

Health Care in New Orleans Before and After Hurricane Katrina

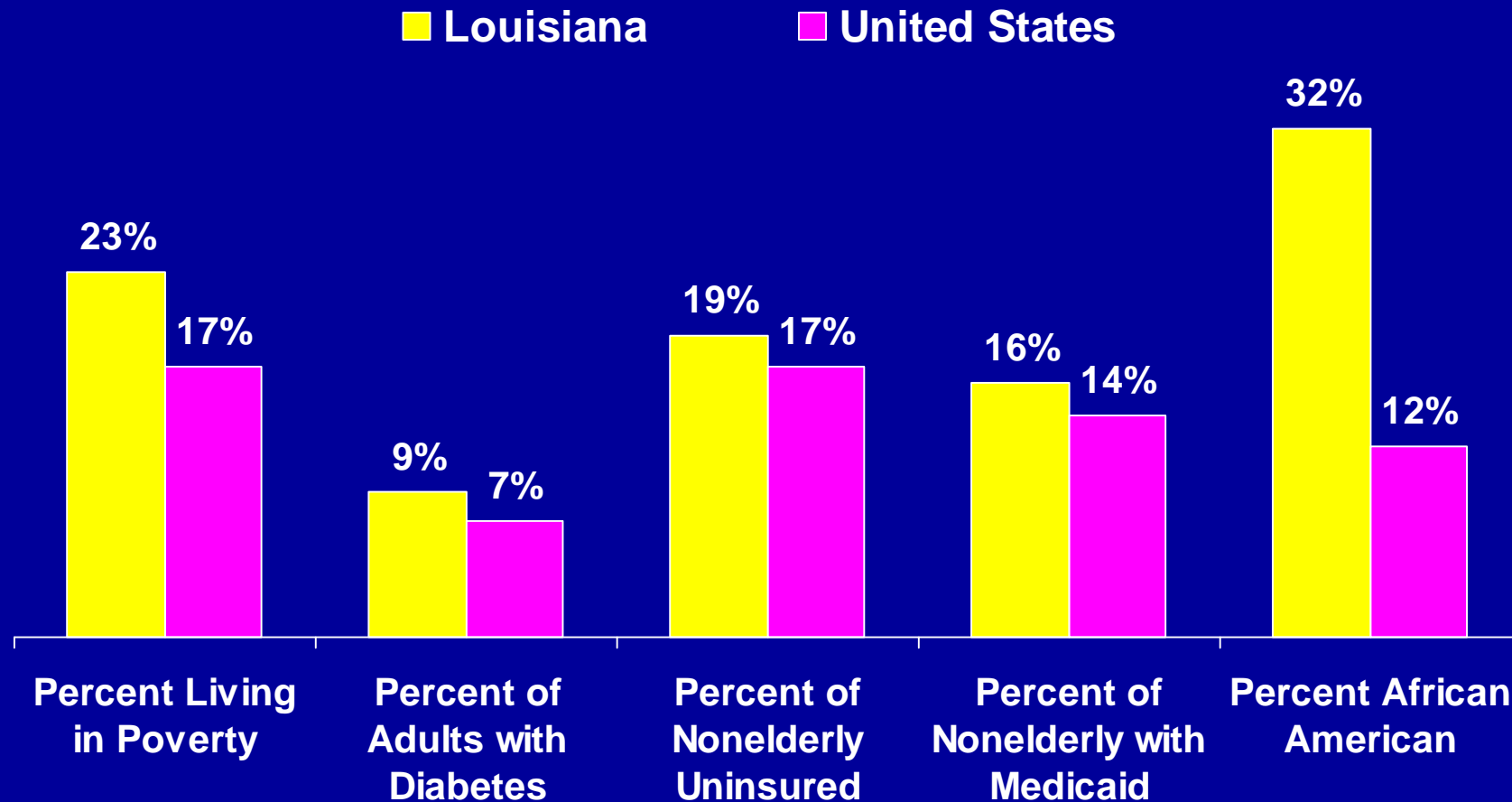
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Figure 1

Key Characteristics of Pre-Katrina Louisiana Compared to the U.S., 2004-2005



SOURCE: Kaiser *statehealthfacts.org*, 2007. Data is from the Census Bureau's March 2005 and 2006 Current Beneficiary Survey.

Health Care Pre-Katrina in New Orleans

- Medicaid/LaCHIP coverage for children and pregnant women up to 200% FPL (\$34,340/year for family of 3)
- Medicaid coverage for working parents at 20% FPL (\$3,434/year for family of 3 in 2007)
- Care for uninsured financed through DSH (19% of Medicaid spending in LA vs. 6% nationally)
- Care for uninsured delivered primarily through Charity Hospital; limited access to community-based services
- Governor's Task Force formed to consider health system reforms

Figure 3

Impact of Hurricane Katrina

Lives lost	1,464
People displaced	900,000
Housing with major/severe damage	204,500
Occupied FEMA trailers	81,688
Jobs lost*	183,800 (-30%)
Businesses destroyed	18,750
Operational Hospitals in Orleans**	52%
Debris Generated	22 million tons

* Jobs lost as of June 2006.

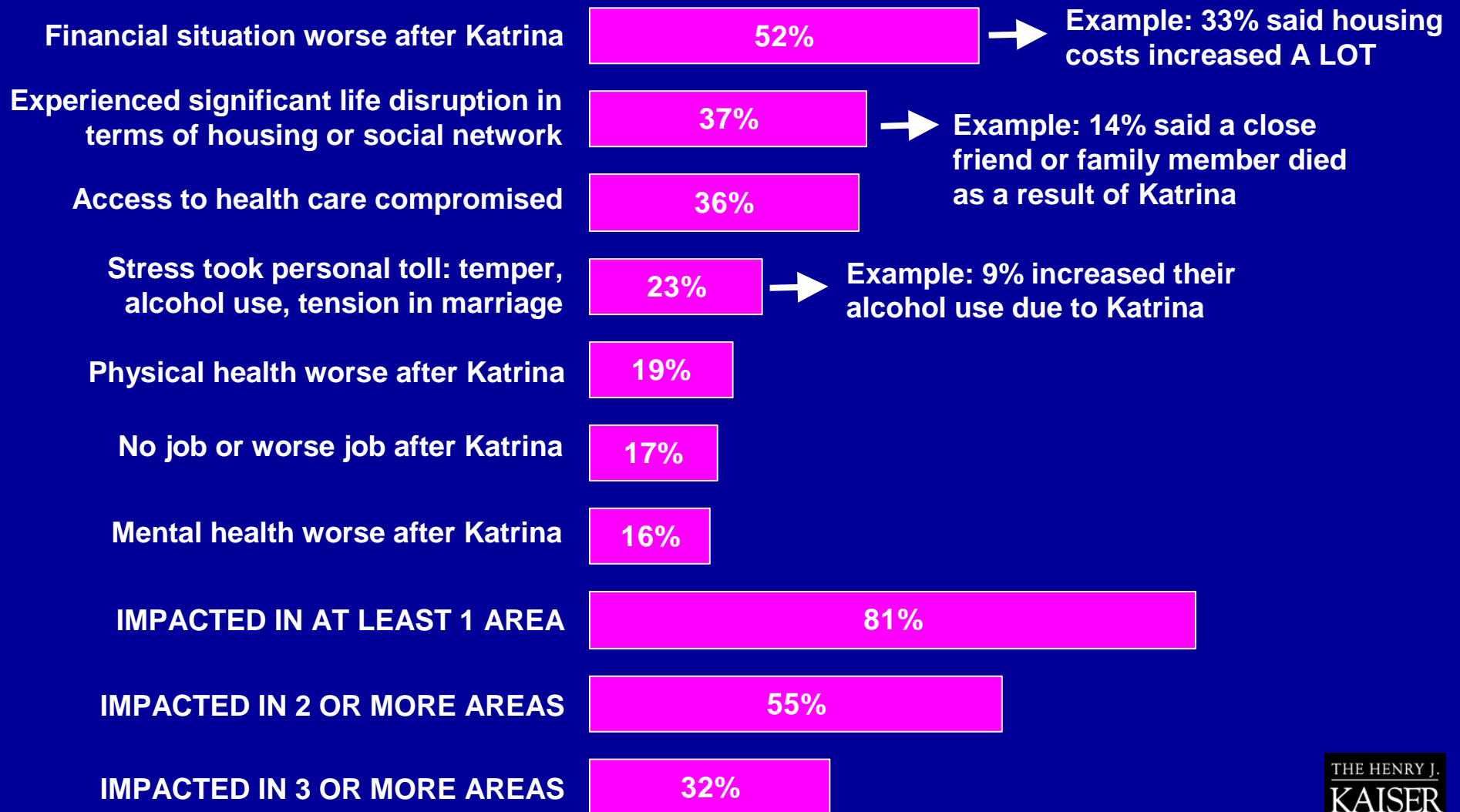
**Hospitals operational as of April 2006. Low of 9% was reached in October 2005.

SOURCE: Louisiana Recovery Authority, *Hurricane Katrina Anniversary Data for Louisiana*, August 2006. Data represents impact of storms Katrina and Rita.

Figure 4

Impacts of Hurricane Katrina for Greater New Orleans Residents

Percent who reported having an impact in each of the following areas after Hurricane Katrina:

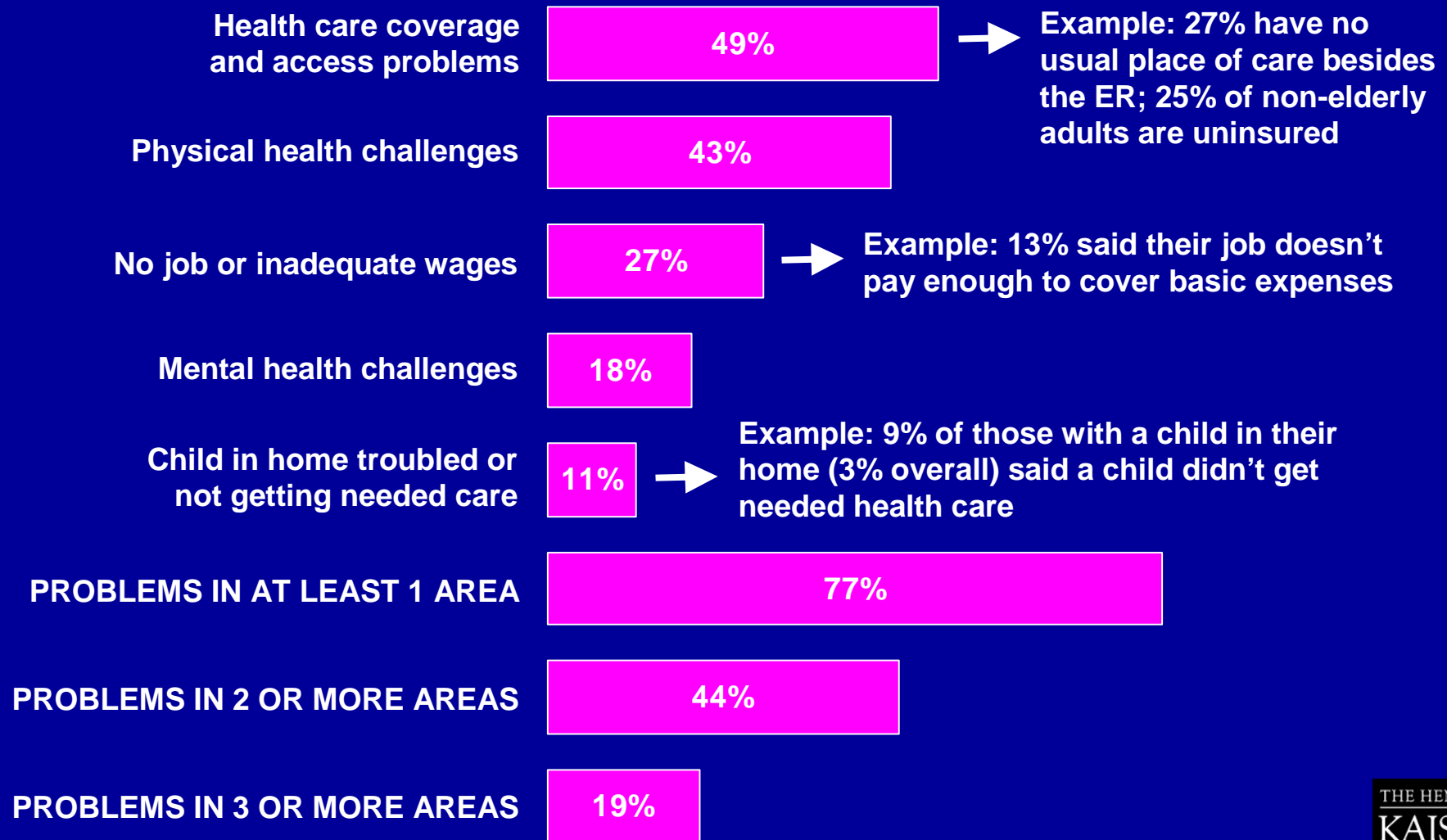


Source: *The Kaiser Post-Katrina Baseline Survey of the New Orleans Area* (conducted September 12 – November 13, 2006)

Figure 5

Portrait of Problems Faced by Greater New Orleans Residents

Percent who reported having a problem in each of the following areas:



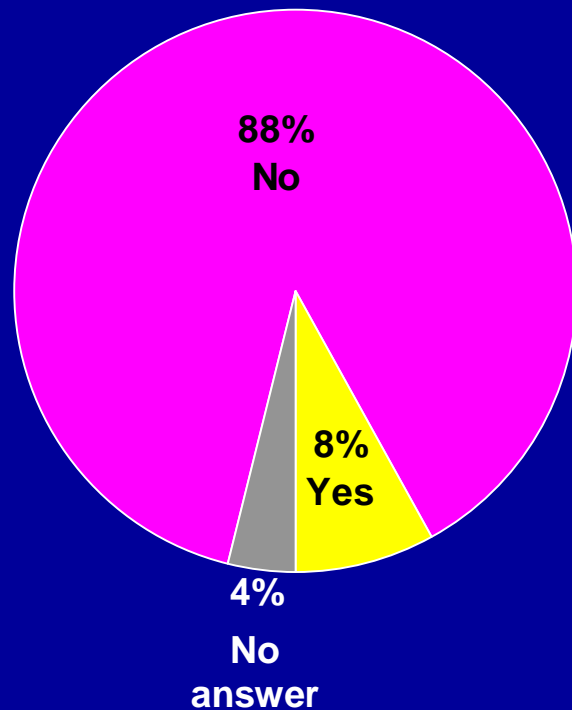
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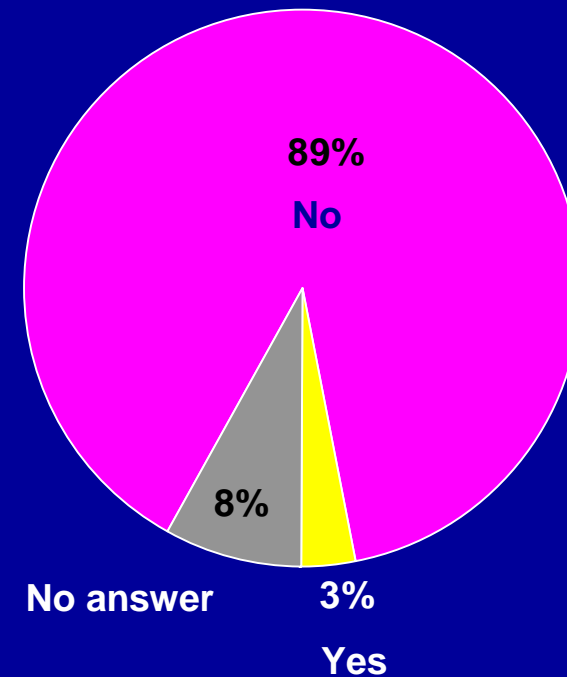
Agreement About Lack of Health Care Providers, Services

Do you think there are enough of the following to take care of the people living in the greater New Orleans area, or not?

Hospitals, clinics and medical facilities currently operating



Health care services currently available for uninsured and low-income people

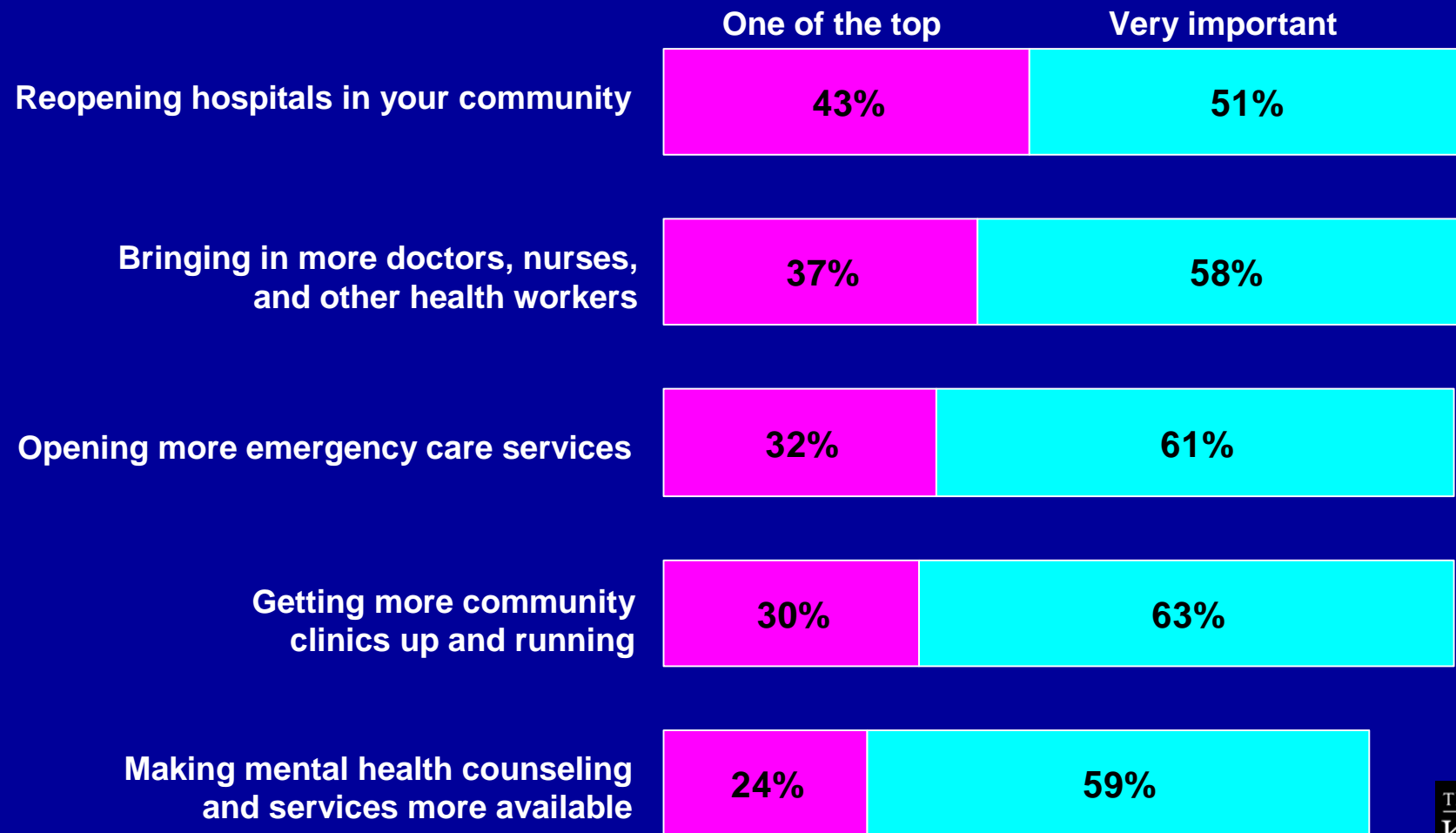


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Figure 7

Hospitals and Providers Top Health Priorities

In terms of health issues, please tell me whether you think each of the following should be one of the top priorities for rebuilding New Orleans' health care system, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important:



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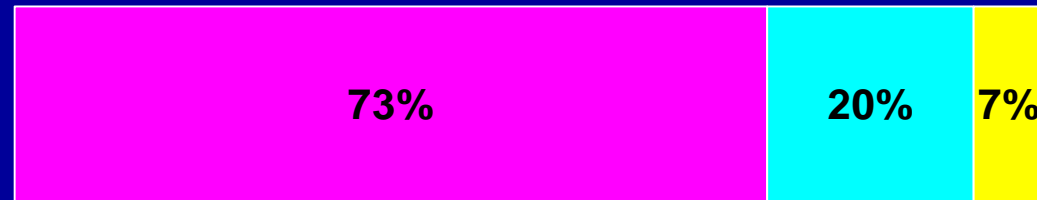
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Desire to Expand Health Access

Please tell me whether you would strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the following options for making health care more available for uninsured and low-income people in the greater New Orleans area:

■ Strongly favor ■ Somewhat favor ■ Strongly or somewhat oppose

Building a new hospital to replace Charity Hospital and have it play much of the role Charity had played before the storm



Building more community clinics that would offer basic medical care



Expanding public health insurance programs, like Medicaid and LaCHIP, to cover more people



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Challenges Ahead

- **Rebuilding Health Care Services**
 - Health care workforce
 - Community-based primary care
 - Hospital and specialty services
 - Mental health care
- **Financing Health Care Services**
 - Medicaid and LaCHIP
 - Broadened health coverage
 - Funding for uncompensated care

