

19 yr olds – Cohort 5, Wave 2  
Status Report – October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

DCS has contracted with the ASU-CCWB to administer the NYTD Survey. This infographic depicts the results from young adults who were in foster care at age 17 and turned 19 years-old between 10/1/2024 and 9/30/2025.

ASU Center for Child Well-Being  
Arizona Department of Child Safety

## Interviews completed: 148

**Completed online: 137**

**Completed via phone: 11**

## What is one thing that could be done differently to better support older youth in foster care and/or those transitioning from foster care?

- "More straightforward answers"
- "Need more support with figuring out how to live on their own"
- "Regular communication with case manager. I was not fully aware of my entire case plan."
- "More guidance"
- "Trying harder to reunite with family"
- "Check on them more, help them out and tell them of all their resources."
- "Help them with transportation"
- "Better financial help and resources"
- "Making it easier for us to get back in if we need the help"
- "Really listen to the youth"

Gender Identity	N (%)
Female or woman (cisgender)	80 (58.8%)
Male or man (cisgender)	49 (36.0%)
Transgender female/woman	2 (11.5%)
Transgender male/man	0 (0.0%)
Genderqueer	0 (0.0%)
Genderfluid	4 (2.9%)
Non-binary	4 (2.9%)
Prefer to self-describe	2 (1.5%)
Selected more than 1 gender identity	4 (2.9%)

Note. n= 136; percentages exceed 100% because young people could select more than one gender identity

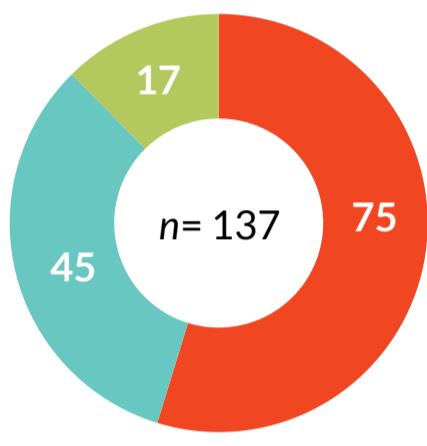
Racial Identity	Those who selected one Race/Ethnicity (n = 108)	Those who selected More than One (n = 24)
American Indian or Alaska Native	5 (4.6%)	5 (20.8%)
Asian	0 (0.0%)	4 (16.7%)
Black or African American	27 (25.0%)	7 (29.2%)
Hispanic Latino/a	26 (24.1%)	18 (75.0%)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
White	46 (42.6%)	20 (83.3%)
I don't know one or more of my races	1 (0.9%)	1 (4.2%)
Prefer to Self-describe	3 (2.8%)	0 (0.0%)

Note. n= 132; percentages exceed 100% because young people could select more than one racial identity

Sexual Orientation Identity	N (%)
Straight / Heterosexual	96 (72.7%)
Bisexual	18 (13.6%)
Gay/Lesbian	7 (5.3%)
Pansexual	10 (7.6%)
Queer	2 (1.5%)
Questioning	0 (0.0%)
Asexual	1 (0.8%)
Prefer to self-describe	2 (1.5%)
Selected more than 1 sexual orientation identity	4 (3.0%)

Note. n= 132; percentages exceed 100% because young people could select more than one sexual orientation identity

## At any time since you turned 18 years-old, were you in voluntary extended foster care?



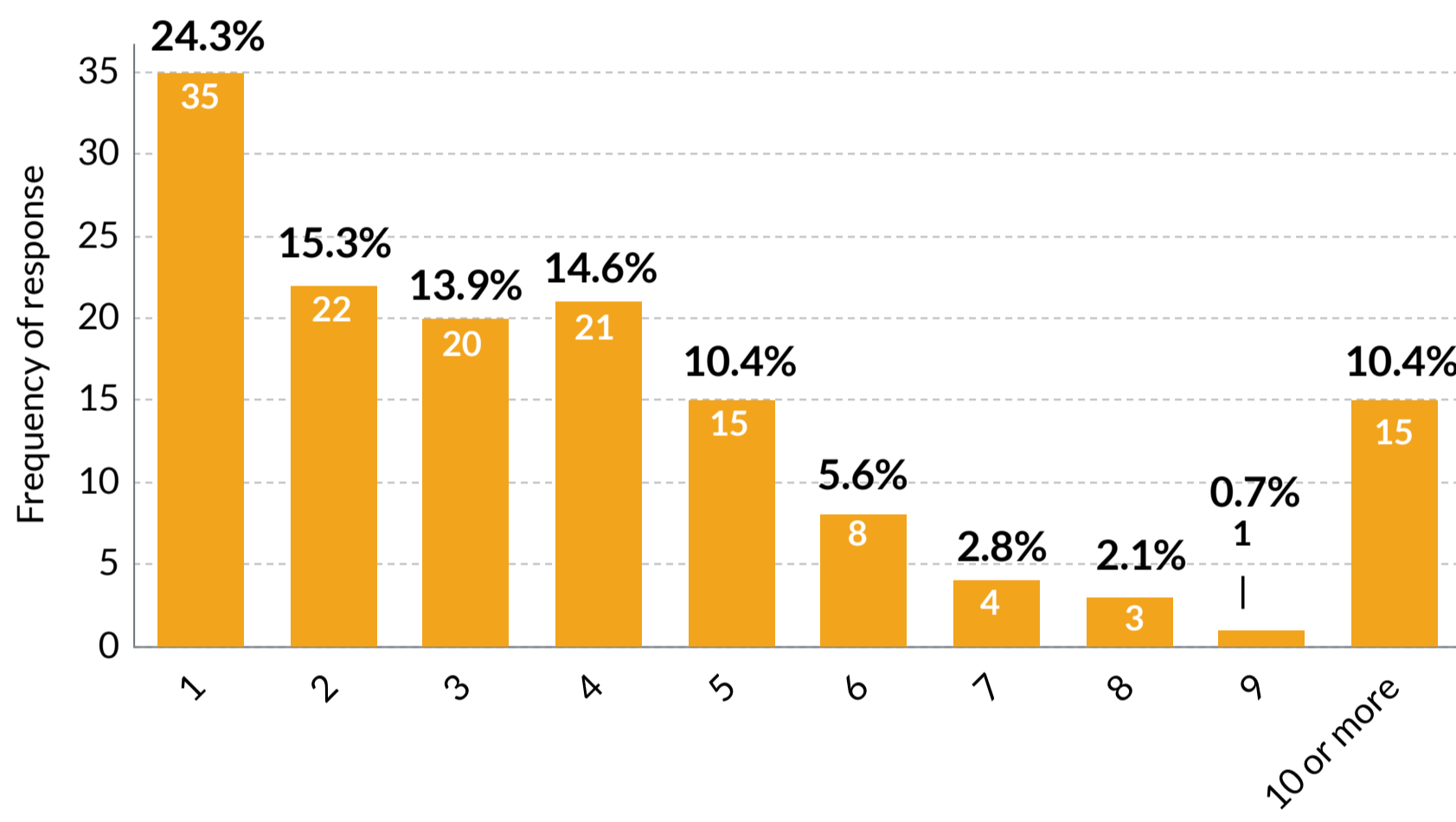
Yes (54.74%) No (32.85%) Don't Know (12.41%)

## What were your reasons for not being in extended foster care (EFC) or for leaving extended foster care?

### Top five themes:

1. Adoption/Reunification/Permanent Guardianship
2. Ran Away from Placement
3. Chose to leave Foster Care/Wanted Independence
4. System or Caseworker Issues
5. Moved out of state/Moved in with Relatives

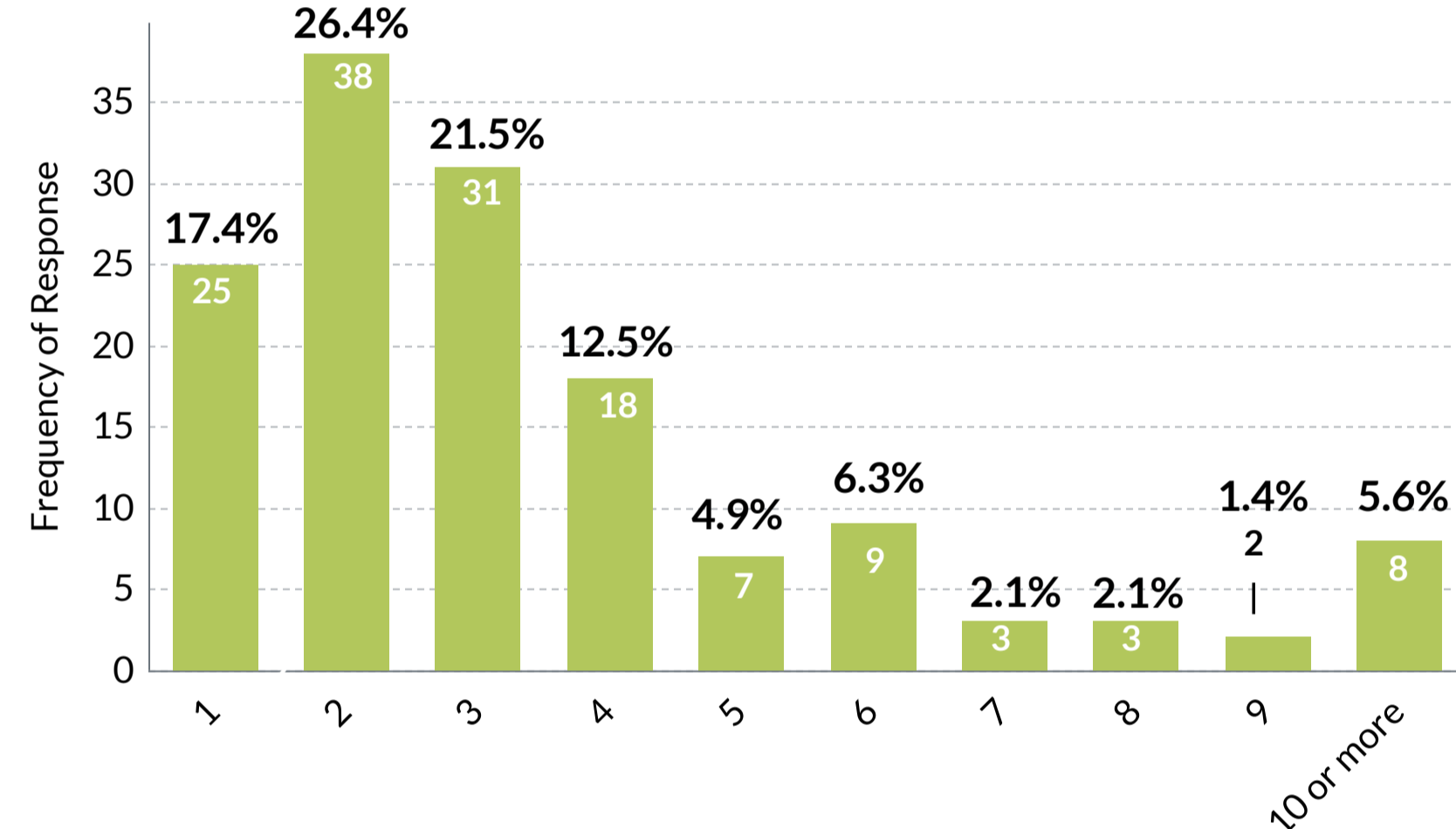
## While you were in foster care before you turned 18, how many different placements did you have?



Note. n= 144

Number of Placements

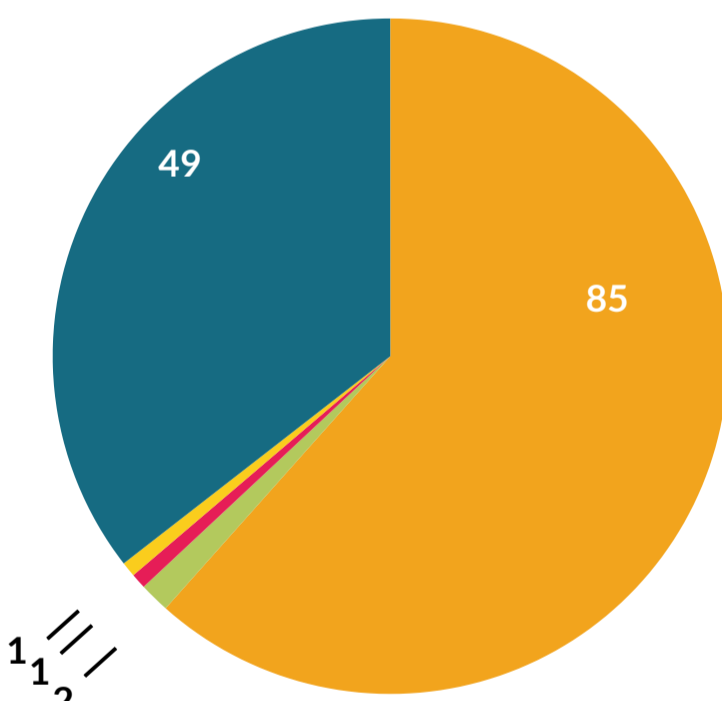
## While you were in foster care, how many different schools did you attend?



Note. n= 144

Number of Schools

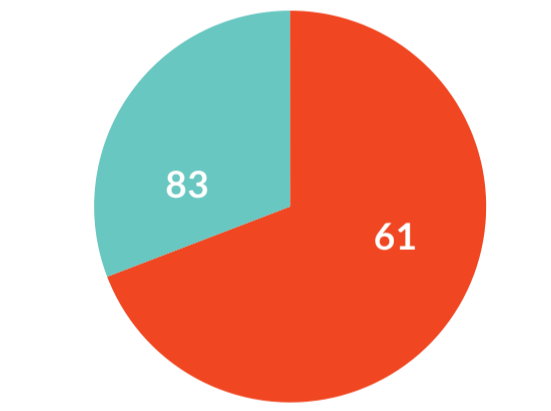
## What is the highest educational degree or certification that you have received?



- High school diploma/GED (61.59%)
- Vocational certificate (1.45%)
- Vocational license (0.72%)
- Associates degree (A.A., A.S.) (0.72%)
- None of the above (35.51%)

Note. n= 138

## Currently in School?



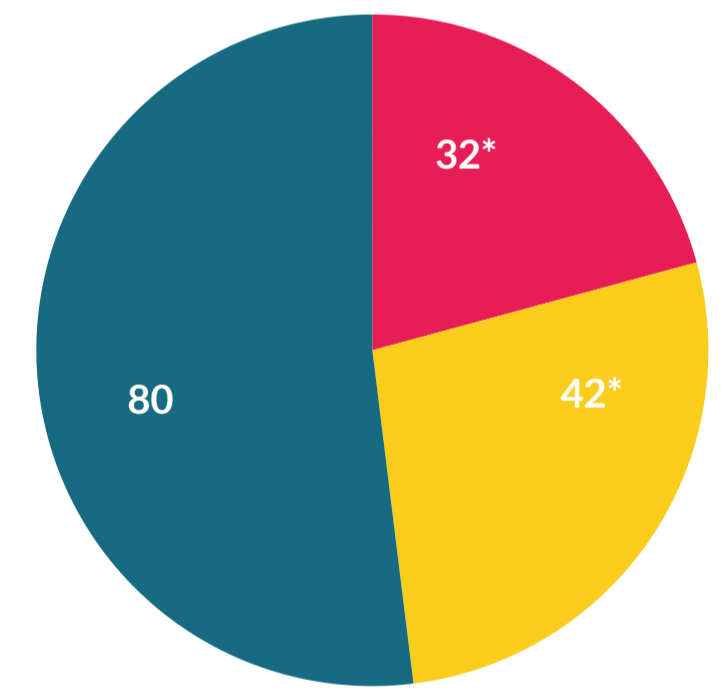
Yes (69.17%) No (30.83%)  
Note. n= 144

## Future goals

**93.7%**

hope to achieve additional education or technical training in the future  
Note. n= 143

## Employment Status

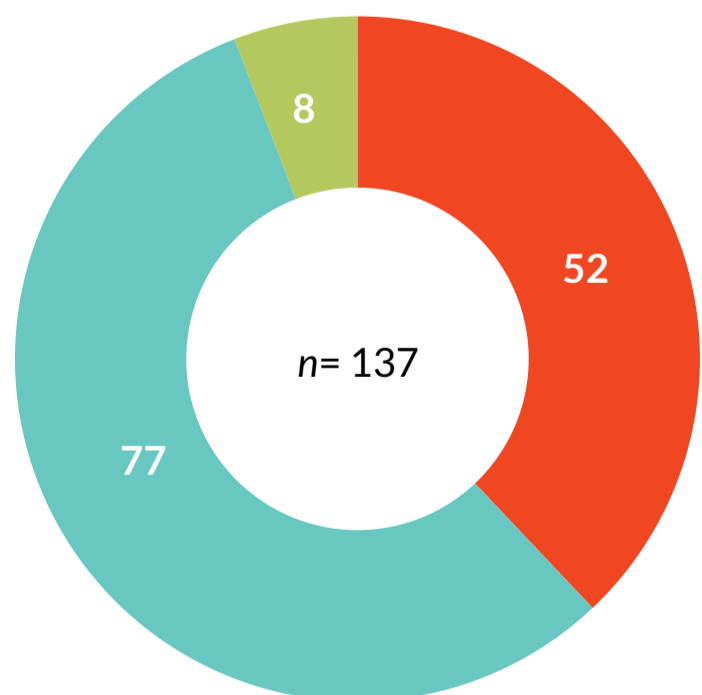


- Full-Time (20.78%)
- Part-Time (27.27%)
- Not working (51.95%)

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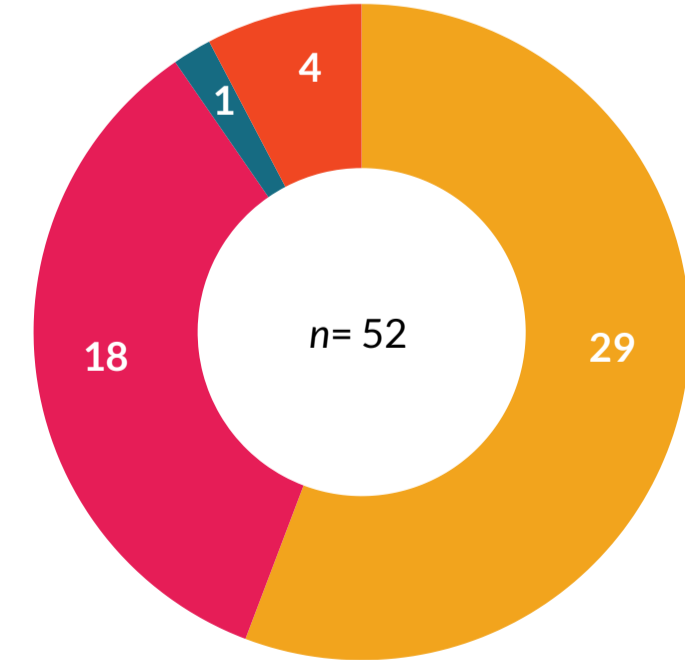
\*10 young people responded yes to working both full-time and part-time

## Since turning 18 years-old have you received mental health services?



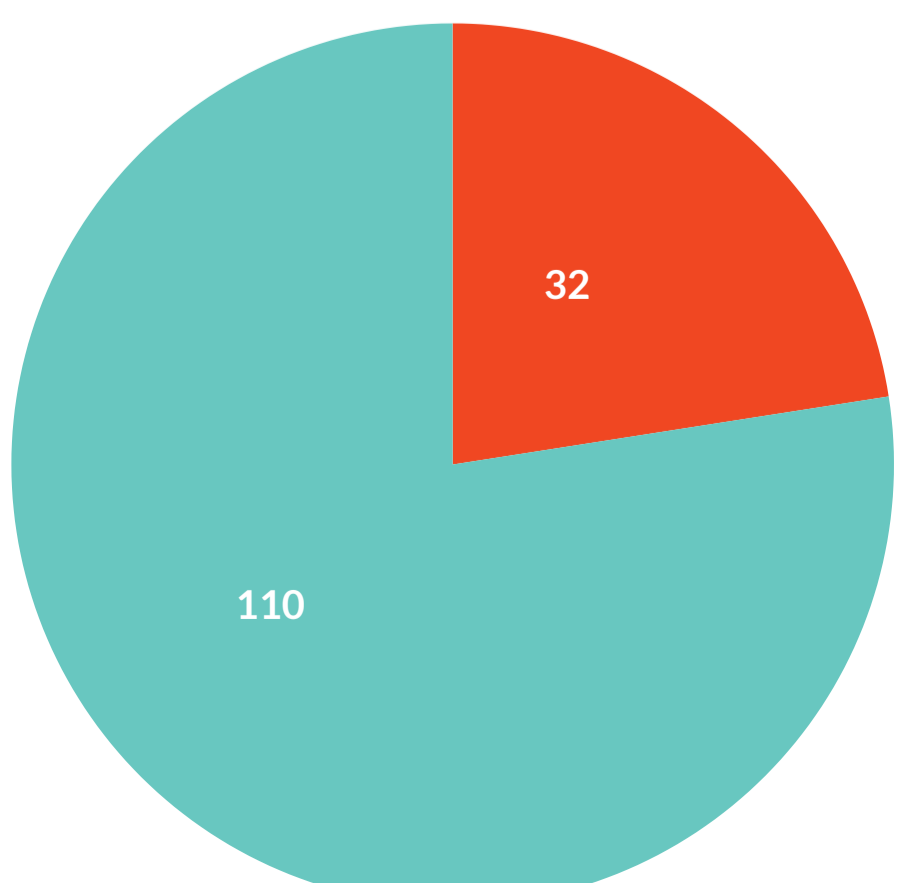
Yes (37.96%) No (56.2%) Don't know (5.84%)

## How helpful to you do you think those services were/are?



- Very helpful (55.77%)
- Somewhat helpful (34.62%)
- Only a little helpful (1.92%)
- Not at all helpful (7.69%)

## In the past two years, were you homeless at any time?



Yes (22.54%) No (77.46%)  
Note. n= 142

## Relationships

**92.3%**

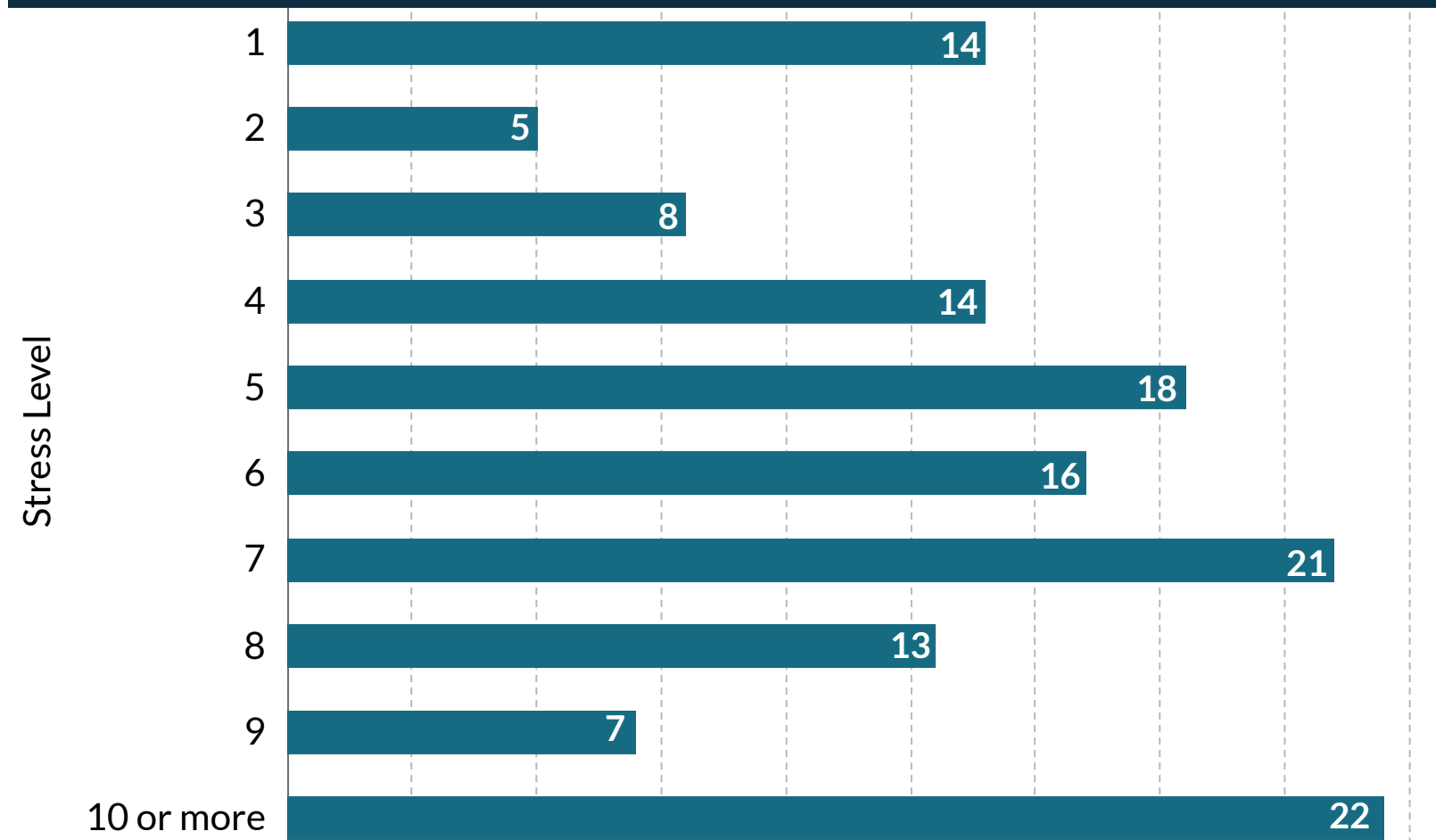
reported having people in their life with whom they have a trusting, supportive, and caring relationship  
Note. n= 142

## Intimate Partner Violence

**23.2%**

that in the past two years they had a dating/romantic partner who physically harmed them and/or used threat or coercive control against them  
Note. n= 144

## On a scale of one to 10, where 1 means "little or no stress" and 10 means "a great deal of stress," how would you rate your average level of stress during the past month?



Note. n= 138

Frequency of Response