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Dilemmas of Omission in Services Research about Adults with an AS

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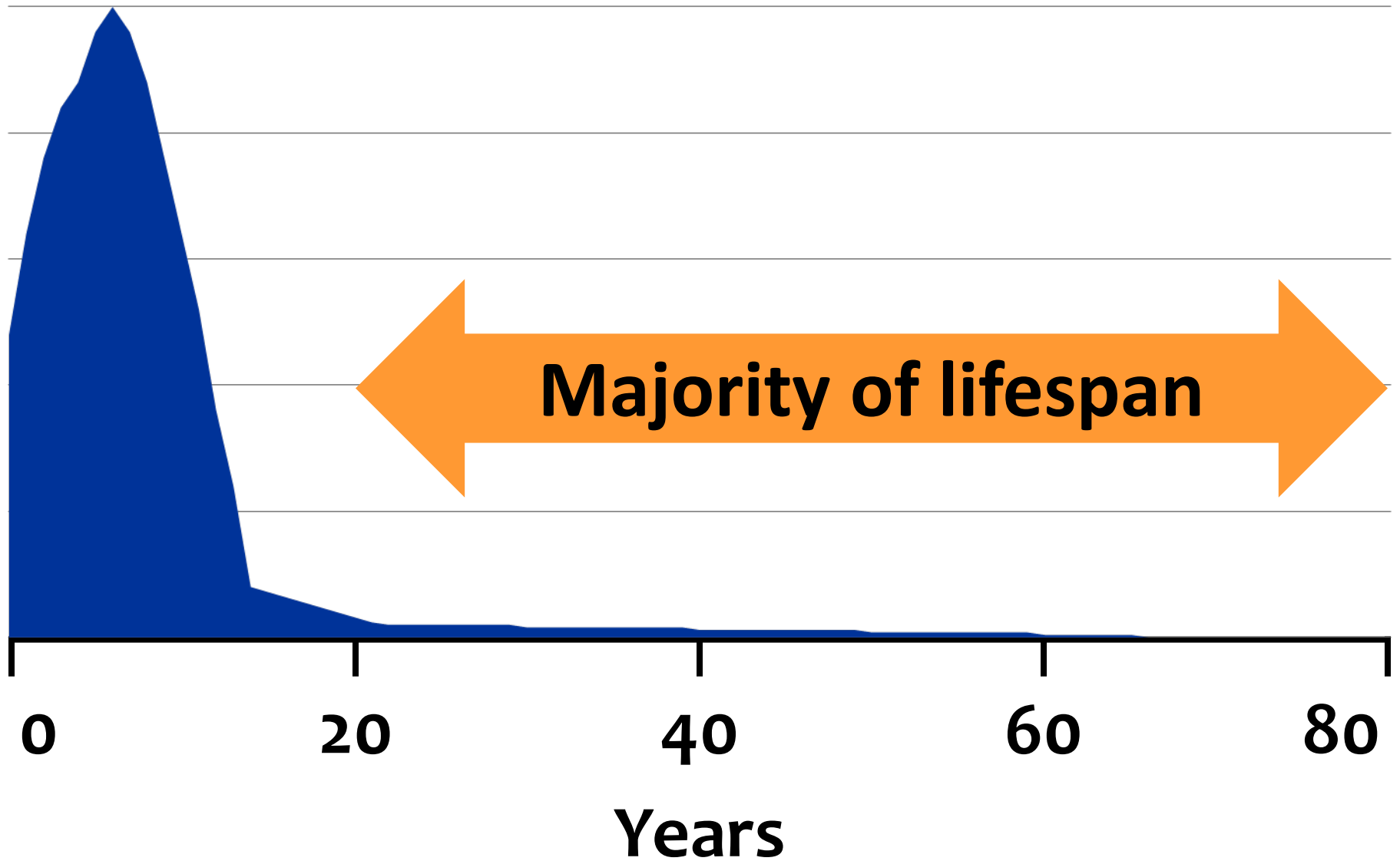


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Ethical and Social Implications of...

- **Understudied stage of life**
- **Understudied populations**
- **Underreporting of study details**
- **Under-explored questions**

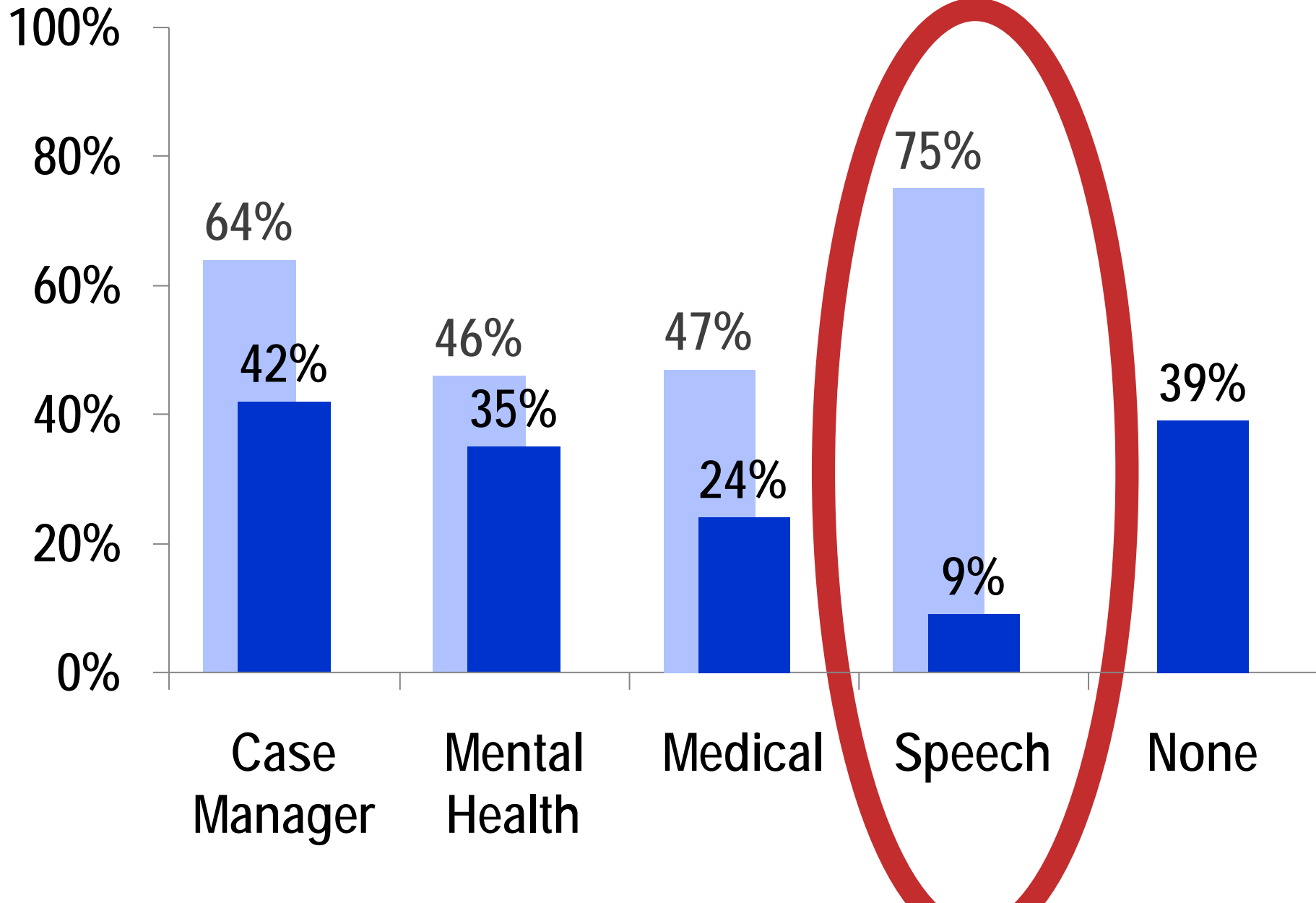
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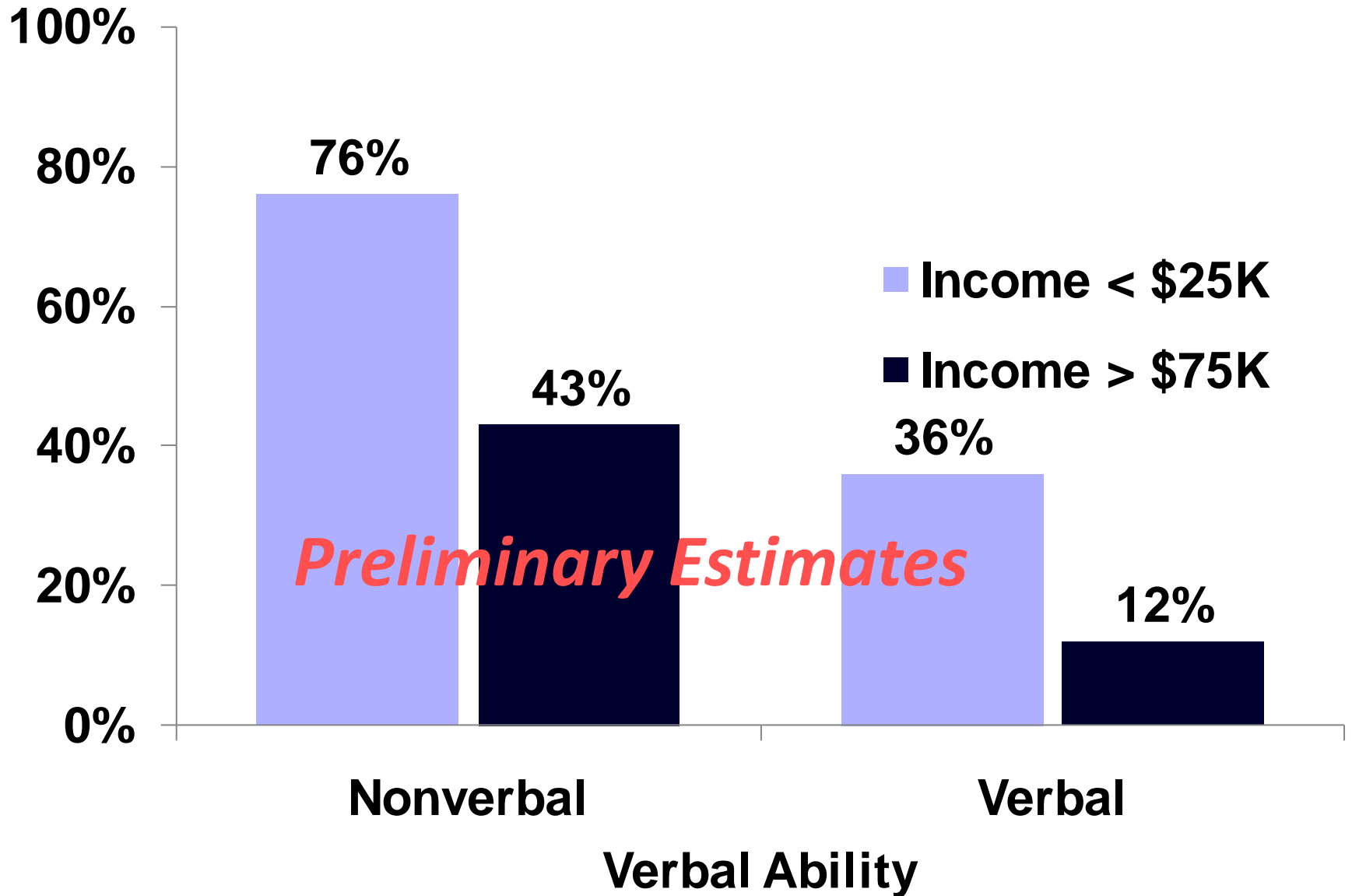
Post-High School “Services Cliff”



In- vs. Post-HS Service Receipt



No Engagement Post-HS, ASD



Understudied Populations

- **2-way link between poverty and intellectual disability (ID)**
 - **Contributes to ID risk**
 - **ID as risk factor for poverty**
- **Race emerging as correlate of reduced service access in our research with national data**

Underreporting of Study Details

- **Forthcoming lit. review**
 - **23 studies from 2000-2010**
 - **Mean N: 14**
 - **Mostly convenience samples**
 - **Inconsistent reporting of**
 - Sampling, recruitment, criteria
 - ASD heterogeneity
 - Income, race, ethnicity

Under-explored Questions

- **Efficiency**
 - **Global economic recession and declining resources VS.**
 - **Growing population in need of help**
- **Community and Social Context**
 - **WHO ICF & developmental models emphasize person X environment**
 - **Not purely an individual level problem to fix**

Research Opportunities

- **Reframe adulthood as intrinsically worth studying**
- **Raise the bar re. external validity**
- **Adhere to editorial standards**
- **Study:**
 - **Efficiency**
 - **Community factors**
 - **Measurement based care**