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# **RURAL OPPORTUNITY YOUTH ACROSS THE NATION, 2016**

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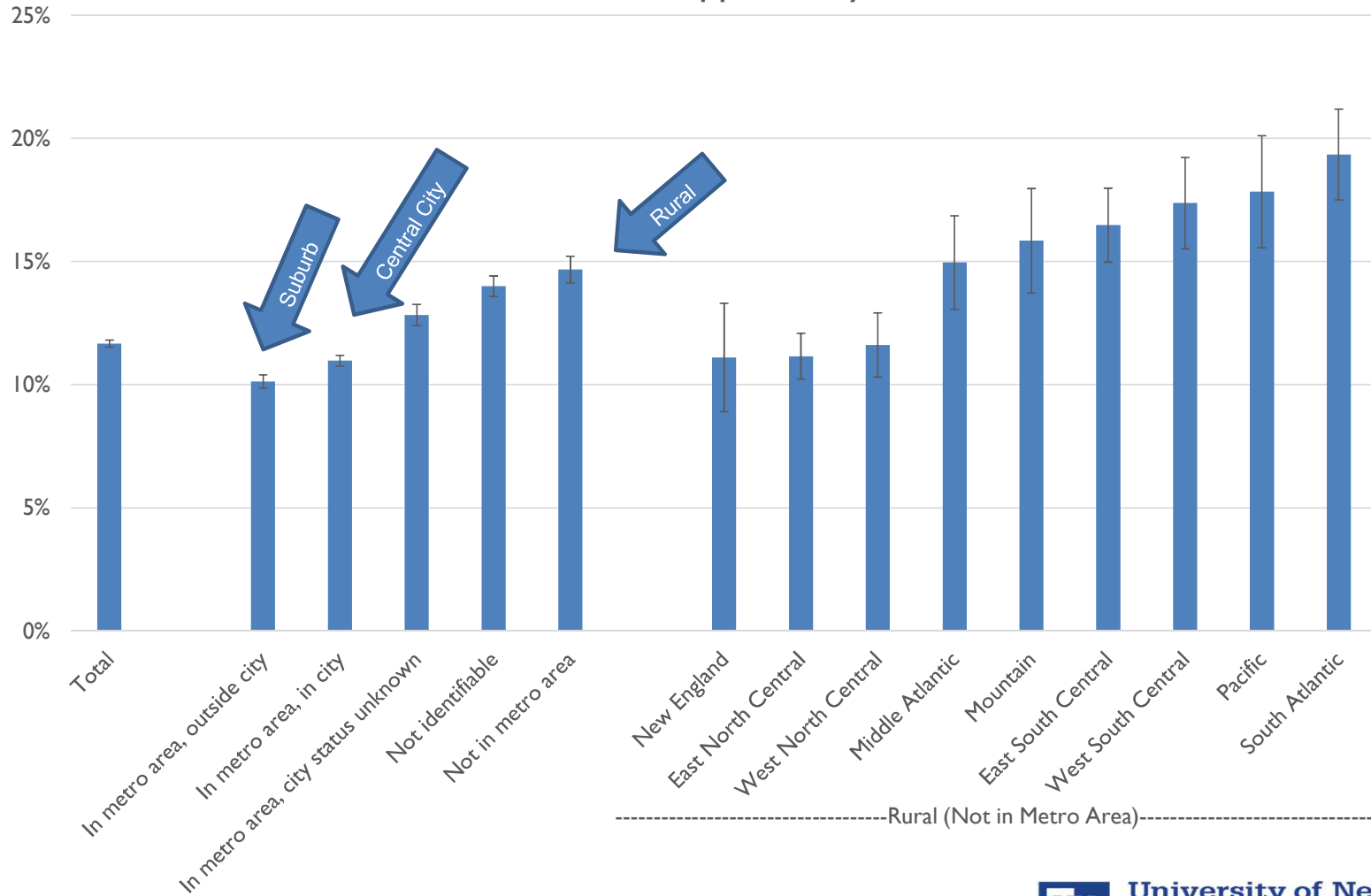
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# Rural Opportunity Youth

- Opportunity or Disconnected Youth
  - Population age 16 to 24
  - Not currently enrolled in school
  - Not currently working
    - Unemployed
    - Not in the labor force
- Rural
  - Those living outside of a U.S. designated metropolitan area
- Data
  - 2016 American Community Survey



## Where are the Opportunity Youth?



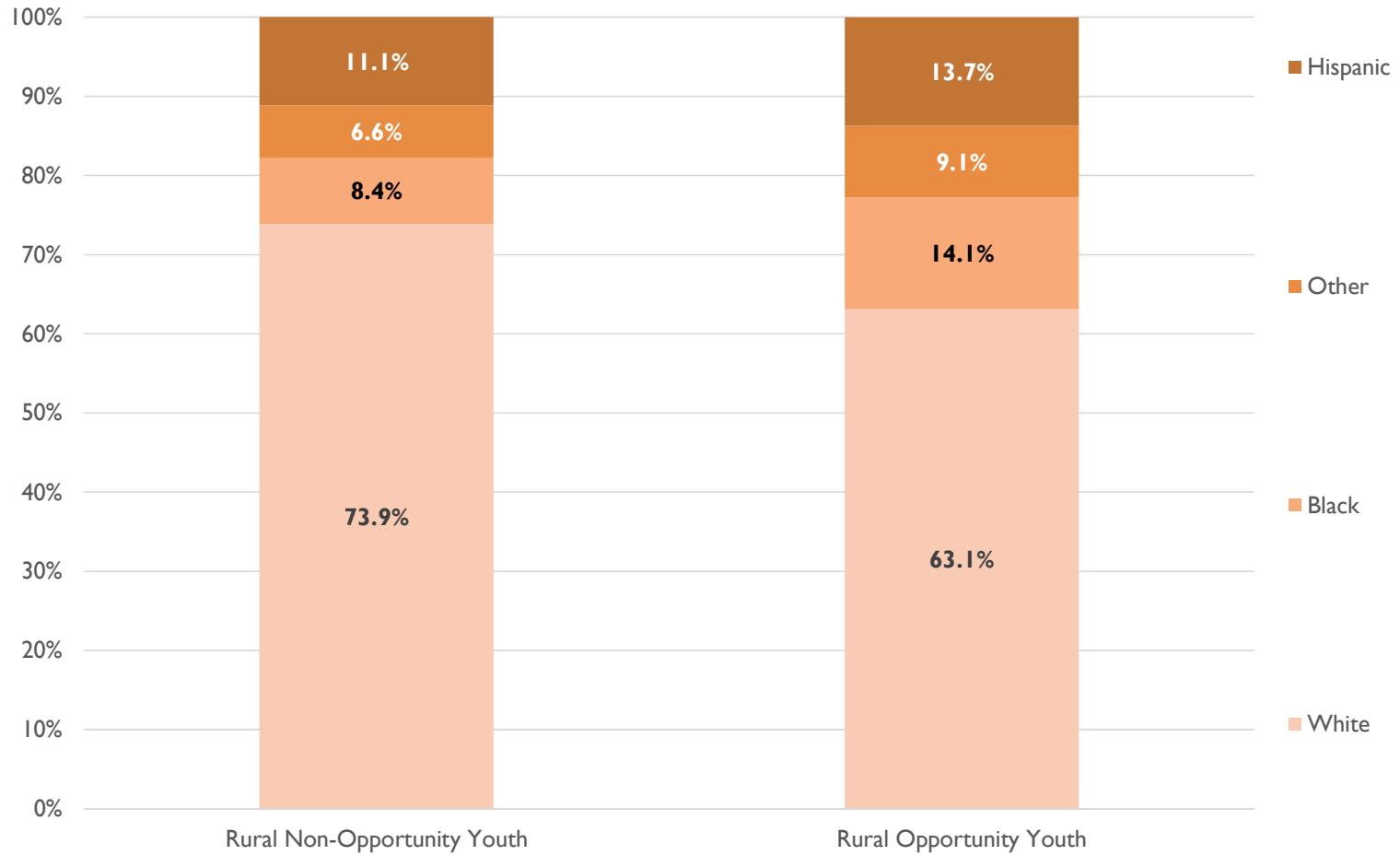
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## Rural Youth who Identify as a Member of a Racial/Ethnic Minority Group are More Often Disconnected from Employment and Education



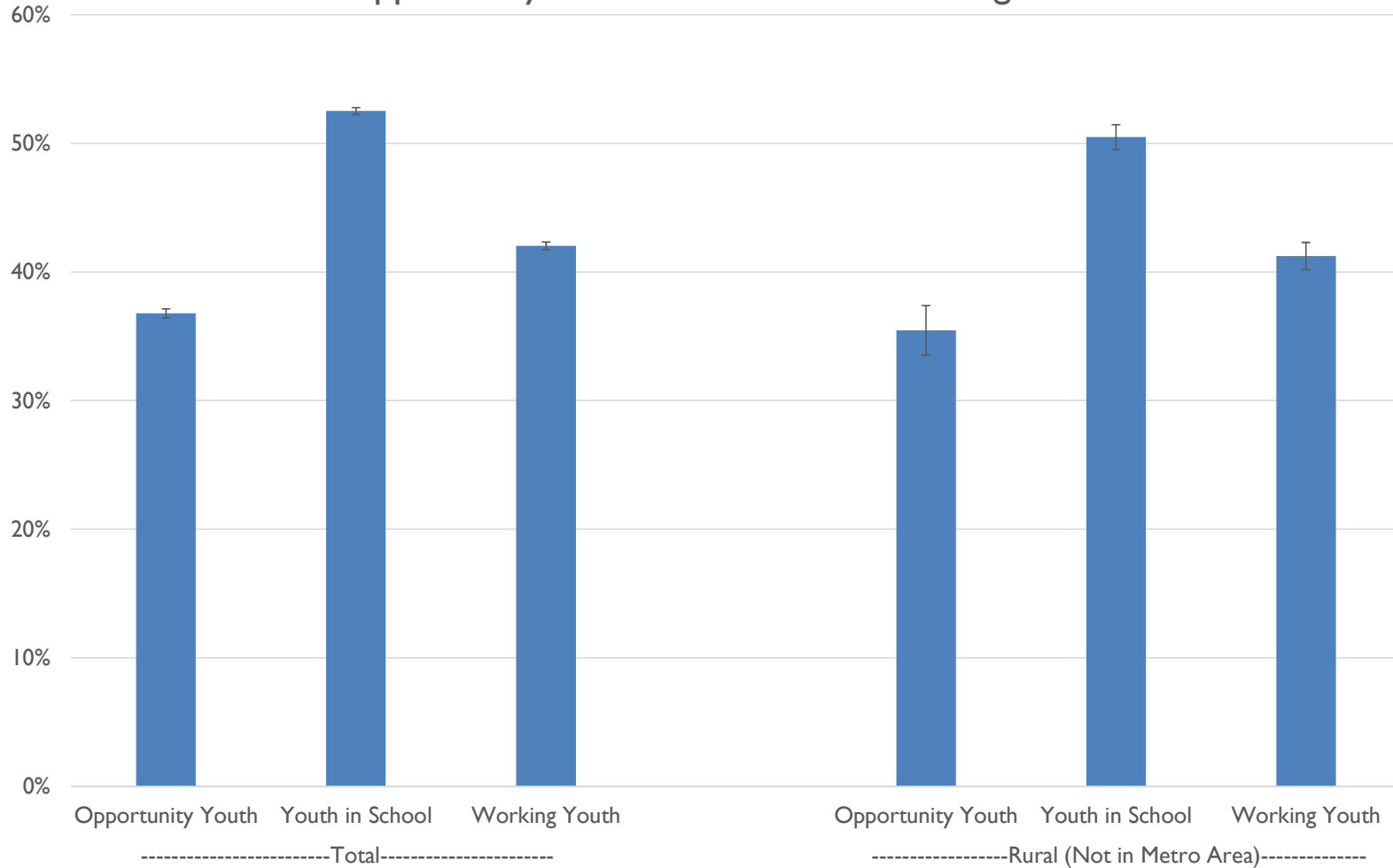
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## Share of Opportunity Youth and Other Youth Living with Parents



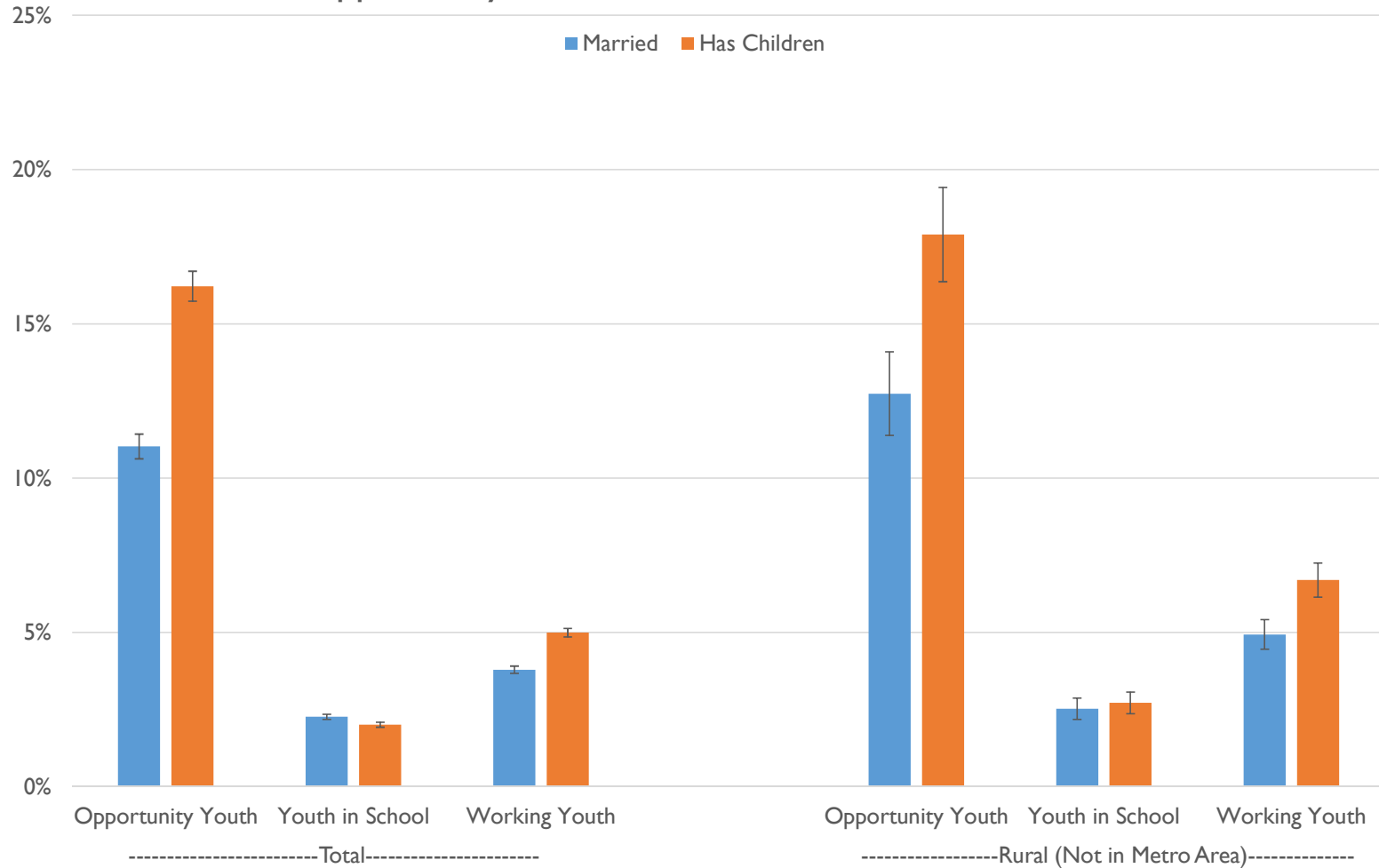
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## Share of Opportunity and Other Youth that are Married and Parents



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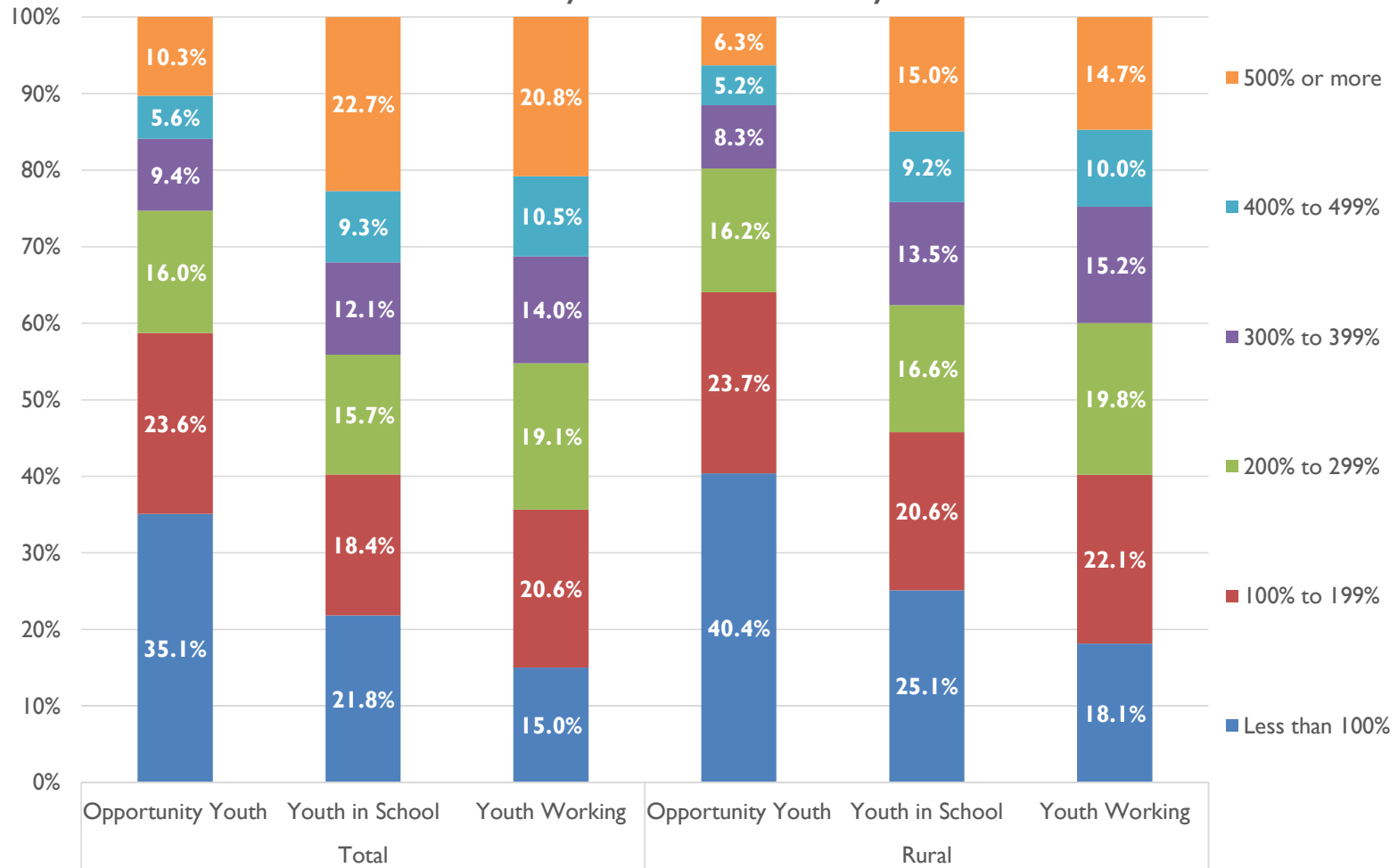
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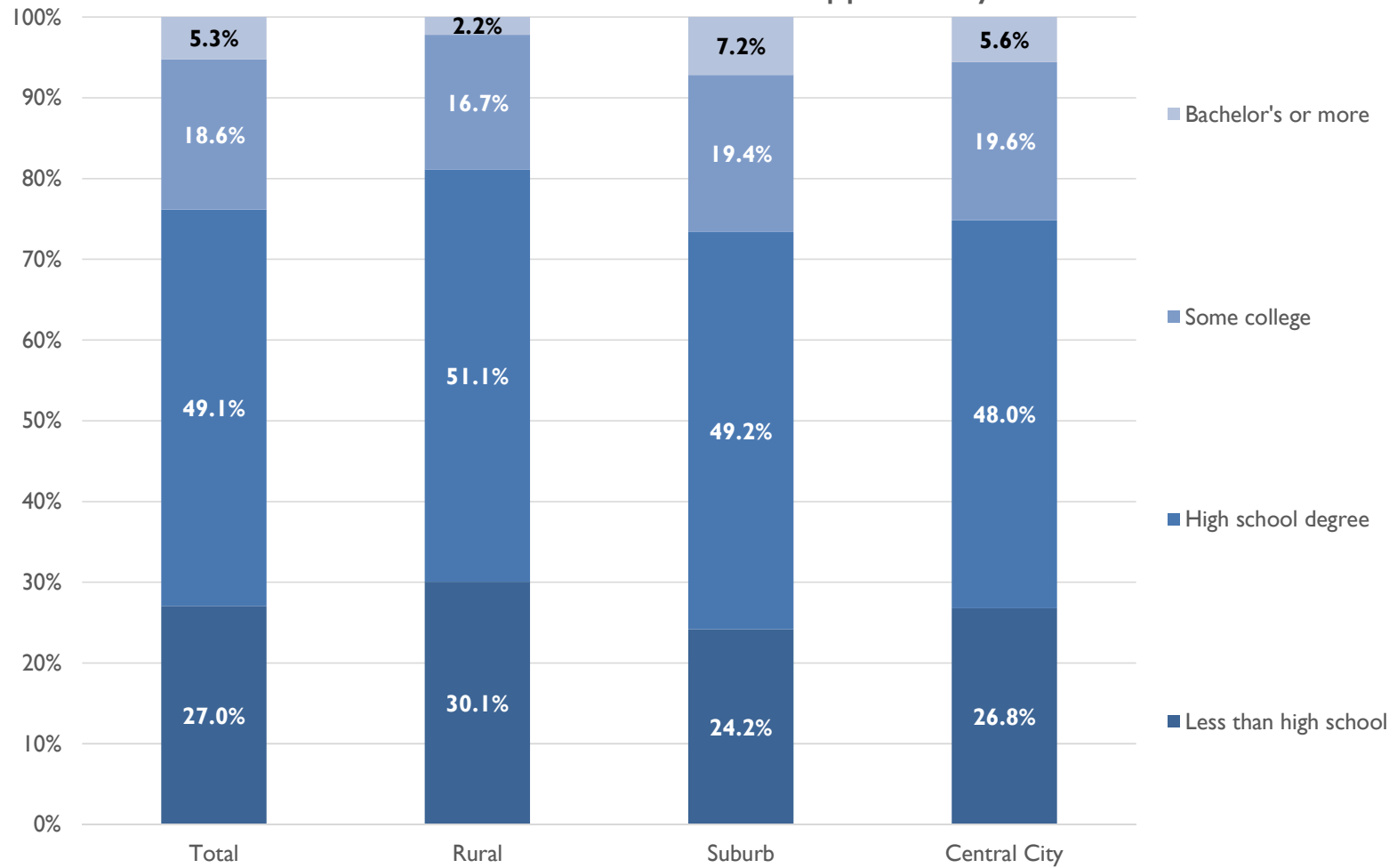
## Ratio of Family Income to Poverty Threshold



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## Educational Attainment of the Opportunity Youth



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