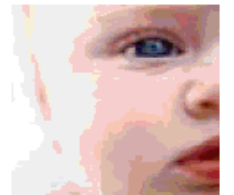
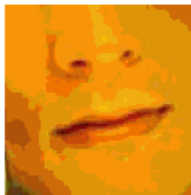
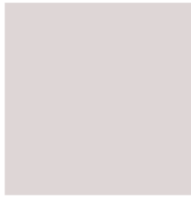
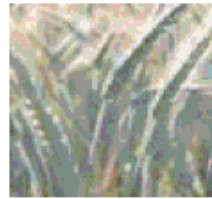
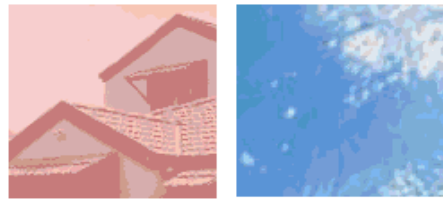


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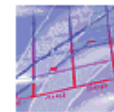
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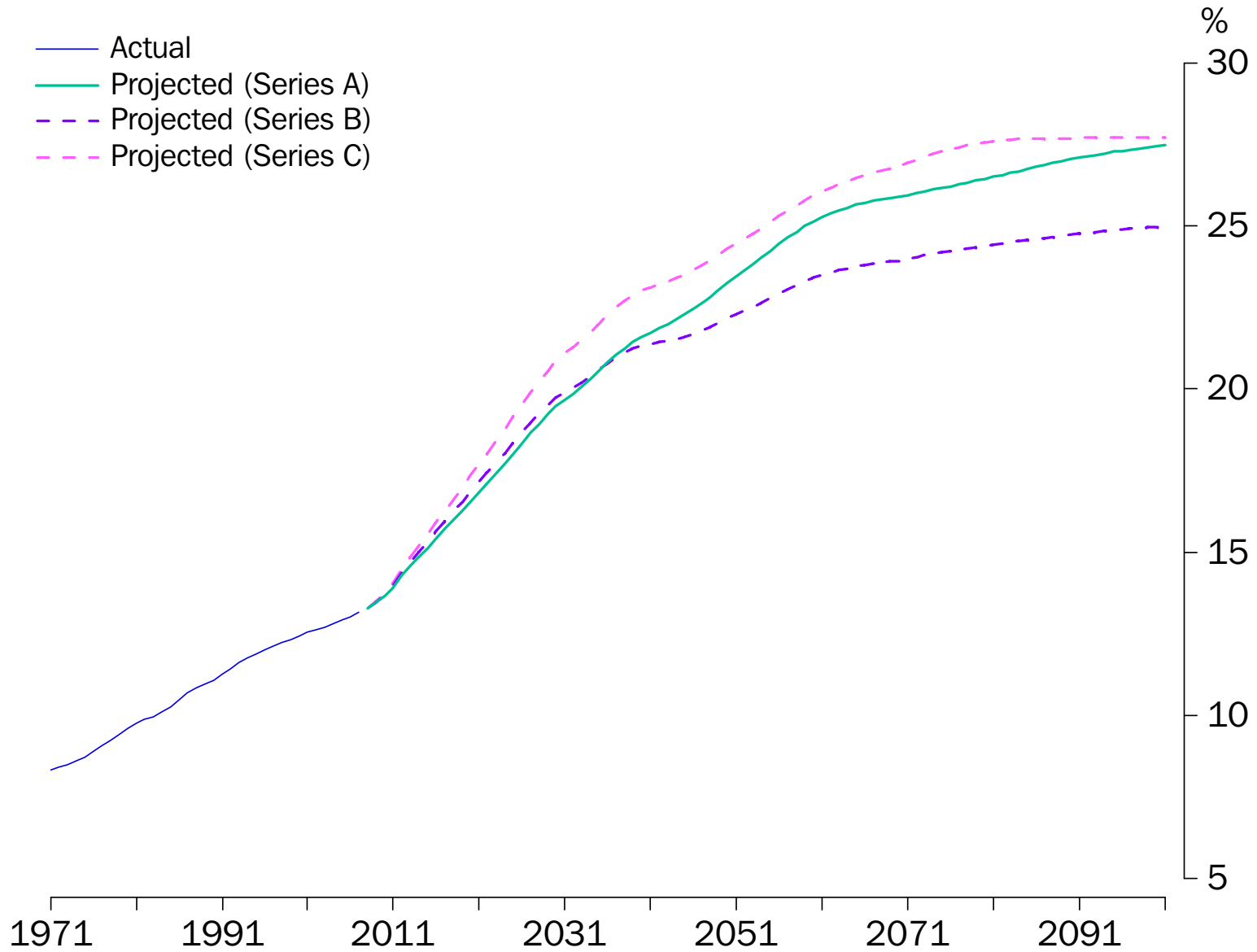
Population Ageing

- Future population growth and ageing
- Retirement and retirement intentions
- Trends in superannuation coverage



- From around 21 million people in **2006**, Australia's population is projected to grow to:
- Between 30.9 million and 42.5 million in **2056**
- Between 33.7 million and 62.2 million in **2101**

Proportion of population aged 65 years and over



- Currently: 5 working age people for every retirement age person
- In 50 years: $2\frac{1}{2} : 1$

Employment rate vs retirement intentions

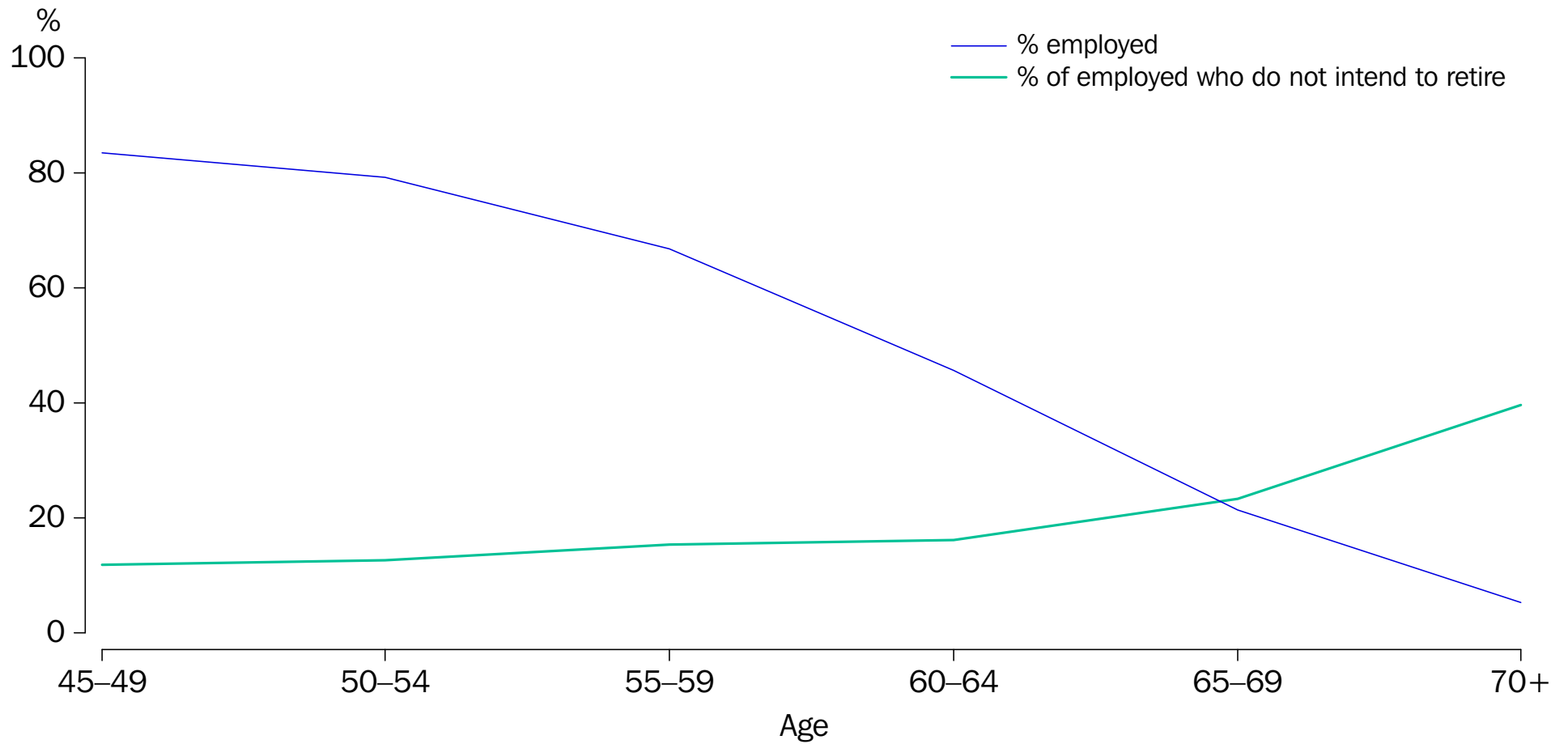
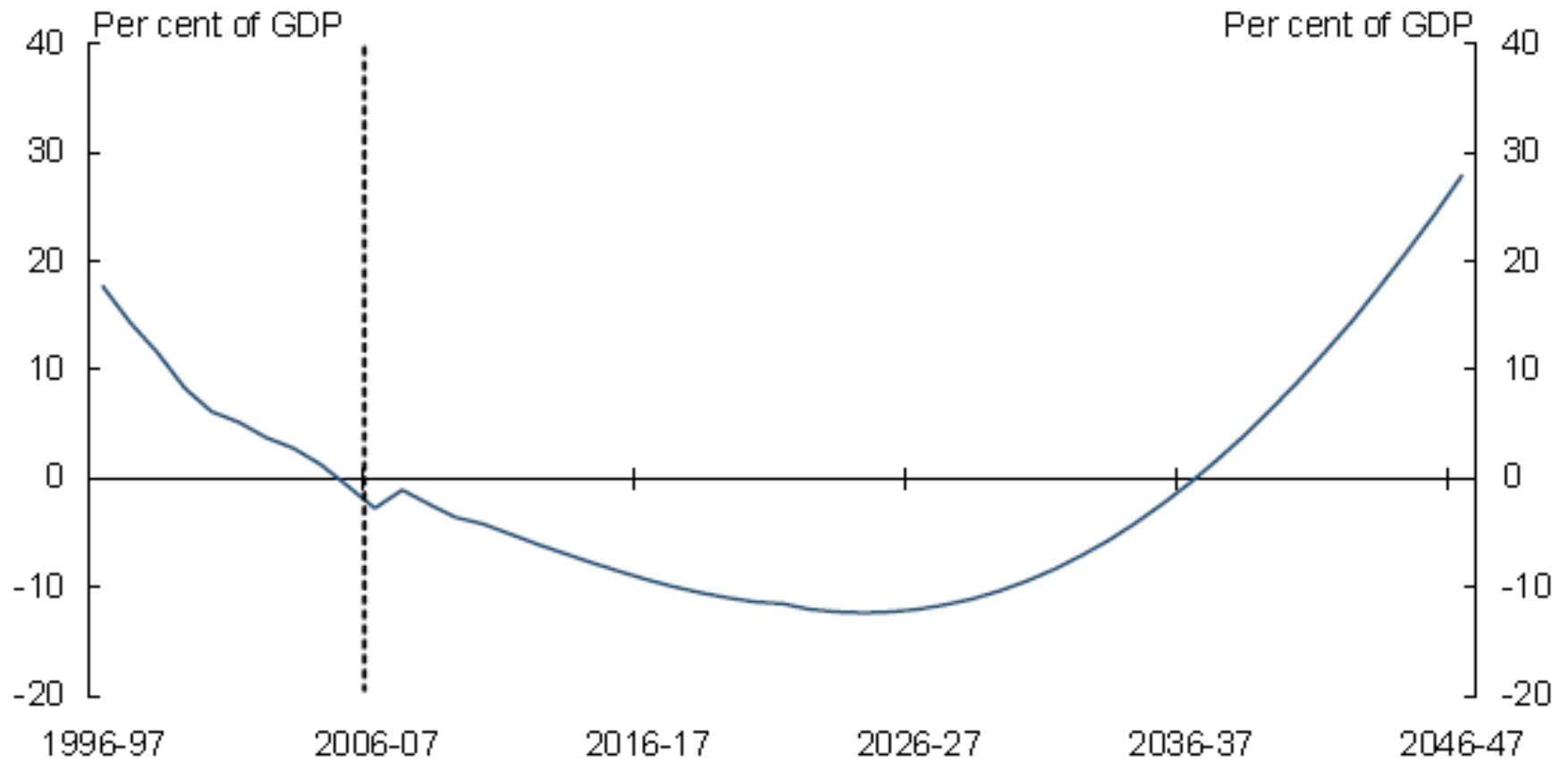
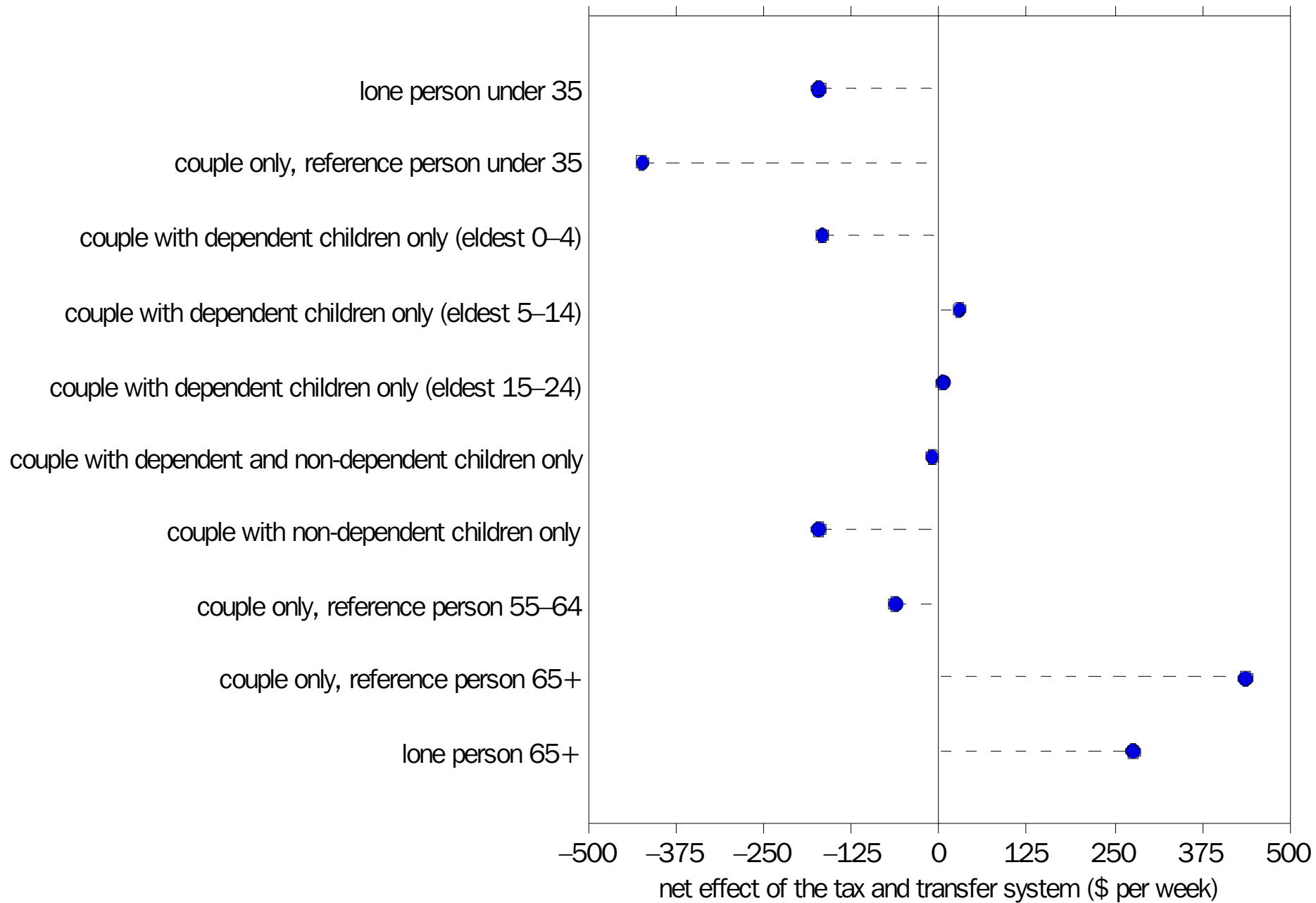


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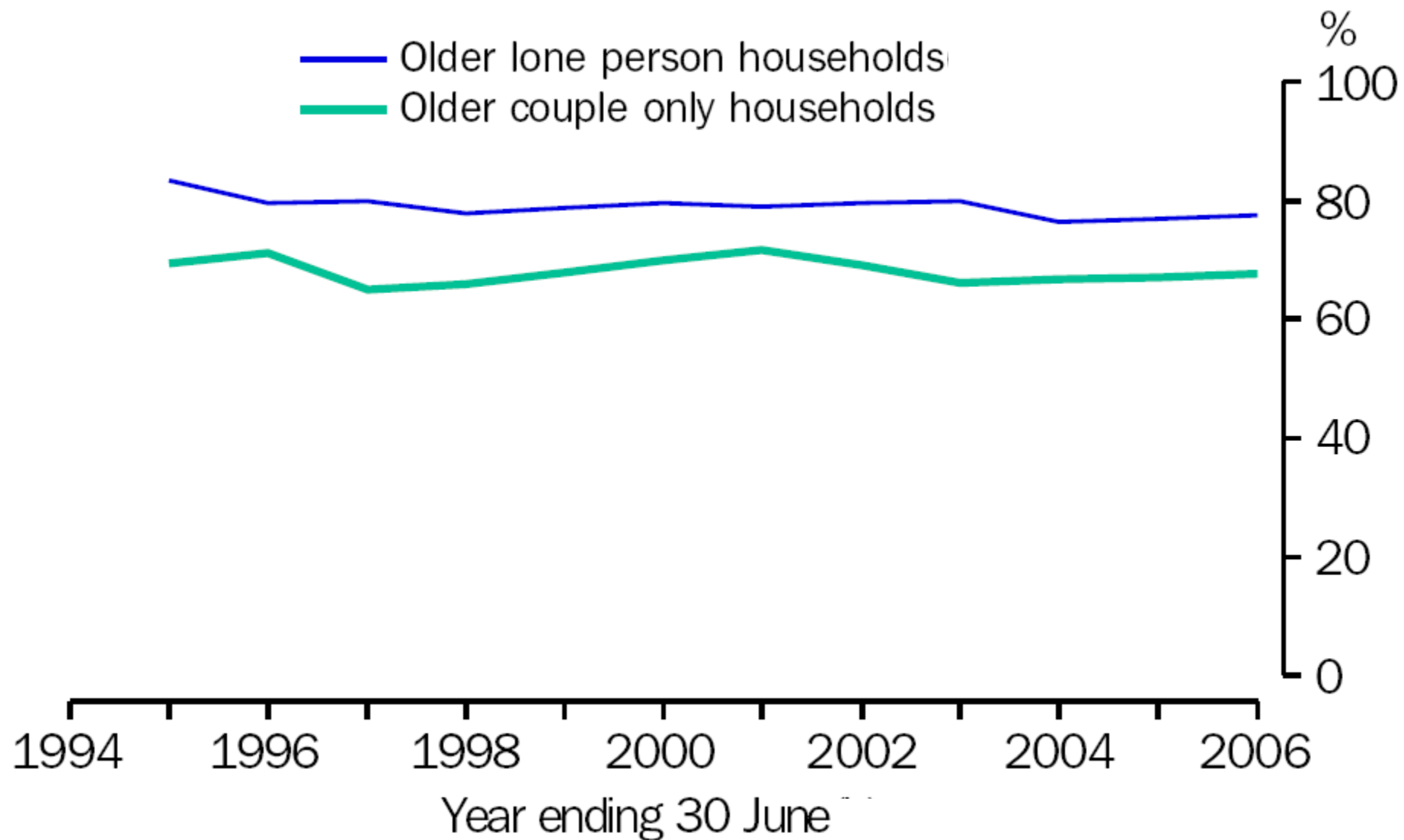


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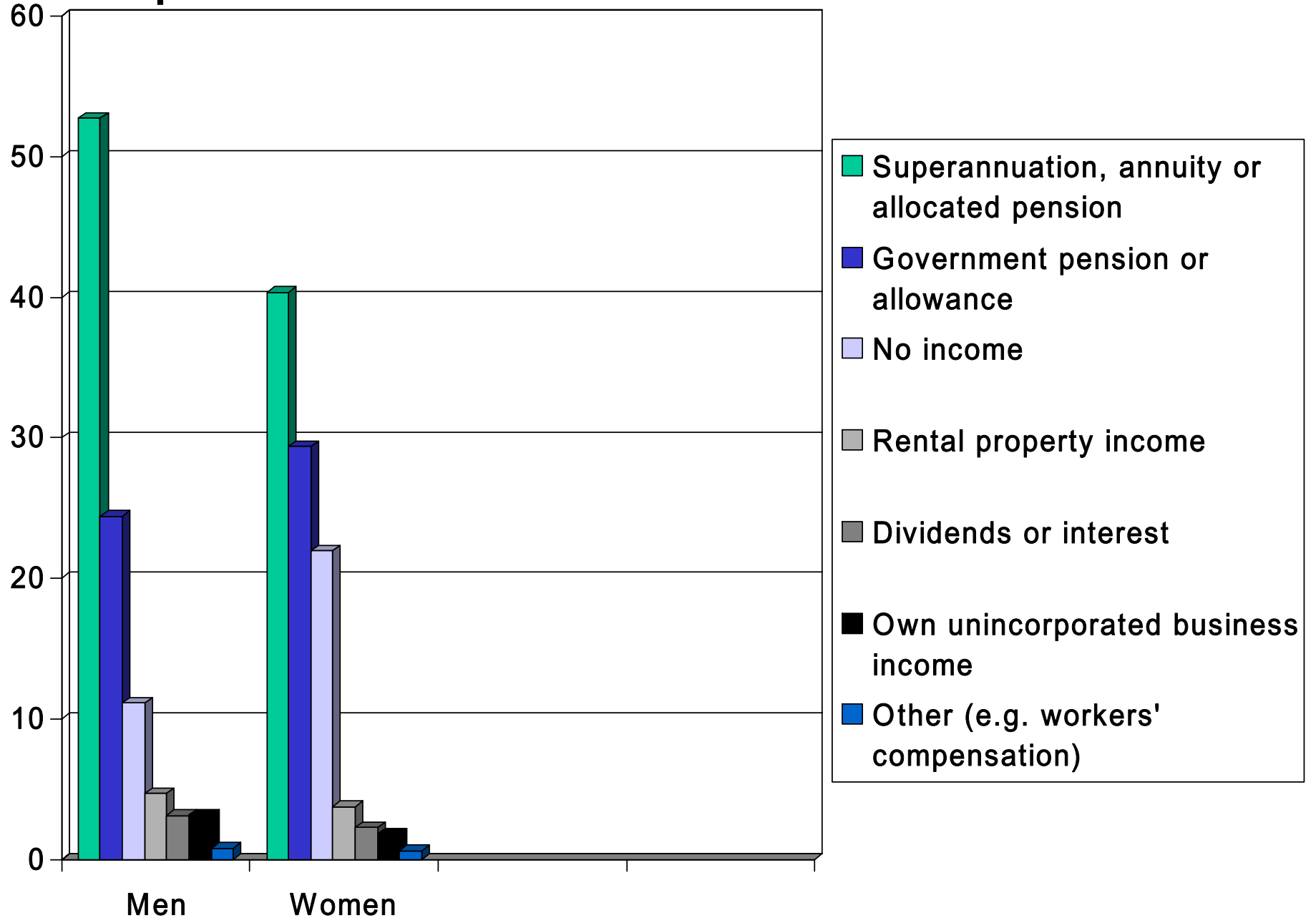
Older households with income support as their main income



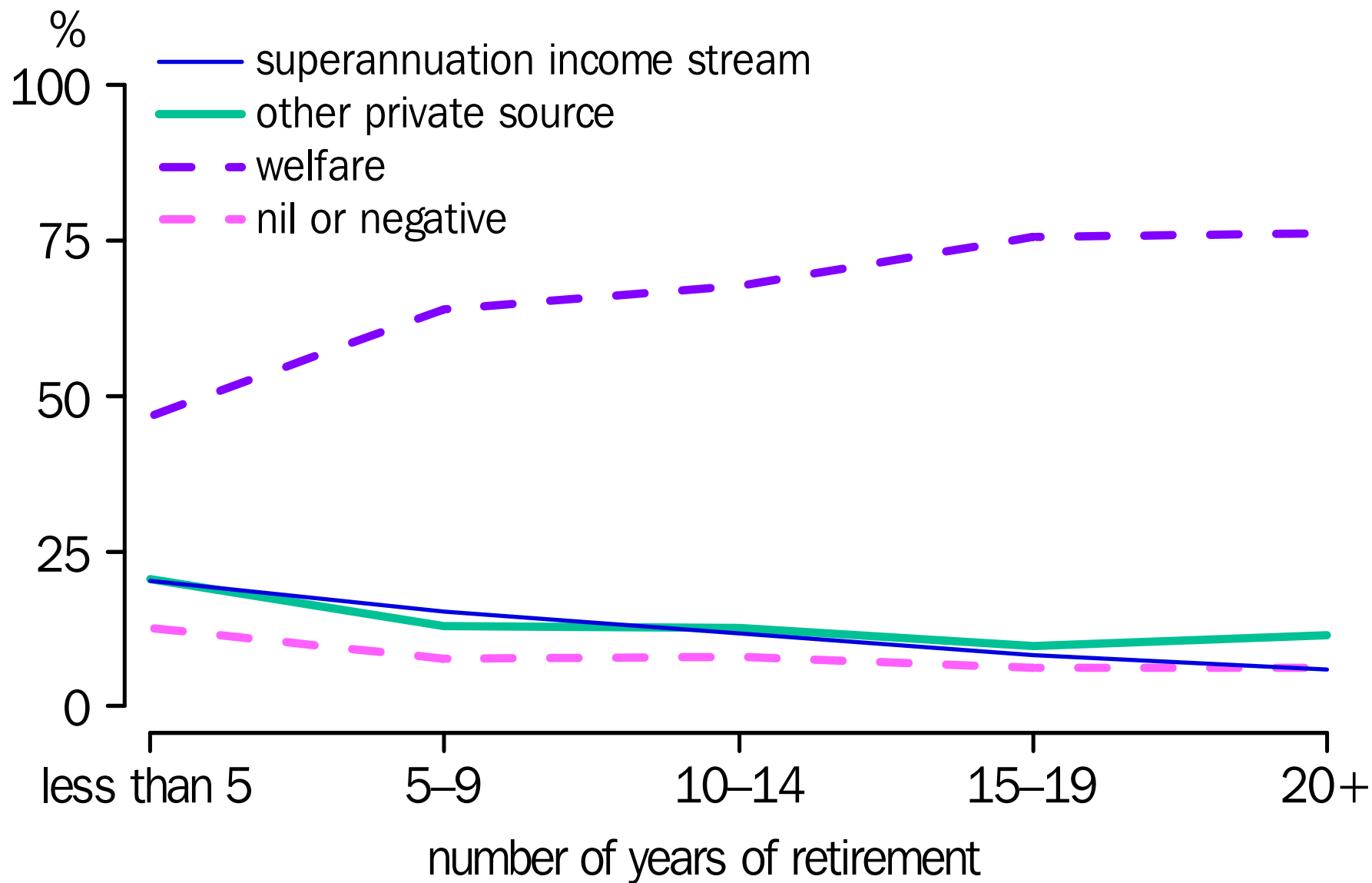
Retirement

- 1 million people will retire in the next 10 years
- Women retire younger than men
- 15% of workers never intend to retire
- People are planning to work for longer
- Most common reason for retirement? Health

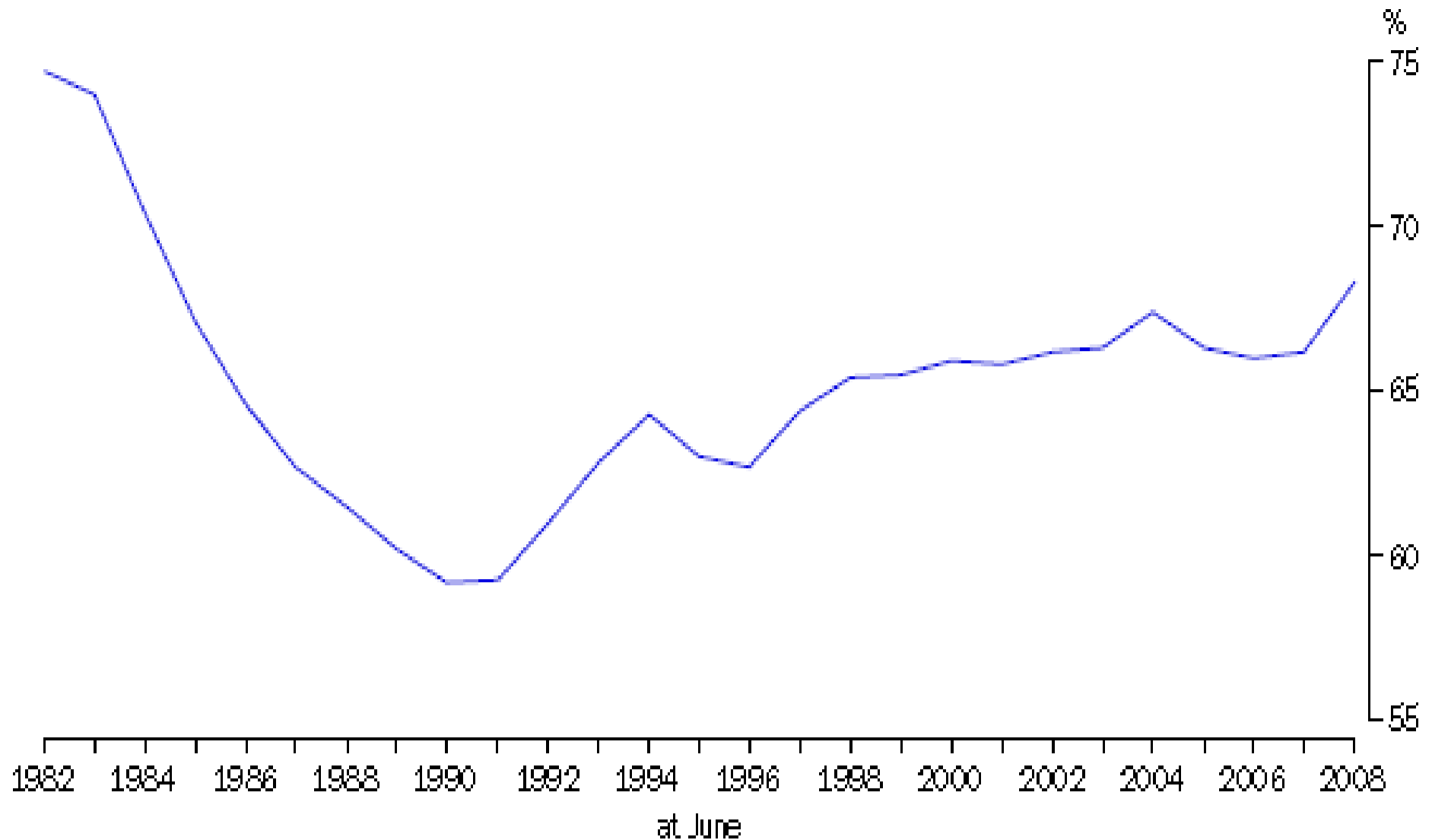
Main expected source of income at retirement — 2007



Retirees' main source of personal income — 2007

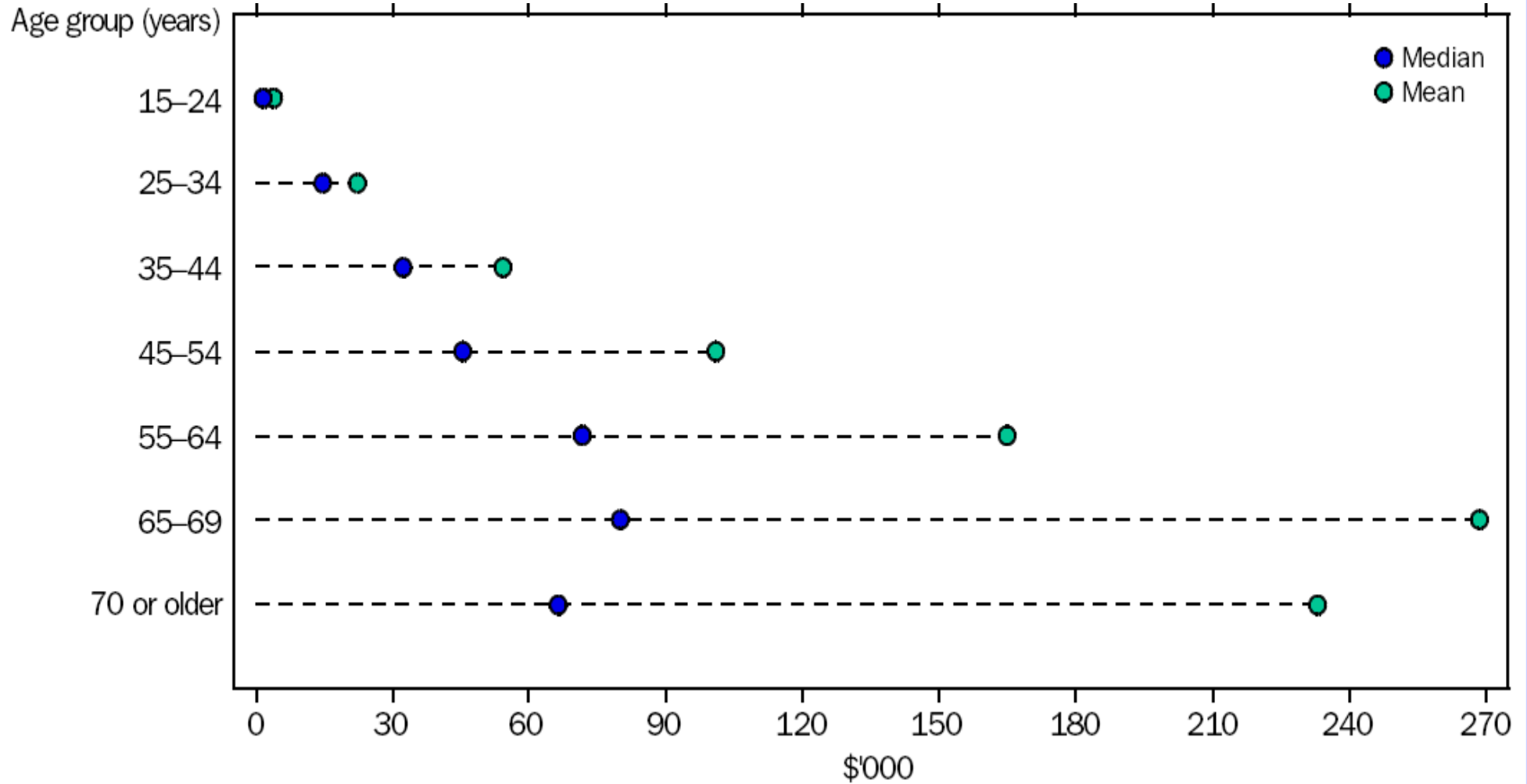


Age pensioners (full and part rate) as a proportion of all people of qualifying age

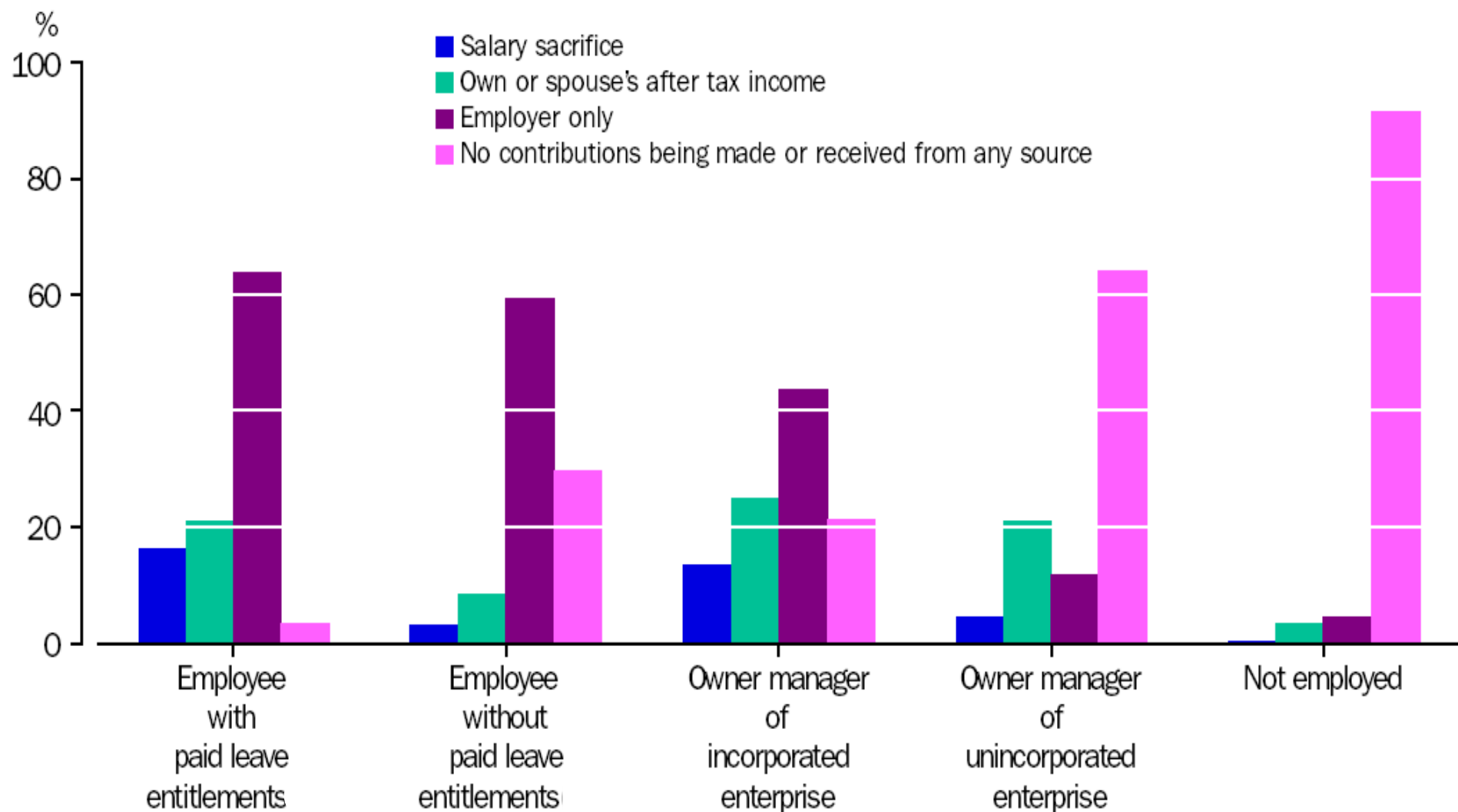


Source: Centrelink administrative data; Department of Veteran Affairs administrative data; ABS Estimated Resident Population

Average superannuation balances — 2007



Sources of superannuation contributions — 2007



A Profile of Carers in Australia

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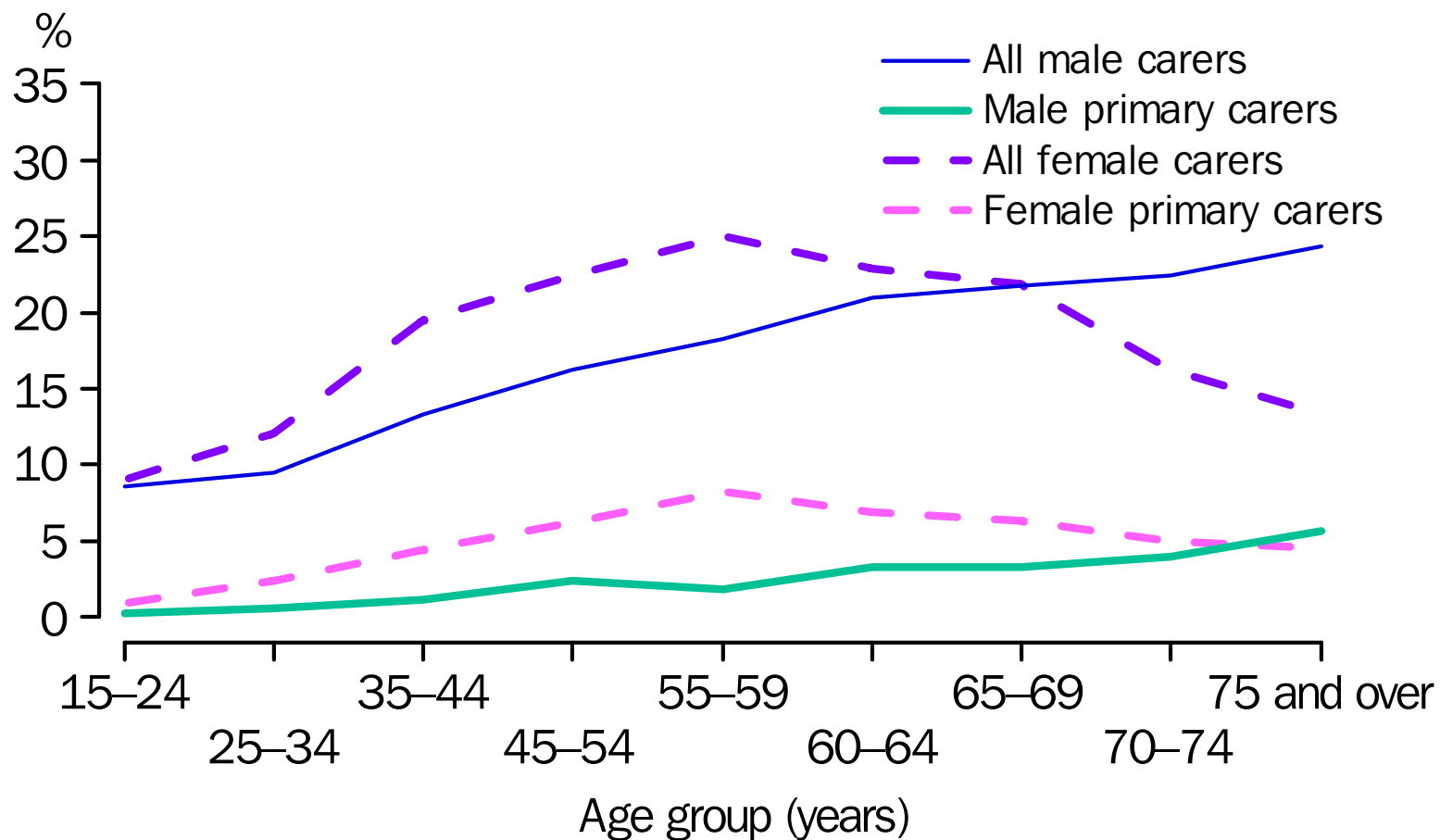
Four main sources:

- Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers
- ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing
- How Australians use their time; and
- General Social Survey

Further information in the Survey of Employment Arrangements, Retirement and Superannuation.

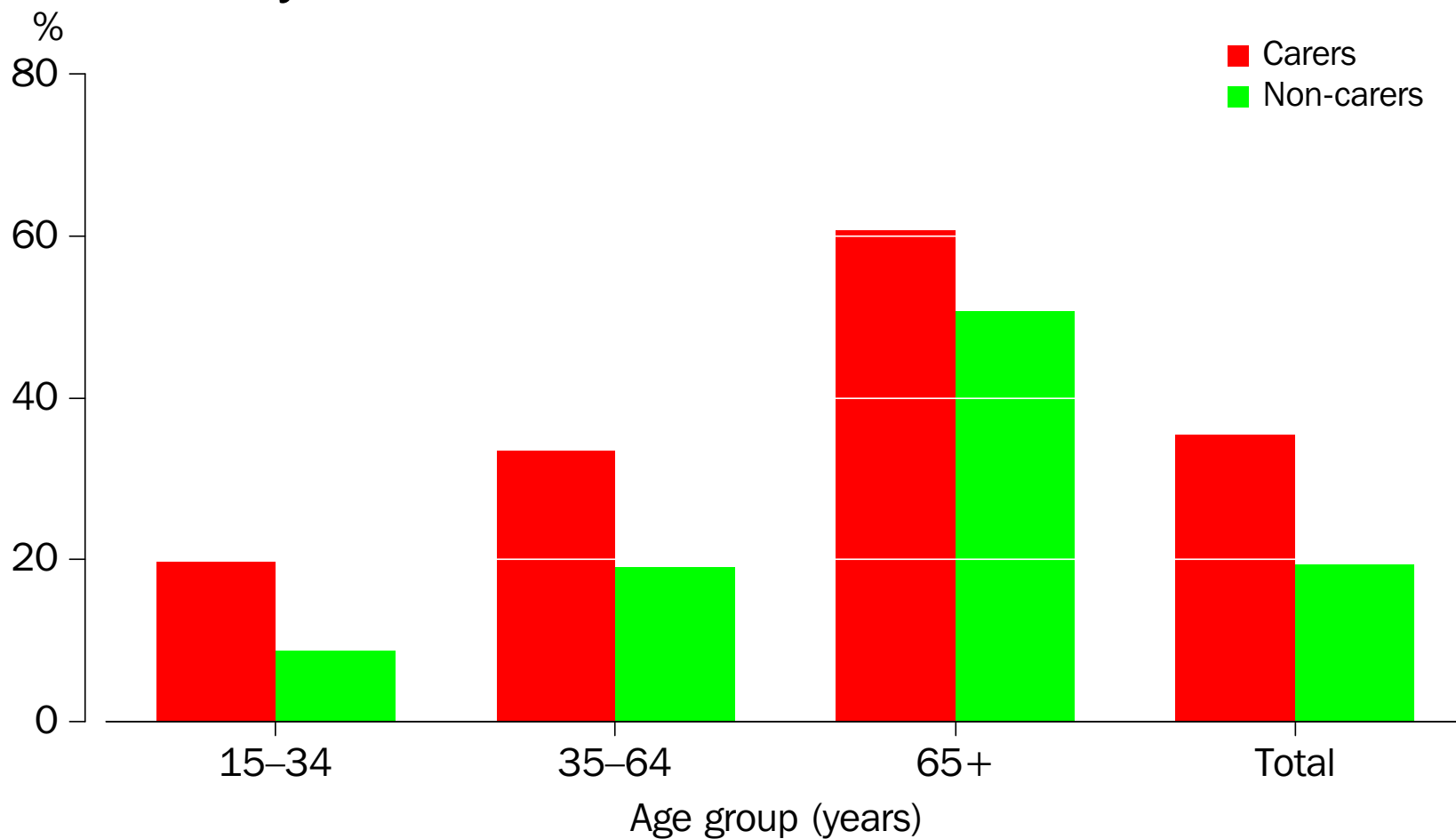


Carers age profile — 2003



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Disability — 2003

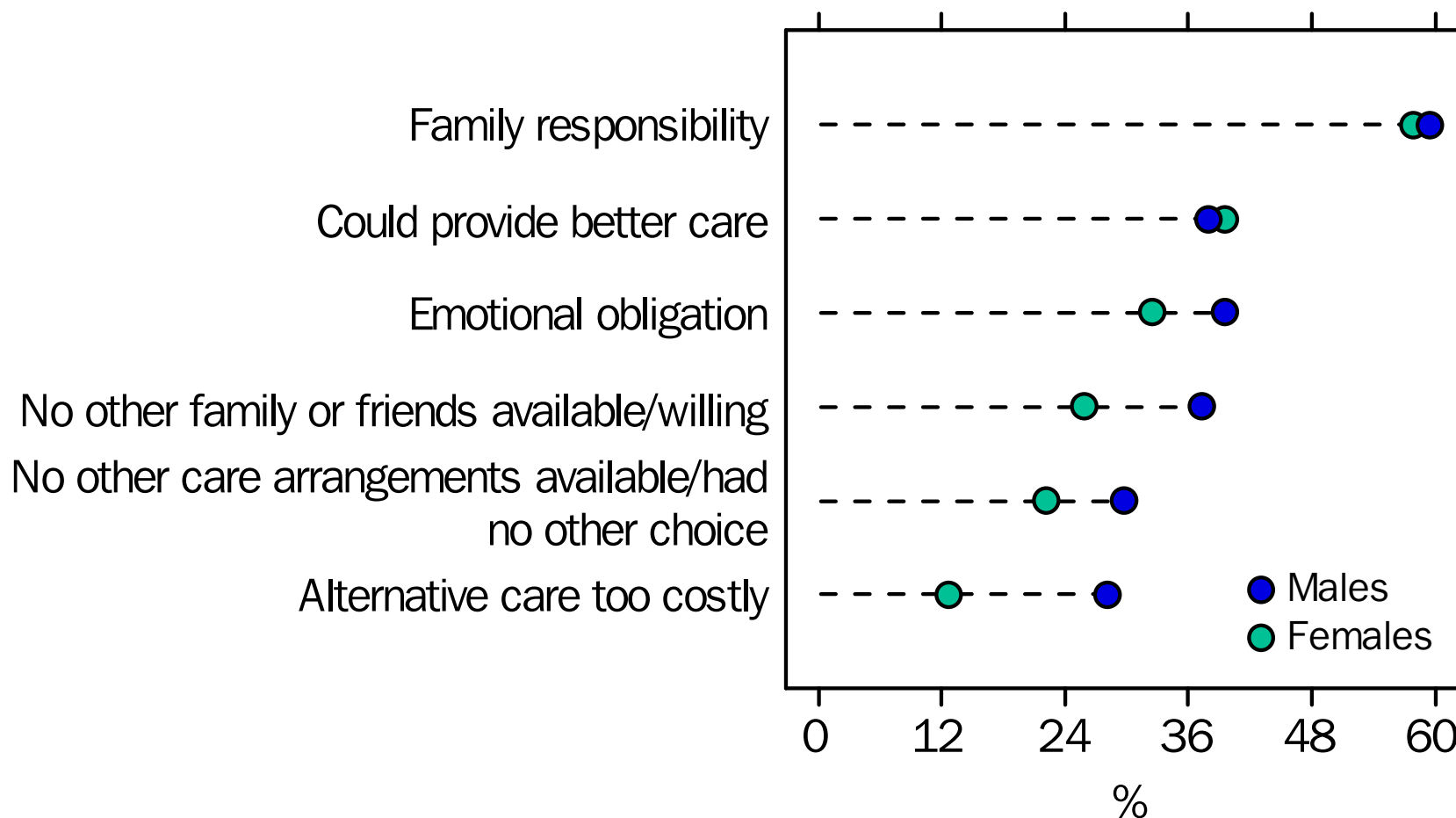


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Primary carers

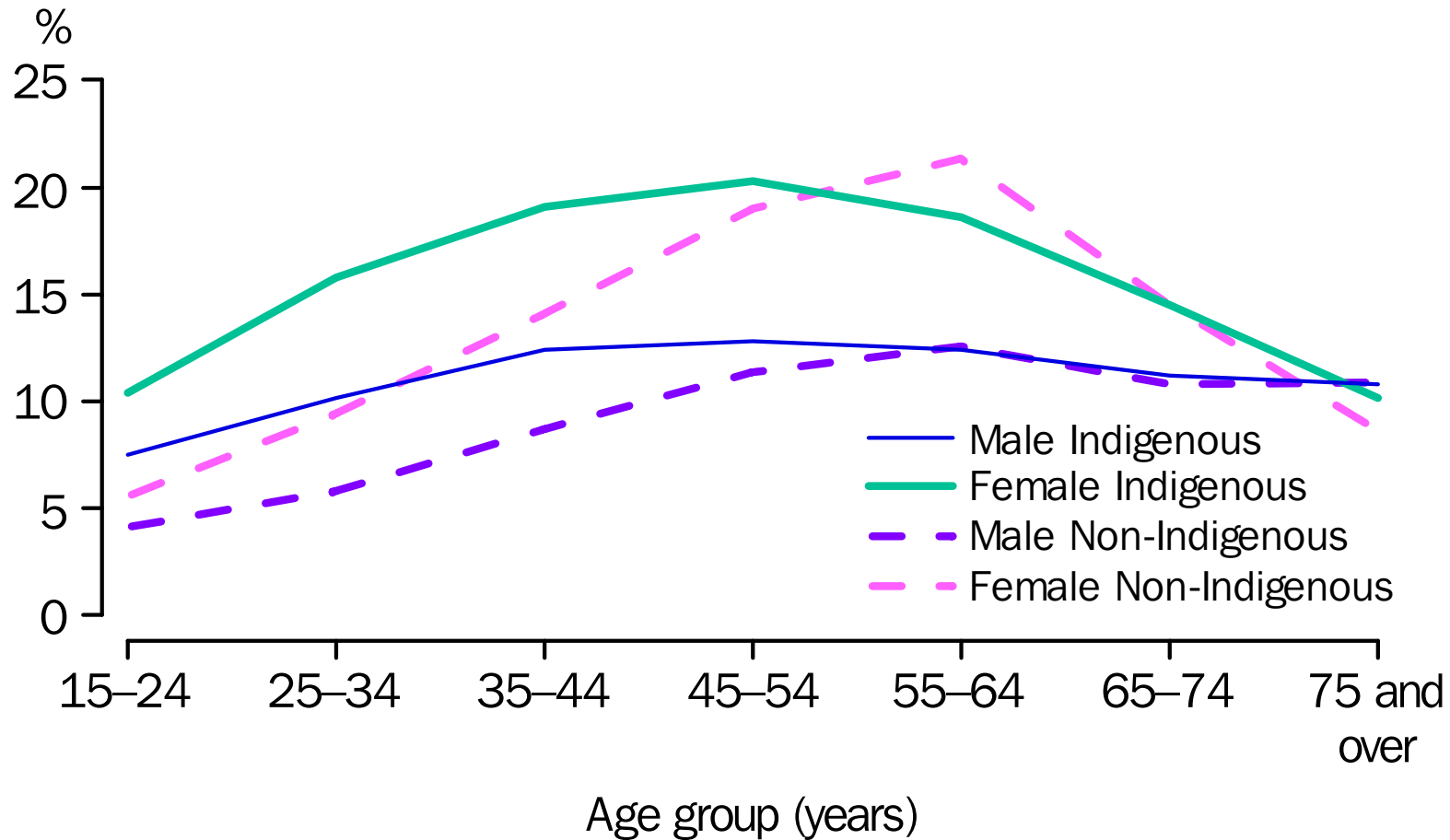
- 475,000 primary carers in 2003
- 19% of all carers
- 71% of primary carers were female
- Often related to the person they were caring for

Reasons primary carers took on a carer role — 2003



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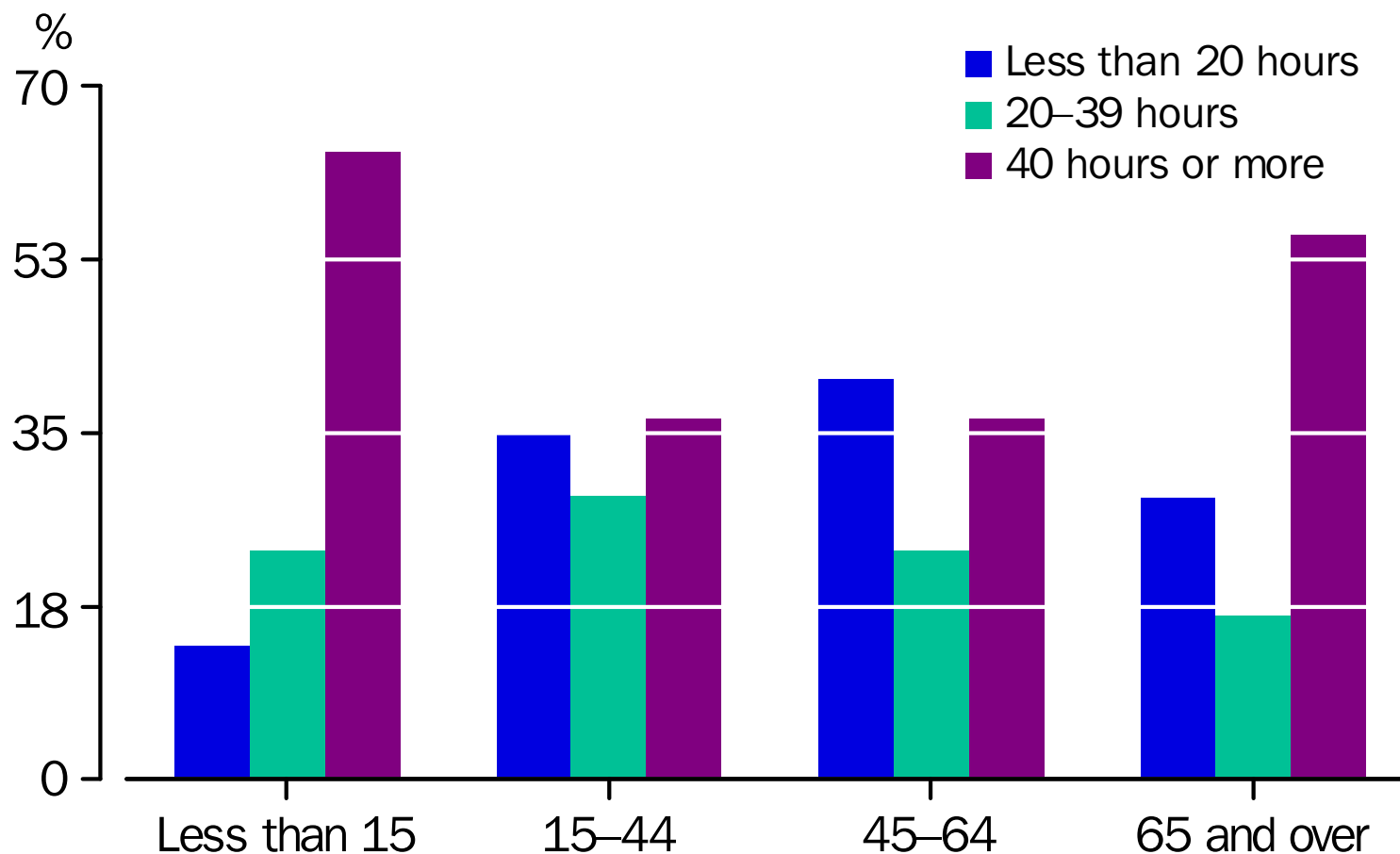
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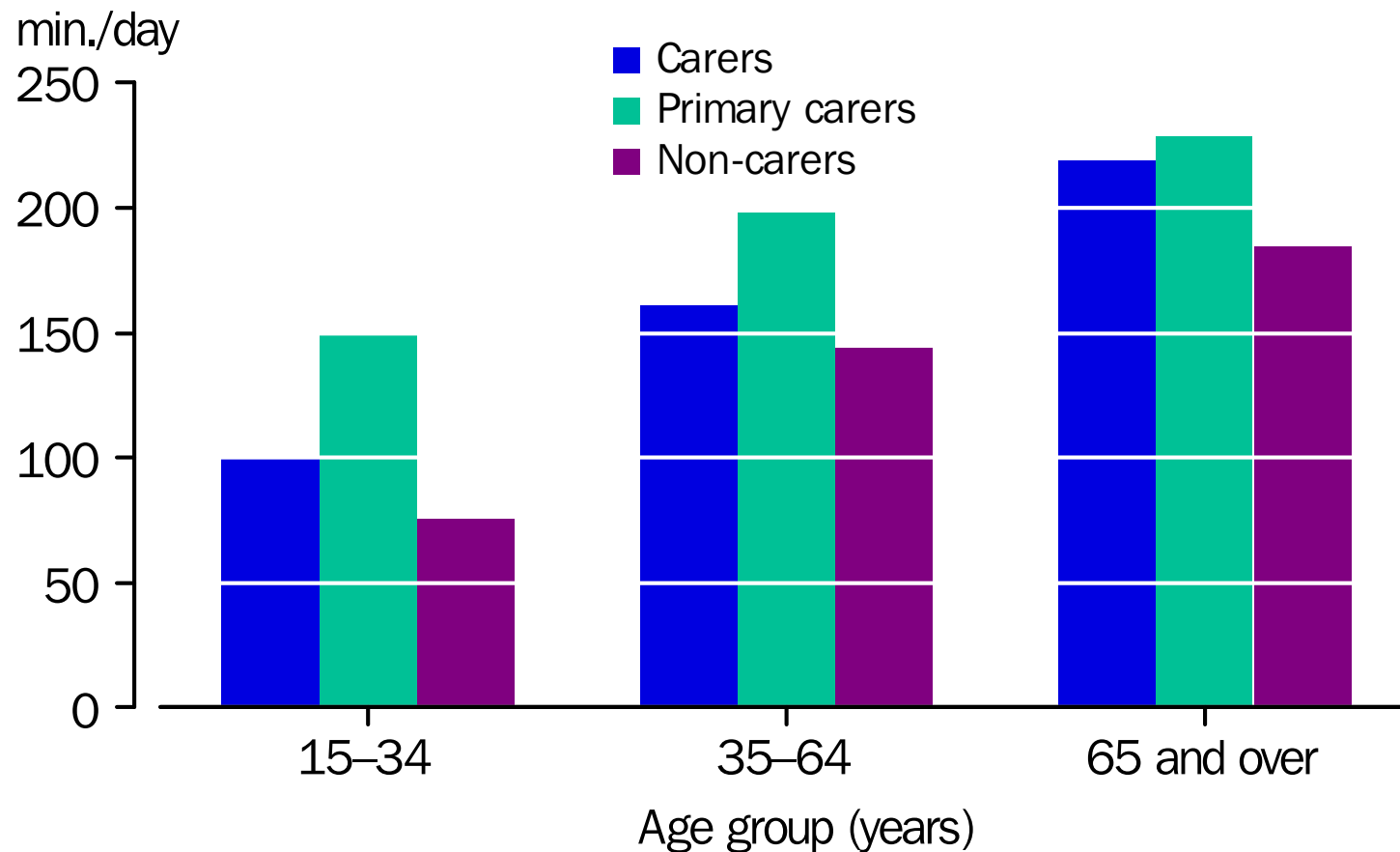
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PRIMARY CARERS, average hours spent caring per week by age of main recipient of care—2003



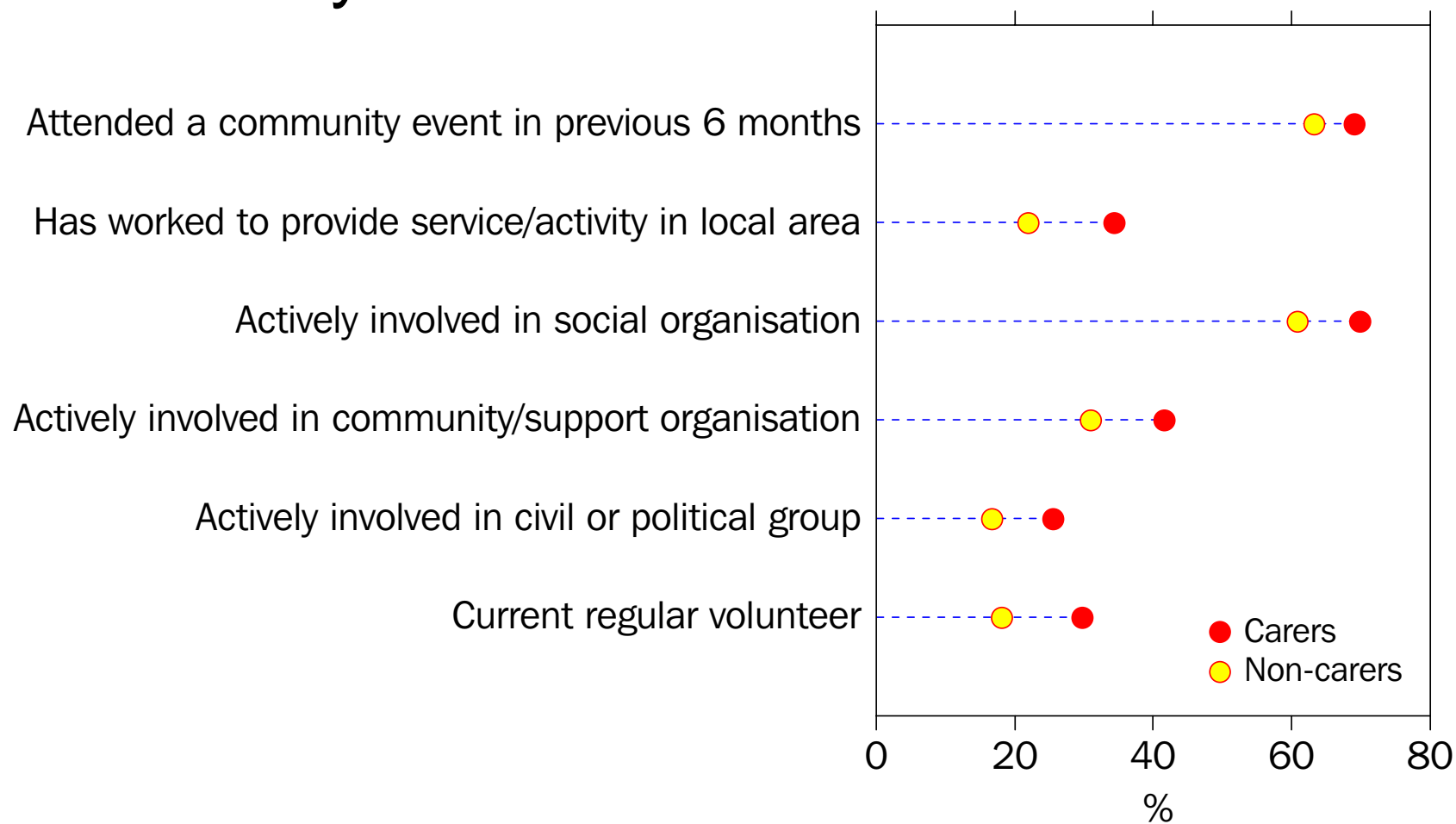
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Time spent on domestic activities — 2006



Source: ABS 2006 Time Use Survey

Community involvement —2006

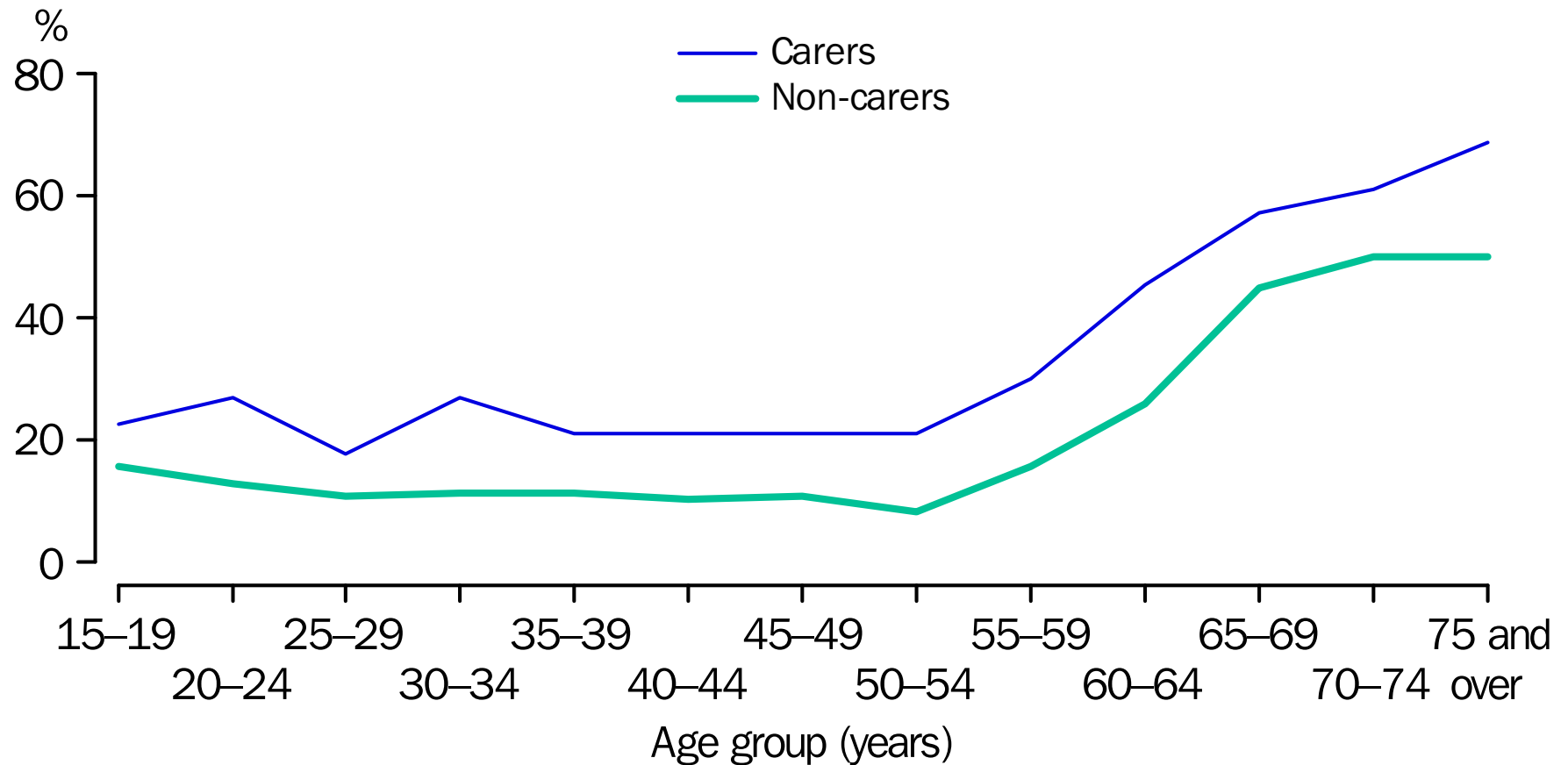


Source: 2006 General Social Survey

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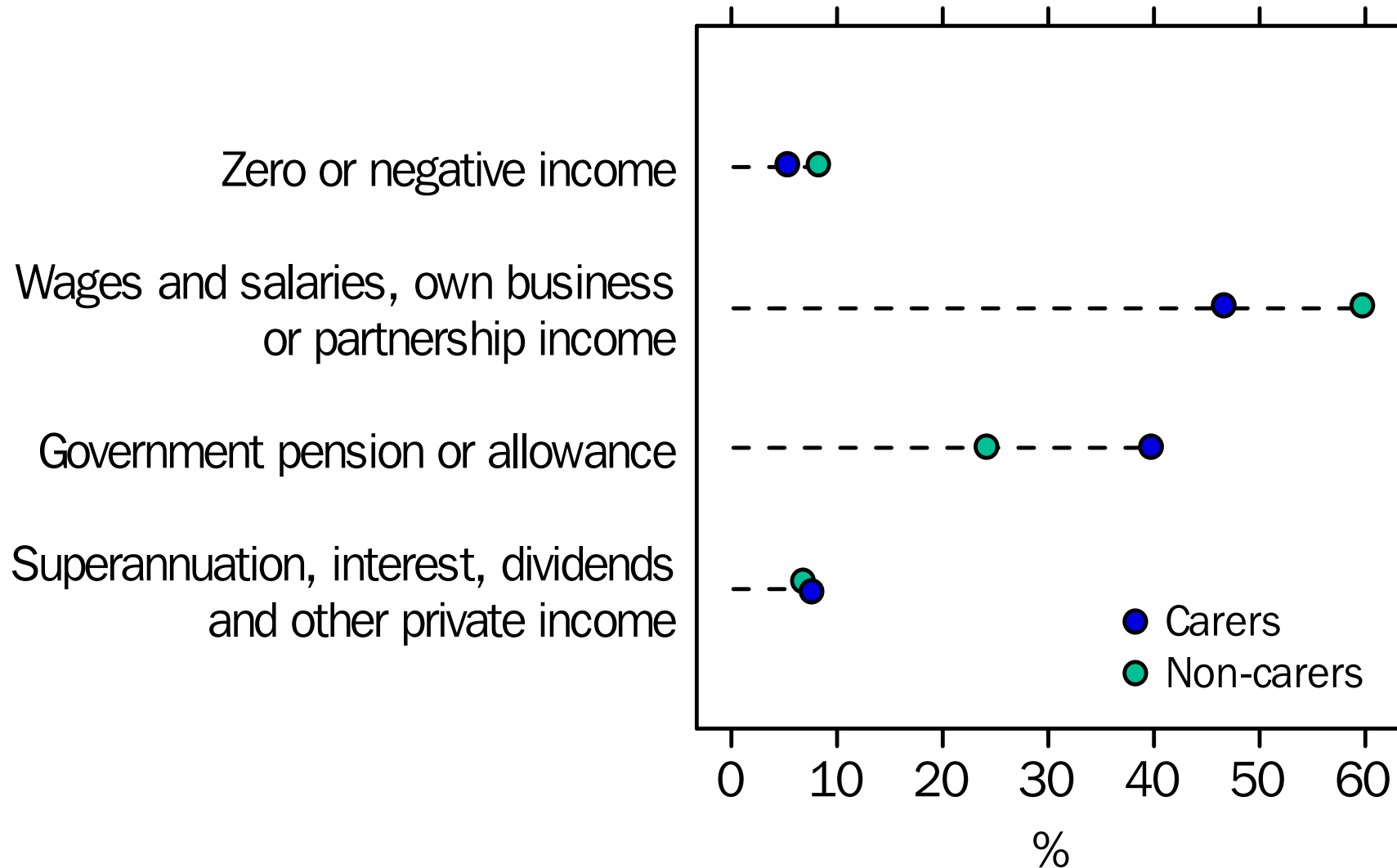
- Two-thirds of carers aged 15-64 were employed compared with around three-quarters of non-carers
- Carers more likely to work part-time

Low income households — 2003

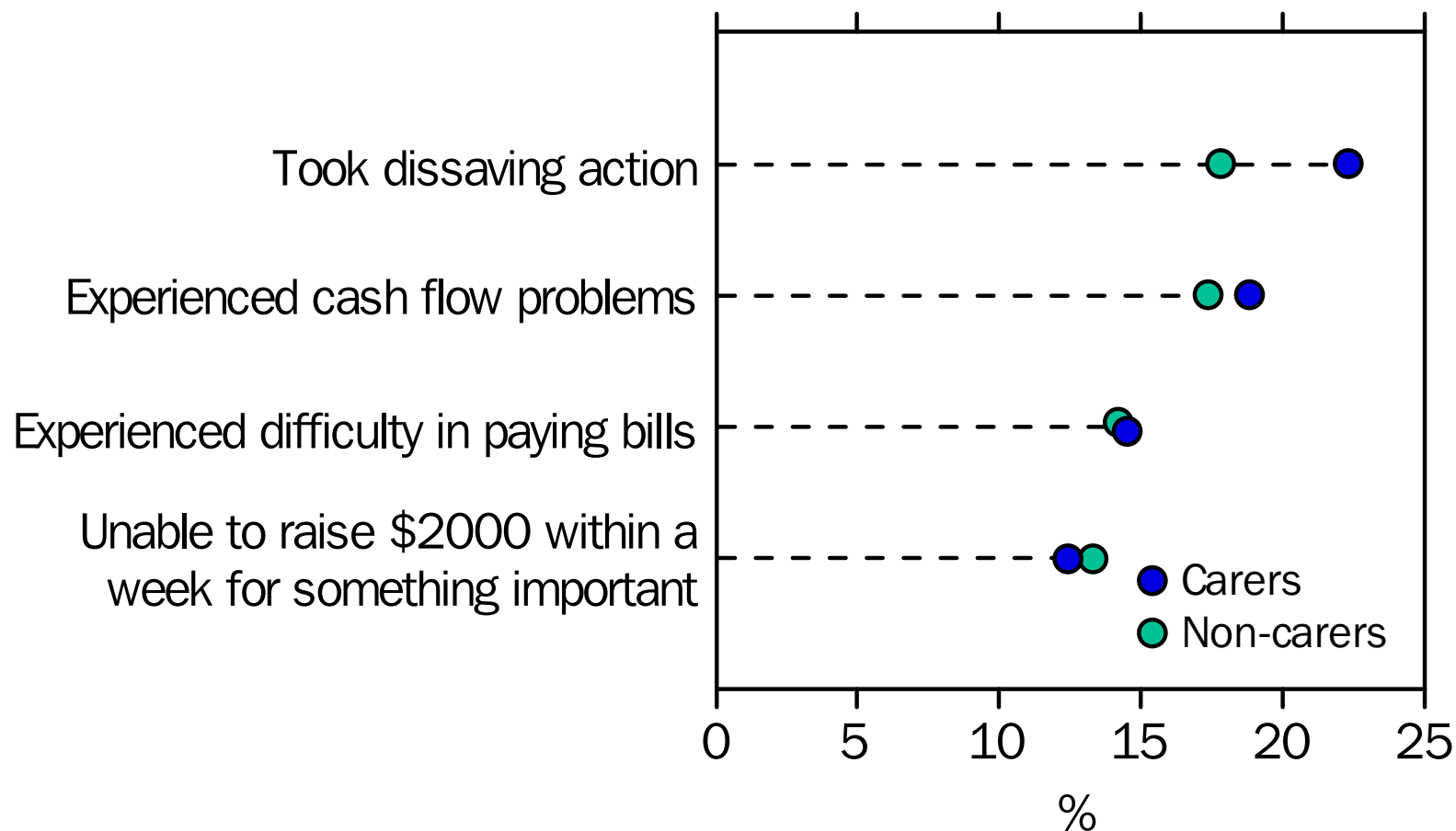


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Main source of personal income — 2003

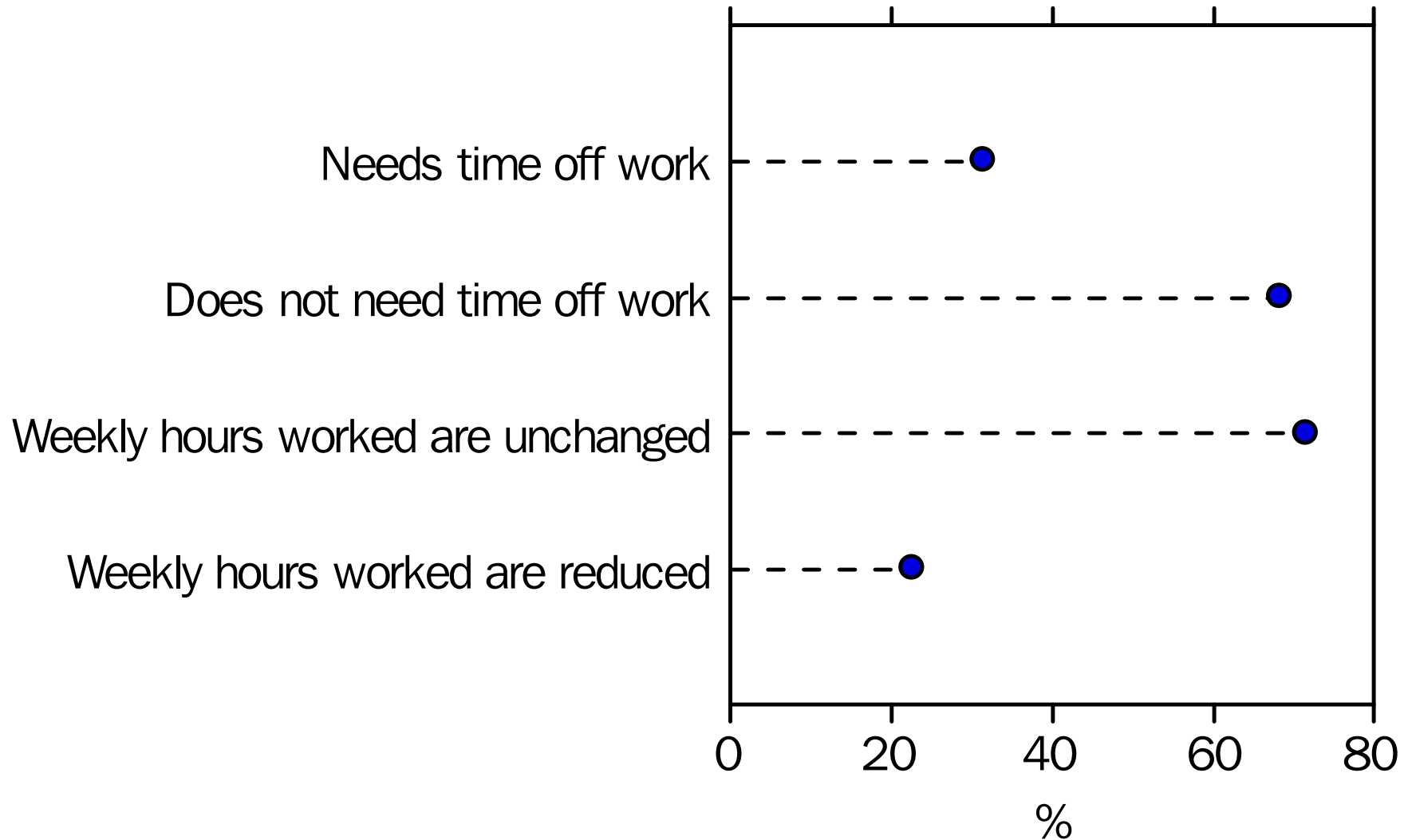


Financial stress — 2006

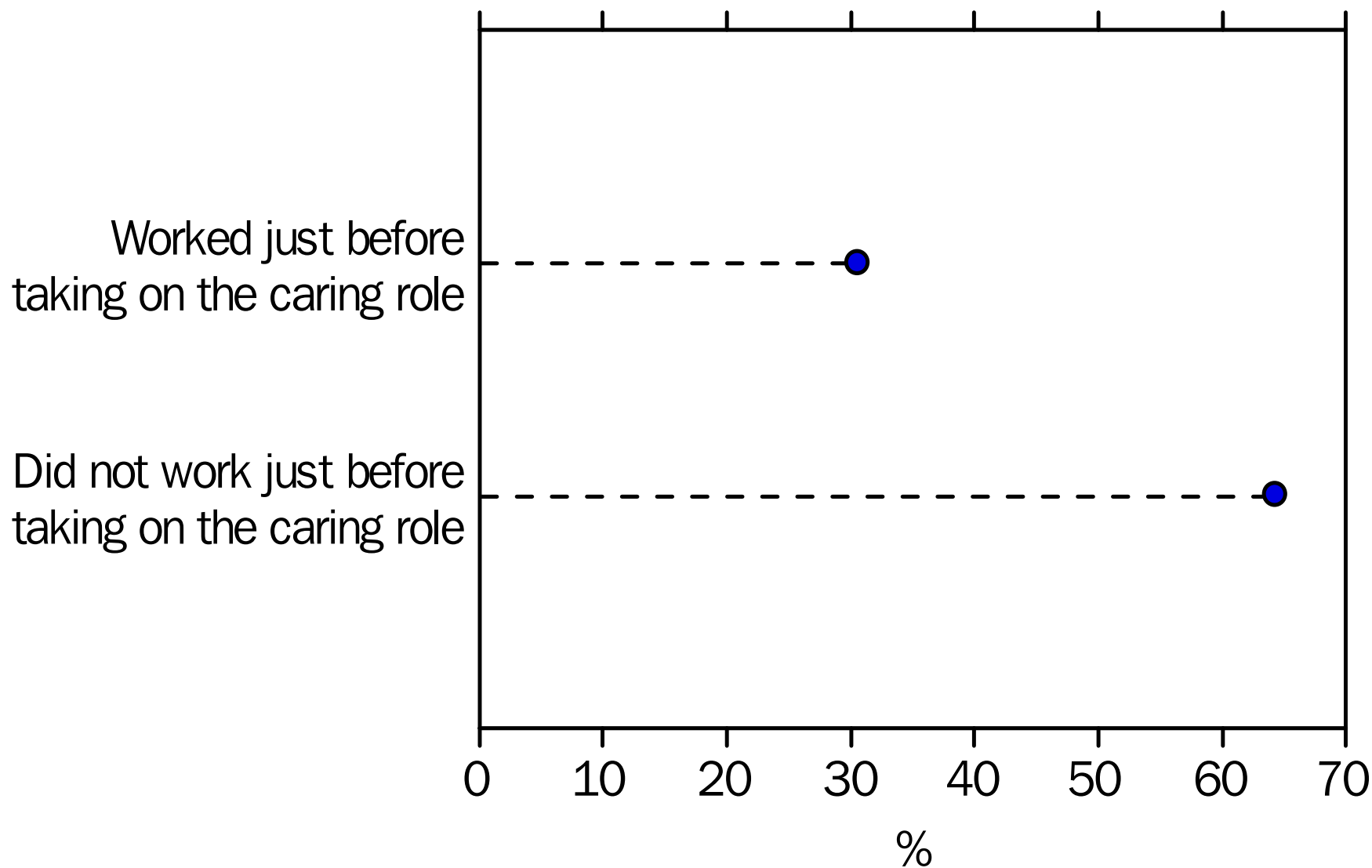


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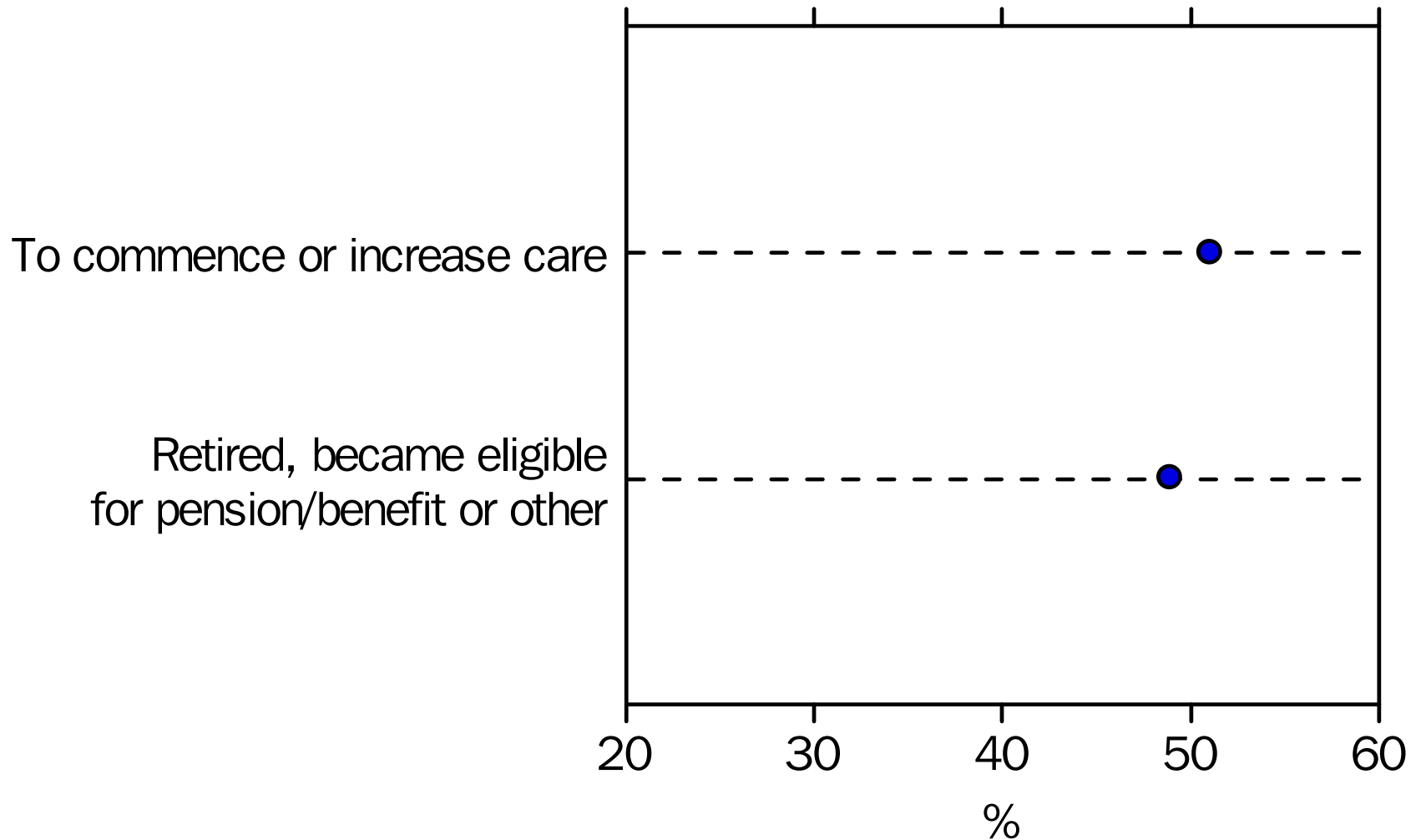
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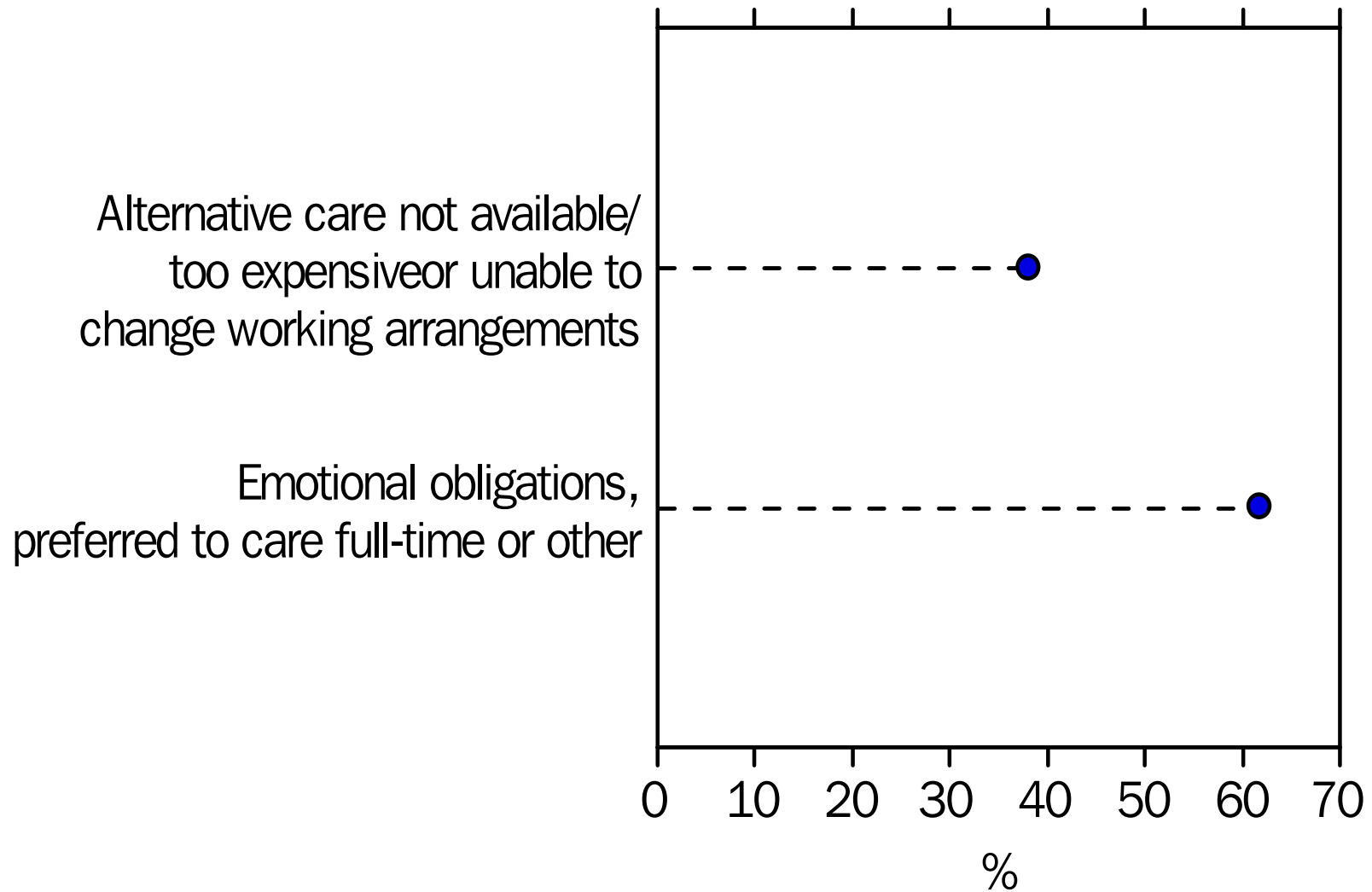
Primary carers who were not employed — 2003



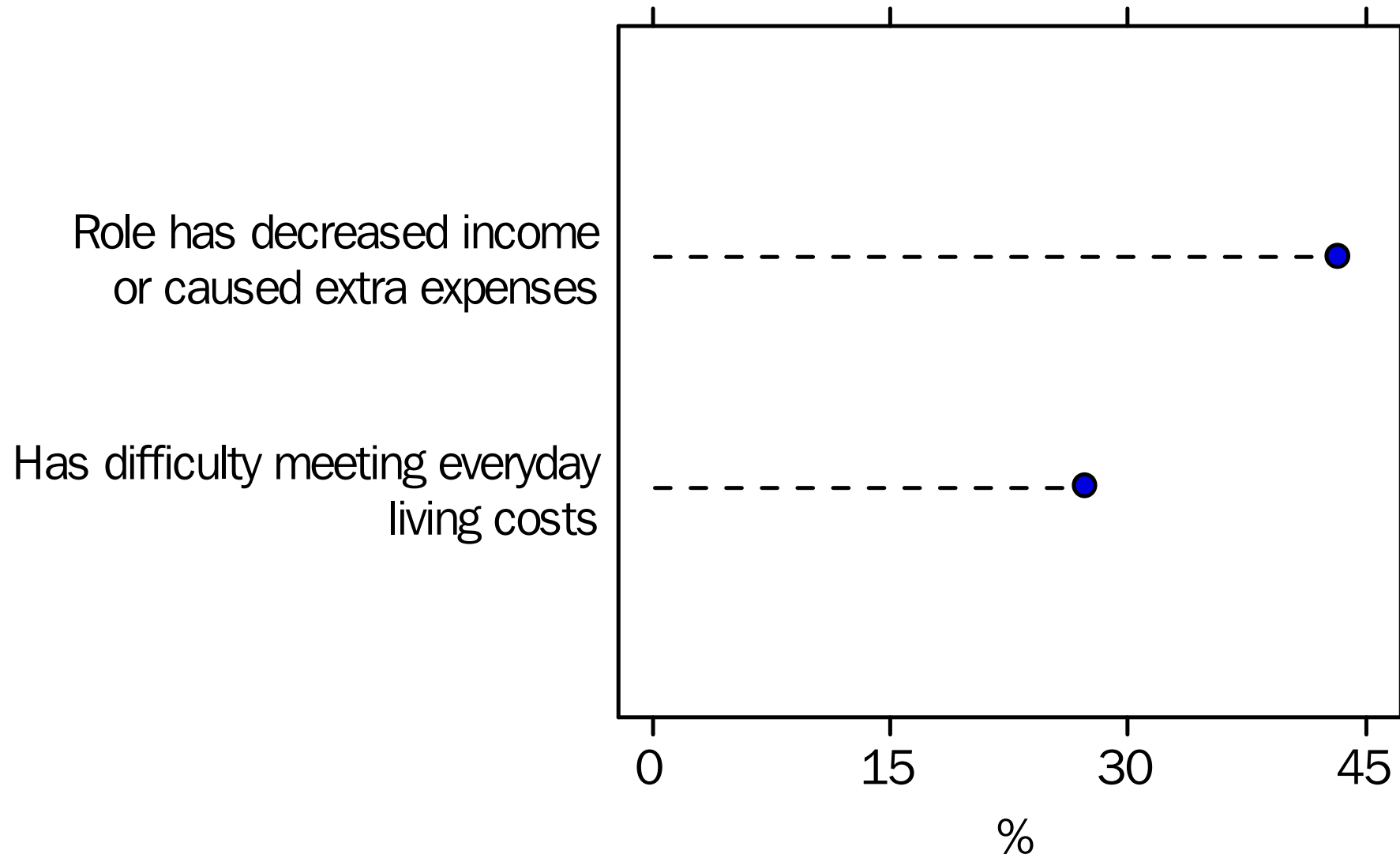
Reasons primary carers had left work just before taking on caring role — 2003



Reasons primary carers had left work to commence or increase care — 2003



Selected effects on income and expenses – 2003



Young adult carers

- In 2003, around 246,000 young carers aged 15-24 years.
- Around 19,000 of these were primary carers.
- Those aged 19-24 were less likely to have completed year 12 than non-carers
- Slightly higher rates of part-time work than non-carers.
- Less time on leisure than non-carers
- More time on domestic activities

Carers aged 35–54 years

- Around 1 million (18%) in 2003
- Among people aged 35-54 years, 14% were caring for 1 person and 4% for two or more people.
- Women had higher carer rates than men (21% compared with 15%)

Older carers

- In 2003, 18% of all carers were aged 65+
- 24% of primary carers aged 65+
- 83% of older primary carers who lived with the recipient were assisting their spouse
- 61% of these older carers had a disability themselves

Number of carers needed expected to increase:

- particularly with the ageing population
- movement towards shorter hospital stays,
- emphasis on ‘ageing in place’ and staying in the community rather than using institutional care.

Coming up...

Future issues of AST

Will include articles on:

- Homelessness (June)
- Health literacy (June)
- Carers (Sept)
- Risk factors for chronic disease: obesity, smoking, alcohol (Sept)

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