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It's More than Just Survival: Youth's Health and Well-Being

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Policy research that benefits children, families, and their communities

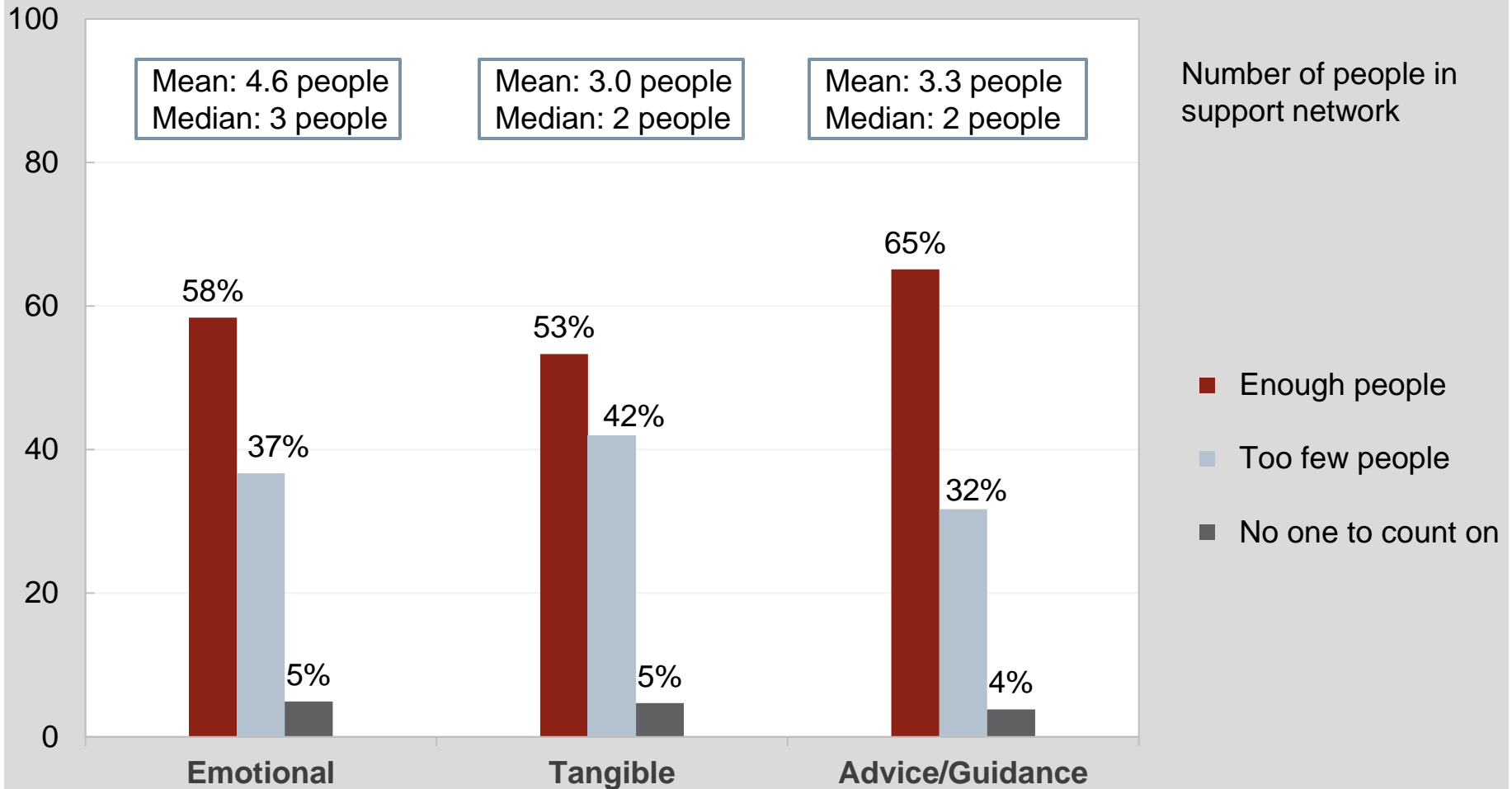
Youth's Health and Well-Being

- Social Support
- Crime & Criminal Justice
- Health

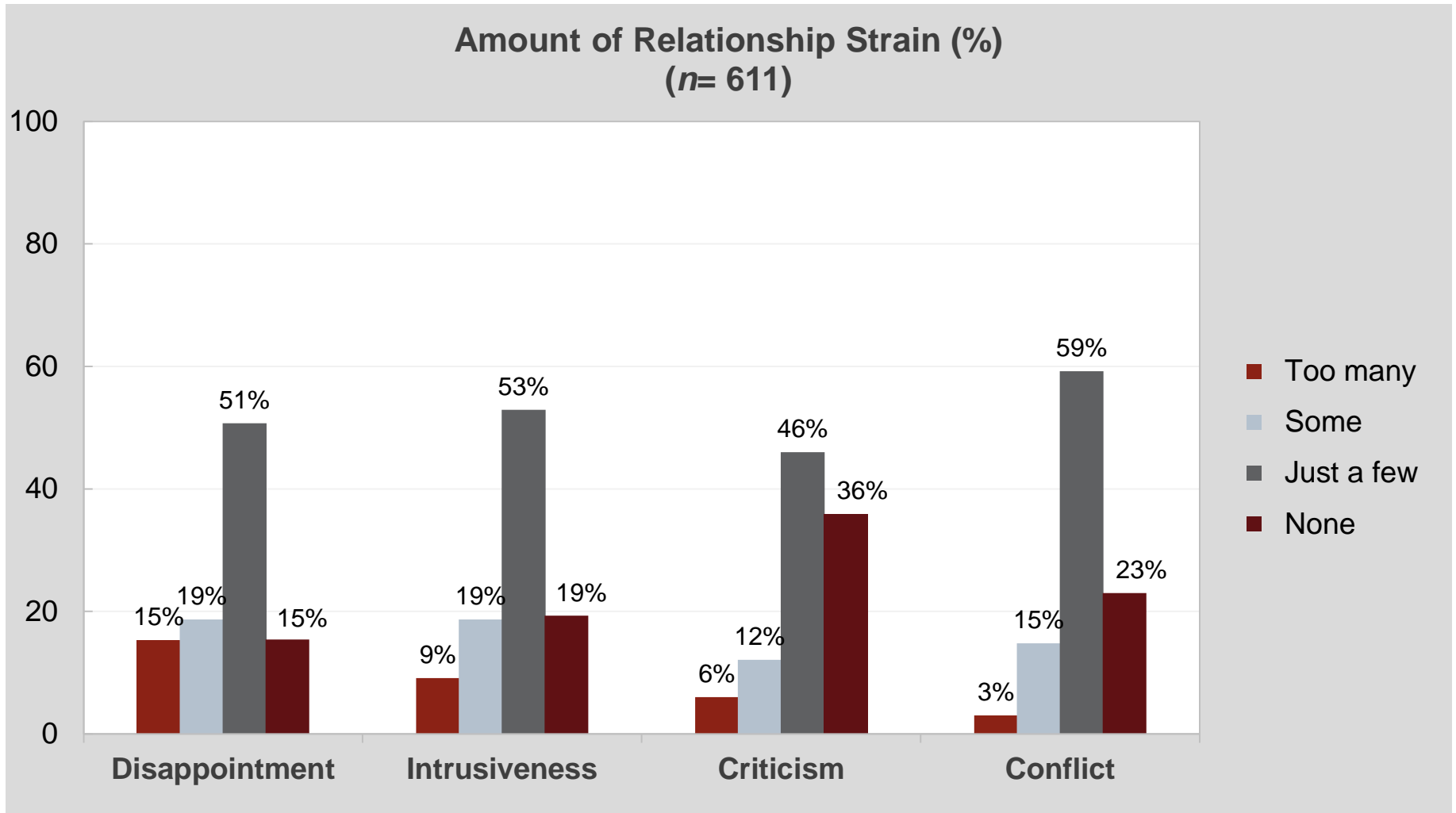
Social Support

Overall Relationships

Size of Social Support Network (mean/median)
And Adequacy of Support (%)
(*n*= 611)

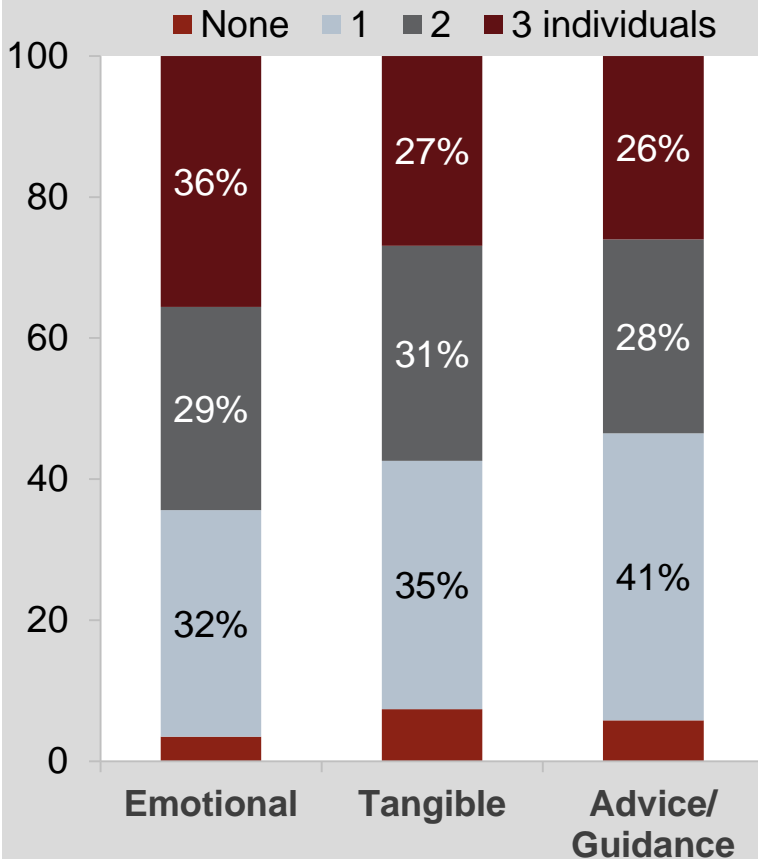


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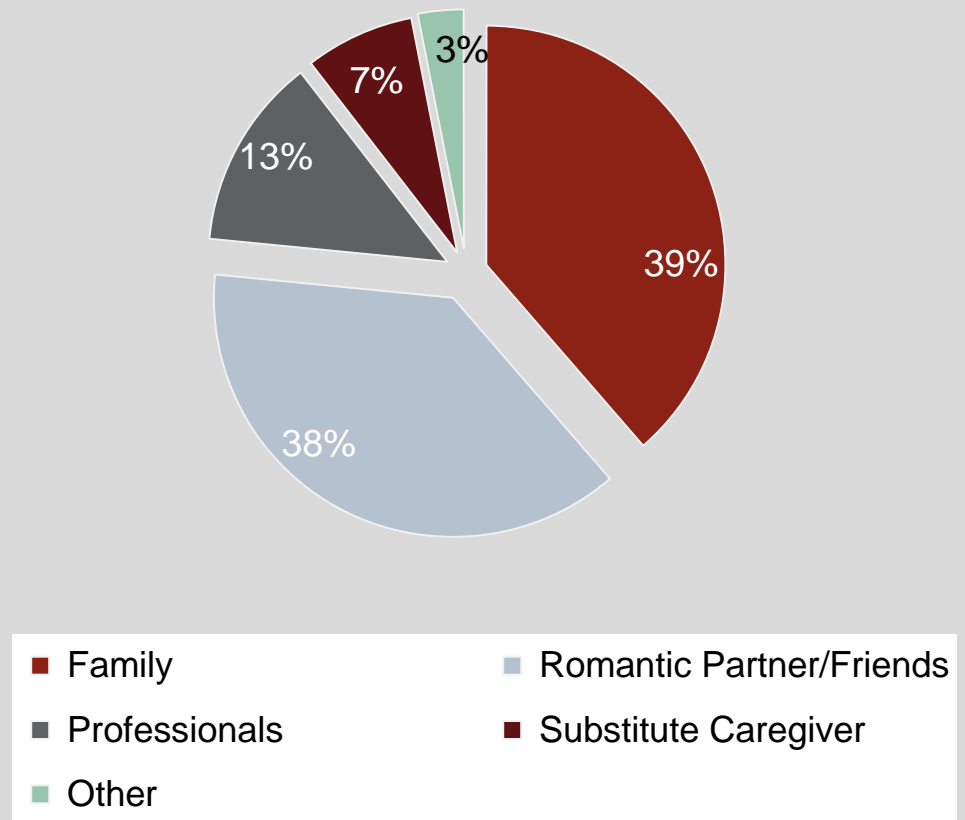


Individuals Nominated as Social Supports

Number of Individuals that Youth Nominated (max=3) (%)
(n= 1,999)

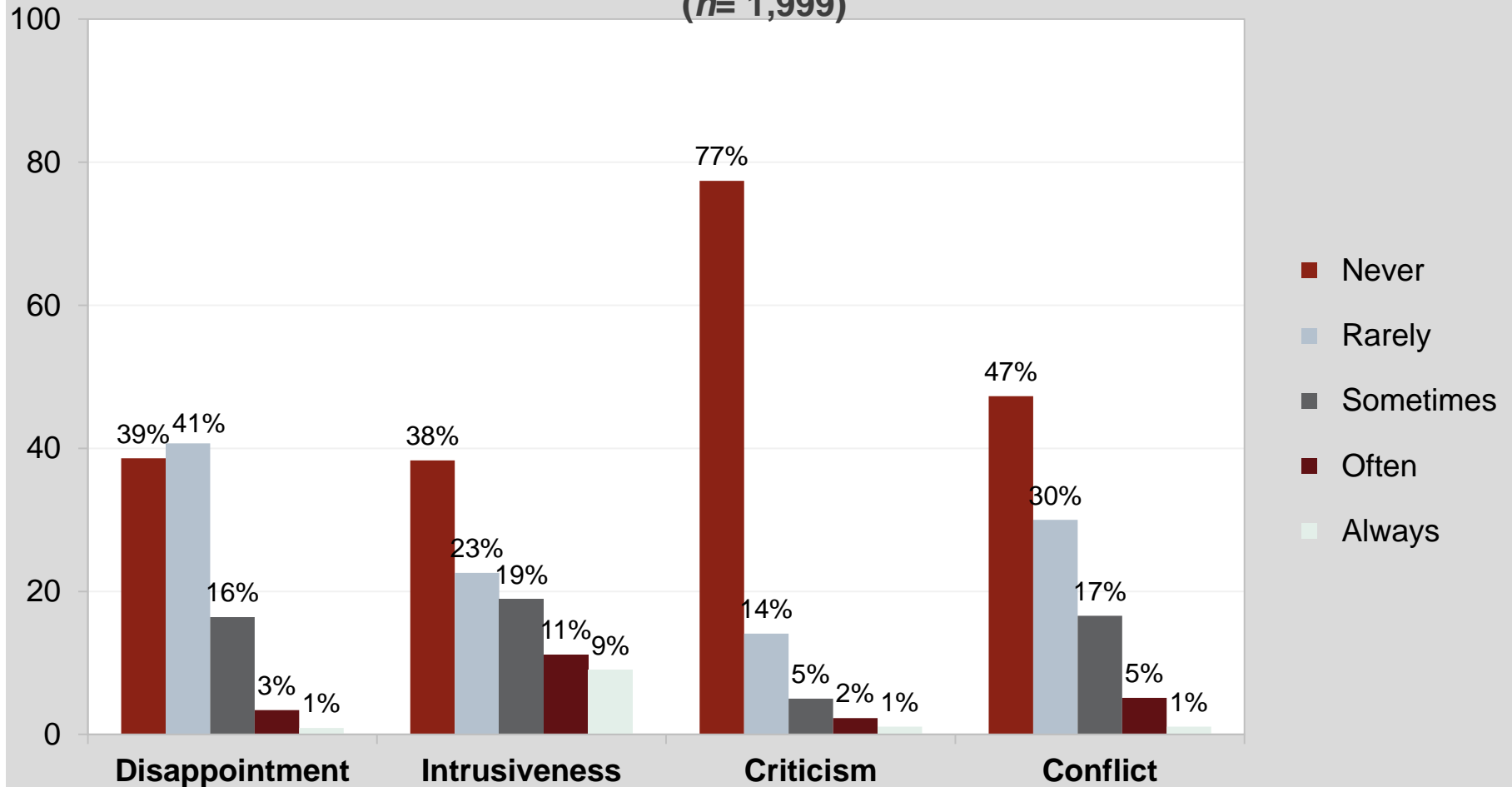


Relationship to Nominated Individuals (%)
(n= 1,999)



Individuals Nominated as Social Supports

Frequency of Relationship Strain with
Individuals Nominated as Supports (%)
(*n* = 1,999)



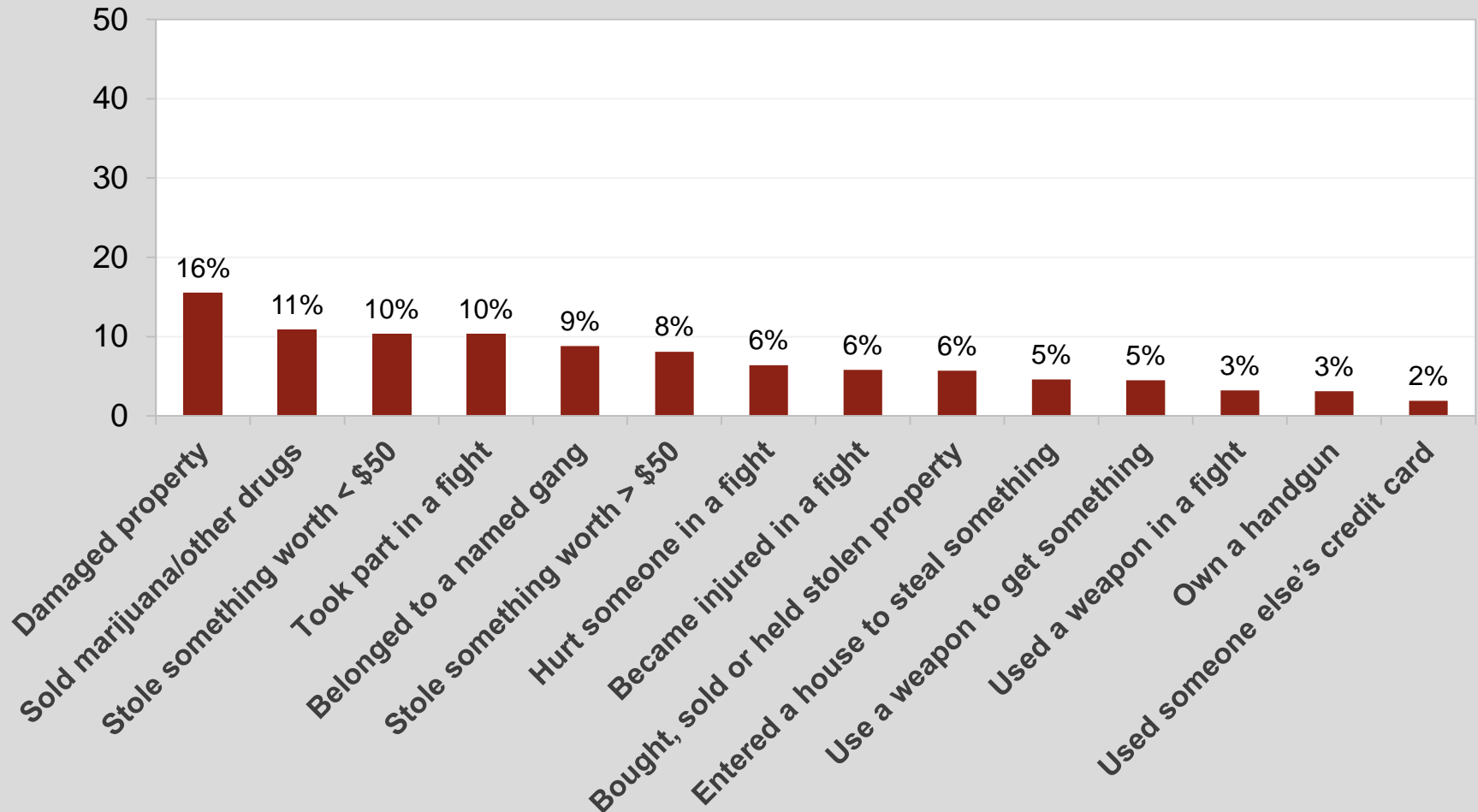
Summary: Social Support

- Majority of youth had someone they could turn to, and youth were in regular contact with their supports.
- Families and peers consisted of most supports. Youth still in care were more likely to nominate caseworkers, and youth who left care were more likely to nominate grandparents.
- Strain was generally uncommon in relationships with individuals youth identified as supports

Crime & Criminal Justice Involvement

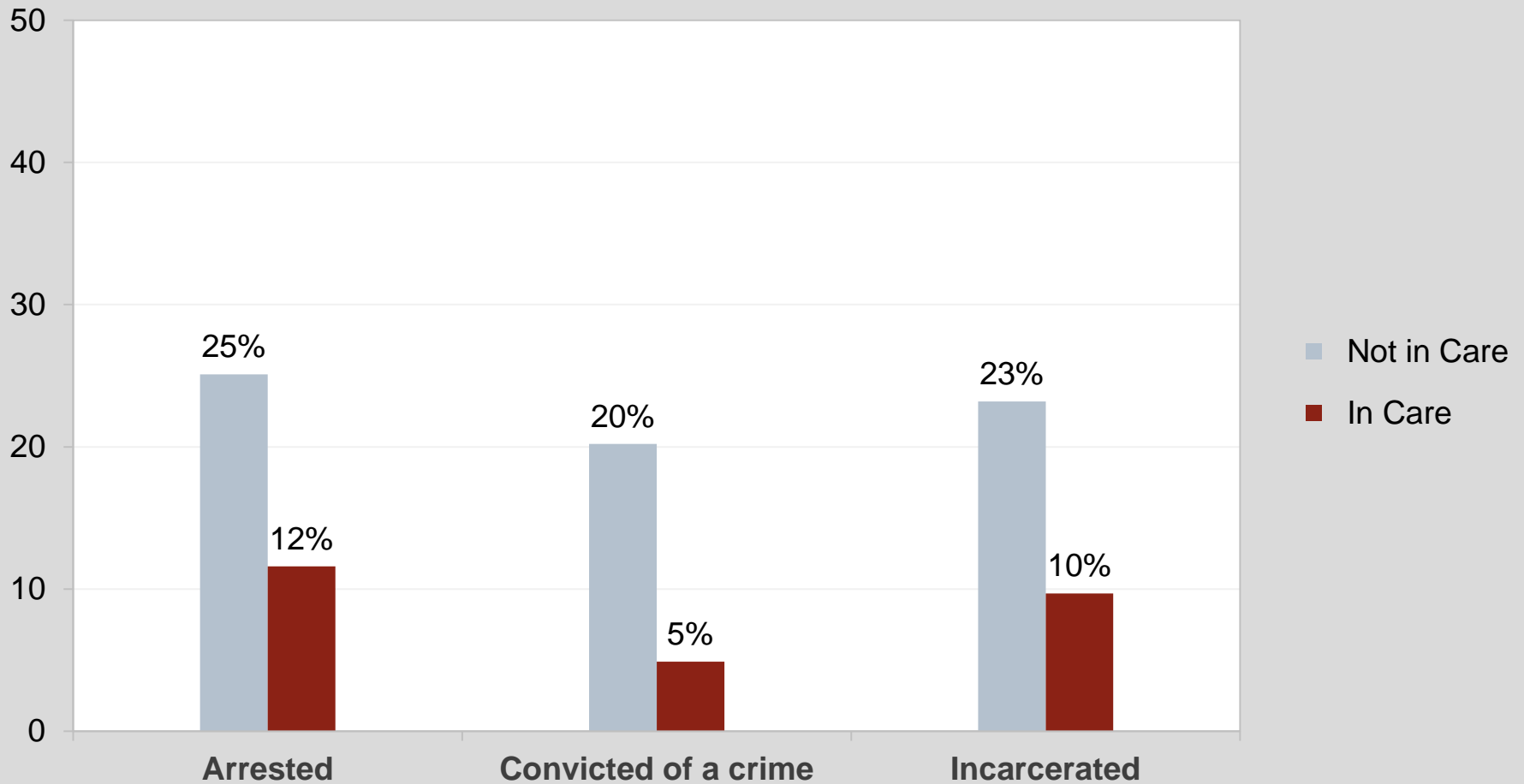
Criminal Behavior

Criminal Behavior (%) (since last interview) (n= 607)



Criminal Justice Involvement

Criminal Justice Involvement Since Last Interview (%)
(*n*= 607)



Victimization & Perpetration

During the past 12 months	Not In Care (%)	In Care (%)
Victimization		
Saw someone being shot or stabbed	10.2	4.9
Someone pulled a gun on respondent *	13.1	6.1
Someone pulled a knife on respondent	8.7	6.1
Someone beat youth and stole something from them *	6.3	2.1
Perpetration		
Respondent pulled a knife/gun on someone	2.7	1.8
Respondent shot or stabbed someone *	3.7	0.1

* Significant difference ($p < .05$) between youth in care and youth not in care at Wave 2 interview

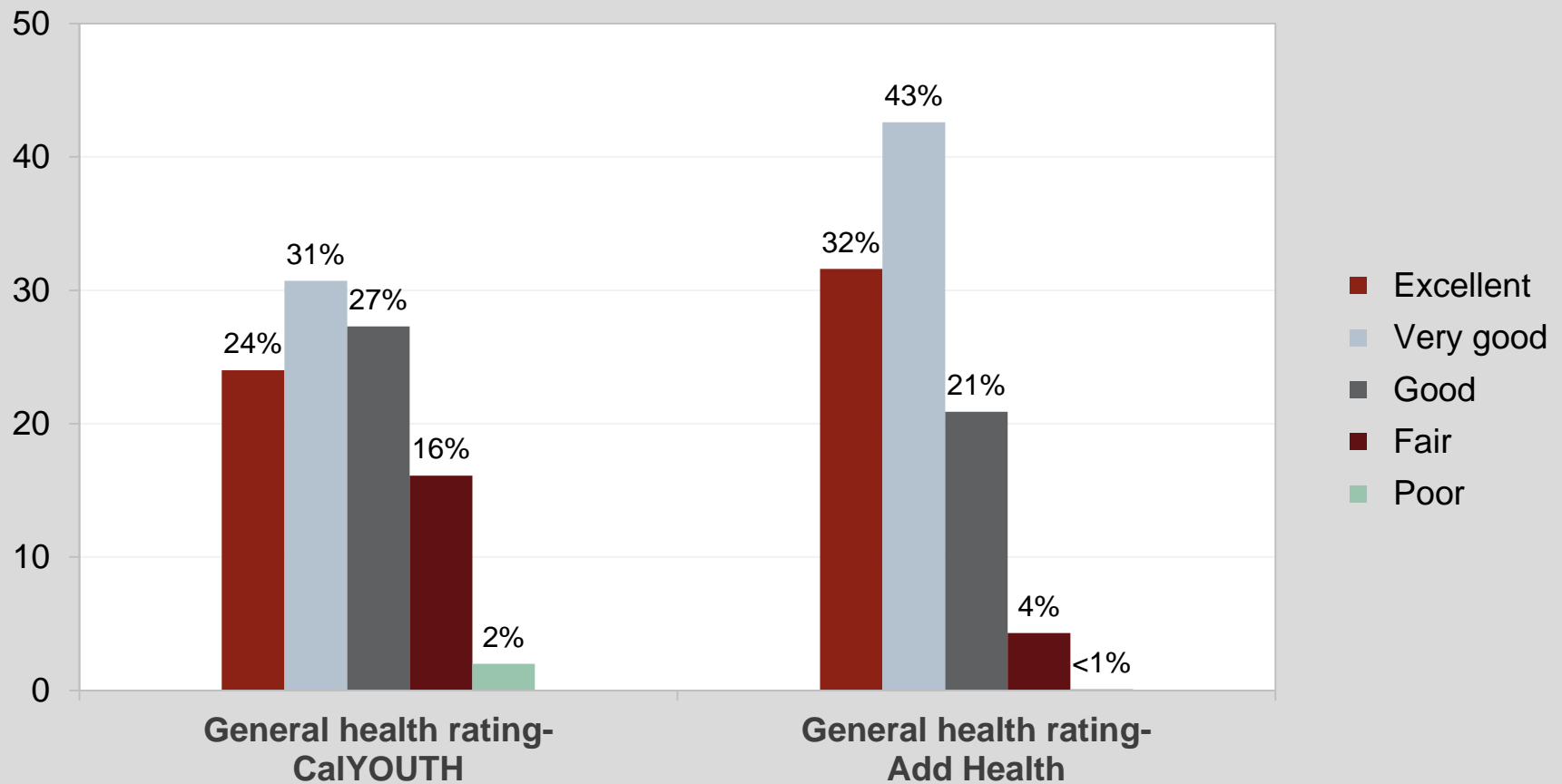
Summary: Crime & Criminal Justice Involvement

- Most youth reported “never” engaging in criminal behaviors.
- Criminal justice system involvement was lower for youth still in care than those who left care.
- Overall victimization and perpetration of violence were rare. Youth in care were less likely than those who left care to report some experiences (someone pulled a gun on youth, someone beat youth and stole something from them, youth shot or stabbed someone).

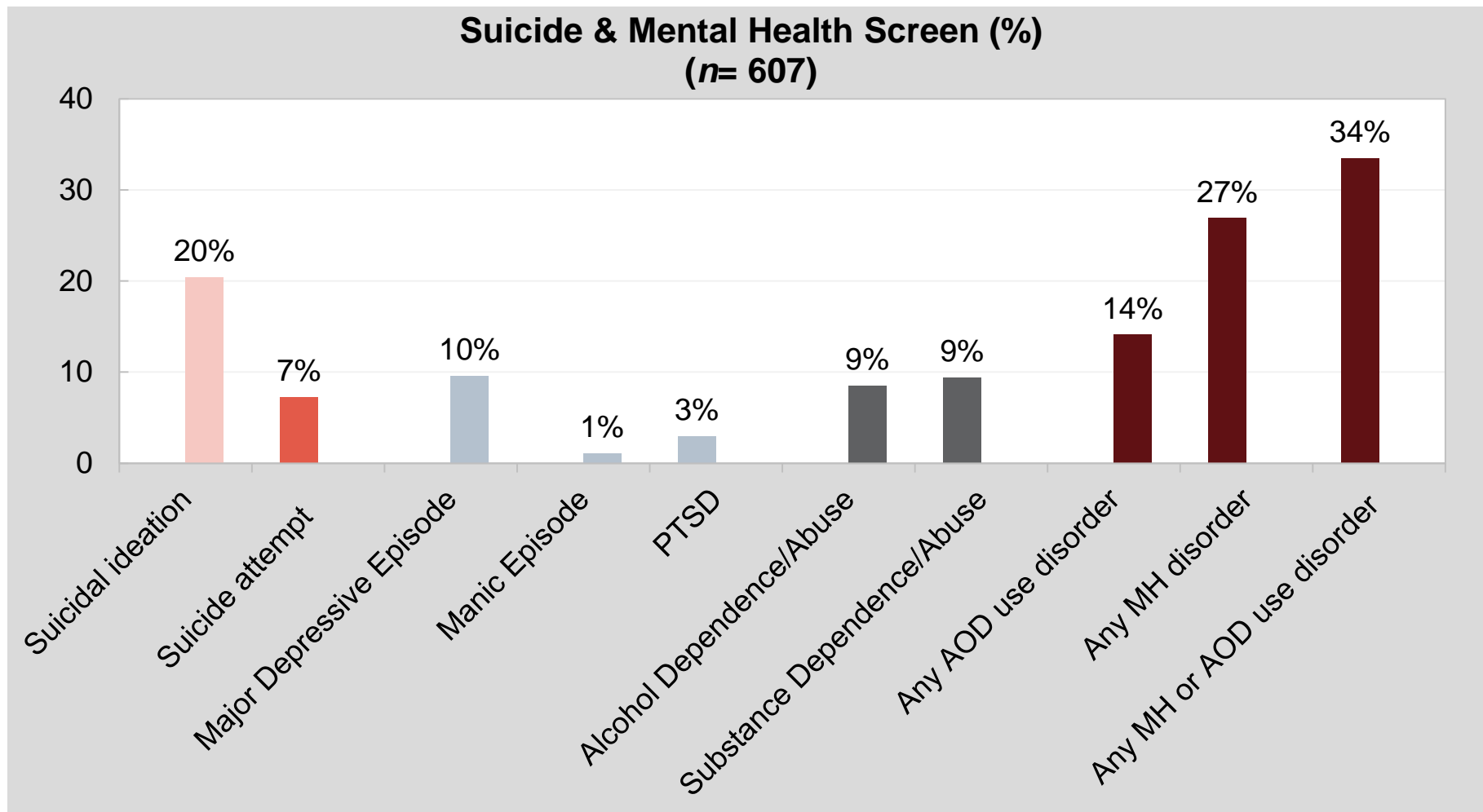
Health

Health Status

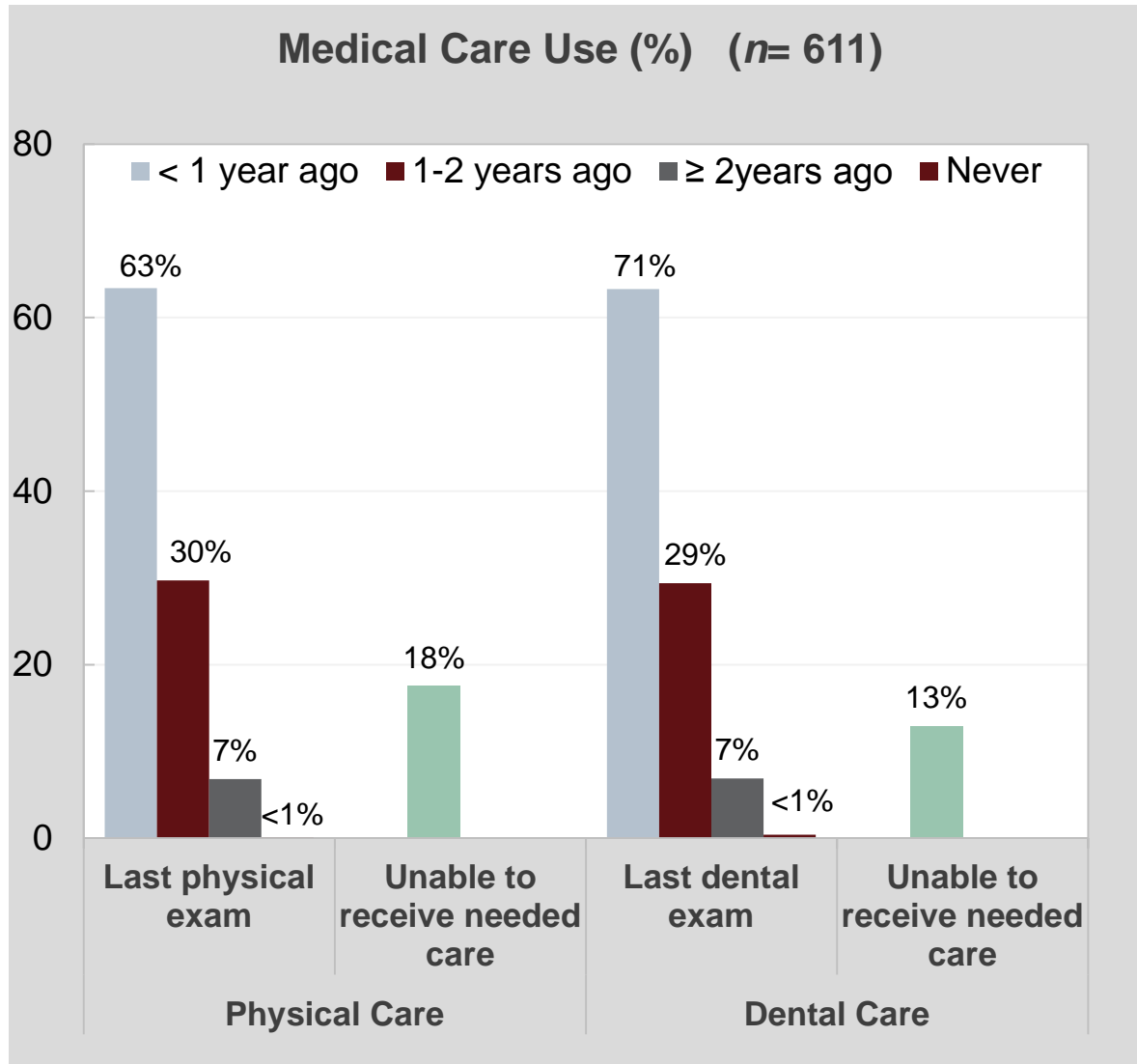
General Health Rating (%)
(n=611)



Behavioral Health



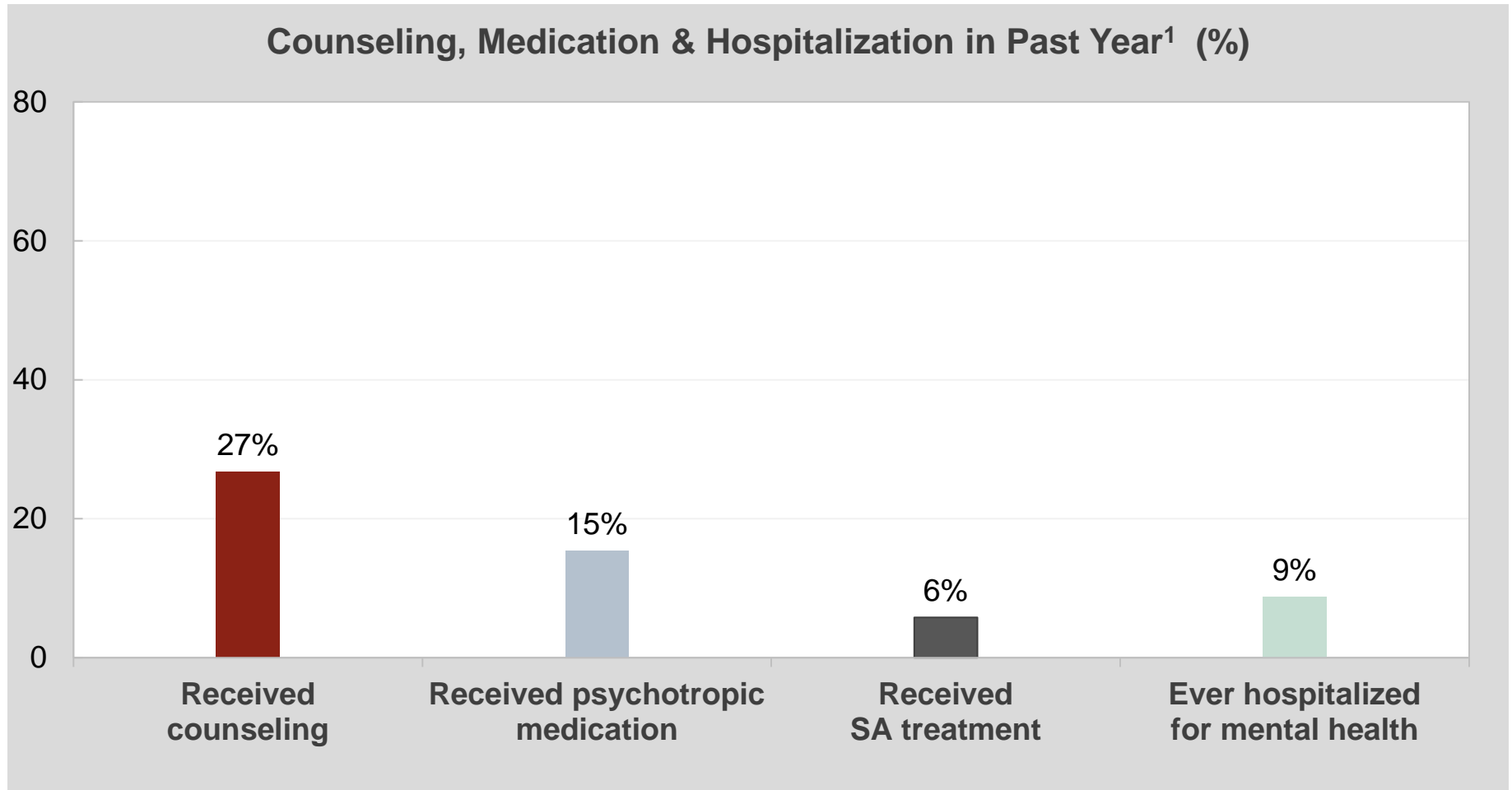
Health Services & Insurance



- 18% of youth said they were unable to receive needed physical care
- 13% of youth said they were unable to receive needed dental care

- Most youth reported having medical insurance
 - Health insurance: 93%
 - Dental insurance: 82%

Medication & Hospitalization



- **Hospitalized for any reason since last interview: 31%**

¹ Mental health hospitalization was “since last interview”

Summary: Health

- The majority of youth rated their health as being “good,” “very good,” or “excellent.”
- About 1/3 screened positive for a mental health *or* substance use disorder.
- Most youth reported having a medical exam within the past year, and a small proportion reported using behavioral health services.