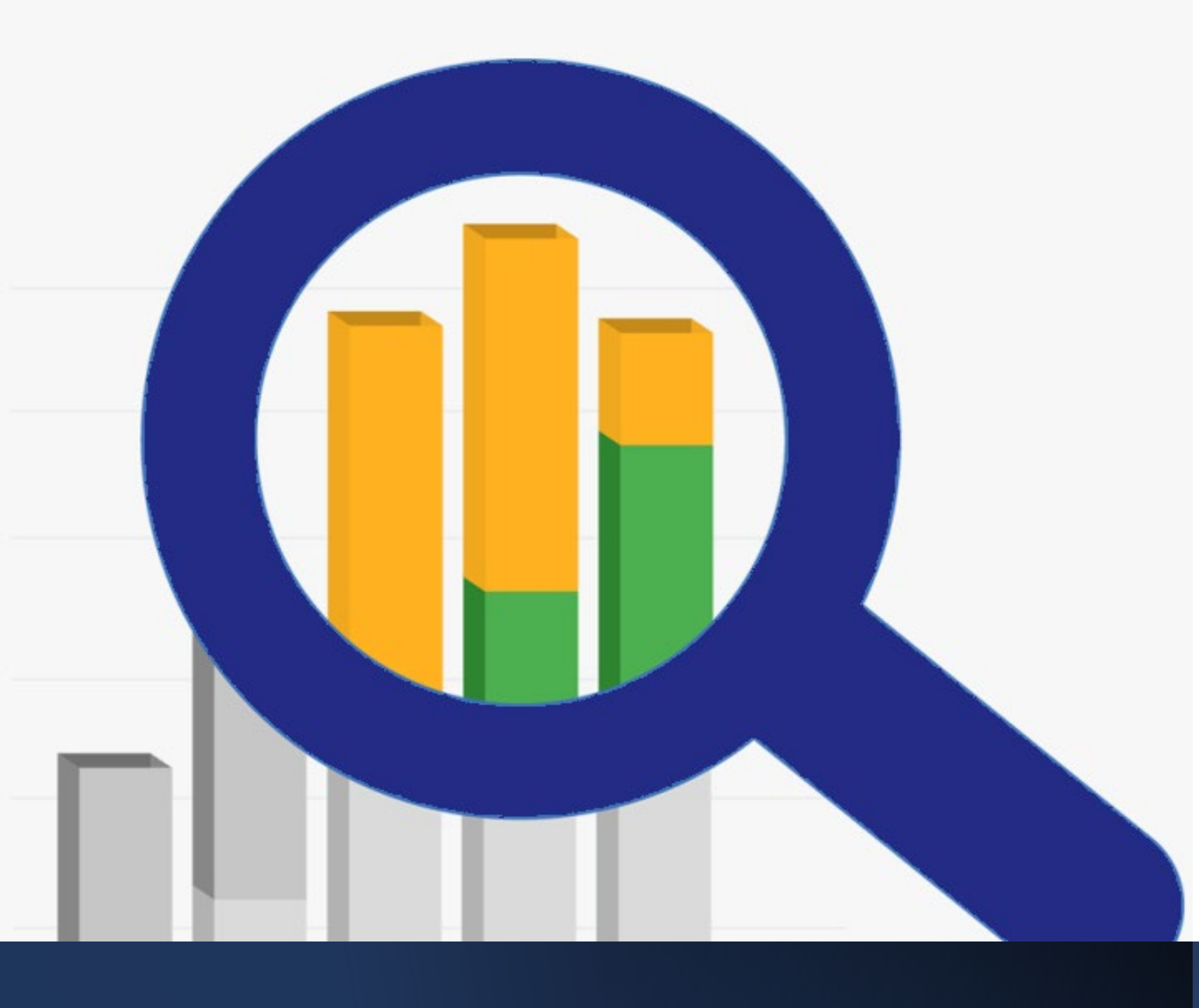

CHILD WELFARE DATA

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CII All Sites Meeting
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DEMOGRAPHICS

WHO'S HERE?

- Bartow
- Burke
- Carroll
- Cobb
- Chatham
- Clarke
- Coweta
- Dawson
- DeKalb
- Douglas
- Fannin
- Fulton
- Gilmer
- Gordon
- Gwinnett
- Hall
- Haralson
- Heard
- Houston
- Lumpkin
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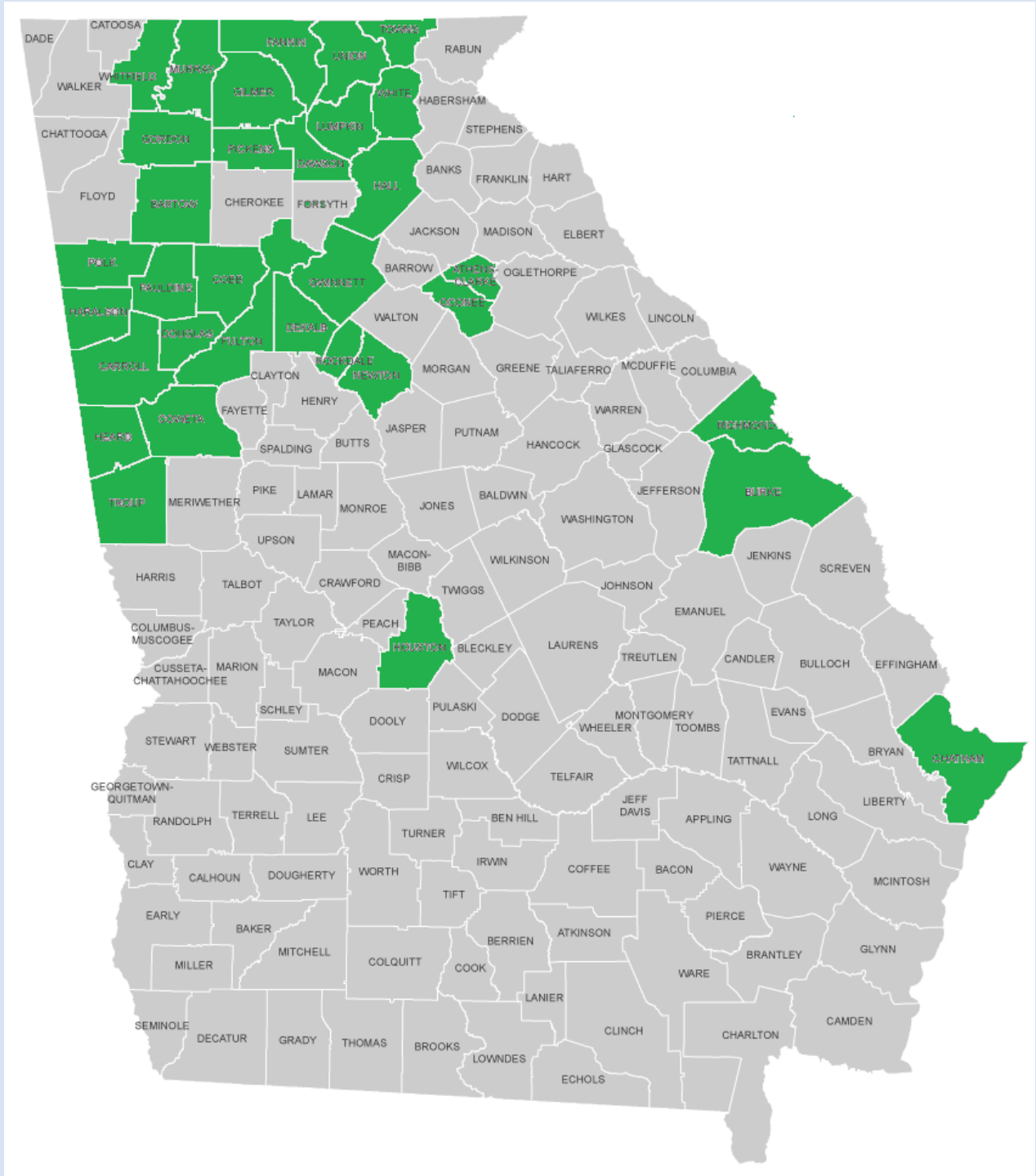

DFCS REGIONS REPRESENTED IN CII

- **Region 1** **6/11**
- **Region 2** **7/13**
- **Region 3** **5/6**
- **Region 4** **4/12**
- **Region 5** **2/12**
- **Region 6** **1/11**
- **Region 7** **2/14**
- Region 8 0/16
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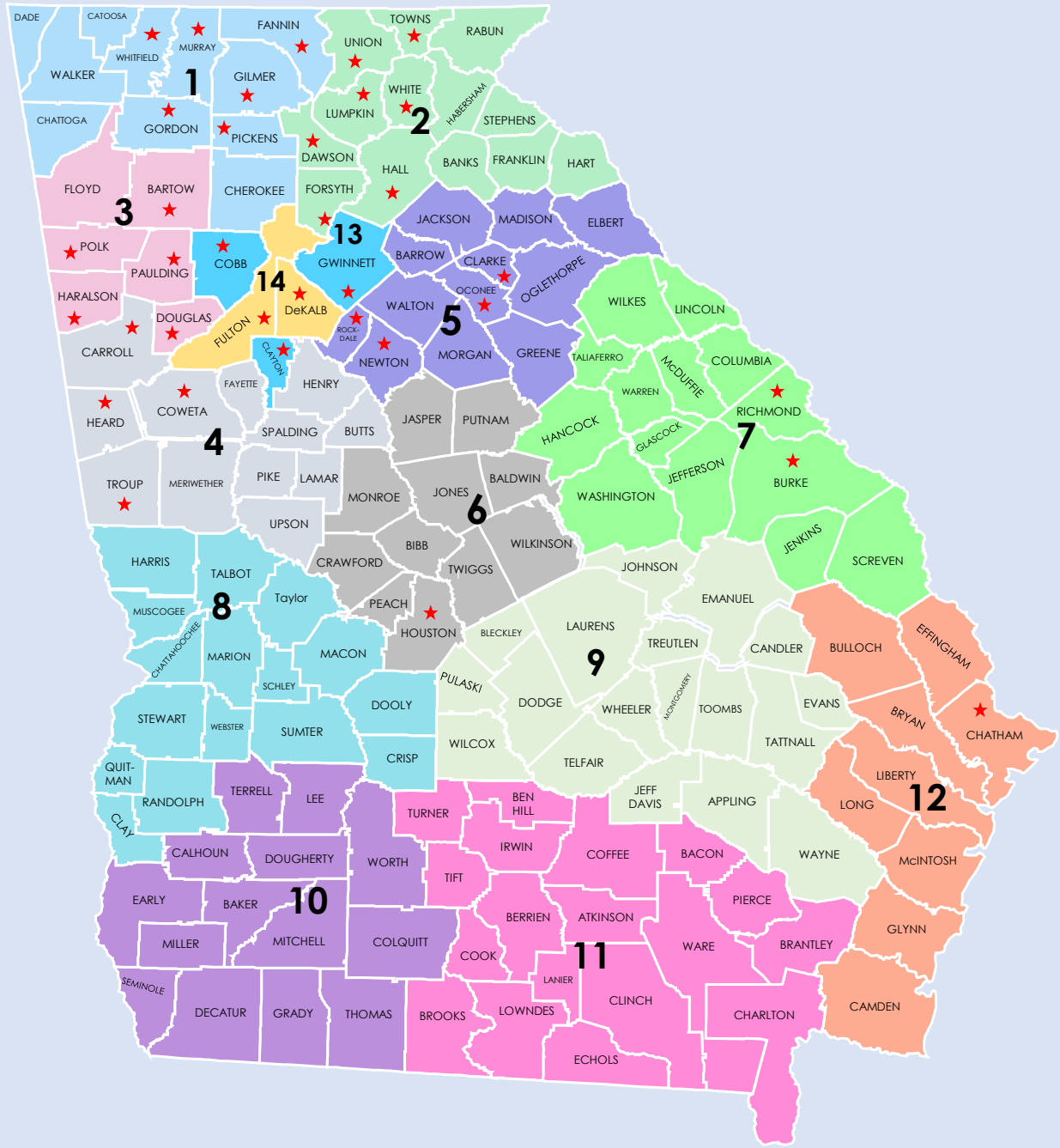

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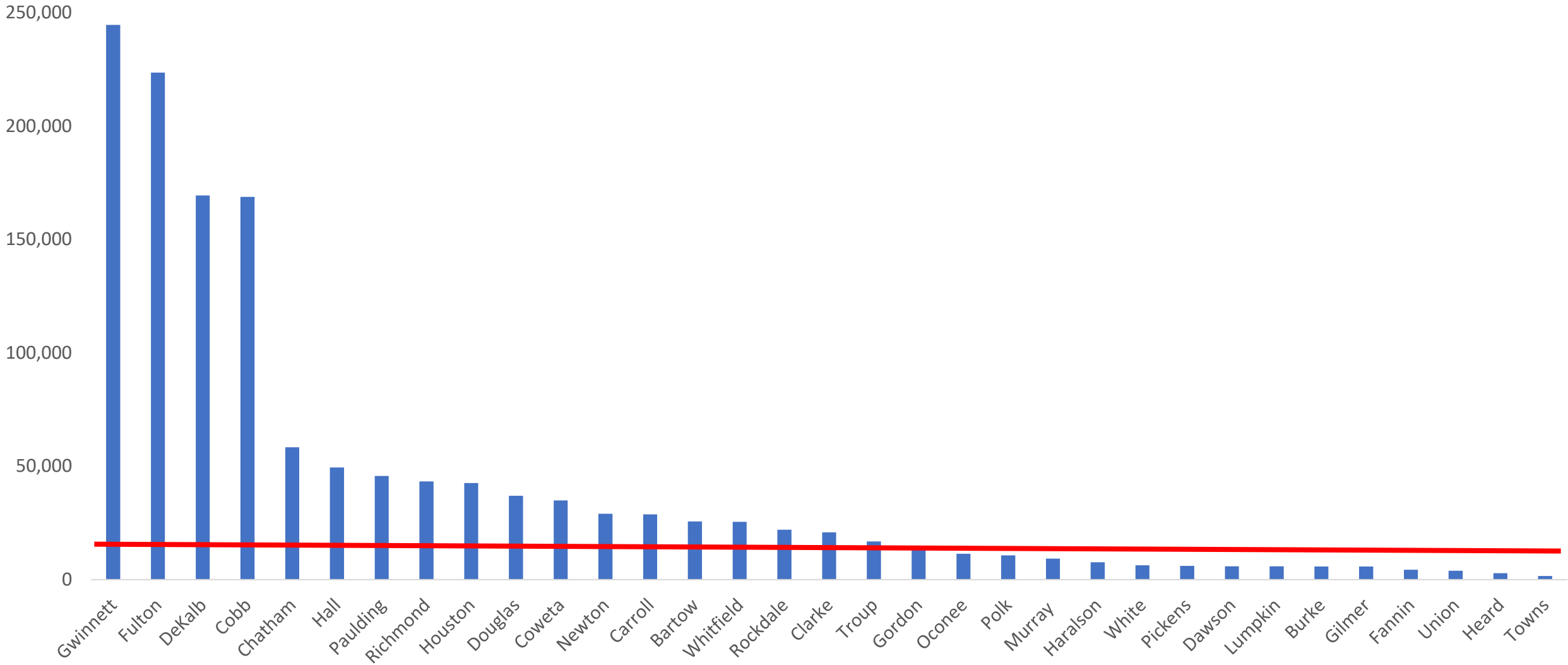

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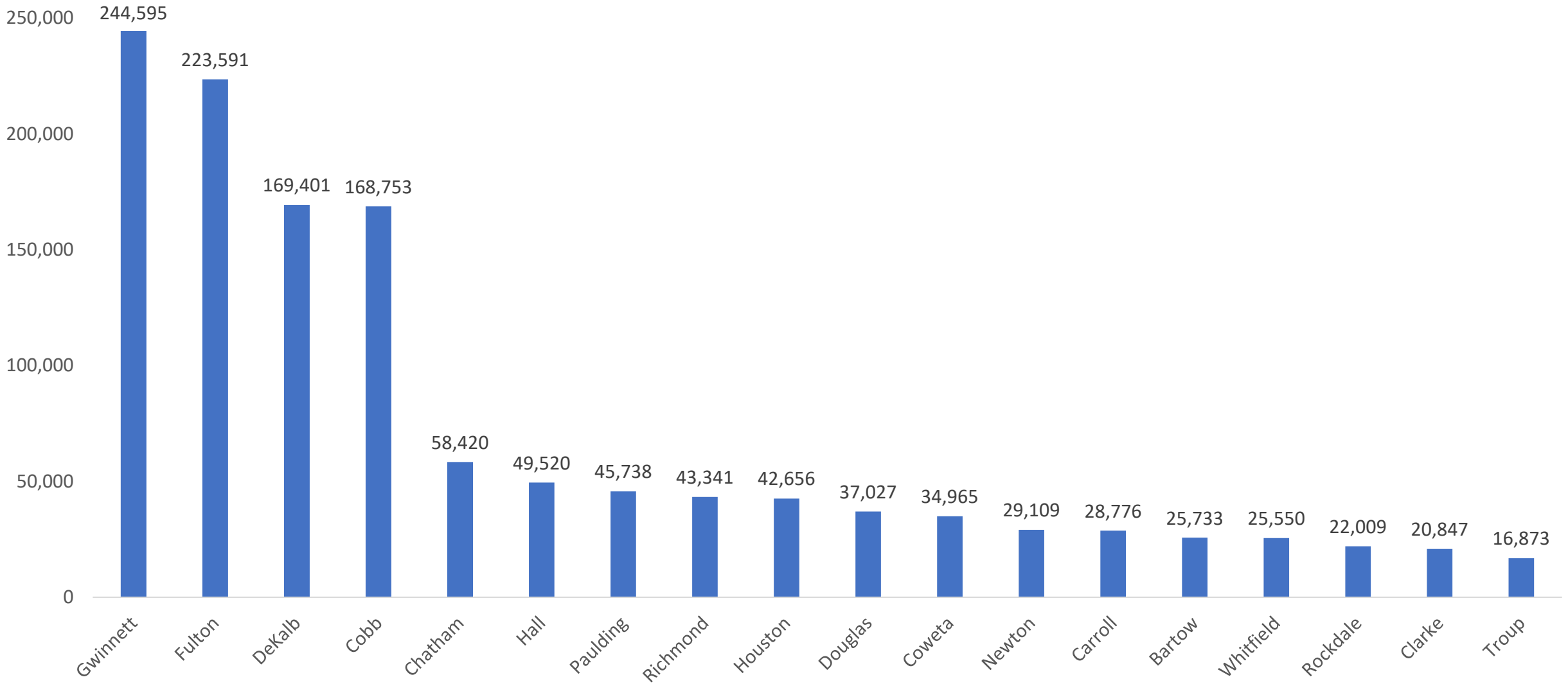

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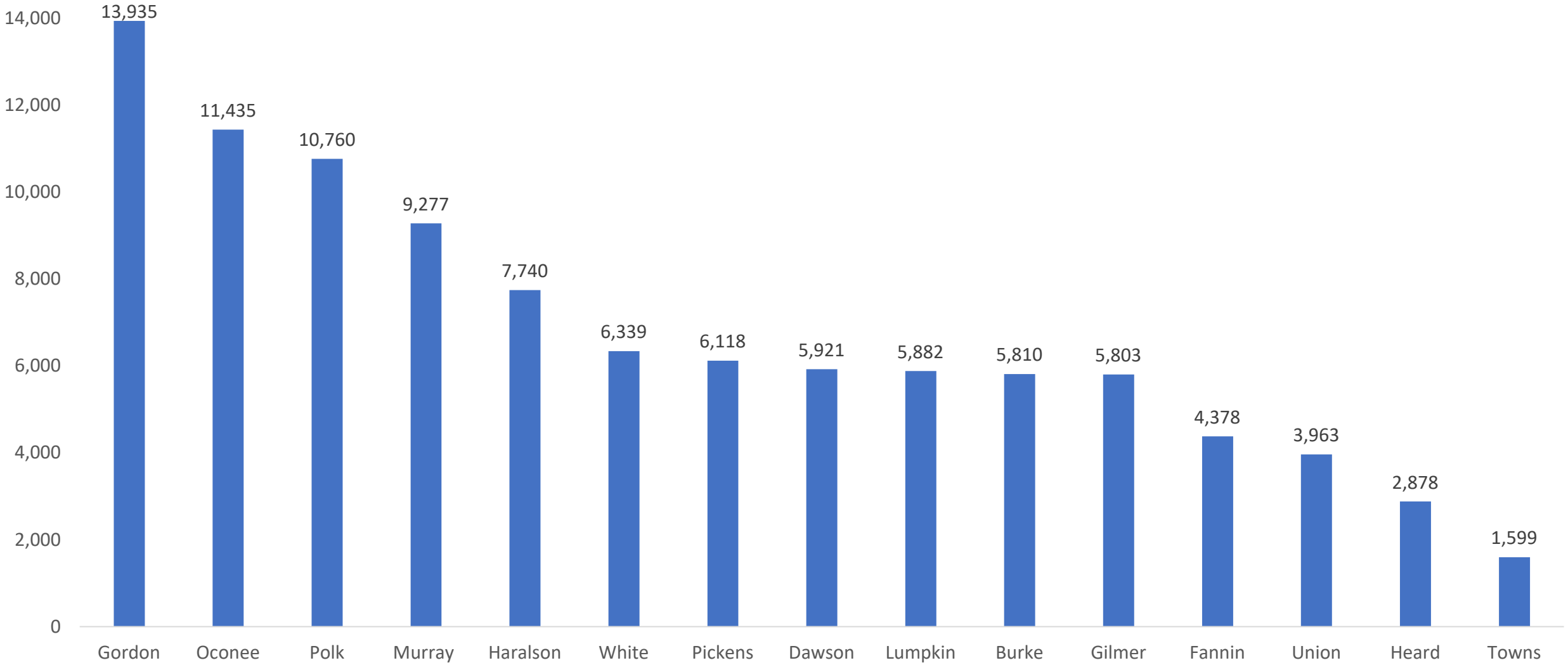


Sneak Preview:
TABLE DISCUSSION

- What did you learn about your county's data that surprised or disappointed you?

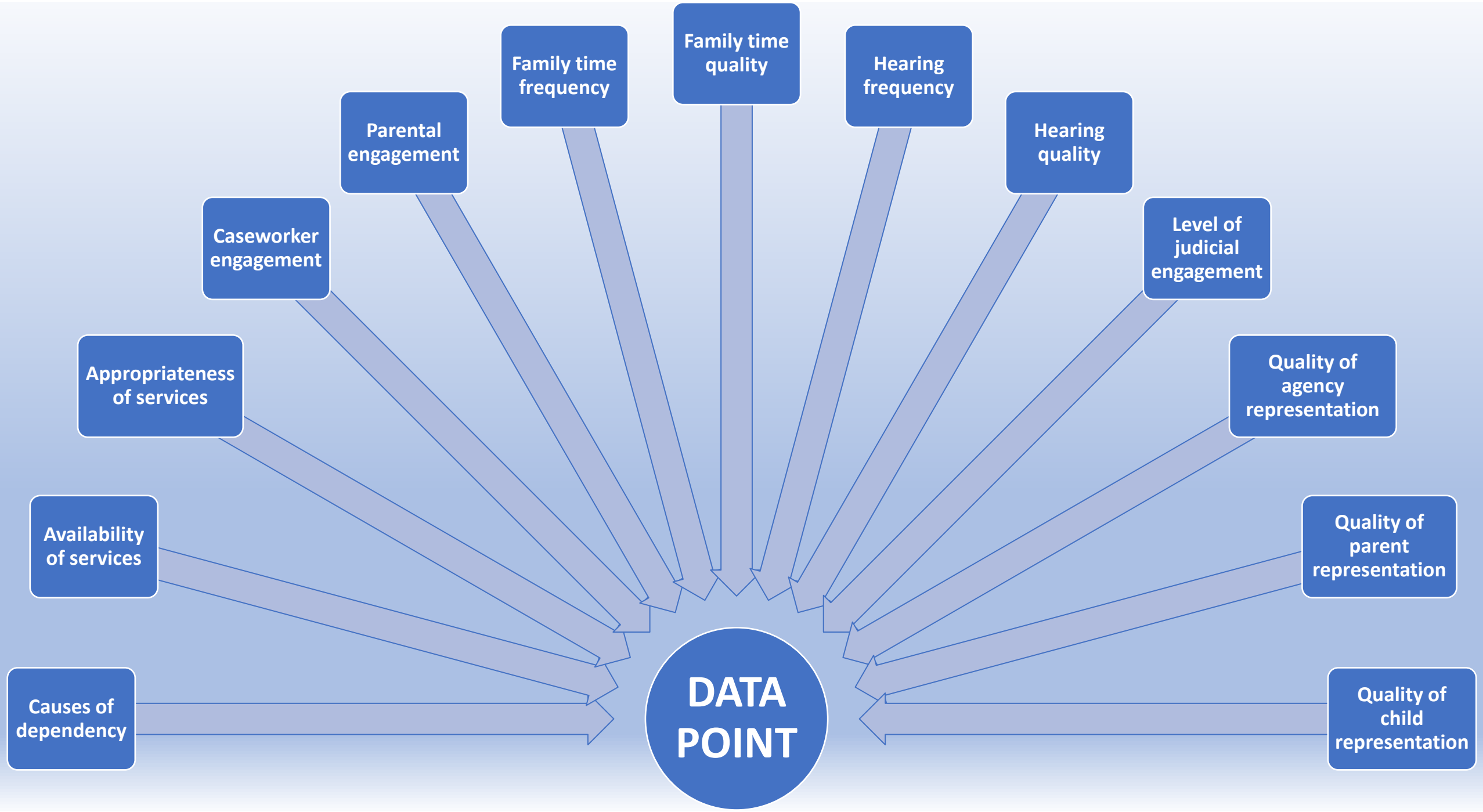
OR

- What did you already know about your county's performance that was confirmed by the data you saw today?

- Pick a data measure on which to focus your discussion.

- Identify factors that affect this measure.

- What can each member of your multidisciplinary team do (or do better) to positively affect this measure?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Availability of services
Appropriateness of services
Caseworker engagement
Parental engagement
Family time frequency
Family time quality
Hearing frequency
Hearing quality
Level of judicial engagement
Quality of agency representation
Quality of parent representation
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DATA POINT

REMOVALS TO FOSTER CARE

AVERAGE MONTHLY REMOVALS PER 10K CHILDREN IN POPULATION – BIG COUNTIES

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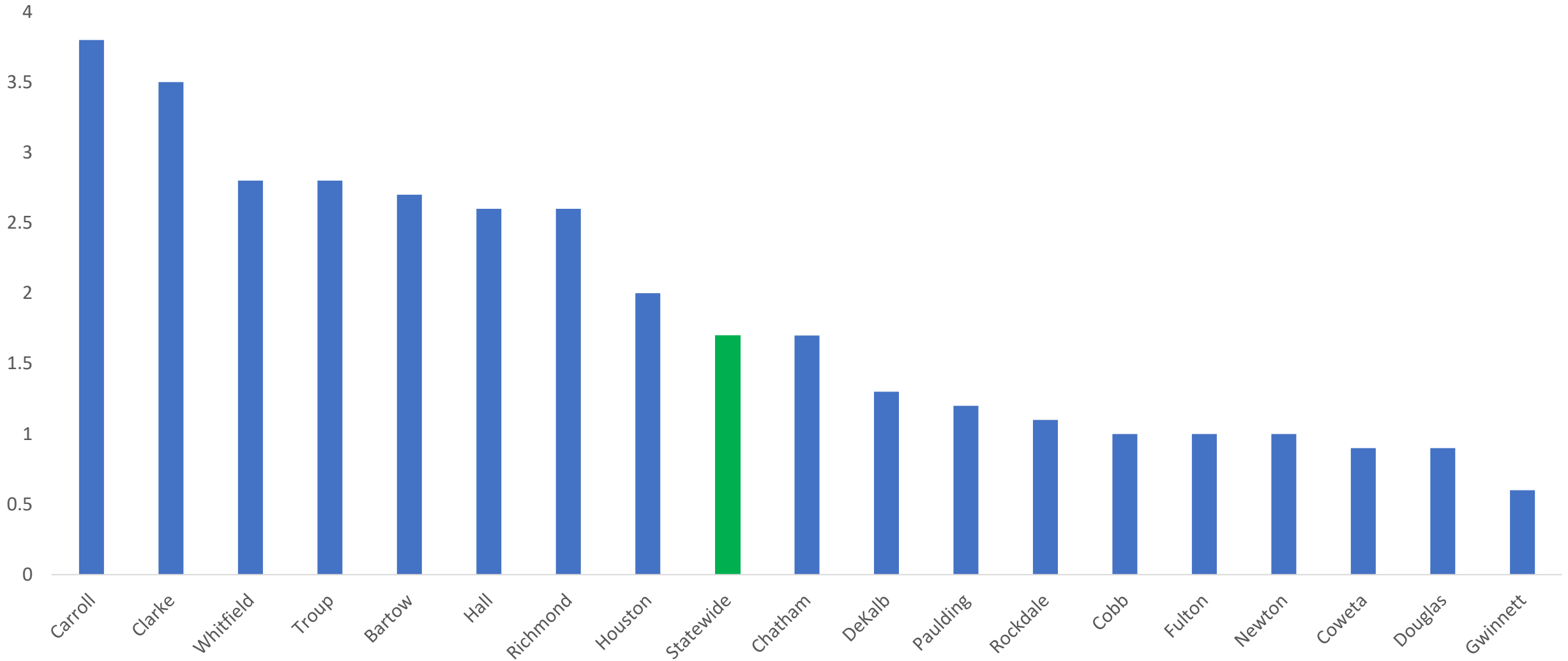

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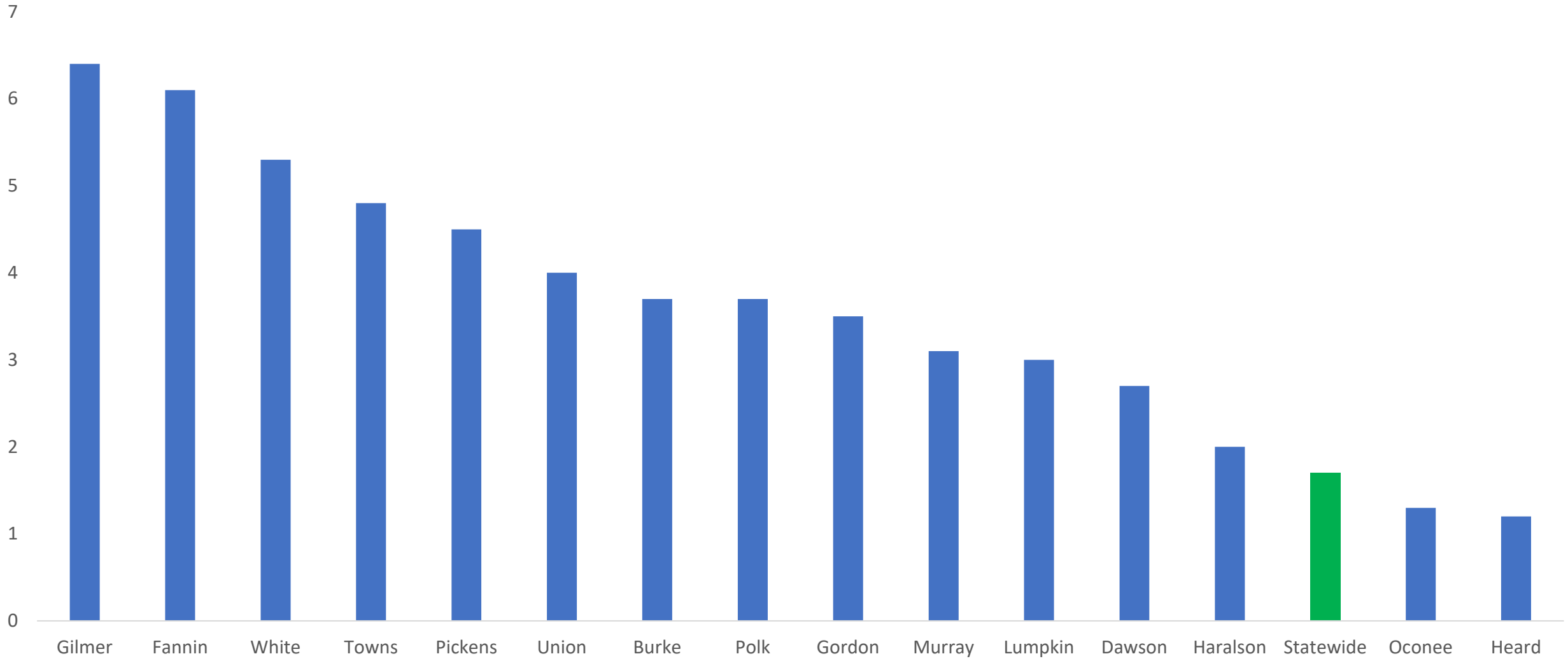

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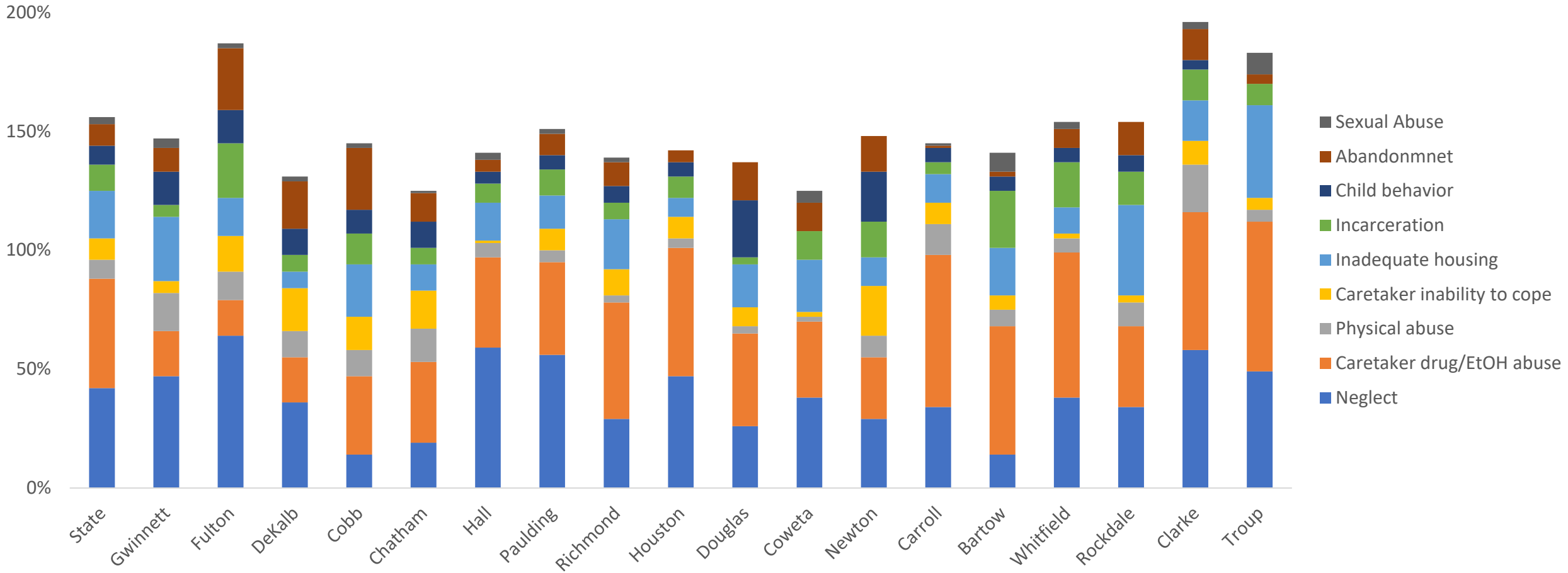

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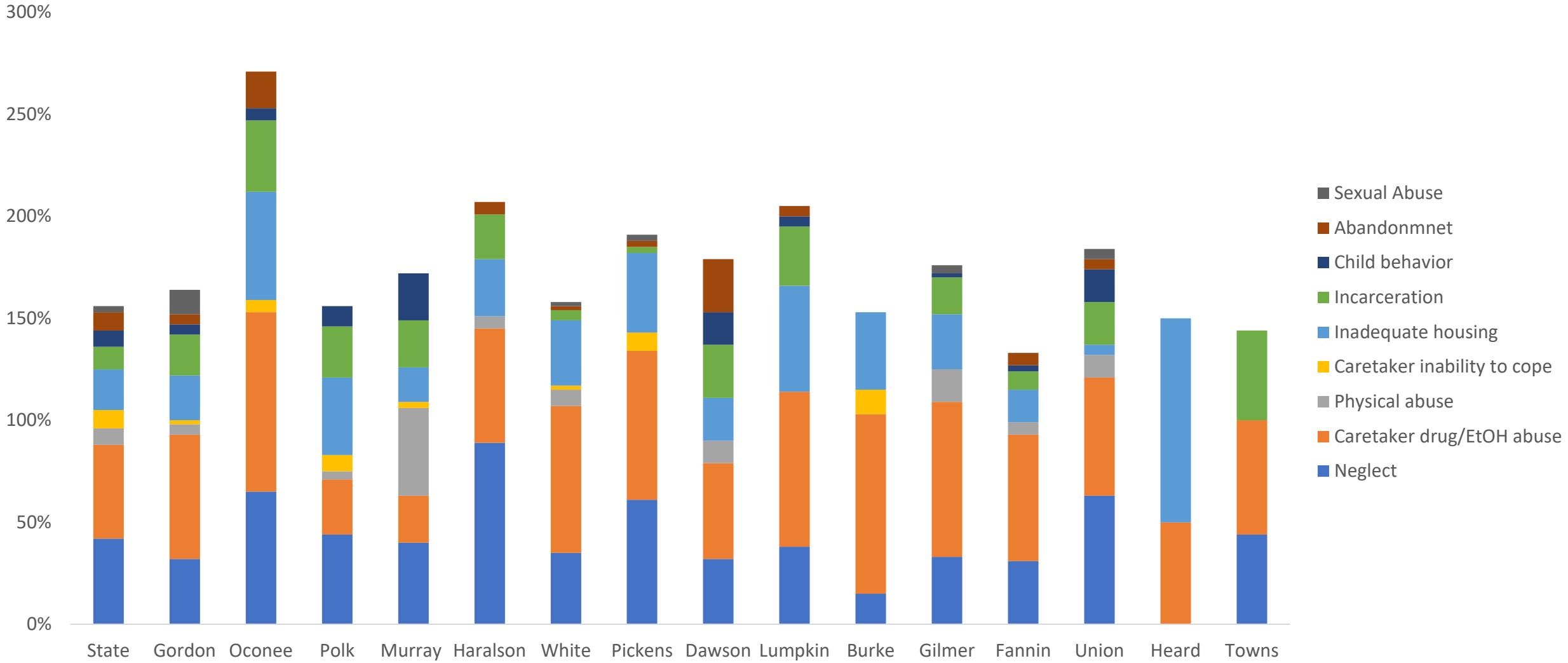

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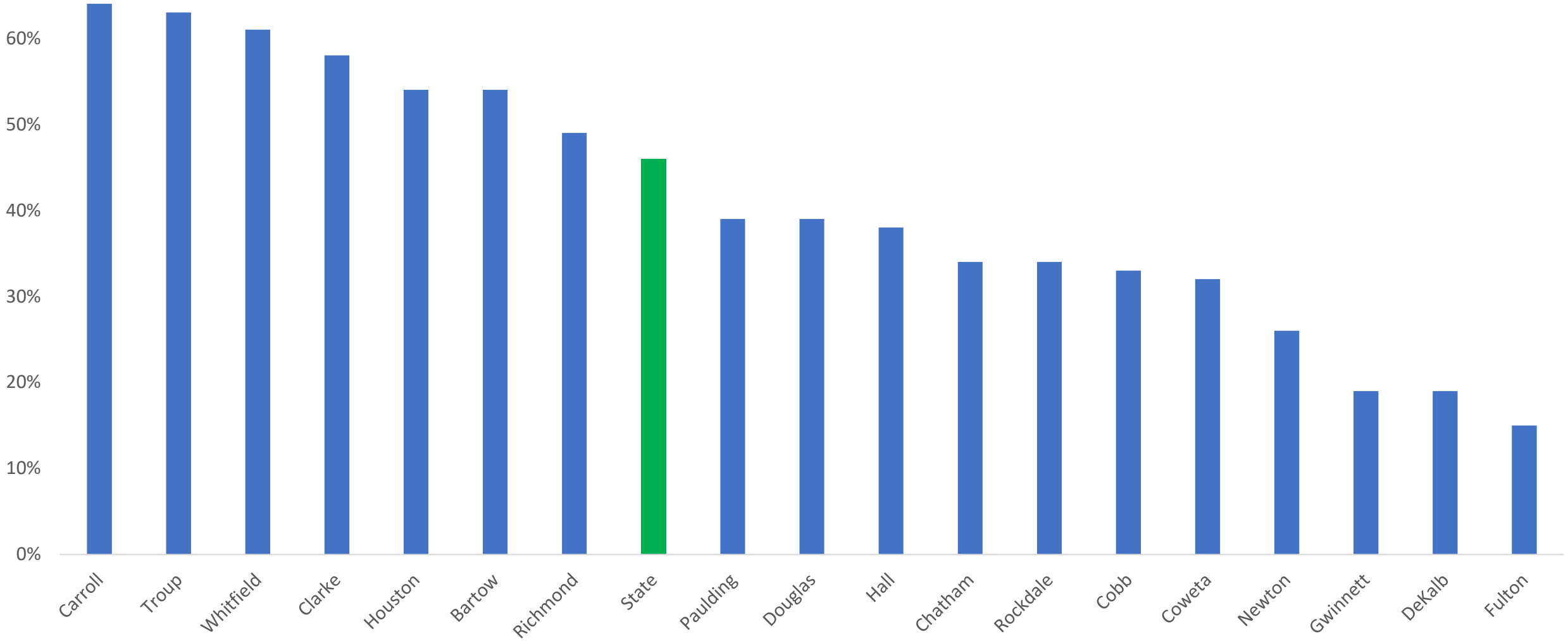

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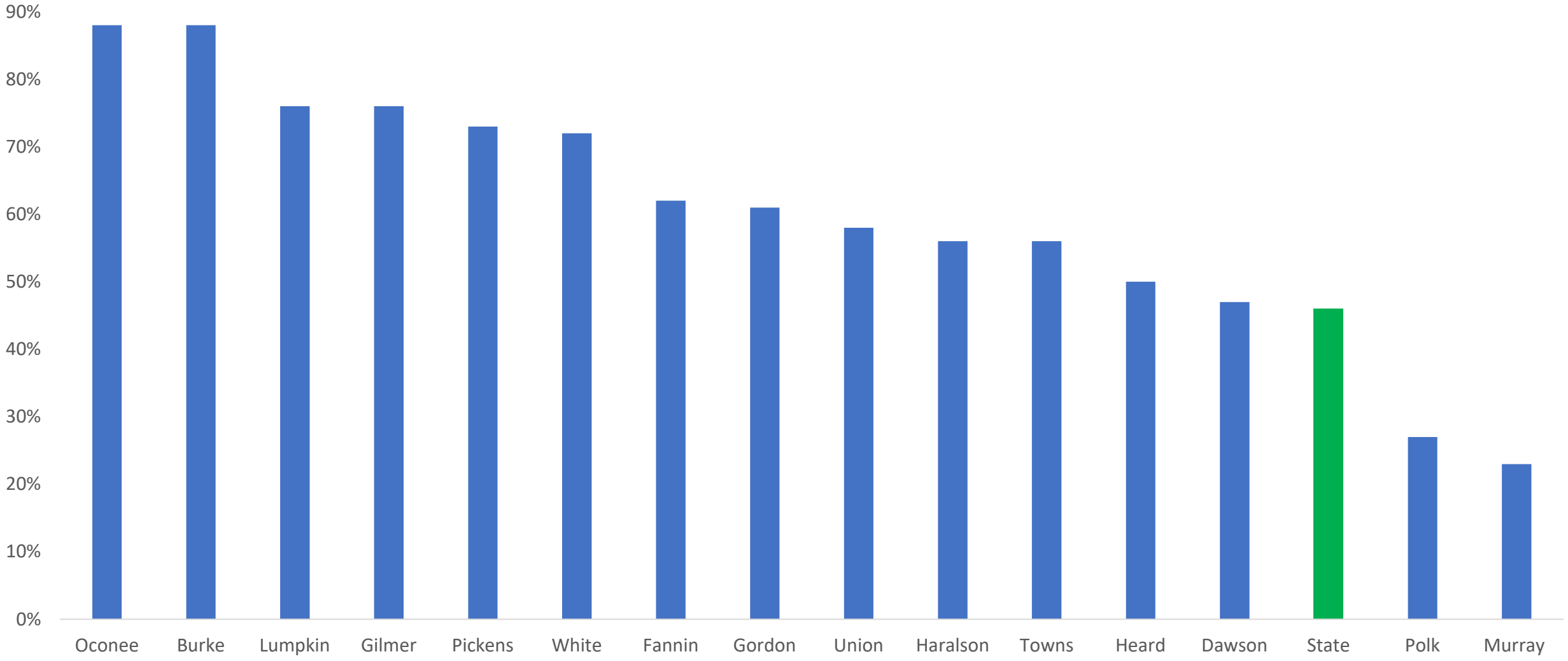

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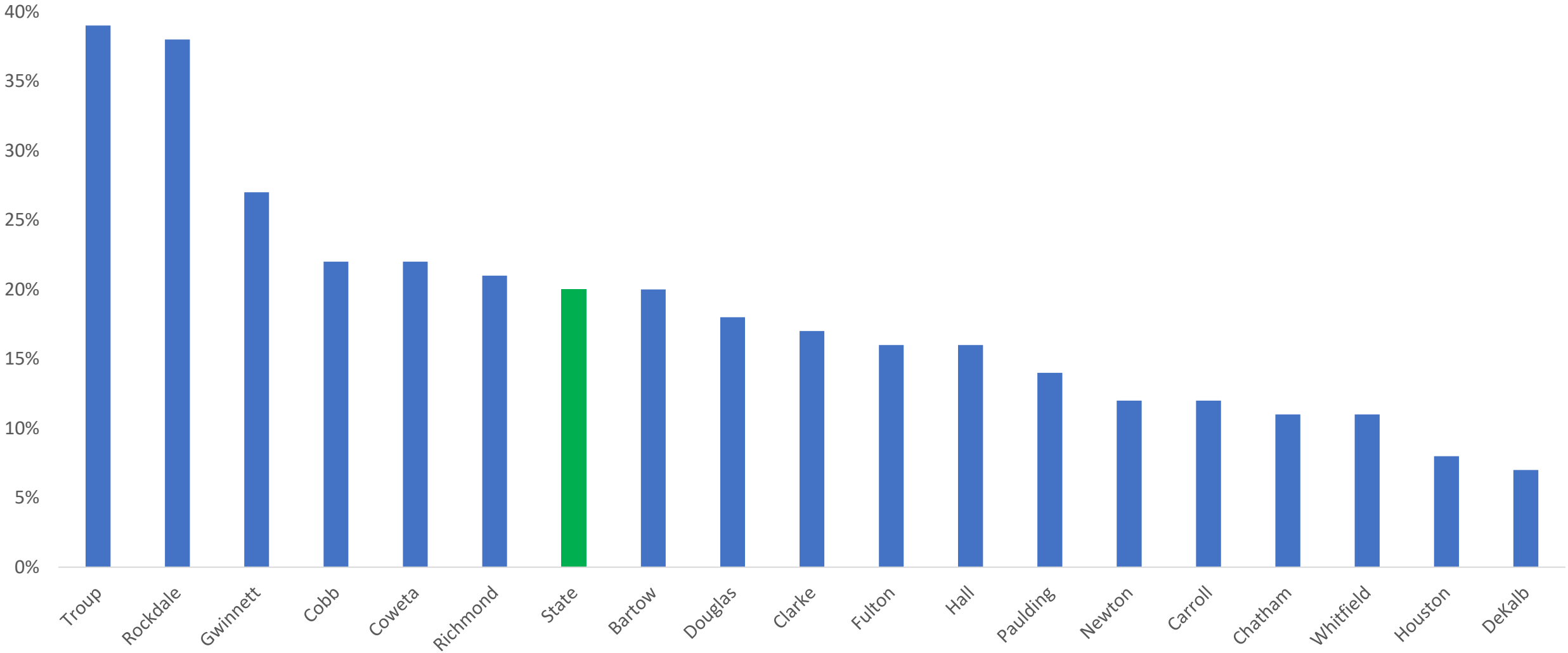

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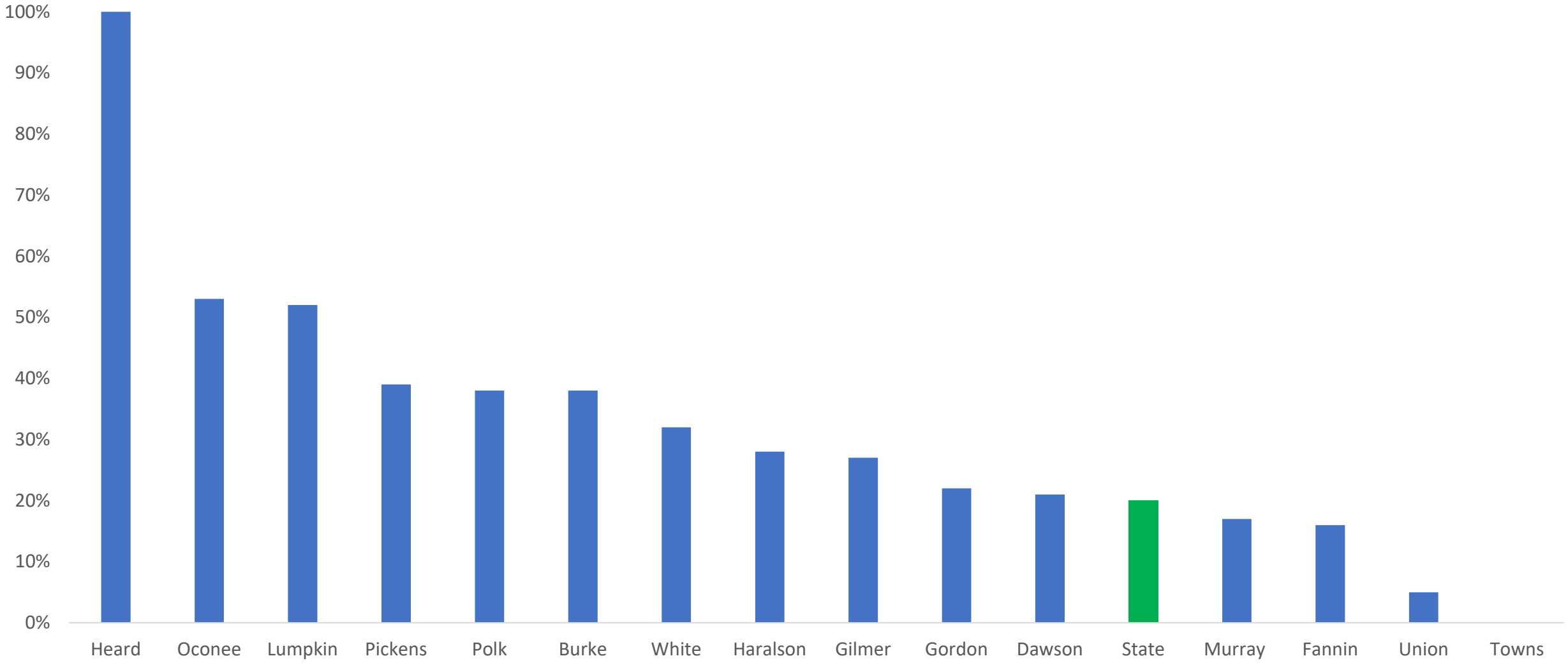

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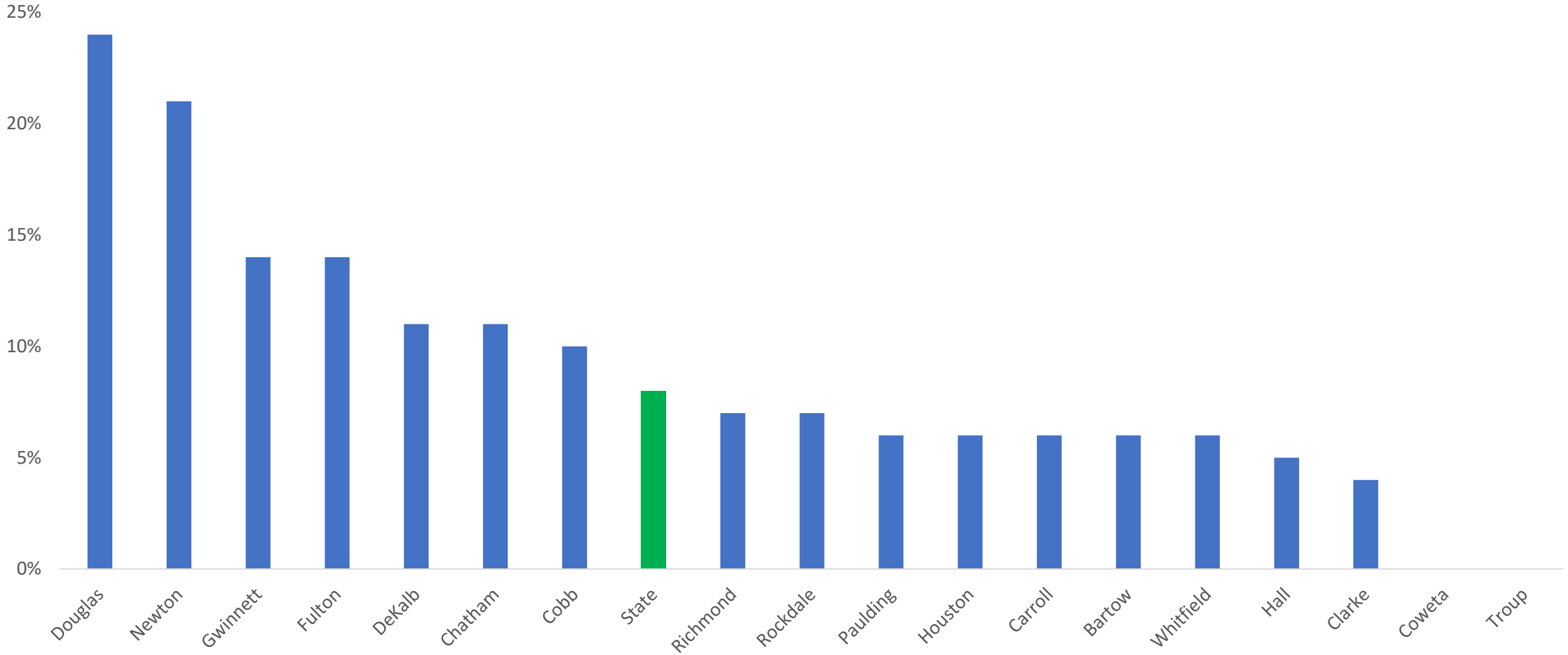

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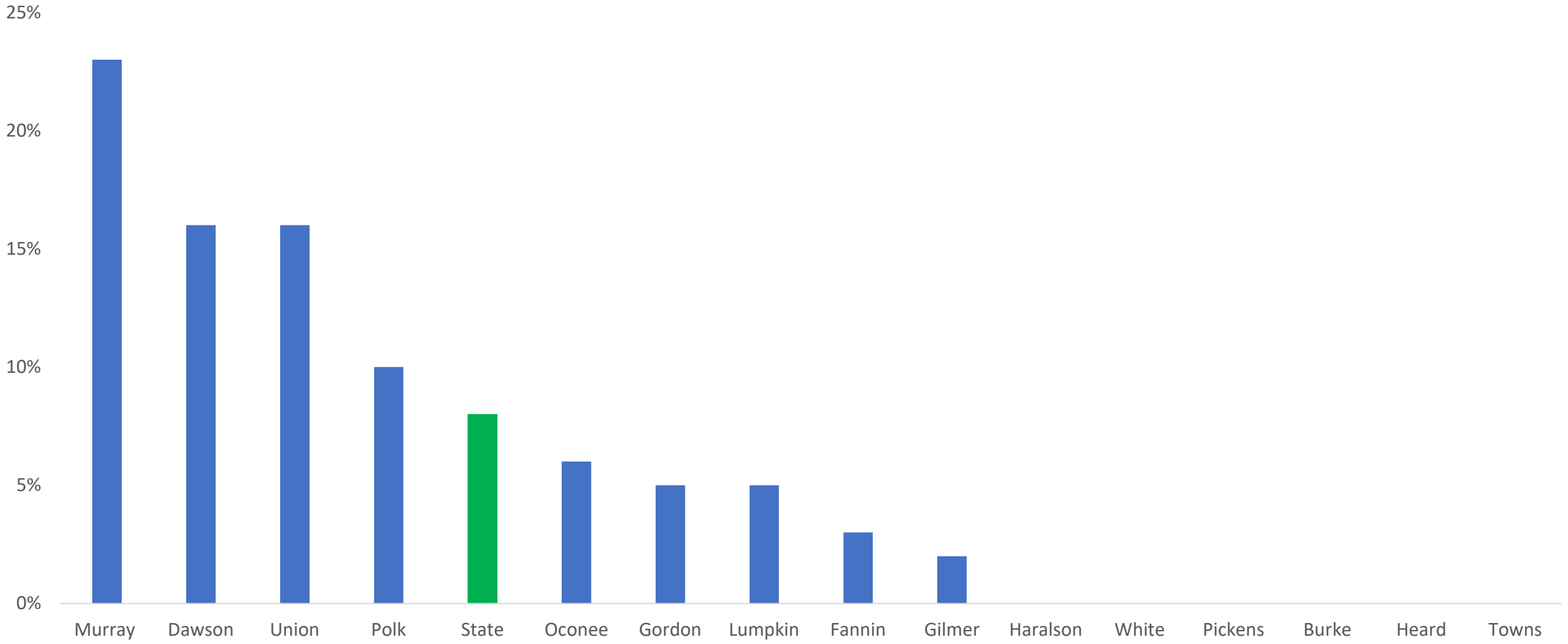

CHILD PLACEMENTS

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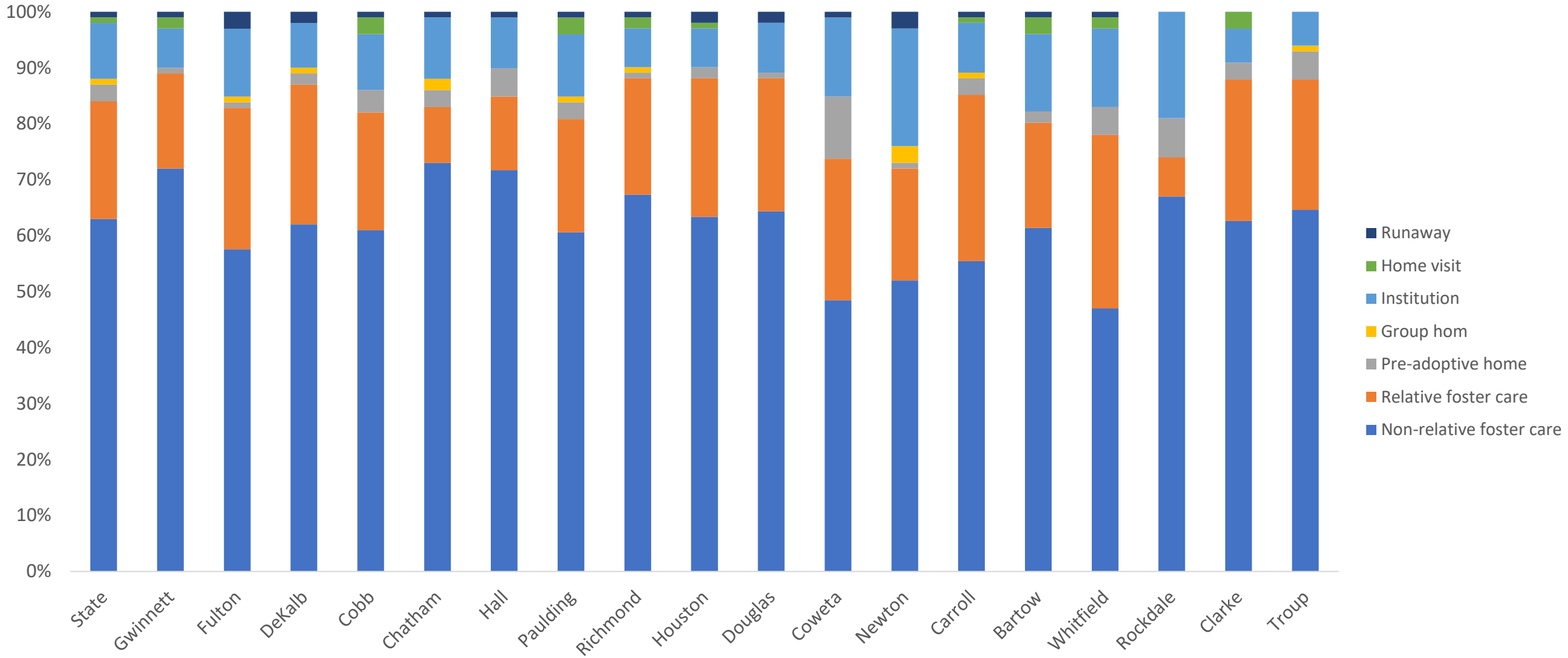

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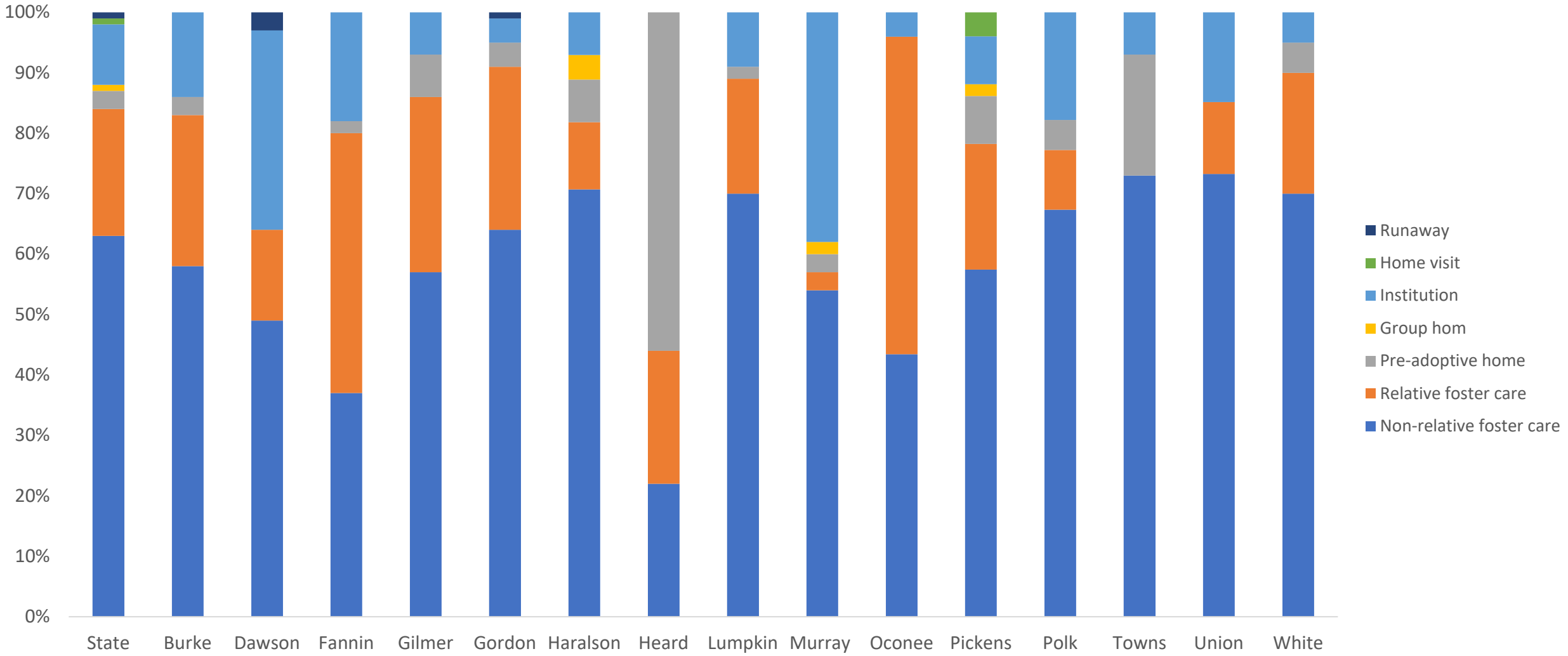

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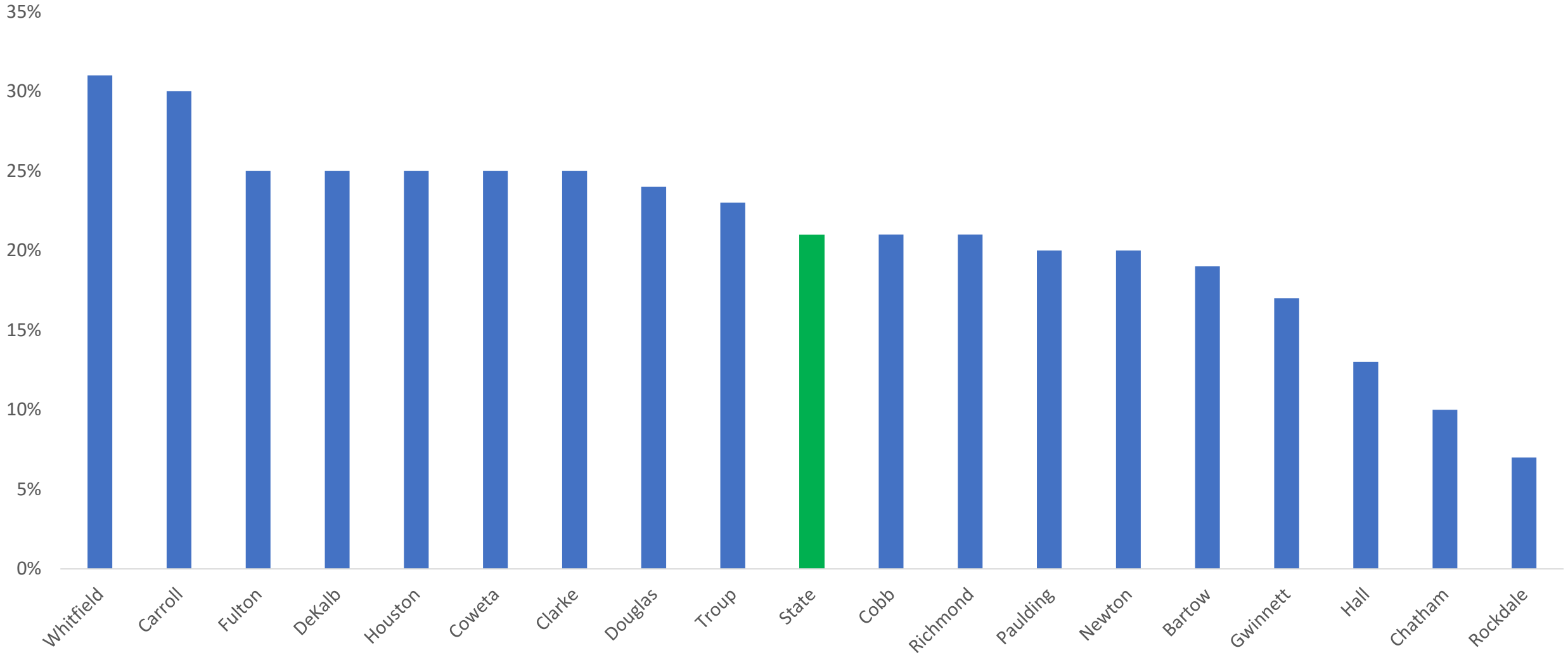

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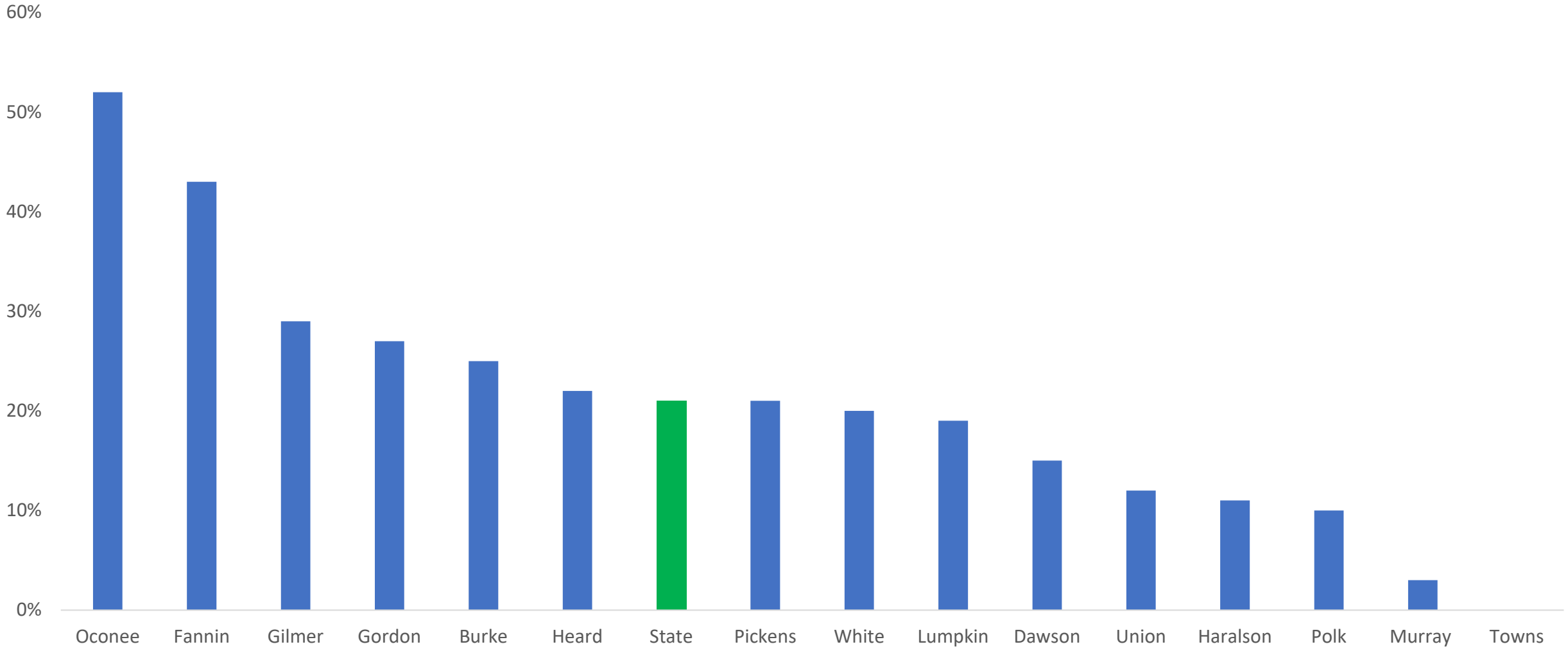

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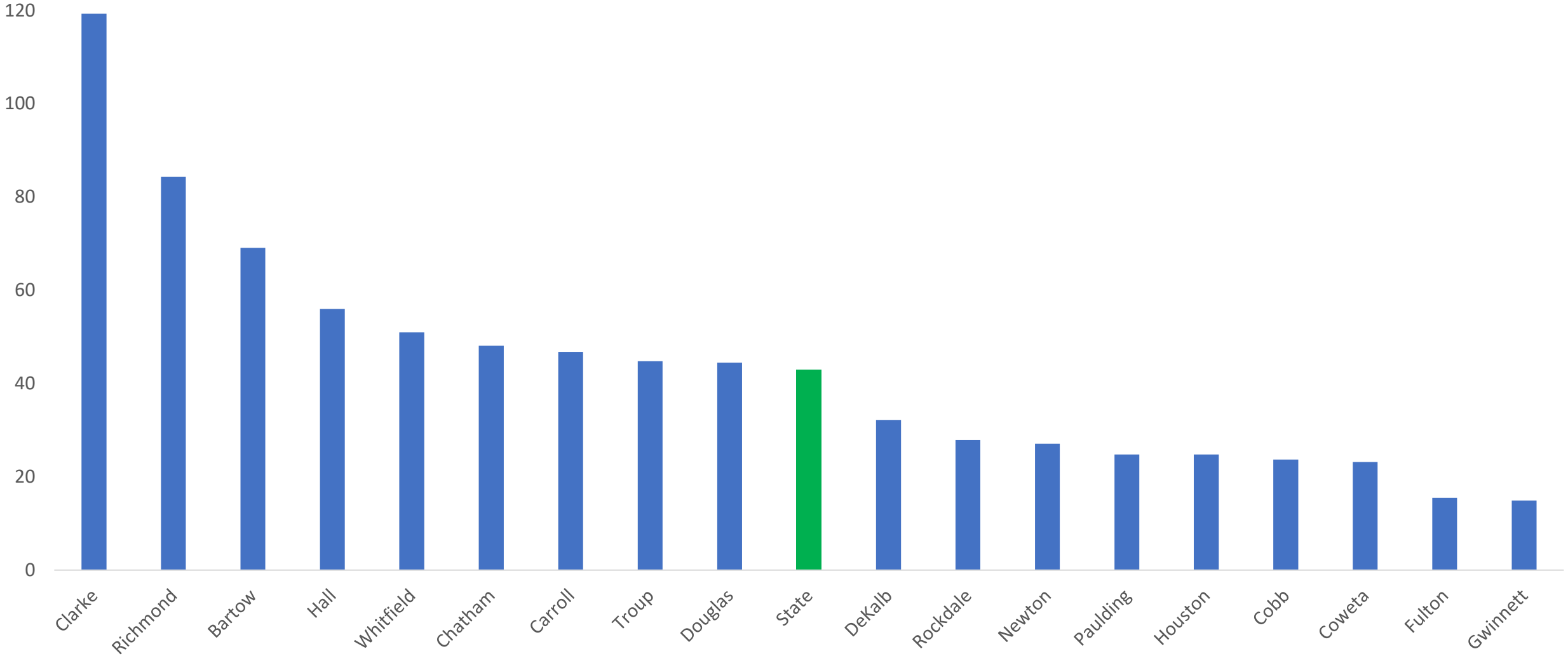

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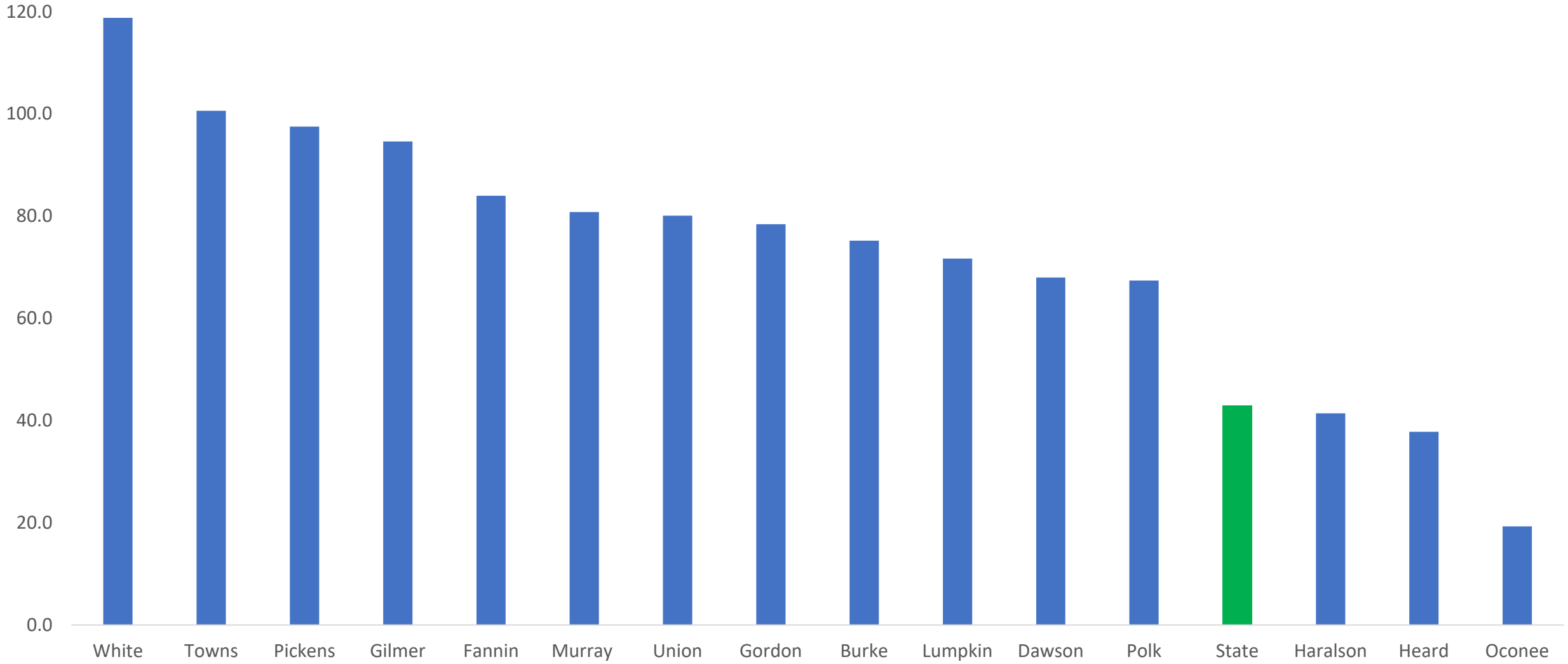

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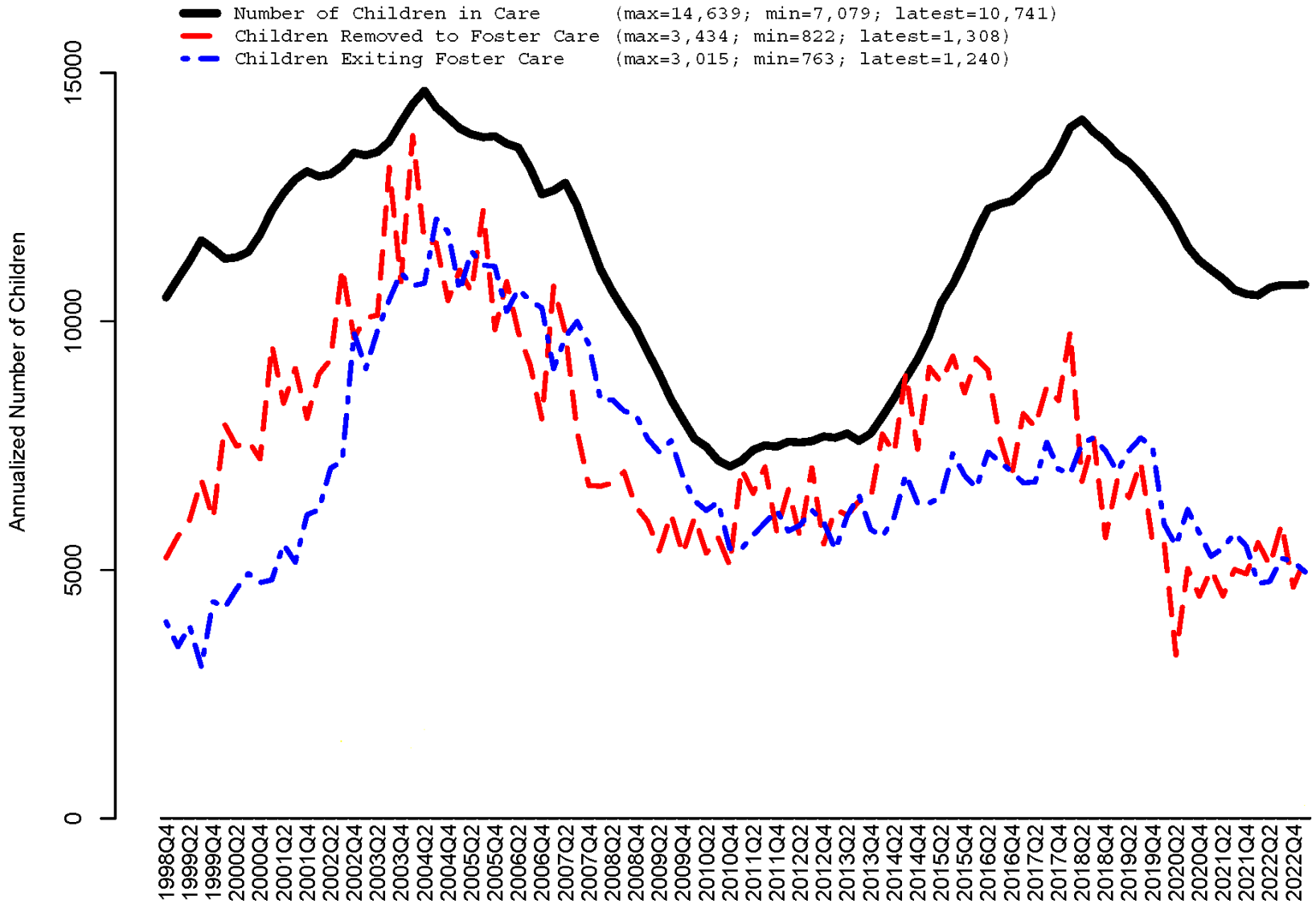

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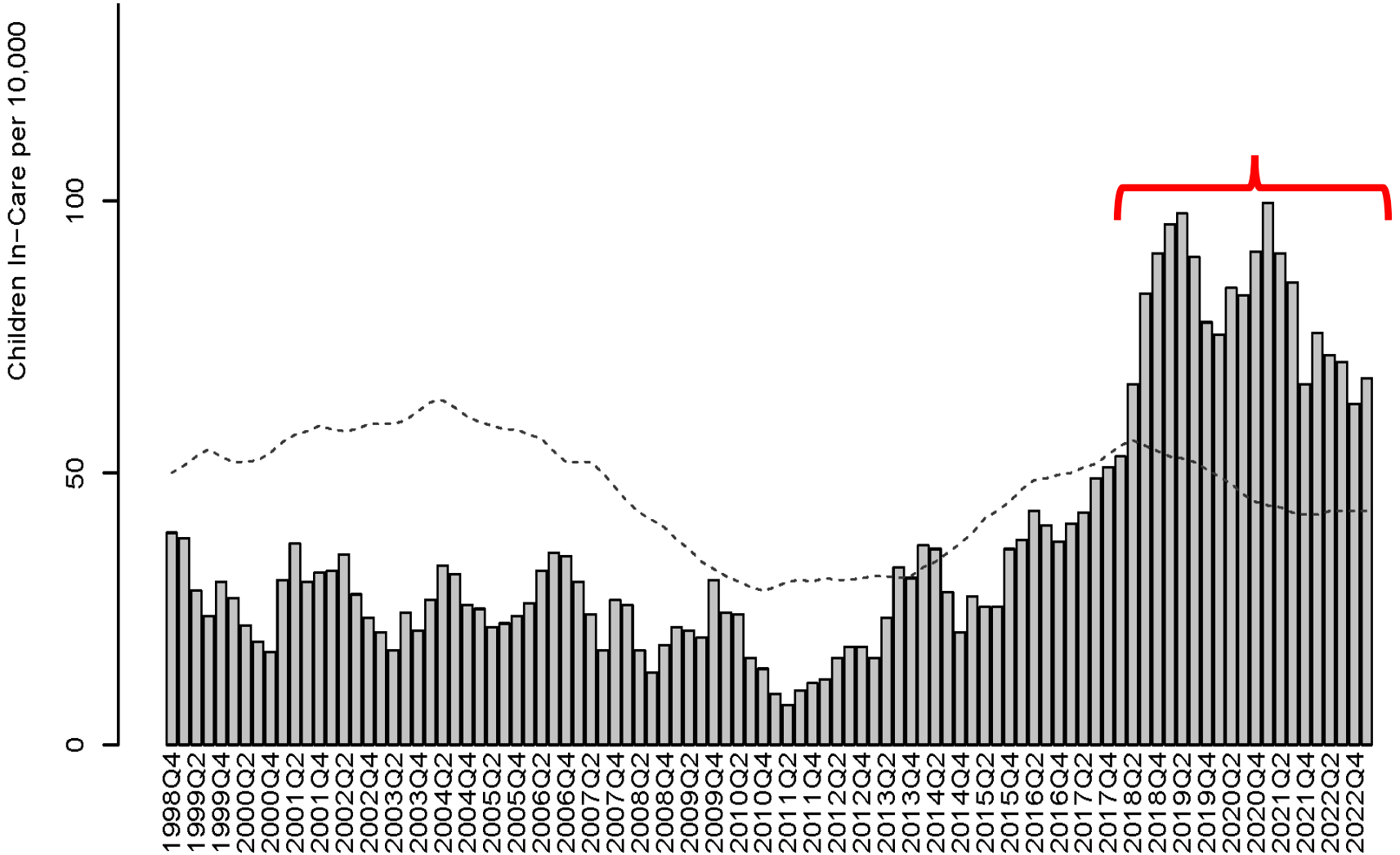

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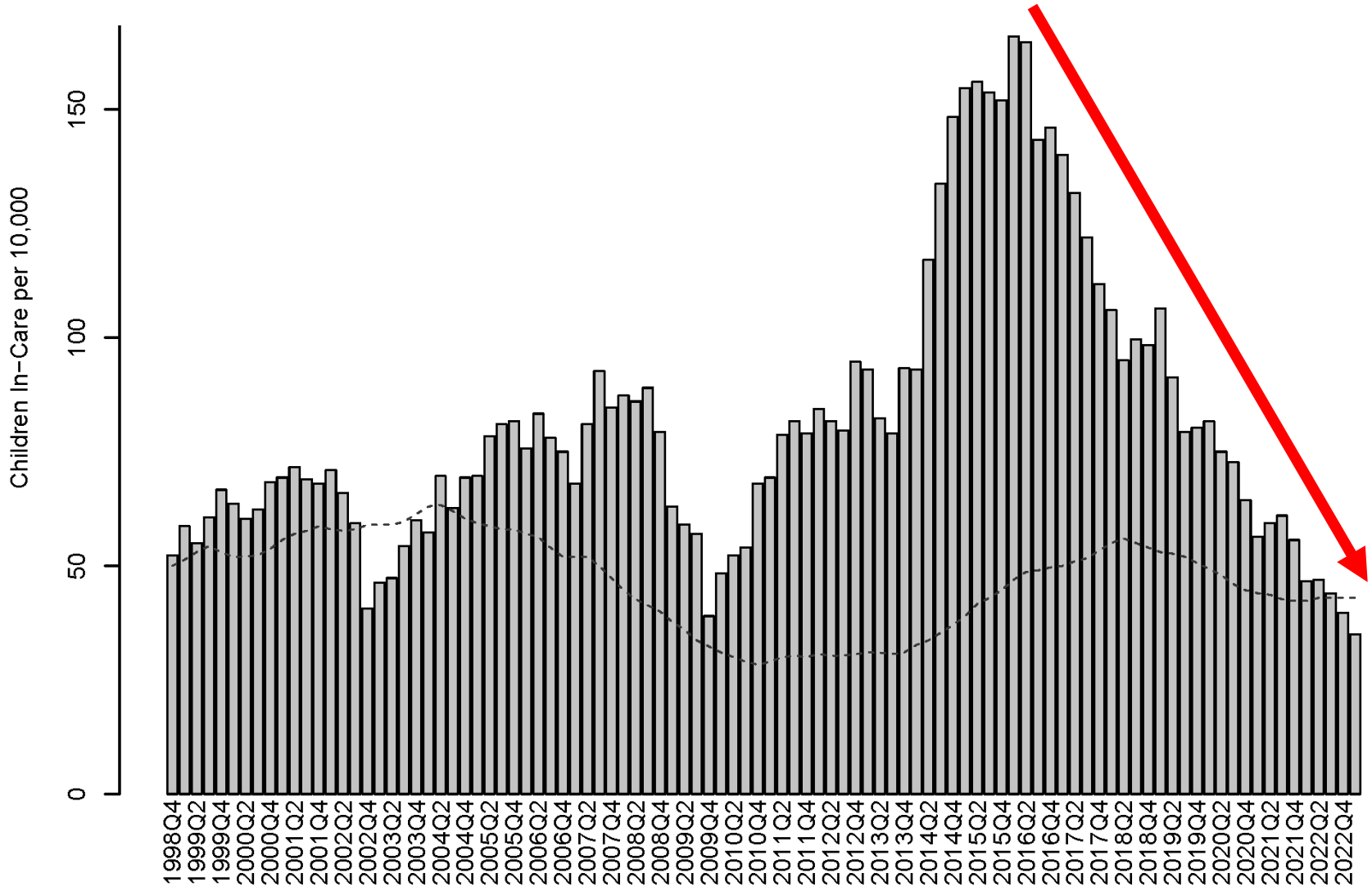

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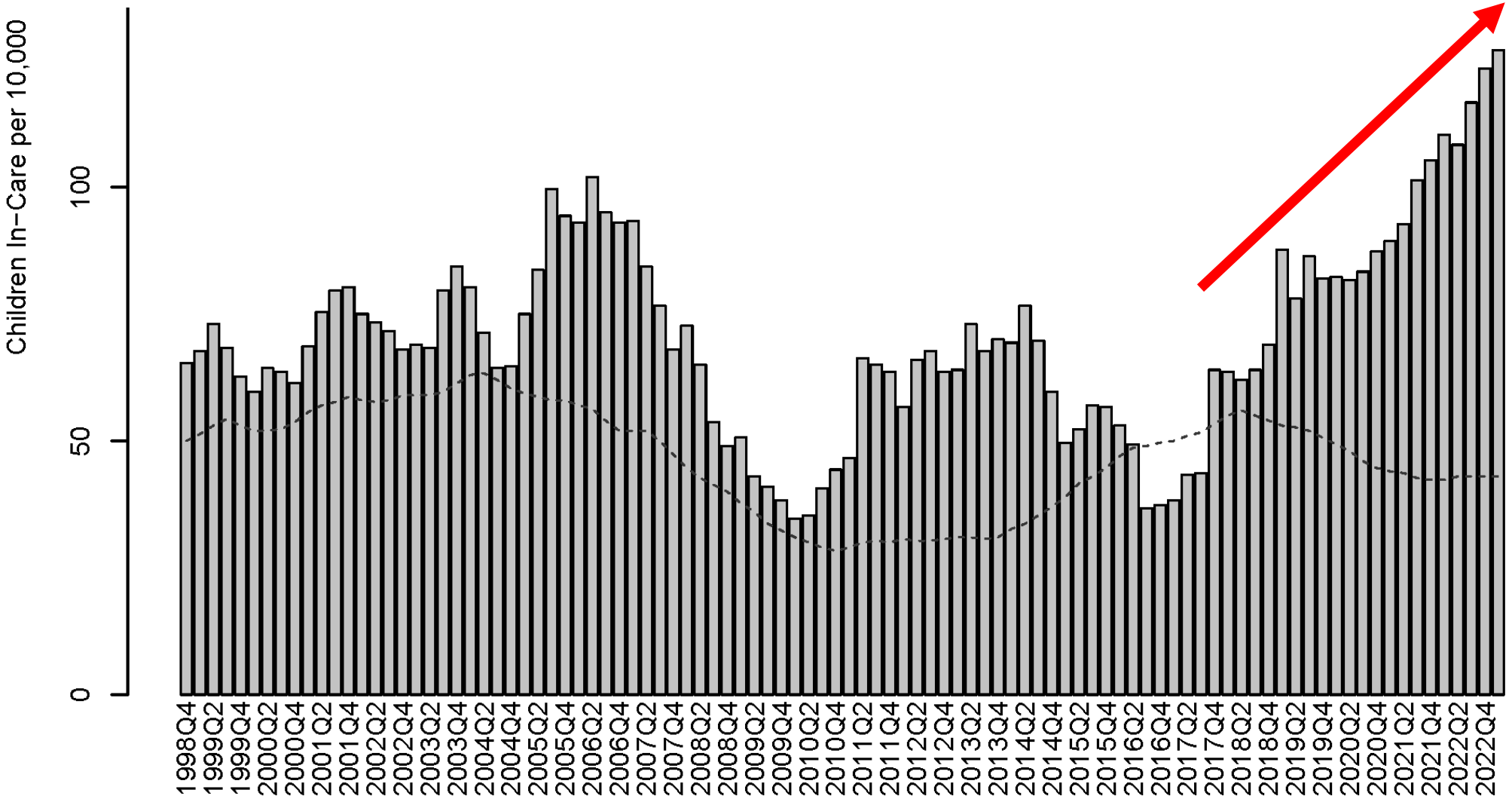

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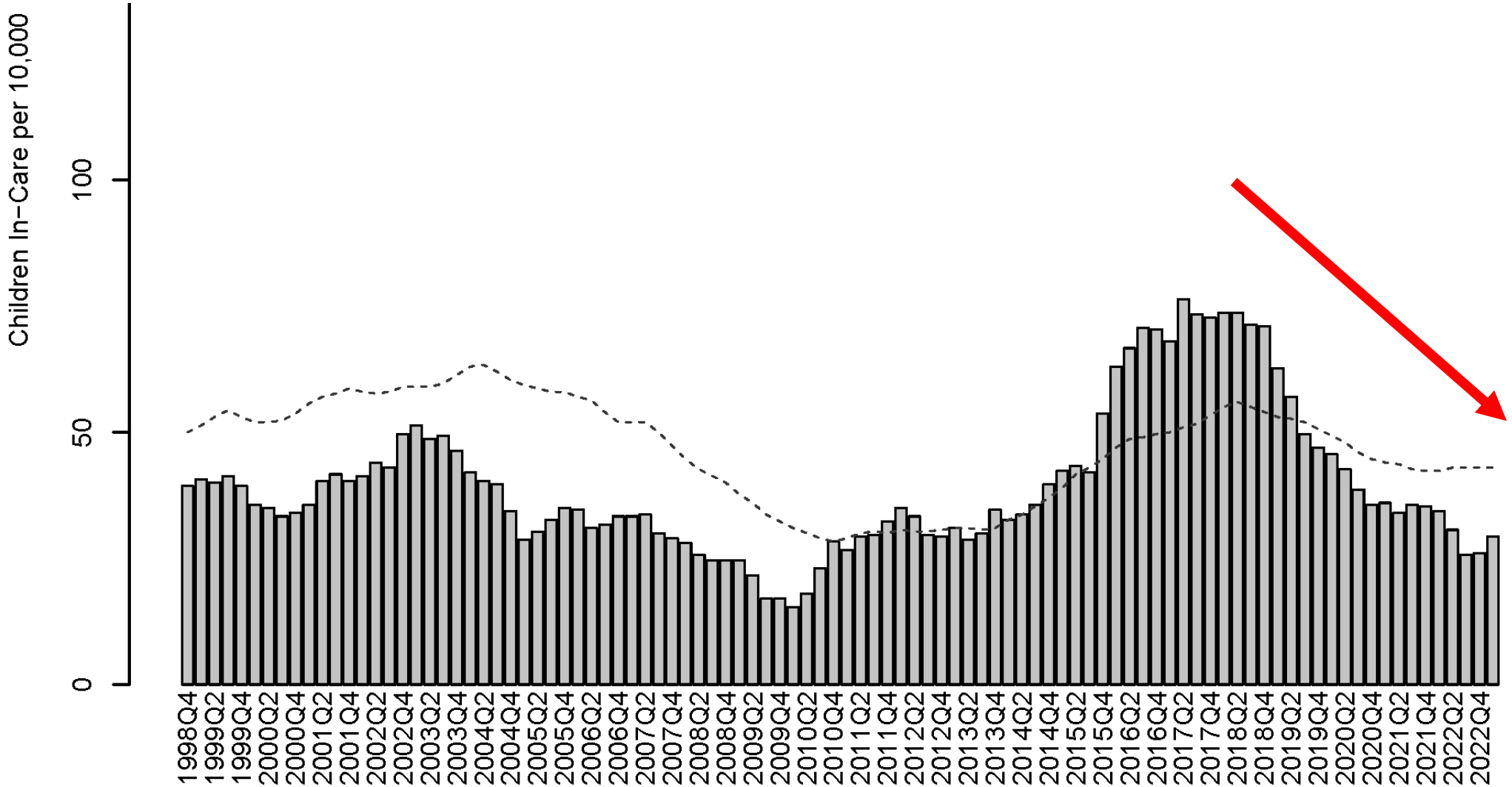

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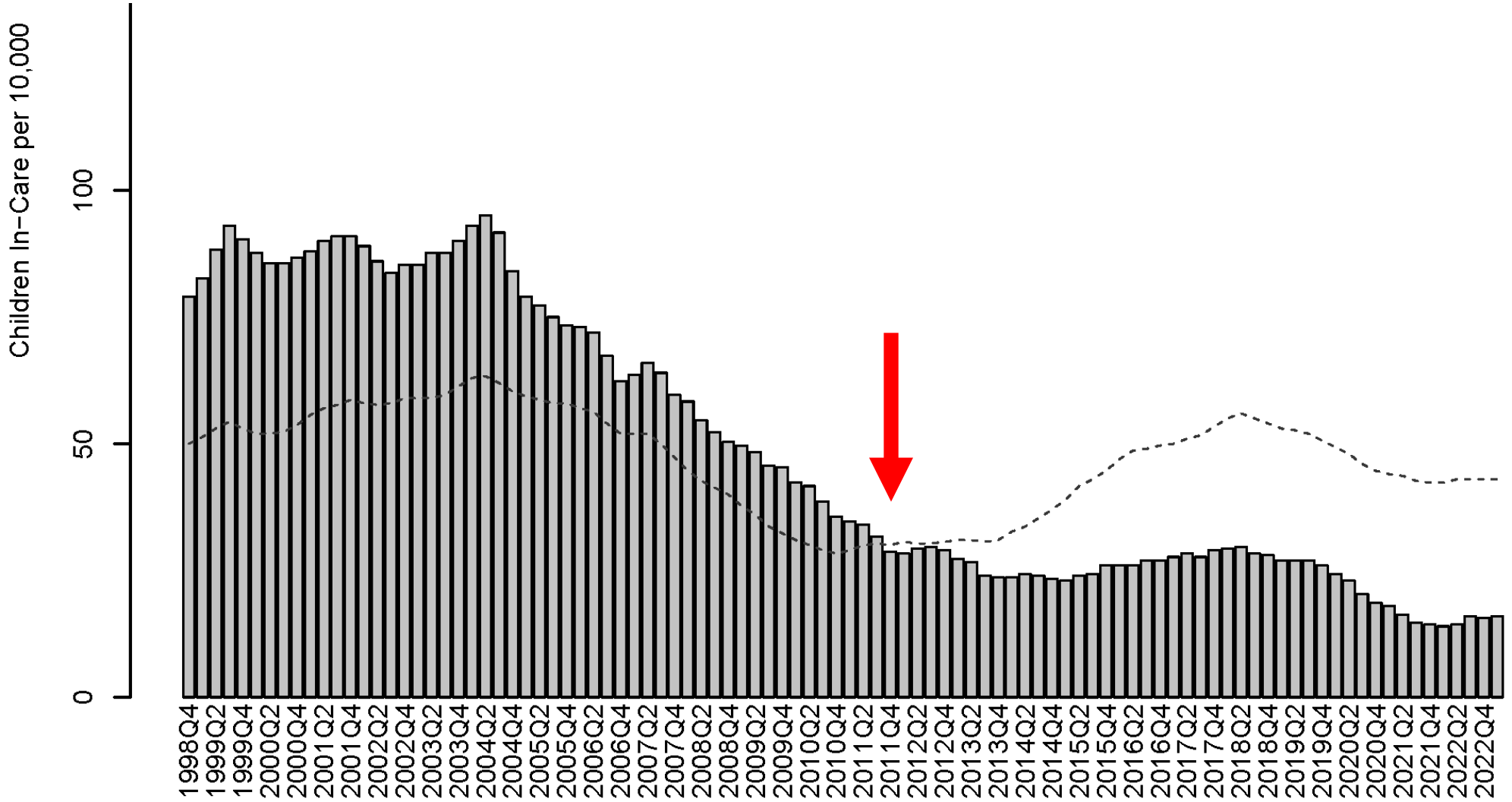

LENGTH OF STAY

MEAN vs. MEDIAN

- **DATA SET:** 1, 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 70

- **Mean** (average) = 13.45

$$\frac{(1 + 1 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 15 + 70)}{11}$$

- **Median** (middle number) = 8

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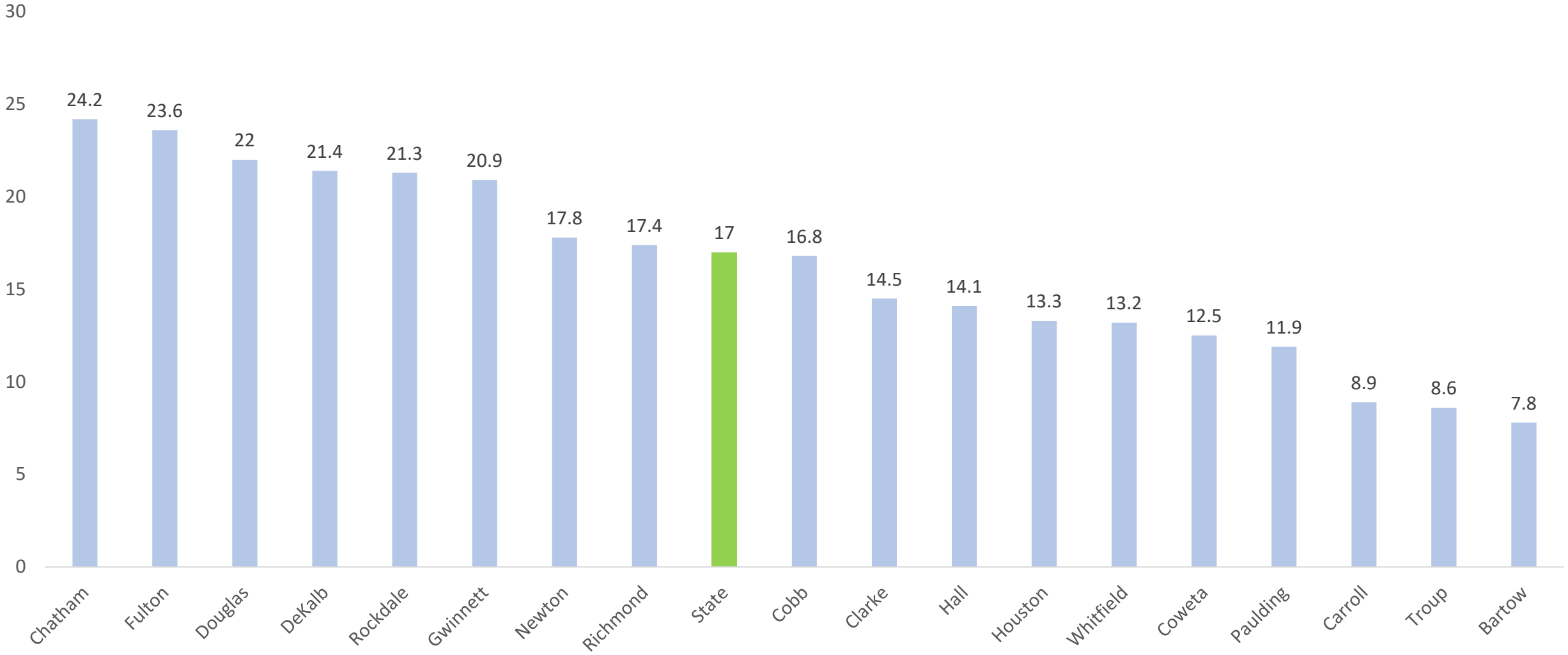
MEDIAN LENGTH OF STAY IN MONTHS – BIG COUNTIES

March 31, 2022 snapshot



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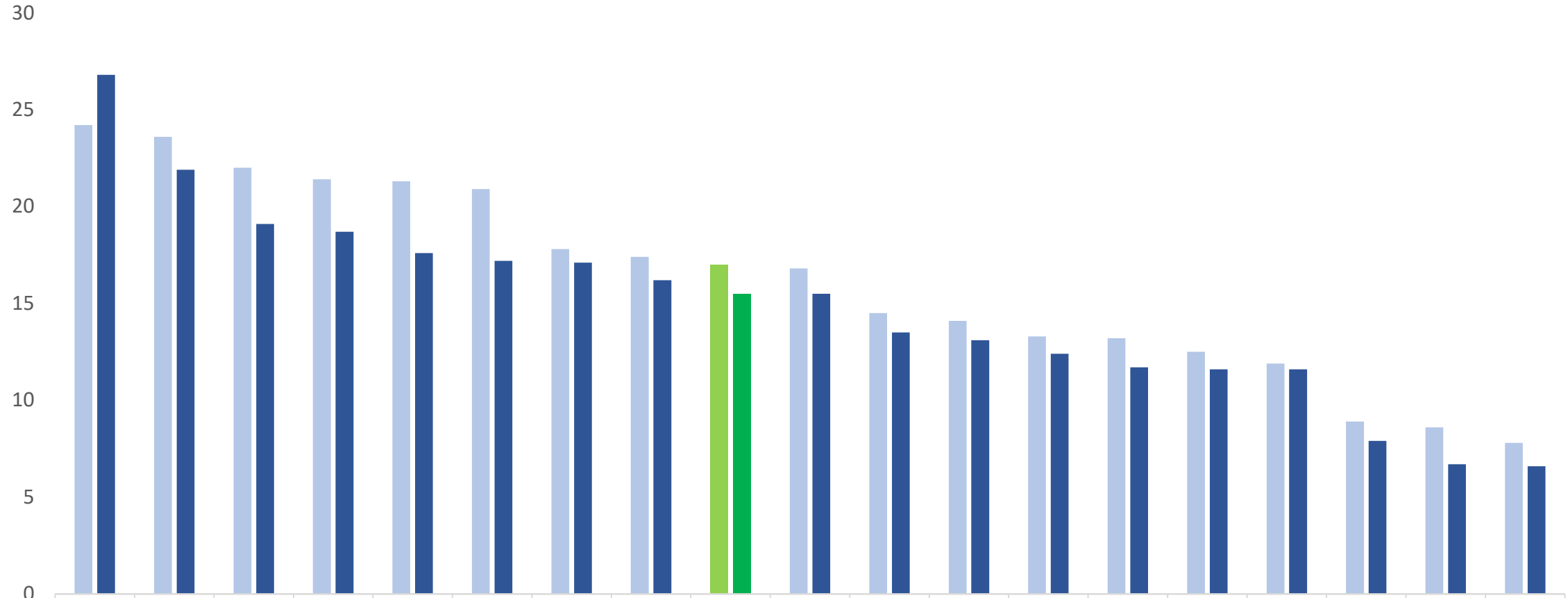
Two-year comparison



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In care March 31, 2022	24.2	23.6	22	21.4	21.3	20.9	17.8	17.4	17	16.8	14.5	14.1	13.3	13.2	12.5	11.9	8.9	8.6	7.8
In care March 31, 2023	26.8	21.9	19.1	18.7	17.6	17.2	17.1	16.2	15.5	15.5	13.5	13.1	12.4	11.7	11.6	11.6	7.9	6.7	6.6

In care March 31, 2022 In care March 31, 2023

MEDIAN LENGTH OF STAY IN MONTHS – SMALL COUNTIES

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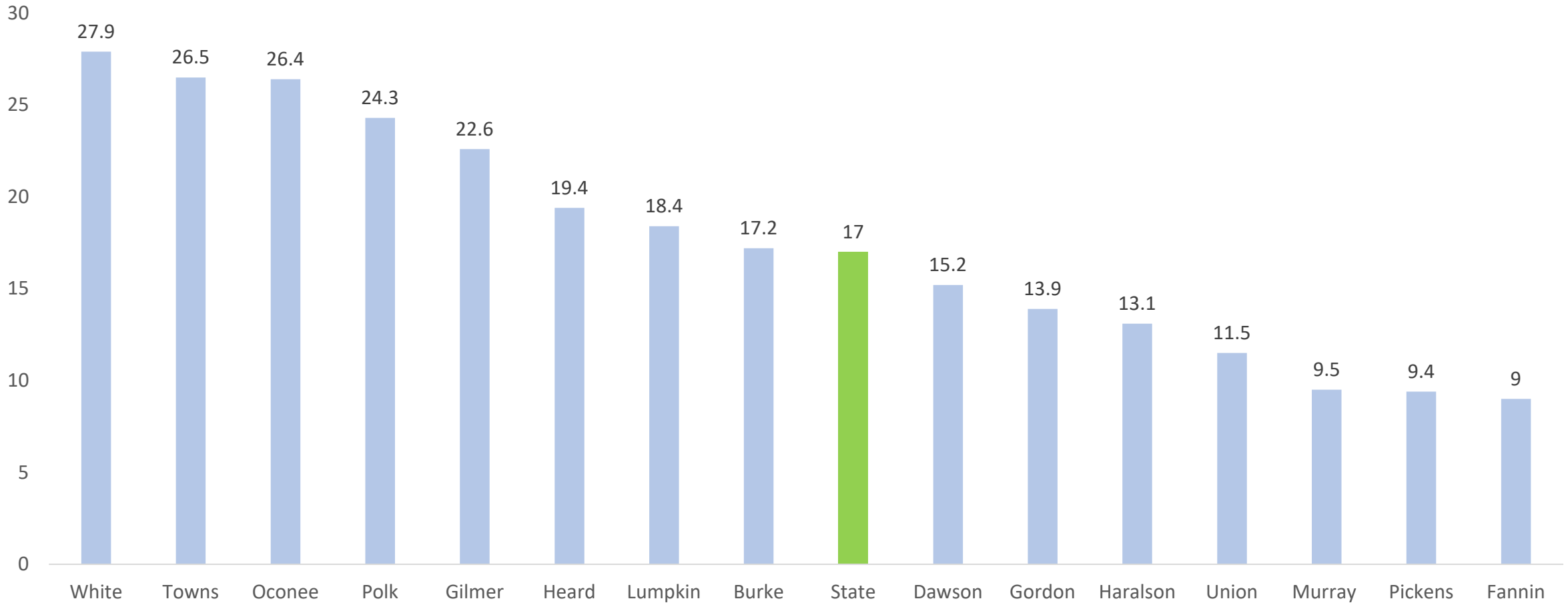

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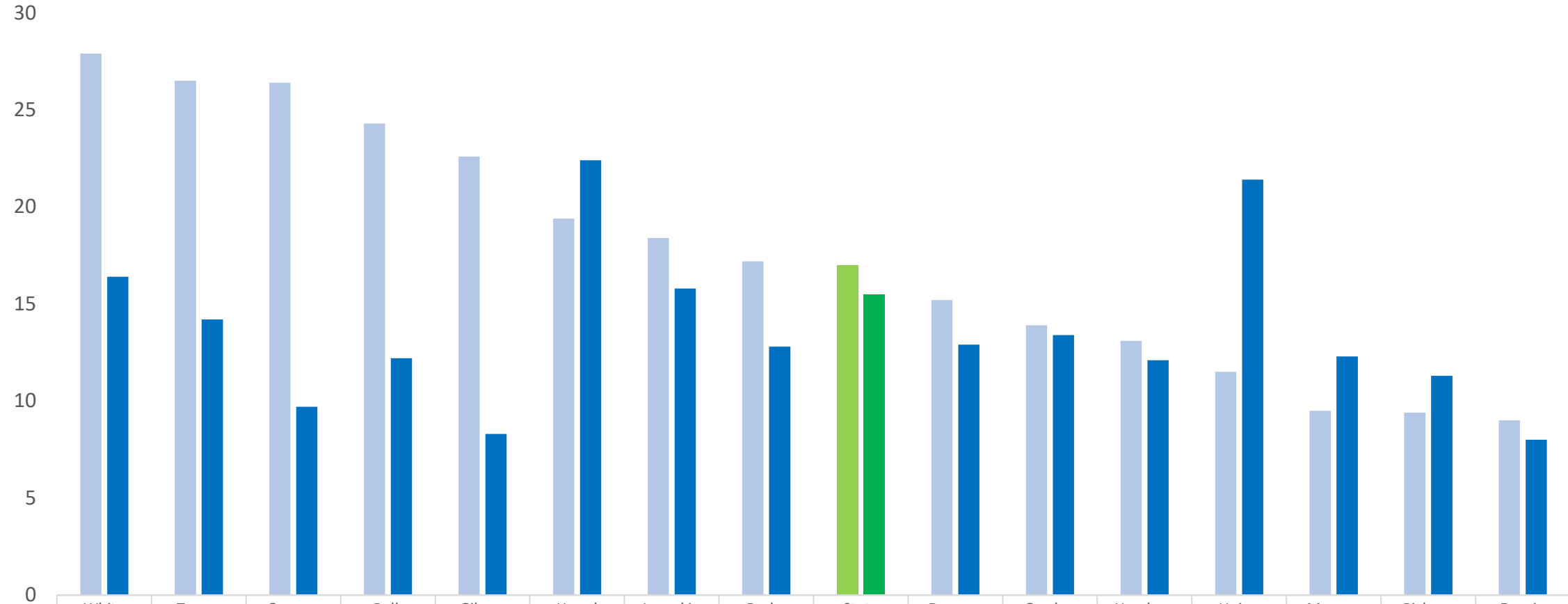

	White	Towns	Oconee	Polk	Gilmer	Heard	Lumpkin	Burke	State	Dawson	Gordon	Haralson	Union	Murray	Pickens	Fannin
In care March 31, 2022	27.9	26.5	26.4	24.3	22.6	19.4	18.4	17.2	17	15.2	13.9	13.1	11.5	9.5	9.4	9
In care March 31, 2023	16.4	14.2	9.7	12.2	8.3	22.4	15.8	12.8	15.5	12.9	13.4	12.1	21.4	12.3	11.3	8

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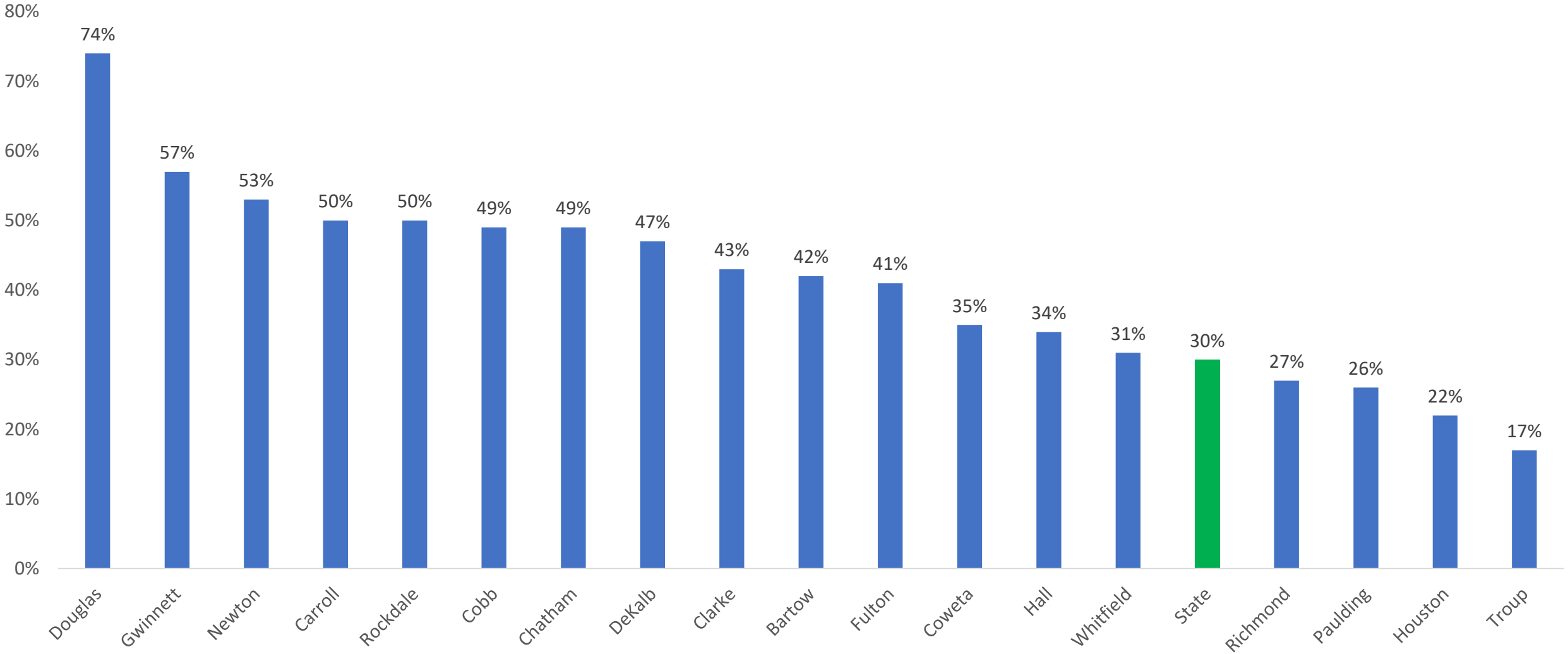
IN FOSTER CARE > 18 MONTHS – BIG COUNTIES



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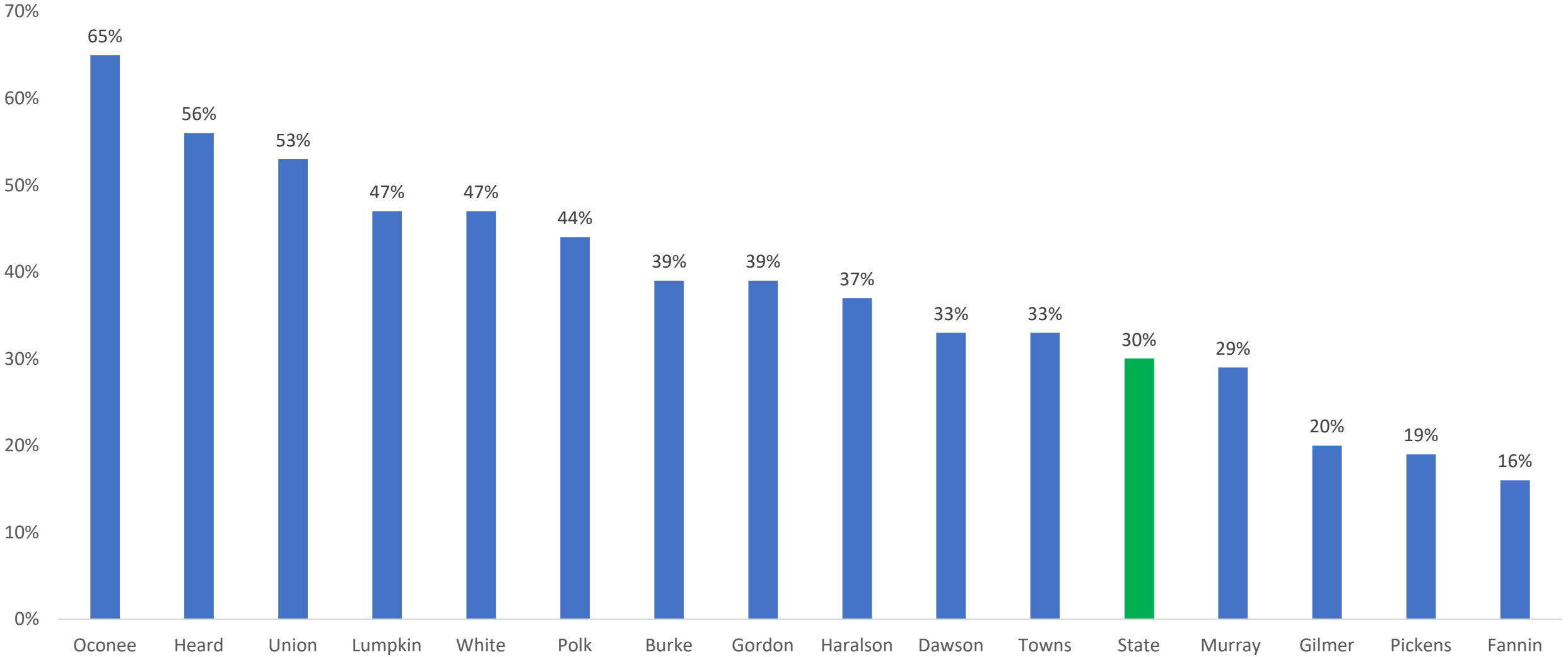

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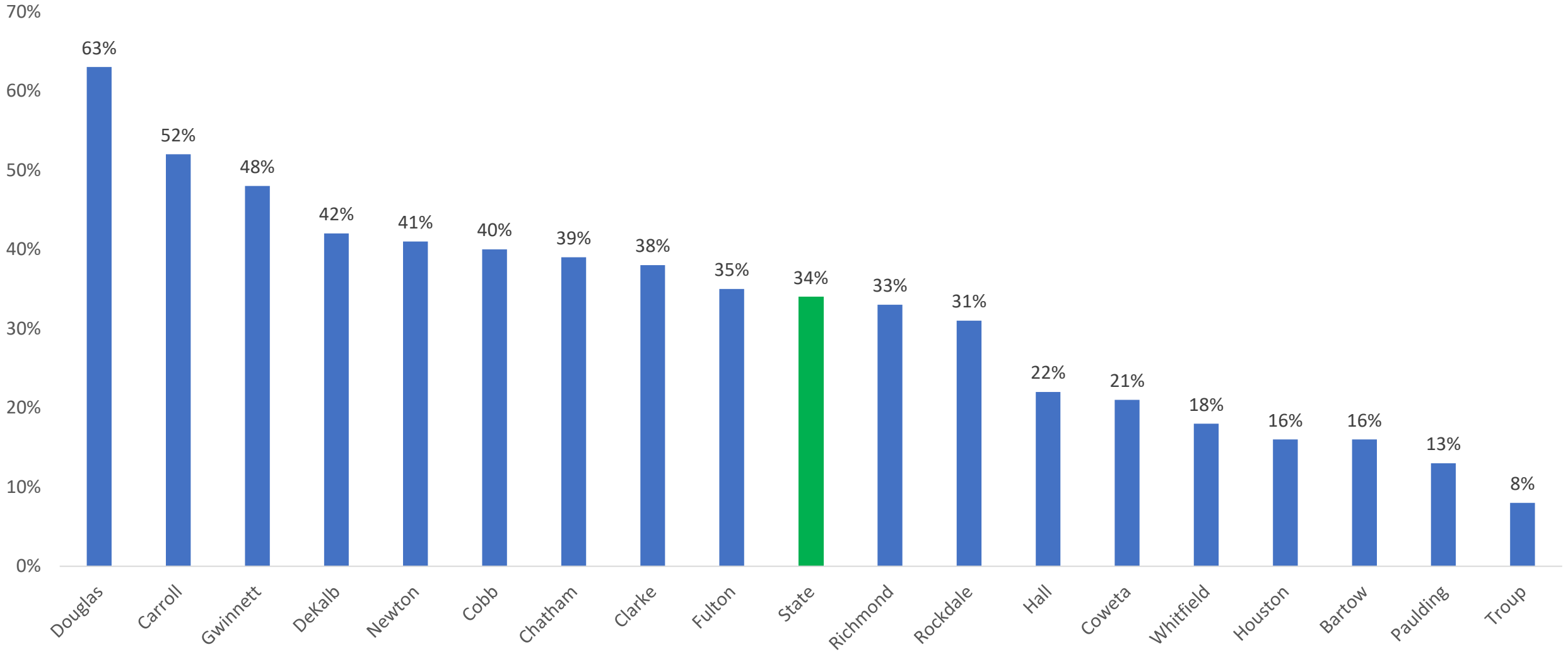

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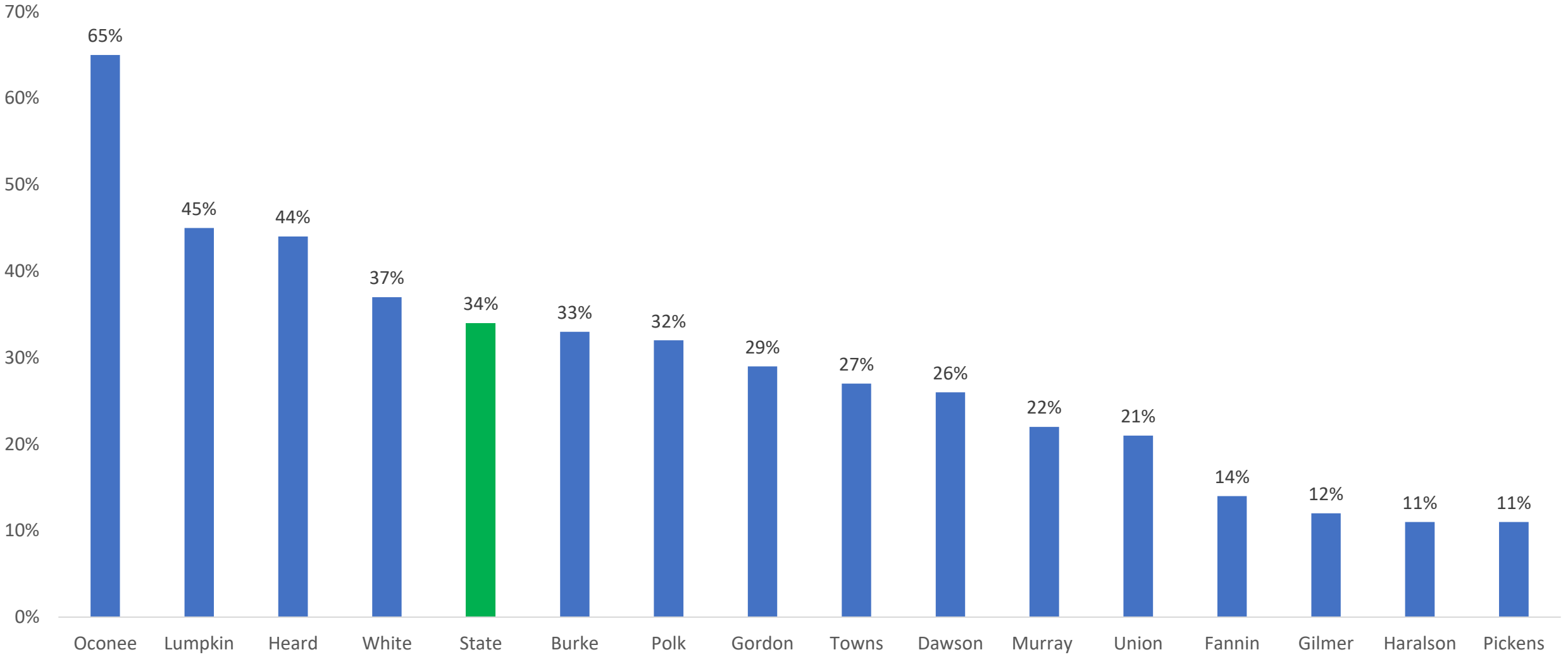
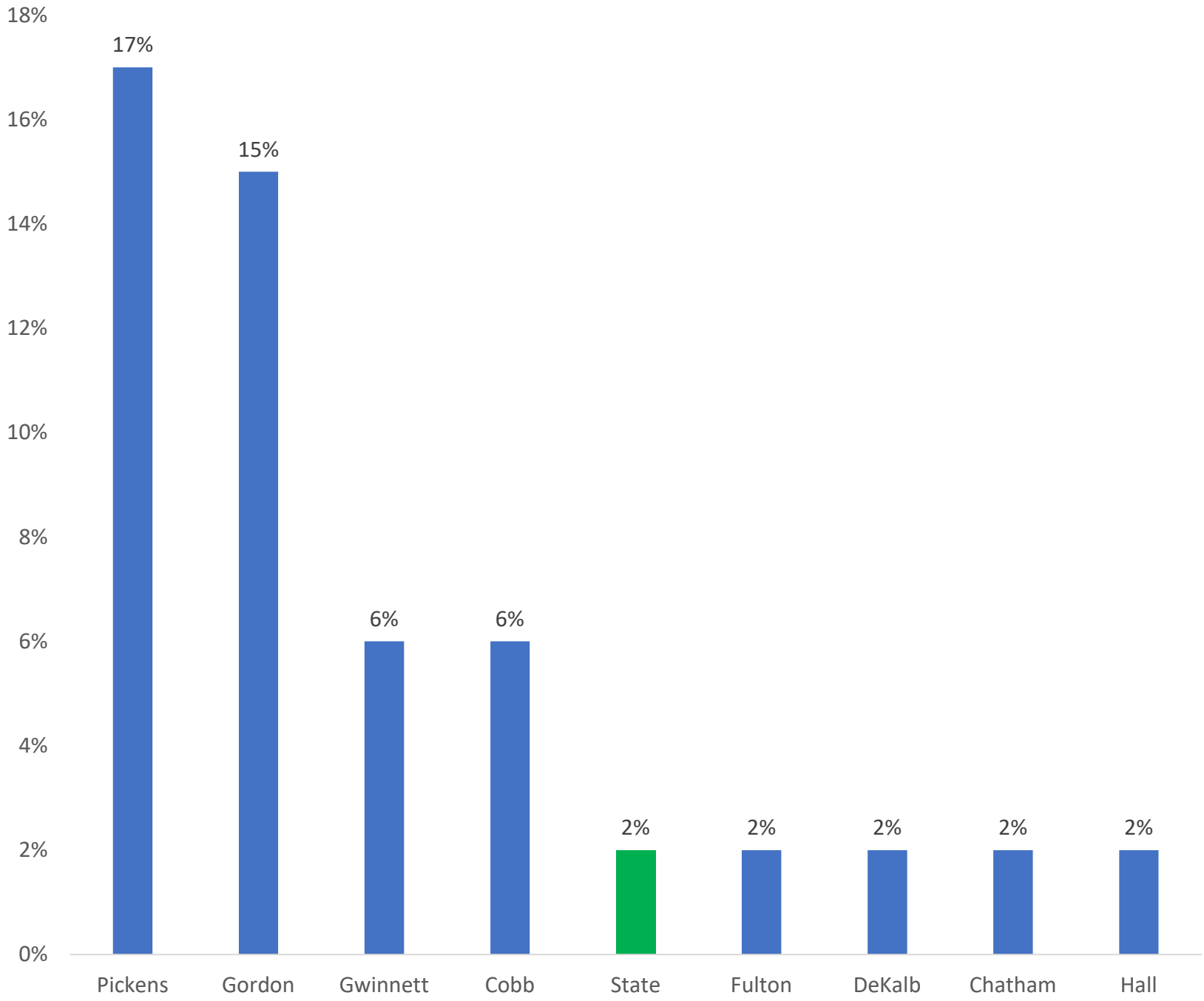


DISCHARGES FROM FOSTER CARE

REUNIFIED WITHIN 72 HOURS

April 2022 – March 2023



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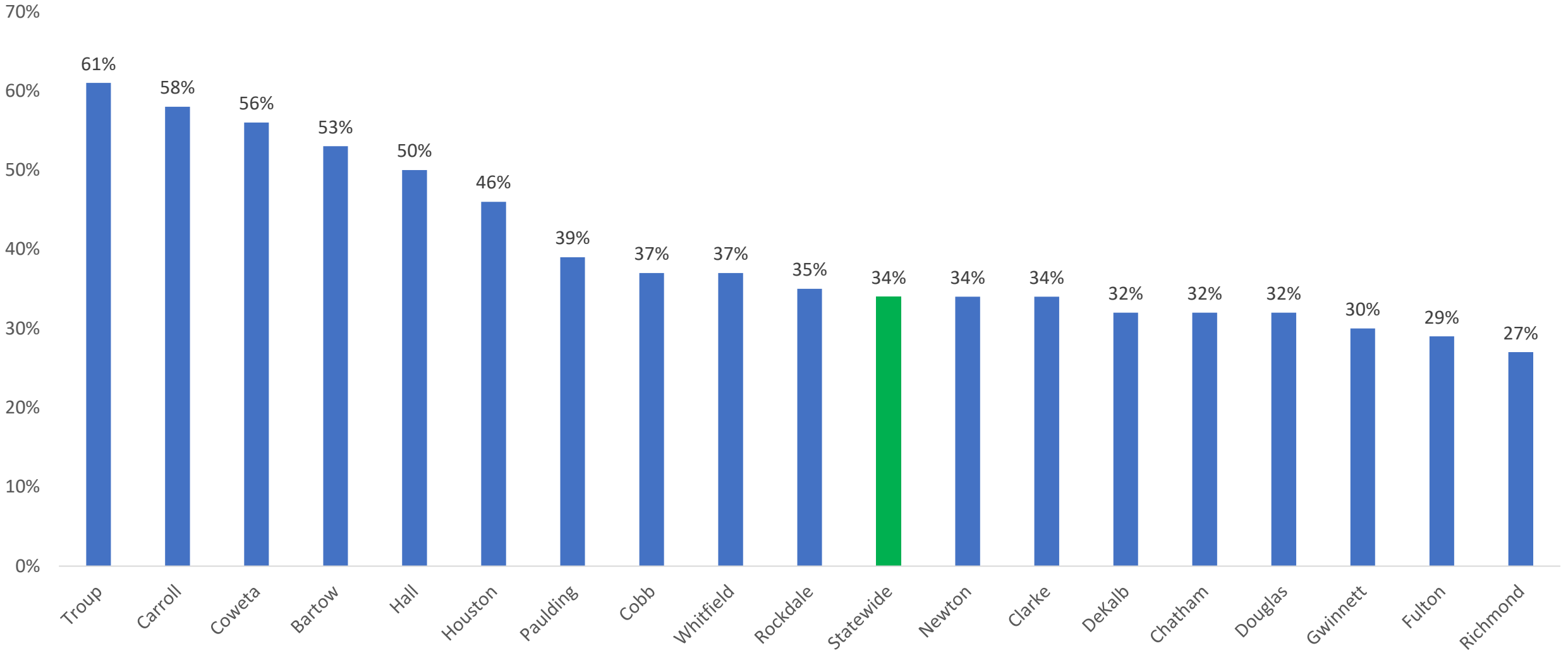
March 31, 2022 snapshot



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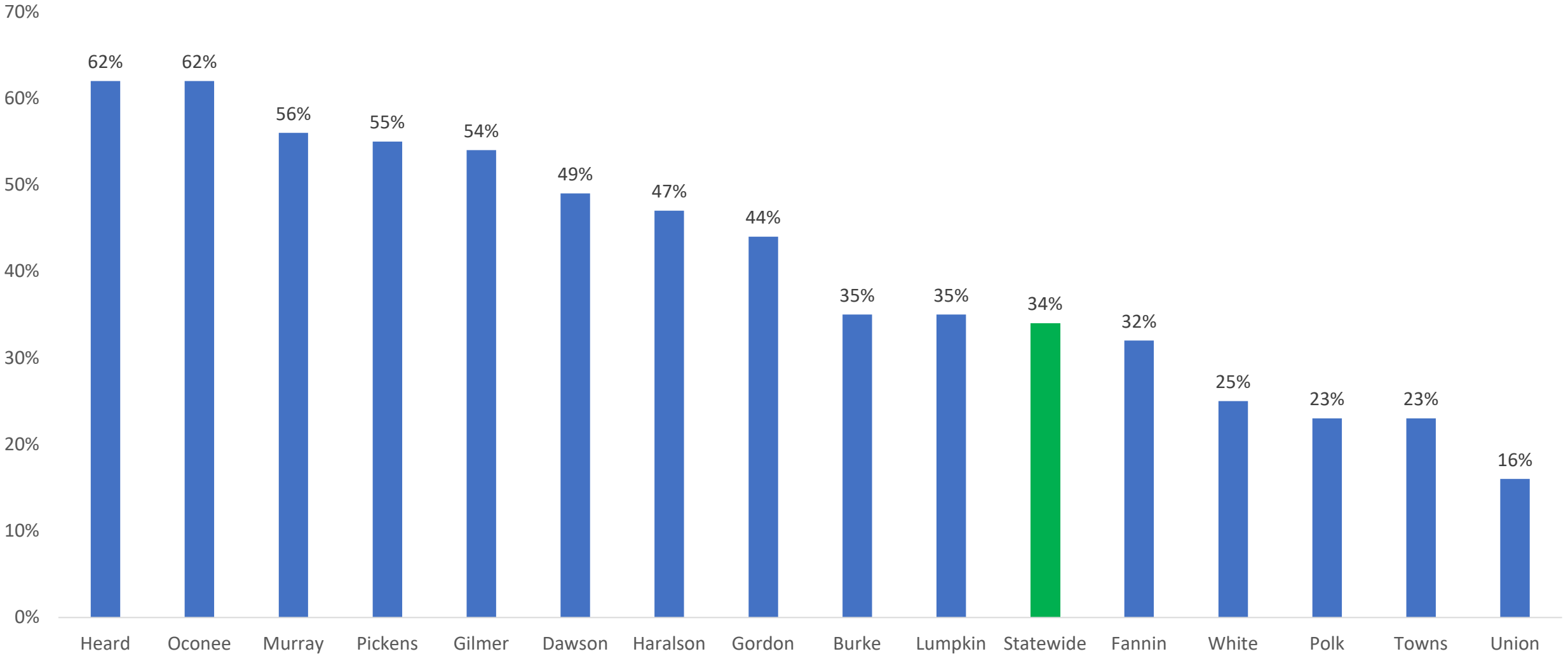

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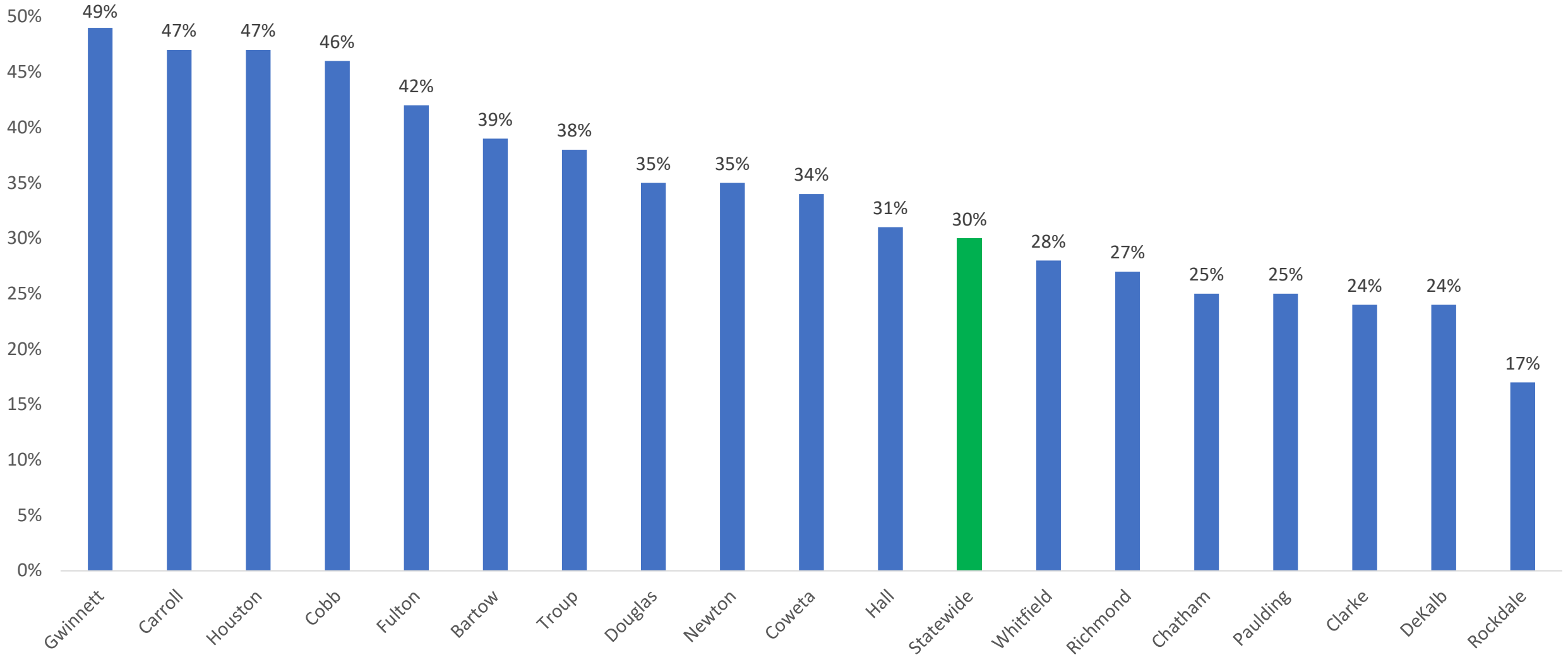

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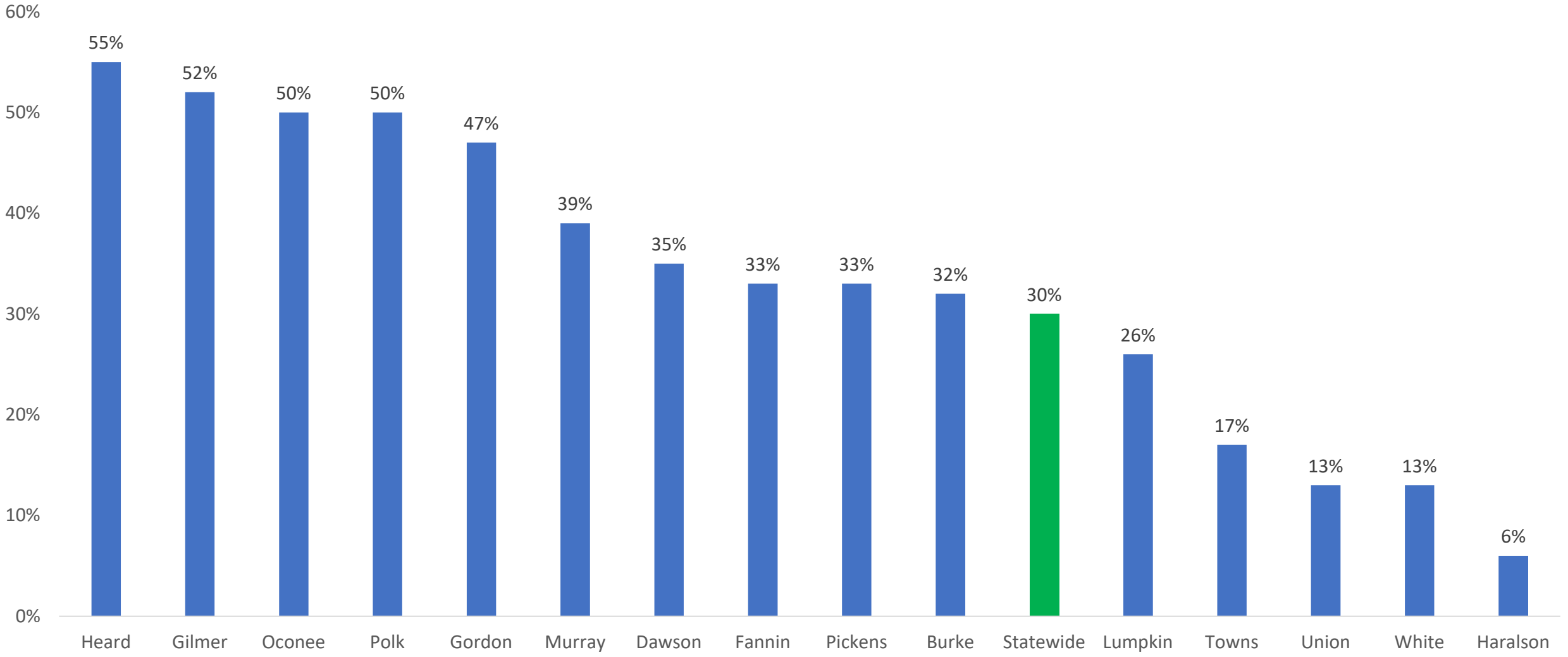

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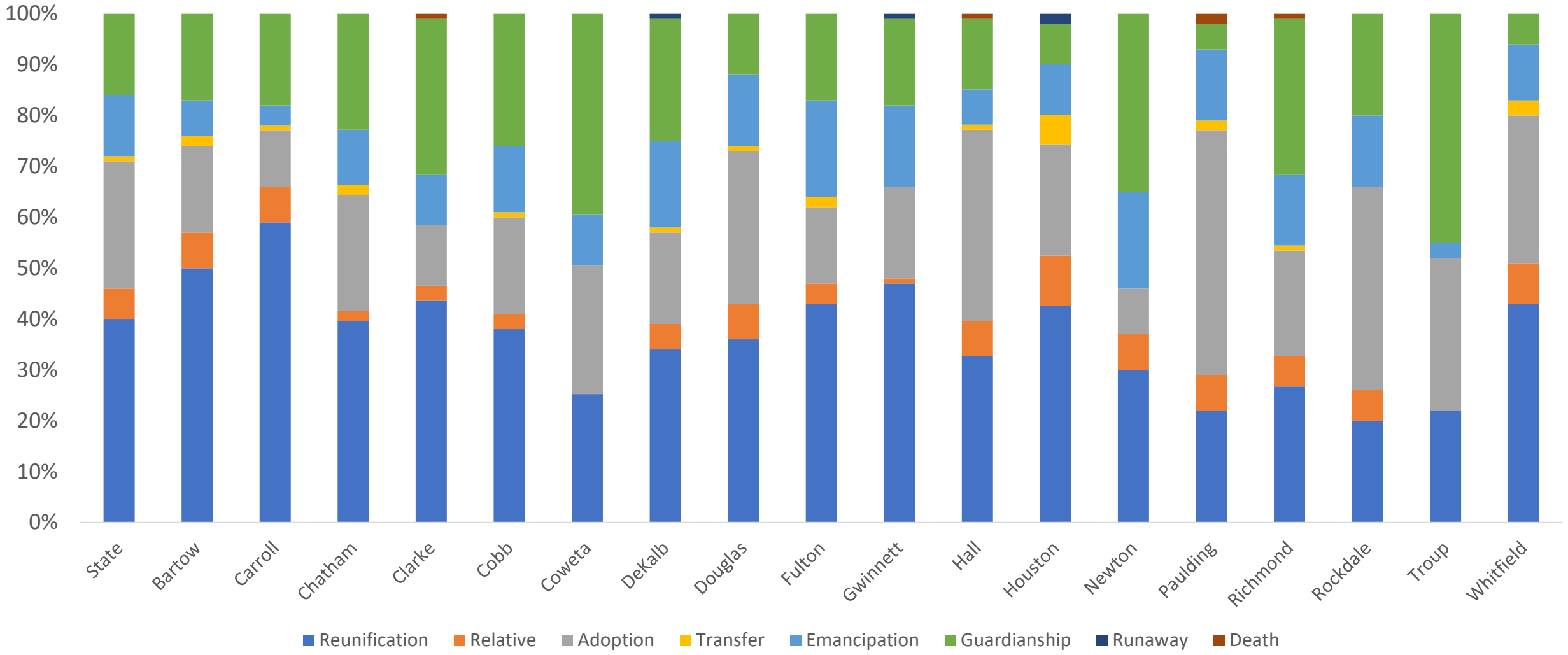

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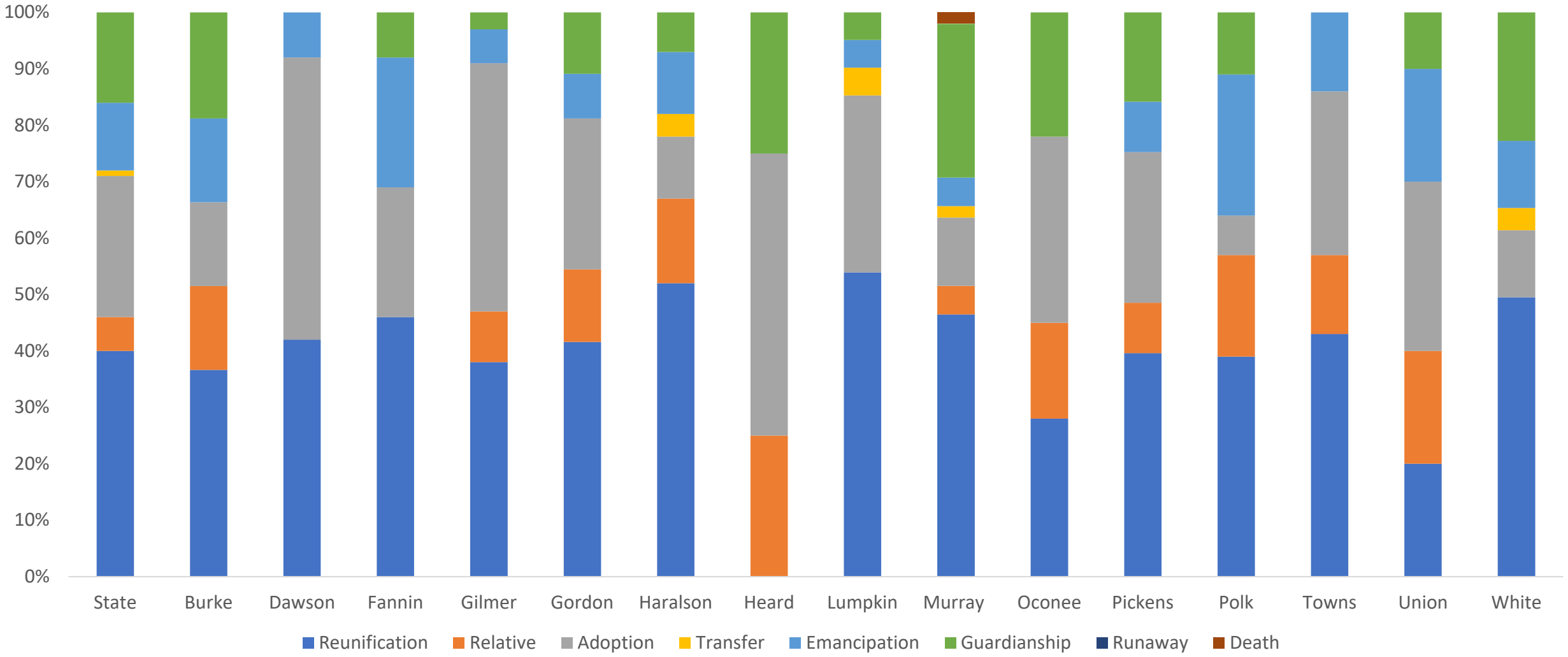

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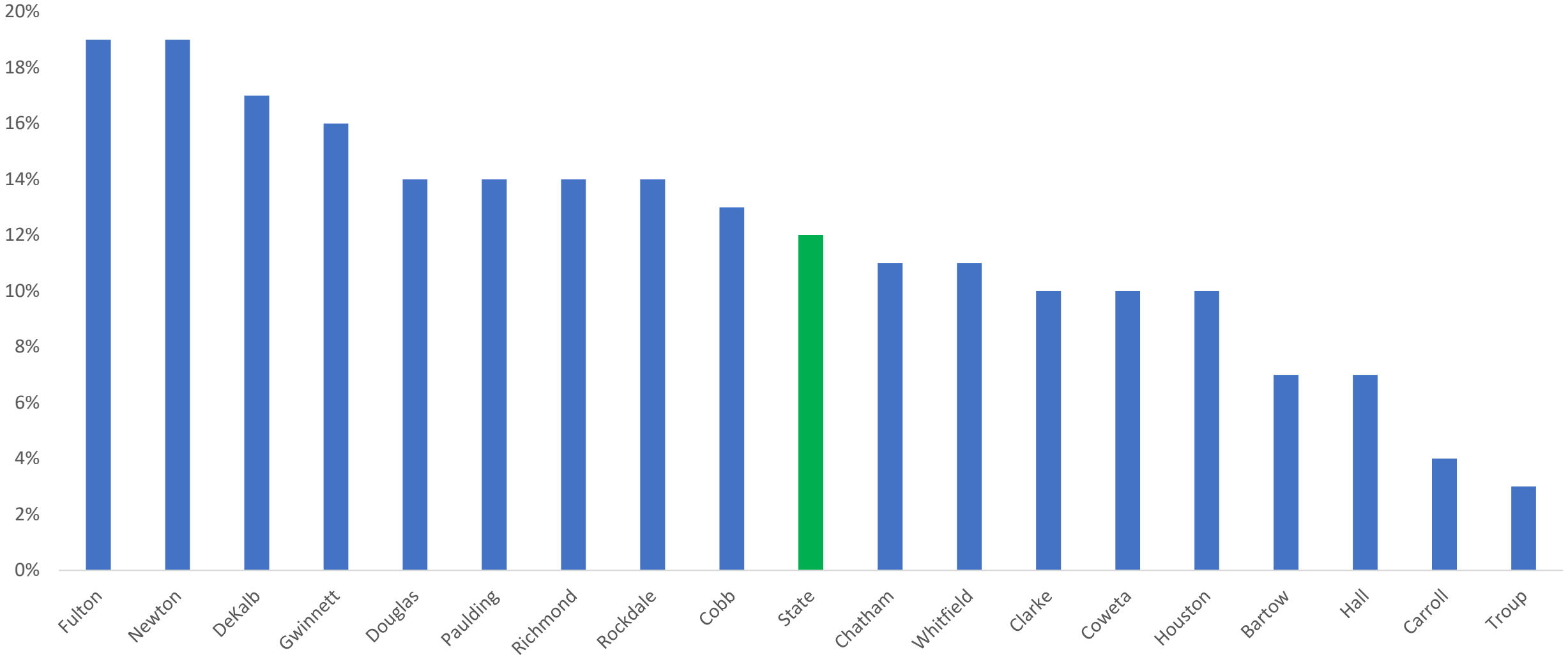

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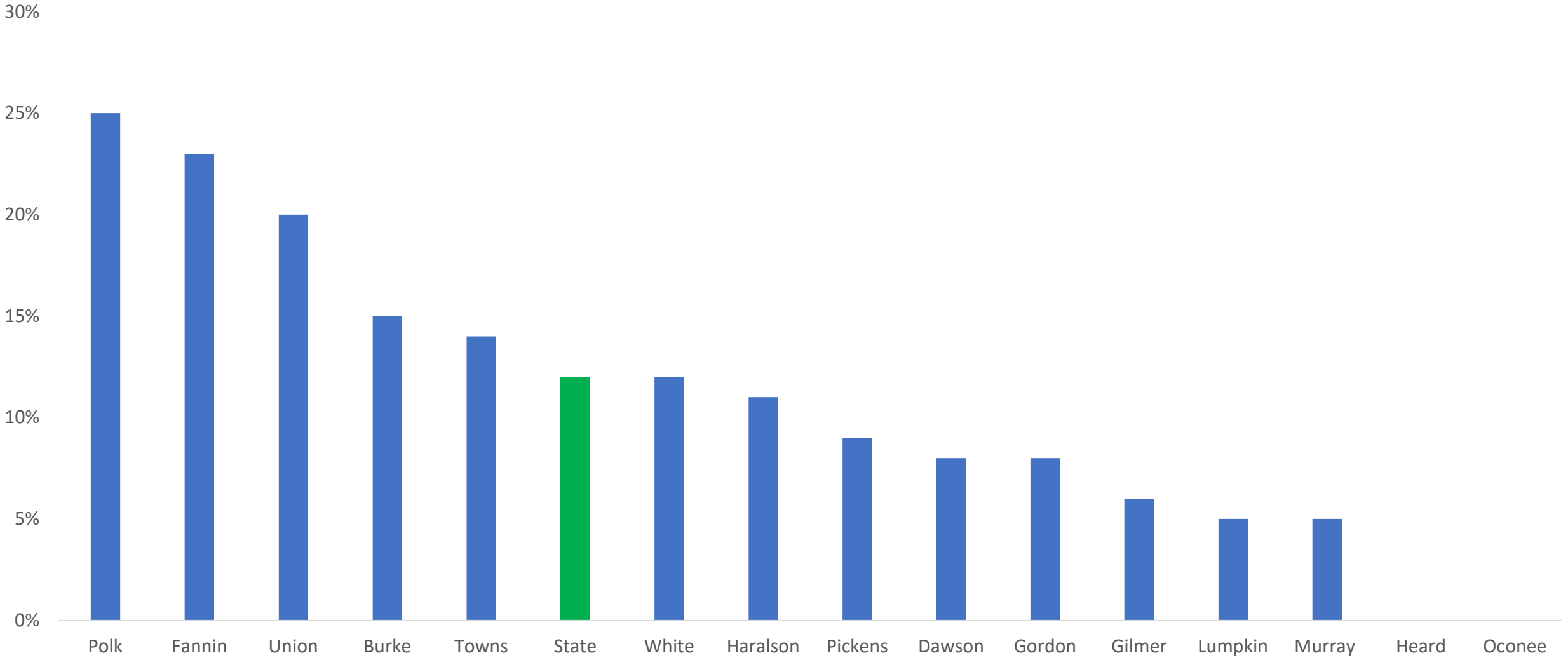

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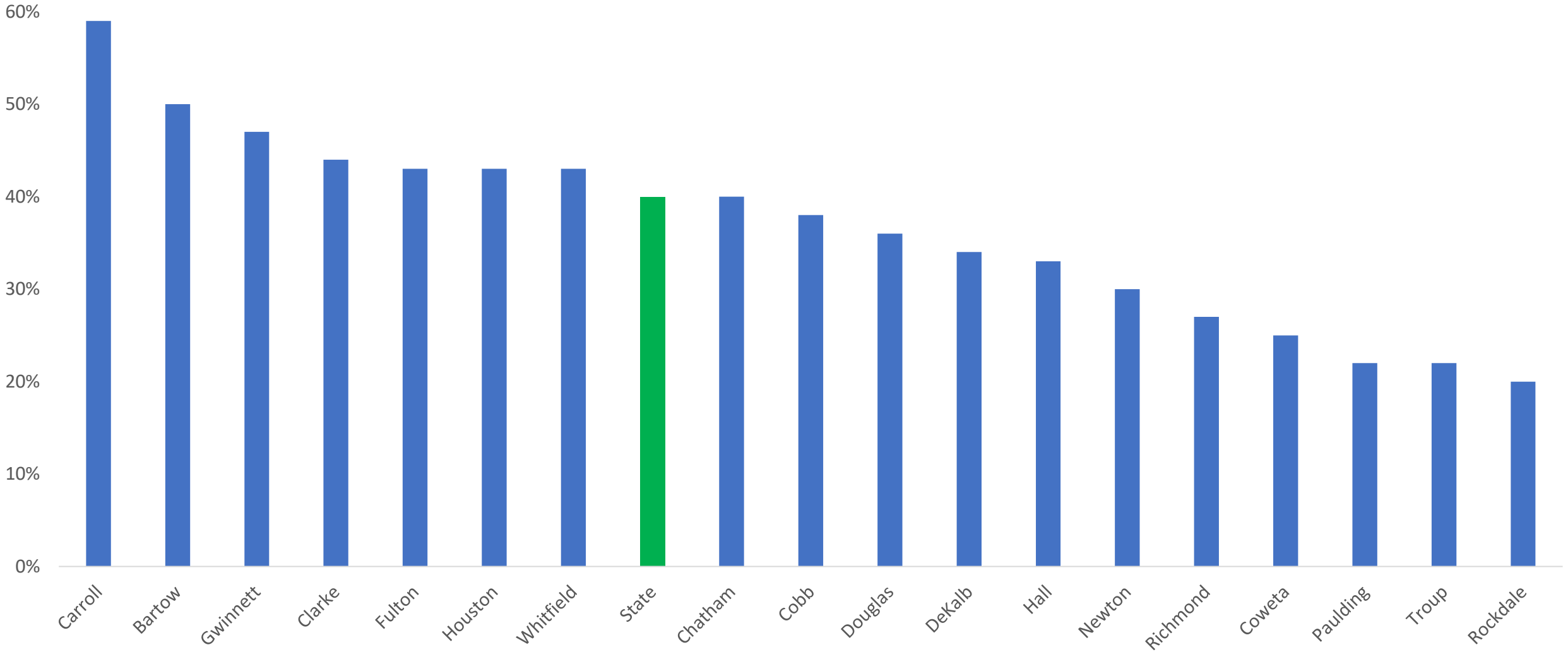

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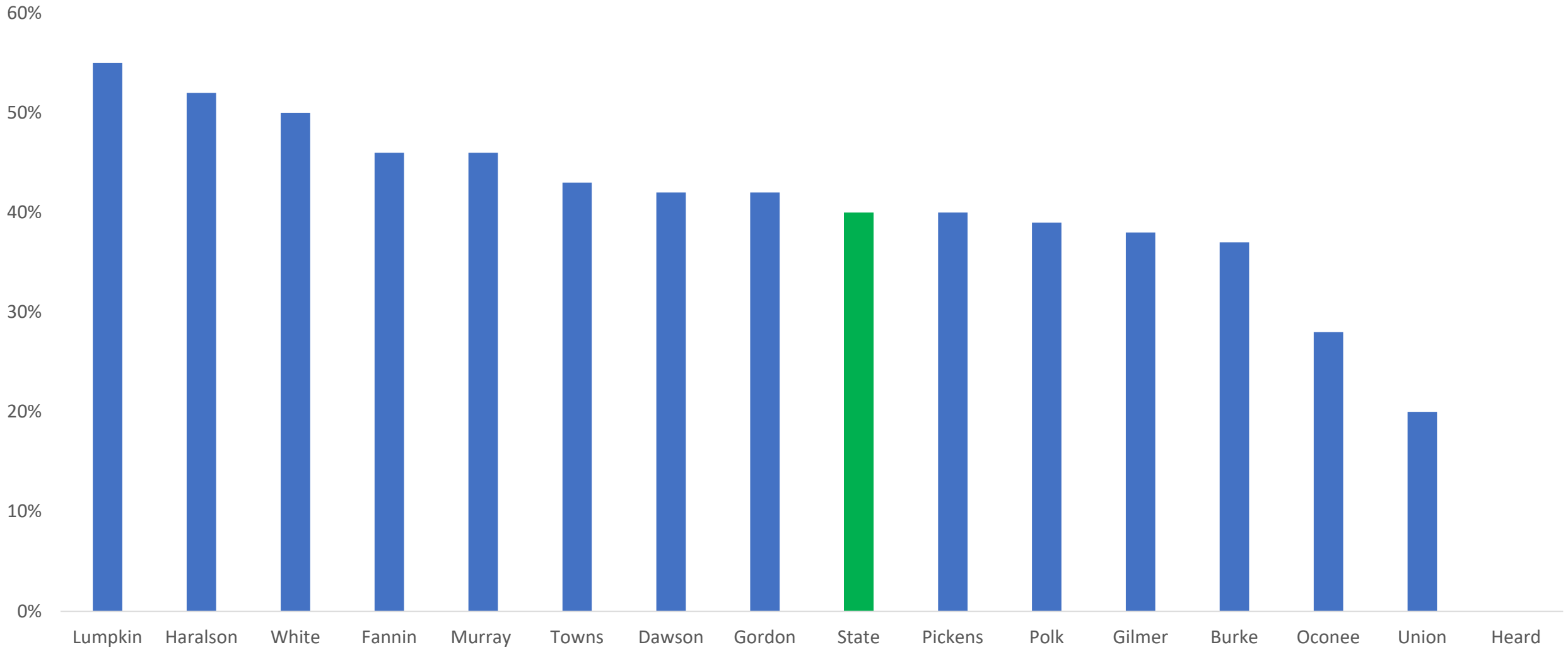

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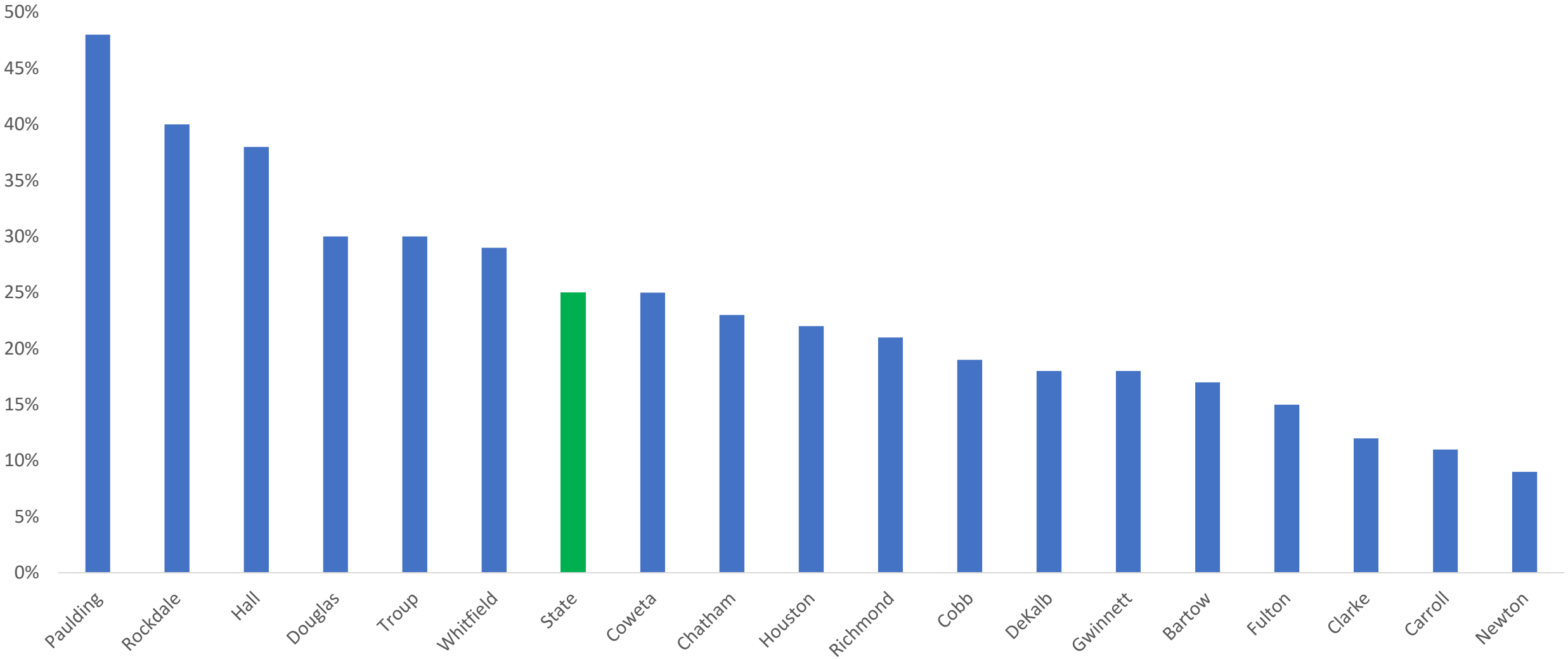

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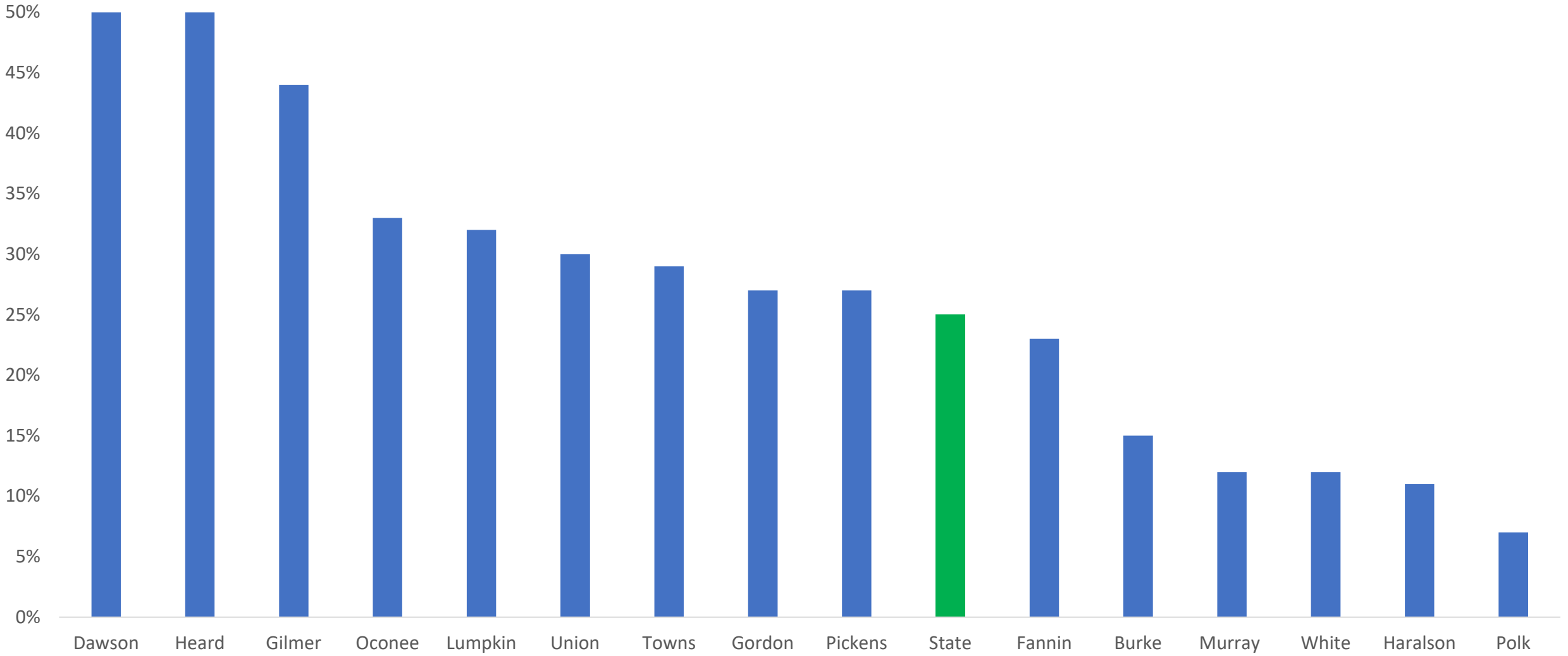

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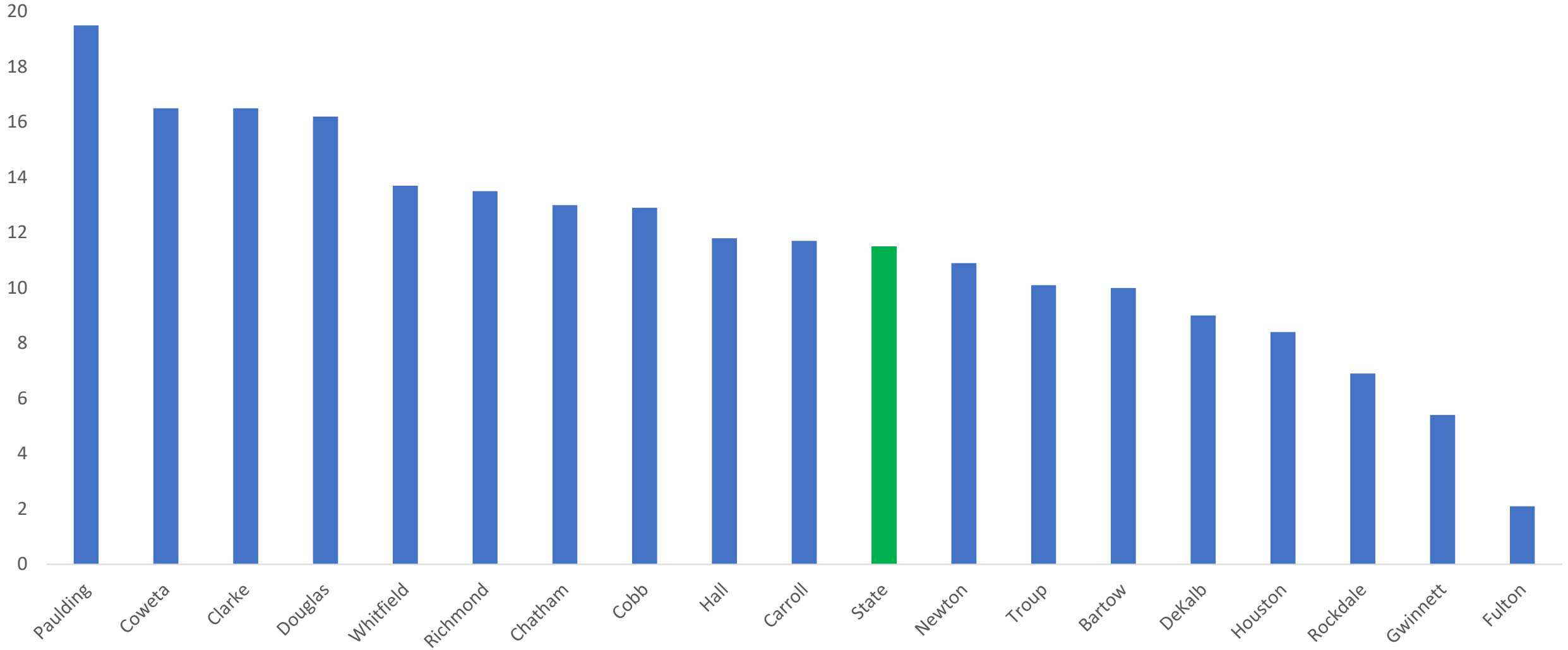

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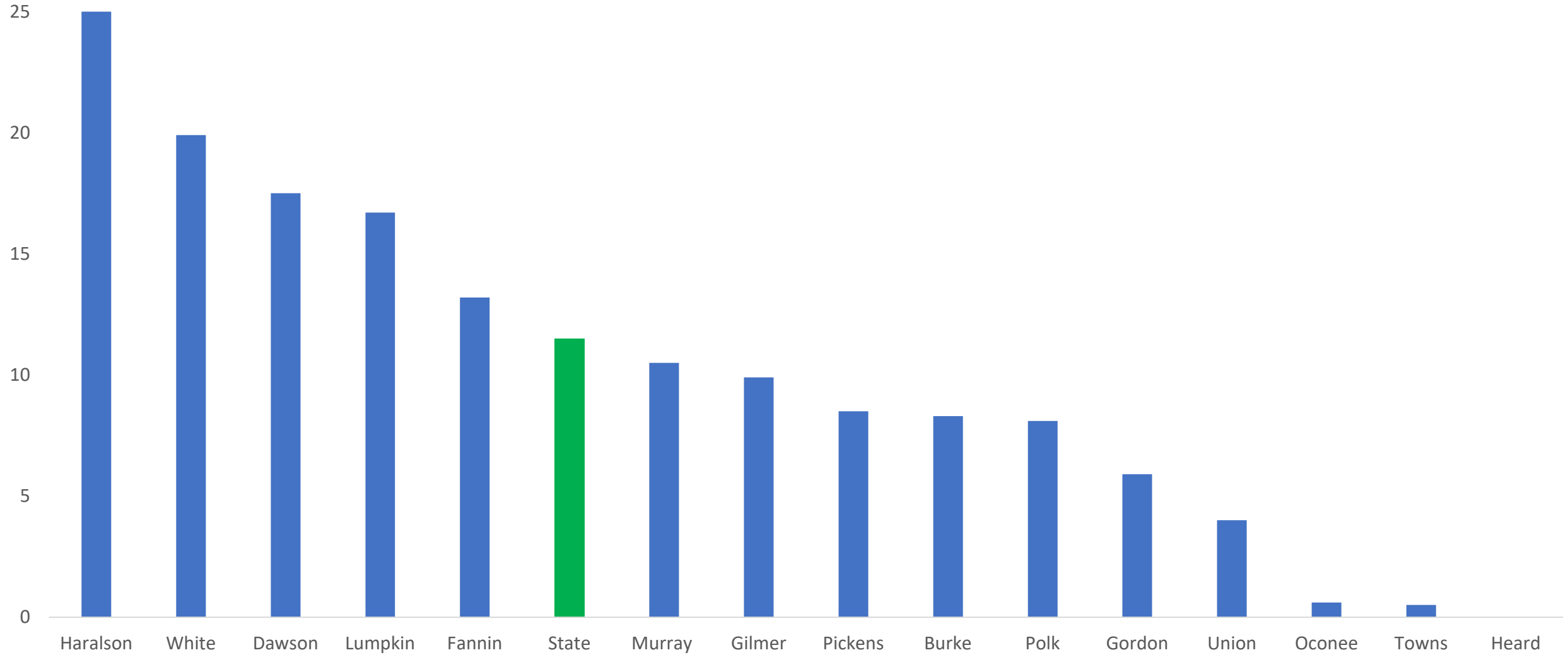

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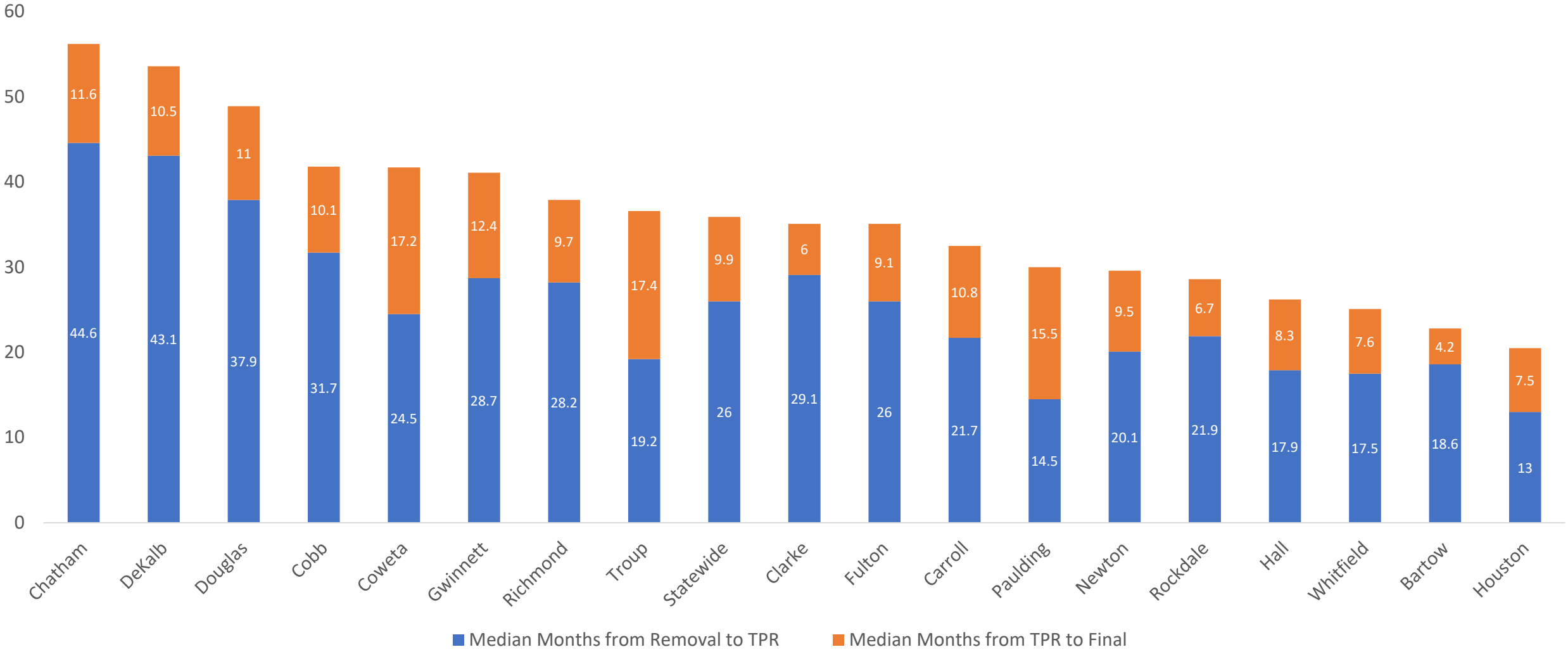

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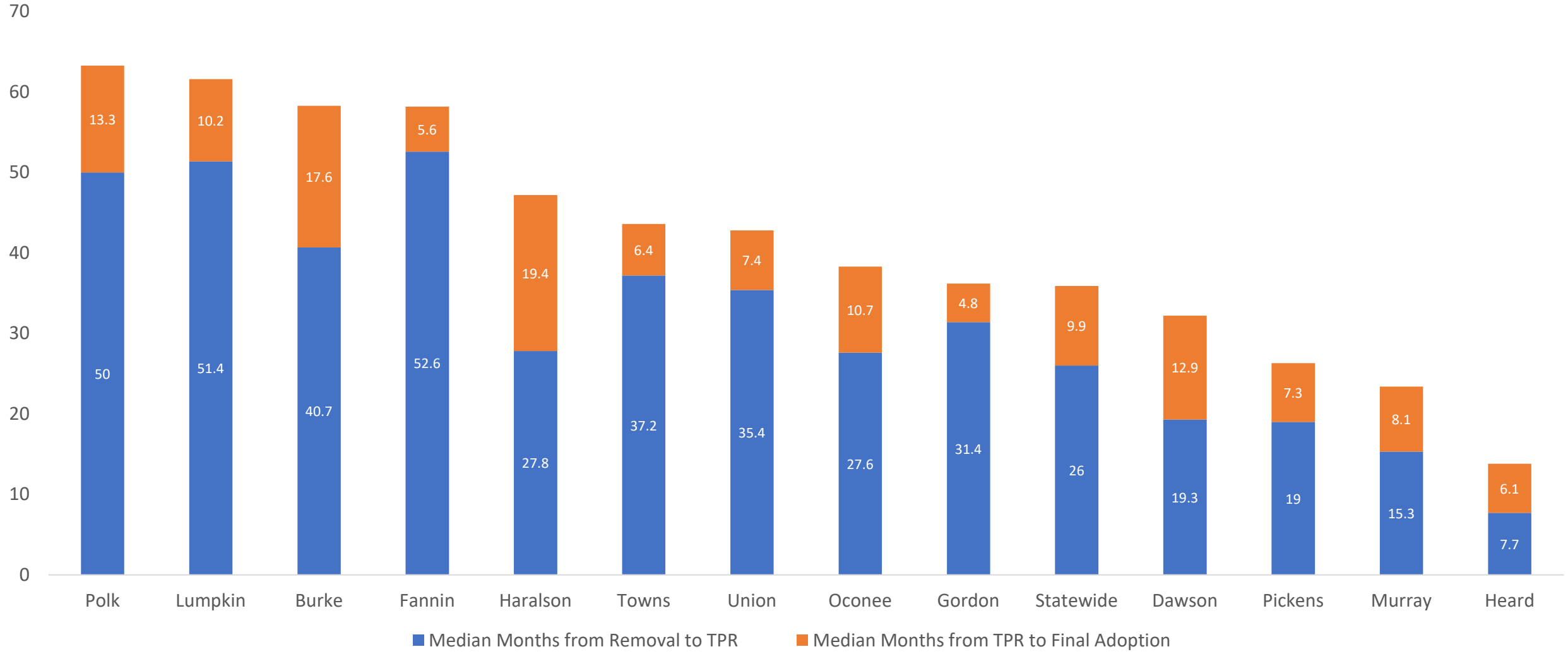

QUESTIONS?

TABLE DISCUSSION

- What did you learn about your county's data that surprised or disappointed you?
- What did you already know about your county's performance that was confirmed by the data you saw today?

- Pick a data measure on which to focus your discussion.

- Identify factors that affect this measure.

- What can each member of your multidisciplinary team do (or do better) to positively affect this measure?

- Causes of dependency
- Availability of services
- Appropriateness of services
- Caseworker engagement
- Parental engagement
- Family time frequency
- Family time quality
- Hearing frequency
- Hearing quality
- Level of judicial engagement
- Quality of agency representation
- Quality of parent representation
- Quality of child representation