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## JAN–JUN 2026

REGIONAL SERVICE PROFILE

SERVICE USERS • DEMOGRAPHICS • INTERVENTIONS • SUBSTANCE USE

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# SERVICE USERS REPORTING SUBSTANCE USE (N)

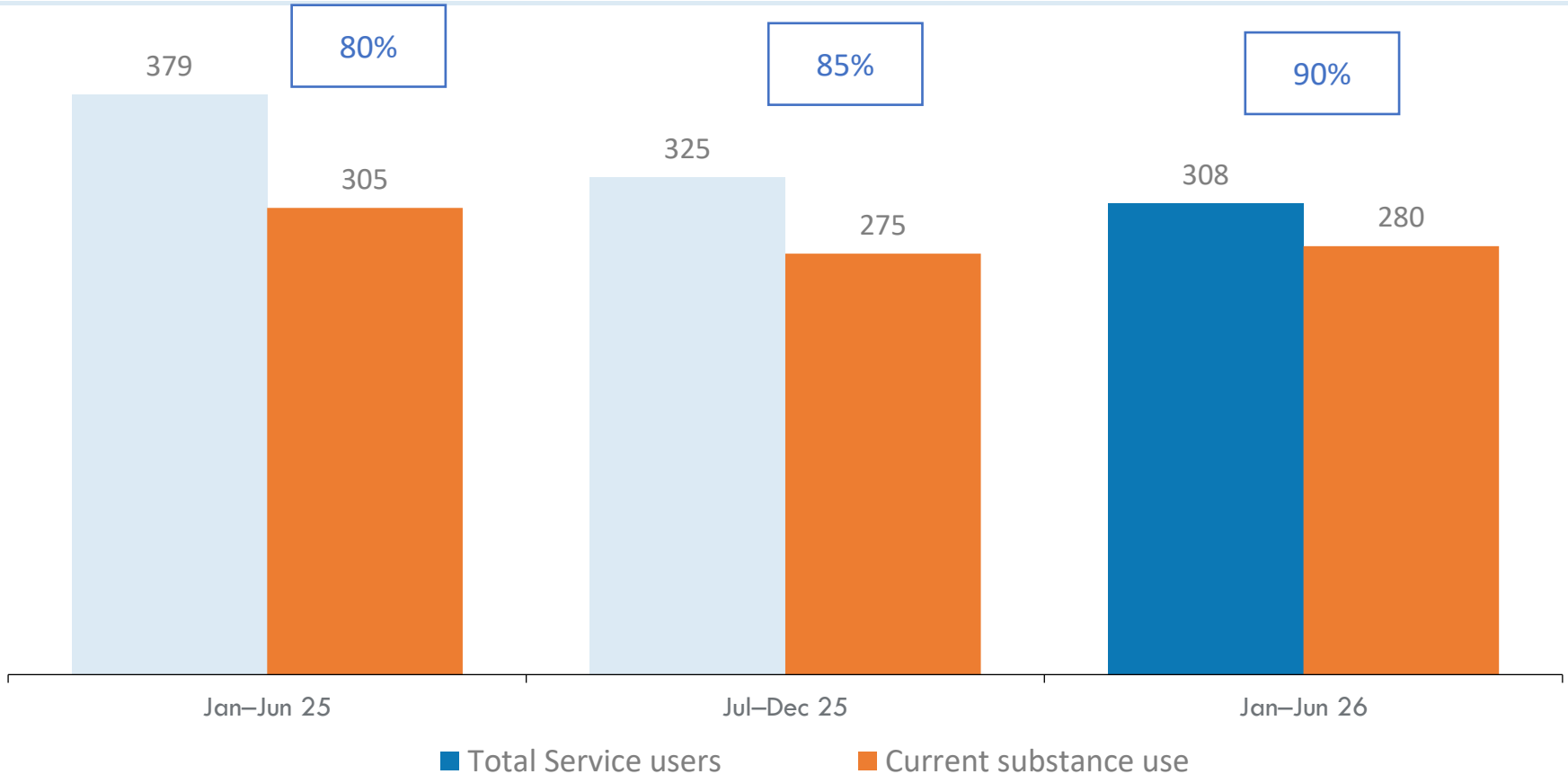
**280**

**service users**

Jan–Jun 2026

**5% higher**

than Jul-Dec 2025




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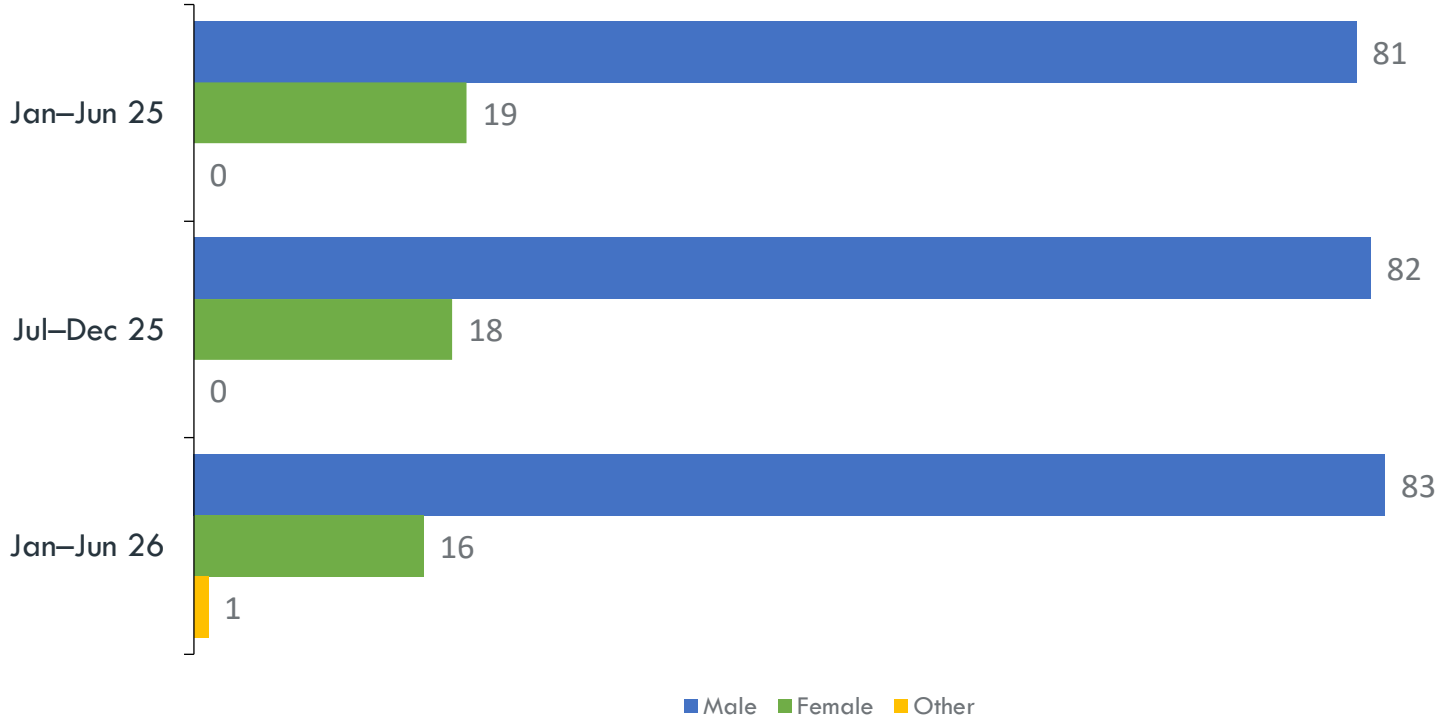
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# GENDER PROFILE (%)

**83%**

**Male**

Largest reported group




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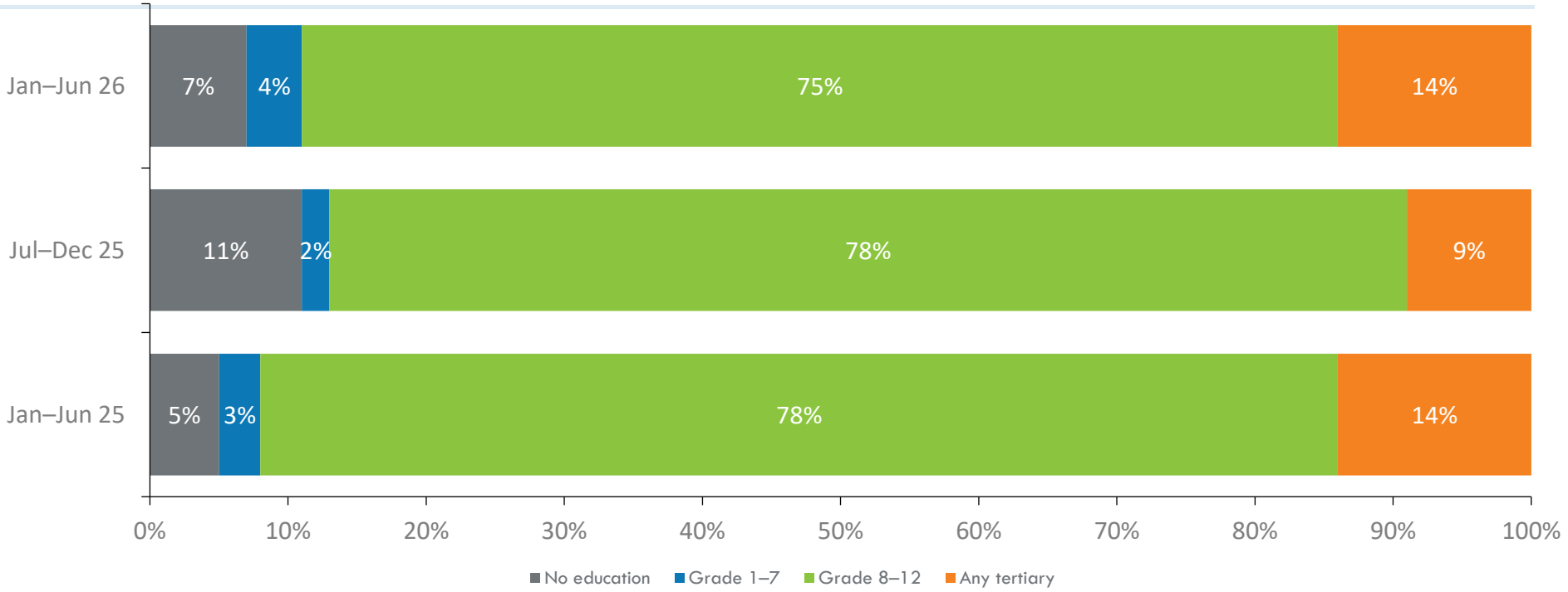
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# EDUCATION PROFILE

**75%**

**Grade 8–12**

The dominant education level




Grade 8–12 decreased from 78% to 75% since last period; tertiary returned to 14%.

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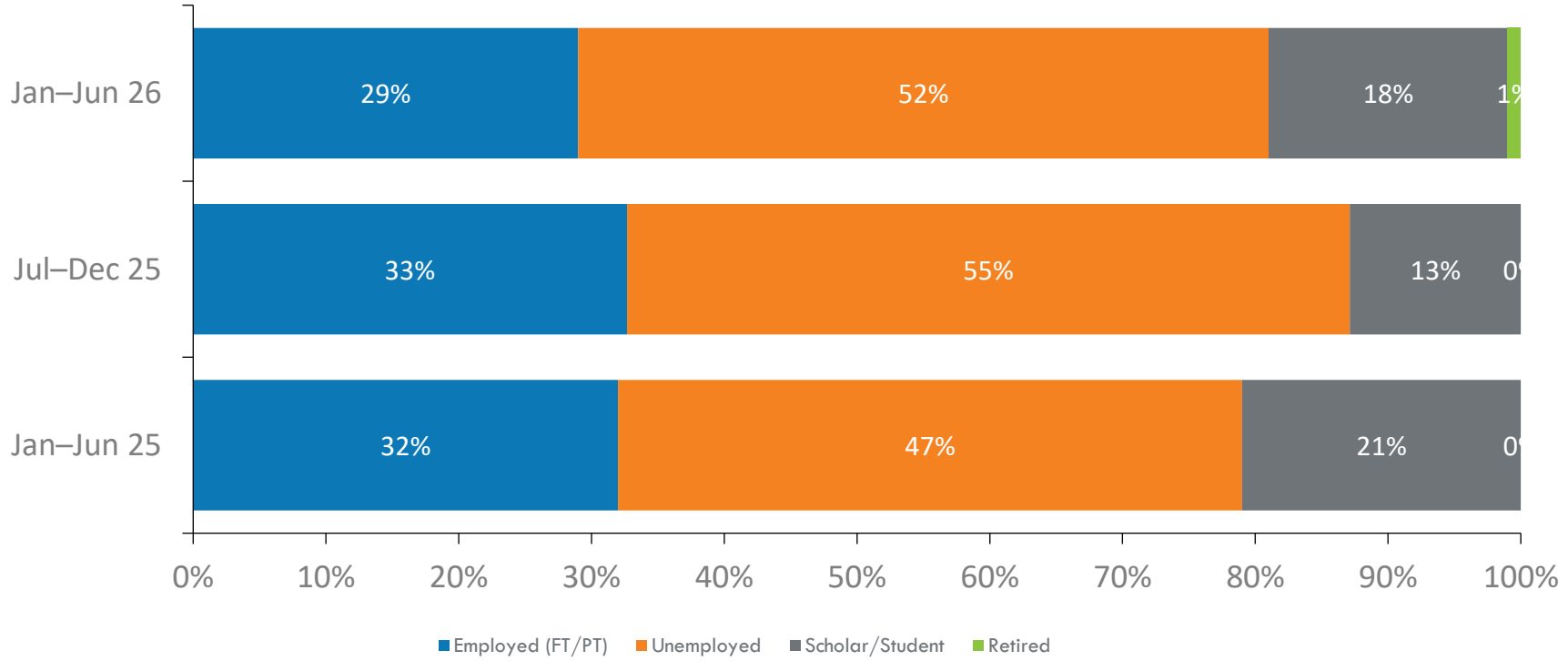
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# EMPLOYMENT STATUS

**52%**

**Unemployed**

Largest employment group




Scholars/Students increased to 18%.

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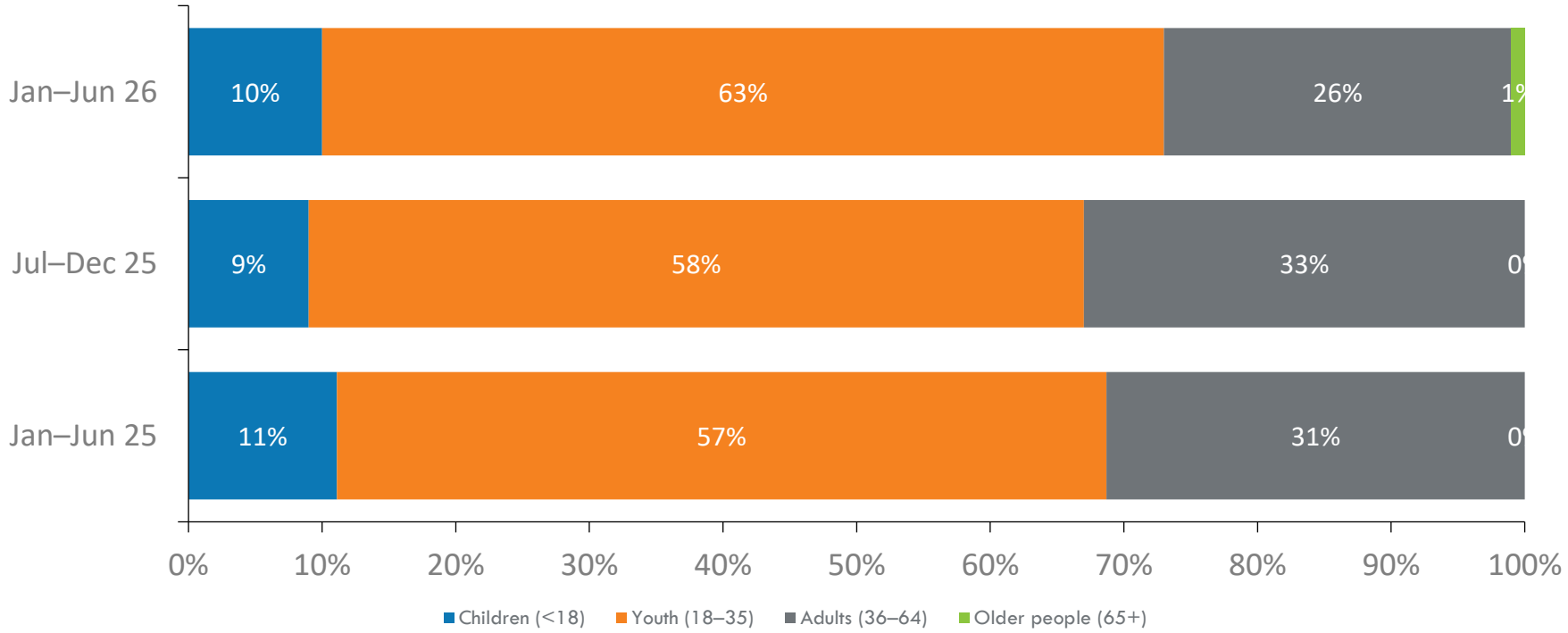
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# AGE DISTRIBUTION

**63%**

**Youth aged 18–35**

Largest age segment



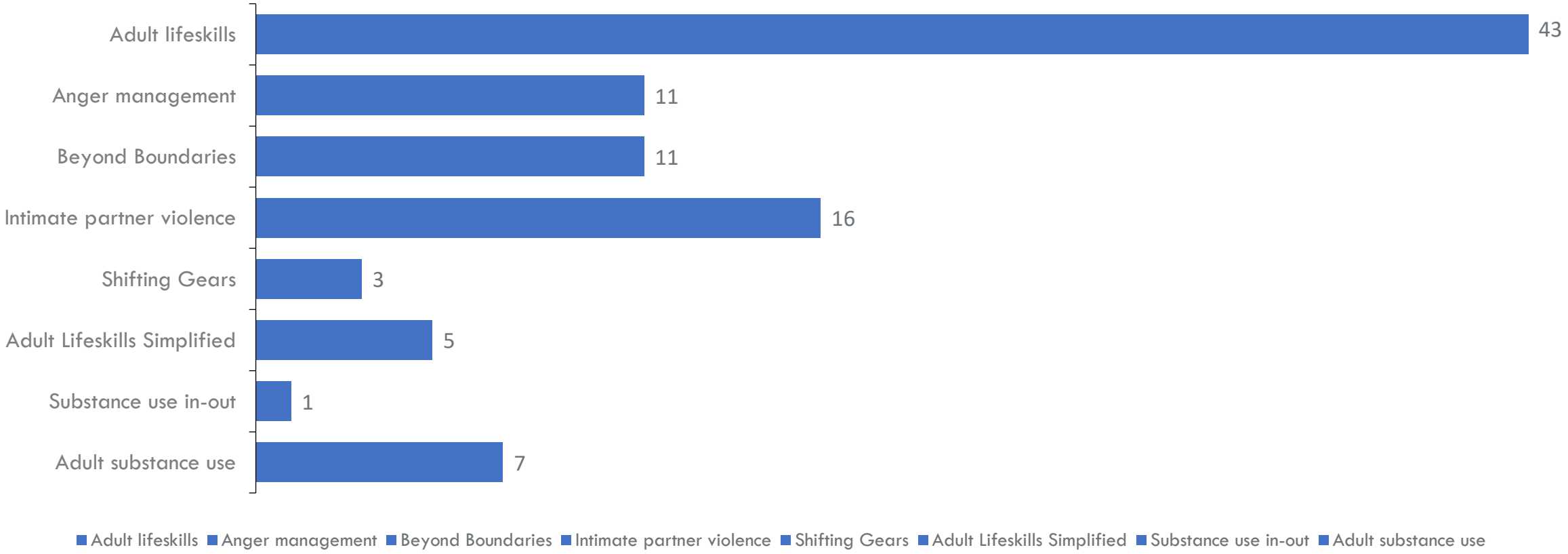

Youth increased to 63% as the adult category declined from 33% to 26% across the reporting periods.

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# INTERVENTIONS ACCESSED (%)

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- Leading interventions



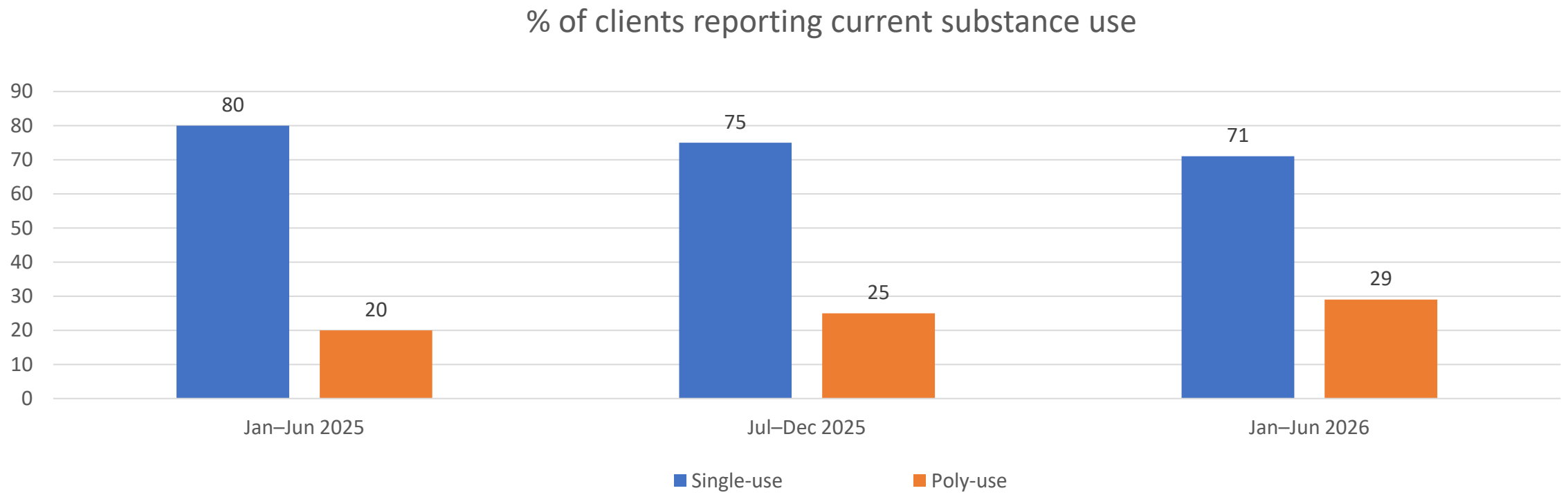

**15 additional programmes** remain in the source dataset; this view compares the six highlighted interventions across all periods.

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# SUBSTANCE USE BEHAVIOURS




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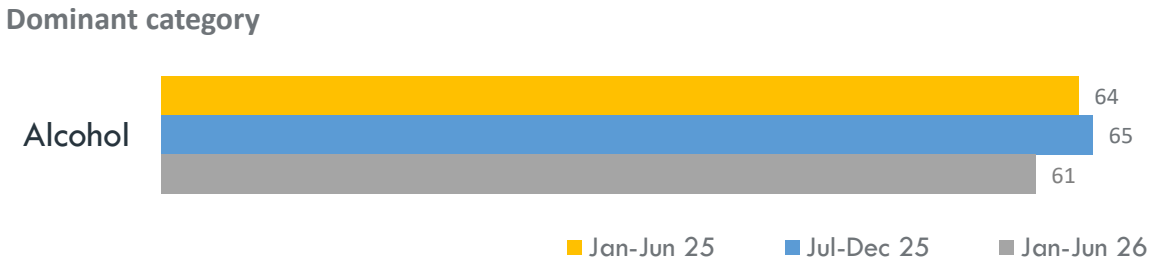
# ALL REPORTED SUBSTANCE USE CATEGORIES (%)

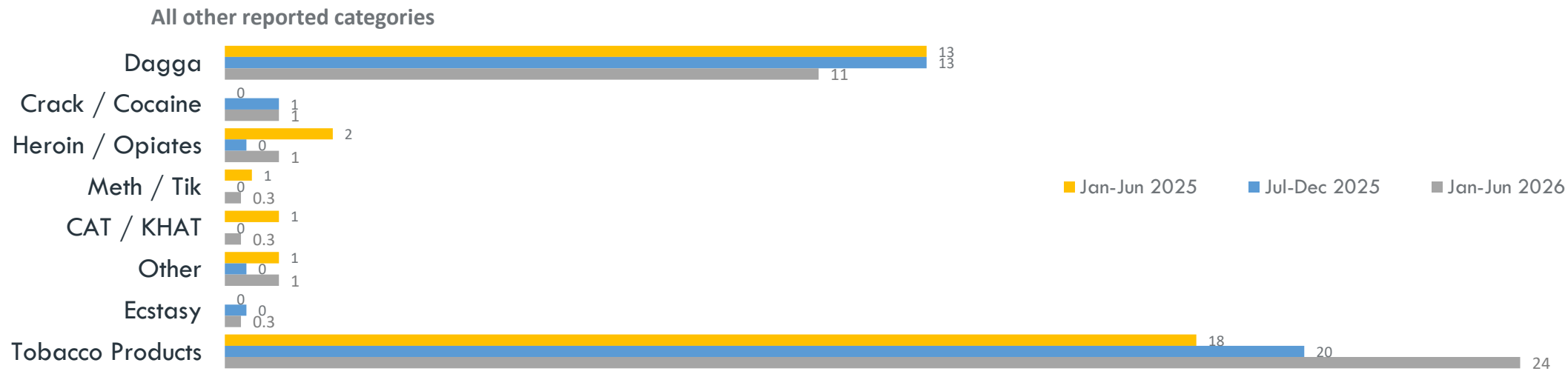
- overall use

**61%**

**Alcohol**

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