

# Wraparound Services Needs Assessment

## District-Wide Needs Assessment Findings | Fall 2019

### Wraparound Services in HISD

The Wraparound Services Department connects students and their families with non-academic community resources that support the students' ability to learn in school. The district currently partners with over 200 community organizations to offer wraparound services across 210 campuses. Wraparound Services Specialists in these campuses work with various organizations to address student and family needs within the domains of mental and physical health, food and housing insecurity, home and neighborhood safety, and out-of-school educational needs.

### Supporting Students, Uplifting Communities

With support from the Houston Endowment and the City of Houston, HISD has recently committed to expanding its Wraparound Services Program. Dubbed the "Supporting Students, Uplifting Communities" initiative, HISD seeks to increase the number of Wraparound Services Specialists from 210 to 280, ensuring that every campus in the district has at least one dedicated full-time specialist by the 2021-22 school year.

Additionally, to better align the services that wraparound specialists have available to them with student and family needs, the district created and administered the first annual Needs Assessment Survey in Fall 2019. The survey was administered to students, parents, and teachers at existing wraparound campuses. In total, 51,769 students, 5,305 parents, and 4,698 teachers completed the survey.

The survey asked respondents to identify non-academic needs across five key domains: 1) Health, Dental, and Hygiene Needs, 2) Emotional and Psychological Needs, 3) Home and Family Needs, 4) Educational and Vocational Needs, and 5) Social and Recreational Needs.

### Purpose of This Brief

The purpose of this brief is to provide an overview of the key areas of need that students, parents, and teachers reported across the five survey domains. In this brief, survey findings are reported for the district overall. Subsequent briefs will explore how needs vary by neighborhood and campus location and demographic context.

## Number of Survey Responses by Grade-Level

	Elementary	Middle	High	Total
Parents	3,629	706	970	5,305
Students	20,375	12,581	18,813	51,769
Teachers	2,586	921	1,191	4,698
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,590</b>	<b>14,208</b>	<b>20,974</b>	<b>61,772</b>

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## Main Findings

### Health, Dental, and Hygiene Needs

- Over **1-in-10** families report they are unable to take their child to the **doctor** when they are sick
- Over **1-in-5** families report they are unable to take their child to the **dentist/optometrist** at least once per year

### Emotional and Psychological Needs

- Roughly **1-in-5** families report concerns over their **neighborhood** and/or **home** environments
- Nearly **1-in-3** students report **feeling sad, lonely, angry, or scared** a lot of the time

### Home and Family Needs

- Roughly **1-in-5** families report concerns over **housing insecurity** (eviction, inability to pay rent and/or utilities)
- Nearly **1-in-5** families report concerns over **food insecurity** (hungry because of lack of food in the home)

### Educational and Vocational Needs

- Nearly **1-in-5** families report difficulty consistently providing **clothing and school supplies**
- Over **1-in-5** families report not having **books, a computer, or the internet** at home

### Social and Recreational Needs

- Over **1-in-3** families report that they are unable to **visit museums or other interesting places** in the city

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## Key Takeaways

**1**

**Many families report difficulty providing consistent health care for their children**

**2**

**Housing and food insecurity is a relatively common problem among families**

**3**

**The safety of neighborhoods and homes is a frequent concern among both parents and students**

**4**

**Mental health challenges are common among both parents and students**

**5**

**Many families find it difficult to provide clothing, school supplies, books, computers, and internet access for their children**

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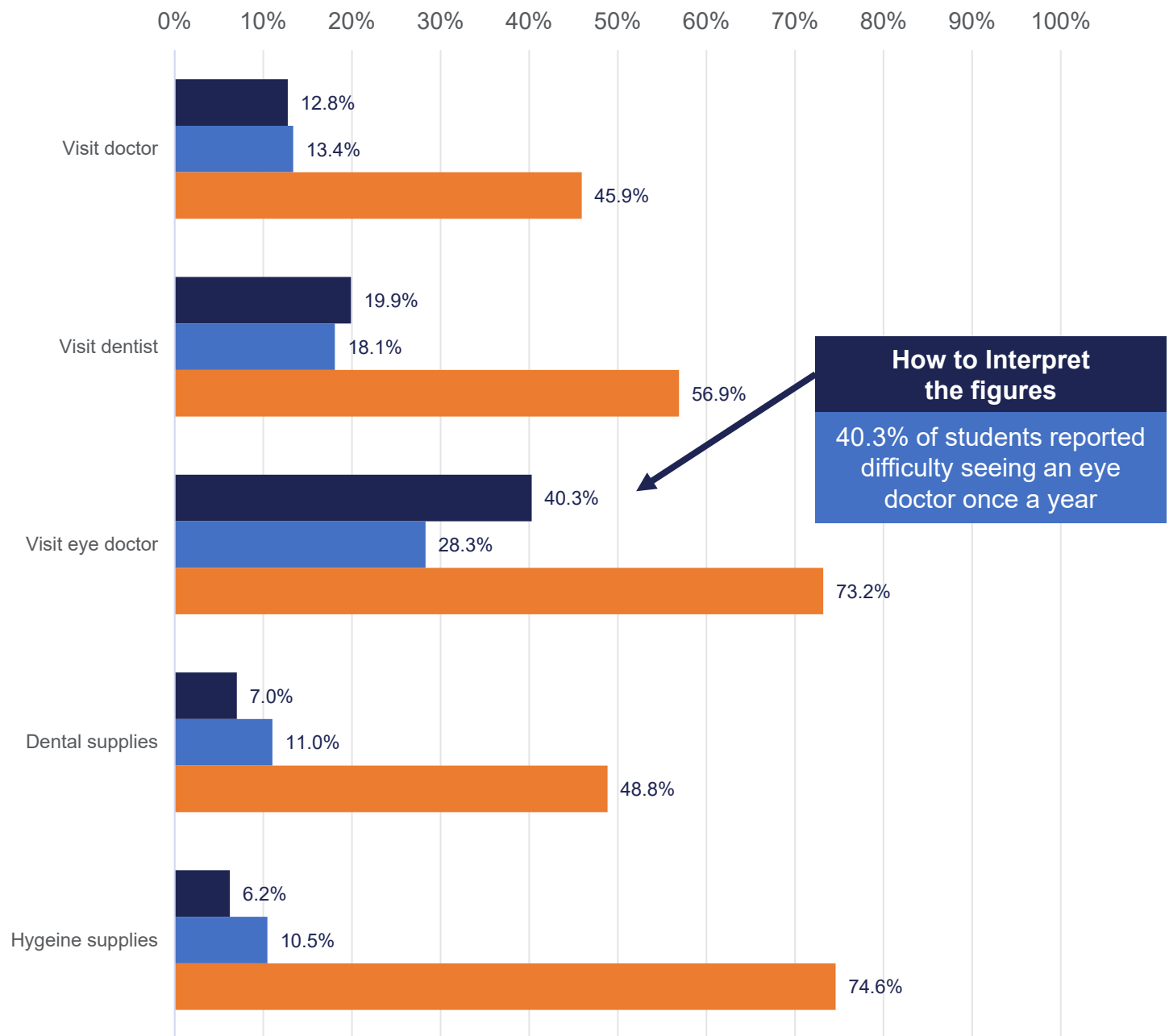


## Appendix: Survey Item Responses

# Appendix: Survey Item Responses (1 of 5)

## Health, Dental, and Hygiene Needs

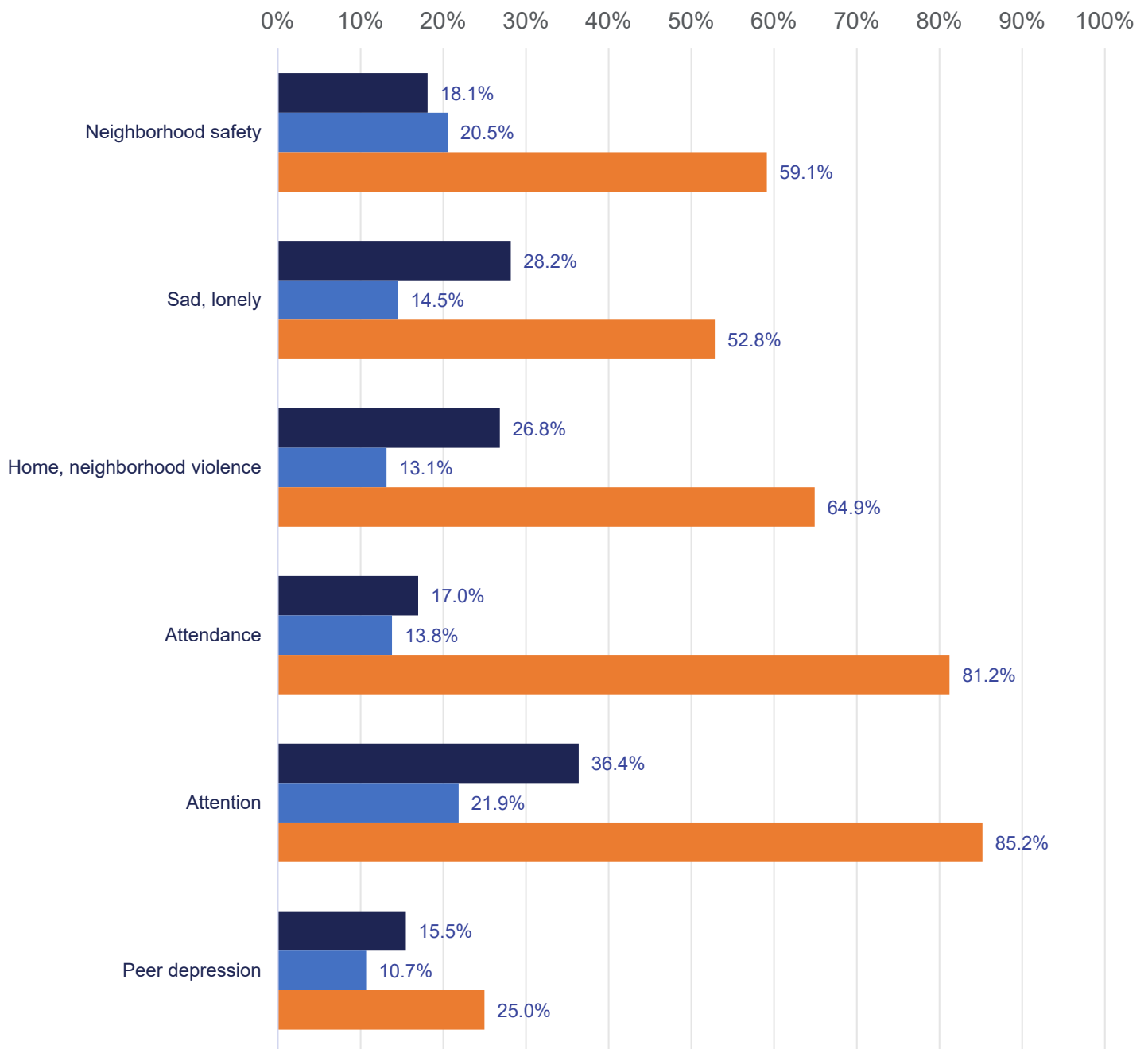
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# Appendix: Survey Item Responses (2 of 5)

## Emotional and Psychological Needs

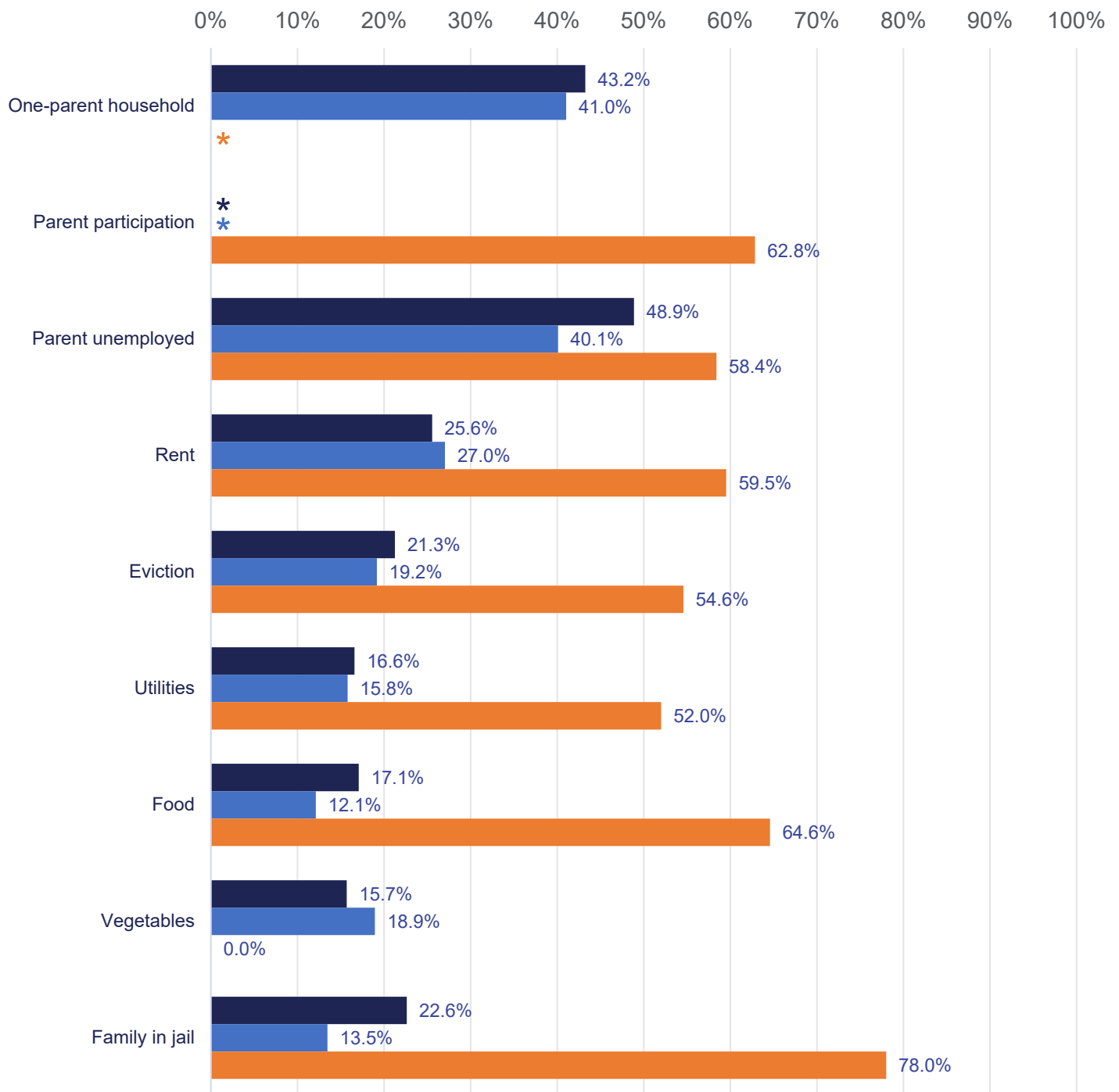
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## Home and Family Needs

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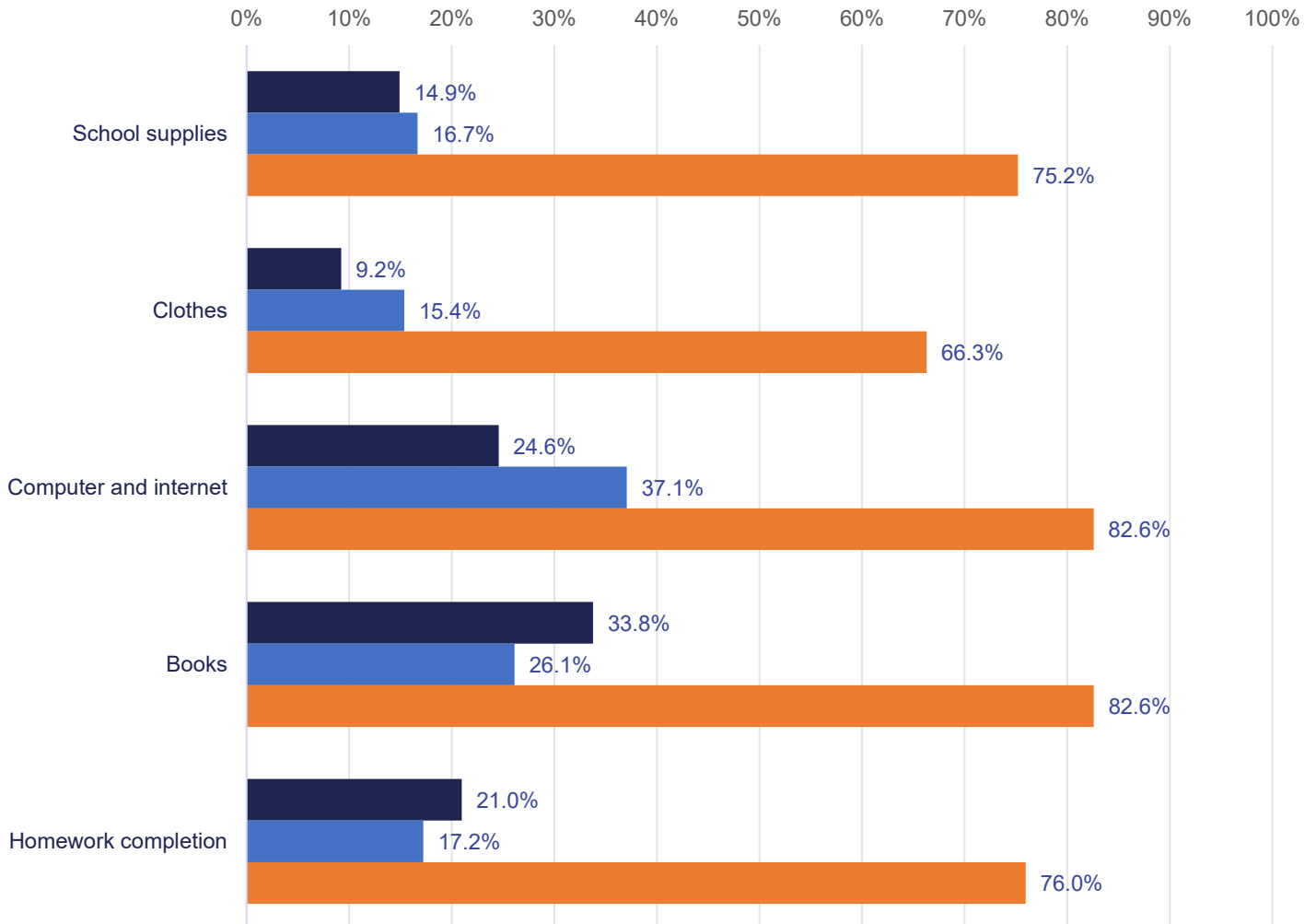


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### Education and Vocational Needs

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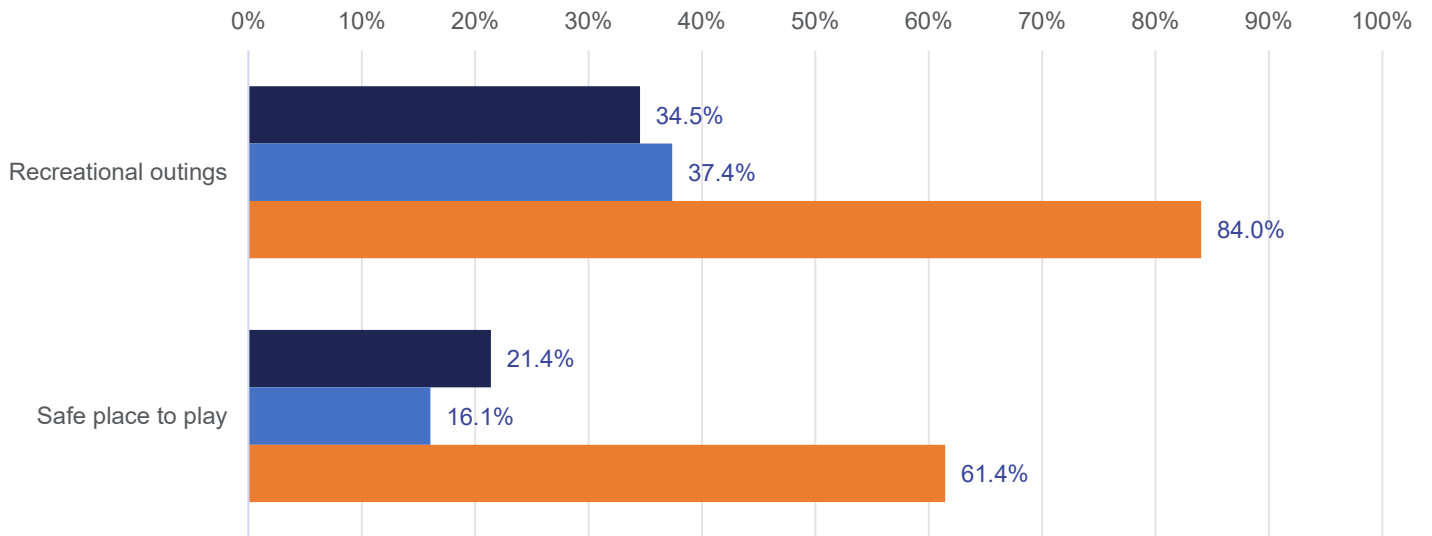




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## Social and Recreational Needs

■ Student ■ Parent ■ Teacher



## Learn more about Wraparound Services in HISD:

- HERC’s work on wraparound services has been complemented by a collaboration between HERC and ProUnitas, the organization that manages the district’s wraparound services data platform. With support from HERC, ProUnitas developed the [HISD Needs Map](#) and dashboard tool. Available online, the tool is an interactive visual interface illustrating how needs vary across schools in the district. To learn more about the dashboard, [visit the online portal](#), hosted by HISD.
- To learn more about Wraparound Services in HISD, visit the district’s [wraparound services webpage](#).

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