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# 2021 Louisiana Needs Assessment For People Living with HIV Results

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# Part 1: Introduction



# Who are we?

## ■ We are The Policy & Research Group (PRG)

- Independent research firm based in New Orleans
- Partner with OPH every two years to help administer the statewide Needs Assessment for people living with HIV



## Part 2: Needs Assessment Process



# 2021 Louisiana Needs Assessment

- **Gain an understanding of current care service needs of PLWH in Louisiana**
- **Estimate PLWH's unmet primary care and HIV-related support service needs**
- **Understand PLWH's**
  - Experience in accessing services
  - Perceived barriers to services
  - Knowledge of services

*Purpose*



# 2021 Louisiana Needs Assessment

## General Process

- **Survey PLWH through participating agencies**
- **Questionnaires submitted to PRG for data entry, cleaning, and analysis**
- **PRG provides three reports**
  - NO EMA, BR TGA, and Statewide
- **Reports used to help future funding and resources**



# Survey Administration

- **Convenience sample**
- **Self-administered questionnaire**
- **Choice between electronic and paper survey**
- **Incentive for completion**
  - \$20 gift card to Wal Mart



# Partners





# Administration Lessons Learned

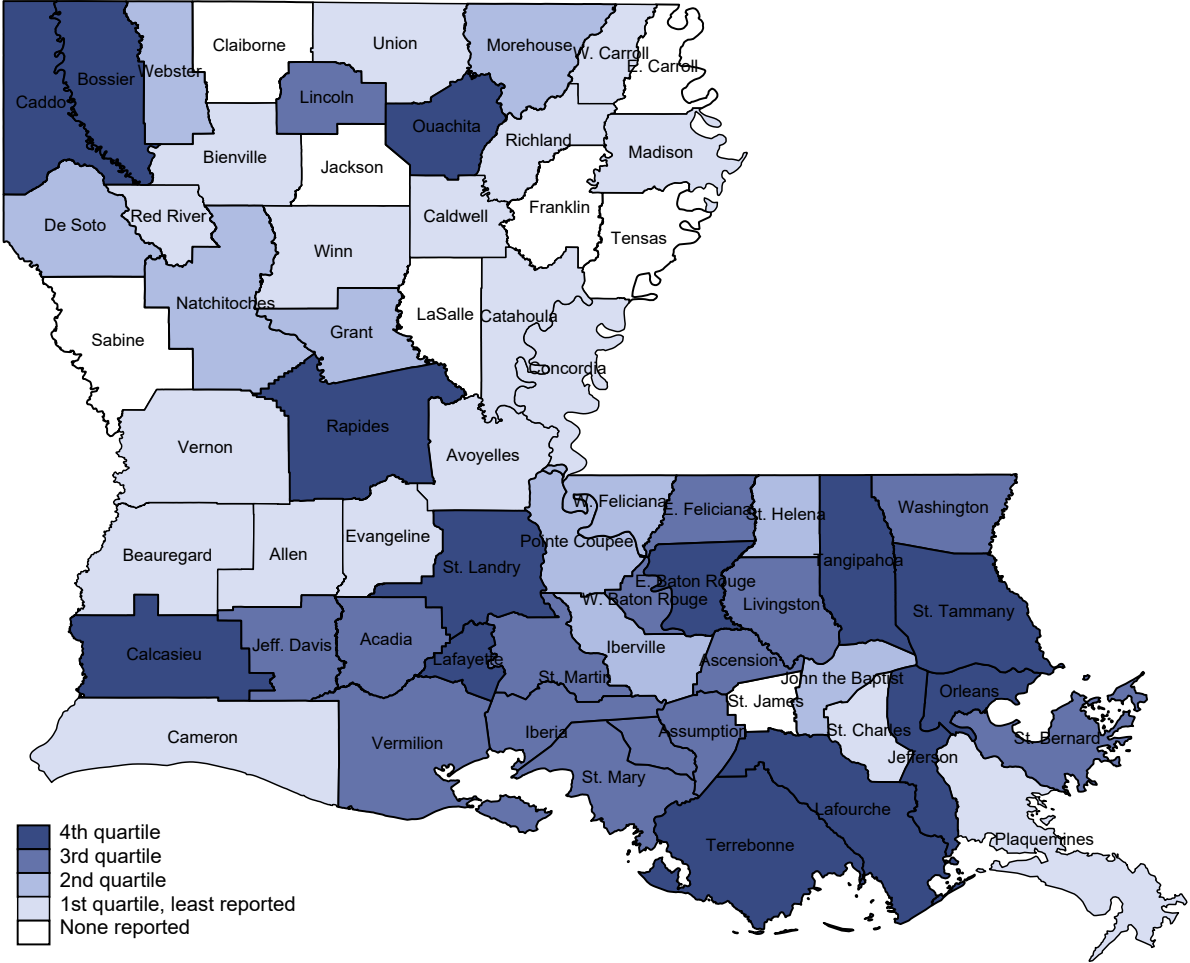
- **Challenges with COVID-19**
- **Supply chain delays**
- **Hurricane Ida**
- **Employee and client burnout**

# Distribution of Survey Sample

	<i>2021 State Surveillance Data</i>		<i>2021 Needs Assessment Sample</i>	
Region	Number of PLWH	Percentage of PLWH	Number in Sample	Percentage in Sample
NO EMA	7,655	33.9%	617	30.5%
BR TGA	5,143	22.9%	579	28.6%
3	938	4.2%	54	2.7%
4	1,930	8.6%	216	10.7%
5	993	4.4%	97	4.8%
6	1,010	4.5%	81	4.0%
7	2,144	9.5%	216	10.7%
8	1,156	5.1%	106	5.2%
9	1,581	7.0%	55	2.7%
TOTAL	22,550	100%	2,021	100.0%



# Current Parish Residence of Respondents





# Electronic Administration

## Overview

- **New this year**
- **Alleviate some challenges related to COVID-19**
- **QR and short links to access online survey**
- **Explore Spanish language accessibility for future administrations**
- **1/3 of all surveys submitted were electronic**

# Electronic and Paper Questionnaire Completion

Region	Total Number of Questionnaires	Percentage Completed on Paper	Percentage Completed Electronically
NO EMA	617	78.0%	22.0%
BR TGA	579	76.9%	23.1%
3	54	38.9%	61.1%
4	216	10.2%	89.8%
5	97	72.2%	27.8%
6	81	95.1%	4.9%
7	216	88.9%	11.1%
8	105	0.0%	100.0%
9	55	100.0%	0.0%
TOTAL	2,021	67.4%	32.6%



## Questions

- **Any questions or comments on the process before moving forward?**



## Part 3: Statewide Results





# Background Characteristics

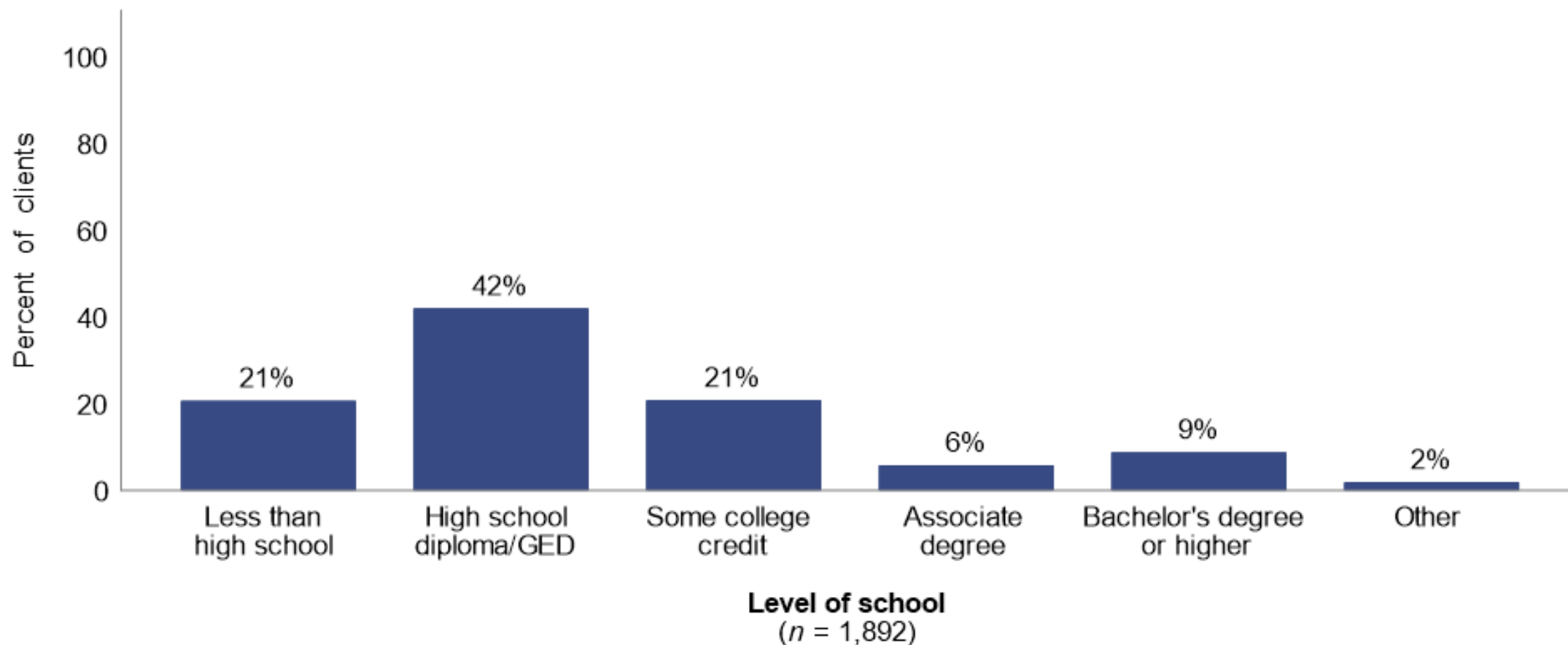


# Background Characteristics

Gender	( <i>n</i> = 1,939 )
Male	59%
Female	38%
Something Else	2%
Prefer not to say	1%
Race	( <i>n</i> = 1,944)
Black	72%
White	22%
Other	4%
Multiracial	2%
Age	( <i>n</i> = 1,917)
24 years or under	3%
25-44 years	38%
45-64 years	51%
65 years or older	9%

- 5% identified as Latino/Latina/Latinx /Hispanic (*n* = 1,918)
- 8% identified as a person of Trans Experience (*n* = 1,910)

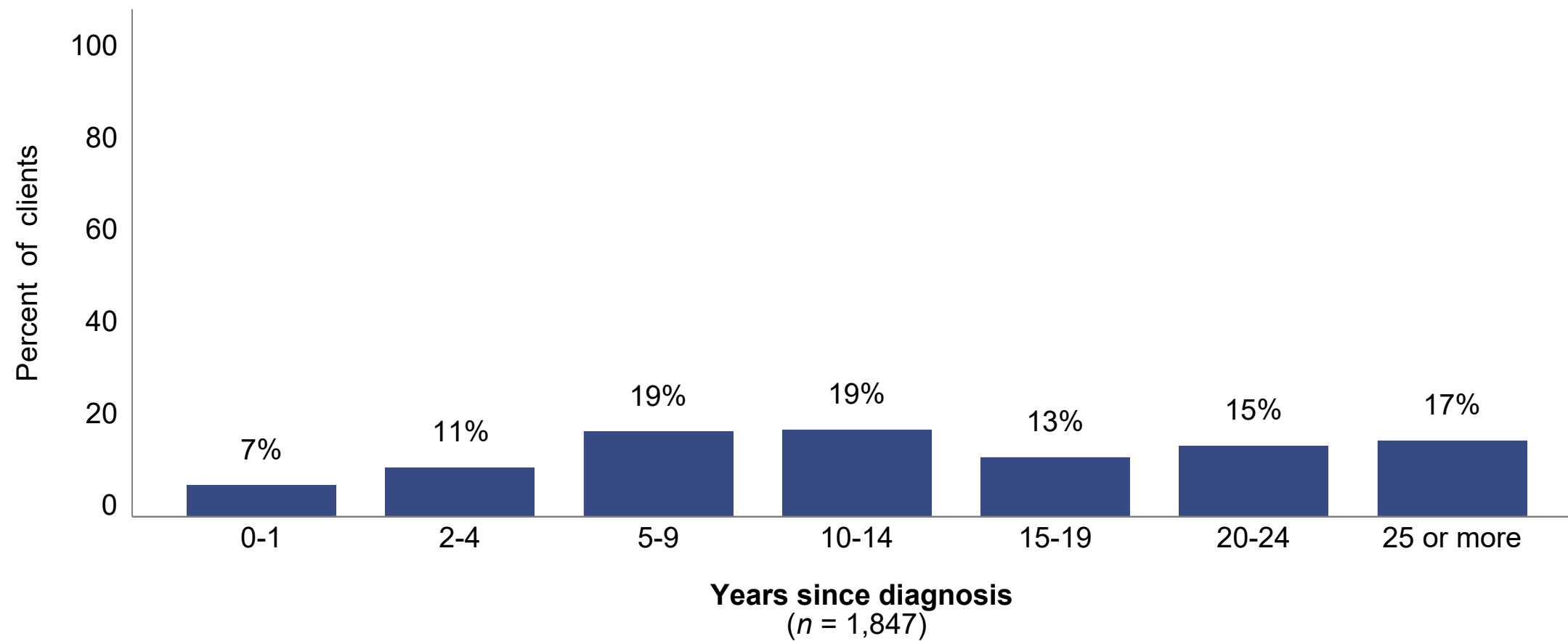
# Highest Level of School Completed





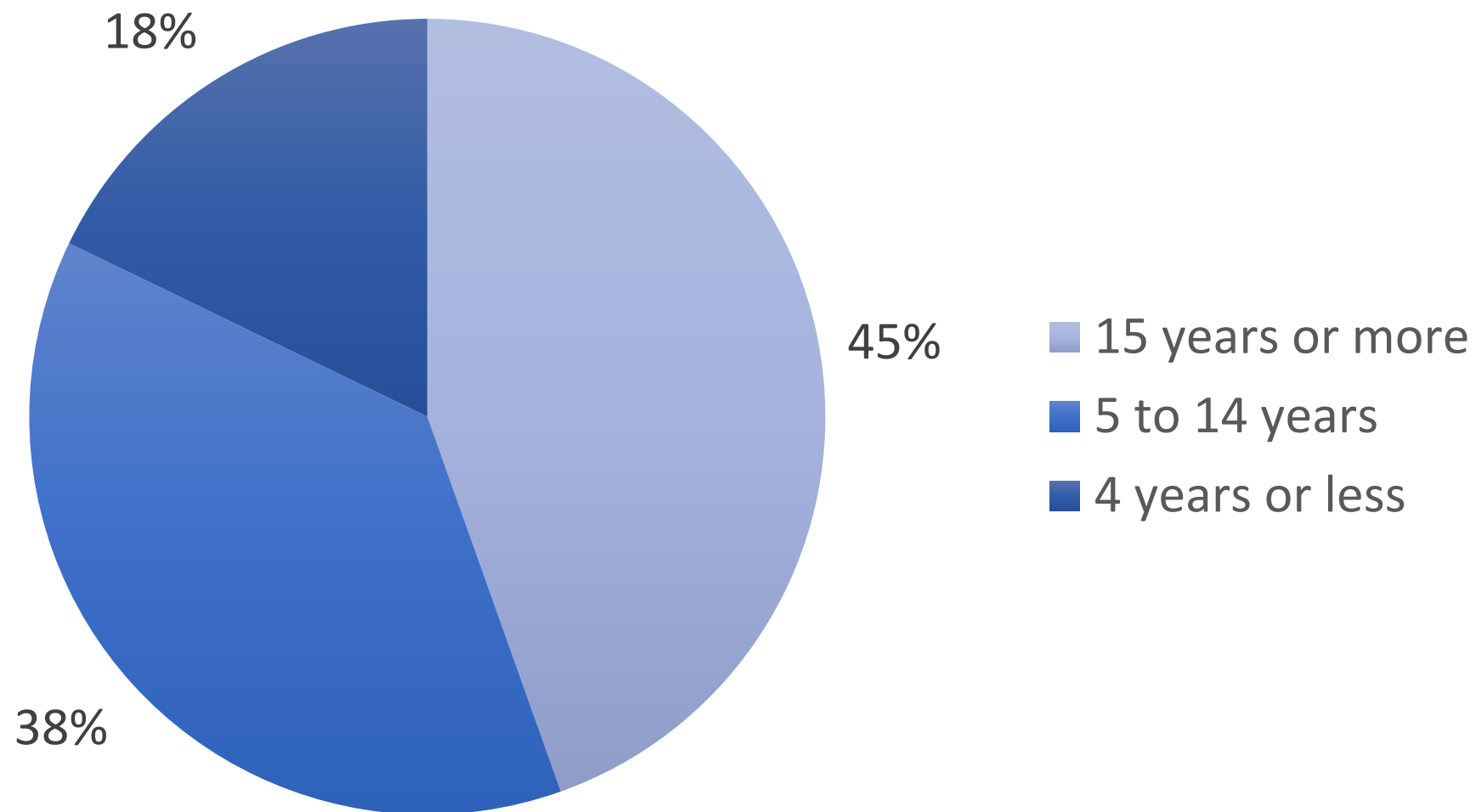
# HIV-Specific Information and Care

# Length of Time Living With HIV

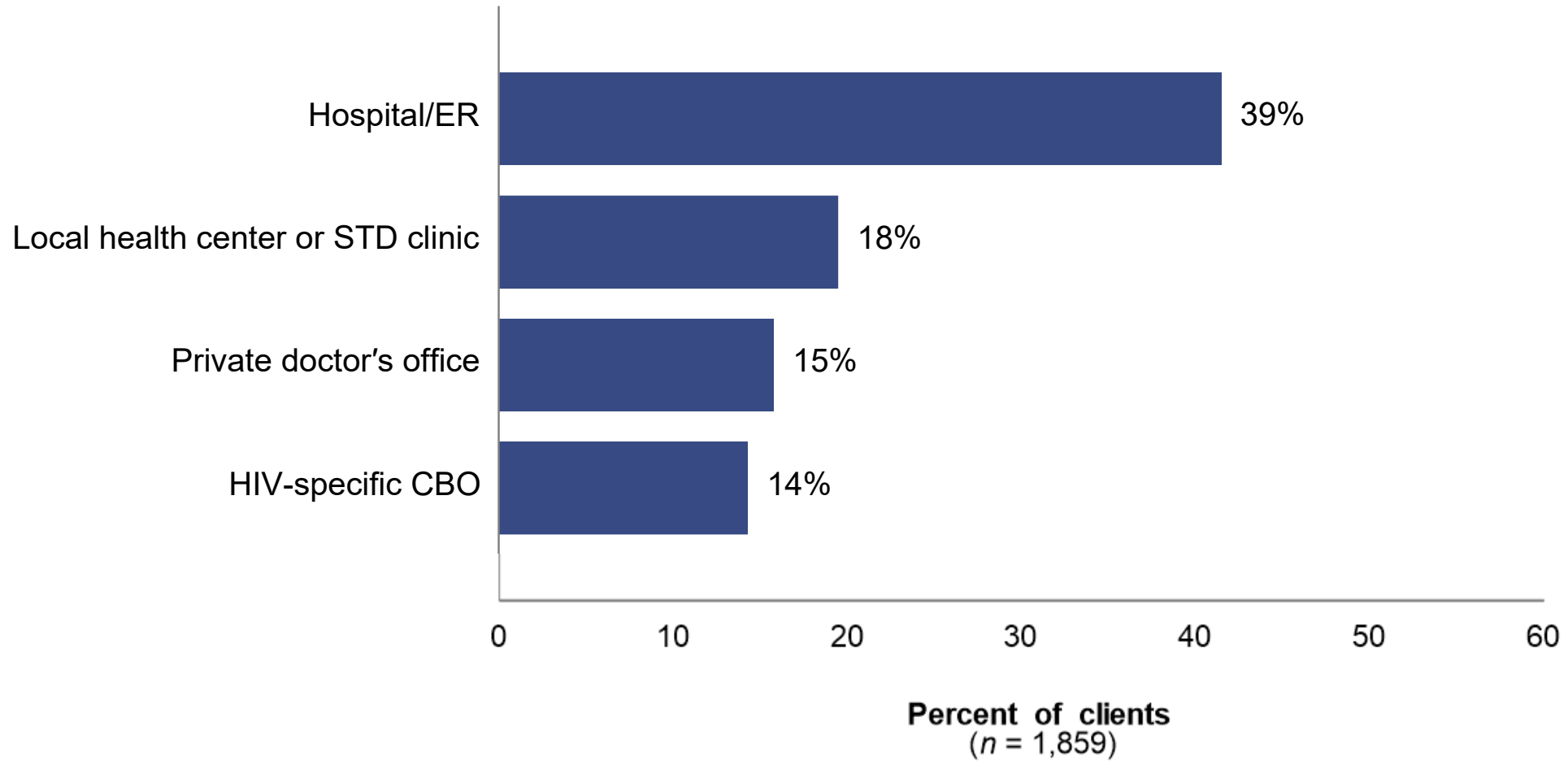


# Almost 1/2 have lived with HIV 15+ years

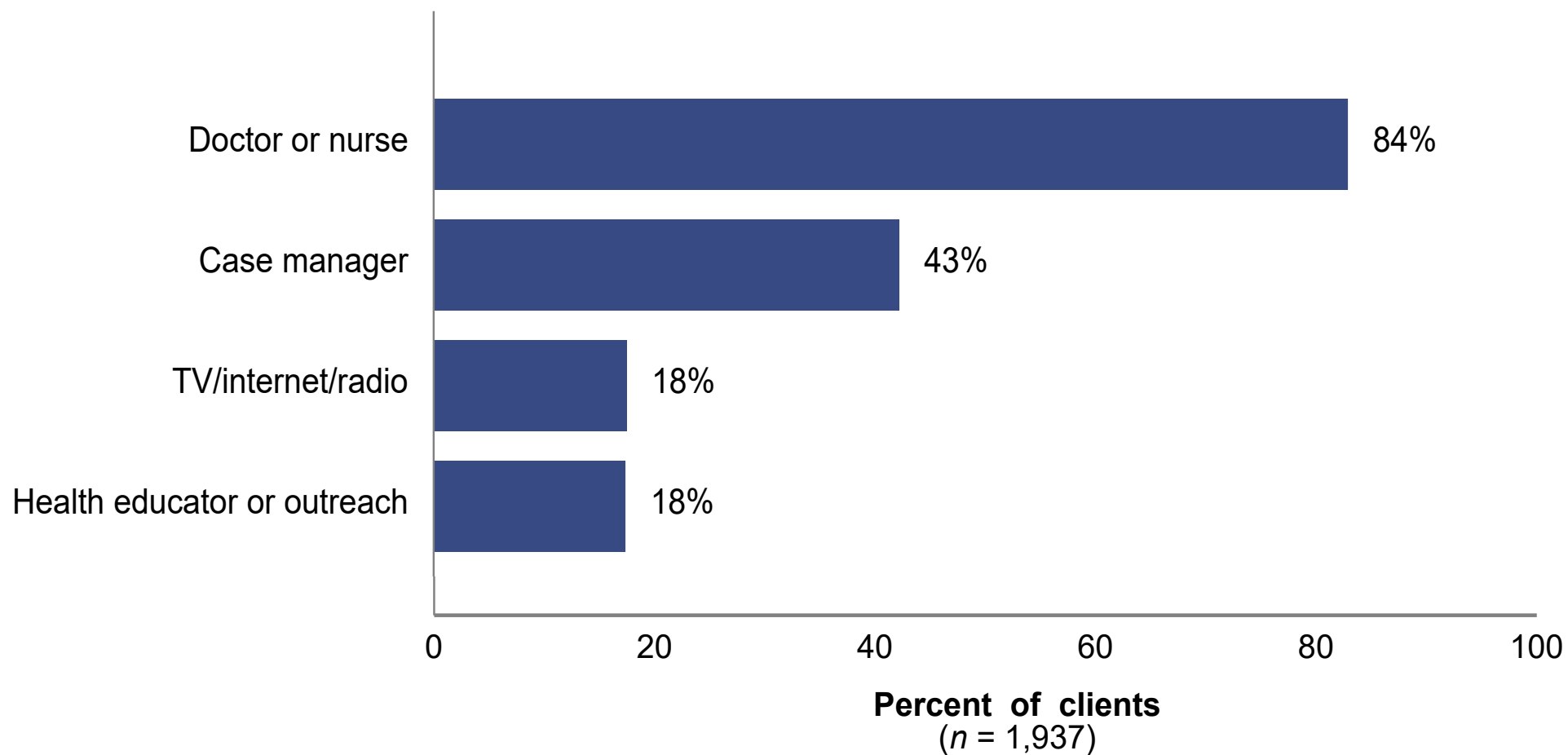
*n* = 1,847



# Place Where Respondents Were Told of HIV Diagnosis

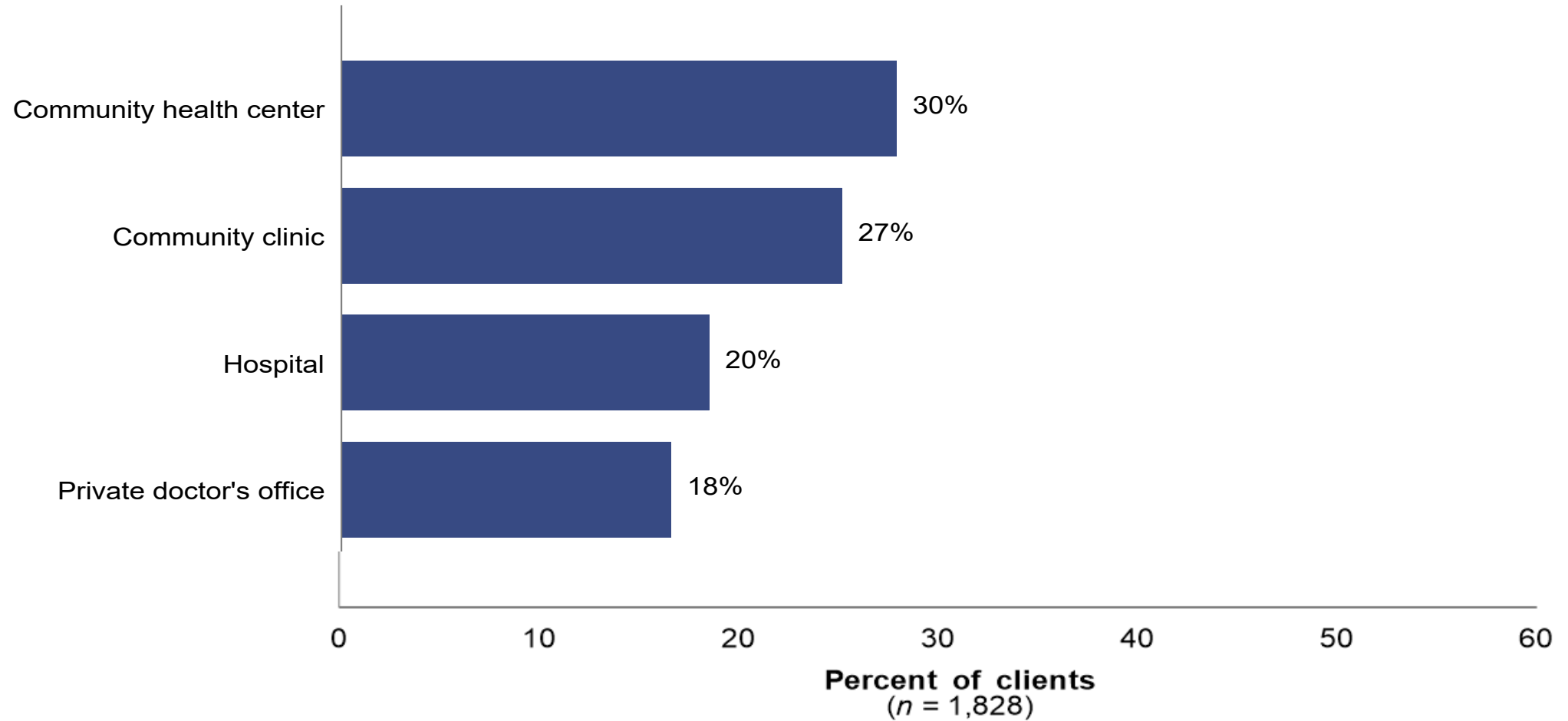


# Sources of HIV Information

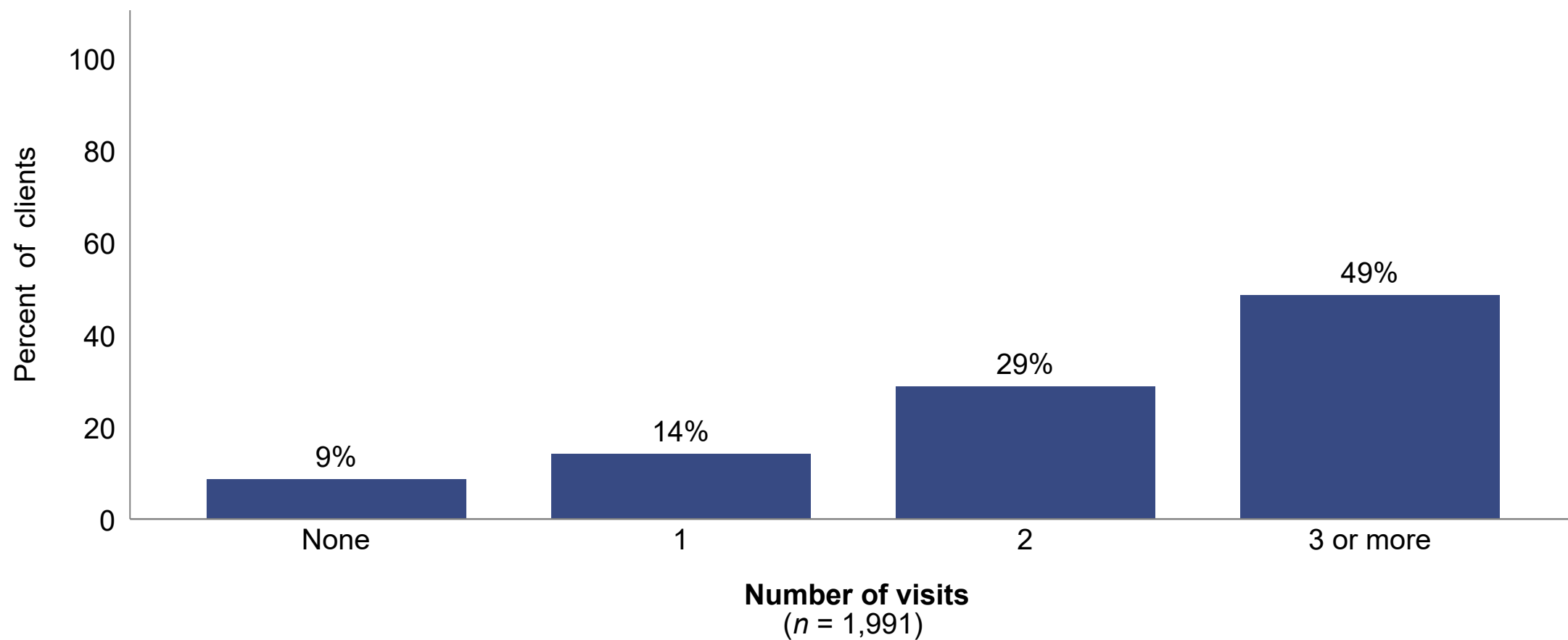




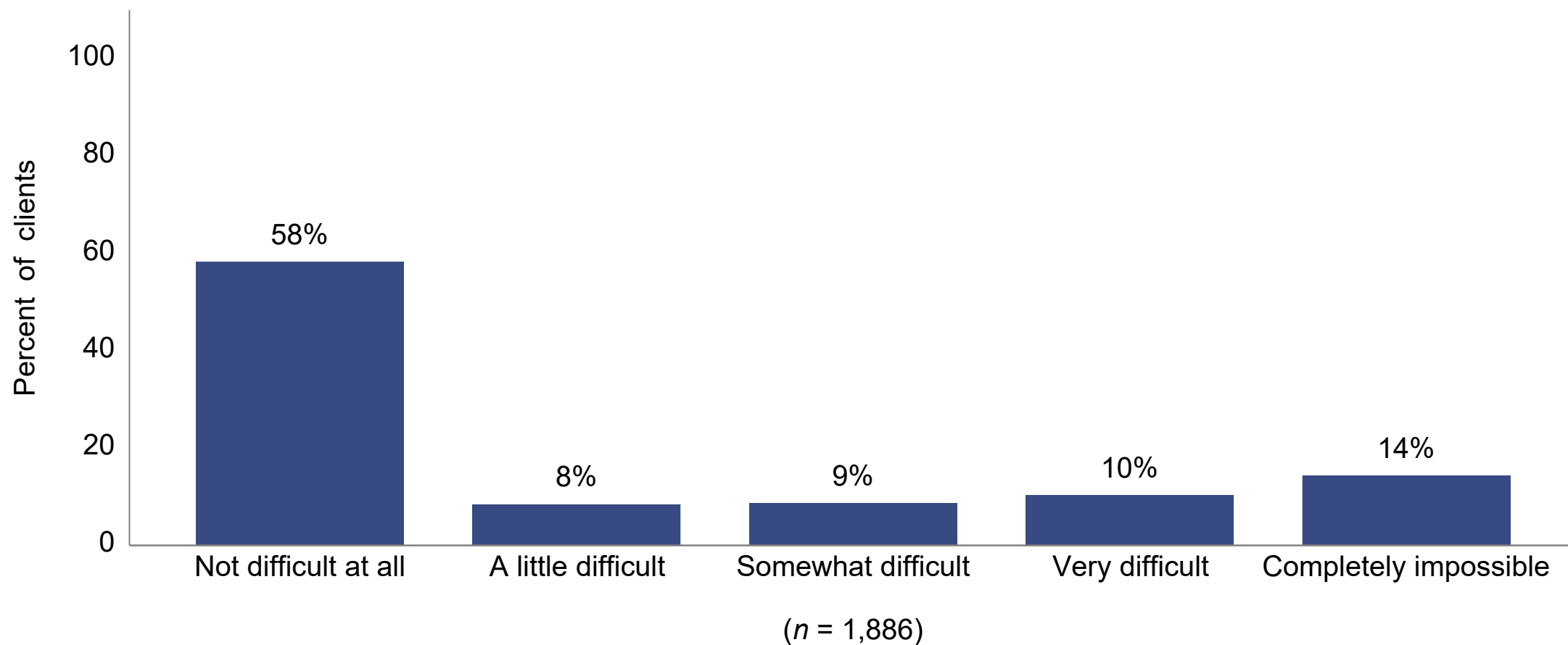
# Places Where Respondent Received Medical Care



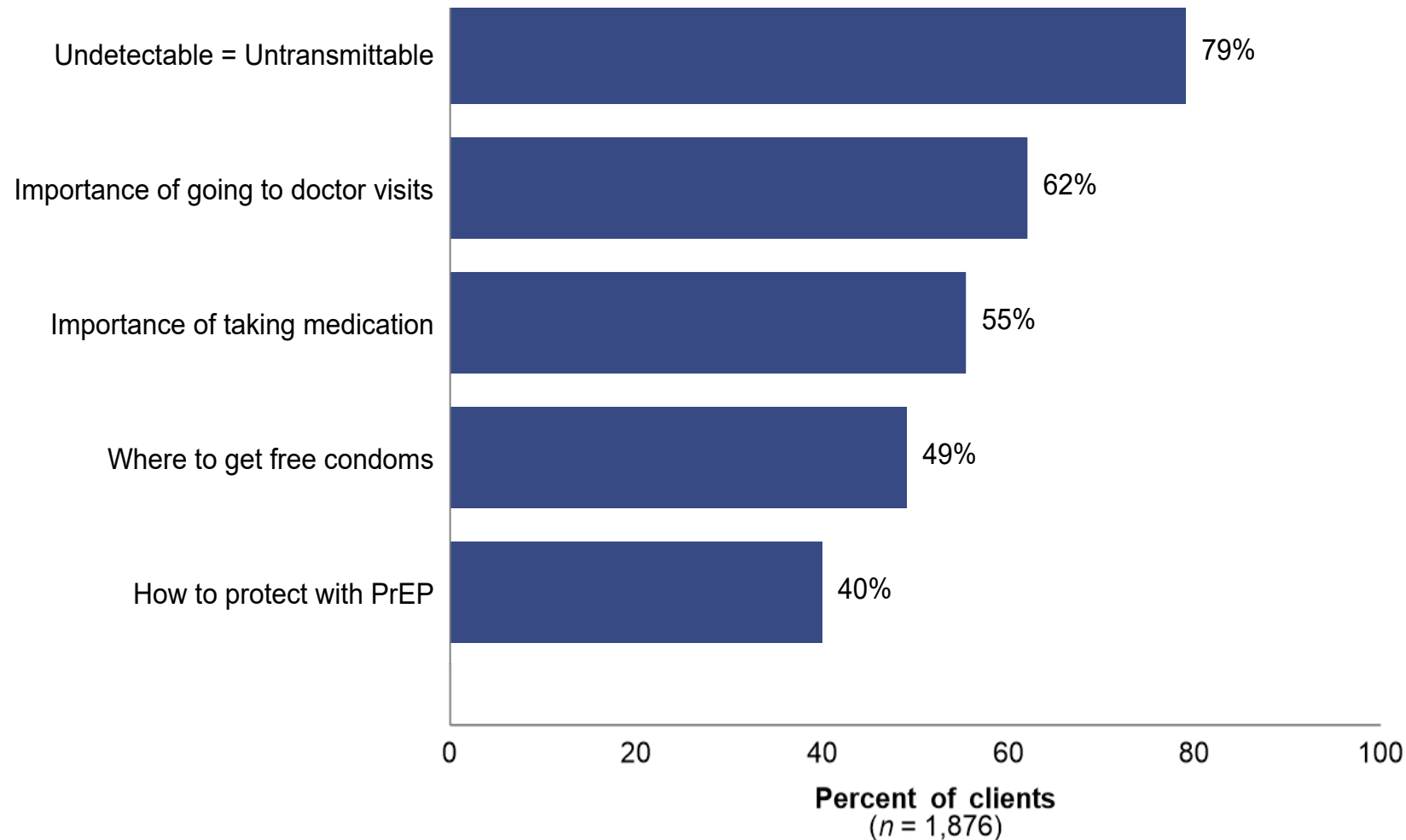
# HIV-Related Medical Care Visits in Past 12 Months



# Difficulties Paying for HIV-Related Healthcare Costs



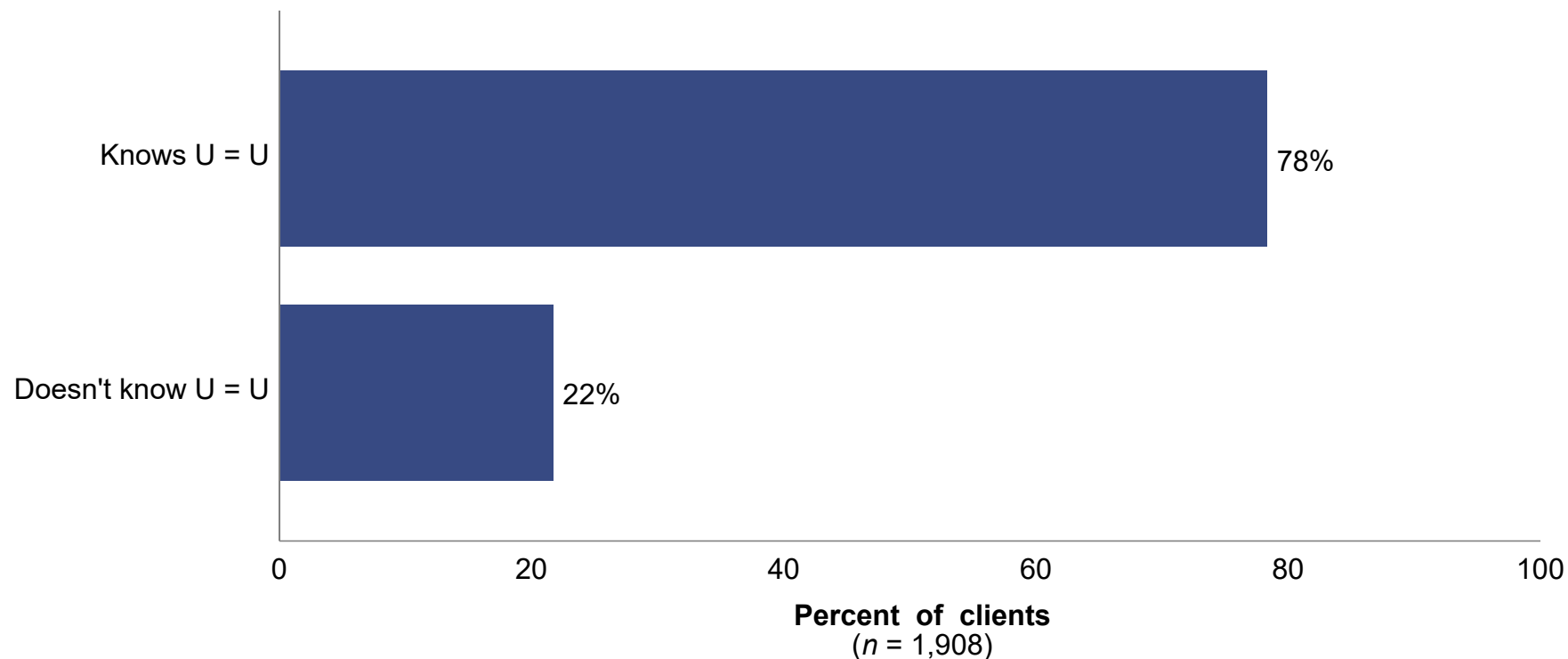
# Information Received on HIV Transmission and Related Issues in the Past 12 Months



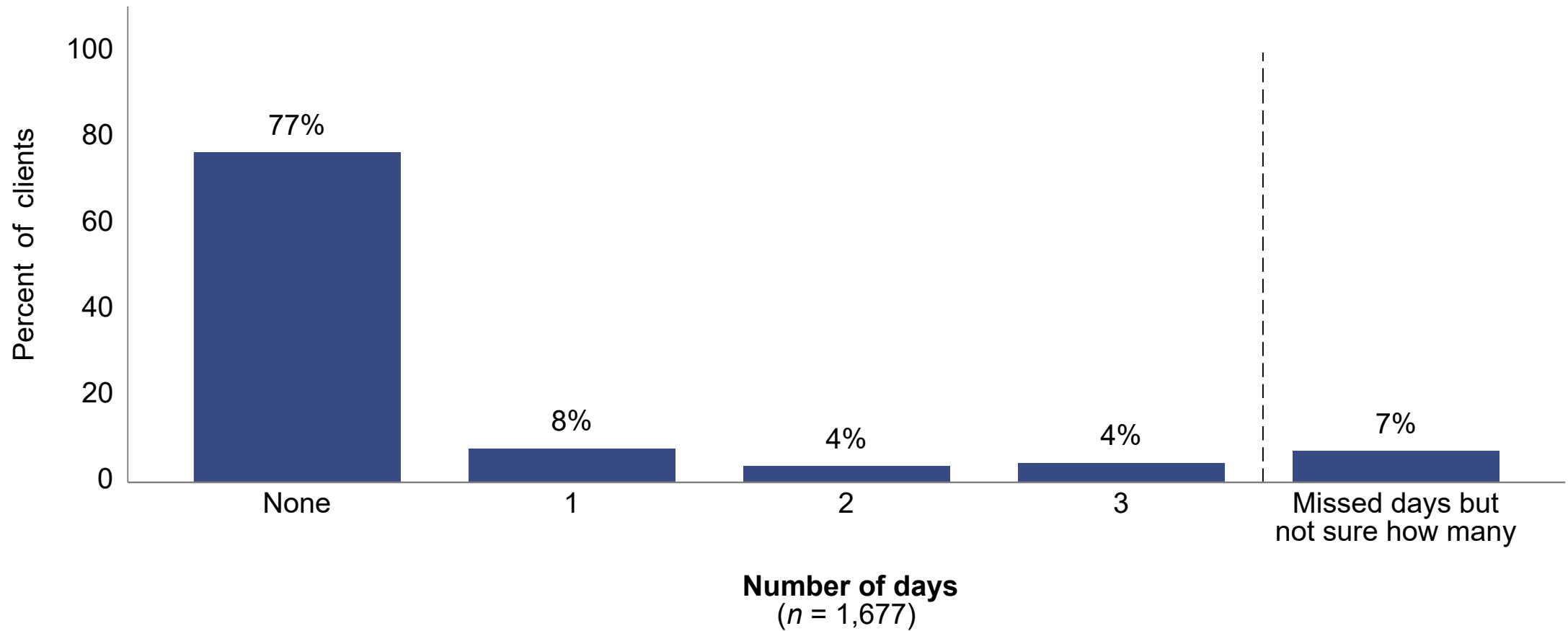


**78%** of respondents knew  $U=U$  in 2021, compared to only **58%** in 2019

# Knows That Undetectable = Untransmittable



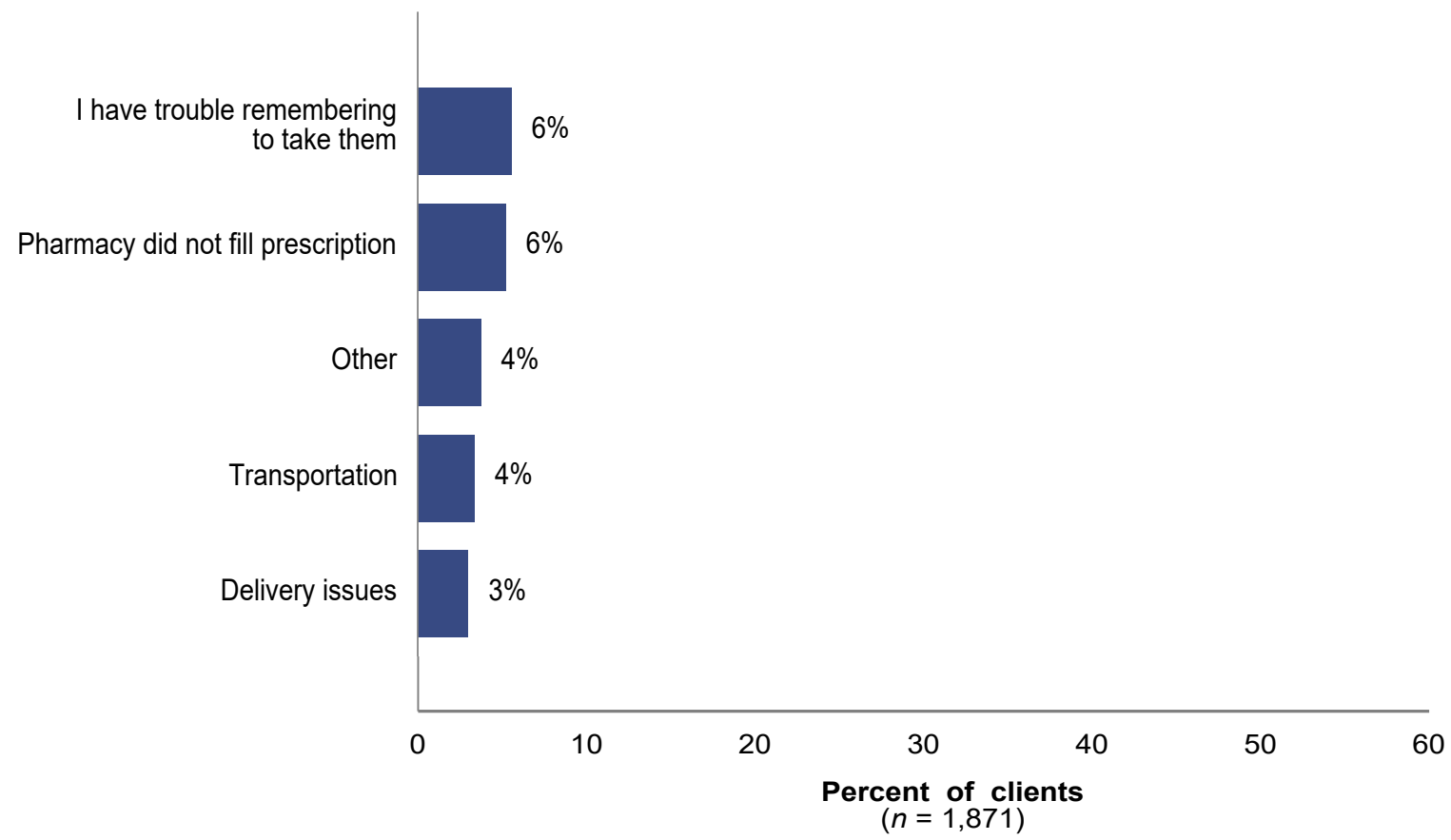
# Number of Days Respondent did not Take Full HIV-Medication Regimen



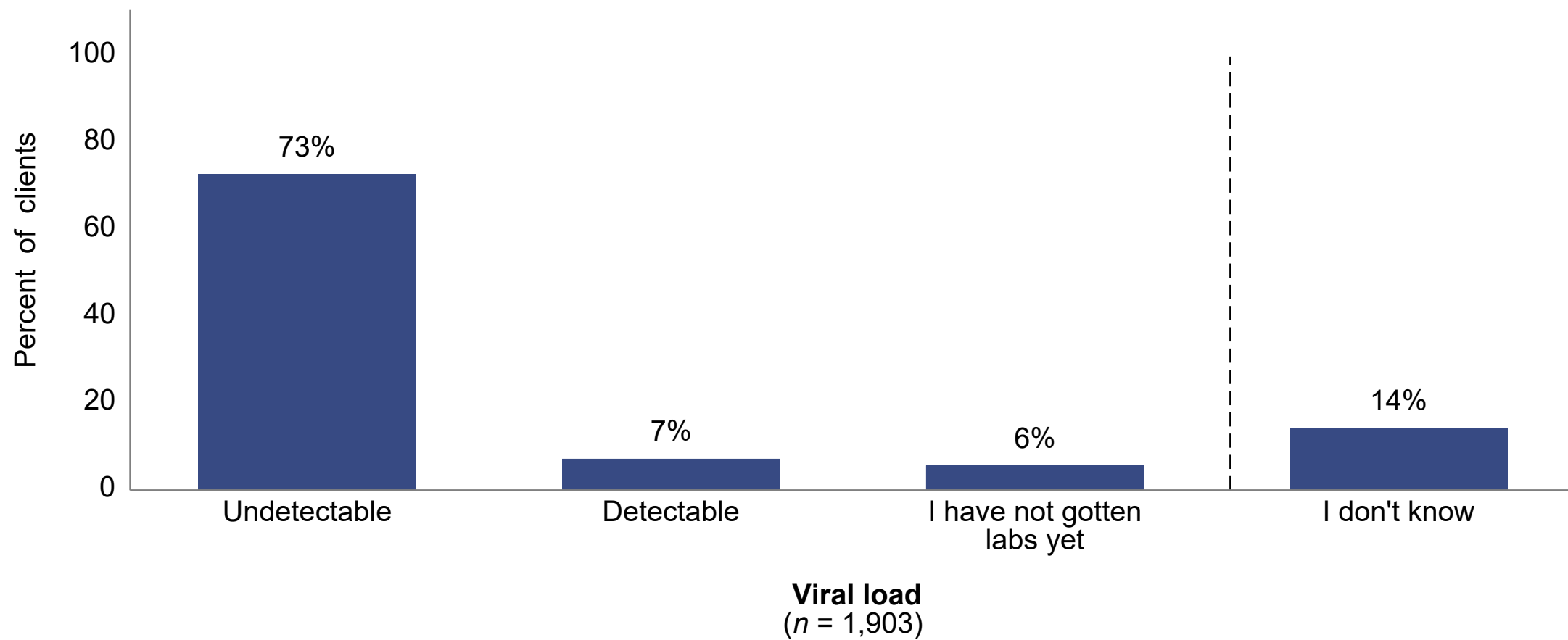


# Reasons for not Taking HIV Medications in Past 12 Months

**57%** selected  
*None of these. I  
have taken my HIV  
medications as  
prescribed for the  
past 12 months.*



# Current Viral Load



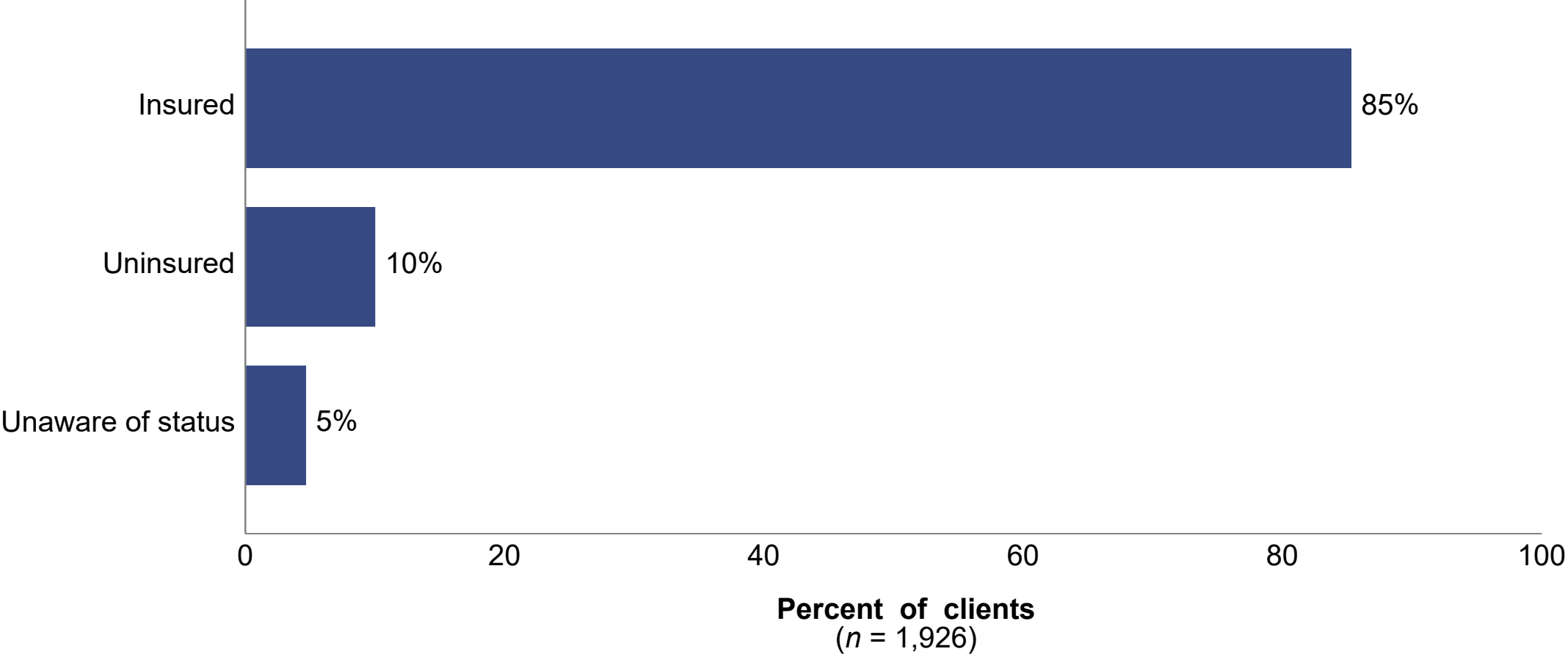




# Medical Care

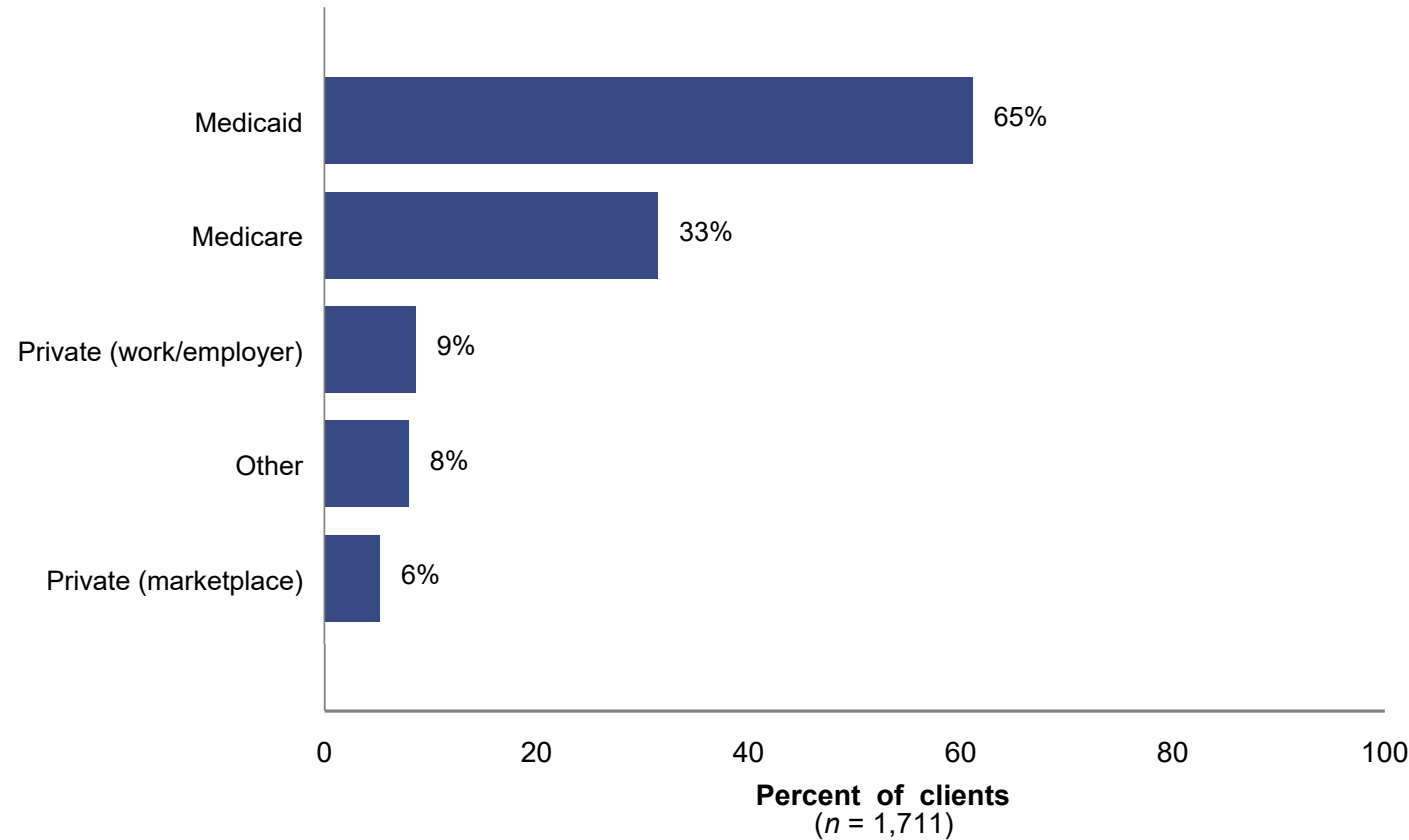


# Health Insurance Status





# Sources of Health Insurance



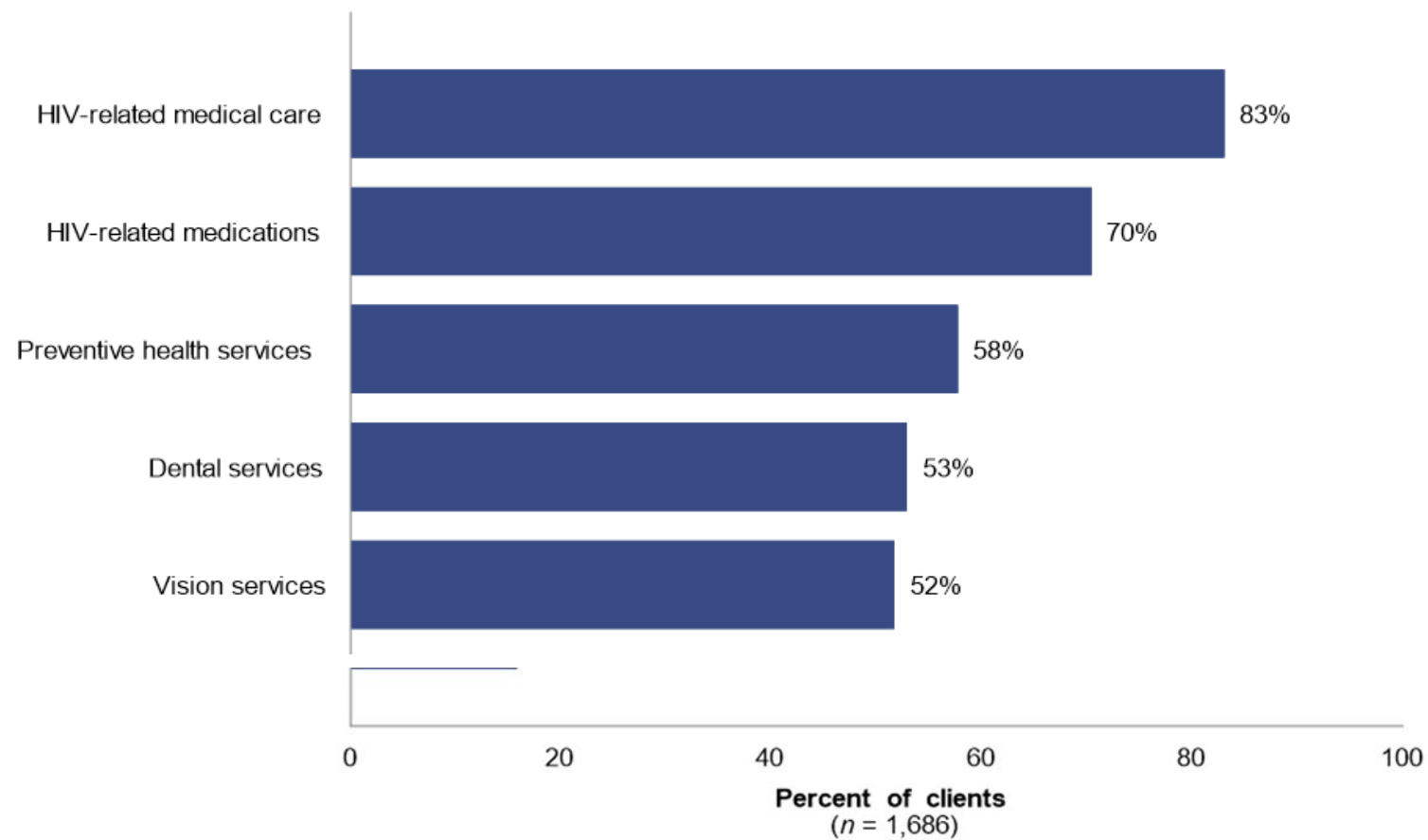
## Health Insurance Problems Encountered

(n = 1,612)

- **12%** Paying for HIV-related care
- **9%** Paying bills for dental or vision services
- **9%** Paying bills for ER visits or hospitalization

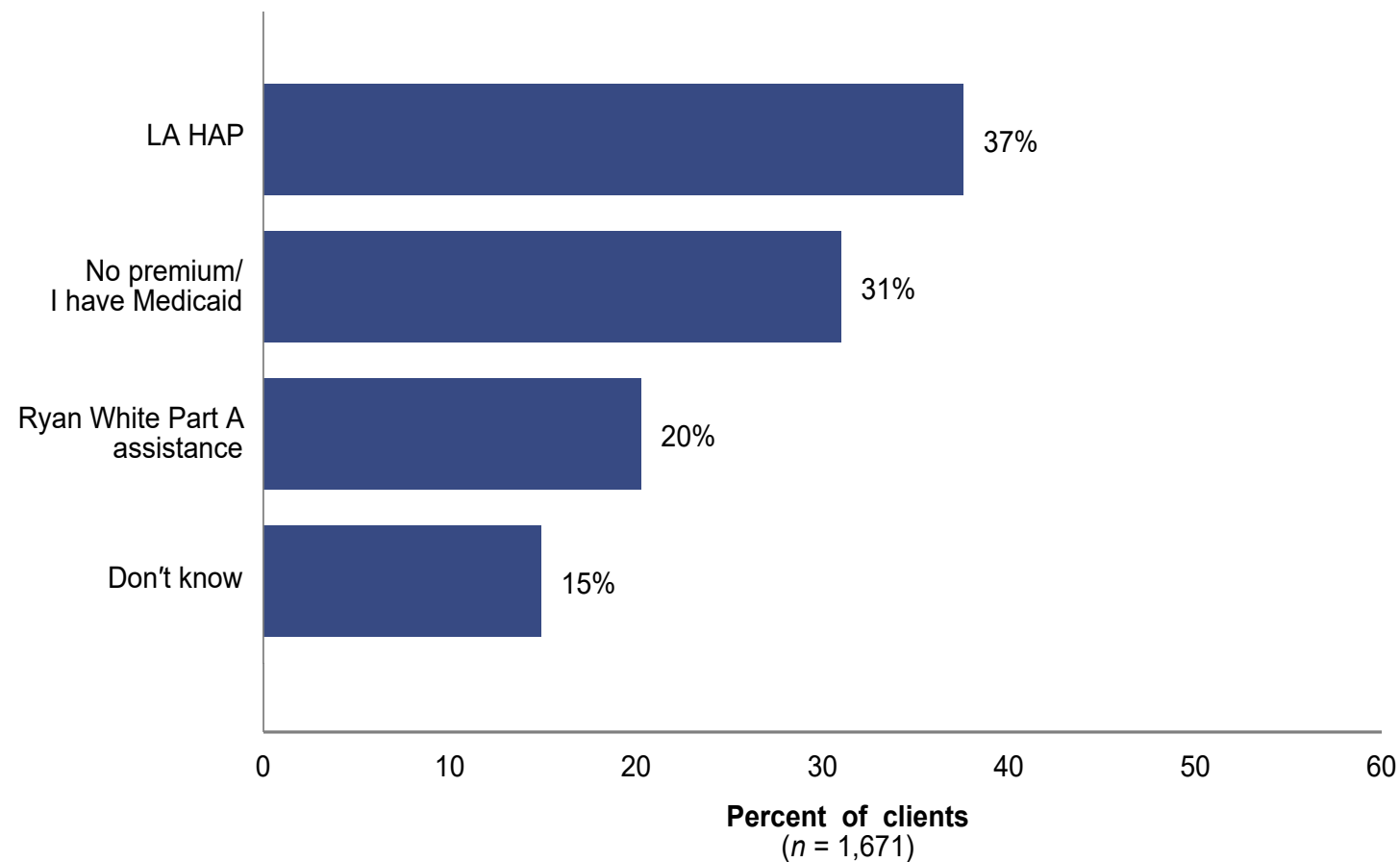


# Health Insurance Coverage



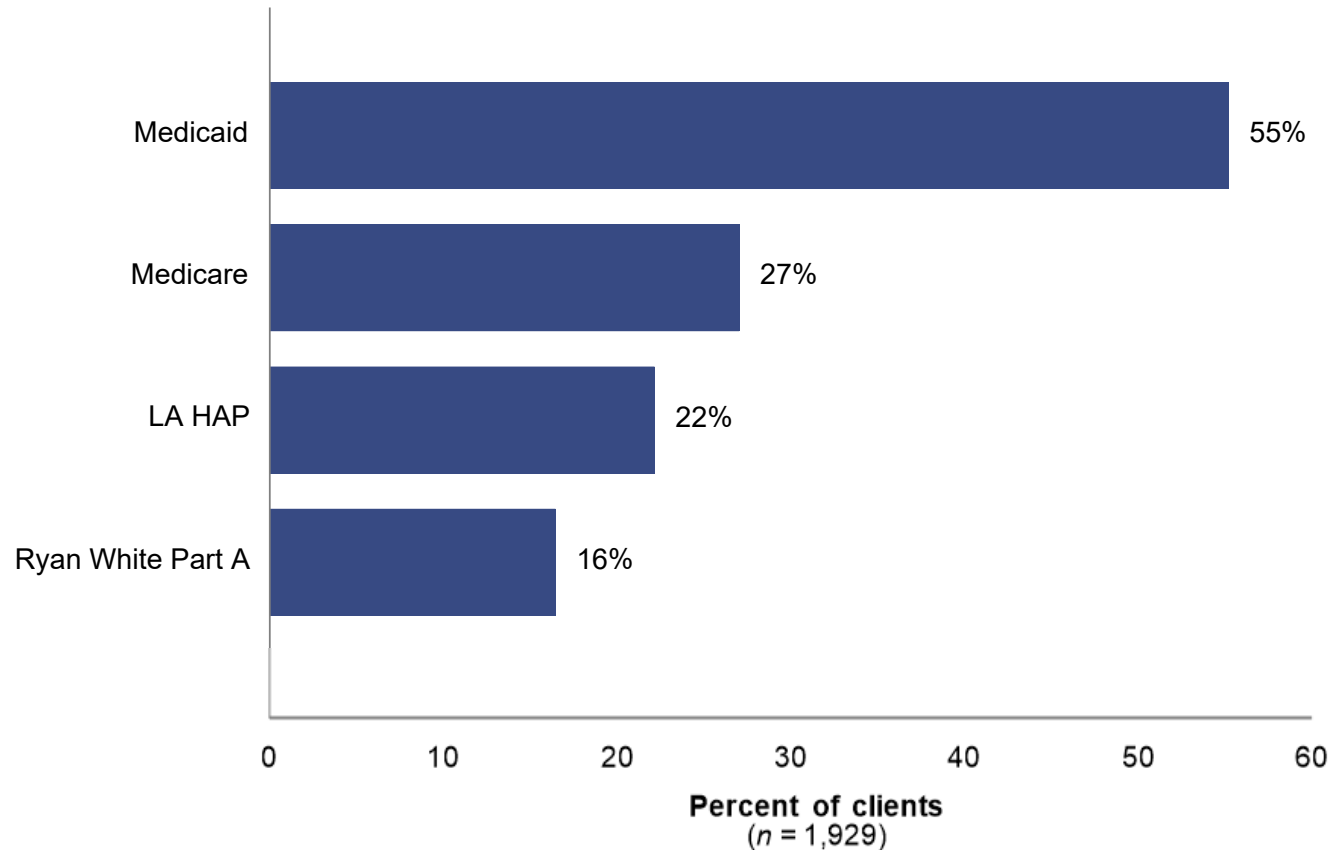


# Method of Payment for Insurance Premium





# Method of Payment for HIV-Related Medical Care

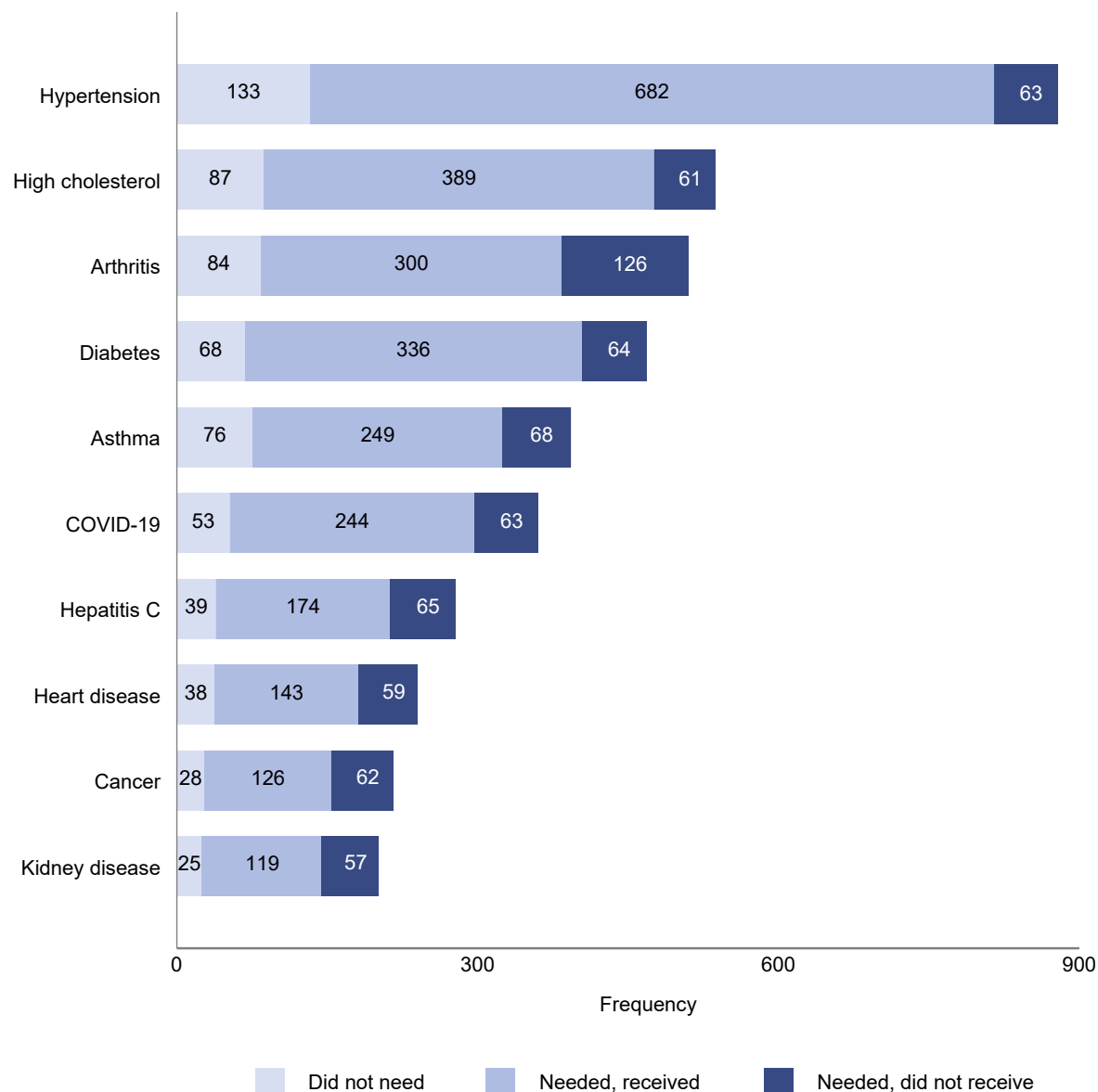


## Method of Payment for HIV-Related Medications (*n* = 1,911)

- **50%** Medicaid
- **23%** Medicare
- **22%** LA HAP
- **17%** Ryan White Part A

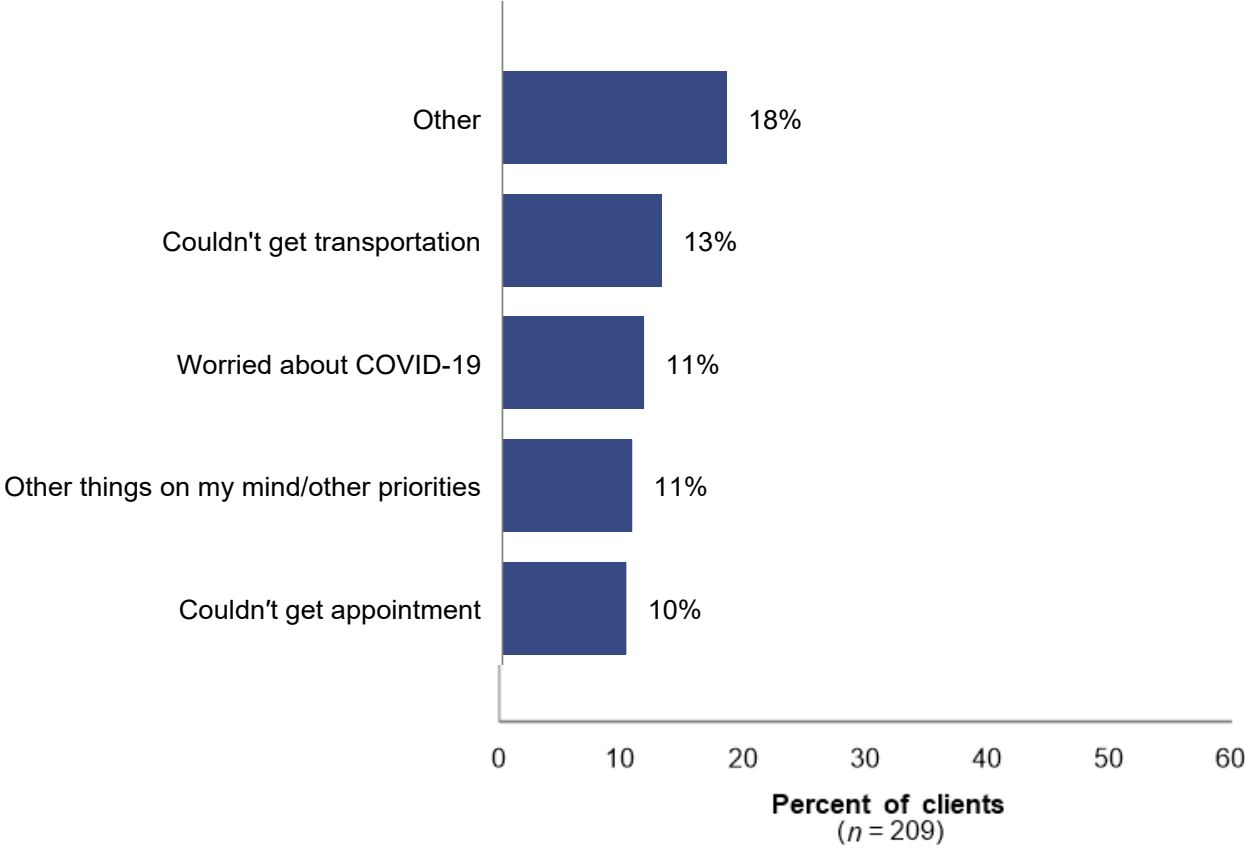
# Medical Diagnoses

In 2019, 132  
selected *needed*  
*but did not*  
*receive care* for  
**Hypertension**  
(*n* = 842)





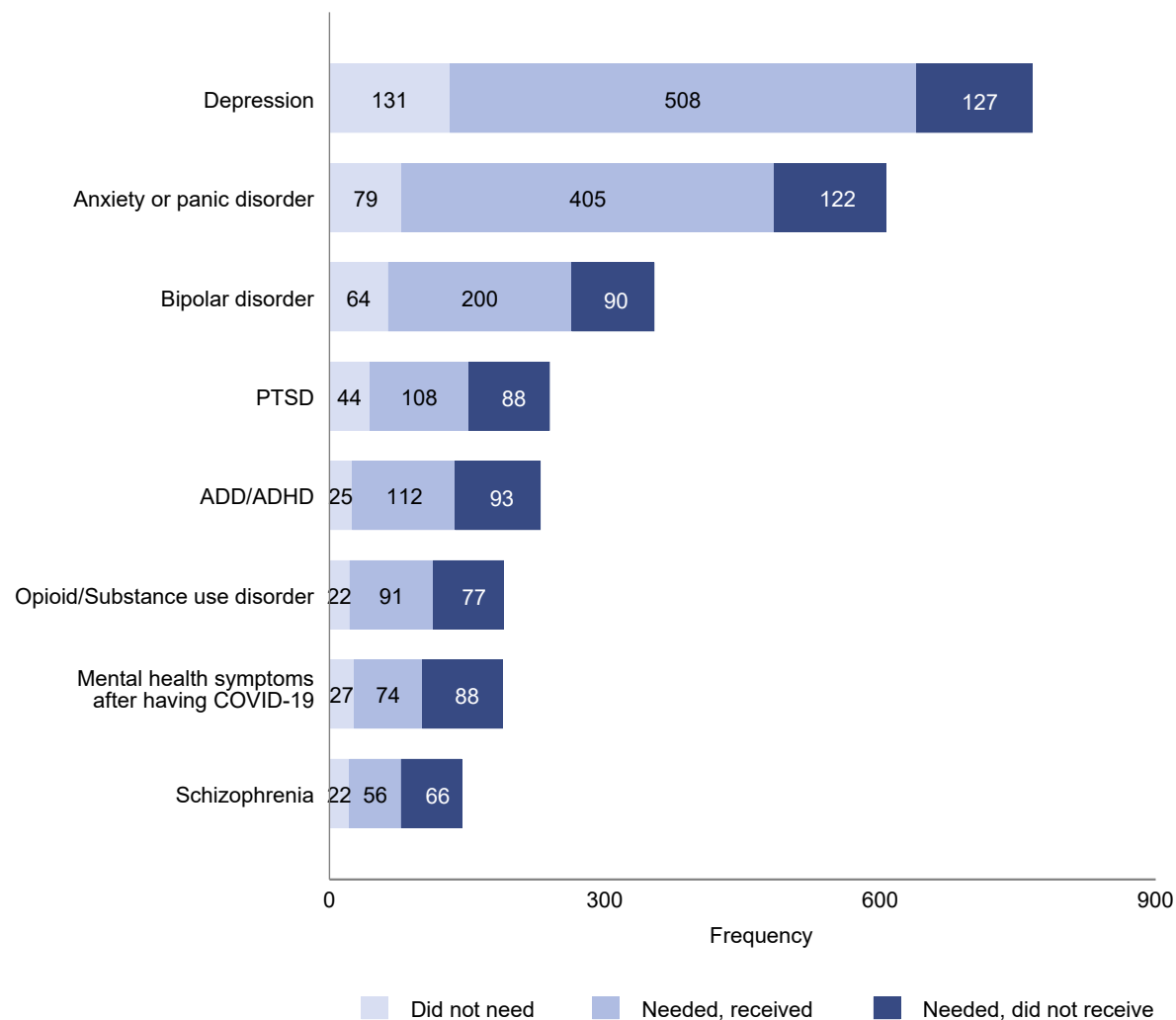
# Reasons Didn't Receive Needed Medical Care





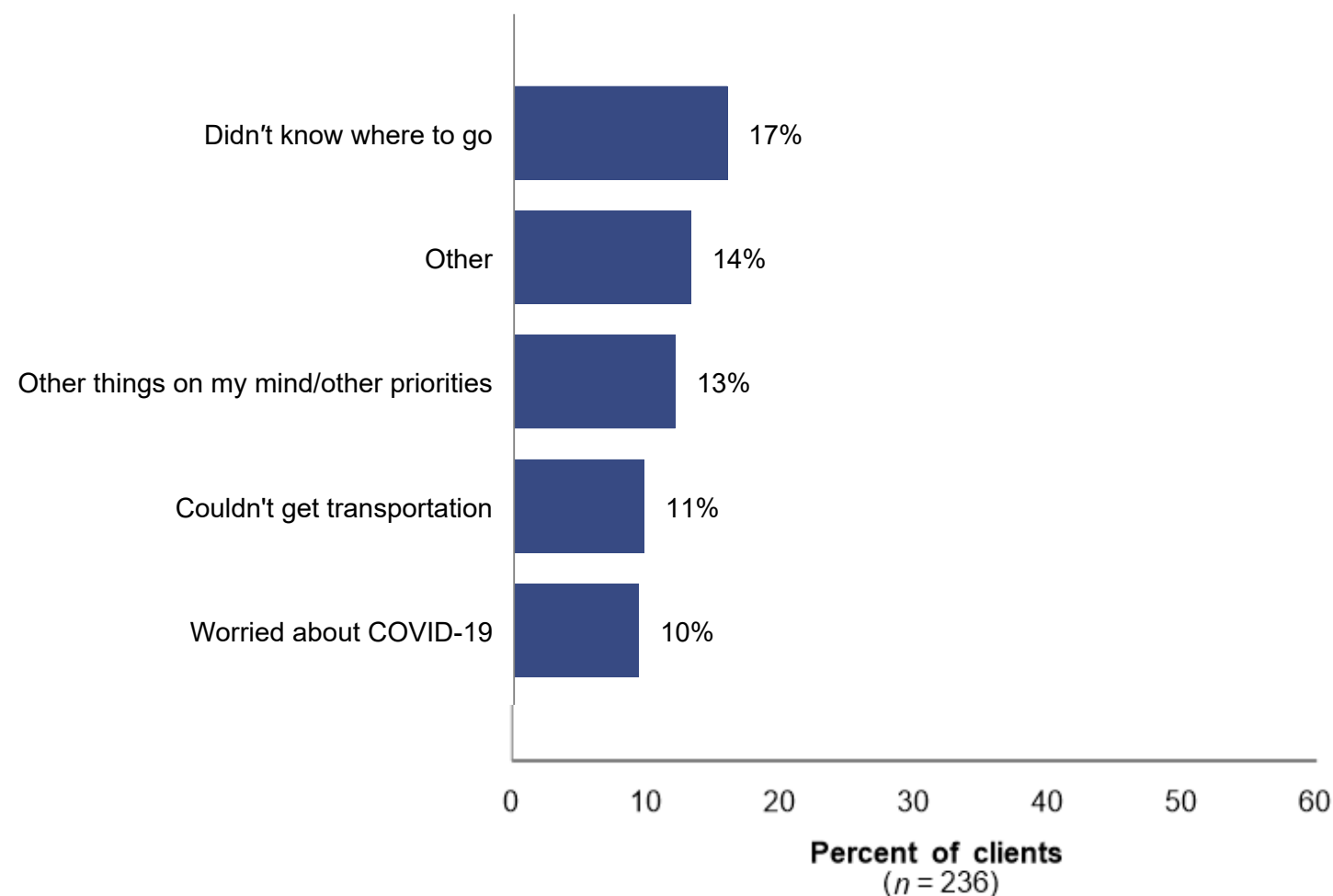
# Mental Health Diagnoses

In **2019**, **181**  
selected *needed*  
*but did not*  
*receive care* for  
**Depression**  
(*n* = 904)





# Reasons Didn't Receive Needed Mental Health Care



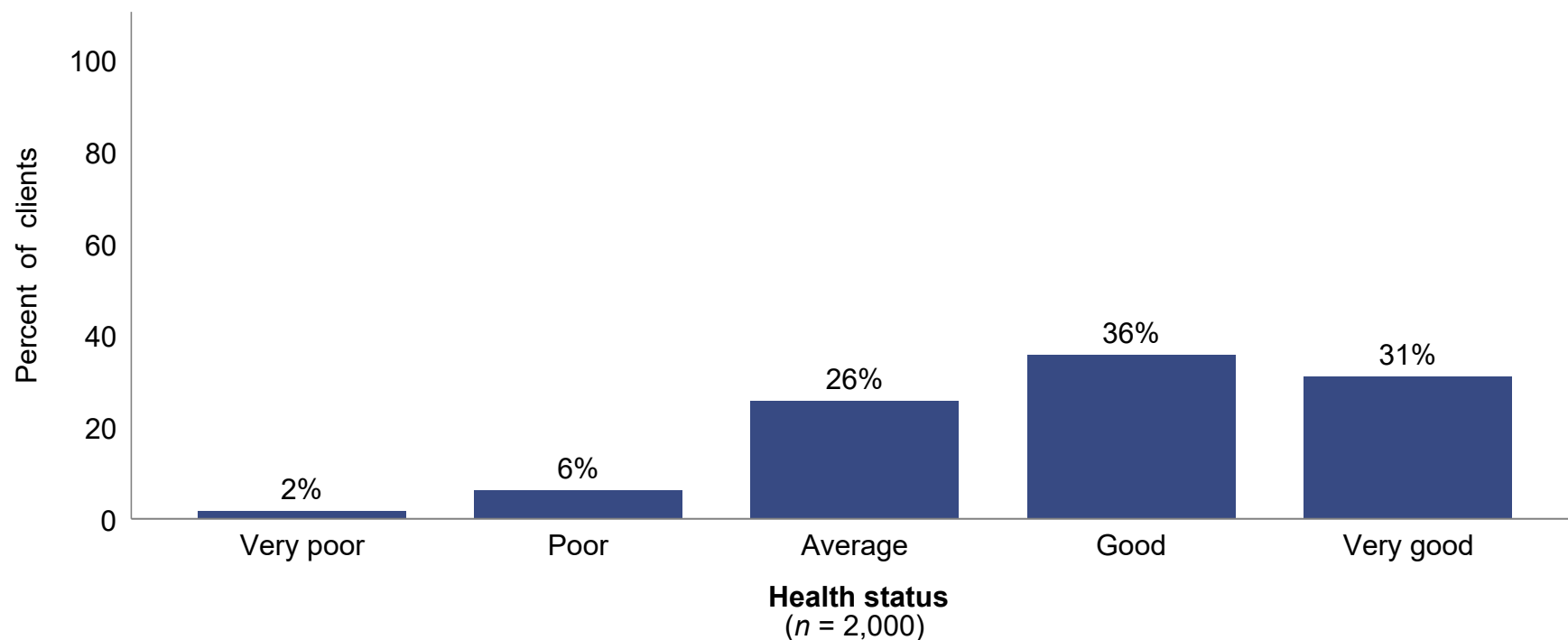



# Health and Health Behaviors

## Self-Reported Depressive Symptoms Over Last Two Weeks

- **32%** report feeling down, depressed, or hopeless  
(*n* = 1,935)
- **30%** report little interest or pleasure in doing things  
(*n* = 1,942)

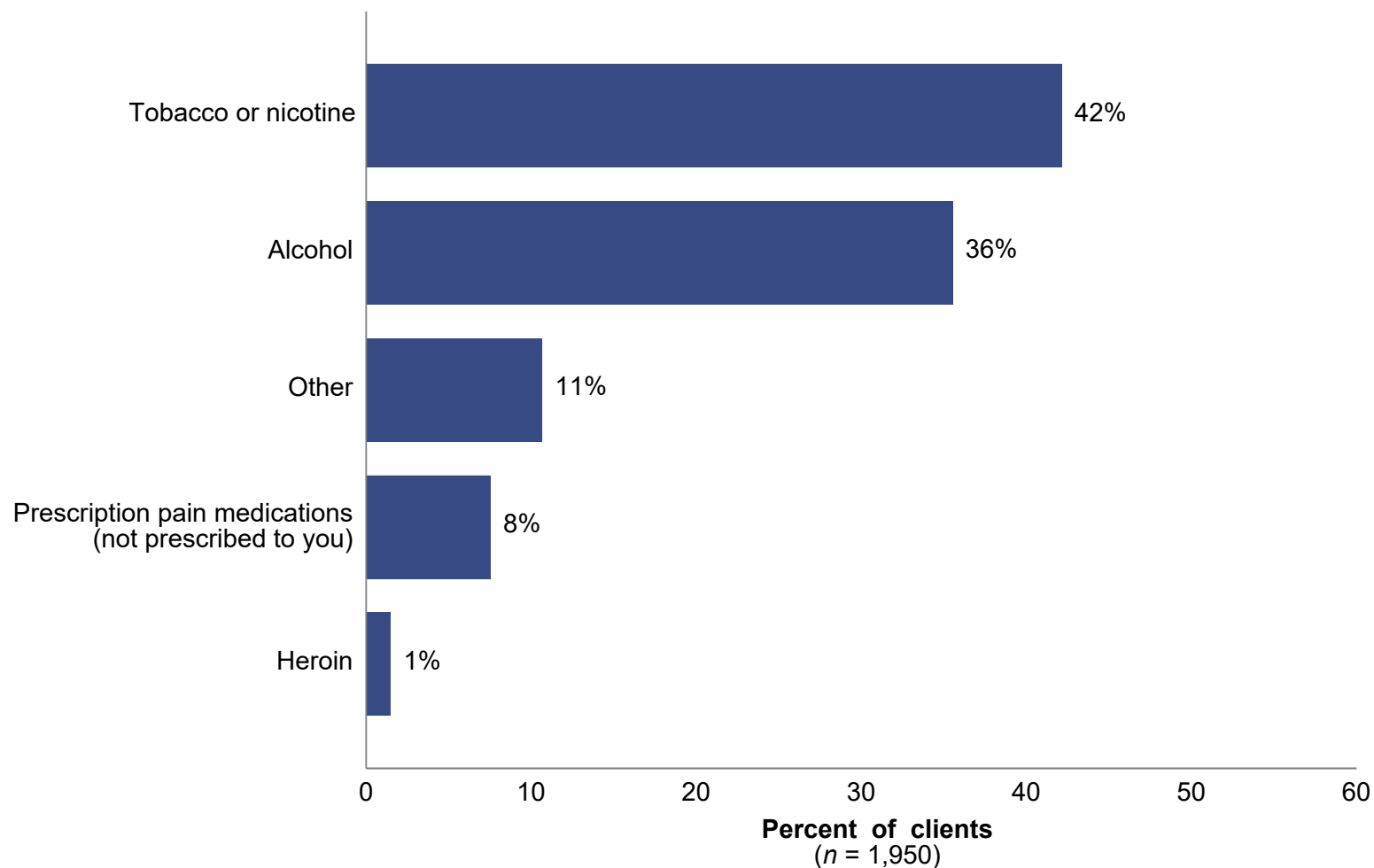
## Overall Health



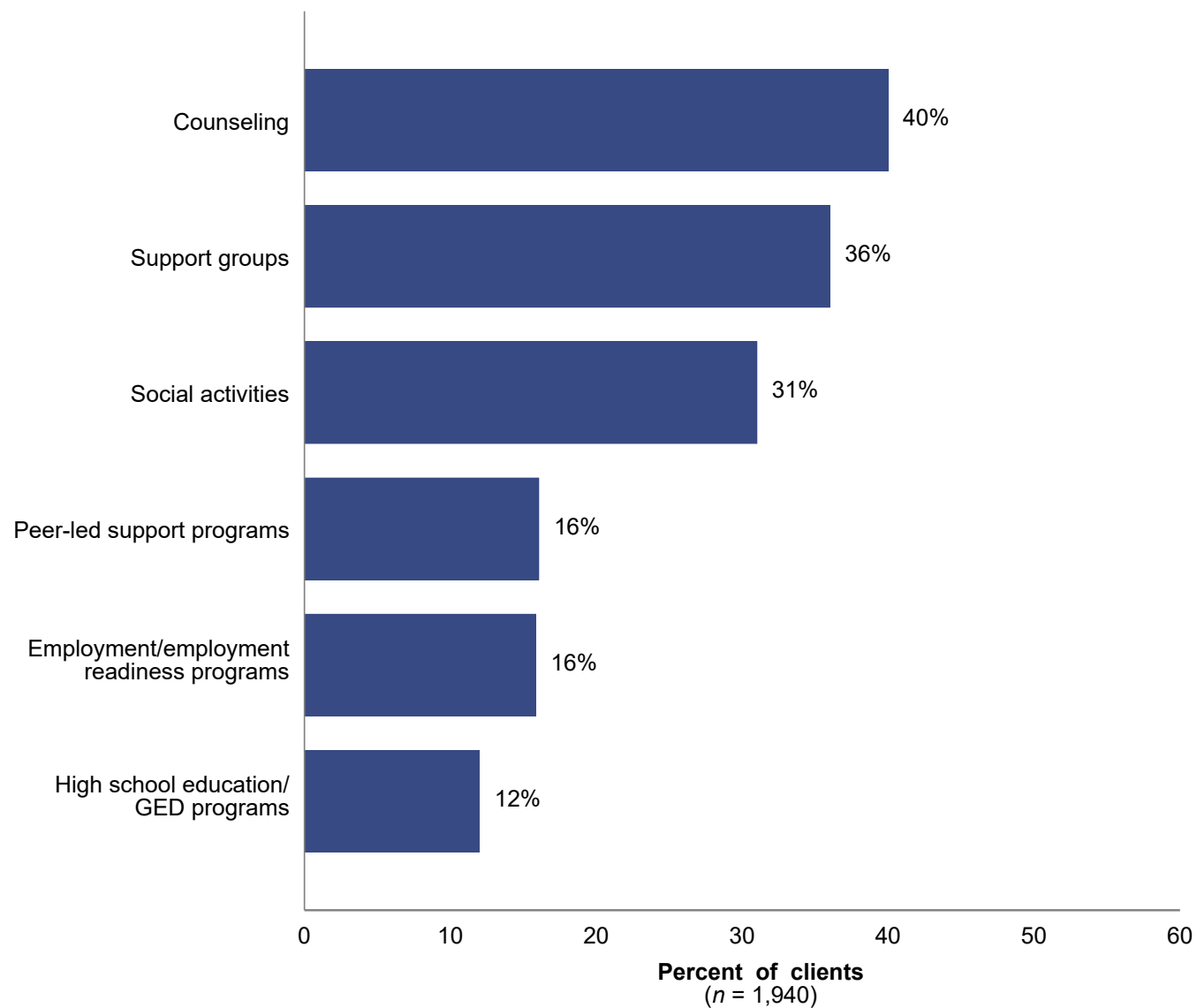


## Substance Use in Past 12 Months

**36% selected**  
*I haven't used any  
of these in the past  
12 months.*



# Interest in Psychosocial Support

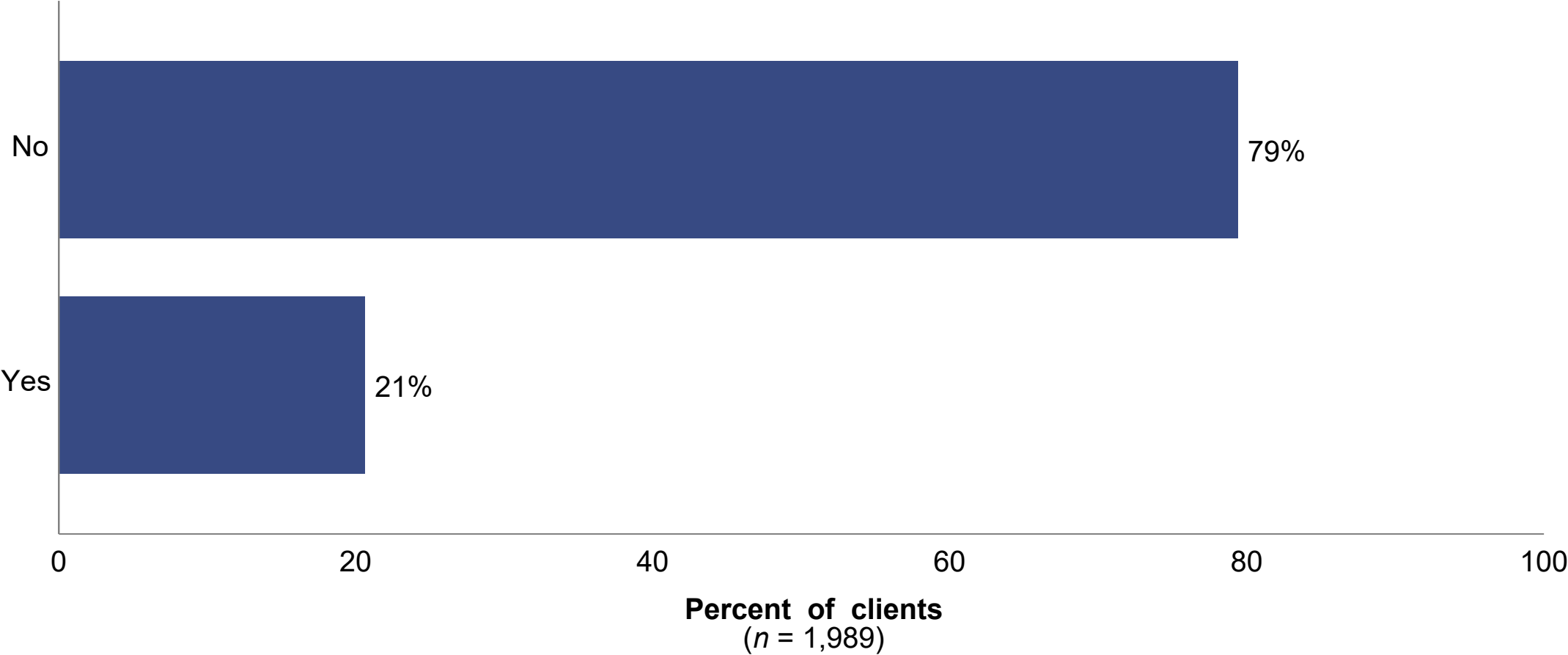




# COVID-19 Specific Information

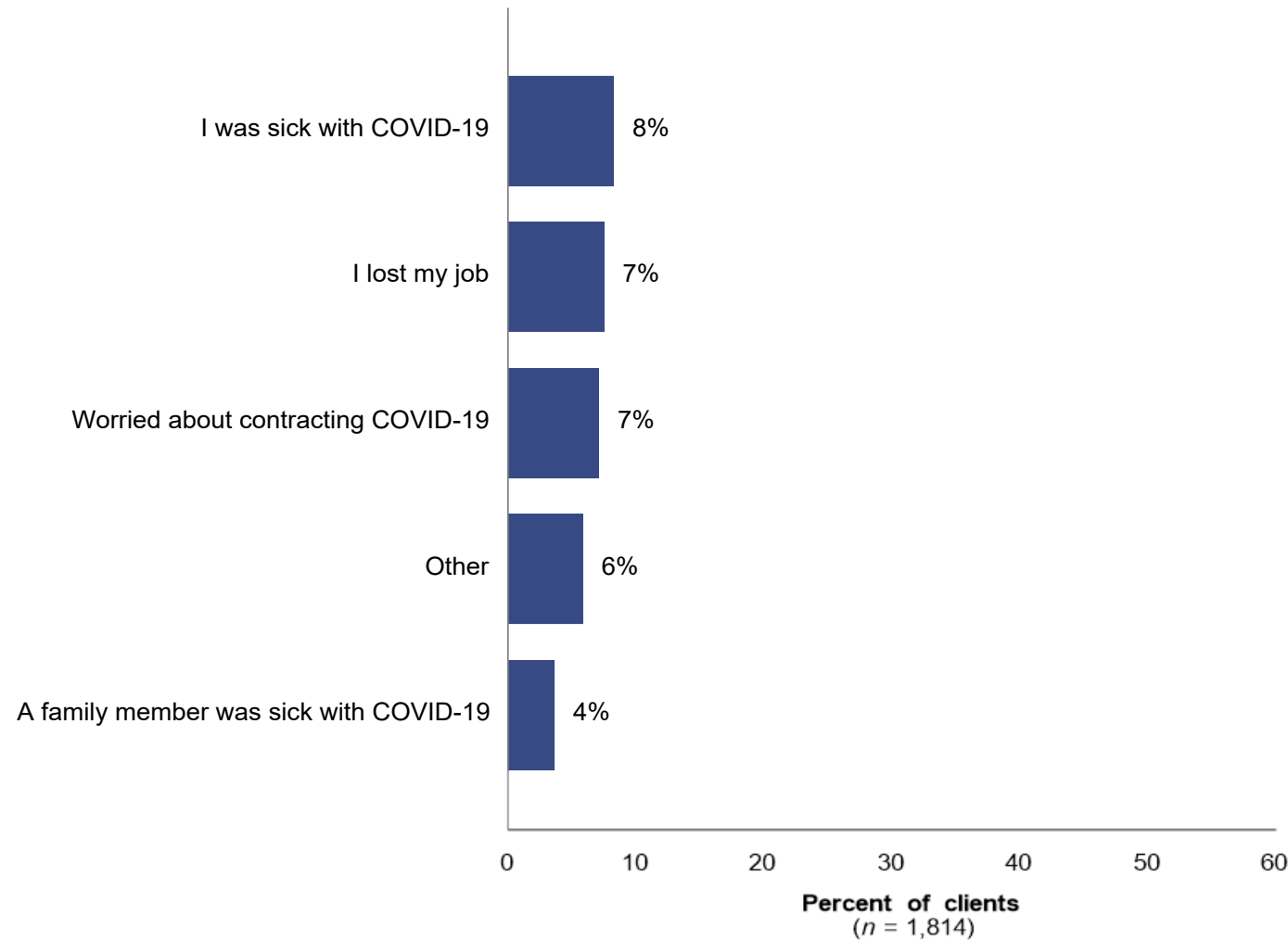


# Diagnosed with COVID-19 in the Past 12 Months





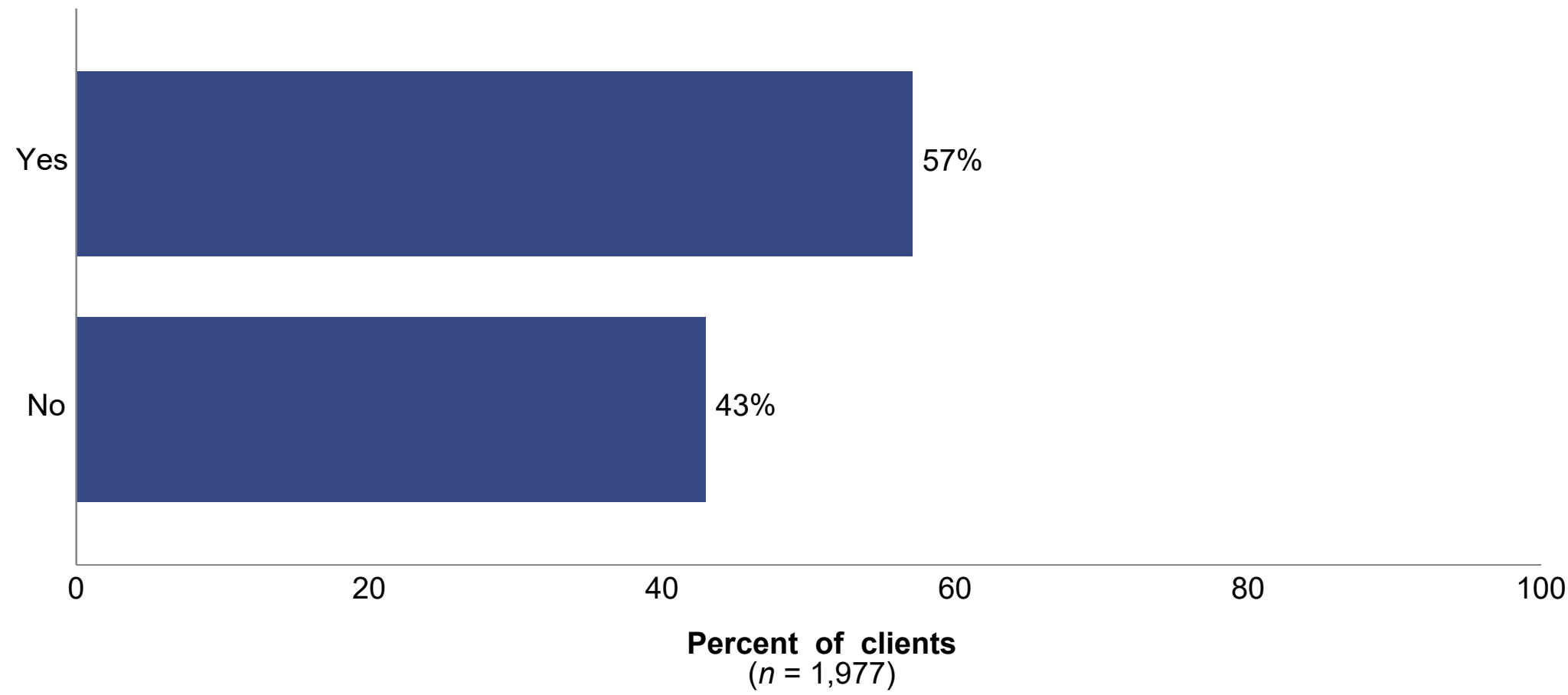
## Unable to Work in Past 12 Months Related to COVID-19



**71%** selected  
*Not applicable,  
COVID-19 did not  
impact my ability  
to work in the past  
12 months.*



# HIV-Related Medical Care Visits via Telehealth in the Past 12 Months





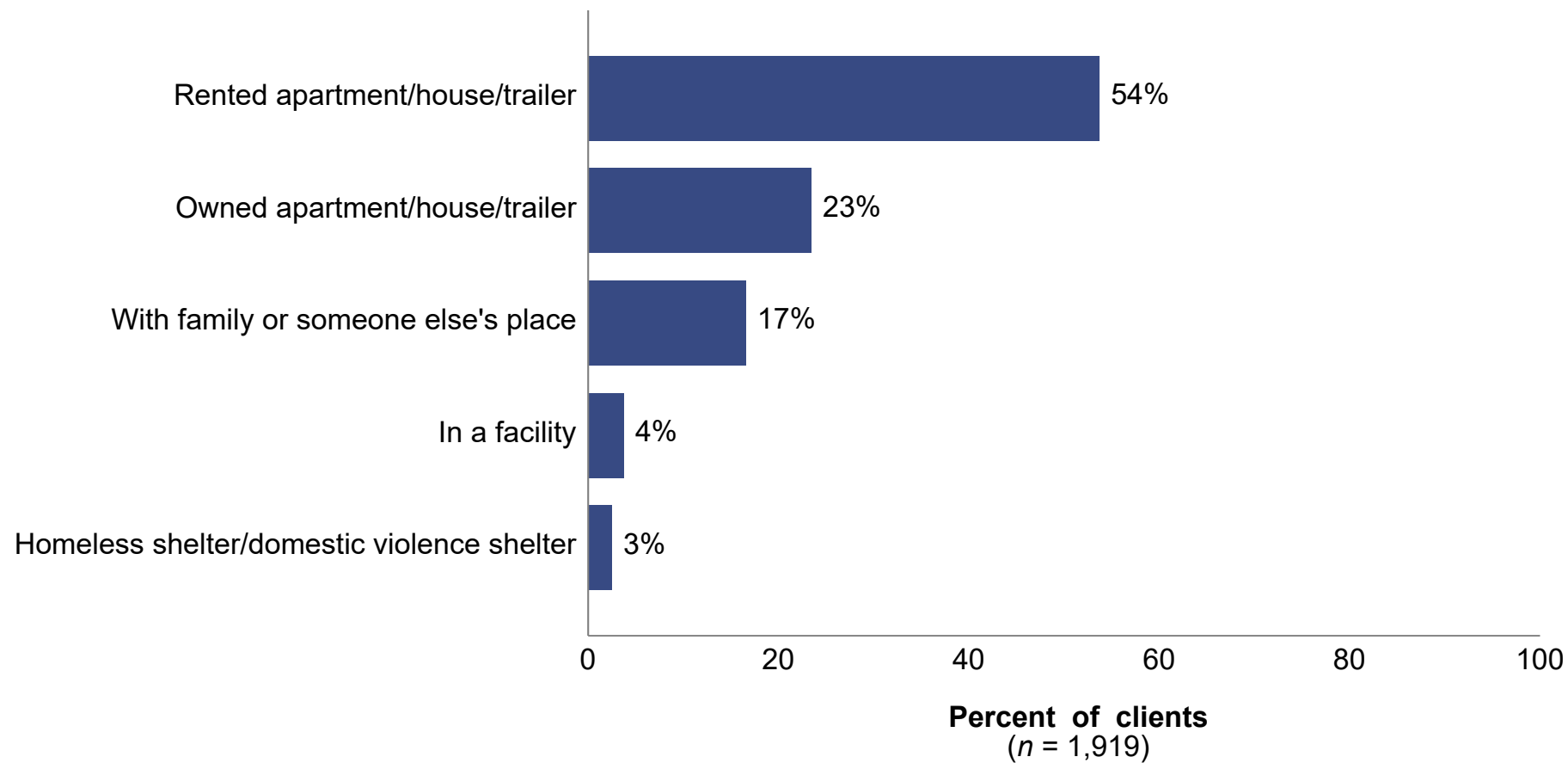
## Questions

- **Questions or comments on general statewide results from the Needs Assessment before moving on?**

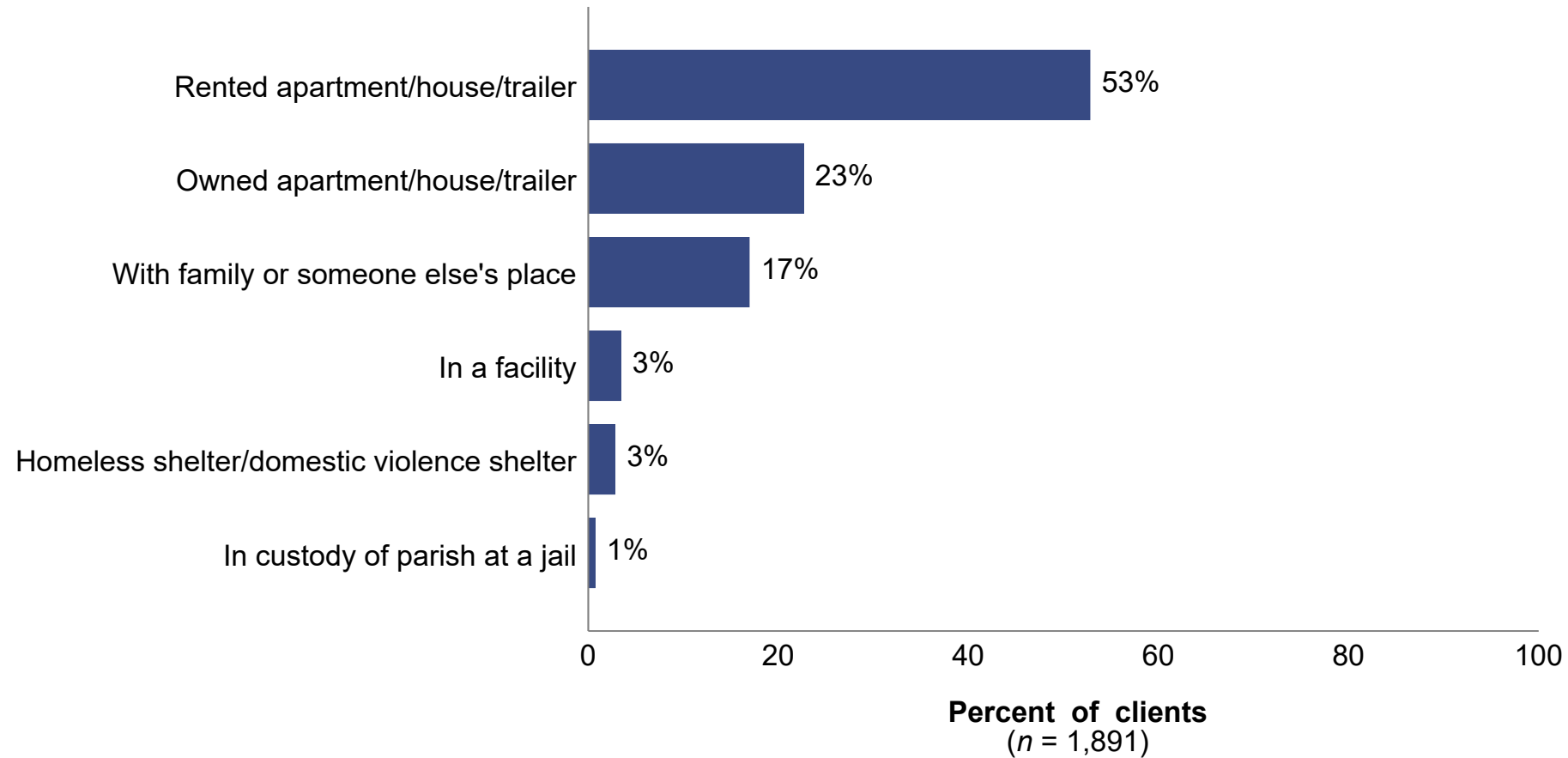


# Part 4: Housing

# Housing Status at Time of Survey



# Housing Status 6 Months Prior to Survey

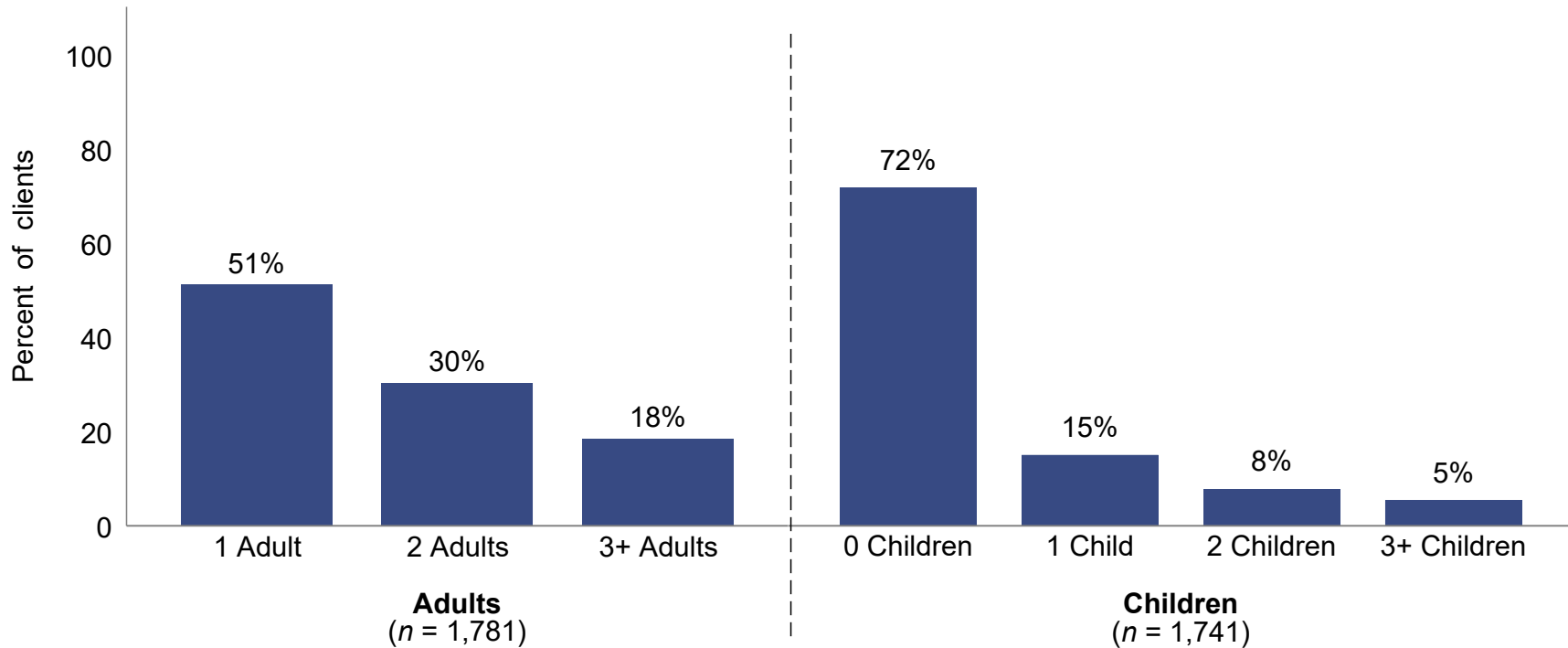




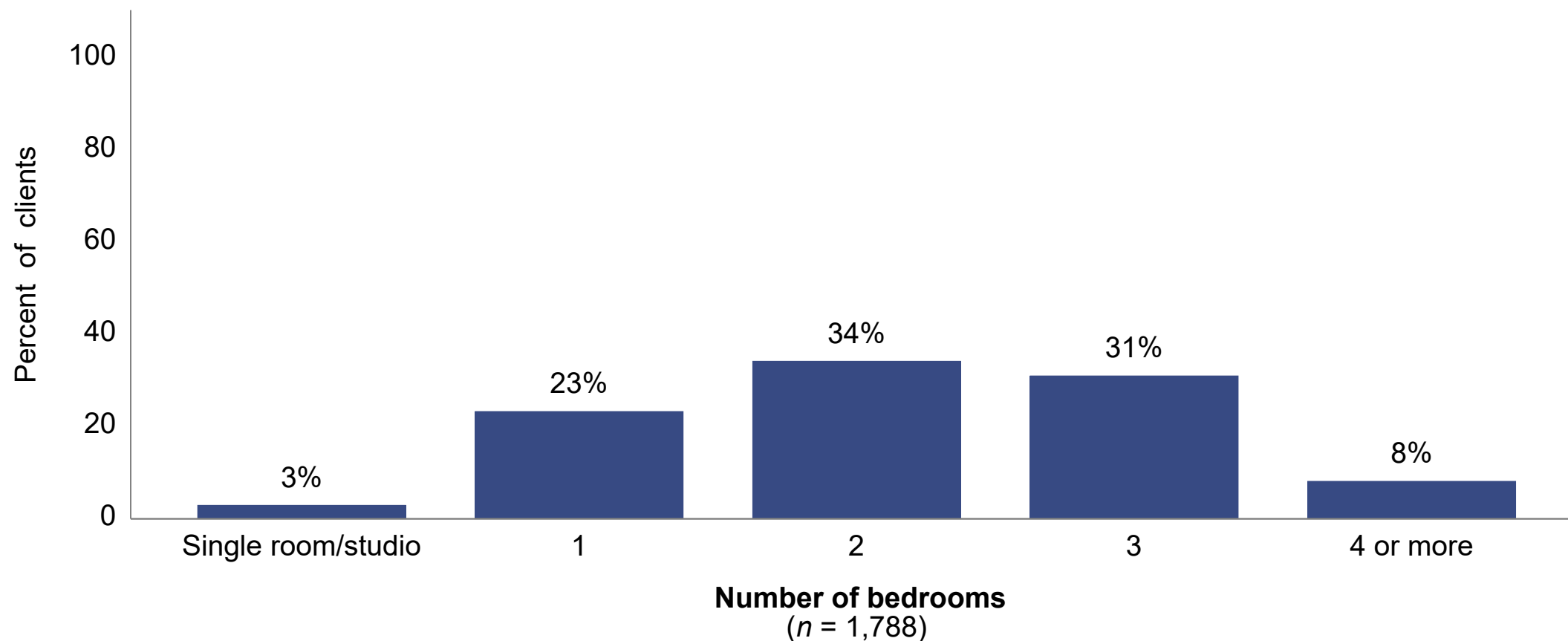
Average number of  
**adults** living in the  
household: **2**

Average number of  
**children** living in  
the household: **1**

# Number of Adults and Children in Household

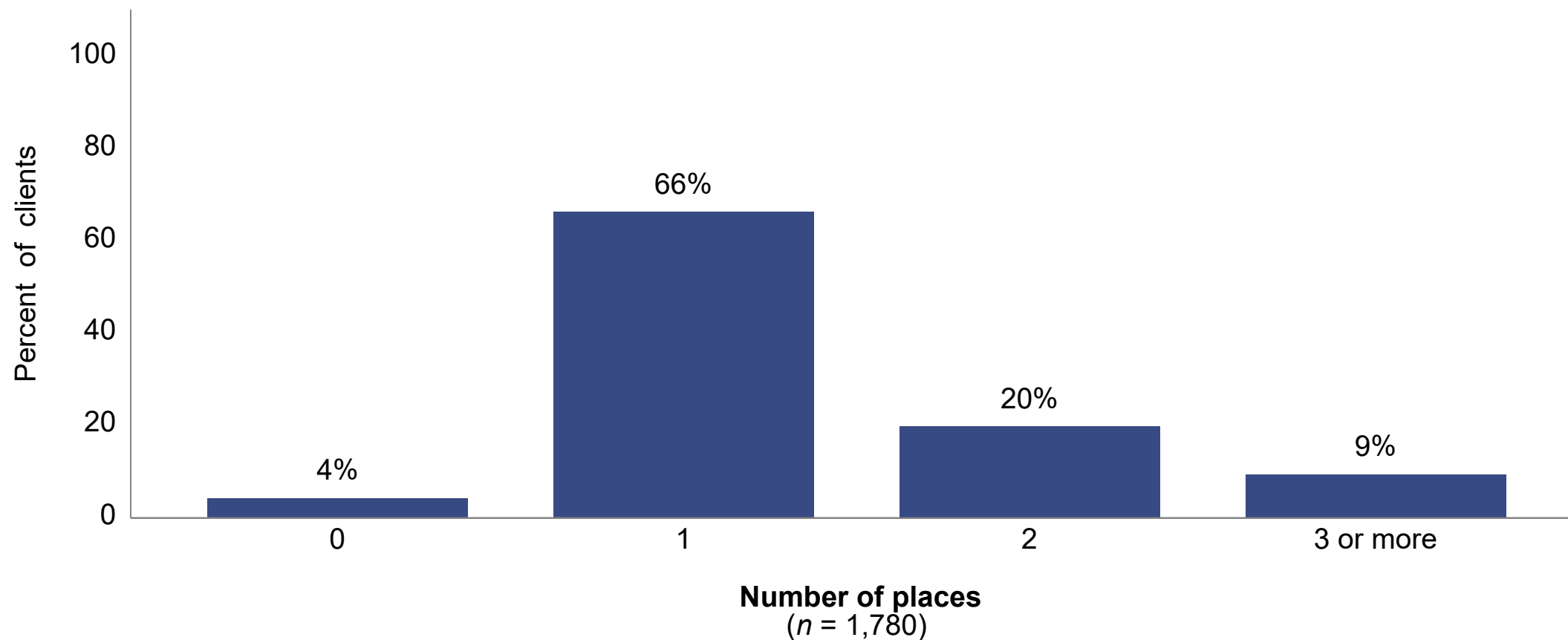


# Number of Bedrooms in Respondents' Residences





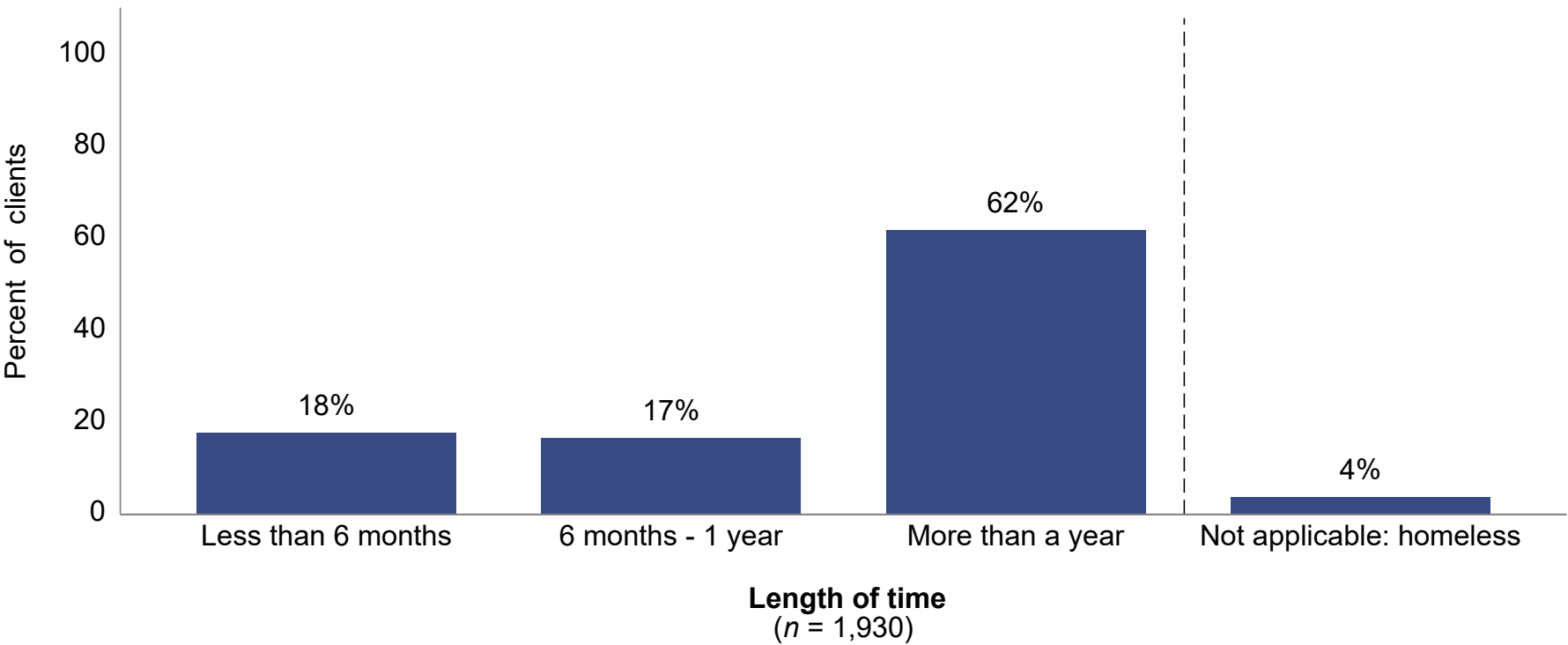
# Number of Places Lived in Past 12 Months



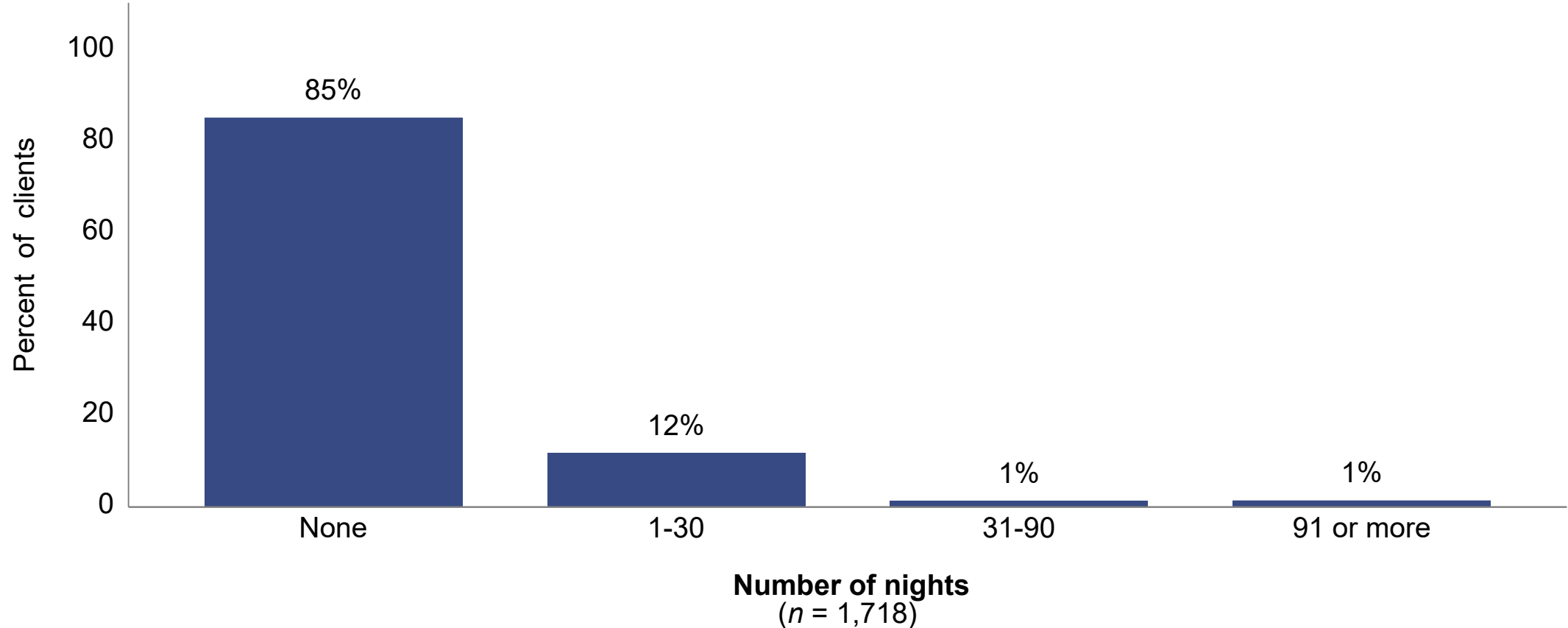


22% reported in the past 3 years they have had to move because they could no longer afford their home  
(*n* = 1,929)

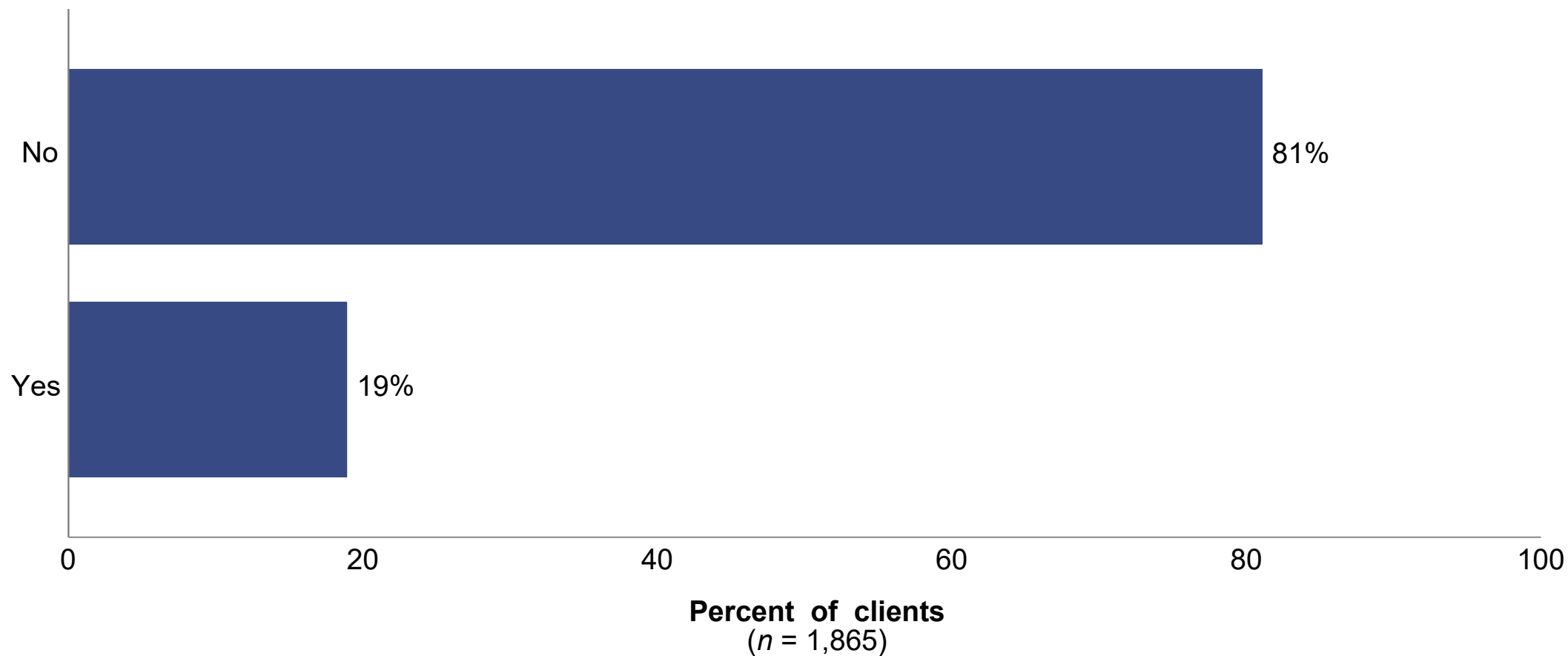
# Length of Time at Current Residence




# Nights Spent Homeless or Without a Place to Sleep in the Past 12 Months



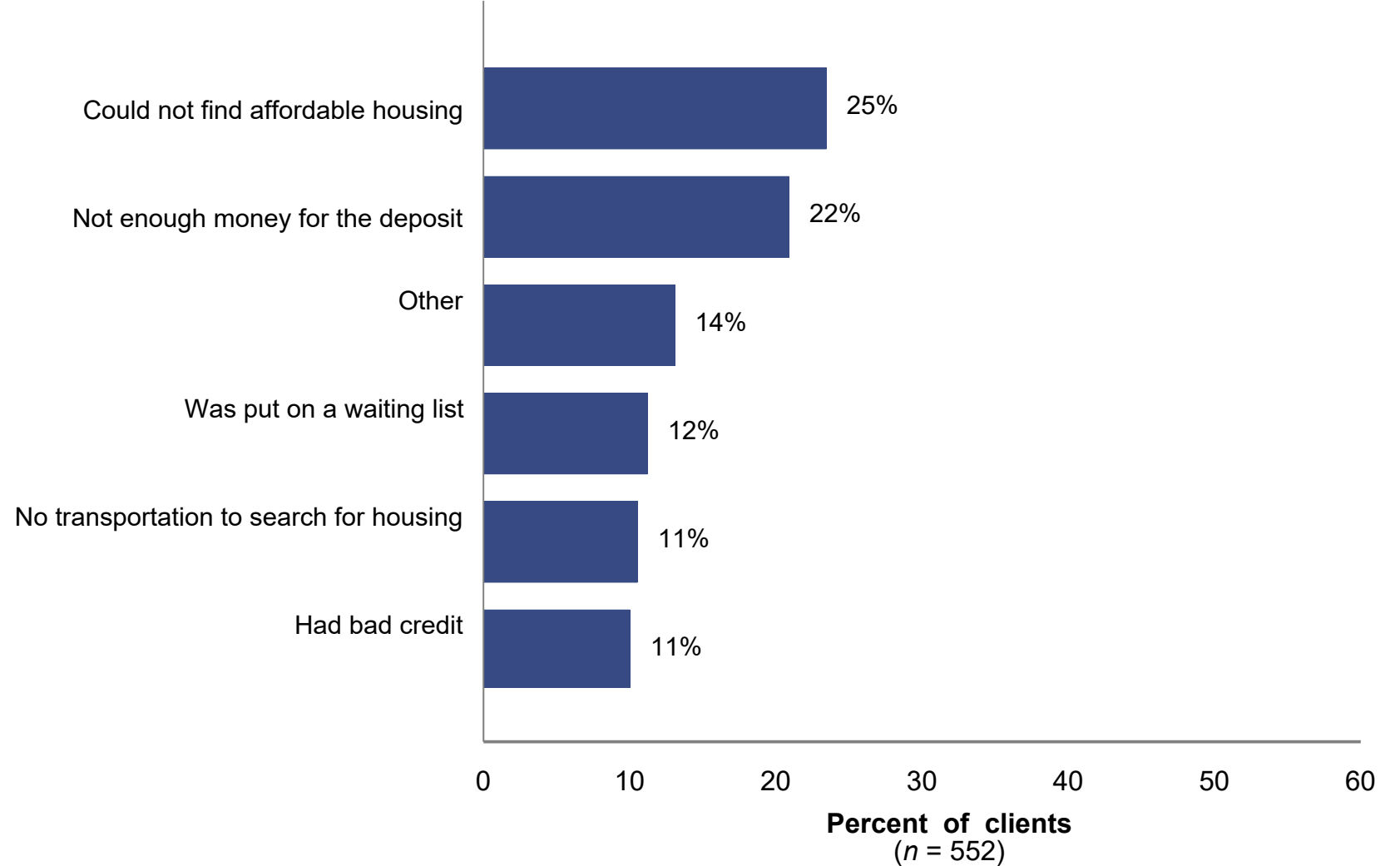
# Had Trouble Obtaining Housing in the Past 12 Months



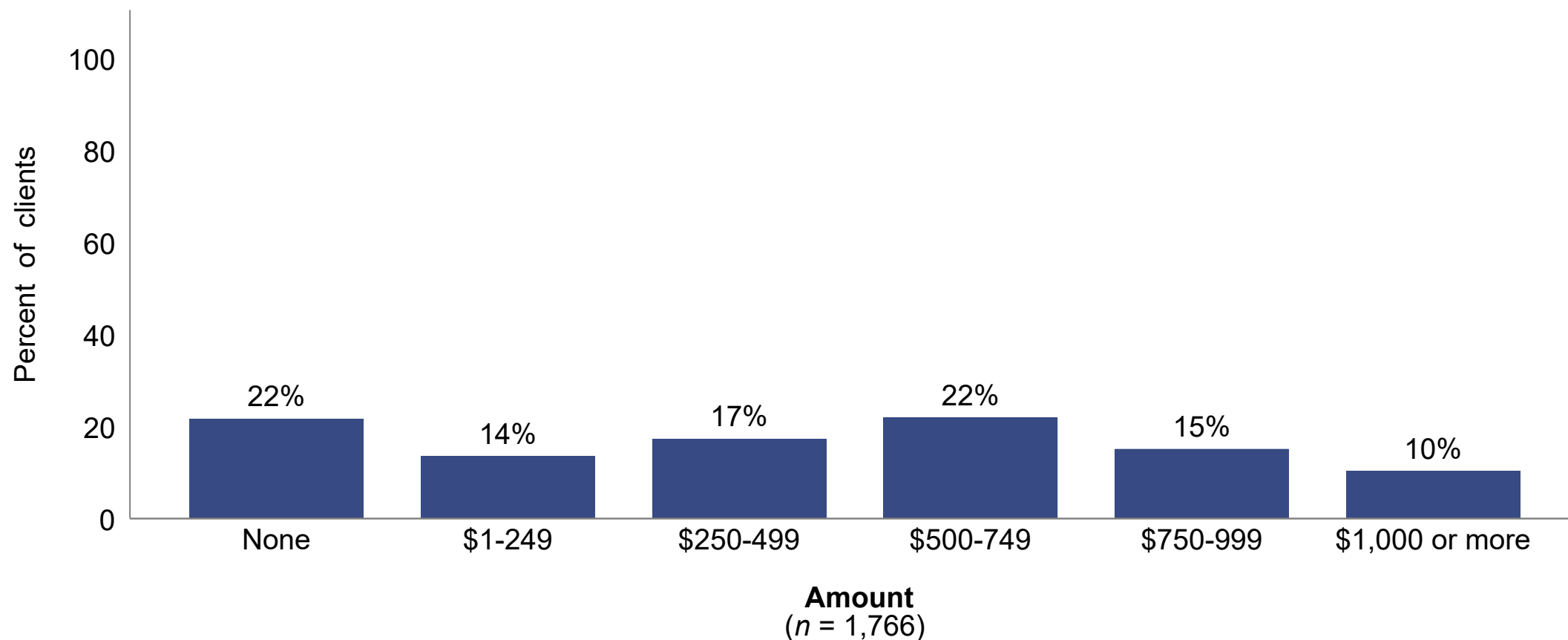


## Barriers to Obtaining or Remaining in Housing

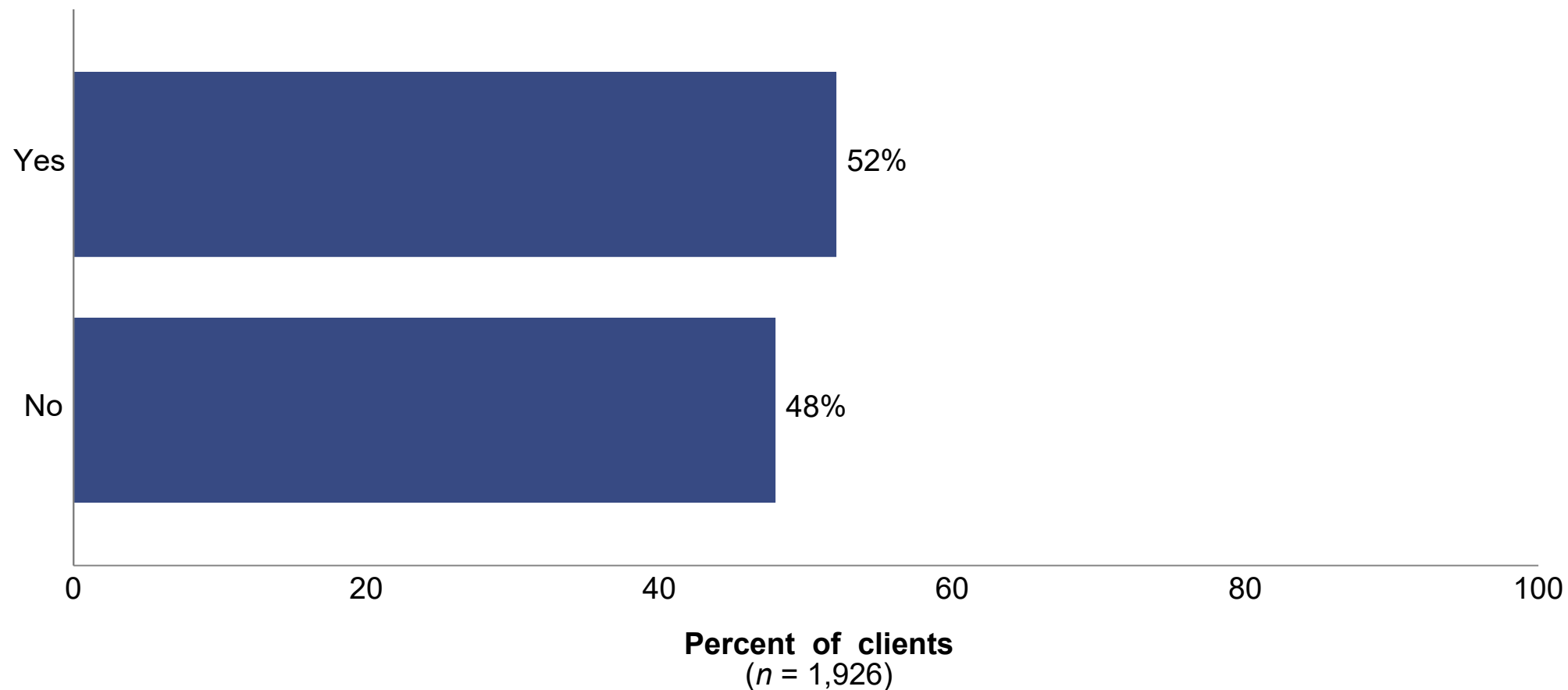
**43%** selected  
*I didn't have any  
problems.*



# Rent or Mortgage Contribution Paid “Out-of-Pocket”



# Had Difficulty in Paying Rent/Mortgage





# Questions

- **Any questions on housing specific findings?**





## **Part 5: Barriers to Receiving Care**



# Highest Ranked Services Needed

## 2021

1. Dental Care (74%)
2. Primary Medical Care (72%)
3. Eye Care (64%)
4. Food Bank (53%)
5. Emergency Housing Services (52%)

## 2019

1. Primary medical care (82%)
2. Dental care (77%)
3. Medical case management (68%)
4. Medication assistance (65%)
5. Food bank (63%)



# Highest Ranked Gaps in Services

## 2021

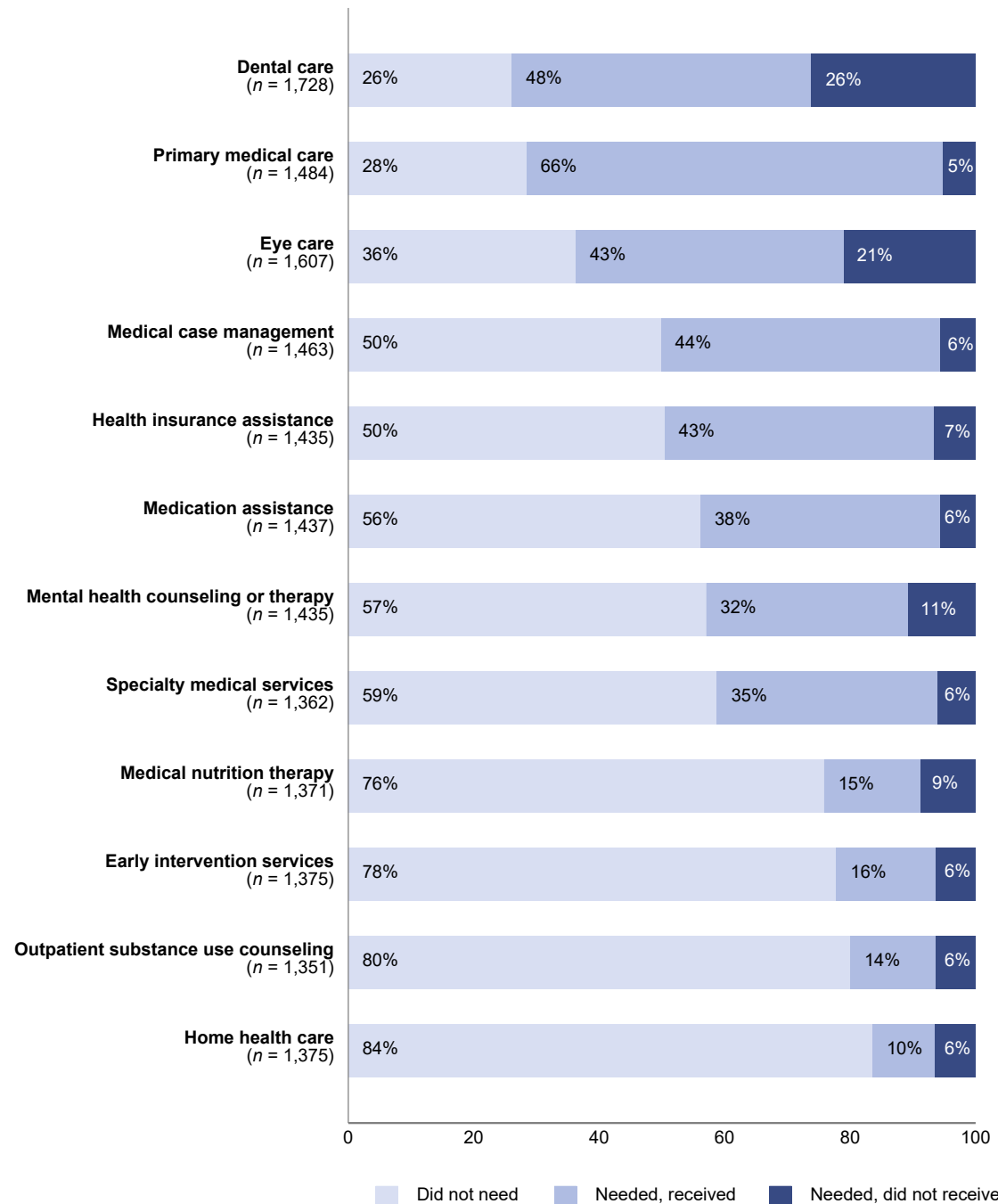
1. Dental Care (26%)
2. Emergency Housing Service (20%)
3. Eye Care (21%)
4. Housing Assistance (17%)
5. Emergency Financial Assistance (17%)

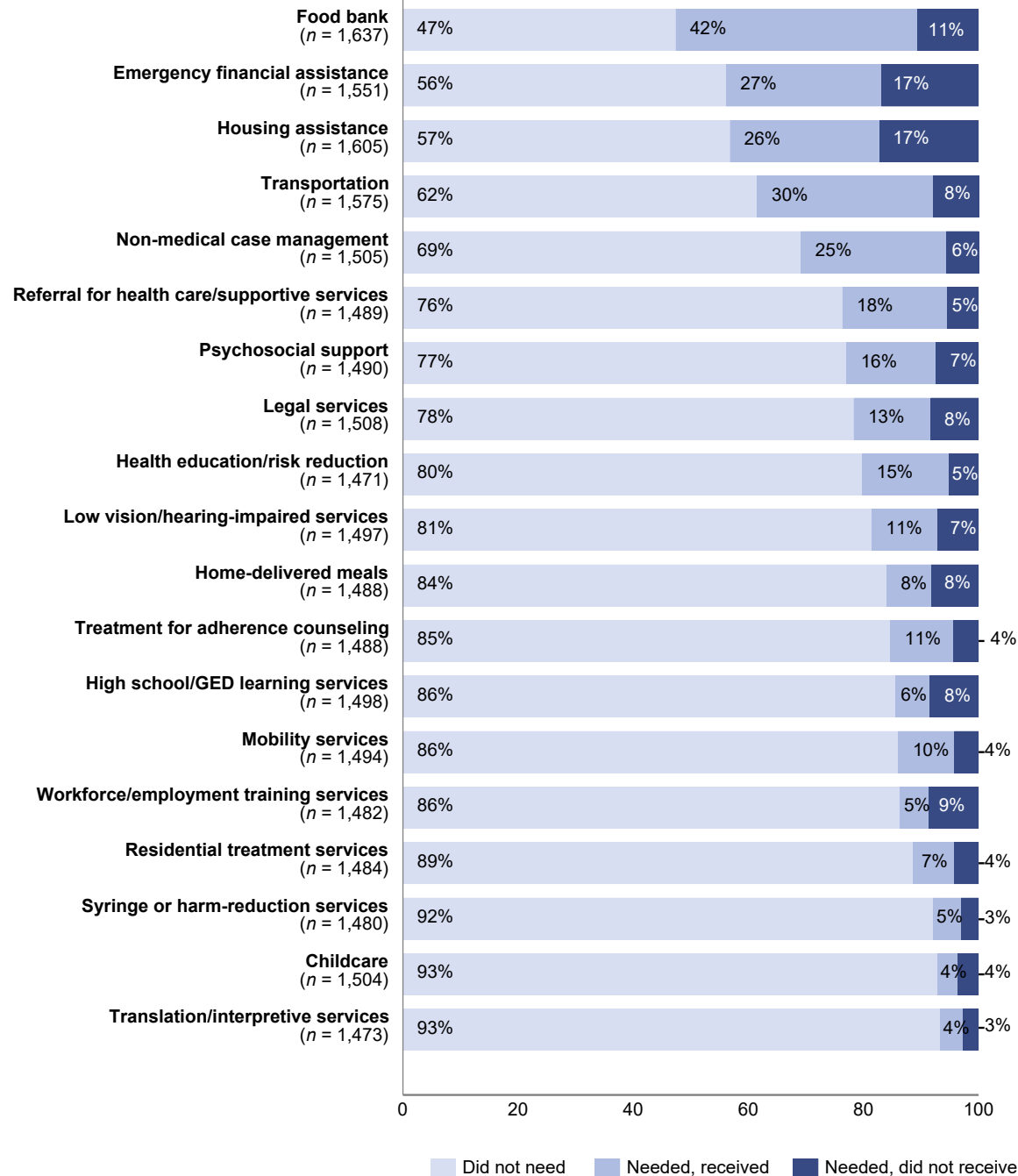
## 2019

1. Dental care (22%)
2. Eye care (20%)
3. Emergency financial assistance (19%)
4. Housing assistance (17%)
5. Permanent, independent housing (16%)



# Need and Receipt of Core Medical Services

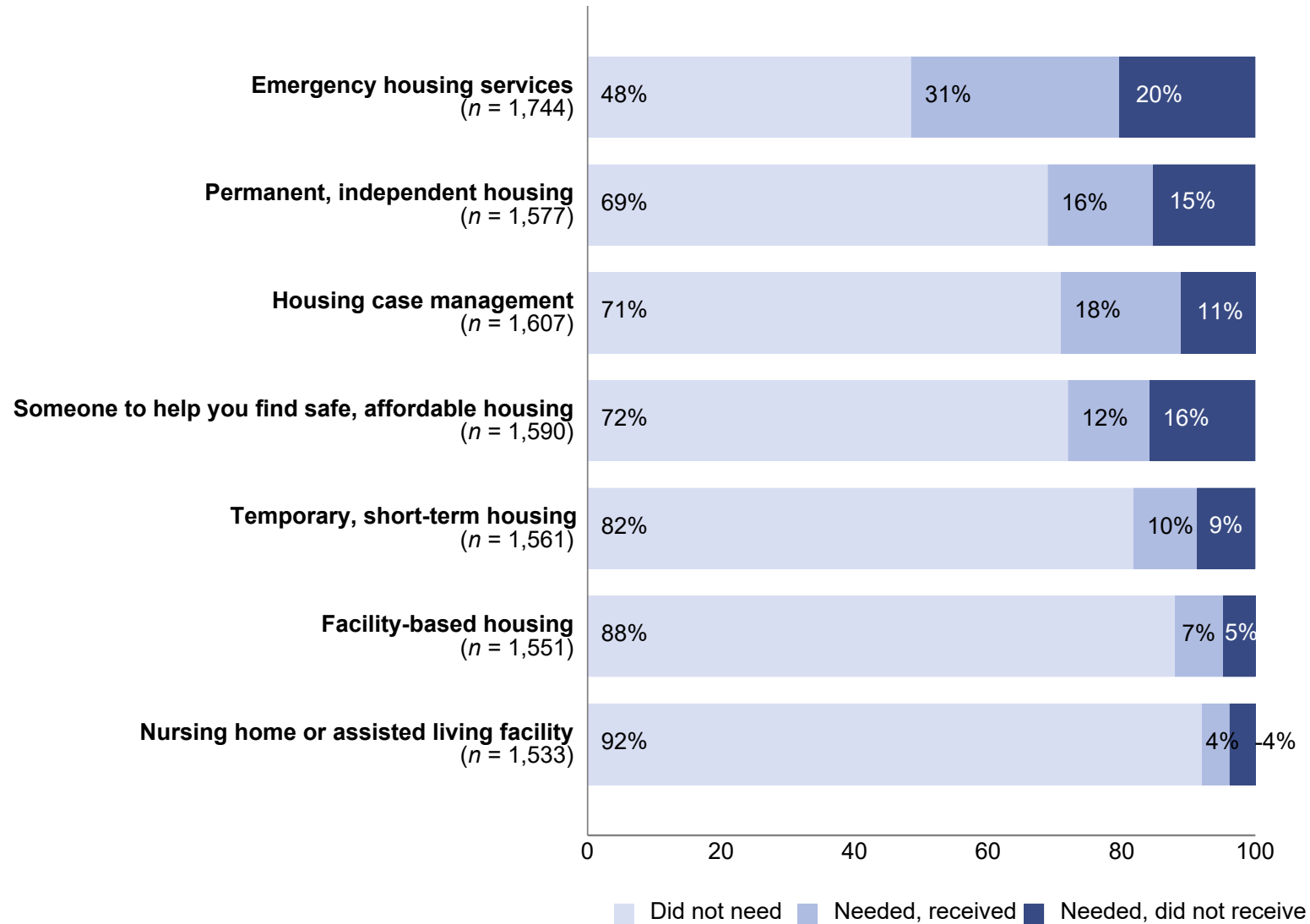




# Need and Receipt of Core Support Services



# Need and Receipt of Core Housing Services





## Questions

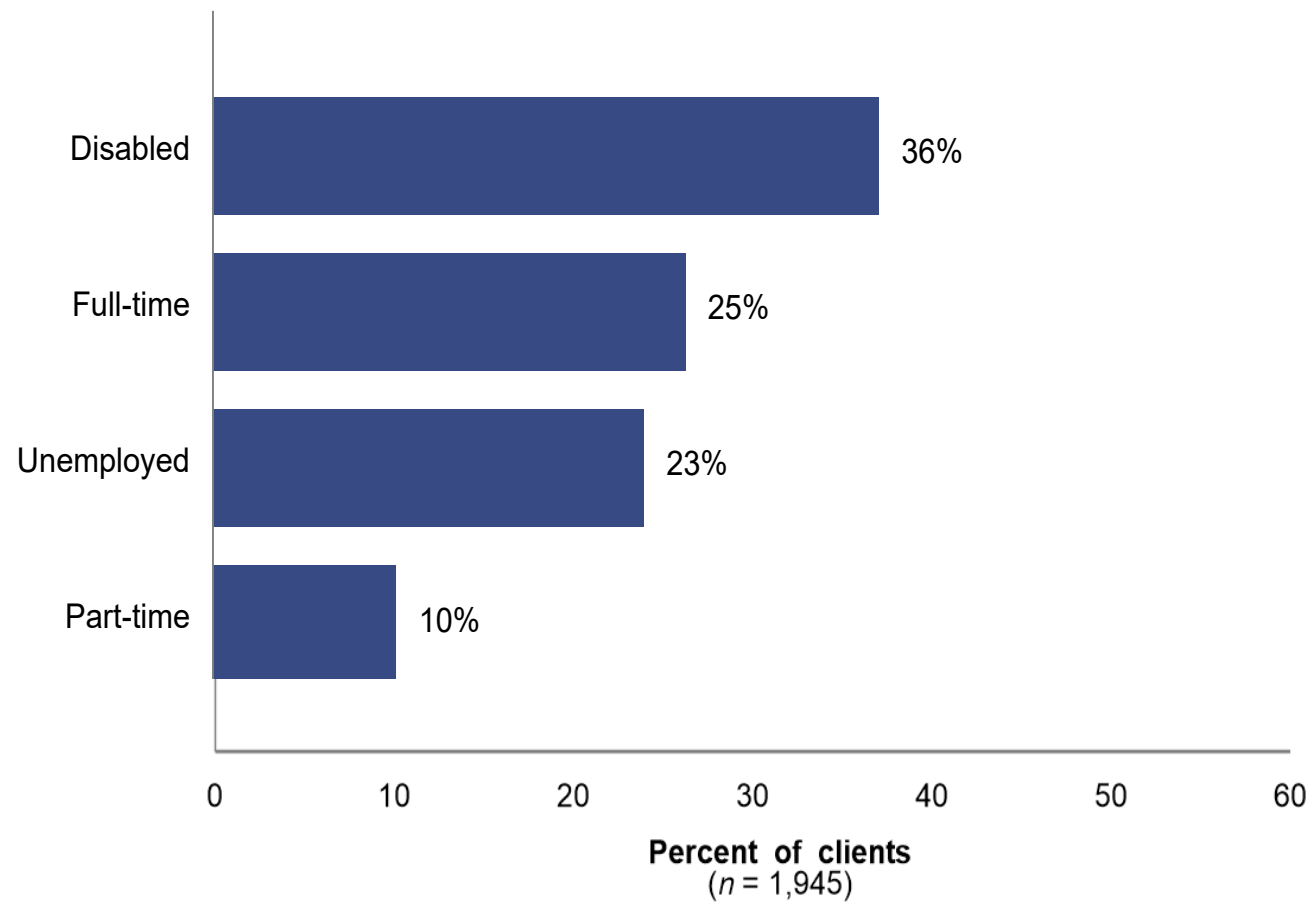
- **Any questions on results from barriers to care?**



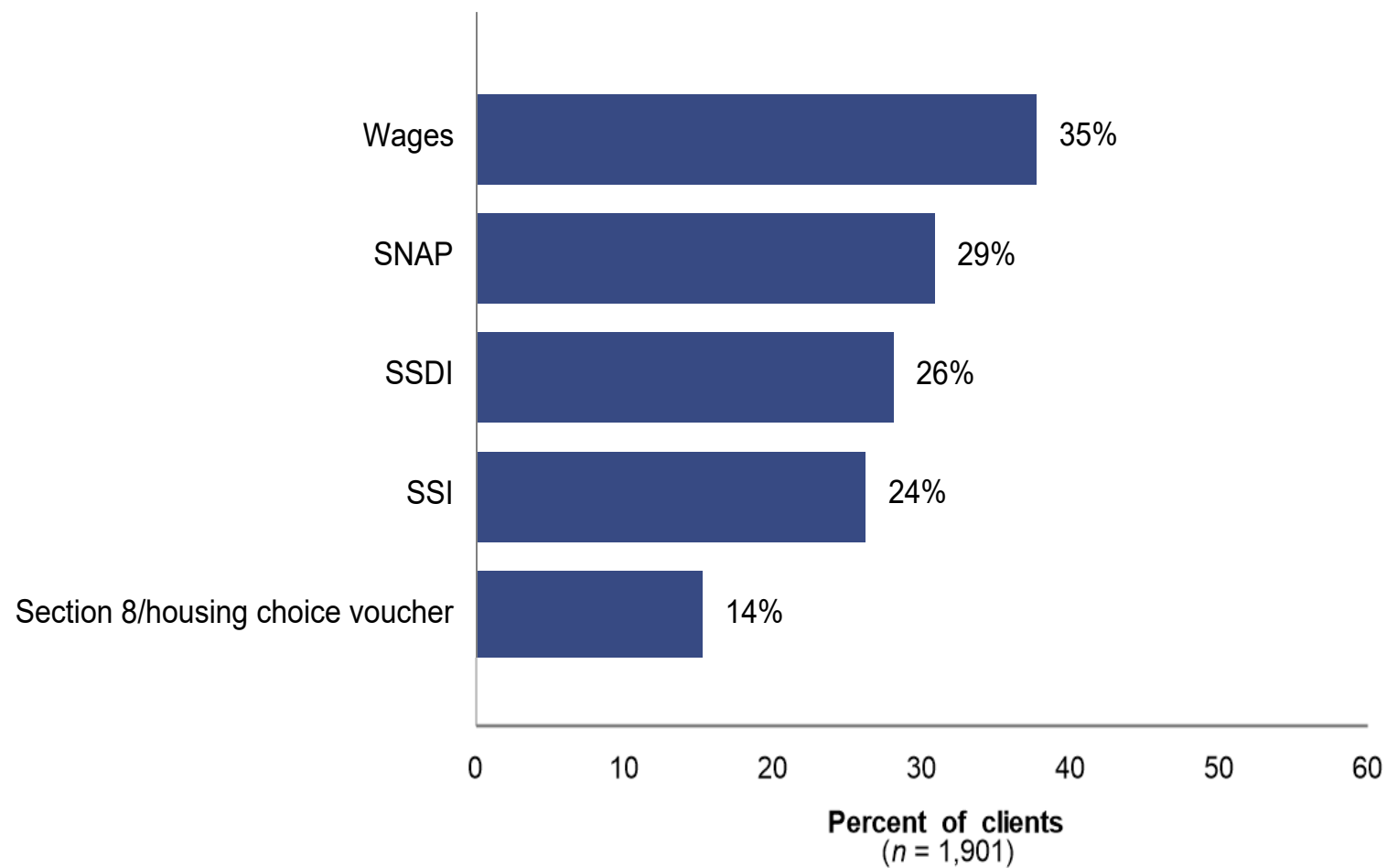
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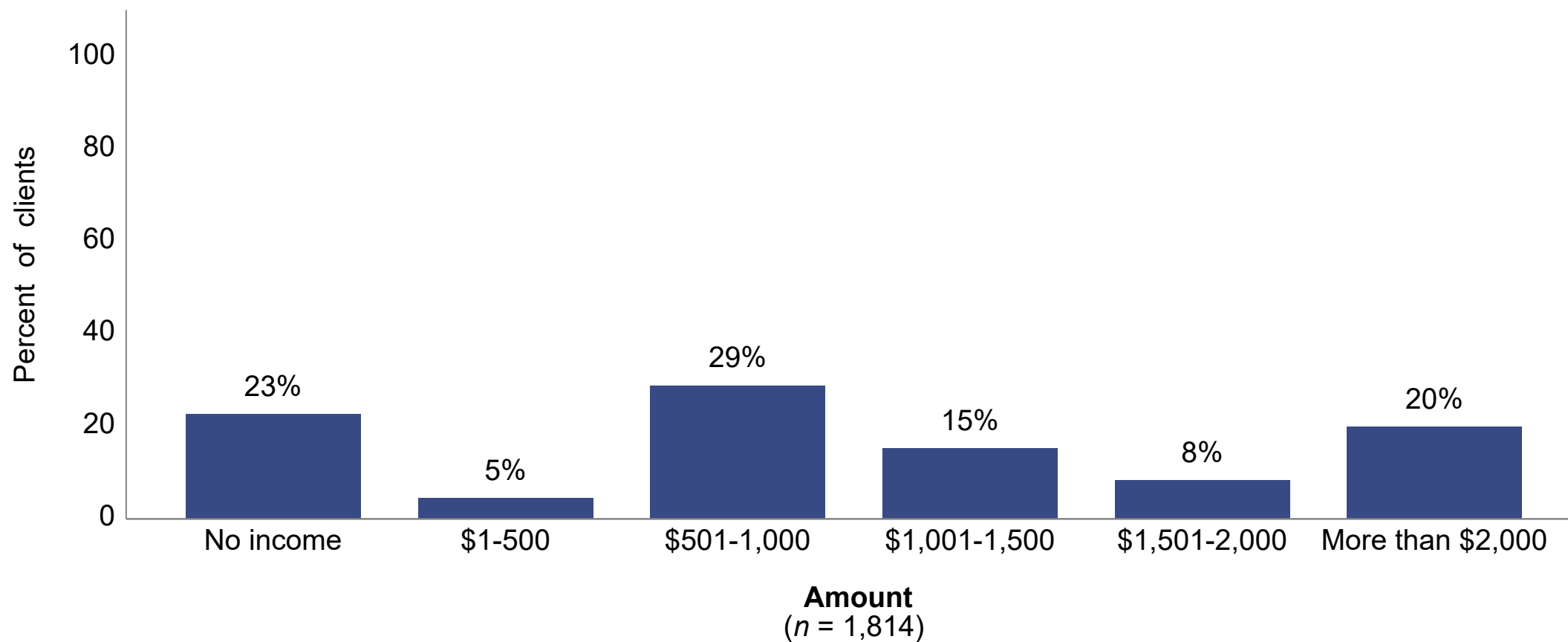
# Employment Status



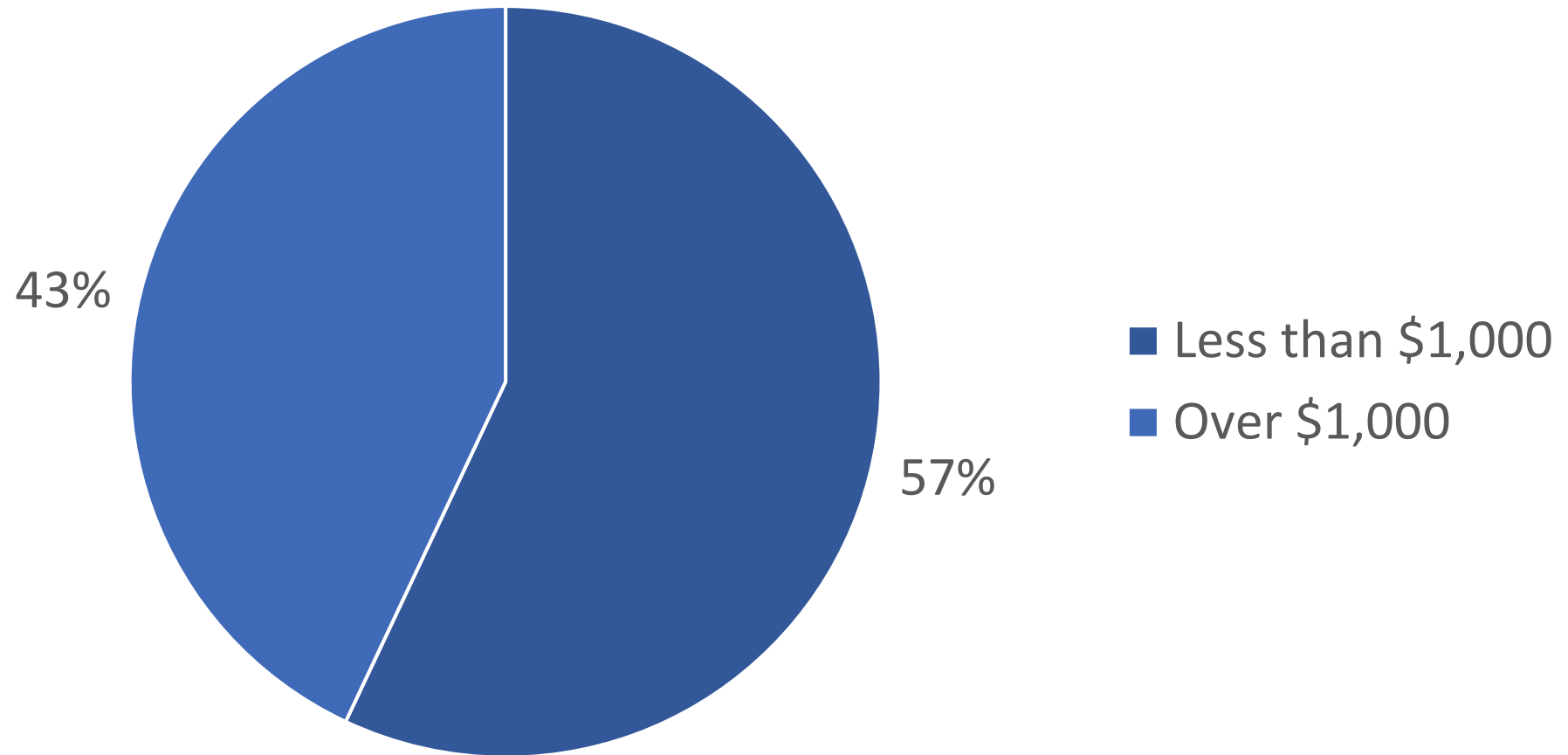
# Sources of Income and Assistance



# Household Income in Month Prior to Survey



# Over 1/2 Had an Income of Less Than \$1,000



*n = 1,814*



## Questions

- **Any questions on findings focused on unemployment?**



## Part 7: Focus on New Orleans



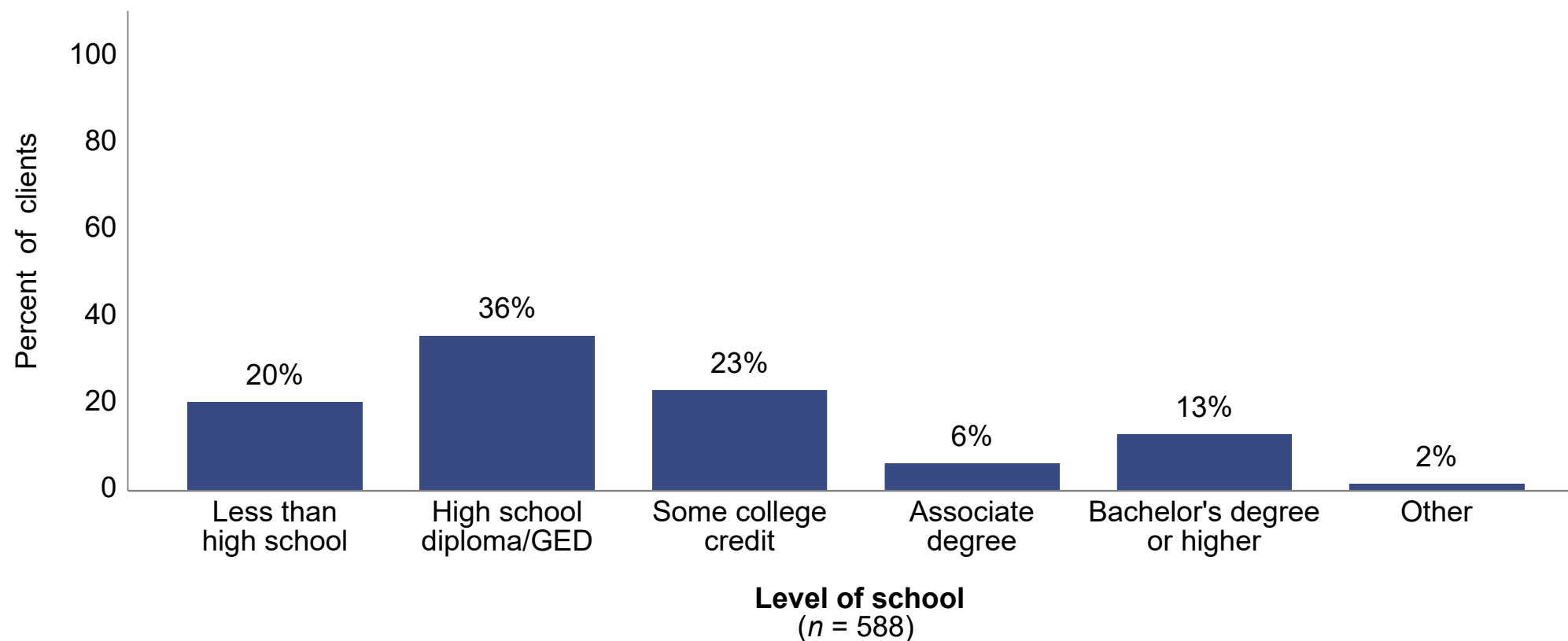
# Background Characteristics

Gender	( <i>n</i> = 598)
Male	63%
Female	32%
Something Else	2%
Prefer not to say	3%
Race	( <i>n</i> = 594)
Black	67%
White	24%
Other	7%
Multiracial	3%
Age	( <i>n</i> = 586)
24 years or under	2%
25-44 years	39%
45-64 years	50%
65 years or older	9%

- **12%** identified as Latino/Latina/Latinx/Hispanic (*n* = 584)
- **11%** identified as a person of Trans Experience (*n* = 583)



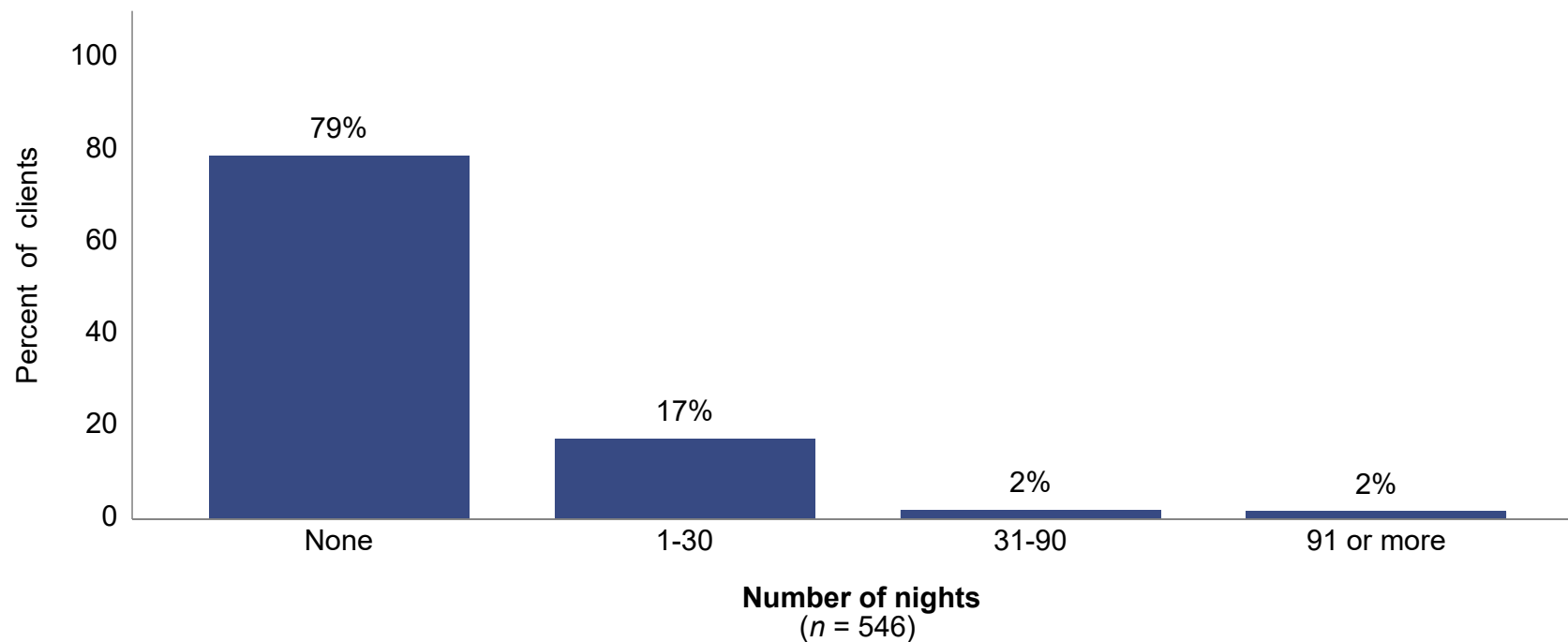
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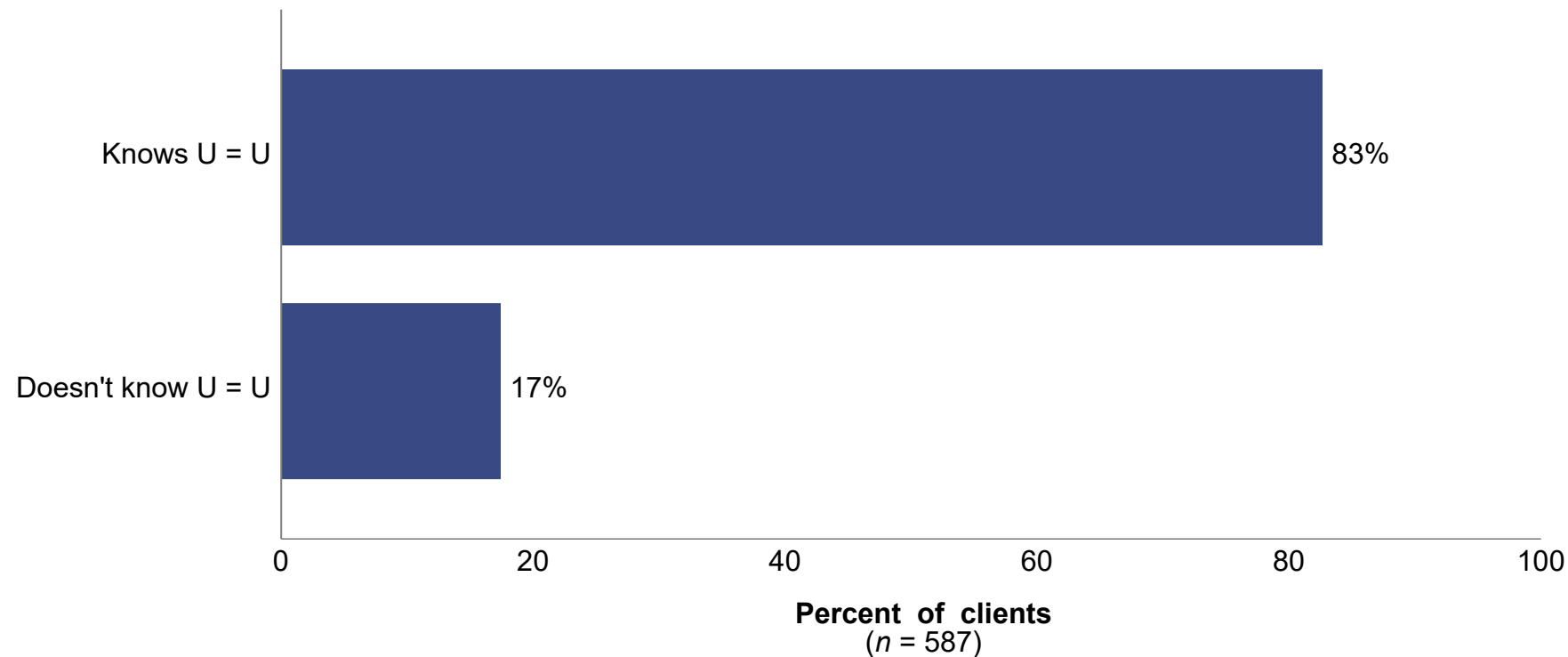


# Night Spent Homeless or Without a Place to Sleep in the Past 12



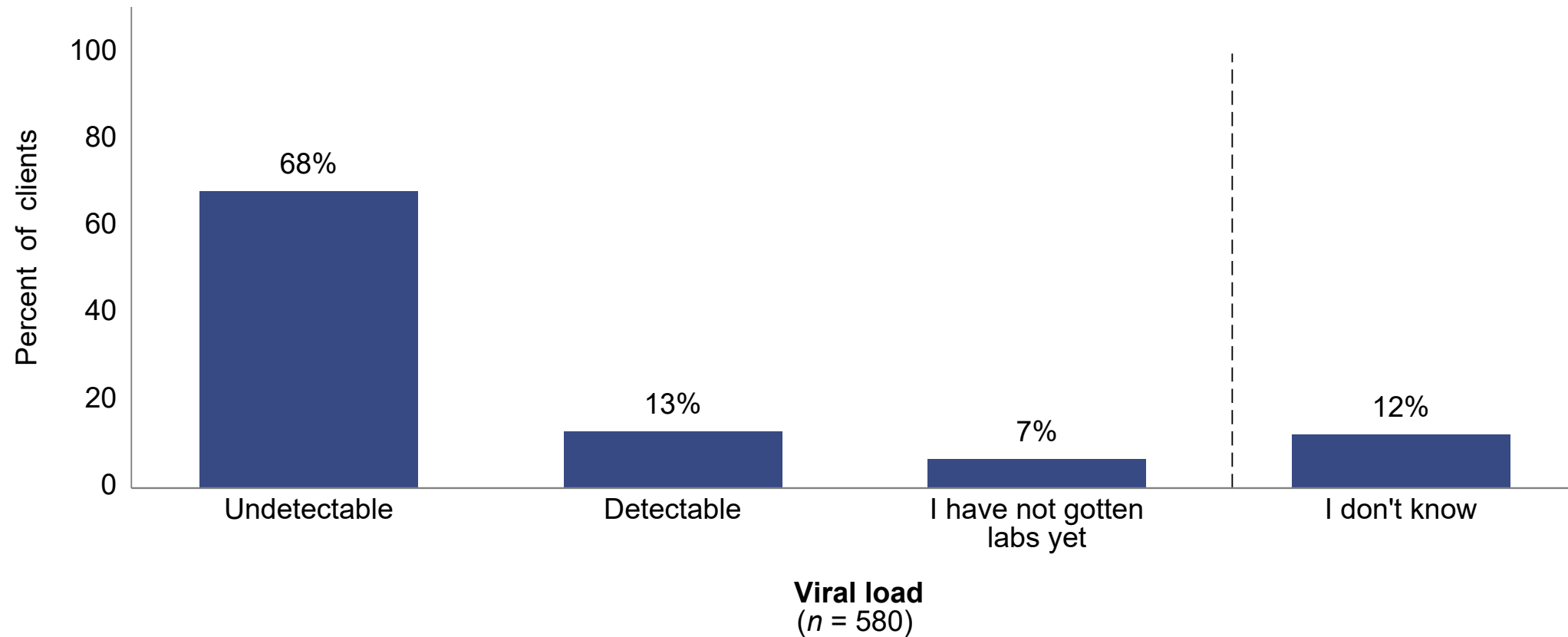
**76%** Did not  
Have Trouble  
Obtaining  
Housing in the  
Past 12 Months  
(n = 581)

# Knows That Undetectable = Untransmittable



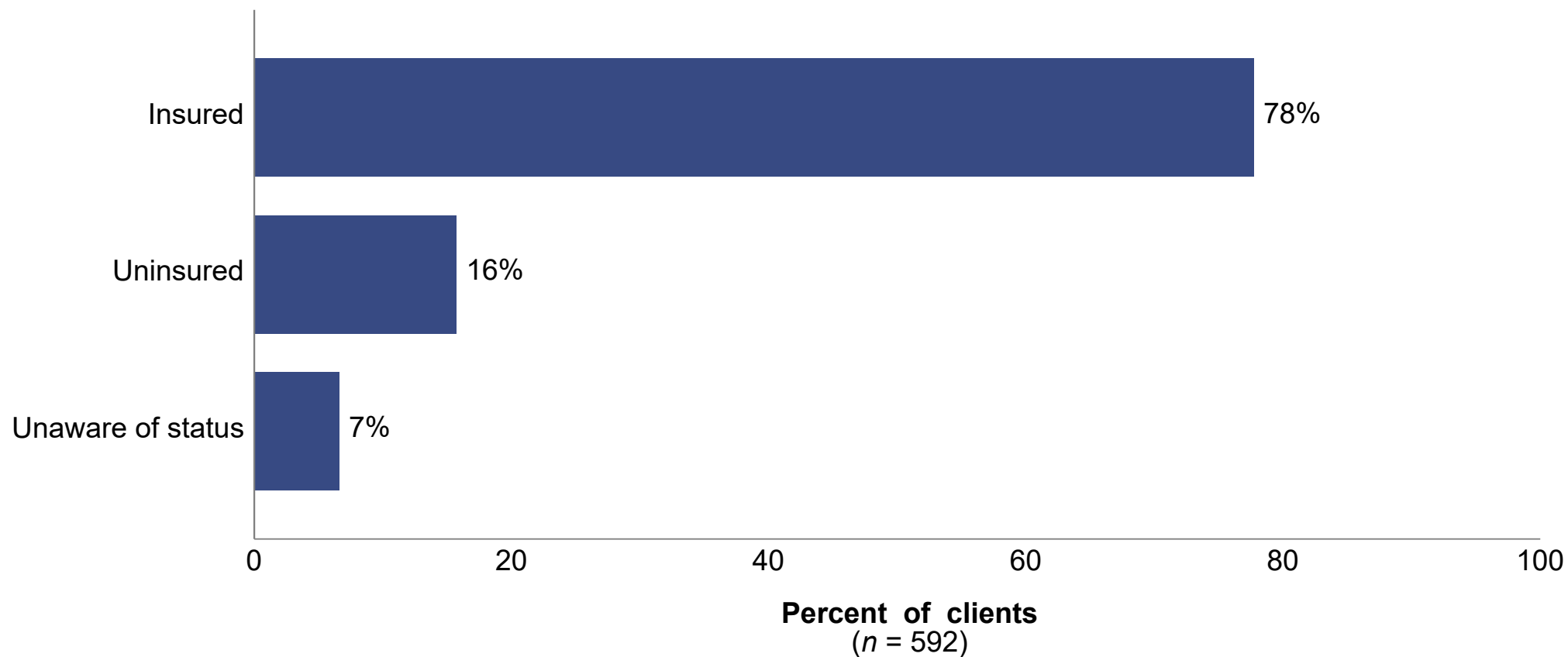


# Current Viral Load



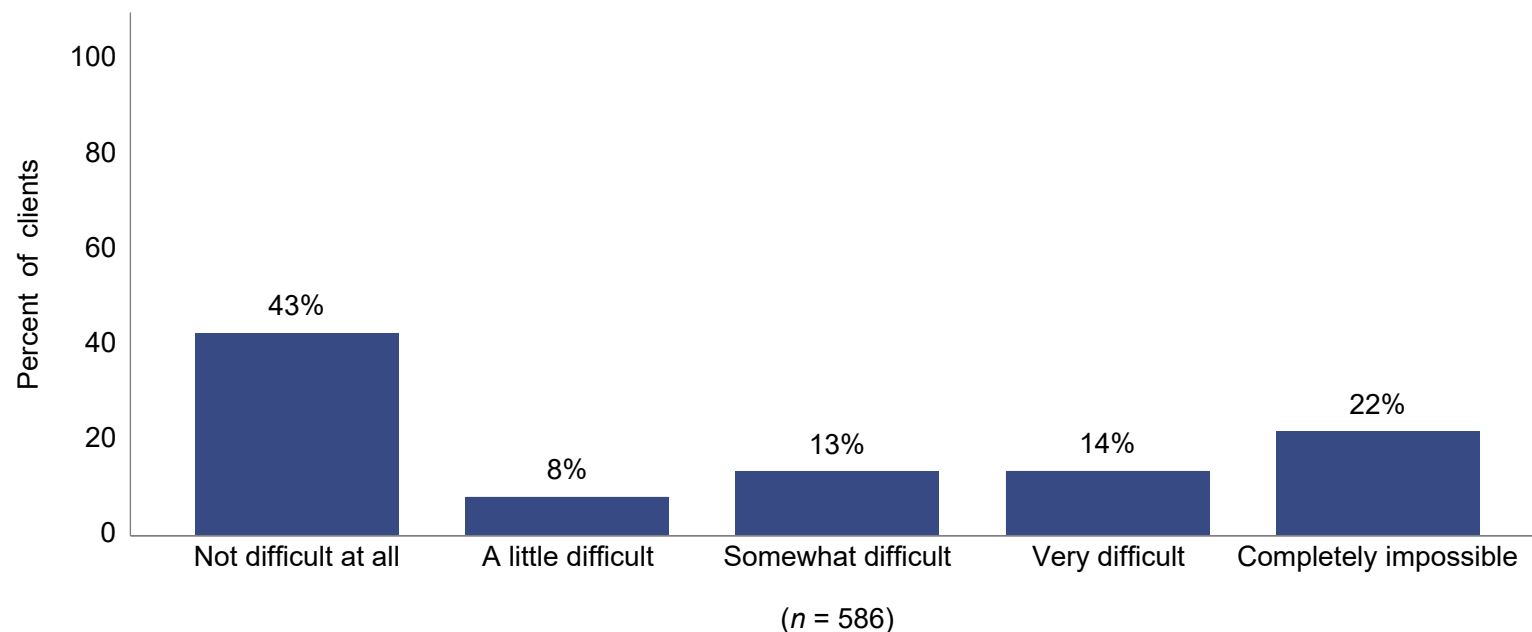


# Health Insurance Status





# Difficulties in Paying for HIV-Related Health Care Costs



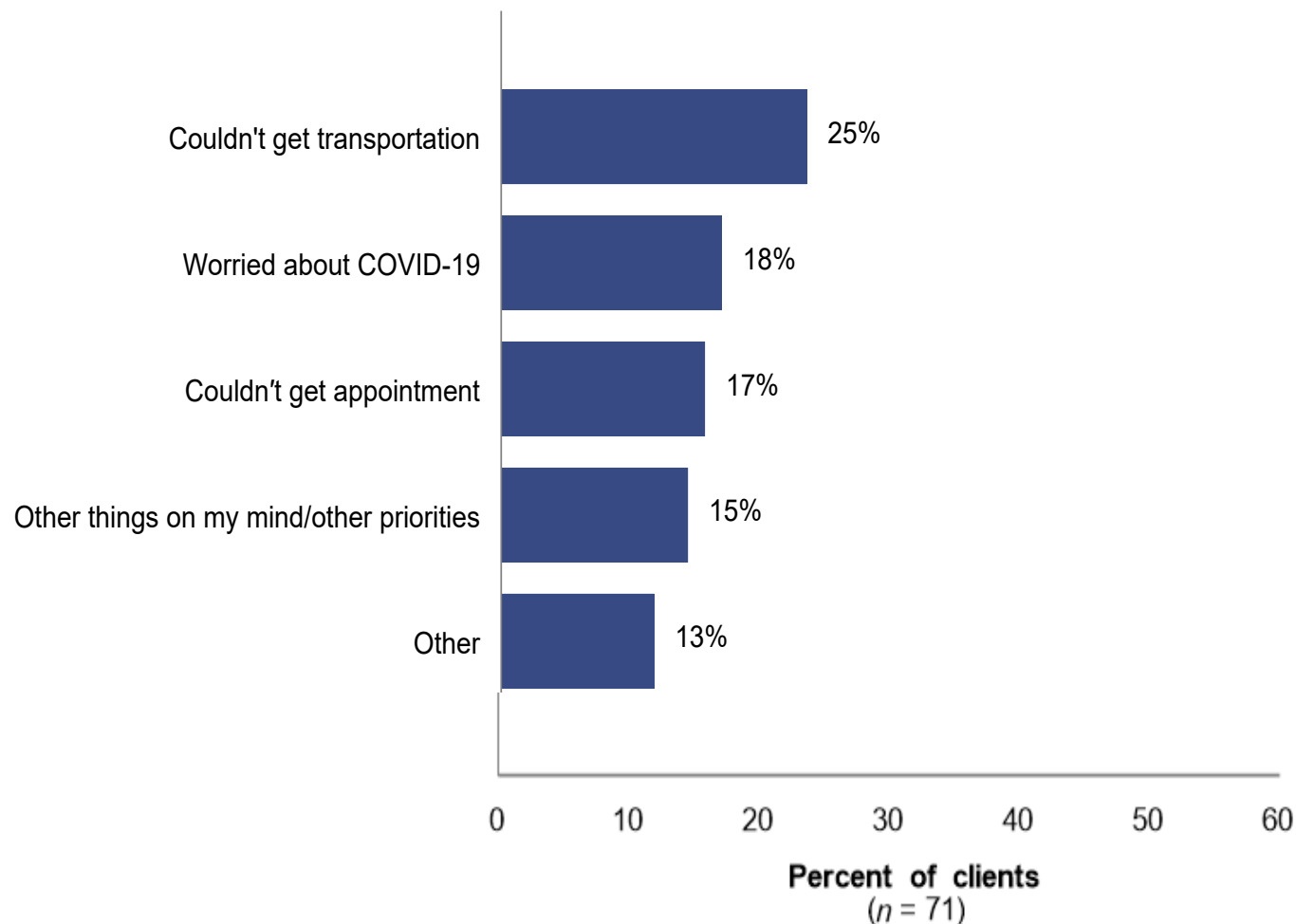
## Problems Encountered with Health Insurance

(n = 466)

- **11%** Paying bills for HIV-related care
- **8%** Paying bills for ER visits or hospitalization
- **8%** paying copayments
- **8%** Paying for HIV-related medications



# Reasons Didn't Receive Needed Medical Care

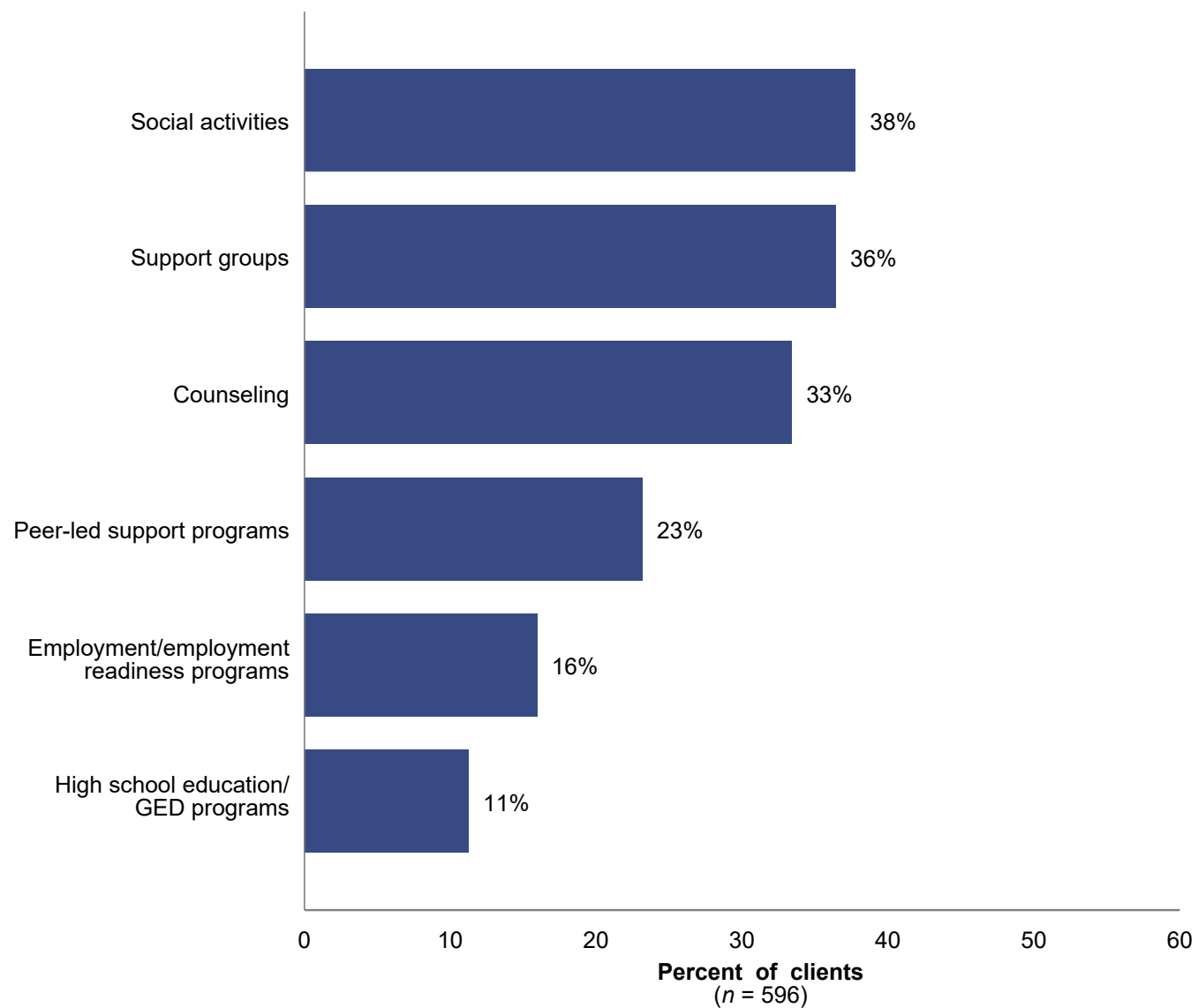


## Reasons Didn't Receive Needed Mental Health Care

(*n* = 78)

- **19%** Couldn't get transportation
- **17%** Couldn't get appointment
- **15%** Worried about COVID-19
- **14%** Other

# Interest in Psychosocial Support





# Highest Ranked Services Needed

## 2021

1. Primary Medical Care (77%)
2. Dental Care (69%)
3. Medical Case Management (54%)
4. Eye Care (53%)
5. Food Bank (52%)

## 2019

1. Primary Medical Care (84%)
2. Dental Care (82%)
3. Medical Case Management (75%)
4. Medication Assistance (70%)
5. Health Insurance Assistance (66%)





# Highest Ranked Gaps in Services:

## 2021

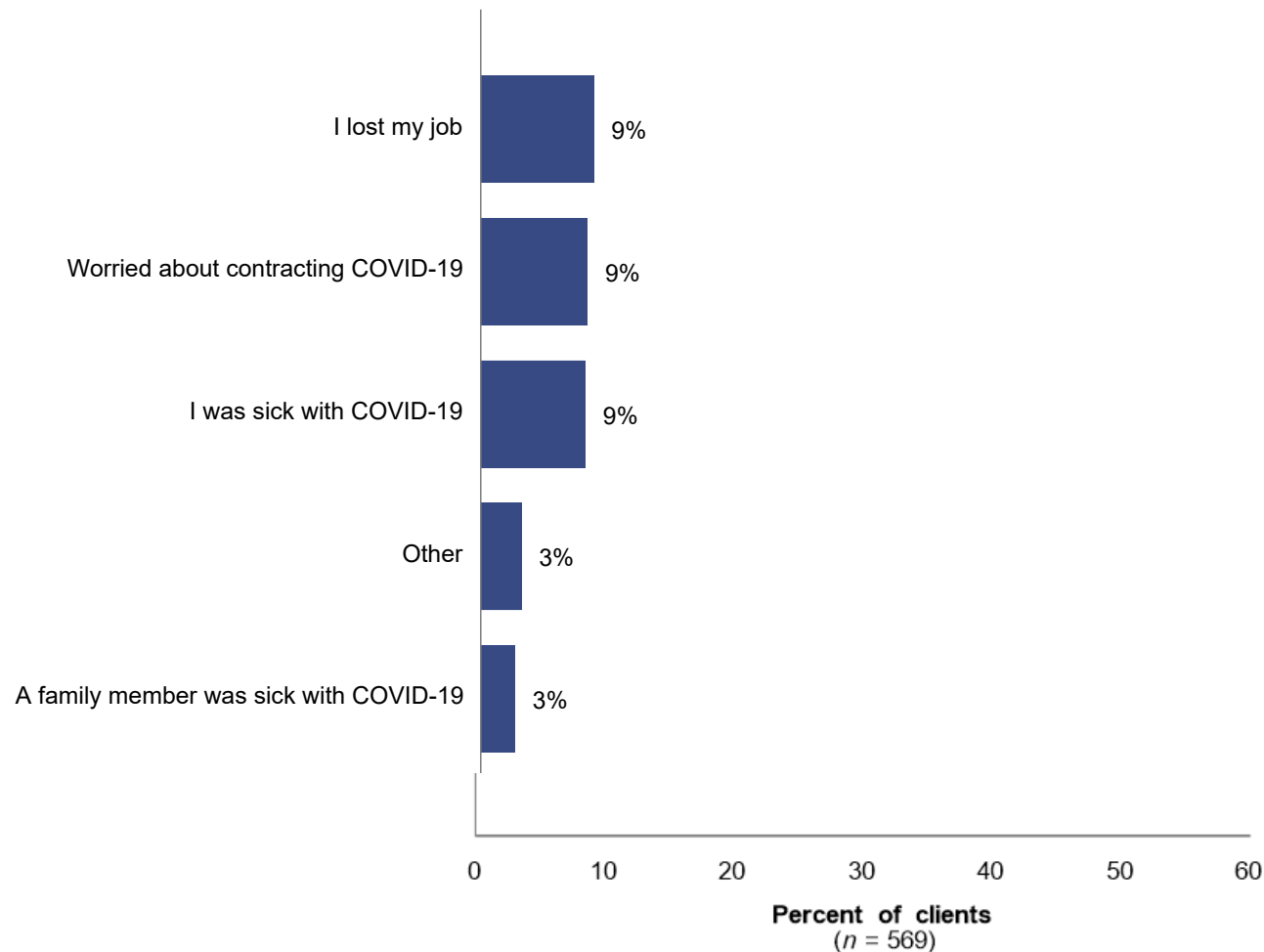
1. Emergency Housing Service (22%)
2. Dental Care (21%)
3. Emergency Financial Assistance (20%)
4. Housing Assistance (19%)
5. Someone to Help Find Affordable Housing (18%)

## 2019

1. Emergency Financial Assistance (28%)
2. Someone to Help Find Safe Housing (26%)
3. Permanent, Independent Housing (26%)
4. Housing Assistance (24%)
5. Emergency Housing Services (24%)



## Unable to work in Past 12 Months Related to COVID-19



**59%** had an HIV-Related Medical Care Visit via Telehealth in the Past 12 Months  
(*n* = 605)

**20%** had been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the Past 12 Months  
(*n* = 608)



## Questions

- **Any questions on New Orleans specific findings?**



## Part 8: Focus on Baton Rouge



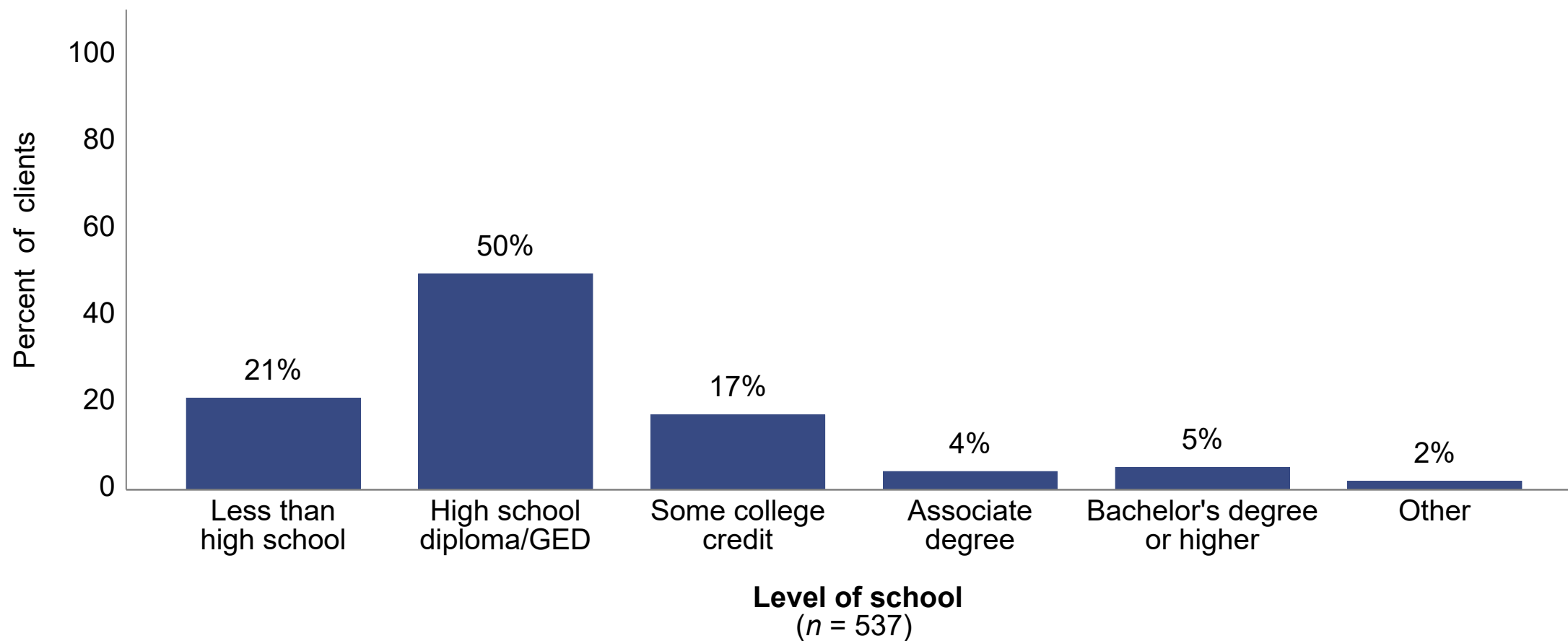
1% identified as  
Latino/Latina/Latinx  
/Hispanic  
(*n* = 551)

8% identified as a  
person of Trans  
Experience  
(*n* = 550)

# Background Characteristics

Gender	( <i>n</i> = 557)
Male	49%
Female	50%
Something Else	0.4%
Prefer not to say	1%
Race	( <i>n</i> = 560)
Black	92%
White	5%
Other	2%
Multiracial	1%
Age	( <i>n</i> = 554)
24 years or under	5%
25-44 years	39%
45-64 years	49%
65 years or older	8%

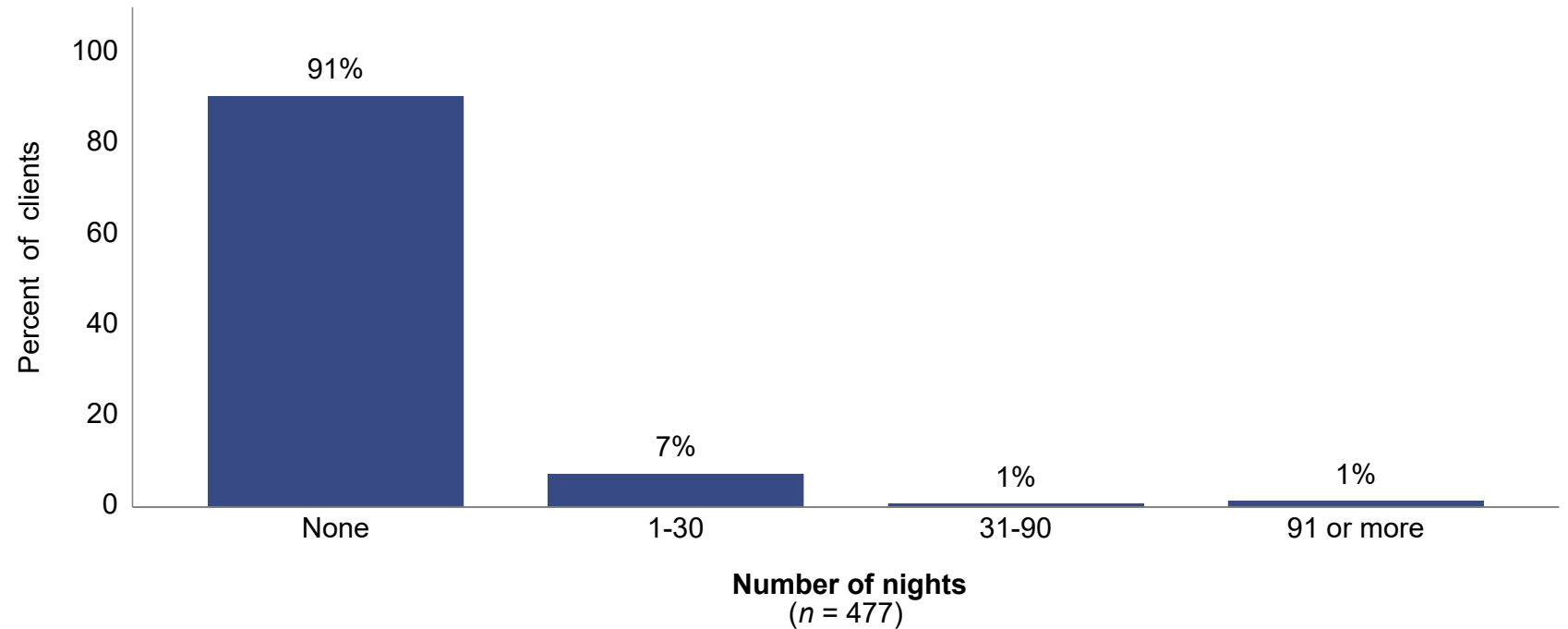
# Highest Level of School Completed



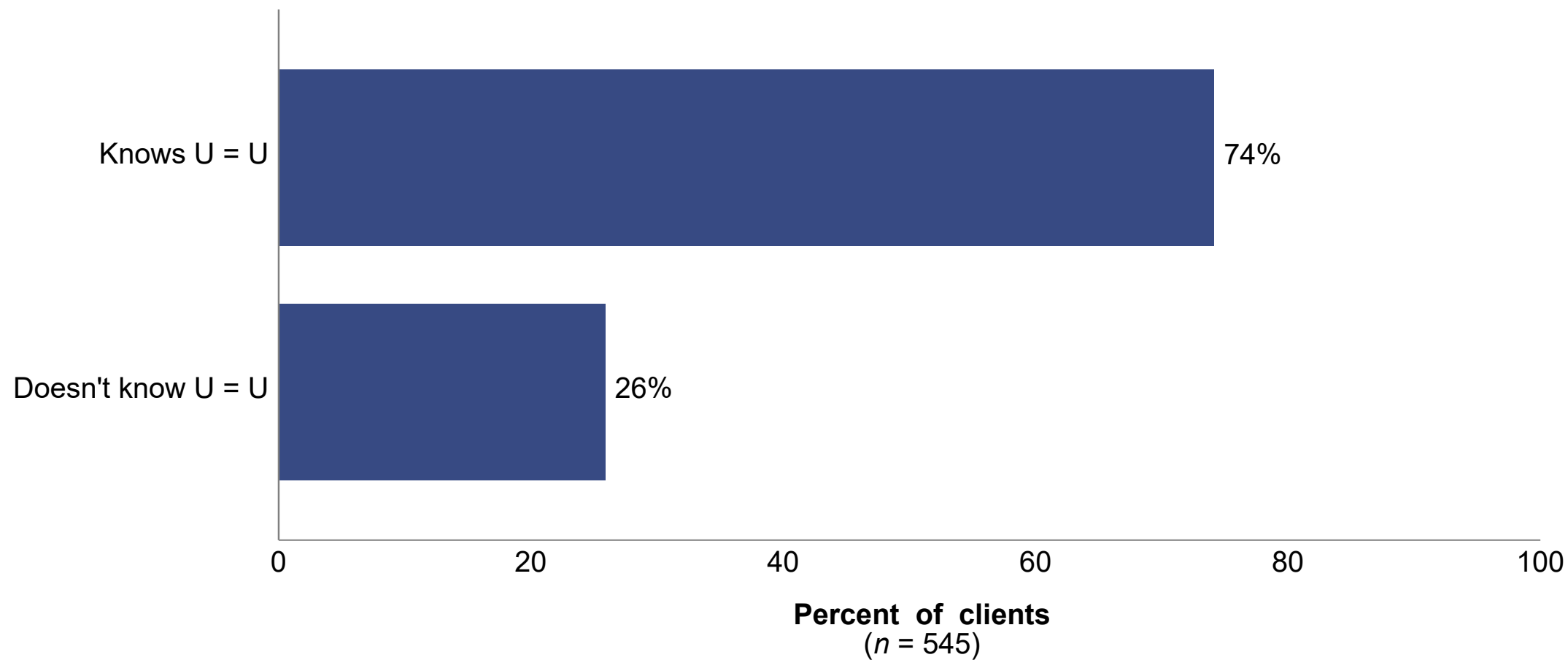


**83% Did Not  
Have Trouble  
Obtaining  
Housing in the  
Past 12 Months  
(n = 520)**

## Night Spent Homeless or Without a Place to Sleep in the Past 12 Months

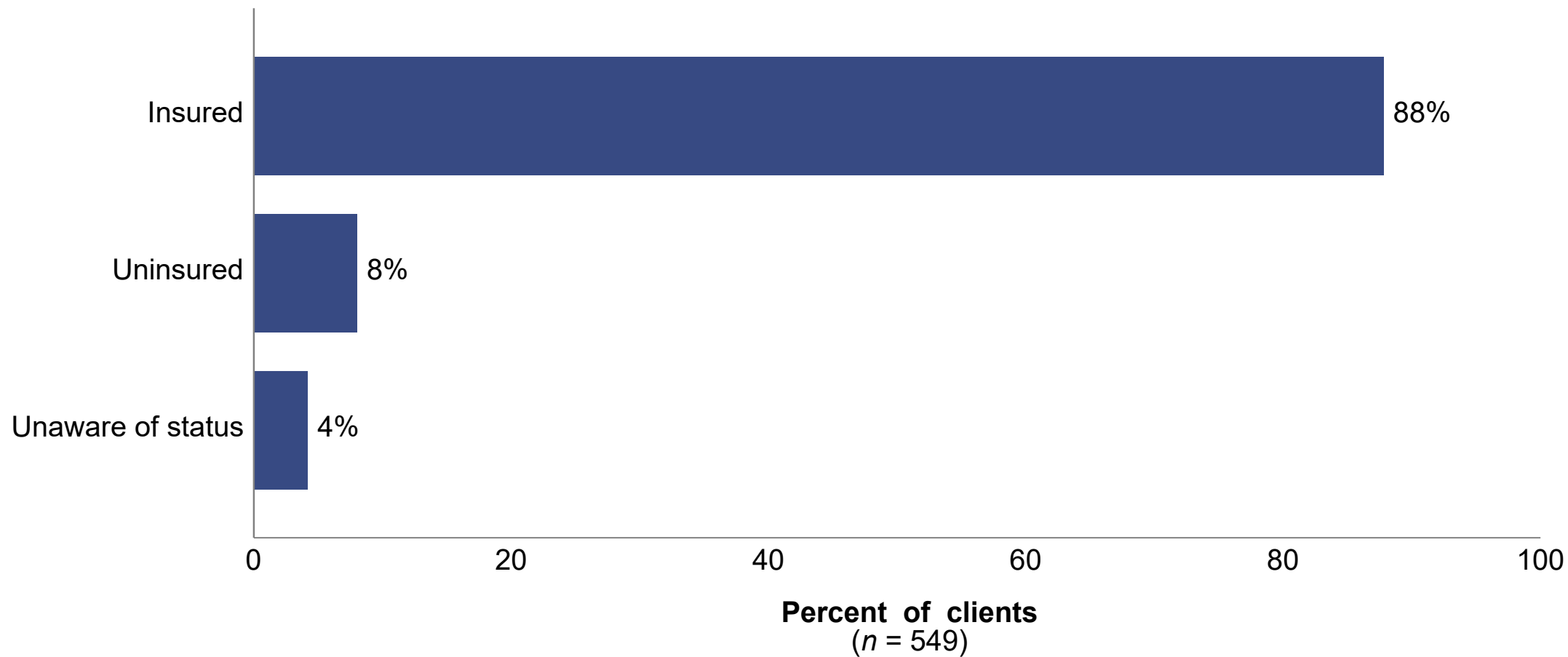


# Knows That Undetectable = Untransmittable





# Health Insurance Status



## Reasons Didn't Receive Needed Mental Health Care

(*n* = 78)

**20%** Didn't want anyone to know living with HIV

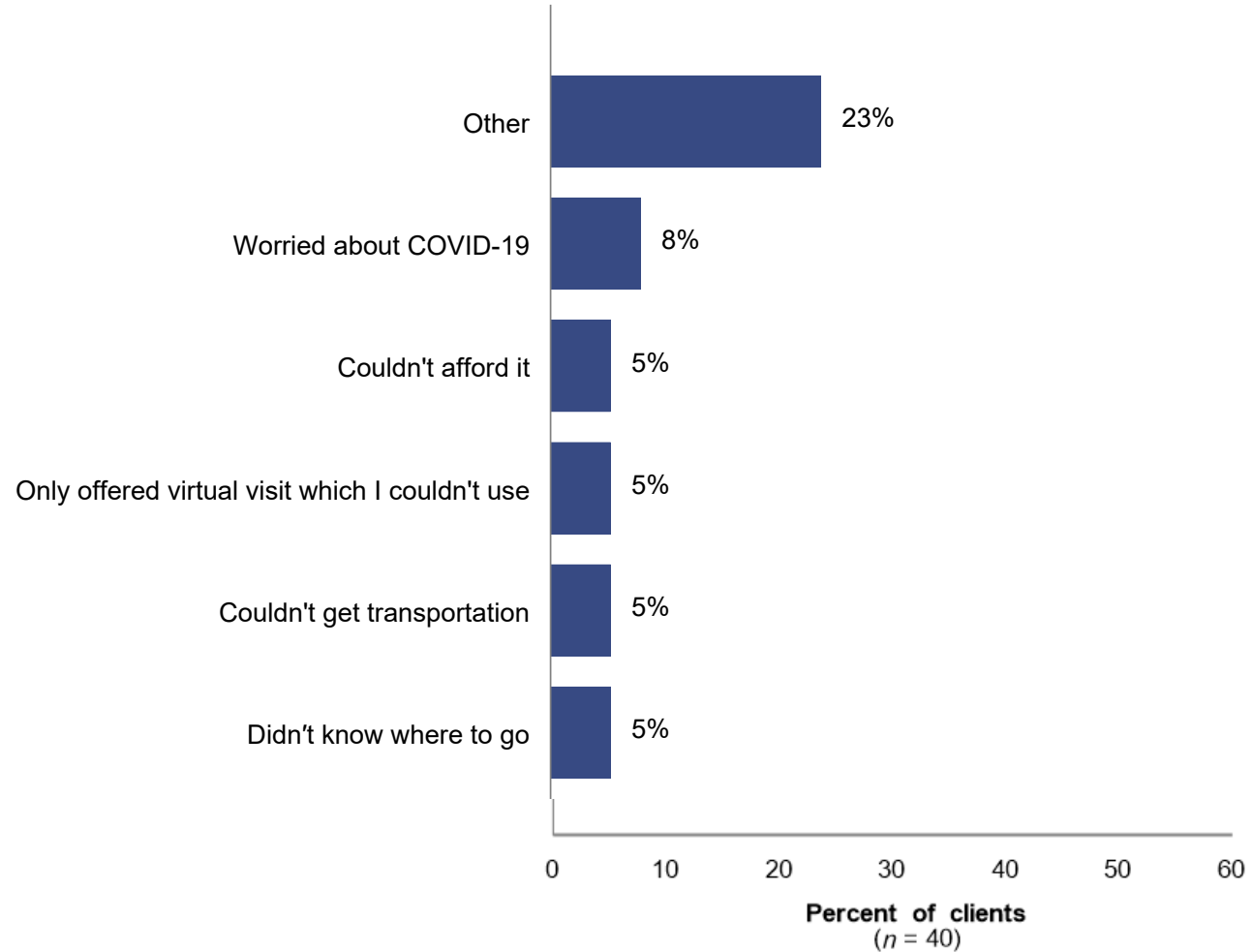
**14%** Other priorities

**11%** Didn't know where to go

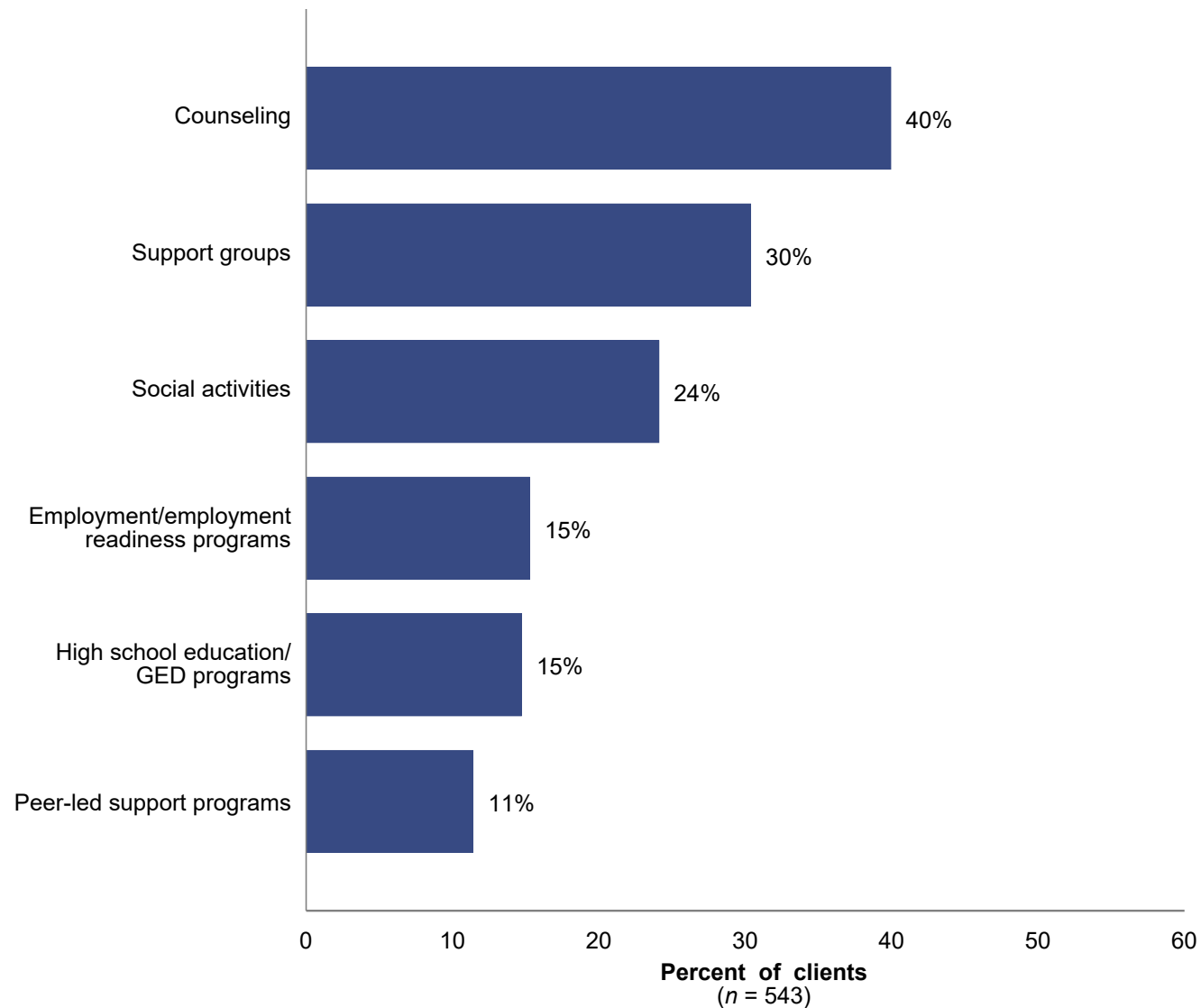
**9%** Other

**9%** Worried about COVID-19

## Reasons Didn't Receive Needed Medical Care



# Interest in Psychosocial Support





# Highest Ranked Services Needed

## 2021

1. Dental Care (78%)
2. Eye Care (68%)
3. Primary Medical Care (66%)
4. Emergency Housing Service (58%)
5. Medical Case Management (52%)

## 2019

1. Primary Medical Care (83%)
2. Dental Care (78%)
3. Medical Case Management (74%)
4. Emergency Financial Assistance (59%)
5. Eye Care (Vision Services) (58%)



# Highest Ranked Gaps in Services

## 2021

1. Dental Care (27%)
2. Emergency Housing Service (24%)
3. Eye Care (22%)
4. Housing Assistance (17%)
5. Emergency Financial Assistance (15%)

## 2019

1. Emergency Financial Assistance (19%)
2. Food Bank (18%)
3. Housing Assistance (17%)
4. Eye Care (17%)
5. Emergency Housing Service (16%)



## Questions

- **Any Questions on Baton Rouge specific findings?**



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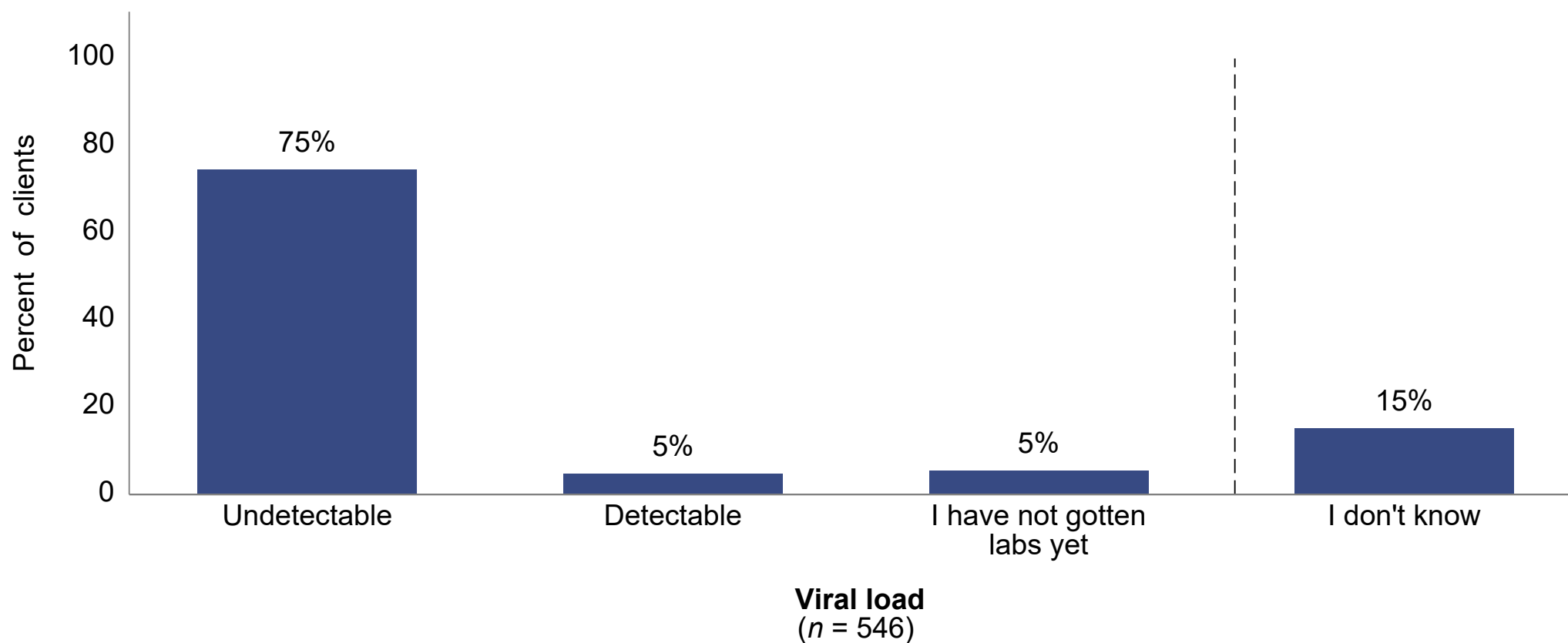
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# Current Viral Load (Baton Rouge)



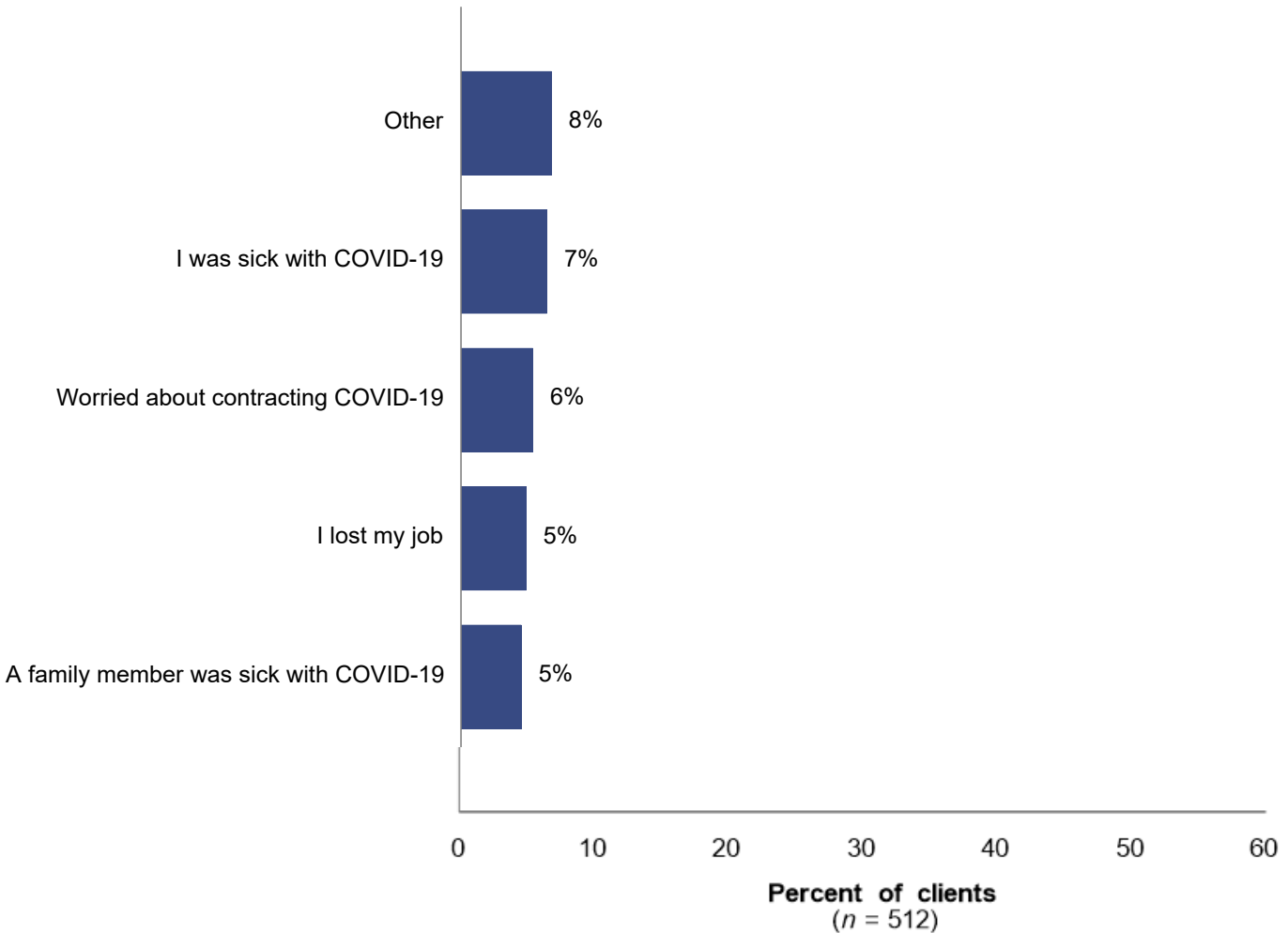




**59%** had an HIV-Related Medical Care Visit via Telehealth in the Past 12 Months  
(*n* = 560)

**19%** had been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the Past 12 Months  
(*n* = 568)

# Unable to Work in Past 12 Months Related to COVID-19 (Baton Rouge)





## Problems Encountered with Health Insurance

(n = 465)

**12%** Paying bills  
for HIV-related  
care

**5%** Paying  
copayments

**5%** Paying bills for  
dental or vision  
services

## Difficulties in Paying for HIV-Related Health Care Costs (Baton Rouge)

