



# Veterans Advisory Board



The purpose and establishment of the Veteran's Advisory Board is to advise the Board of County Commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and the programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

## BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** June 14, 2023  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Olympic College, Building 4, Room 129.

### [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Topic: Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting  
Meeting ID: 834 6002 9859  
Passcode: 116863  
Phone: 1-253-215-8782

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## A G E N D A

\* = Action Item

1. Call to Order Rick Raymond
2. Online Announcement Jayme DeGooyer
3. Welcome to attendees and new board members. Jayme DeGooyer
4. Introduction of Attendees Rick Raymond
5. Approval of Agenda\* Jayme DeGooyer
6. Approval of March 8, 2023, VAB Minutes\* Jayme DeGooyer
7. Guest Speaker – Dr. Michelle Caldier, DDS, Washington State House of Representatives: Review of legislation passed during the most recent session that impacts veterans.
8. Reports
  - a. Veterans Assistance Fund Reports Rick Becker
  - b. Committee Reports.

Topic	VAB Member
<b>Aging Veterans Services</b>	Vacant
<b>Housing and Homelessness</b>	Branden Davis
<b>Public Affairs and Social Media</b>	Brian Davis
<b>Special Event VAB Support -</b> a. Veterans Day	Peggy Roy

b. Military Appreciation Day c. Stand Downs d. Run to Tahoma e. Other events approved by the board.	
<b>Veteran Education</b>	Tatiane Simmons
<b>Veteran Health Care</b>	Peggy Roy
<b>Veteran Mental Health Plans and Programs</b>	Rick Raymond
<b>Veterans Garden</b>	George Holden
<b>Women's Veteran Services</b>	Jayne DeGooyer

9. Old Business:

- a. Policy and Procedure review update. Rick Becker
- b. VAB Member vacancies and recruiting.
- c. Summary of April 2023 Stand Down

10. New Business

Topic	VAB Member
a.	Jayne DeGooyer

11. Public Comments

12. Good of the Order/Announcements

13. Next Meeting – July 12, 2023, 1730, Olympic College, Building 4, Room 129.

14. Adjourn

## VAB Events 2023

January TBD – Begin Run to Tahoma planning meetings.

January 11 - VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

February 8 - VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

March 4 - Military Appreciation Day, Kitsap County Fairgrounds Pavilion

March 11 – Veteran Garden Prep – Blueberry Park, Bremerton 11am-1pm.

March 8 - VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

March 28 - Veteran Garden Prep - Blueberry Park, Bremerton 3pm to 5pm.

April 12 - VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

April 22 – Spring Stand Down, Sheridan Park Community Center 9am-2pm.

April TBD – Veteran Garden Planting and Maintenance

May 10 – VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm. Speaker: Stephanie Christiansen, VMH/CHI.

May 13 – Veterans Garden Maintenance 10am-12pm.

May 20 – Armed Forces Day Parade and Festival, Bremerton

May 22 – Veterans Garden Maintenance 5pm to 7pm.

May 26 – The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma; transfer Veteran remains from Coroner to CountyAdmin Building.

May 27 – The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma 10:00am Kitsap County Administration Building. Funeral procession follows at 11:00am.

June 10 – Veteran Garden Maintenance.

June 14 – VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm: Rep. Michelle Caldier, WA State House Member

June 20 – Veteran Garden Maintenance

July TBD – Veteran's Garden Maintenance.

July 12 – VAB monthly Meeting 5:30pm.

August TBD – Veterans Garden Maintenance

August 9 – VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm: Ron Desmaris, Cohen Military Family Clinic

September TBD – Veteran Garden Harvest

September 10 – World Suicide Prevention Awareness program. 6:30pm-8pm.

September 13 – VAB Monthly Meeting 5:30pm.

September 23 – Fall Stand Down; 10am to 2pm. (set up, registration, and tear down)

October TBD – Veterans Garden Harvest and winter preparations.

October 10 – VAB monthly Meeting 5:30pm.

November 4 – VAB Retreat (no monthly meeting) 9am – 4pm.

November 11 - Veterans Day at the Kitsap Pavilion. Time TBD

December 13 – VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

January 2024 – Begin Run to Tahoma planning.

January 10, 2024 – VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

January 15, 2024 – Submit Run to Tahoma Permit to City of Port Orchard.

**MINUTES OF THE  
KITSAP COUNTY VETERAN'S ADVISORY BOARD  
May 10, 2023  
In-Person and Online Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was conducted at Olympic College and called to order by Rick Raymond at 5:35 PM. Access was available to members and the community through Zoom.

**Announcements:** The Chair, Rick Raymond, read the required on-line announcement covering the conduct of voting members and guests during the meeting.

**Introductions:** Rick Raymond led introductions of board members and other attendees.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Mark Lowe and seconded by Harry Gilger to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Approval of minutes:** The April 12, 2023, minutes were reviewed by members. A motion was made by Harry Gilger and seconded by Carlos Trujillo to accept the minutes as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Speakers:** Stephanie Christensen, Community Integration Program Manager, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health and her Division Director, Doug Baxter-Jenkins presented the preliminary results of a county-wide public health services assessment. Presentation materials are attached below on pages 4-10. At the end of the presentation, VAB members participated in providing feedback regarding local health needs by prioritizing suggested solutions.

**Reports.**

- a. Veterans Assistance Fund (VAF). Rick Becker reviewed the financial reports with the members. Spending is on track with historic monthly averages, but it is still too soon to evaluate any specific trends.
- b. Committee Reports.
  - **Aging Veterans Services.** Jayme DeGooyer noted the position is vacant and asked members to contact her to volunteer to keep the VAB informed about community services that can assist our veterans over the age of 60.
  - **Housing and Homelessness.** Branden Davis updated the group on his project to construct a veteran transitional housing unit in Bremerton. In the process of identifying funding for the project.
  - **Public Affairs and Social Media.** Brian Davis encouraged members to continue feeding him with veteran related content.
  - **Special Event Support.**
    - **Stand Down** - Peggy Roy thanked members for attending the Stand Down. She also thanks those who staffed the registration desk for their work over the course of the event. 75 participants were registered for the event. Rick Becker will present a summary of the event at the 14 June VAB meeting.
    - **The Unforgotten: Run to Tahoma.** Peggy Roy explained that event planning is going smoothly. The City of Port Orchard approved the permit application. The riders are well organized, and discussions reveal that the route to Tahoma National Cemetery will be safe for all. Three veterans will be honored at the ceremony, one of which is unclaimed by family and friends.
    - **Armed Forces Day.** Peggy Roy reminded members of Armed Forces Day activities occurring in Bremerton on 20 May and encouraged all who can to attend. Learn more

about the event schedule and activities here: [Armed Forces Day Festival - Greater Kitsap Chamber](#)

- **Veteran Education.** Tatiane Simmons reported that Olympic College will be offering a tribute to military members on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May as part of their Armed Forces Day support.
- **Veteran Health Care.** The VA Clinic in Silverdale is encouraging all veterans to submit claims to the VA if they have a qualifying condition and were assigned to a qualifying theater of operation. [The PACT Act and Your VA Benefits | Veterans Affairs](#)
- **Veteran Mental Health Plans and Programs.** Rick Raymond announced his participation in a local mental health awareness event at the Kitsap County Administration Building on 20 May. All are encouraged to attend. Planning continues with the National Suicide Prevention Awareness program scheduled for September 10, 2023.
- **Veterans Garden.** George Holden reported maintenance days are scheduled through May and June. See attached flier on page 11. The garden will need weed control and watering during George's planned travel out of the area between 21 June and 12 July. Contact George to help.
- **Women's Resource Group.** Jayme reported that the Women's Circle was well-attended at the Stand Down.

#### **Old Business –**

- a. Policy and Procedure Review. Rick Becker reminded members that the policies and procedures are a primary mechanism the VAB uses to communicate veteran needs and recommended solutions to the commissioners. If you see policies and procedure you would like to have considered for change, please send your suggestions to Rick Becker.
- b. Veterans Advisory Board vacancies. Rick Becker reported that one vacancy exists, and that Jayme is in the process of interviewing candidates.

**New Business –** No new business.

**Good of the Order/Announcements:** No announcements.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Next meeting:** The next Veterans Advisory Board meeting will be June 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm. The in-person meeting will be held at Olympic College in Building 4, Room 129. Note: This is a change from the past meeting location. A link for online access will appear in the meeting agendas and at the Veterans Advisory Board web site. See link below. For community members: Agenda packets for past and future meetings can be found at <https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/VAB-ADVISORY-BOARD.aspx>

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Task Tracker			
Date	Name	Task and Goal for Completion	Progress
1/11/23	Rick Becker	Policy and Procedures Review	Awaiting board member feedback.

ATTENDANCE		
MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
<u>Present</u> Jayme DeGooyer (Z) Richard Raymond (I) Peggy Roy (Z) Harry Gilger (I) Tatiane Simons (I) Bob Theal (Z) Mark Lowe (I) George Holden (I) Carlos Trujillo (I) Ron Valencia (I) Dan Piper (I)  <u>Absent / Excused</u> Joe Kochera () Joel Atteberry () Branden Davis (E) Brian Davis (E) Bill Martin (E)	Nadine Nagamatsu	Rick Becker (I) Doug Washburn (Z)
Note: (I) = In-Person (Z) = Zoom (E) = Excused		

# Community Health Needs Assessment

Doug Baxter-Jenkins &  
Stephanie Christensen



## Agenda

- Brief overview of CHNA and implementation plan process
- Review identified priority health needs for Kitsap County
- Discussion and feedback



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## Community Health Needs Assessment Overview

Every 3 years, non-profit hospitals must:

- Conduct an assessment that takes into account input from persons who represent the broad interests of the community served and make this report widely available to the public.
- The 2023 St. Michael Medical Center CHNA is complete, including the selection of priority health areas.
- VMFH and St. Michael Medical Center must create an Implementation Plan for how we will address the identified priority health areas.



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## 2023 Identified Priority Health Areas – Kitsap County



Virginia Mason  
Franciscan Health

- **Behavioral Health**
  - Alcohol abuse
  - Drug-related abuse, especially opioids
  - Depression & suicide ideation in youth
- **Access to Health Care**
  - Medicaid visits – adults & youth
  - Access to primary care
  - Health insurance coverage
- **Pregnancy and Births**
  - Access to prenatal care
  - Low birth weight
  - Infant mortality
- **Chronic Disease**
  - Obesity & physical activity
  - Breast cancer in women
  - Diabetes
- **Basic Needs**
  - Food insecurity
  - Poverty

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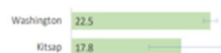
### Behavioral Health

#### Actions To Date:

- Provided financial support, staff, and provider time to partner with Kitsap Mental Health Services
- Expanded tele-medicine services to reduce barriers to psychiatric consultations through virtual medicine
- Implemented suicide screening for high risk patients at the St. Michael Medical Center ER
- Initiated a medication assisted treatment program for Opiate use disorder through the Family Medicine Residency
- Provided patient support and engagement to community organizations serving vulnerable populations – Coffee Oasis, Alcoholics Anonymous, Kitsap Public School District, Bremerton Food Lifeline

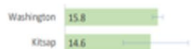
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Drug related Mortality rate per 100,000 residents, age-adjusted 2020



Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificate Data

Opioid related Mortality rate per 100,000 residents, age-adjusted 2020



Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificate Data

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Franciscan Health

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### Substance Abuse and Dependency

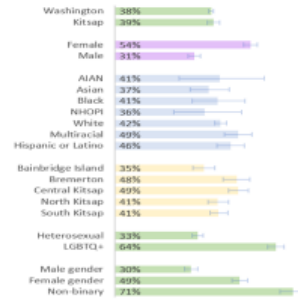
- In 2020, there were 43 deaths of Kitsap residents where any drug was a contributing factor, or a rate of 17.8 deaths per 100,000 age adjusted
- This rate has been increasing since at least 2000
- Preliminary data being calculated now reflects another increase in 2021
- Opioid drugs have been the leading drug associated with drug-related deaths and hospitalizations in Kitsap County since at least 2000
- Fentanyl is newly emerging as the predominant Opioid in use in Kitsap leading to hospitalizations and deaths, replacing prescription Opioids and heroin



## Youth Depression

- Youth are asked if they felt so sad or hopeless for two or more weeks that they stopped doing usual activities.
- Youth in Bremerton and Central Kitsap areas experience higher rates
- Youth identifying as LGBTQ+ have significantly higher rates of depression
- Half of all lifetime mental illness begins by the age of 14 and 75% by age 24, prevention in our children and youth populations is essential.

### Youth Reporting Depressive Feelings, 2021



Note: Washington and Kitsap estimates are for 10<sup>th</sup> graders; while subgroup responses are from 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders; AIAN=American Indian and Alaska Native, NHOP=Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander.

Source: Healthy Youth Survey 2021.

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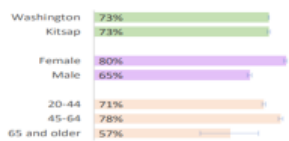
## Access to Care

### Actions To Date:

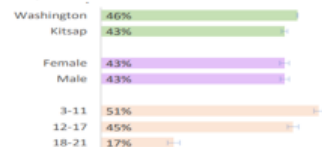
- Financial support and donated care to Project Access Northwest patients
- Financial support for care coordination and premium assistance programs
- Provided patient support to address barriers to care including transportation, housing, & equipment
- Financial assistance for undocumented residents to access residential care while waiting for long term support services
- Supported planning and implementation of new respite facility in partnership with PCHS
- Provided patient support and engagement to community organizations serving vulnerable populations – Coffee Oasis, Alcoholics Anonymous, Kitsap Public School District, District, Bremerton Food Lifeline

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### Medicaid Visits - Adult Preventative and Ambulatory Health, 2021



### Medicaid Visits - Child and Adolescent Well Care, 2021



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## Medicaid Visits - Adults & Youth

- Three out of every four adult medicaid patients had an ambulatory or preventative care visit in 2021
- Males and those 65 years and older have lower rates of visits
- For children and adolescents, the metric includes well visits only
- Overall, 43% of Kitsap's Child and adolescent population had at least one visit in 2021
- The percentage of well visits decreases significantly from ages 12 - 17 and 18 - 21



## Access to Primary Care

- We are experiencing physician shortages across the country, in all counties of Washington State and in Kitsap County
- In 2020-21, It is estimated that Kitsap County had 63 PCP's for every 100,000 residents compared to 90 PCP's for every 100,000 residents in Washington State or 30% fewer PCP's per resident
- A similar deficit exists for Physician Assistants

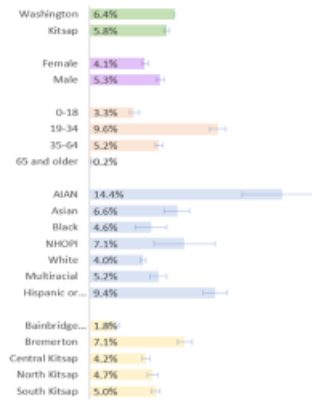
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## Insurance Rates

- The rate of adults without insurance has remained generally steady at 5 - 6% since 2018
- Males, young adults age 19-34 and residents of Bremerton and South Kitsap have higher rates of being uninsured
- American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic residents experience higher rates of being uninsured

Virginia Mason  
Franciscan Health

Residents Without Health Insurance,  
2021, 2017-21



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## Maternal / Child Health

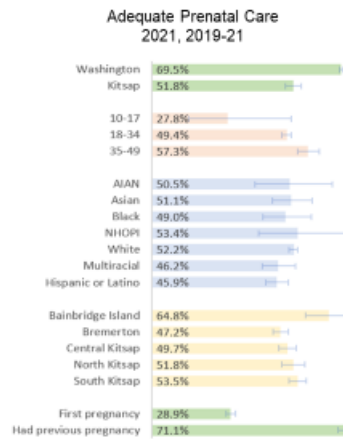
### Actions To Date:

- Partnered with the Kitsap Public Health District to increase breastfeeding among WIC participants
- Continued availability of childbirth and parenting classes at St. Michael Medical Center
- Offered breastfeeding support at St. Michael Medical Center

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## Access to Prenatal Care

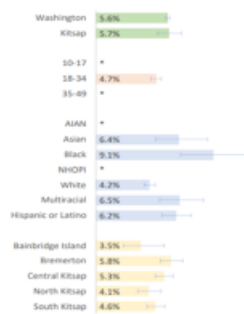
- Prenatal care is considered adequate based on when prenatal care is initiated (before the 4th month of pregnancy) and how many recommended visits are completed (at least 80%).
- In Kitsap County, just over half of the people who gave birth (52%) had received adequate prenatal care. There has been a statistically significant worsening trend in Kitsap from 2016 to 2021.



## Low Birth Rate

- Children born at a low birth weight (less than 2,500 grams) often face additional health challenges.
- In 2021, approximately 5.7% of single baby births in Kitsap County weighed less than 2,500 grams.
- Babies born to mothers who identify as Asian, Black, Multiracial, or Hispanic have a significantly higher percentage of babies born at a low birth rate compared to babies born to white mothers.

Low birth weight (singleton only) 2021, 2017-21



\* The estimate has an elevated relative standard error and doesn't meet reliability standards.  
Note: Washington/Kitsap comparison is data from 2021, while subgroup data is from 2017-21. Race is based on the race of the mother.  
AIAN=American Indian and Alaska Native, NHOPi=Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics (CHS), Birth Certificate Data

## Chronic Disease

### Actions To Date:

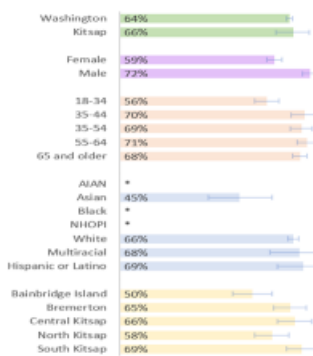
- Diabetes support groups at St. Michael Medical Center free and open to the public
- Diabetes prevention program offered through health ministry programs and the YMCA
- Free blood pressure screenings at community events and various organizations
- Expansion of the Weight Management and Bariatric Program at St. Michael Medical Center
- Healthy eating educational program offered to various community organizations



## Adult Obesity

- Adults are classified as overweight when their Body Mass Index (BMI) is 25 or greater and as obese when their BMI is 30 or greater
- In 2021, 66% of Kitsap residents were classified as overweight or obese. The rate in Kitsap County was similar to Washington's rate, but both rates have been increasing statistically significantly over time.

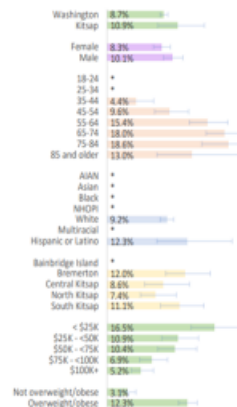
Adults Classified as Overweight or Obese, 2021, 2011-21



## Diabetes

- The prevalence of diabetes diagnosed in adults reported here includes type 1 and type 2. Gestational diabetes is not included in this indicator
- In 2021, 11% of adults 18 years old and older in Kitsap reported being told by a health care provider they have diabetes
- From 2011 - 2021 in Kitsap, older individuals have higher percentages reporting a diagnosis of diabetes compared to younger adults
- Residents of Bremerton had higher percentages compared to the other subregions of the county
- Being overweight or obese and having a lower income are both associated with higher percentages of the population having been diagnosed with diabetes

Diabetes diagnosed in adults 2021, 2011-21



## Basic Needs

### Actions To Date:

- Provided support with basic needs including transportation, equipment, and housing
- Provided staff support through the Family Residency program to community organizations meeting basic needs including Coffee Oasis, Kitsap County food banks, and the Kitsap Public School District
- Provided clothing and supplies for those in need when they leave the hospital
- Financial assistance for undocumented residents to access safe residential care while waiting for long term support
- Provided financial support to multiple food programs, including Meals On Wheels, Bremerton Food Lifeline, and Fishline



## Poverty In Kitsap County

- In 2021, almost 9% of Kitsap residents lived in poverty, similar to Washington State's proportion overall.
- A higher proportion of females live in poverty than males. The sub-county area with the highest proportion of residents living in poverty is Bremerton.

Residents Living Below 100% of Poverty, 2021, 2017-2021

	Count	Percent
Washington	754,315	9.9%
Kitsap	22,961	8.6%
<b>Age (years)</b>		
0-4	1,456	9.8%
5-17	3,950	10.0%
18-34	5,106	8.6%
35-64	7,888	7.7%
65+	2,674	5.5%
<b>Sex</b>		
Female	11,975	9.2%
Male	9,099	6.8%
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>		
AIAN	362	13.7%
Asian	764	5.8%
Black	908	12.6%
NHCP	*	*
White	15,416	7.4%
Multiracial	2,514	10.6%
Hispanic	2,288	10.7%
<b>Geographic Region</b>		
Bainbridge Island	641	2.6%
Bremerton	6,170	13.7%
Central Kitsap	4,538	6.2%
North Kitsap	3,411	7.0%
South Kitsap	4,981	6.7%

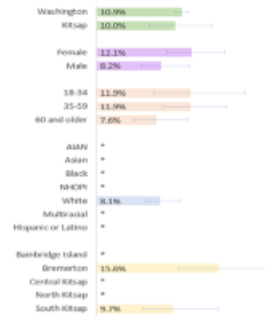
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## Food Insecurity

- In 2021, one in ten Kitsap residents reported that it was often/sometimes true that the food they bought didn't last and they didn't have the money to get more
- Females are more likely to experience food insecurity than males in Kitsap County
- The subregions of Bremerton and South Kitsap are experiencing higher rates of food insecurity than Bainbridge, Central Kitsap and North Kitsap

Adults Who Report Food Insecurity, 2021, 2019-21



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## Next Steps

- Finalize Community Health Needs Assessment – May, 2023
- Community engagement – May – August, 2023
- Create implementation plan – September, 2023

Thank you!

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Kitsap County  
Veterans Advisory Board

## **The Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board 2023 Veterans Garden**



**Blueberry Park P-Patch Garden  
737 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310**

**Grow and harvest with fellow veterans.  
Call for more information:  
Kitsap County Veterans Services 360-337-4811**



2023 Veteran Garden Work Plan	
Maintenance	May 23rd 5pm-7pm
Maintenance	June 10th 10am— 12pm
Maintenance	June 20th 5pm—7pm
Maintenance	July TBD
Maintenance	July TBD
Maintenance	August TBD
Harvest	September TBD

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Revised 5/22/2023



# Spring 2023

## Kitsap County Veterans Stand Down



April 22, 2023





# Veterans Stand Down

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- Stand Down: "...a relaxation of status of a military unit or force from an alert or operational posture." A time to take care of your needs.
- The event is organized by volunteers of the Kitsap Area Veterans Alliance (KAVA) and members of the Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board.
- The Veterans Stand Down is a longstanding semi-annual event focused on providing the veterans of Kitsap County with resources and information about veteran's benefits.
- All veterans are invited to attend but special attention is given to the indigent and homeless veterans of Kitsap County.
- 26 Community Service Providers enthusiastically supported the event by providing representatives who staffed information tables.
- 75 Veterans registered at the Stand Down and over 40 veteran volunteers supported the event. 11 Veterans were homeless.
- All data collected was self-reported by the veteran but not all questions were answered so total respondent numbers vary.



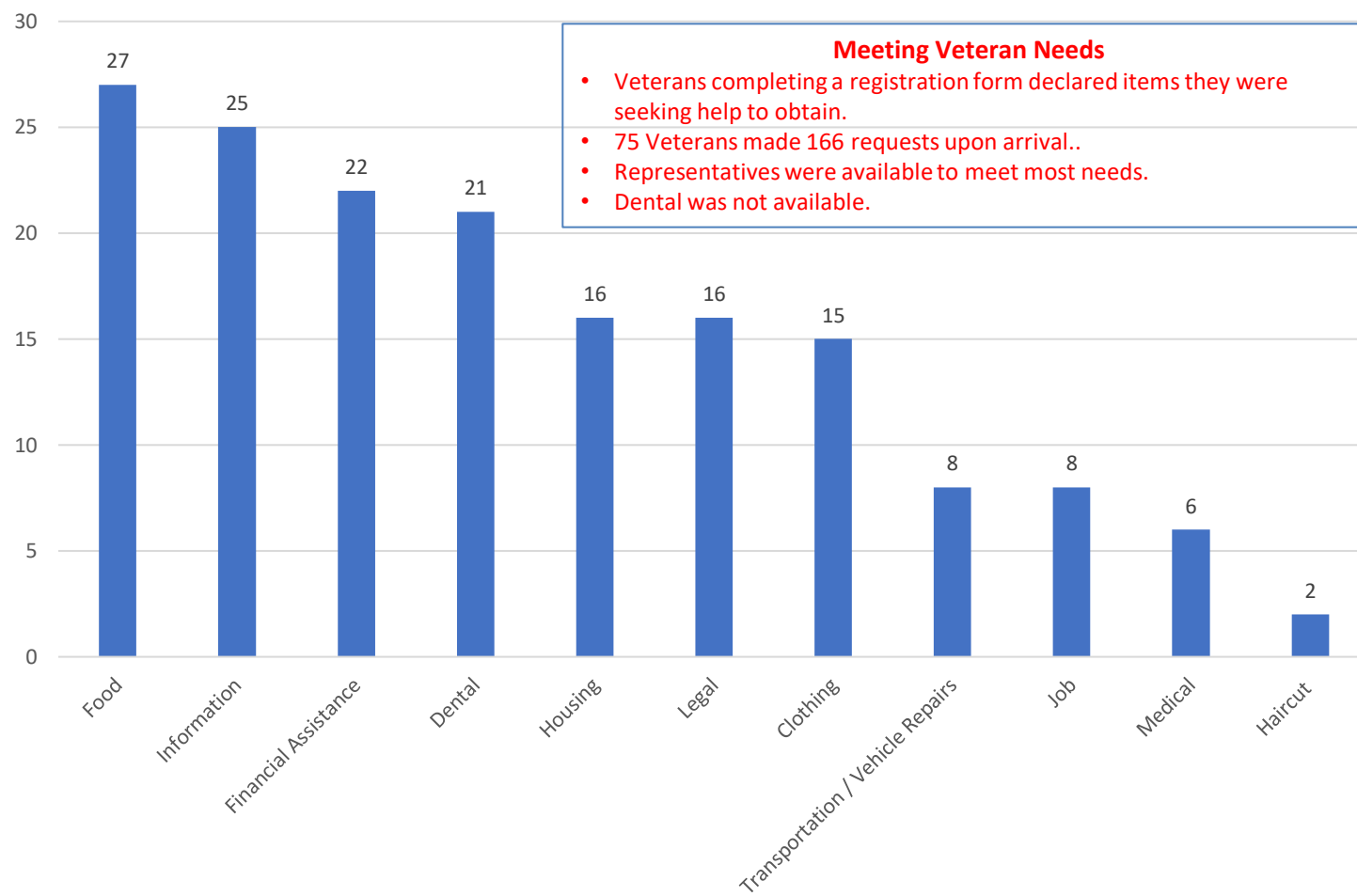


# A Closer Look At The Kitsap County Veterans Stand Down





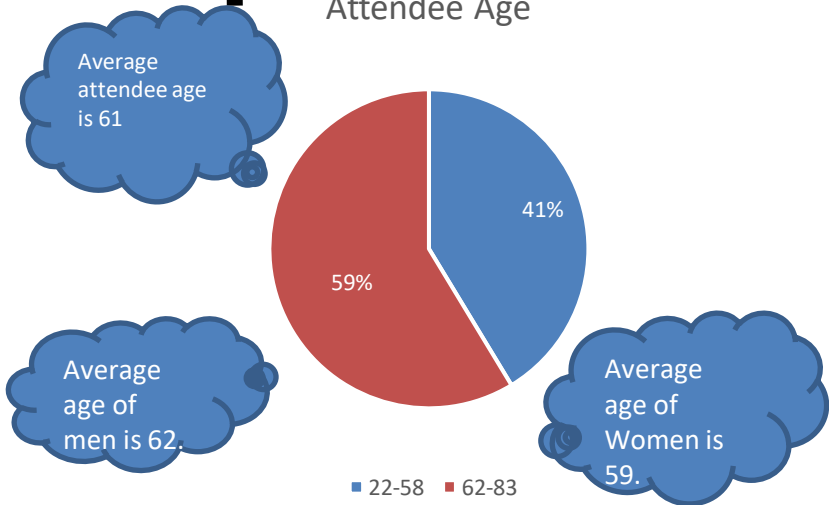
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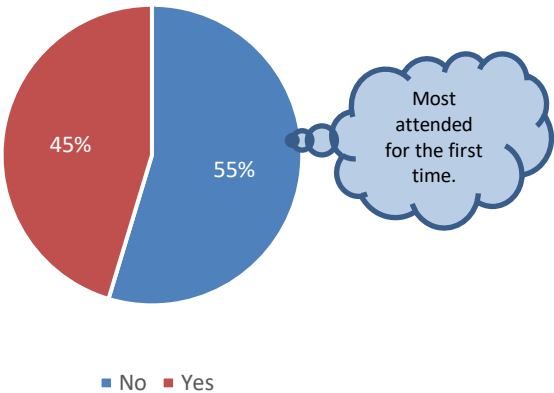


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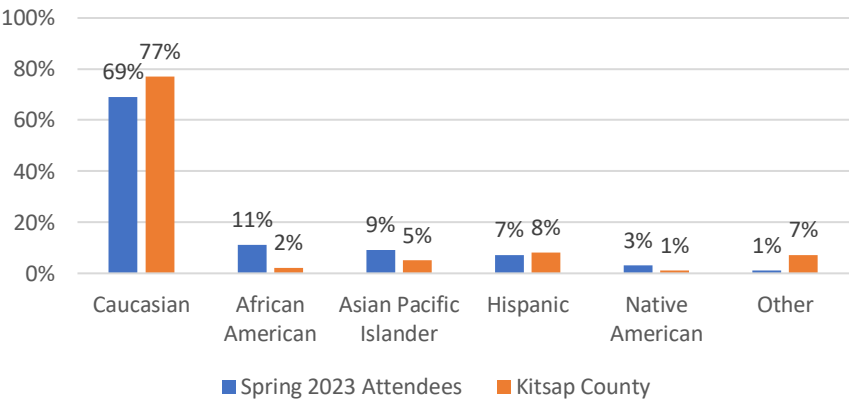
Attendee Age



Have you attended a Stand Down before?



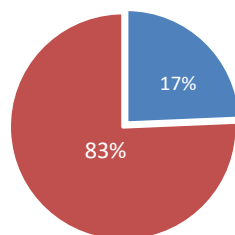
Ethnic Group Comparison





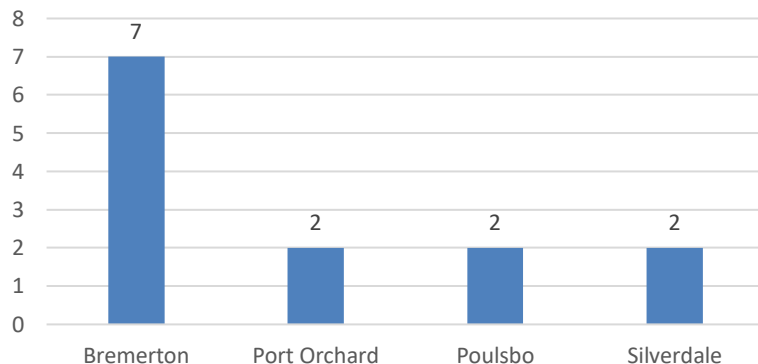
# The Attendees

Attendee Gender



■ Female ■ Male

Women Attendees Live In...

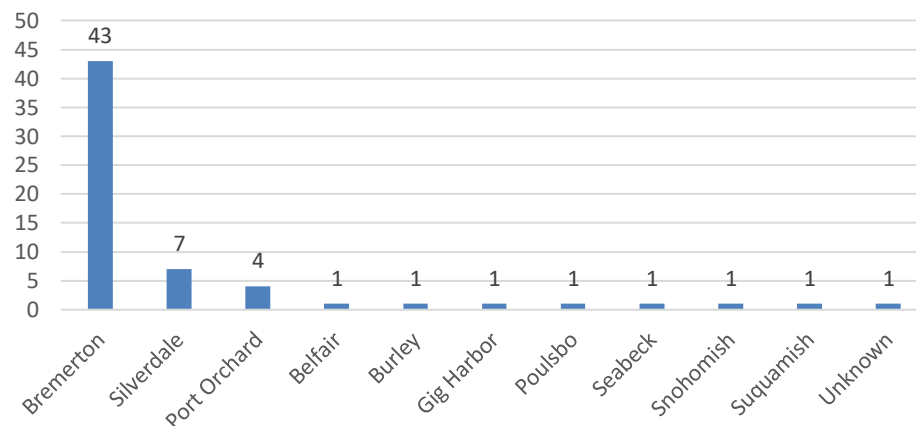


## Women Veteran Attendees

- All live in their own home. – none report homelessness.
- Over half live with others.
- Average monthly income is about \$3,488.

Data as of April 22, 2022

Male Attendees  
Live In...



## Male Veteran Attendees

- 11 (about 18%) report being homeless.
- 40% are single..
- 60% live with others.
- Average monthly income is about \$2,439.
- Household size between 1 and 6 people.

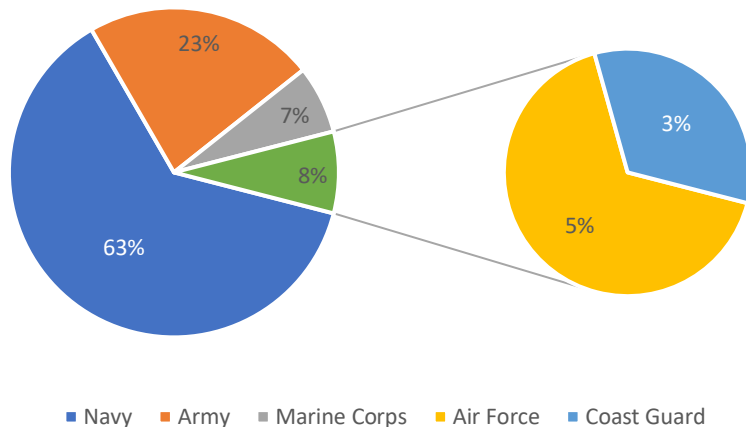
### Where did you live last night?

Own Home	50
Couch Surfing	4
Street	3
Car	2
Hotel	1
Veterans Home	1



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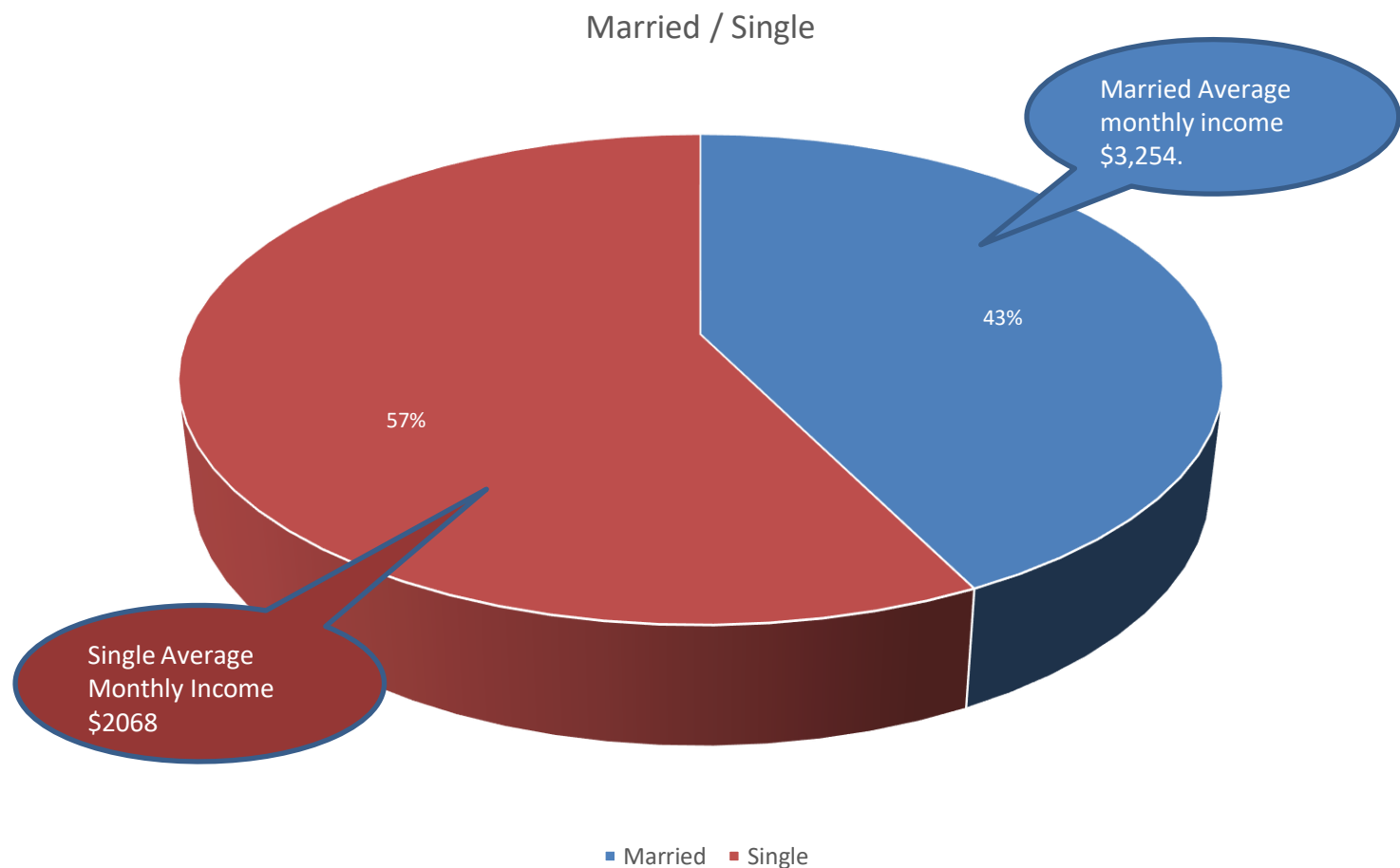
Service Affiliation



	Discharge Type				
Housing	Honorable	Medical	None	Under Honorable Conditions	Grand Total
Own Home	57	2	1	3	63
Couch Surfed	3			1	4
Street	2			1	3
Car	2				2
Hotel	1				1
Veterans Home	1			1	2
Grand Total	66	2	1	6	75



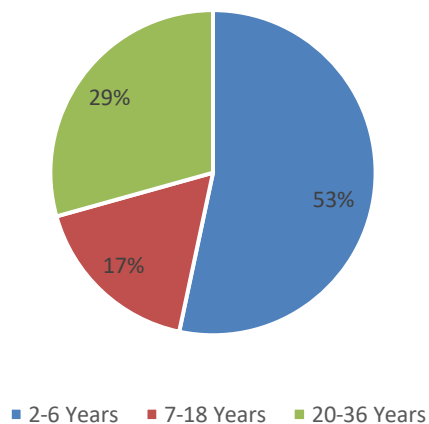
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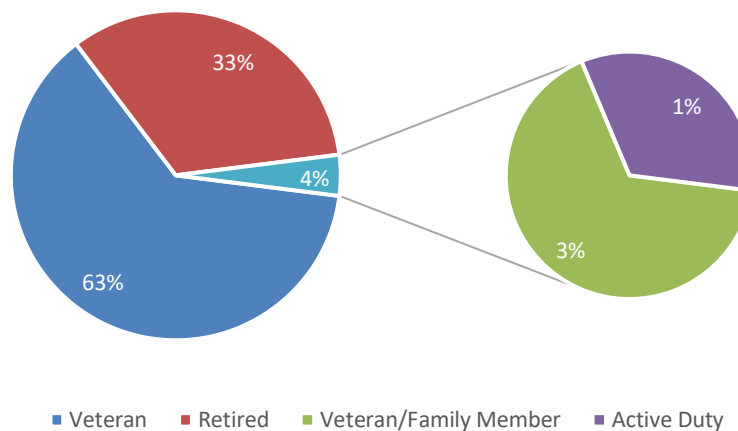


# The Attendees

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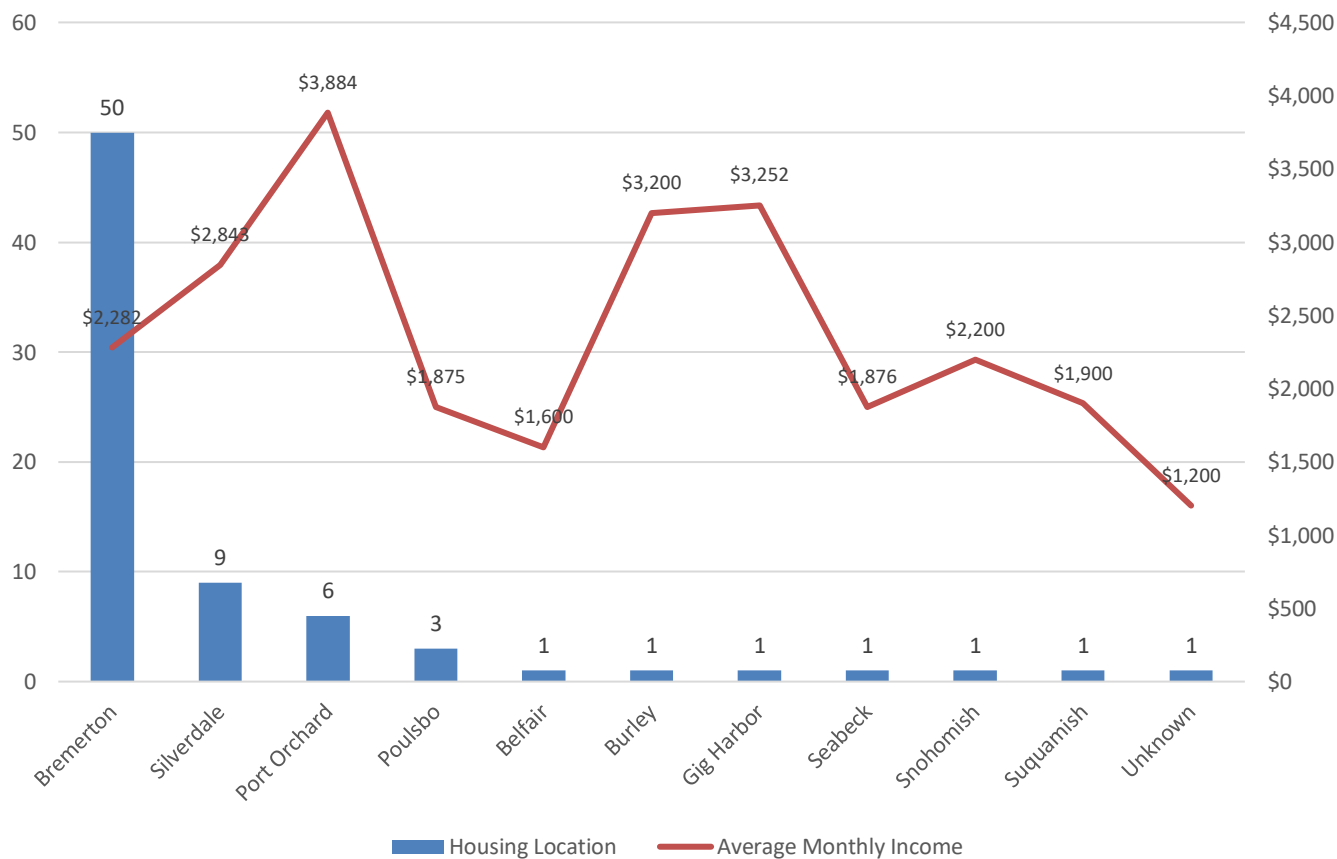
Current Veteran Status





# Housing

Average Monthly Income and Location Comparison

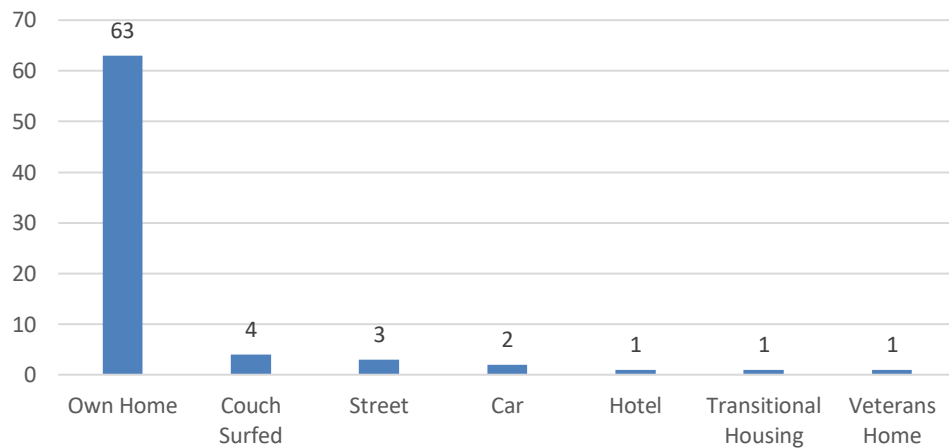




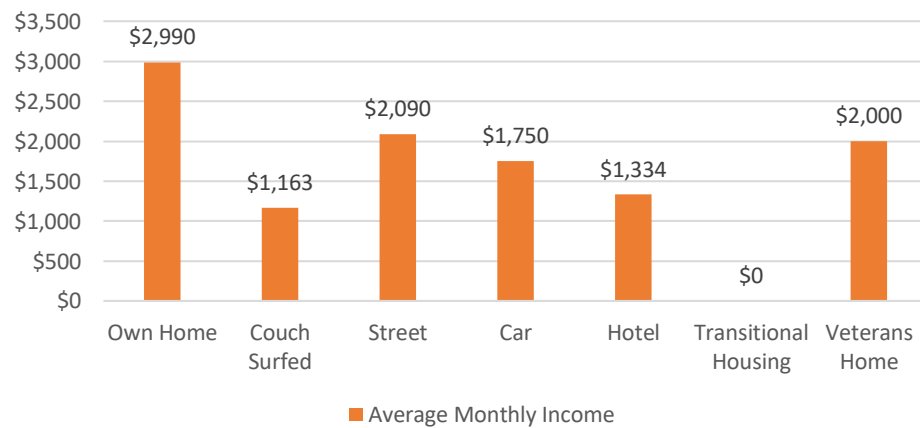


# Housing

Where did you sleep last night?



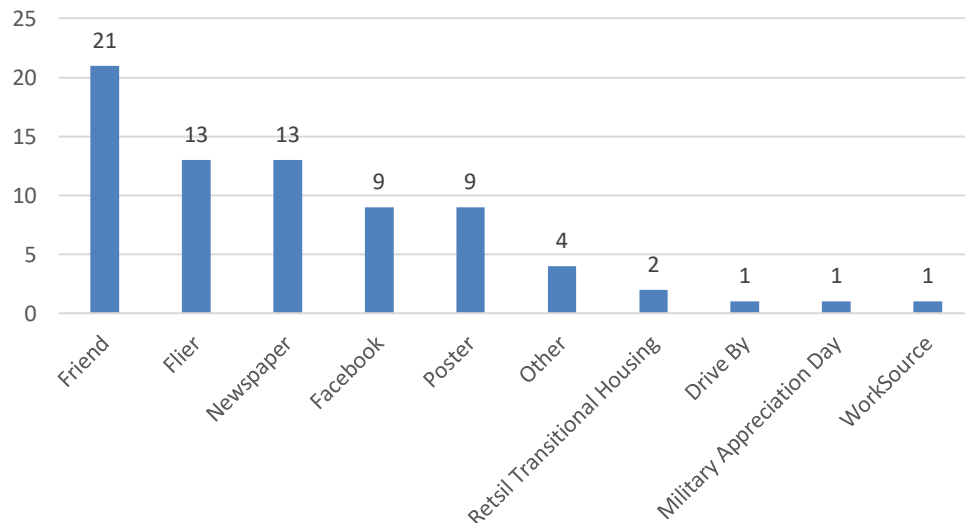
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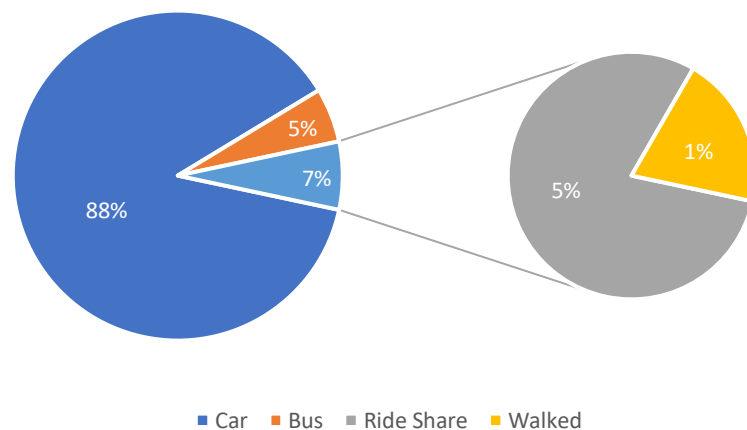


# Advertising / Transportation

Where did you hear about the Stand Down?



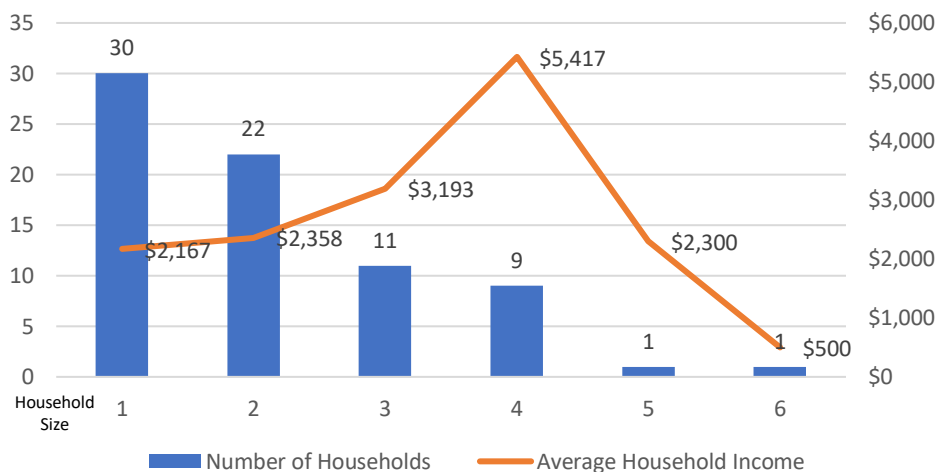
How I got here today...



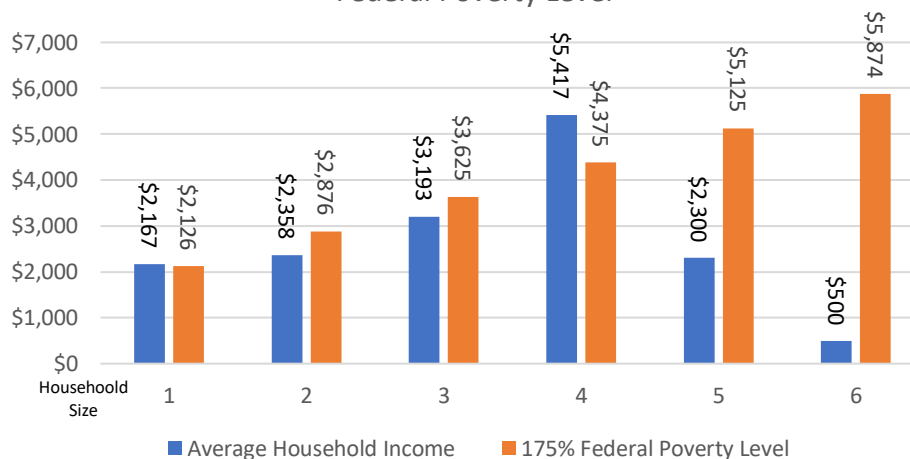


# Household Size and Income

## Household Size and Average Income



## Comparing Monthly Household Income with 175% of the Federal Poverty Level

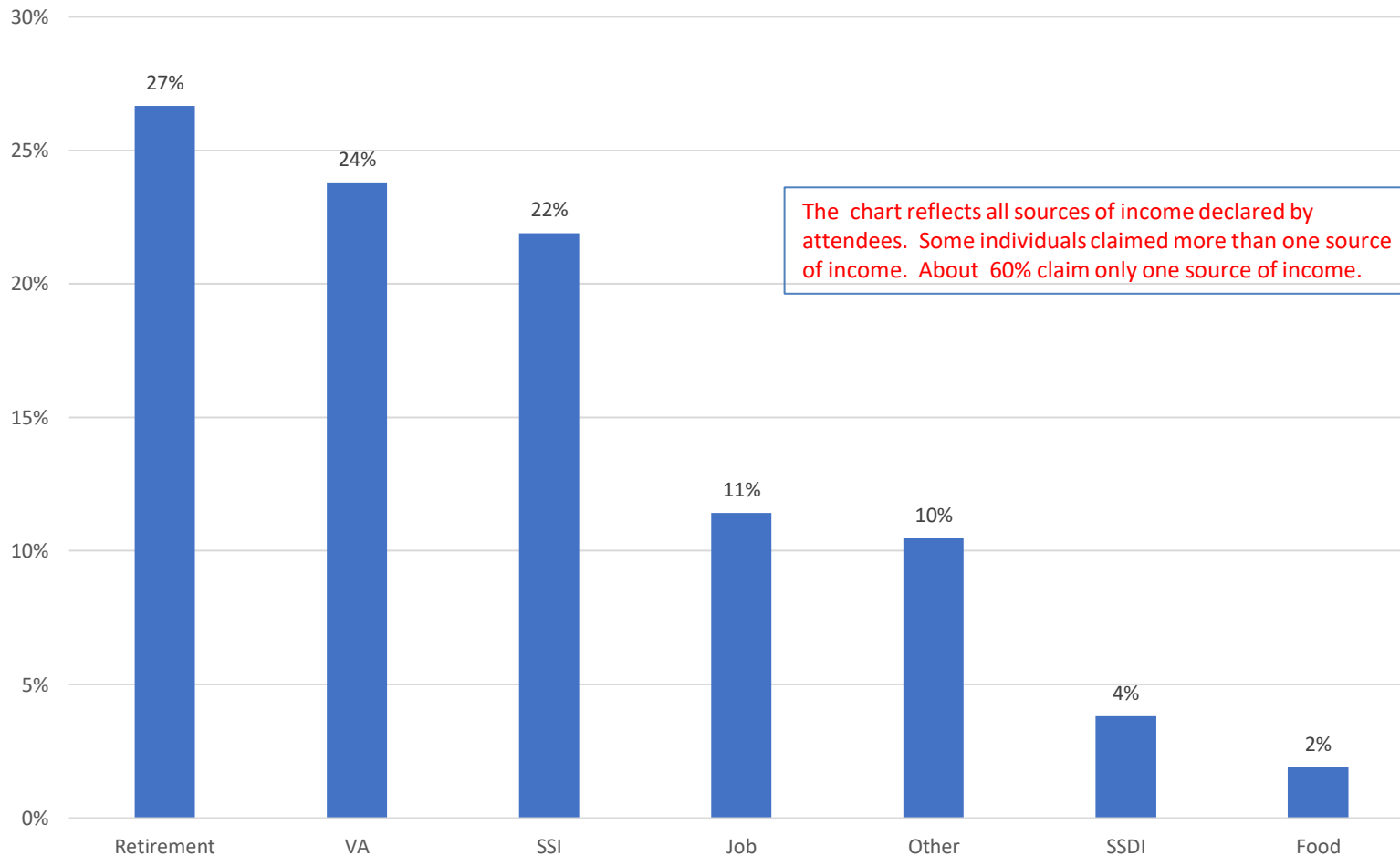


Data as of April 22, 2023



# Household Size and Income

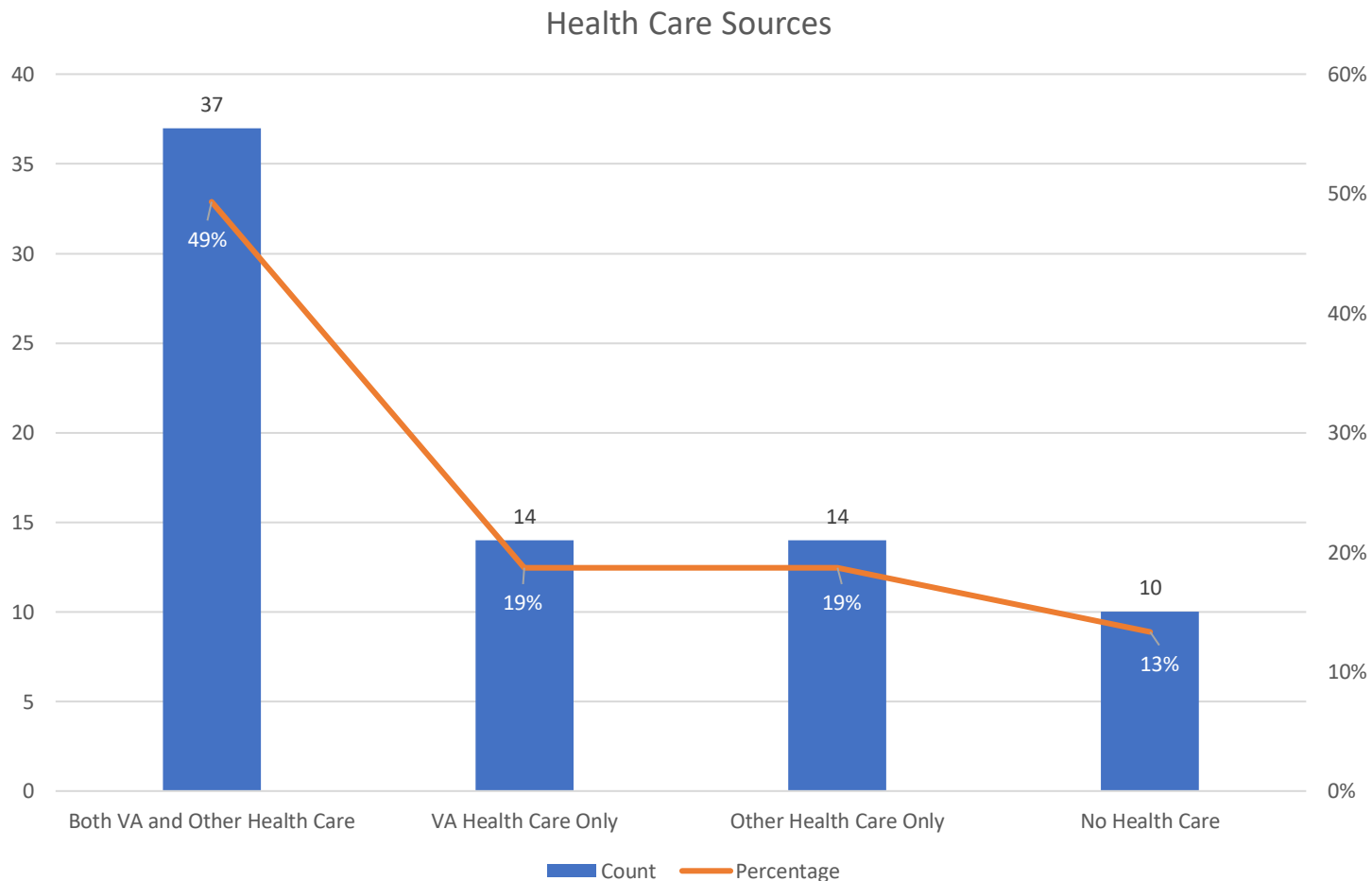
Household Income Source



Data as of April 22, 2023



# Healthcare



Data as of April 22, 2023



# Summary

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- Strong community support contributed to a successful Stand Down.
- 26 Community Resource providers delivered needed services and information.
- Veteran attendance doubled compared to September 2022 event.
- About 55% attended the event for the first time.
- Almost 70% of veterans attending live in Bremerton.
- About 50% of veterans attending live in households where monthly income is below 175% of the federal poverty level.
- 66% of attendees reported living in their own homes.
- 11 homeless veterans were identified.
- Feedback from attendees and service providers was positive.



# Moving Forward

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- Start promoting the September 2023 Stand Down as soon as possible.
- Examine ways to offer basic dental services at future events.
- Evaluate method to submit contact information on the homeless to the Housing Solutions Center for follow up if desired by the veteran.
- Assess food insecurity among our most vulnerable and examine mitigating strategies.



# Questions





## 2023 Veterans Relief Fund Budget

As of May 31, 2023

Account #	Account Title	Budget	Year to Date	Percent	Balance
	Beginning Fund Balance	-	300,000.00		
<b>Current Revenue</b>					
3110.10	Real & Personal Property	650,000.00	421,869.04	64.9%	228,130.96
3610.11	Investment Interest	2,000.00	889.67	44.5%	1,110.33
3000	Other Revenue	2,700.00	1,354.64	50.2%	1,345.36
	<b>Revenue total</b>	<b>654,700.00</b>	<b>424,113.35</b>	<b>64.8%</b>	<b>230,586.65</b>
	<b>Budget total</b>	<b>654,700.00</b>			
<b>County Staff Charges</b>					
5101	Regular Salaries	44,370.00	17,113.52	38.6%	27,256.48
5201	Industrial Insurance	499.00	188.45	37.8%	310.55
5202	Social Security	3,394.00	1,299.99	38.3%	2,094.01
5203	PERS Retirement	4,548.00	1,778.12	39.1%	2,769.88
5209	WA State Family Leave	65.00	28.25	43.5%	36.75
5229	Benefit Bucket	7,245.00	3,018.75	41.7%	4,226.25
5311	Office Supplies	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5422	Cellular Telephone	-	393.56	100.0%	(393.56)
5425	Postage	100.00	-	0.0%	100.00
5431	Mileage	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5432	Travel	-	-	0.0%	-
5451	Operating Rentals	500.00	317.67	63.5%	182.33
5452	Cloud Service Subscriptions	-	183.86	100.0%	(183.86)
5492	Dues/Subscriptions	-	163.69	100.0%	(163.69)
5496	Printing & Binding	-	87.44	100.0%	(87.44)
5499	Other Miscellaneous	-	51.50	100.0%	(51.50)
<b>Contracted Services</b>					
5415	Management Consulting	-	-	0.0%	-
	KCR	600,000.00	-	0.0%	600,000.00
	NW Justice League	50,000.00	17,374.00	34.7%	32,626.00
<b>Standdown</b>					
5413	Medical/Dental	2,000.00	-	0.0%	2,000.00
5441	Advertising	1,000.00	-	0.0%	1,000.00
5499	Other Miscellaneous	11,100.00	-	0.0%	11,100.00
<b>County Charges</b>					
5912	I/F IS Service Charges	3,556.00	1,481.65	41.7%	2,074.35
5913	I/F IS Program Maintenance	1,365.00	568.75	41.7%	796.25
5922	I/F IS Projects	260.00	108.35	41.7%	151.65
5996	Indirect Cost Allocation	5,659.00	2,829.50	50.0%	2,829.50
	<b>Expense total</b>	<b>736,661.00</b>	<b>46,987.05</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>689,673.95</b>
	Estimated ending Fund Balance	-	218,000.00		
	<b>Budget total</b>	<b>736,661.00</b>			



# KITSAP COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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Veterans Assistance Fund 2023

Monthly Report: May 2023

Submitted by: Garry Hughes

Activity	M	YTD
Total Applicants	38	132
Total # of New Applicants	4	18
Applications Accepted	38	132
Applications Denied	0	0
General Discharges	0	3
2023 Total Unduplicated	9	78
Total Payout	\$ 27,071.60	\$ 103,676.97

Activity	Amount	Applications Received
Appliances		
Auto Repair	\$ 3,644.01	7
Burial	\$ 3,000	2
Bus Pass		
Bus Ticket Home		
Clothing		
Dental		
Food, Hygiene, & Cleaning supplies	\$ 3,545.77	14
Gasoline	\$ 639.69	9
Heating Oil		
Motel	\$ 5,270.89	4
Medical	\$ 218.40	1
Natural Gas	\$ 376.16	1
Occupation Certification		
Phone		
Propane	\$ 79.61	1
PSE	\$ 3,285.90	7
Rent	\$ 6,130	5
Sewer		
Union Dues		
Waste Management	\$ 241.82	2
Water	\$ 639.35	2
Wood for Heat/ Pellets		
Misc.		
Total Payout	\$ 27,071.60	Total 55

Demographics	May	YTD
Veteran	35	122
Dependent	0	2
Widow	3	8
Gender		
Male	33	104
Female	5	23
Other Gender		
Age		
30 yrs. old and under	2	8
31 to 60 yrs. old	20	73
60 yrs. old and over	16	51
Ethnicity		
Hispanic or Latino	2	5
Non-Hispanic or Latino	36	9
Race		
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	2	3
Asian	2	4
Black or African American	3	14
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	9
White	25	99
Other Race		
Multi Race (2 or more of the above)		

Of those that were served out of the Assistance Fund, some were given information on other KCR programs.

KCR \$ value of referrals – \$3,100

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2023 – Present) \$10,396

Applications Denied: 0

## Referrals

All clients are given referrals to community services including KCR.

Of those Veterans served out of the assistance fund, all were referred to other programs and given resources outside of KCR:

- Mason County VAF
- Pierce County VAF
- King County VAF
- Food Banks/Free Meal Sites
- Salvation Army/St. Vincent's de Pau/ DSHS
- Employment Resources/Work Source
- WDVA/Building 10
- Legal Resources/Northwest Justice Project
- SSVF (Supportive Services for Veterans and Families)
- Grief Support groups

- Educational resources

\$ Value of Referrals outside of KCR – \$2,764

\$ Value of Referrals YTD (January 2023-Present) – \$10,664

41 phone calls fielded seeking information outside of assistance fund.

#### May Breakdown:

Jail Contacts – 6

YTD (January 2023-Present) – 15 individuals

Clean and Sober Housing – 0

YTD (January 2023-Present) – 0

Eviction Relief Funding (Rental Assistance line item from VAP Budget contract) – \$0 (included in above total)

YTD (January 2023-Present) 0

**Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Program - Summary of Direct Emergency Assistance During 2023**

**Total Direct Service Budget 2023 - \$461,694**

Activity	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Total 2023
Appliances													\$ -
Auto Repair	\$ 124	\$ 2,799	\$ 2,651	\$ 4,756	\$ 3,644								\$ 13,974
Burial		\$ 1,500	\$ 4,500		\$ 3,000								\$ 9,000
Bus Pass													\$ -
Bus Ticket Home													\$ -
Clean & Sober Housing													\$ -
Clothing			\$ 1,434	\$ 247									\$ 1,681
Dental			\$ 336	\$ 200									\$ 536
Eviction Relief Funding													\$ -
Food	\$ 677	\$ 1,139	\$ 3,049	\$ 1,028	\$ 3,546								\$ 9,439
Gasoline	\$ 167	\$ 166	\$ 273	\$ 516	\$ 640								\$ 1,762
Heating Oil				\$ 480									\$ 480
Motel			\$ 7,158	\$ 1,301	\$ 5,271								\$ 13,730
Medical				\$ 38	\$ 219								\$ 257
Natural Gas	\$ 350	\$ 189	\$ 168	\$ 278	\$ 377								\$ 1,362
Occupation Certification													\$ -
Phone			\$ 576	\$ 368									\$ 944
Propane	\$ 279	\$ 824	\$ 982		\$ 80								\$ 2,165
PSE		\$ 747	\$ 5,452	\$ 6,816	\$ 3,286								\$ 16,301
Rent	\$ 200	\$ 2,500	\$ 7,730	\$ 12,336	\$ 6,130								\$ 28,896
Sewer		\$ 250		\$ 270									\$ 520
Union Dues													\$ -
Waste Management	\$ 55		\$ 61	\$ 233	\$ 242								\$ 591
Water		\$ 400	\$ 245	\$ 758	\$ 640								\$ 2,043
Wood for Heat/ Pellets													\$ -
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,852</b>	<b>\$ 10,514</b>	<b>\$ 34,615</b>	<b>\$ 29,625</b>	<b>\$ 27,075</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 103,681</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 459,842</b>	<b>\$ 449,328</b>	<b>\$ 414,713</b>	<b>\$ 385,088</b>	<b>\$ 358,013</b>	<b>\$ 358,013</b>	<b>\$ 358,013</b>	<b>\$ 358,013</b>	<b>\$ 358,013</b>	<b>\$ 358,013</b>	<b>\$ 358,013</b>	<b>\$ 358,013</b>	<b>\$ 358,013</b>

Demographics	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Total 2023
Veteran	9	14	34	30	35								122
Dependent				2									2
Widow		1	2	2	3								8
<b>Gender</b>													
Male	8	11	28	24	33								71
Female	1	4	8	10	5								23
Other Gender													0
<b>Age</b>													
30 yrs. old and under			6		2								8
31 to 60 yrs. old	4	4	20	25	20								73
60 yrs. old and over	5	11	10	9	16								35
<b>Ethnicity</b>													
Hispanic or Latino		1	2	2	2								3
Non-Hispanic or Latino	9	14	34	34	36								57
<b>Race</b>													
American Indian/Alaskan Native				1	2								3
Asian				2	2								4
Black or African American	2	2	4	3	3								14
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		1	2	3	2								8
White	5	12	30	25	25								74
Other Race	2												2
Multi Race (2 or more of the above)													0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>188</b>

<b>2023 Applications Per month</b>	9	15	36	34	38								132
<b>2023 New Clients served YTD</b>	0	2	6	6	4								18
<b>2023 Clients denied</b>	0	0	0	0	0								0
<b>2023 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	9	15	36	9	9								78

<b>2022 Applications Per month</b>	52	40	30	48	49	31	55	53	40	38	45	36	517
<b>2022 New Clients served YTD</b>	4	3	3	10	10	4	7	10	5	5	2	5	68
<b>2022 Clients denied</b>	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
<b>2022 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	52	19	12	17	28	6	19	22	8	5	6	10	204

<b>2021 Applications Per month</b>	50	40	48	43	41	49	49	51	51	56	57		535
<b>2021 New Clients served YTD</b>	5	5	3	3	0	4	5	3	5	9	6		48
<b>2021 Clients denied</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
<b>2021 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	50	24	19	14	8	12	15	15	13	9	6		185

<b>2020 Applications Per month</b>	50	42	31	33	37	45	49	36	55	59	43	60	540
<b>2020 New Clients served YTD</b>	8	6	5	6	6	9	4	3	6	5	3	8	69
<b>2020 Clients denied</b>	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>2020 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	50	22	17	19	16	16	15	8	12	16	8	9	208

<b>2019 Applications Per month</b>	57	39	51	67	58	44	58	48	41	63	43	44	613
<b>2019 New Clients served YTD</b>	7	8	7	9	8	7	10	4	4	11	5	5	85
<b>2019 Clients denied</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
<b>2019 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	56	20	22	31	24	18	21	11	15	18	13	7	256

<b>2018 Applications Per month</b>	41	29	34	38	42	42	43	33	40	37	40		419
<b>2018 New Clients served YTD</b>	7	4	2	5	5	4	5	5	8	9	7		61
<b>2018 Clients denied</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0		3
<b>2018 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	41	16	17	11	18	15	18	11	12	17	22		198

<b>2017 Applications Per month</b>	37	30	49	43	36	48	48	55	38	49	48	47	528
<b>2017 New Clients served YTD</b>	8	8	7	12	8	8	3	13	15	10	7	11	110
<b>2017 Clients denied</b>	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	3	2	2	15
<b>2017 Total Clients Served</b>	37	29	48	41	36	46	48	54	37	46	46	45	513

<b>2016 Applications per month</b>	36	45	37	36	36	41	50	40	33	37	35	32	458
<b>2016 New Clients served YTD</b>	10	14	7	5	5	10	13	10	9	7	9	2	101

<b>2015 Applications per month</b>	38	35	46	45	39	22	48	41	42	34	40	42	472
<b>2015 New Clients served YTD</b>	11	13	19	12	8	5	14	14	10	10	13	15	144