

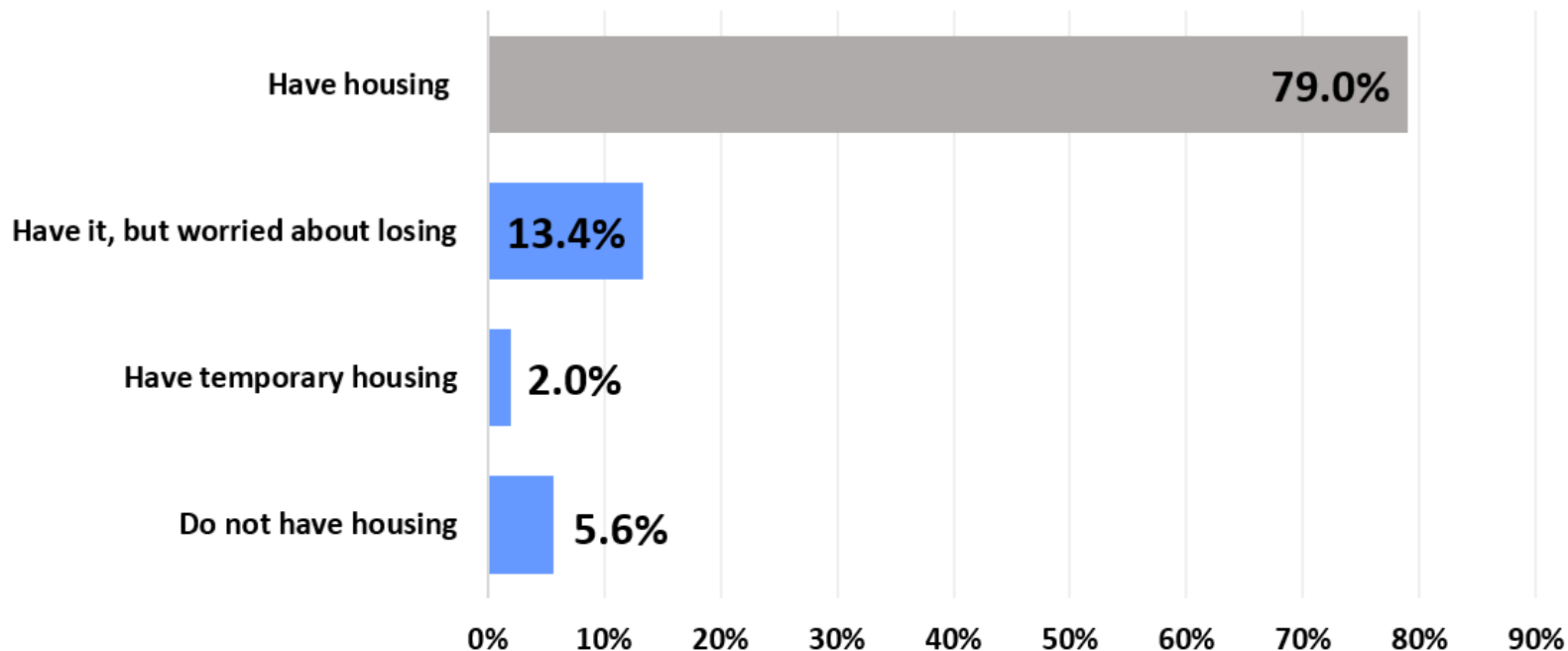
Housing in Stark County

Data Brief

Kaelyn Parrish- Canton City Public Health

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Approximately **1 in 5** residents surveyed had **concerns about their current housing situation**.



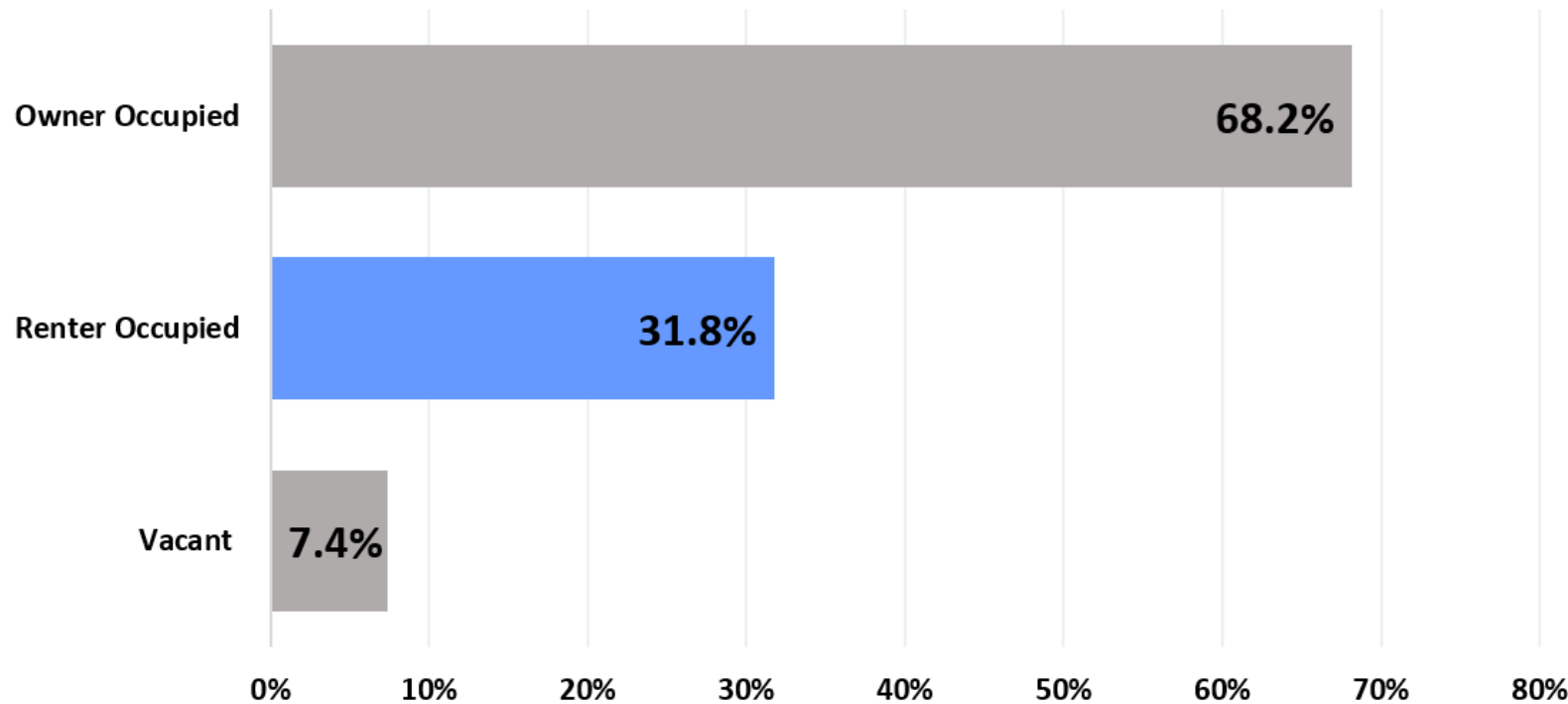
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Groups of residents that were more likely to have concerns about their current housing situation included:

Canton City residents (32%)
Black residents (36%)
Ages 18-44 (31%)
Annual income <\$25,000 (39%)

Housing in Stark County

Nearly **1 in 3** Stark County housing units are **renter occupied**.



N=167,525

Stark County Housing Facts:

Median Year Built: 1965 (Ohio- 1970)

*Median Value: \$164, 900 (Ohio-
\$183,300)*

*Median Gross Rent: \$838 (Ohio-
\$945)*

*Median Monthly Owner Cost: \$1,269
(Ohio-\$1,429)*

Housing in Stark County

What needs done?

“Develop affordable homes for families to assist them from paying high rent and having no equity.”

“Create pathways to home ownership.”

“Increase availability of quality housing for low-income individuals.”

“Making sure all areas of Stark County has access to affordable housing.”

“Repairs on abandoned houses to create affordable living spaces.”

Mental Health and The Older Population in Stark County

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Mental Health in 65+ Population

During the past 12 months...

12.4 %

2.0%

Felt sad or hopeless for 2+ weeks

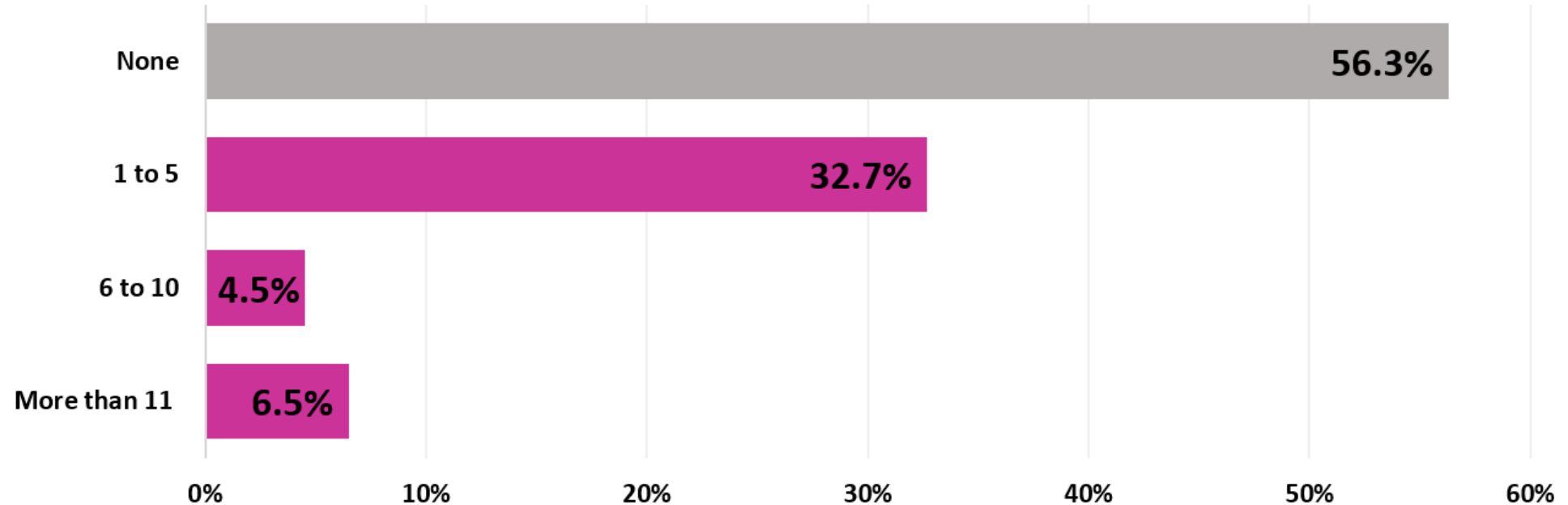
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Ever seriously considered suicide

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Mental Health in 65+ Population

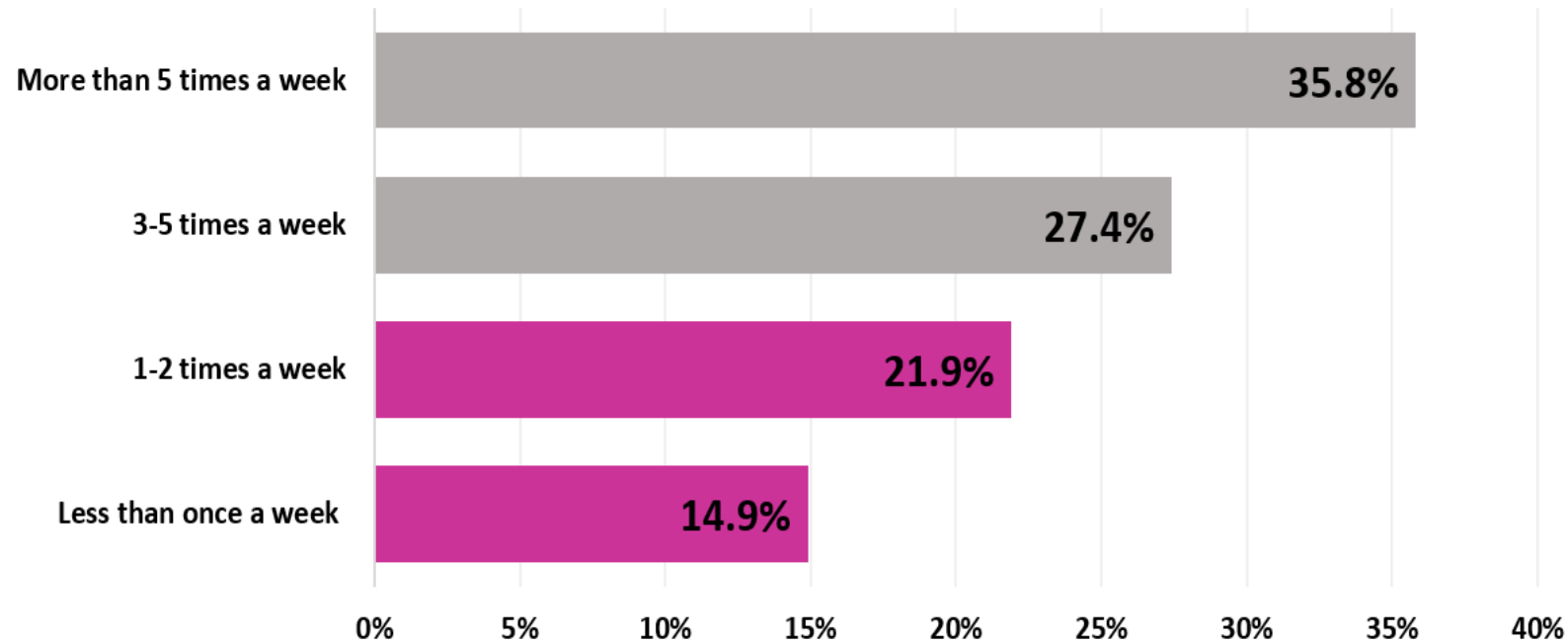
More than 40% those ages 65+ reported at **least one or more poor mental health days** in the past month.



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Mental Health in 65+ Population

Over **one- third** of the 65+ population surveyed reported social connectiveness **two times a week or less.**



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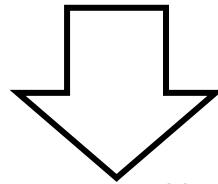
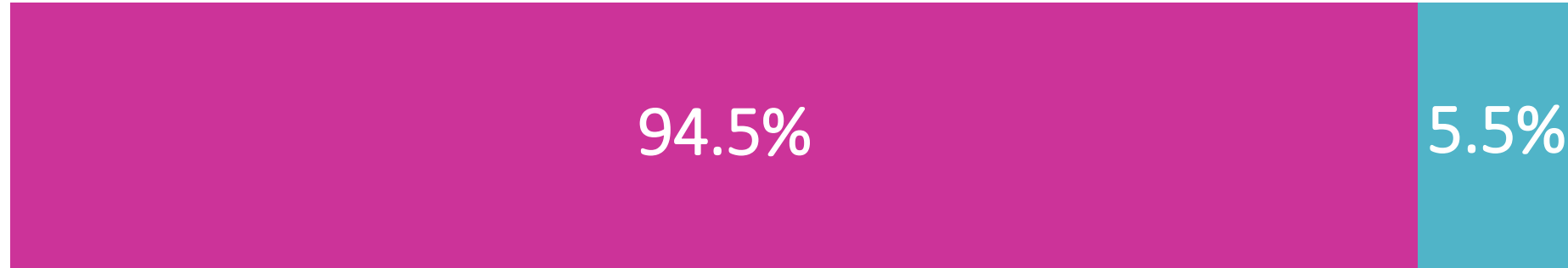
**Social
Connectiveness-**
*How often one sees
or talks to people
that they care about
and that they feel
close to.*

Insurance Coverage and Medicaid Enrollment in Stark County

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Julianna Smith-Stark County Health Department

Most Stark County residents are **insured** while a small portion are **uninsured**¹.



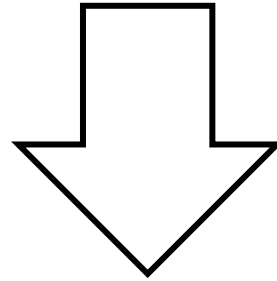
Of those who are insured, 26% are enrolled in **Medicaid**² and the remainder are covered by **other types of plans**.



1. U.S. Census Table S2701 2024 5-year estimate.

2. Ohio Department of Medicaid Demographic and Expenditure Dashboard for April, 2026.

Of those who are enrolled in Medicaid, almost a quarter are
enrolled under the Medicaid Expansion¹.



! This means that if expansion ends, **nearly 21,000 Stark County residents** would need to find alternative coverage or become uninsured. !

Access to Care and Social Services in Stark County

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71%

n=142

of community partners don't feel that people in the community know about the health services and options that are available to them.

66%

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of resident survey respondents feel that access to healthcare is a serious problem in the county.

Top 10 Issues Residents Sought Assistance for in the Past Year

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| 1. Food (22%) | 6. Dental Care (10%) |
| 2. Mental health (15%) | 7. Prescription Assistance (10%) |
| 3. Healthcare (11%) | 8. Clothing (10%) |
| 4. Utilities (10%) | 9. Employment (9%) |
| 5. Transportation (10%) | 10. Medicare or other health insurance (9%) |

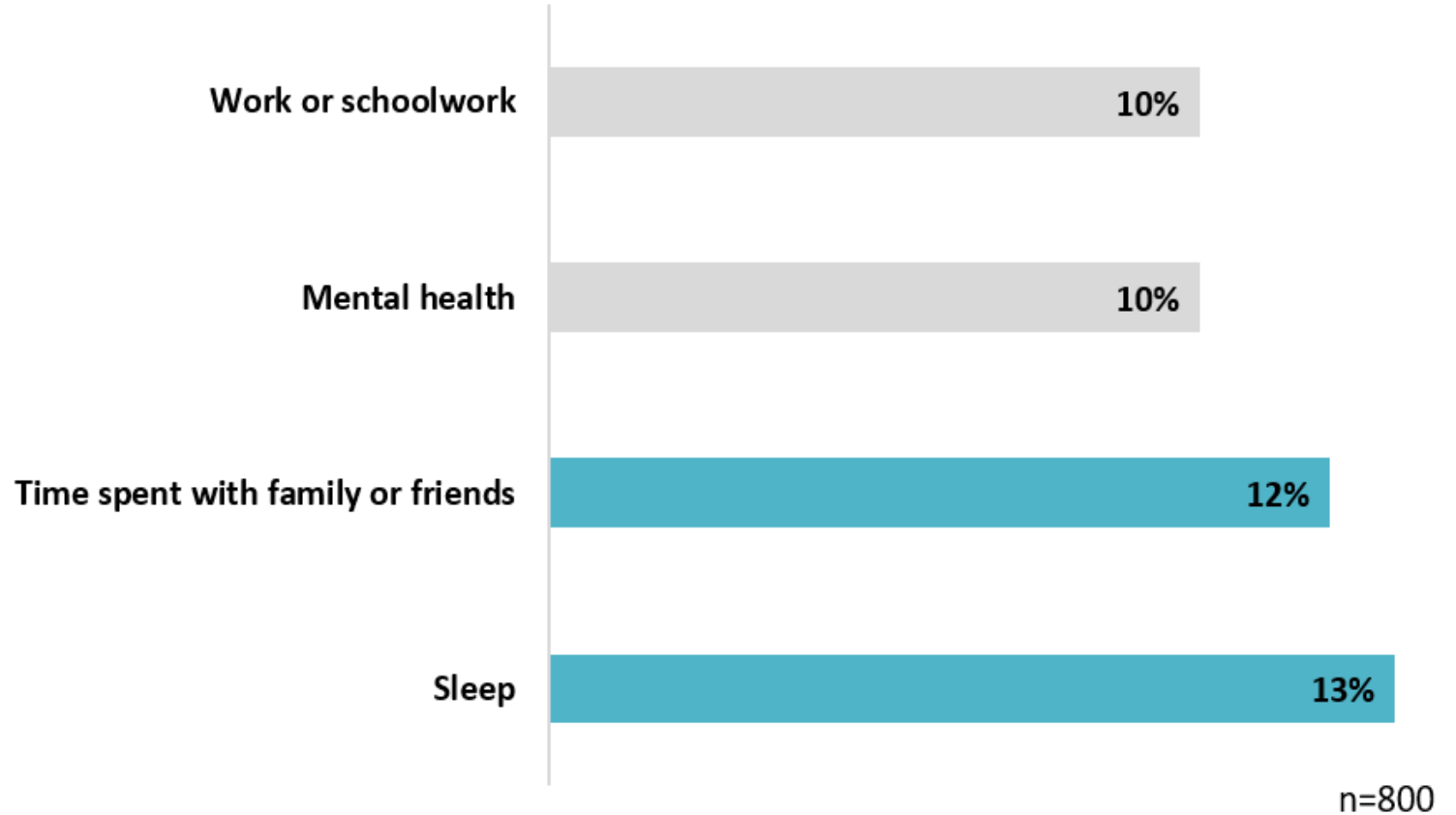
Groups more likely to have not sought assistance for a list of 18 issues include respondents without children in the home, college graduates, residents with an annual income over \$75,000, those who are married, those who are homeowners, those with reliable transportation and stable housing, households without someone with a disability, and white respondents.

Digital Wellness and Literacy in Stark County

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Julianna Smith-Stark County Health Department

More residents report that digital device use **often or always** interferes with **time spent with family or friends** and **sleep** than with work or schoolwork and mental health.



The most common digital device wellness practices used by residents include

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44%

Taking regular breaks

36%

Limiting negative content

32%

Device-free time

28%

Good sleep hygiene

27%

Limit screen time

Economic Disparities in Stark County

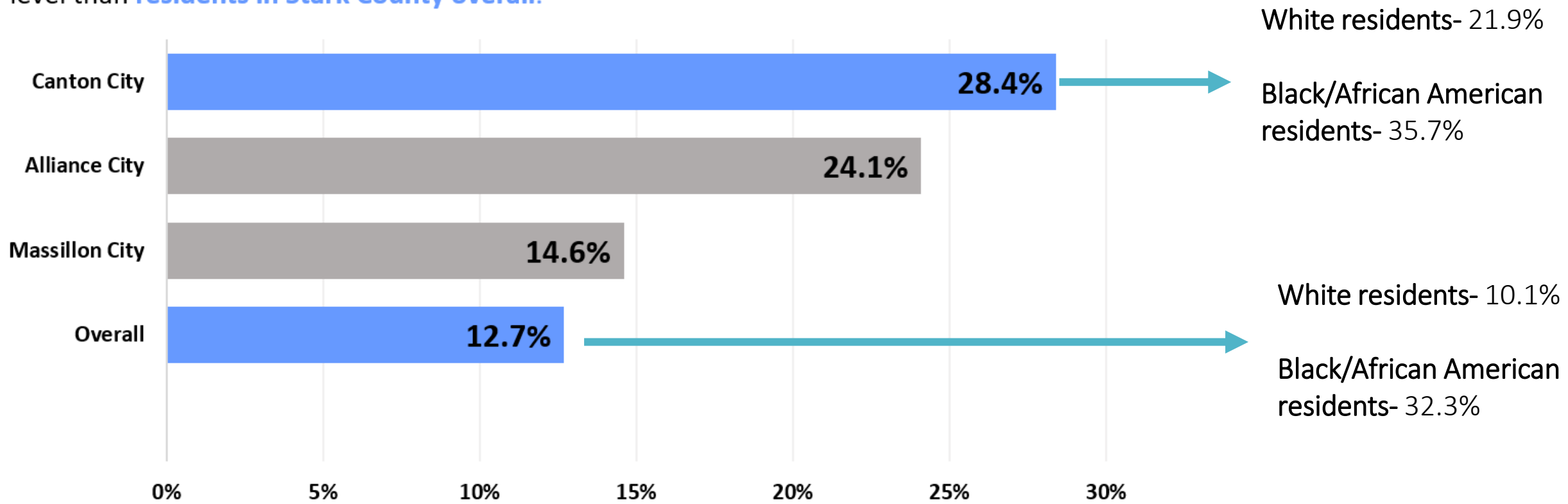
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Cade Harmon- Canton City Public Health

"What's missing are neighborhood-level programs that are rooted in the community and led by trusted peers who understand the lived experiences of the people they're serving."

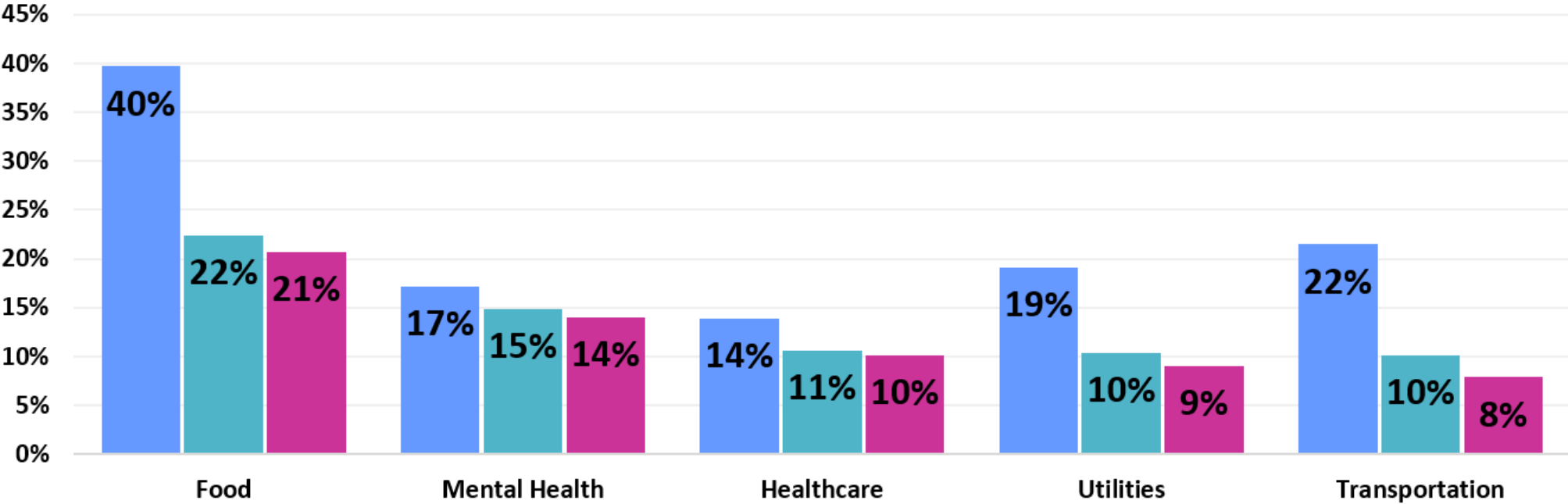
Economic Disparities in Stark County

Canton City residents are **more than twice as likely** to live below poverty level than **residents in Stark County overall**.



Economic Disparities in Stark County

When surveyed, **residents overall** reported the below **five services being ones they sought assistance for most in the past year**. Disparities exist among **Black/African American residents** and **White residents** in our county.



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