

GAINESVILLE CITY COMMISSION

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- MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH
 - MERON HIRPA AND OMAR IQBAL RESEARCHED HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF THOSE WHO LIVE ROUGH IN ALACHUA COUNTY
 - HOLLY CARNELL RESEARCHED THE ACA MEDICAID GAP FOR OUR LOCAL SAFETY NET POPULATION

Uncovering the Health Needs of a Population Living Rough in Alachua County



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Homelessness in Alachua County

- In Alachua County, nearly 2,227 people, including 477 children are without homes (1).



1) State of Florida . City of Gainesville/Alachua County Office on Homelessness.
North Central Florida Continuum of Care 2013 Point In Time Survey.
Gainesville: , 2013. Web. <<http://hhcg.org/OtherPages/PointInTimeSurvey05-13-13.pdf>>.

What is the connection between Health and Homelessness?



Poor Health can Lead to Homelessness

- 10.9% of the homeless population in Alachua County reported medical/disability problems to be the primary reason that they became homeless (1).



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Homelessness leads to poor health outcomes

- Disproportionately increased rates of health problems
 - Nearly 48.1% in Alachua County have disabling conditions including (1):
 - physical, developmental, and mental health ailments
 - drug or alcohol addiction issues
 - HIV/AIDS
- Higher mortality rates
- Barriers in accessing healthcare

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How we got involved

- Volunteering at Project Downtown Gainesville (PDG)
 - Homeless at Bo-Diddley Community Plaza
 - High rates of psychiatric illnesses
 - Substance Use Disorders
 - Chronic Physical Illnesses
 - Conducted Needs Assessment Survey at PDG on February 2014
 - 76% denied knowledge and use of local free clinics.
 - 44% only utilized the Emergency department as primary source of healthcare.
 - Shands Hospital in Gainesville incurs over \$3 million a year in uncompensated emergency room expenses
 - Local Spring Break Health Outreach Project in March 2014
 - Less than 10 of approximately 57 homeless individuals present at the PDG lunch service were willing to utilize the clinic.

Health Fairs

- PDG's weekly meal service site
- GRACE Marketplace
 - Blood Pressure Screening
 - Blood Glucose Screening
 - Mental Health Screening
 - Education on Sun Safety
 - Referral to local free clinics
 - Advertisement about local community health resources
 - Games and Prizes



Needs Assessment Surveys

- Conduct needs assessment surveys
 - 22 questions
 - Assess the healthcare needs, utilization, preference and satisfaction.
 - Assess barriers to accessing safety net primary care services.
 - Assess knowledge and utilization of free community health resources.

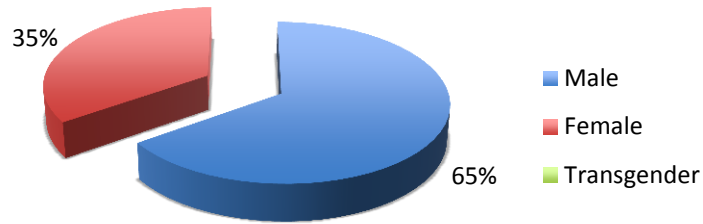


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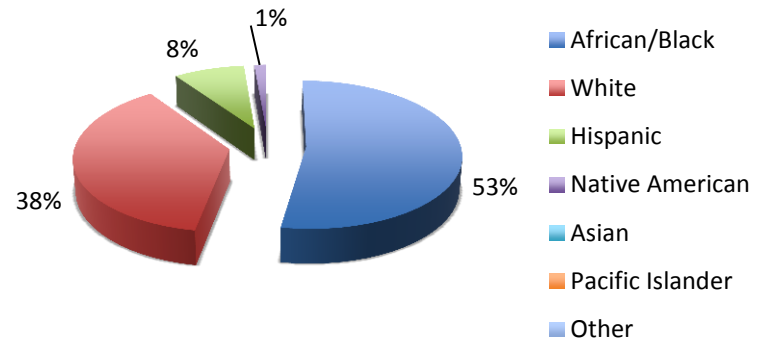
	Number Surveyed	Number Screened
Bo-Diddley Plaza	41	41
GRACE Marketplace	28	24
Total	69	65

Demographics

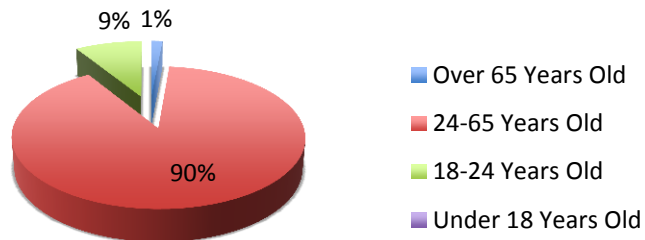
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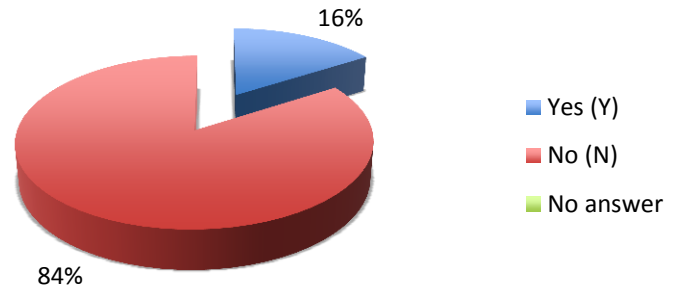
Race



Age of Total Population Surveyed

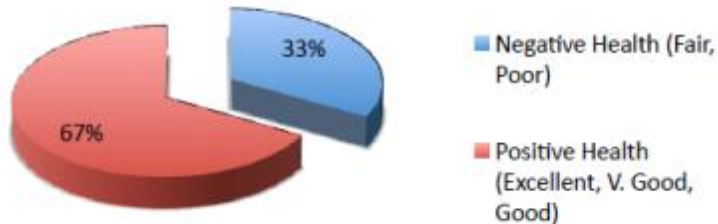


Are you a military veteran?



Health Status

How would you describe your health?

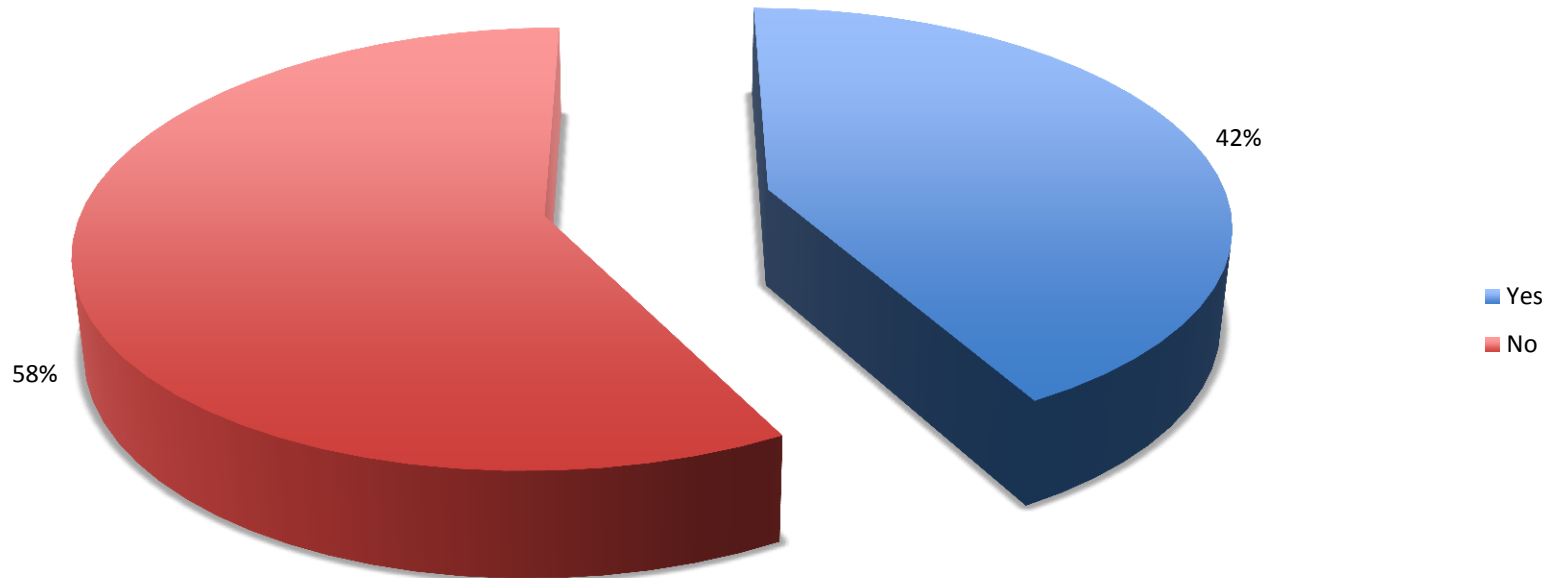


Do you have any disabilities and/or chronic physical health problems? If yes, please explain.



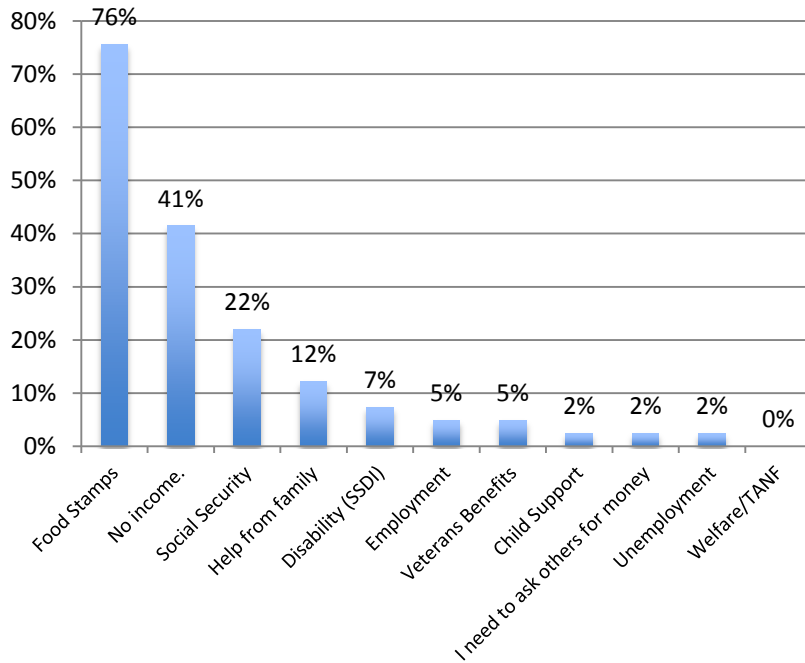
Do you receive medical treatment for Disabilities/Chronic Conditions ?

Do you receive any treatment for these problems?

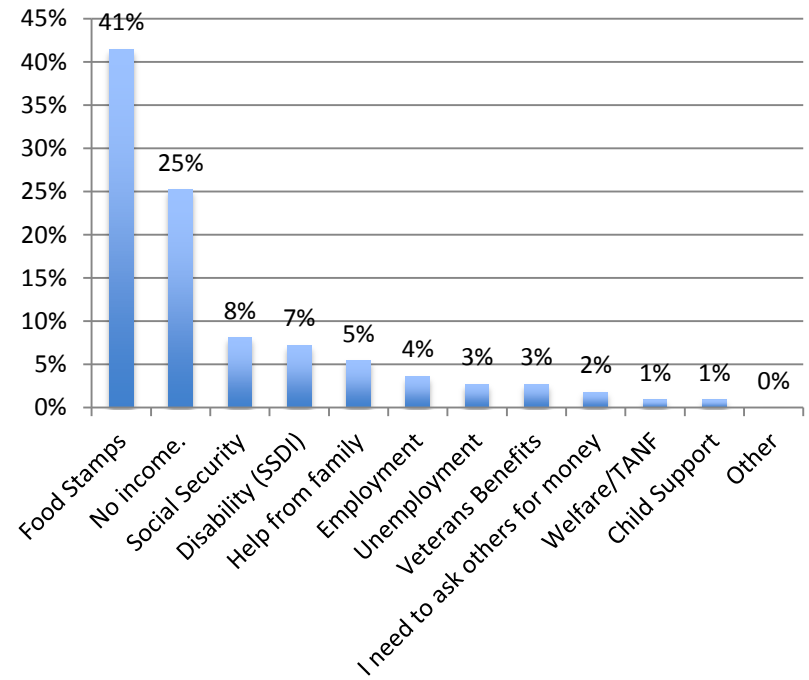


Sources of Income

Bo-Diddley: Do you receive any of the following sources of income and if so approximately how much each month?

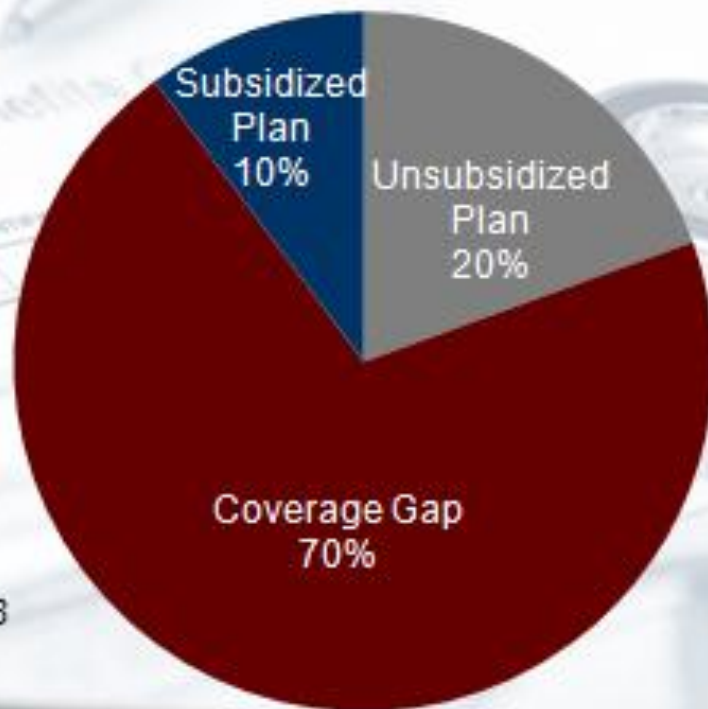


GRACE: Do you receive any of the following sources of income and if so approximately how much each month?



**Total income for 100% of those surveyed is less than \$11,490 a year!
ACA Who?!**

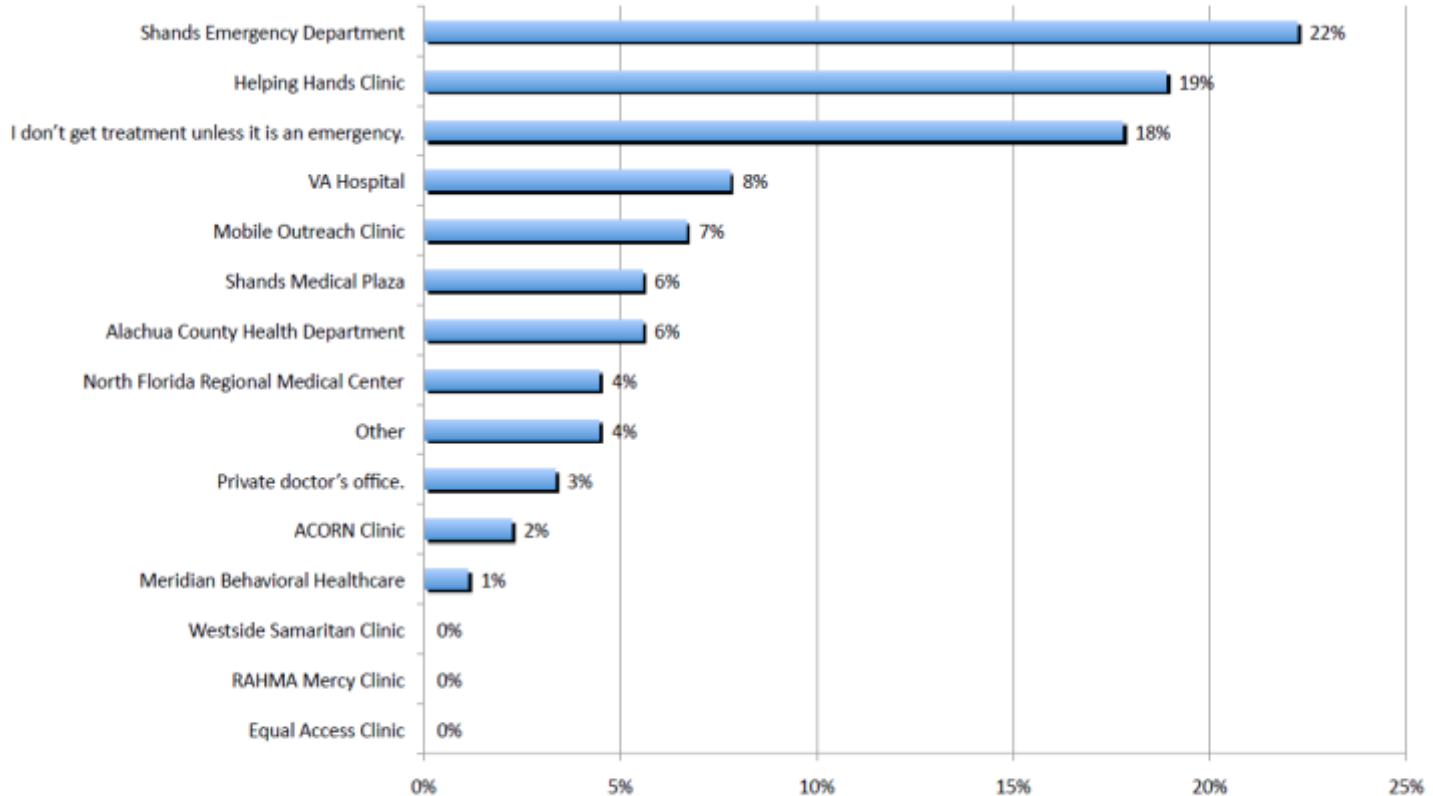
Health Insurance Coverage Options of MOC Patients



Sample size = 108

Results

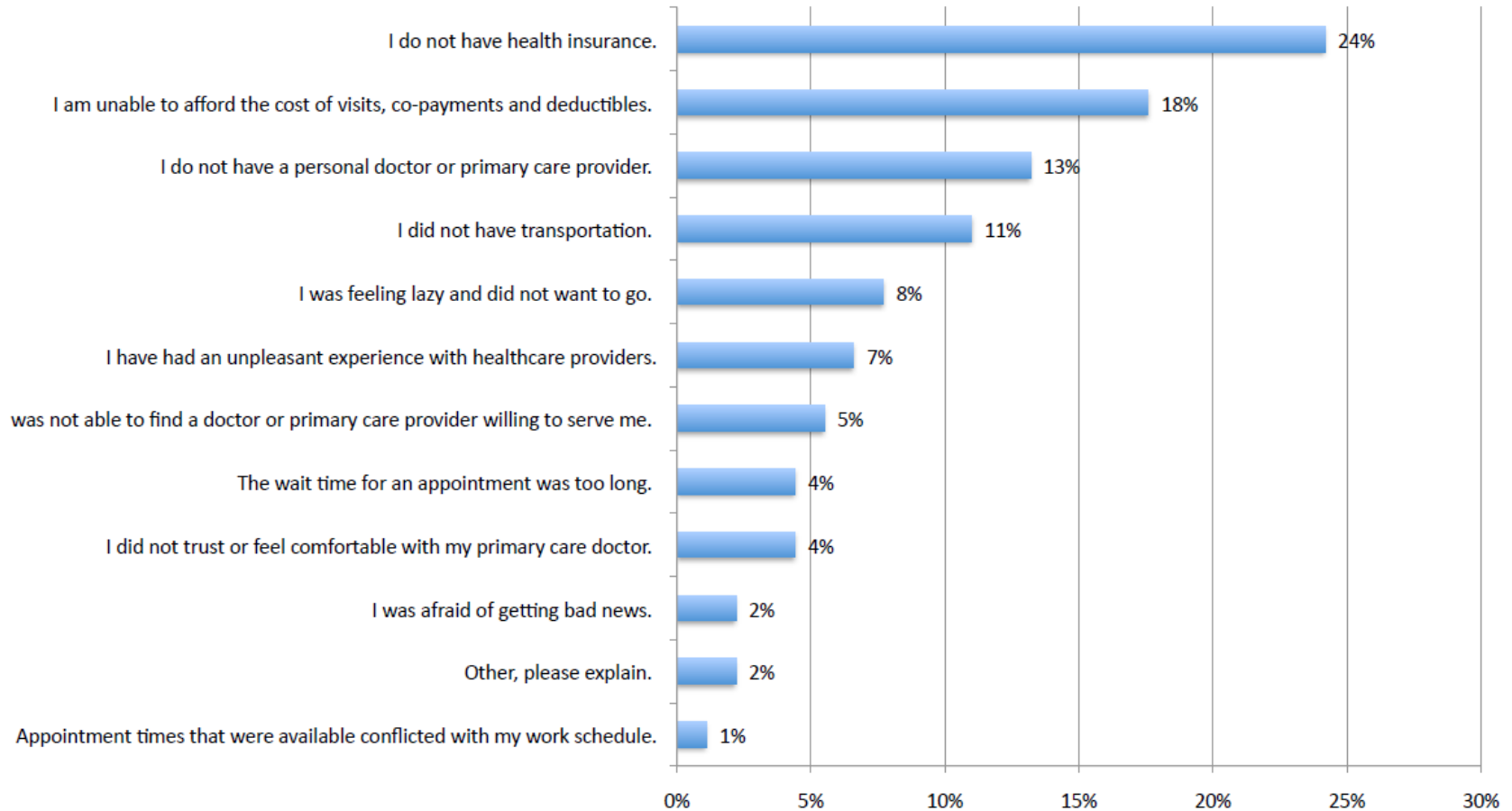
Where do you go to get treatment for medical problems?



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Other: Shands One Care

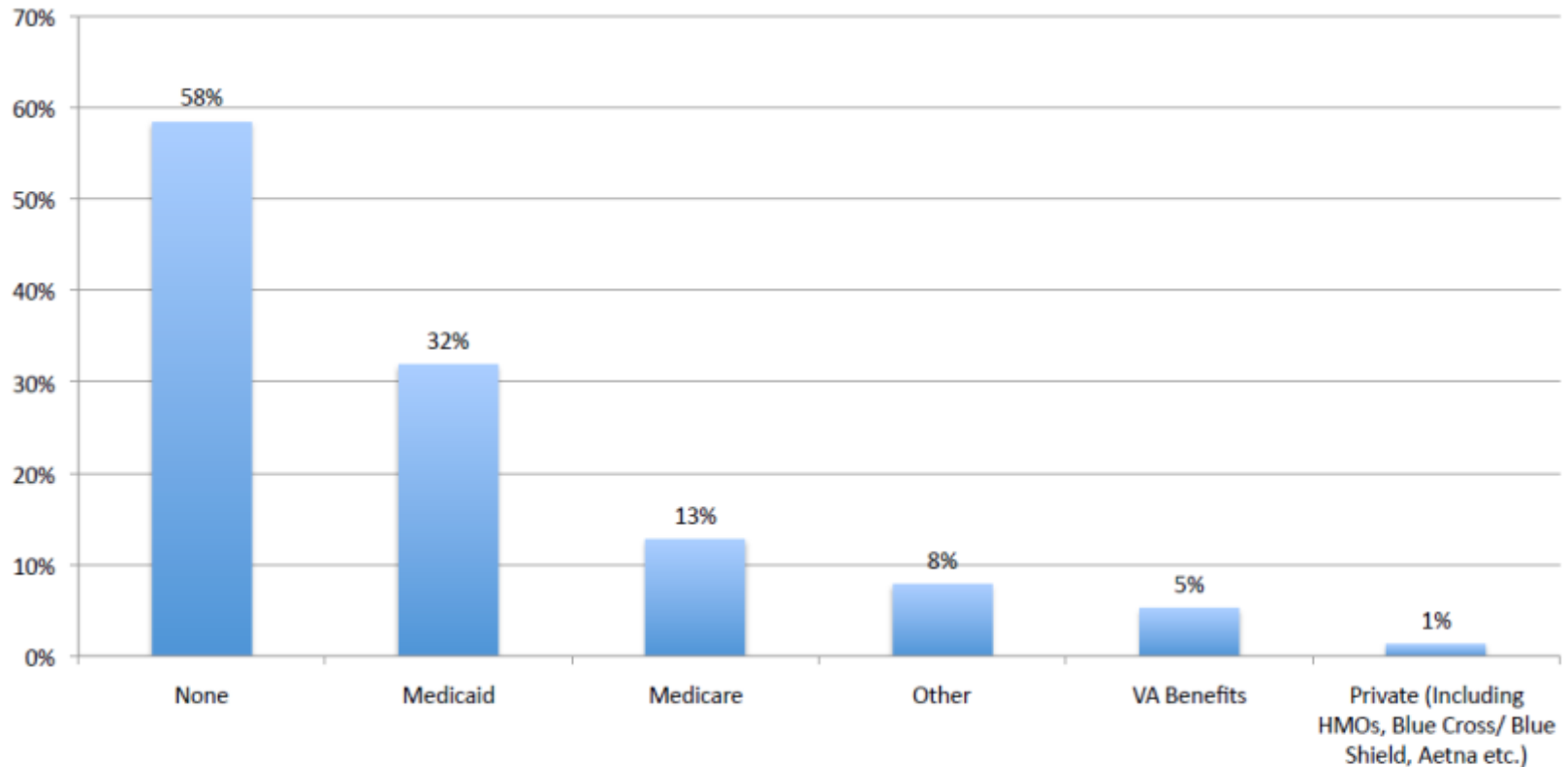
What are the main reasons for why you did not receive medical care when you needed it?



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Health Insurance

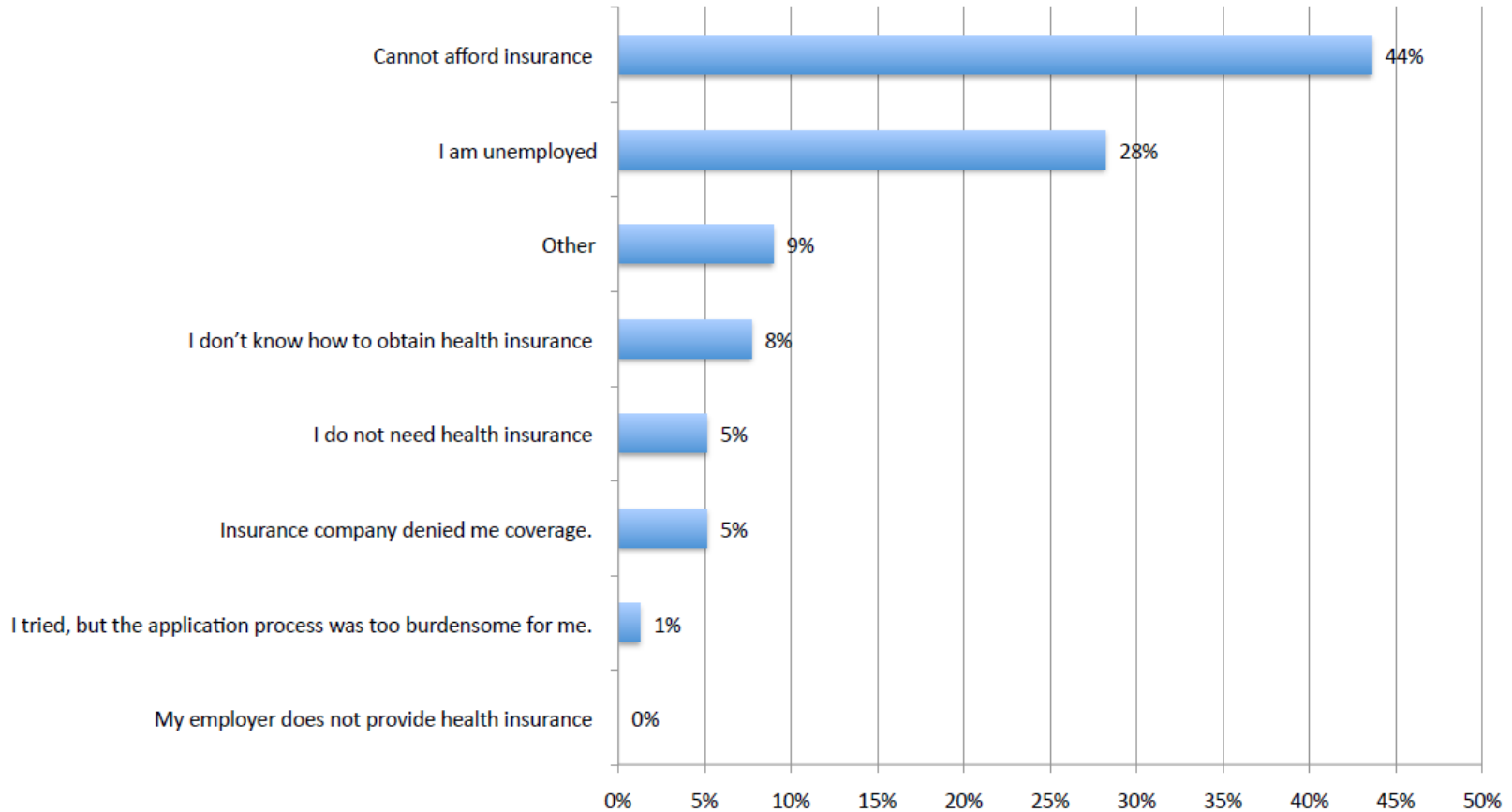
What type of health insurance do you have?



Other: Shands Care, AARP

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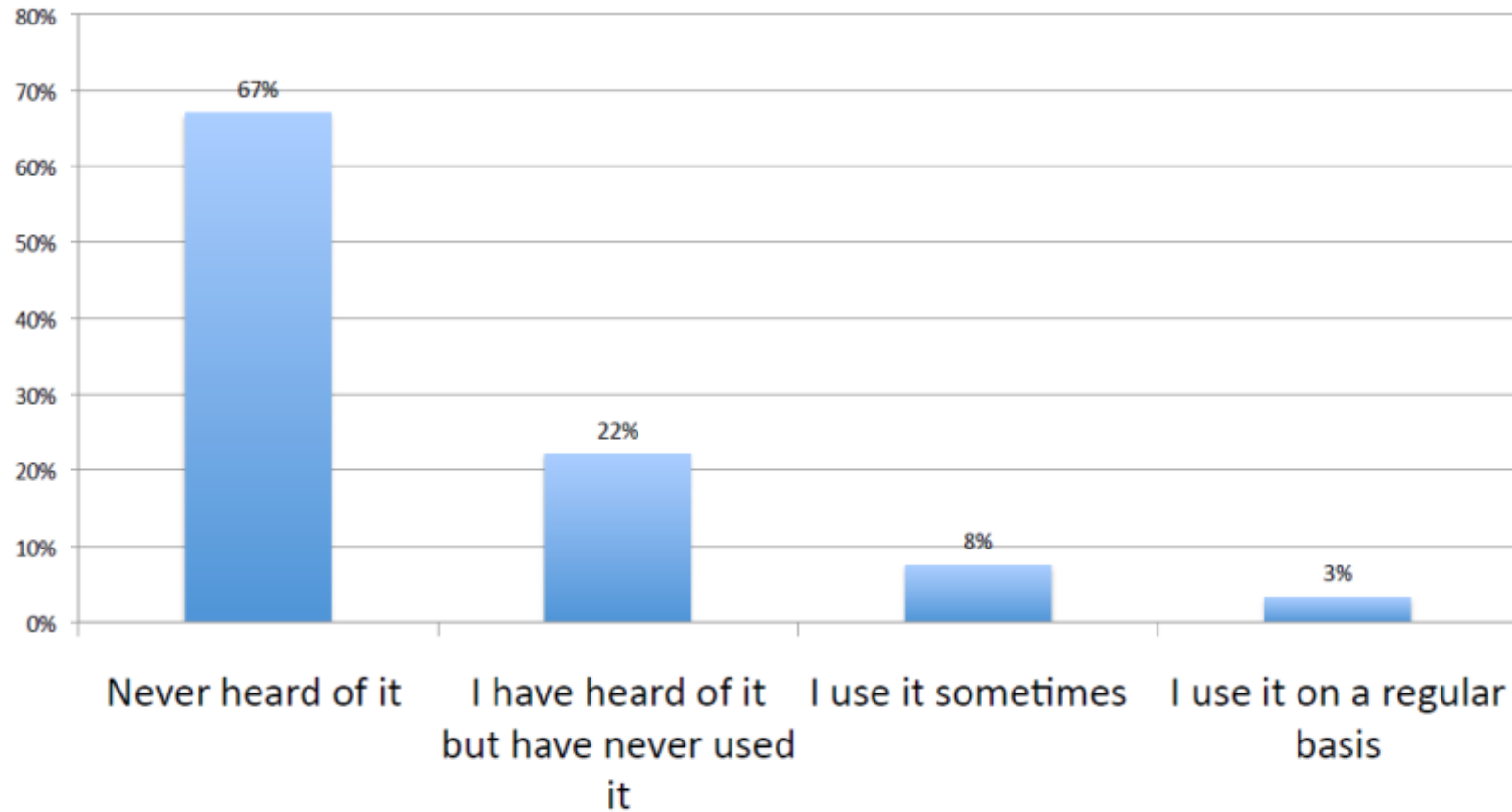
Why do you currently not have health insurance?



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Other: Have not stayed in one place long enough

Knowledge and Use of Community Health Resources



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