

Homeless Enumeration in Hastings County

Preliminary Results

Poverty Roundtable Meeting
June 13, 2018



Bridge Street United Church Food Ministry

- Providing meal support to food insecure population for 20+ years
 - In 2017, served 14,436 meals (11% increase over 2016)
- Homelessness and food insecurity are intertwined aspects of poverty
- Reliable, contextual evidence is essential for supporting community development and positive social change



Community Development Council of Quinte

To positively impact the quality of life and health of individuals in our communities through research, programs and services

- Grassroots community development and social planning
- Programs to address poverty and food insecurity including:
 - Good Food Box
 - Good Baby Box
 - Good Food Markets
 - Community Kitchens
 - Community Gardens



Homeless Enumeration is...

- An enumeration (count) of the **number** of people who are experiencing homelessness over a specific **period of time**, in a given geographical **area**.
- **4 Communities:** Belleville, Quinte West, Madoc, Bancroft
- **One week:** April 17 – 23, 2018

Types of homelessness

Unsheltered – “sleeping rough,” sleeping in public places or places not intended for human habitation (e.g. cars, vacant buildings)

Emergency Sheltered – accessing emergency shelters or hotel/motel beds in lieu of shelters

Provisionally Accommodated – living temporarily with others (e.g. couch-surfing), or temporary rental arrangements. Also transitional housing and institutions where individuals may be discharged into homelessness.

Method: Period Prevalence Count

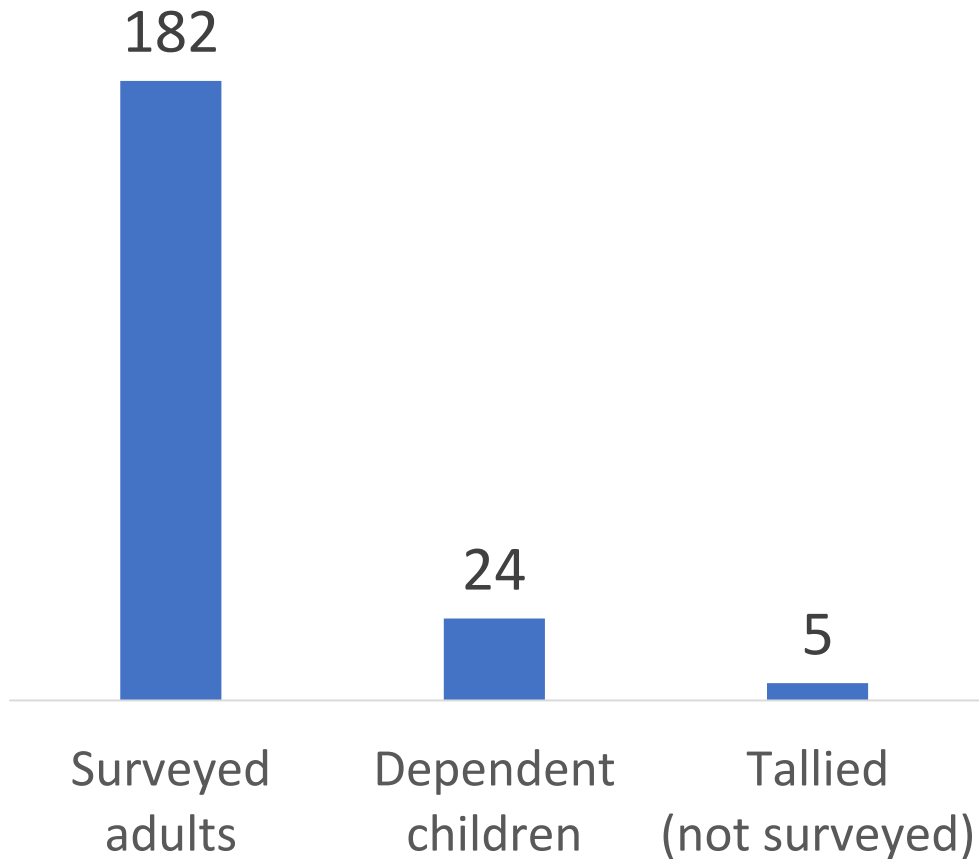
- Survey locations set up at service provider and other locations in each community
- Publicized through service provider networks, media coverage, word of mouth
- Survey tool administered by trained staff & volunteers
- \$10 cash honorarium provided to survey participants

Limitations: How to understand & use the data

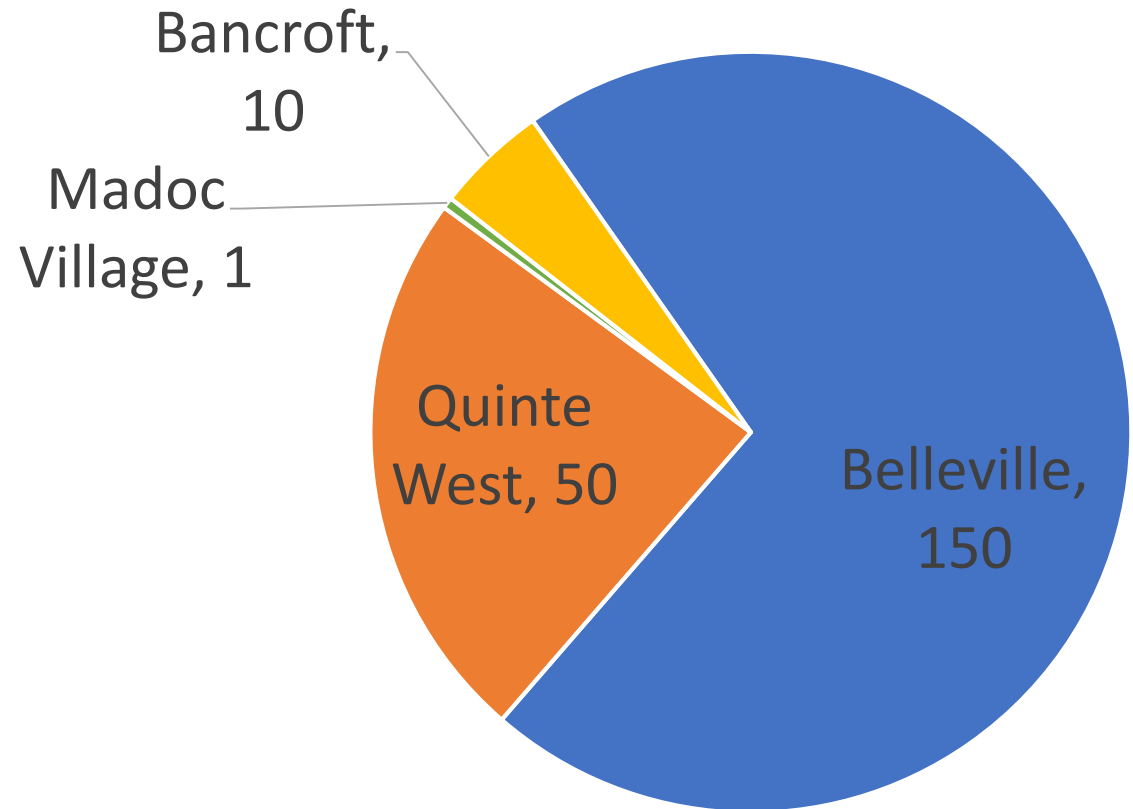
- A minimum number of people experiencing homelessness
- A snapshot of homelessness in our communities
- Confidence in generalizing results comes from number of surveys & triangulation
 - Most reliable for Belleville and Quinte West

Number of surveys completed

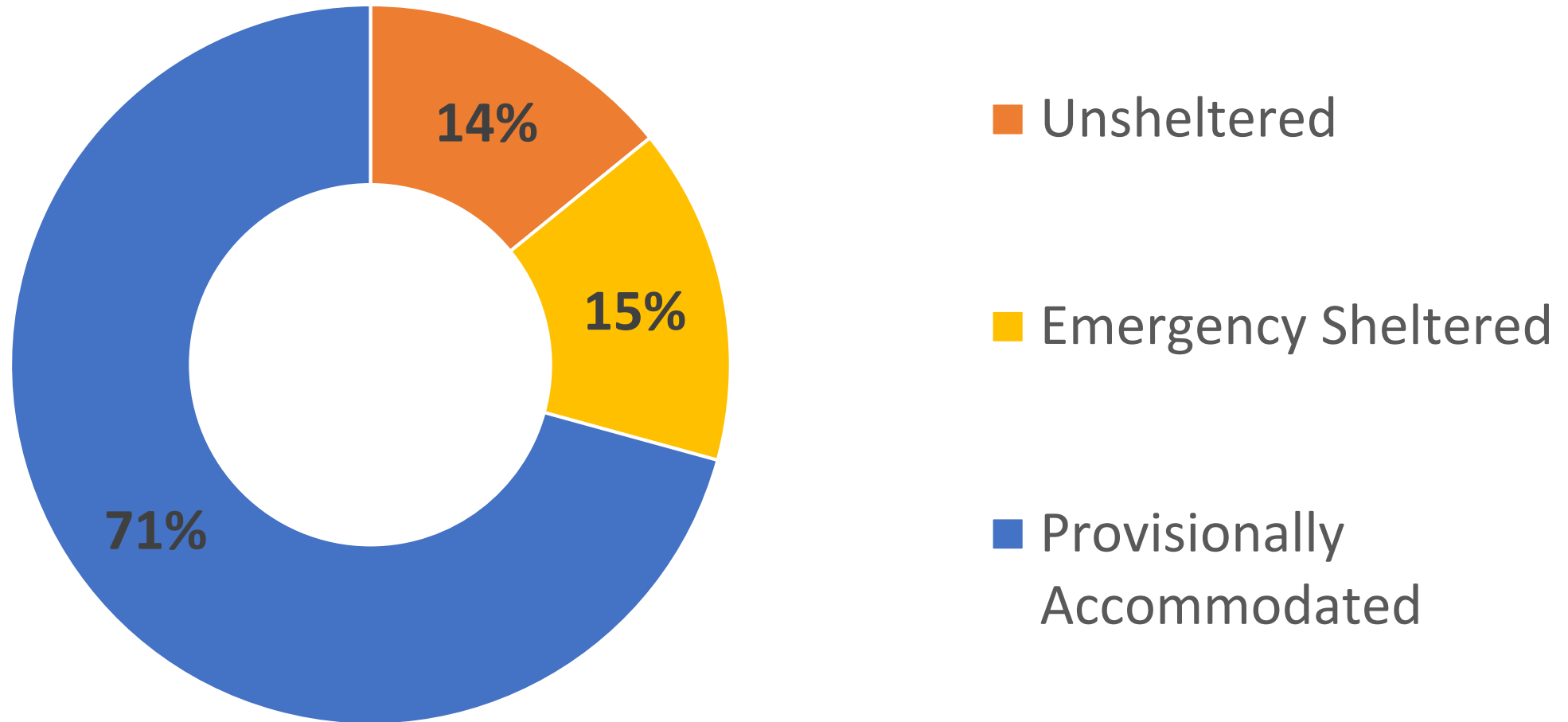
How individuals were identified (n=211)



Where individuals are experiencing homelessness (n=211)

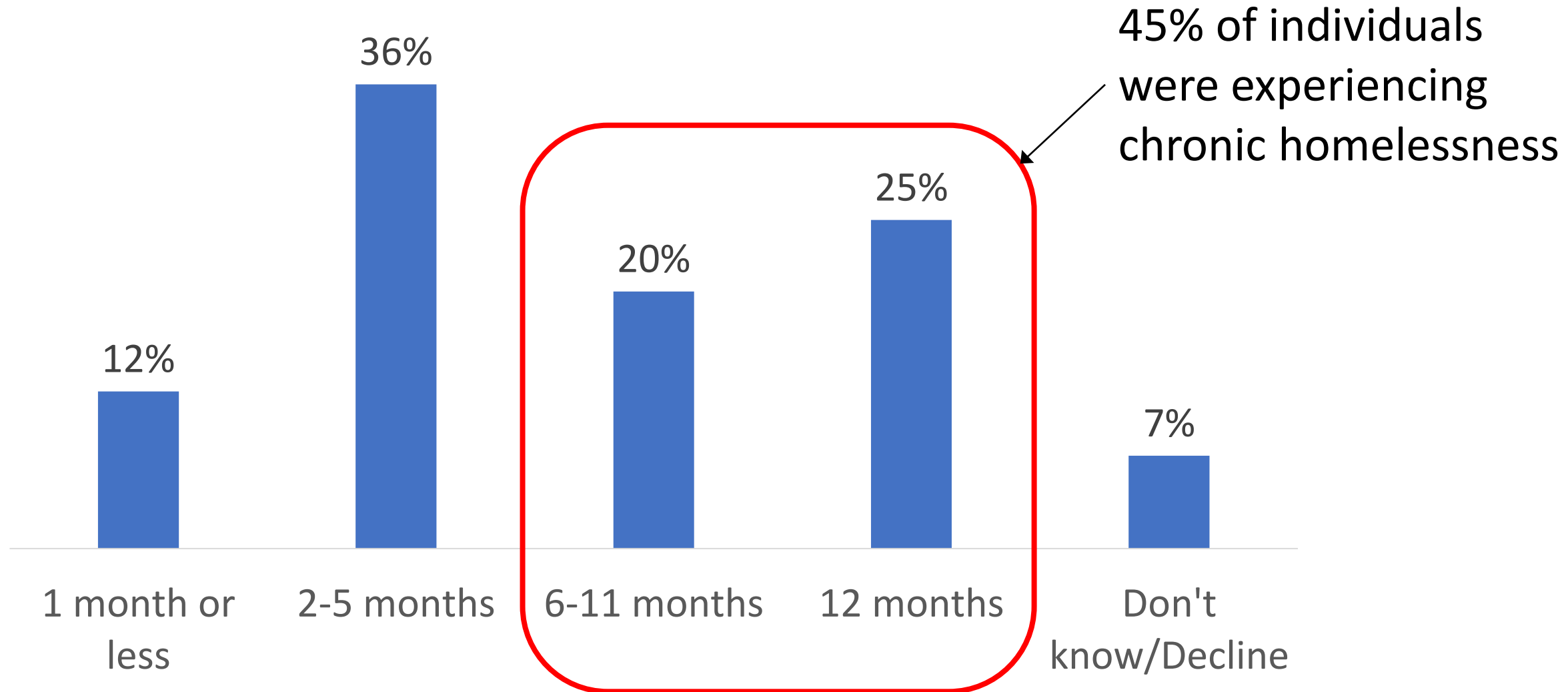


Type of Homelessness (n=205)

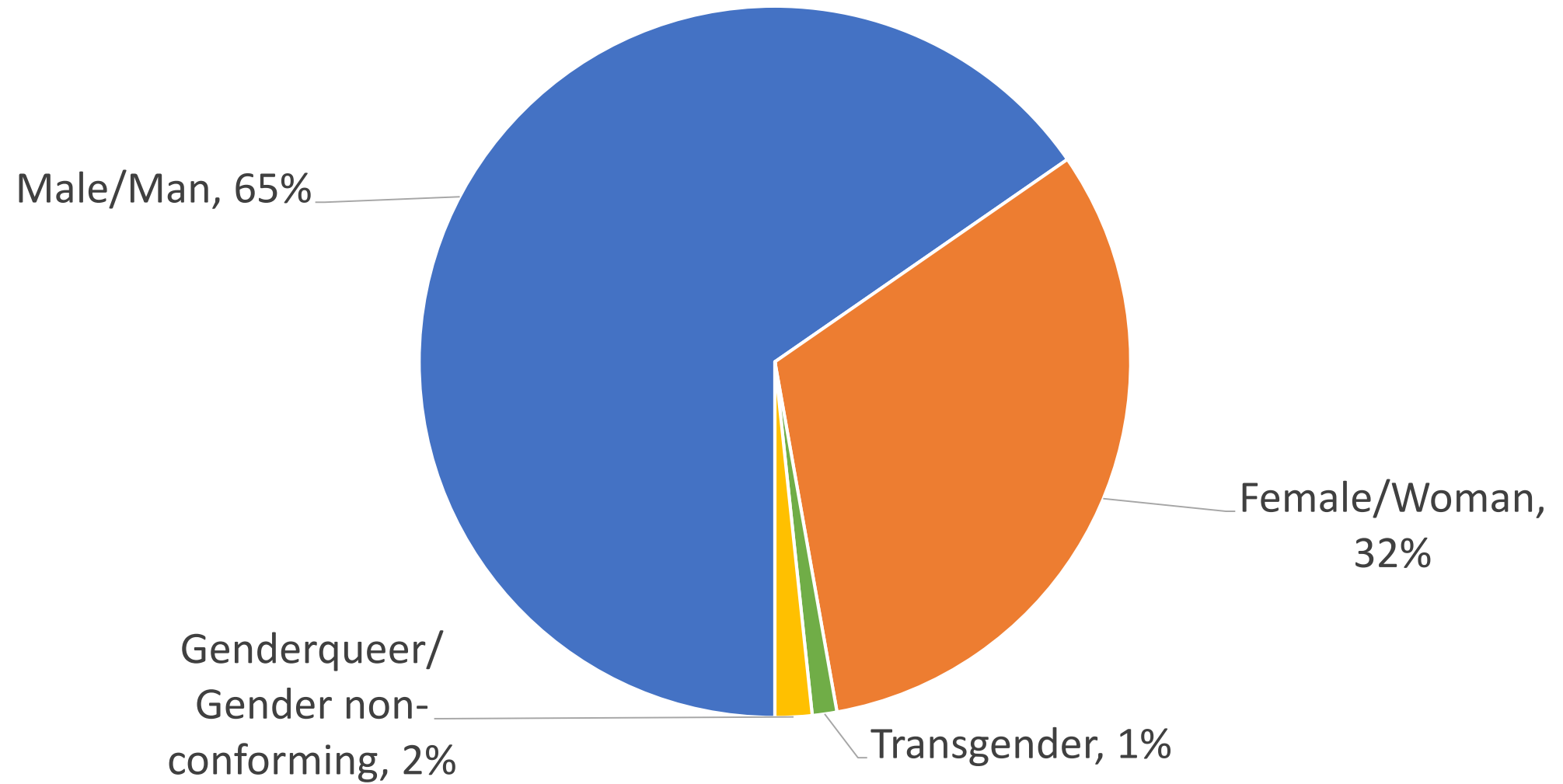


Amount of time homeless in past 12 months

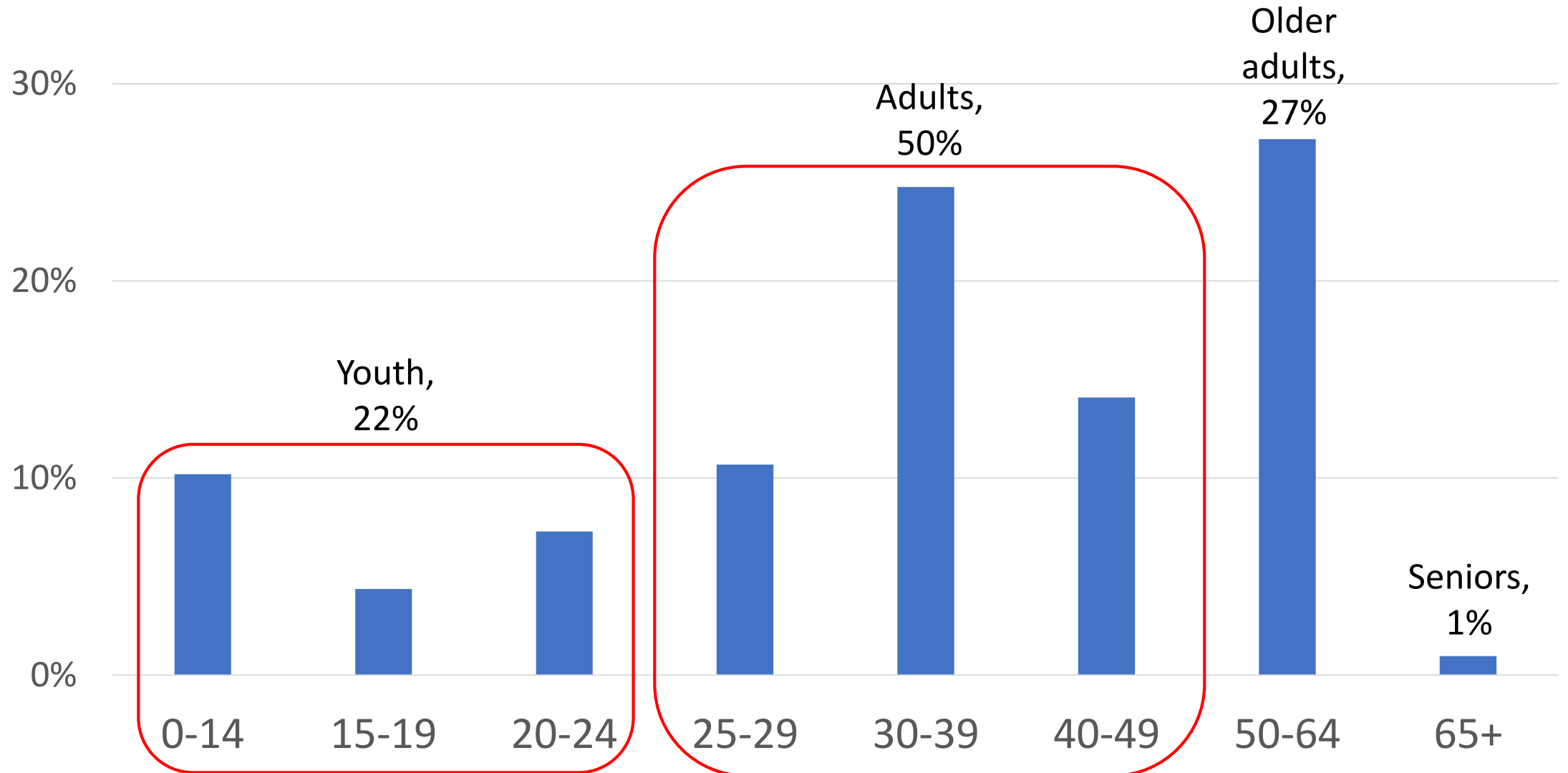
(n=182)



Gender Identity (n=179)

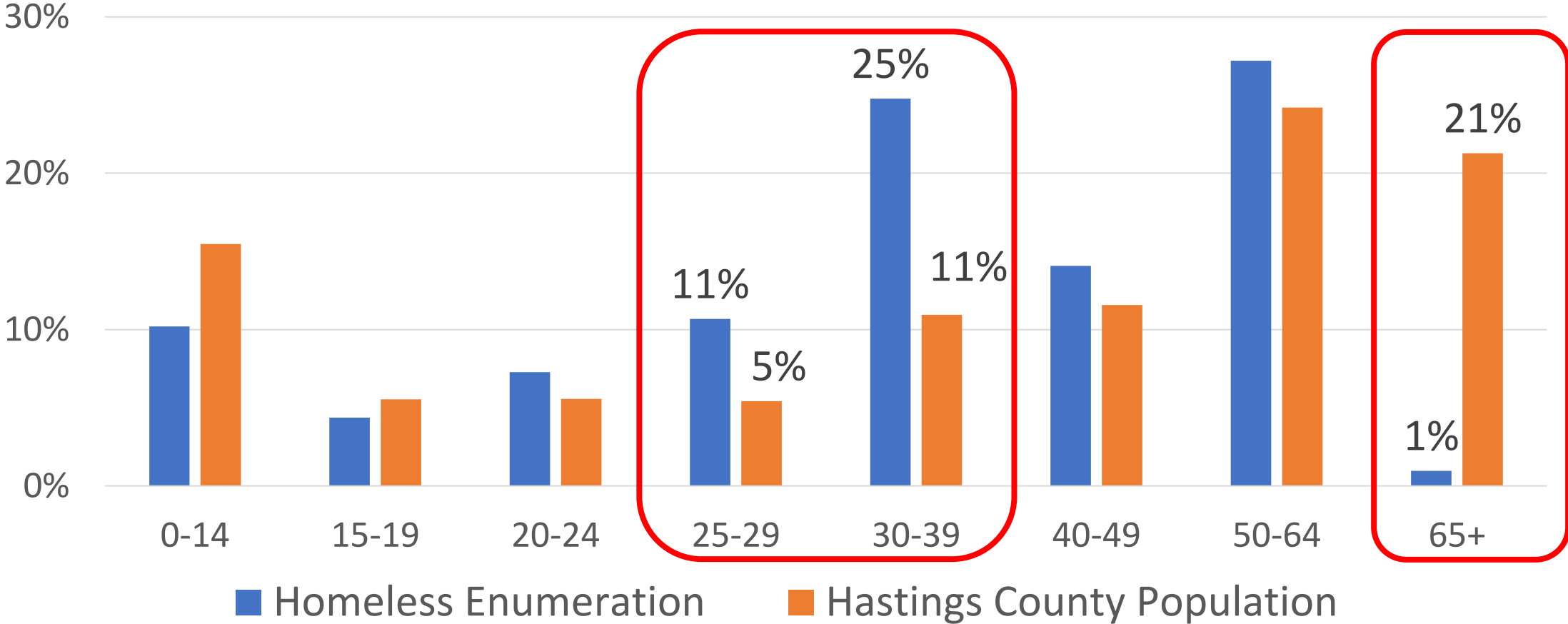


Age of Respondents (n=205)

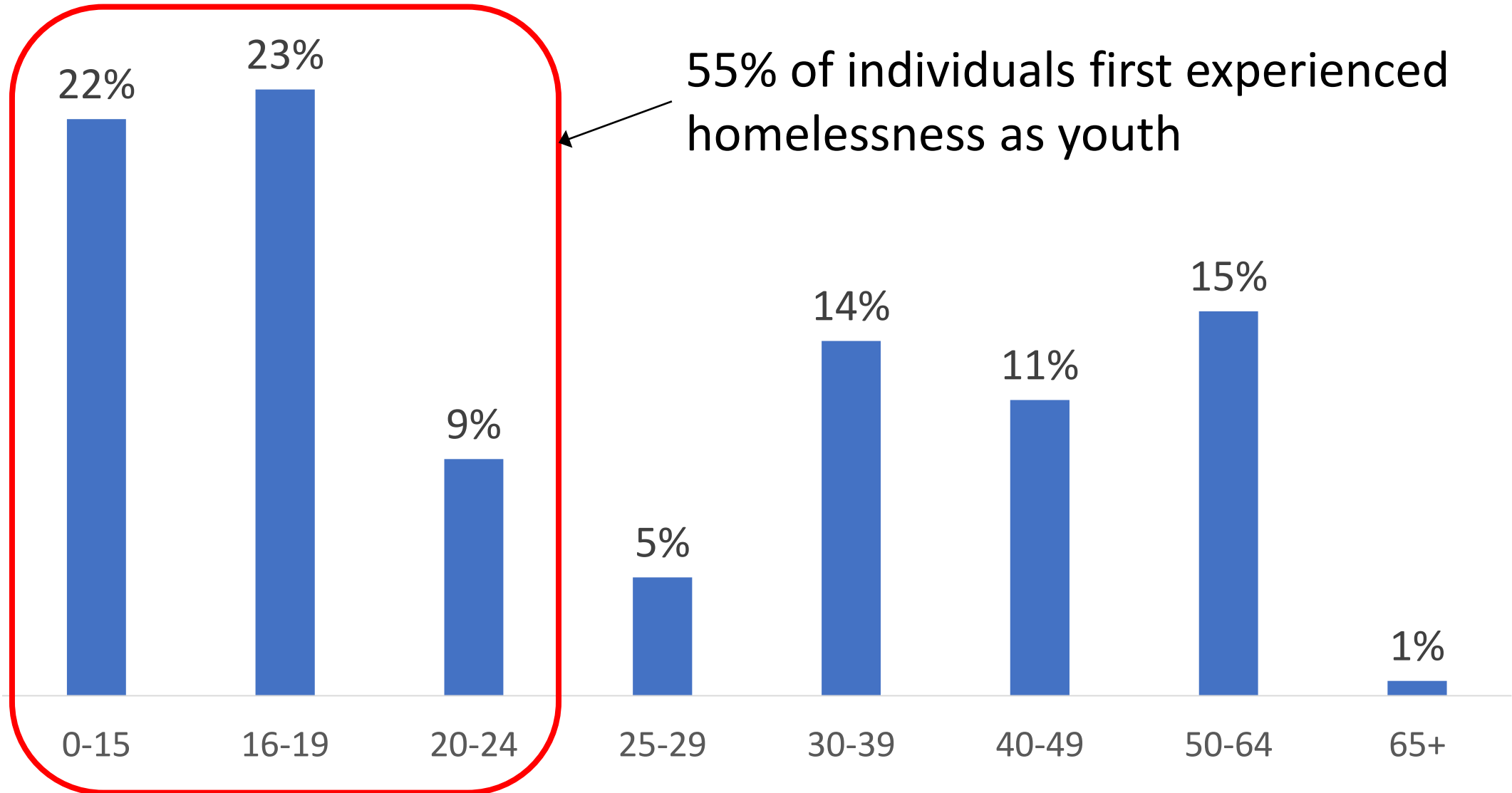


Age of respondents vs. total population of Hastings County

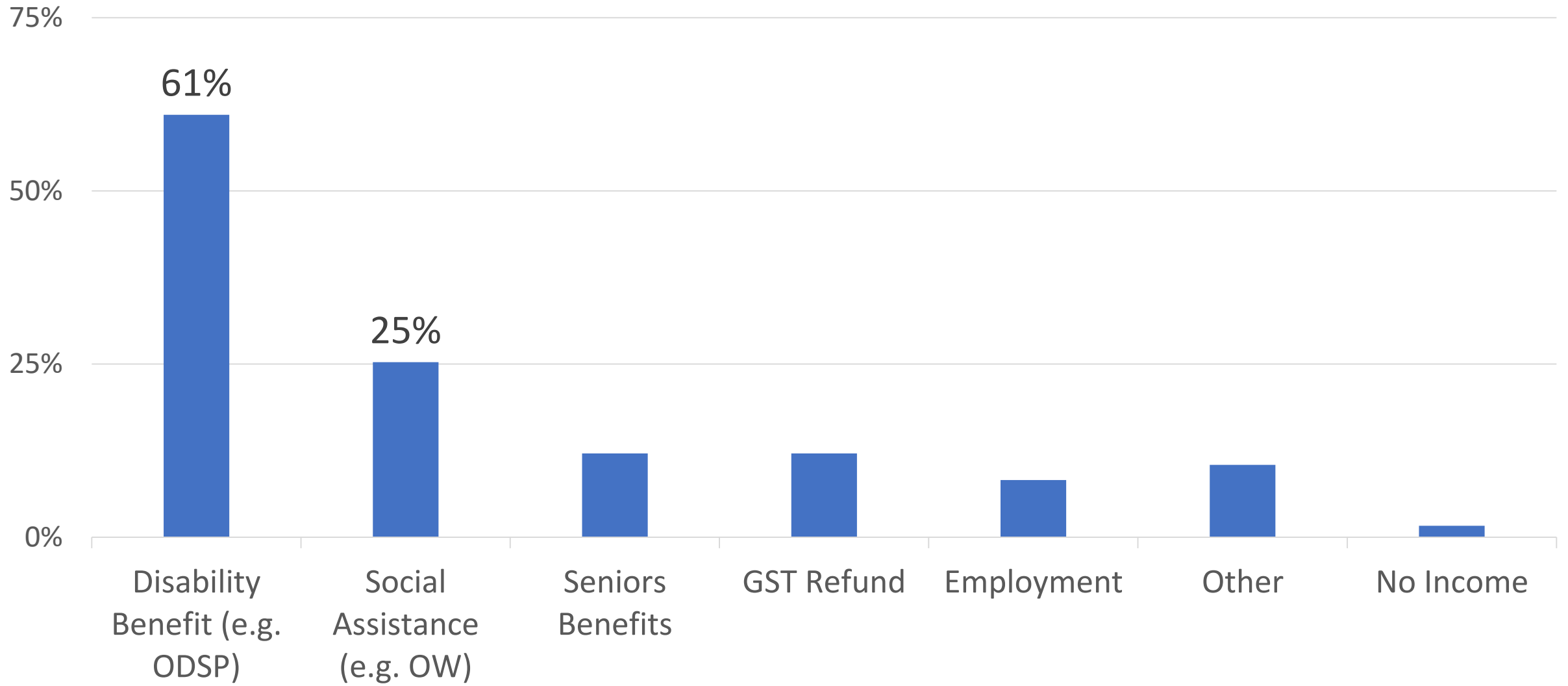
% Population by age range



Age at first experience of homelessness (n=175)

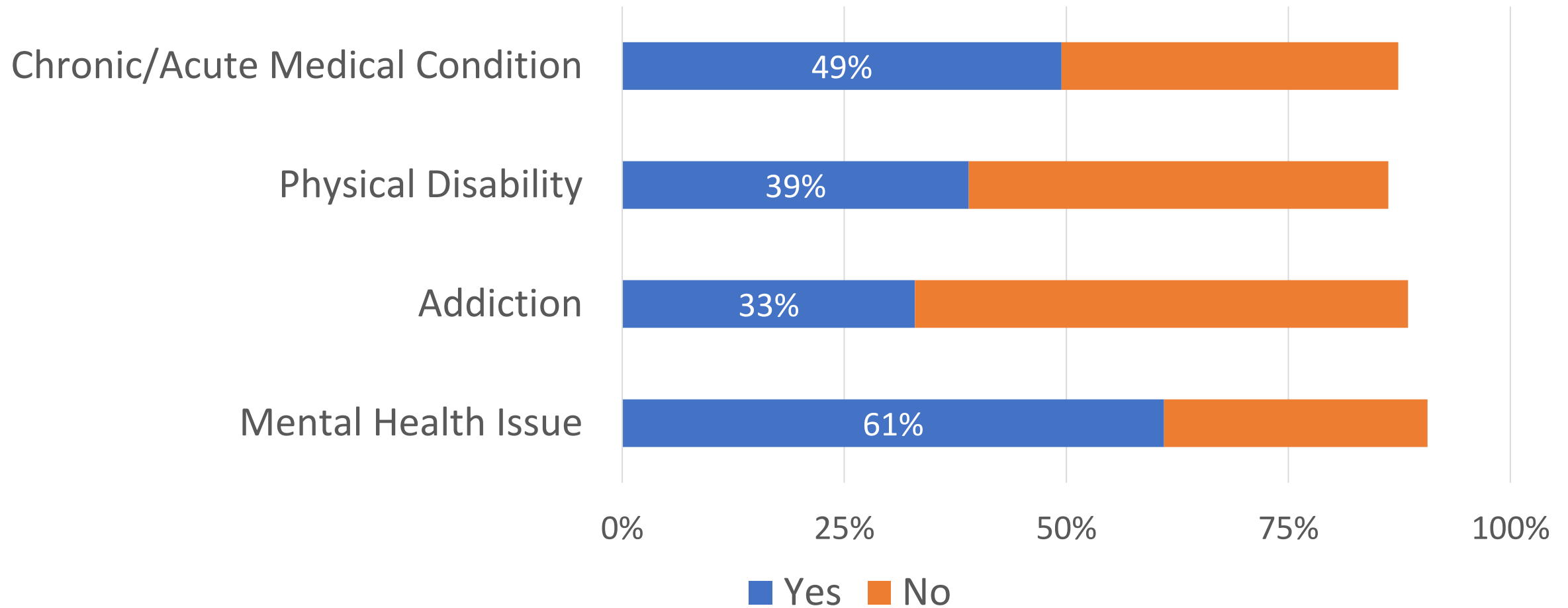


Source of Income (n=179)

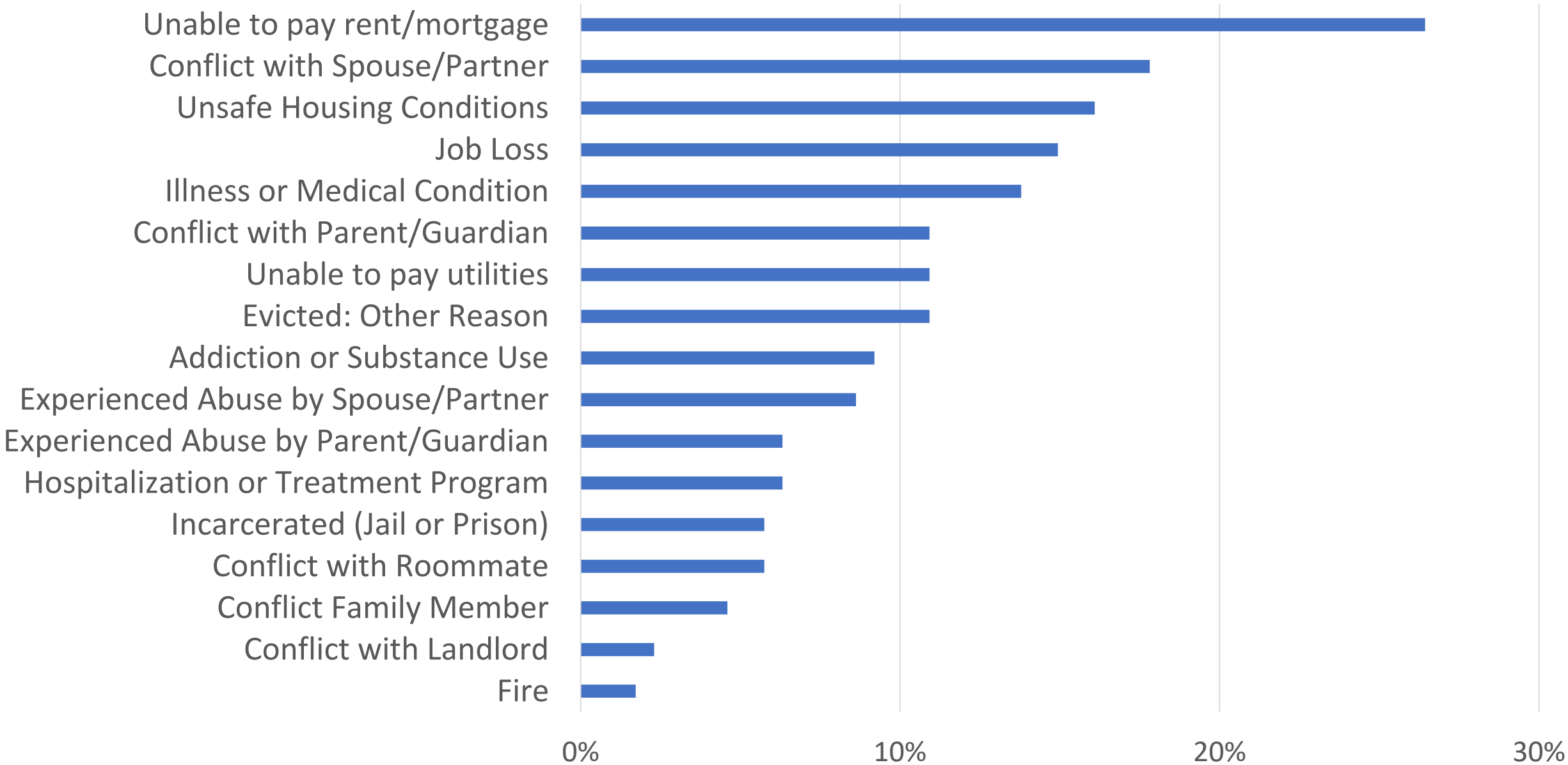


Self-reported health issues

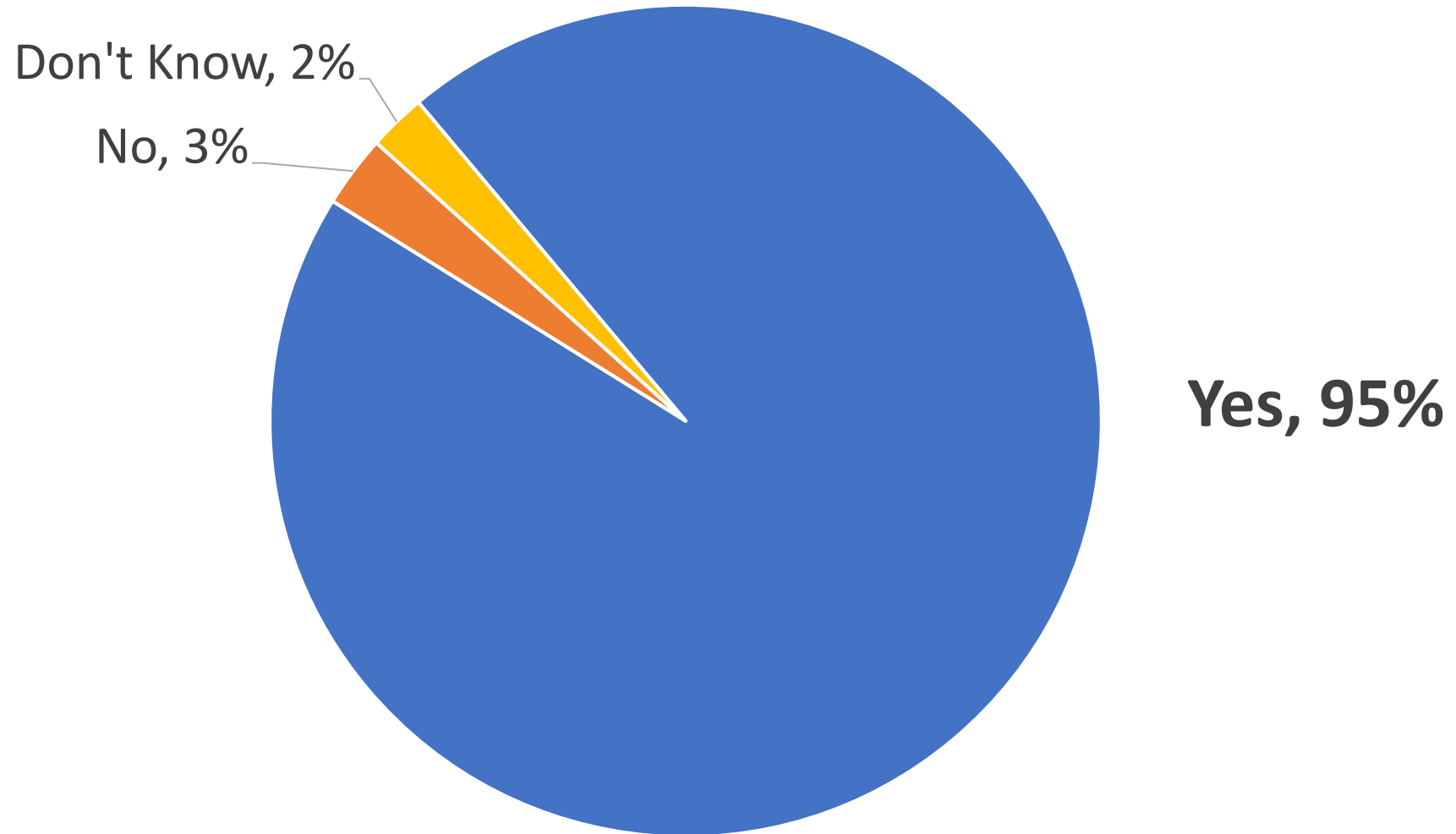
"Do you identify as having any of the following?" (n=182)



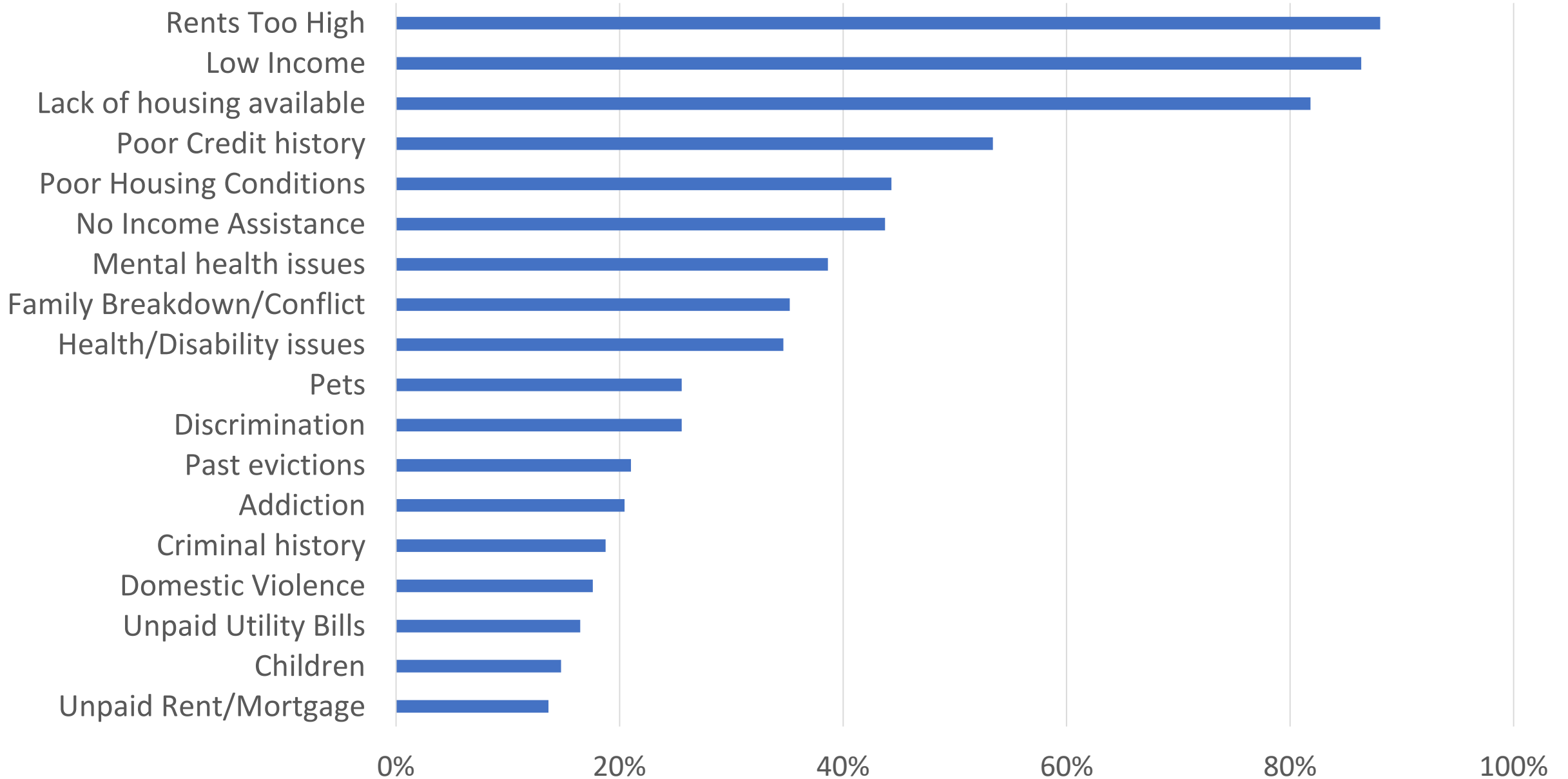
Cause of most recent experience of homelessness (n=174)



Do you want to get into permanent housing? (n=179)



Challenges experienced in finding housing (n=176)



Now what?

What actions will we take to address homelessness and the need for housing that is affordable in our communities?

Thank You!

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