

## Project H.O.P.E. Homeless Needs Assessment

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### Introduction to Camden

Years ago, the bustling city of Camden was home to thriving corporations like RCA, Campbell's soup, New York Shipbuilding Corp., and Esterbrook. With the end of the war, the tide turned in this "invincible" city.

• A look at Camden now

- Less than 50% graduate from high school
- Plagued by violent crimes
- High unemployment rates
- Considered a food desert by the FDA

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/news/2012/1205grad.htm>  
[http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS\\_11\\_5YR\\_DP03](http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_11_5YR_DP03)

[www.ucrdatatool.gov/Search/Crime/State/RunCrimeStatebyState.cfm](http://www.ucrdatatool.gov/Search/Crime/State/RunCrimeStatebyState.cfm)  
<http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas.aspx>



### But there is H.O.P.E.



Project H.O.P.E. is a non-profit medical clinic that caters to the needs of a primarily homeless population. Since opening in 1993, Project H.O.P.E. has served over 11,000 homeless. Additionally 94% of the patients are below the poverty level and 44% had no insurance.

#### Services provided at Project H.O.P.E.:

- Primary Health Care
- Counseling for mental health and substance abuse
- Referrals
- Social Work services
- Food packages for diabetics

<http://projecthopecamden.org>

### Being the "Bridge"

**Homeless Outreach:**  
**Working with the H.O.T. team**  
**Assisted with:**

- Handing out clothing
- Providing food and personal goods
- Educating community on Project H.O.P.E.'s services
- Setting up appointments at the clinic
- Computer literacy/email set-up for clients

#### Outreach Locations:

-Co-STAR, Oasis, Neighborhood Center, Tent City, Cathedral Kitchen, Camden Farmer's Market

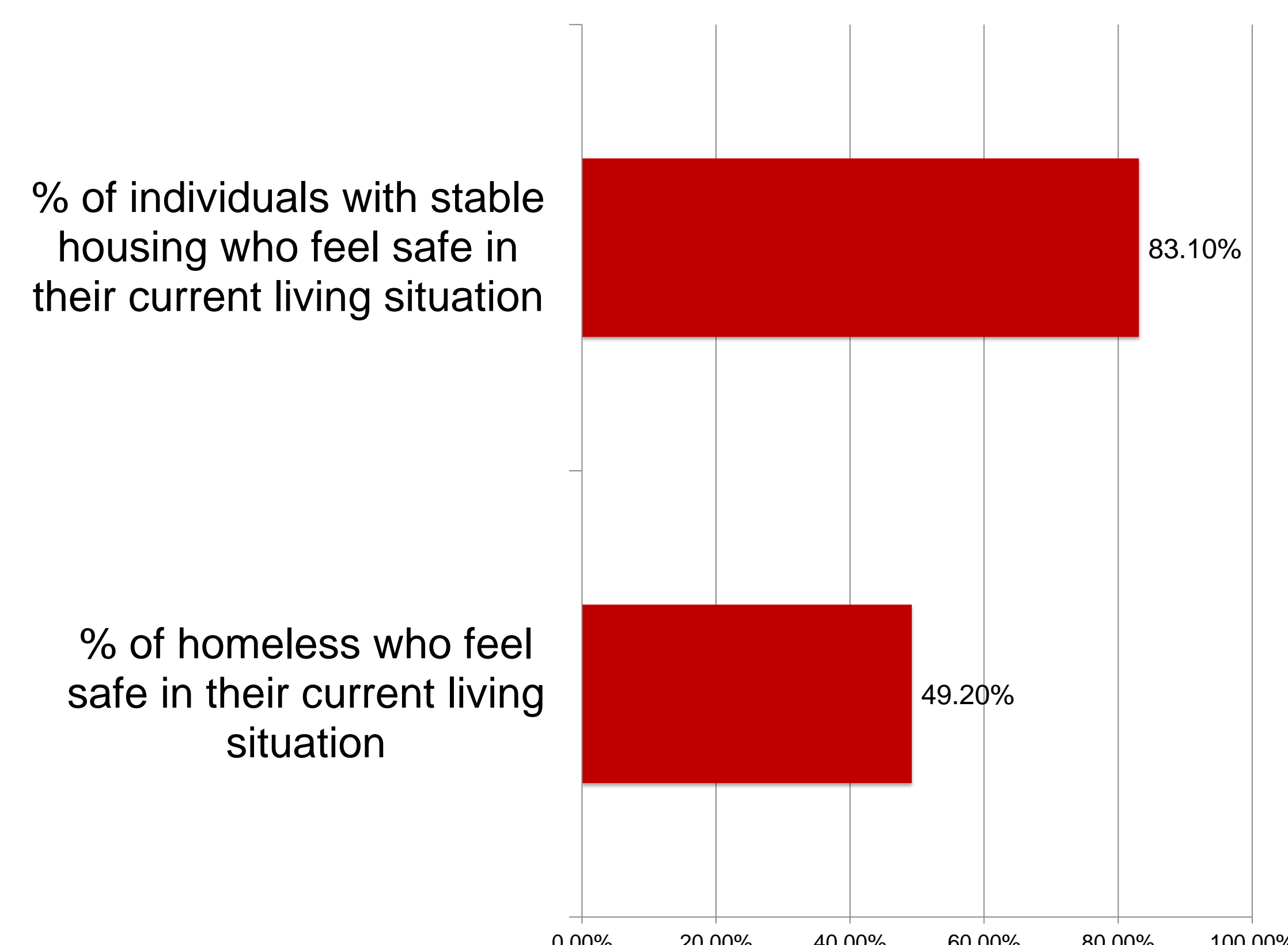


#### Health Needs Assessment

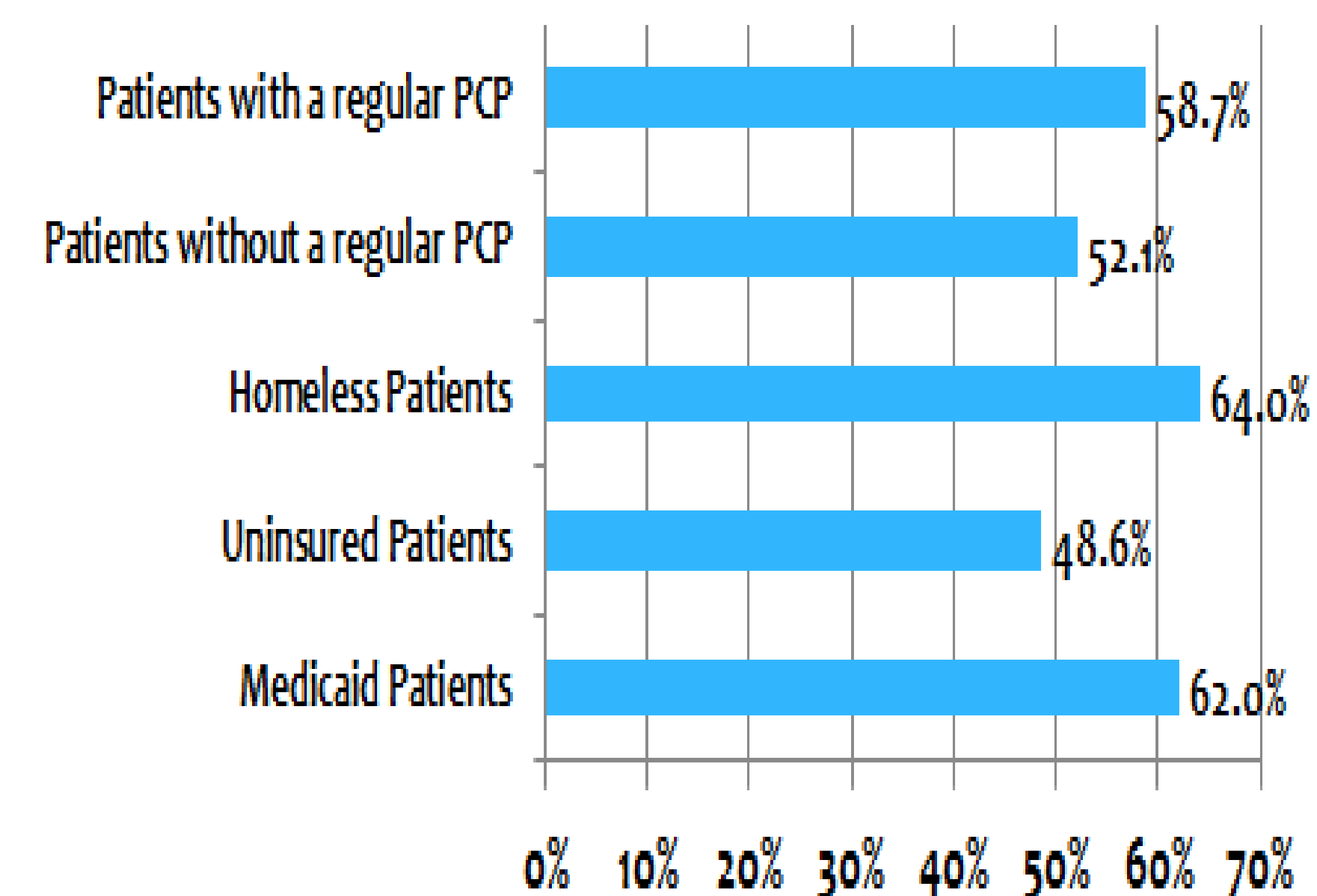
- Designed Health Needs Assessment
- Surveyed more than 200 people in the community and at Project H.O.P.E.
- Interviewed individuals about physical and mental health, substance abuse, housing, and other services needed

#### Results

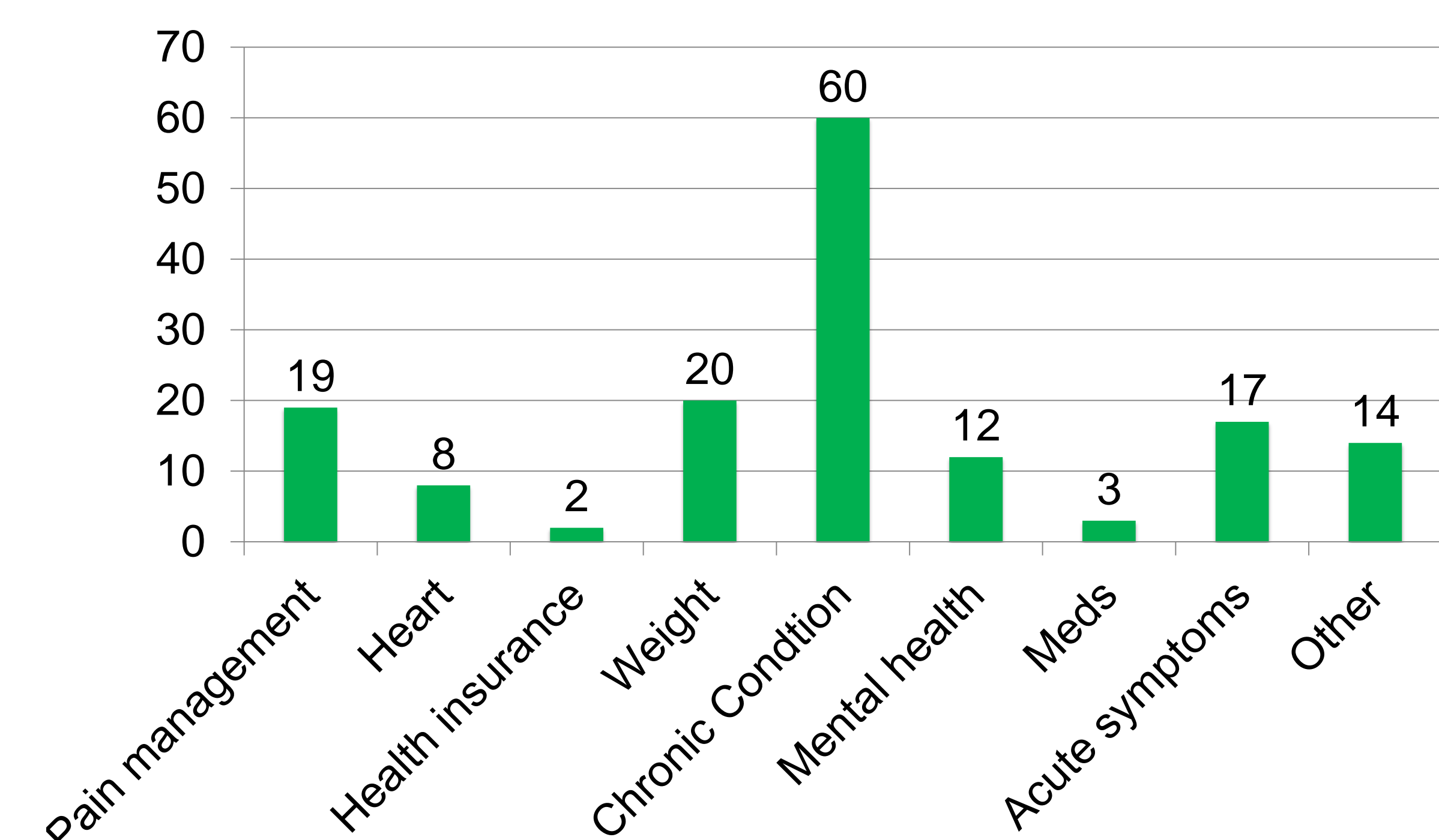
**22.1% of individuals were victims of physical violence while homeless**



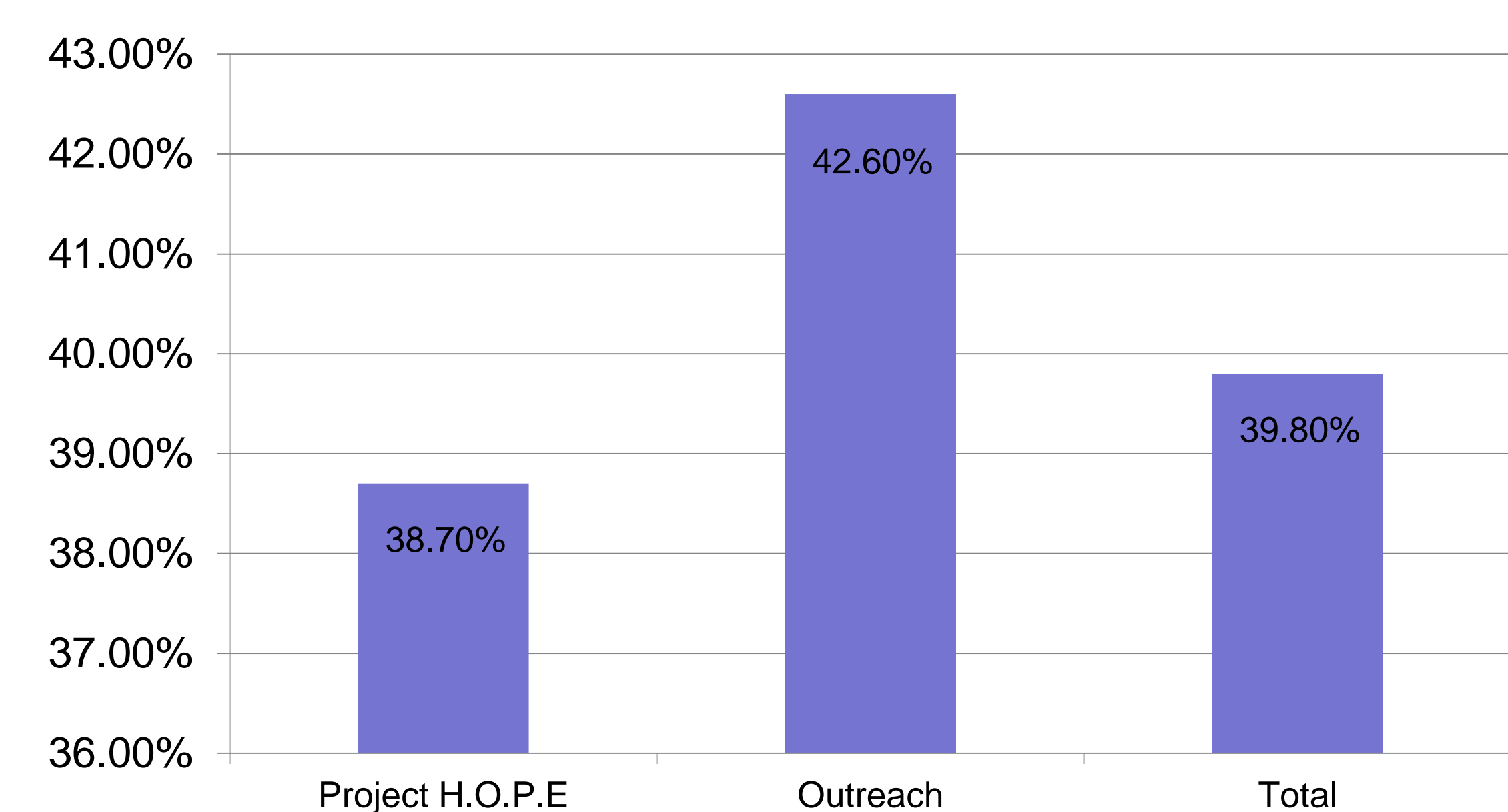
### Visited Emergency Room at least once in the past year



### Greatest Health Concern



### Individuals diagnosed with a mental illness



### Our time at Project H.O.P.E.



Working with Project H.O.P.E. has afforded an invaluable experience in working with an exceptional population, dedicated staff, and a hopeful community.