



Ellington Adult Voices Count Survey Results

September 4, 2025

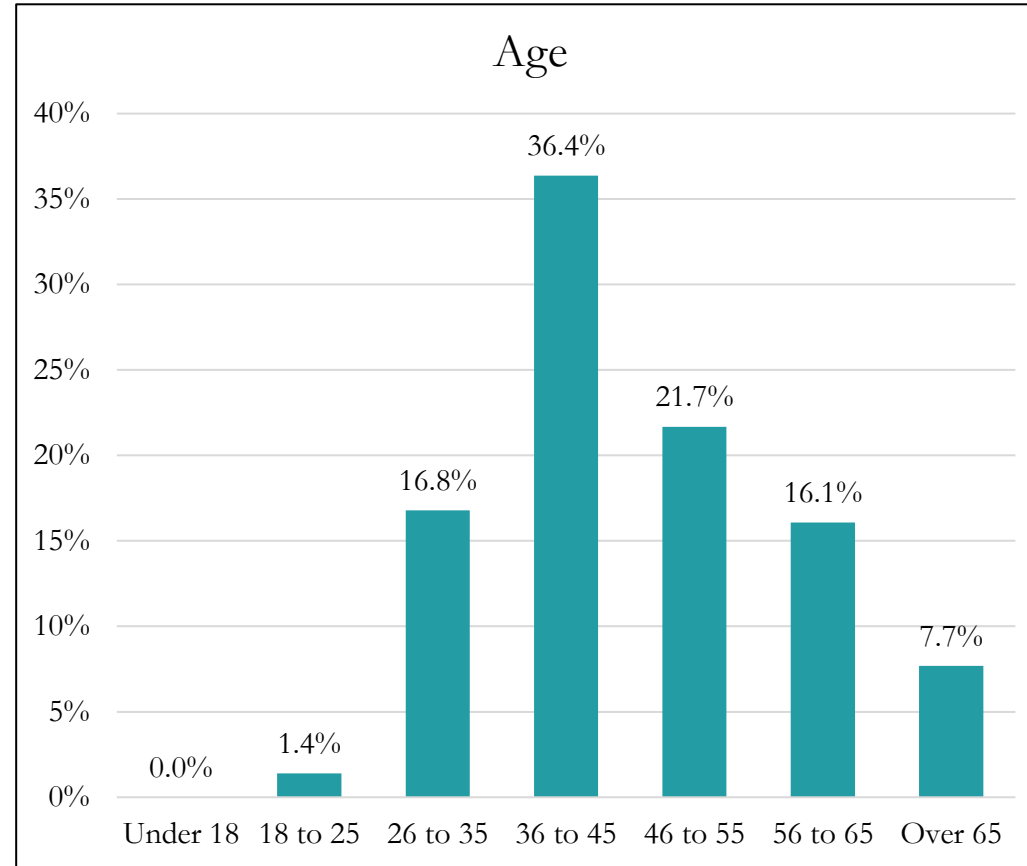
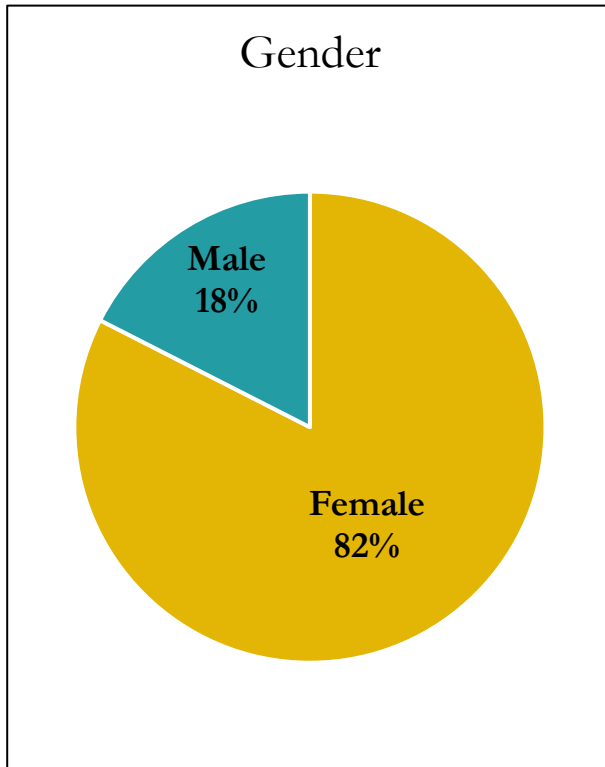
Background

- In Spring/Summer 2025, DPYC implemented an online survey disseminated via Ellington schools' email lists to parents/guardians, the DPYC email list and newsletter, collaboration with community partner, LuAnn's, and outreach events.
- The purpose of this survey was to gather information from adults who live or work in the community to better plan for and implement substance use prevention programming in Ellington.
- N=143

Demographics

N=143

95% of respondents reported they live or work in Ellington



How do you describe yourself
(select all that apply)?

89% White

4.2% Hispanic/Latino

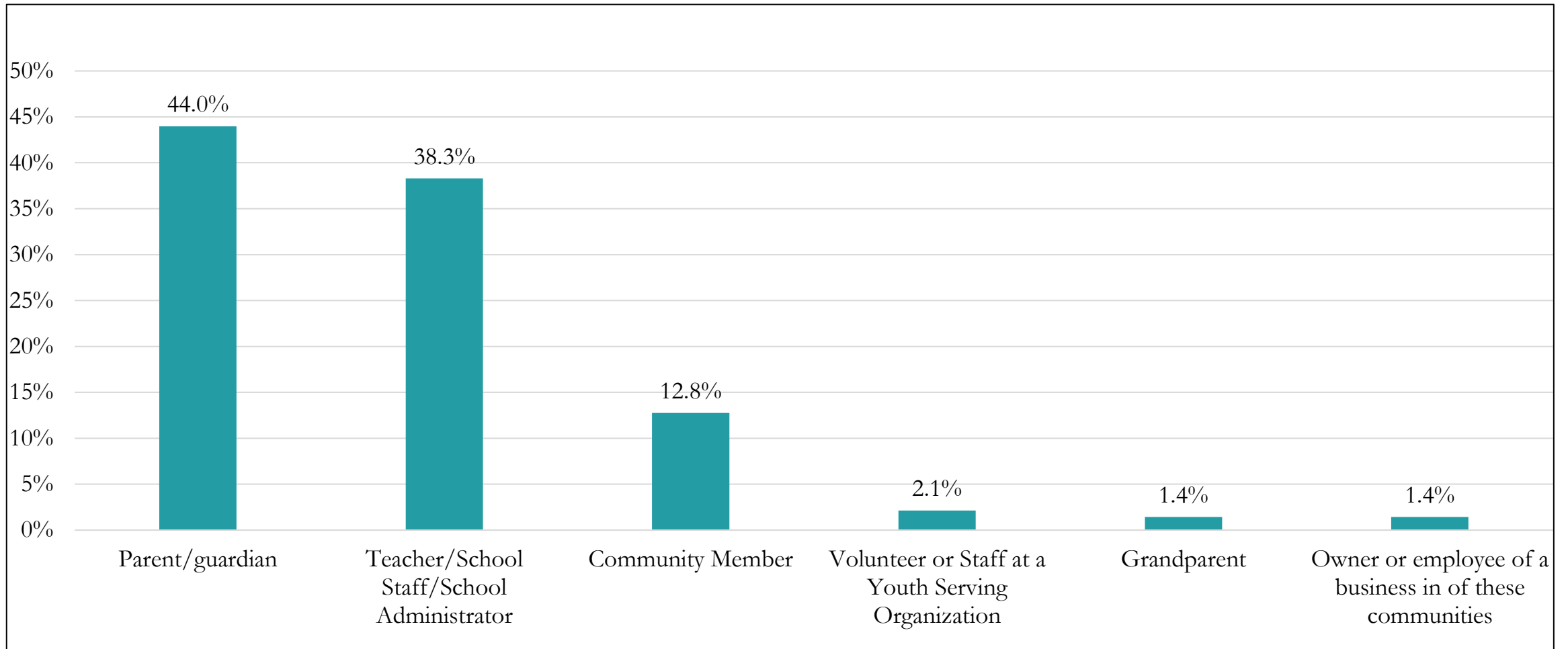
4.2% Asian

4.2% Prefer not to answer

Sample is representative compared to
Ellington Equity Profile Report published
by DataHaven

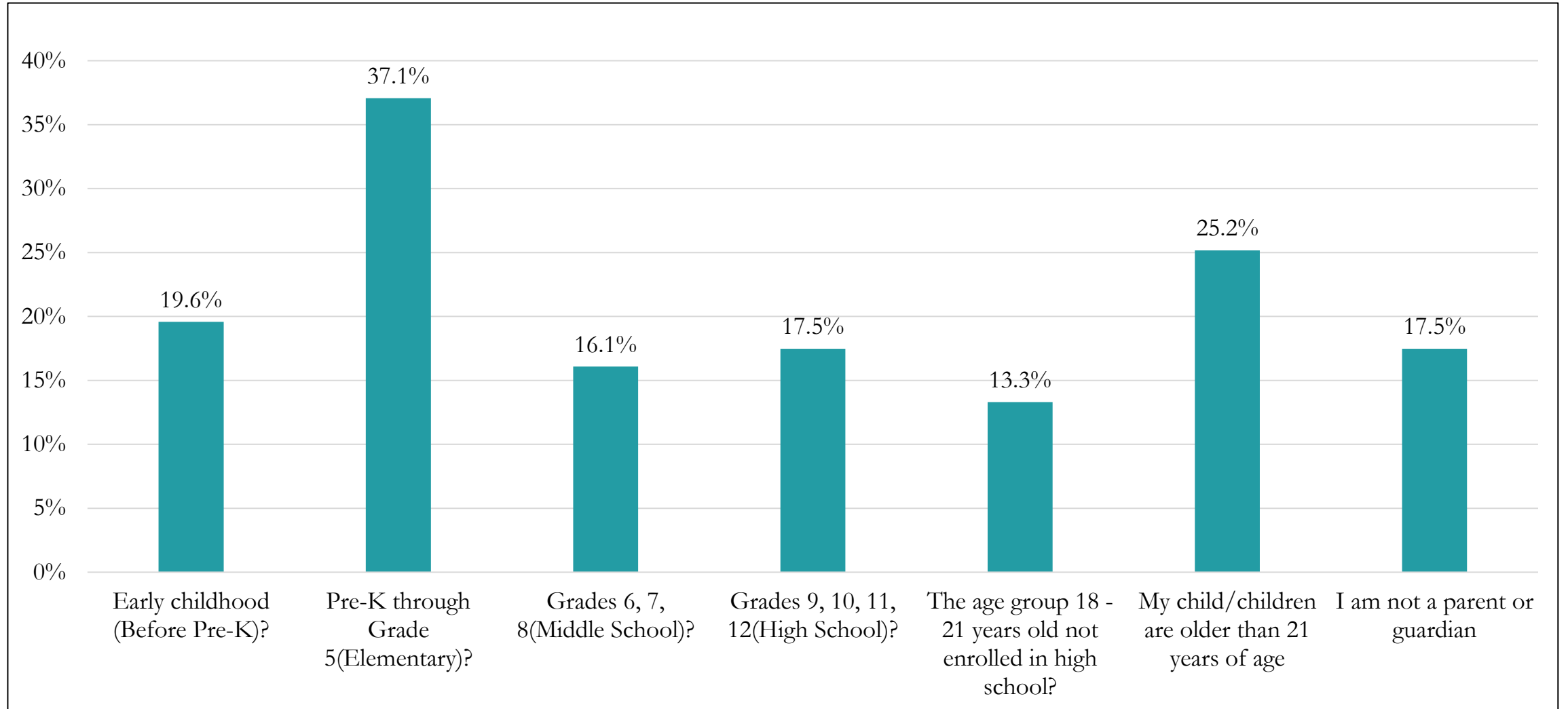
Which best describes your role as it relates to youth in Ellington?

n=141



Are you a parent or guardian of a child or children in.... (Select all that apply)

N=143



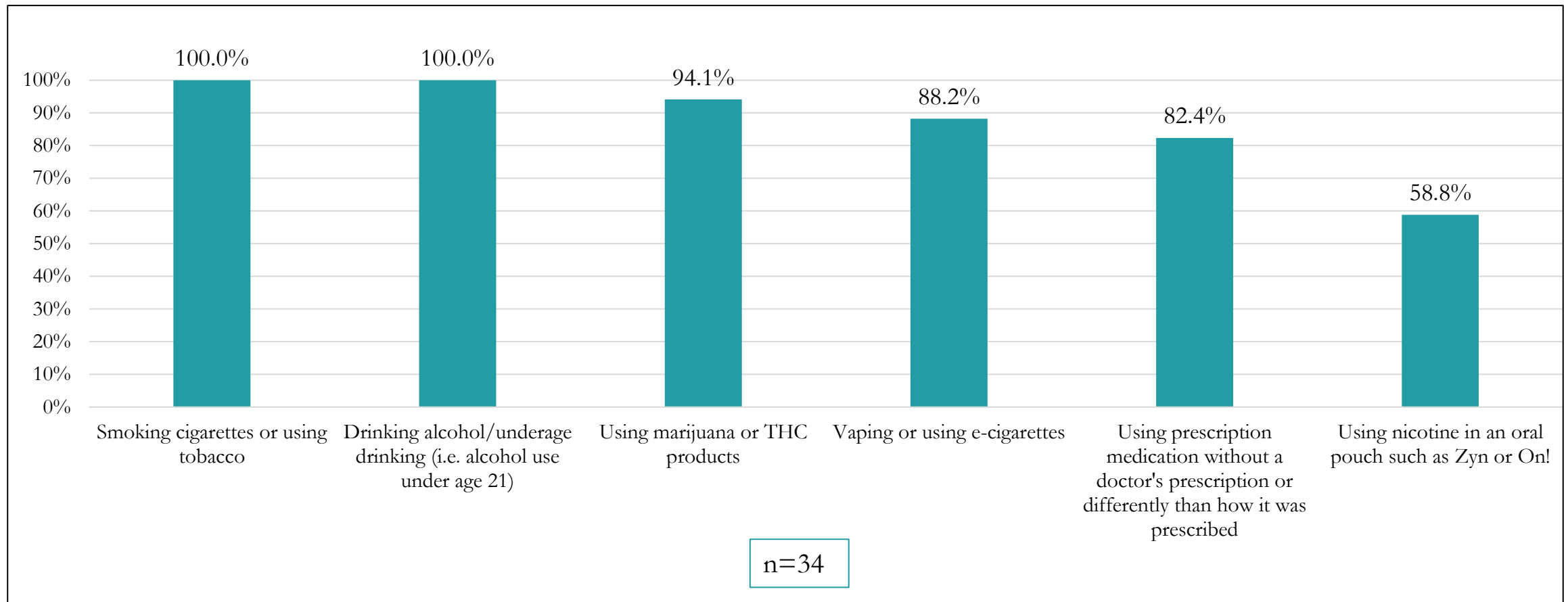
Please note:



- Data on slides 7 and 8 illustrate the percentage of responses from community members that identified as “a parent or guardian of one or more children enrolled in middle or high school”
- Data on slides 9-12 illustrate a comparison in the percentage of responses when asked a similar question between parents/guardians of one or more children enrolled in middle or high school that completed the Ellington Adult Voices Count Survey in Summer 2025 (n=34) and Ellington youth in grades 7-12 that completed the Ellington Youth Voices Count Survey in May 2024 (N=904)
- Data on slides 13-23 represent the full sample

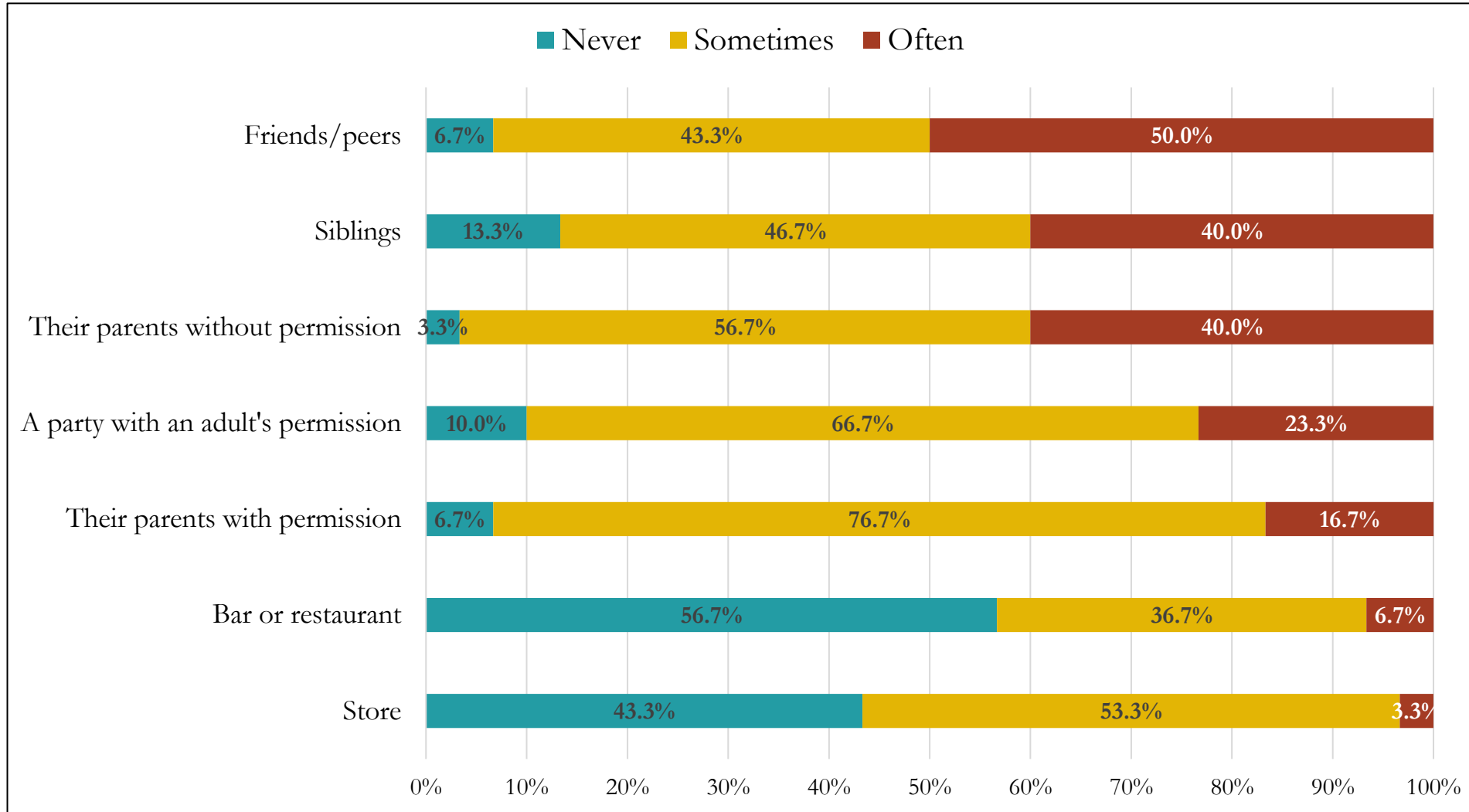
For **your** child or children who are in middle or high school, have you **EVER** talked to them about the risks of the substances below?

Percentage responding “Yes”



How often do youth in middle or high school, who drink alcohol, get their alcoholic beverages from the following sources?

n=30

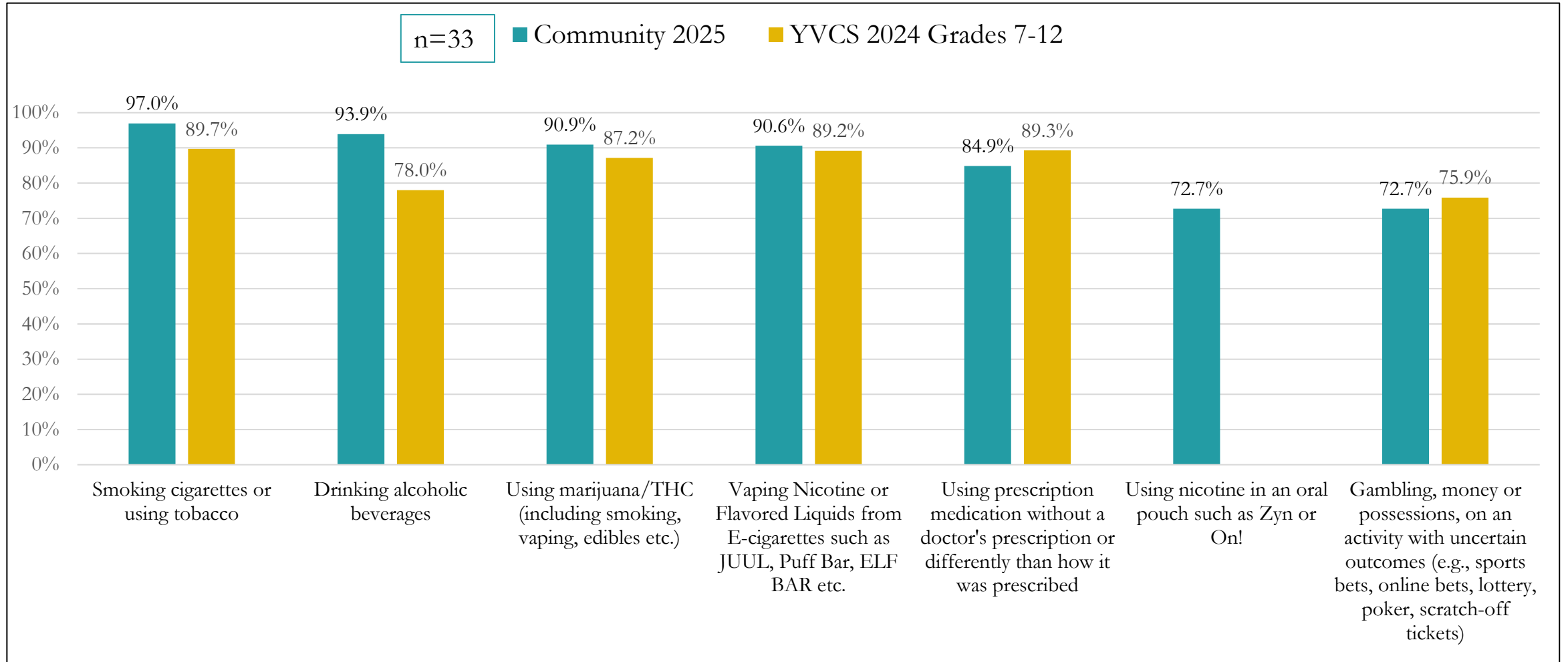


Ellington youth in grades 7-12 reported acquiring alcohol most often from: Home with parent's permission followed by Friends/Peers and Home without parent's permission

Source: Ellington YVCS 2024

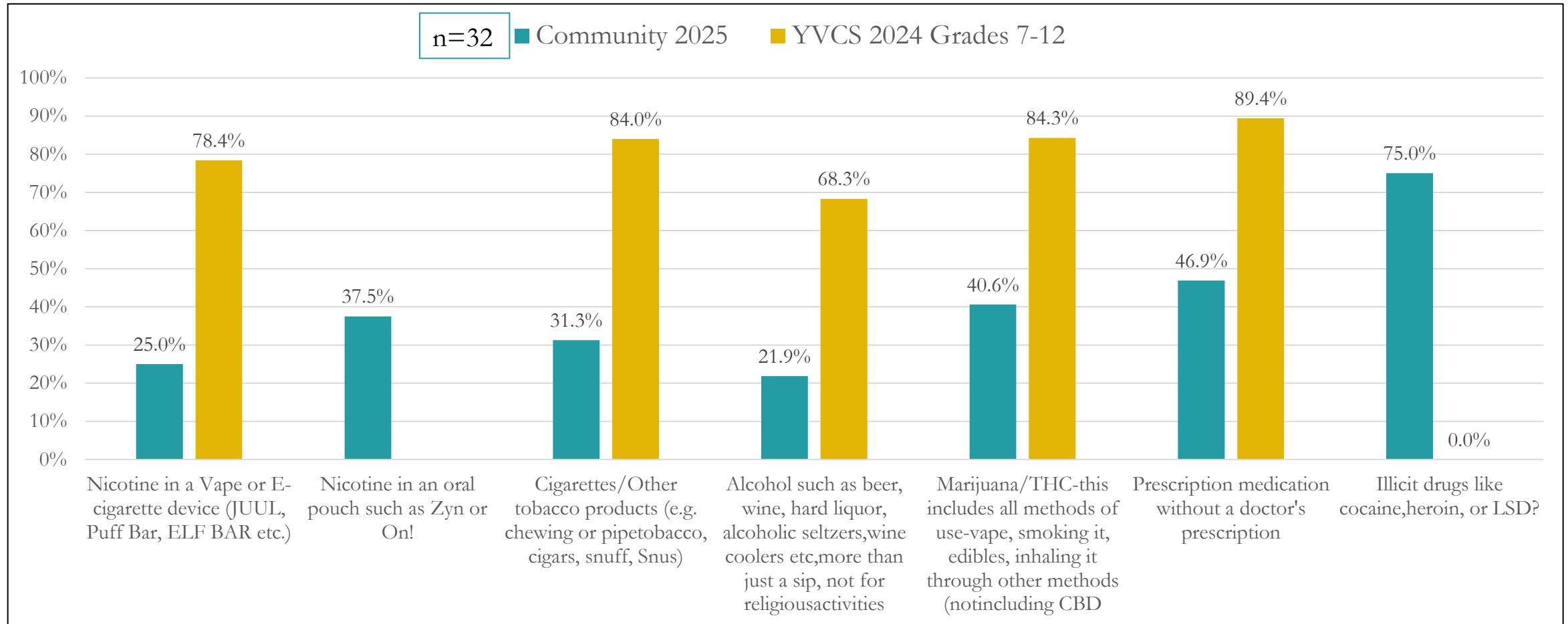
My family has clear rules or expectations discouraging my child or children in middle or high school, from doing the following:

Percentage responding “Yes”



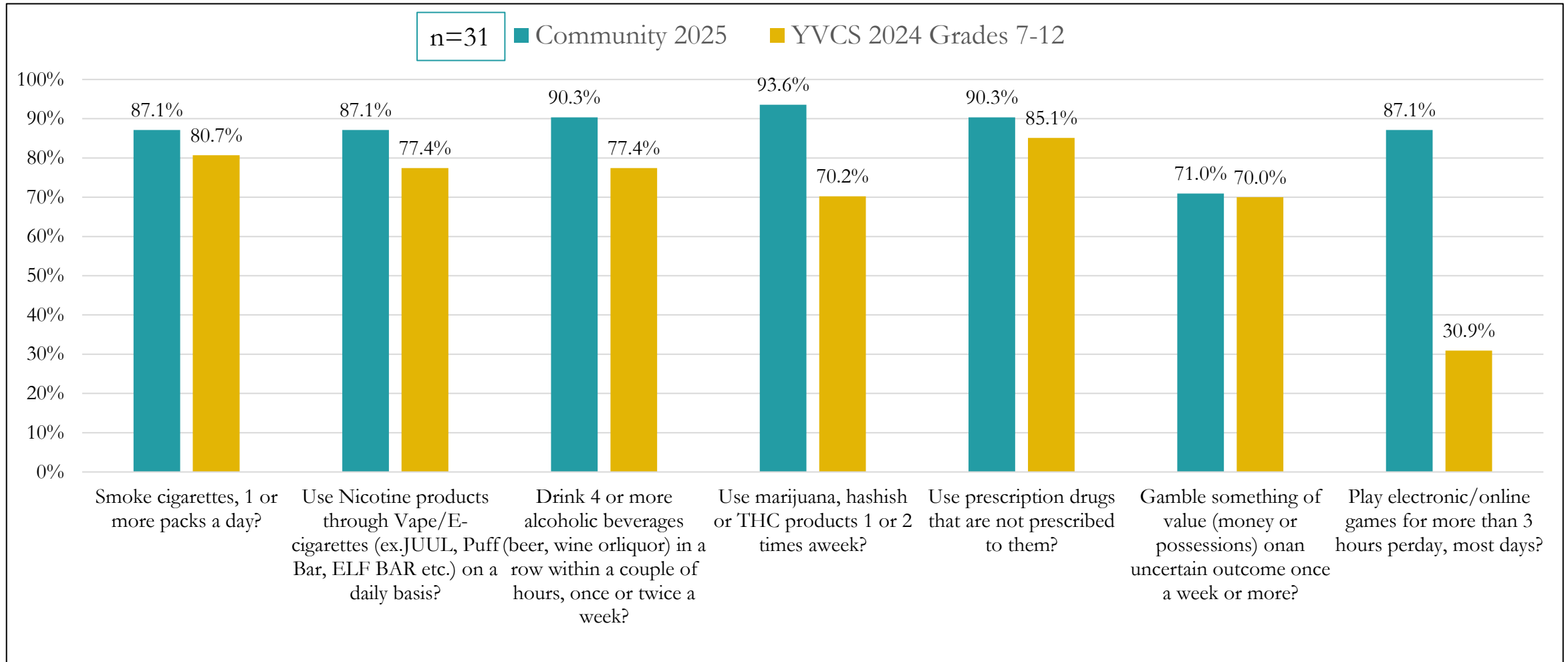
If they wanted to, how EASY do you think it would be for youth in middle or high school to get the following?

Percentage reporting that it would be Very Hard/Sort of Hard



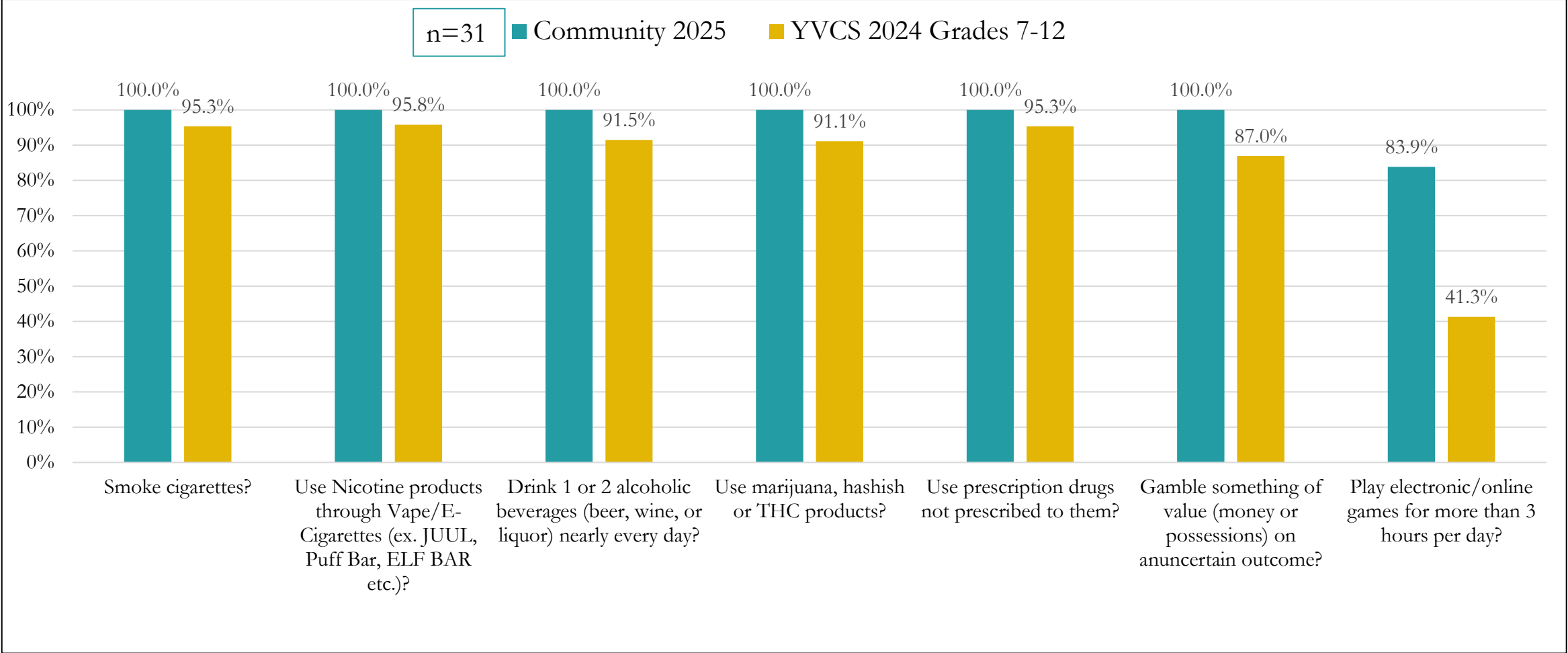
How much do you think youth in middle or high school risk harming themselves physically or in other ways (emotionally, financially, etc.) when they do the following?

Percentage reporting Moderate/Great Risk

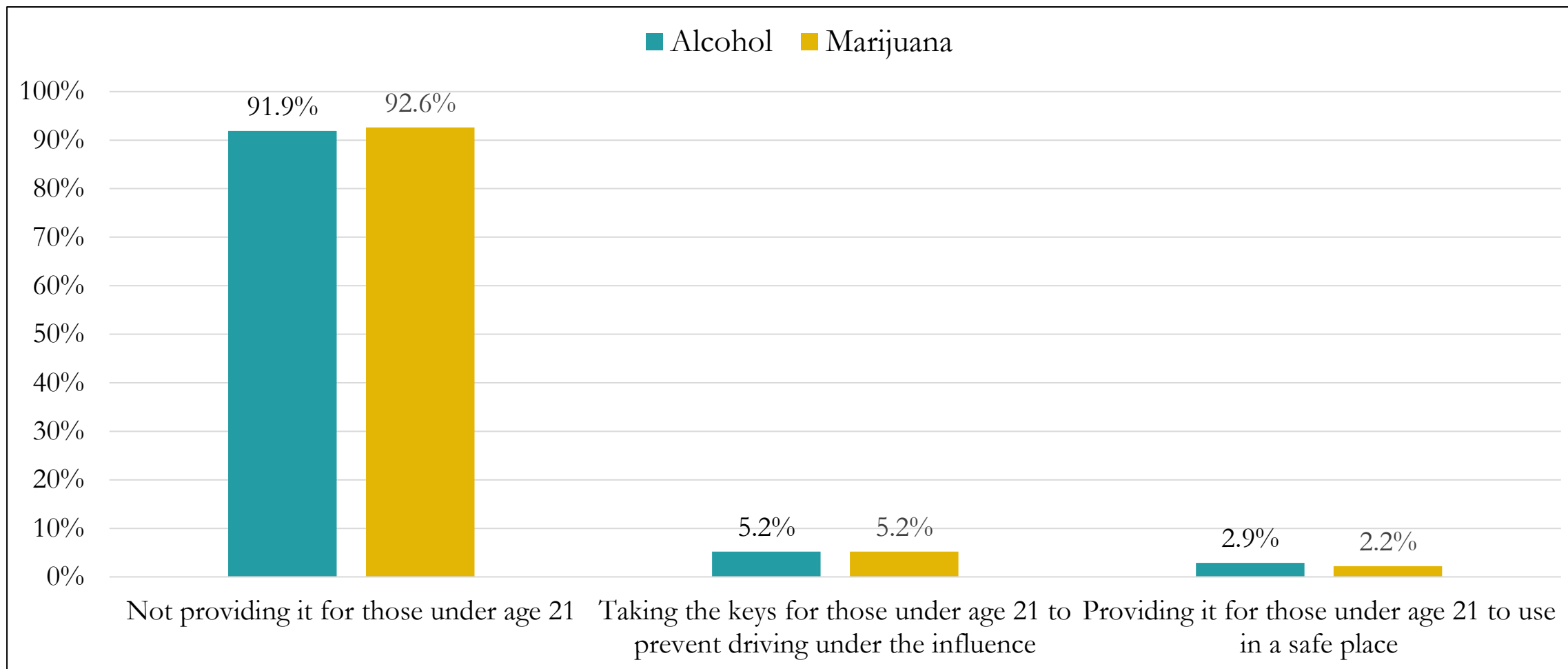


How wrong do you think it is for youth in middle or high school to do the following:

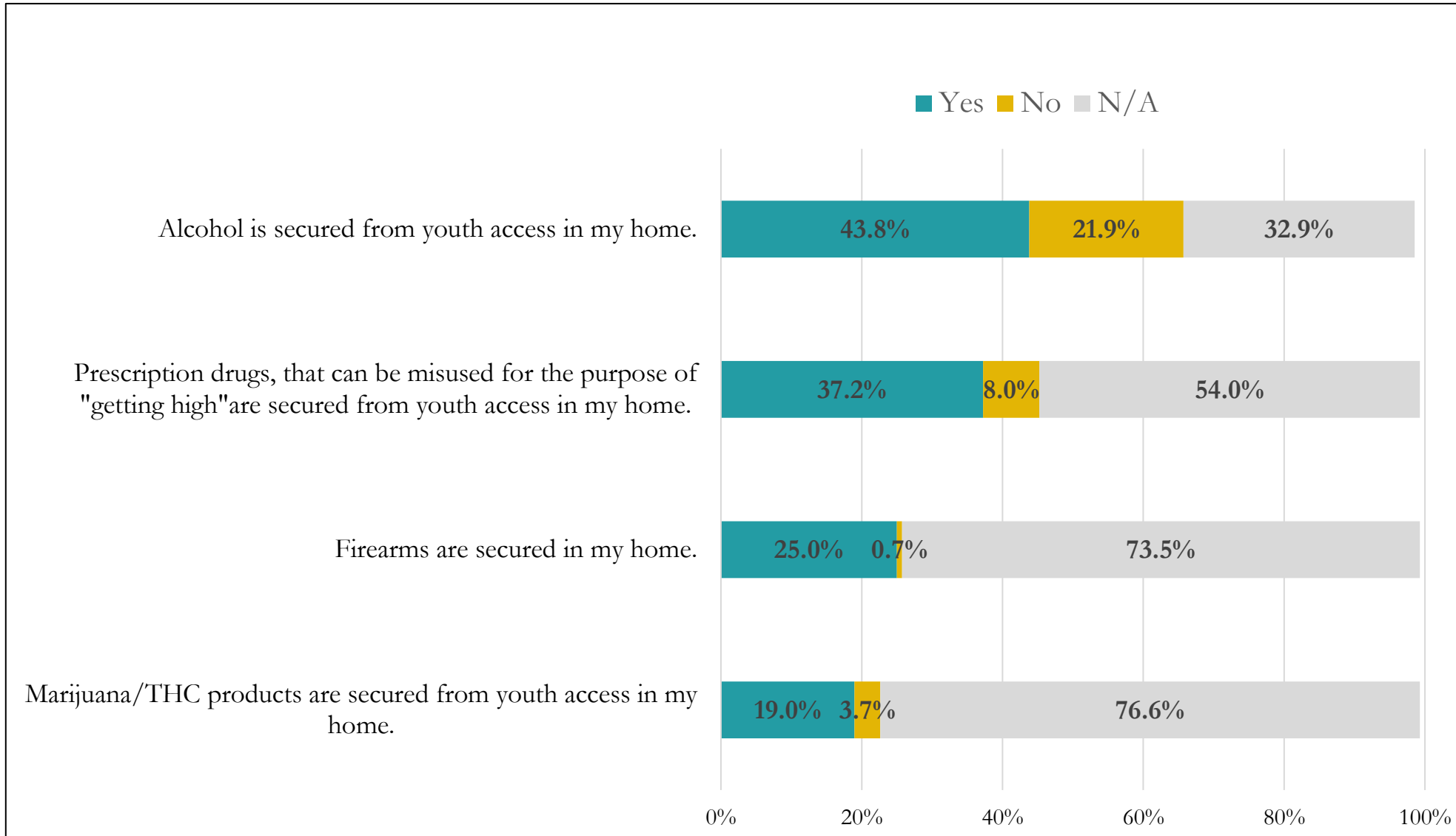
Percentage reporting Moderately/Greatly Wrong



What do you think is the safest decision a parent/guardian or other adult can make regarding youth use of alcohol and marijuana?



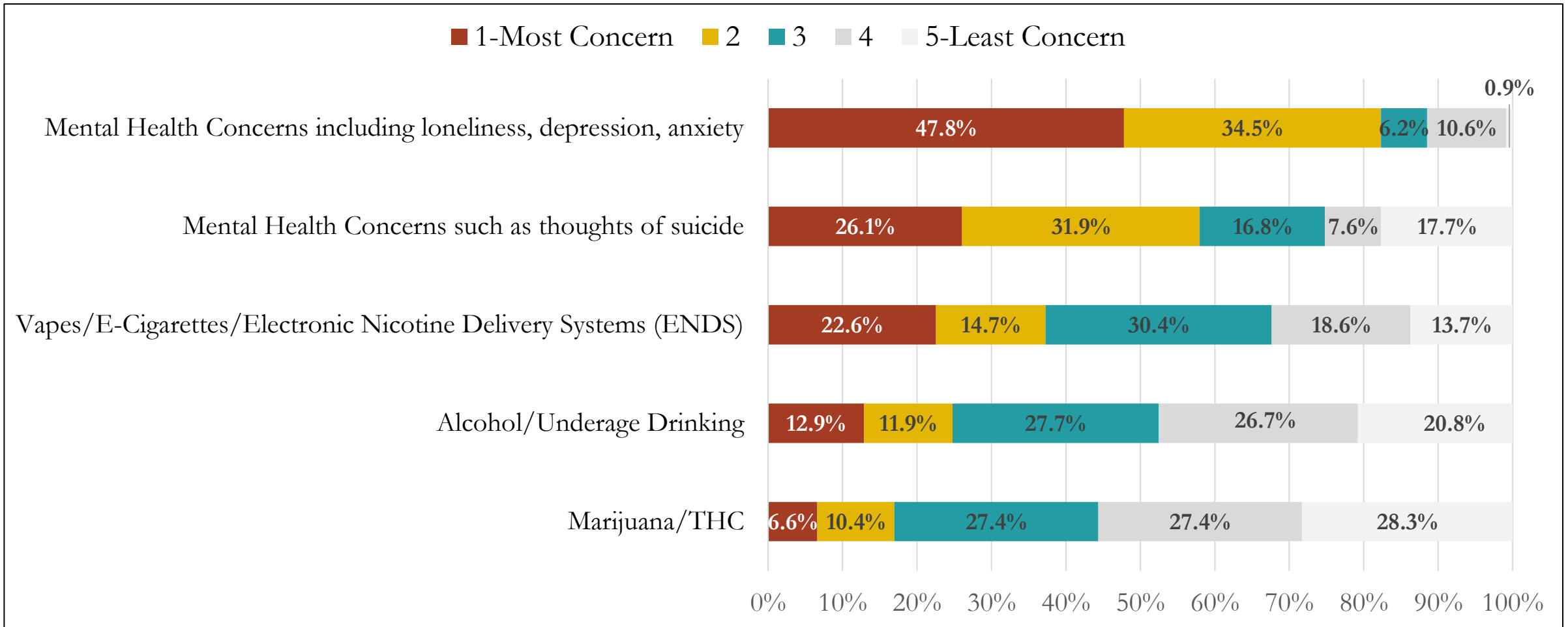
Please select the best response for each of these statements



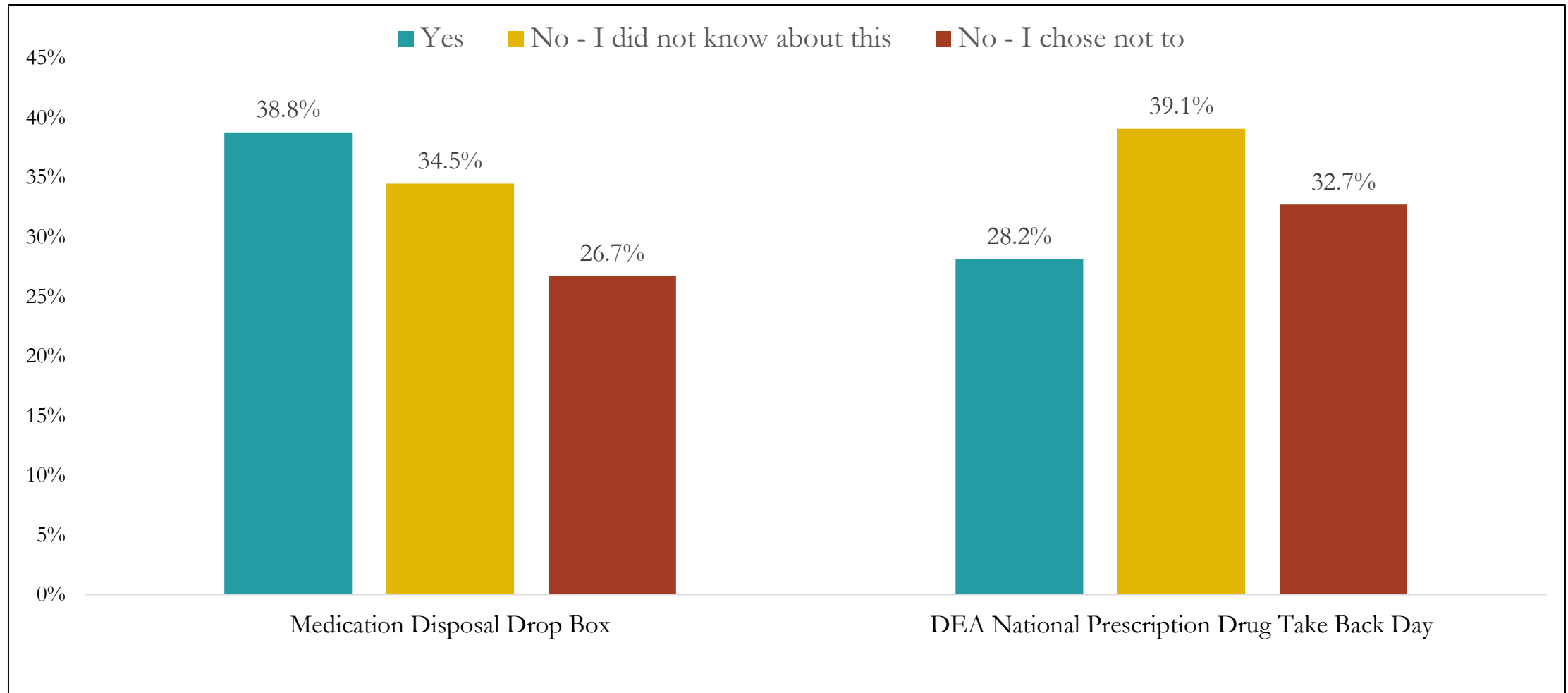
3 of 4 respondents report alcohol **is secured** from youth access in their home or youth access **does not apply** in their homes.

3 of 4 respondents report youth access to firearms and marijuana **does not apply** in their homes.

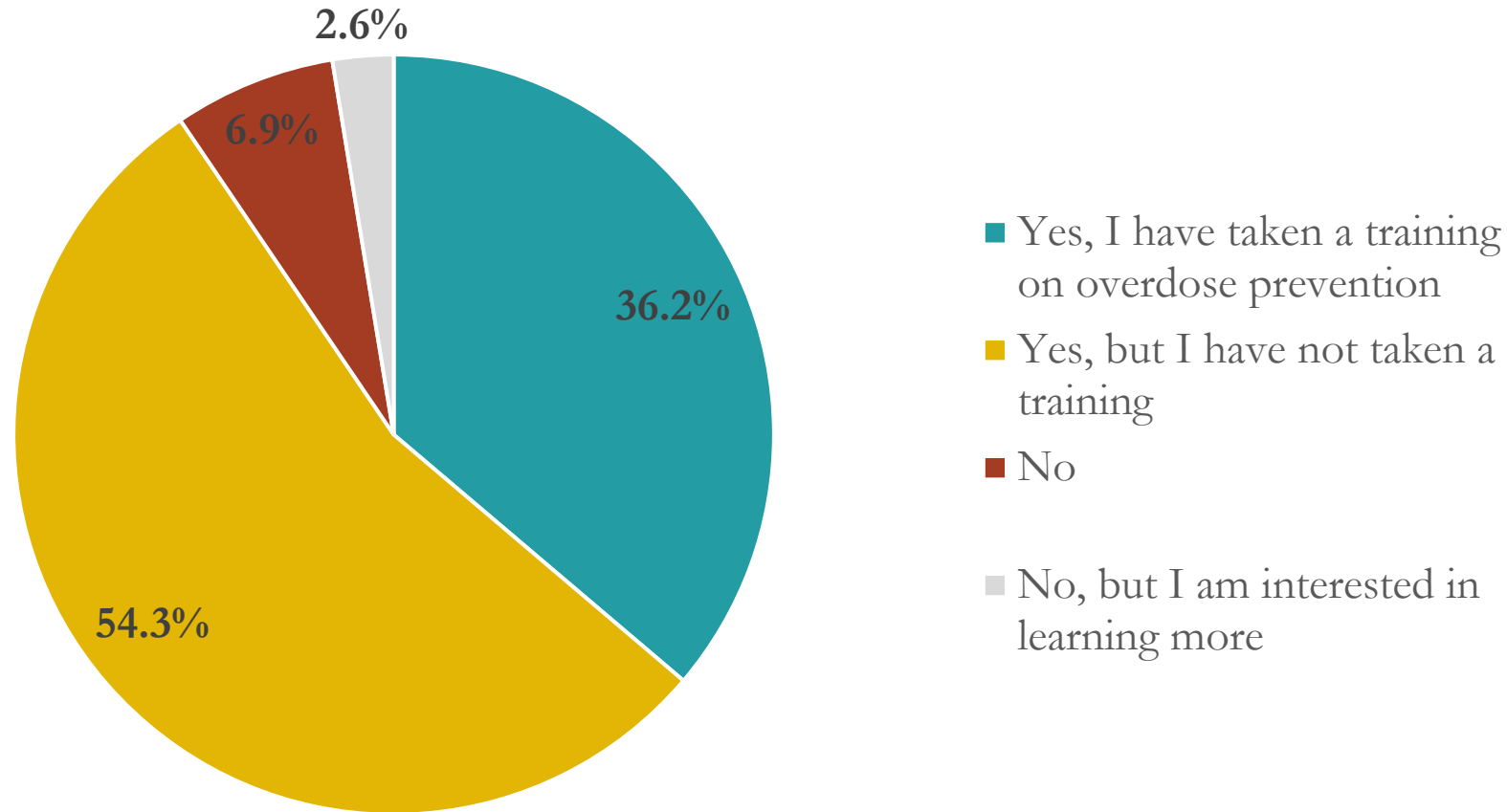
Based on your knowledge of the community, from the choices below, please rank your top concerns regarding youth ages 20 and under, with 1 being of most concern and 5 being the least.



Have you ever returned unused or expired prescription medications to the drop box or the DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day?



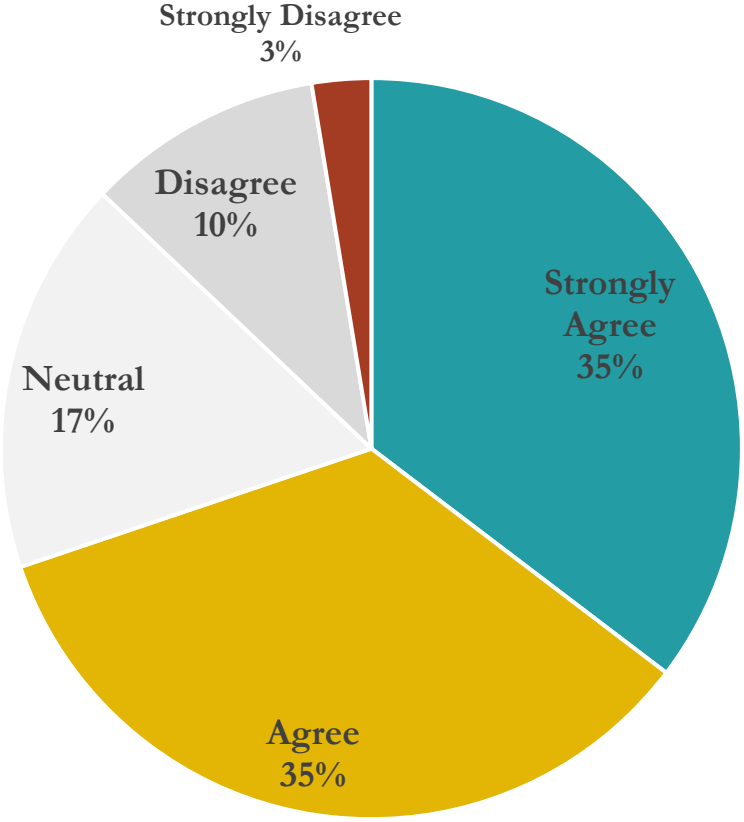
Have you heard of Naloxone (the medication that reverses an overdose, e.g., Narcan)?



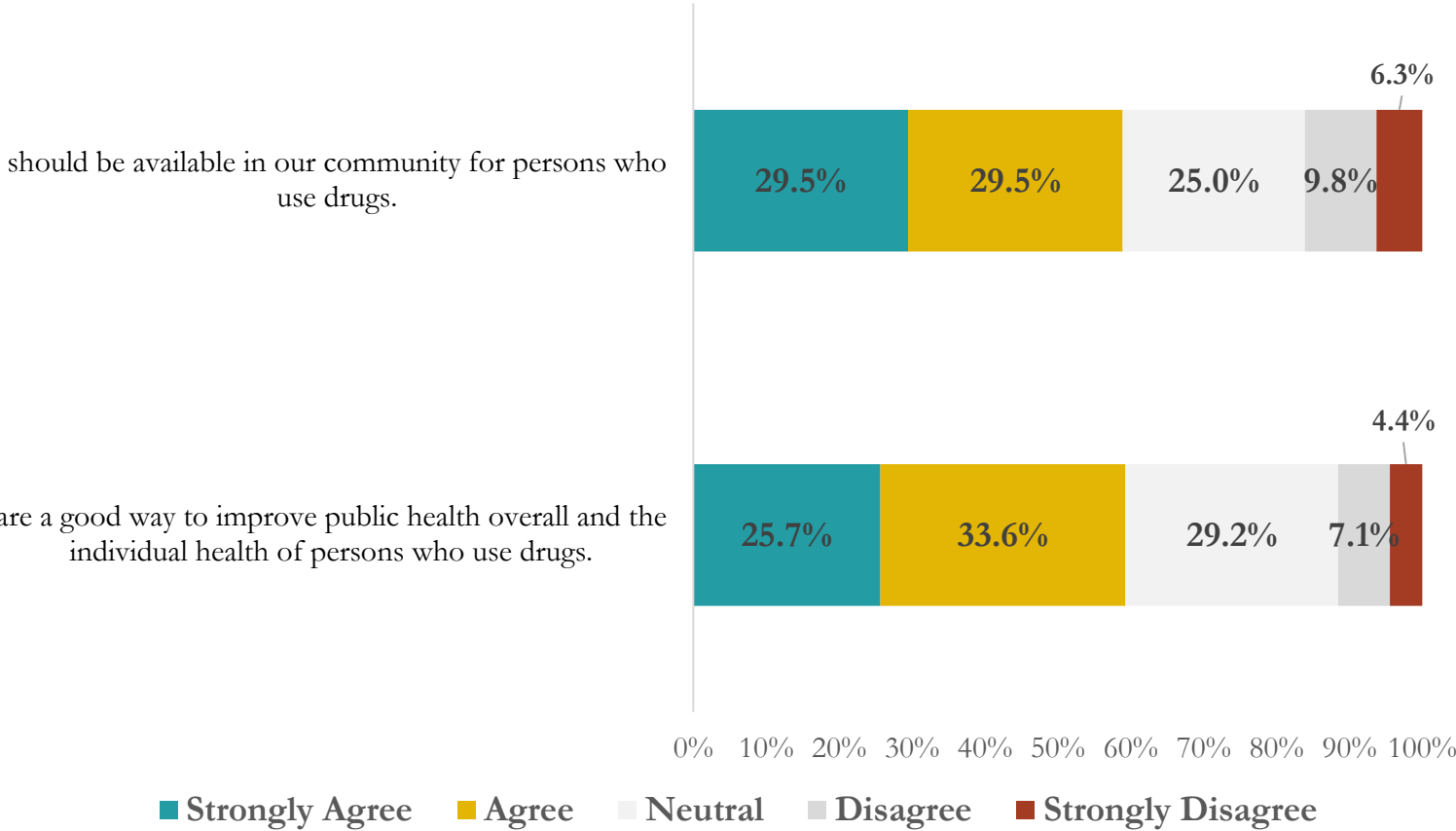
**90.5% had
heard of
Naloxone**

Stigma & Harm Reduction

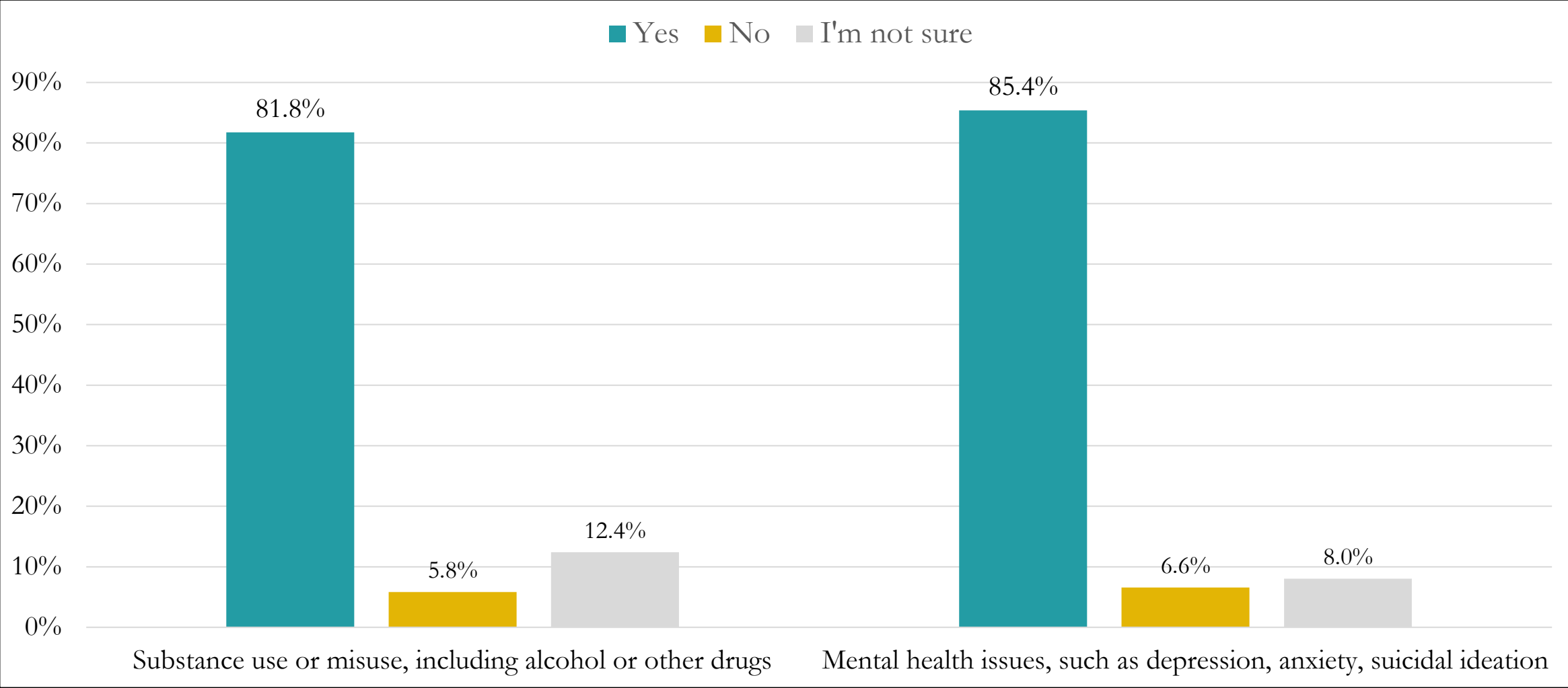
Opioid addiction (opioid use disorder) is a chronic medical condition like diabetes.



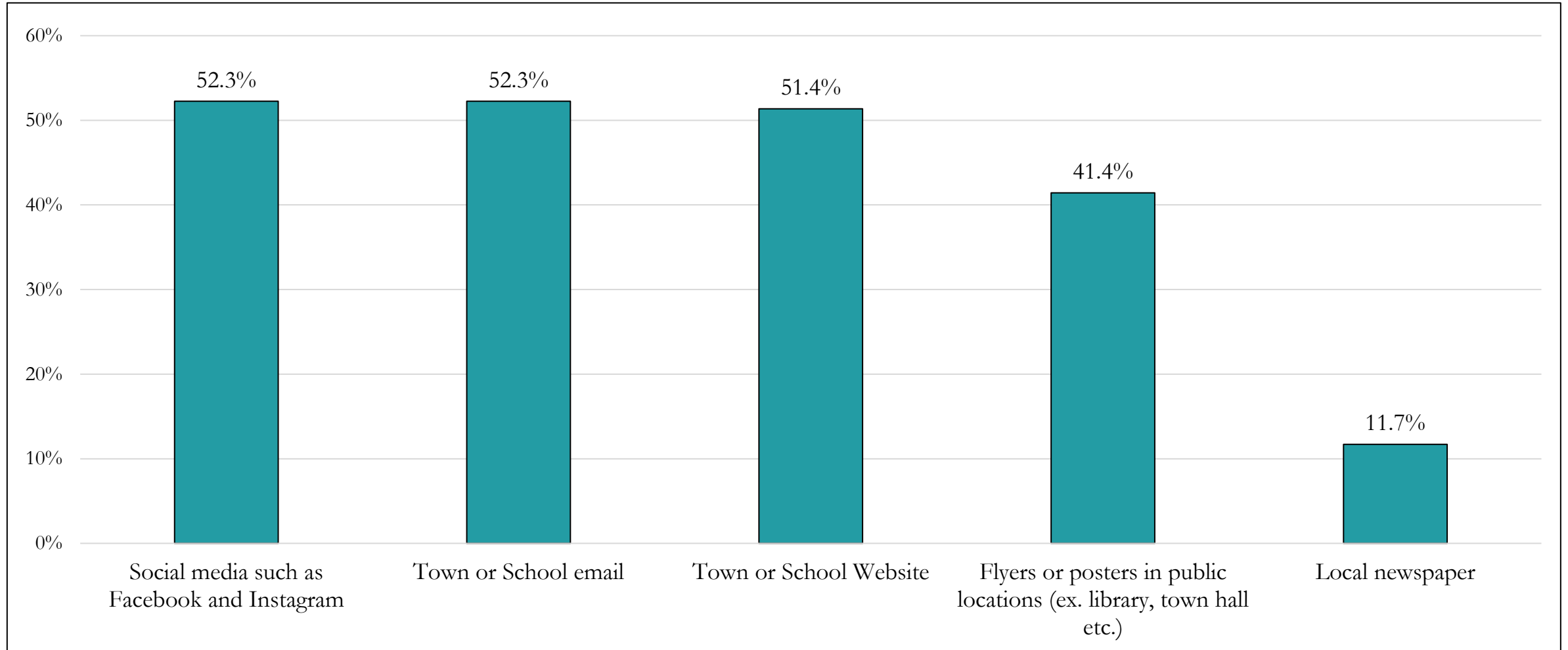
Harm reduction approaches such as testing drugs before use to ensure they do not contain fentanyl, and sterile needle exchange to reduce infection for persons who use drugs...



Do you know where to go for help if you or a family member are struggling with:



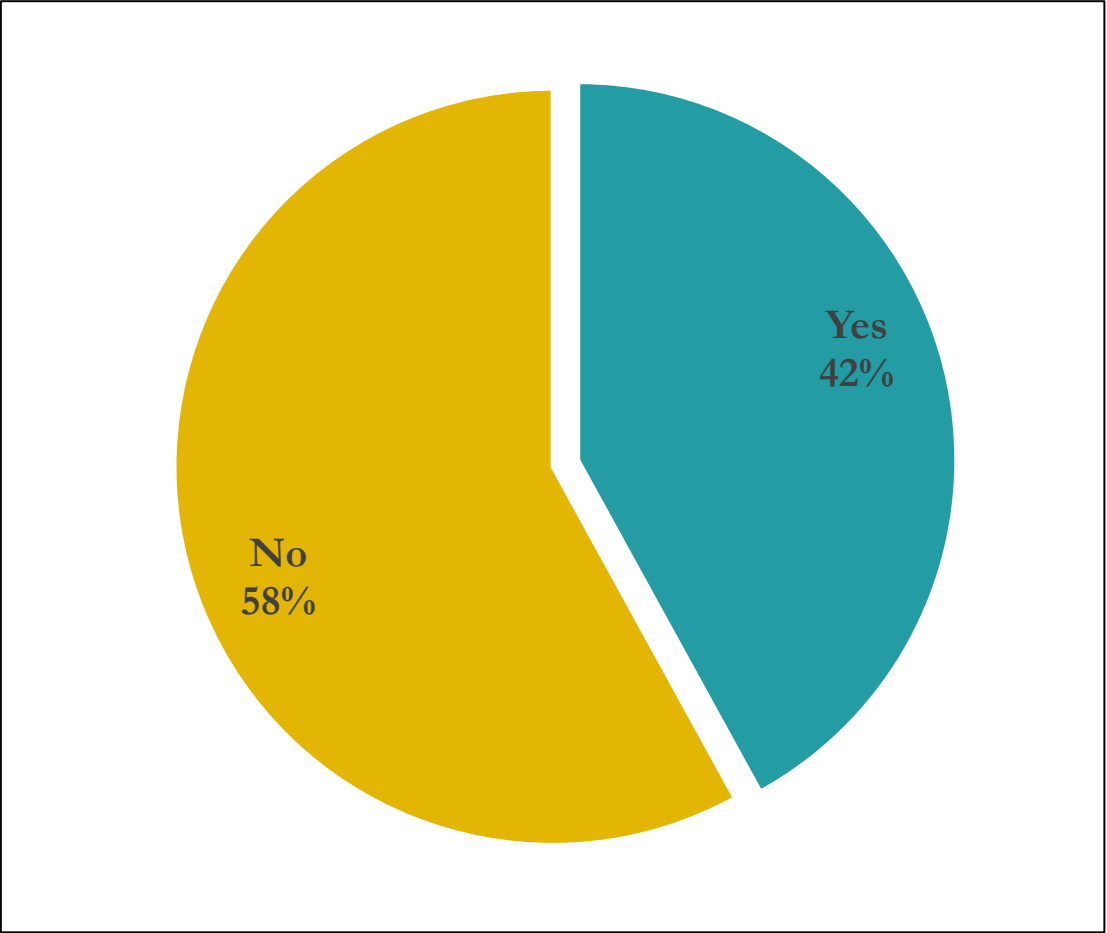
Where would you prefer to access information about mental health, substance misuse and related issues for youth and adults?



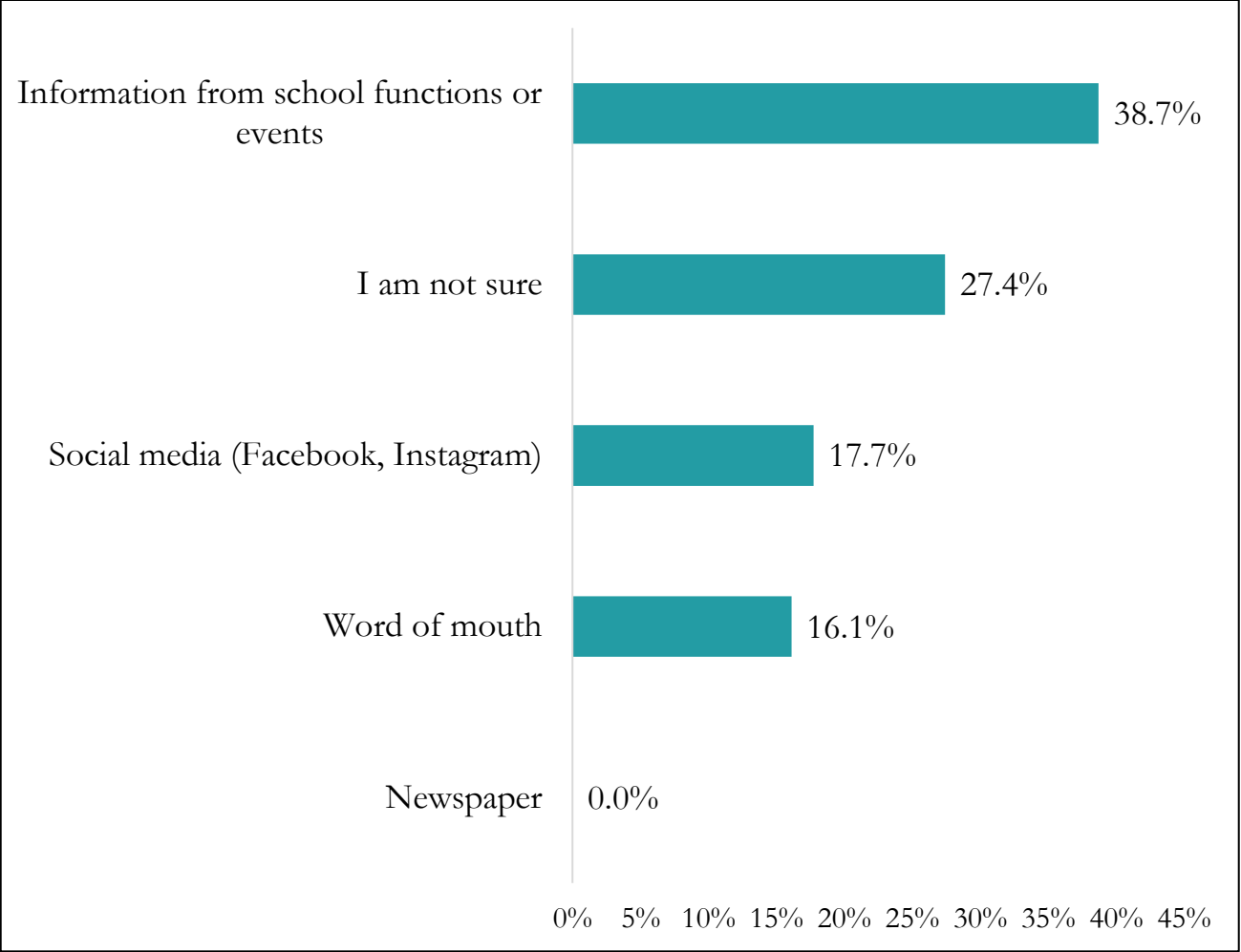
Please select barriers, you or other adults you know that live in your community, have experienced when accessing behavioral healthcare, including mental health and/or substance misuse treatment. (Select all that apply)

	Barrier to Alcohol Use Treatment	Barrier to Other Substance Use Treatment	Barrier to Mental Health Treatment
Lack of providers who speak languages other than English (#1 barrier reported)	63.3% (Highest)	60.0% (Highest)	100.0% (Highest)
Lack of transportation	58.1%	60.0%	97.7%
Lack of providers with experience with diverse race, ethnicity or cultural backgrounds	47.4%	44.7%	97.4%
No access to insurance	57.4%	55.6%	96.3%
Long wait to be seen by a provider who serves children or teens	35.1% (Lowest)	37.7% (Lowest)	96.1%
The hours providers are available conflict with work or school	47.3%	43.2%	94.6%
Concerns about stigma/worried about what others might think	56.9%	54.2%	94.4%
Cost, even with insurance, is too high	54.4%	57.4%	94.1%
Available providers do not take insurance	50.0%	54.7%	93.8%
Not sure where to call	49.2%	52.4%	92.1%
Long wait to be seen by a provider who serves adults	45.3%	48.0%	92.0%
Belief that programs such as this do not work or help	62.0%	58.0%	92.0%

Before today, had you heard of the Developing Positive Youth Culture (DYPC) Coalition?



If yes, what was the primary source?



What topics would you be interested in learning more about related to youth wellness? (Select all that apply)

