

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather in BC is unceded Traditional territories of the səlilw'etaʔt, kʷikʷəłəm, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm Nations.



York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. It is now home to many First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.



A LONGITUDINAL INVESTIGATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME TRENDS AMONG SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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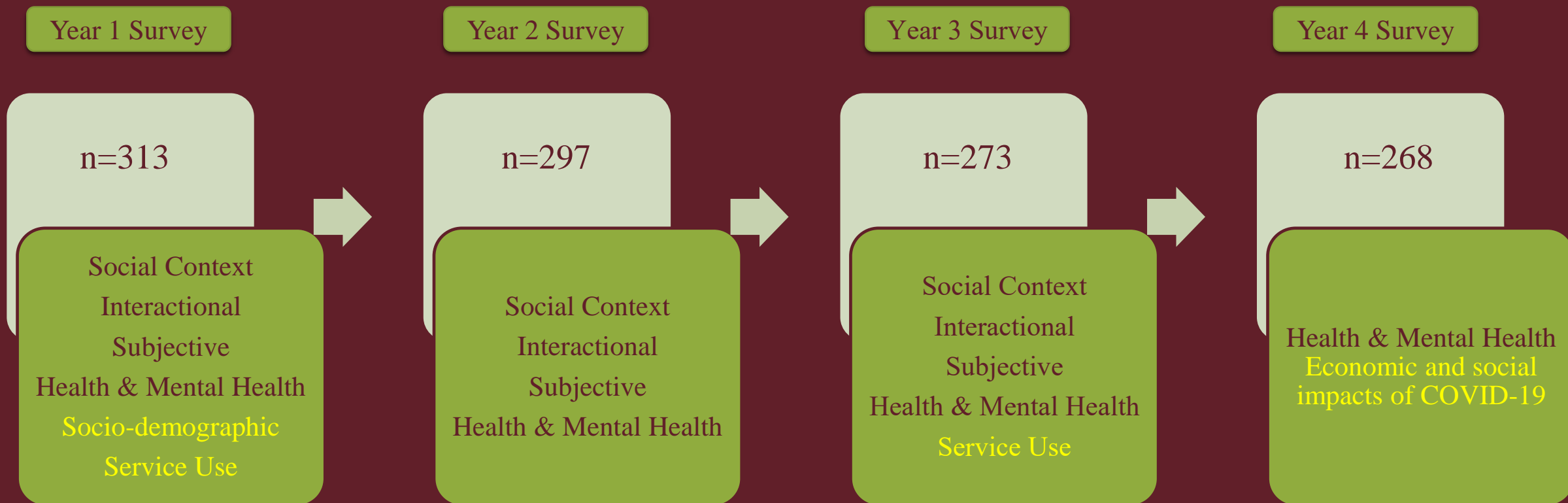
- Community-based
- Longitudinal
- Mixed methods
- Household level
 - 1932 indiv / 856 households
- Partnership of settlement / community agencies and academic institutions in:
 - British Columbia (Thompson Okanagan and Metro Vancouver)
 - Ontario (Kitchener, Toronto and Windsor)
 - Quebec (Montreal)



BC DATA COLLECTION



- Criteria for Recruitment of participants
- Data collection process
- Retention of participants
- Challenges faced during data collection
- Overcoming data collection challenges



(N=240)	GAR	PSR
Number of Individuals	186 (77.5%)	54 (22.5%)

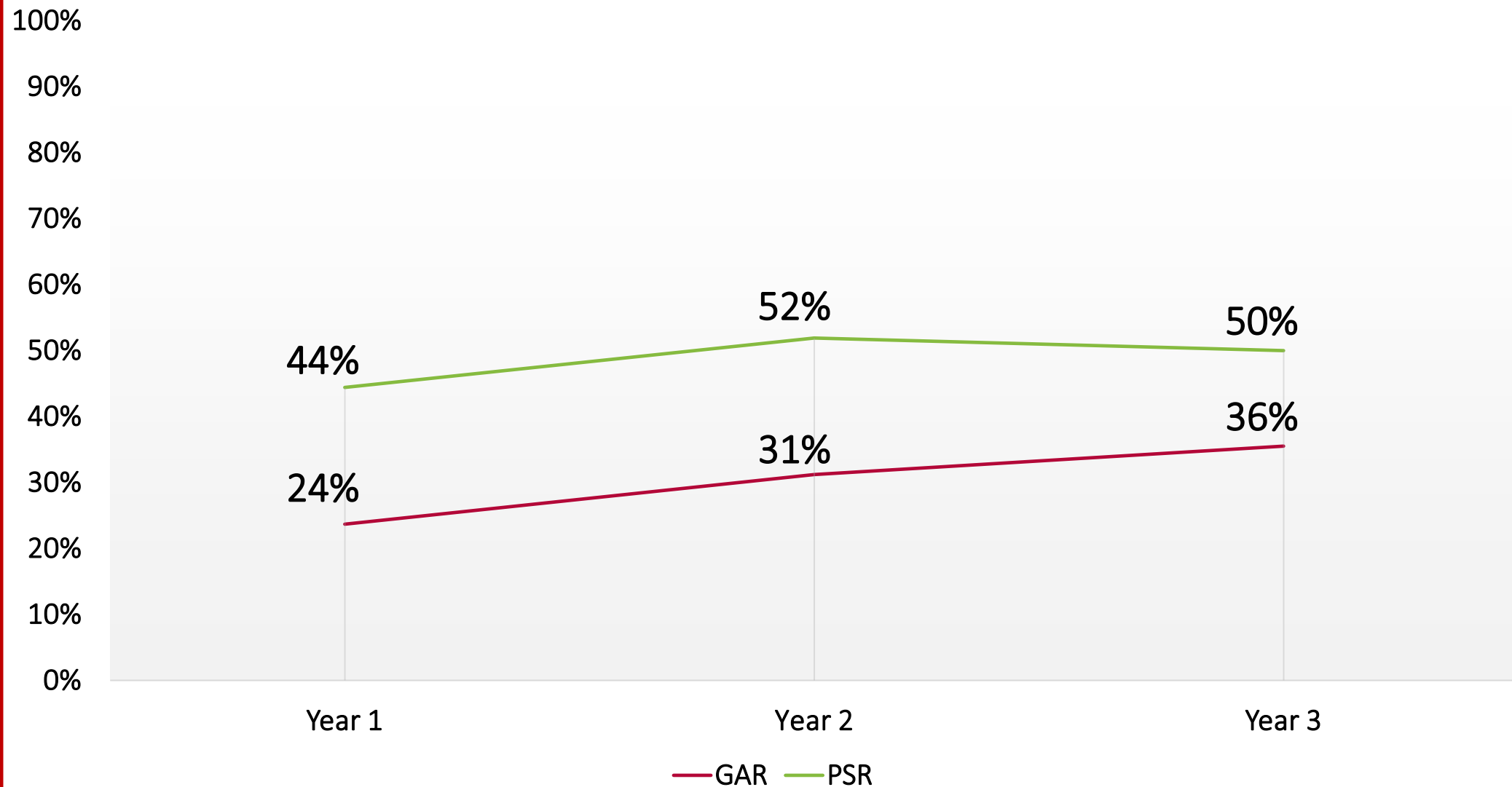


(N=105)	GAR	PSR
Number of households	82 (78.1%)	23 (21.9%)

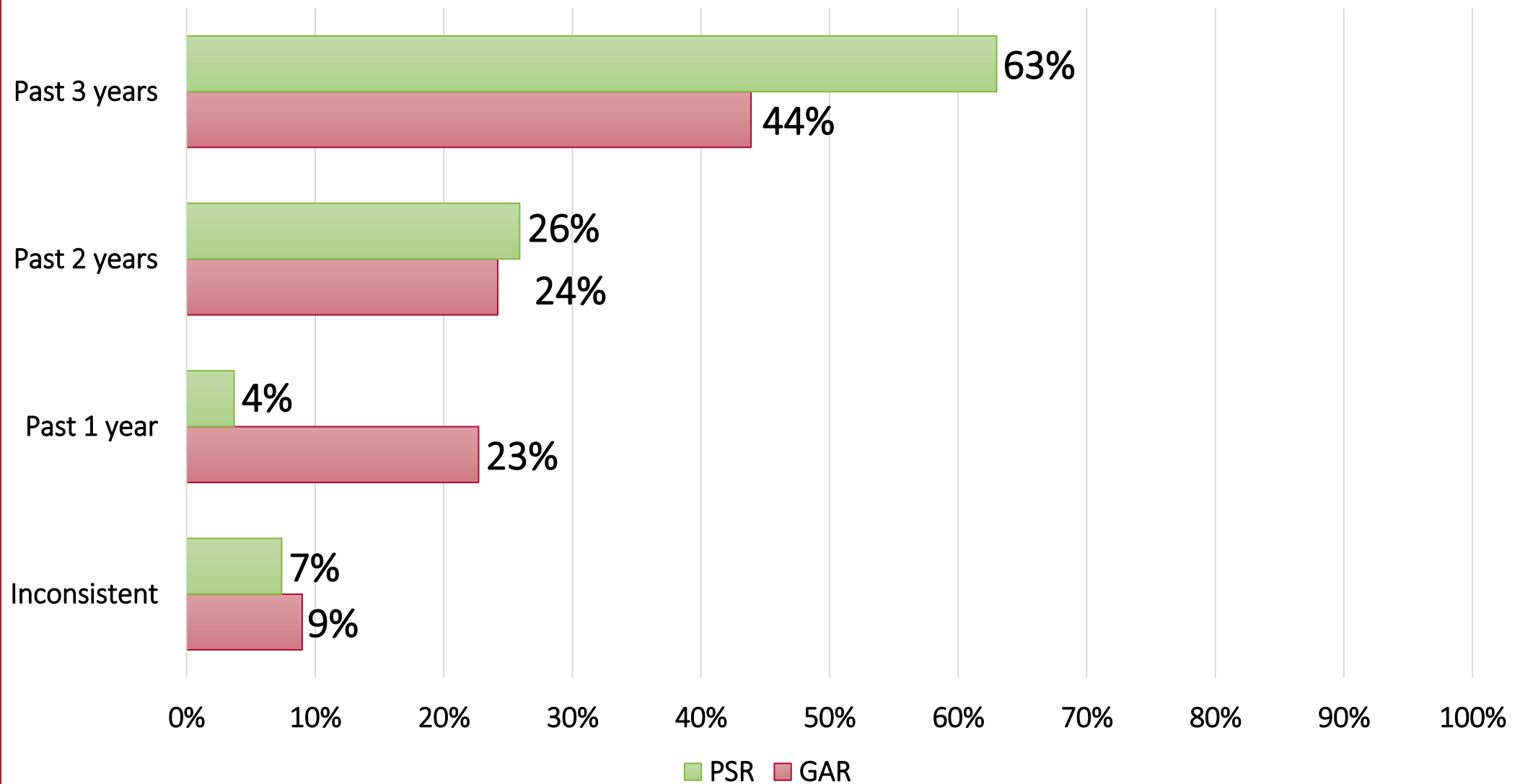


SyRIA.lth – BC Participants

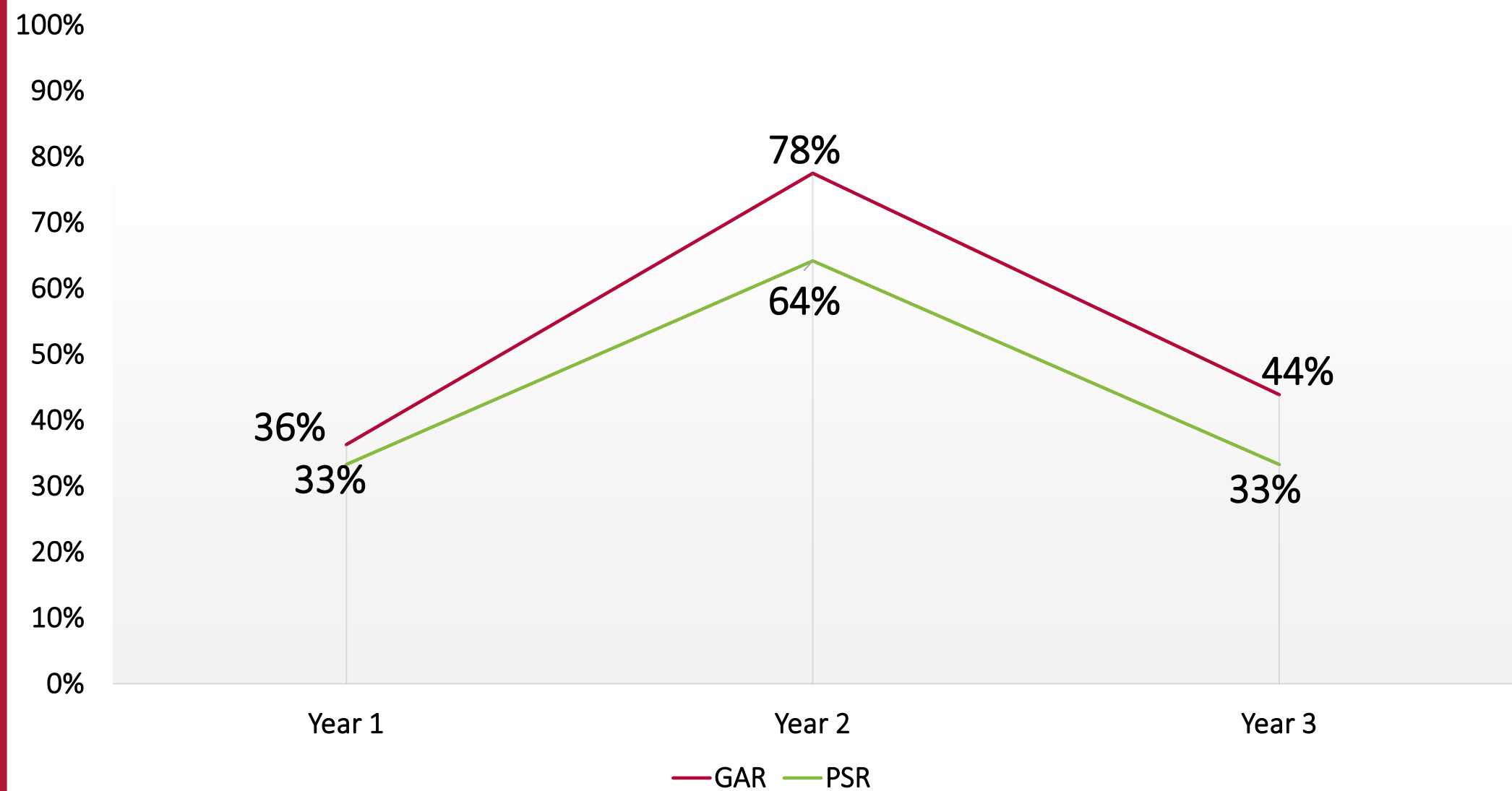
Currently working by sponsorship (n - 240)



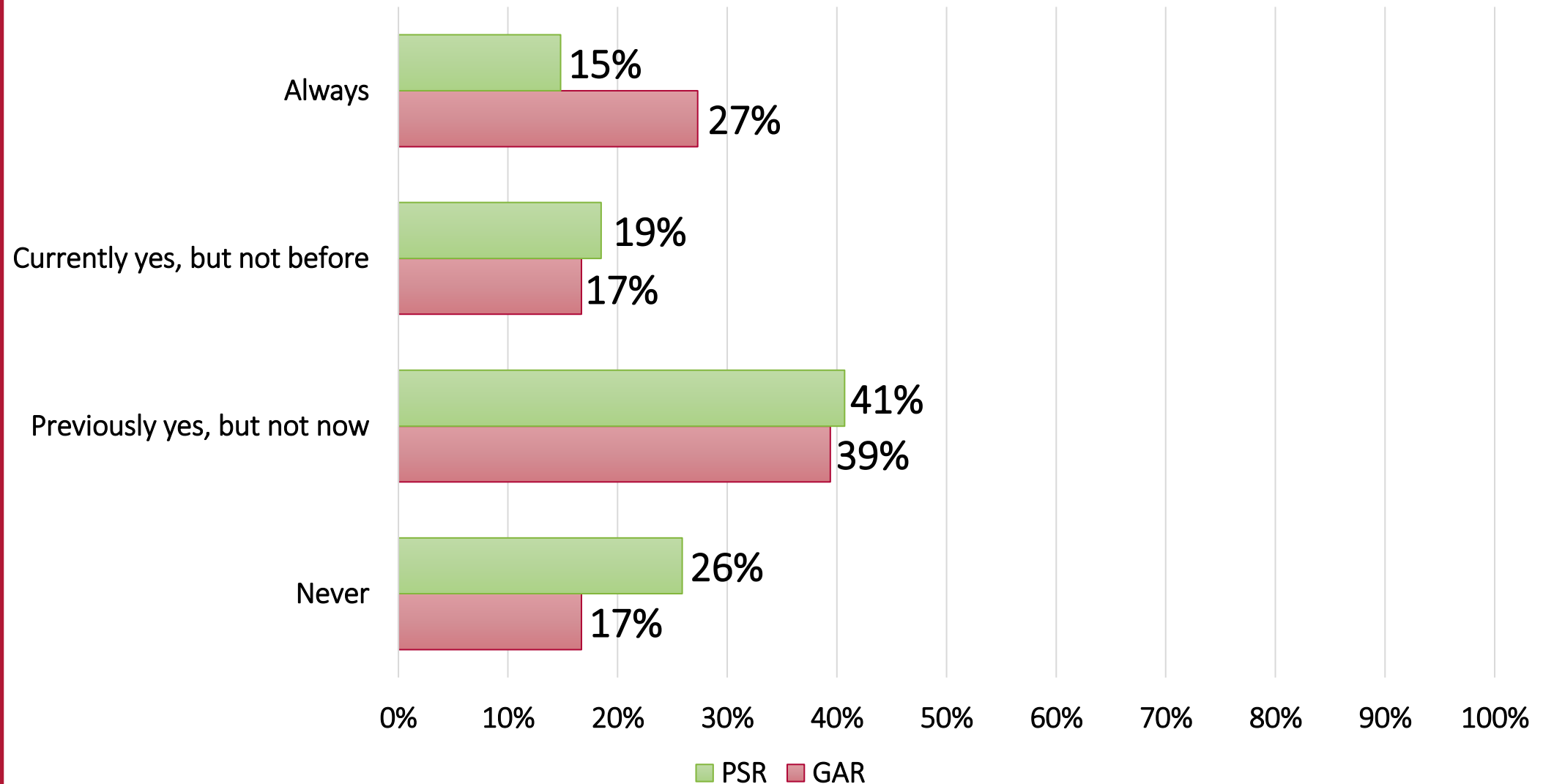
Number of years consistently working by sponsorship (n - 93)



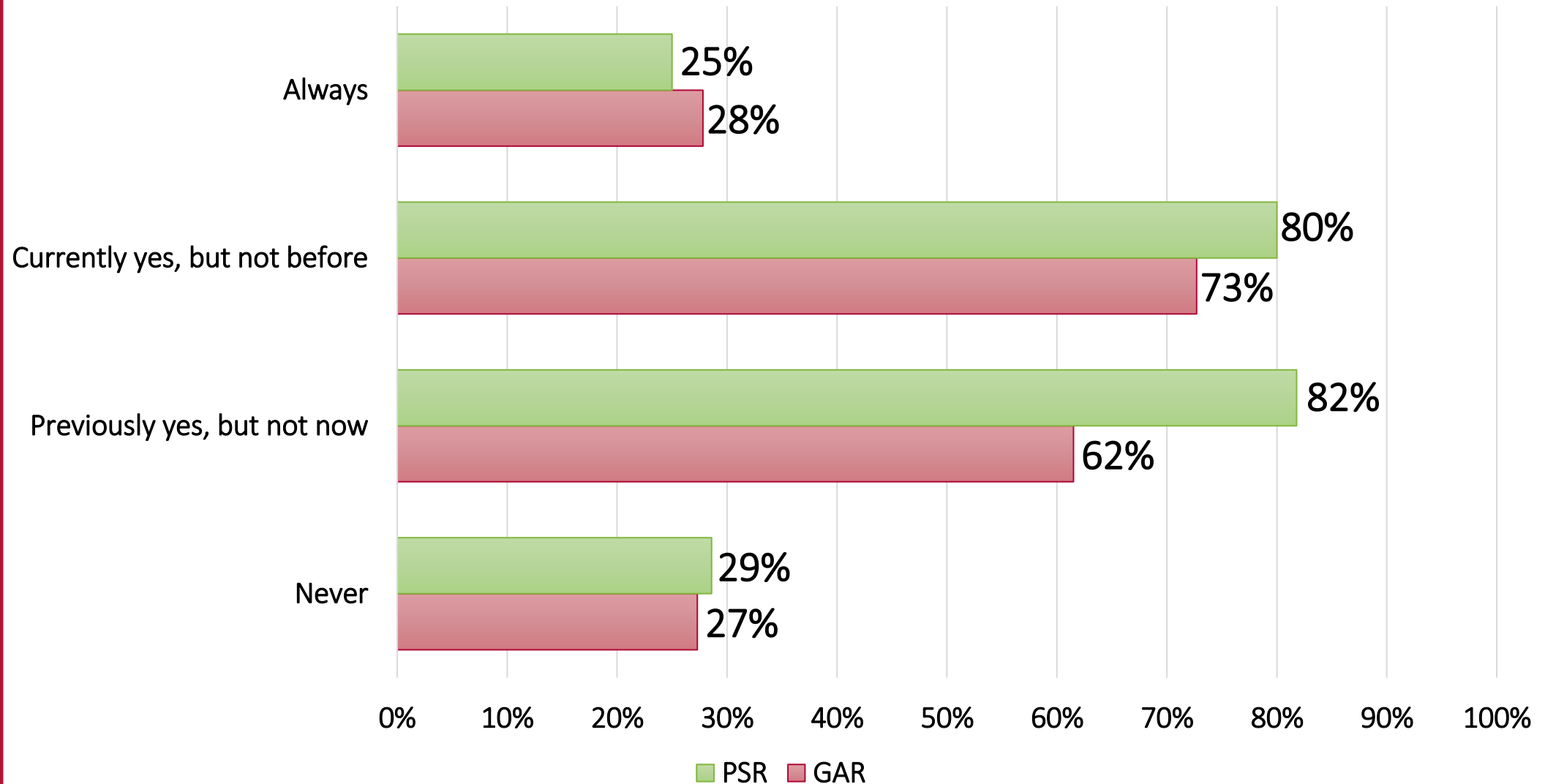
Currently working more than one job



Consistently working more than one job by sponsorship



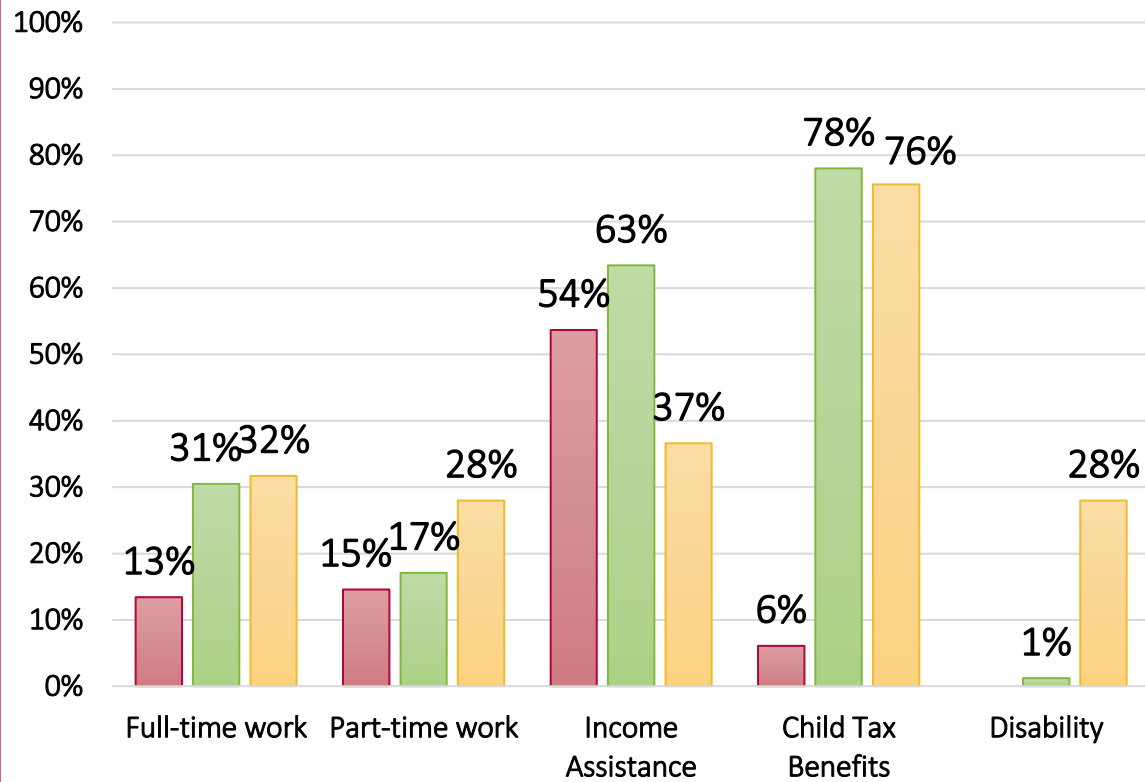
Working more than one job and have full-time hours (>40) by sponsorship



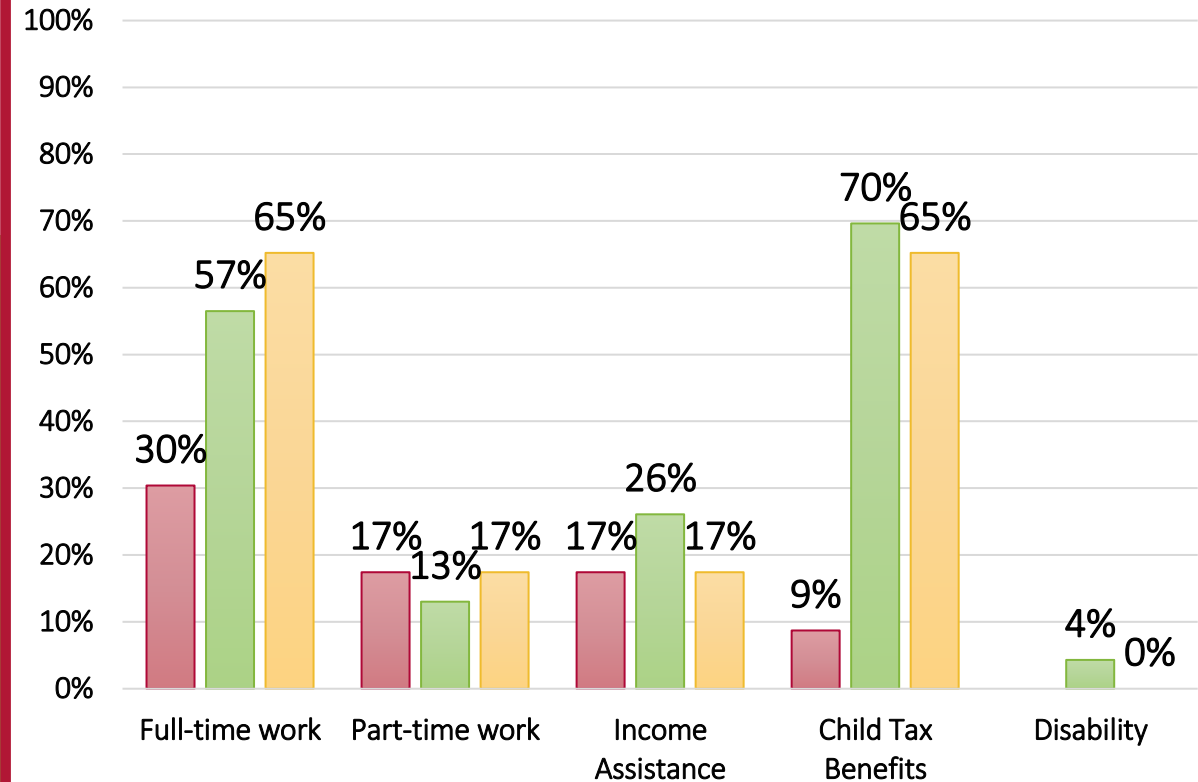
Sources of income by sponsorship (n – 105)

Year 1 Year 2 Year 3

GAR Households



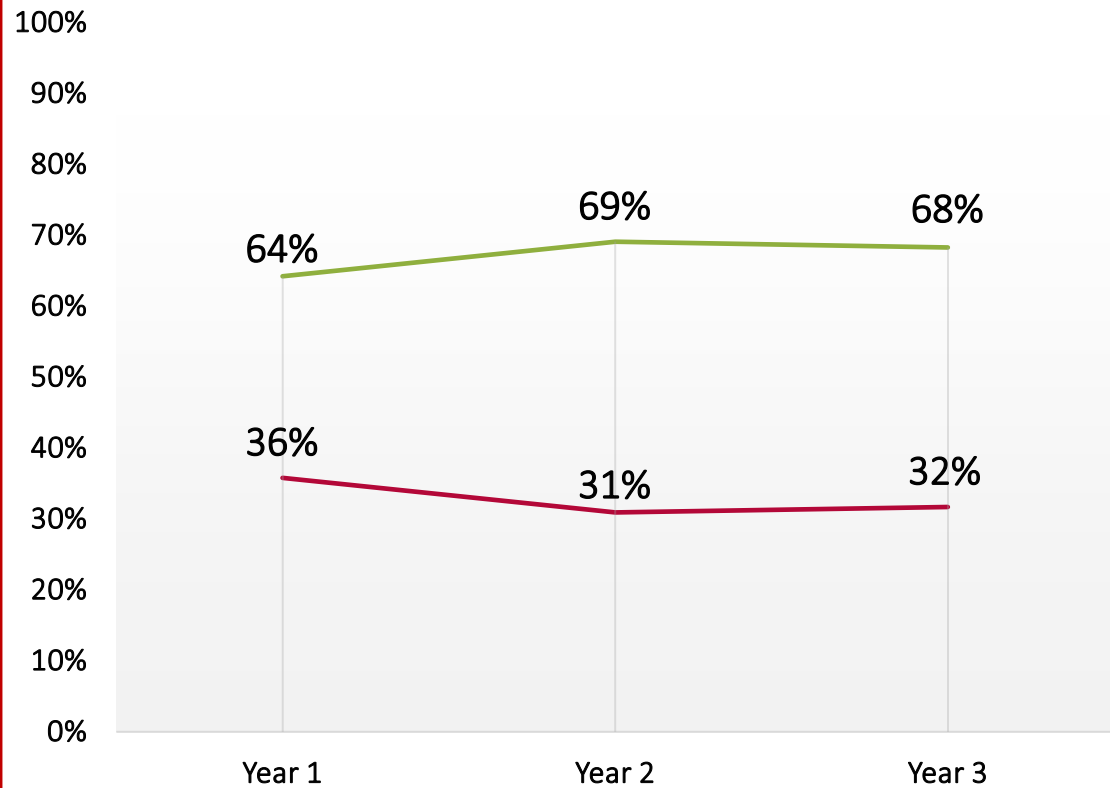
PSR Households



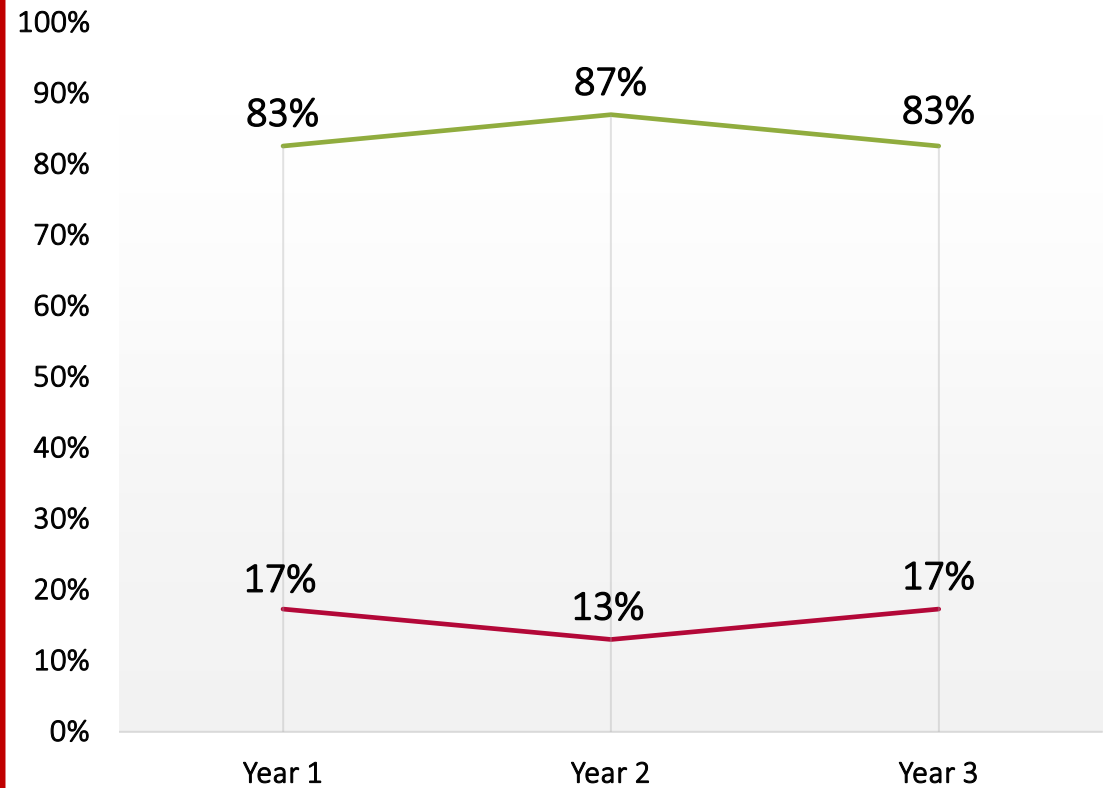
Trouble affording basic needs by sponsorship (n – 105)

— No, never had to get assistance — Yes, had to get assistance

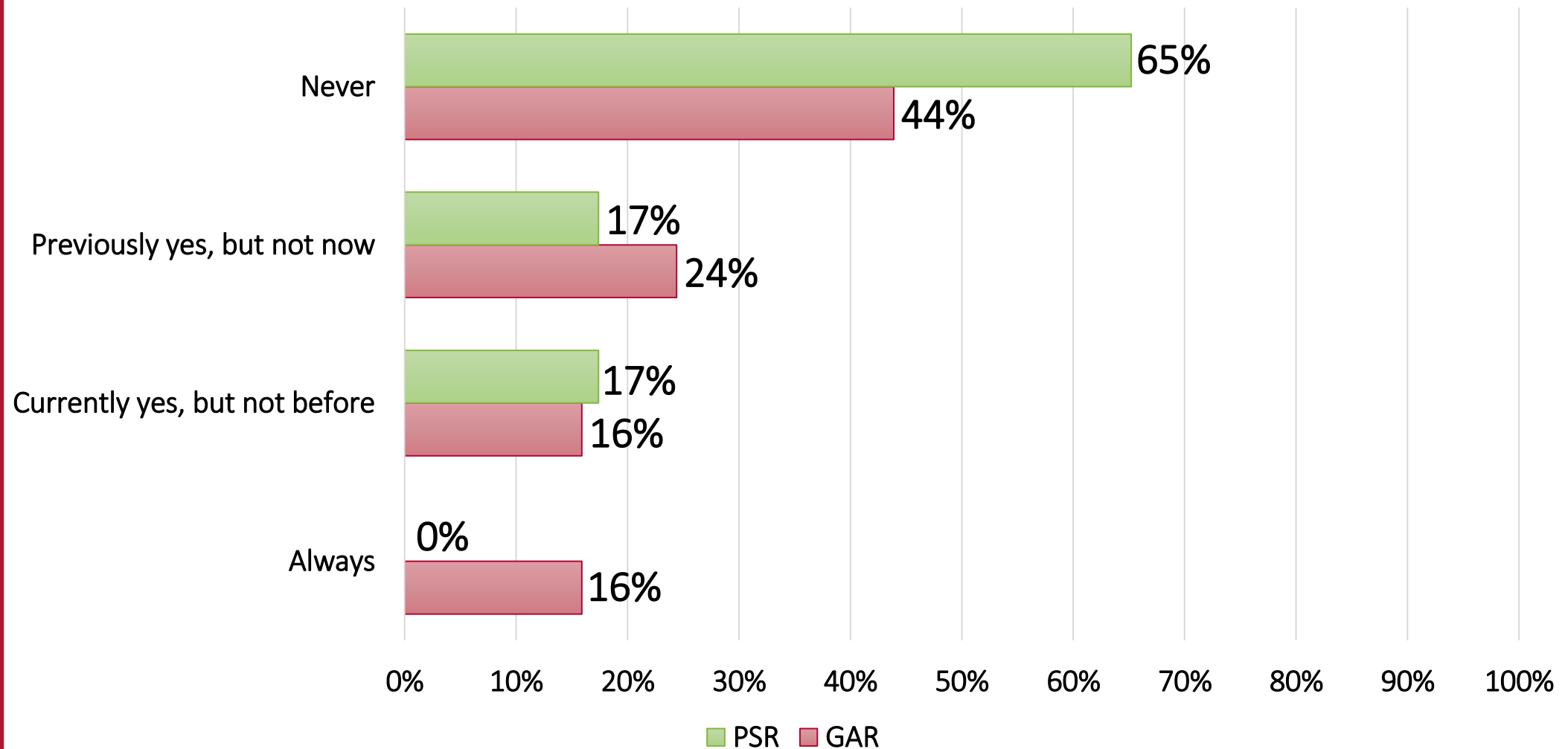
GAR Households



PSR Households



Consistently receiving assistance to afford basic needs by sponsorship
(n – 105)



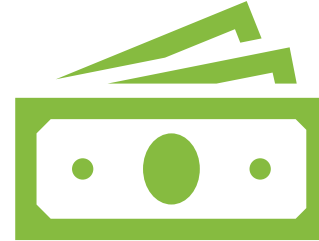
Initial Findings



Increased employment
overall for both PSRs and
GARs



Increased employment
stability, marked by full-
time hours and a decrease
in multiple jobs



Significant reduction in
GARs reliance on BC
Income Assistance in Year 3



By year 3, the majority of
households indicate they
are not receiving assistance
to meet basic needs.

A group of people in a meeting, with a woman in the foreground looking up and smiling. In the background, other people are visible, some holding up colorful sticky notes. A dark red rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text "Questions?".

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