



Spring 2017 Propensity Update

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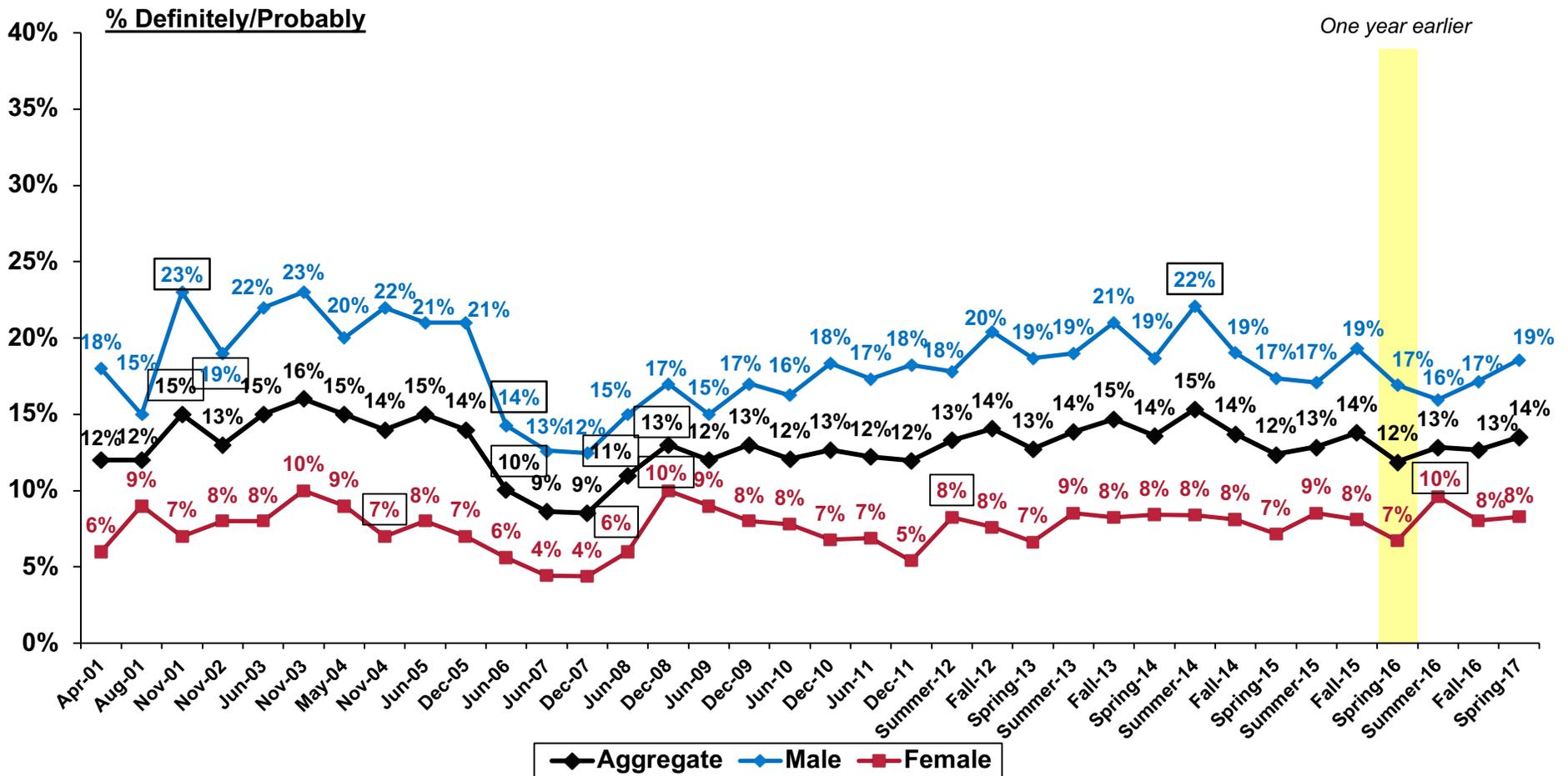
Youth Poll: Propensity

General Military Propensity

By Gender

FPP9: How likely is it that you will be serving in the Military in the next few years?

Response options: Definitely, Probably, Probably Not, Definitely Not



Note: Youth ages 16–21. Estimates are charted to precise values. Labels are rounded to the nearest whole percent.

Source: Department of Defense Youth Polls



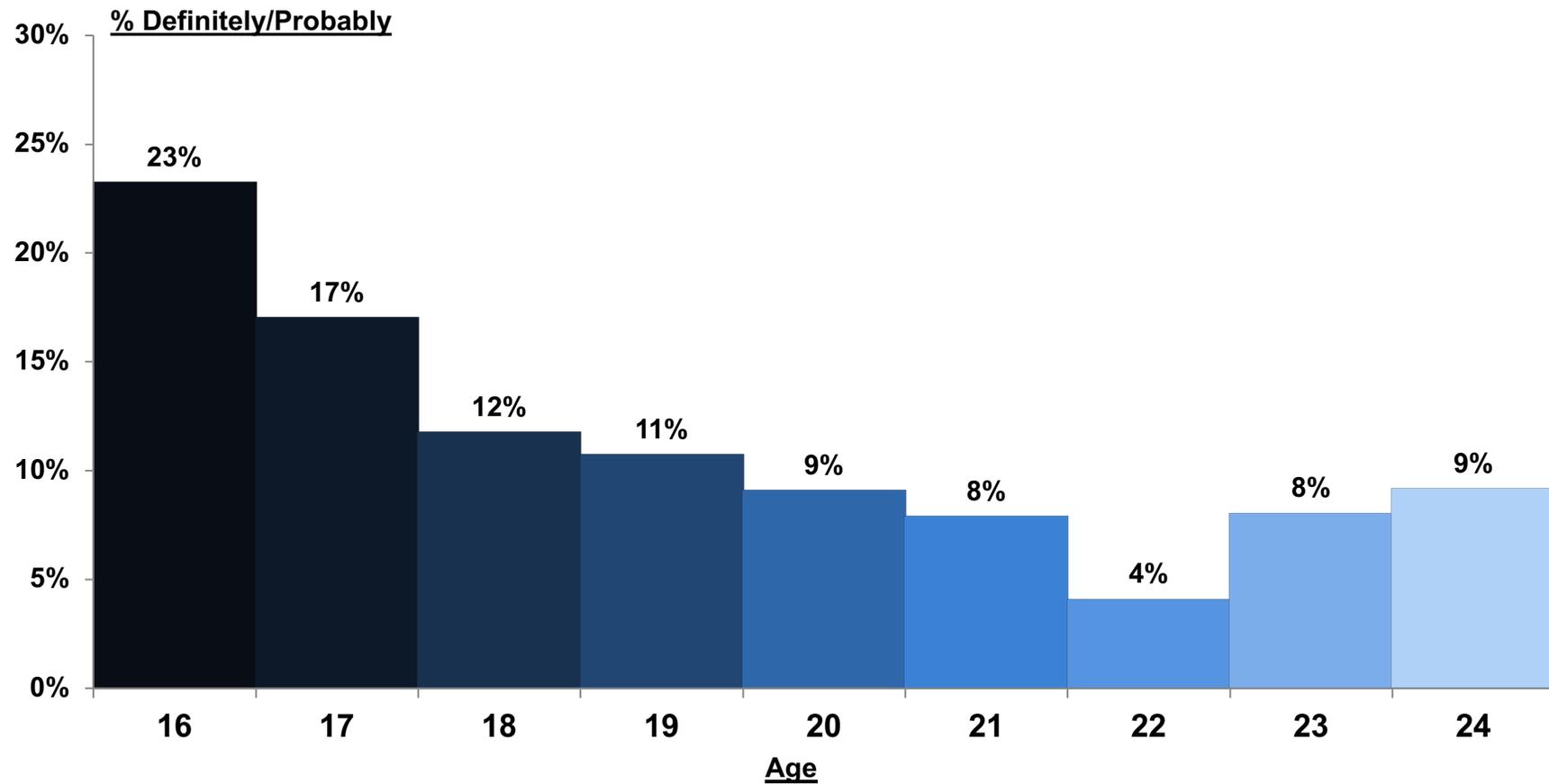
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General Military Propensity

By Age

FPP9: How likely is it that you will be serving in the Military in the next few years?

Response options: Definitely, Probably, Probably Not, Definitely Not



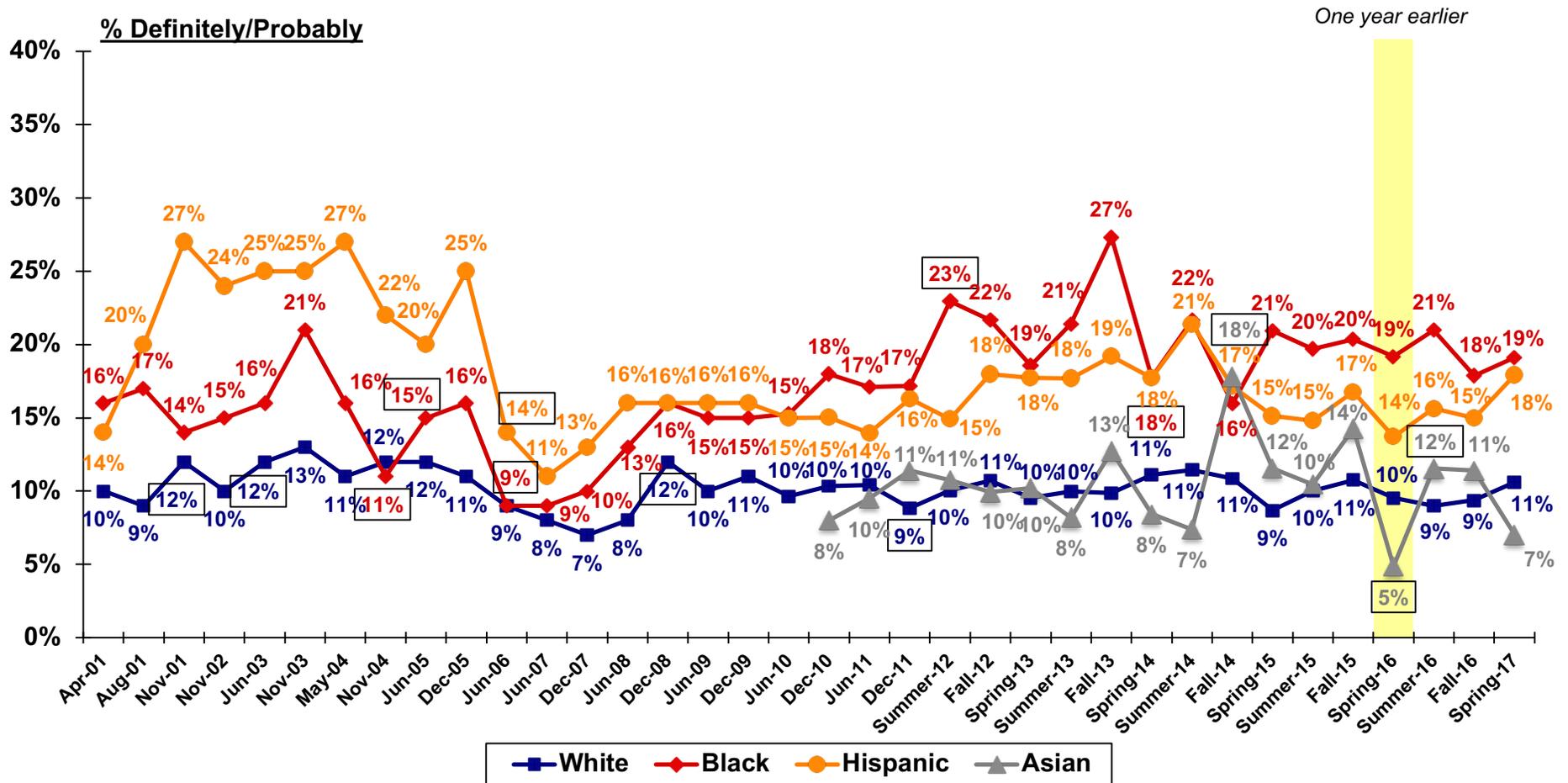
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Source: Department of Defense Youth Poll (Spring 2017)

General Military Propensity

By Race/Ethnicity

FPP9: How likely is it that you will be serving in the Military in the next few years?

Response options: Definitely, Probably, Probably Not, Definitely Not



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Source: Department of Defense Youth Polls



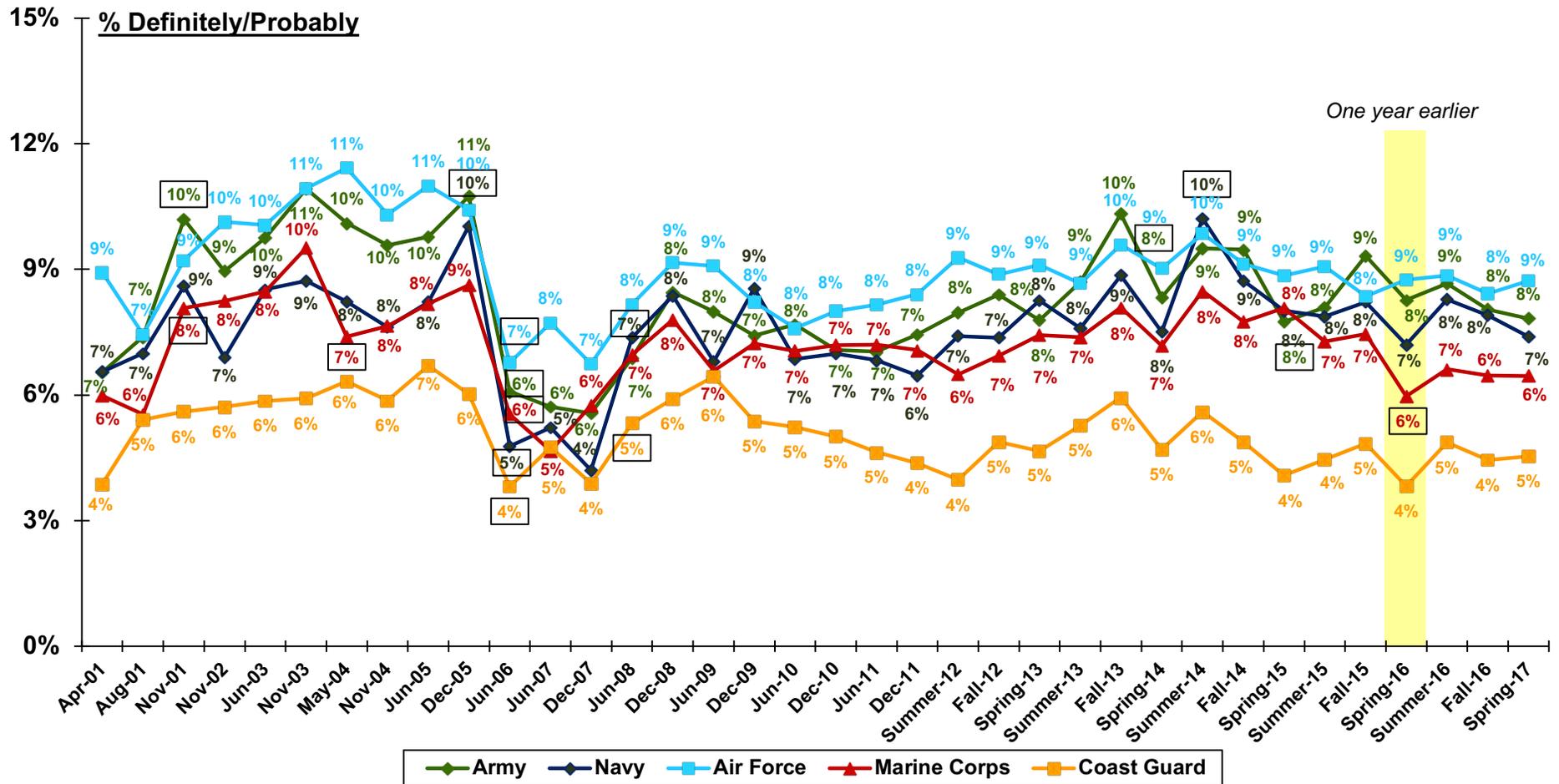
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Note: Estimates for Black and Asian youth should be interpreted with caution because of relatively large margins of error.

Active Duty Propensity by Service

FPP10A_Q–FPP10E_Q: In the next few years, how likely is it that you will be serving in each of the following Military Services?

Response options: Definitely, Probably, Probably Not, Definitely Not



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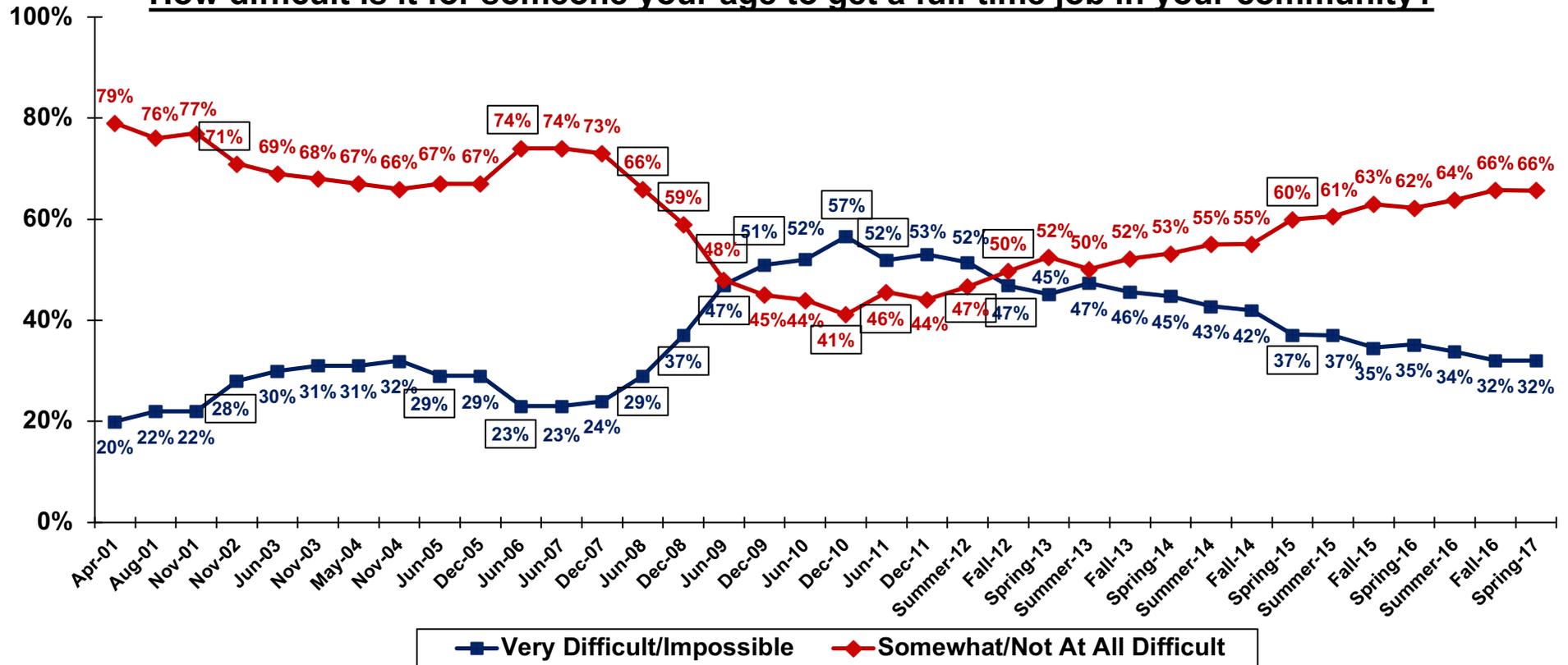
Youth Poll: Economic Conditions

U.S. Military and Economic Conditions

Difficulty of Finding a Job

- As the economy has improved over the last few years, the proportion of youth who agree that it is very difficult or impossible to get a full-time job in their community has trended downward.

How difficult is it for someone your age to get a full-time job in your community?



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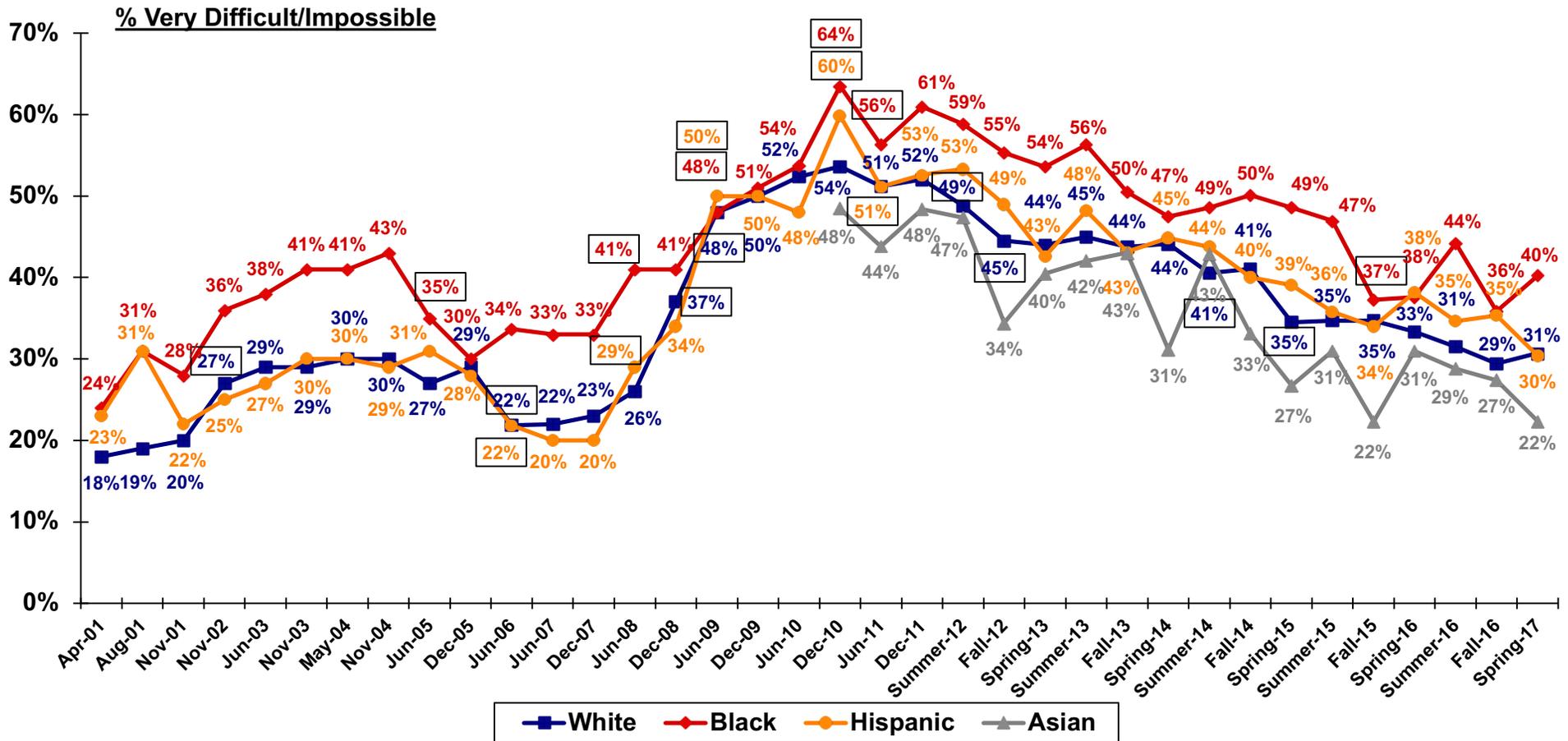
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EMP5: "How difficult is it for someone your age to get a full-time job in your community?"

U.S. Military and Economic Conditions

Difficulty of Finding a Job by Race/Ethnicity

- The proportion of youth who reported that it is very difficult or impossible to get a full-time job remained statistically unchanged by race/ethnicity from Fall 2016 to Spring 2017.



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Source: Department of Defense Youth Polls



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Backup

Youth Poll Methodology and Sample

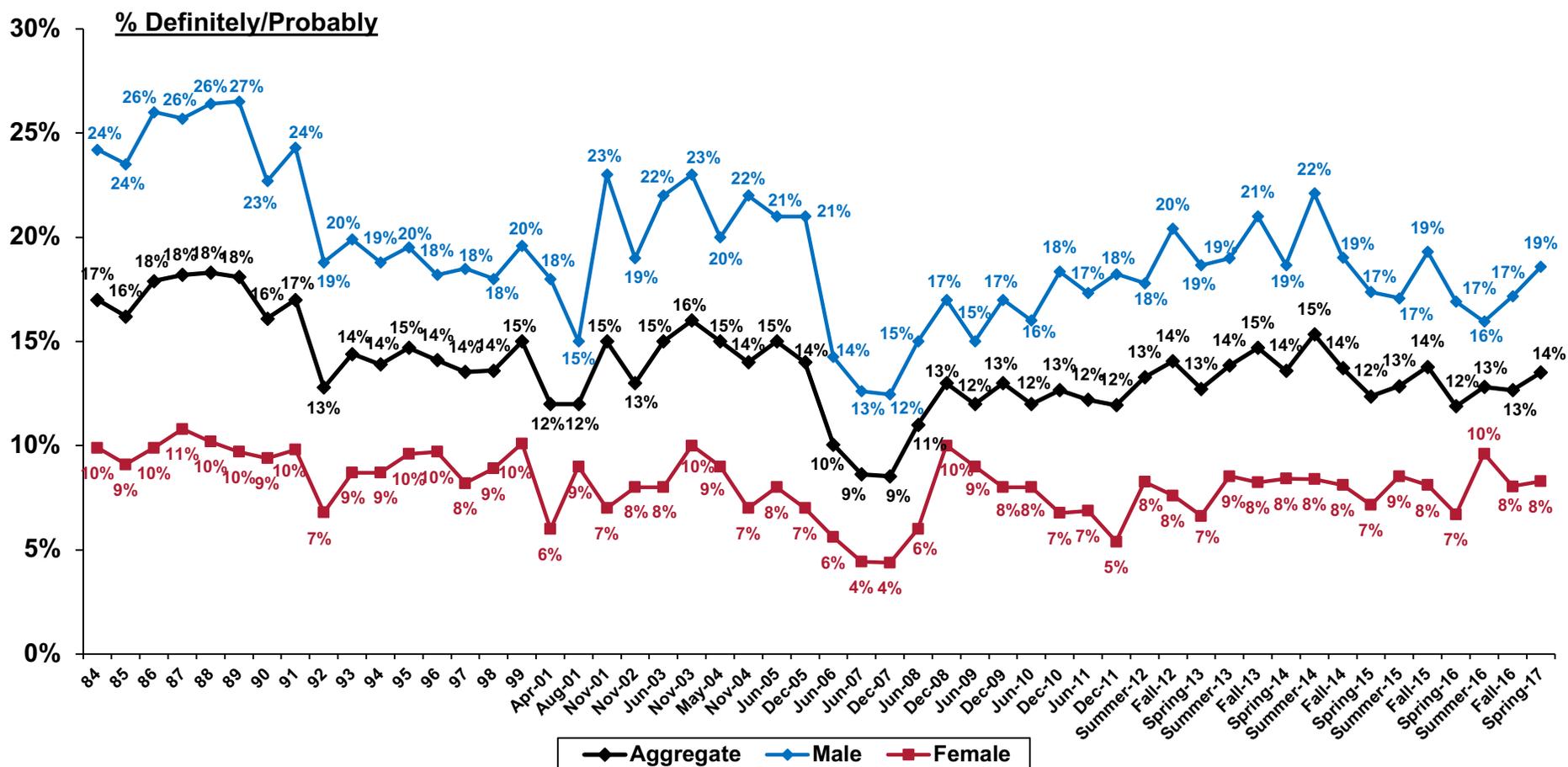
- Mail-based survey fielded from December 30, 2016, to June 26, 2017.
 - A series of five mailings were sent to eight different cohorts semimonthly that invited recipients to participate.
- Final Youth Poll Sample: 6,544 youth aged 16 through 24
 - 5,188 youth aged 16 through 21 – the metrics presented herein focus on this age group.
 - 1,356 youth aged 22 through 24
- Weighted to reflect general population on several dimensions:
 - Gender
 - Age
 - Race/Ethnicity
 - Educational Attainment
 - Region
- Stratified Random Sample
- Note: Estimates are charted to precise values. Labels are rounded to the nearest whole percent.
- Note: Certain slides provide estimates by race/ethnicity.
 - The December 2010 effort was the first Youth Poll with a sufficiently large sample size to report estimates for Asian youth. Asian estimates are included only at the overall level and not by gender because of sample size restrictions. The effective sample size for Asian youth is small and results should be interpreted cautiously.

Historical General Military Propensity

By Gender

FPP9: How likely is it that you will be serving in the Military in the next few years?

Response options: Definitely, Probably, Probably Not, Definitely Not



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Source: Department of Defense YATS and Youth Polls

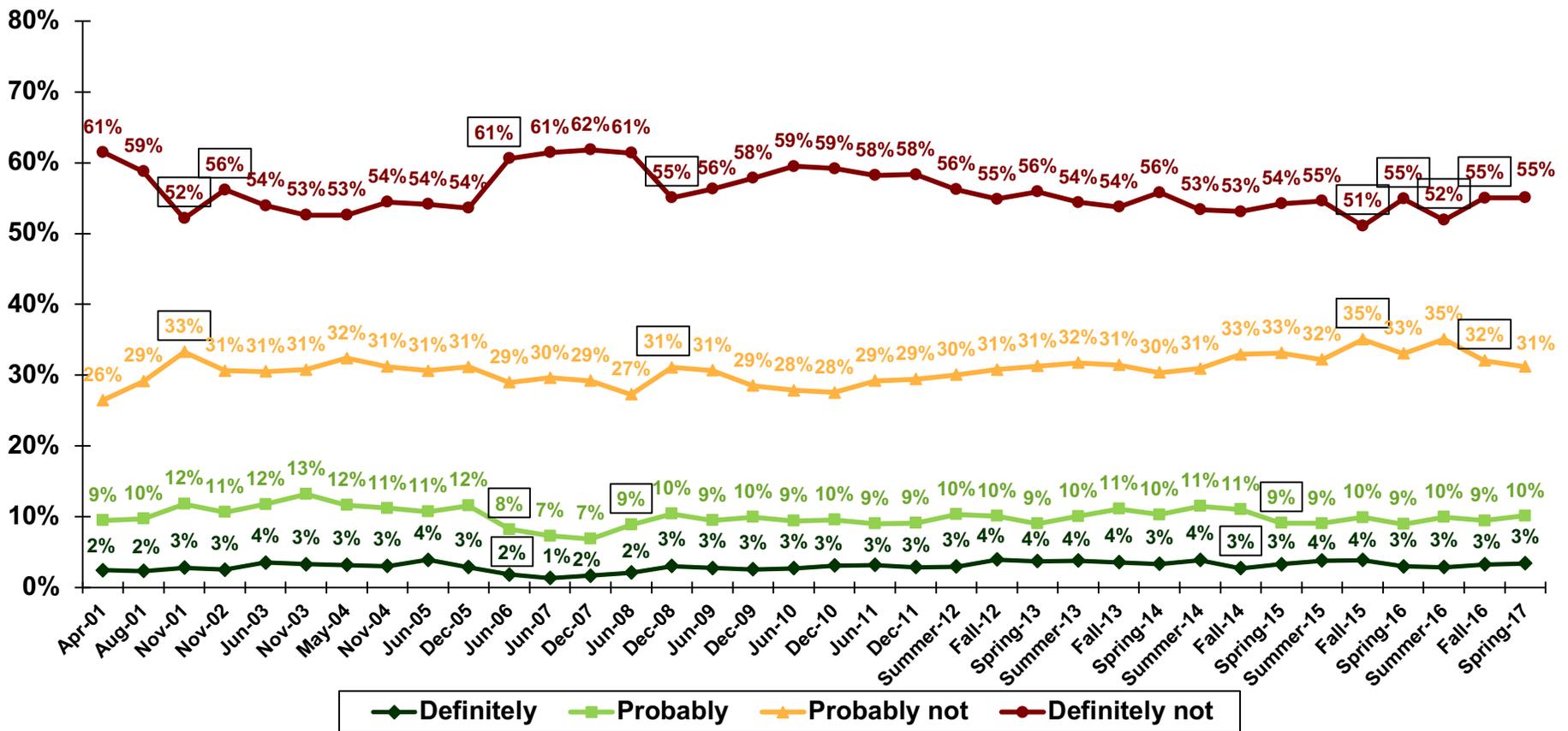


Questions: YATS (Q503)–Jun-10 (FPP9): “Now, I’d like to ask you how likely it is that you will be serving in the Military in the next few years?”
Dec-10–Spring-17 (FPP9): “How likely is it that you will be serving in the Military in the next few years?”

General Military Propensity

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Reasons to Join

RTJ: if you were to consider joining the U.S. Military, what would be the main reason(s)?

Response options: Yes, multiple response

Top 10 Reasons



Note: Youth ages 16–21.

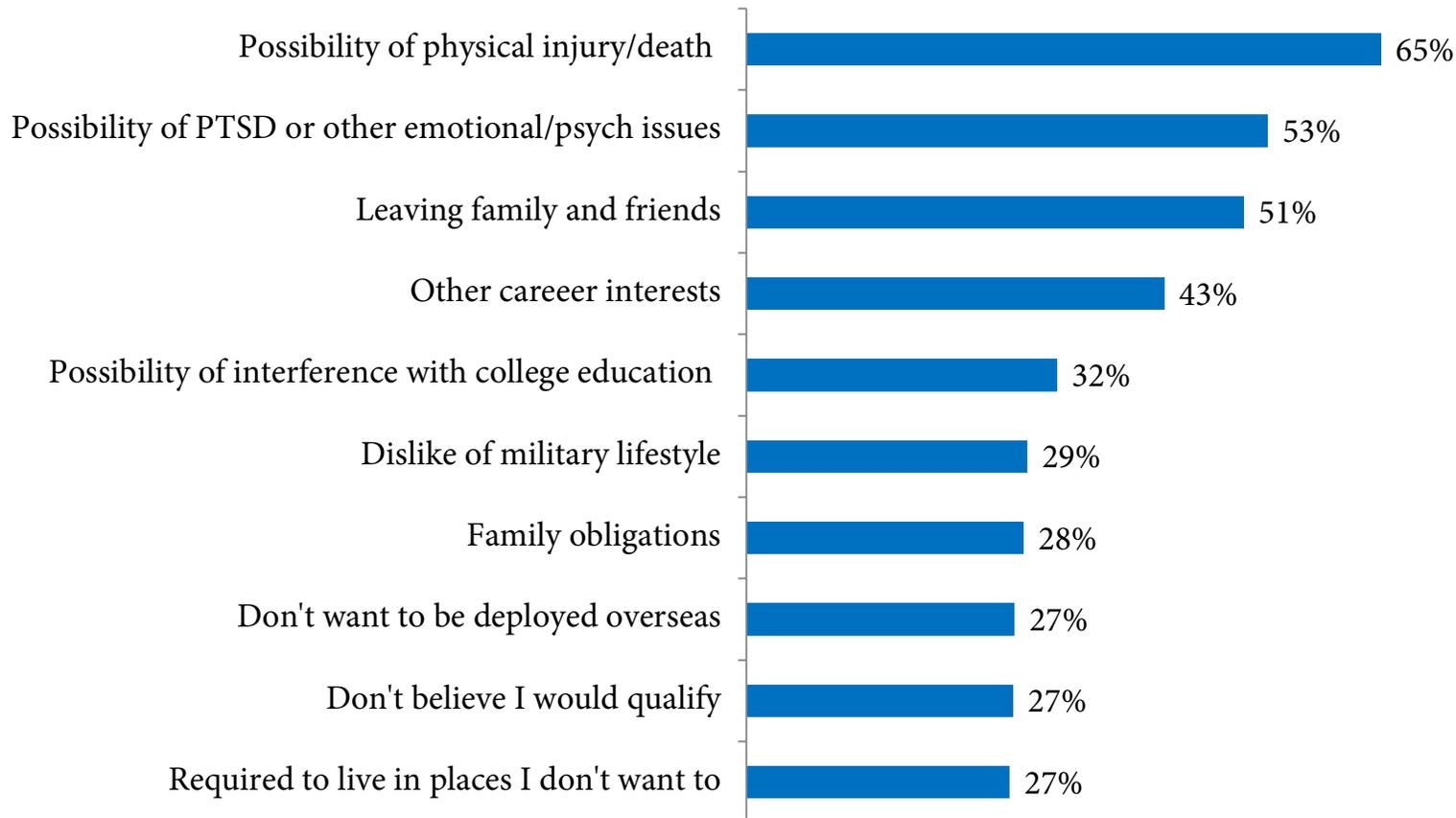
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Reasons Not to Join

RNTJ: What would be the main reason(s) why you would NOT consider joining the U.S. Military?

Response options: Yes, multiple response

Top 10 Reasons



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