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## Methodology

## Findings

- Aspirations and Expectations of Tenants
- Experiences of Renting
- Affordability
- Impact of Covid-19
- Living with Parents

## Recommendations



# Methodology



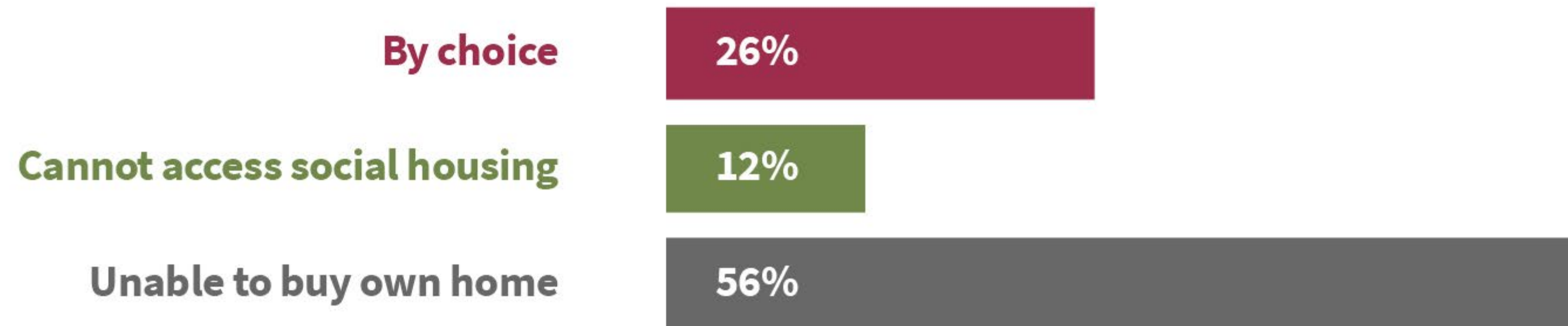
- Previous Threshold Clients
- Quantitative Scripted Interviews
- 8 interviewers
- 222 Respondents
- 17 living with parents
- Representative of Threshold Clients



# Aspirations and Expectations

## Why do you rent your home?

Chart 5: Reasons for Renting



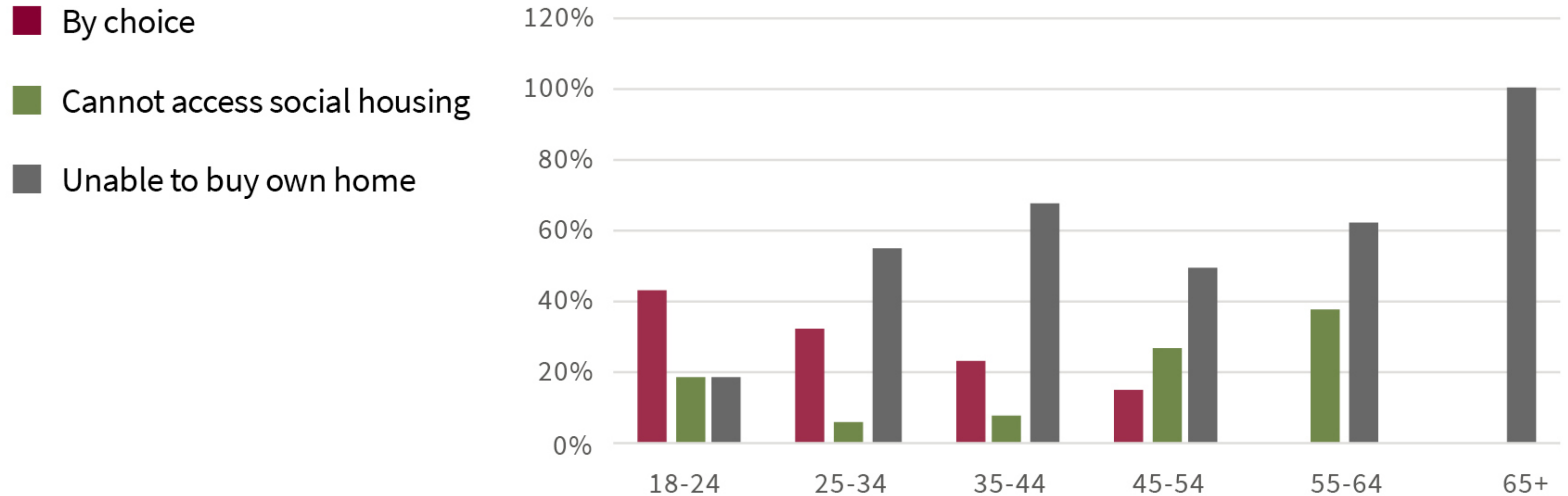
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# Aspirations and Expectations

Chart 6: Reason for renting by Age



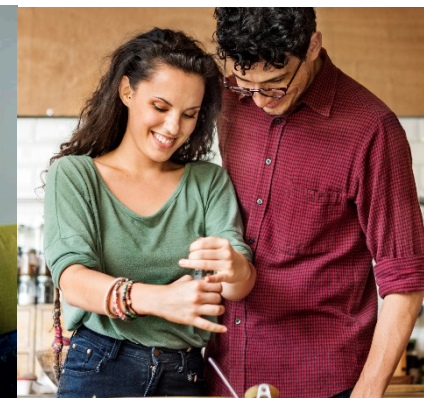
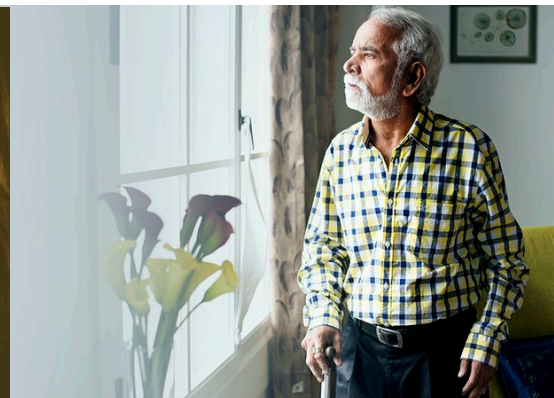
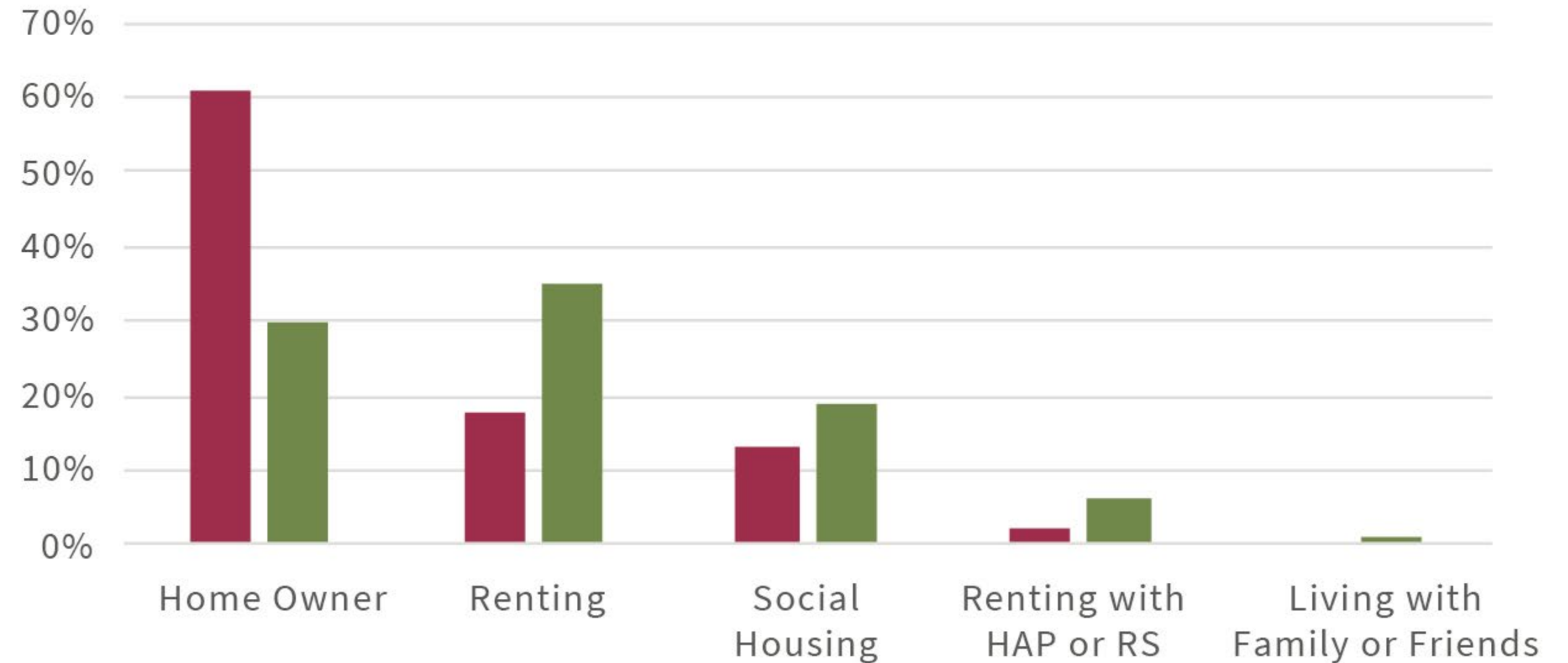


# Aspirations and Expectations

Chart 7: Aspirations and Expectations

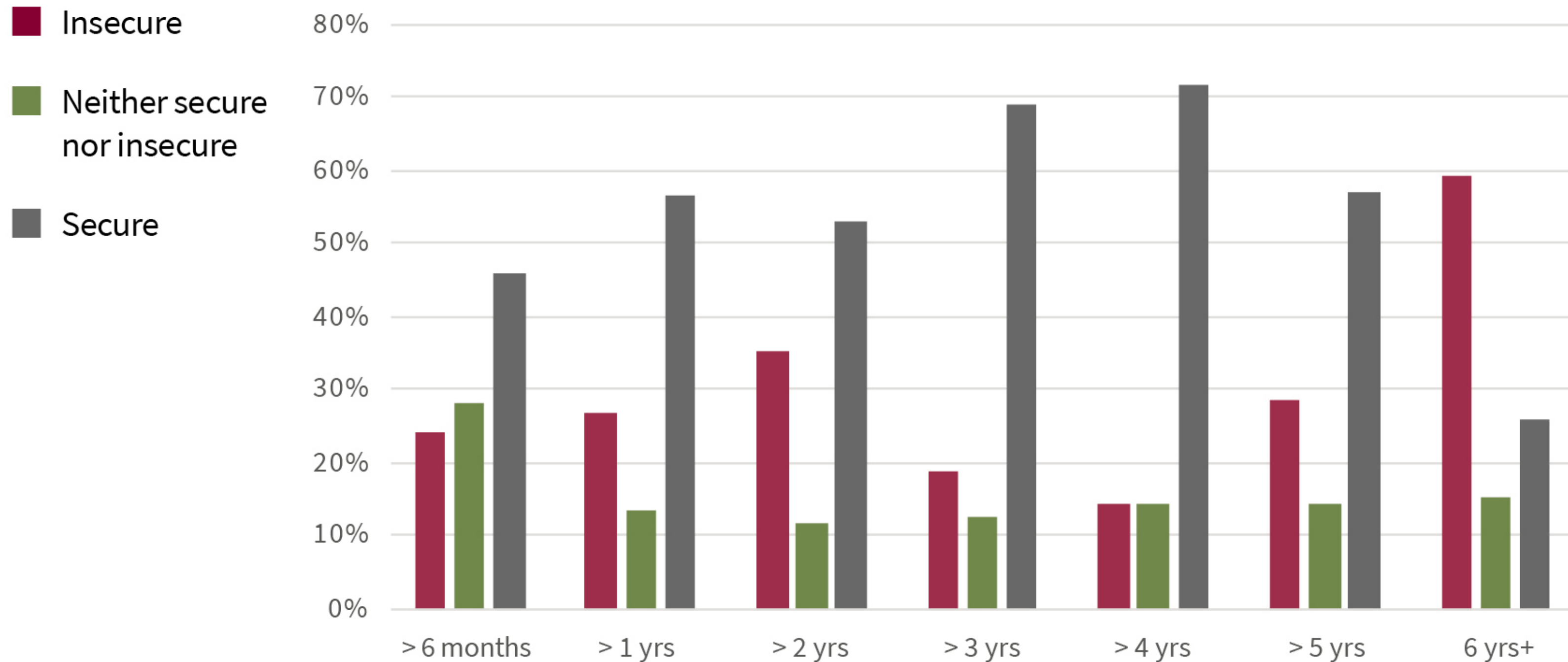
■ Aspirations

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# Feelings of Security

**Chart 9: Feelings of Security by Length of Tenancy**

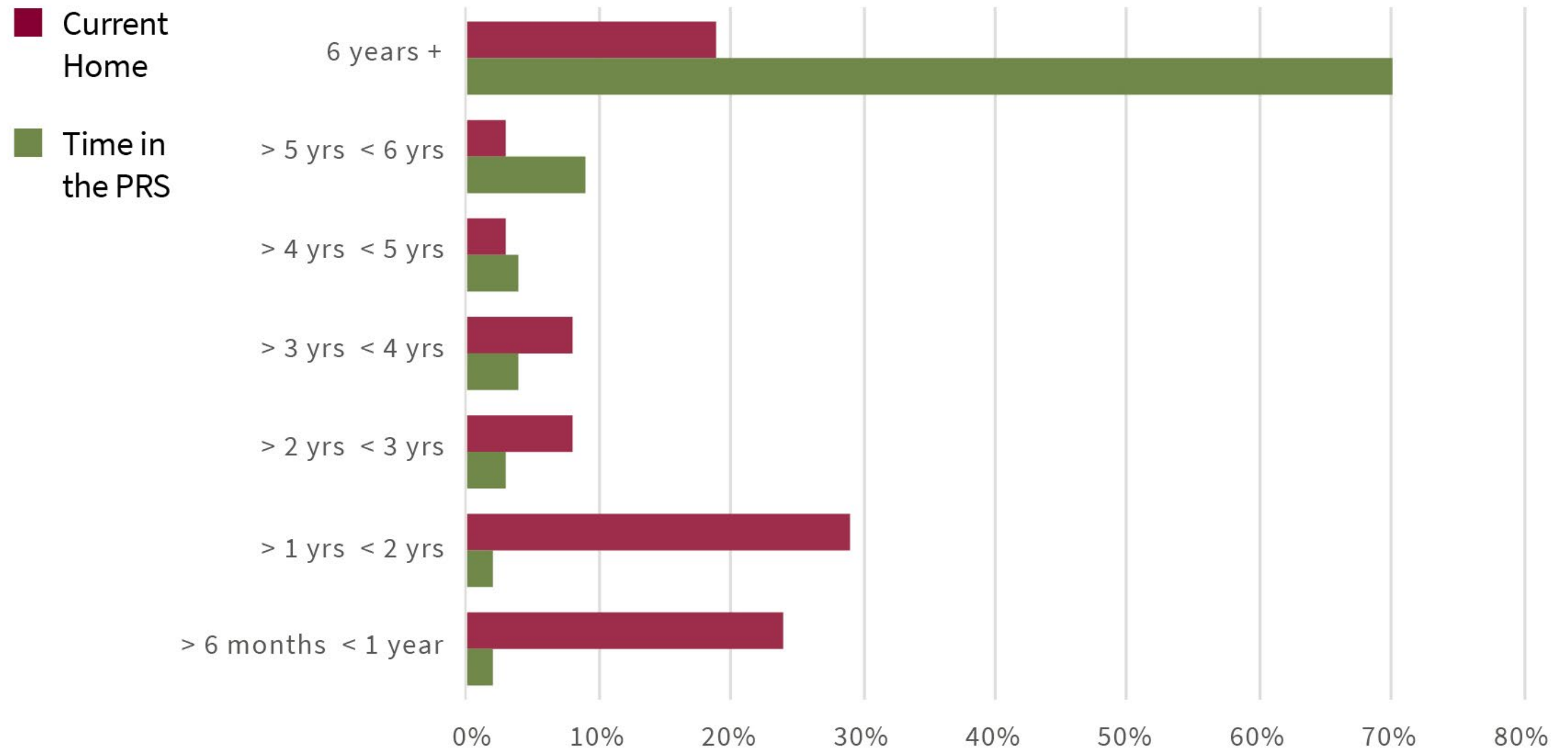






# Time Renting

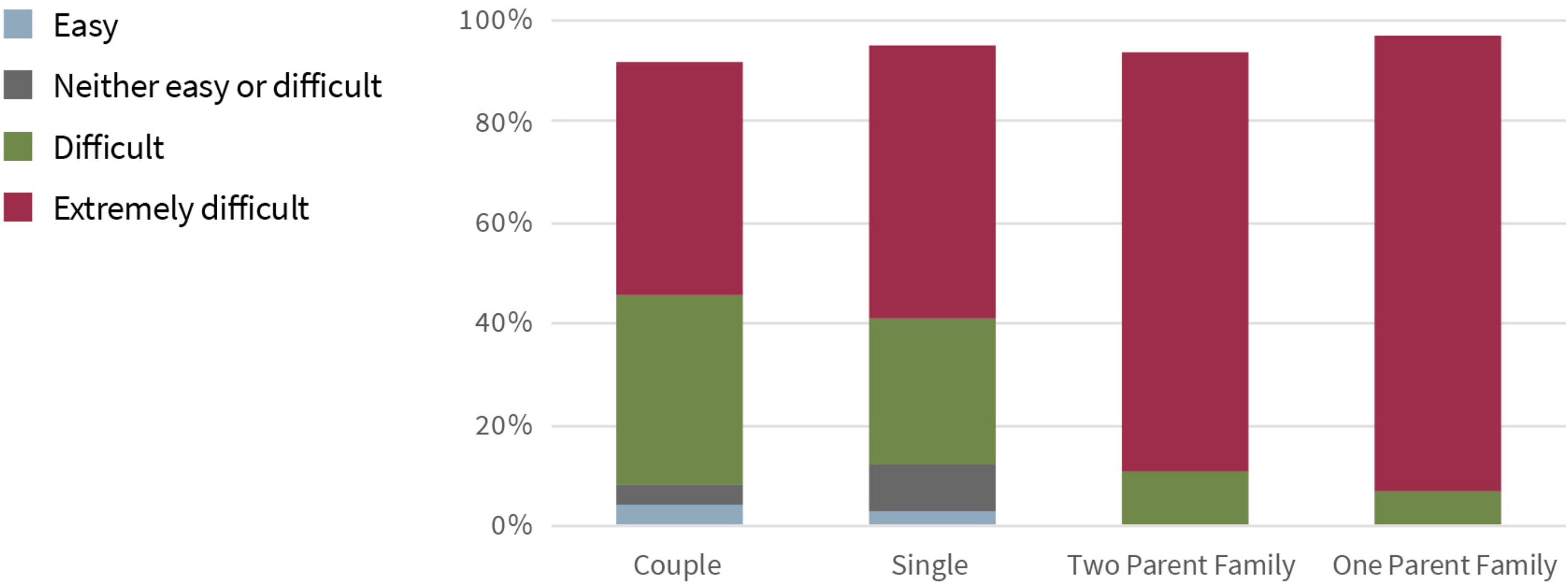
Chart 12: Time living in the private rented sector and time in current rented home



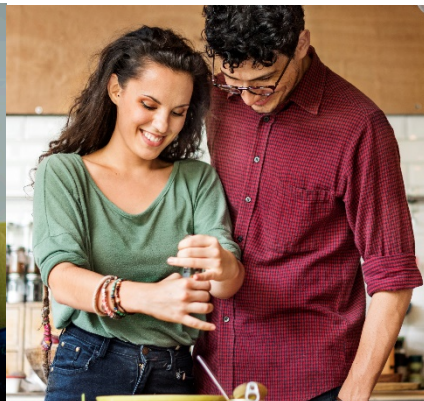
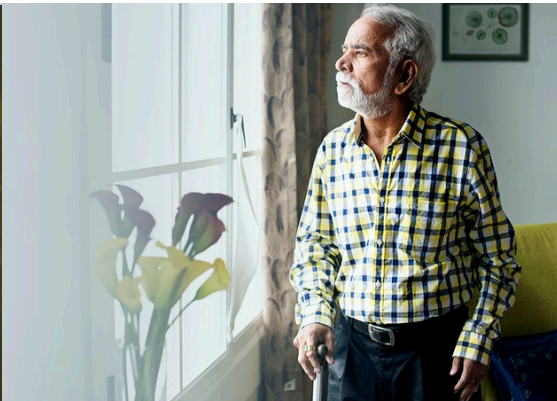


# Finding Rental Accommodation

**Chart 14: Difficulty in finding rental accommodation by family type**

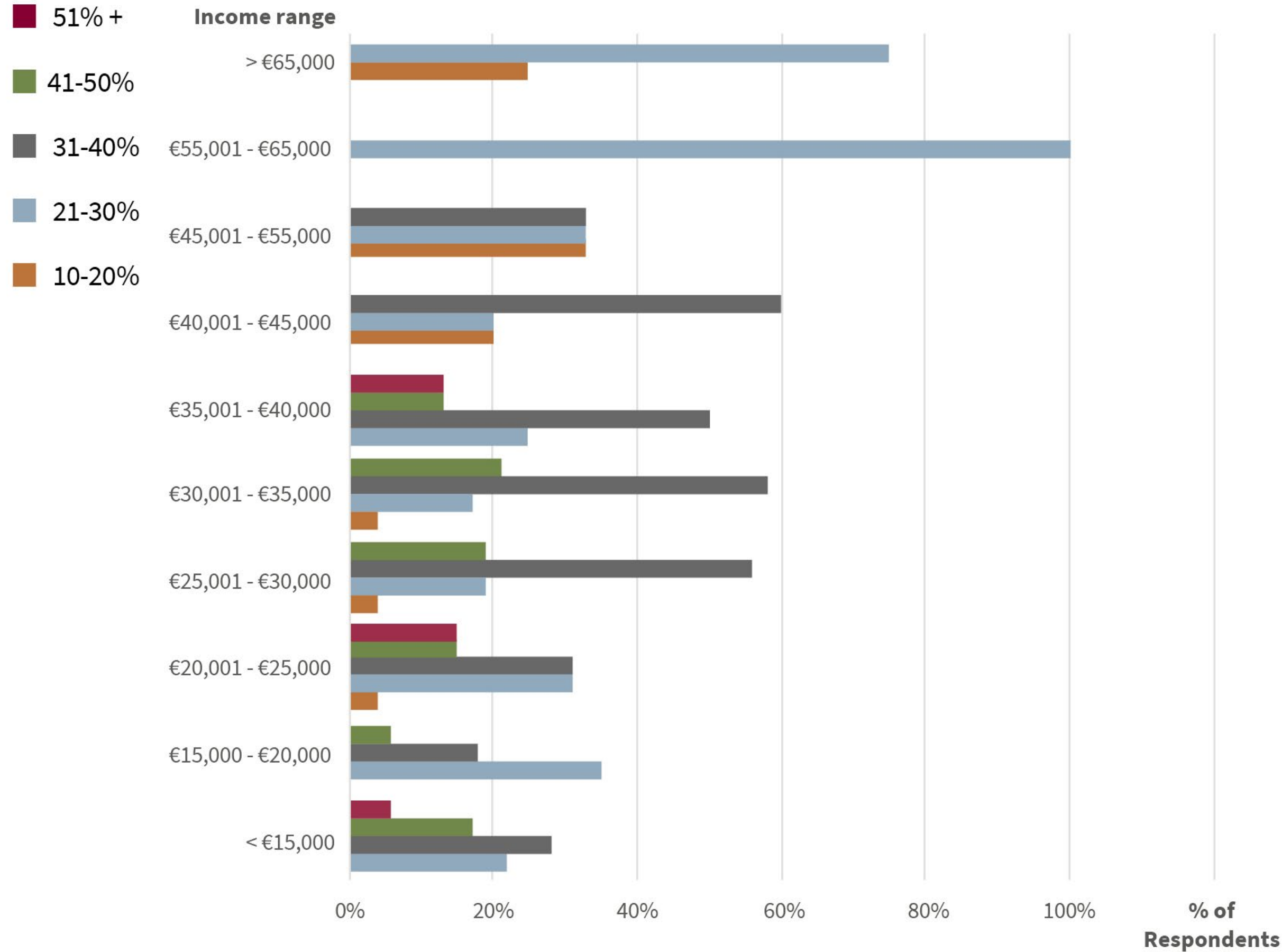


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**Chart 19: % of take home pay spent on rent by income range**



*Affordability*



# Impact of Covid-19



- 43% lost income
- 10% applied for HAP or Rent Supplement
- 9 registered with the RTB as “Relevant Persons”
- 37% stated Covid19 impacted their housing in some way
  - Increased arguments
  - Housemates moved out
  - Difficulty finding new housemates

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# Living with Parents

## 17 Living with Parents

- 29% could not afford the rent
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- 29% had lost their job
- 24% impacted by Covid 9
- 18% saving for a mortgage deposit
- 12% received a notice of termination

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# Recommendations

1. Increase affordable housing options across tenures.
2. Improve security of tenure.
3. Move to longterm leasing as standard.
4. Review of HAP to include an increase in rates.
5. Establish a NCT for housing to ensure minimum standard are met.
6. National Housing Strategy for Single People.

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# Thank you!