



# 2025 State of the Child



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Indiana Youth Institute Webinar  
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# Who We Are

Indiana Youth Institute  
exists to improve the lives of  
all Indiana children.

## **There are over 1.5 million children living in Indiana.**

In 2023, more than 1.59 million children younger than 18 resided in Indiana. Indiana's youth population continues to be more diverse than the adult population. In 2023, 33.4% of Hoosier youth were a race or ethnicity other than White, non-Hispanic compared to 22.4% of non-White adults.







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# Overall Child Well-Being Since 2018

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Overall Ranking	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
Family & Community	32 <sup>nd</sup>	32 <sup>nd</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>
Health	31 <sup>st</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	35 <sup>th</sup>	36 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	32 <sup>nd</sup>
Economic Well-Being	24 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
Education	14 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>

Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation



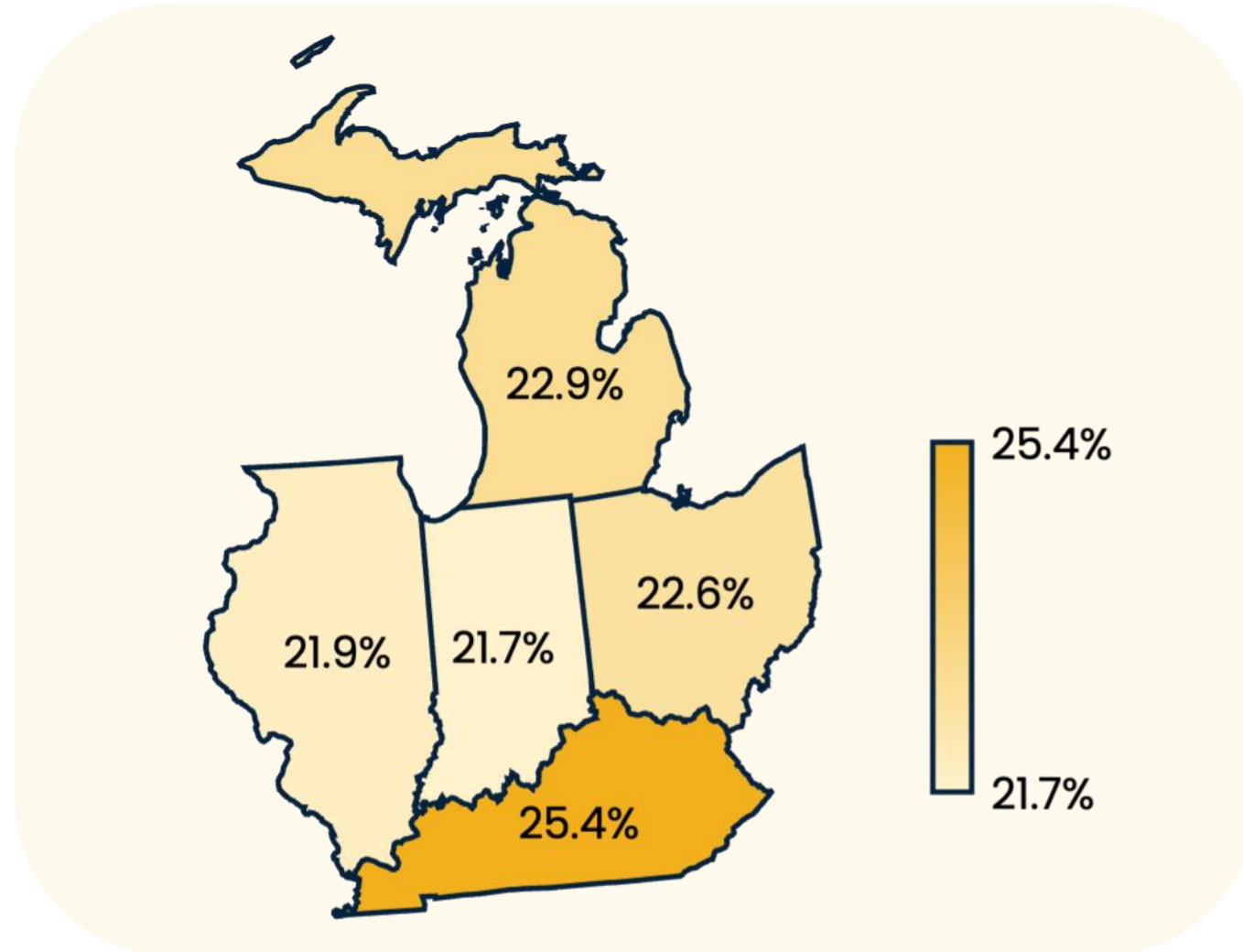








## Children 6 to 17 Years Concerned About Their Body Weight, Shape, or Size; 2022–2023

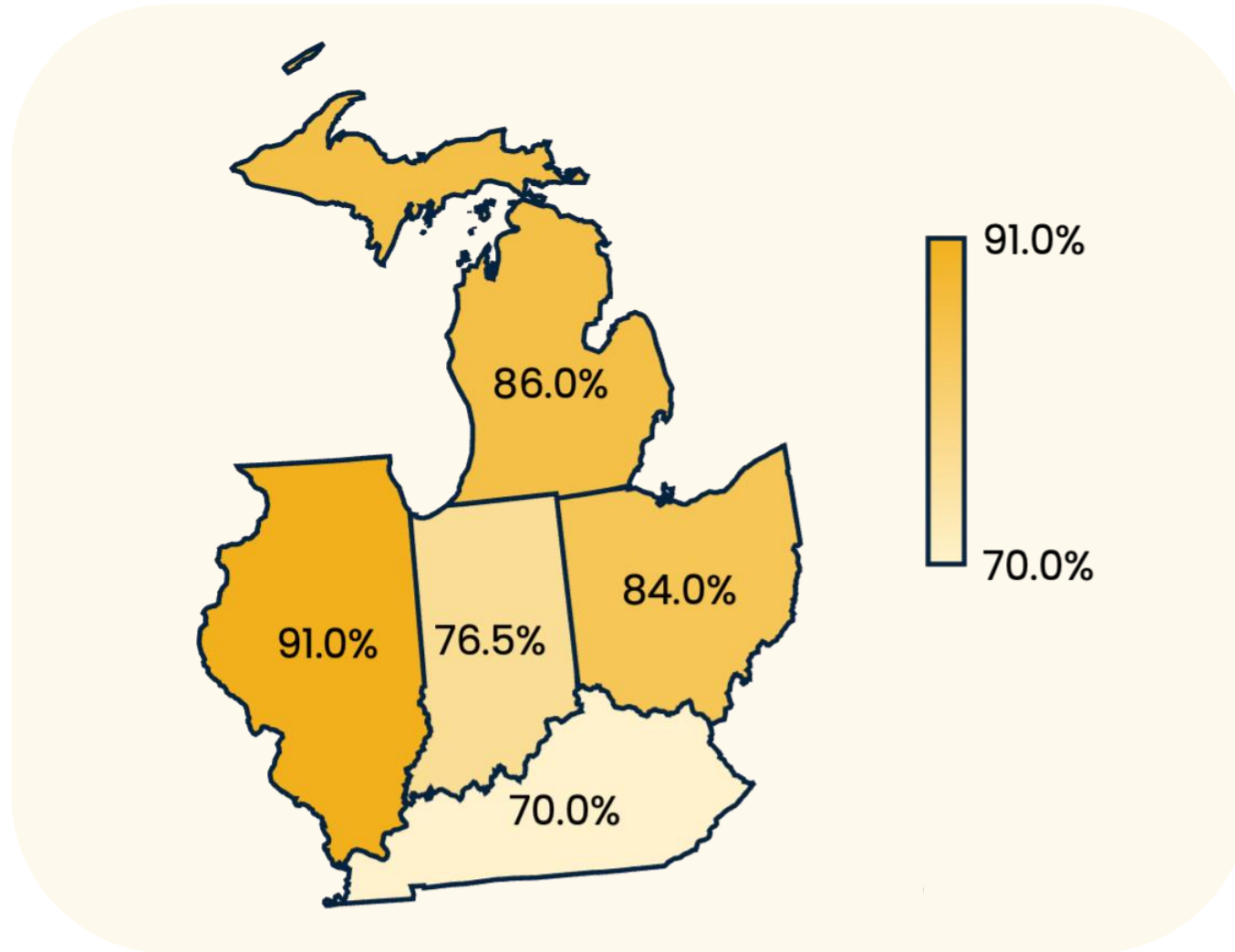


Source: National Survey of Children's Health





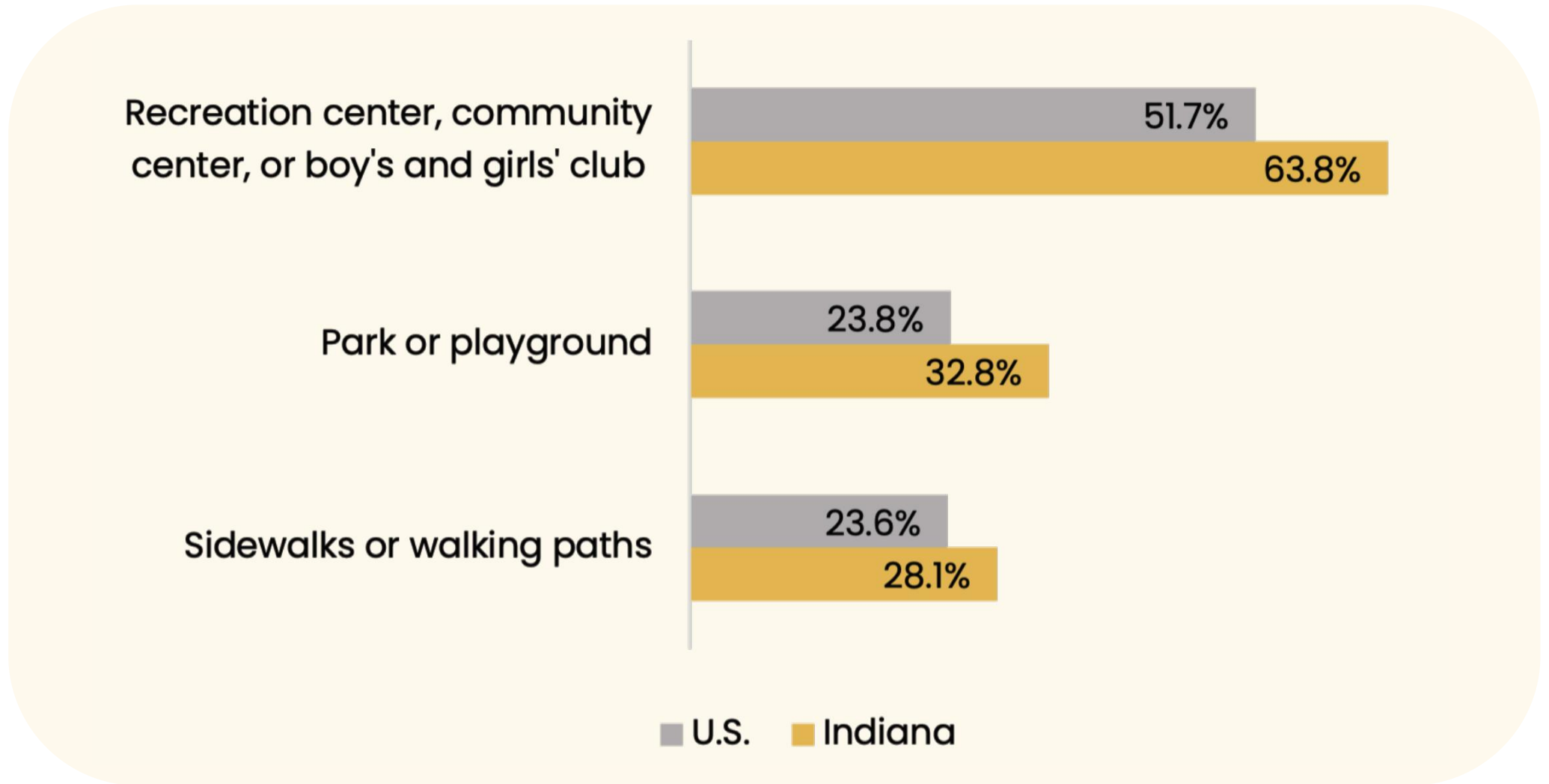
## Access to Exercise Opportunities; 2023



Source: County Health Rankings



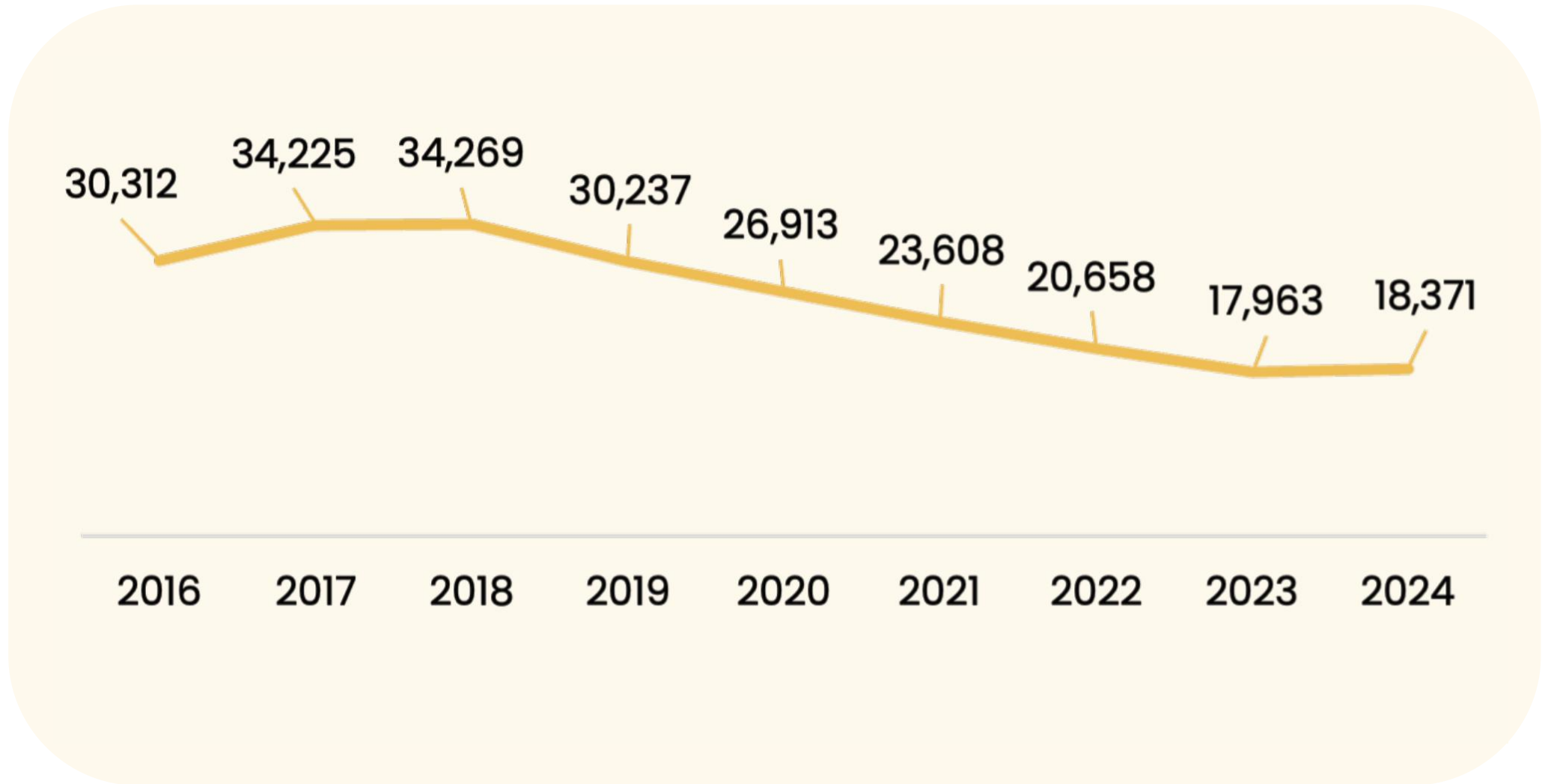
## Absence of Neighborhood Amenities for Youth by Type of Amenity, Indiana 2022–2023



Source: National Survey of Children's Health



## Youth in Foster Care at Some Point



Source: Indiana Department of Child Services





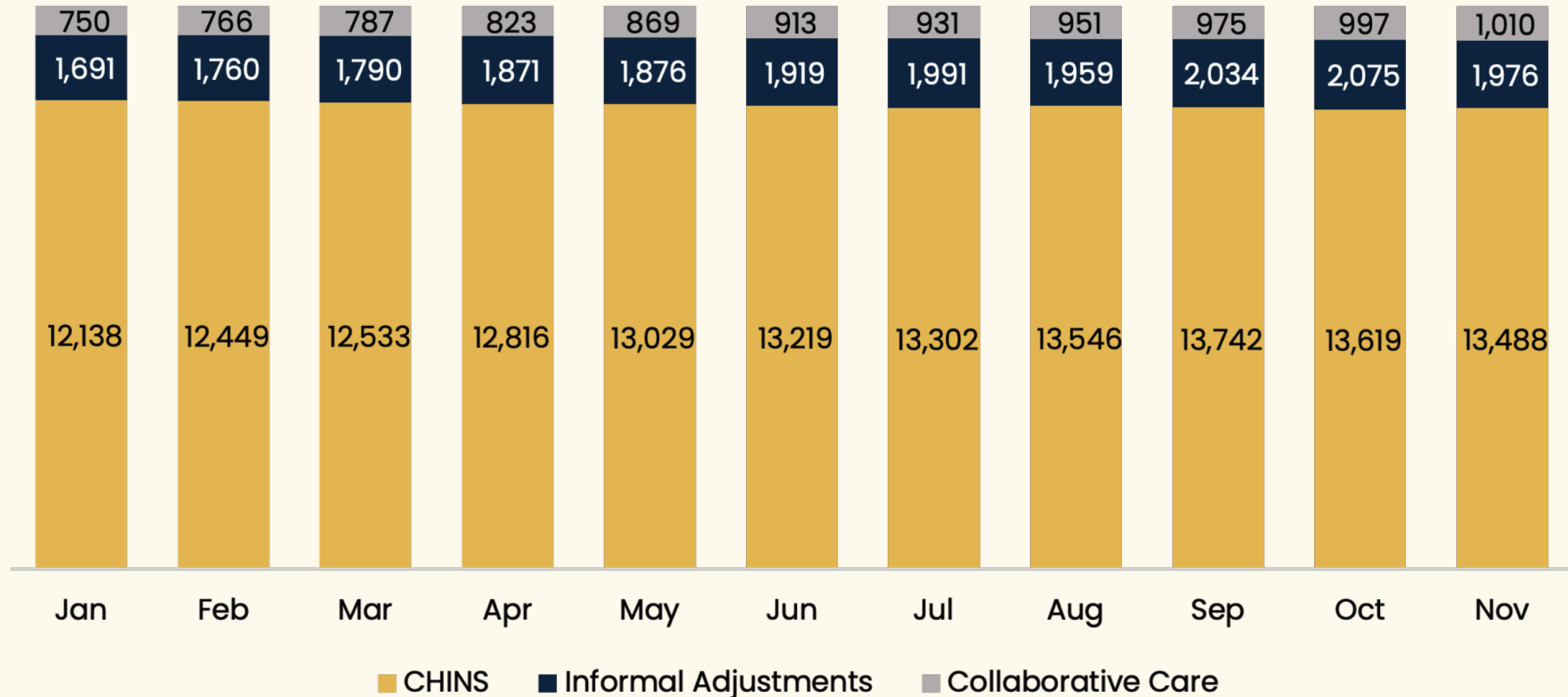
## Permanency Outcomes by Type, Indiana: 2022–2023

	Total Youth Exited (2022)	Avg. Days (2022)	Total Youth Exited (2023)	Avg. Days (2023)
Adoption	427	1,200	440	1,121.68
Adoption Finalized with Subsidy	1,495	1,187	1,127	1,138.96
Adoption Finalized without Subsidy	77	854	67	804.01
Child is entering the Collaborative Care Program	69	1,261	64	960.58
Child Returned Home within 48 hours - No hearing held	26	3	18	2.5
Death of Child	18	390	17	414.41
Detention Denied	16	6	47	51.74
Emancipation	227	1,470	186	1,433.63
End Collaborative Care Program	50	1,922	41	1,413.90
Guardianship	533	543	423	611.93
Guardianship Finalized with Subsidy	60	717	63	624.44
Guardianship Finalized without Subsidy	362	555	277	470.37
Permanent Placement with a Relative	222	462	180	460.43
Reunification	4,241	424	39,02	402.87
Runaway with Wardship Dismissed	40	837	24	948.08
Transfer of Placement and Care to Another Indiana State Agency	43	1,521	41	1,434.59

Source: Indiana Department of Child Services



## Children with DCS Cases by Case Type, Indiana: January – November 2024



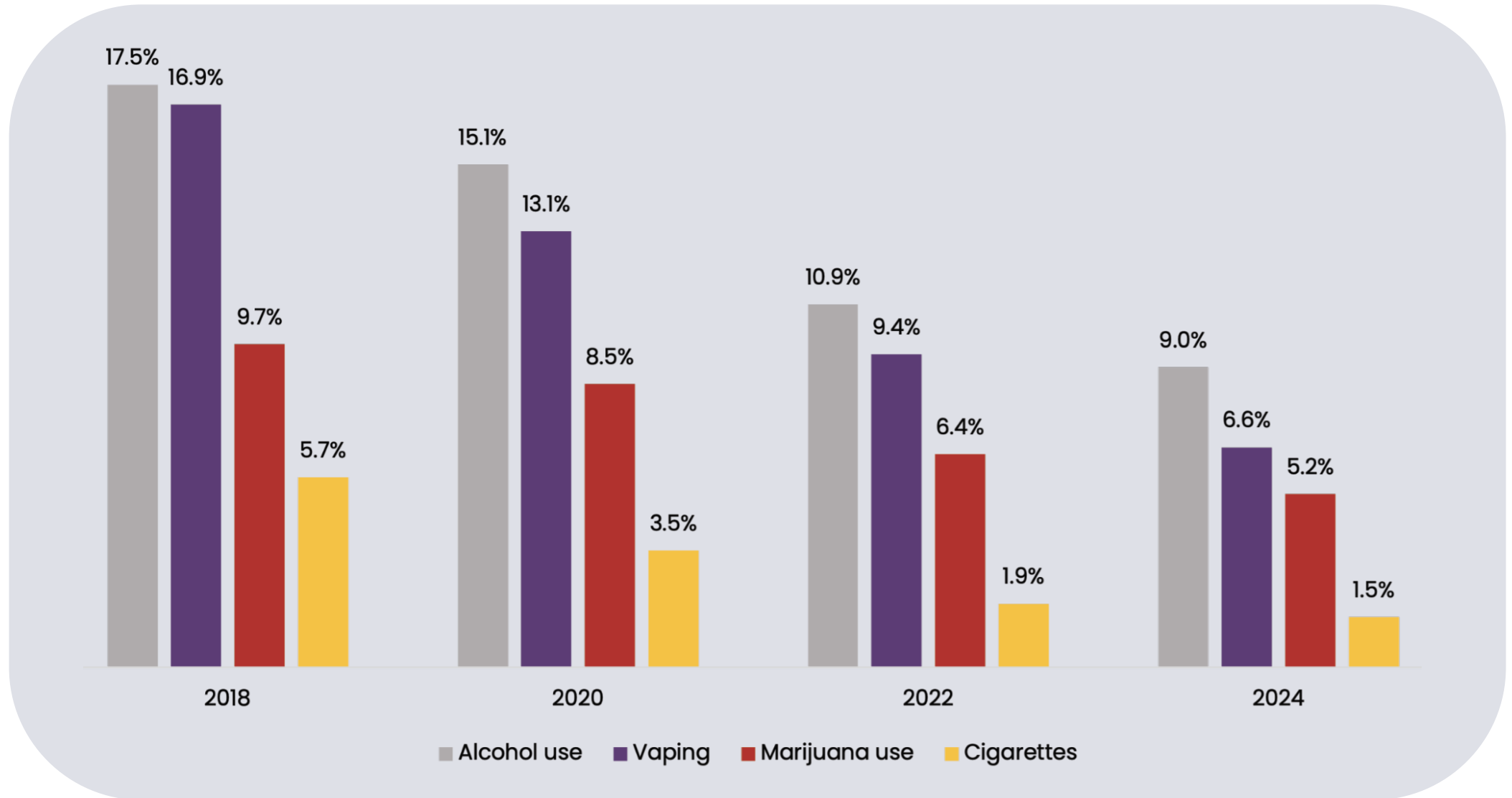
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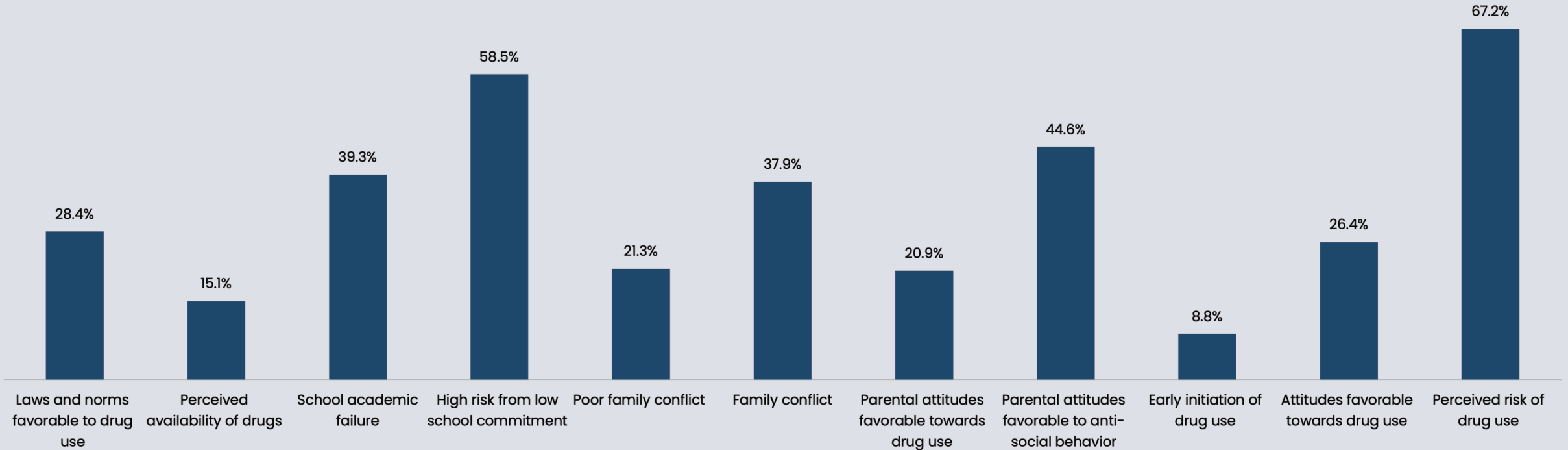
## Students Grades 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Reported Substance Use, Indiana: 2024



Source: Prevention Insights, Indiana Youth Survey



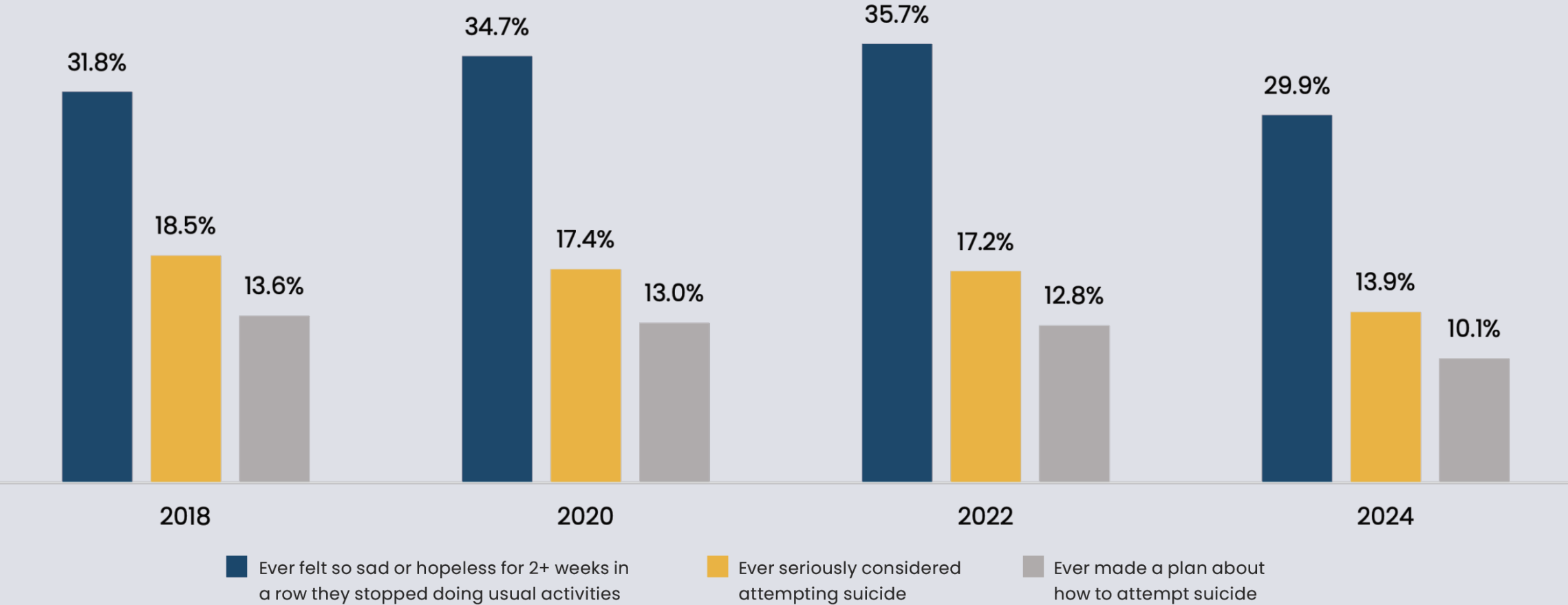
## CTC Risk Factors Among Students Grades 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>, Indiana: 2024



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# Students Grades 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Reported Mental Health, Indiana: 2024

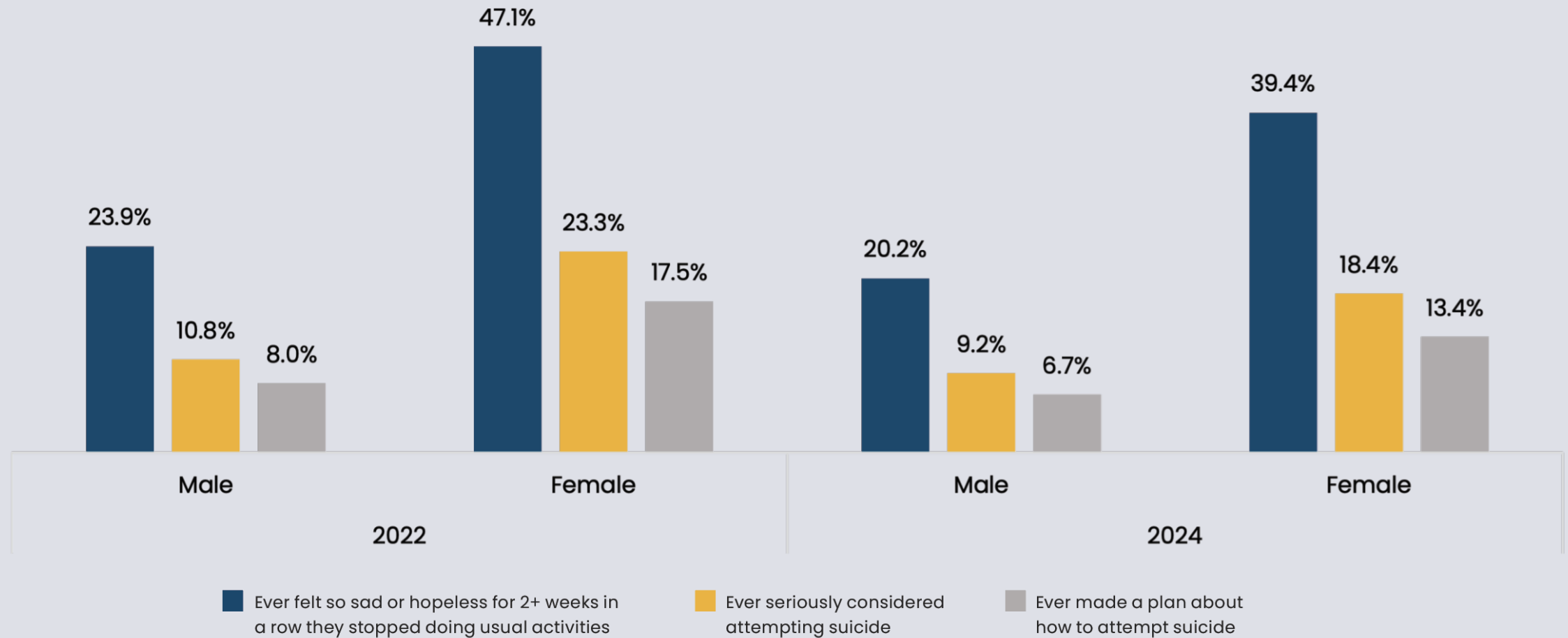


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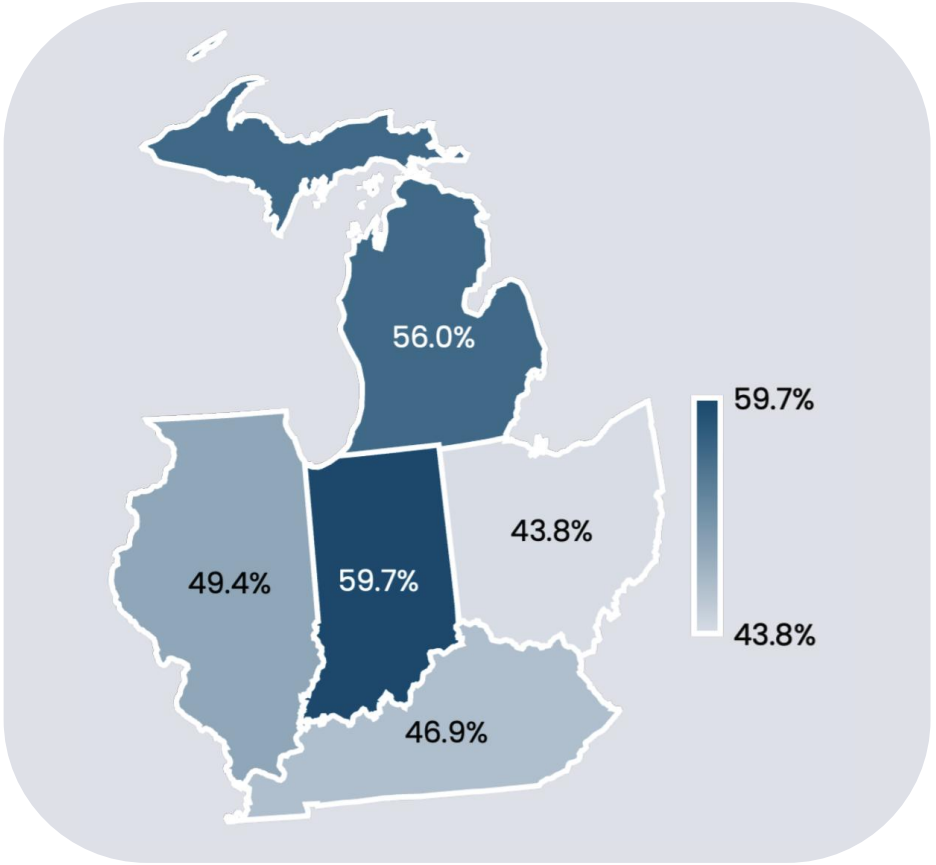
## Students Grades 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Reported Mental Health by Gender, Indiana: 2022



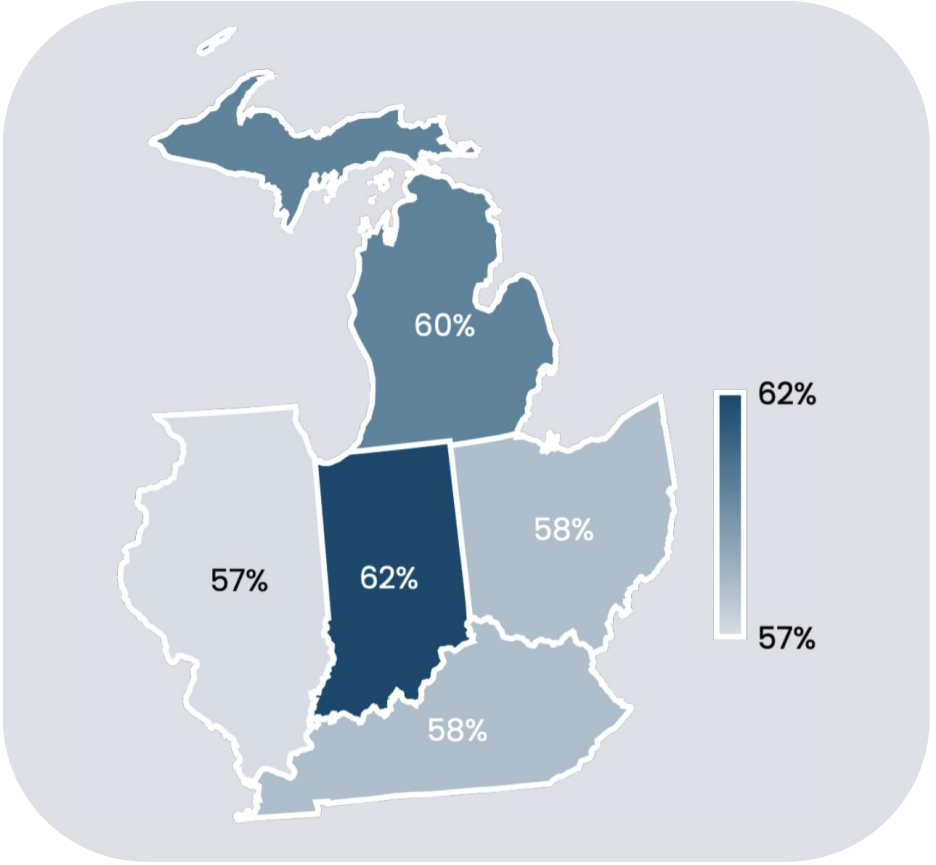
Source: Prevention Insights, Indiana Youth Survey



# Caregiver Reported Difficulty Obtaining Mental Health Care for Their Child Age 3 to 17; 2022-2023



# LGBTQ Youth Who Wanted Mental Health Care but Unable to Receive Needed Care; 2022



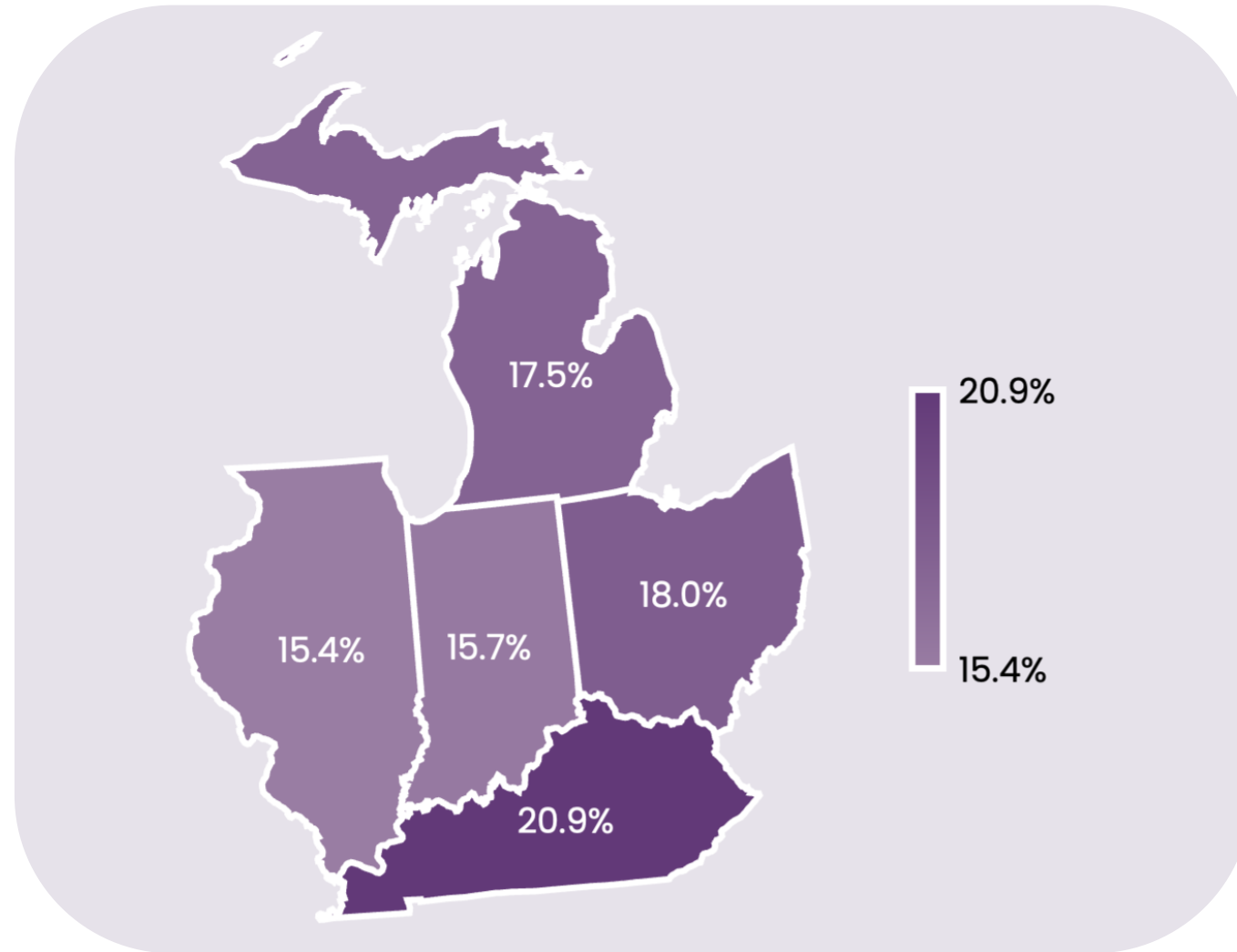
Source: National Survey of Children's Health & Trevor Project







## Children Under 18 Living in Poverty; 2023

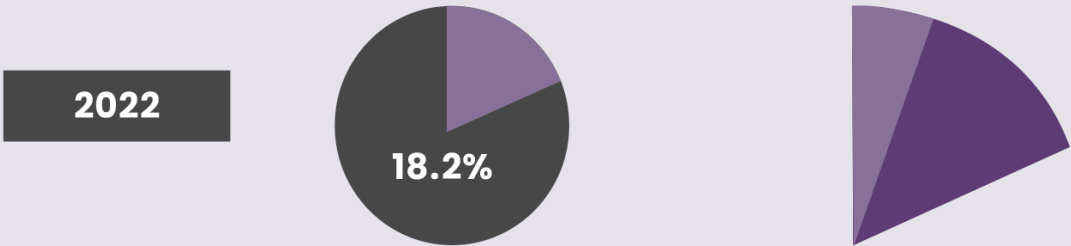


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates S1701

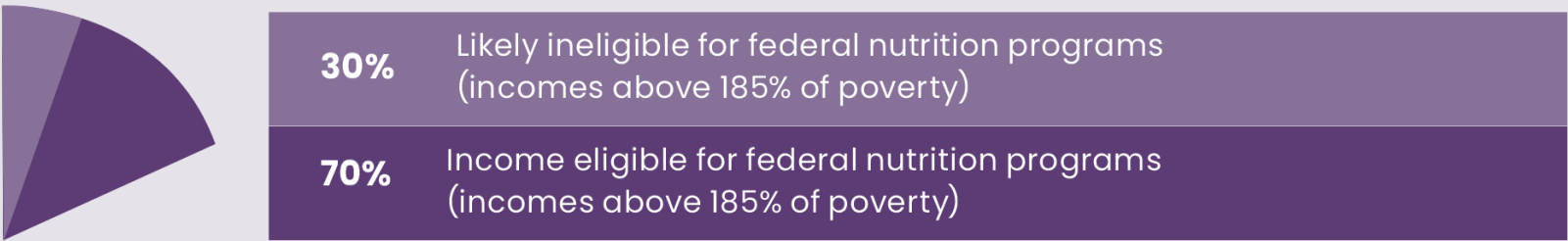


# Estimated Program Eligibility Among Food Insecure Children, Indiana: 2022

Child food insecurity rate in Indiana



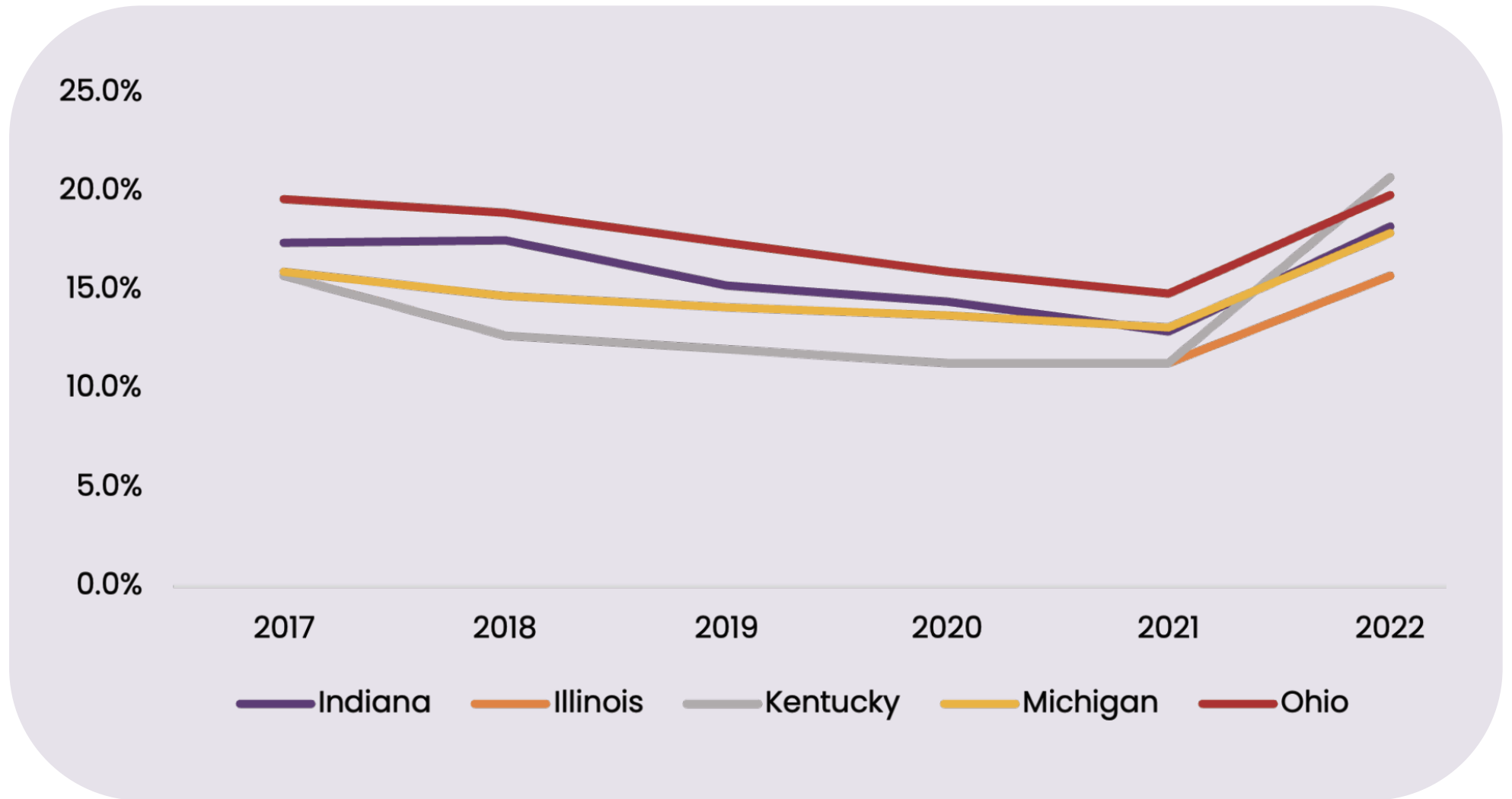
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Source: Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap



## Child Food Insecurity; 2017–2022

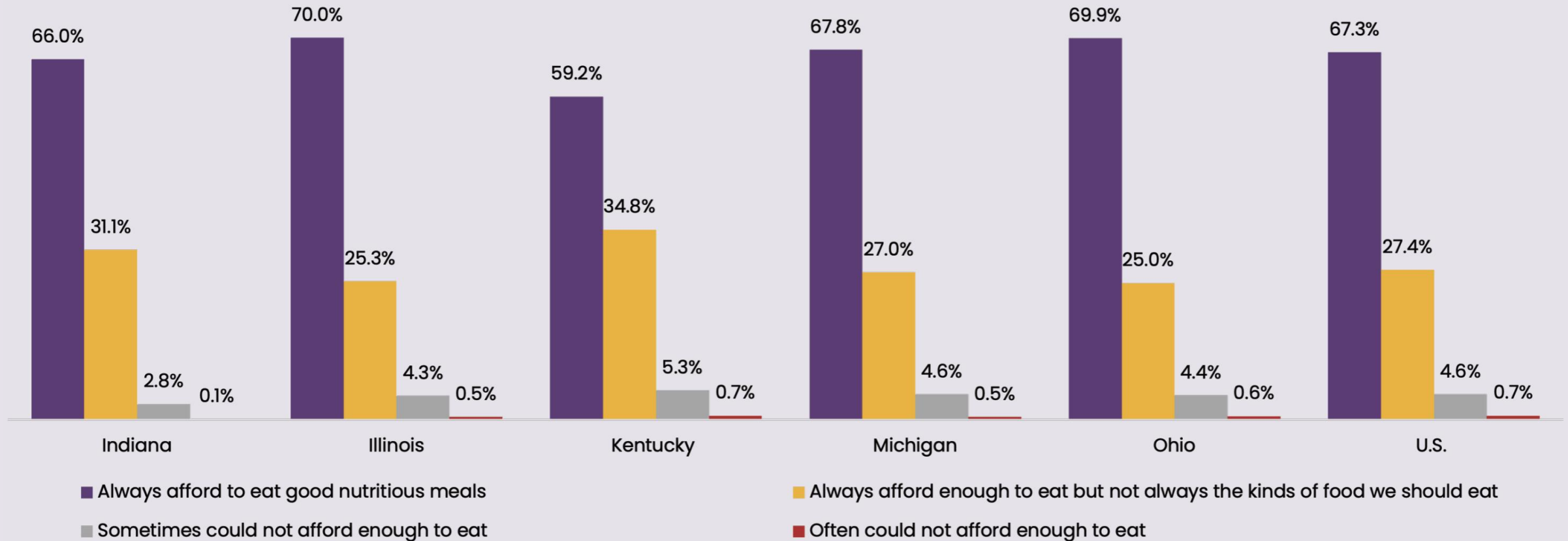


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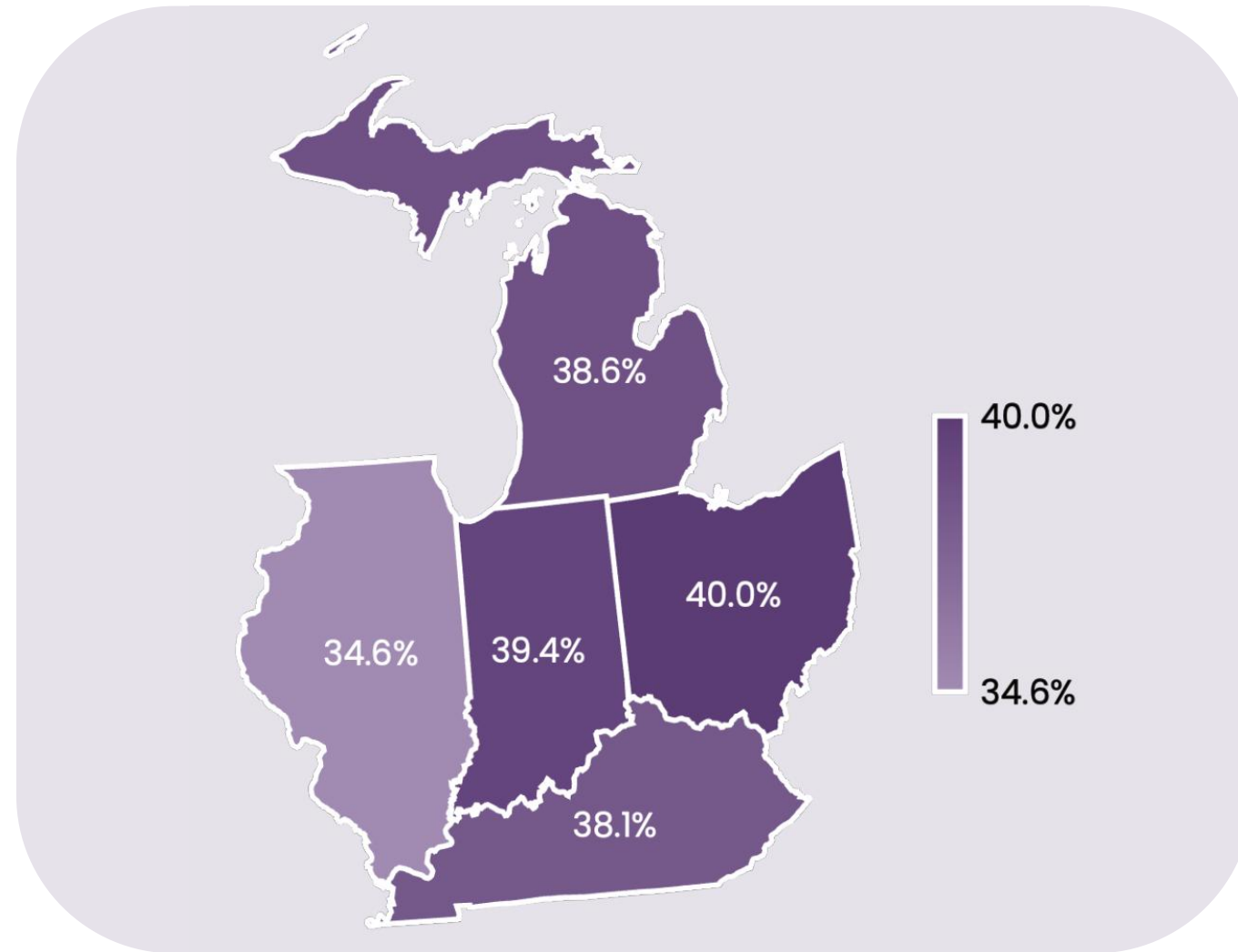
## Household's Ability to Afford Food; 2022–2023



Source: National Survey of Children's Health



## Employment/Population Ratio for Youth 16 to 19 Years; 2023



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates S2301



# Employment for Youth 16 to 19 Years; Indiana: 2023

		U.S.	Indiana
16 to 19 years	Labor Force Participation Rate	39.3%	44.2%
	Employment/Population Ratio	33.3%	39.4%
	Unemployment Rate	14.3%	10.6%
20 to 24 years	Labor Force Participation Rate	75.3%	77.4%
	Employment/Population Ratio	66.9%	71.1%
	Unemployment Rate	9.1%	8.0%

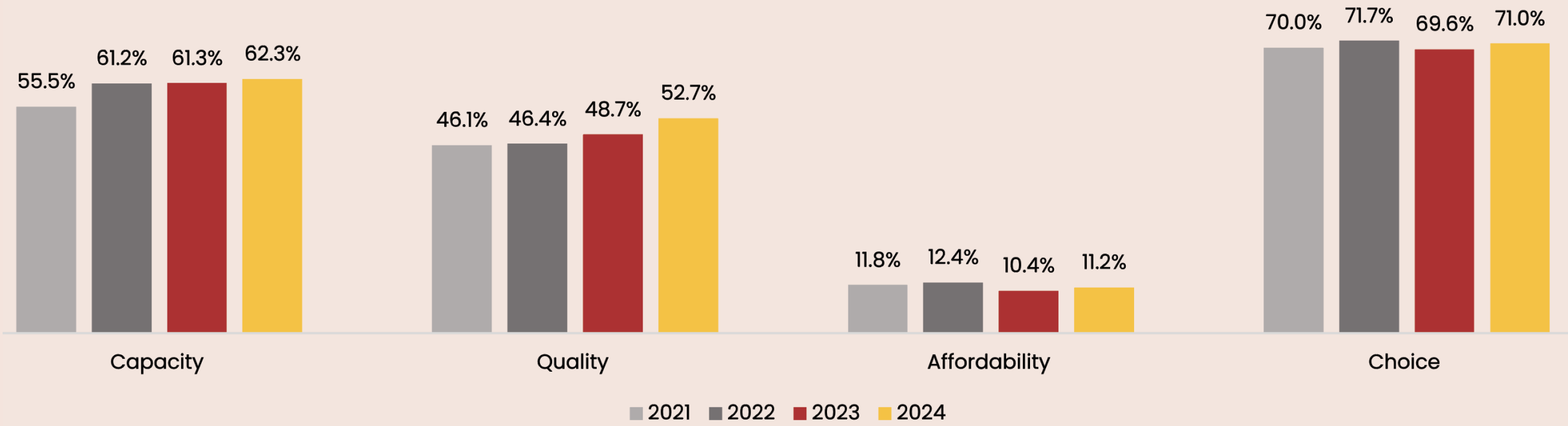
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates S2301







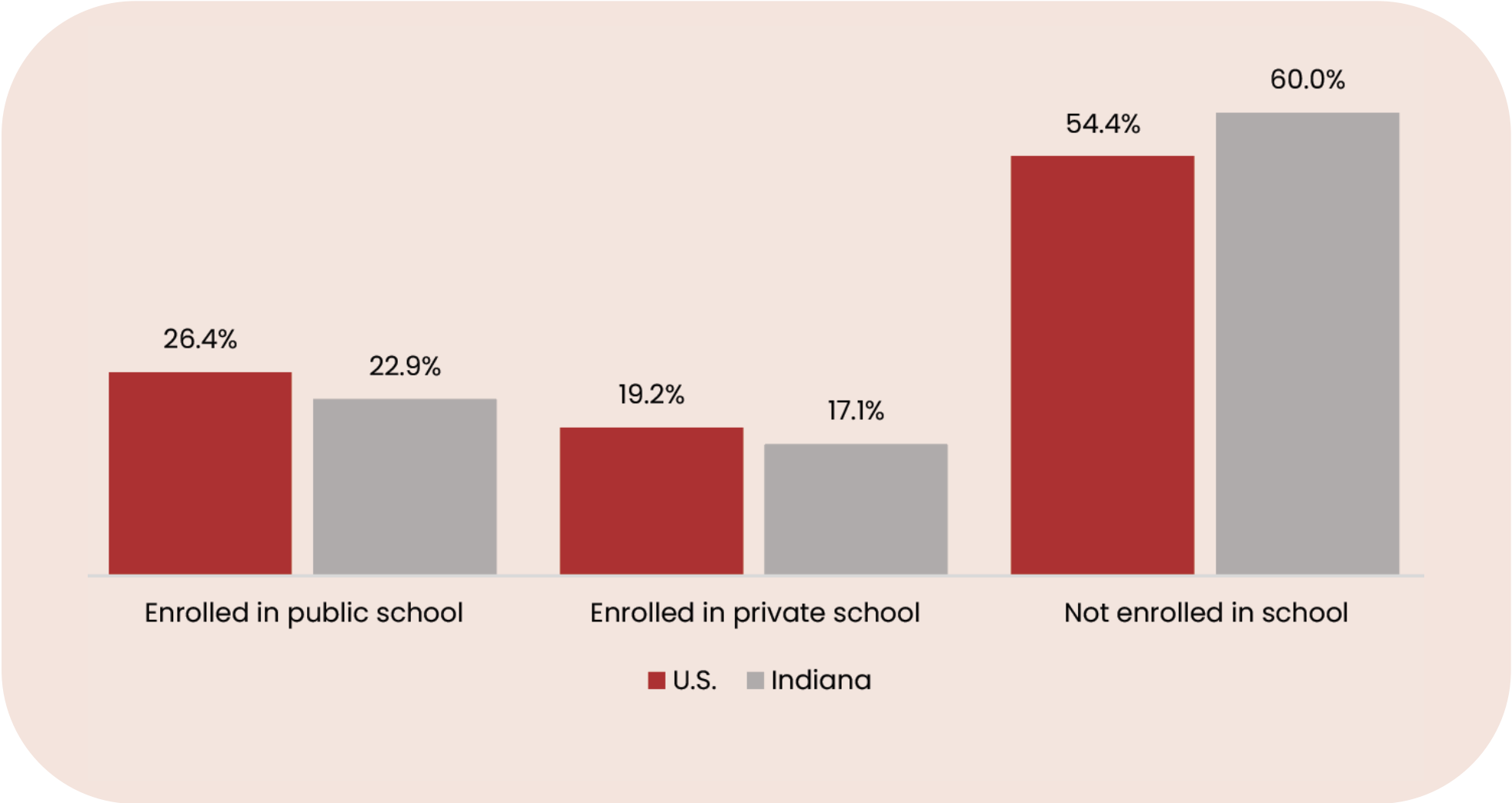
# Early Learning Access Index Components, Indiana: 2021-2024



Source: Early Learning Indiana, Closing the Gap



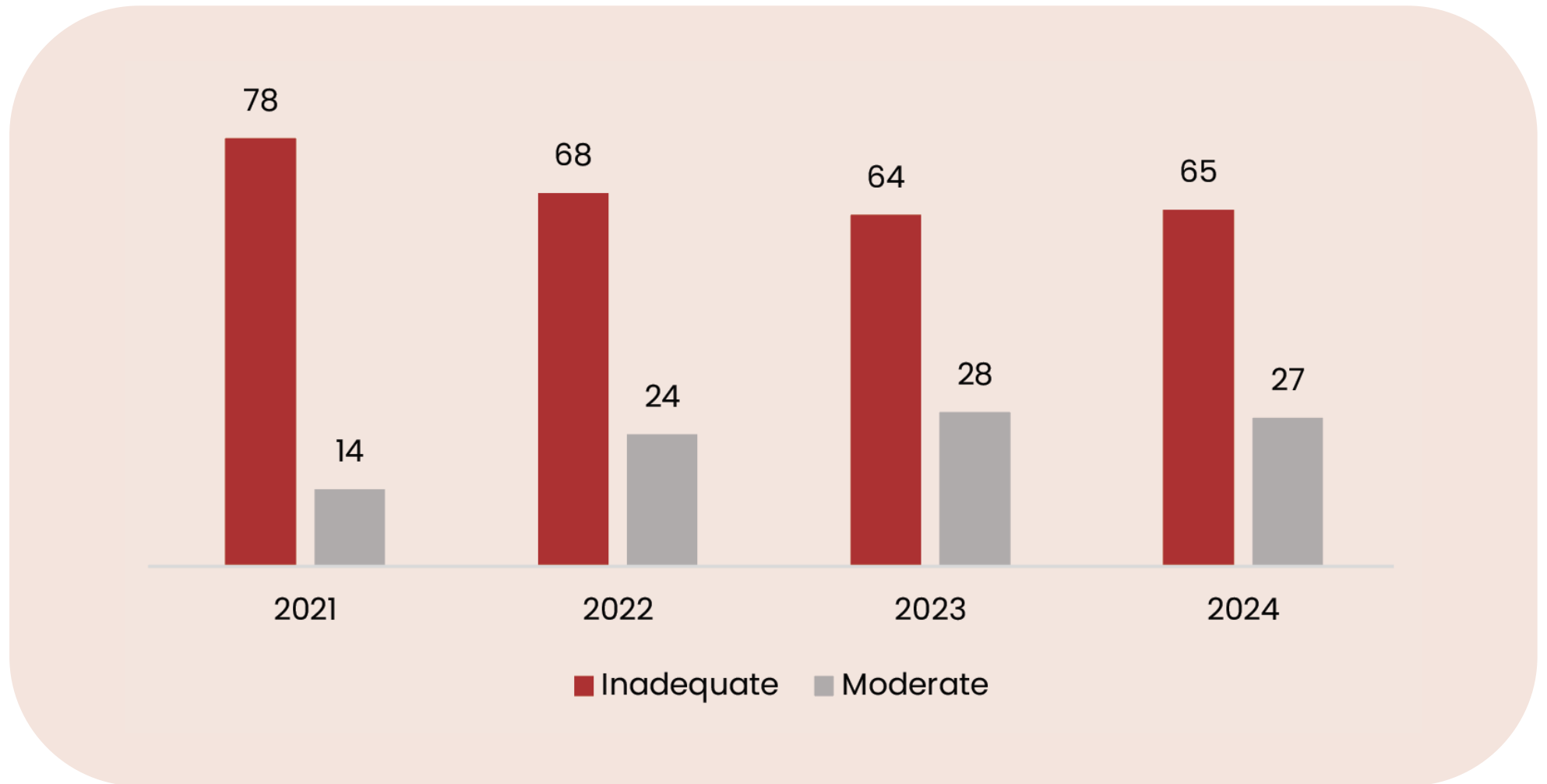
# Children 3 to 4 Years Enrolled in School by Type, Indiana: 2023



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates B14003



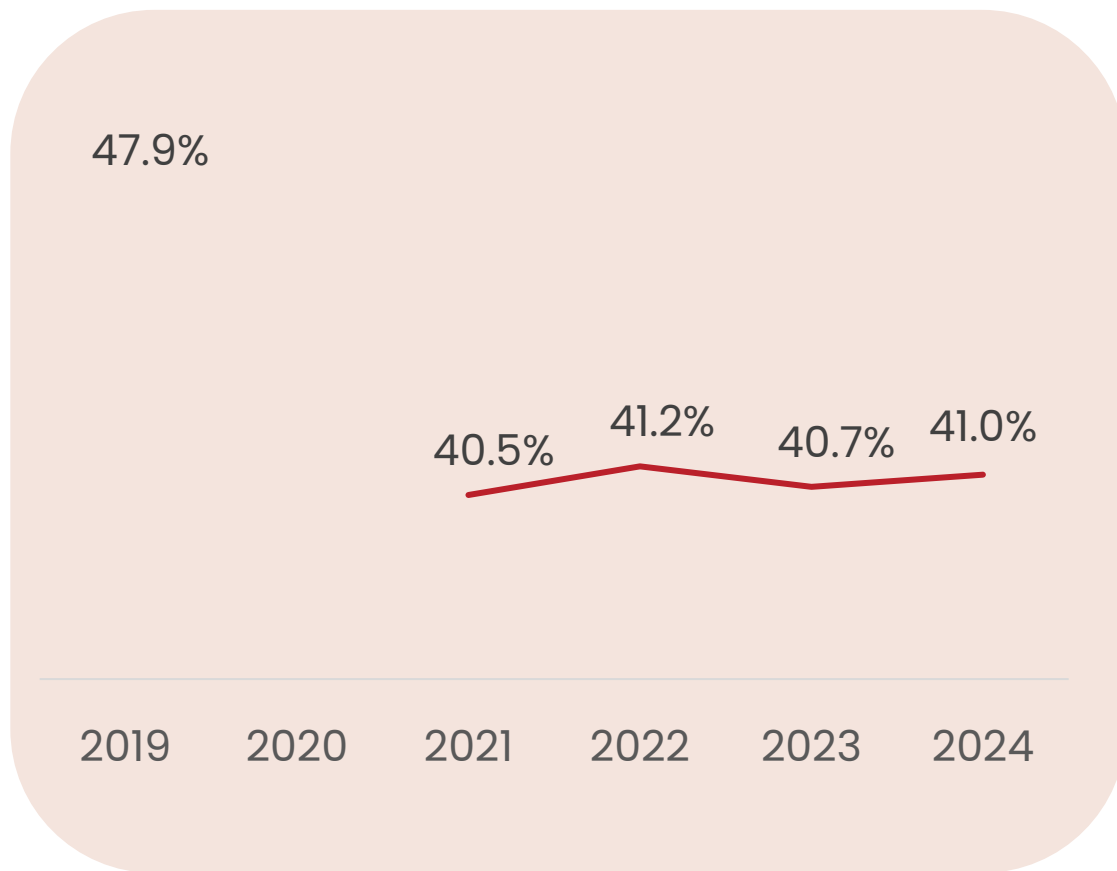
## Counties that Align with the State's Moderate Access to Care, Indiana: 2021-2024



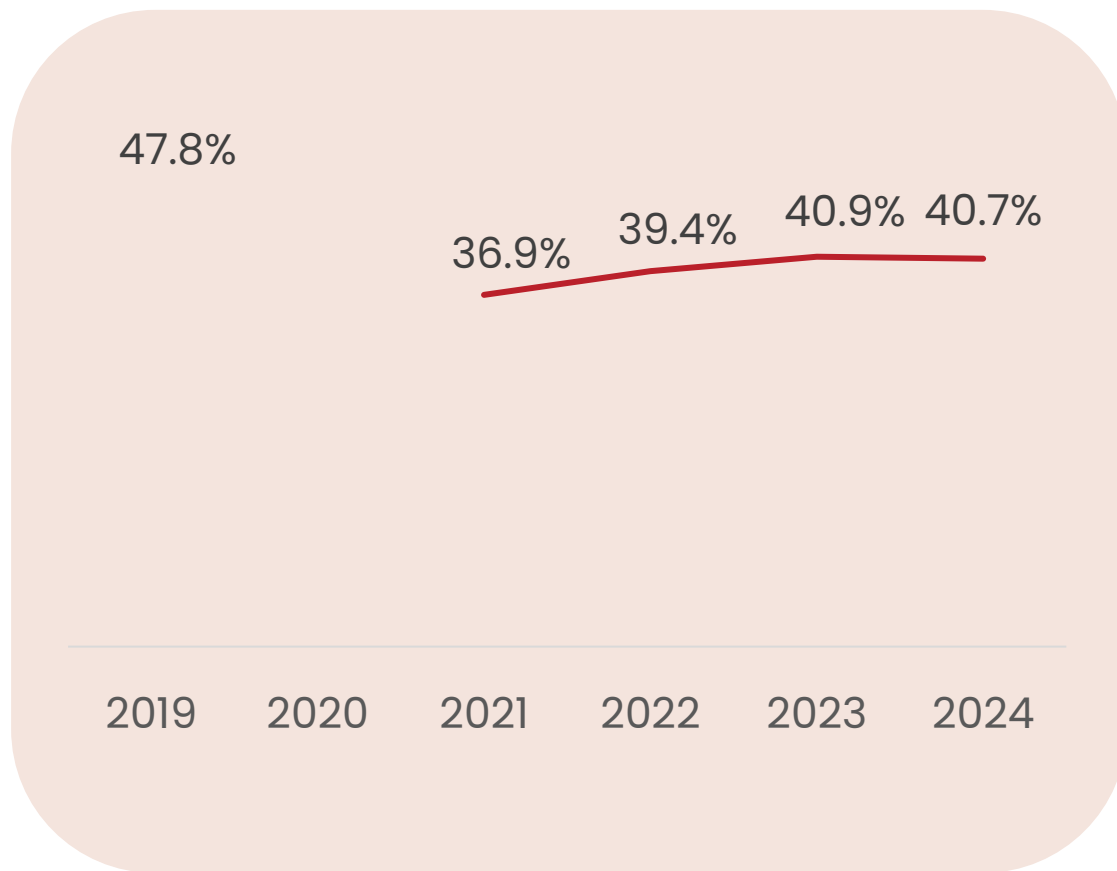
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## ILEARN Proficiency ELA; 2024

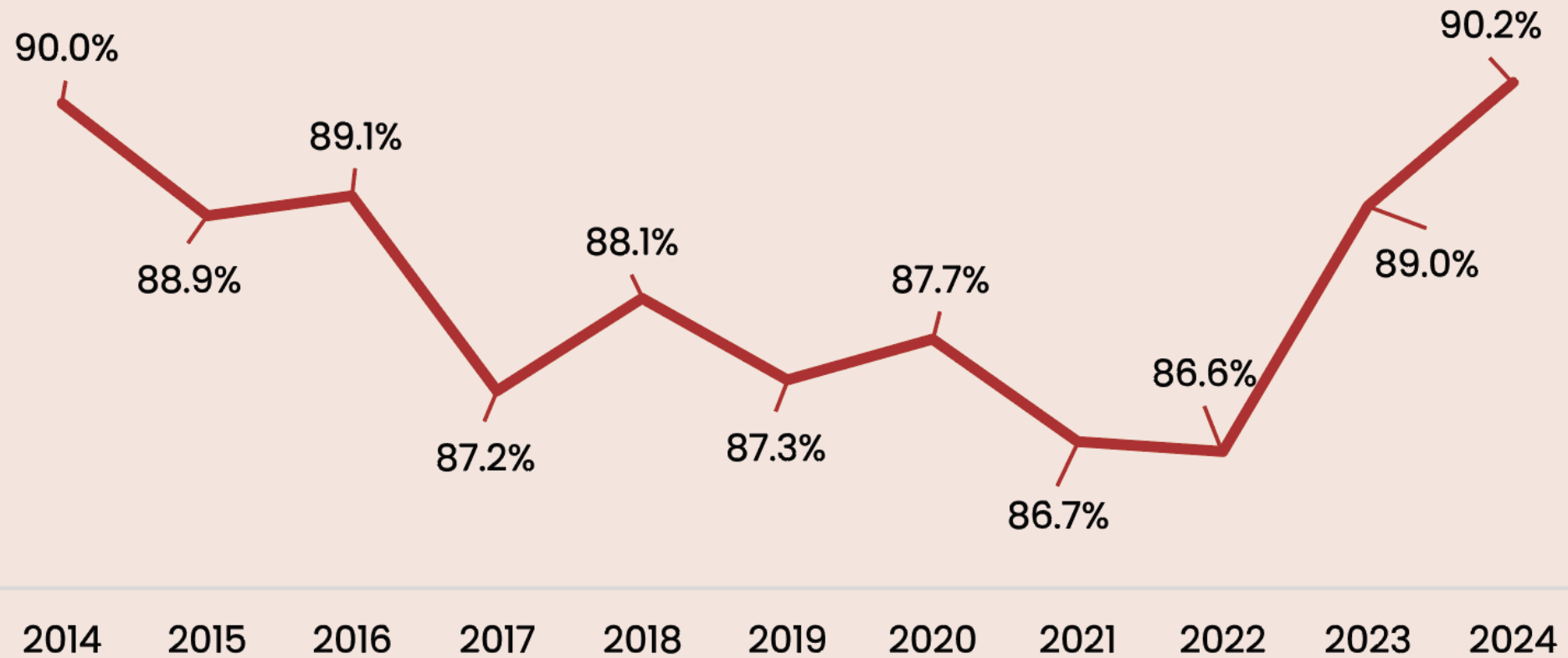


## ILEARN Proficiency Math; 2024





## High School Graduation Rate, Indiana: 2014–2024

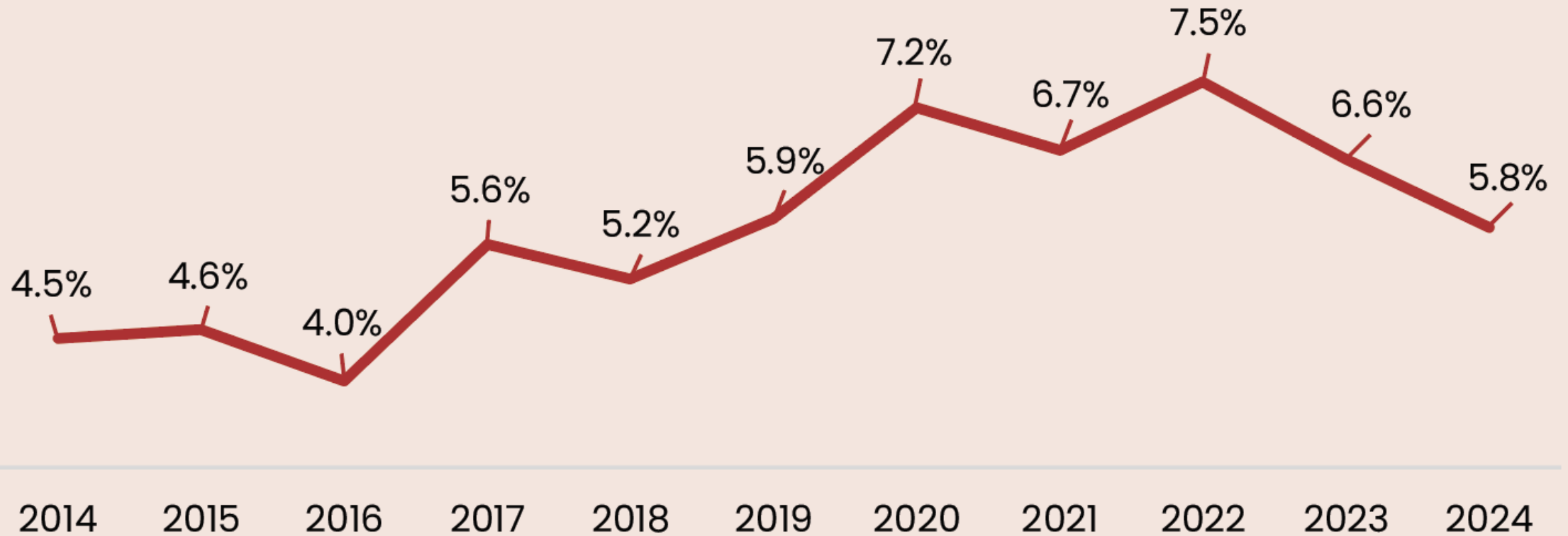


Source: Indiana Department of Education





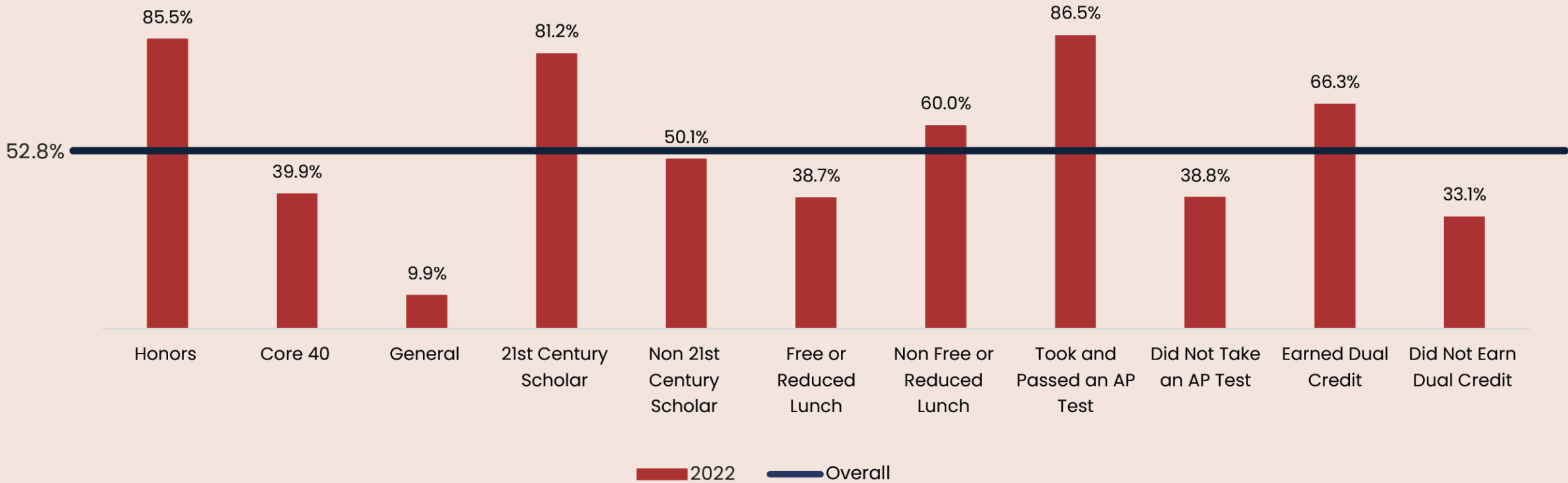
## High School Dropout Rate, Indiana: 2014–2024



Source: Indiana Department of Education



# College Enrollment by Characteristic, Indiana: 2022 Cohort



Source: Indiana Commission for Higher Education



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# Accessing the 2025 Indiana KIDS COUNT Data Book

## About County Rankings

Rank	
1	Warren
2	Posey
3	Hancock

All county tables are ranked best to least best in comparison with each other. When there were counties with the same total resulting in a tie, each of those counties received the same rank value. However, the list then skips the number of following rank positions relative to the number of counties in the prior tied group.

## About Change in Data Indicators

Color of Arrow		Direction of Arrow	
Green	Improved	↑	Increased
Red	Declined	↓	Decreased
Yellow	No Change	=	No Change

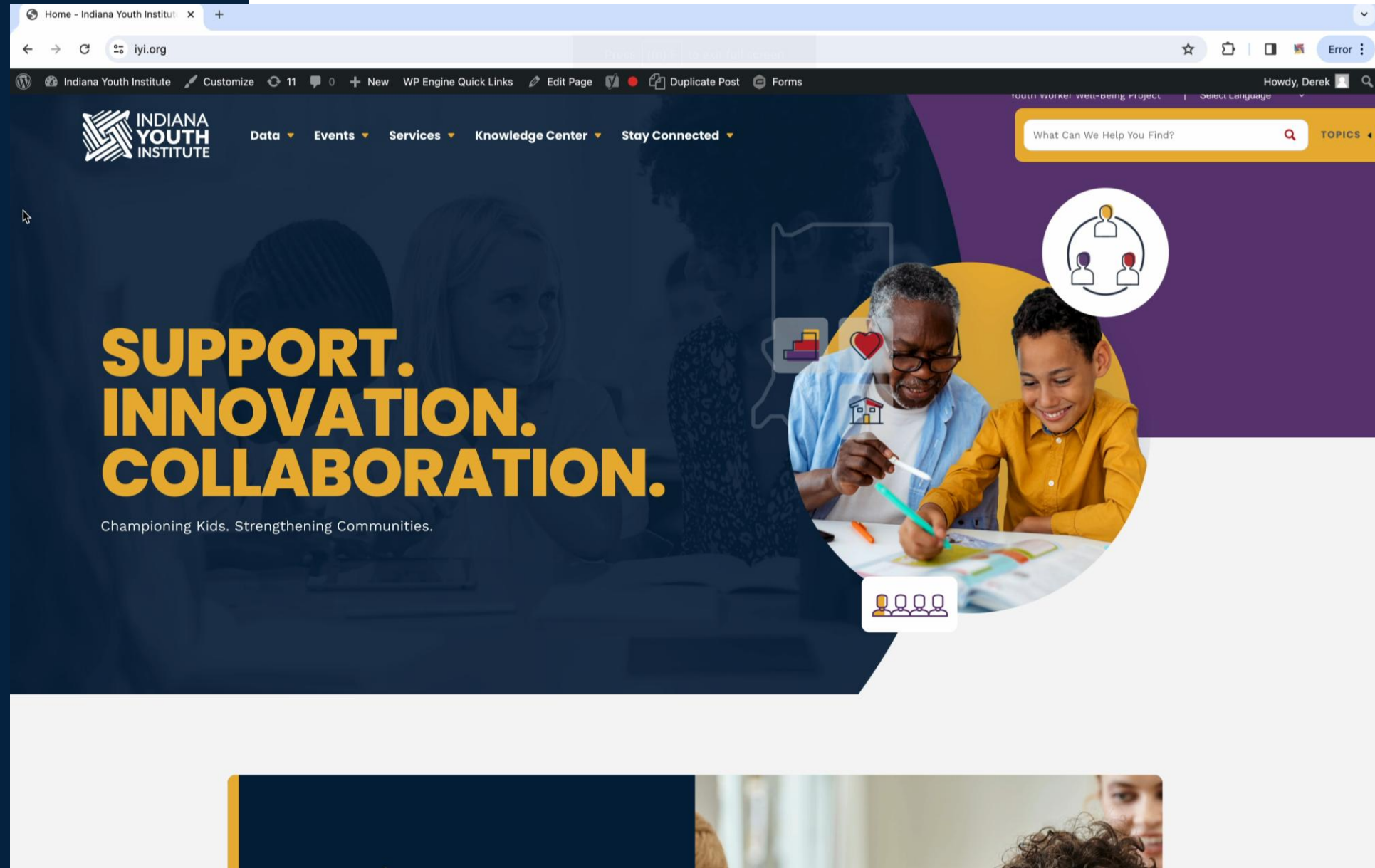
Organizing the data indicator tables allows for an assessment of child well-being in each county to better identify areas of strength and weakness. For example, a county may rank above the state average in one indicator, while showing the need for improvement in others. IYI urges readers to focus on relatively large differences across counties, as small differences may simply reflect small fluctuations, rather than real changes in the well-being of children. Assessing trends by looking at changes over a longer period is more reliable. Data for past years is available in the Data section of [iyi.org](https://www.iyi.org).



# Accessing the 2025 IYI County Dashboard



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