

# Data Analysis of: School Based Health Center Focus Groups



- Family and Community Members
- Neighborhood Associations Members

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# Purpose

- We are gathered here to discuss the data regarding the possibility of opening School-Based Health Centers to provide physical, dental and mental health services to students here in the Savannah-Chatham County area.
- We have conducted a needs assessment to determine the specific health needs of students, their families, and neighborhood association members.

# Why School-Based Health Centers?

- **Keeping Children in School**

School-based health centers help keep children in school and ready to learn, treating acute and chronic health problems immediately and returning students to class as soon as possible.

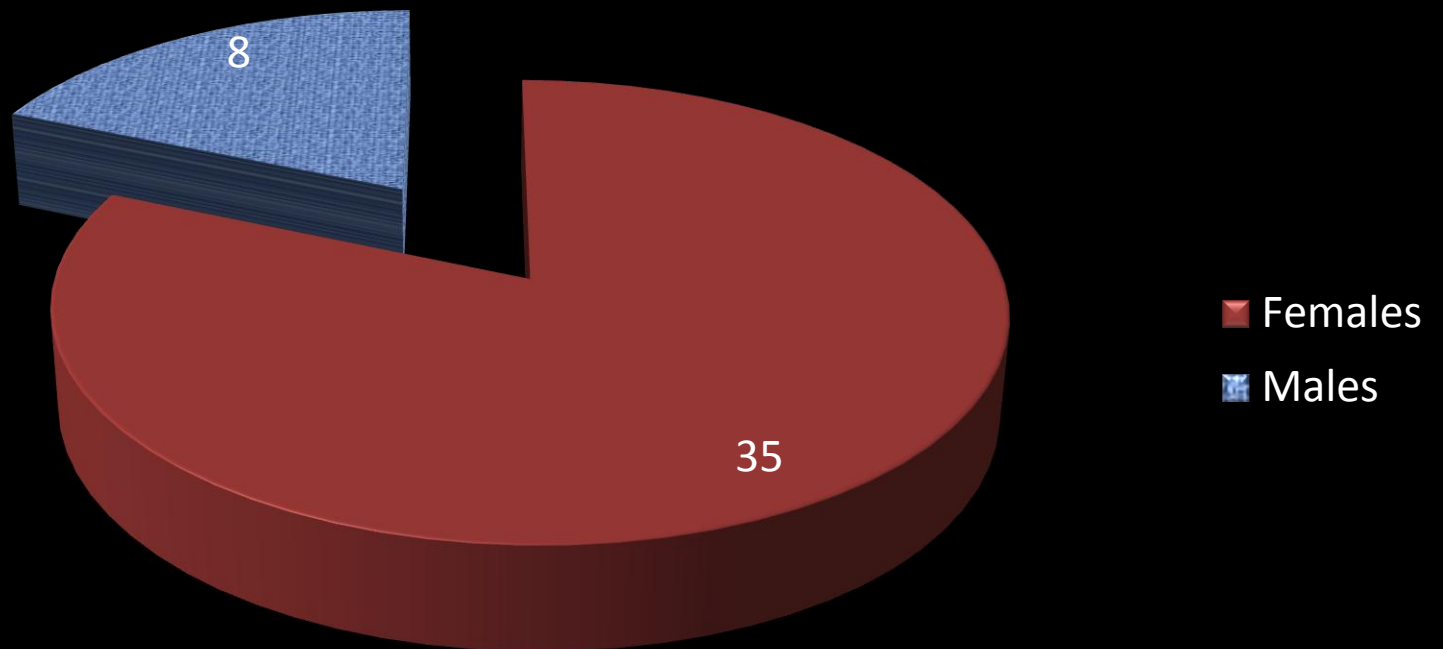
- **Strong Parent and School Support**

When parents give permission for their child to be seen at a school-based health center, they know they will not have to miss work to care for minor problems, and that their child will receive prompt attention from health providers trained at working with youth. School administrators and teachers are extremely supportive of school-based health centers because health centers allow them to focus on their role of educating students who are healthy and ready to learn.

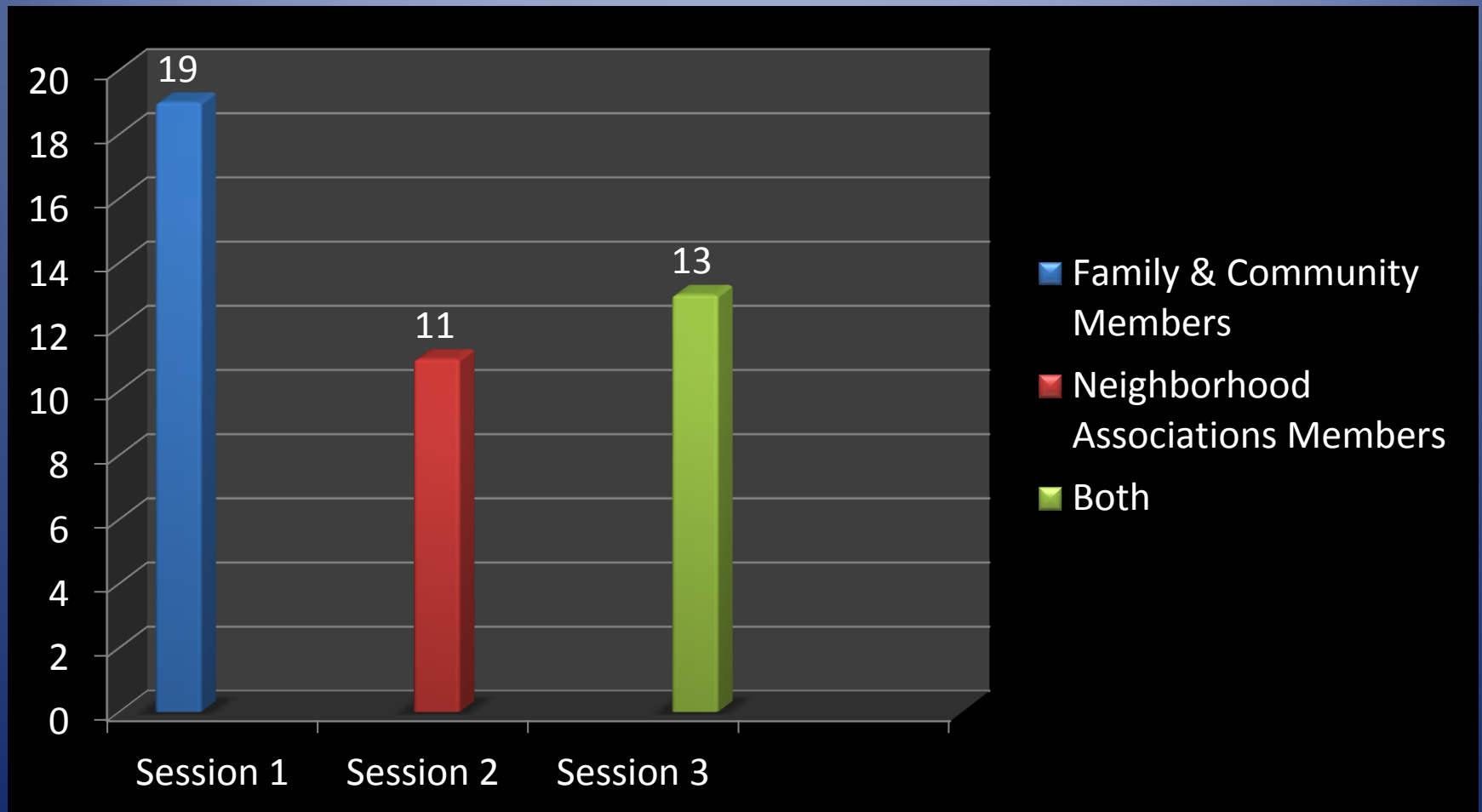
# Why School-Based Health Centers?

- **Access to Health Care For All Children**  
School-based health centers provide health care to all children who have parental permission, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay (**often at no cost or low cost**).
- **Regular Preventive Care**  
When health care is far away, expensive, or difficult to access, children are less likely to receive regular preventive care. School-based health centers offer care where the children are in schools.
- The following slides provide information regarding the data gathered and analyzed.

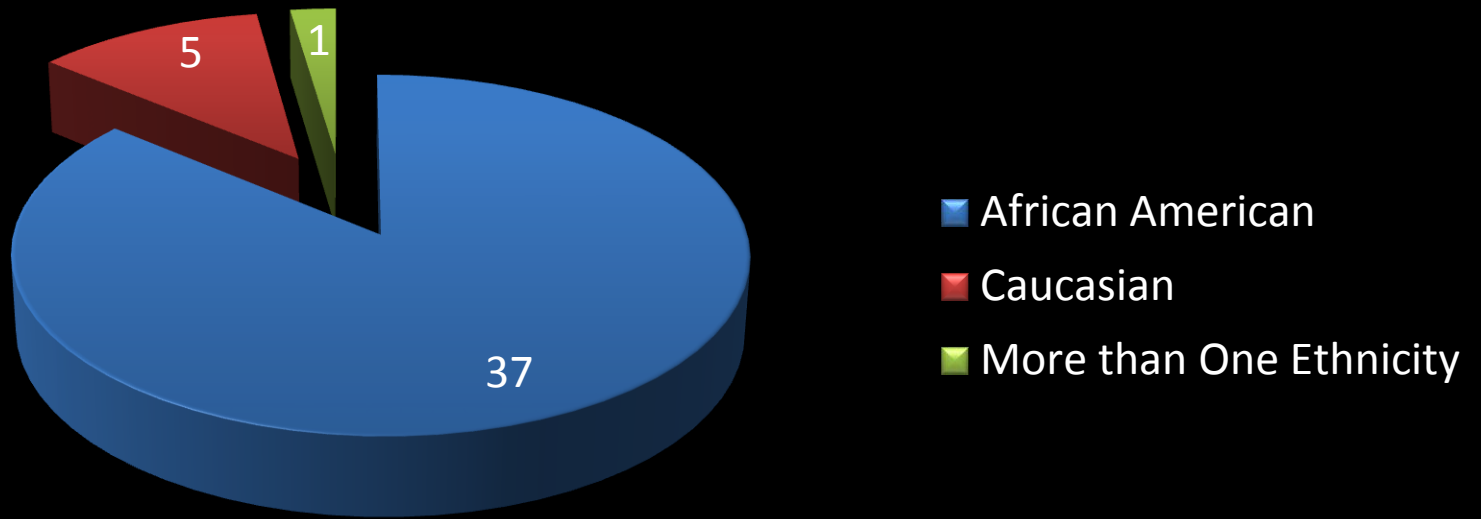
# Sex of Participants



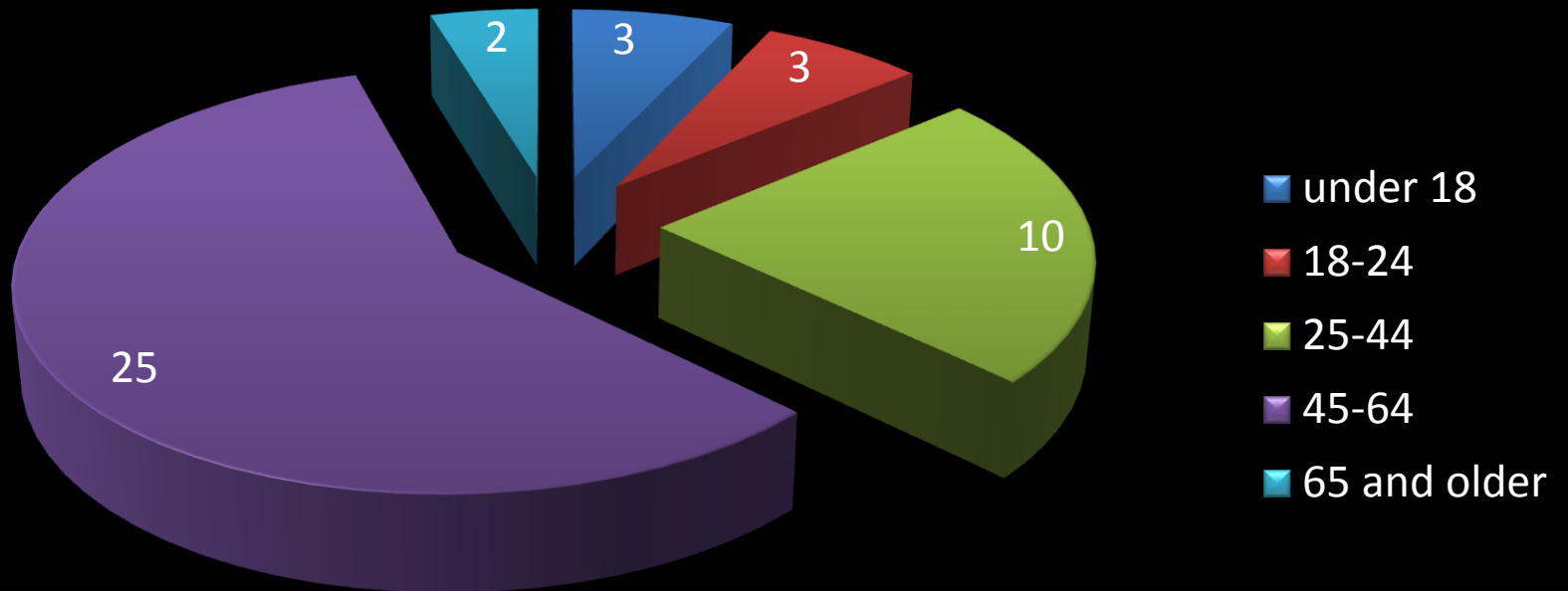
# Focus Group Sessions



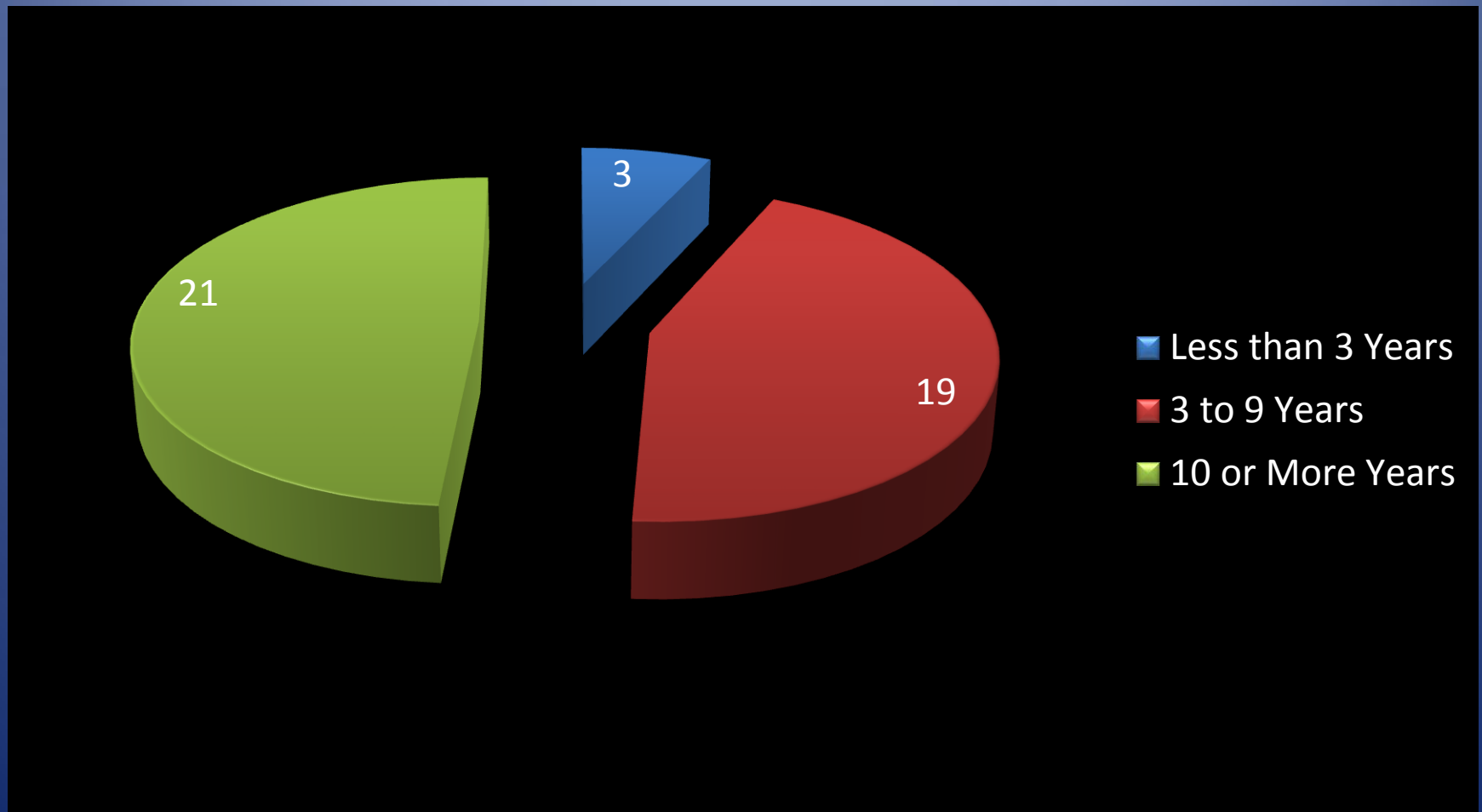
# Ethnicity of Participants



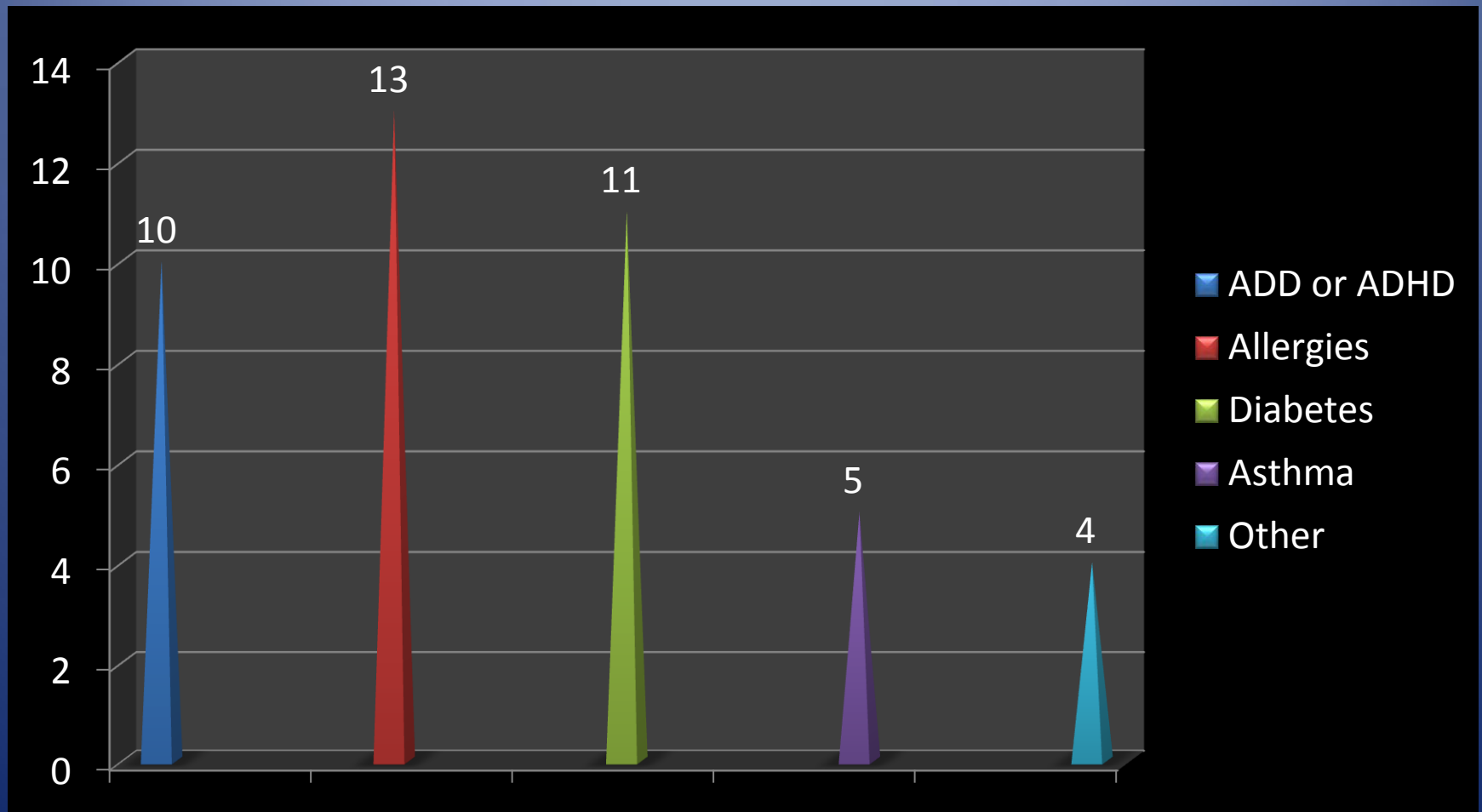
# Age of Participants



# Length of Participants' Residency in Savannah, GA

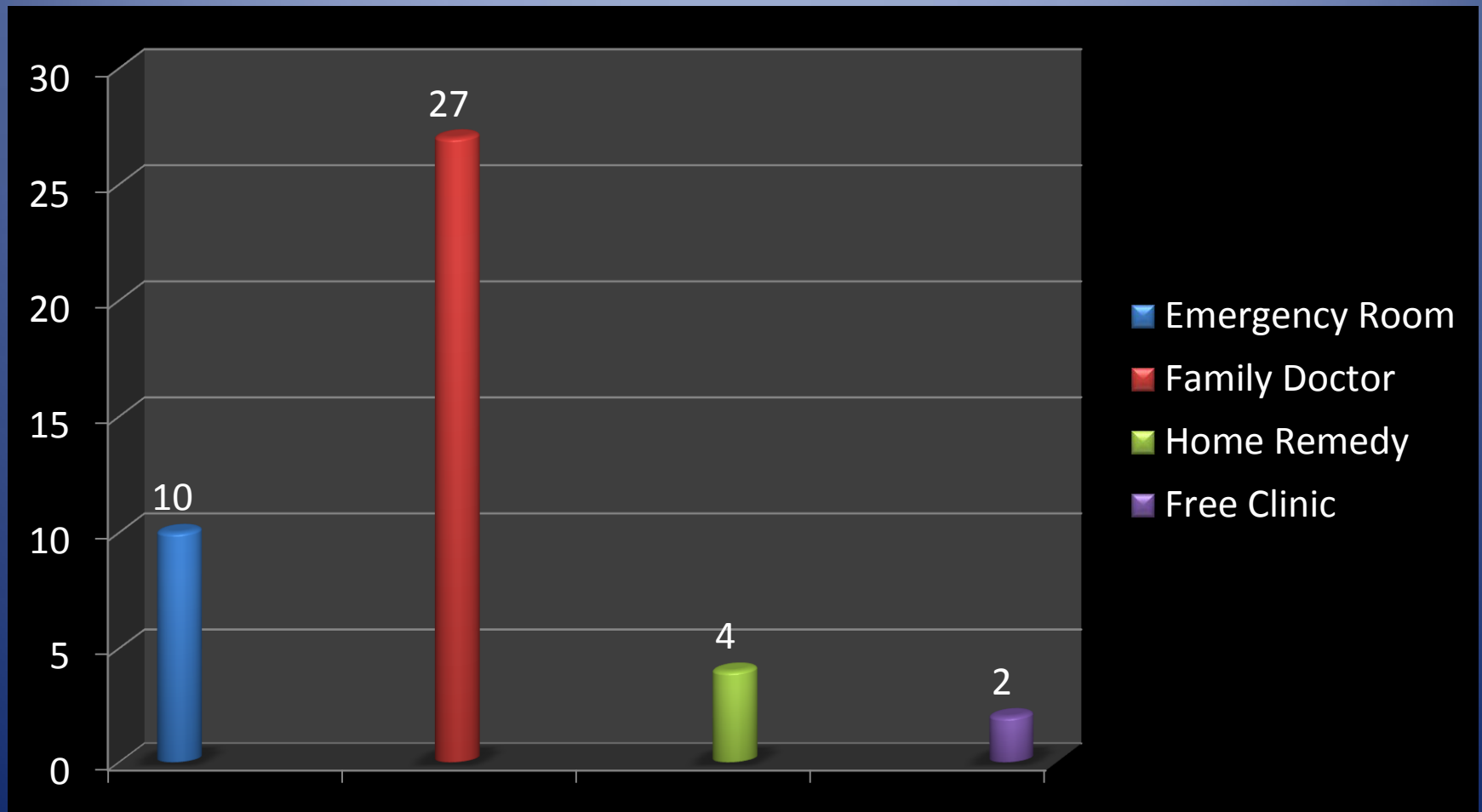


# Most Common Physical Problems Among School Aged Children



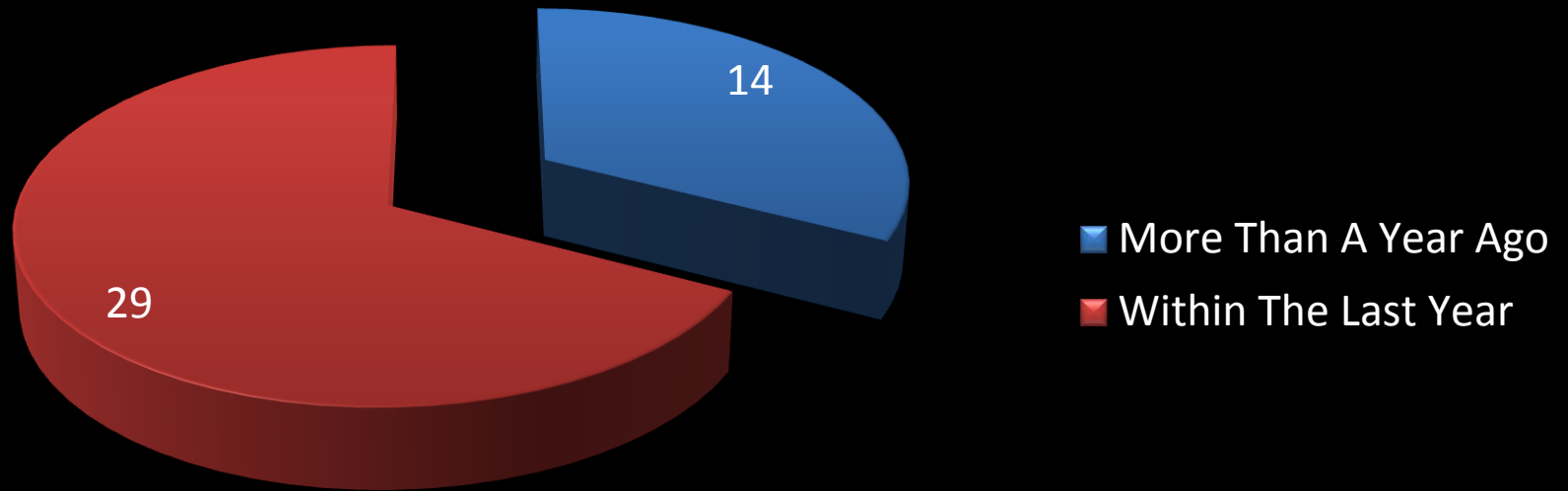
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# Current Location Utilized for Health Care

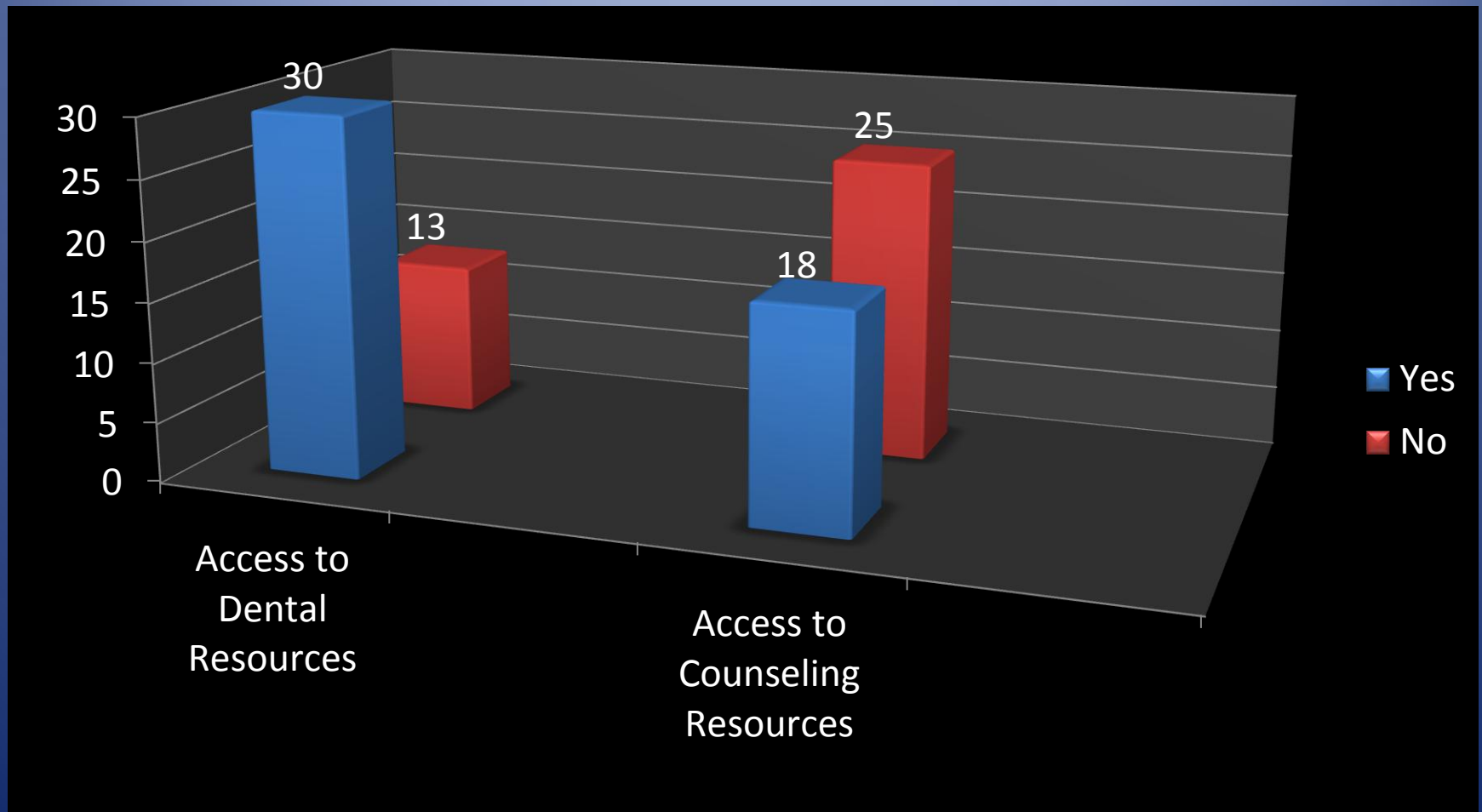


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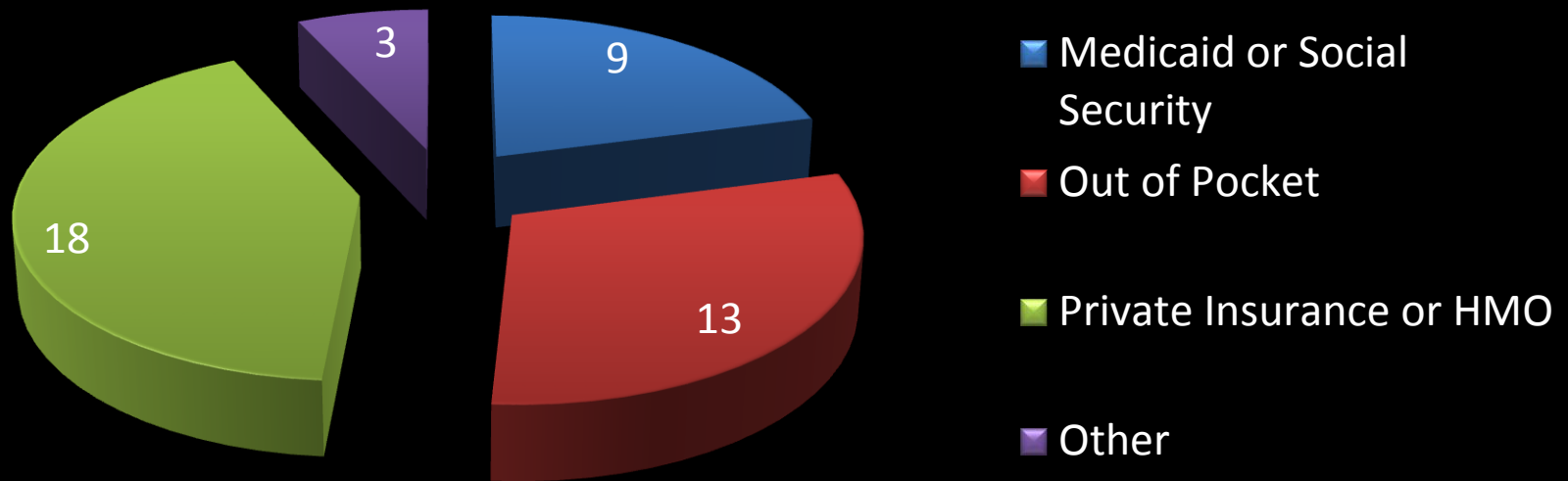
# Last Physical Exam of School Aged Child



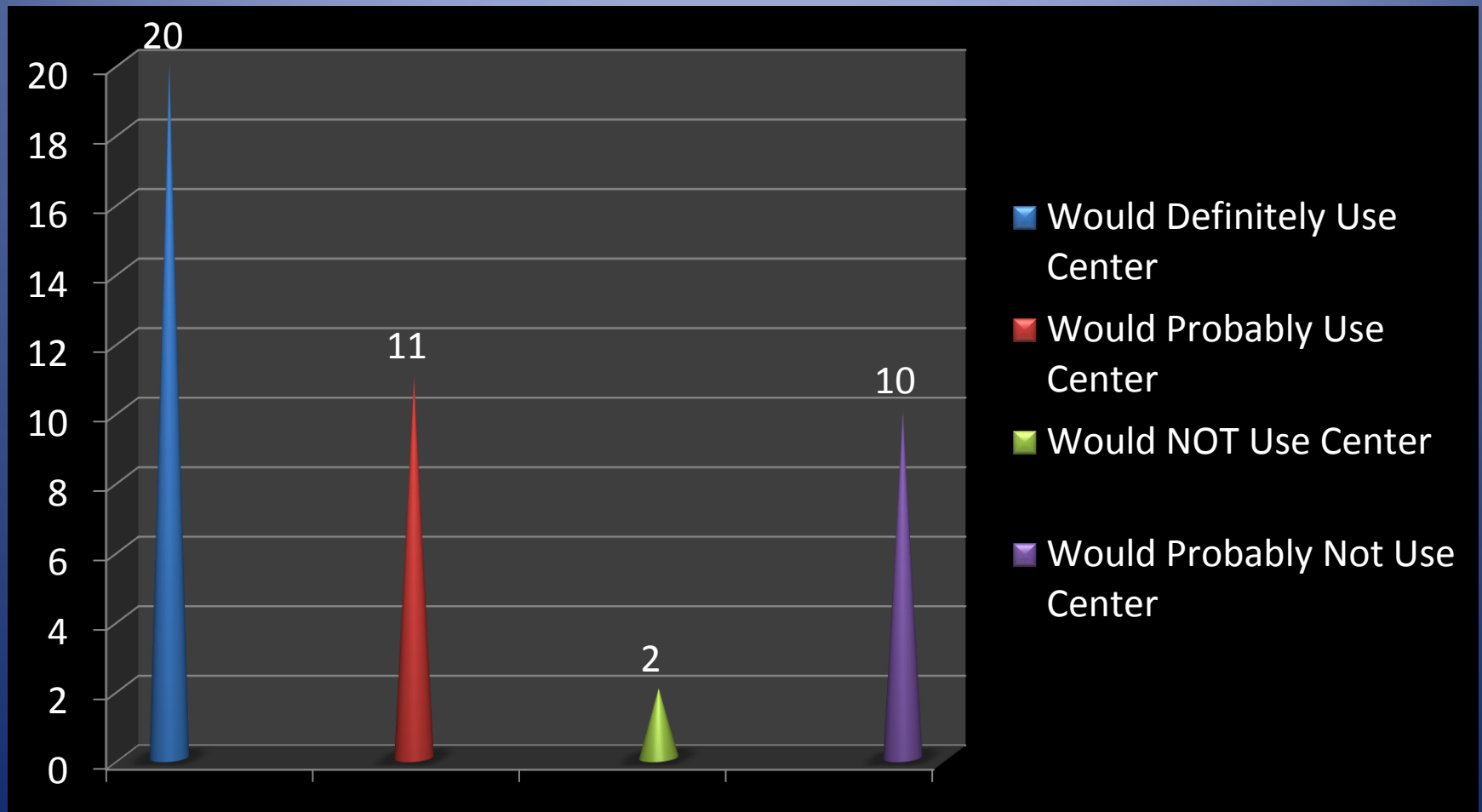
# Access to Resources



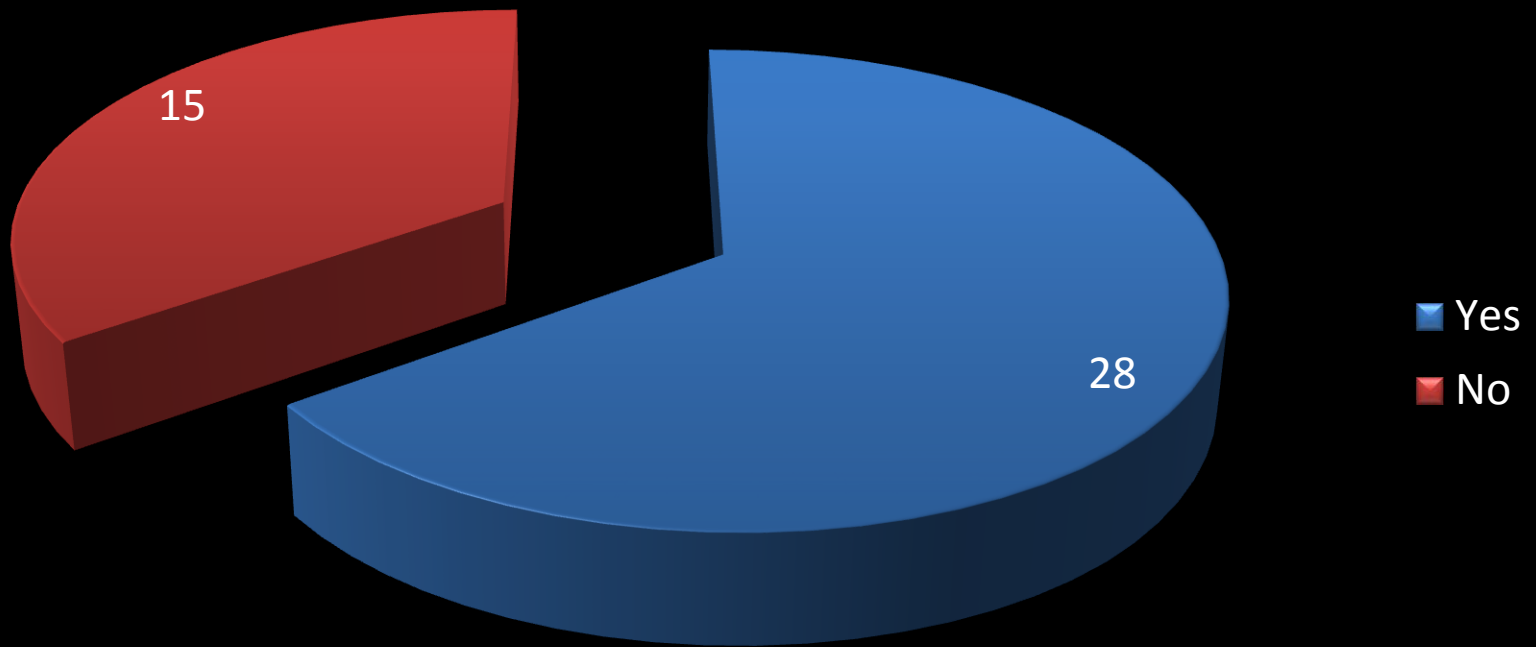
# Current Method of Payment for Health Services



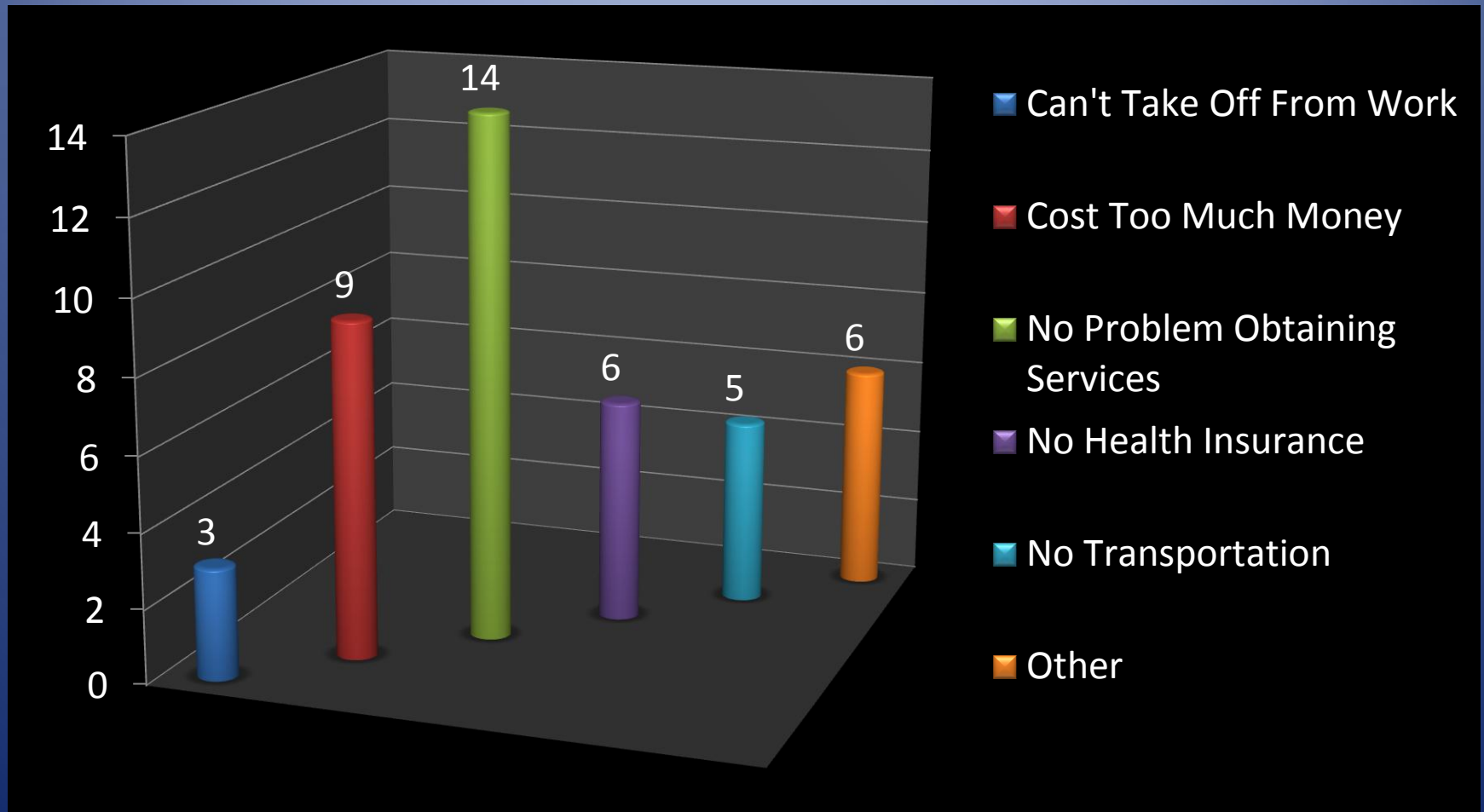
# Likelihood of School Based Health Clinic Utilization



# Whether Participants Have Difficulty Obtaining Healthcare Services



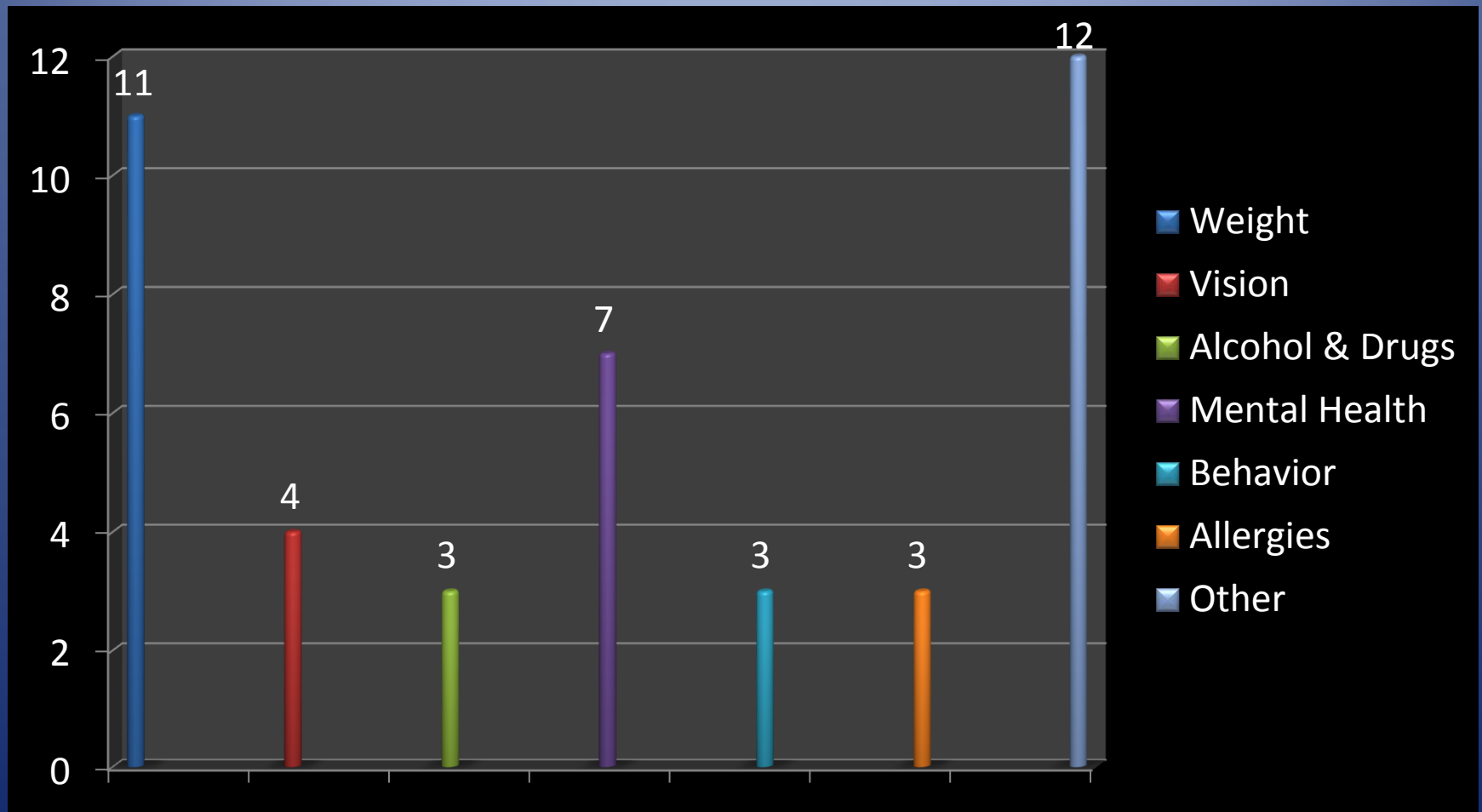
# Challenges of Obtaining Healthcare Services



# Guardian of a Stressed or Depressed Child

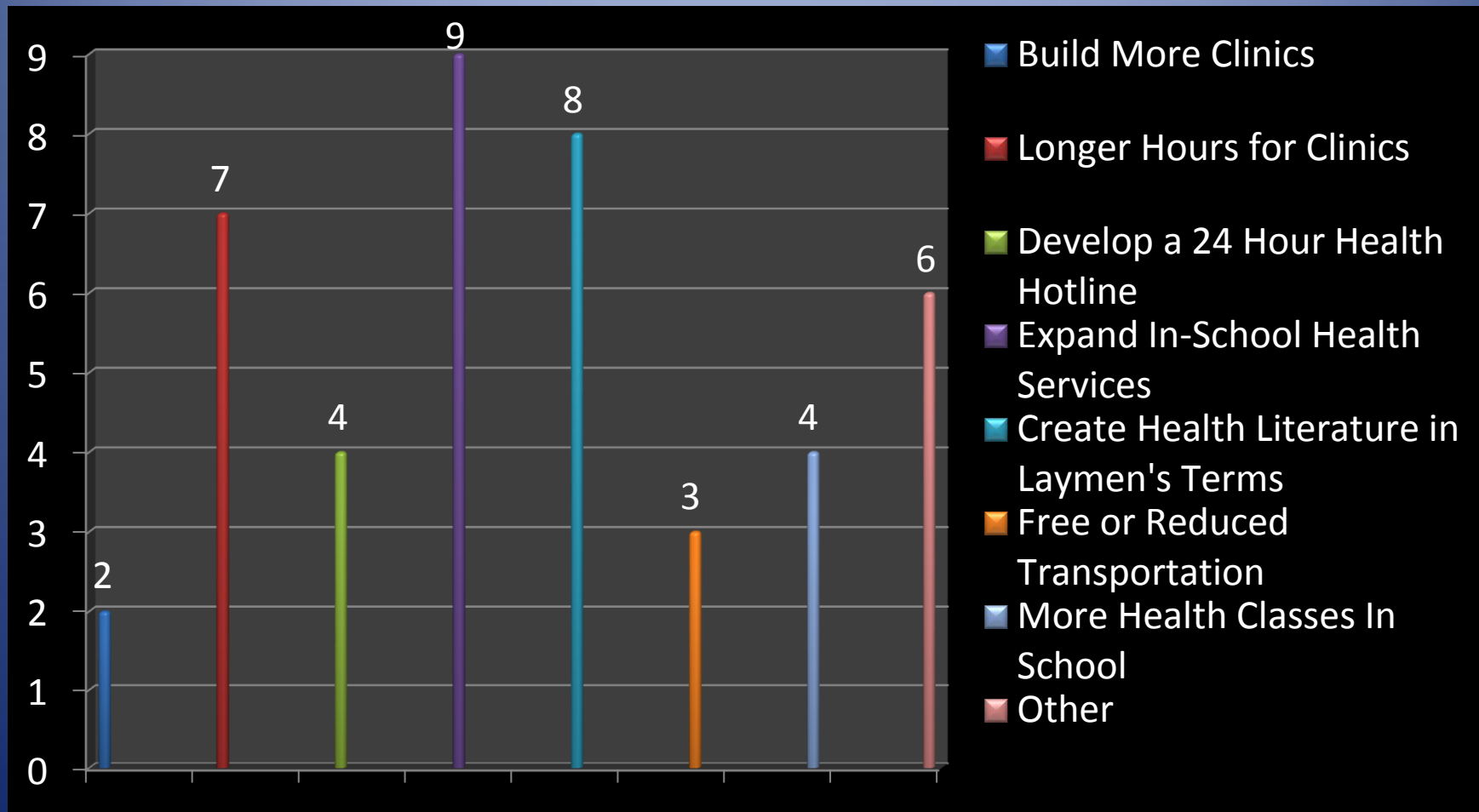


# Major Health Concerns of Adolescents



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# Participants Proposed Solutions to Healthcare Concerns



# Final Observations & Recommendations

- Participants Welcome a School Based Health Clinic in Their Community
- Participants Would Like to Be More Proactive Regarding their children's Health Care and Overall Well-Being
- Participants Need Access to Information Regarding Health Care Resources (in laymen's terms)
- Cost and Transportation are Major Deterrents to Obtaining Healthcare
- School Based Health Clinics Should Provide Services for Children With Chronic Diseases



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