



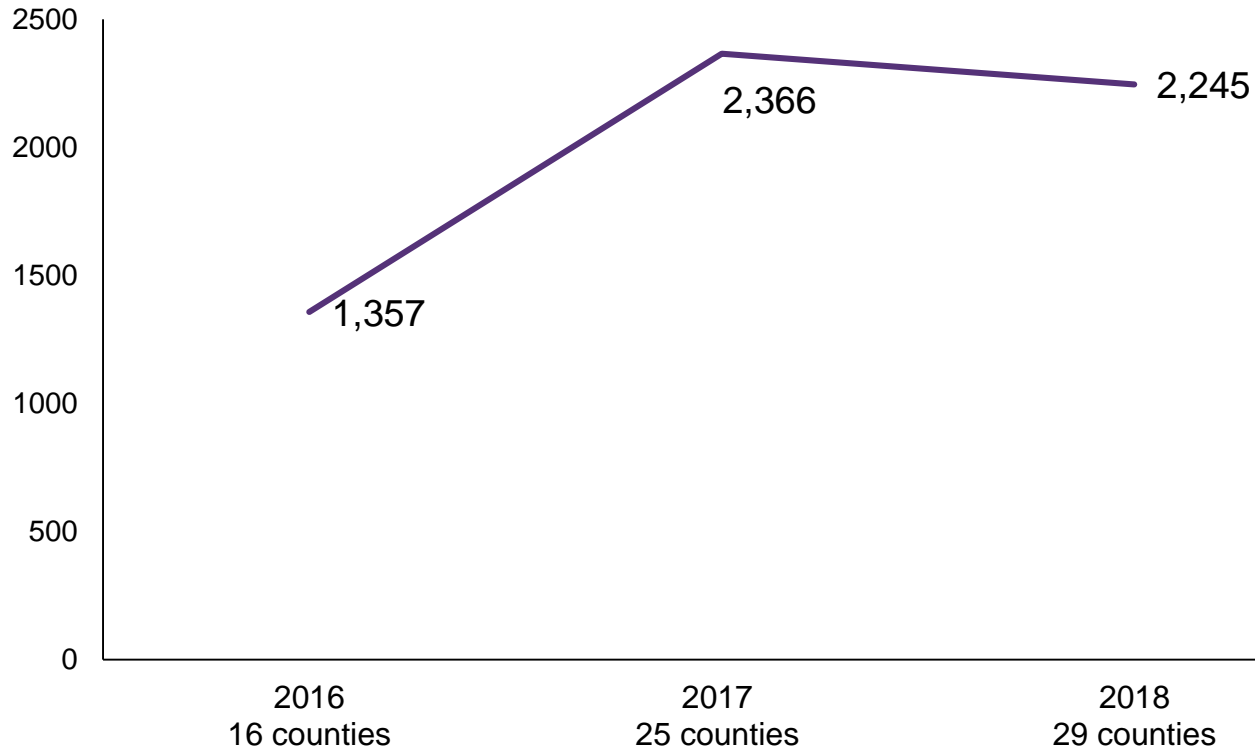
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2018 Safe Harbour Program Data

January 11, 2021

Youth Identified Over Time

— Number of Youth Identified as Trafficked or At-Risk



2018 Program Data

In 2018:

- 29 counties reported data
- 2,245 youth were identified as trafficked or at risk at the time of referral
 - 355 of these youth met the federal definition of a sex trafficking victim*
 - 1,890 were identified as high or medium risk of trafficking*
 - Although 2,294 youth were identified for services by the program, 49 youth are excluded from this data set because their risk levels were not reported.
- 58 of the 2,245 youth were also identified as trafficked or at risk for labor trafficking

*For more information on how risk levels were determined please refer to OCFS-3920.

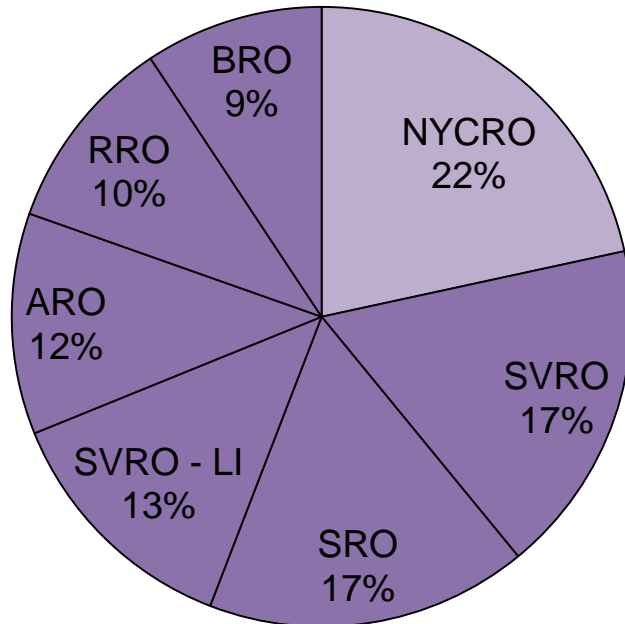


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Youth Identified by Location (2,245)

By OCFS Regional Office

Misconceptions remain that child trafficking is only a “big city” issue, however in 2018, 78% of youth identified in NYS were in regions other than NYC.



NYCRO – New York City

SVRO – Spring Valley

SRO – Syracuse

SVRO-LI – Long Island

ARO – Albany

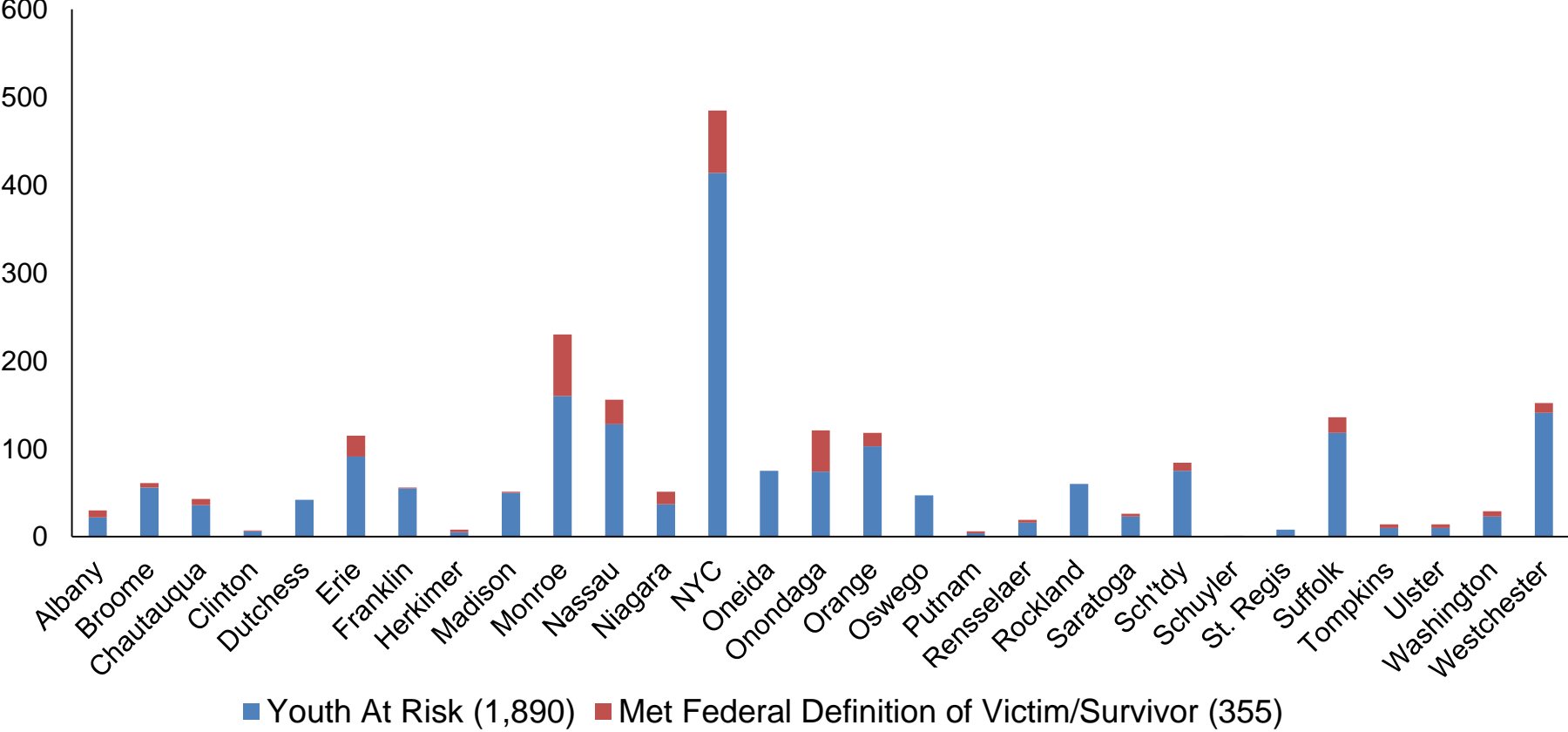
RRO – Rochester

BRO – Buffalo

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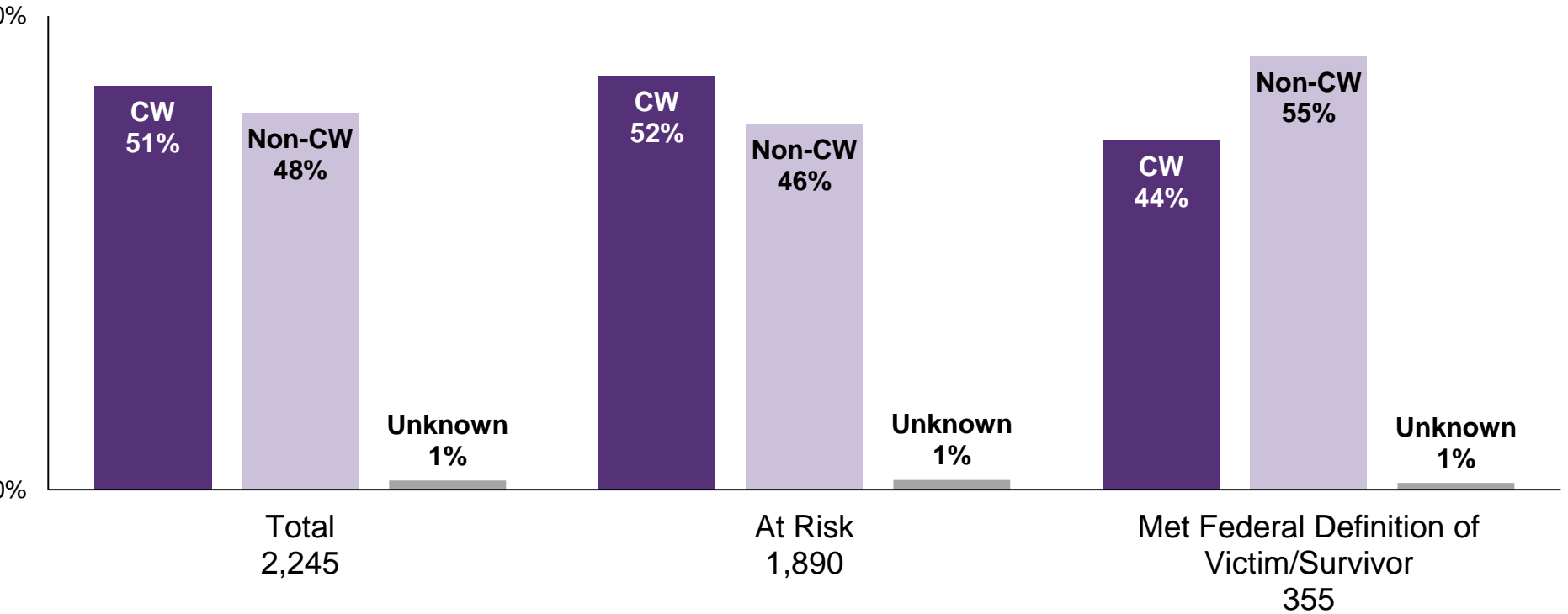


Youth Identified by County



Child Welfare vs Non-Child Welfare Referrals

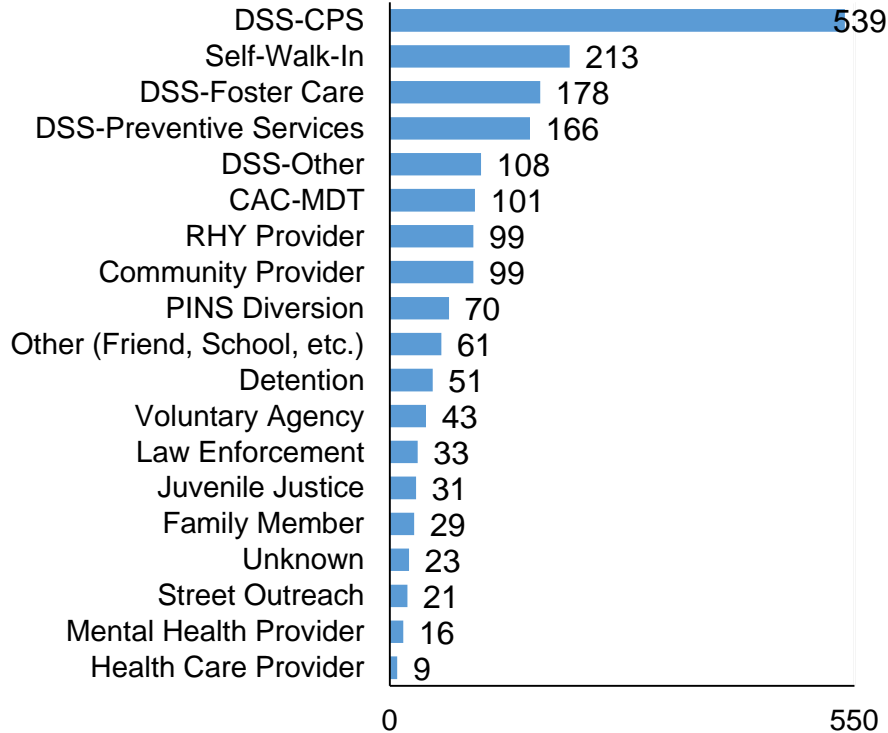
While child welfare agencies collectively referred slightly more youth in total and those at risk of trafficking than non-child welfare agencies, non-child welfare agencies referred more youth who met the federal definition of a trafficking victim/survivor. **For the purpose of this graph, child welfare includes referrals from CAC, MDT, DSS (CPS Foster Care preventative). Every other referral source was considered non child welfare.*



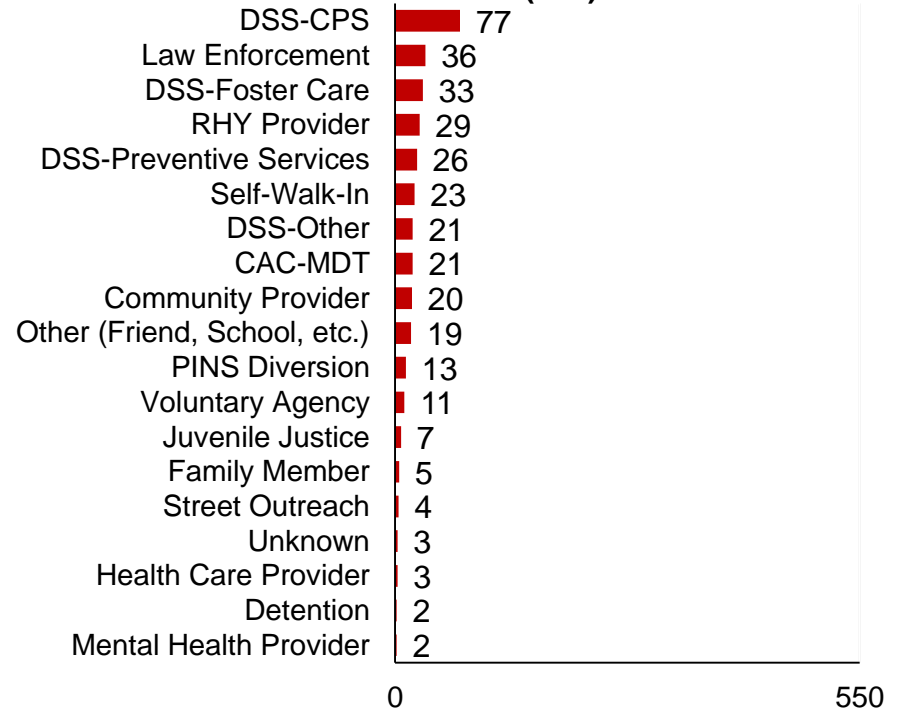
Youth's Referral Source & Trafficking Status

Ranking the numbers of youth referred by source and trafficking status at time of referral shows CPS referred the highest number of youth any single source, regardless of status.

At Risk (1,890)



Met Federal Definition of Victim / Survivor (355)



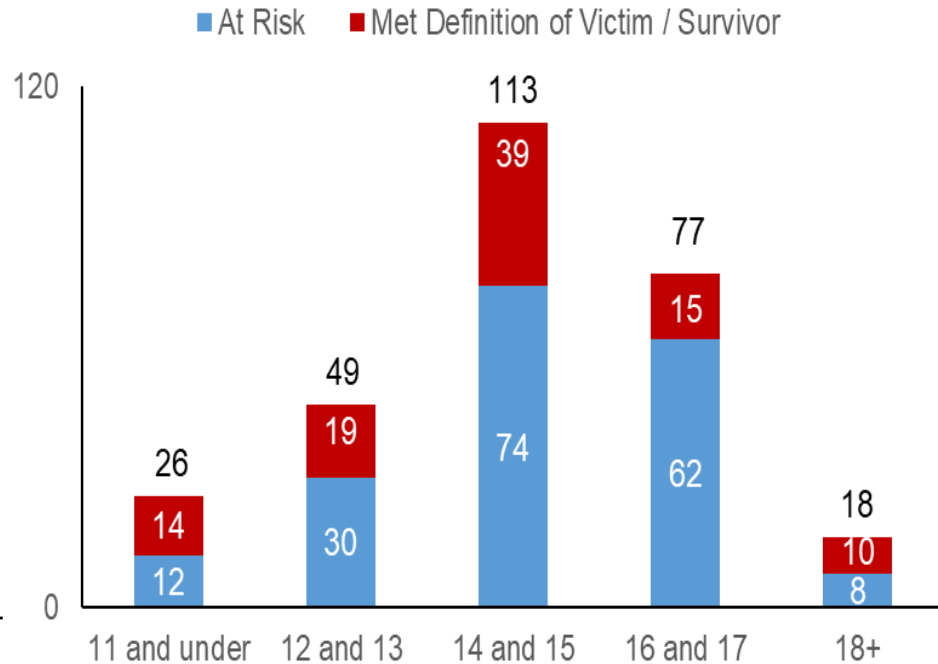
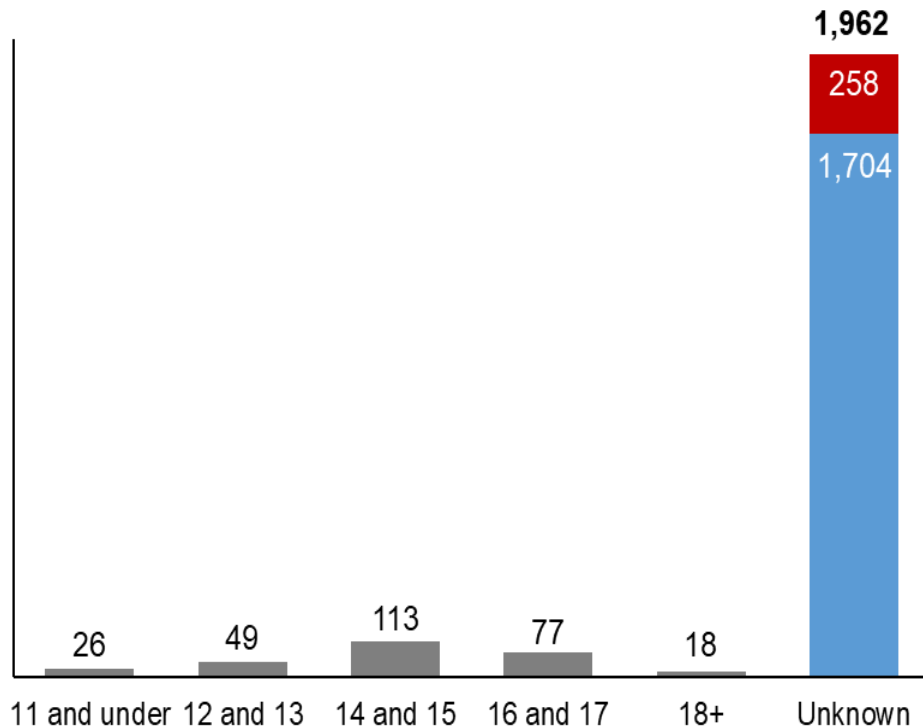
Youth Demographics and Victimization



Youth's Age When Exploitation Began

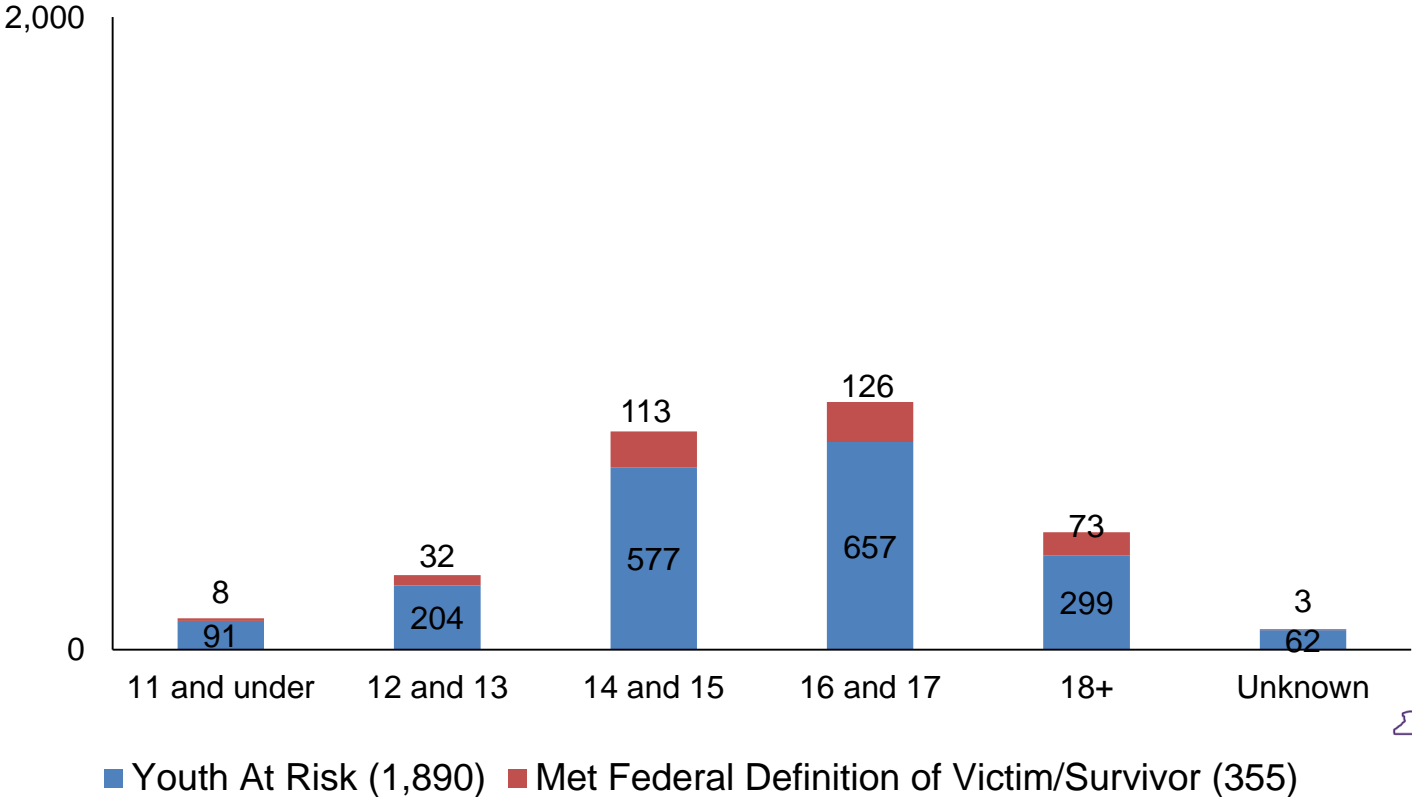
A full scale look at the responses for this variable shows that age at first exploitation was unknown for 1,962 youth – about 87% of the sample.

A closer look at the known age distributions shows that the greatest number of youth were aged 14 and 15 when they were first exploited, regardless of their trafficking status at their time of referral for Safe Harbour programming.



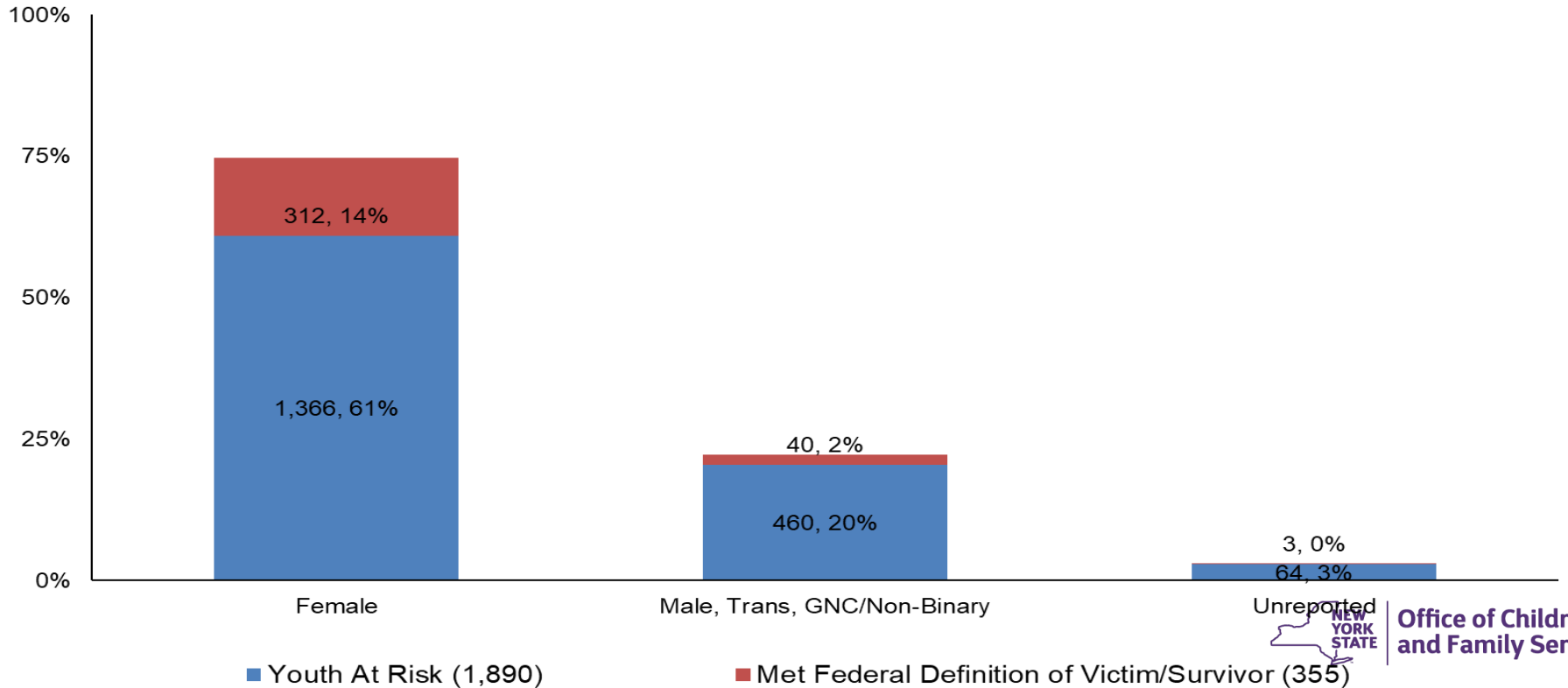
Youth's Age at Time of Referral

Regardless of when a youth's trafficking began, most youth identified by a Safe Harbour program were age 14 or older.

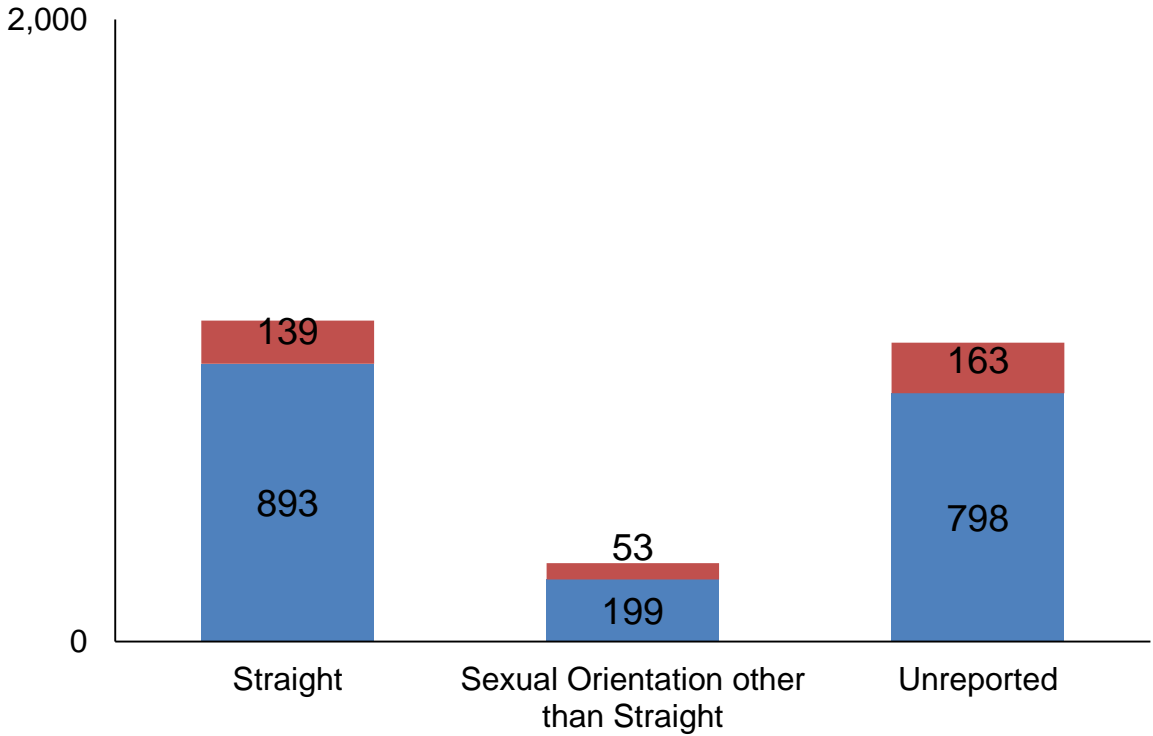


Youth's Gender Identity

Although sex trafficking is often portrayed as an issue only impacting girls, nearly a quarter of all youth (22%) in 2018 identified as cis-male, transgender, or gender non-conforming/non-binary.



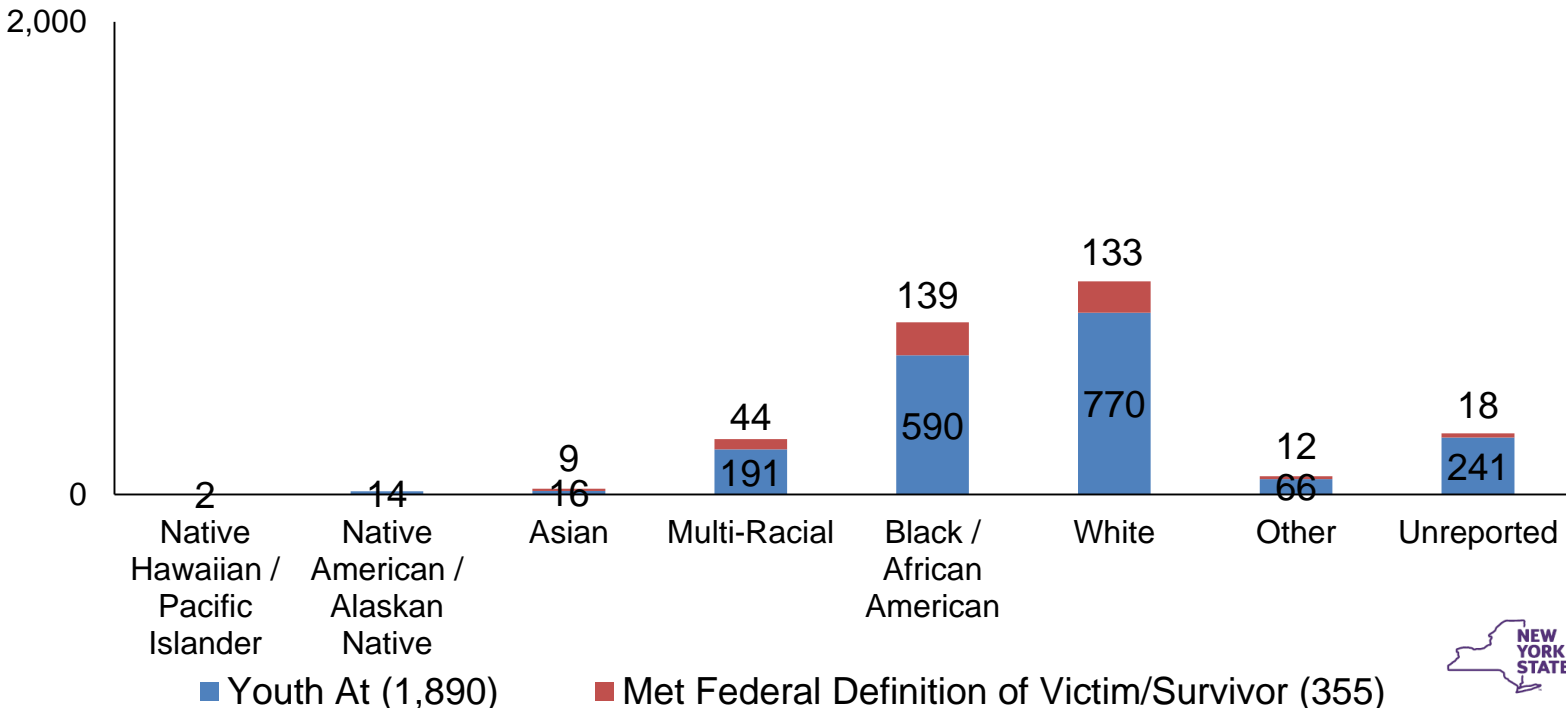
Youth's Sexual Orientation by Trafficking Status



■ Youth At Risk (1,890) ■ Met Federal Definition of Victim/Survivor (355)

Youth's Racial Identity by Trafficking Status

32% of youth identified by the Safe Harbour program in 2018 identified as Black/African American, even though Black/African American children represent approximately 18% of NY's youth between the ages of zero and 20 years old.

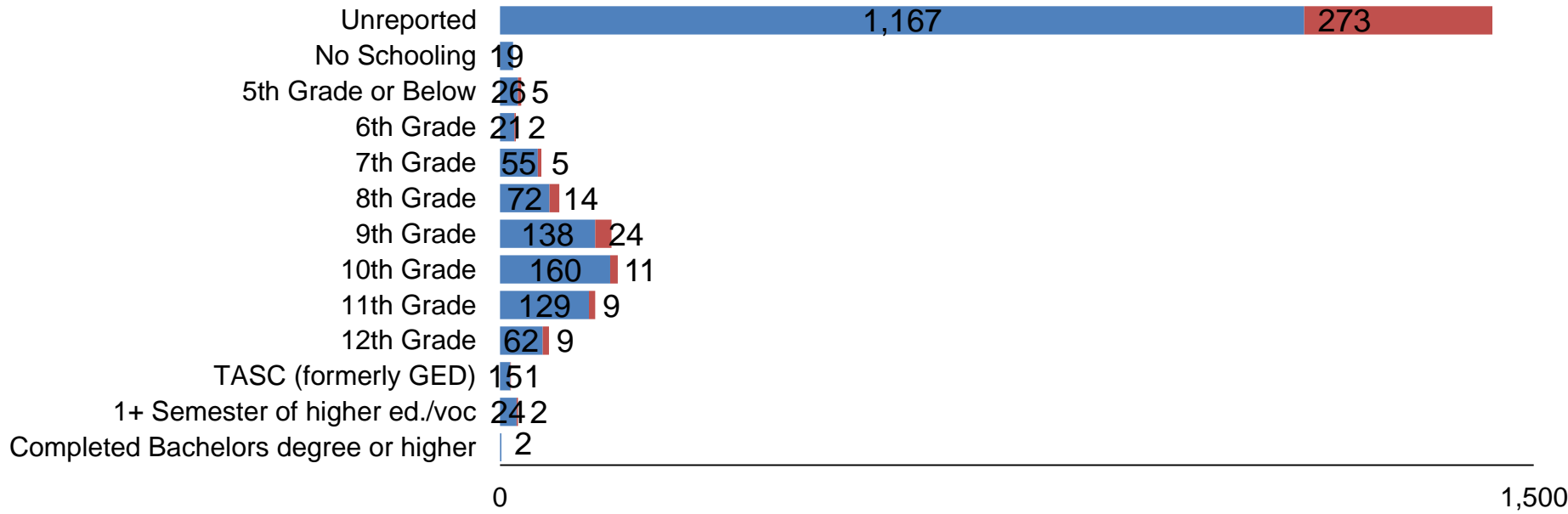


556 (21%) of all youth identified as Hispanic/Latinx.



Youth's Last Grade Completed by Trafficking Status

At the time of referral



■ Youth At Risk (1,890)

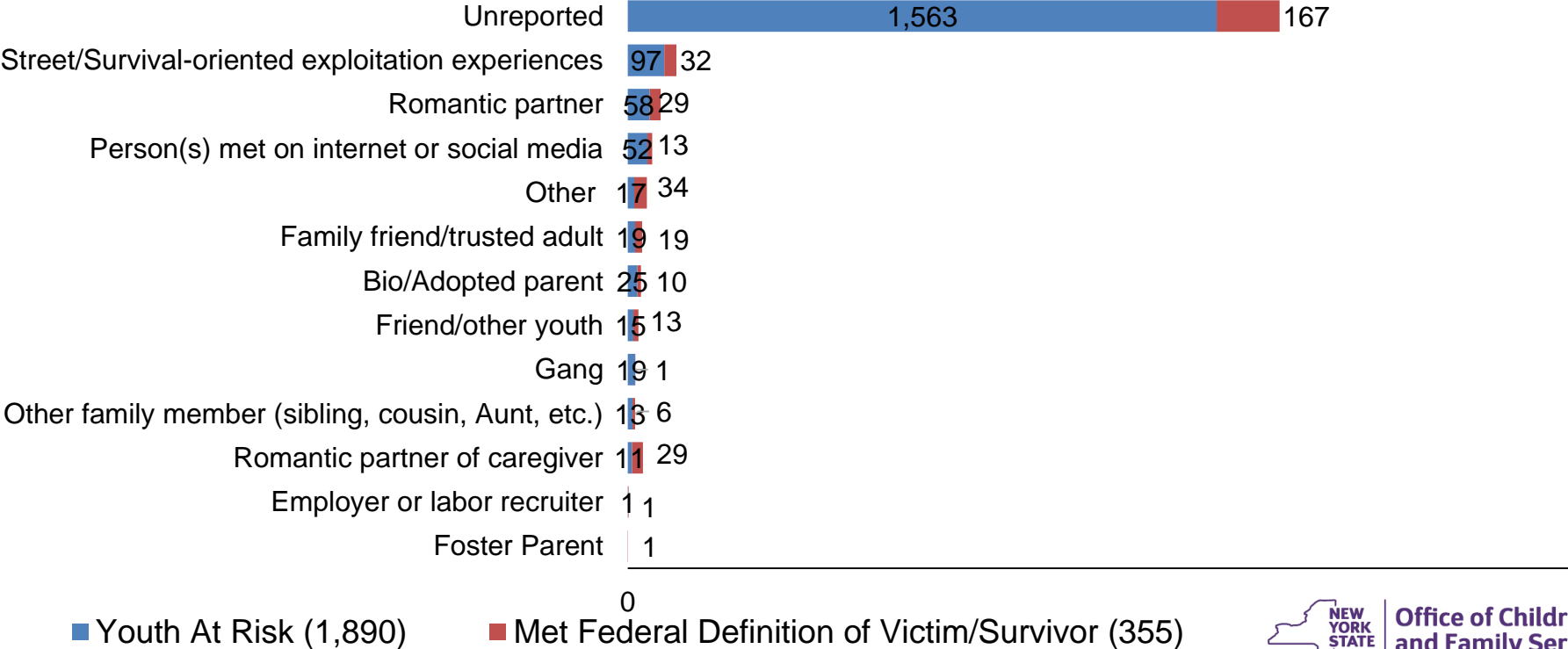
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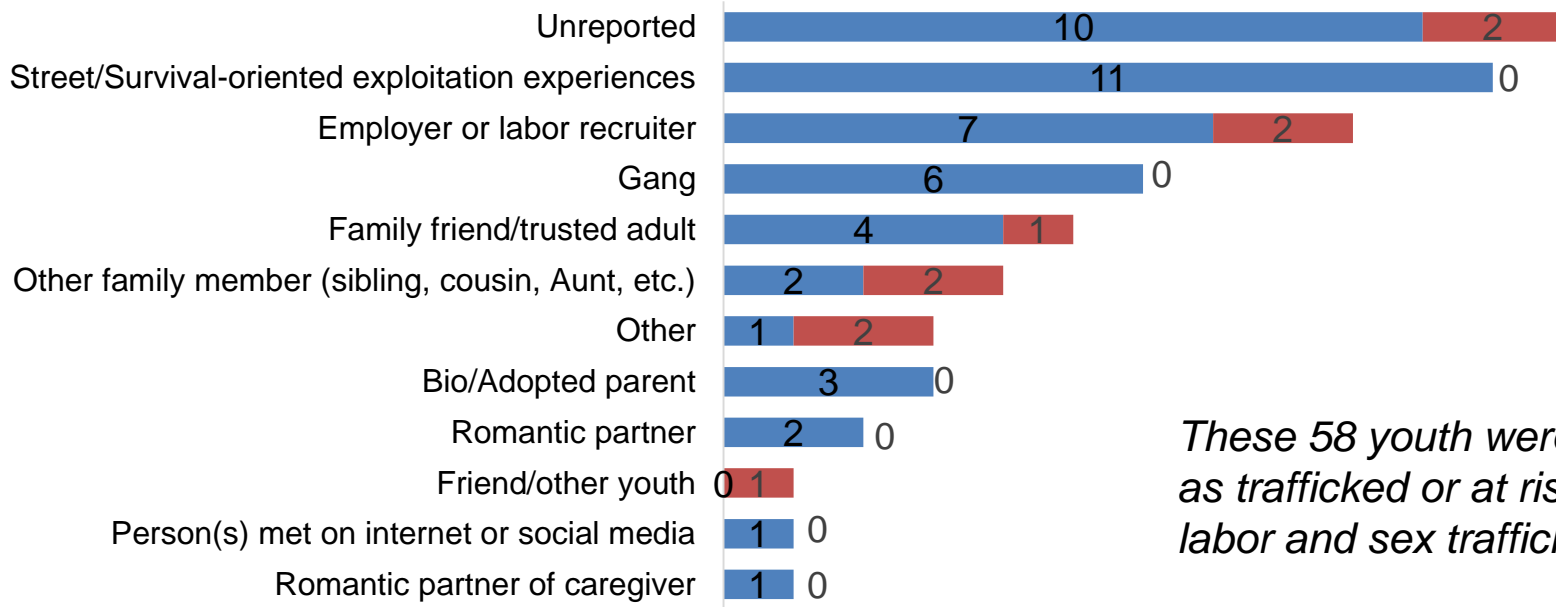
Relation of Trafficker to Youth: CSEC

At the time of referral



Relation of Trafficker to Youth: Labor Trafficking

At the time of referral



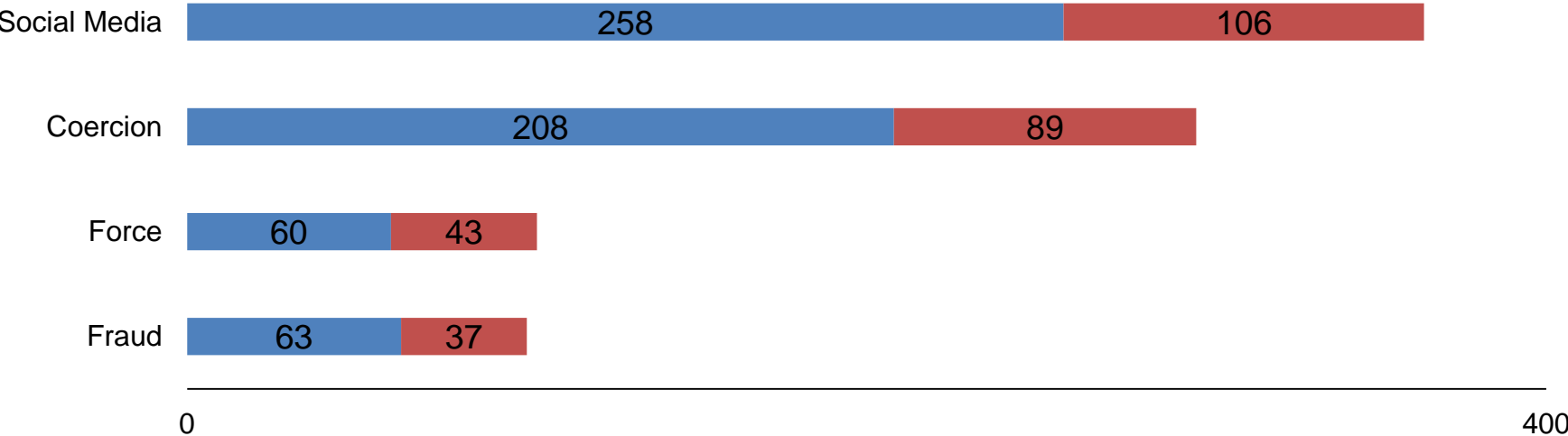
These 58 youth were identified as trafficked or at risk of both labor and sex trafficking.

■ Youth At Risk or Trafficked for Labor (48)
 ■ Met Federal Definition (10)

Force, Fraud, Coercion, and Social Media

Present in Youth's Experience

These elements are reported as identified by program staff. Youth may appear in more than one category.



■ Youth At Risk (1,890)

■ Met Federal Definition of Victim/Survivor (355)



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Service Needs Met

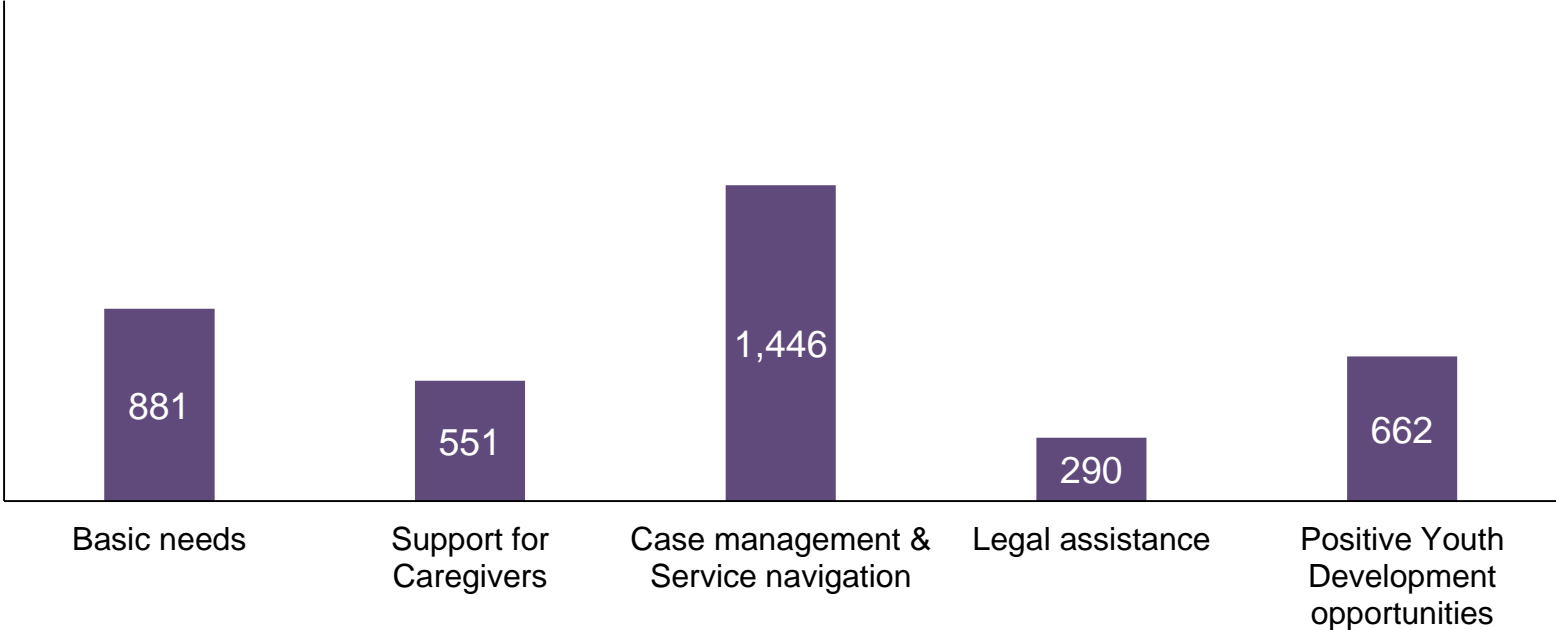


Service and System Involvement Data

- Programs reported the types of services provided to youth and their families using Safe Harbour funds.
- In order of frequency, the services most often accessed included:
 1. Case management & service navigation support
 2. Basic needs (food, clothing, emergency funds, etc.)
 3. Positive youth development opportunities
- Program data reflected an increase in youth's accessing services and supports from intake to the end of the program year. This suggests that:
 1. engagement over time is necessary to develop trust and identify needs and available services;
 2. youth's needs may change over time;
 3. a long-term, flexible response is required to support trafficked young people.
- 114 youth were contacted but refused Safe Harbour: NY services.

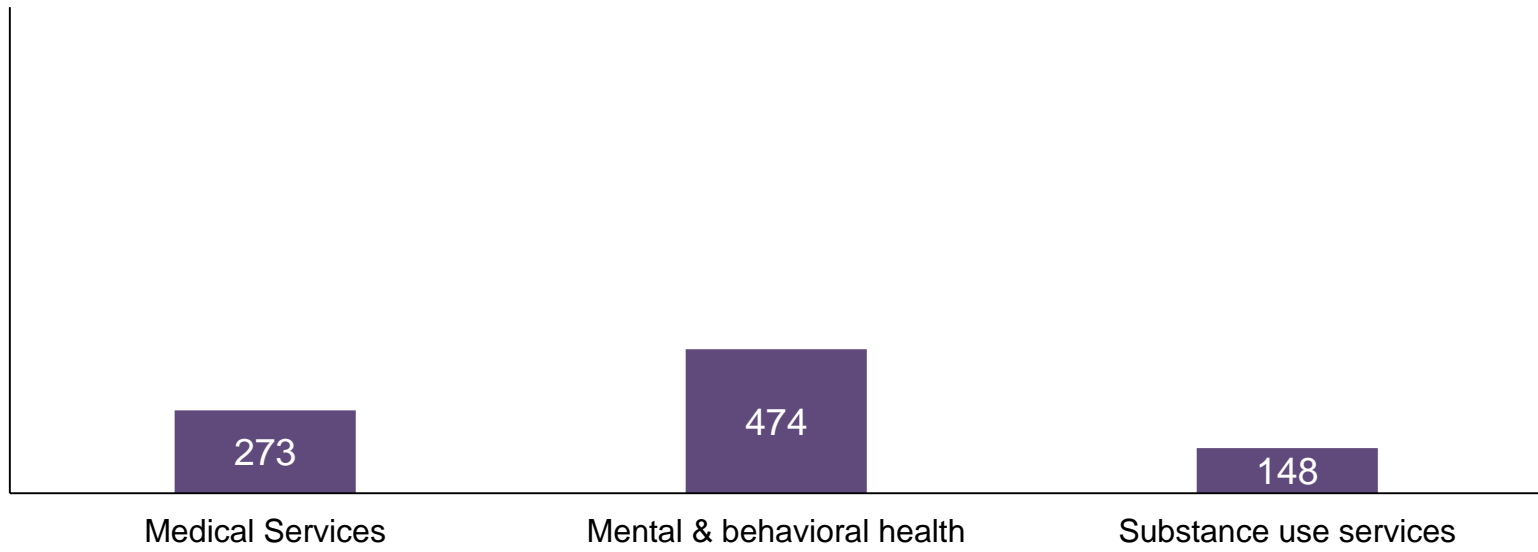


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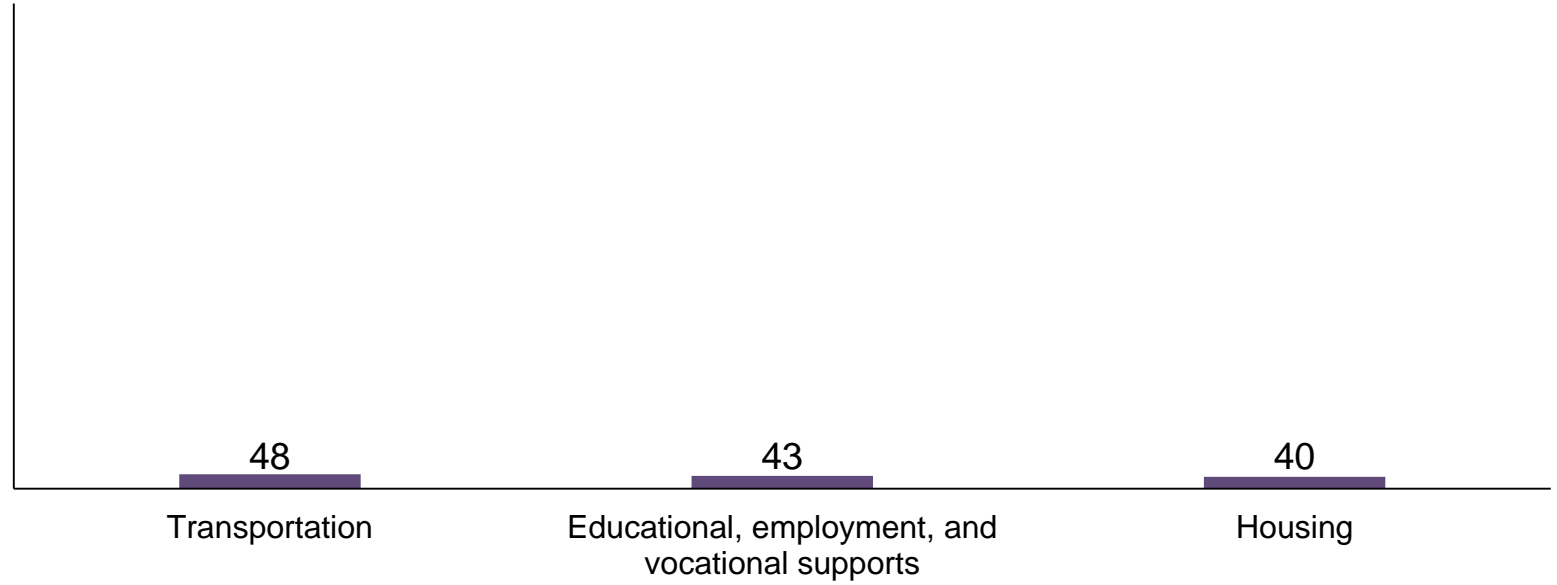
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Street Outreach



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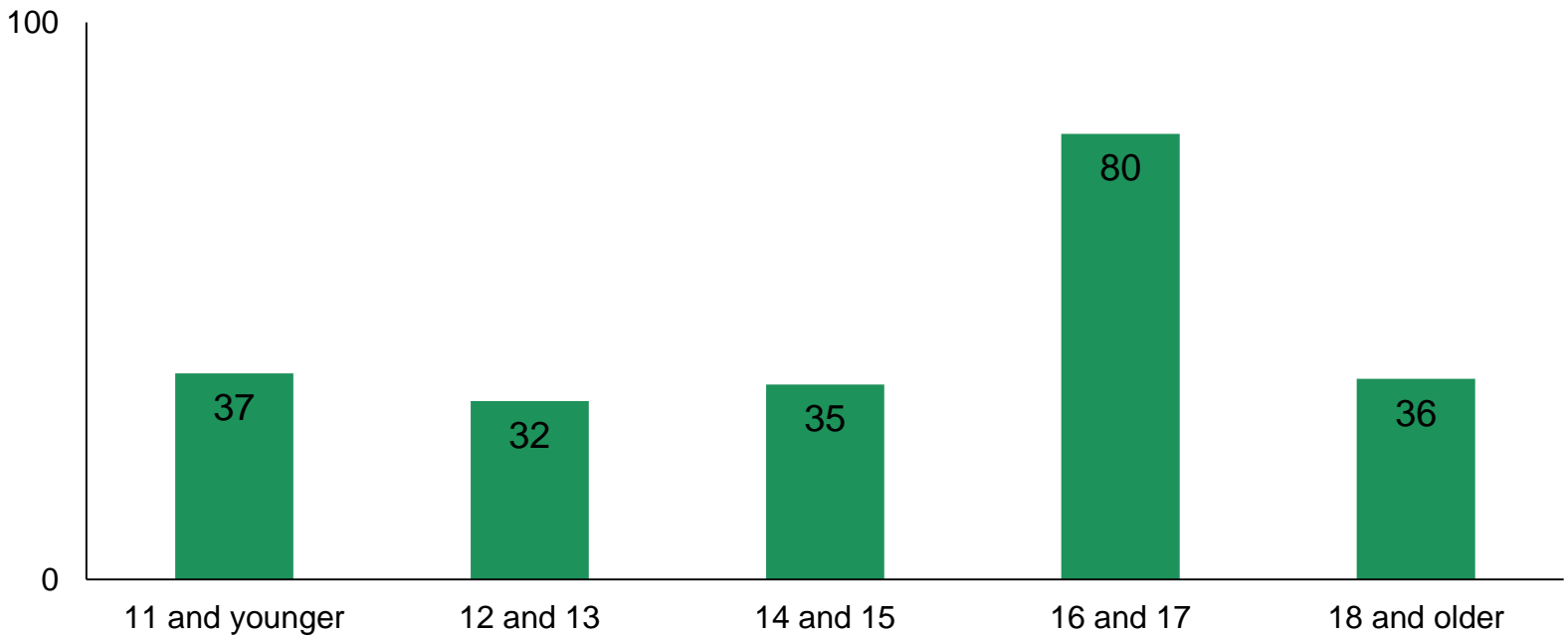
Data from counties that funded street outreach services through Safe Harbour are included in this section. The population of youth reflected in this data is separate and apart from the youth presented in the previous slides.

- **6 counties** supported street outreach services using Safe Harbour funds.
 - The 6 counties include: Albany, NYC, Oneida, Orange, Saratoga, and Schenectady
 - Other counties have local street outreach services supported by other means; this data is not reported here.
- **220 youth** were engaged by street outreach services supported with Safe Harbour funds.
 - The purpose of street outreach is to connect with vulnerable youth to distribute items that meet basic needs and offer information about local services.
- Youth living in the streets or who are unstably housed are inherently at risk of sex trafficking. 53 of the youth (**24%**) contacted via street outreach were also identified as experiencing or at-risk of **labor trafficking**.



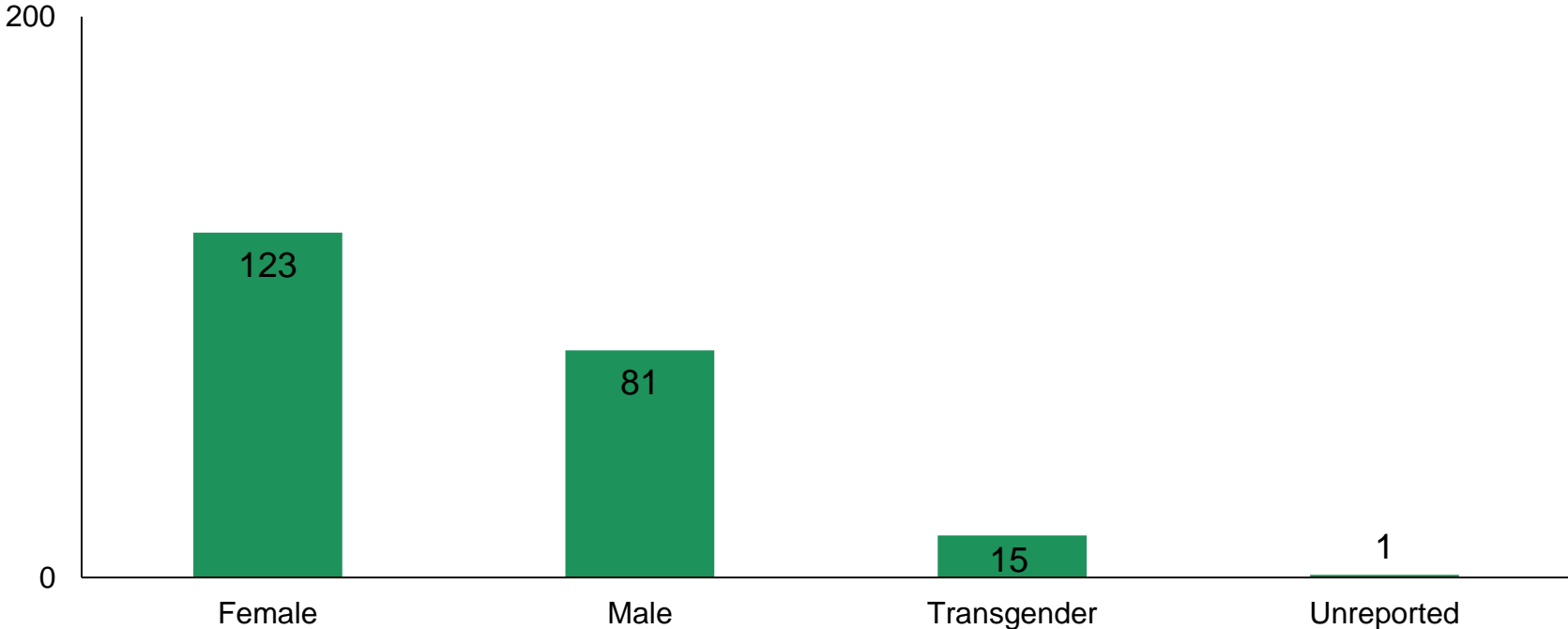
Age of Youth Contacted (220)

By Safe Harbour: NY-funded Street Outreach



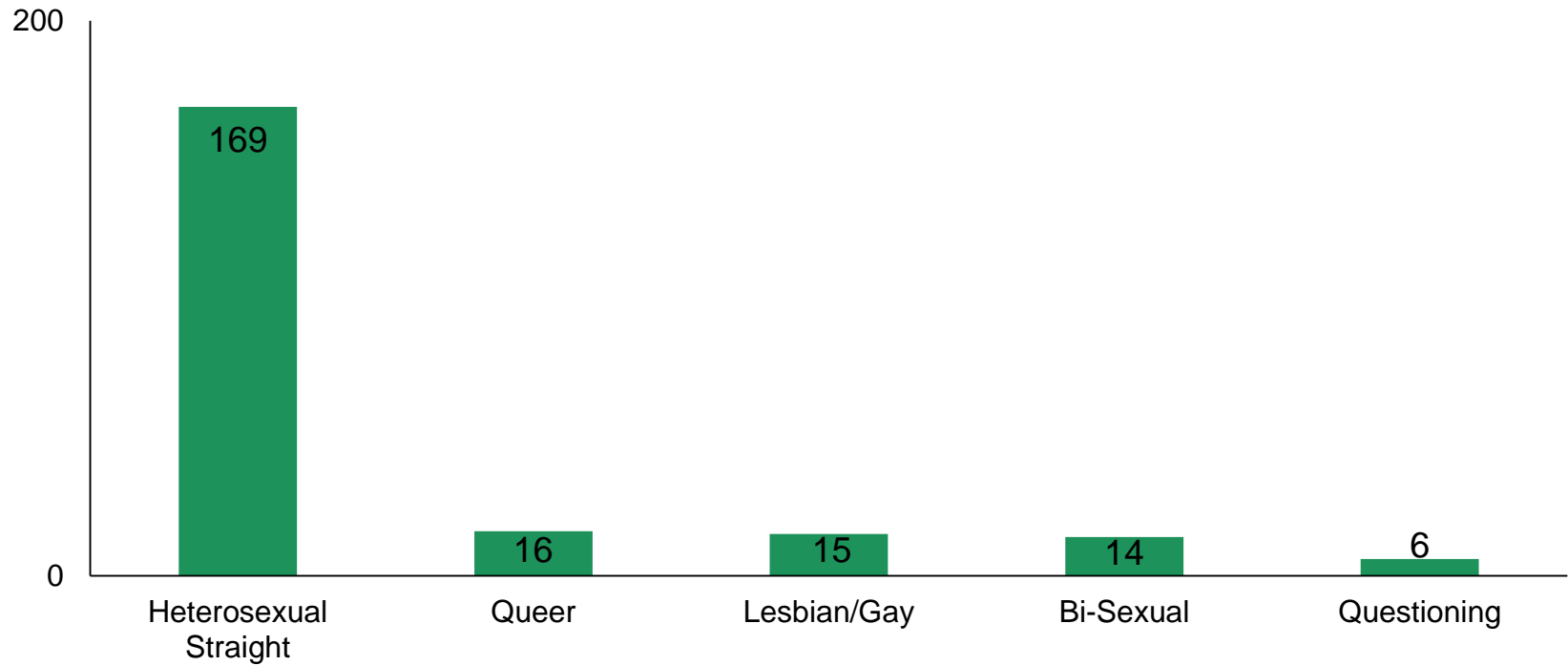
Gender Identity of Youth Contacted (220)

By Safe Harbour: NY-funded Street Outreach



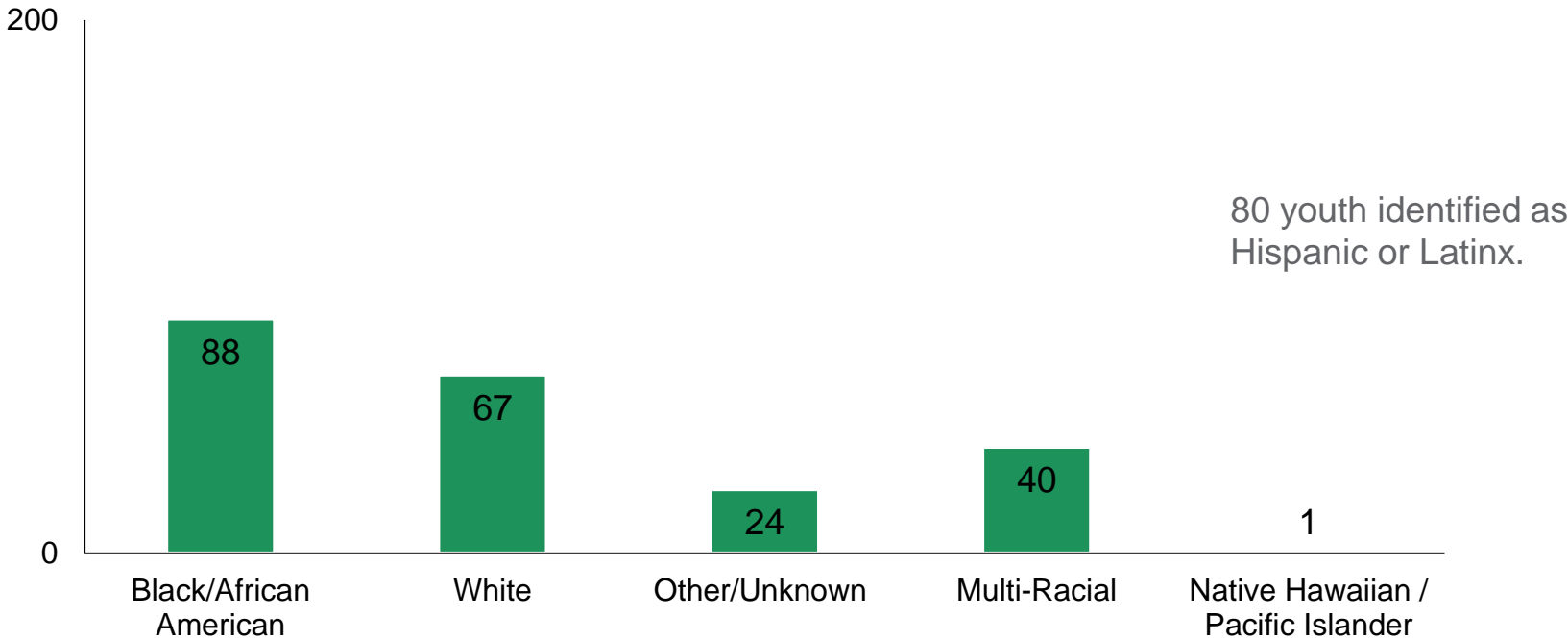
Sexual Orientation of Youth Contacted (220)

By Safe Harbour: NY-funded Street Outreach



Racial Identity of Youth Contacted (220)

By Safe Harbour: NY-funded Street Outreach



Community Outreach & Education



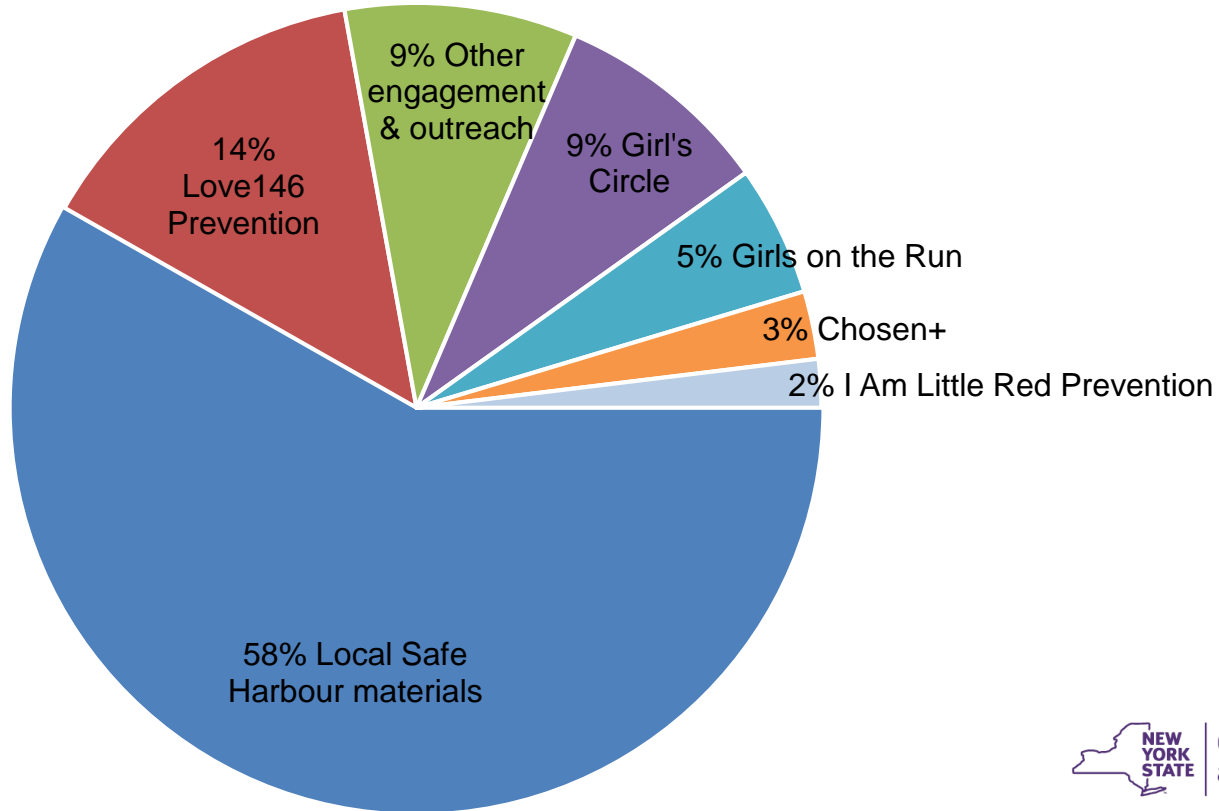
Community Outreach & Education

- **26 counties** supported outreach and education using Safe Harbour funds.
 - The 26 counties include: Albany, Broome, Chautauqua, Clinton, Dutchess, Erie, Herkimer, Madison, Monroe, Nassau, Niagara, NYC, Oneida, Onondaga, Orange, Oswego, Putnam, Renssealer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schuyler, St. Regis Mohawk, Suffolk, Ulster, and Washington
 - The purpose of these events is to connect with youth at schools, in group homes, and other settings to provide information about trafficking and local services.
- Counties hosted over **517 events** where **more than 500 youth** participated.
 - Programs participated in an additional 27 community events to raise awareness.



Youth Engagement Events (517)

Materials & Curricula Used



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