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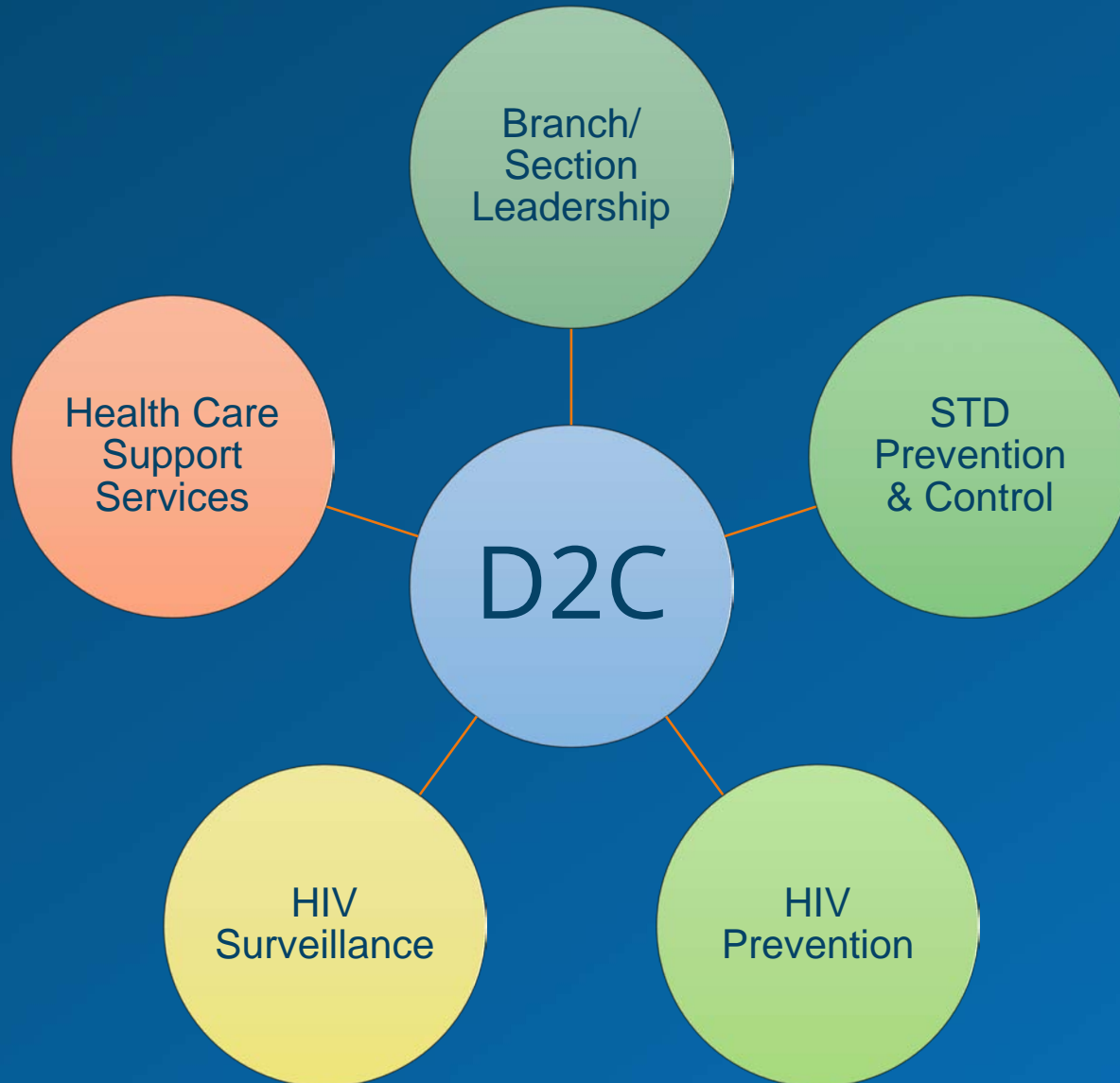
Data-to-Care (D2C) Report Connecticut, 2022

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Defining D2C



Defining Connecticut D2C

- D2C is a public health strategy that uses HIV surveillance and other data to support the HIV Care Continuum, by identifying persons living with HIV who need HIV medical care or other services and facilitating linkage to these services (CDC, 2017; Sweeney et al, 2019).
- D2C activities are conducted by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) TB, HIV, STD & Viral Hepatitis Section
- D2C is informed by data from the HIV Surveillance Program, Ryan White Part B (Health Care and Support Services Program), and STD Prevention and Control Program
- Two pathways for locating and linking HIV cases to medical care:
 1. HIV Surveillance Program: Laboratory reports and HIV Confidential Case Report Forms are received and uploaded/entered into databases
 2. STD Prevention and Control Program: Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) is notified by a publicly-funded agency or a private health care provider about a newly diagnosed case

CT DPH Data-to-Care (D2C) Model

CT Department of Public Health (DPH) Data to Care (D2C) Model

Revised: 10/2022

Problem Statement: Identify people living with HIV (PLWH) who are not in care and link or re-engage them in care

Data Sources: eHARS -> Vital Records -> LexisNexis -> Department of Corrections -> E2CT-> ADAP -> CTEDSS

Step 1: Generate output list from eHARS/lab data with key inclusion data for D2C list

Step 2: Investigate D2C list to complete missing data and verify care status

Step 3: Prioritize D2C list for follow-up and outreach

Step 4: Share select data with DIS to locate individuals on D2C list

Step 5: Conduct outreach and linkage or re-engagement activities

Step 6: Provide/Update missing data located during investigation/outreach in CTEDSS; HIV surveillance update from CTEDSS

Data-to-Care Processes

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MEMORANDUM FOR DATA TO CARE (D2C) PROCESSES

FROM: HCV/HIV/STD/TB SECTION

SUBJECT: Data to Care Protocol

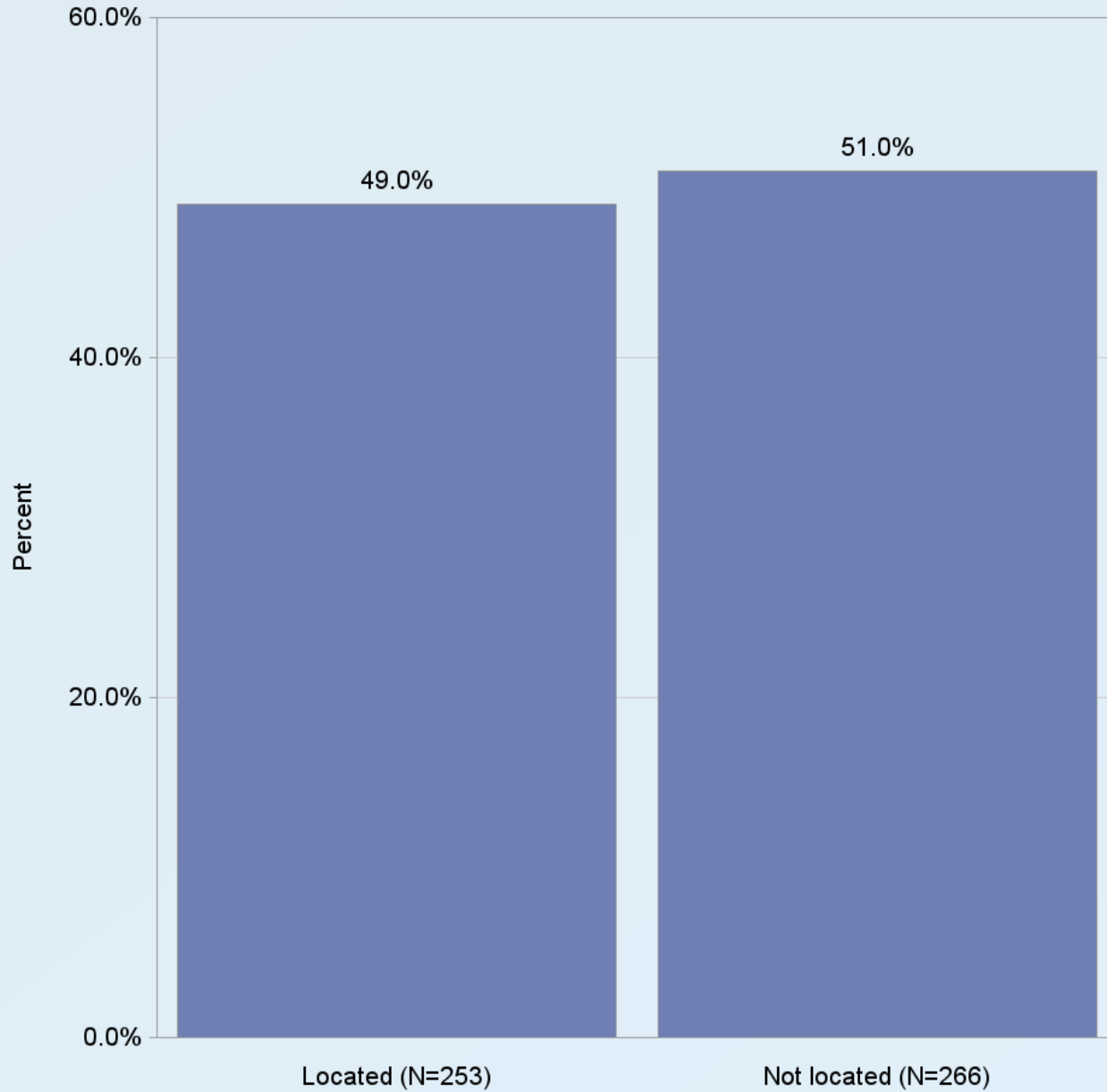
References: (a) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#), 2017). Data to Care Program Guidance: Using HIV Surveillance Data to Support the HIV Care Continuum accessed on 1/27/2022.
(b) [NASTAD](#), 2015. Data to Care: Using HIV Surveillance Data to Support the HIV Care Continuum accessed on 1/27/2022.
(c) [Sweeney et al](#), 2019. HIV Data to Care – Using Public Health Data to Improve HIV Care and Prevention accessed on 1/27/2022.
(d) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2021. Data-to-Care Reporting Guidance.

Methodology

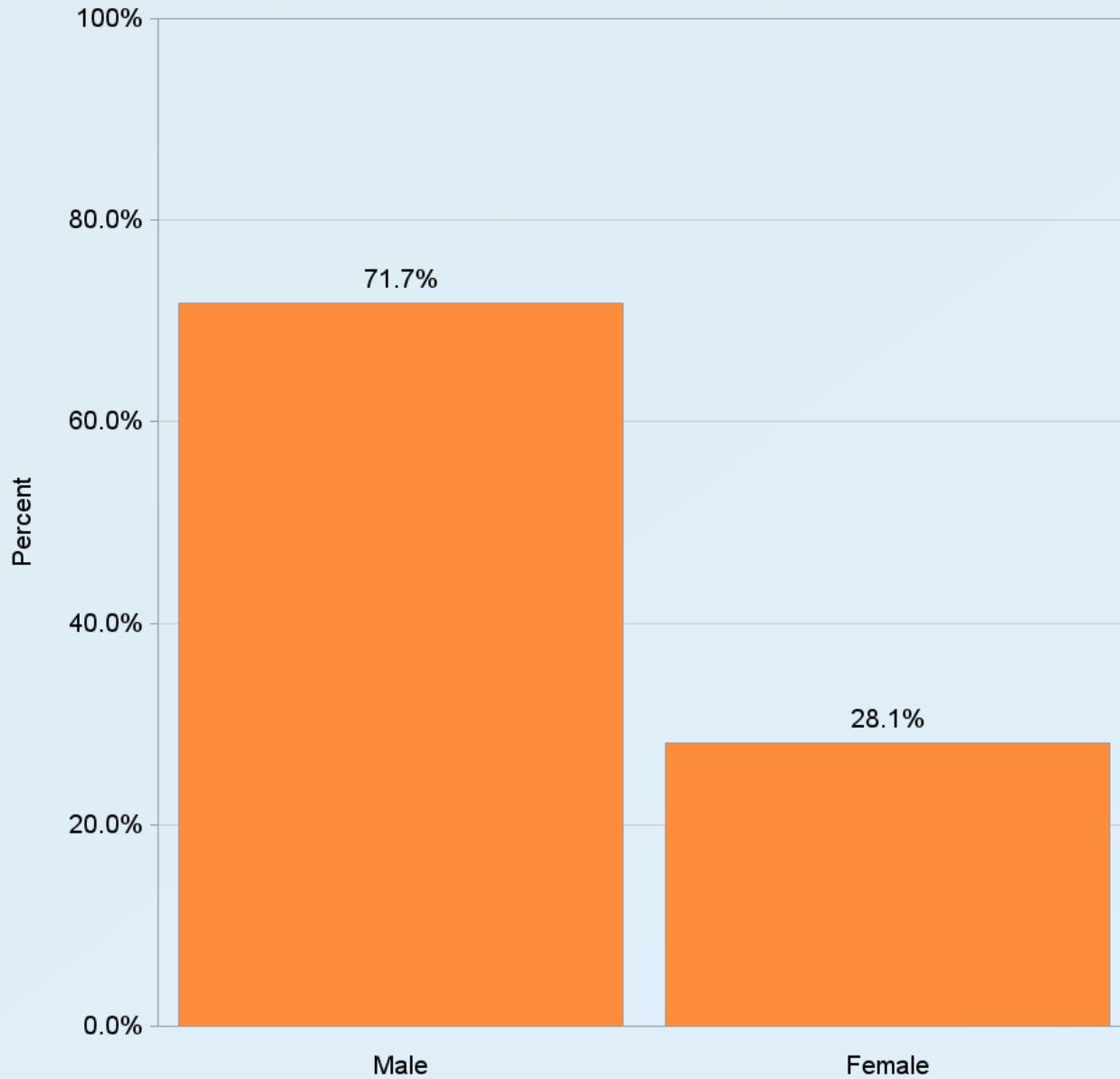
- Identify persons living with HIV (PLWH) who might not have received HIV medical care during a specific 'care' time interval based on laboratory test results and other evidence of receipt of HIV care
- D2C list generated on November 18, 2021
 - ✓ The past 15 full calendar months from 08/17/2020 through 11/18/2021 per DPH D2C Model and CDC SAS Software Guidance
- After the list was matched against CDC systems and the DPH databases, **519** clients were identified to be out-of-care clients
- We conducted a descriptive epidemiologic study looking at demographic and risk factors, outcomes, and geographical significant locations of clients

Demographics & Risk Factors

Data-to-Care (D2C) clients by outreach status
Connecticut, 2022
(N=519)



Data-to-Care (D2C) clients by sex-at-birth
Connecticut, 2022
(N=519)

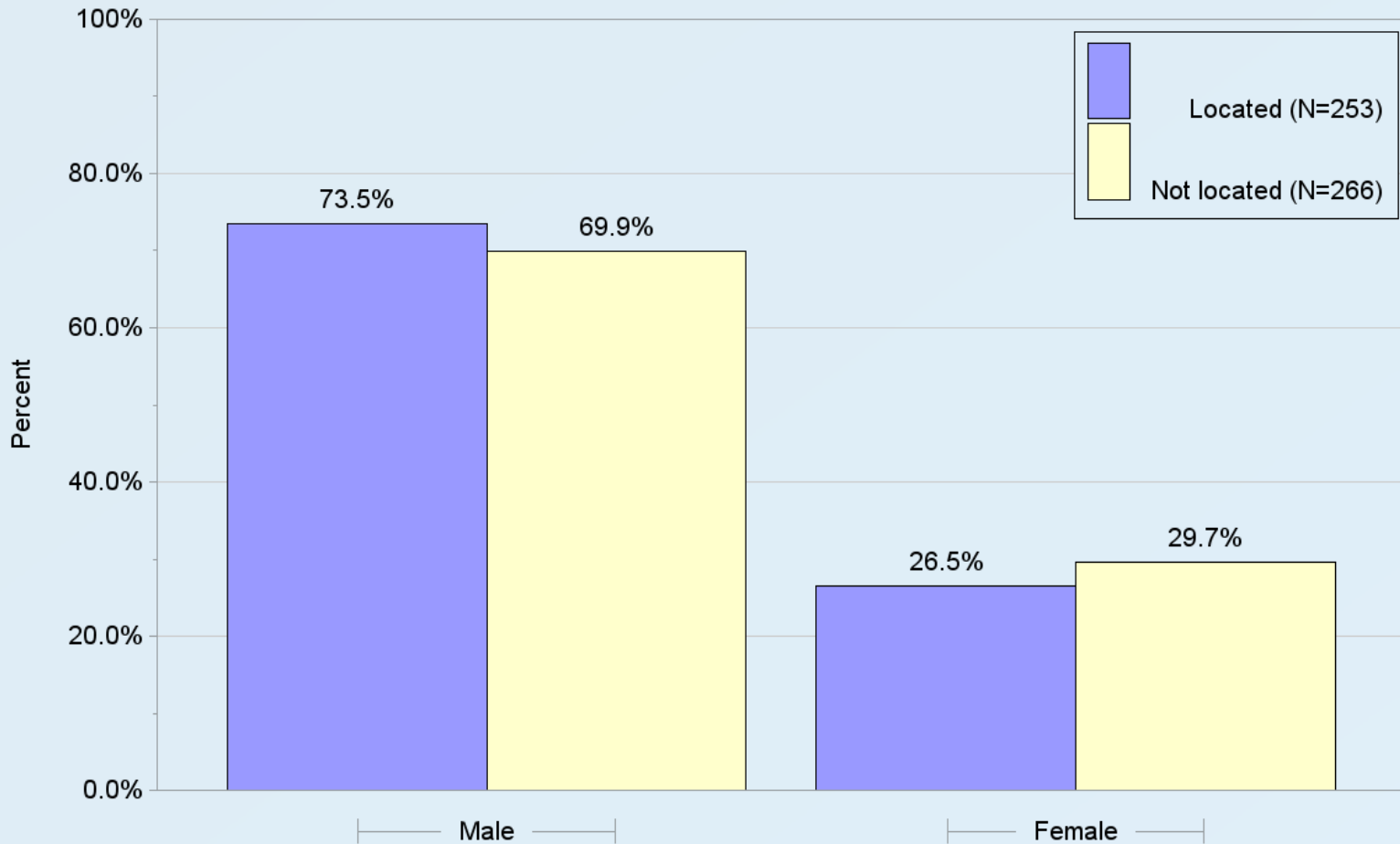


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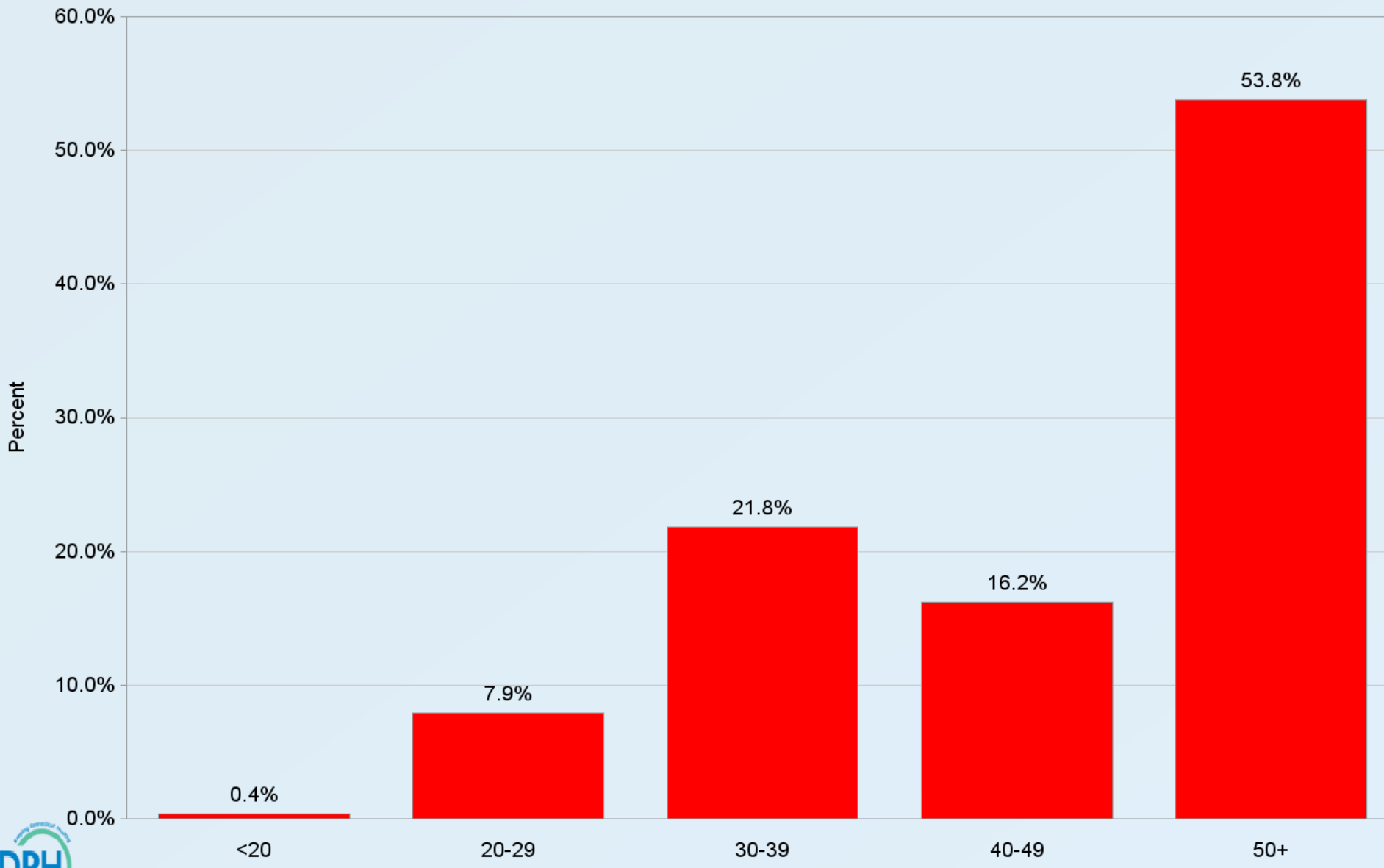
Data-to-Care (D2C) by sex-at-birth and outreach status*
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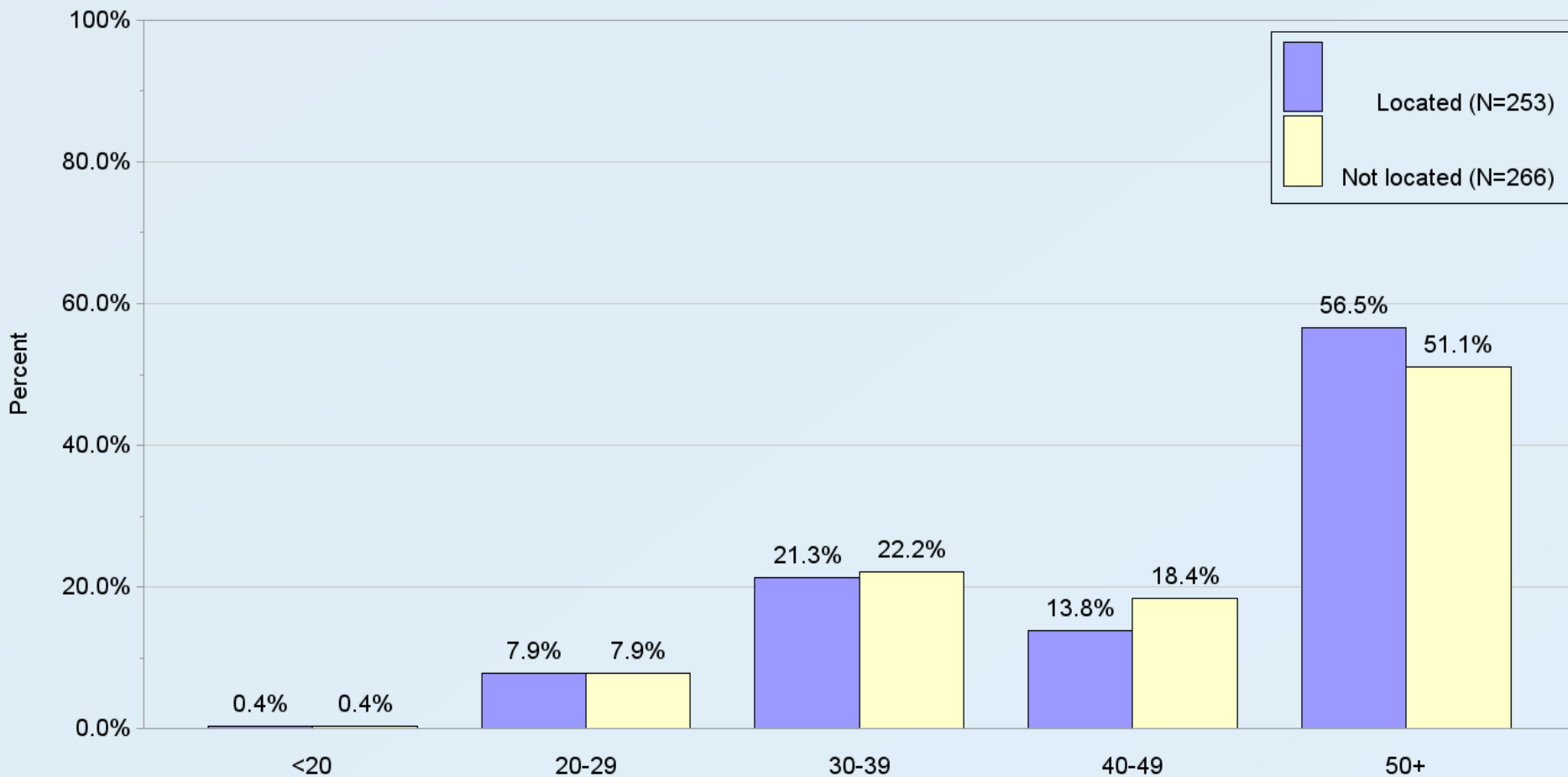
Data-to-Care (D2C) clients by age
Connecticut, 2022
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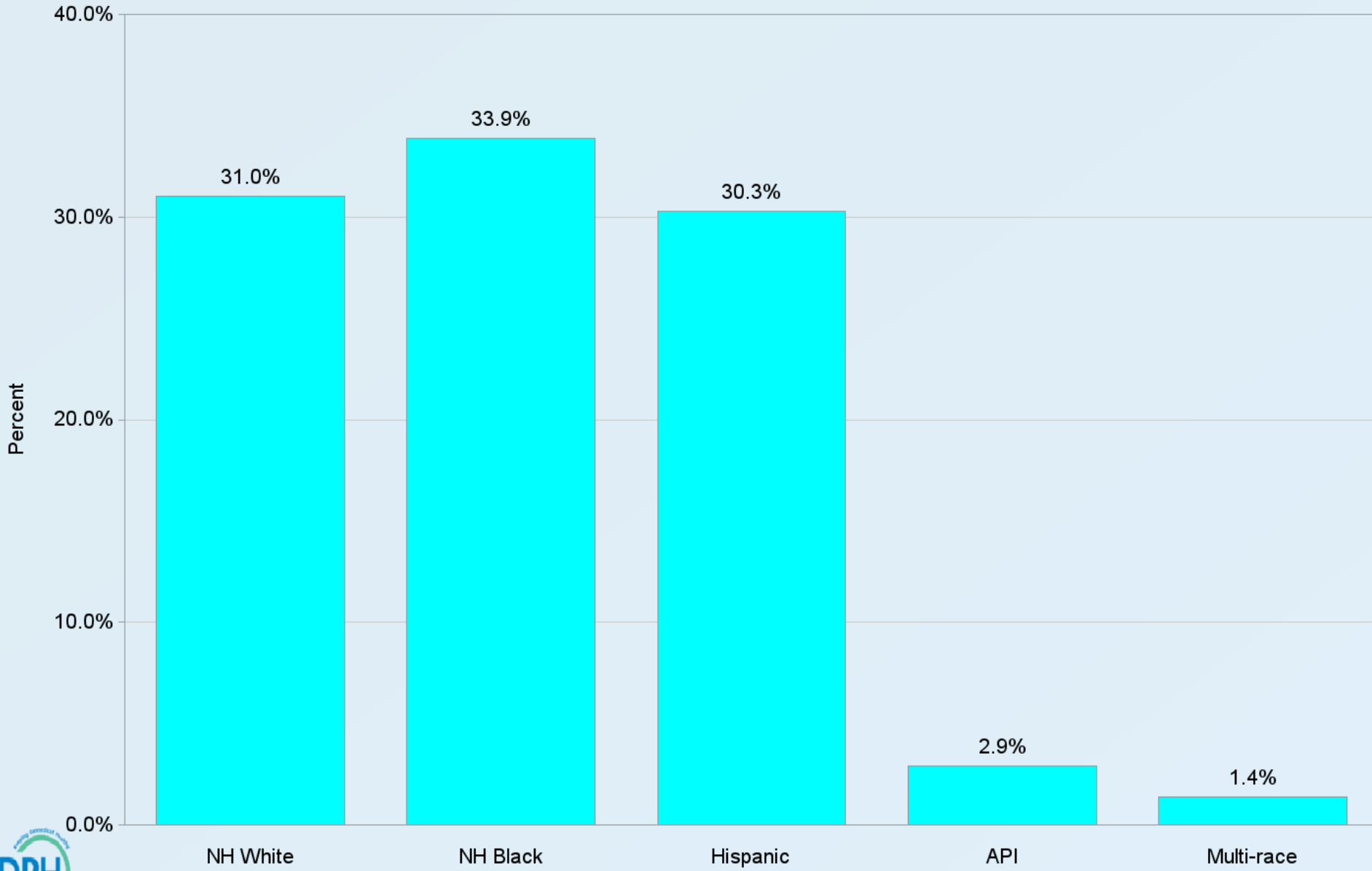
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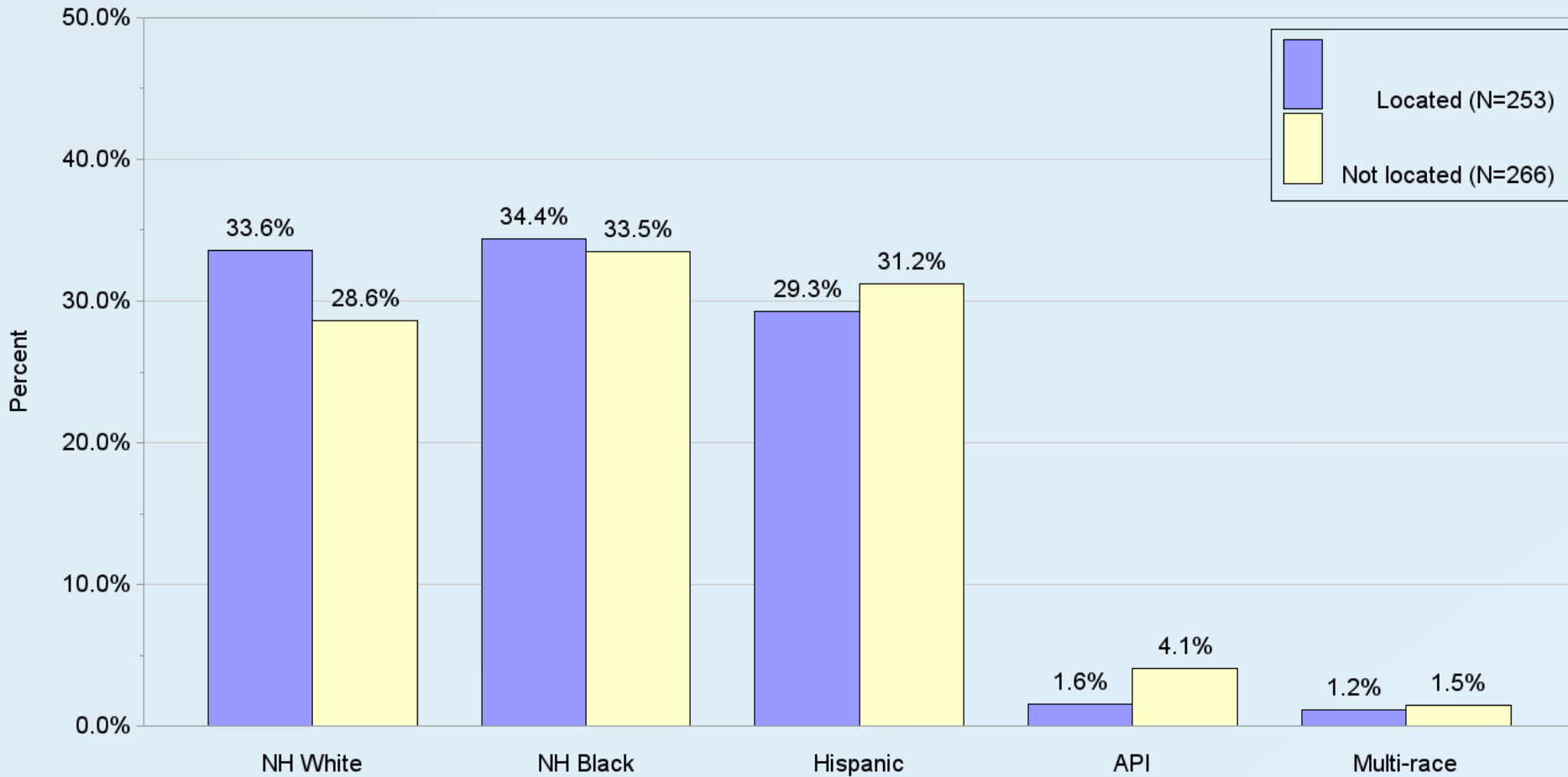
Data-to-Care (D2C) clients by race/ethnicity
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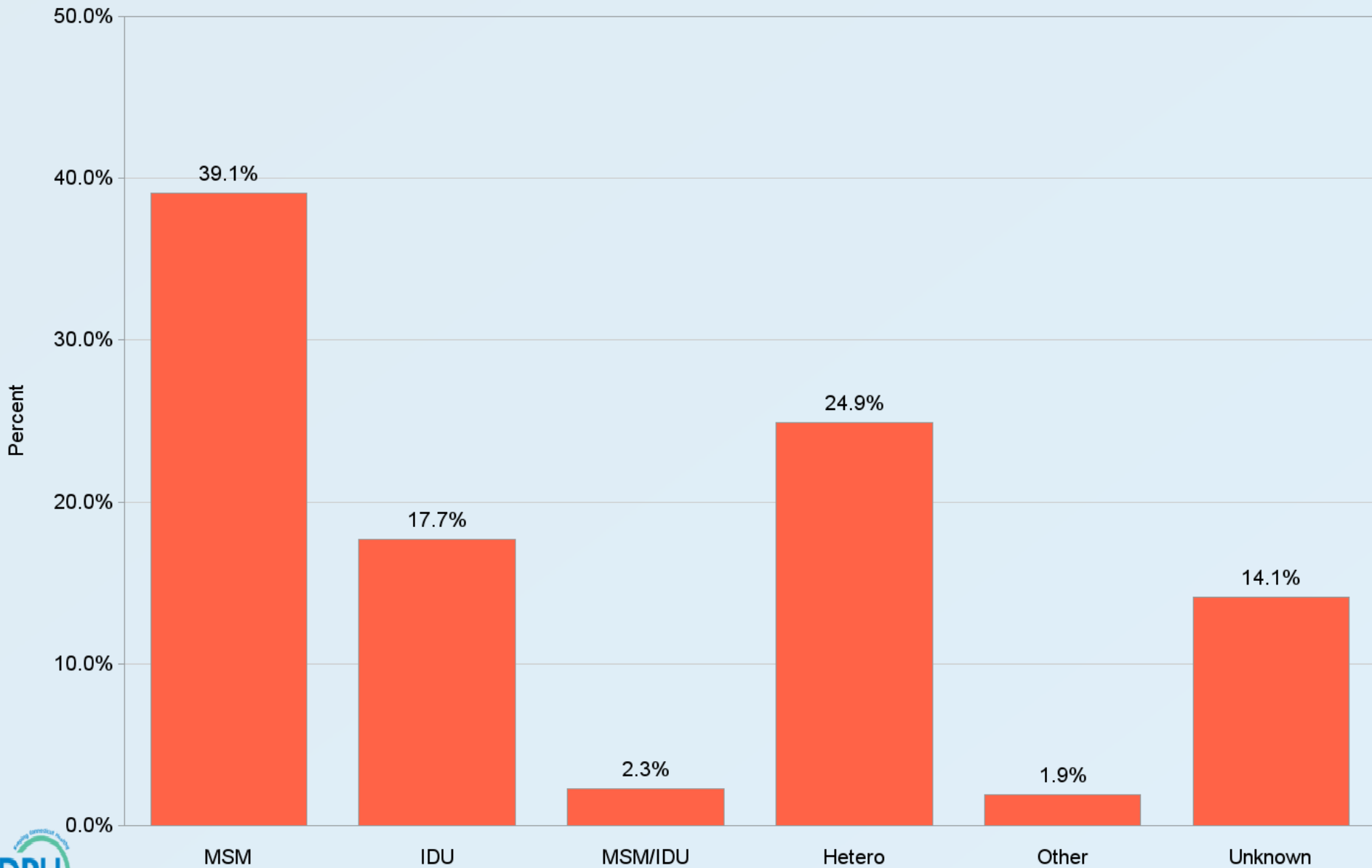
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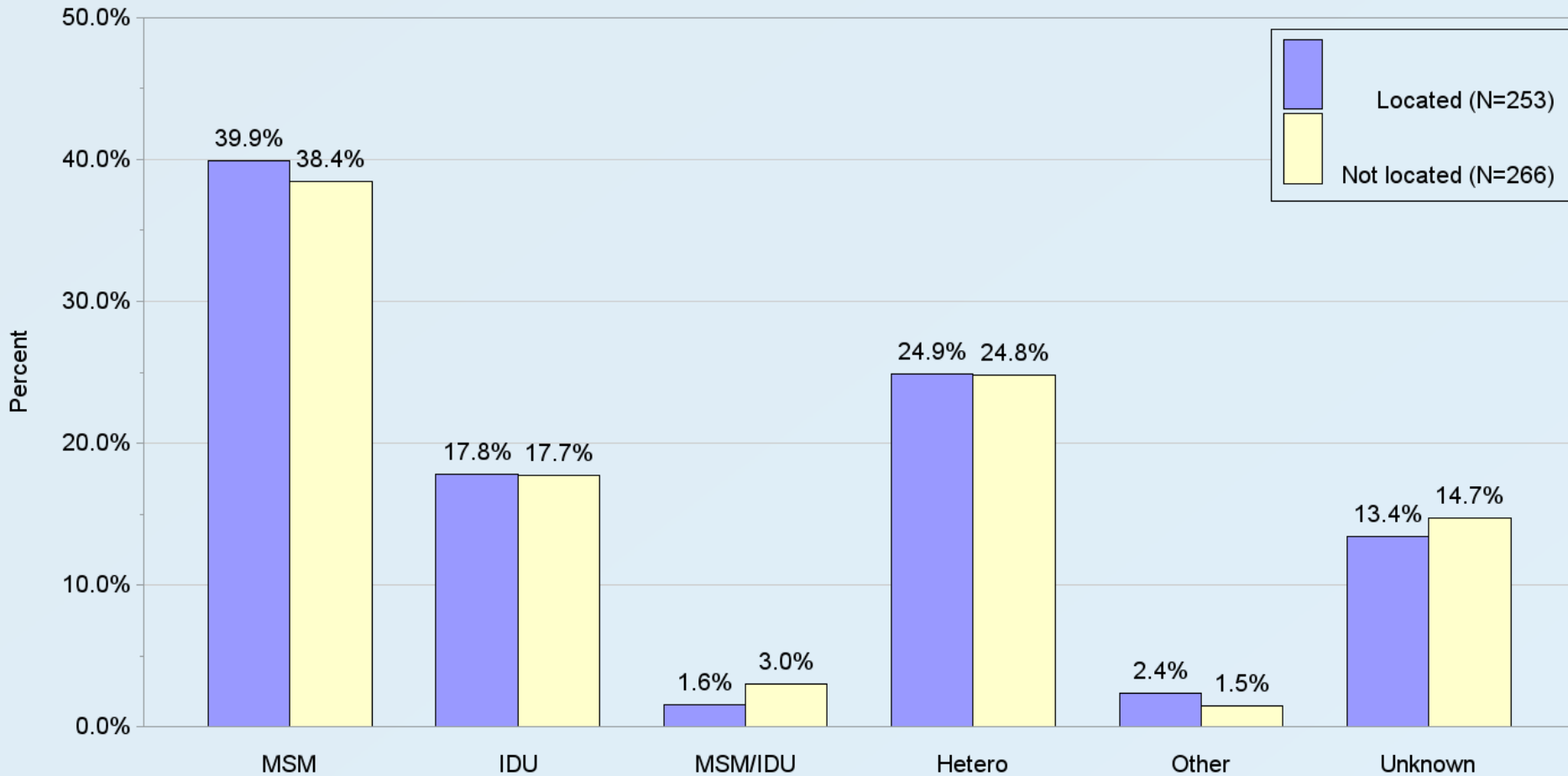
Data-to-Care (D2C) clients by risk factor
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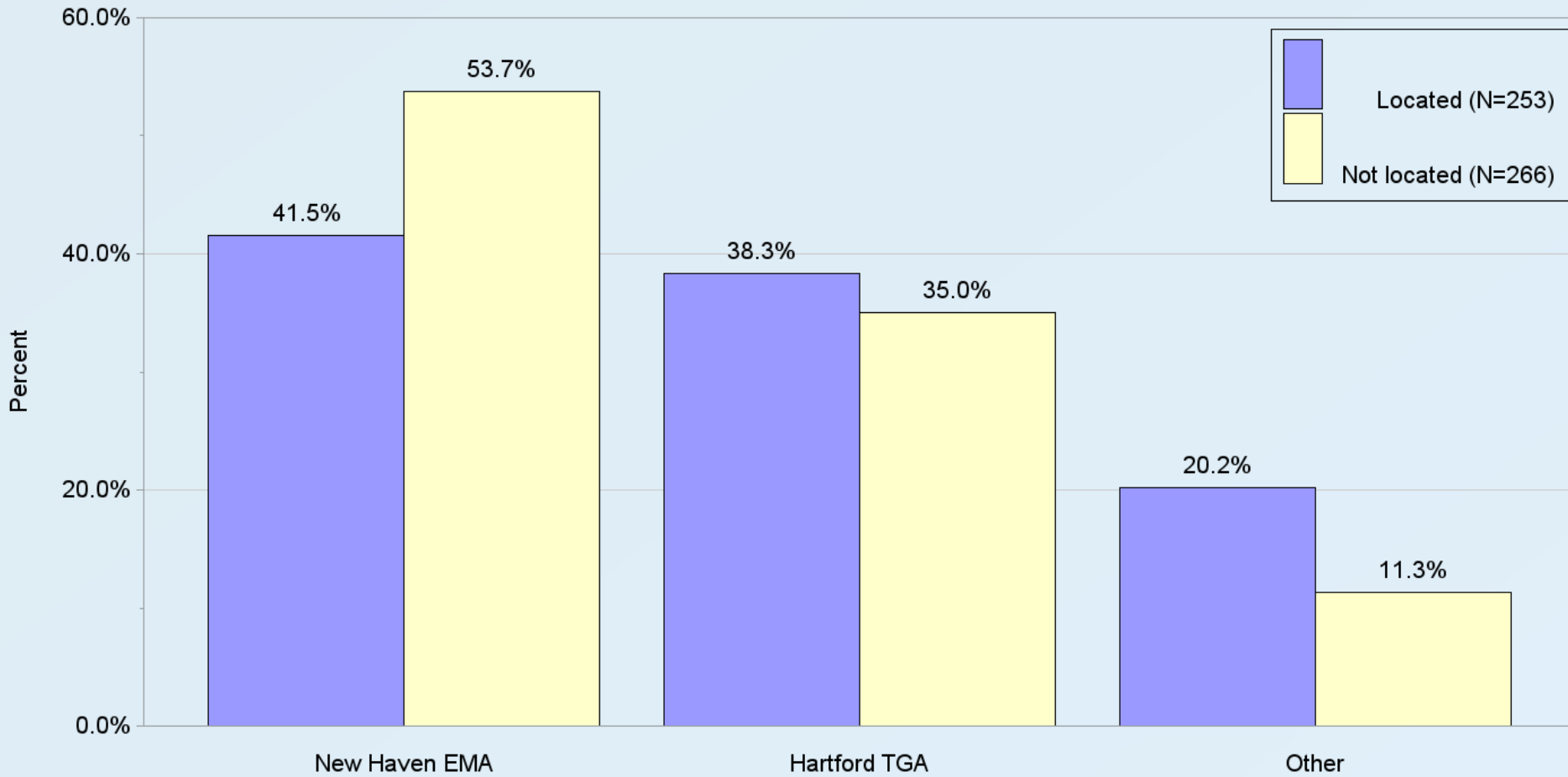
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Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

- Hartford Transitional Grant Area (TGA)
- New Haven/Fairfield Counties Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA)

Data-to-Care (D2C) by EMA / TGA and outreach status*
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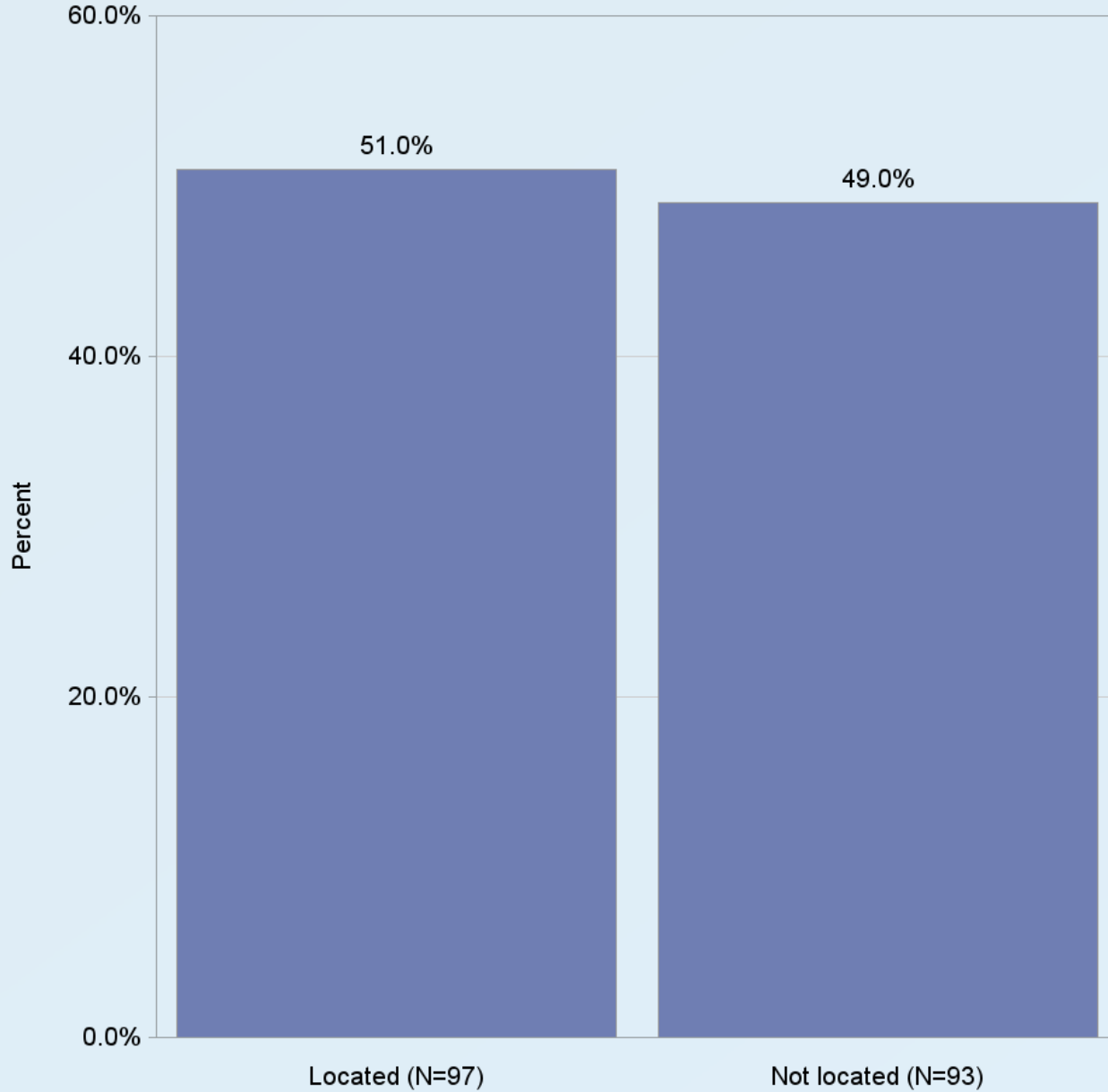


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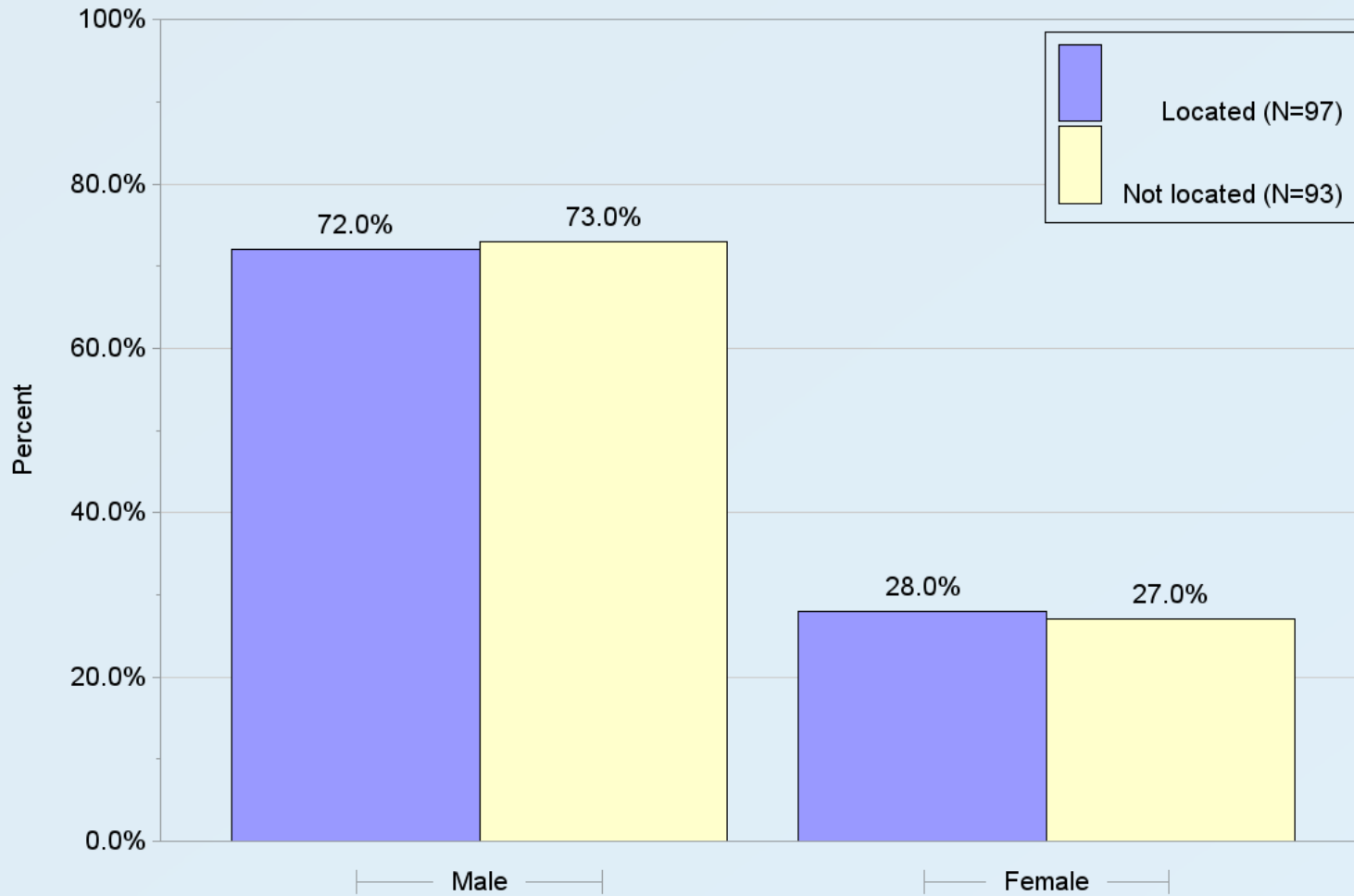
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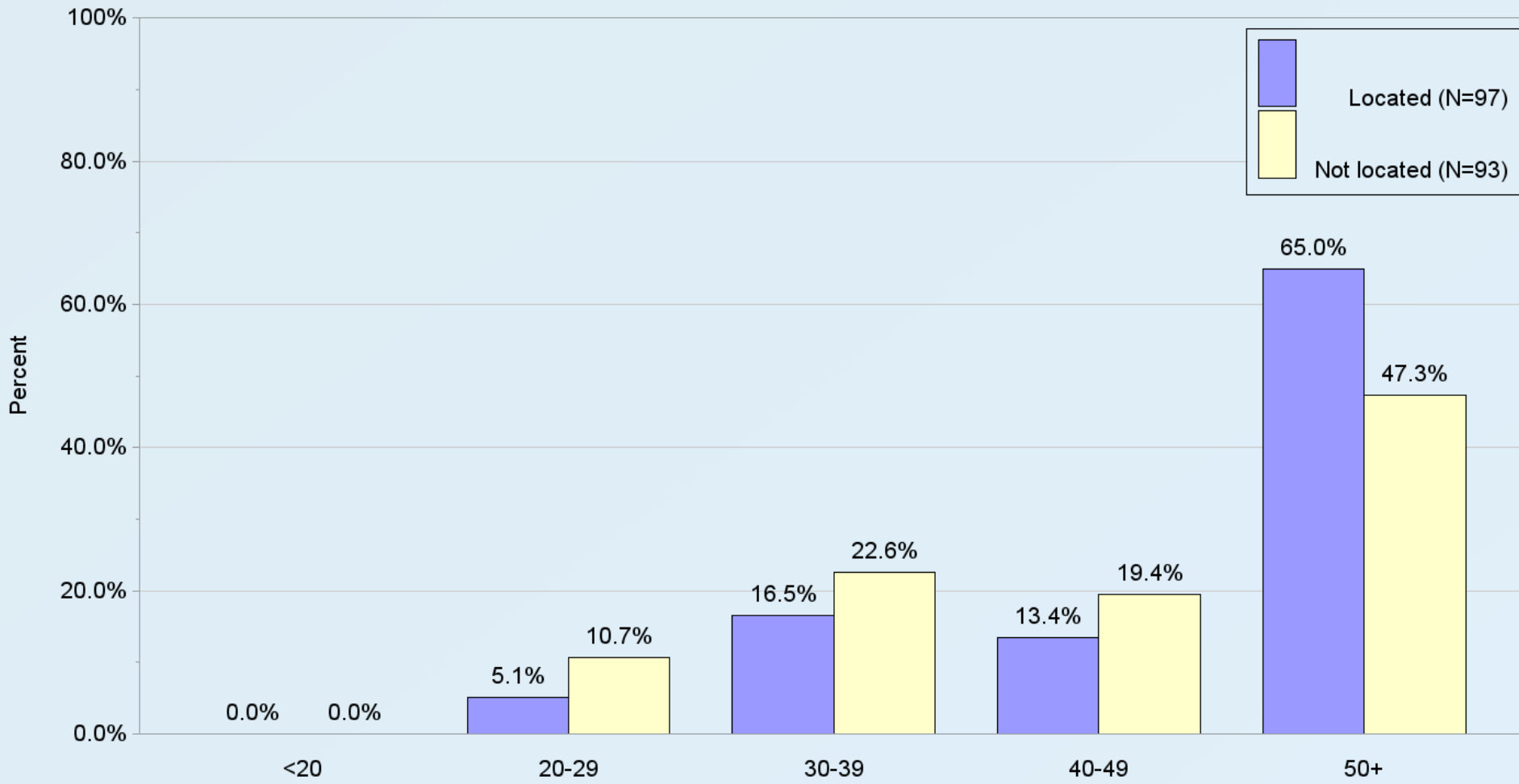
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(N=190)



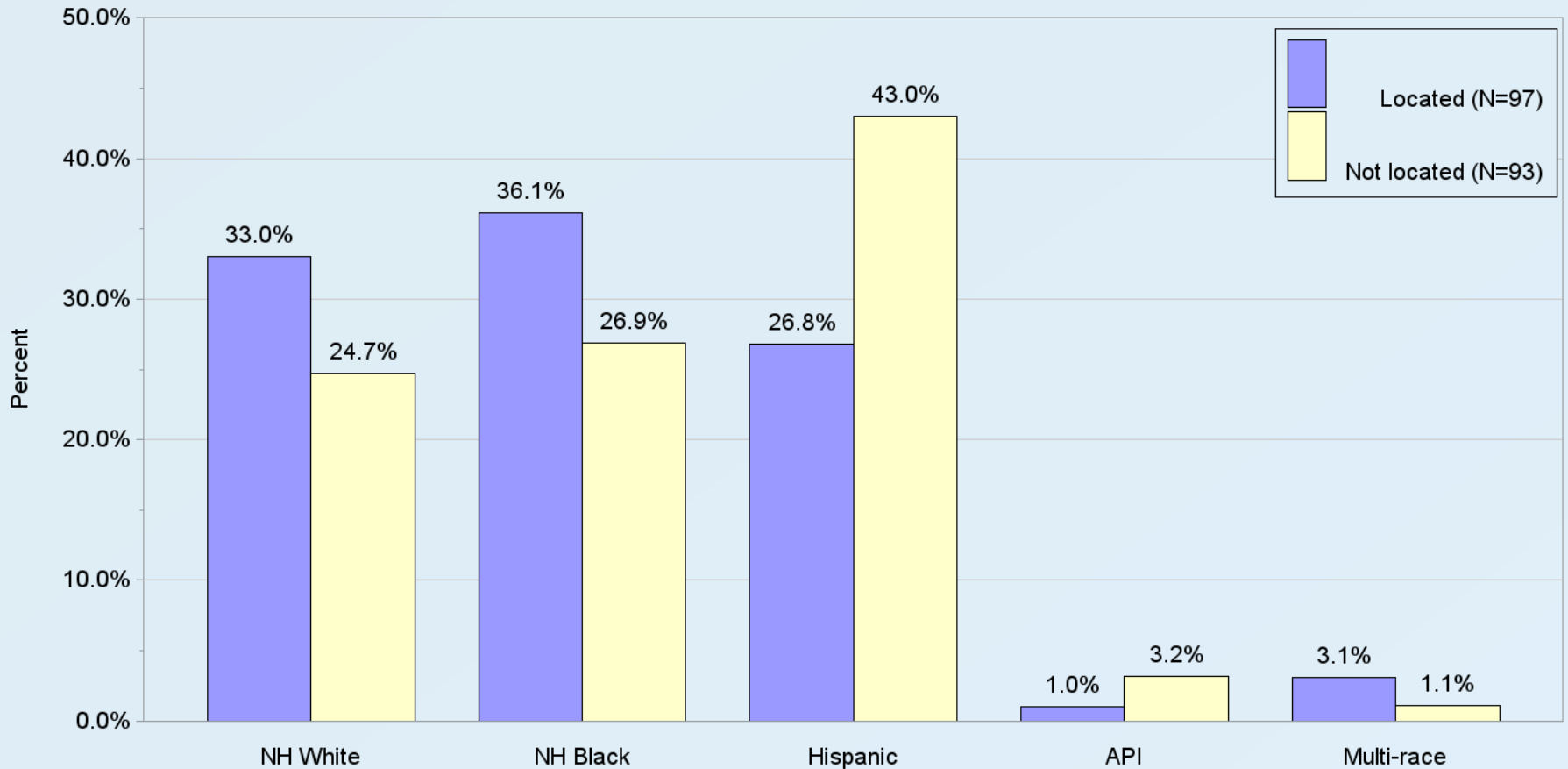
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Connecticut, 2022
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Data-to-Care (D2C) Hartford TGA by age and outreach status
Connecticut, 2022
(N=190)



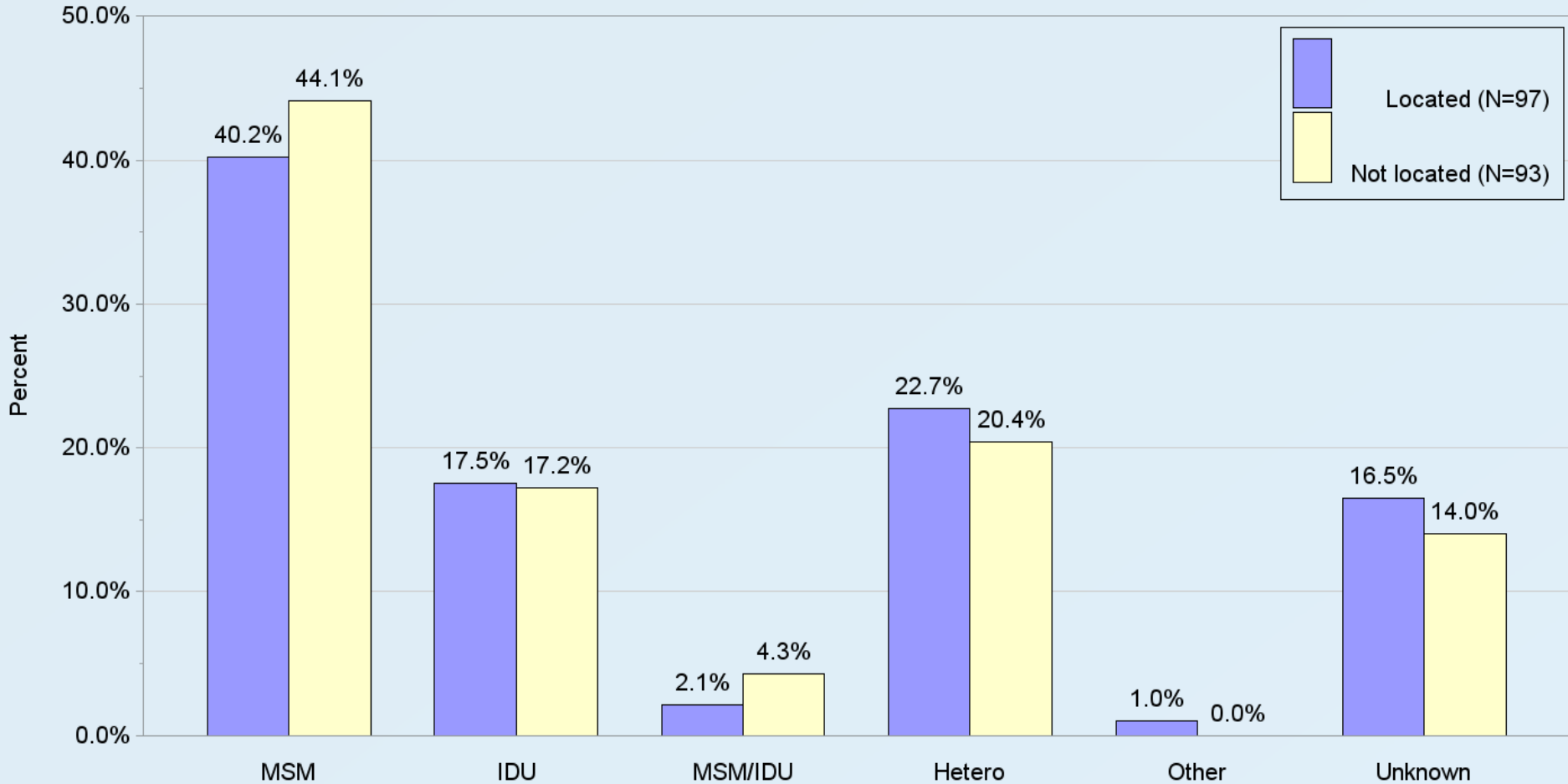
Data-to-Care (D2C) Hartford TGA by race/ethnicity and outreach status*
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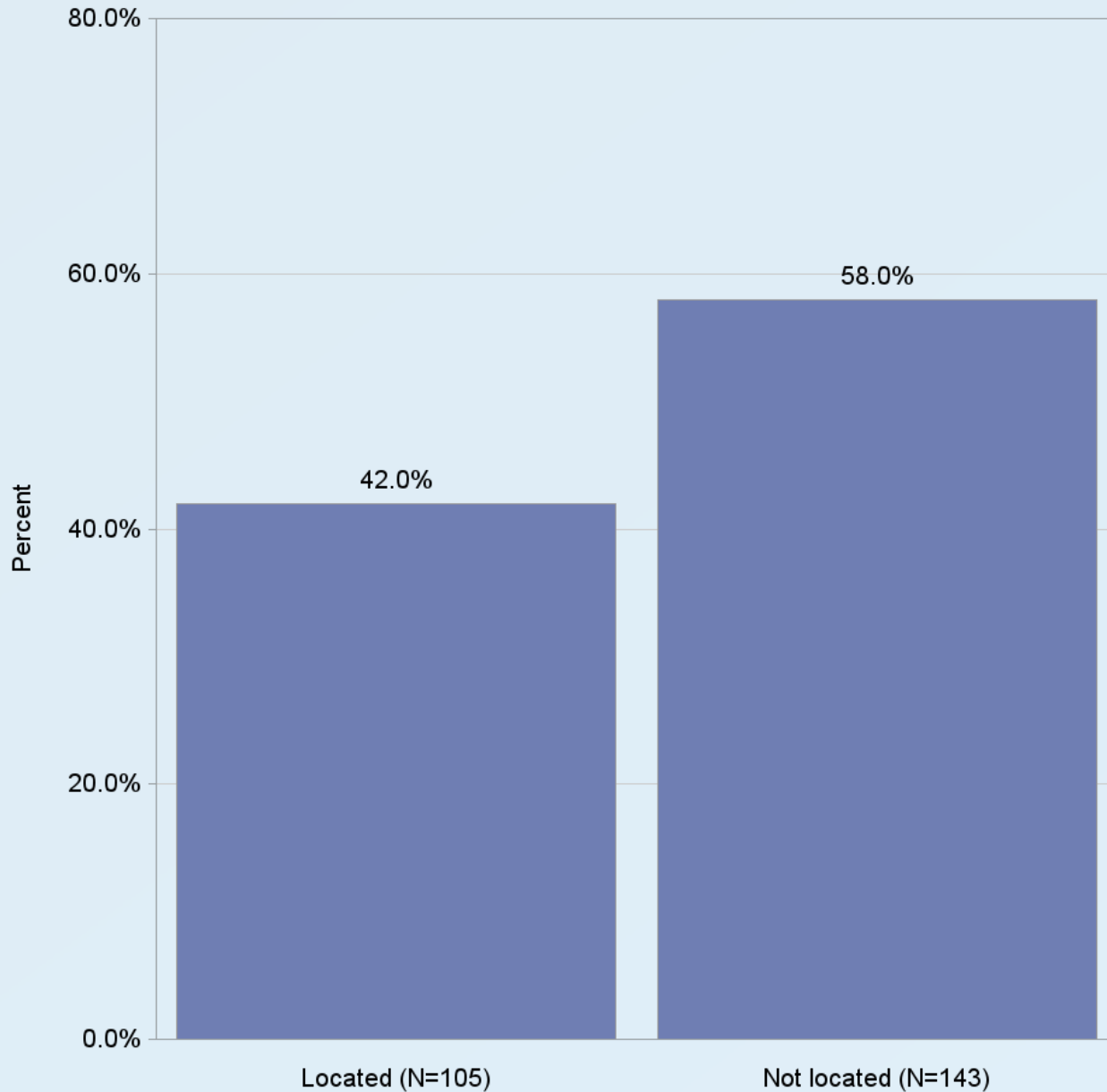


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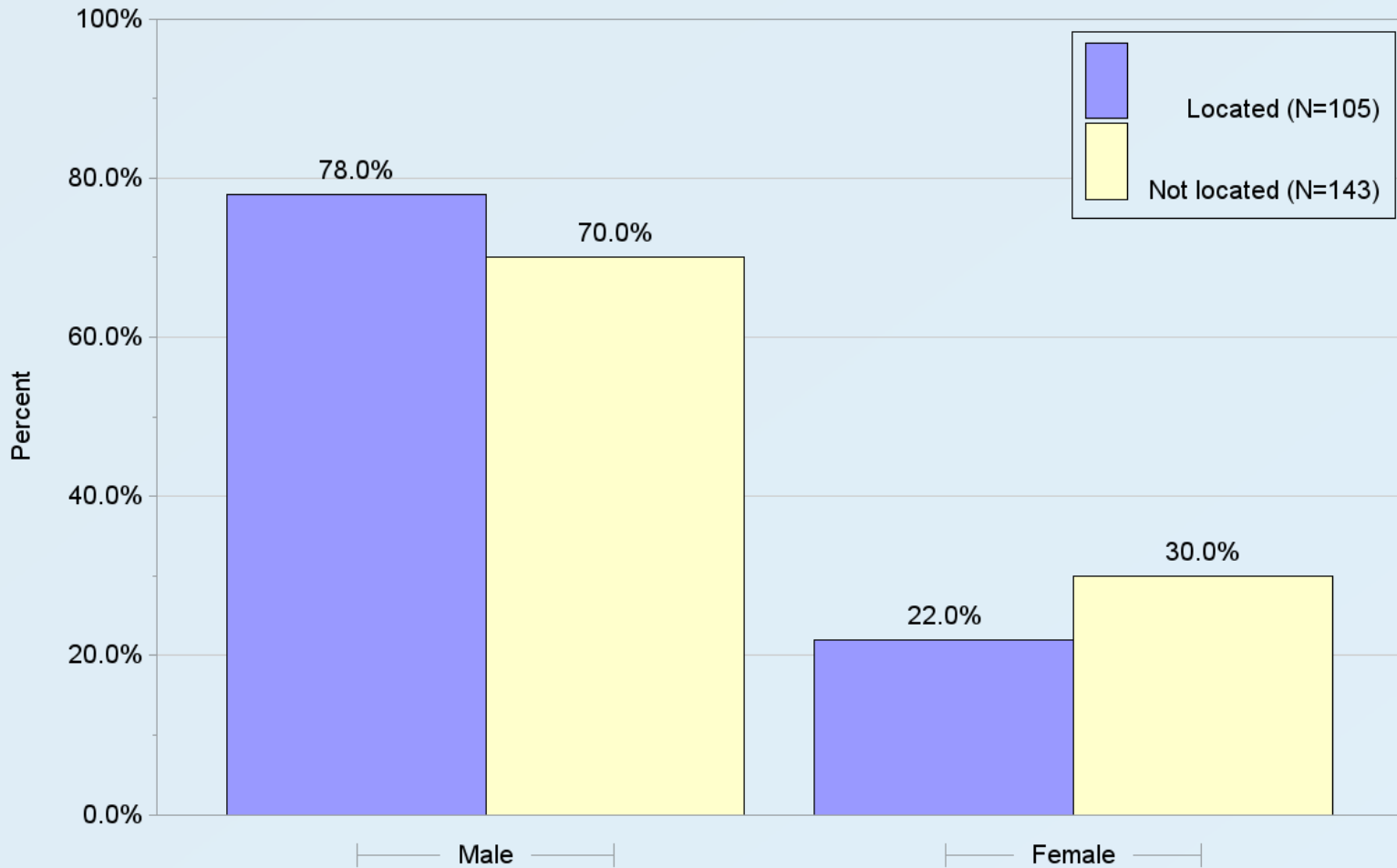
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New Haven/Fairfield Counties EMA

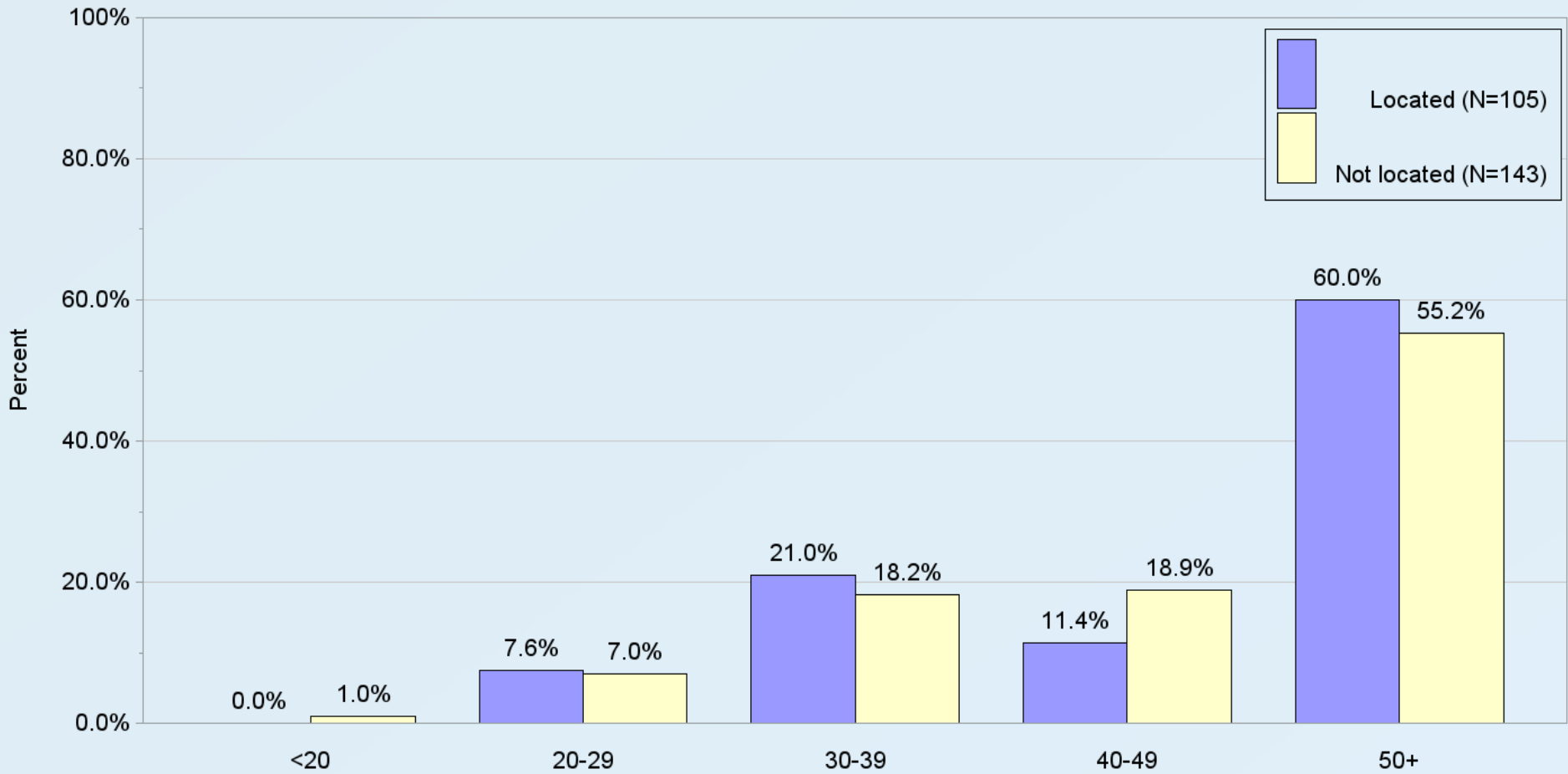
Data-to-Care (D2C) New Haven EMA by outreach status
Connecticut, 2022
(N=248)



Data-to-Care (D2C) New Haven EMA by sex-at-birth and outreach status
Connecticut, 2022
(N=248)



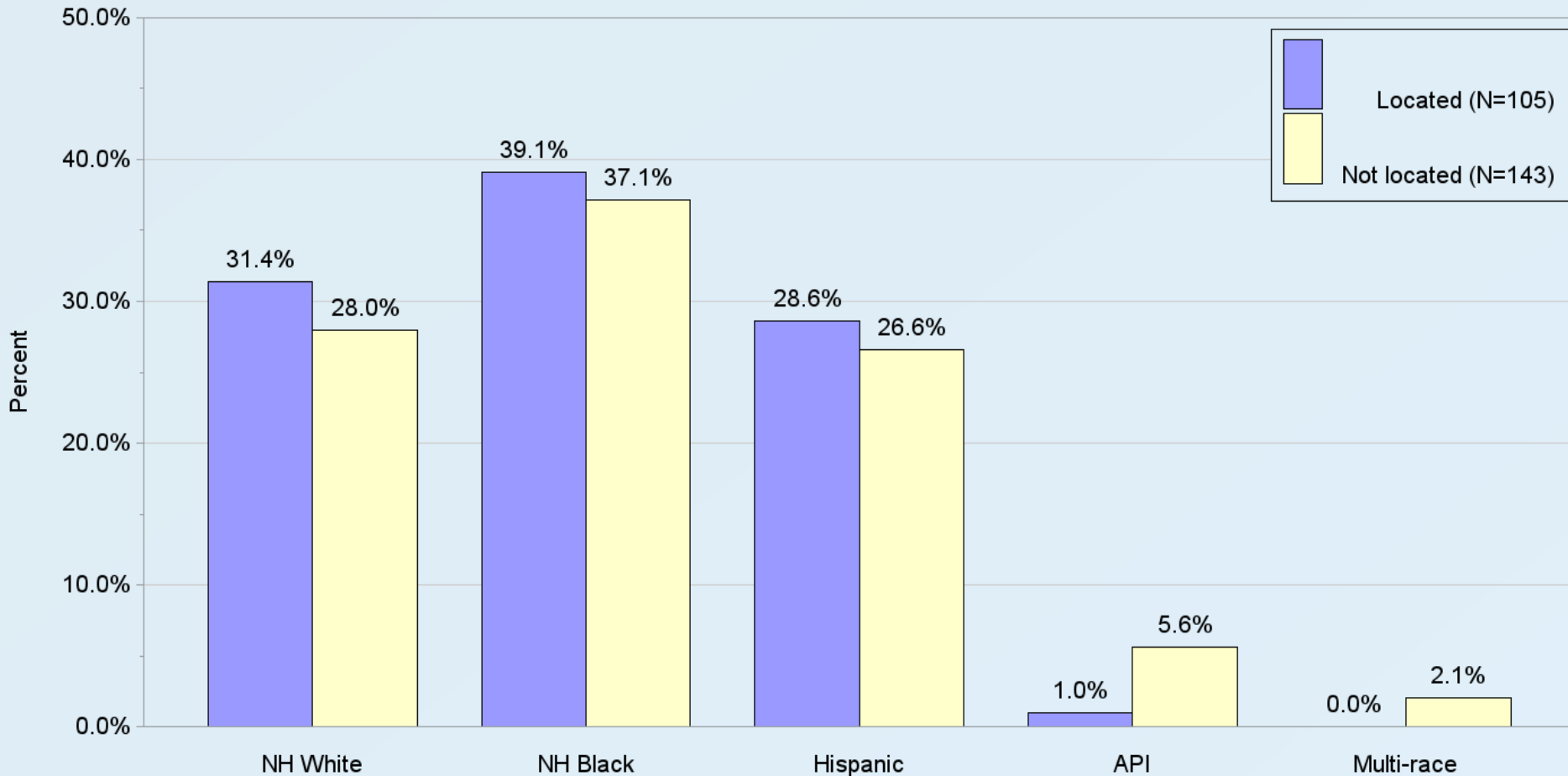
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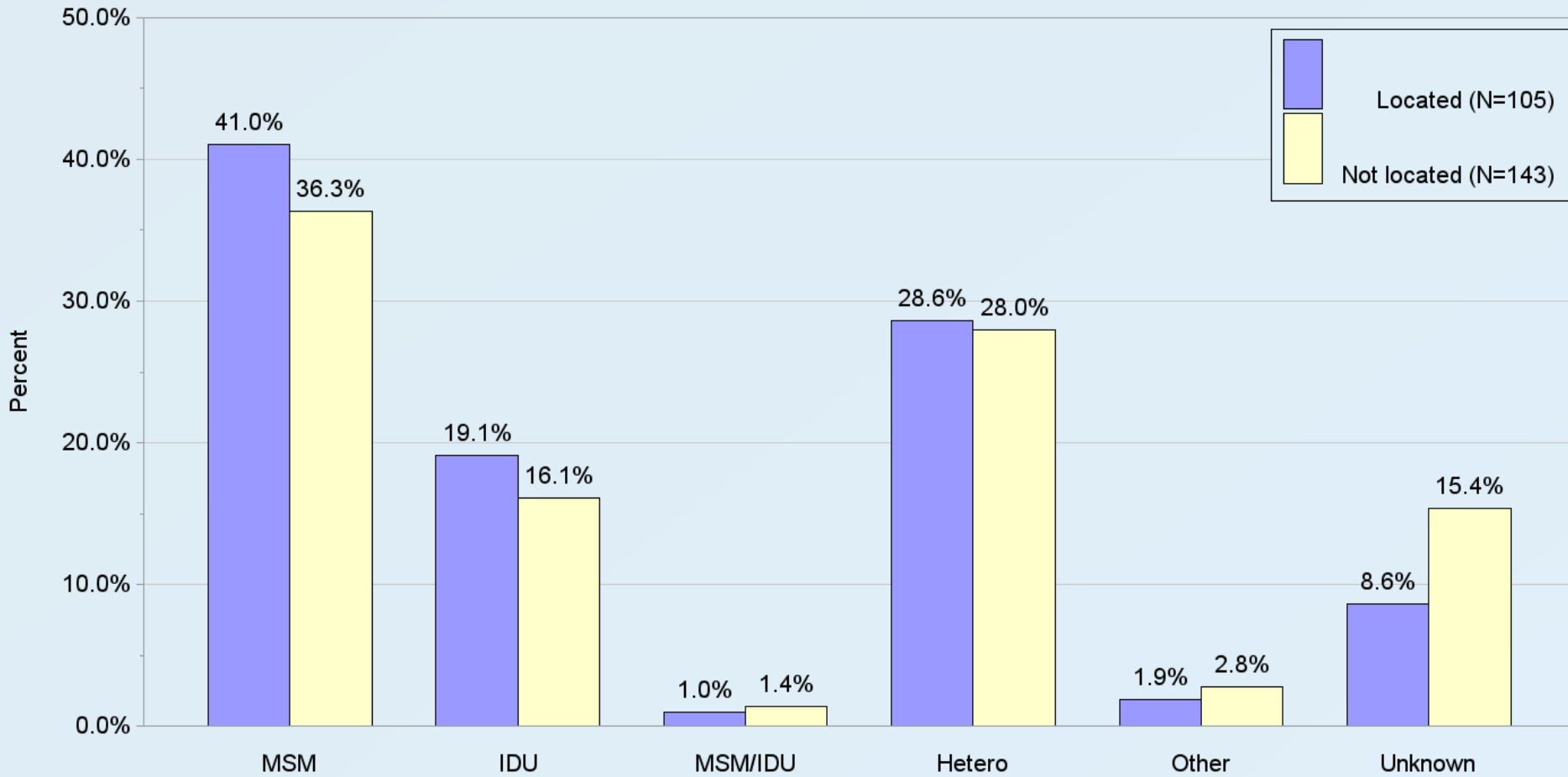
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Connecticut, 2022
(N=248)



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Data-to-Care (D2C) New Haven EMA by risk factor and outreach status*
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(N=248)

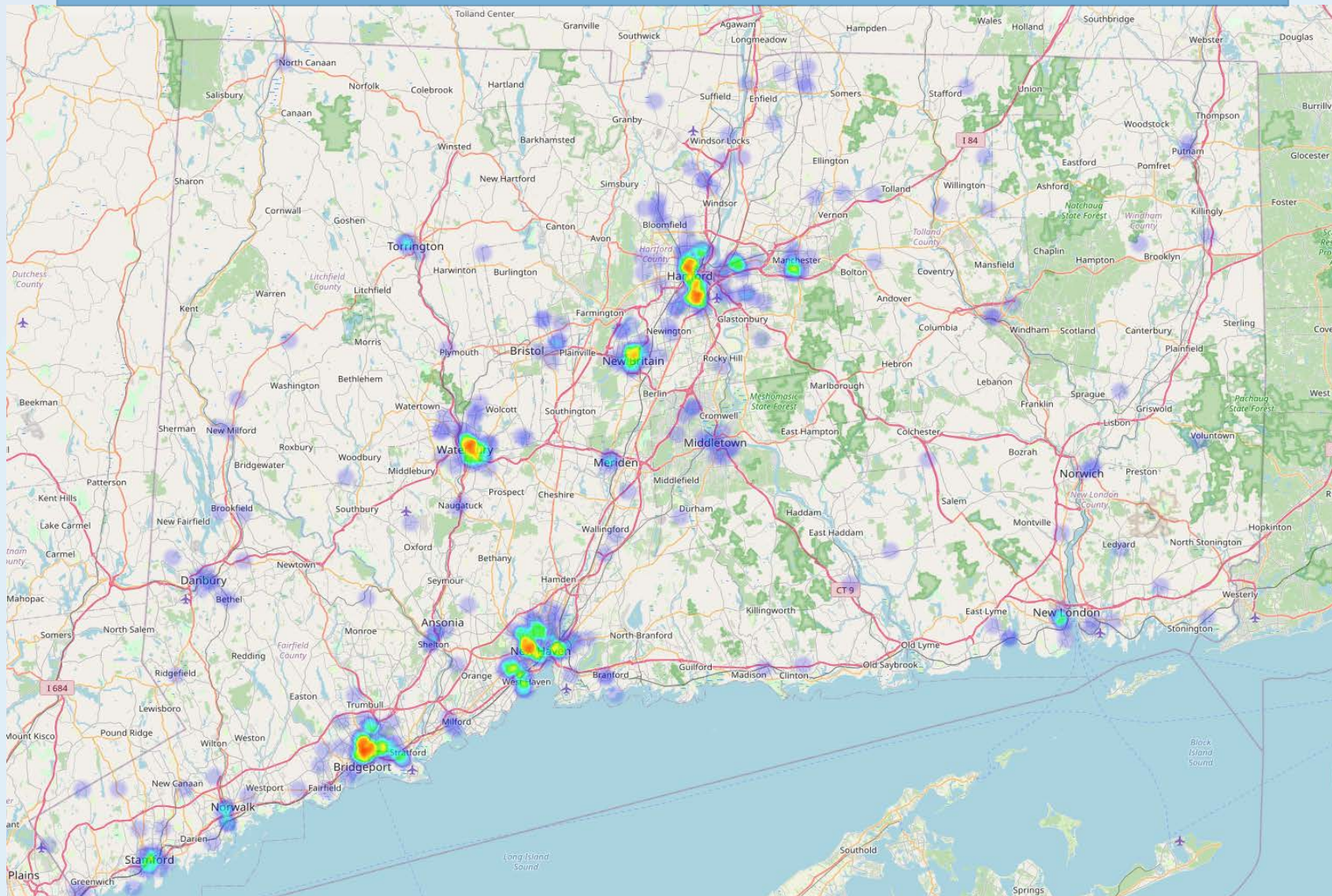


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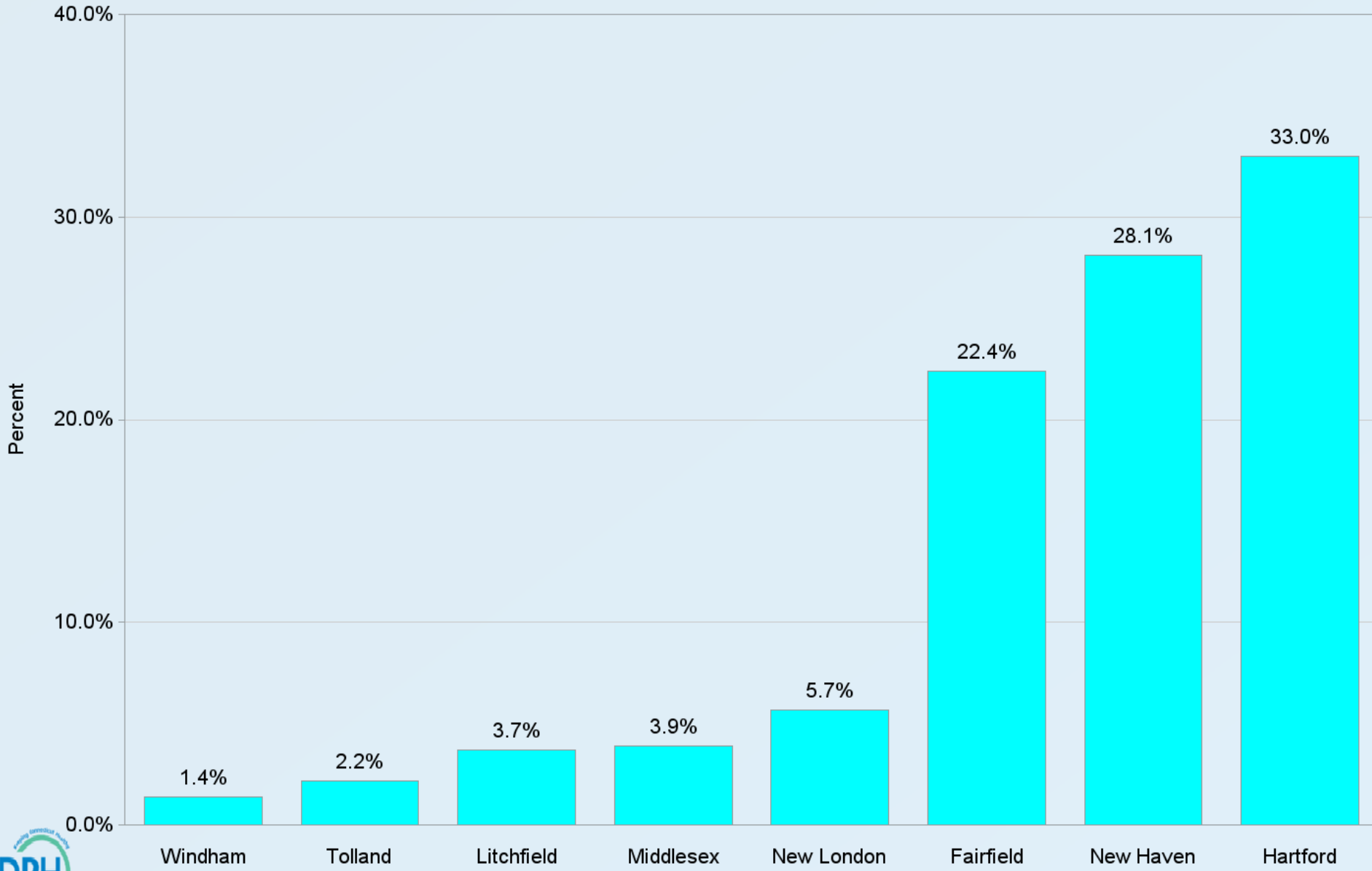
Geographic Distribution

Data-to-Care Density Map, Connecticut, 2022 (n=437)



Source: CT DPH | TB, HIV, STD, & Viral Hepatitis Section

Data-to-Care (D2C) clients by county of residence
Connecticut, 2022
(N=491)*

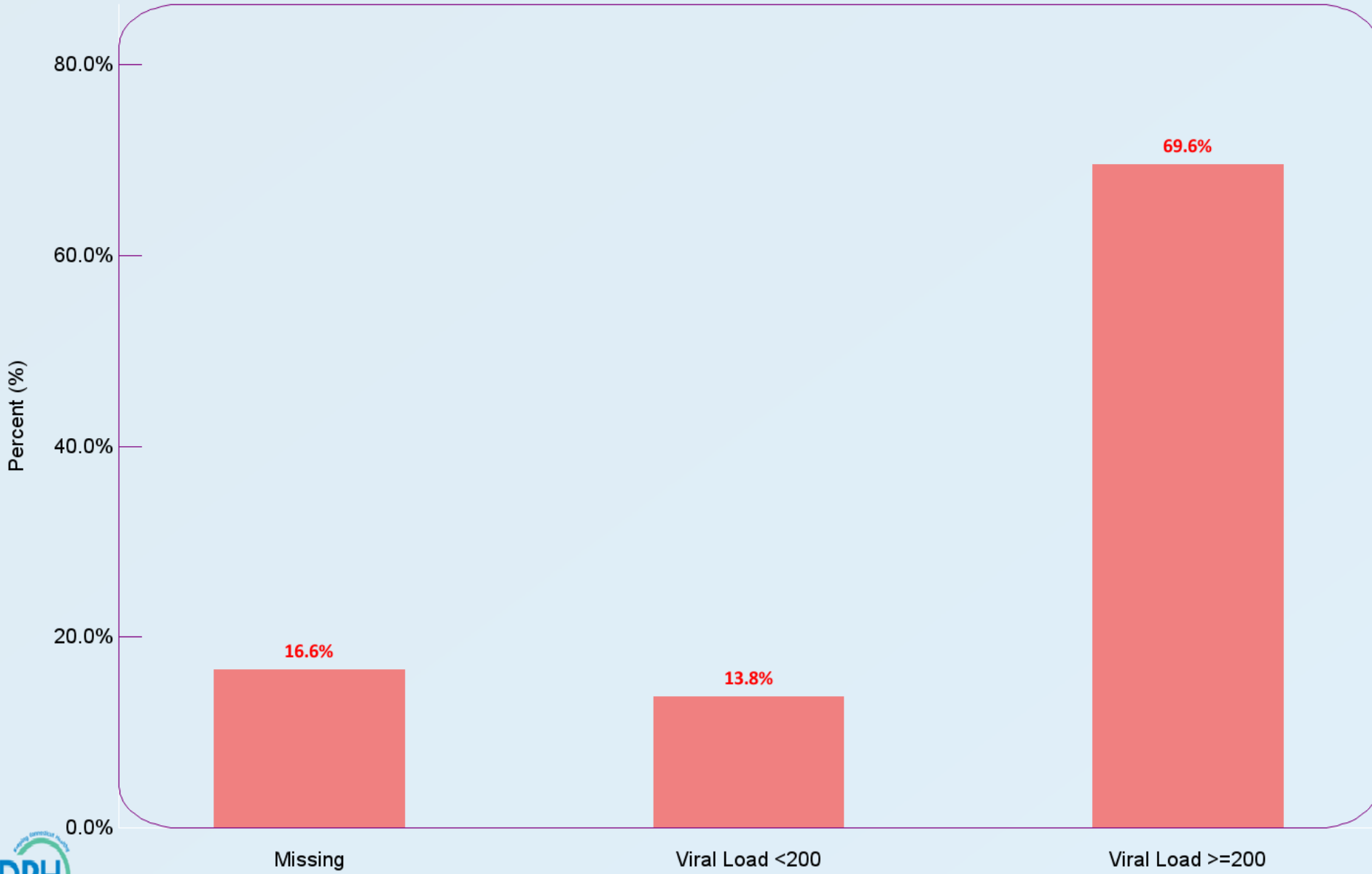


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*28 clients had out of state address

Evaluation

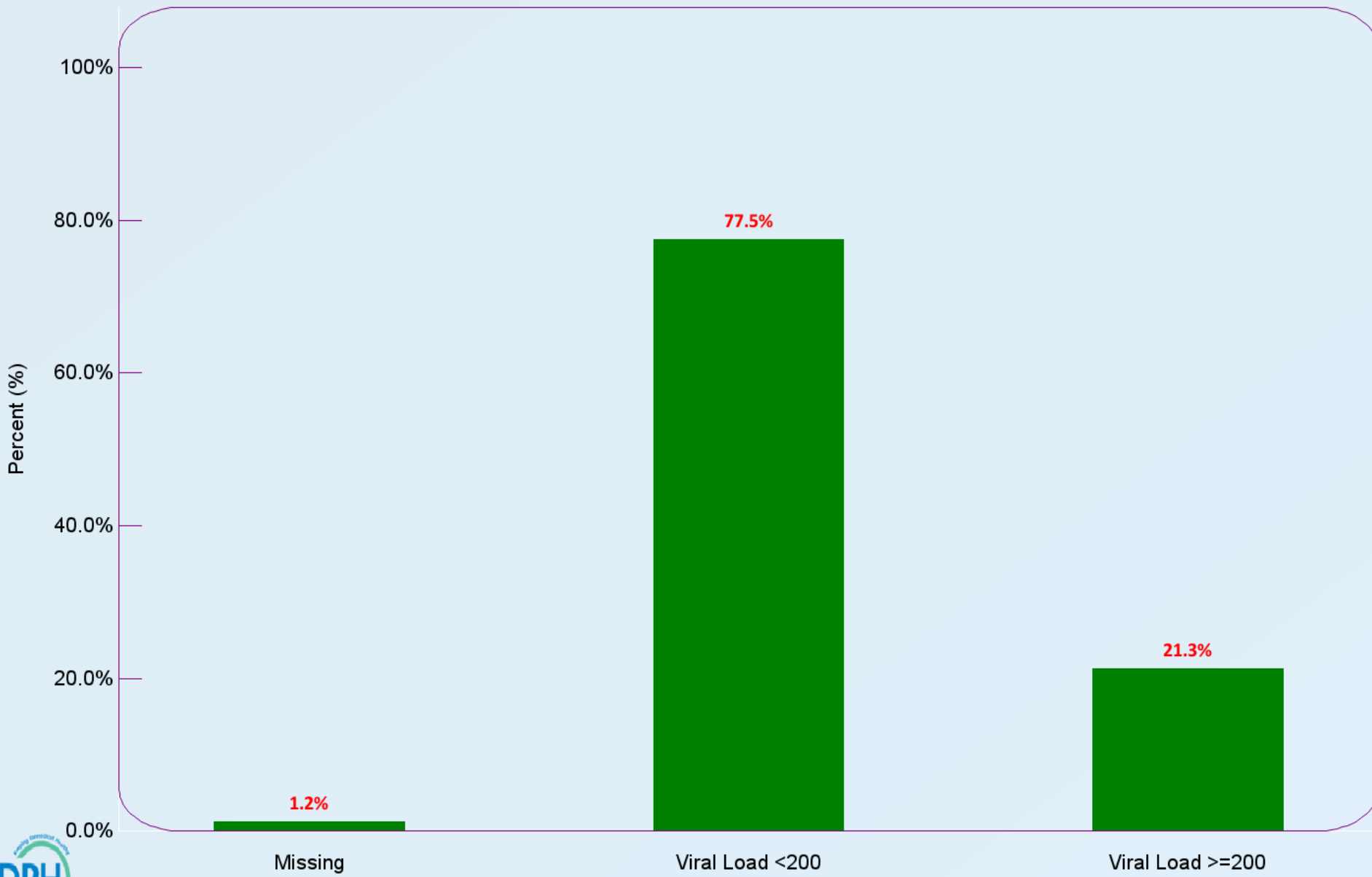
Data-to-Care (D2C) located clients by first reported viral Load*
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(N=253)



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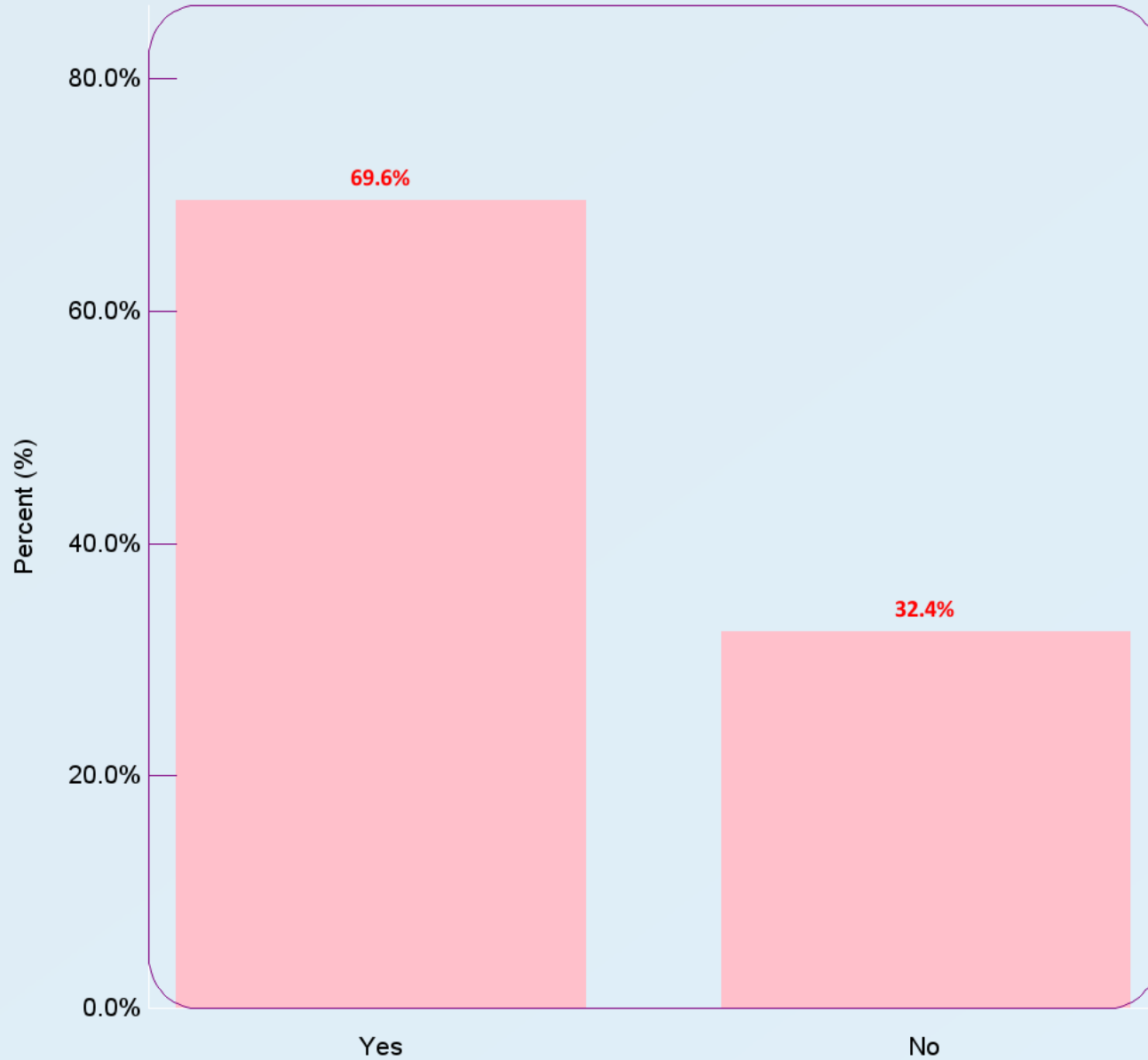
Data-to-Care (D2C) located clients linked to care by most recent reported viral load*
Connecticut, 2022
(N=253)



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Data-to-Care (D2C) located clients linked to care and retained in medical care*
Connecticut, 2022
(N=253)

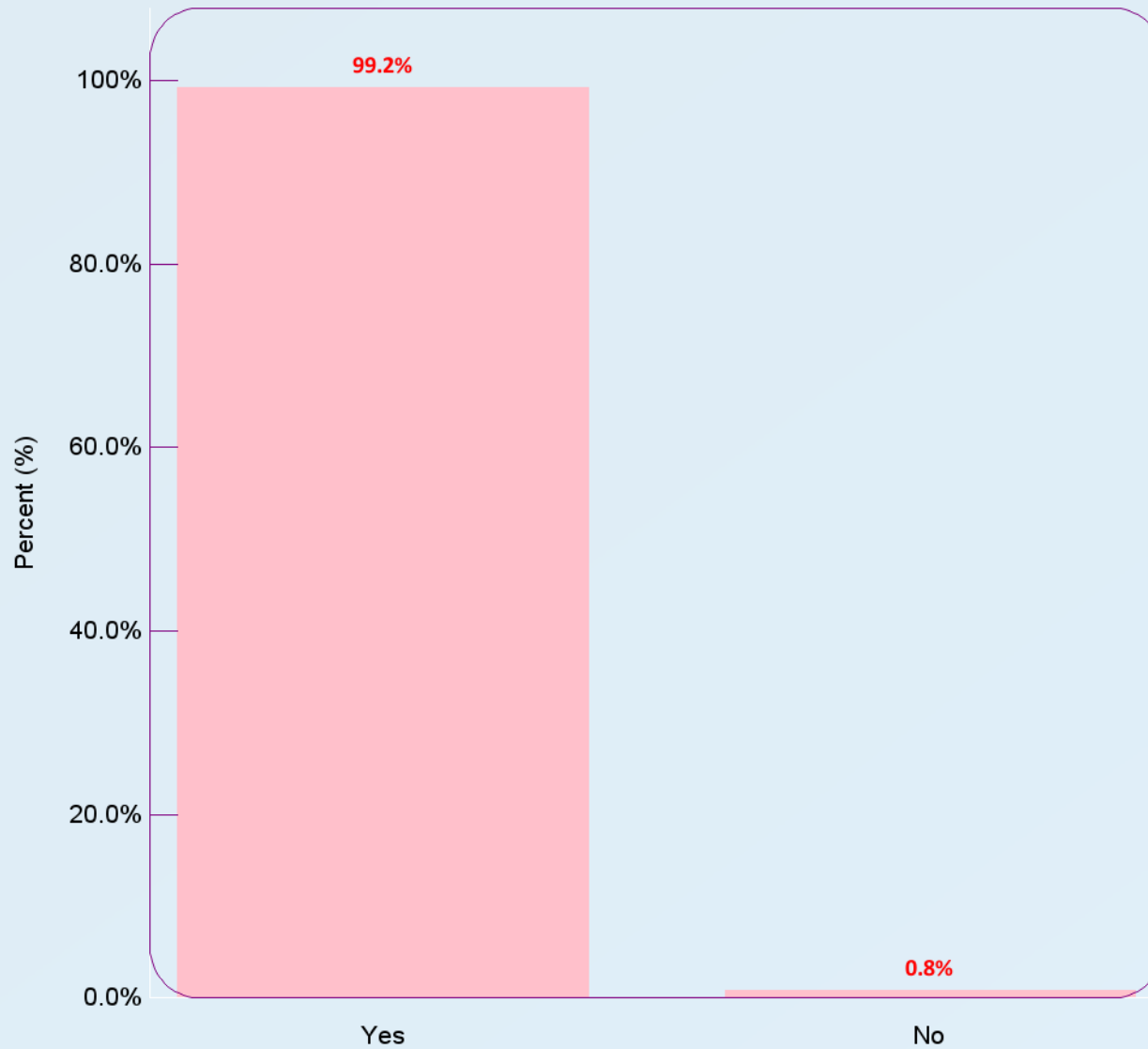


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*Clients with 2 or more CD4 or VL tests in 3 months+



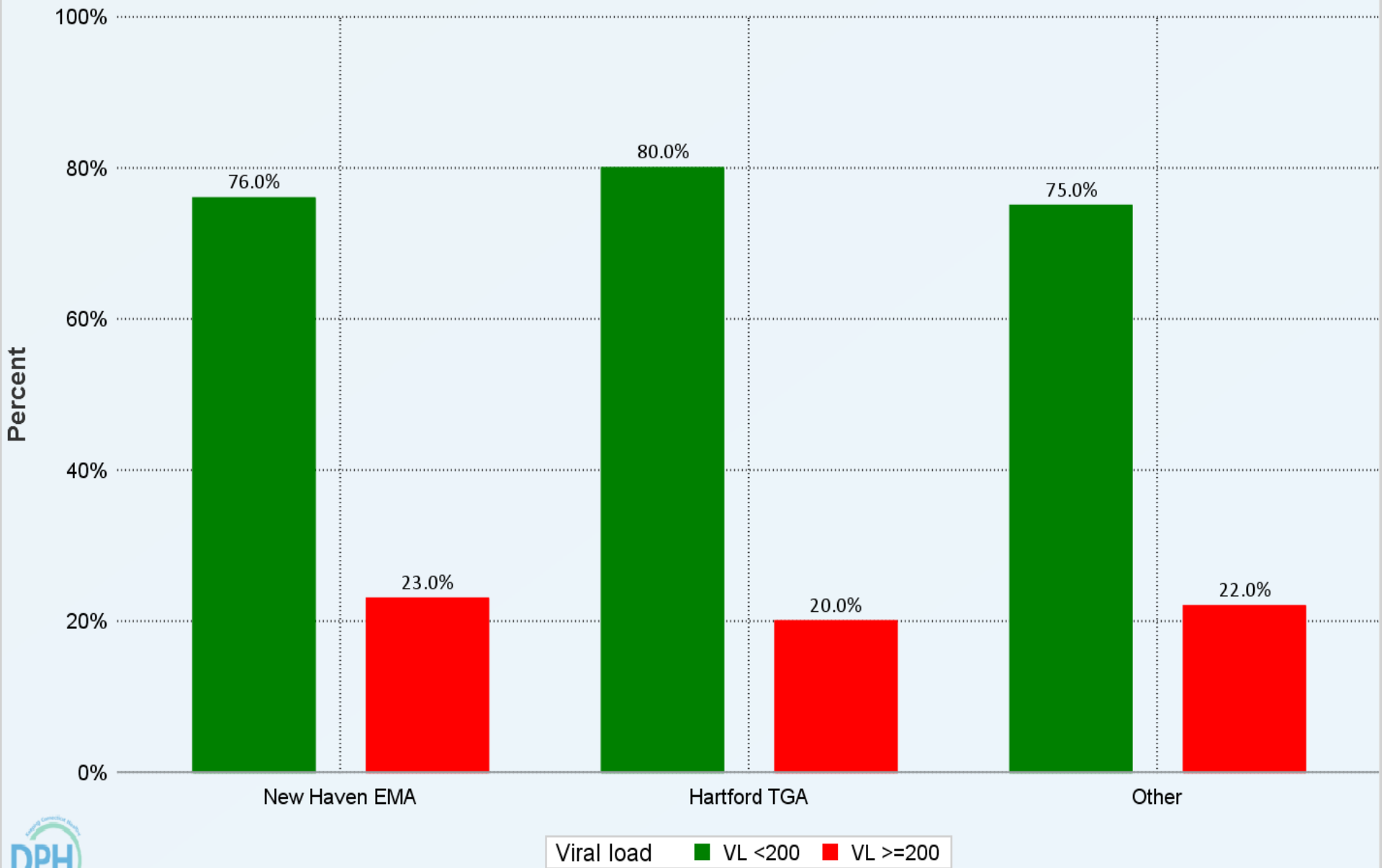
Data-to-Care (D2C) located clients linked to care by receipt of medical care*
Connecticut, 2022
(N=253)



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Data-to-Care (D2C) located clients by EMA / TGA and viral load suppression*
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(N=253)



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Findings

- Demographics and risk factors:
 - ✓ 72% male
 - ✓ 50+ years old accounted for more than 50%
 - ✓ 34%, 31%, and 33% were NH Black, NH White, and Hispanic, respectively
 - ✓ 39% were MSM

- Geographic distribution:
 - ✓ Clients were distributed randomly throughout the state in line with existing data on PLWH
 - ✓ New Haven and Hartford Counties had the highest number of clients

- Evaluation findings:
 - ✓ About half of the clients (49%; 253/519) were located by DIS
 - ✓ There was no statistical difference between clients located and those not located considering age, sex-at-birth, race/ethnicity, and risk factors
 - ✓ VL improved from 14% to 78% after the intervention
 - ✓ 99% received medical care
 - ✓ 70% were retained in medical care

Recap

- Defined Connecticut Data-to-Care (D2C)
- Demographics and Risk Factors
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
- Geographic Distribution
- Evaluation
- Findings

Next Steps

- Continued collaboration and communication within and between DPH programs, stakeholders, and the community
- D2C is a key activity in the Ending the Syndemic Initiative and in our upcoming submission of the Statewide HIV Prevention & Care Integrated Plan
- Once hired, DPH DIS Regional Supervisors will work closely with the D2C Coordinator to ensure D2C activities are initiated in a timely manner
- The D2C Protocol will be included in CT DPH HIV Prevention contract language for comprehensive HIV Prevention services

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