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EASTERN CAPE TREATMENT DATA

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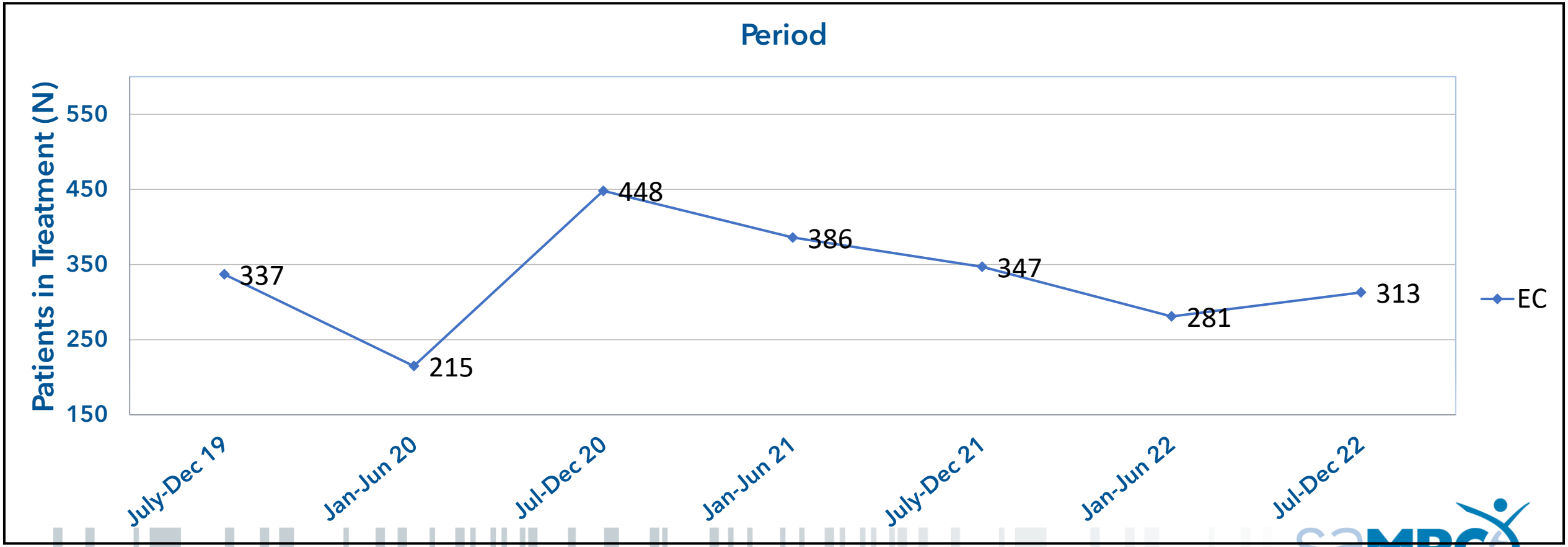
EC PATIENTS IN TREATMENT (N)



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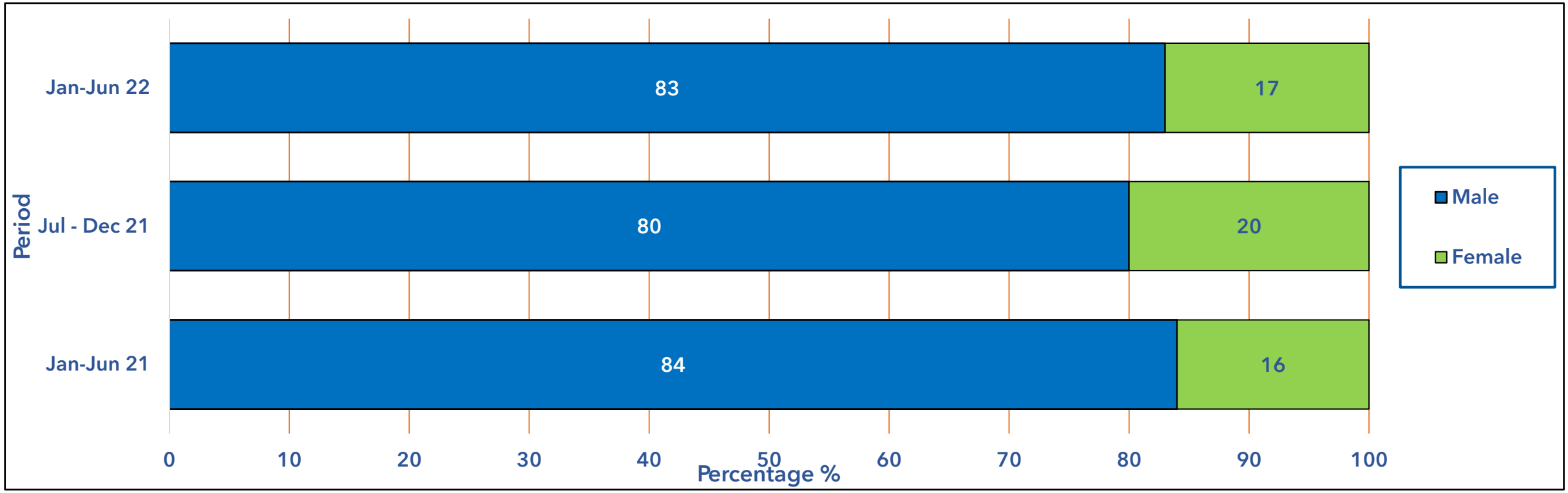
EC POPULATION PROFILE: GENDER (%)



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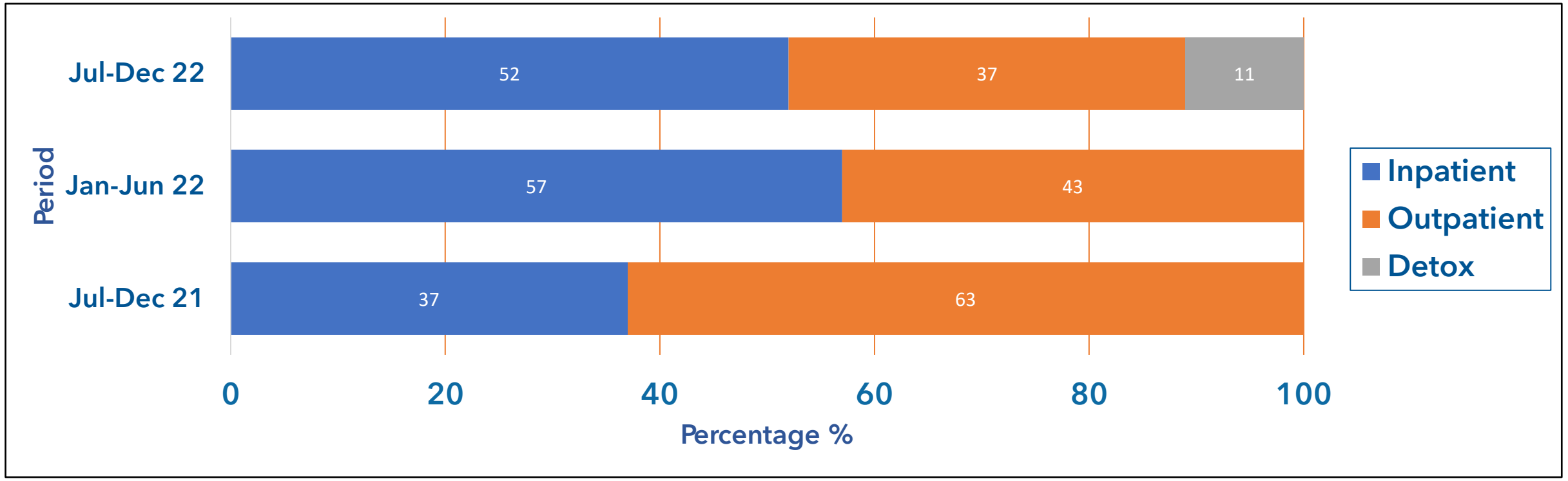
TYPE OF TREATMENT RECEIVED (%)



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FIRST TIME ADMISSIONS EC (Mean = 1 prior admission)

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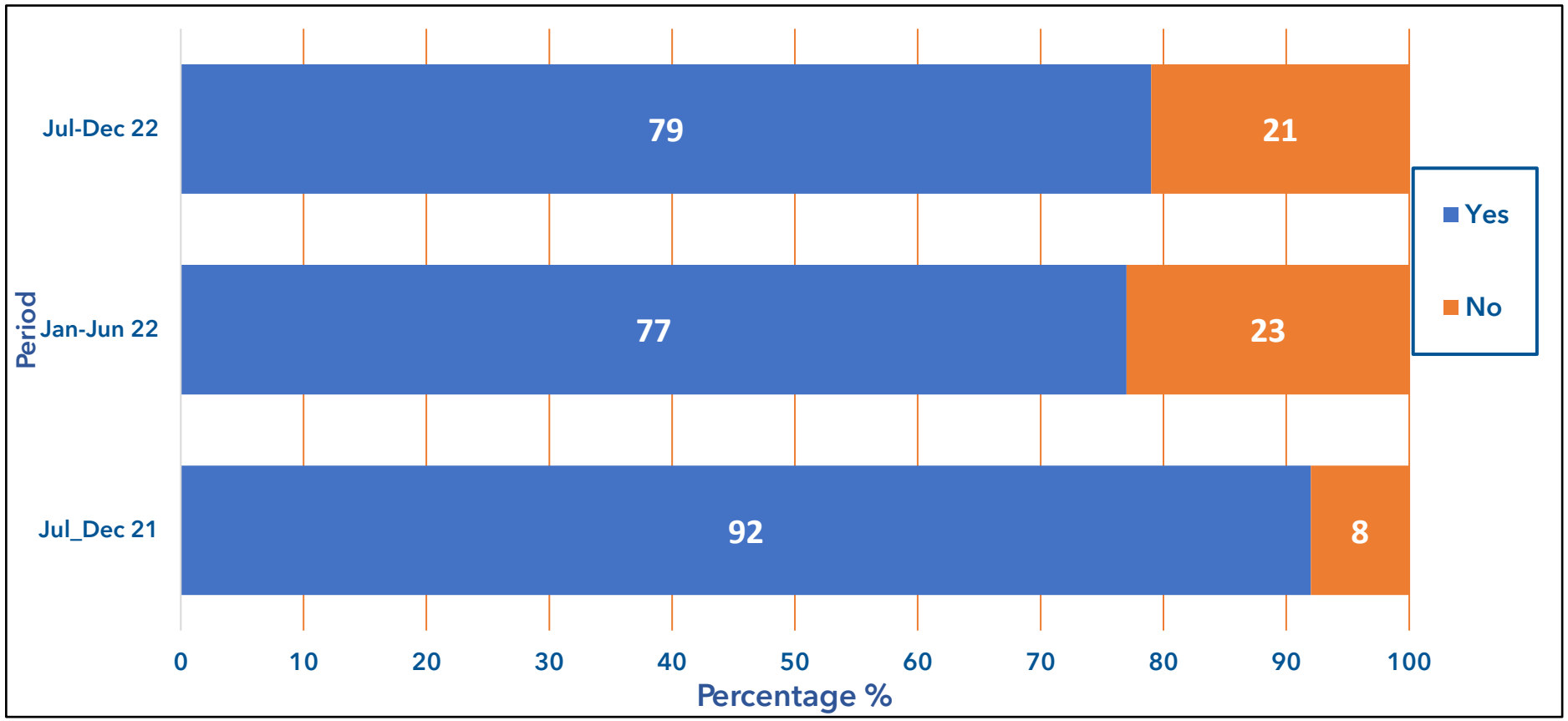

EC Tx readmissions	Frequency n =
1	38
2	5
3	2
5	1
Total	**46**

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FIRST TIME ADMISSIONS BY AGE CAT

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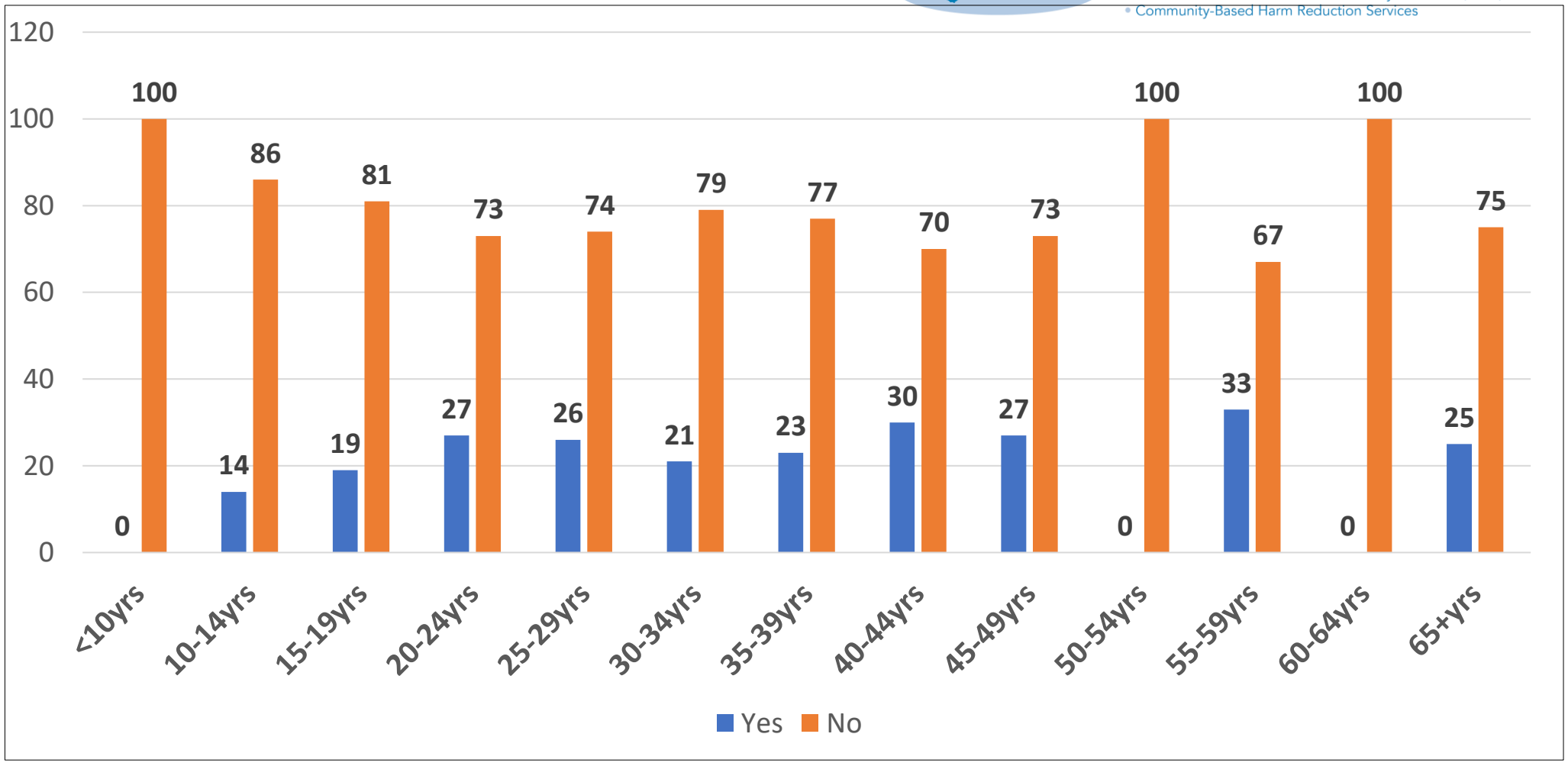

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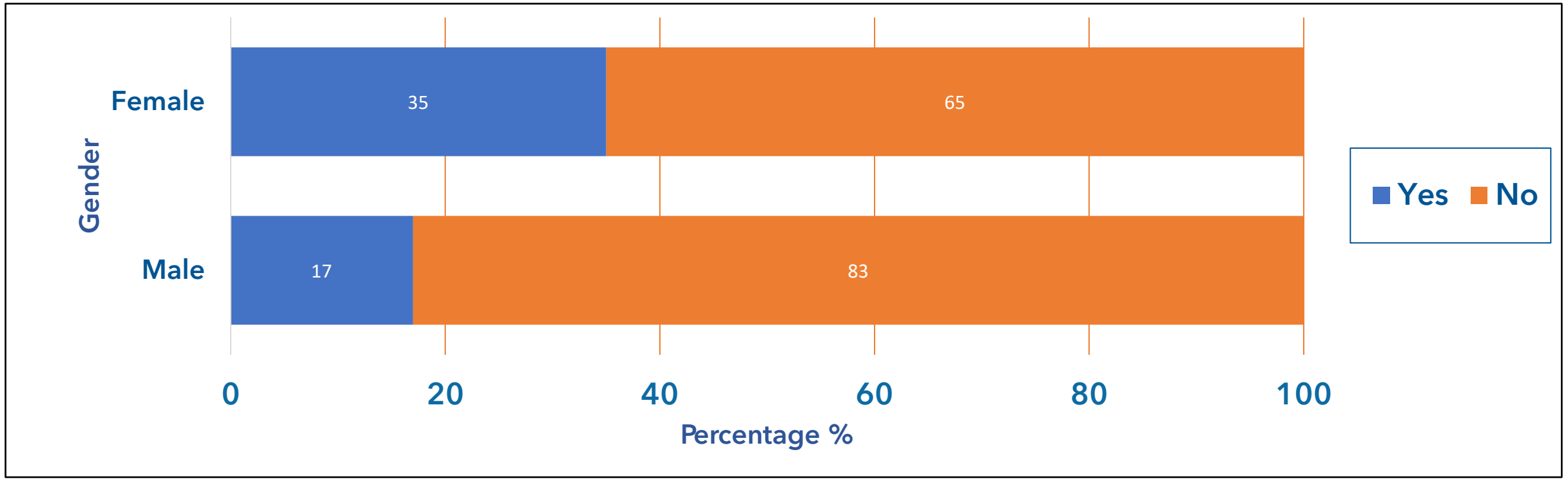

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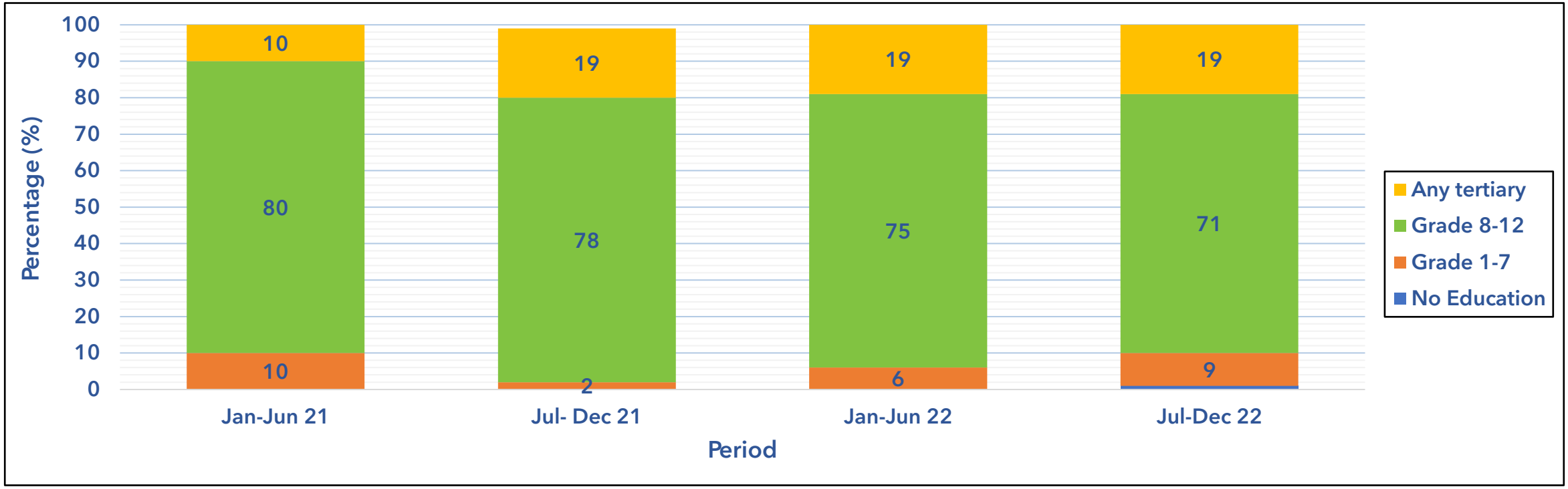
EC HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION (%)



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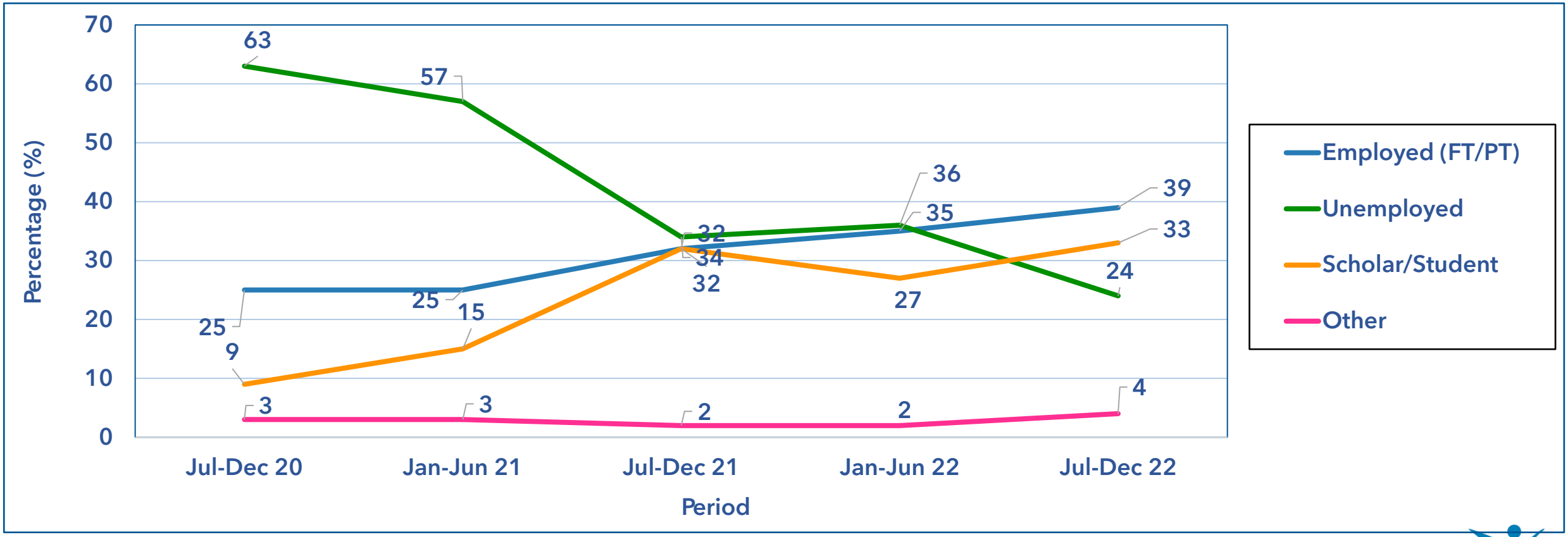
EC EMPLOYMENT STATUS (%)



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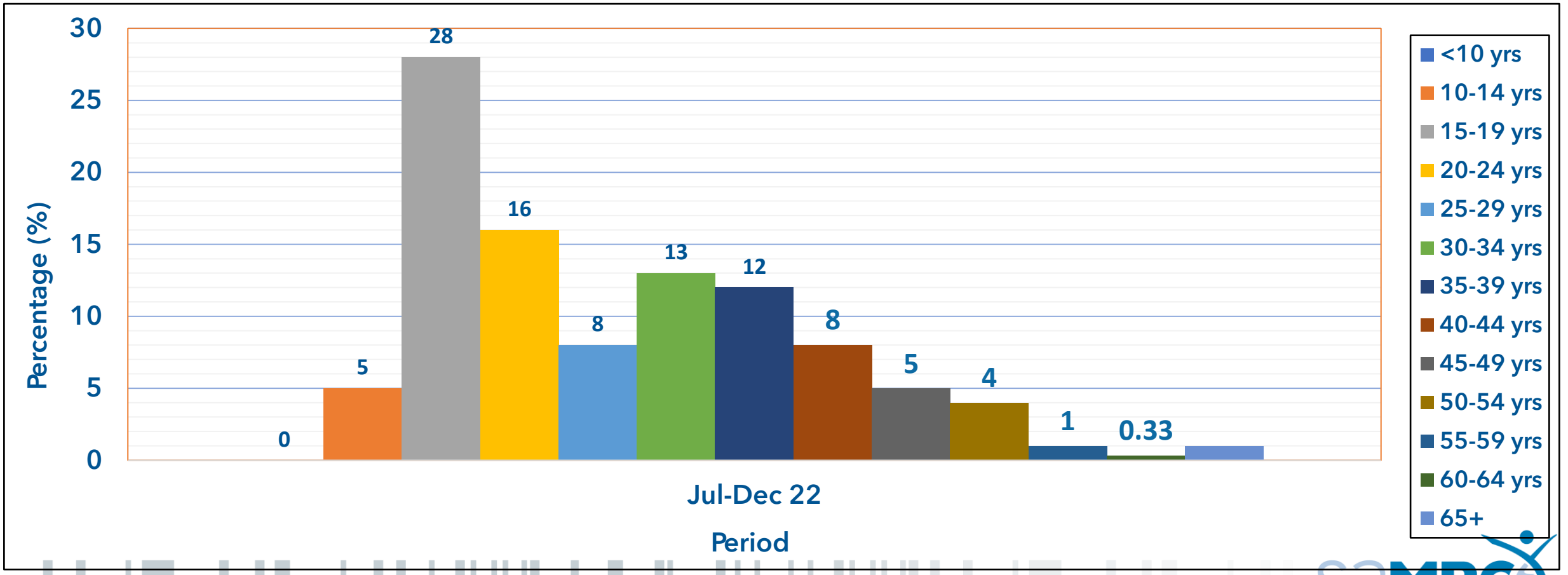

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MEAN AGE BY PERIOD

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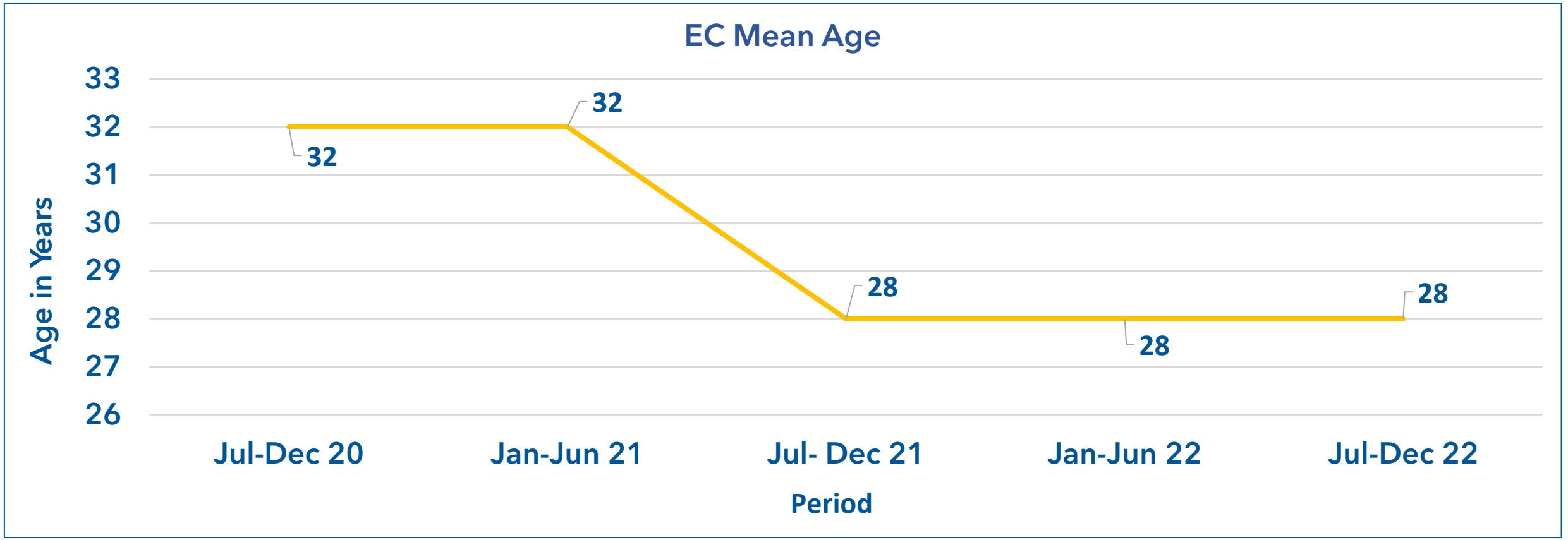

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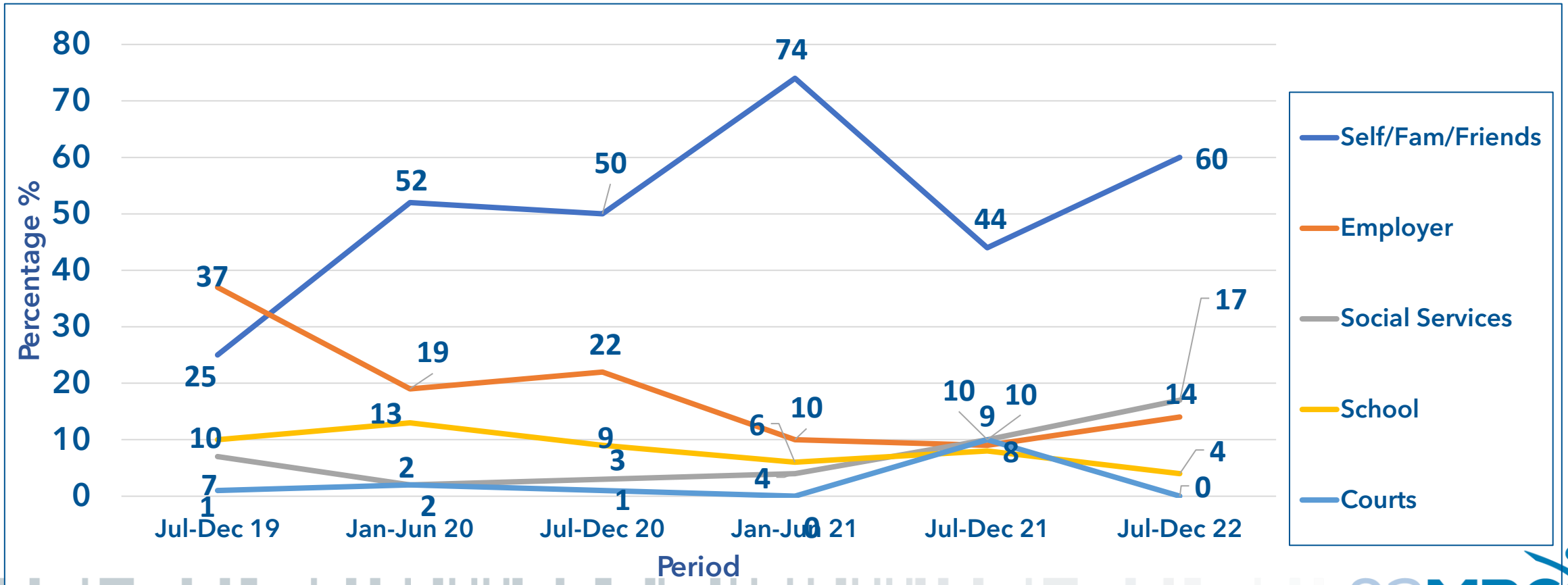
PRINCIPAL REFERRAL SOURCES (%)



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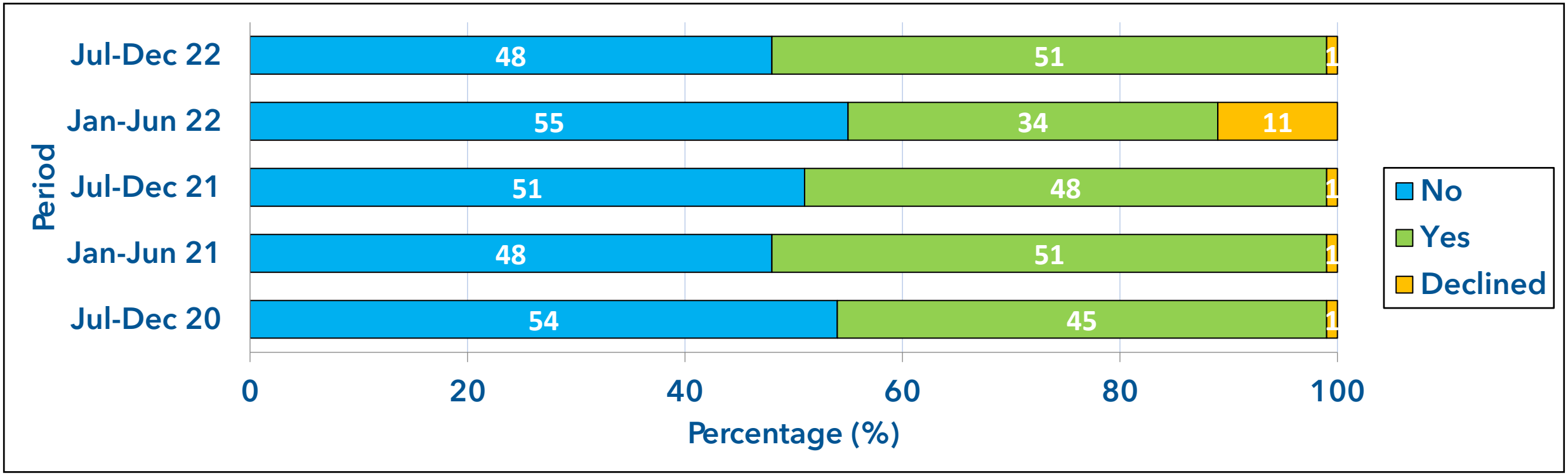
EC PRIOR HIV TESTING UPON ADMISSION



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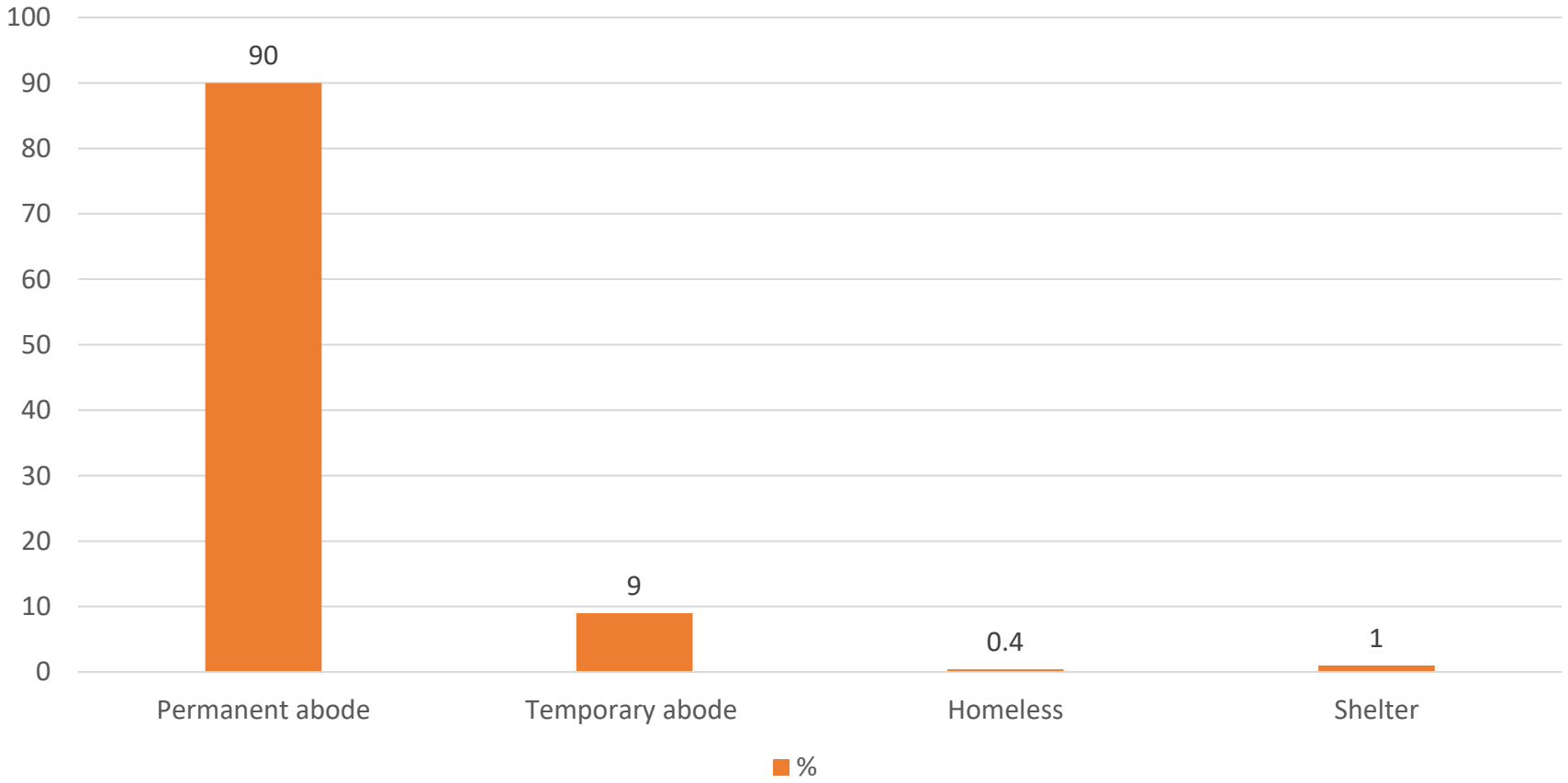
WHERE DO CLIENTS RESIDE



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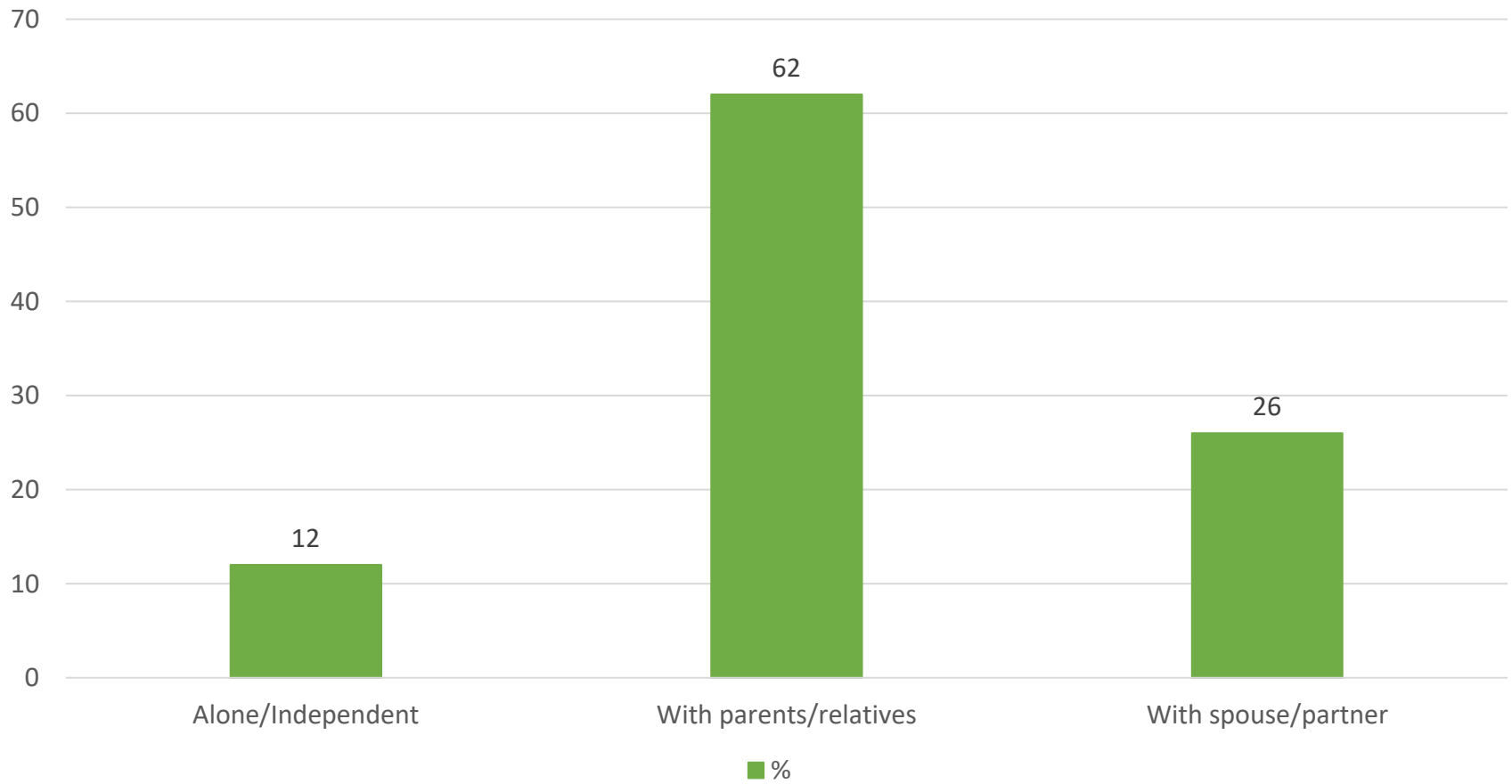
EC WHO DO CLIENTS LIVE WITH



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SUBSTANCES OF USE

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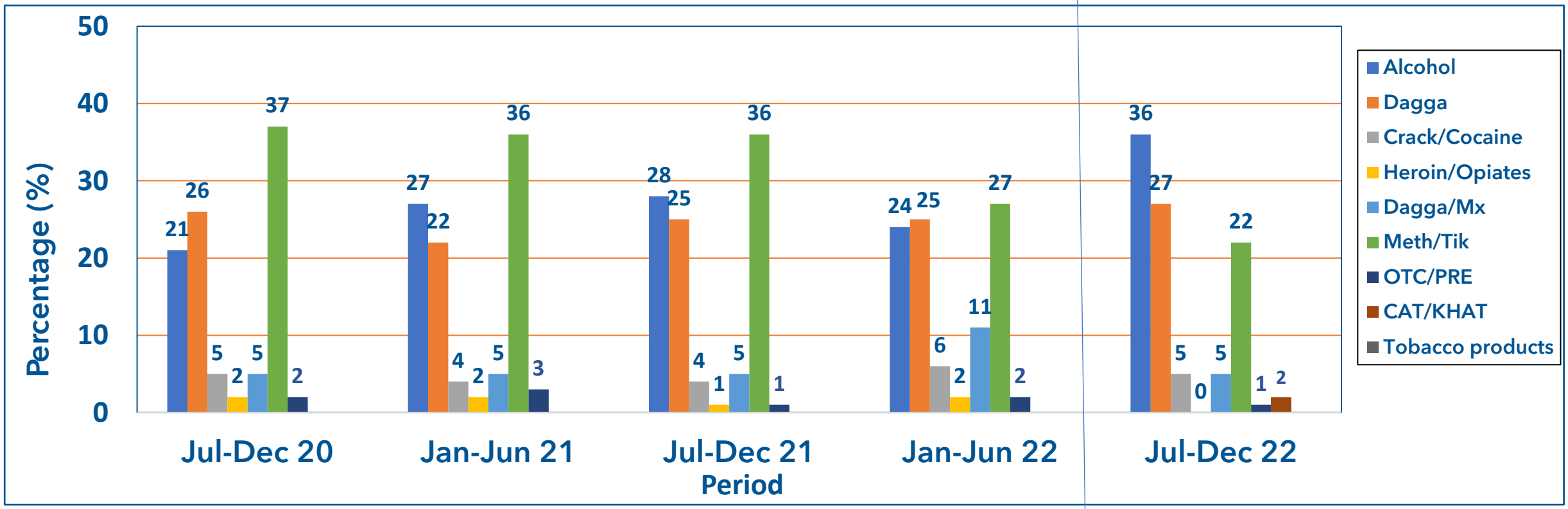
EC PRIMARY SUBSTANCE OF USE (%)



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ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION (%)

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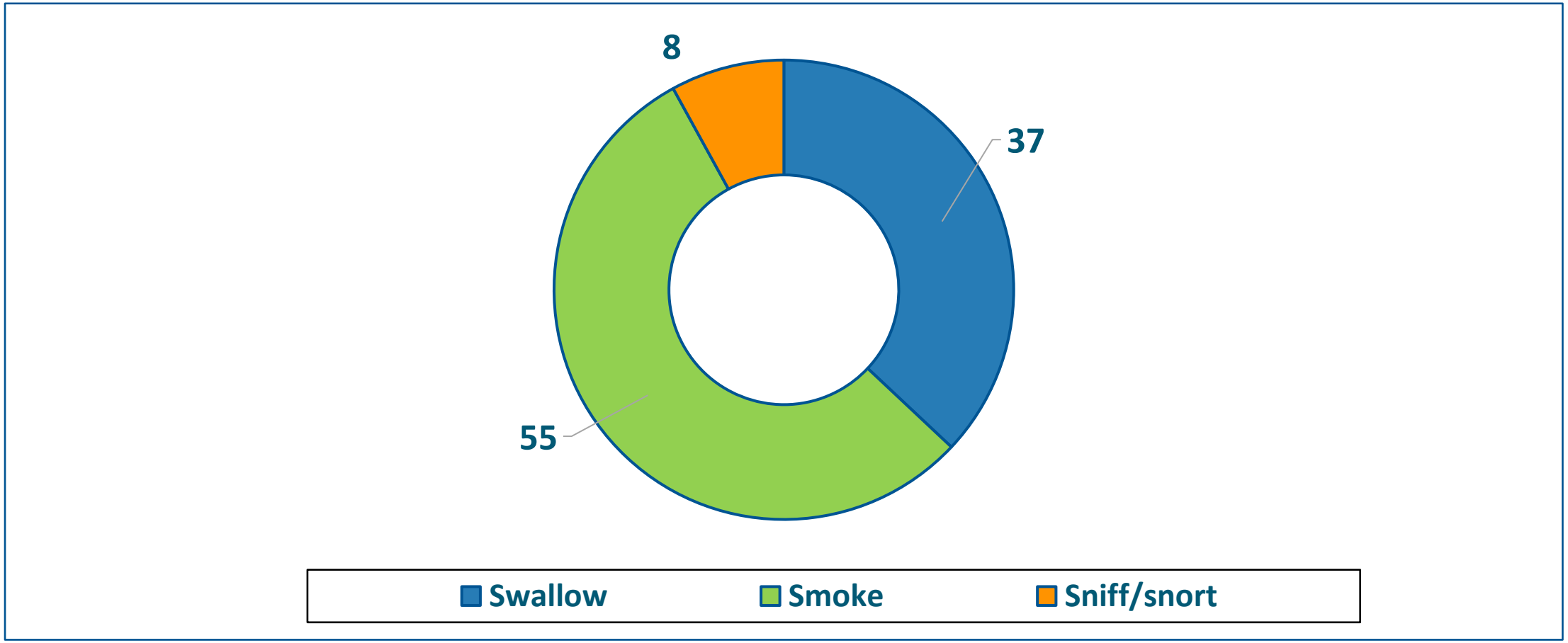

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FREQUENCY OF USE (%)

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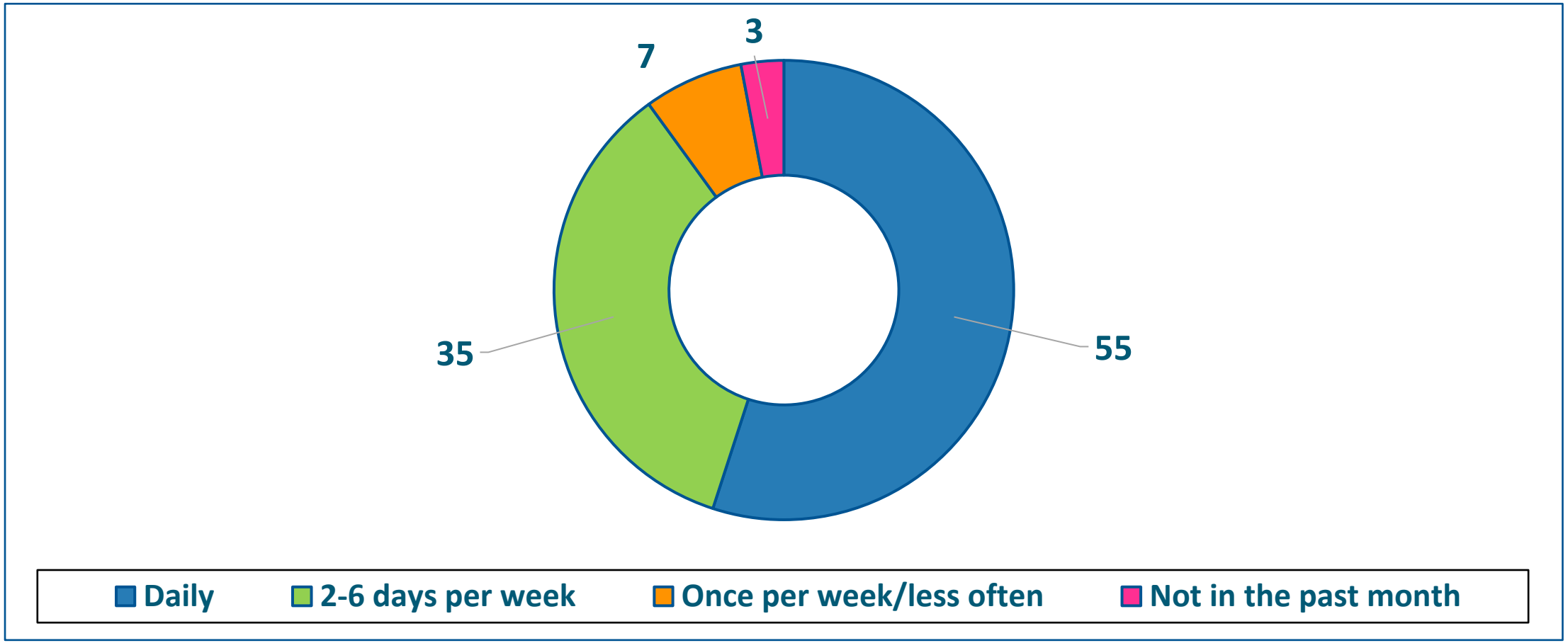

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AGE AT SUBSTANCE USE INITIATION
Overall mean age = 17 years

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Substance	Mean age Jan-Jun 2022	Mean age Jul-Dec 2022
Alcohol	15	17
Crack/Cocaine	19	24
Dagga	10	14
Heroin/Opiates	27	30
Mandrax/Dagga	20	18
Methamphetamine (Tik)	13	17
OTC/PRE	26	24

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AGE OF SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT BY SUBSTANCE OF USE (%)

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	Alcohol	Dagga	Crack/Cocaine	Tik	Dagga/Mandrax
			%		
<10yrs	0	0	0	0	0
10-14yrs	1	13	7	2	8
15-19yrs	2	66	14	41	8
20-24yrs	12	9	14	32	31
25-29yrs	6	4	21	9	0
30-34yrs	23	1	14	6	23
35-39yrs	22	0	7	9	31
40-44yrs	10	5	14	0	0
45-49yrs	10	0	7	0	0
50-54yrs	8	1	0	2	0
55-59yrs	2	0	0	0	0
60-64yrs	1	0	0	0	0
65+yrs	2	0	0	0	0

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EC MEAN AGE BY PRIMARY SUBSTANCE

Substance of use	Jul-Dec 20	Jan-Jun 21	Jul-Dec 21	Jan-Jun 22	Jul-Dec 22
Alcohol	39	40	39	36	35
Mandrax	30	30	30	30	26
Crack/Cocaine	30	27	32	28	27
Dagga	19	21	19	20	17
Heroin/Opiates	30	29	40	33	30
Methamphetamine	25	24	24	25	21
OTC/PRE	35	33	41	40	33
CAT	34	30	.	.	28
	32	28	28	28	28

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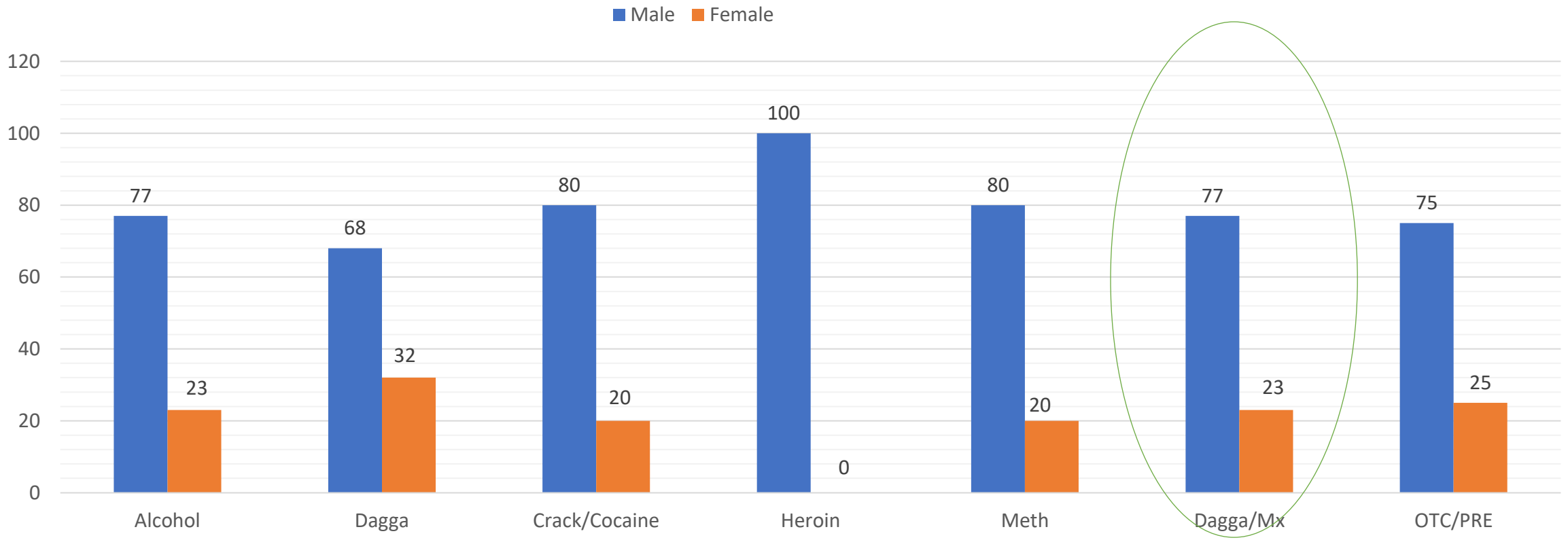
EC PRIMARY SUBSTANCE OF USE BY GENDER (%)



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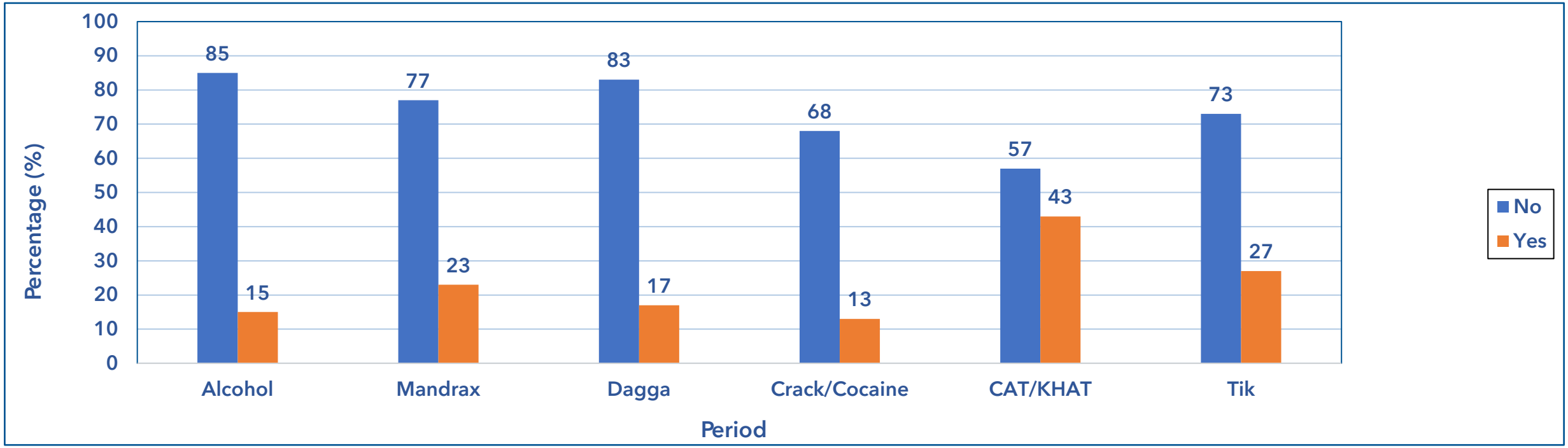
EC PRIMARY SUBSTANCE OF USE BY PRIOR TREATMENT



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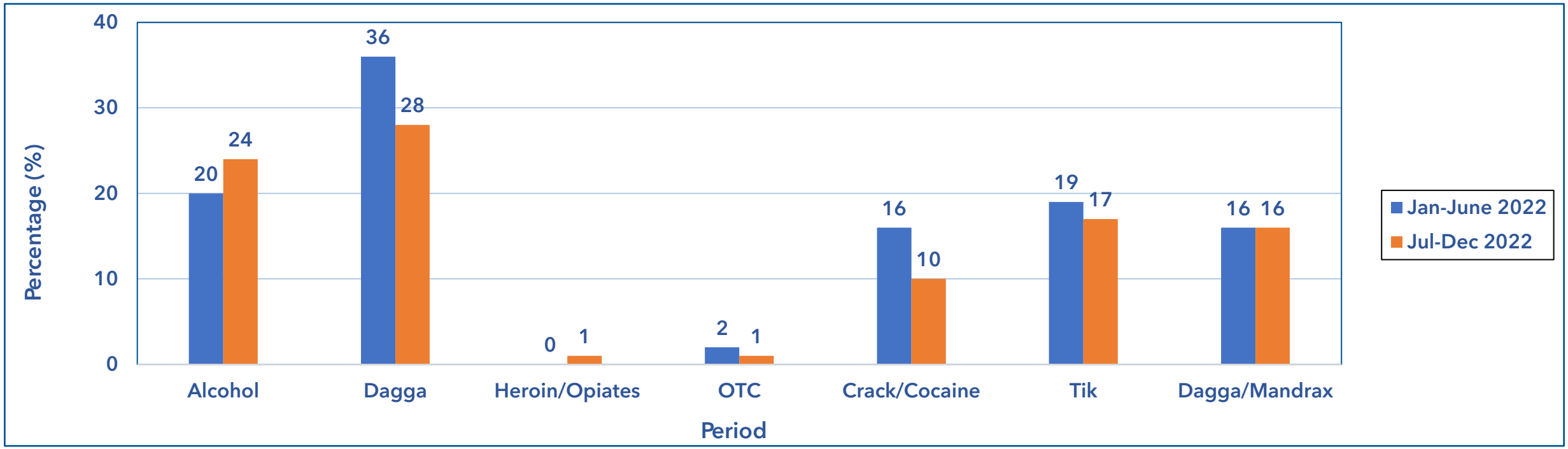
EC SECONDARY SUBSTANCE OF USE



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PATIENTS REPORTING CODEINE MISUSE

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EC Profile of Codeine users n = 12	Percent
Majority were Male	75
Users spread evenly between age categories 20-24	
Most commonly used meds:	
Stilpayne, Cough mixture	

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EC PATIENTS REPORTING NCDS UPON ADMISSION (n = 86, 27%)

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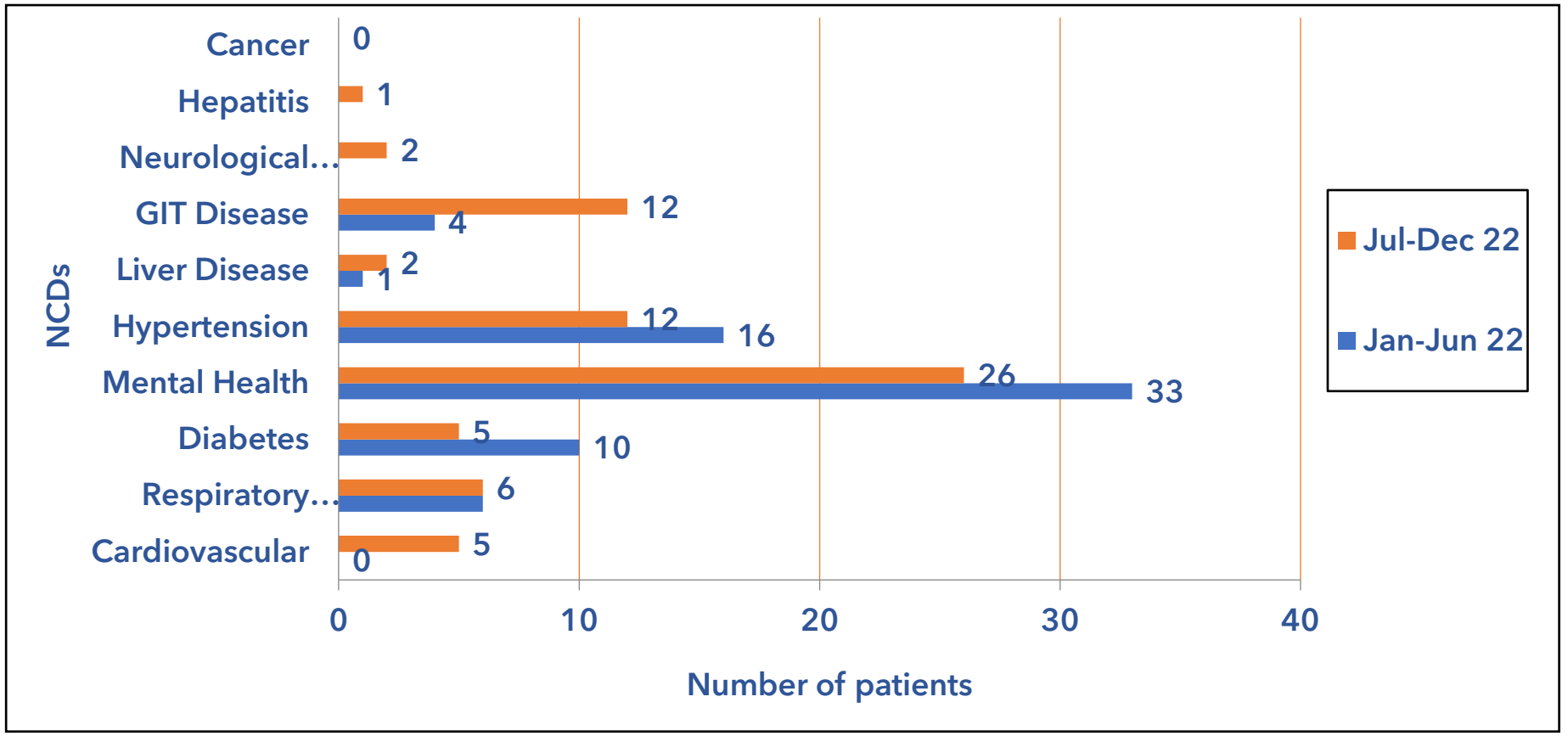

Last seen Doctor	%
Less than 2 years ago	74
2-5 years ago	10
More than 5 years ago	16

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SUBSTANCE USE DURING PREGNANCY EXPLORED (n = 4, 2%)

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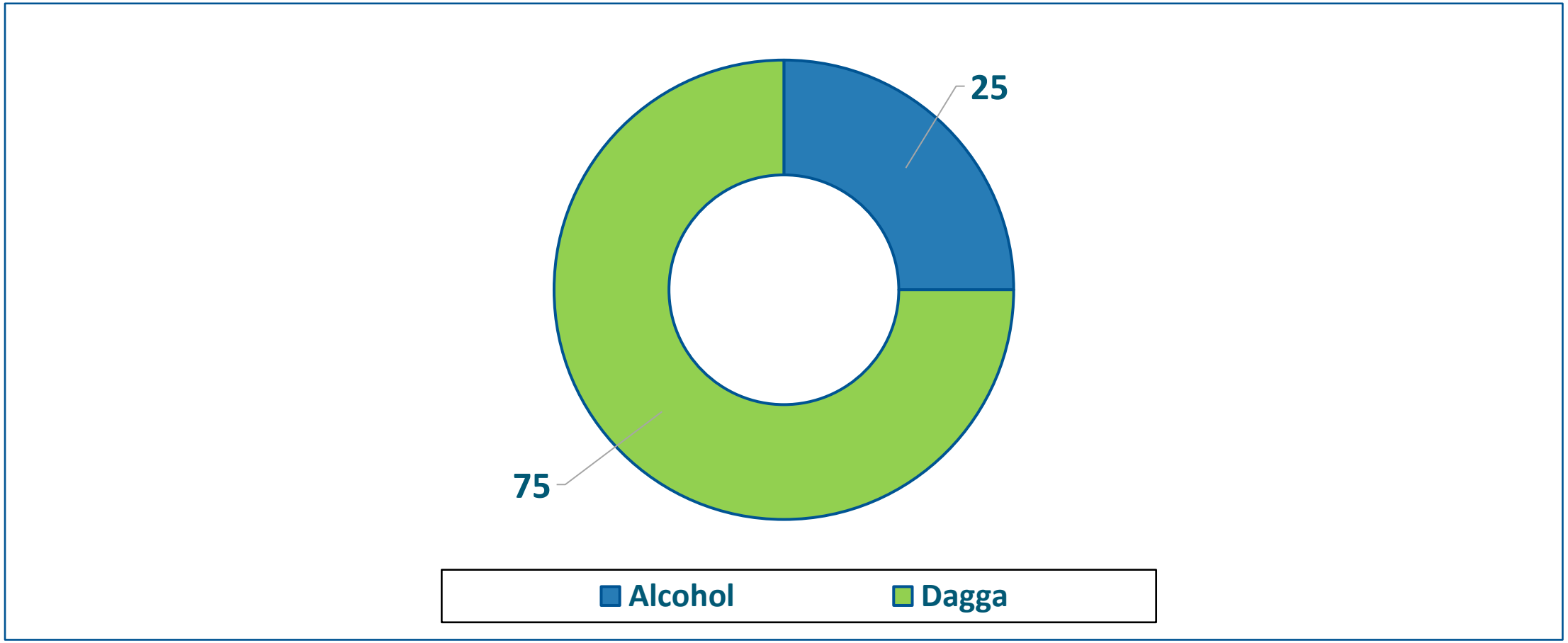

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Tobacco use (n =221, 73%)

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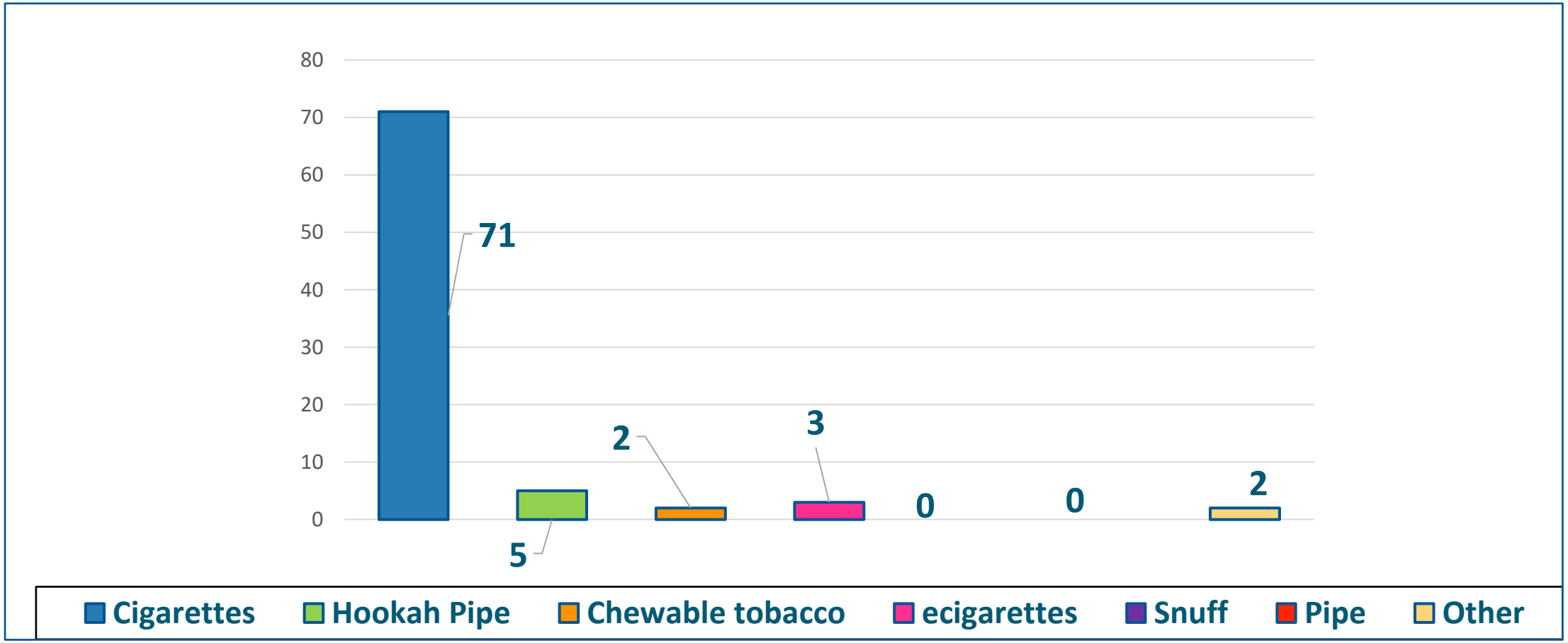

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18 and under

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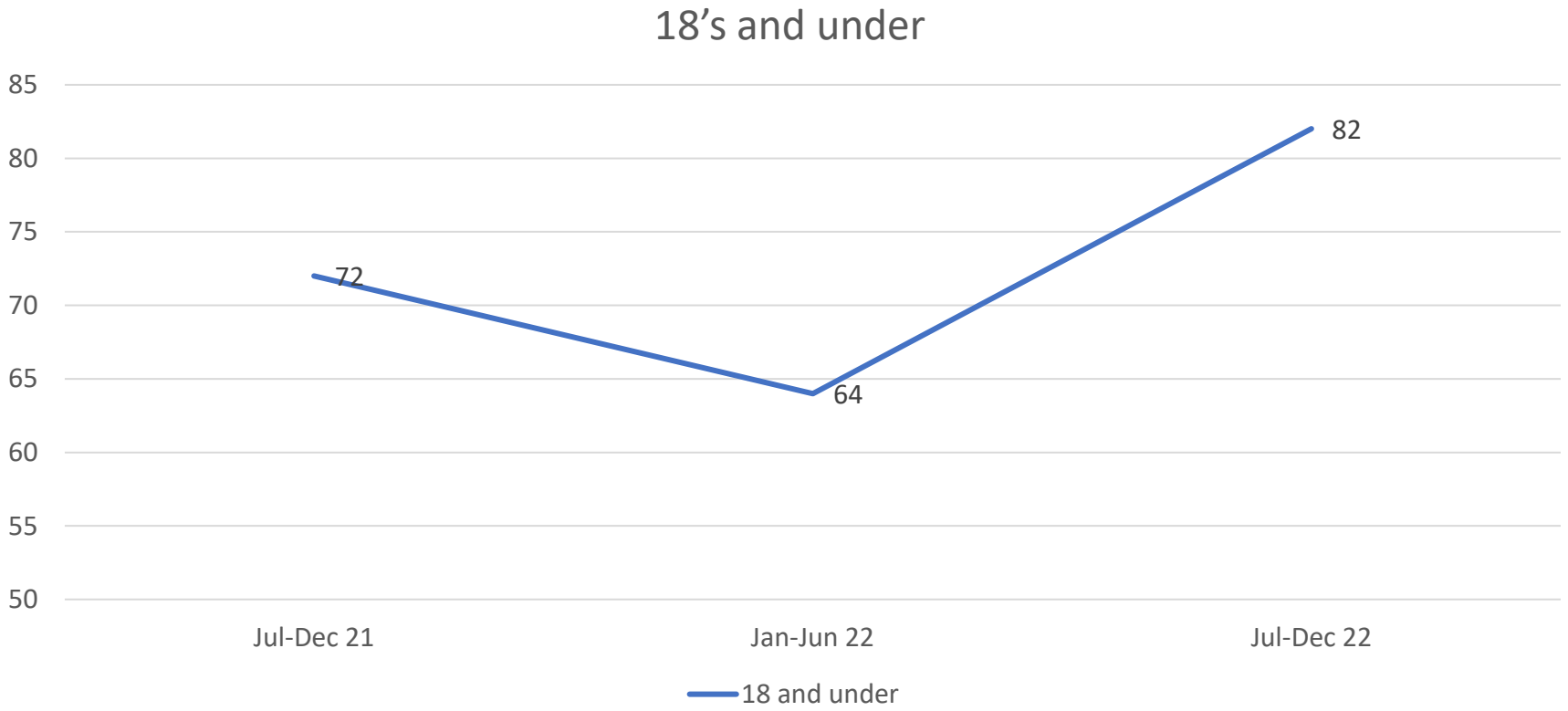
NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN TREATMENT



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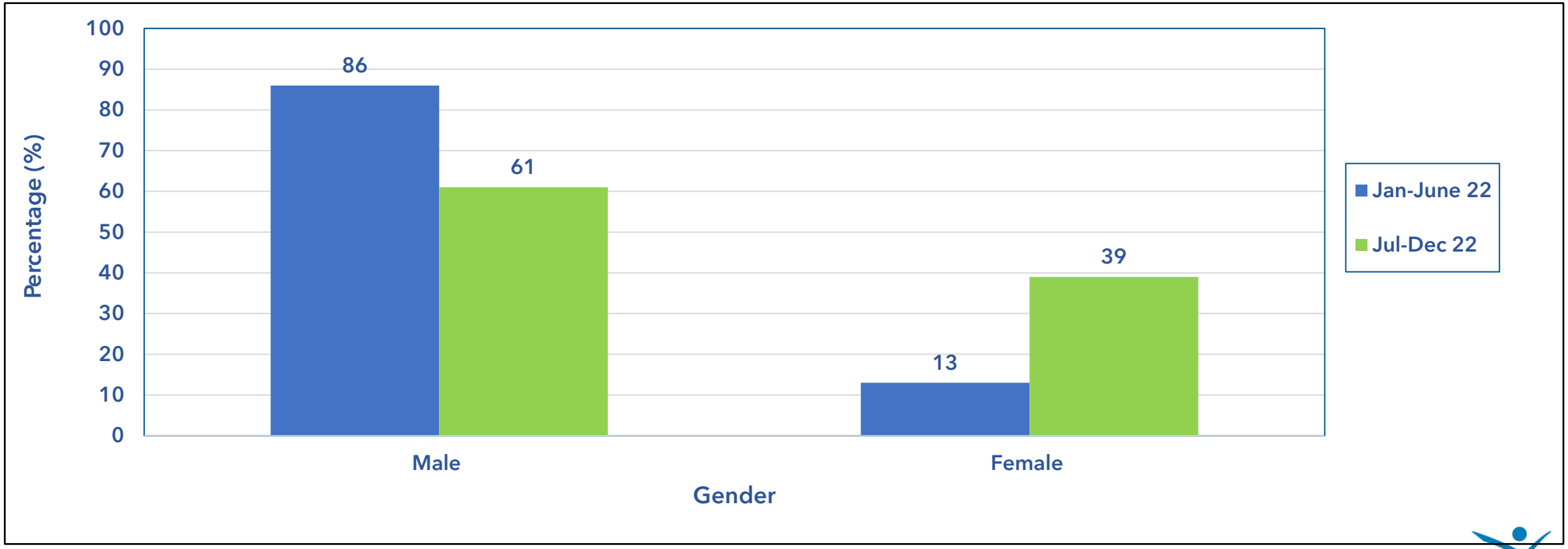
WC GENDER (%) 18 and under



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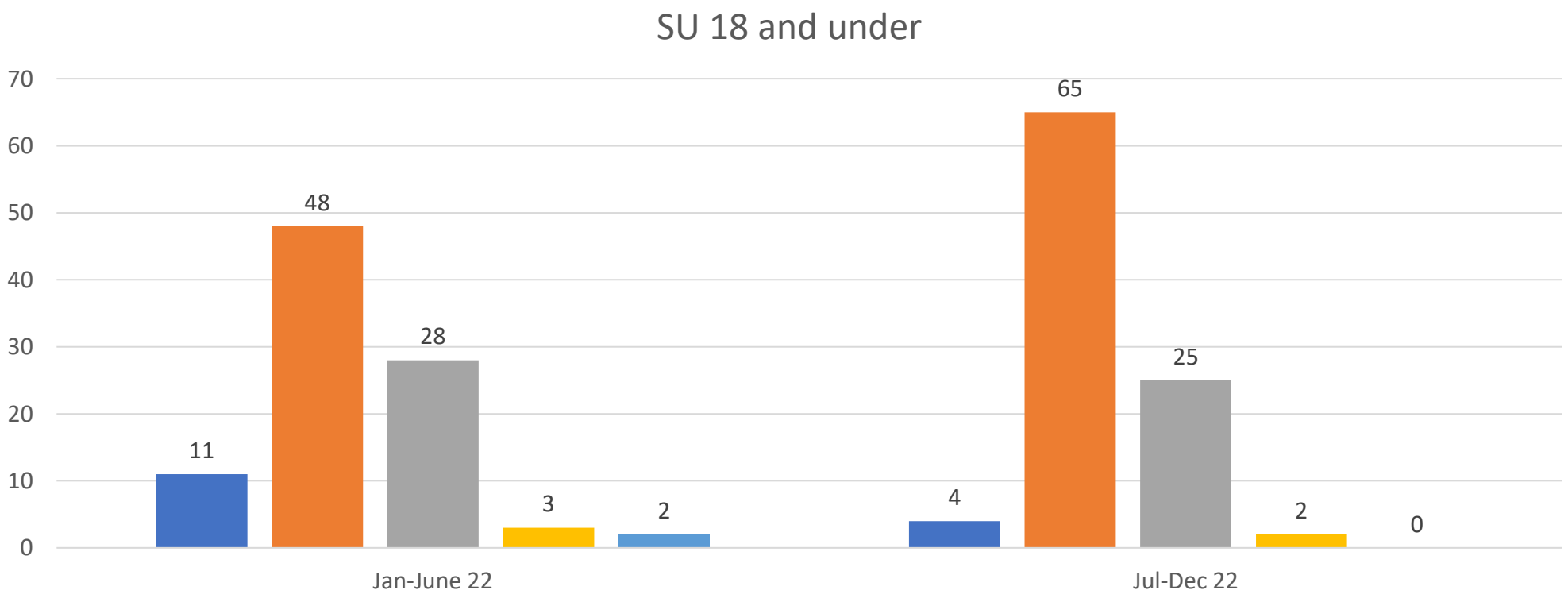
EC PRIMARY SUBTANCE OF USE (%)18 and under



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- Largest age category accessing treatment is 15-19
- Increase in readmissions
- Larger proportion of females than males readmitted during this period
- Increase in HIV testing
- Increase in scholars/students accessing treatment; Decrease in unemployed clients
- Most used substances: Alcohol, Dagga, Tik, significantt increase in Alcohol use
- Most used substances per age category: Alcohol (30-34), Dagga (15-19), Tik (15-19), Crack/Cocaine (25-29) and Mandrax (20-24; 35-39)
- Decrease in mean age of substance use initiation: 18
- Significant changes in age of initiation of use for Alcohol, Heroin/Opiates and Tik
- Mean age for tx access: 28
- Majority codeine users: male; largest age category reporting codeine use 20-24
- Slight increase in young people accessing treatment; specifically, females
- Significant increase in18 and under Dagga use; decrease in Alcohol use.

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