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# Stable Housing and Reintegration in Aotearoa New Zealand

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# Stable housing and reintegration

## IMPORTANCE OF HOUSING

- Of those released from NZ prisons in 2016/17, 46.8% were reconvicted and 32.2% reimprisoned within 12 months (NZ Corrections 2018).
  - Figures for Māori – 50.4% and 34.9%
- Stable accommodation can reduce the risk of reoffending by between 11 and 62% (Lutze, et al. 2014; O’Leary 2013; Baldry, et al. 2006; Mettraux & Culhane 2004; Social Exclusion Unit 2002)
- ‘a secure base around which (pro-social) identities are constructed’ (Dupuis & Thorns 1998)

# Housing on release in New Zealand

## LEAVING PRISON

- Over 16,000 releases from NZ prisons annually
- Approximately 700 released with unmet housing need (Hallott & Patterson 2017; Johnston 2018)
- Corrections funds over 1,000 housing places each year through various initiatives, e.g.
  - Supported Accommodation
  - Supported Living Service
  - Creating Positive Pathways (with HUD)

# Going Straight Home?



## 1. TO EXAMINE:

whether stable housing is associated with reduced recidivism in New Zealand

## 2. TO EXPLORE:

the role of stable housing in contributing to desistance from crime



Began initial interviews at Auckland Women's

Begin first wave of follow-up interviews with participants

Conduct narrative interviews for stage 2



Finish last wave of pre-release interviews

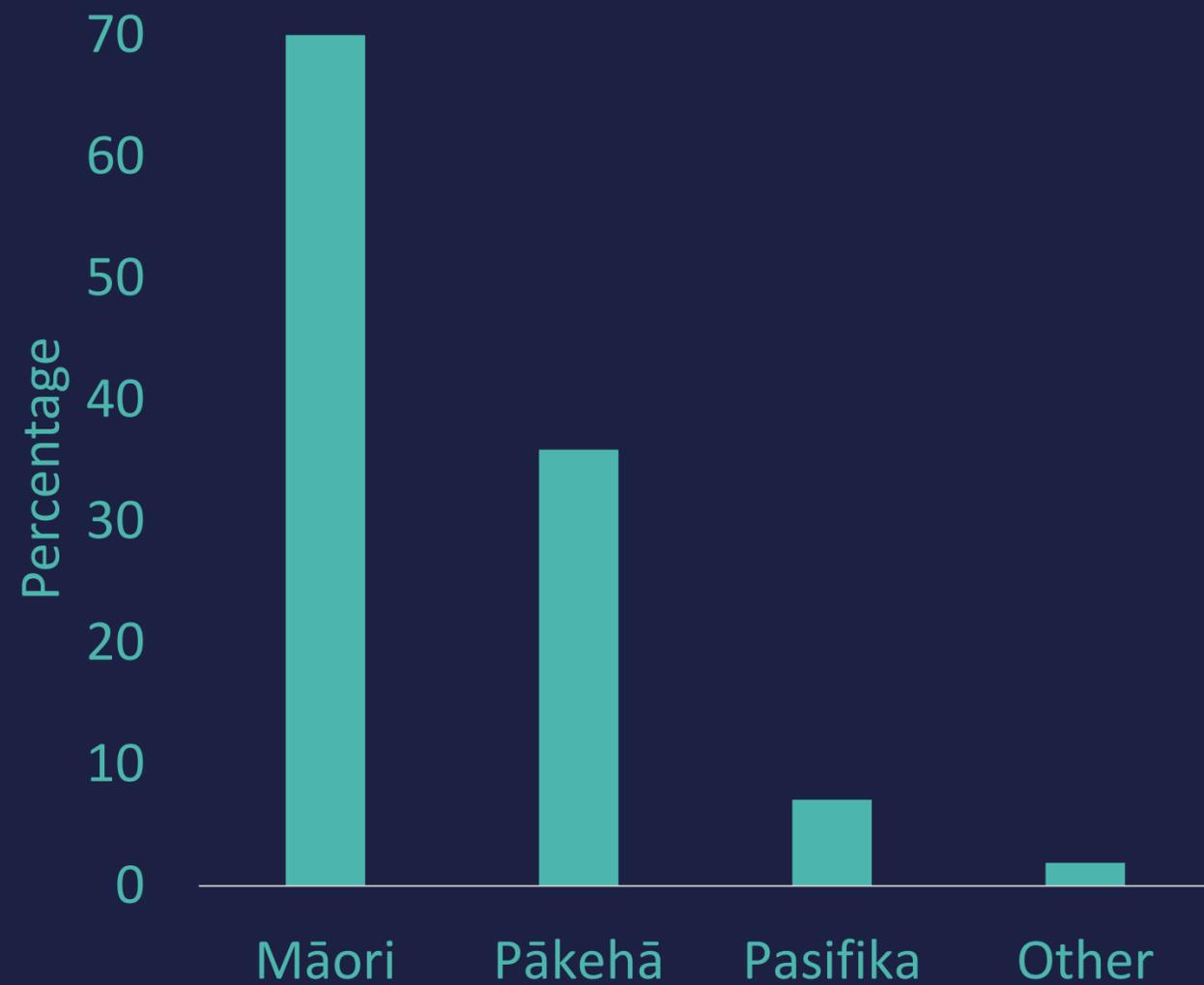
Begin first wave of 1 year follow up interviews

# Research sample

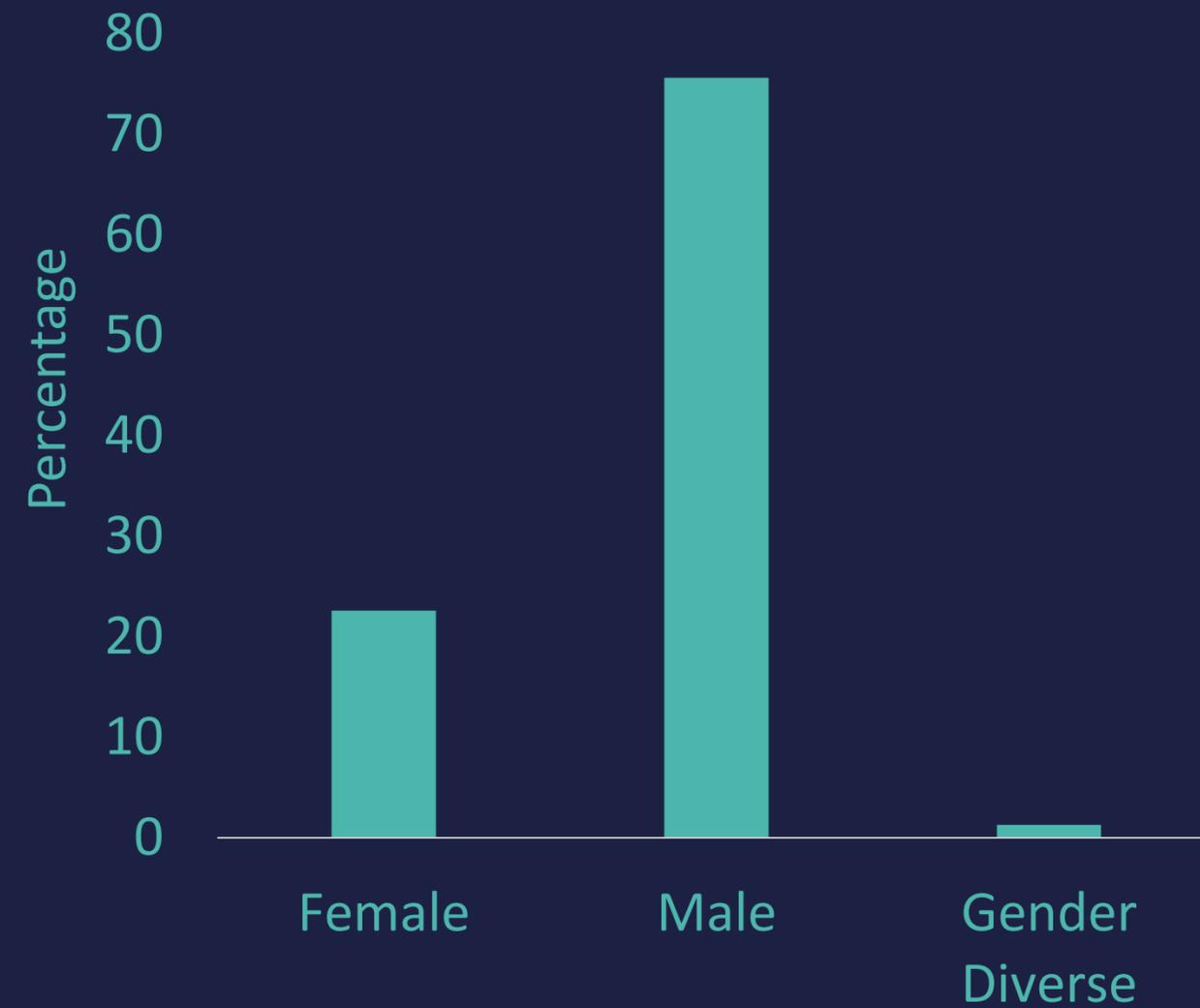


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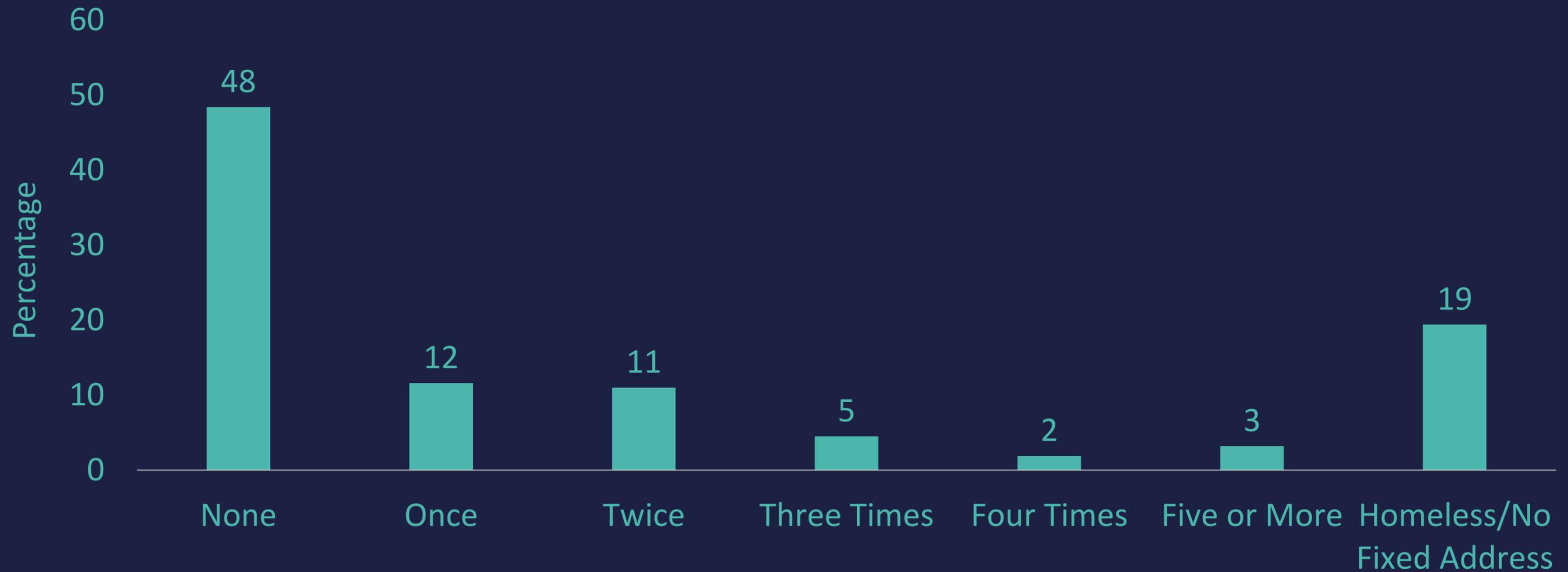
## Ethnicity



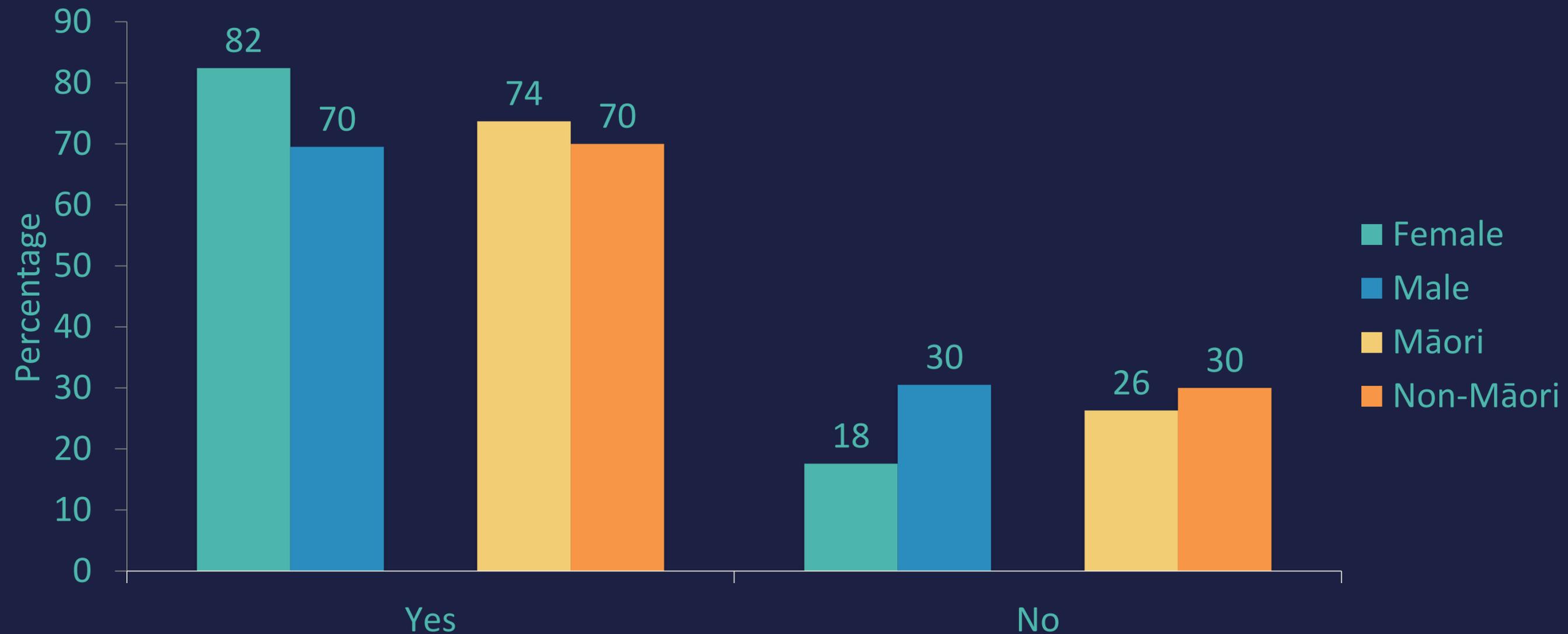
## Gender Distribution



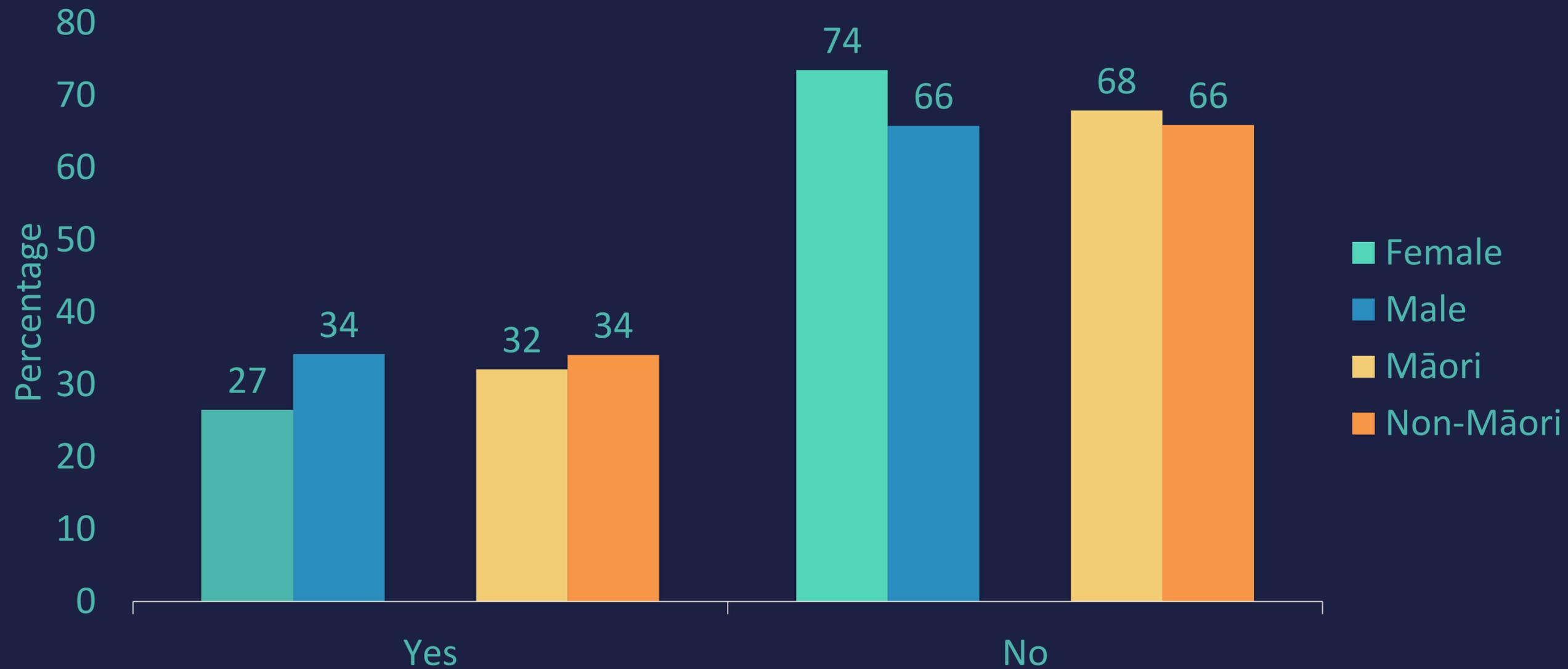
# Number of moves 6 months prior to incarceration



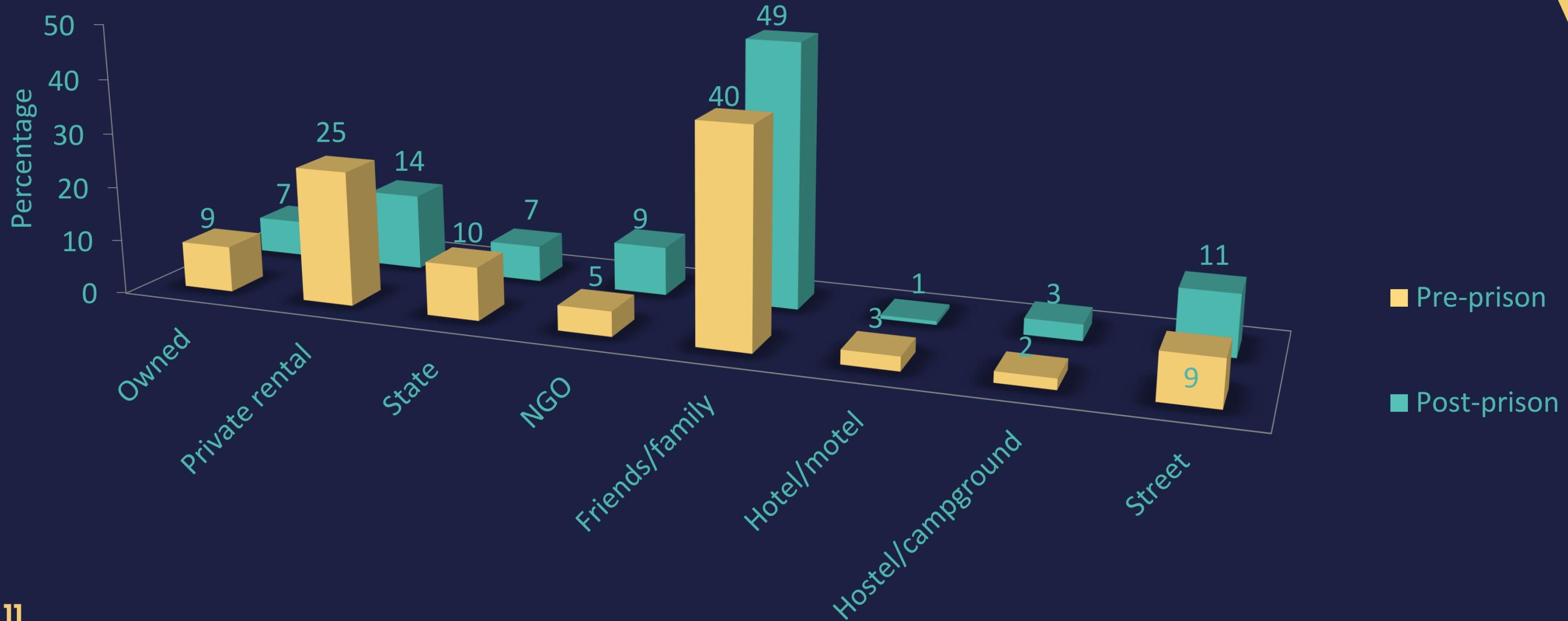
# Do you know where you are going to live on release?



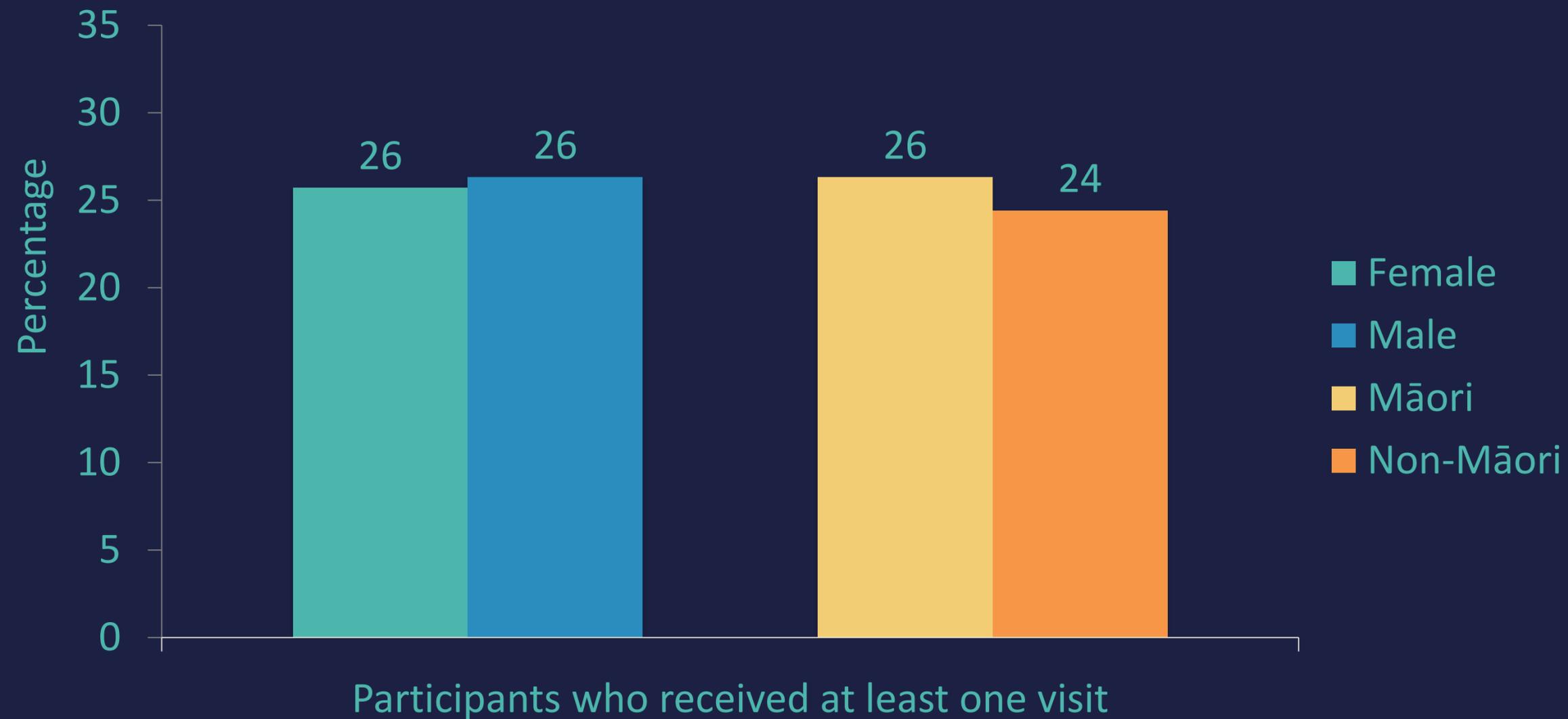
# Have you had any support finding housing on release?



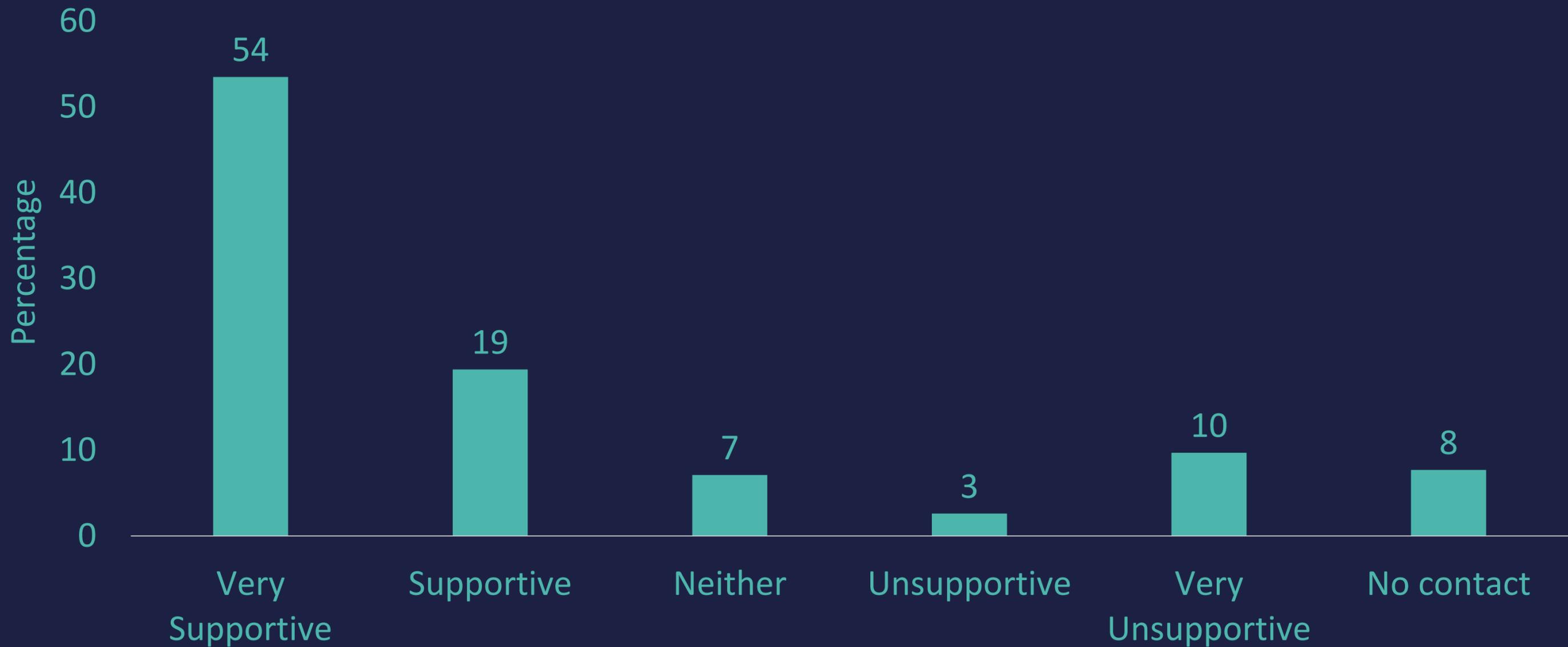
# Pre and post-prison housing



# Whānau support – received at least one visit



# Whānau support



# Conclusion

## WOMEN AND MĀORI

are slightly more likely to have plans for housing after release

## IMPORTANCE OF

a broad conceptualisation of homelessness and housing stability

## CHALLENGES

of the next stage of our study

# Thank you!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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