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# General Household Survey 2020

*Measuring the progress of development in the country*  
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# COVID-19 Impact on Data Collection



- ❖ Stats SA **suspended face-to-face data collection** for all its surveys on 19 March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and restricted movement.
- ❖ Mode of data collection **changed from face-to-face CAPI** (Computer Assister Personal Interviews) **to CATI** (Computer Assisted Telephonic Interviews) to facilitate data collection during successive phases of COVID.
- ❖ Households that provided **usable telephone numbers** in 2019 were called. The sample, therefore, **excluded** households that were **out-of-scope**, or who could not participate in 2019, as well as those where telephone numbers were incorrect or have changed, or where households have moved.
- ❖ Only realised **8 896 households and 34 370** Individuals
- ❖ Conducted **Bias-Adjustment to adjust for possible differences** in the characteristics of households that provided contact details, and those that did not.
- ❖ GHS 2020 calibrated to the **2017 series Mid-Year Population Estimates** for 2020.





# Household Characteristics

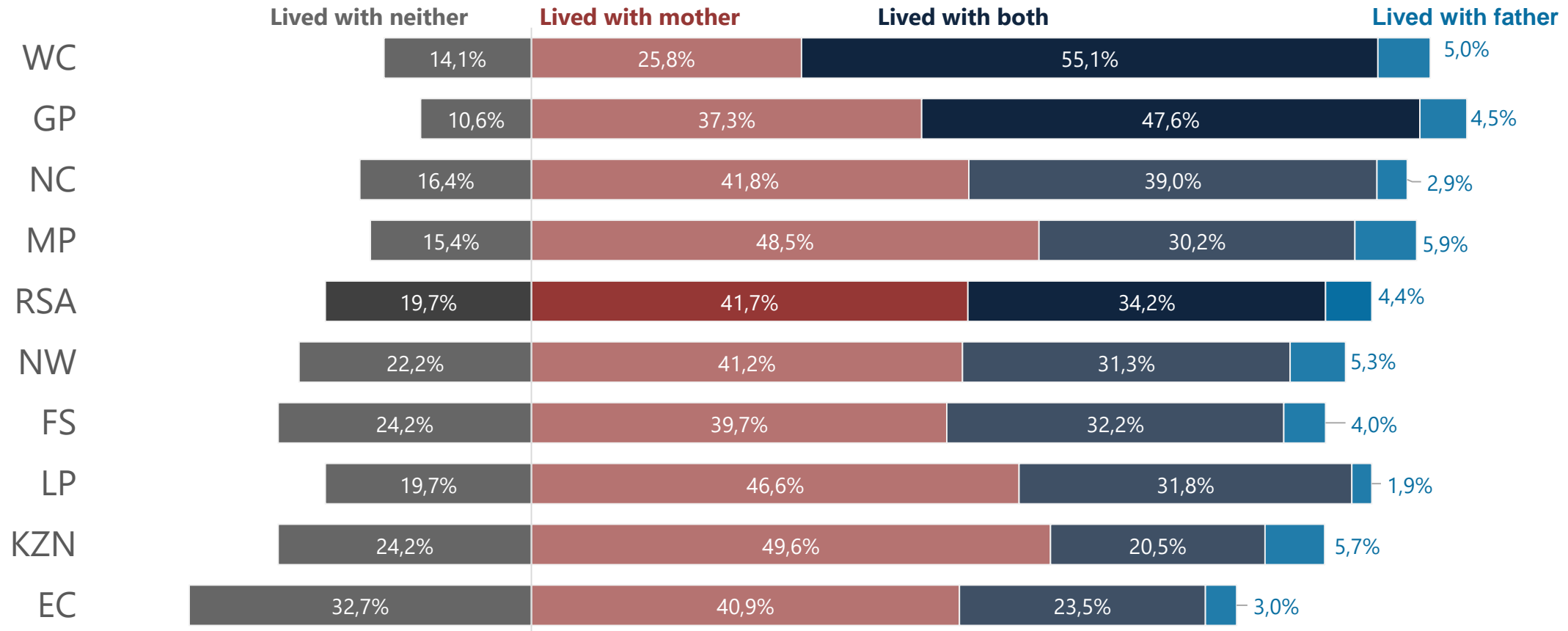
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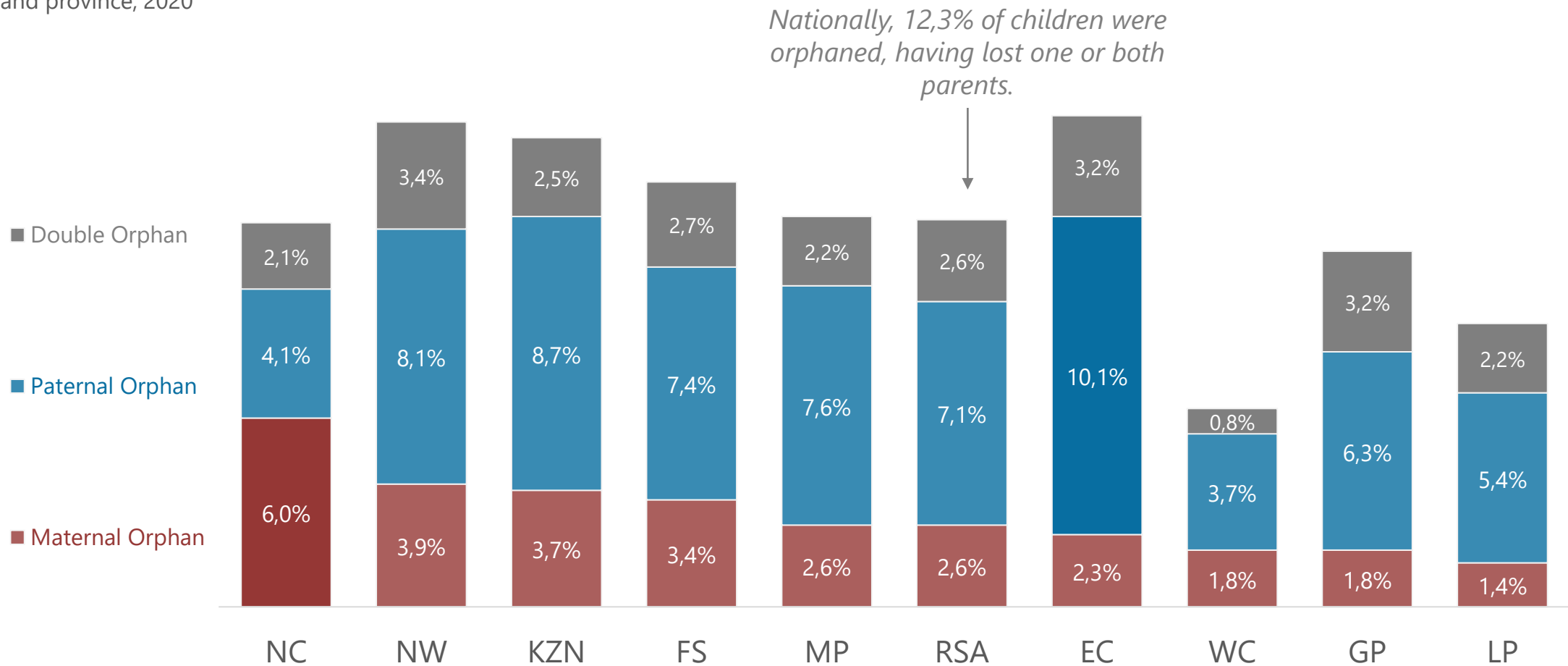
Nationally, one-third of children lived with both parents whilst **42% lived with mothers only**. Children in affluent provinces (WC and GP) were most likely to live with both parents.

Percentage of children living arrangements by province, 2020



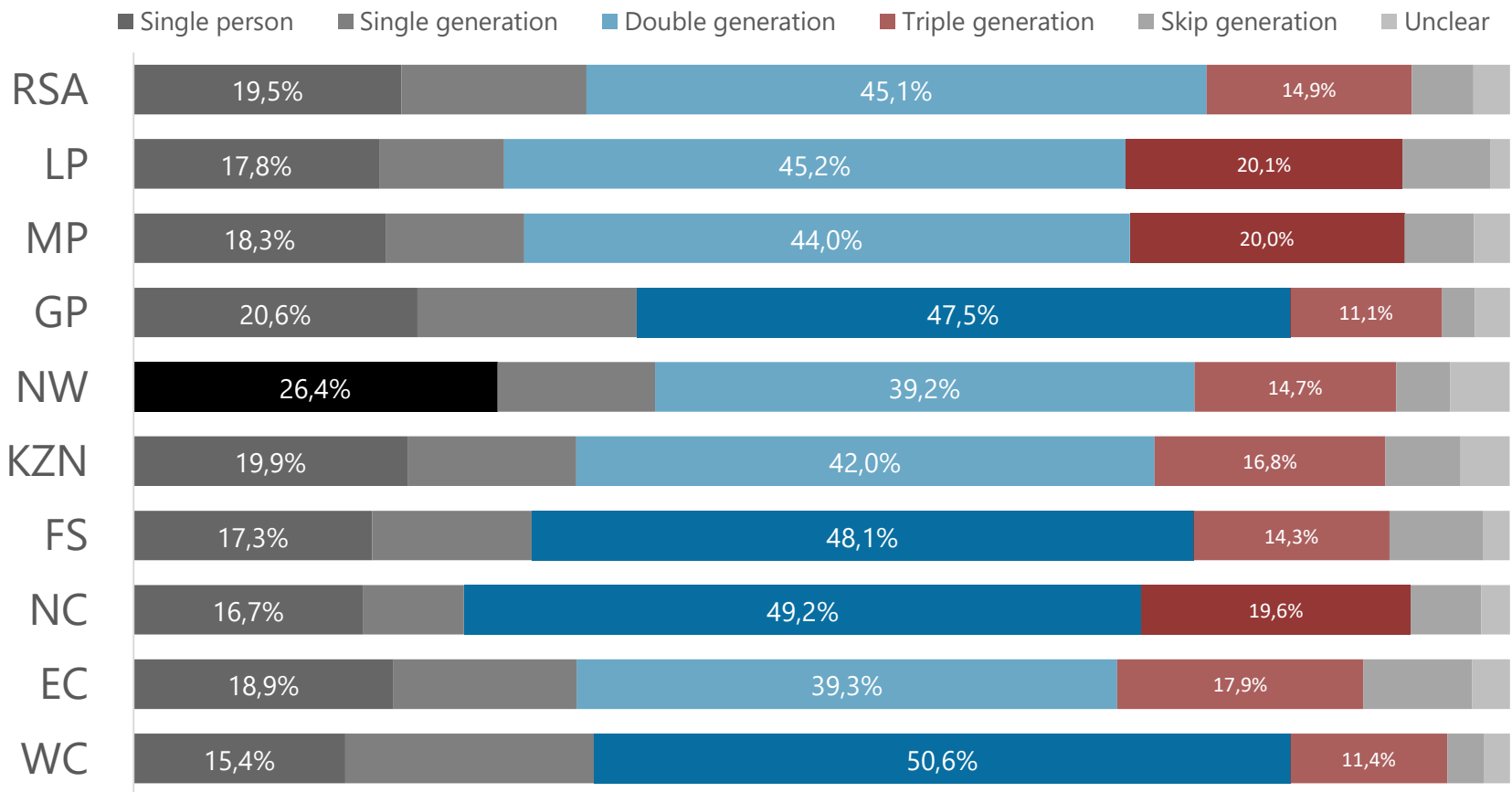
In 2020, **NC** had the highest percentage of **maternal orphans (6%)** while **EC** had the highest percentage of **paternal orphans (10,1%)**.

Percentage of children by orphan-hood status and province, 2020



Nationally, 45,1% of households were classified as double generation households (comprising parents and children). *GP, FS, NC and WC* were higher than the national average.

Percentage of households by household composition and province, 2020



Triple generation households were most common in rural areas like Limpopo (20,1%), Mpumalanga (20,0%) and Northern Cape (19,6%).

North West had the highest percentage of single person households (26,4%)

\*Single generation households (partners or siblings living together).  
\*Skip-generation households in which grandparents lived with grandchildren.



# Education

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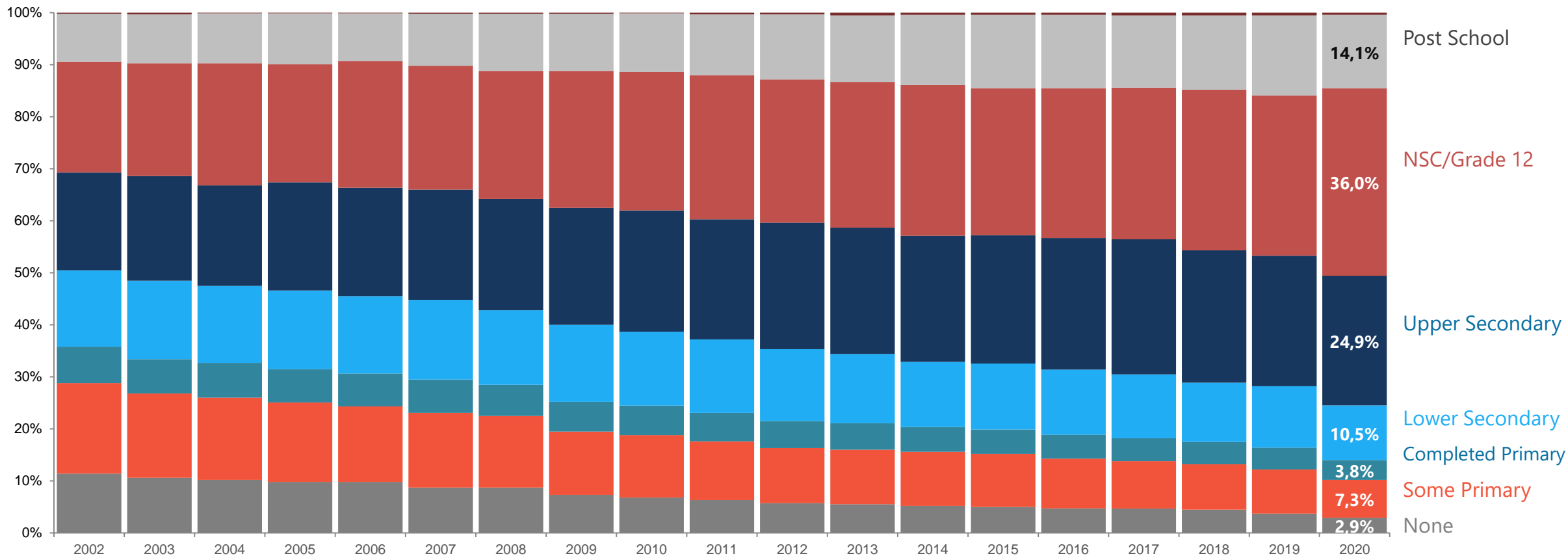


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The percentage who attained Grade 12 as their highest level of education increased from 21,3% in 2002 to 36% in 2020.

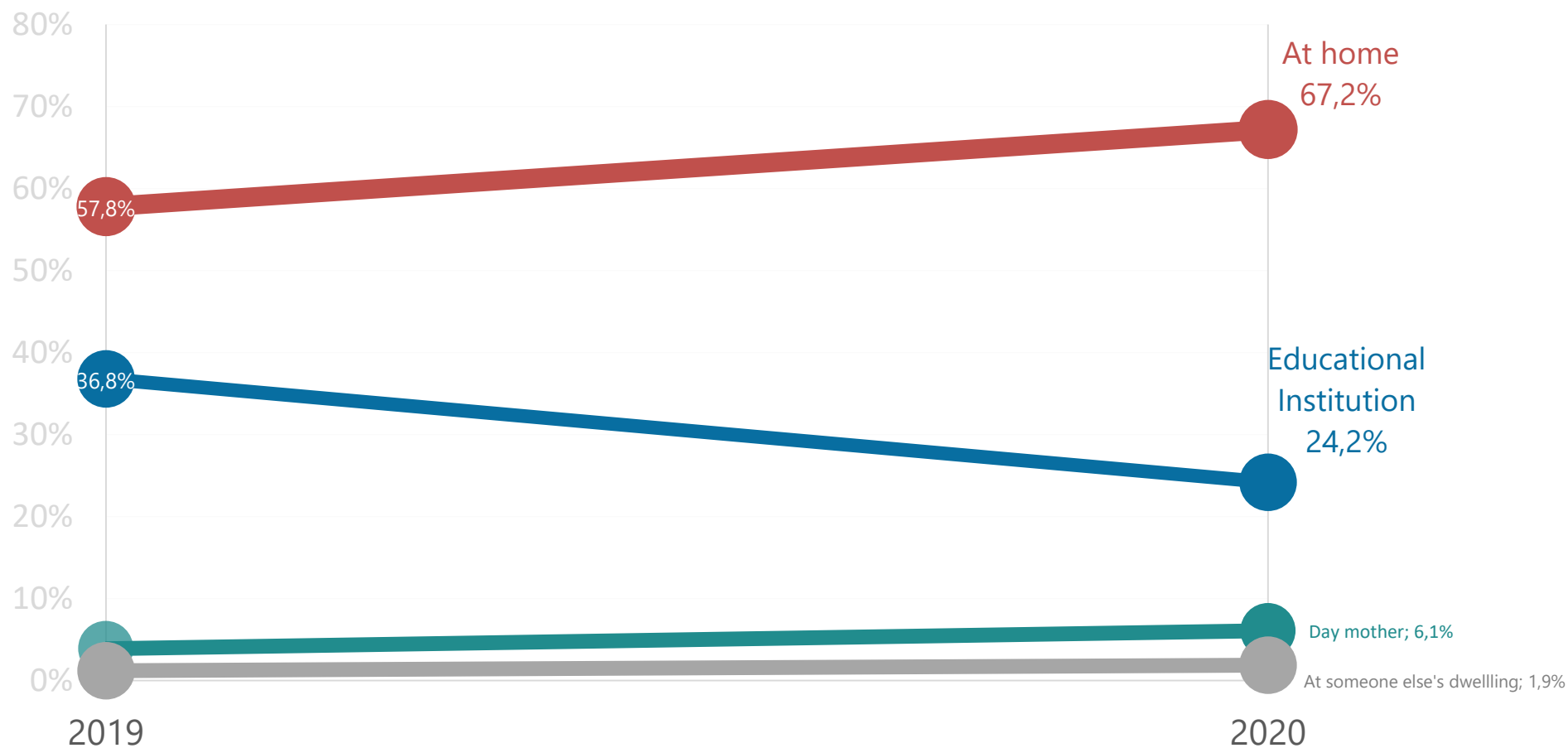
Educational attainment for persons aged 20 years and older, 2002-2020





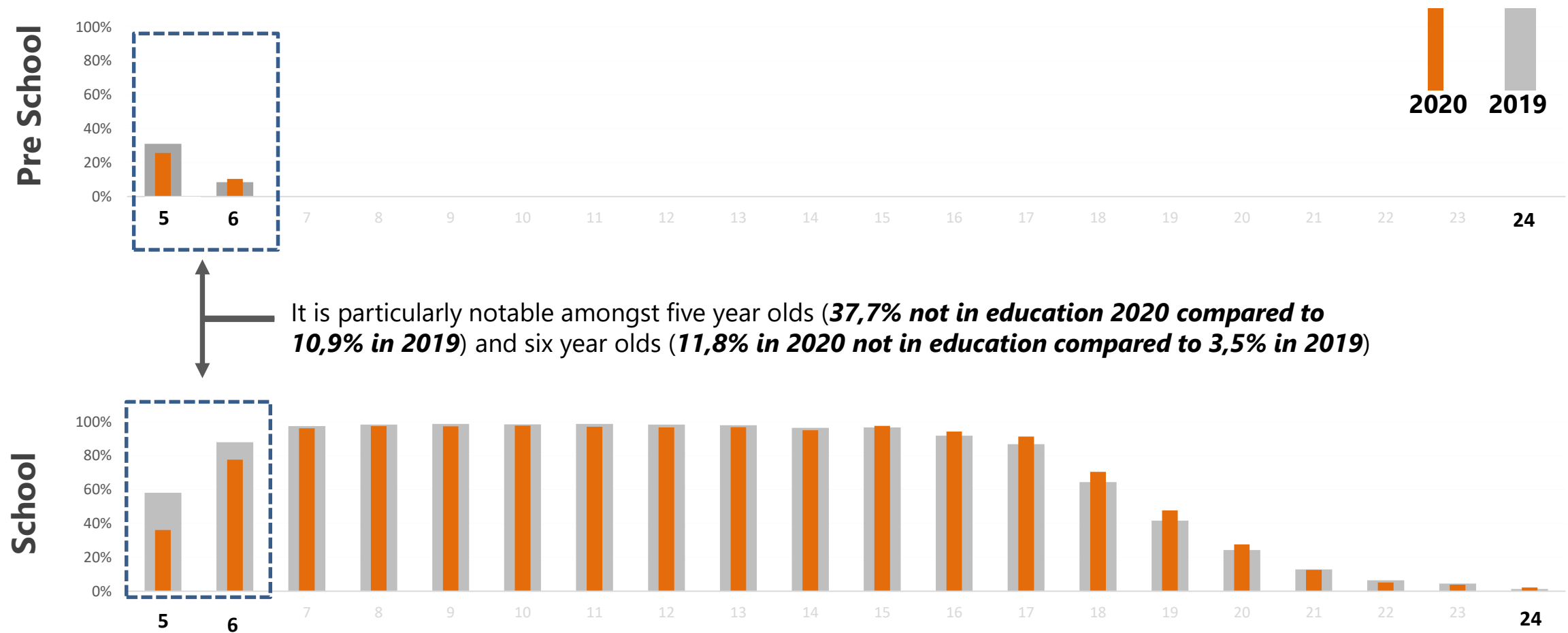
# Growing percentage of **children aged 0–4 kept at home** with parents or other guardians in 2020. *While children who attended educational institutions declined sharply.*

Children aged 0–4 years using different child care arrangements by province, 2020 (top 4)



Compared to 2019, a higher percentage of children between the ages of five and 14 was generally not attending educational institutions in 2020.

Percentage of individuals aged 5 to 18 years who did not attend educational institutions, 2002 and 2020

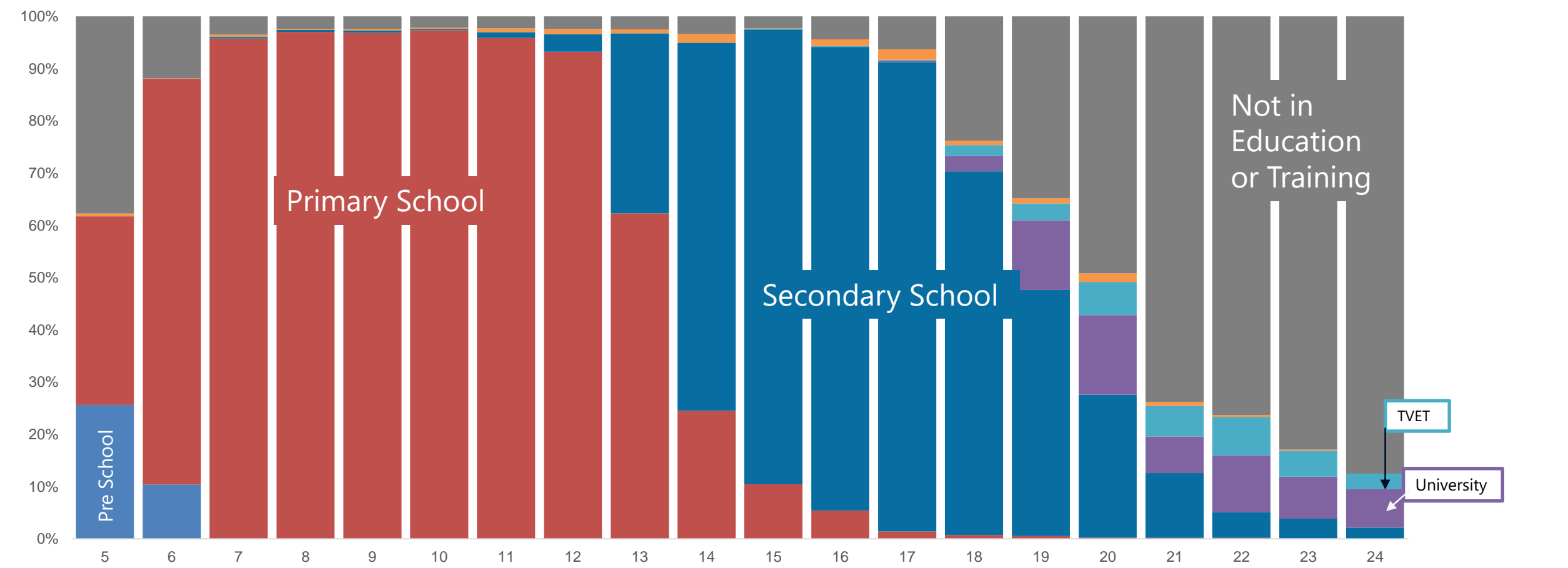


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# Continued representation of learners who are older than the ideal graduation age in primary and secondary schools. *Slight increase in individuals who are not in education*

Type of educational institution attended by individuals aged 5–24 years, 2020



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# GRANTS AND SOURCES OF INCOME

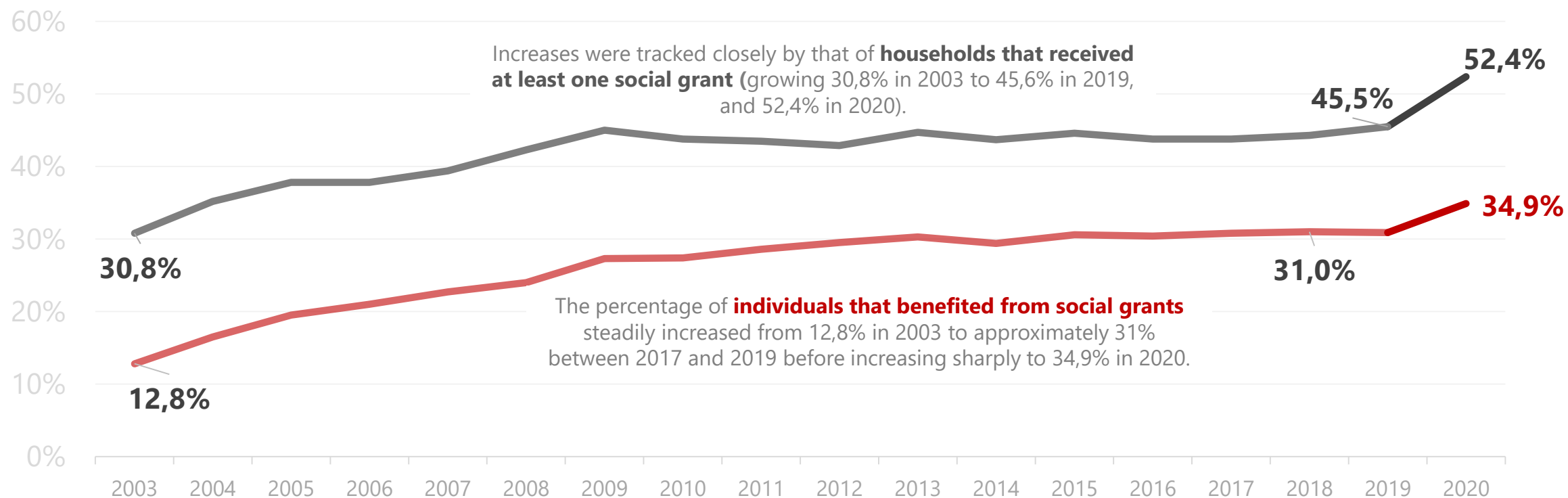
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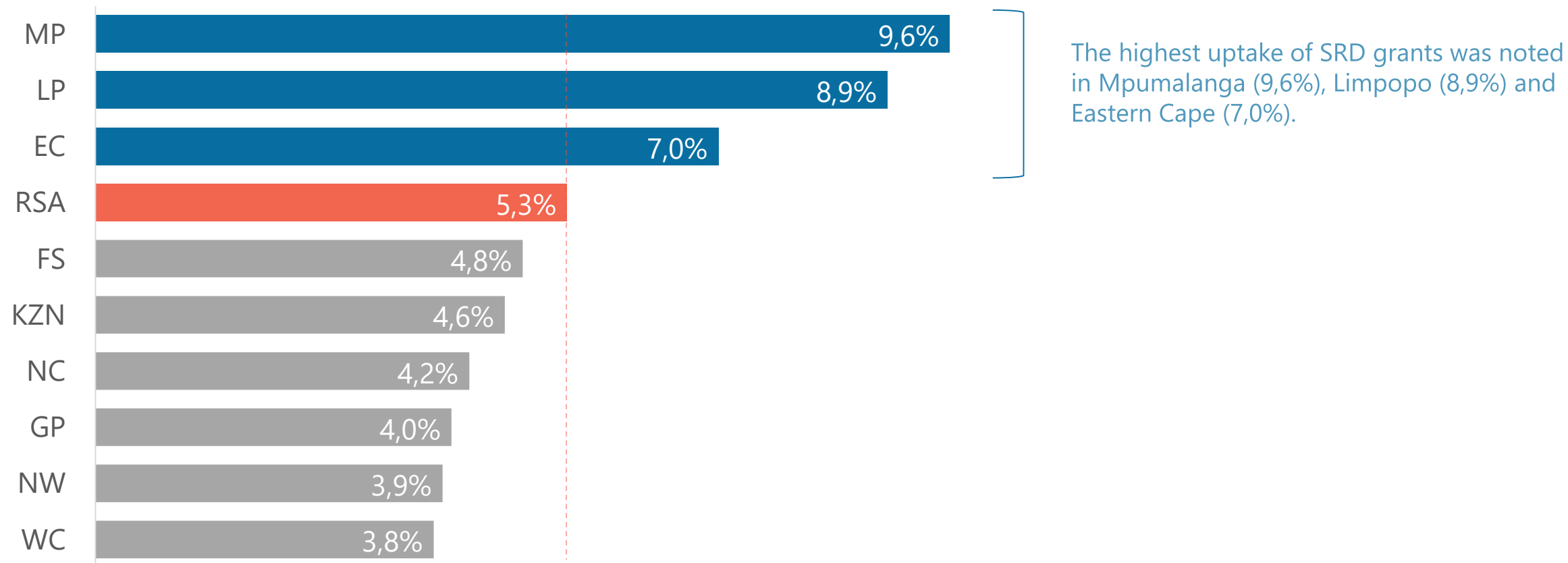
An increase in the percentage of persons and individuals who accessed social grants in 2020 was mainly due to the large uptake of COVID-19 **Social Relief of Distress grants**.

Percentage of households and individuals who have benefited from social grants, 2003–2020



## Nationally, 5,3% of respondents aged 18 years and older were beneficiaries of the special COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress grant nationally.

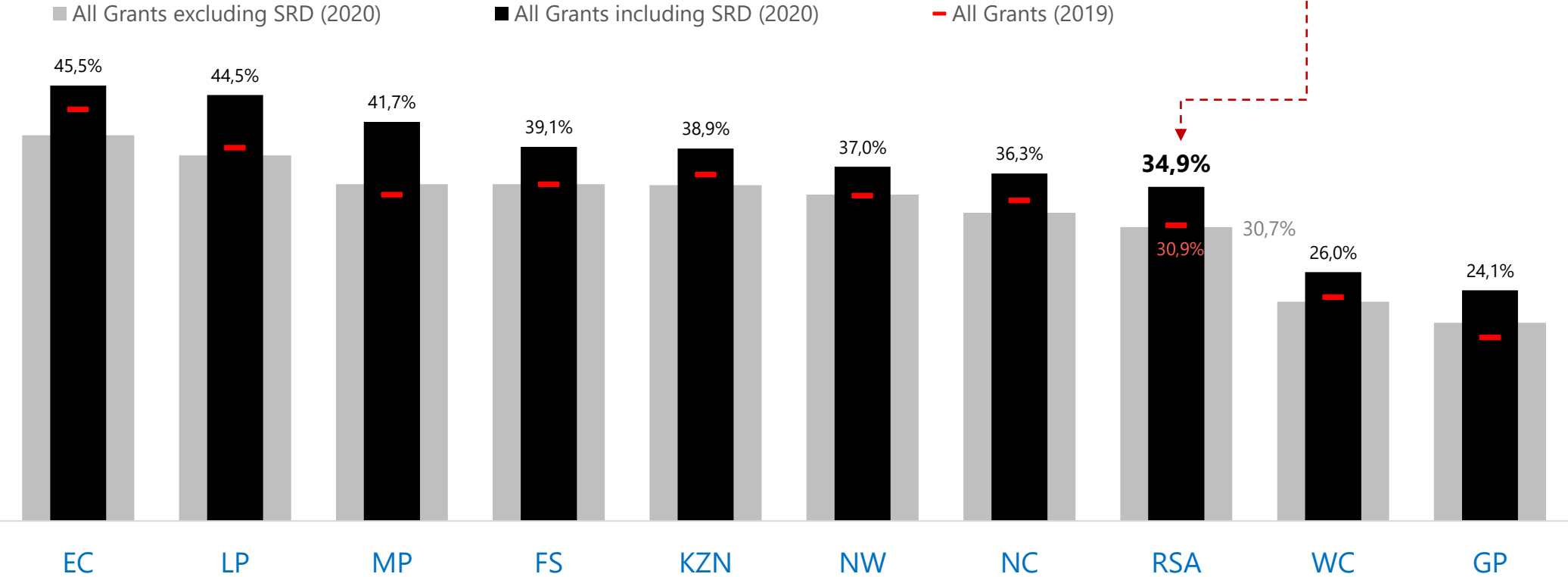
Percentage of individuals aged 18 years and older that benefitted from the special COVID-19 social relief of distress grant by province, 2020





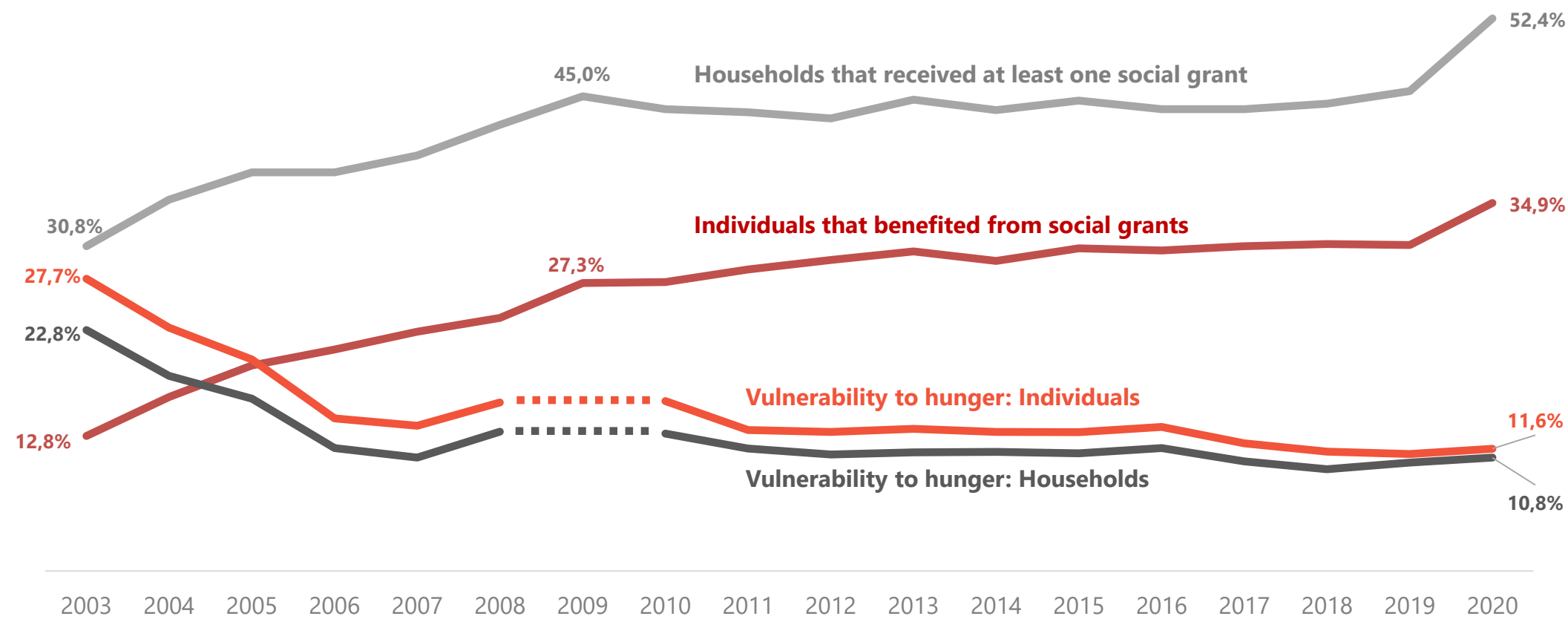
Nationally, although **34,9%** of beneficiaries accessed grants if SRDs are included, the figures falls to 30,7% if SRDs are excluded, very similar to the estimate reported in 2019 (30,9%). *Similar observations can be made across all provinces.*

Percentage of individuals that benefitted from social grants per province in 2020 by access to Social Relief Grant, compared to individual beneficiaries in 2019.



Vulnerability to hunger at an **individual** and **household** level has been declining until 2019 whilst access to grants has been increasing. However, slight increases were observed in 2020.

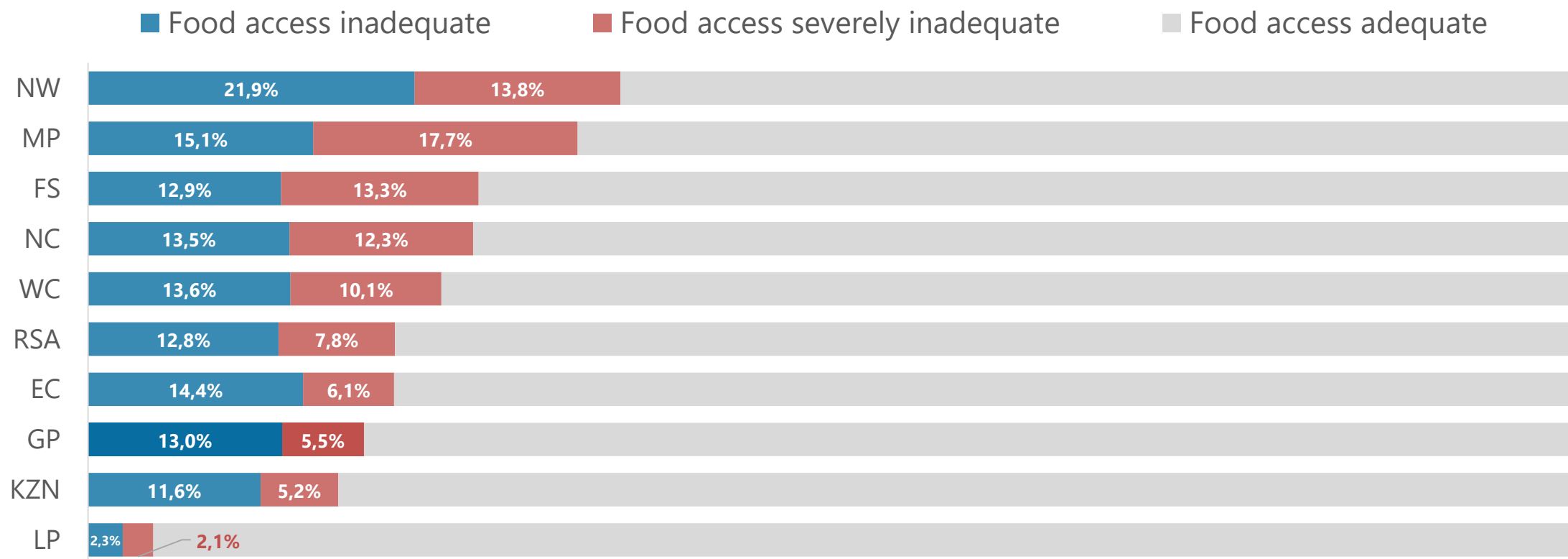
Access to grants vs estimated percentage of households and persons vulnerable to hunger in South Africa, 2002-2020



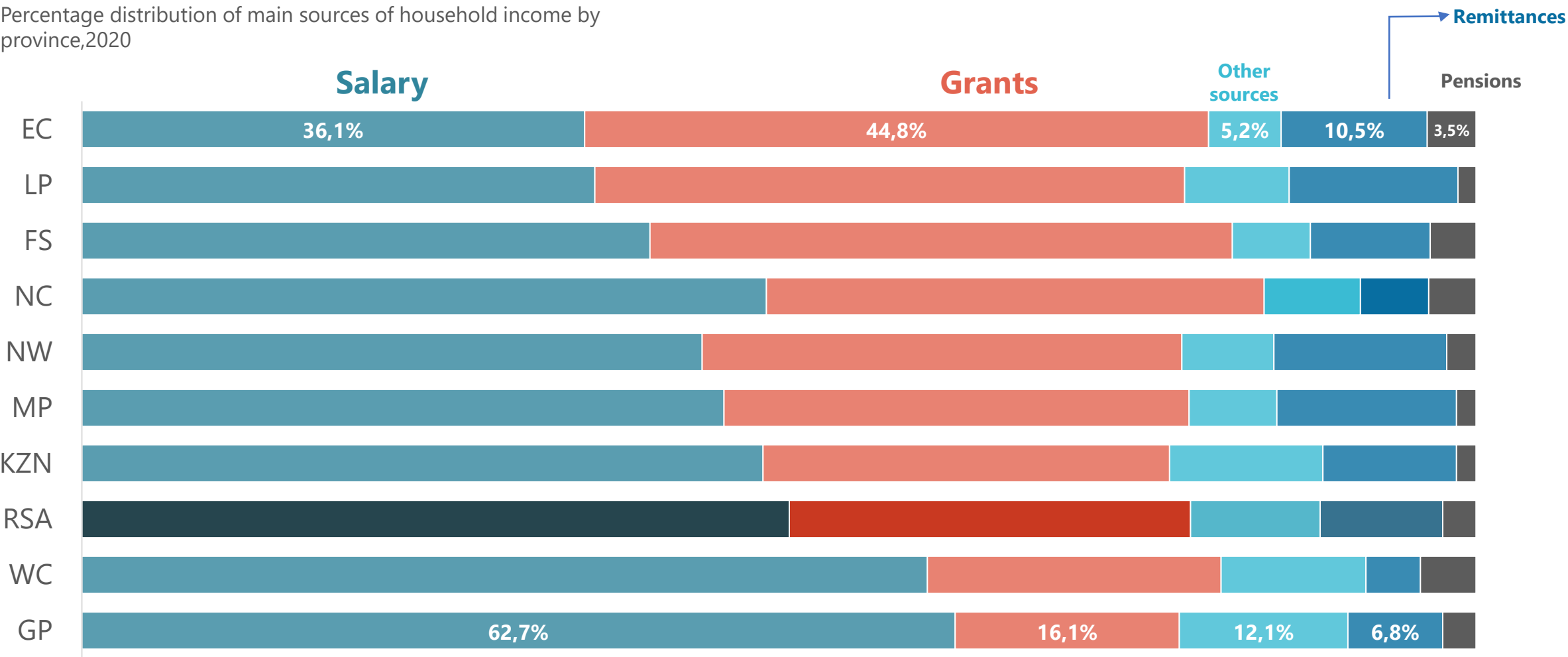


**20,6%** of households nationally, considered their access to food as **inadequate** or **severely inadequate**. Food access problems were the most common in North West (35,7%), Mpumalanga (32,8%), Free State (26,2%) and Northern Cape (25,8%).

Percentage of households experiencing food adequacy or inadequacy by province, 2020

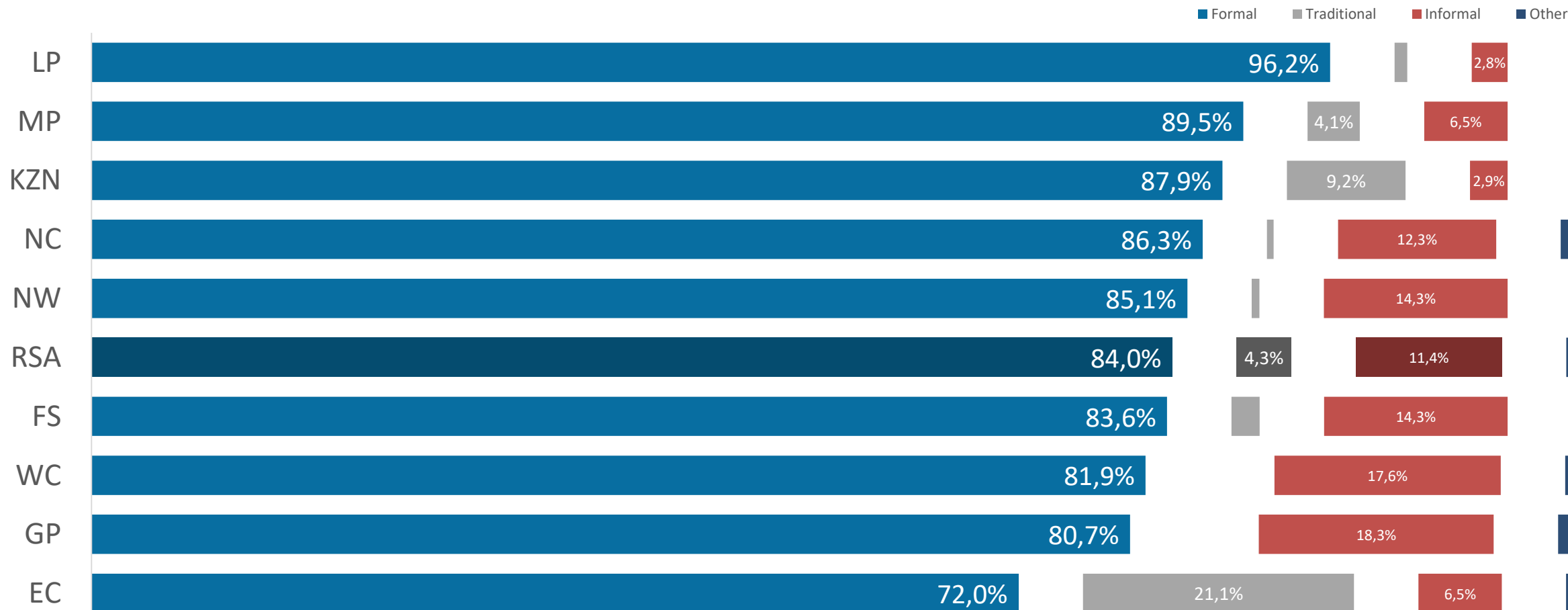


There is an increased reliance on **grants as main source of income** (20,4% in 2019 to 28,8% in 2020) and a slight decrease in salaries and wages (54,8% to 50,8%) and remittances (11,0% to 8,8%).



# Slightly more than eight-tenths (84,0%) of South African households lived **in formal dwellings in 2020**. *Approximately one-fifth of households in Gauteng (18,3%) and Western Cape (17,8%) lived in informal dwellings*

Percentage of households that lived in formal, informal and traditional dwellings by province, 2020



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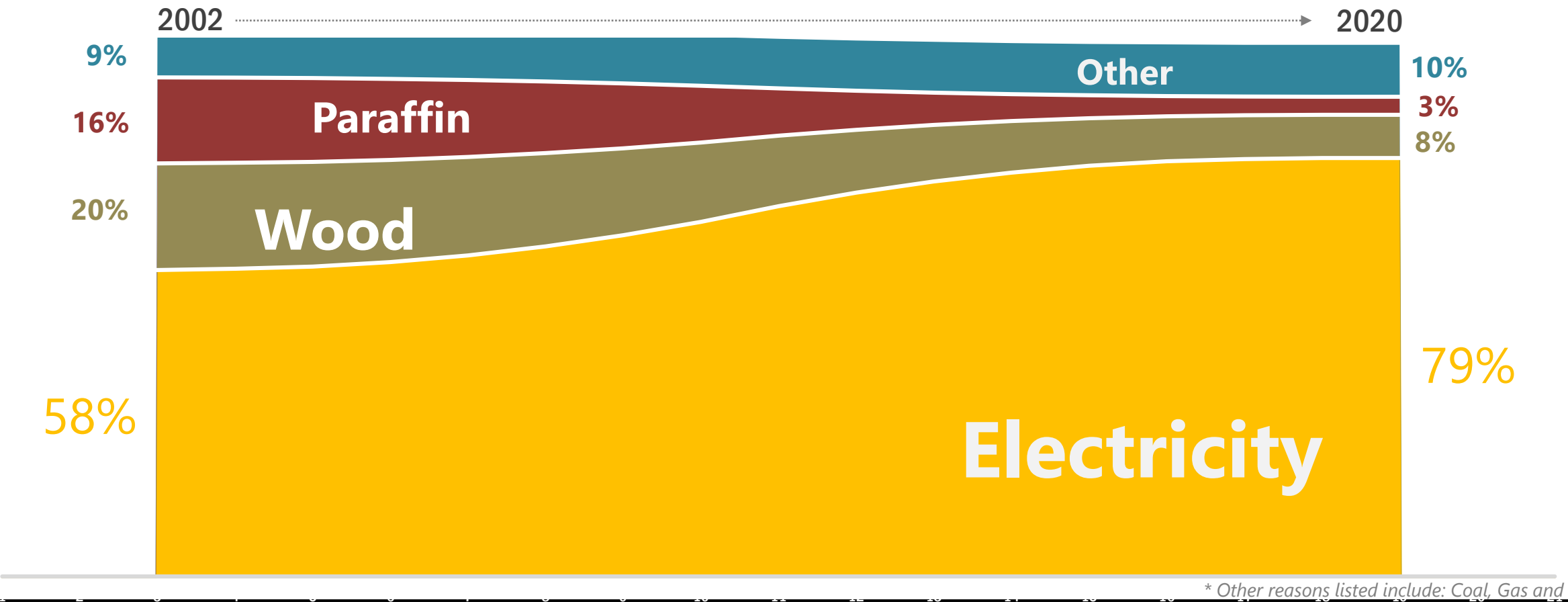


# Energy Sources

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Paraffin and wood as a source of **energy for cooking** continues to decline as electricity becomes more accessible.

Energy used for cooking, 2002-2020

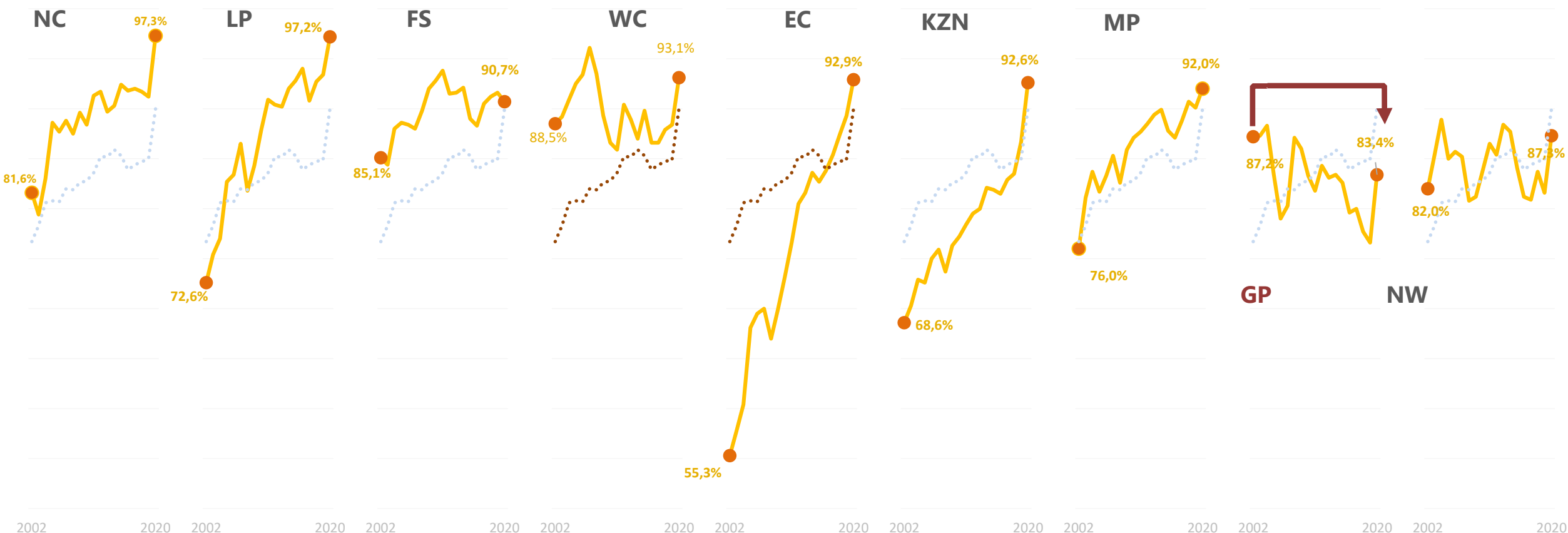


\* Other reasons listed include: Coal, Gas and Other



# Declines in **connection to electricity** in **Gauteng** can be associated with the rapid in-migration experienced by the province.

Percentage of households connected to the mains electricity supply by province, 2002–2020



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# Water and Sanitation

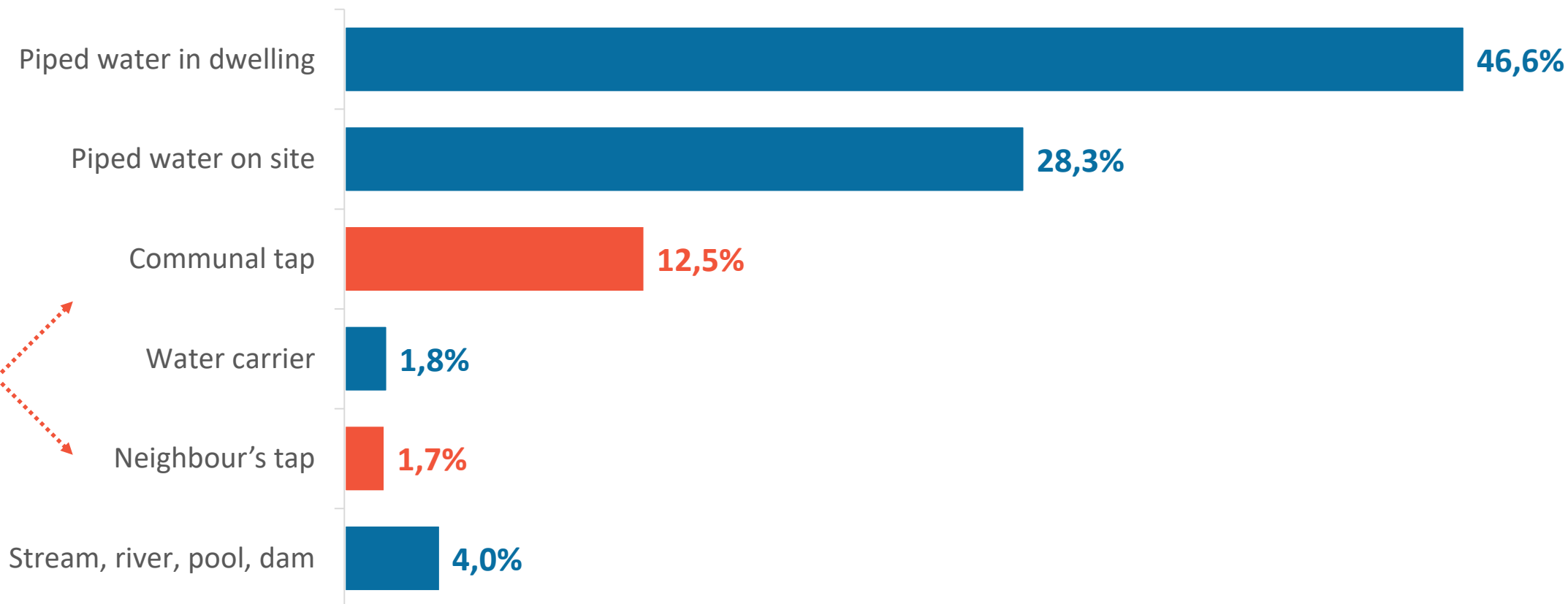
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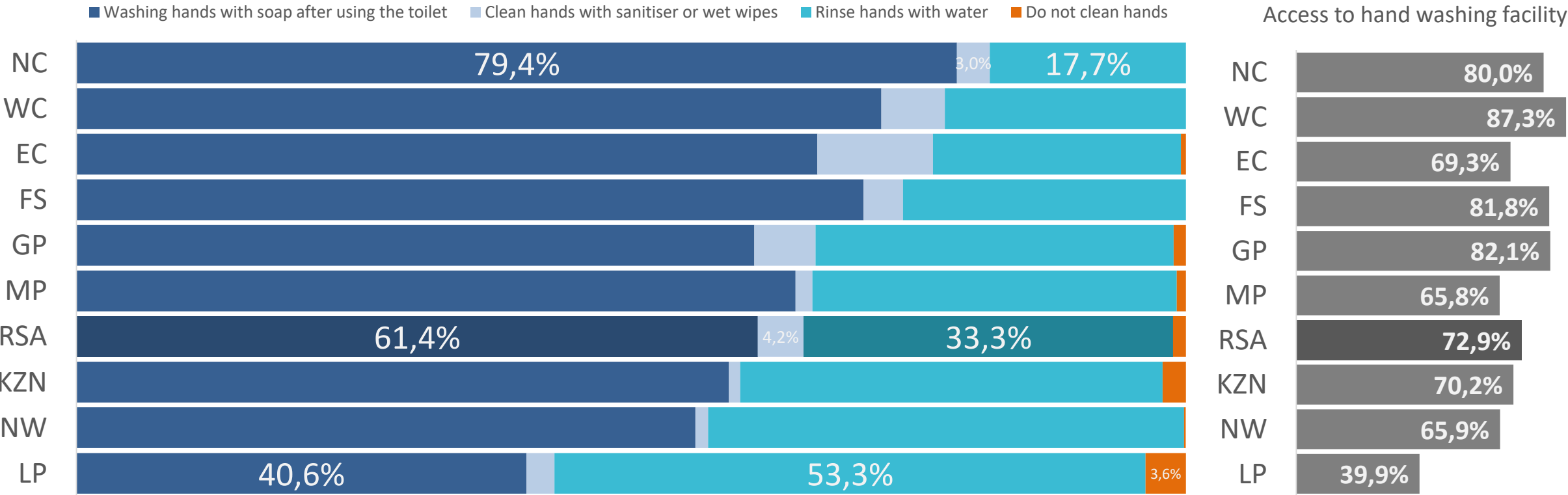
Around 14% of Households relied on a communal or neighbours tap, for main sources of drinking water. 89,1% of SA households have access to improved water sources

Percentage of households by selected main water source, 2020



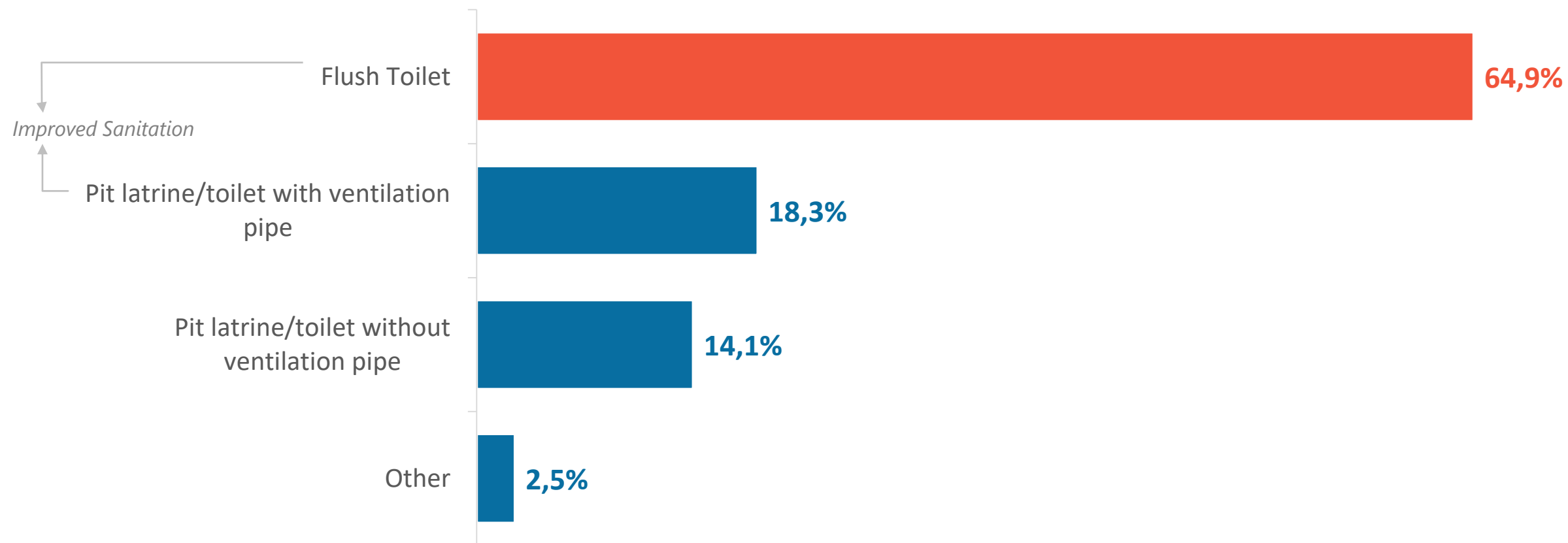
# Six-tenths (61,4%) of households indicated that their members washed hands with soap after using the toilet, while one-third (33,3%) only rinsed their hands with water.

Percentage of households by access to hand washing facility, 2020



Almost two-thirds of South African households have access to flush toilets while 83,2% had access to improved sanitation. *Less than 1% no access to sanitation facilities.*

Percentage of households by type of toilet facility and province, 2020



Majority of households in WC (93,9%) and GP (90,5%) had access to improved sanitation, access was most limited in Limpopo and Mpumalanga, 2020 SA Averages is 83,2%

Percentage of households that have access to improved sanitation per province, 2002–2020

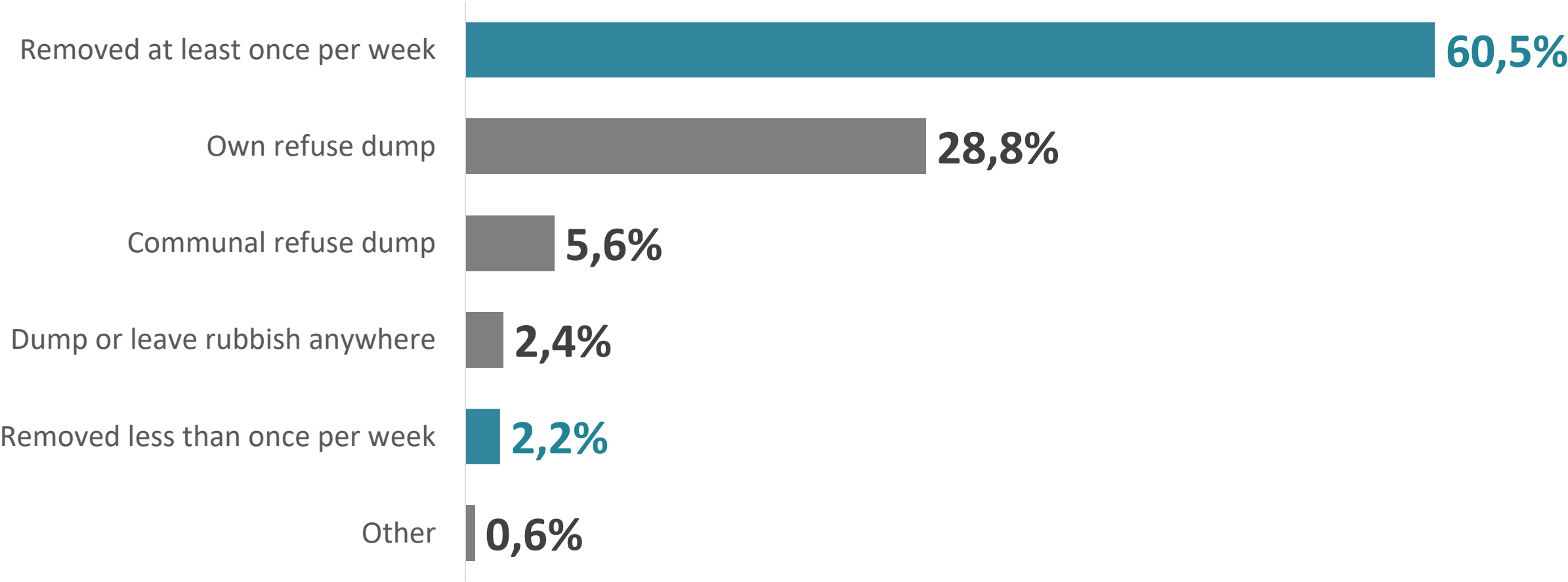


Improved sanitation is defined as flush toilets connected to a public sewerage system or a septic tank, or a pit toilet with a ventilation pipe



**Regular refuse removal for almost 62,7%** of households. Almost one-third (28,8%) however used own refuse dumps in the absence of services.

Percentage of households by type of refuse removal services, 2020





# Health

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# Public Healthcare facilities still first port of call for the vast majority of South Africa.

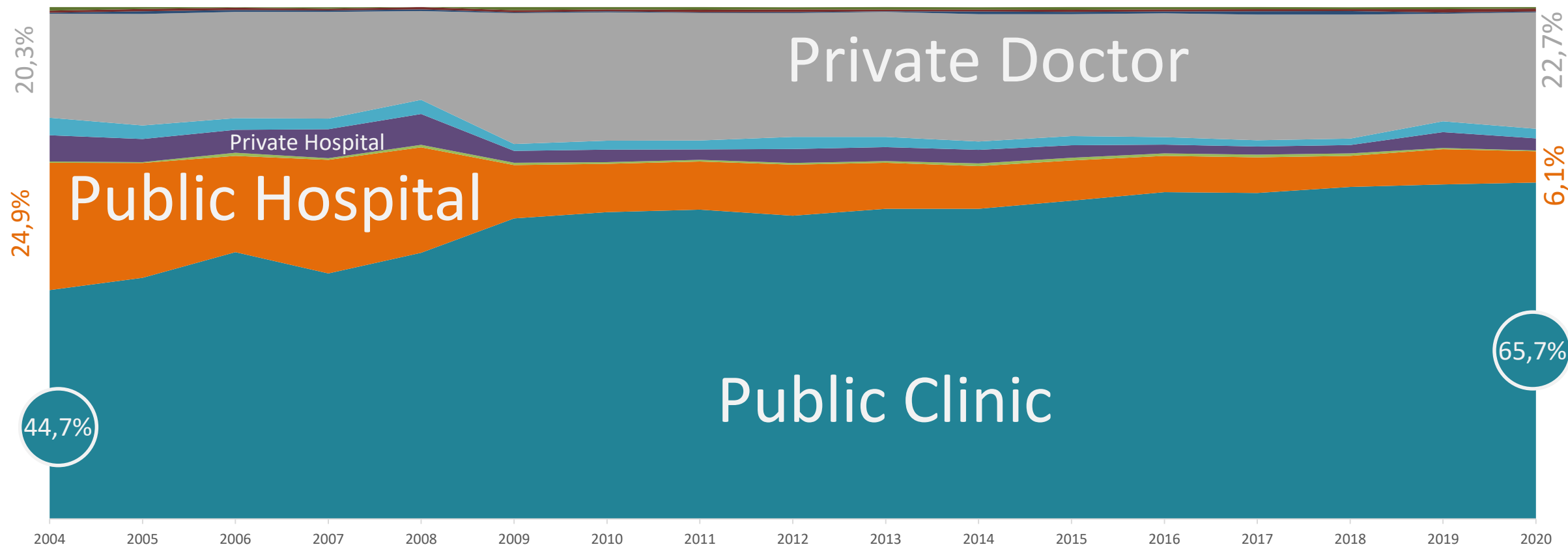
Healthcare facility normally consulted by household when someone is ill, 2020



*Due to rounding numbers may not add up to 100%*

In 2020 **65,7%** of household members first consult a **Public Clinic health care facility**.

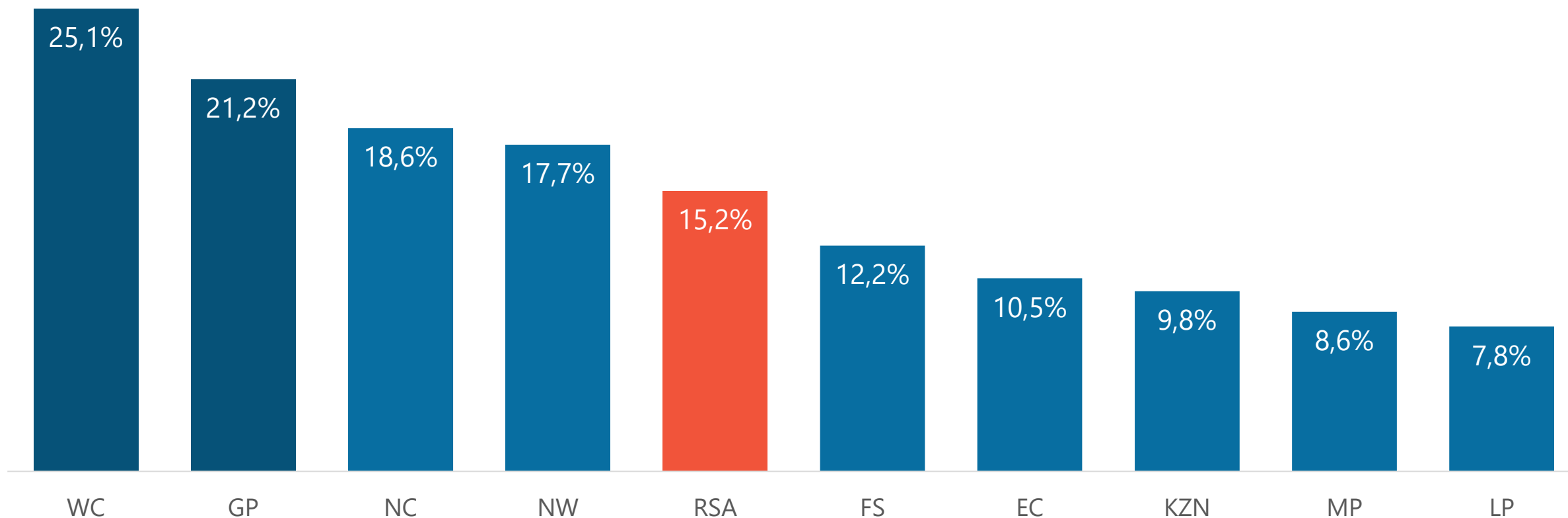
Percentage distribution of the type of health-care facility consulted first by the households when members fall ill or get injured 2004 - 2020





Approximately 15,2% of the population have medical aid coverage. Only WC and GP have coverage rates higher than 20%

Individuals who are members of medical aid schemes per province, 2020



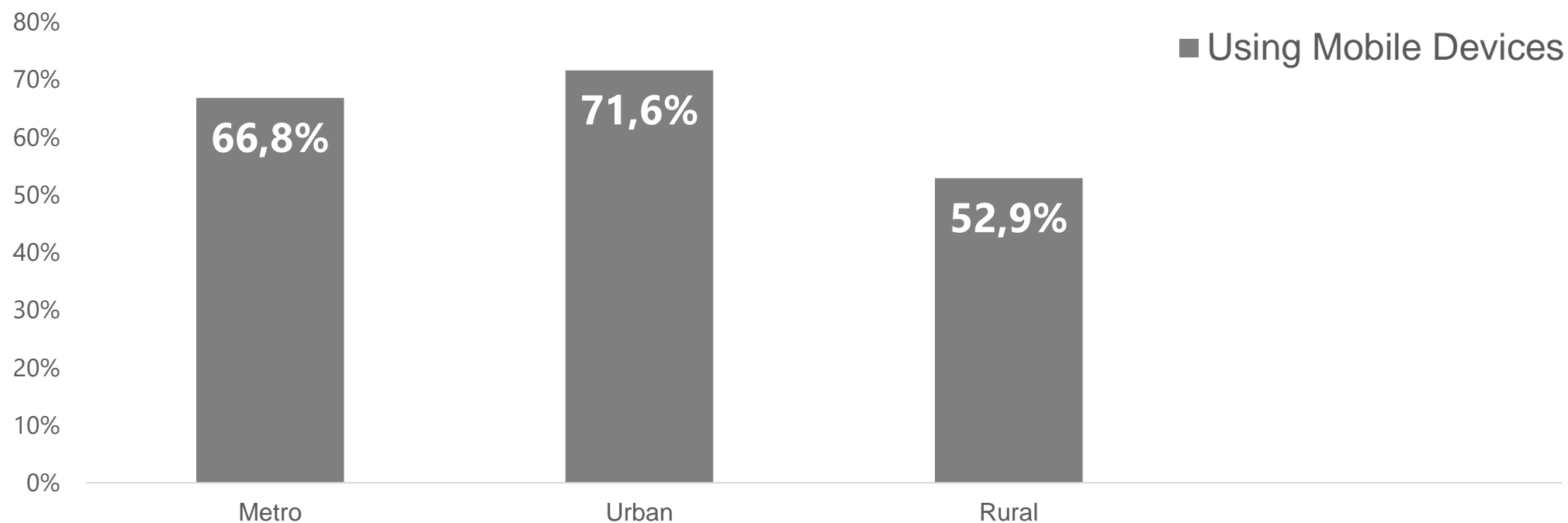
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# Telecommunications

# Mobile devices have revolutionized internet access. *Access is generally much higher, although still lacking in rural areas*

Access to the Internet using mobile devices, 2020







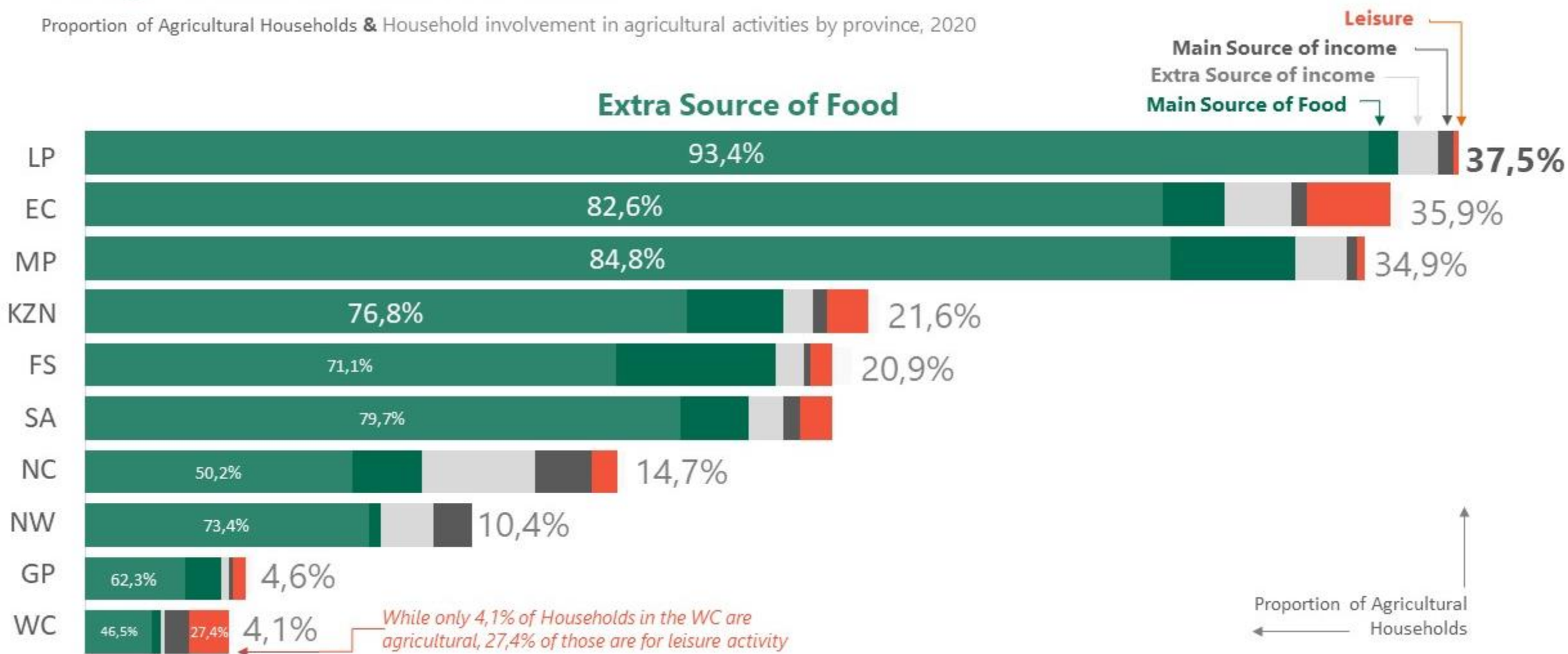
# Agriculture

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# 37,5% of Households in Limpopo are Agricultural with 93,4% of the involvement being for extra sources of food.

Proportion of Agricultural Households & Household involvement in agricultural activities by province, 2020



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# Recap GHS 2020

- ❖ One-fifth of children did not live with either their biological parents while 34,2% lived with both parents, and 41,7% lived with their mothers.
- ❖ Approximately one-fifth (19,5%) of households consisted of a single person, while 57% of households contained three or less members.

- ❖ Although salaries remain the main source of income for most households, nationally (50,8%), grants were the main source of income for 28,8% of households. Dependency on grants particularly high in EC (44,8%) and LP (42,3%).
- ❖ A comparison with 2019 estimates shows a larger percentage of children in the age group 0–4 years remained at home with a parent, guardian in 2020 (67,2% compared to 57,8% a year earlier), while a smaller percentage attended grade R, pre-school, nursery school, crèche, and edu-care centres (24,2% compared to 36,8%).
- ❖ Attendance almost universal at ages 7-15 years, 25,6% of persons aged 5–24 not attending educational institutions. Participation rates particularly low for 5/6 year olds during COVID.



GHS 2020

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