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Welcome and Announcements

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Recovery Oriented Measures Survey (ROMS)

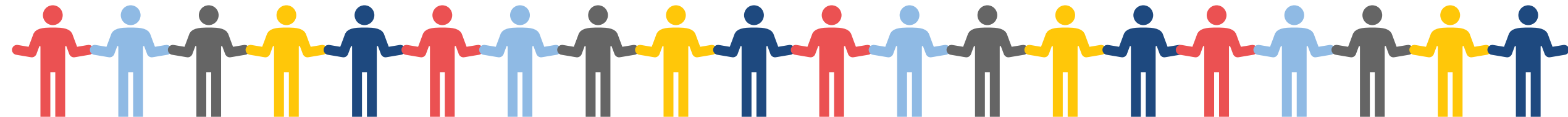
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Purpose and Goals

- Collect data on Peer Based Recovery Support Services (PBRSS) in RI
- Evaluate peer consumer's satisfaction with their Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (PRS)
- Evaluate peer consumer's progress over time
- Identify which peer-based services are most helpful
- Use results to improve/make changes to PBRSS
- Use results to promote the benefits of PBRSS in successful recovery

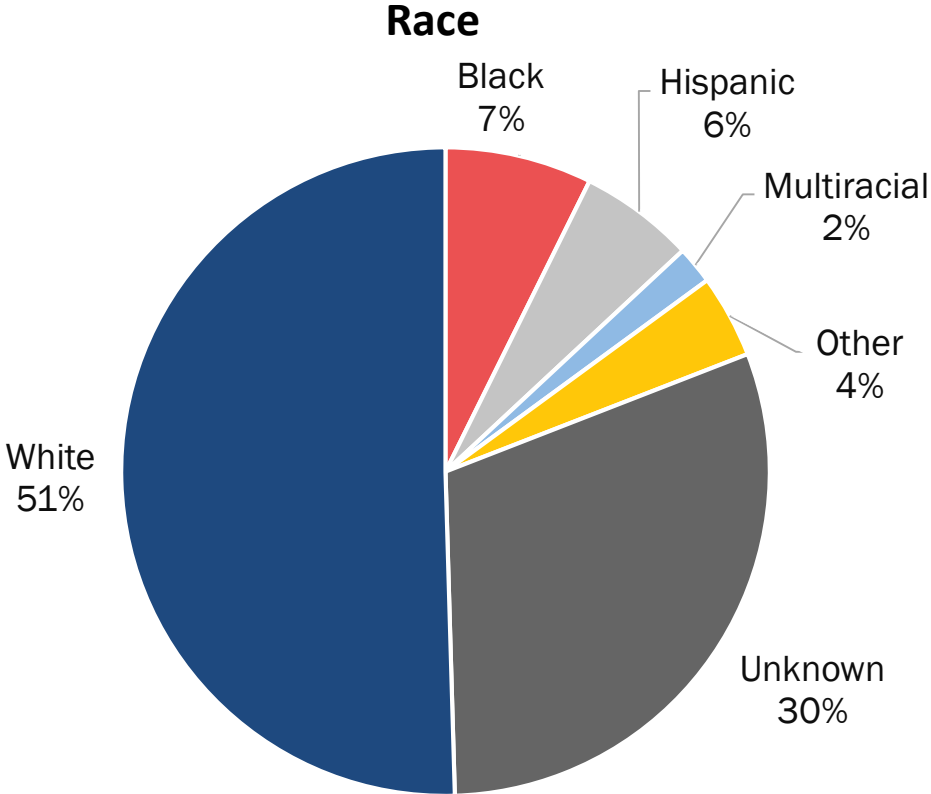


Current Data

- Agencies that participate in the ROMS: Amos House, Anchor Recovery, The Serenity Center (Community Care Alliance), East Bay Recovery, Fellowship Health Resources, Gateway, Newport Mental Health, Oasis, Open Doors, Parent Support Network, and Thrive
- ROMS submitted from October 2019 – July 16, 2023
- Anchor surveys submitted from January 2019 – July 17, 2023
- 3,858 total completed surveys
 - 2,388 were initial responses
 - 1,669 were completed by unique individuals with no follow-up survey yet

Demographics

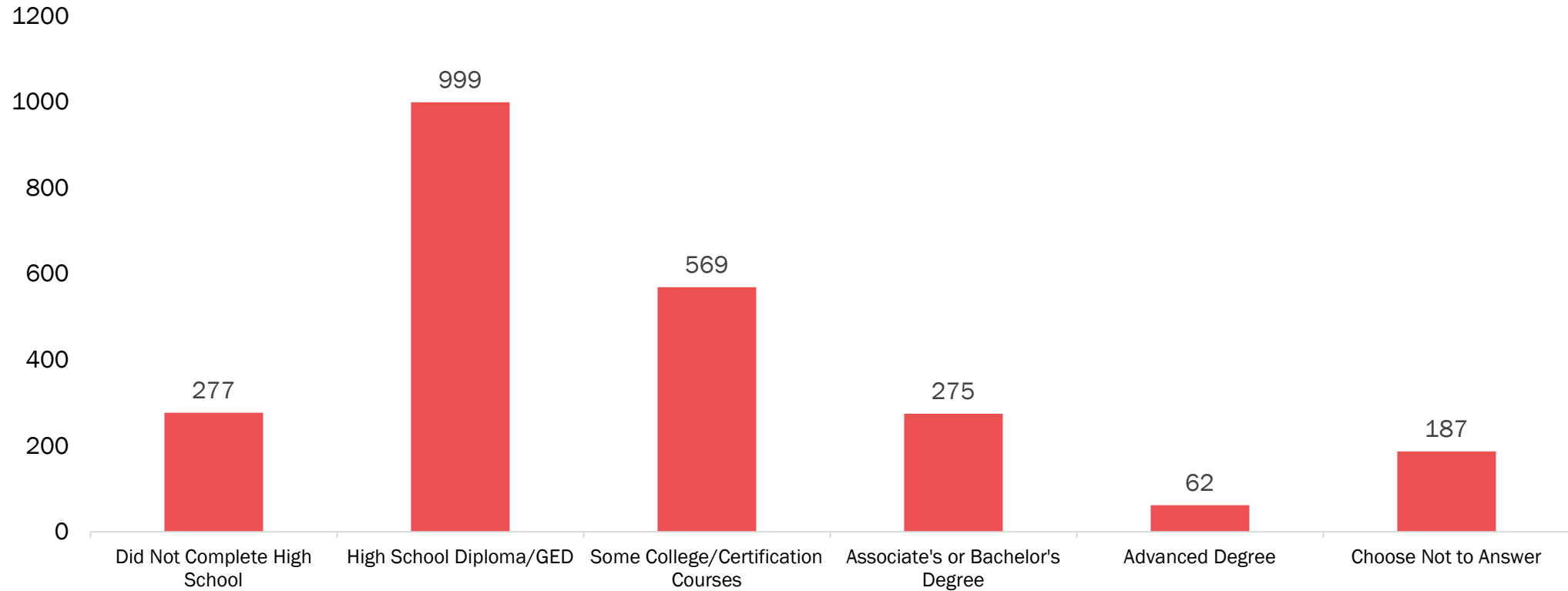
N=2,388



Gender	N (%)
Female	759 (33.5%)
Male	1,236 (54.5%)
Non-Binary	9 (0.4%)
Transgender F - M	6 (0.3%)
Transgender M - F	6 (0.3%)
Unknown	250 (11.0%)

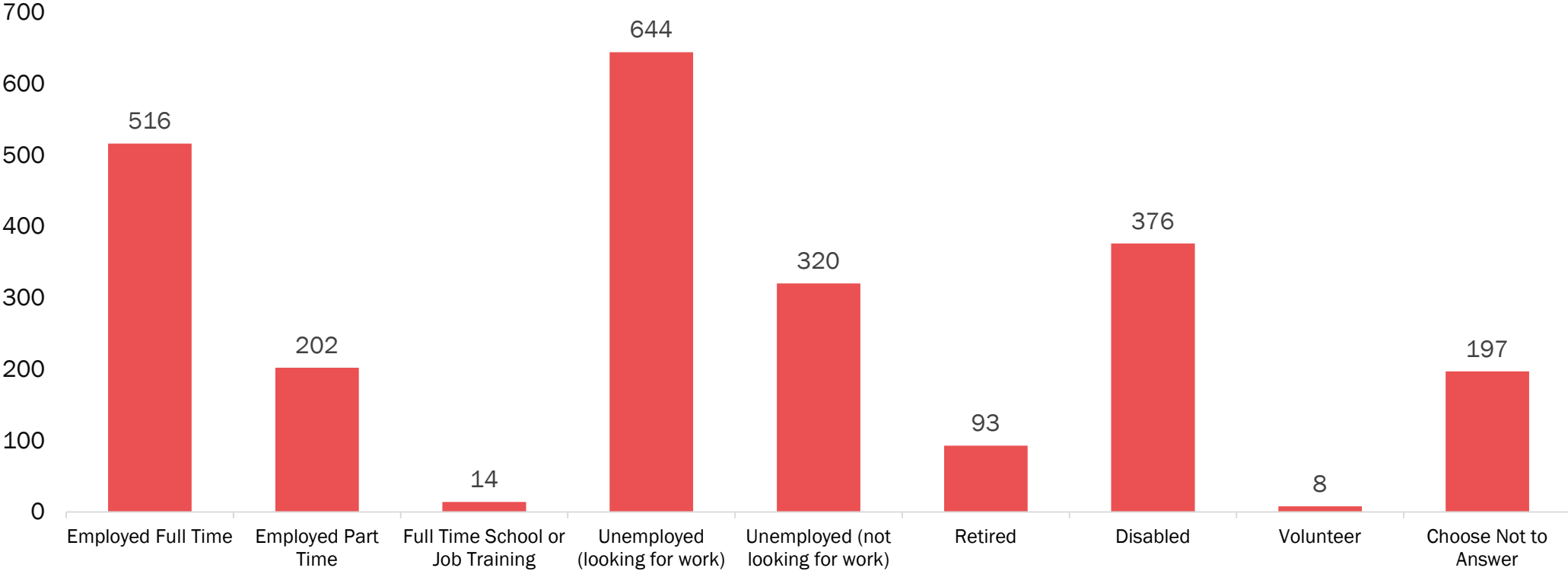
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Education Level



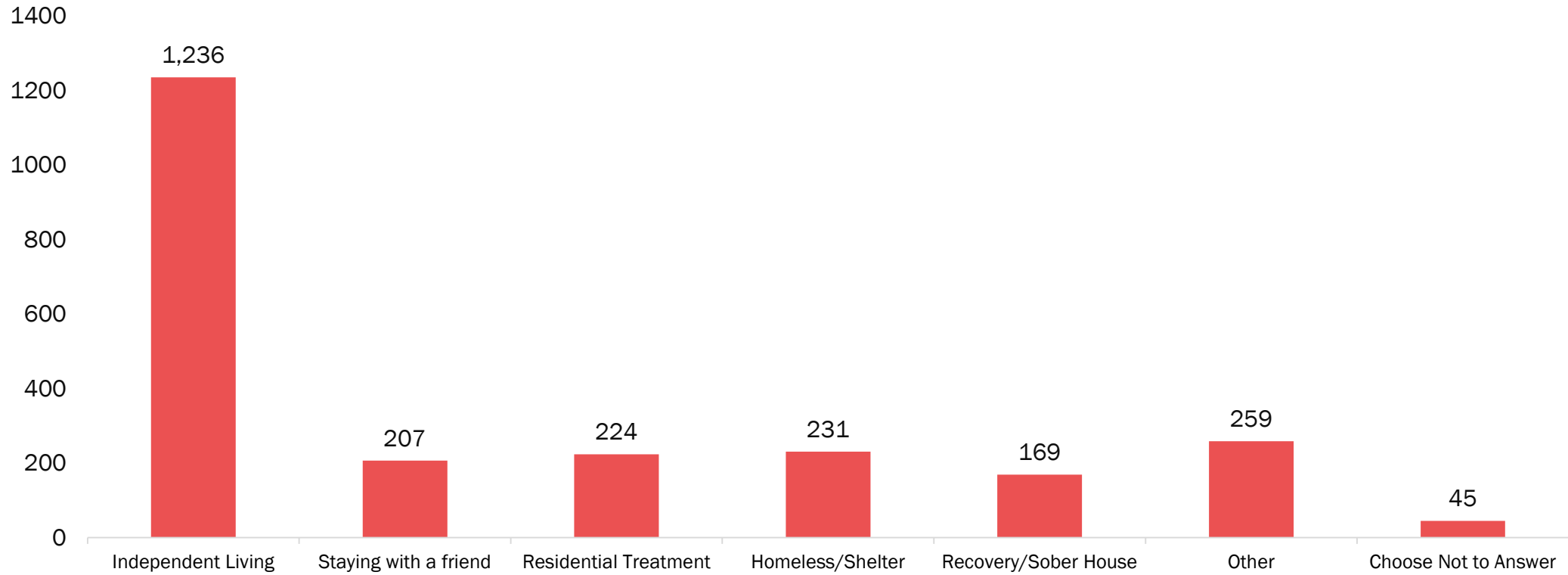
Demographics

Employment Status



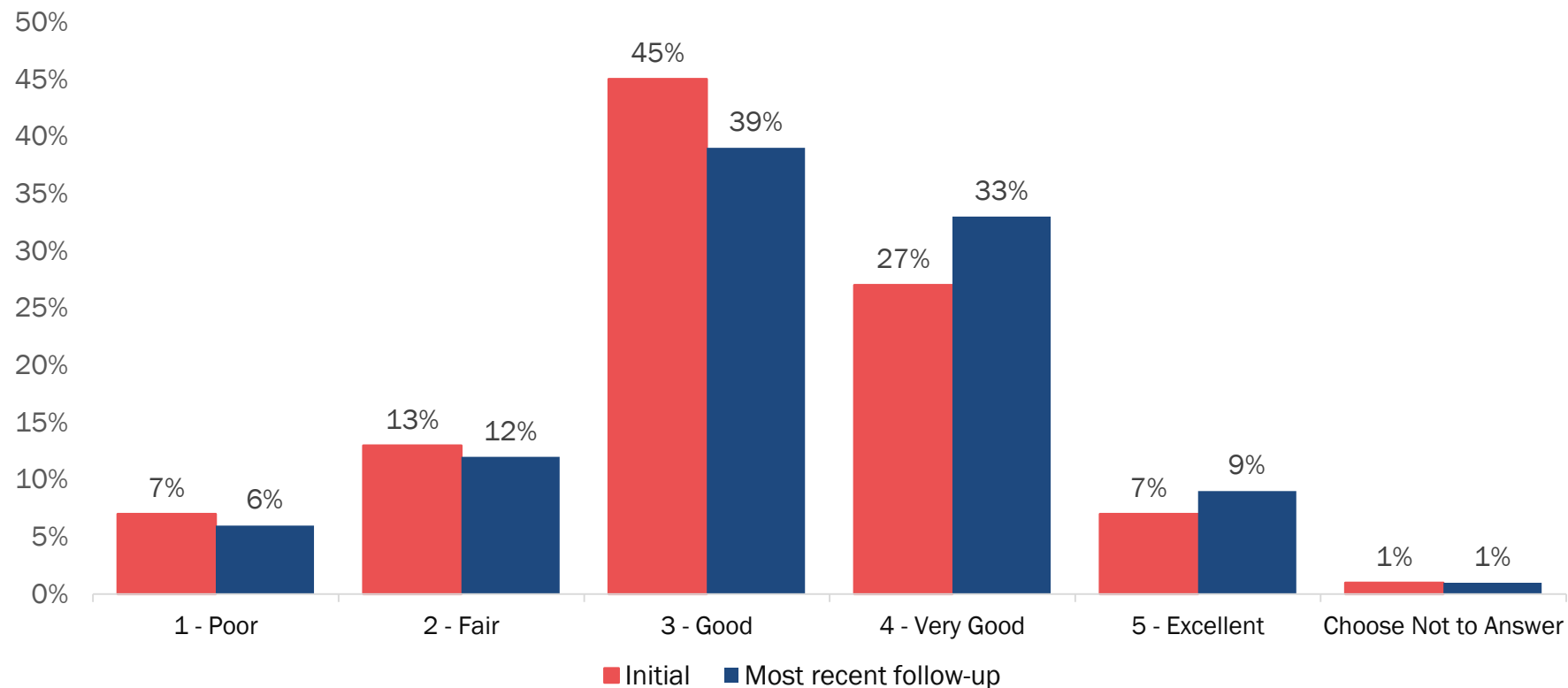
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Housing Status



Overall Health Rating

Client Overall Health Status

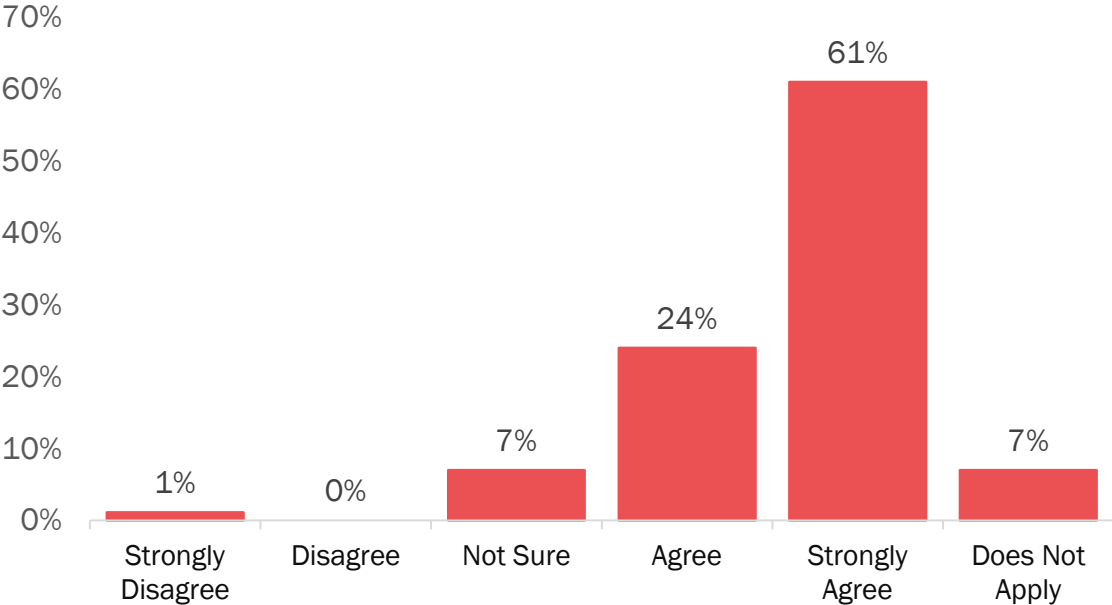


The percentage of clients reporting “very good” or “excellent” health increased from initial response to follow-up.

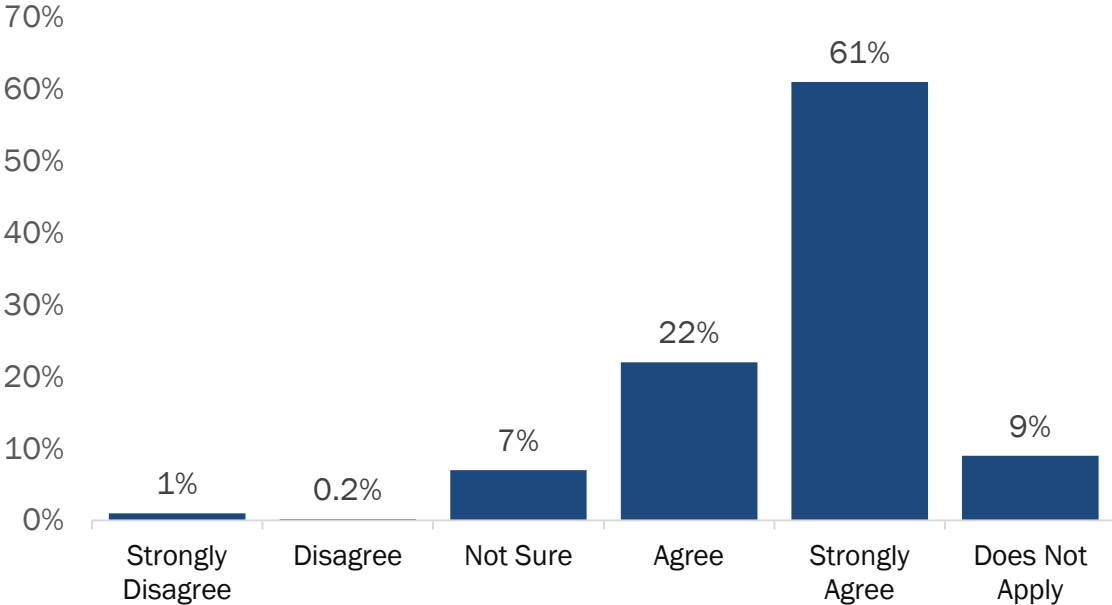
My PRS...

Among initial responses or unique individuals

...believes that I can grow, change, and recover.



...treats me with respect regarding my cultural background.

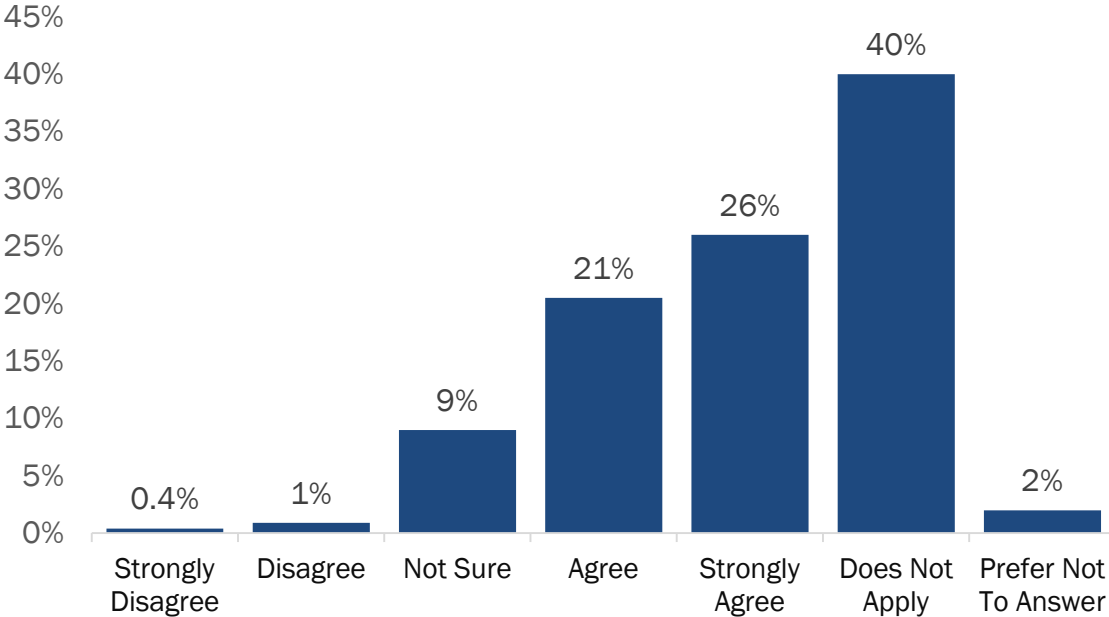


Most clients “agree” or “strongly agree” that their PRS believes they can grow, change, recover, and treats them with respect regarding their cultural background.

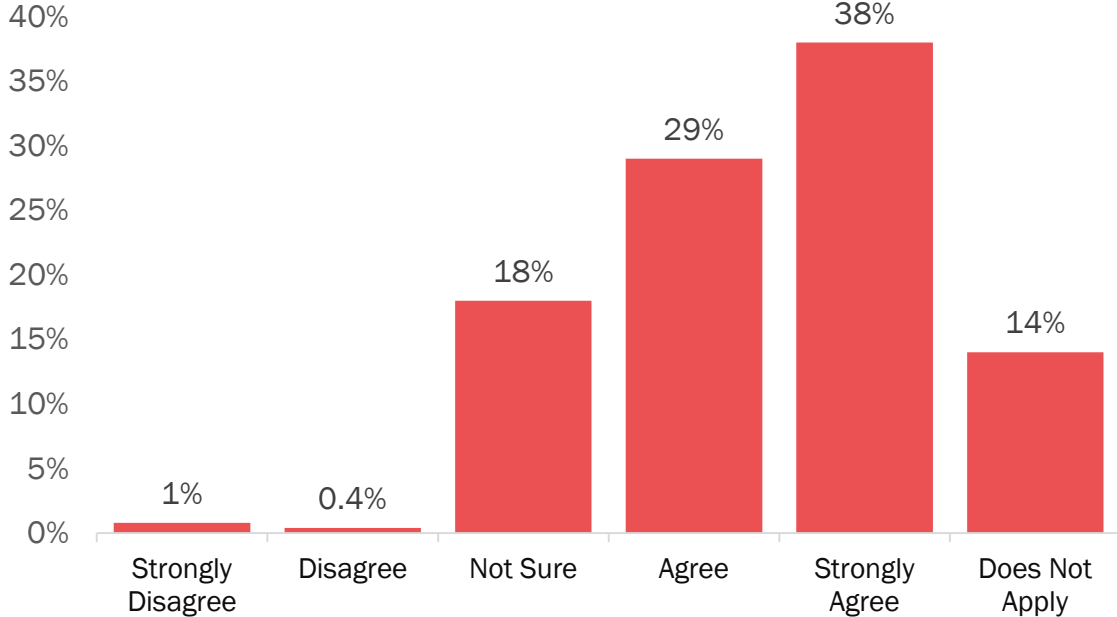
My PRS...

Among initial responses or unique individuals

...has helped me with improving my relationships with my family and/or children.



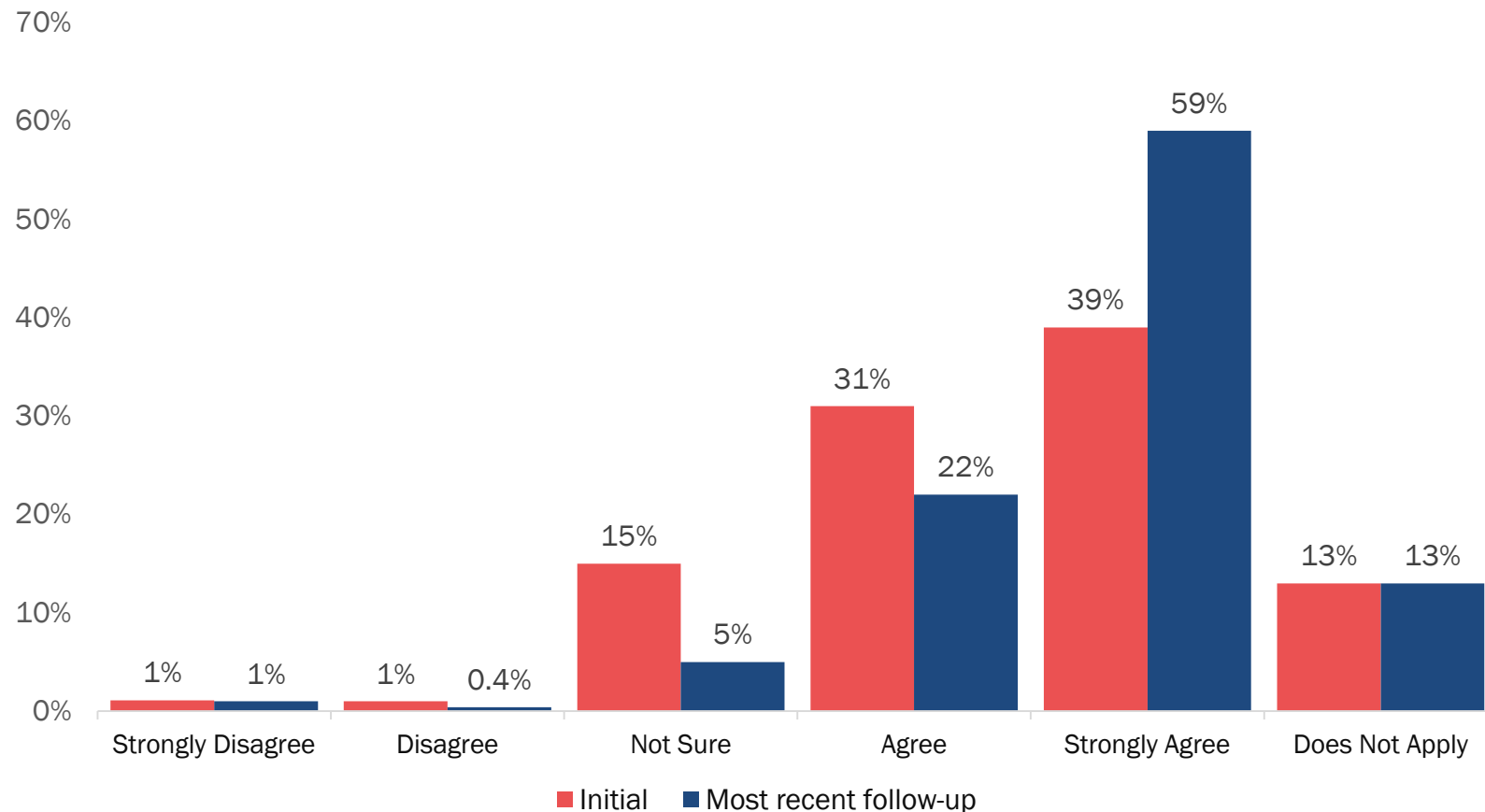
...has helped me with increasing quality of life and happiness.



Most clients “agree” or “strongly agree” that their PRS has helped them improve family relationships and increase their quality of life and happiness.

My PRS...

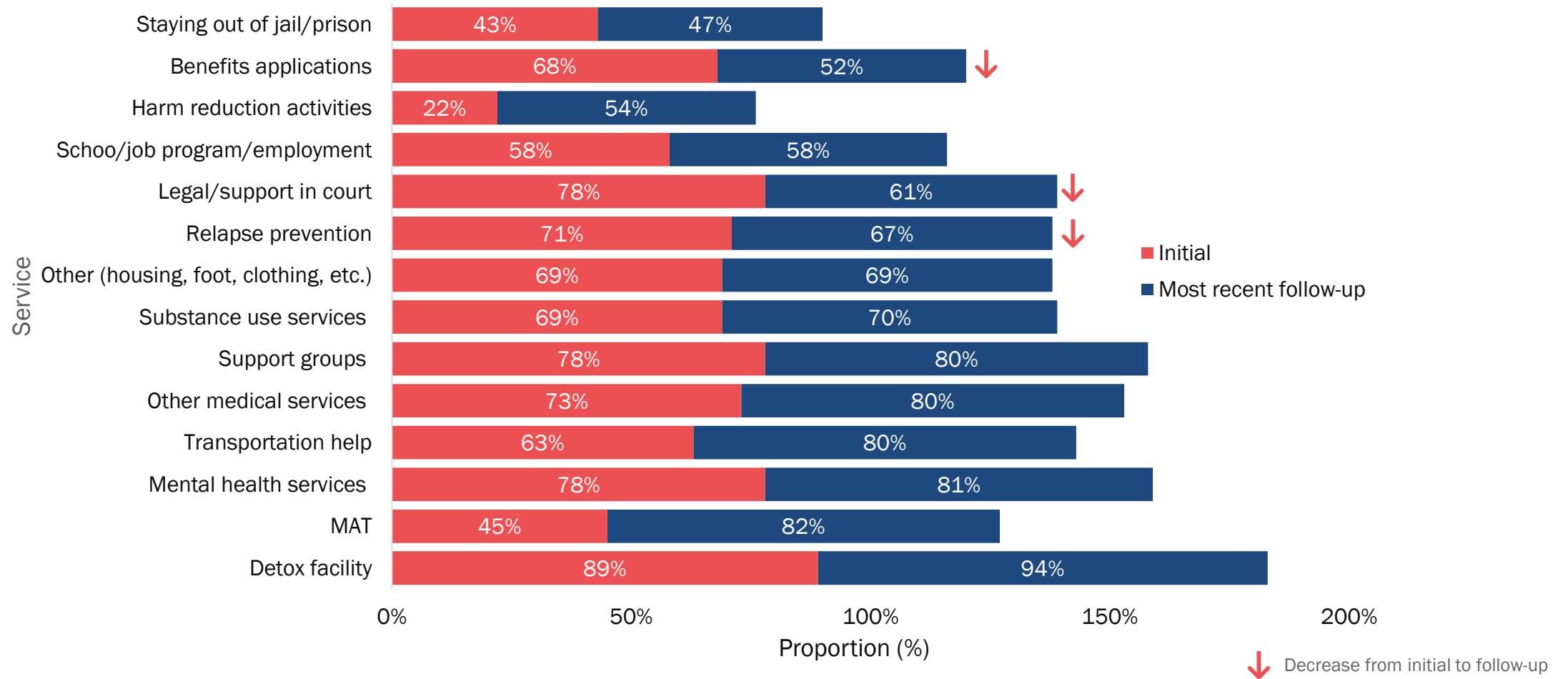
...helped me engage and start treatment.



- Clients were more likely to “agree” or “strongly agree” in their initial survey if they had seen their PRS more than once in the last 30 days (65% vs 86%)
- The percentage of clients who “strongly agree” increased from initial response to follow-up

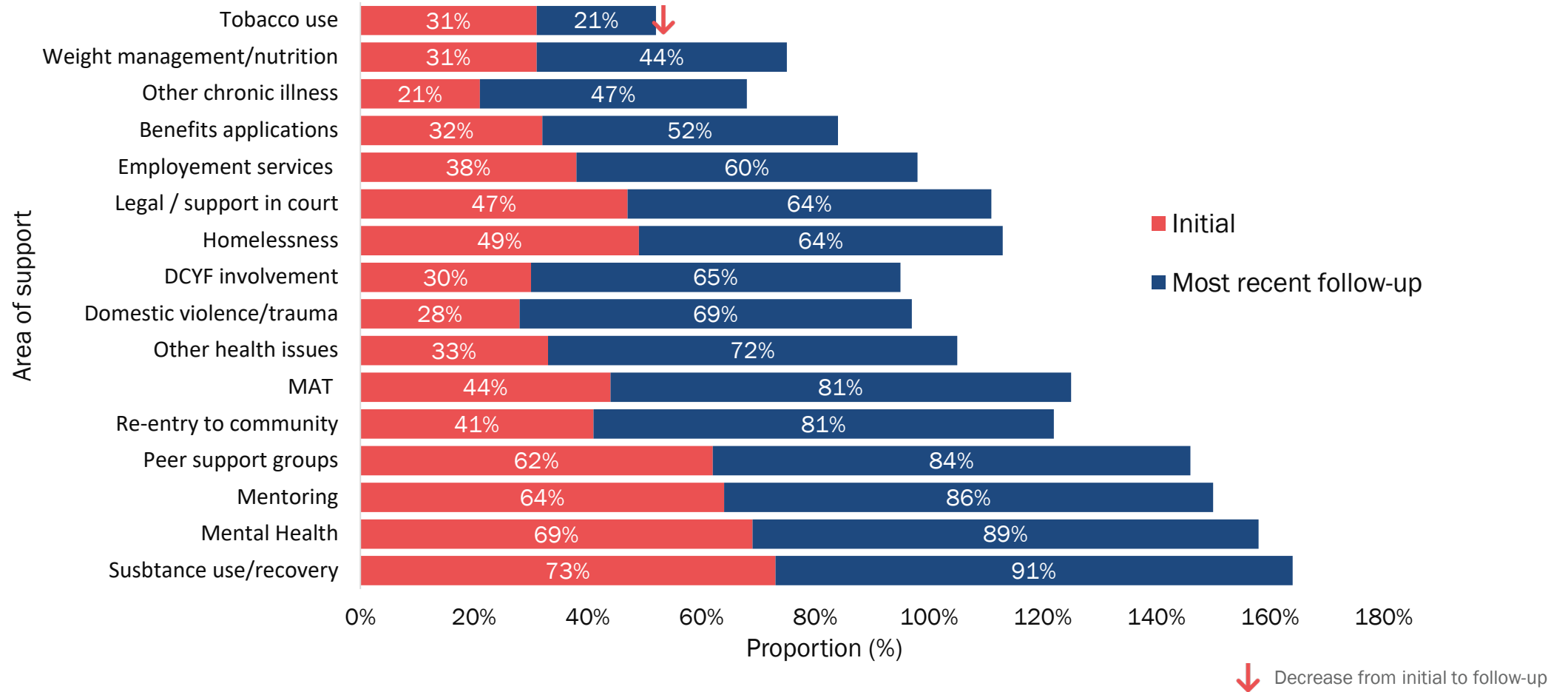
How many clients are receiving help and being referred to those services?

Percentage of clients who received help and were referred to those services by their PRS



Are clients receiving the support that they were seeking?

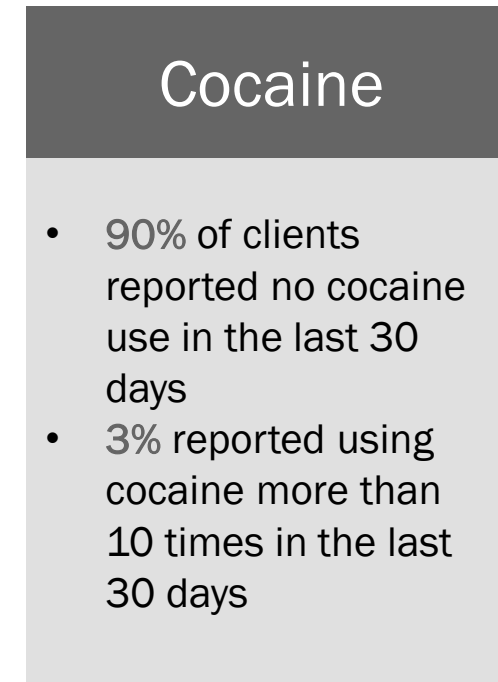
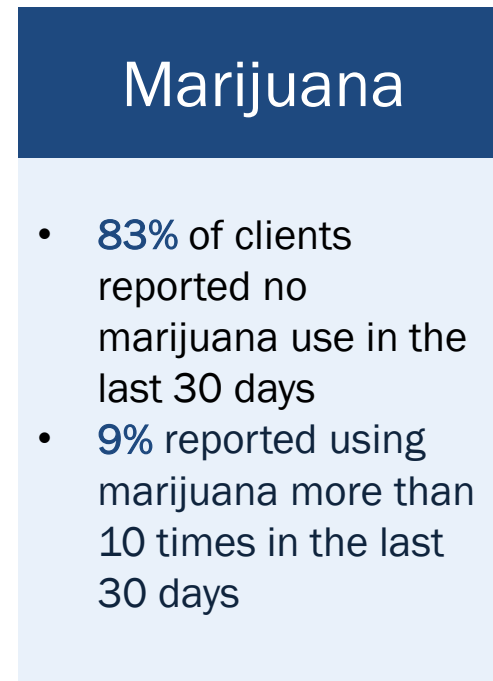
Proportion of clients who received the support that they were seeking



Substance Use

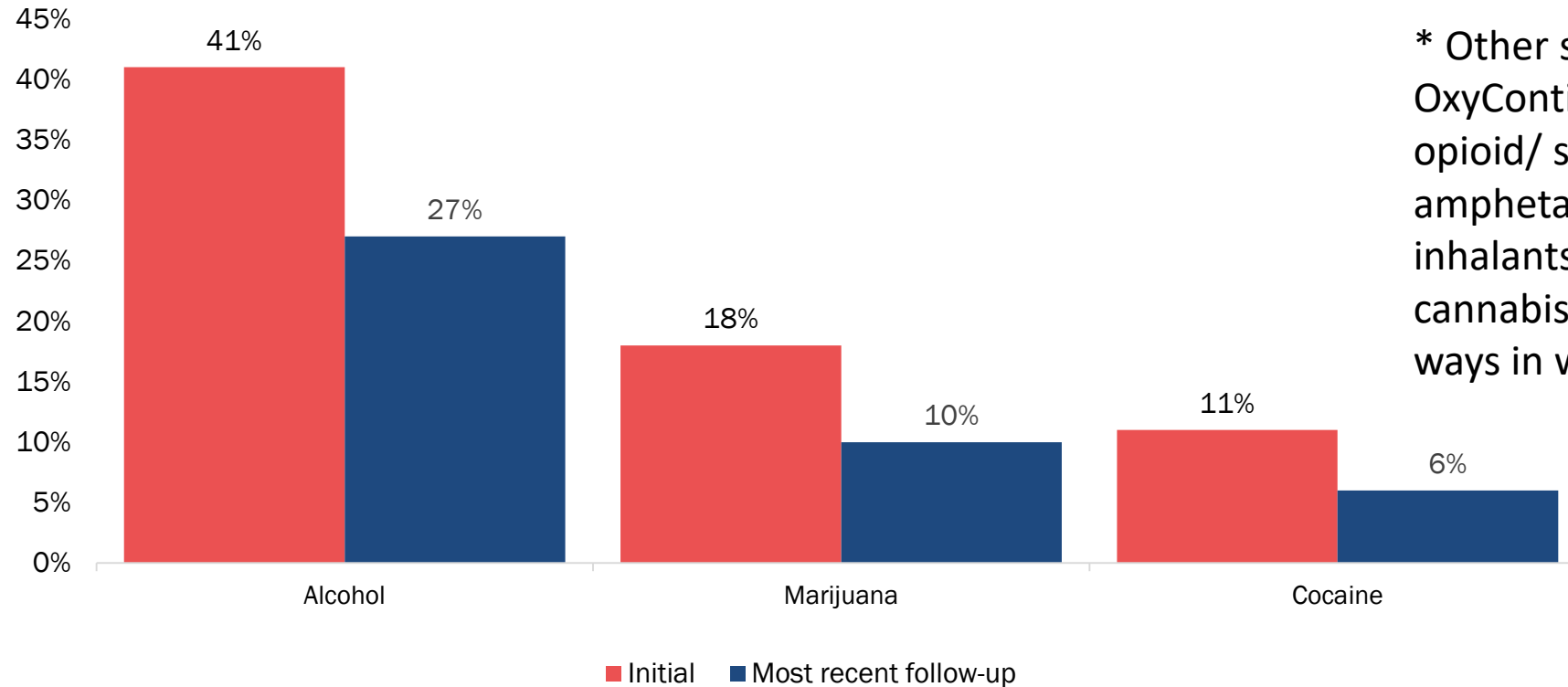
N=3,867

- 50% of clients did not report any substance use in the last 30 days
- 82% of clients reported no substance use in the last 30 days, excluding alcohol, marijuana, and cocaine



Substance Use

Percentage of clients reporting past 30-day substance use from initial response to follow-up



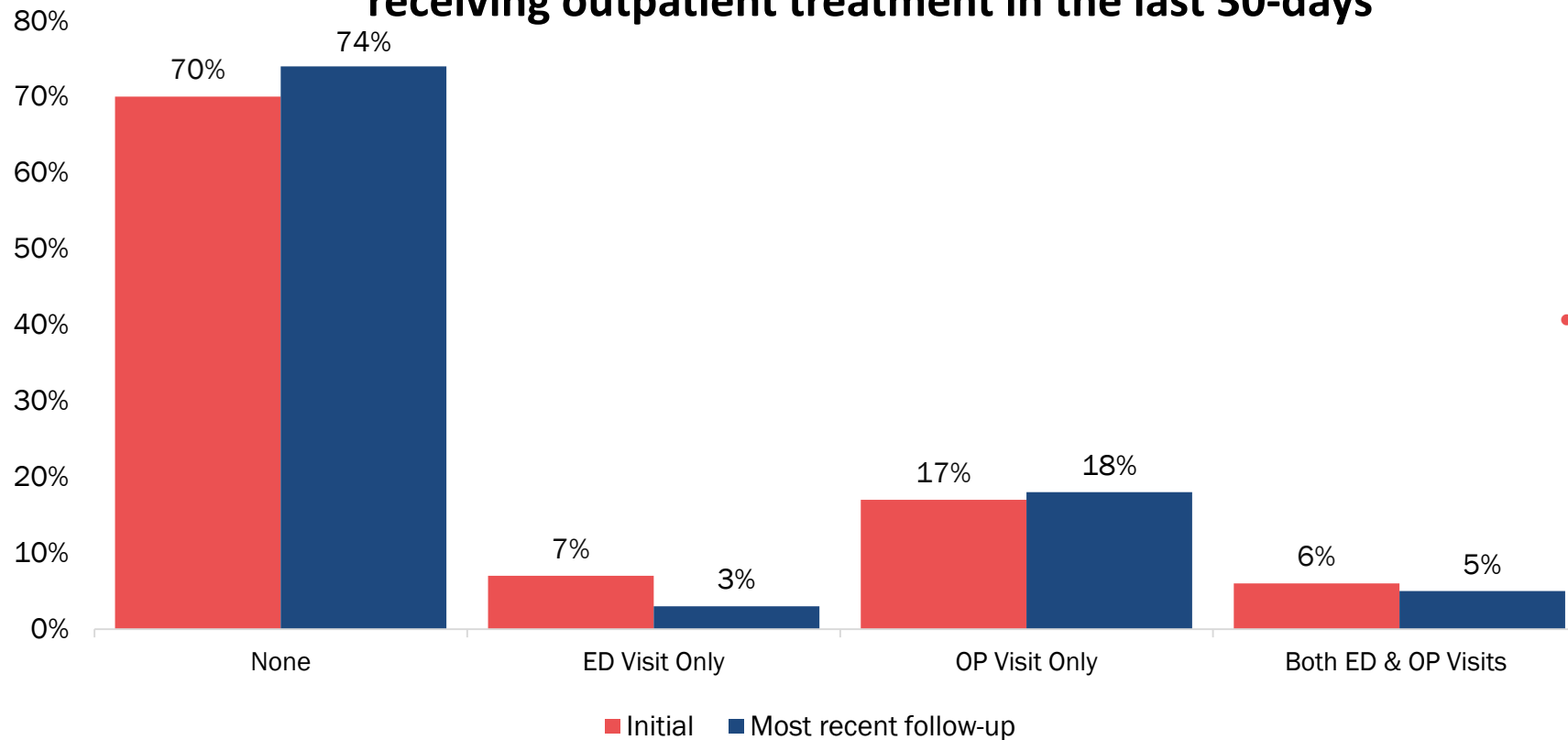
* Other substances: heroin, fentanyl, OxyContin/Percocet, oxycodone, other opioid/ synthetic, hallucinogens, amphetamines, benzodiazepines, inhalants, ecstasy, bath salts, synthetic cannabis, cough syrup, prescriptions in ways in which they were not prescribed

The percentage of clients reporting past 30-day use of alcohol, marijuana, or cocaine has decreased from initial response to follow-up.

Outpatient and ED Visits

Mental Health Reasons

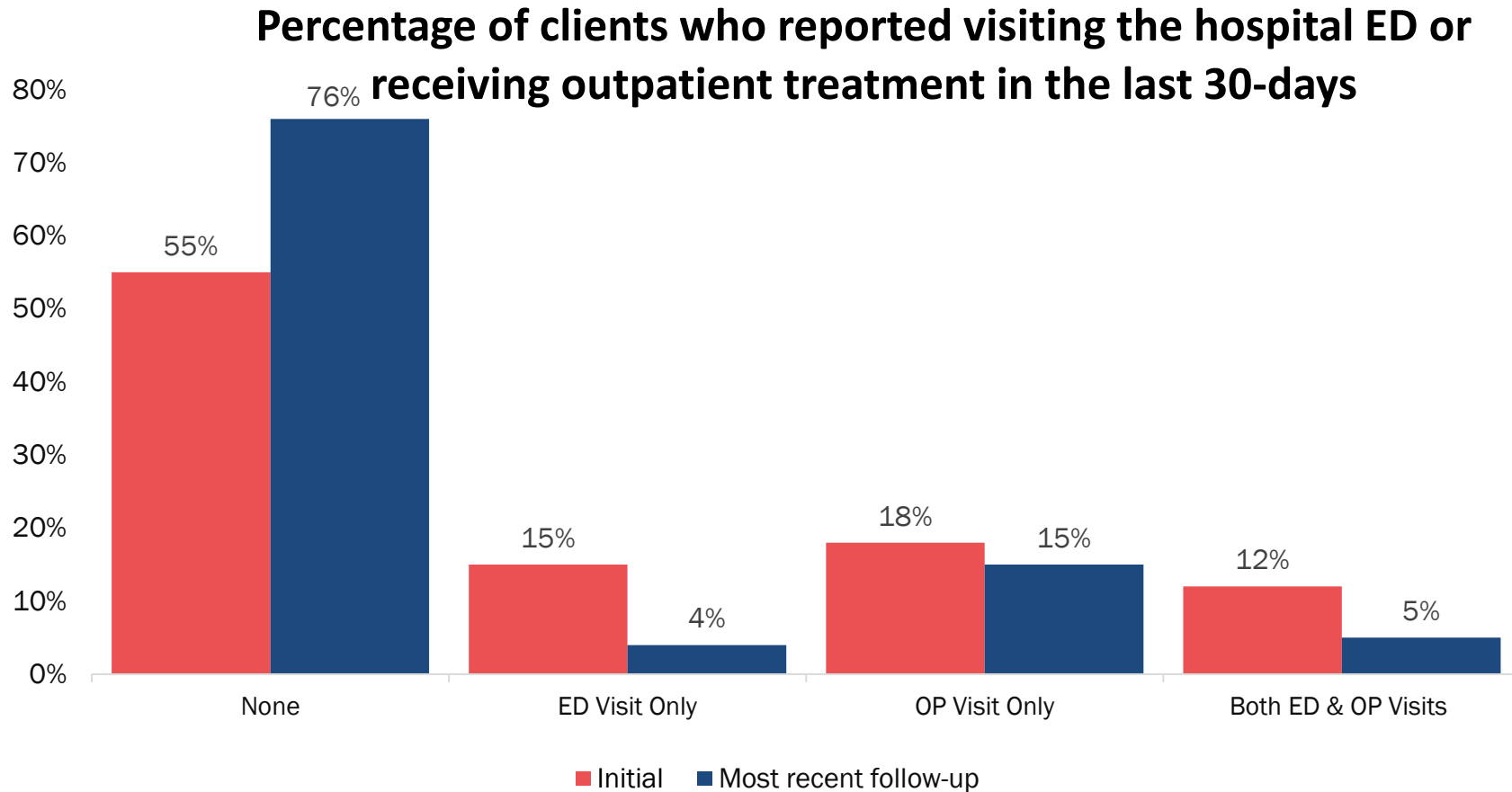
Percentage of clients who reported visiting the hospital ED or receiving outpatient treatment in the last 30-days



- Most clients did not visit the ED or access outpatient treatment for mental health reasons
 - If they did, they were more likely to access outpatient treatment
- The percentage of clients reporting no ED or OP visits increased from initial response to follow-up

Outpatient and ED Visits

Substance Use Treatment



- Initially clients were more likely to report ED or both ED & OP visits for substance use treatment than for mental health reasons
- The percentage of clients reporting no ED or OP visits increased from initial response to follow-up

Next Steps

Based on ROMS data:

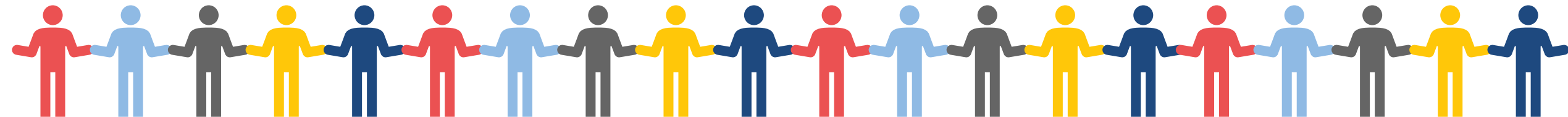
- Develop recommendations/strategies that we can implement to help Rhode Islanders in Recovery
- Collaborate with the recovery community and other key stakeholders
- Address needs in the following dimensions:

• Health

• Home

• Purpose

• Community



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Grant-Funded Recovery Housing Data

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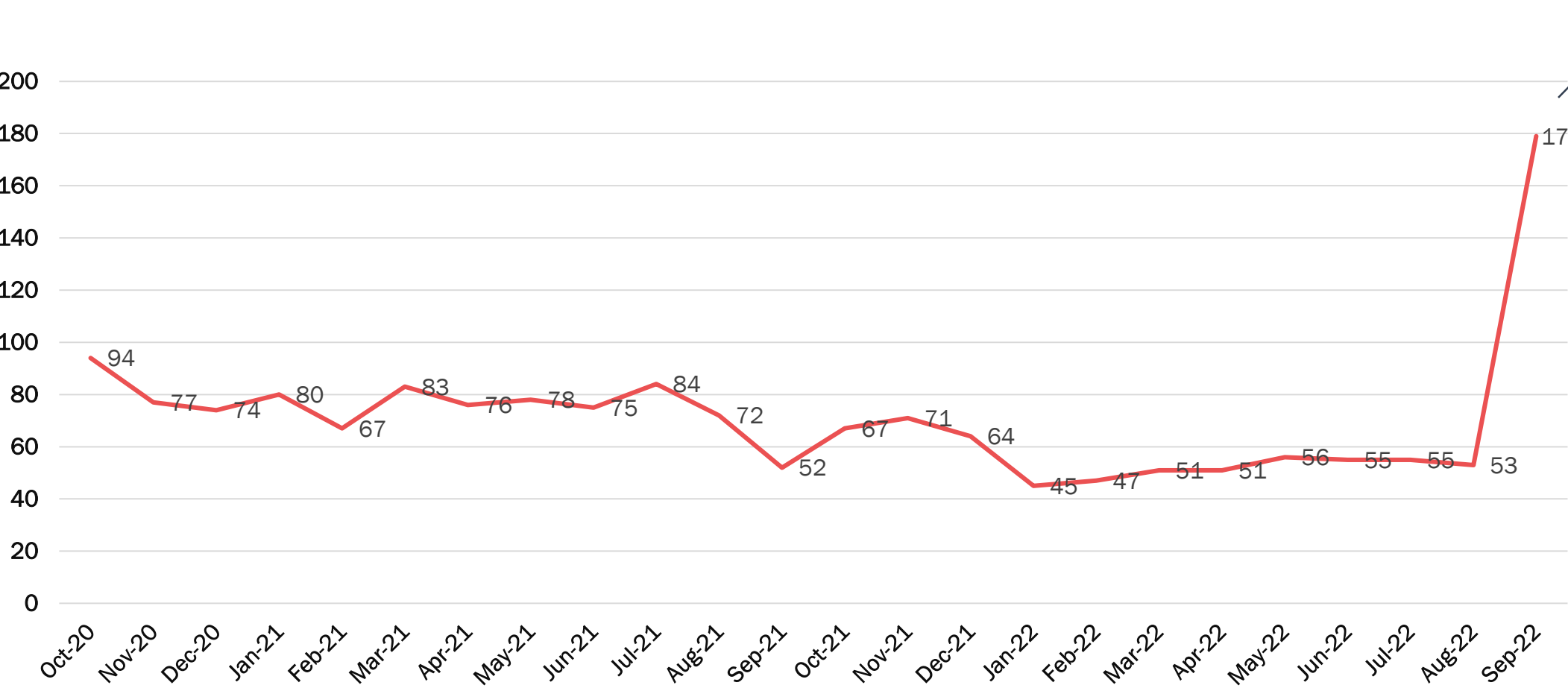
Background

Recovery Housing offers an alcohol and other drug-free living environment for individuals recovering from alcohol or other substance use disorders.

BHDDH offers a one-year and booster grant.

This presentation covers Recovery Housing under the SOR II grant (2020-2022). Residents funded under the SOR II grant were individuals who indicate a history of opioid or stimulant use.

Placements per Month

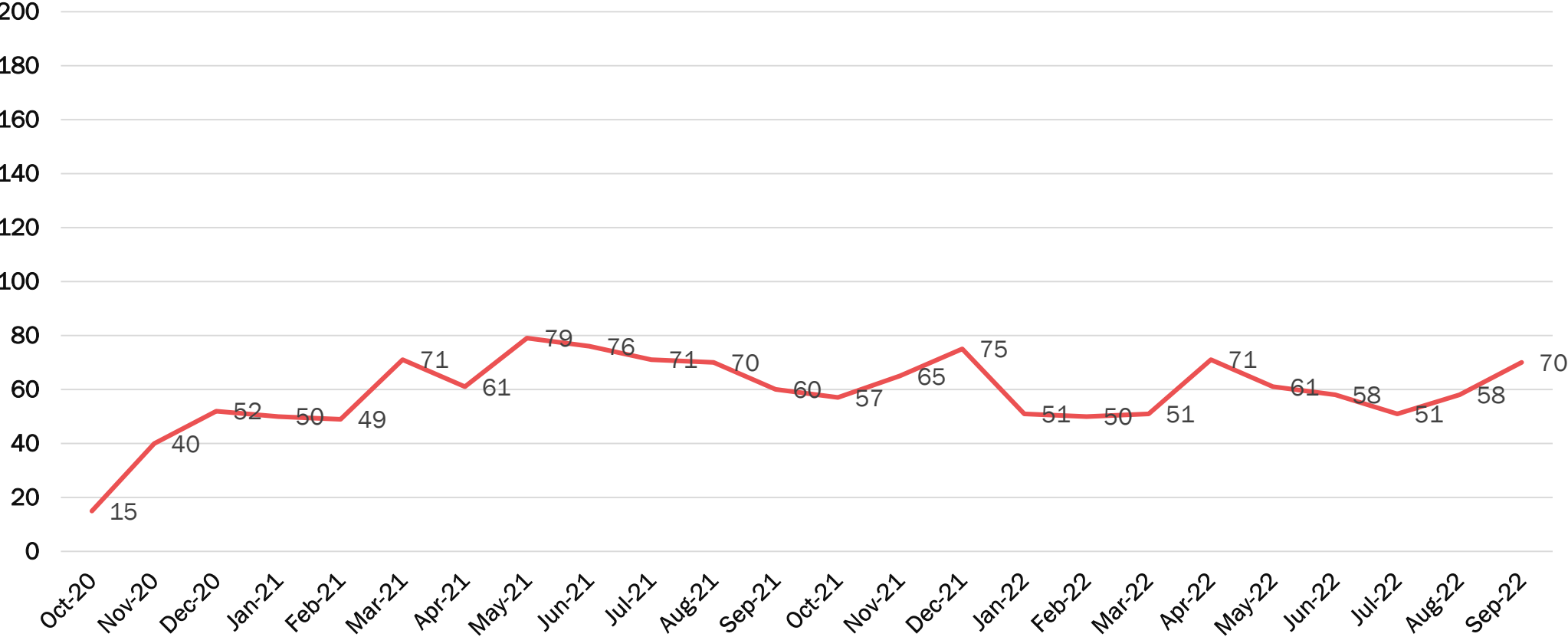


Beginning of the booster grant

There were **1,706** placements during this grant period.

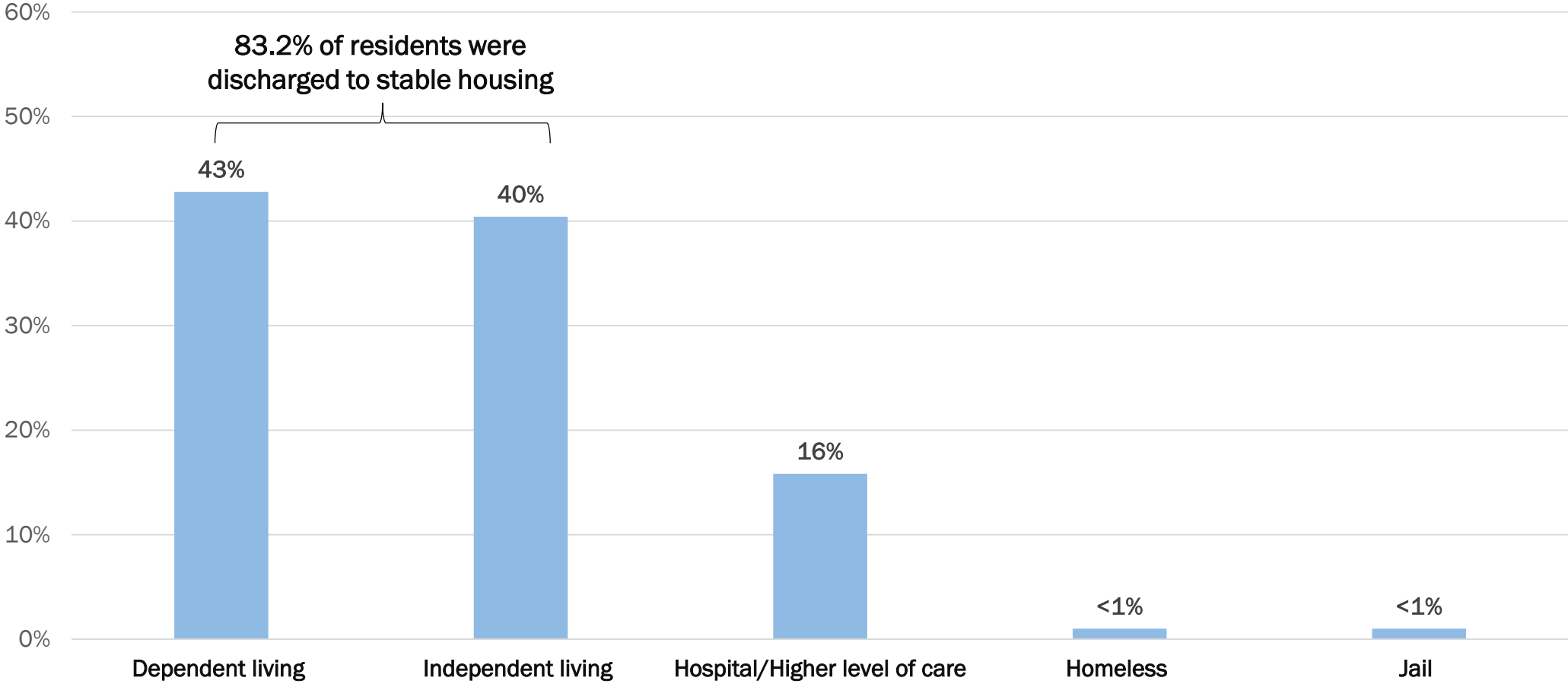
This accounted for **1,121** unique individuals.

Discharges per Month



There were **1,412** discharges during this grant period.

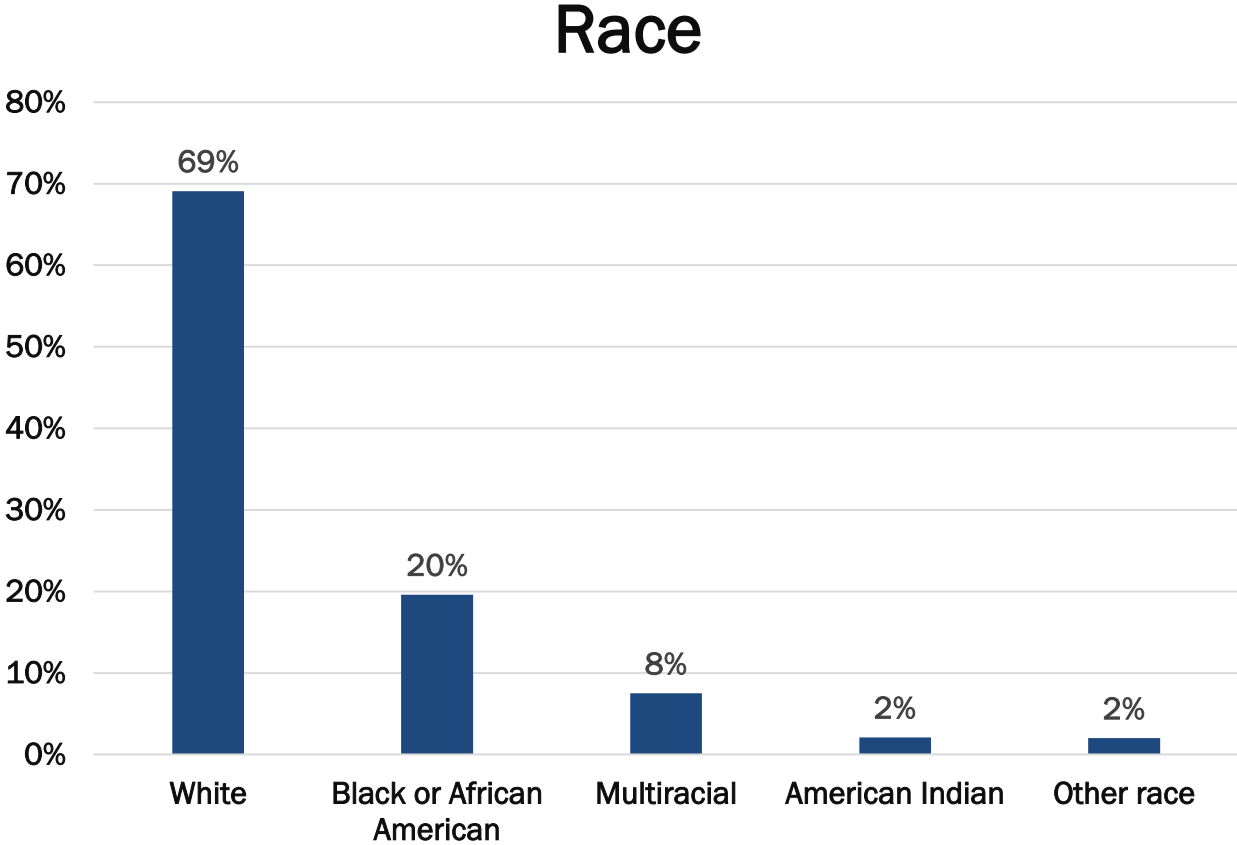
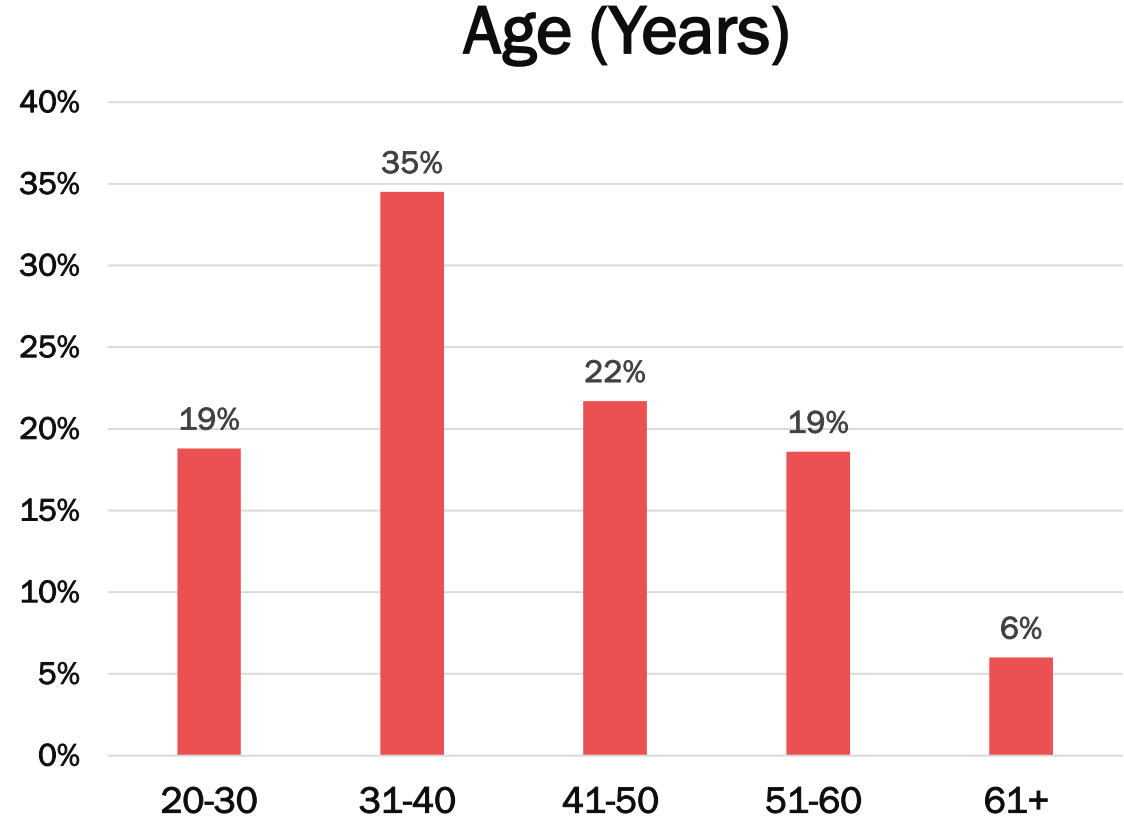
Discharge Housing Stability



Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) Surveys

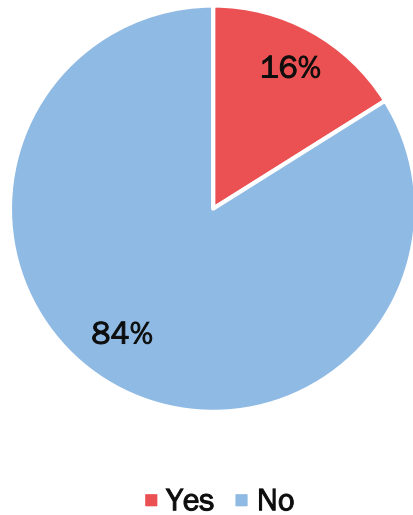
- 381 clients completed a baseline GPRA interview
- 180 clients completed a 6-month follow-up interview

GPRA Demographics

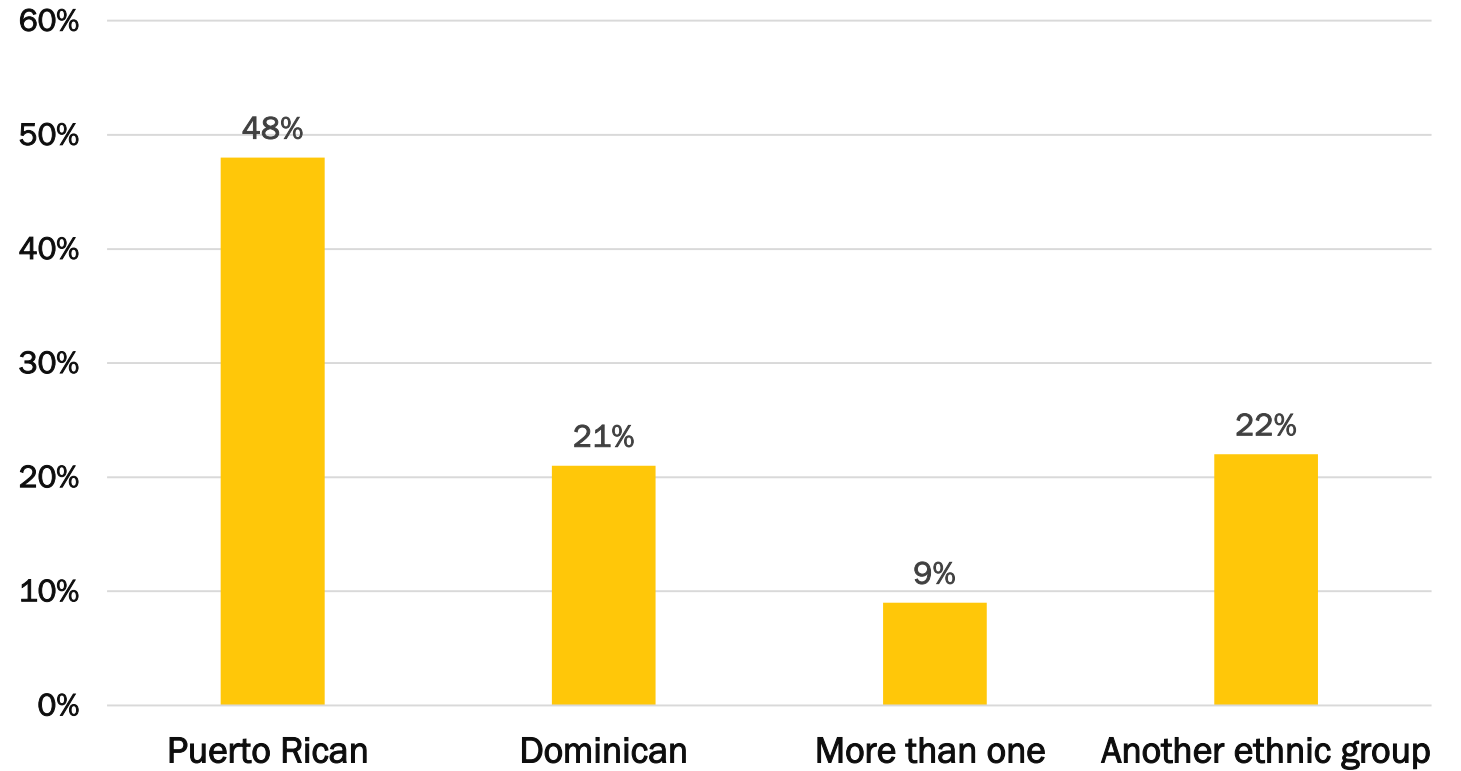


GPRA Demographics

Hispanic/Latino



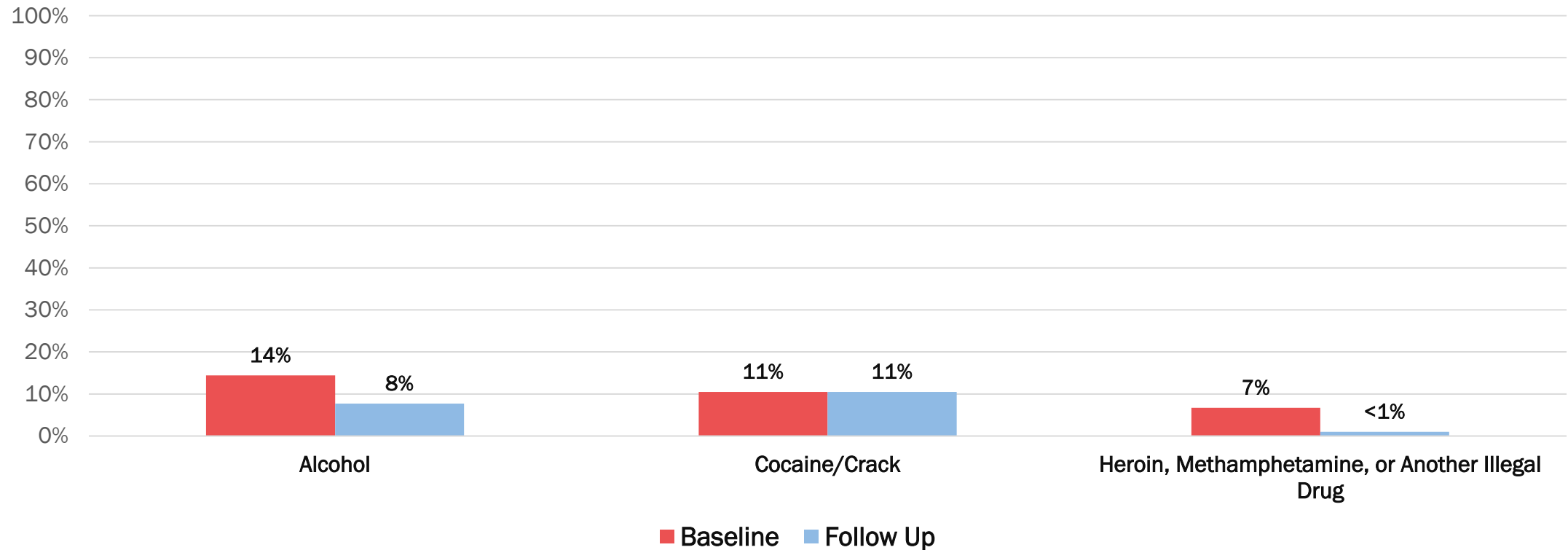
Ethnic Group



GPRA Outcomes

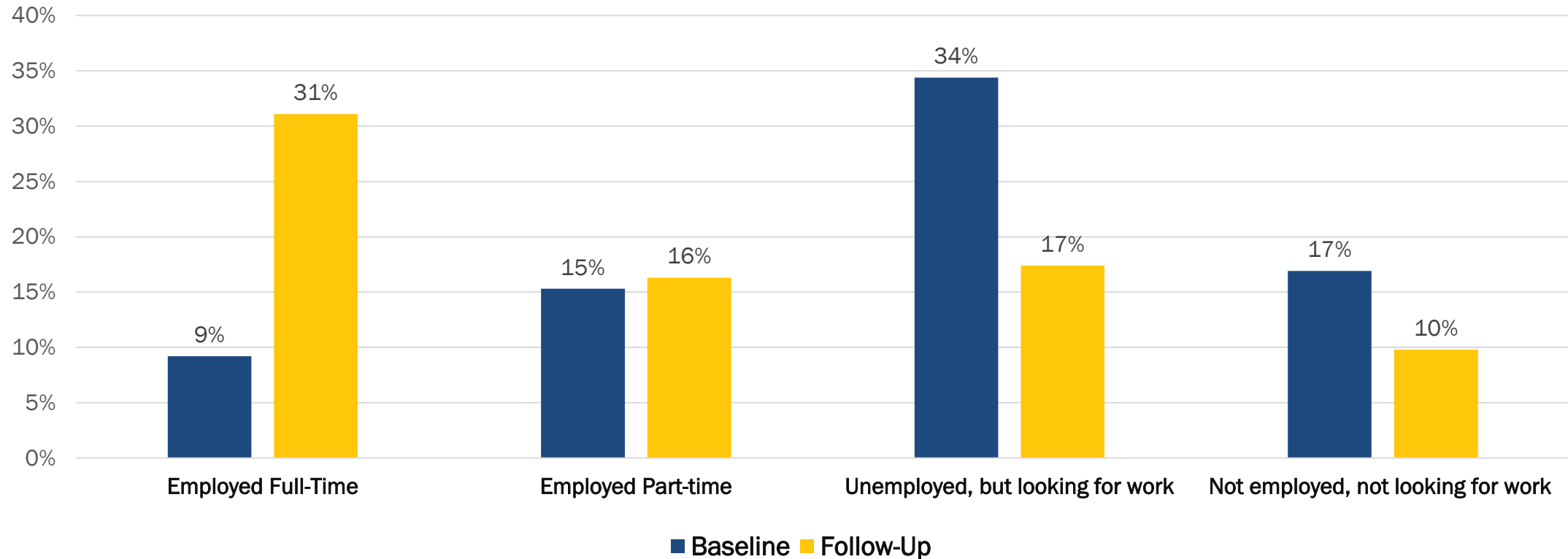
Substance Use

Past 30 Day Substance Use



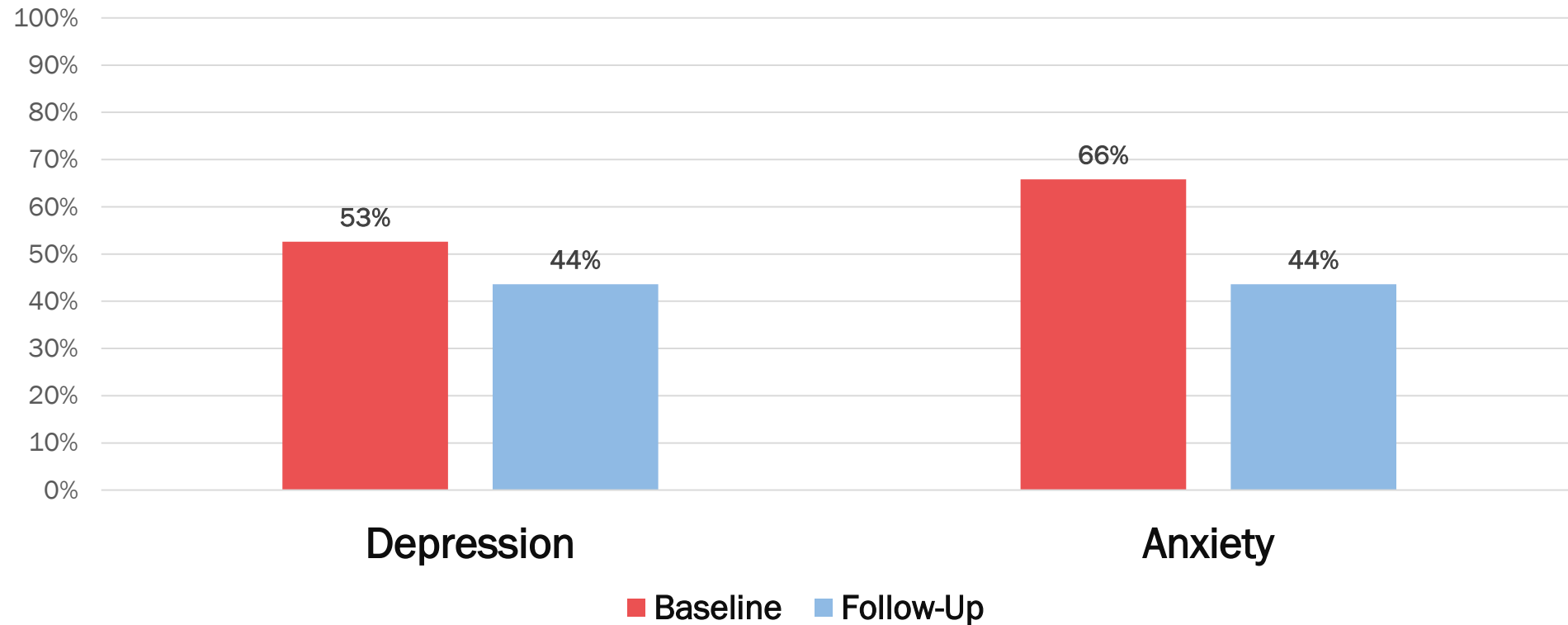
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Current Employment Status

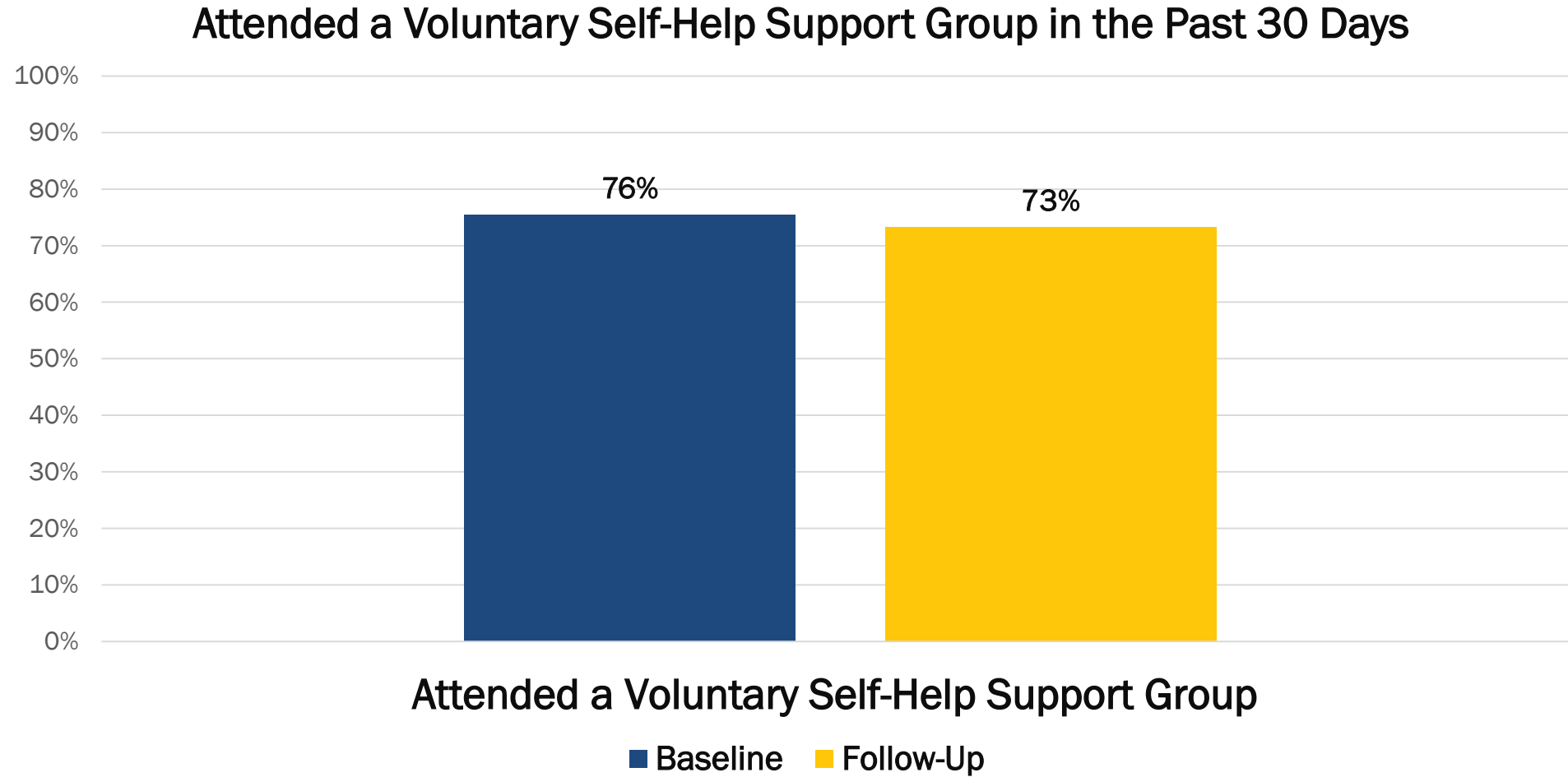


Depression and Anxiety

Experienced Anxiety or Depression for One or More Days in the Past 30 Days



Social Connectedness





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Rally4Recovery

20th Annual Celebration of
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The 20th anniversary Rally 4 Recovery event on September 17 saw 10,321 people walk through at its new location - 195 District Park in Providence!



Over 100 resource tables, 20 job fair tables, an amazing speaking program, the largest kids' zone ever, and so much more. Plus, more than 200 naloxone kits were distributed.

And whether they were there all day or simply passing through, 10,000 Rhode Islanders were exposed to recovery and all that comes with it.



Job and Career Fair

Recovery Friendly Workplace hosted its second annual Job and Career Fair at the Rally 4 Recovery, which featured recovery-friendly employers conducting on-the-spot interviews, apprenticeship organizations offering job training programs, Rhode Department of Labor and Training providing Back to Work RI information and the Department of Higher Education recruiting for college enrollment!



- Over 500 meaningful conversations
- Estimated 70+ jobs filled by employers
- 10 college enrollment inquiries were completed on-site
- Over 230 job postings on the Job Board from 17 recovery-friendly employers were viewed by over 800+ people
- Lasting connections made between employers and attendees

A Collaborative Video

It takes partnerships to address the drug overdose crisis here in Rhode Island. State agencies and the Governor's Overdose Task Force appreciate the collaboration that occurs every day with numerous community partners to provide outreach and resources. One example is this new bilingual video from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Rhode Island, the Pawtucket Central Falls Health Equity Zone (HEZ), Project Weber/RENEW, and Anchor Recovery. Called **#StatingTheFacts**, it warns of fentanyl, xylazine, and other potentially deadly substances being found in illicit drugs and encourages the use of naloxone and calling 911 in the event of an overdose.



[International Opioid Awareness Day | LISC Rhode Island - YouTube](#)

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