



Preferred Pharmacare Approaches in Canada: A survey of Canadians in 50 Key Ridings

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Methodology

- From **April 25 to May 5, 2019**, Pollara Strategic Insights conducted an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone survey of **N=10,114** adult **Canadians residing in the 50 federal ridings**.
 - **Approximately n=200 residents were surveyed in each riding.**
- The **total survey results carry a margin of error of $\pm 1.01\%$** , 19 times out of 20. The **riding-level survey results carry a margin of error of approximately $\pm 6.9\%$** , 19 times out of 20.
- The final data were weighted using standard statistical techniques to ensure the samples accurately reflect the actual demographic characteristics of each riding and the demographic characteristics and geographic distribution of the total population comprised by these target ridings.

Executive Summary

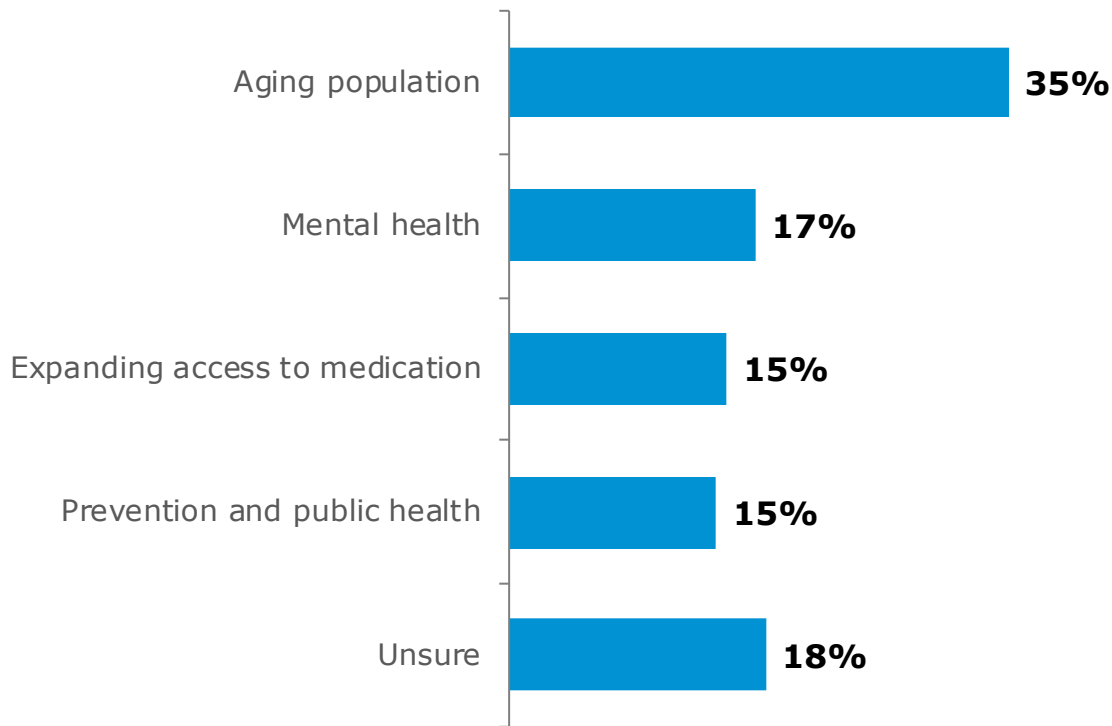
- Most residents of the ridings surveyed indicate that their top health care priority is improving care for Canada's aging population (35%), followed by care for mental health (17%) and access to medication (15%). **Expanding access to medication is the top health care priority for only 15%** of Canadians in the ridings surveyed. The expressed top priorities are consistent across all regions of the country tested in this study.
- Almost two-thirds of respondents (63%) would feel positively about the government **introducing a supplemental drug plan as its approach to pharmacare expansion. Just 15% would feel negatively.**
- When asked to choose their preferred approach to expanding access to medication among three options; supplement existing plans, a national universal drug plan that would replace existing plans or pursue other priorities altogether, **a strong plurality (44%) express a preference for an approach that *would supplement existing plans with coverage for catastrophic drugs and rare diseases, but allow Canadians that currently have coverage to keep their existing plans.*** Another 27% would prefer the government focus on other priorities. Altogether, two-thirds of Canadians in the key 50 key ridings would prefer the government limit itself to supplementing existing plans, or less. **Only 30% prefer a national universal drug plan that would replace existing plans.**



Total Results

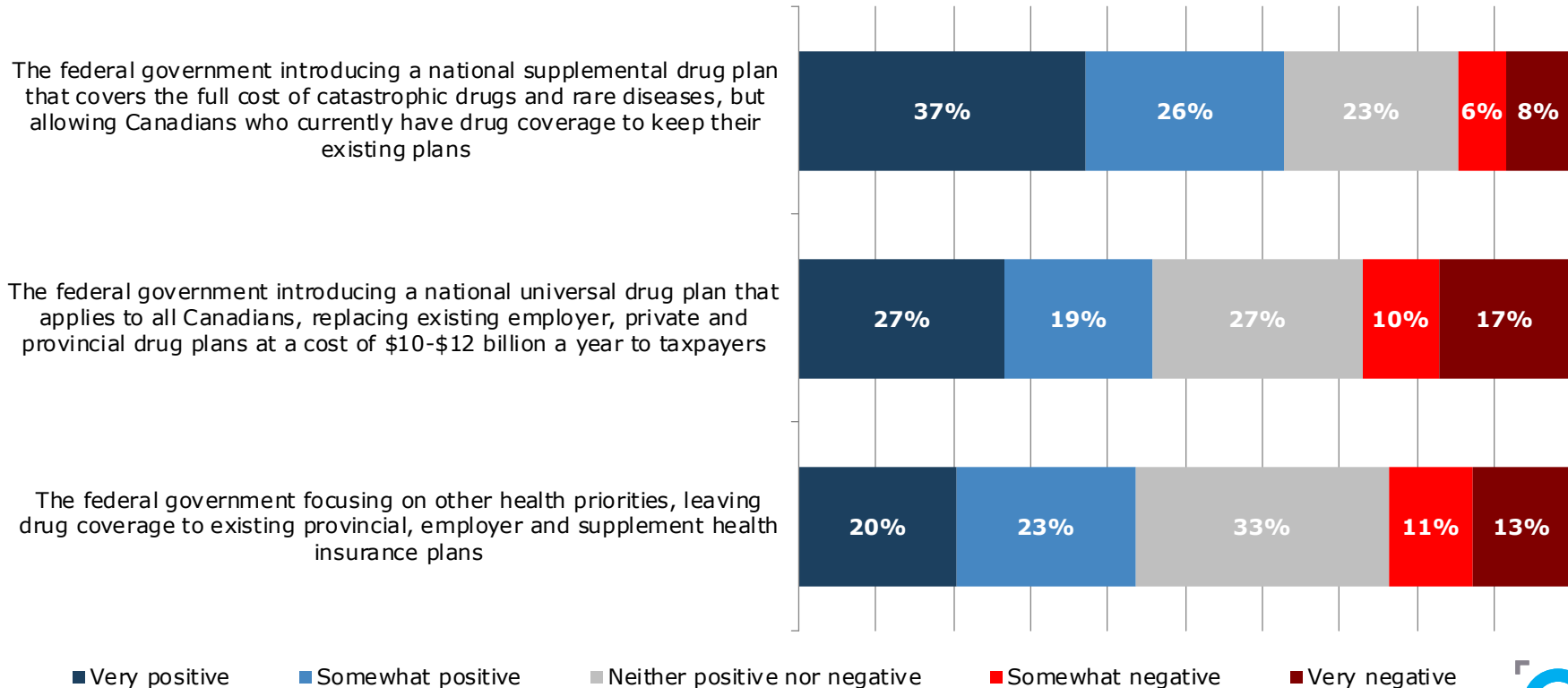
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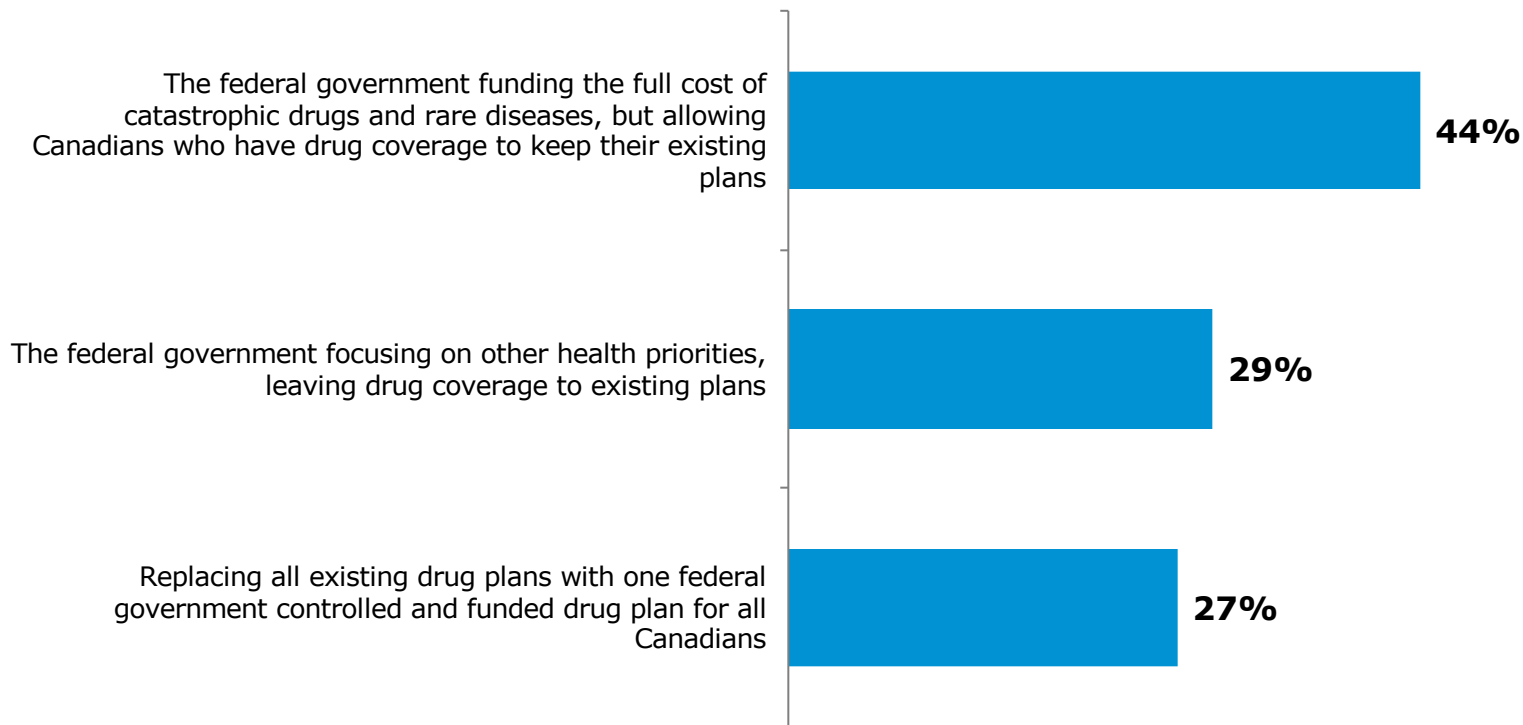
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Rating of Pharmacare Approaches



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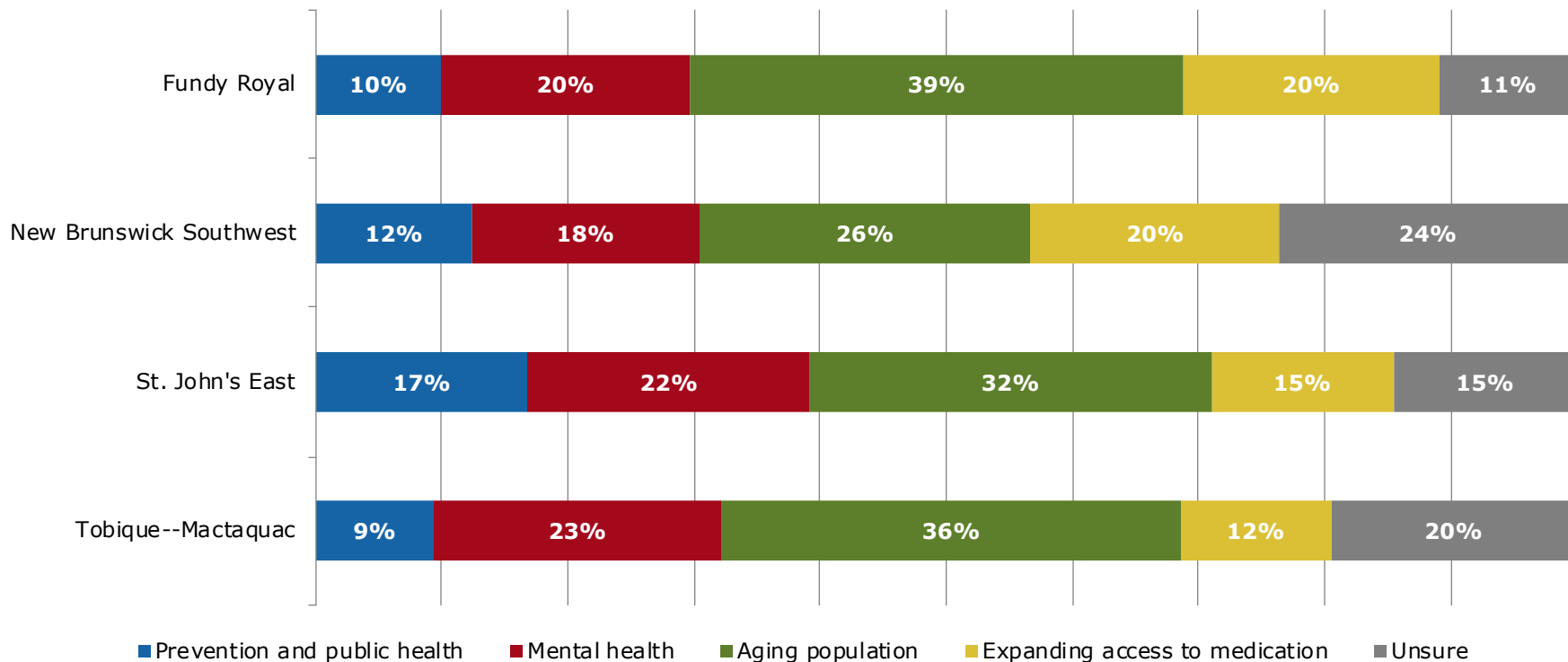




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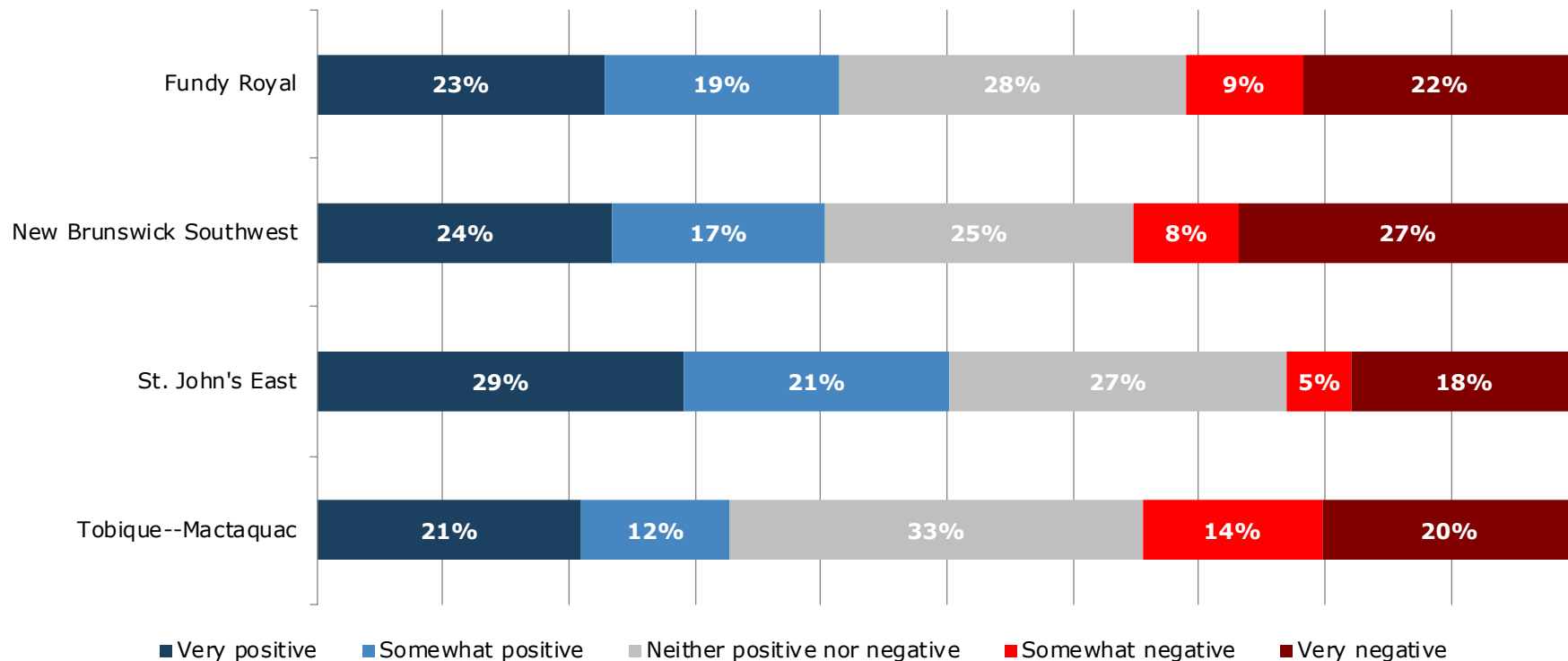
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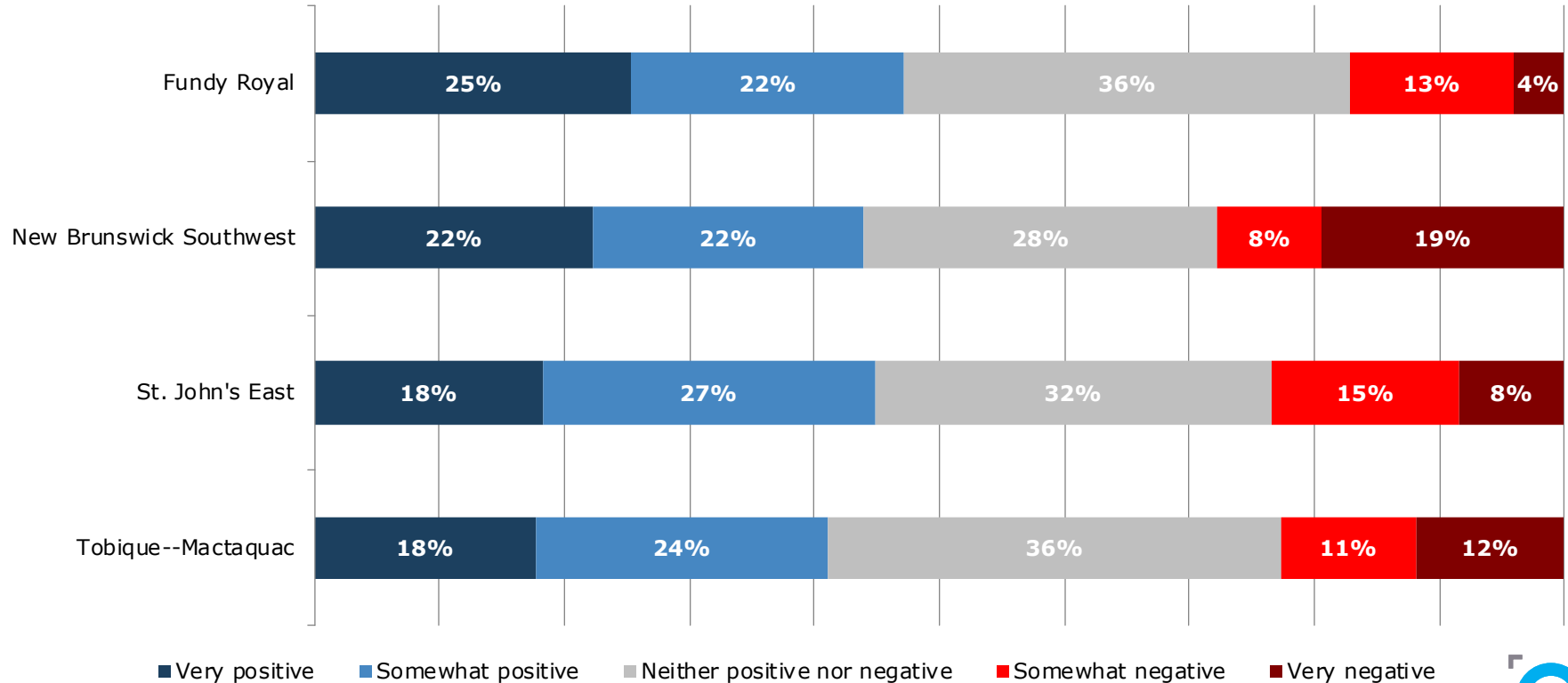
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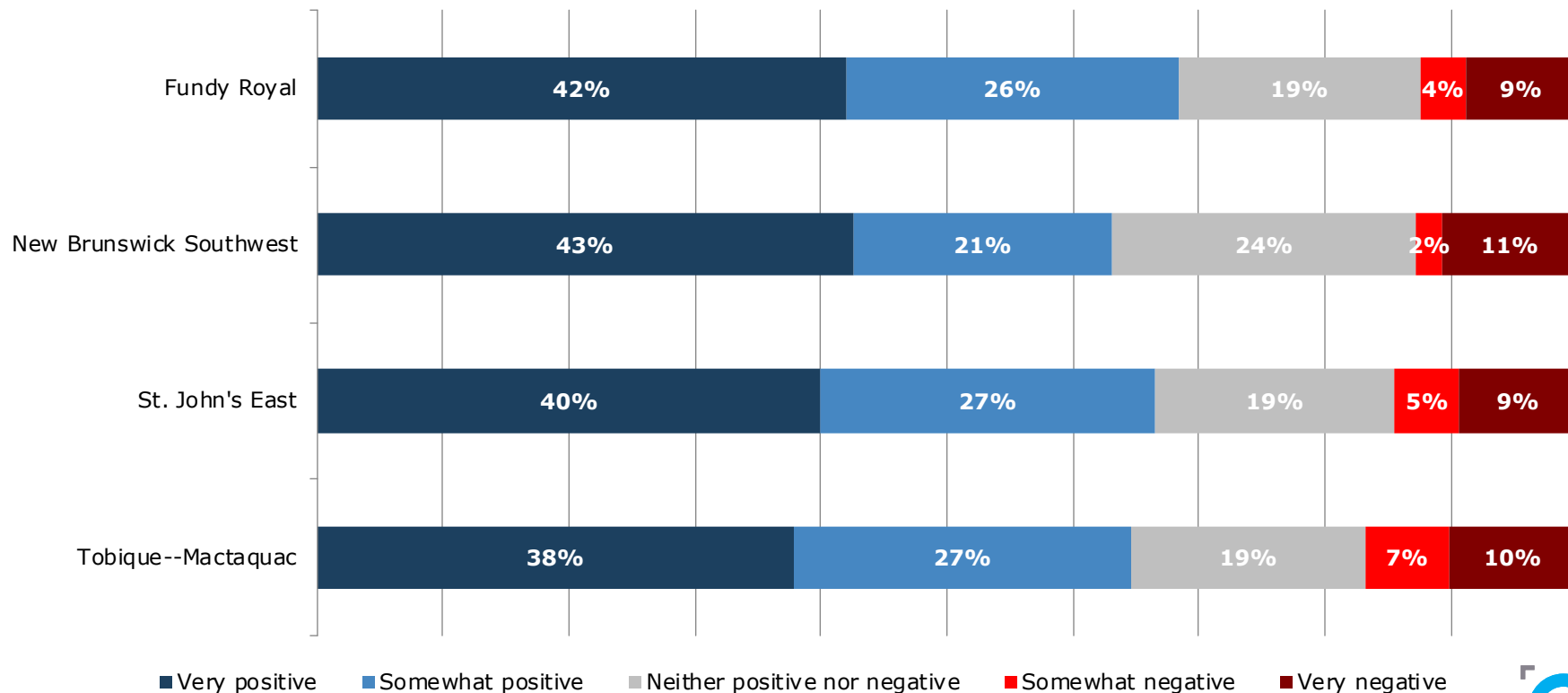
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Rating: Other Health Priorities



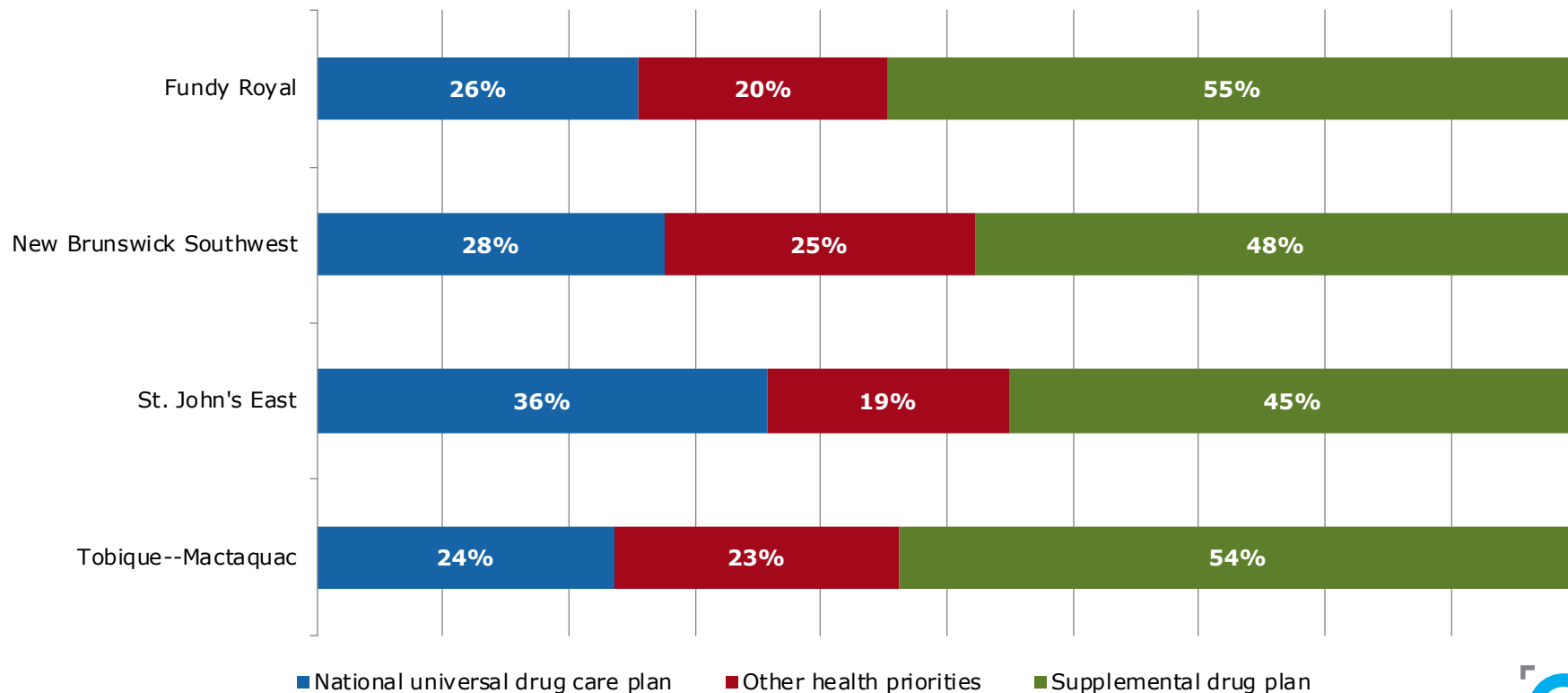
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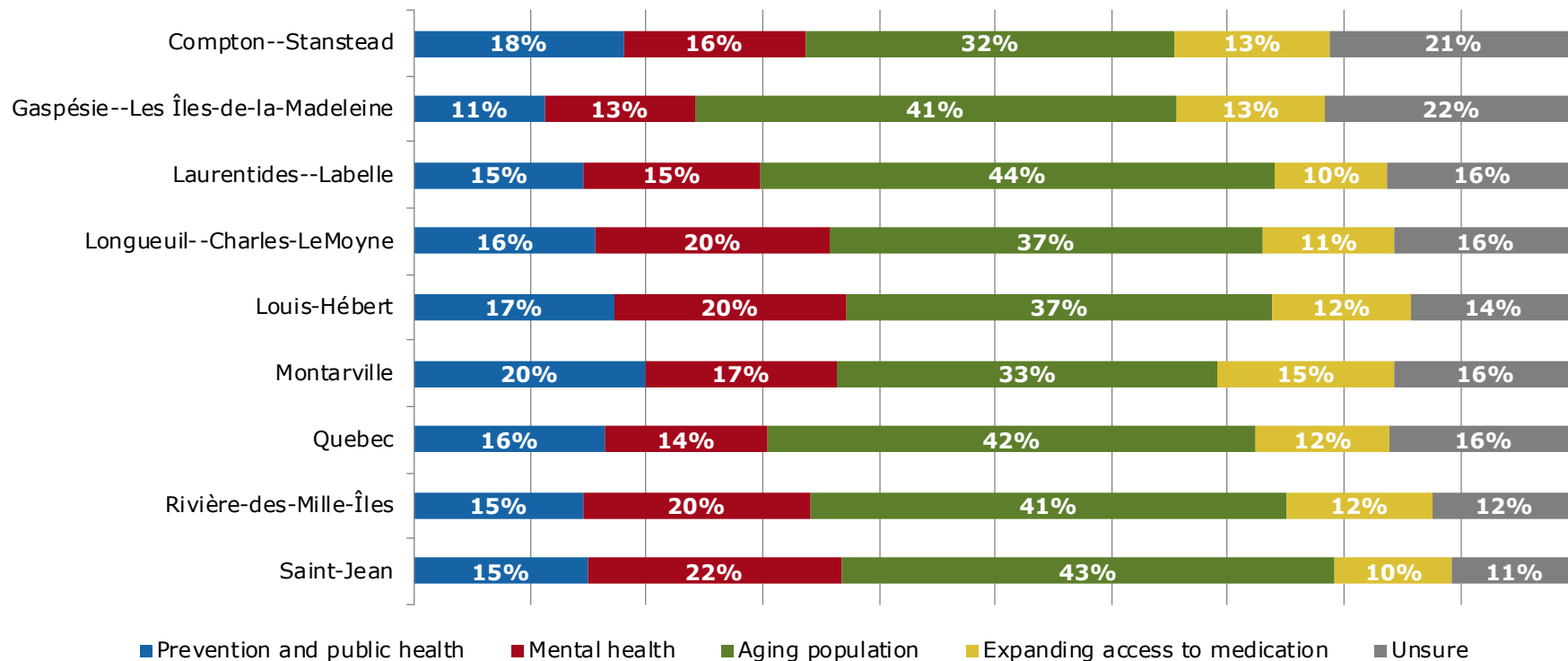
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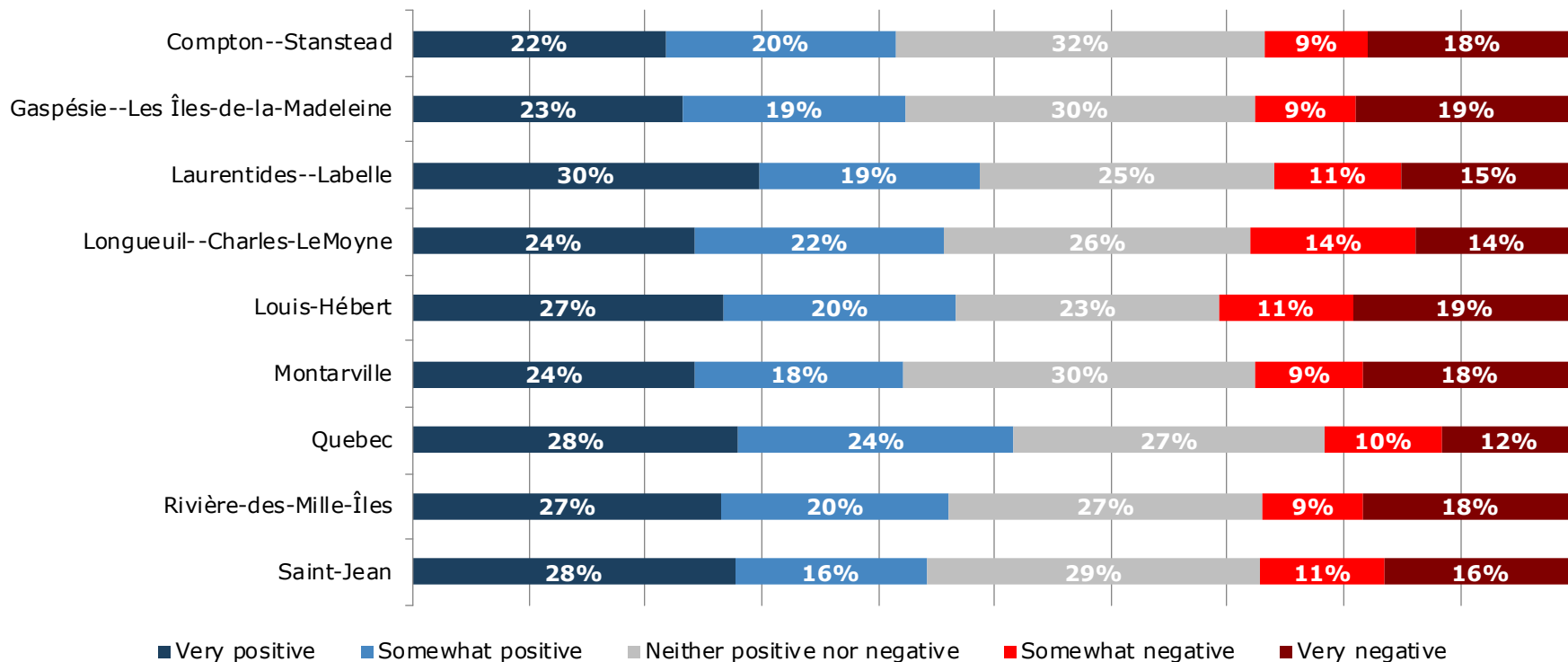
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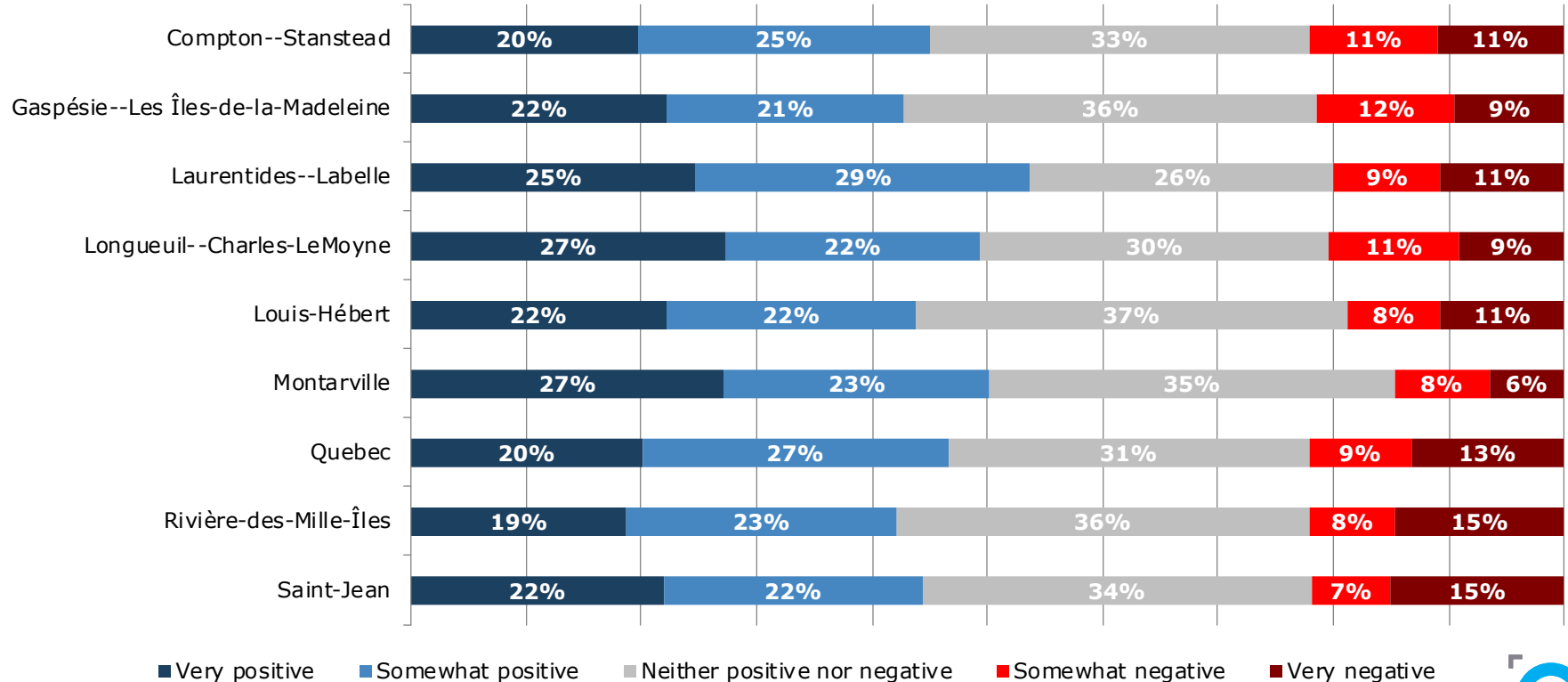
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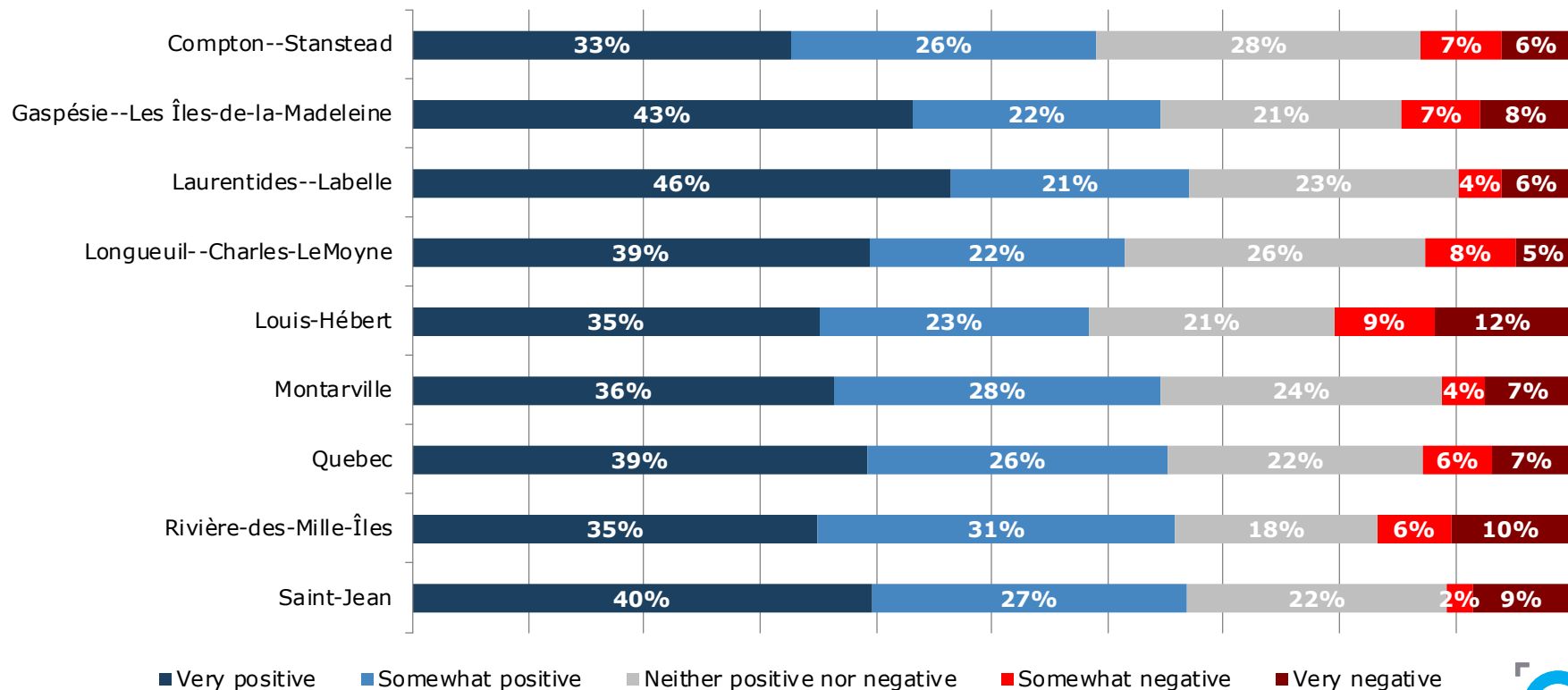
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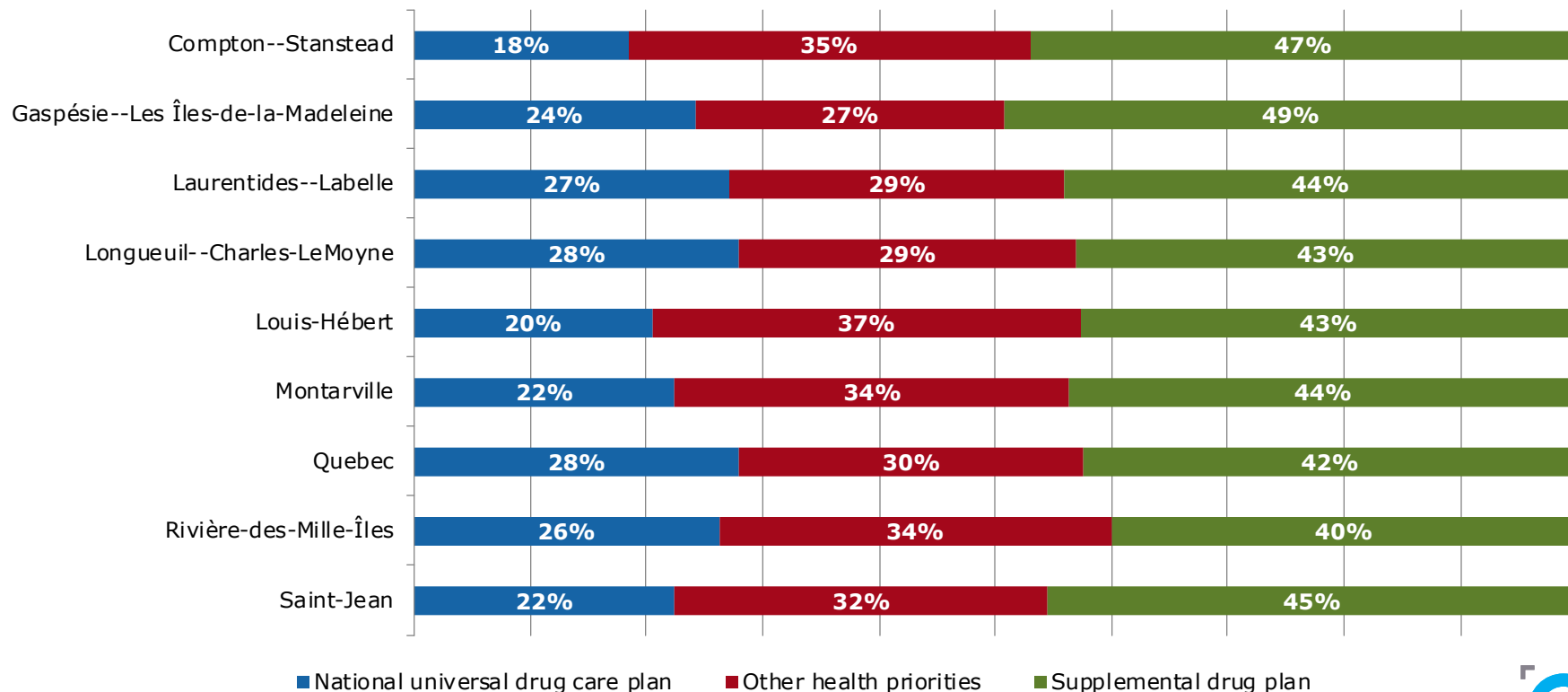
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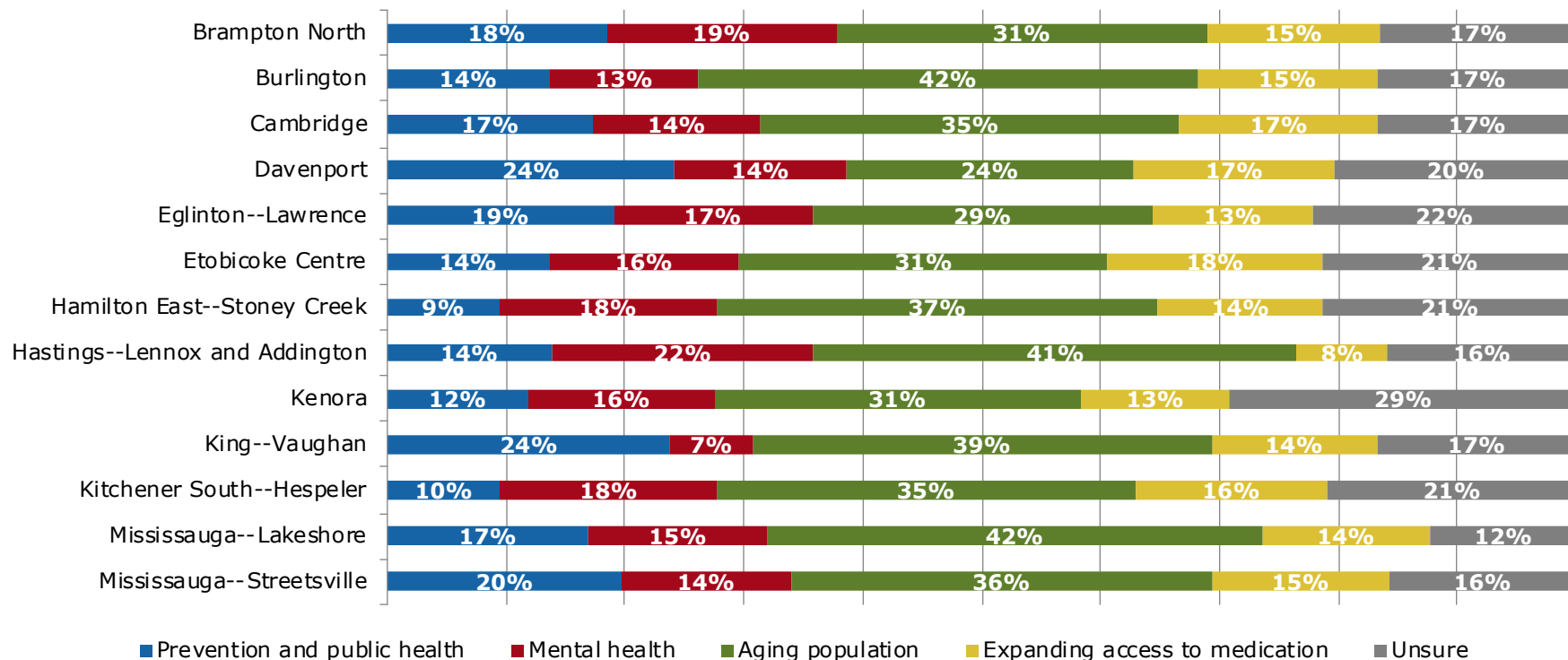
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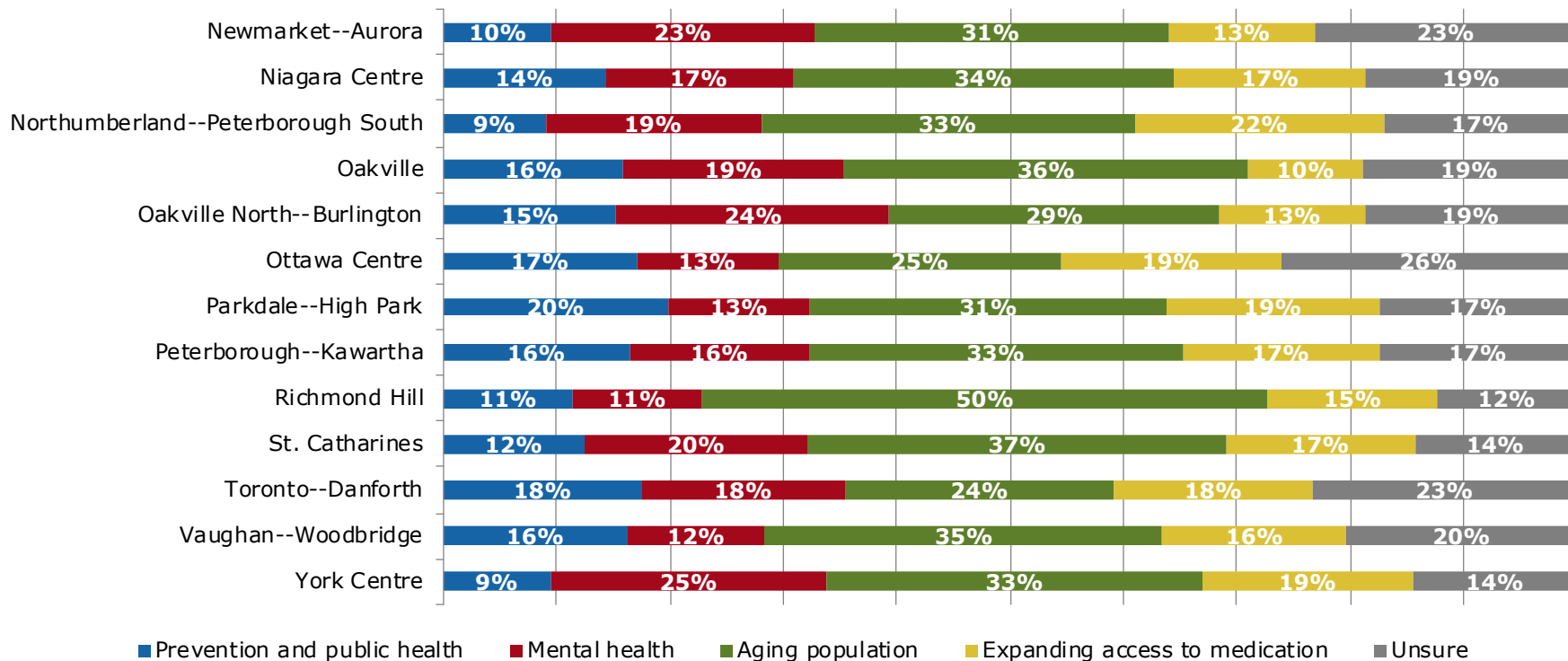
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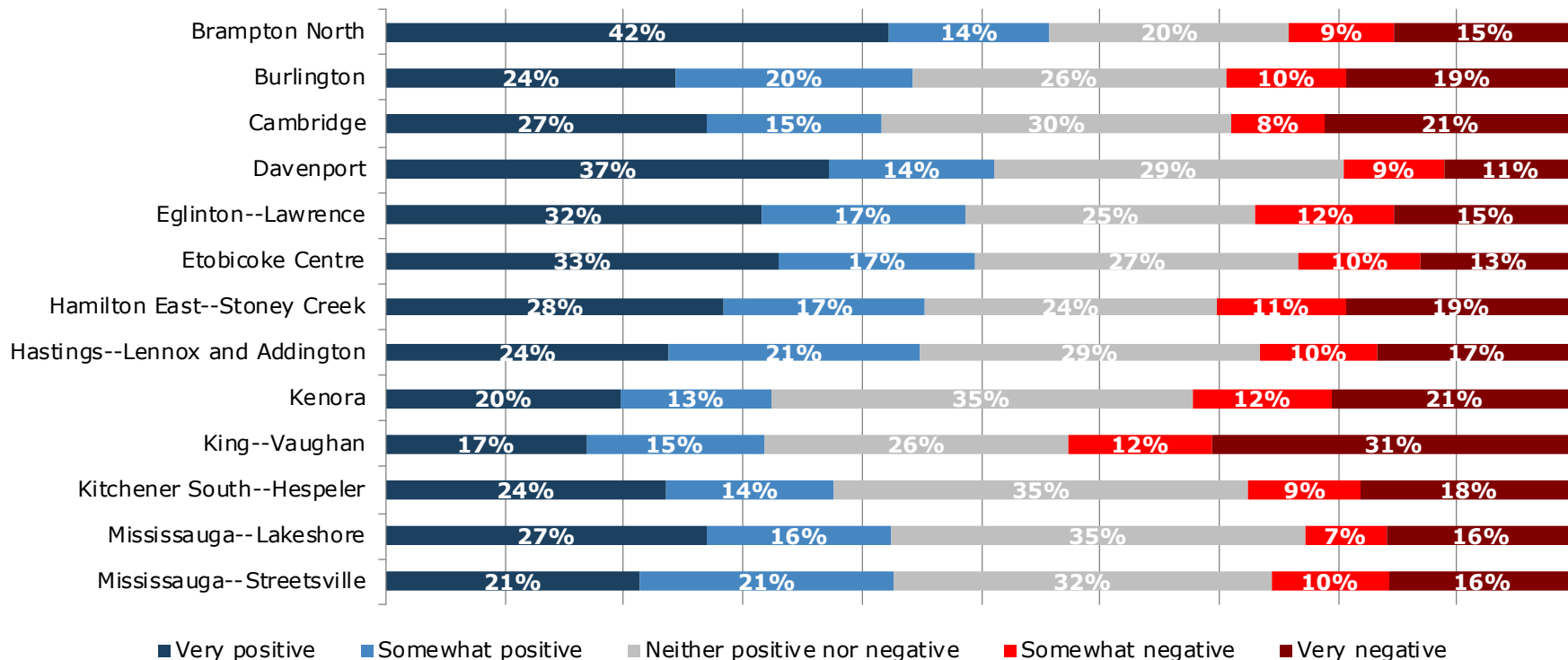
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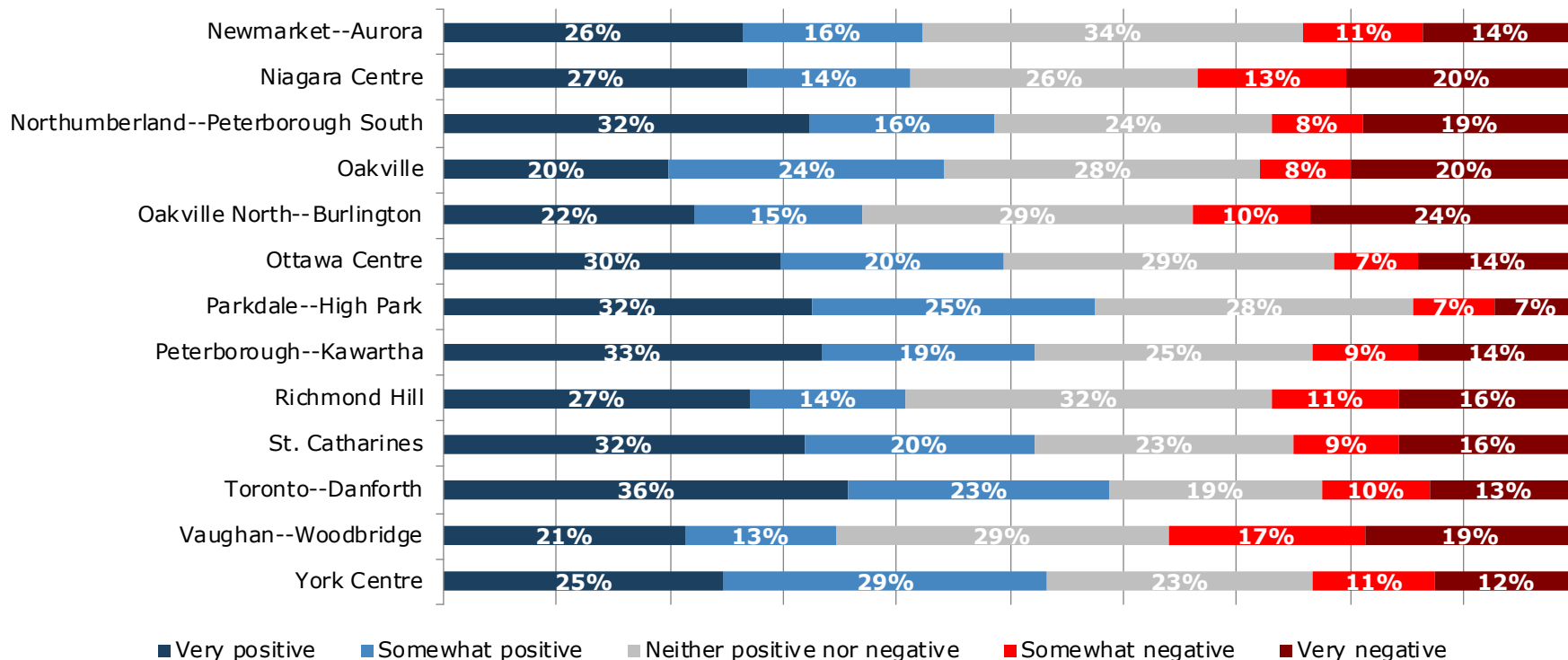
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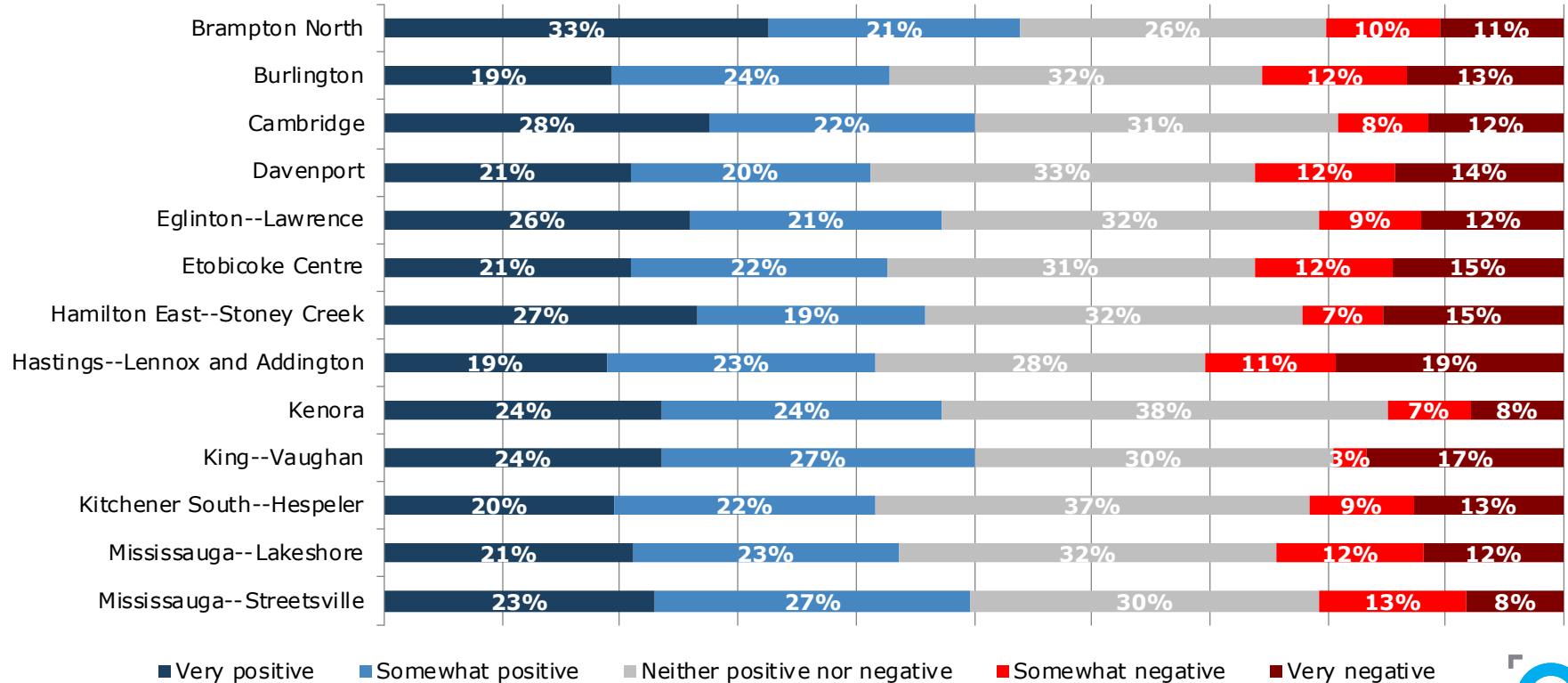
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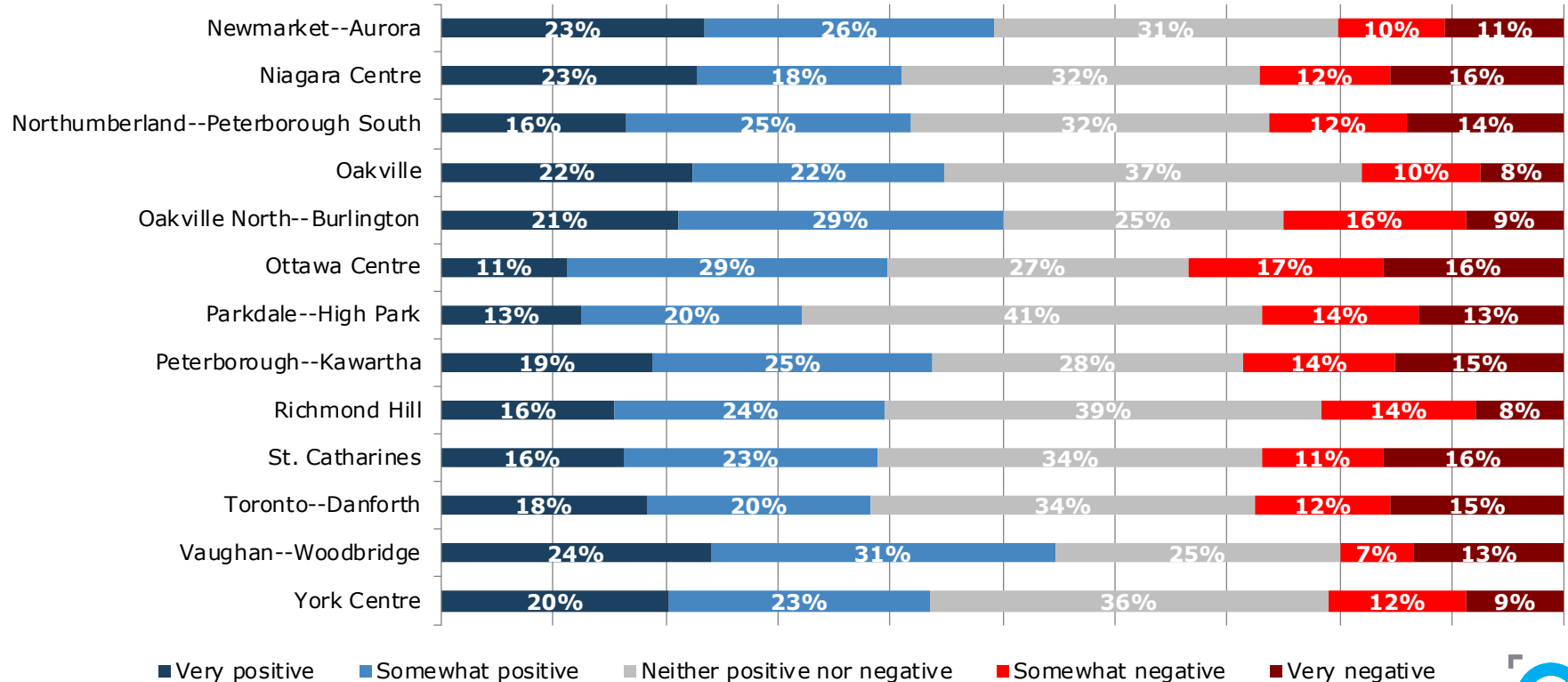
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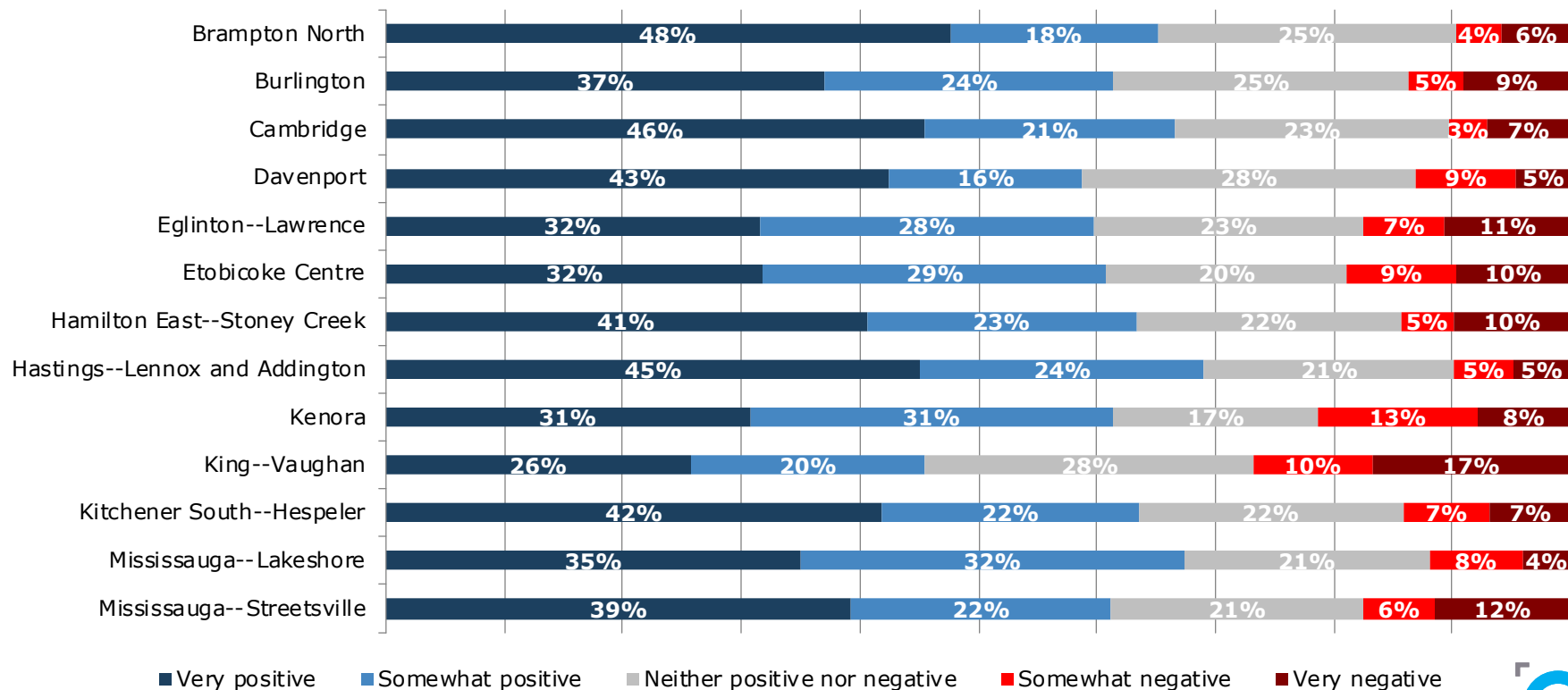
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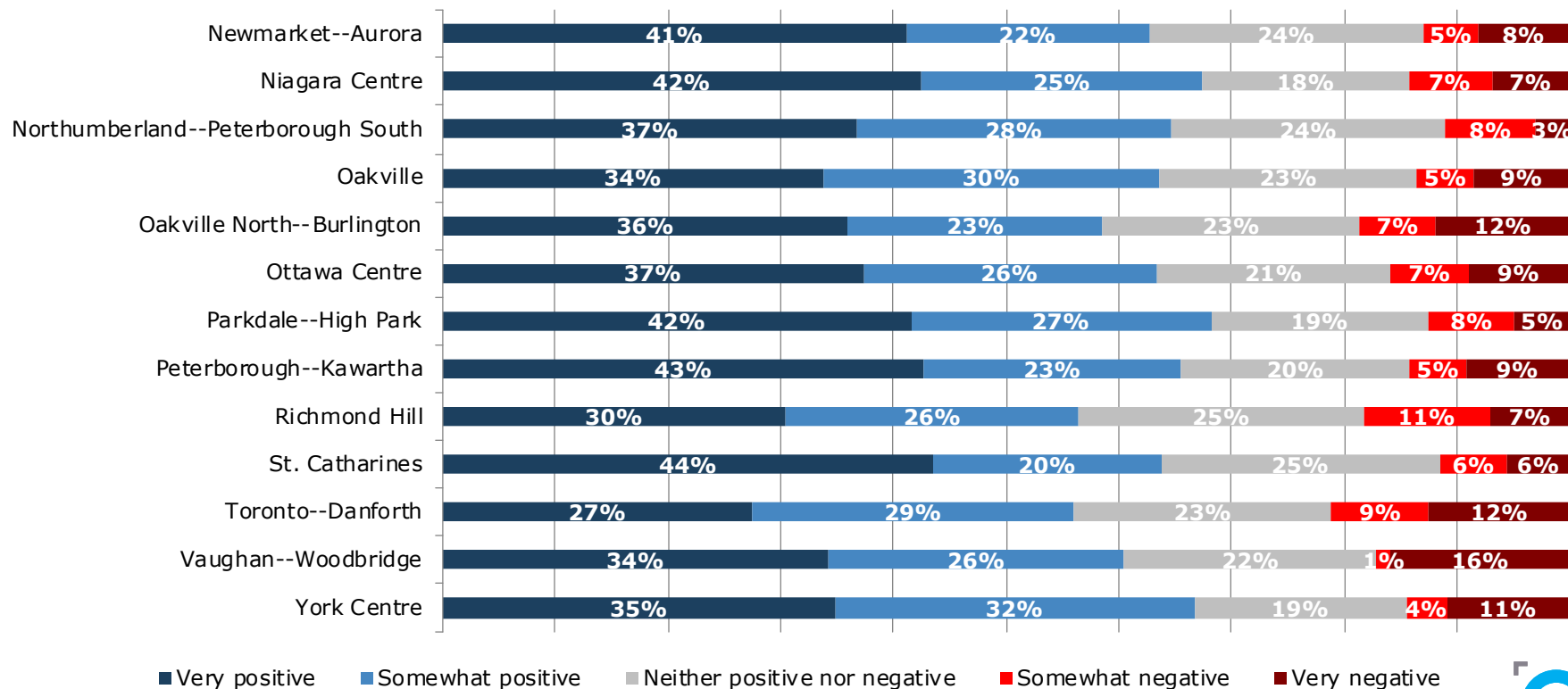
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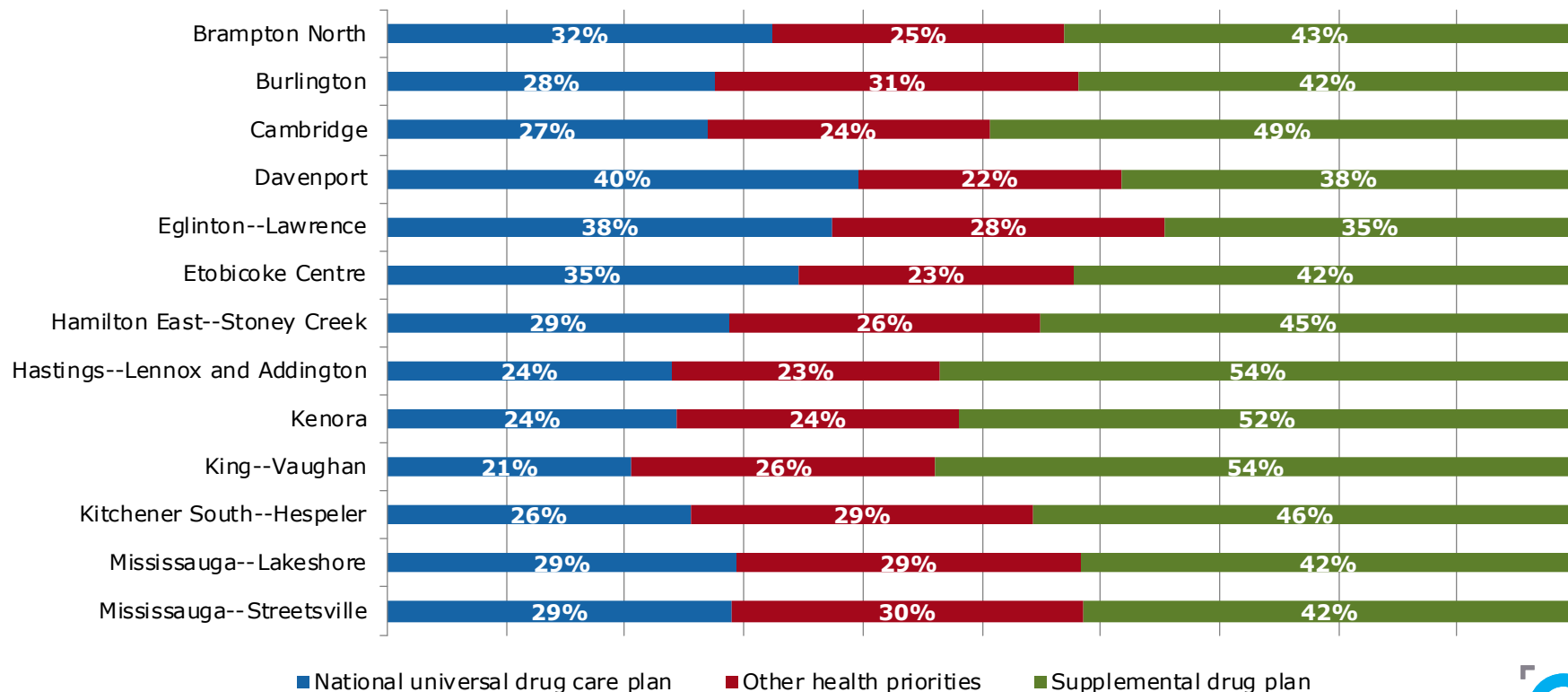
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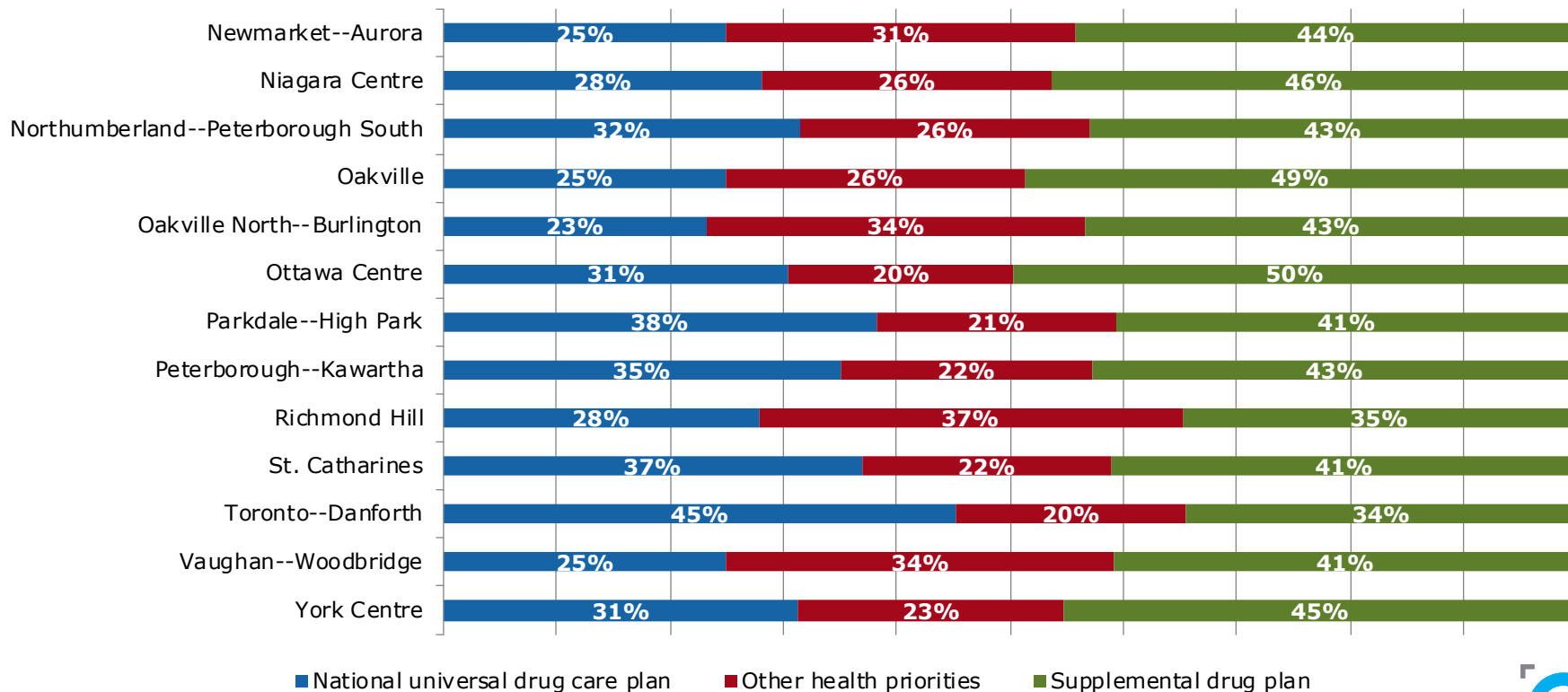


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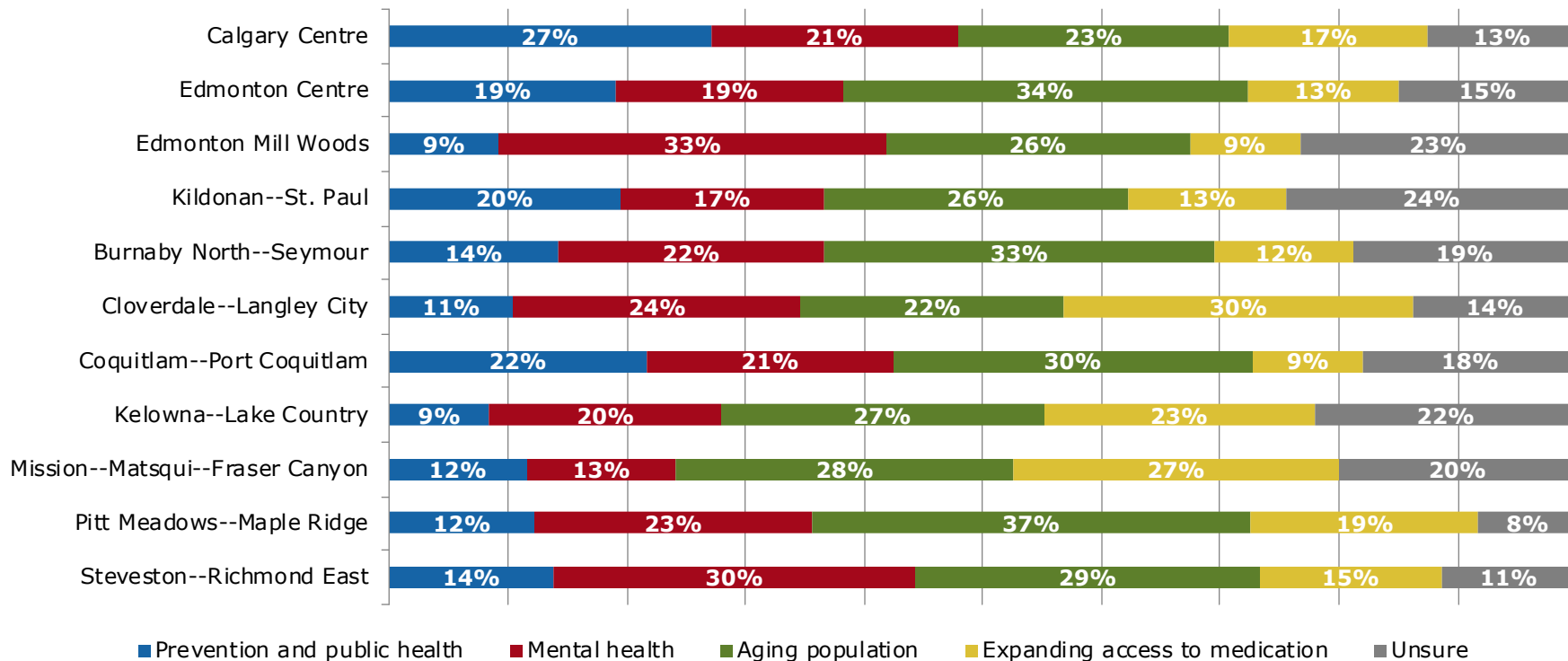




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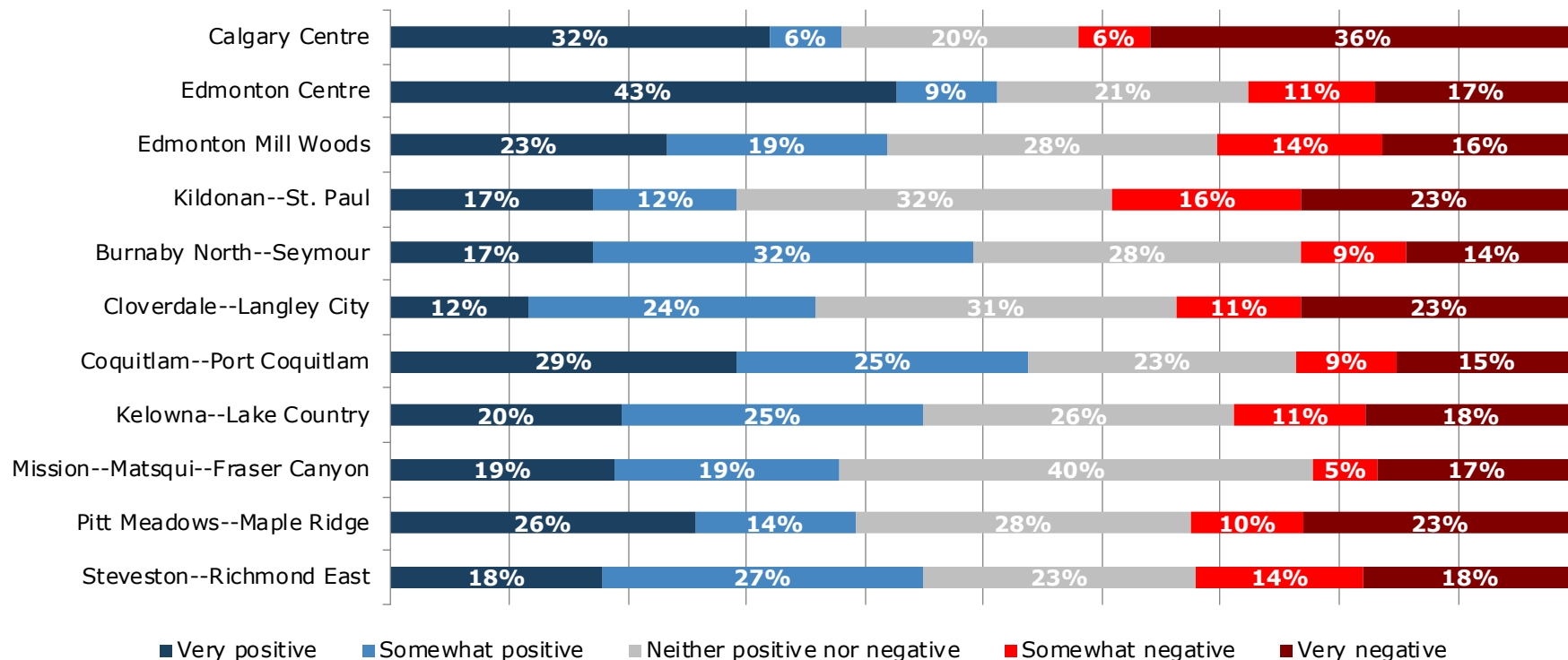
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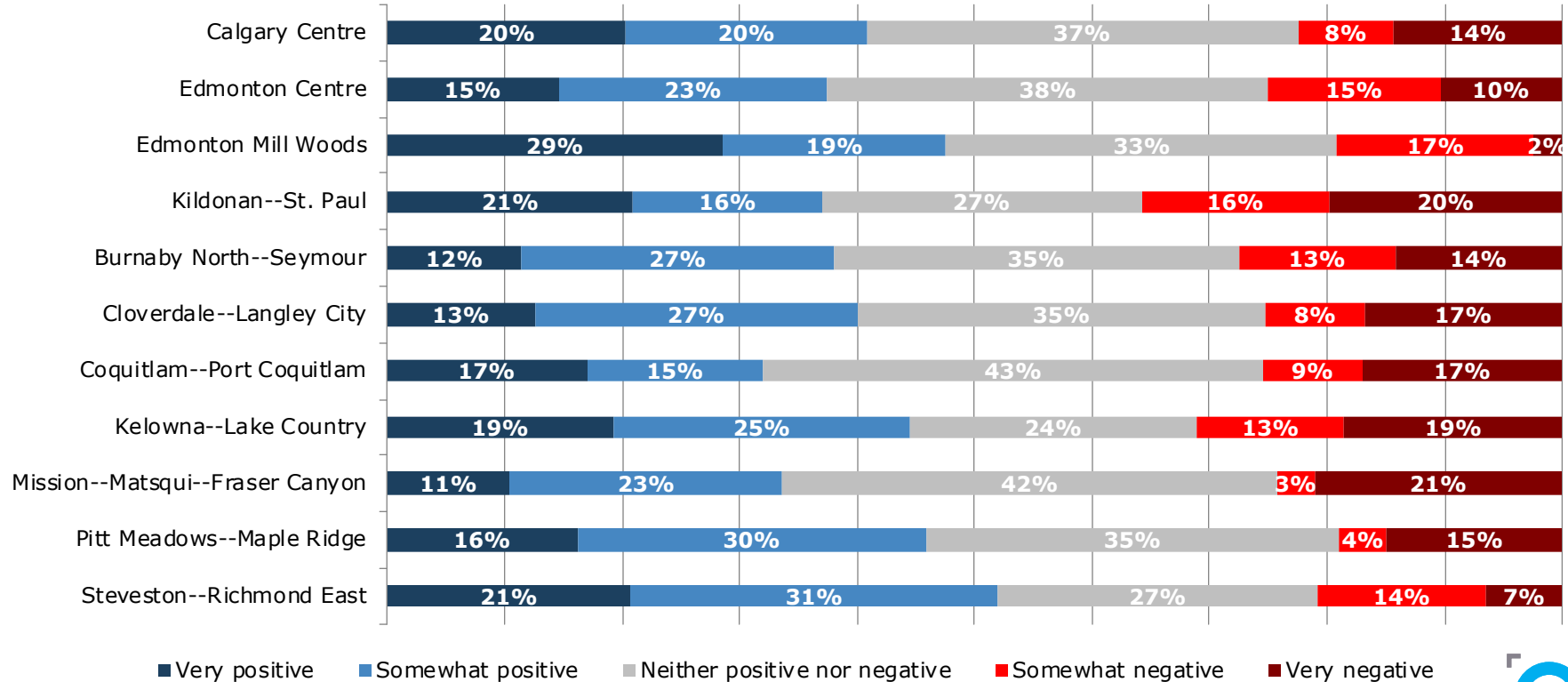
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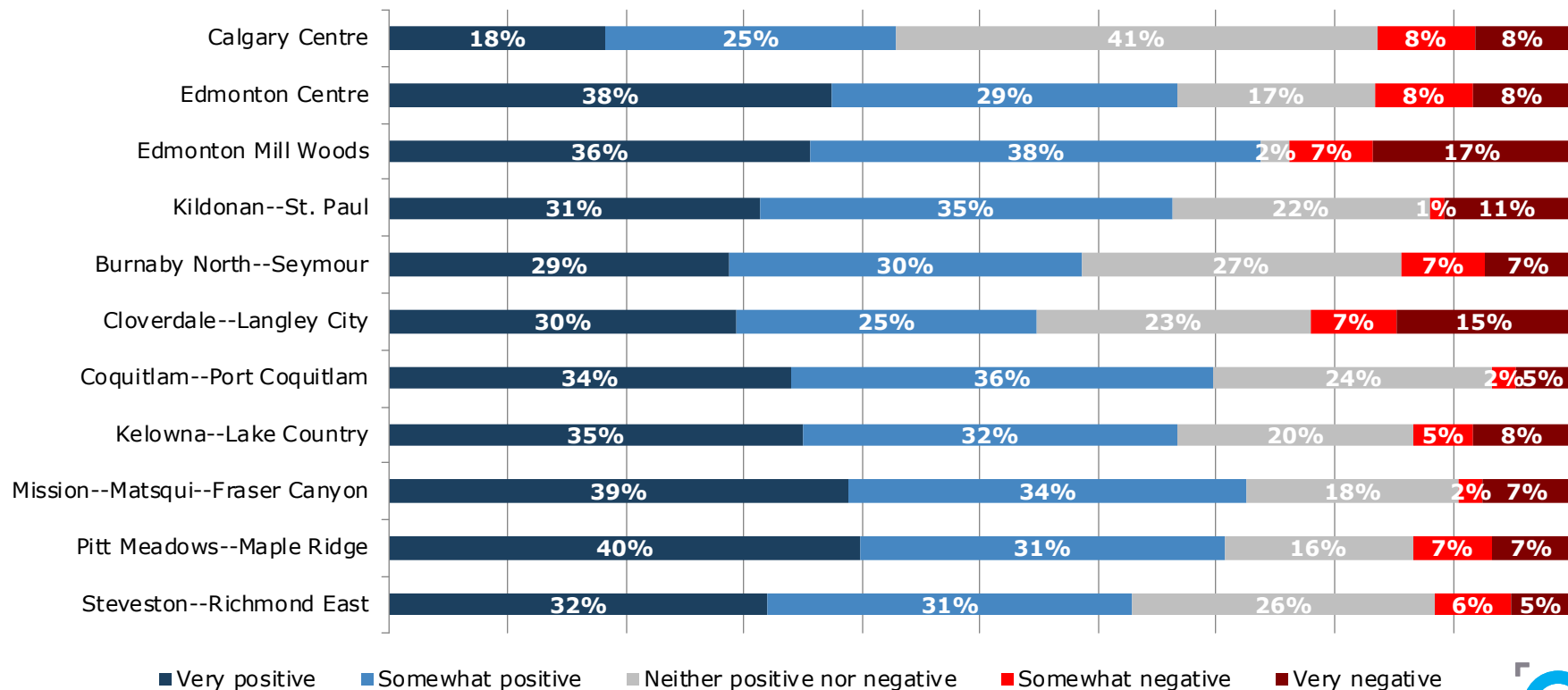
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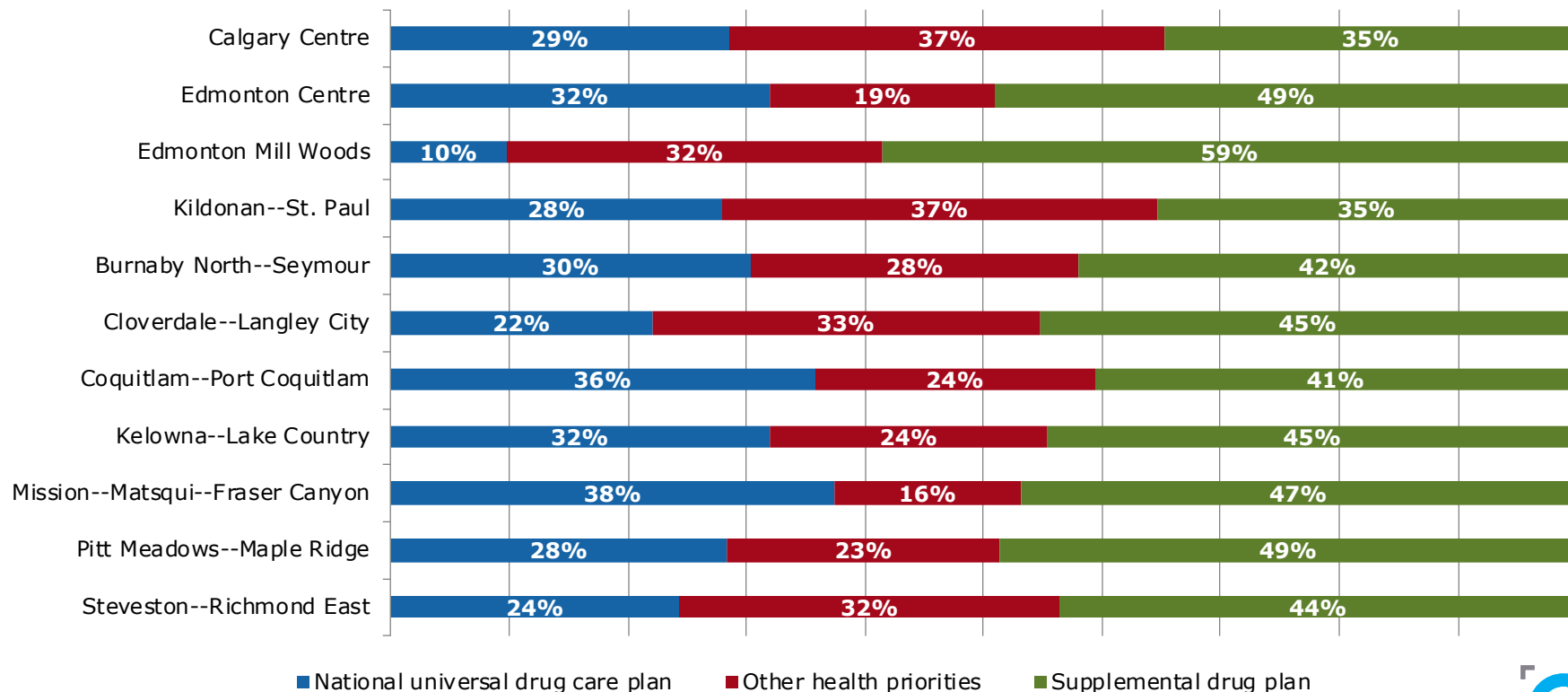
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