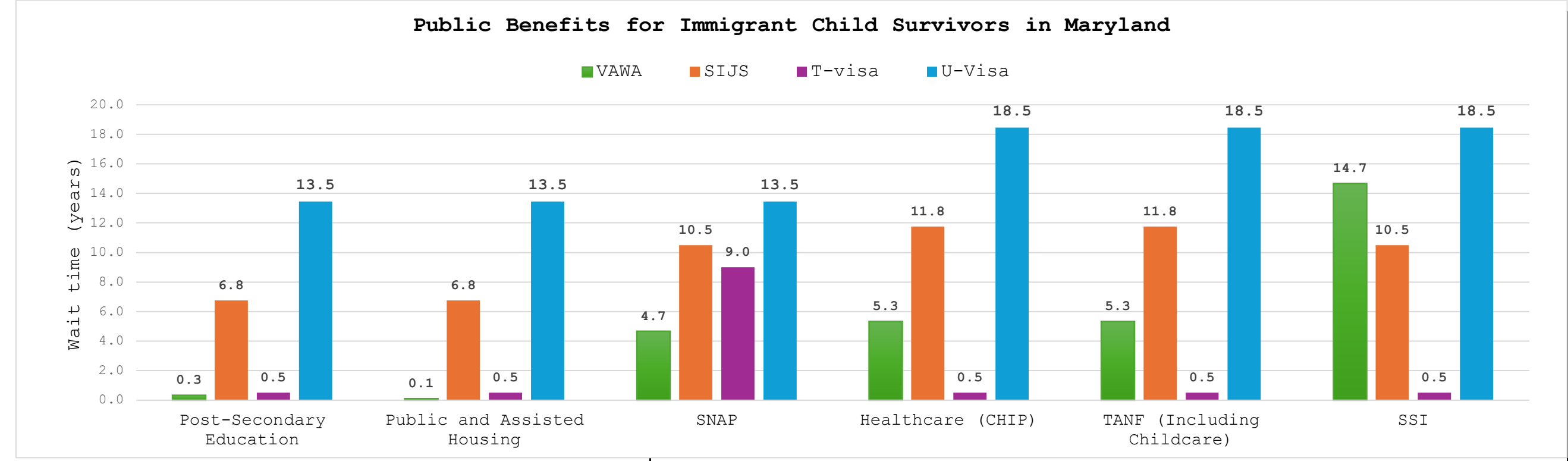
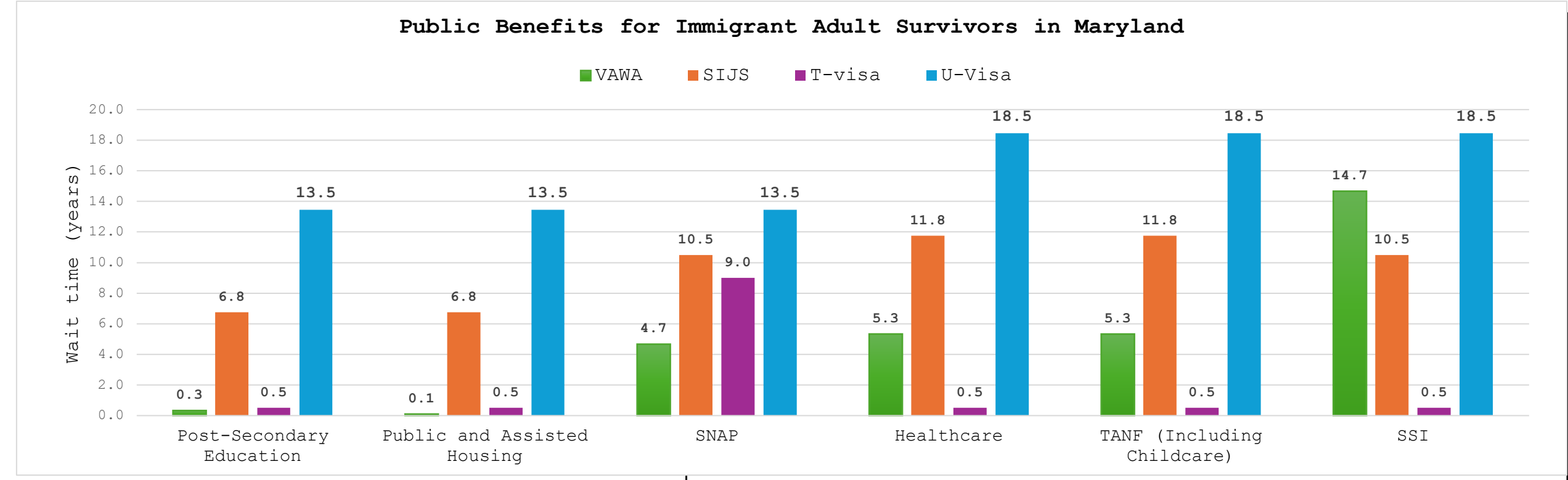


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	VAWA	SIJS	T-visa	U-Visa	Governing Law	Conditions Notes
Post-Secondary Education	0.3	6.8	0.5	13.5	State	Eligible without regard to immigration status for in-state tuition, grants, and loans - must have graduated from a Maryland high school or received a GED in the state, also requires 3 years of Maryland taxes paid by student or their parent/guardian.
Public and Assisted Housing	0.1	6.8	0.5	13.5	Federal	VAWAs eligible upon filing, T visas, U visas and SIJS must be qualified immigrants.
SNAP	4.7	10.5	9.0	13.5	Federal	Must be lawful permanent residents. VAWAs, T visas, U visas and SIJS children who are under 18 are eligible for SNAP and are exempt from the 5 year bar and 40 quarters requirements while they are under age 18. If the trafficking investigation or prosecution is complete T visa victims may be eligible up to 3 years earlier. Children who are VAWA self-petitioners abused by citizen parents or step-parents receive lawful permanent residence in 3.7 years.
Healthcare (CHIP)	5.3	11.8	0.5	18.5	State	Lawfully present and qualified immigrant children up to age 21; Prince Georges County offers limited health care coverage under 21 year old income eligible children who are county residents without regard to immigration status.
TANF (Including Childcare)	5.3	11.8	0.5	18.5	State	Lawfully present and qualified immigrant children eligible for Family Investment Program and Temporary Cash Assistance during the federal 5 year bar.
SSI	14.7	10.5	0.5	18.5	Federal	Federal laws apply no state funded SSI in Maryland.
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	VAWA	SIJS	T-visa	U-Visa	Governing Law	Conditions Notes
Post-Secondary Education	0.3	6.8	0.5	13.5	State	Eligible without regard to immigration status for in-state tuition, grants, and loans - must have graduated from a Maryland high school or received a GED in the state, also requires 3 years of Maryland taxes paid by student or their parent/guardian.
Public and Assisted Housing	0.1	6.8	0.5	13.5	Federal	VAWAs eligibe upon filing, T visas, U visas and SIJS must be qualified immigrants.
SNAP	4.7	10.5	9.0	13.5	Federal	Federal laws apply no state funded SNAP in Maryland.
Healthcare	5.3	11.8	0.5	18.5	State	Must be qualified immigrants. If entered the U.S. before 8./22/96 subtract 5 years. Exceptions for adults: T visa bona fide and T visa holders are exempt from 5 year bar; Montgomery County offers healthcare to income eligible residents without regard to immigration status; In Maryland pregnant individuals are eligible for prenatal care, full scope health care and 12 months post-partum care and newborn care without regard to immigration status.
TANF (Including Childcare)	5.3	11.8	0.5	18.5	State	Qualified and lawfully present immigrants are eligible for the Family Investment Program and Temporary Cash Assistance during the federal 5-year bar.
SSI	14.7	10.5	0.5	18.5	Federal	Federal laws apply no state funded SSI in Maryland.
						0.1 = immediately eligible at filing



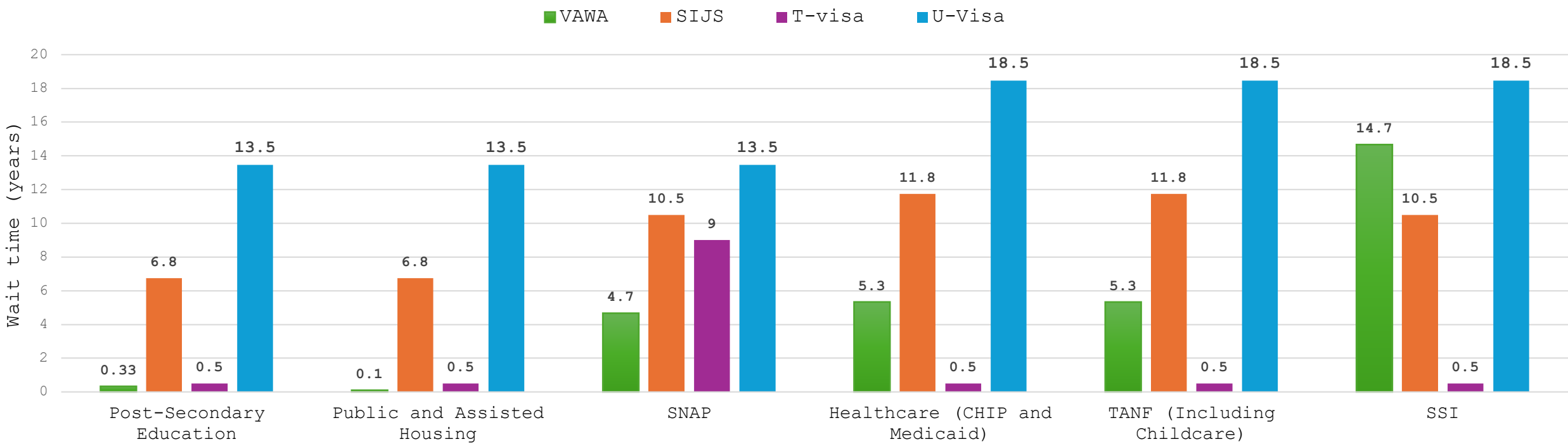
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	VAWA	SIJS	T-visa	U-Visa	Governing Law	Notes
Post-Secondary Education	0.33	6.8	0.5	13.5	Federal	Must be qualified immigrants.
Public and Assisted Housing	0.1	6.8	0.5	13.5	Federal	VAWA self-petition eligible upon filing; T visa, U visa and SIJS must be qualified immigrants.
SNAP	4.7	10.5	9	13.5	Federal	Must be lawful permanent residents. Must also be under 18 , disabled, elderly who was lawfully residing in the U.S. on 8/22/96, have been a qualified immigrant for 5 years or a lawful permanent resident with 40 quarters (5-10 years) of work credit measured from the date they receive work authorization. The 5 year bar and 40 quarters can be earned simultaneously. T visa victims are exempt from the 5 year bar and 40 quarter requirement. SIJS and U visa victims who work become eligible 10 years after receiving work authorization and those who do not have 40 quarters of work credit when they become lawful permanent residents would need to wait to complete the 5 year bar. SIJS or U child who can use the work credit for themselves and a parent, could be up to 5 years less.
Healthcare (CHIP and Medicaid)	5.3	11.8	0.5	18.5	Federal	Must be qualified immigrants. If entered the U.S. before 8/22/96 subtract 5 years. (T visa exempt from bar)
TANF (Including Childcare)	5.3	11.8	0.5	18.5	Federal	Must be qualified immigrants. If entered before 8/22/96 have a 5 year bar. (T visa exempt from bar)
SSI	14.7	10.5	0.5	18.5	Federal	Must be a lawful permanent resident and have 40 quarters (5-10 years) of work credit, and subject to 5 year bar if arrived after 8/22/96. The 5 year bar and 40 quarters can be earned simultaneously. T visas exempt from 40 quarter and 5 year bar and are eligible for 7 years after becoming a qualified immigrant. Children can use credit from themselves and that their parents earned when they were under the age of 18. Children who use the work credit for themselves and a parent, could be up to 5 years less. U visa victims eligibe 5 years after lawful permanent residence if have earned 40 quarters work credit. VAWAs calculated as 10 years after attaining work authorization. Spouses of citizens will be eligible 3.4 years faster.

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				Year calculation	Total years	Notes	Benefits Eligibility Category
U Visa Certification						Obtaining a certification from a government official is a required prerequisite to filing for a U visa.	None
Filing for U visa	0 Months			0.00	0.0	Certification is valid for 6 months. Must file within 6 months of the certification date or must obtain a new certification.	PRUCOL
Bona Fide Determination	19 Months			1.6	1.6	Includes deferred action a formal protection against deportation and work authorization .	Lawfully Present
U Visa Adjudication - Approval	8.5 Years			8.5	8.5	As of October 2025 they began issuing U visa approvals for cases filed in early 2017.	Lawfully Present
Apply for Green Card	3 Years			3.00	11.5	Eligible to apply three years after receiving a U visa.	Lawfully Present
Green Card Approval	23.5 Months			1.96	13.5		Qualified Immigrant
Apply for Naturalization	5 Years			5.00	18.5		Qualified Immigrant
Naturalization approval	8.50 Months	average		0.71	19.2		Citizen
Naturalization (N-400)	months						
Baltimore, MD	8.5						

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