

# Monitoring of the Effects of the Economic Deterioration on Refugee Households

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WAVE II – May 2020

(Iraqi and other nationalities)



**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency

Supported by:



Inter-Agency  
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Lebanon

PRELIMINARY  
RESULTS

## OBJECTIVES

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- **Monitoring changes at the household level over time** in key areas in the context of the deteriorating economic situation in Lebanon. The focus will be on the following areas:
  - **Livelihoods:** Loss of jobs, salary cuts, job retention and new job opportunities.
  - **Economic vulnerability:** household debt
  - **Living conditions:** rental costs, mobility, eviction and eviction threats
  - **Access to health services:** demand and access to primary healthcare and hospitalization
  - **Food and Livelihood Coping Strategies:** Rates of key negative food and non-food related coping strategies
  - **COVID-19:** Access to services, levels of awareness and access to the PPEs and hygiene items
- **Inform UNHCR/WFP and LCRP partner advocacy** in order to: (A) maintain or improve funding for affected refugees; an (B) advocate against the reallocation of funds away from refugee centred programming.
- For the initial wave, **identify** those **socio-economic areas most impacted** that could be further investigated through VARON 2020 (currently planned for the end of March/April).

## Summary of the methodology

- To achieve this, we will use a nationally representative **simple random sampling approach**, extracted from the UNHCR database in Lebanon.
- Two nationally representative samples will be extracted: **(1)Syrian refugees**, and **(2)Non-Syrian refugees**. Each sample is estimated at 500 (total 1,000) refugee households.
- Data collected through the call center via **Phone survey**. Additional outreach through UNHCR partners to increase response rate primarily using Whatsapp.
- Accounting for non-response rate, sampled: 1,000 Syrian; 1,000 non-Syrian
- NB: Please note that while comparison is made to VARON/VASYR, methodologies completely differ and as such comparisons should be approached with caution and not interpreted to the dot. Preference is not to focus on magnitude of differences but rather just to better understand what challenges and difference might be arising and to be further confirmed by VARON 2020.

## **RESULT:**

- High non-response rate (55%)
- 454 surveys completed

# DEMOGRAPHICS

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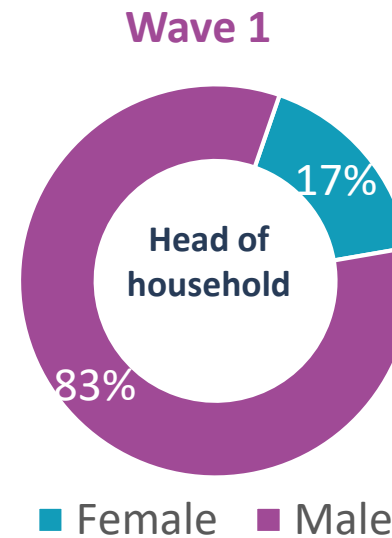
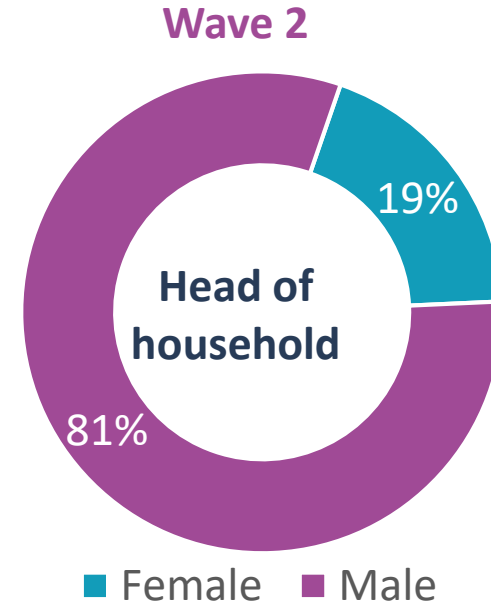
## HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE:

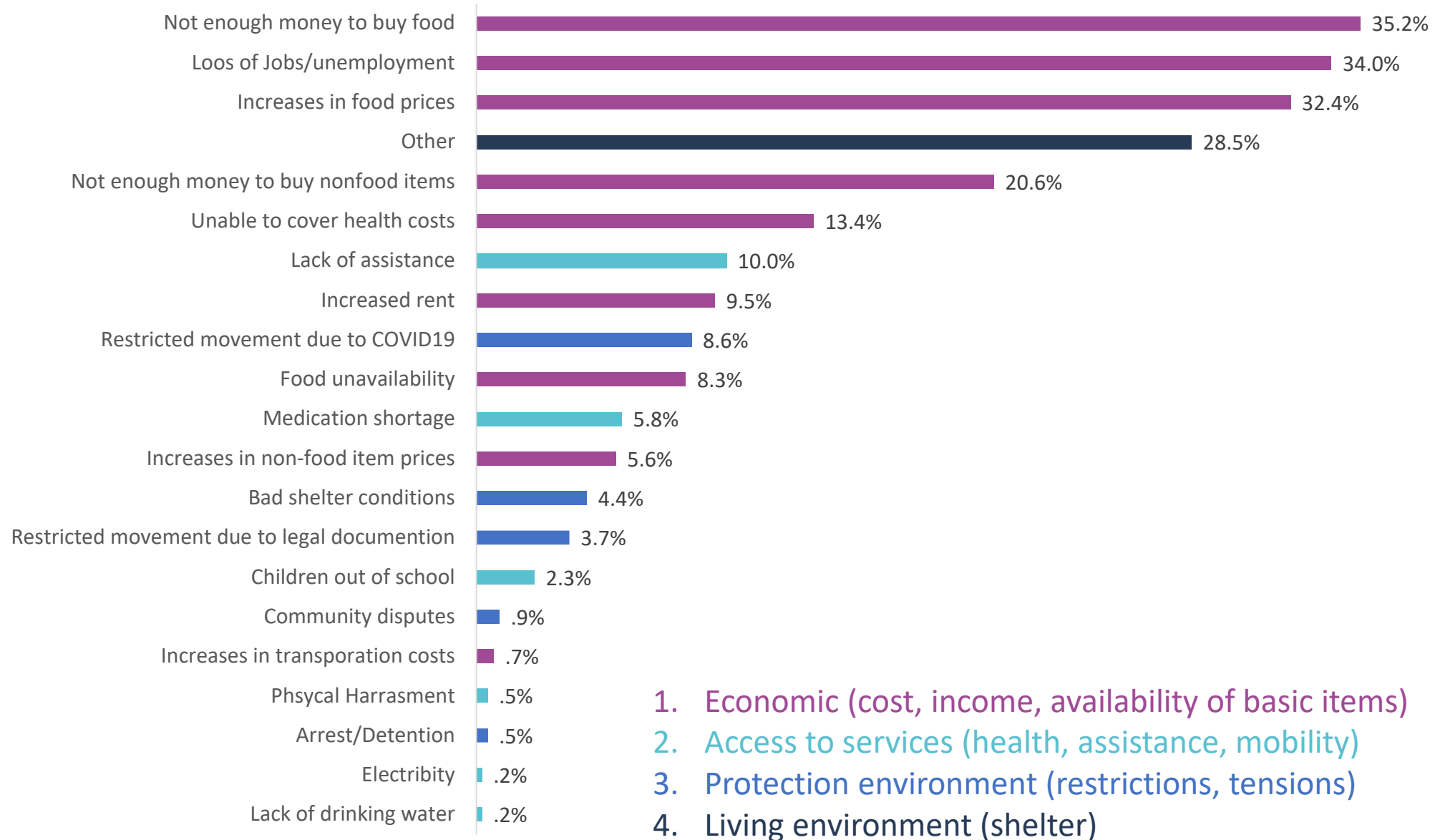
**3.4**

(Wave 1: 3.7

VARON 2019: 3.1)



# MAIN PROBLEMS FACED REPORTED BY FAMILIES

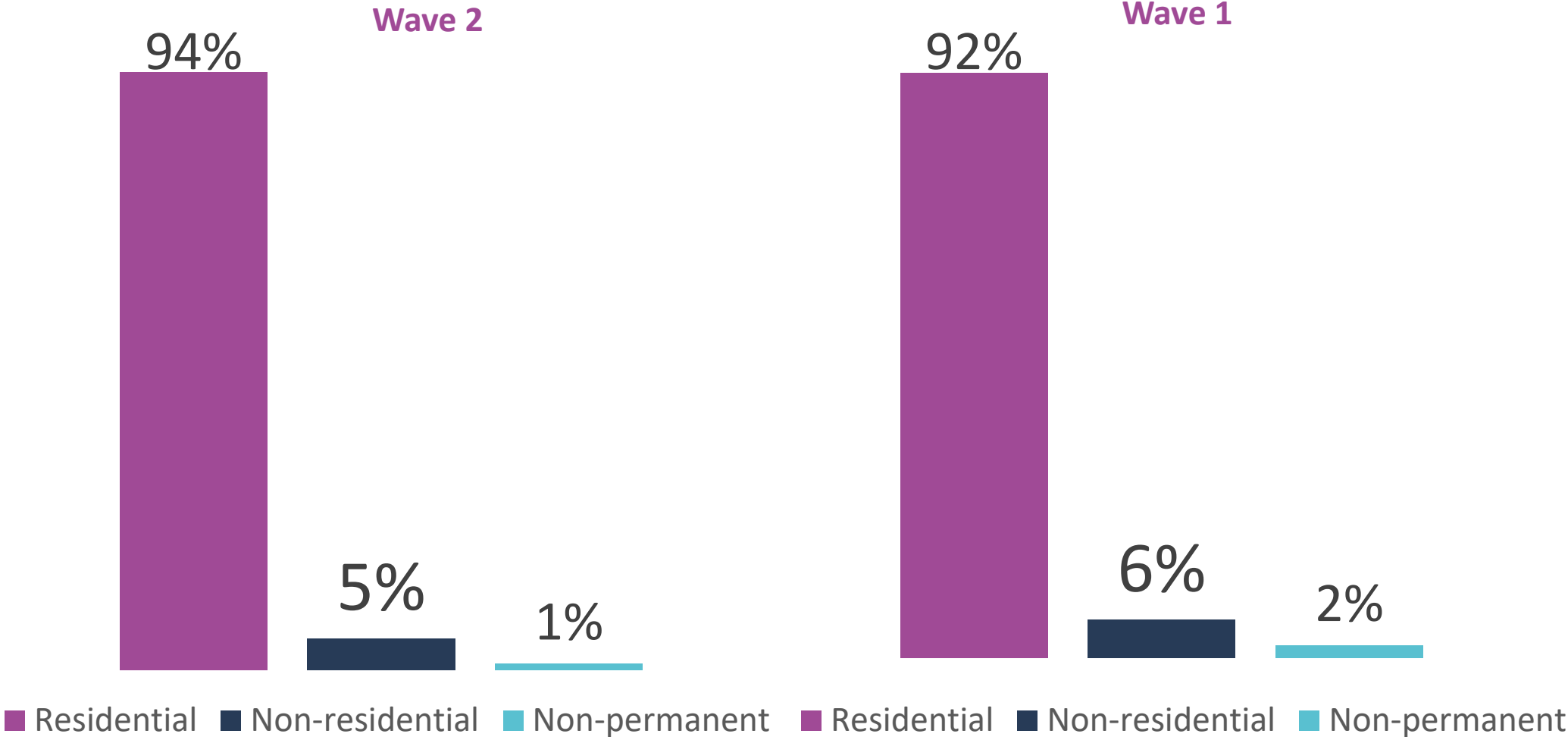


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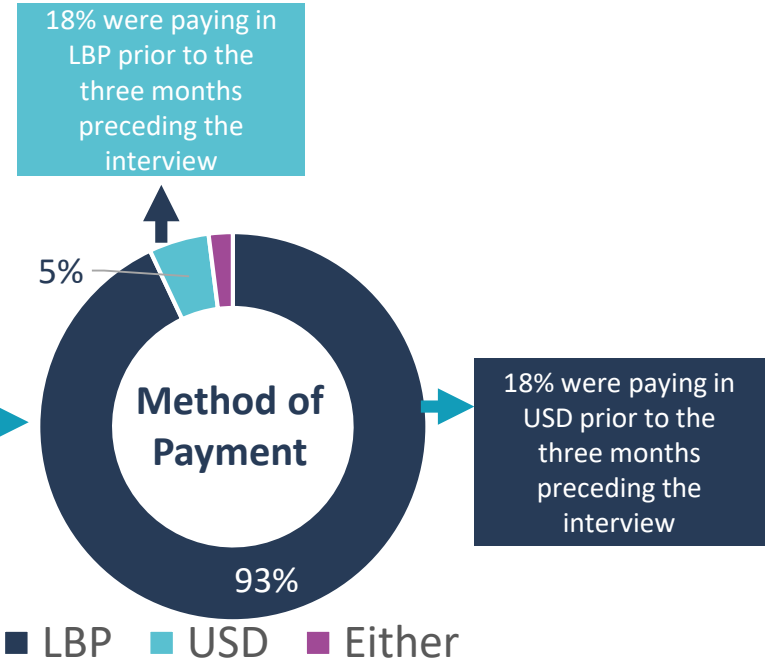


# SHELTER RENT

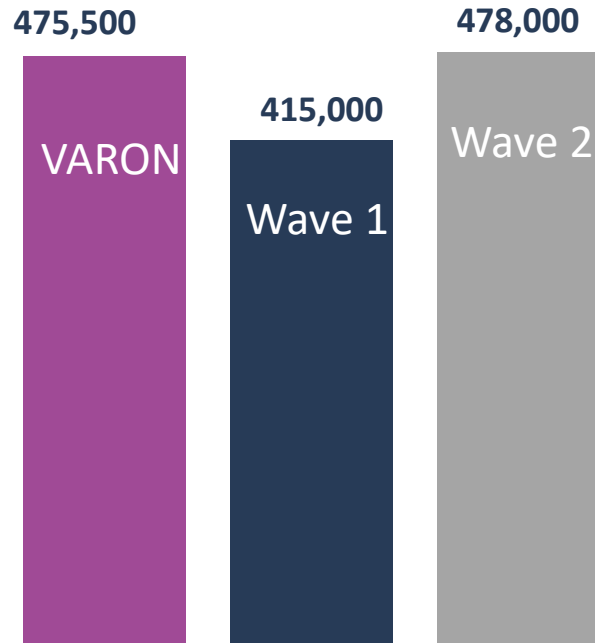
## Households Renting Accommodation

**75%**

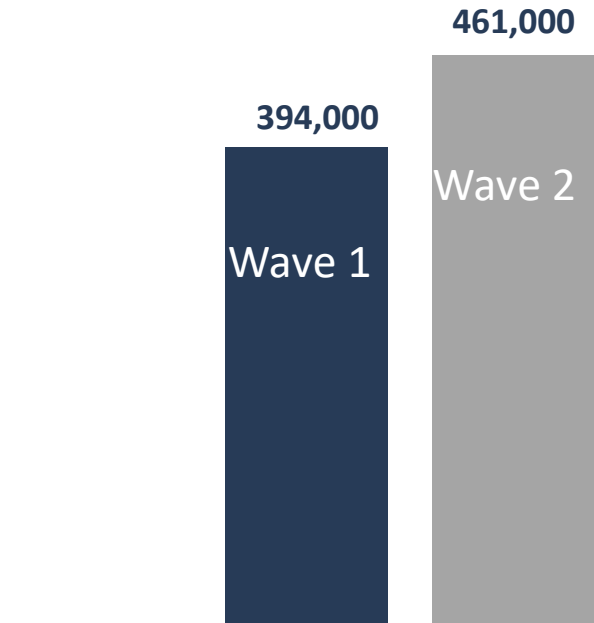
(VARON 2019: 74%)



## Average rent (per month)

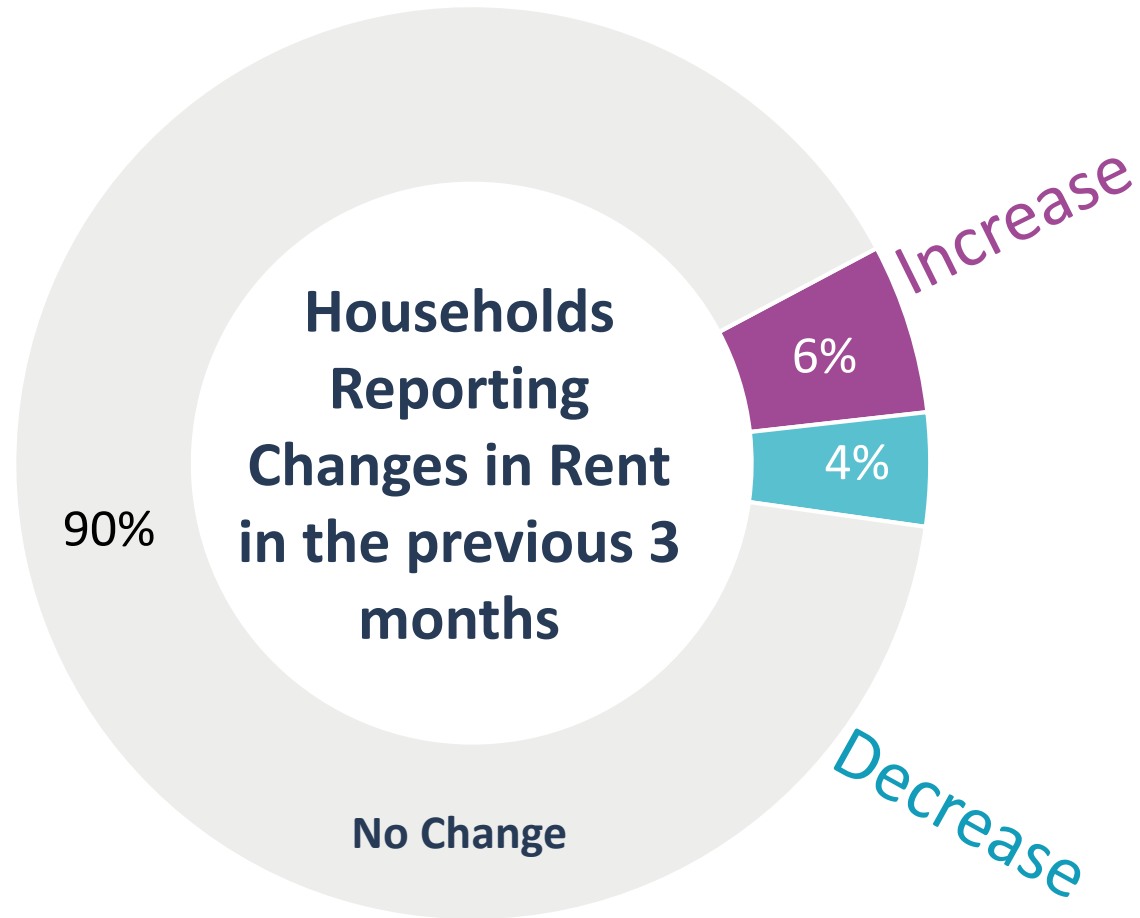


## Average paid (last renting period)



# SHELTER

## CHANGES IN RENT

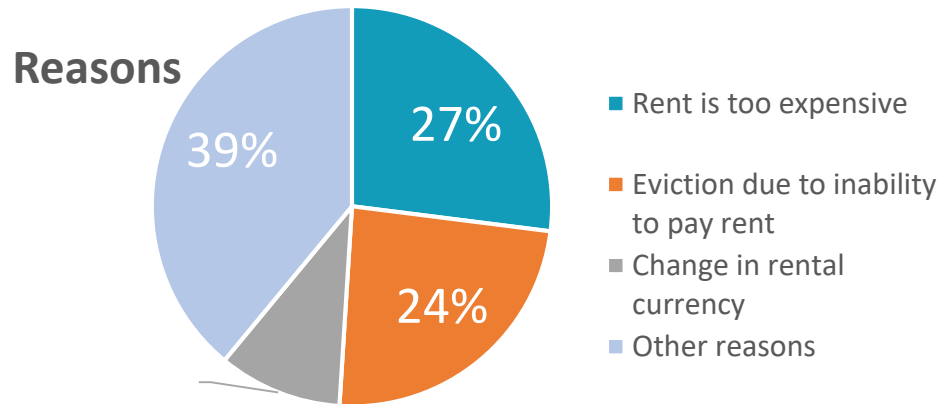


# SHELTER

# MOBILITY

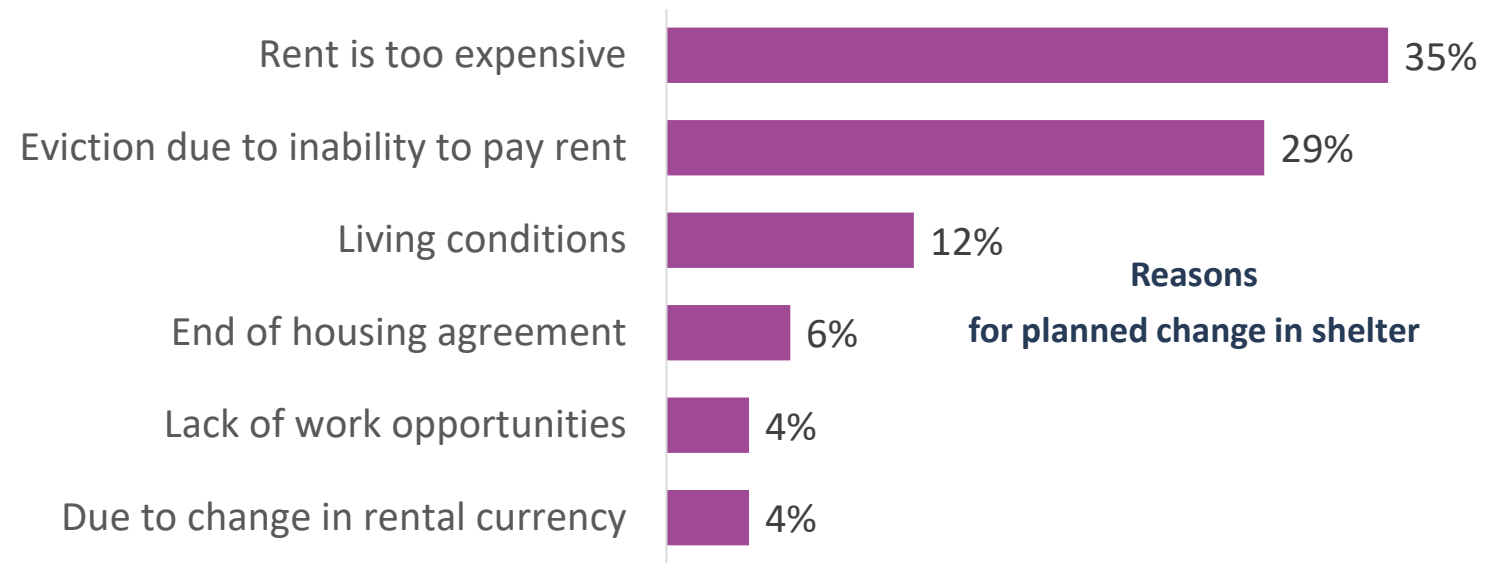
Changed Shelter since Oct 2019

**10%** (wave 1: 22%)



Planning to change shelter next three months

**15%** (wave 1: 22%)



Planning to move to third country

**16%**  
(Wave 1: 31%)

Planning to return to CoO

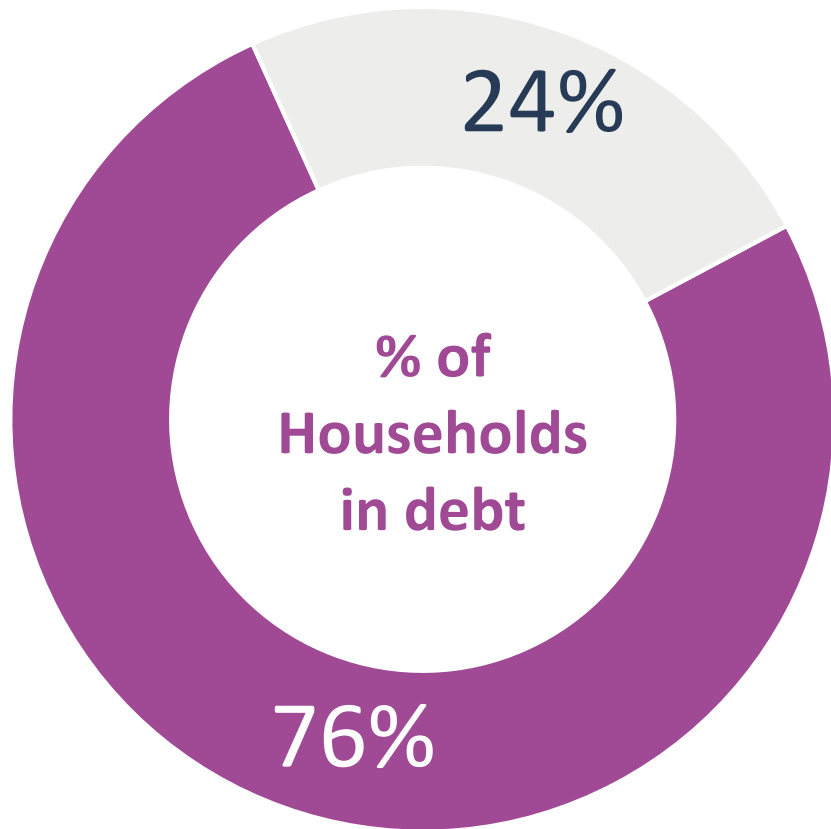
**1%**  
(Wave 1: 2%)

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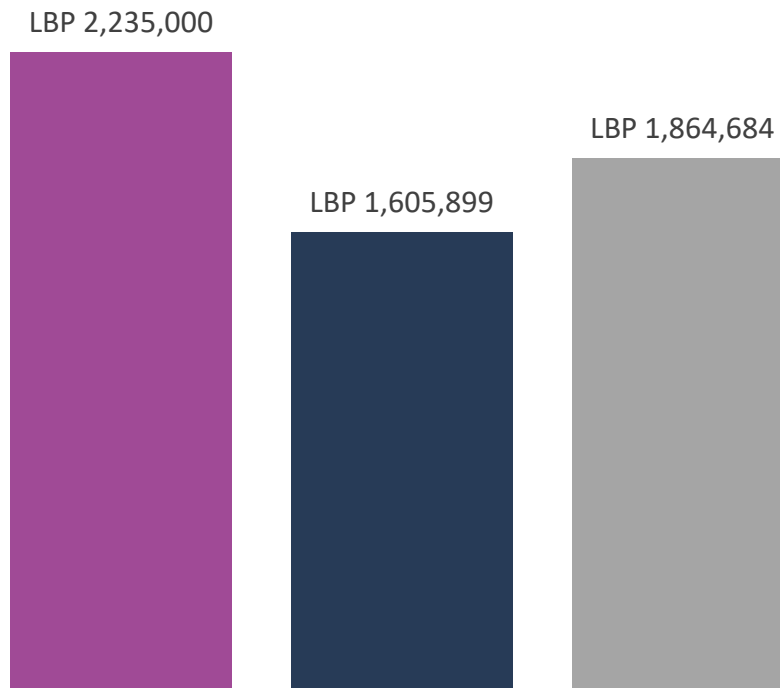
## DEBT



**VARON 2019: 58%**

**Wave 1: 69%**

Average total debt



■ 2019 ■ Wave 1 ■ Wave 2

**Newly incurred debt  
Past three months**

**71%**

**(wave 1: 61%)**

**780,730 LBP average  
(wave 1: 863,210 LBP)**

# LIVELIHOODS & DEBT

## WORK

**65%**

OF HOUSEHOLDS HAVE  
NO WORKING MEMBERS  
(ABOVE 15)  
(wave 1: 32%)



**4%**

REPORTED ENGAGING  
CHILDREN IN INCOME  
GENERATING ACTIVITIES SINCE  
OCT 2019

**0.5**

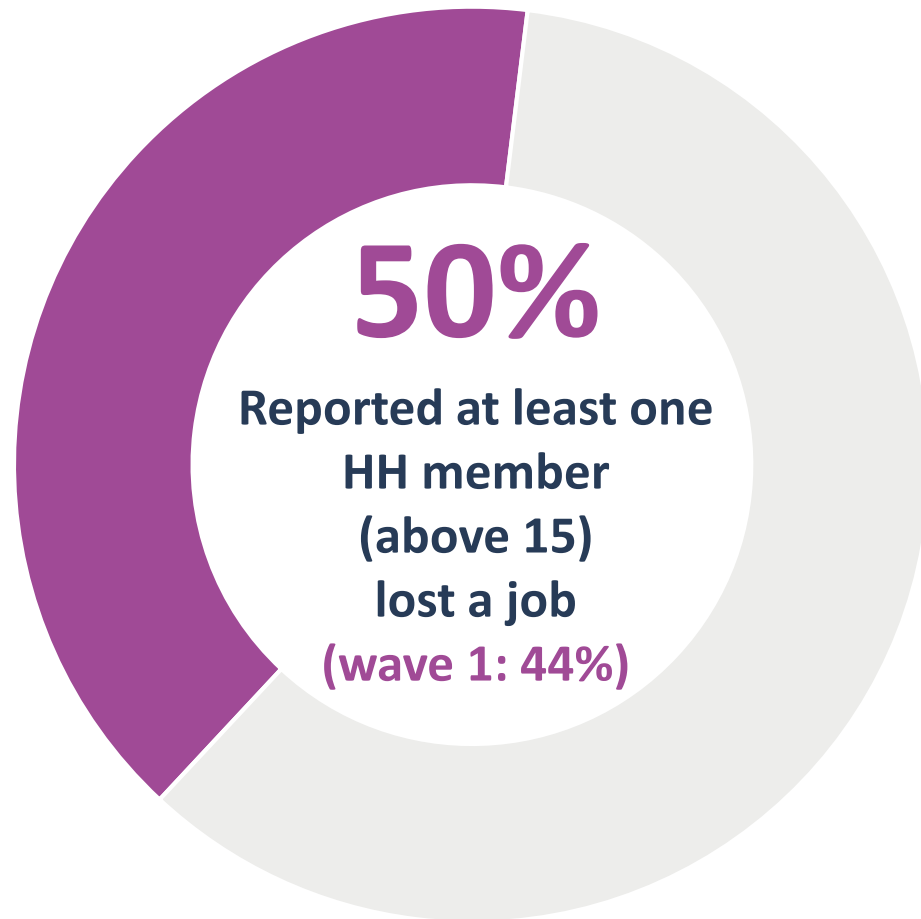
MEMBERS WORKING ON AVERAGE  
AMONG HH WITH WORKING  
MEMBERS  
(Wave 1: 1.5)

**2.5**

Persons above 15  
On Average per household

## LIVELIHOODS & DEBT

### LOSS/GAIN OF JOBS SINCE in the past three months



COPING STRATEGIES

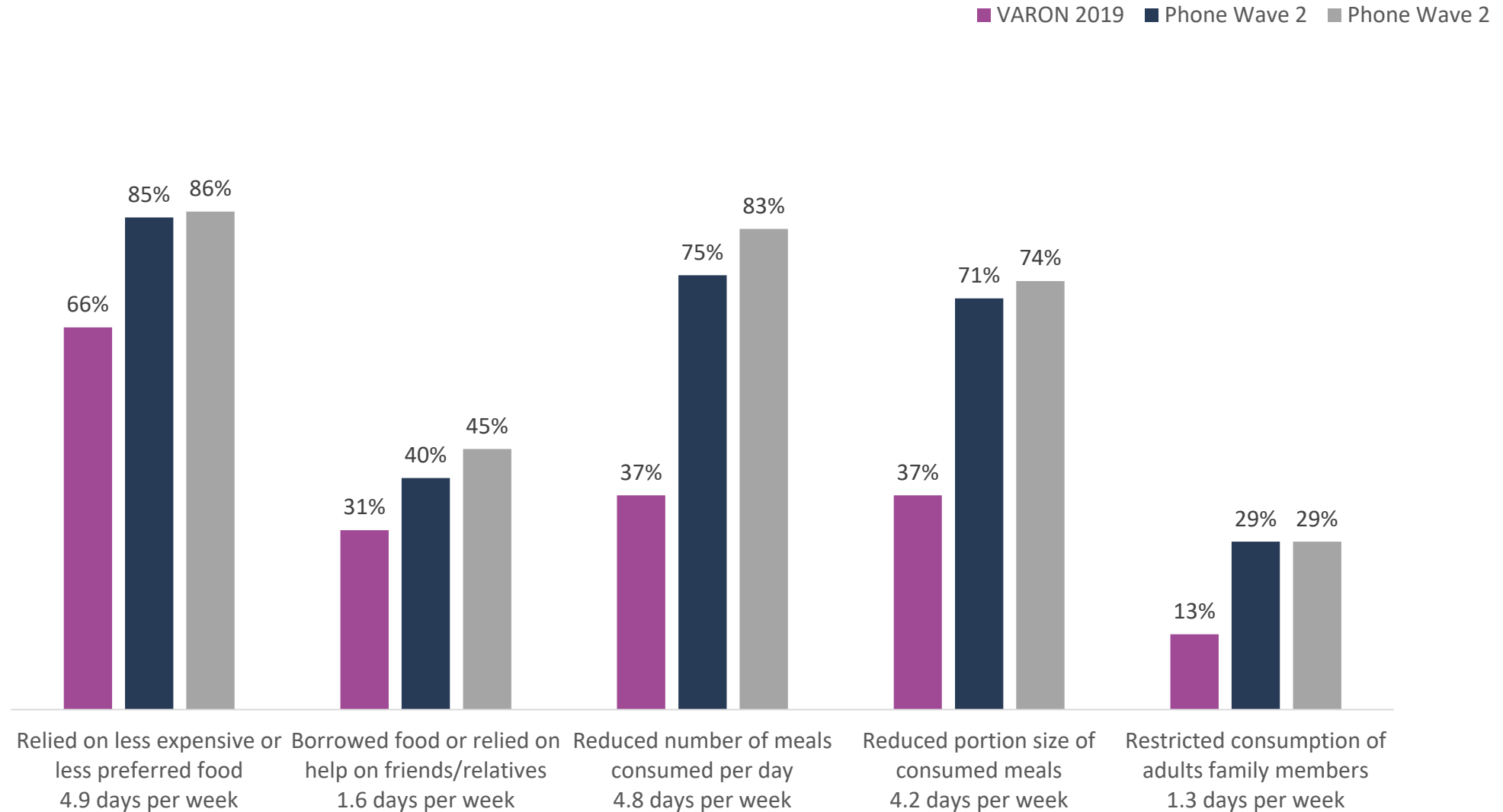
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FOOD & LIVELIHOODS



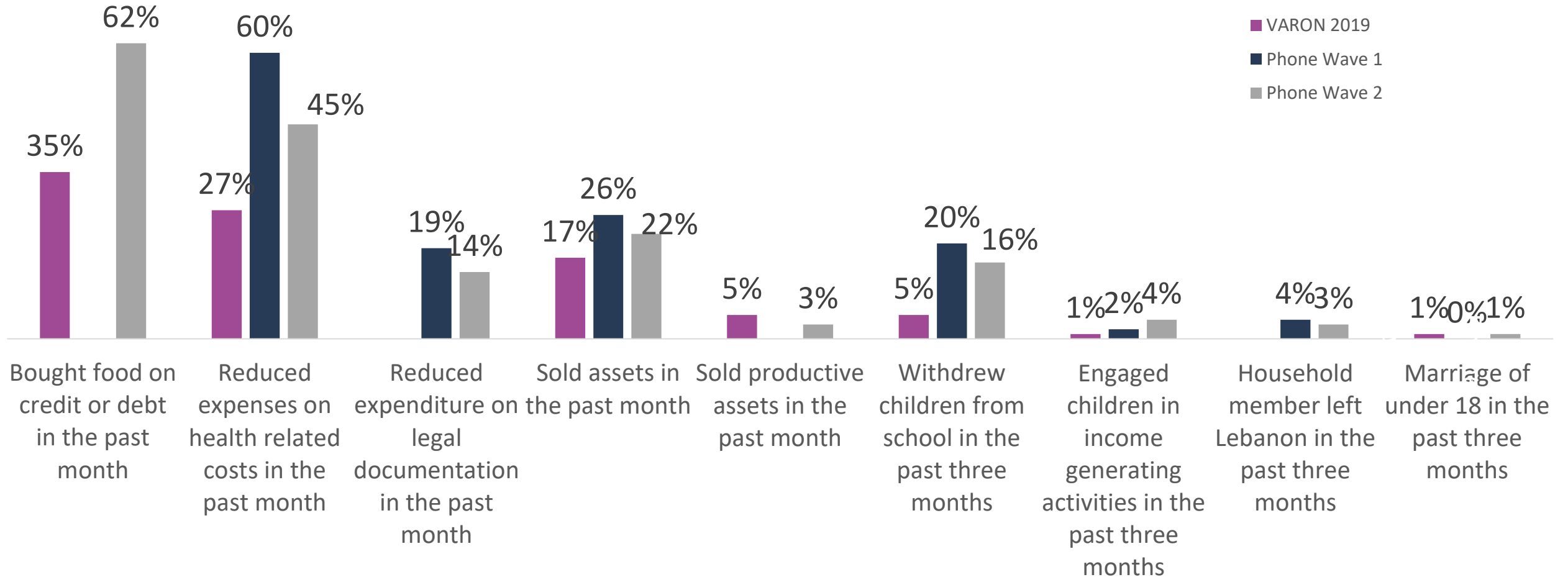
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## FOOD- Frequency over the past week



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## LIVELIHOOD

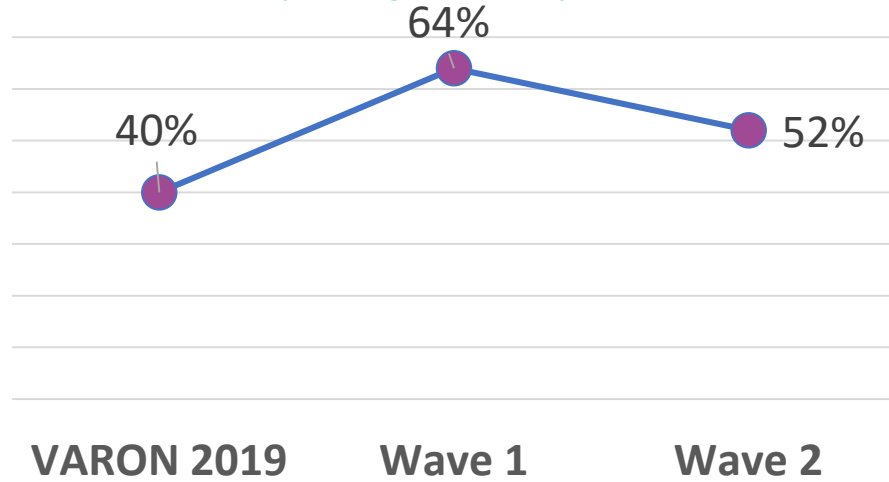


HEALTH

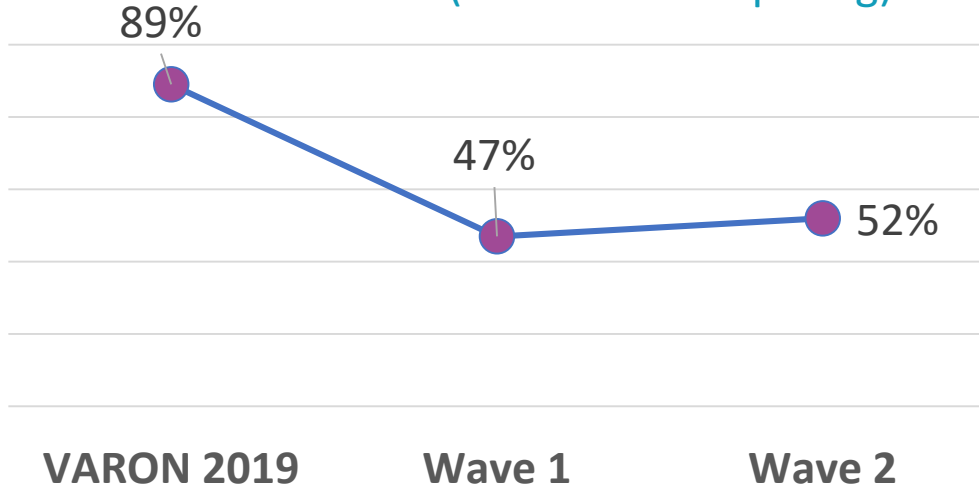
# HEALTH

## PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

% HH Requiring Primary health care

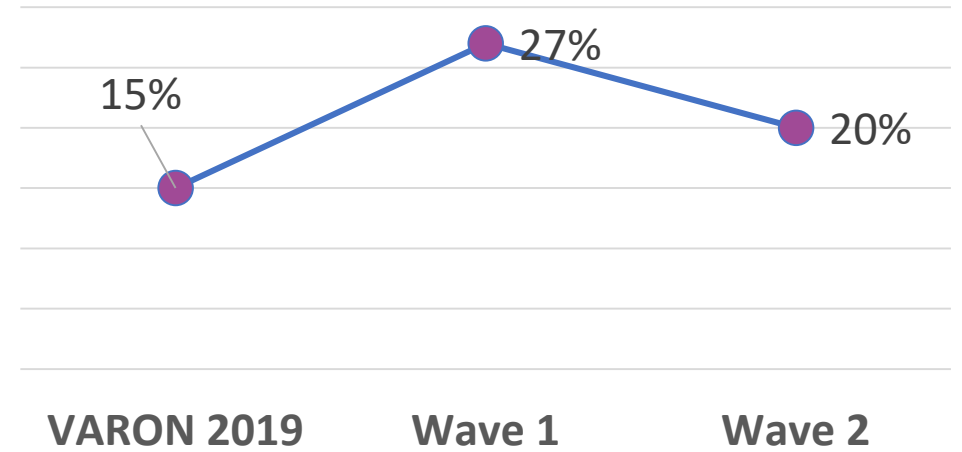


% Able to Access (from those requiring)

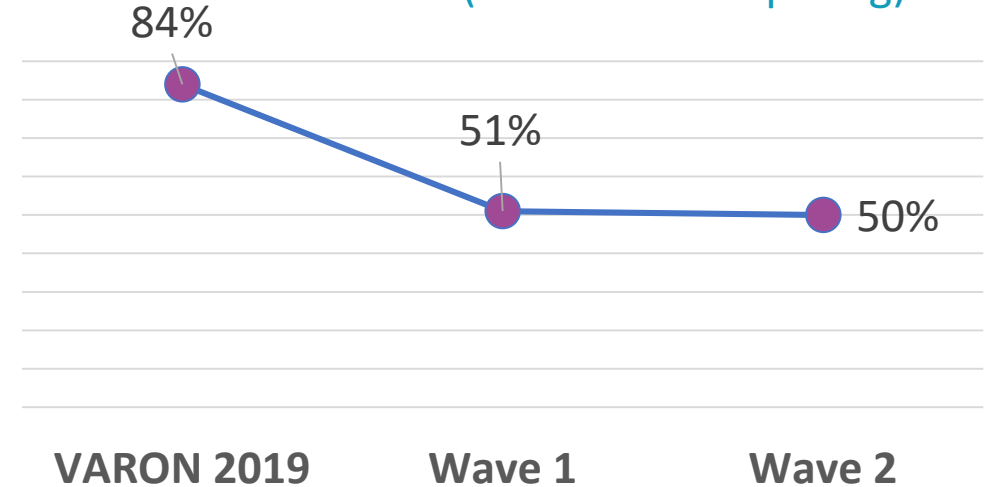


## SECONDARY HEALTH CARE

% HH Requiring Secondary health care

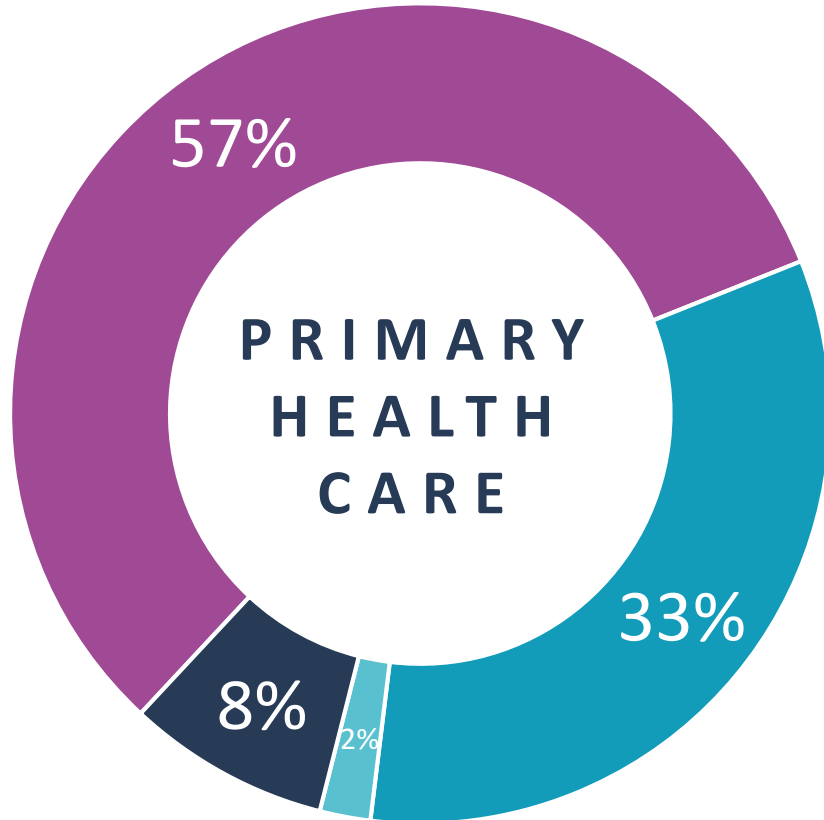


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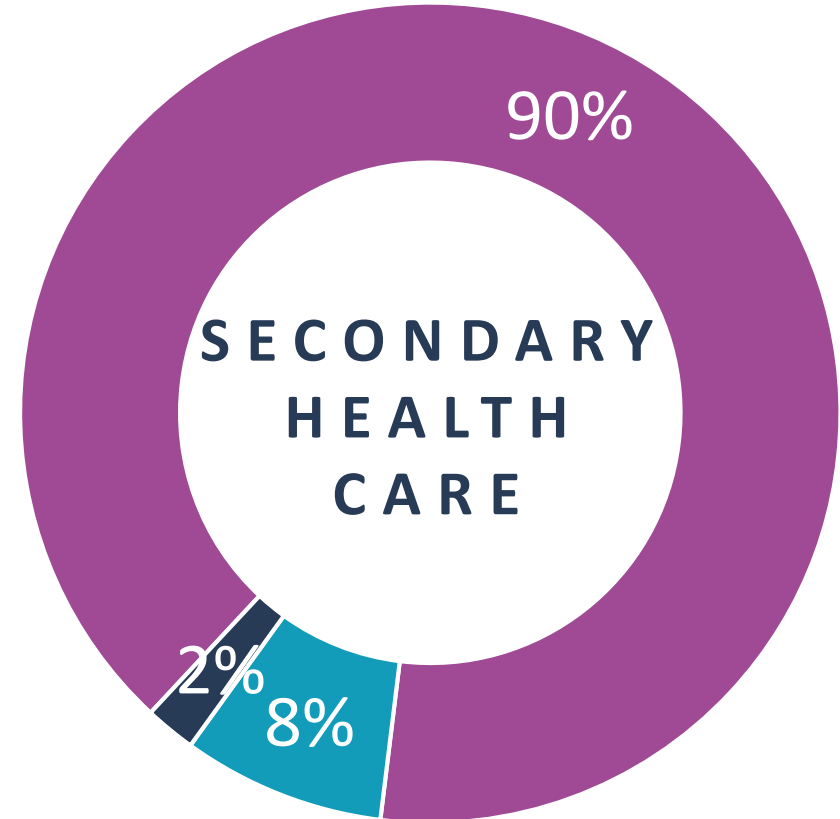


# HEALTH

## REASONS FOR NO ACCESS



- Cost of drugs/treatment/test
- Doctor fees
- Transportation
- Other



- Cost of treatment
- Could not secure deposit
- Other

# COVID19

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## Awareness and access to services

**90%**

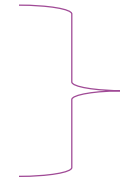
Know the symptoms

**73%**

Have enough gloves/masks  
for their family

**10%**

Received NFI kit



**65%**

Found the contents to be  
relevant

**99% do not have any concerns reaching out the MoH hotline**