Meath Highlights

Overall

- **13% of soils tested achieved good overall fertility in 2014**.
- 39% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2 (National 35%). This has been improving gradually since 2007
- 53% of samples were below optimum Soil P (Index 1 or 2). There was a steady decline in soil P between 2007 and 2013.
- 24% of soils are at Very Low P levels (Index 1) in (14% in 2007).
- Soil K have levels have been stable since 2007
- 43% of soils are at K index 1 or 2.

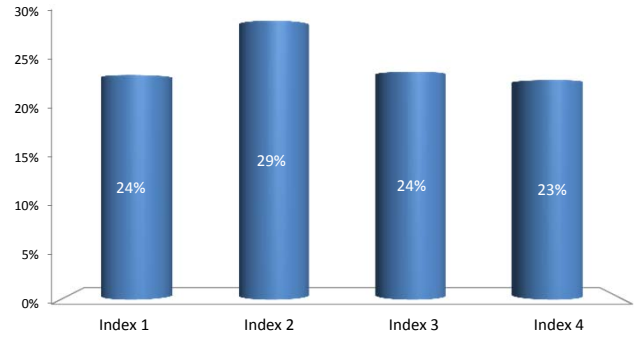
Enterprise

- 16% of dairy samples achieved good overall status
- 43% of dairy samples had a soil pH greater than 6.2.
- 47% of dairy samples are either low or very low for P. A decline in Soil P levels from 2009 to 2013 has been halted.
- 40% of dairy samples are either low or very low for K
- 9% of drystock samples reach Good Overall Fertility
- 63% of drystock samples are either low or very low for P. This has been increasing steadily since 2007.
- 44 % of drystock are at index 1 or 2 for K.
- 31% of drystock sampled were above pH 6.2.
- Only 6% of tillage samples reach Good Overall Fertility
- P levels in tillage samples have been dropped since 2007 with 60% either low or very low for P.
- 50% of tillage samples have a pH > 6.2
- 51 % of tillage samples are at index 1 or 2 for K.

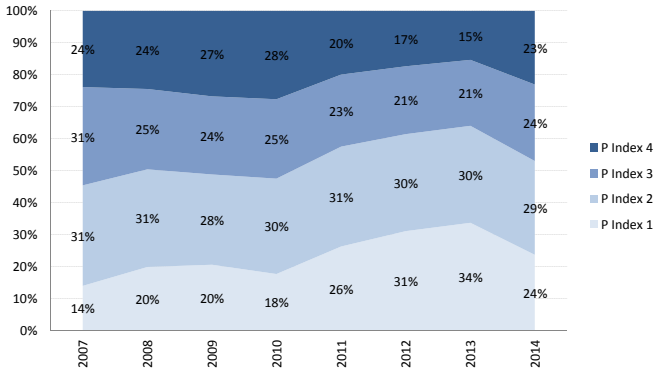
Soil Analysis Status and Trends

County	Meath
Year	2014
Enterprise	All Farms
Number of Samples	1,715

Soil P Index
(Good Fertility - Index 3 & 4)



Trend in Soil P Index



Soil K Index
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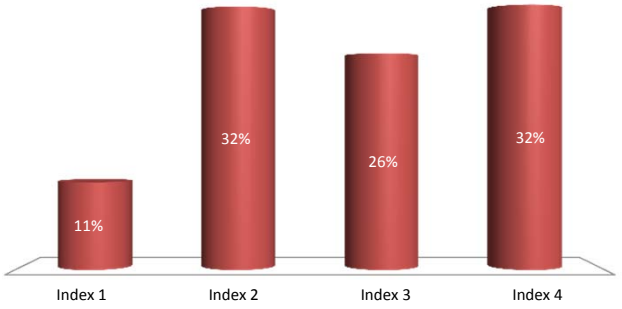

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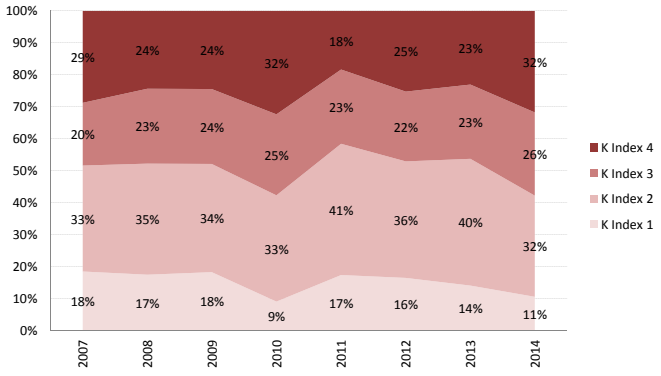
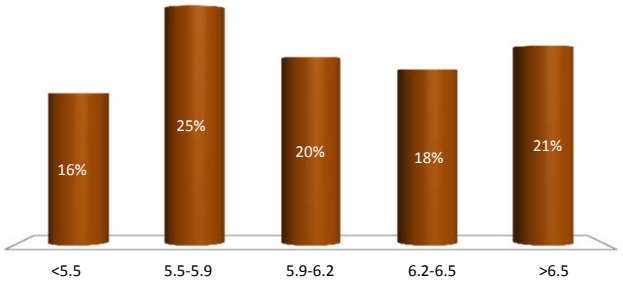


Soil pH
(Good Fertility > pH6.2)



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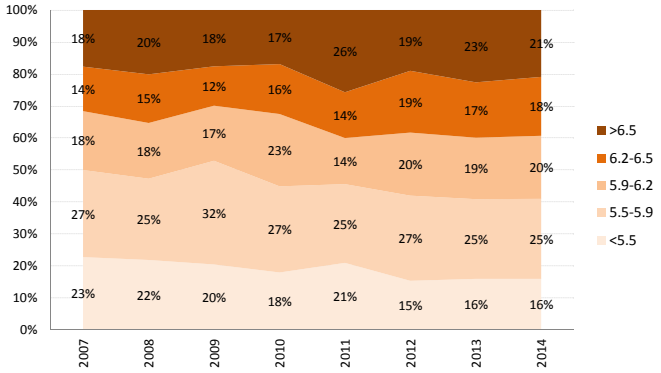

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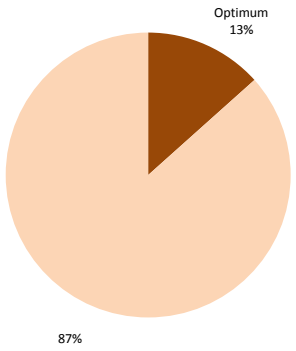

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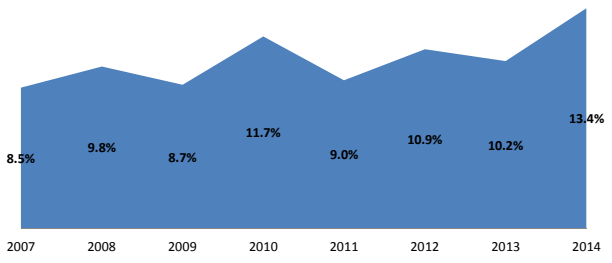

Soil Analysis Status and Trends

County	Meath
Year	2014
Enterprise	Dairy
Number of Samples	1,024

Soil P Index
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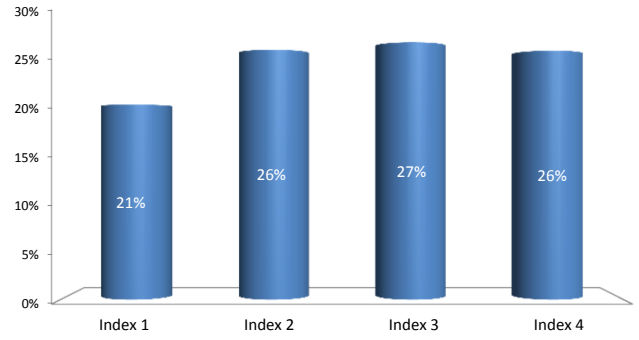

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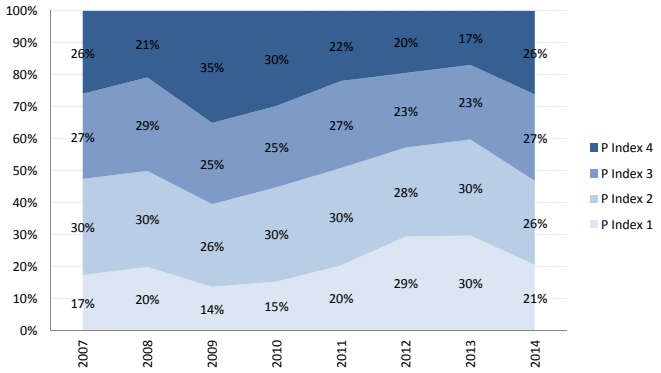

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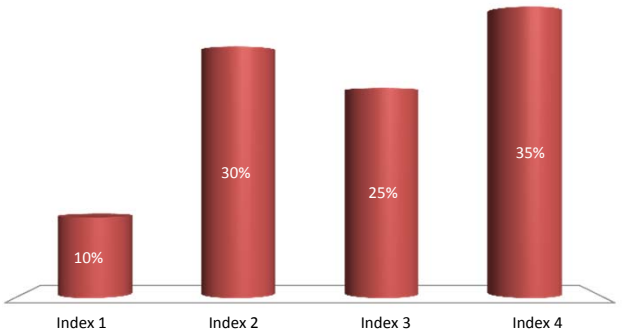

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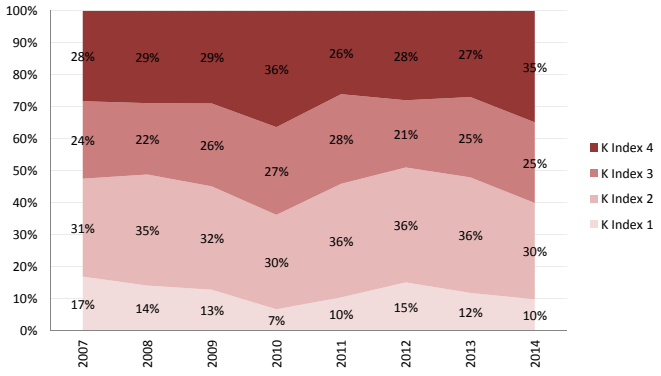

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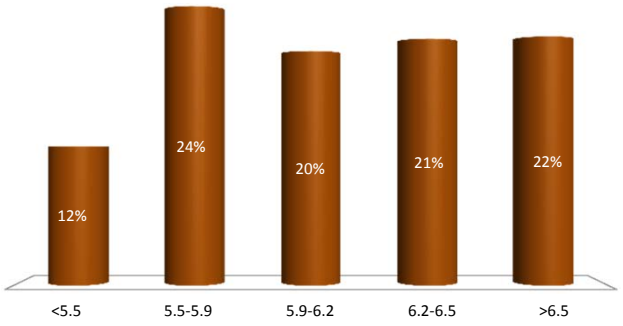
(Good Fertility > pH6.2)



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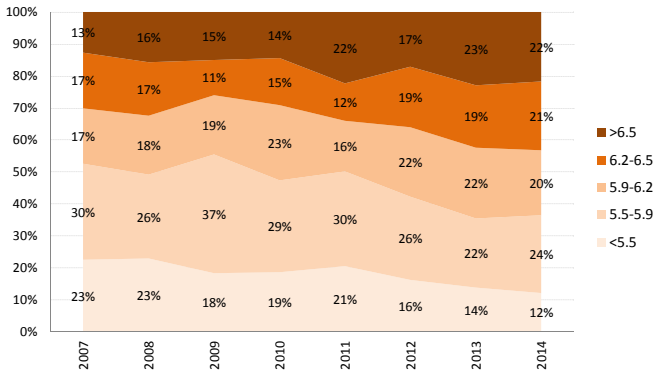

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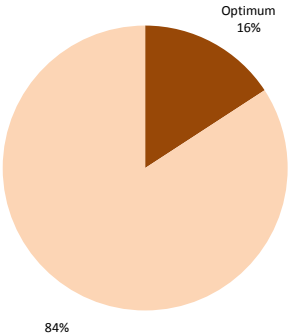

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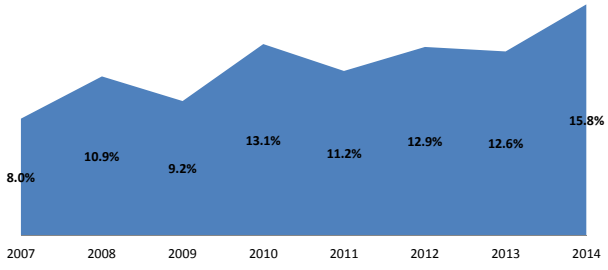
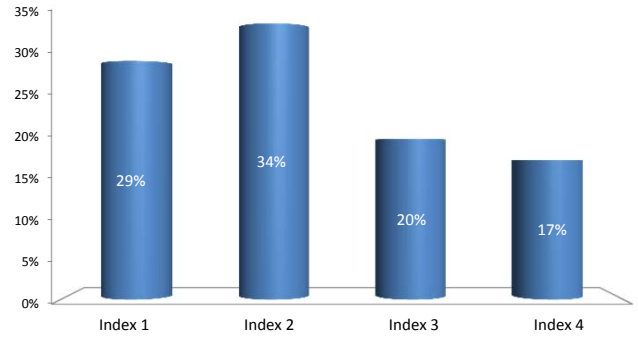


Soil Analysis Status and Trends

County	Meath
Year	2014
Enterprise	Drystock
Number of Samples	543

Soil P Index
(Good Fertility - Index 3 & 4)



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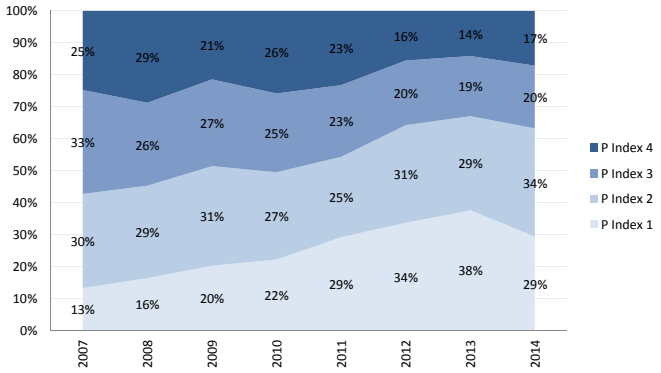

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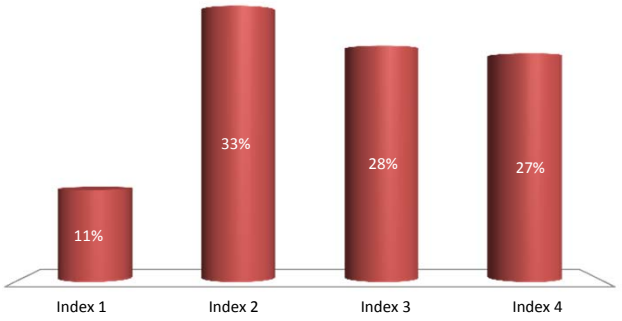

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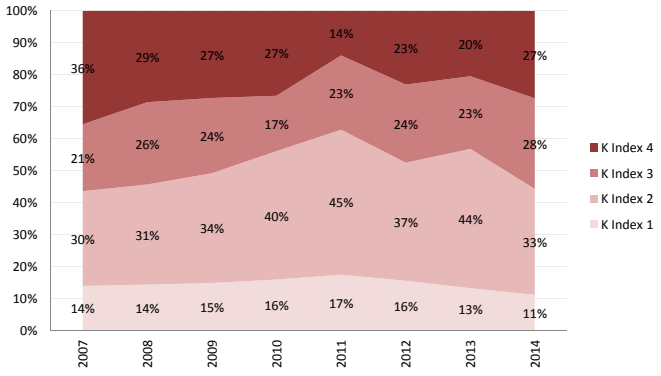

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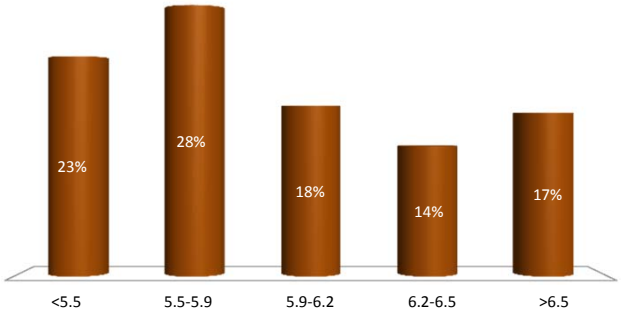

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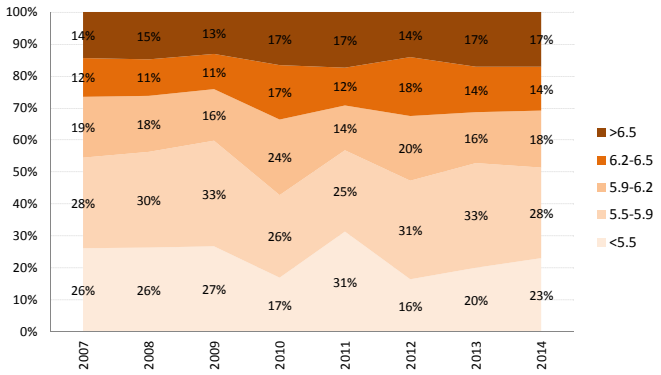

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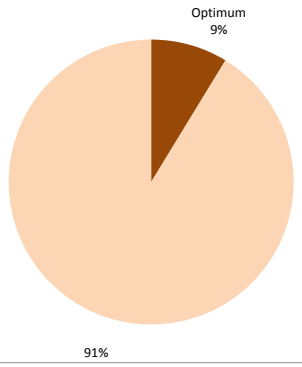

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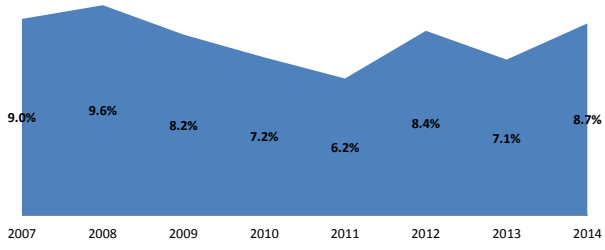

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Year	2014
Enterprise	Tillage
Number of Samples	108

Soil P Index
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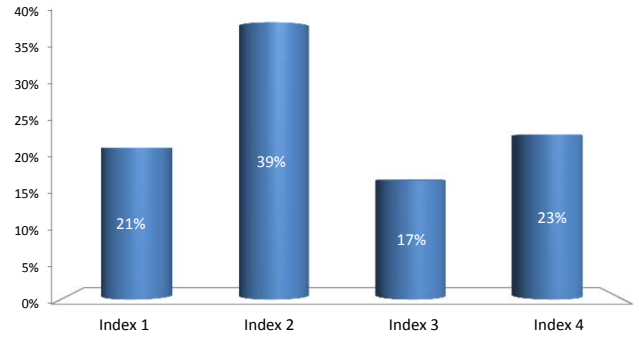

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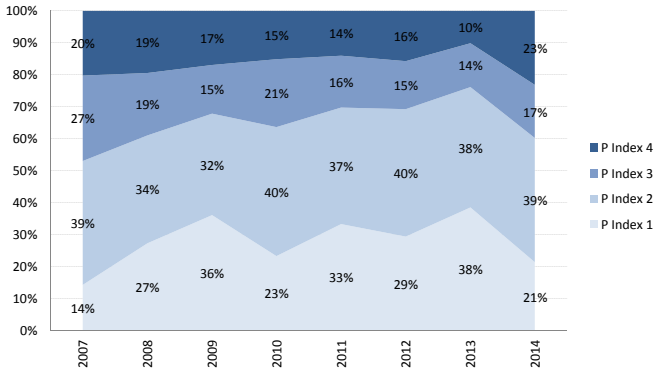

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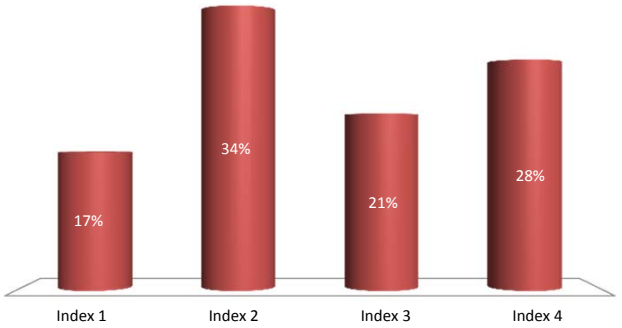

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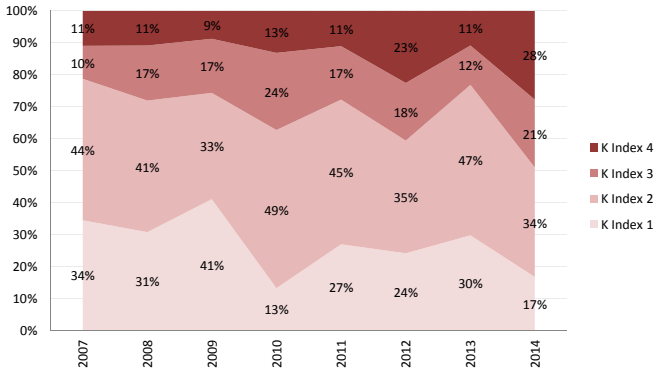

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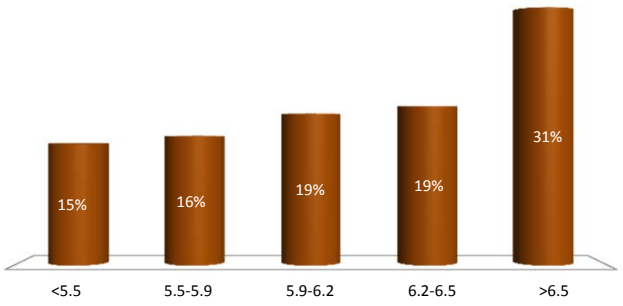

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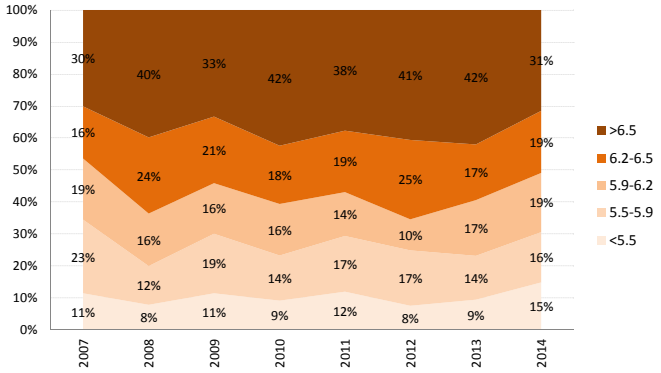

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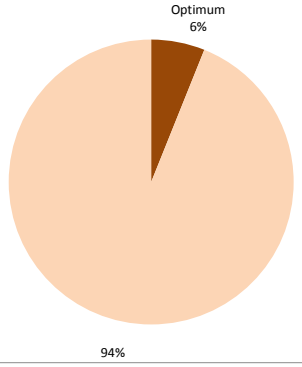

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