2025 Homelessness Needs Assessment

DPH Appendix

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Data Overview

Mental Health San Francisco Priority Population: Clients who are people experiencing homelessness (PEH) and have a serious mental health diagnosis and/or substance use diagnosis.

Persons Experiencing Homelessness (PEH): Individuals are considered to be experiencing homelessness if they either:

- Used a city service that indicates housing instability
- Self-reported homelessness while accessing healthcare services within the past 12 months.

Data Overview

Diagnoses: Persons are considered to have a serious Mental Health or Substance Use disorder if they met the defined diagnostic criteria at any time in the past 24 months. This duration was chosen to be inclusive both of persons recently in treatment as well as those who have fallen out of care.
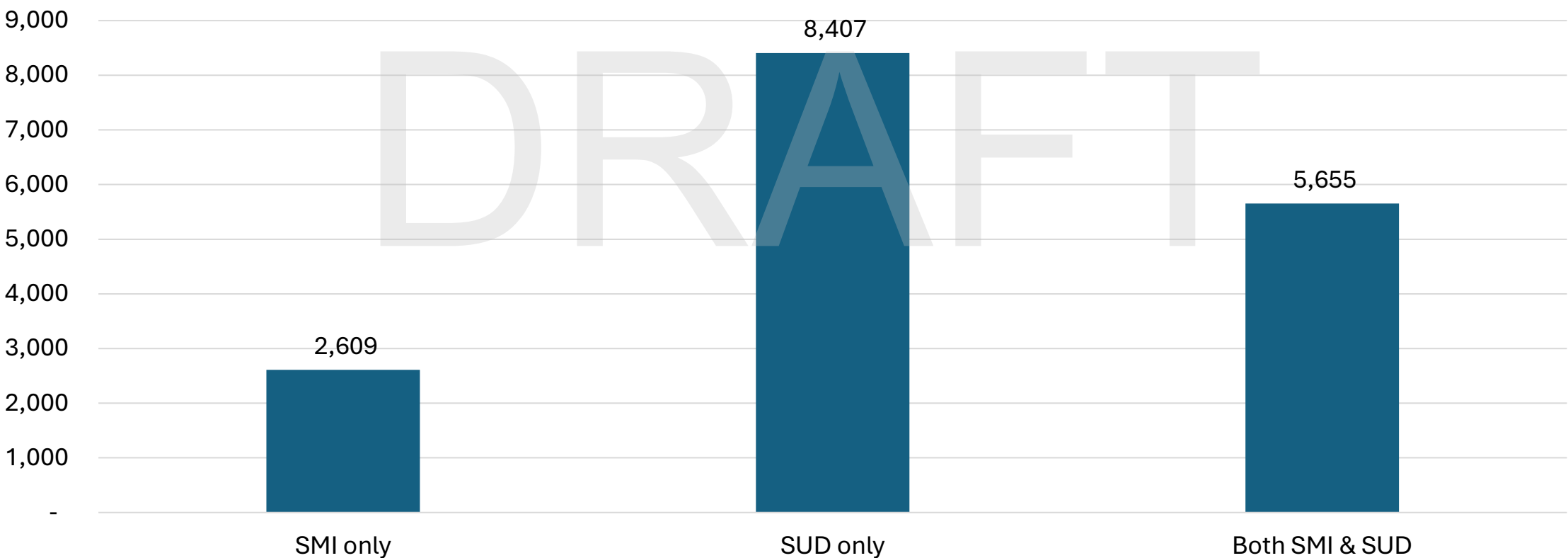
Serious Mental Health (SMI) Disorder: Persons with:

- psychotic disorders,
- bipolar disorders,
- post-traumatic stress disorder, or
- depressive disorders but only if the depressive disorder was associated with a psychiatric inpatient episode.
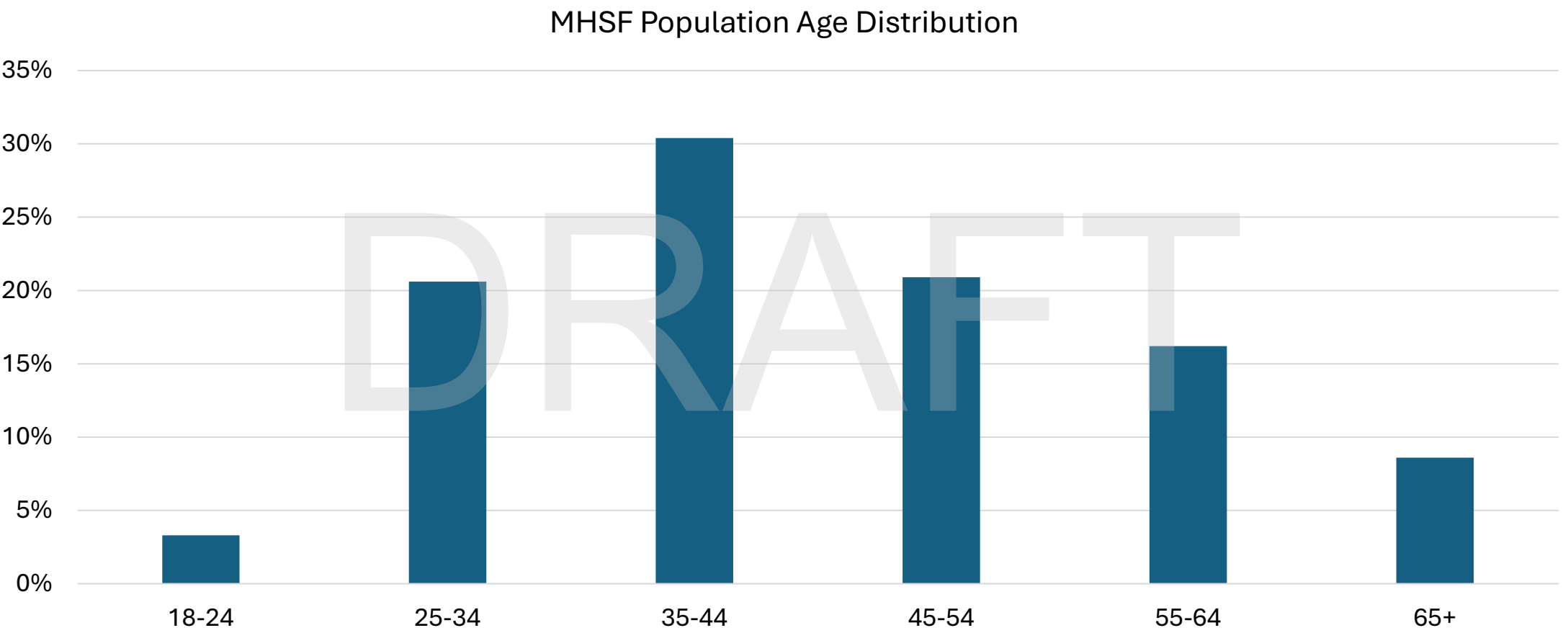
Substance Use Disorder (SUD): All substance use disorders except nicotine, caffeine, and cannabis only disorders (unless psychotic features are noted).
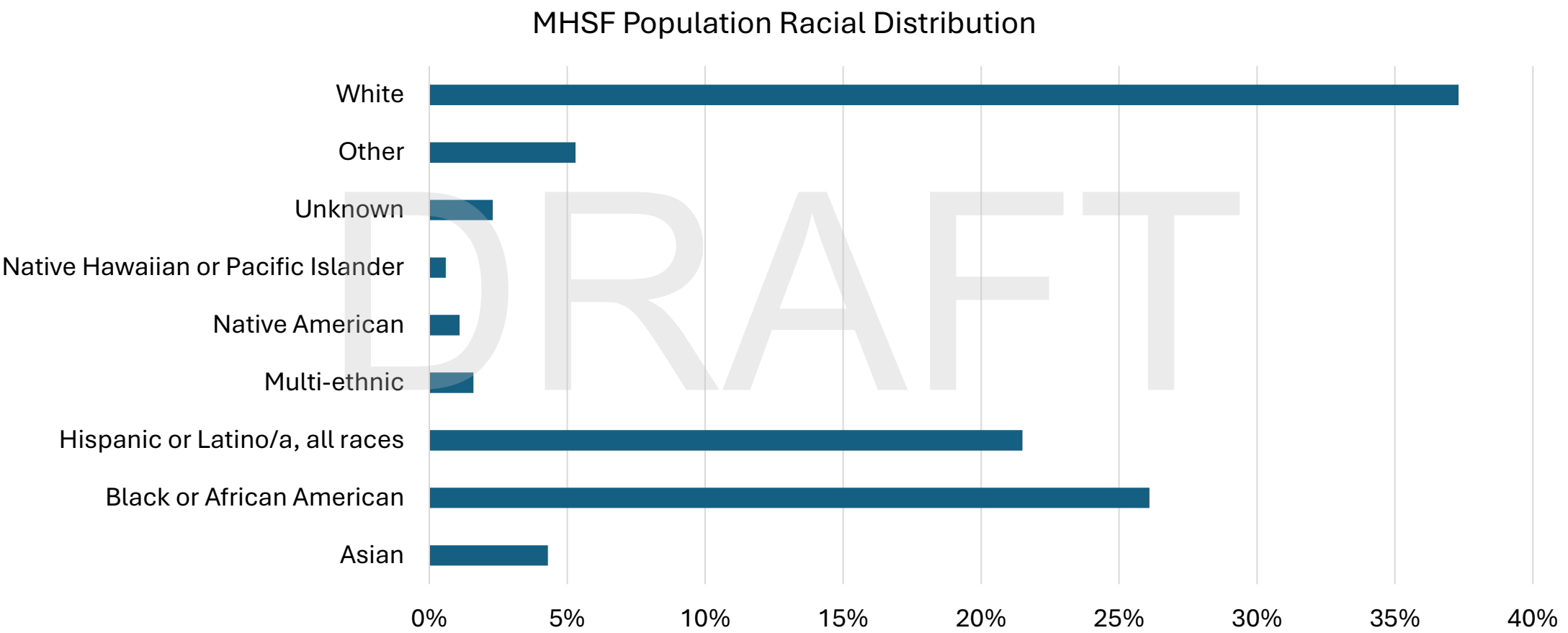
MHSF Population Totals

- Total population is 16,671

- 50% of the population had a SUD only diagnosis; 34% had both SUD and SMI diagnoses, and 16% had a SMI only diagnosis
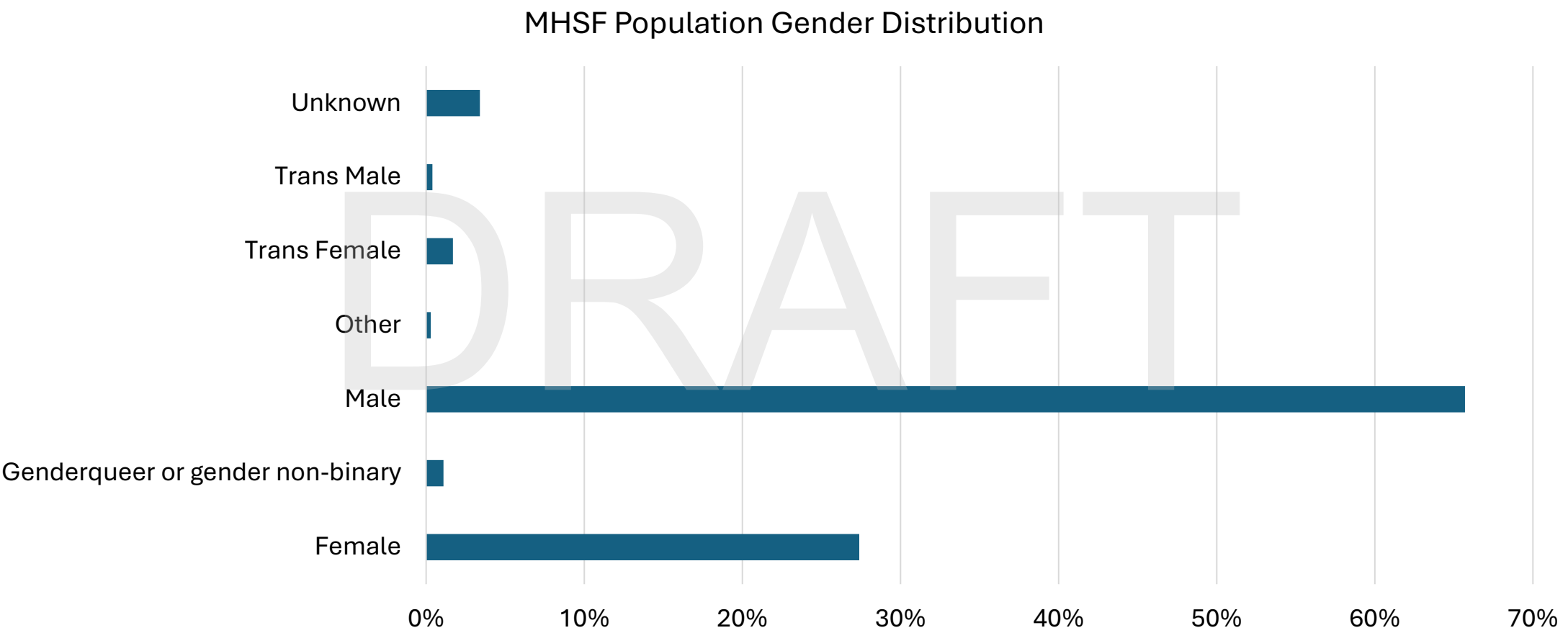
MHSF Population - Age

MHSF Population Age Distribution

MHSF Population – Race

MHSF Population Racial Distribution

MHSF Population – Gender Identity

MHSF Population Gender Distribution

MHSF Population – Sexual Orientation

MHSF Population Sexual Orientation Distribution