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SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNITY EPIDEMIOLOGY NETWORK ON DRUG USE

Treatment Demand Data • Service Quality Measures (SQM)
• Community-Based Harm Reduction Services

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CENTRAL REGION

NICRO

JAN–JUN 2026

REGIONAL SERVICE PROFILE

SERVICE USERS • DEMOGRAPHICS • INTERVENTIONS • SUBSTANCE USE



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SERVICE USERS REPORTING SUBSTANCE USE (N)

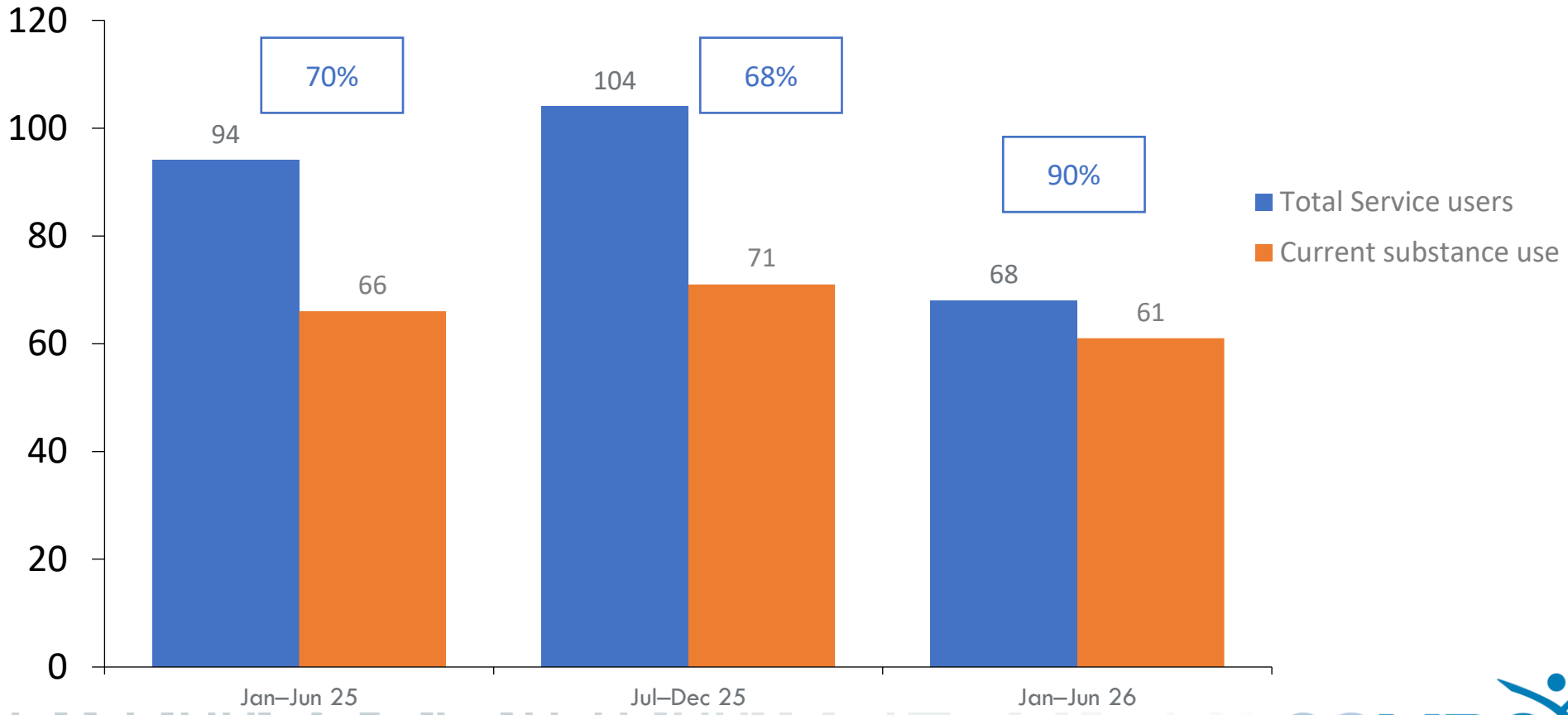
61

Service users

Jan–Jun 2026

10% lower

than Jul-Dec 2025



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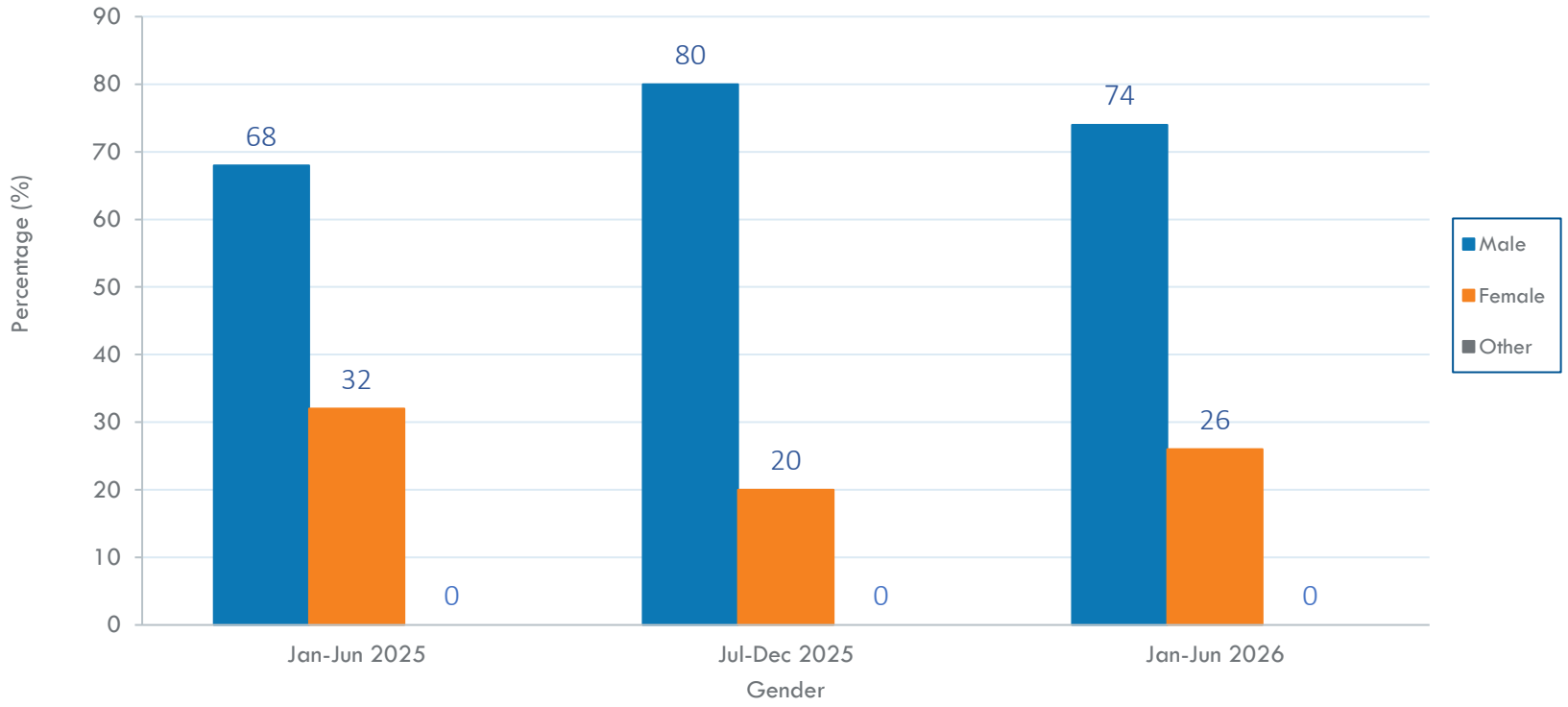
74%

MALE SERVICE USERS
JAN–JUN 2026

-6 pp

versus Jul–Dec 2025

The gender distribution remains predominantly male, with limited movement between periods.



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HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION

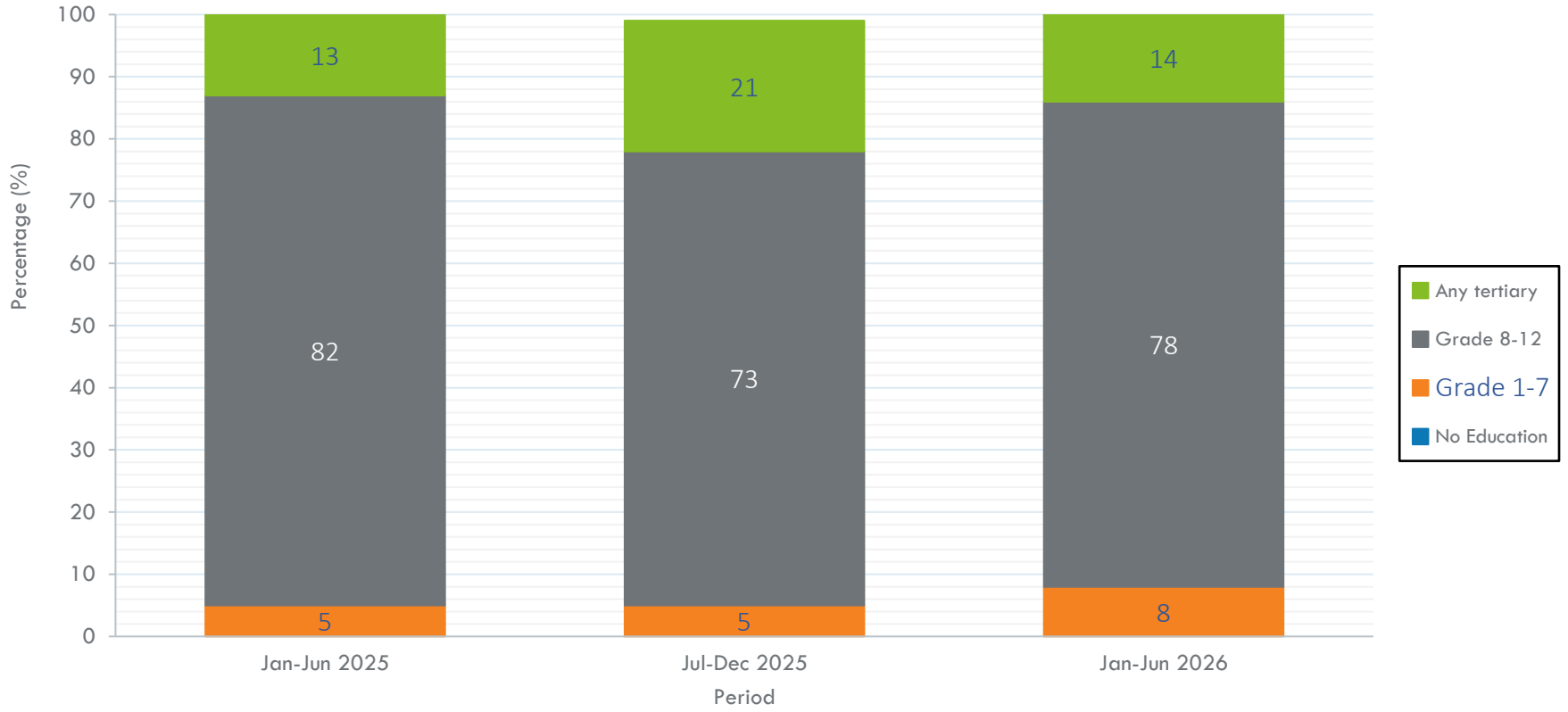
78%

GRADE 8–12
JAN–JUN 2026

+5 pp

versus Jul–Dec 2025

Secondary education remains the most commonly reported highest level of education.



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EMPLOYMENT STATUS

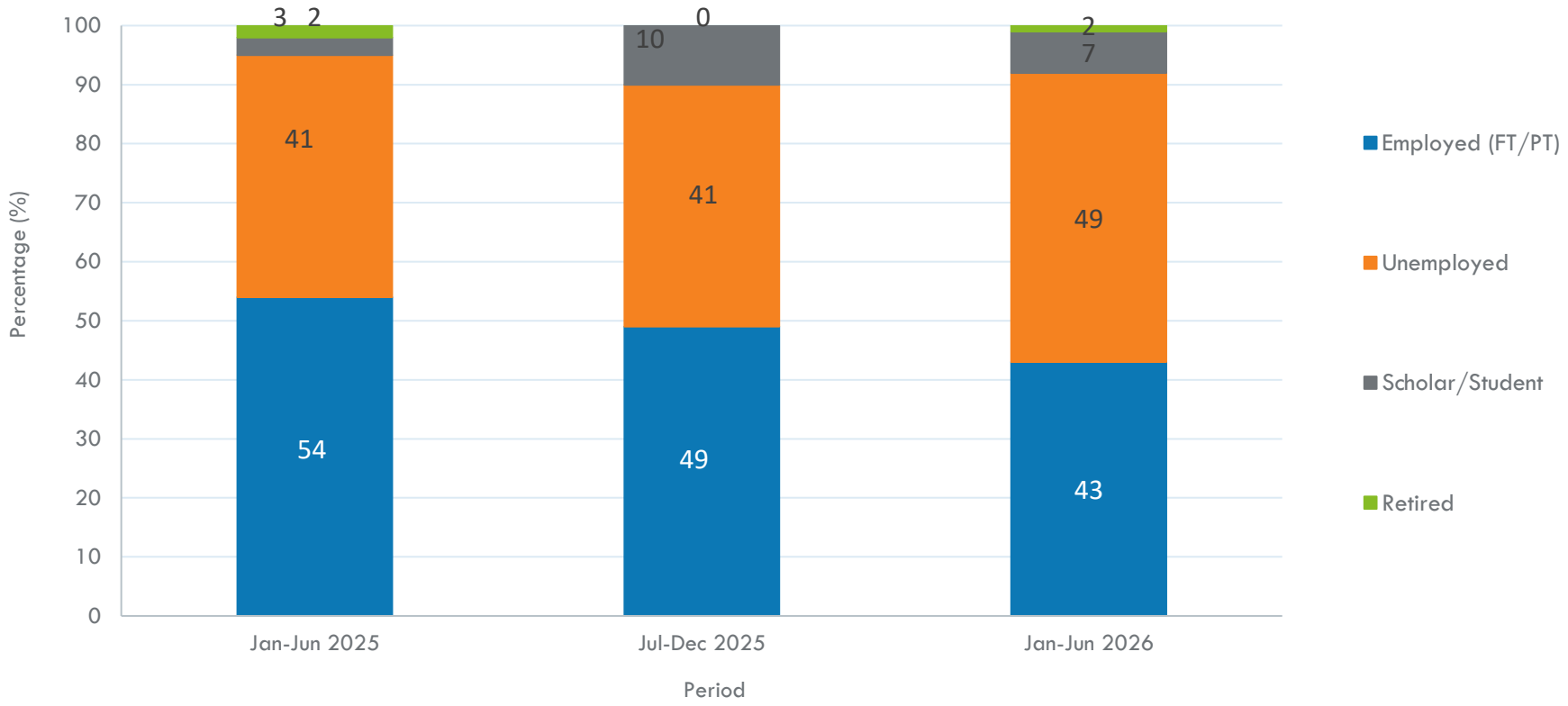
49%

UNEMPLOYED
JAN–JUN 2026

+8 pp

versus Jul–Dec 2025

Unemployment remains the majority status, while 43% of service users are employed.



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AGE DISTRIBUTION

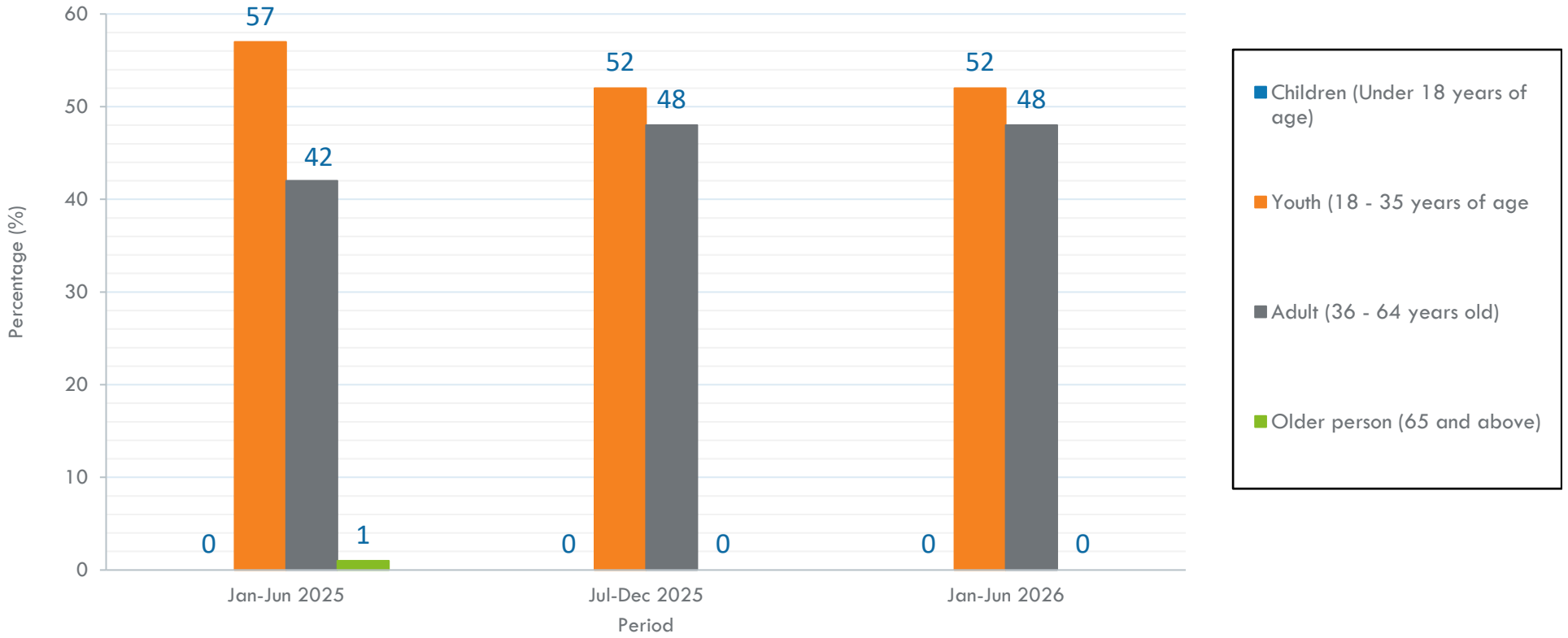
52%

YOUTH (18–35)
JAN–JUN 2026

No change

versus Jul–Dec 2025

Youth remain the largest age group, followed closely by adults aged 36–64 (48%).



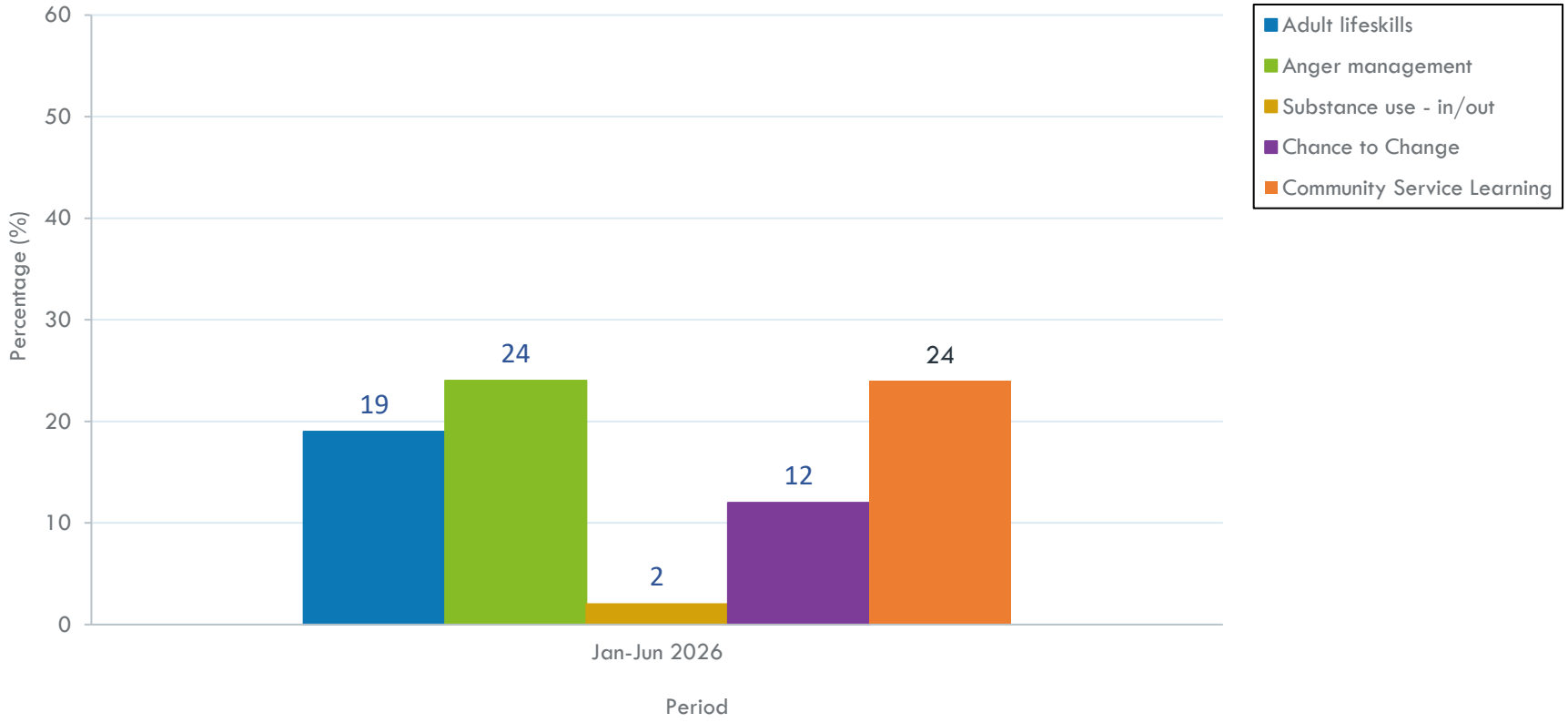
CLIENT INTERVENTIONS ACCESSED

24%

- Anger management
- Community Service Learning

JAN–JUN 2026

19% accessed Adult Lifeskills



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