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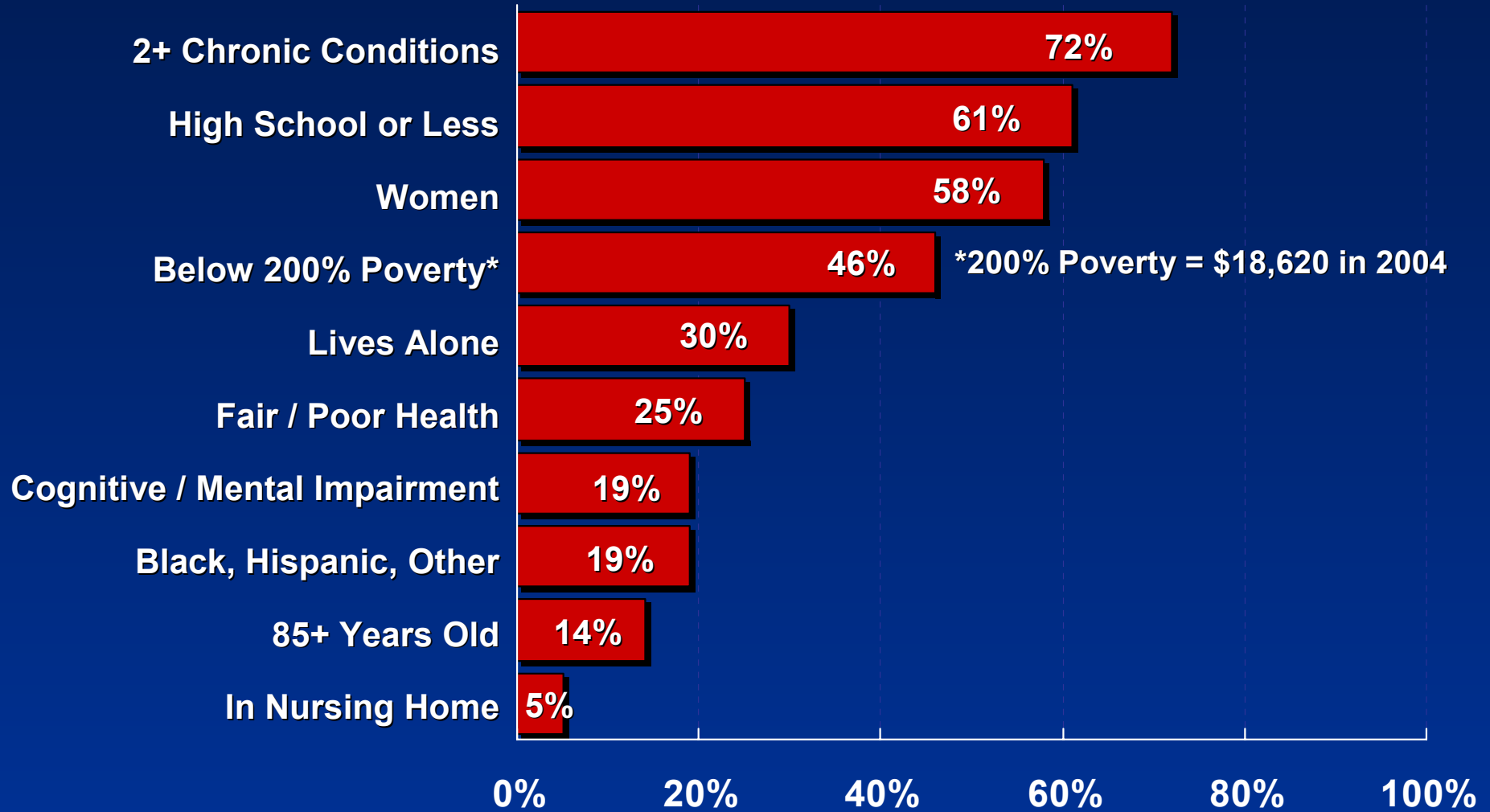
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Who Are America's 35 Million Seniors?

Senior Population Characteristics

Percent of total Senior population...

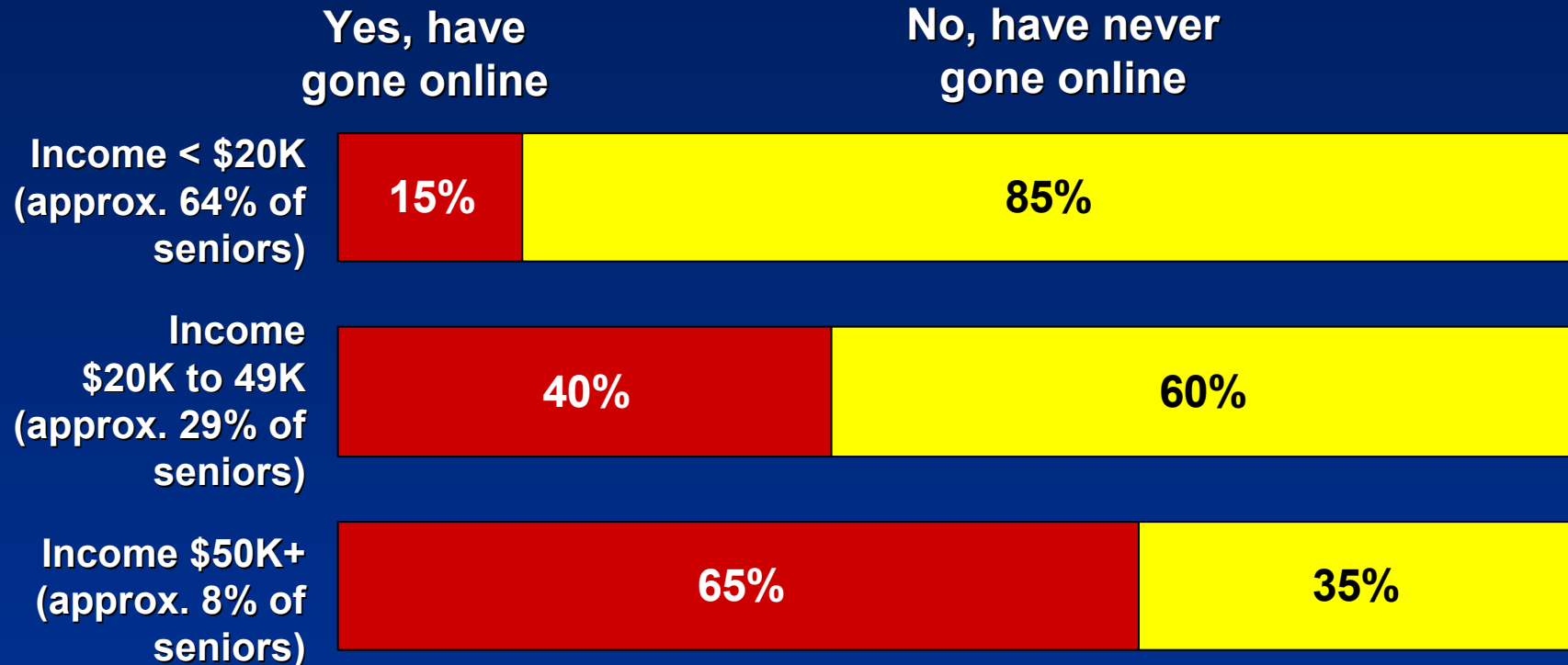


Sources: MCBS 2002 and 1999; CPS 2003 (poverty)

The Digital Divide Among America's Seniors

Income Divide: Internet Use Among Seniors by Income

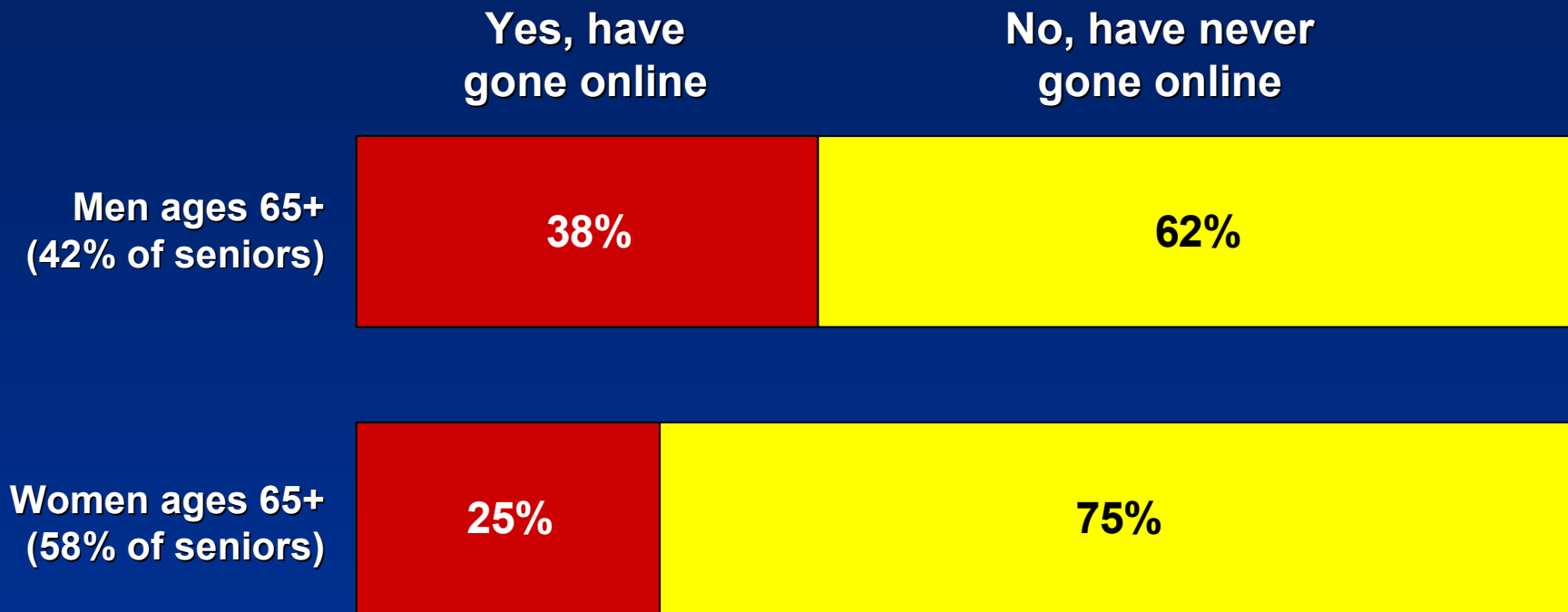
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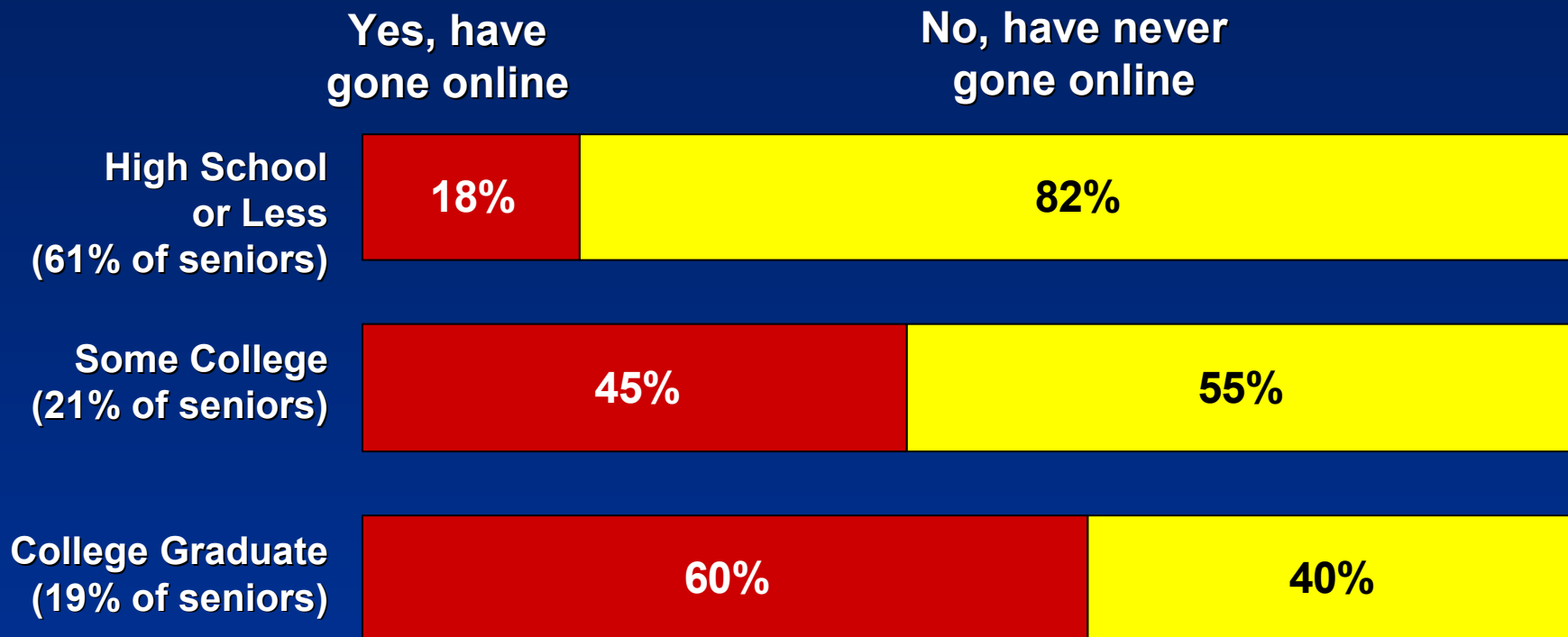
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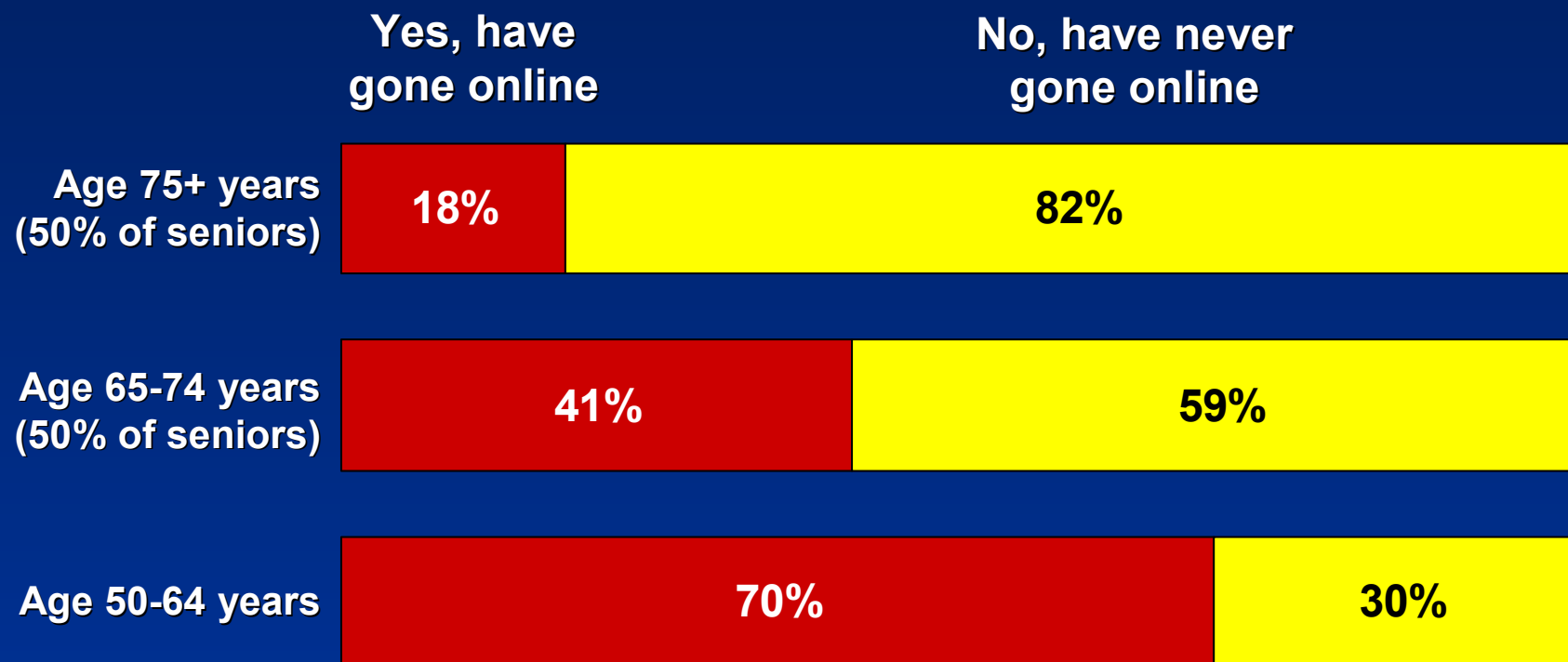
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Age Divide: Internet Use Among Seniors & “Near-Seniors” by Age

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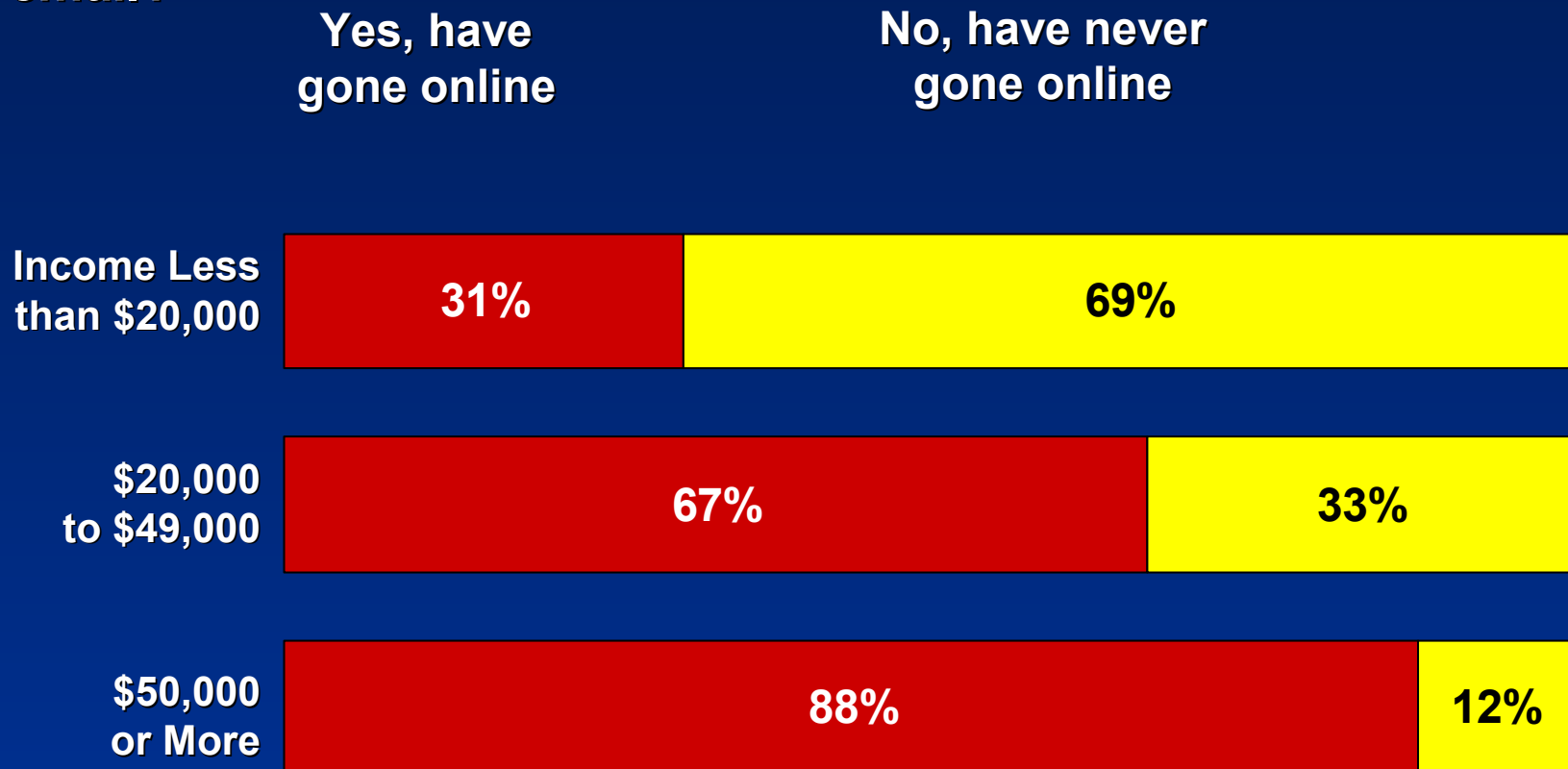


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The Divide Won't Disappear Quickly

Percentage of Adults 50-64 Years Old Who Have Ever Gone Online, By INCOME

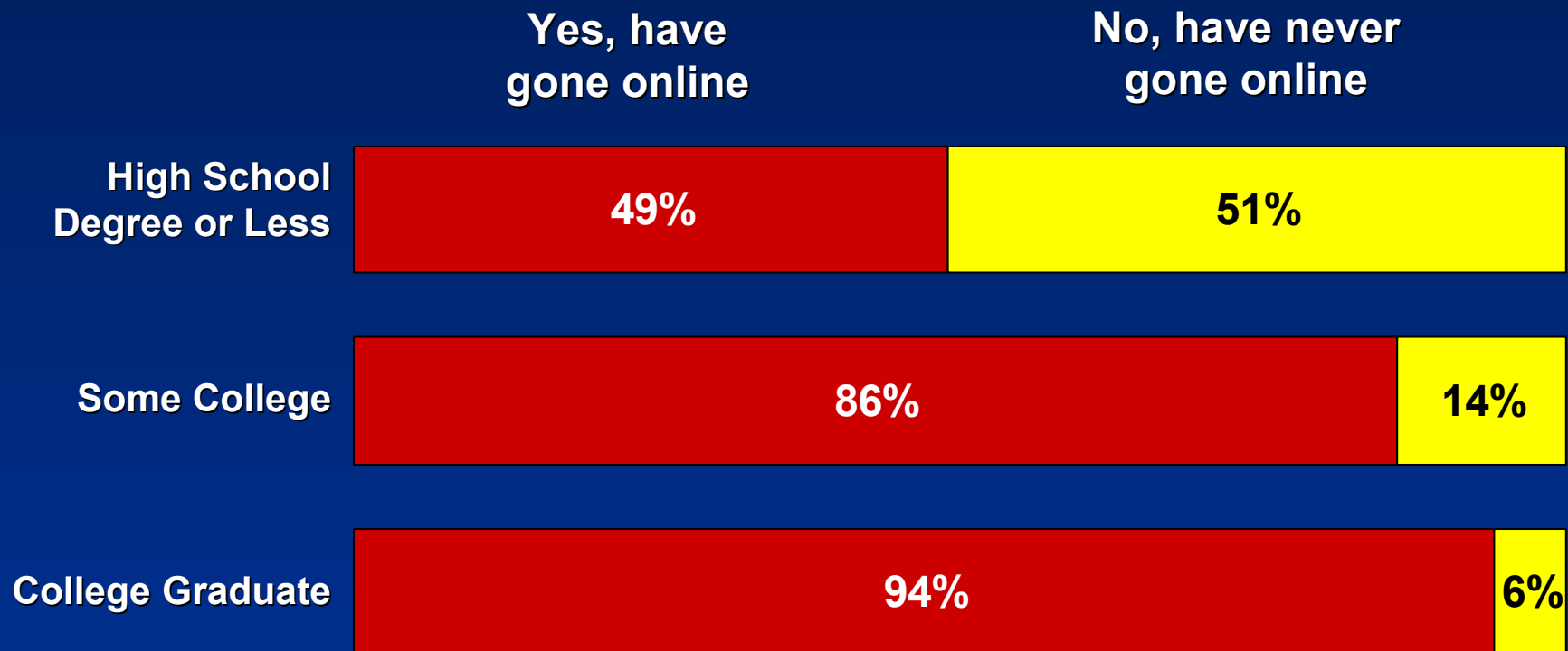
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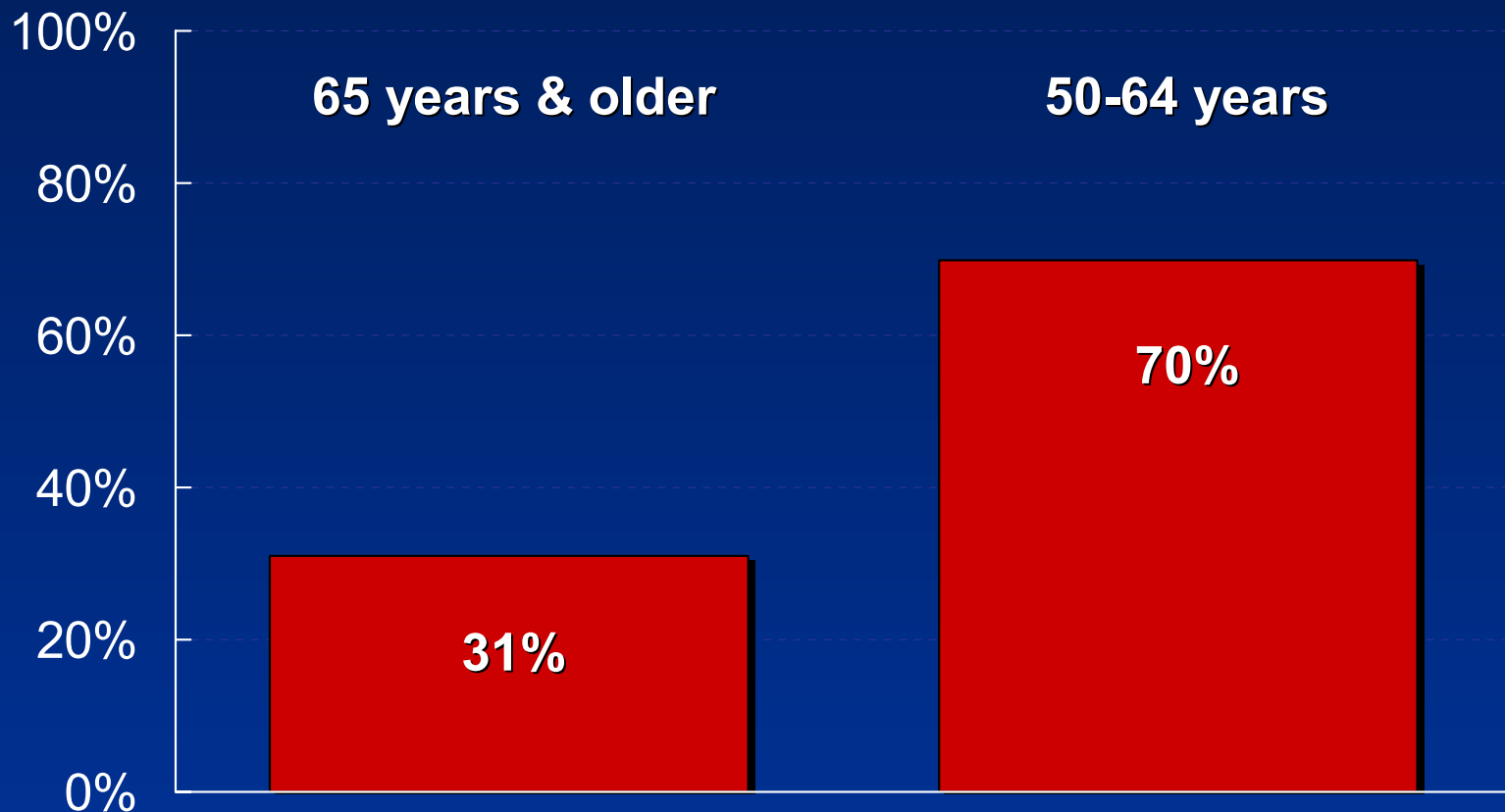
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Survey Methodology

- ✓ **Nationally-representative**
- ✓ **Random-digit dial telephone survey**
- ✓ **1,450 adults age 50 and older**
 - **799 age 50-64**
 - **583 age 65 and older**
- ✓ **Margin of error +/- 4 percent for each group**

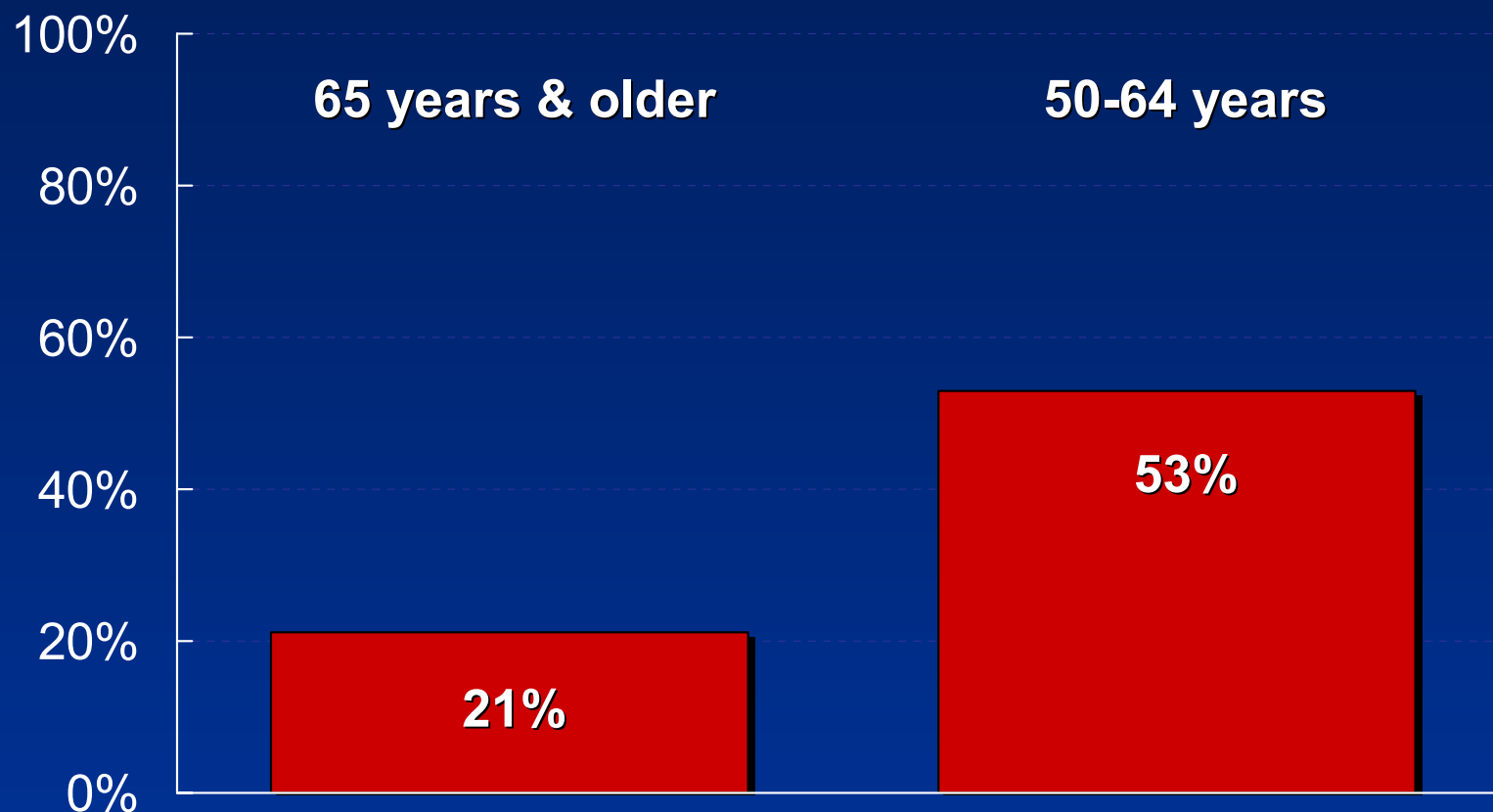
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Percent of older Americans who have ever gone online, by age...



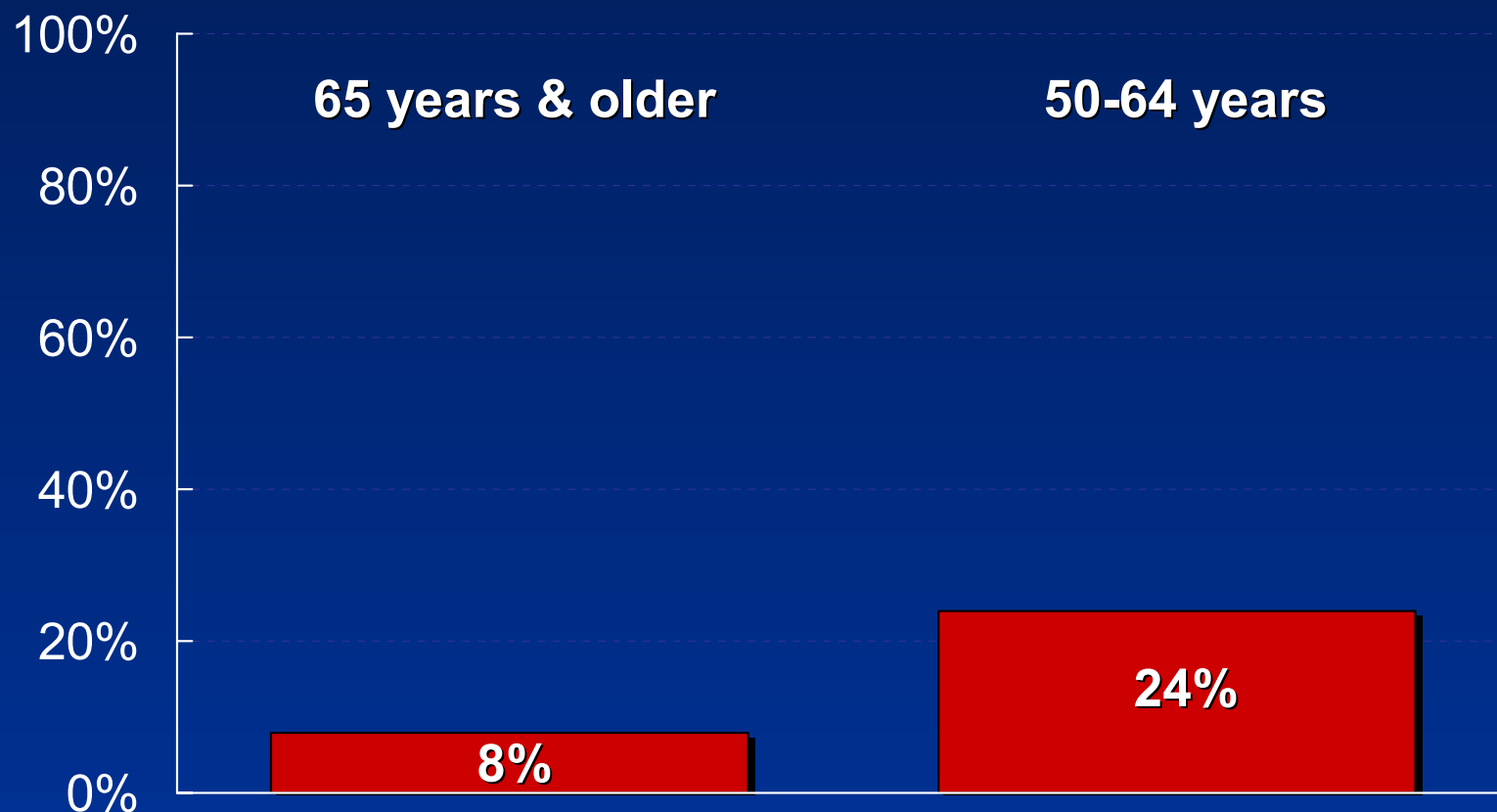
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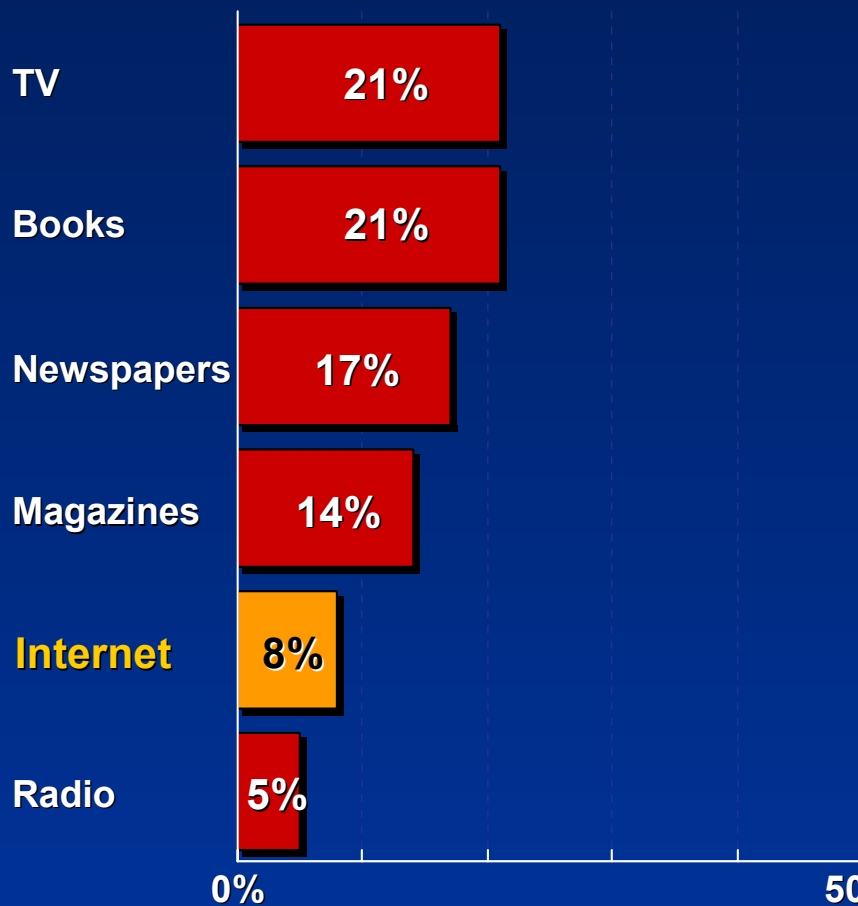
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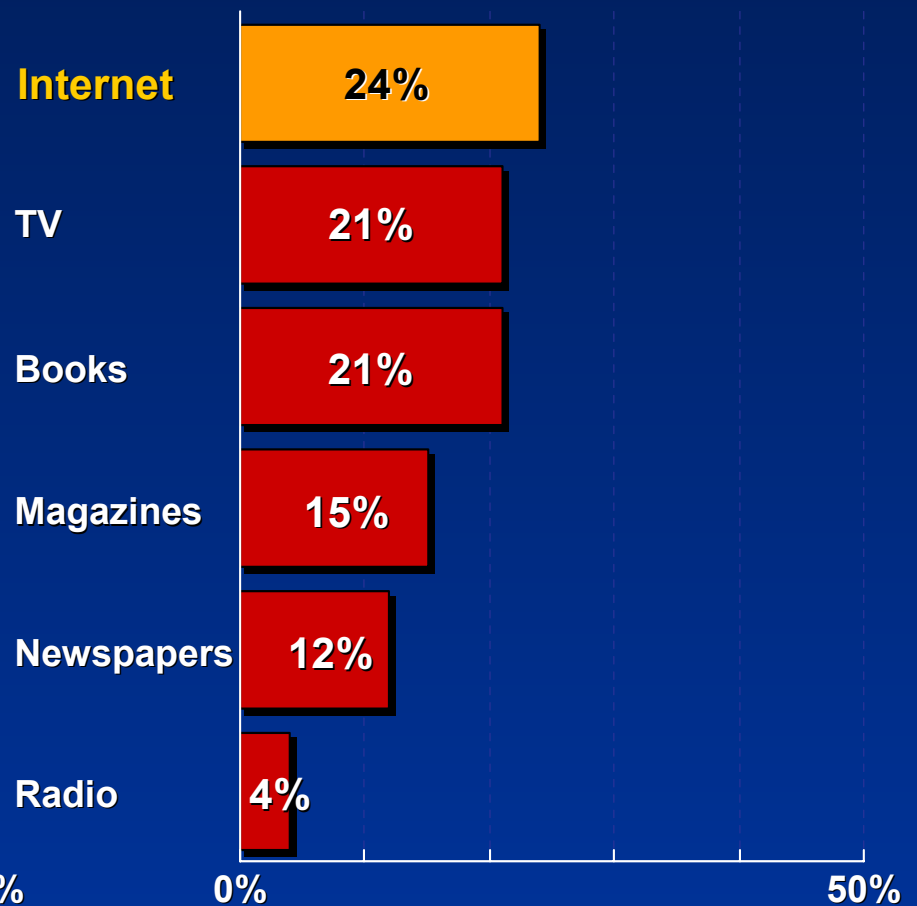
Health Information Sources

Percent who get “a lot” of health information from, by age...

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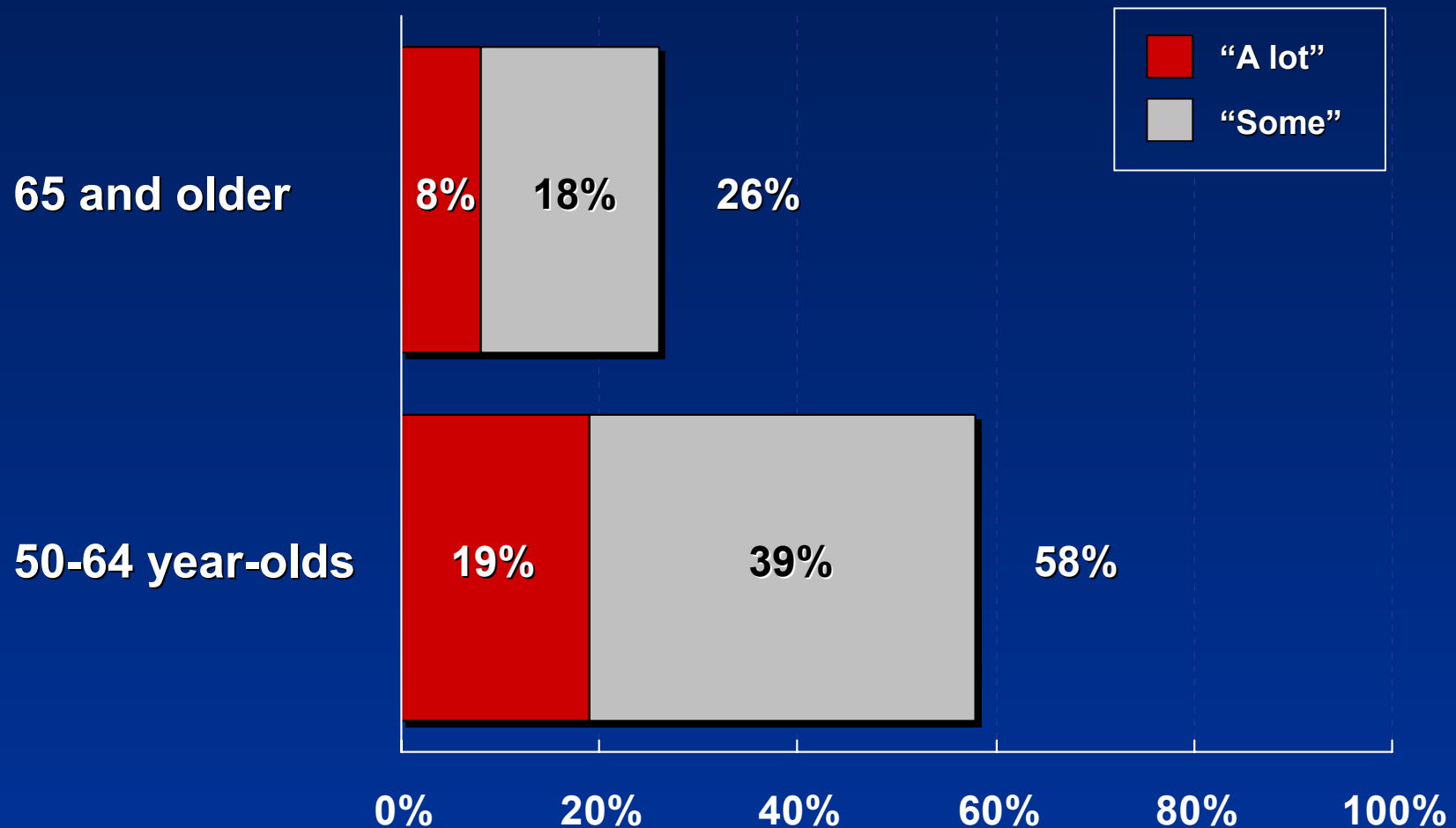


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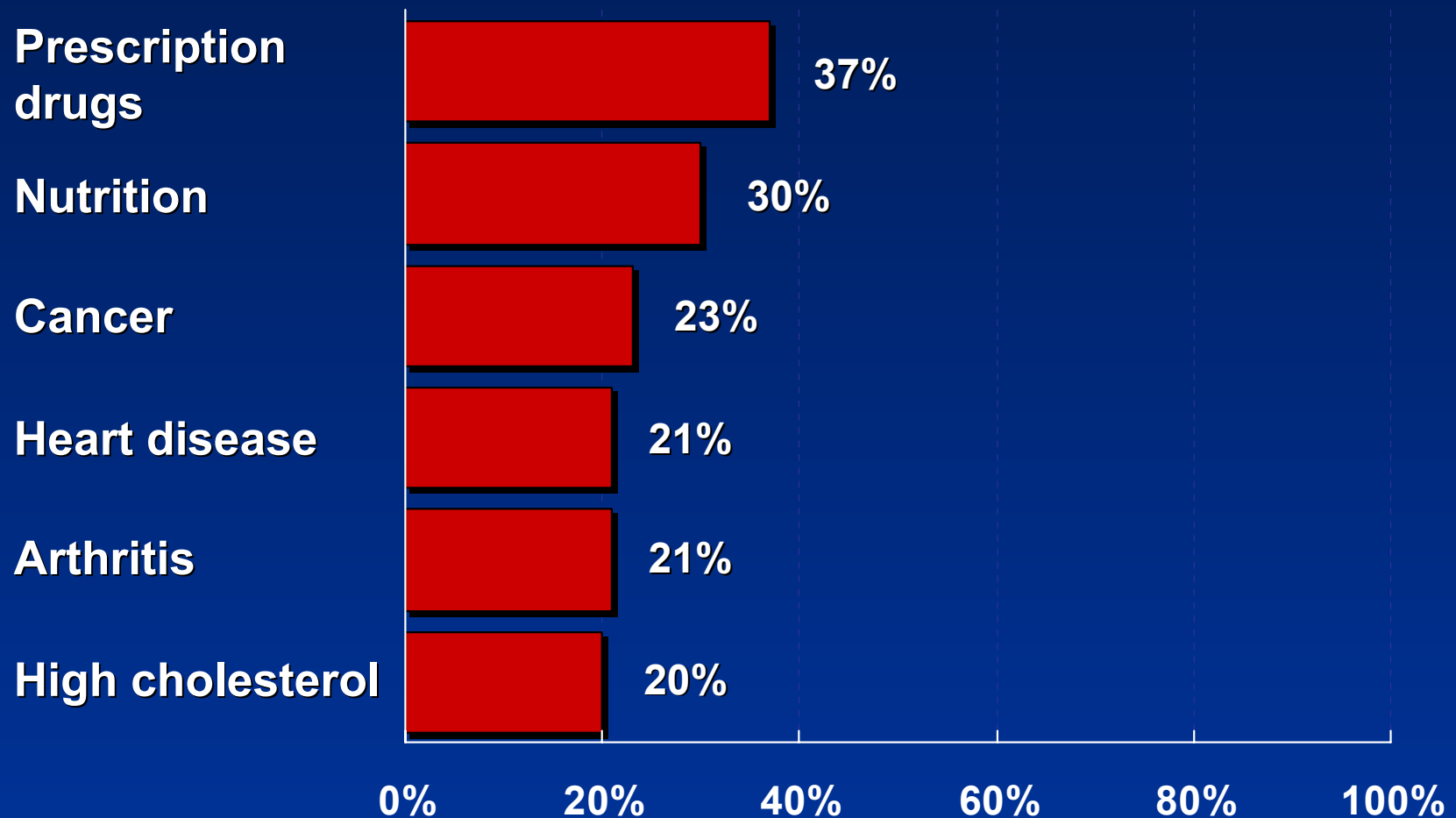
Trust of Internet

Percent of seniors and other adults who trust the Internet as a source of health information...



Online Seniors – Issues Researched

Percent of online seniors (65 & older) who have used the Internet to look for information on...



Online Seniors – Prescription Drugs

Percent of online seniors (65 & older) who have used the Internet to...

Look for any information on prescription drugs

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Compare prices of prescription drugs

16%

Purchase prescription drugs

15%

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40%

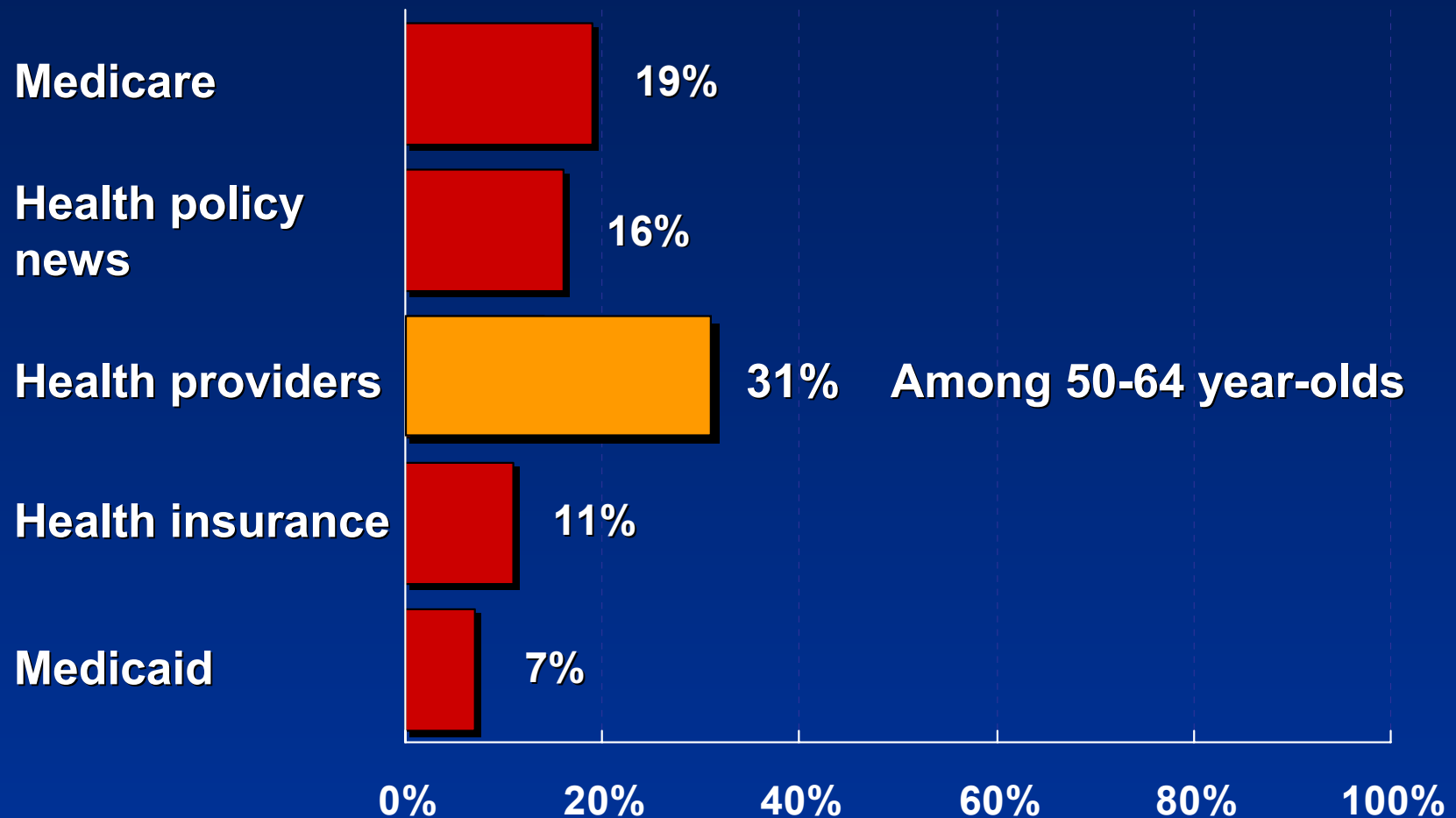
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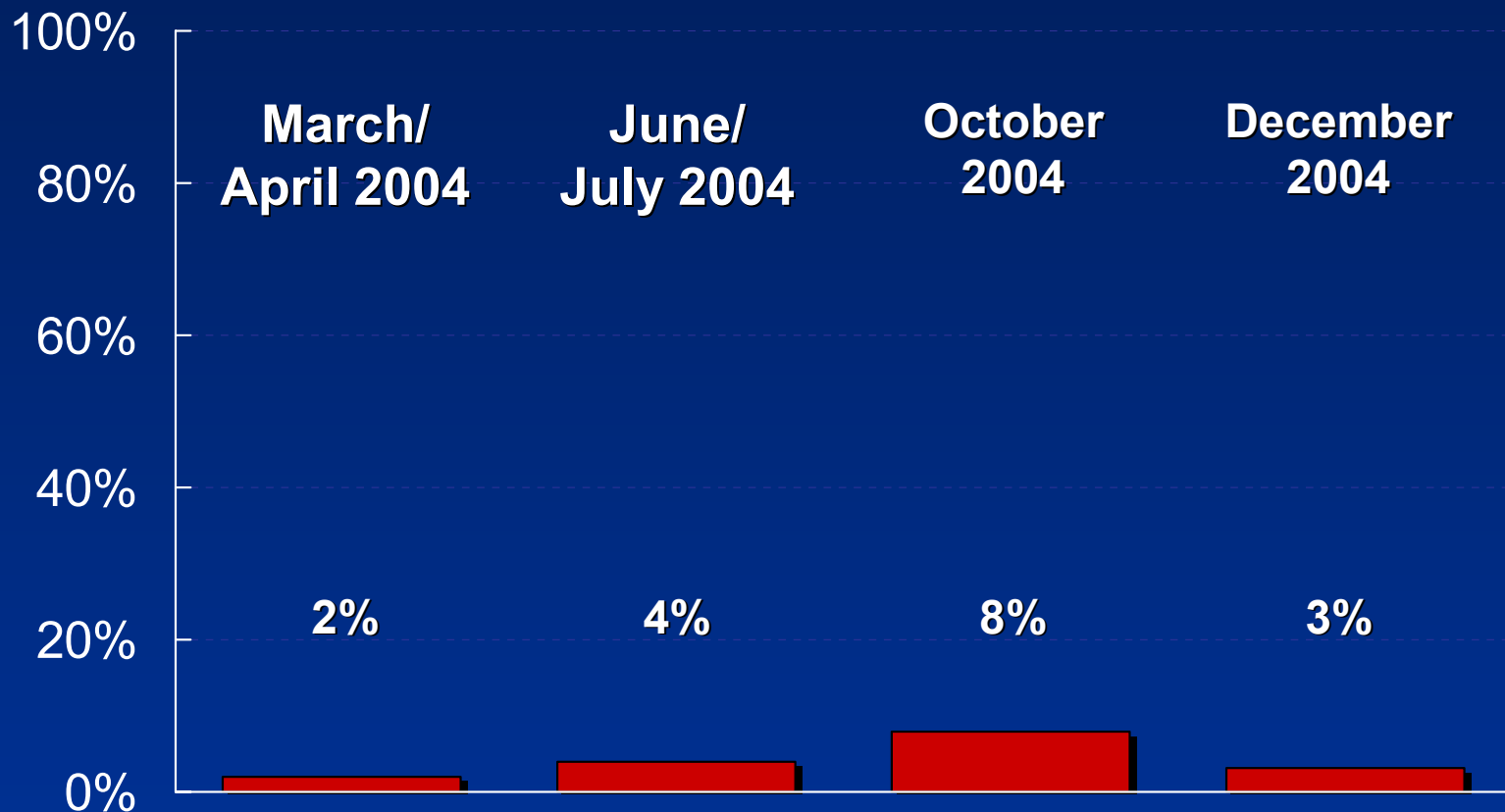
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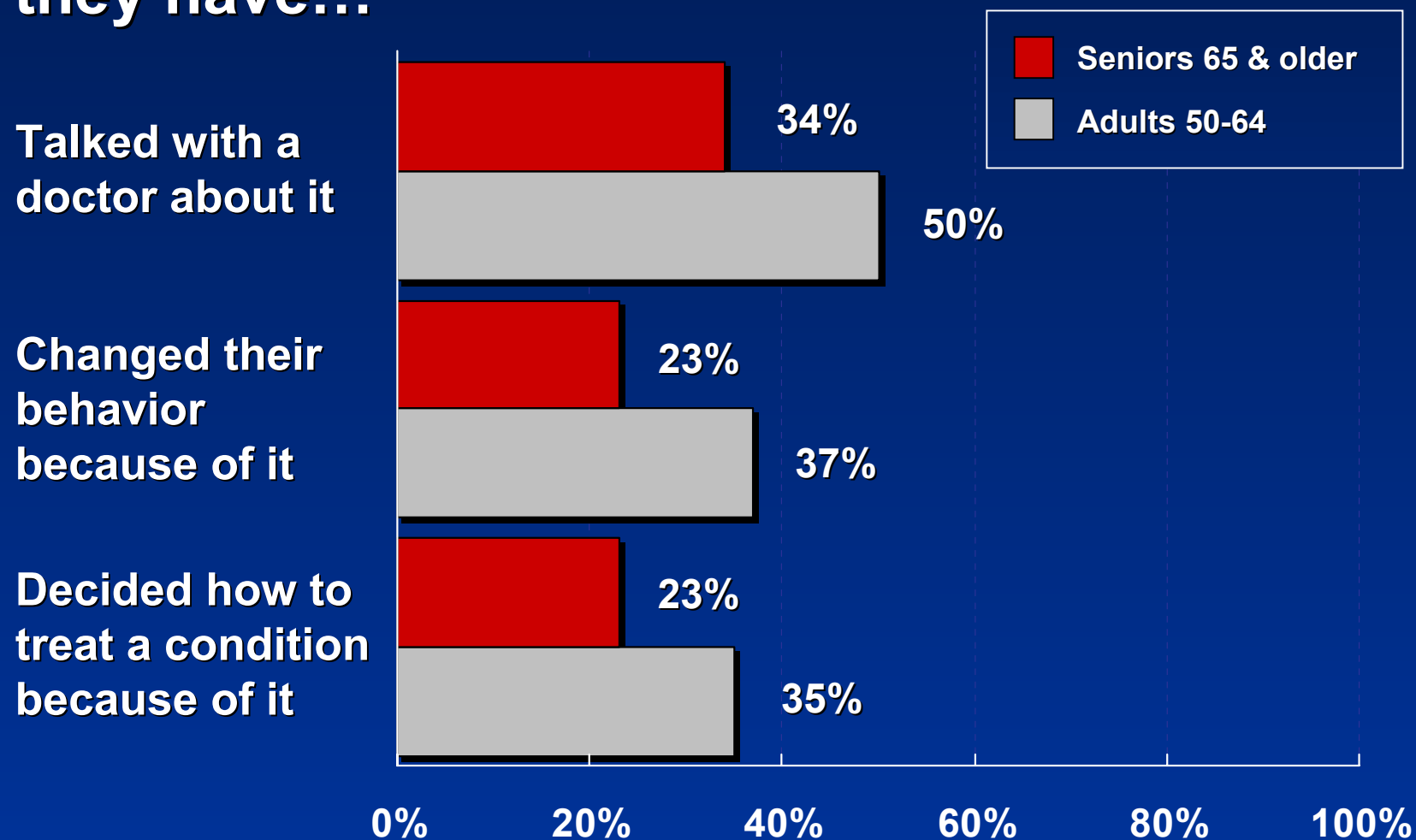
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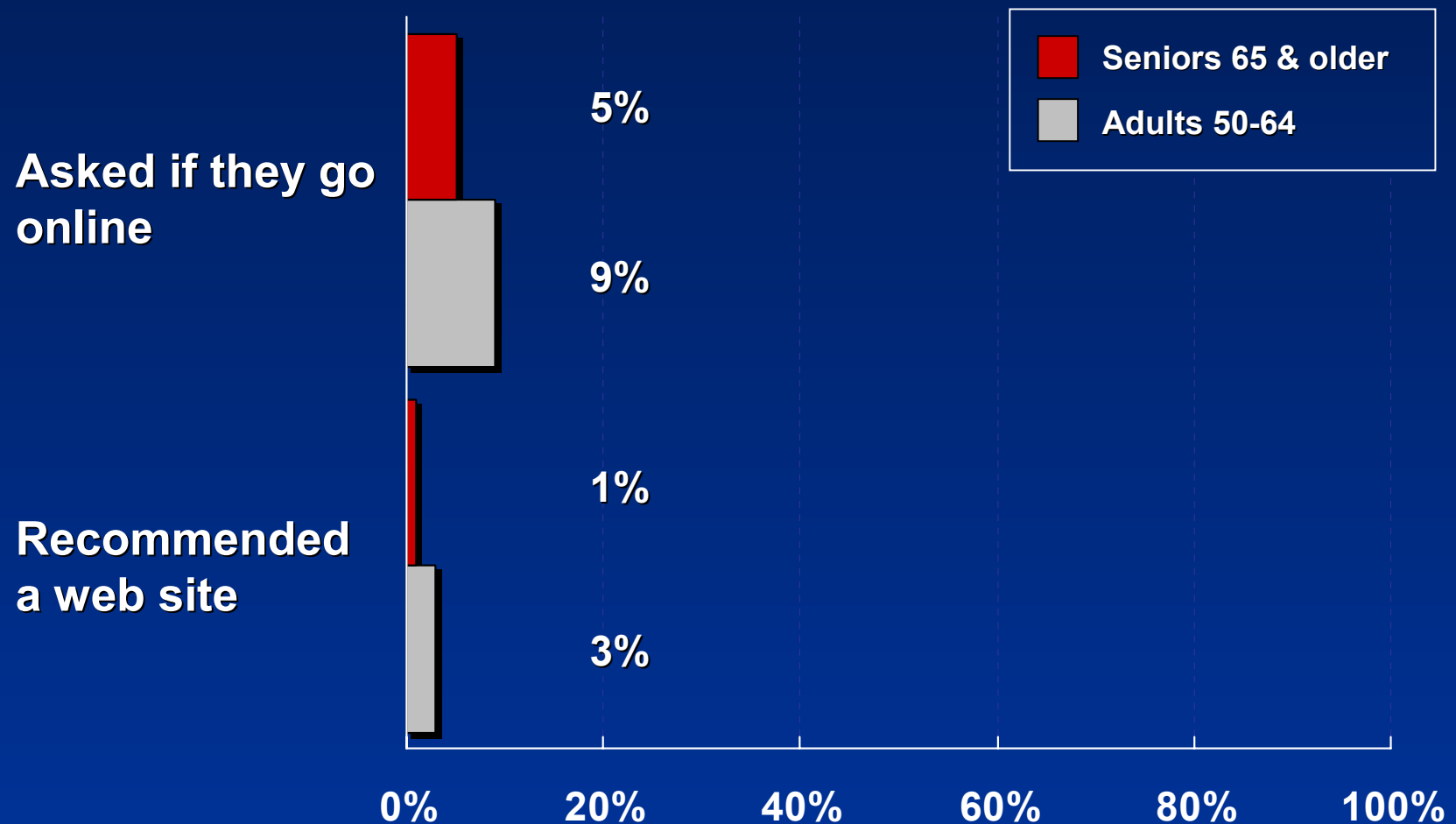
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Among seniors (65 & older) *who have looked for health information online*, percent who say they have...



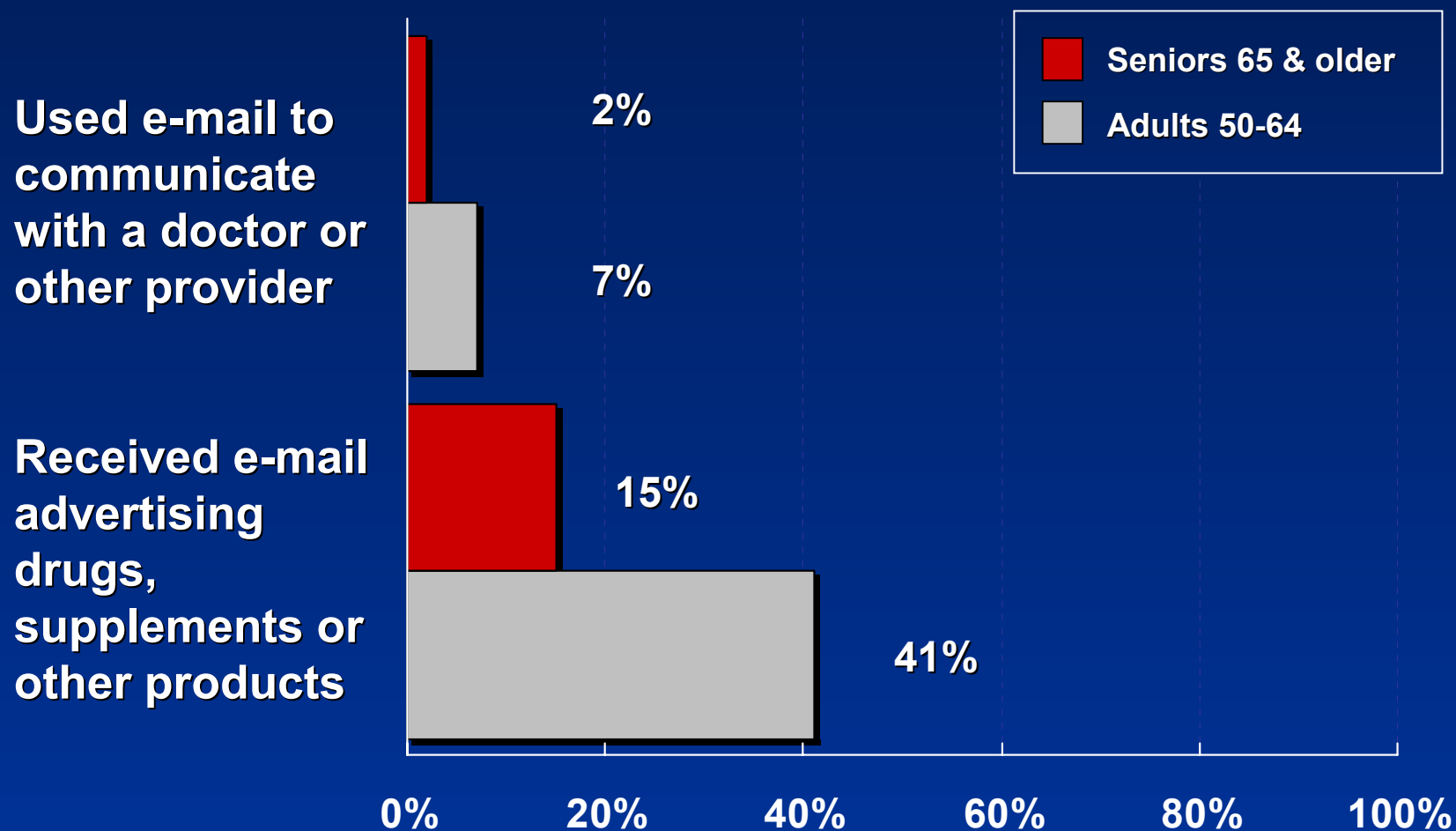
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Percent of seniors and other adults who say their doctor has ever...



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Sadly, many people think the early symptoms of Alzheimer's are signs of normal aging. So Alzheimer's is often not diagnosed and treated early.

WHO GETS ALZHEIMER'S?

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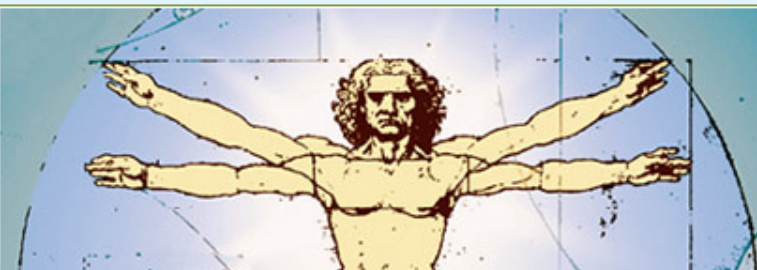
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