

# GHANA'S APPROACH TO DATA COLLECTION ON OLDER ADULTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

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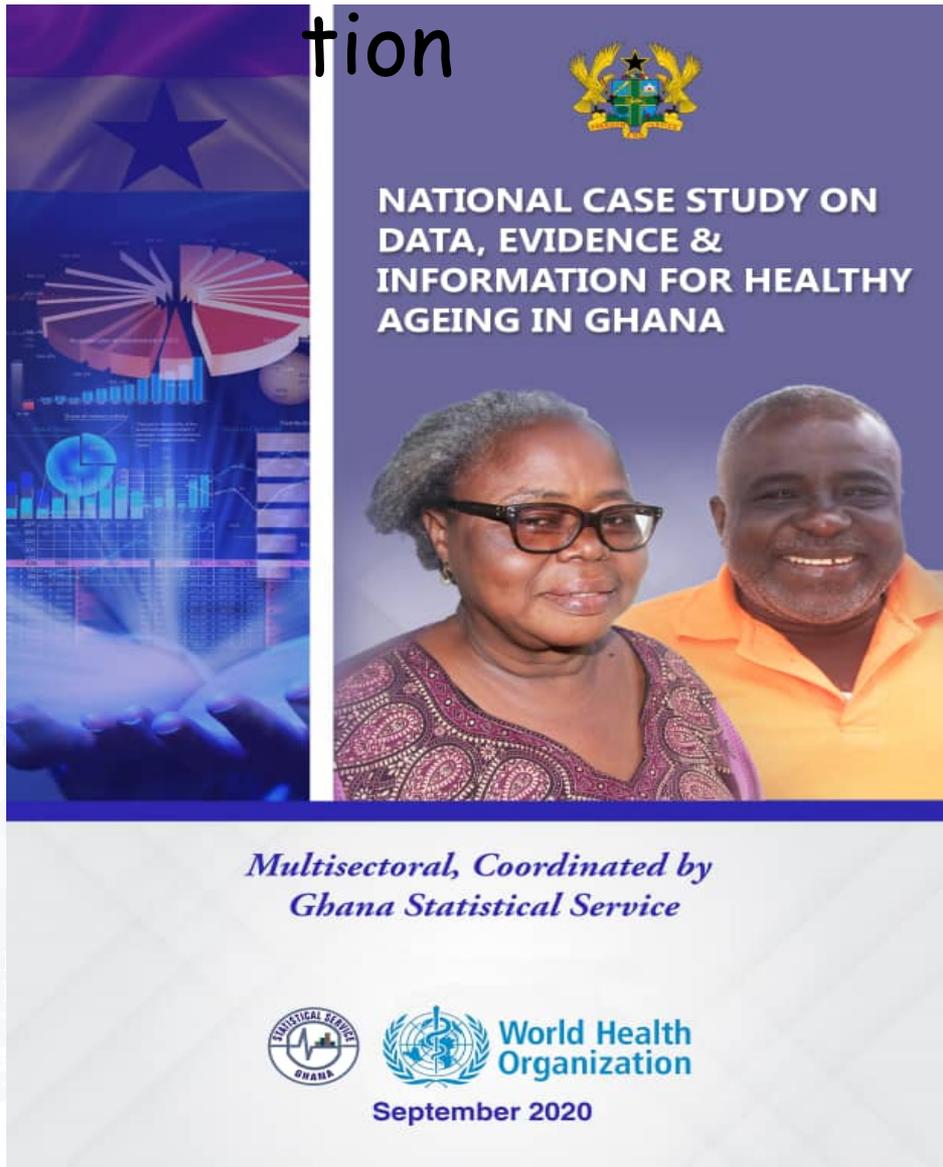
*Ghana Statistical Service*

**UN Data Forum**

*21<sup>st</sup> October 2020*



# Introduction



✓ Data on older adults remains a challenge.....

✓ Ghana's approach to data collection was a mix approach.....



# ROUTINE SURVEILLIANCE

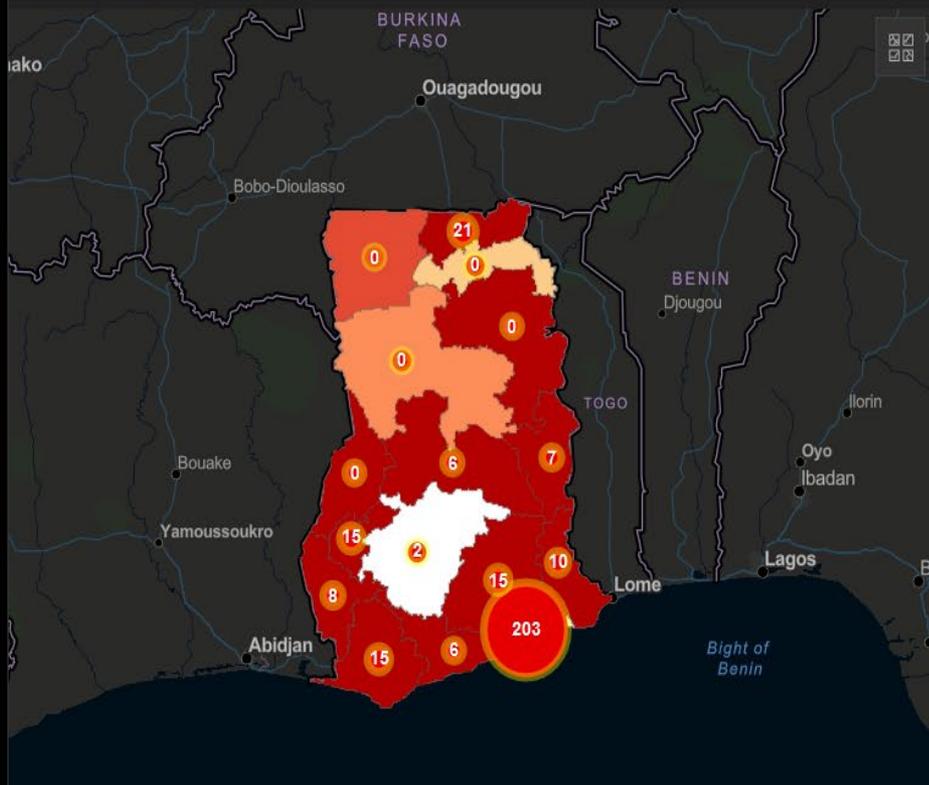
New Cases

67

Active Cases

337

Regional Distribution of Active Cases



Confirmed Cases

47,097

Recoveries/Discharge

46,452

Deaths

308

Cumulative Cases per Region

(Case Count from Highest to Lowest)

Greater Accra Region - 24,300

Ashanti Region - 10,980

Western Region - 2,971

Gender Distribution

Data from routine surveillance from GHS. Data exist at age disaggregated levels.

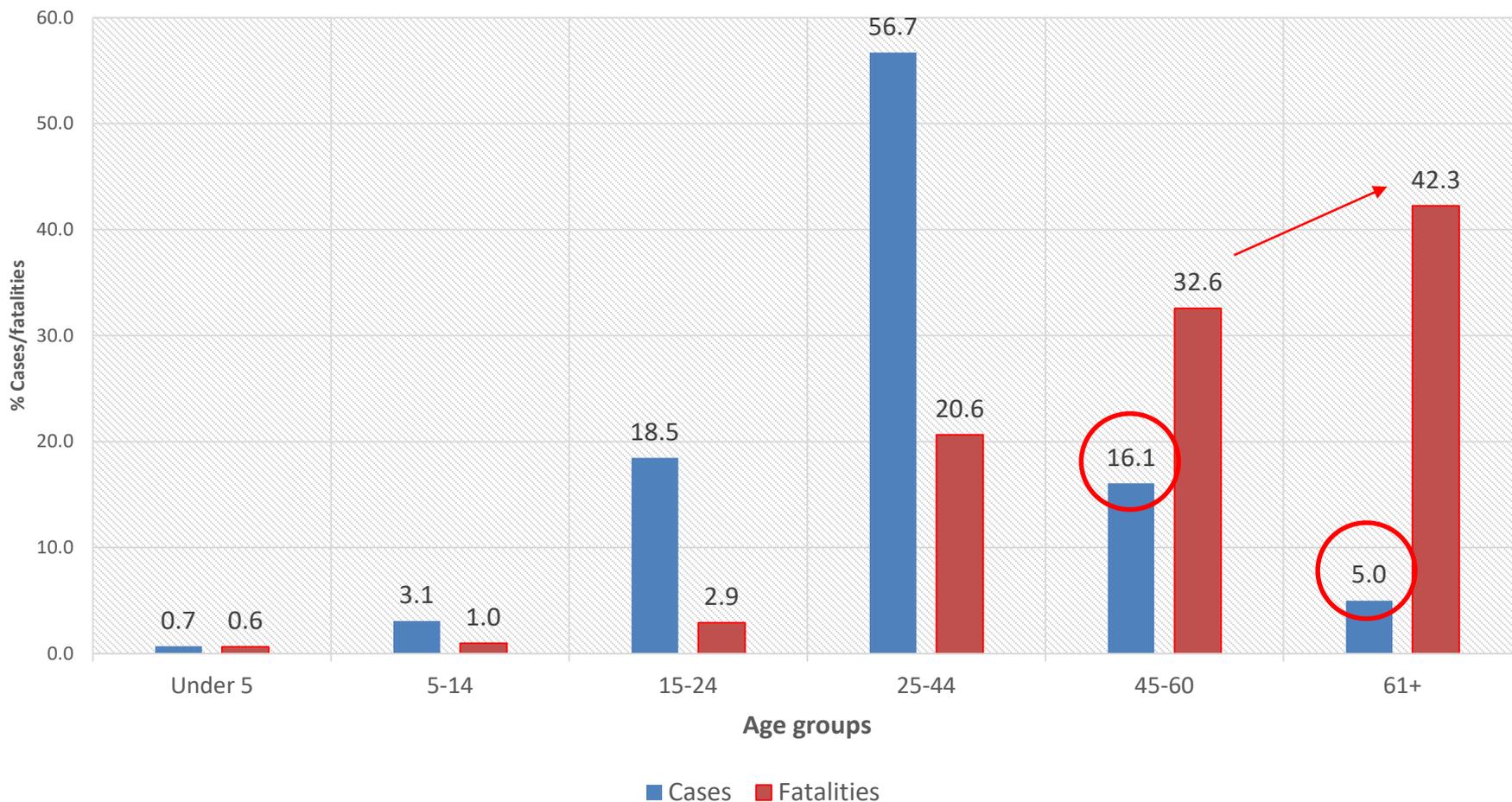
As at 13/10/2020

<https://www.ghanahealthservice.org/covid19/>



# Cases and fatalities

Percentage distribution of cases and fatalities by age groups



Source: Ghana Health Service, as at 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020



# COVID-19 RAPID SURVEYS – TRACKER SURVEYS

SYMPTOMS AND CARE GHS UPDATES DASHBOARD-(DESKTOP) DASHBOARD-(MOBILE)

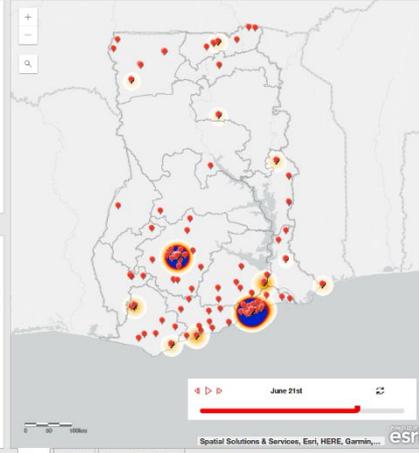
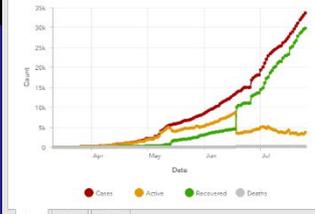
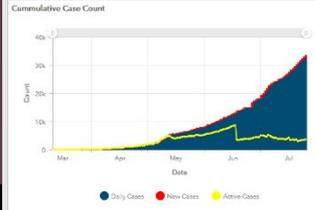
GHANA COVID 19 MONITORING DASHBOARD  
GHANA STATISTICAL SERVICE

11/03/2020

## Ghana Covid 19 Hub

Emergency -112  
General Information -31  
NCA Complaints Number (Toll Free)  
0800 110 622  
HOTLINE  
0307 011 419 | +233 55 843 9868  
+233 50 949 7700  
GH COVID-19 TRACKER  
\*769#

Confirmed Cases	Responding to Treatment	Recovered	Deaths
43,841	1,325	42,246	270



378,735 samples tested  
8.88% positive  
Last updated: 28th July 2020, 6 pm

Cases	Deaths
43,717	270

Treatment	Recovered
1,664	41,843

Partners

## COVID-19 Household and Jobs Tracker

- 3,265 Households involved in the study
- 77% Households experienced income loss
- 9% Received some assistance



## GHANA COVID-19 BUSINESS TRACKER

How COVID-19 is affecting firms in Ghana  
Results from the Business Tracker Survey



COVID\_19\_GHS

This layer has real time updated data from Ghana Health Service on the COVID 19 cases in Ghana



GHANA HEALTH FACILITIES



GHANA 260 DISTRICTS



GHANA COVID 19 REGIONAL CASES



StoryMaps



Dashboards



Experience Builder



Hub

<https://ghcovid19-statsghana.hub.arcgis.com/>

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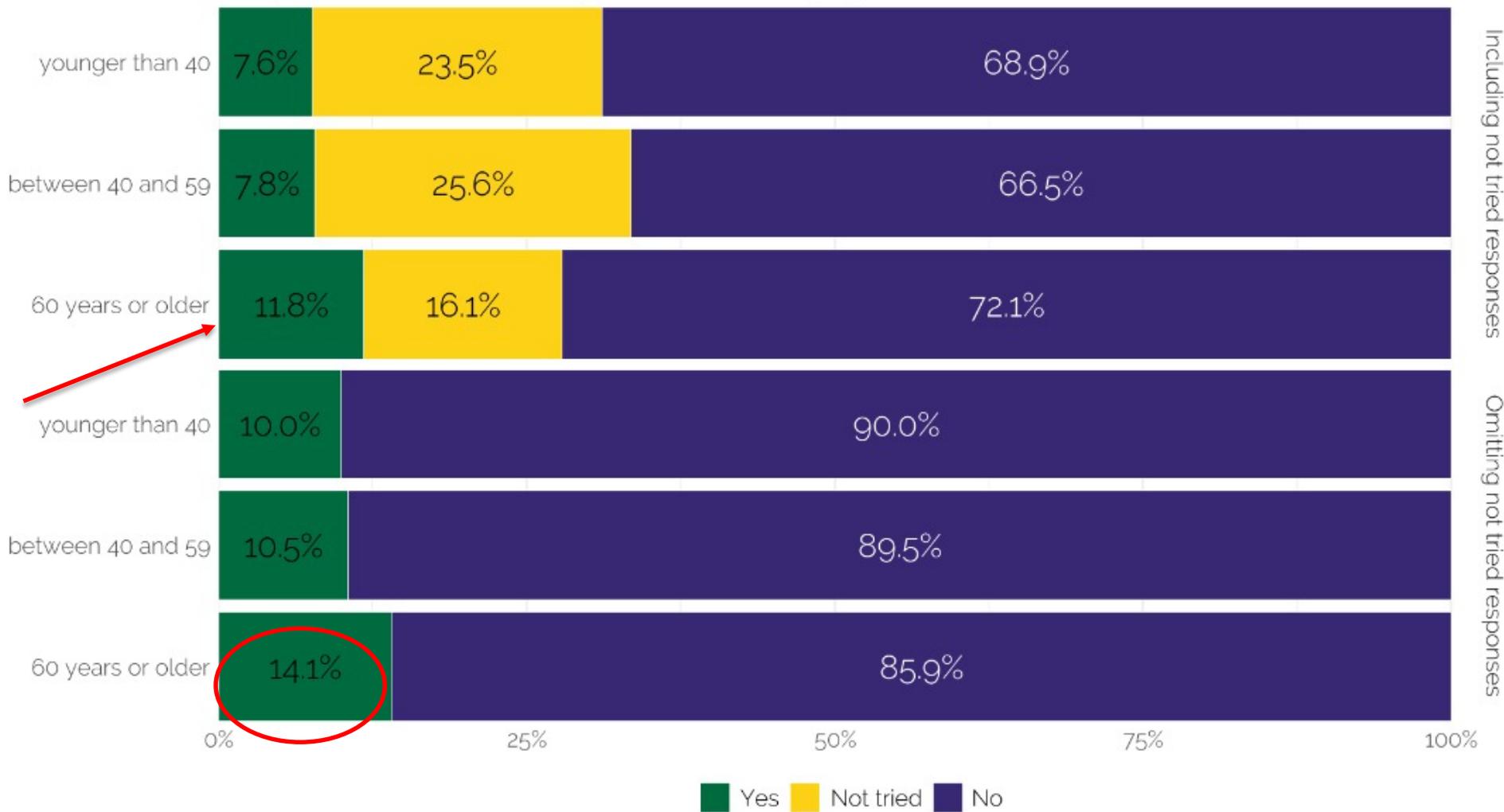
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# Highlights of HH tracker results on older adults

## Access to Medicine by Age of Respondent

Was your household **unable** to buy medicine in the last 7 days?



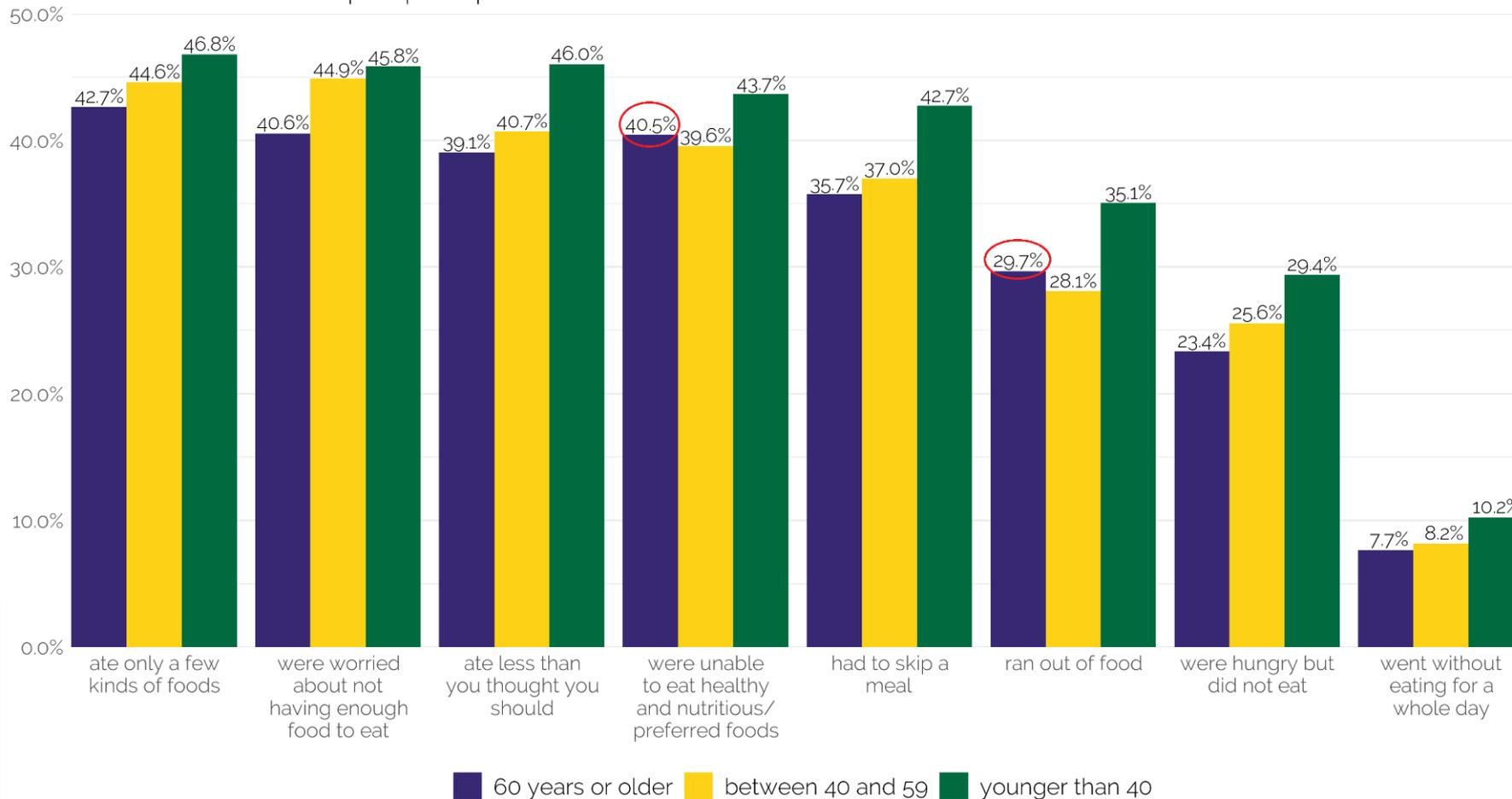
Source: Ghana Statistical Service, HH Tracker, 2020



# Highlights cont.

## Food Insecurity Measures by Age of Respondent

Households with an older principal respondent seem less food insecure



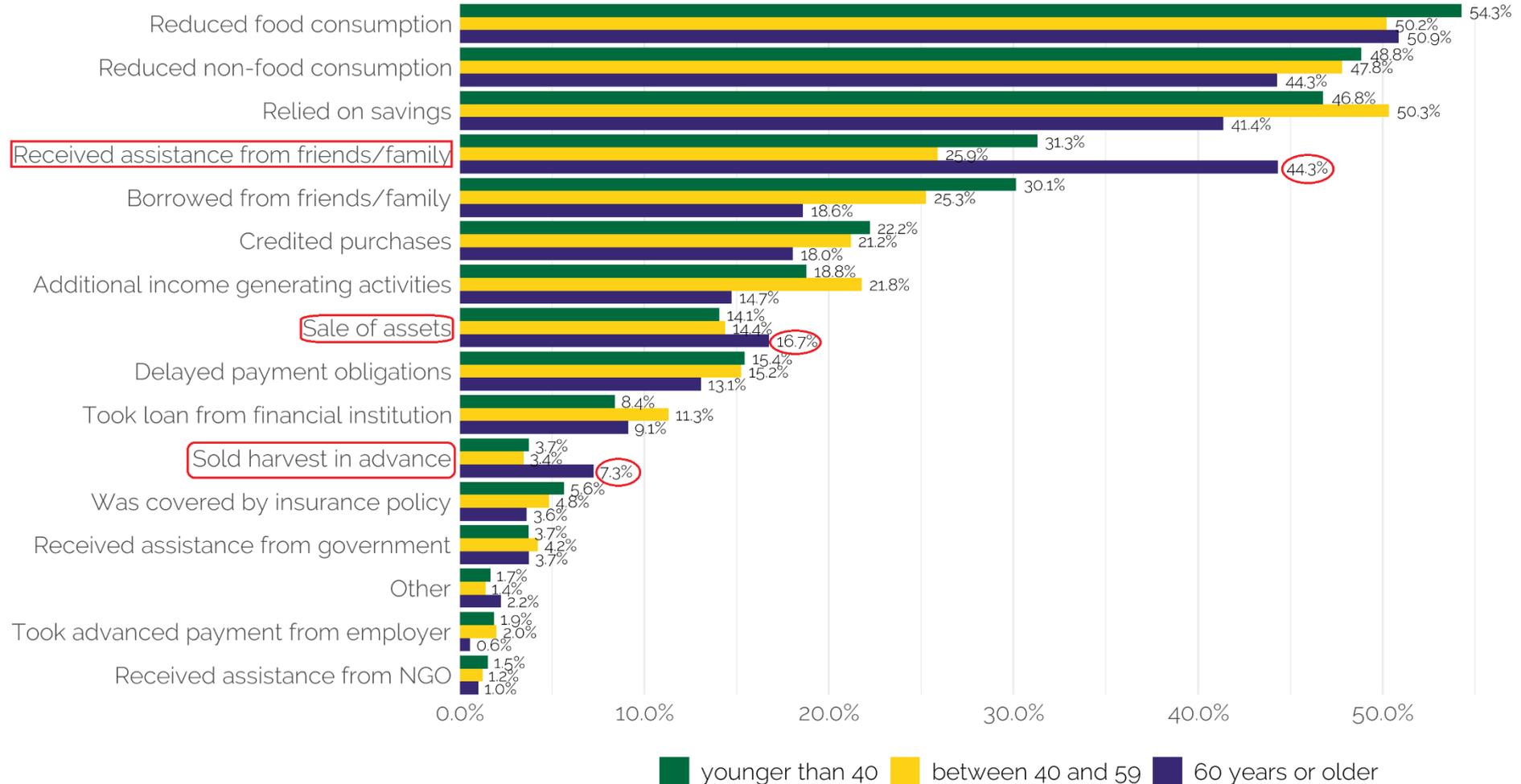
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## Coping Strategies by Age of Respondent

There are no large differences in the type of coping strategies used by older principal respondents, with the exception of receiving money from friends or family.



Source: Ghana Statistical Service, HH Tracker, 2020



# Key barriers...

- Aligning with technological tools in data collection requirements
- Exclusionary factors





# Concluding thoughts

- Largely GSS was up to the task.....
- Utilizing a variety of data sources
  - *Traditional and non-traditional; national and international; past surveys and censuses*
- Implementing tenets of the Statistical Service Act, 2019 (Act, 1003) and the 2020-2024 Corporate Plan



# THANK YOU

