

Parivartan Survey Results:

Feedback to Care- Saksham

February 2007

- Cross-sectional survey of 812 sex workers
- Conducted April to June 2006
- Recruited via Respondent Driven Sampling (RDS)
- Included sex workers 18 and older that conducted sex work in last 30 days (April to May 11) or in the last year (May 11 to end)

SURVEY DOMAINS

- Demographics
- Sex work history and migration patterns
- Collective efficacy
- Sex behavior/condom use
- Relations with power brokers
- Violence
- Policing experiences
- KAP for HIV and STIs
- Access and use of essential services
- Exposure/participation in the intervention

Demographics

(Basic characteristics of
participants)

Variable	Response	Frequency (%)
AGE (mean=32)	Less than 25	17.1
	25-29	20.9
	30-34	19.2
	35-39	23.2
	40-44	9.6
	45 or Older	10.0
CASTE	Scheduled Caste	35.3
	Other Backward Caste	21.1
	Scheduled Tribes	3.0
	Forward/Other Caste	38.1

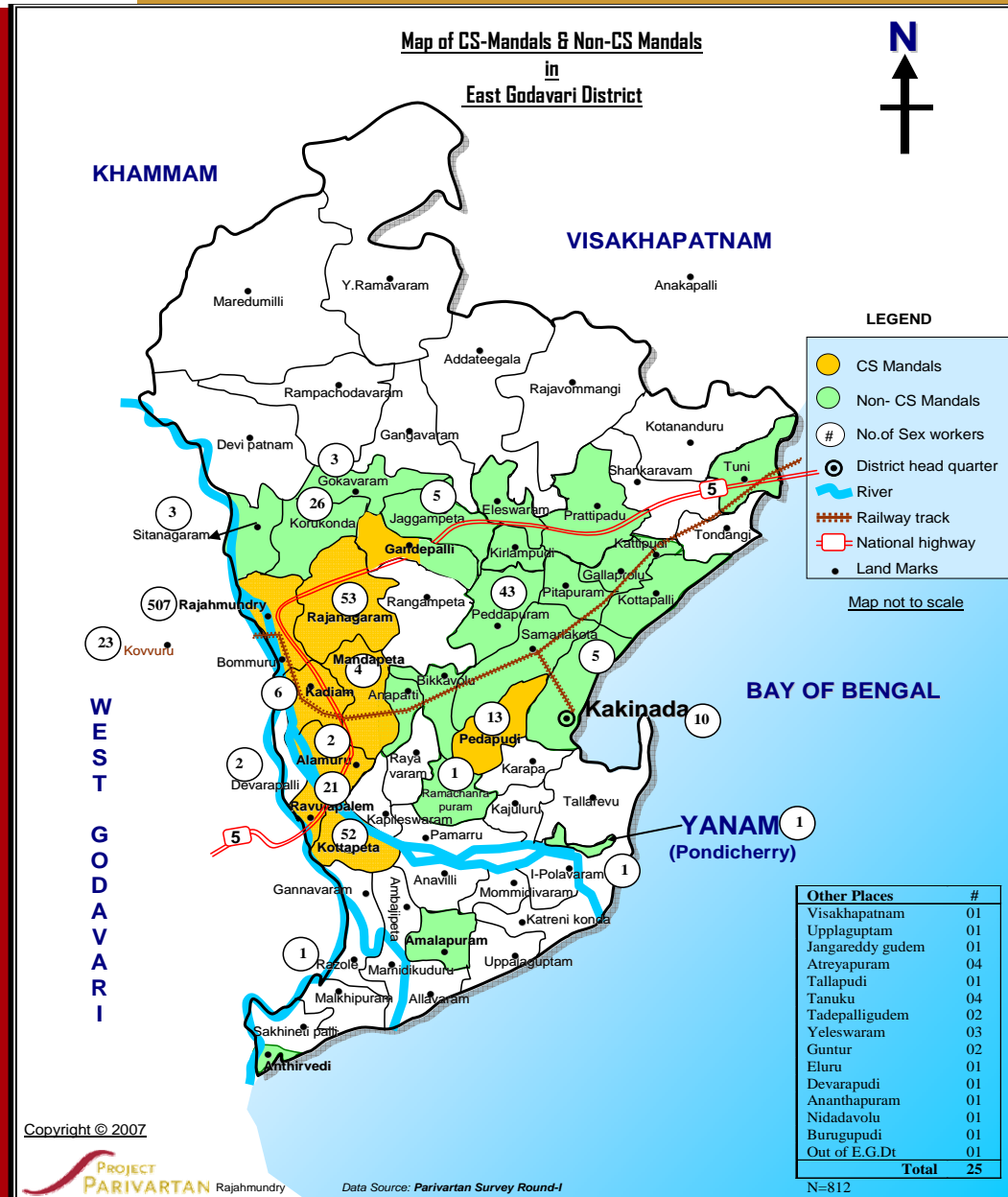
Variable	Response	Frequency (%)
RELIGION	Hindu	54.8
	Christian	43.3
	Muslim	1.6
MARITAL STATUS	Separated/Deserted	32.9
	Currently Married	22.0
	Widowed	21.8
	Divorced	12.8
	Never Married	11.1
LITERACY	% That Can Read	21.0
	% That Can Write	17.0

Number of Children	Frequency (%)
Zero	10.4
One	24.0
Two	45.6
Three or More	20.0
How do you support your family?	
Solely from my income	83.1
Someone else contributes	16.9
How many people besides yourself do you support?	
Zero	11.1
One to Two	51.1
Three or more	37.8

Have you missed a meal in the last 7 days because you could not afford it?	Frequency (%)
% Yes	65.1
Debt	
% in Debt	83.4
% that have borrowed money in last 6 Months	64.9
If there was a community fund for sex workers to save money, would you use it?	
% Yes	91.5

In the past 6 months, where did you live most of the time?	Frequency (%)
Own Home	14.0
Rented Home	64.2
Other	21.8
Do you have any of the following items at your house?	Frequency (%)
Electricity	61.5
Running Water	18.6
Bathrooms/Toilets	45.4
Telephone (including cell phone)	2.0

In what mandal do you currently live?	Frequency (%)
Rajahmundry	62.6
Alamuru	.2
Kadiyam	.7
Kothapeta	6.4
Madapeta	.5
Pedapudi	1.6
Rajanagaram	6.5
Ravulapalem	2.6
Other EGD Mandal	20.7
Outside of EGD	4.6
** % in C-S Mandal	81.2



Sex Work Characteristics

Entry to Sex Work and Involvement in Sex Trade

Age at Entry to Sex Work	Frequency (%)
Less than 18	15.1
18 or older	84.9

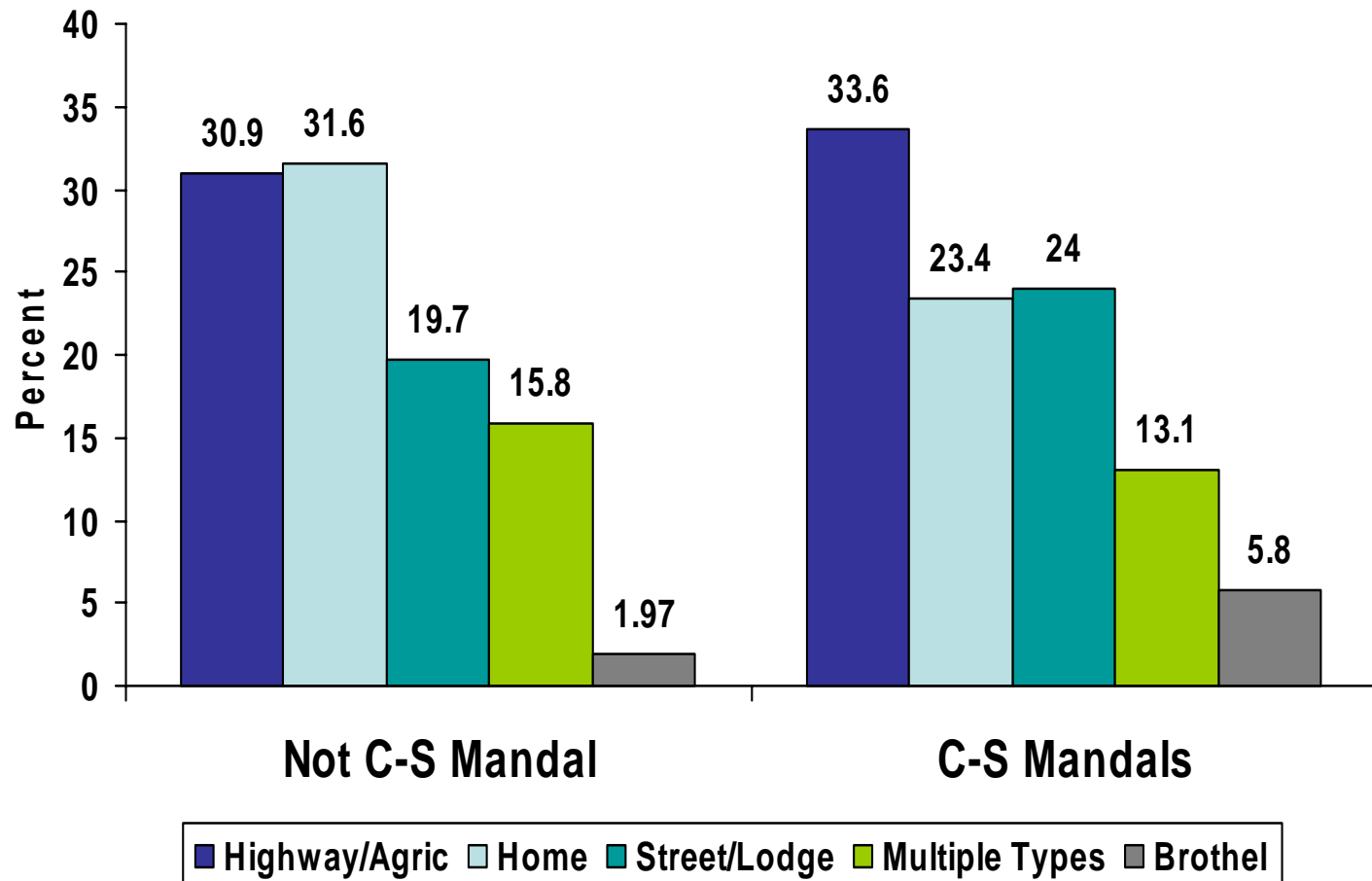
Entry to Sex Work and Involvement in Sex Trade

Other Economic Activity	Frequency (%)
Sex Work Only	57.7
Sex Work and Other Work	42.3
What other work you do to earn income?	Frequency (%)
Maid Servant	32.8
Non-agricultural labor	31.9
Agricultural Labor	17.0
Other	18.2

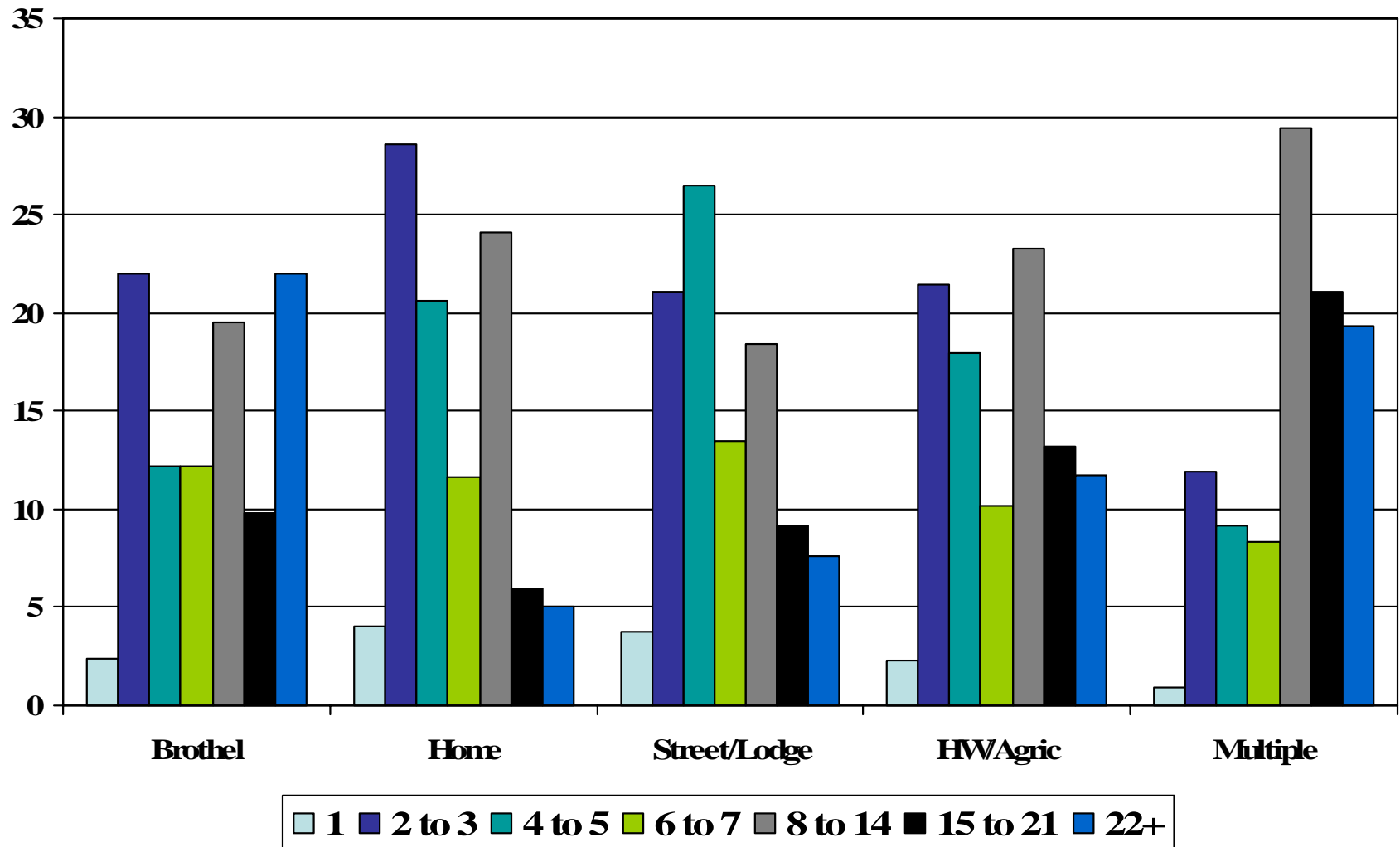
Entry to Sex Work and Involvement in Sex Trade

Would you like to learn new skills so that you do different work instead of sex work?	Frequency (%)
No	36.6
Yes	63.0
You do sex work because you have no other choice for making money	Frequency (%)
Agree a lot or a little	94.1

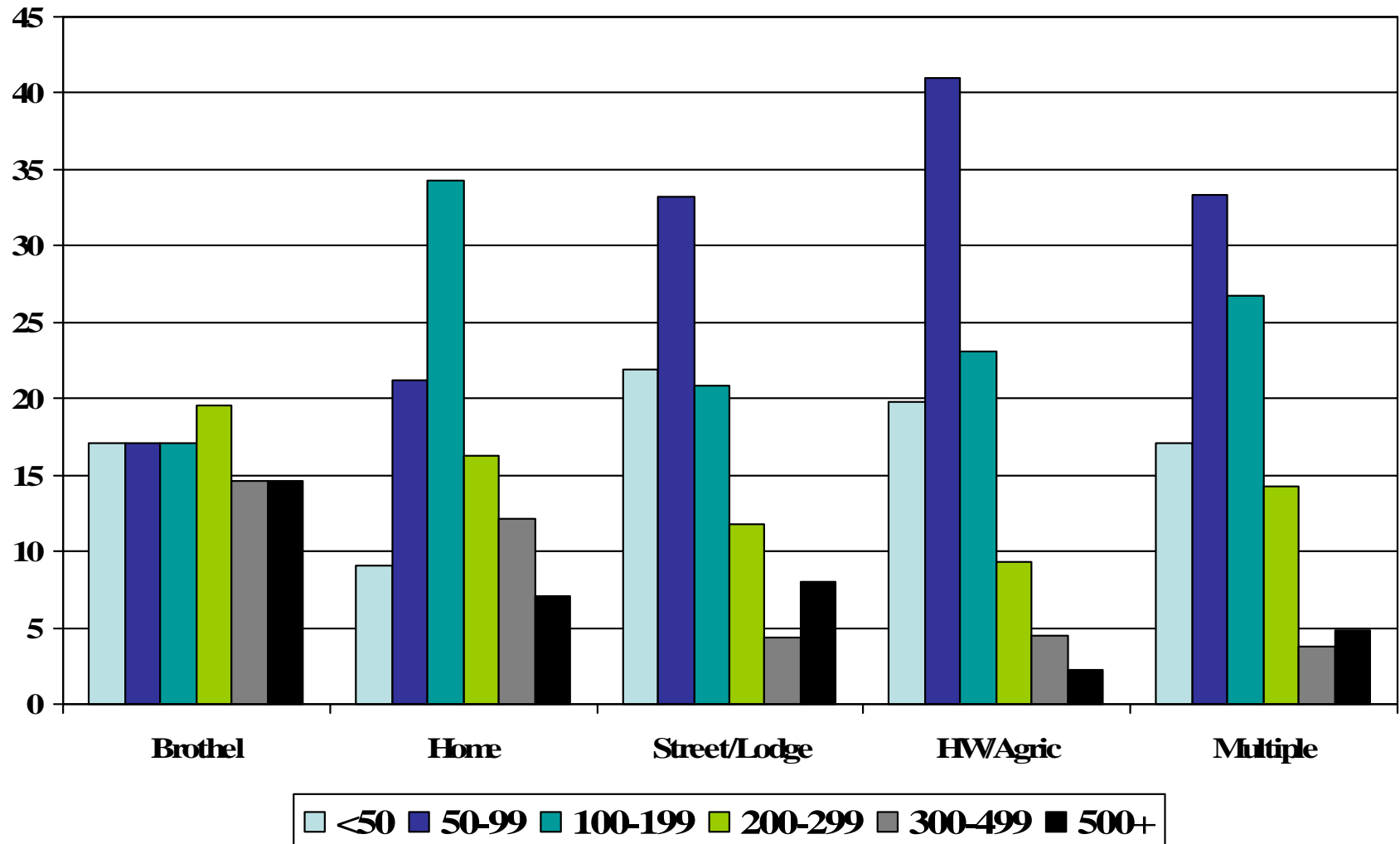
Type of Sex Work



Number of Clients in Last 7 Days



Cost for Last Encounter



Sex Work Economics

Who did the (last) client pay the money to?	Frequency (%)
To someone else or partly to me	18.3
To me only	83.7
How much of the money went to you?	Frequency (%)
Less than 50%	11.2
50%	48.5
51 to 74%	29.9
75% or more	10.4

Sex Work Economics

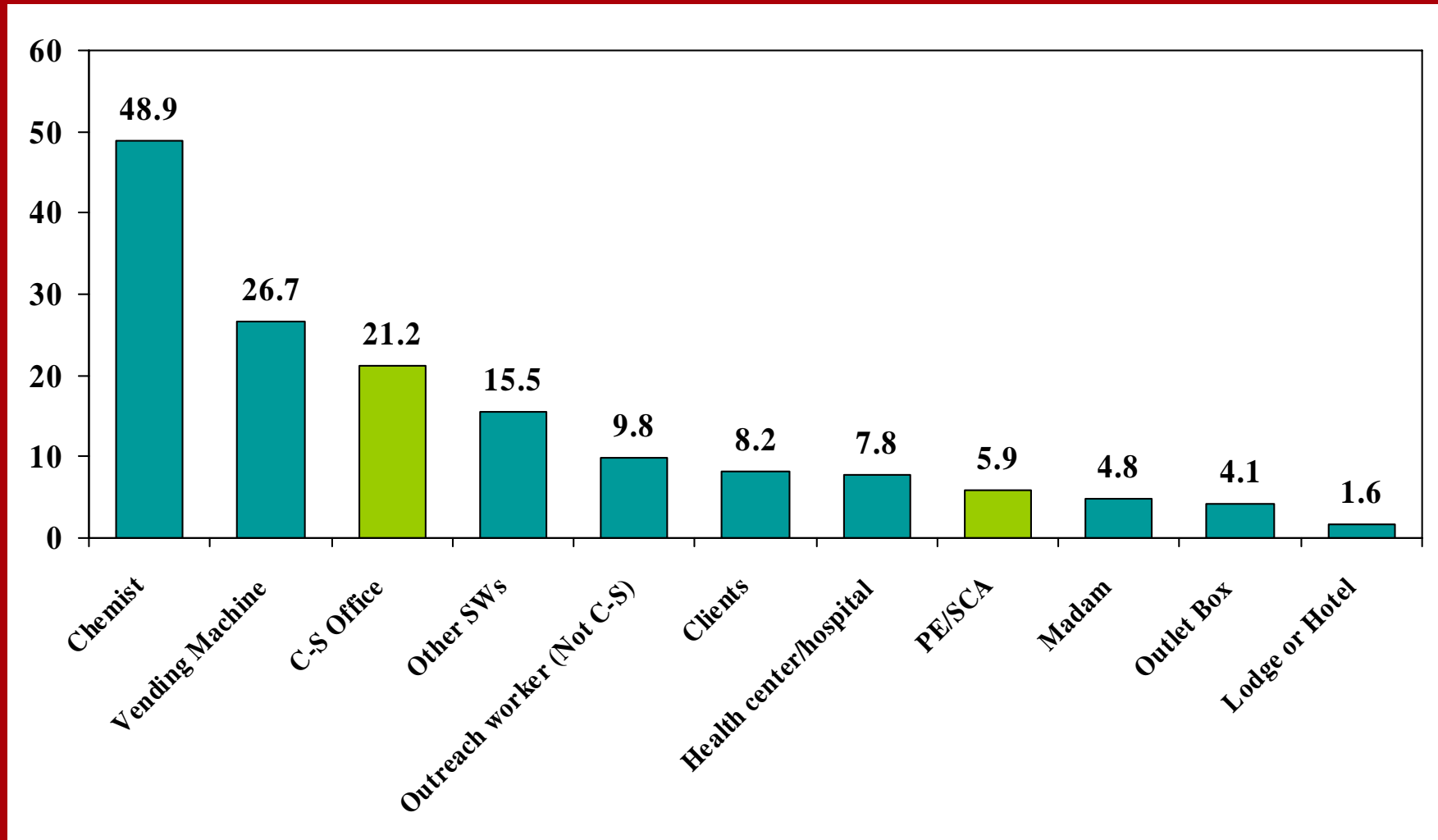
	Brothel	Home	Street / Lodge	Highway/ Agriculture	Multiple Types
Who did the (last) client pay the money to?					
To someone else or partly to me	63.4	17.2	16.6	8.6	16.2
To me only	36.6	82.8	83.4	91.4	83.8
How much of the money went to you?					
Less than 50%	19.2	20.0	3.1	8.7	0.0
50%	57.7	28.6	50.0	47.8	72.2
51 to 74%	15.4	37.1	43.8	26.1	16.7
75% or more	7.7	14.3	3.1	17.4	11.1

Condoms: Knowledge, Availability, Acquisition, and Use

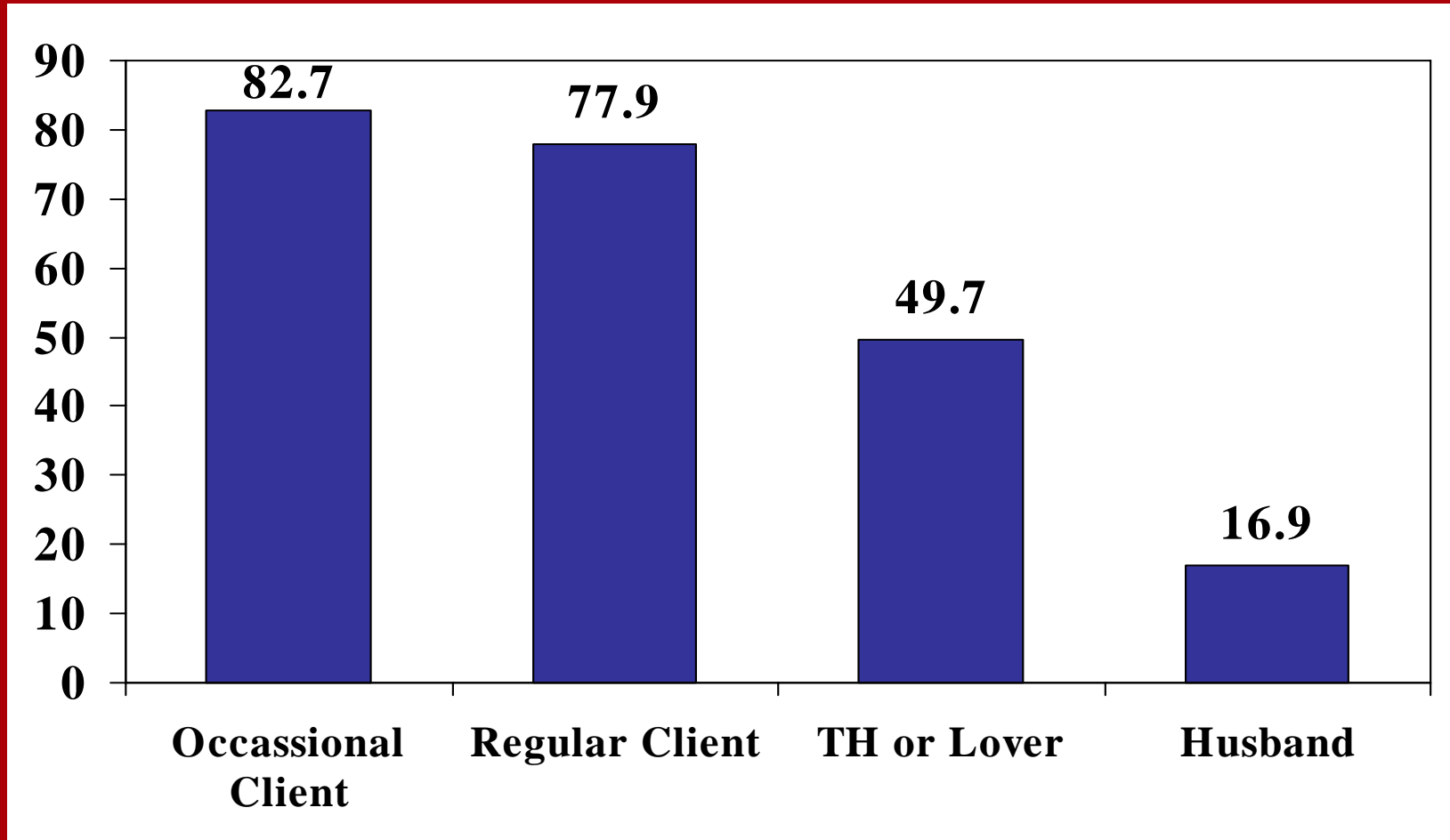
First time a condom was used (N-812)	Frequency (%)
In the last year or less	45.2
More than a year ago	54.8

Have you ever tried to get condoms? (N=812)	Frequency (%)
No	46.6
Yes	53.4
Why have you never tried to get condoms? (N=434)	Frequency (%)
All partners always bring them	74.4
Too embarrassed	12.5
Don't want to use them	11.9
Too expensive	9.5
Don't know where to get them	8.2
Don't know how to use them	5.0
How easy or difficult is it to get condoms? (N=378)	Frequency (%)
Somewhat difficult or very difficult	13.7
Somewhat easy or very easy	85.3

Where do you get your condoms from? (N=374)

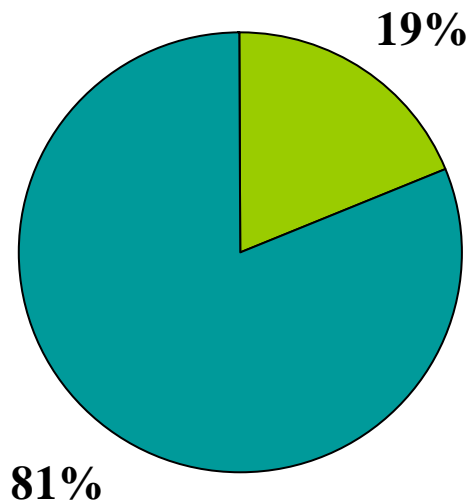


Condom Use (last encounter)



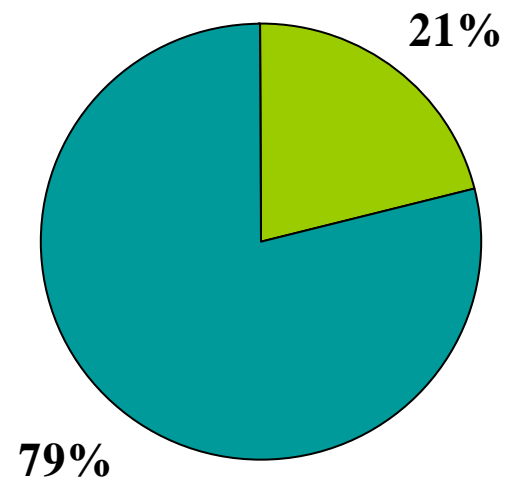
Condom Use by Type of Sex

In the last 30 days, have you had oral sex with any of your clients without a condom?



Yes No

In the last 30 days, have you had anal sex with any of your clients without a condom?



Yes No

Condom Use and Negotiation

Clients offering more money for sex without a condom	Frequency (%)
A client has ever offered	69.3
Respondent has ever accepted offer	29.6
Respondent has accepted offer in last 30 days	19.7

Condom Use and Negotiation

Convincing a client to use a condom when they don't want to	Frequency (%)
Has never tried to convince a client	29.6
Has convinced at least one client (in past 30 days)	64.9
Multiple Condom Use	Frequency (%)
Ever used more than one condom at a time	48.3
Has used more than one condom at a time in the last 30 days	39.0

Health Knowledge and Behavior

HIV/AIDS

Awareness of HIV/AIDS and STIs	Frequency (%)
Has heard of HIV/AIDS	98.3
Has heard of STIs	96.9
Learned about HIV/AIDS in last year	53.1

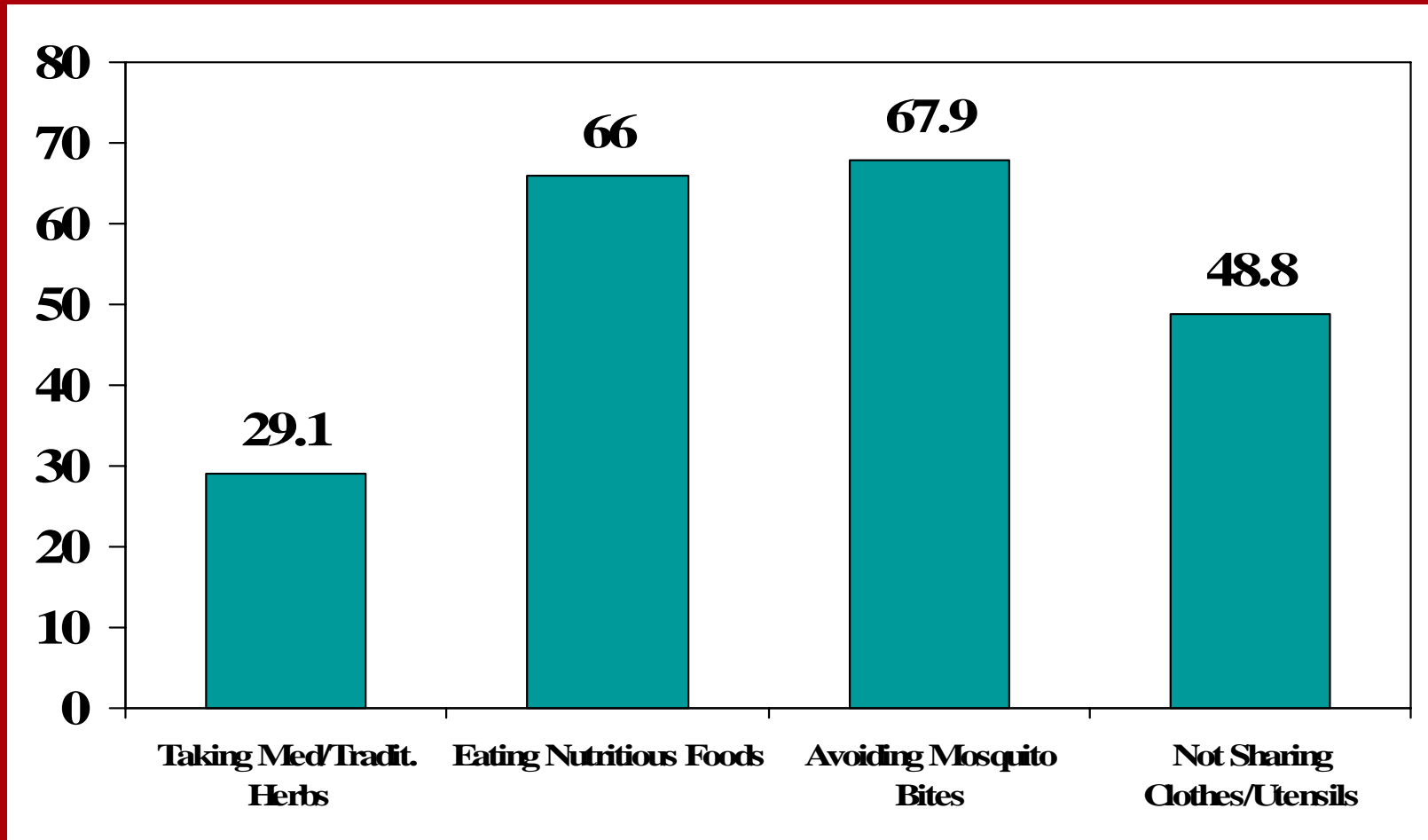
HIV/AIDS

Experiences with HIV/AIDS	Frequency (%)
Knows someone who is infected, suffered from or died of AIDS	65.7
Feels at risk of being infected with HIV	21.9

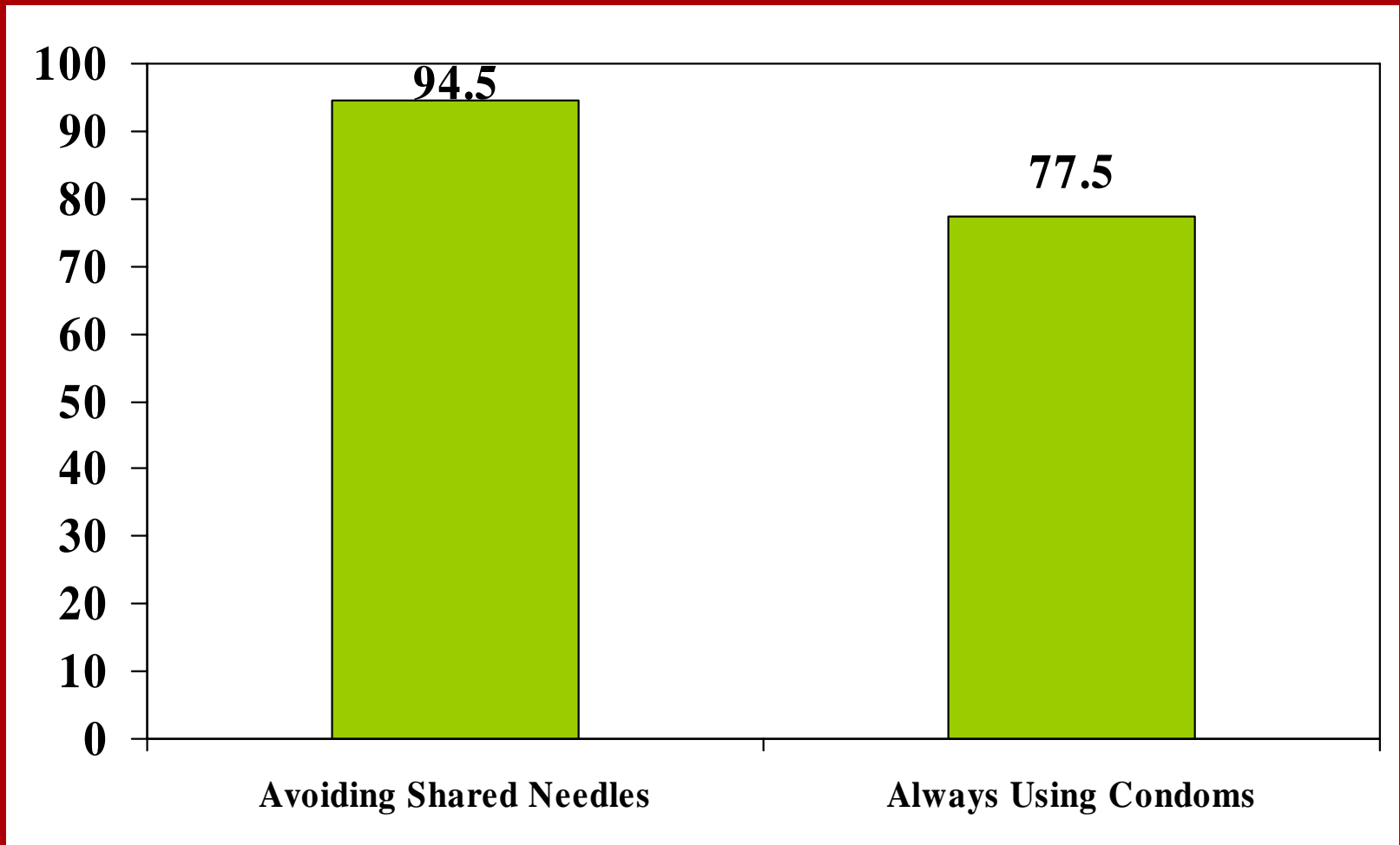
HIV/AIDS

HIV Testing	Frequency (%)
Knows where people can get an HIV test	57.6
Has ever taken an HIV test	37.6
Knows the results of test	87.9
Received counseling when test was taken	78.8

HIV Knowledge: You can prevent HIV by... (% answering yes)



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STIs

STI Symptoms	Frequency (%)
Has had STI symptom in the last 6 months	37.1
Continued having sex while had STI symptom	58.7

STIs

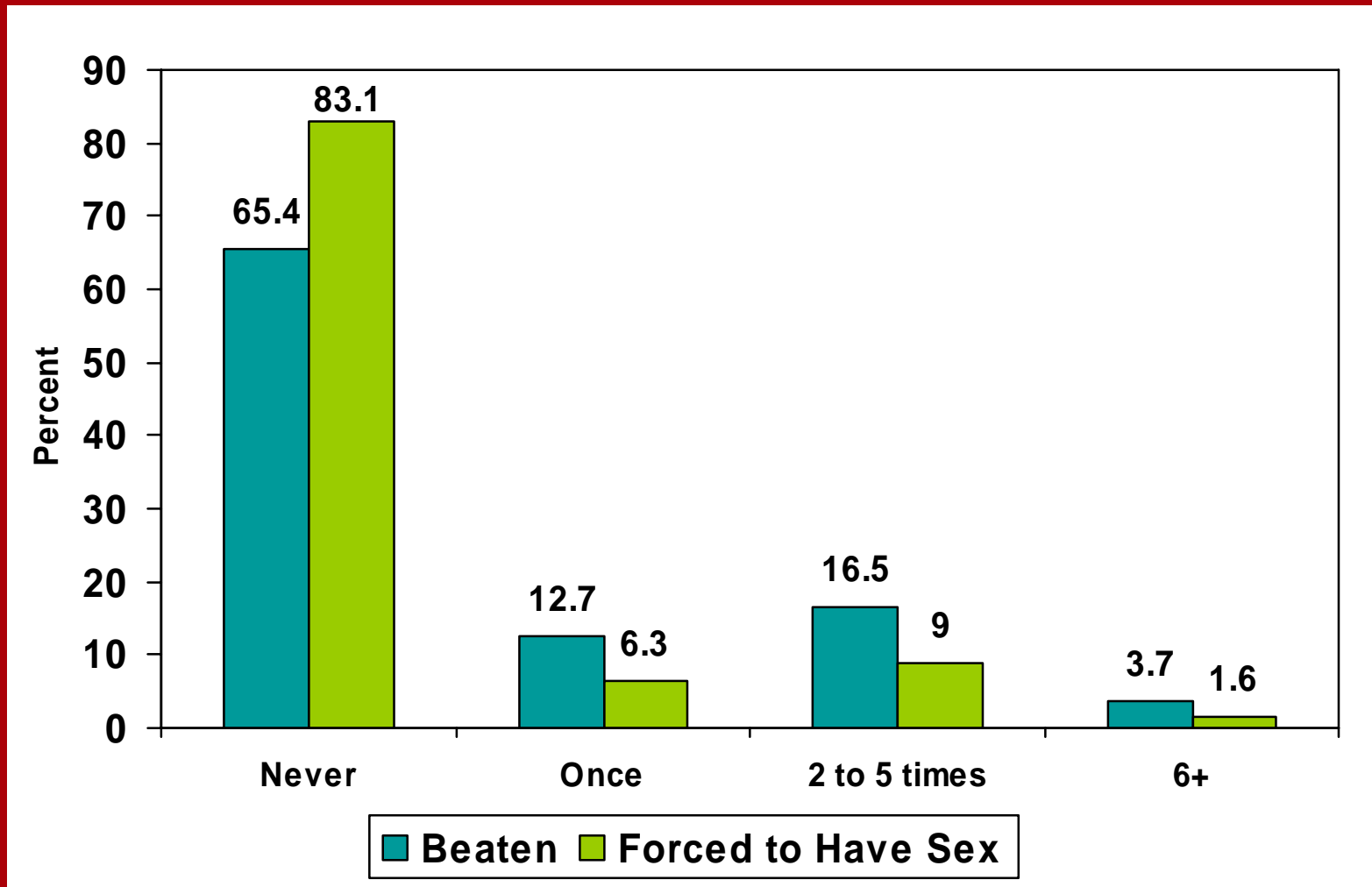
STI Treatment Seeking	Frequency (%)
Got treatment for STI symptoms	89.3
Sought treatment in 7 days or less	74.6
Sought treatment after a week or more	16.4
Sought treatment after a month or more	9.0
Where was treatment sought?	
Private clinic or hospitals	31.2
Government clinics or hospitals	30.1
C-S Clinic	24.2
Registered Medical Practitioner	17.8
Private Pharmacies	6.3
Other NGOs	4.1

STI Knowledge

Can you describe any symptoms of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs in women?)	Non-SCAs	SCAs	Total Sample
No	6.5	0	6.1
Abdominal pain (not menstrual pain)	20.8	53.1	22.8
Foul smelling vaginal discharge	25.9	77.6	29.2
Burning while urinating	17.0	28.6	17.8
Genital ulcers/sores	30.5	73.5	33.2
Swelling in groin area	7.3	16.7	7.9
Itching	22.9	51.0	24.7

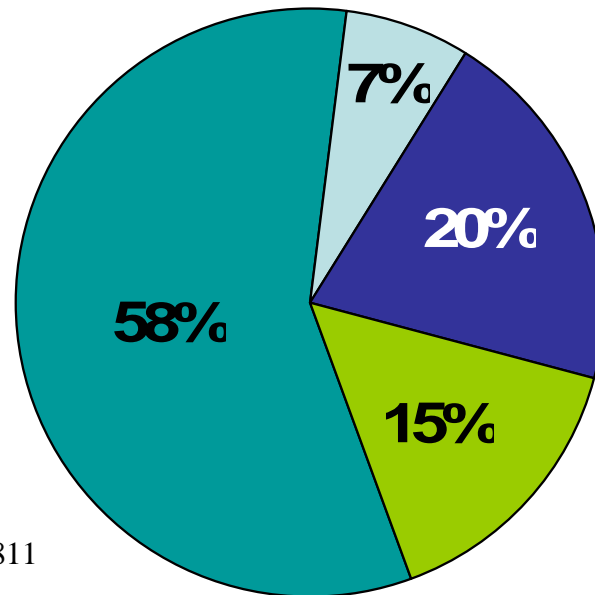
Violence and Police Experiences

Violence: In the last 6 months, how many times have you been...?



Police Raids

In the past 6 months, how many times has the place where you work raided by the police?

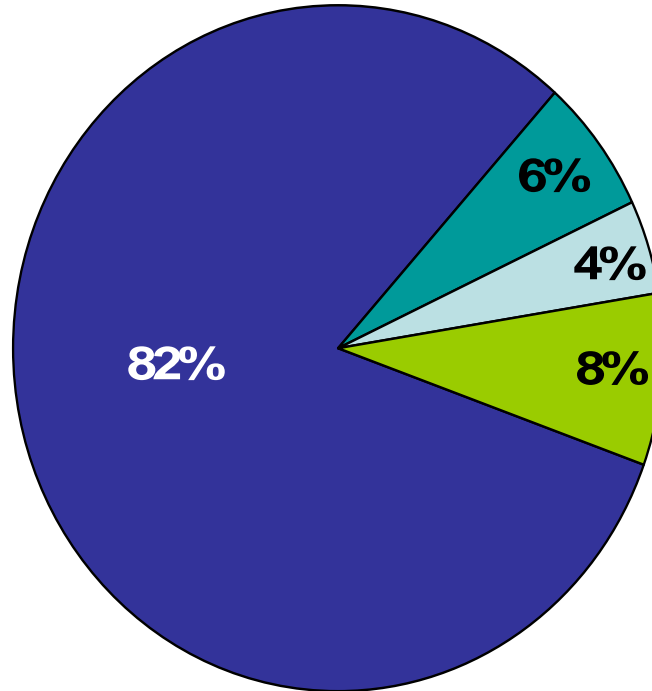


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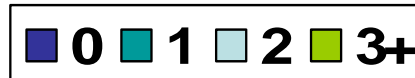
■ Zero ■ Once ■ 2 to 3 ■ 4 or More

Arrest History

In the past 6 months, how many times have you been arrested?

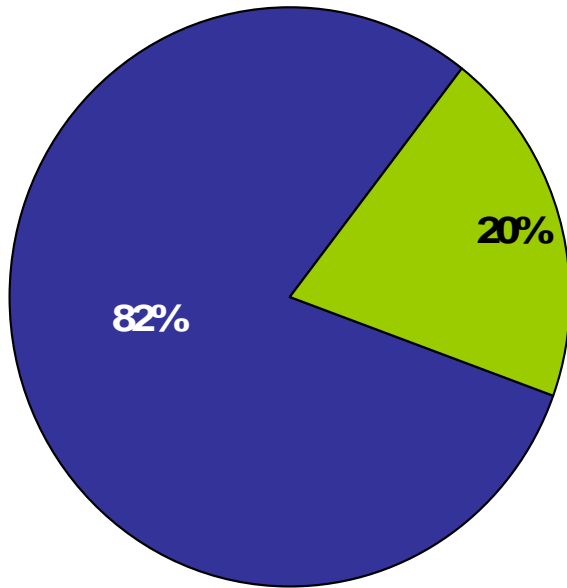


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Sex and Police

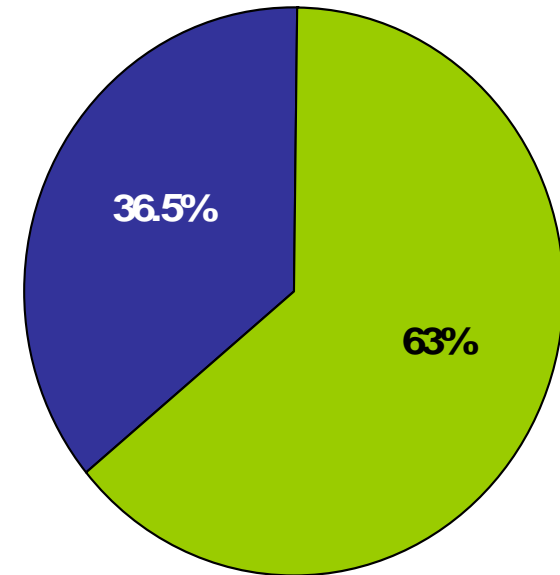
Have you ever had sex with a police officer to avoid trouble with the police?



N=811

■ No ■ Yes

If yes, have you had sex with a police officer in the last 6 months?



N=159

■ No ■ Yes

The last time you had sex with a police officer did he use a condom? 81.4% YES

Police Negotiations	Frequency (%)
<p>In the last 6 months, have you stopped carrying condoms with you because you were afraid of the police identifying you as a sex worker</p>	<p>9.6</p>
<p>In the past 6 months, police have taken condoms away one or more times</p>	<p>8.7</p>
<p>In the past 6 months, you have given something to the police to avoid trouble</p>	<p>83.7</p>
<p> Gave sex to avoid trouble with the police</p>	<p>4.2</p>
<p> Gave money to avoid trouble with police</p>	<p>14.0</p>

In the past 6 months, how many times did the police fine or arrest one of your clients while you were working?	Frequency (%)
Zero times	81.4
One time	5.9
Two times	6.7
Three or more times	5.9

Sex Worker Identity, Collective Efficacy and Mobilization

Sex Worker Identity

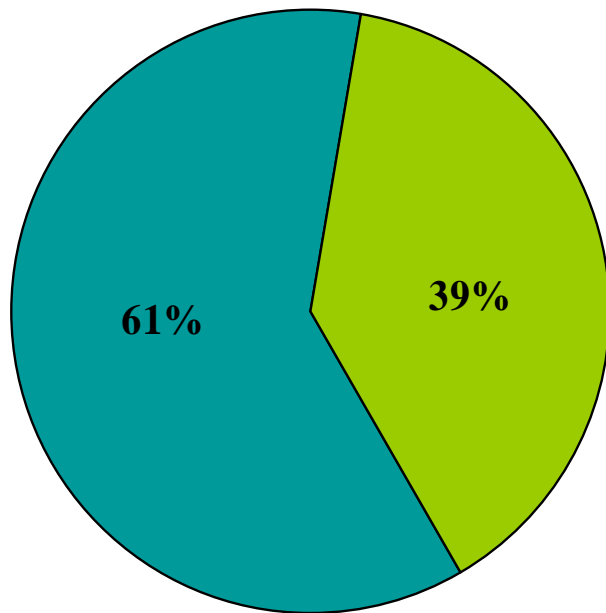
SEX WORKER IDENTITY (N=812)	Disagree	Agree
I am proud of being a sex worker	68.1	31.1
Sex work is immoral	25.9	74.0
Sex workers deserve rights like any other worker	8.5	89.5
You feel a strong sense of unity with sex workers you do not know	25.2	74.6

Sex Worker Mobilization

SEX WORKER MOBILIZATION (N=812)	None/ Some	Most/ All
If there were a problem that affected all or most of the sex work community, how many sex workers would work together to deal with the problem?	70.6	29.4

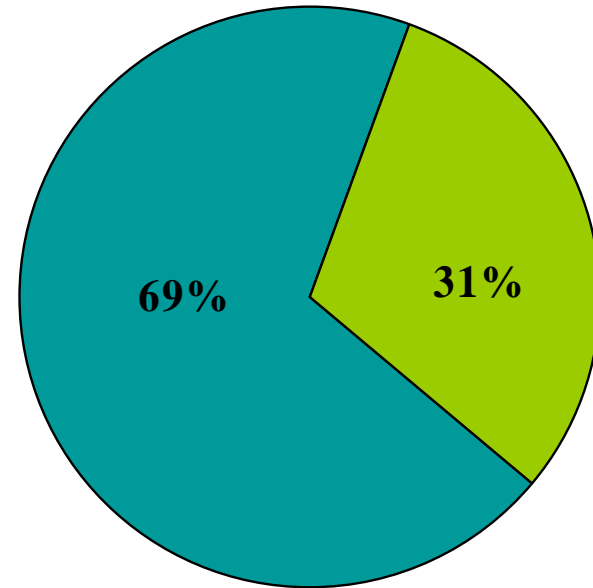
Participation in Public Events

Are you willing to attend a public event where you could be identified as a sex worker?



■ NO ■ YES

In the last 6 months, have you attended any public events (such as a rally or gathering of sex workers) where you could have been identified as a sex worker?

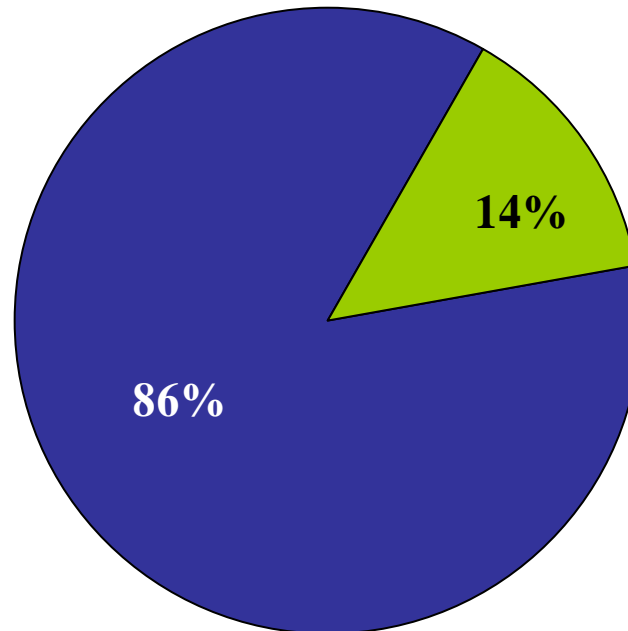


■ NO ■ YES

N=812

Mobilization for Sex Worker Rights

In the past 6 months, have you gone to the police to speak for the rights of sex workers?



■ NO ■ YES

N=812

Sex Worker Support

Other sex workers help you when... (N=812)	Never / Rarely	Sometimes/ Always
You are sick	61.4	38.6
You are arrested	46.9	53.1
You need money	60.6	39.4
You need help taking care of your children	54.3	45.7
You need food or money for food	62.8	37.2
You need a place to stay	57.4	42.6
A client is violent	41.8	58.2
A police officer is violent	42.3	57.7

Sex Worker Support Scale

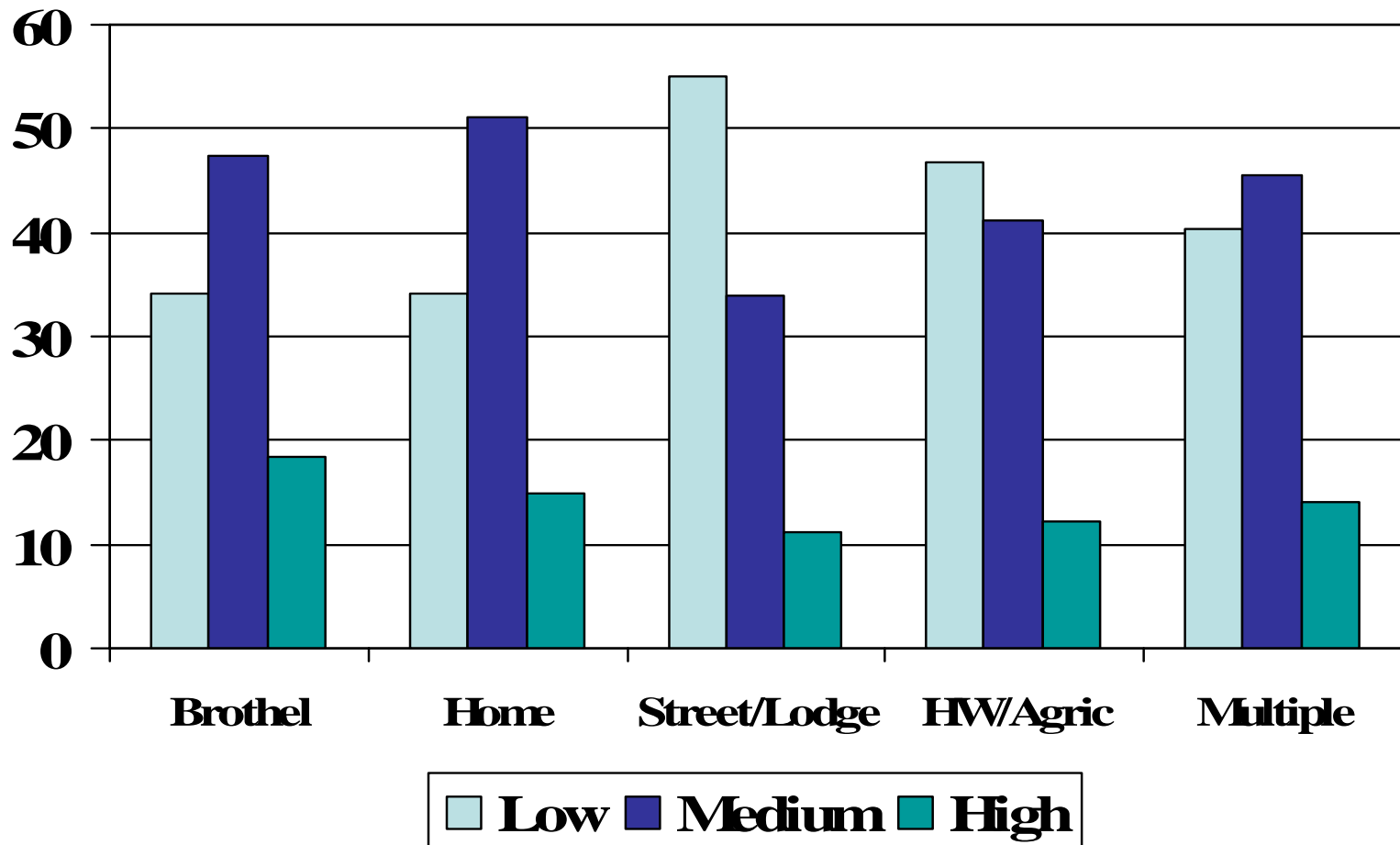
The following variables were used to form a Sex Worker Support Scale:

- Other sex workers help you when
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 - you are arrested
 - you need money
 - you need help taking care of your children
 - you need food or money for food
 - you need a place to stay
 - a client is violent
 - a police officer is violent
- If there was a problem that affected all or most of the community, how many sex workers would work together to deal with the problem?

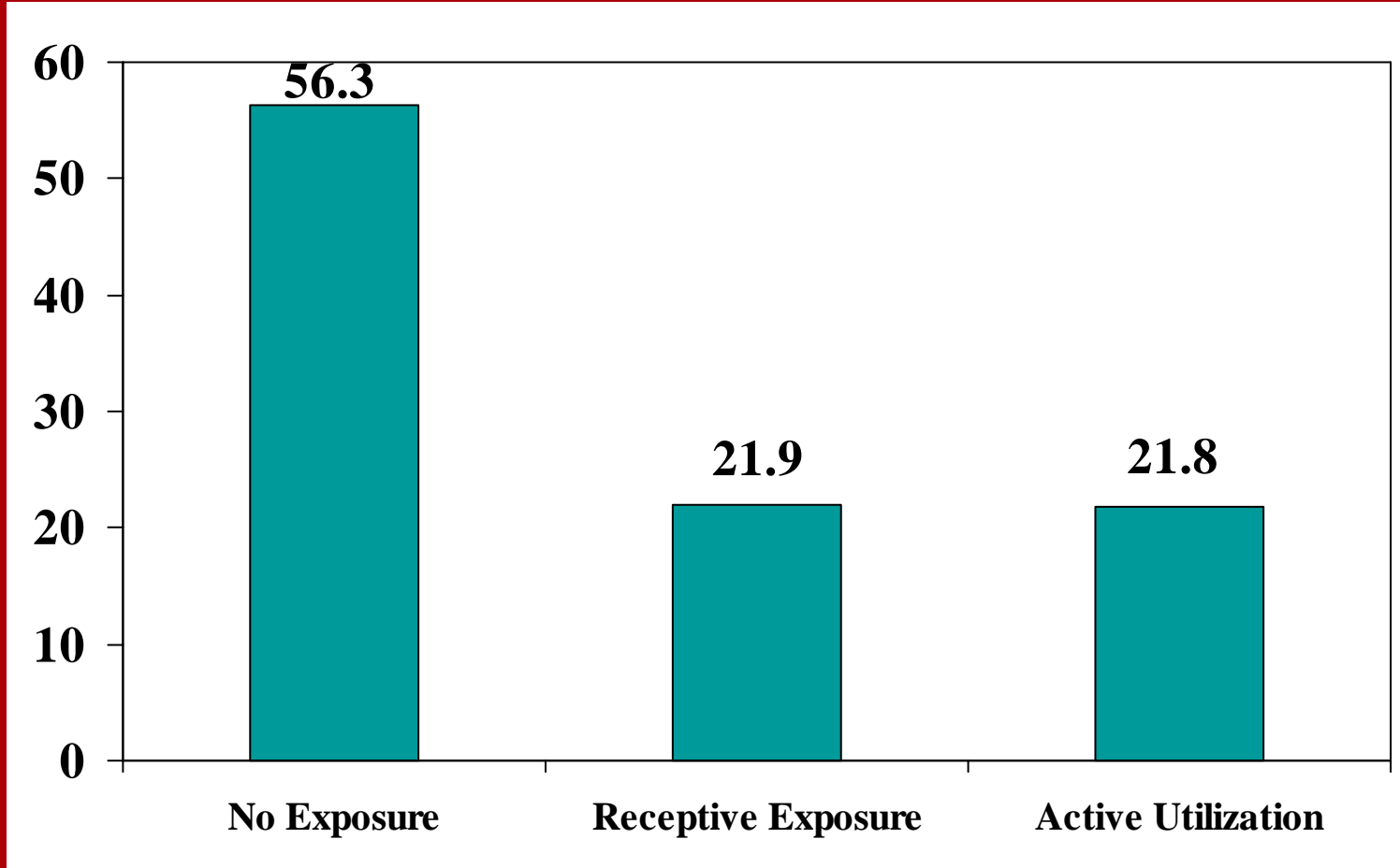
Sex Worker Support Scale

	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Mean Age	32.82	31.98	31.10
Literacy (% that can read or write) p=0.028	17.9	22.4	30.3
Median # of Clients in last 7 days	6	7	9
Median Cost per Last Sex Act	50 Rs.	100 Rs.	100 Rs.

Sex Worker Support Scale

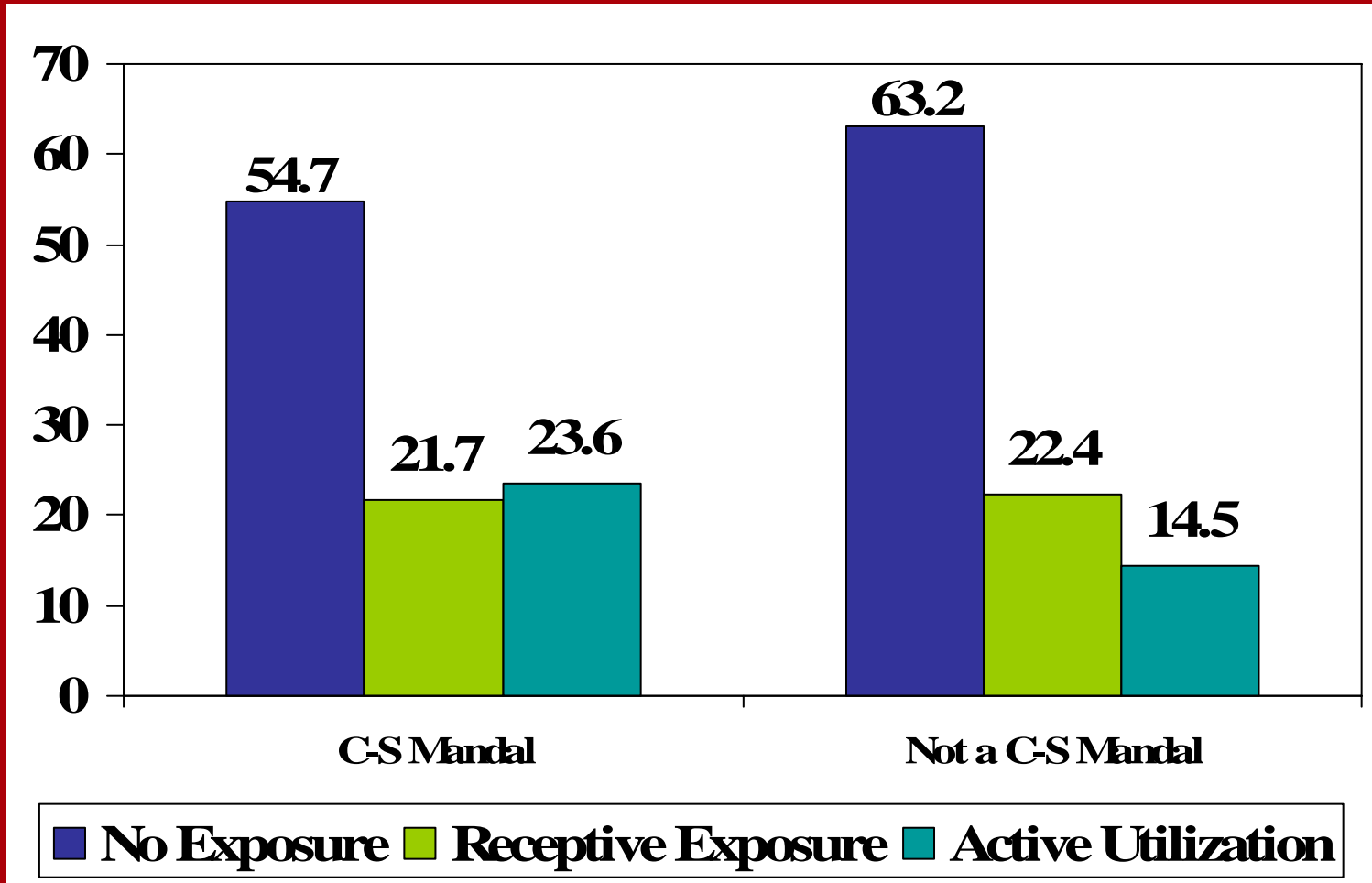


Program Exposure



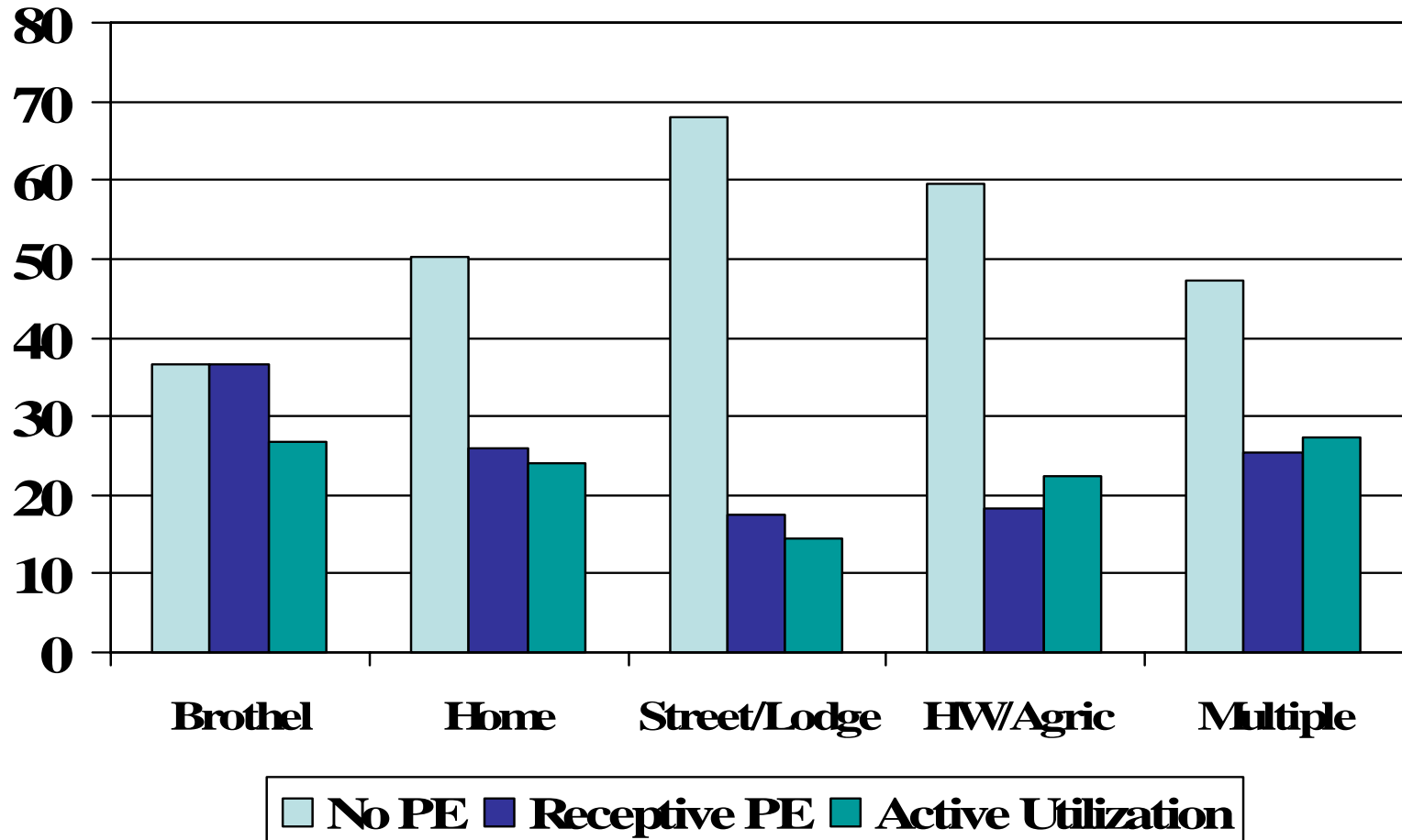
Receptive Exposure = Has heard of C-S, been visited by C-S staff or received pamphlet

Active Utilization = Been to C-S for services or visited a DIC

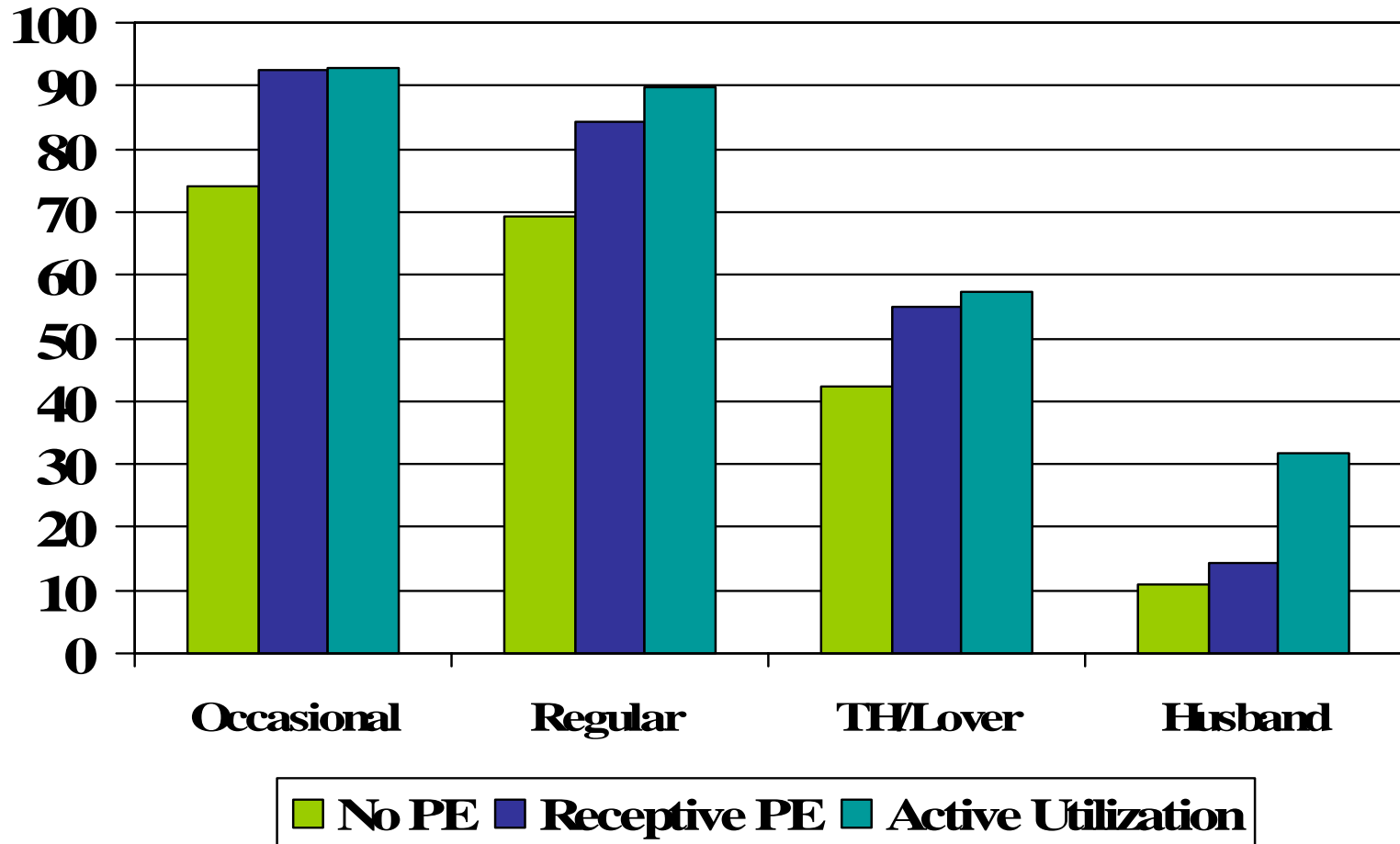


Age	No Exposure	Receptive Exposure	Active Utilization
Less than 25	18.4	18.0	13.0
25 to 34	40.0	36.0	44.6
35 to 44	31.0	33.7	36.2
45 or older	10.6	12.4	6.2
Literacy			
% That can read	15.3	27.5	31.1
% That can write	11.2	23.0	26.0

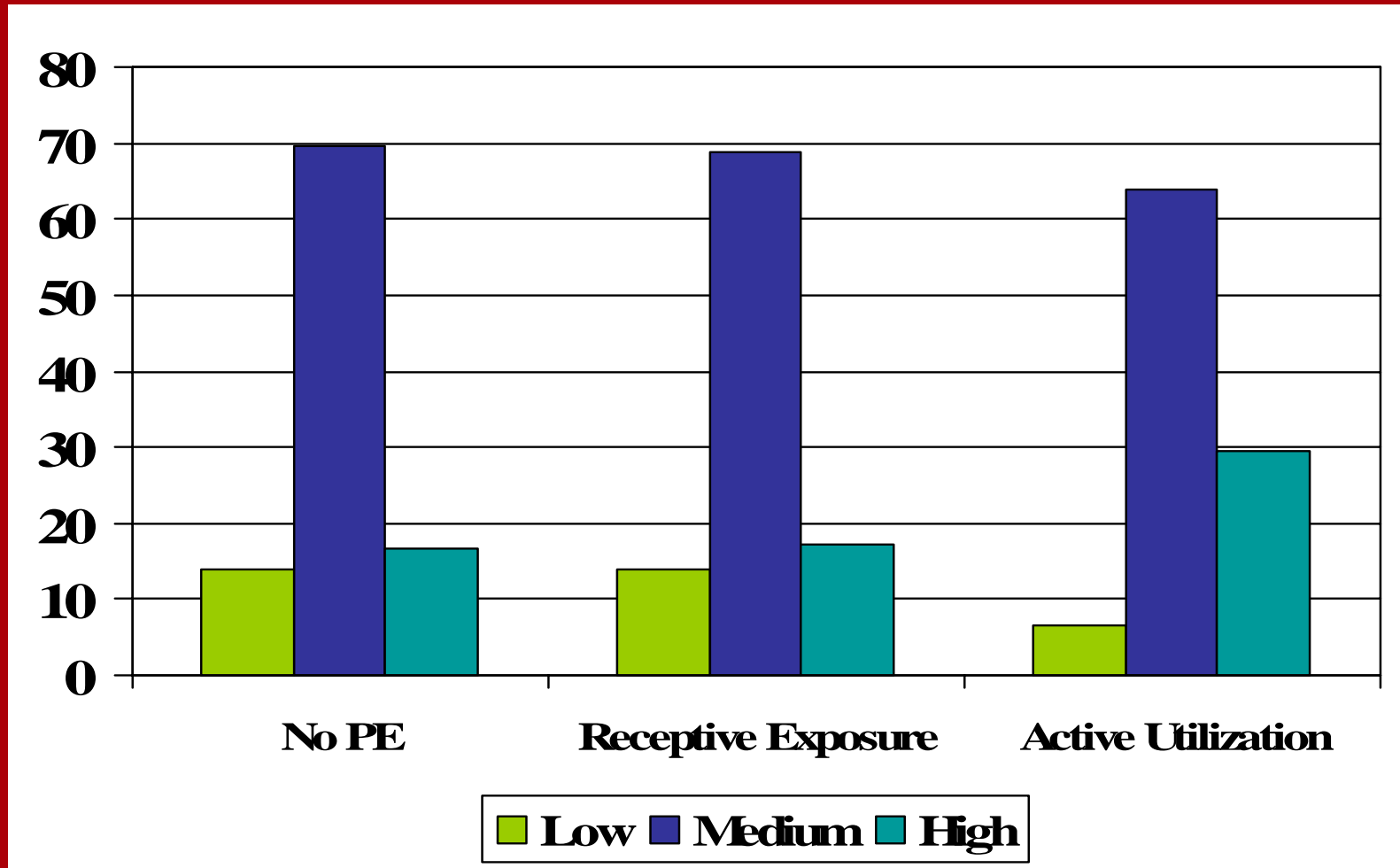
Program Exposure by Type of Sex Work



Program Exposure by Condom Use



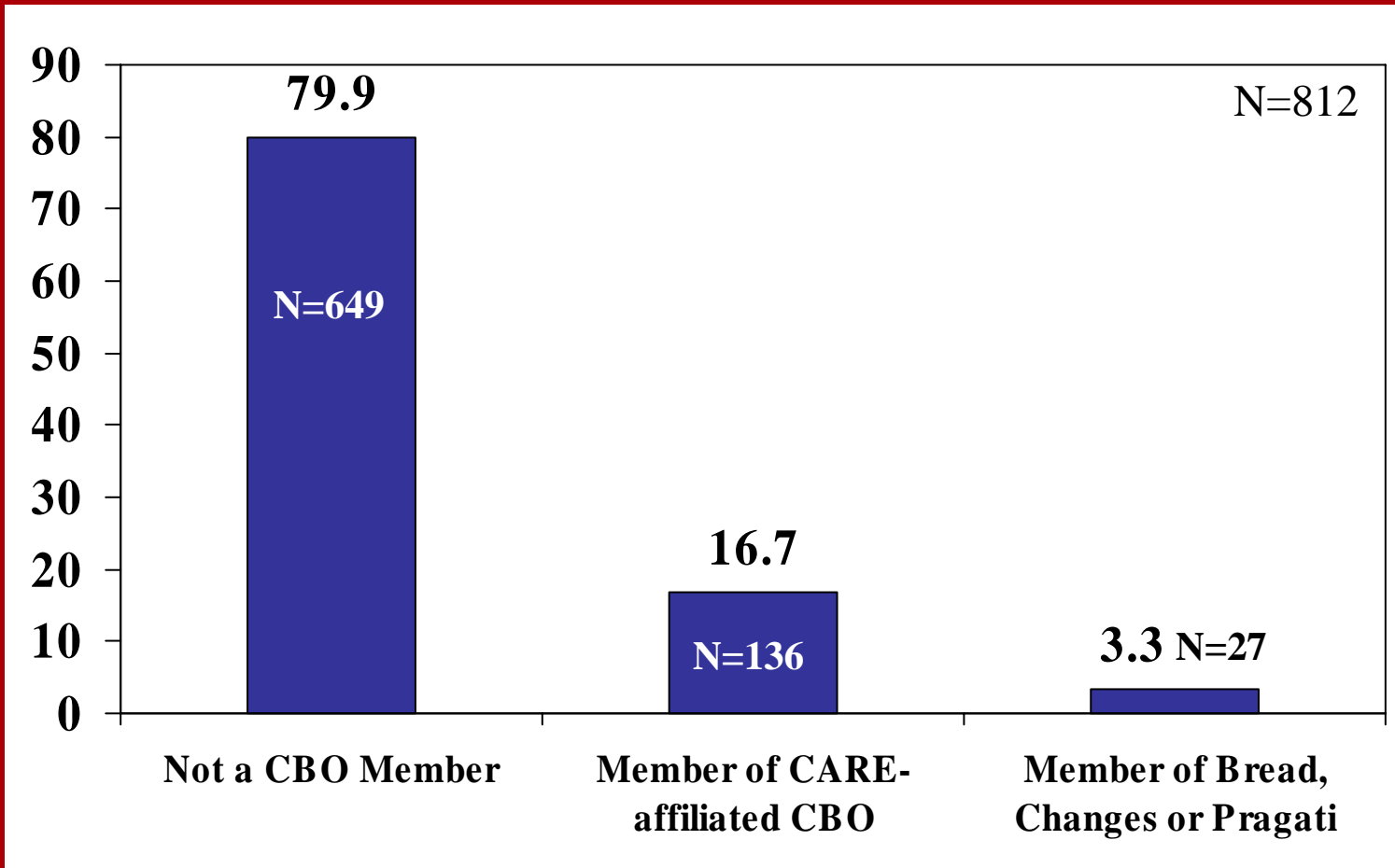
Program Exposure by HIV Prevention Knowledge



Program Exposure by Sex Work Characteristics, STIs and Violence

	None	Receptive	Active
Median Cost per Last Encounter	60 Rs.	100 Rs.	100 Rs.
Median No. of Clients in Last 7 Days	5	7	10
STI Symptoms in Last 6 months	30.0	34.8	57.6
Violence			
Beaten in last 6 months	5.5	5.1	14.7
Forced to have sex in last 6 months	12.9	19.8	24.3

CBO Membership



Contact with Drop-In-Centres (DICs)

	NON-SCAs (%)	SCAs (%)	TOTAL (%)
Do you know of any DICs? (N=812)			
No	82.7	10.2	78.1
Yes	13.8	87.8	18.2

Contact with Drop-In-Centres (DICs)

	NON-SCAs (%)	SCAs (%)	TOTAL (%)
How frequently do you go to a DIC? (N=149, know of DICs)			
Never	21.7	0	15.4
Once a Month or Less	31.1	23.2	28.8
More than Once a Month	13.2	16.3	14.1
Once a Week or More	33.9	60.5	41.6
In the past 6 months, have you tried to bring other sex workers to a DIC? (N=148)			
No	45.7	7.0	34.5
Yes	54.3	93.0	65.5

Community Ownership

	NEVER/ RARELY	SOMETIMES / ALWAYS
You participate in decisions related to the C-S office		
Non-SCAs	73.0	20.6
SCAs	22.4	77.6
C-S office treats sex workers with respect		
Non-SCAs	2.5	85.5
SCAs	0	100

Community Ownership

C-S office helps all types of sex workers in the community equally	DISAGREE (%)	AGREE (%)
Non-SCAs	5.3	84.0
SCAs	10.2	89.8
C-S office has improved sex workers lives		
Non-SCAs	3.9	87.2
SCAs	2.0	95.9
C-S office does more for sex workers than other NGOs in the area		
Non-SCAs	3.9	86.5
SCAs	2.0	95.9

THANK YOU

