Minnesota Gerontological Society
Conference Agenda

Keynote: ***Age-Friendly Community Design – Policy, Research, Practice***
Dana Bradley, PhD, Dean of the Erickson School of Aging Studies,
University of Maryland Baltimore County

Age-Friendly Perspectives: Panel Presentation
Facilitator: **Adam Suomala**, MPA, Executive Director, MN Leadership Council on Aging
State Policy – **Sherrie Pugh**, MPA, Chair, Gov's Council on Age-Friendly MN
Community – **Nan Just**, MSPH, Age-Friendly Northfield MN
Individual – **LaVerne Gilliam**, BS, retired, Shakopee, MN

Age-Friendly Minnesota. Age-Friendly Communities. Age-Friendly You.
Rajean Moone, PhD, Gov's Council on Age-Friendly MN
Will Phillips, BA, State Director, AARP-MN
Patsy Bartley, MBA, Executive Director, SHIFT

DHS COVID 19 Response - Call to Action
Dan Pollock, JD, Assist. Commissioner,
Continuing Care for Older Adults, Dept. of Human Services

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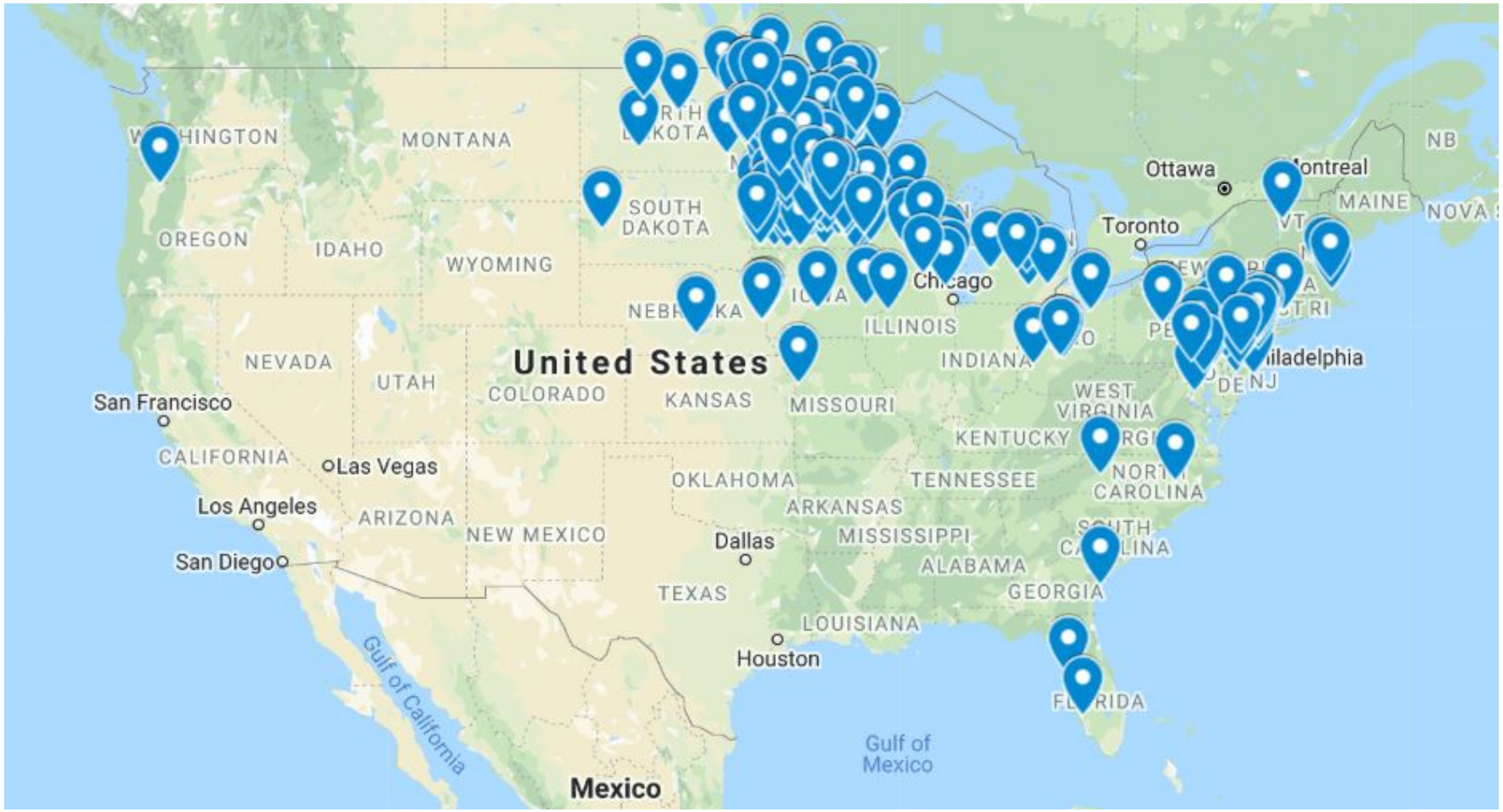

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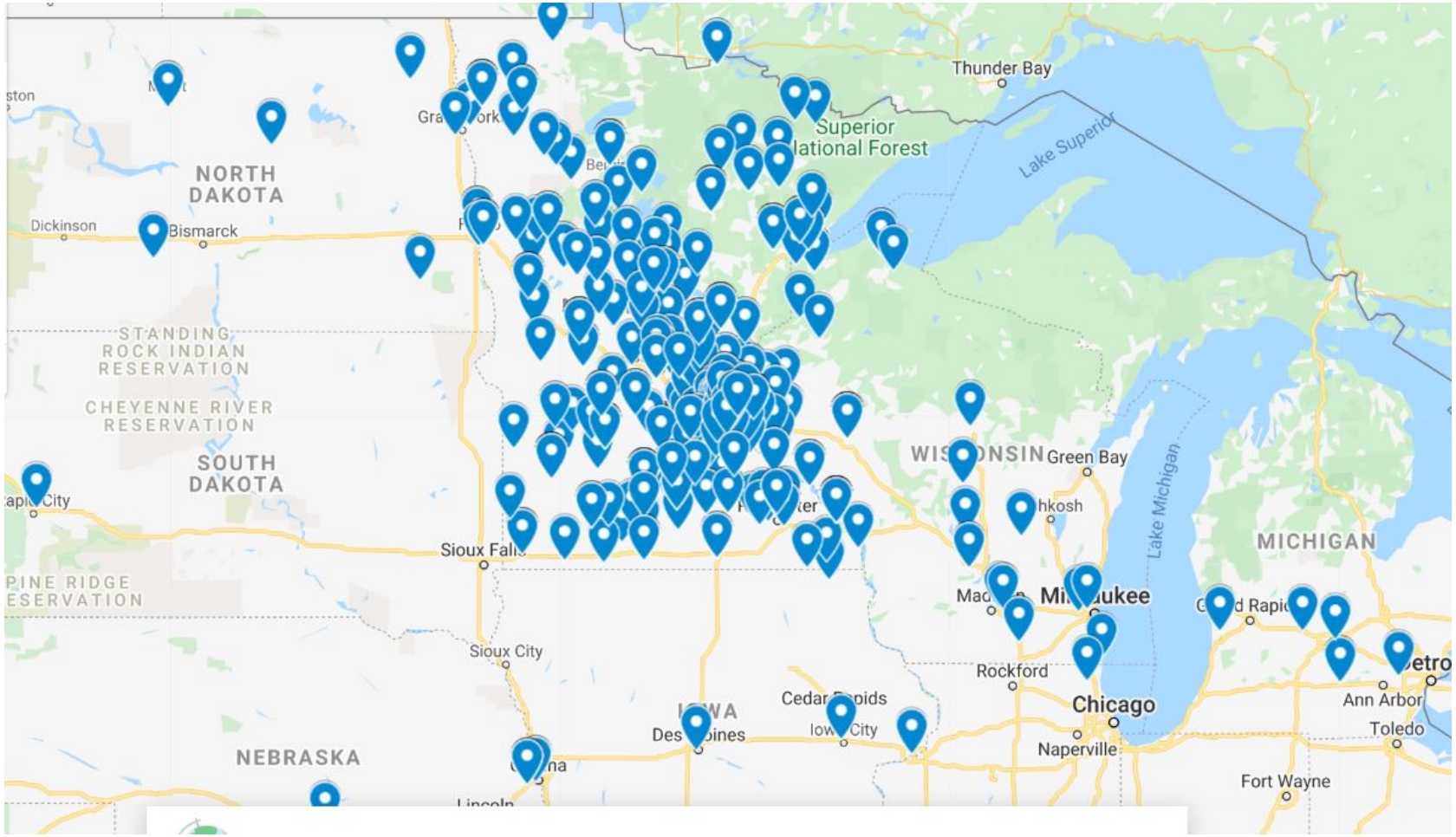

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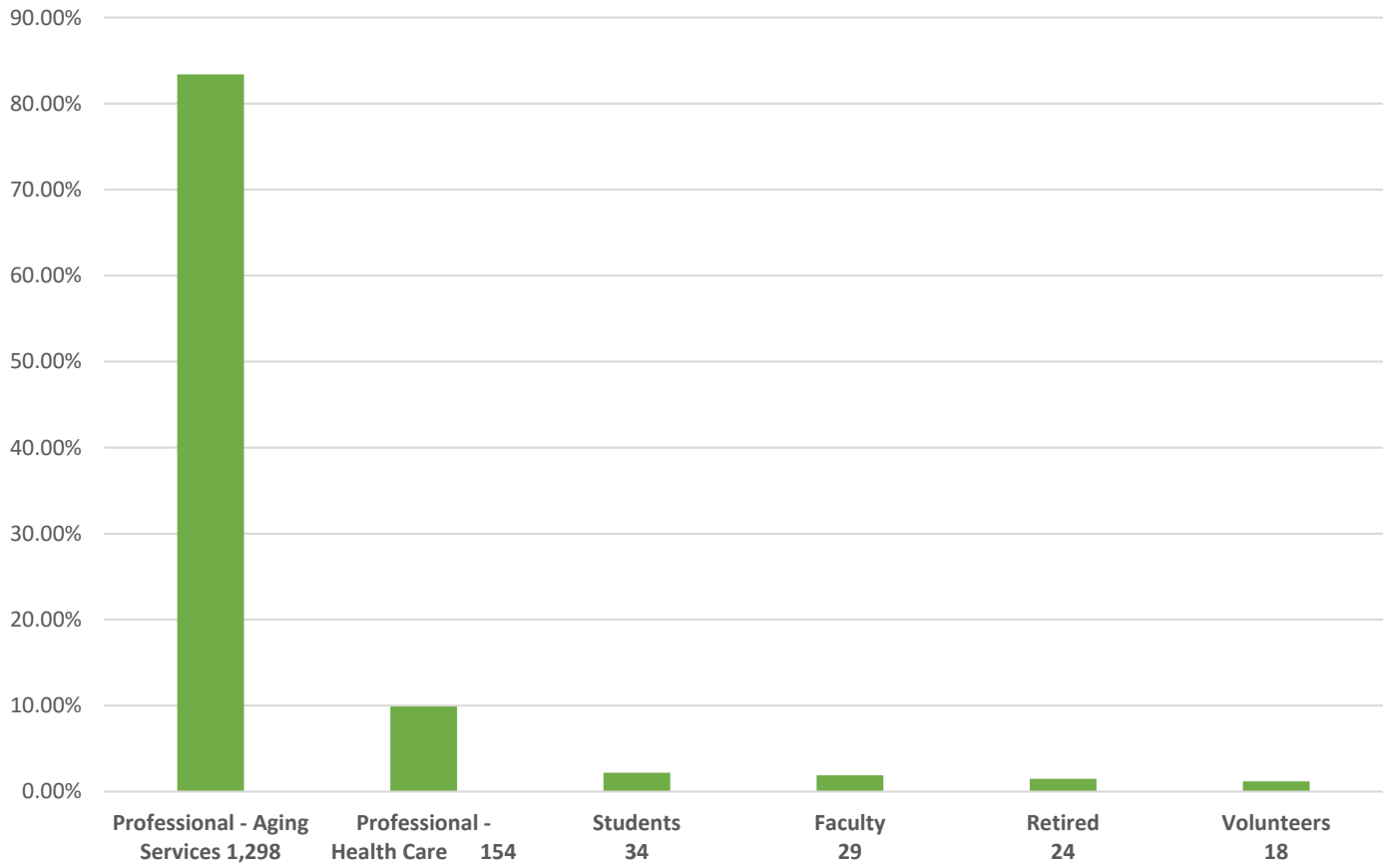

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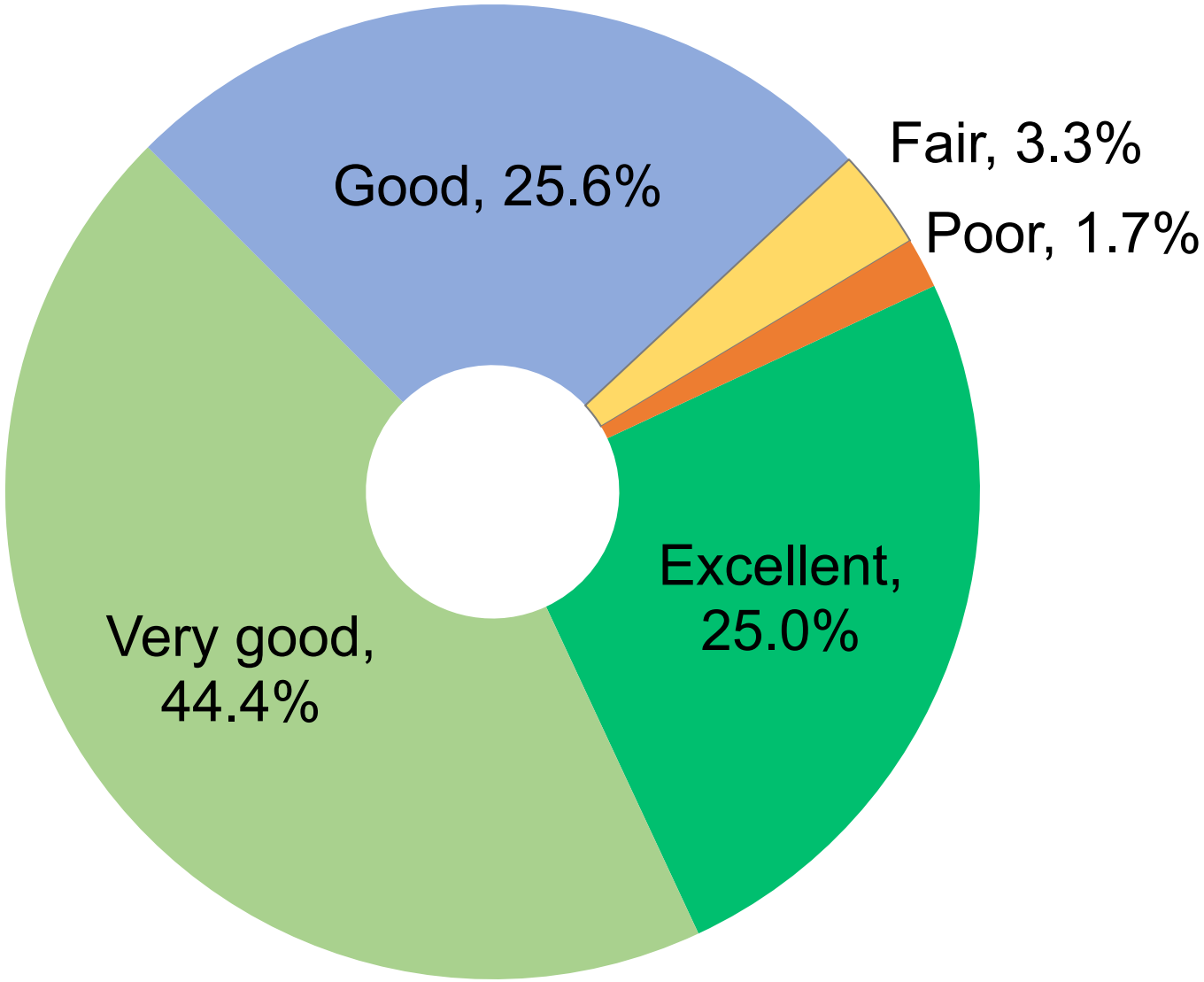

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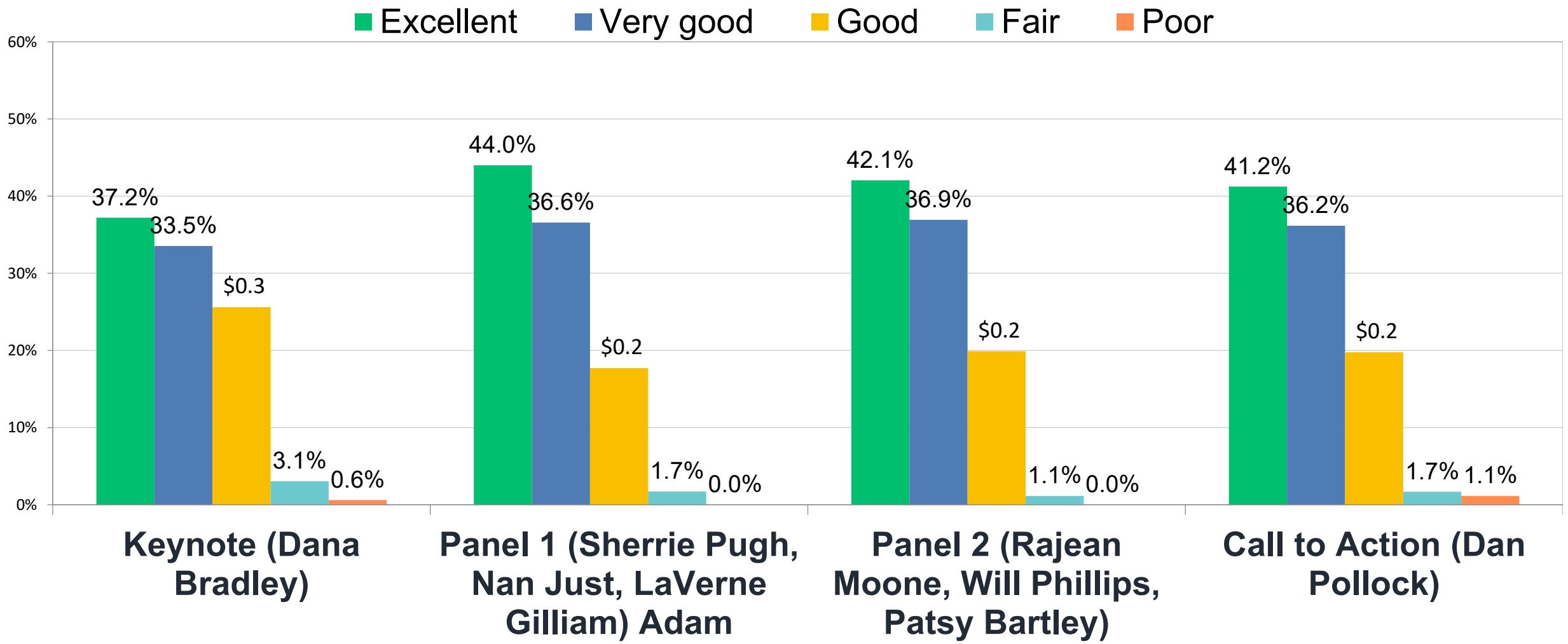

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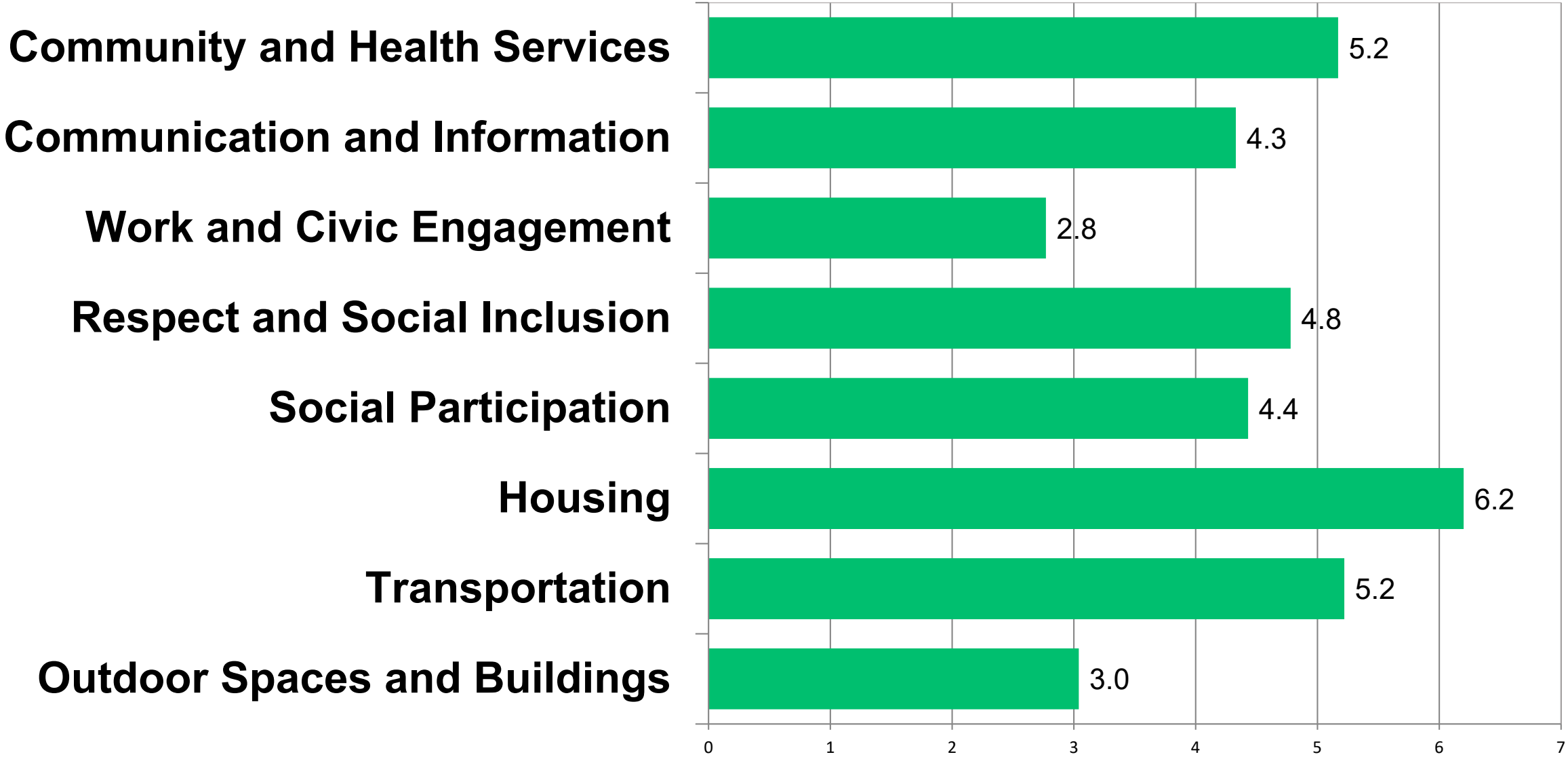

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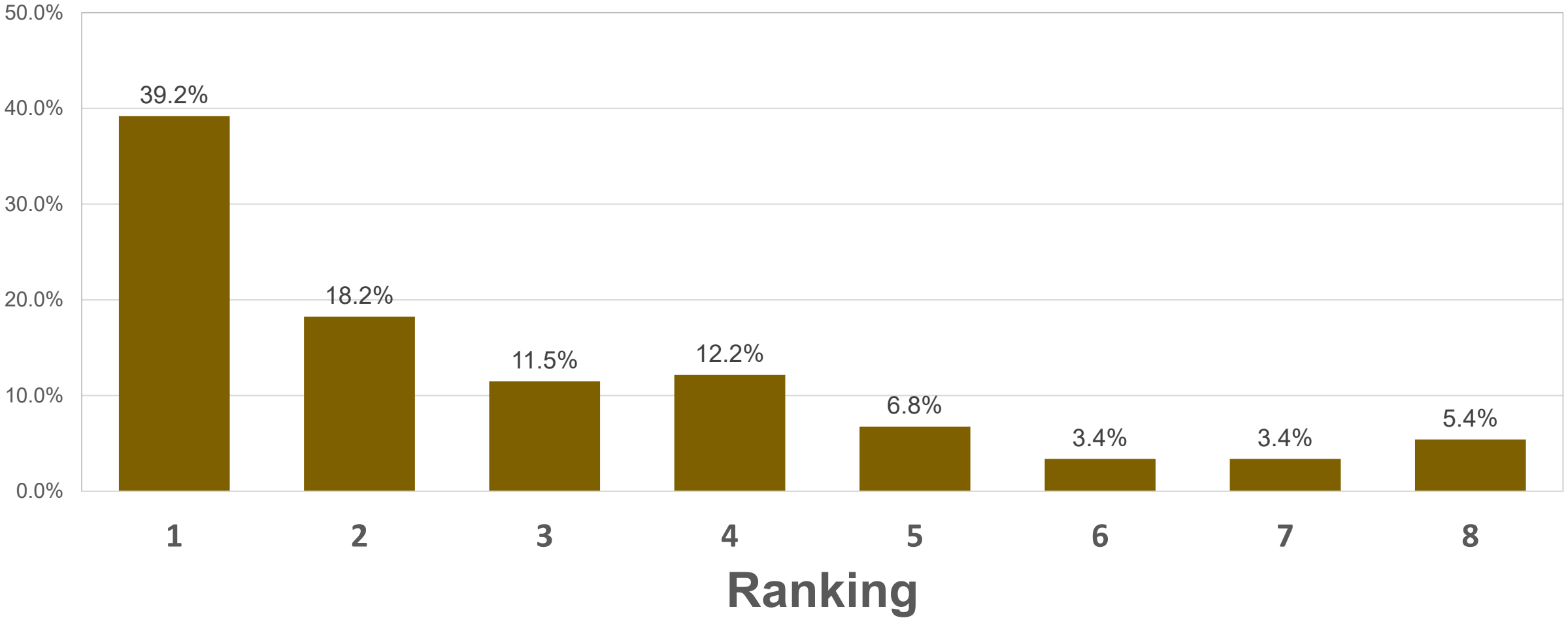

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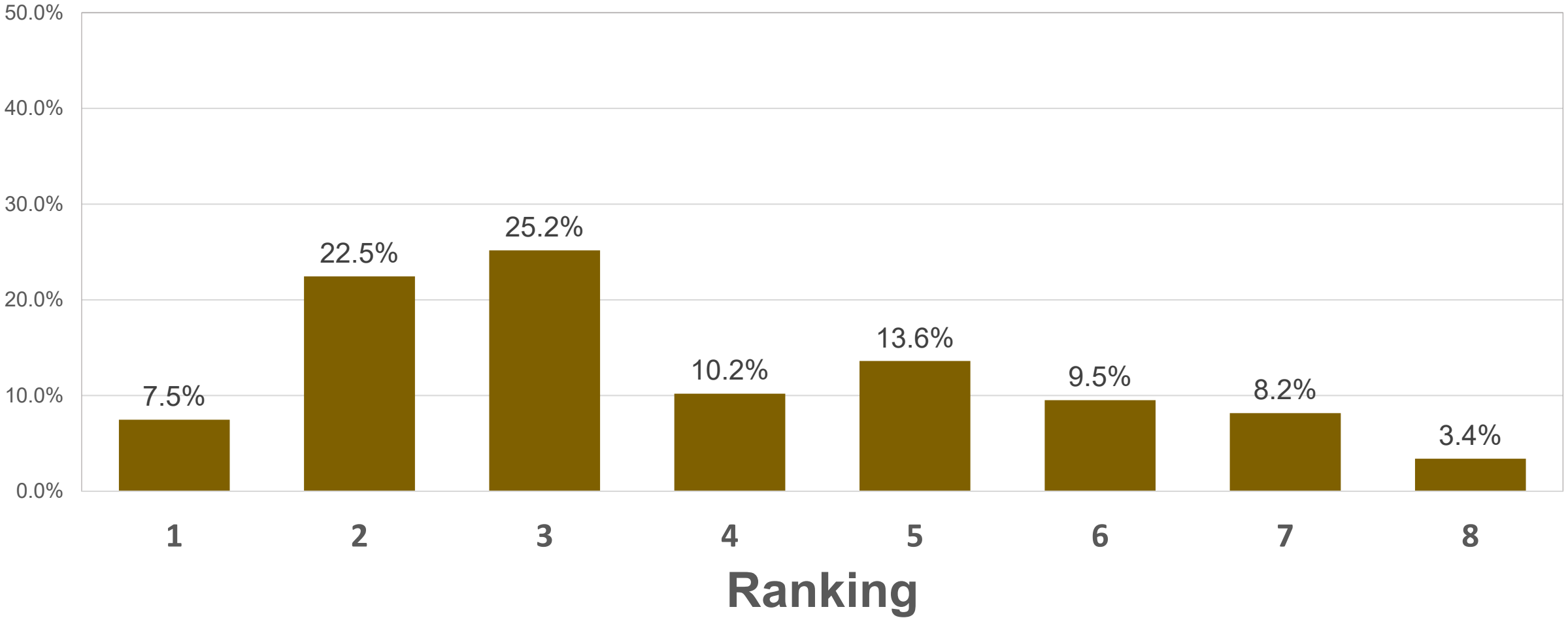

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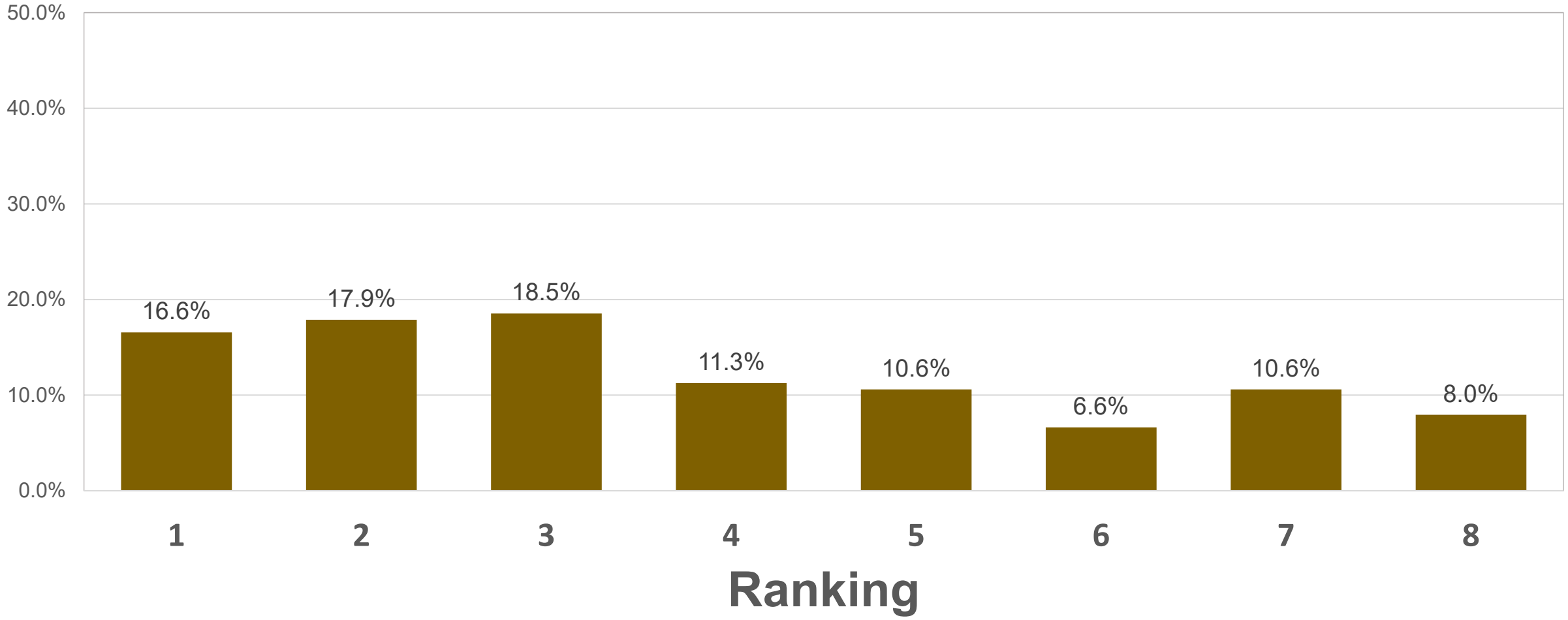

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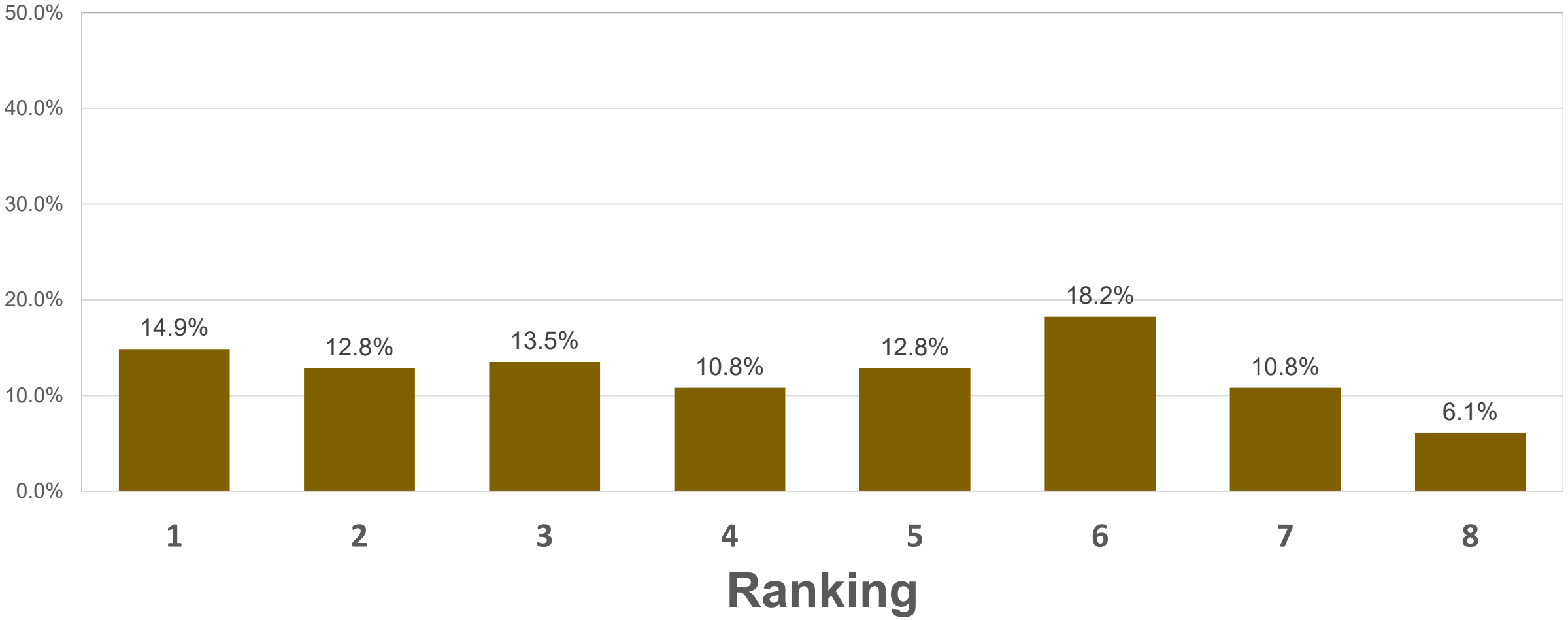

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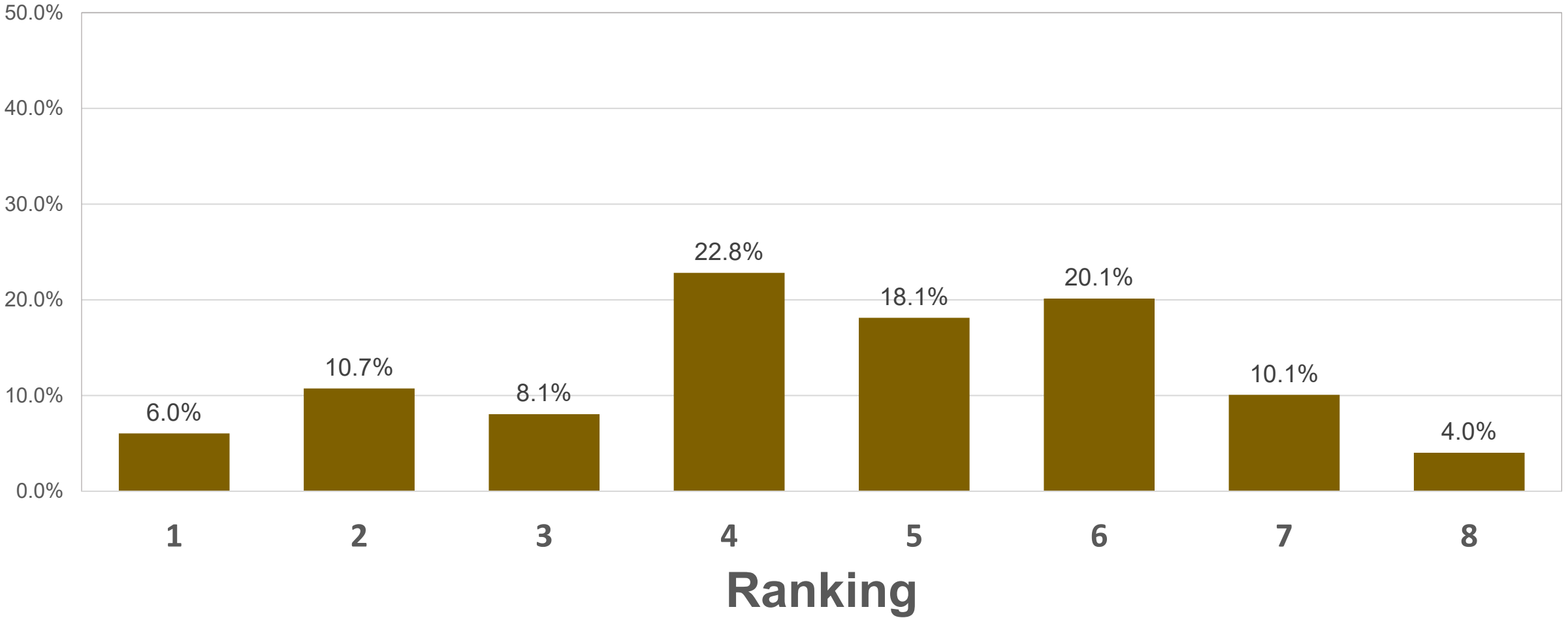

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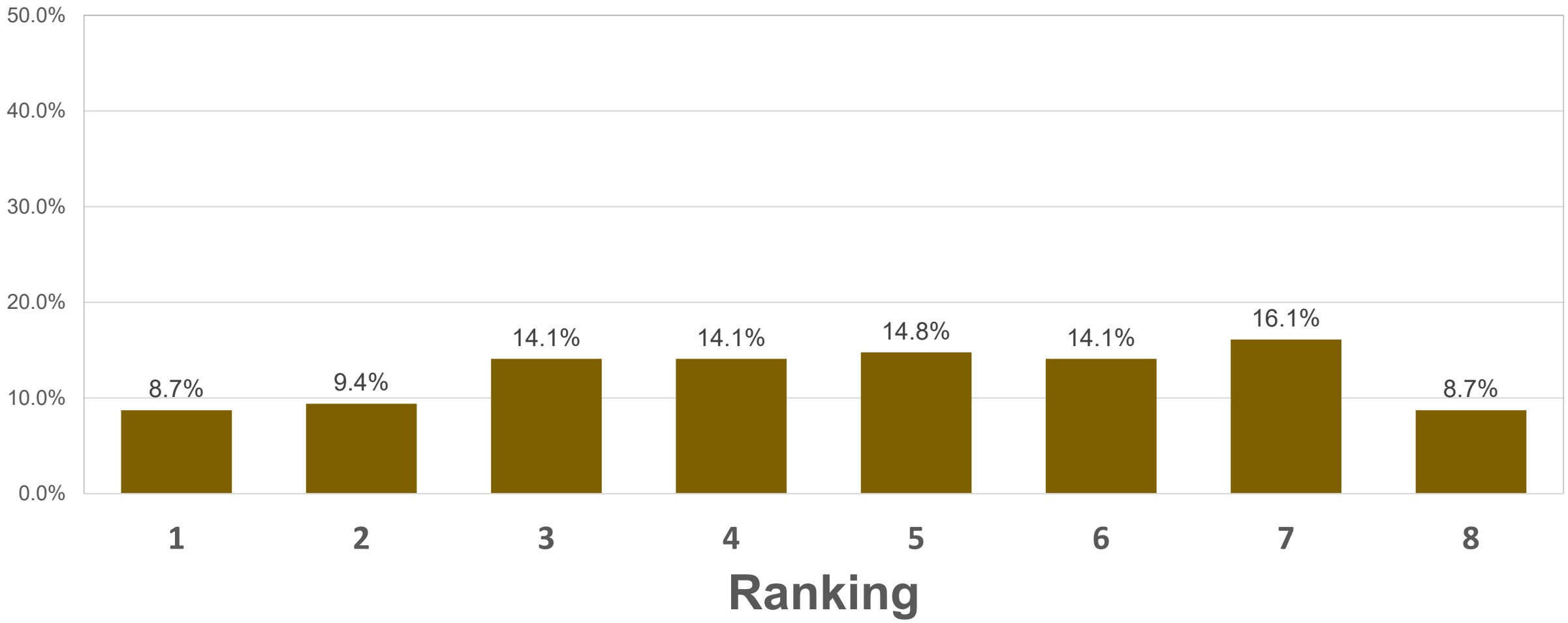

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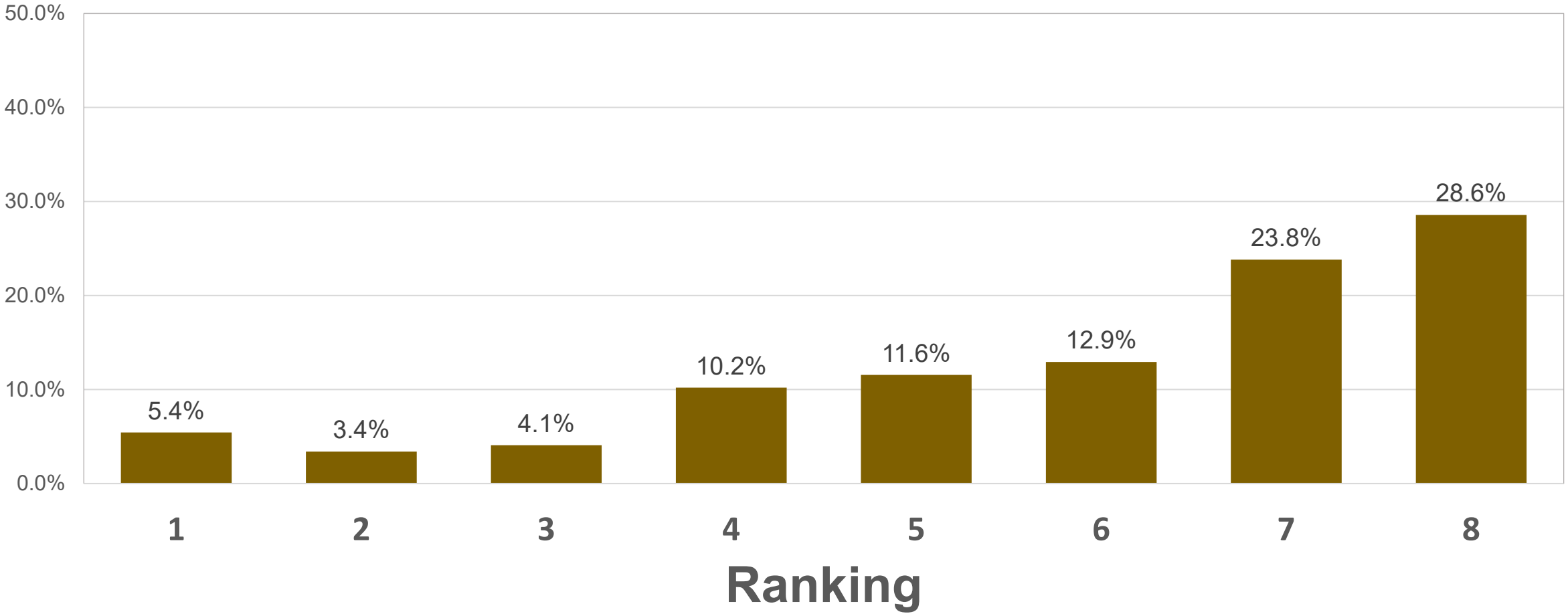

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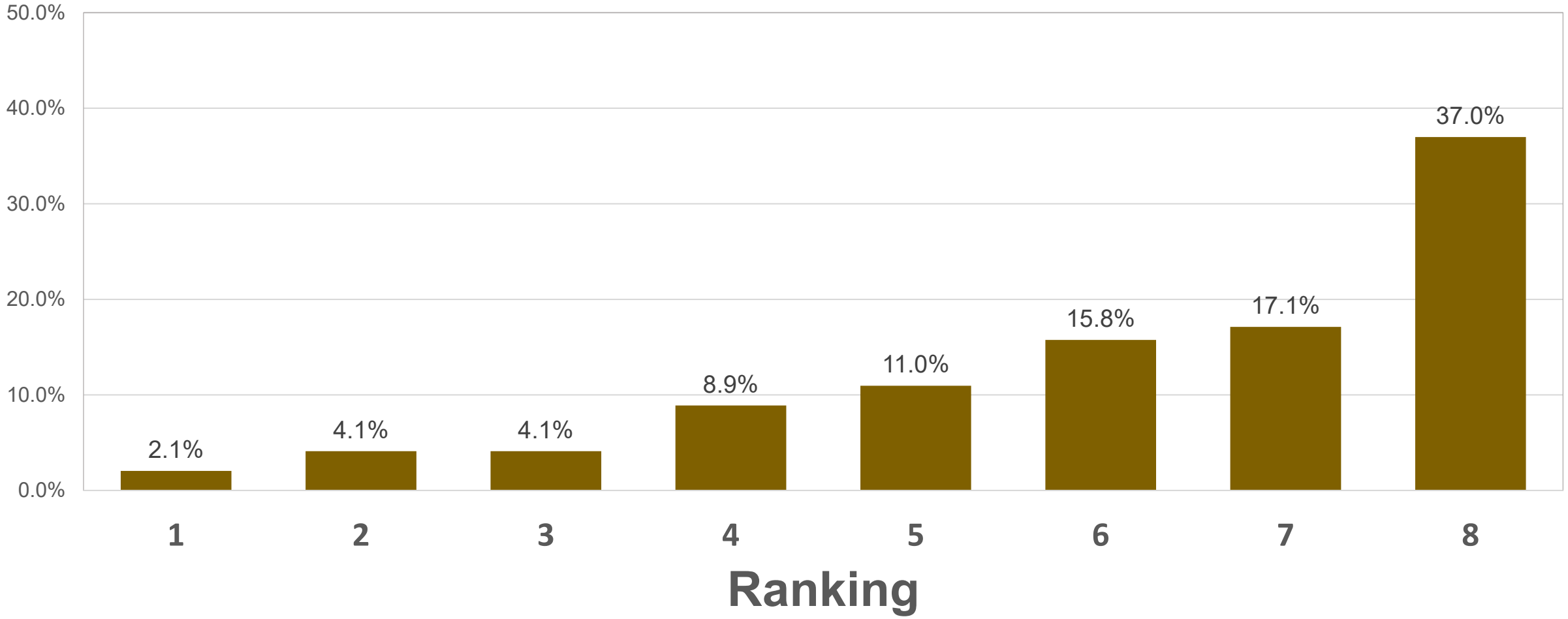

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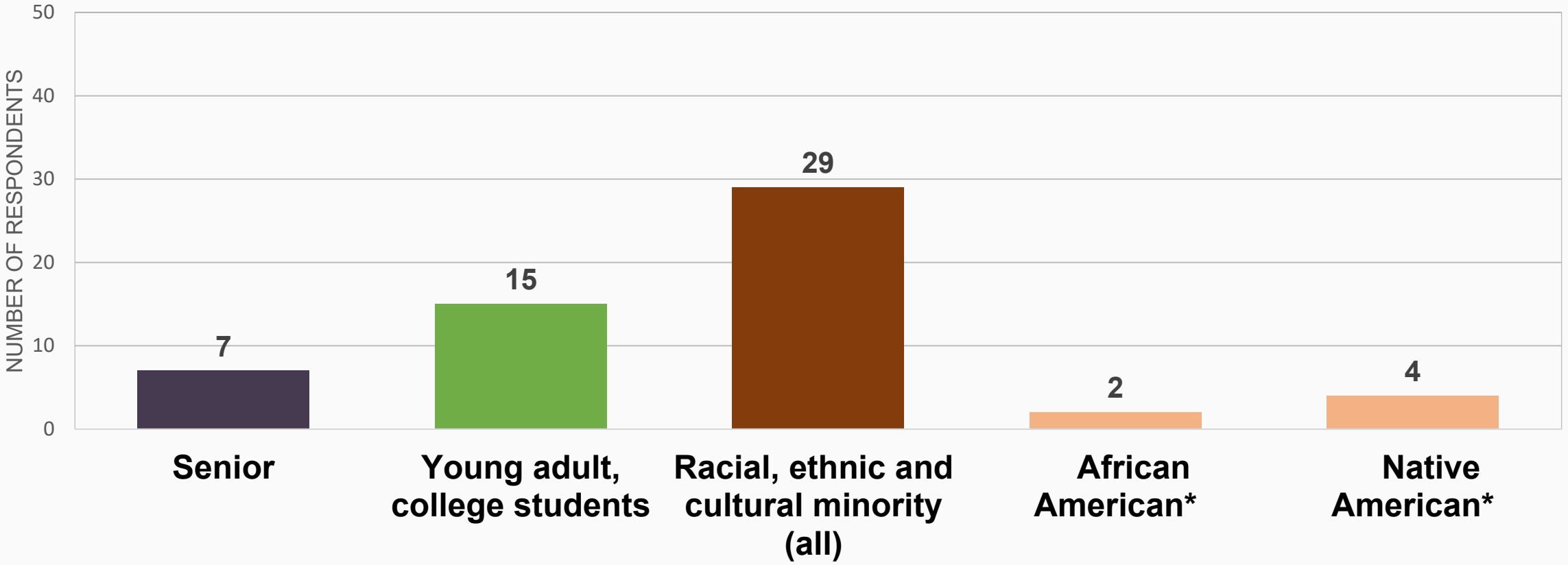

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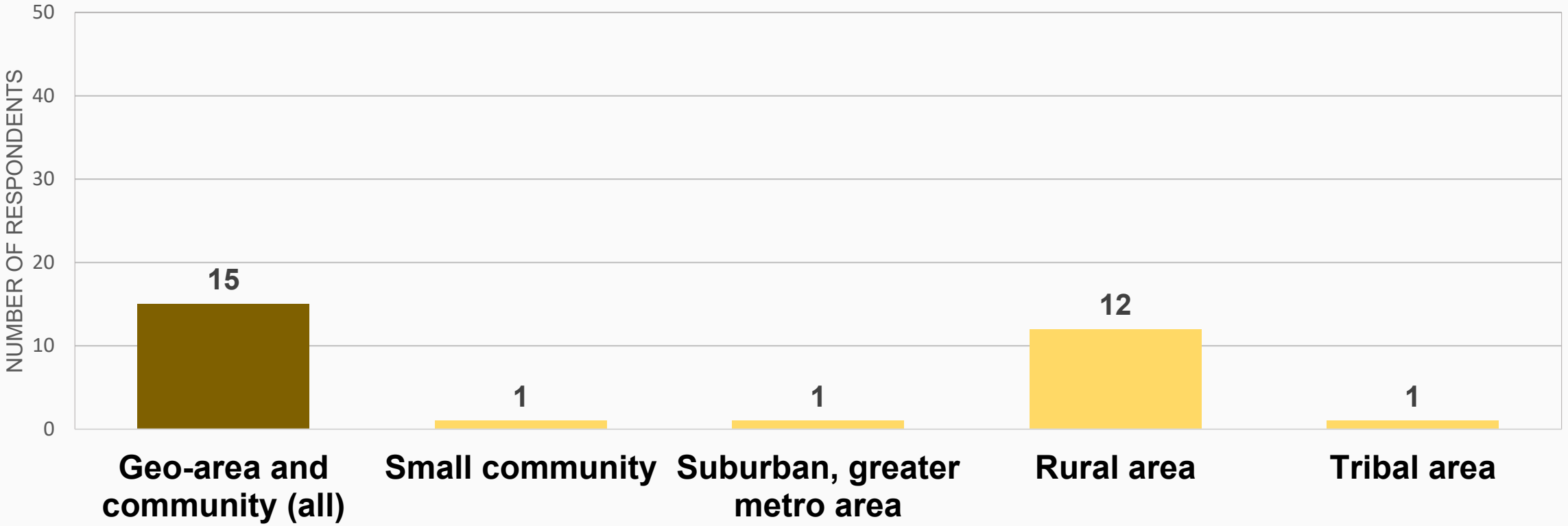

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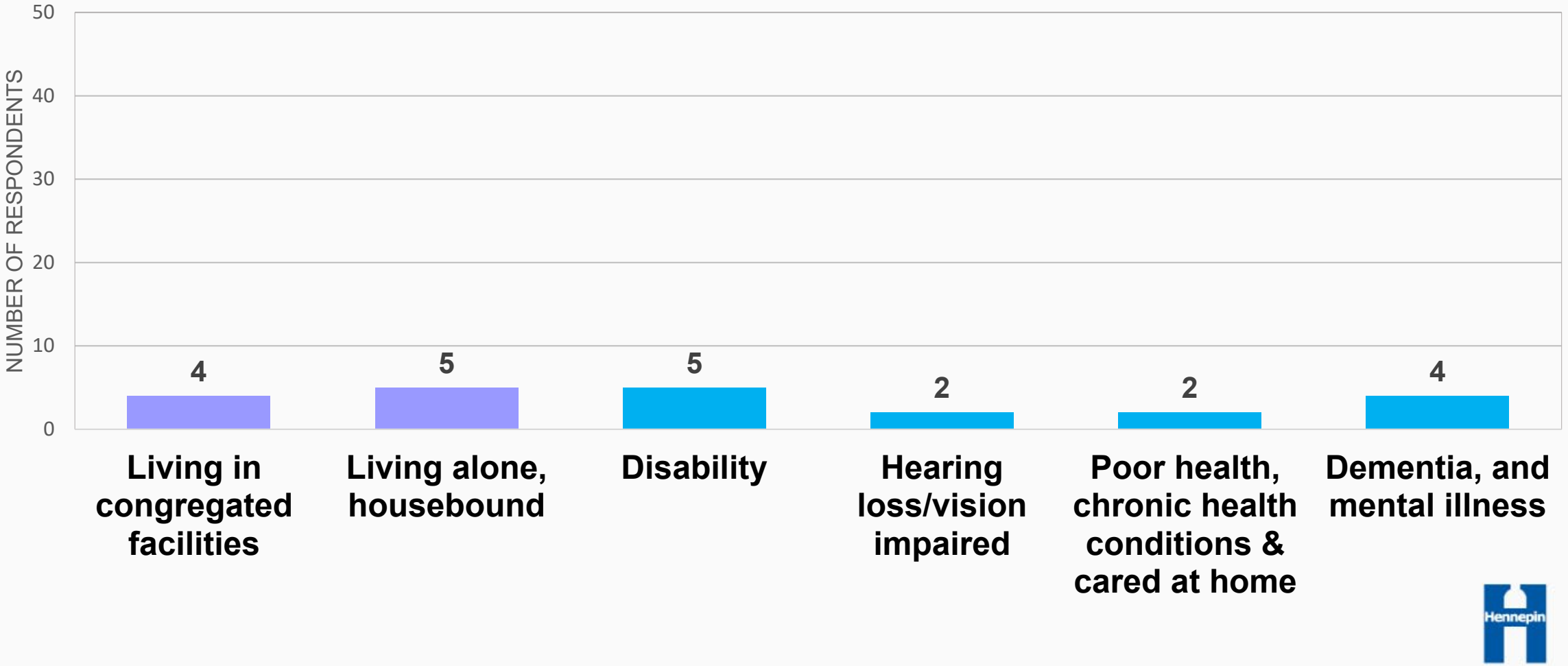

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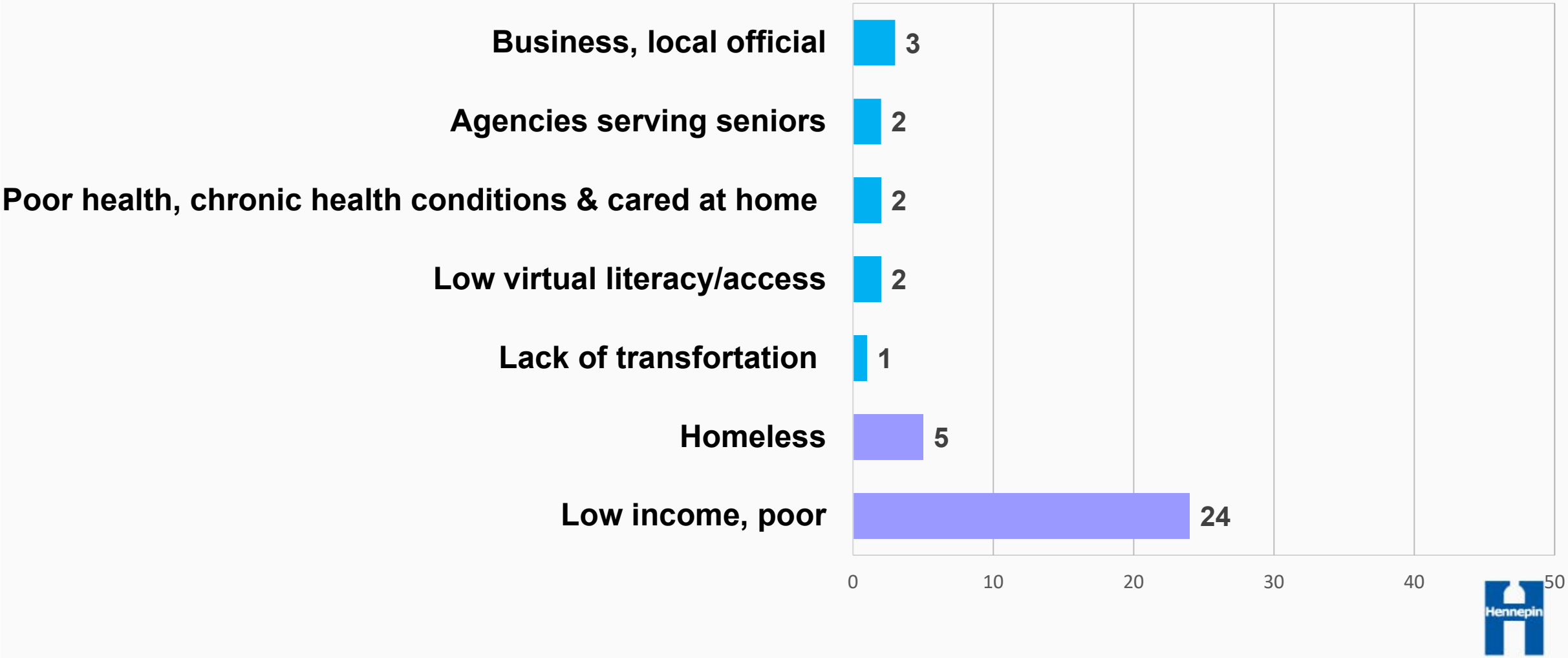

How can age-friendly communities better respond to the needs of older adults equitably during a pandemic?

Text coding category	N	Reponses summary
Domain 1: Outdoor Spaces & buildings	0	
Domain 2: Transportation	4	Provide better, and safe transportation options
Domain 3: Housing	1	Provide affordable housing for moderate income individuals
Domain 4: Social Participation	4	Seniors watch out for each other, stay in contact with friends, … Have an optional buddy system in neighborhoods or seniors housing
Domain 5: Respect & Social Inclusion	16	• Involve: seniors, seniors as contributors • Inclusive: language support • Engage: partner with or collaborate with or listen to Parish nurse, faith communities, community based social services, broader community leaders, schools, • Recruit and use volunteers
Domain 6: Work & Civic Engagement	0	

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Text coding category	N	Reponses summary
Domain 7: Communication & Information	**30**	▪ Accurate information delivered in a format that is easy to understand and access. - Get information out where older can access without going online - Outreach to immigrant community with translated materials ▪ Provide technology tools (e.g. internet, new device, zoom meeting) and trainings that are free or affordable to seniors to stay connected, get needed services ▪ Communicate to seniors on what help are available
Domain 8: Community &Health Services	25	▪ Ensure seniors are contacted on a regular basis and their basic needs are being met (groceries, medicine, tele health ...) ▪ Support those who care for them, living wages for direct care workers ▪ Enhance in-home services proactively, not just in response to a pandemic but make them normative.
Domain 9: Emergency preparedness	1	Have a preparedness plan in place.

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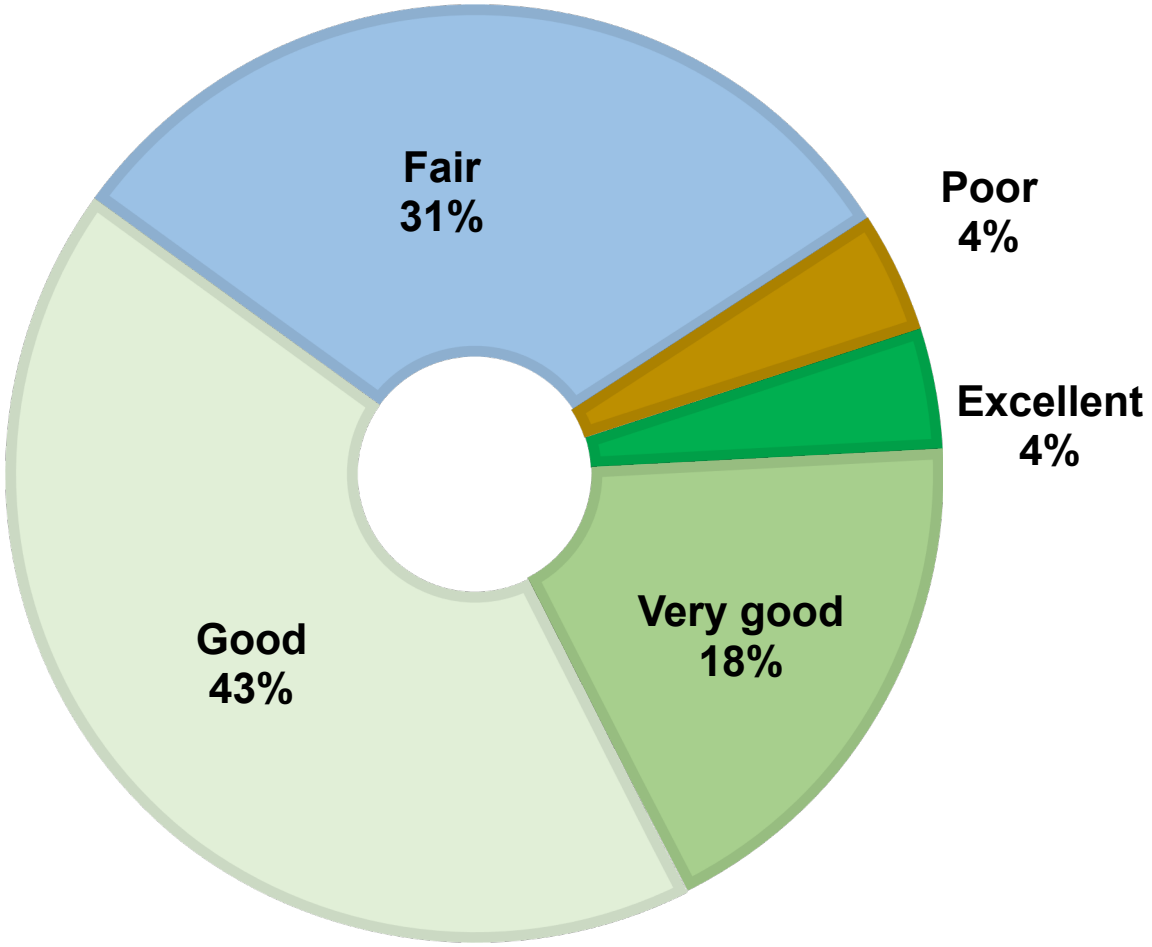
General	20	▪ Need to be innovative and creative to reach and connect seniors, make sure everyone's needs are met ▪ Make sure the vulnerable are protected ▪ Advocate for those who can not advocate for themselves ▪ Equal access to protection (PPE), testing and treatment ▪ Coordinate state-level efforts, integrate programs and services
Addressing issue of isolation	4	Isolation and loneliness-what services are available?
Equitable	11	Be equitable to all, including… ▪ Rural seniors, tribal seniors ▪ Seniors in public housings ▪ Seniors in congregated settings ▪ Seniors with disabilities ▪ Immigrants ..

Name your community/city & rank its age-friendly status all respondents



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City specific data

Response	Minneapolis	St. Paul	Rochester	All respondents
Excellent	1	0	0	5
Very good	4	1	3	22
Good	4	3	4	51
Fair	4	1	3	37
Poor	1	0	0	5

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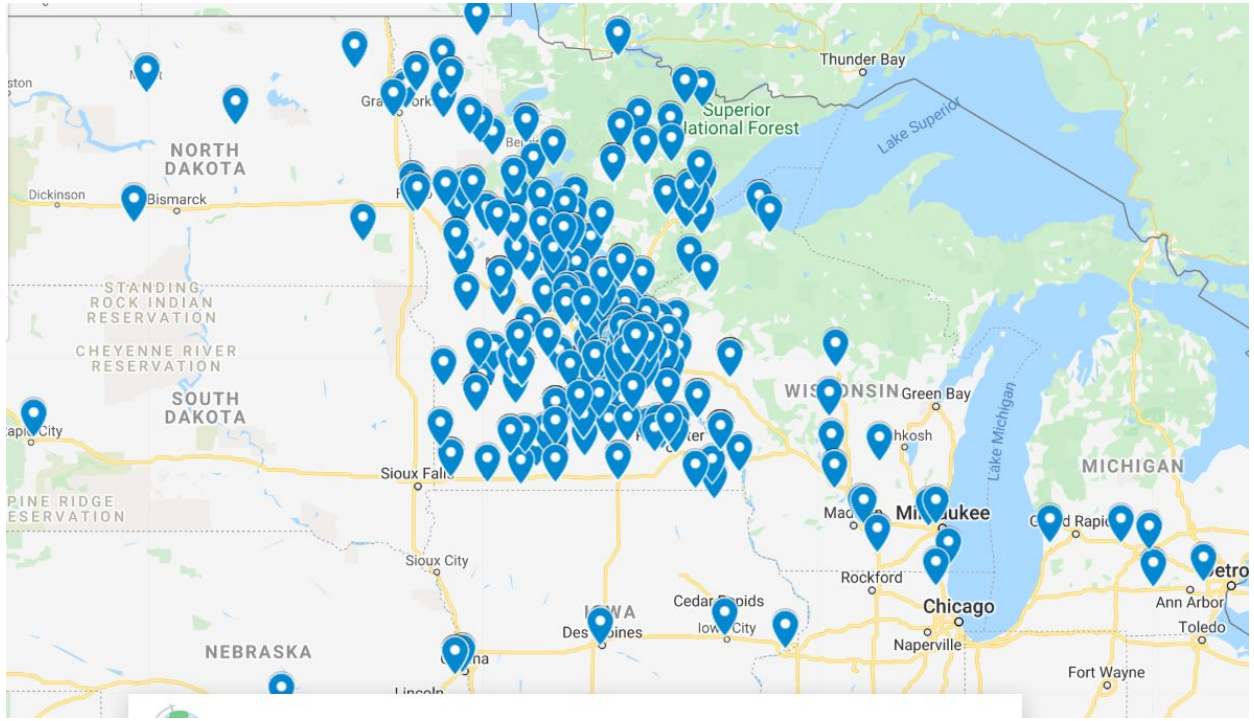

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