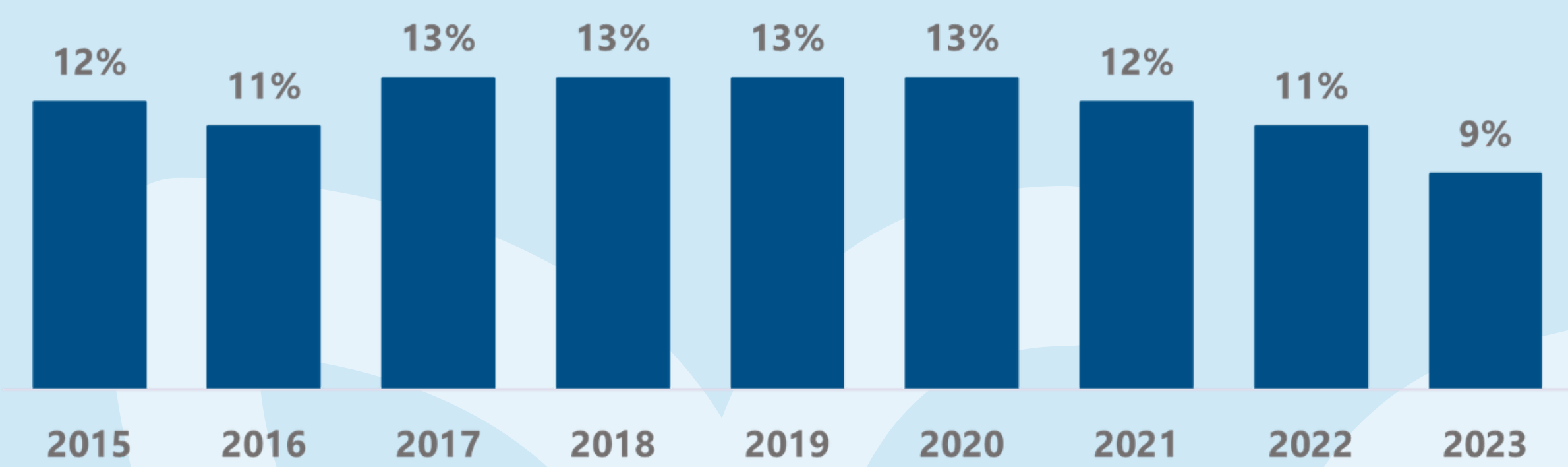


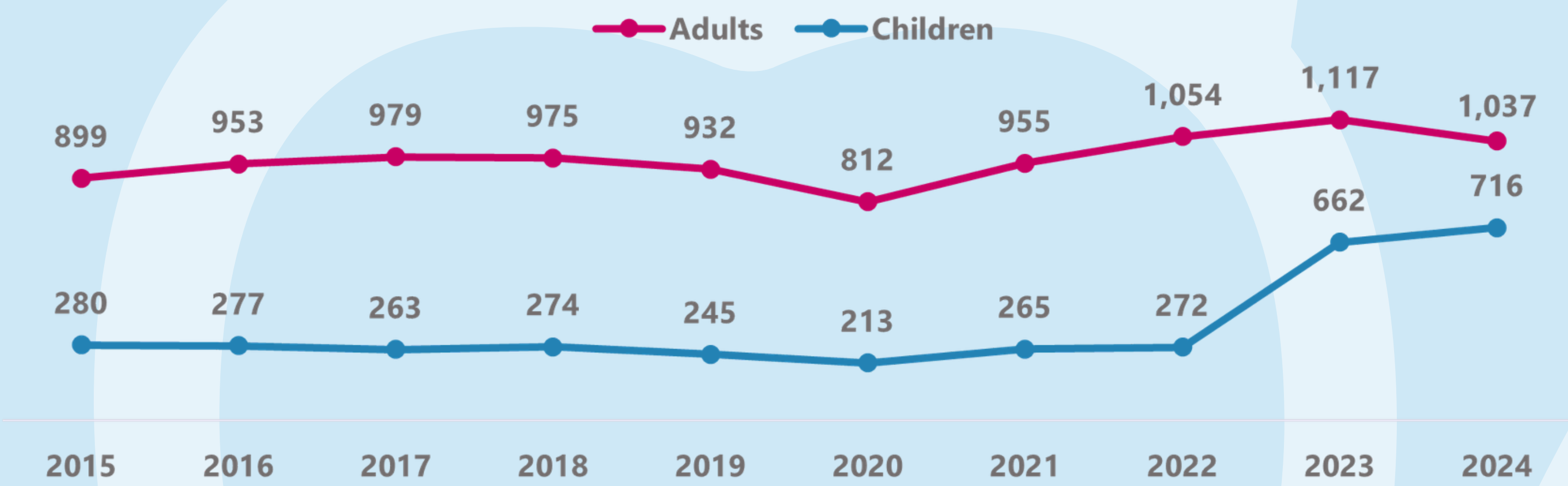
Health & Nutrition

Food Security & Health Insurance Coverage

People without Health Insurance³⁵

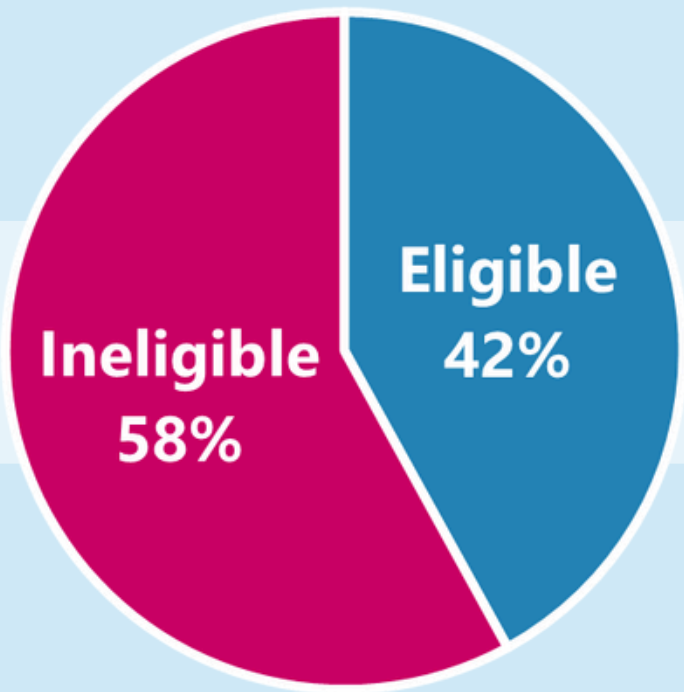


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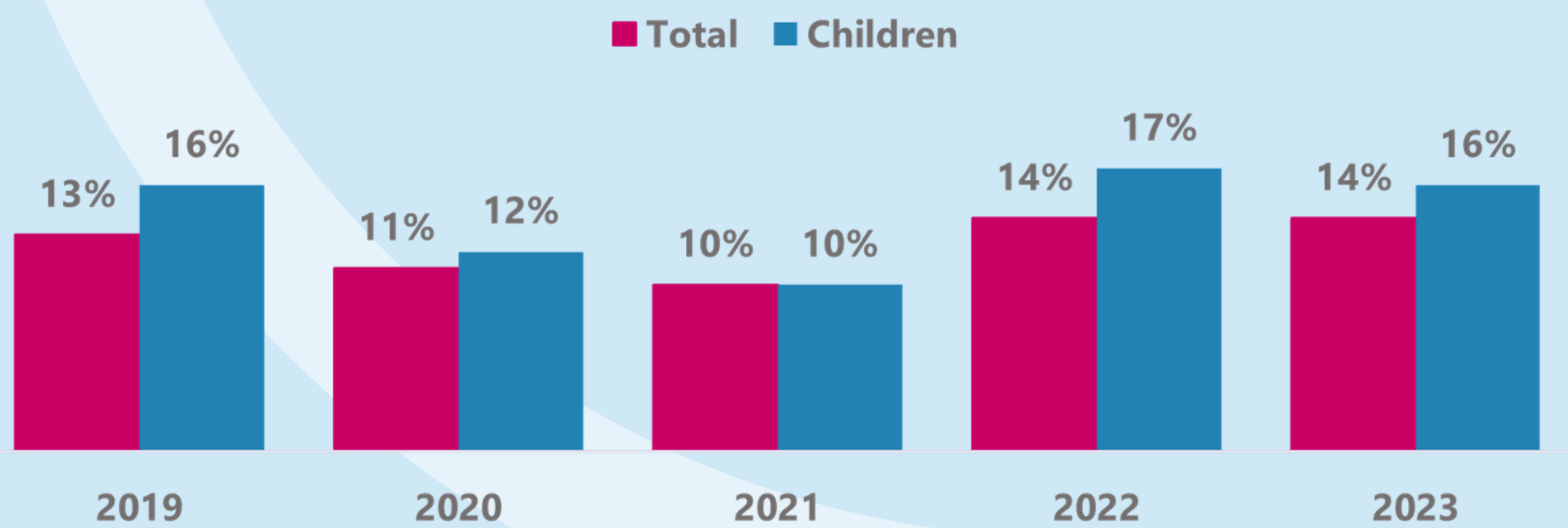


1,450
Howard County residents are
food insecure³¹

Food Insecure Individuals
Ineligible for Public Assistance³¹



Food Insecure Individuals³¹

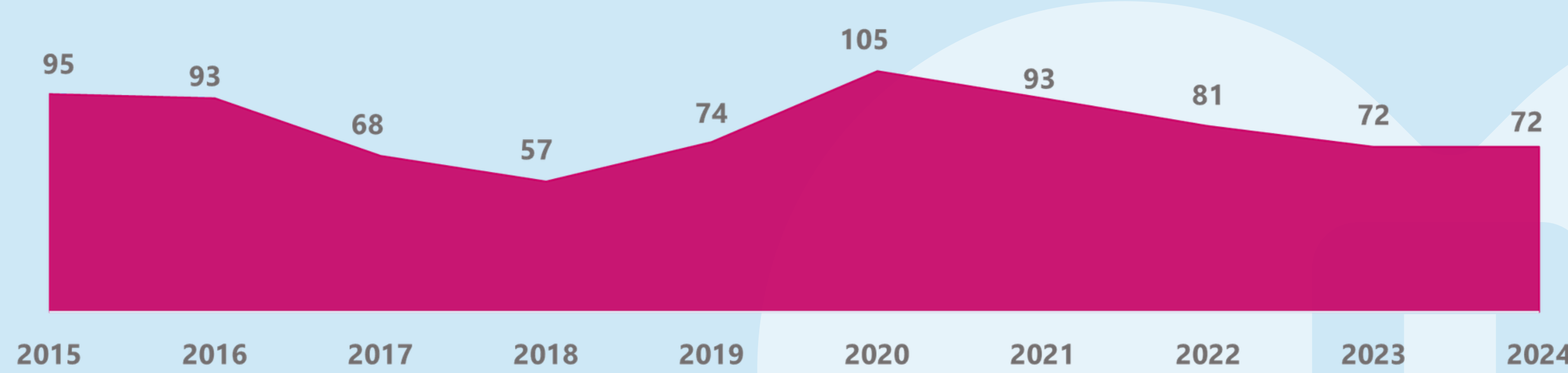


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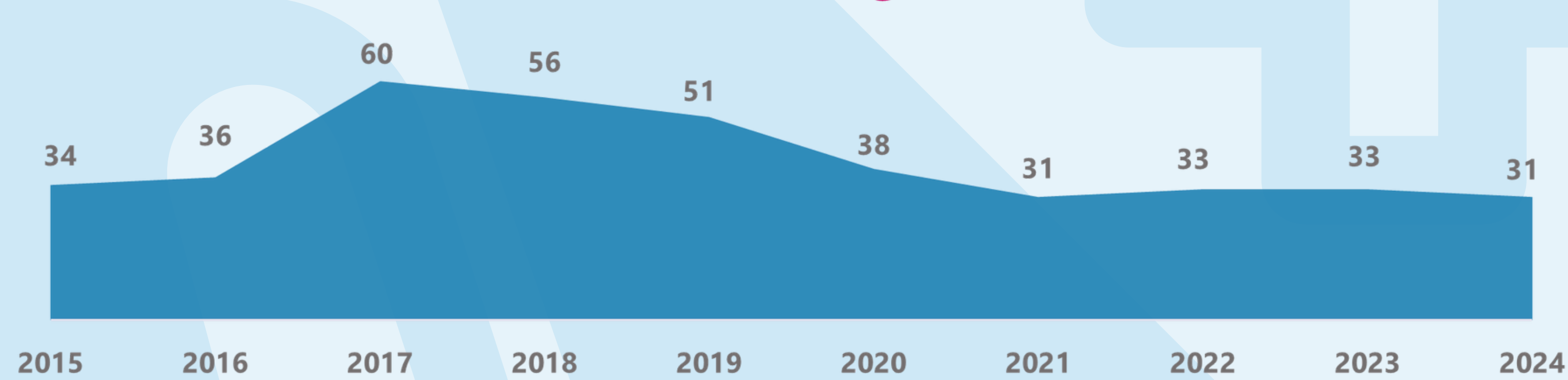
Health & Nutrition

Health Care

Individuals Served in Mental Health Treatment Programs through the Division of Behavioral Health³⁹



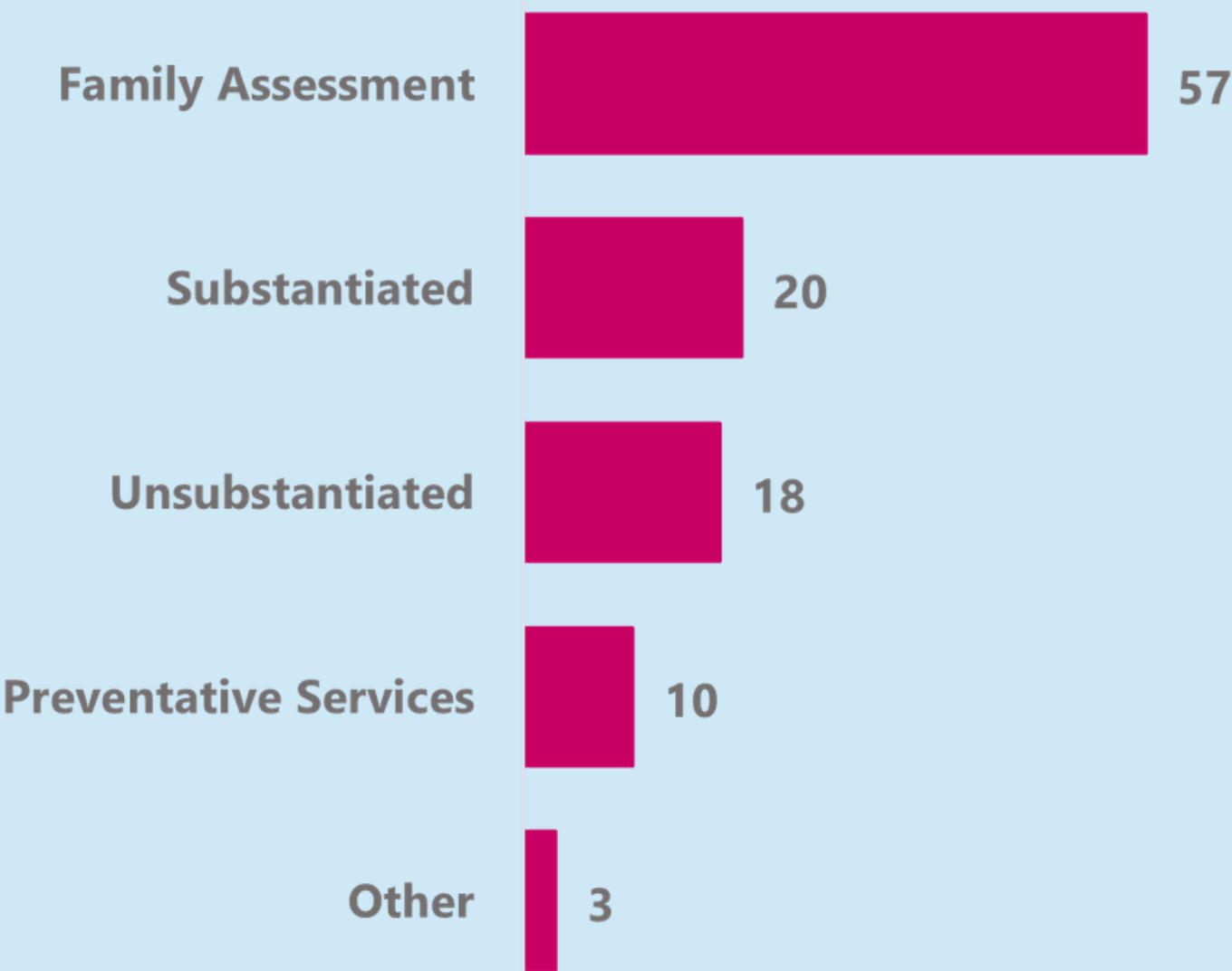
Individuals Admitted to Substance Use Treatment Programs³⁹



Reported Child Abuse & Neglect Incidents⁴³



Status of Child Abuse & Neglect Incidents by Conclusion⁴³

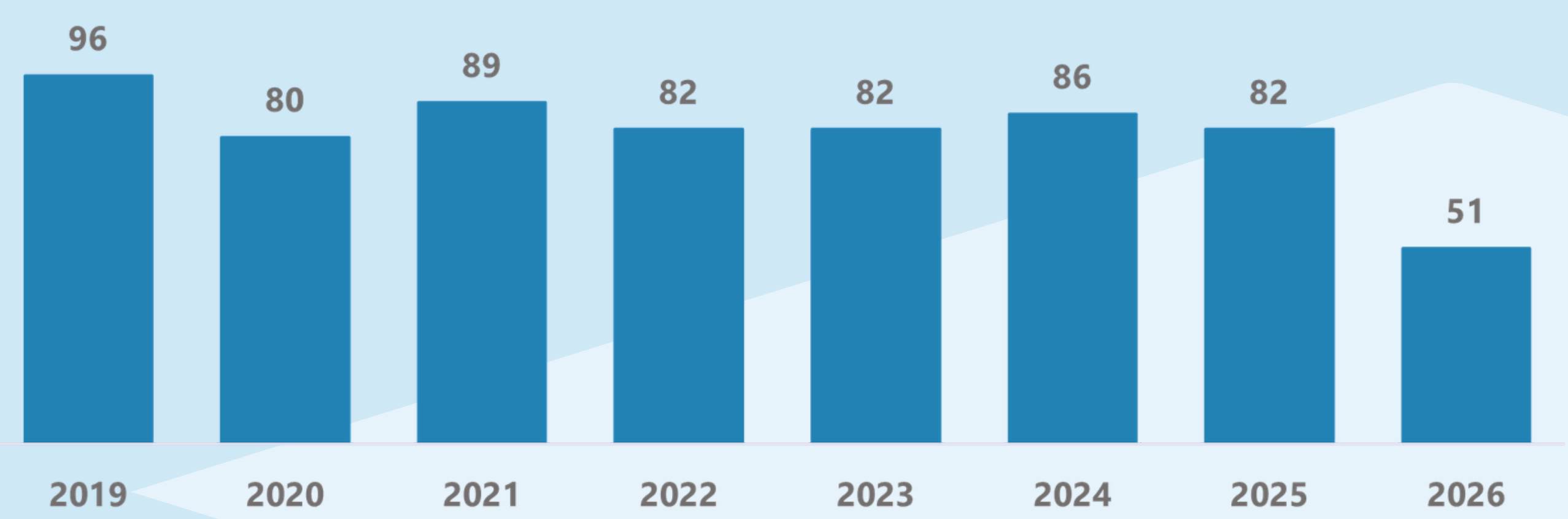


Substantiated reports of child abuse & neglect indicate that an investigation found there is sufficient evidence that child abuse or neglect has occurred.

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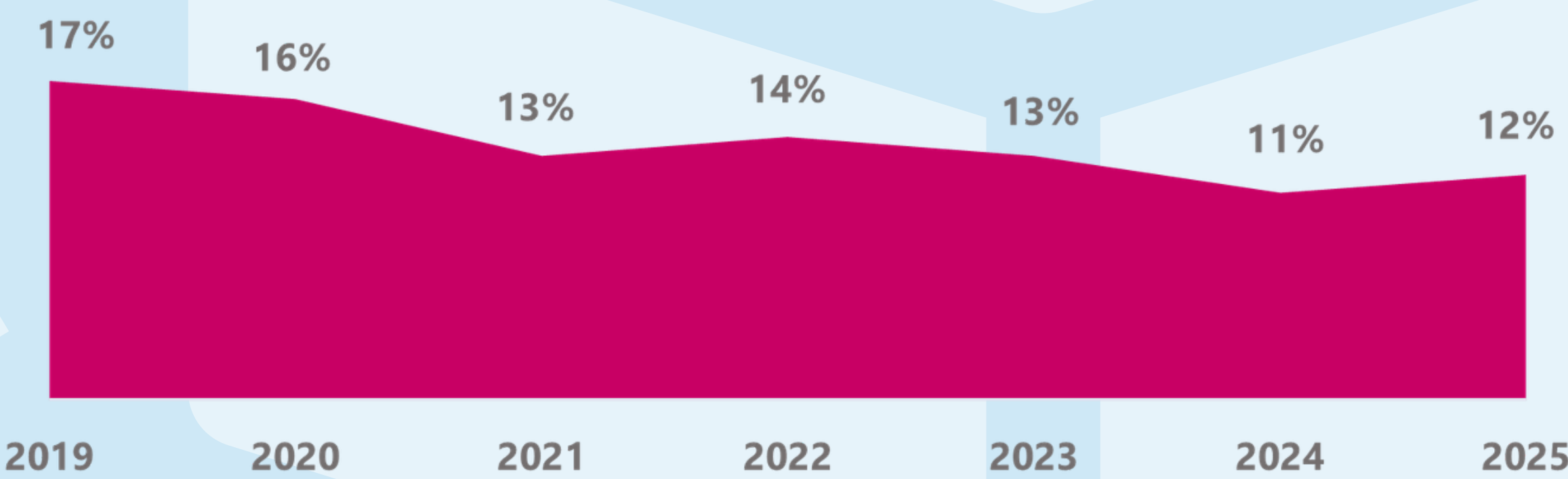
Education

Public Pre-K Enrollment²³

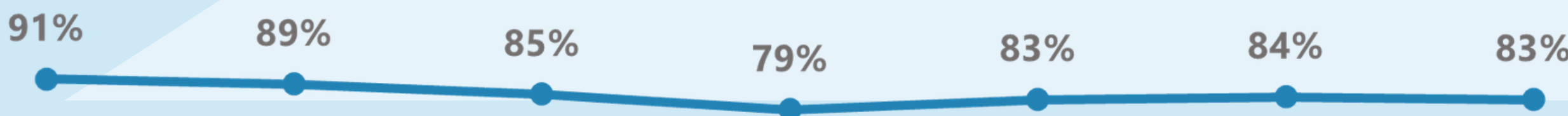


K-12 Mobility Rates²⁴

Mobility Rates reflect the percentage of students who change schools during the school year. High mobility rates are correlated with lower attendance and lower academic outcomes. Rates above 10% are considered high.



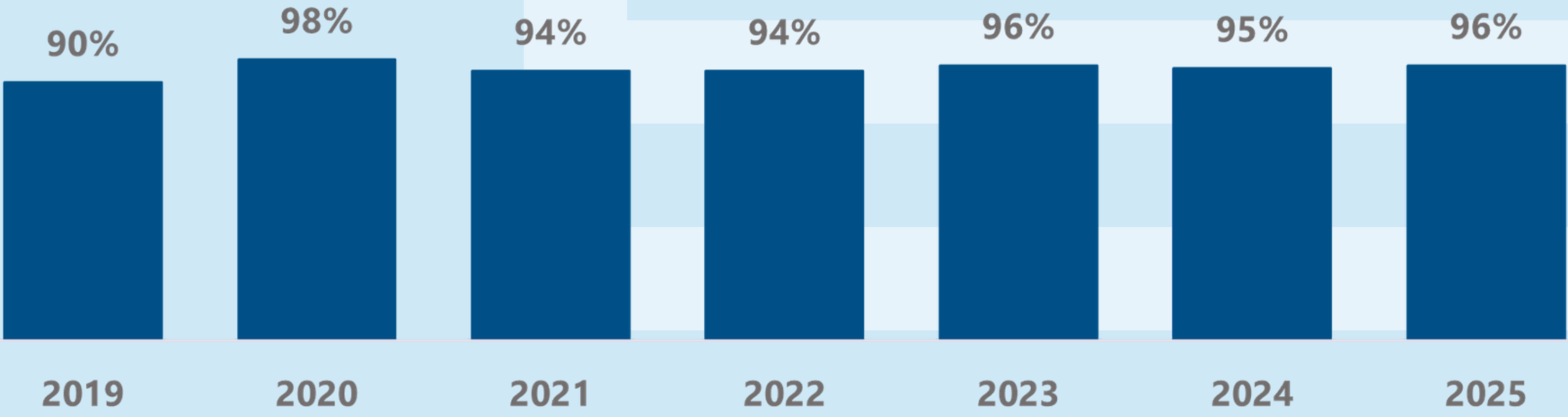
K-12 Proportional Attendance Rates²⁵



2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

Proportional attendance rates reflect the percentage of students within a specific demographic group that maintain 90% attendance. Students with chronic low attendance have lower academic outcomes, a higher drop-out risk, and a lower graduation rate than students with good attendance.

High School Graduation Rate²⁶

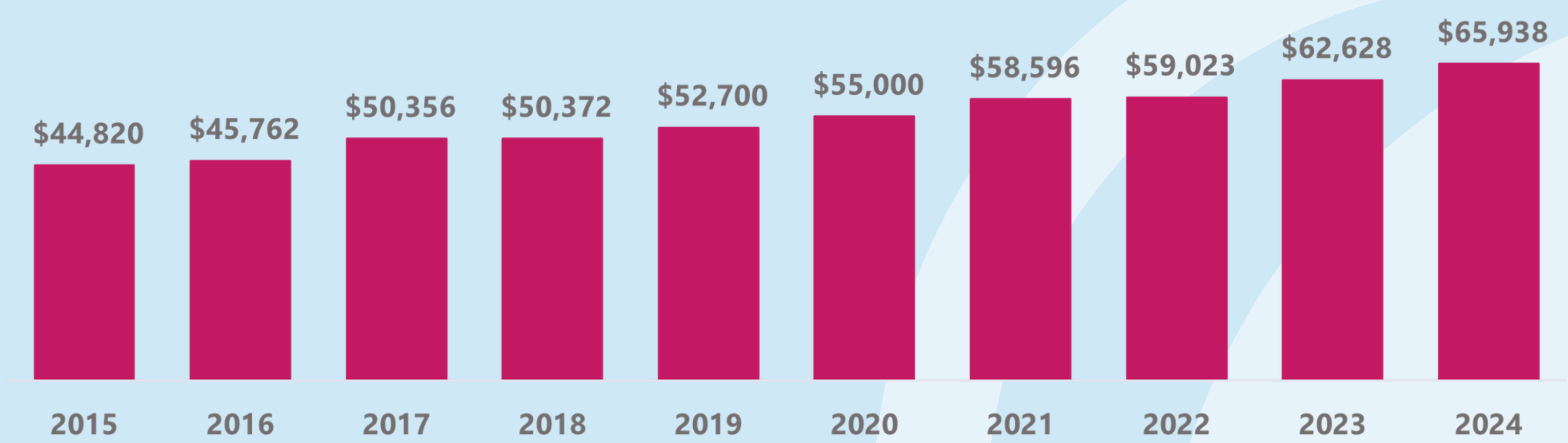


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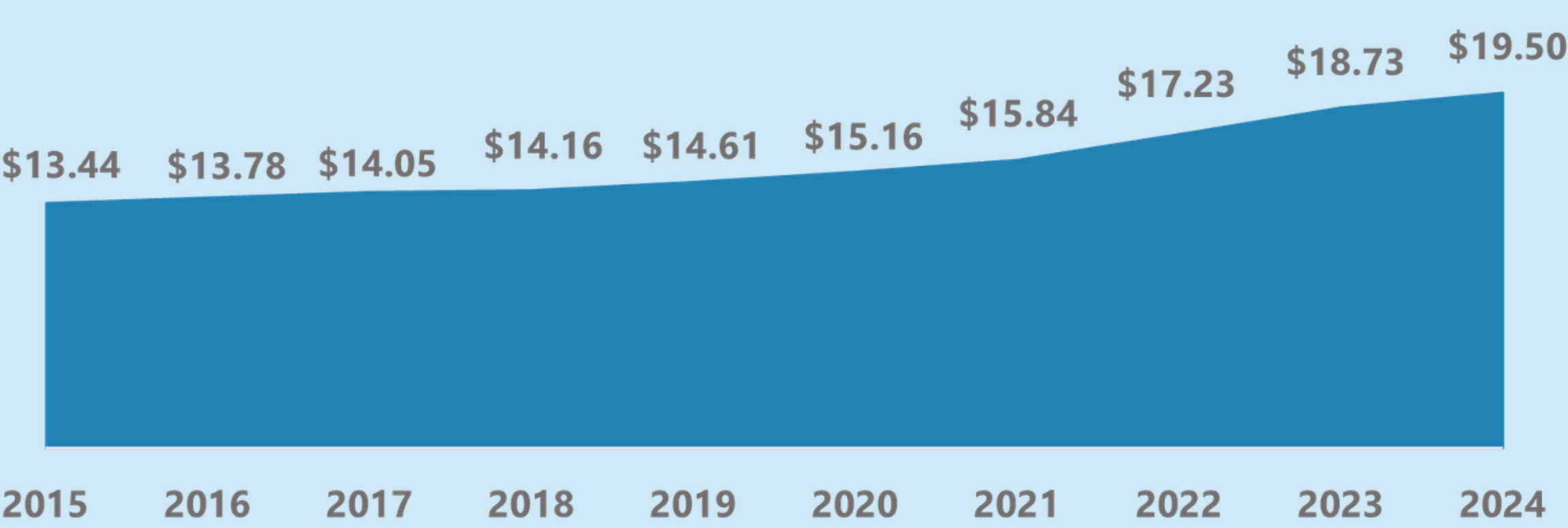
Income

Median Income & Living Wage

Median Household Income⁴⁹



Average Hourly Wage⁹

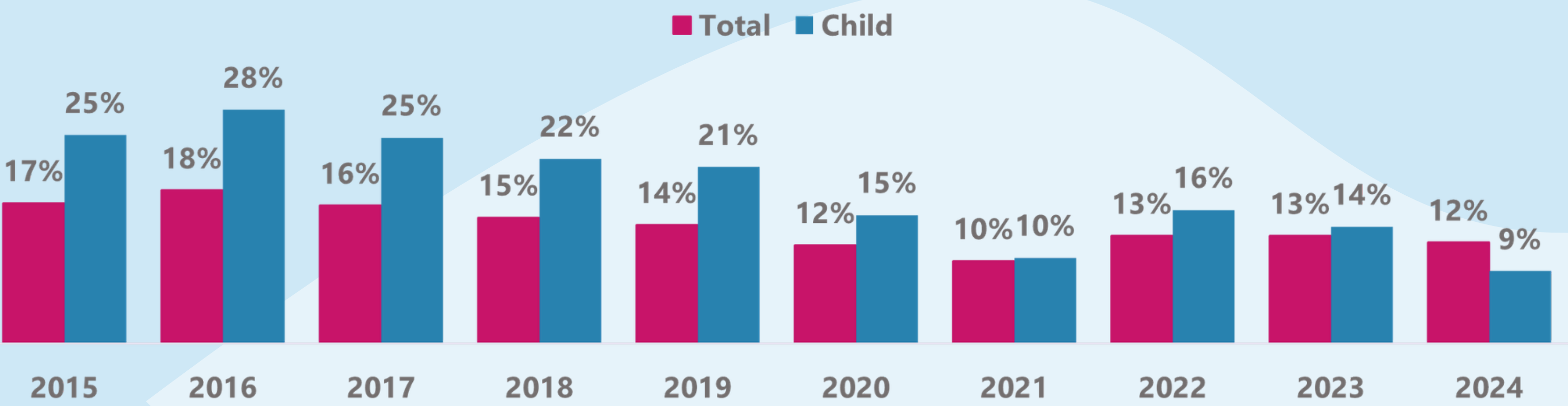


Living Wage⁴⁵

Household Composition	Living Wage
One adult, no child	\$20.61
One adult, one child	\$35.57
One adult, two children	\$45.03
Two adults (both working), no child	\$14.37
Two adults (both working), one child	\$20.66
Two adults (both working), two children	\$24.77

Living wage is the amount each adult in a household must earn in order to meet basic needs.

Poverty Rate¹⁵



14%

of survey respondents had to choose between paying rent and paying for food, utilities, medicine, or other necessities⁵¹



20%

of survey respondents were interested in learning budgeting or financial planning⁵¹

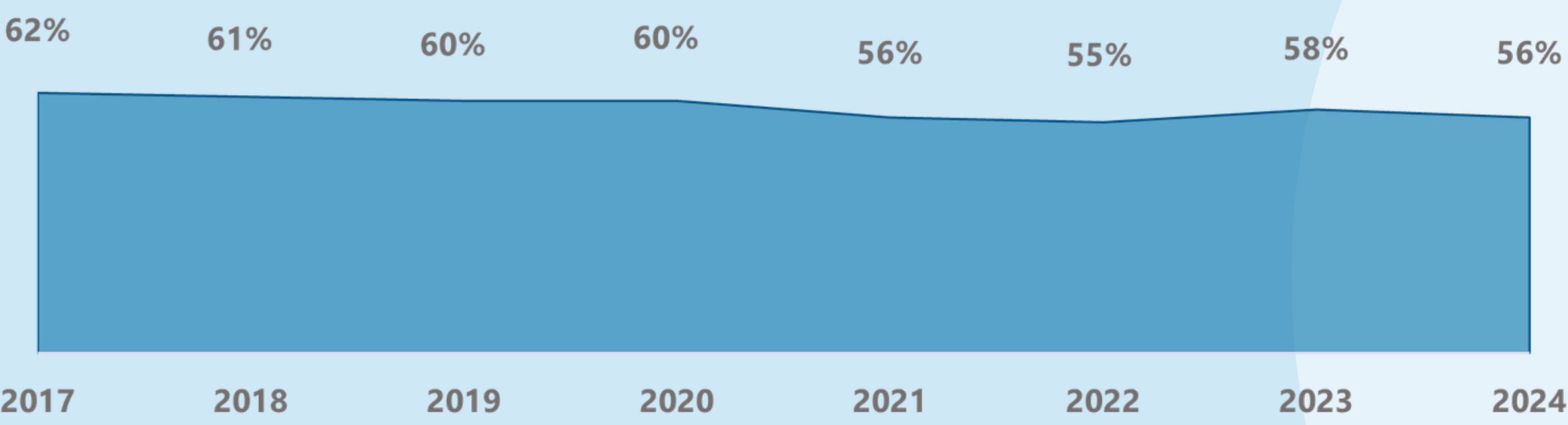
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Employment Labor Force

Total Labor Force⁵

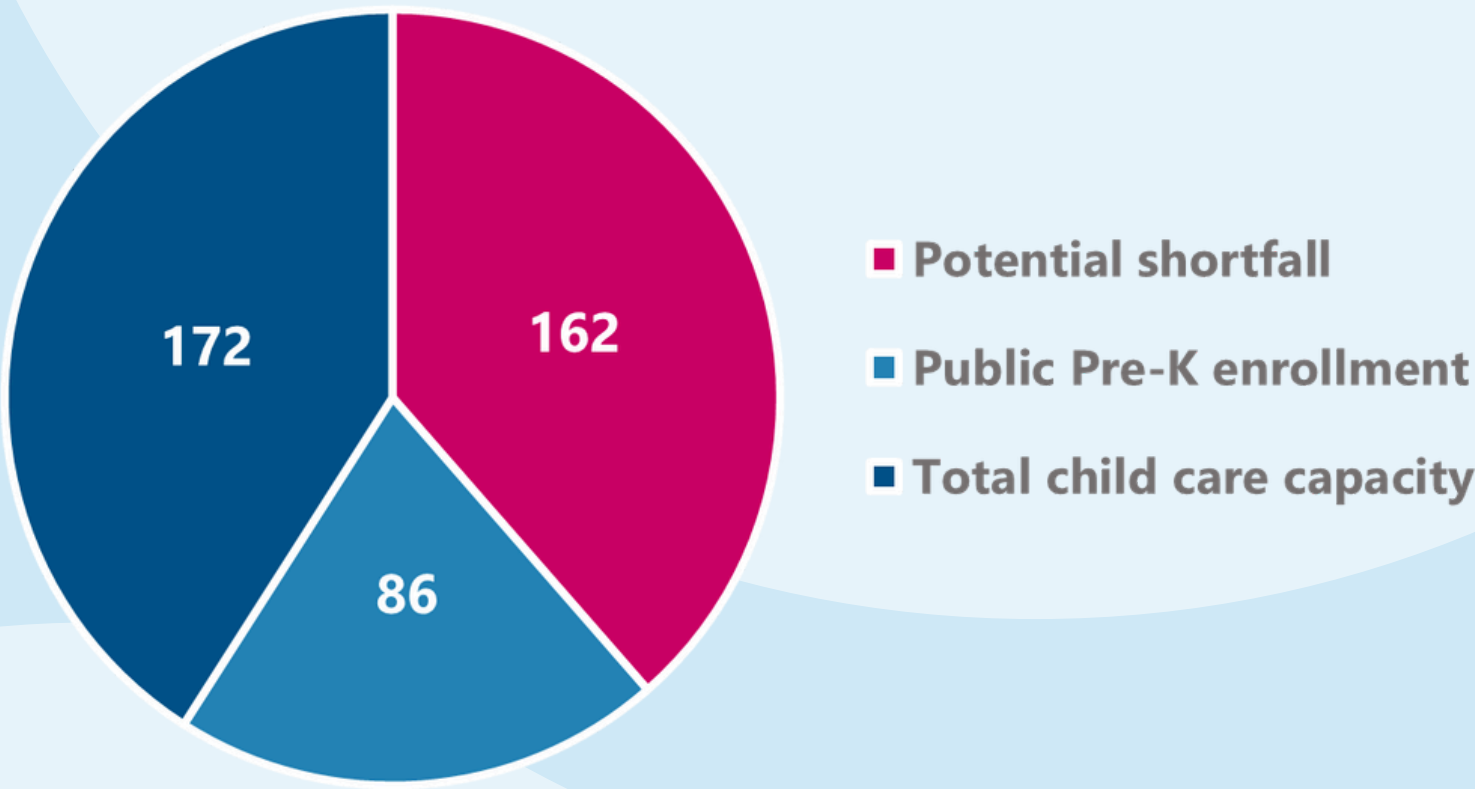
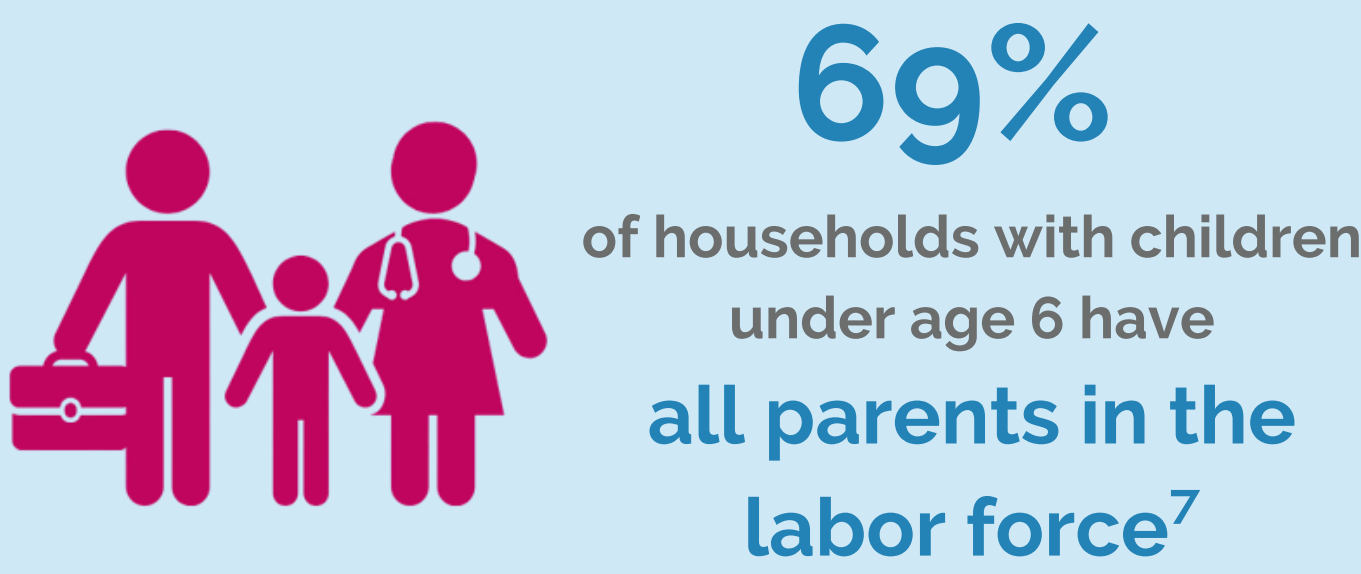


Labor Force Participation Rate⁶

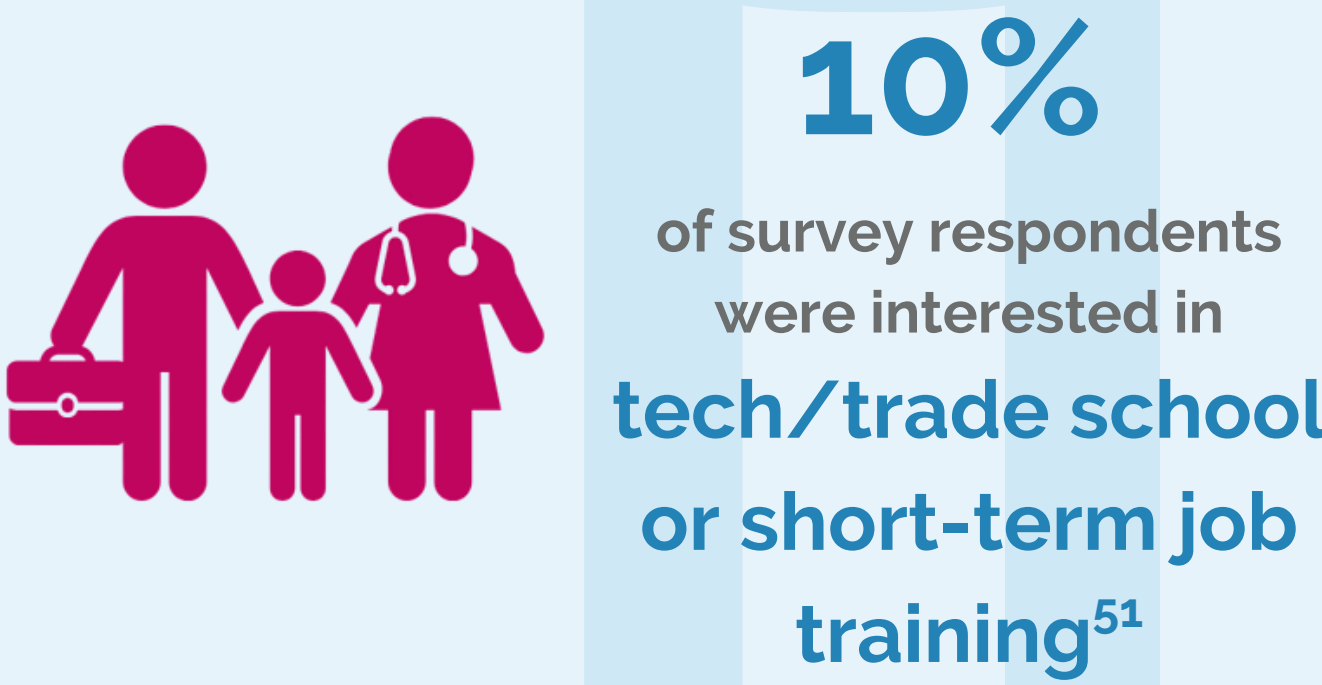
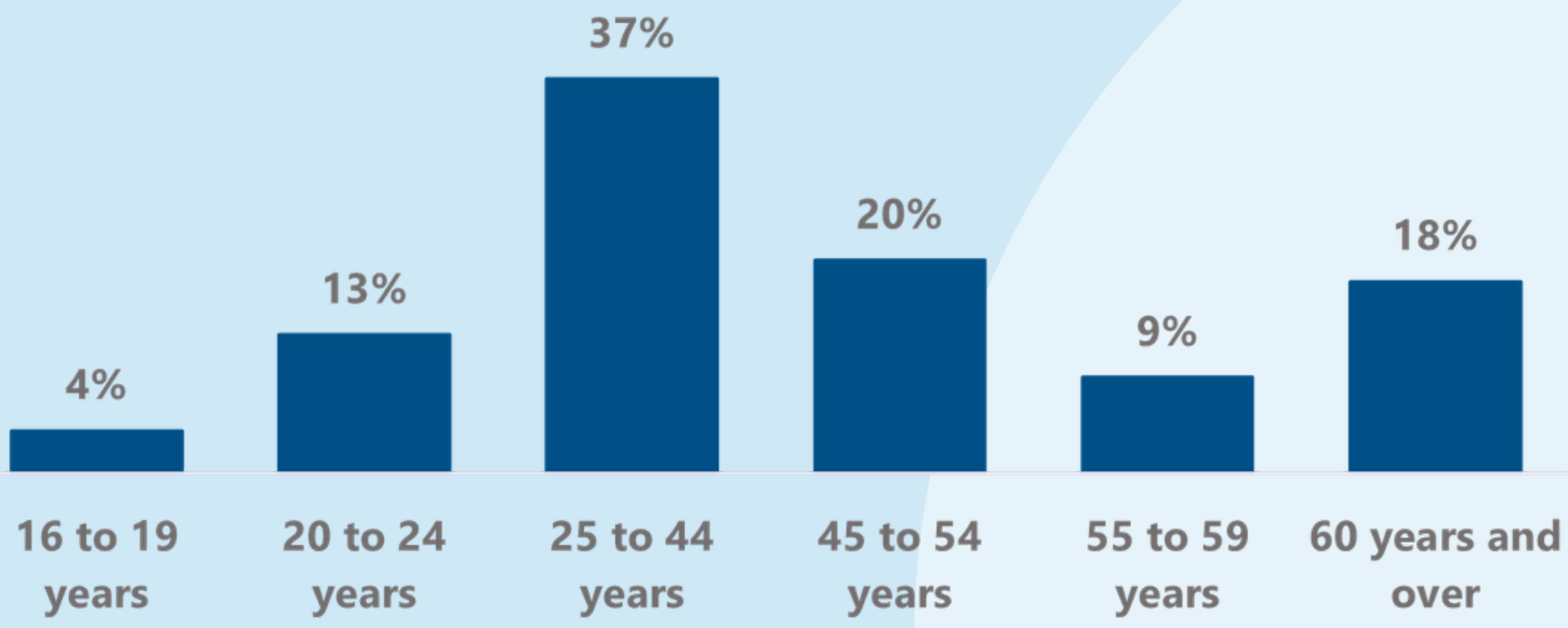


The **labor force participation rate** represents the percentage of the population that are either working, or unemployed and looking for work. It does not include those who are unable to work, or those who are unemployed and not looking for work.

Child Care Supply^{7,23,29}

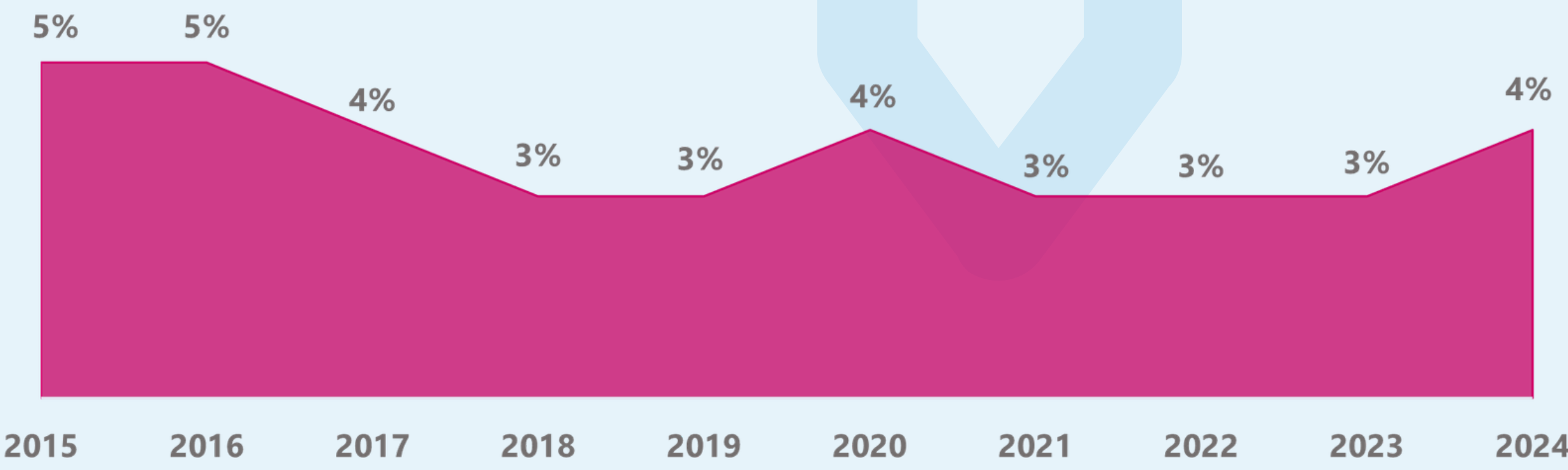


Workforce by Age⁸



Unemployment Rate⁵

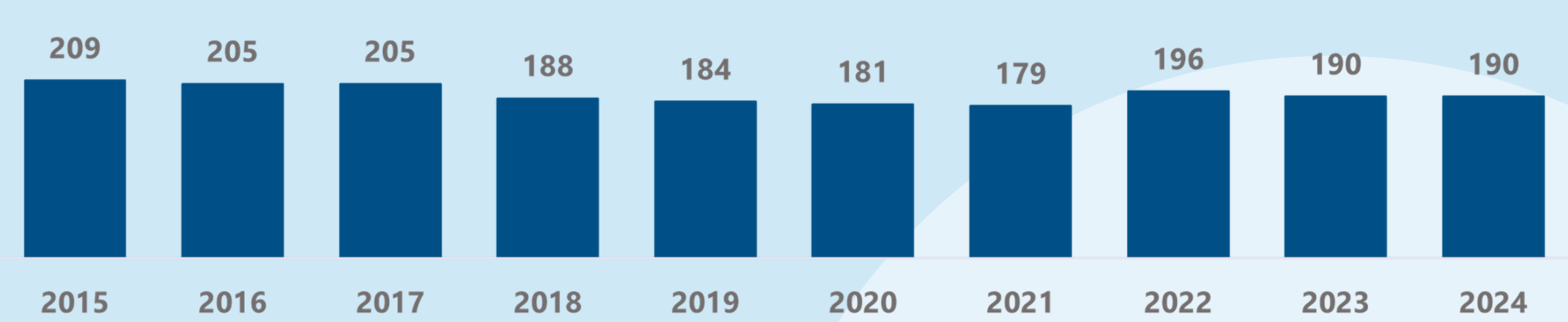
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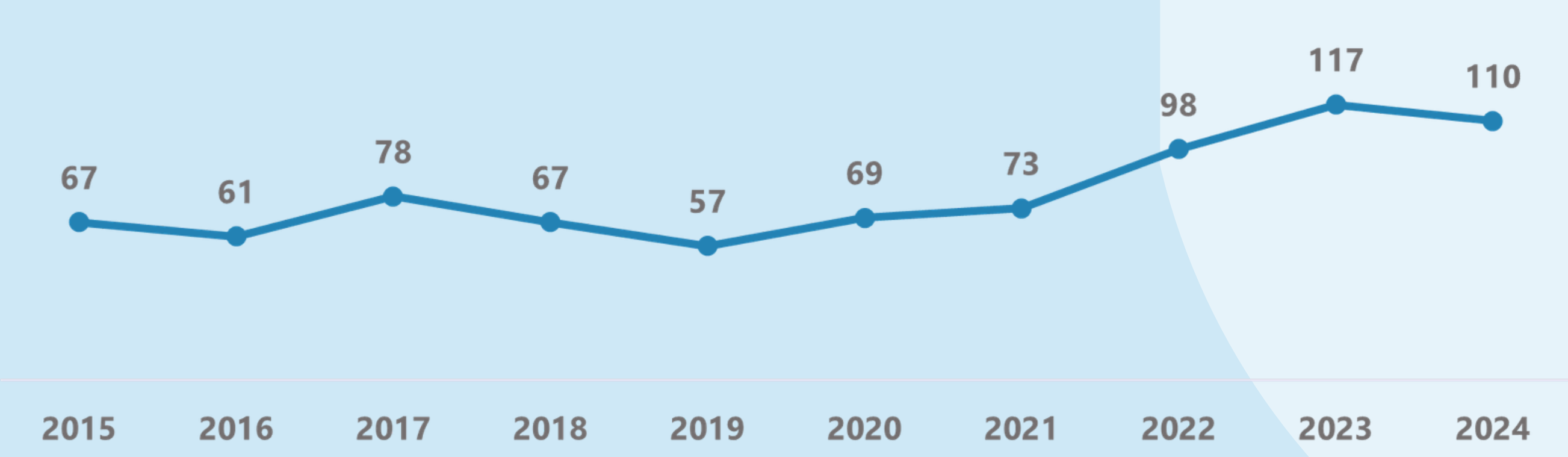
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Employment Entrepreneurship

Total Business Establishments⁹

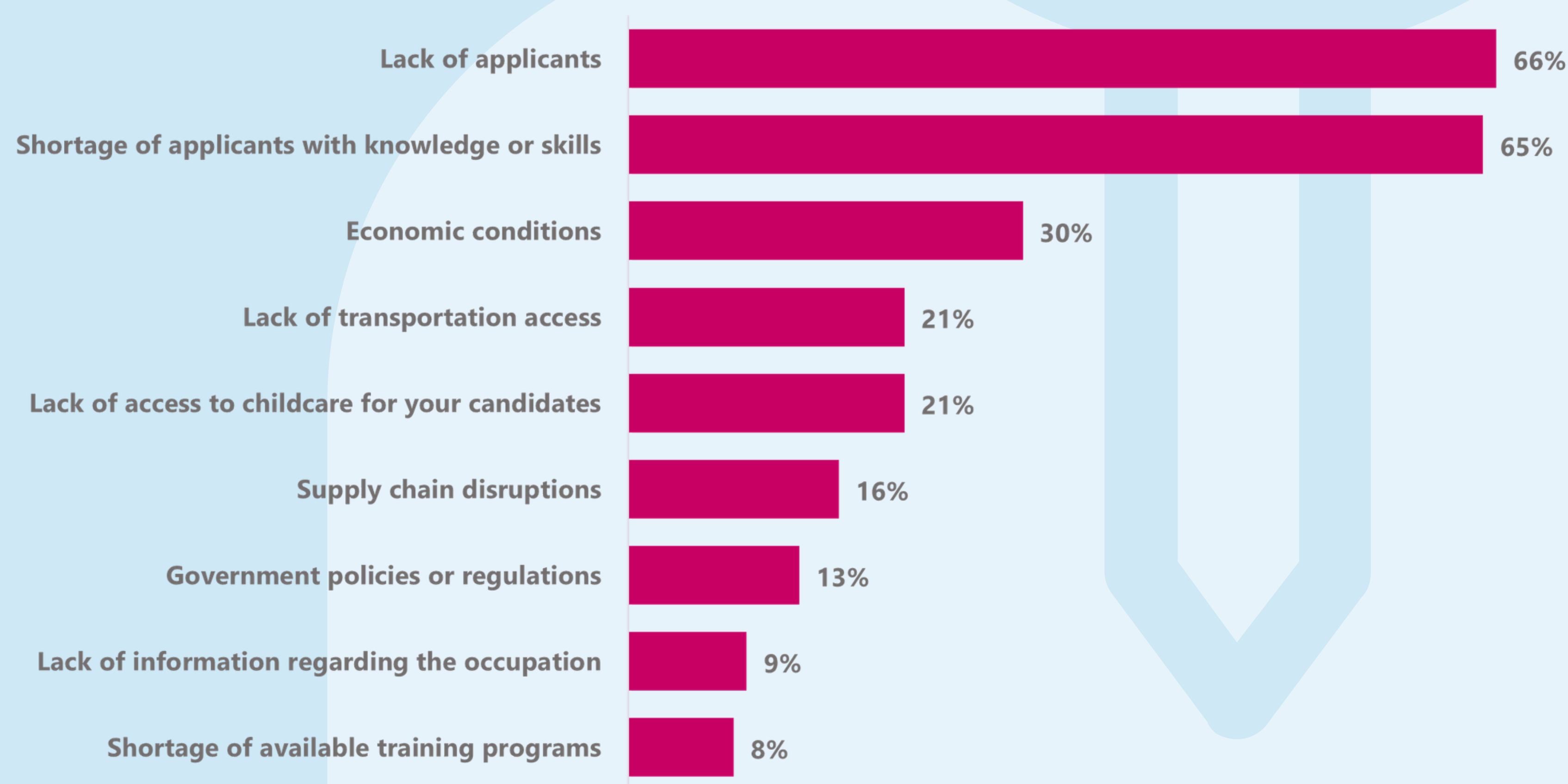


New Business Applications¹⁰



New business applications refers to the number of applications for an Employer Identification Number (EIN). These numbers are typically associated with starting a new business, and help assess the state of early entrepreneurship at a local level.

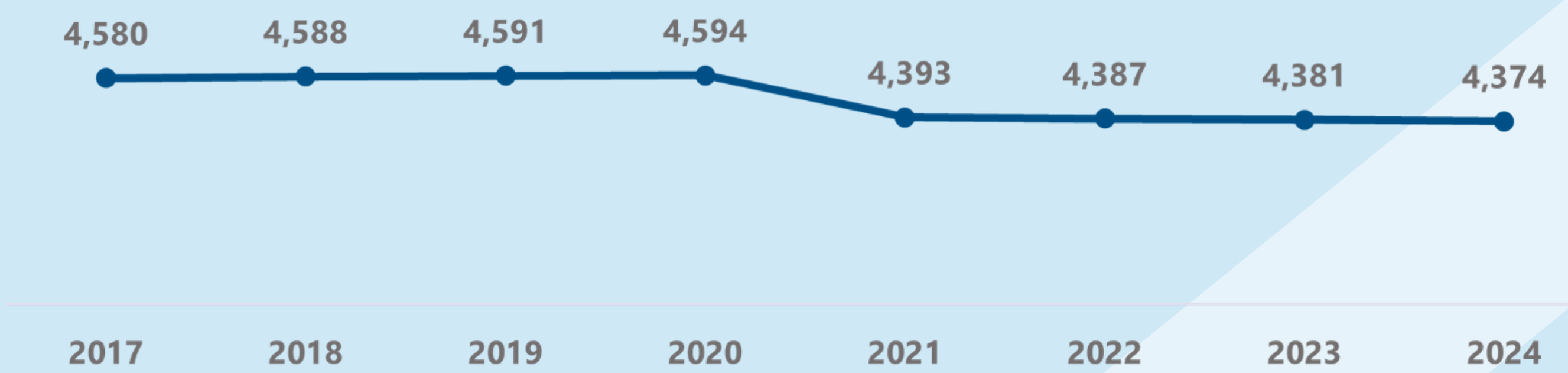
Employer-Reported Barriers to Expanding Employment⁴⁴ Missouri (Statewide)



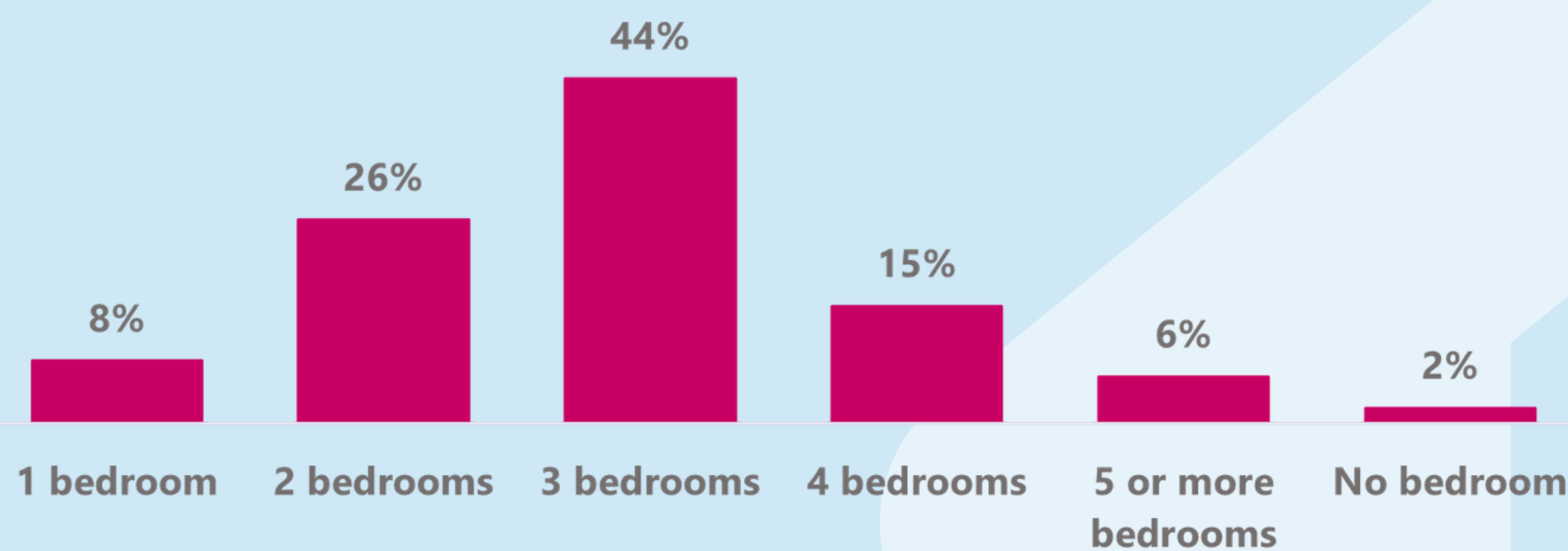
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Housing Housing Stock

Total Housing Units⁴



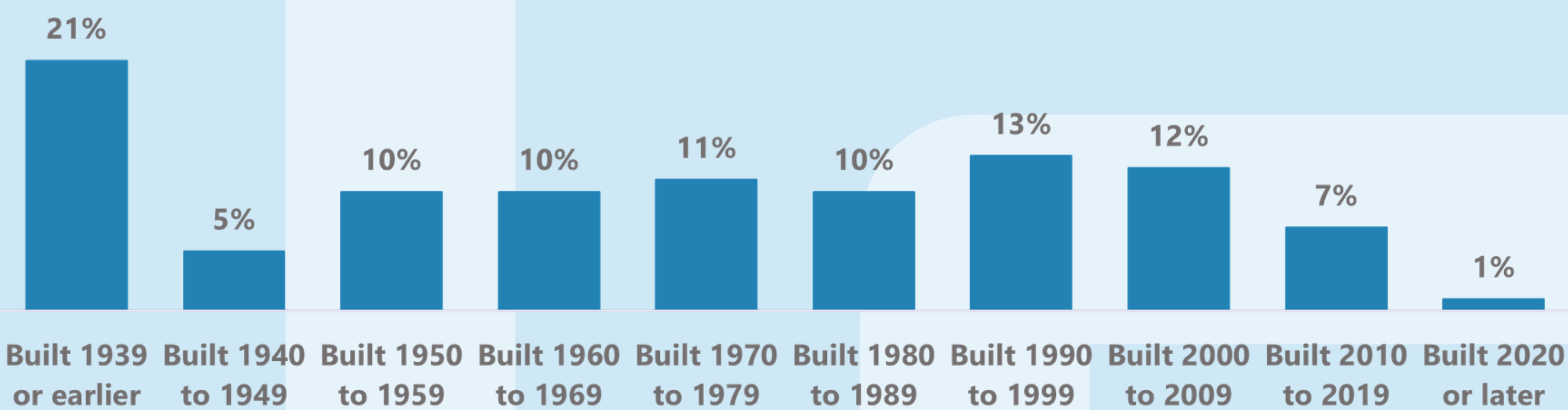
Housing Units by Number of Bedrooms⁴



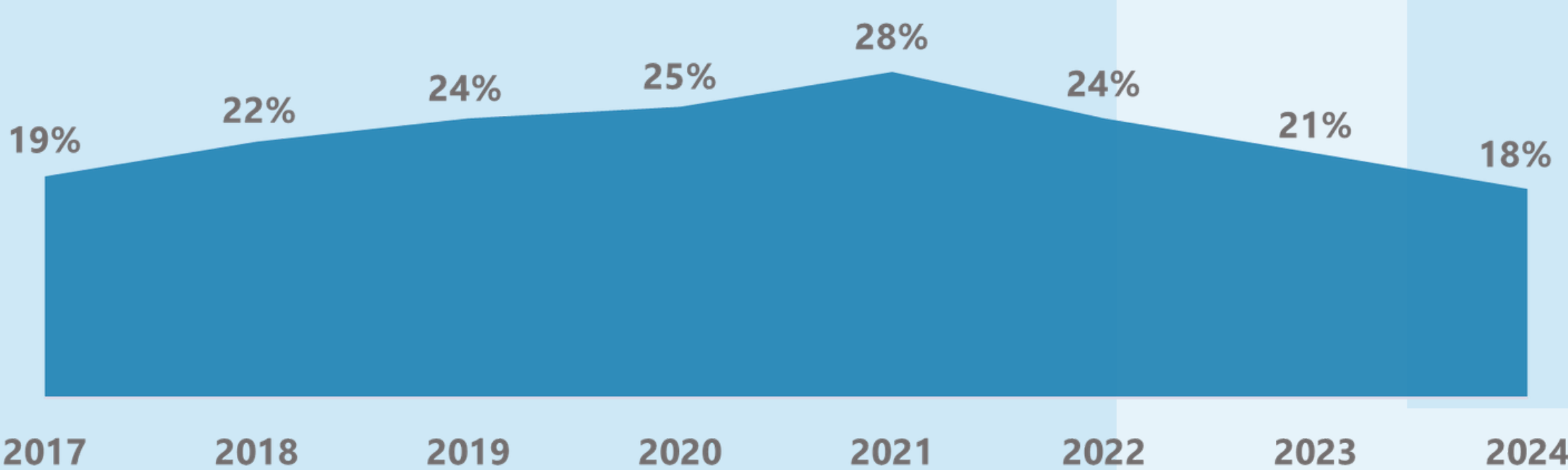
The distribution of the **number of bedrooms** per home helps communities determine if existing housing stock meets the needs of the community based on household size and composition.

Age of Housing Units⁴

The **age of a housing unit** provides information about the needs for repairs, renovations, energy-efficiency upgrades, and other types of preservation.



Vacant Housing Units⁴

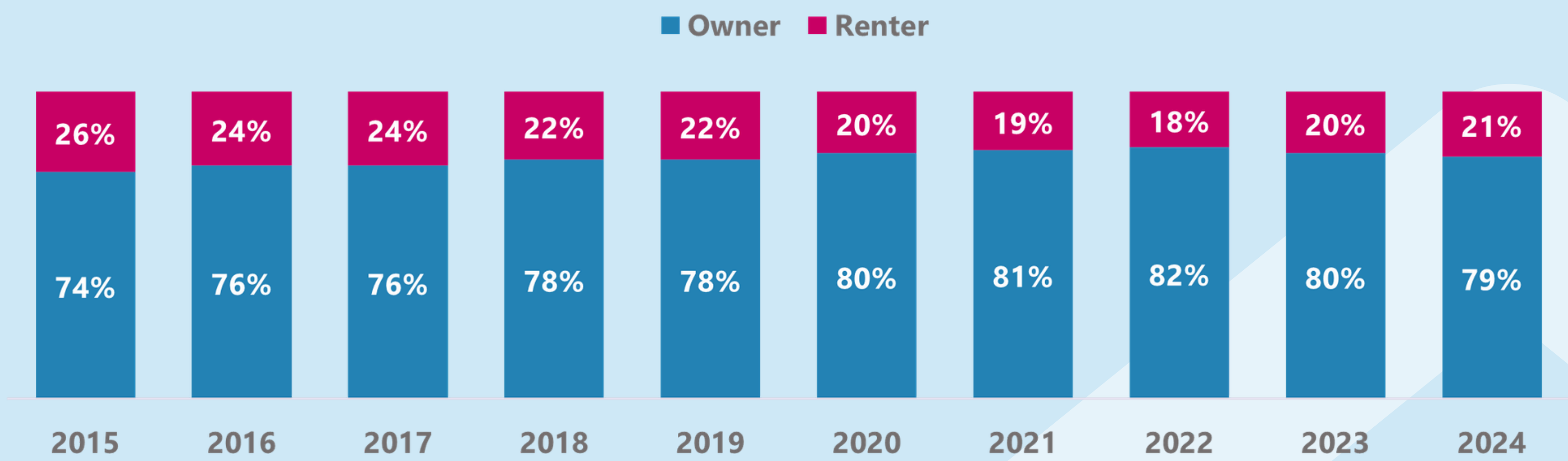


Vacancy rates reflect the occupancy status of a housing unit at a particular point in time. Vacancies can include abandoned units as well as units that are temporarily unoccupied, such as units that are waiting to be rented or sold.

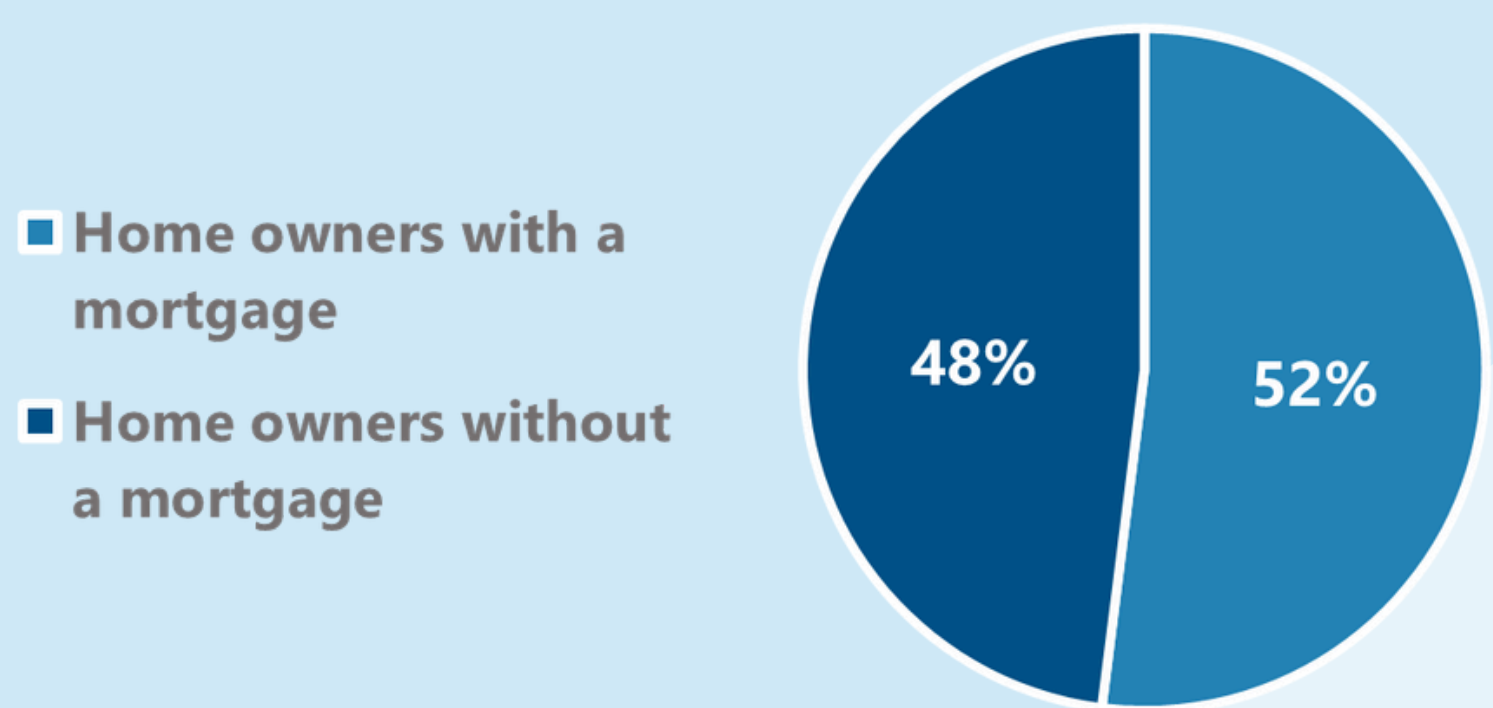
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Housing Affordability

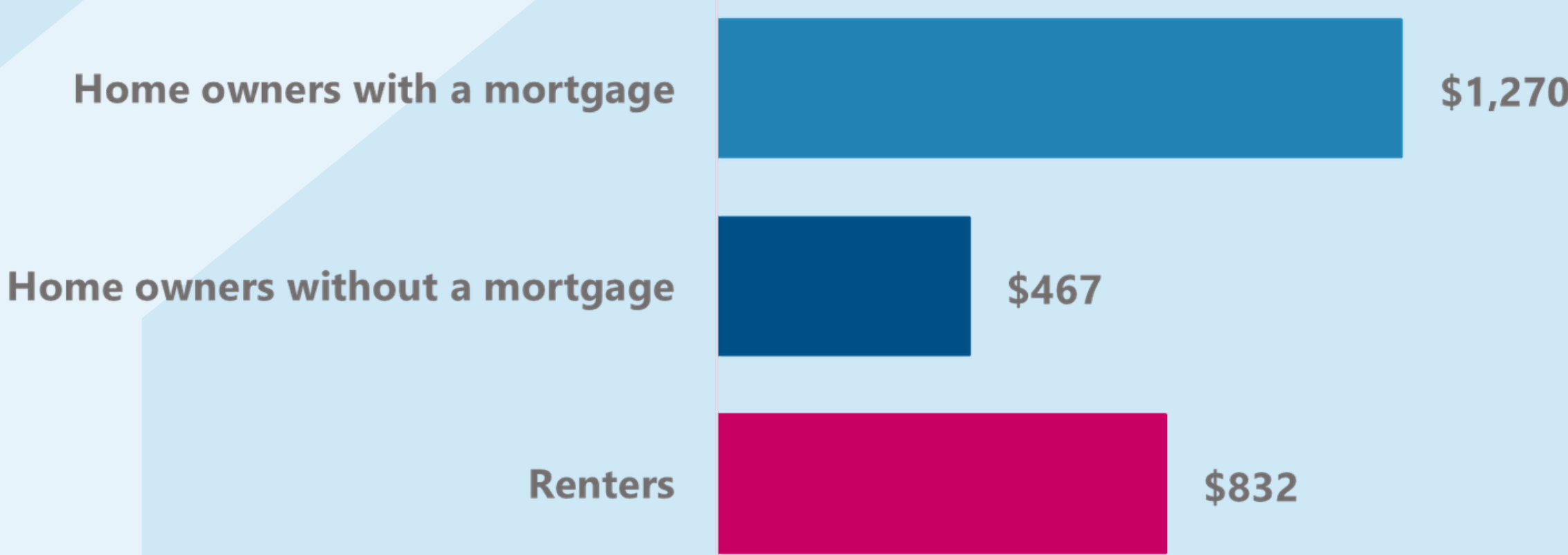
Owner-occupied vs. Renter-occupied Homes⁴



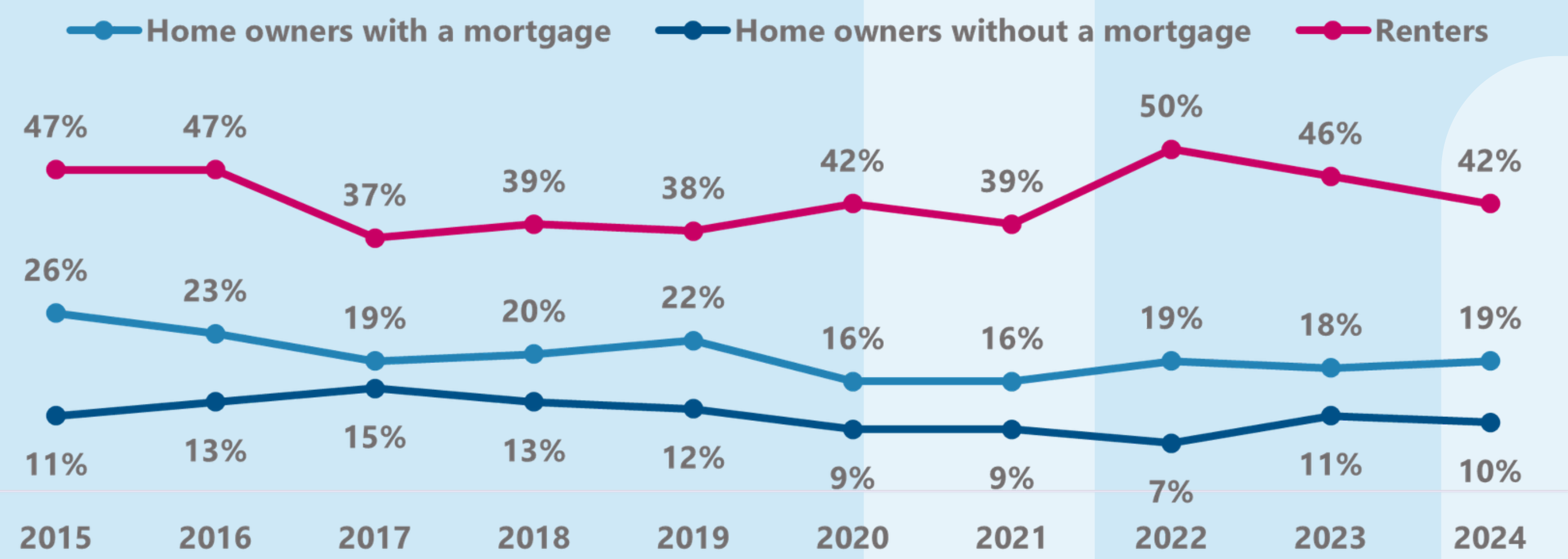
Home Owner Mortgage Status⁴



Median Monthly Housing Costs⁴



Households Paying More than 30% of Income on Housing Costs⁴



Households paying 30% or more of their income on housing expenses are considered to be **housing cost burdened**. Housing expenses include rent or mortgage payments, utilities, and insurance. Households who are housing cost burdened are at risk for utility shutoff, eviction, and foreclosure.



105
HUD-Subsidized
Units²⁰

The **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** provides housing subsidy for qualified households who meet eligibility guidelines.



8 months
average months on
HUD-Subsidized
Housing Waitlist²⁰

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