

County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

BHS Special Populations Report FY 2024-25

- **Special Populations Report - Children and Youth**
- **Special Populations Report - Adult**
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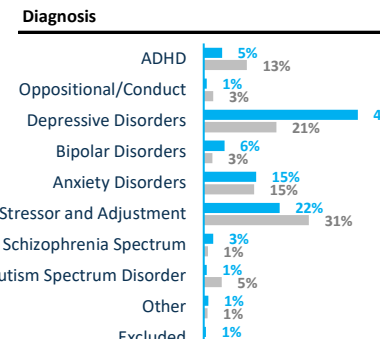
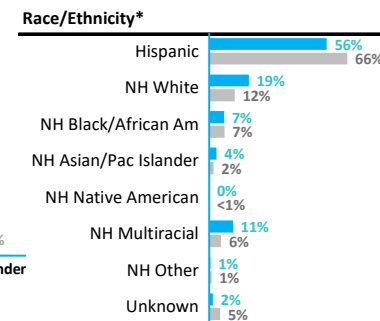
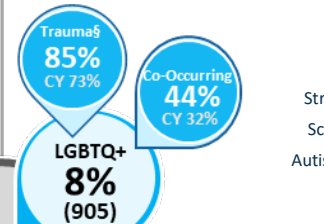
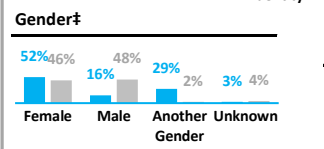
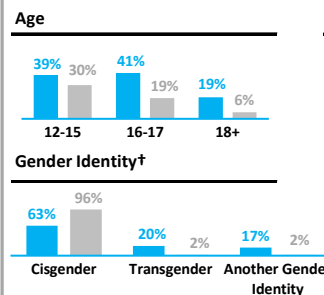
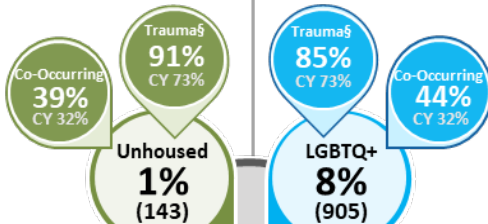
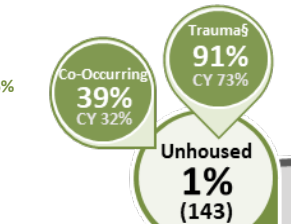
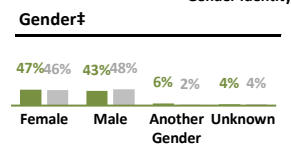
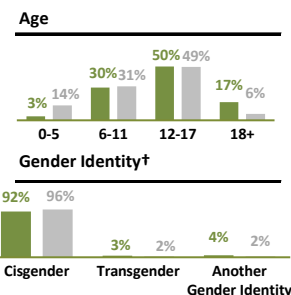
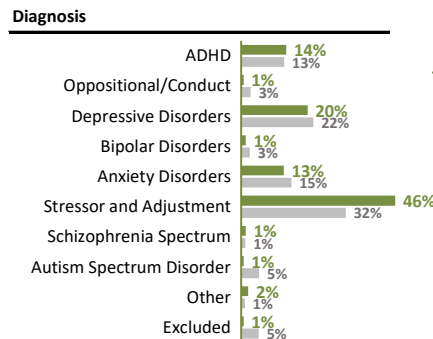
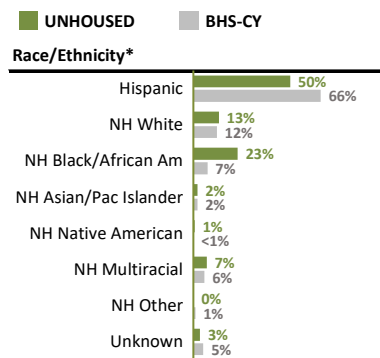
Children & Youth

Unhoused (1% n=143)

LOC	%	CY%
Outpatient Services	85%	95%
JFS	2%	5%
Wraparound	3%	4%
TBS	2%	2%
Residential	19%	3%
Emergency/Crisis	8%	8%
Inpatient	7%	6%
Intensive Outpatient	0%	1%

Insurance	%	CY%
Medi-Cal Only	90%	91%
Any Private Insurance	2%	2%
Other	1%	1%
Uninsured/Unknown	7%	6%

Living Arrangement	%
Unhoused	85%
Temporary Shelter	15%



LOC	%	CY%
Outpatient Services	93%	95%
JFS	3%	5%
Wraparound	5%	4%
TBS	3%	2%
Residential	7%	3%
Emergency/Crisis	15%	8%
Inpatient	14%	6%
Intensive Outpatient	4%	1%

Insurance	%	CY%
Medi-Cal Only	92%	91%
Any Private Insurance	4%	2%
Other	1%	1%
Uninsured/Unknown	2%	6%

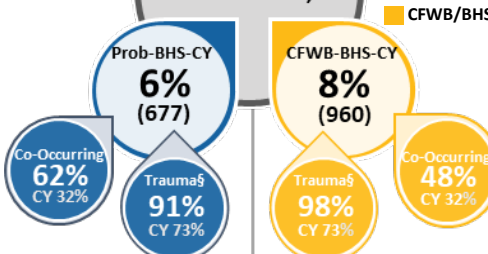
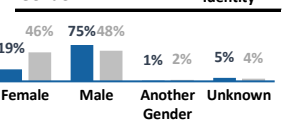
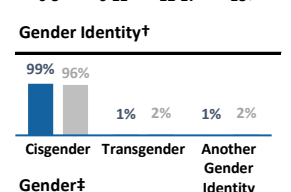
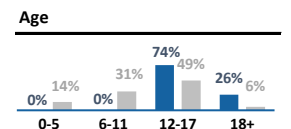
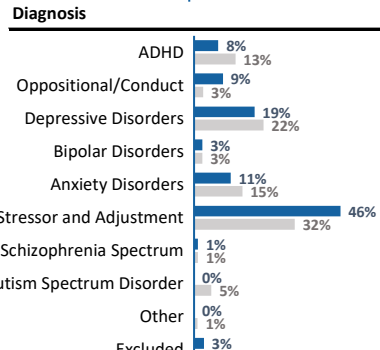
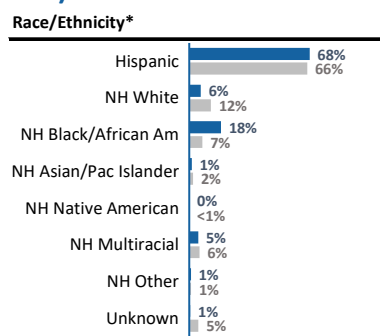
Orientation	12-15	16-17	18+
Lesbian	7%	7%	9%
Gay	5%	6%	3%
Bisexual/Pansexual	43%	53%	61%
Queer	0%	1%	1%
Asexual	0%	0%	1%
Questioning/Unsure	26%	18%	13%
Other¶	4%	3%	1%

Probation & BHS-CY (6% n=677)

LOC	%	CY%
Outpatient Services	98%	95%
JFS	79%	5%
Wraparound	13%	4%
TBS	1%	2%
Residential	8%	3%
Emergency/Crisis	4%	8%
Inpatient	4%	6%
Intensive Outpatient	<1%	1%

Insurance	%	CY%
Medi-Cal Only	85%	91%
Any Private Insurance	2%	2%
Other	1%	1%
Uninsured/Unknown	11%	6%

Living Arrangement	%	CY%
House or Apartment	36%	79%
Correctional Facility	44%	3%
Foster Home	<1%	3%
Group Home	5%	2%
Children's Shelter	0%	<1%
Unhoused	1%	1%
Other	5%	2%



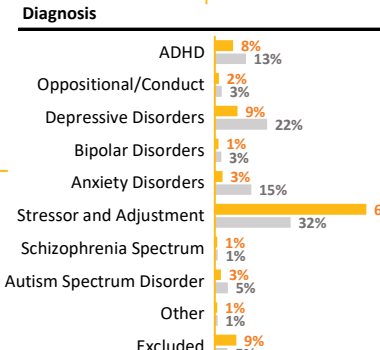
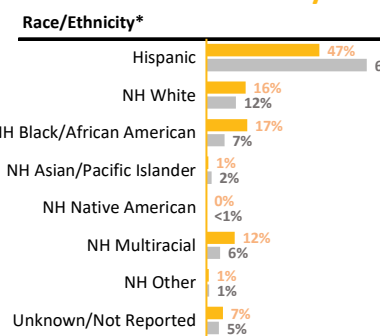
CFWB/BHS-CY

LOC	%	CY%
Outpatient Services	98%	95%
JFS	79%	5%
Wraparound	13%	4%
TBS	1%	2%
Residential	8%	3%
Emergency/Crisis	4%	8%
Inpatient	4%	6%
Intensive Outpatient	<1%	1%

Insurance	%	CY%
Medi-Cal Only	85%	91%
Any Private Insurance	2%	2%
Other	1%	1%
Uninsured/Unknown	11%	6%

Living Arrangement	%	CY%
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Group Home	5%	2%
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Unhoused	1%	1%
Other	5%	2%

Child and Family Well-Being & BHS-CY (8% n=960)



LOC	%	CY%
Outpatient	94%	95%
JFS	3%	5%
Wraparound	13%	4%
TBS	4%	2%
Residential	22%	3%
Emergency/Crisis	7%	8%
Inpatient	5%	6%
Intensive Outpatient	<1%	1%

Insurance	%	CY%
Medi-Cal Only	91%	91%
Any Private Insurance	1%	2%
Other	1%	1%
Uninsured/Unknown	7%	6%

Living Arrangement	%	CY%
House or Apartment	35%	79%
Correctional Facility	1%	3%
Foster Home	31%	3%
Group Home	9%	2%
Children's Shelter	<1%	<1%
Unhoused	4%	1%
Other	7%	2%

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CASRC (AEC, CB)

Data Sources: CCBH 1/2025, CFWB, Probation 10/2025, SmartCare 11/2025, SmartCare CSI 1/2026

Unhoused (1% n=143)

- Only 143 youth experiencing homelessness were served in the BHS-CY system in FY 2024-25. These data should be interpreted with caution due to the very small number.
- Youth experiencing homelessness were more likely than the BHS-CY systemwide averages to be over the age of 18, and have a stressor/adjustment disorder diagnosis.
- Ninety-one percent of youth experiencing homelessness were reported to have a history of trauma, as compared to 73% systemwide.
- Youth experiencing homelessness were more likely to receive residential services.
- Trending over 3 years, youth experiencing homelessness have comprised approximately 1% of the BHS-CY population.

LGBTQ+ (8% n=905)

- Sexual orientation and gender identity are currently evaluated only for youth ages 12 and up.
- LGBTQ+ youth were more likely to identify as female (52%) and another gender (29%) than the BHS-CY systemwide average. Males comprised 16% of this population.
- LGBTQ+ youth were more likely to receive services in emergency/crisis, inpatient, and intensive outpatient levels of care.
- Forty-four percent of LGBTQ+ youth were diagnosed with a depressive disorder, as compared to 21% in the BHS-CY systemwide average.
- Forty-four percent of LGBTQ+ youth ages 12+ were identified as having a co-occurring substance use issue, as compared to 32% systemwide.

BHS-CY
N = 11,860

Probation & BHS-CY (6% n=677)

- Youth open to both the Probation and BHS-CY sectors were more likely than the BHS-CY systemwide averages to be older (18+), male, and NH Black/African American.
- These youth were three times as likely to be diagnosed with an oppositional/conduct disorder, and also more likely to receive a stressor/adjustment disorder diagnosis, as compared to the BHS-CY systemwide averages.
- Youth open to both the Probation and BHS-CY sectors were the primary utilizers of outpatient Juvenile Forensic Services.
- Sixty-two percent of youth ages 12+ open to both the Probation and BHS-CY sectors were identified as having a co-occurring substance use issue, as compared to 32% systemwide.

Child and Family Well-Being & BHS-CY (8% n=960)

- Youth open to both the Child and Family Well-Being and BHS-CY sectors were more likely to be younger and less likely to be Hispanic, as compared to BHS-CY systemwide averages.
- These youth were most likely to have a diagnosis of stressor/adjustment disorder.
- Youth open to both the Child Welfare and BHS-CY sectors were more likely to receive residential services than any other BHS-CY Special Population.
- These youth were more likely than any other BHS-CY Special Population to have experienced trauma.
- Forty-eight percent of youth ages 12+ open to both the Child Welfare and BHS-CY sectors were identified as having a co-occurring substance use issue, as compared to 32% systemwide.

3-Year Trend

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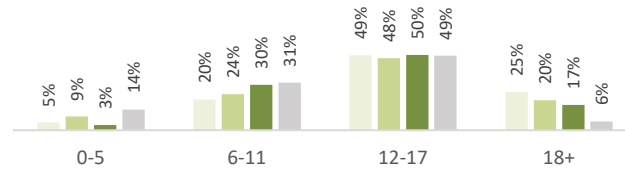


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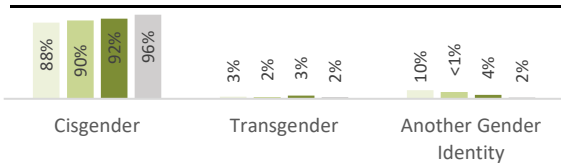
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Unhoused

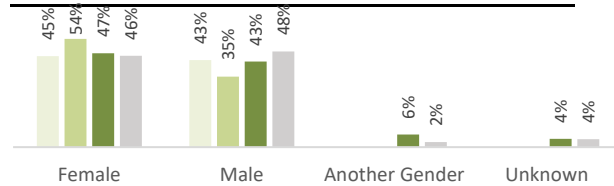
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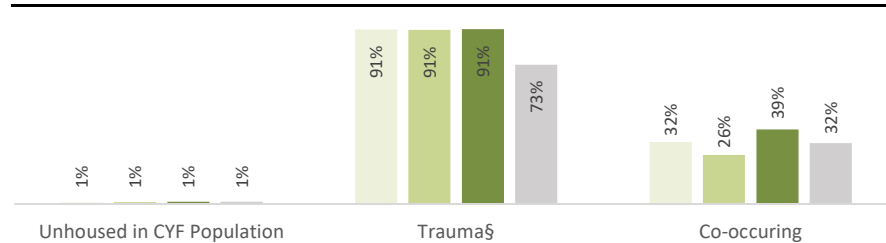
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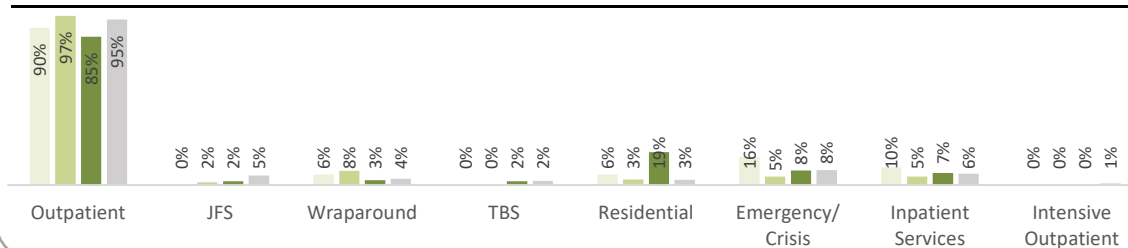
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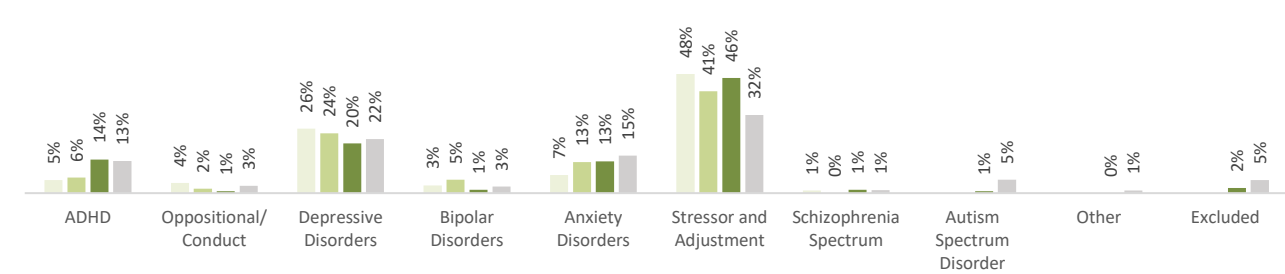
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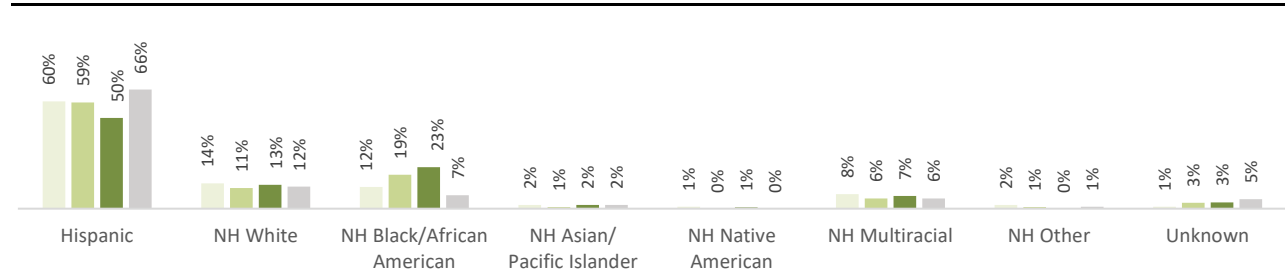
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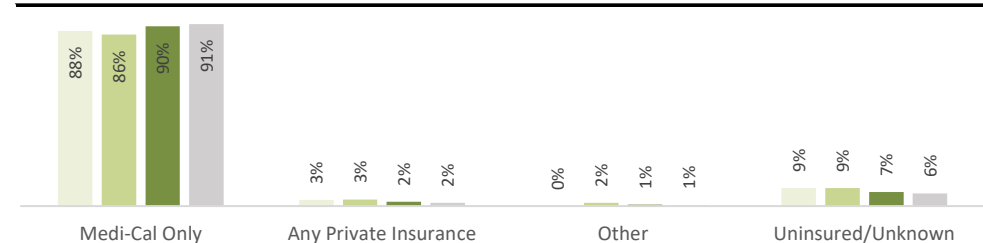
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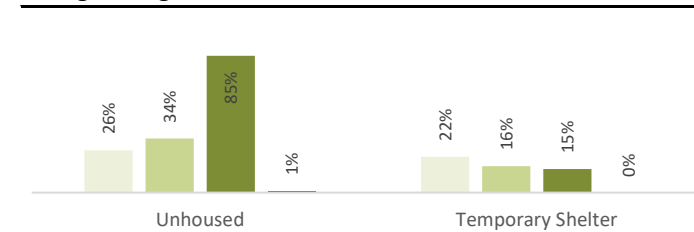
Race/Ethnicity**



Insurance



Living Arrangement



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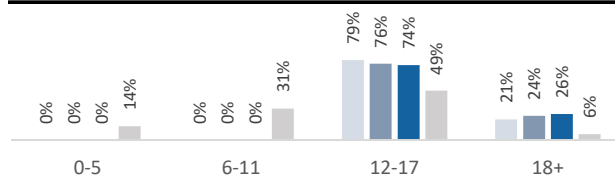


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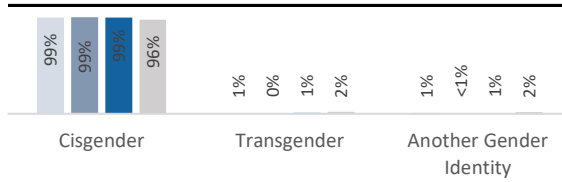
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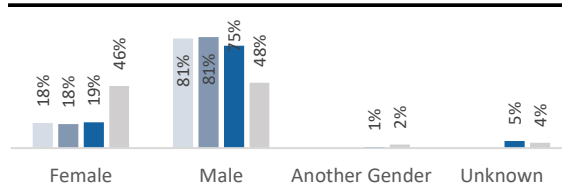
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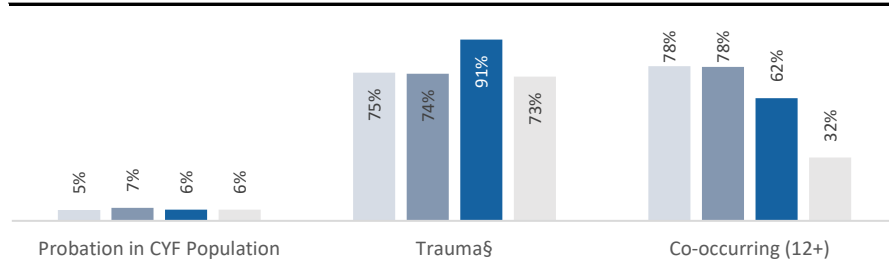
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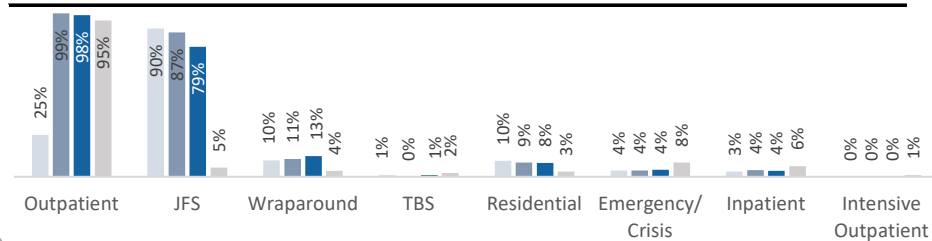
Gender‡



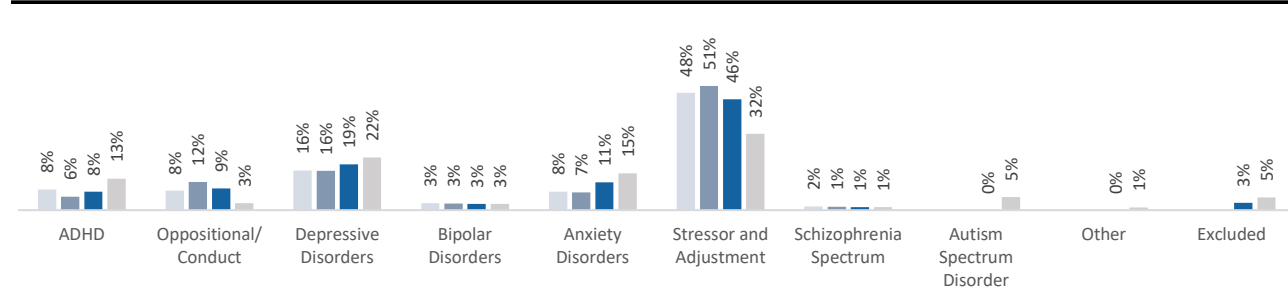
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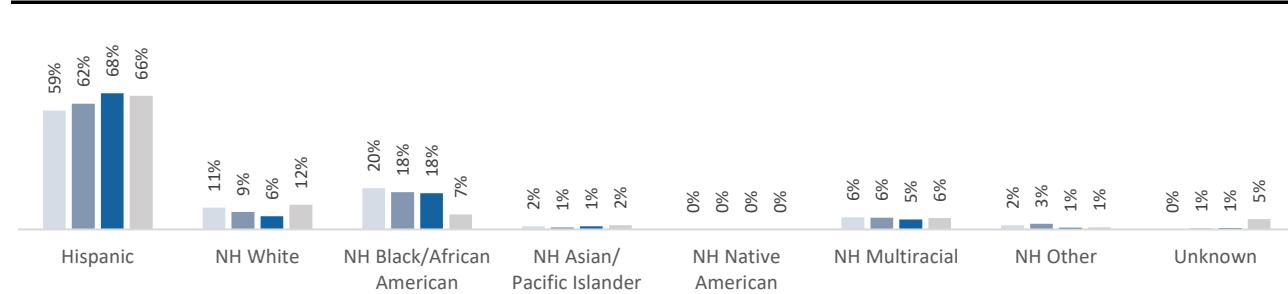
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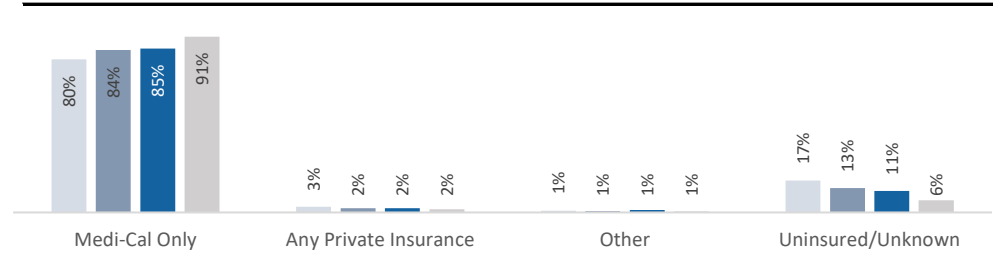
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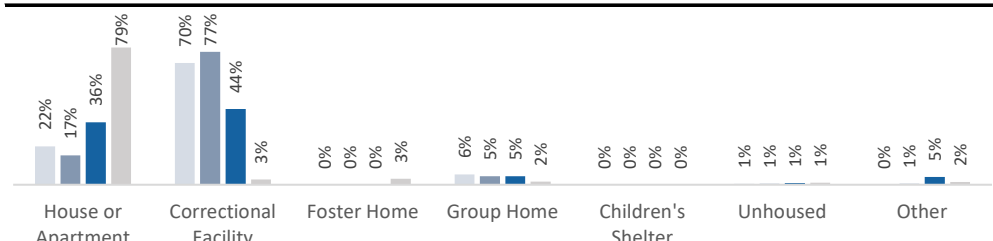
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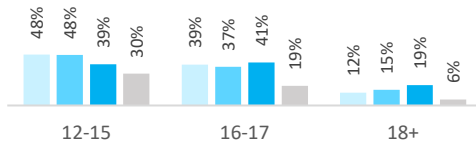


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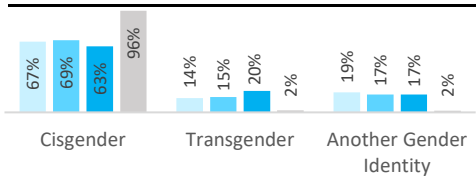
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LGBTQ+

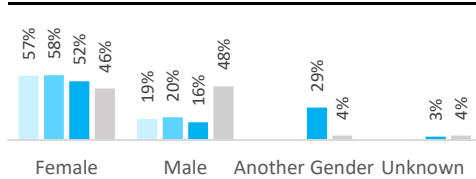
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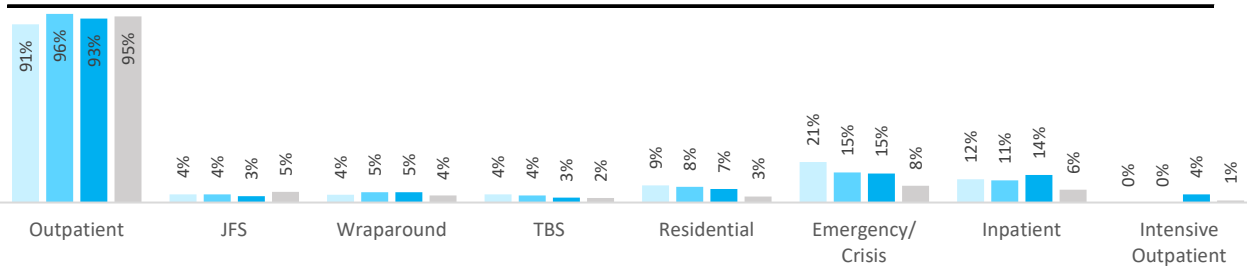
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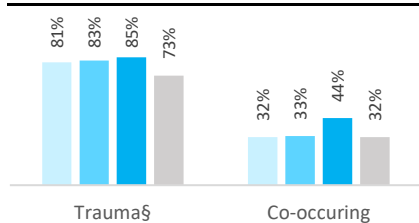
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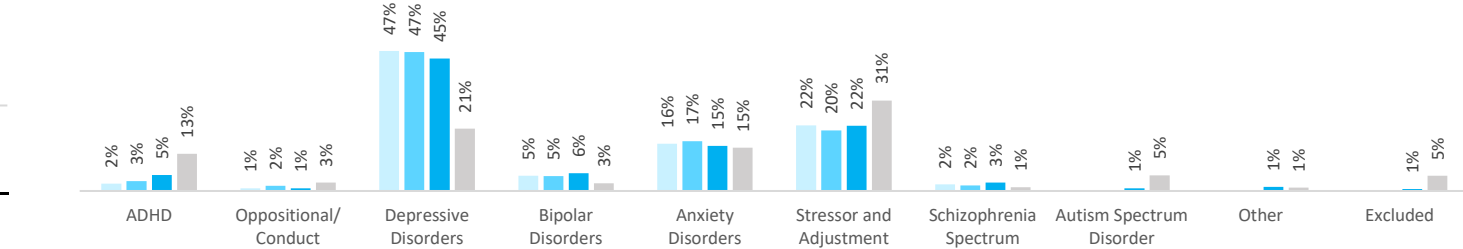
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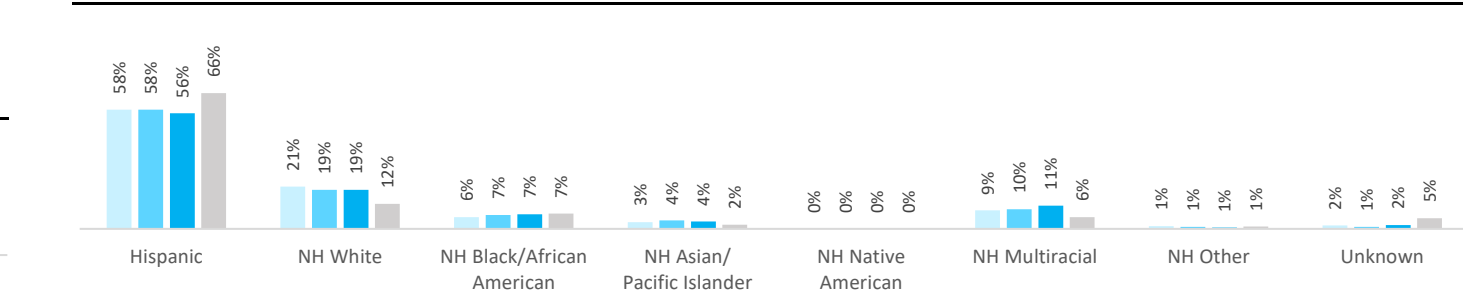
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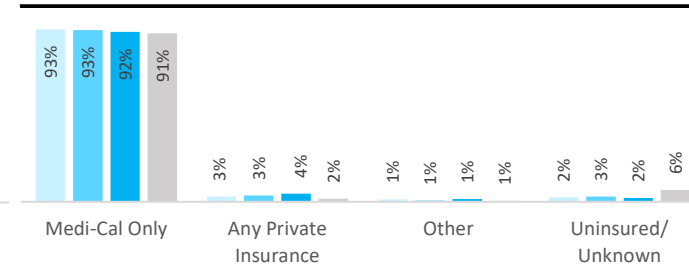
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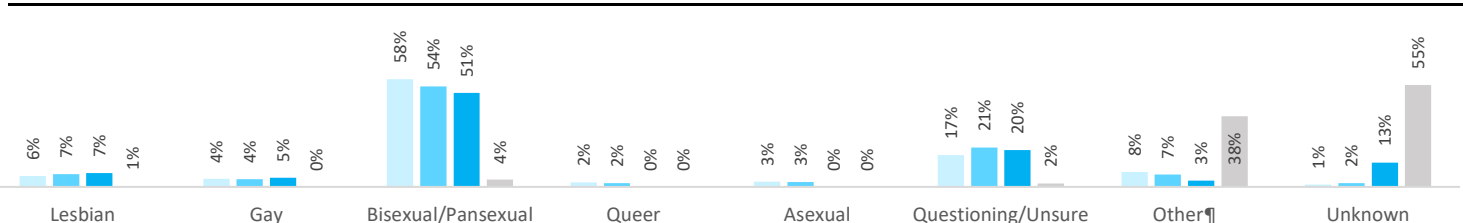
Race/Ethnicity**



Insurance



Orientation



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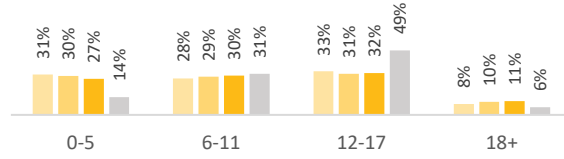


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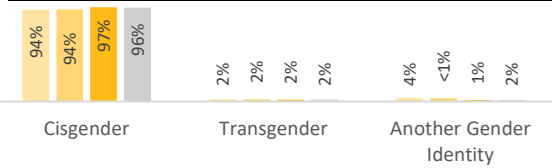
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Child and Family Well-Being & BHS-CY

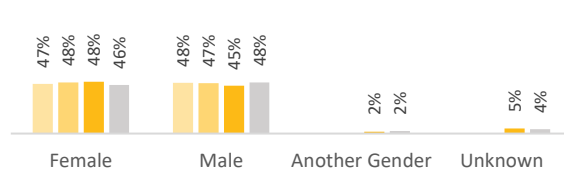
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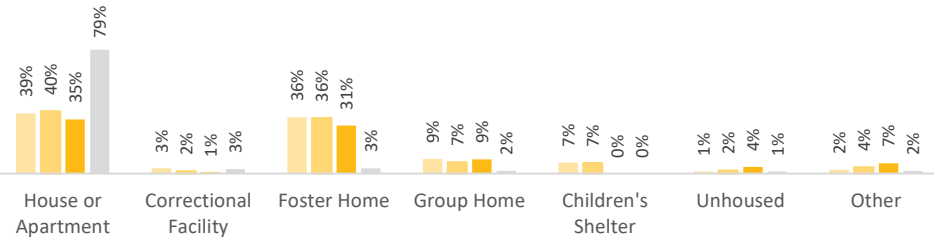
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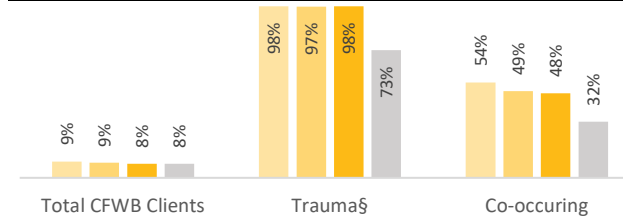
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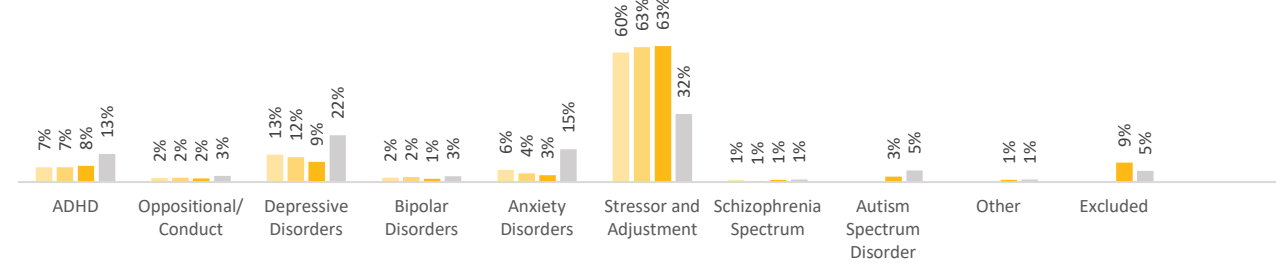
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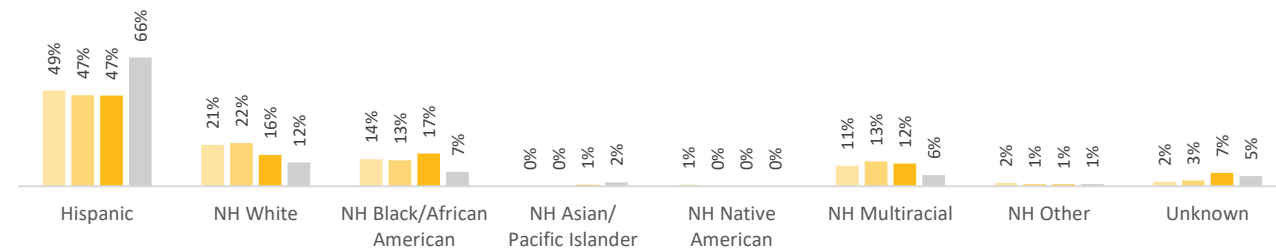
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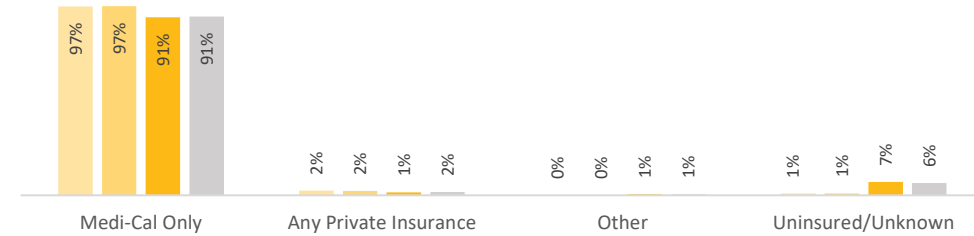
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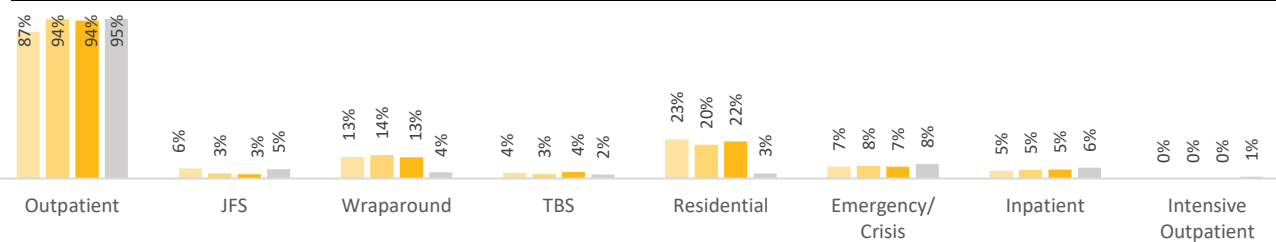
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Insurance



LOC



*Autism Spectrum Disorder was added in FY24-25 and Other and Excluded were split, making those data not comparable to previous years.

**NH refers to Non-Hispanic/Latino.

†Gender Identity is whether clients are transgender or cisgender or another gender identity; excludes clients for whom gender identity was unknown.

‡Gender is how clients currently identify as male/female/another gender, not sex assigned at birth.

§Excludes clients for whom history of trauma was unknown.

Please note: This report is limited to Mental Health Services clients. Due to the 9/1/2024 transition to SmartCare, data may not be comparable to previous years.

Report Date: 3/18/2026

CASRC (AEC, CB)

Data Sources: CCBH 1/2025, CFWB 10/2025, SmartCare 11/2025, SmartCare CSI 1/2026

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Adult

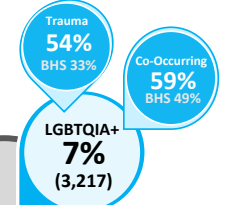
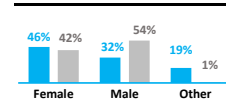
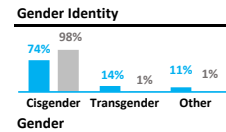
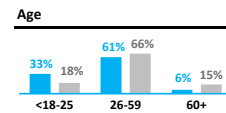
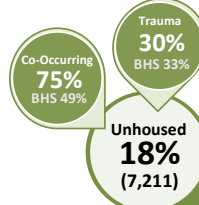
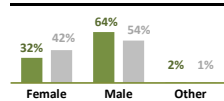
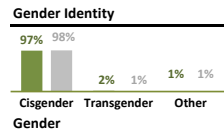
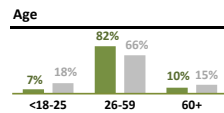
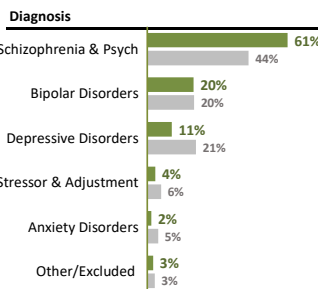
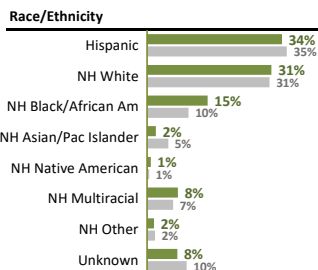
Unhoused (18% n=7,211)

LOC	%	BHS%
Outpatient Services	46%	57%
Forensic Services	41%	24%
Emergency Services	51%	39%
Inpatient Services	17%	11%
24 Hour Services	<1%	2%

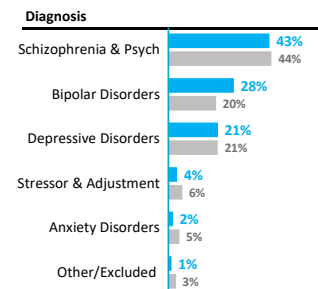
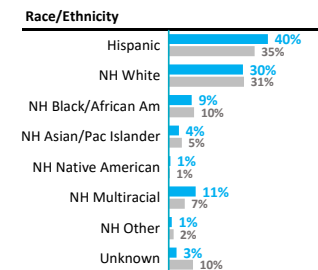
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Uninsured/Unknown	9%	15%
Medi-Cal Only	68%	62%
Medi-Cal + Medicare	6%	7%
Medicare Only	<1%	<1%
Private	17%	16%

Employment	%	BHS%
Competitive Job	7%	16%
Seeking Work	28%	18%
Not in Labor Force	22%	18%
Not Seeking Work	37%	27%
Resident/Inmate	1%	4%
Other	4%	17%

UNHOUSED BHS - ADULT



LGBTQIA+ BHS - ADULT



LGBTQIA+ (7% n=3,217)

LOC	%	BHS%
Outpatient Services	72%	57%
Forensic Services	12%	24%
Emergency Services	47%	39%
Inpatient Services	15%	11%
24 Hour Services	2%	2%

Insurance	%	BHS%
Uninsured/Unknown	8%	15%
Medi-Cal Only	63%	62%
Medi-Cal + Medicare	6%	7%
Medicare Only	<1%	<1%
Private	22%	16%

Orientation	<18-25	26-59	60+
Lesbian	10%	13%	11%
Gay	9%	24%	32%
Bisexual/Pansexual	57%	46%	33%
Queer	0%	0%	0%
Asexual	0%	0%	0%
Questioning/Unsure/Other	21%	14%	19%
Heterosexual	3%	3%	6%

ADULT N = 48,213

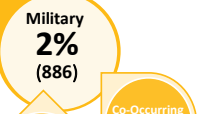
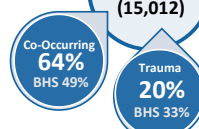
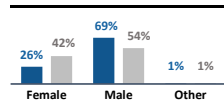
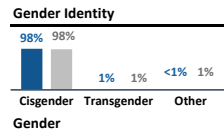
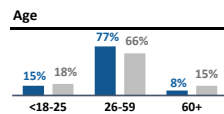
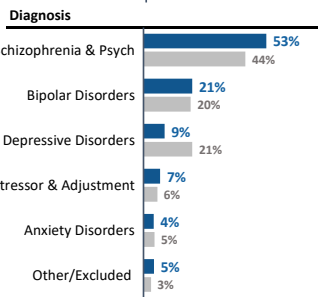
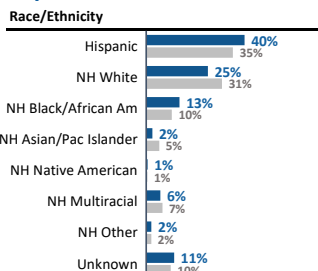
Justice System (31% n=15,012)

LOC	%	BHS%
Outpatient Services	19%	57%
Forensic Services	75%	24%
Emergency Services	18%	39%
Inpatient Services	8%	11%
24 Hour Services	1%	2%

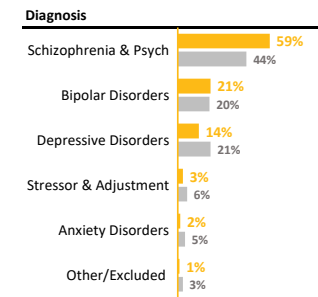
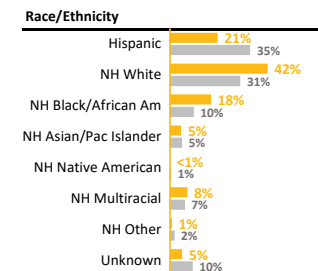
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Medi-Cal Only	60%	62%
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Private	13%	16%

Employment	%	BHS%
Competitive Job	12%	16%
Seeking Work	25%	18%
Not in Labor Force	15%	18%
Not Seeking Work	27%	27%
Resident/Inmate	11%	4%
Other	10%	17%

JUSTICE BHS - ADULT



MILITARY BHS - ADULT



Military (2% n=886)

LOC	%	BHS%
Outpatient Services	54%	57%
Forensic Services	21%	24%
Emergency Services	47%	39%
Inpatient Services	11%	11%
24 Hour Services	4%	2%

Living Situation	%	BHS%
Lives Independently	59%	65%
Board & Care	10%	9%
Justice Related	1%	4%
Homeless	22%	18%
Institutional	8%	4%

Employment	%	BHS%
Competitive Job	15%	16%
Seeking Work	16%	18%
Not in Labor Force	24%	18%
Not Seeking Work	25%	27%
Resident/Inmate	1%	4%
Other	19%	17%

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Key Findings

Unhoused (18% n=7,211)

- Unhoused adults were far more likely to receive emergency services when compared to the AOABHS systemwide average.
- Unhoused adults were more likely than the AOABHS systemwide averages to be male, non-Hispanic Black/African American, and to be diagnosed with Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorder.
- Seventy-five percent of unhoused adults were reported to have a co-occurring disorder, as compared to 49% in the AOABHS systemwide average.
- Over the past three years, the percentage of non-Hispanic White adults who are unhoused decreased, and the percentage of Hispanic adults who are unhoused have increased.

LGBTQIA+ (7% n=3,217)

- LGBTQIA+ adults were more likely to be female, between the ages of less than 18 and 25 years old, and be diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder than the AOABHS systemwide average.
- Nearly three-fourths of LGBTQIA+ adults received outpatient services. When compared to FY 2023-24, LGBTQIA+ adults receiving outpatient services decreased by 13 percentage points.
- Fifty-four percent of LGBTQ adults were reported to have a history of trauma, as compared to 33% in the AOABHS systemwide average.
- Over the past three years, endorsement of the sexual orientation response option "bisexual/pansexual" has been the highest endorsed by LGBTQ adults.

Adult N =
48,213

Justice System (31% n=15,012)

- Adults who have been involved with the justice system were more likely to be male, Hispanic or non-Hispanic Black/African American, and between the ages of 26 and 59 years old as compared to the AOABHS systemwide averages.
- These adults were more likely to be diagnosed with Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorder than the AOABHS systemwide average.
- Sixty-four percent of adults who have been involved with the justice system were reported to have a co-occurring disorder, as compared to 49% in the AOABHS systemwide average.
- Over the past three years, the percentage of Hispanic adults who have been involved with the justice system increased, and the percentage of non-Hispanic White adults decreased.

Military (2% n=886)

- Adults who reported that they had served in the military were more likely to be a non-Hispanic male, between the ages of 26 and 59, and be diagnosed with Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorder.
- Adults who reported that they had served in the military were more likely to be homeless when compared to the AOABHS systemwide averages.
- These adults were more likely to report a history of trauma than the AOABHS systemwide average.
- Compared to FY 2023-24, the percentage of adults who have reported serving in the military has decreased the use of emergency crisis services. Additionally, the percentage of these adults utilizing outpatient services has increased over the past three years.

3-Year Trend

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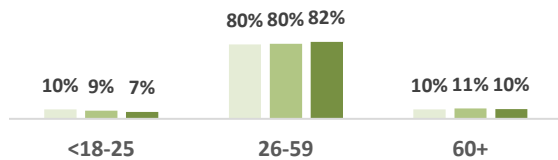


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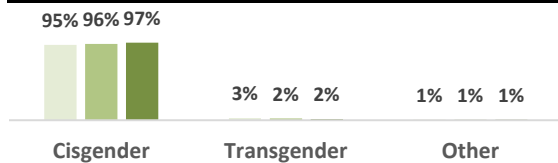
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Unhoused

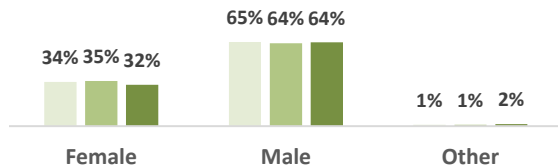
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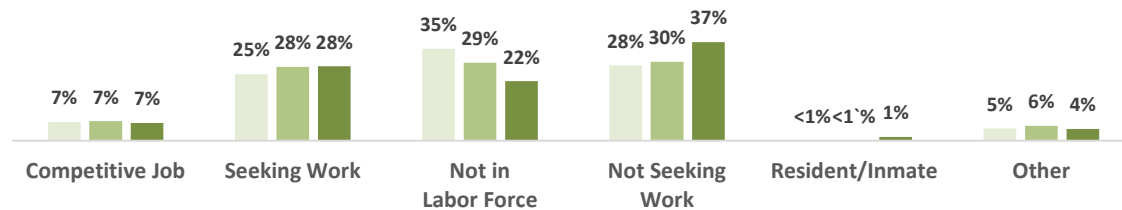
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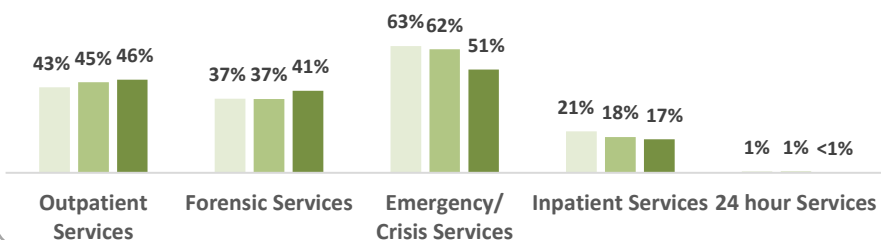
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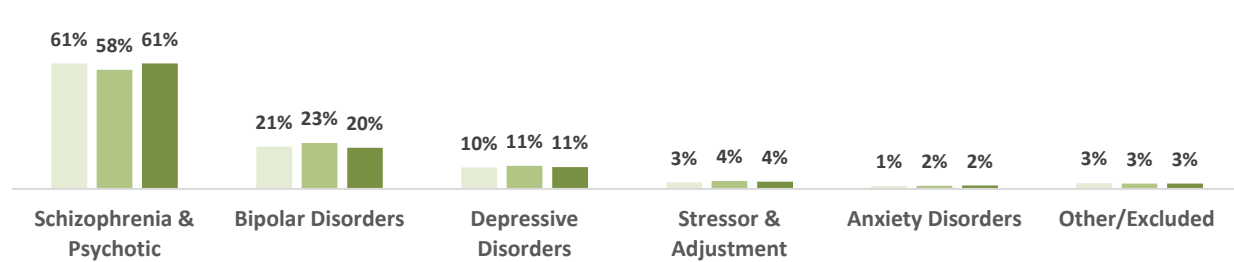
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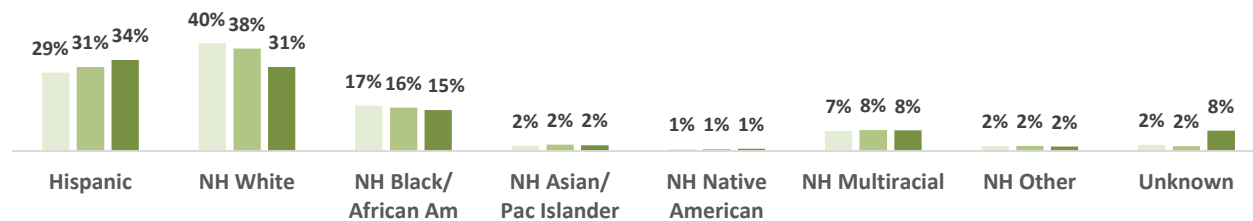
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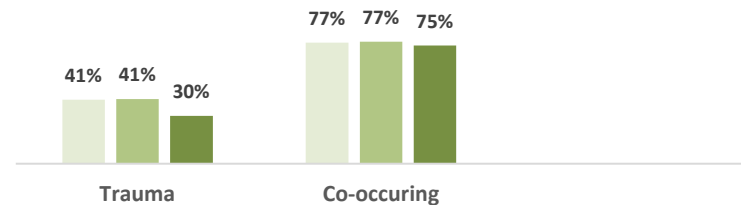
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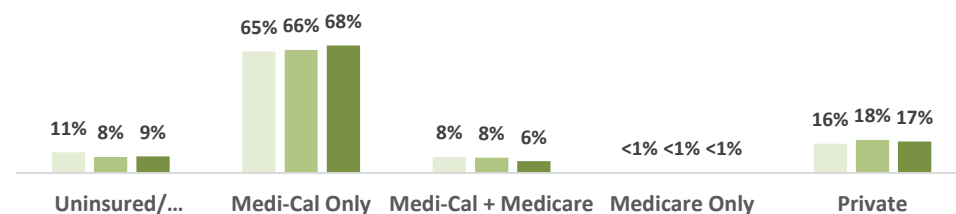
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Special Population Characteristics



Insurance



3-Year Trend

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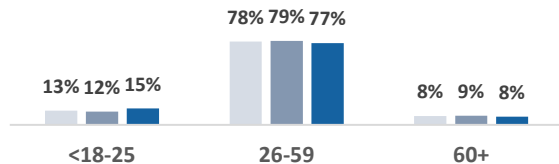


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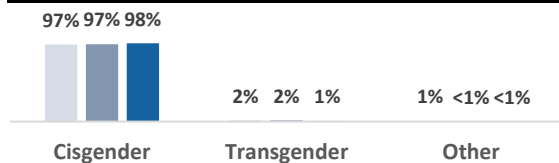
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Justice System

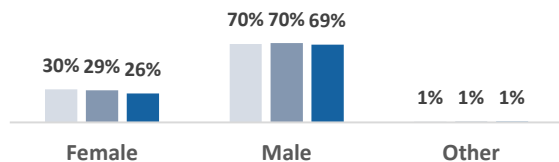
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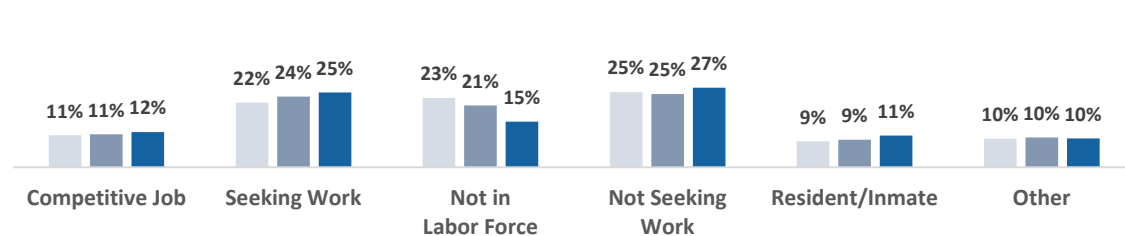
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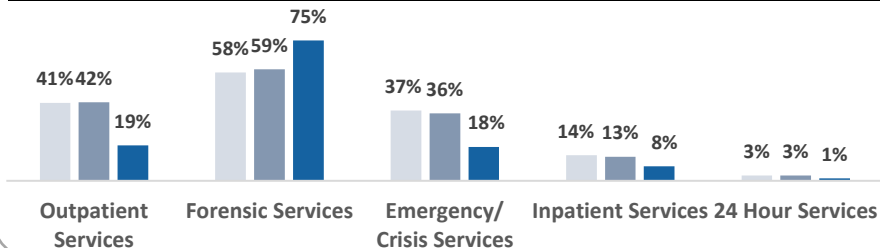
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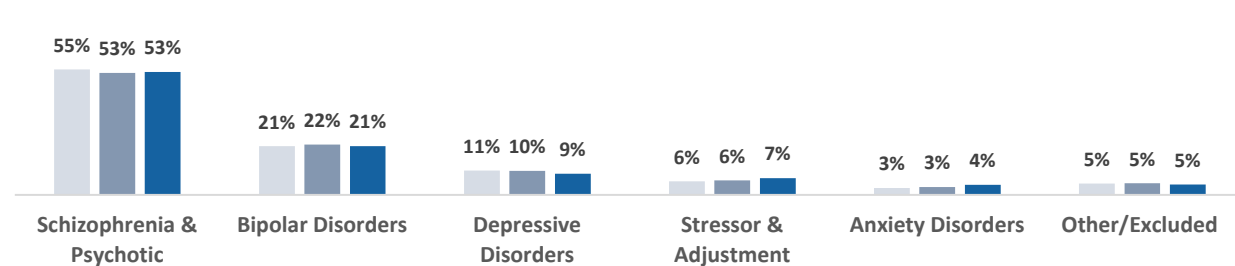
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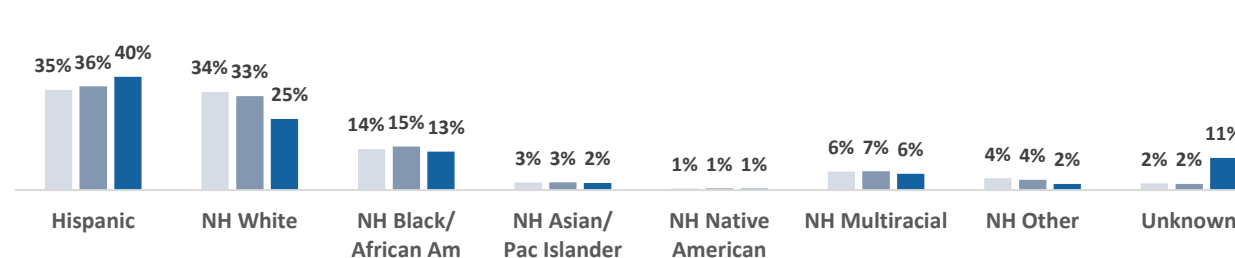
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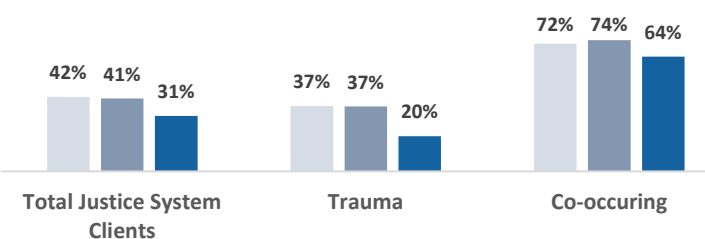
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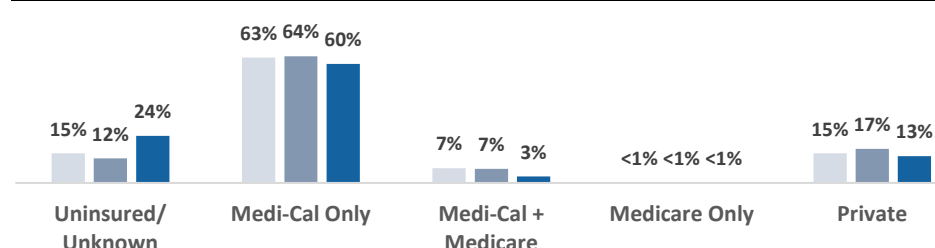
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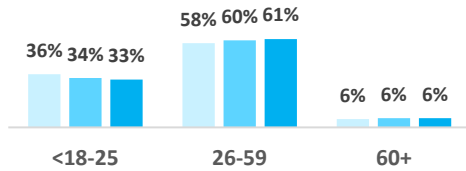


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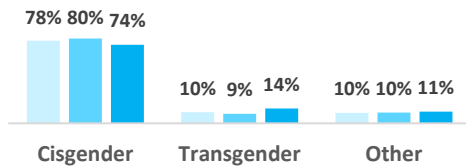
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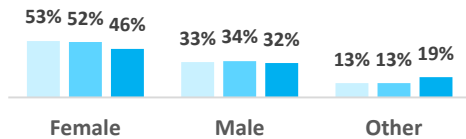
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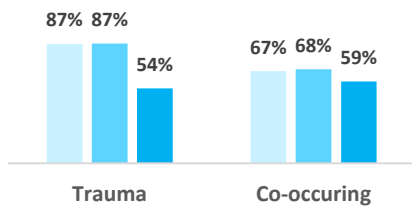
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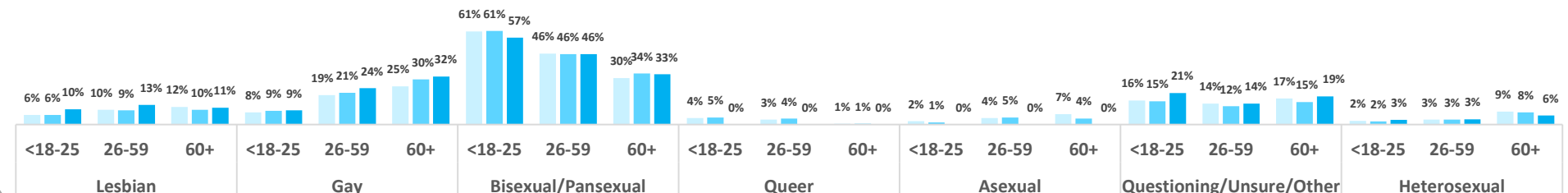
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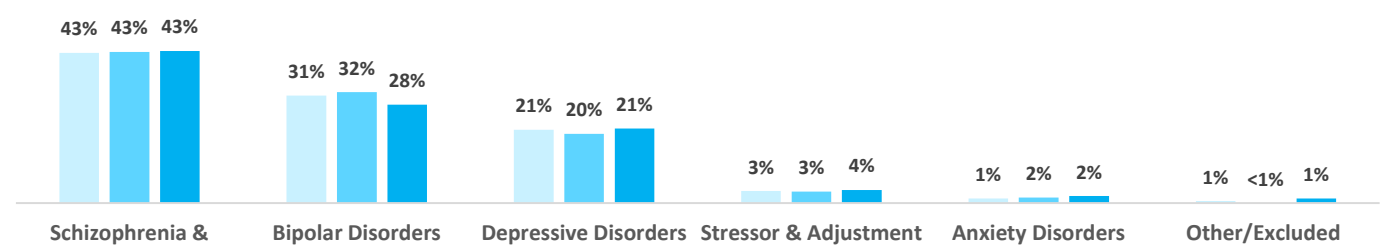
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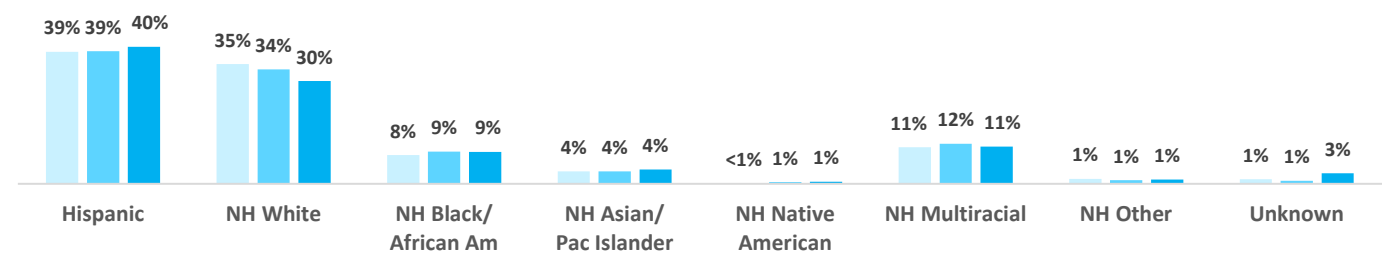
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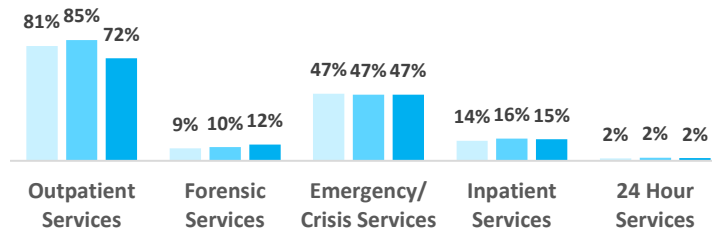
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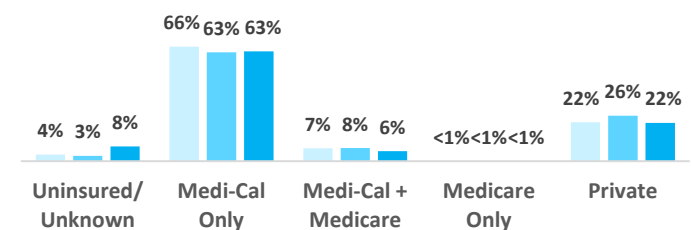
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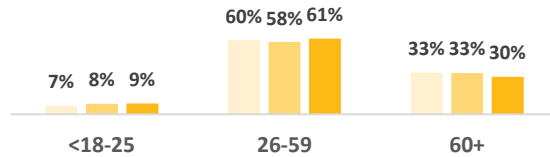


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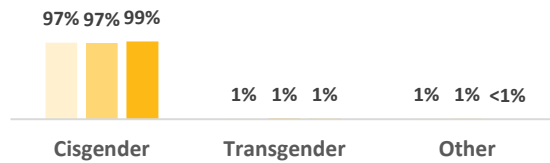
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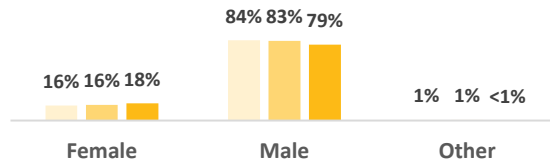
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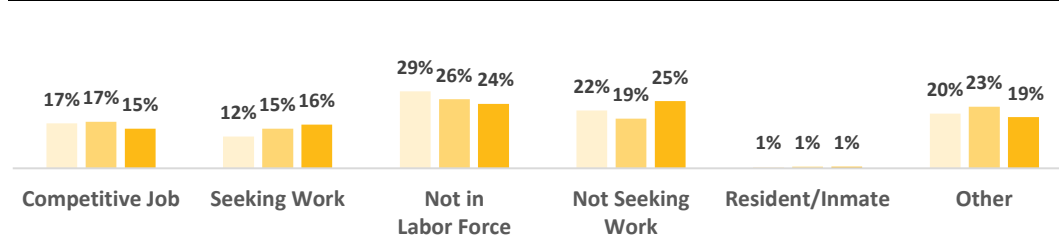
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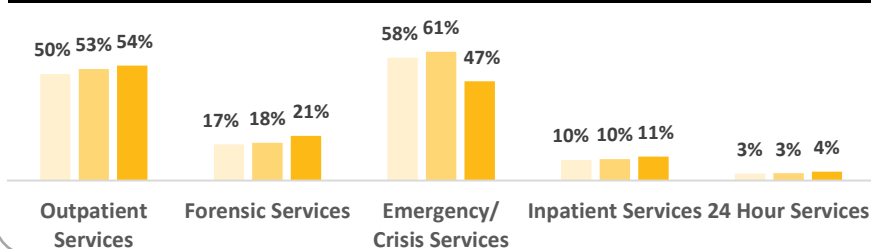
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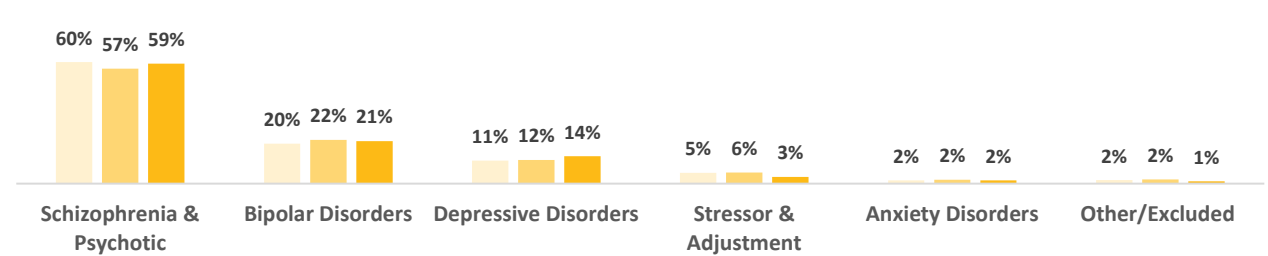
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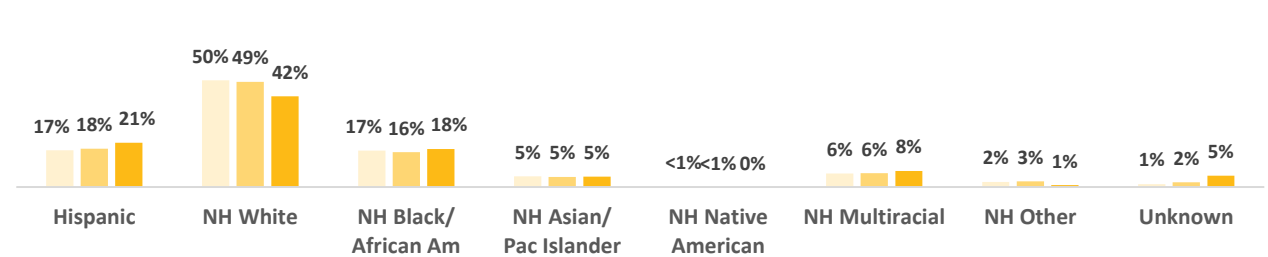
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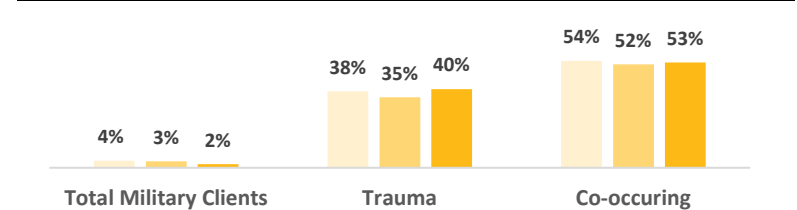
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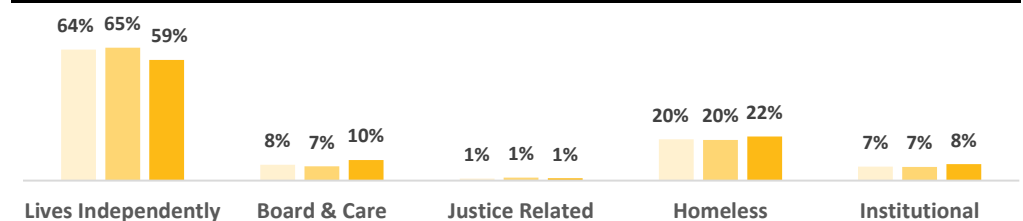
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Special Population Characteristics



Living Situation



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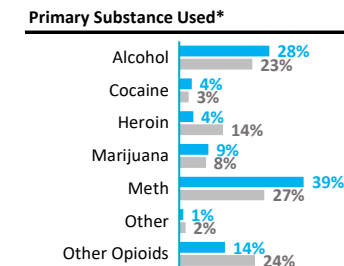
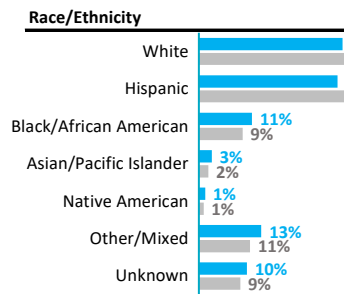
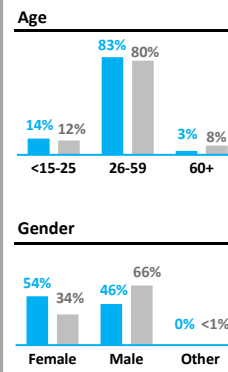
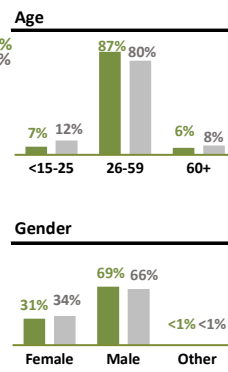
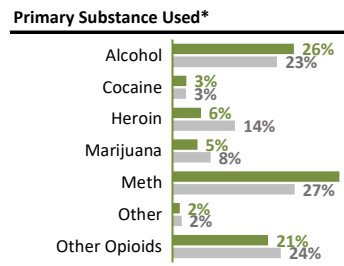
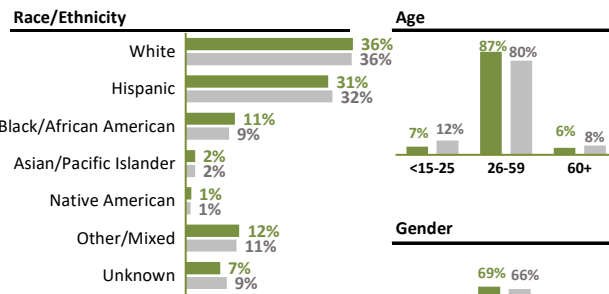
Drug Medi-Cal

Unhoused (37% n=4,718)

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)

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%

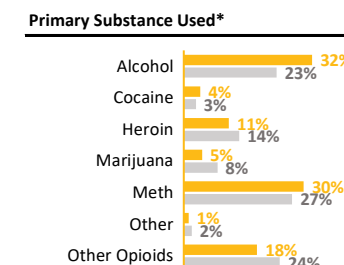
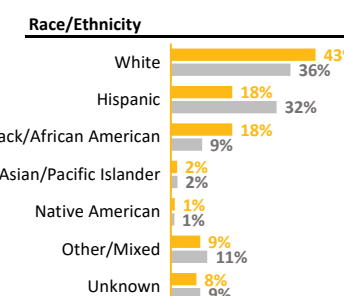
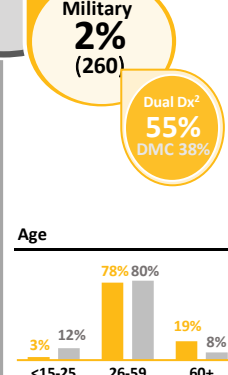
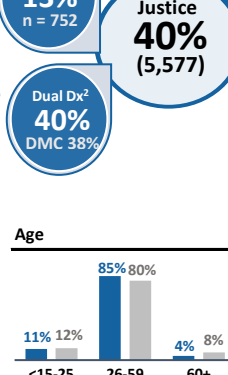
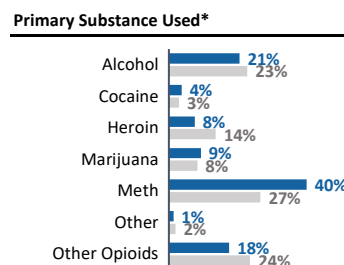
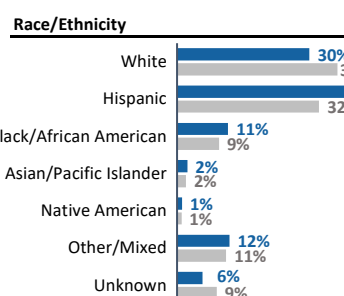
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Gay Male	12%	29%	23%
Bisexual	54%	43%	50%
Transgender	0%	1%	0%
Intersex	0%	0%	0%
Other	15%	12%	9%

Justice System (40% n=5,577)

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%

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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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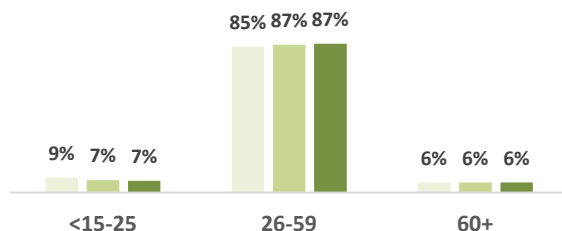


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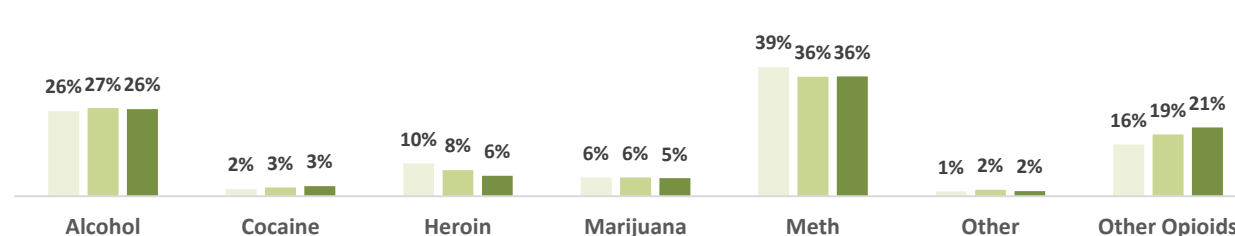
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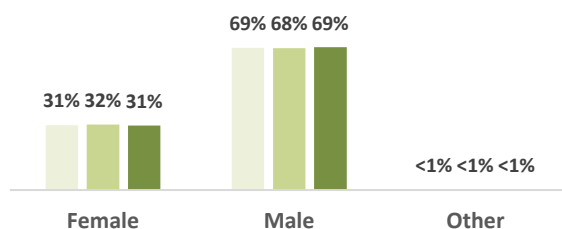
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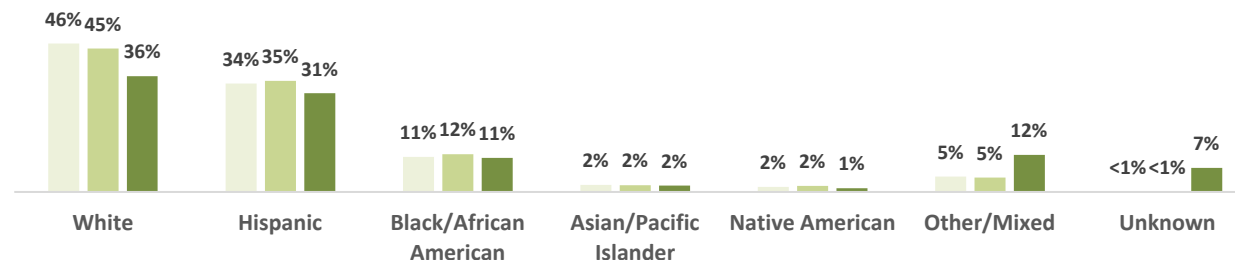
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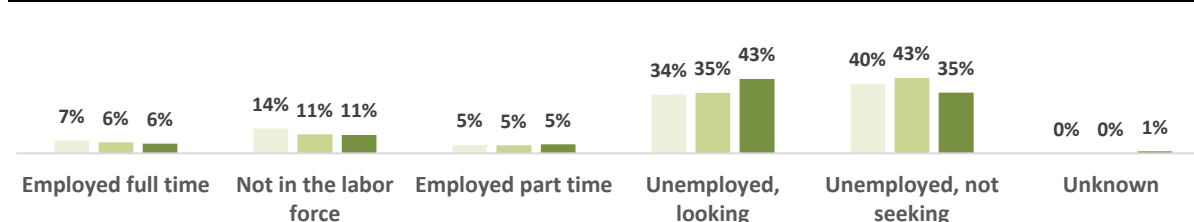
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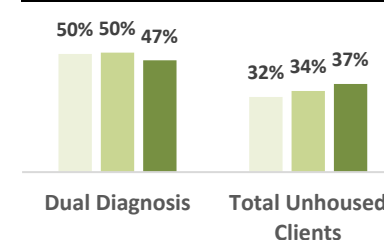
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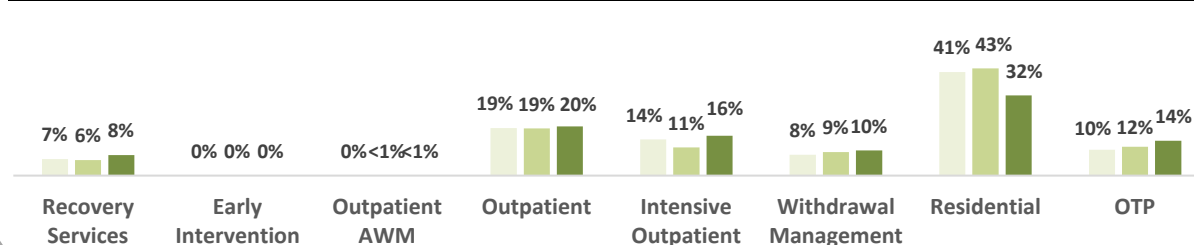
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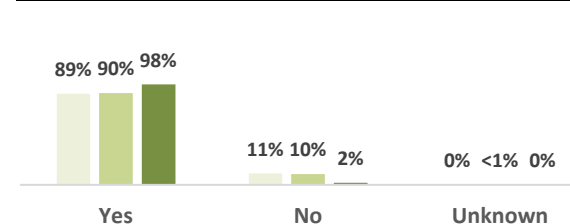
Special Population Characteristics



Level of Care (LOC)



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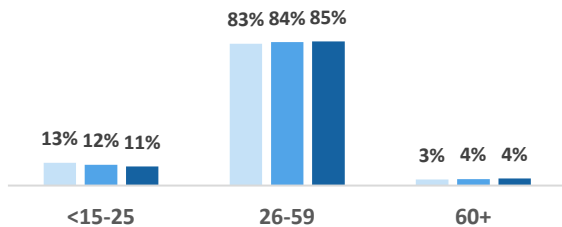


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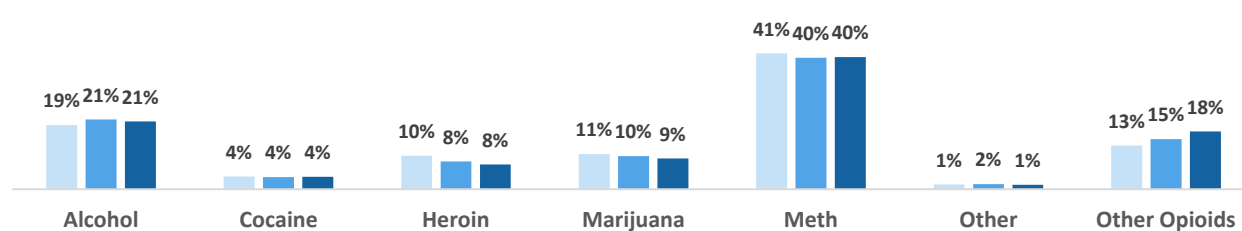
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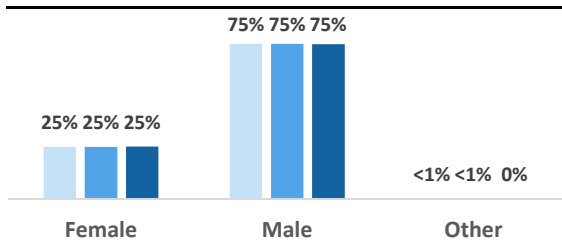
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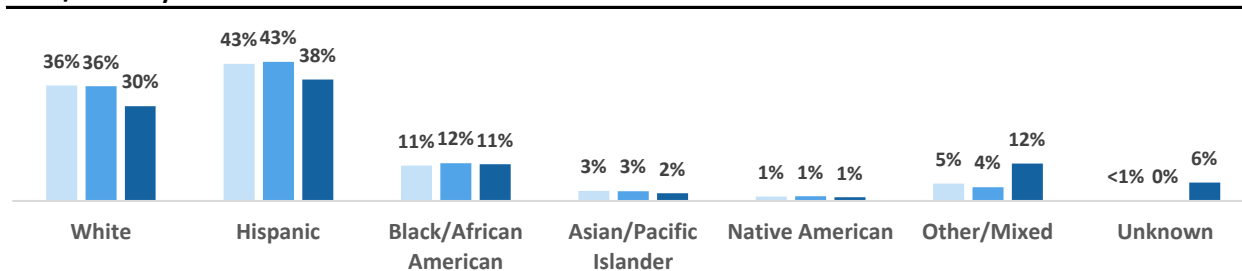
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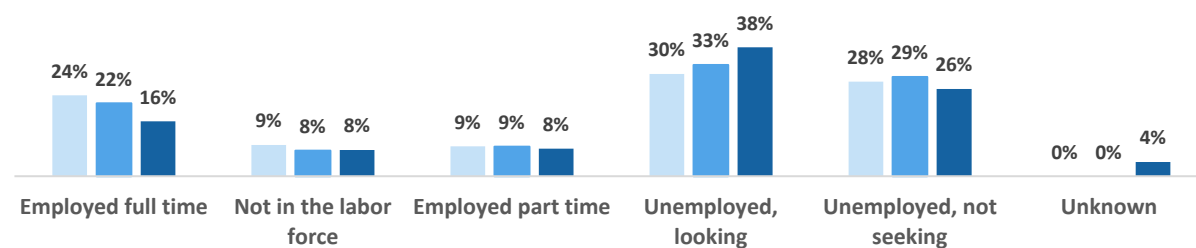
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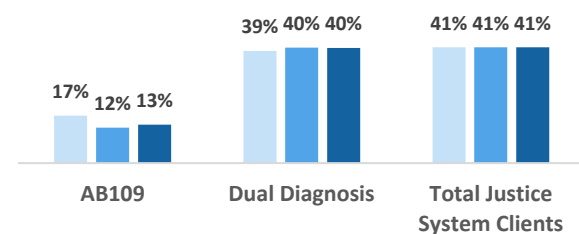
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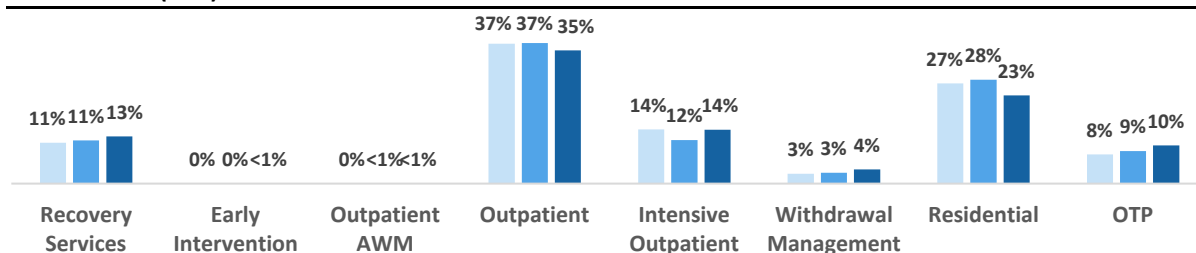
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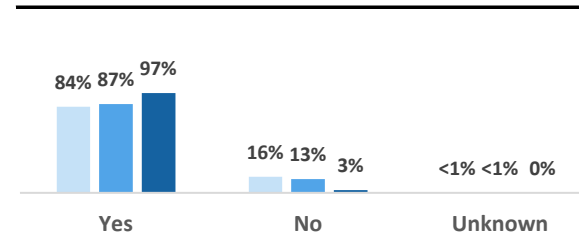
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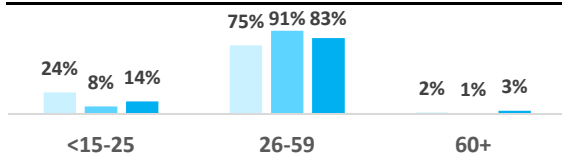


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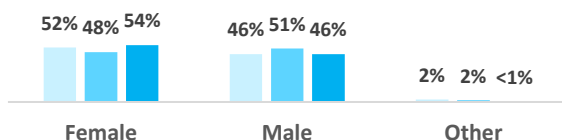
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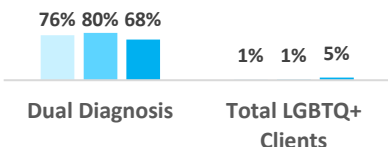
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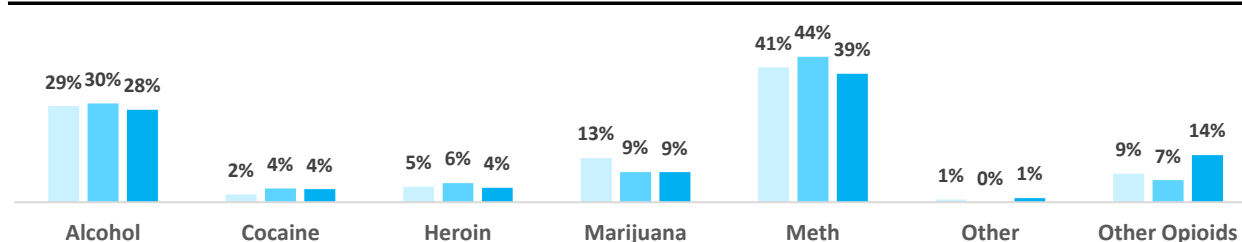
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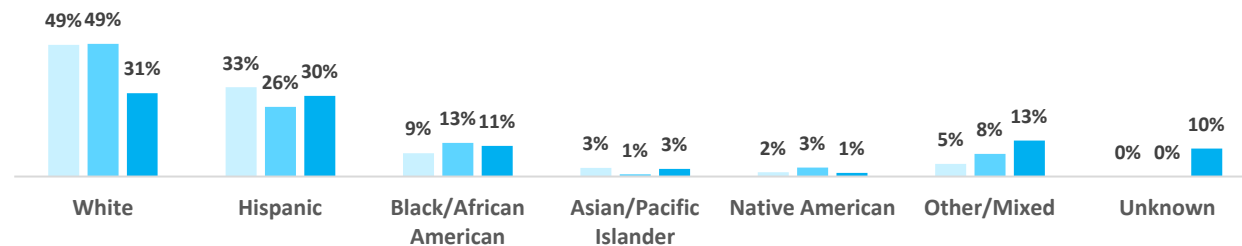
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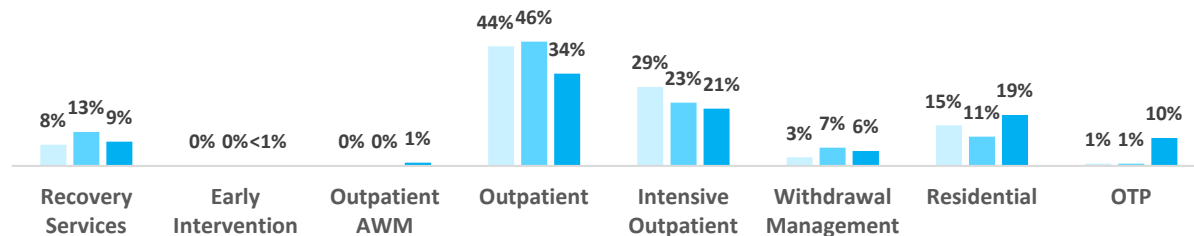
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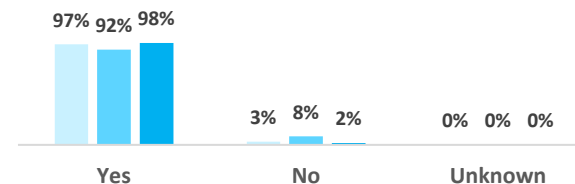
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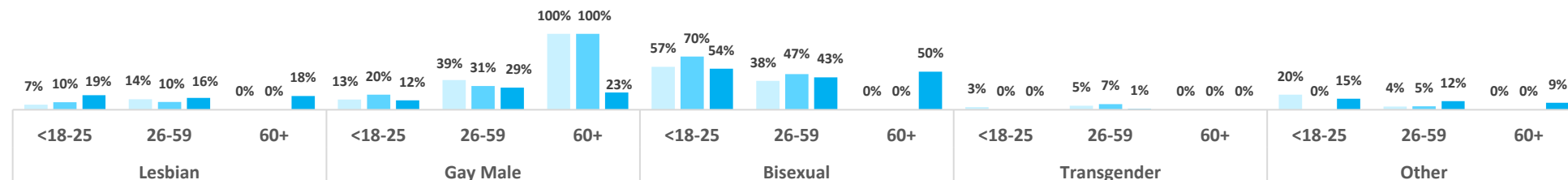
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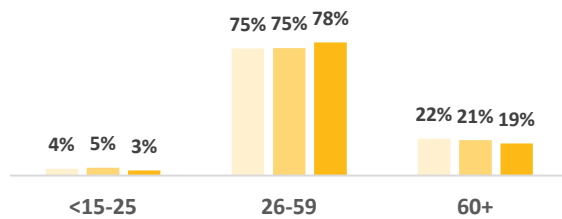


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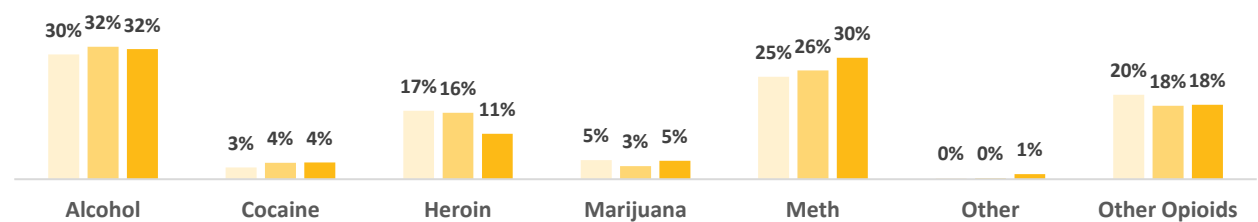
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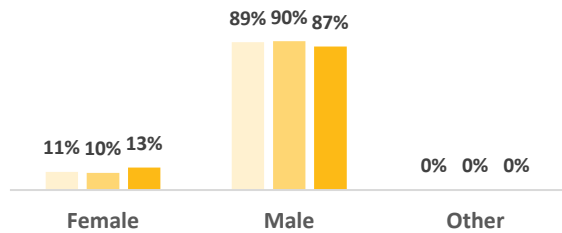
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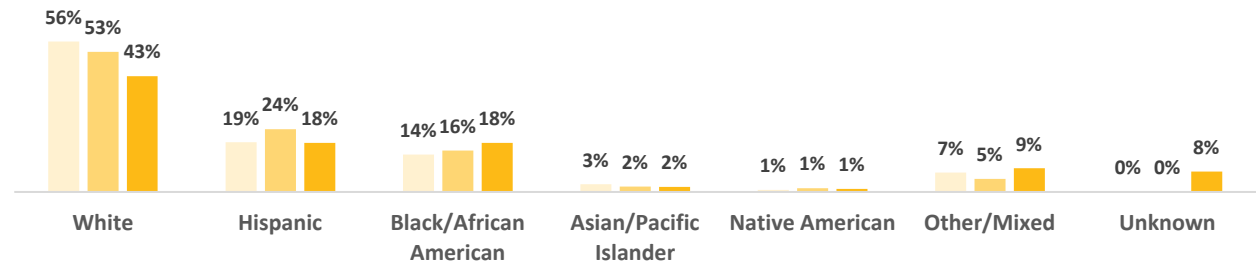
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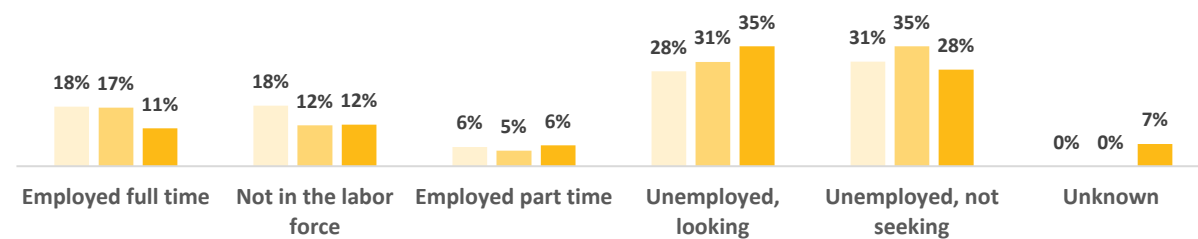
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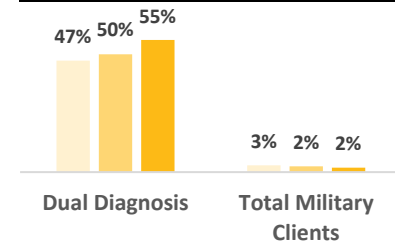
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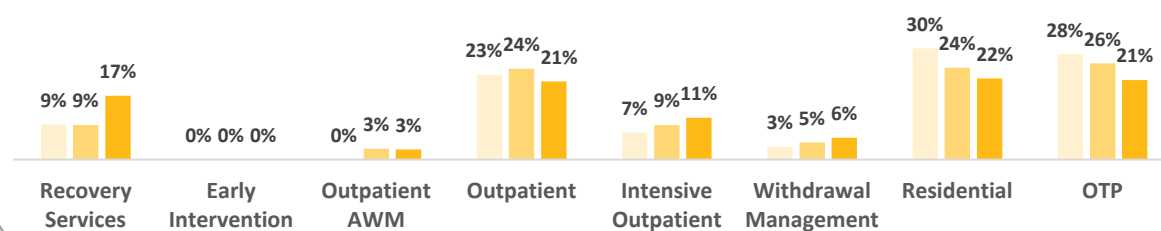
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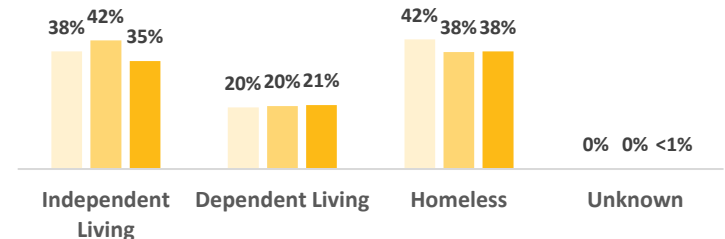
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Living Arrangement



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