

# **ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FACING SINGLE FEMALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLDS IN CHATHAM COUNTY**

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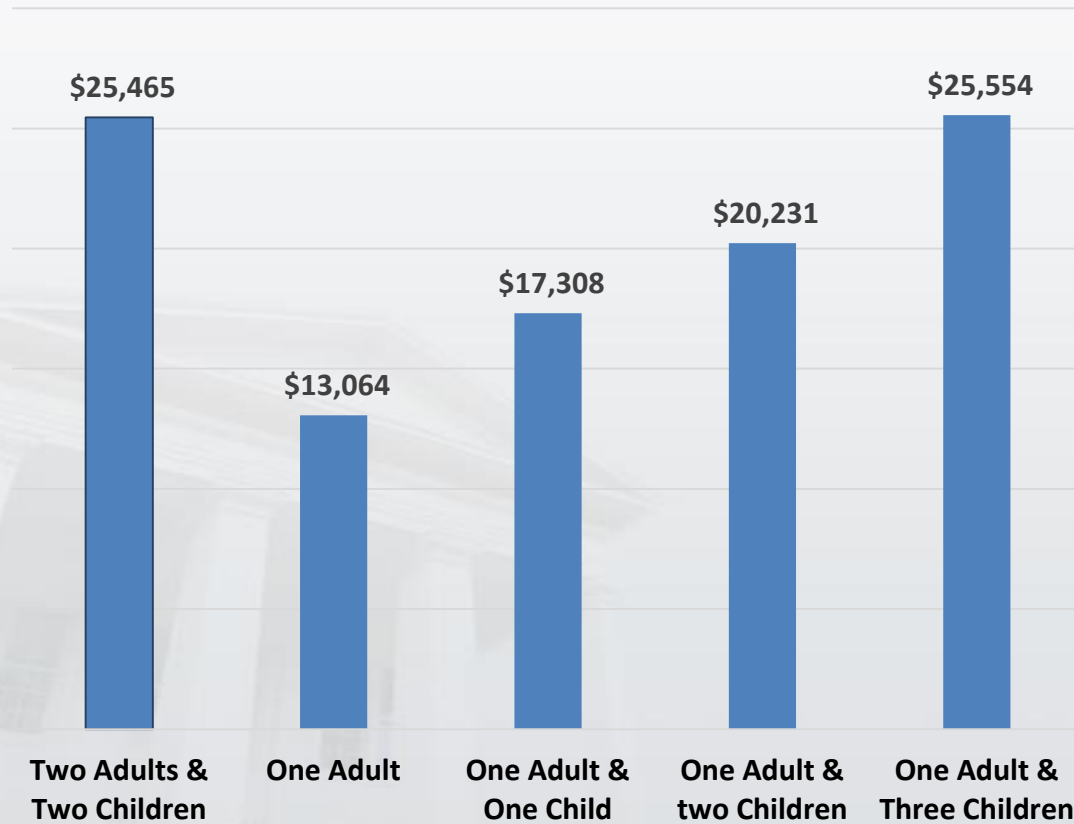


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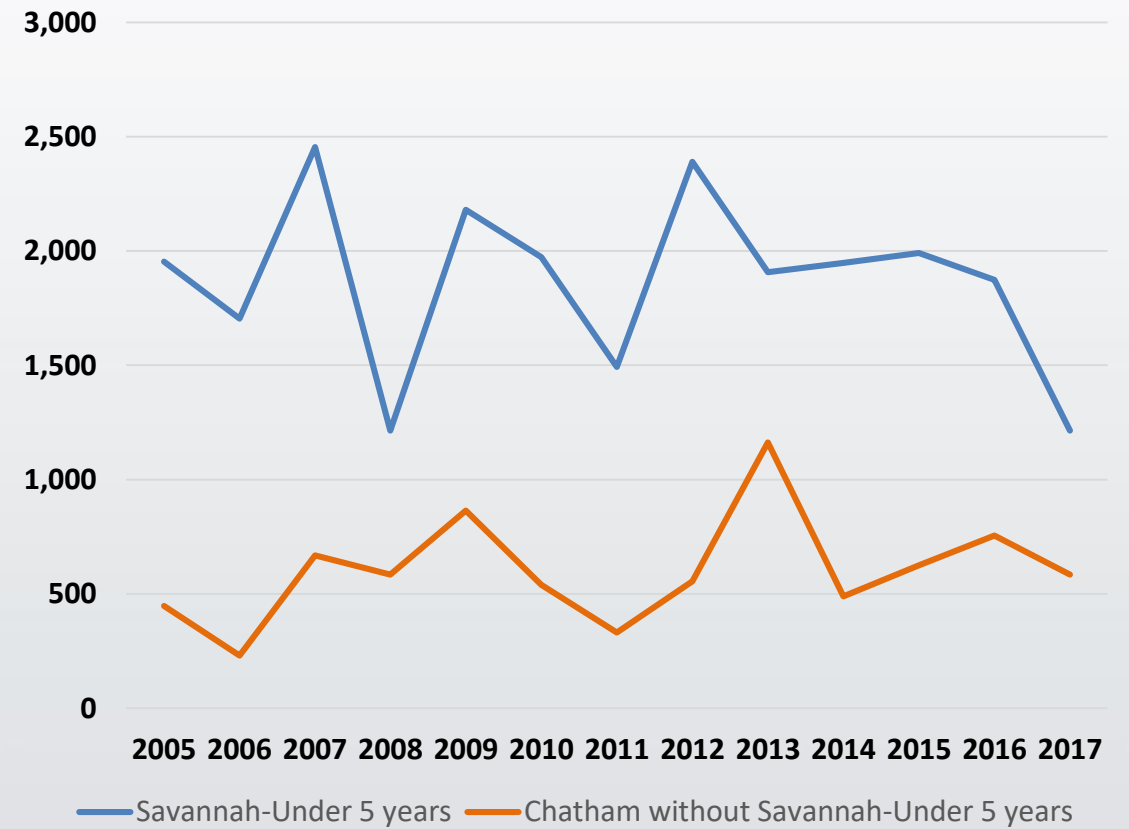


# Defining Poverty

## Poverty Thresholds by Family Size

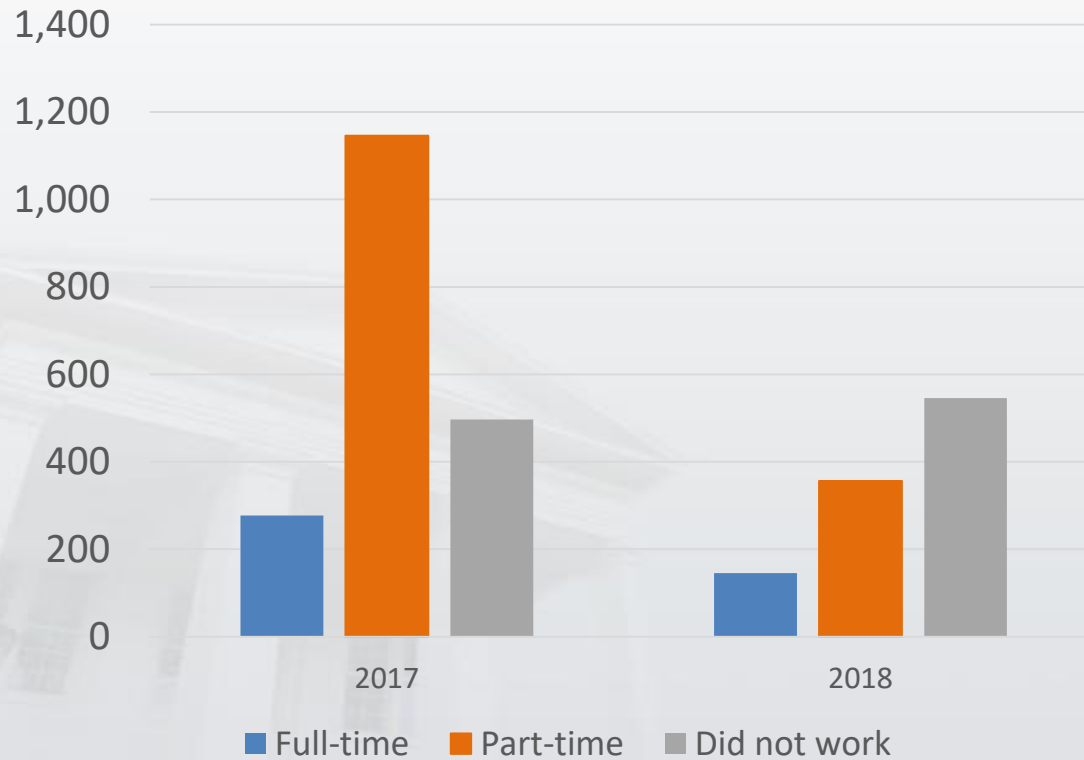


## Number of Female-Headed Families

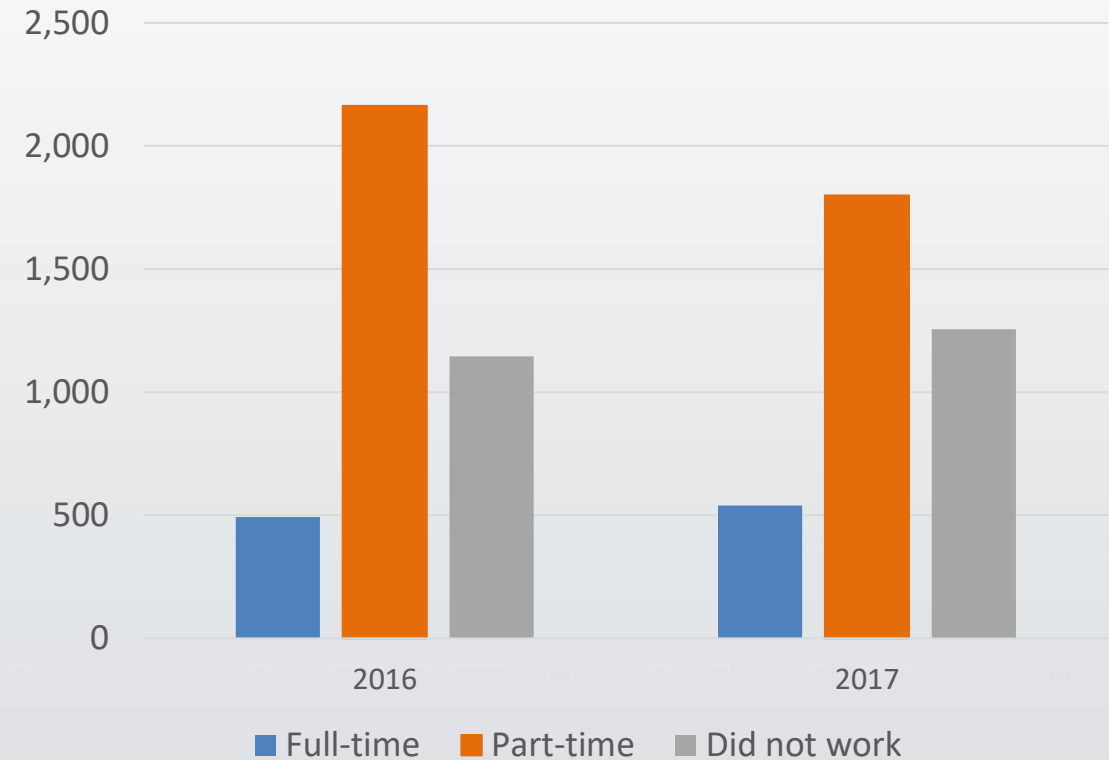


# Working Status in Chatham County

## Chatham County Excluding Savannah Female-Headed Families Working Status



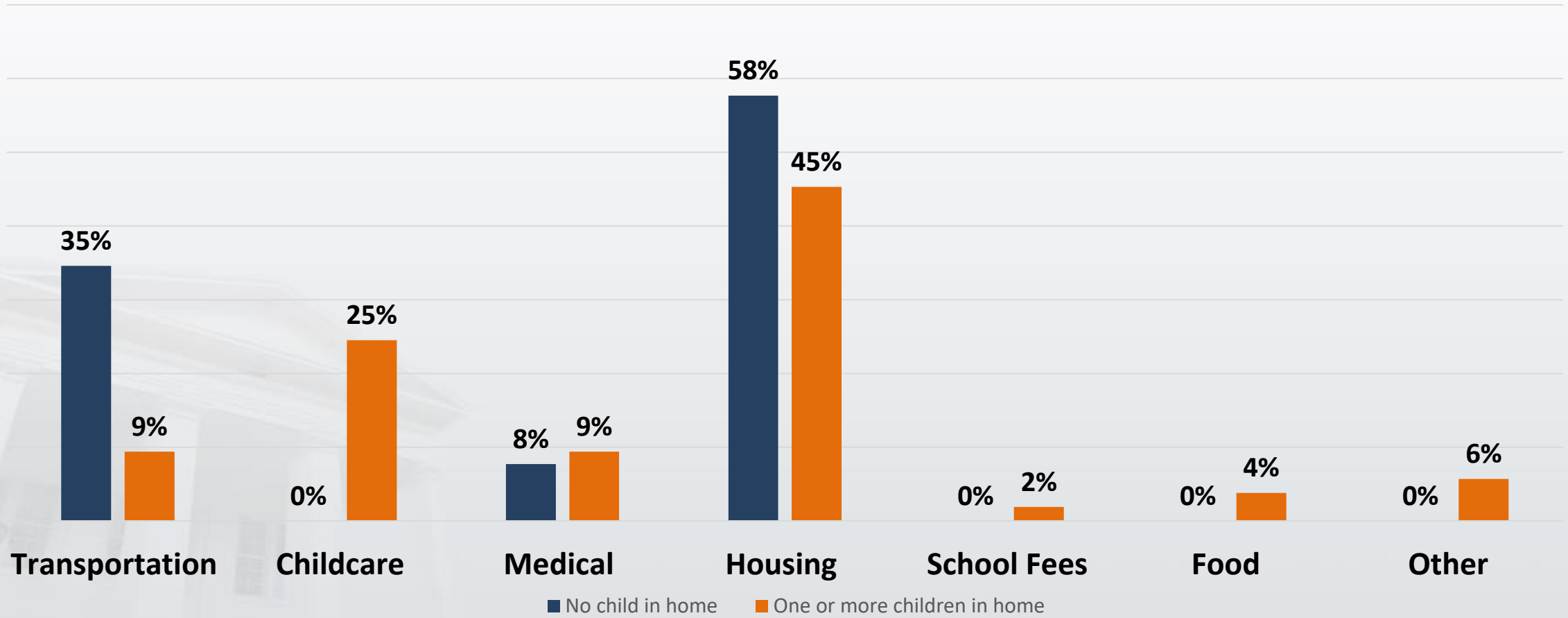
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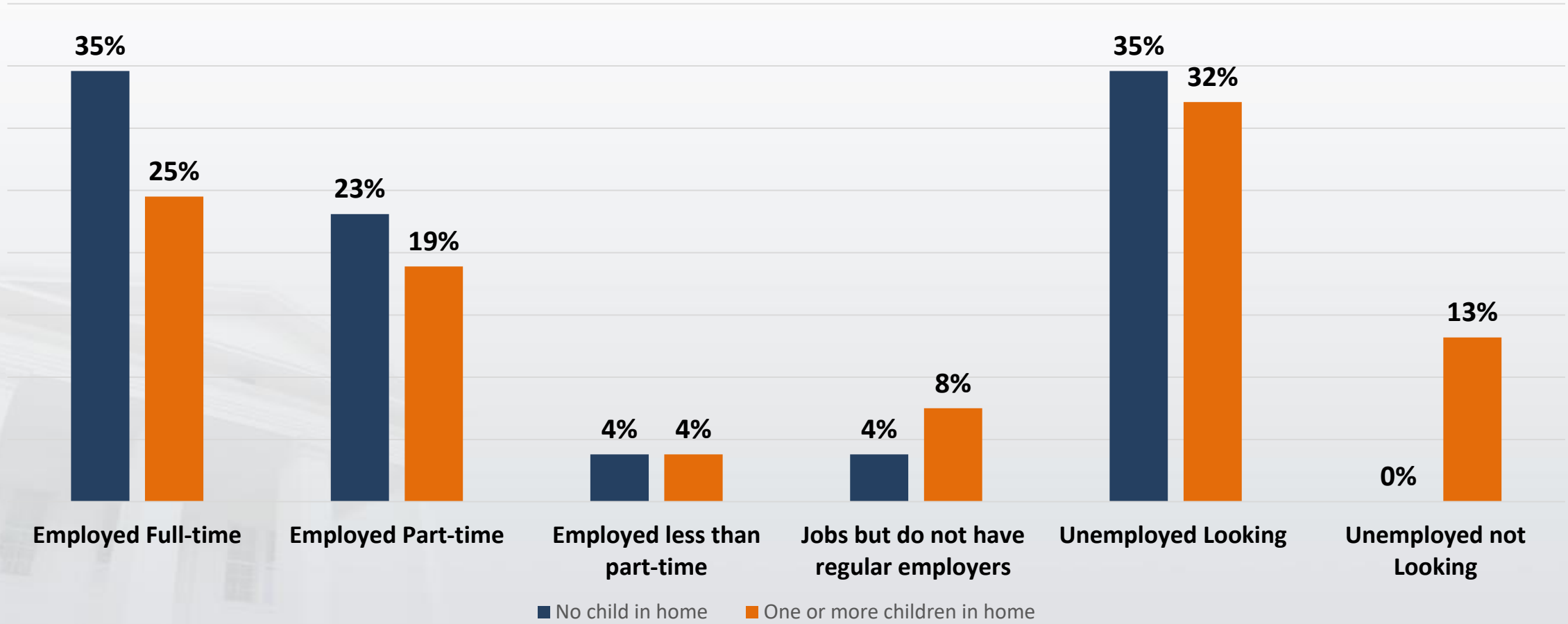
# The Client Survey

- Total 79 responses
  - 39% had no child in home
  - 67% had one or more children in home
- Family's Outlook Compared to past year
  - With one or more Children in home
    - About 46% significantly or somewhat improved
    - 30% said about the same

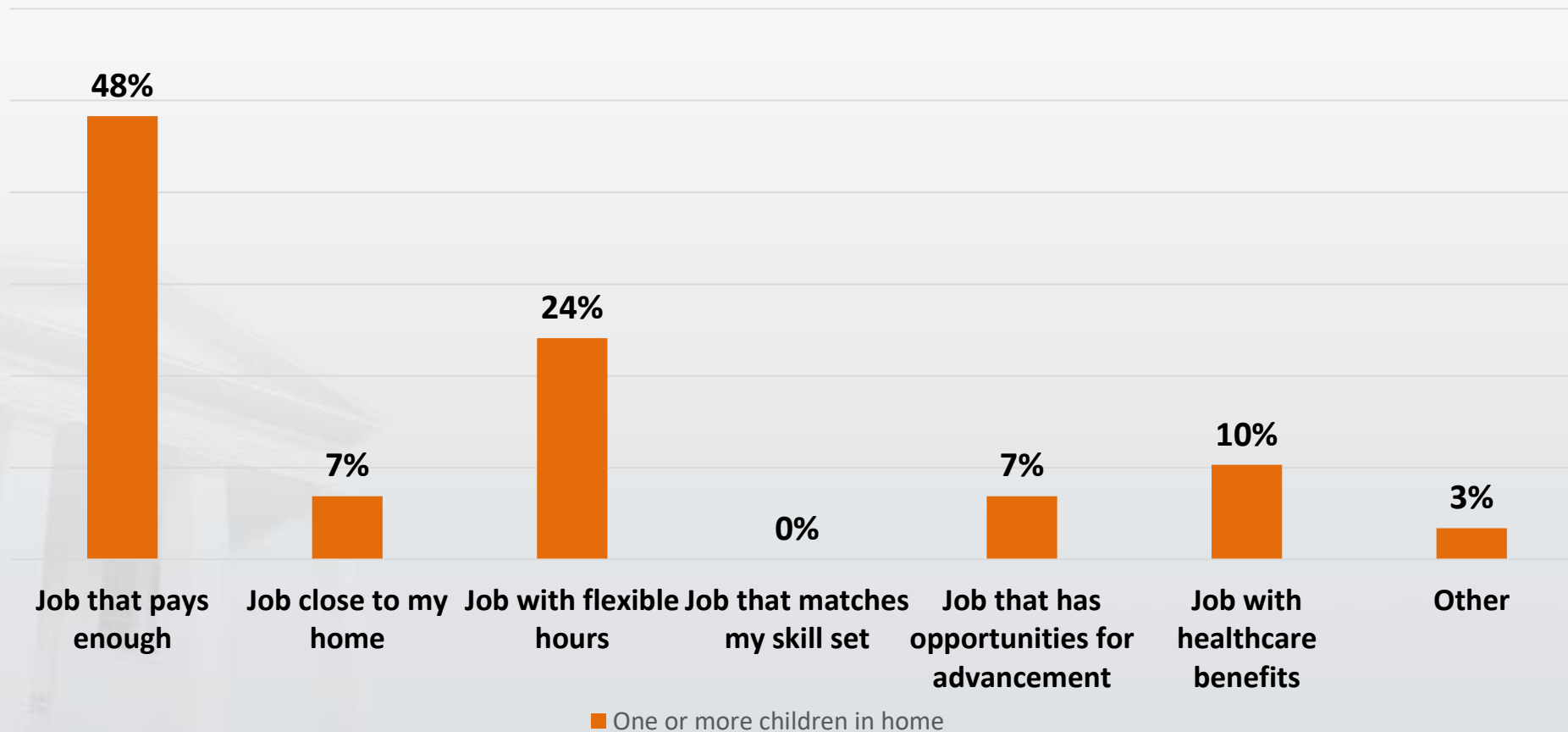
# Largest Financial Challenge



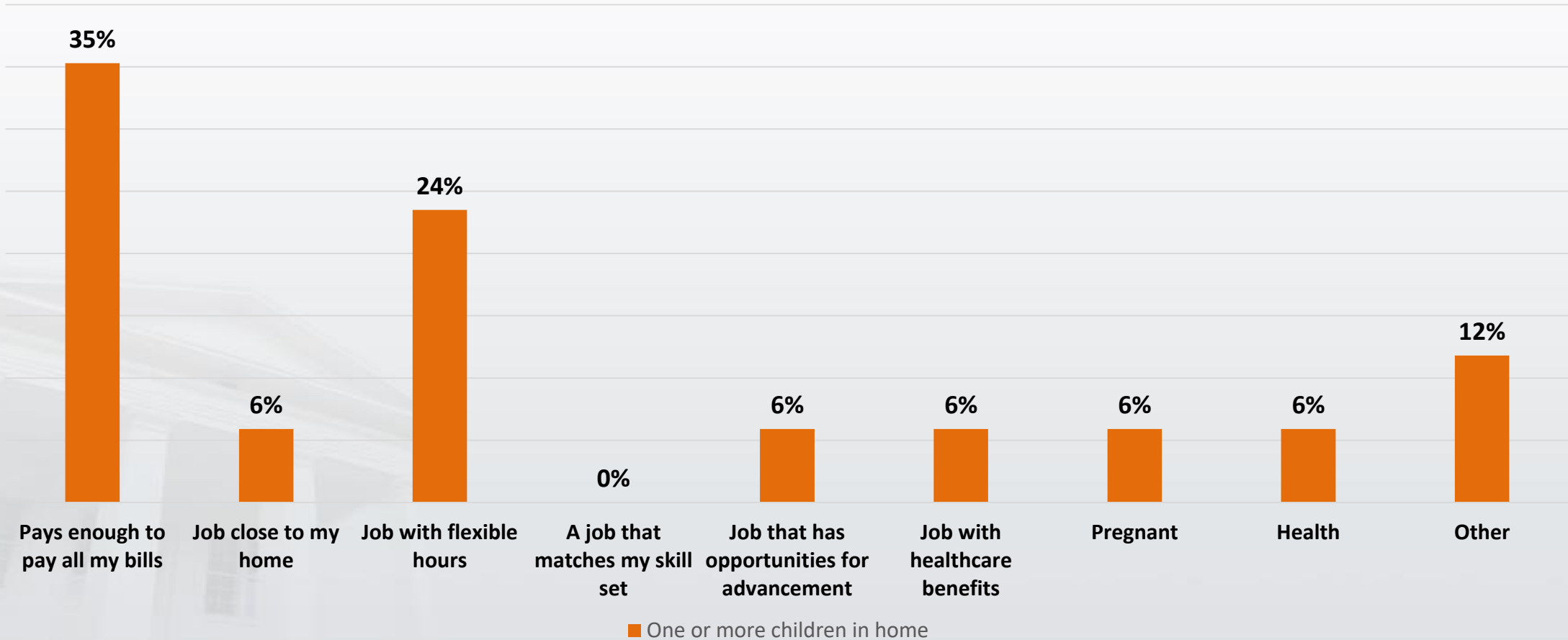
# Are you Currently Employed



# Challenges to Keeping a Job, if Employed



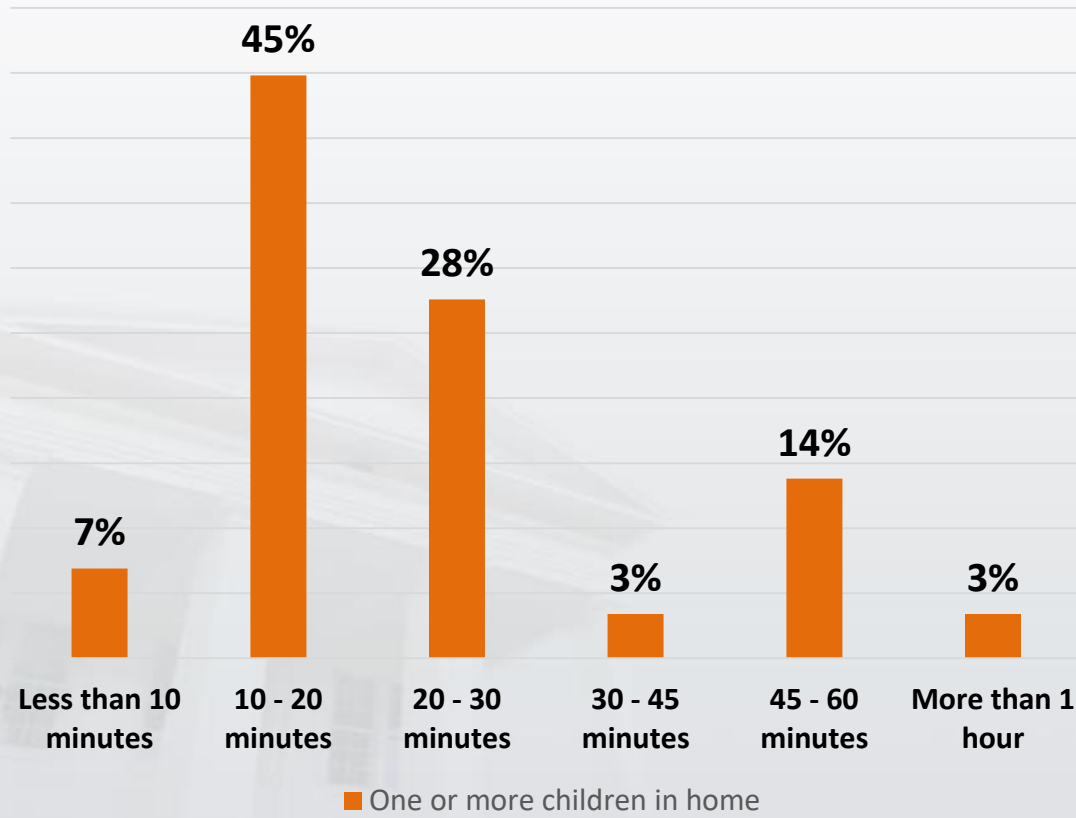
# Finding a Job, if Unemployed



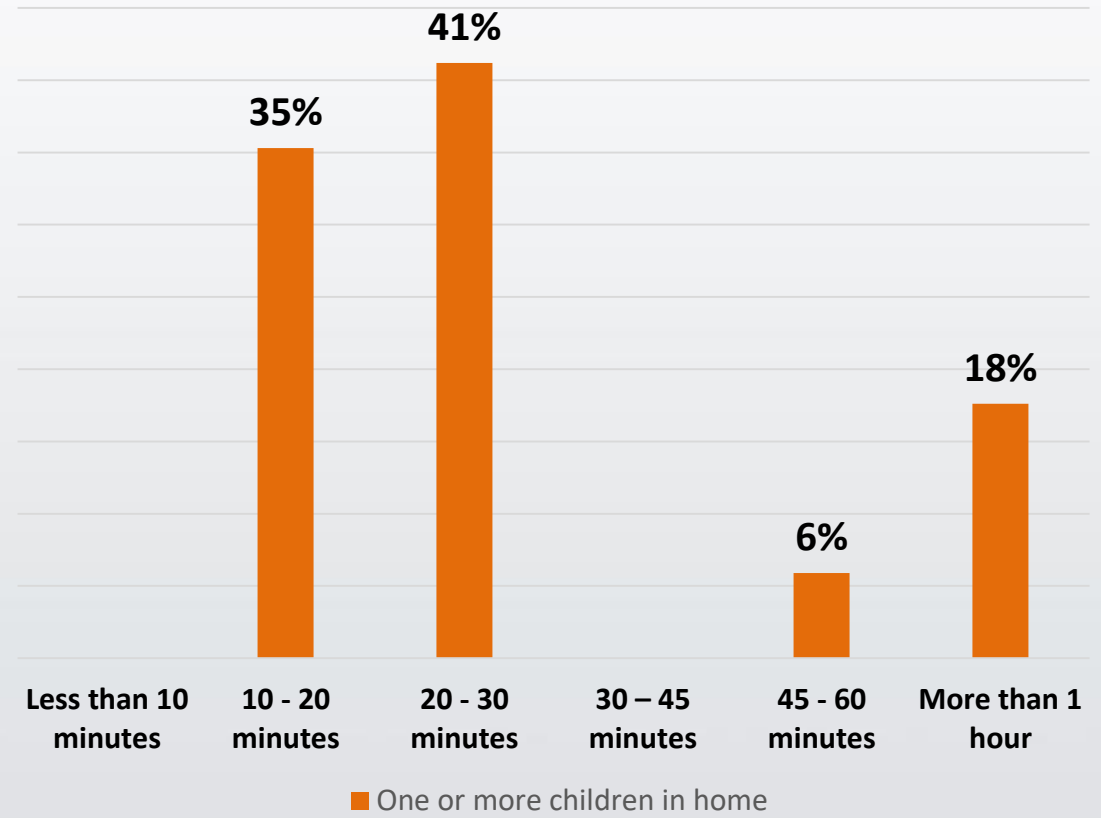


# Commuting to Work

Q6: Current Commute to Work

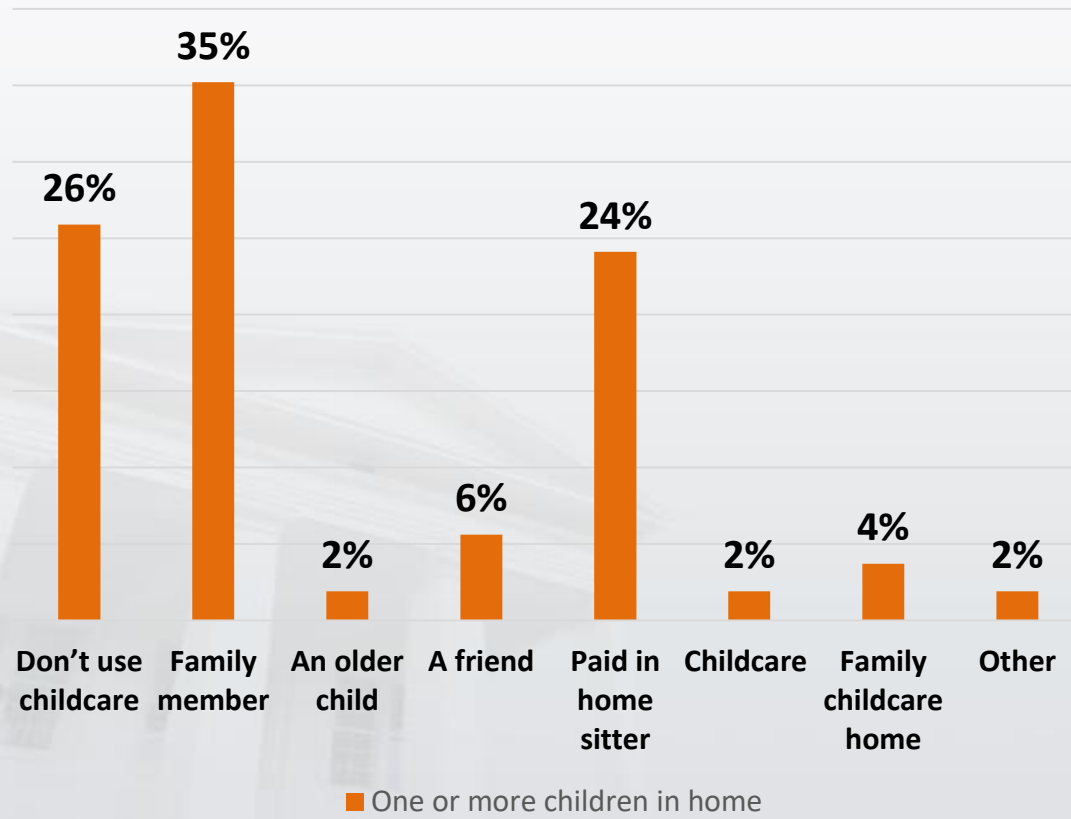


Q8: Willing to Commute, if unemployed

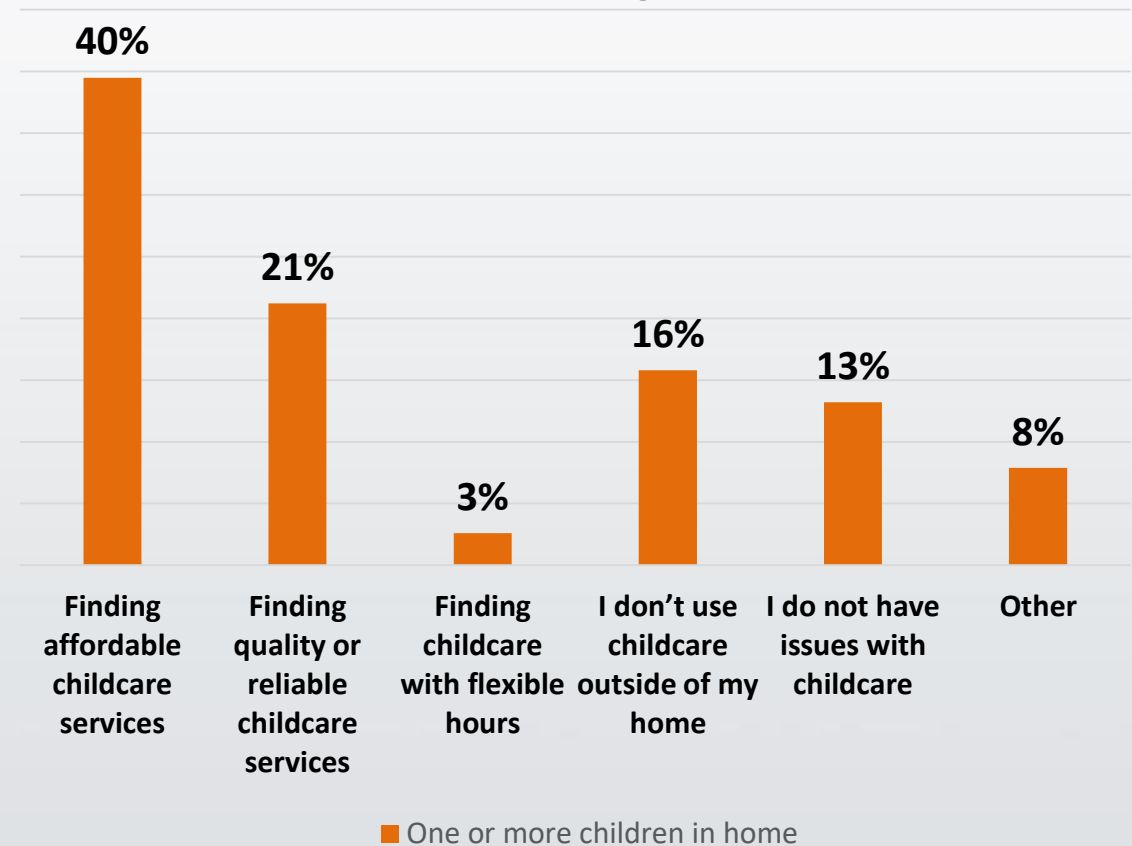


# Childcare Issues Facing Clients

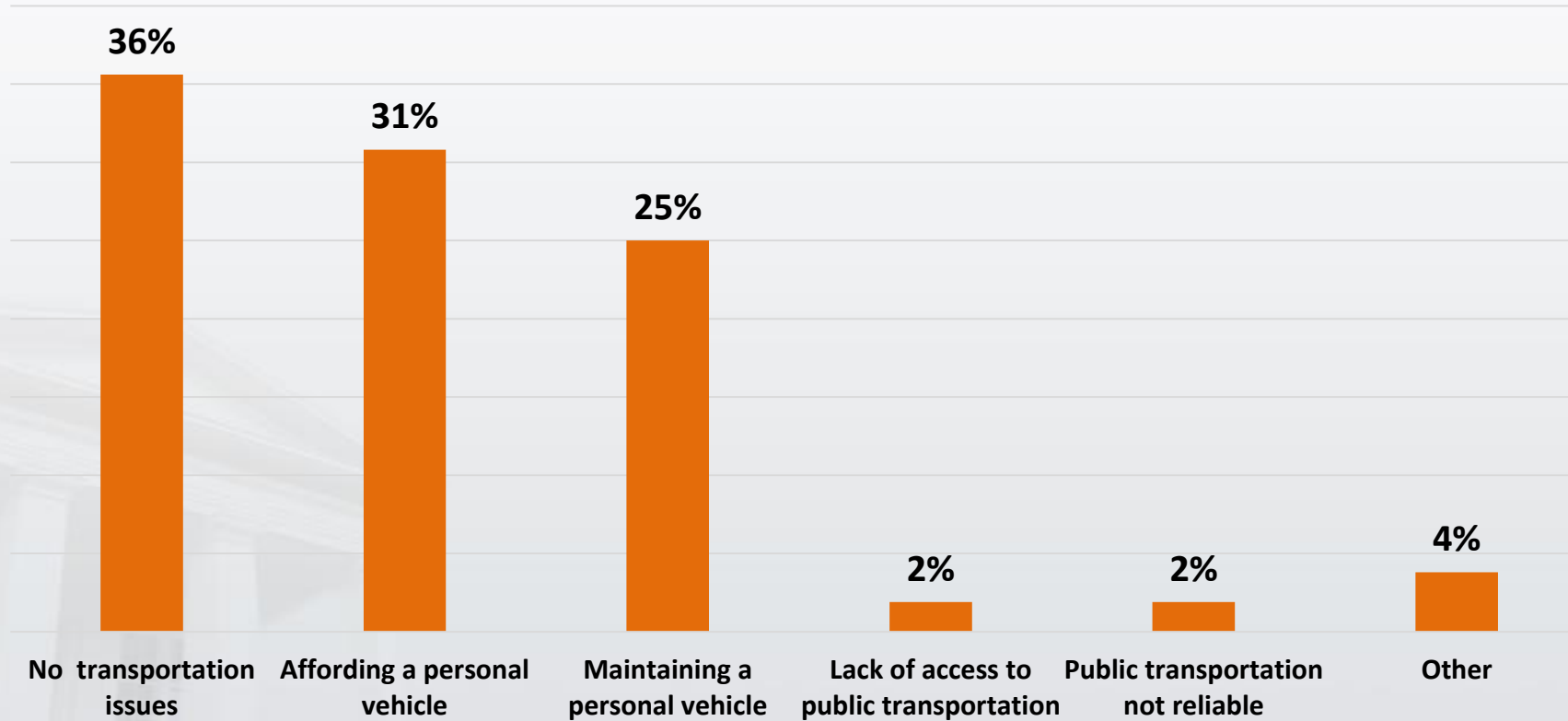
Q10: If you use childcare



Q11: When utilizing childcare, largest challenge

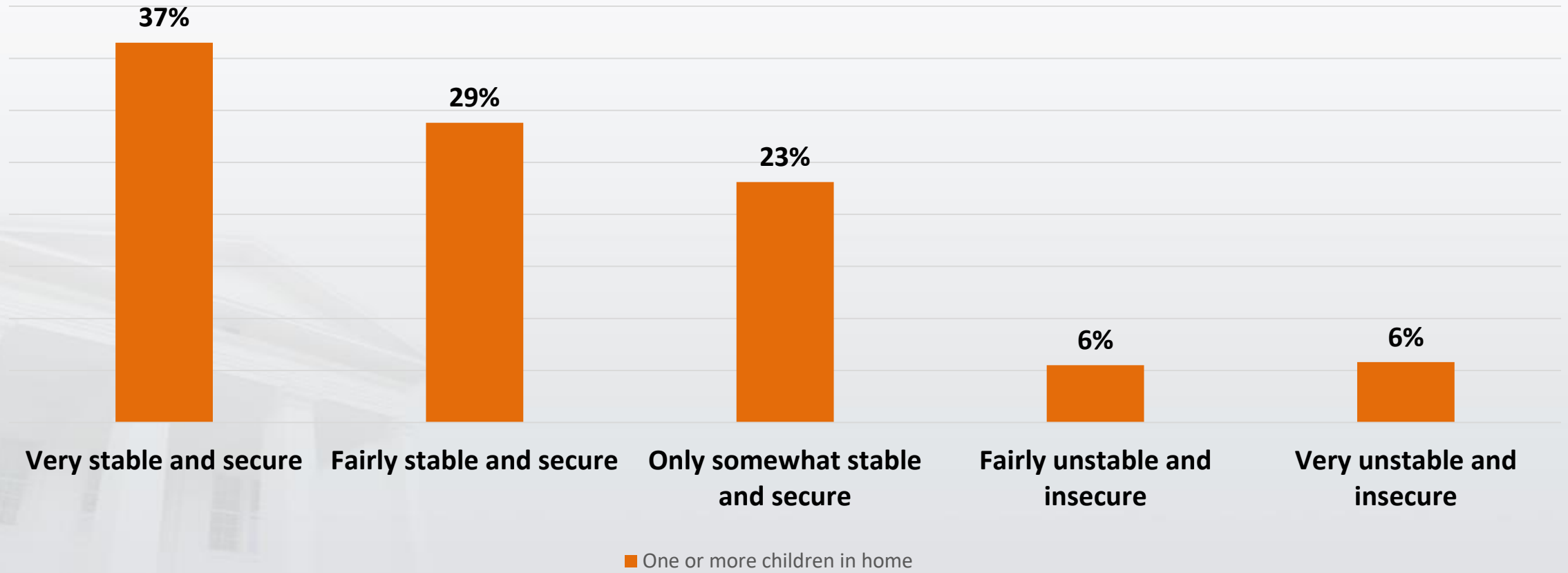


# Largest Transportation Challenge

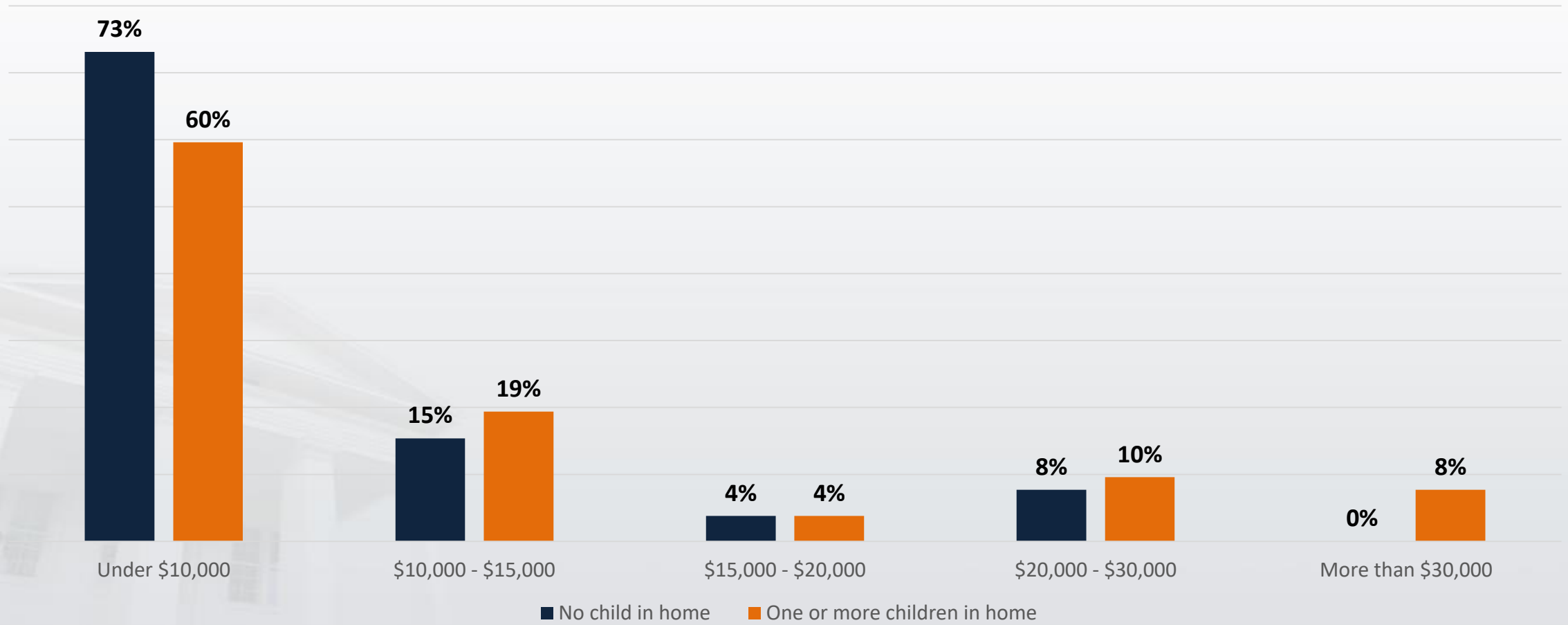


■ One or more children in home

# Current Housing Situation



# Level of Income



# Currently Receiving Aid

- No Child in Home
  - SNAP Food Assistance
  - Medicaid/Medicare
  - Housing Assistance
  - Earned Income Tax Credit
  - Disability Benefits
- One or more Children in home
  - SNAP
  - WIP
  - Medicaid/Medicare
  - Peachcare
  - Housing Assistance
  - Childcare Assistance
  - Earned Income Tax Credit

# Conclusions

- This is likely a high for this group
- Survey participants are asking for classes that focus on
  - Financial Literacy/Budgeting (n=45 total)
  - Parenting Classes (n=7 total)
  - Time Management (n=8 total)
  - Renter's Rights (n=20 total)
  - Health and Health and Nutrition (n=11 total)