The Quest for a Good Life

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Overview

NCI DATA

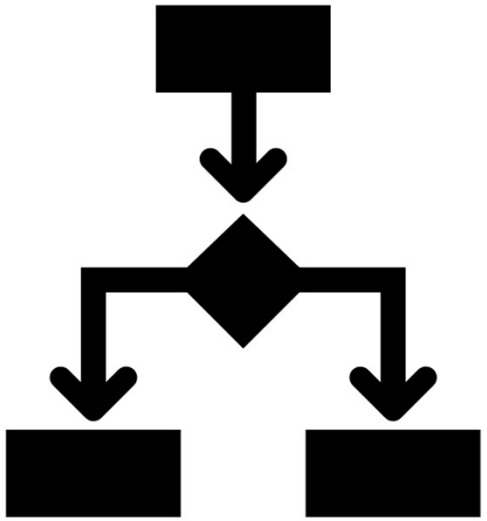
IP CODING PROJECT

NEXT STEPS

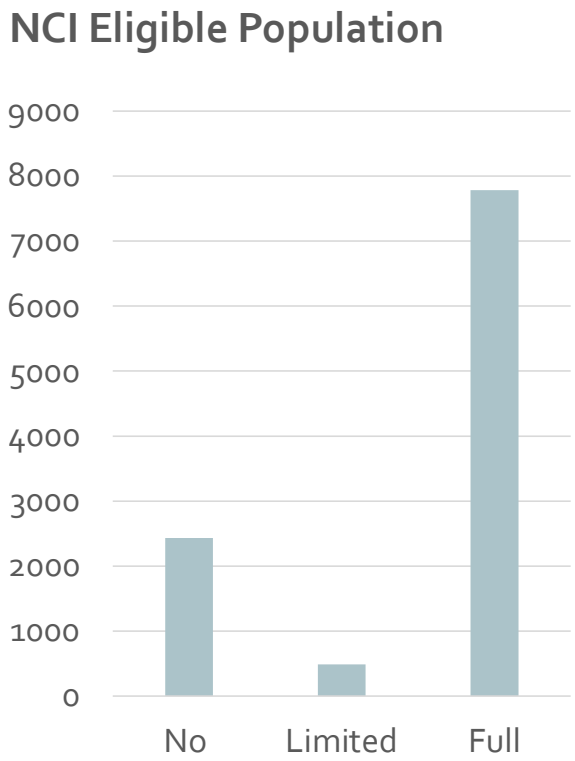
National Core Indicator Data

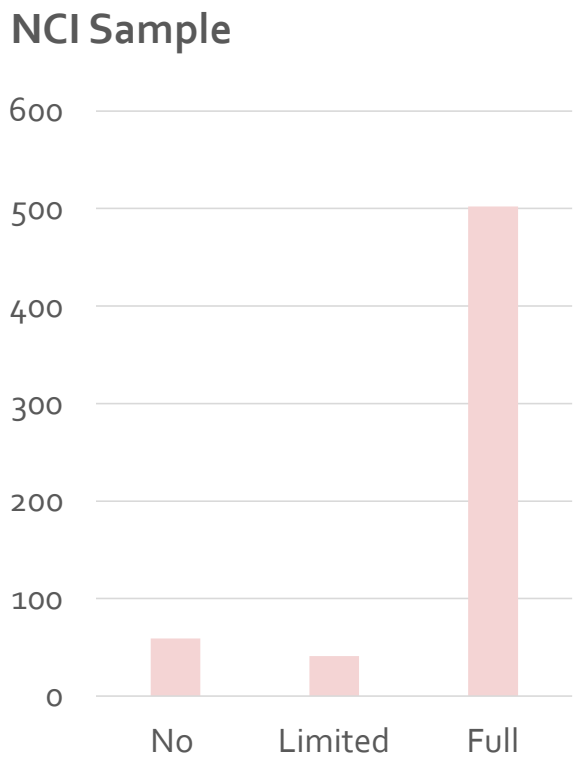
FY2025 Outcomes and FY2024 Comparisons

Choice and Guardianship



Comparing Guardian/ Conservators





72. Who chose or picked the place where you live?

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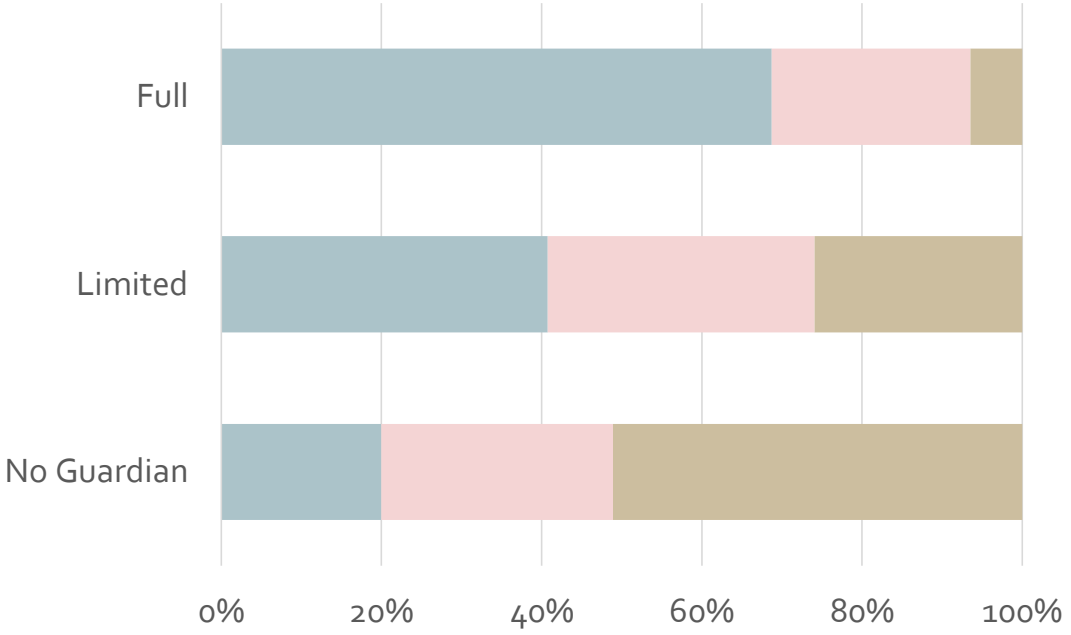

	No Guardian	Limited	Full
Someone else chose	9	11	180
Person had some input	13	9	65
Person made choice	23	7	17

Please note per NCI: Not applicable – person lives in the family home

74. Who chose or picked the place you work?

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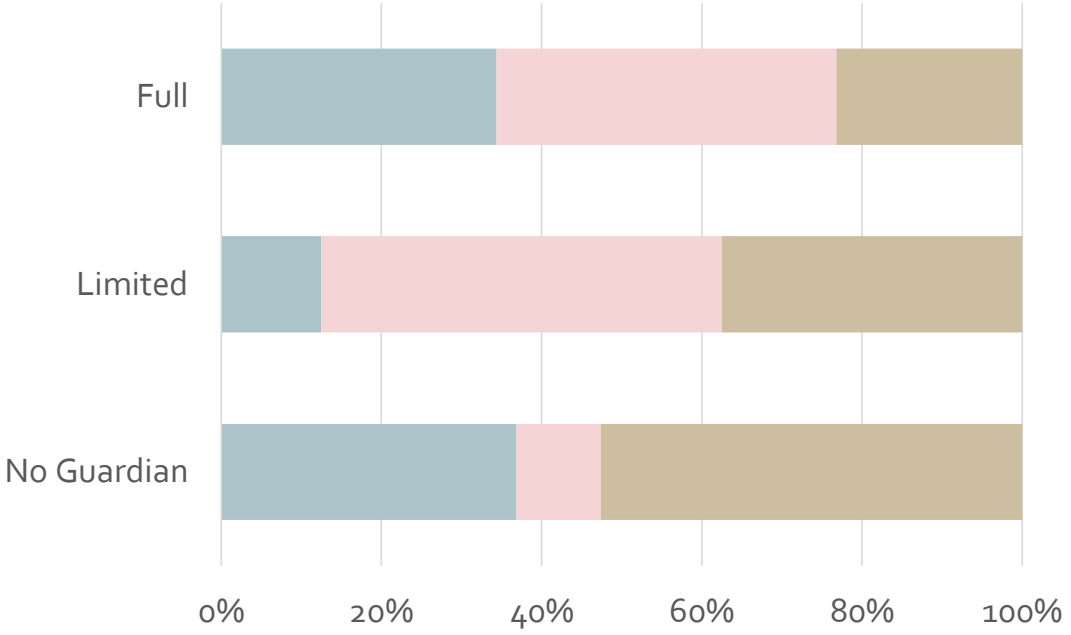

	No Guardian	Limited	Full
Someone else chose	7	1	34
Person had some input	2	4	42
Person made choice	10	3	23

Please note per NCI: Not applicable – no paid community job

75. Who chose or picked your day program?

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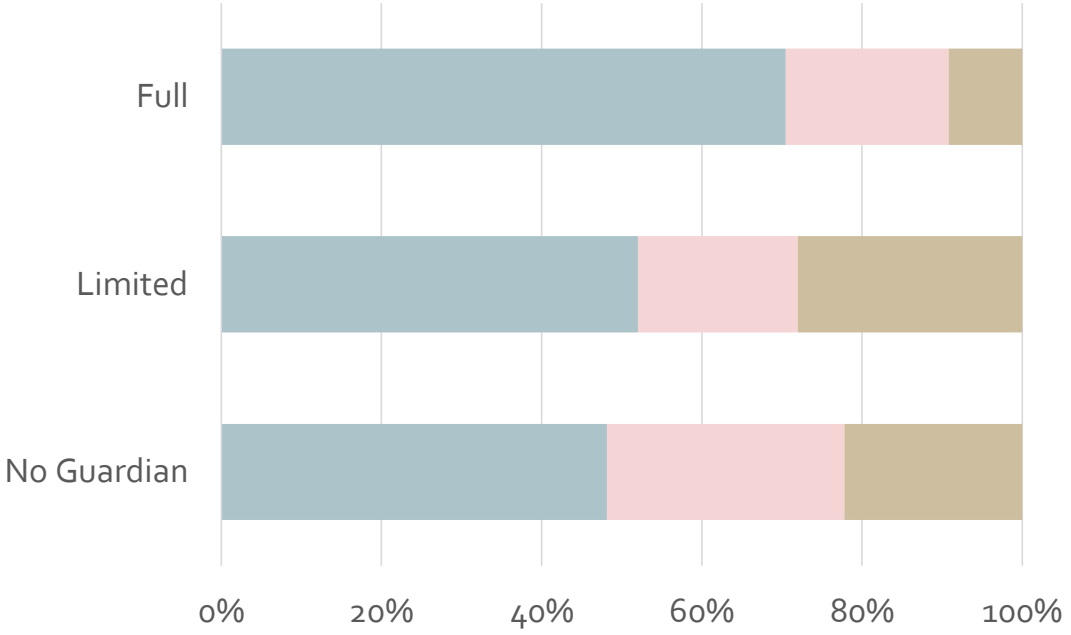

	No Guardian	Limited	Full
Someone else chose	13	13	253
Person had some input	8	5	73
Person made choice	6	7	33

Please note per NCI: Not applicable – no day program

76. Who chose or picked the other regular activities you do?

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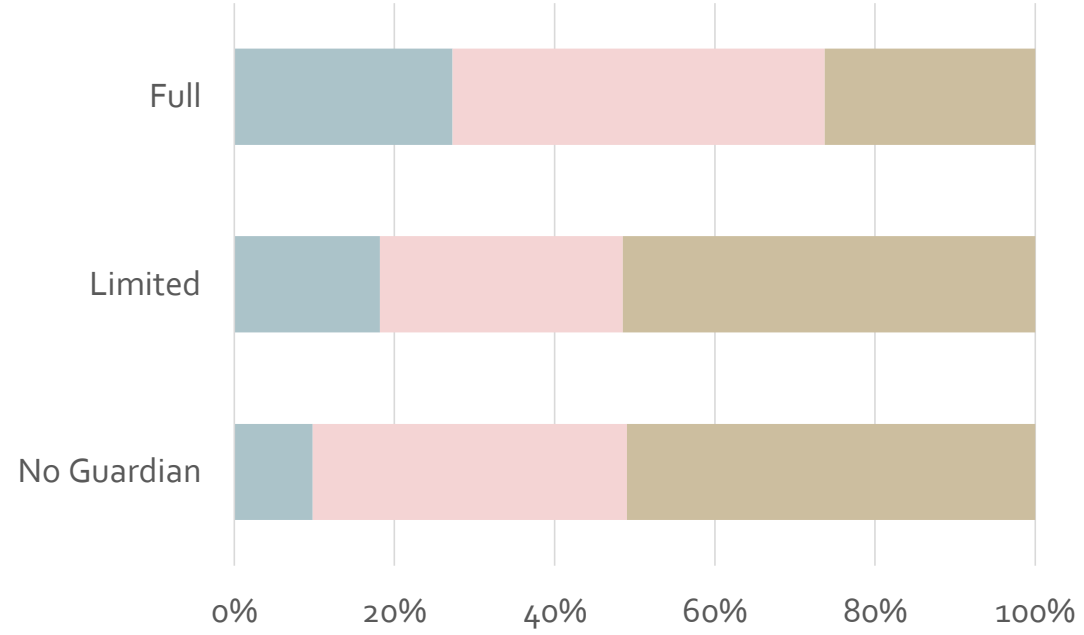

	No Guardian	Limited	Full
Someone else chose	5	6	115
Person had some input	20	10	196
Person made choice	26	17	111

Please note per NCI: Not applicable – no other regular activities

77. Who decides your daily schedule?

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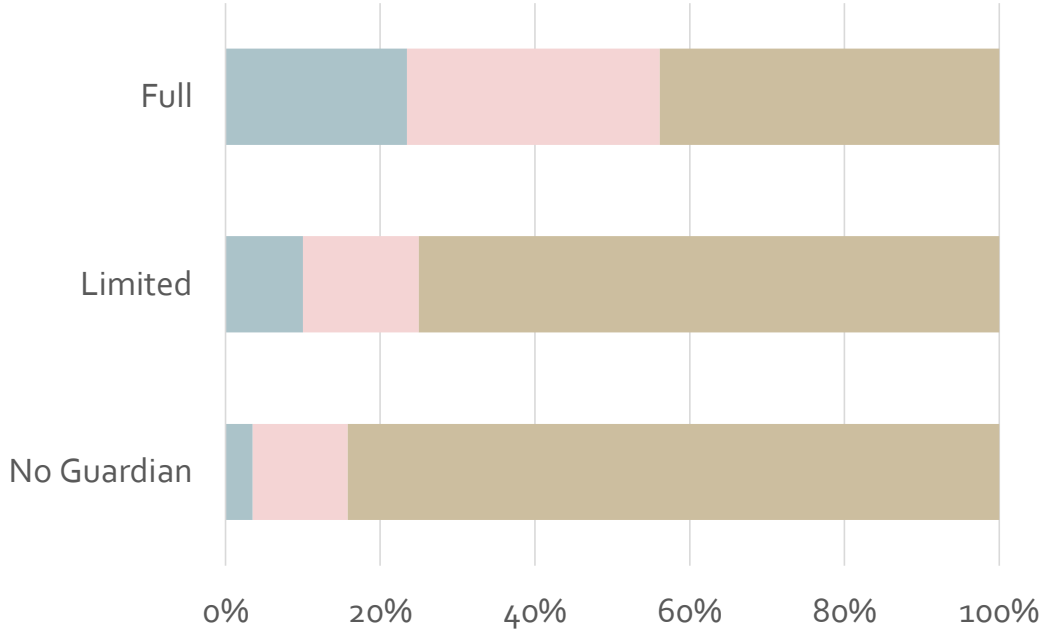

	No Guardian	Limited	Full
Someone else decides	2	4	117
Person has help deciding	7	6	163
Person decides	48	30	219

78. Who decides how you spend your free time?

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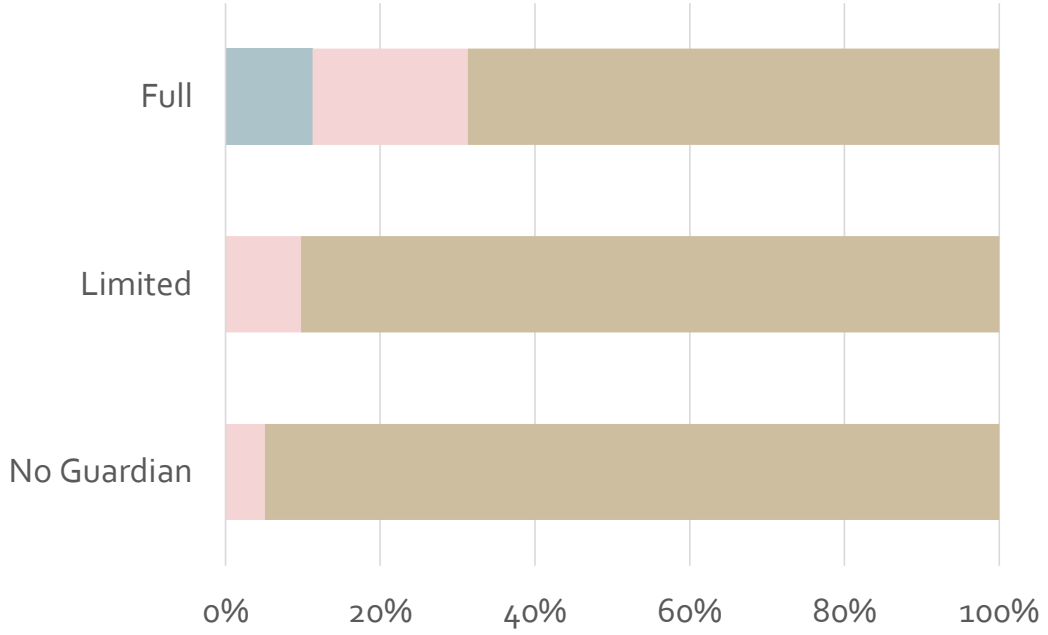

	No Guardian	Limited	Full
Someone else decides	0	0	56
Person has help deciding	3	4	100
Person decides	56	37	342

79. Do you have enough choice about what to do in your free time?

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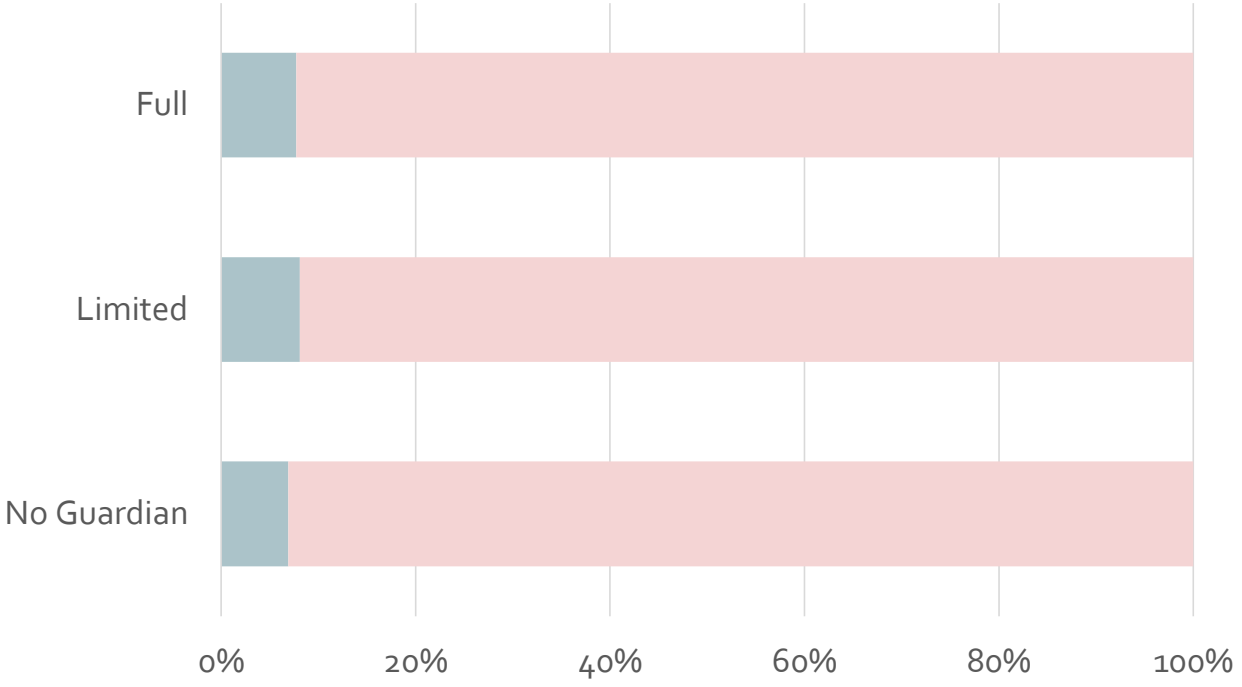

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Yes	54	34	442

80. Do you choose what you buy with your spending money?

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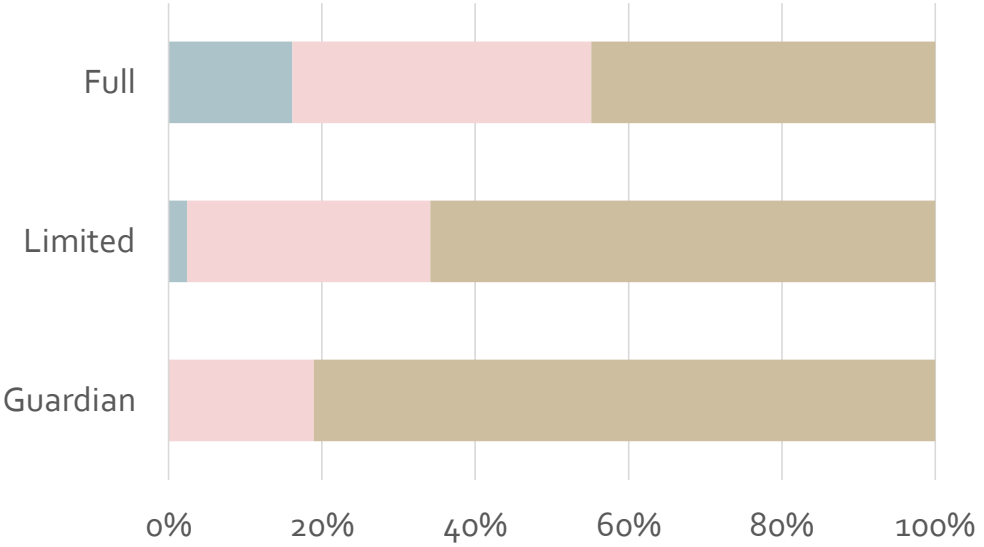
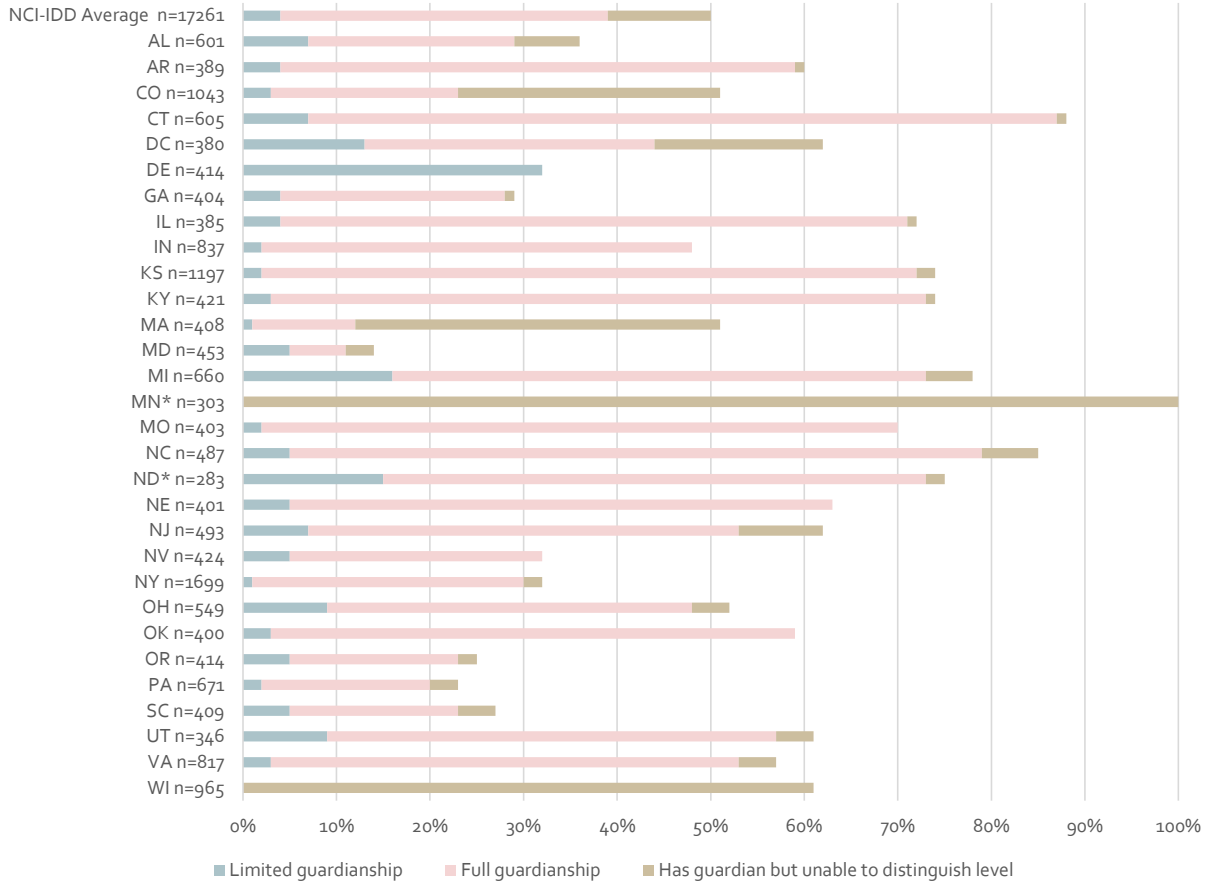


	No Guardian	Limited	Full
Someone else chooses	0	1	77
Person has help choosing what to buy or has set limits	11	13	186
Person chooses	47	27	214

Please note per NCI: Not applicable – person does not have spending money

Guardianship in States via NCI 2024 Data



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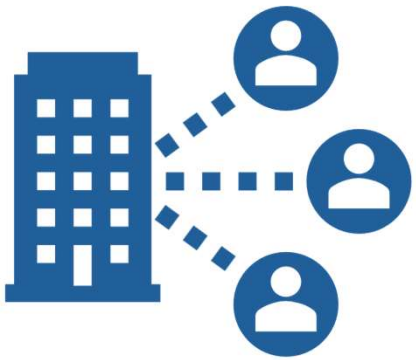

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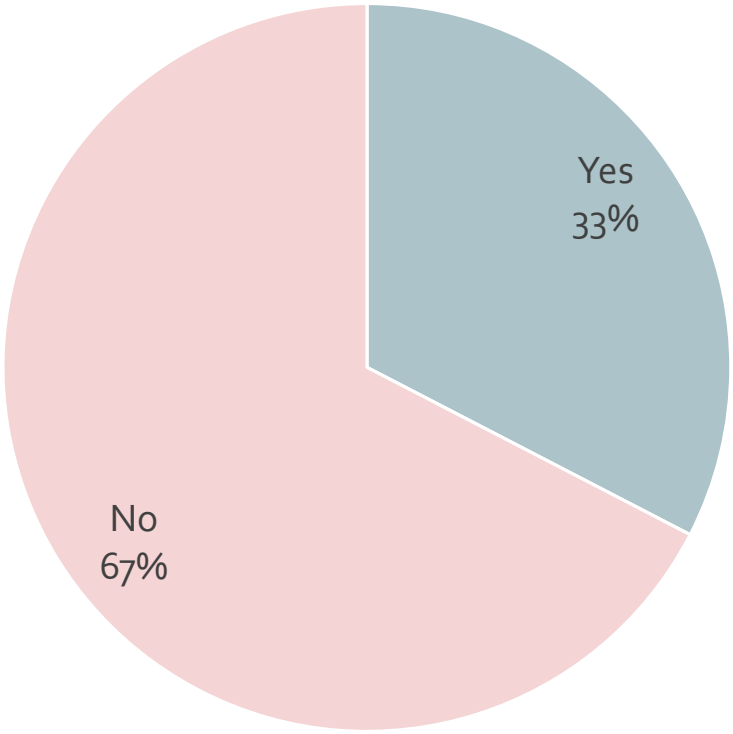

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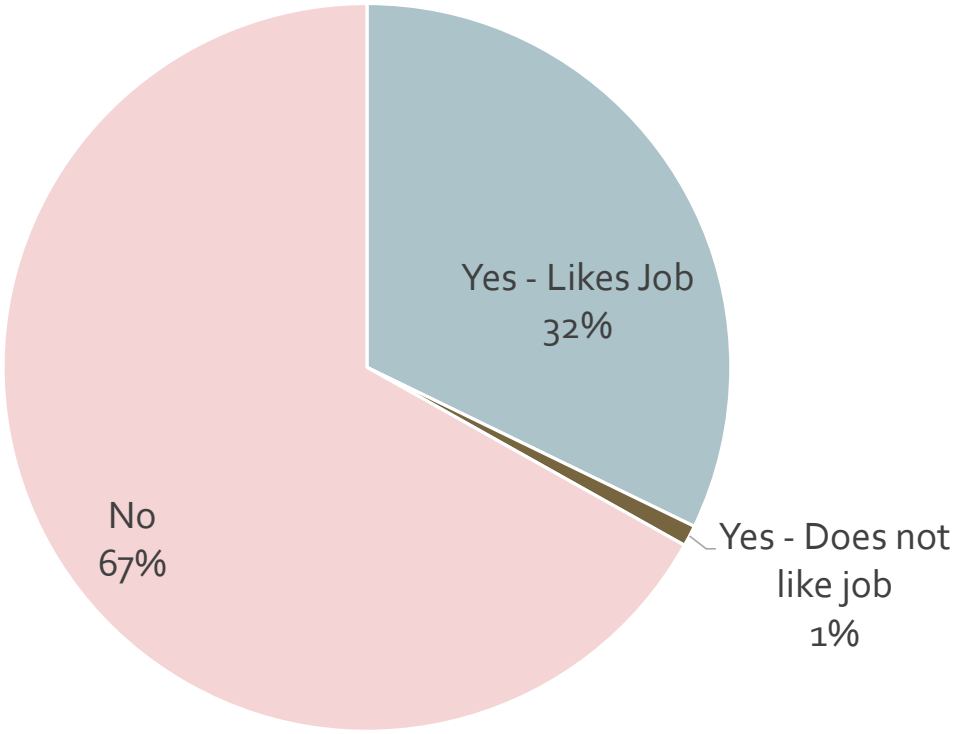

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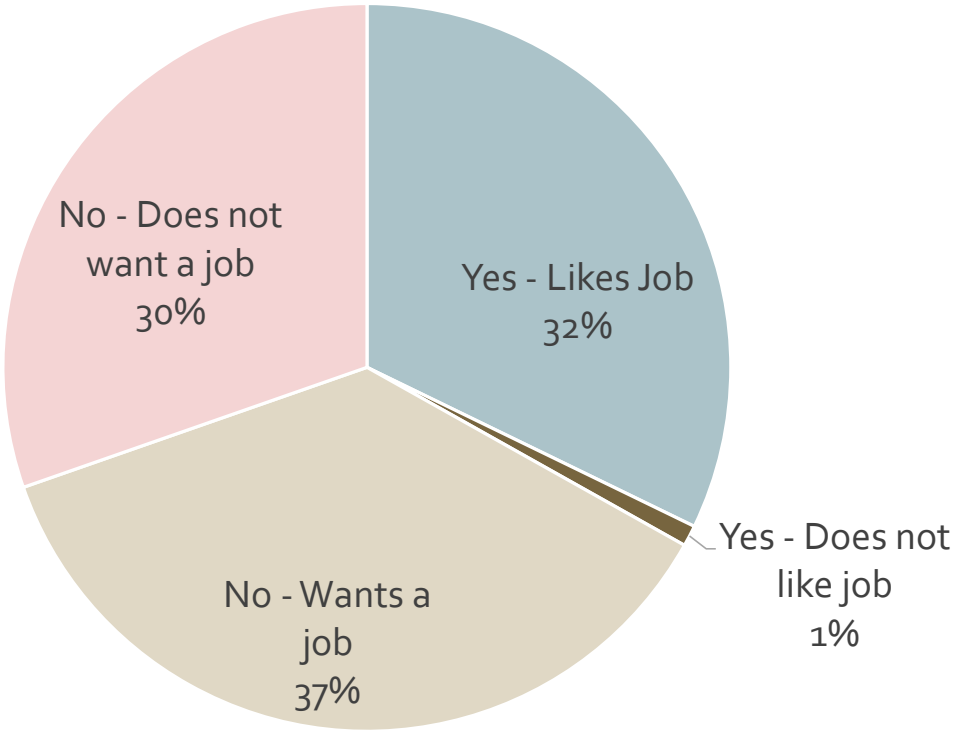

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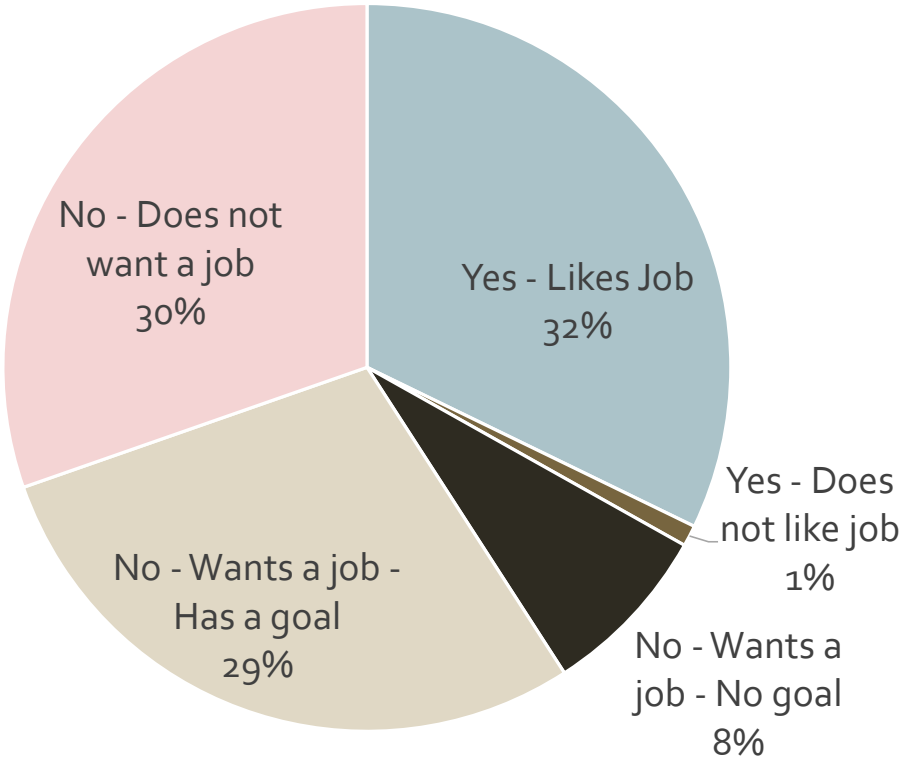

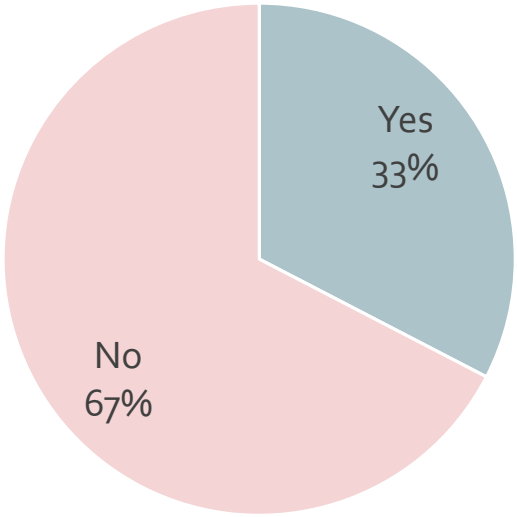

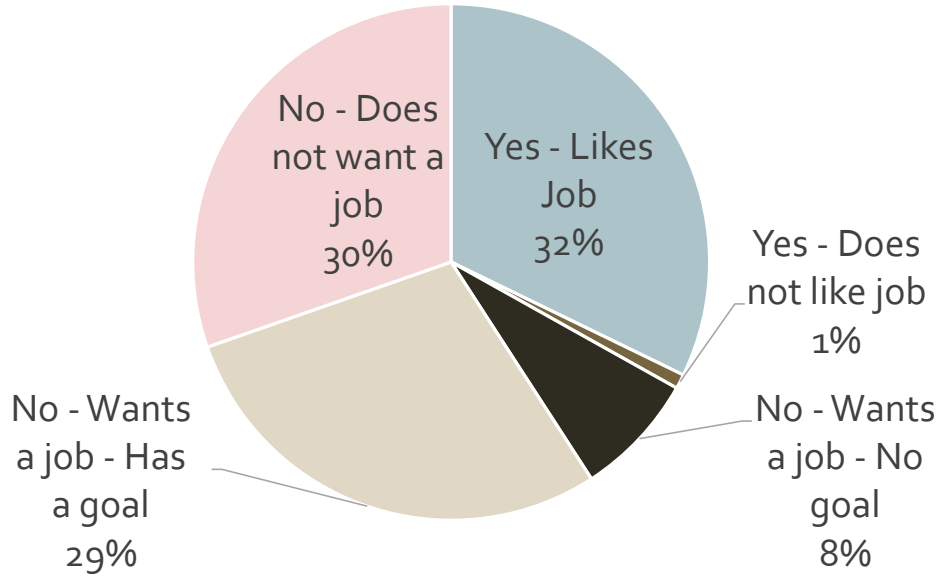

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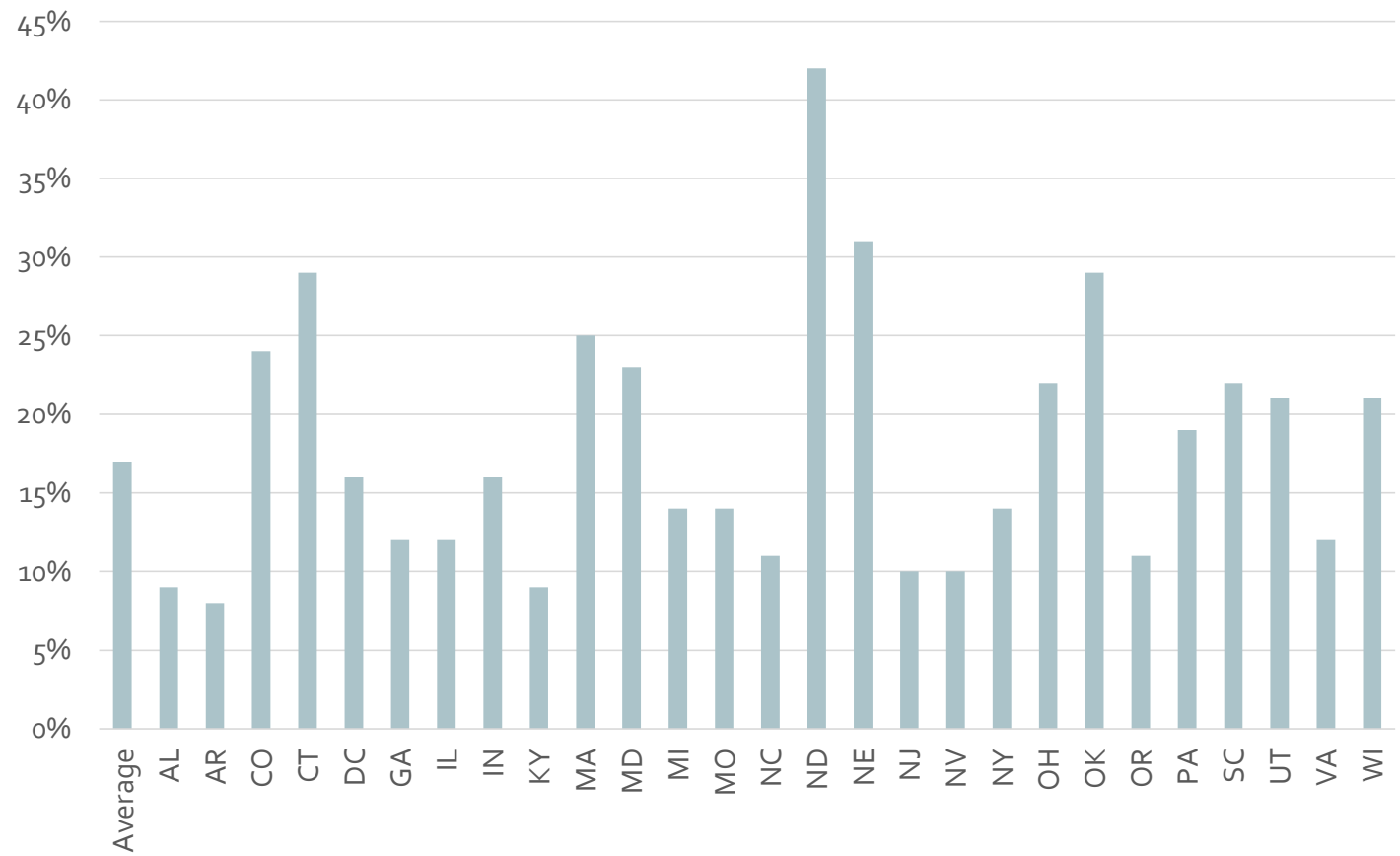

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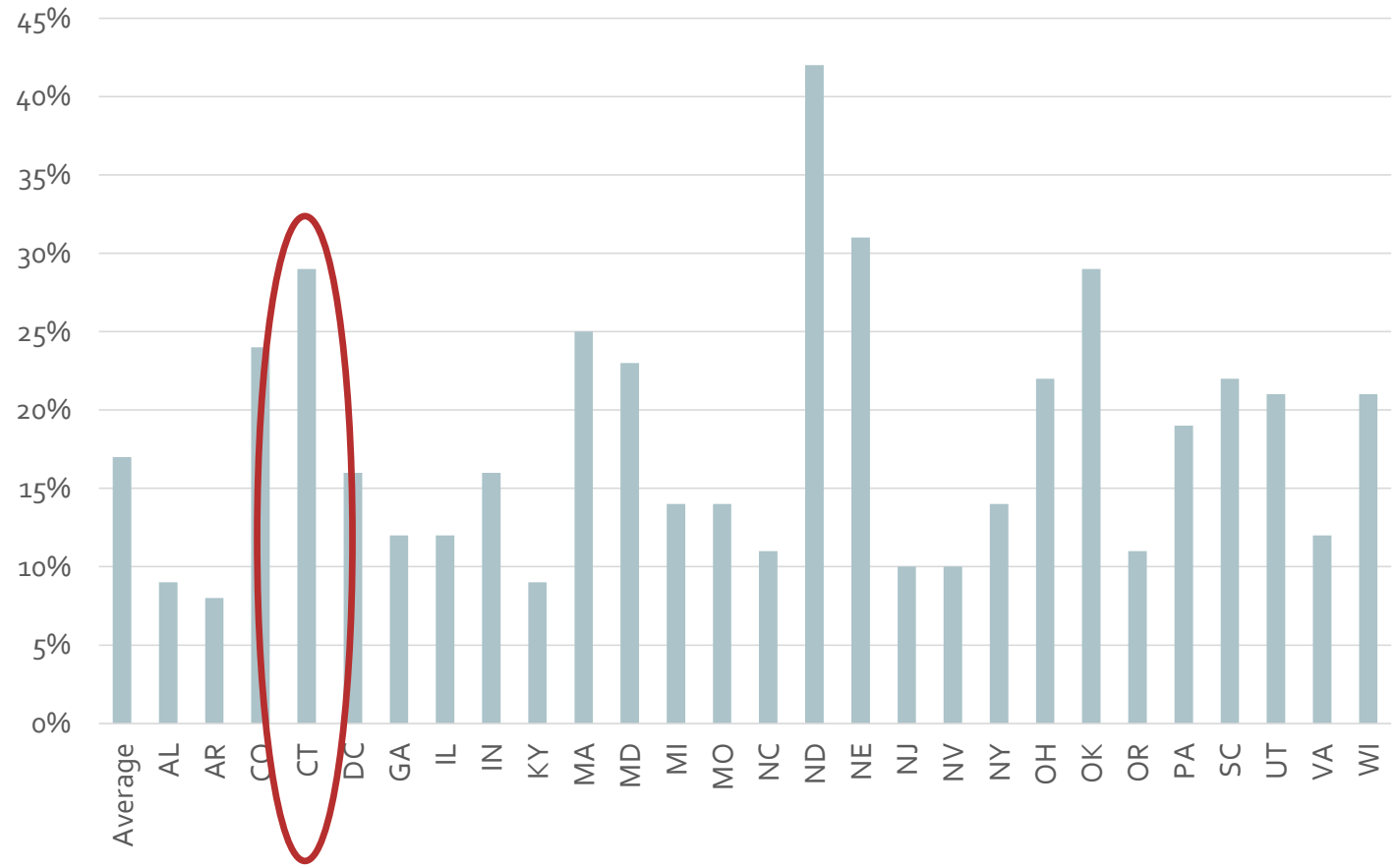

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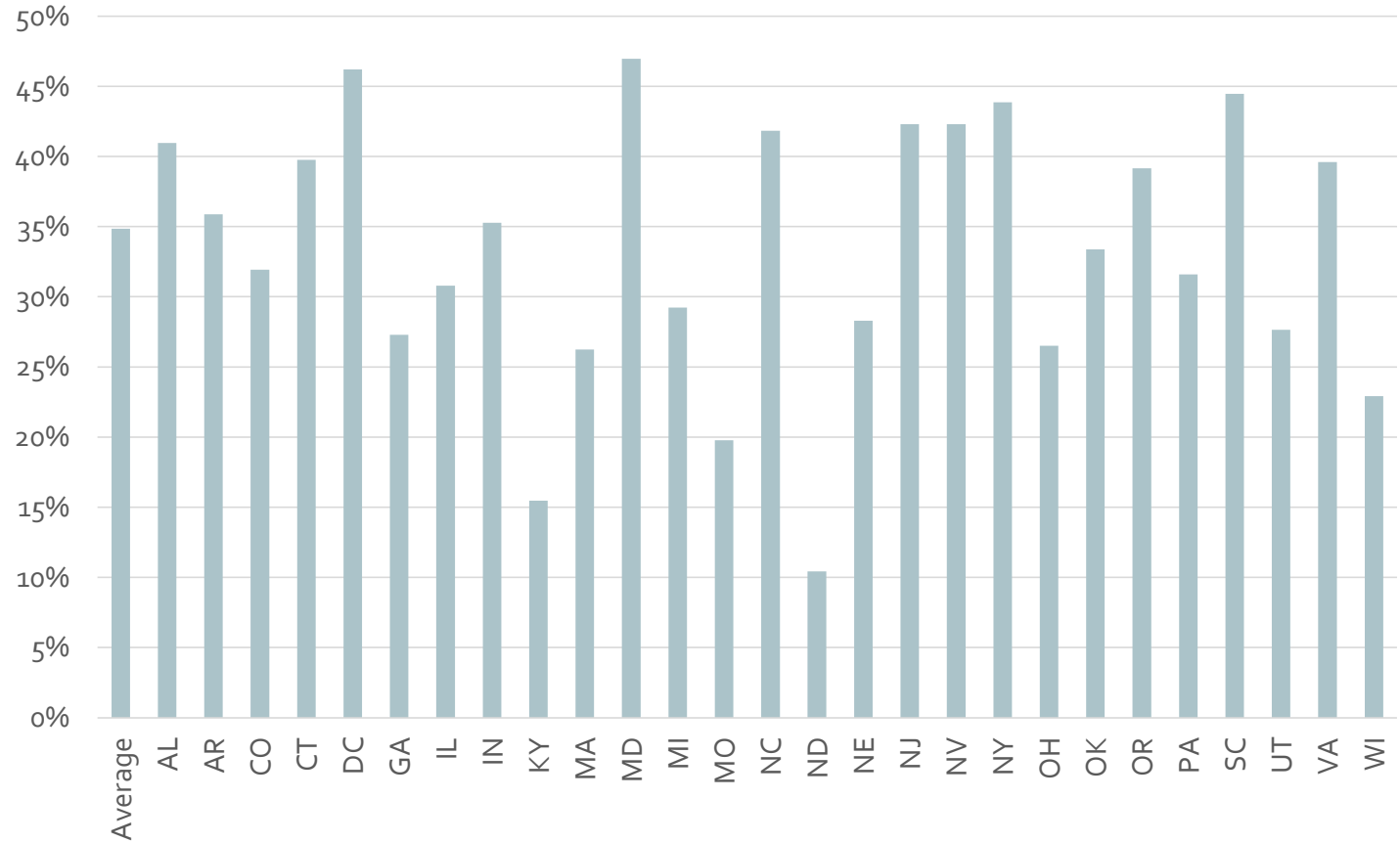

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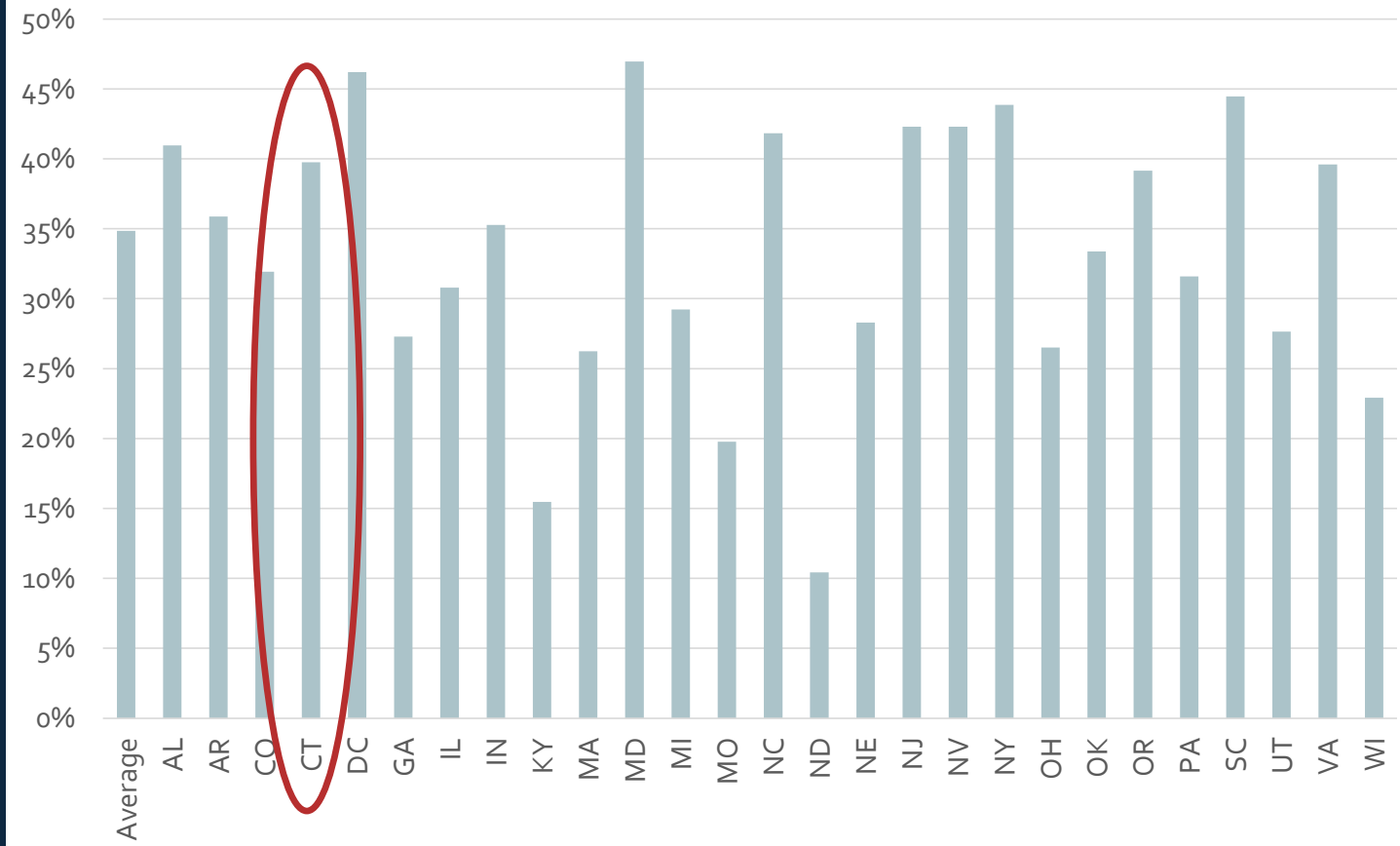

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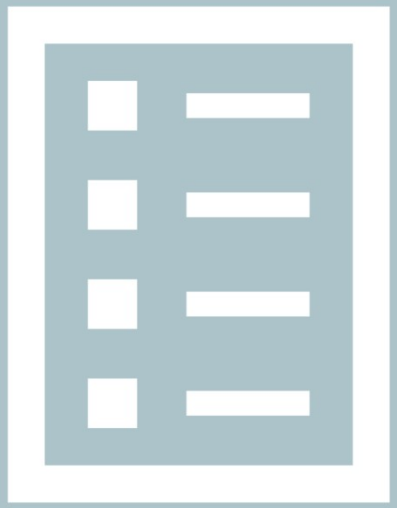


FY2020 and FY2024 Data

HISTORY OF THE IP

- The planning process has been around since the department began.
- IP was updated in 2018.
- DDS decided to look for some outcomes in the word version of the IP.
- In 2020 a process was established to review IPs and data was assessed for 400 IPs.
- In 2024 the process was updated adding new data points of interest and assessed 681 IPs.

CHANGES TO THE IP CODING PROCESS

2020 Process

Evaluated following data points:

- Voice heard
- To what extent was the voice heard
- Social Support
- Goals

These data points were developed with Case Manager Supervisors and the Director of Family Support Strategies and Advocacy

Inter-Rater Reliability was established to hold qualitative research standards.

2024 Process

New data points were added:

- Steps to a good life
- Satisfaction with Res, Day/Emp, Heath

Qualitative coding was established, and Inter-Rater Reliability was tested for new coders.

Updated sampling methodology.

Number of Steps to a Good Life by Category		
Advocacy/Leadership	5	0.2%
Civil Engagement	0	0.0%
Communication	93	3.8%
Emergency Planning	42	1.7%
Employment	230	9.3%
Faith Community	8	0.3%
Financial	63	2.5%
Friend/Relationship	293	11.8%
Housing	147	5.9%
Legal Rights/Guardianship	2	0.1%
Leisure	535	21.6%
Life Skills	330	13.3%
Medical Health	295	11.9%
Mental Behavioral Health	149	6.0%
Modifications/Assistive Technology	25	1.0%
Nutrition	10	0.4%
Personal ID	22	0.9%
Physical Health	145	5.9%
Routine	35	1.4%
School	16	0.6%
Transport	12	0.5%
Volunteer	17	0.7%
Total	2474	

STEPS TO A GOOD LIFE

The first 2 pages of the IP are to be from the individual.

These steps to a good life are things of importance to the individual.

The categories used for goal was also applied to capture this information.

The most common steps to a good life are:

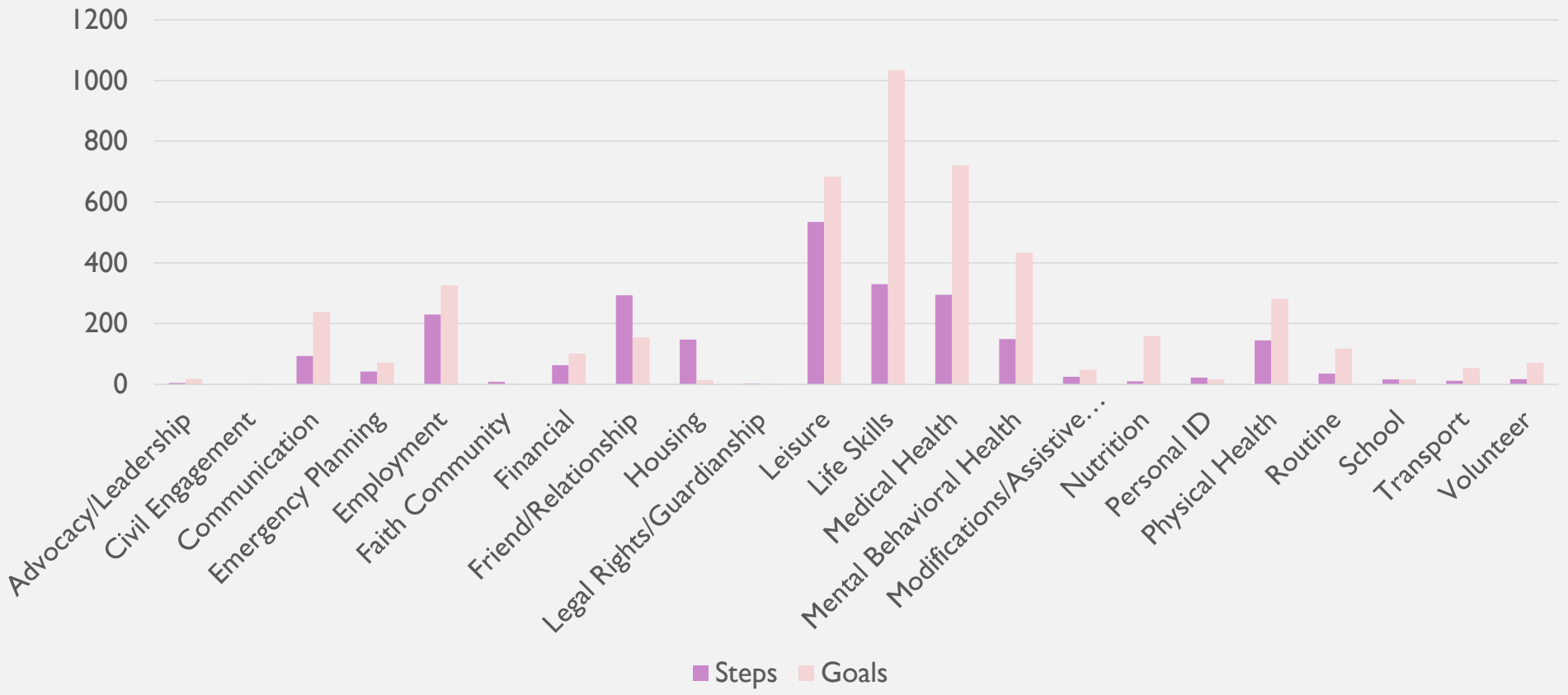
- Leisure
- Life Skills
- Friends/Relationships

Number of Goals by Category		
Advocacy/Leadership	18	0%
Civil Engagement	2	0.0%
Communication	238	5%
Emergency Planning	72	2%
Employment	325	7%
Faith Community	2	0.0%
Financial	101	2%
Friend/Relationship	154	3%
Housing	13	0%
Legal Rights/Guardianship	2	0.0%
Leisure	684	15%
Life Skills	1034	23%
Medical Health	721	16%
Mental Behavioral Health	434	10%
Modifications/Assistive Technology	48	1%
Nutrition	159	3%
Personal ID	16	0.4%
Physical Health	281	6%
Routine	118	3%
School	16	0%
Transport	53	1%
Volunteer	71	2%
Total	4562	

GOALS

- The same coding was used as the 2020 for goals.
- This information is collected in the action plan of the IP.
- The top 3 goals are:
  - Life Skills
  - Medical Health
  - Leisure

STEPS TO GOALS



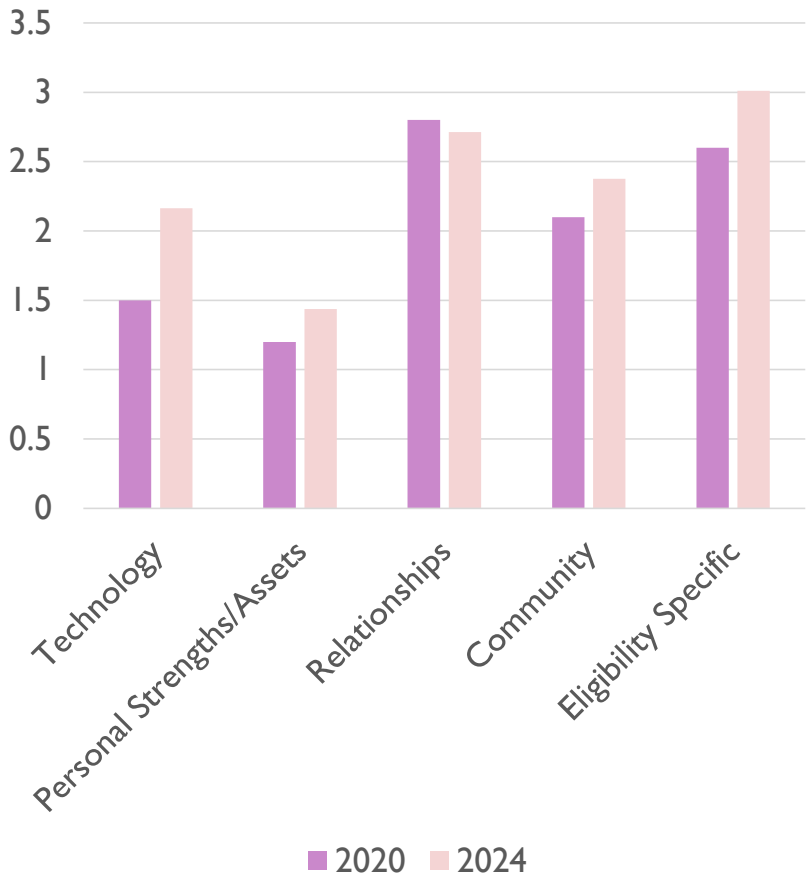
COMPARING SOCIAL SUPPORT FROM 2024 TO 2020

The chart to the left is the average number of each social support category from the Integrated Star comparing 2024 to 2020.

Technology has seen a large increase from 2020 to 2024.

Relationships, Communication, and Eligibility Supports have remained stable.

Personal Strength and Assets was also very low in 2020.



VOICE HEARD

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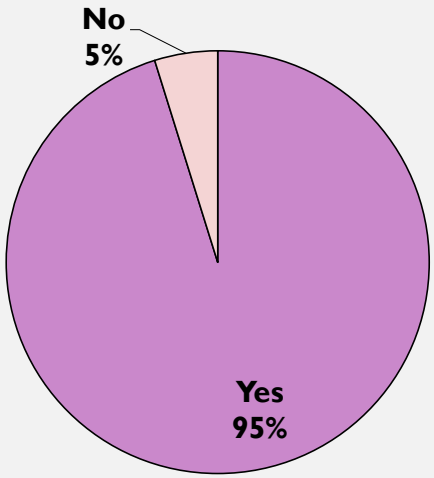

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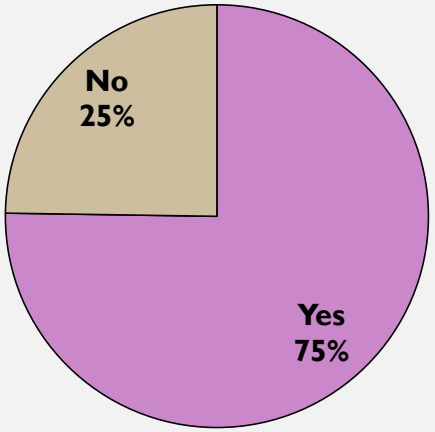

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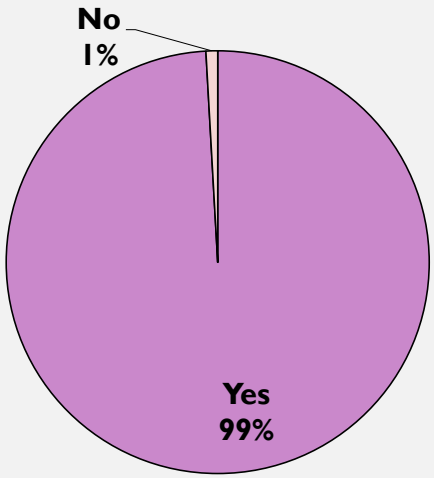

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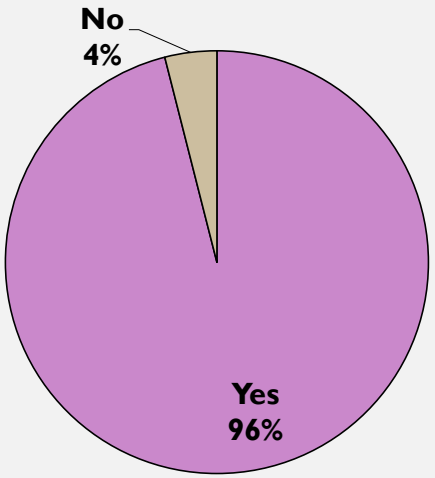

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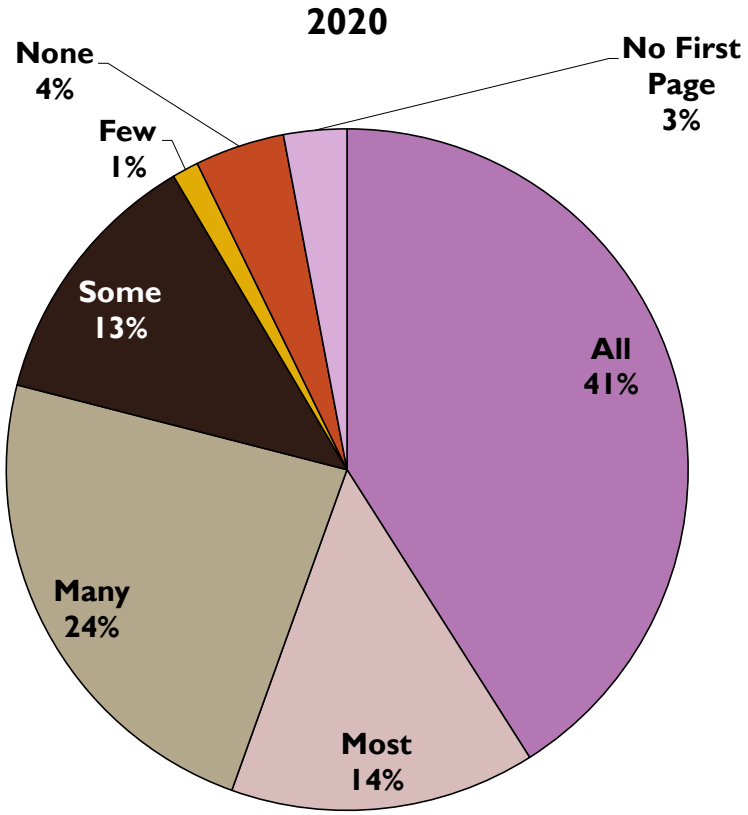

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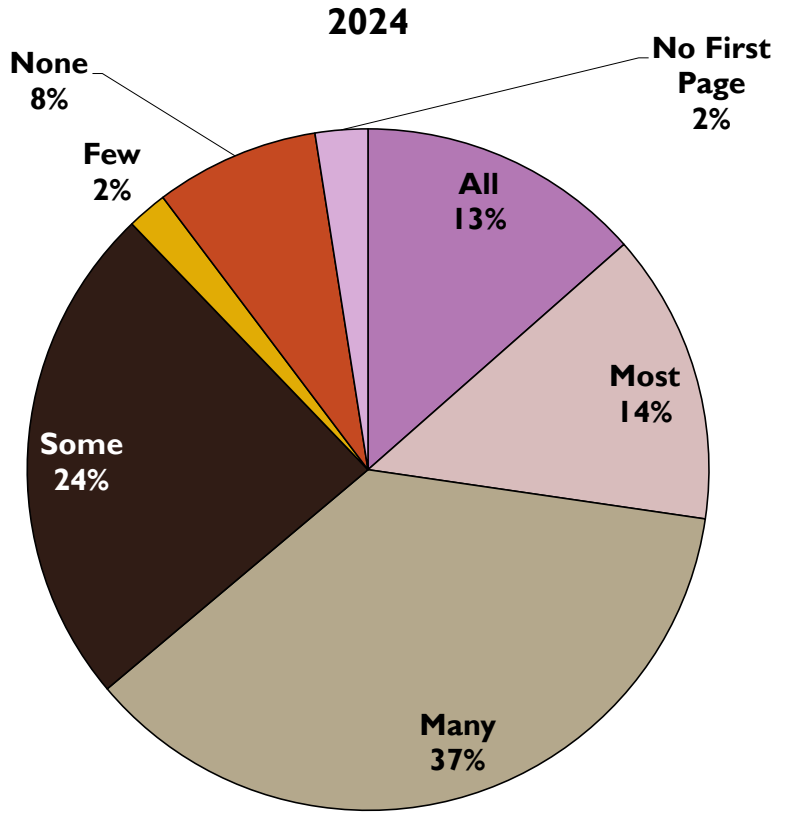

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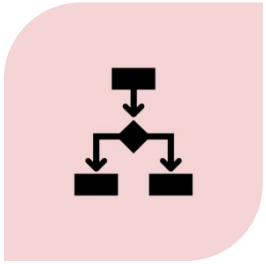
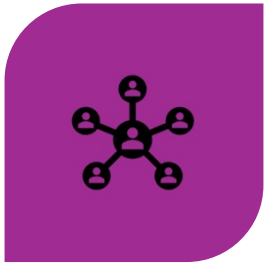


ENSURING CHOICE WHEN POSSIBLE.

CONNECT WITH NORTH DAKOTA ABOUT THEIR POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AROUND EMPLOYMENT.

WORK TO INCLUDE STEPS TO A GOOD LIFE IN GOALS IN THE IP.



USE DEVELOPED METHOD FOR CODING GOAL IN THE NEW CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO HELP CAPTURE WHAT PEOPLE ARE WORKING ON.