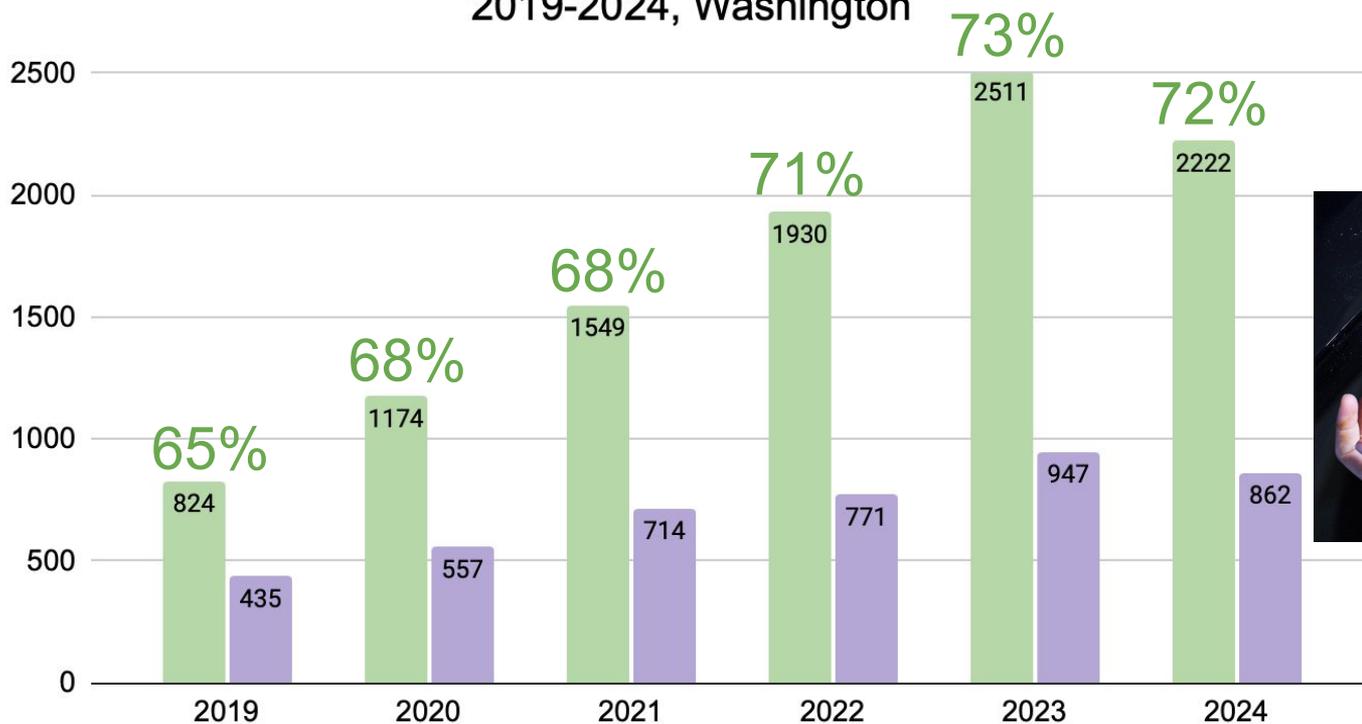




Statistics show many of Washington's boys and men are struggling

# Deaths from drug overdoses

2019-2024, Washington



**Male total: 10,210**  
**Percent male: 70%**

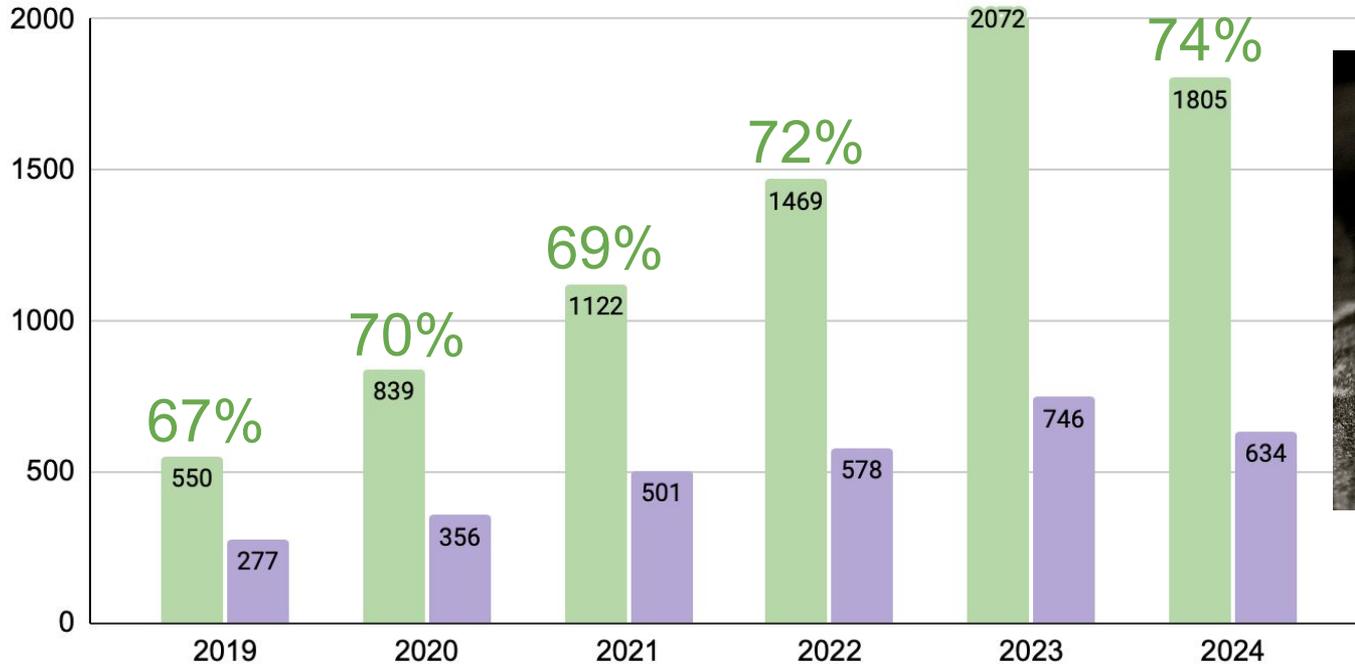


**Note:** As of 10/1/2025, 74% of recorded drug overdose deaths in 2025 have been males.

Source: IVP/S&E Team, Washington State Department of Health (by email 11/3/2025)

# Deaths from opioid overdoses

2019-2024, Washington 74%



Male total: 7,857  
Percent male: 72%

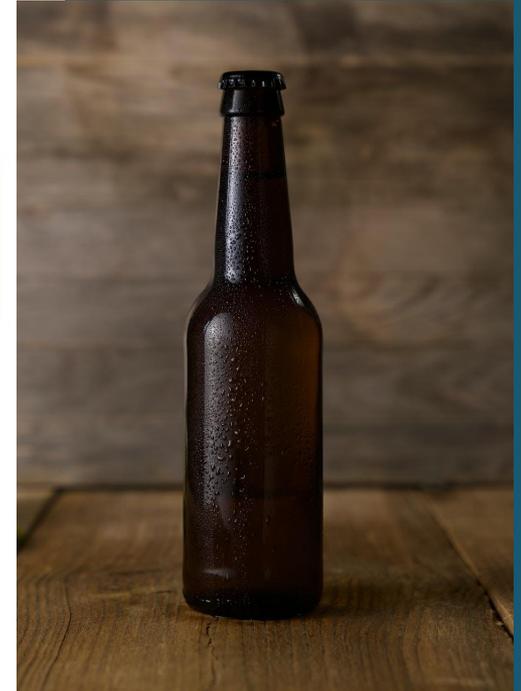
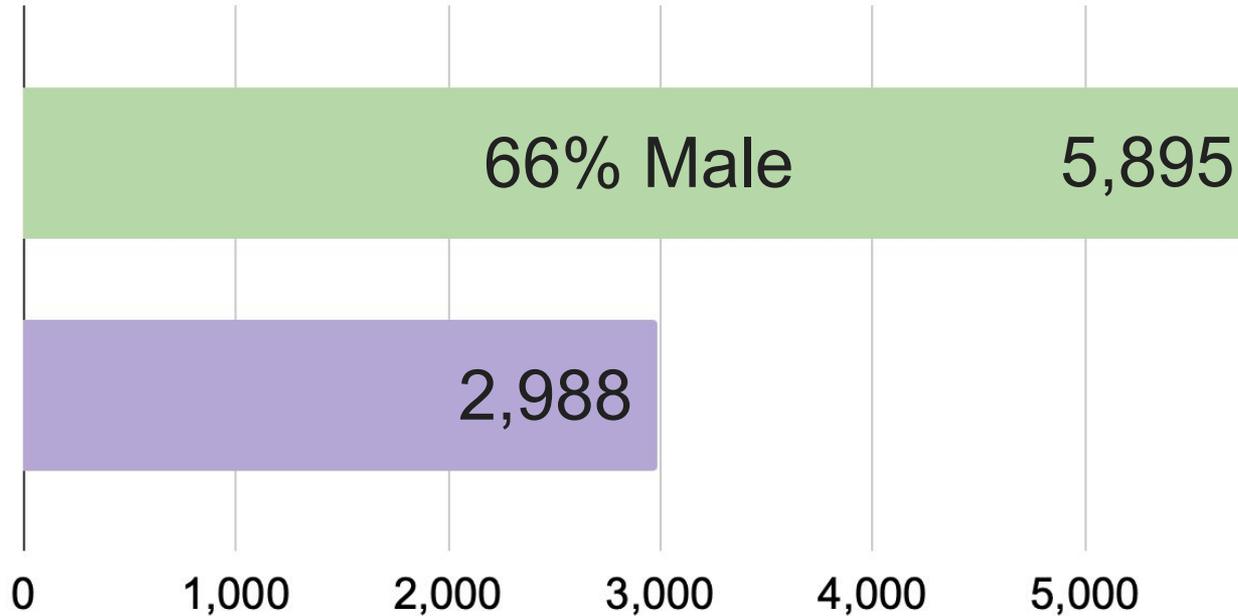


**Note:** As of 10/1/2025, 74% of recorded opioid overdose deaths in 2025 have been males.

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# Deaths from alcohol abuse

2018-2023, Washington

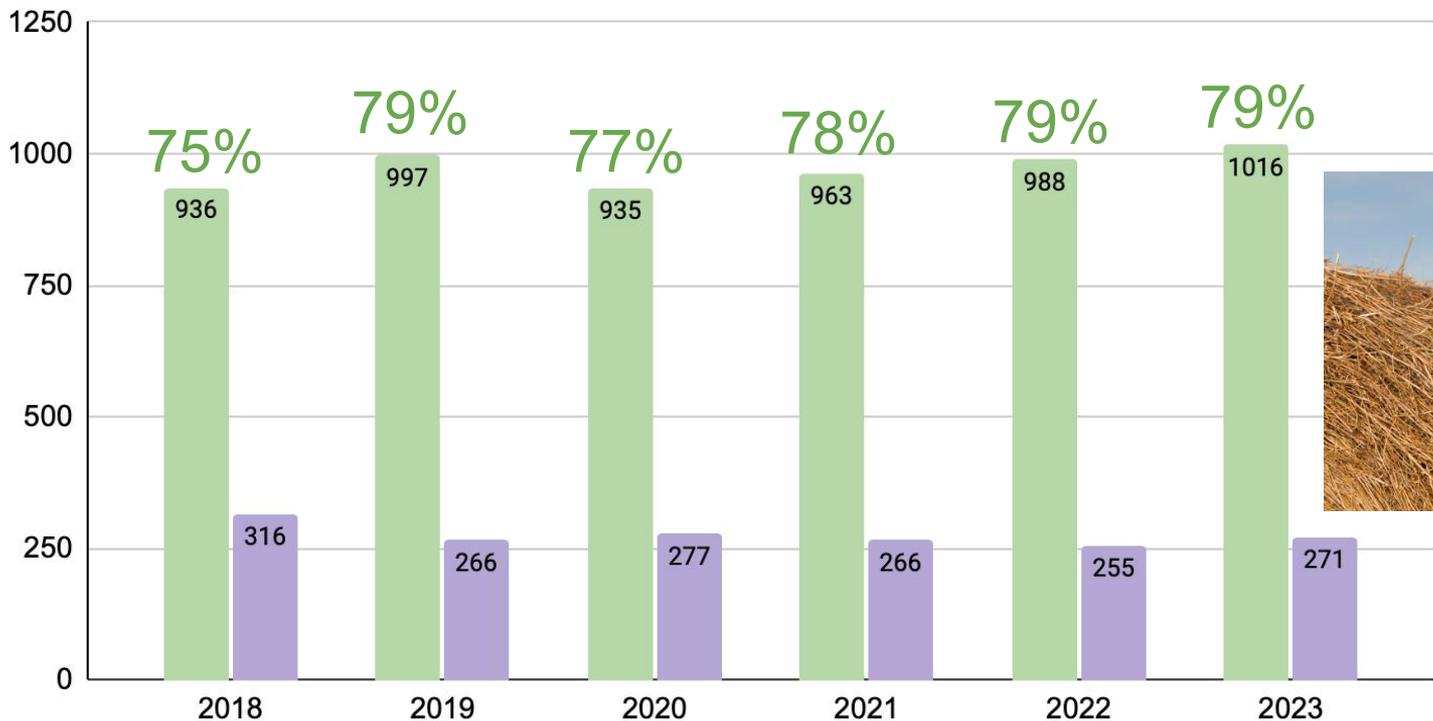


Source: CDC WONDER Underlying Cause of Death 2018-2023, retrieved 11/17/2025

# Victims of suicide

2018-2023, Washington

Male total: 5,835  
Percent male: 78%

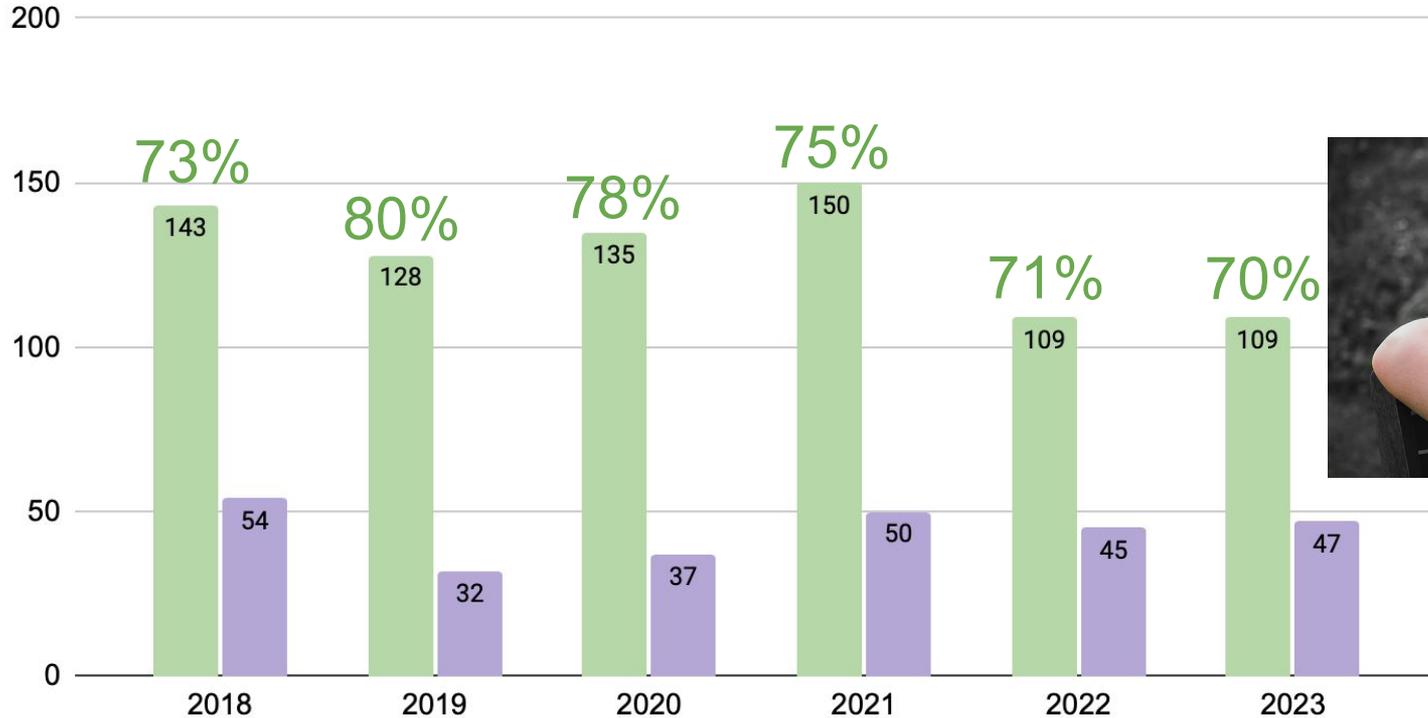


# Youth victims of suicide

2018-2023, Washington

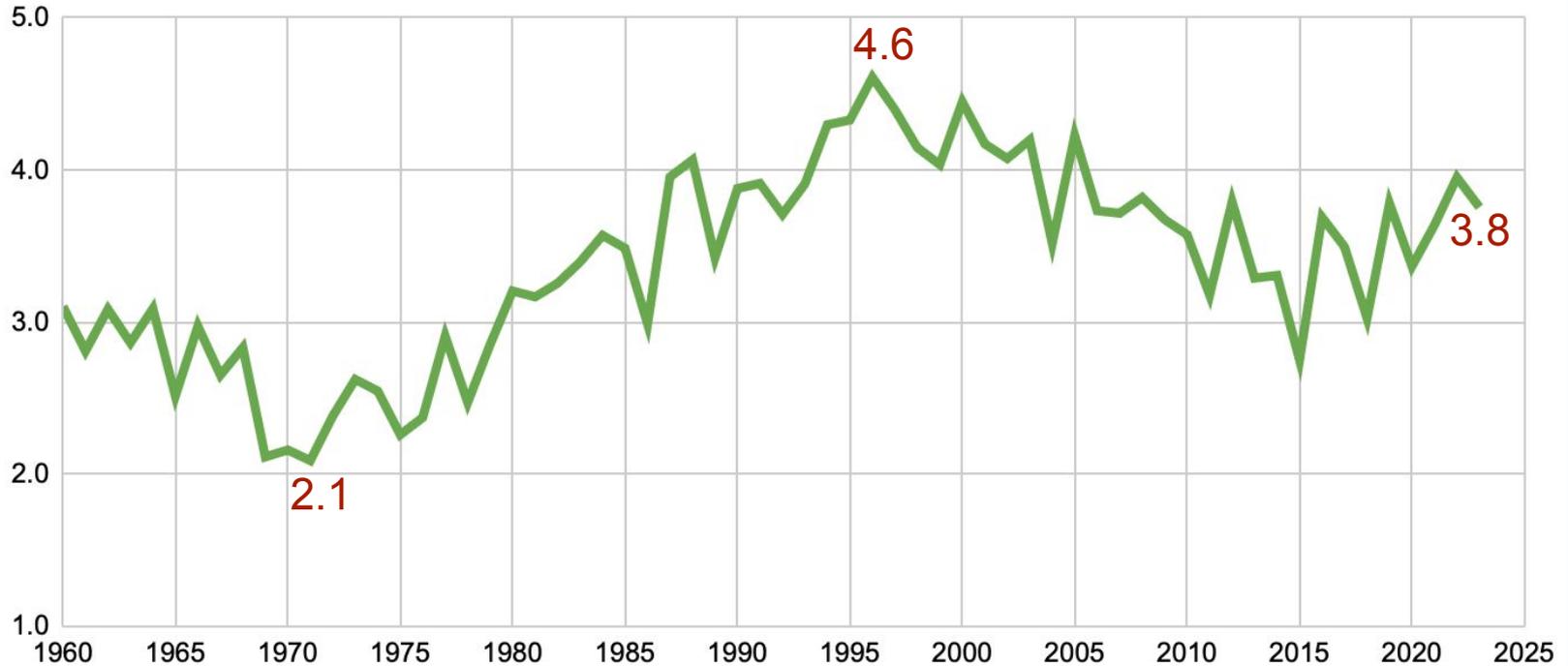
Male total: 774

Percent male: 74%



# Ratio of Male Suicide Rate to Female Suicide Rate

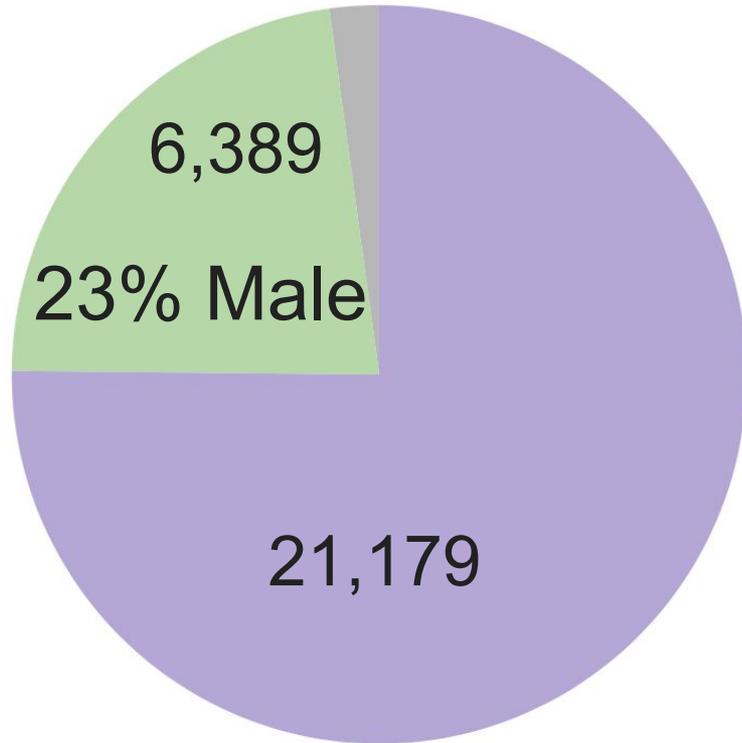
Washington, 1960-2023



**Source:** Washington State Department of Health, Historical Vital Statistics webpage:  
<https://doh.wa.gov/data-and-statistical-reports/health-statistics/historical-vital-statistics>

# Mental Health Counselors

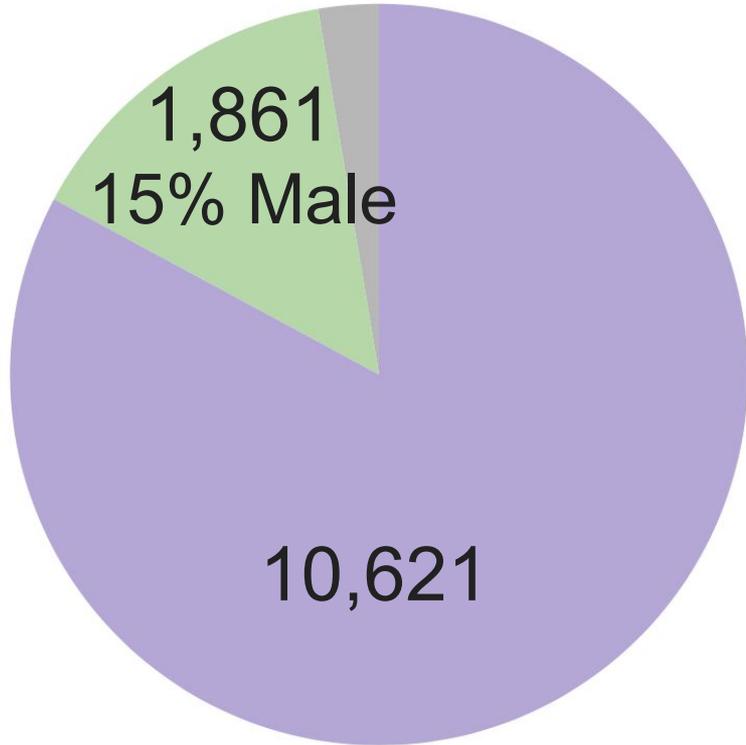
2025, Washington



**Source:** Washington State Department of Health (by email on 11/24/2025). Counts include all active holders of LMHC, LMHCA, LMFT, LMFTA, SUDPC, SWA, SWAA, and other related licenses.

# Social Workers

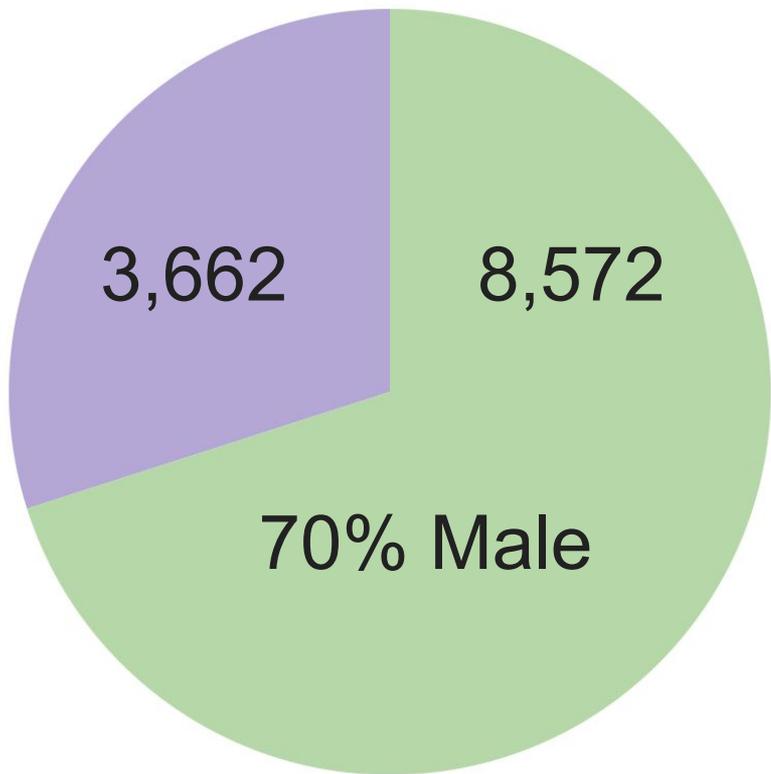
2025, Washington



**Source:** Health Systems Quality Assurance, Washington State Department of Health (by email on 5/29/2025). Counts include all active licensed practitioners.

# Unsheltered people

2022, Washington

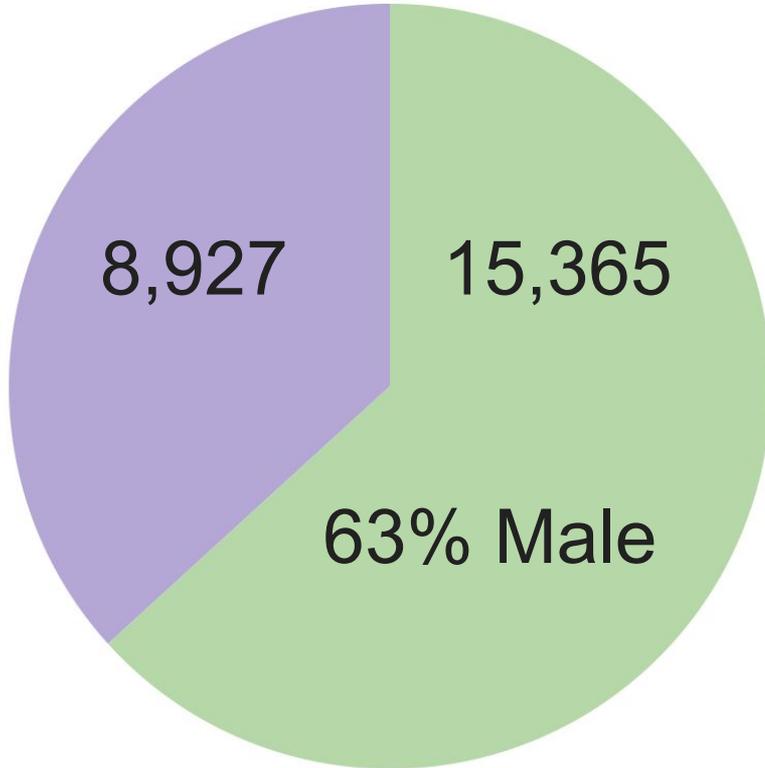


Men are 85% of deaths among people experiencing homelessness in King County (*Seattle Times*, 2022)

**Source:** Washington State Department of Commerce, HMIS database, point-in-time count conducted 2/26/2022

# Homeless people

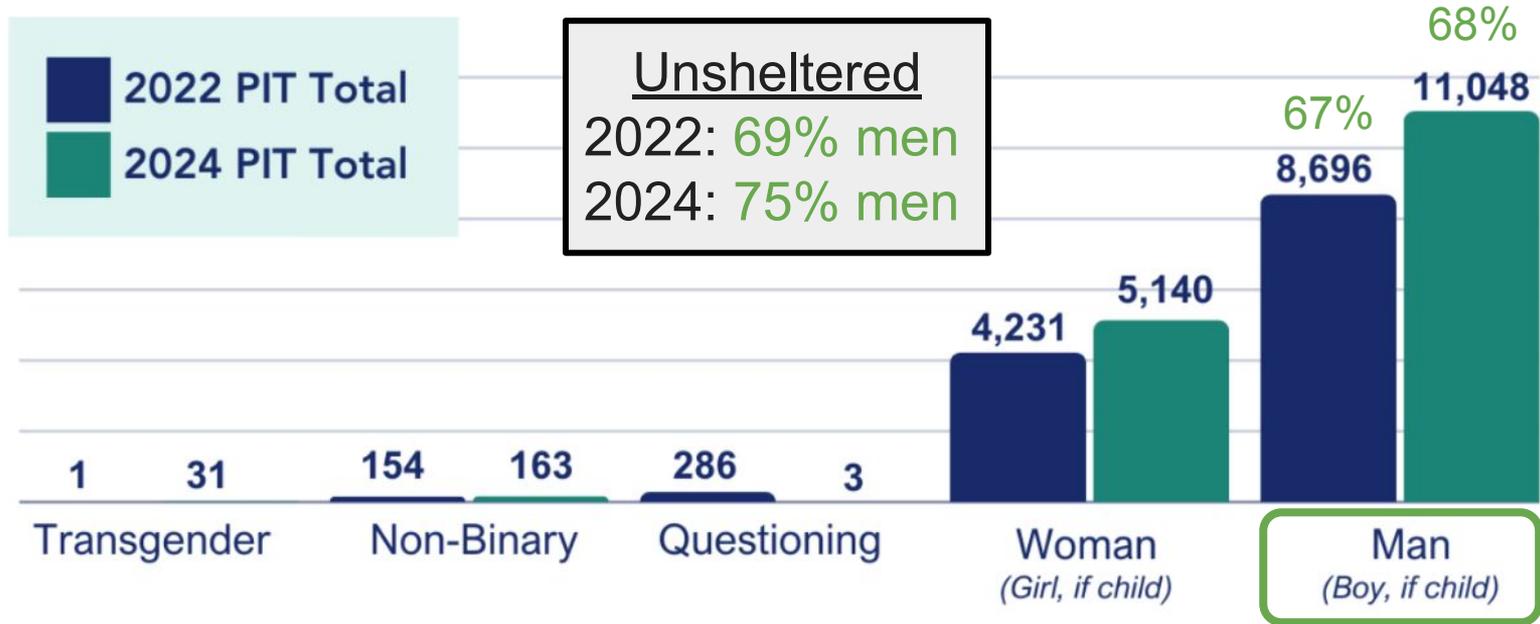
2022, Washington



**Source:** Washington State Department of Commerce, HMIS database, point-in-time count conducted 2/26/2022

# Homelessness in King County

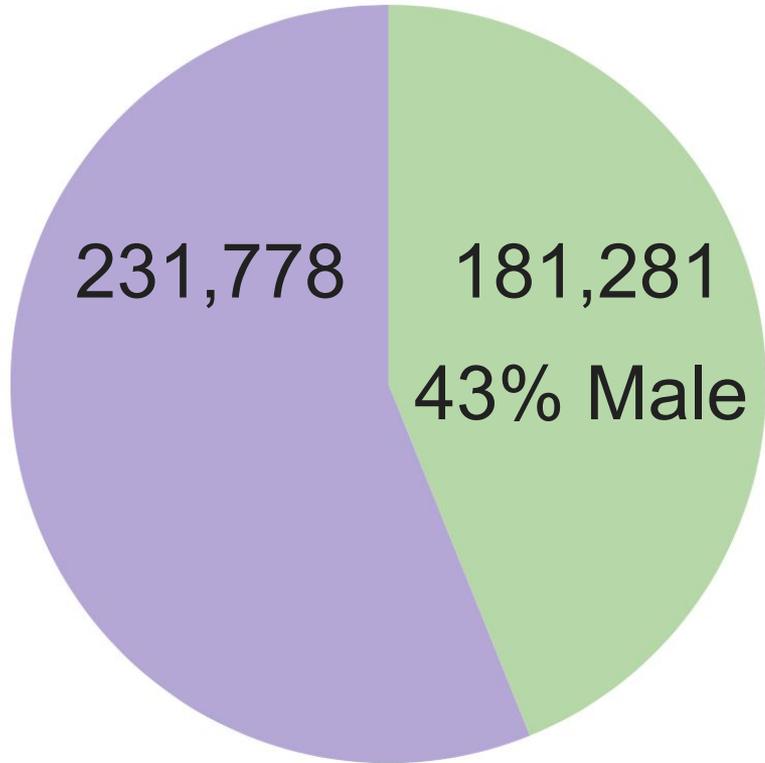
## Gender Identity



Source: King County Regional Homelessness Authority point-in-time counts, 2022 & 2024

# Single homeowners

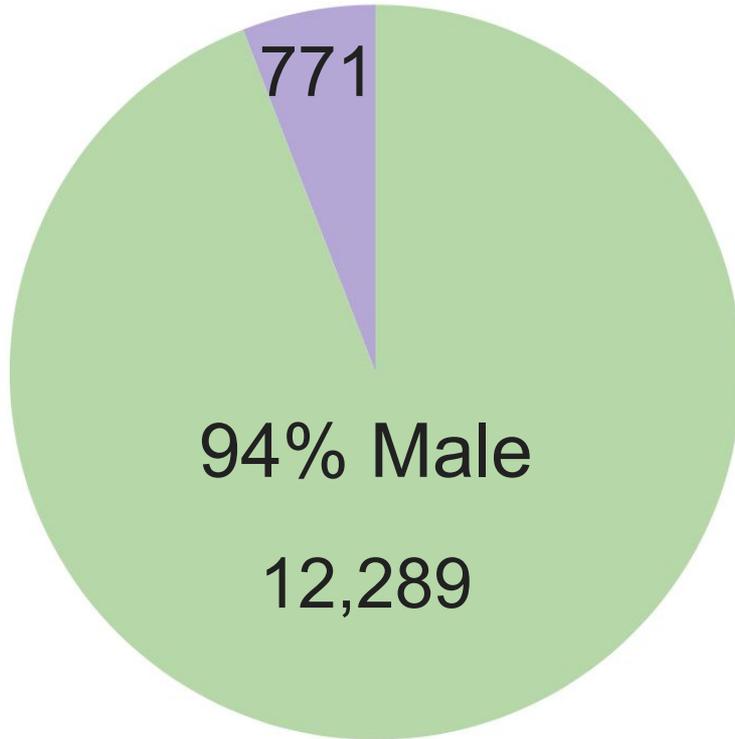
2023, Washington



**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau 2023 American Community Survey, 1-year estimates, owner-occupied housing units, <https://www.lendingtree.com/home/mortgage/single-women-own-more-homes-than-single-men-do/>

# Imprisoned people

2024, Washington



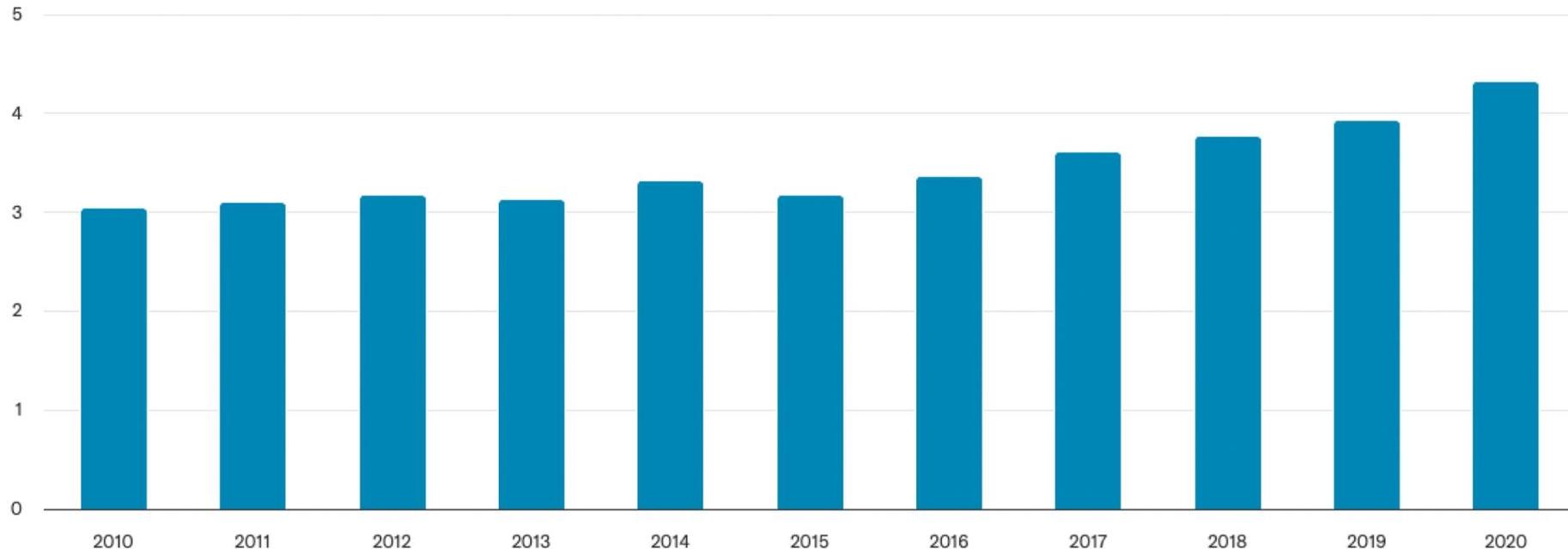
**Cost per incarcerated individual: \$75,000/year**

**Source:** Average Daily Population of Incarcerated Individuals, October 2024, WA Department of Corrections, <https://doc.wa.gov/docs/publications/reports/400-RE002.pdf>

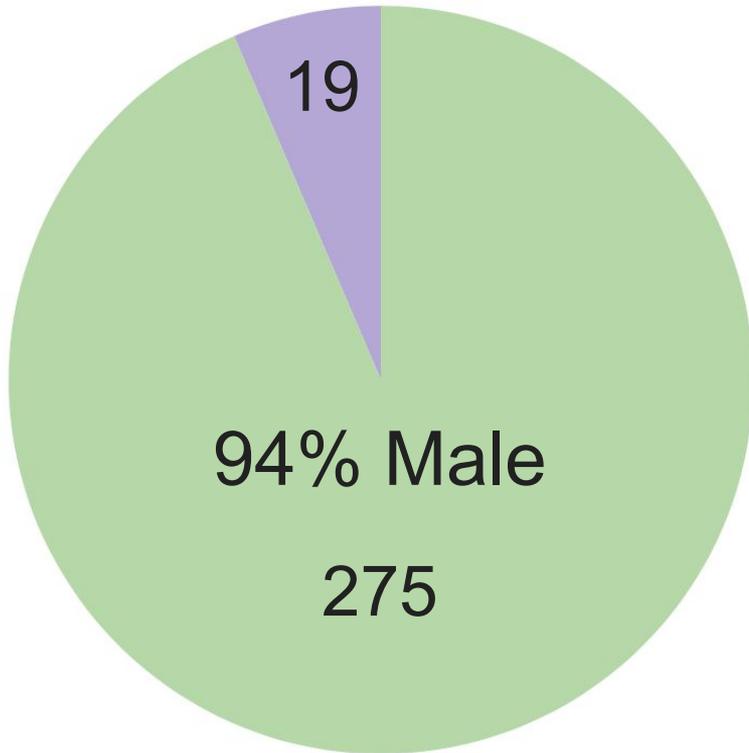
# In Washington, people in state prison are serving longer terms of incarceration.

## Average length of stay (years) of people exiting prison

Washington, Prison terms for violent offenses



## Years wrongfully imprisoned since 1989, Washington

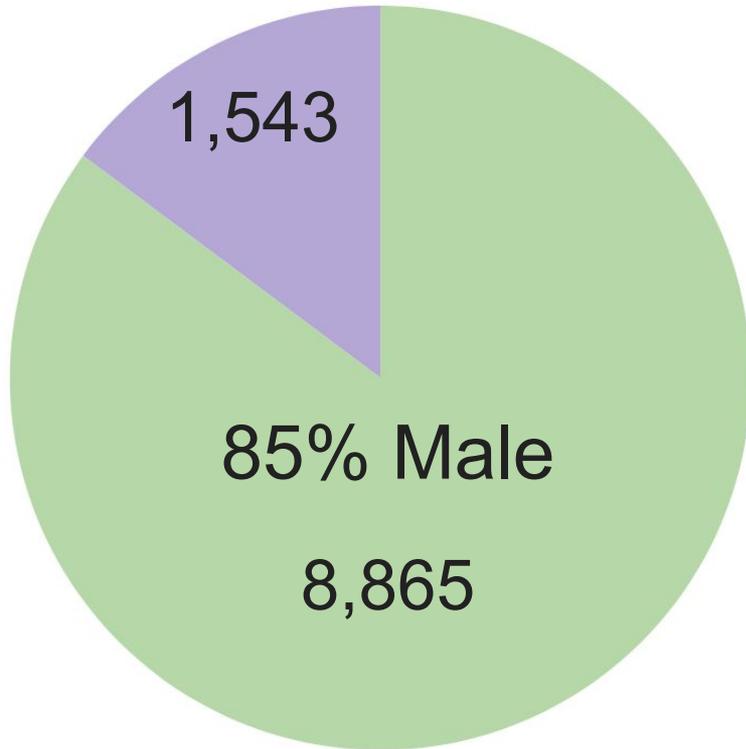


**Evaristo Salas was exonerated and released after spending 26 years in prison in Spokane for a crime he did not commit.**

**Source:** National Registry of Exonerations (accessed 9/14/2024) | Number of men: 48 | Number of women: 9

# Jailed people

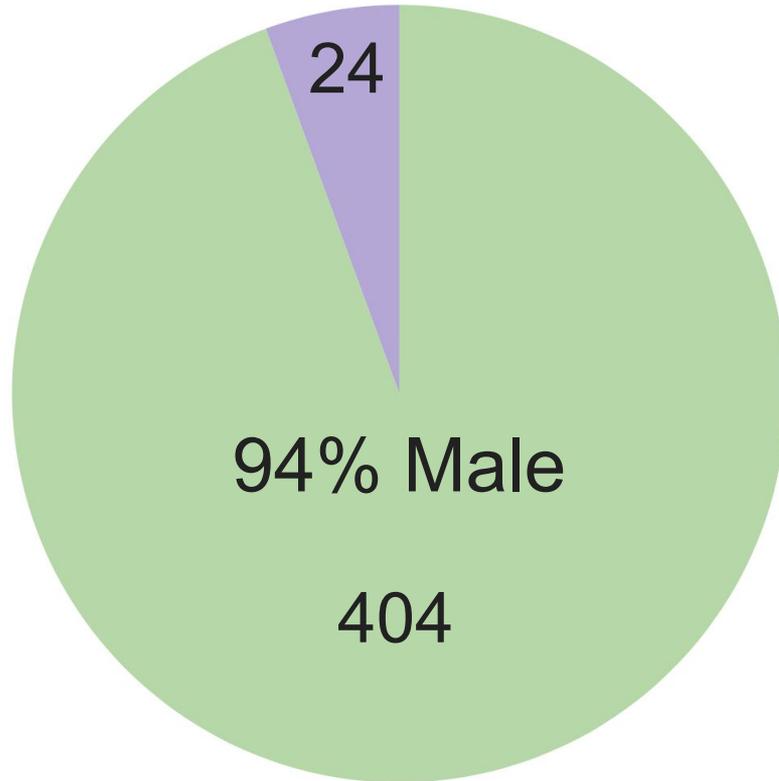
2024, Washington



**Source:** 2024 Jail Statistics, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, <https://www.waspc.org/crime-statistics-reports>

# Youth in juvenile rehabilitation

2024, Washington



Avg. stay (days)

*Male: 374*

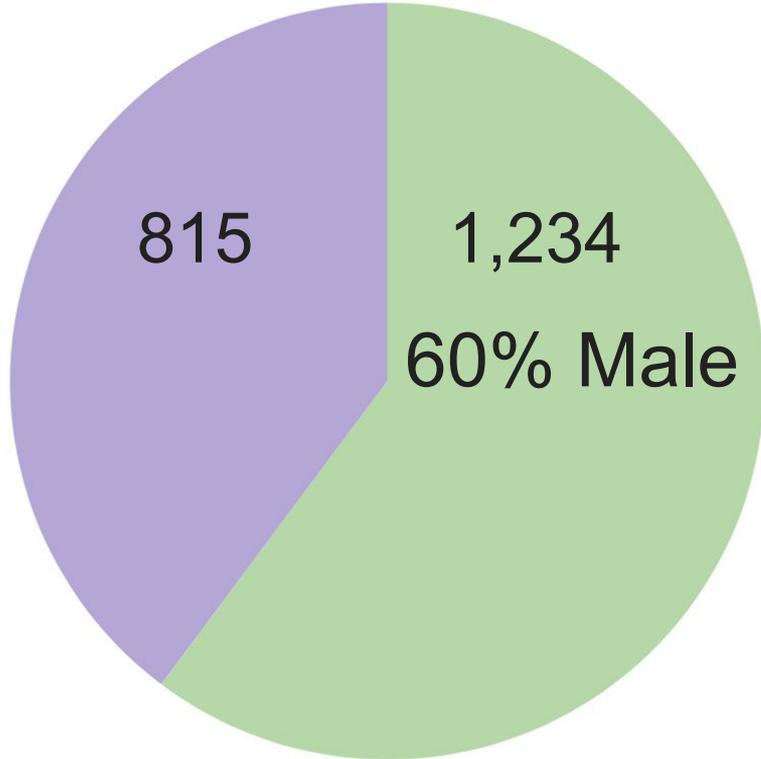
*Female: 269*



**Source:** Department of Children, Youth, and Families, JR Population Updates, <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/juvenile-rehabilitation/population-updates>, data as of 12/31/2024

# Missing persons

2025, Washington

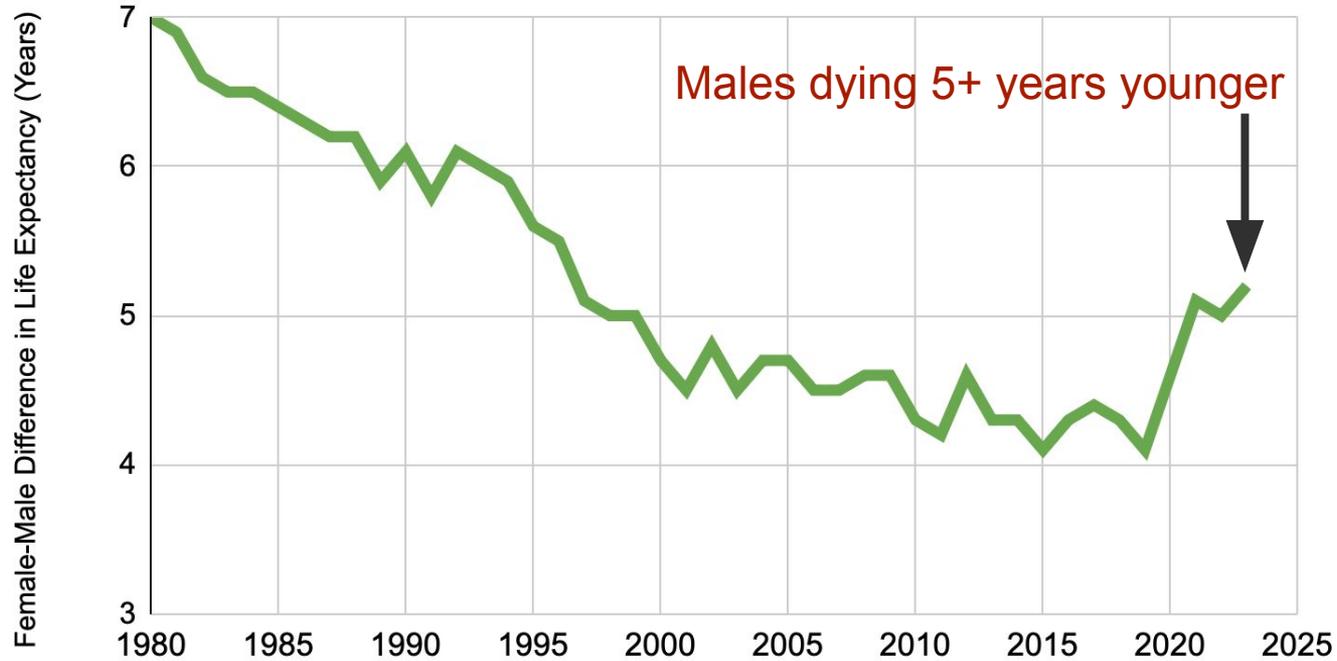


Source: Washington State Patrol, data pulled 12/10/2024



# Life expectancy gender gap

Births 1980-2023, Washington

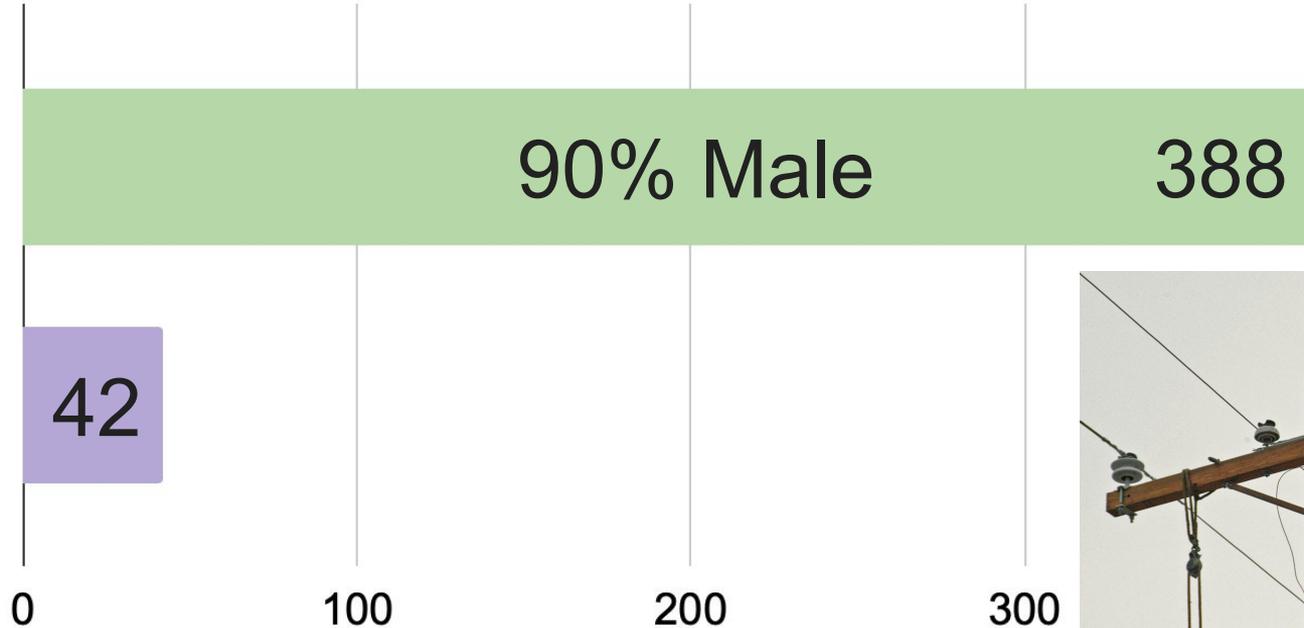


Source: All Deaths Dashboard, Washington Department of Health, accessed 5/11/2025

<https://doh.wa.gov/data-statistical-reports/washington-tracking-network-wtn/death/county-all-deaths-dashboard>

# People killed at work

2019-2023, Washington



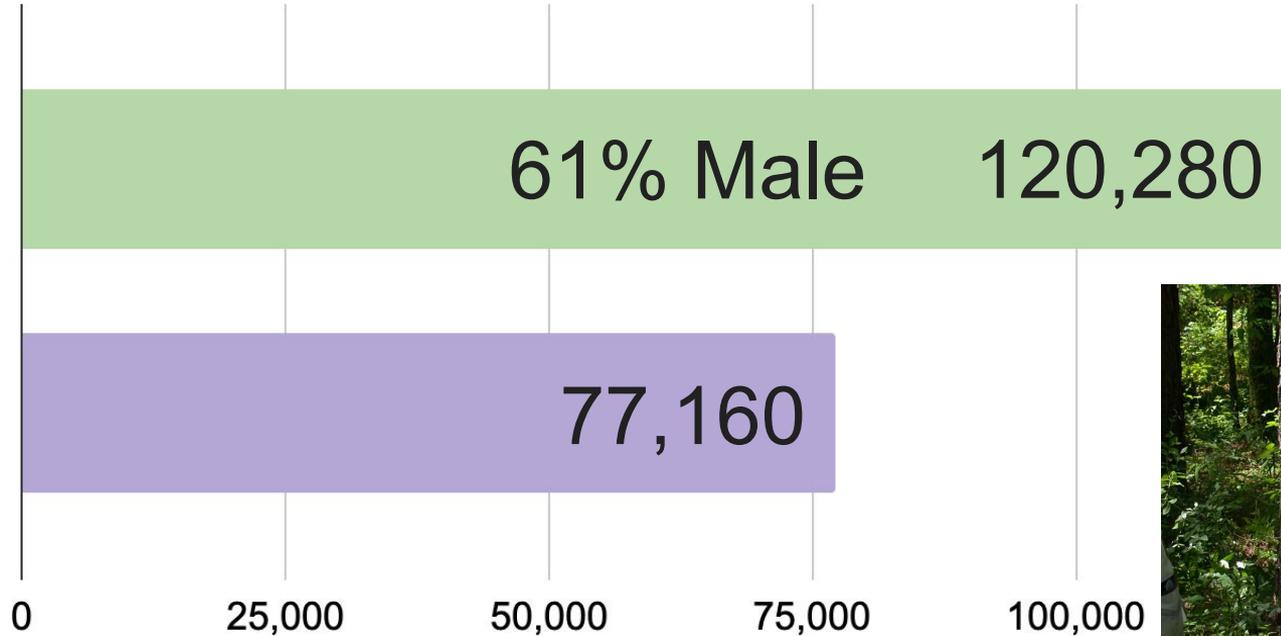
Note:  
In 2022 there were  
103 workplace  
fatalities. 100%  
were men.



**Source:** WA Department of Labor and Industries, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries,  
<https://lni.wa.gov/claims/for-employers/workers-compensation-injury-data/labor-statistics-bsi>

# People injured at work

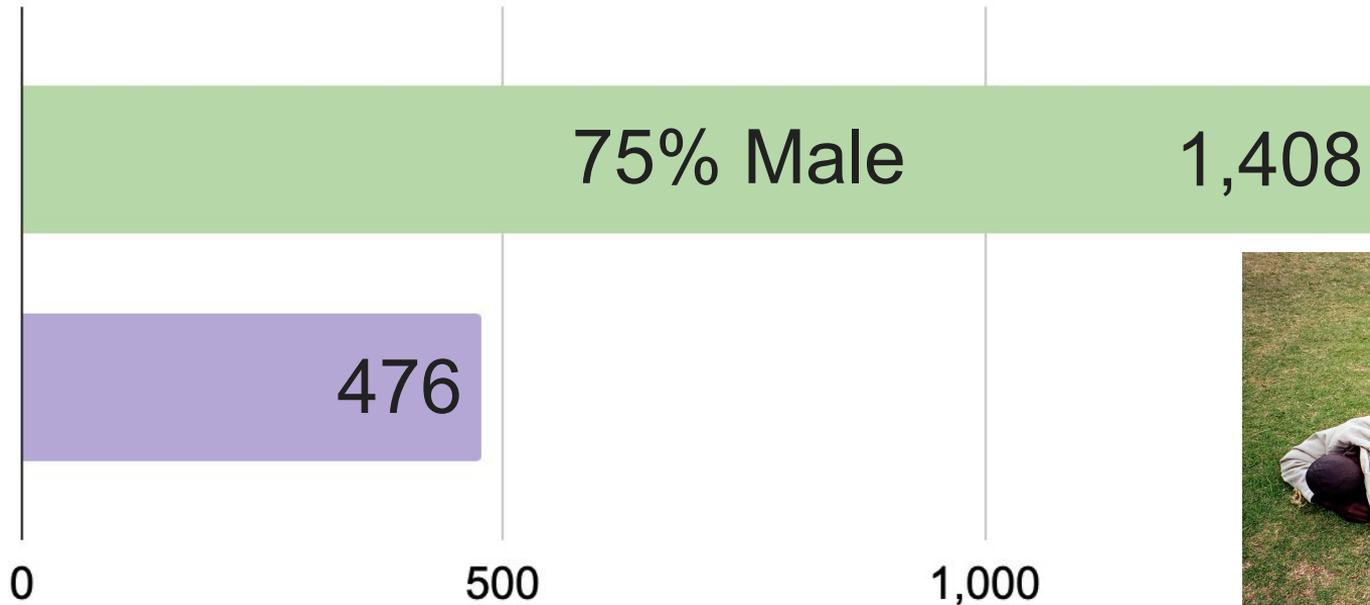
2018-2022, Washington



**Source:** WA L&I, Nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work, private industry, <https://lni.wa.gov/claims/for-employers/workers-compensation-injury-data/labor-statistics-blsi>

# Victims of homicide

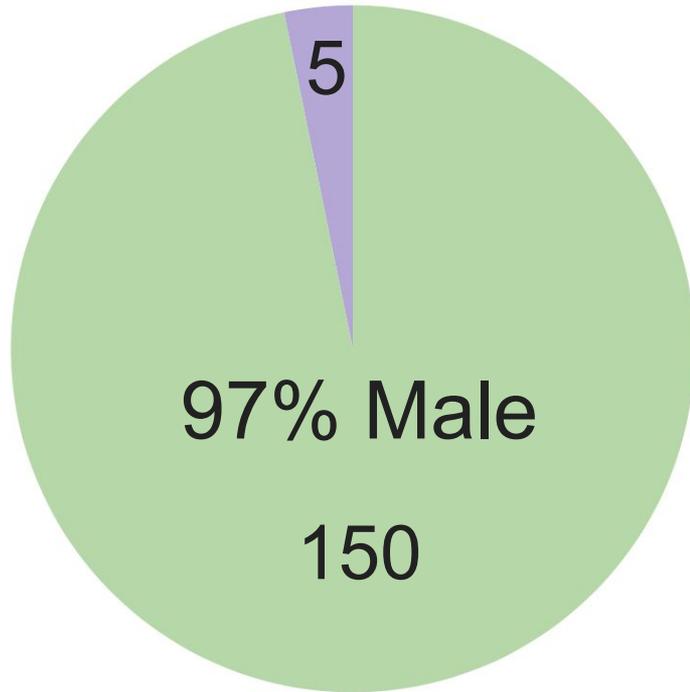
2019-2024, Washington



**Source:** Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, *Crime in Washington* annual reports, <https://www.waspc.org/crime-statistics-reports>

# People killed during military service

2001-present, Washingtonians



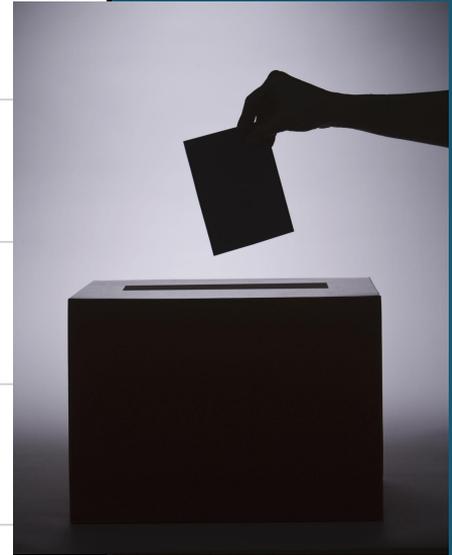
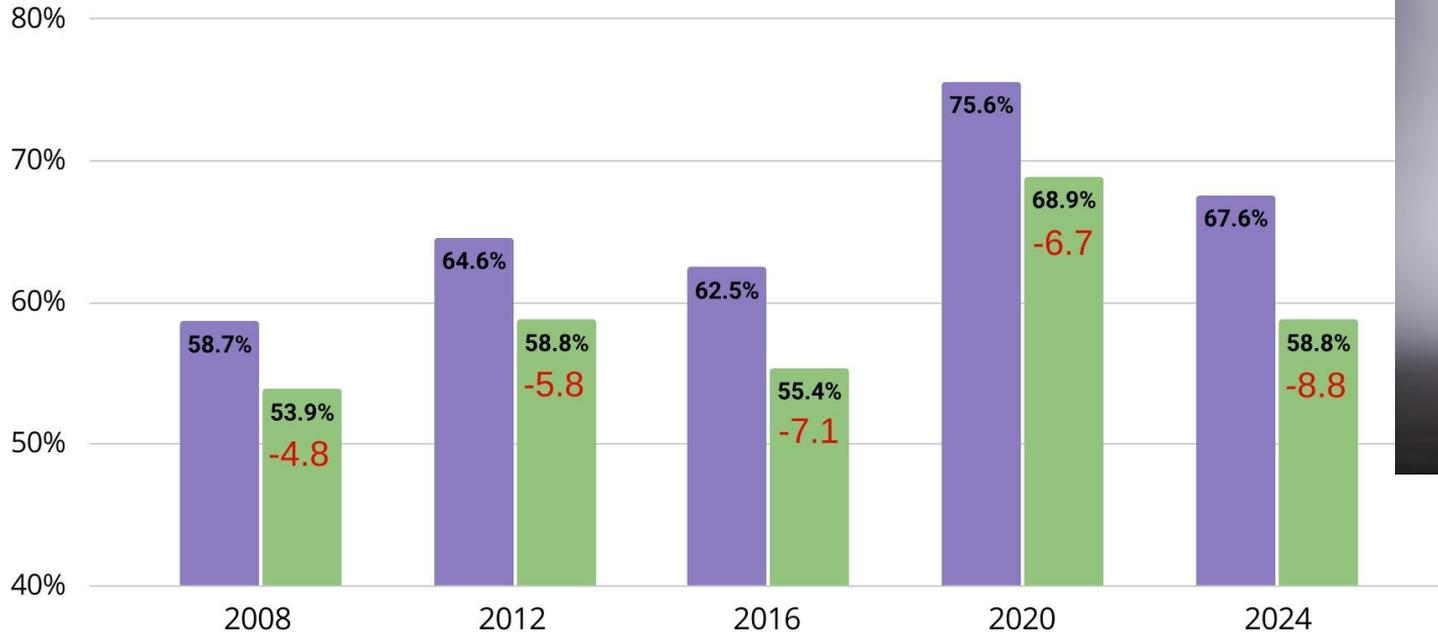
**Source:** Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS)

**Note:** Data pertains to U.S. service members killed in any of the five American military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001 whose home state is listed as Washington in DCAS.

# Voter Turnout by Sex, Ages 18-24

Washington State | Presidential Election Years

Female Turnout Male Turnout



Source: Washington Secretary of State, data downloaded Apr 2025,  
<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/data-research/reports-data-and-statistics>

# Voter Turnout by Sex, Ages 25-34

Washington State | Presidential Election Years

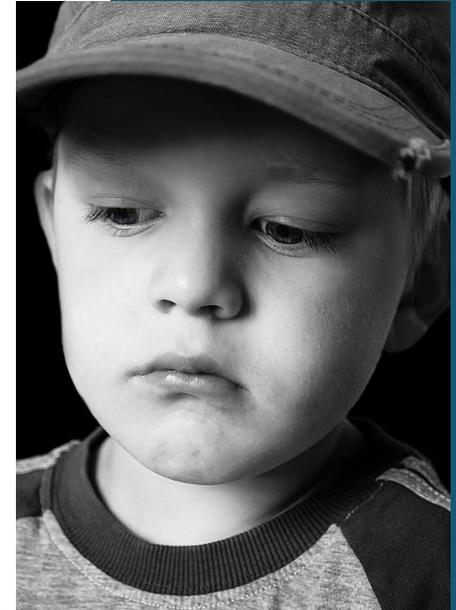
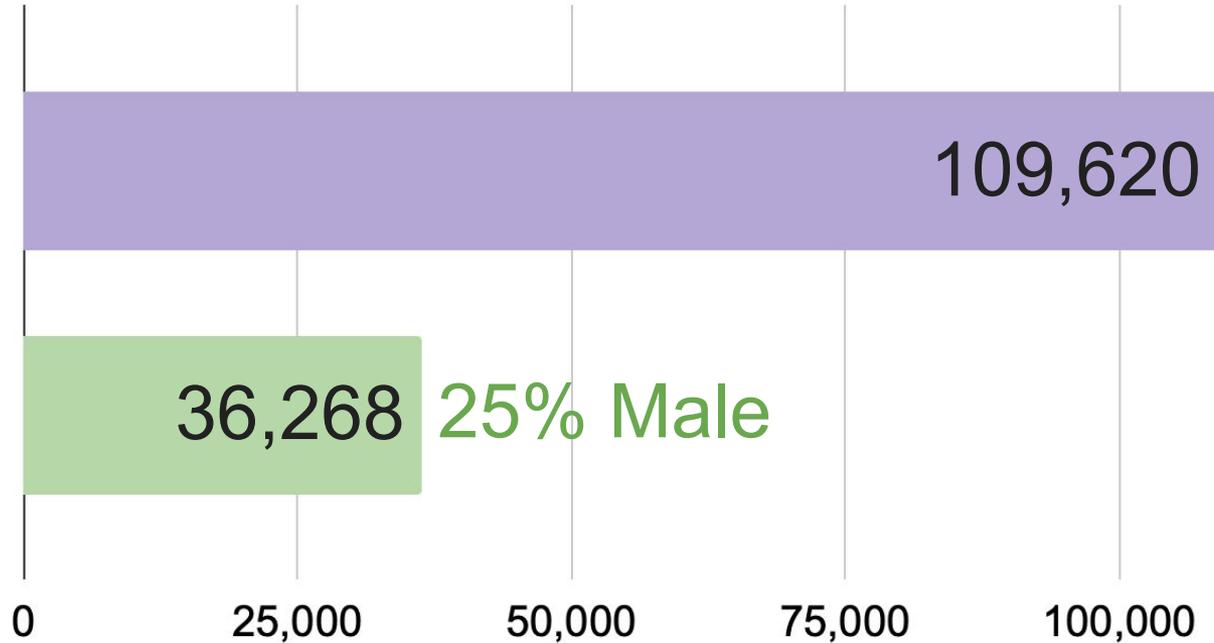
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# Head of single-parent households

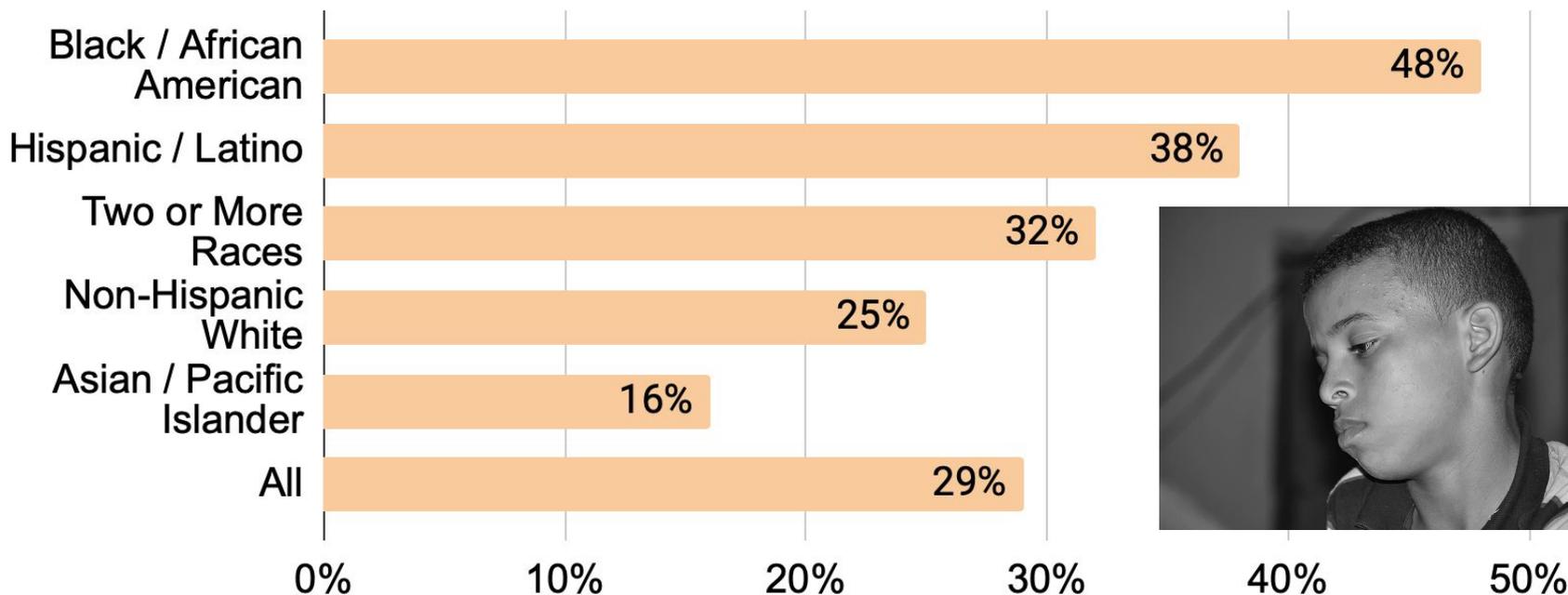
2023, Washington



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table DP02

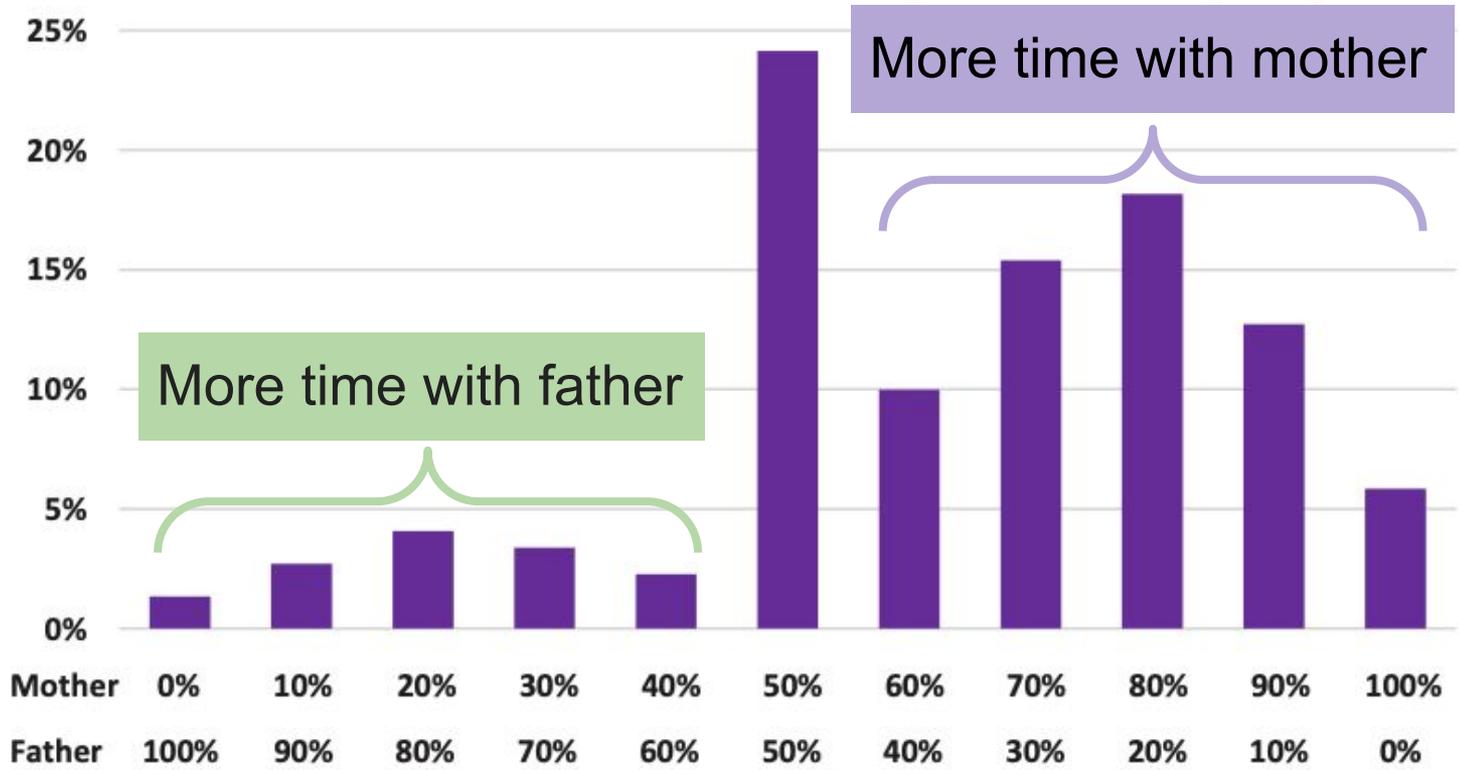
# Children in single-parent families

2022, Washington



Source: American Community Survey, Kids Count Data Center, <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/>,  
“Children in single-parent families by race and ethnicity in Washington”

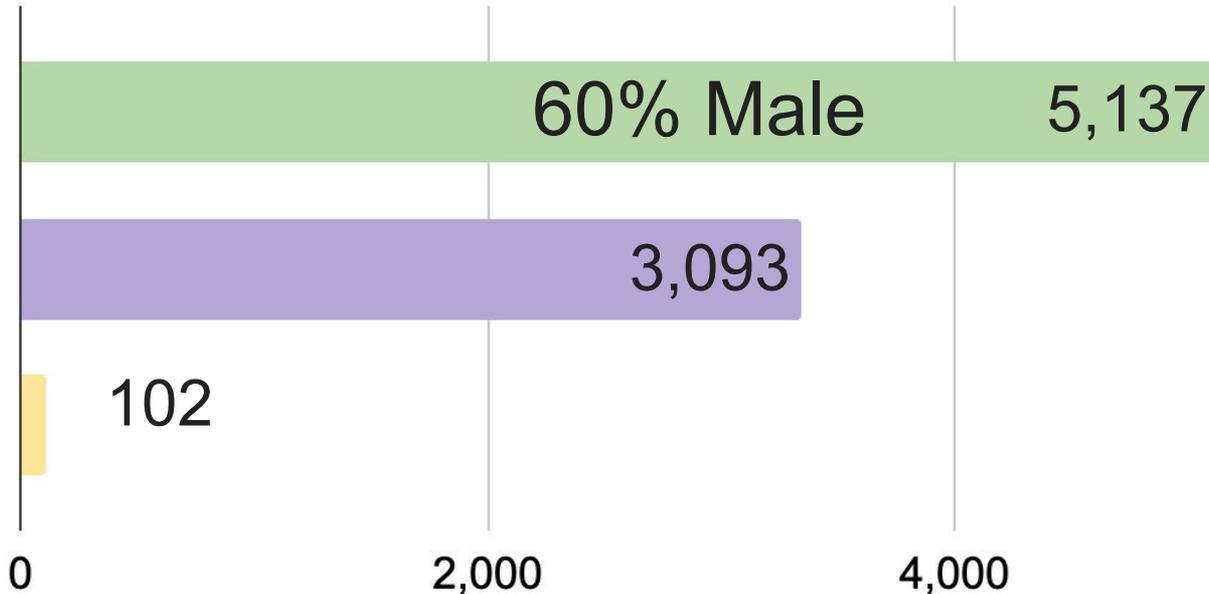
**Exhibit 3: Residential Time of Children (No risk factors) N=2,775**



**Source:** 2016 Residential Time Summary Report, Washington State Center for Court Research, <https://www.courts.wa.gov/subsite/wscrr/docs/ResidentialTimeSummaryReport2016.pdf>

# High school dropouts

2021-2022, Washington

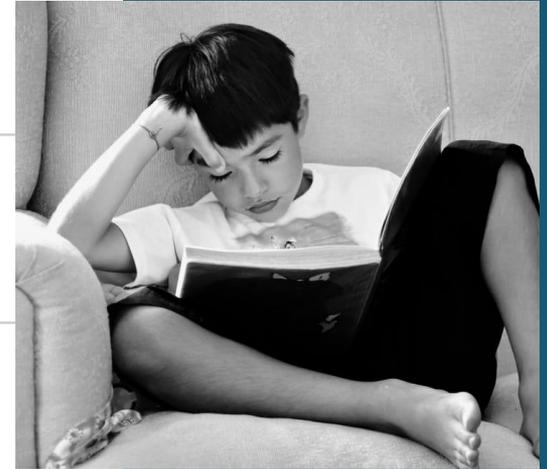
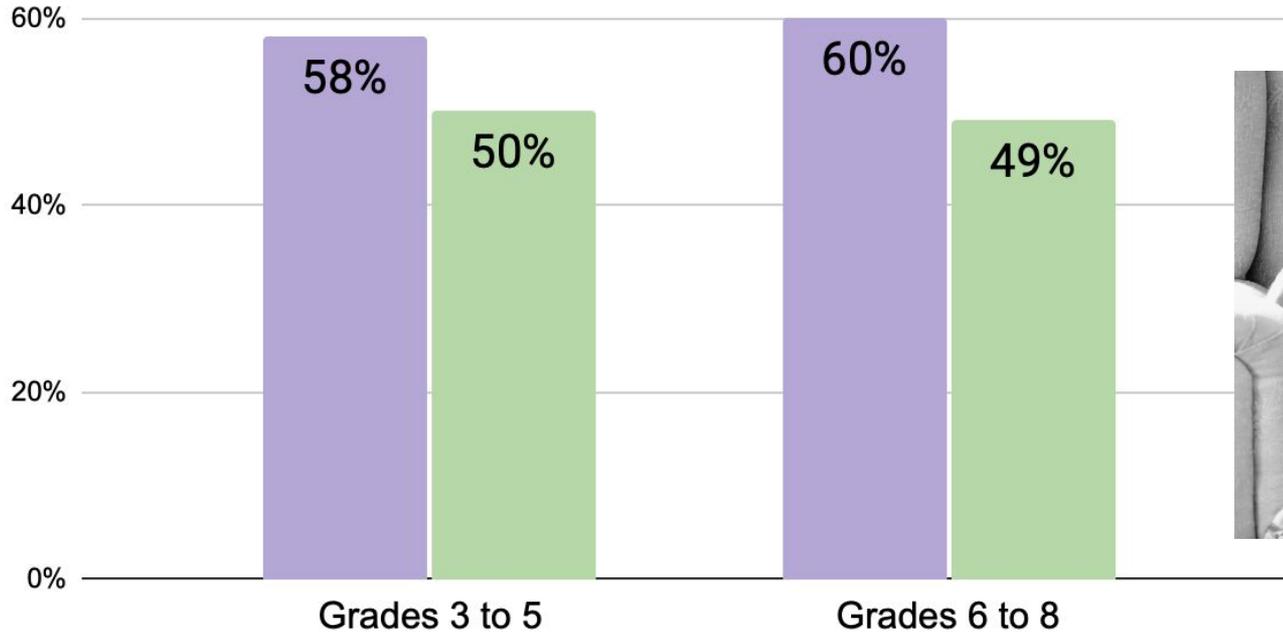


**Source:** Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

<https://washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/ReportCard/ViewSchoolOrDistrict/103300>

# Literacy Gap

% WA students meeting/exceeding standards in ELA, 2014-2022



**Source:** Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, accessed 11/13/22, <https://data.wa.gov/education/Report-Card-Spring-Assessment-Data-from-2014-15-to/292v-tb9r>

**Percent of 3rd to 5th Grade Students in WA State Proficient in English/Language Arts by Race and Sex from 2014 to 2022**

Race	3rd Grade ELA			4th Grade			5th Grade ELA		
	Female	Male	Male (Deficit)	Female	Male	Male (Deficit)	Female	Male	Male (Deficit)
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	29.1%	21.6%	(7.5%)	30.0%	22.1%	(7.9%)	32.5%	23.5%	(9%)
Asian	75.3%	67.4%	(7.9%)	76.0%	69.6%	(6.4%)	79.3%	71.3%	(8%)
Black/ African American	41.4%	31.0%	(10.4%)	40.5%	31.5%	(9%)	43.9%	32.9%	(11%)
Hispanic/ Latino of any race(s)	37.8%	31.1%	(6.7%)	38.9%	32.3%	(6.6%)	42.7%	34.1%	(8.6%)
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	33.9%	26.0%	(7.9%)	34.5%	26.6%	(7.9%)	38.7%	29.8%	(8.9%)
Two or More Races	60.7%	51.7%	(9%)	60.5%	52.5%	(8%)	63.9%	54.6%	(9.3%)
White	64.7%	56.7%	(8%)	65.5%	57.6%	(7.9%)	68.7%	59.2%	(9.5%)

**Percent of 6th to 8th Grade Students in WA State Proficient in English/Language Arts by Race and Sex from 2014 to 2022**

Race	6th Grade ELA			7th Grade			8th Grade ELA		
	Female	Male	Male (Deficit)	Female	Male	Male (Deficit)	Female	Male	Male (Deficit)
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	29.6%	19.2%	(10.4%)	35.9%	22.1%	(13.8%)	35.6%	23.1%	(12.5%)
Asian	78.0%	69.4%	(8.6%)	80.7%	72.0%	(8.7%)	79.9%	71.6%	(8.3%)
Black/ African American	41.0%	28.3%	(12.7%)	44.4%	30.6%	(13.8%)	44.2%	29.0%	(15.2%)
Hispanic/ Latino of any race(s)	39.8%	29.8%	(10%)	43.8%	33.0%	(10.8%)	44.0%	32.4%	(11.6%)
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	36.2%	24.8%	(11.4%)	38.5%	27.5%	(11%)	38.8%	26.1%	(12.7%)
Two or More Races	60.5%	50.0%	(10.5%)	64.1%	52.2%	(11.9%)	63.7%	51.9%	(11.8%)
White	65.7%	54.7%	(11%)	69.0%	57.4%	(11.6%)	68.5%	56.4%	(12.1%)

Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (Washington State)  
Information Request Received January 22, 2024

FIGURE 3b

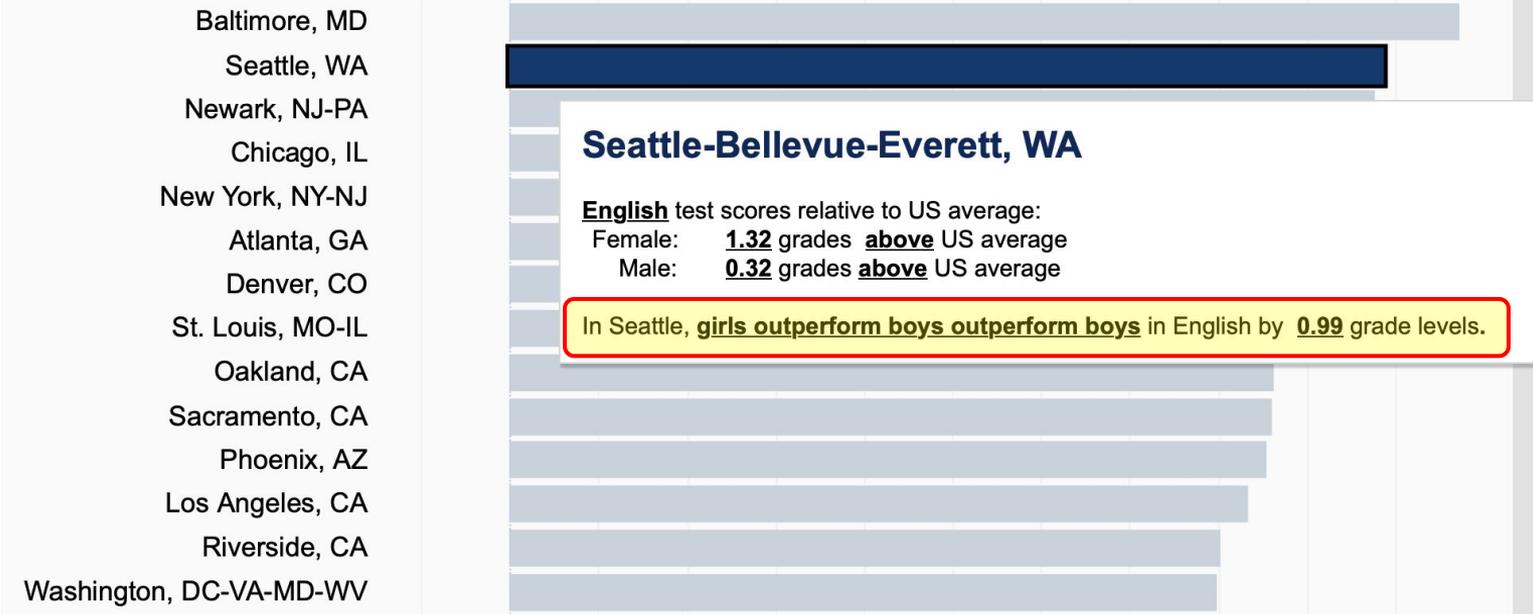
## Test score gender gaps in the largest 25 metro areas

Gaps reported in grade levels. Hover for details.

Subject

English

Math



**Source:** Test score gender gaps in English, grades 3 to 8, Brookings Institution, <https://www.brookings.edu/interactives/figure-3b-test-score-gender-gaps-in-the-largest-25-metro-areas/>

**Percent of 3rd to 5th Grade Students in WA State Proficient in Math by Race and Sex from 2014 to 2022**

Race	3rd Grade Math			4th Grade Math			5th Grade Math		
	Female	Male	Male (Deficit)	Female	Male	Male (Deficit)	Female	Male	Male (Deficit)
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	30.5%	29.9%	(0.6%)	25.2%	23.8%	(1.4%)	20.1%	19.9%	(0.2%)
Asian	77.1%	77.3%	0.2%	73.6%	74.8%	1.2%	70.1%	71.1%	1%
Black/ African American	38.0%	36.8%	(1.2%)	30.8%	31.1%	0.3%	24.6%	24.7%	0.1%
Hispanic/ Latino of any race(s)	37.7%	40.7%	3%	31.1%	34.4%	3.3%	25.8%	28.6%	2.8%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	34.2%	32.2%	(2%)	28.2%	28.2%	0%	24.2%	24.0%	(0.2%)
Two or More Races	57.3%	58.6%	1.3%	50.8%	54.0%	3.2%	44.9%	48.1%	3.2%
White	62.7%	64.3%	1.6%	56.5%	59.8%	3.3%	50.4%	53.9%	3.5%

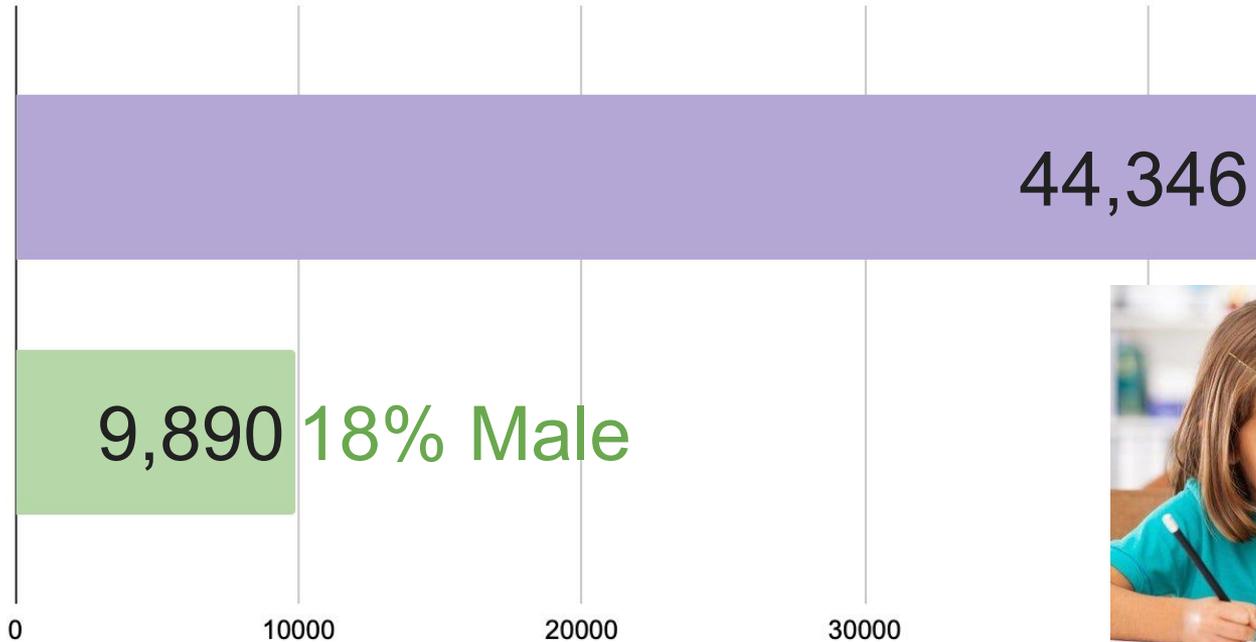
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Two or More Races	43.3%	43.7%	0.4%	44.5%	44.5%	0%	43.4%	42.5%	(0.9%)
White	49.2%	49.5%	0.3%	50.3%	51.1%	0.8%	49.6%	48.3%	(1.3%)

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# Elementary School Teachers

2021-2022, Grades Pre-K - 5, WA Public Schools



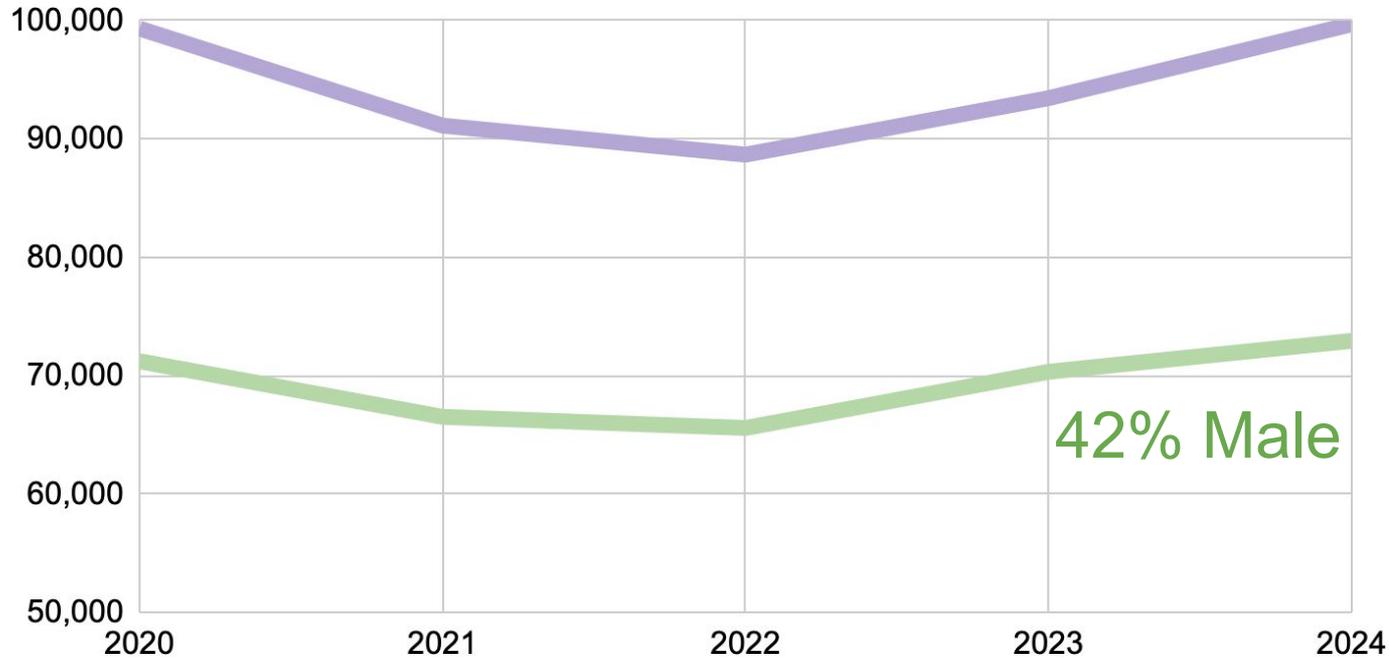
“...significant discrepancy between the **gender** and racial demographics of teachers compared to students.”  
- WA Professional Educator Standards Board (2024)



**Source:** CEDARS, SAFS & EMS, data pulled 9/22/22 by Senior Data Analyst, Professional Certification Office, Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

# Community & Technical College Enrollment

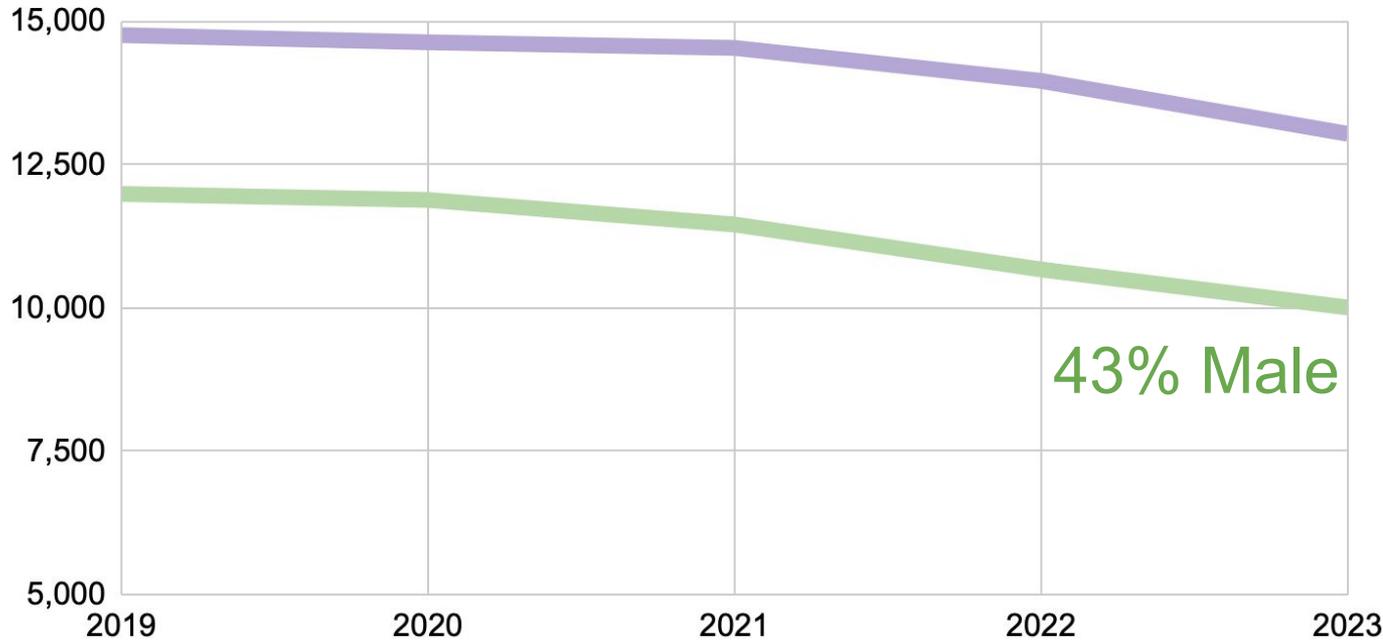
2020-2024 (Fall), Washington



**Source:** Enrollment Data Dashboard, WA Board of Community & Technical Colleges, <https://www.sbctc.edu/colleges-staff/research/data-public/enrollment-data-dashboard>

# Undergrad Degrees Earned

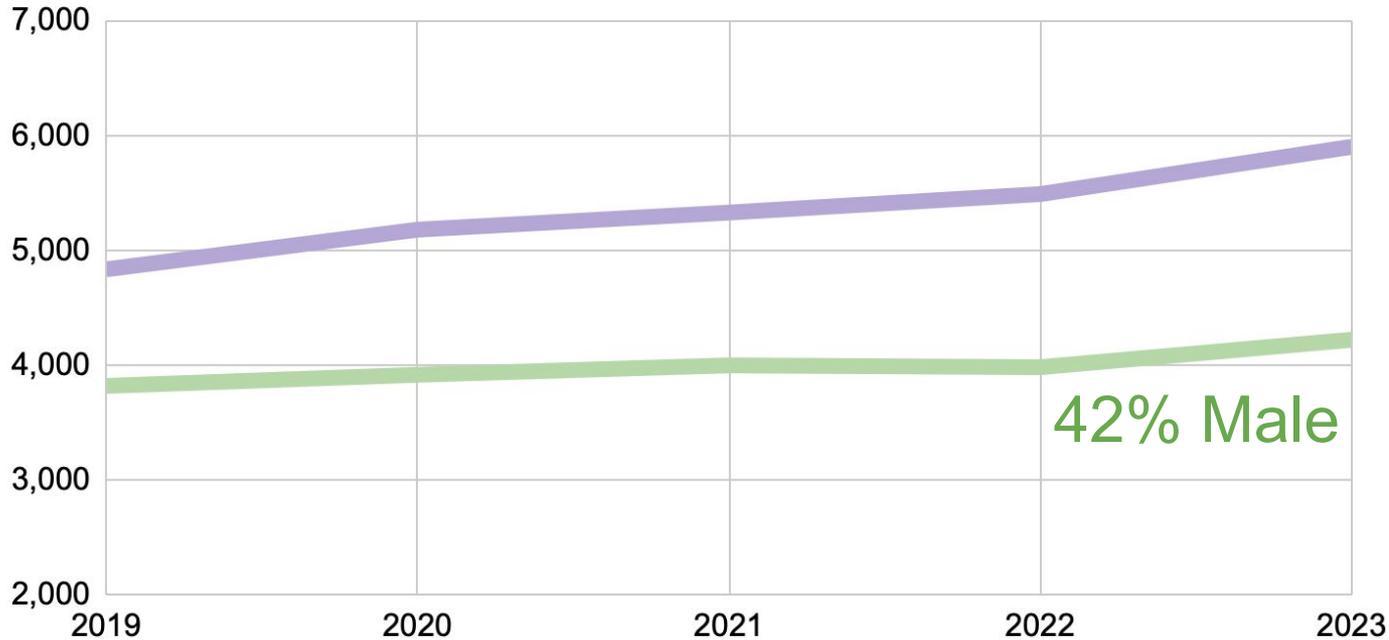
4-Year Public Universities, Washington, 2019-2023



**Source:** Statewide Public 4-Year Dashboard, Education Research & Data Center, Office of Financial Management, <https://erdc.wa.gov/publications-and-reports/statewide-public-four-year-dashboard>

# Postgrad Degrees Earned

4-Year Public Universities, Washington, 2019-2023



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# We may be underinvesting in boys and men

## Grants serving people in WA, by population served, 2019-2023

Women & Girls	Boys & Men	Transgender People
<b>2,078</b> Grantmakers	<b>814</b> Grantmakers	<b>40</b> Grantmakers
<b>12,674</b> Grants	<b>4,221</b> Grants	<b>95</b> Grants
<b>991</b> Recipients	<b>390</b> Recipients	<b>26</b> Recipients
Total Dollar Value of Grants: <b>\$672,251,779</b>	Total Dollar Value of Grants: <b>\$221,492,662</b>	Total Dollar Value of Grants: <b>\$12,577,628</b>

Source: Foundation Directory Online by Candid

Let's be the first state to establish a  
Commission on Boys and Men

[waboysandmen.org](http://waboysandmen.org)