

COVID-19 CRISIS HOUSEHOLD IMPACT

SRI LANKA
TELEPHONE SURVEYS



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OVERVIEW

Objective:

The purpose of these surveys is to gather relevant information on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on households in Sri Lanka, in order to inform policy responses by the Government and partners.

Methodology:

Data was collected from a nationally representative sample of households, using the proportionate to population size sampling approach. Stratification was done by district household population, based on the Department of Census and Statistic's 2012 Census of Population and Housing. Random selection was used to contact households from each district.

The enumerators asked to speak to the woman of the household as they would be better able to answer the questions about the household. Therefore, on R3 69% of the respondents were women.

Data collection period:

Round 1: 1st May to 6th May

Round 2: 30th May to 7th June

Round 3: 13th July to 21st July

Data collection method:

Collection of data was done over the phone

Overlapping respondents:

45% of respondents in round three (960) overlapped with respondents from round one and two.

SAMPLE SIZE & DISTRIBUTION

Final sample
size

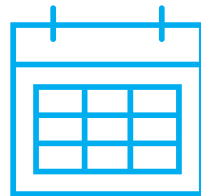


2,116
Households

R1: 2,067
R2: 2,005



53% earn monthly

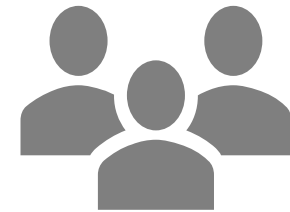


9% earn weekly



38% earn daily

Average
household size



4.2

HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN



With children under
5
(share of households)

407 households
(19% of sample)

With children under 5
and/or pregnant/lactating
mothers:



24%
of households

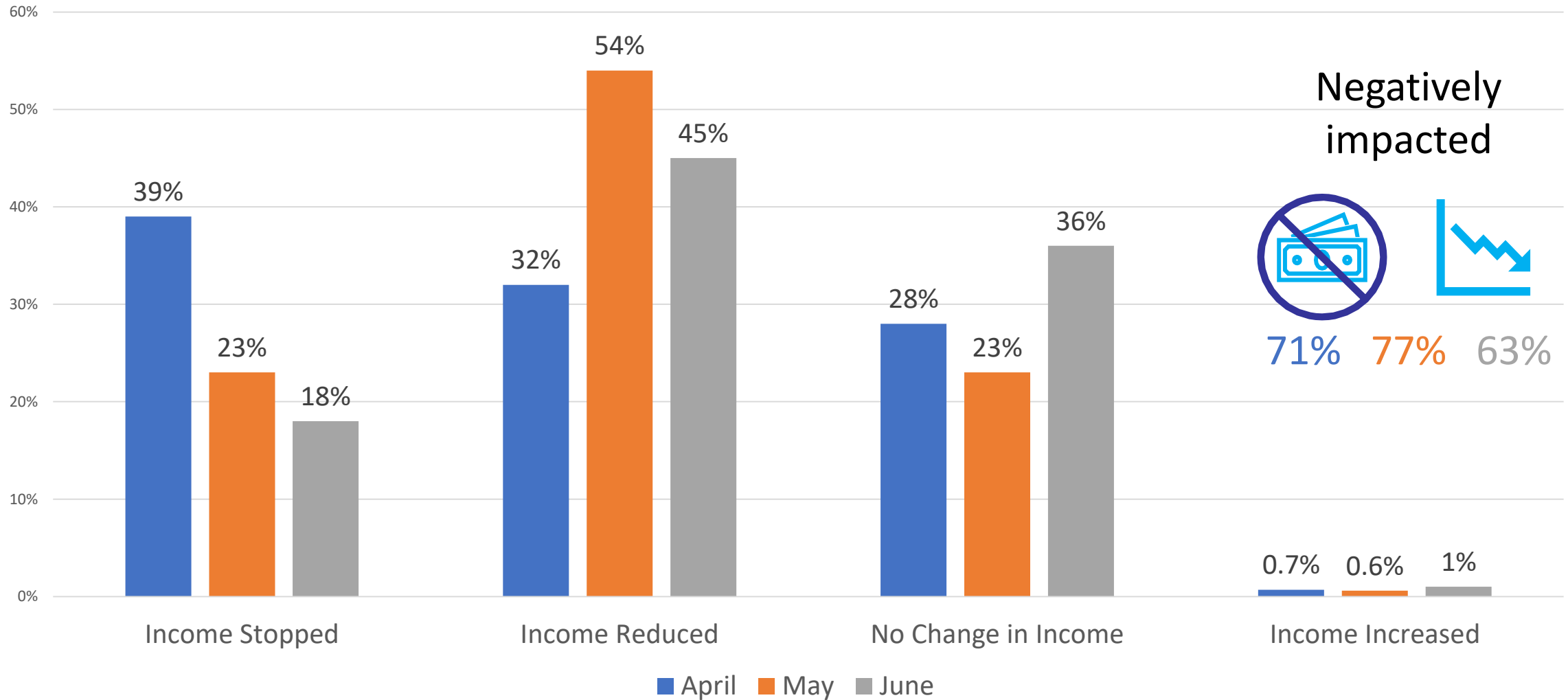


With children
(under 18)
(share of households)

1,369 households
(62% of sample)

**IMPACT ON HOUSEHOLD INCOME
&
ABILITY TO MEET DAILY NEEDS**

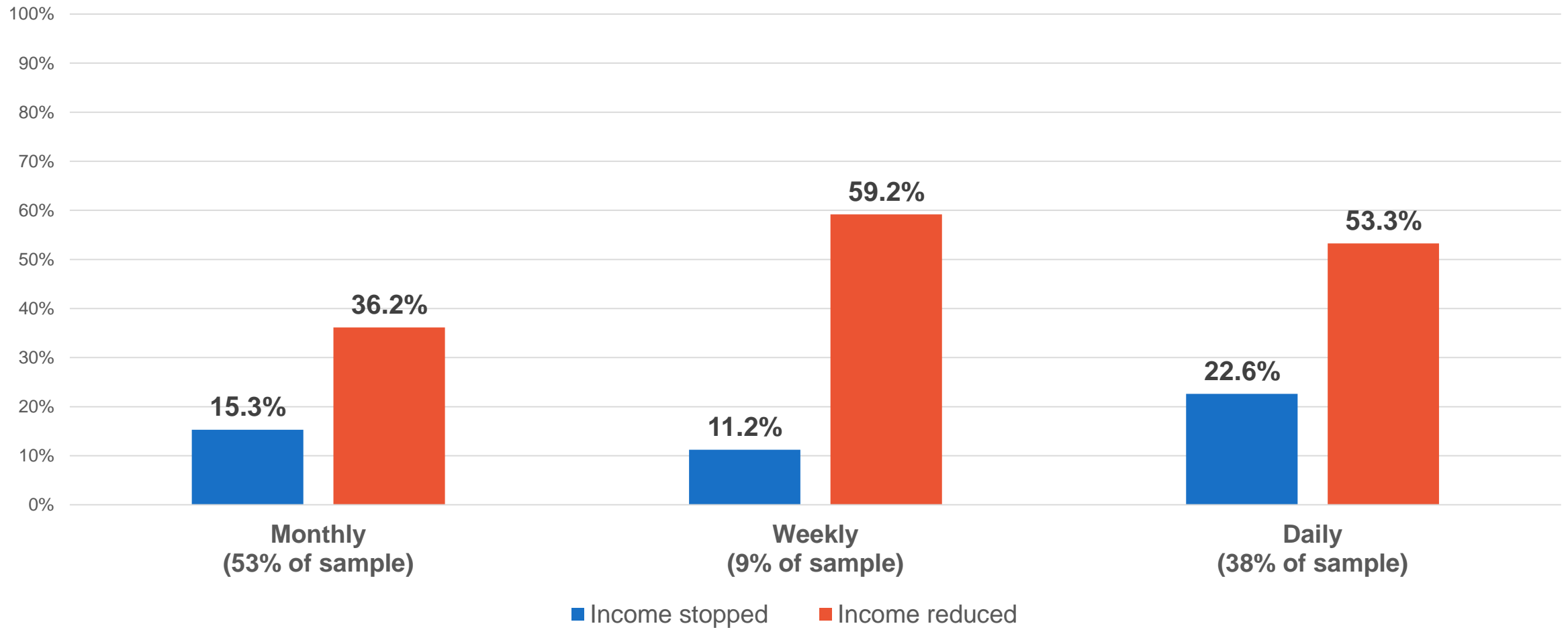
CHANGE IN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



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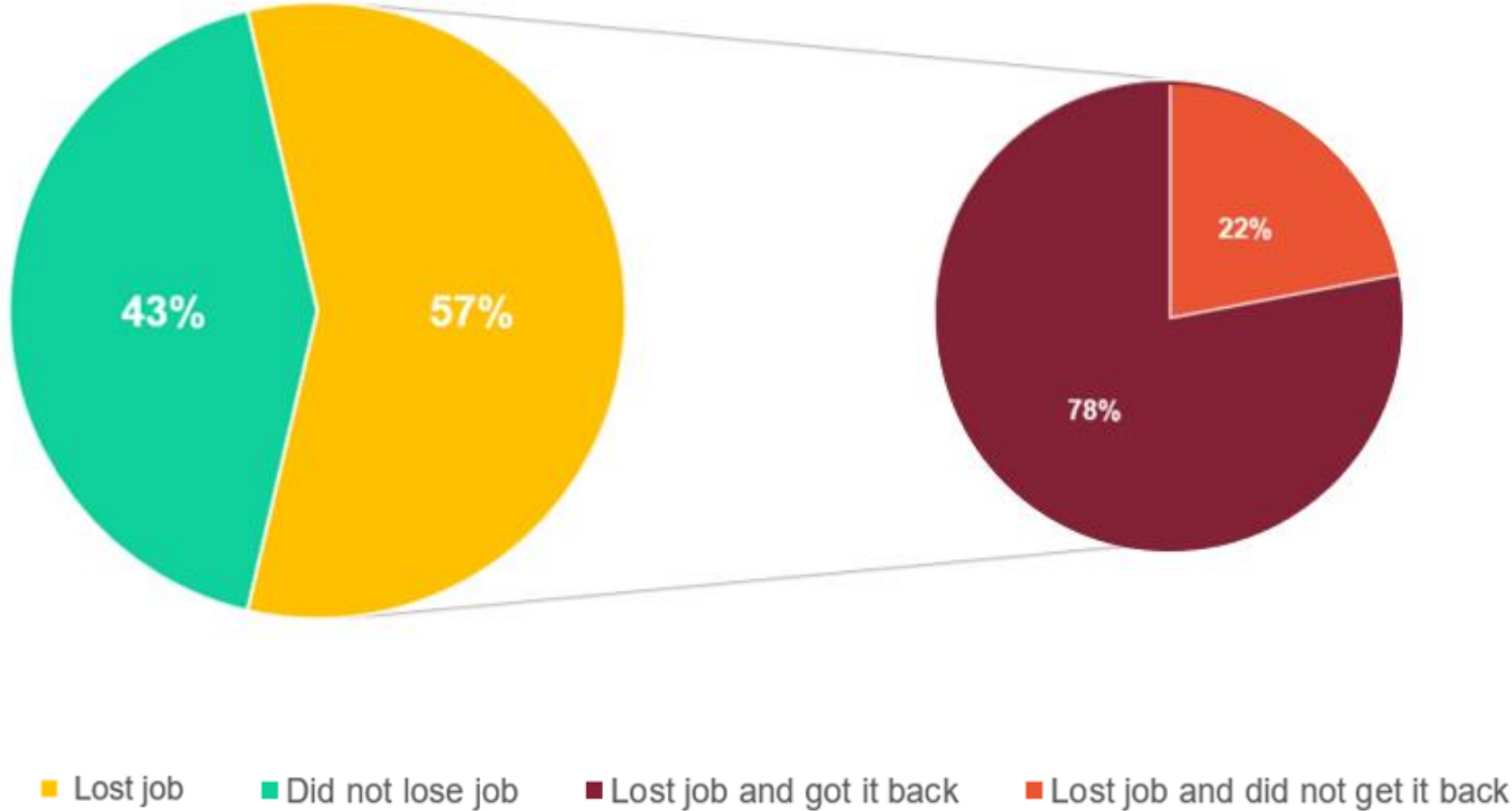
CHANGE IN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Based on INCOME TYPE



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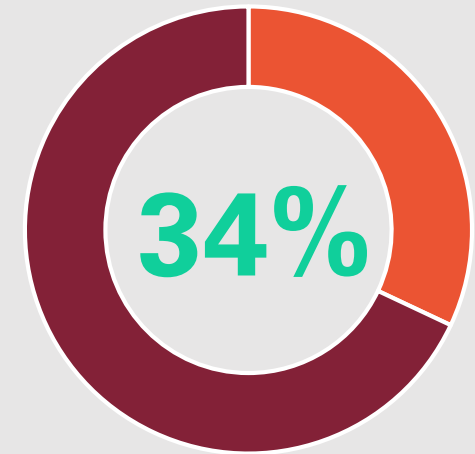
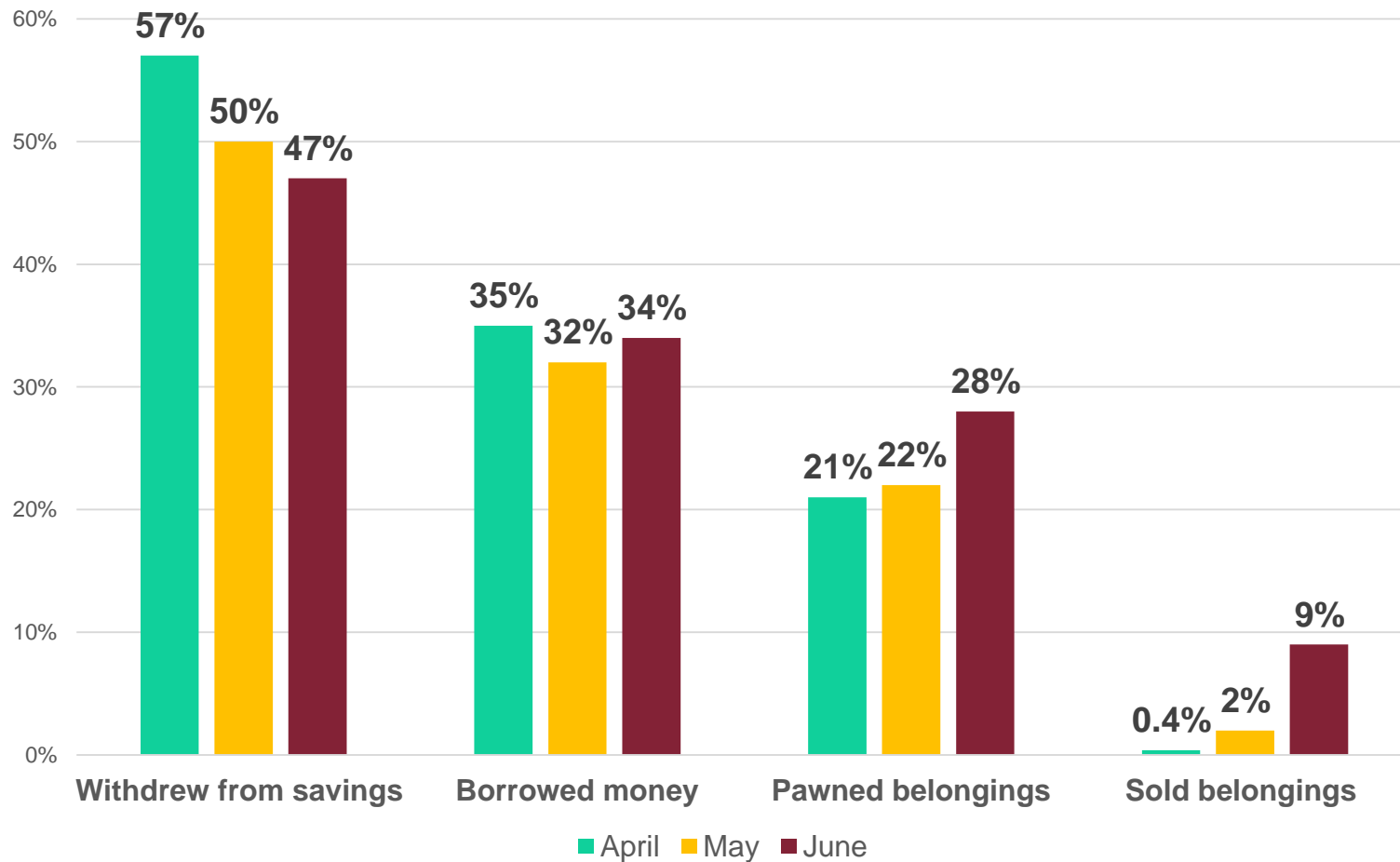
CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT



12%
of the whole
sample **lost their
jobs and have not
yet got it back**

COPING STRATEGIES

72% of respondents indicated that their household has taken at least one of the following actions in June more than they usually would, to pay for their basic needs. In April and May 82% and 75% respectively had to take at least one of the actions.



Had to borrow to make ends meet

22%
24%

**Borrowed from friends
or relatives**

12%
8%

**Borrowed from a
formal/informal financial
institution**

Q: In the month of June did your household take any of the actions below, more than you usually would have, in order to pay for your basic needs

COPING STRATEGIES

Based on INCOME TYPE

29% of **monthly** wage workers and **42%** of **daily** wage workers **borrowed** money

23% of **monthly** wage workers and **35%** of **daily** wage workers **pawned** their belongings

Of all those who **withdrew** money:

57% were **monthly** wage workers and **34%** were **daily** wage workers

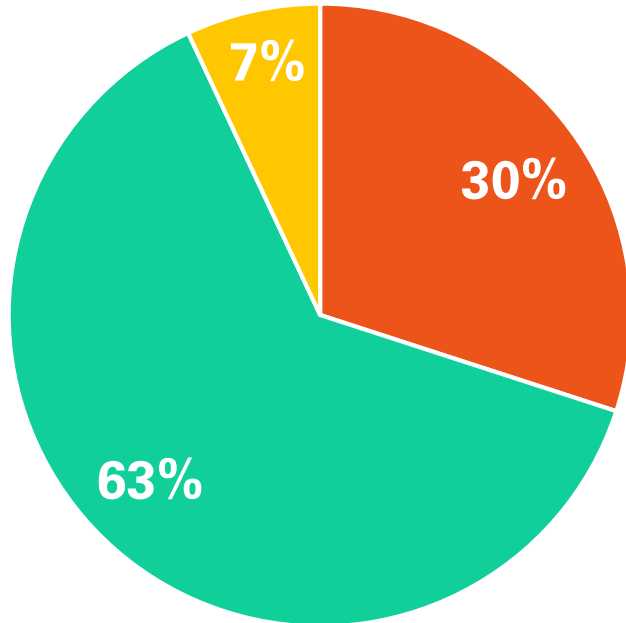
Of all those who **sold belongings**:

41% were **monthly** wage workers and **51%** were **daily** wage workers

**ACCESS TO
NUTRITION AND
HEALTHCARE SERVICES**

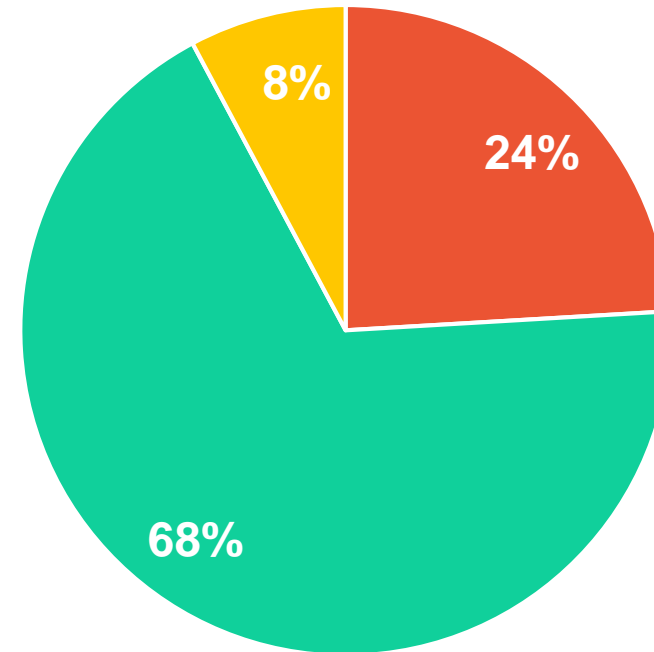
CHANGE IN FOOD CONSUMPTION

In **April**, **30%** of respondents said that, since the imposition of curfew, their household food consumption had reduced



■ Reduced ■ No Change ■ Increased

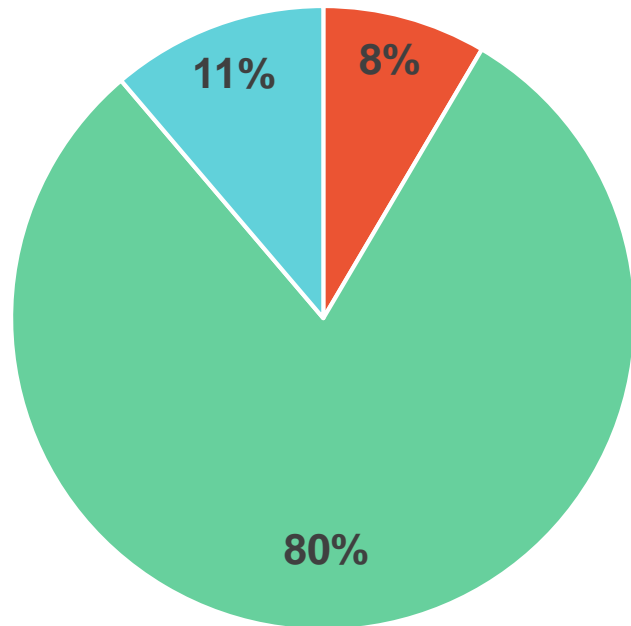
In **June**, **24%** said that their household food consumption reduced compared to pre-Covid period



■ Reduced ■ No Change ■ Increased

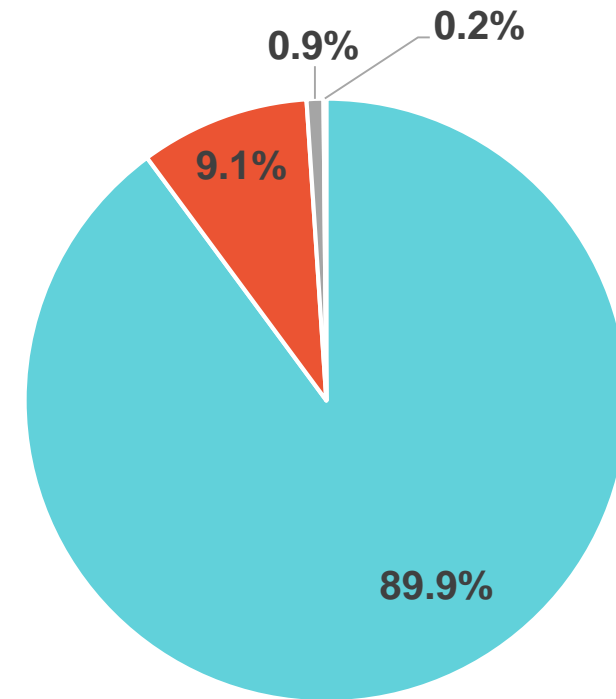
ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER AND SOAP (R2)

Has your access to drinking water changed during the last two months?



■ Reduced ■ Stayed the same/no change ■ Increased

Access to drinking water and soap

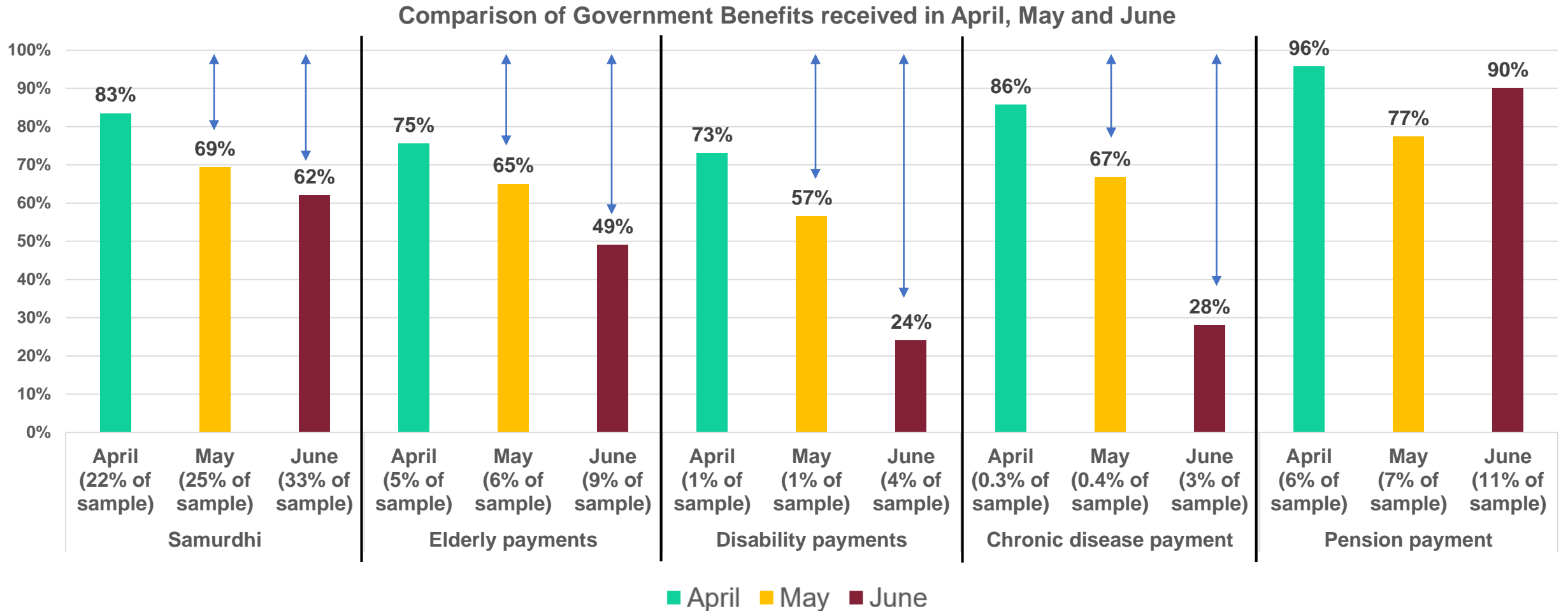


■ Yes, sufficient soap and water
■ No, insufficient soap
■ No, insufficient water
■ No, insufficient soap and water

Q: Has your access to drinking water changed during the last two months? Does your household have access to sufficient soap and water to wash your hands when needed?

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT RELIEF

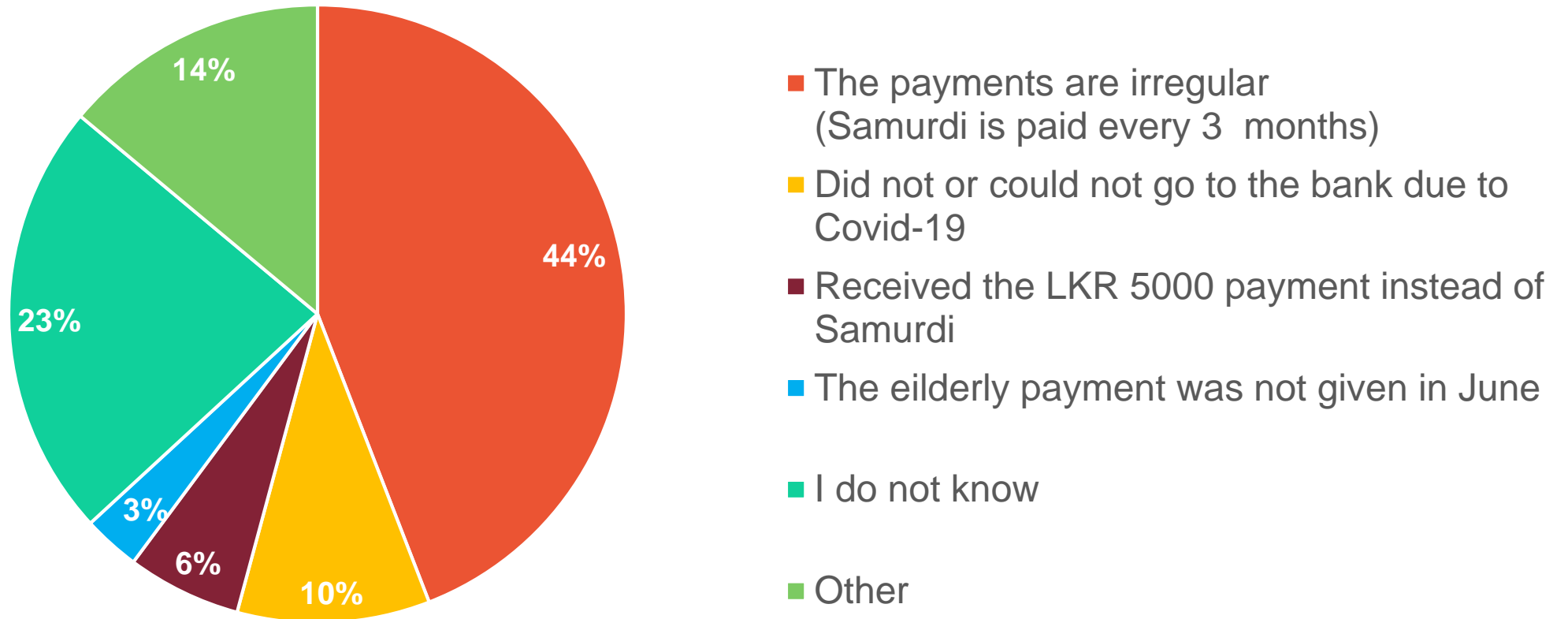
ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SOCIAL ASSISTANCE



Q: Do you receive any of these benefits on a monthly basis? If yes, did you receive this benefit in (the corresponding month) 2020?

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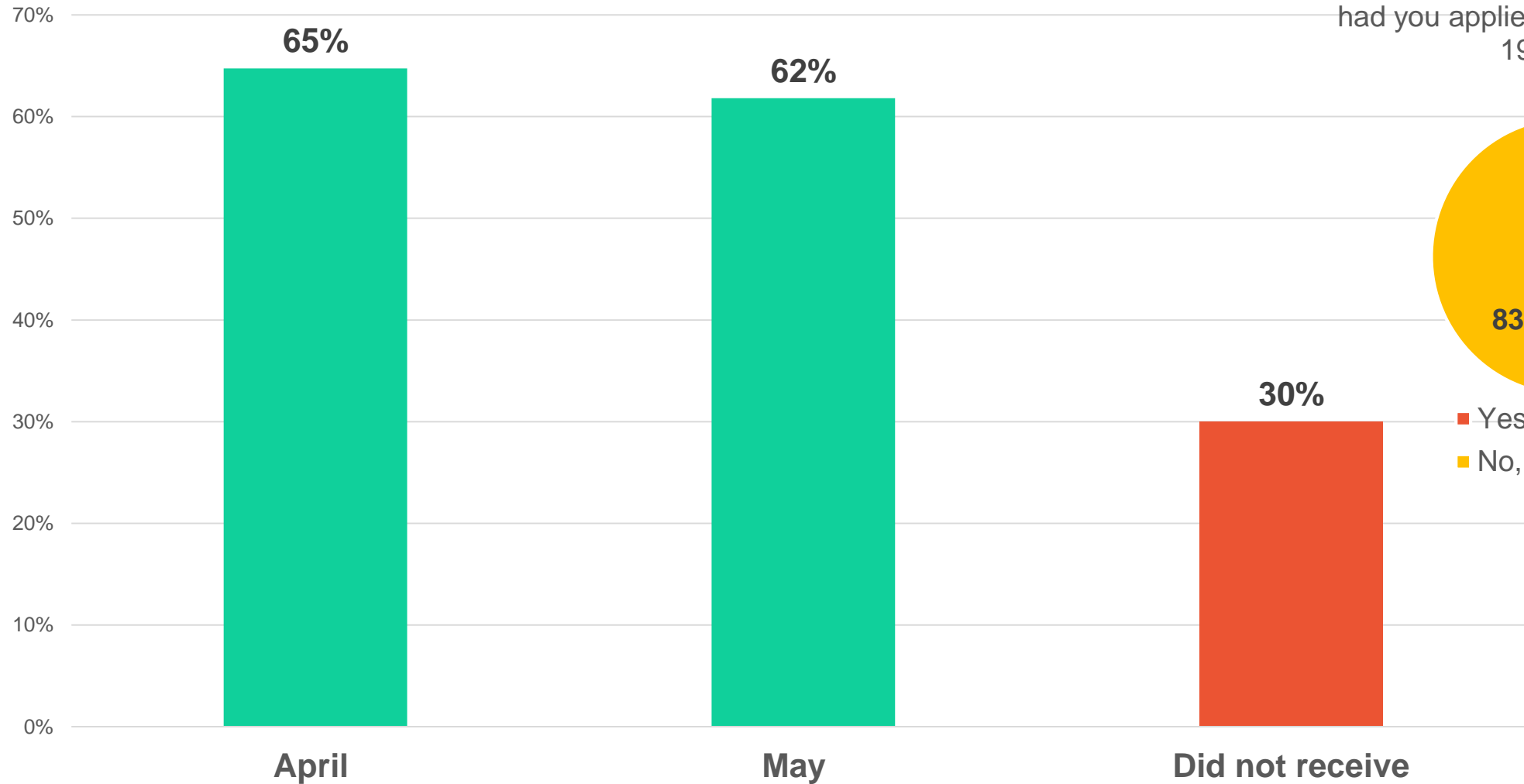
Percentage of the 79 respondents who explained why they think they did not receive the benefit



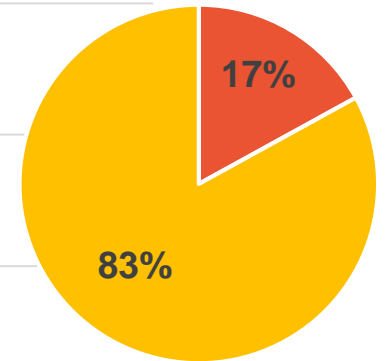
Q: (If no) Why do you think you did not receive the benefit? (open ended)

ACCESS TO COVID-19 RELIEF

The percentage of respondents that received Covid-19 relief in April and May



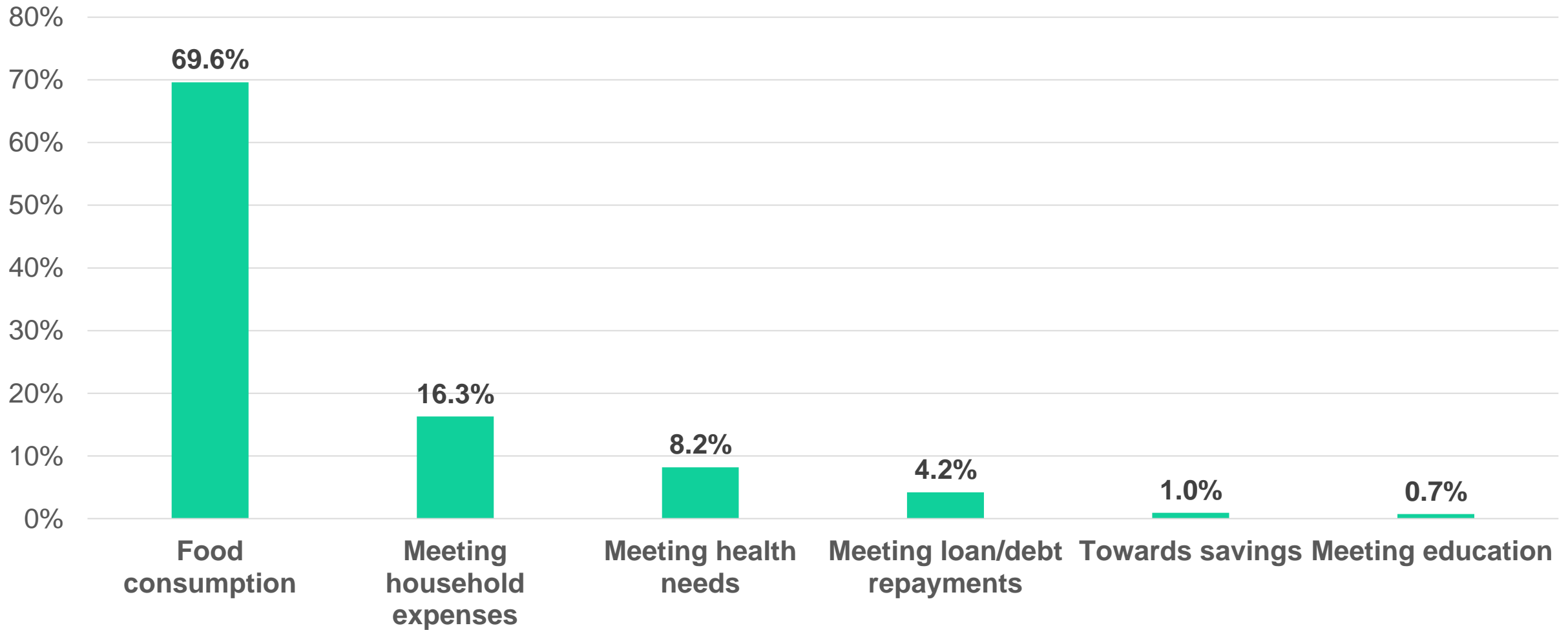
If you didn't receive it, had you applied to receive the COVID-19 Payment?



- Yes, I applied
- No, I did not apply

USE OF COVID-19 RELIEF

69.6% of the sample indicated that they used their Covid-19 relief primarily towards food consumption

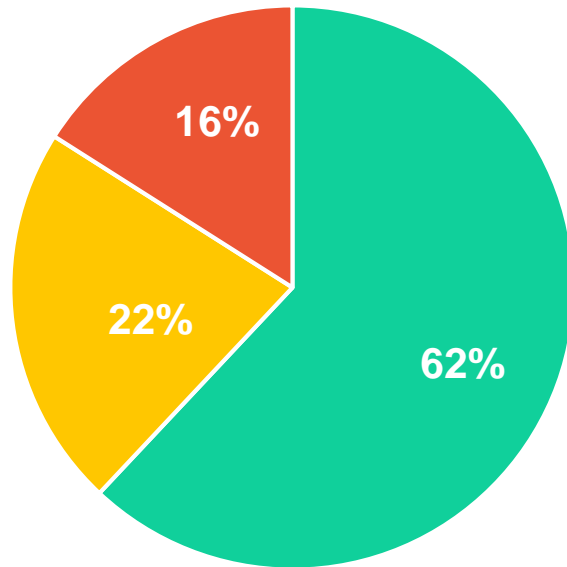


Q: In what area of your needs did you feel most supported by the COVID 19 5000 relief?

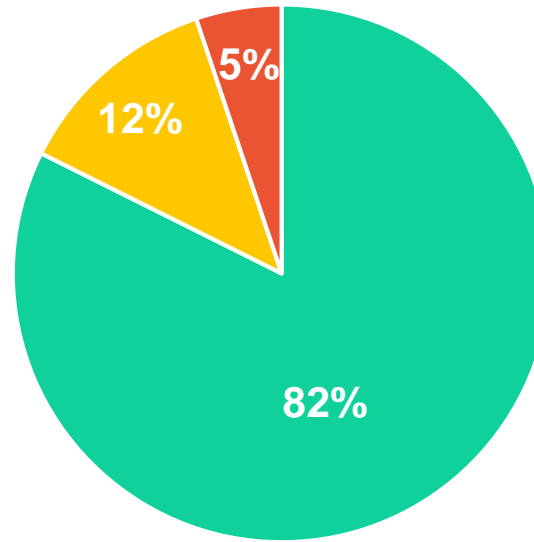
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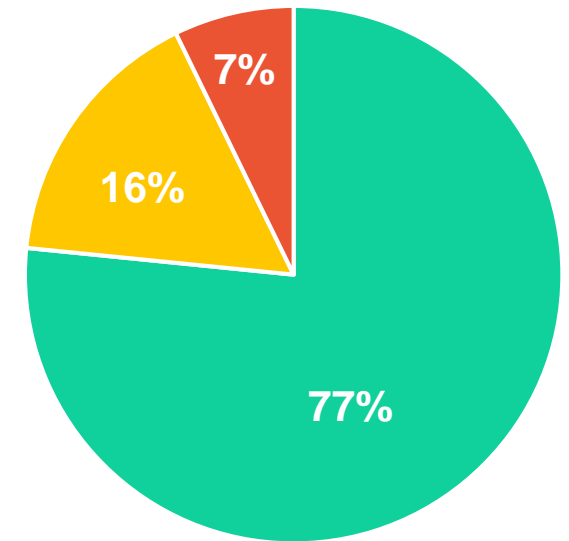
April



May



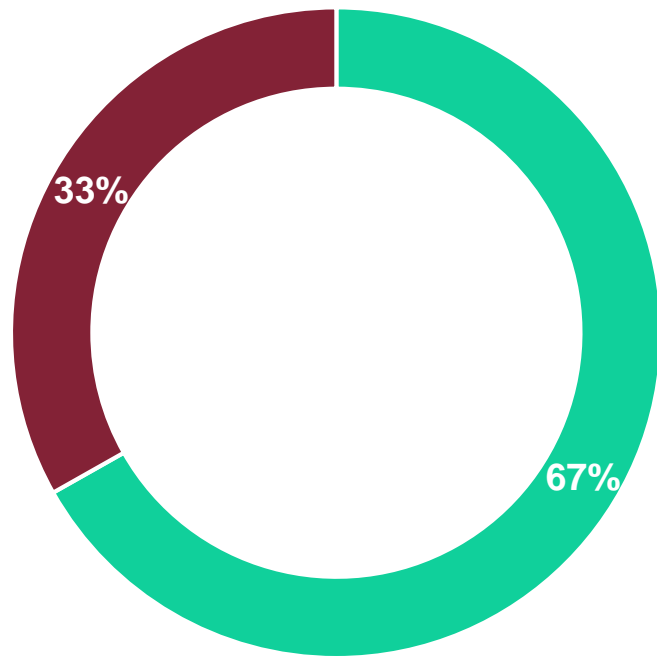
June



- Curriculum implemented by school
- Home schooled
- Not schooling

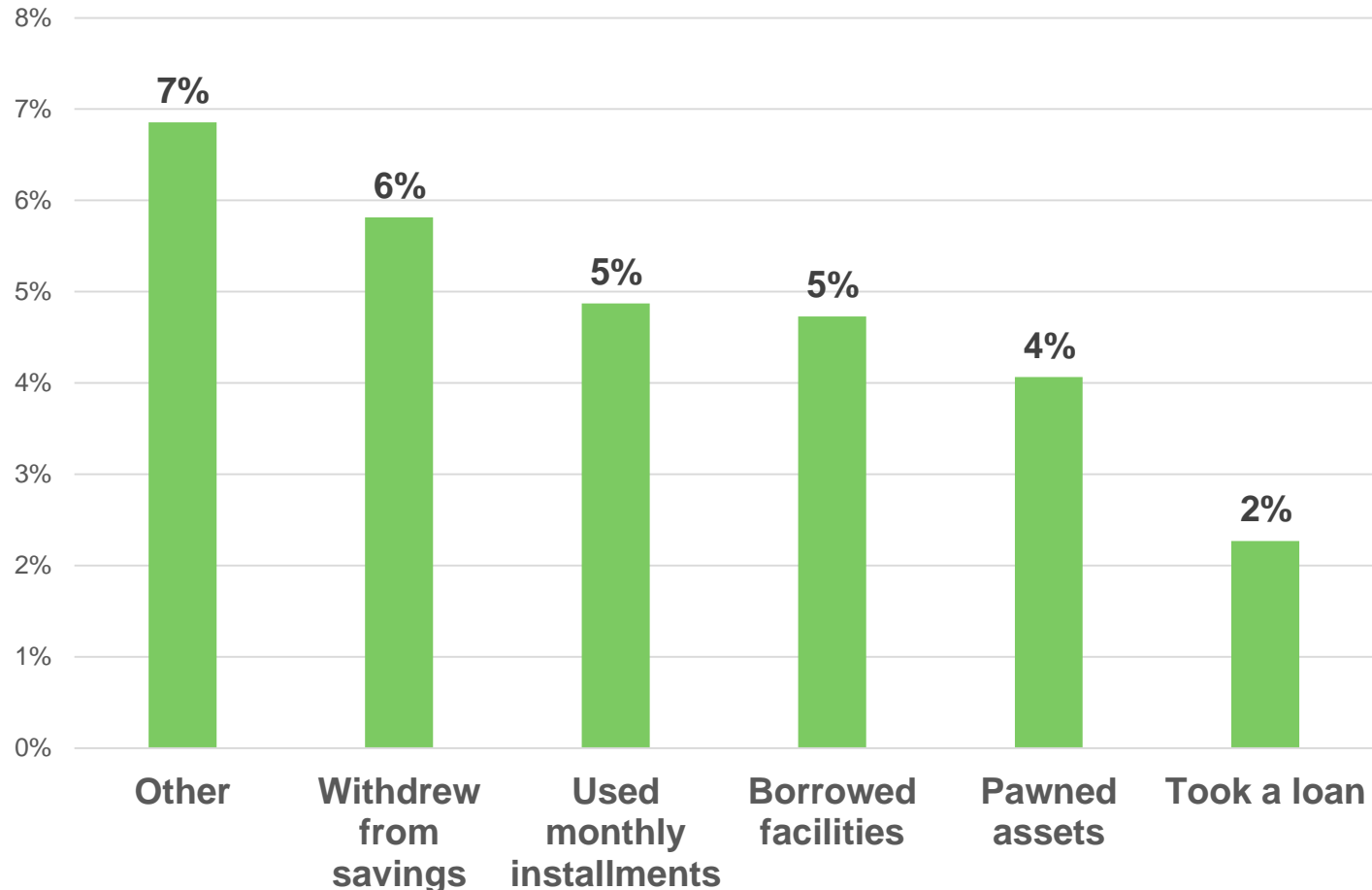
Q: How have your children been studying these days?

ACCESS TO ALTERNATE EDUCATION FACILITIES



- Yes, we can access online learning
- No, we cannot access online learning

Percentage of all respondents that took extra measures to support their children's online education



Q: Do you have the online learning equipment or resources at home to access online learning?
Did you have to take any of the following extra measures, that you would not usually take, to support your children's online education?

**IMPACT ON
PREGNANT/LACTATING
MOTHERS AND/OR
CHILDREN UNDER 5**

IMPACT ON PREGNANT/LACTATING MOTHERS AND/OR CHILDREN UNDER 5

24% of households had a pregnant/lactating mother and/or a children below 5 years of age

26%

reduced their **food consumption** in June compared to February



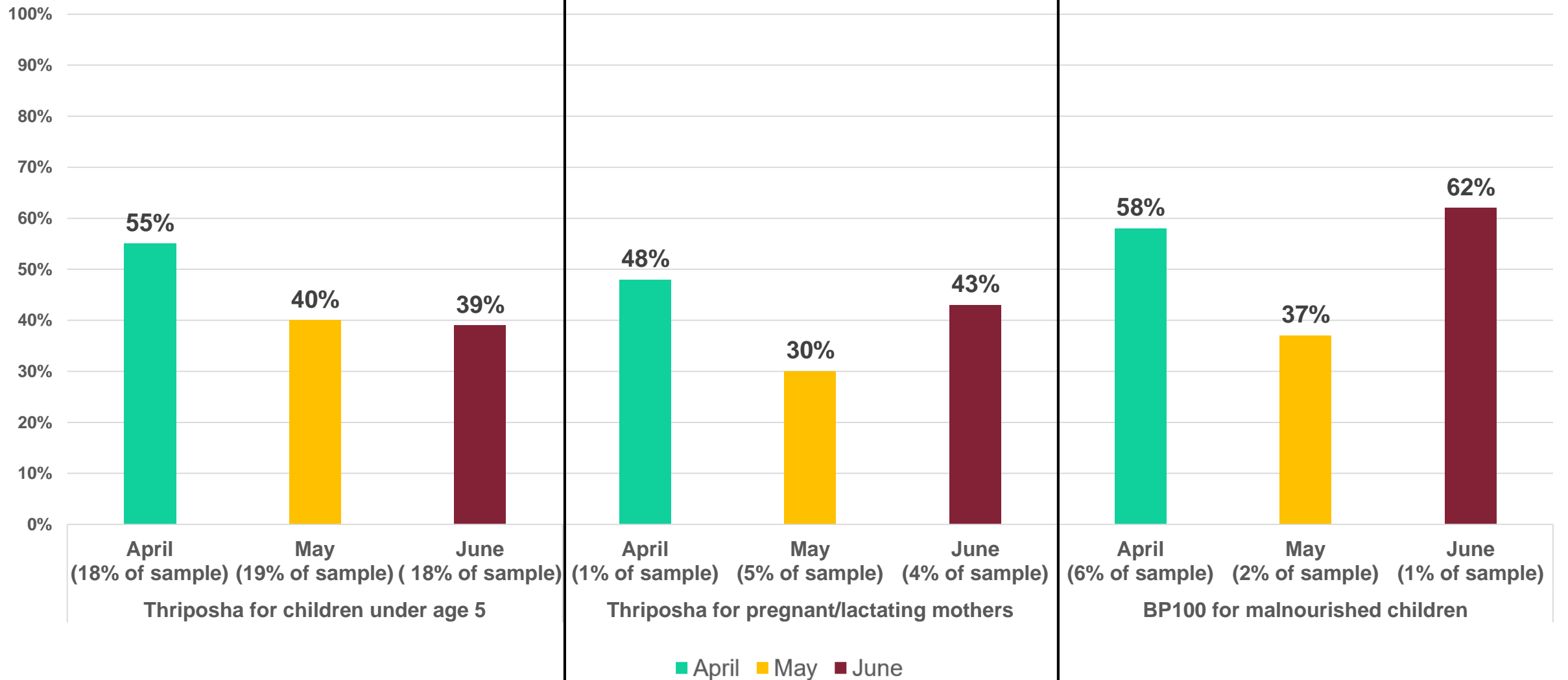
61%

income has either stopped (16%) or reduced (45%) in June compared to February

57% had a main income earner to **lost their primary source of income** during curfew.

20% of them have not got their job back.

ACCESS TO NUTRITIONAL SERVICES



Q: If enrolled were they able to receive the service in June 2020

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