



# Data-Driven Approach to Protecting Public Safety, Improving and Expanding Rehabilitative Treatment and Services, and Advancing Equity through Alternatives to Incarceration

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## Advisory Group Meeting

July 2022

# Guidelines for Virtual Advisory Group Meetings

- Meetings are open to the public and being recorded.
- Only Advisory Group members and SANDAG staff will be able to speak due to the focus of these meetings.
- If you would like to speak, please raise your hand. If you agree with what another member is saying, you can use other icons to share this approval.
- Please note that we value your opinions but may need to move conversations along to ensure all the meeting topics are covered.

# Meeting Agenda

- Open Sharing by Advisory Group Members (4:30-4:45)
- Discussion of Community Survey Results (4:45-5:20)
- Discussion of Community Forum Participation (5:20-5:30)
- Discussion of Advisory Group Activities and Involvement (5:30-5:50)
- Update on Project Timeline (5:50-6:00)



# Open Sharing by Advisory Group Members

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# Discussion of Preliminary Community Survey Results

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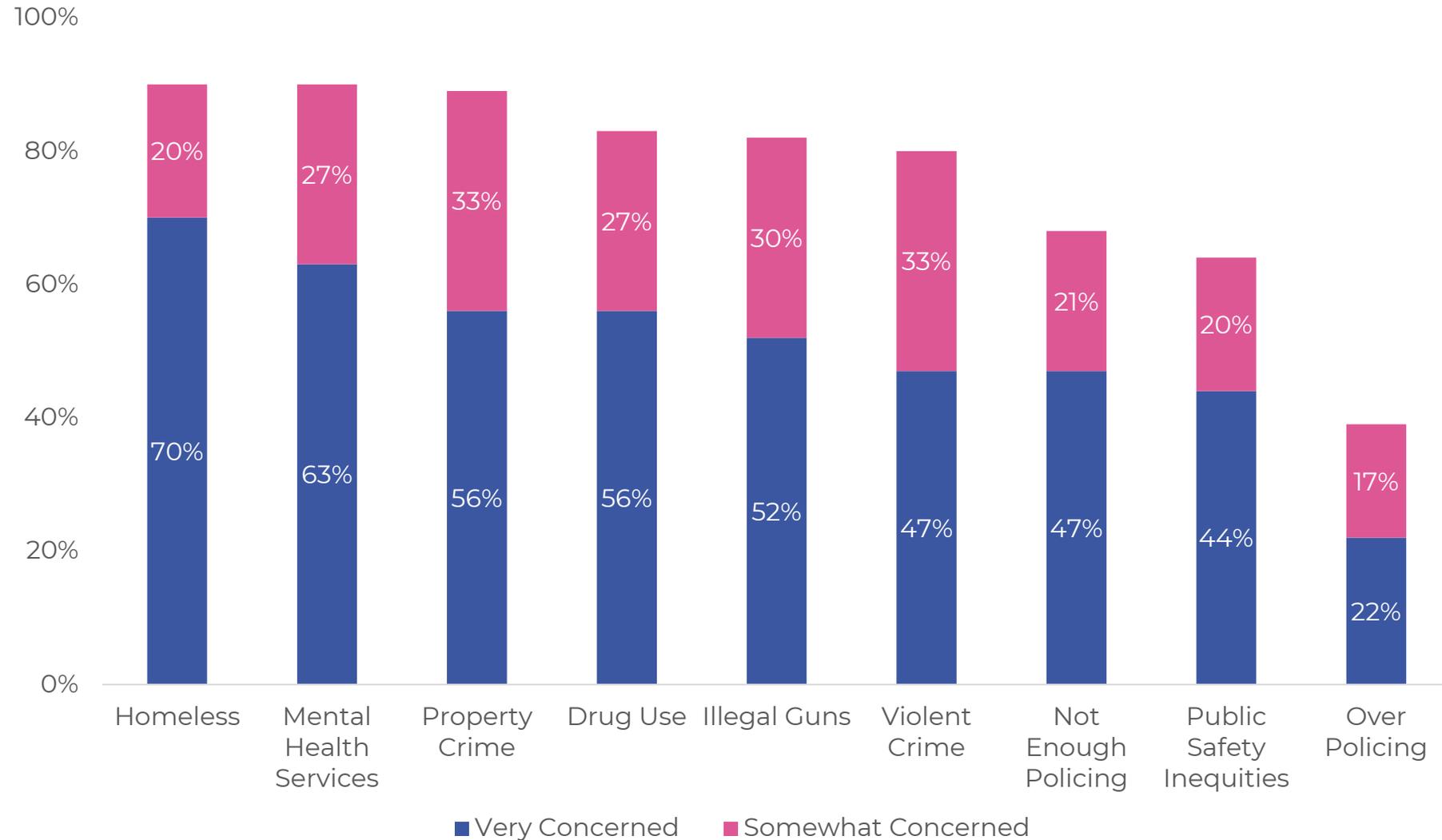
# Sample Description

- Final sample size of 1,990
- 2,301 surveys returned, but 311 not included because partially completed (10% or less)
- 96% current resident of San Diego County
- 98% surveys completed in English
- Primary language spoken at home: 88% English, 4% Spanish, 8% Spanish and English, 1% other
- Gender: 48% male, 51% female, 2% non-binary
- 25% identify as Hispanic/Latino/Latina
- 72% White/Caucasian, 11% other, 8% Black/African-American, 7% Asian/Pacific Islander, 2% American Indian

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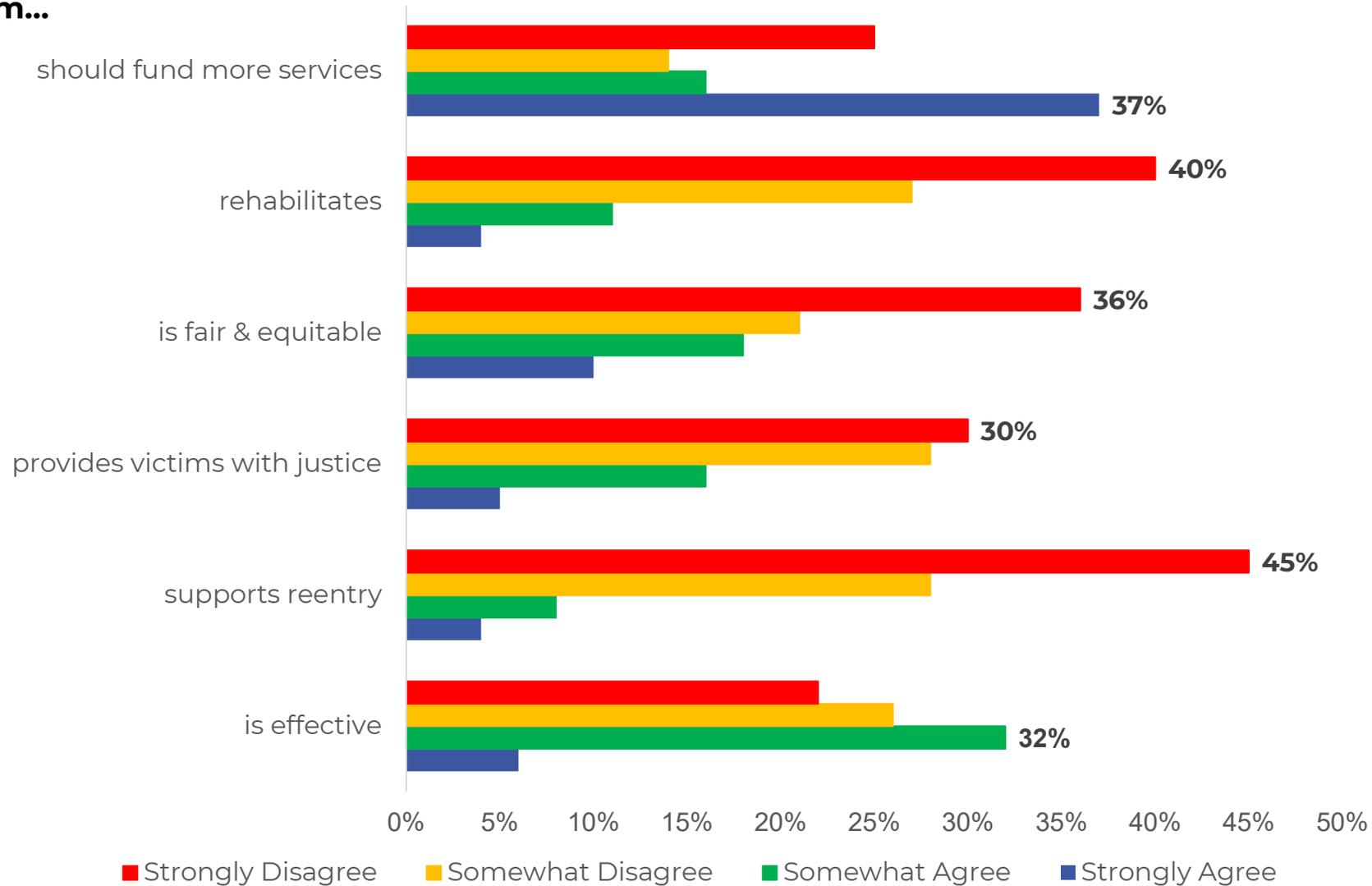
- 12% current or former military
- 13% have a disability
- Median age: 46 (range 17-104)
- Highest education: 6% no degree, 6% 12<sup>th</sup> grade, 3% GED, 3% vocational, 13% some college, 8% AA, 27% BA, 36% Master's or higher
- Where live: 26% Central, 22% North City, 16% East, 13% South, 13% North County East, 10% North County West

# Community Public Safety Concerns

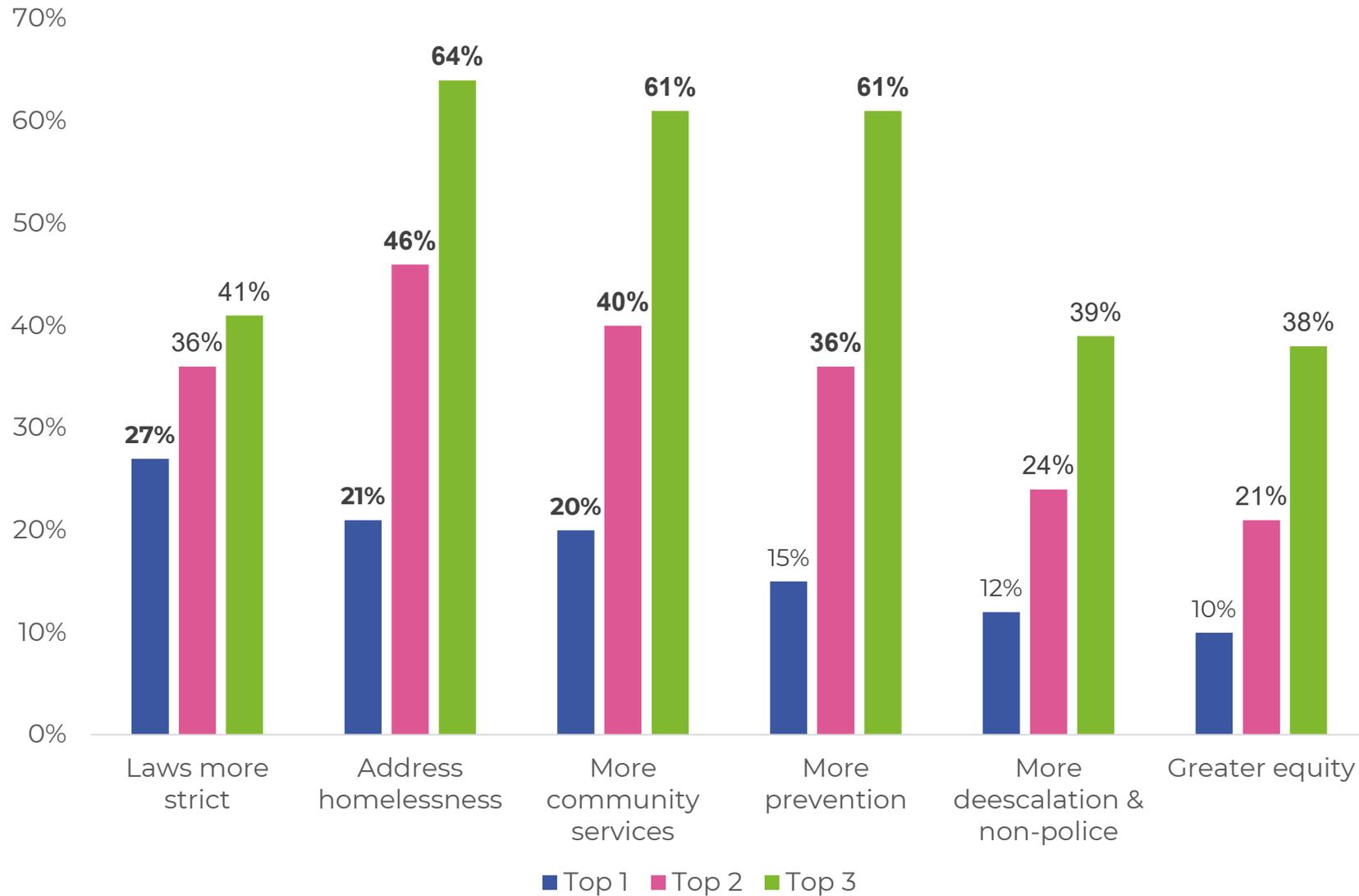


# Opinions of the County's Public Safety System

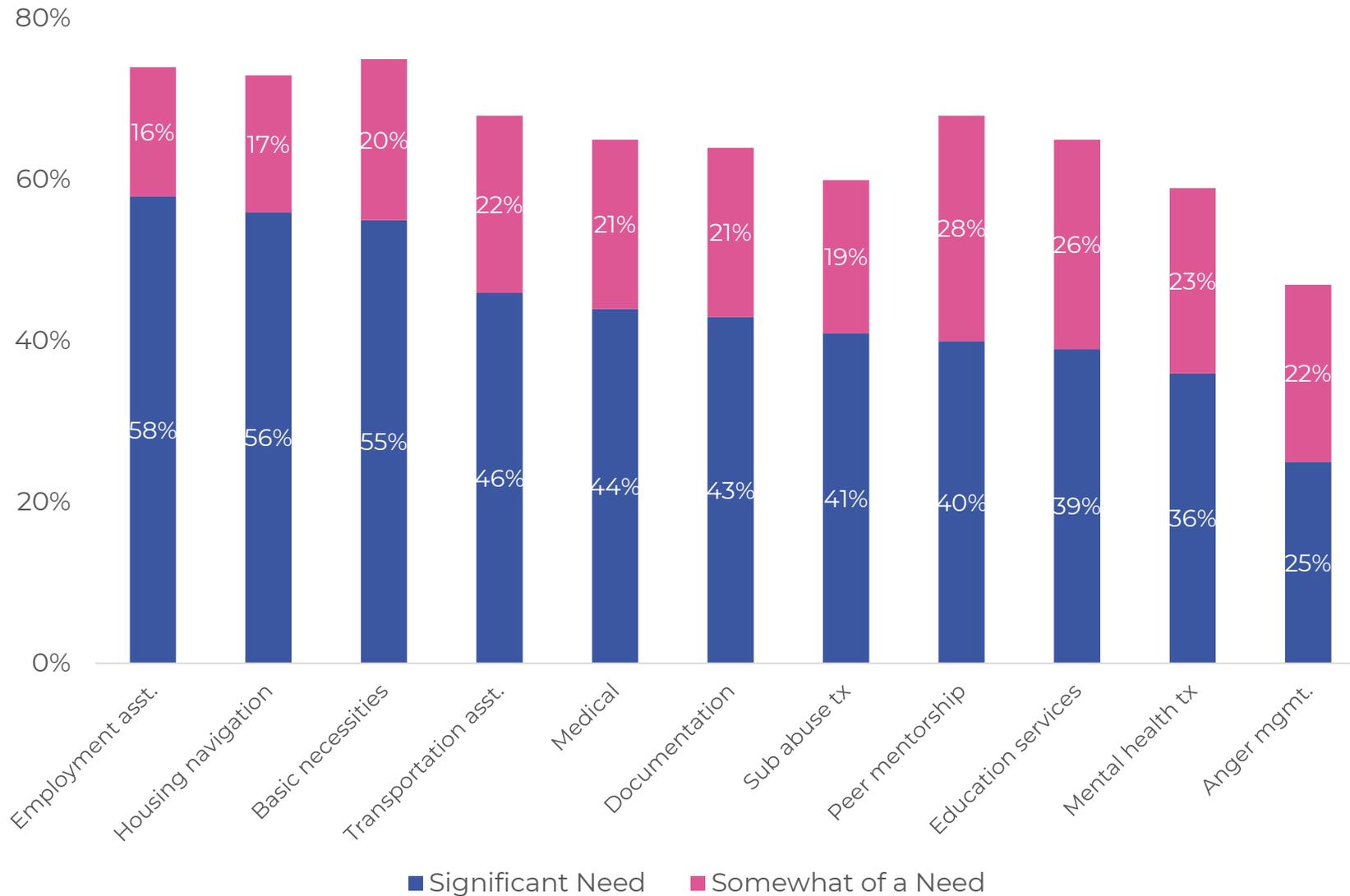
## The current system...



# Perception of Where Public Safety Changes Should be Made



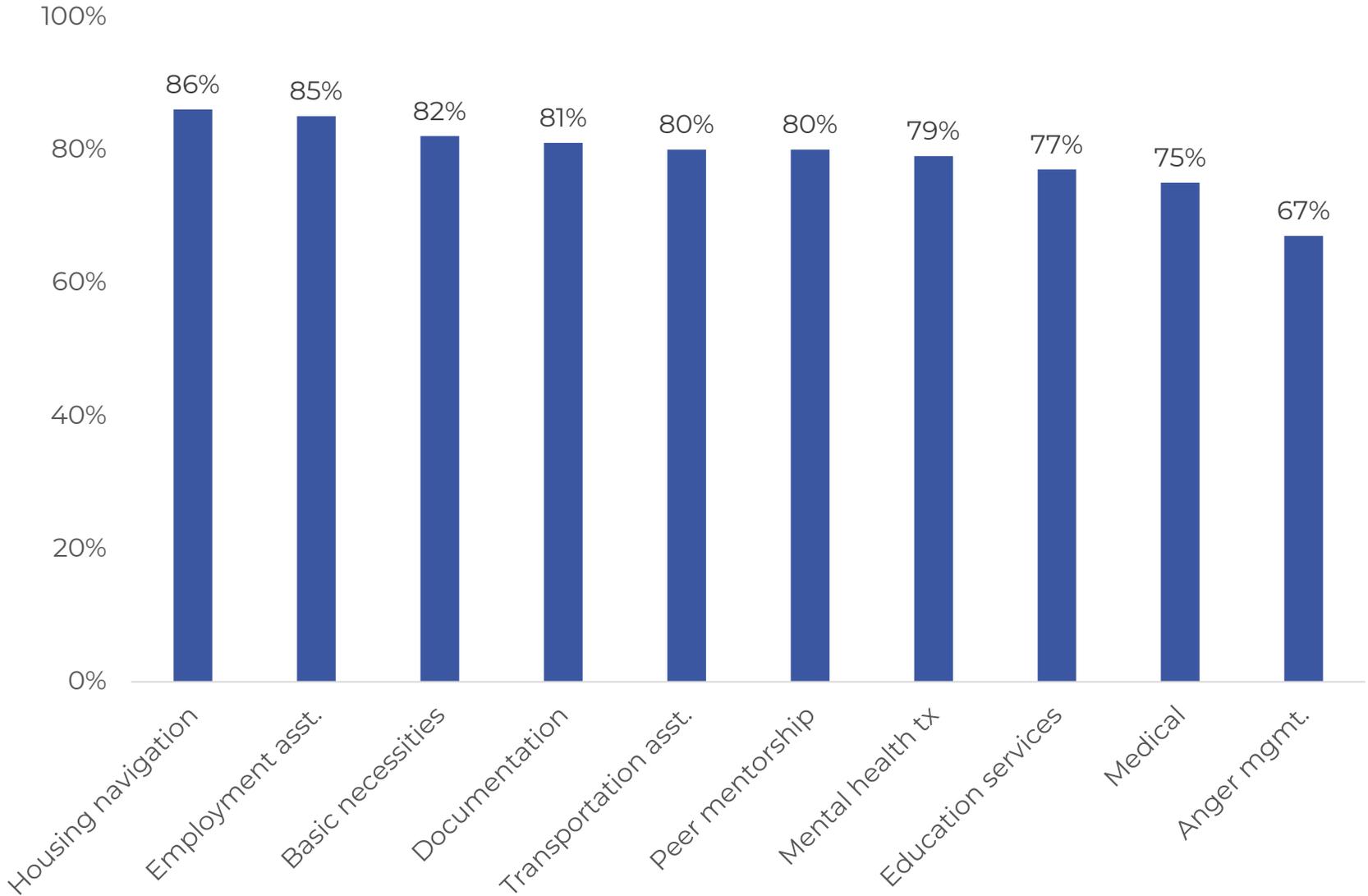
# Self-Reported Needs of Current/Formerly Incarcerated



21% ever incarcerated  
 - 89% formerly  
 - 11% currently

N=339-356

# Percent With Need That Received That Service



# Most Commonly Received Services in Community and Custody

## Custody

Anger management  
(41%)

Educational services  
(41%)

Housing navigation  
(31%)

## Community

Basic necessities  
(68%)

Transportation assistance  
(60%)

Employment assistance  
(57%)

## Both

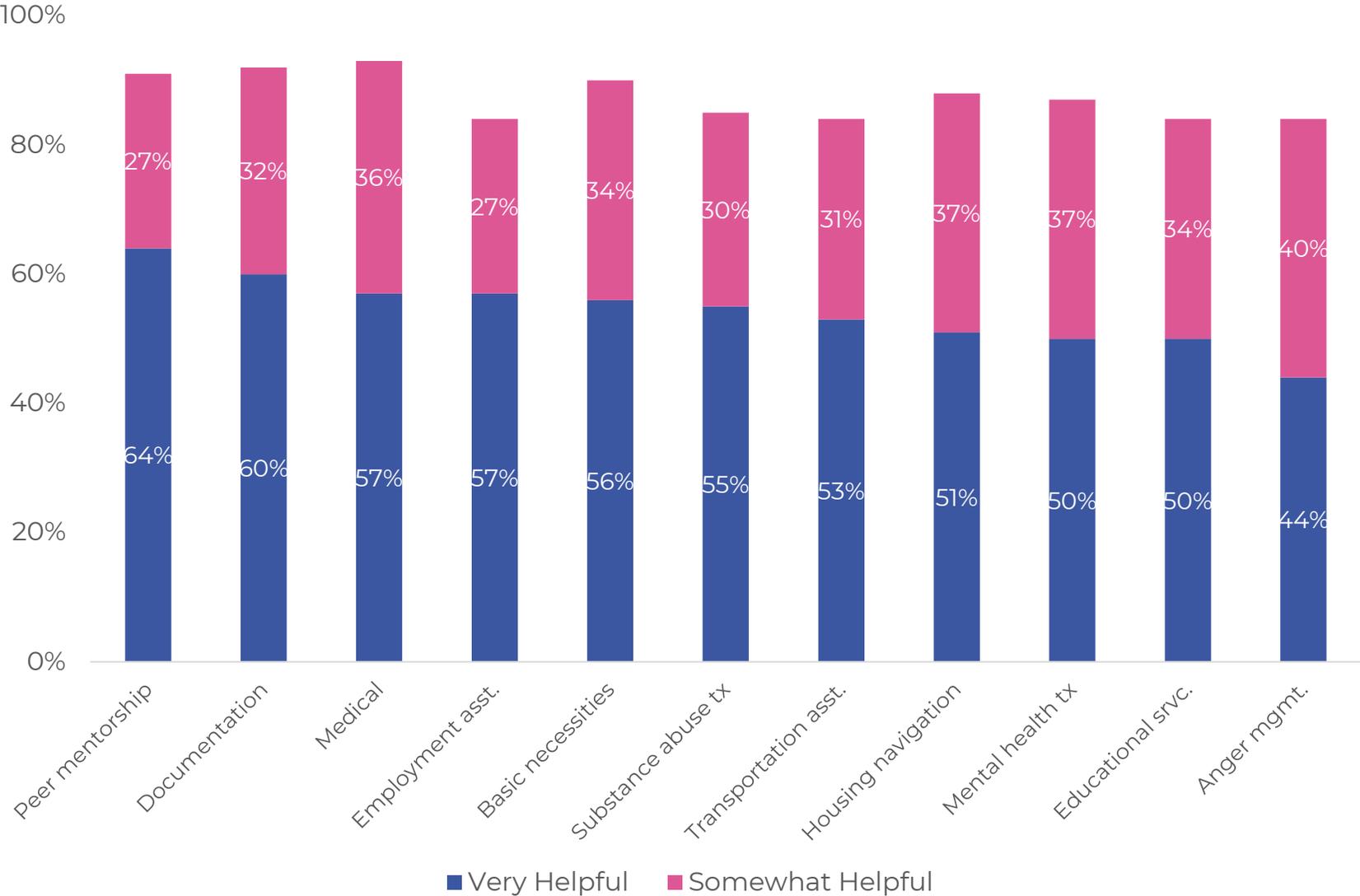
Medical  
(31%)

Mental health  
(30%)

Educational services  
(29%)

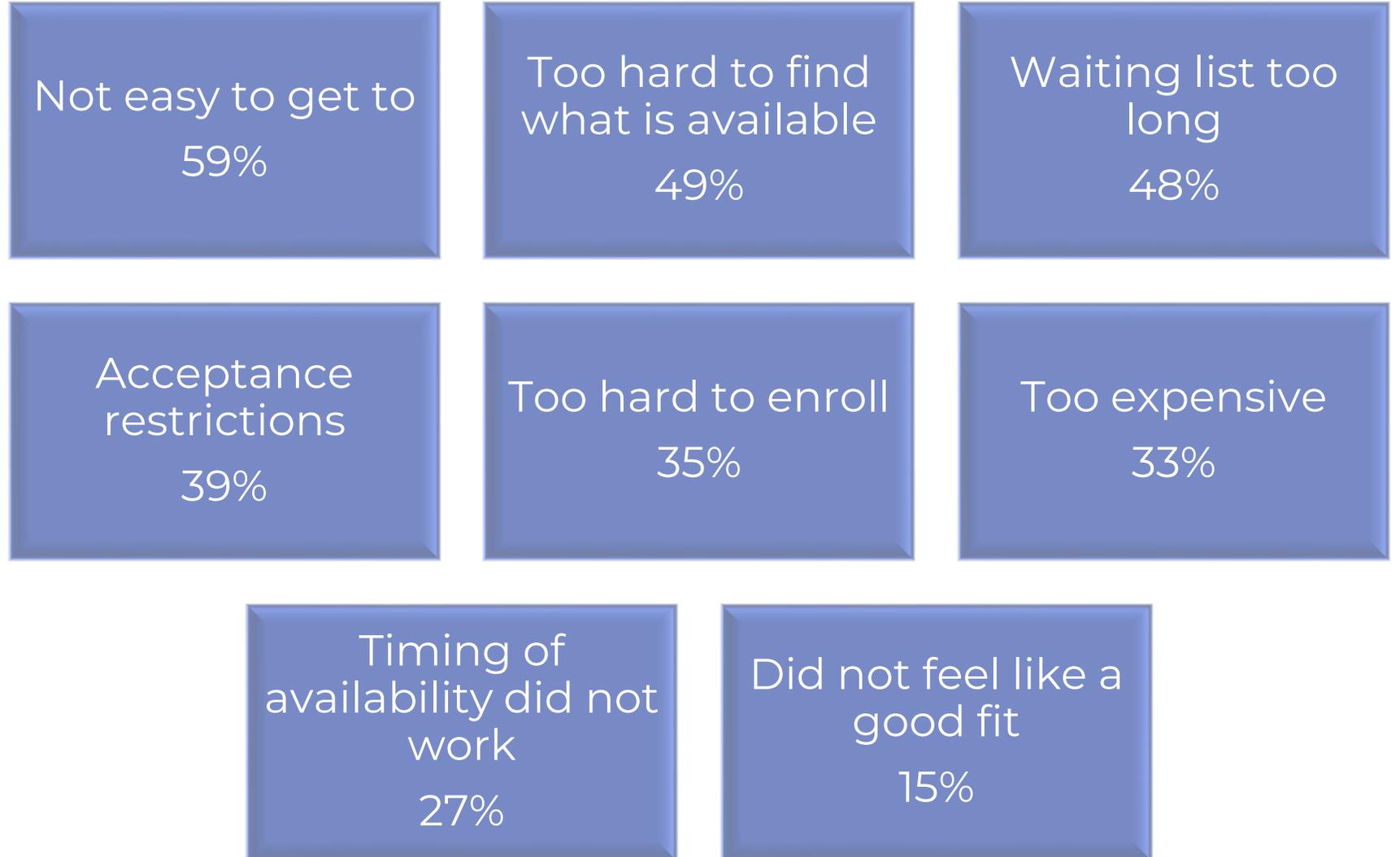
Substance abuse tx  
(29%)

# Helpfulness of Services Received



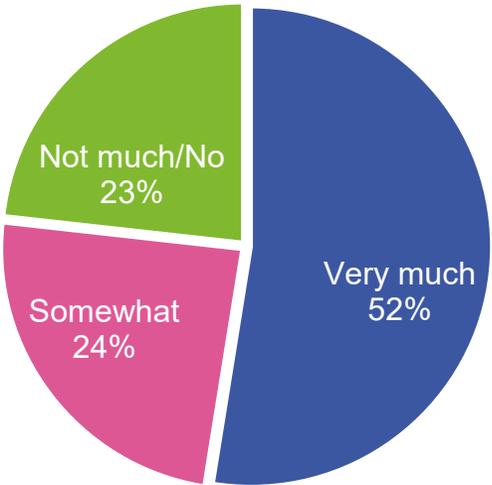
# Barriers to Service

**65% of those who sought services in the community said there were barriers that made it hard to get them**

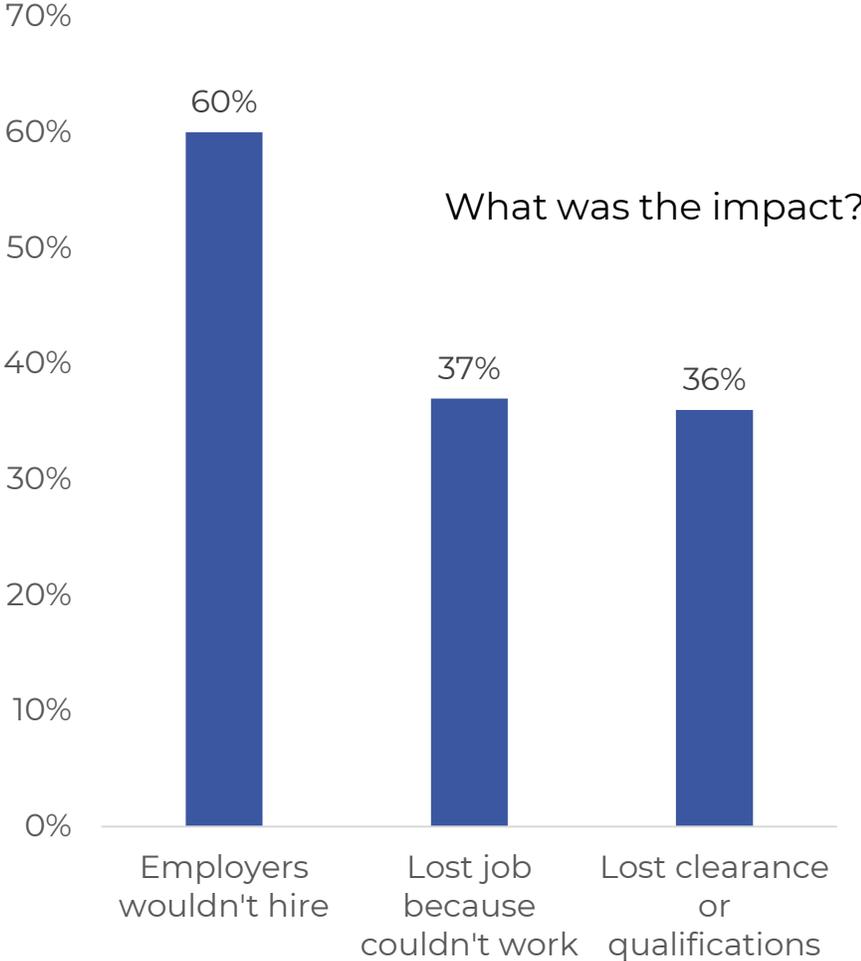


# Effect of Incarceration on Employment

Did incarceration have any impact on your employment?

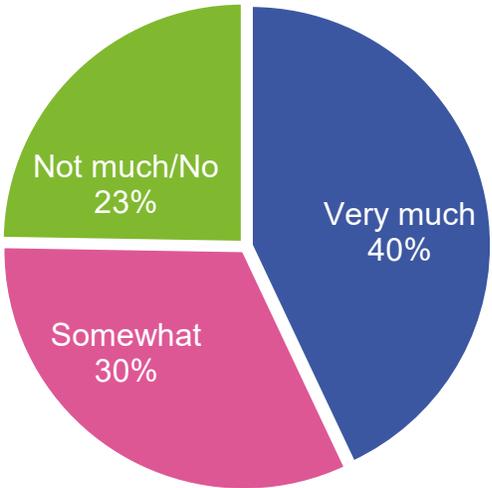


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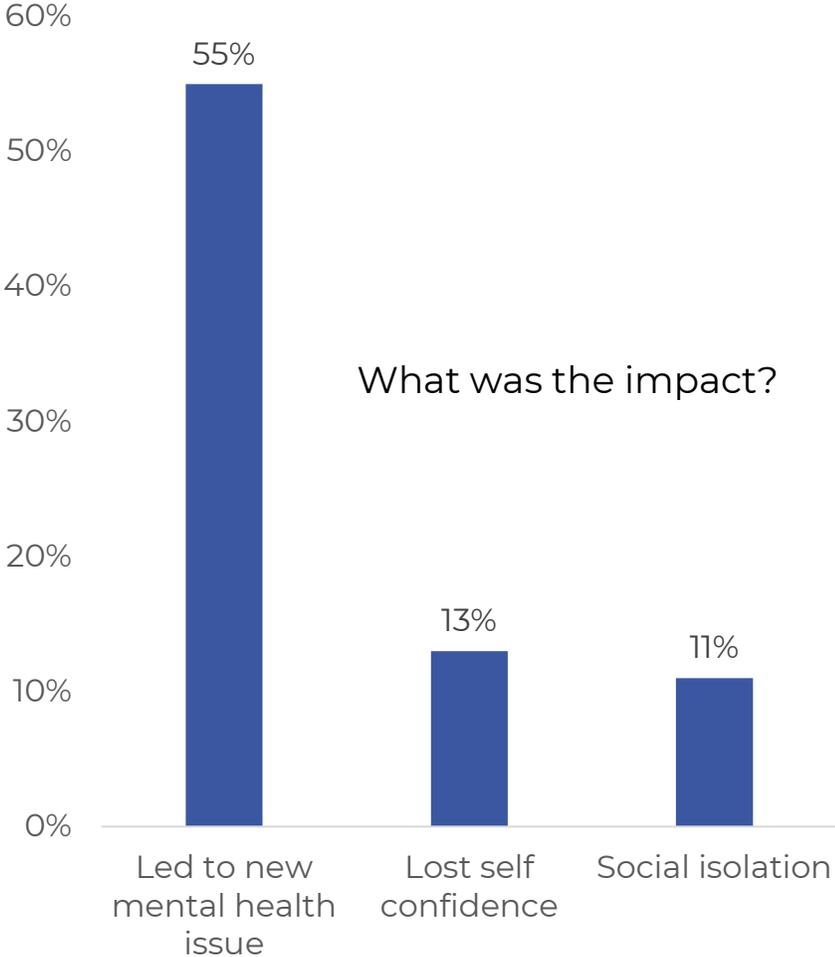


# Effect of Incarceration on Mental Health

Did incarceration have any impact on your mental health?

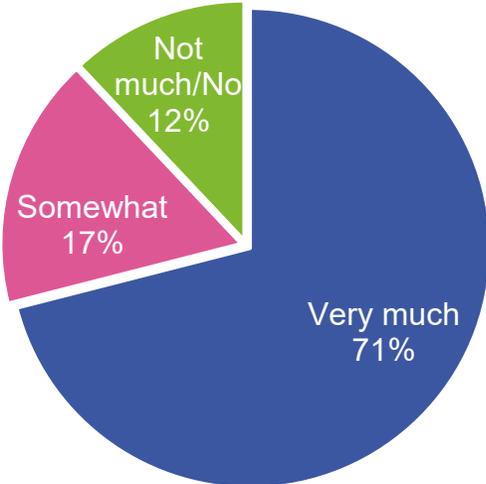


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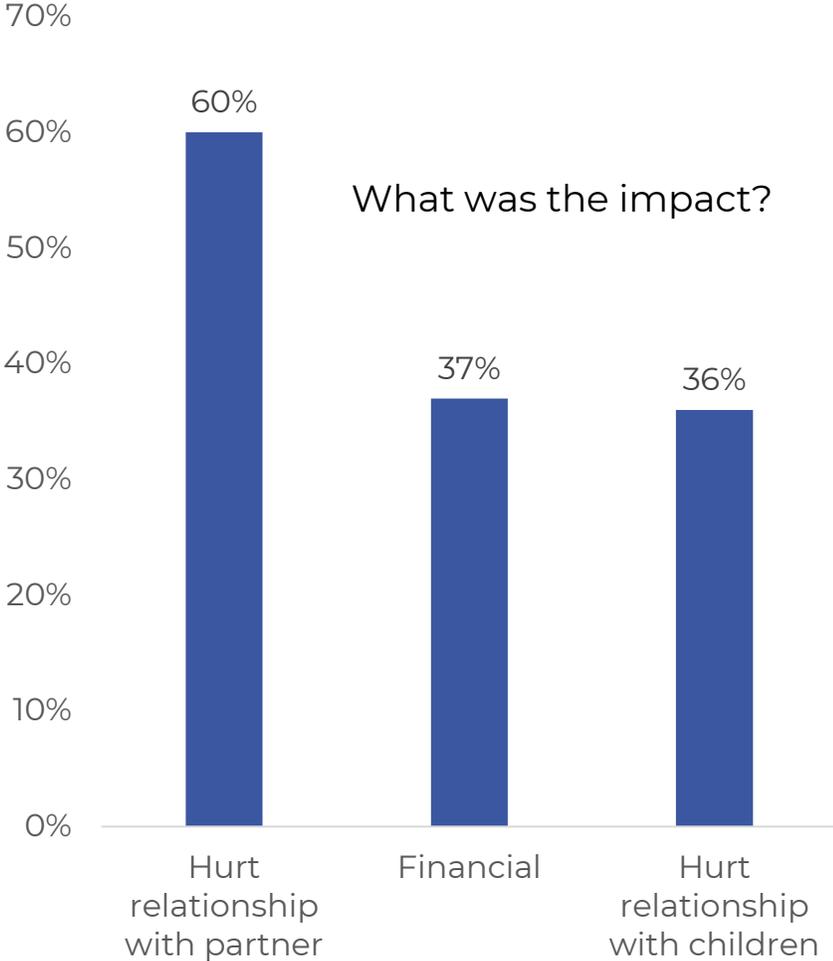


# Effect of Incarceration on Family

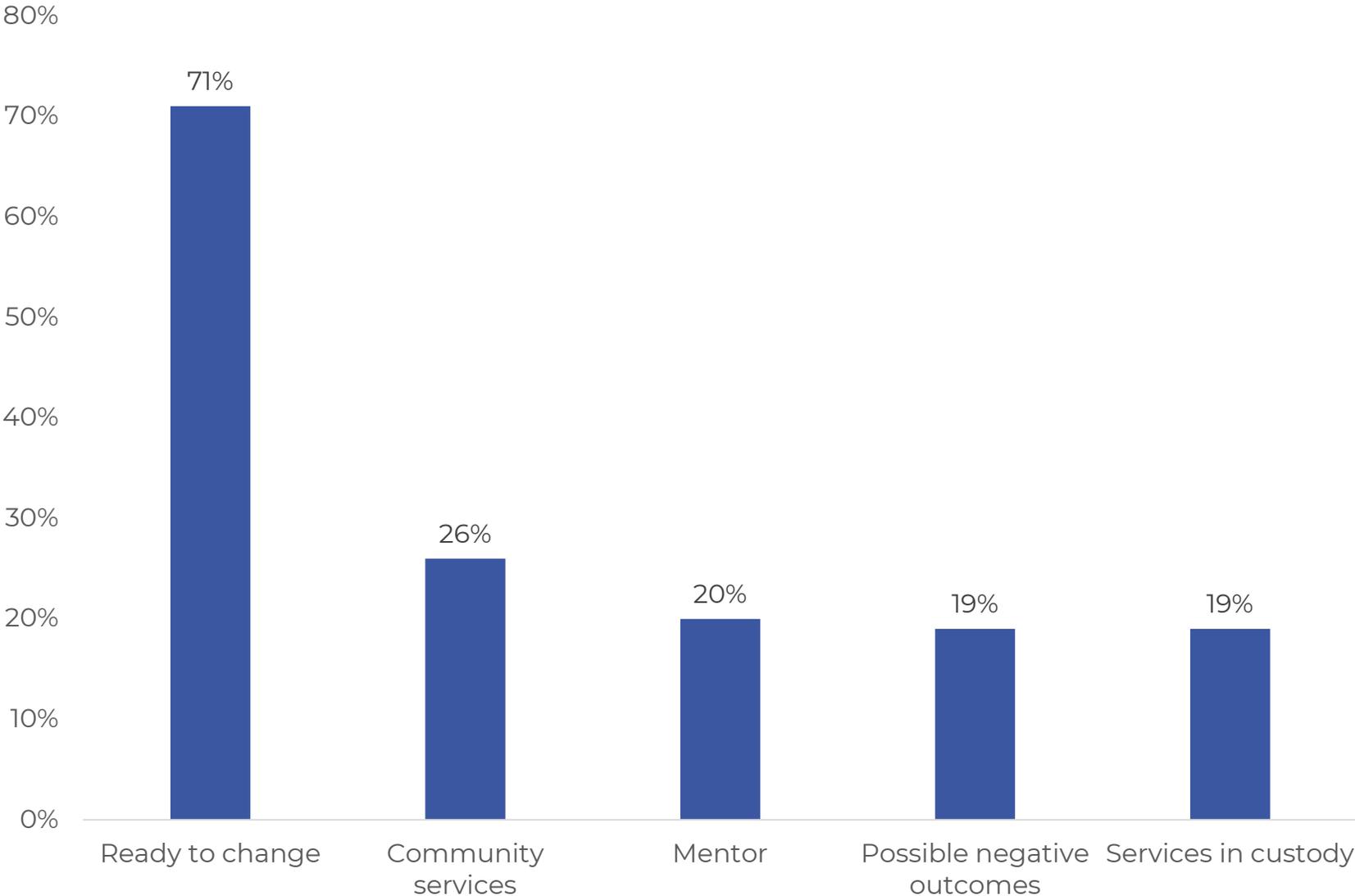
Did incarceration have any impact on your family?



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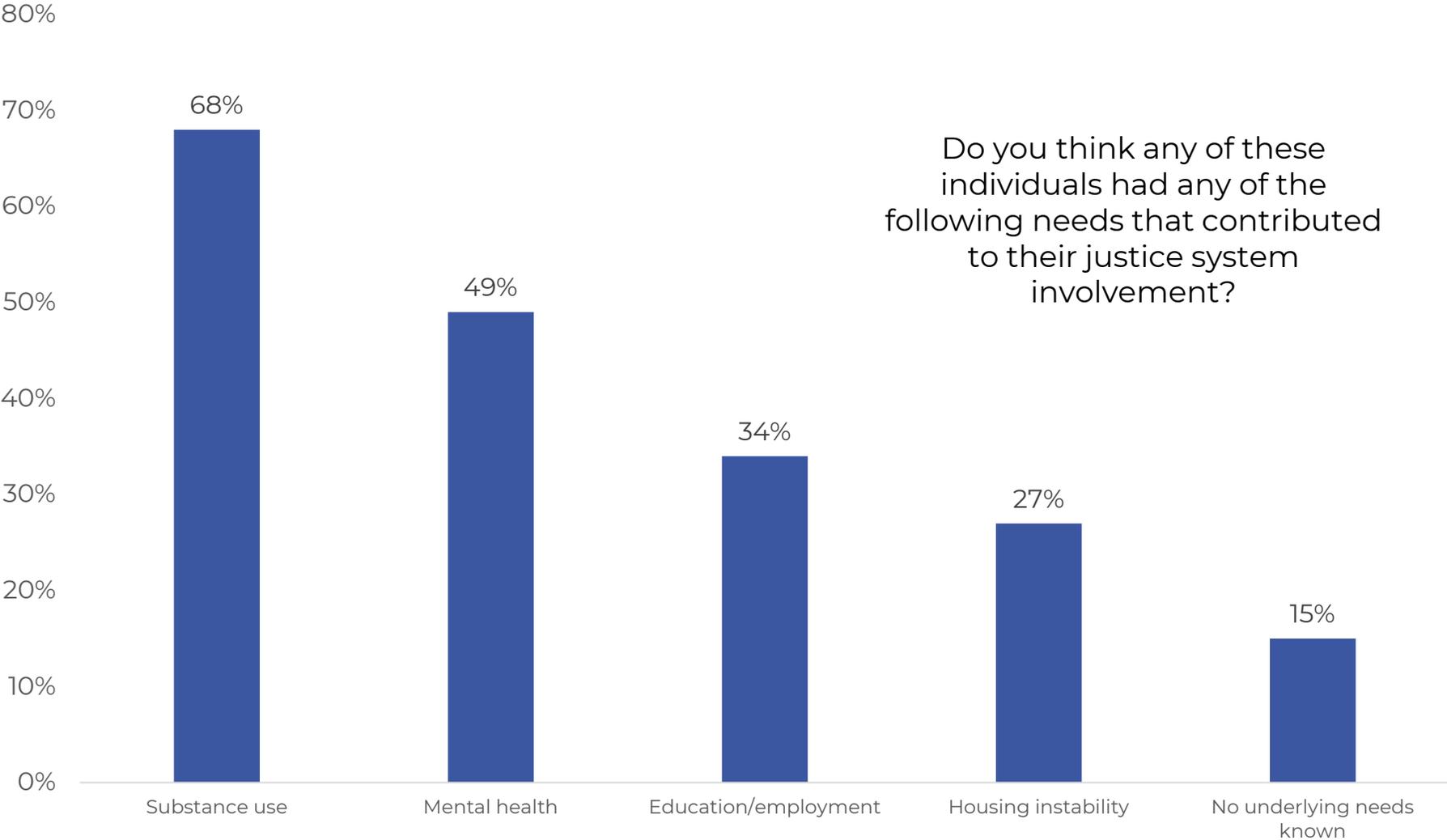


# Perception of What Made Reentry Successful



# Family Member Incarceration

37% had family member incarcerated as an adult (N=378)



# Other Survey Data

- 42% said they or an immediate family member was the victim of a crime in the past 3 years
  - 27% they were (27% violent, 76% property, 7% other)
  - 30% family member (33% violent, 74% property, 5% other)
- 63% thought crime in their neighborhood had increased in the past 3 years, 5% it had decreased, and 32% it had stayed the same
- 79% thought crime in San Diego County had increased in the past 3 years, 4% it had decreased, and 17% it had stayed the same



# Discussion of Community Forum Participation

5:20-5:30

# Community Forum Overview

- **Service provision structure:** Structure and funding of County programs were criticized as being siloed, having inconsistent treatment duration, and that funding structure led to underpaid service provider staff with high levels of turnover. Need to expand continuum of services in context of sobering centers - no mechanism for follow up contact after they leave. Gaps in homelessness services and mental health services ("a buildings deficit").
- **Service availability in the jail system:** Need for more services in jail including professional behavioral health assessment and more behavioral health services and peer support services.
- **Data availability and sharing:** Need better data availability and follow up surveying on individuals formerly incarcerated. Need for more data sharing between law enforcement and behavioral health.

# Community Forum Overview

- **Legal transition away from involuntary treatment poses challenges** - Not everyone takes voluntary treatment options - contingency based treatment (incentives for compliance) is one option. Related to this, there were divergent opinions on the Care Courts proposal.
- **Specific issues that need more follow** : People having interruptions in Social Security and SSI benefits related to incarceration and HUD 90-day rule limiting housing opportunity.



# Discussion of Advisory Group Activities and Involvement

5:30-5:50



# Update on Project Timeline

5:50-6:00

# Deliverables Pending No-Cost Extension

- Second Interim Report: July 29, 2022

*Summary of community survey results, preliminary overview of community forums*

- Third Interim Report: September 30, 2022

*Best practices, needs assessment*

- Return to Board: October 25, 2022

- Draft Comprehensive Report: December 15, 2022

*All data, input, and recommendations to date*

- Final Comprehensive Report: March 15, 2023

*Include all in draft with public comment and recommendations from community, Advisory Group, and Working Group*

**Thank you!**

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