

# **Transitional Living Program**

*Information through March 2009*

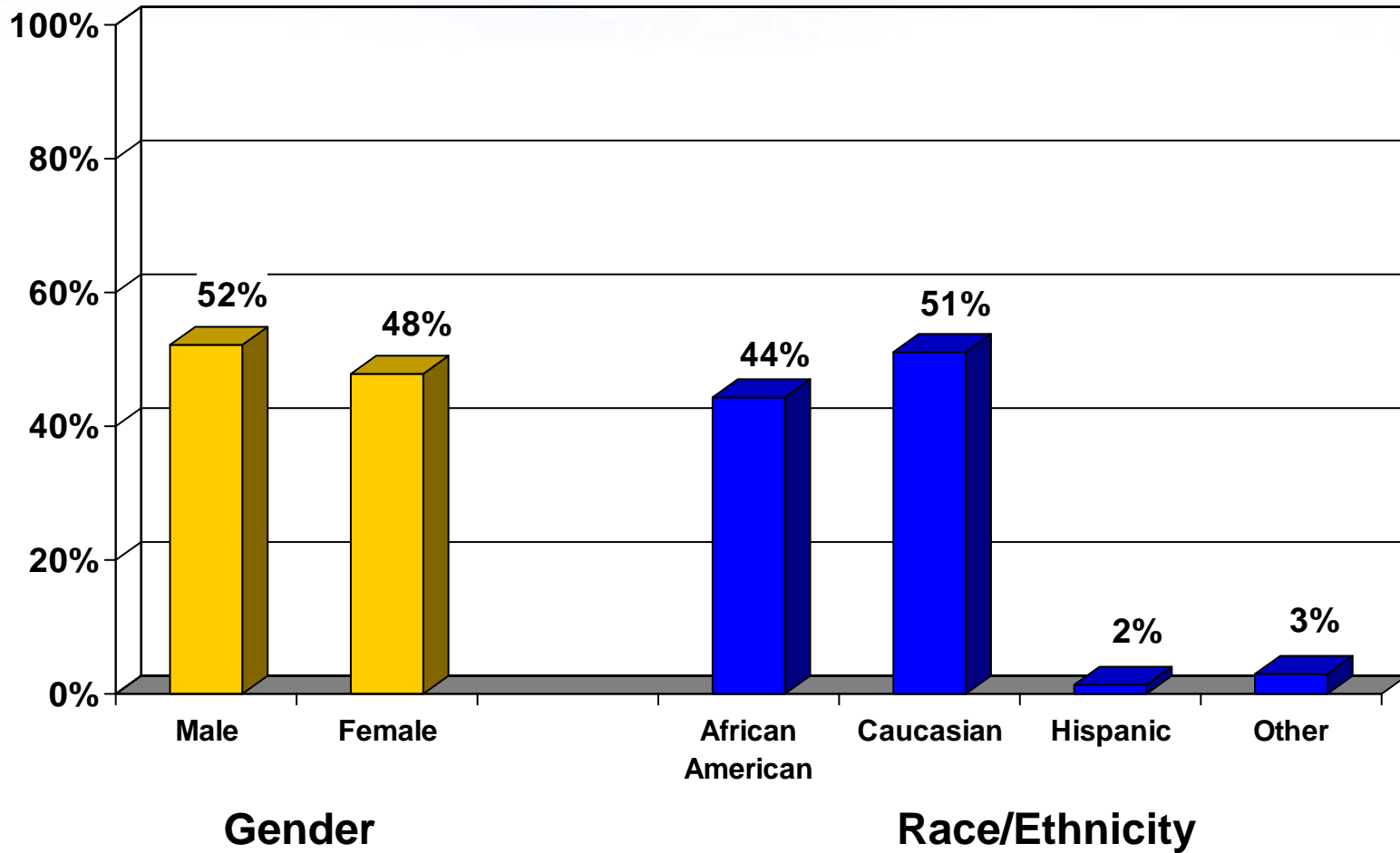
*Founded in 1999 with a grant from The Day Foundation, the Transitional Living Program is still supported through private donations including continuing support from The Day Foundation and grants from other generous supporters. In 2007, the Tennessee Department of Children's Services partnered with Youth Villages and the Day Foundation to expand the program across the state.*

# *Transitional Living Program*

## Demographics

Through March 2009

N = 2,390

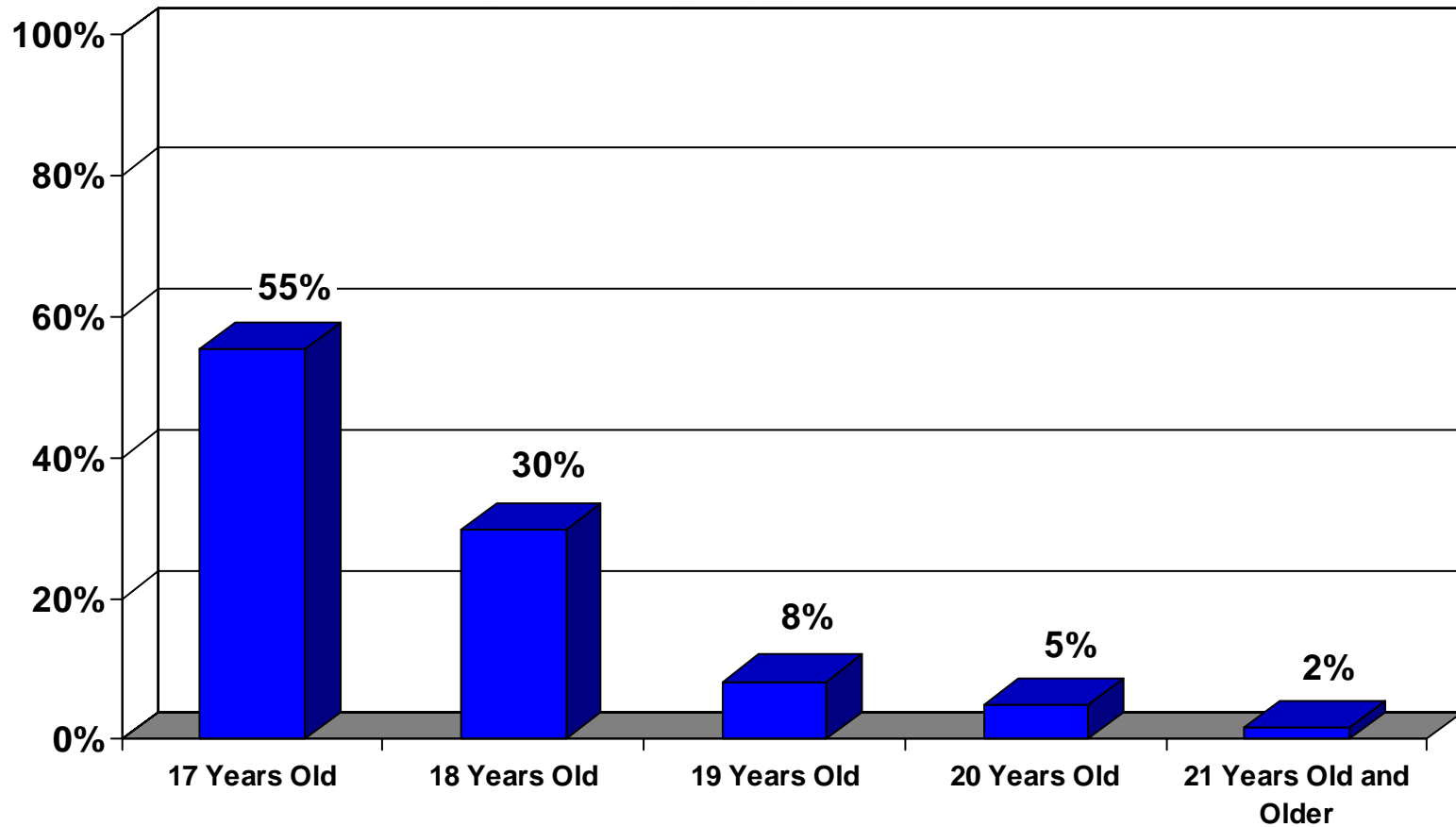


# *Transitional Living Program*

## Age at Admission

Through March 2009

N = 2,390

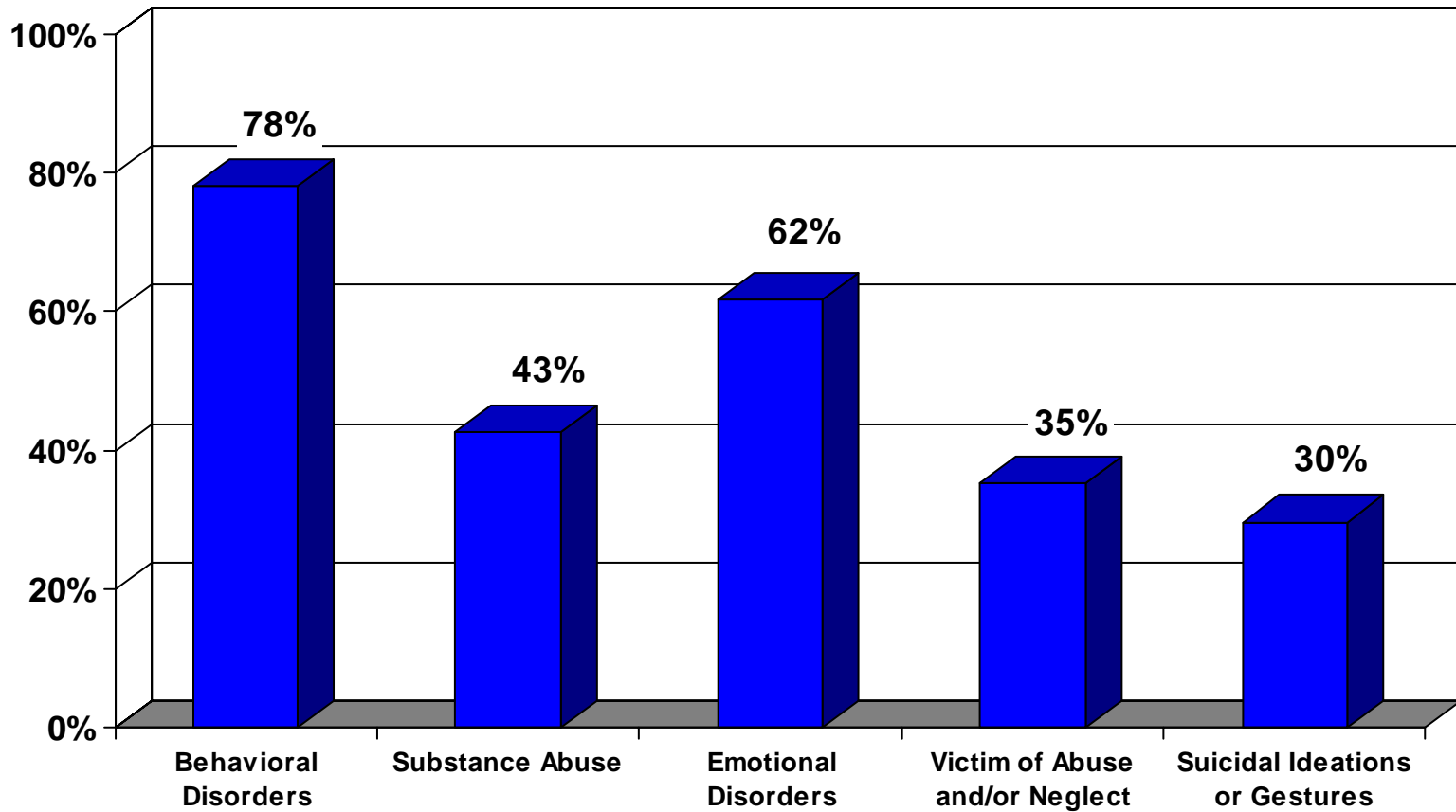


# *Transitional Living Program*

## Presenting Issues

Clients served through March 2009

N = 2,390



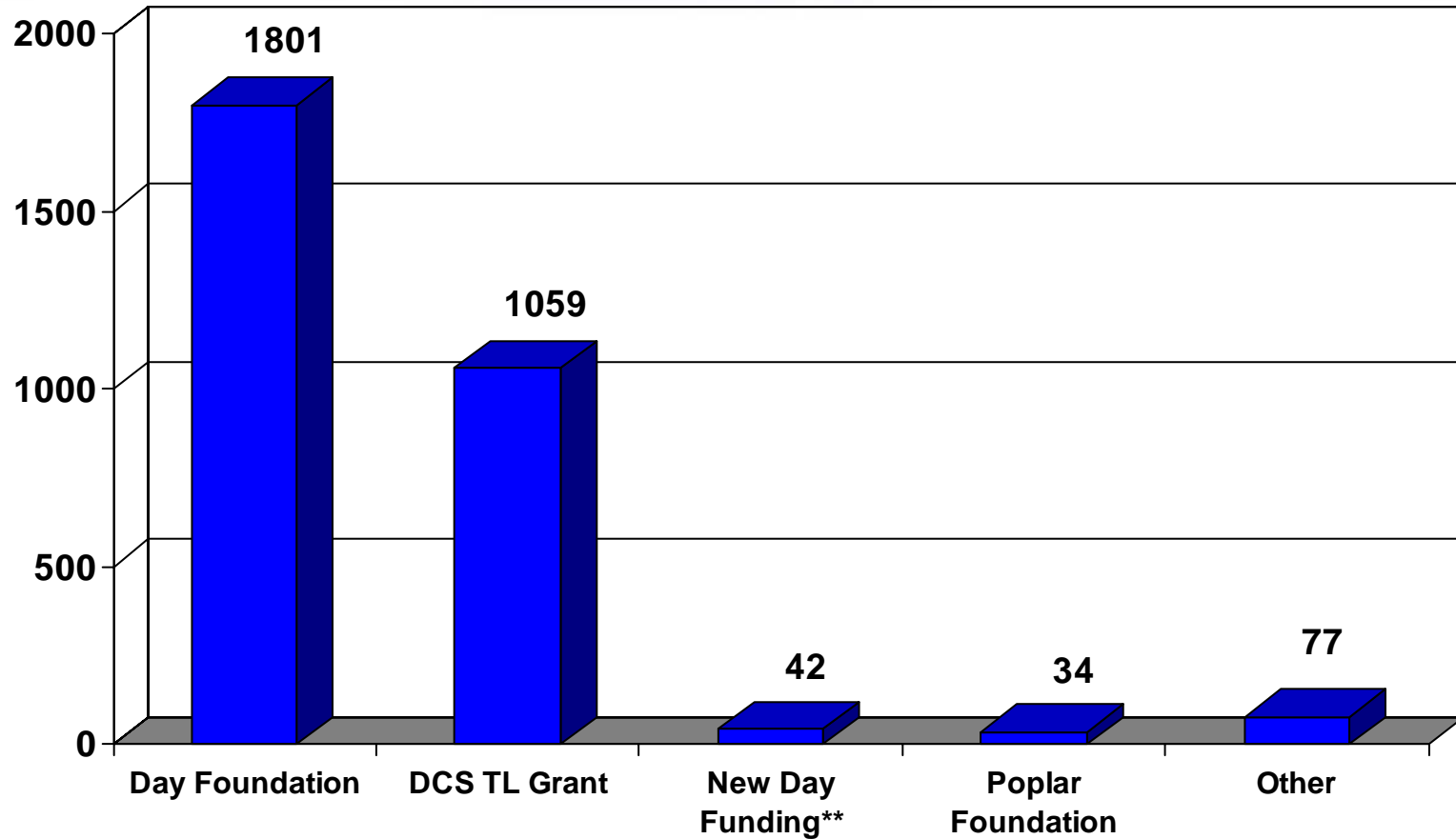
**Over 70% of clients have multiple presenting issues.**

# Transitional Living Program

## Admissions by Funding

July 2000 through March 2009

N = 3,013 \*



\*Clients may have multiple admissions to the Transitional Living Program

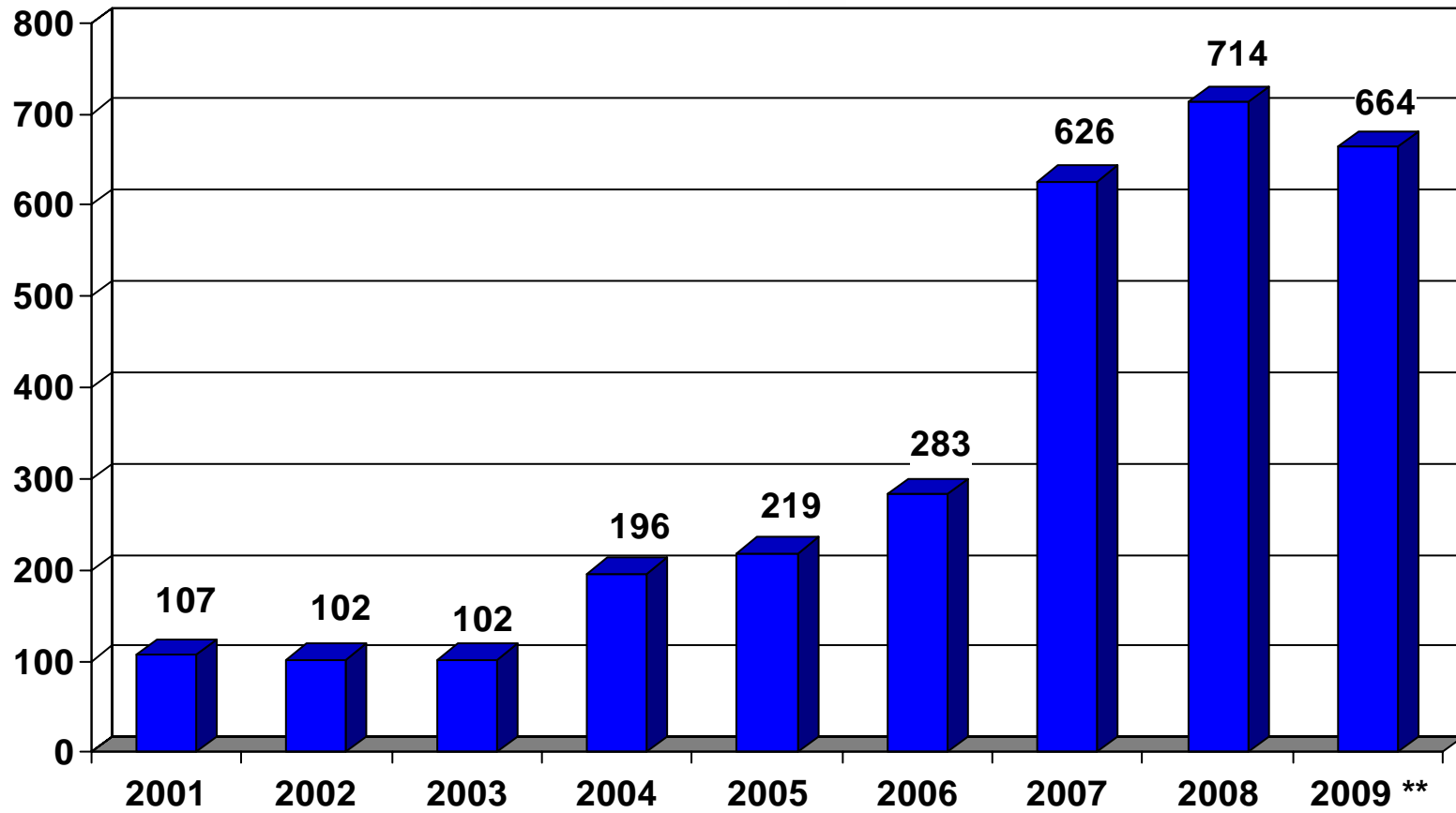
\*\* New Day Funding provides TL services in North Carolina and Washington, DC

# ***Transitional Living Program***

## **Admissions by Fiscal Year**

July 2000 through March 2009

N = 3,013 \*



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**Fiscal Year – July 1 to June 30**

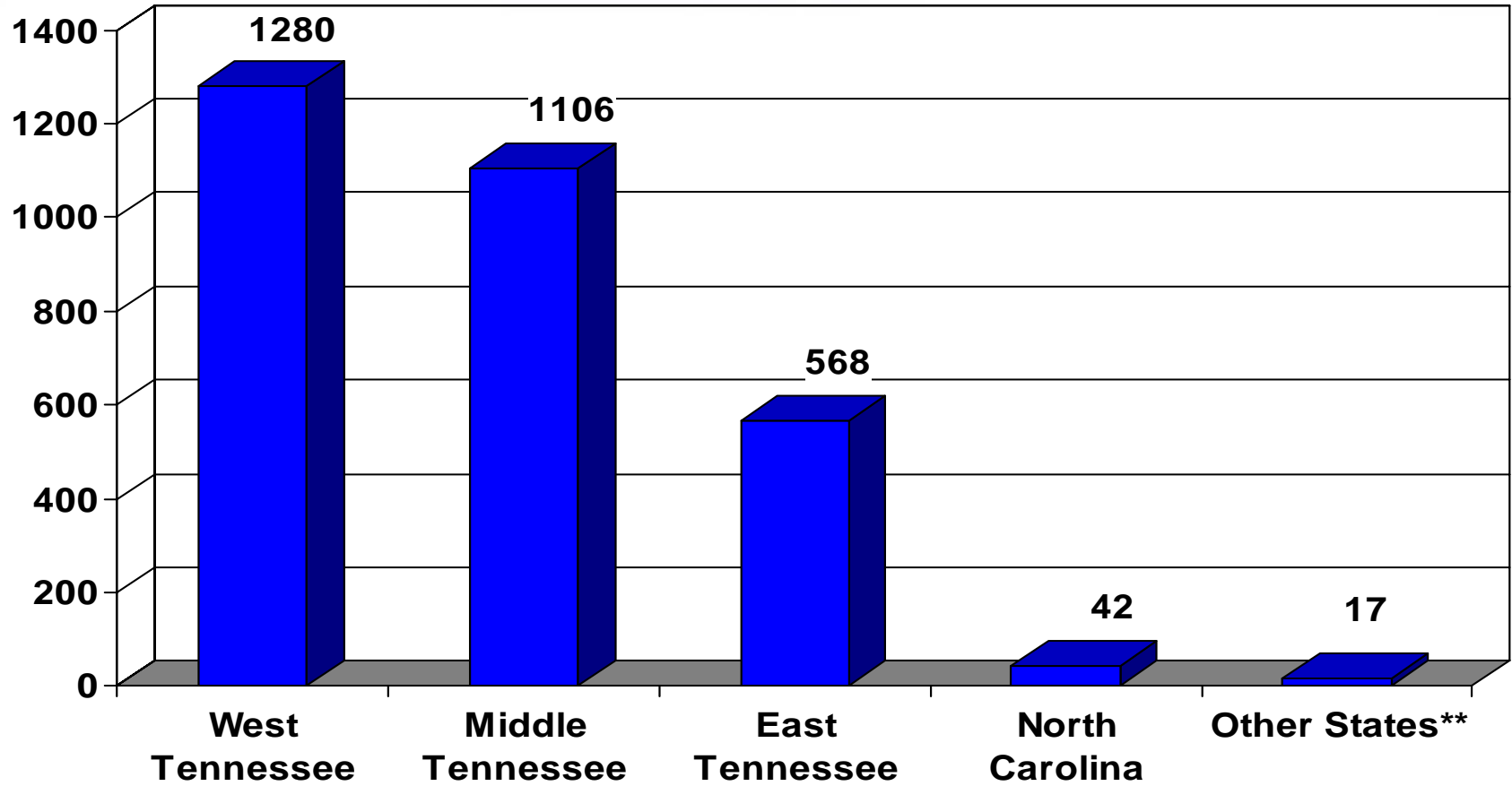
\*\*represents first three quarters of fiscal year

# *Transitional Living Program*

## Admissions by Region

July 2000 through March 2009

N = 3,013 \*



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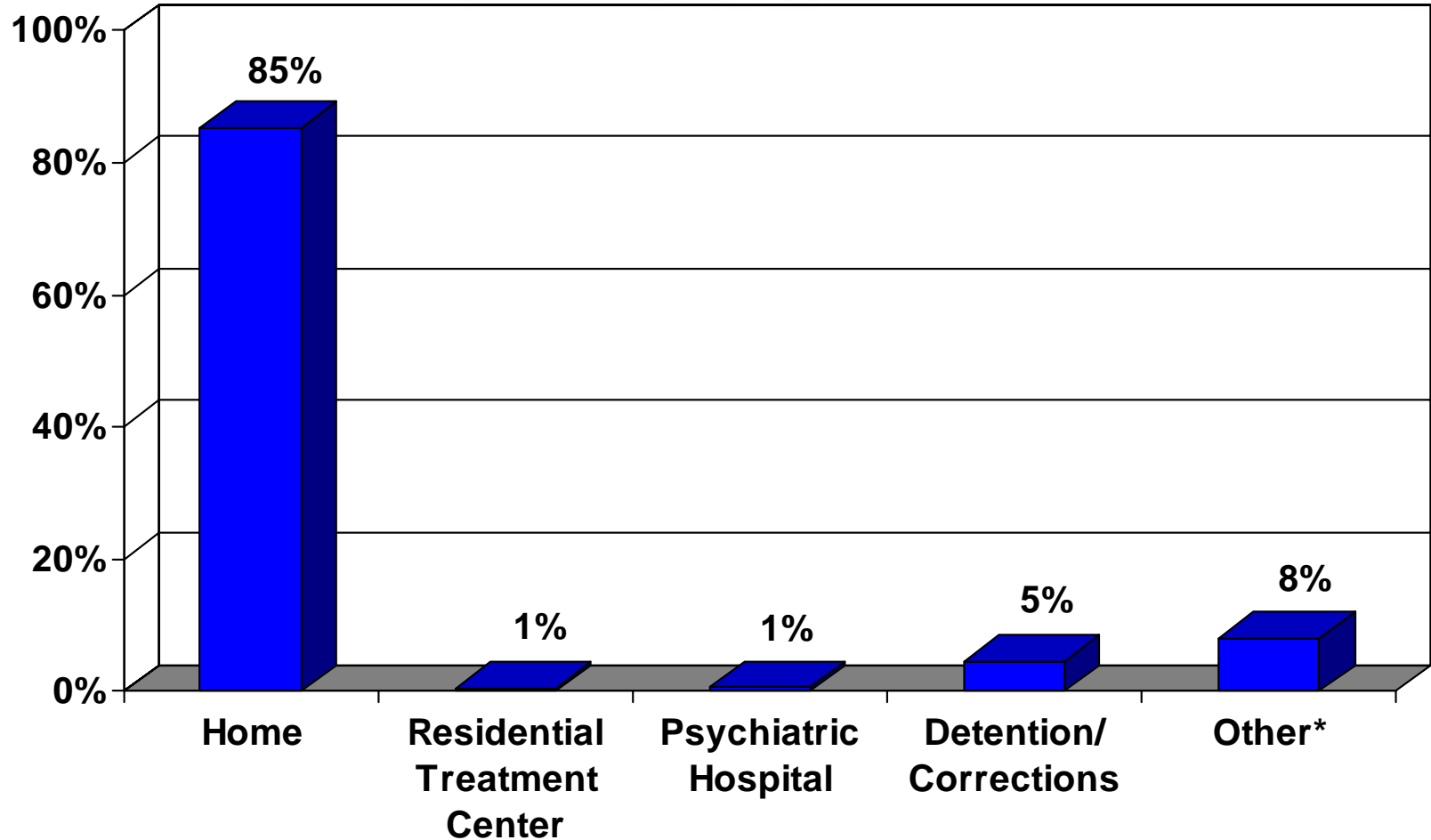
\*\* includes clients served in Mississippi, Texas, Washington, DC, and Massachusetts

# Transitional Living Program

## Discharge Location

Clients discharged July 2002 through March 2009

N = 1,932



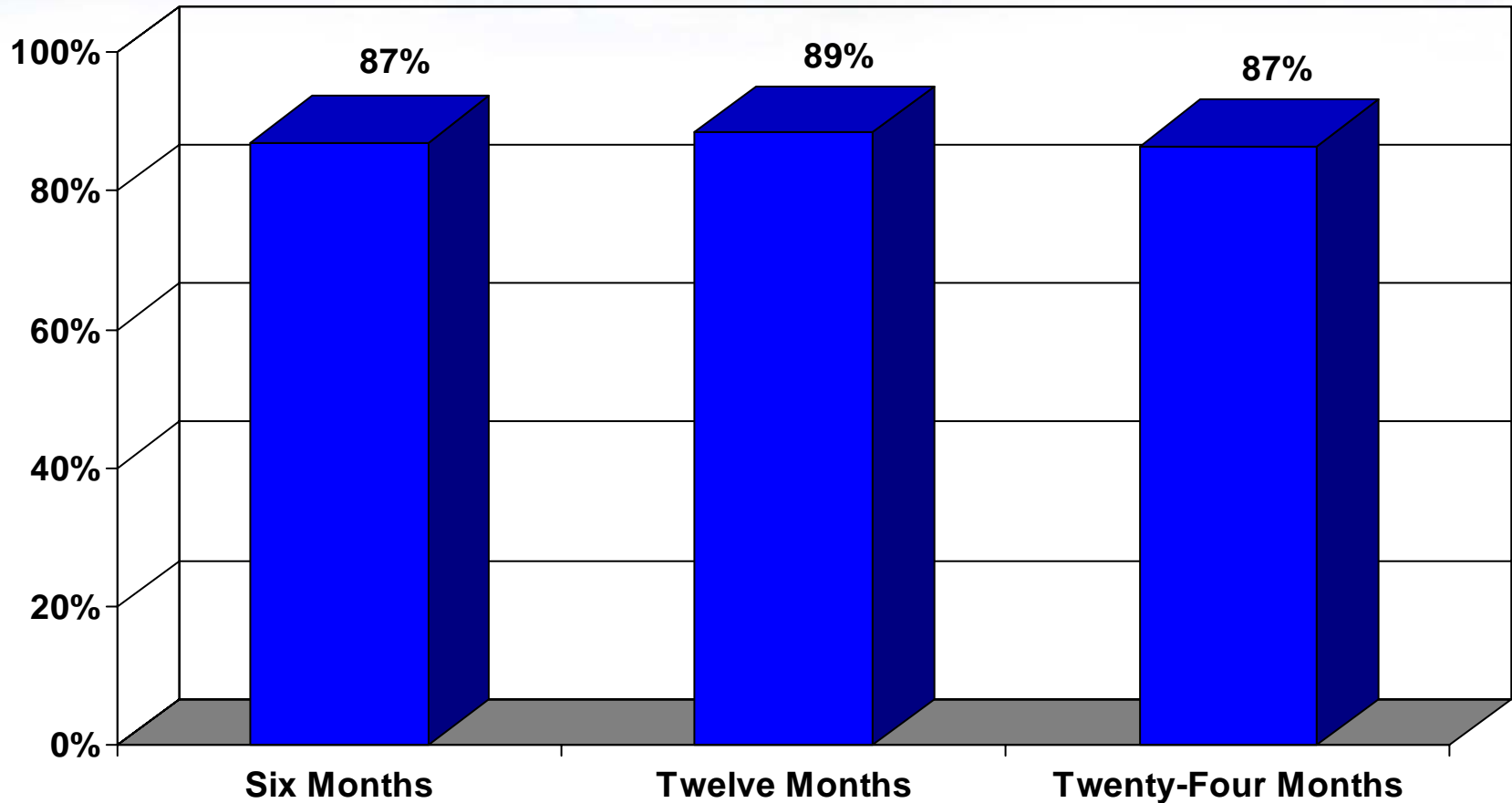
\*includes placements such as group homes, runaway, and rehab centers

# Transitional Living Program

## Success at Follow-up

Follow-ups conducted through March 2009

*Success is defined as living at home or in a home-like environment.*



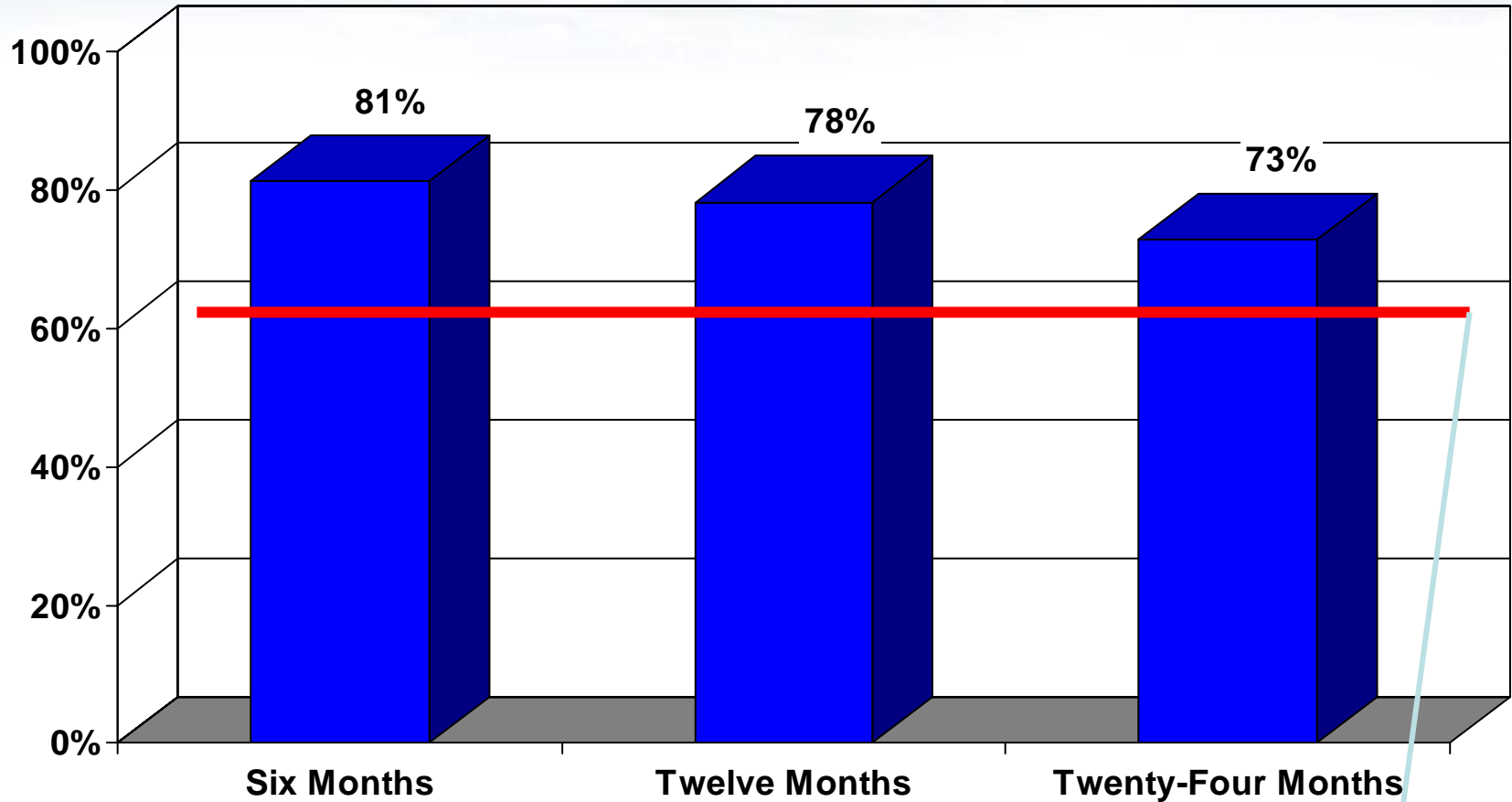
**National studies estimate that over one-third of youth aging out of state custody will experience homelessness after leaving care<sup>1</sup>.**

Response Rates: Six Months – 57.1% (793 out of 1389)  
Twelve Months – 50.9% (557 out of 1095)  
Twenty-four Months – 44.1% (334 out of 757)

# *Transitional Living Program*

## Clients reporting NO Trouble with the Law

Follow-ups conducted through March 2009



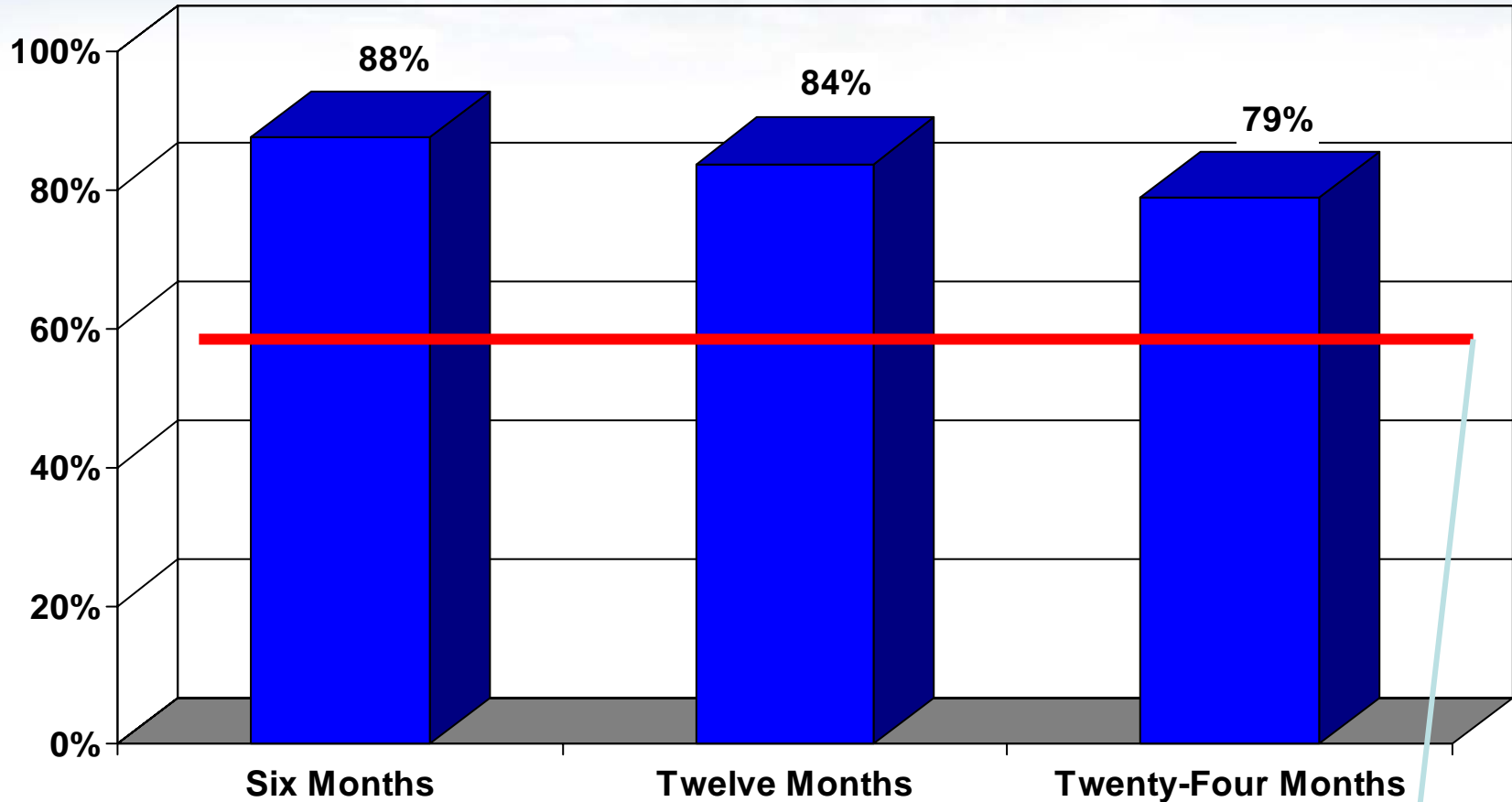
**A recent study of youth who had aged out of foster care found that only 55% had not been in trouble with the law since they left care<sup>2</sup>.**

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# ***Transitional Living Program*** **In School, Graduated, or Employed**

Follow-ups conducted through March 2009

*Indicates the number in school, graduated from high school (diploma or GED) or employed at the time of follow-up.*



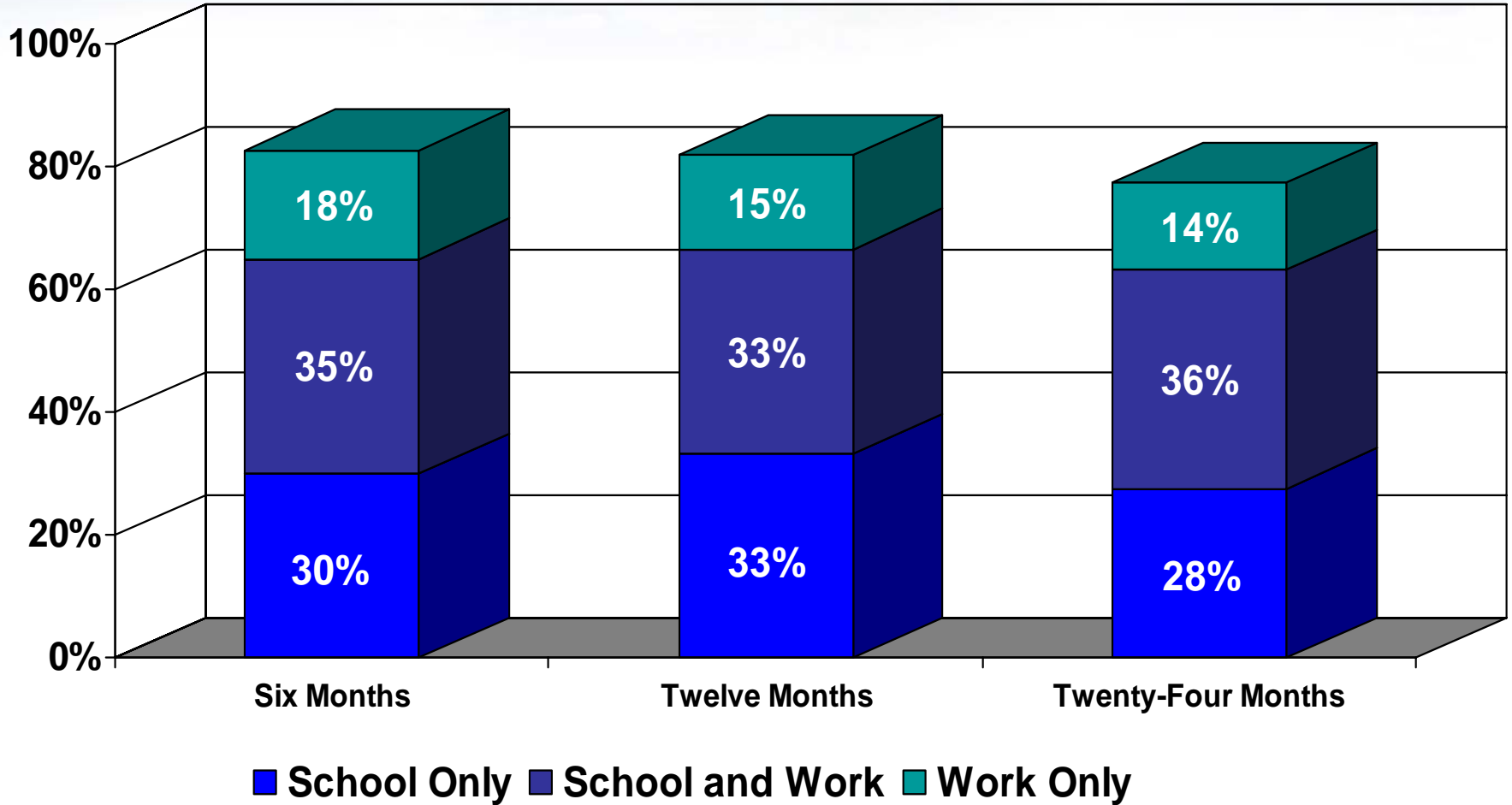
Researchers have generally found low levels of school success and employment among youth who age out of state custody; one study found that just over half (54.8%) left care with a job and/or a high school diploma or equivalent<sup>3</sup>.

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# Transitional Living Program

## School and Employment Status

Follow-ups conducted through March 2009



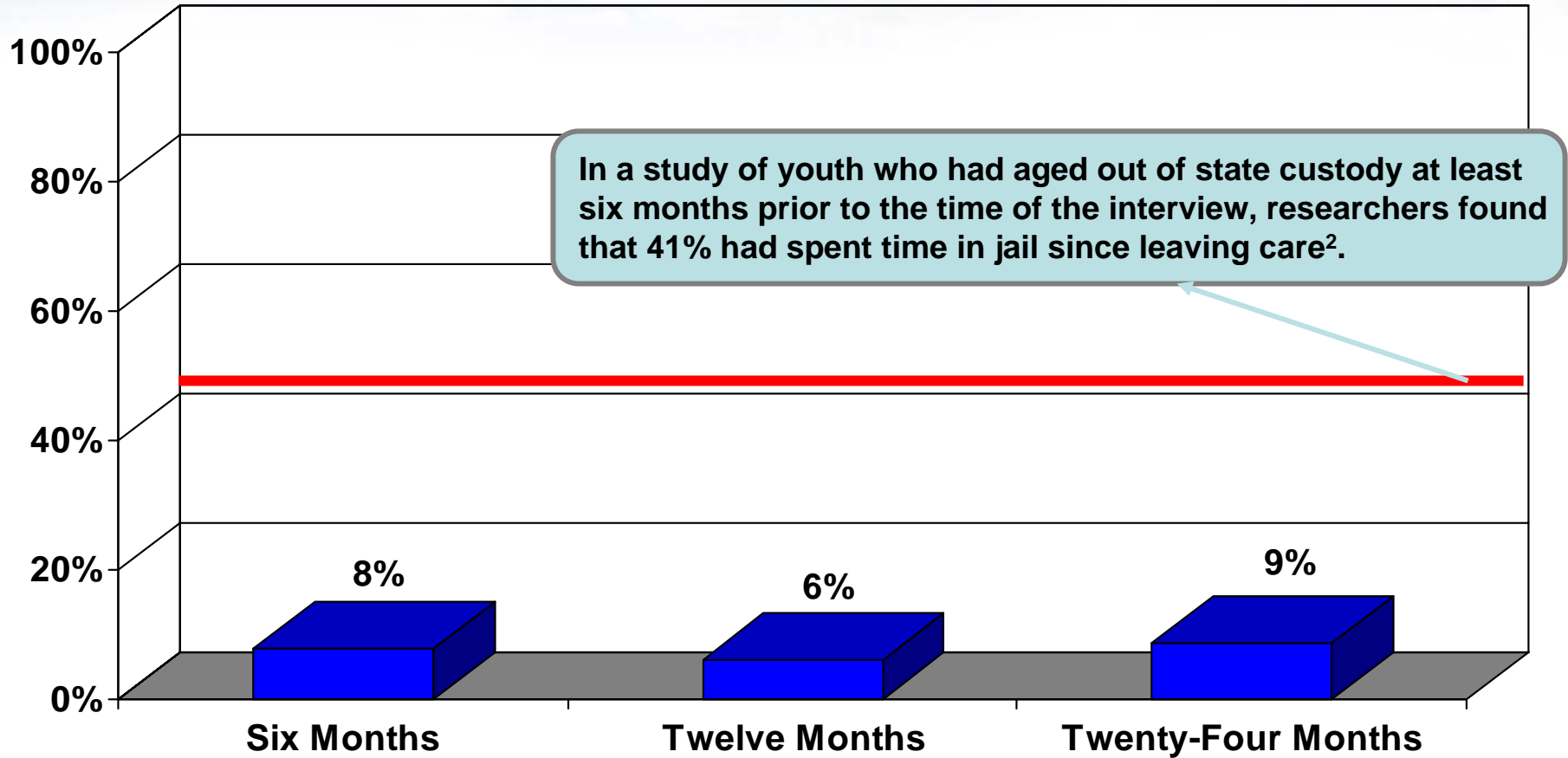
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*Indicates the number in school only, in school and working, or working only at the time of follow-up.*

# Transitional Living Program

## Correctional Facility Placements

Follow-ups conducted through March 2009



**Respondents are asked if they have been in a correctional facility at any time during the previous six months.**

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## **Reference List**

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