

# **MINNESOTA STUDENT PARENT SUPPORT INITIATIVE 2012-2013 PROGRAM AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

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A presentation for the  
MSPSI Program Sustainability Committee  
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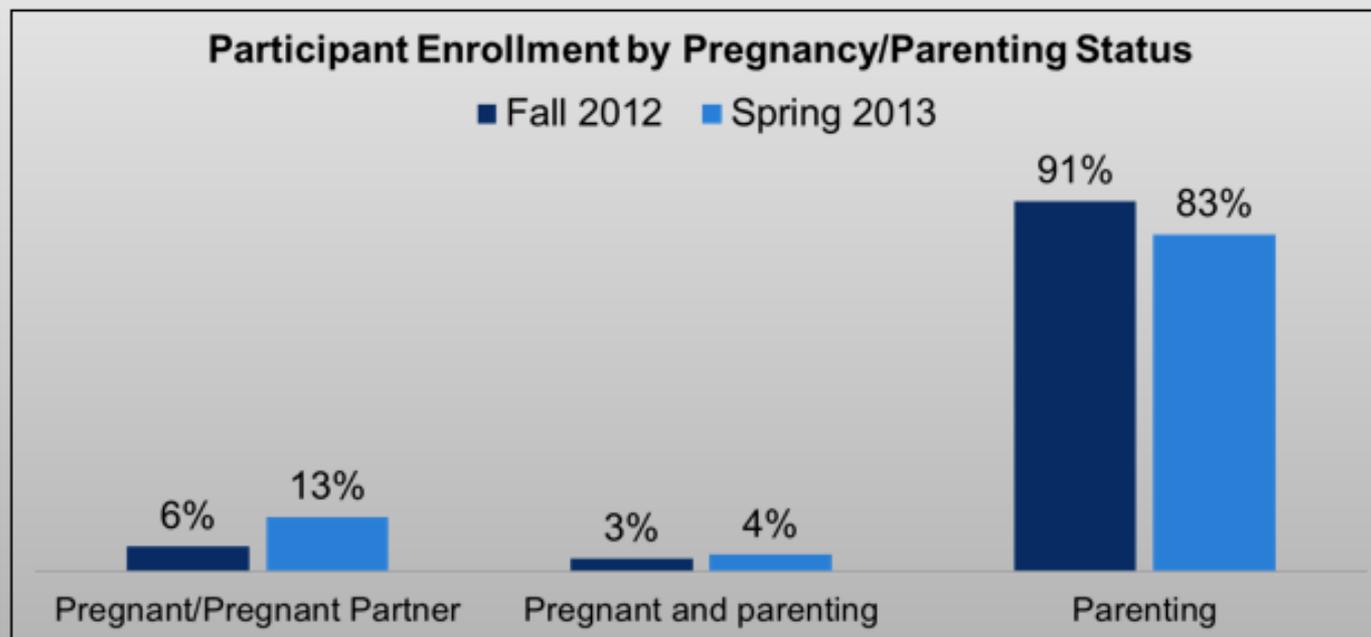
# MSPSI PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

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2012-2013 Academic Year

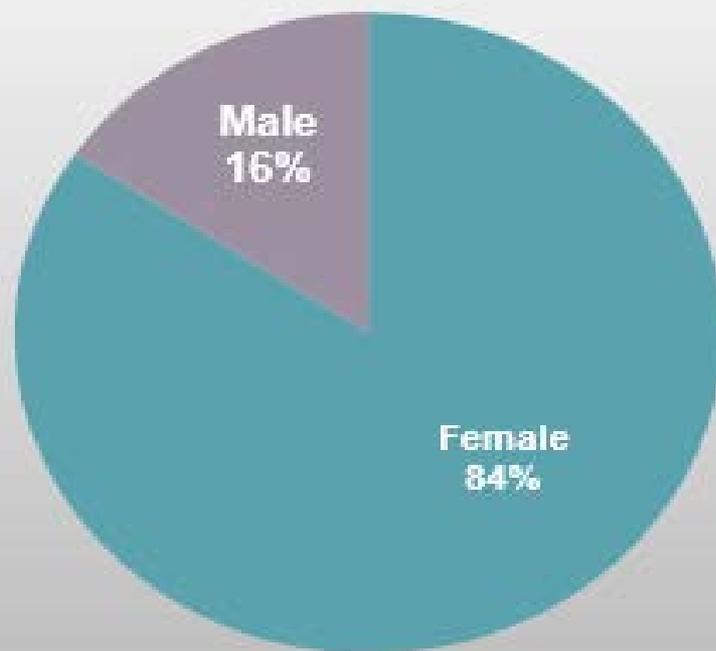
# Total Number of Participants Served

Academic Term	Total Number of Students Served	Number of Students Newly Enrolled During Term	Total Number of Children Served
Fall 2012	671	408	1073
Spring 2013	768	203	1213

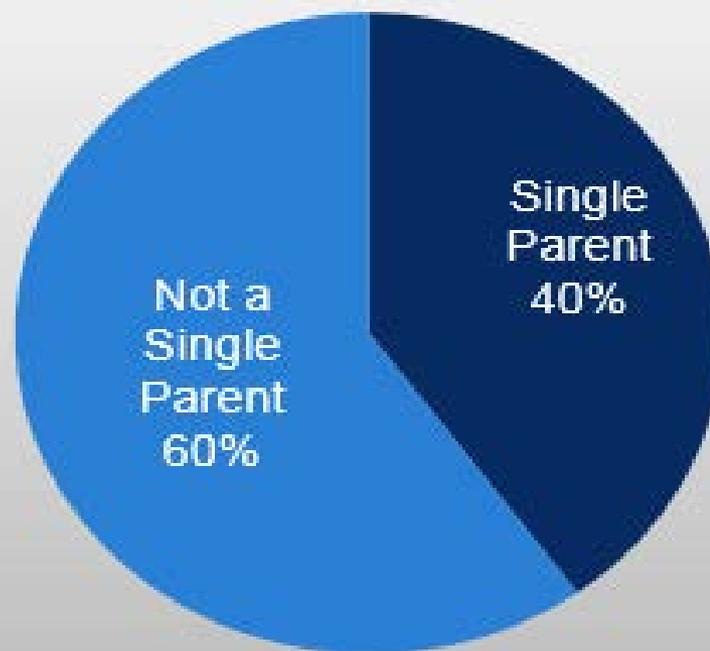


# Gender and Single Parenthood

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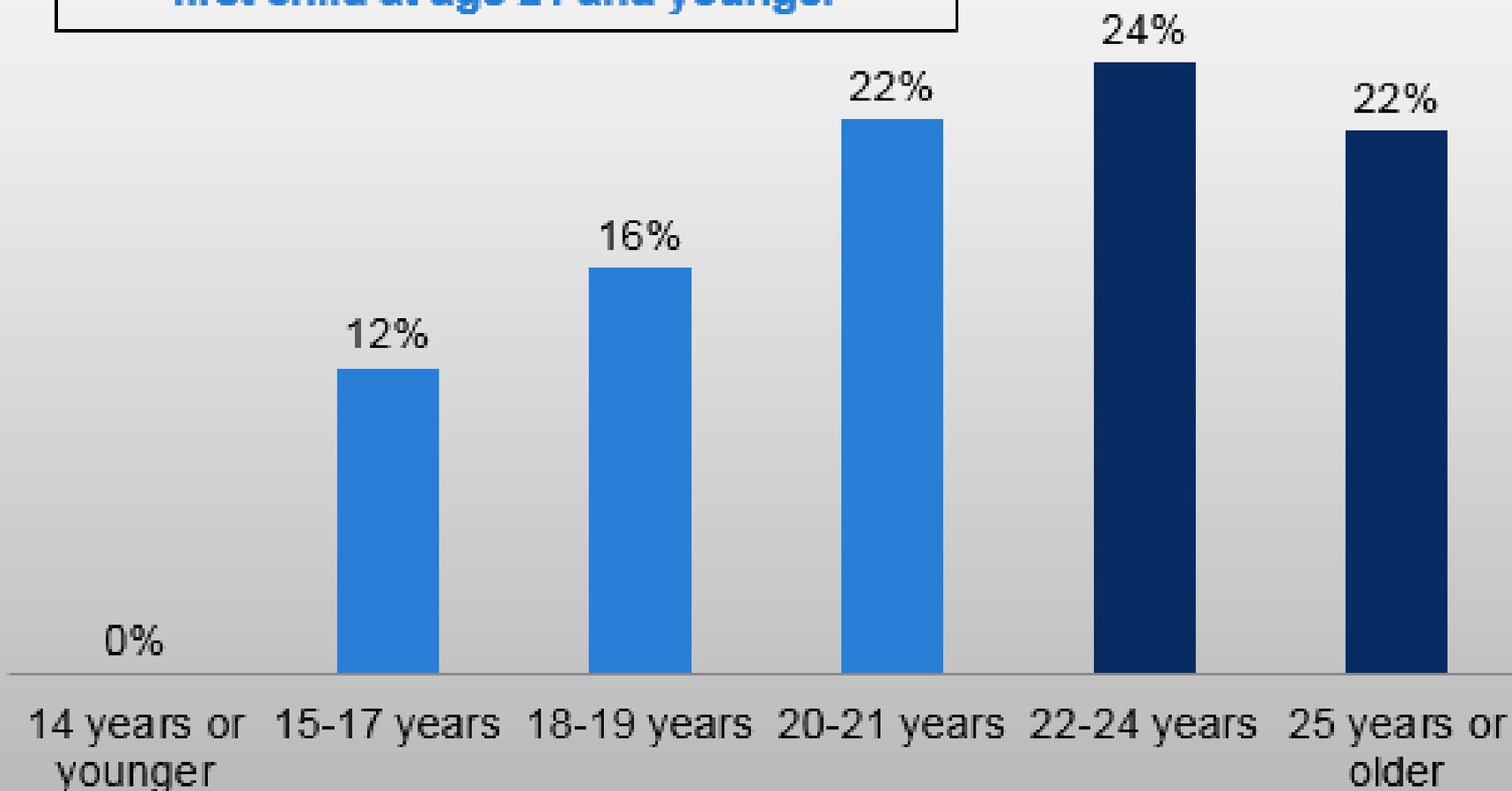


## Single Parenthood



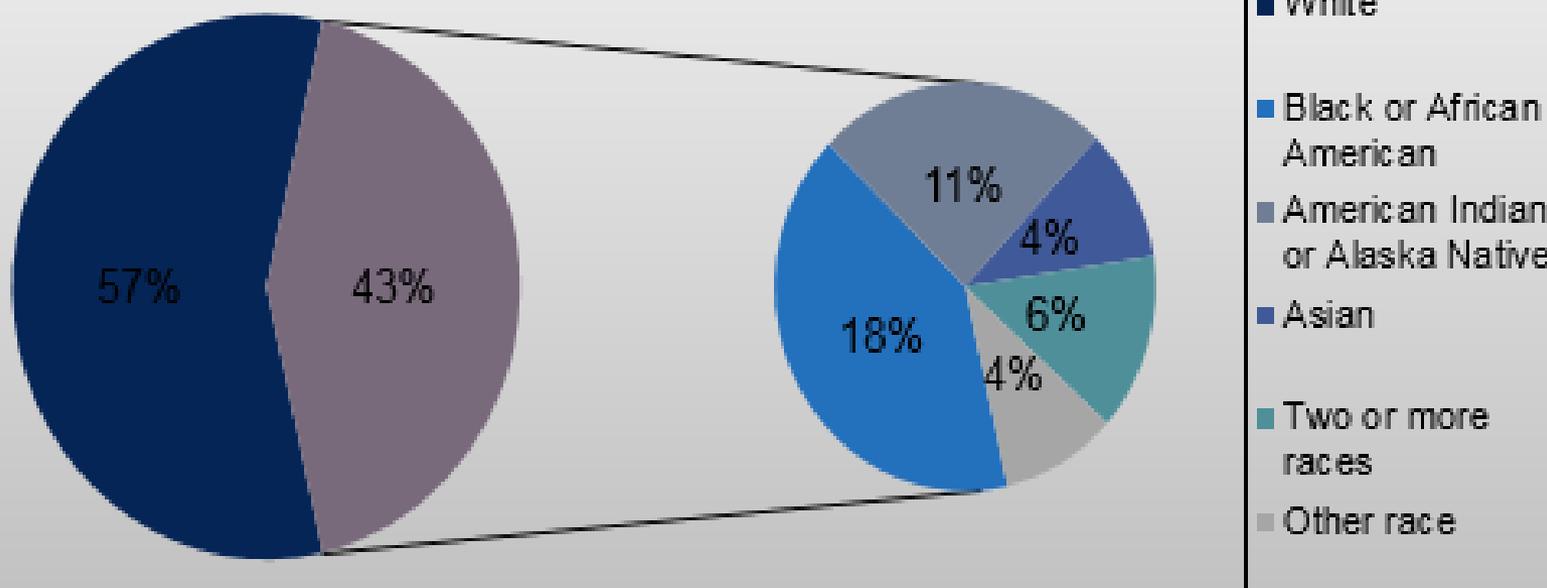
# Participant Age at First Pregnancy

Half of MSPSI Student Parents had their first child at age 21 and younger



# MSPSI Programs Serve a Racially Diverse Population

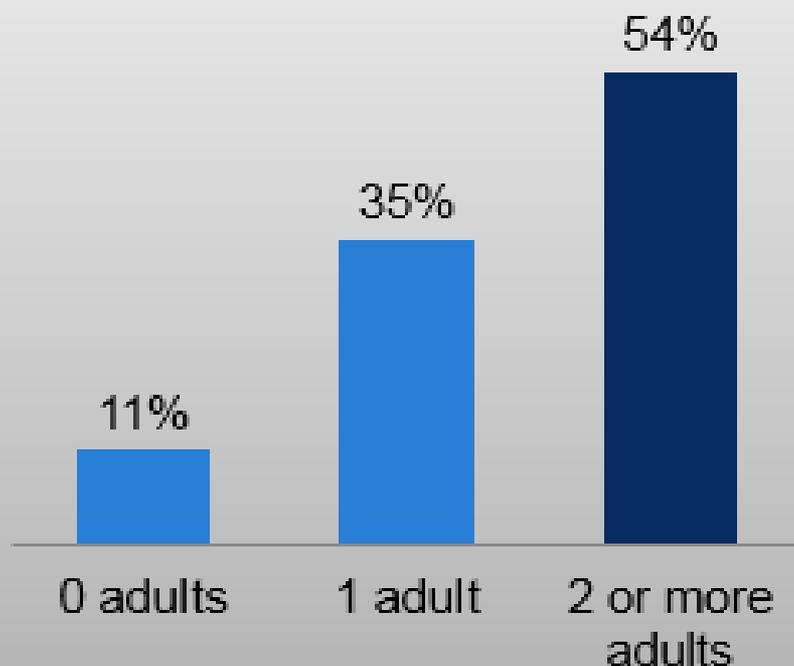
Almost half of MSPSI participants are of minority race with African Americans and American Indians representing the two largest minority groups.



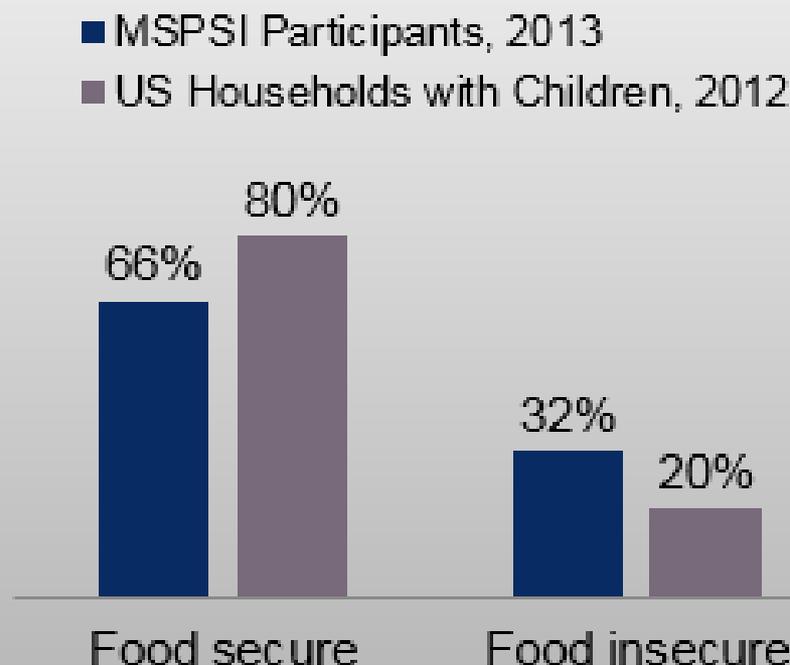
# MSPSI Participants Are Struggling Financially

- Almost one-third of MSPSI Student Parents are either the only employed adult in their household or do not have any employed adults in their household.
- One-third of MSPSI Student Parents are food insecure, higher than the national rate.

## Number of Employed Adults in Household



## Food Security



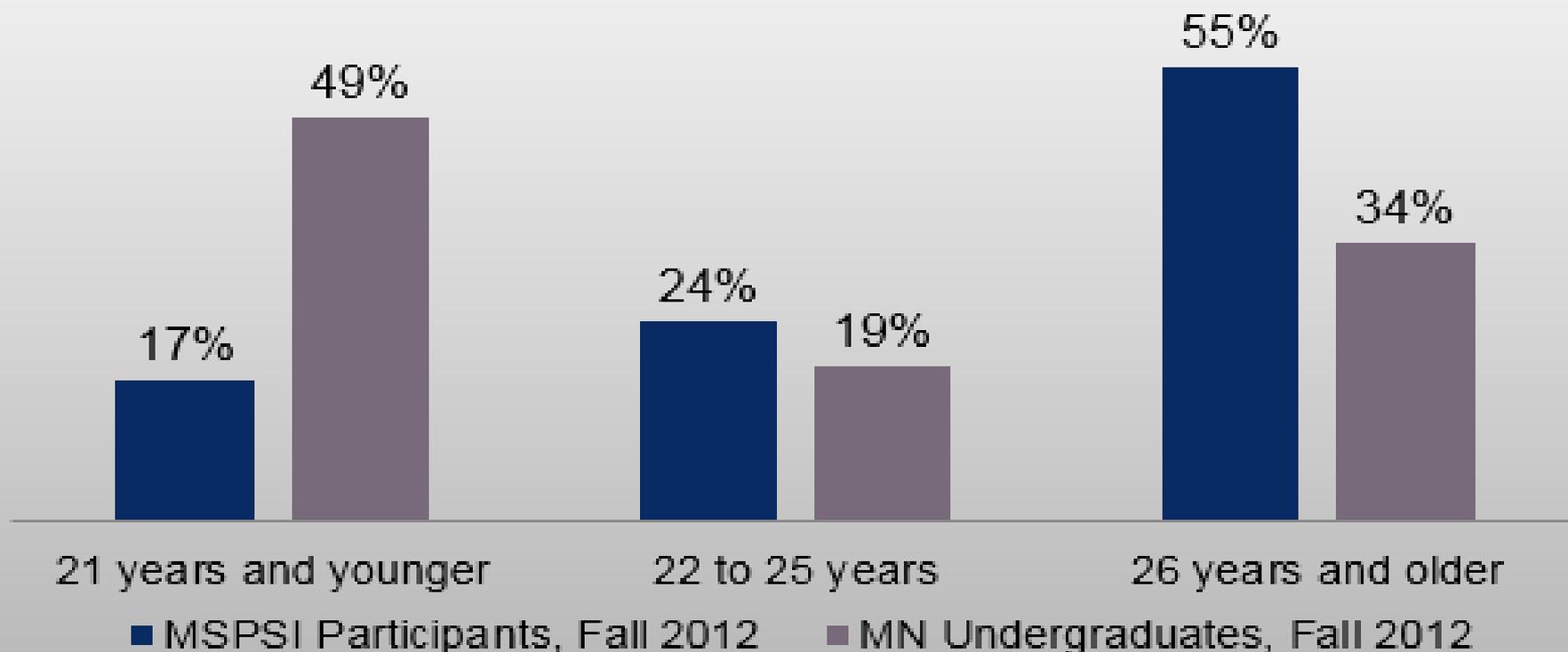
# MSPSI PARTICIPANT ACADEMIC PROFILE

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2012-2013 Academic Year

# MSPSI Participants are Older than Traditional Minnesota Students

In general, the older undergraduate student population is growing in MN. However, a larger proportion of MSPSI participants are 22 years and older (79%) compared to Minnesota's overall undergraduate population (53%).



# MSPSI Participants are Non-Traditional Students

*Nontraditional students are much more likely than traditional students to leave postsecondary education without earning a degree*

National Center of Education Statistics defines nontraditional status as a continuum based on the number of nontraditional characteristics present:

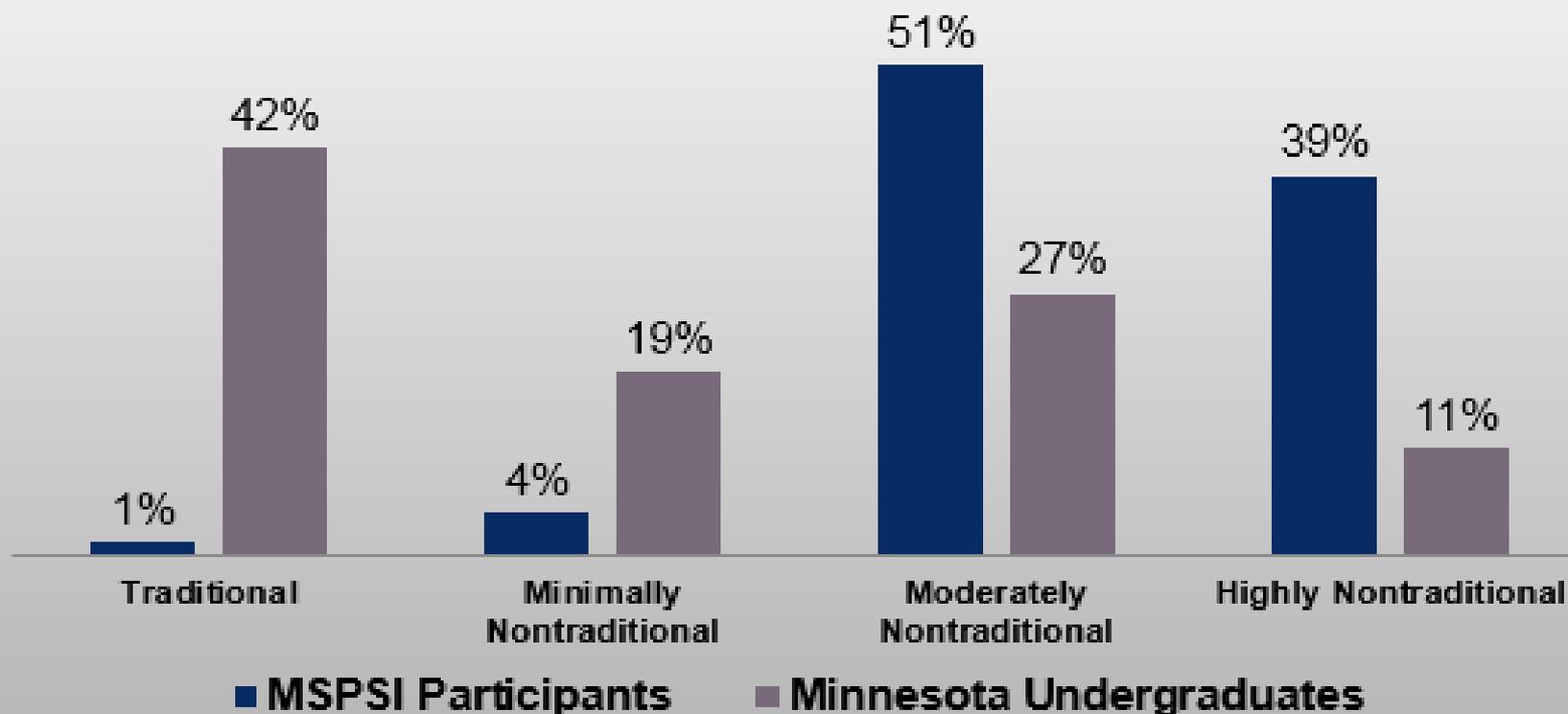
- **Minimally nontraditional** =  
1 characteristic
- **Moderately nontraditional** =  
2 – 3 characteristics
- **Highly nontraditional** =  
4 or more characteristics

## Nontraditional (NT) Characteristics:

- Part-time student
- Has a GED or other high school completion certificate
- Financially independent
- Delayed entry into postsecondary education
- Has dependents other than a spouse
- Single parent
- Employed full-time

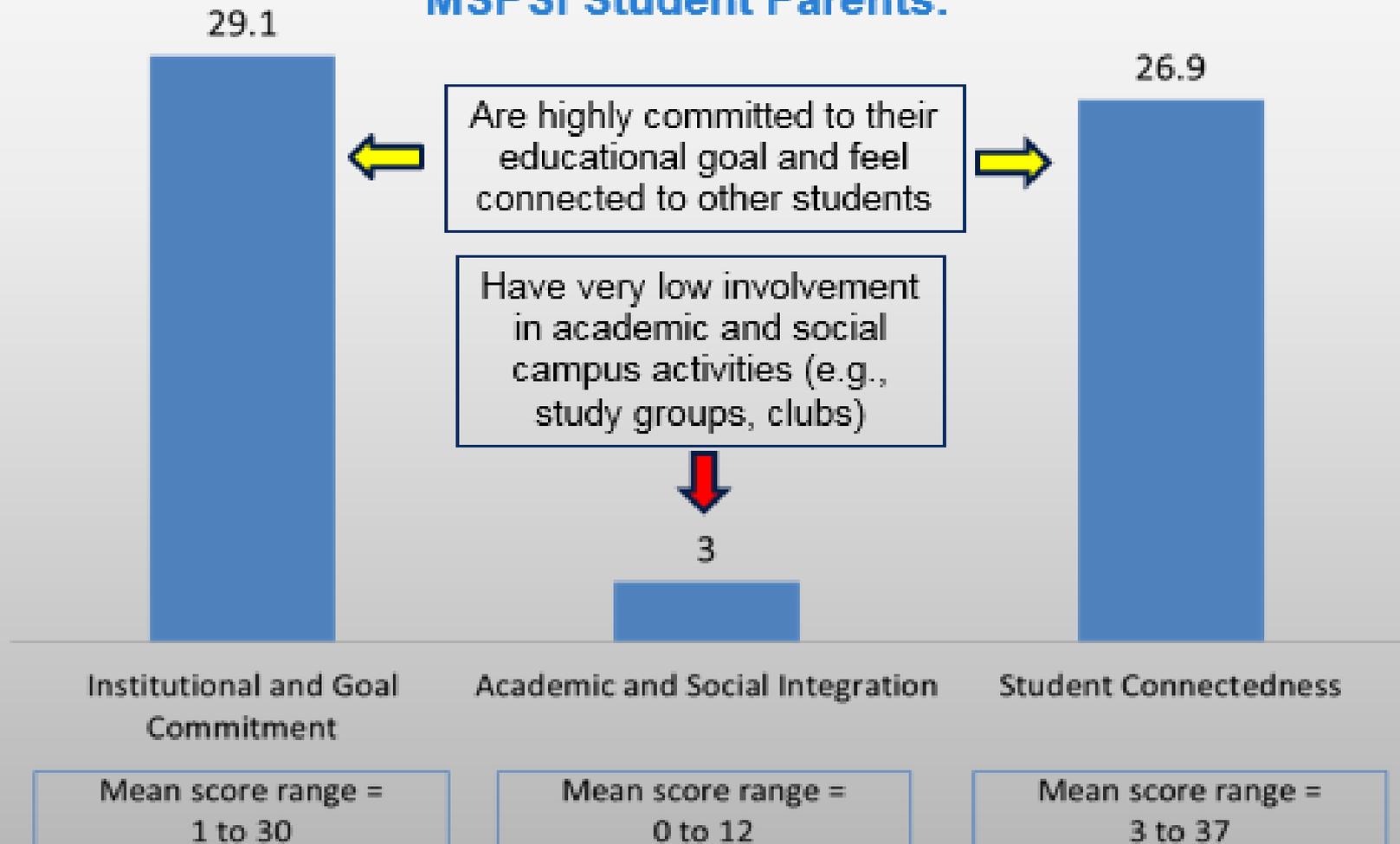
# MSPSI Participants are Moderately to Highly Non-Traditional Students

**89.8% of MSPSI Student Parents are Moderately to Highly Non-Traditional vs 38% of MN Undergraduates**



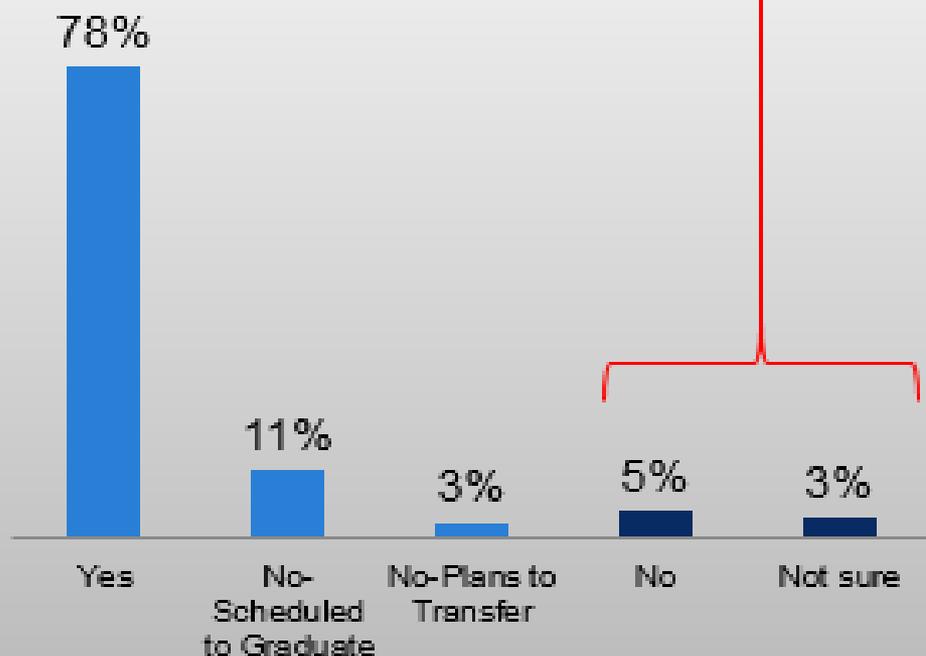
# MSPSI Participant Academic Profile

## MSPSI Student Parents:



# MSPSI Participant Intent to Persist and Reason for Attrition

Q: Do you plan on registering to be a student at this institution in the next semester?



If "NO" or "Not Sure" → Reason For Not Registering the Following Semester	%
1. Financial stress	11.6
2. Pregnancy or partner's pregnancy	9.3
3. Conflicts with demands at home or personal problems	7.0
4. Done taking desired classes	7.0

# MSPSI PROGRAM SERVICES AND PARTICIPANT SATISFACTION WITH SERVICES

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2012-2013 Academic Year

# Top Three Barriers and Challenges Experienced by MSPSI Participants as Pregnant and Parenting Students

1. **Balancing time between coursework, family, work and self**
  - “Finding time to study”
  - “Not having enough time for my kids”
2. **Finances/Lack of time to work**
  - “Tight financial situation”
  - “No time for job”
3. **Finding and paying for child care**
  - “Finding child care when child is sick”
  - “Paying for child care”
  - “Daycare hours”

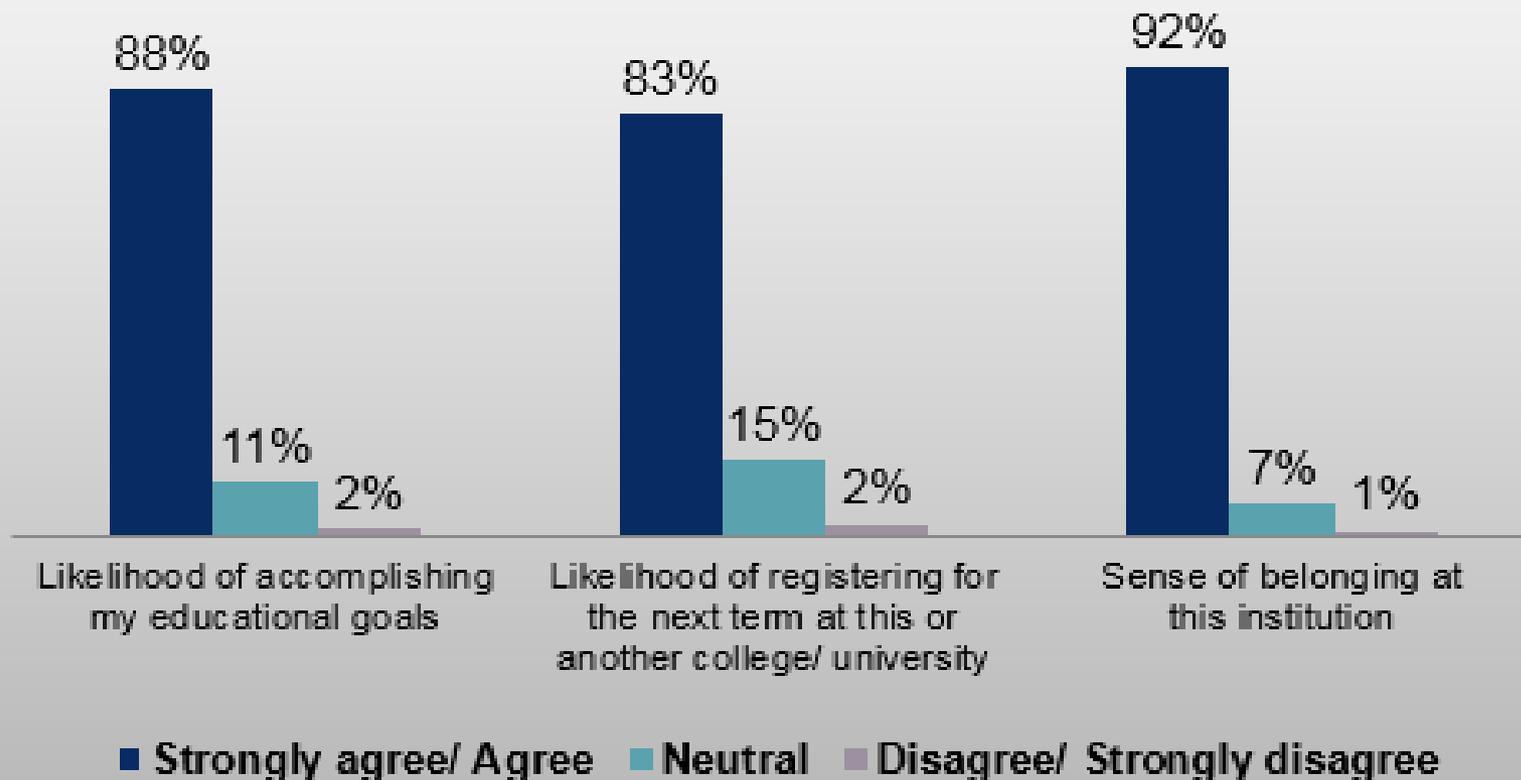
# MSPSI Program Spring 2013

What do participants need from the MSPSI program?	% Who Reported their Need was Met	How did the MSPSI program met those needs during the <u>Spring 2013</u> term?
1. Emotional support from MSPSI staff member	95.3	66% of MSPSI student parents received one-on-one support from a MSPSI staff member.
2. A way to connect with other pregnant and parenting students	98.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 40% of MSPSI student parents participated in a student-parent support group.</li> <li>➤ Out of those who participated in a student-parent support group, <u>85%</u> reported they were “very” or “extremely” useful.</li> </ul>

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3. Information on parenting	93.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Almost half of MSPSI student parents:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• were provided with information on parenting</li> <li>• participated in workshops related to parenting</li> <li>• were provided a referral to parenting education courses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4. A referral for financial assistance	94.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ More than <u>250</u> MSPSI student parents were provided with financial assistance in one or more of the following categories: child care, housing, transportation, health care services, concrete materials and cash assistance (i.e., MFIP)</li> </ul>

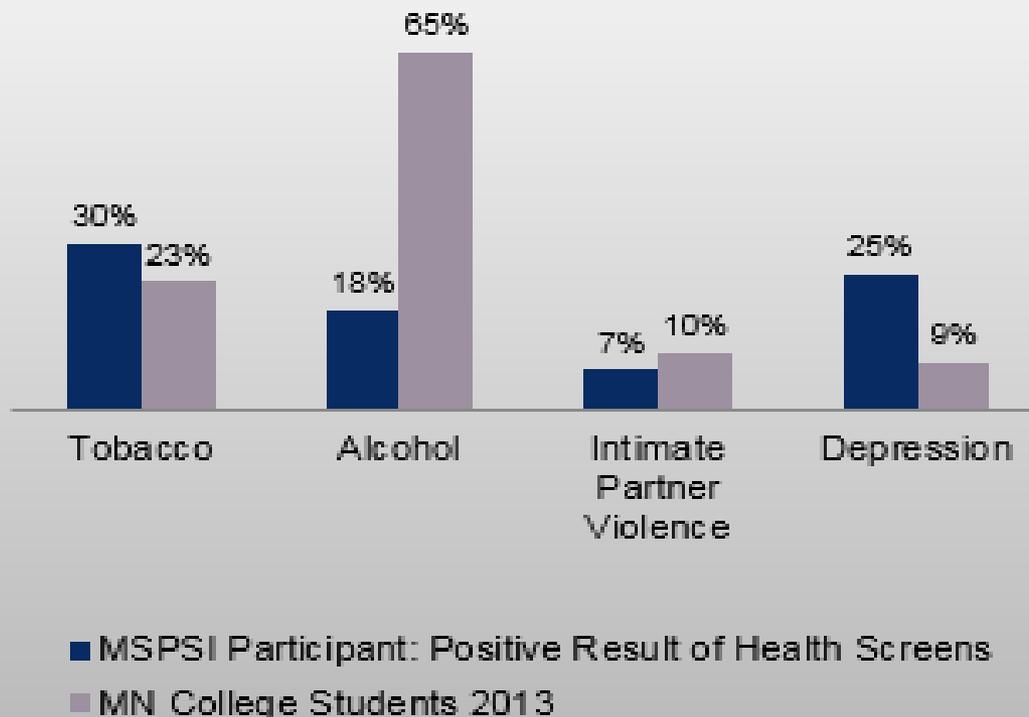
# Does the MSPSI Program Help Student Parents Achieve their Educational Goals?

Participating in the MSPSI program has increased my:

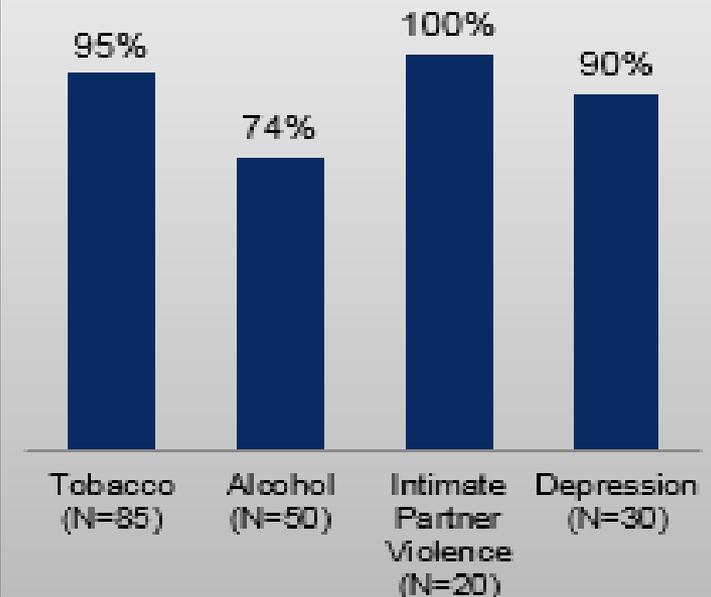


# MSPSI Participant Positive Health Screens and Referrals

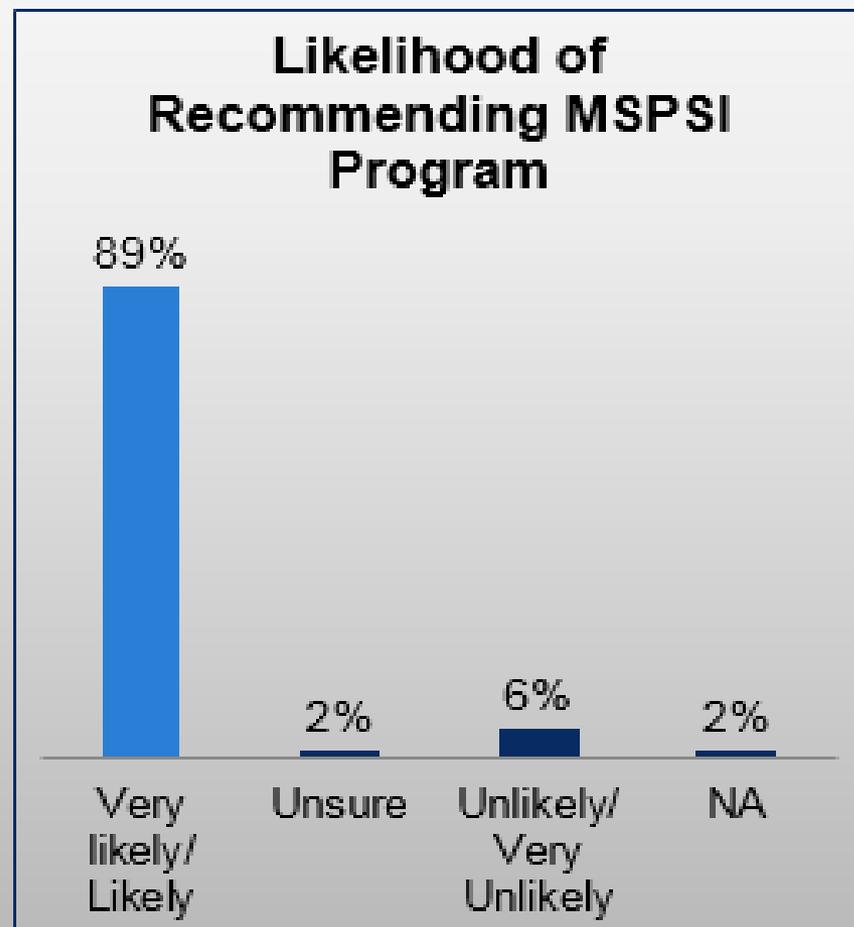
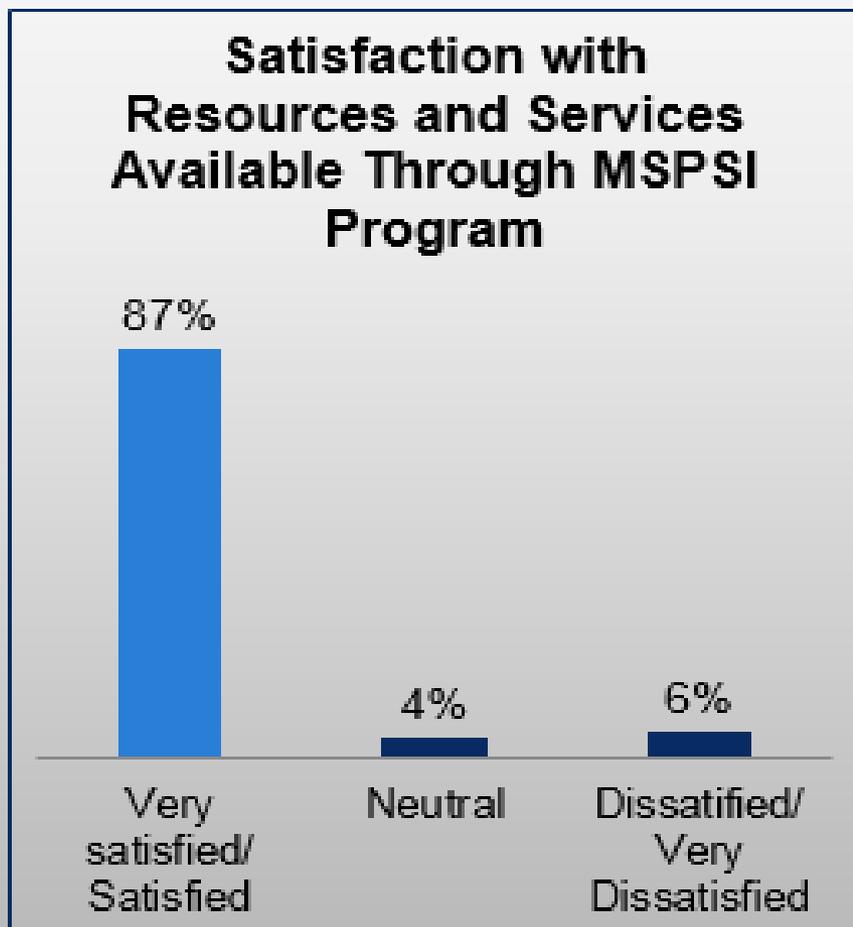
**MSPSI Participant Positive Health Screen Results and MN College Student Health Status**



**Participants Identified with Need and Referred to Further Resources**  
 (N = Participants with Positive Screen in Each Health Screen)

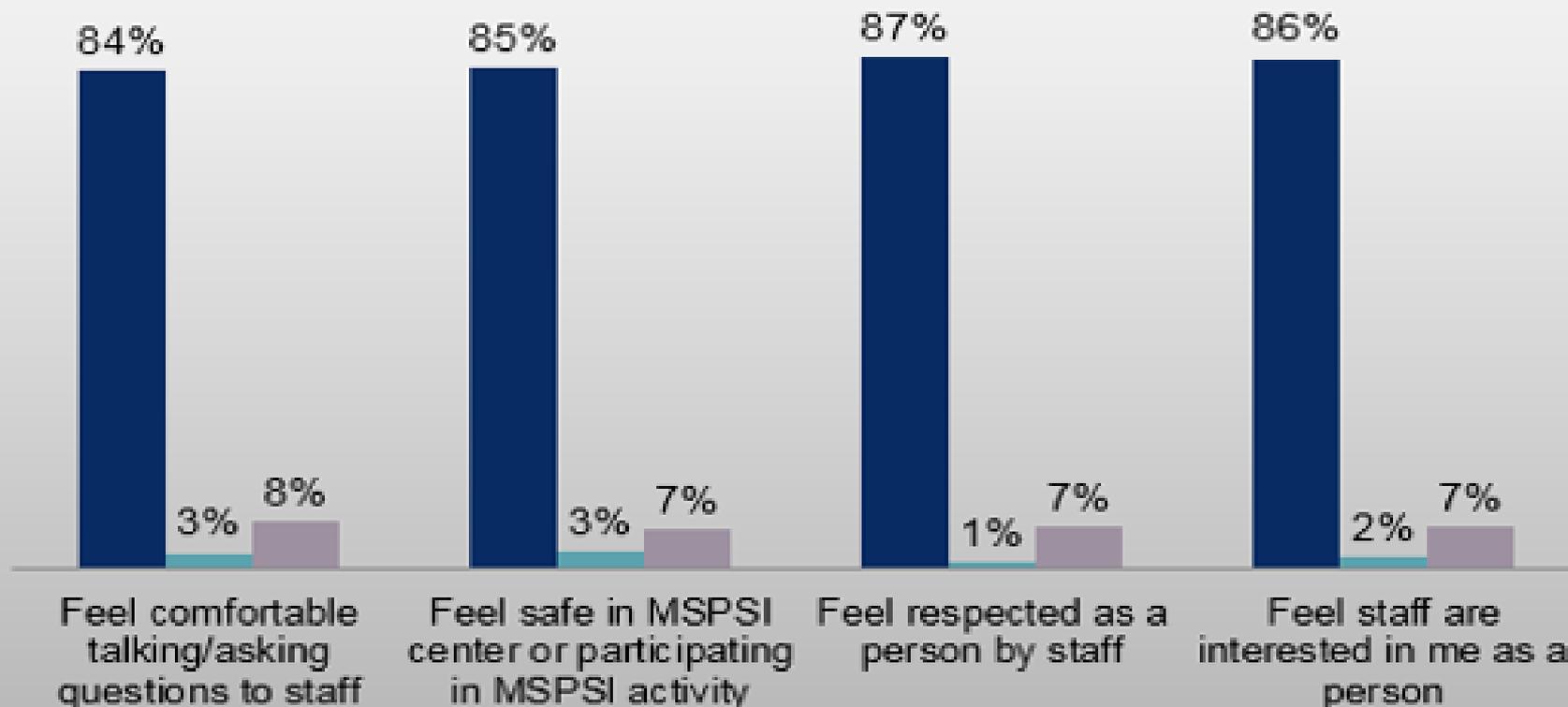


# Participant Satisfaction with MSPSI Program Services and Resources



# Participant Satisfaction with MSPSI Program Staff and Facility

■ Strongly Agree/ Agree   ■ Neutral   ■ Disagree/ Strongly Disagree



# Thank you!

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