

Social Needs Screening During Pediatric Emergency Department Visits: Language Differences in Reported Needs

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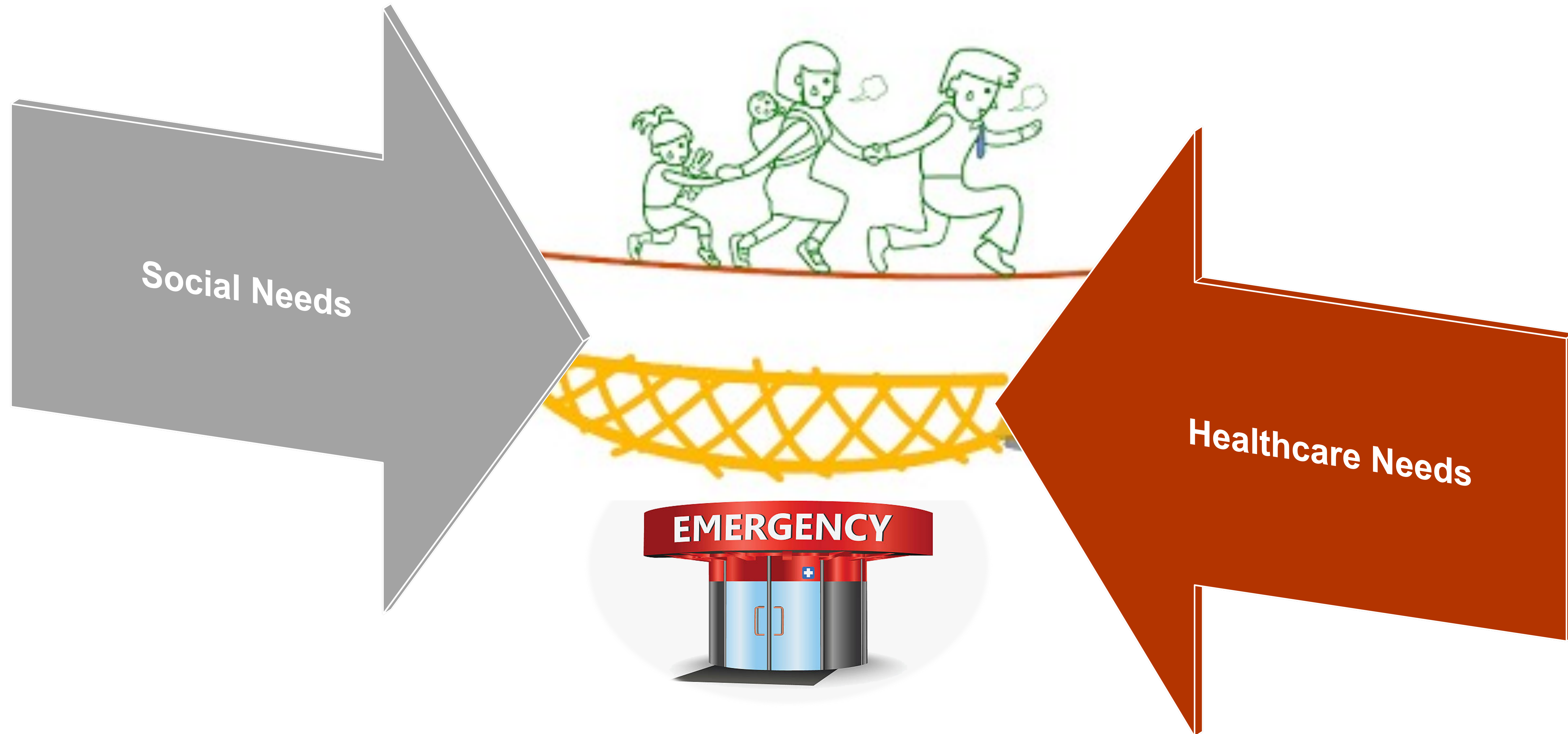
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Background



Objectives

- What is the prevalence of unmet social needs (USN) in our pediatric emergency department (PED) patient population?
- What are the disparities and differences in USN by self-selected language and patient demographics?

Methods

Cross-sectional, descriptive analysis

Of a convenience sample of English- & Spanish-speaking caregivers

Who completed the p-SINCERE survey

@ the University of Utah | Primary Children's Hospital Emergency Department

p-SINCERE Questions

In the past 12 months...

#1: Have you or your child not seen a doctor because there wasn't a way to get to the clinic or hospital?

#2: Have you or your child needed to see a doctor but could not because it costs too much?

#3: Have you or your child not taken medications to save money?

#4: Have you or your children not had enough money for food?

#5: Have you not had enough money for household items like clothing or furniture?

#6: Have you been unable to pay your utility bills?

#7: Have you been unable to pay your mortgage or rent?

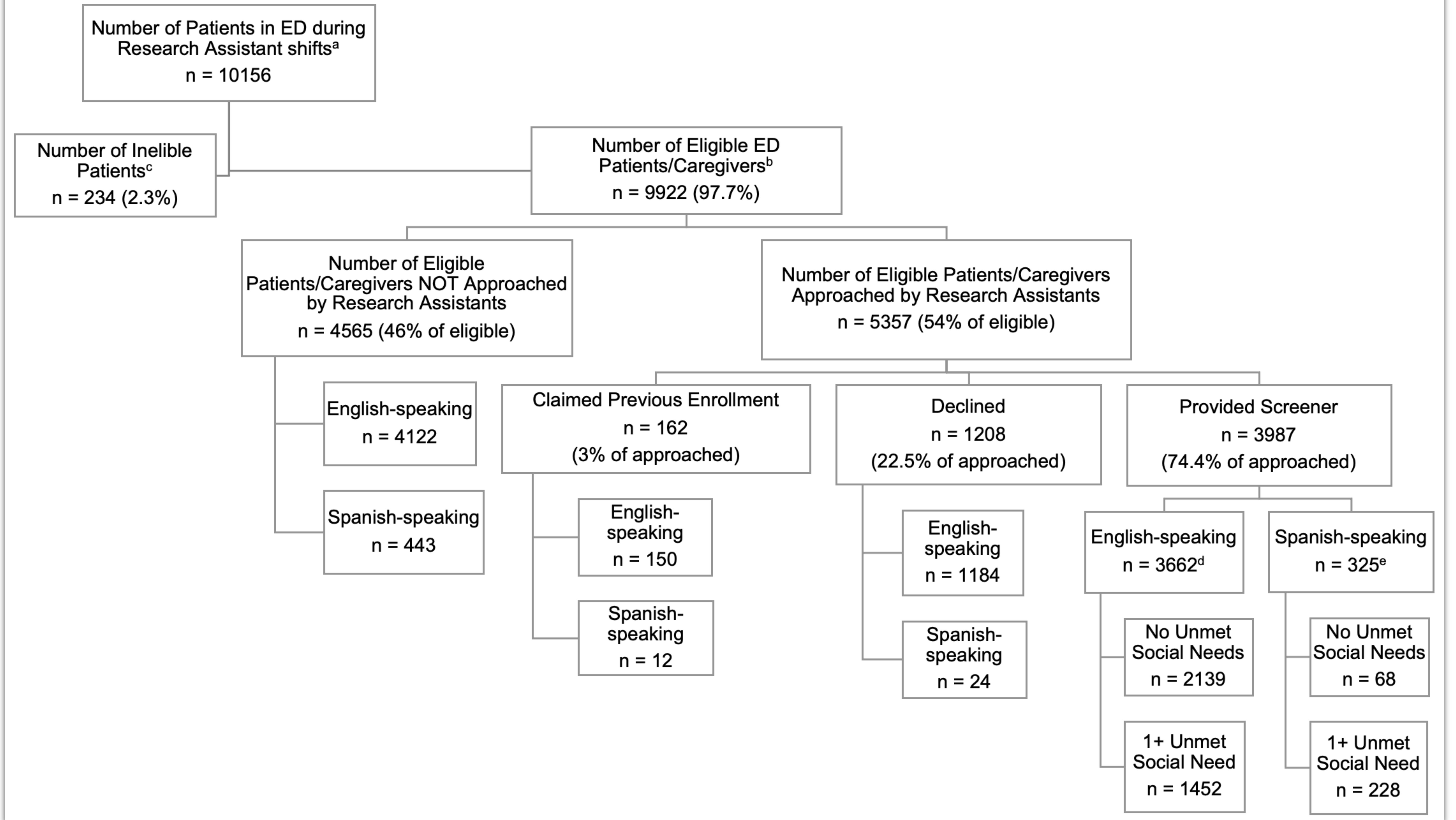
#8: Have you or your child slept outside in a shelter, in a car, or any place not meant for sleeping?

#9: Have you been unemployed and looking for work?

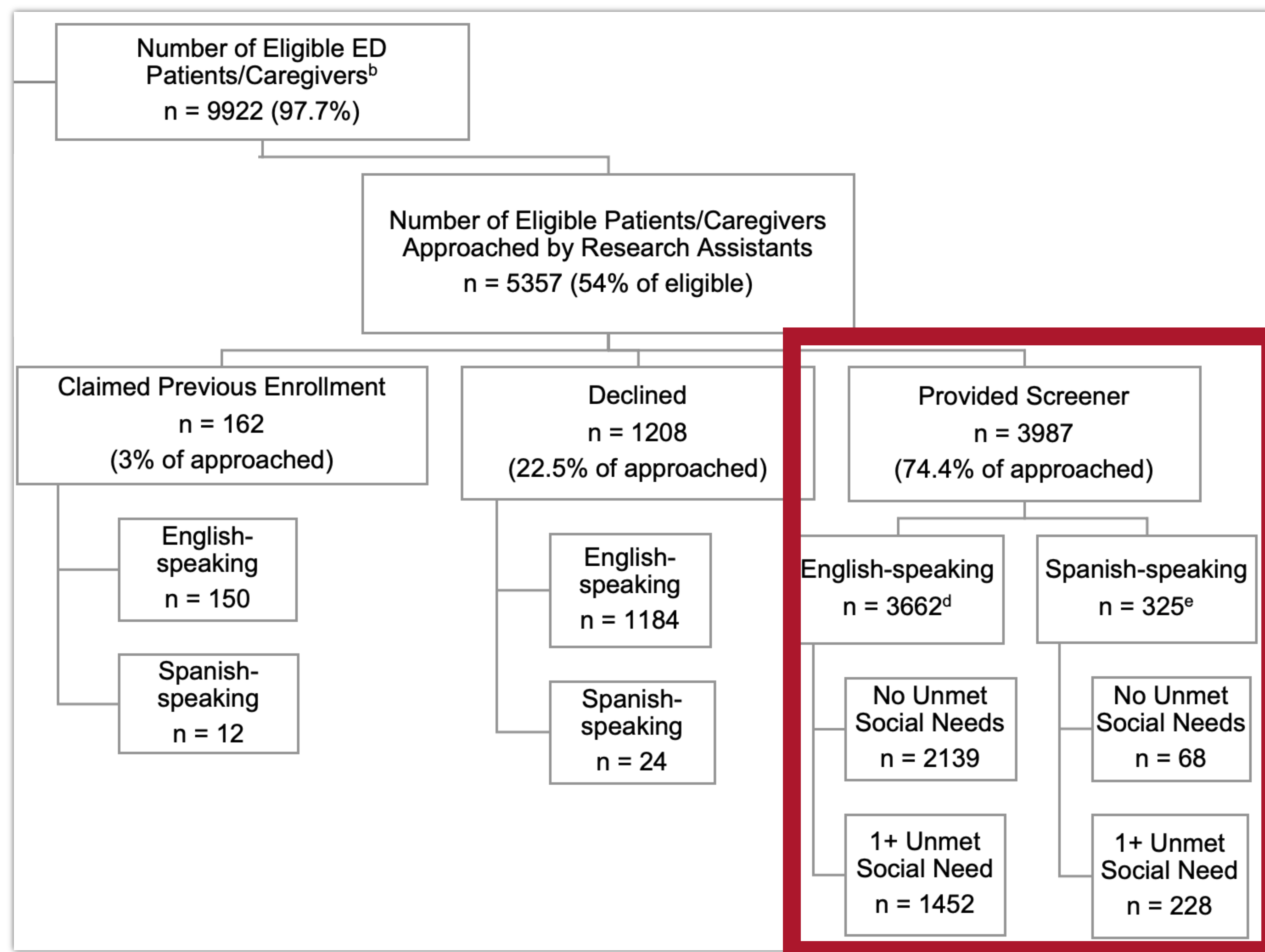
#10: Have you experienced problems getting childcare or elder care making it difficult for you to work or get to appointments?

Results

Figure 1: Research Assistants Study Enrollment Workflow

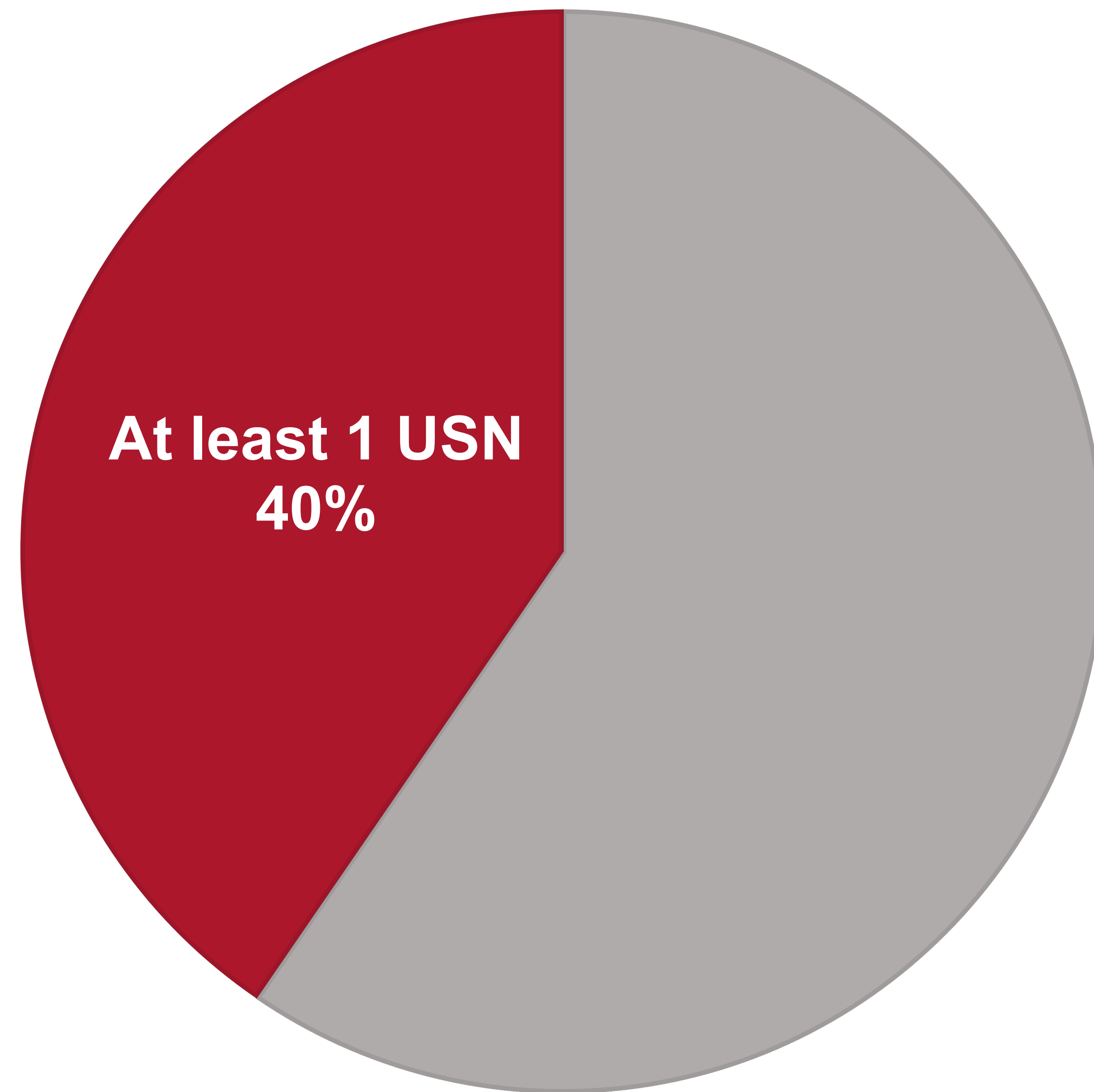


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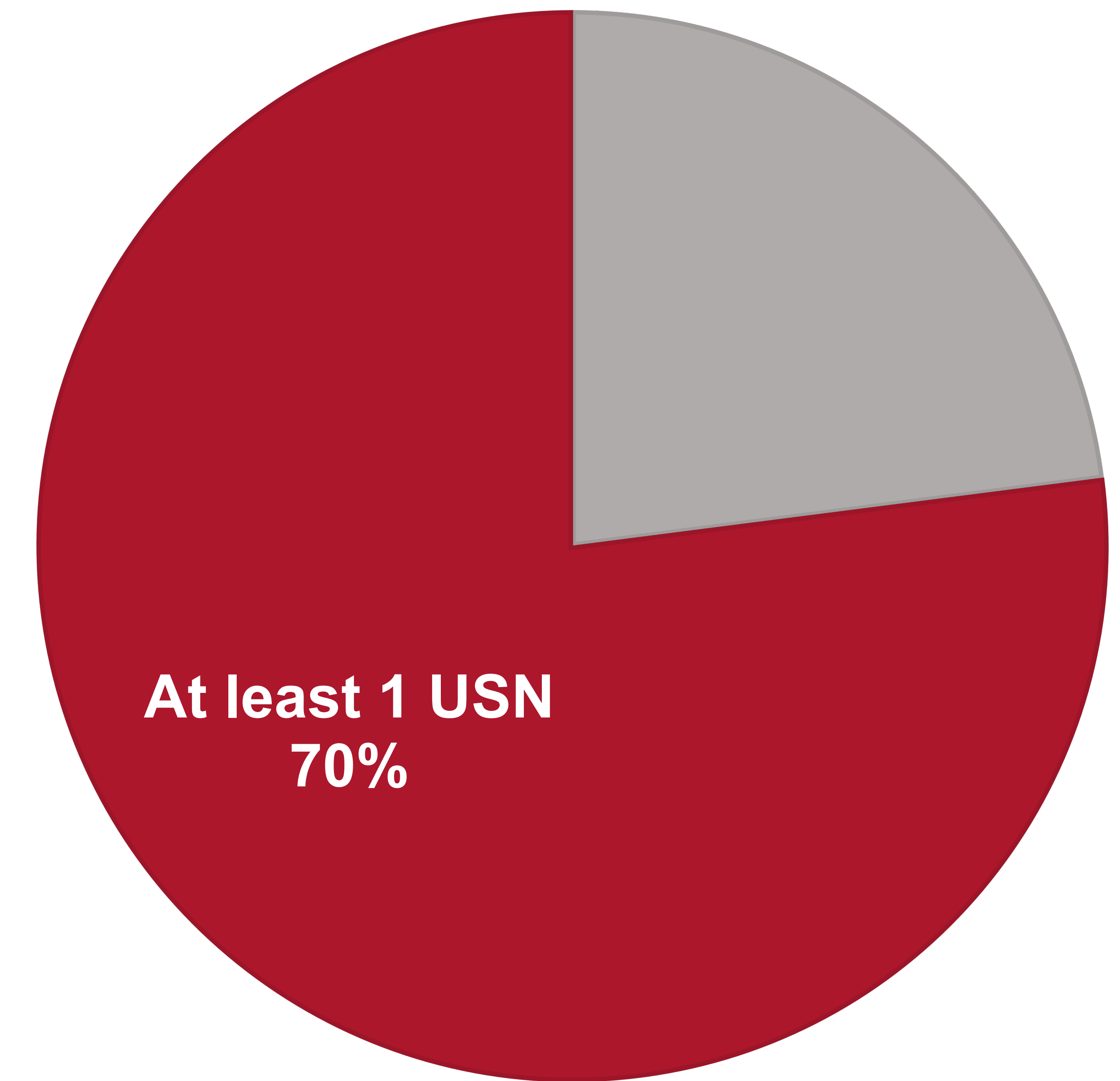


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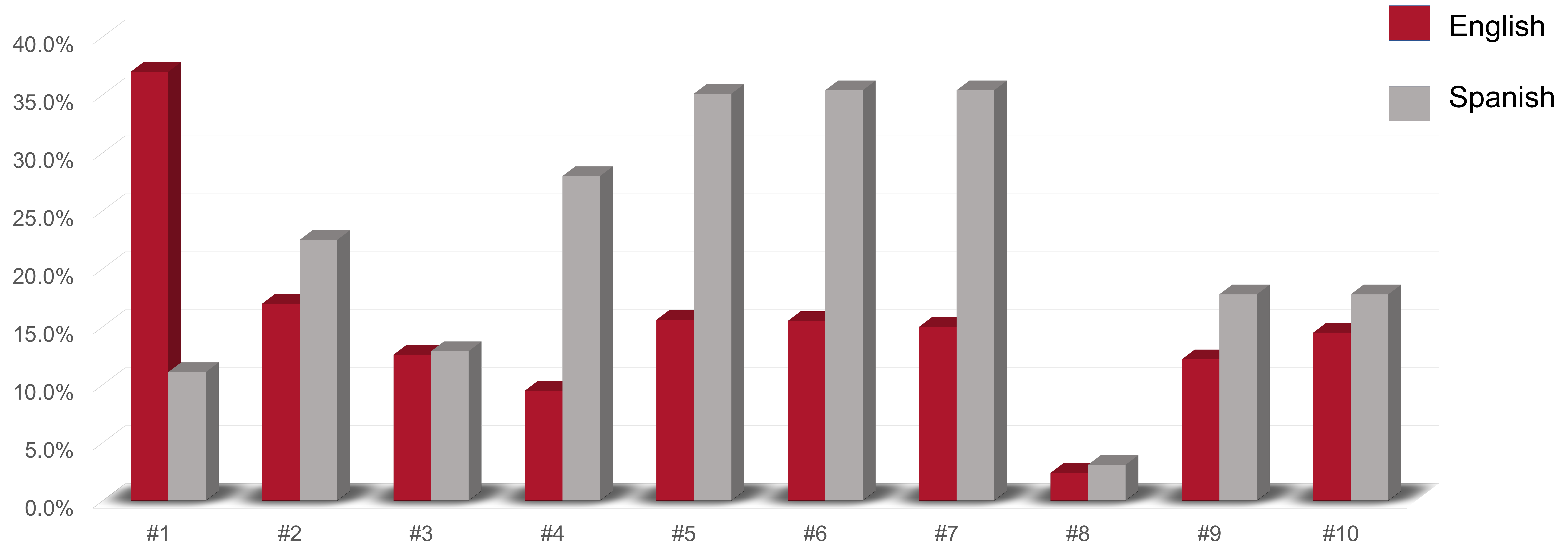
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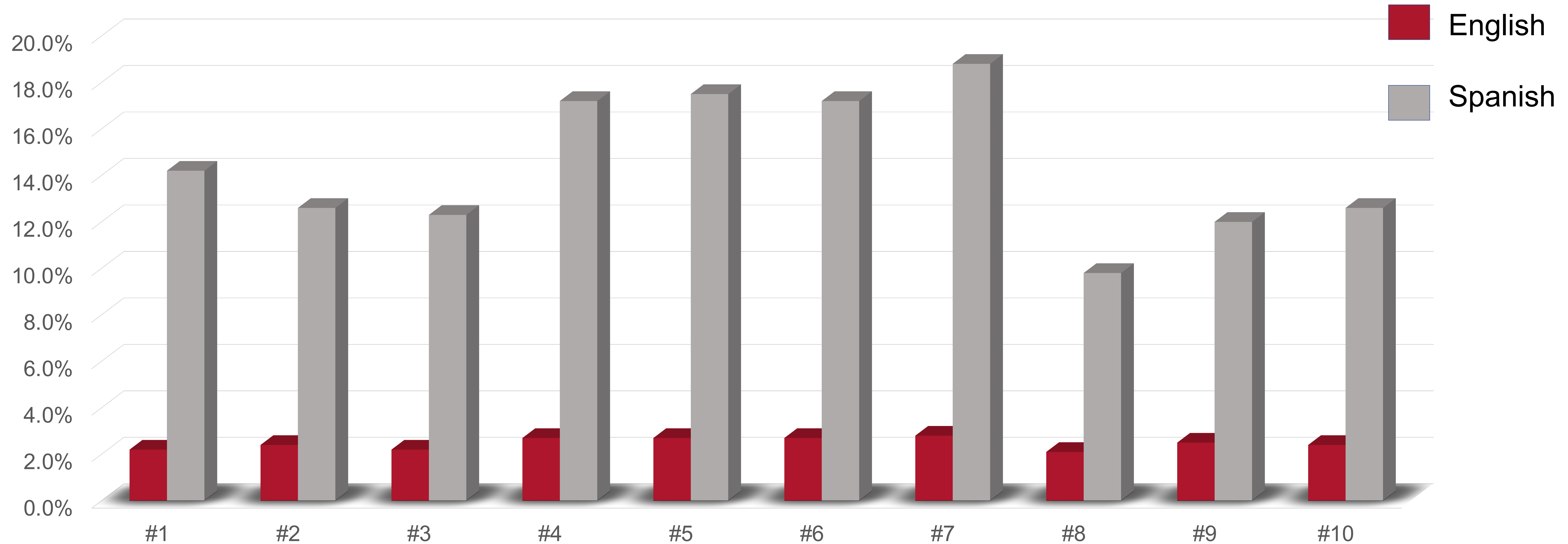
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(N=325)**



Reported "YES" on p-SINCERE



Reported “Decline to Answer” on p-SINCERE



Conclusions

- Screening for social needs in our PED revealed:
 - Significant levels of unmet social needs
 - Disparities related to:
 - Caregiver's language preference
 - Racial/ethnic identity of child
 - Insurance status of child
 - Differences in how English- & Spanish-speaking caregivers responded to our screener

Next Steps

- Focus group investigation to:
 - Gather qualitative information on differences observed between English- & Spanish-speaking caregivers
 - Validate: p–SINCERE screener and Spanish translated tool
- Implementation work to increased PED social needs screening and linkage to community resources

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