



Spotlight on Arizona's Kids: A Closer Look at the Child Welfare System

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The Study and Approach



The Arizona Community Foundation asked Morrison Institute to determine how to best use its expertise to improve child and family outcomes in Arizona.

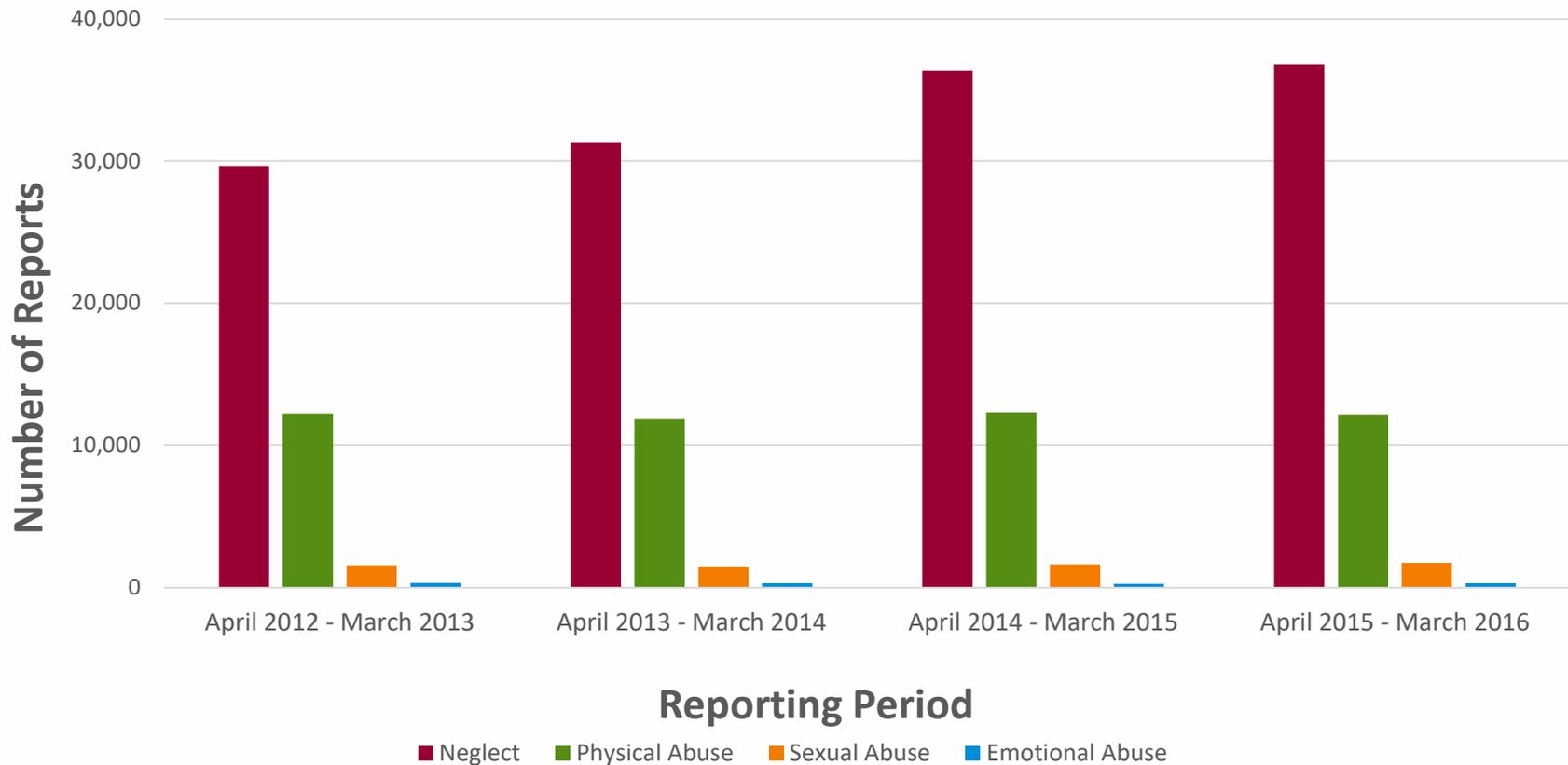
Collaboration and partnership between ACF, Morrison Institute for Public Policy, the Department of Child Safety, and the community

DCS and the community responded requesting more information about types of neglect

Neglect in Arizona

In Arizona, on average about 70.4% of all reports from April 2012 to March 2016 were neglect reports

Reports by Reporting Period and Type of Maltreatment



Neglect terms for our study

Supervisory	Physical	Medical	Emotional	Substance-exposed Newborn
Abandonment	Inadequate food	Denial or delay of medical health care	Inadequate nurturing/affection	
Expulsion	Inadequate clothing	Denial or delay of dental health care	Unrealistic developmental expectation	
Shuttling	Poor hygiene	Denial or delay of mental health care		
Dangerous exposure	Inadequate shelter			
Dangerous exposure related to domestic violence				
Deliberate exposure of a sexual nature				
Inappropriate caregiver				
Failure to prevent risky behavior or allowing/encouraging maladaptive behavior				
Permit a child's drug and alcohol use				
Lack of supervision				



Methodology of neglect analysis

All reports from calendar years
2013-2015

Two strata:

- Reports involving a removal within 30 days of the hotline call
- Reports never involving a removal

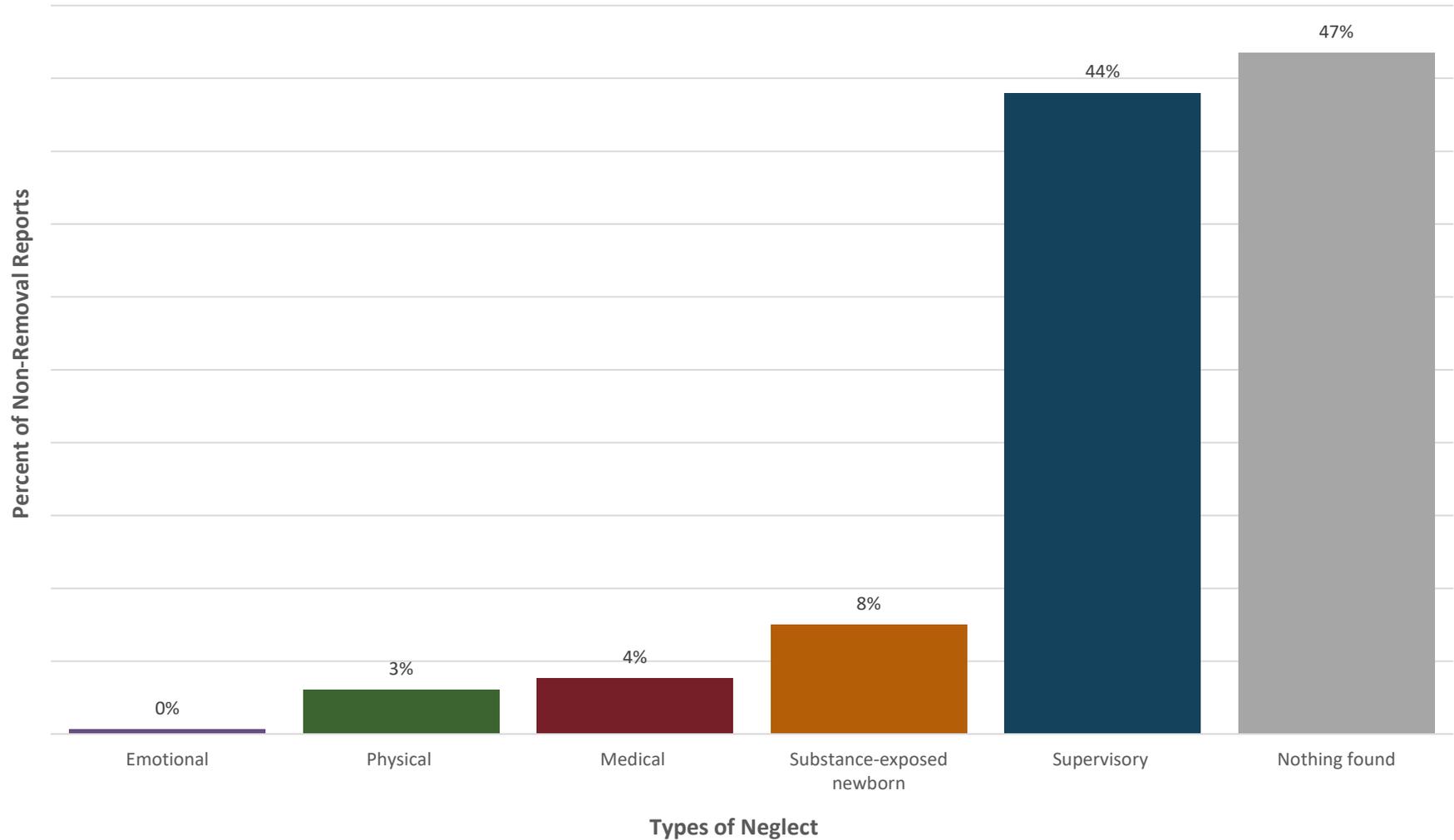
400 randomly selected cases in each stratum allow for 95% confidence level with a confidence interval of 5

- Reports with no removal
77,816
- Reports with a removal within 30 days of hotline call
8,212



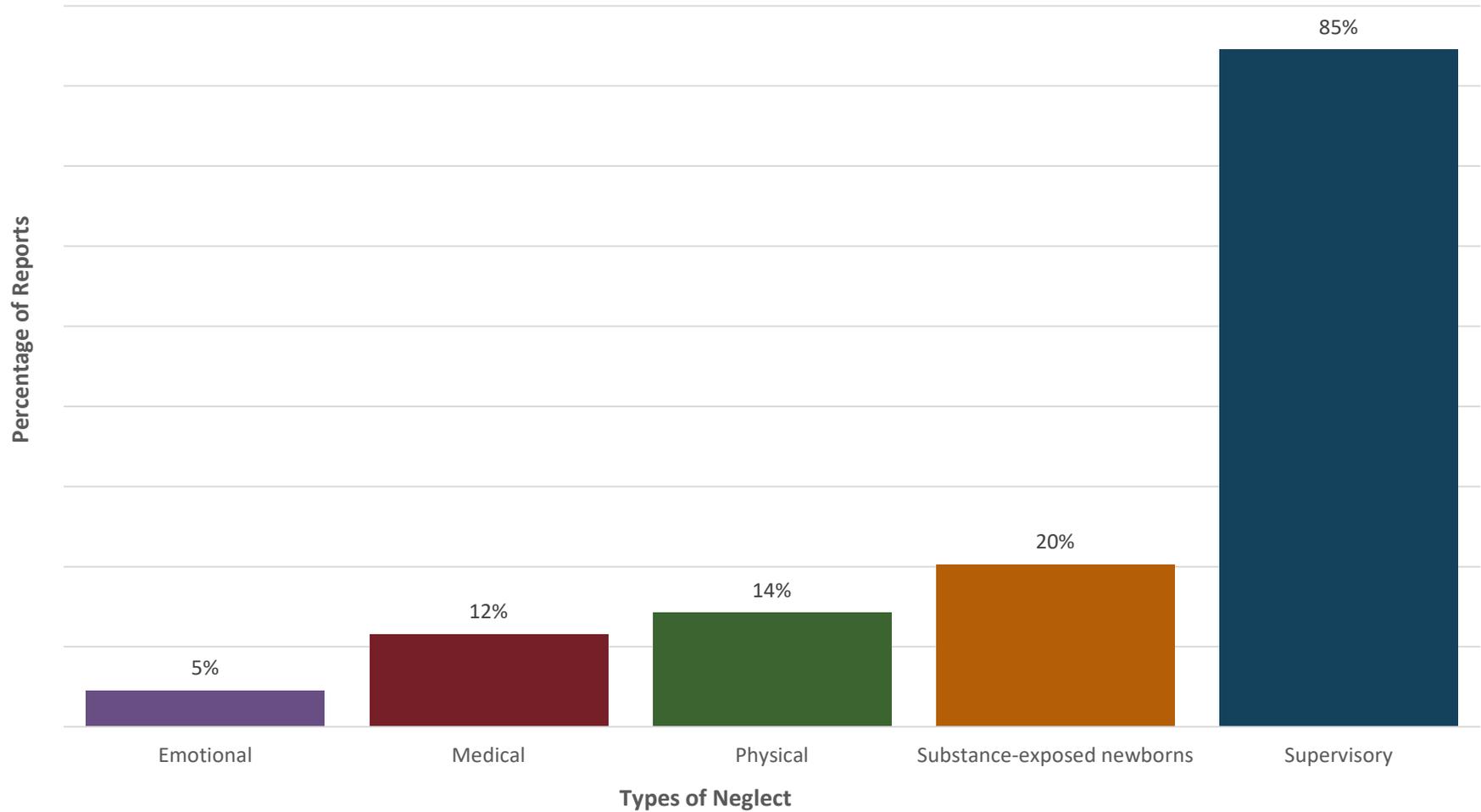
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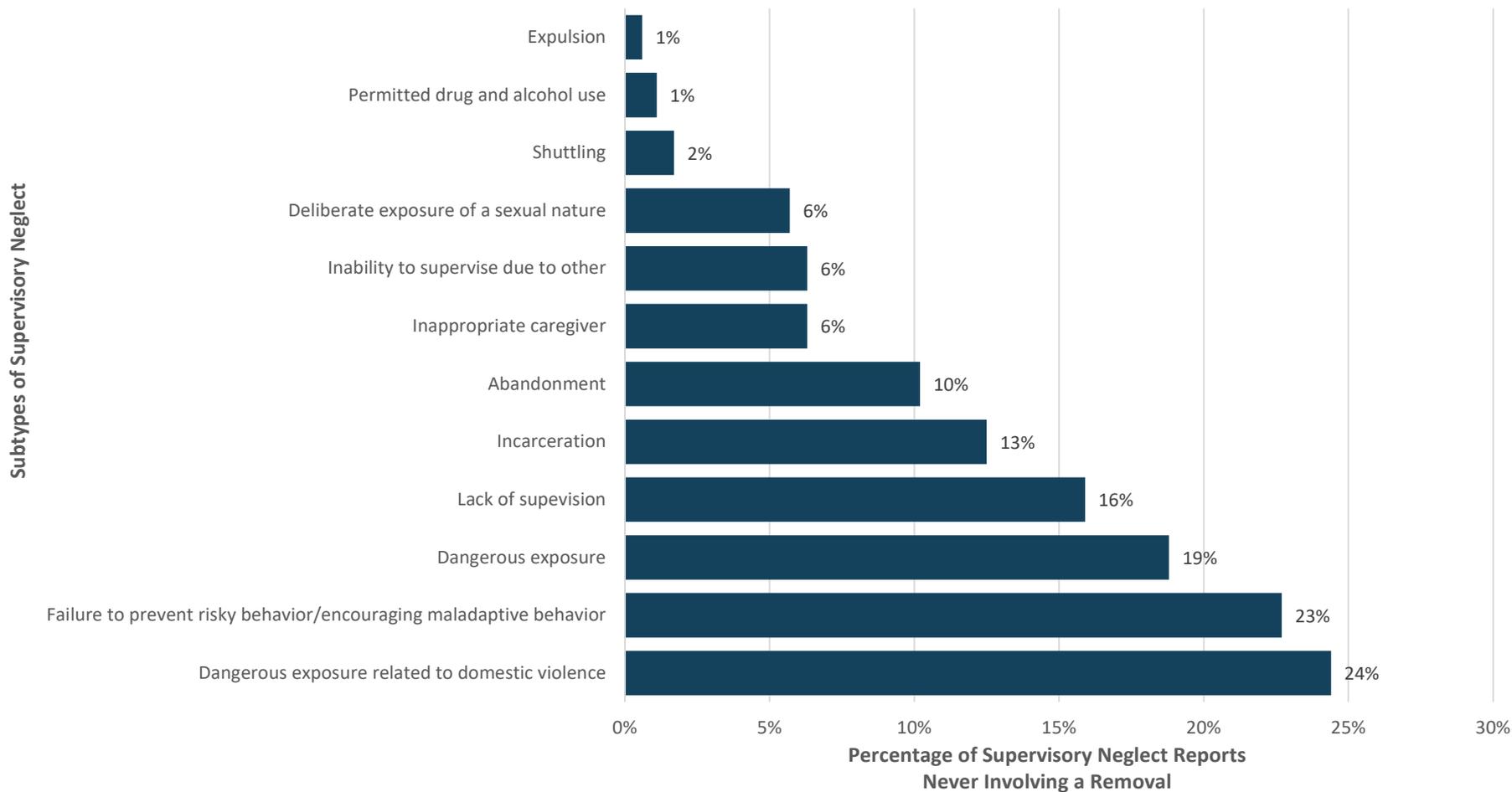
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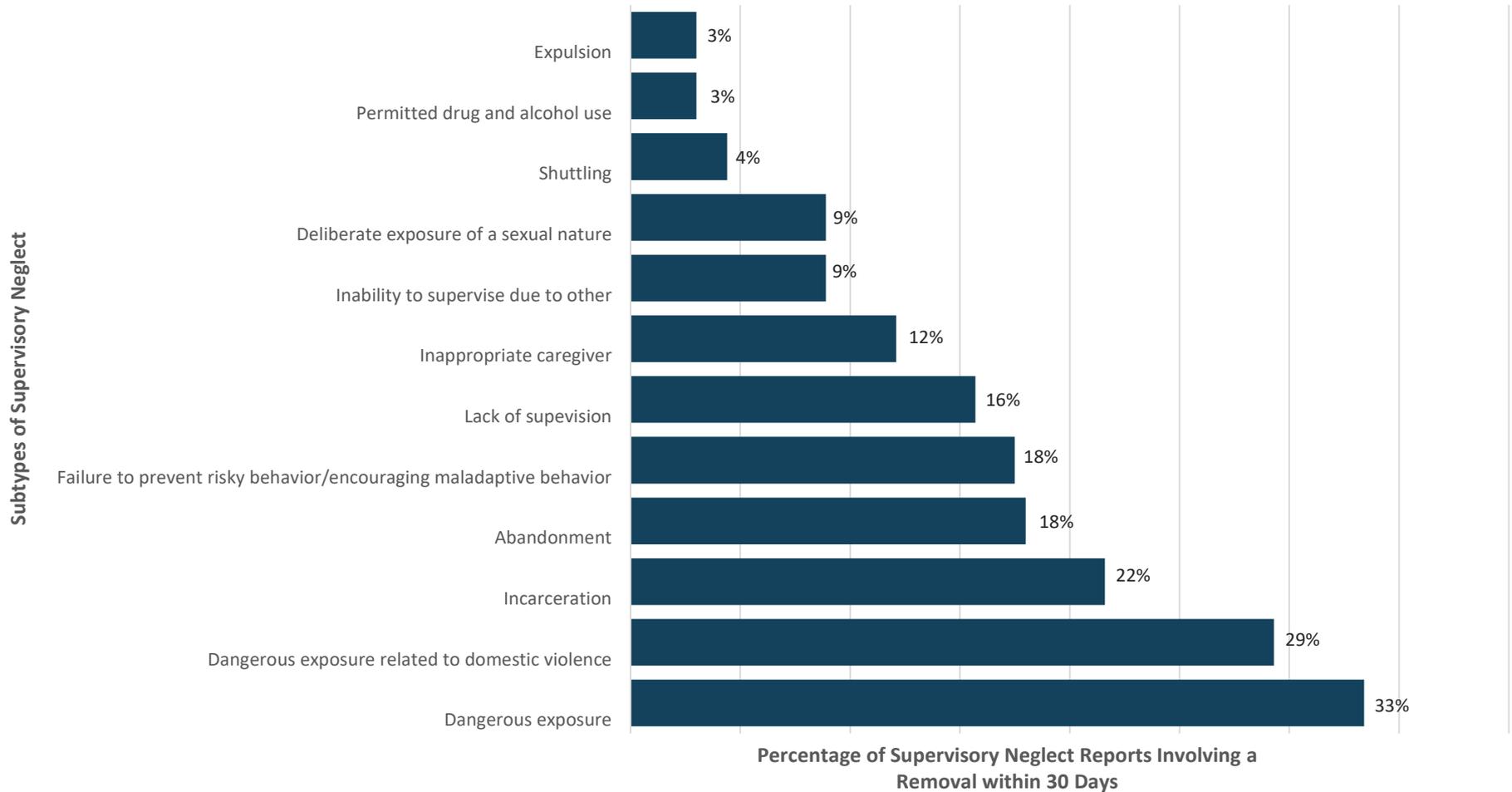
Reports not involving removal: Supervisory

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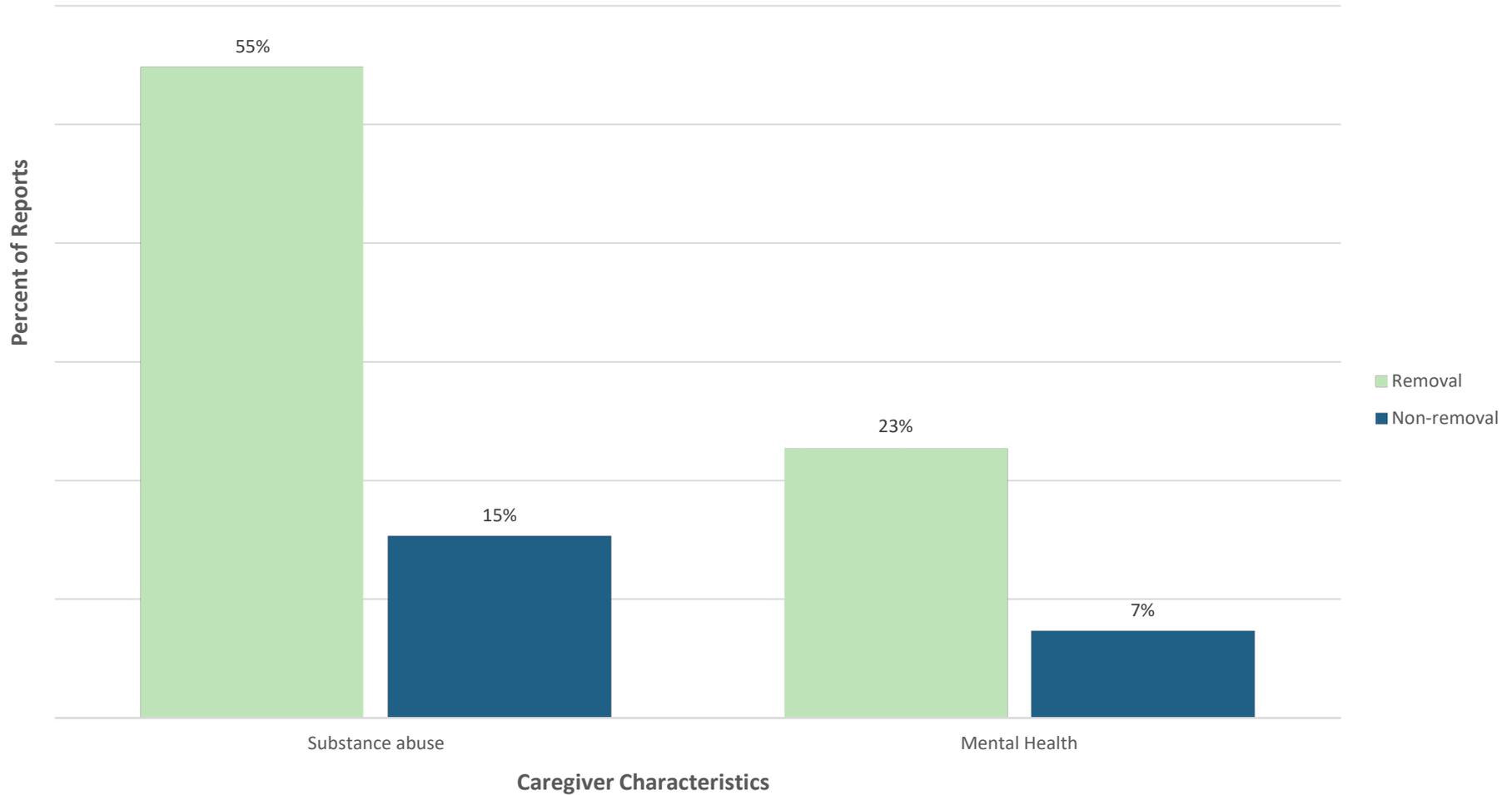
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Characteristics of caregivers

Prevalence of Mental Health and Substance Abuse in Assessment and Investigation Narrative, by Removal Status for Calendar Years 2013-2015



Project Next Steps

Additional research and analysis:

- Identify prevention services offered in Arizona, evidence-based practices recommended in literature, and develop policy options
 - Gather data about current services, number of people served, and geographic area of coverage
 - Identify useful measures for estimating need for services
 - Compare service availability to need for service and provide policy options for increasing services in targeted areas.

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Our Vision

Ensure that all Arizona children are safe at home



Success is providing stronger protection for Arizona's children against maltreatment through prevention.