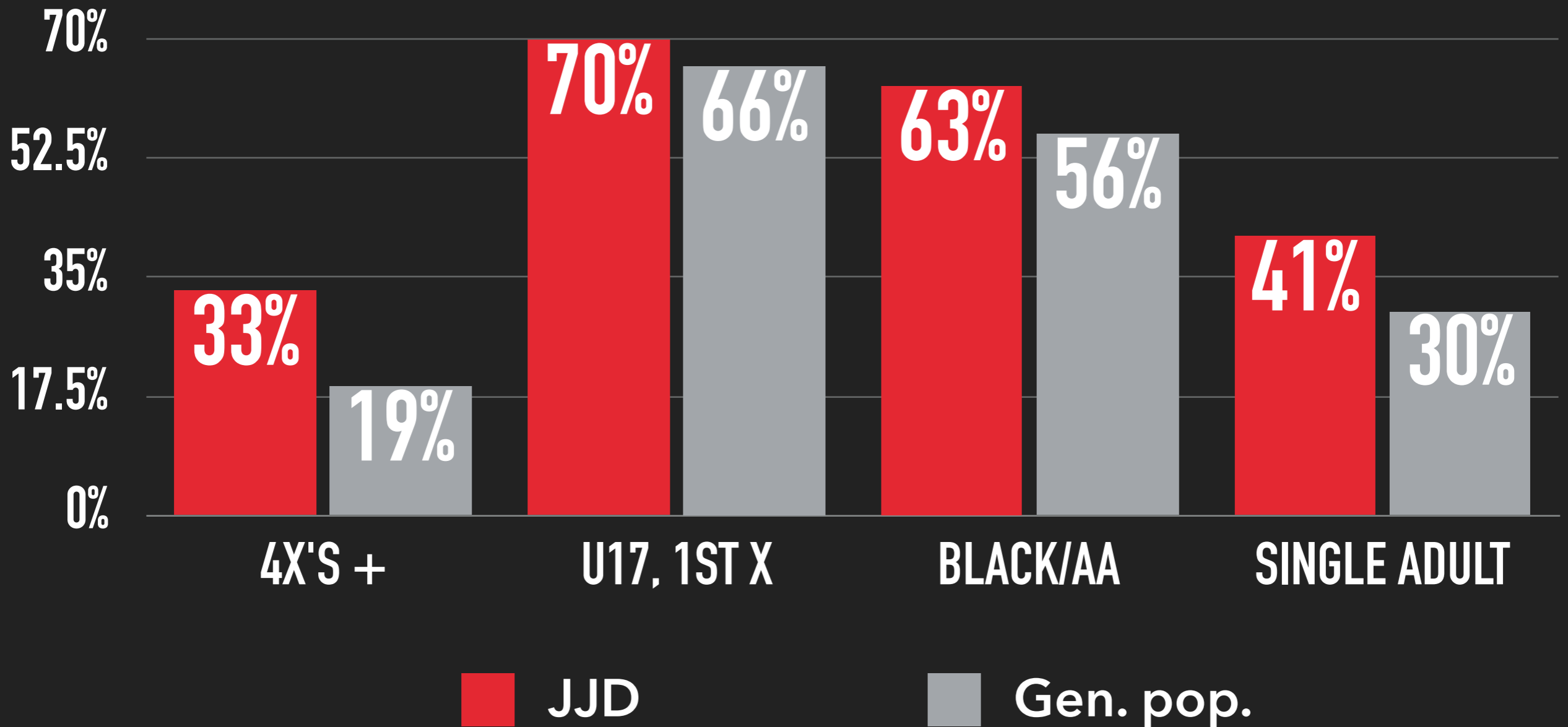


### JJD INVOLVED IN TX



## JJD YOUTH (CONT.)

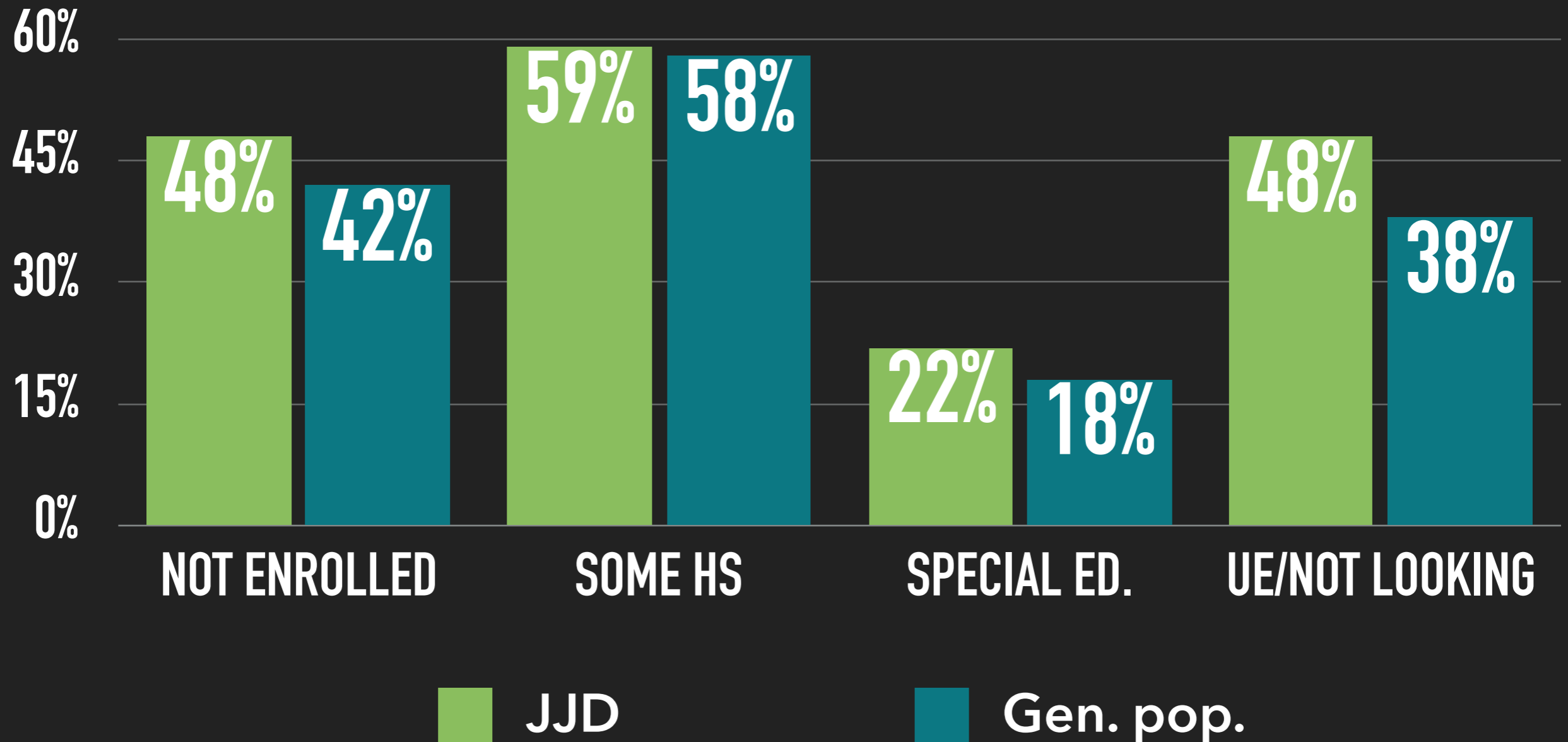
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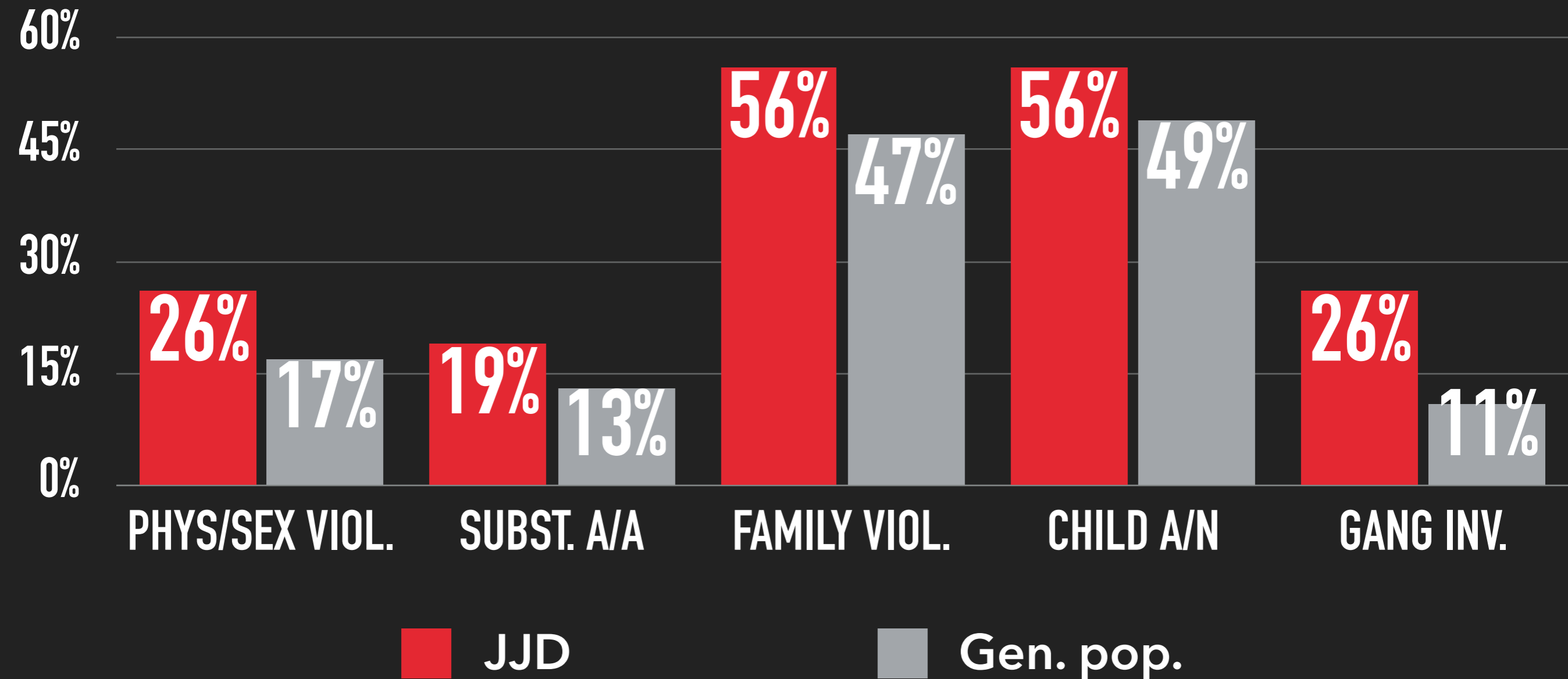
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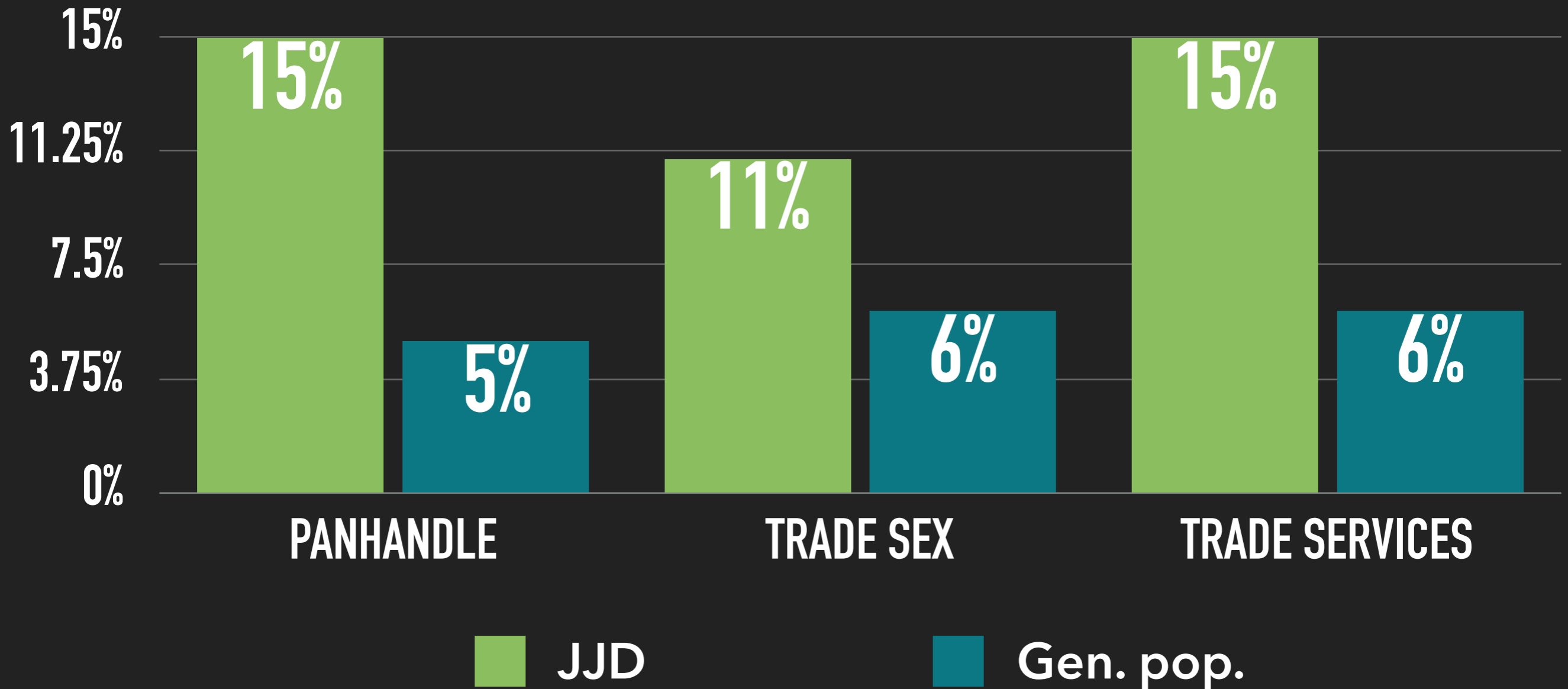
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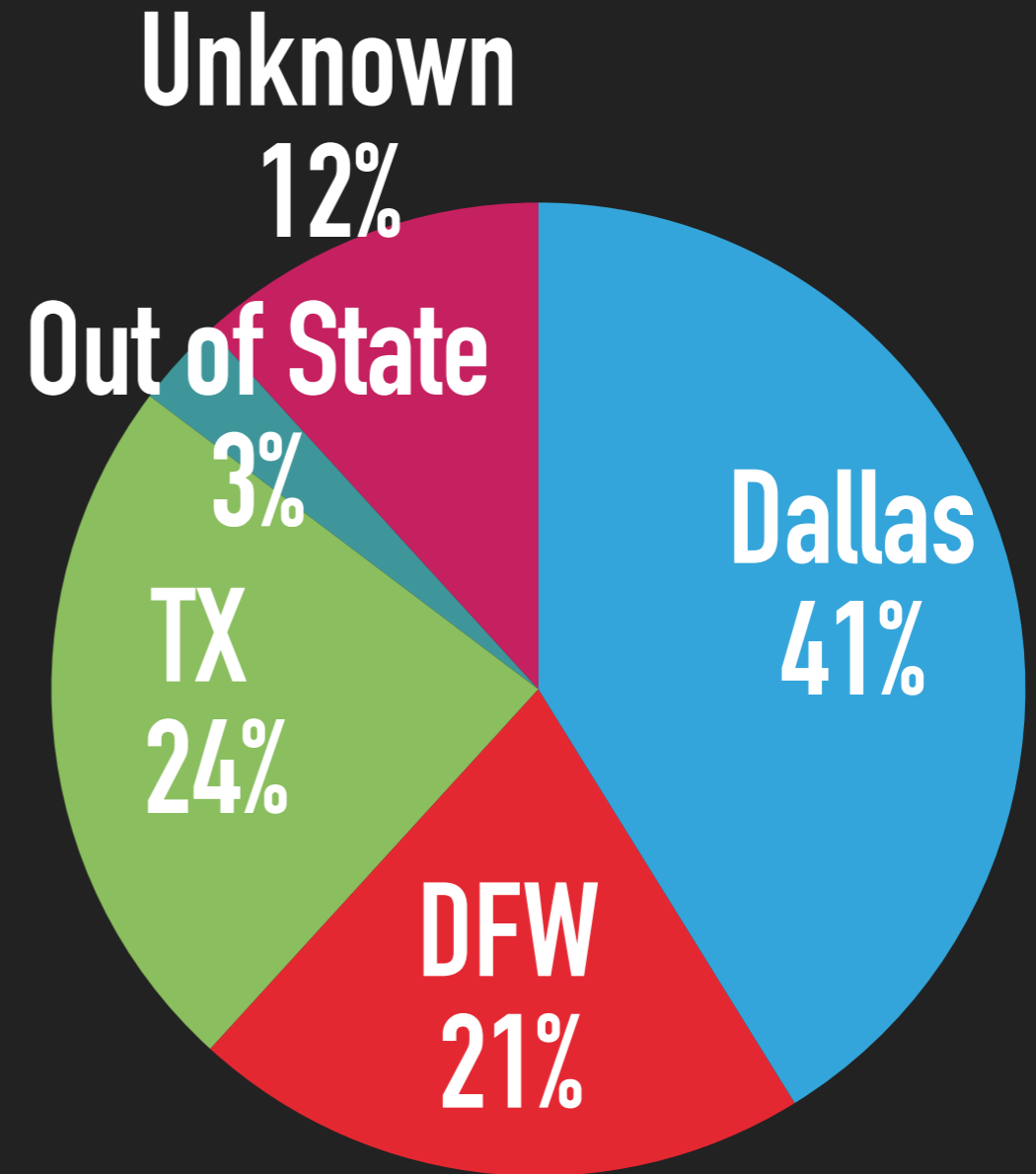
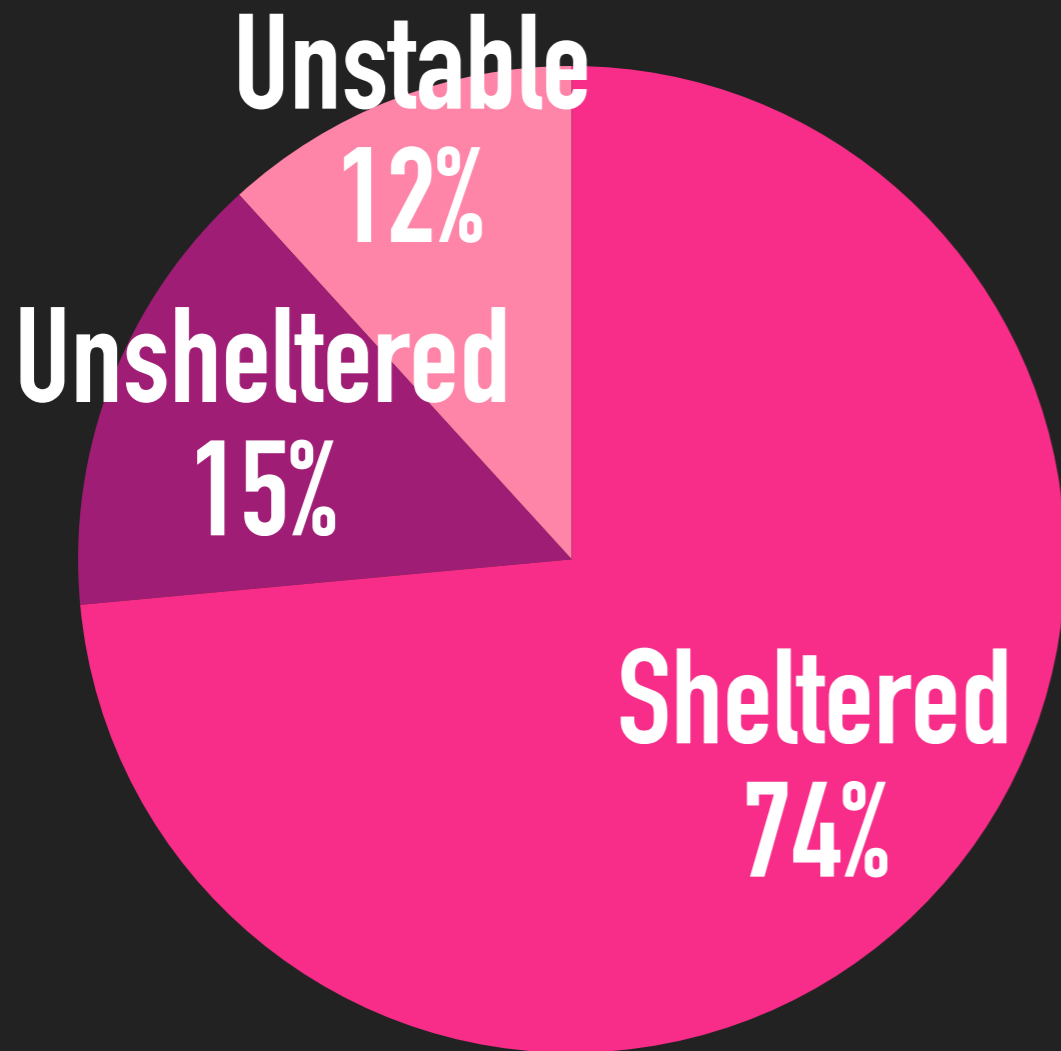


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### EXPERIENCES (CONT.)

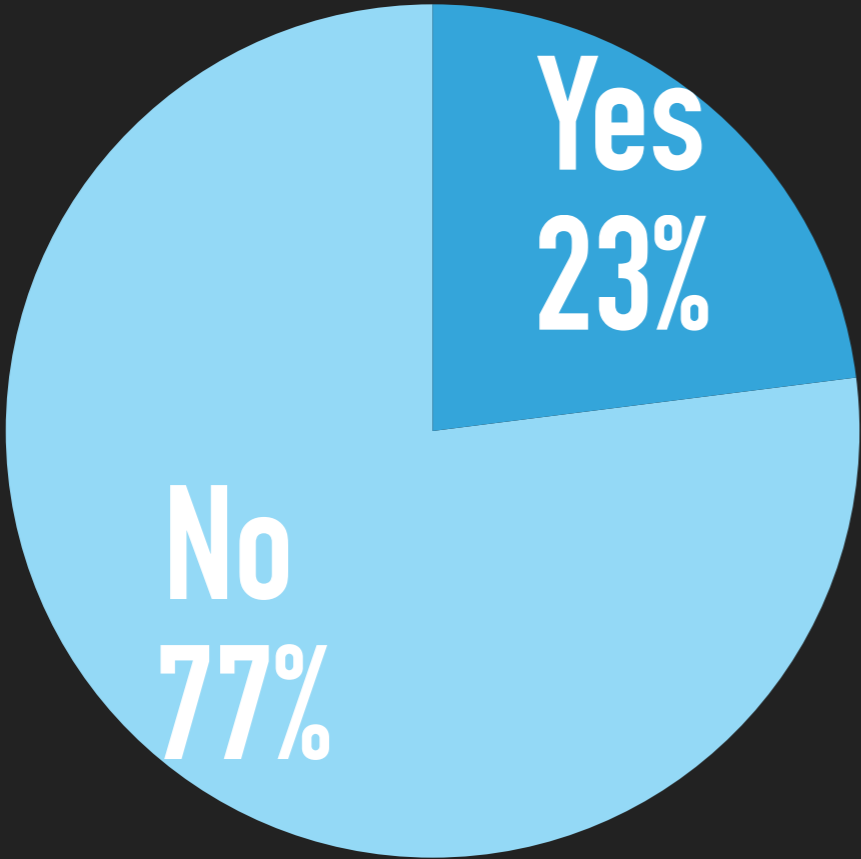


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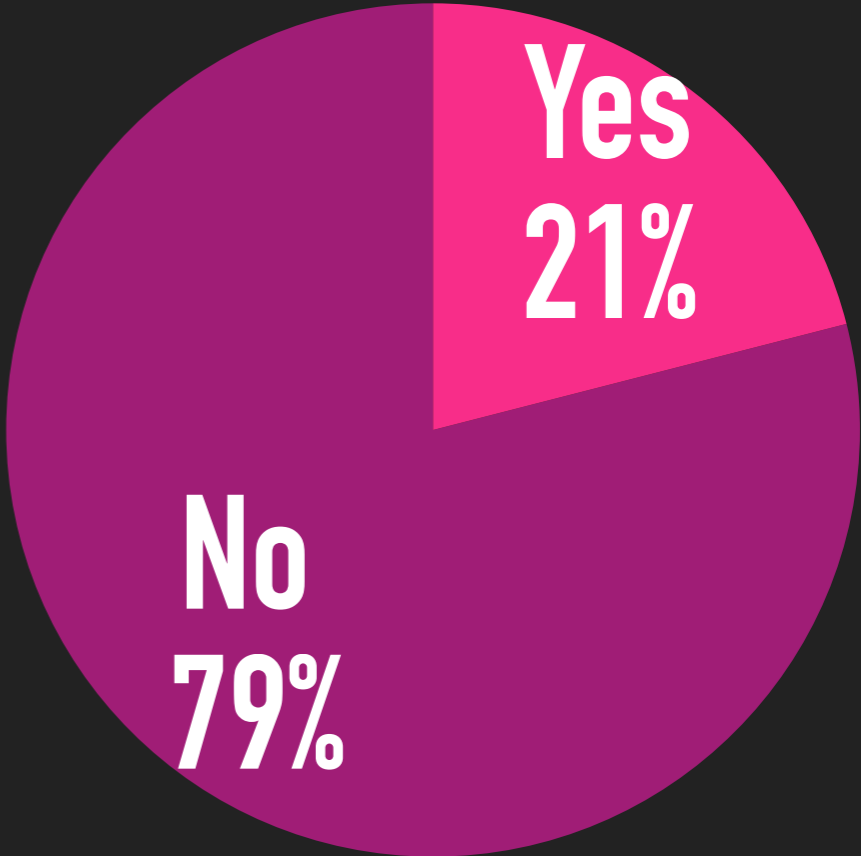


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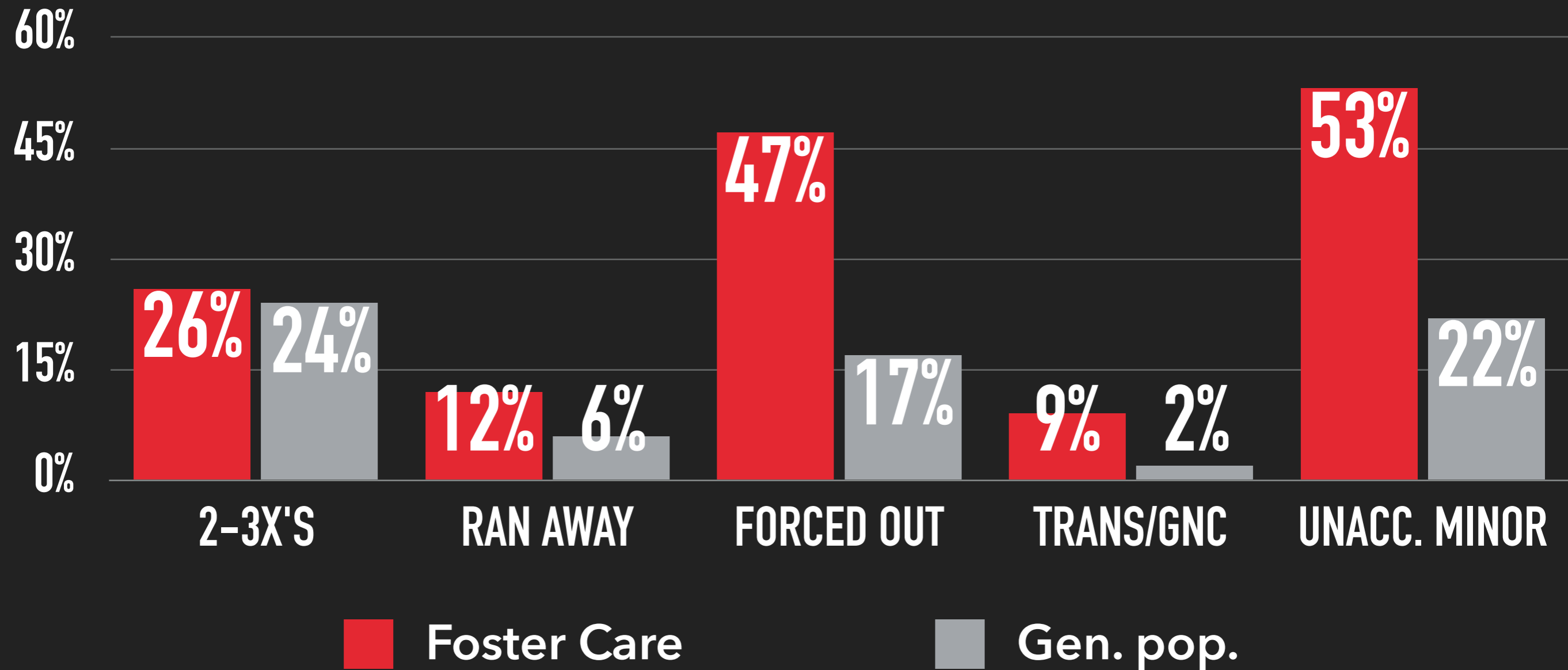


## PREPARED TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY



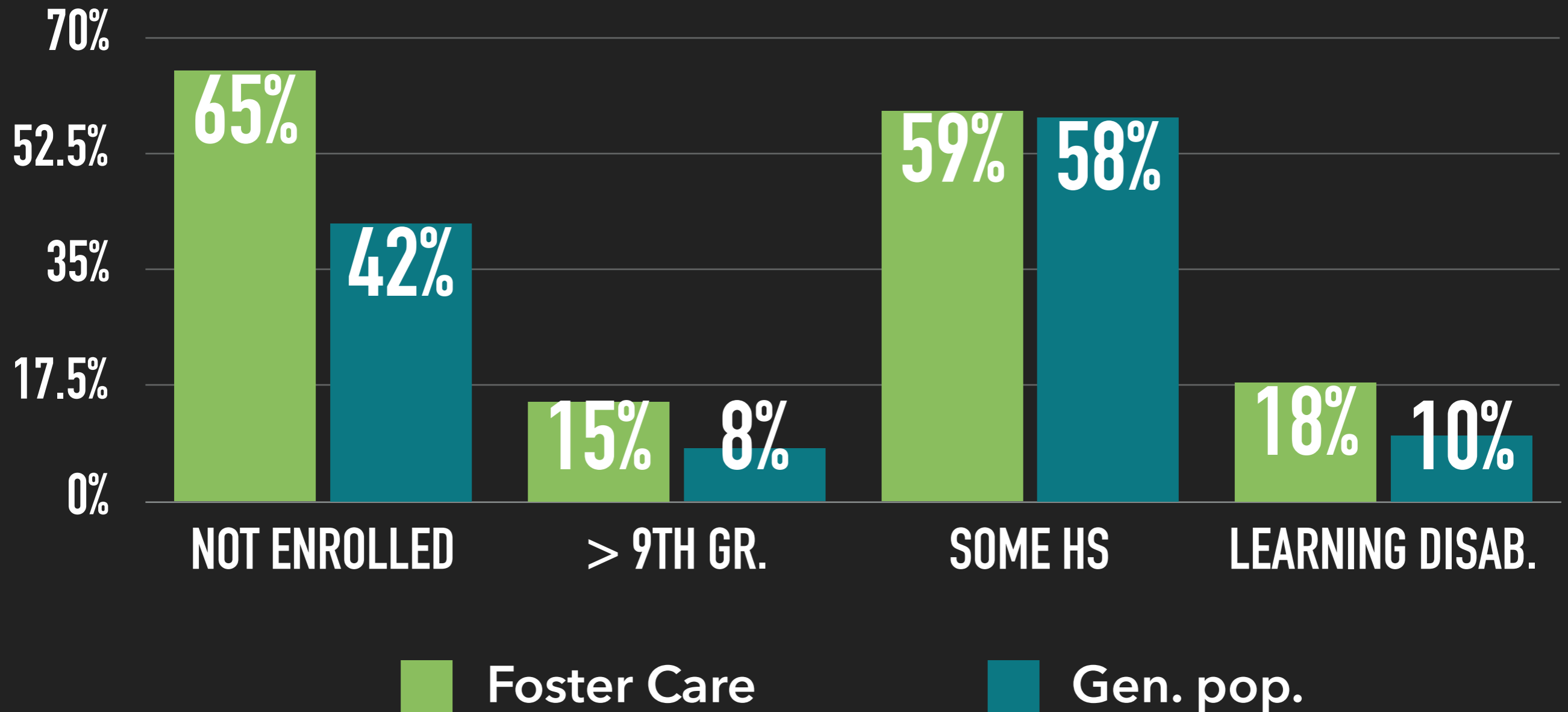
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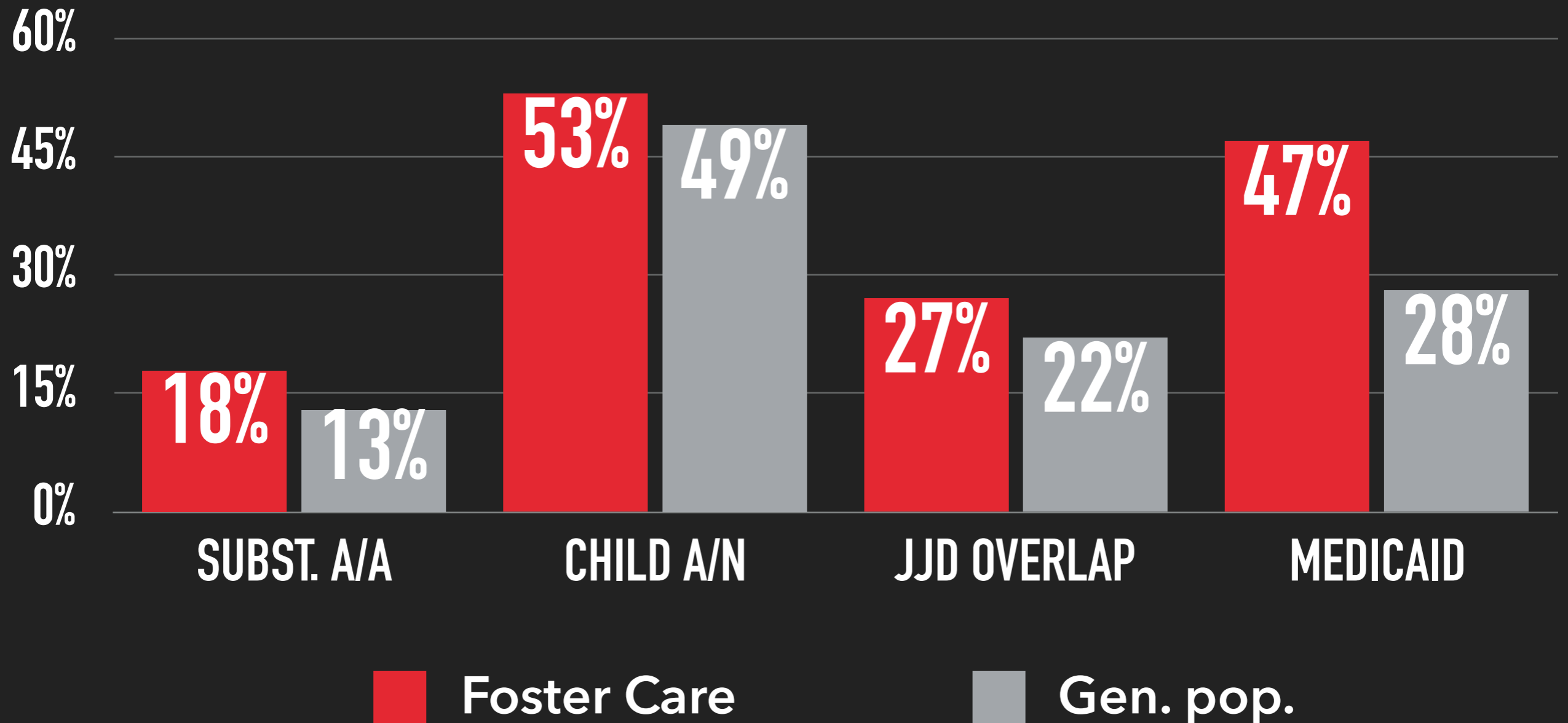
## FOSTER CARE (CONT.)

### EDUCATION / VOCATION



## FOSTER CARE (CONT.)

### EXPERIENCES





## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM YOUTH POINT OF VIEW

- ▶ 1) Affordable housing
- ▶ 2) More youth shelters for teens
- ▶ 3-t) Parental accountability for abandonment/neglect
- ▶ 3-t) Raise minimum wage
- ▶ Others include: increased child care availability in workplace; flip abandoned buildings to shelters; no criminal charges for sexually exploited youth; etc.

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**CONTINUUM OF CARE  
STRATEGIC PLAN –  
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**TEXAS NETWORK  
OF YOUTH SERVICES &  
TEXAS APPLESEED  
PRESENTATION**