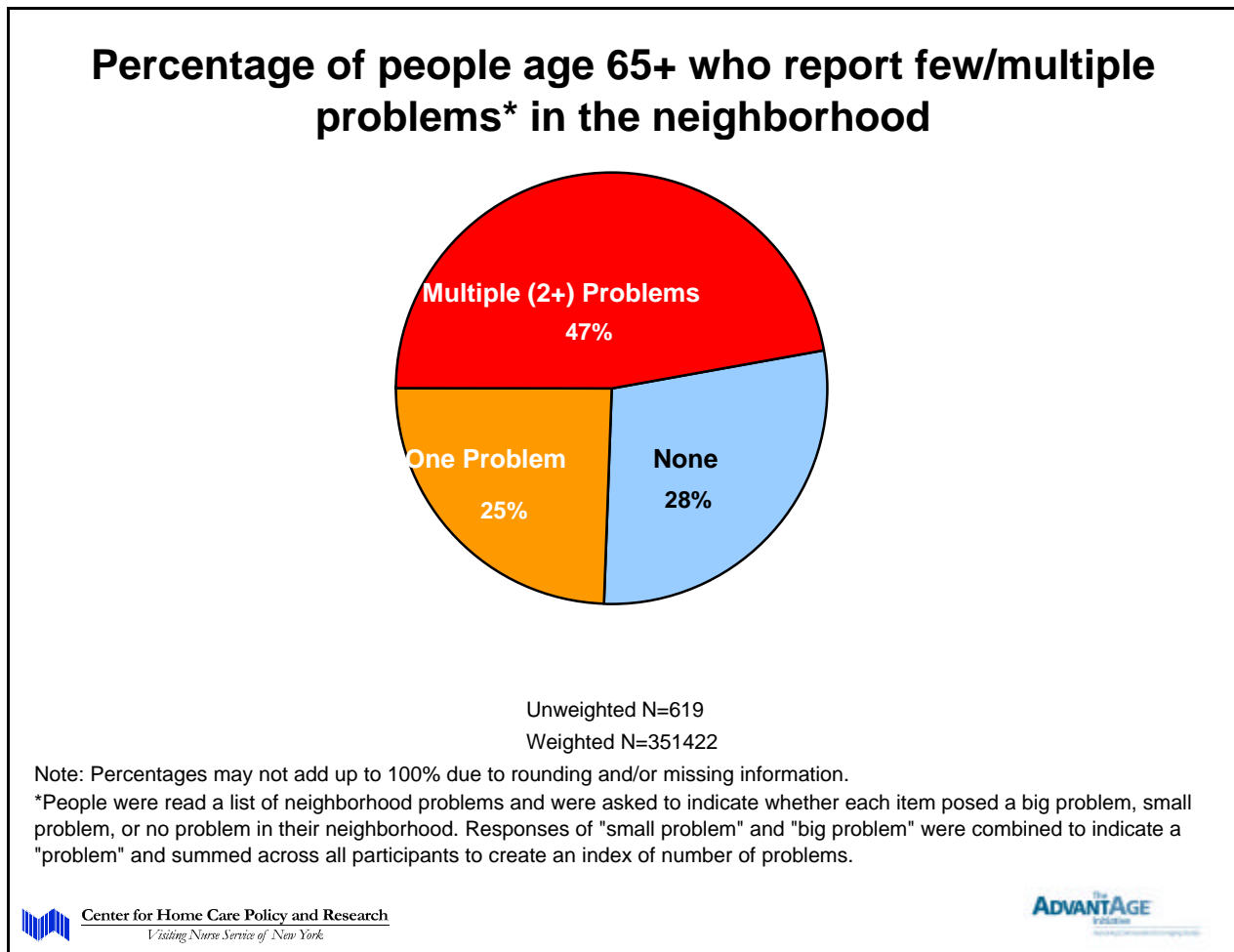


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Figure 5.1



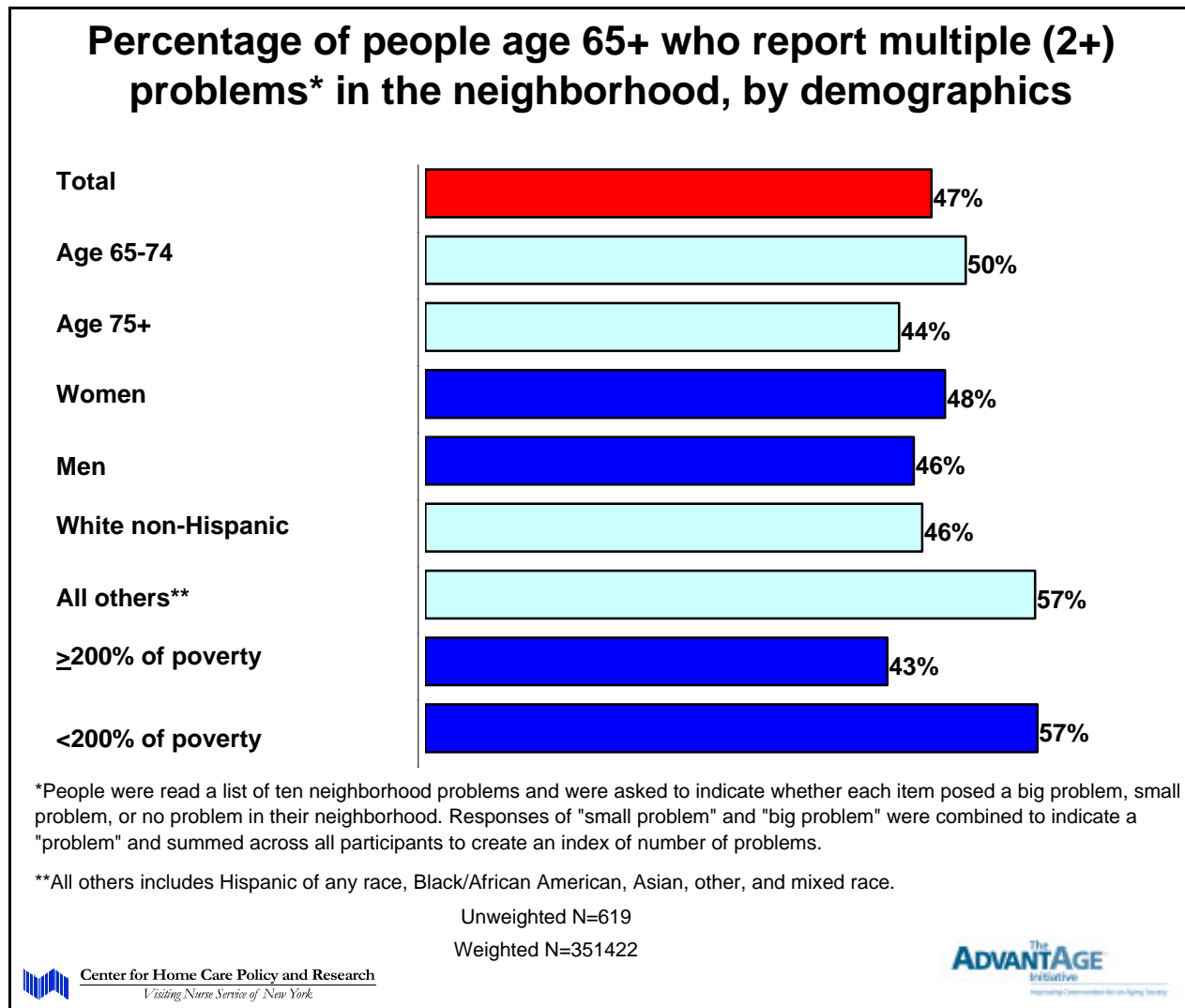
People age 65+ were read a list of ten potential neighborhood problems (see figure 5.4) and asked whether each item poses a big problem, small problem, or no problem in their neighborhood. Responses of "small problem" and "big problem" were combined to indicate a perceived "problem" in the neighborhood.<sup>1</sup> In Maricopa County, nearly half (47%) of people age 65+ perceive multiple (two or more) problems in their neighborhood. One quarter (25%) mention only one problem, and nearly three of ten (28%) say that none of the ten items is a problem in their neighborhood.

*Note: Indicator 5 corresponds to Questions 29a-j in the AdvantAge Initiative survey questionnaire.*

<sup>1</sup>The decision to combine responses of "big problem" and "small problem" into a perceived "problem" is based on the premise that if an item that poses a "small problem" is not addressed in a timely manner, it may escalate into a "big problem."

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Figure 5.2



Overall, nearly half (47%) of people age 65+ perceive multiple (two or more) problems in their neighborhood. Figure 5.2 shows differences in perceptions of multiple neighborhood problems by demographic characteristics. People with incomes below 200% of poverty are more likely than those with higher incomes to perceive multiple neighborhood problems (57% vs. 43%). While the difference within the race category appears large (57% vs. 46%), note that the percentage of people other than white non-Hispanic is small in this community. Therefore, caution should be exercised when making inferences by race. Differences in perception of multiple neighborhood problems are small within the age and gender categories.

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Figure 5.3

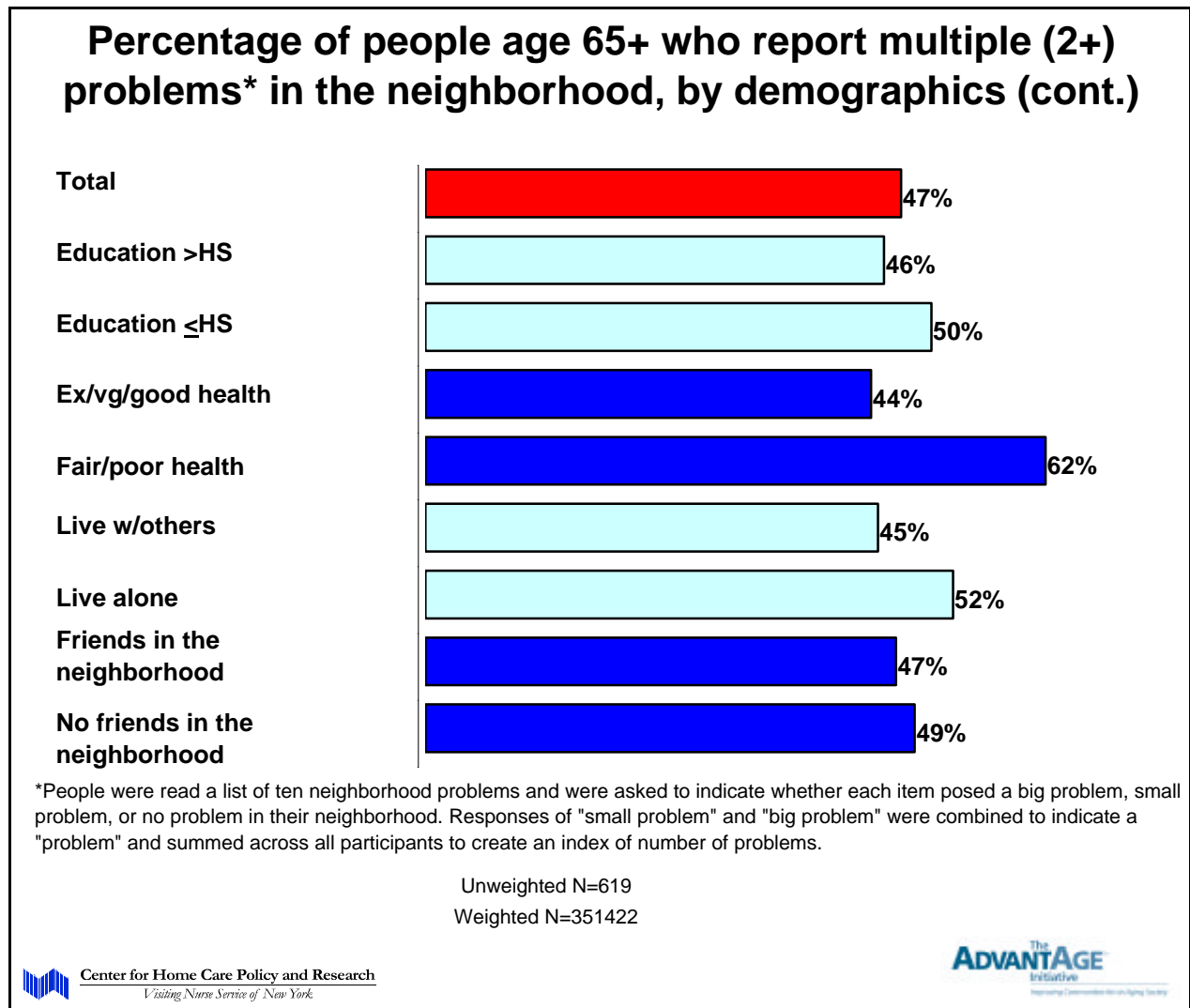


Figure 5.3 shows additional differences by demographic characteristics. People age 65+ in fair or poor health and those who live alone are more likely than their counterparts to perceive multiple neighborhood problems (62% vs. 44%; 52% vs. 45%, respectively). Differences in perception of multiple neighborhood problems are small within the education and friends in the neighborhood categories.

Note: HS=high school; Ex=excellent; vg=very good.

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Figure 5.4

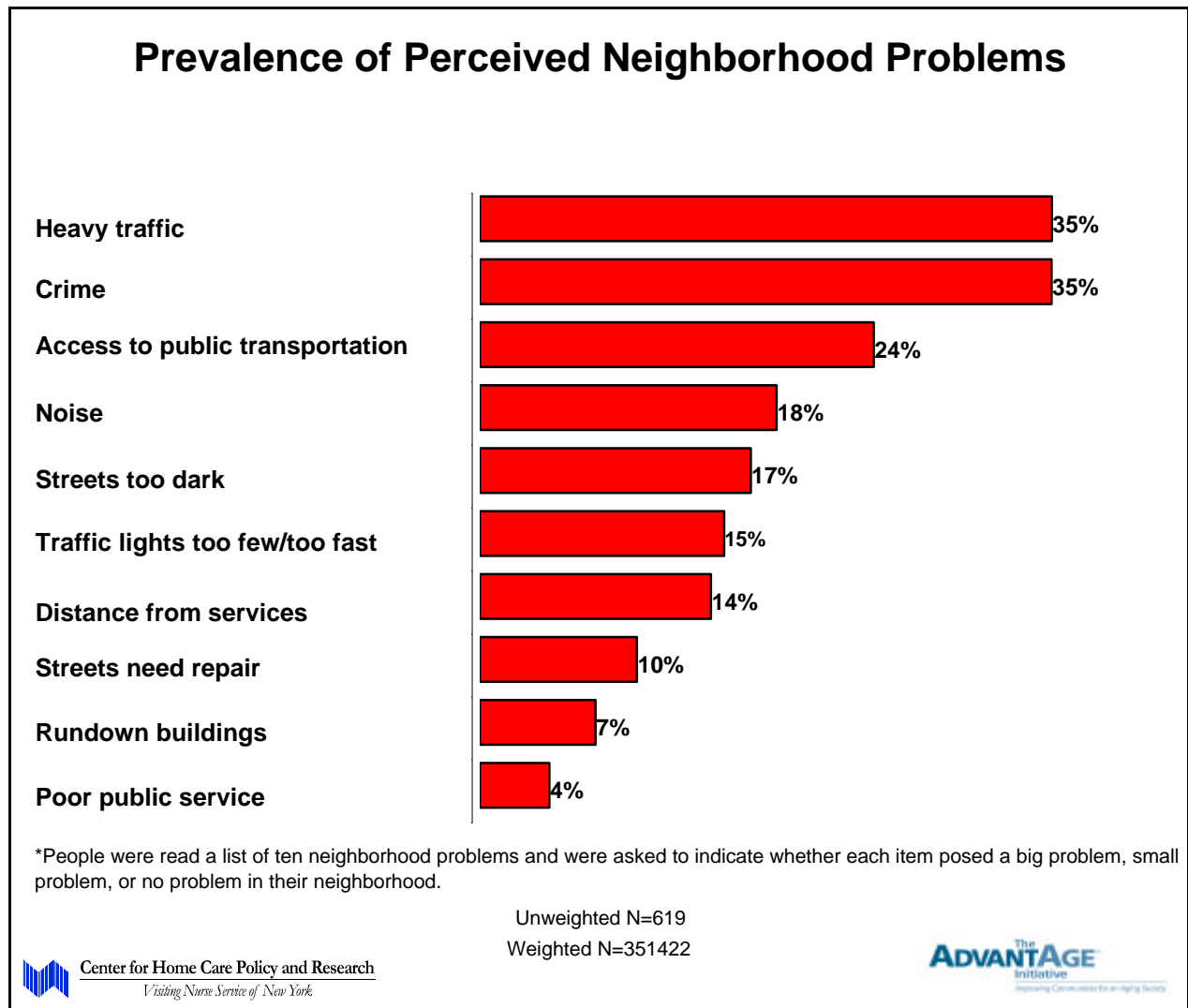


Figure 5.4 shows the percentage of people age 65+ who perceive each neighborhood problem. More than one third (35%) say that heavy traffic and crime are problems in their neighborhood. Nearly one quarter (24%) perceive access to public transportation as a problem. Nearly one of five (18%) perceive noise as a problem, and one of six (17%) say that their streets are too dark. All other items on the list are less likely to be perceived as problems in Maricopa County.