



Hands For Hunger

Report: Food Insecurity in The Bahamas

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Methodology

Public Domain Research & Strategy conducted a telephone survey from January 11th-29th, 2019. The main objective of the survey was to gauge the experience of food insecurity amongst the Bahamian population.

To achieve this goal, 1017 residents throughout The Bahamas were interviewed by using a random telephone number selection. Respondents were screened on the basis of age being 18 years and above.

Data has been weighted in order to represent the population on the basis of age, gender and island population (based on the 2010 Census data). The data tables presented within this report show breakdowns by gender, age group and income category.

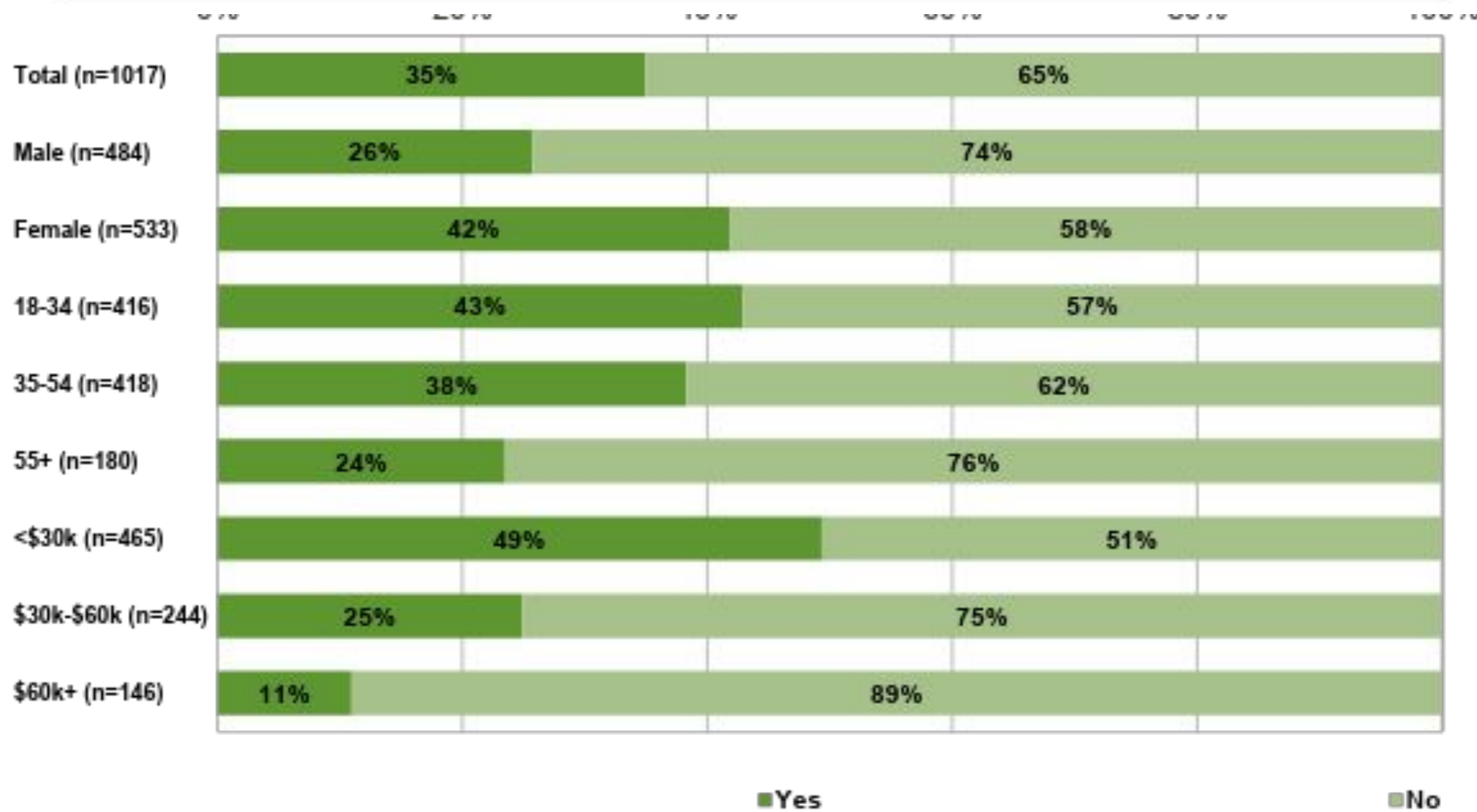
NOTE: Due to rounding, some totals may not add to exactly 100%.

Detailed results

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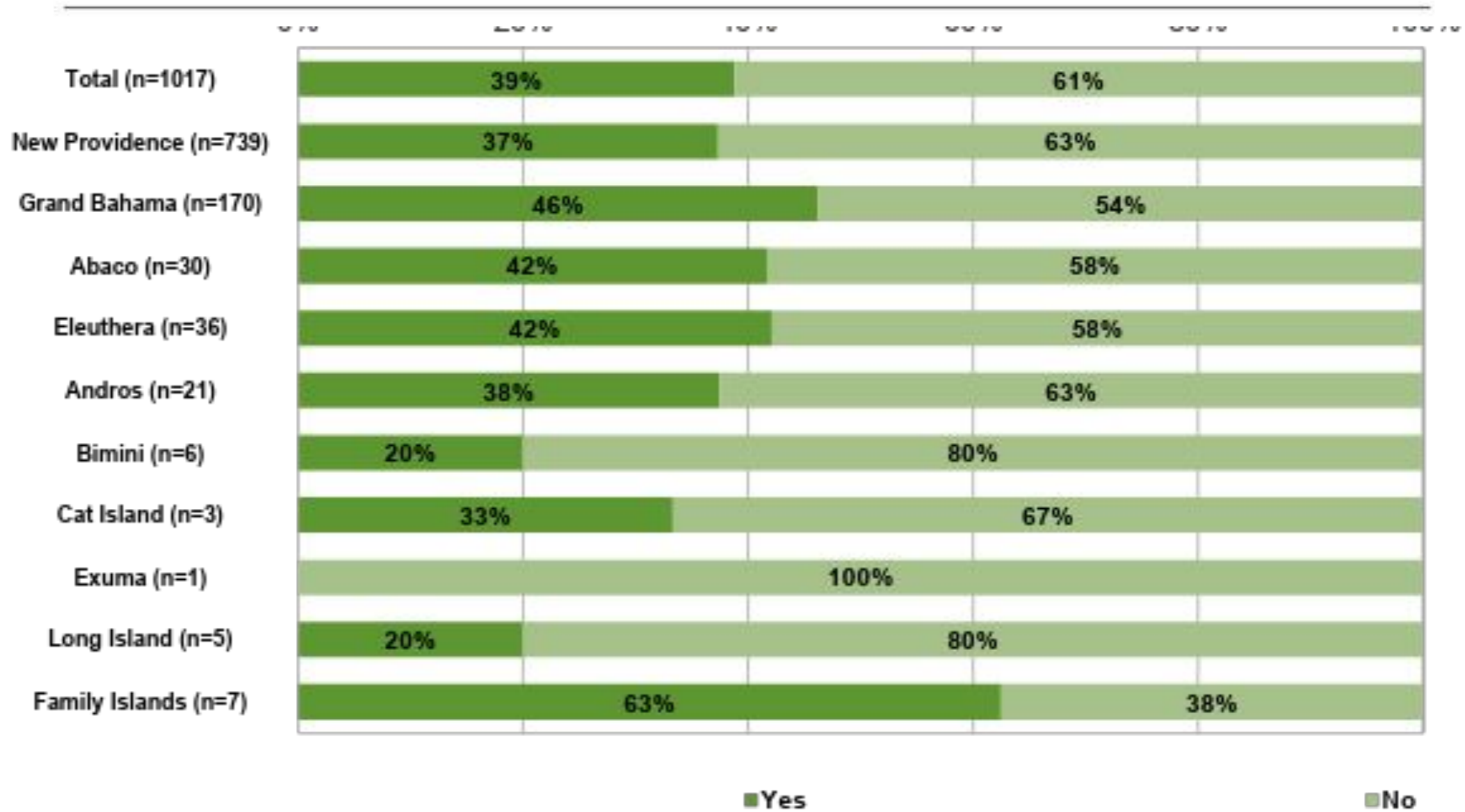


1.1 In last 12 months, worried wouldn't have enough food to eat



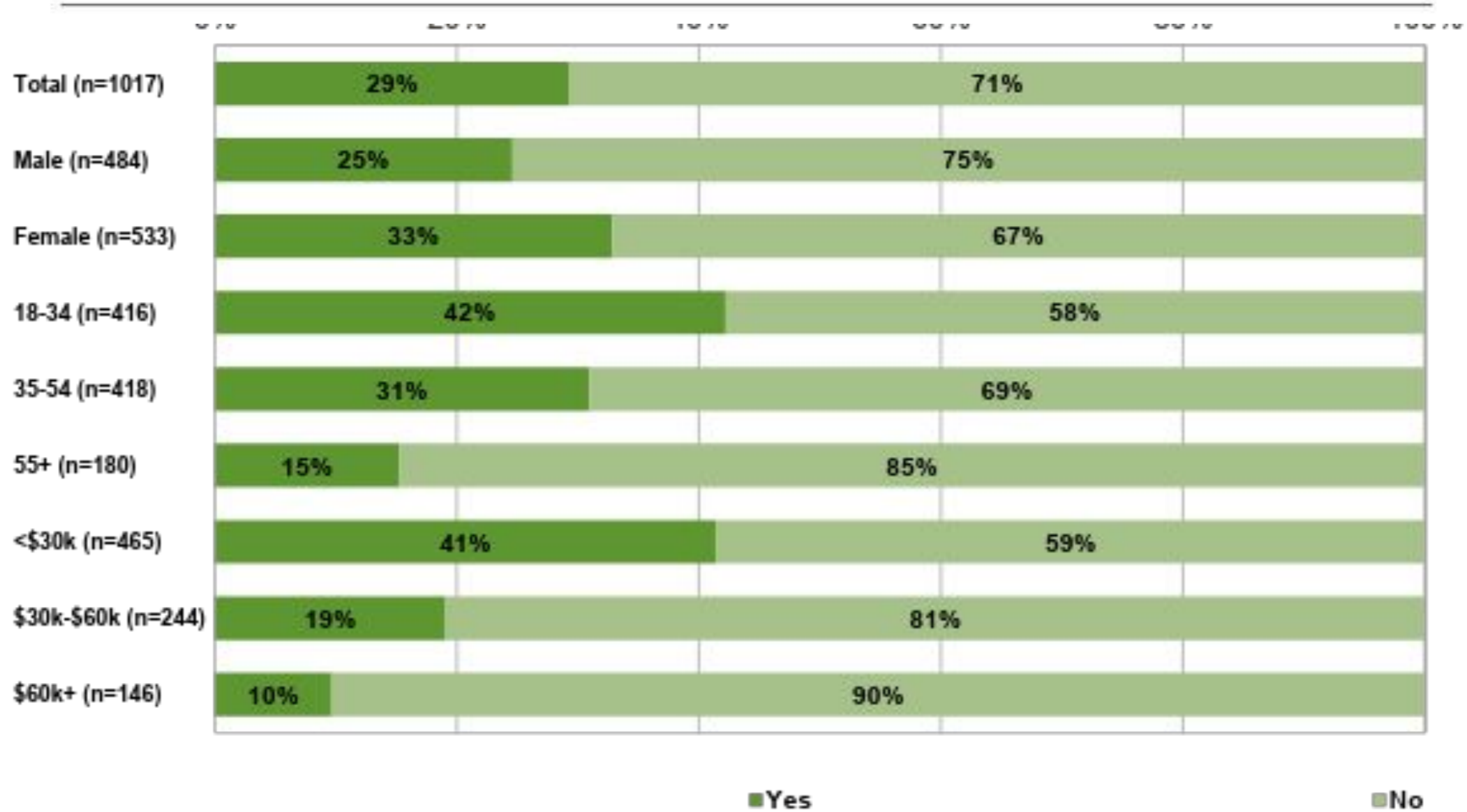
Q1. During the last 12 months, was there a time when you were worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources?

1.6 In last 12 months, ate only a few kinds of food



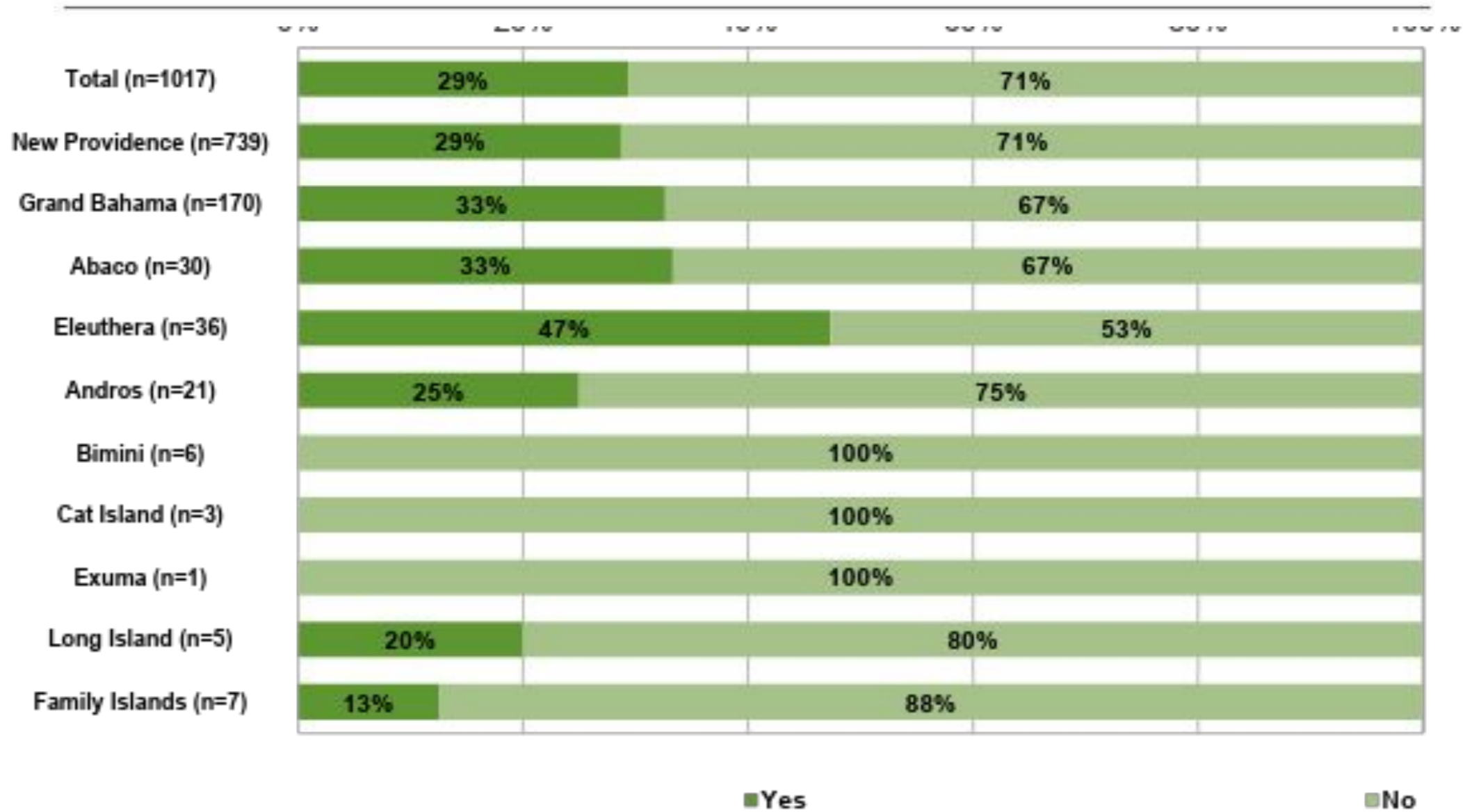
Q3. During the last 12 months, was there a time when you ate only a few kinds of food because of a lack of money or other resources?

1.7 In last 12 months, had to skip a meal



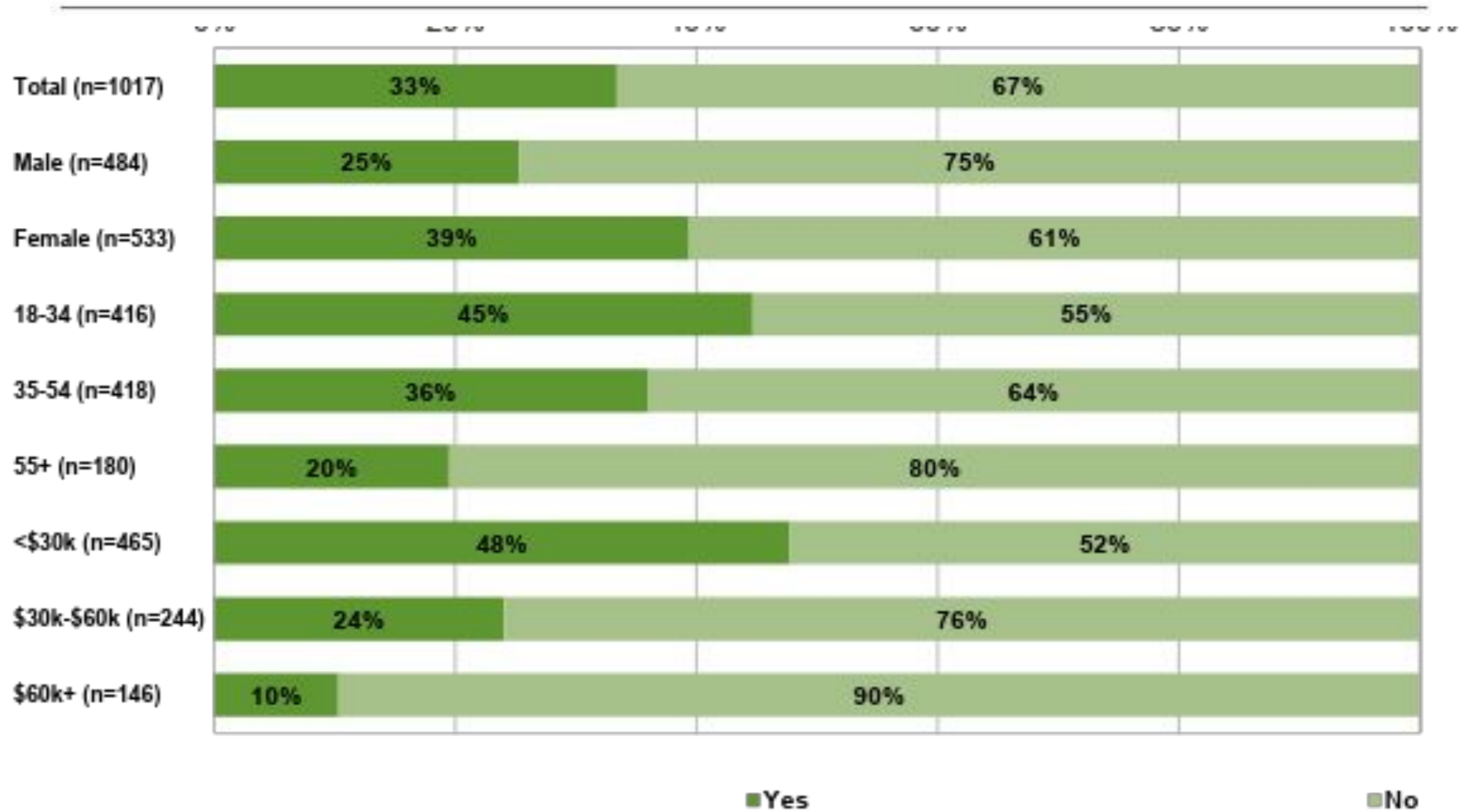
Q4. During the last 12 months, was there a time when you had to skip a meal because of a lack of money or other resources?

1.8 In last 12 months, had to skip a meal



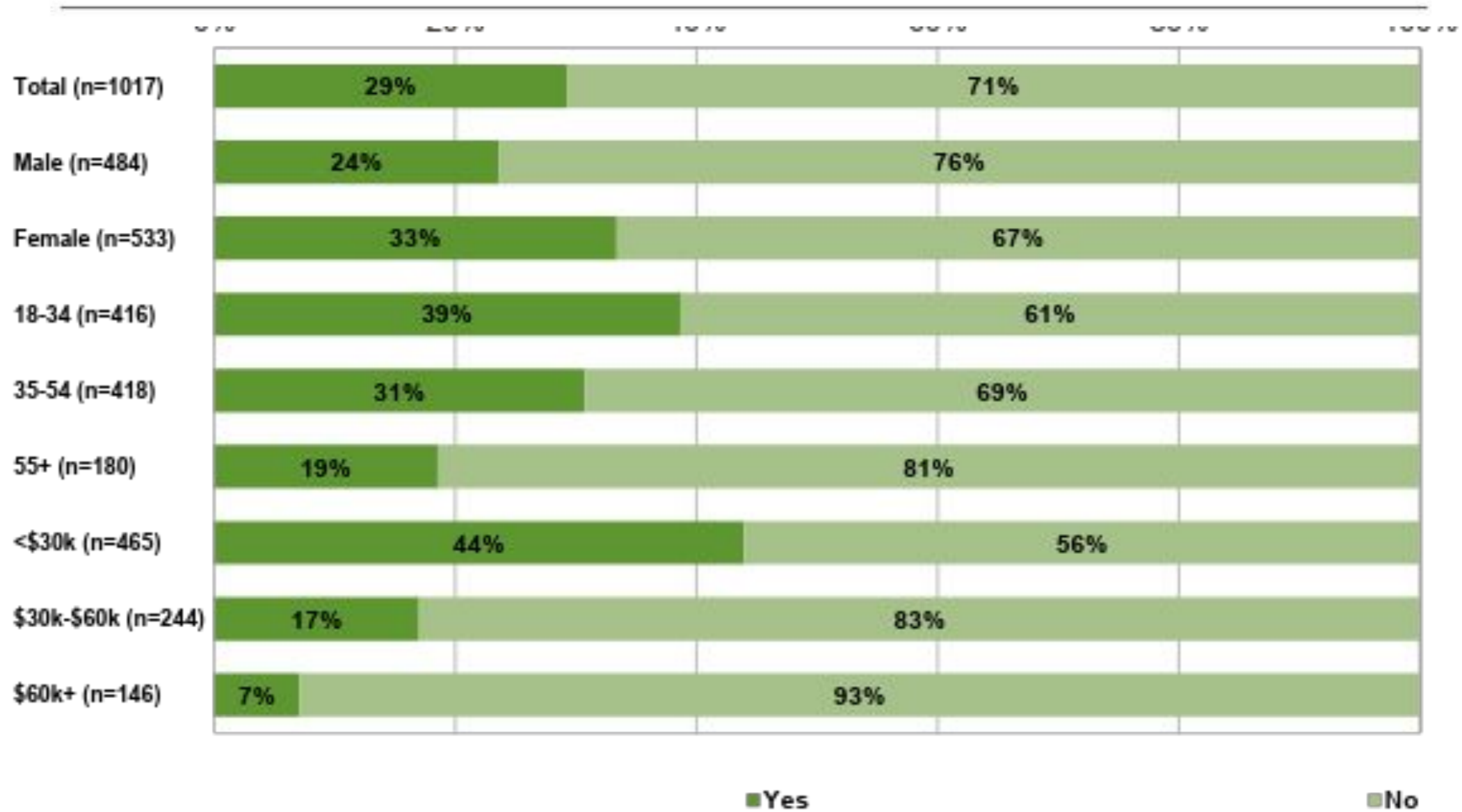
Q4. During the last 12 months, was there a time when you had to skip a meal because of a lack of money or other resources?

1.9 In last 12 months, ate less than you thought you should



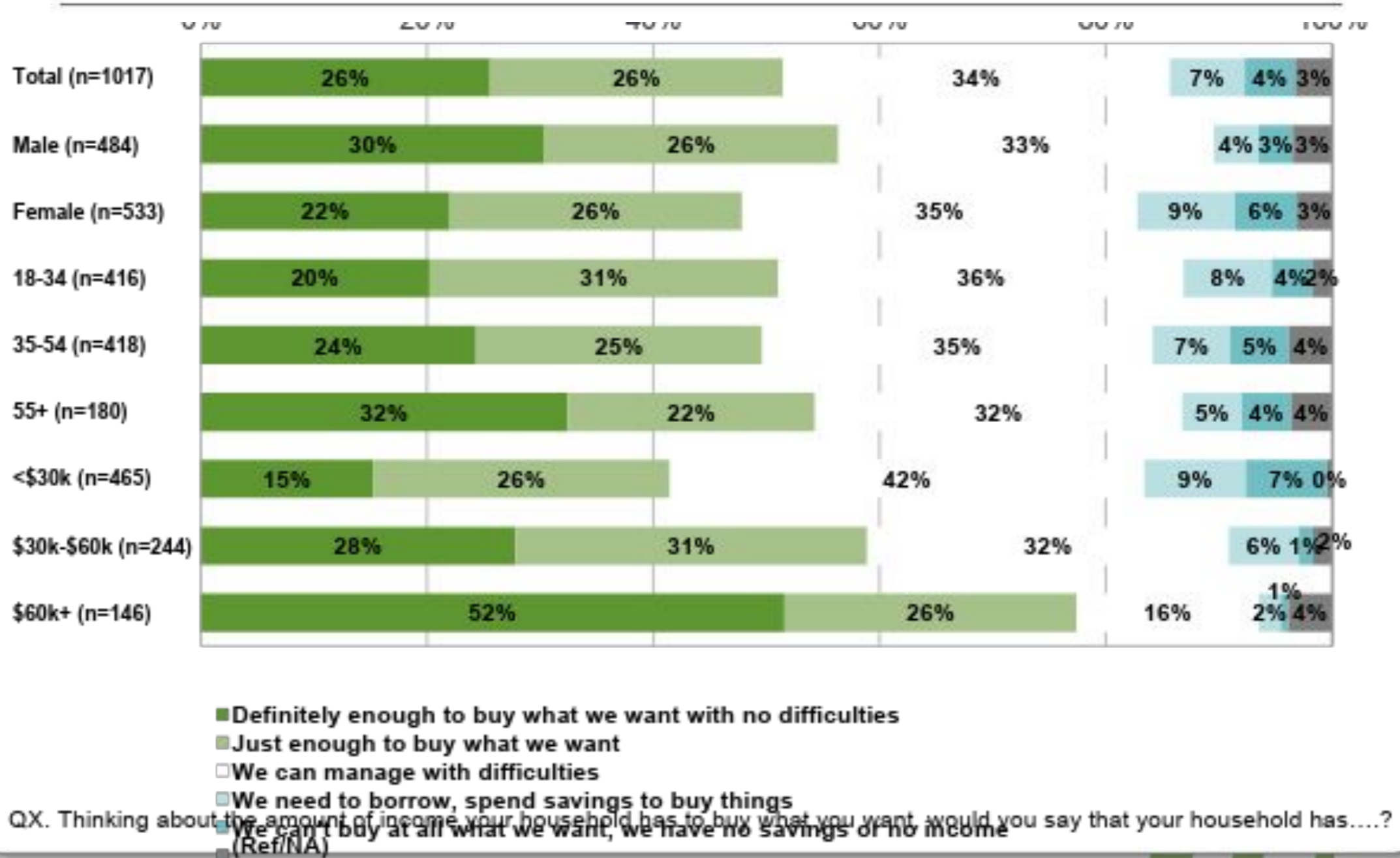
Q5. During the last 12 months, was there a time when you ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources?

1.11 In last 12 months, household ran out of food

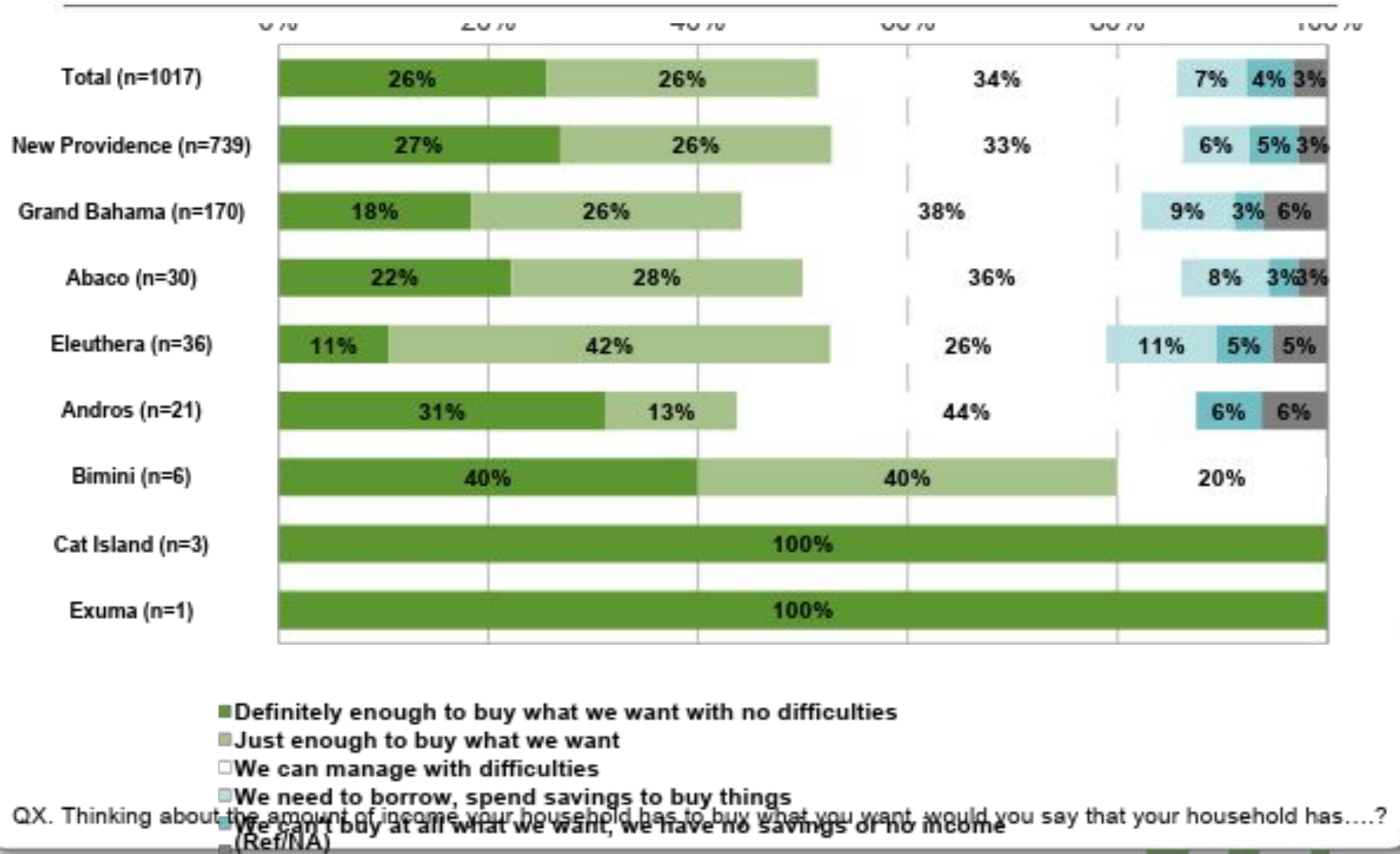


Q6. During the last 12 months, was there a time when your household ran out of food because of a lack of money or other resources?

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Demographics

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2.1 Island of residency

Which island do you reside on?	Total (n=1017)	Male (n=484)	Female (n=533)	16-34 (n=416)	35-54 (n=418)	55+ (n=180)	<\$30k (n=465)	\$30k-\$60k (n=244)	\$60k+ (n=146)
New Providence	76%	75%	77%	80%	77%	70%	70%	82%	83%
Grand Bahama	15%	14%	15%	13%	14%	17%	18%	12%	11%
Abaco	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%	2%	5%
Eleuthera	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	4%	0%	0%
Andros	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	0%
Bimini	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Cat Island	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Exuma	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Long Island	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Family Islands	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

2.2 Highest level of education

What is the highest level of education that you have completed?	Total (n=1017)	Male (n=484)	Female (n=533)	16-34 (n=416)	35-54 (n=418)	55+ (n=180)	<\$30k (n=465)	\$30k- \$60k (n=244)	\$60k+ (n=146)
No formal education	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%
Informal schooling only	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	0%
Some primary schooling	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%
Primary school completed	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	5%	2%	1%	1%
Some secondary school	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	6%	4%	2%	2%
Secondary school completed	23%	24%	23%	26%	21%	25%	33%	14%	10%
Some higher secondary/equivalent	9%	10%	8%	11%	9%	7%	8%	10%	8%
Higher secondary/equivalent completed	24%	23%	24%	29%	24%	18%	26%	24%	17%
Some Bachelor/equivalent degree	12%	12%	12%	10%	14%	10%	10%	15%	16%
Bachelor/equivalent degree completed	17%	16%	18%	15%	19%	15%	9%	24%	30%
Masters/equivalent degree or above	6%	6%	6%	5%	7%	7%	3%	9%	15%
(Prefer not to say/No answer)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%

2.3 Employment status

Which of these best describes your current employment status?	Total (n=1017)	Male (n=484)	Female (n=533)	16-34 (n=416)	35-54 (n=418)	55+ (n=180)	<\$30k (n=465)	\$30k-\$60k (n=244)	\$60k+ (n=146)
Working full-time (more than 30 hours per week)	59%	61%	57%	66%	74%	30%	54%	70%	72%
Working part-time (less than 30 hours per week)	8%	9%	7%	8%	8%	8%	9%	7%	5%
Not working and looking for work	9%	7%	10%	17%	7%	4%	12%	2%	5%
Retired	17%	17%	18%	0%	3%	53%	18%	15%	14%
Does not work and Not seeking for job	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%
Student	2%	2%	2%	6%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%
Homemaker	3%	2%	3%	0%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%
(Prefer not to say/No answer)	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%

2.4 Household income last year

Which of these best describes your total household income last year?	Total (n=1017)	Male (n=484)	Female (n=533)	16-34 (n=416)	35-54 (n=418)	55+ (n=180)	<\$30k (n=465)	\$30k-\$60k (n=244)	\$60k+ (n=146)
Less than \$10,000	17%	11%	22%	22%	13%	18%	38%	0%	0%
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	14%	14%	14%	16%	13%	14%	31%	0%	0%
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	13%	15%	12%	13%	14%	12%	30%	0%	0%
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	9%	9%	10%	9%	11%	8%	0%	39%	0%
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	8%	8%	7%	8%	8%	6%	0%	32%	0%
Between \$50,000 and \$60,000	7%	8%	6%	5%	8%	8%	0%	29%	0%
Between \$60,000 and \$80,000	6%	6%	5%	4%	7%	6%	0%	0%	37%
\$80,000 or over	10%	14%	6%	7%	11%	10%	0%	0%	63%
(Don't know / Refused)	17%	14%	19%	16%	15%	20%	0%	0%	0%



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