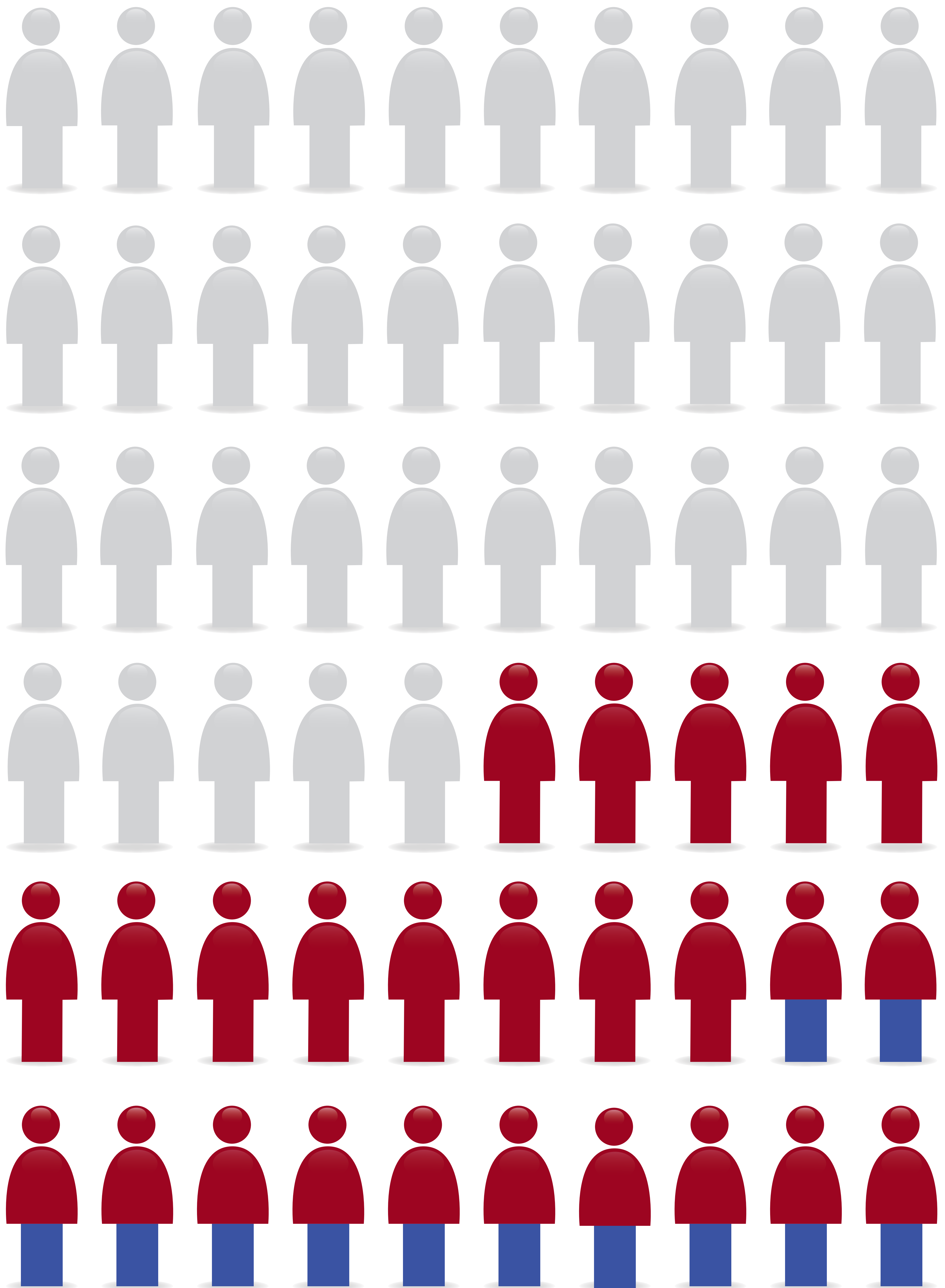
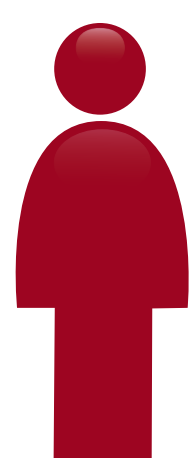


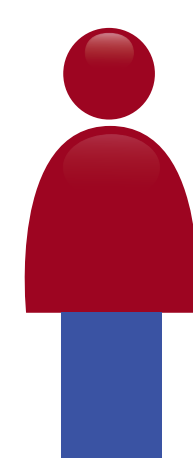
# Total Number



All Youth in Care:  
4,380

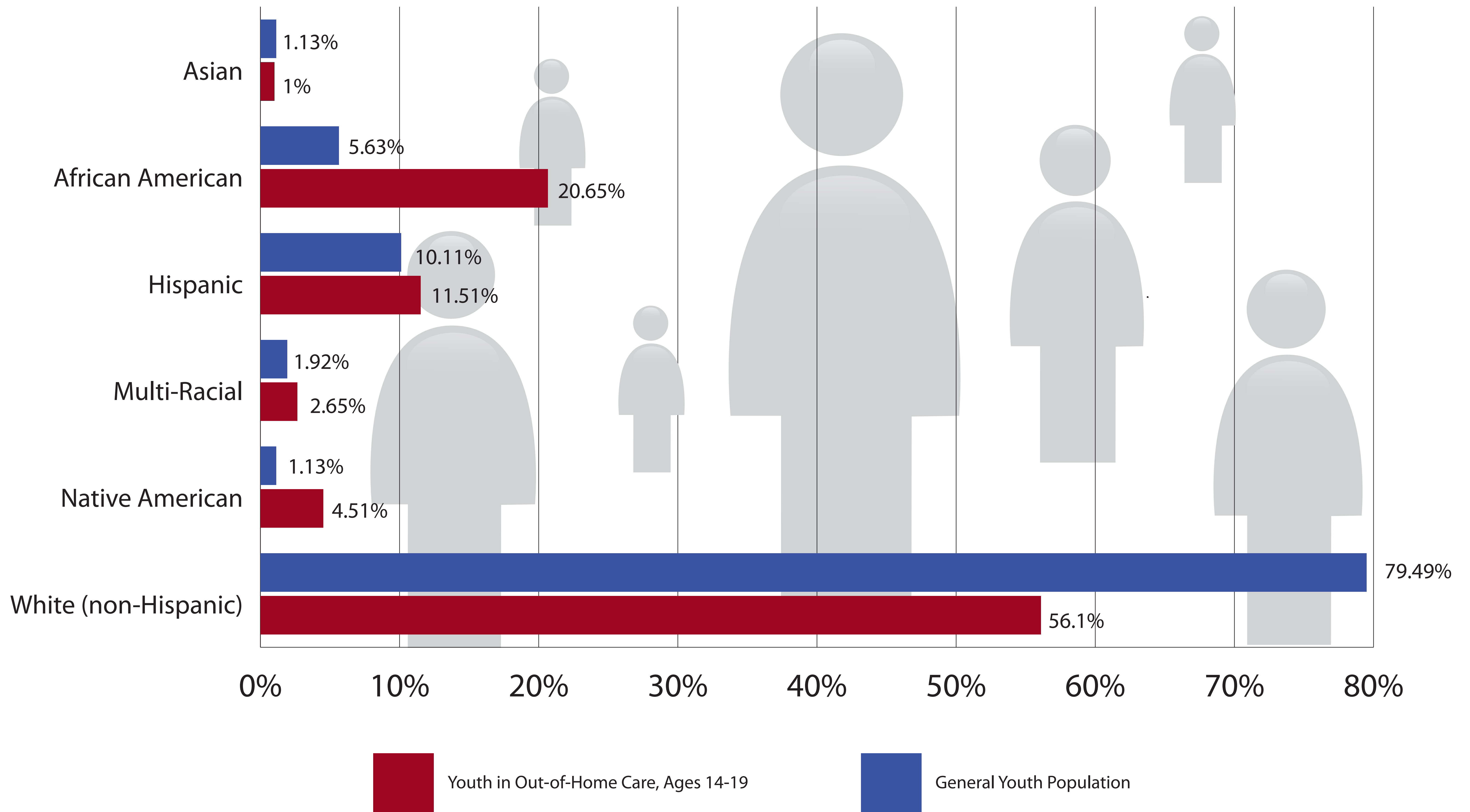


Youth in Care  
Ages 14-19:  
1,844 (43%)



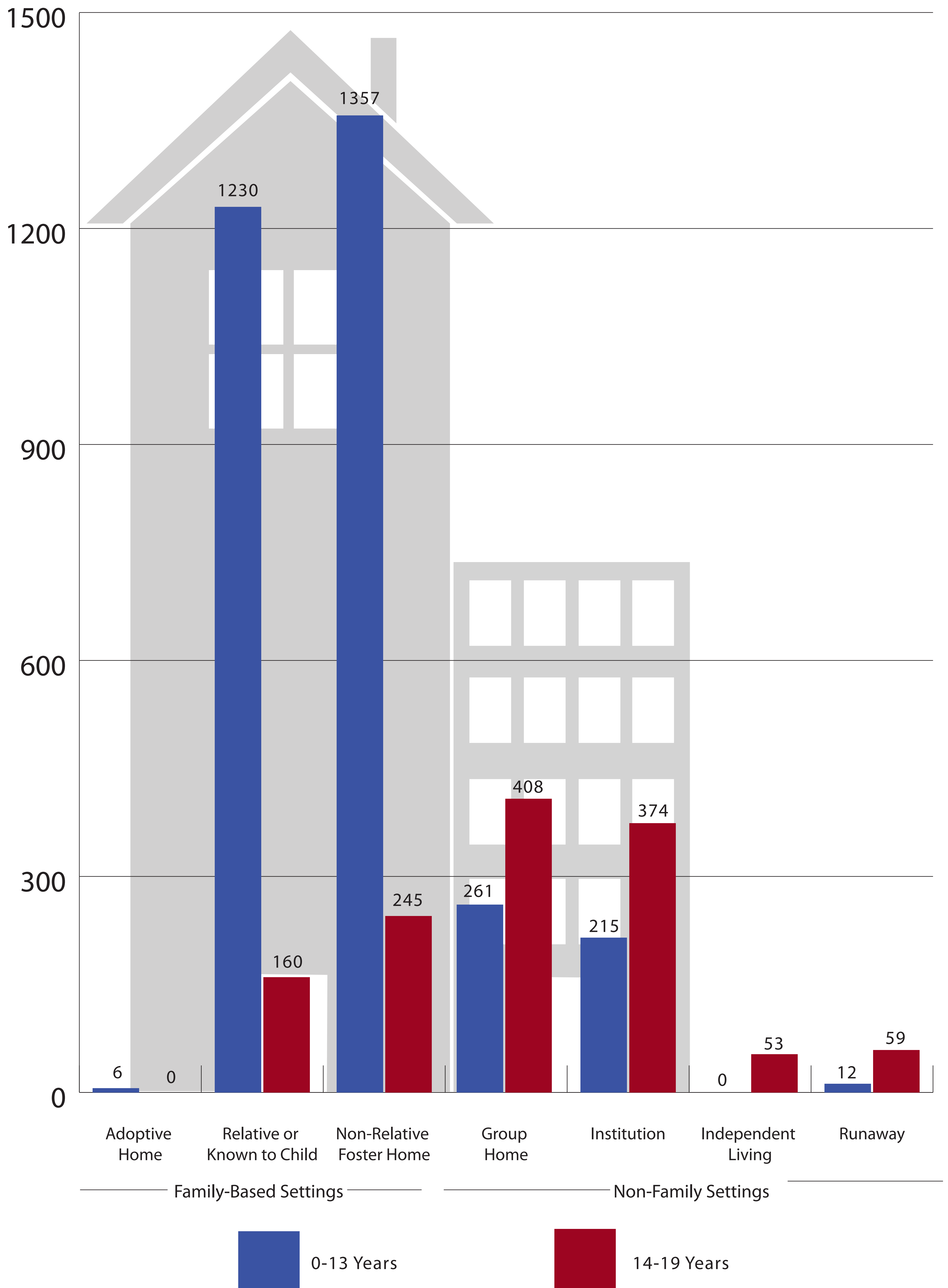
Youth in Care  
Ages 16-17:  
946 (50% of all 14-19)

# Racial and Ethnic Background



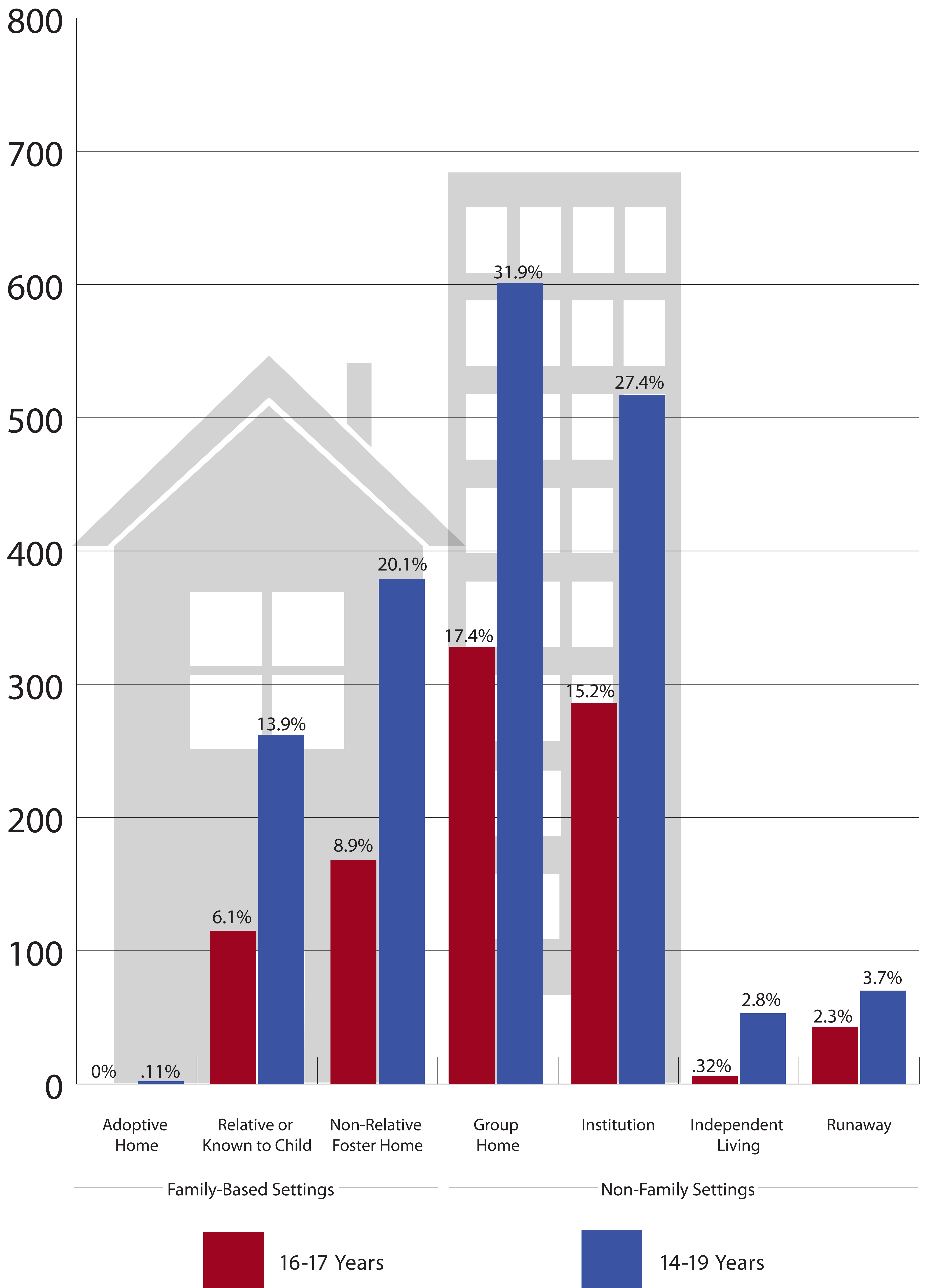
# Placement Setting

(0-13 Years vs. 14-19 Years)



# Placement Setting

(14-15 Years vs. 16-17 Years)



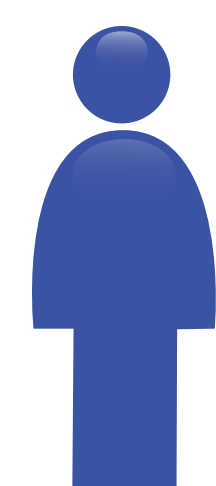
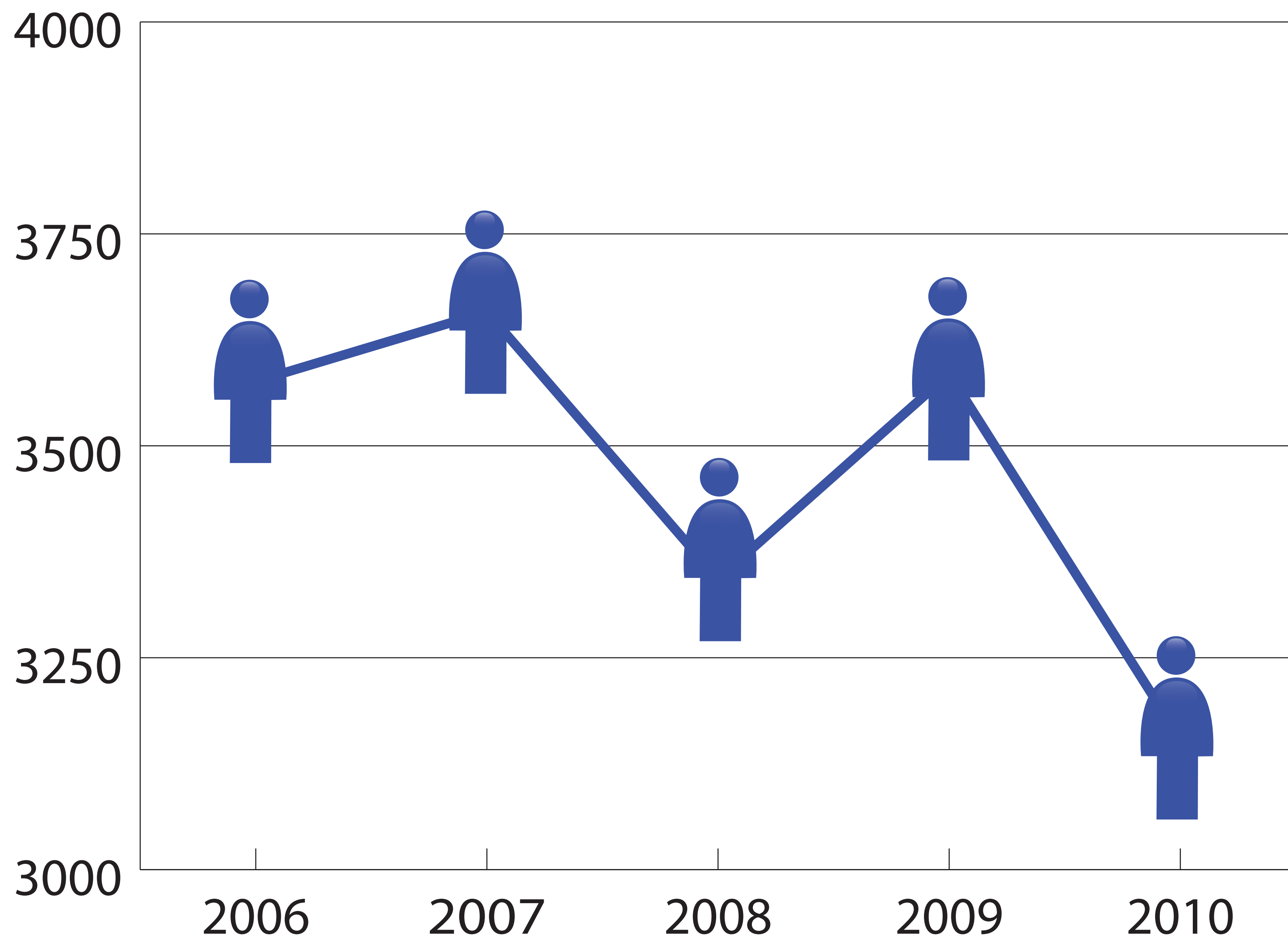
# Permanency Objectives

(Case Plan Goals)

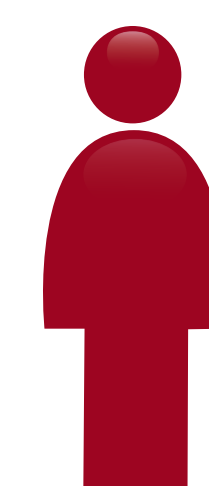
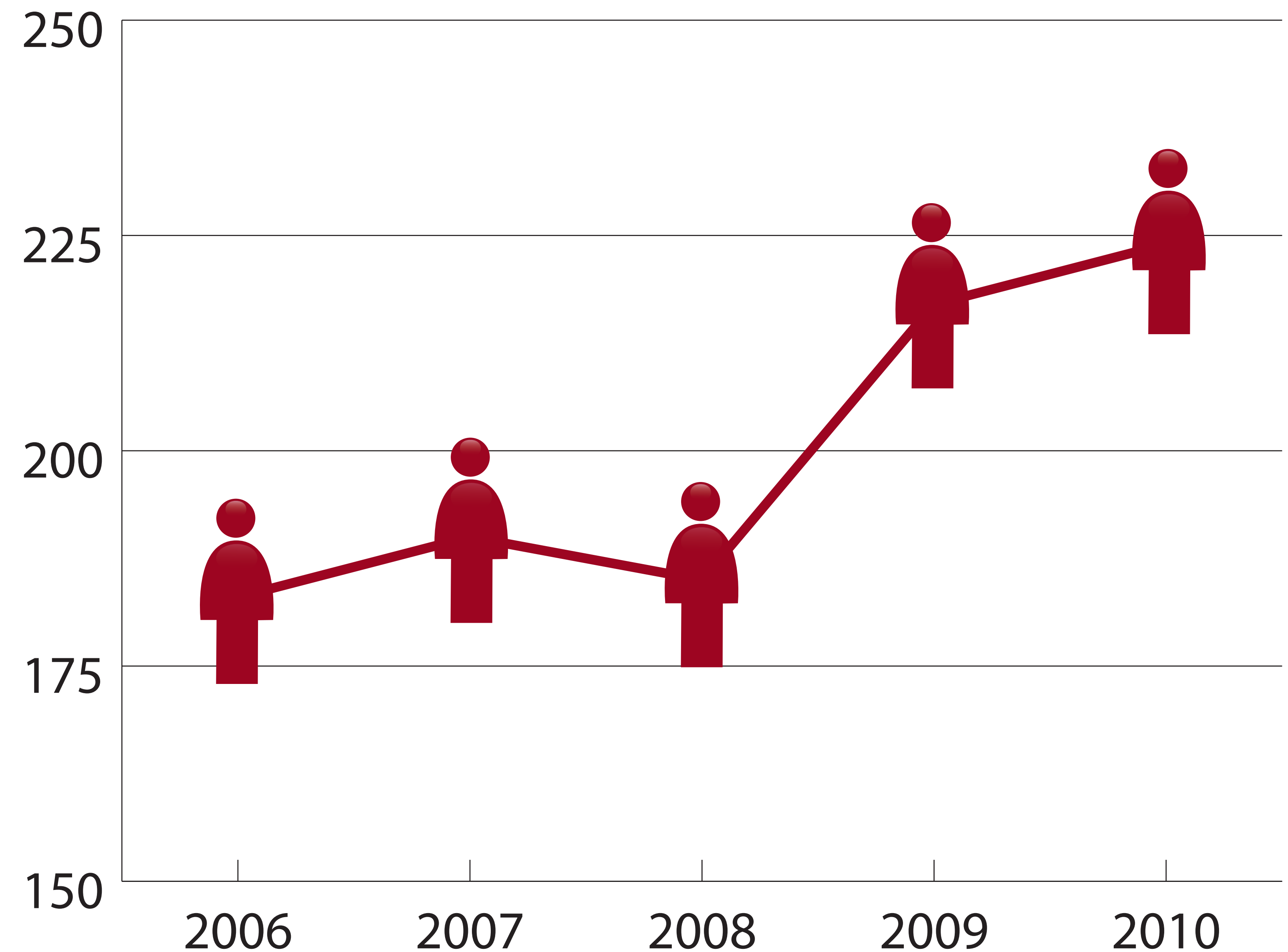




# Youth Who Exited

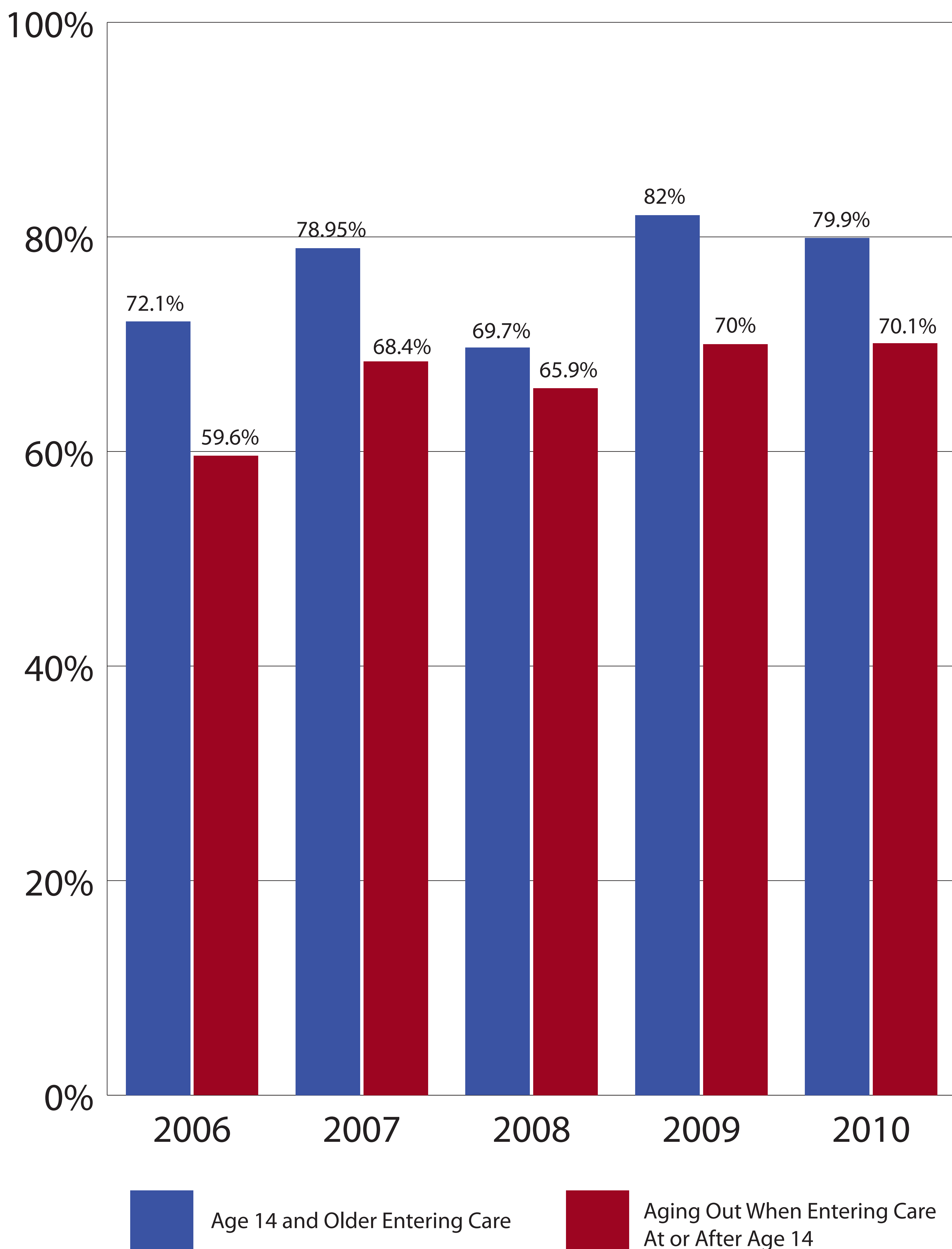


Total Exits Ages 0-19



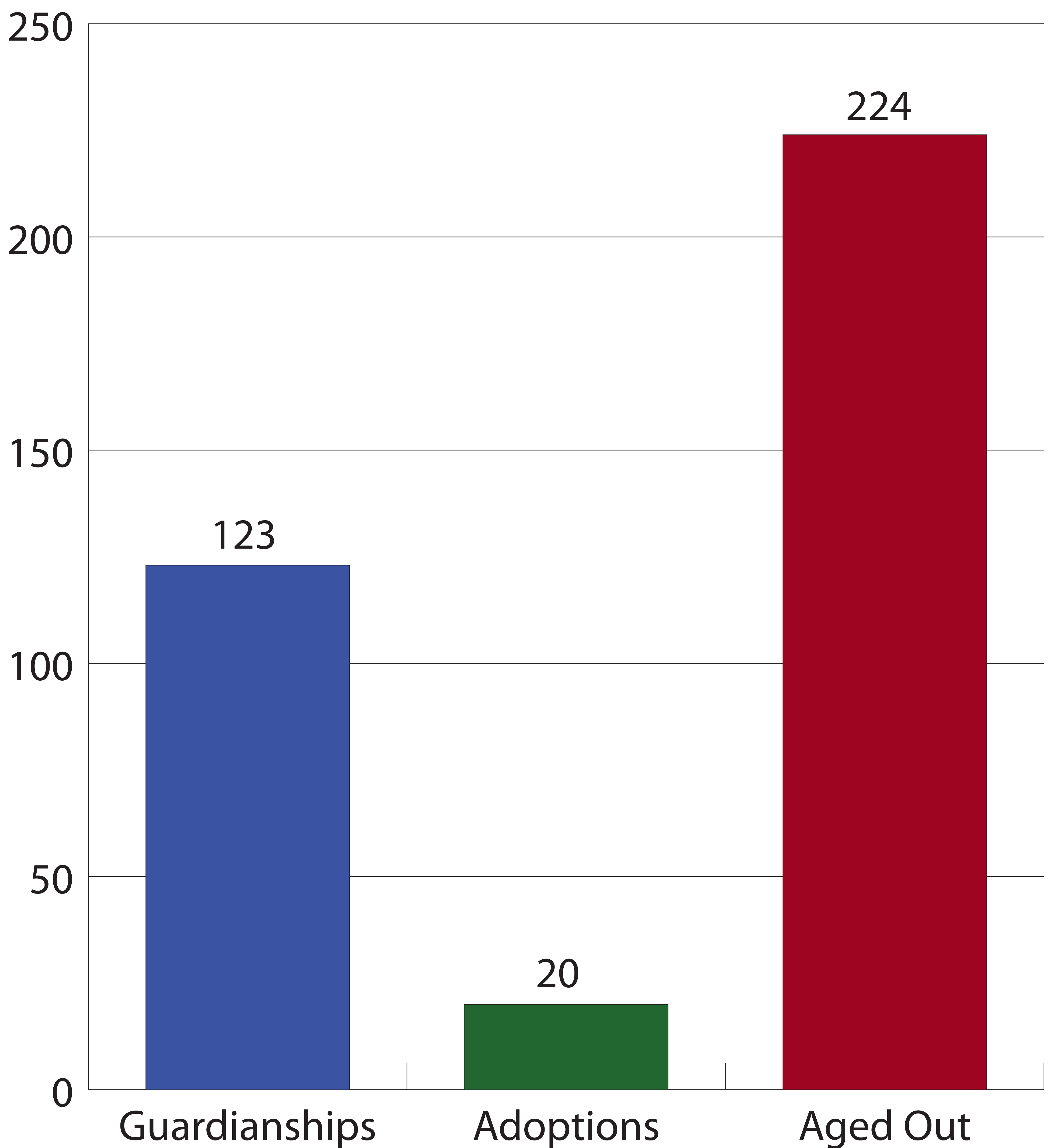
Age-Out Exits

# Entry Age vs. Aging Out



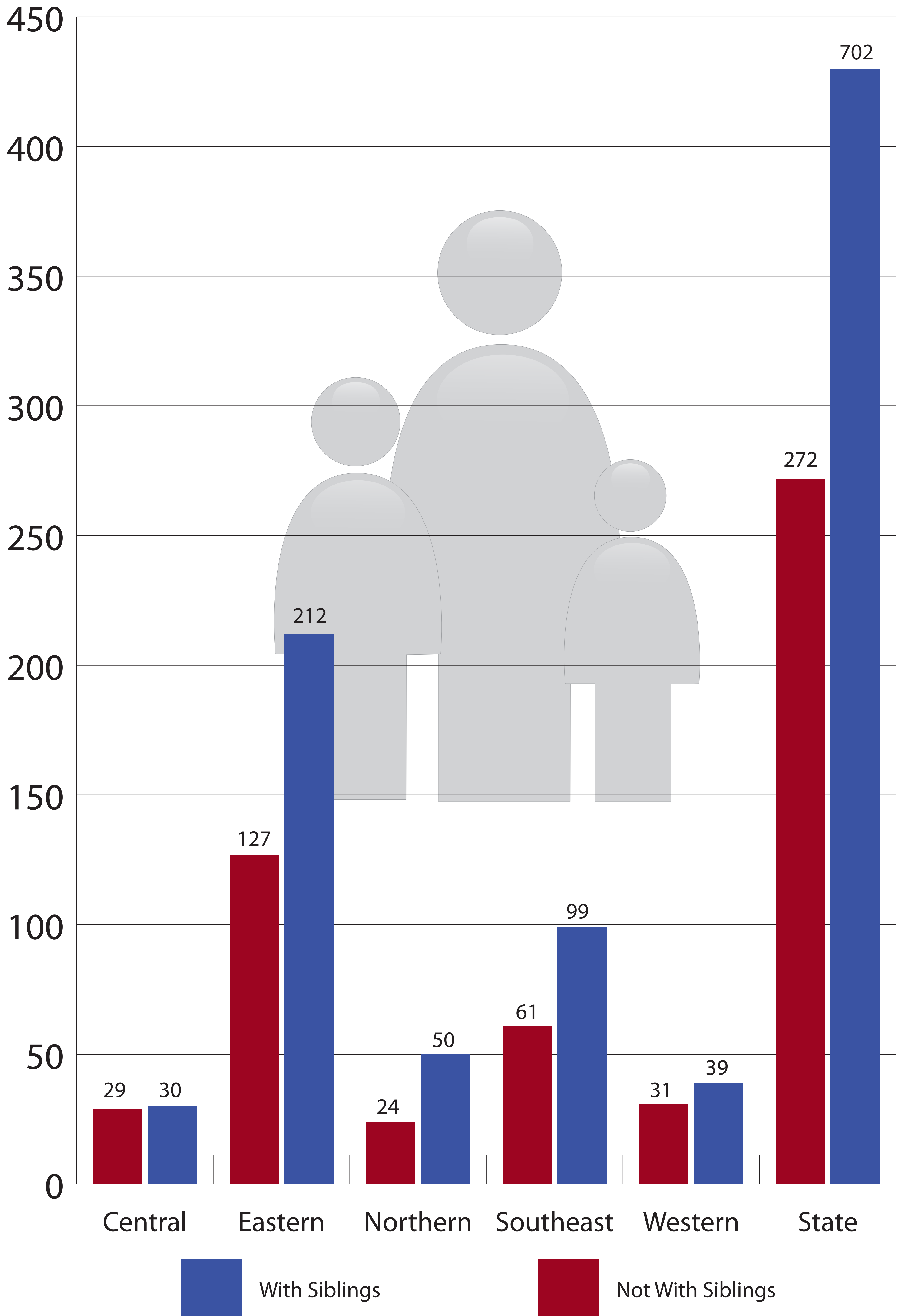
# Permanence vs. Aging Out

Youth Age 14 and Older in 2010





# Living with Siblings



# Youth's Recommended Edits

## National Definition:

Permanence is an *enduring* family relationship:

- Is *safe* and lasts a *lifetime*
- Offers the *legal rights* and social status of full family membership
- Provides for physical, emotional, social, cognitive and spiritual *well-being*
- Assures *lifelong connections* to birth and extended family, siblings, other significant adults, friends, family history and traditions, race and ethnic heritage, culture, religion and language

## Youth Comments:

- "Not just an enduring *family* relationship, a relationship with significant others might be best"
- "A serious family relationship (bio family)"
- "I think that everybody should be *treated equally* at all times."

## Nebraska Definition:

Permanency is both a process and a result that includes involvement of the youth and family as a participant/ leader in finding a permanent connection with ~~at least one~~ as many as possible committed adults who provide:

- *Safe, stable and secure* parenting relationships
- Unconditional love and *commitment*. No matter what. Even with mistakes, triumphs, errors, happy times.
- Lifelong support in the context of: reunification, adoption, guardianship and maintaining contact with siblings, relatives, and higher-power.

## Youth Comments:

- "Not only a committed, but also a *reliable* adult"
- "Contact with *all* family members"
- "Provides for physical, emotional, social, cognitive and spiritual *well-being*"
- "An adult who *listens*"
- "Someone who will *be there* for the rest of your life"
- "A positive *role model*"
- "Someone who will push you to be better"
- "Someone who *supports* you in everything and helps you make good decisions"
- "Attention to *cultural* backgrounds"
- "Youth deserve to be *happy* where they are"

# Supportive Adults Make a Difference

**For those out of care, the percentage of young people who have health insurance for physical health.**

- With family adult connection: 64.0%
- With non-family adult connection: 60.2%
- With no adult connection: 50.0%

**Percentage of young people who report there are enough people they can count on for emotional support or for job/school advice or guidance.**

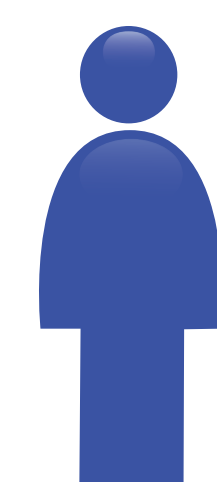
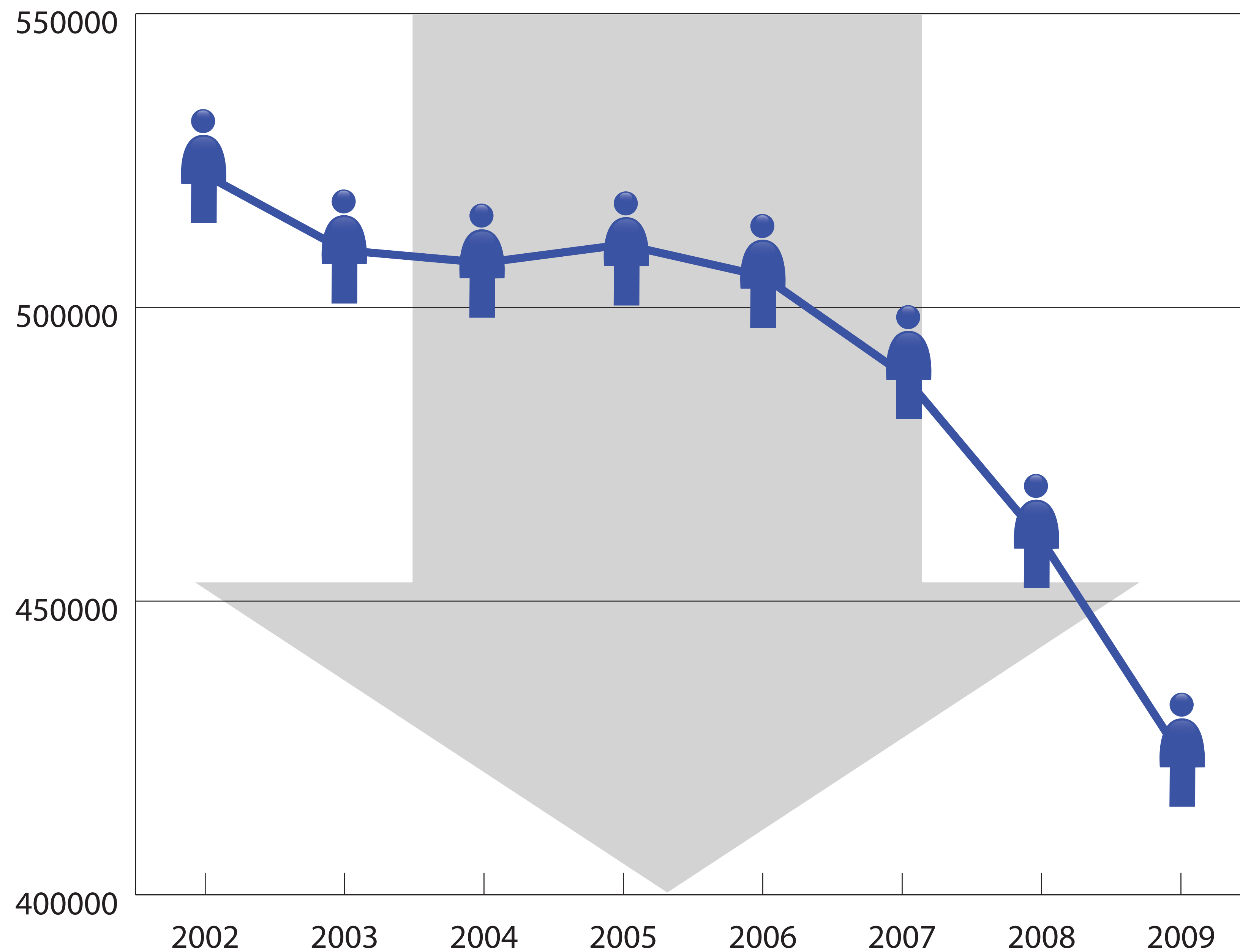
- With family adult connection: 84.5%
- With non-family adult connection: 65.3%
- With no adult connection: 30.1%

**For young people out of care, percentage of young people who report that their housing is safe, stable and affordable.**

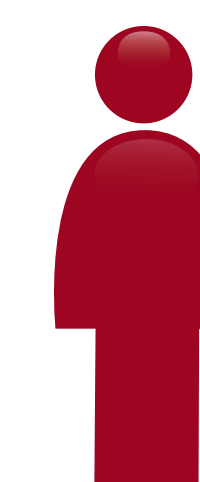
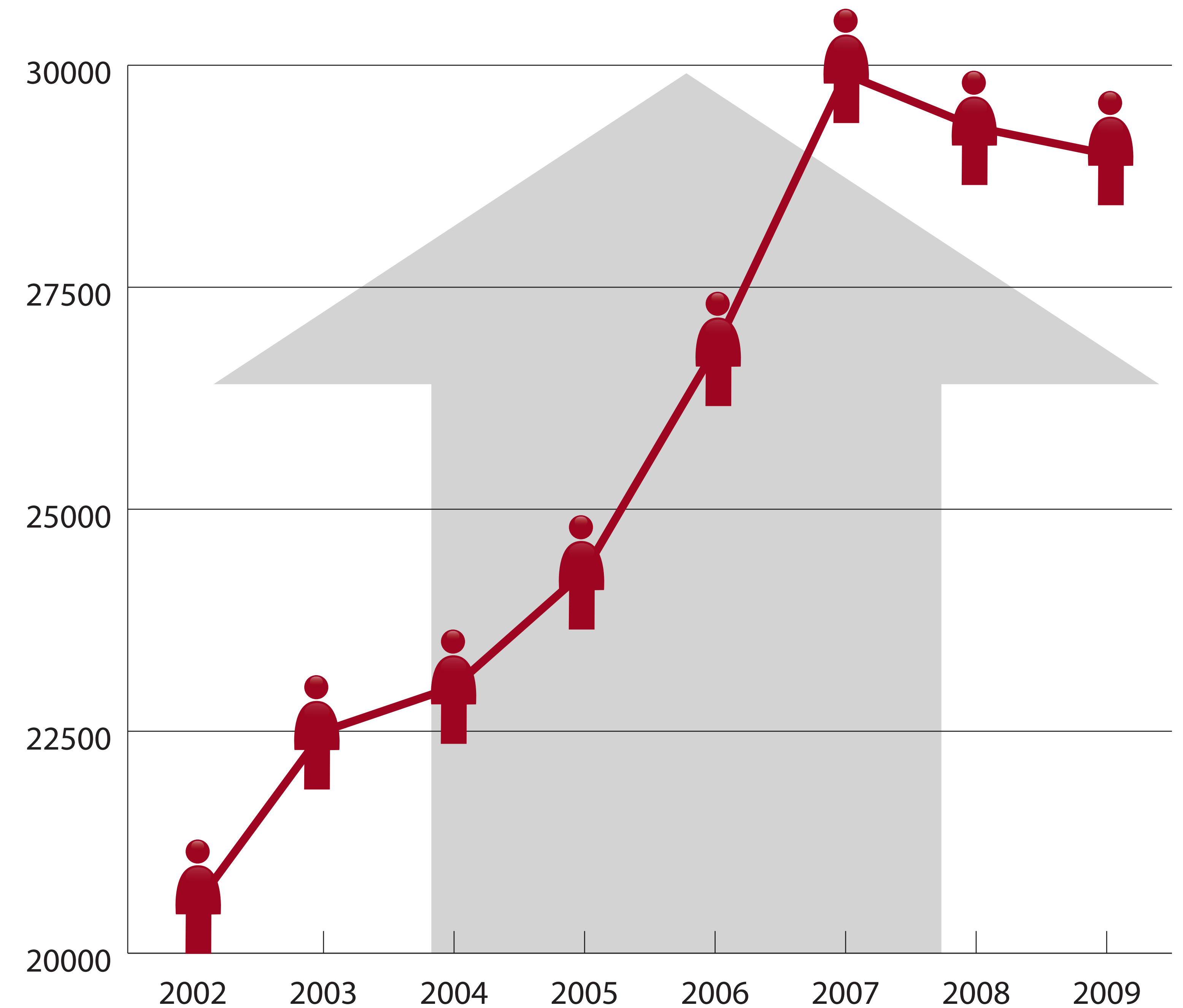
- With family adult connection: 65.3%
- With non-family adult connection: 54.1%
- With no adult connection: 35.4%



# Youth in Care vs. Aging Out



Number of Youth in Care



Number of Youth Aging Out of Care