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REGIONAL SERVICE PROFILE

SERVICE USERS • DEMOGRAPHICS • INTERVENTIONS • SUBSTANCE USE

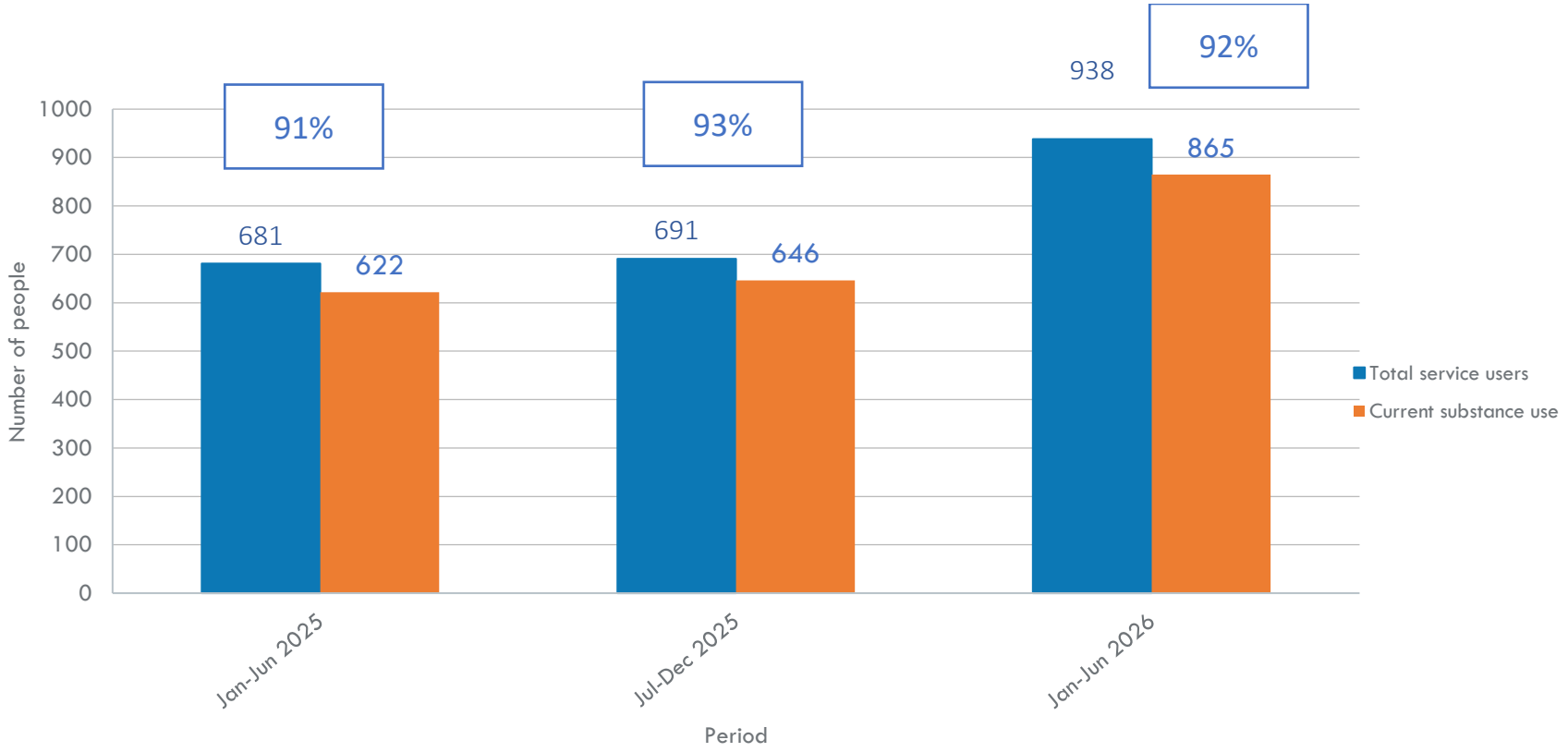
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SERVICE USERS REPORTING SUBSTANCE USE (N)

865

SERVICE USERS
JAN–JUN 2026

Volumes rose sharply after remaining largely stable through 2025.



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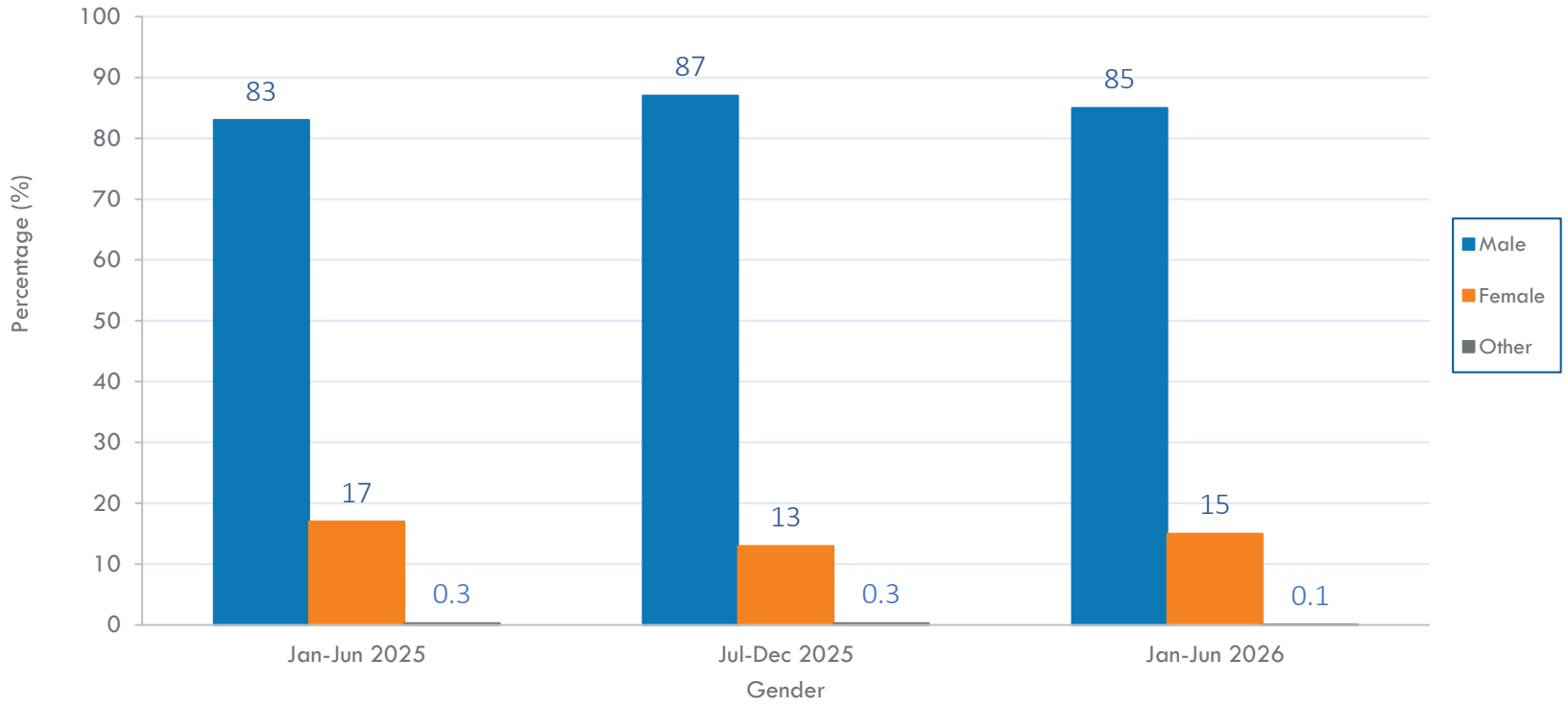
85%

MALE SERVICE USERS
JAN–JUN 2026

-2 pp

versus Jul–Dec 2025

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



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HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION

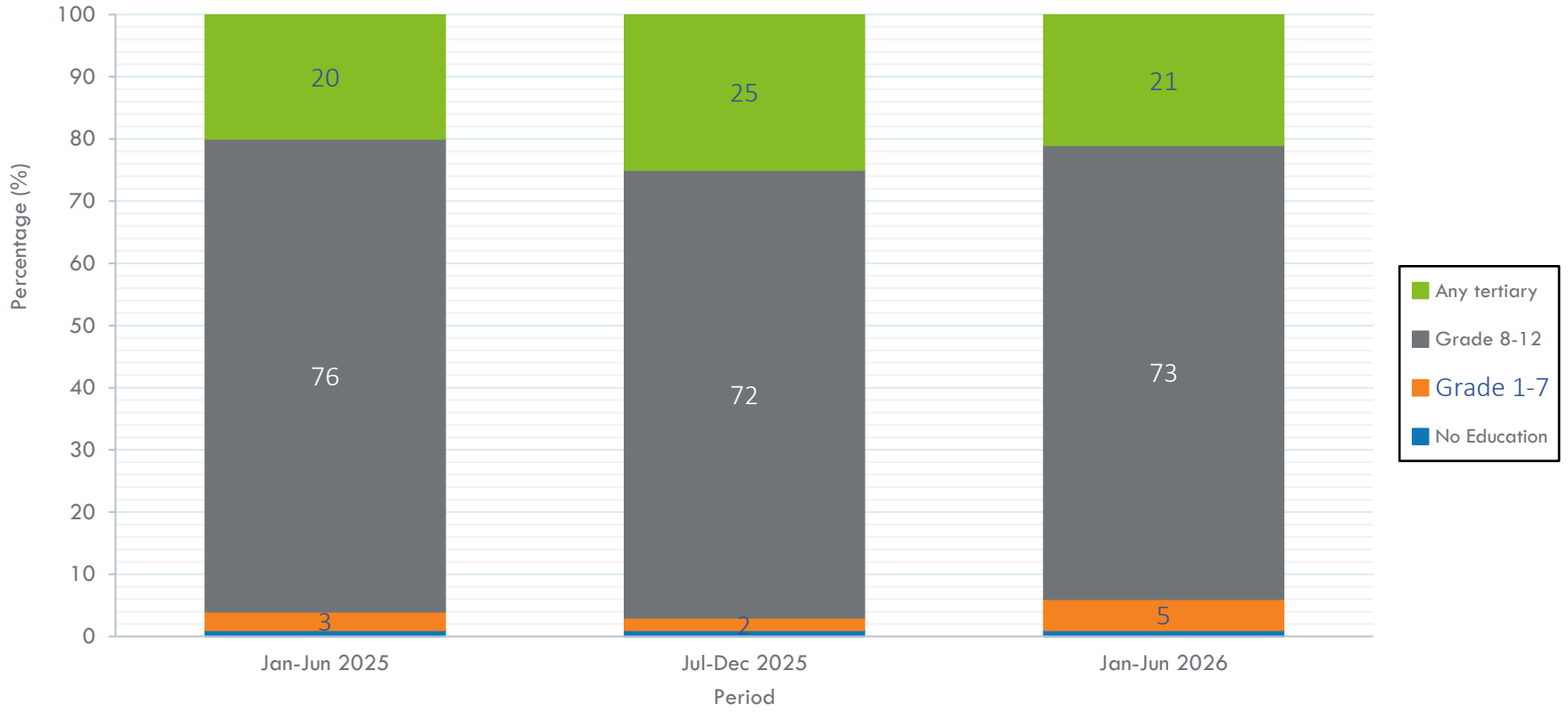
73%

GRADE 8–12
JAN–JUN 2026

+1 pp

versus Jul–Dec 2025

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



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EMPLOYMENT STATUS

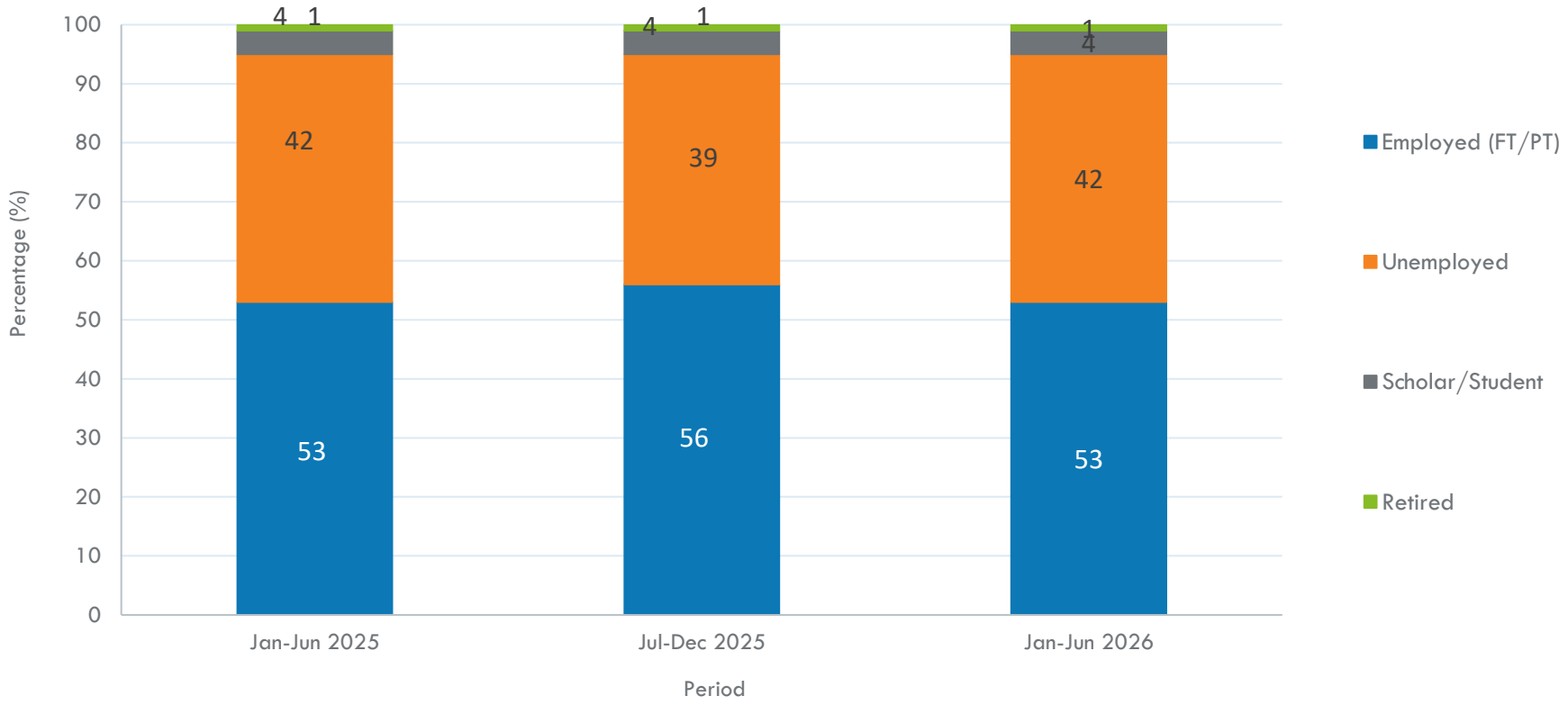
53%

EMPLOYED (FT/PT)
JAN–JUN 2026

-3 pp

versus Jul–Dec 2025

Employment remains the majority status, while 41% of service users are unemployed.



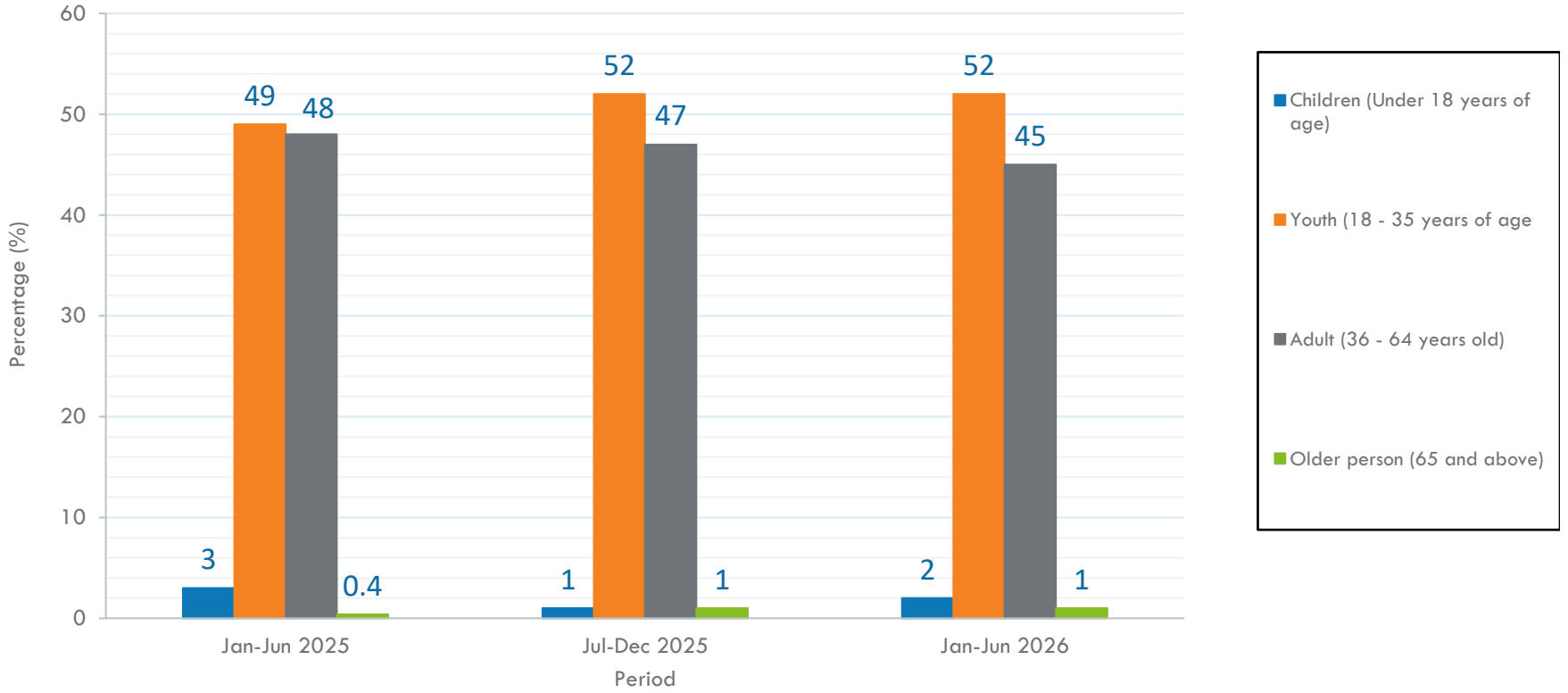
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AGE DISTRIBUTION

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YOUTH (18–35)
JAN–JUN 2026

Youth remain the largest age group, followed closely by adults aged 36–64 (45%).



CLIENT INTERVENTIONS ACCESSED

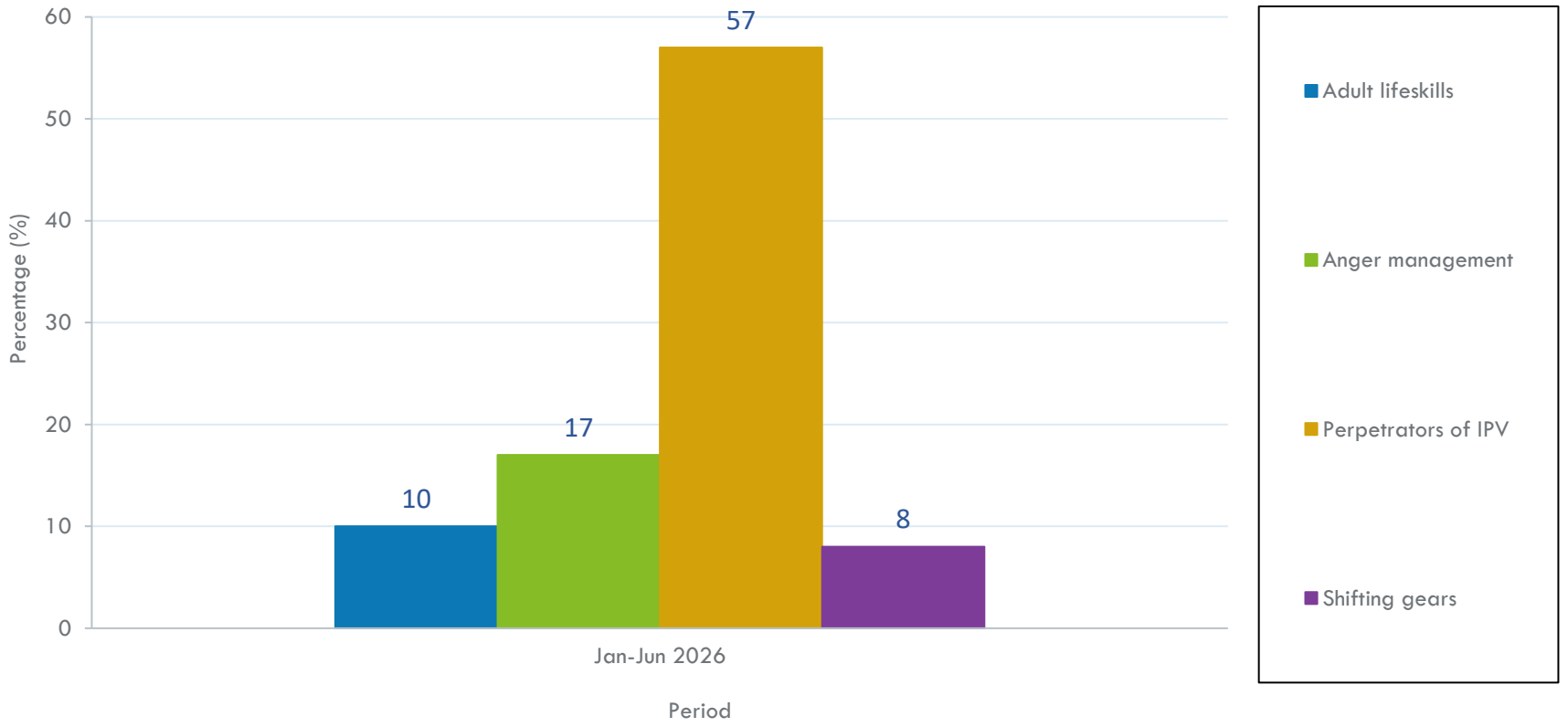
57%

PERPETRATORS OF IPV
JAN–JUN 2026

Top intervention

17% accessed anger management

Intervention access is concentrated in IPV perpetrator programming.



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SUBSTANCE USE BEHAVIOURS

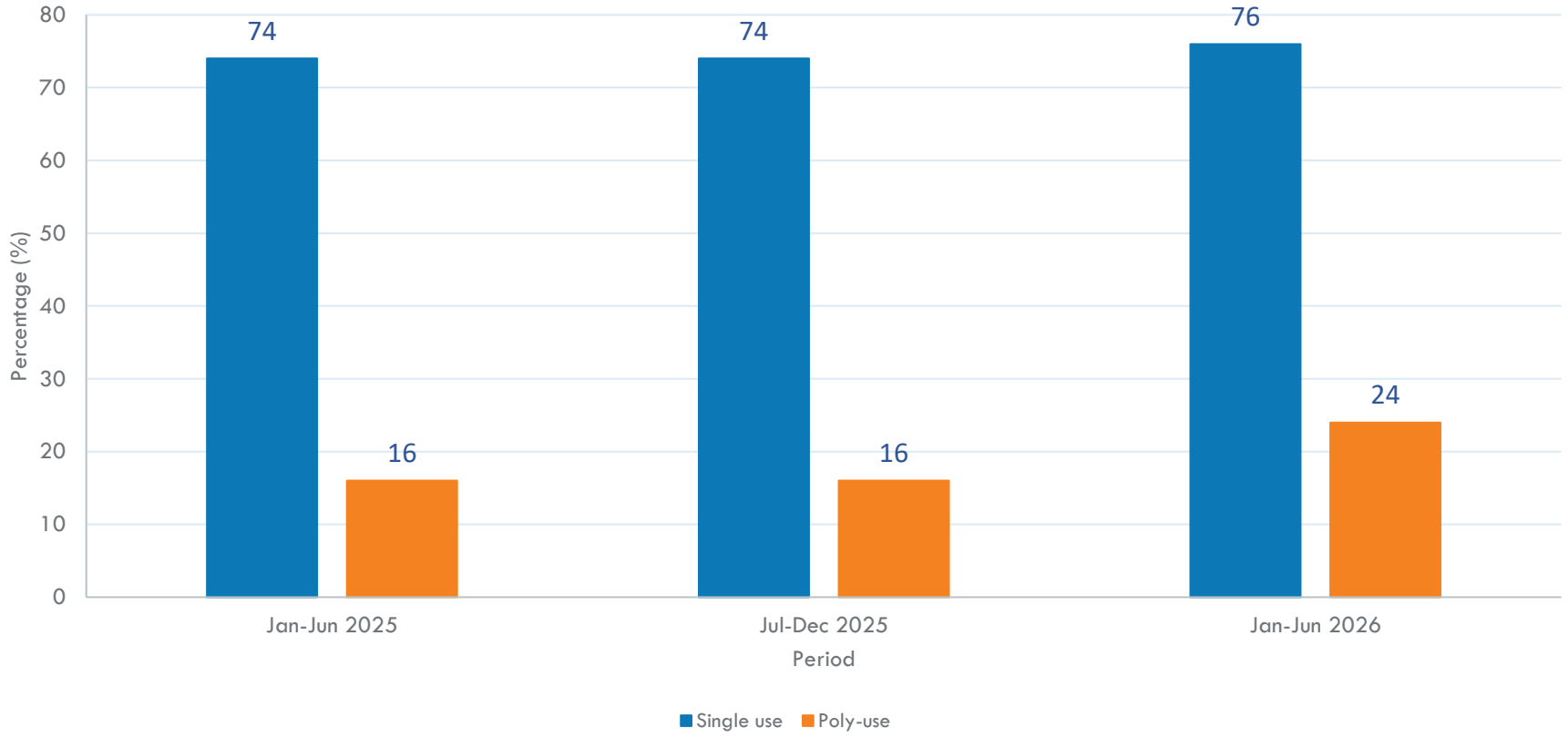
24%

POLY-USE
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+8 pp

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Single-substance use remains dominant, but poly-use increased in Jan–Jun 2026.



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PRIMARY SUBSTANCE OF USE

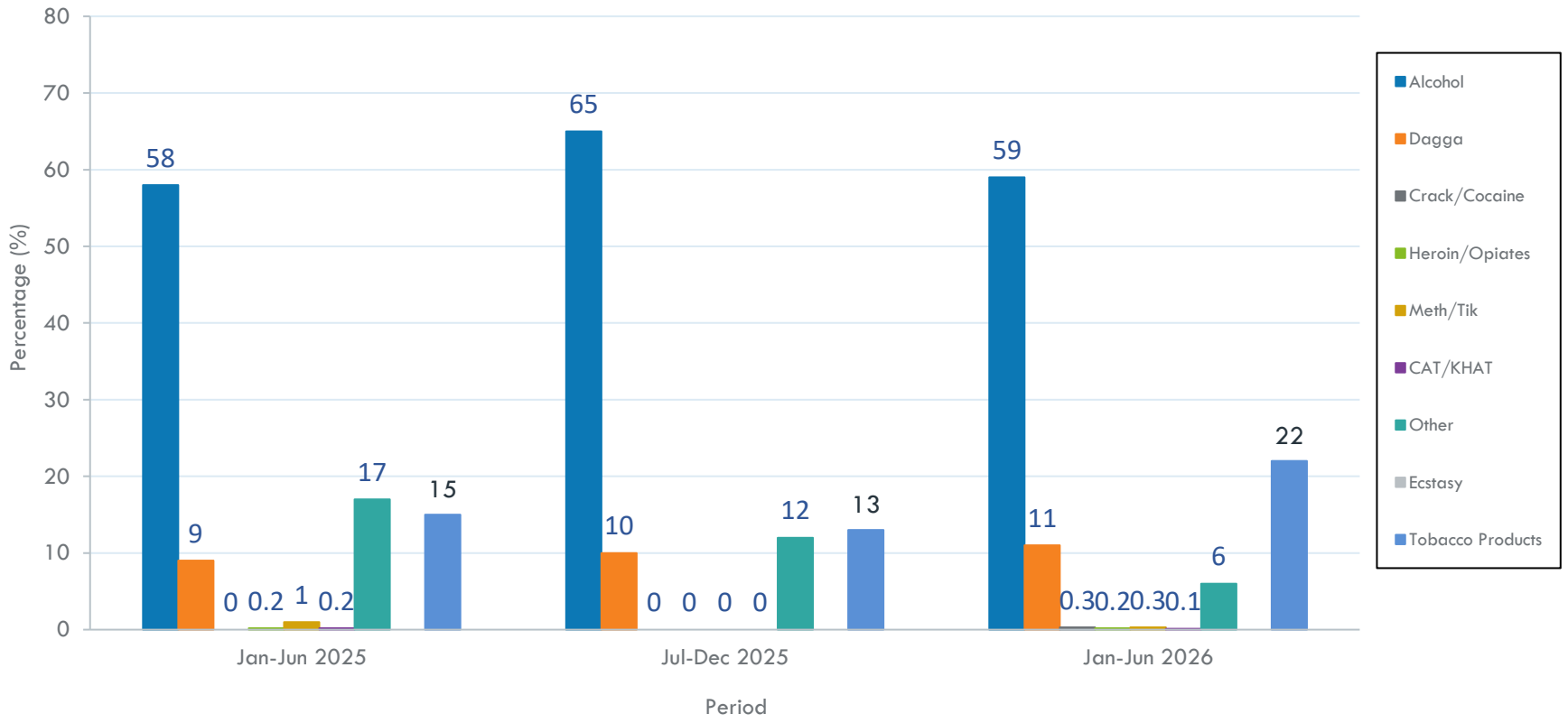
59%

ALCOHOL
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–6 pp

versus Jul–Dec 2025

Alcohol remains the leading substance; tobacco products increased to 22%.



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BAC LEVELS

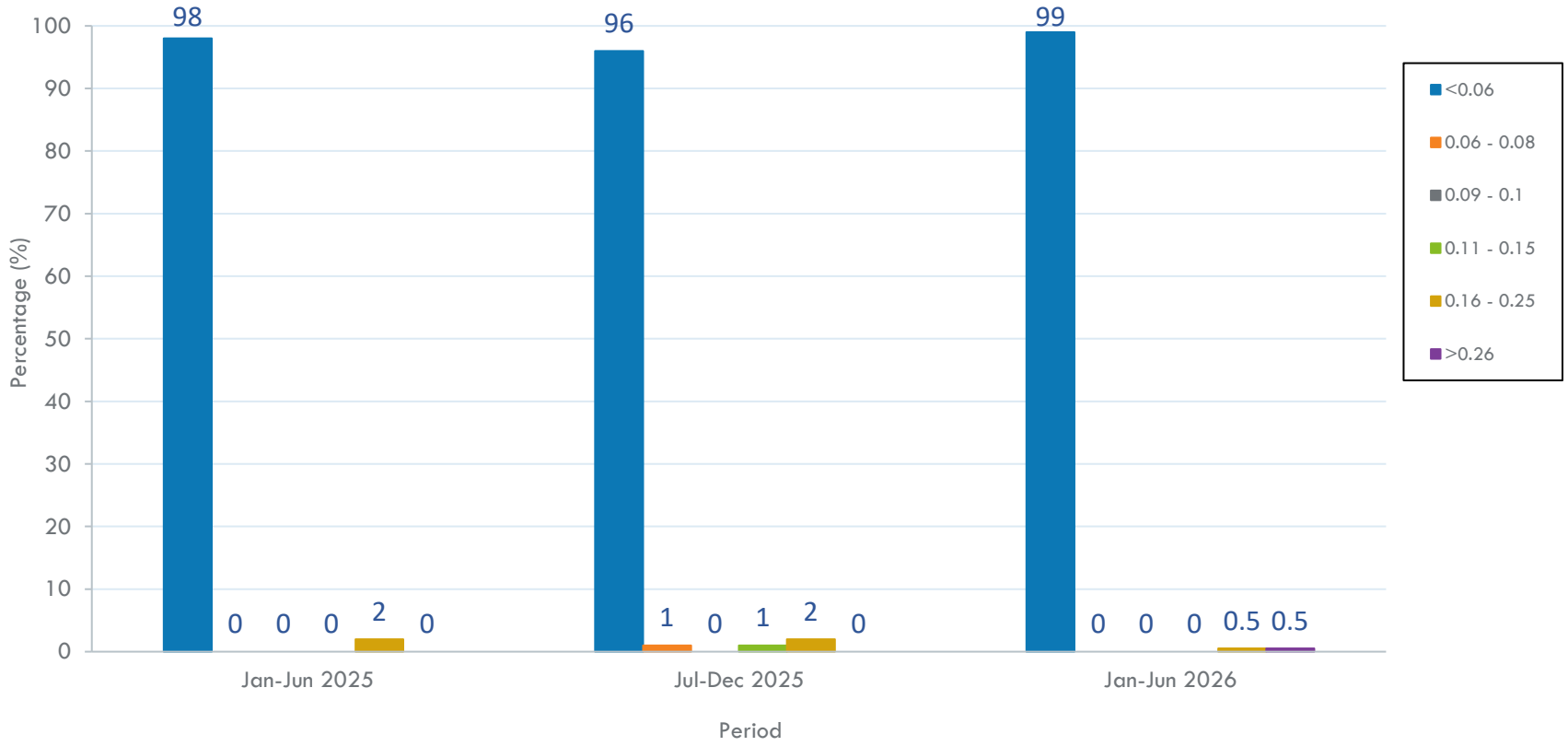
99%

BAC BELOW 0.06
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+3 pp

versus Jul–Dec 2025

Nearly all recorded BAC levels fall below 0.06; 1% fall in higher categories.



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