




Needs Assessment (HIV+ Transitional Aged Youth 2020)

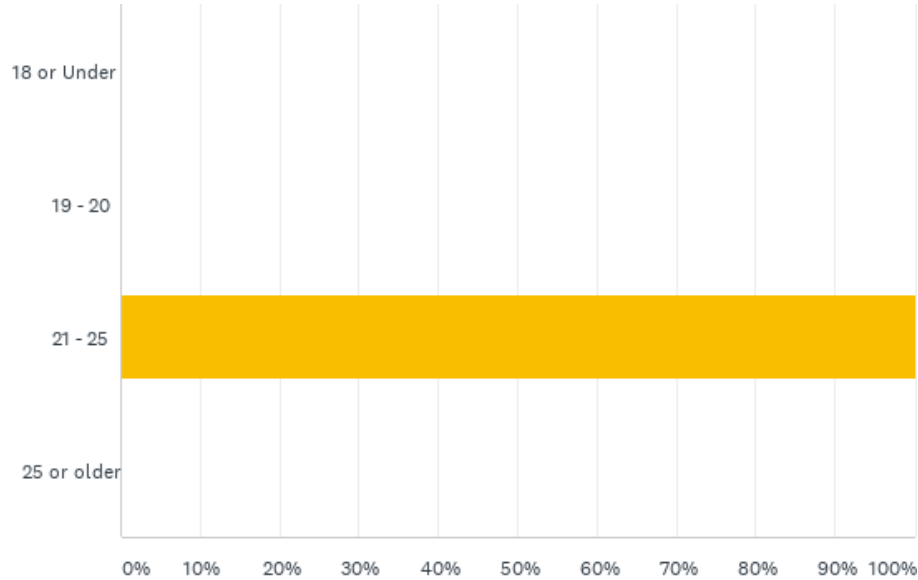


Though HIV + transitional aged youth are not currently considered a specifically targeted demographic within the San Francisco EMA HIV Community Planning Council's "Special Populations" Definition. The Council recognizes that populations experiencing transitional periods may have unique or disproportionate barriers to care. This includes transitioning from hospitalization, incarceration, and into or out of age specific support services. To this end, the Needs Assessment Work Group chose in 2020 to focus on HIV+ transitional aged youth.

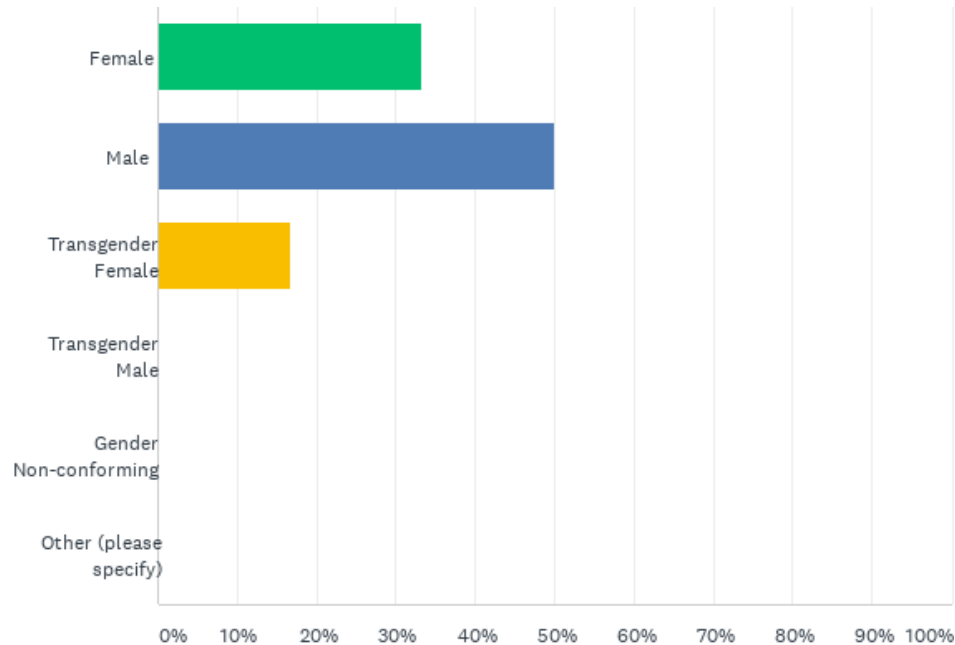


Background and Methodology

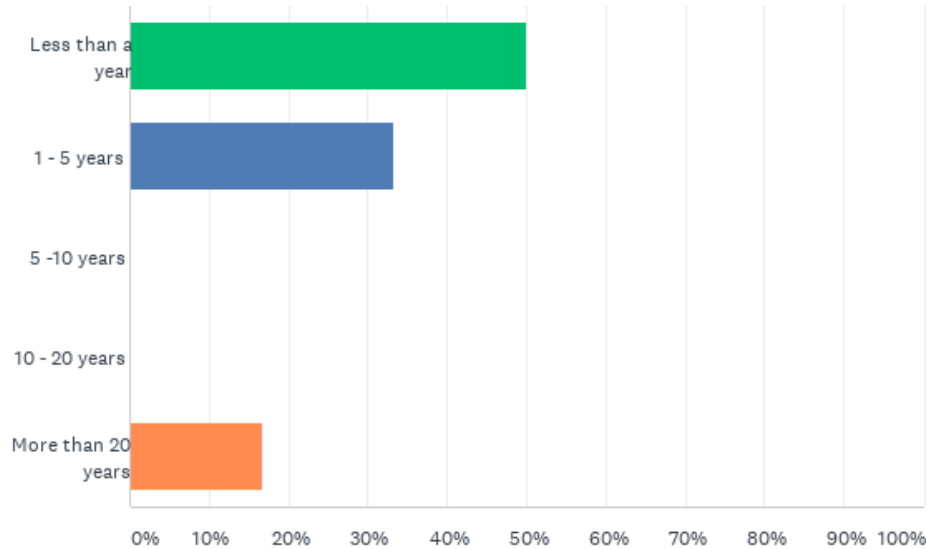
- This needs assessment is a product of service providers working with HIV + individuals, community members, and SF HIV Community Planning Council members and staff.
- The Work Group developed an interview guide, tailored survey instrument and an outreach strategy.
- Due to the limits placed on our efforts by the COVID 19 epidemic, the work group was forced to streamline it's process. Qualitative elements that ordinarily would be pursued via individual interview or focus group, were included as longer form question within an online survey.
- Consumer participation was incentivized through \$50 gift certificates to Target.



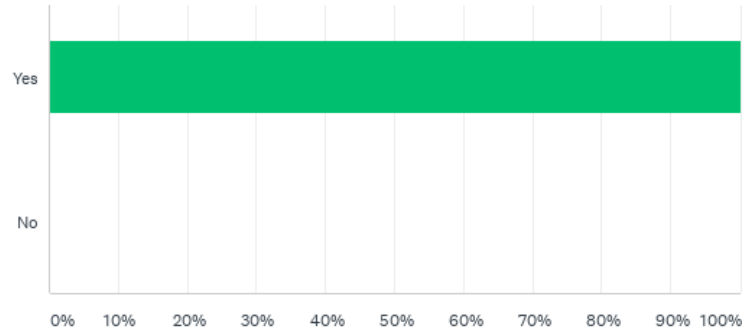
What is
your age?



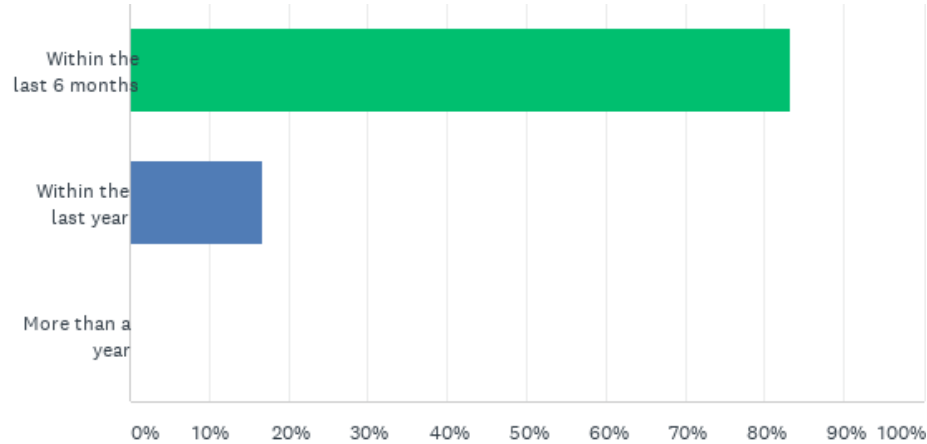
What is your
current gender
identity?



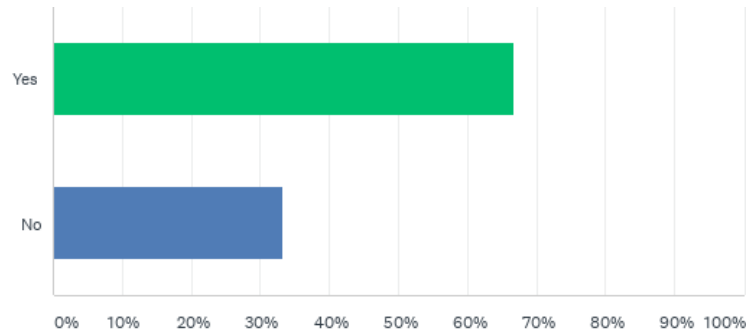
How Long
have you been
living with
HIV?



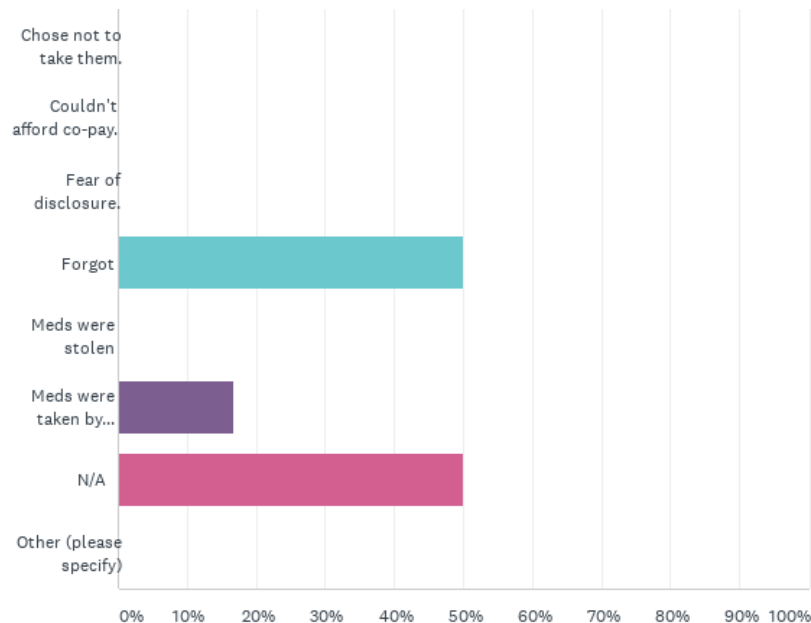
Are you
engaged in
medical care?



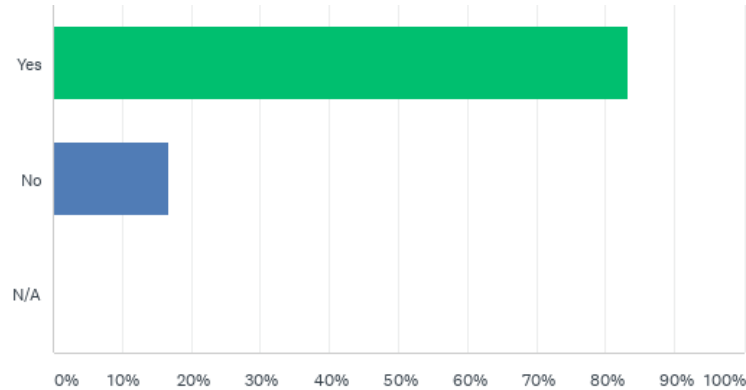
If so, when was the last time you saw your primary medical care provider?



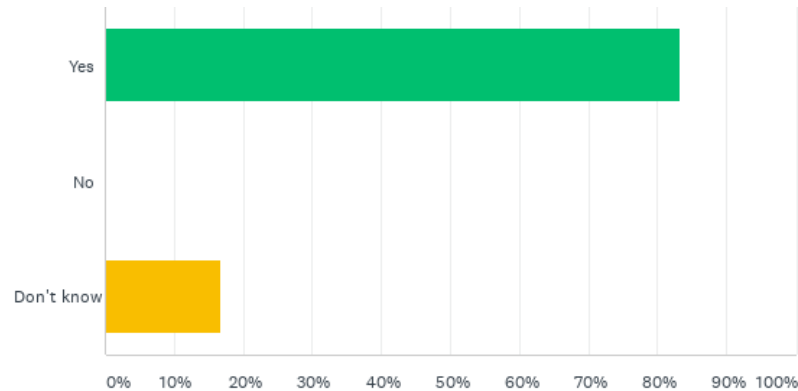
Are you using HIV
meds/antiretroviral
therapy?



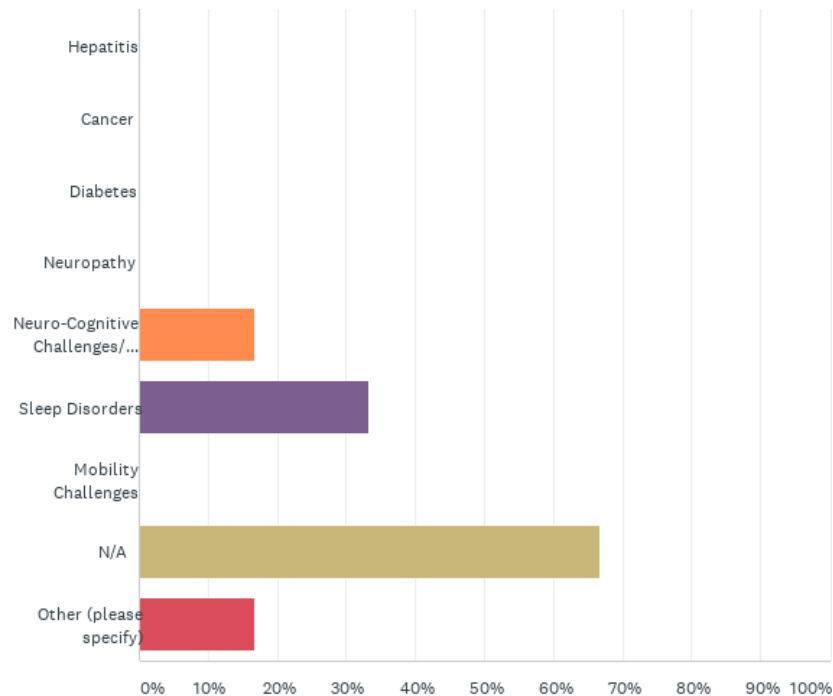
In the last 12 months
have you failed to
take your meds for
any of the following
reasons?



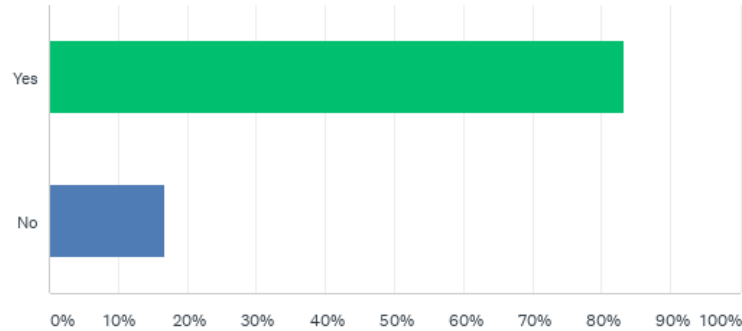
Do you feel like have
effective support in
maintaining med
adherence?



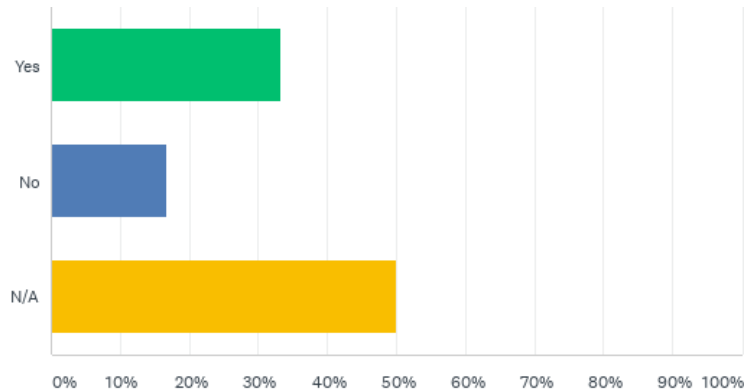
Are you virally
undetectable?



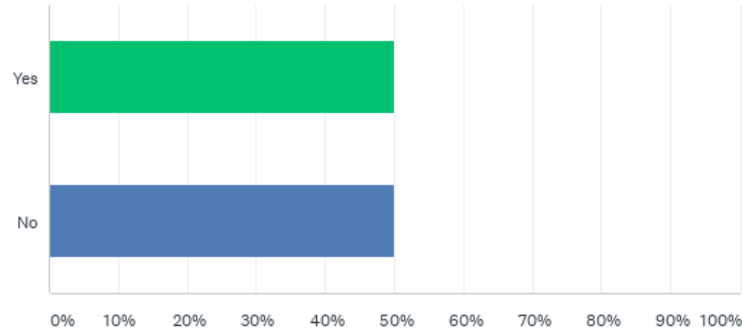
Are you dealing with any additional diagnoses or chronic illnesses, if so, what are they?



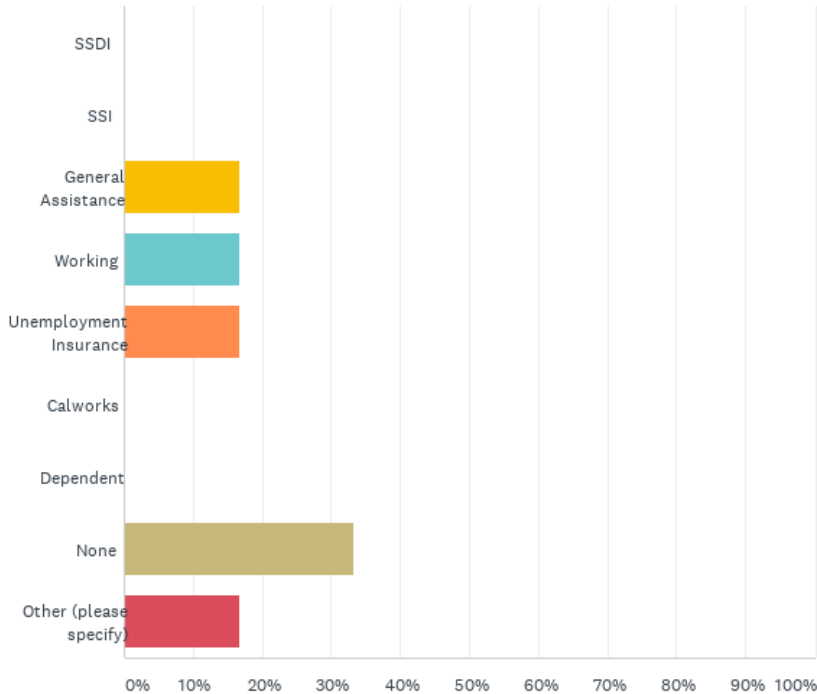
Have you been
tested for STI's in
the last 12
months?



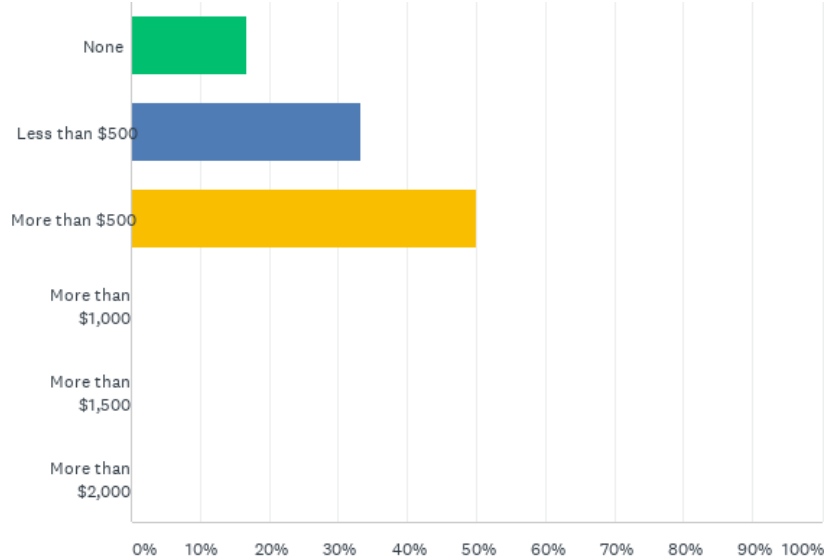
If you tested
positive for an
STI, Did you
Access treatment?



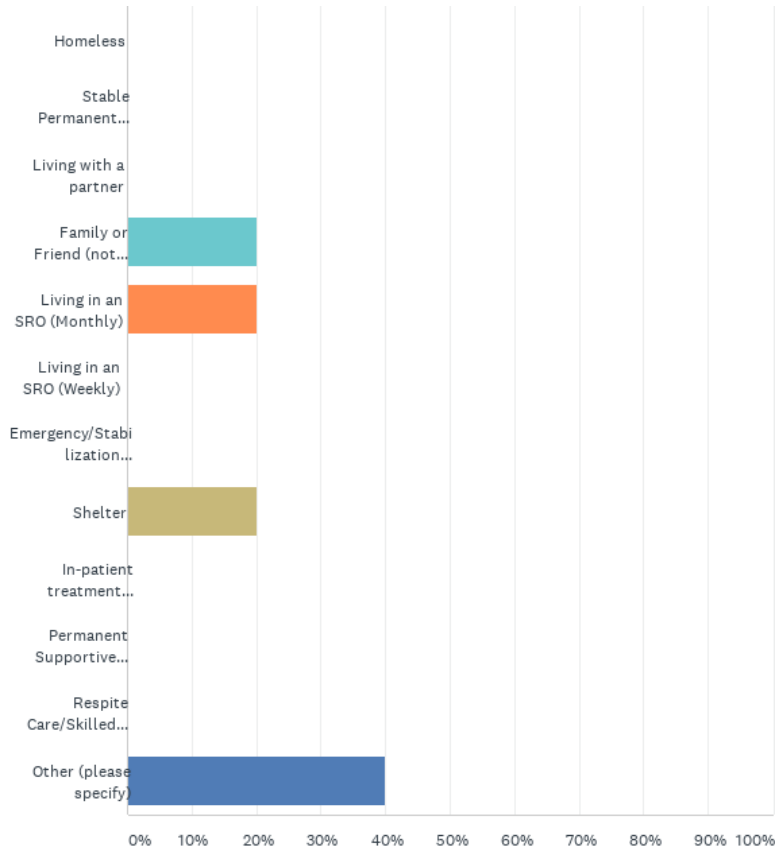
Do you feel you have adequate information or support in accessing medical insurance or financial benefits?



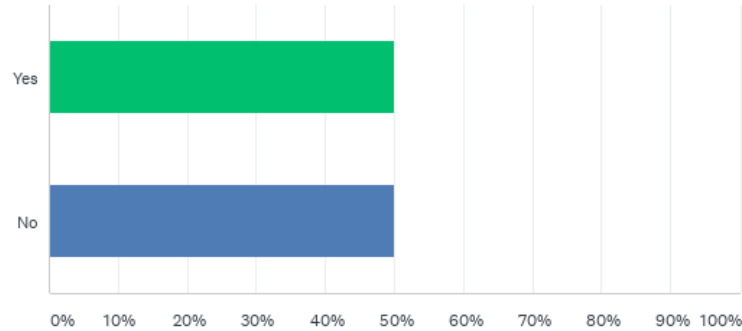
What is your primary source of income?



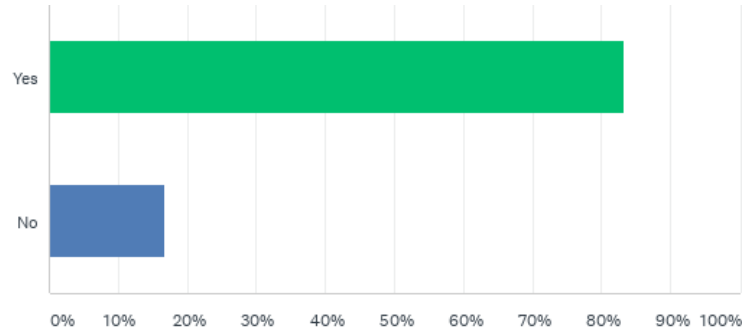
What is your
monthly
income?



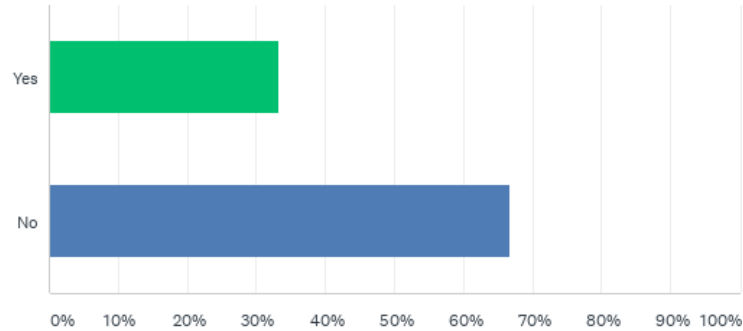
What best describes your living situation?



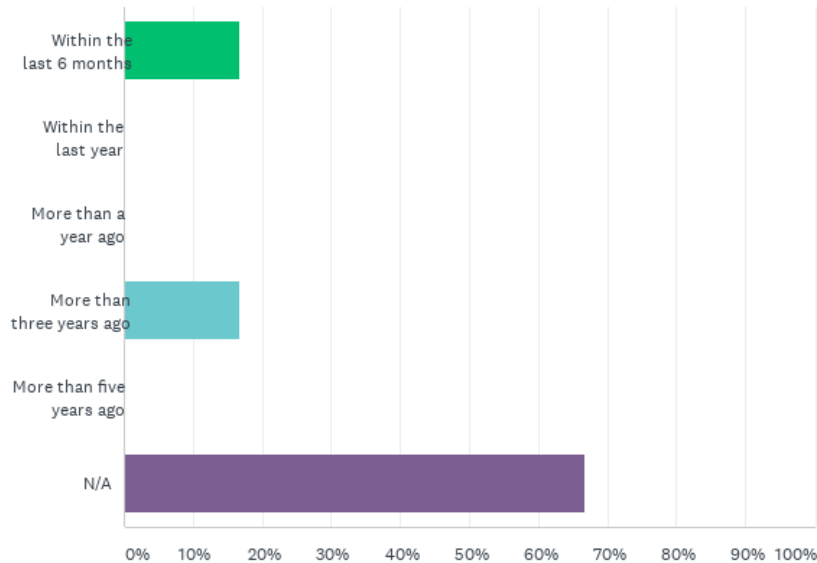
Are you currently
experiencing food
insecurity?



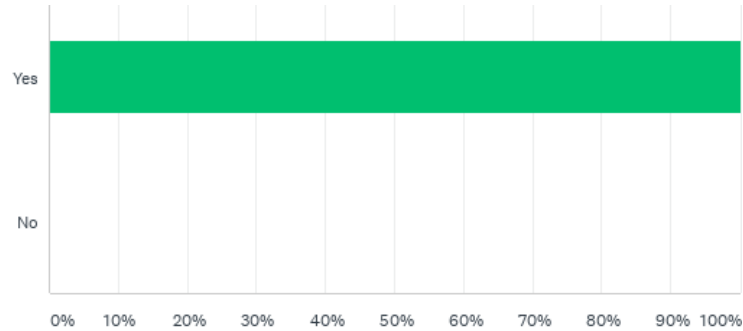
Do you have access to
a kitchen or the ability
to store and prepare
food?



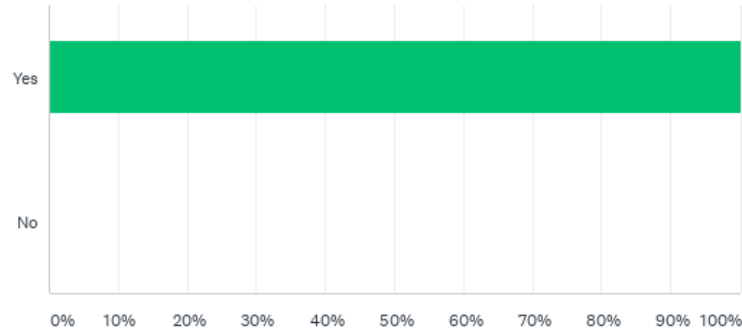
Have you ever
been
incarcerated?



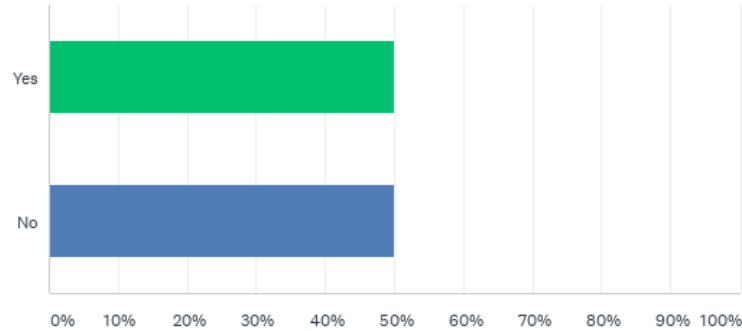
When was the
last time you
were
incarcerated?



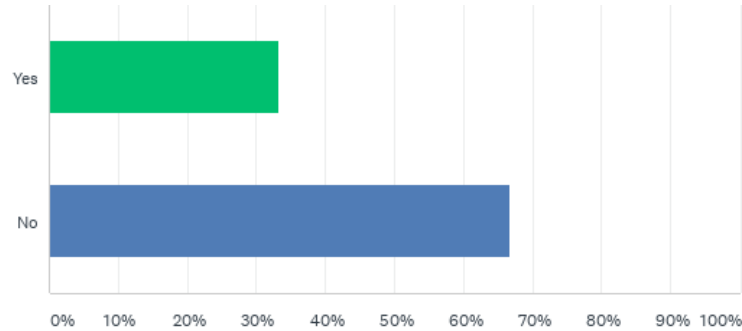
Are you currently or have you ever experienced mental health challenges(including depression or anxiety)?



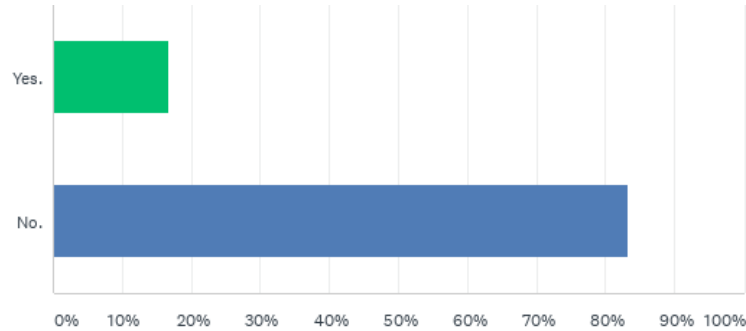
Have you ever
accessed mental
health care?



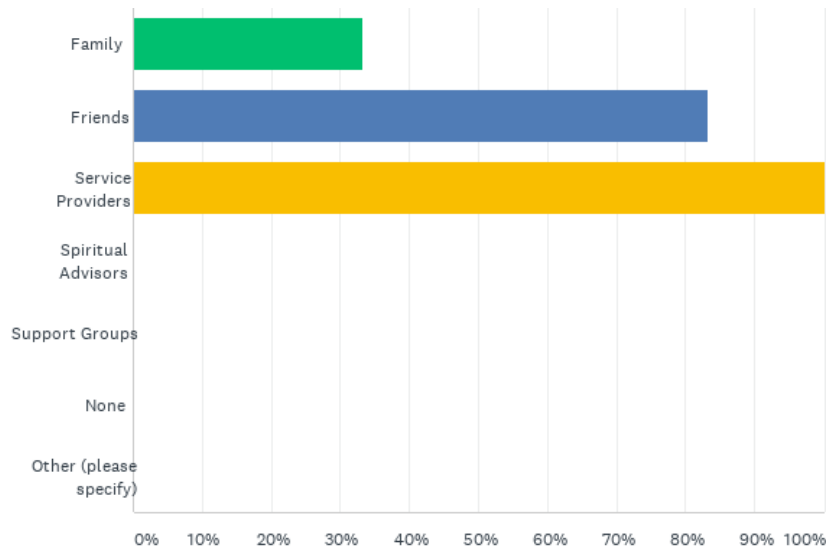
Would you describe
yourself as ever
having a problem
with substance use?



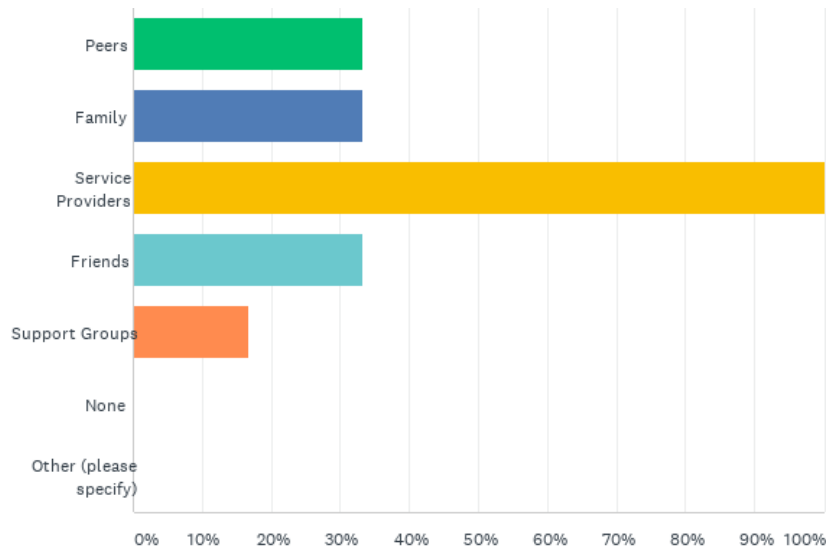
Have you ever
accessed
substance use
treatment?



In the last 12 months,
have you had a
negative or
stigmatizing
experience with a
service provider?

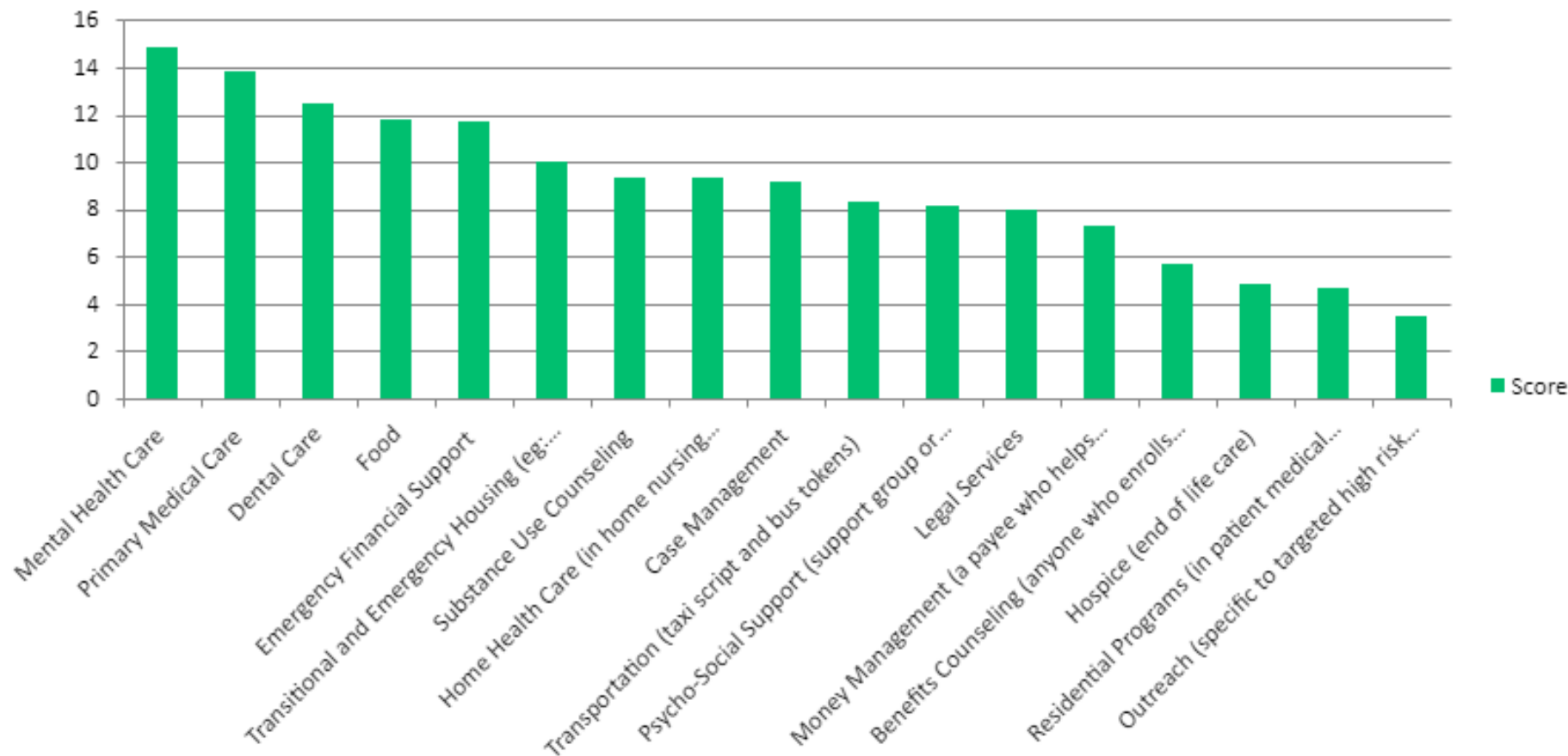


Do you have a support system, and if so, who is it?



Do you feel like you have trusted sources of information regarding available services, and if so what are they?

Service Category Prioritization



Please describe your general quality of life withing the last 9 months. Please give examples of challenges and/or successes.

- Moving forward slowly but getting better and where I should be.
- These last 9 months, definitely have not been great. Since the pandemic began. Ive lost my job and skipped a semester because of the stress and uncertainty that has come with it.
- I just moved into my new apartment alone and i did t really know what I needed or expected to need at the moment but food and cleaning Supplies was going to be a hassle. Then money started to get tight when I lost my job do to covid and minimum jobs were hiring
- I don't have any challenges and my success is being able to rent my own apartment
- I've had someone overdose in my arms , I am financially unstable , I cope with smoking weed on a daily and have started seeing an therapist weekly

Do you feel that services and service providers address your specific challenges as youth? Please give examples.

- Yes.
- 2 Yes.
- 3 Yes.
- 4 Yes they do.
- ACAC does not provide enough support for people who do hard drugs , drink and have bad anxiety. Its just a place to lay your head for 2 years and hopefully you get housing within those 2 years.

Please describe the types of services that are most valuable to you as an individual. Please describe the types of services that are most valuable for your community.

- Food services, financial services.
- Health Care services and housing.
- I feel that we need more support with having HIV and how some people cope with the depression they've had to go through before making to ACAC

Please describe services that either don't exist, or you are unable to access, that would be helpful to you?

- **A house for people to live even if they age out**
- **Food, finance**