Regional Refugee Response for the Ukraine Situation

Bulgaria

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INSIGHTS SURVEY

Refugees & Asylum-Seekers

February 2025

Preliminary analysis

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OBJECTIVES & METHODOLOGY

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The **SEIS** is a collaborative process which identifies the most pressing needs of refugees across various sectors. Comprehensive and accurate data is gathered to guide the planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs and interventions aimed at addressing those needs.

- The SEIS is a key source of information for the 2025 RRP planning, which aims to capture funding and planning requirements for the response.
- These preliminary results cover the following topics:

  - **DEMOGRAPHICS**
  - **PROTECTION**
  - **EDUCATION**
  - **SOCIAL ECONOMIC INCLUSION AND LIVELIHOOD**
  - **HEALTH**
  - **ACCOMMODATION**

OVERVIEW

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COMPLETED VISITS

352 HH

POPULATION COVERAGE

Refugees and asylum-seekers living in reception centres and in private accommodation.

DATA COLLECTION BY

Global Metrics Ltd.

DATA COLLECTION

From **14 November 2024** to **20 December 2024**

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS BY

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METHODOLOGY

The **preliminary result** are based on the analysis of part of the total surveys to conducted.

POPULATION	Refugees and asylum-seekers living in reception centres and in private accommodation.
DESIGN	Household interviews.
DATA COLLECTION	From 14 November 2024 to 20 December 2024 by enumerators from Global Metrics Ltd.
SAMPLE SIZE	352 HHs covered; obtaining information for 613 individual HH members

SAMPLING AND REPRESENTATIVENESS: **Purposively selected** (geographical coverage, different accommodation types), but **not statistically representative**. Results are indicative.

LIMITATIONS:

- **Lack of comprehensive data on population locations**, and difficulties interviewing outside of collective sites and distribution points.
- Sensitivity around **protection and income questions**, therefore, large non-response rate and less reliable data;
- **Respondent bias**: certain indicators may be under-reported or over-reported due to the subjectivity and perceptions of respondents.

DEMOGRAPHICS

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RESPONDENTS

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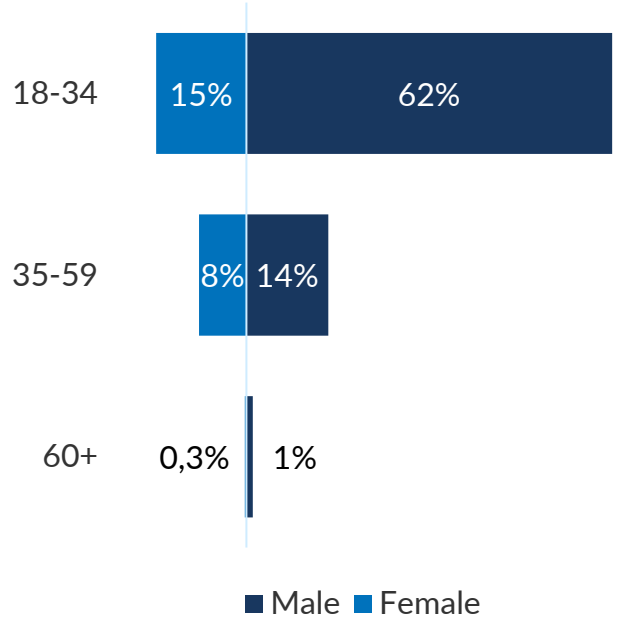
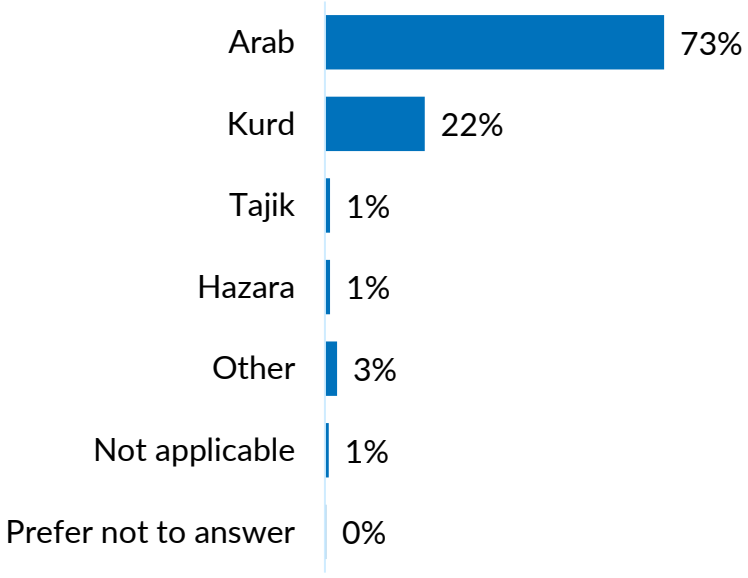
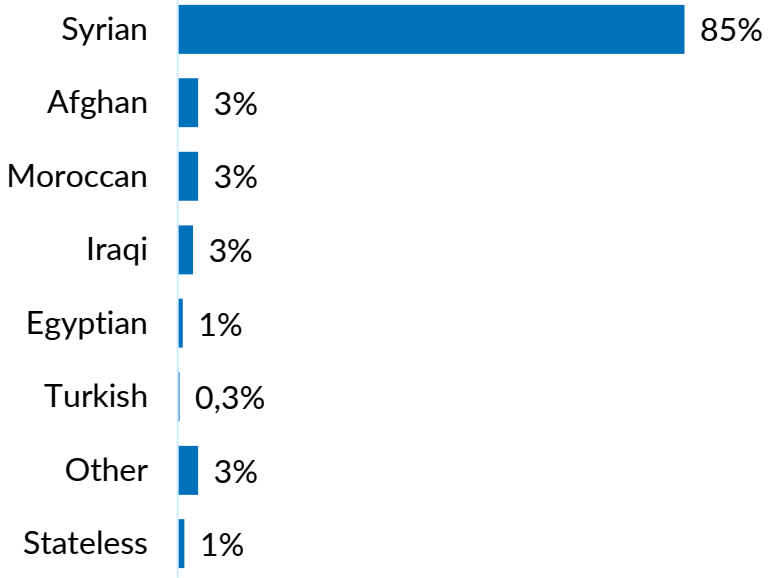
Respondents by gender & age



% of HHs by ethnic background (self-identified)



% of respondents by citizenship



Around **77%** of respondents were **men**, 23% were **women**. The largest age group is 18-34 years (77%). **85%** of the respondents have Syrian citizenship. **73%** of respondents **self-identified** as of **Arab background** and **22%** as **Kurd**.

DEMOGRAPHICS

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HOUSEHOLD AND POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

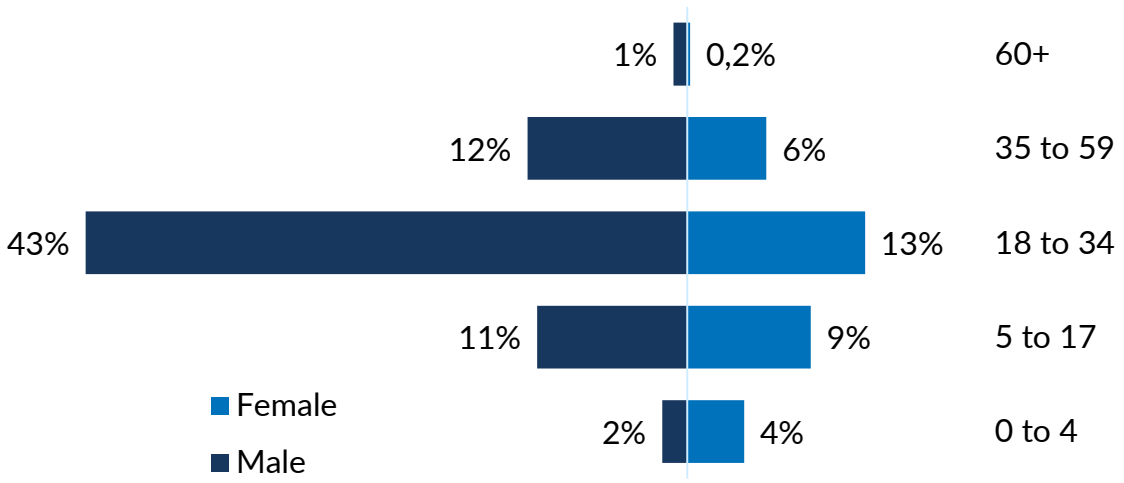
Average HH size
1.7

% of HHs with a chronically ill member
16%

HHs with children
25%

% of HHs with a Pregnant or Breastfeeding Woman
4%

Household Members by Age Group and Gender



% Female Headed HHs
21%

% HHs with infants
5%

% children
30%

% of older refugees
1%

% of individuals with disability level 3 and above
5%

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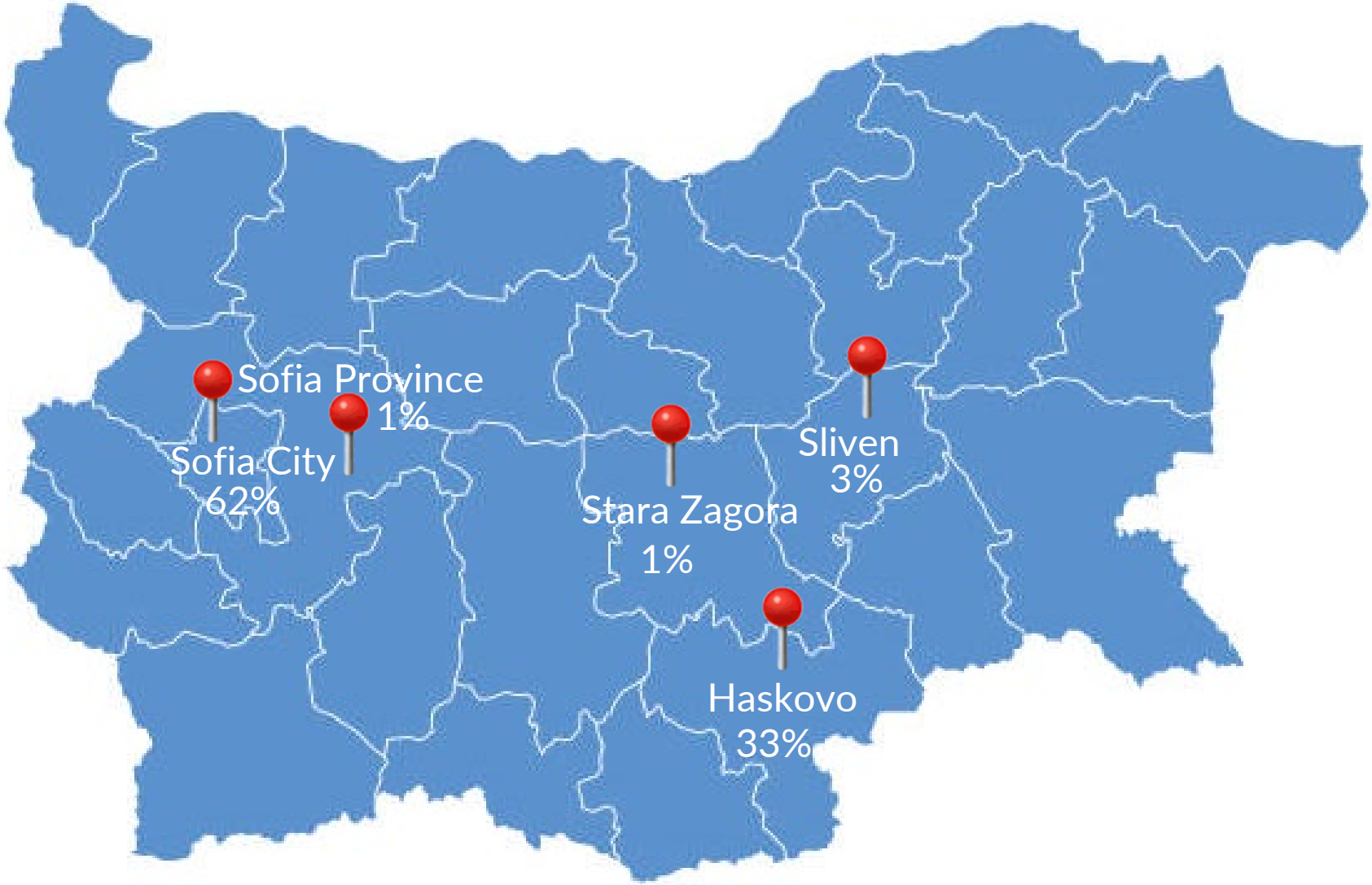
AREA OF RESIDENCE



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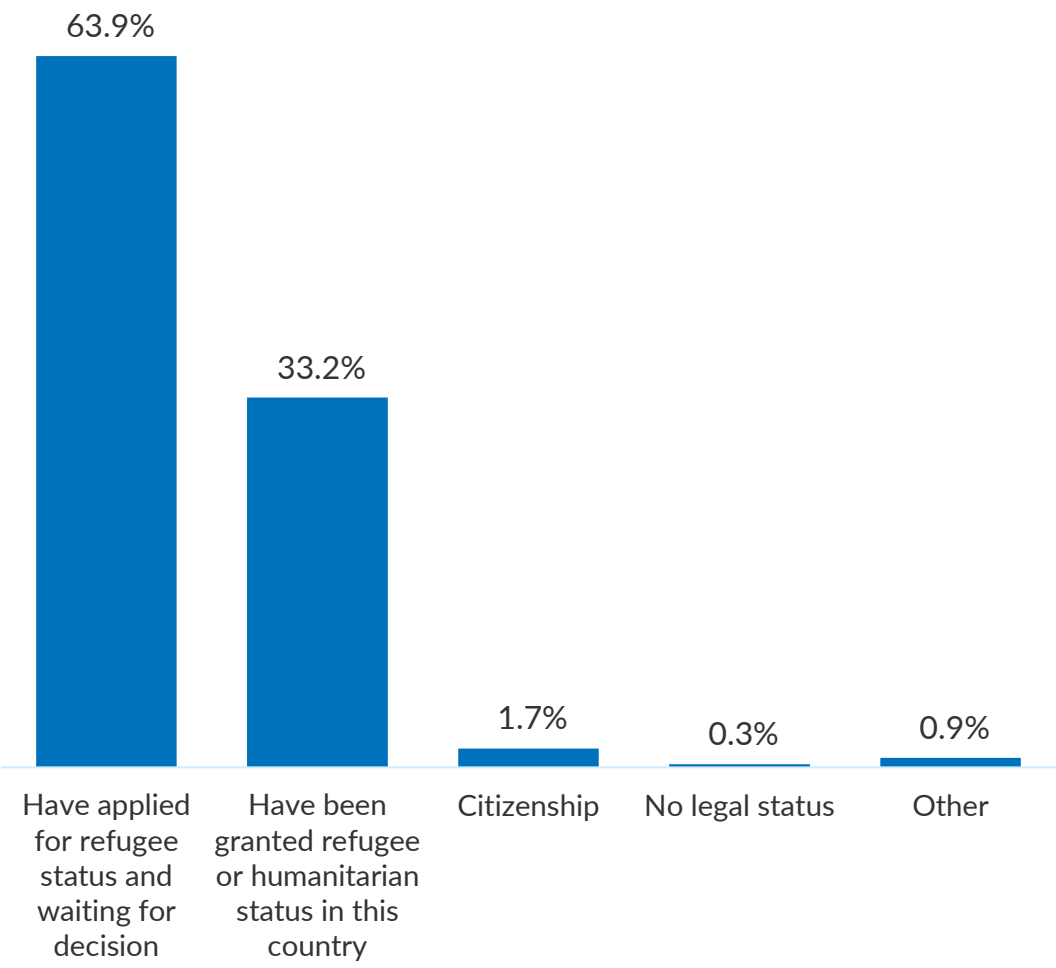
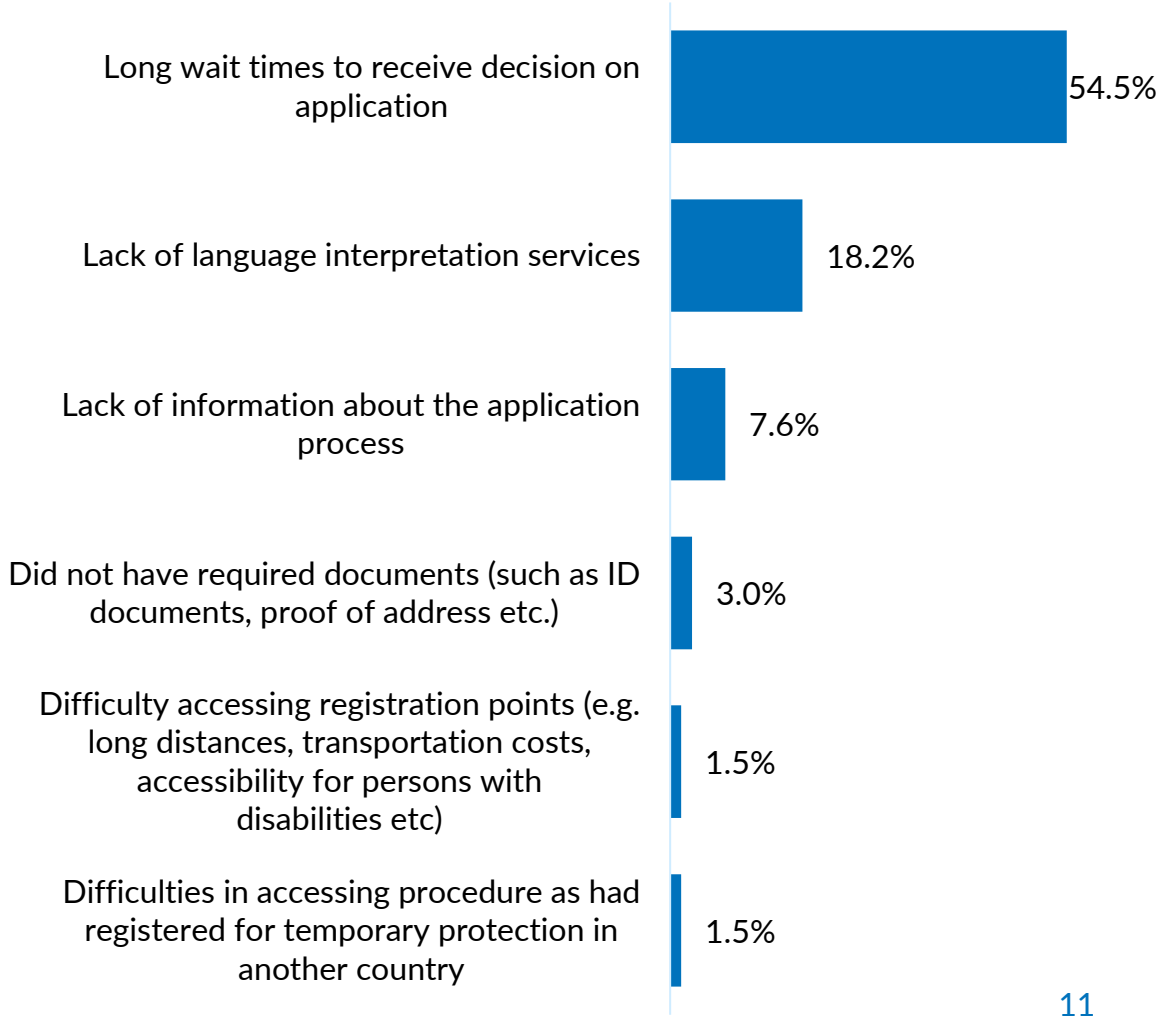
CIVIL STATUS

What is your current legal status in the country?



% top 5 difficulties faced during asylum application*



*Among 19% who experienced any difficulties

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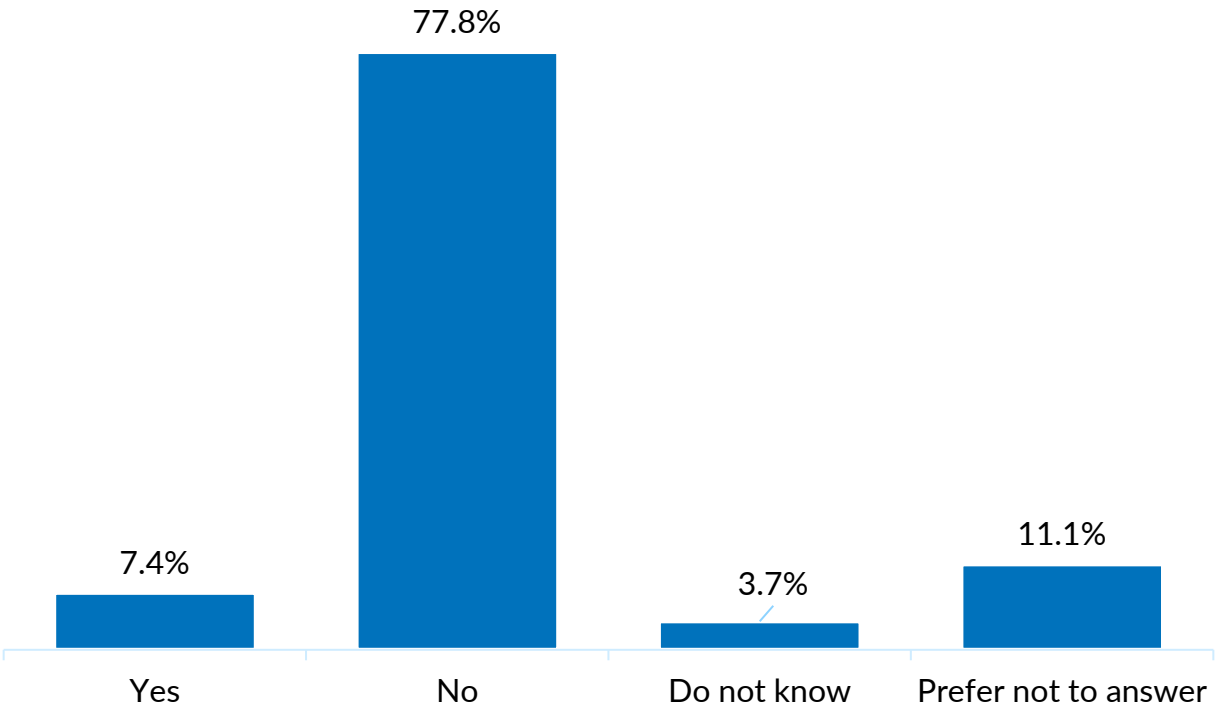
% HH reporting challenges in registering changes to family composition/civil status with host country authorities



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SOCIAL COHESION

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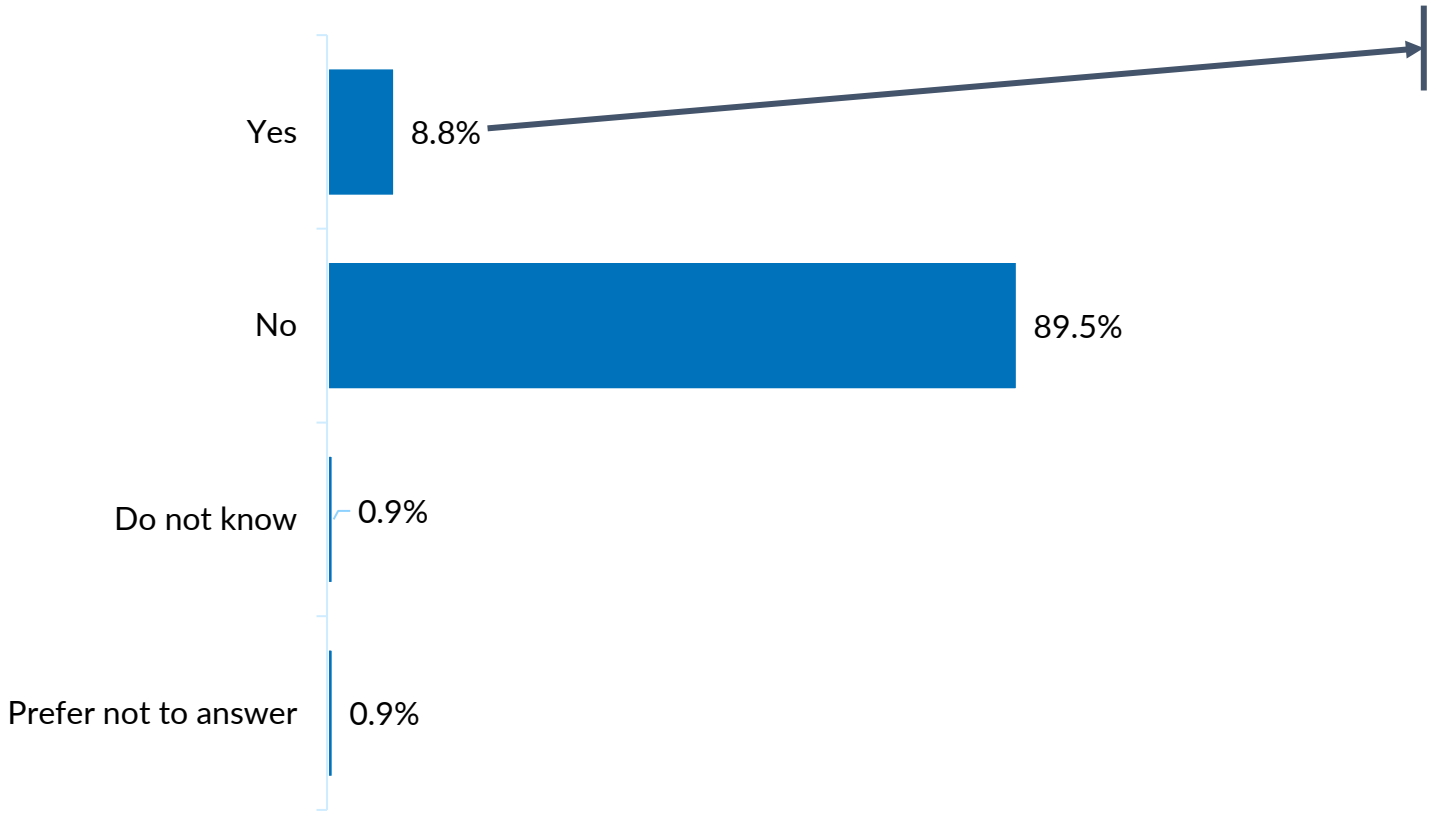
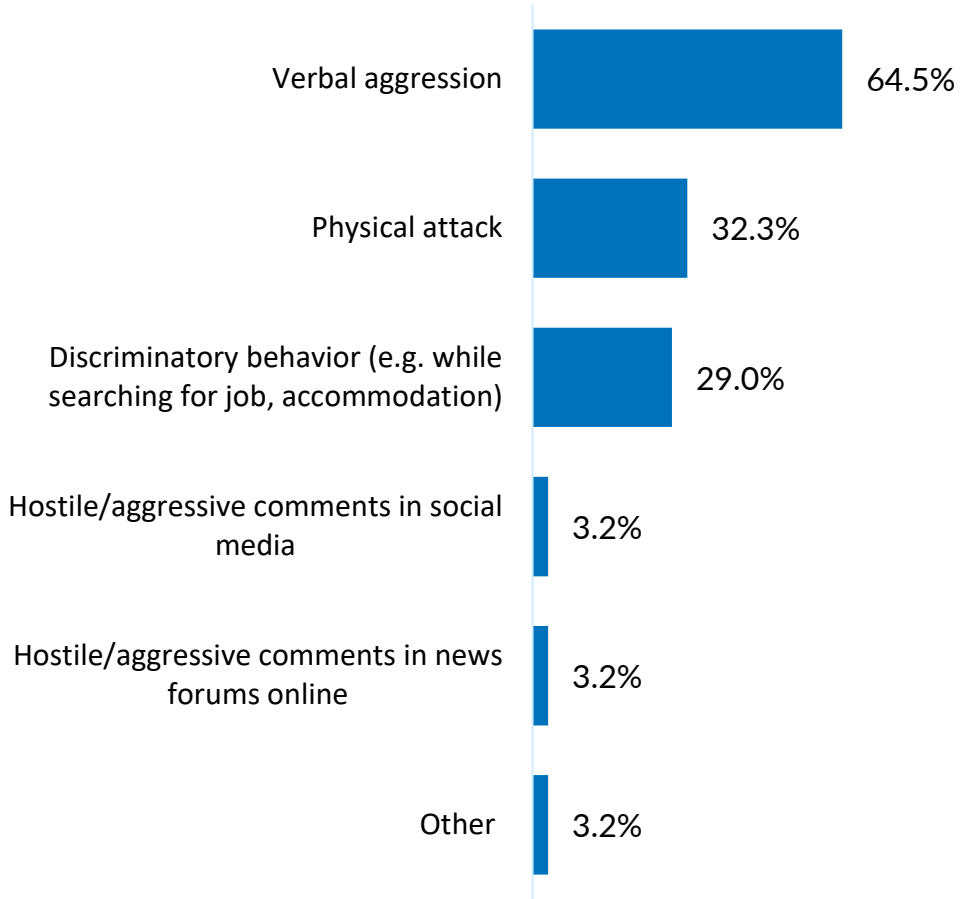
% of HHs reporting hostile behavior or attitudes from the local population



Type of hostile behavior reported (out of the 9% reporting tensions)



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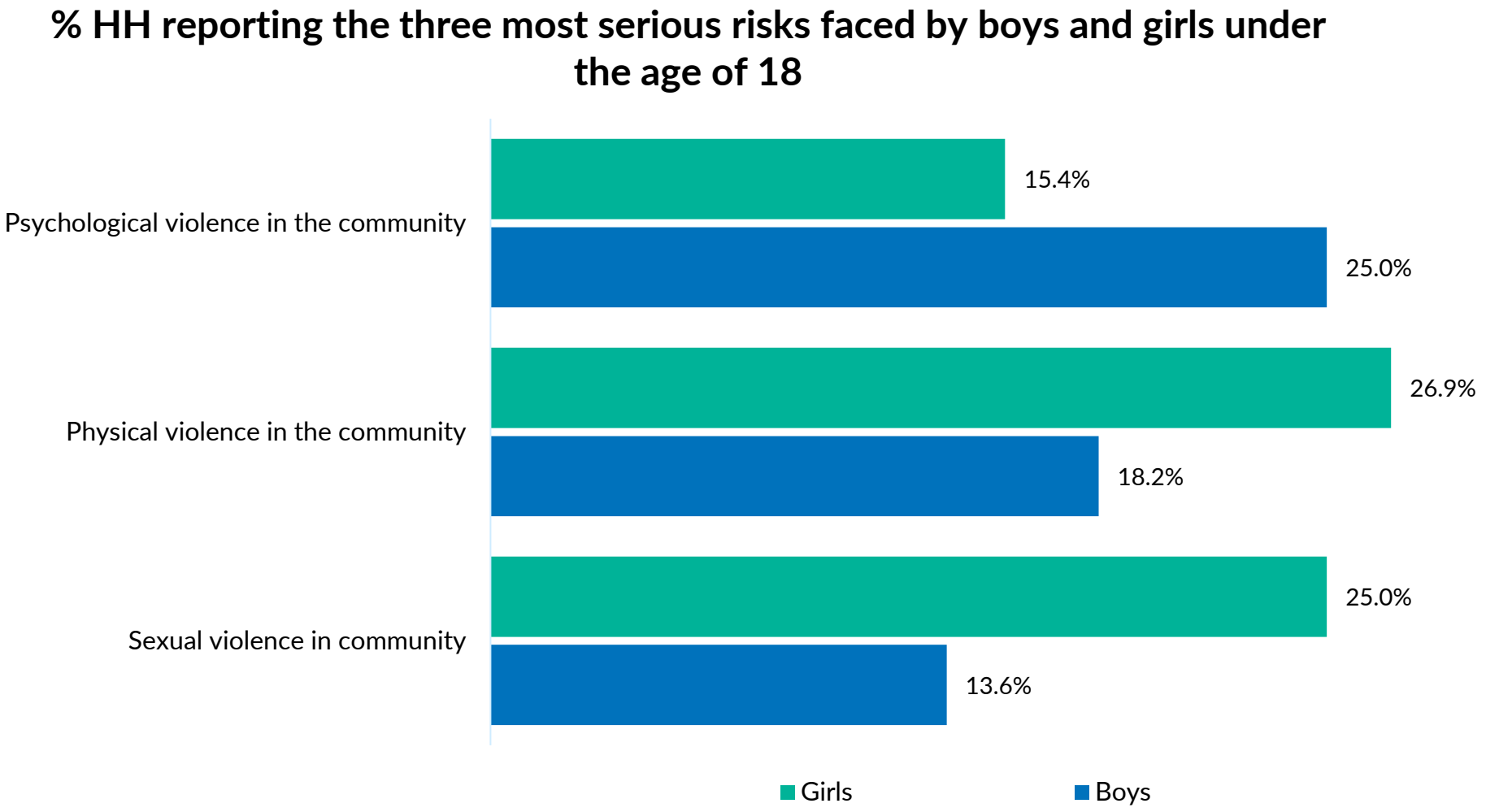

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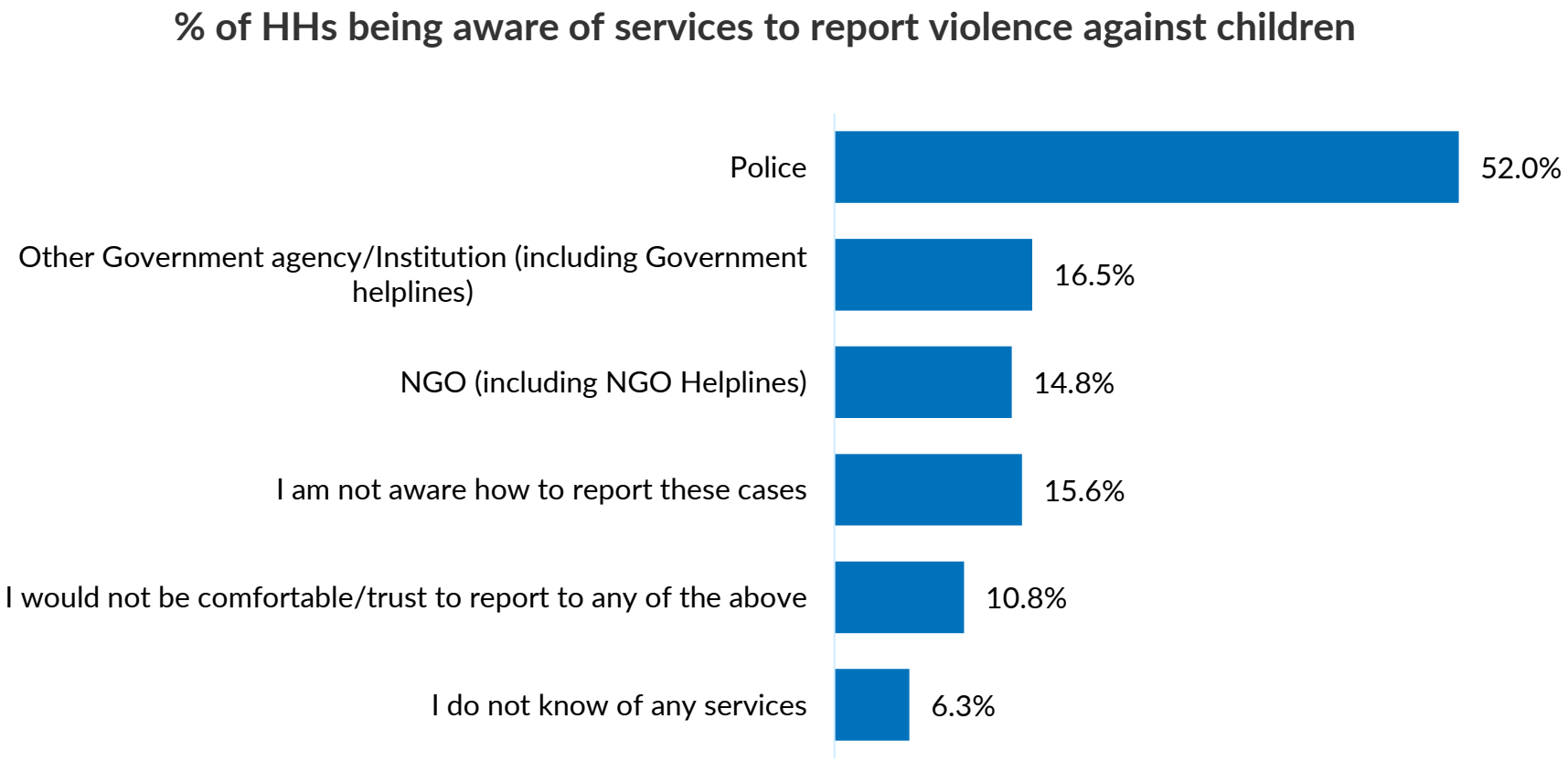

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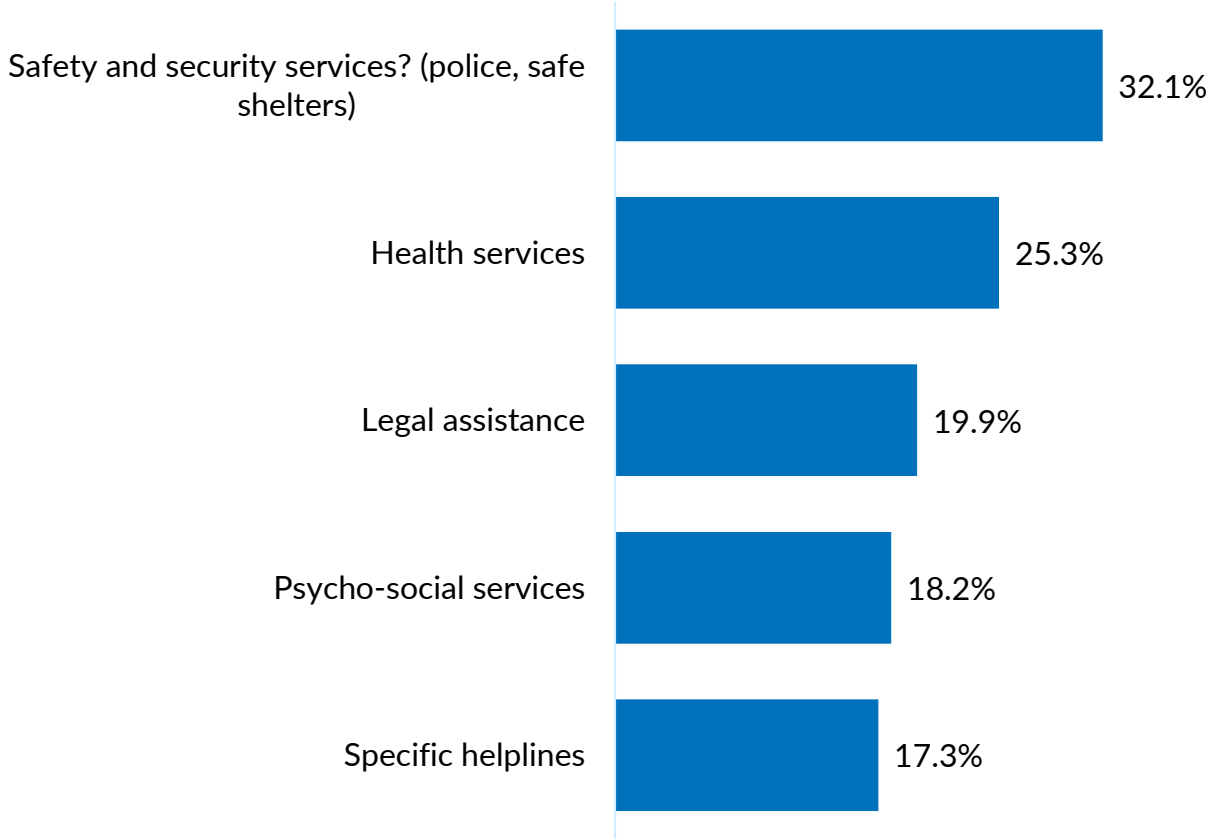
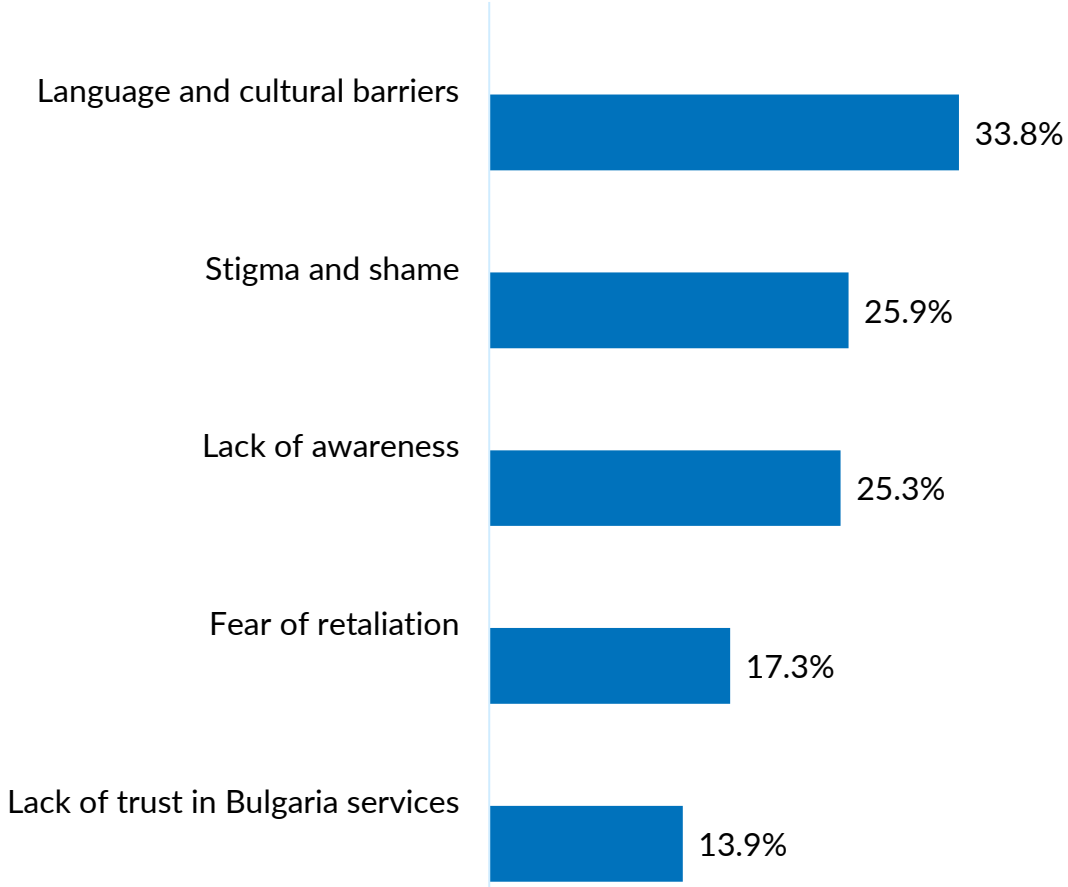
GBV

% of respondents who know how to access GBV services



% of respondents who identified main barriers for accessing GBV services (top 5)



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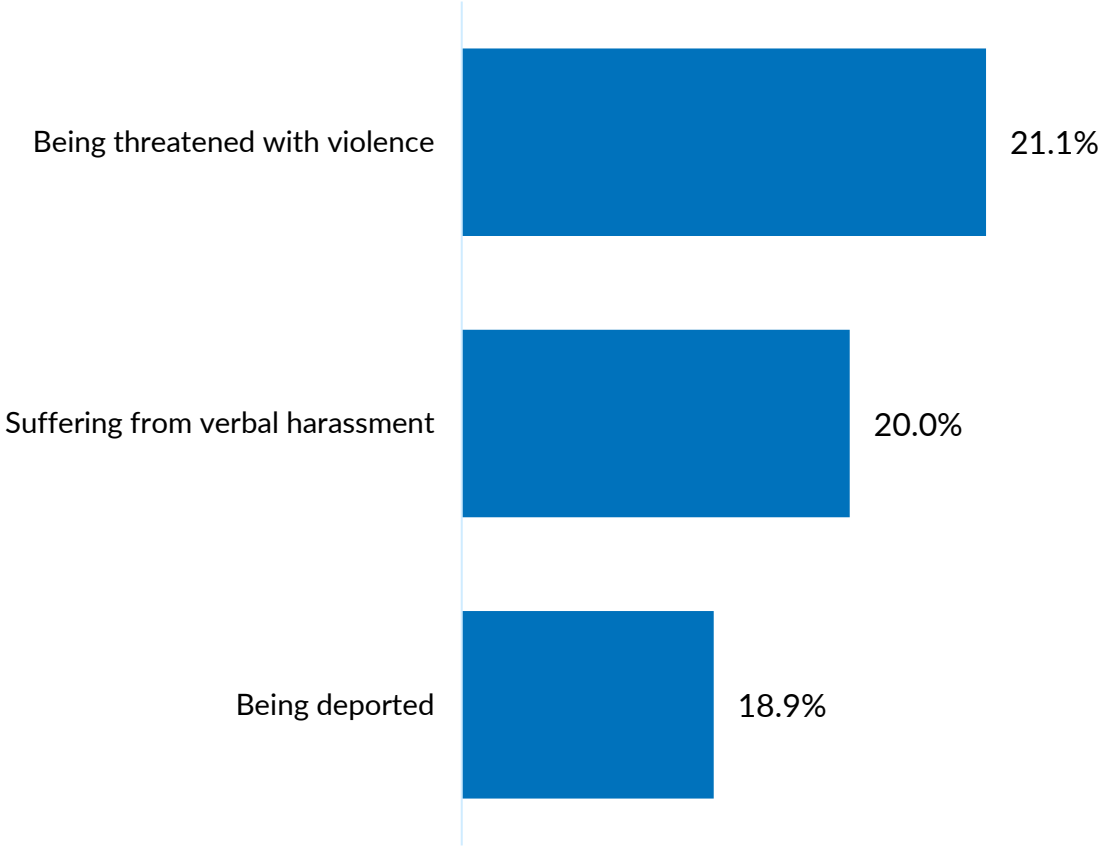
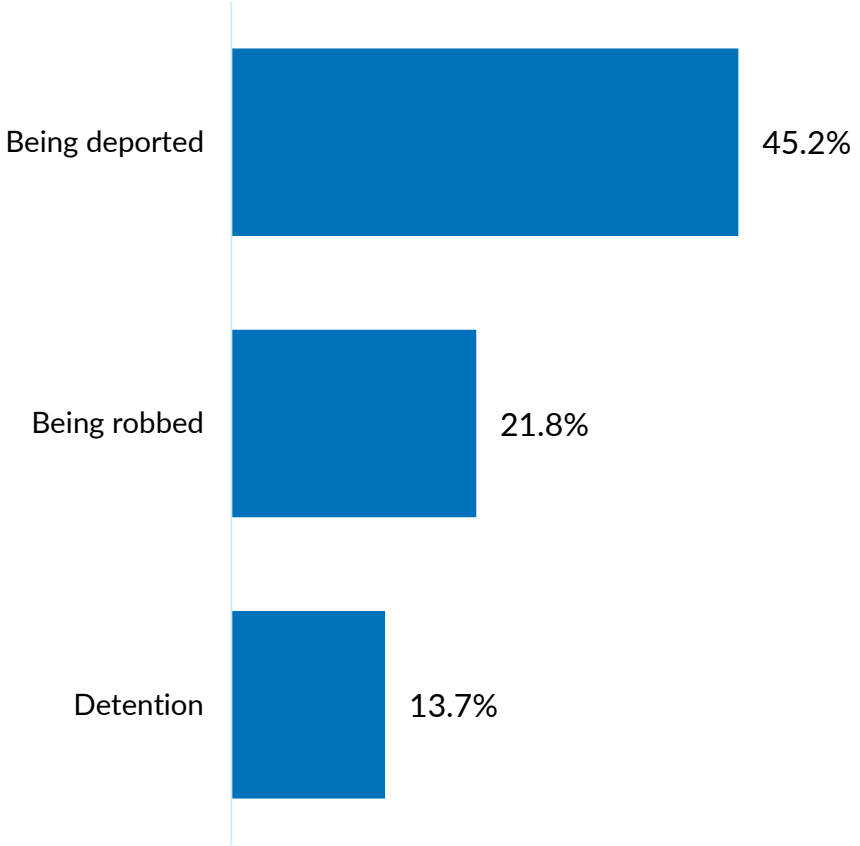
% top 3 main safety and security concerns for women in the area of residence



% top 3 main safety and security concerns for men in the areas of residence



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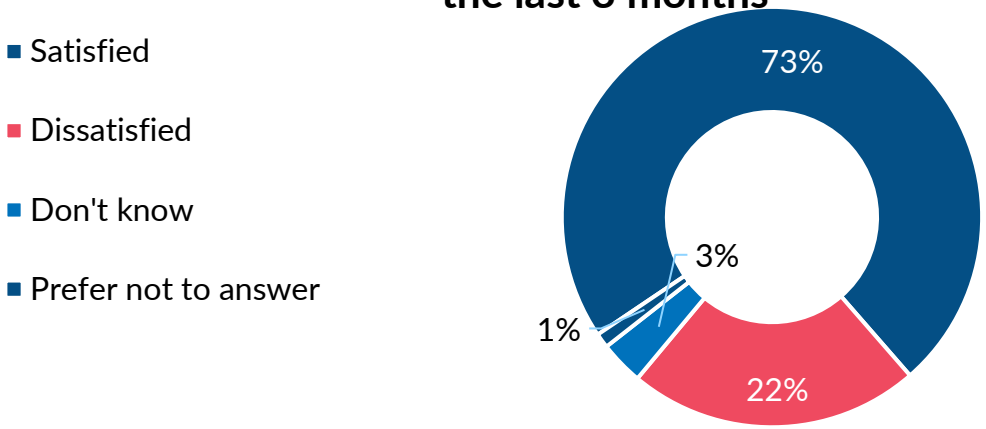
AAP – SATISFATION AID RECEIVED

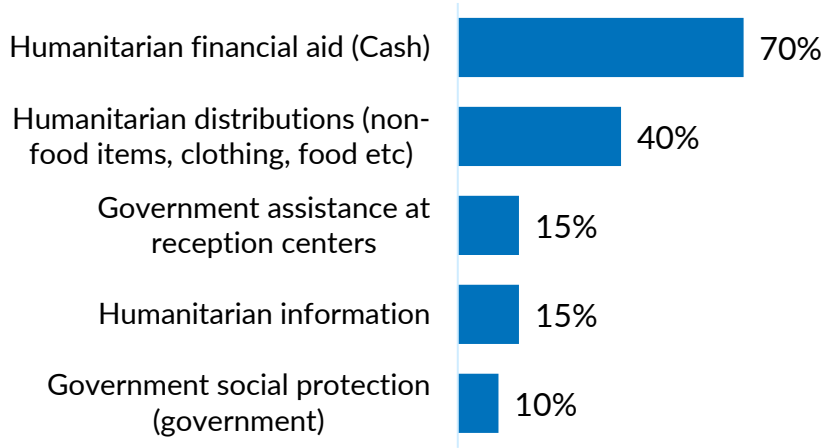
% of HHs satisfied or dissatisfied with the aid they received in the last 3 months



% of HHs received aid in the last 3 months

25%

% top 5 type of aid were you dissatisfied with*



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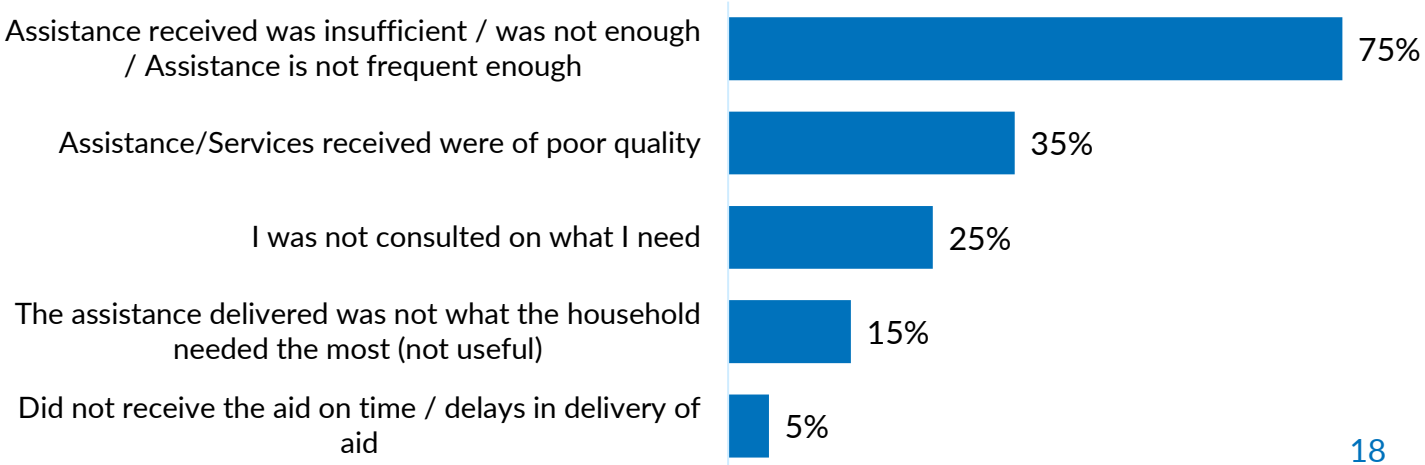
% top 5 reasons for dissatisfaction with aid received*



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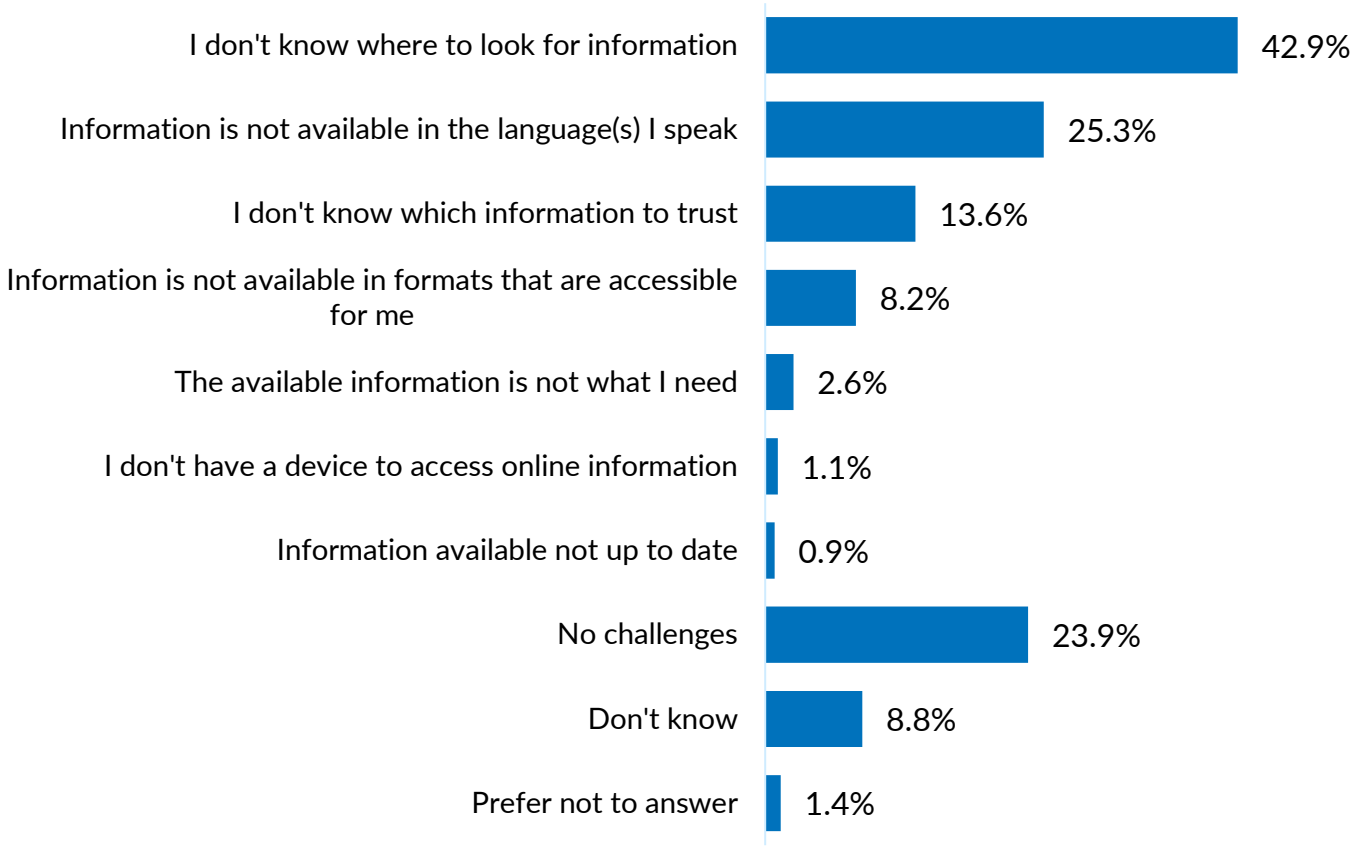
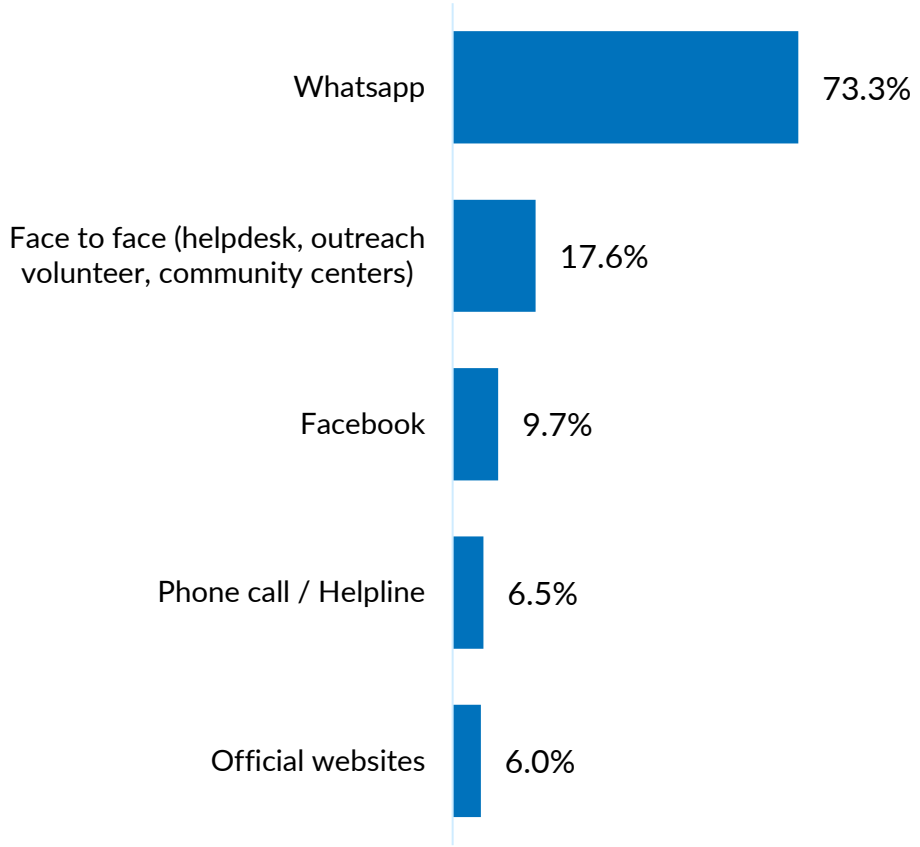
AAP – INFORMATION NEEDS

% of HHs challenges faced in accessing information



% of HHs preferred means/channels of receiving information (top 5)



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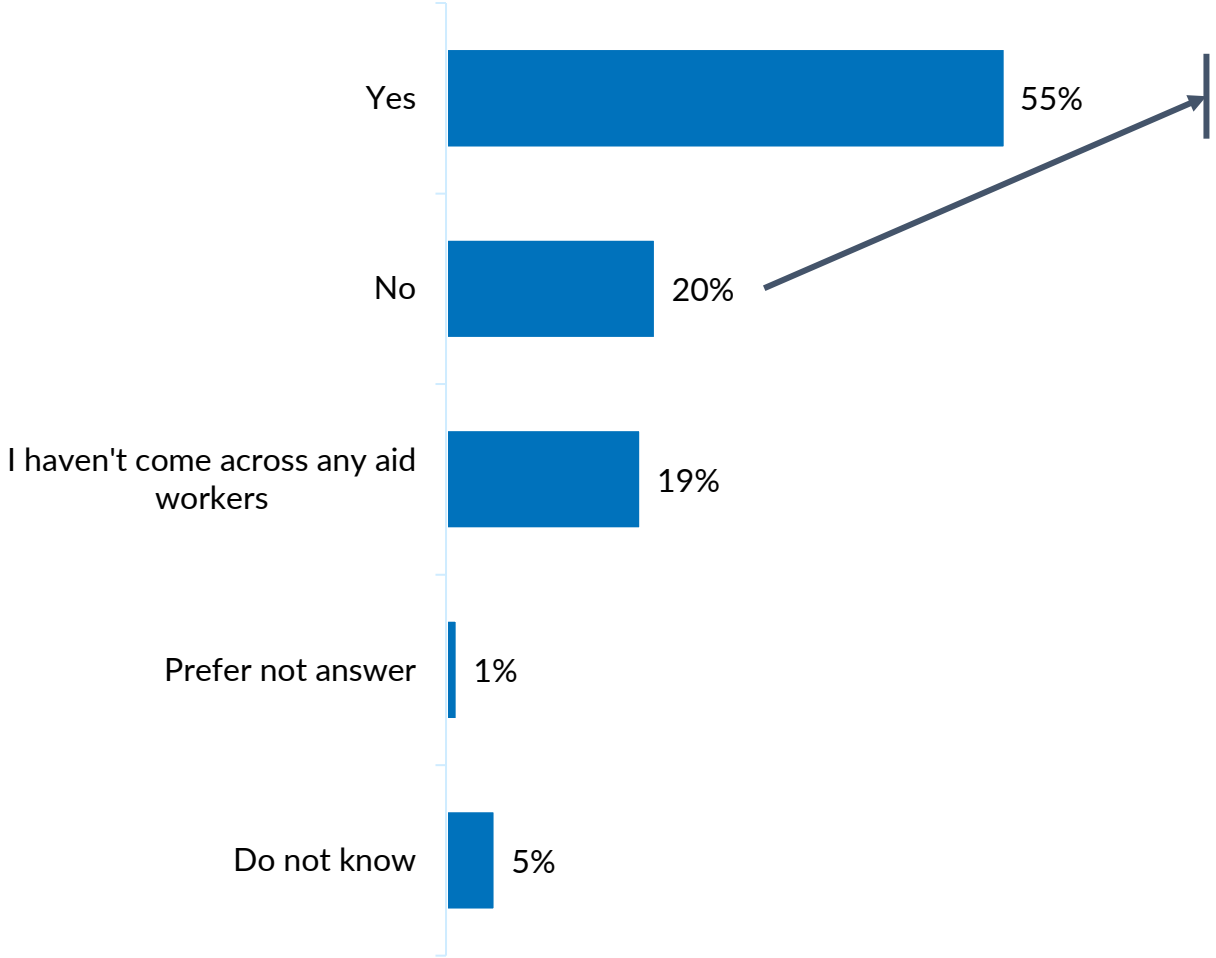
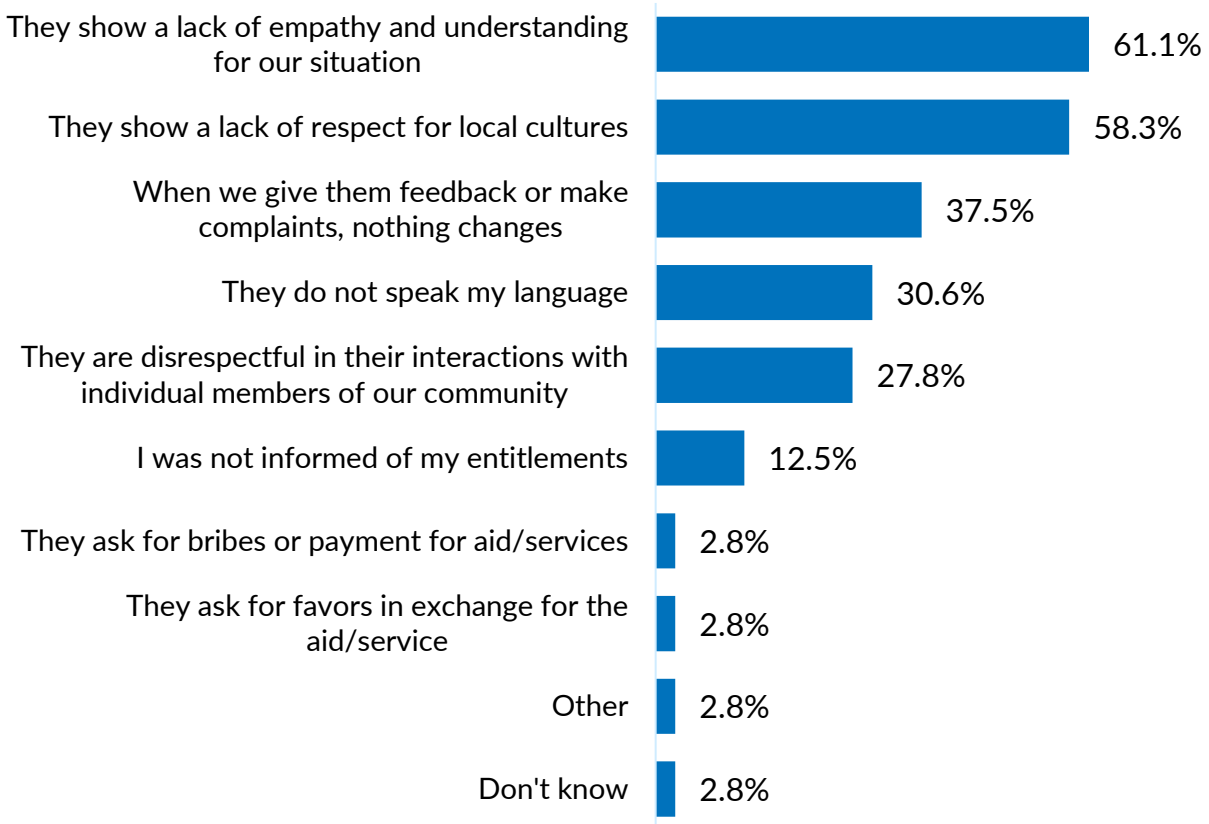
PSEA – SATISFACTION OF AID WORKERS BEHAVIOUR

% of HHs satisfied with aid workers' behaviour in the area



% of HH reported reasons for dissatisfaction with the behavior of aid workers



EDUCATION

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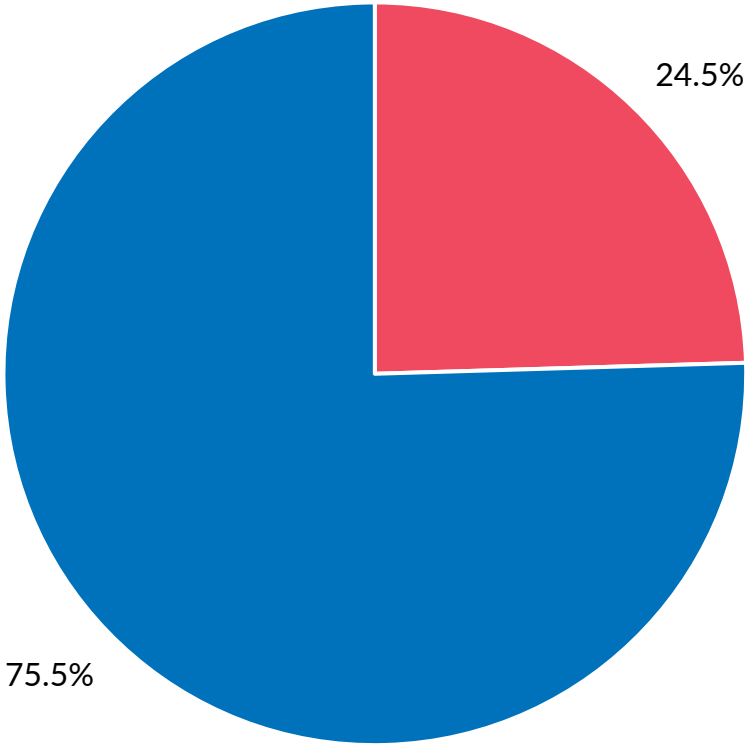
ATTENDANCE /ENROLMENT

% of school-aged children (3-18-years-old) reported attending 2024/2025 school year in host country



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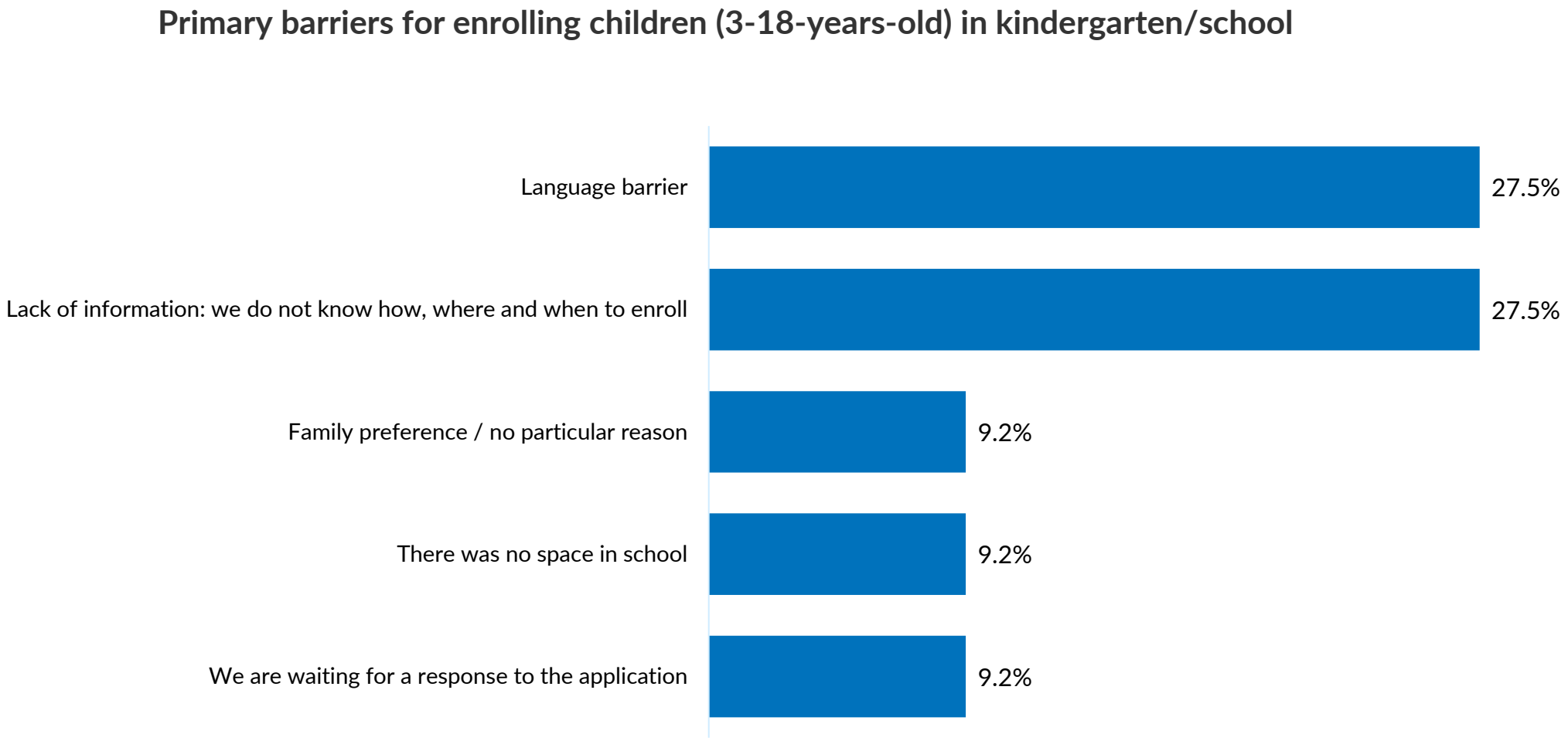
BARRIER FOR ENROLING CHILDREN IN SCHOOL



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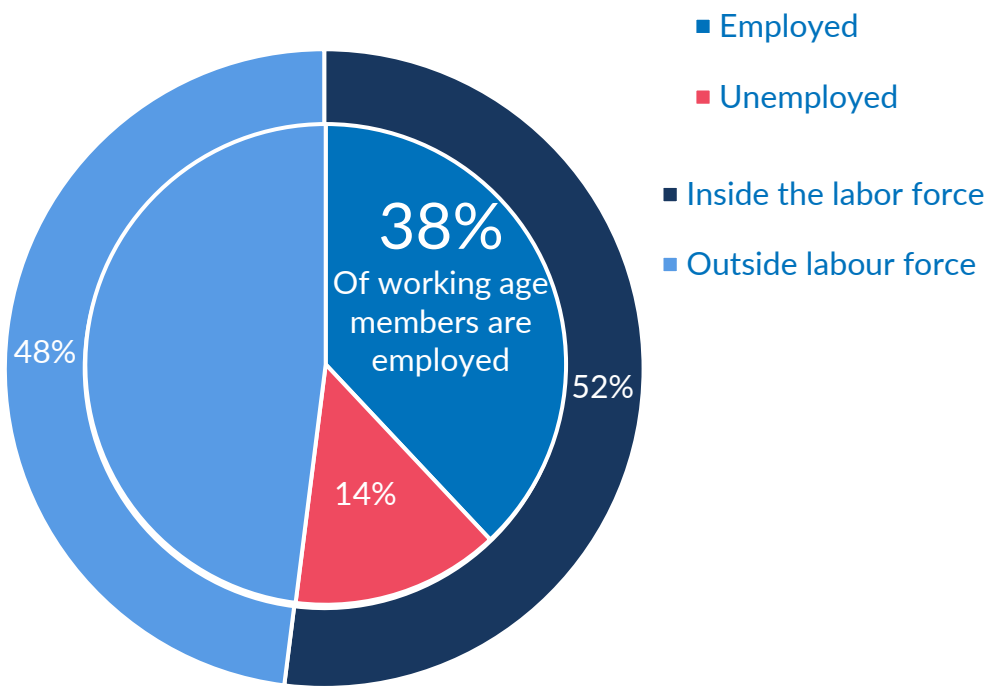
LIVELIHOOD AND INCLUSION

Labor Force Participation
(out of working age population 16 to 64)



Employment: Employment includes individuals of working age who have engaged in income-generating activities in the past week. This encompasses formal employment, self-employment, agricultural/fishing work, diverse income generation, temporary absence from paid roles, and unpaid contributions to family businesses.

Unemployment: # of working-age who were not employed during the past week (as per the definition above), who looked for a paid job or tried to start a business in the past 4 weeks, and who are available to start working within the next 2 weeks if ever a job or business opportunity becomes available.

Outside labor force: # working-age individuals (who were not employed during the past week, and who either cannot start working within the next 2 weeks if a job or business opportunity becomes available, or did not look for a paid job or did not try to start a business in the past 4 weeks.

Inside labor force: Employed and Unemployed

% of youth (16 to 24) who are Not in Education, Training or Employment (NEETs):

28,1%

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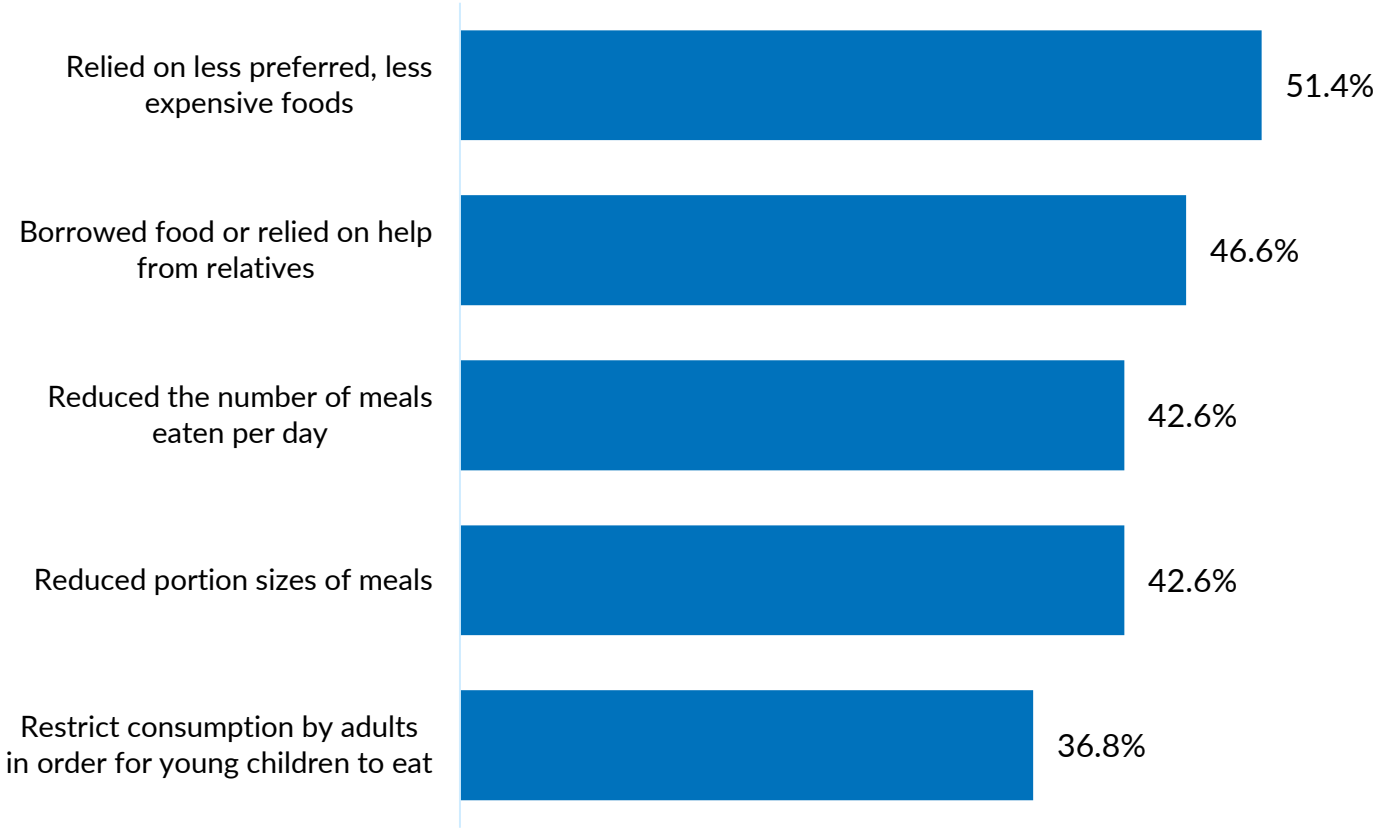
FOOD COPING STRATEGY – REDUCED COPING STRATEGY INDEX (RCSI)

% of families who relied on coping mechanism at least once in the past week



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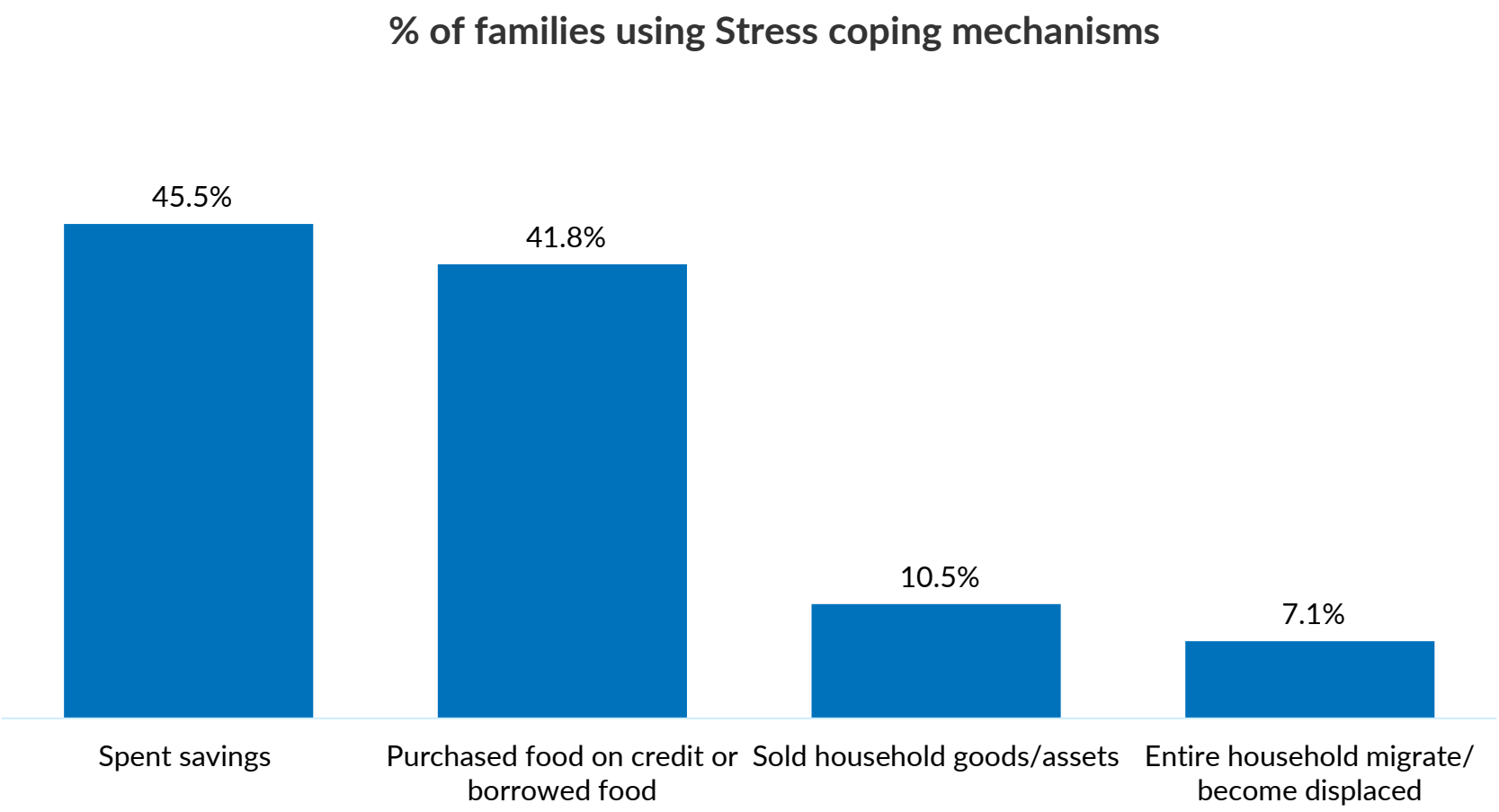
LIVELIHOOD COPING STRATEGY INDEX - STRESS COPING MECHANISM



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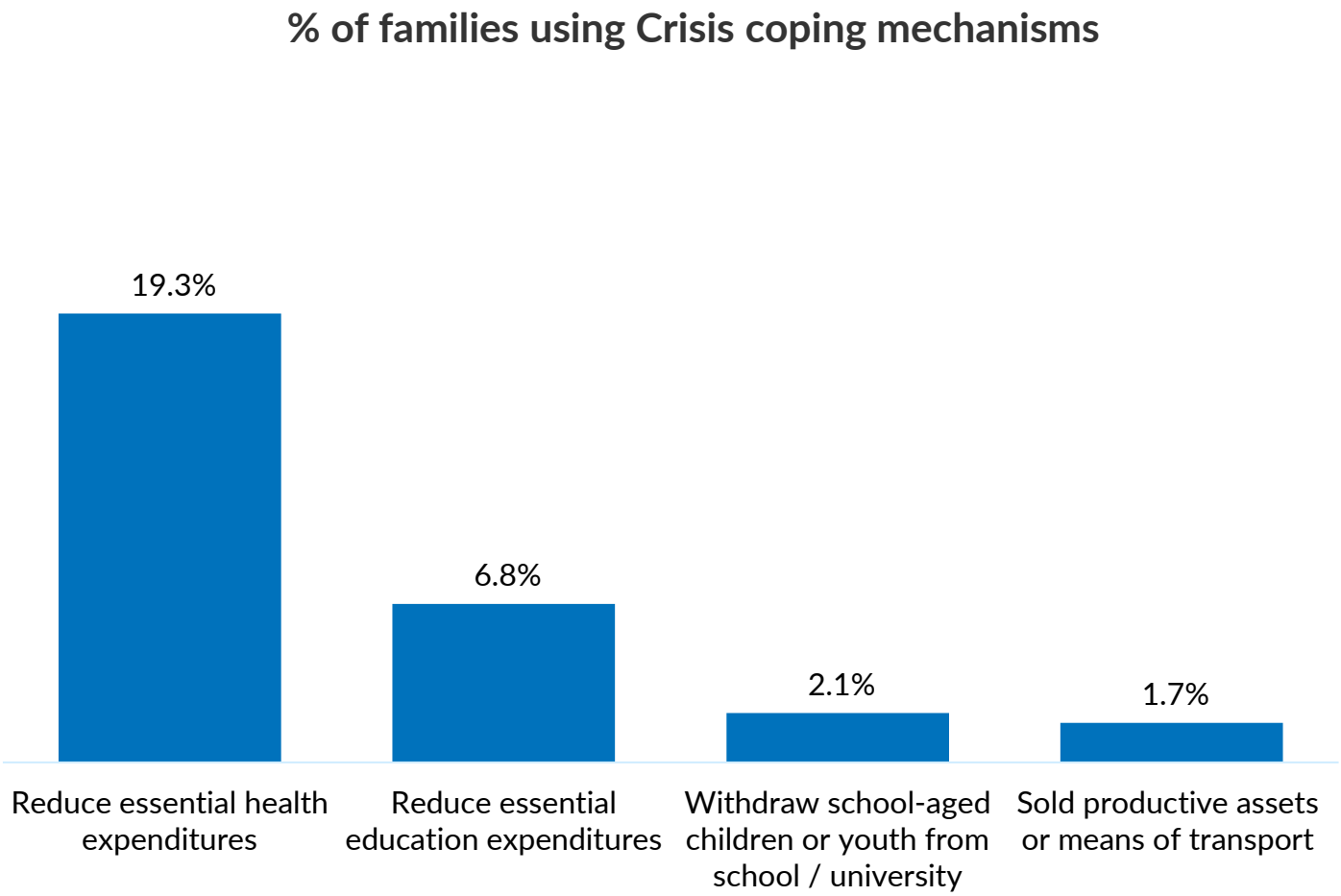
LIVELIHOOD COPING STRATEGY INDEX – CRISIS COPING MECHANISM



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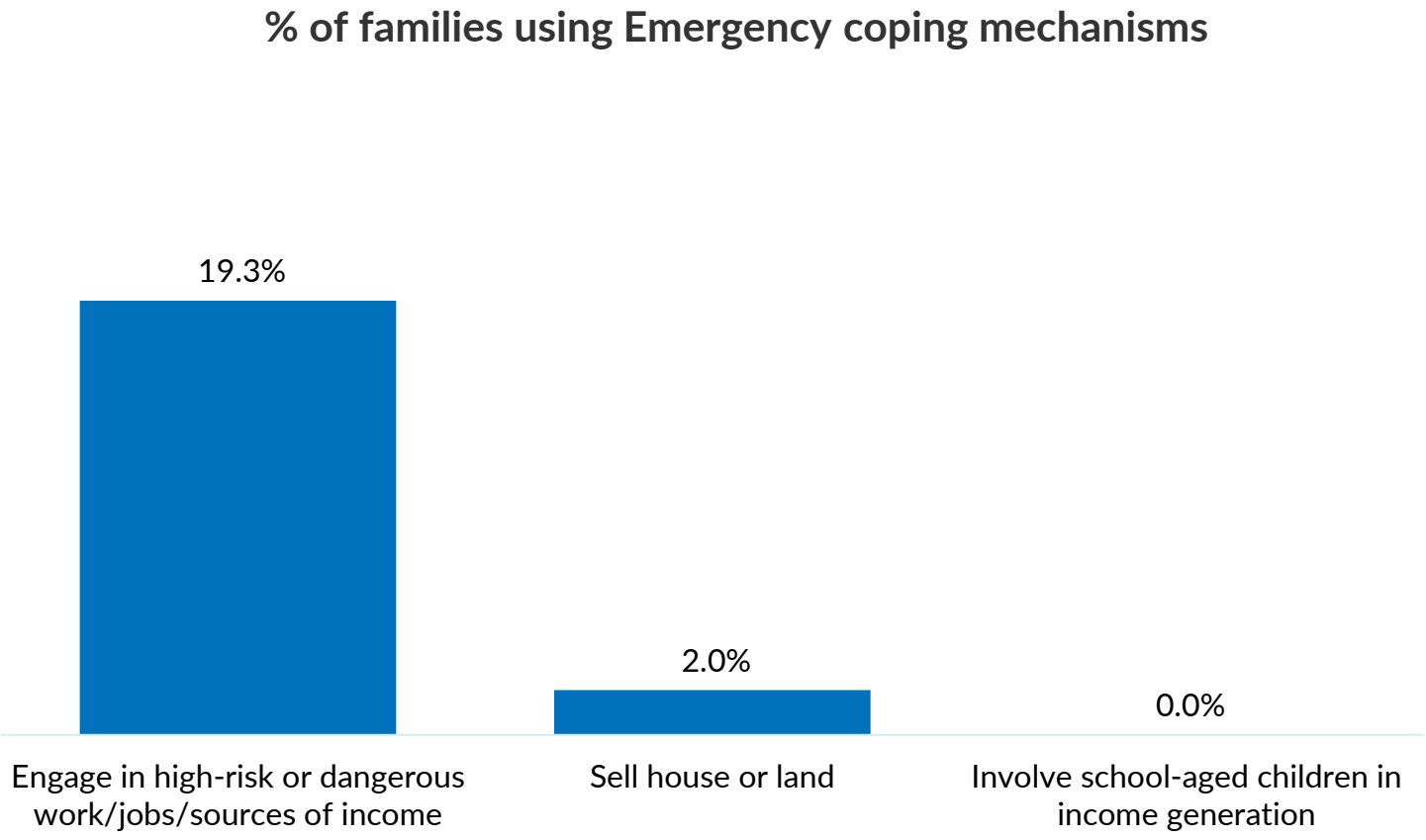

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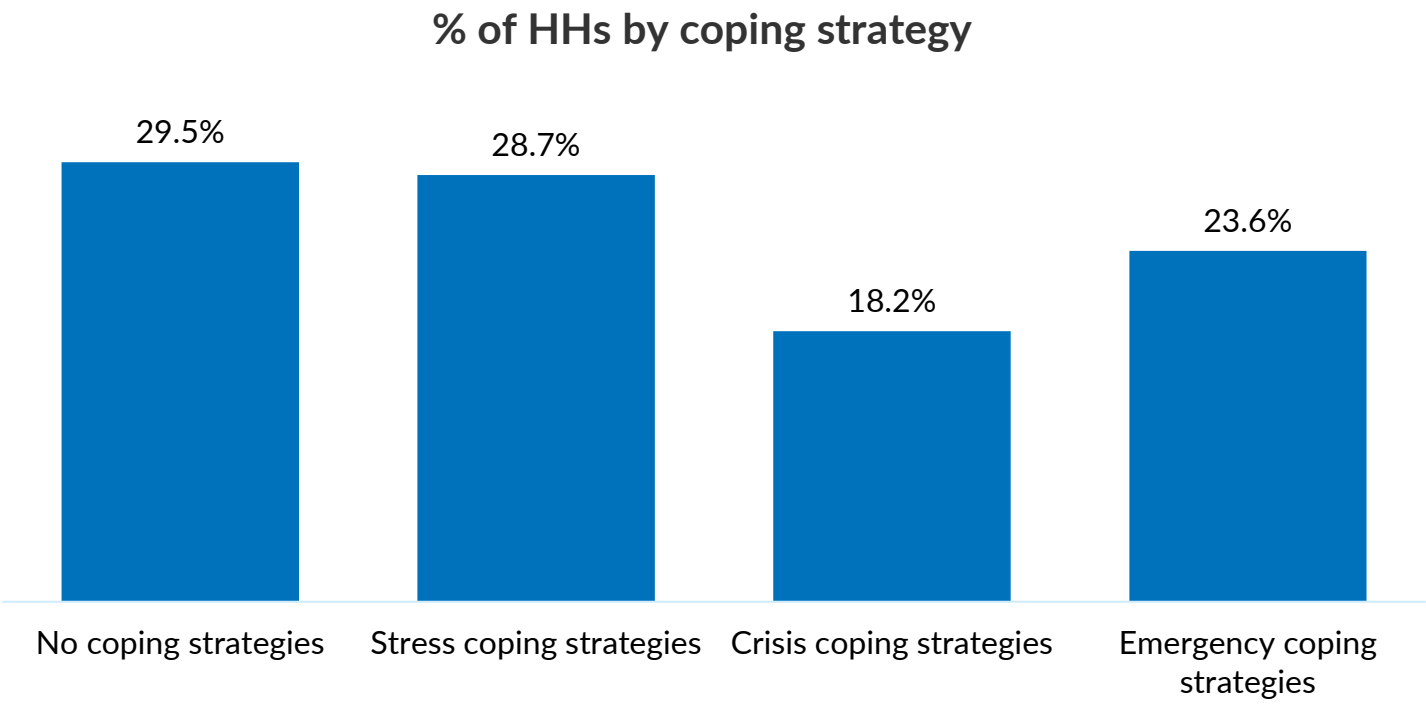
LIVELIHOOD COPING STRATEGY – MAX COPING STRATEGY



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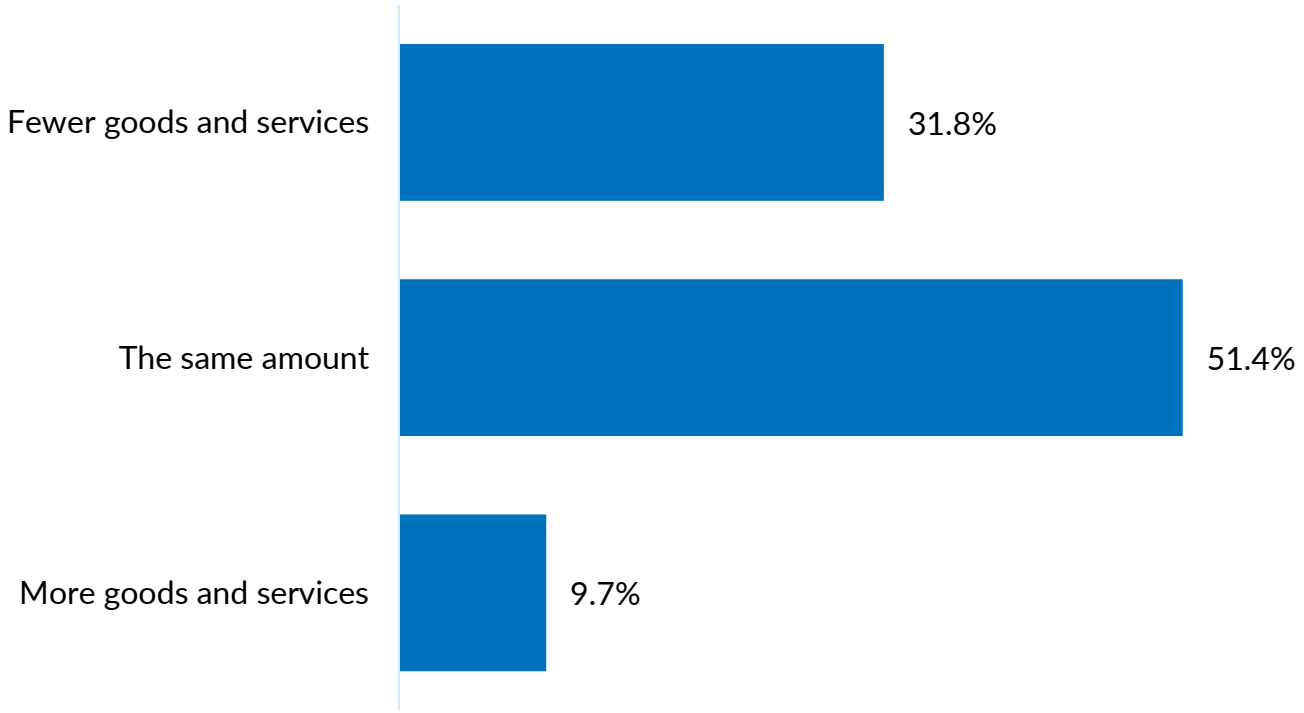
LIVELIHOOD AND INCLUSION

% of HHs who can afford more, same or fewer goods compared to first months in country



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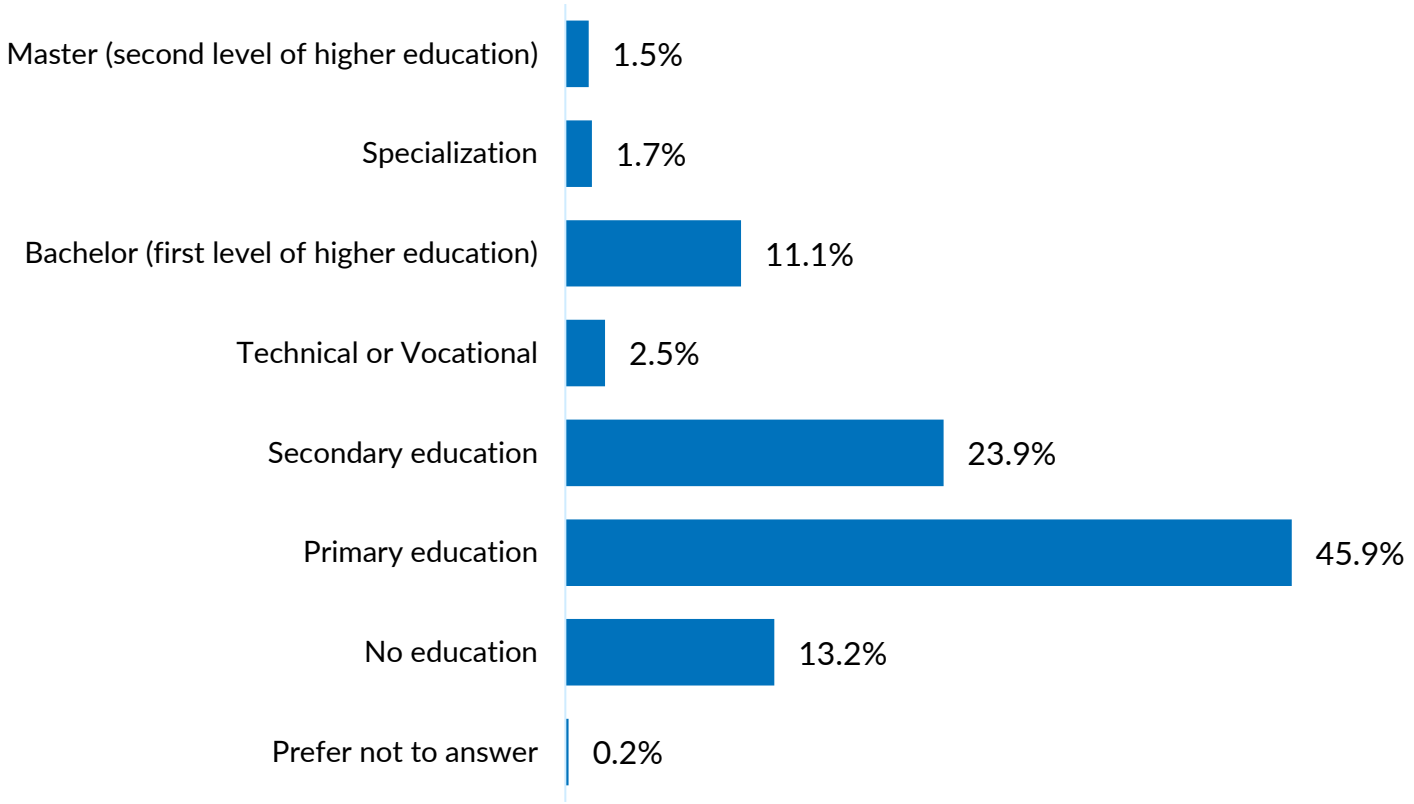
LIVELIHOOD AND INCLUSION – EDUCATION LEVEL

% of HH members by highest education level achieved



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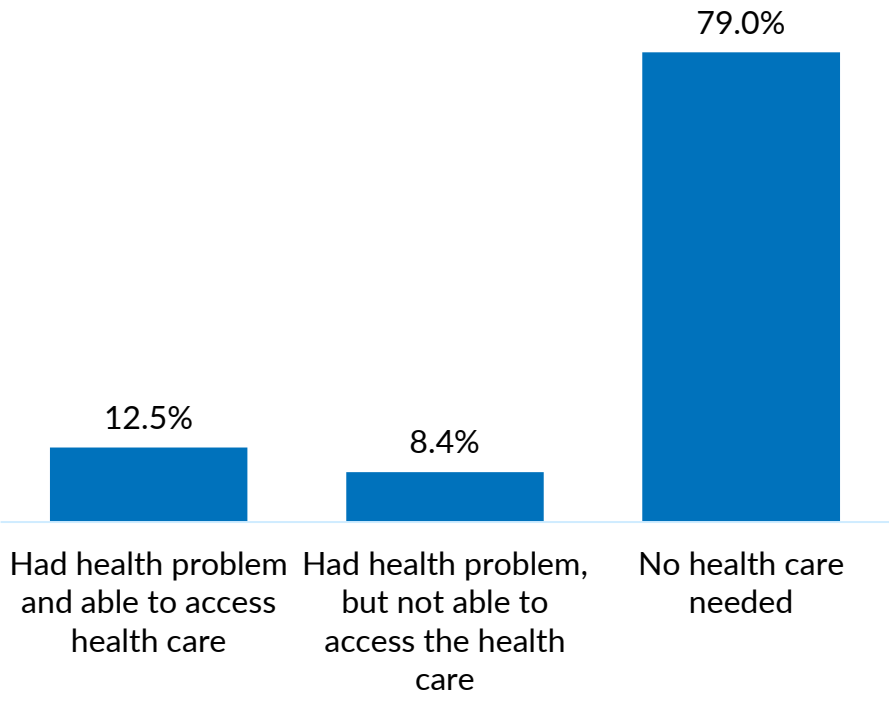
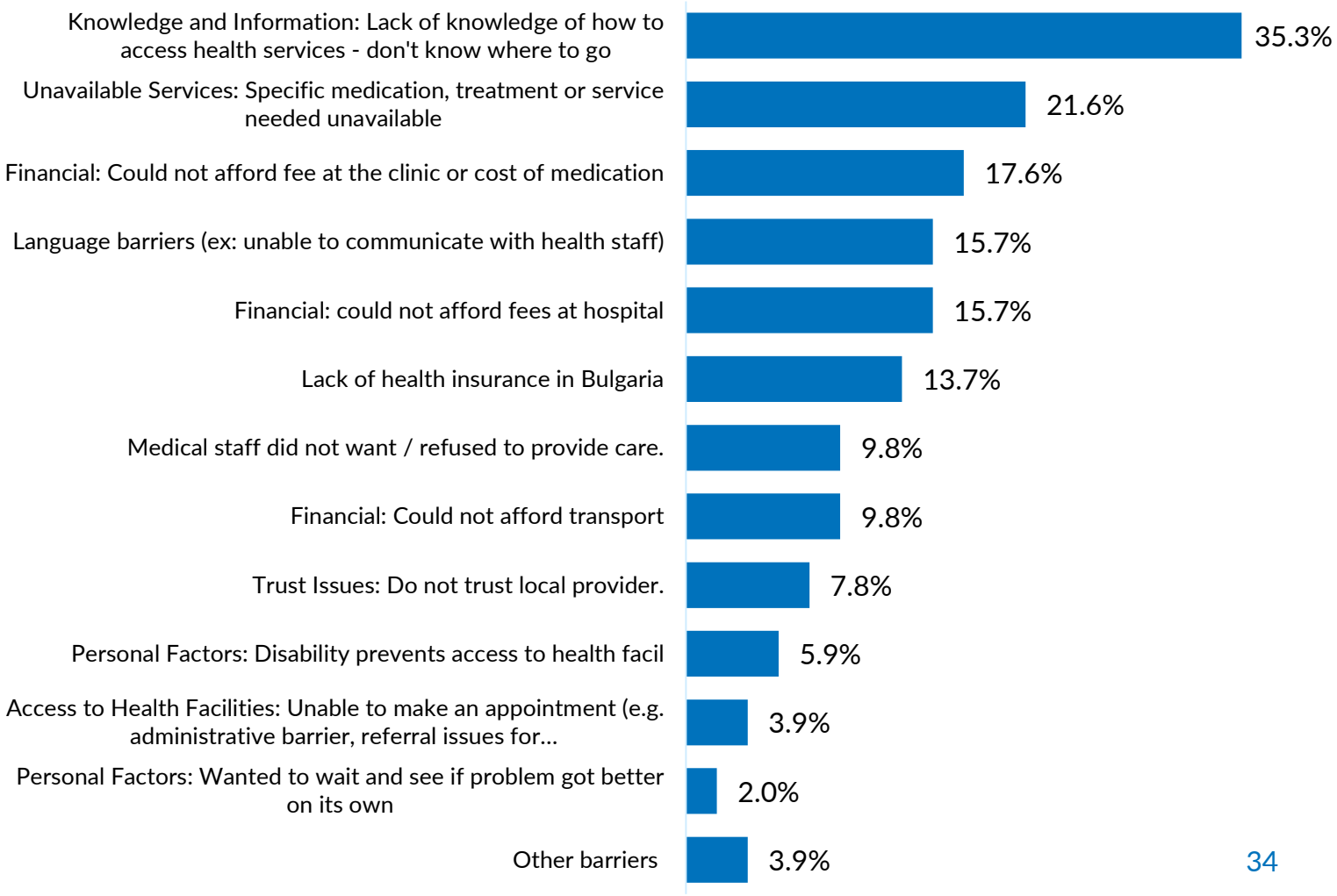
ACCESS

% of HHs with a chronically ill member: **16%**

% of refugees with health care needs and ability to receive health care services



% of individuals by self-reported barriers to accessing health care in the last 30 days



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MHPSS

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% of people that feel so upset, anxious, worried, agitated, angry, or depressed that it affected your/the person's daily functioning:

26,5%

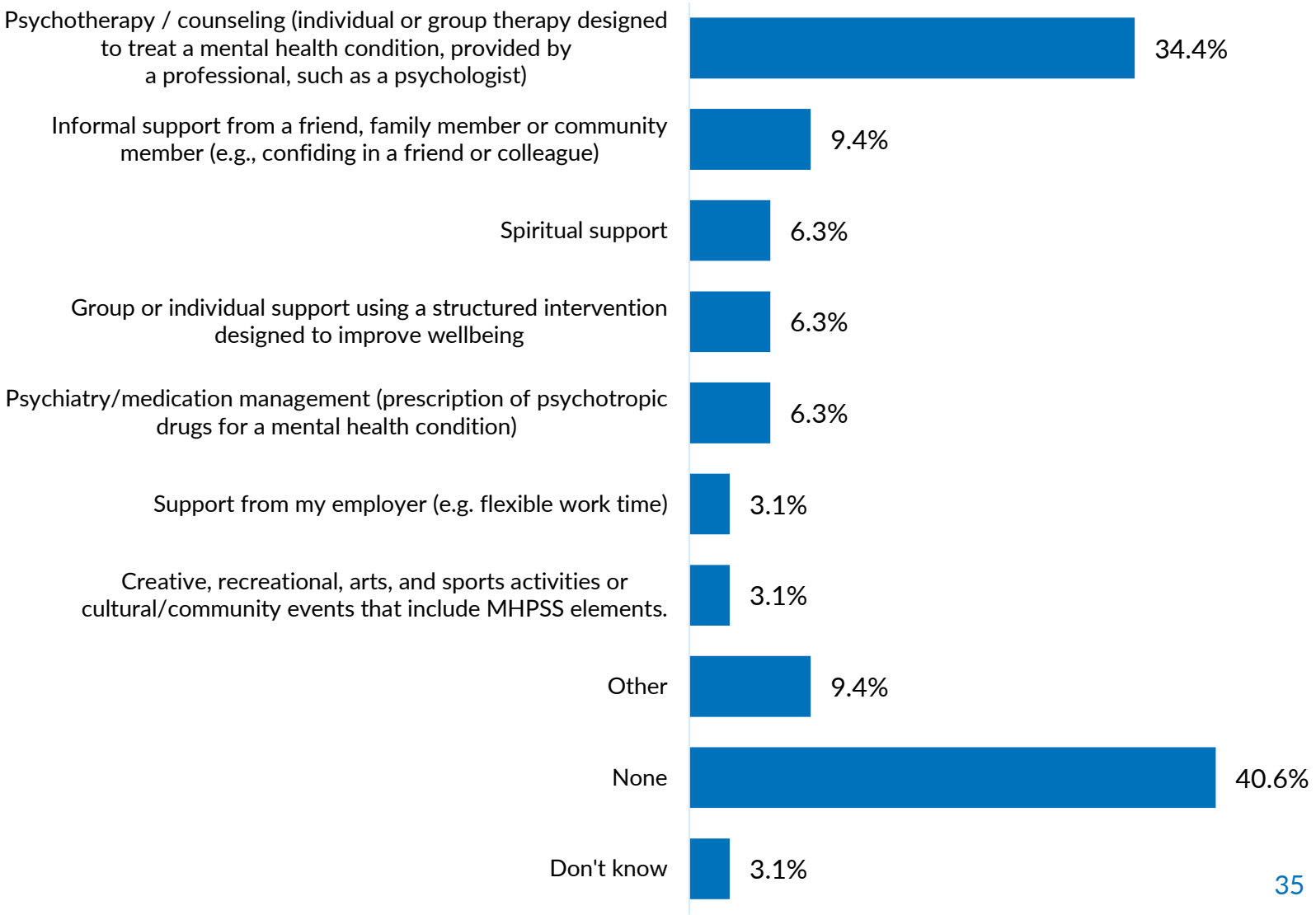
% of individuals with mental health or psychosocial problems who tried to access MHPSS support:

20,9%

% of individuals who received MHPSS support:

59,4%

% of individuals who received each type of service



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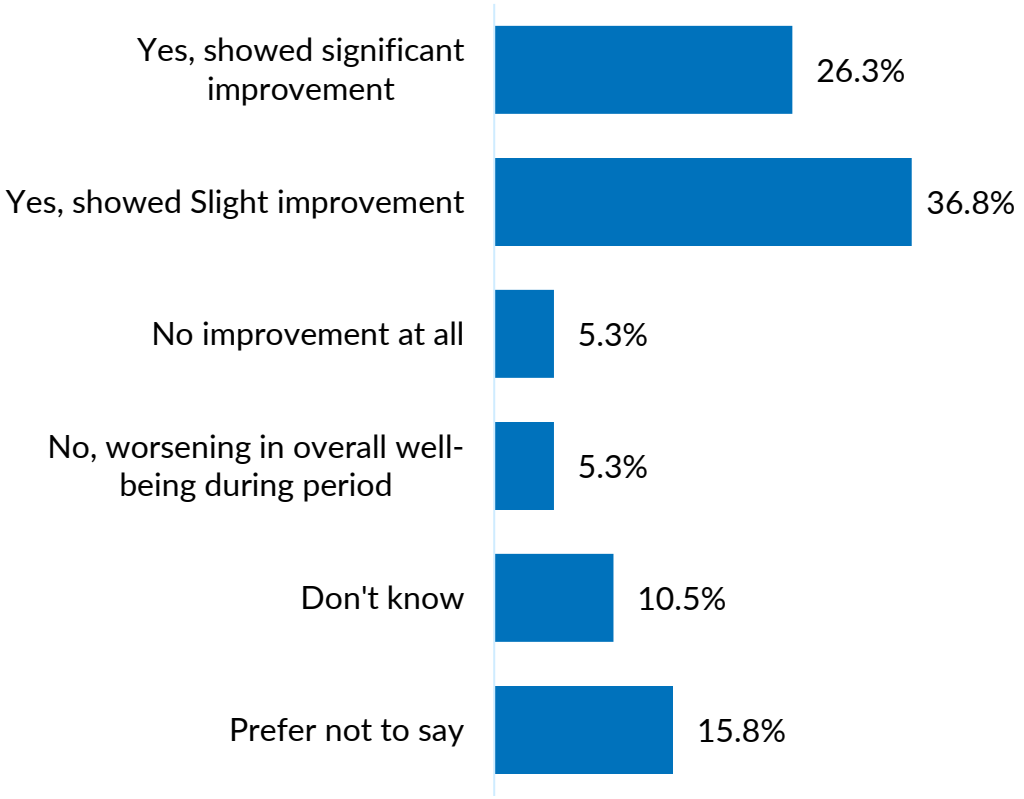
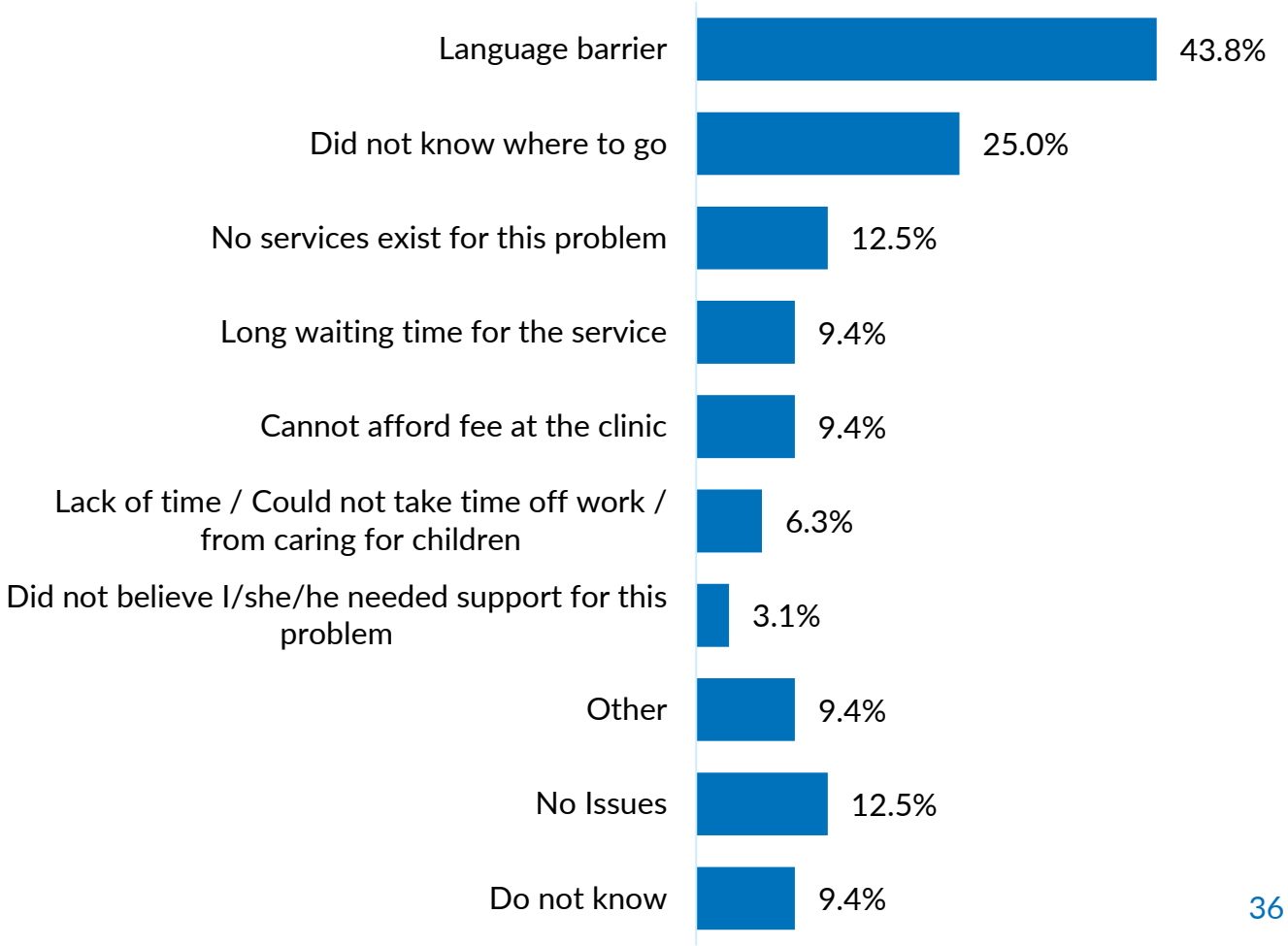
% of individuals who received mental health and psychosocial support services and report improvement in wellbeing



% of individuals with reported barriers to accessing mental health and psychosocial support services



ACCOMMODATION

SHELTER/ACCOMMODATION

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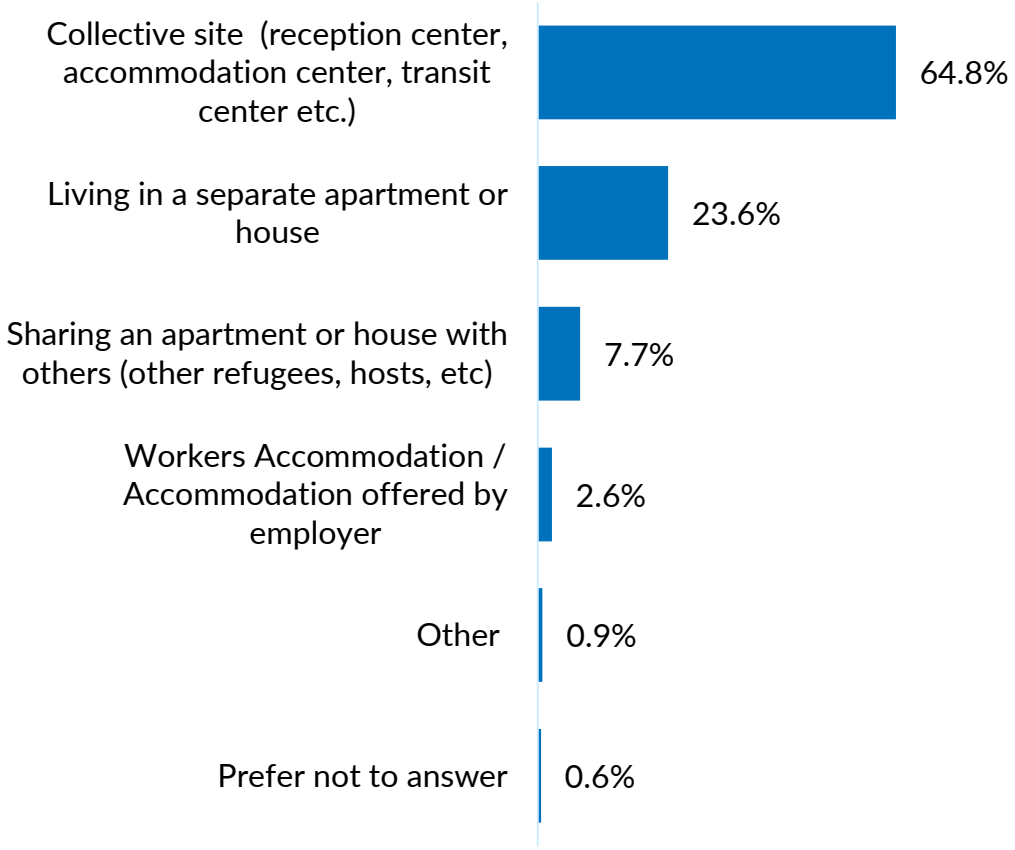
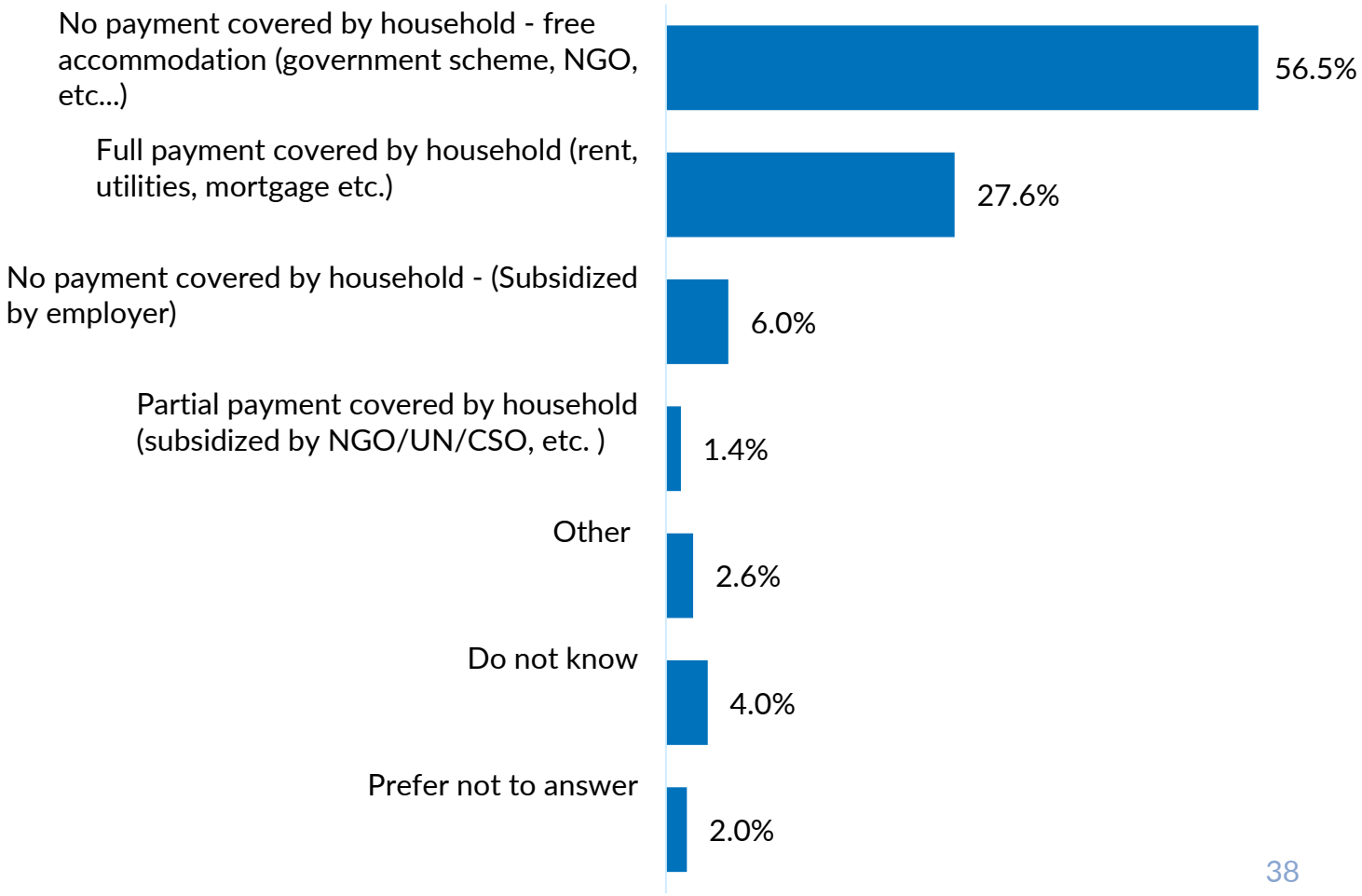
SECURITY OF TENURE, LIVING CONDITIONS

% of HHs by accommodation arrangement



% of HHs by accommodation payment arrangement



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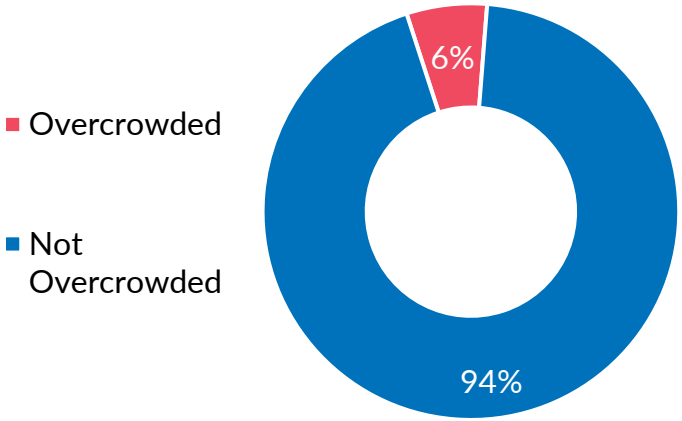
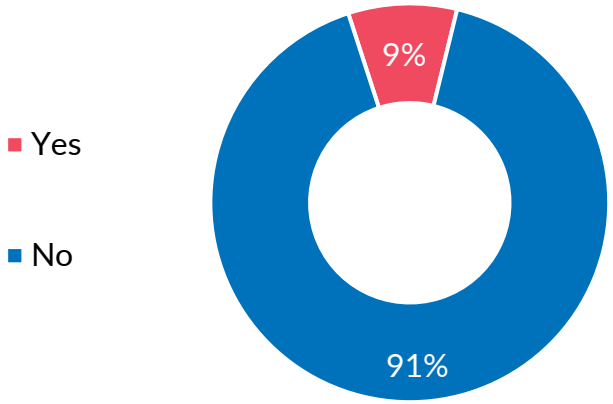
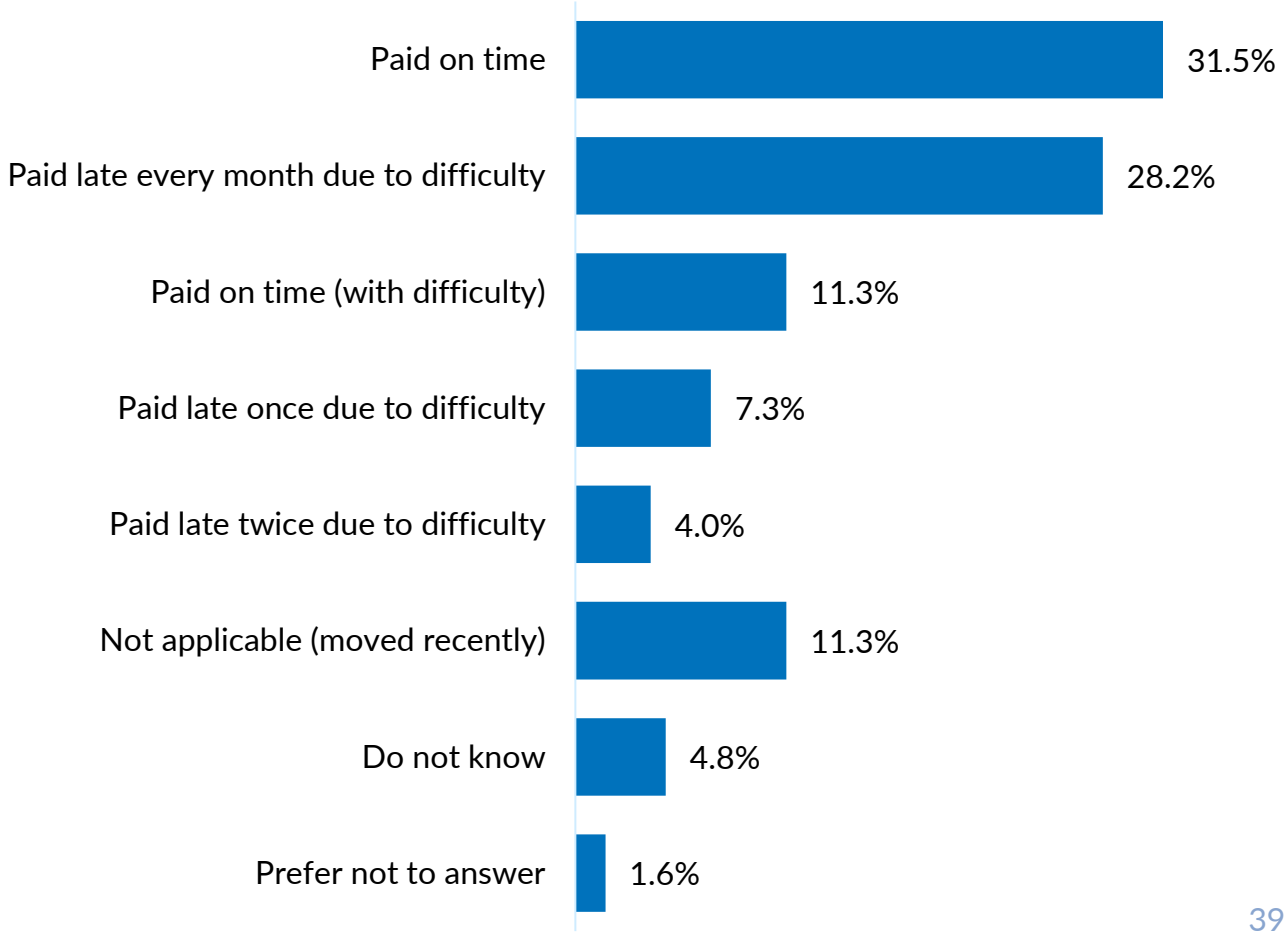
SECURITY OF TENURE, LIVING CONDITIONS

% of HHs in overcrowding conditions



% of HHs under pressure to leave



% of HH paying rent without financial distress