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EHE Hamilton County Community Survey Results

Hamilton EHE Advisory Committee Meeting


October 5, 2020

Survey Respondents

- **135 legitimate** survey responses
 - 57 via special links; 78 via public link
 - ALL of these respondents have been sent Amazon gift cards to their e-mail, if they included a valid e-mail in their response
 - IF you hear from someone who never received a gift card, but should have, please take their e-mail address and get in touch with us ASAP

During the presentation...

- Please write “**Action Items**” in our **Padlet** (*virtual sticky note pad*)
- <https://padlet.com/kwarren85/4m9m0pgv3fjbtp6b>
 - These can be general or specific
 - Don't worry about repeated action items – that's OK!
 - Try to reference the slide number so we can link it back to specific questions
 - We will use these to help inform our strategy discussion next week
 - **Challenge:** Everyone write **at least 1 action item** during the presentation

 Kate Warren · 2h

Ending the HIV Epidemic- Hamilton County

Strategies to End the Epidemic

Diagnose



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Increase awareness about PrEP

slide 3

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Respond



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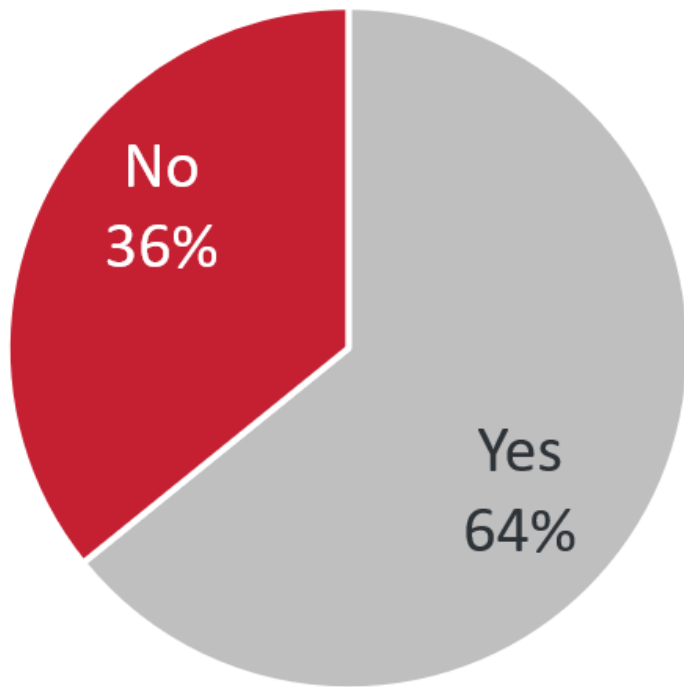
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Action Item Example

Do you know how to get PrEP?



Increase
awareness about
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Slide 3

What comes to mind when you hear the word HIV/AIDS?

Select Responses:

Sickness

Fear

Myself

Hope

Regret

Death

Epidemic

Stigma

Worried

Medication

Safe Sex

Life Altering
Disease

Unaffordable
Healthcare

Terminal
Illness

Loneliness

Struggle

STD

Pain

Gay Sex

If you could change one thing in Hamilton County to end the HIV epidemic, what would you change?

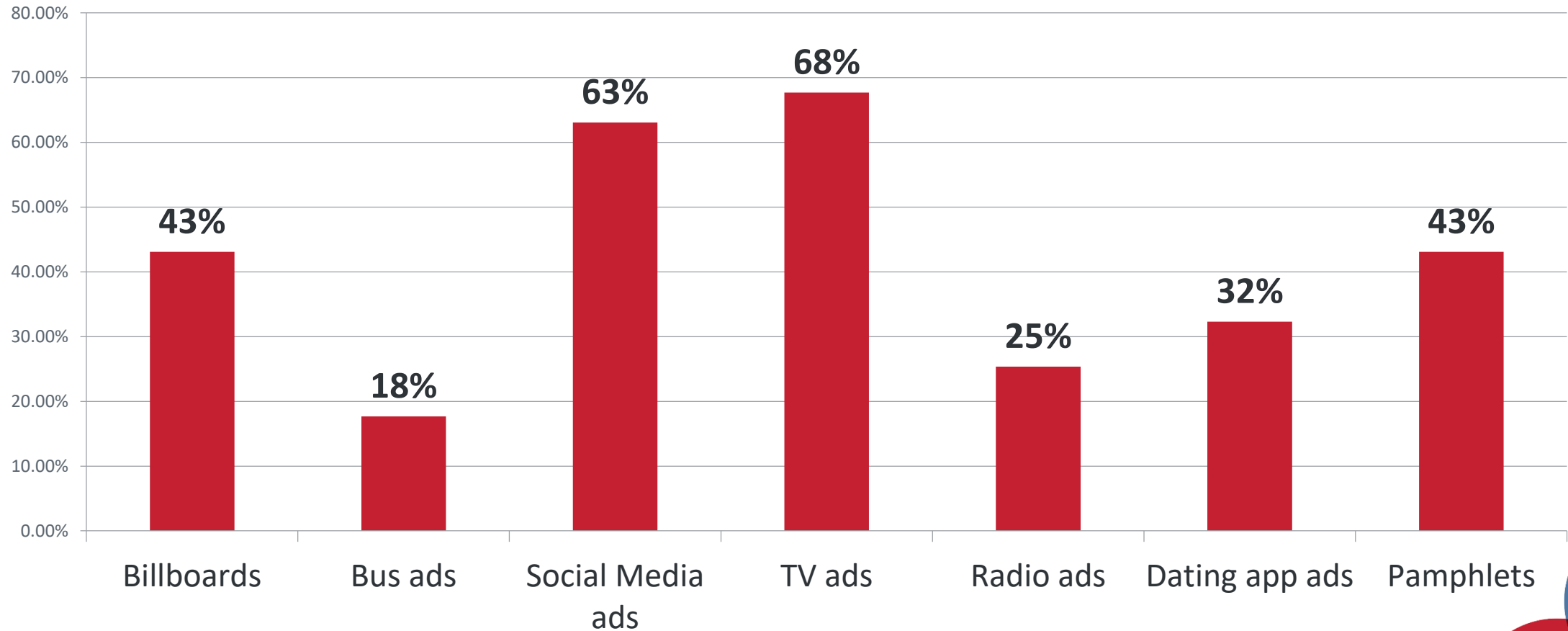
- 110 individuals responded

Awareness/Education	27
Affordable/free	13
Access to testing	11
Access to SSPs	10
Condoms	10
Sex education	10
Reduce stigma	9
Access to PrEP	7
Access to treatment	6
Prevention	5
LGBTQ+ Awareness	4
Behavioral Health	3
More funding	3
Address Racism	2
Confidentiality	2
Language Access	2
Housing/Jobs	1
Training for professionals	1
Viral load suppression	1

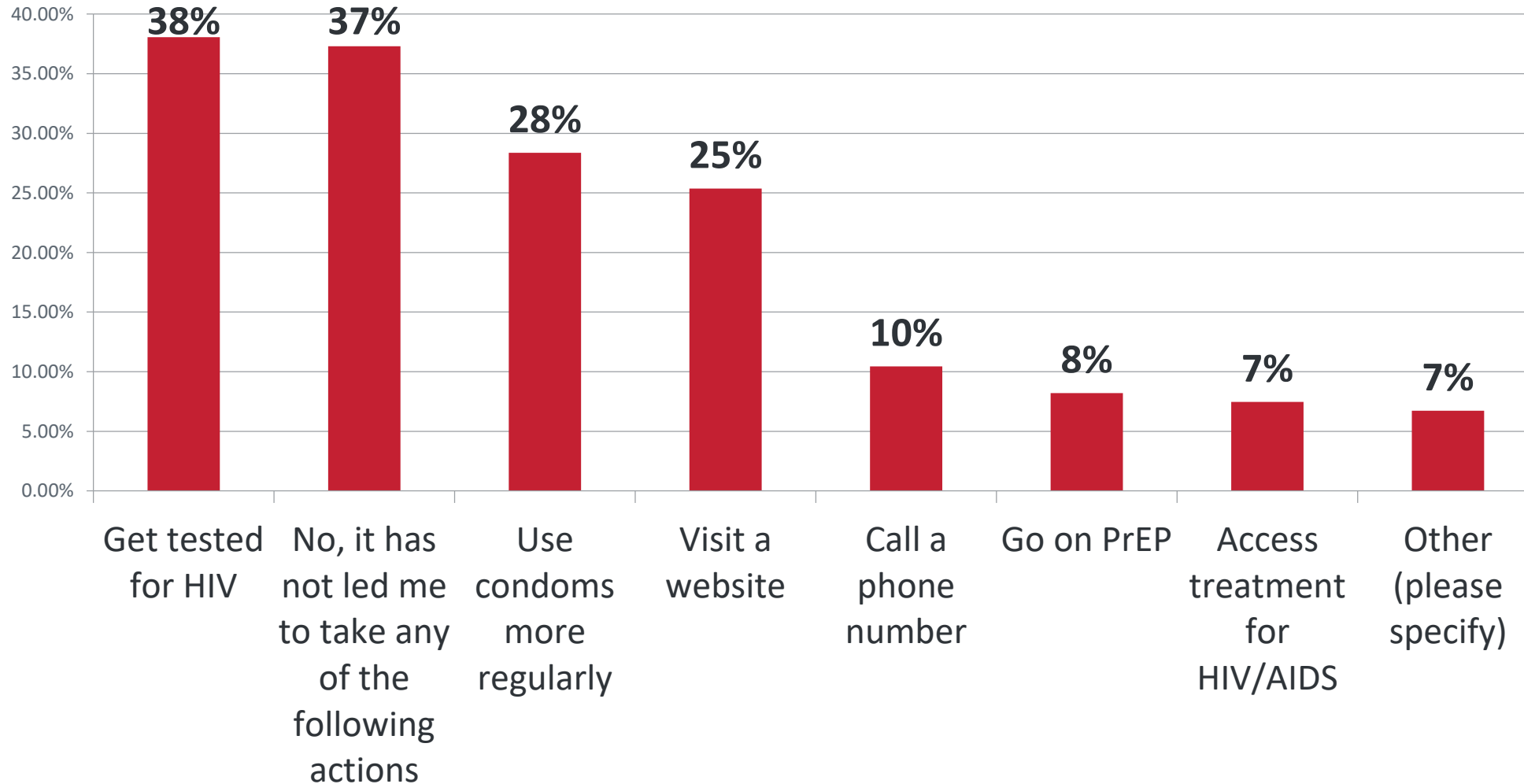
Notes:

- Several mentions of education specifically for children/youth
- Mentions of need for cultural change around casual sex
- Mentions of need for people to be more compassionate/caring in general
- Need for federal policy change/tax reform/increased investment in public health

Have you seen or heard any of the following information in the community about preventing or treating HIV/AIDS?



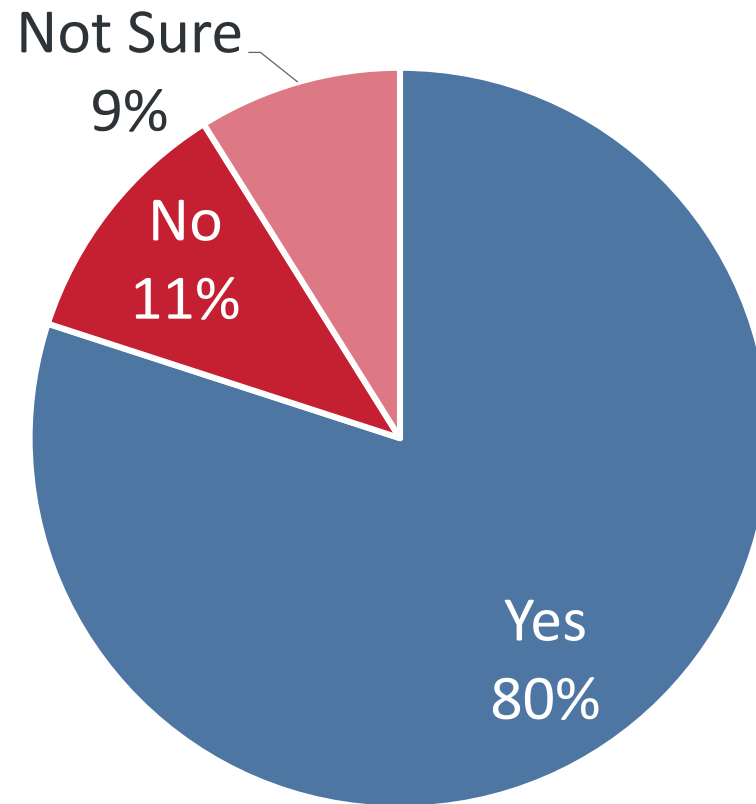
Has an ad that you've seen about HIV/AIDS ever led you to do any of the following?



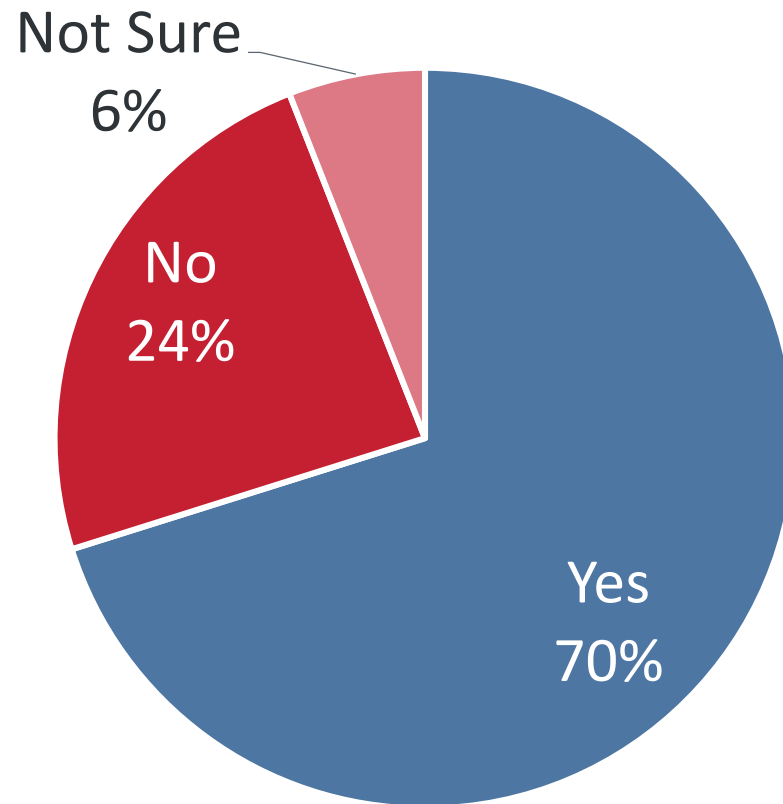
Other:

- Tell others where they can go
- Ask more questions to family members with HIV
- Not share needles

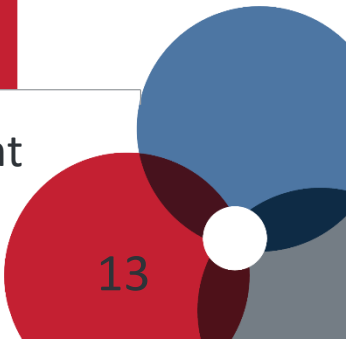
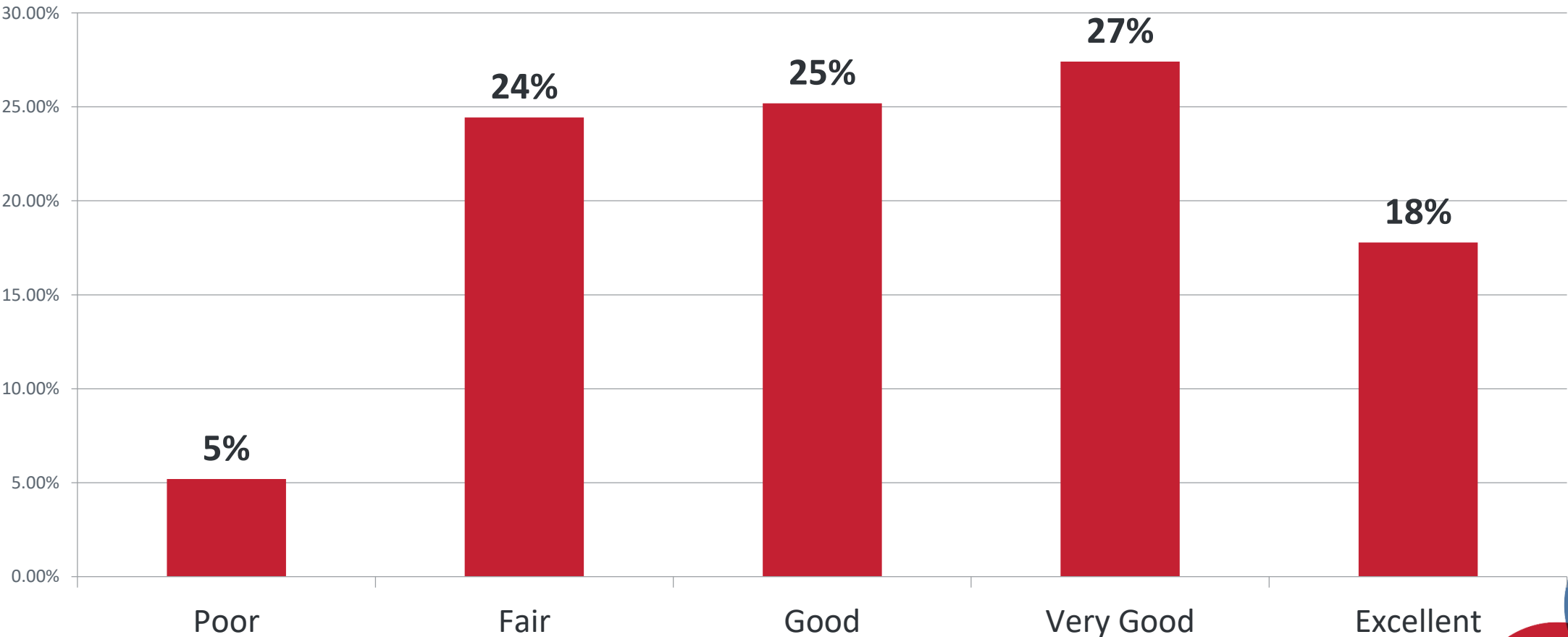
Do you believe HIV is treatable (meaning it can be managed with medication)?



Have you heard about U=U (undetectable=untransmittable)?



What is your experience with medical care, generally?



If you have had negative experiences with medical care, what could help make them better?

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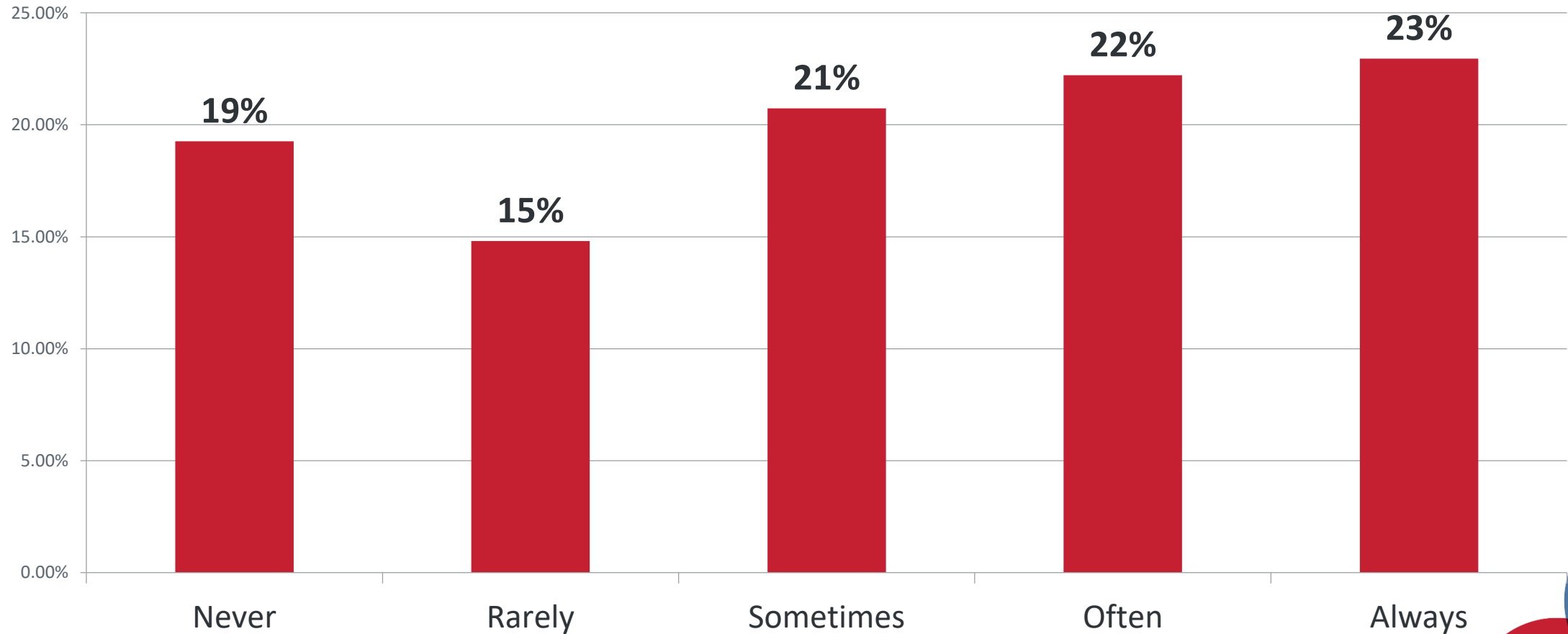
- Lack of empathy/compassion
- Providers need to listen
- Need affordable healthcare options/reduce costs
- Lack of awareness about HIV and/or LGBTQ Health
- Discrimination based on race
- Discrimination based on gender or orientation
- Judgment toward people experiencing addiction
- Need to do more to educate patients about their options
- Need better communication
- Need providers who “look like me”

If you have had negative experiences with medical care, what could help make them better?

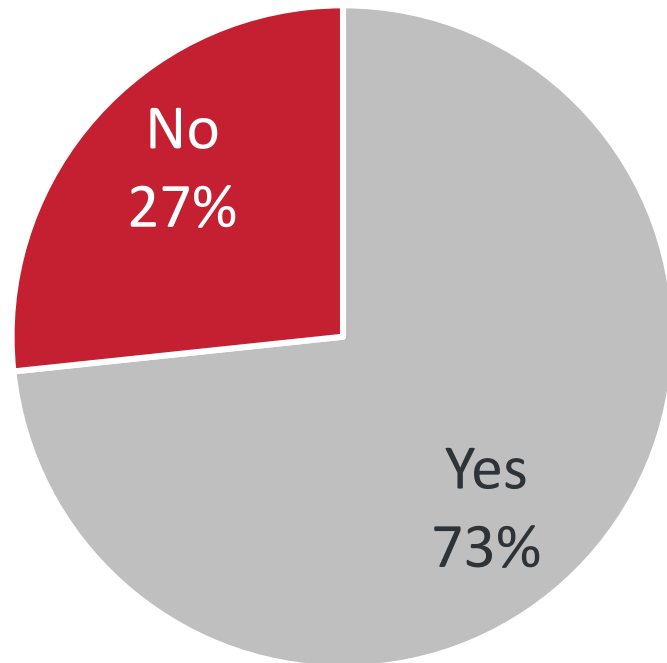
Select Responses:

- The only 'negative experience' has been the "slow pay" for billing. Just today, I emailed my case worker r/e a bill from 04/2020, for lab work.
- There has to be a better way to link the medical billing with multiple billing sources; i/e health care insurance and organizational financial assistance (i/e, Ryan White funding).
- I've avoided medical treatment at times in the past because I couldn't afford it which caused medical problems to worsen. Providing the same quality of care to people with different financial situations would make it better. Also, lack of access to trans healthcare.
- lack of education/PrEP education/access, not educating patients that come in for STI's & just treating them
- More time between patient and doctor, as well as non-profit providers and insurers for health care, which would necessarily increase the patient time spent with doctors.

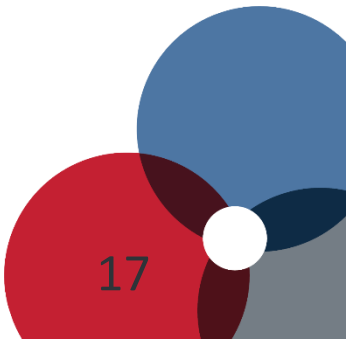
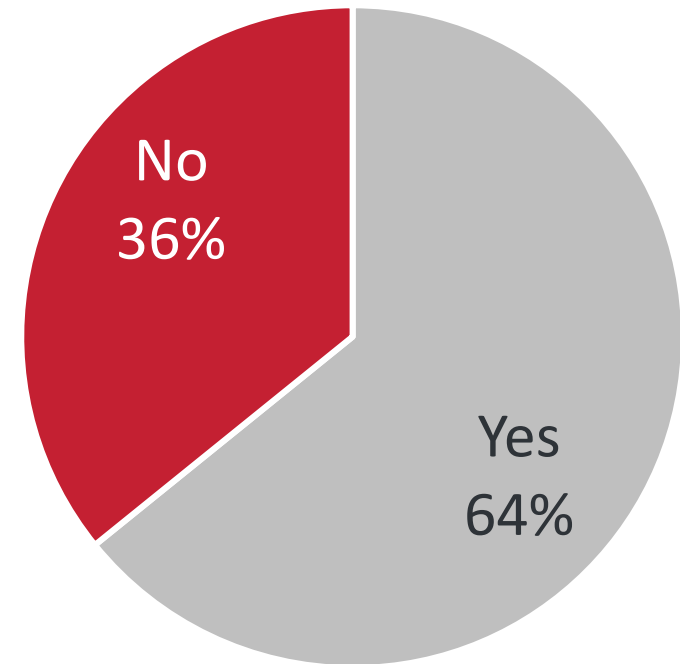
How often do you talk to your partners about HIV/STD status before sex?



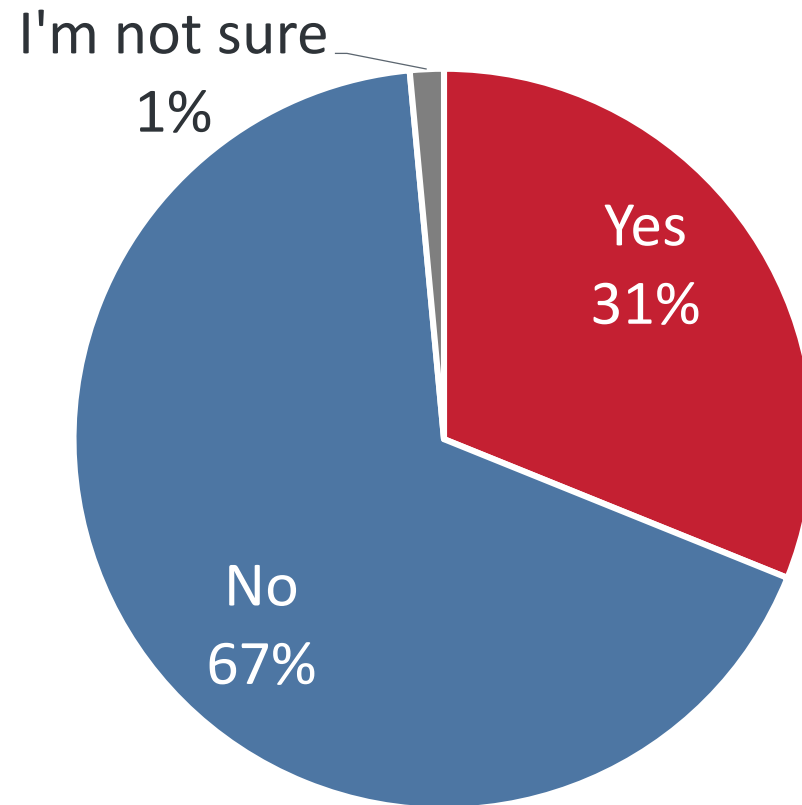
Do you know what PrEP is?



Do you know how to get PrEP?



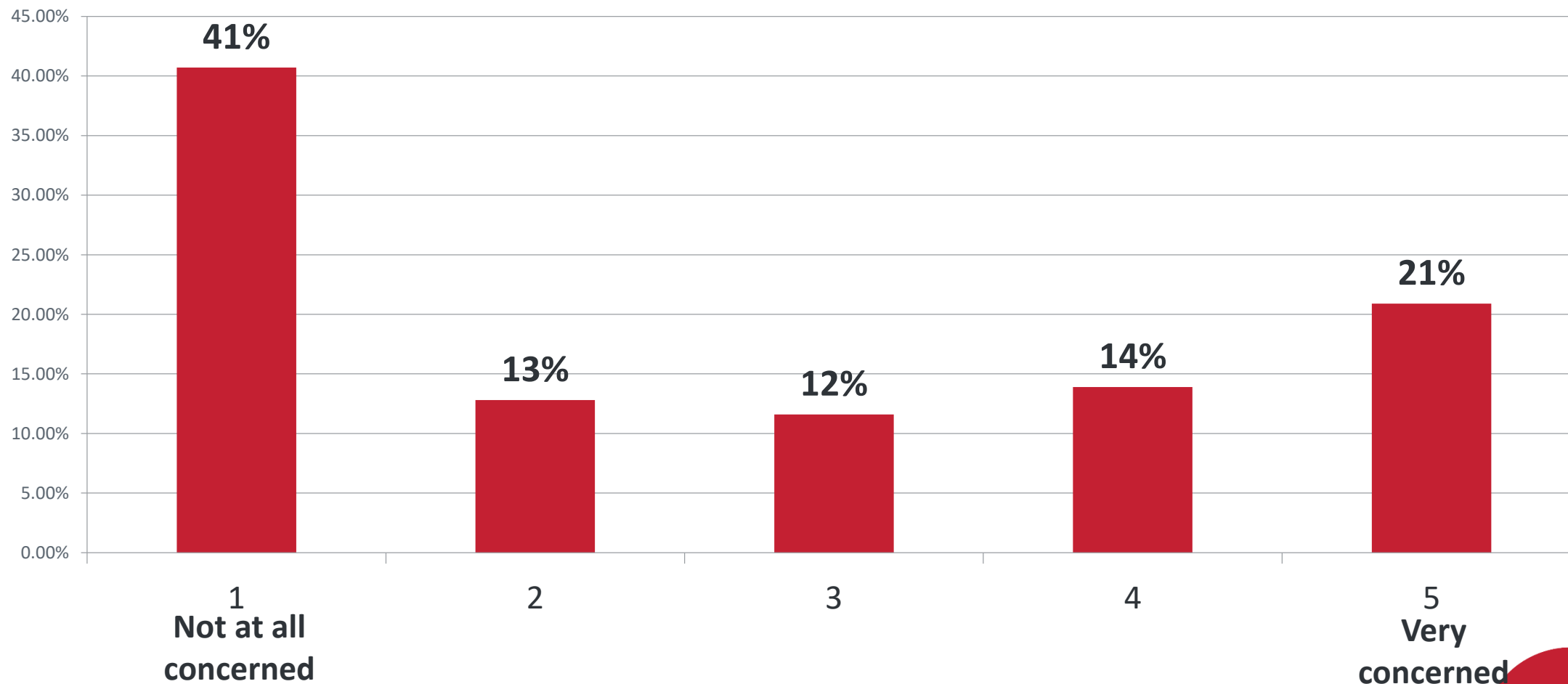
Have you been diagnosed with HIV?



Responses from people who are **NOT** living with HIV

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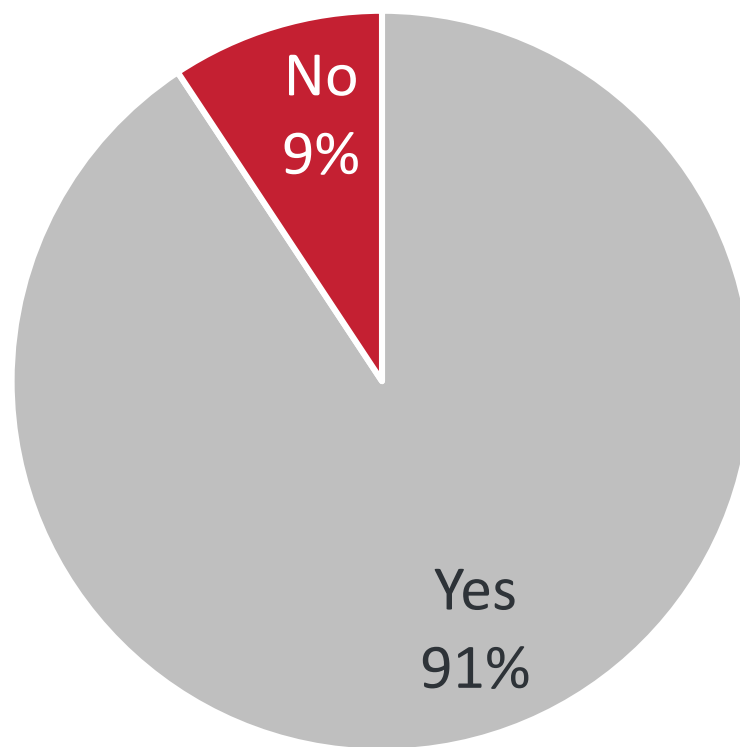
How concerned are you about getting HIV?



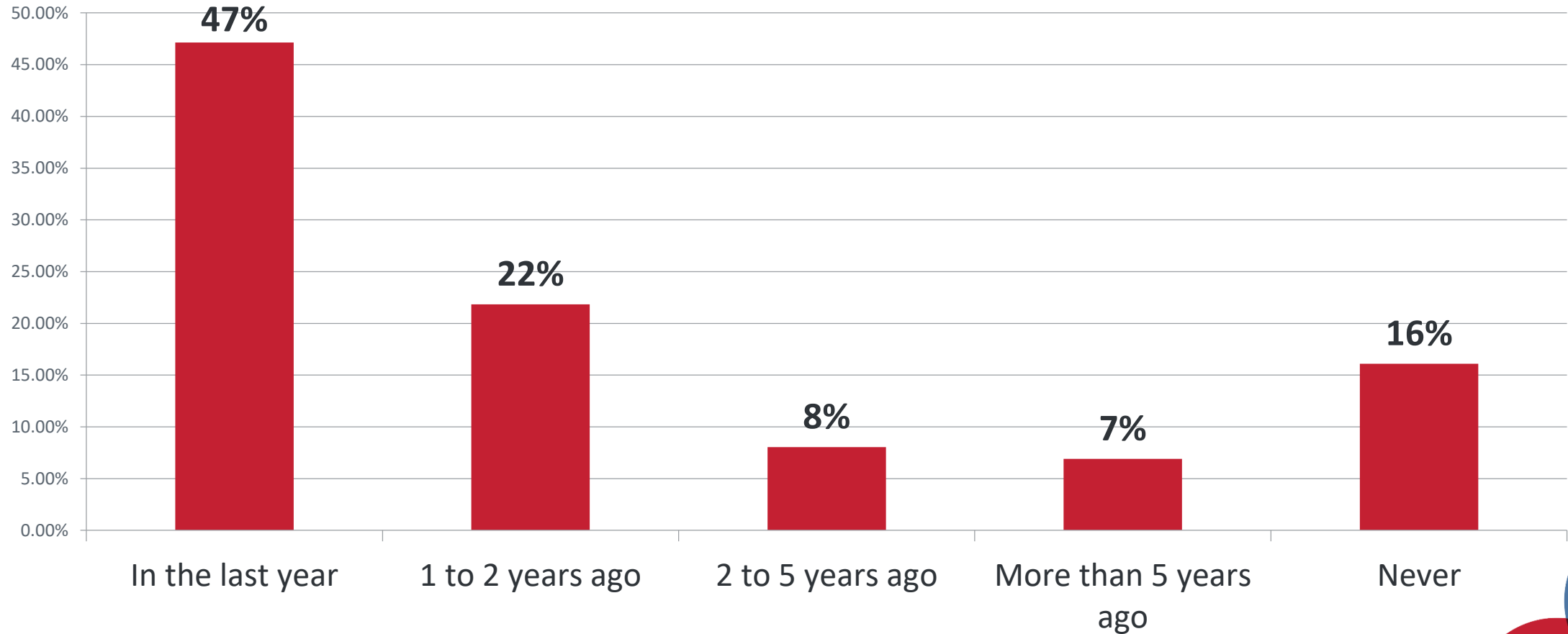
Not Living with HIV

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Do you know how to access an HIV test?

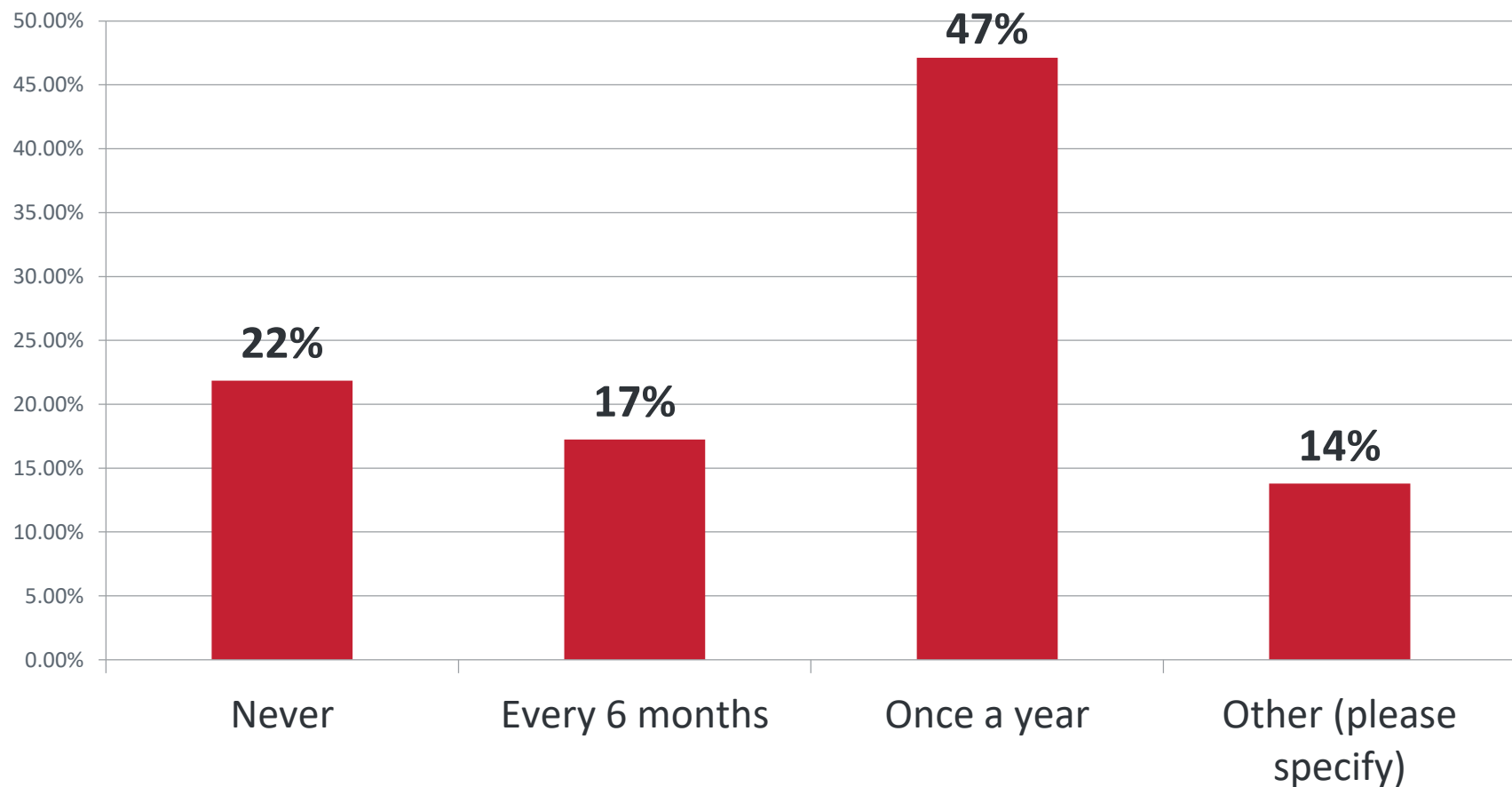


When was the last time you were tested for HIV?



Not Living with HIV

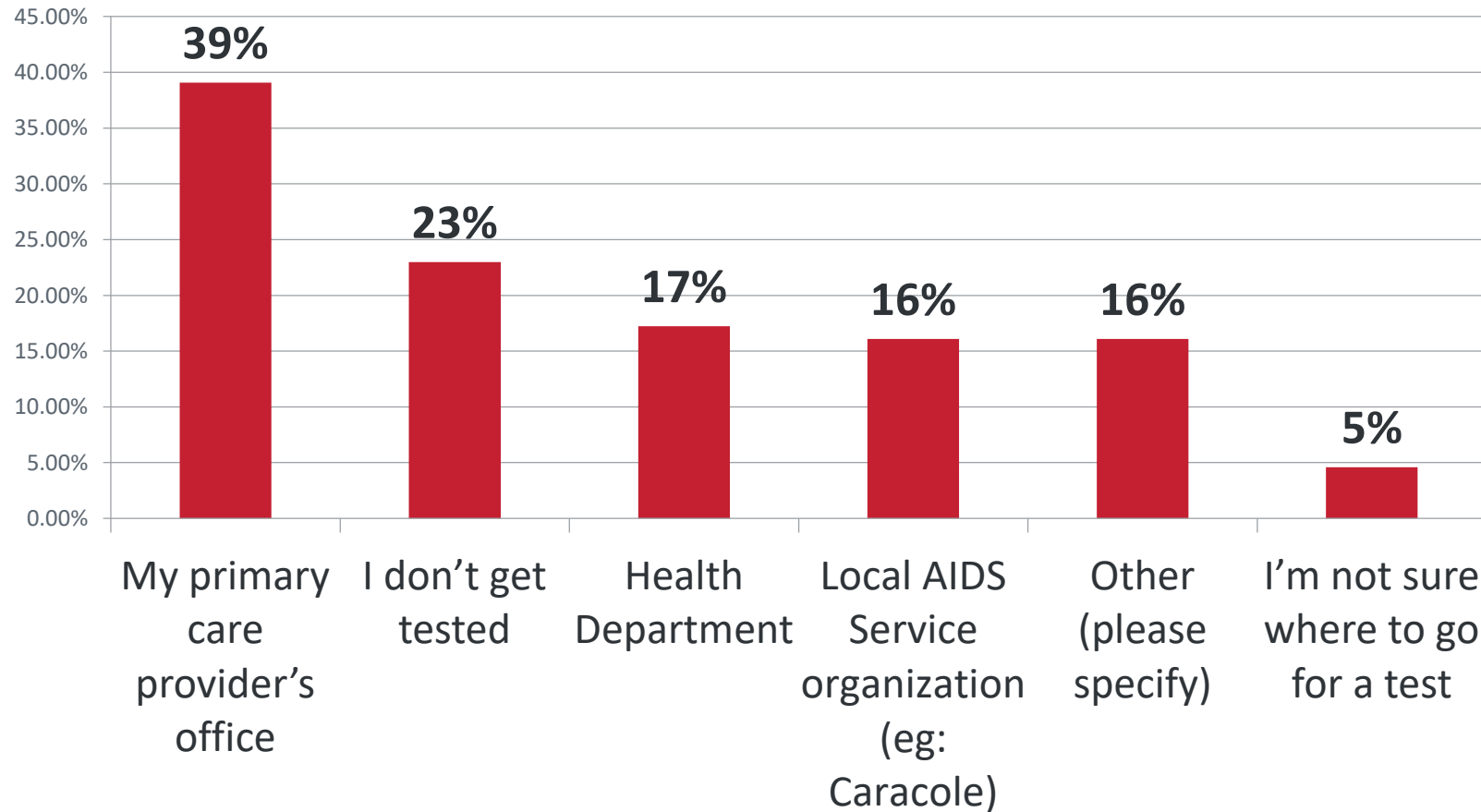
How often do you get tested for HIV?



Select "Other" responses:

- Every couple of years, unless I'm single
- I am not sexually active
- During pregnancy
- Every 3 years
- Every couple of years
- After I have a new sex partner

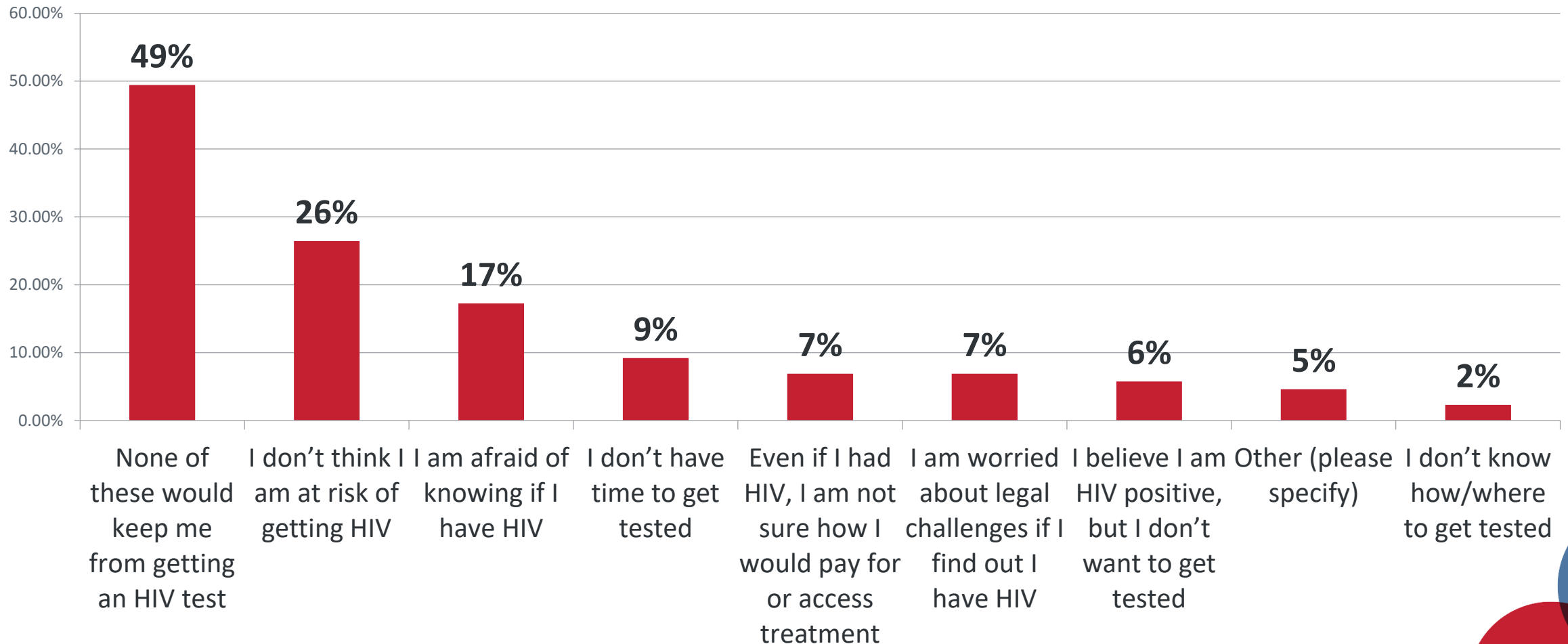
Where do you currently get tested for HIV? (Select all that apply)



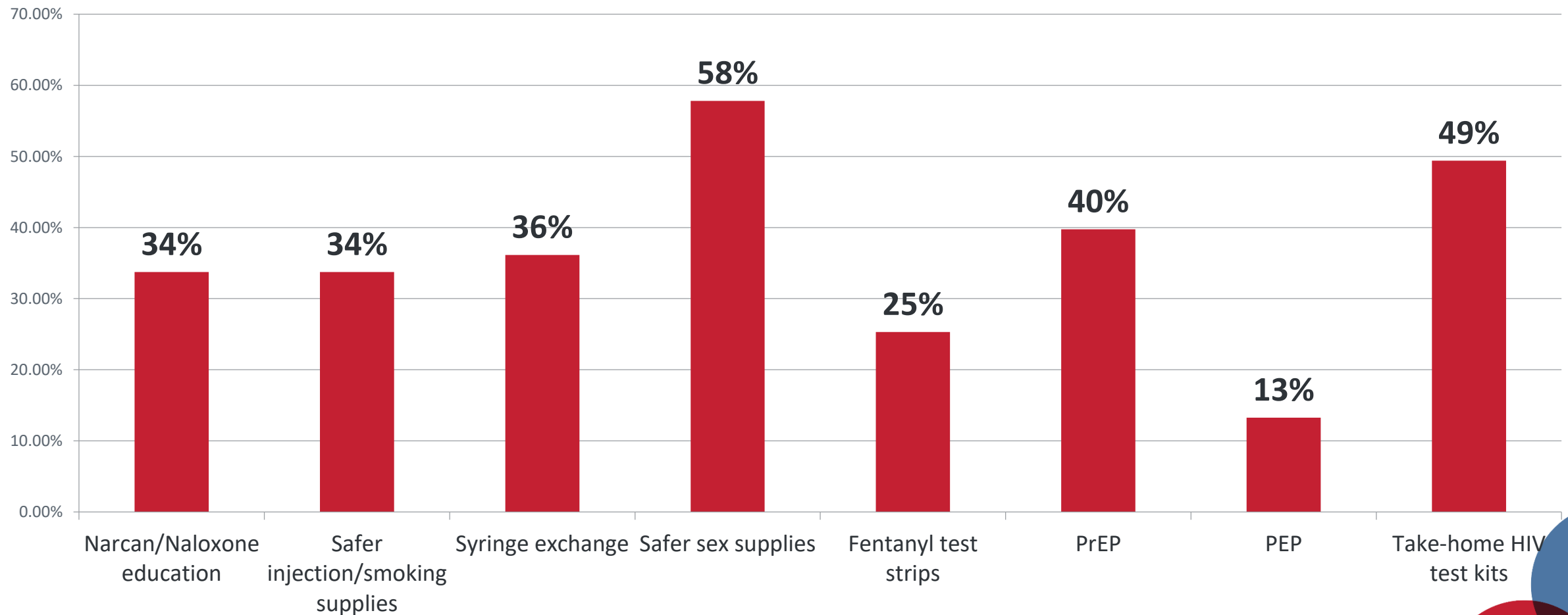
Select "Other" responses:

- CARACOLE
- Random places
- At the needle exchange
- Donating blood
- OBGYN
- Brightview

What might keep you from getting an HIV test? (select all that apply)

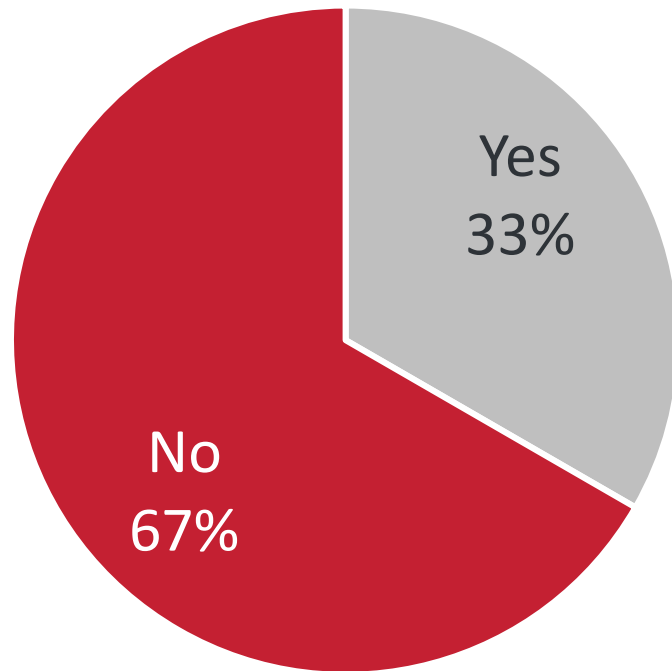


Of the following, what would you be likely to use or participate in? (select all that apply)

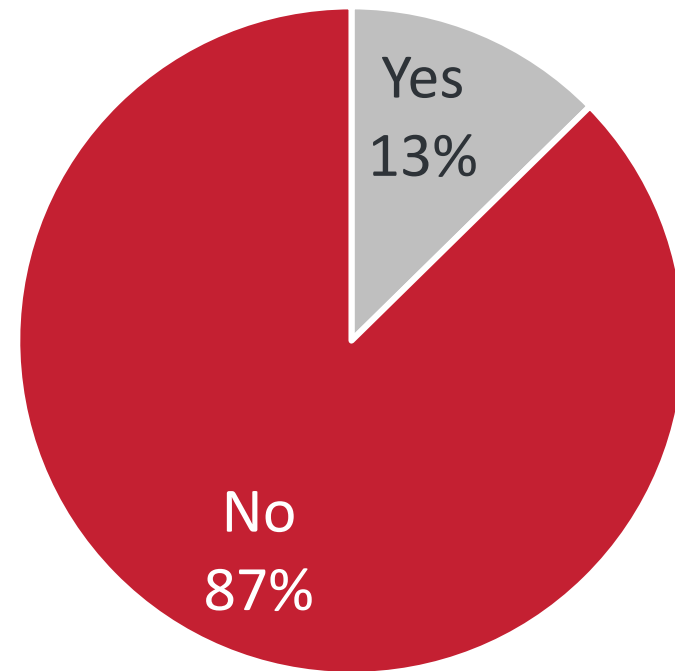


Not Living with HIV

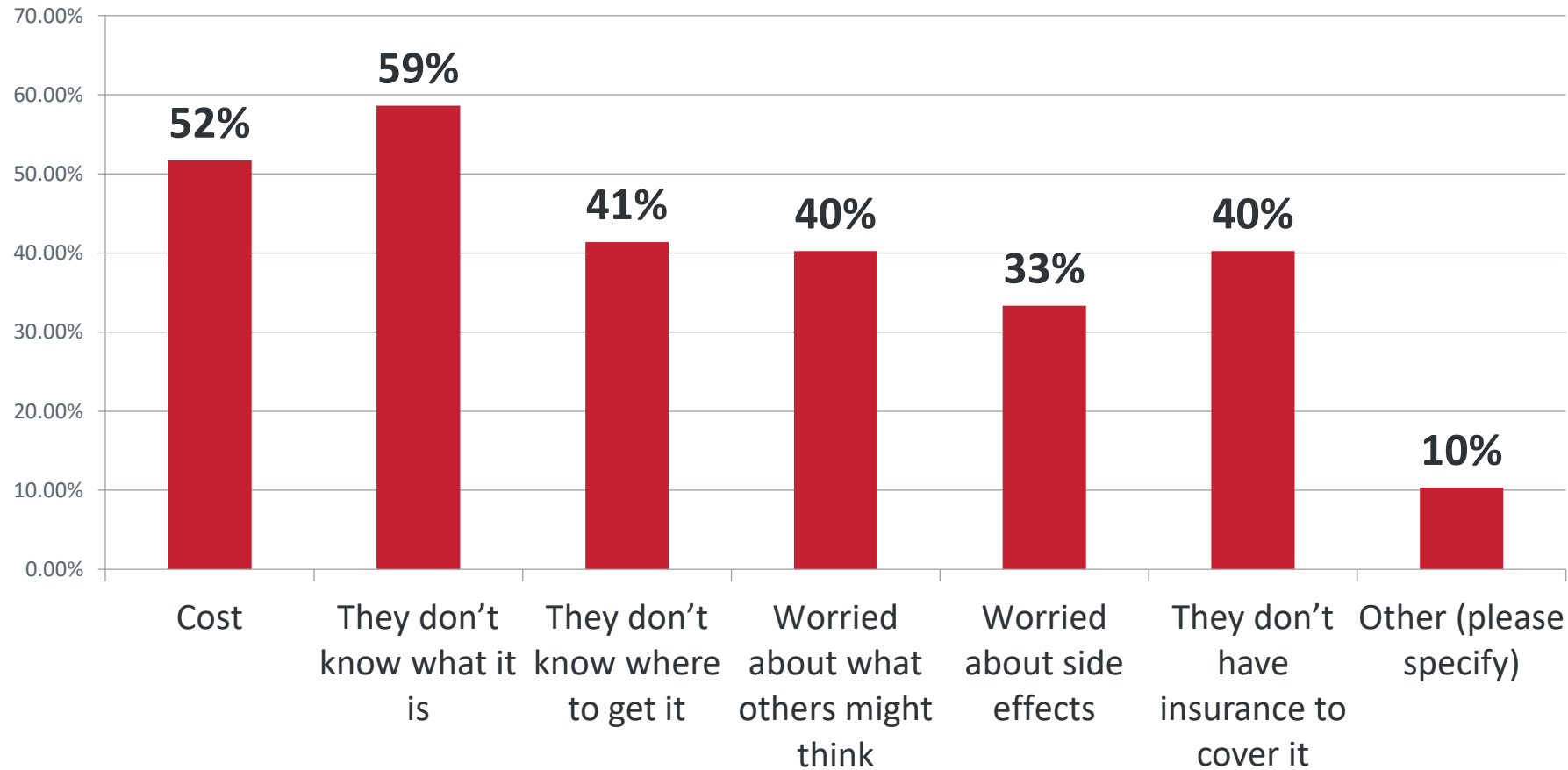
Has any healthcare provider ever talked to you about PrEP?



Do you use PrEP?



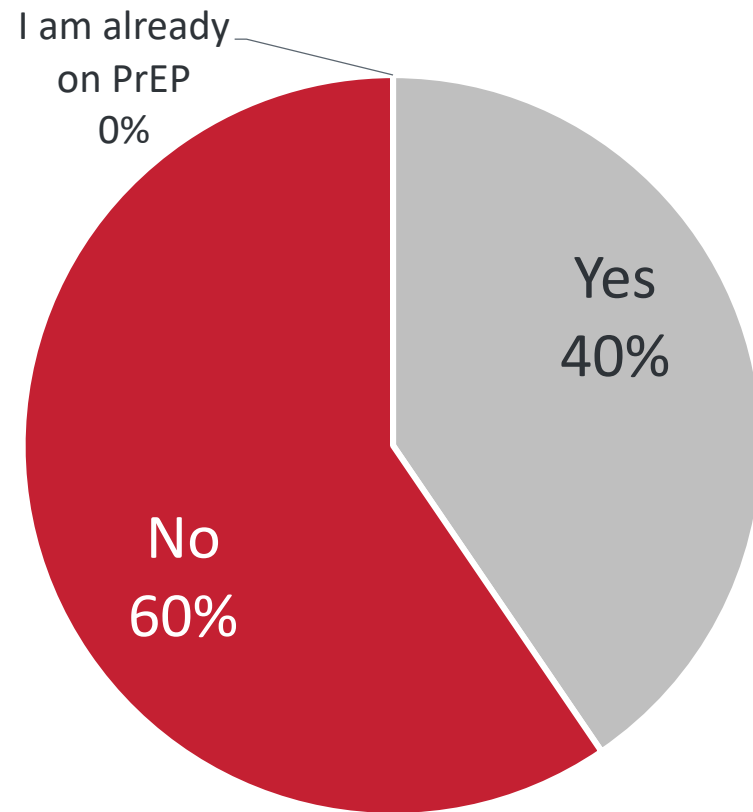
What do you think might keep people from being on PrEP? (select all that apply)



Select "Other" Responses:

- Not sexually active
- Minimal providers to distribute
- Don't want partner to know
- Doctors who are biased and won't prescribe it

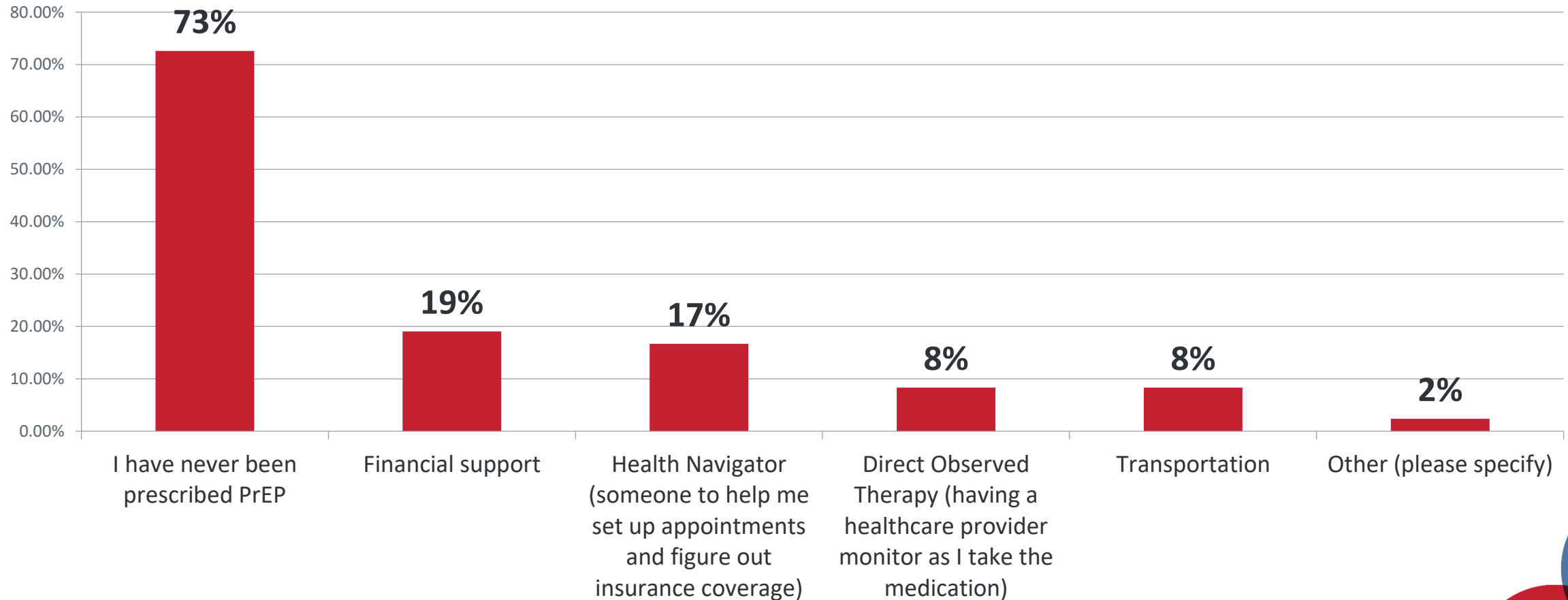
If you were tested for HIV and found that you did not have HIV, would you be interested in getting on PrEP?



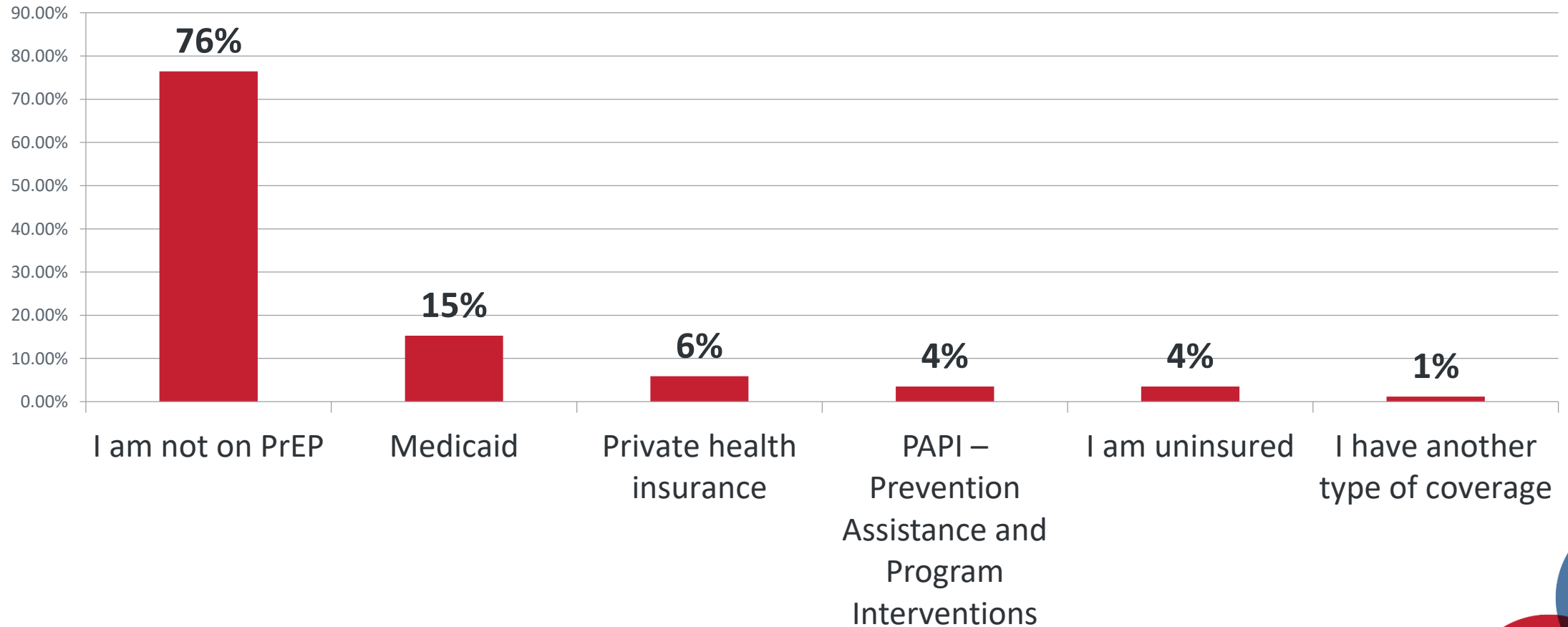
Select "why not" Responses:

- Unnecessary
- Don't know what PrEP is
- Possibly in the future
- Need to understand side effects
- I don't think I need it
- I am not at risk for HIV
- I wouldn't consider unless I were in a relationship with someone with HIV
- I'm monogamous

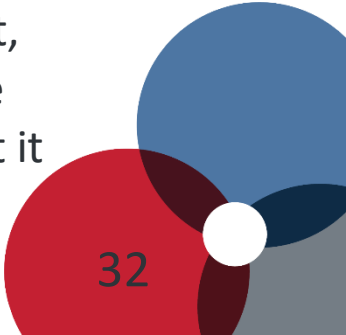
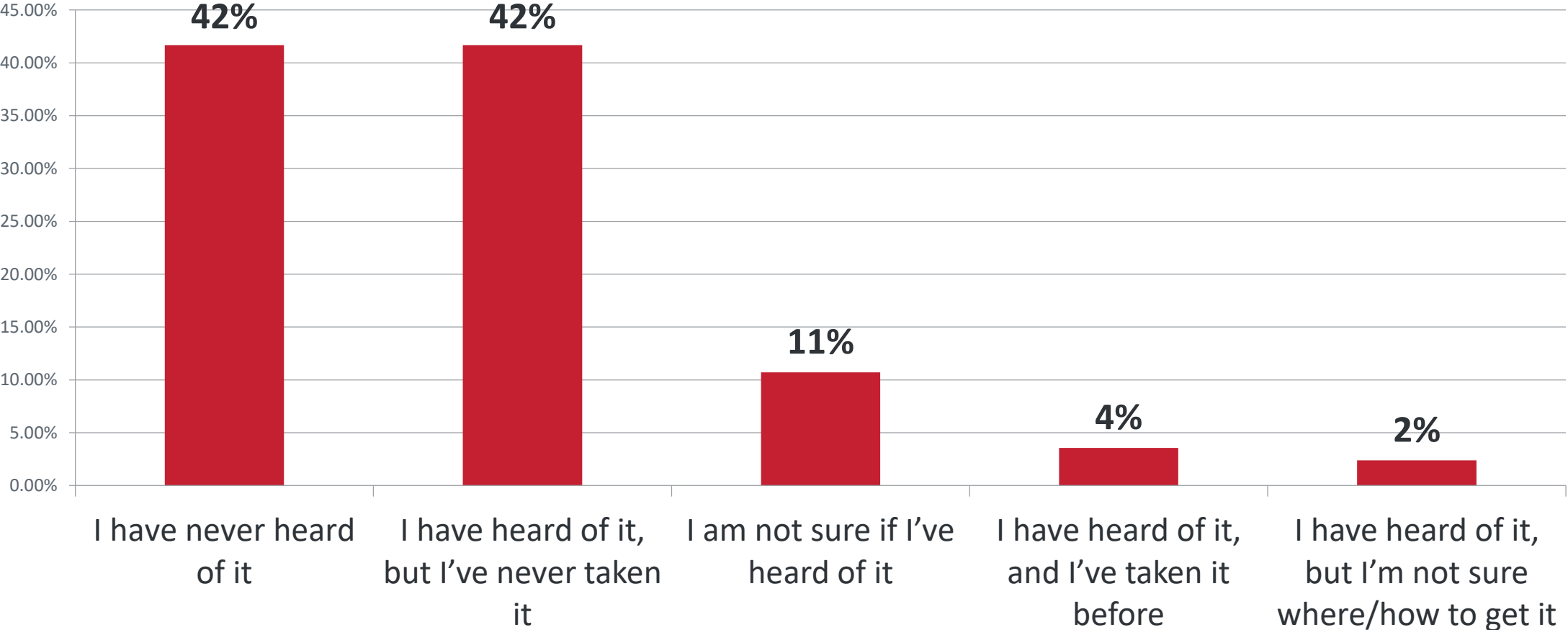
If you were/have been prescribed PrEP, what did/would help you stay on it? (select all that apply)



If you are currently on PrEP, do you have healthcare coverage that helps pay for PrEP, and if so, what type of coverage?



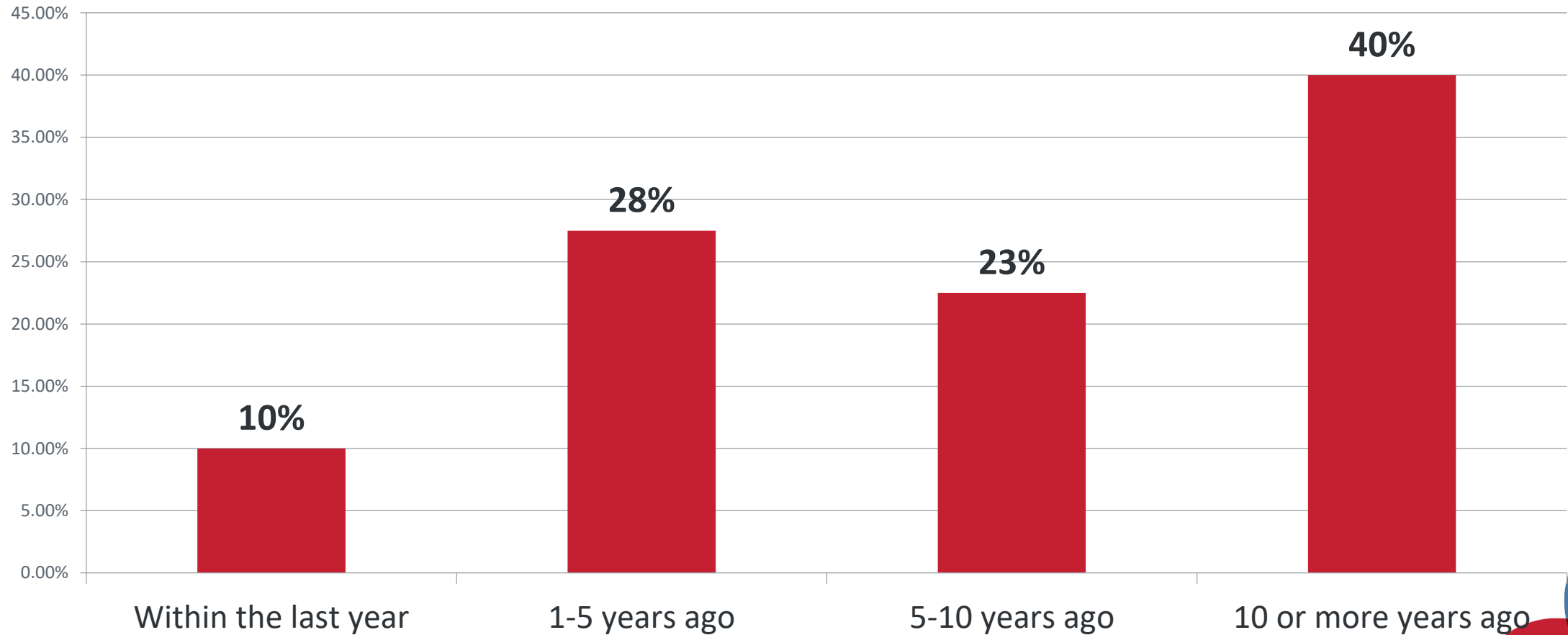
Have you heard of a medication (called PEP) that you can take after possibly being exposed to HIV to prevent from becoming infected?



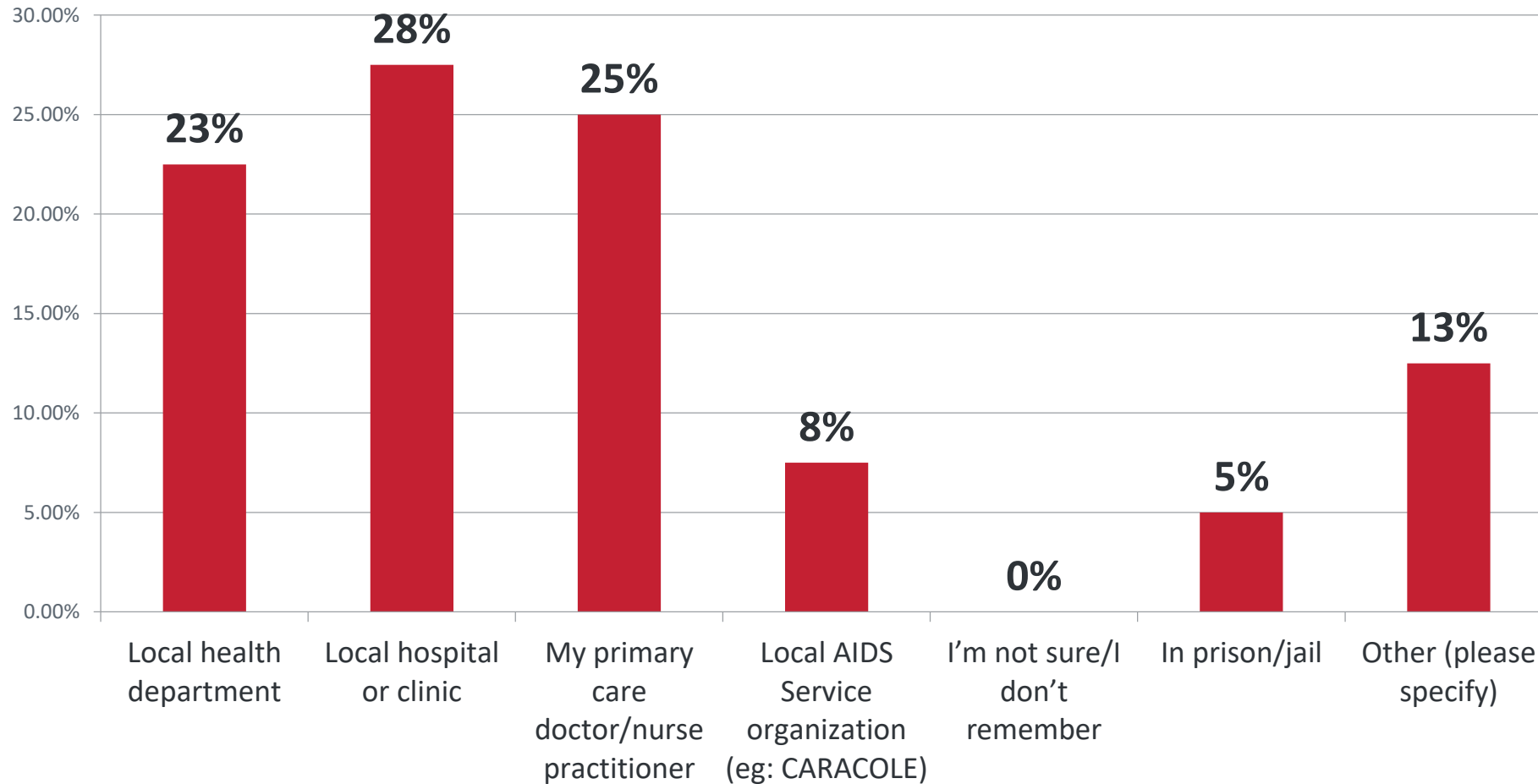
Responses from people who are living with HIV

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When were you first diagnosed with HIV?



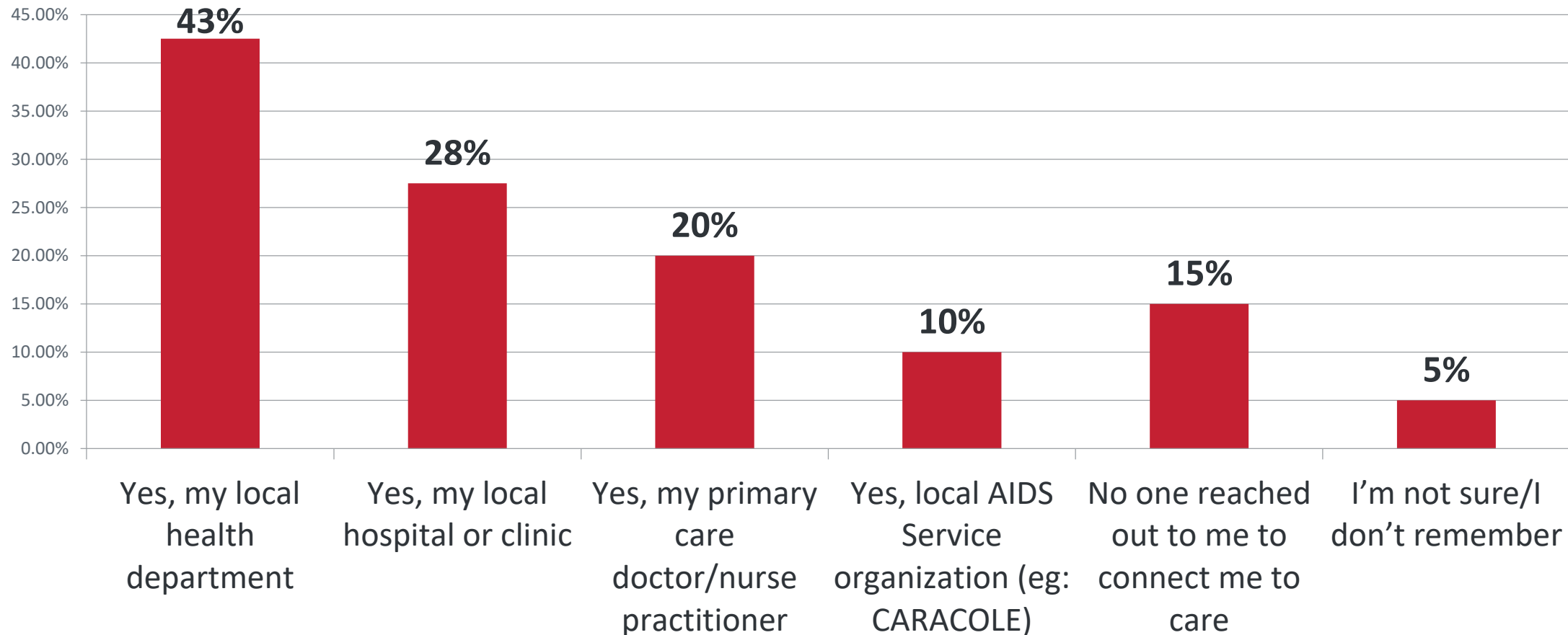
Where were you first diagnosed?



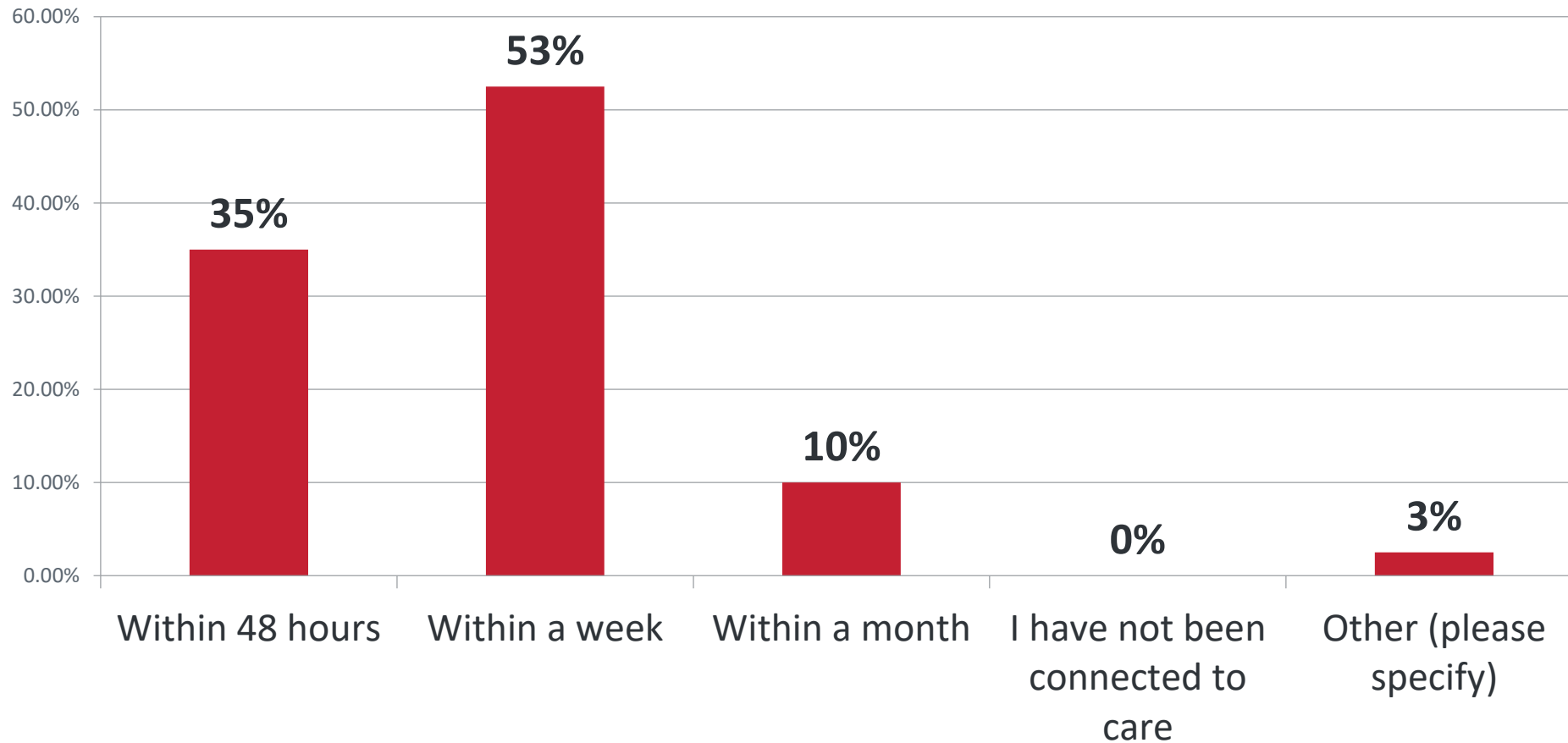
Select "Other" Responses:

- Plasma Center
- Out of state
- Home test kit, verified at local clinic

Did someone reach out to you specifically to connect you with HIV care? (select all that apply)



How quickly were you connected to care after you were diagnosed?

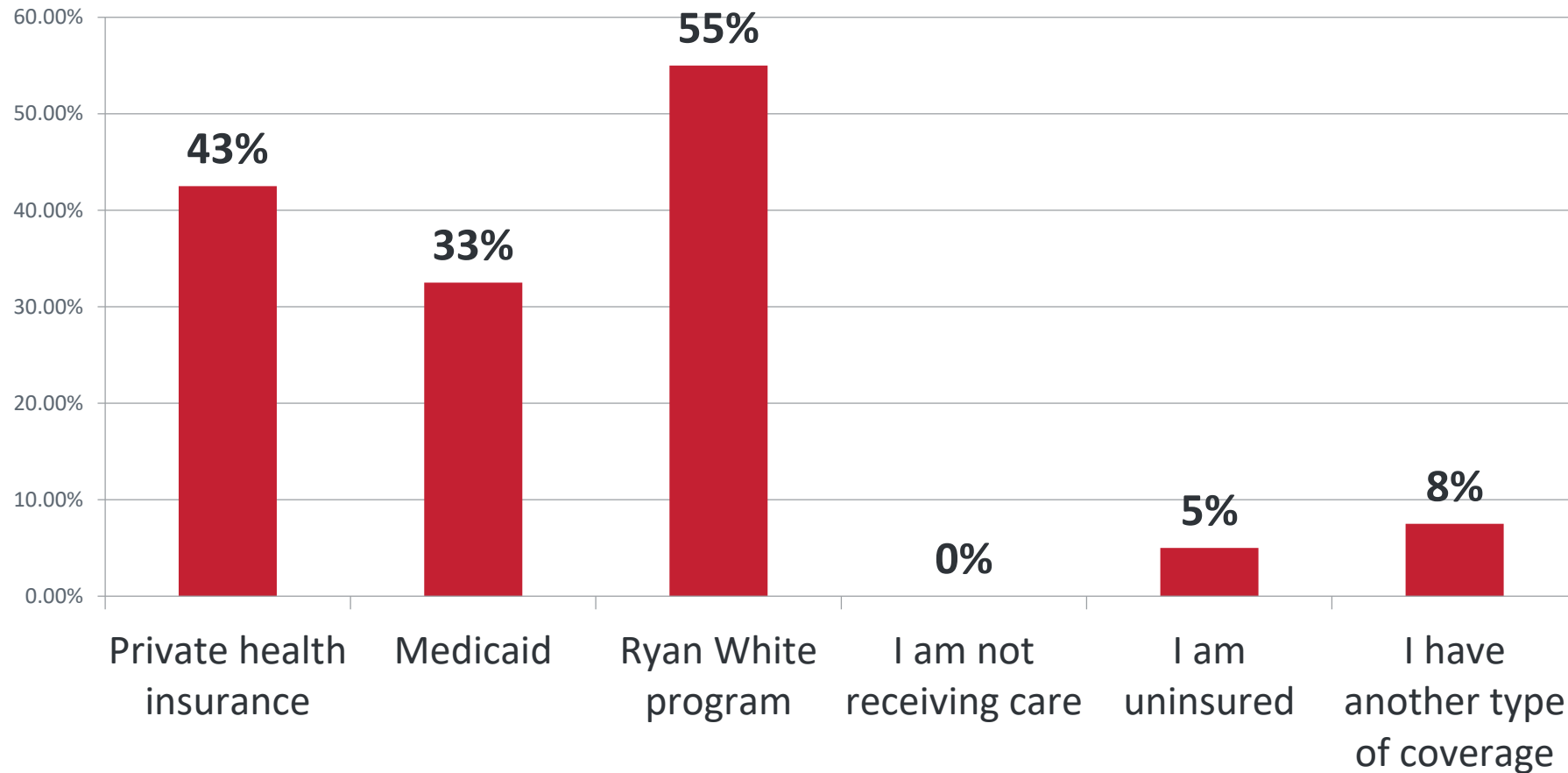


- Select "Other" Responses:
- It took over a month

Are you currently in or have you ever received HIV care?

Yes, I am
currently
in care
100%

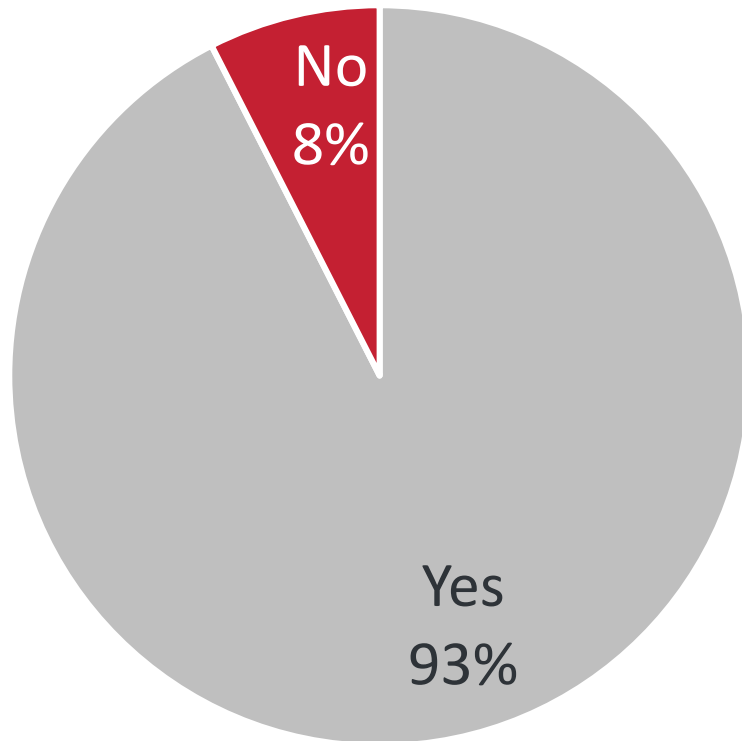
Do you have healthcare coverage that pays for all or part of your HIV care, and if so, what type of coverage? (select all that apply)



Select "Other" Responses:

- Studies
- Ohio ODAP program
- Medicare

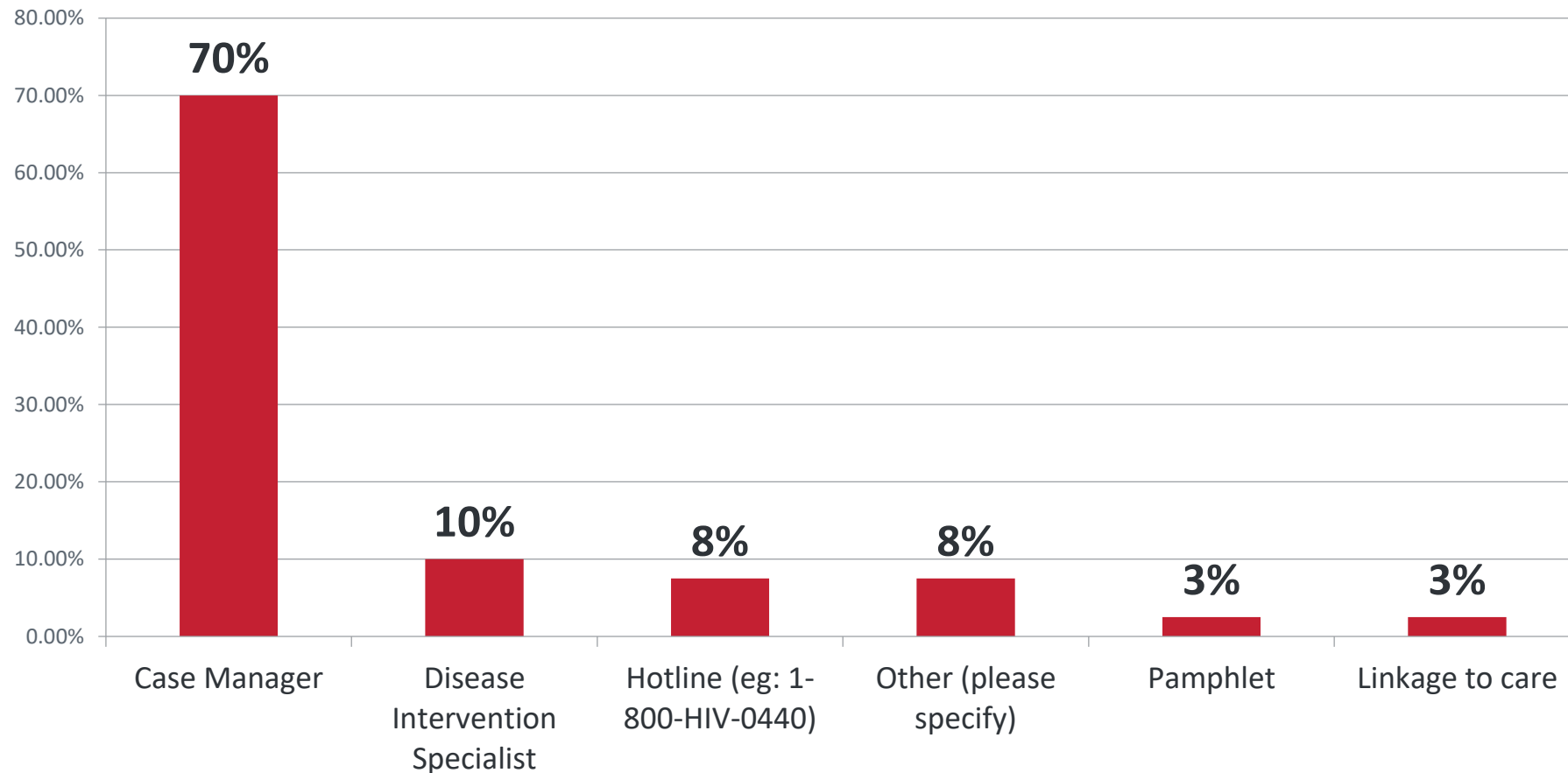
Do you have a better understanding of HIV now than you did before you were diagnosed?



Select Responses:

- I still thought HIV was a death sentence for many prior to my diagnosis.
- I have taken the time to education myself about HIV
- HIV+ used to be a death sentence, back in the '80's. I was diagnosed in 2006; connected with an excellent specialist right away; began treatment immediately; educated myself through numerous websites; follow my drug regimen completely, and am now "living w/ HIV - instead of becoming a statistic".
- I made it my business to become educated
- I didn't know much about the treatments
- I understand counts, ways of transmission, places to get tested, signs and symptoms.
- I learned that HIV is more manageable than I had thought before.
- Now I know how to control it, and I don't fear it again

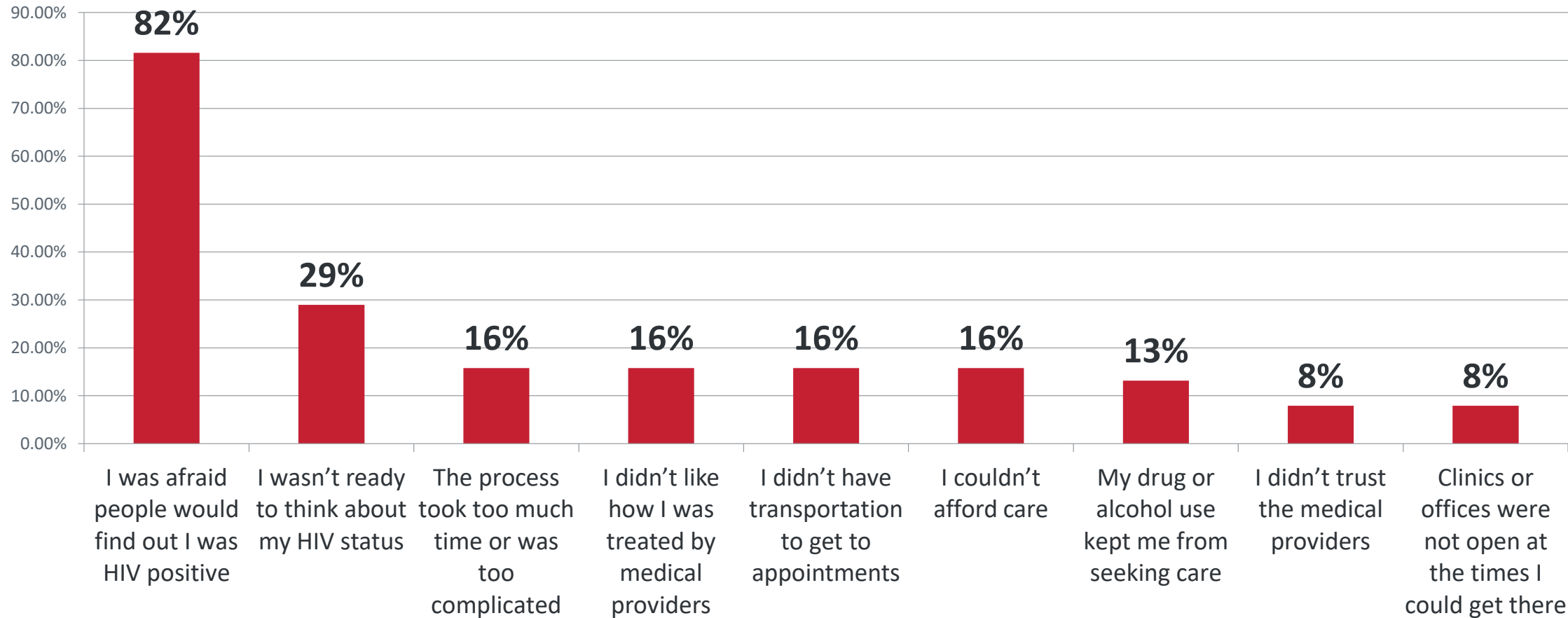
When you tested positive, what services did you use, if any, to get into care? (select all that apply)



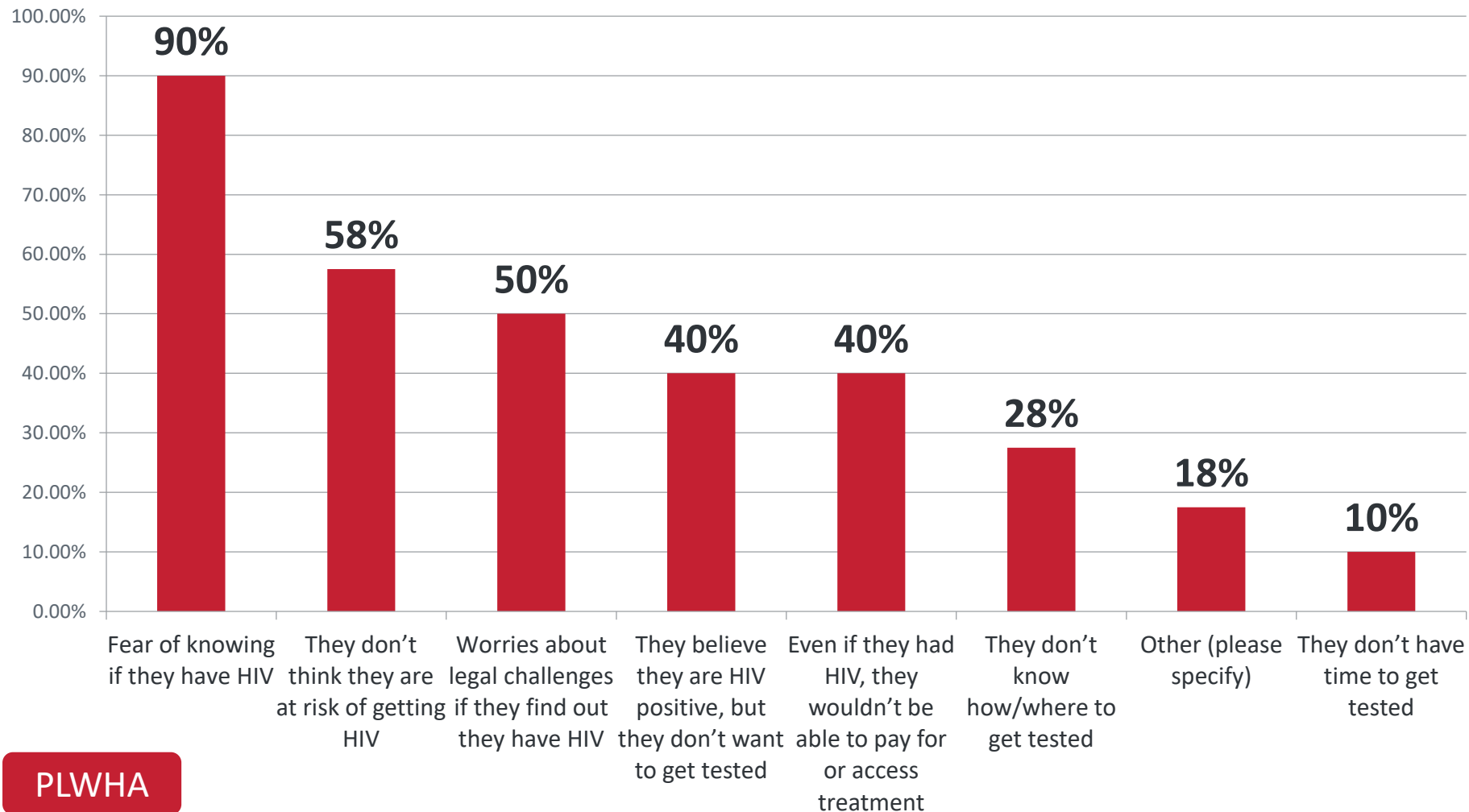
Select "Other" Responses:

- Doctor referral
- I got a call from the people at UC Hospital that run studies because I was a match for a study and they directed me to everything else.

Have you experienced any of the following challenges when seeking healthcare for HIV? (select all that apply)



What do you think might keep others from getting an HIV test? (select all that apply)



Select "Other" Responses:

- Not wanting to think about it, only getting tested if someone they've slept with has a scare.
- A number of individuals have that "Super Hero Complex" - believing that they're "teflon" so it can't get them.
- Depression
- Misunderstanding regarding side effects of treatment.

Is there a place you would recommend individuals go to for HIV testing or services?

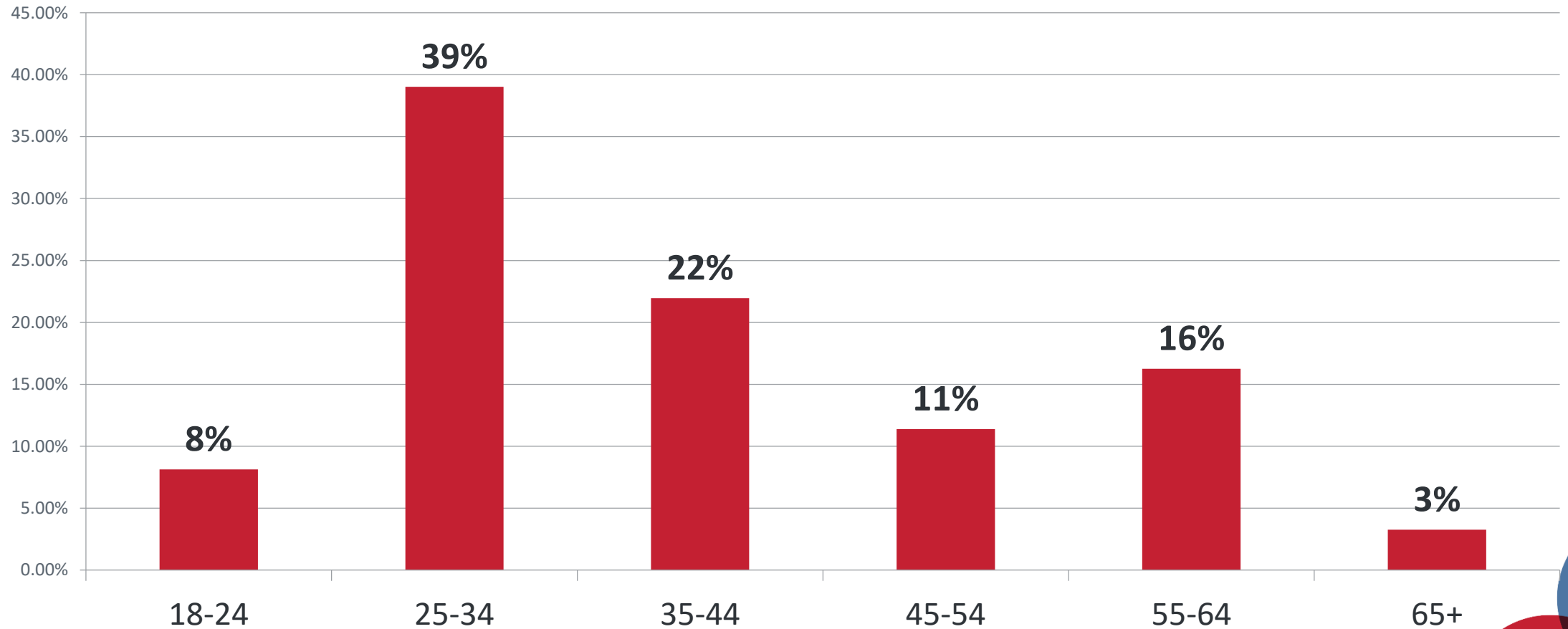
- 40 People responded; some indicated multiple places; some wrote n/a or other unclear response
 - CARACOLE (19)
 - Health Department (8)
 - UC / Holmes Hospital (4)
 - Local HIV Service Org (2)
 - Doctor's Office (1)
 - Clinic (1)
 - Needle Exchange (1)

Are there any places you would not recommend for HIV testing or services? If so, where, and why not?

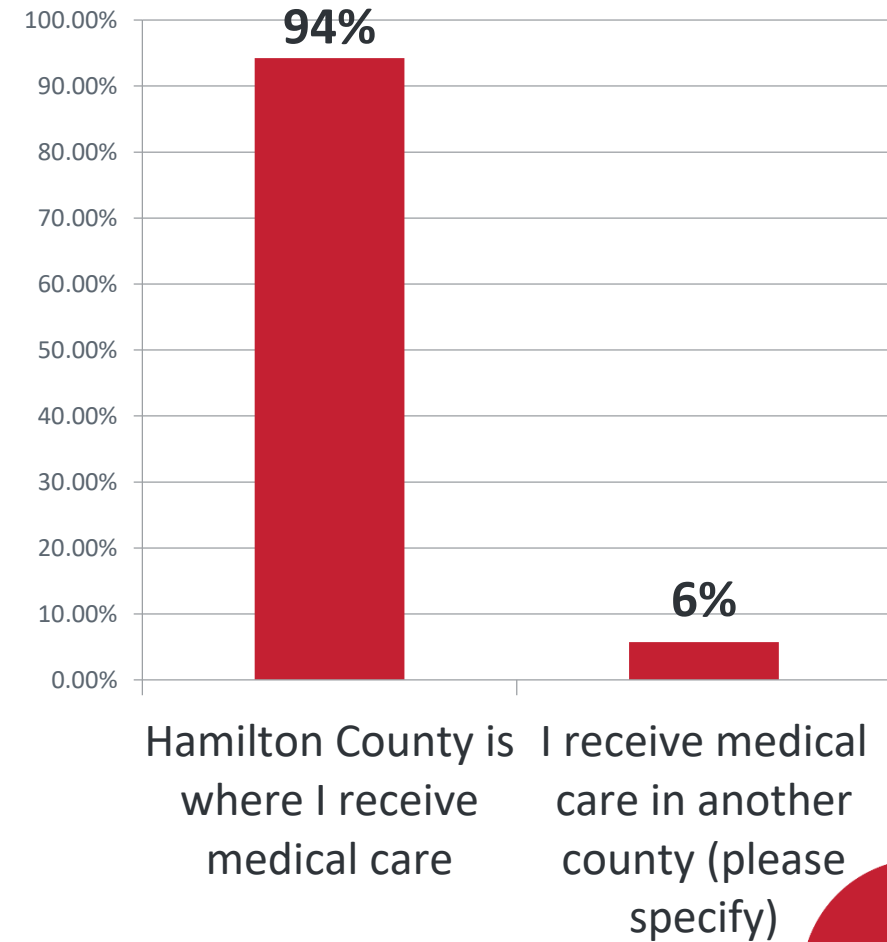
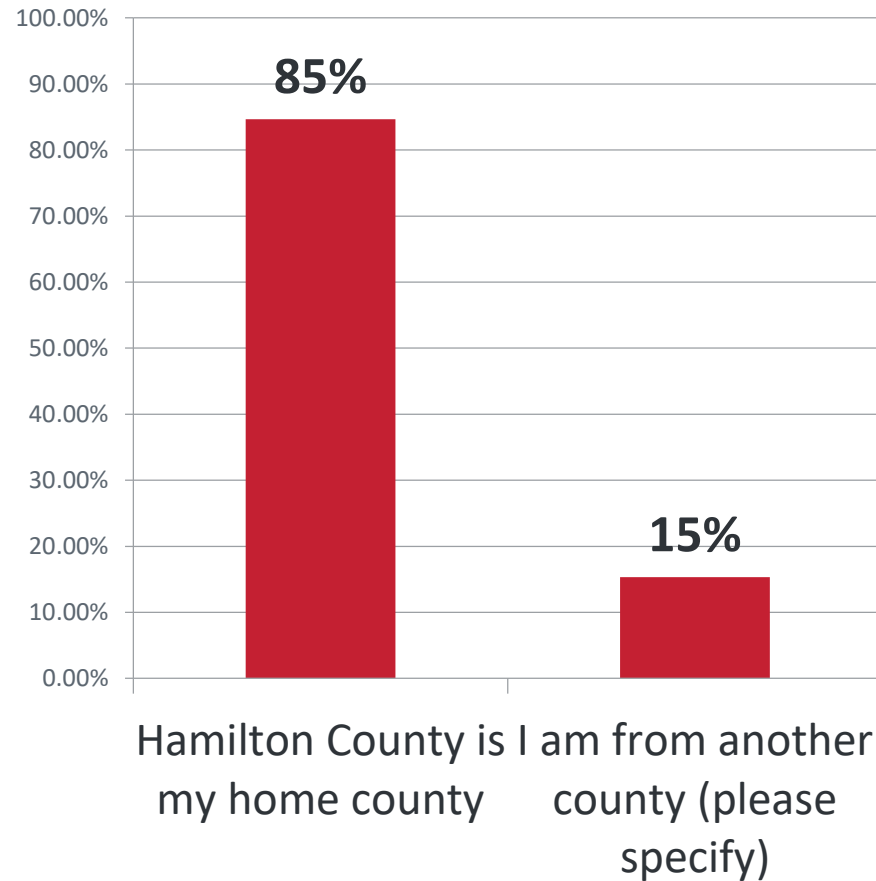
- 32 individuals responded, but most wrote “No” or “n/a”
 - Hospitals (3)
 - Home testing kit (1)
 - UC (1)
 - VA Hospital (1)
 - Health Department (1)
- “Hospitals. Confidentiality can be compromised anonymous testing is best”
- “Local Health Departments - The individuals who work at these facilities are intrusive, callous, and lack any semblance of therapeutic empathy needed for such sensitive work. Their behavior is a major deterrent for engaging in care”
- “Hospital (Catholic hospitals)--they don't do all tests.”

Demographics

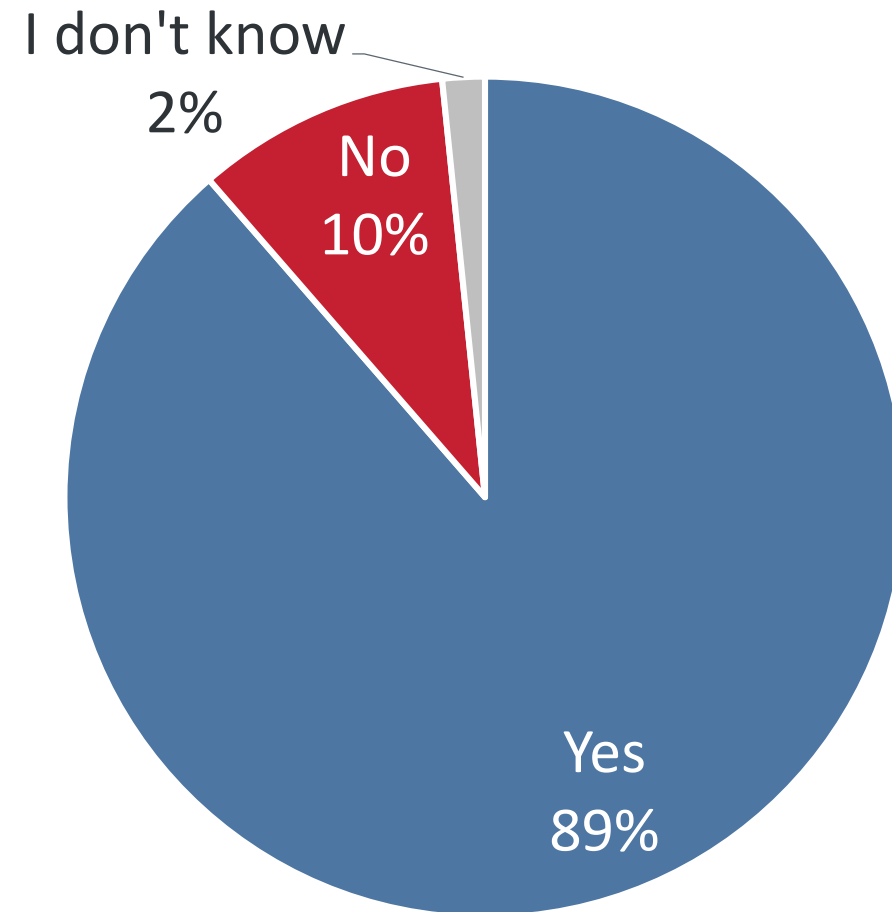
What age range do you fall in?



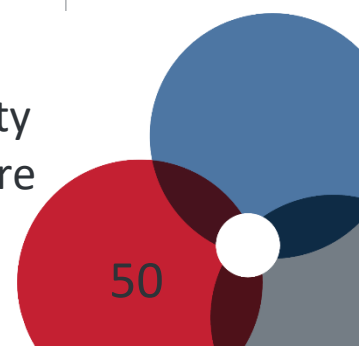
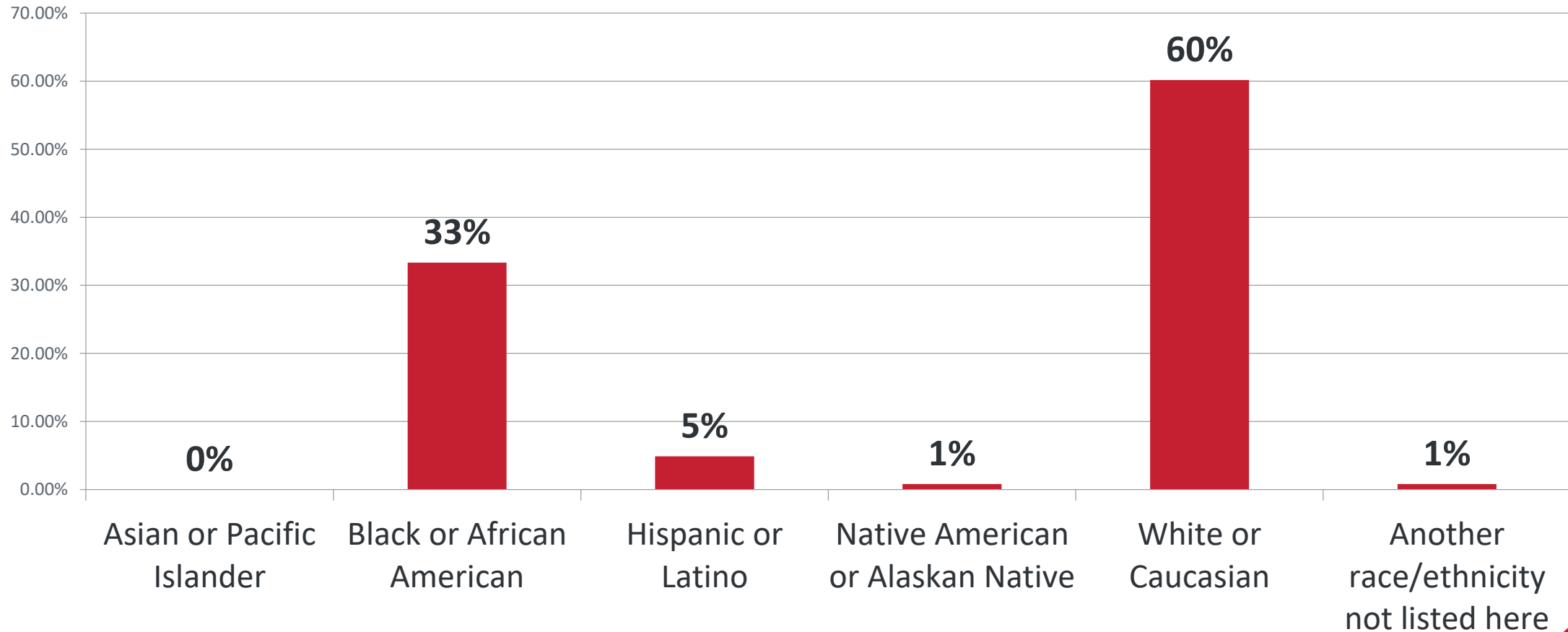
Which of the following best describes you?



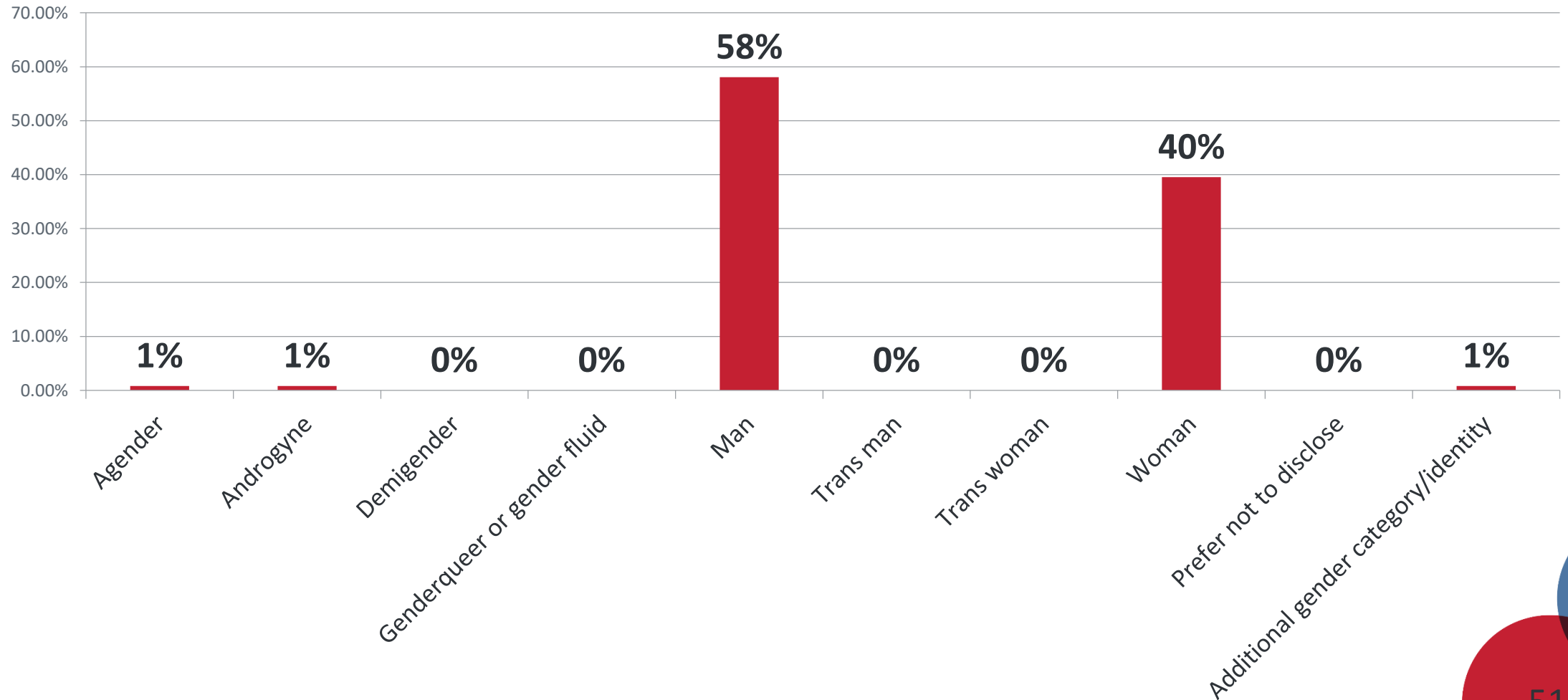
Do you have health insurance?



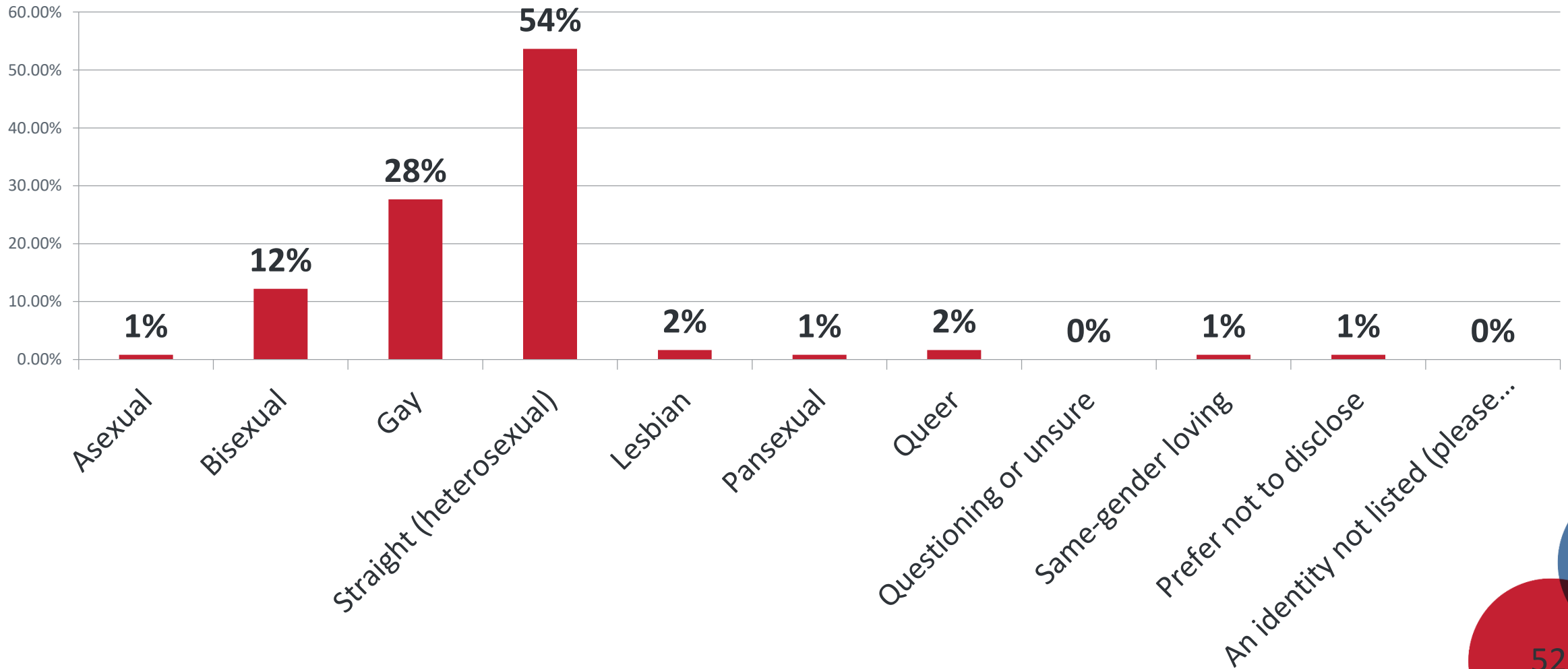
Race/Ethnicity of Respondents



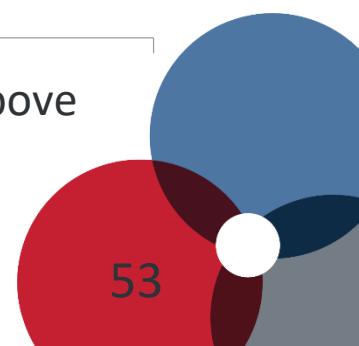
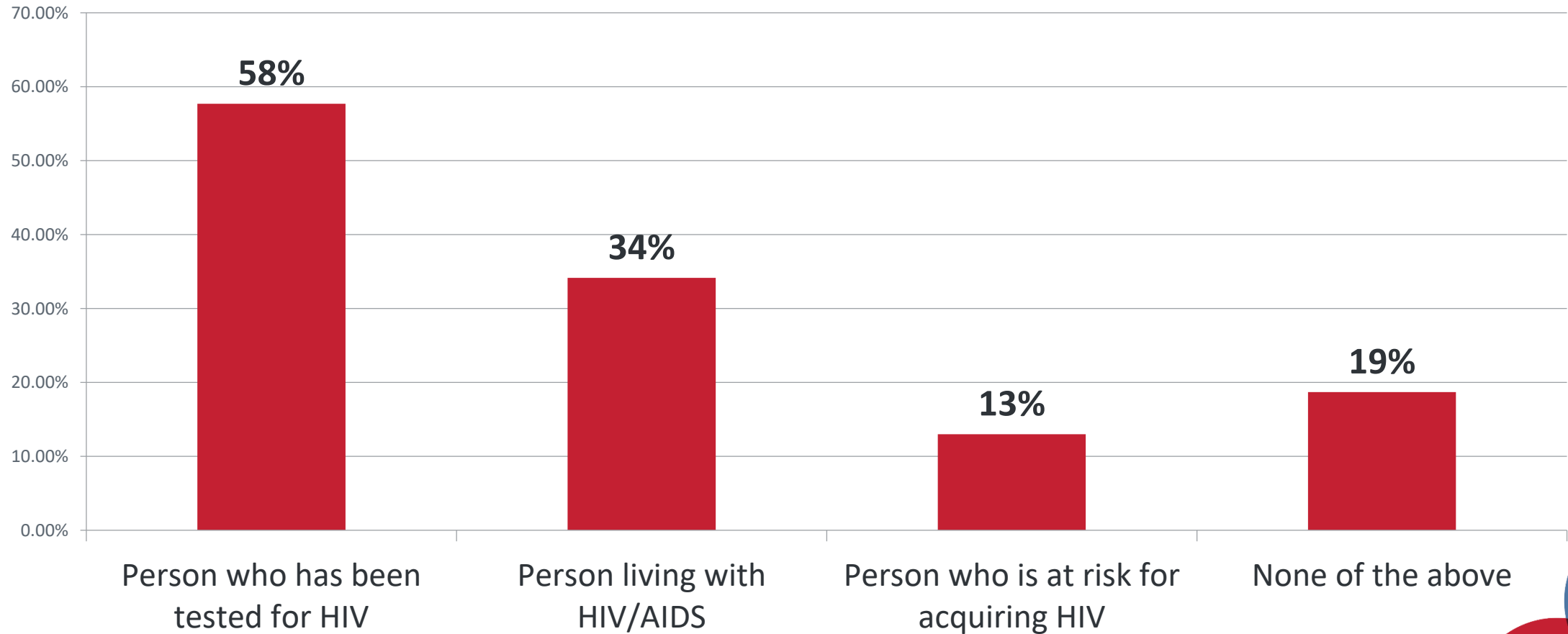
Gender Identity of Respondents



Sexual Orientation of Respondents



Do you identify as any of the following? (select all that apply)



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Next Steps...

- Community Solutions will compile all suggested action items
- Send any other thoughts to Kate (kwarren@CommunitySolutions.com). We're also open to quick conversations if that's easier.
- Meeting on October 12 at 2:00 pm – Important Strategy Session
 - At this meeting we will review all "issues" identified to date and how they relates to the 4 EHE Pillars with an eye toward identifying strategies to consider including in the final EHE PLAN. **Come ready to share tangible ideas to reduce new infections in Hamilton County!**
- Meeting on October 26 at 2:00 pm – Prioritization Session
 - We'll begin to evaluate the strategies and hope to leave the meeting with the scaffolding of an EHE plan for Hamilton County.