

Key Findings Georgia Medical Monitoring Project

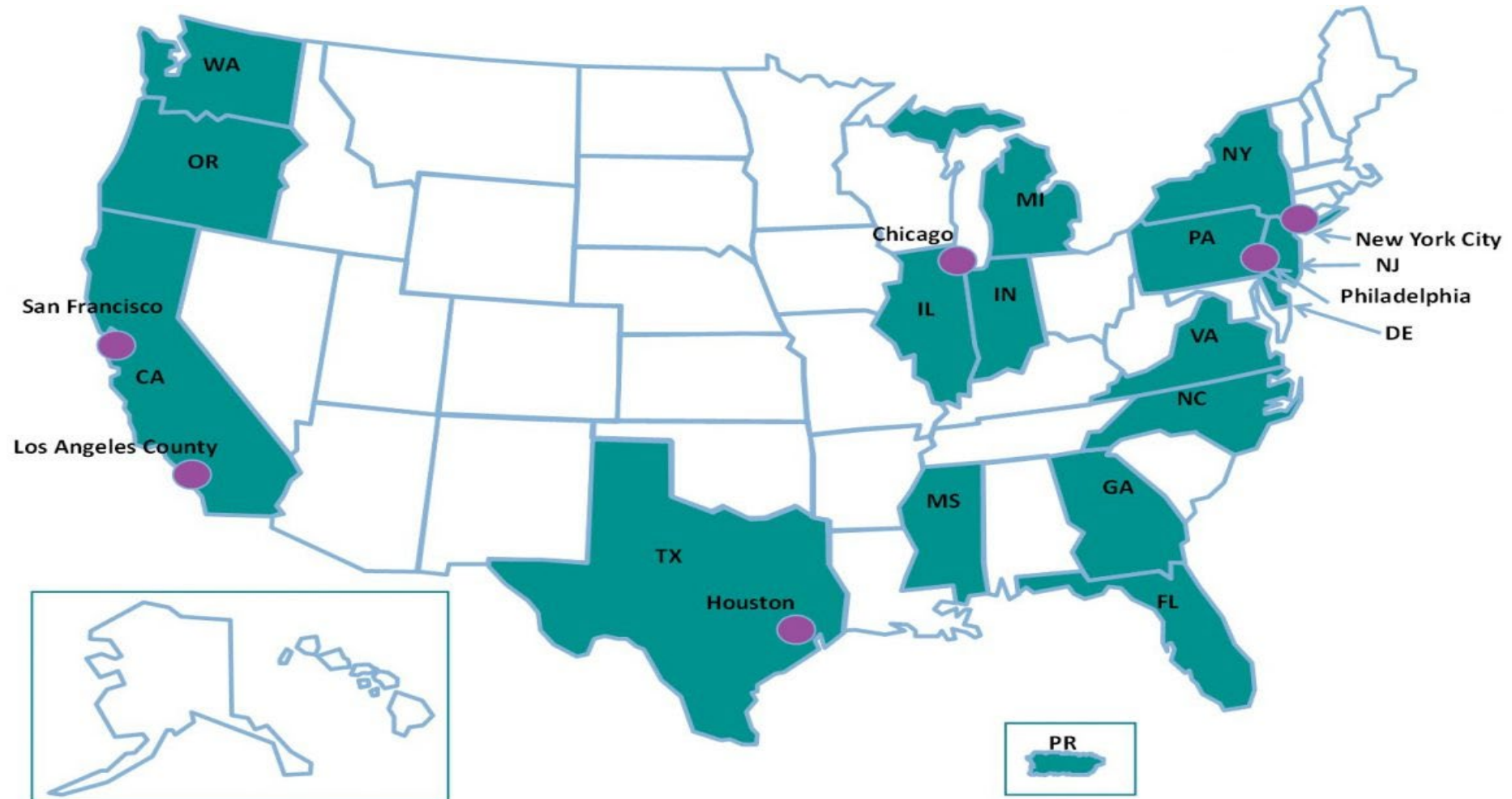
2015-2022

HIV Epidemiology Unit / June 2025

Medical Monitoring Project (MMP)

- MMP is a population-based surveillance system that provides information about the behaviors, clinical outcomes, quality of care, barriers to care, and viral suppression among people diagnosed with HIV.
- The project has been led in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

MMP Project Areas



Georgia MMP

500

Persons are randomly selected from DPH's Electronic HIV/AIDS Reporting System (eHARs)

45'

Complete a 45-minute health survey in person or over the telephone and medical chart abstraction

\$75

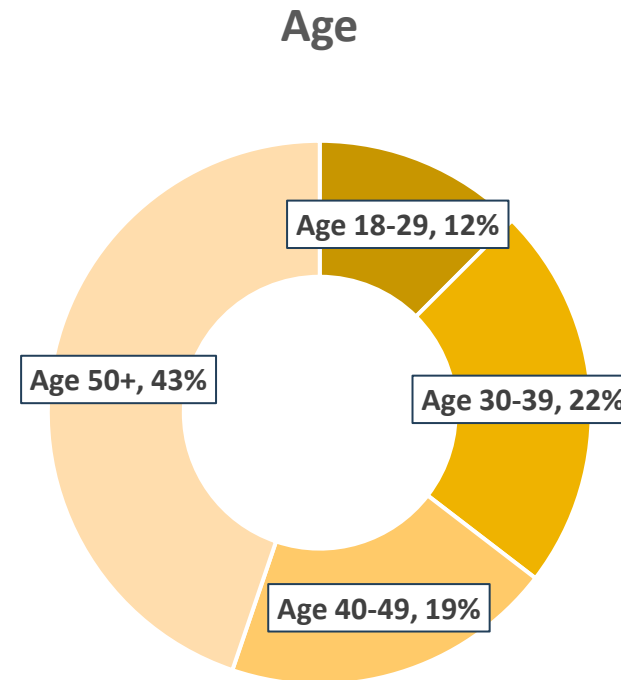
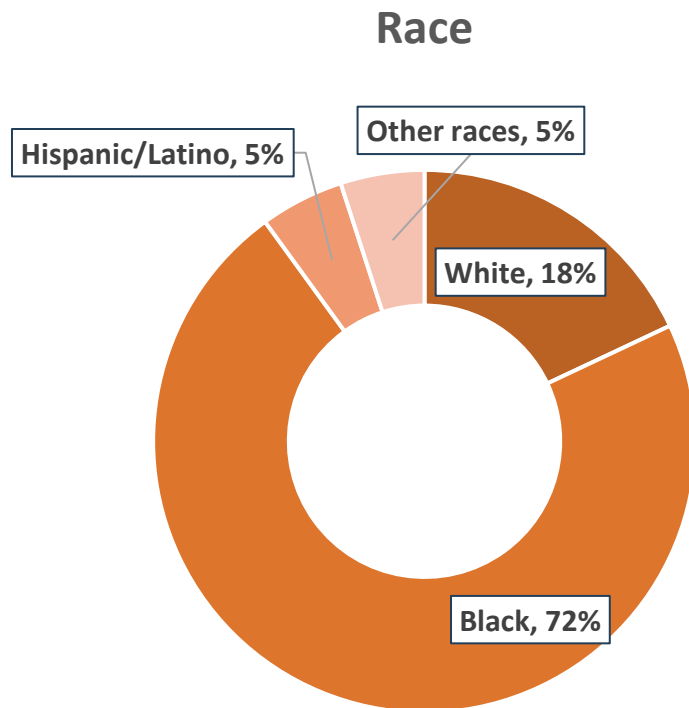
Receive \$75 Visa gift card as a token of appreciation

Interview Data Topics

- **Basic demographics**
- Disability
- **Financial**
- HIV Testing Experiences
- **HIV Care**
- **HIV treatment and adherence**
- **General medical care**
- Health literacy
- Depression and anxiety
- Sexual behavior
- Prevention activities
- Intimate partner violence
- Alcohol, smoking, and drug use
- Acquisition risk behaviors
- **Met and unmet needs**
- **Stigma and discrimination**
- Gynecological and reproductive history
- Foreign-born and immigration
- Health conditions and preventive therapy

Demographics (2015–2022)

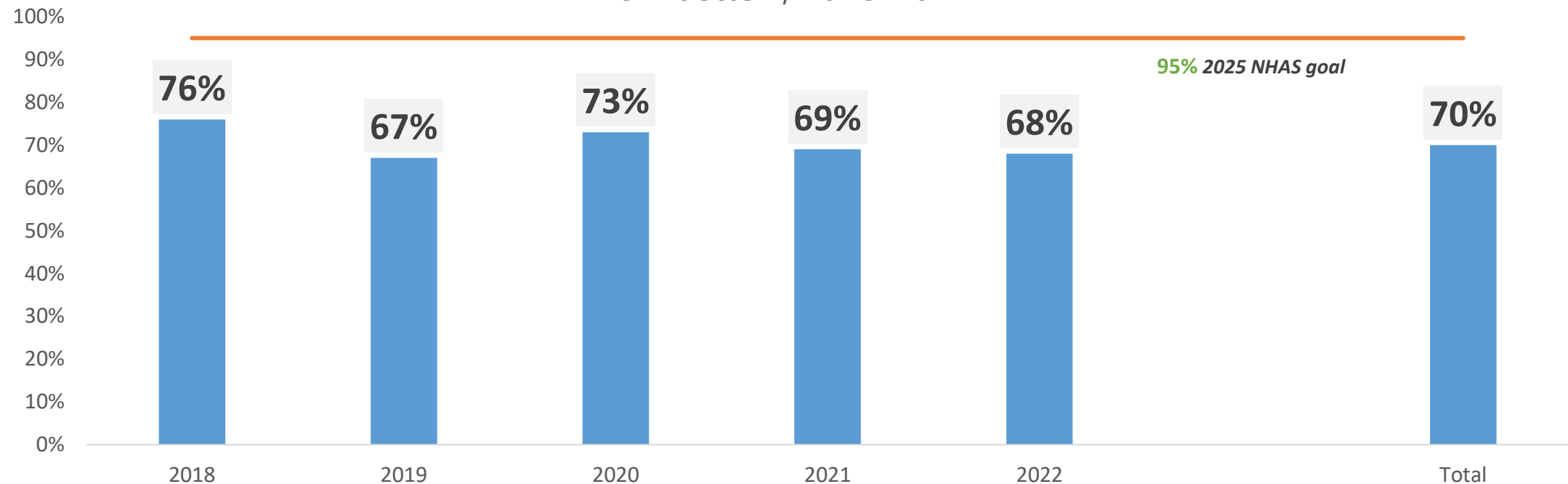
The majority of interviewed participants were **Black** (72%) and 43% were **50 years and older**.



Self-rated Health

When asked, "How would you rate your overall health?," 70% answered good or better.

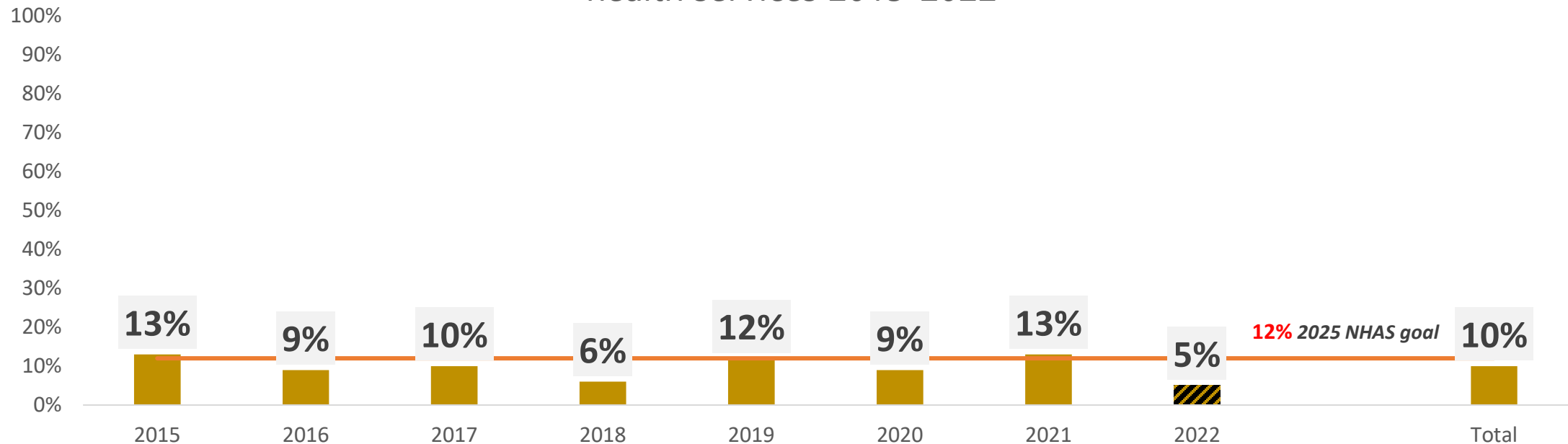
Percentage of people with HIV in Georgia who rated their overall health "good" or "better", 2018-2022



Unmet Need for Mental Health Services

About **10%** of people with HIV in Georgia had an **unmet need for receiving mental health services** in the past 12 months of the time of interview.

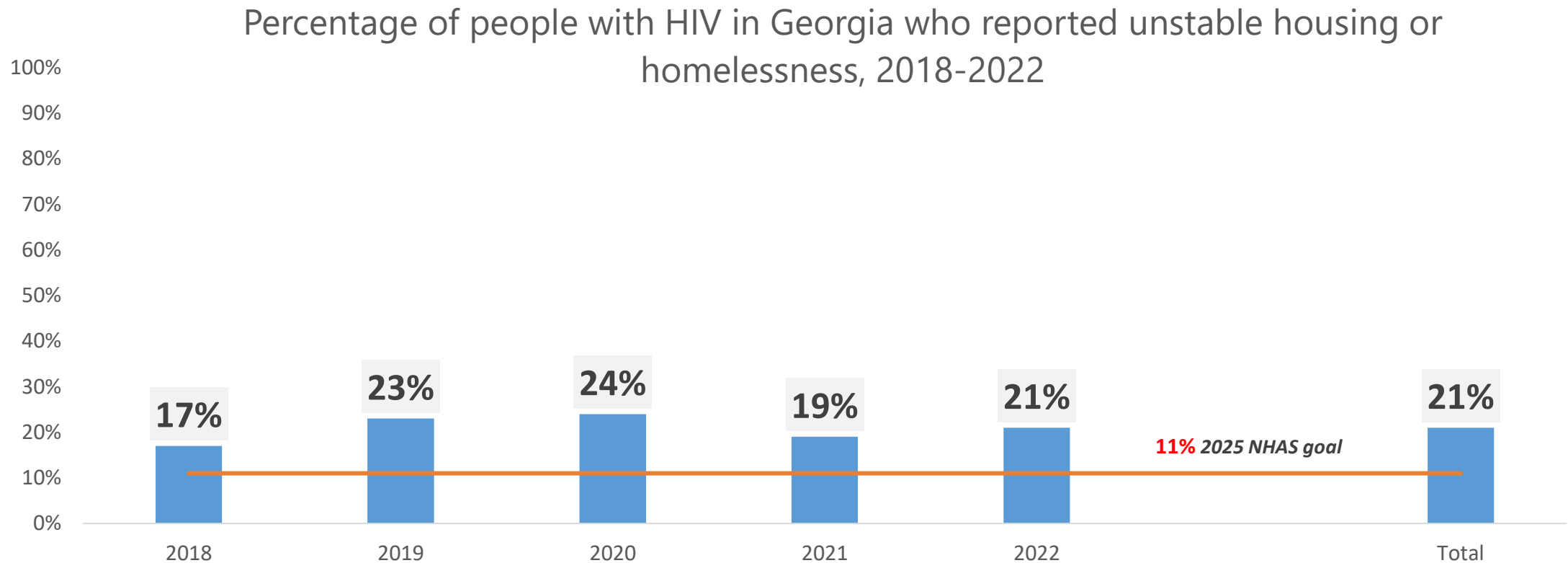
Percentage of people with HIV in Georgia who had a unmet need for mental health services 2015-2022



Note: 2022 estimate is unstable and should be interpreted with caution

Experienced Unstable Housing or Homelessness

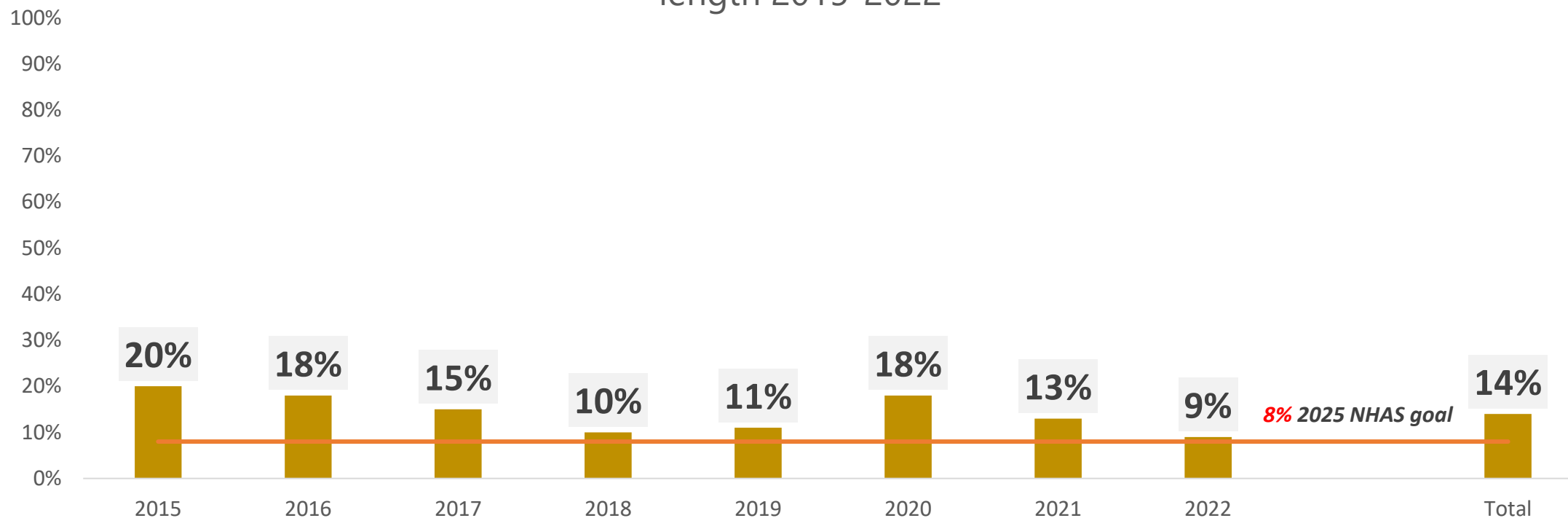
Gaps exist in linking people with HIV in Georgia with stable housing and support services to reduce homelessness.



Unemployment

About 14% of people with HIV reported **unemployment** at the time of interview.

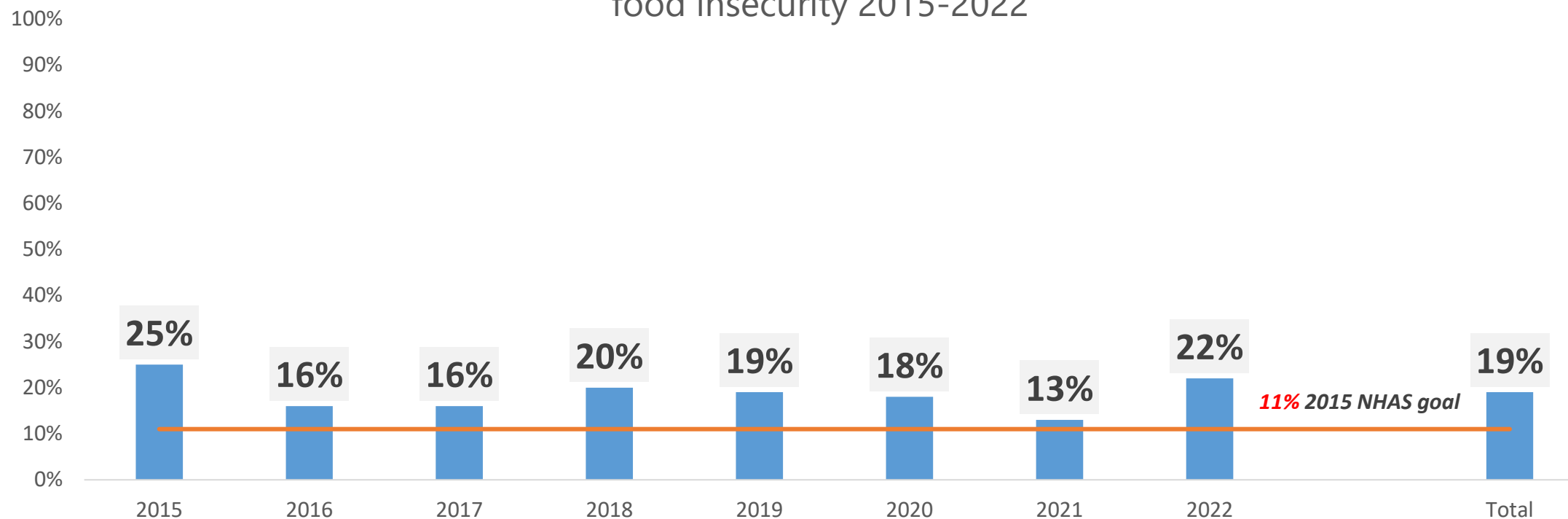
Percentage of people with HIV in Georgia who reported unemployment of any length 2015-2022



Hunger and Food Insecurity

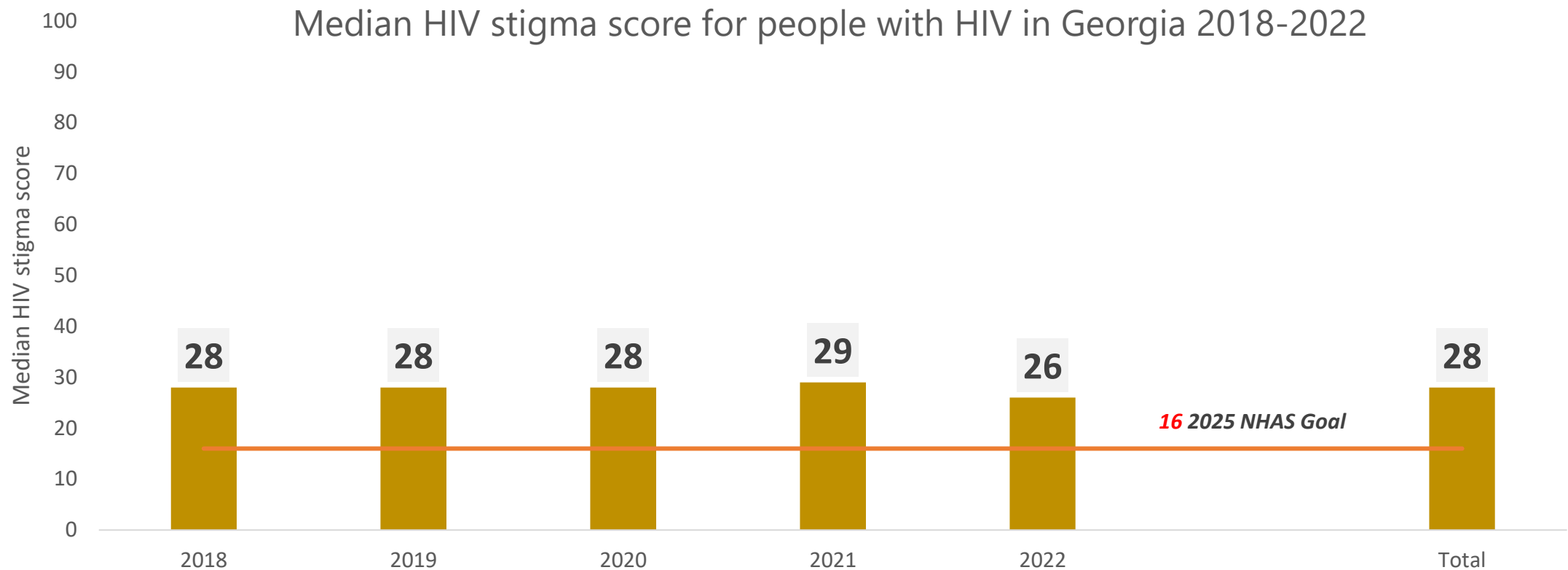
“During the past 12 months, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?”

Percentage of people with HIV in Georgia who reported being hungry or having food insecurity 2015-2022



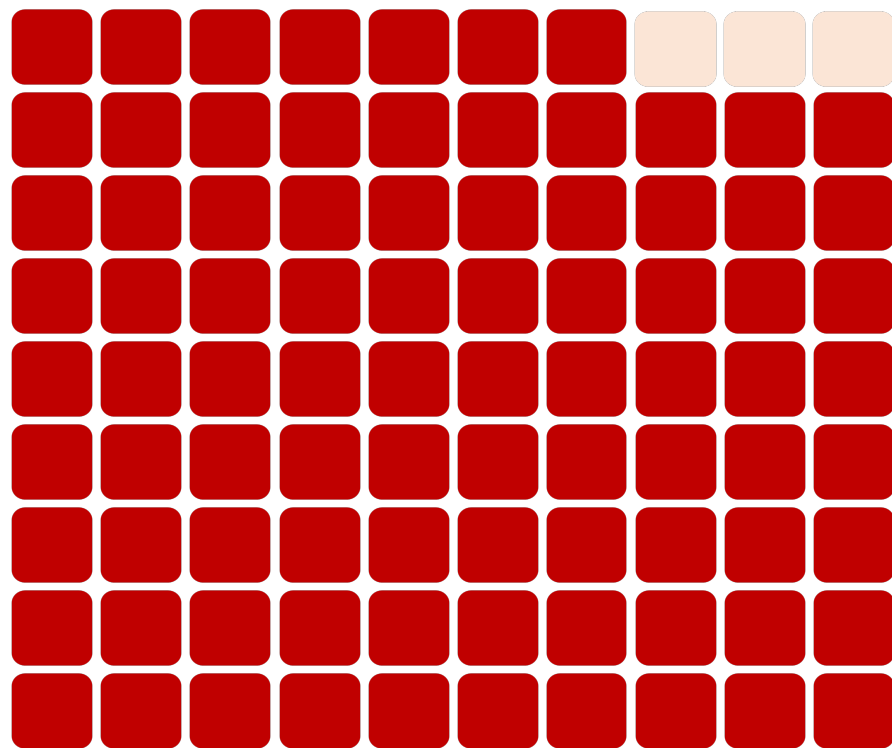
Stigma due to HIV

Questions involve discussing disclosure concerns, negative self-image, and perceived public attitude about HIV. 2015-2017 are not shown due to a possible methodology change done by CDC calculating stigma score.



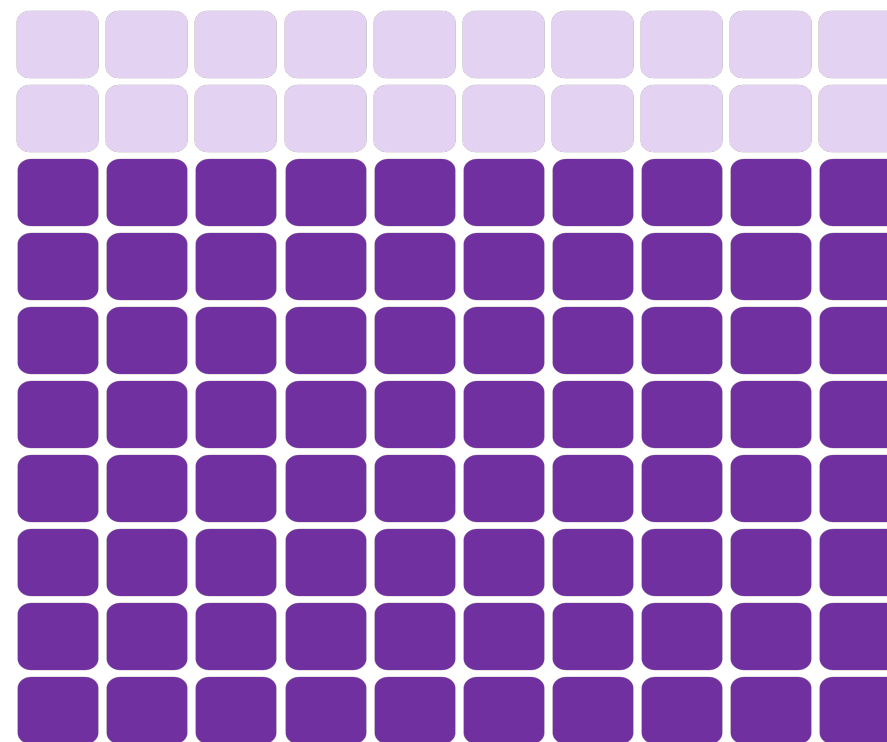
Utilization of Care Services

Received HIV outpatient care in past 12 months



97%

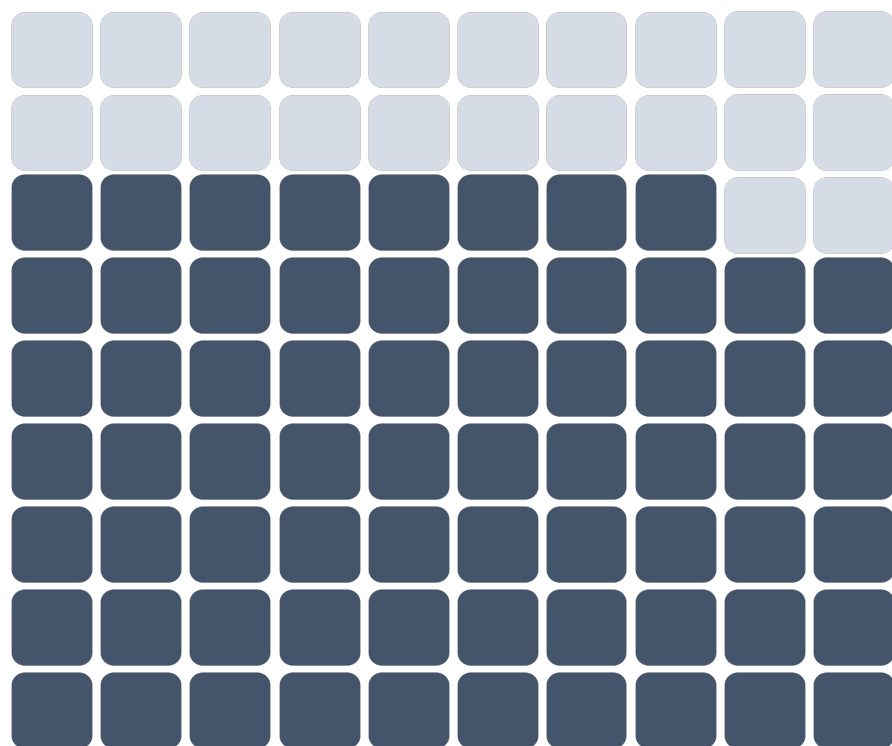
Retained in HIV care in past 12 months



80%

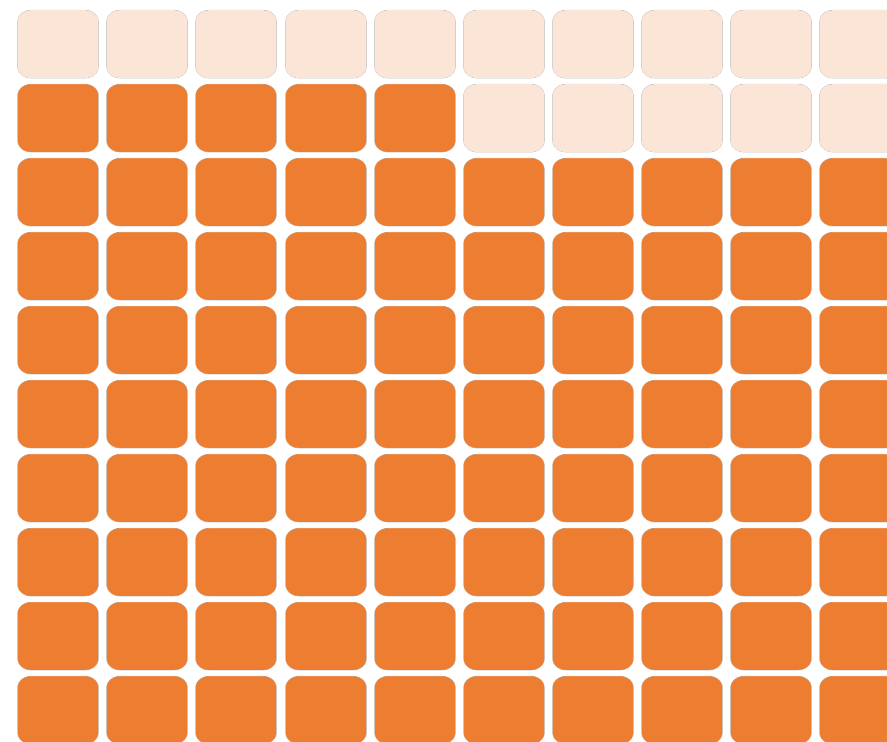
Utilization of Care Services

Did not miss any HIV care appointments



78%

Prescribed antiretroviral therapy

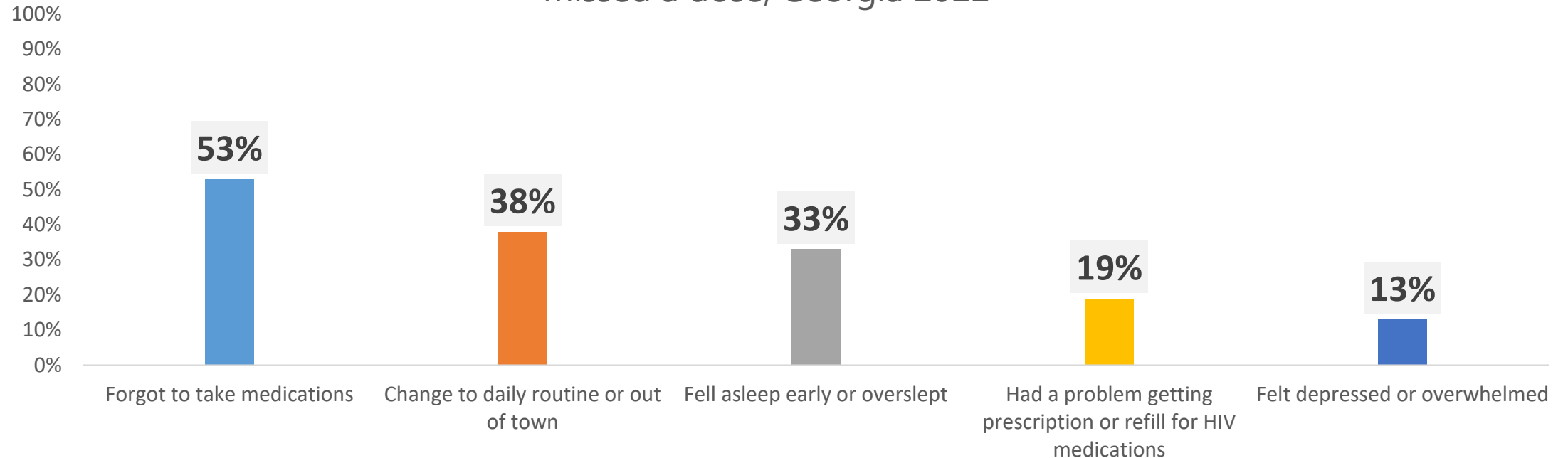


85%

Continuity of Treatment for HIV

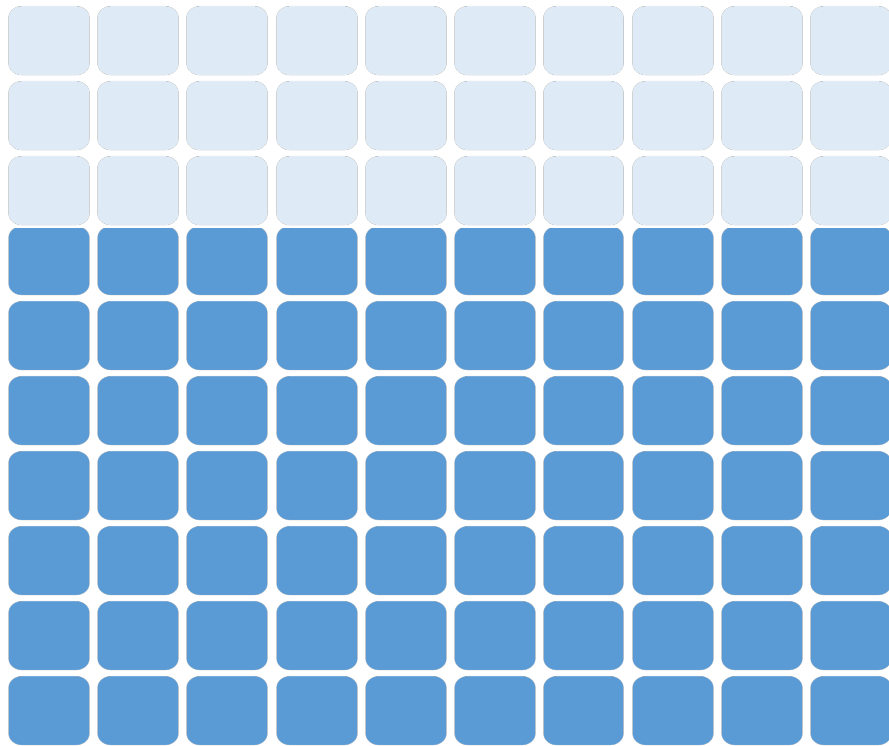
The primary reason why people with HIV did not take their HIV medication as prescribed is primarily due to forgetting (53%) or disruptions to their normal routine (38%). Respondents were able to pick more than one reason among the reasons asked.

Reasons for missing last ART dose among people with HIV who have ever missed a dose, Georgia 2022



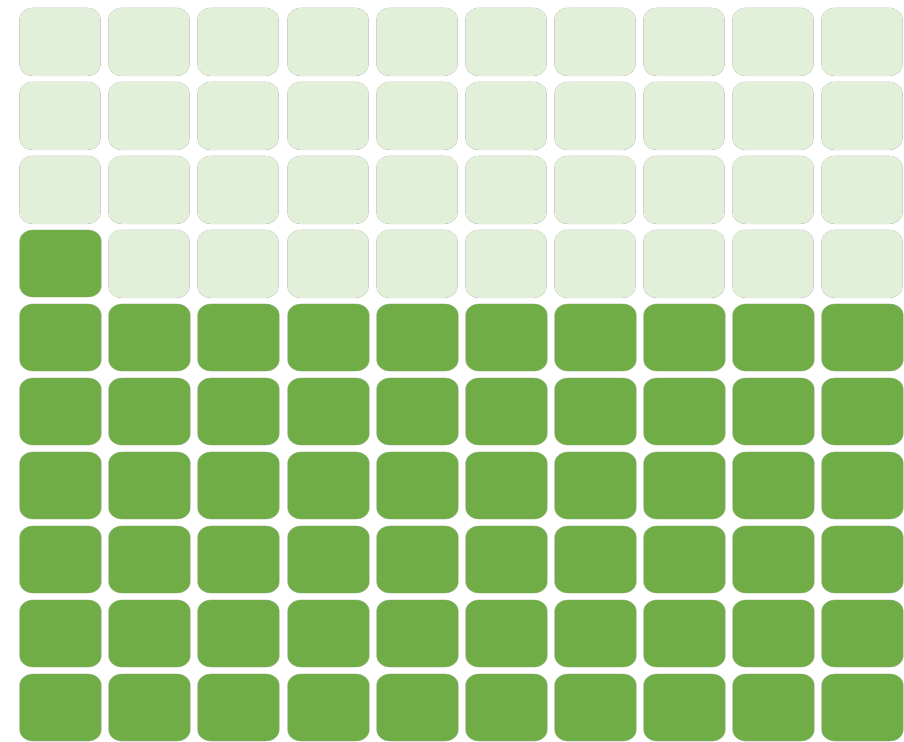
Viral Suppression

Most recent viral load undetectable



70%

All viral loads undetectable in past 12 months



61%

Key Takeaways

- Ongoing outreach efforts to people with HIV who have unmet needs (HIV-related or not) remain essential for addressing those needs and achieving the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS).
- People with HIV should continue to receive support through various means to help them achieve and maintain viral suppression.

Questions

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