



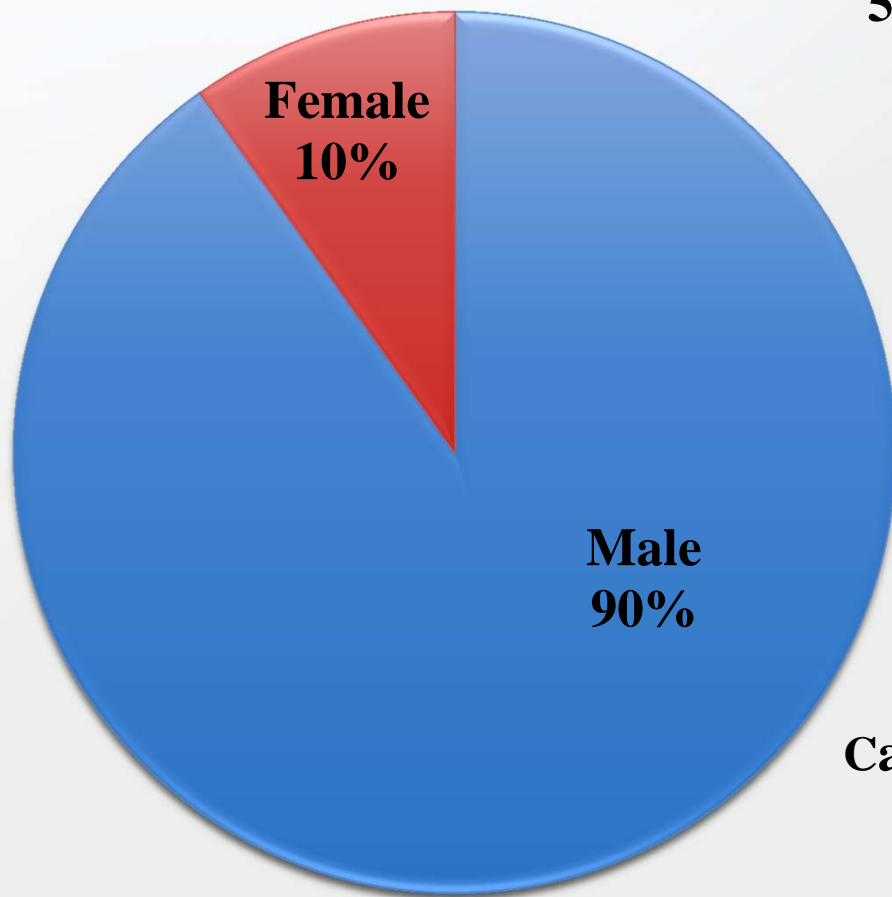
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Oral Health Access Survey Responses

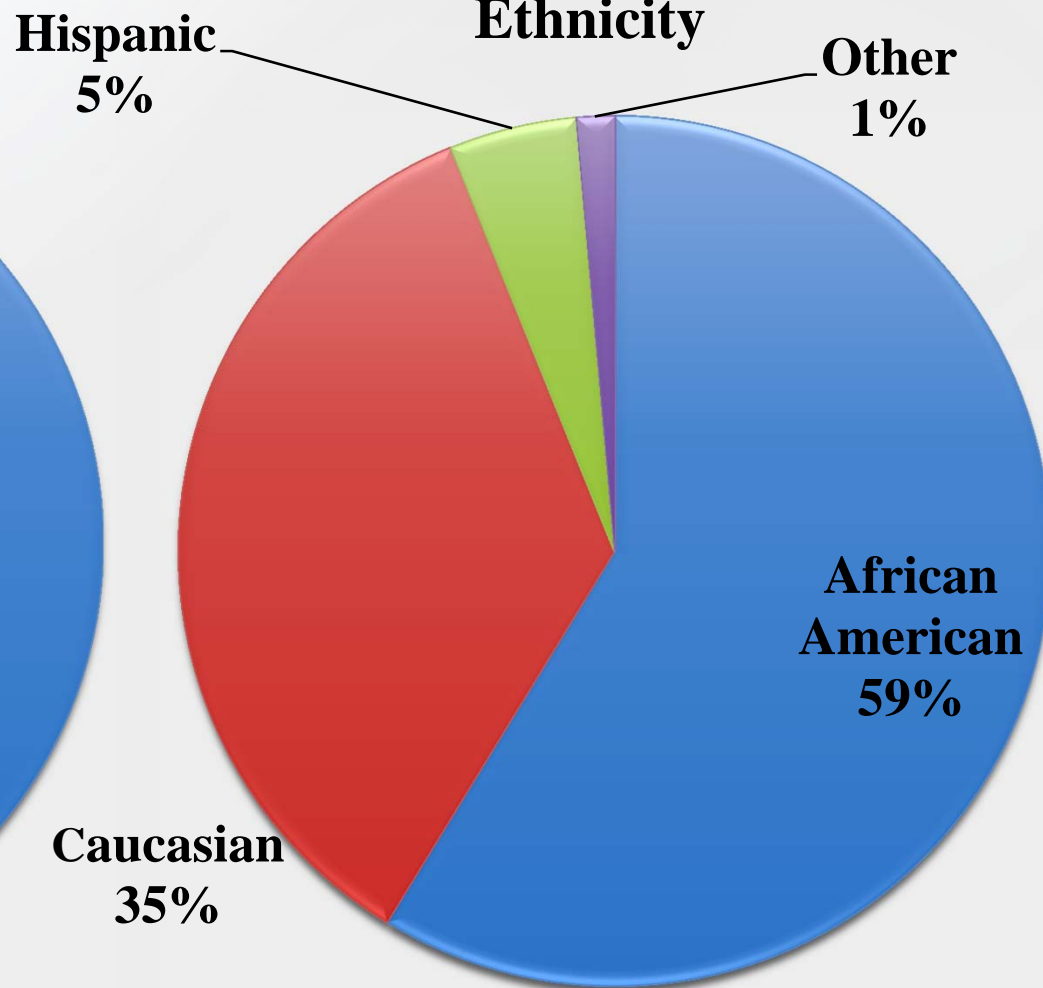
Analysis of 1,501 Incarcerated Georgians
July 2012

Gender and Ethnicity

Gender



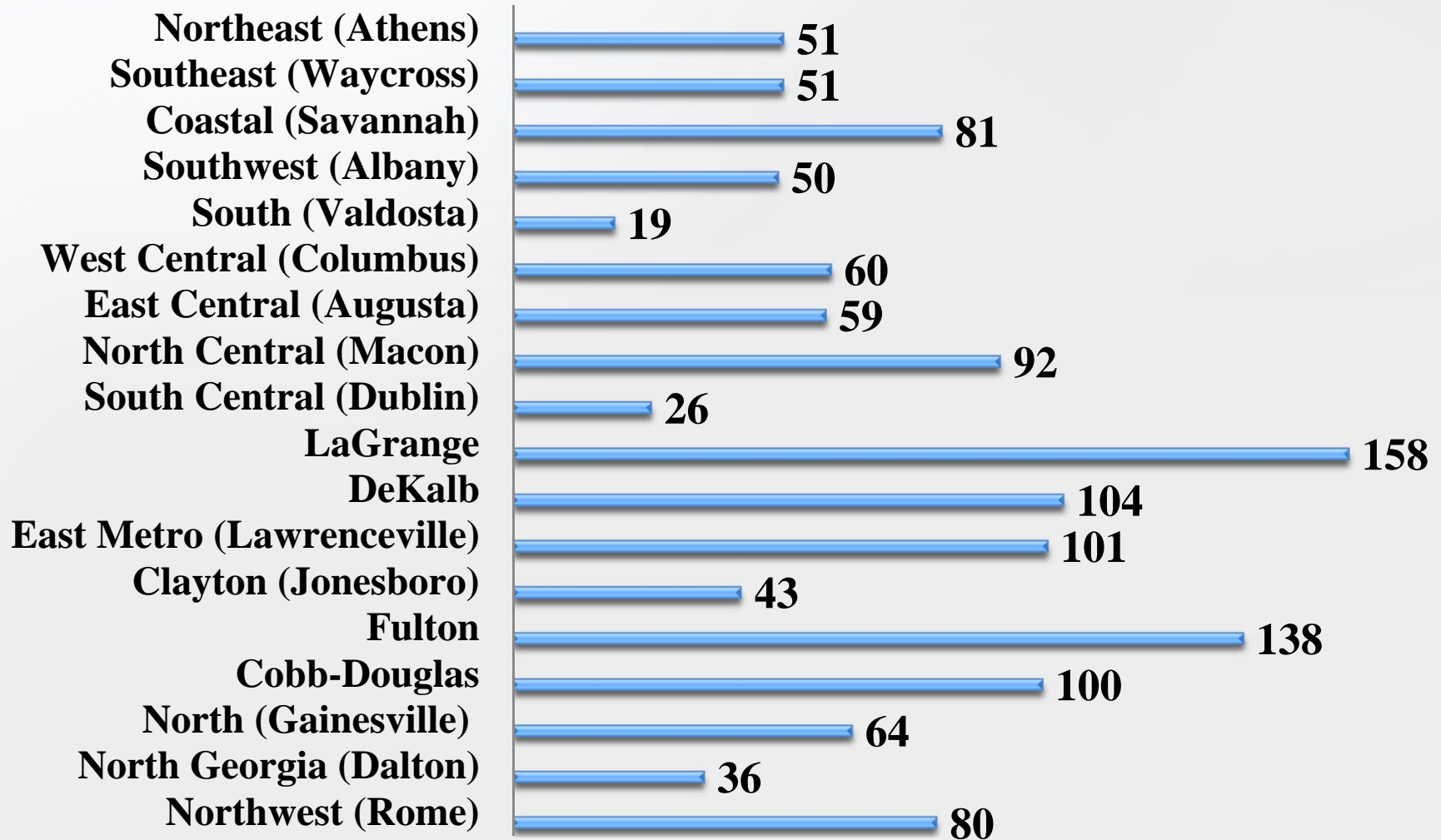
Ethnicity



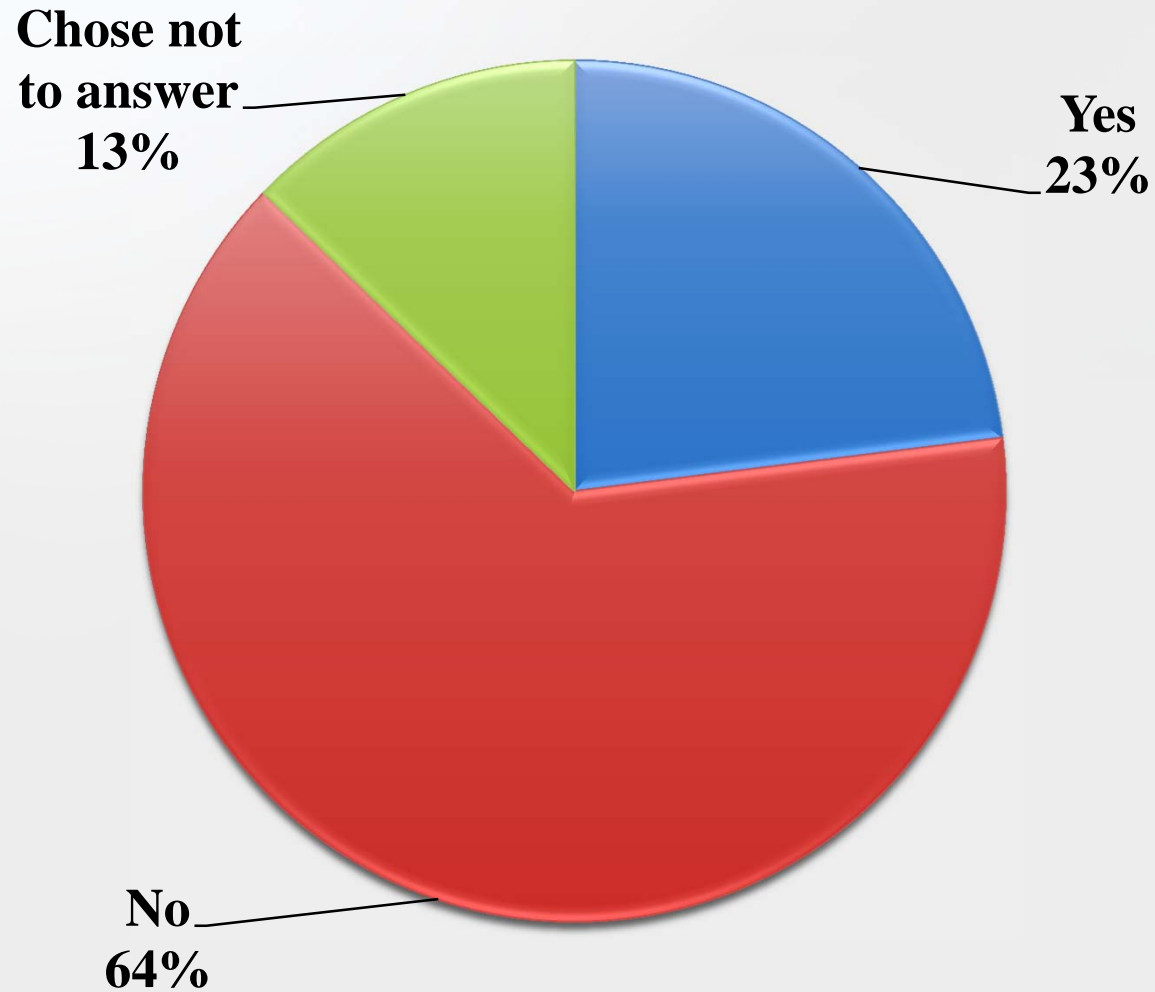
Gender and Ethnicity, cont.

- 90% of all respondents (n=1354) were male, 10% of respondents (n=147) were female.
- The majority of respondents 59% (n=878) were of African-American descent.
- 35% of respondents (n=525) respondents reported being Caucasian.
- Hispanic descent comprised 5% (n=71) of respondents while 1% (n=24) reported their race as other or multi-racial.

Survey Respondents by Georgia Health Districts (Number of Respondents by District)



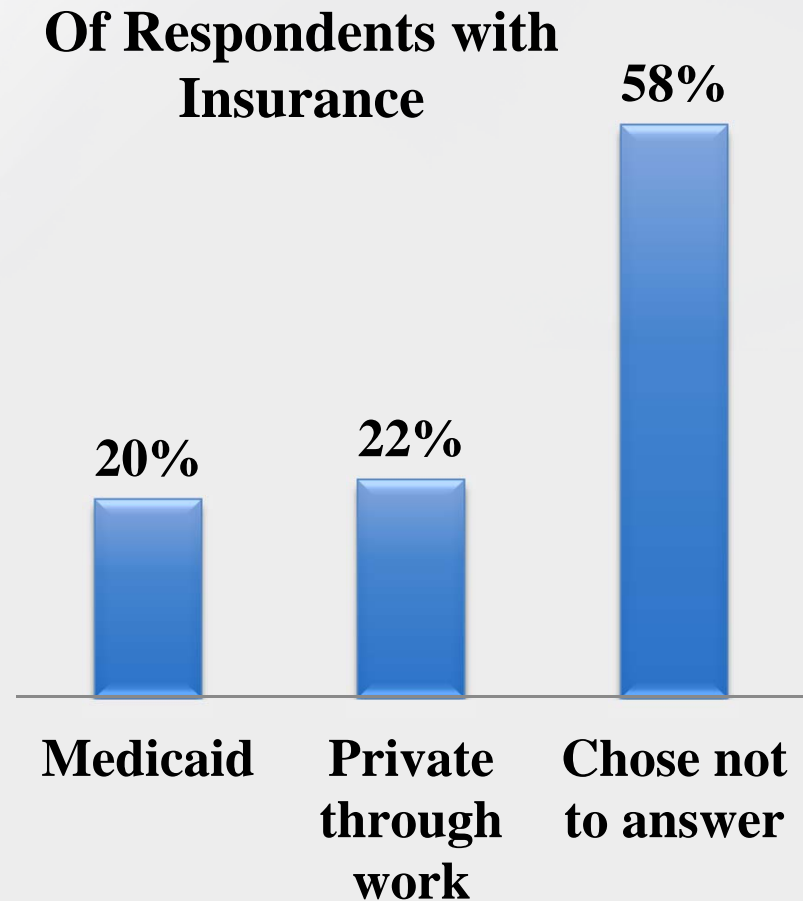
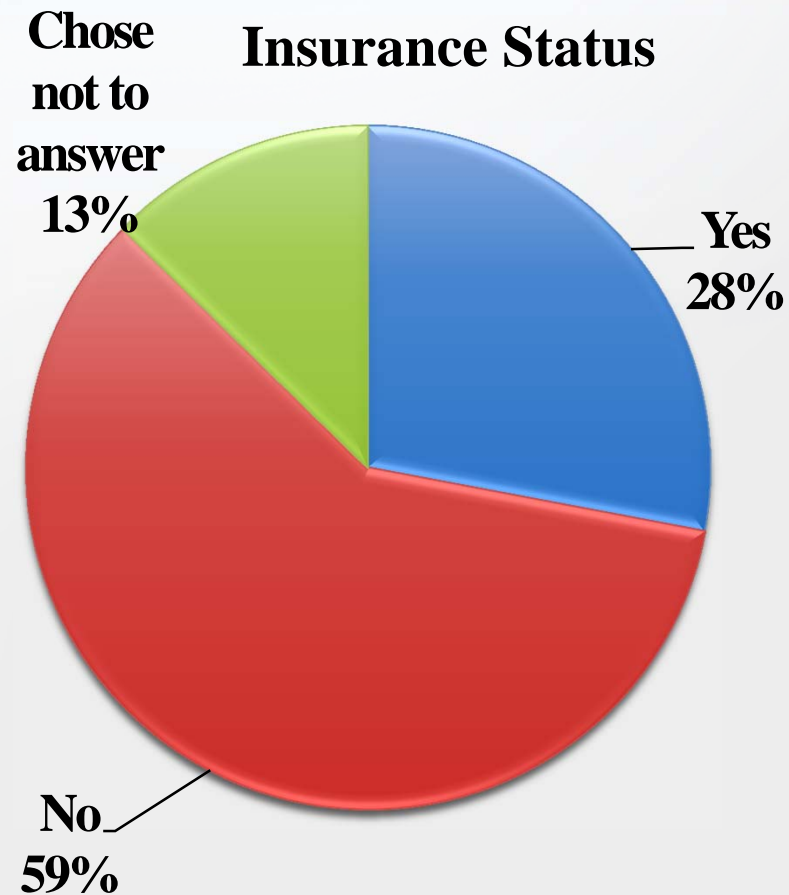
Did You Have A Regular Dentist?



Did You Have A Regular Dentist?, cont.

- The majority of survey respondents 64% (n=962) reported not having a regular dentist.
- 12% (n=185) of those without a regular dentist reported using an emergency room to receive treatment for dental pain.

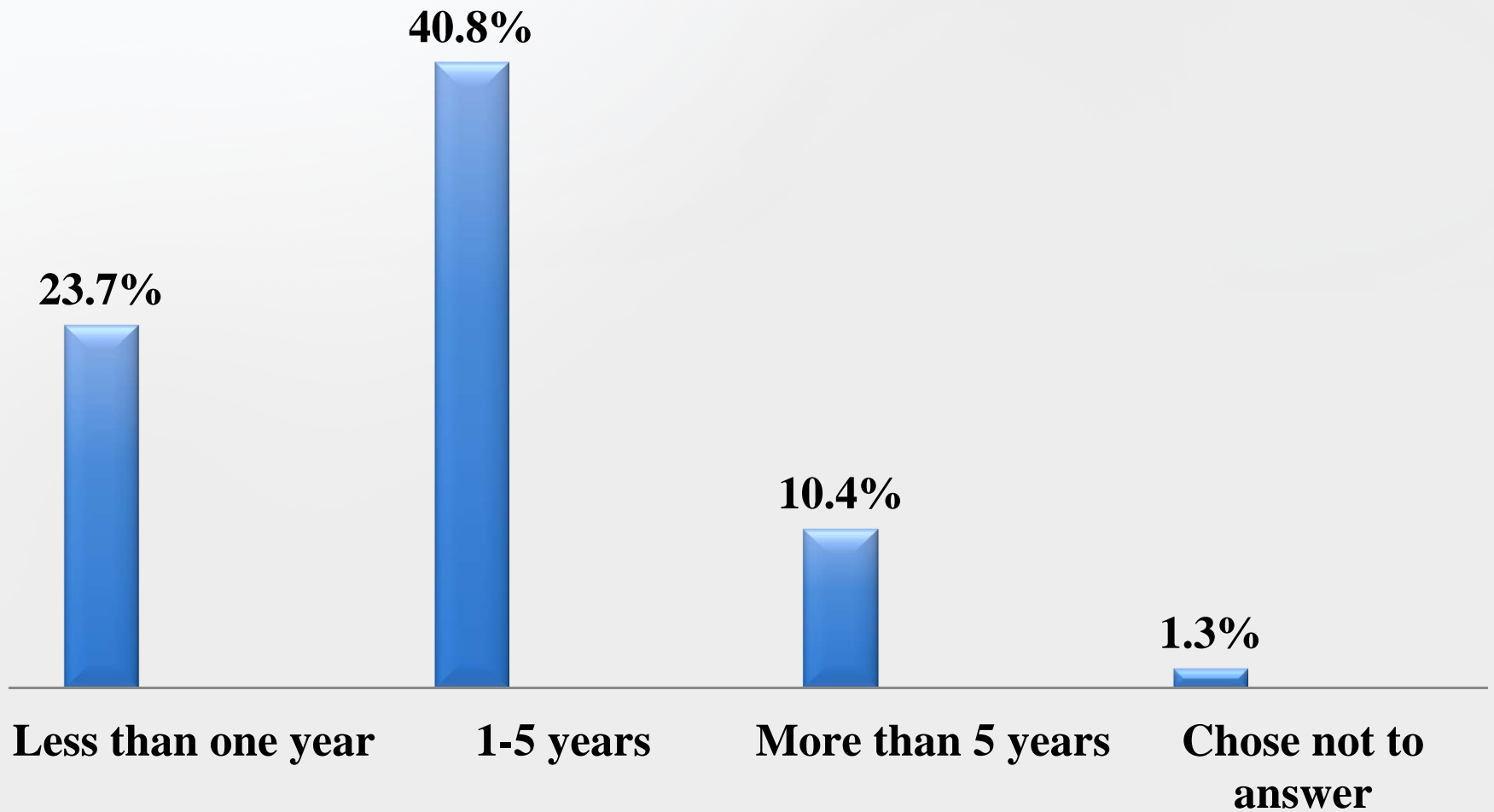
Did You Have Health Insurance That Would Pay for Dental Services?



Did You Have Health Insurance That Would Pay For Dental Services?, Cont.

- The majority of respondents 59% (n=891) reported not having oral health insurance.
 - Of those with insurance, 22% had private insurance, while 20 % had coverage through a government provided program and 58% chose not to answer.

Last Oral Health Visit



Last Oral Health Visit, cont.

- Only 24% of all respondents reporting seeing an oral health provider within the last 12 months.
- 41% reporting 1 to 5 years since their last visit and 10% more than 5 years since their last oral health visit.
- 52% of respondents reported seeing a hygienist for a teeth cleaning within their lifetime

Reasons Given for Their Prolonged Time Between Oral Health Visits If More Than One Year

I did not have the money for treatment

I am afraid or dislike going to the dentist

A combination of I did not feel there was a need, and did not have the money for treatment

I did not feel there was a need

I am afraid or dislike going to the dentist

I did not have the money for treatment

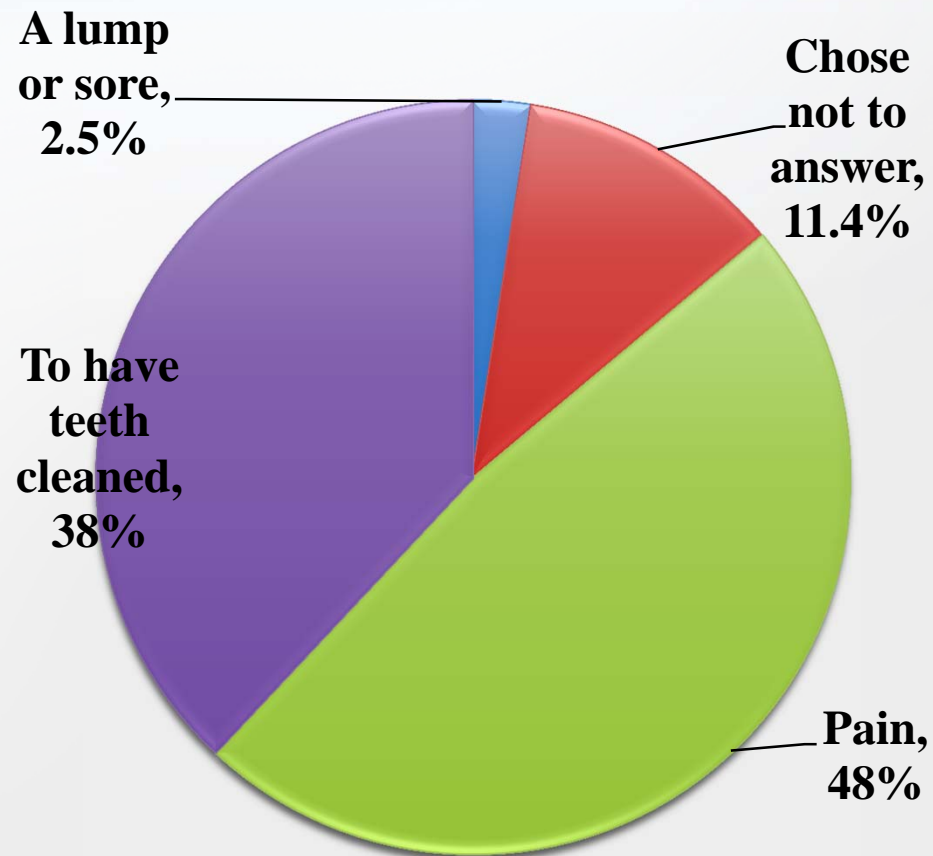
There were no dentists close to my home

Combination of I am afraid or dislike going to the dentist, I did not have the money for treatment and There were no dentists close to my home

Reasons Given for Their Prolonged Time Between Oral Health Visits, cont.

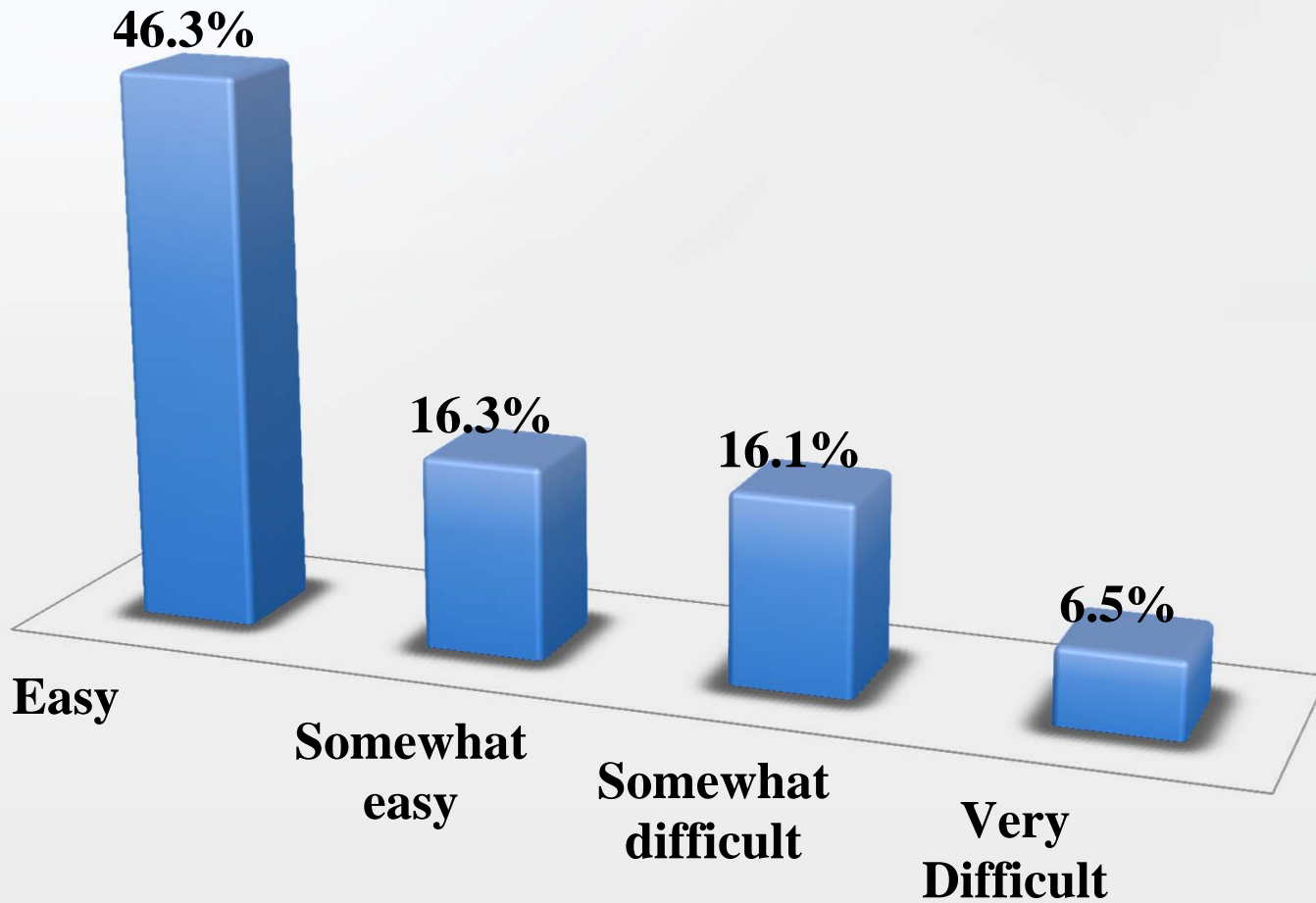
- The majority of respondents (n=49%) reported not having money to cover the cost of services.
- 32% stated they did not feel there was a need to seek services.
- A small segment of respondents (3%) stated that there were no dentists close to their home.
- 3% of respondents reported not visiting a provider as they were afraid or disliked going to the dentist.
- 1% reported a combination of the above, while 10% of respondents did not answer.

Reasons for Last Oral Health Visits



- The majority of respondents (n=51%) reported that their last visit was for pain, a lump or an oral sore.
- Only 30% of respondents reported that their last visit was for a cleaning.

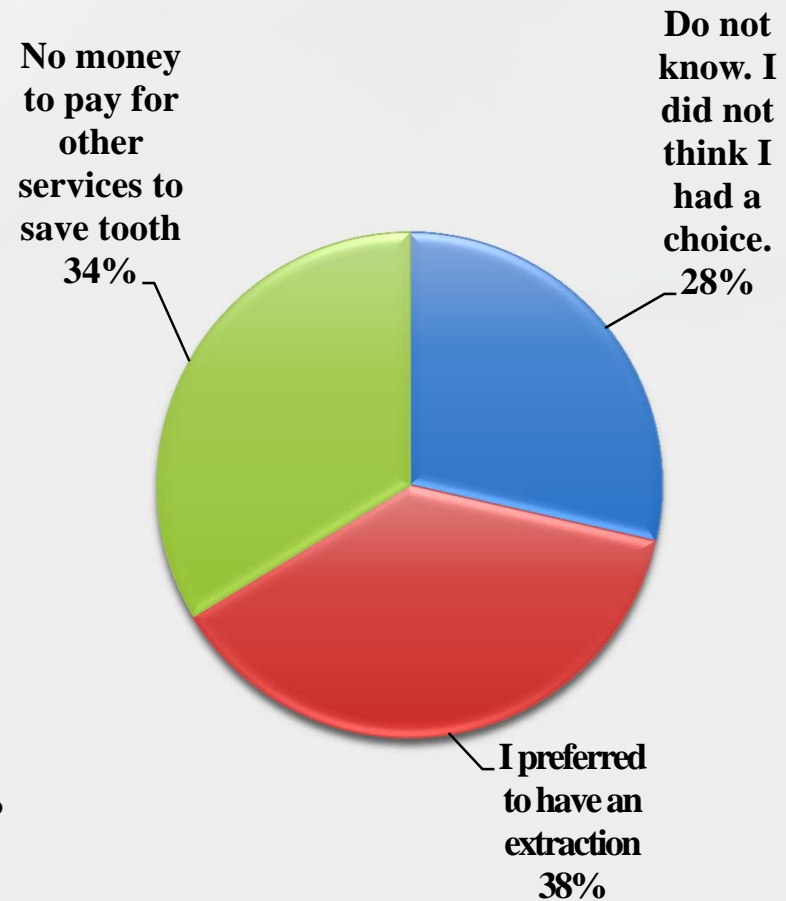
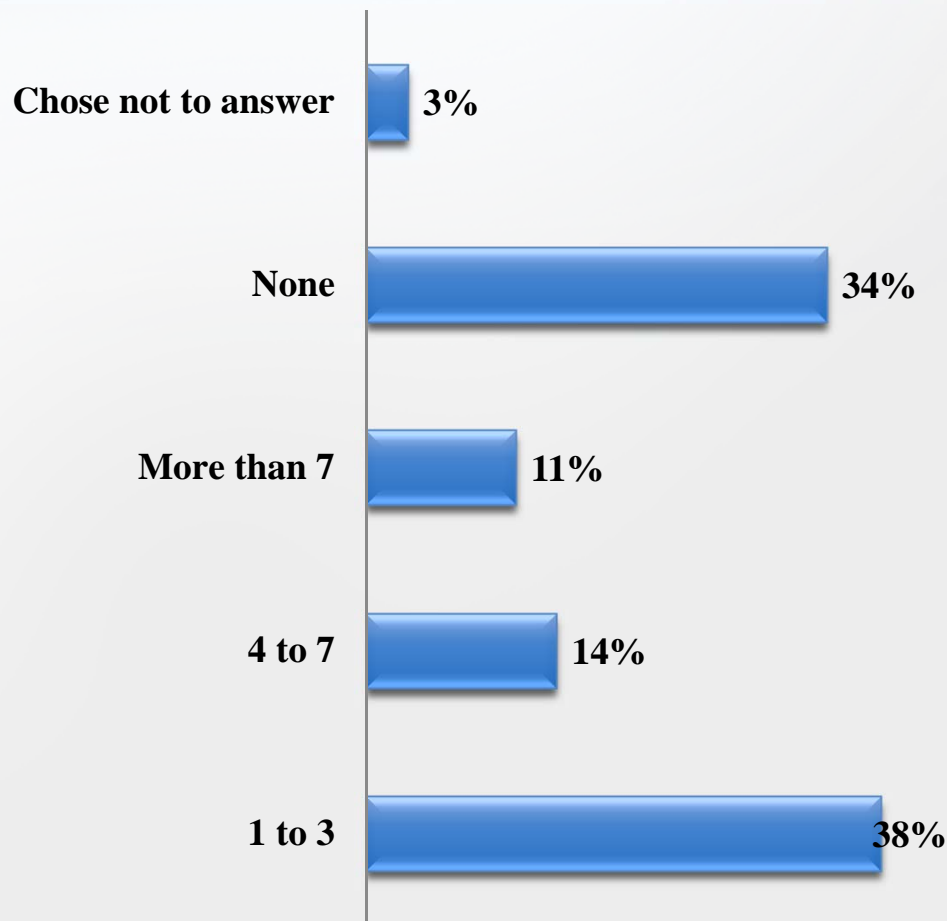
How Easy Is It For You And Your Family To Find A Local Dentist?



How Easy Is It For You And Your Family To Find A Local Dentist?, cont.

- 63% of respondents reported no difficulty in finding a dentist in their area, while 23% reported having between somewhat to very difficulty in finding a dentist in their local area

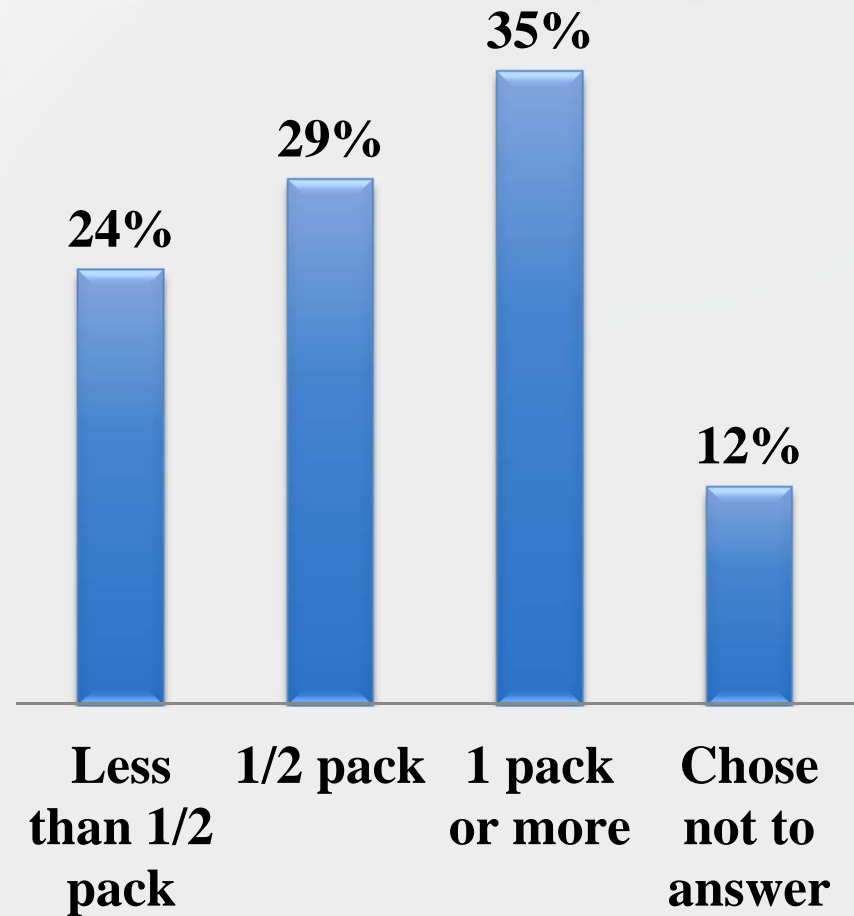
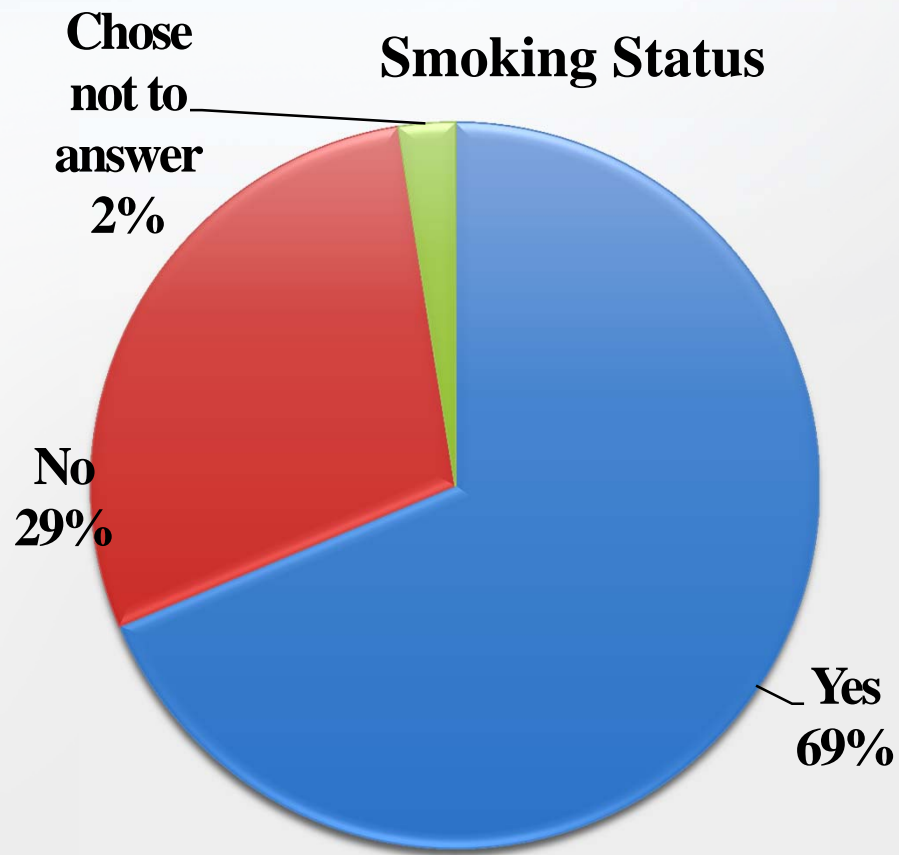
How Many Teeth Participants Have Had Pulled and Reason



How Many Teeth Participants Have Had Pulled and Reason, cont.

- Of the respondents who had extractions in the past (n=950) , 37% preferred to have an extraction.
- 33% (n=321) reported that they did not have money to cover the cost of saving their teeth.
- 28% (n=275) did not think/know they had a choice in their extraction process.
- 78% of participants also responded that they did not have treatment to replace extracted teeth.

Do You Smoke or Did You Smoke Before Prison?



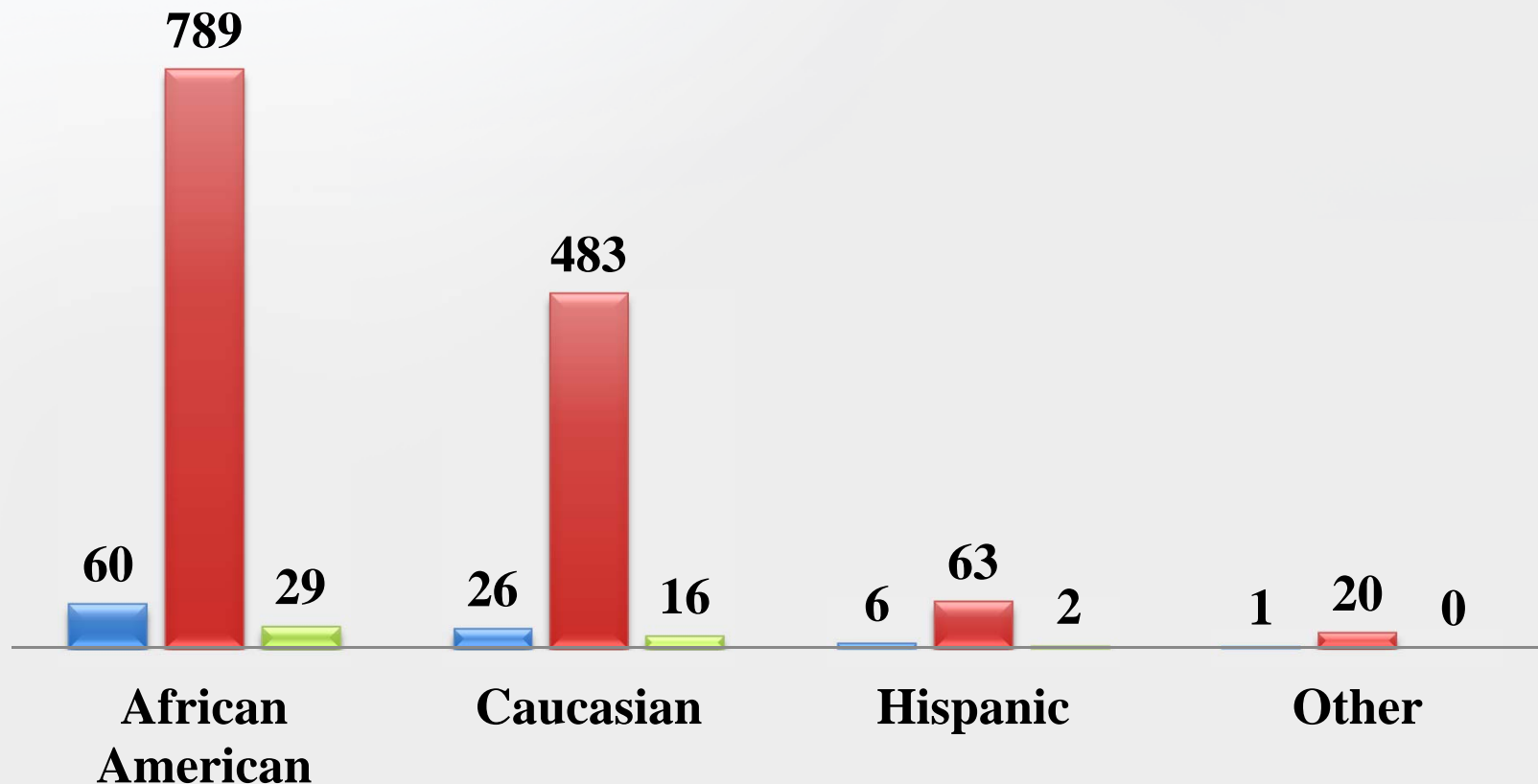
Do You Smoke or Did You Smoke Before Prison?

- 69% of respondents reported smoking upon entering prison.
- 64% of smokers reported smoking more than ½ pack per day.
- 37% of African Americans, 27% of Caucasians, 2% of Hispanics and 1% of those classified as multi-ethnic/other reported smoking upon entering prison.
- 17% of respondents across all races reported being told of their increased risk of oral cancer.

Have You Ever Been Told That You Had Oral Cancer?

Oral Cancer by Ethnicity

■ Yes ■ No ■ Chose not to answer



Have You Ever Been Told That You Had Oral Cancer? (Race), cont.

- 6.2% or (n=93) respondents reporting being diagnosed with oral cancer.
- 64% of those with an oral cancer diagnosis were of African American descent.
- 27% were of Caucasian descent, 6 % Hispanic and 1% with an ethnicity of other.



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