



## Illinois Maternal Health Task Force Data Committee Survey Results



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# HRSA Grant Overview

## I PROMOTE-IL

(Innovations to ImPROve Maternal OuTcomEs in Illinois)

HRSA State Maternal Health Innovation (MHI) Program  
Grant Period: 09/30/2019 to 09/29/2024

Grant awarded to the University of Illinois at Chicago  
In partnership with IDPH/Title V

Illinois was 1 of 9 states funded for the MHI Program

# I PROMOTE-IL Project Goals



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## MH Task Force

Establish a state-focused Maternal Health Task Force to create and implement a Strategic Plan that incorporates activities outlined in the state's most recent State Title V Needs Assessment



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## Improve Data

Improve the collection, analysis, and application of state-level data on MM and SMM



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## Improve Care

Promote and execute innovation in maternal health service delivery

**This presentation will focus on the activities of the Data Committee within the Illinois Maternal Health Task Force.**

# Illinois Maternal Health Task Force

## I PROMOTE-IL Goal #1: Establish a State-Focused Maternal Health Task Force

- I PROMOTE-IL & IDPH's OWHFS/Title V will establish and convene a Maternal Health Task Force.
- The Maternal Health Task Force will develop a Strategic Plan in Year 1 to improve maternal health outcomes in IL.
- The Maternal Health Force will support the Strategic Plan in Years 2-5 by volunteering on committees to implement designated strategies and action steps.
- Currently, over 60 Task Force members representing approximately 40 partner organizations

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# Illinois Maternal Health Task Force



## VISION

Health equity for women, pregnant persons, and families in Illinois, across race, ethnicity, class, geography, immigration status, and ability, where all have what they need to be healthy and reach their full potential.

## MISSION

To provide leadership in developing statewide strategies to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality and to achieve maternal health equity by eliminating disparities and improving the overall health of women, pregnant persons, and families in Illinois.

# Illinois Maternal Health Task Force

## VALUES

The values of the Task Force describe how we strive to work both as a group and in collaboration with stakeholders, communities, and other partners, as the Strategic Plan is designed and implemented.



### **Equity**

We acknowledge that racial, ethnic, social, geographic, economic, ability, and gender disparities cause inequities in maternal and infant health outcomes in Illinois. We commit to applying an equity lens to all our decisions and actions.



### **Collaboration**

We respect and engage with our partners and incorporate the contributions of our diverse stakeholders in an authentic and sincere manner with a focus on inclusion.



### **Quality**

We commit to using the best available scientific evidence to guide our priorities, decision-making, and actions.



### **Science/Evidence**

We promote the highest quality maternal and family health care, practice, and policies at all levels of our work.



### **Community Empowerment**

We value individuals and communities as a vital part of improving maternal health in Illinois and we commit to respect, listen, and respond to the needs and goals of multiple diverse communities.

# Purpose of Strategic Plan

- A call to action to address stark inequities in maternal outcomes
- Builds on multiple prior efforts to explain the causes of these inequities
- Intended to guide, support and/or strengthen the efforts of all MCH stakeholders by providing feasible strategies and action steps
- Designed to be a living document that will change as strategies are adopted, enacted, and evaluated

# Strategic Plan Priority Areas



## Care Coordination and Case Management

Objective: Expand coordination of services prior to, during, and after pregnancy



## Public Education and Community Empowerment and Engagement

Objective: Support public education and mass media campaigns incorporating community voices focused on health and health care before, during, and after pregnancy



## Equal Access to High Quality Care

Objective: Ensure all pregnant and postpartum persons have equitable access to high quality care



## Root/Structural Causes of Health Inequity

Objective: Address social and systemic issues that alter all persons' ability to be healthy across the reproductive continuum



## Maternal Health Data for Action

Objective: Increase awareness, access, and use of maternal health data systems and resources to inform efforts to reduce severe maternal morbidity and maternal mortality

# Strategic Priority Area #5

Strategic Priority Area #5: Maternal Health Data  
for Action

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**Strategy #1: Increase the number of MCH stakeholders and partners using data for action by leveraging existing state-level data resources (e.g., query tools and reports).**

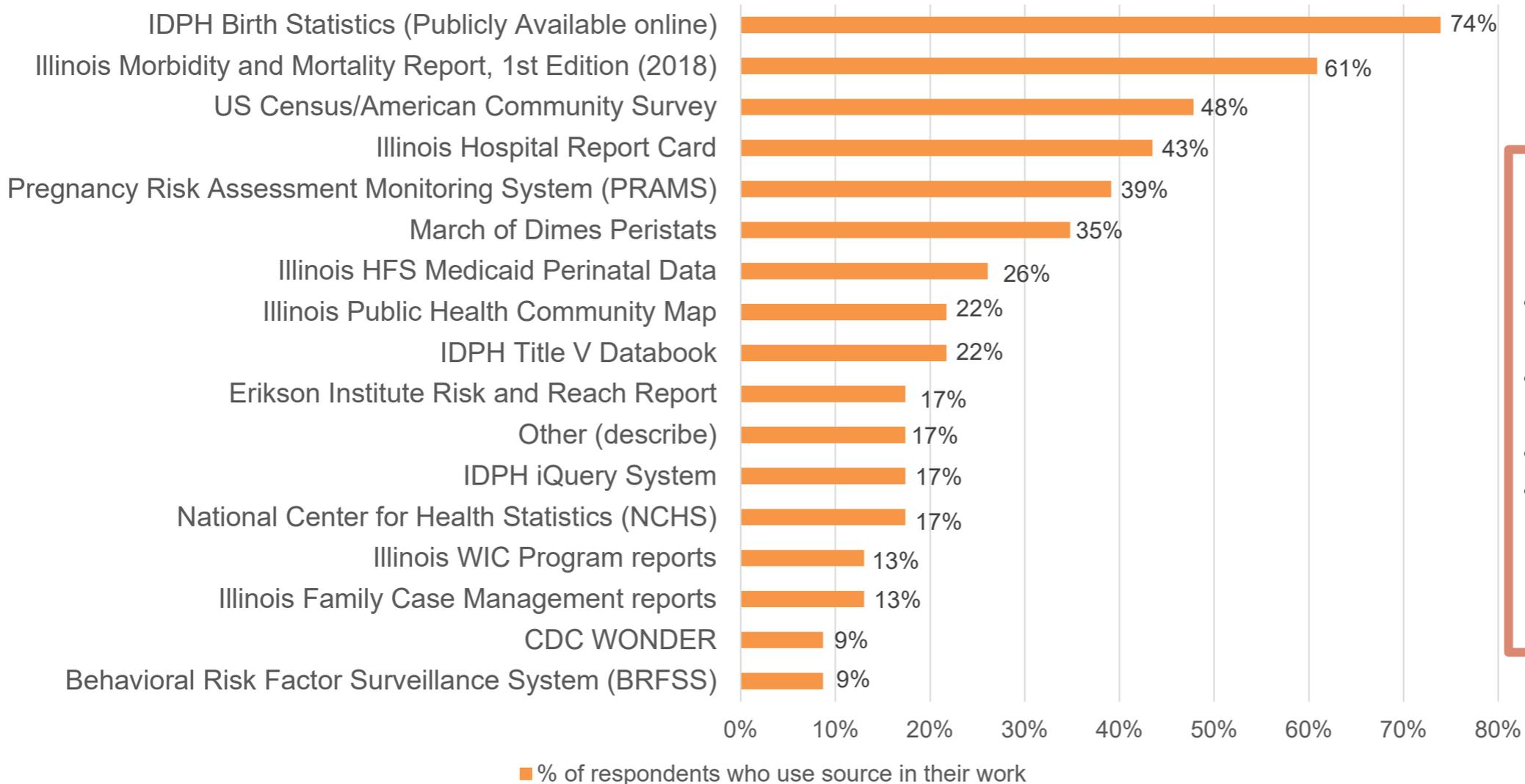
**Strategy #2: Adapt or create tools and resources to support MCH stakeholders and partners in using data to address inequities in maternal mortality (MM) and severe maternal morbidity (SMM).**

# Data Committee Survey

- **Year 1 Action Step:** Illinois Maternal Health Task Force members and I PROMOTE- IL staff will conduct a data landscape analysis, including a summary of existing state-level MCH data resources and an analysis of data/indicators that could be added to meet the needs of MCH stakeholders and partners.
- One of the first activities of the Data Committee was to develop a survey to gather information including:
  - Frequently used data sources and common uses of data
  - Barriers to using data
  - Data resources and training needs
- The Illinois Maternal Health Task Force was asked to complete this brief, voluntary survey in Qualtrics
  - Overall Response Rate: 40% (23/ 58 Task Force Members)

# Survey Results

## Use of Maternal Health Data Among Task Force Members

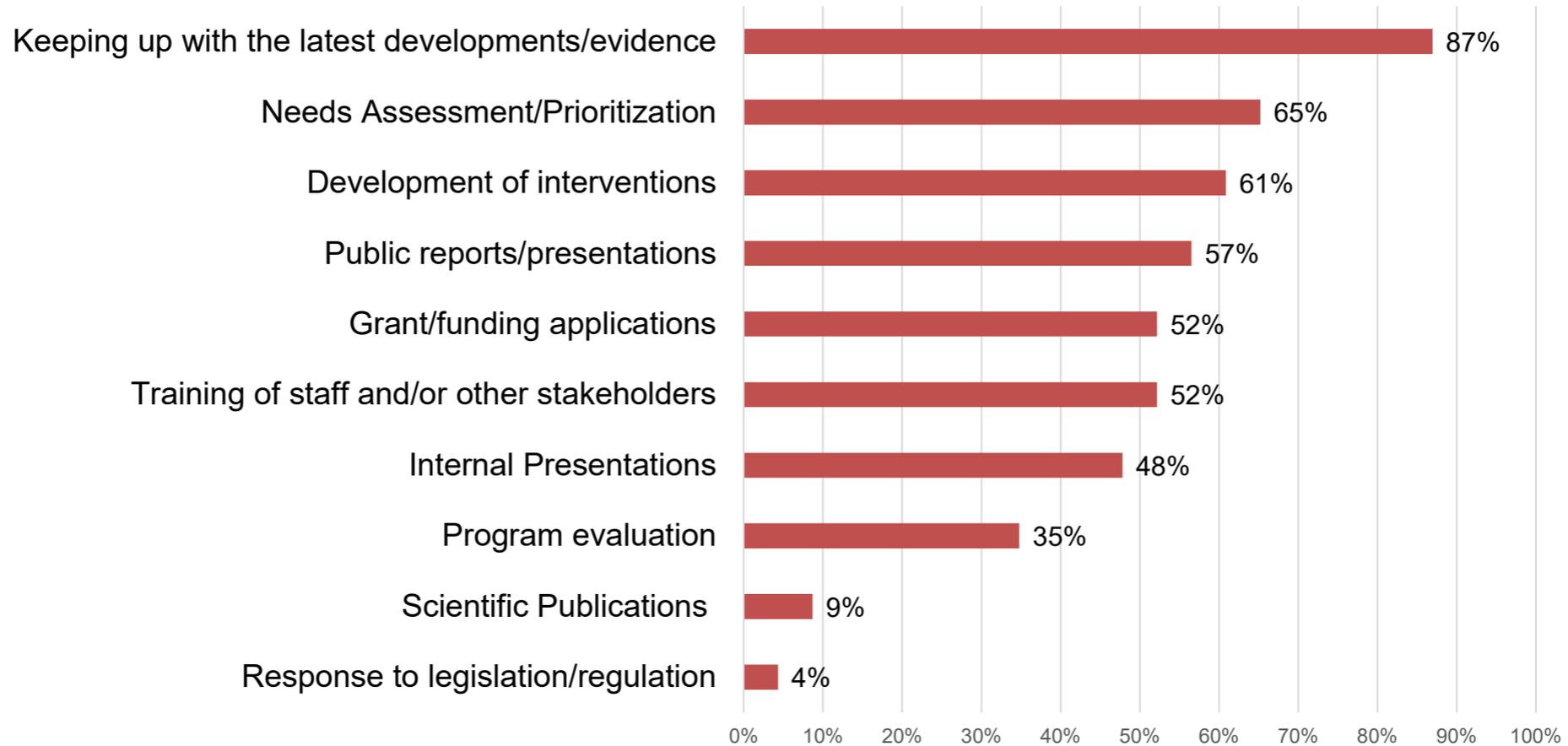


### Most User-Friendly Data Sources:

- Illinois Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Report, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition
- Erickson Institute Risk and Reach Report
- March of Dimes Peristats
- IDPH Birth Statistics (Publicly Available Online)

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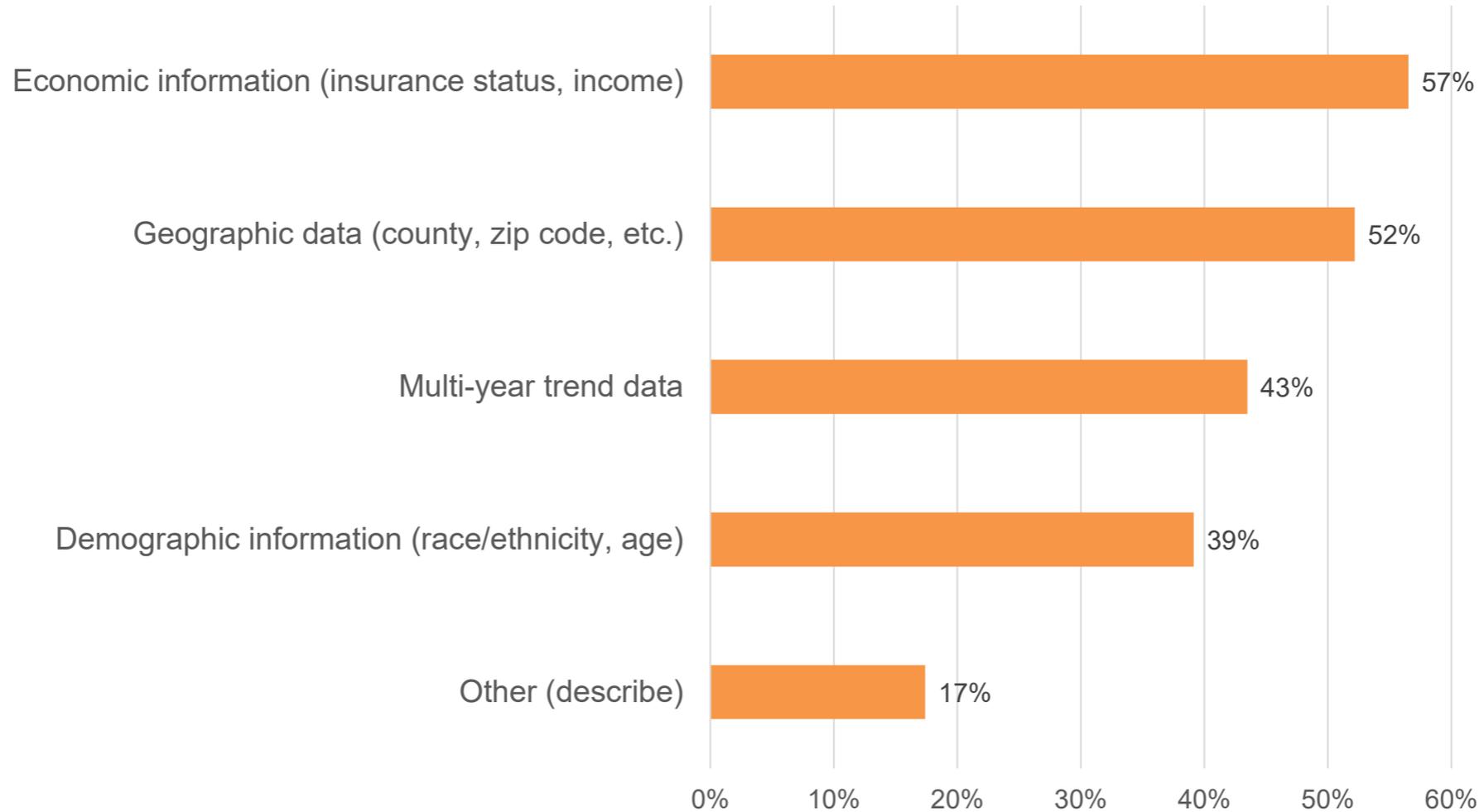
## Current Uses of Maternal Health Data



\*Note: This was a 'check all that apply' question and so percentages do not add to 100%.

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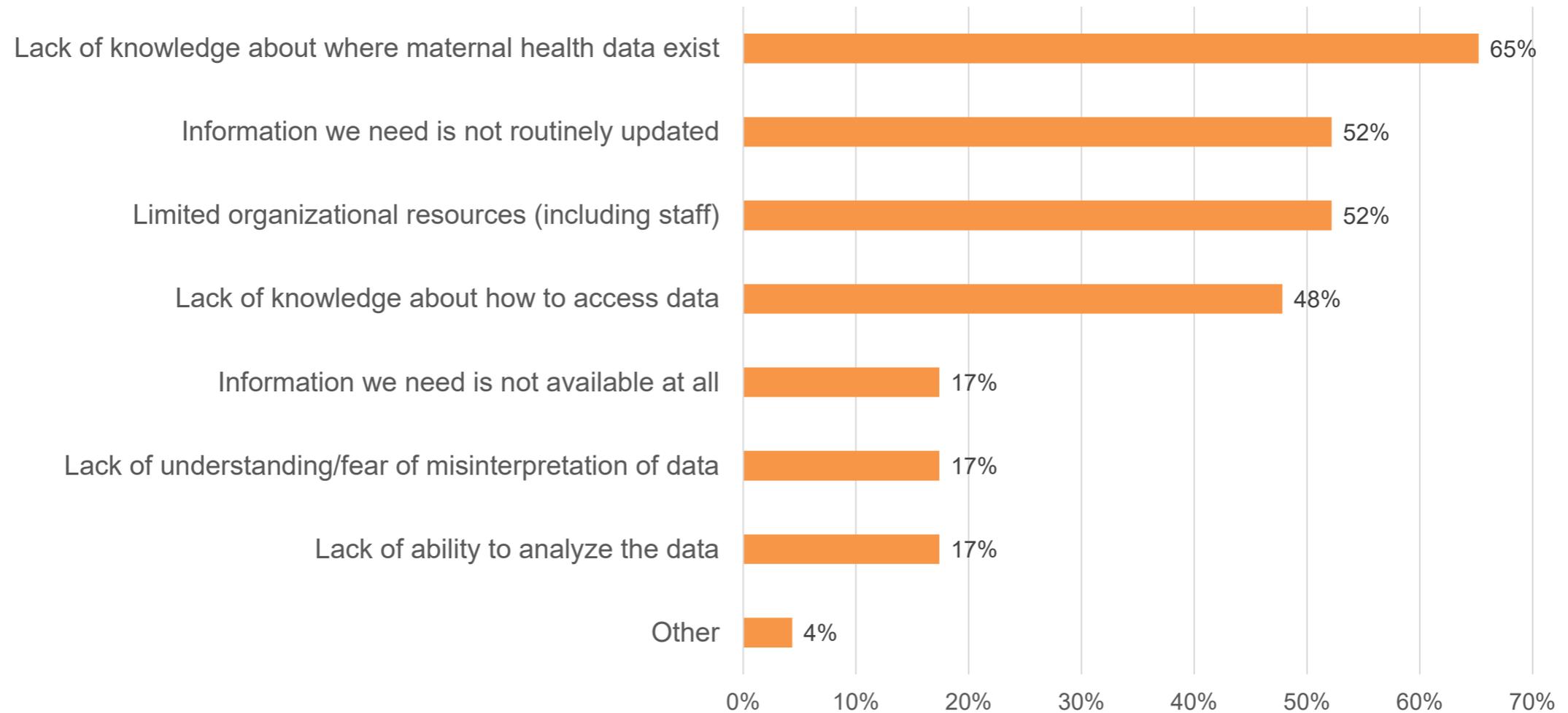
## Stratifiers/Subgroups Needed Across Data Sources



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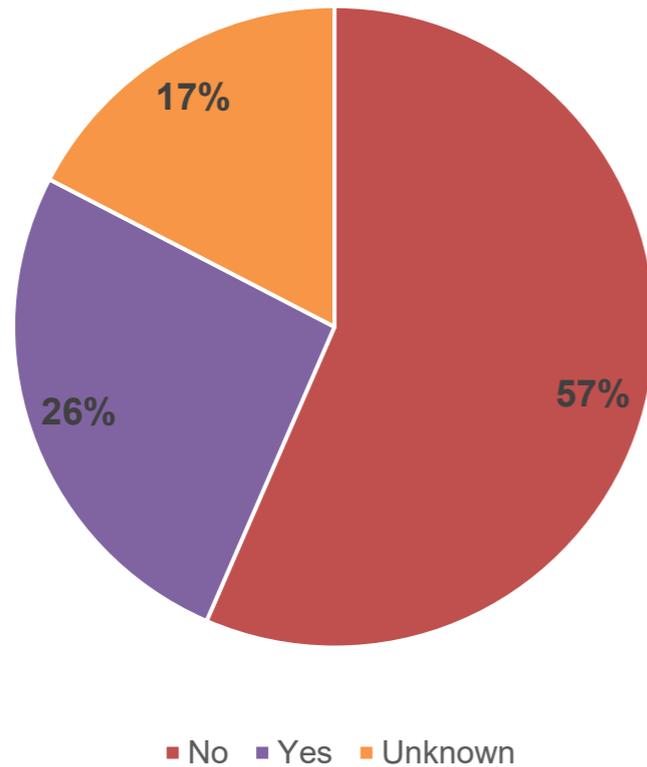
## Barriers to Accessing and Using Maternal Health Data



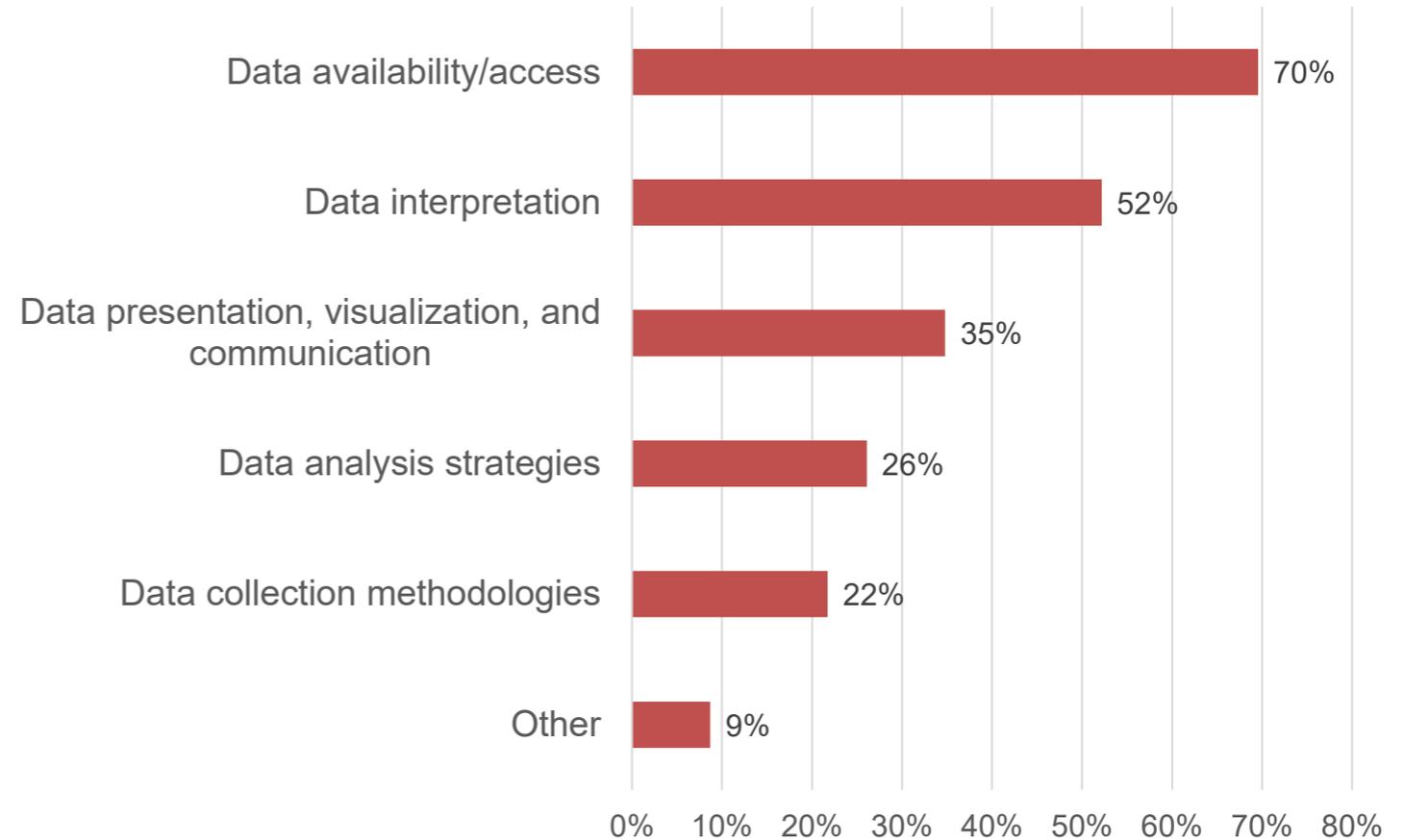
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# Survey Results

## Organizations with Designated Data Analyst or Epidemiologist



## Data Training Needs



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# Considerations and Next Steps

- These results represent a small convenience sample of stakeholders and are not reflective of the broad, diverse workforce working to improve maternal health in Illinois
- The focus of the survey was on publicly available, aggregate data sources and was intentional to not solicit feedback on issues of timeliness or accessibility as these things are beyond the control of the Data Committee
- Potential next steps:
  - Launch a webinar series about how to access and use existing data sources
  - Review commonly used data sources for opportunities to expand available data to include additional stratifiers
  - Explore lesser used data sources to see if these fill current gaps and how to increase use if applicable

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