

State and Local Mental Health and Aging Coalition Survey Response Analysis

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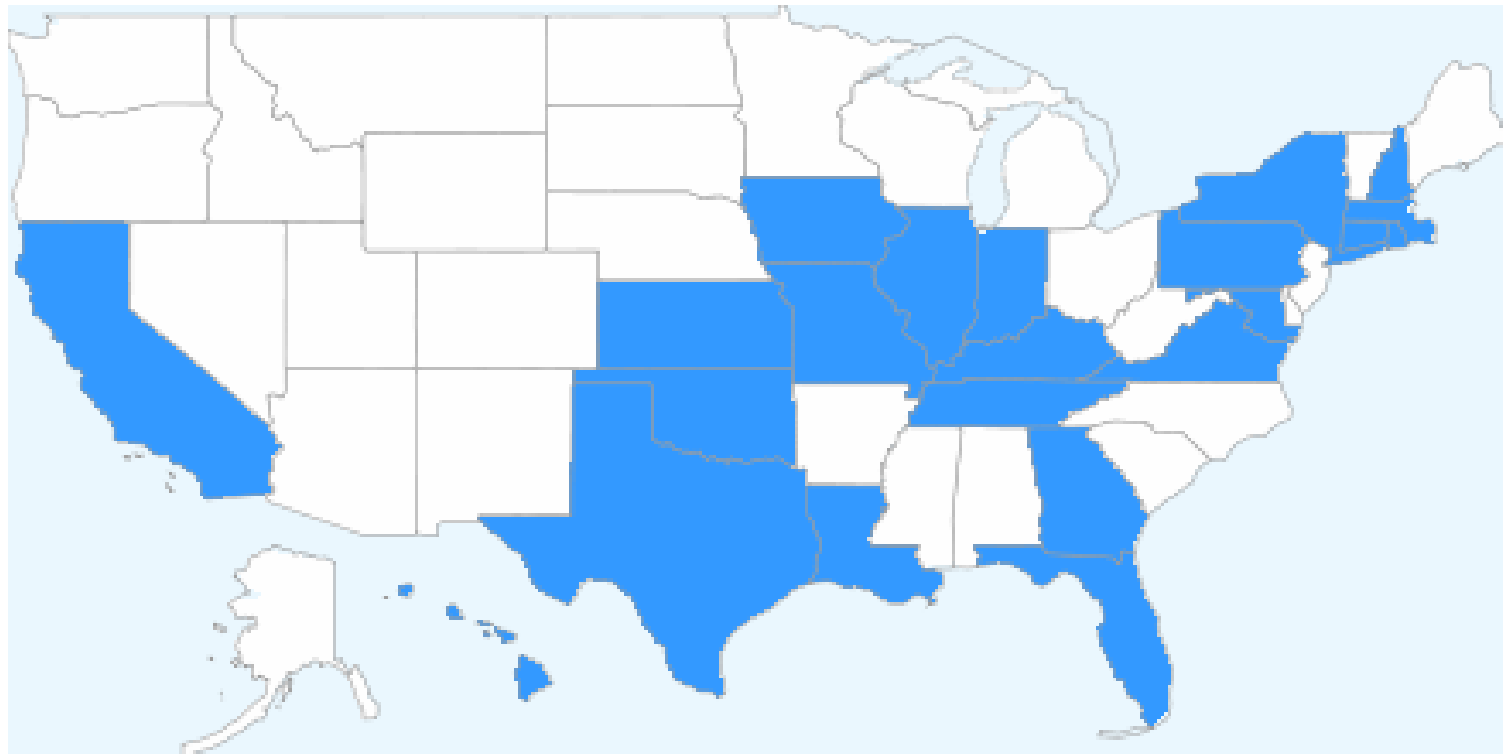
Purpose of Survey

- Identify new state and local mental health and aging coalitions
- Obtain updated information for existing coalitions
- Identify details about their work: membership, structure, major activities, sources of funding, technical assistance needs, barriers, and interest in participating on the National Coalition

Survey Methods

- **Subject Enrollment:**
 - Representatives from state and local mental health and aging coalitions, both active and inactive
 - Survey was disseminated via email to national coalition membership list and to members of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Older Persons Division
- **Data Collection:**
 - Participants were asked to complete online survey (survey monkey)
 - Merged GMHA-NY local coalition survey data with National Coalition survey
 - GMHA-NY interns sent some follow-up emails to attempt to generate a higher response rate
- **Data Analysis:**
 - Reviewed and analyzed by GMHA-NY staff

22 States Responded to Survey



California
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii

Iowa
Illinois
Indiana
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana

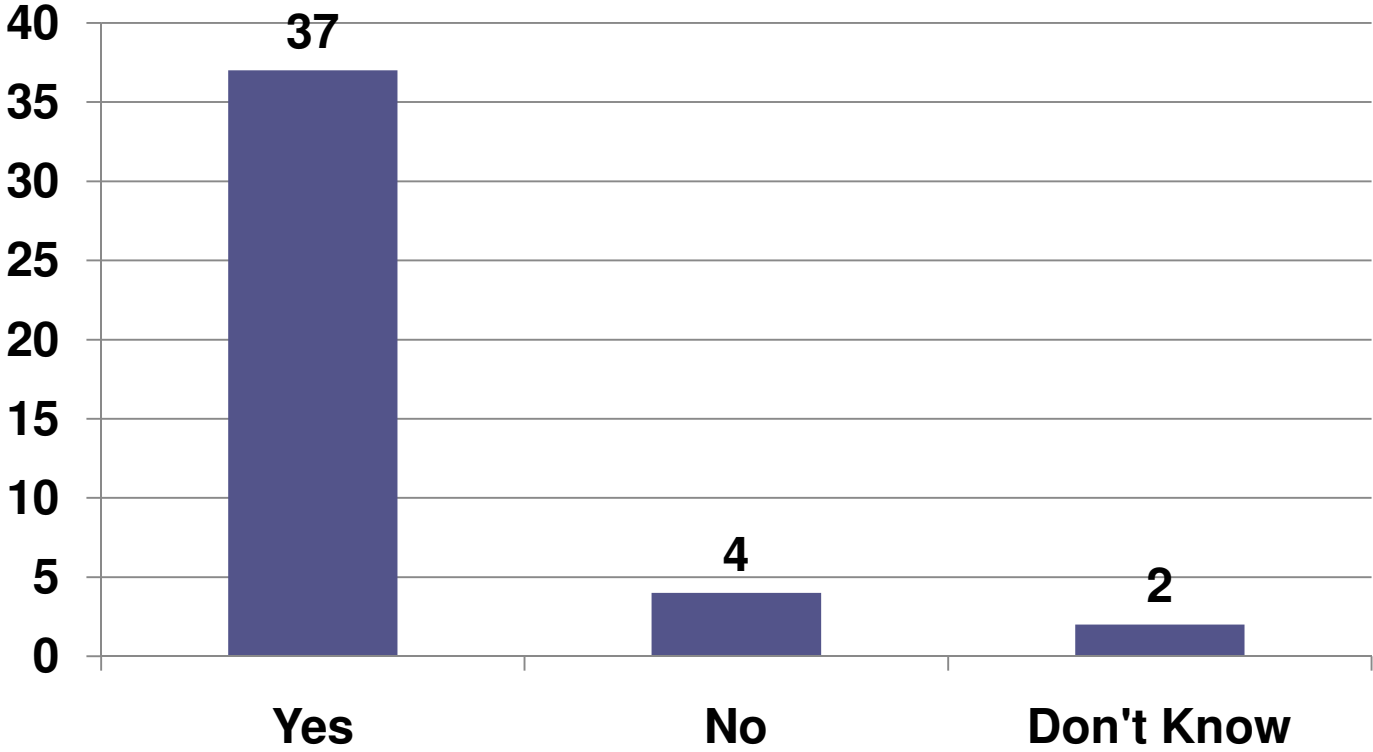
Massachusetts
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New Hampshire
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Oklahoma

Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
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Texas
Virginia



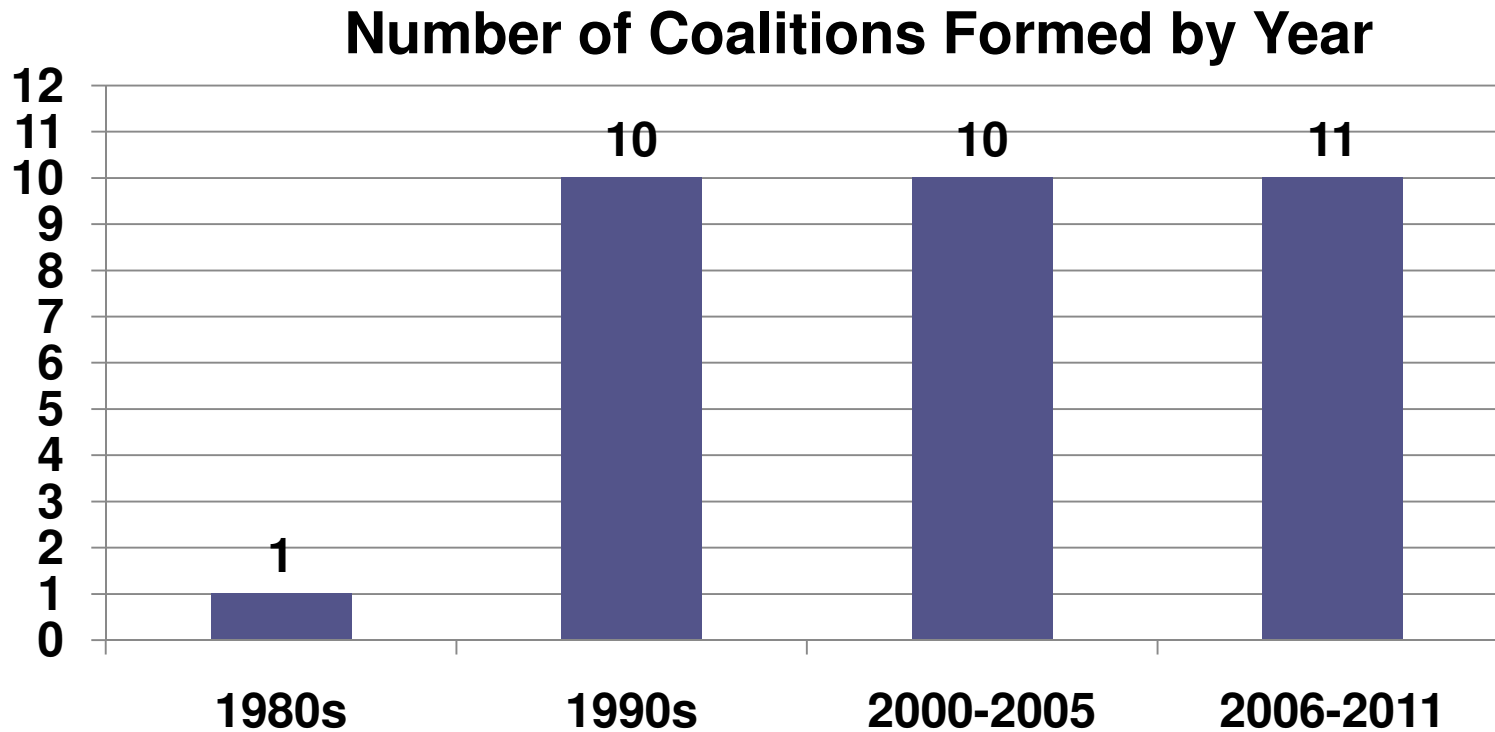
Information about Coalitions

Does your state/locality have a mental health and aging coalition?



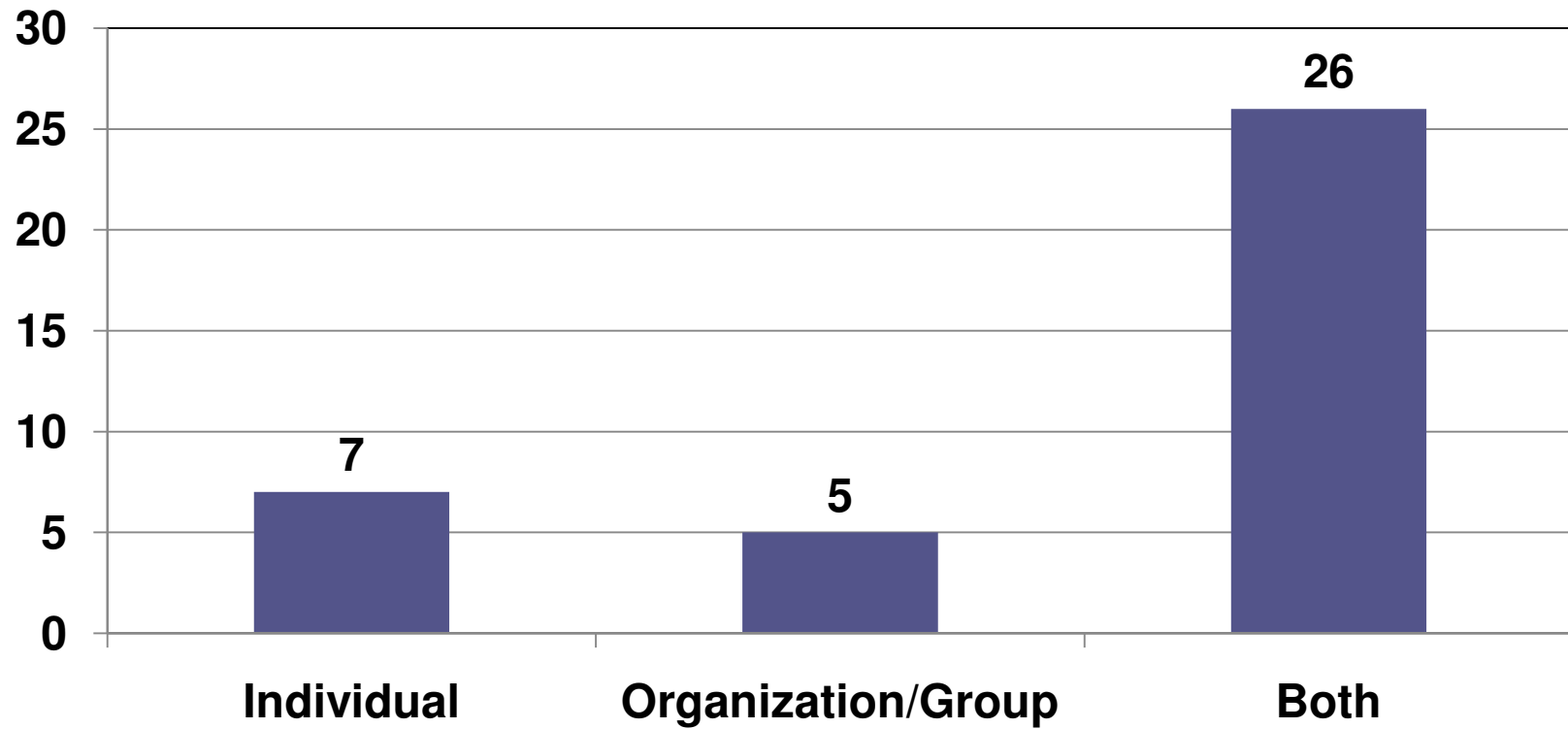
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When was the Coalition formed?



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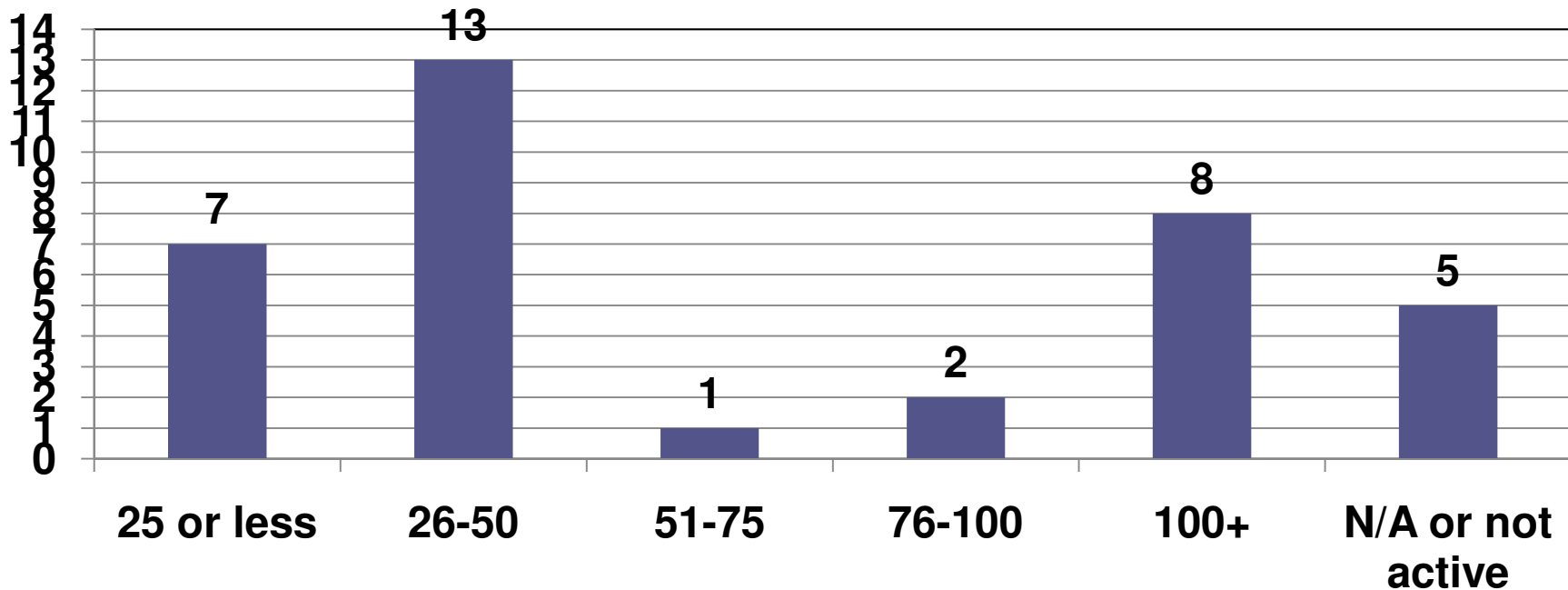
How is membership determined?



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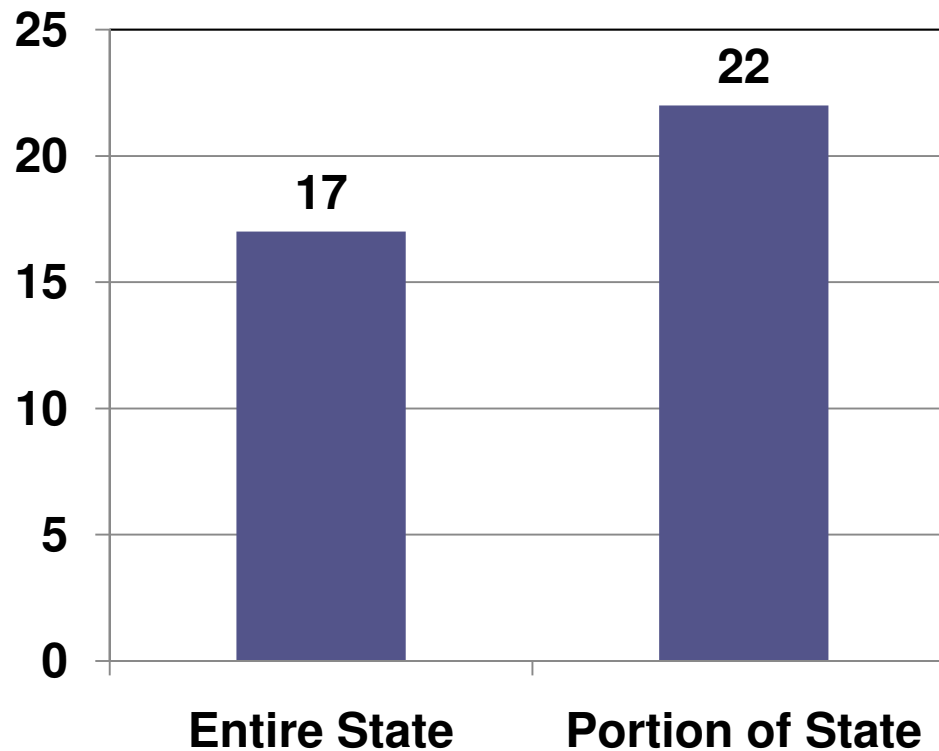
What is the size of your membership?

Size of Membership by Number of Organizations



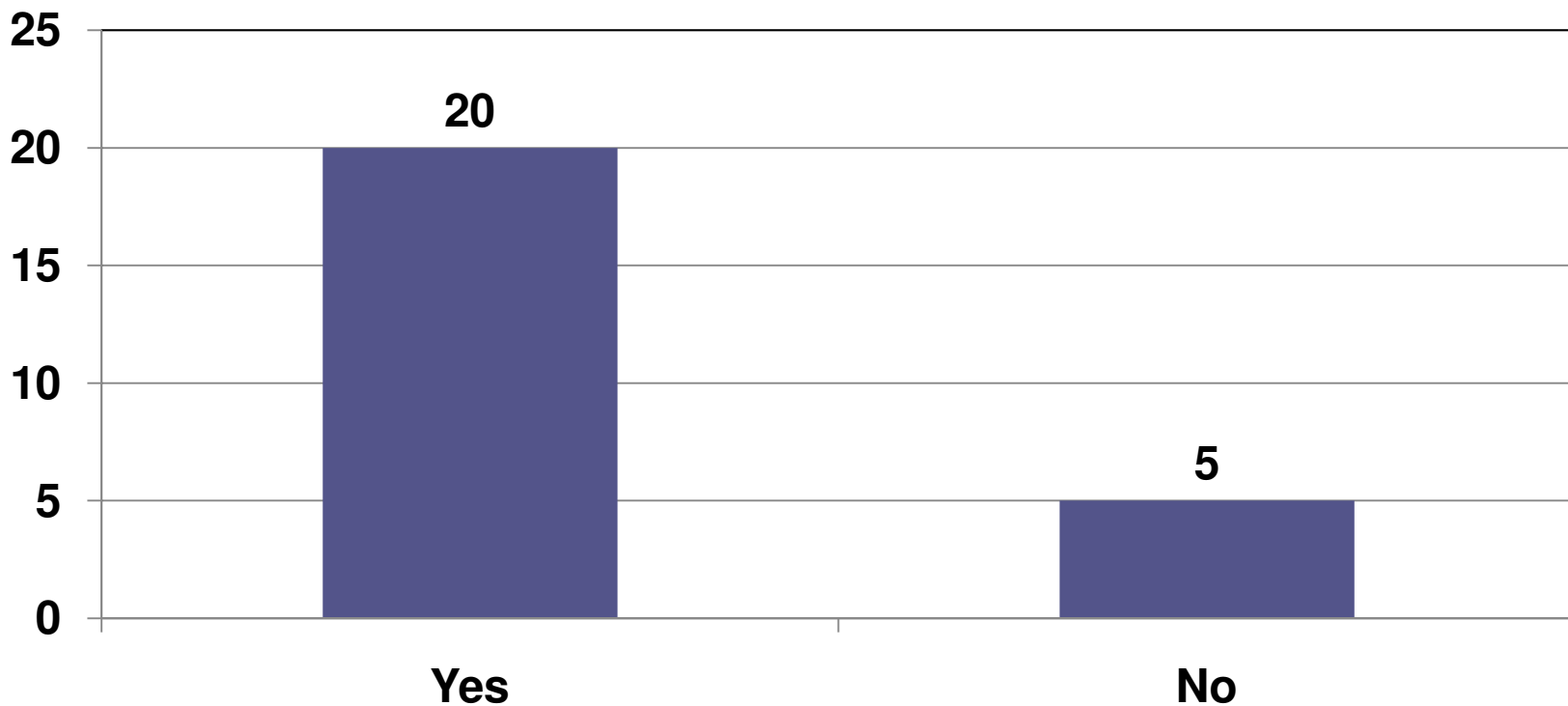
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What geographic area does the Coalition serve?



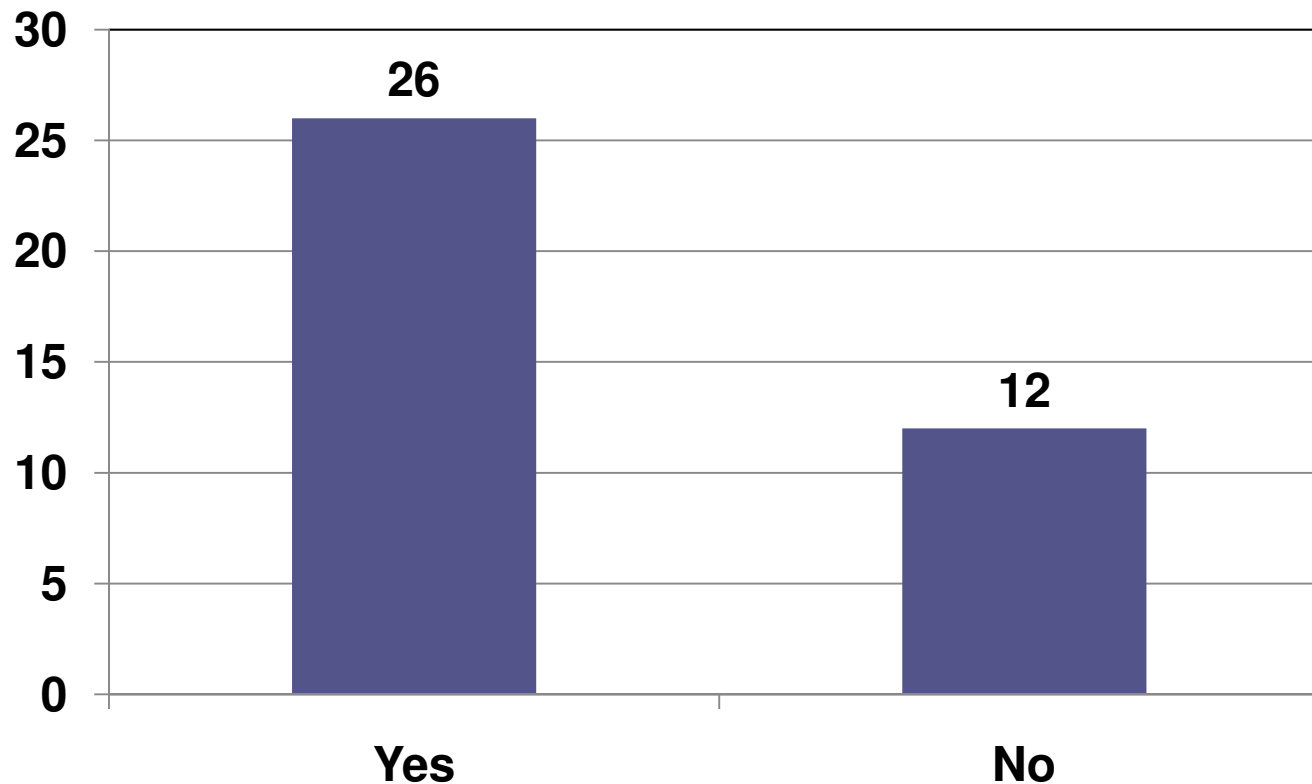
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If your Coalition serves a portion of the state, are there other local Coalitions that serve the rest of the State?



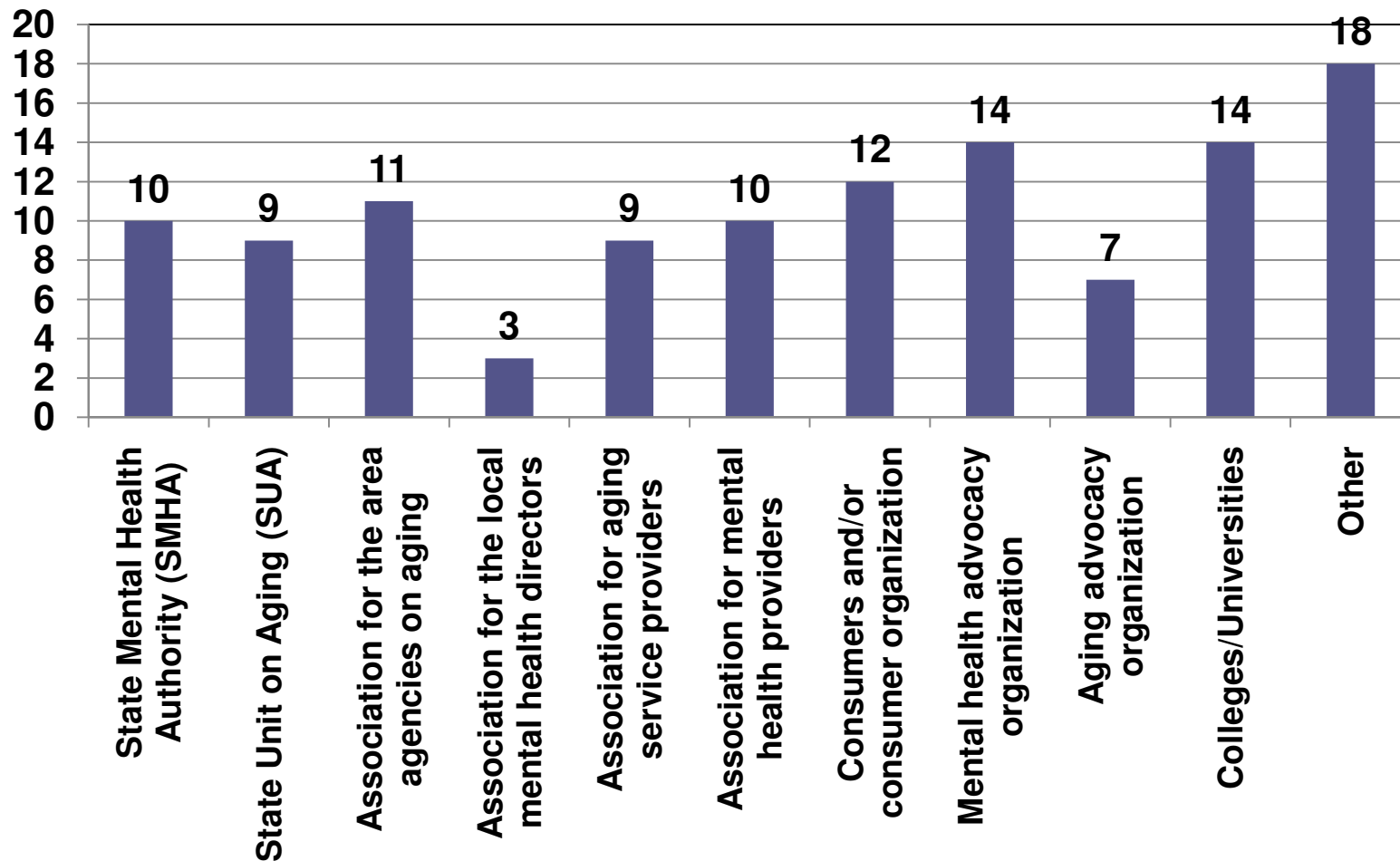
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Does your Coalition have a leadership structure (e.g. steering committee, executive committee, advisory board)?



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If your Coalition does have a leadership structure, who is represented on the leadership group?

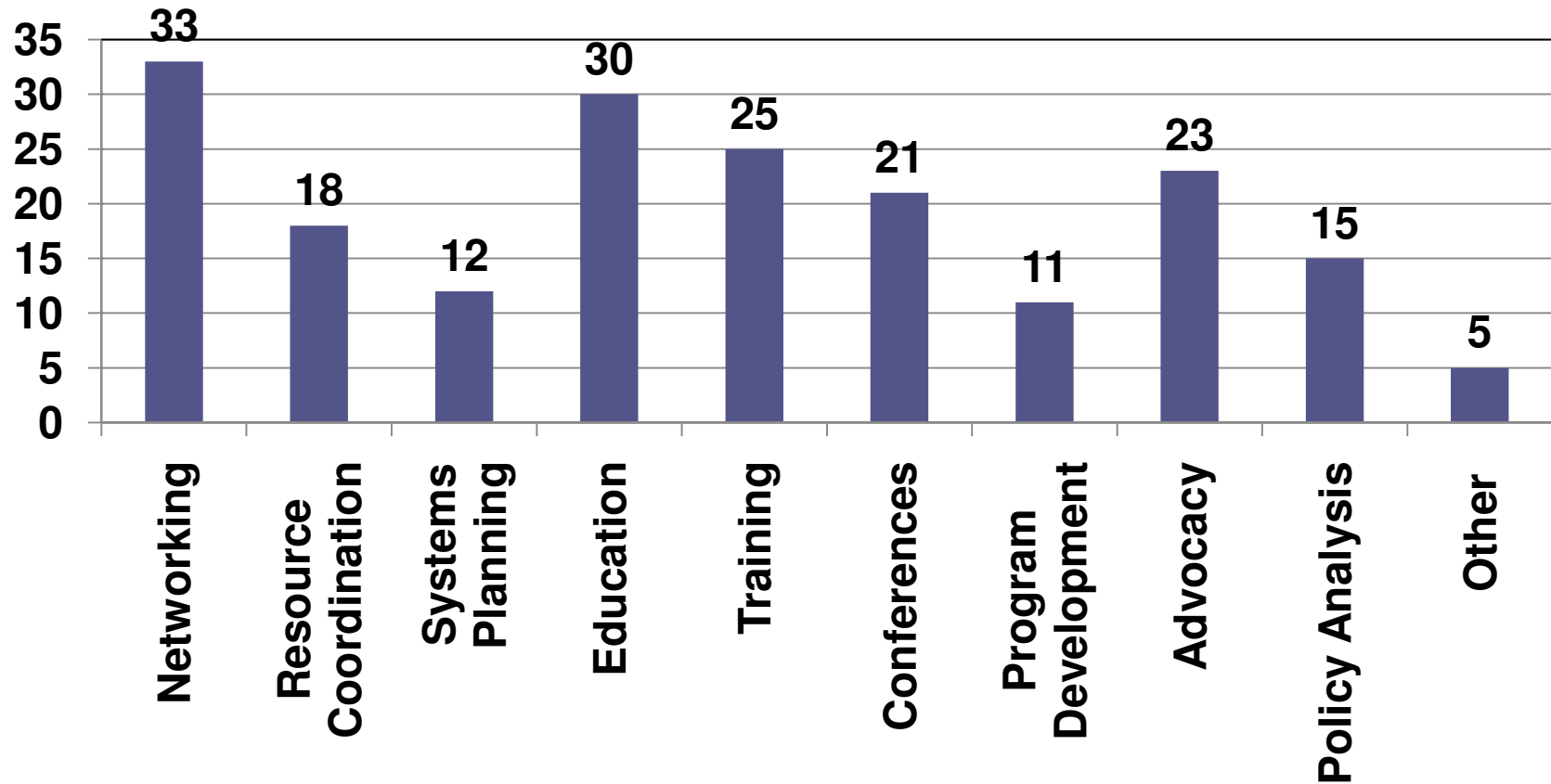


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Specified 'other' leadership structure

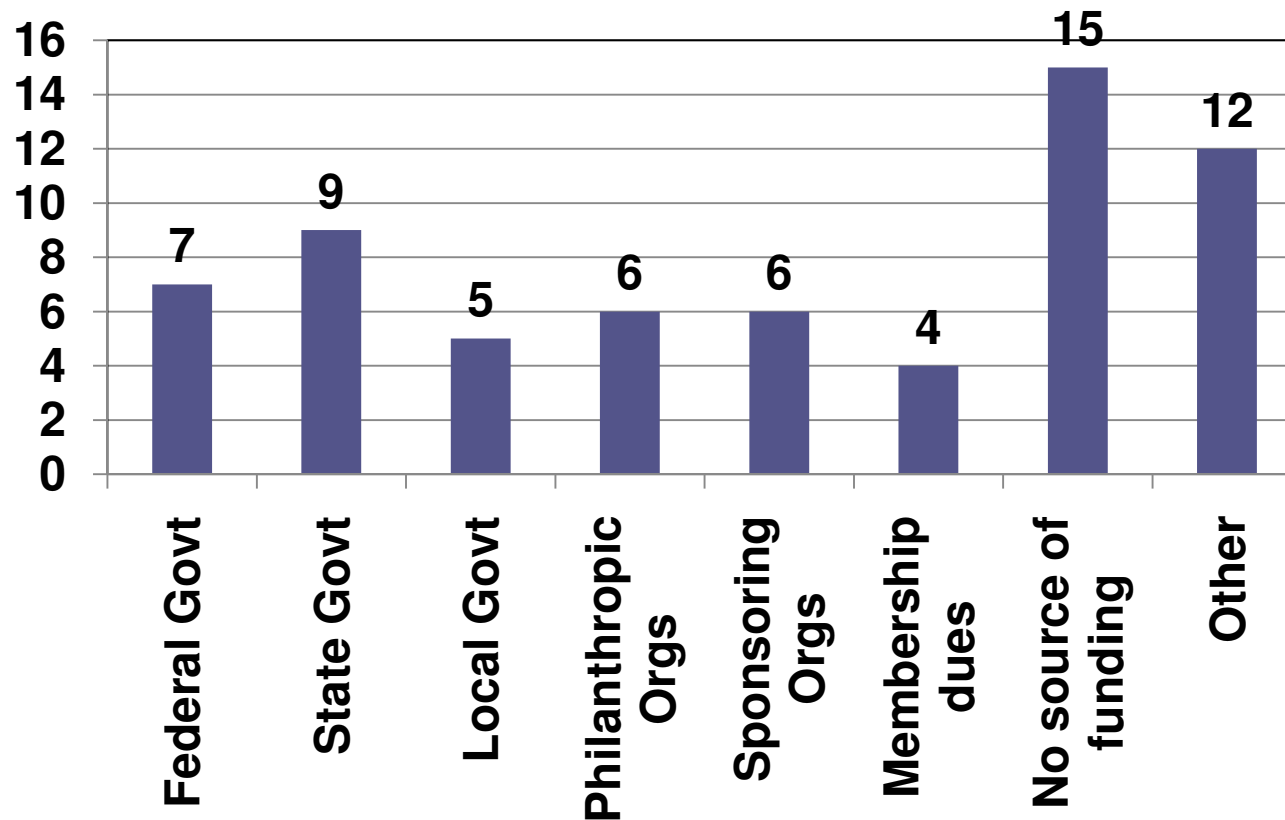
- Local providers – mental health, aging, health, long-term care:
 - Area agency on aging
 - Community mental health center
 - Local hospital
 - Home Health Care
 - adult day care
 - senior centers,
 - DCBS-APS, private counseling agencies, red cross, assisted living and long term care facilities, etc.
 - Alzheimer's Association
- Local mental health, aging and substance abuse authorities
- Managed care
- Family members
- Older adults
- Students

What are your major activities?



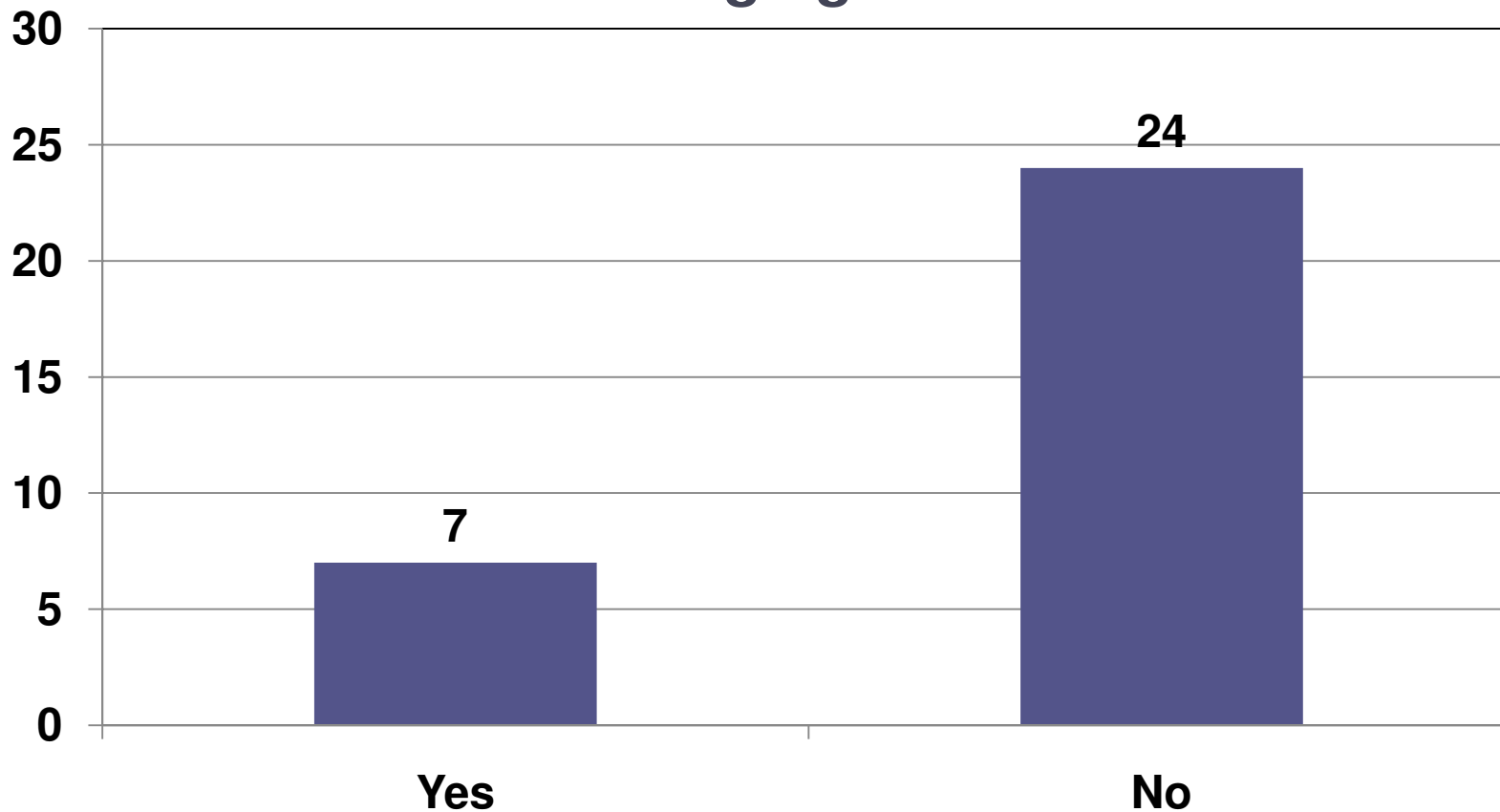
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What sources of funding are utilized to fund the operation of your Coalition?



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Does your state use Mental Health Block Grant funds to fund all or any part of the activities of your mental health and aging coalition?

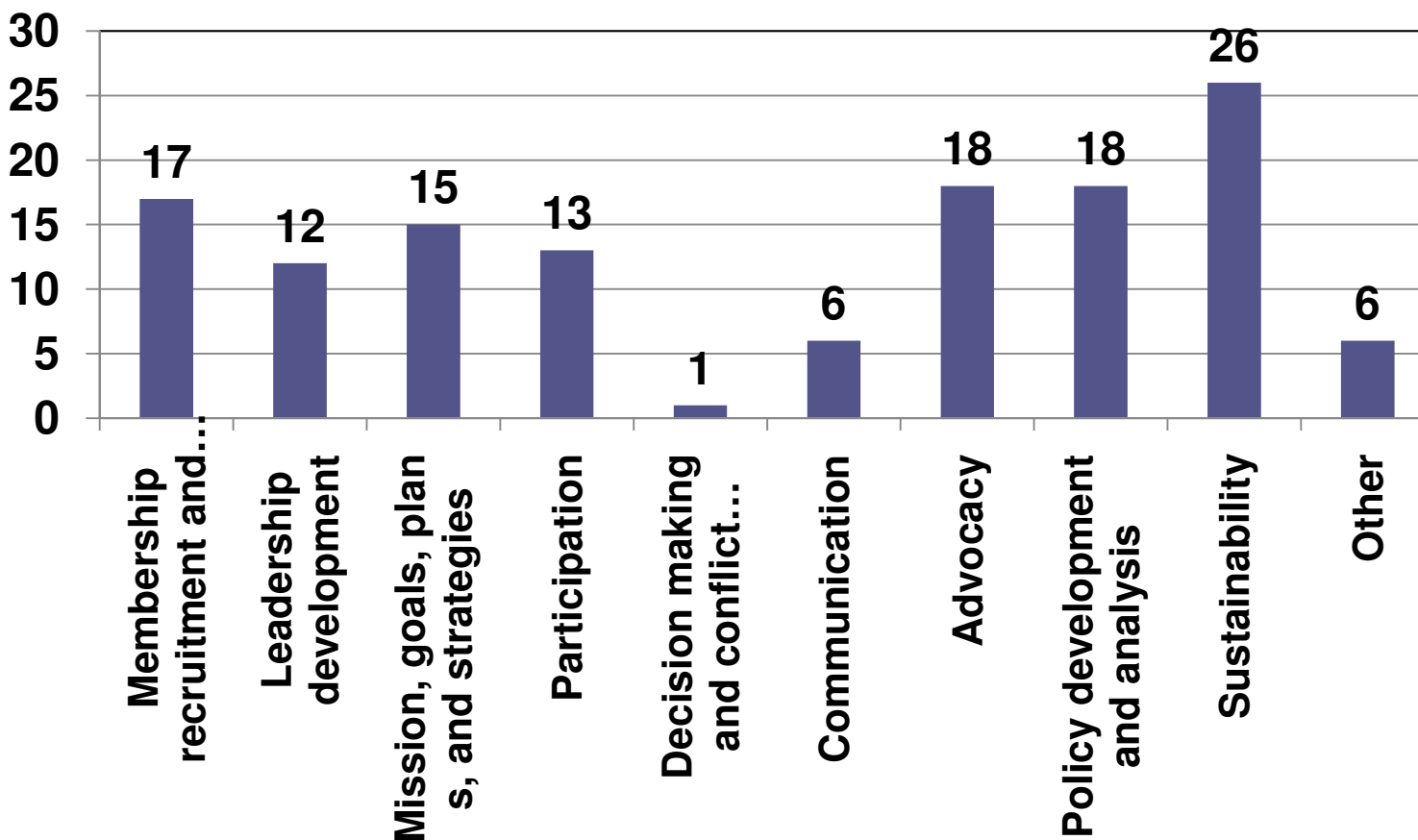


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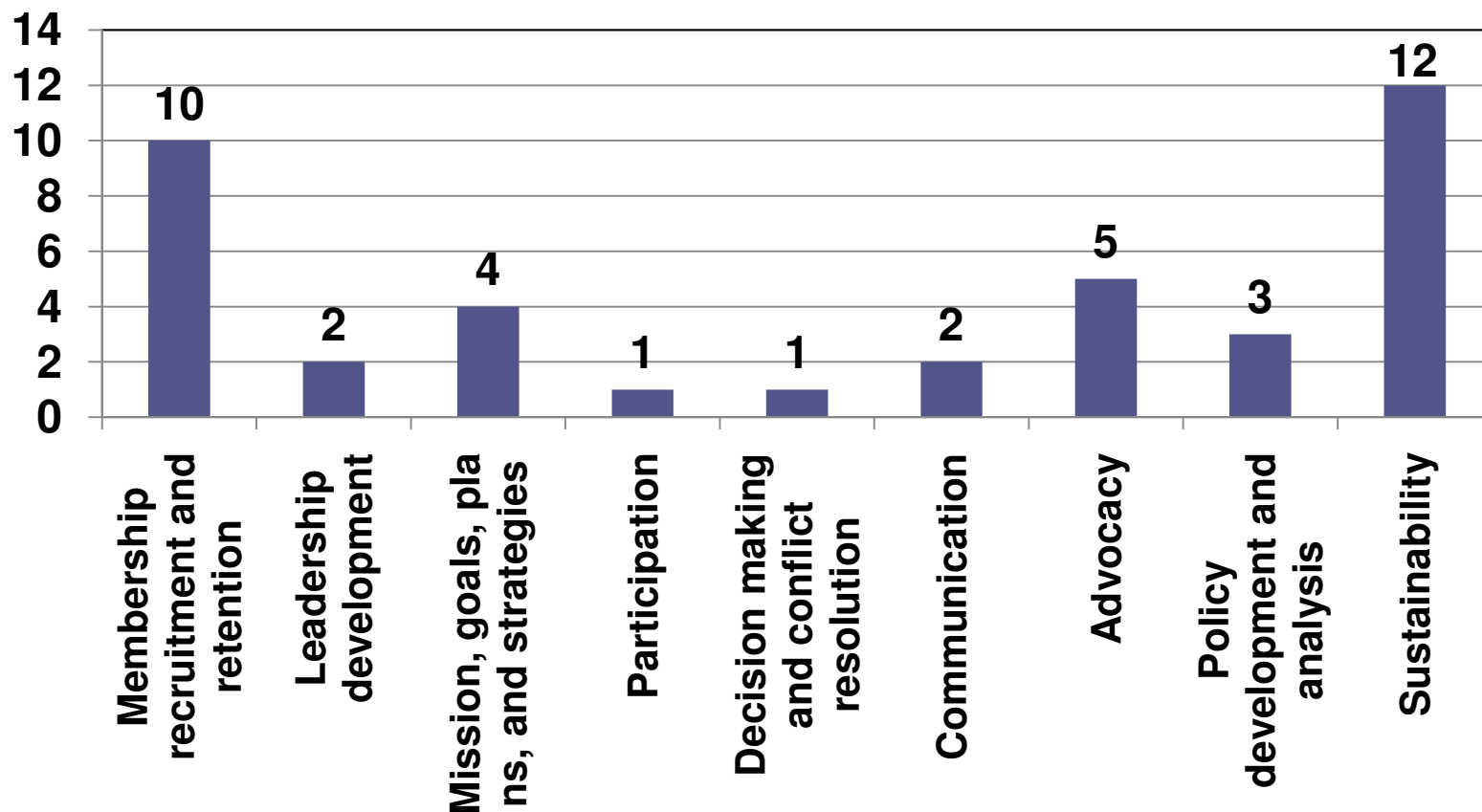
Technical Assistance Needs

In what areas, if any, does your Coalition need technical assistance?



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Of the technical assistance needs identified above, including “other”, what is, or are, the most significant technical assistance needs for your Coalition?



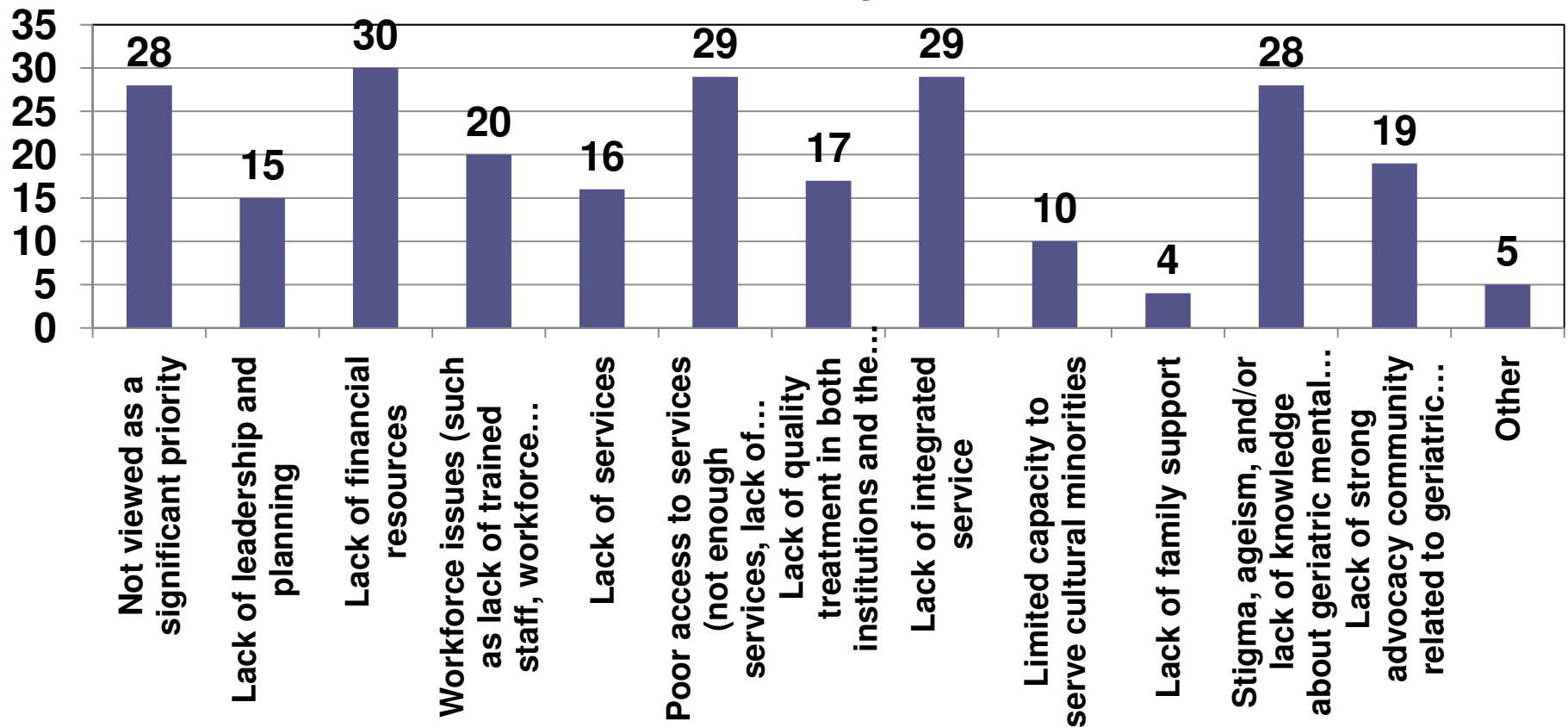
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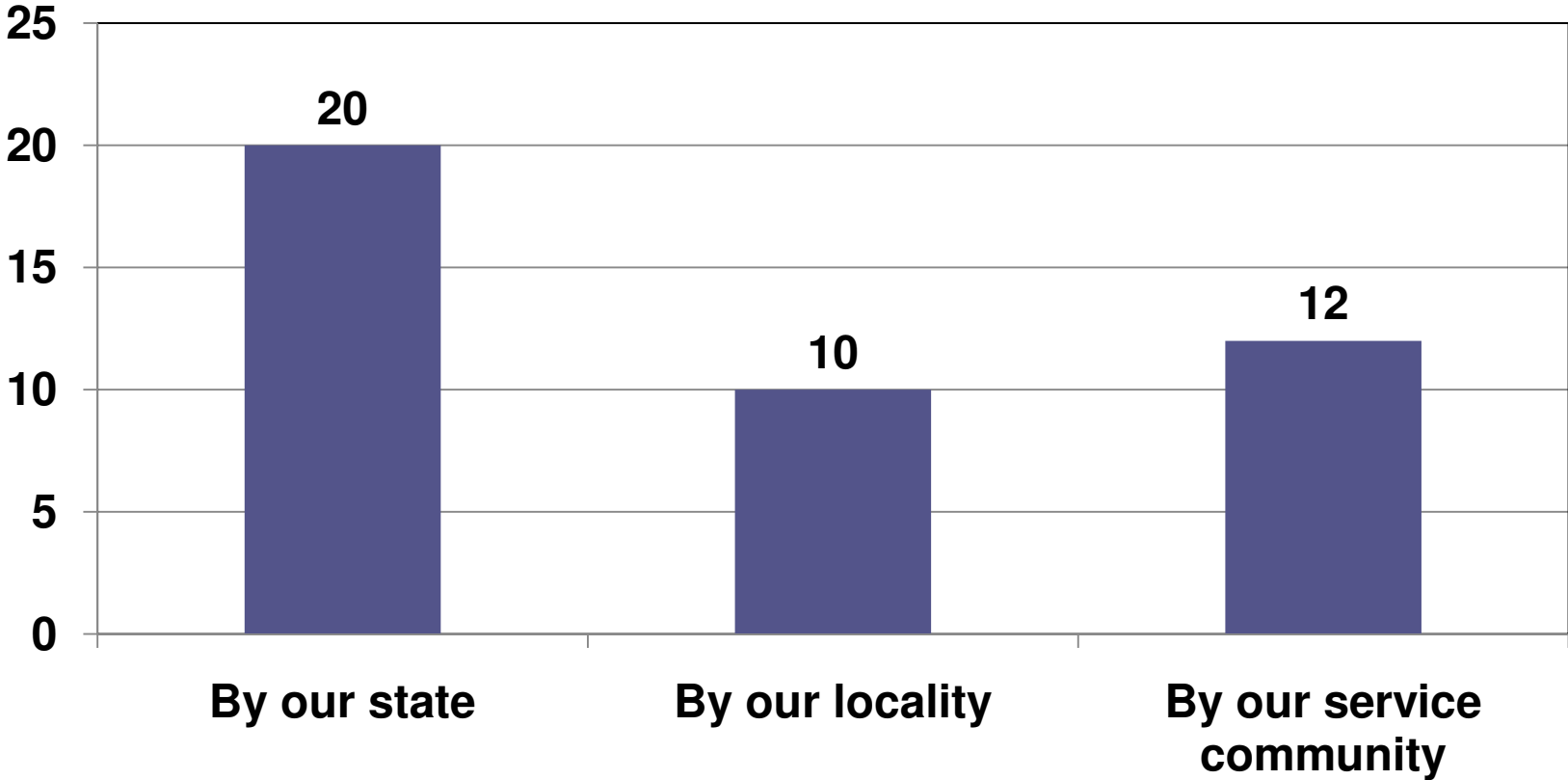
Barriers

What impediments does your Coalition face in trying to address the mental health needs of older adults in your state/locality?



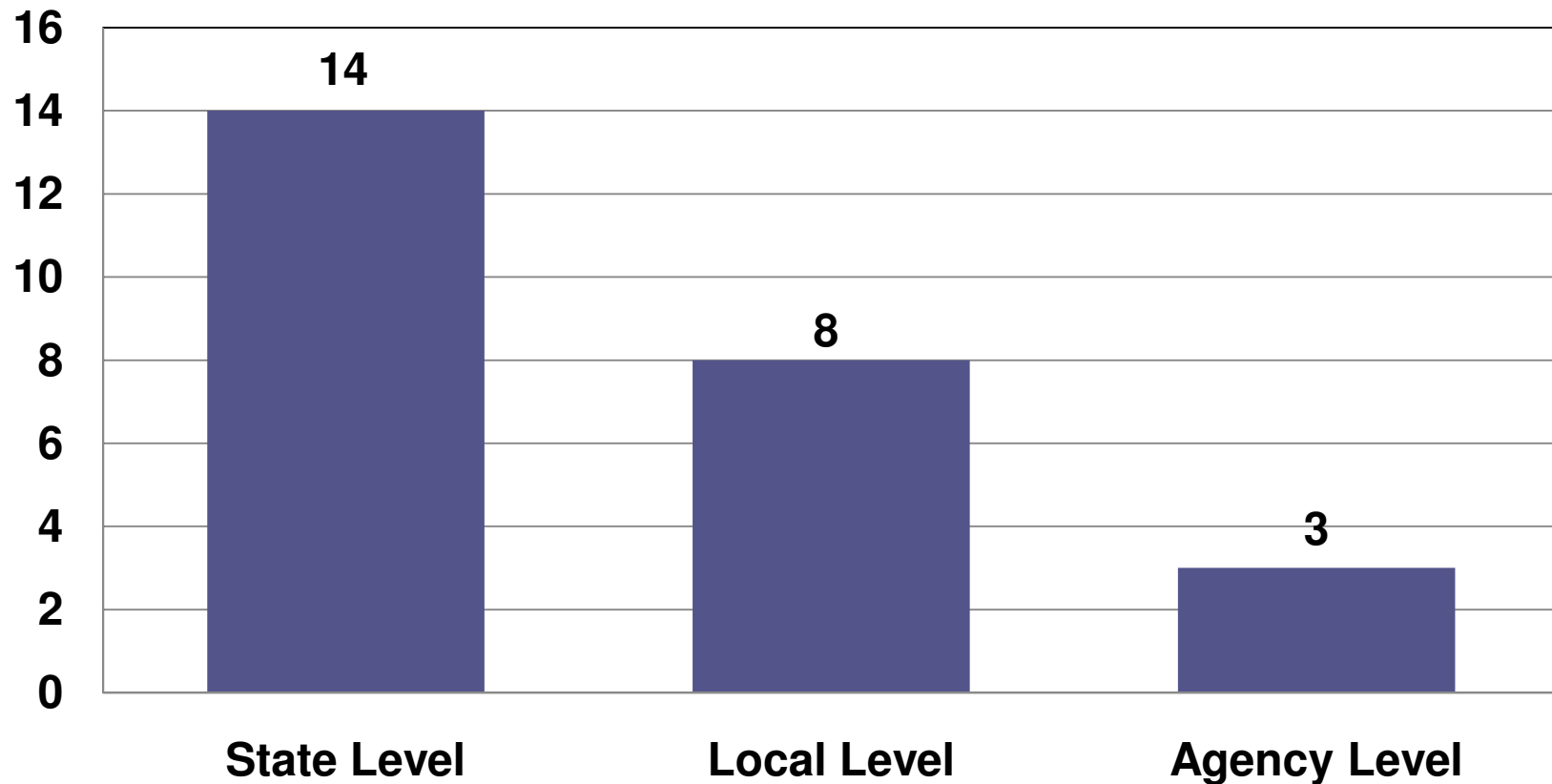
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If you answered "Not viewed as a significant priority," please specify



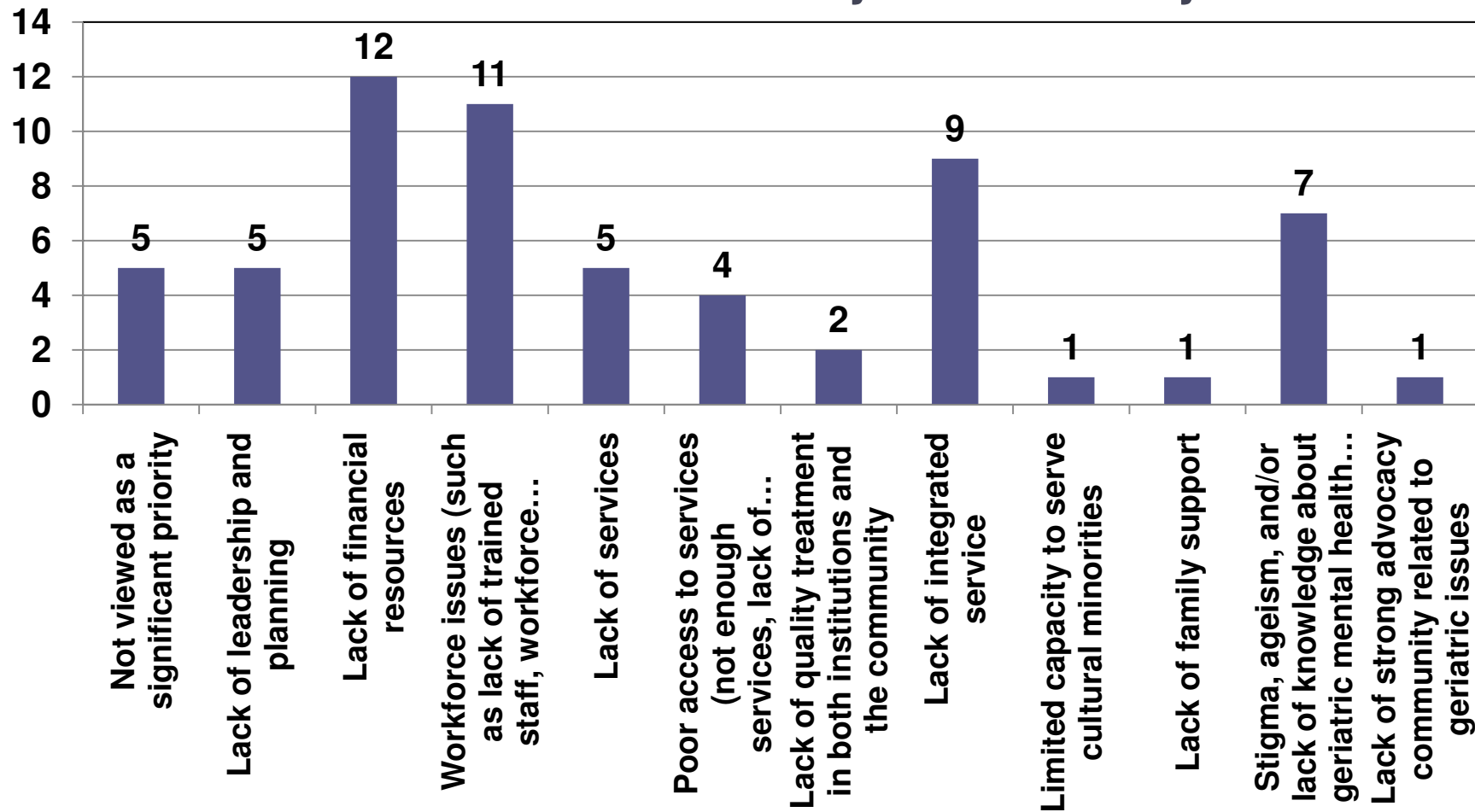
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If you answered "Lack of leadership and planning," please specify



Answered question: 16
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Of the impediments identified above, including “other”, what is, or are, the most significant barriers to the provision of geriatric mental health services in your community?

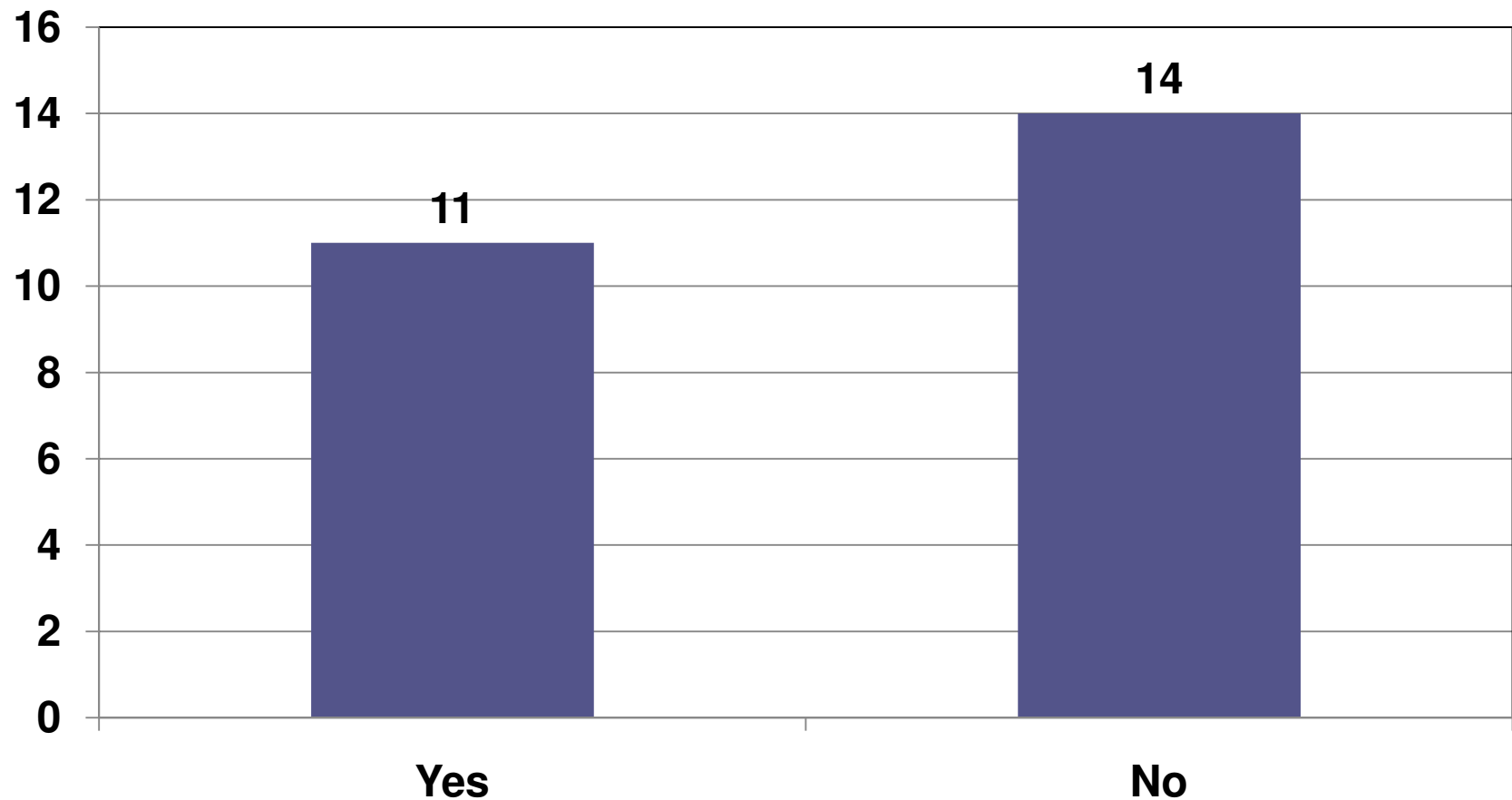


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NATIONAL COALITION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND AGING (NCMHA)

Are you a member of the NCMHA?



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GMHA-NY National State Based Advocacy Project

- Developing geriatric mental health advocacy toolkit for mental health and aging coalitions
- Providing education and technical assistance to mental health and aging coalitions in five states –California, Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Oklahoma – on developing and carrying out an advocacy plan