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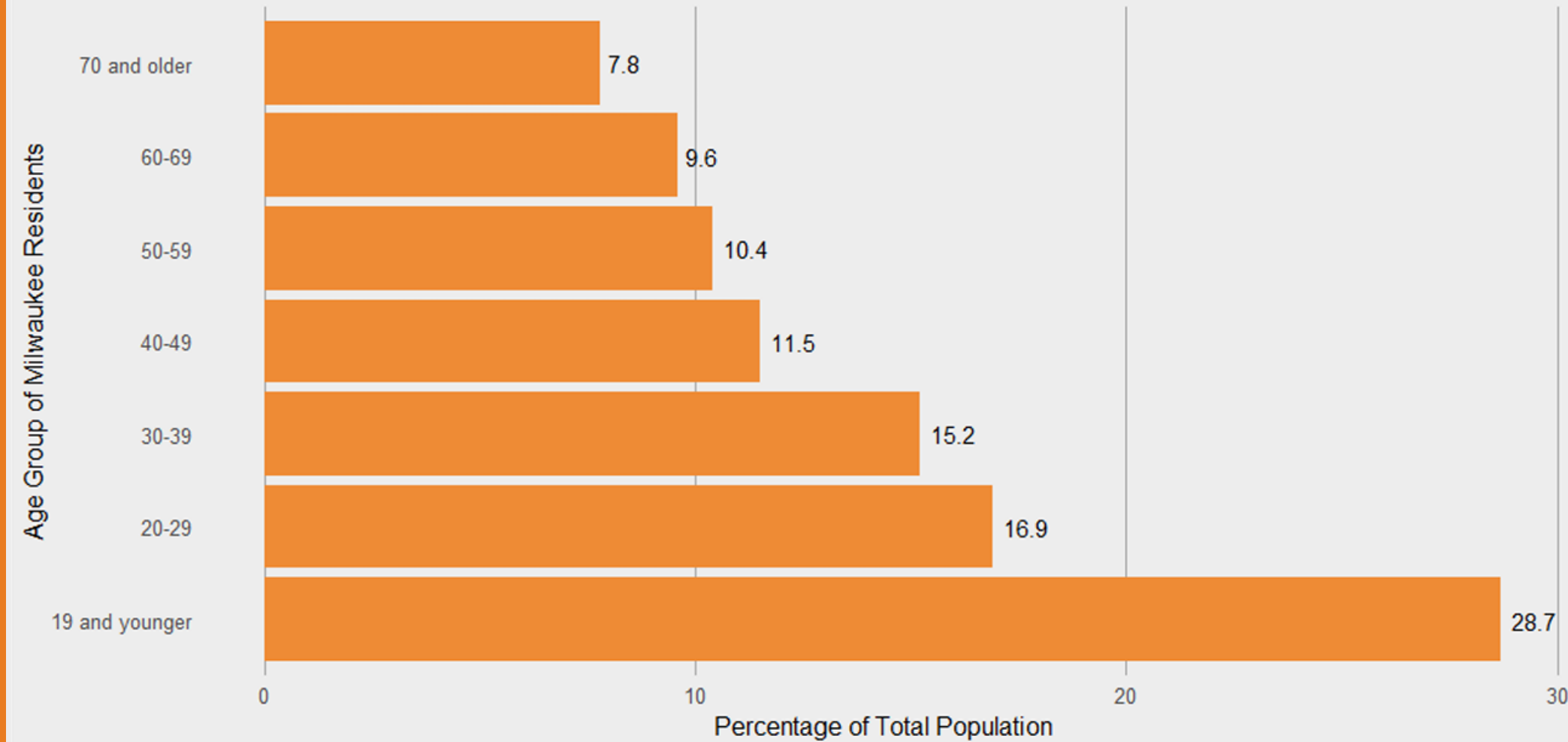
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# COORDINATED RESPONSE TO TEEN TAKEOVERS



# Milwaukee is a Young City

Population of Age Groups in Milwaukee by Percentage, 2023



~1/3 of residents under 20

27% higher than national average

Source: City of Milwaukee Health Department, 2025





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# Social Engagement Index

A local measure developed by MHD using established public health indicators of connection and community involvement.



**Are people involved in things?**

**Do they feel like they belong somewhere?**

**Do they have positive ways to connect with others?**

Milwaukee ranks 2nd lowest in social engagement among the 19 municipalities in Milwaukee County.



# Summer of Healing



DCWS funds community-based organizations that provide youth summer programs/activities that build skills, promote healing & resilience

# Growth Opportunities (GO MKE)



## Youth Employment + Violence Prevention (Ages 15–18)

- Targets youth at highest risk
- Paid work, training, and career pathways
- Mentorship and leadership development
- Conflict resolution and life skills
- Pathway to jobs, education, and stability





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# Coordinated Response

## Prevention First–DCWS + Community Partners

- Deploy street outreach teams: Promise Keepers, 414Life, Critical Response Team, Advance Peace, Credible Messengers, ComForce
- Monitor early “chatter” and engage youth before situations escalate
- Provide conflict resolution and de-escalation support in real time

## Expanded Engagement Options

Summer of Healing partner on-site offering:

- Positive activities and alternatives
  - Martial arts-based conflict resolution and de-escalation

## Clear Coordination with MPD

- DCWS leads prevention and engagement
- MPD responds if prevention efforts are not successful

## Additional Support Secured

Daniels Carter Charitable Trust:

- Youth employment opportunities (Summerfest)
- Recreational space access
- Funding for violence prevention capacity-building

