

FY 2024-25

Special Populations Report - DMC



County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services

Drug Medi-Cal

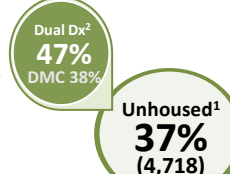
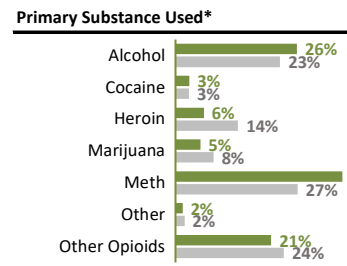
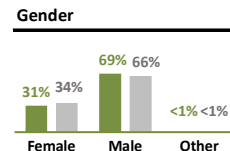
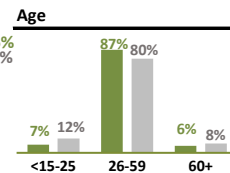
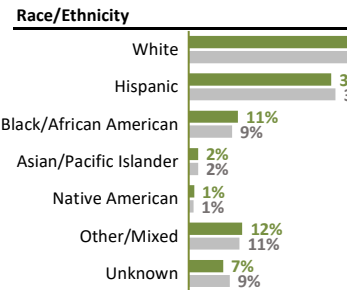
Unhoused (37% n=4,718)

UNHOUSED¹ DMC

LOC ⁵	%	DMC%
Recovery Services	8%	13%
Early Intervention	0%	1%
Outpatient AWM	<1%	1%
Outpatient	20%	26%
Intensive Outpatient	16%	12%
Withdrawal Mgmt	10%	5%
Residential	32%	15%
OTP	14%	27%

Medi-Cal	%	DMC%
Yes	98%	94%
No	2%	6%
Unknown	0%	0%

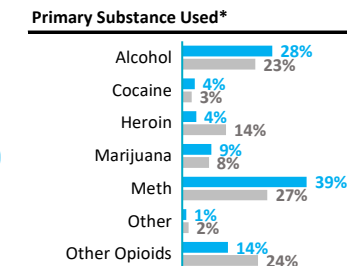
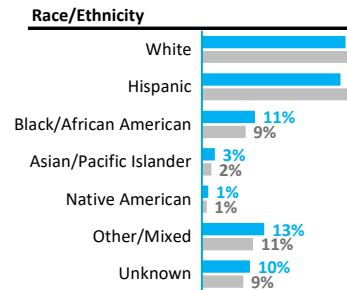
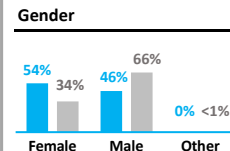
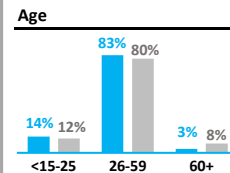
Employment	%	DMC%
Employed full time	6%	13%
Not in the labor force	11%	11%
Employed part time	5%	8%
Unemp. looking	43%	36%
Unemp. not seeking	35%	24%
Unknown	1%	8%



LGBTQ+ (5% n=650)

LGBTQ³ DMC

LGBTQ+ (5% n=650)



LOC ⁵	%	DMC%
Recovery Services	9%	13%
Early Intervention	<1%	1%
Outpatient AWM	1%	1%
Outpatient	34%	26%
Intensive Outpatient	21%	12%
Withdrawal Mgmt	6%	5%
Residential	19%	15%
OTP	10%	27%

Medi-Cal	%	DMC%
Yes	98%	94%
No	2%	6%
Unknown	0%	0%

Orientation/ID	<15-25	26-59	60+
Lesbian	19%	16%	18%
Gay Male	12%	29%	23%
Bisexual	54%	43%	50%
Transgender	0%	1%	0%
Intersex	0%	0%	0%
Other	15%	12%	9%

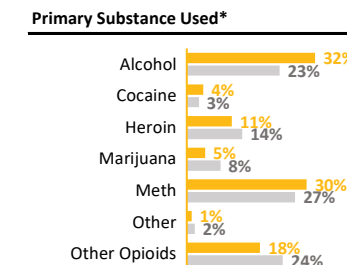
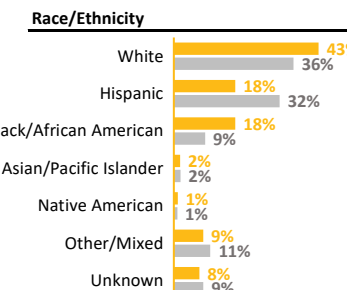
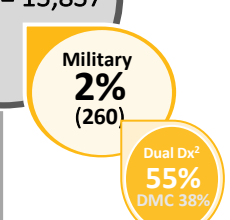
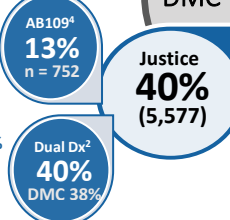
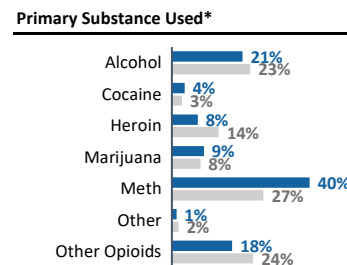
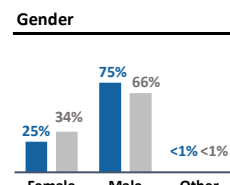
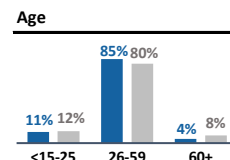
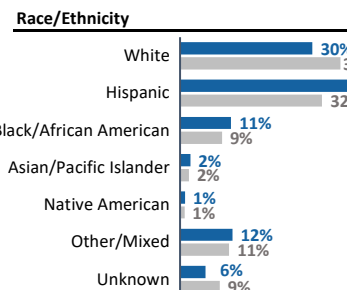
Justice System (40% n=5,577)

JUSTICE DMC

LOC ⁵	%	DMC%
Recovery Services	13%	13%
Early Intervention	<1%	1%
Outpatient AWM	<1%	1%
Outpatient	35%	26%
Intensive Outpatient	14%	12%
Withdrawal Mgmt	4%	5%
Residential	23%	15%
OTP	10%	27%

Medi-Cal	%	DMC%
Yes	97%	94%
No	3%	6%
Unknown	0%	0%

Employment	%	DMC%
Employed full time	16%	13%
Not in the labor force	8%	11%
Employed part time	8%	8%
Unemp. looking	38%	36%
Unemp. not seeking	26%	24%
Unknown	4%	8%



Military (2% n=260)

LOC ⁵	%	DMC%
Recovery Services	17%	13%
Early Intervention	0%	1%
Outpatient AWM	3%	1%
Outpatient	21%	26%
Intensive Outpatient	11%	12%
Withdrawal Mgmt	6%	5%
Residential	22%	15%
OTP	21%	27%

Living Situation	%	DMC%
Independent Living	35%	29%
Dependent Living	21%	29%
Homeless	38%	34%
Unknown	<1%	8%

Employment	%	DMC%
Employed full time	11%	13%
Not in the labor force	12%	11%
Employed part time	6%	8%
Unemp. looking	35%	36%
Unemp. not seeking	28%	24%
Unknown	7%	8%

Special Populations Report (DMC-ODS) | Source: HSRC (CS & ALP) | Data Source: SUD Databook FY 2024-25 Flat File produced by SDCBHS | Note: This report is limited to Drug Medi-Cal clients.

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¹"Unhoused" is used to describe clients who experience homelessness.

²Percentage excludes clients with unknown mental illness diagnosis information.

³Sexual orientation and gender identity are optional fields in SmartCare, thus this data may not be reflective of the total number of persons served. Proportions presented here should be interpreted with caution.

⁴Percentage reported includes AB109 clients and clients on probation from any federal, state, or local jurisdiction.

⁵Level of Care (LOC) is based on most recent treatment episode.

Note: Outpatient AWM totals also include Intensive Outpatient AWM totals.

Note: When demographic information was not available in a client's most recent admission record, demographics were backfilled from the most recent previous admission within the last three fiscal years. Please see the "Methodology" document for further details.

*Primary substance used at admission was unavailable for 1,161 (8%) clients.

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Unhoused (37% n=4,718)

- Of the 13,837 clients served during FY 2024-25 in the DMC-ODS, 37% were experiencing homelessness, compared to 34% served during FY 2023-24.
- Since last fiscal year, the proportion of clients served by the DMC-ODS who were experiencing homelessness and were diagnosed with a mental health disorder has decreased to 47% in FY 2024-25 compared to 50% in FY 2023-24.
- In FY 2024-25, 47% of clients experiencing homelessness were diagnosed with a mental health disorder and a substance use disorder, compared to 38% in the overall DMC-ODS.
- Clients experiencing homelessness who were served by the DMC-ODS during FY 2024-25 were more than twice as likely (32%) to receive services from a residential program compared to all clients (15%) served by the DMC-ODS during the fiscal year.
- Clients experiencing homelessness who were served by the DMC-ODS during FY 2024-25 were more likely to report a primary substance used of methamphetamine (36%) and alcohol (26%), compared to all clients served by the DMC-ODS (24% and 23%, respectively).
- Compared to the last two fiscal years, during FY 2024-25, DMC-ODS clients who were experiencing homelessness were more likely to report a primary substance used of other opioids (FY 2022-23: 16%; FY 2023-24: 19%; FY 2024-25: 21%).

LGBTQ+* (5% n=650)

- During FY 2024-25, 68% of LGBTQ+ clients were diagnosed with a mental health disorder in addition to a substance use disorder, compared to 38% in the overall DMC-ODS.
- Over one-third (38%) of LGBTQ+ clients served by the DMC-ODS during FY 2024-25 reported a primary substance used of methamphetamine at admission, compared to 24% in the overall DMC-ODS. Alcohol was the second most common primary substance used among LGBTQ+ clients served (28%).
- LGBTQ+ clients served by the DMC-ODS during FY 2024-25 were more likely to receive services from outpatient (34%) or intensive outpatient (21%) programs compared to all clients served by the DMC-ODS (26% and 12% respectively).
- LGBTQ+ clients served seemed to be in lower levels of care (outpatient, 34% and intensive outpatient, 21%) more so than higher levels of care (residential, 19% and withdrawal management, 6%).
- Compared to the last two fiscal years, during FY 2024-25, clients who identified as LGBTQ+ were somewhat more likely to report a primary substance used of other opioids (FY 2022-23: 9%; FY 2023-24: 7%; FY 2024-25: 14%).

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DMC N =
13,837

Justice System (40% n=5,577)

- Of the 5,577 justice system clients served by the DMC-ODS during FY 2024-25, 13% are AB109 clients.
- The proportion of justice system clients served by the DMC-ODS has remained consistent around 41% between the last three fiscal years.
- Of the justice system clients served by the DMC-ODS during FY 2024-25, 40% were diagnosed with a mental health disorder in addition to a substance use disorder, slightly more than the overall DMC-ODS (38%).
- Justice system clients were more likely to receive services from outpatient (35%) and residential (23%) programs, and less likely to utilize OTP (10%) programs compared to all clients served by the DMC-ODS (26%, 15%, and 27%, respectively).
- Thirty nine percent (39%) of justice system clients served by the DMC-ODS during FY 2024-25 reported a primary substance used of methamphetamine at admission, compared to 24% in the overall DMC-ODS.
- Compared to the last two fiscal years, during FY 2024-25, justice system clients were more likely to report a primary substance used of other opioids (FY 2022-23: 13%; FY 2023-24: 15%; FY 2024-25: 17%).

Military (2% n=260)

- Military clients served by the DMC-ODS during FY 2024-25 most commonly reported alcohol as their primary substance used (30%), compared to the most commonly reported primary substance used from all clients served by the DMC-ODS (methamphetamine; 24%).
- Compared to FY 2023-24, military clients served by the DMC-ODS who reported independent living arrangements has decreased overall (FY 2023-24: 42%; FY 2024-25: 35%) and clients experiencing homelessness has remained consistent (FY 2023-24: 38%; FY 2024-25: 38%).
- During FY 2024-25, military clients served by the DMC-ODS were more likely to receive services from residential (22%) programs compared to all clients served by the DMC-ODS during the fiscal year (15%).
- Of the military clients served by the DMC-ODS during FY 2024-25, 55% were diagnosed with a mental health disorder in addition to a substance use disorder, compared to 38% in the overall DMC-ODS.
- Compared to the last two fiscal years, during FY 2024-25, military clients who reported a primary substance use of alcohol remained consistent (FY 2022-23: 30%; FY 2023-24: 32%; FY 2024-25: 30%).

3-Year Trend

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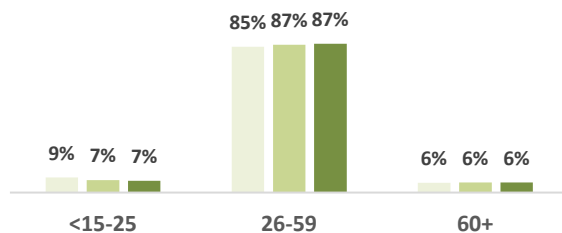


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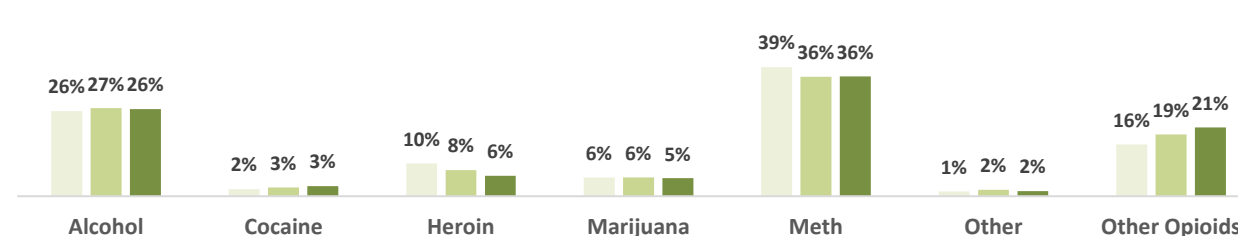
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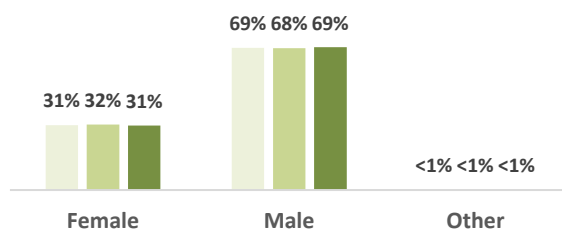
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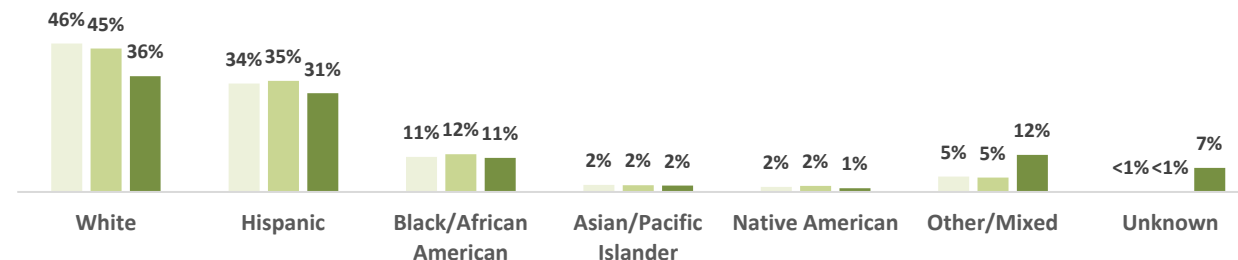
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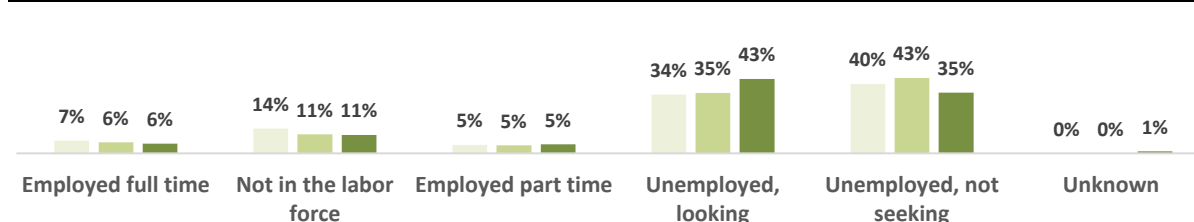
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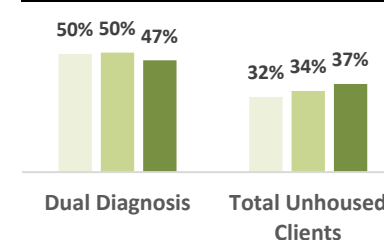
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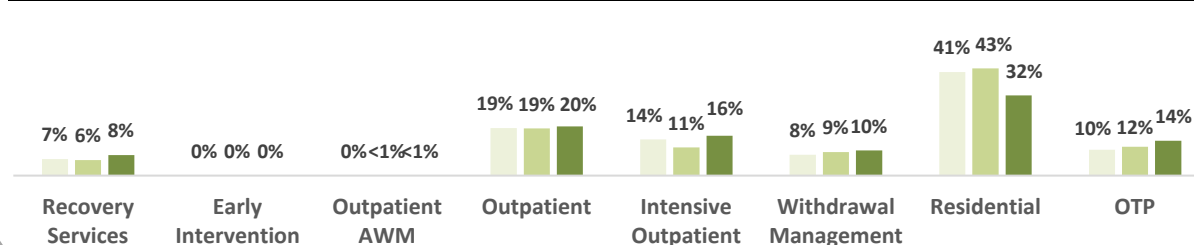
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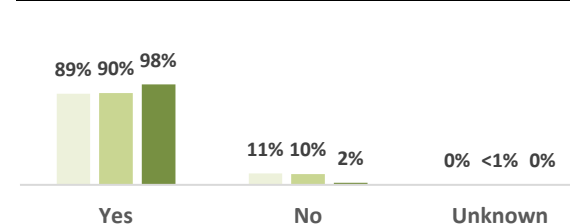
Special Population Characteristics



Level of Care (LOC)



Medi-Cal



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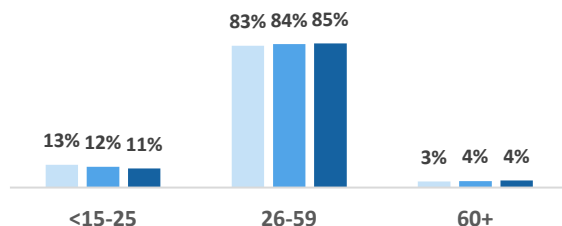


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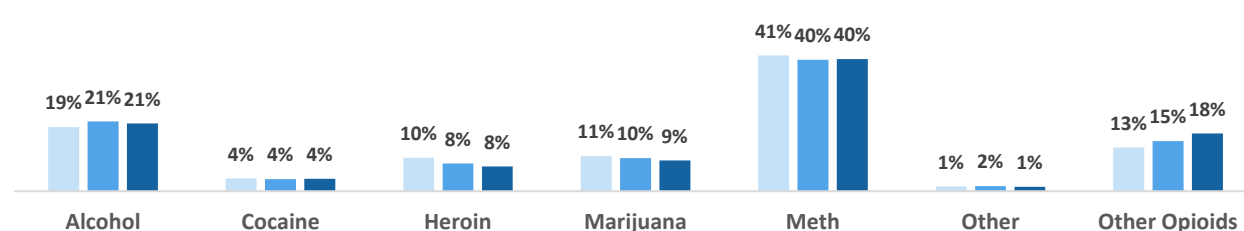
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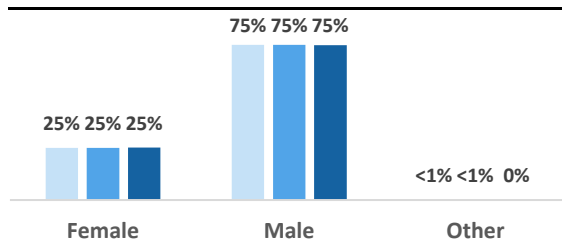
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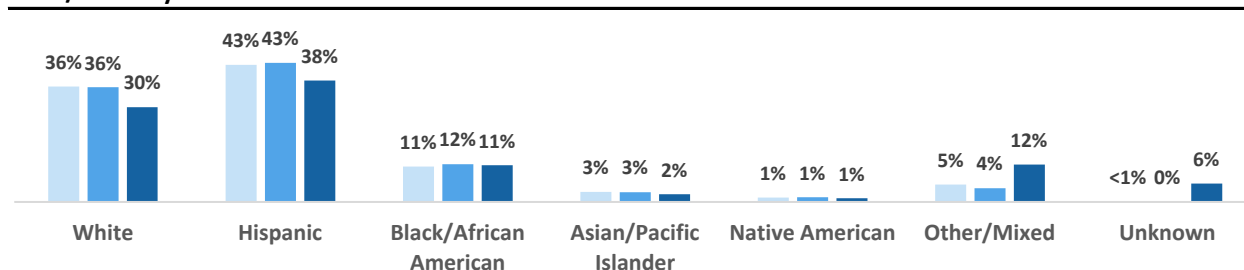
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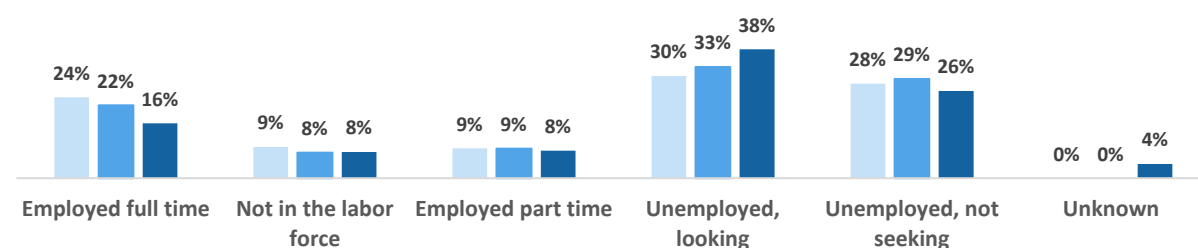
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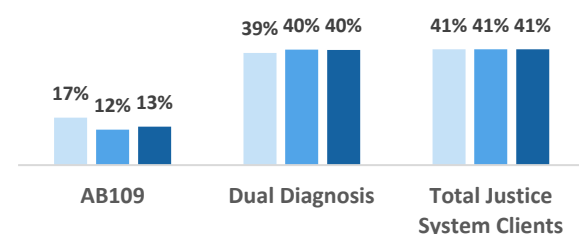
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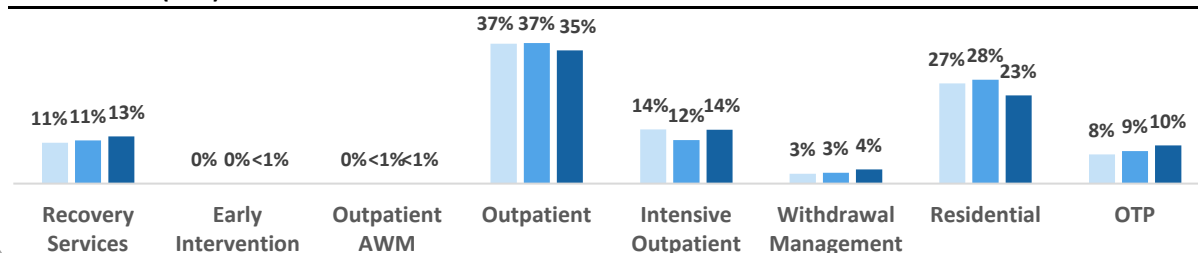
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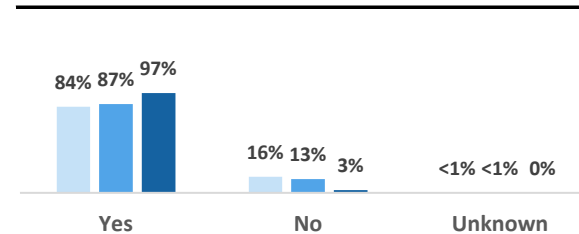
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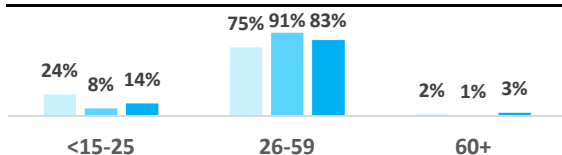


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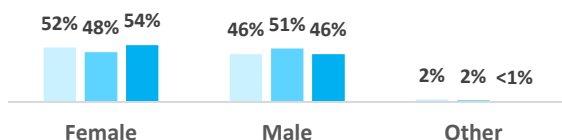
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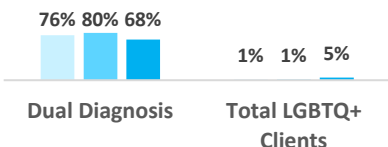
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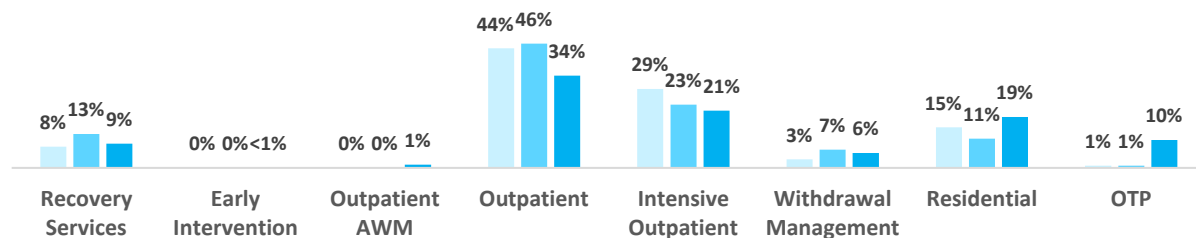
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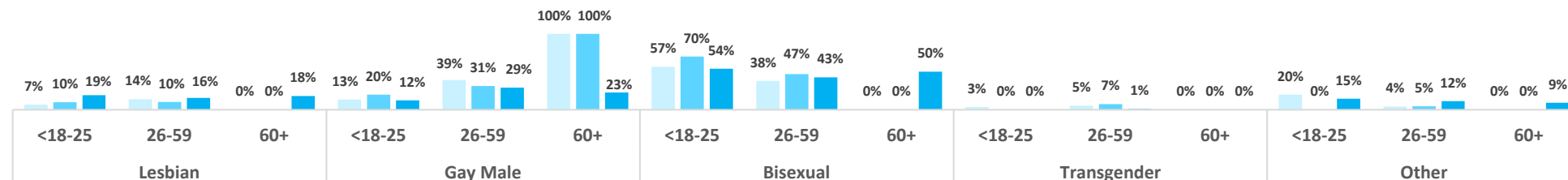
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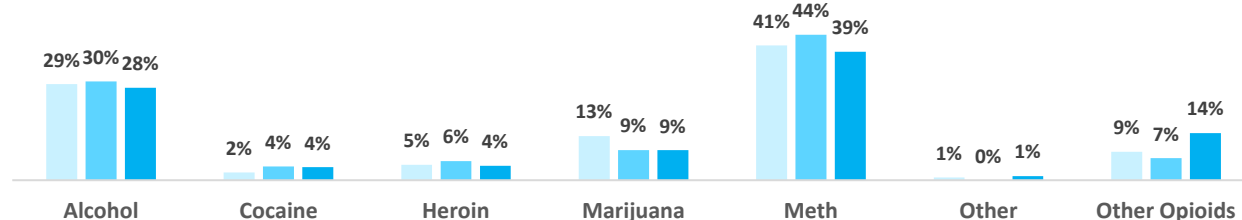
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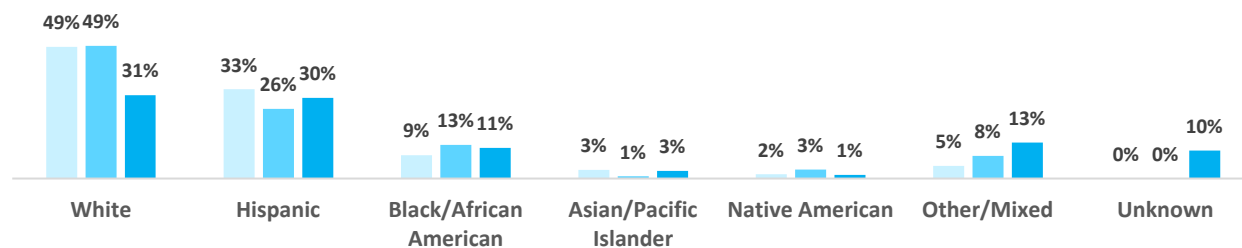
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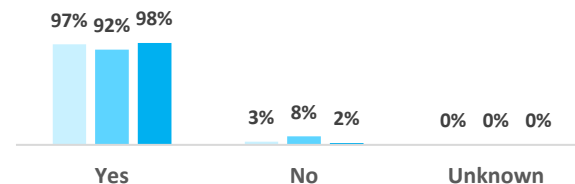
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Race/Ethnicity



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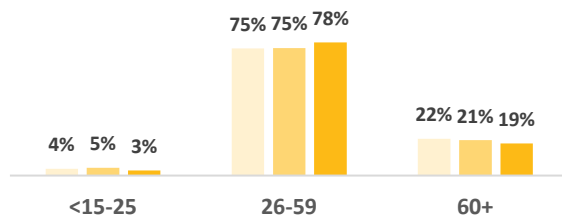


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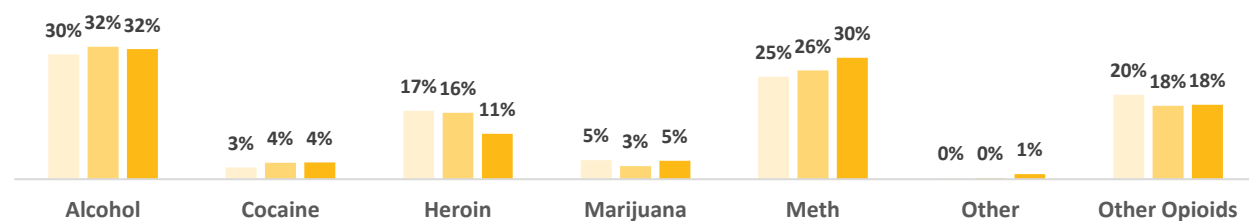
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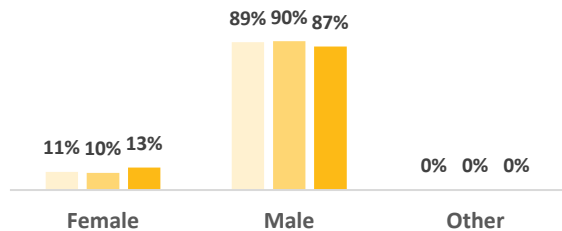
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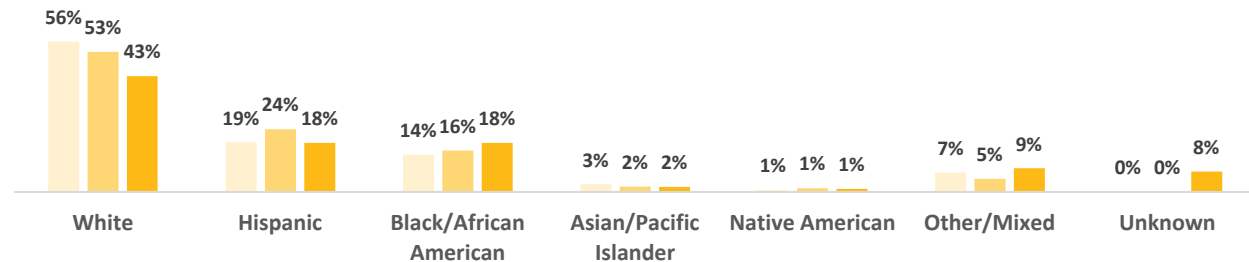
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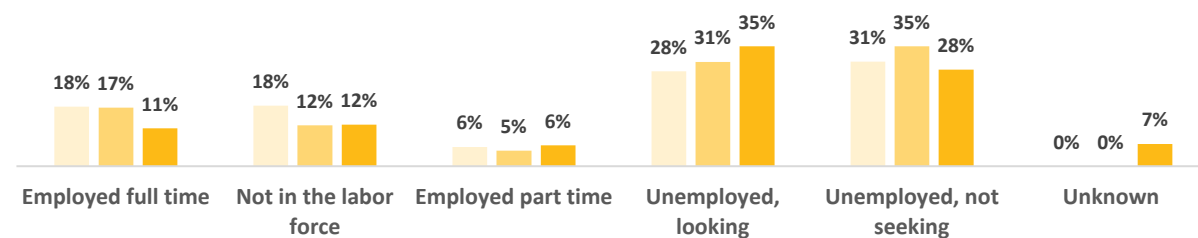
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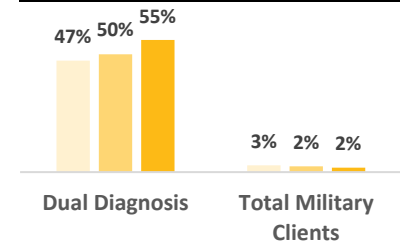
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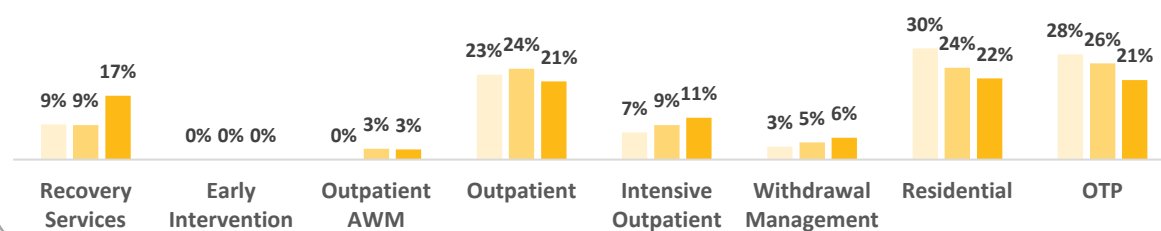
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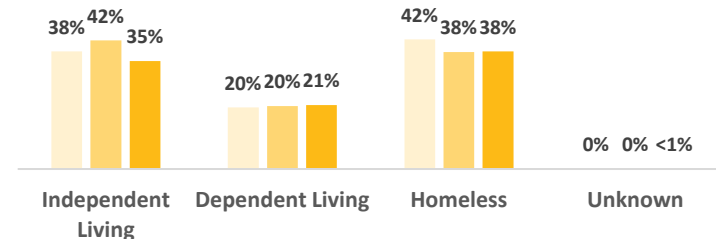
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Level of Care (LOC)



Living Arrangement



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