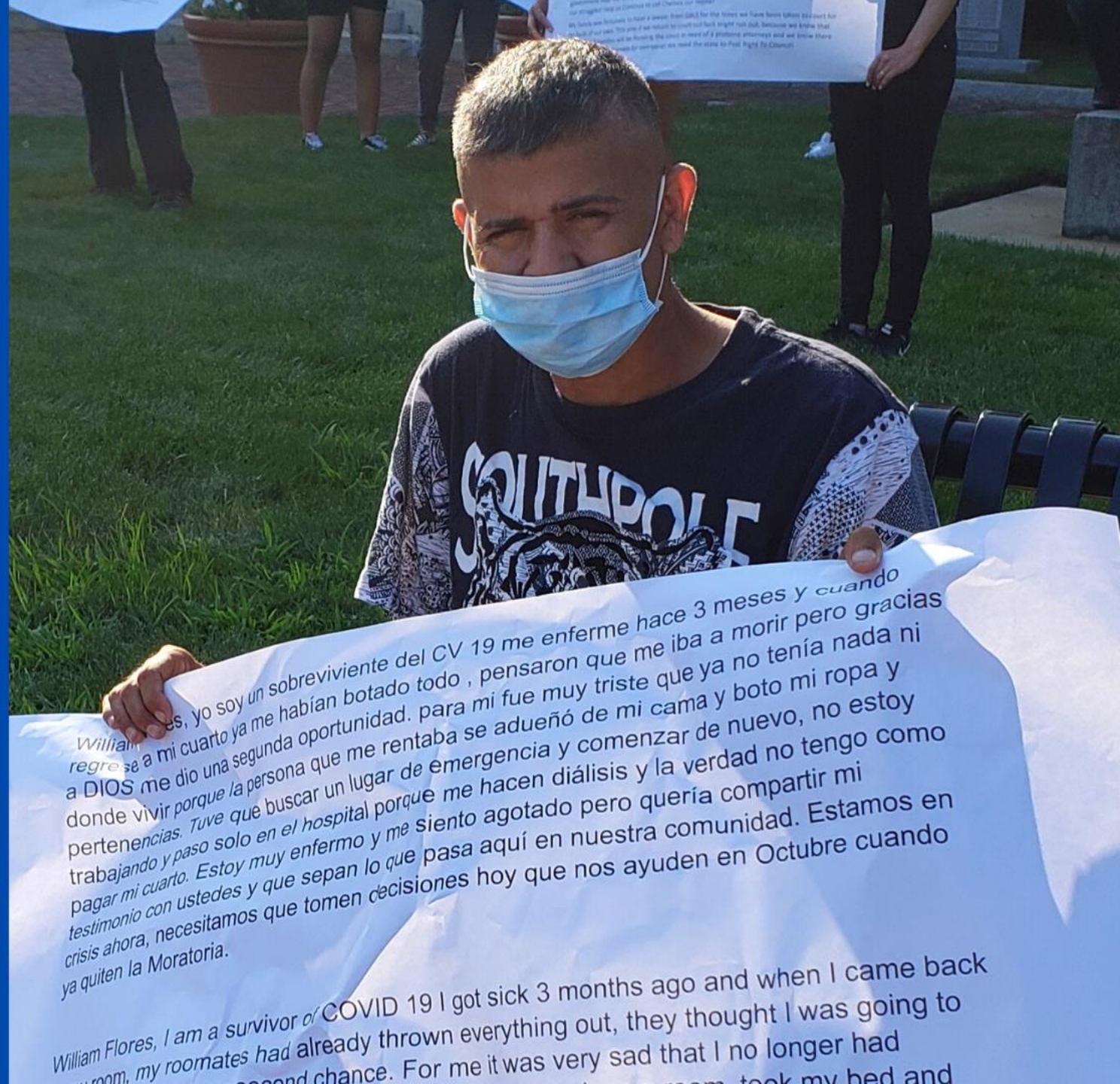


# The Impact of COVID-19 in Massachusetts:

# Immigrant Community Survey

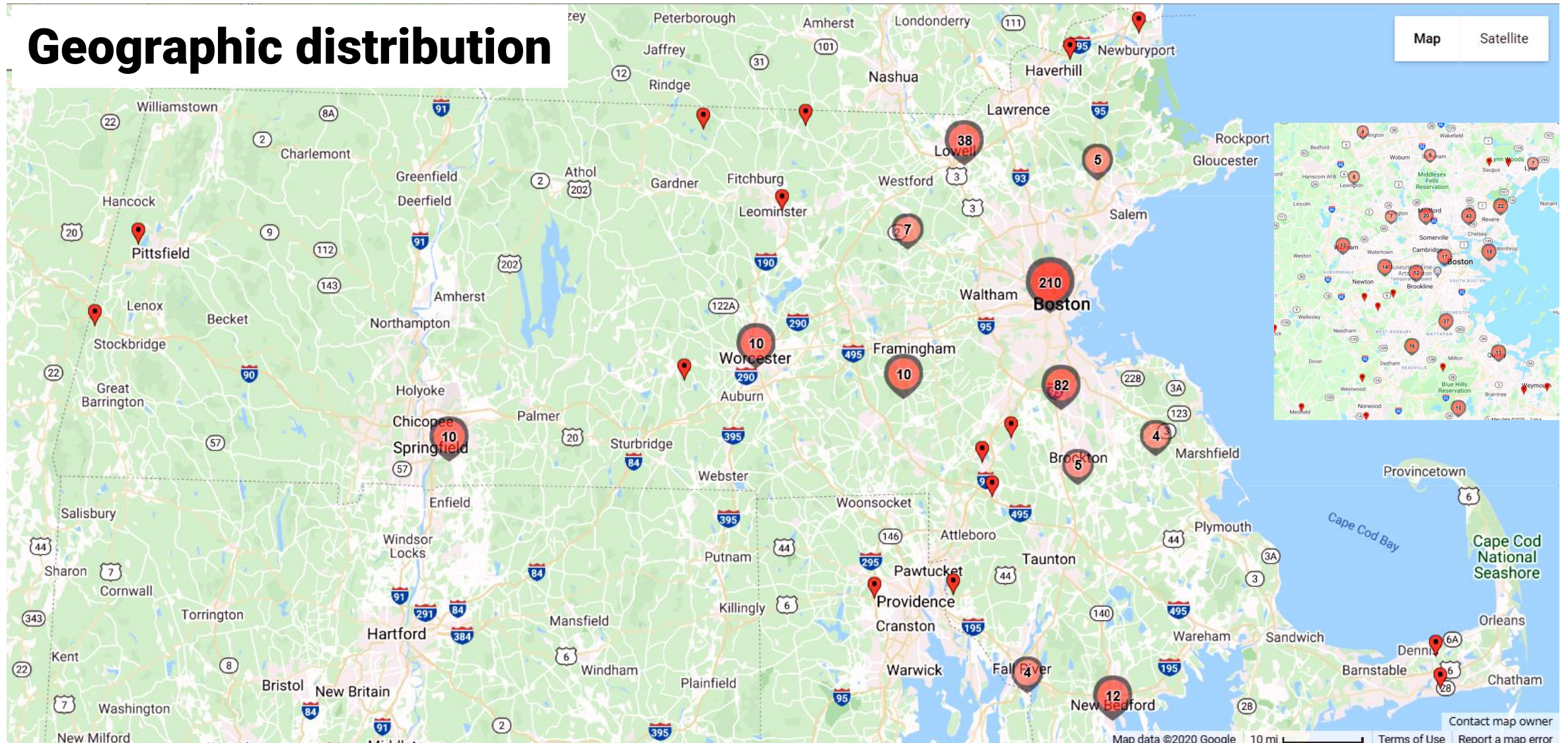


## Survey overview:

- Online survey in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, French, simplified Chinese, Vietnamese + 9 other Asian languages.
- 433 respondents from across Mass., including 149 households with undocumented members.
- Reached via MIRA members, especially Agencia ALPHA, ATASK, Brazilian Worker Center, IFSI-USA and REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, as well as broader community networks, and social media.
- Roughly 70% of respondents answered online; the rest responded to calls, and some in person. Supplemented by 21 in-depth interviews.

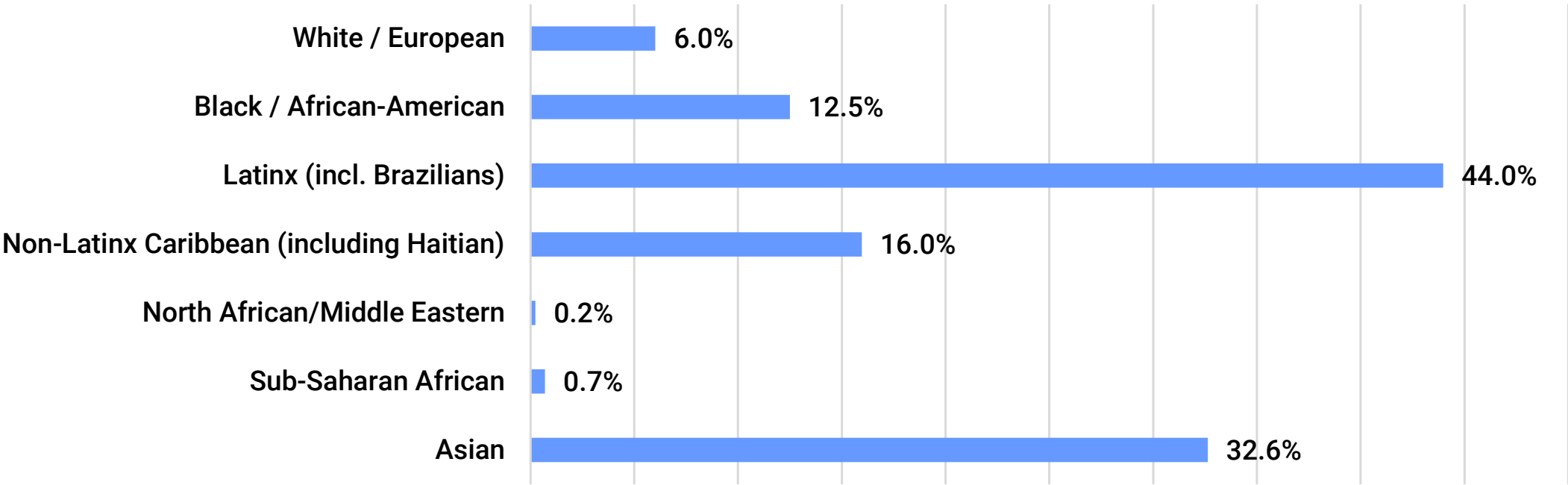


# Geographic distribution



# Respondent demographics

## Race/Ethnicity

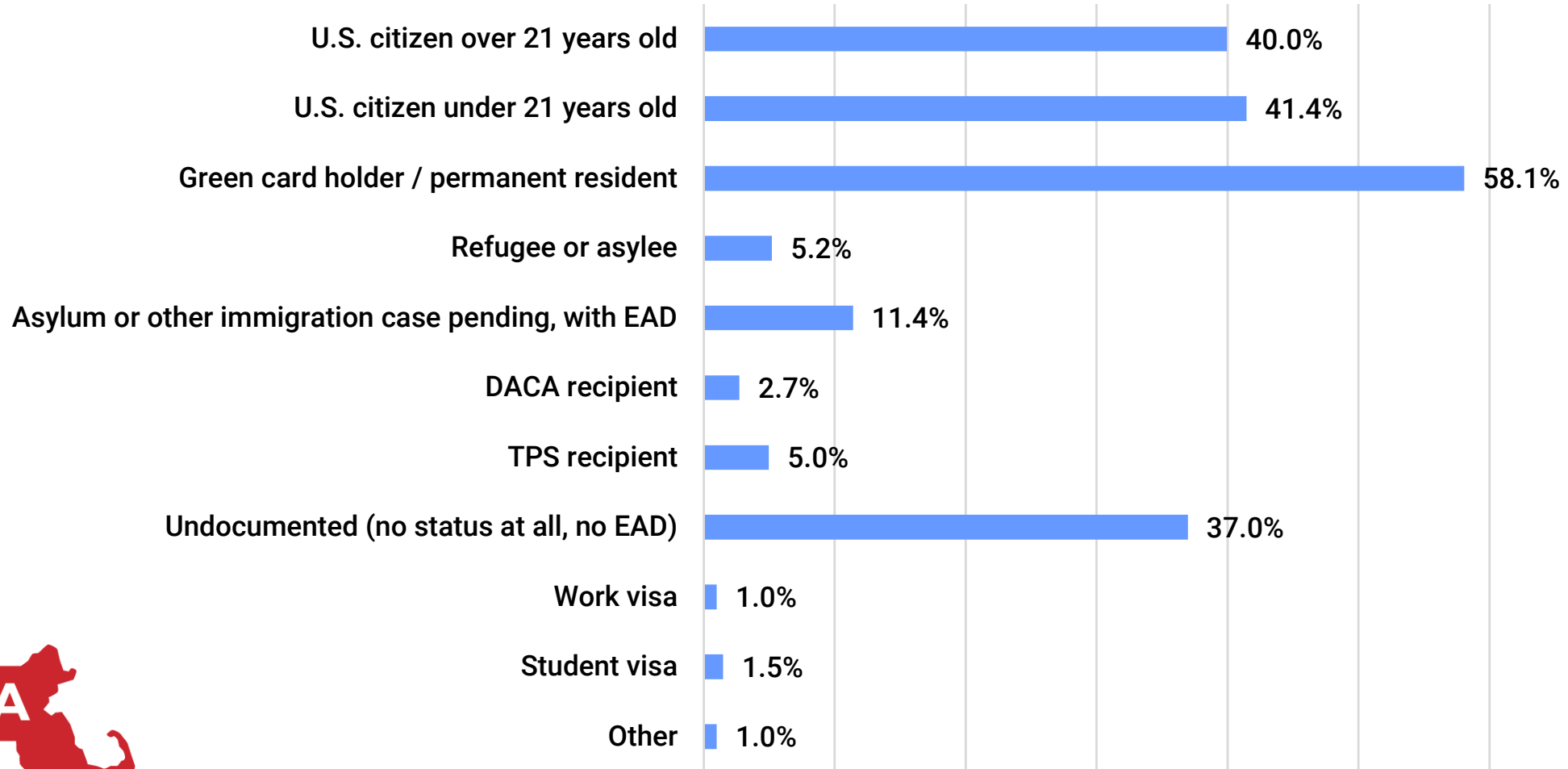


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**Age range:** 18–76; average 40

**Total people:** 1,087 adults, average 2.5 per household; 536 children, average 1.2 per household

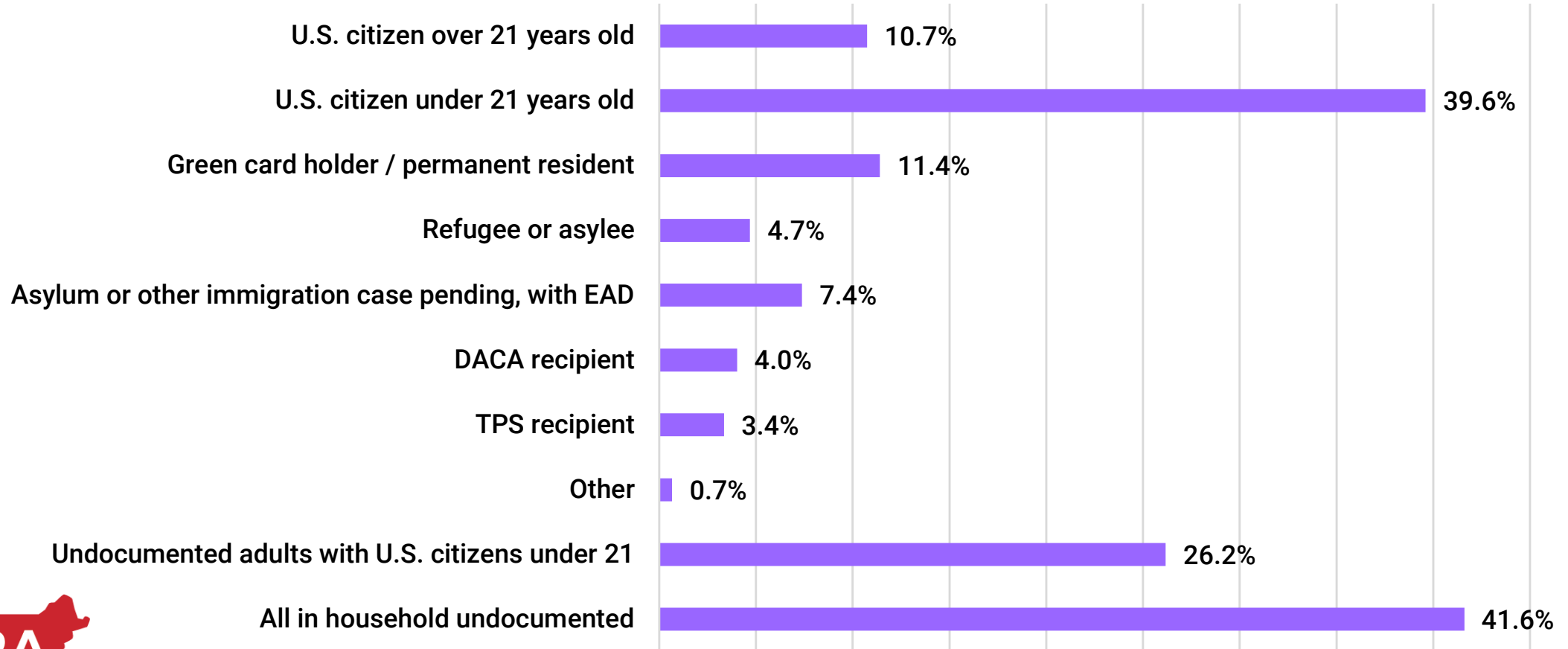
## Which of the following citizenship and immigration statuses do you have in your household? (Optional; check all that apply)



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## Which of the following citizenship and immigration statuses do you have in your household? (undocumented and mixed-status)

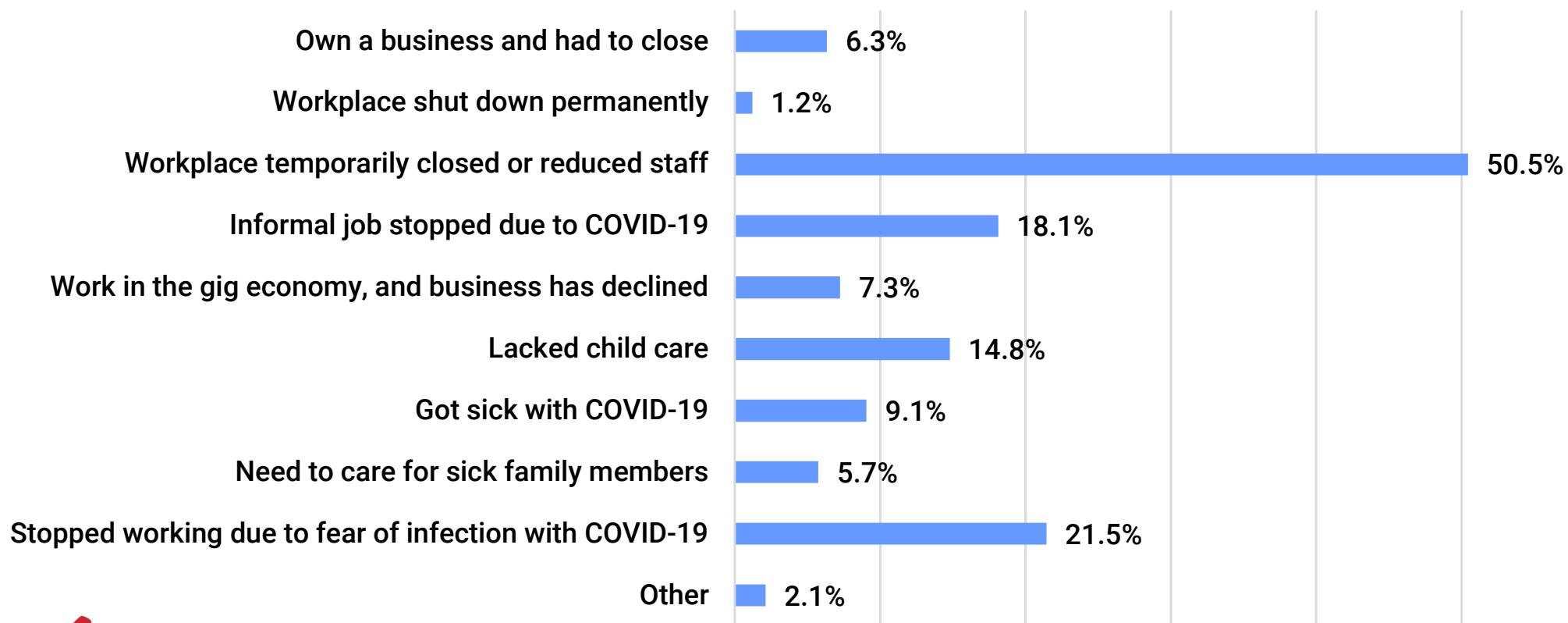


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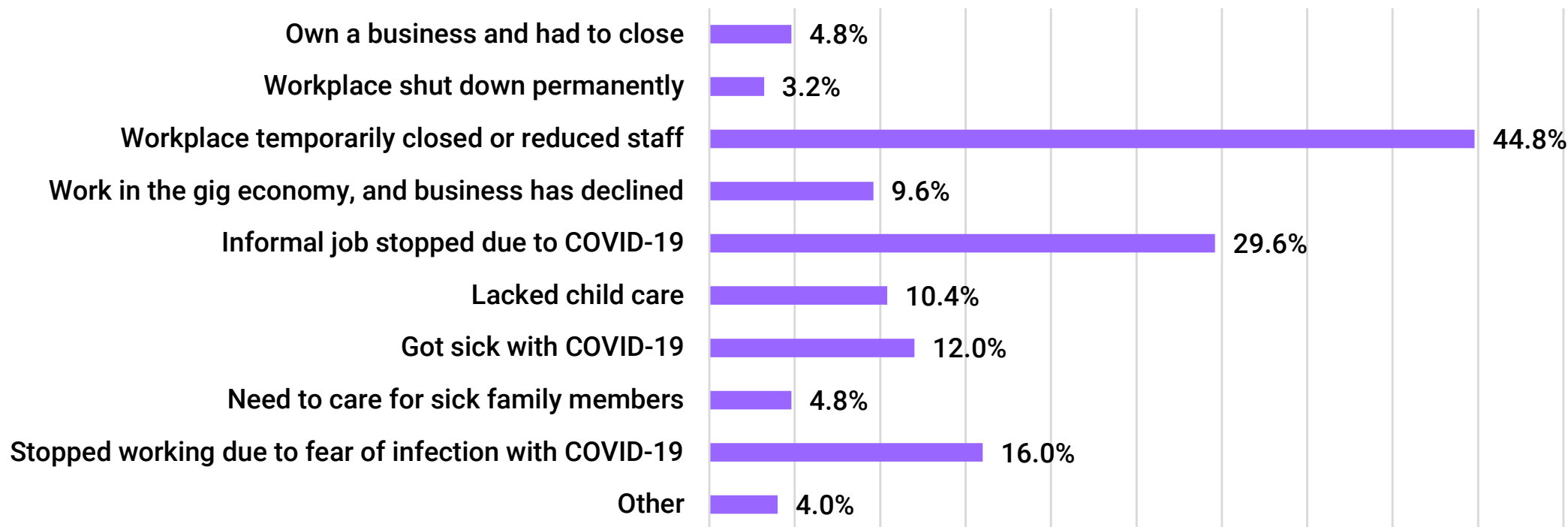
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## If one or more members of your household lost their job or have reduced hours, what factors caused this? (Choose all that apply)

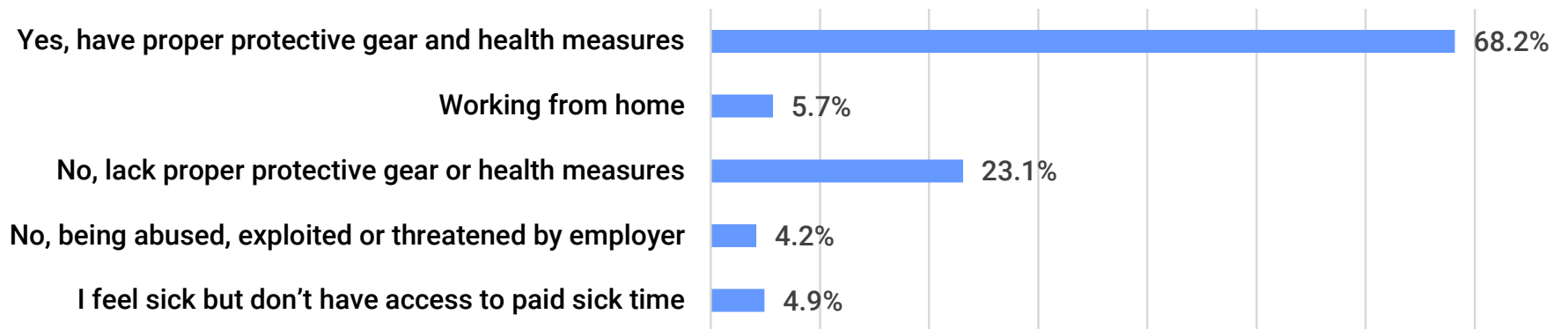


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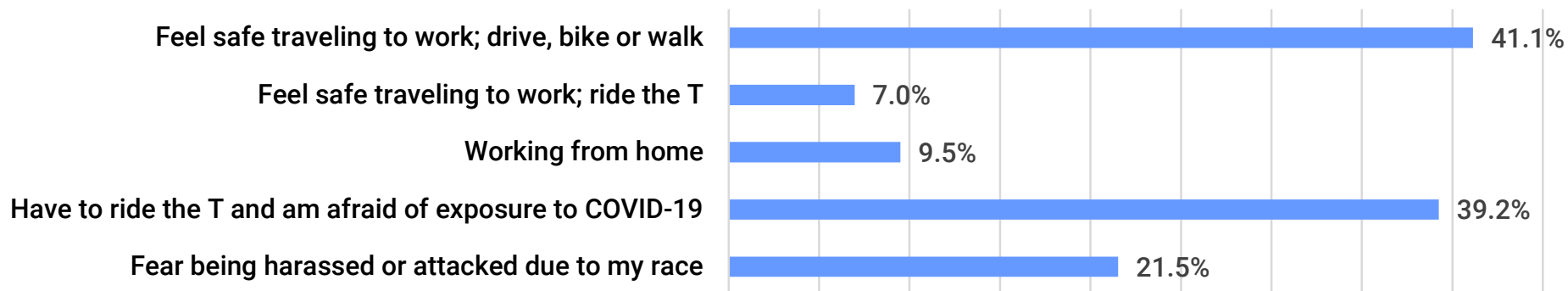




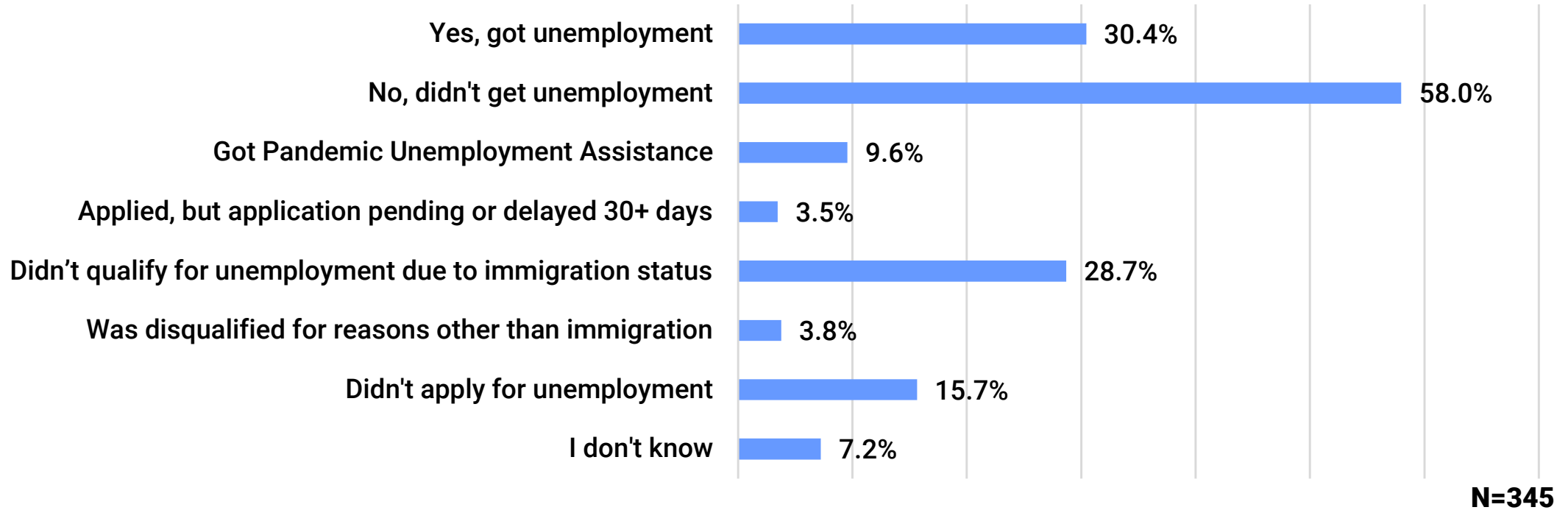
## If you and family members are still working, do you feel safe at your job? (Check all that apply)



## If you and family members are still working, do you feel safe traveling to work? (Check all that apply)

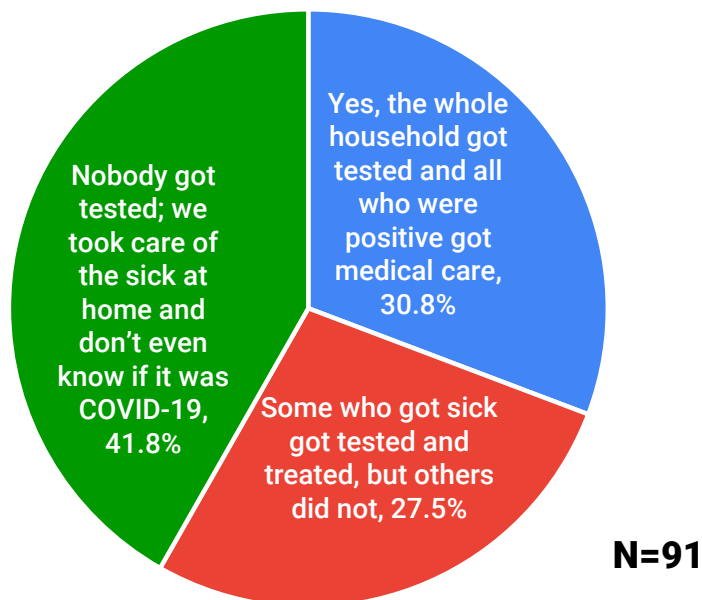


**If one or more members of your household were laid off or furloughed, or had your hours cut, did you collect unemployment?  
(Check all that apply)**

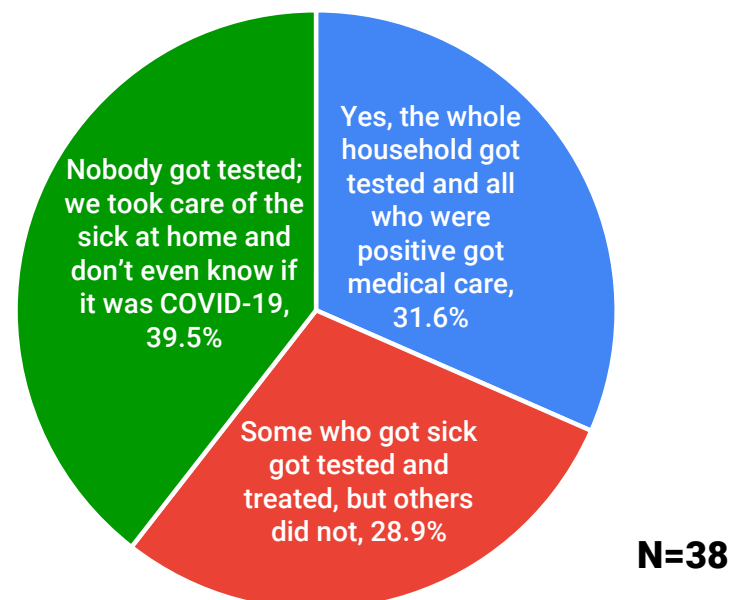


**Among households with undocumented residents: 82% didn't get unemployment, 64.8% said at least one worker was disqualified due to immigration status. Only 10.2% got unemployment, but 25.8% got PUA.**

**If someone in your household got sick, did you seek COVID-19 testing and treatment? (all)**

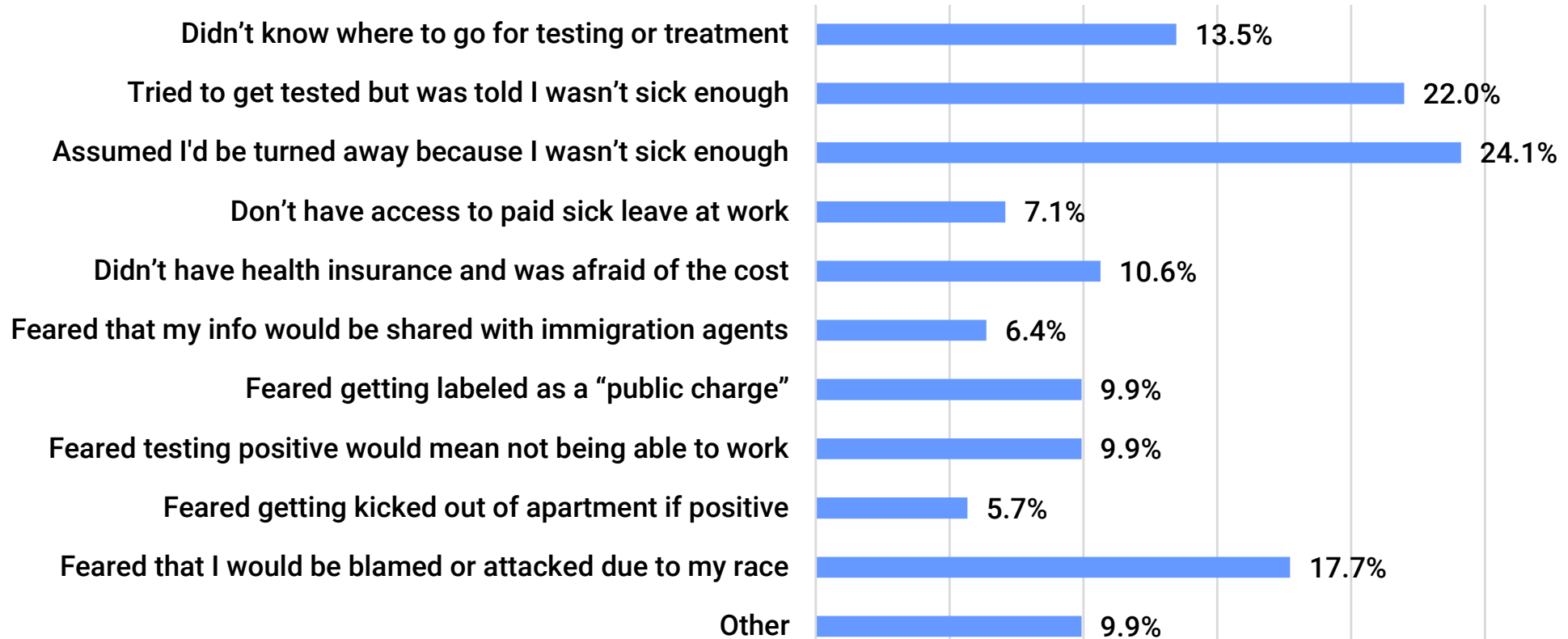


**If someone in your household got sick, did you seek COVID-19 testing and treatment? (undocumented and mixed-status)**



**Total reported cases:** 181 (but not all confirmed by test!), including 87 in households with undocumented residents; average cases per reporting household: 2.1.

## If you felt sick but didn't get tested, why was that? (Check all that apply)



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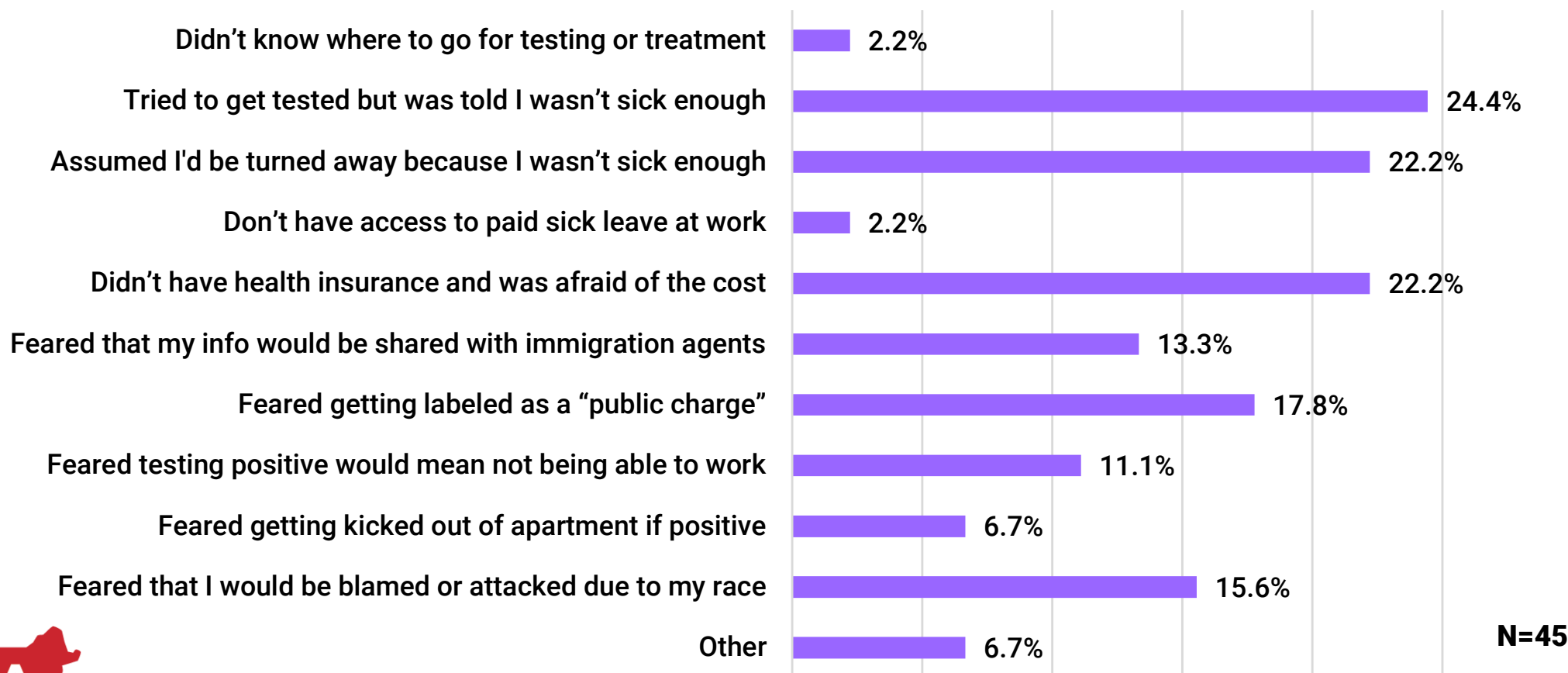


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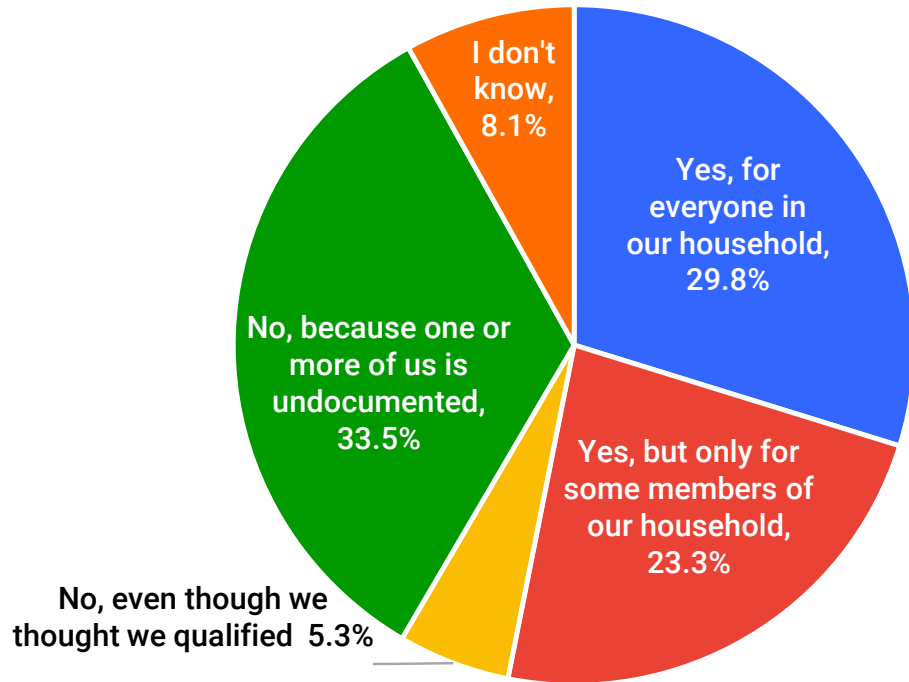
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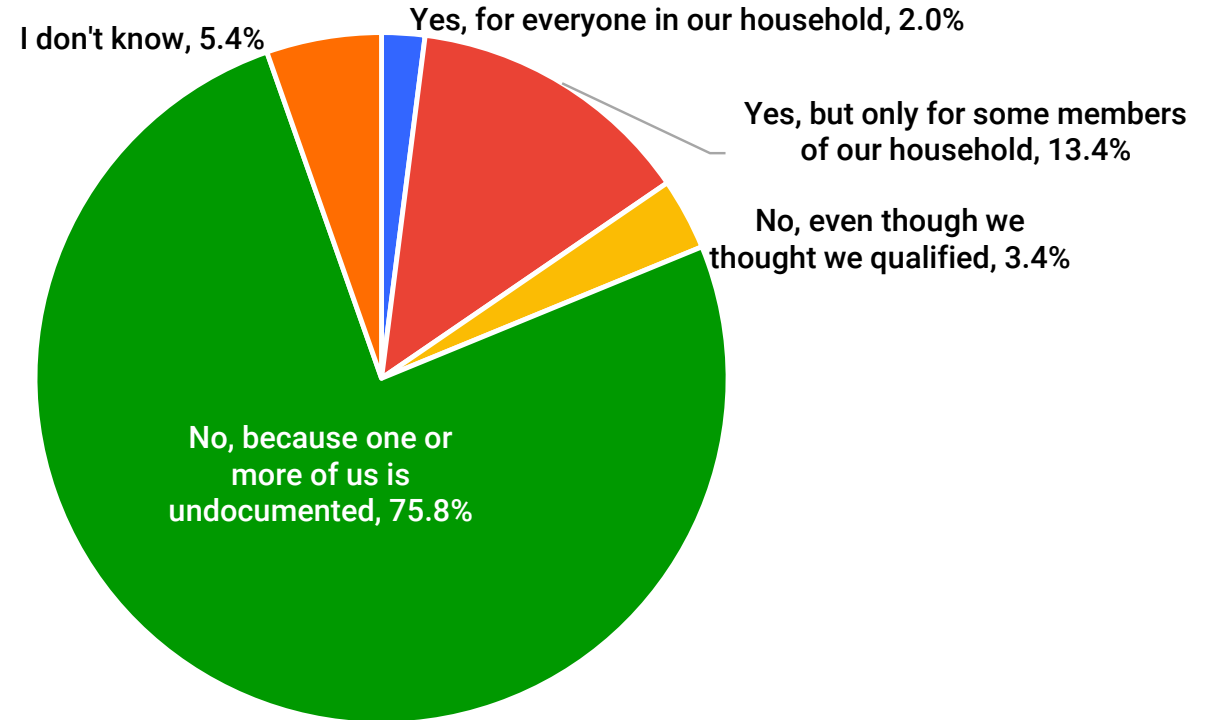
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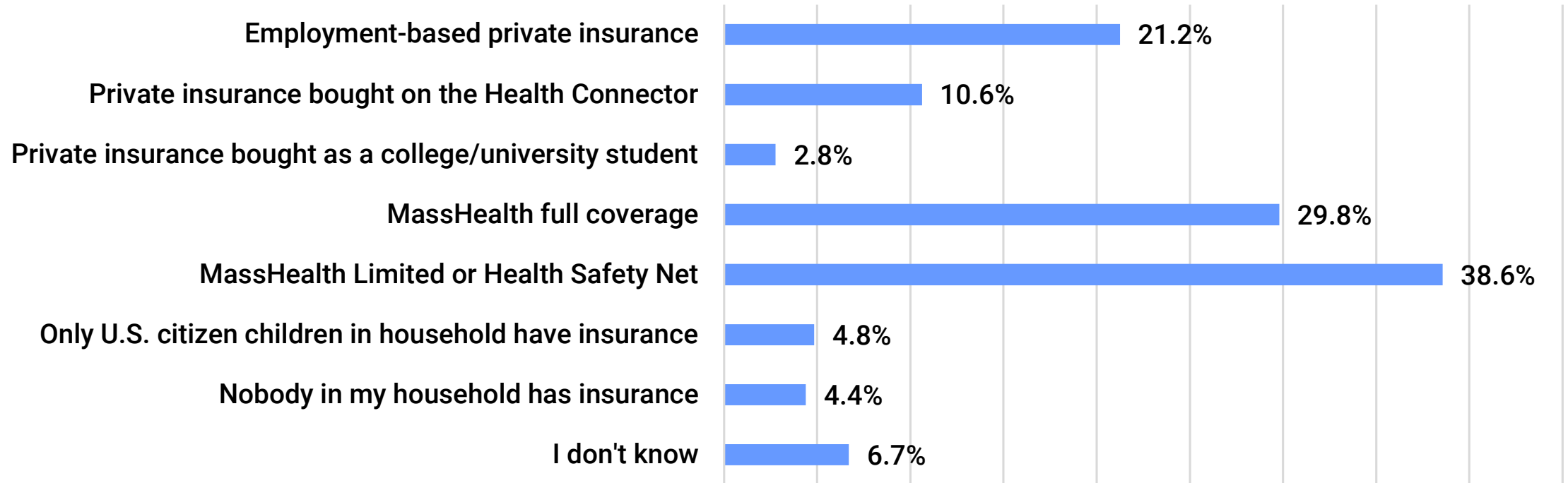
### Did you get federal stimulus funds? (\$1,200 per adult and \$500 per dependent child)



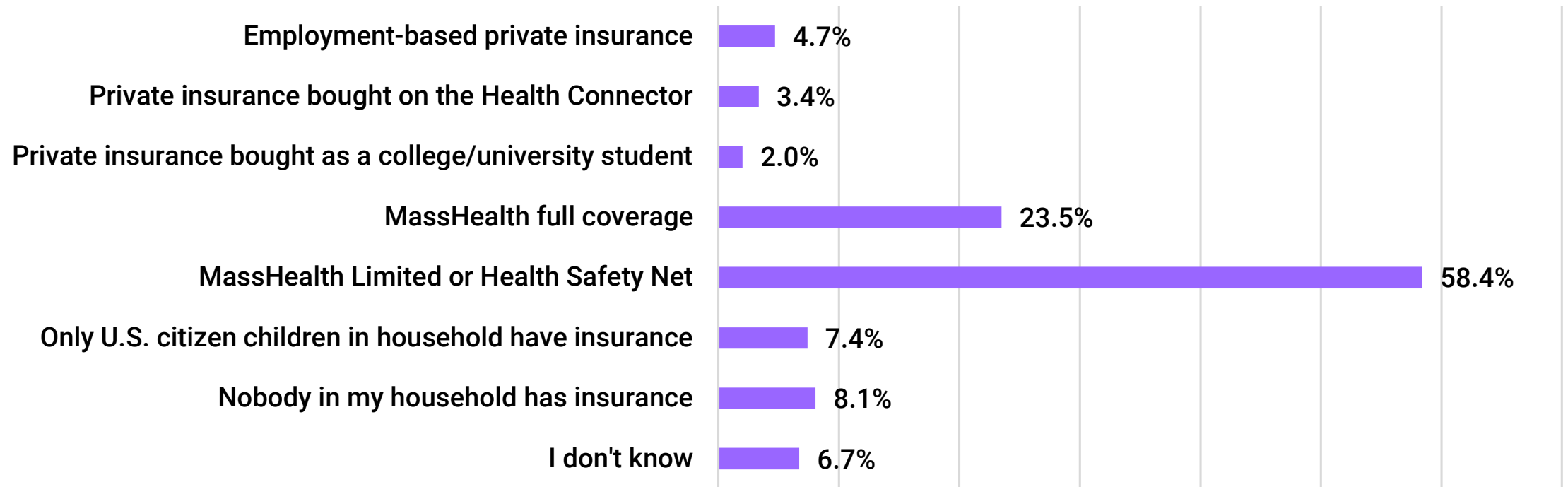
### Did you get federal stimulus funds? (undocumented and mixed-status)



## Does your family have health insurance? What kind(s)? (Check all that apply)

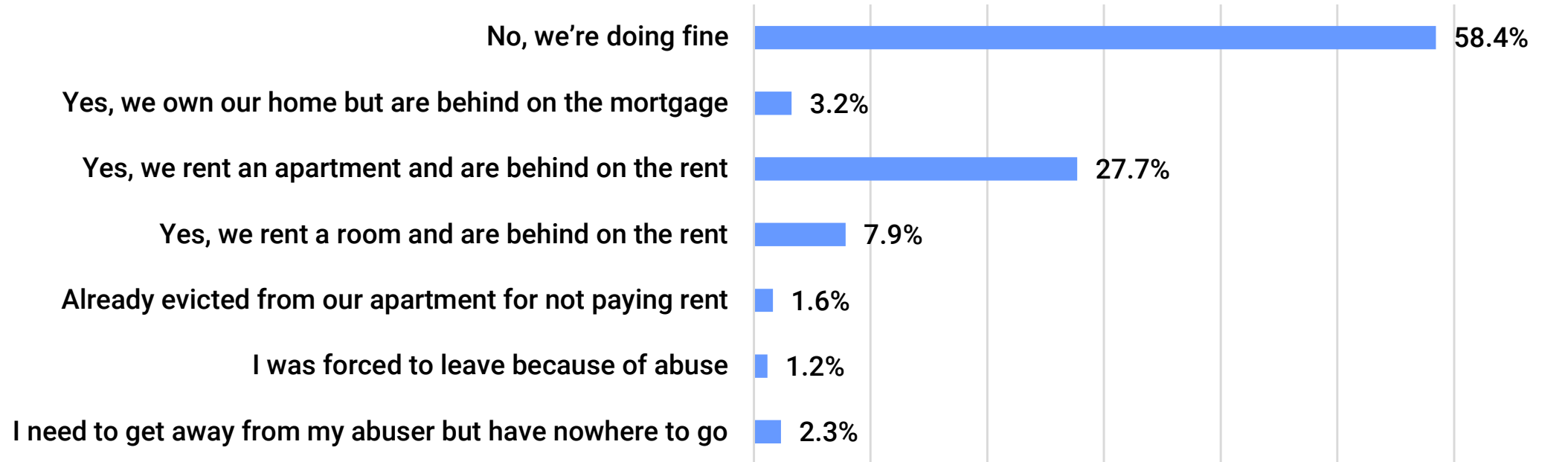


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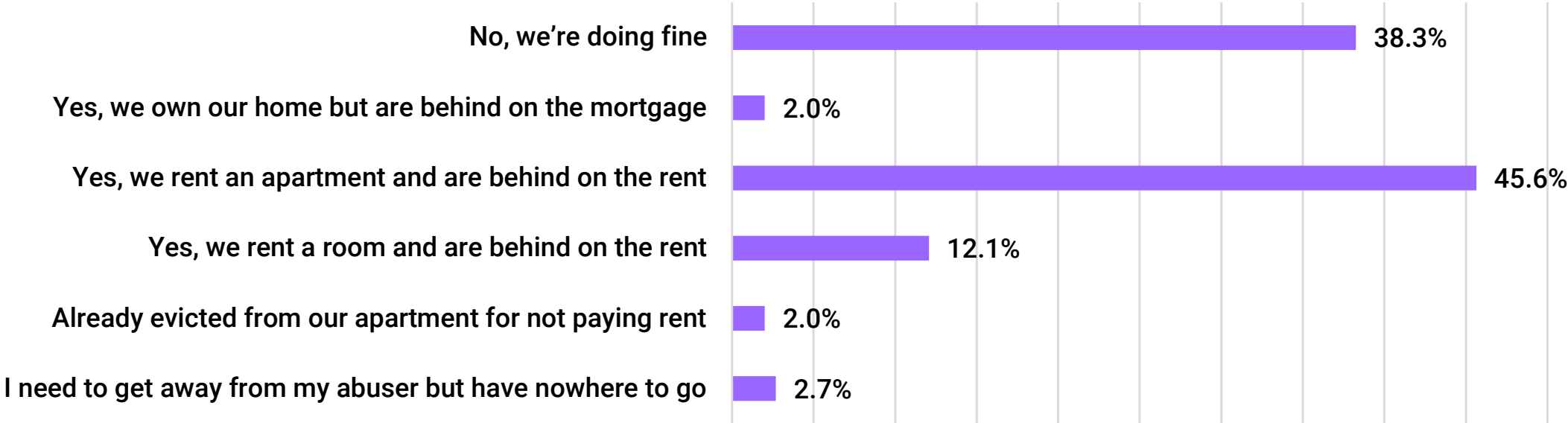




## Are you worried about losing your housing, or have you lost it already? (Check all that apply)

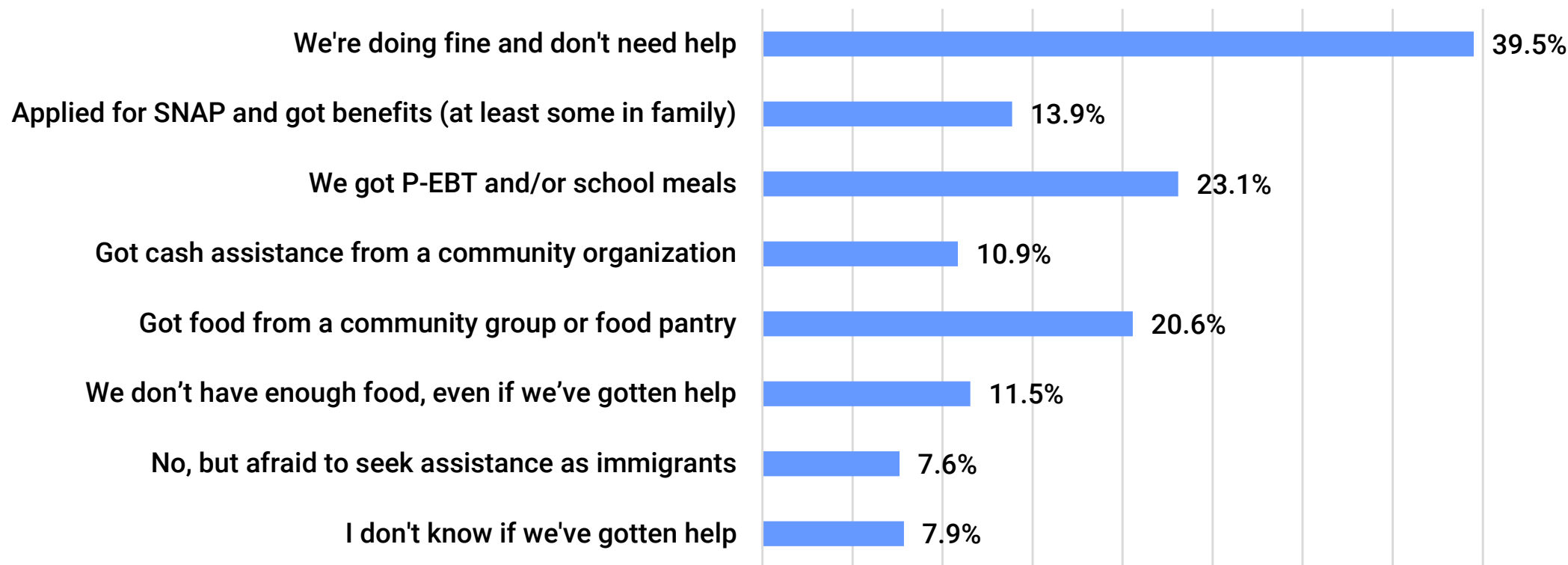


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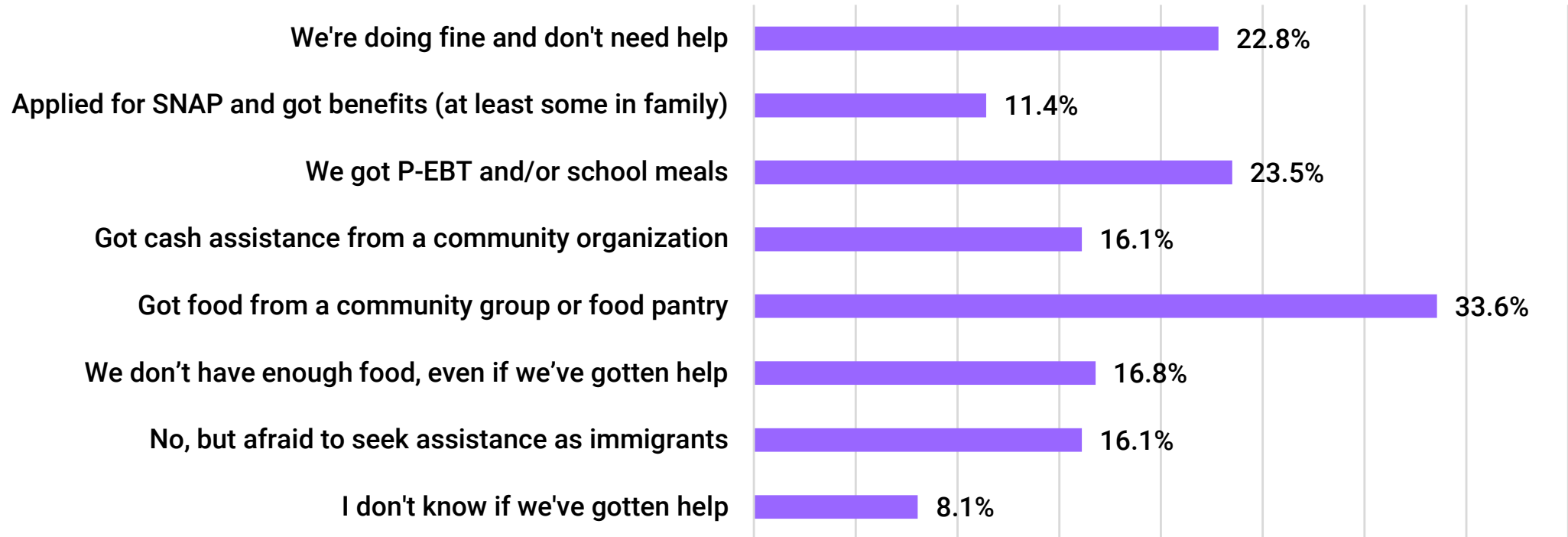
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## Does your household have enough to eat? Have you gotten any help? (Check all that apply)



**Note:** 257 (59.3%), including 25 of 'We're doing fine,' also listed at least one source of food assistance or reported food insecurity.

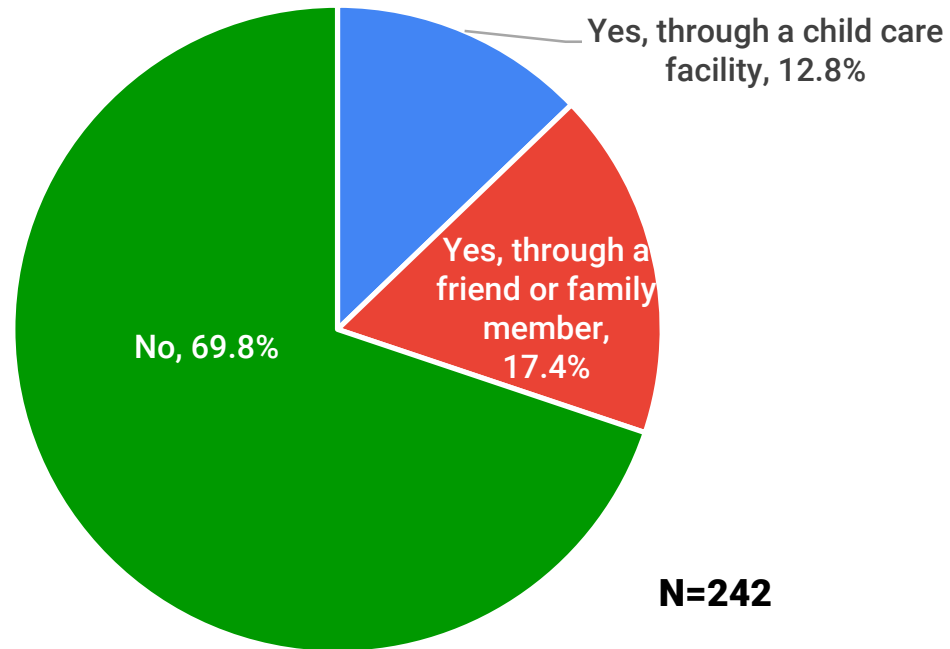
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**Note:** 116 (77.8%), including 10 of 'We're doing fine,' also listed at least one source of food assistance or reported food insecurity.



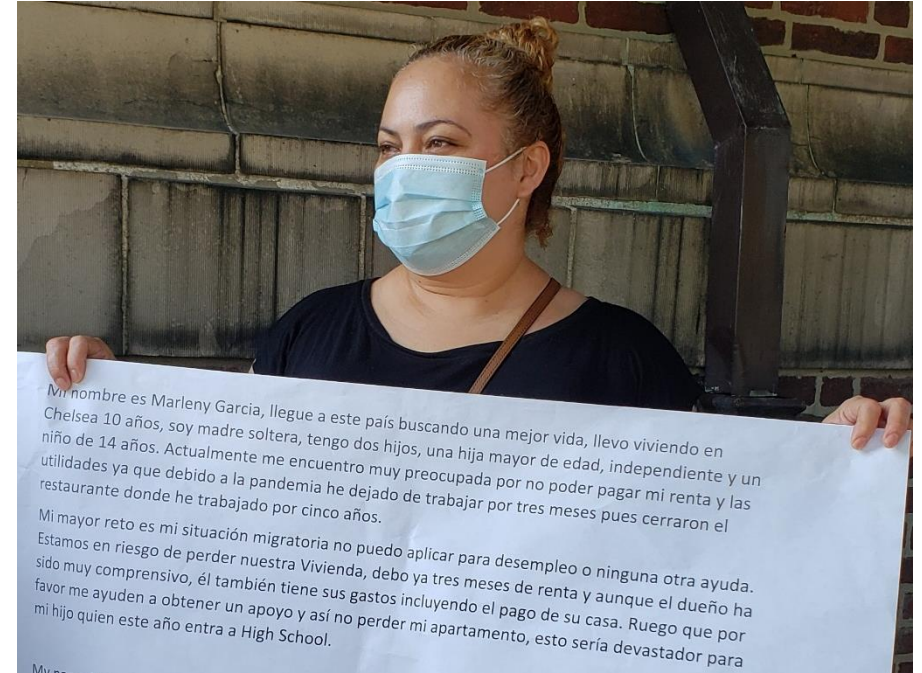
## If you have small children, do you have access to child care right now?



**55.9% of respondents had at least one small child**, and 14.8% of respondents said lack of child care had forced them to stop working. In interviews, several moms directly linked their ability to work to their children returning to school.

# Key take-away:

Immigrant families face the same distress as all working-class Americans, BUT it is exacerbated by their exclusion from crucial safety-net programs and stimulus payments, and for the undocumented, by limited work opportunities and pervasive fear.



We need federal and state COVID-19 response to be **truly equitable and inclusive, without discriminating against immigrant households.** Philanthropy has an enormous role to play as well, filling critical gaps and supplementing public funds.

# Policy priorities:

- Pass the HEROES Act or similar to extend crucial federal safety-net programs, provide more inclusive stimulus, suspend the 'public charge' rule, and protect DACA and TPS recipients.
- Invest in multilingual public outreach across Massachusetts to address fear and confusion caused by the 'public charge' rule and ensure immigrants know they can safely seek help.



# Policy priorities:

- Boost RAFT program to \$50 million to provide urgent housing assistance, and extend moratorium on evictions and foreclosures.
- Support community-based organizations to provide food and cash assistance to the most vulnerable families. We need tens of millions of dollars more!
- Expand paid sick leave and enforce existing law.
- Pass the Safe Communities Act and Work and Family Mobility Act.



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