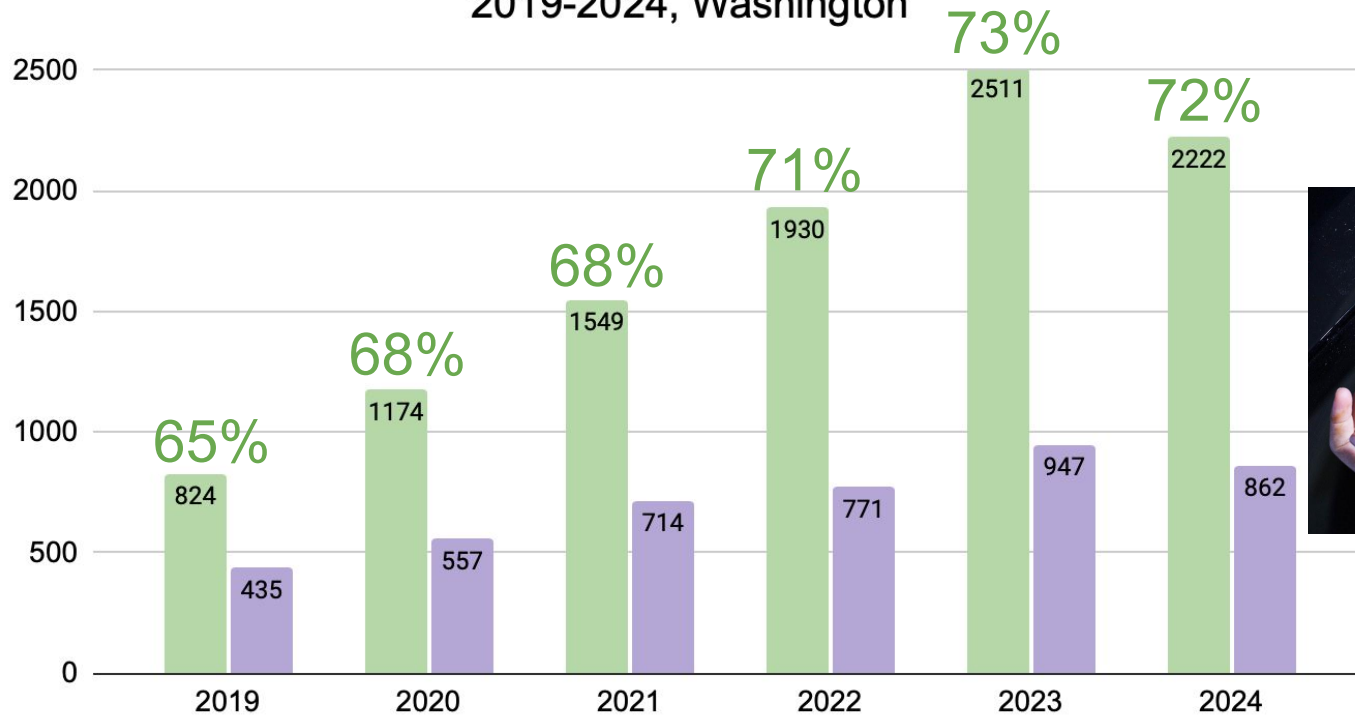




Statistics show many of Washington's
boys and men are struggling

Deaths from drug overdoses

2019-2024, Washington



Male total: 10,210
Percent male: 70%

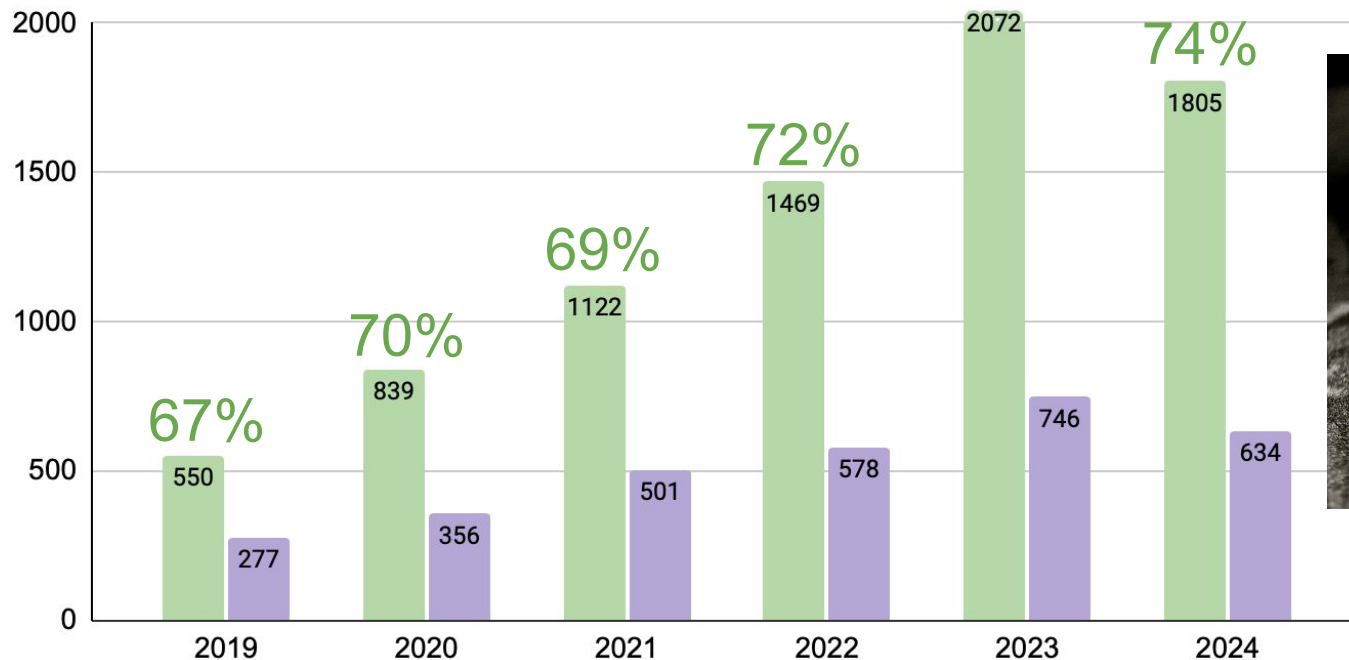


Note: As of 10/1/2025, 74% of recorded drug overdose deaths in 2025 have been males.

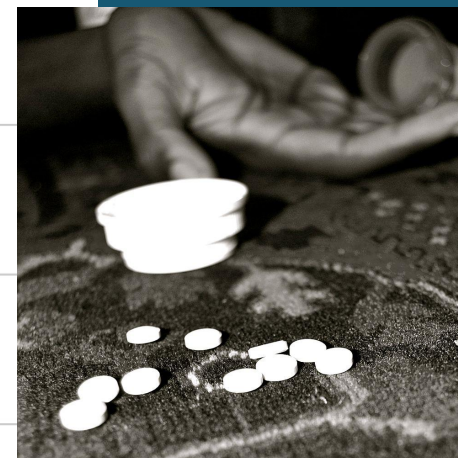
Source: IVP/S&E Team, Washington State Department of Health (by email 11/3/2025)

Deaths from opioid overdoses

2019-2024, Washington



Male total: 7,857
Percent male: 72%

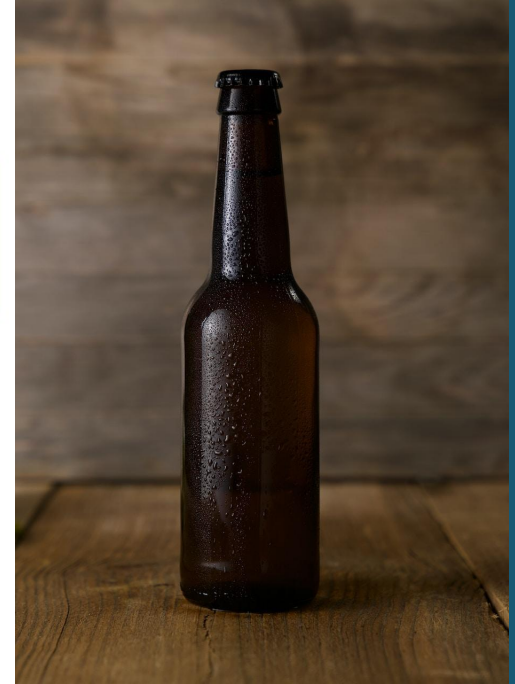
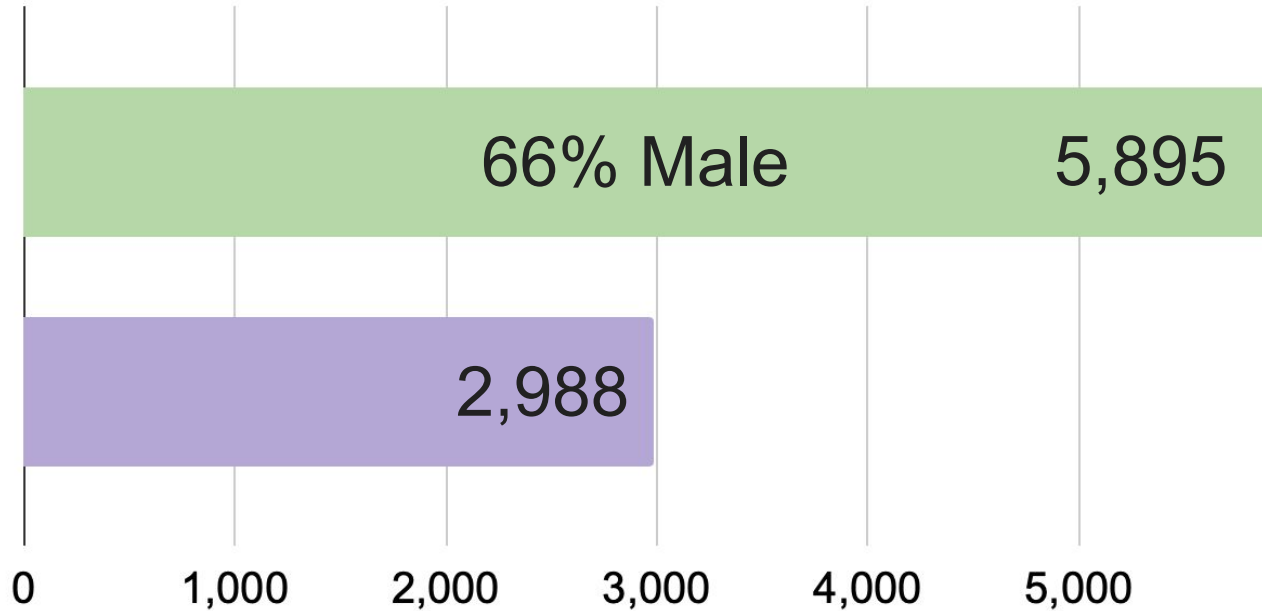


Note: As of 10/1/2025, 74% of recorded opioid overdose deaths in 2025 have been males.

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

Deaths from alcohol abuse

2018-2023, Washington

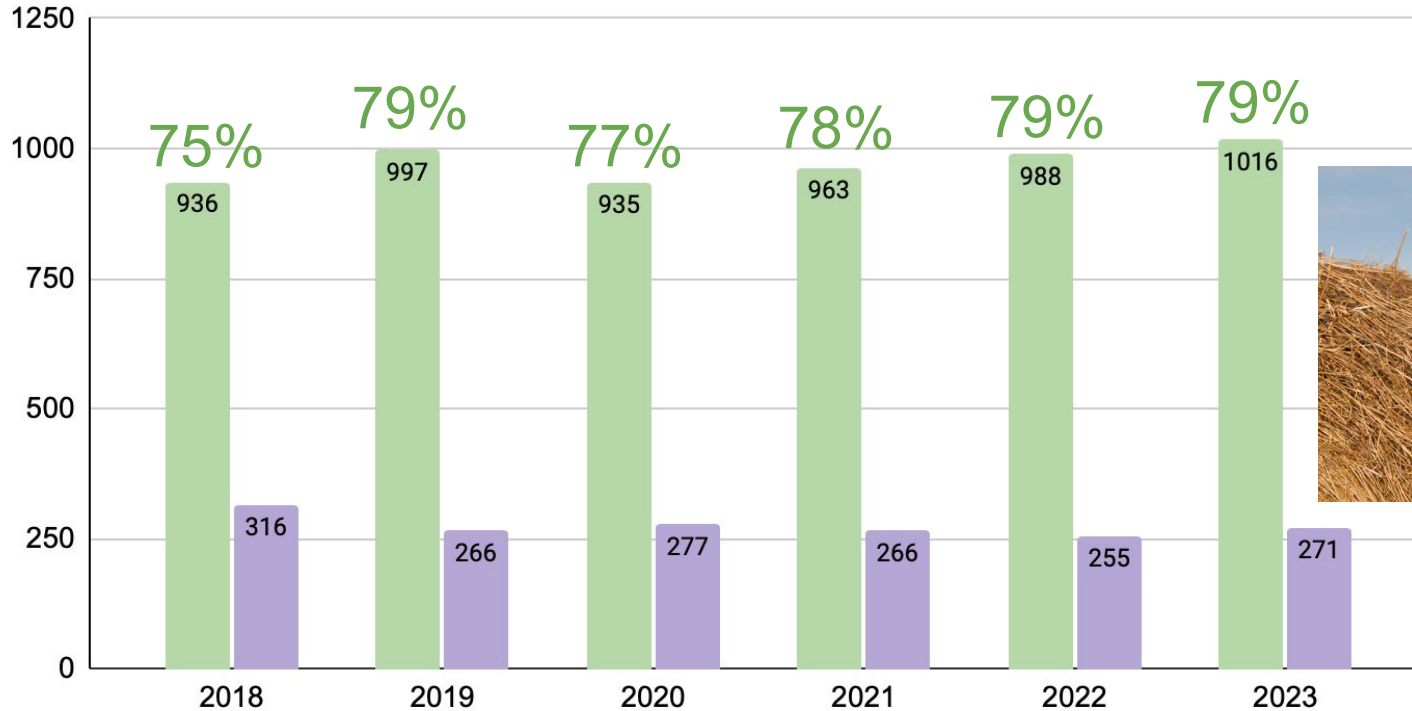


Source: CDC WONDER Underlying Cause of Death 2018-2023, retrieved 11/17/2025

Victims of suicide

2018-2023, Washington

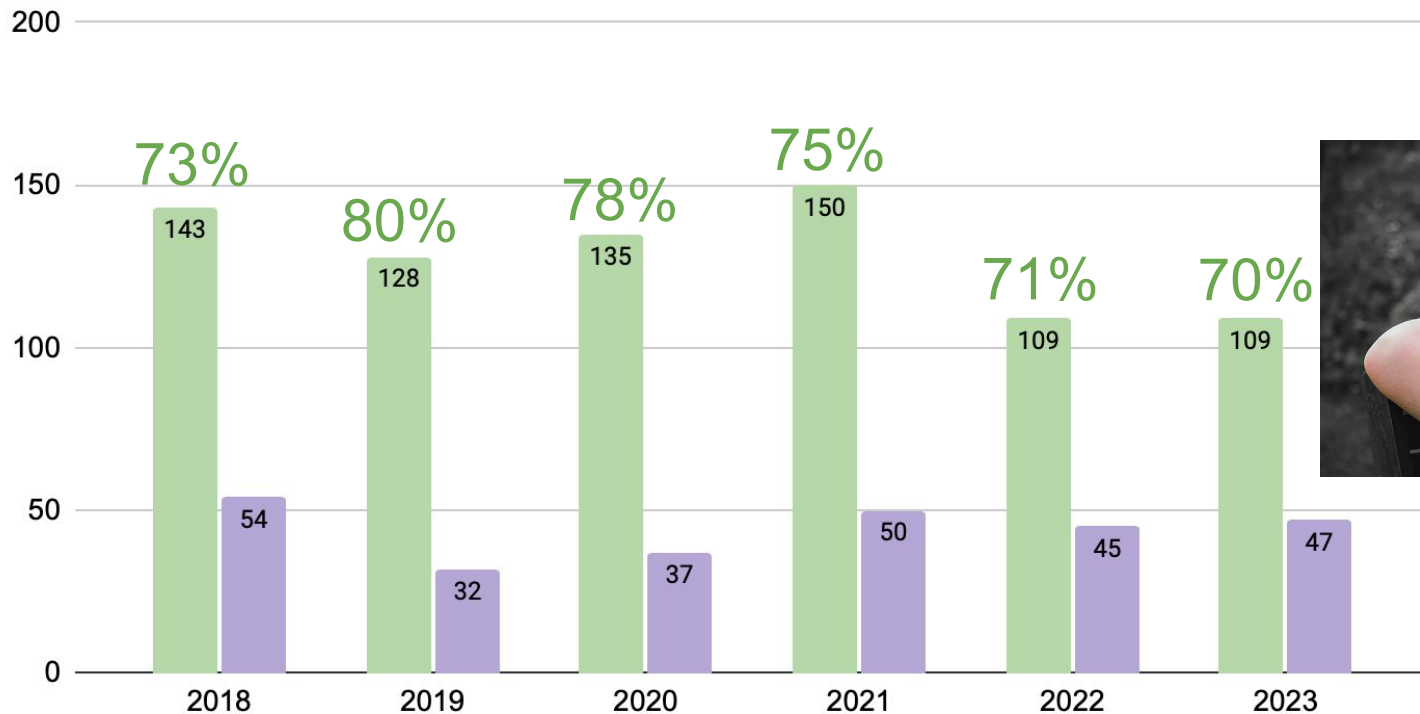
Male total: 5,835
Percent male: 78%



Youth victims of suicide

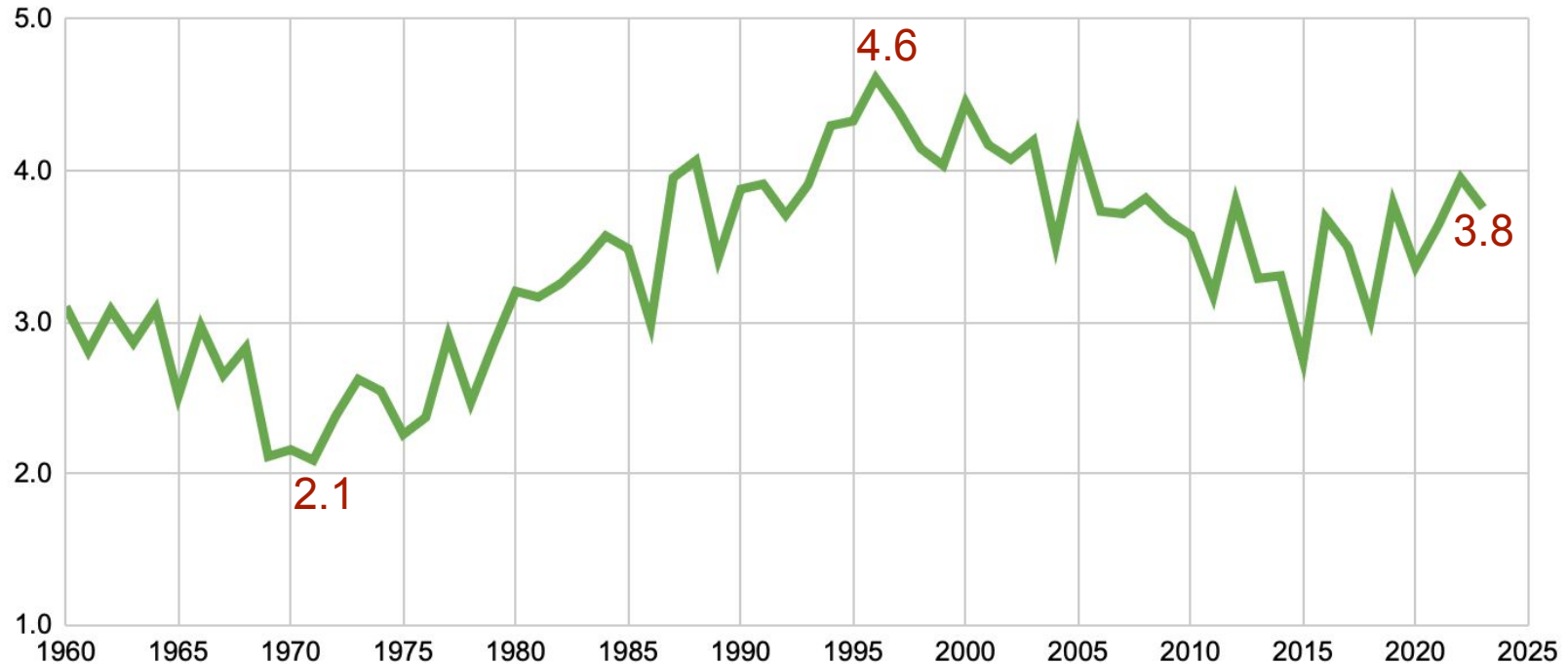
2018-2023, Washington

Male total: 774
Percent male: 74%



Ratio of Male Suicide Rate to Female Suicide Rate

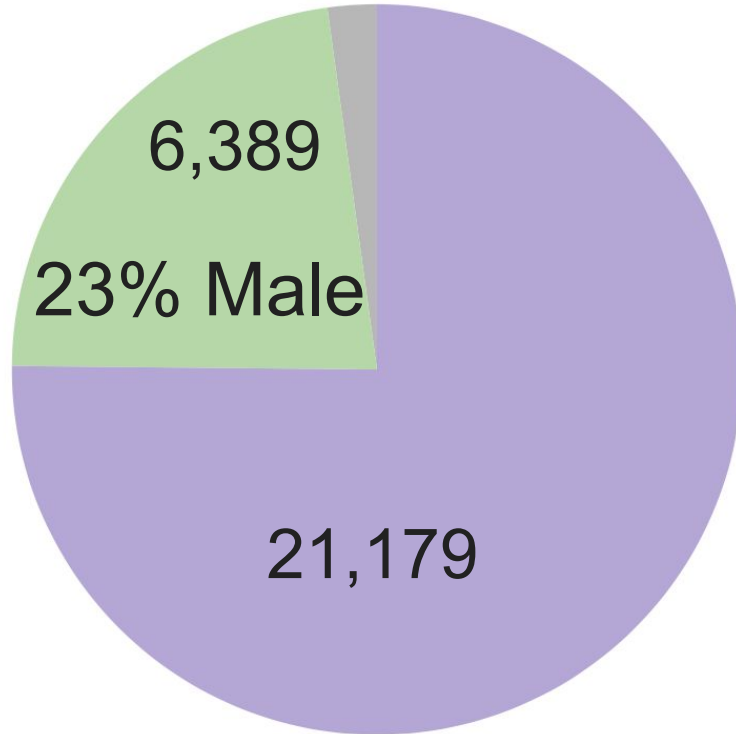
Washington, 1960-2023



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

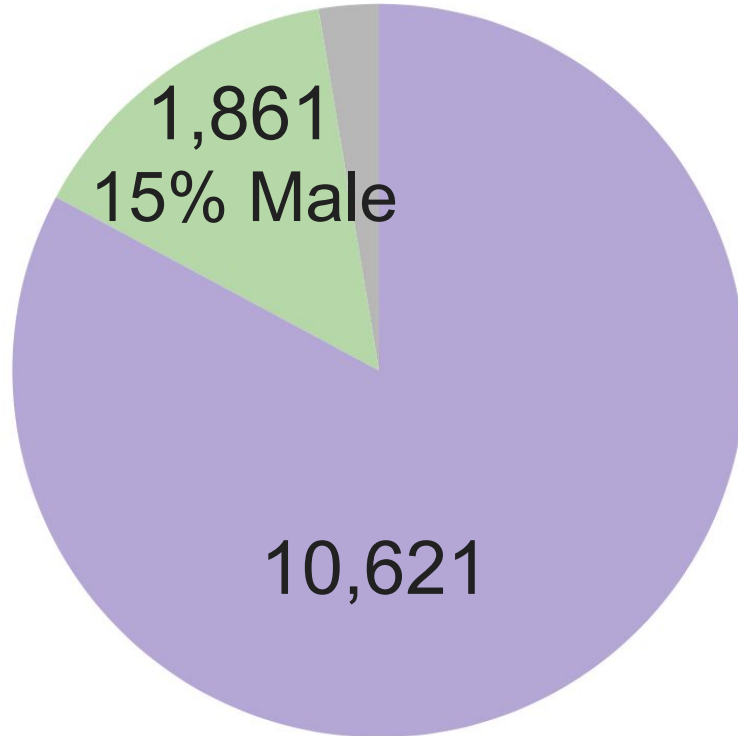
2025, Washington



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

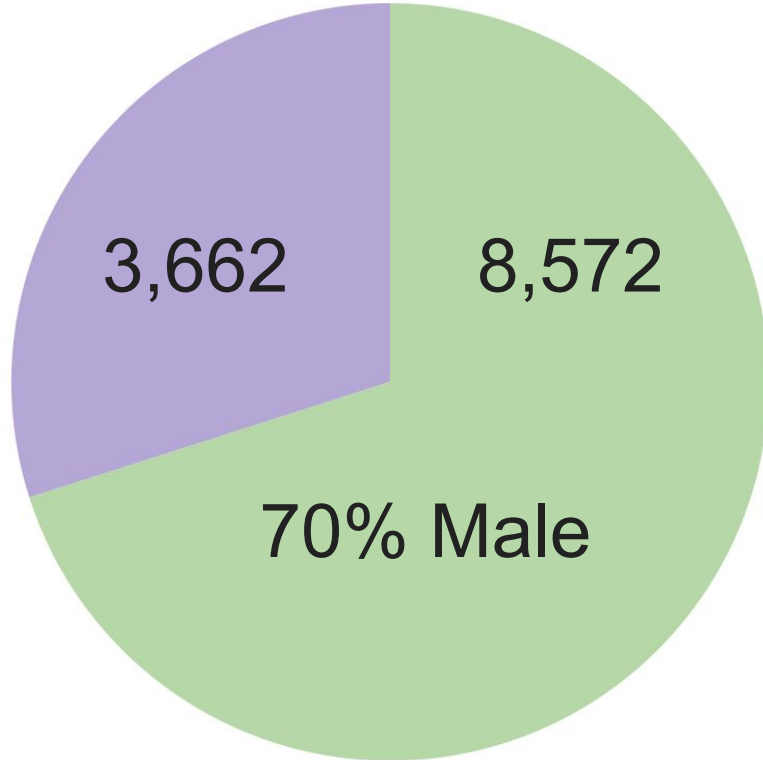
2025, Washington



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

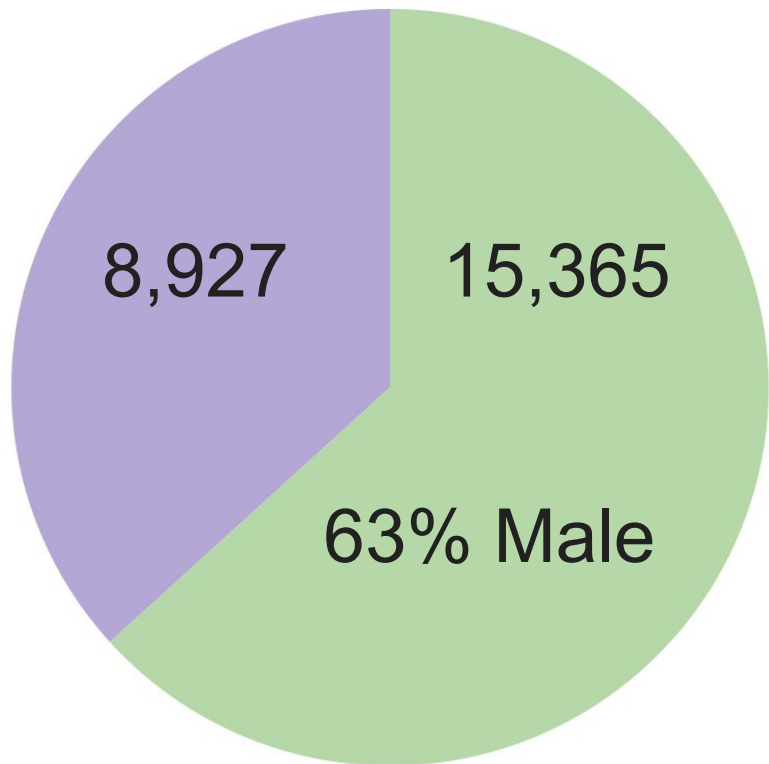


Men are 85% of deaths among people experiencing homelessness in King County (*Seattle Times*, 2022)

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

Homeless people

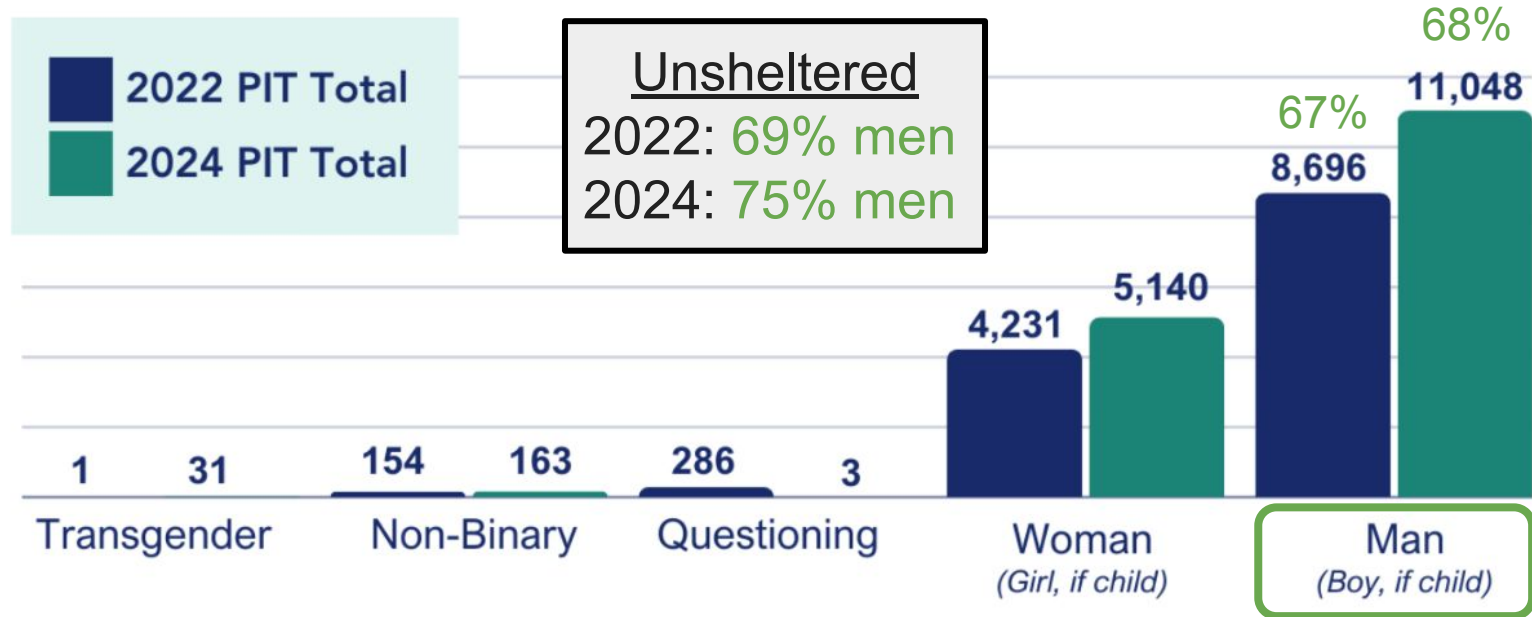
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Homelessness in King County

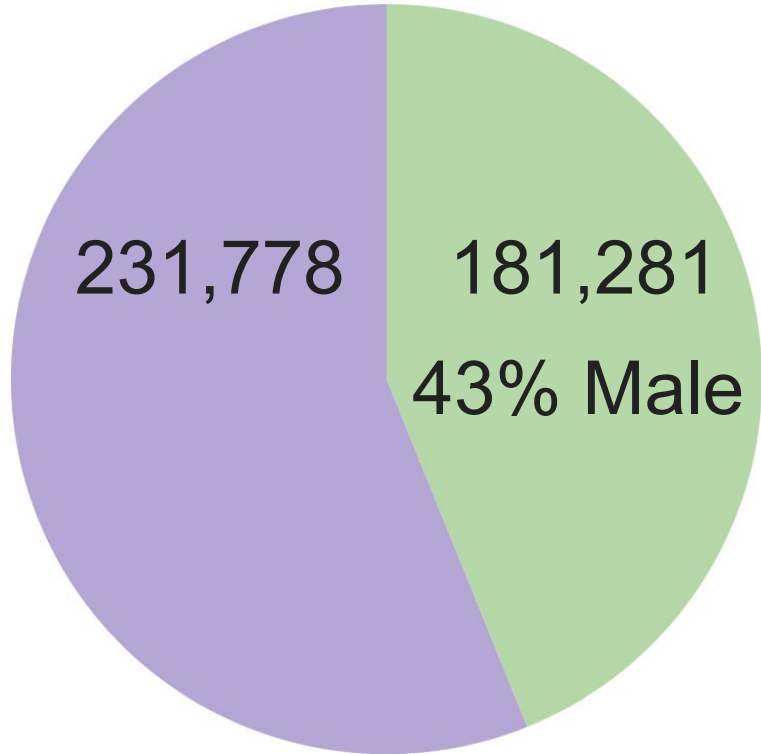
Gender Identity



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

Single homeowners

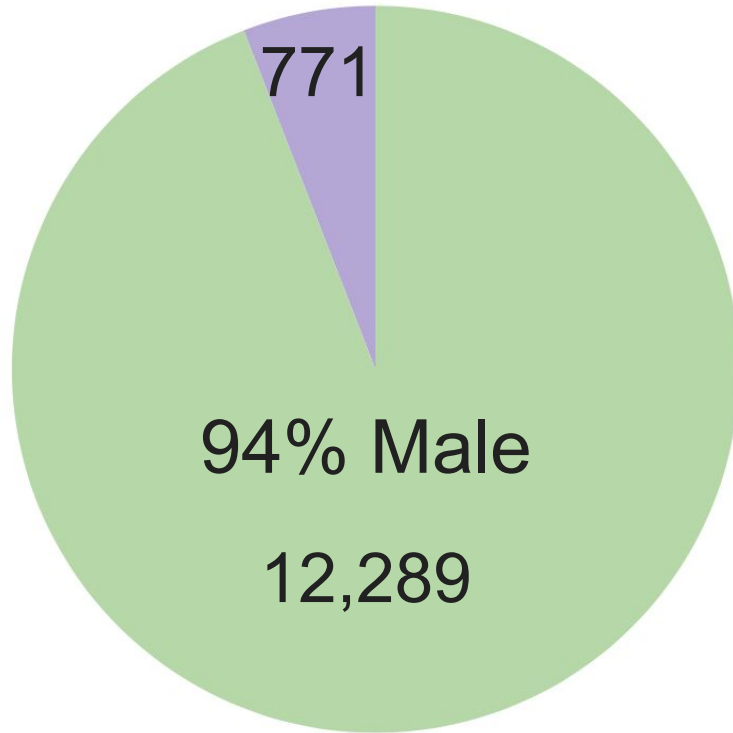
2023, Washington



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



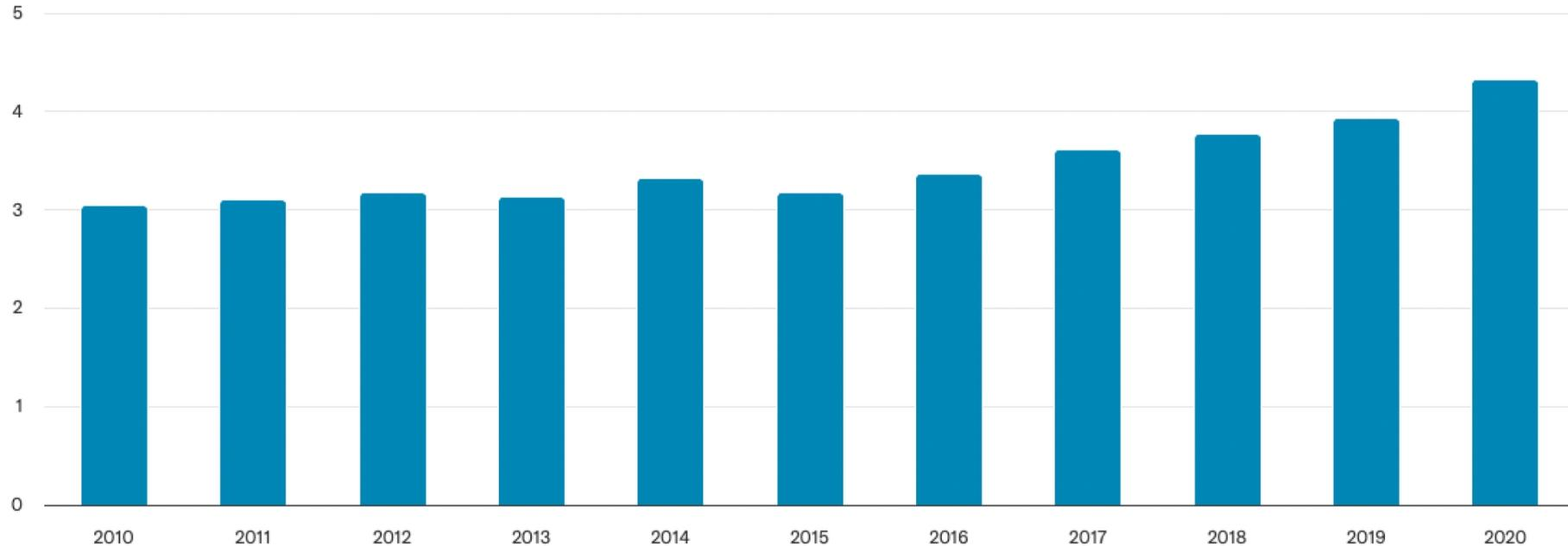
Cost per incarcerated individual: \$75,000/year

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

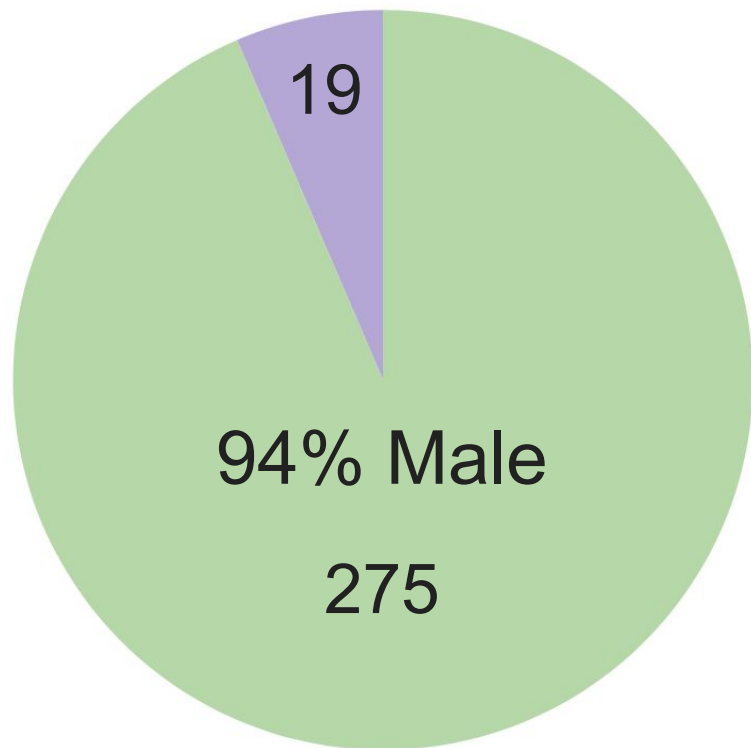
In Washington, people in state prison are serving longer terms of incarceration.

Average length of stay (years) of people exiting prison

Washington, Prison terms for violent offenses



Years wrongfully imprisoned since 1989, Washington

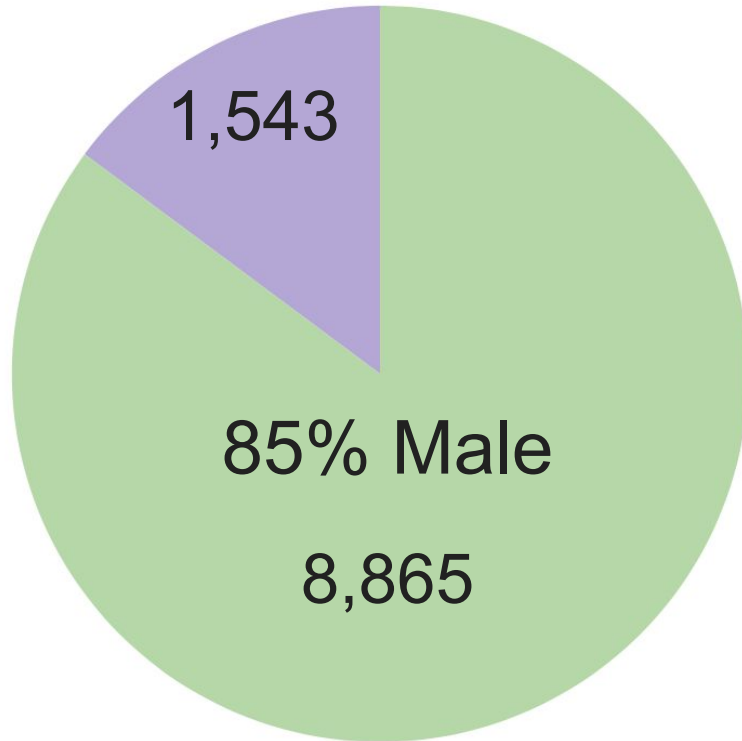


Evaristo Salas was exonerated and released after spending 26 years in prison in Spokane for a crime he did not commit.

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

Jailed people

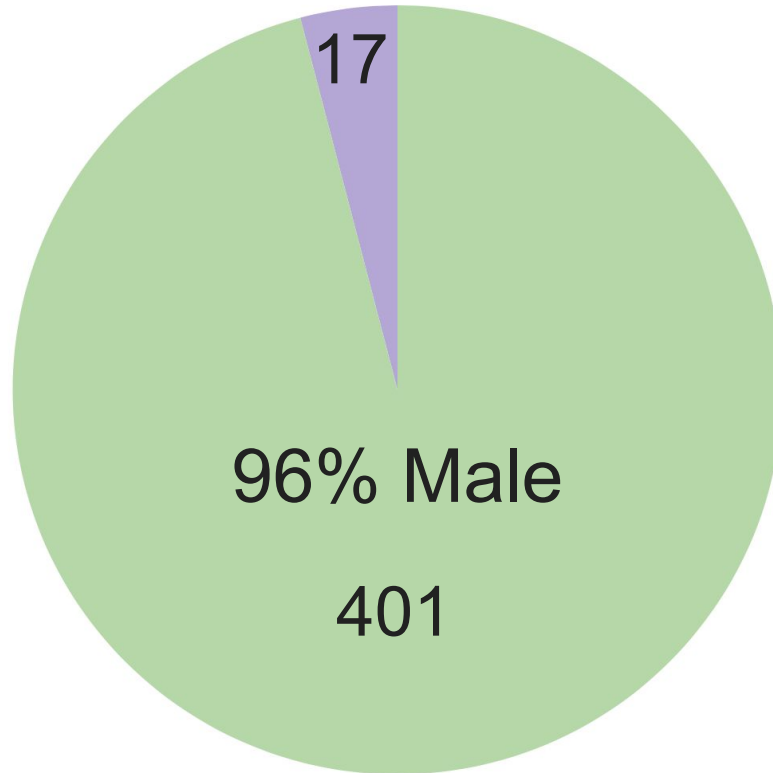
2024, Washington



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

Youth in juvenile rehabilitation

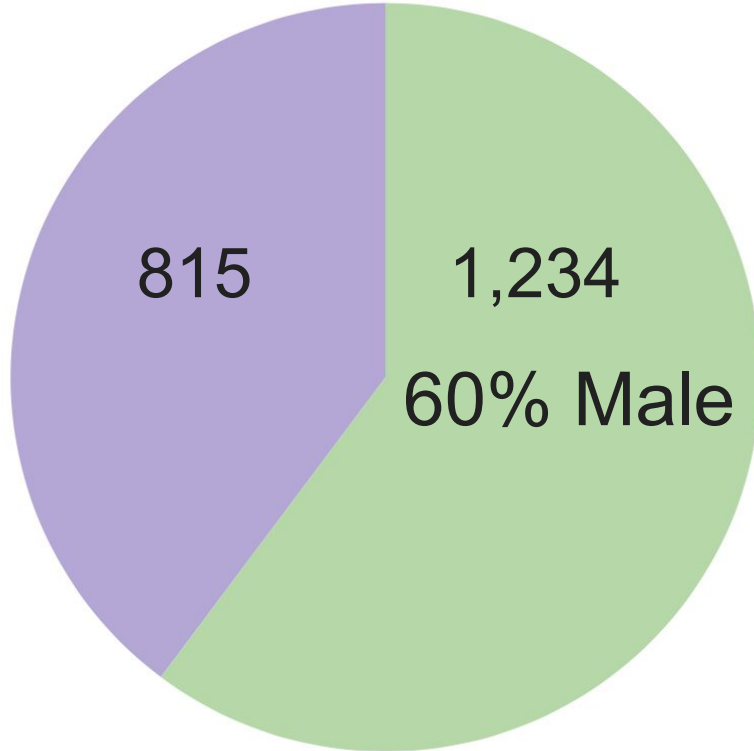
2026, Washington



Source: Department of Children, Youth & Families, JR Reporting Portal, <https://dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/JRFacilityInfoSheet%20All.pdf>

Missing persons

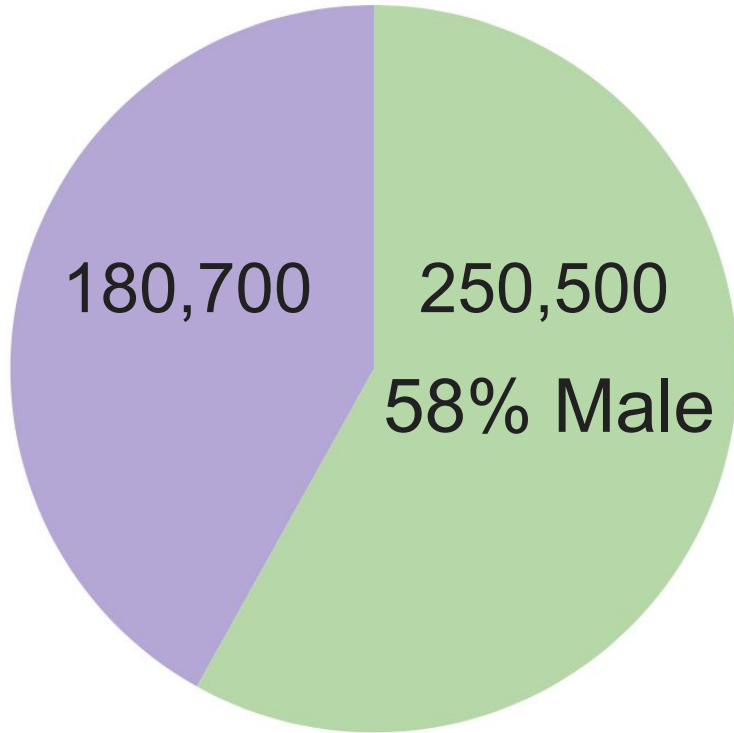
2025, Washington



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

Uninsured people

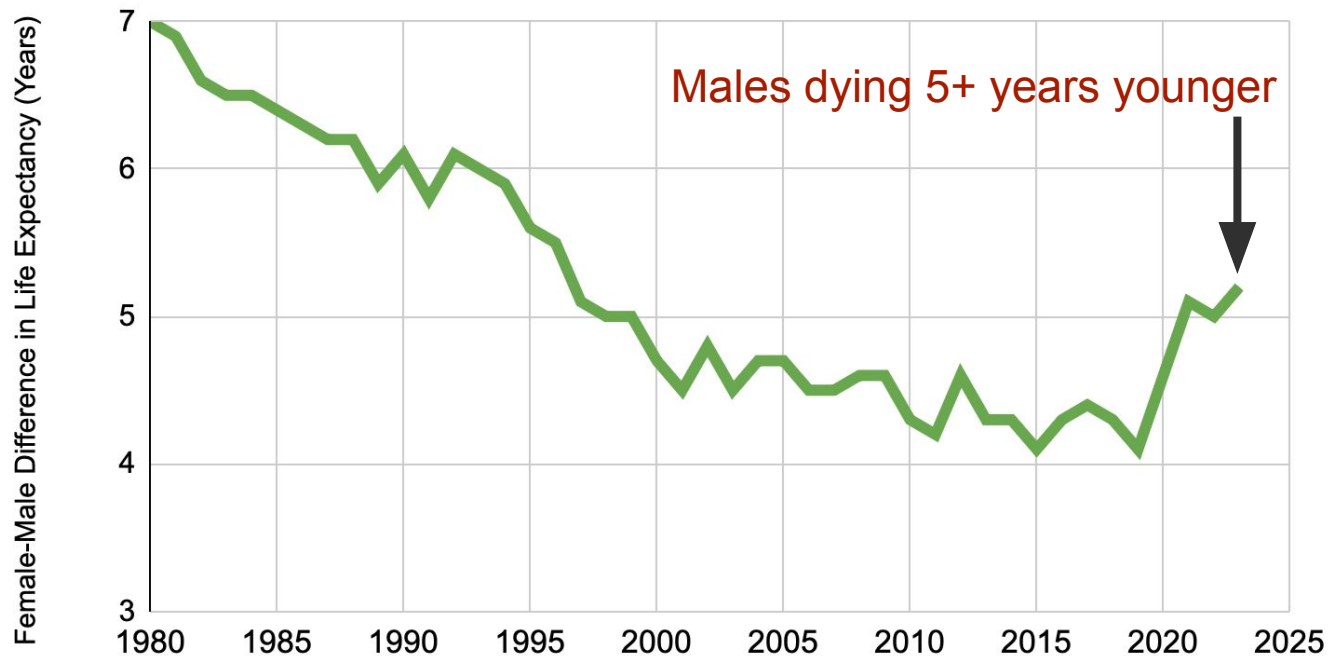
2024, Washington



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, Uninsured rates for nonelderly adults, <https://www.kff.org/state-health-policy-data/state-indicator/adults-19-64-uninsured-rate-by-sex/>

Life expectancy gender gap

Births 1980-2023, Washington

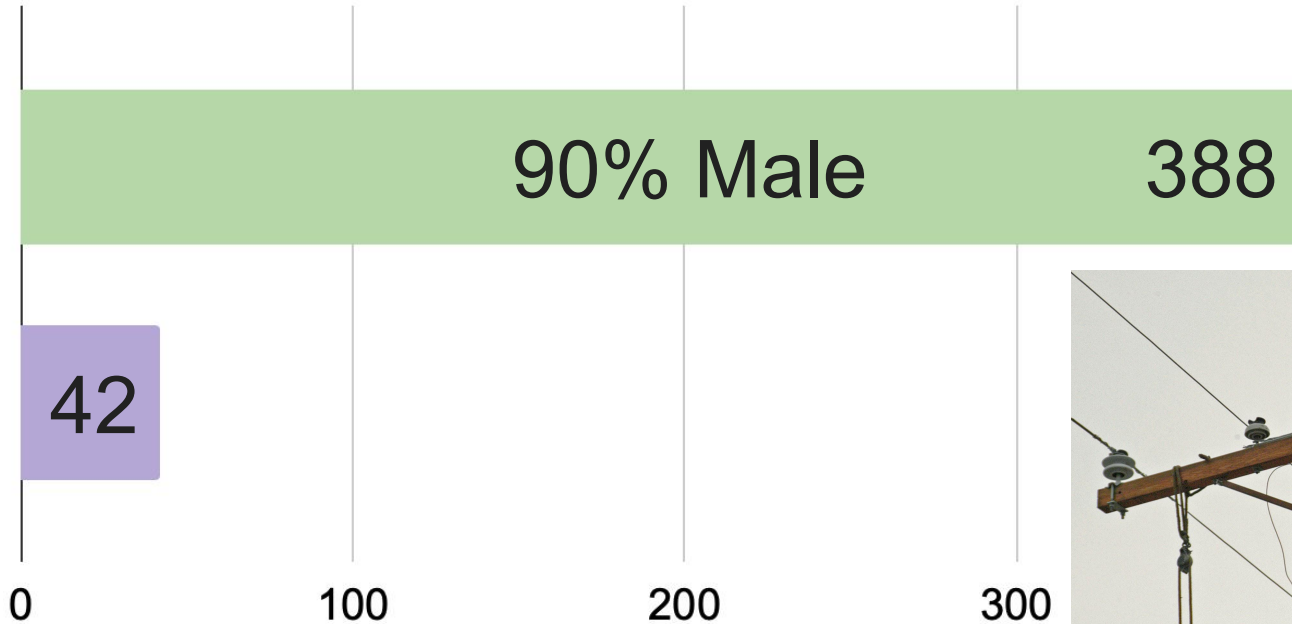


Source: All Deaths Dashboard, Washington Department of Health, accessed 5/11/2025

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

People killed at work

2019-2023, Washington



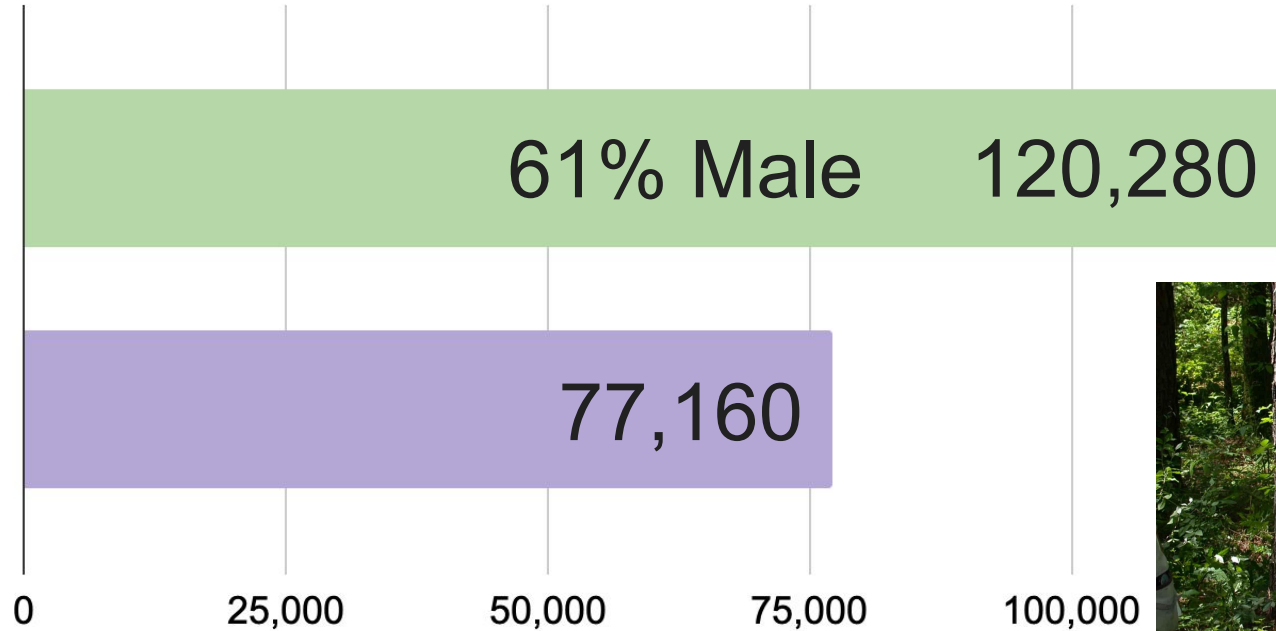
Note:
In 2022 there were
103 workplace
fatalities. 100%
were men.



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-blsi>

People injured at work

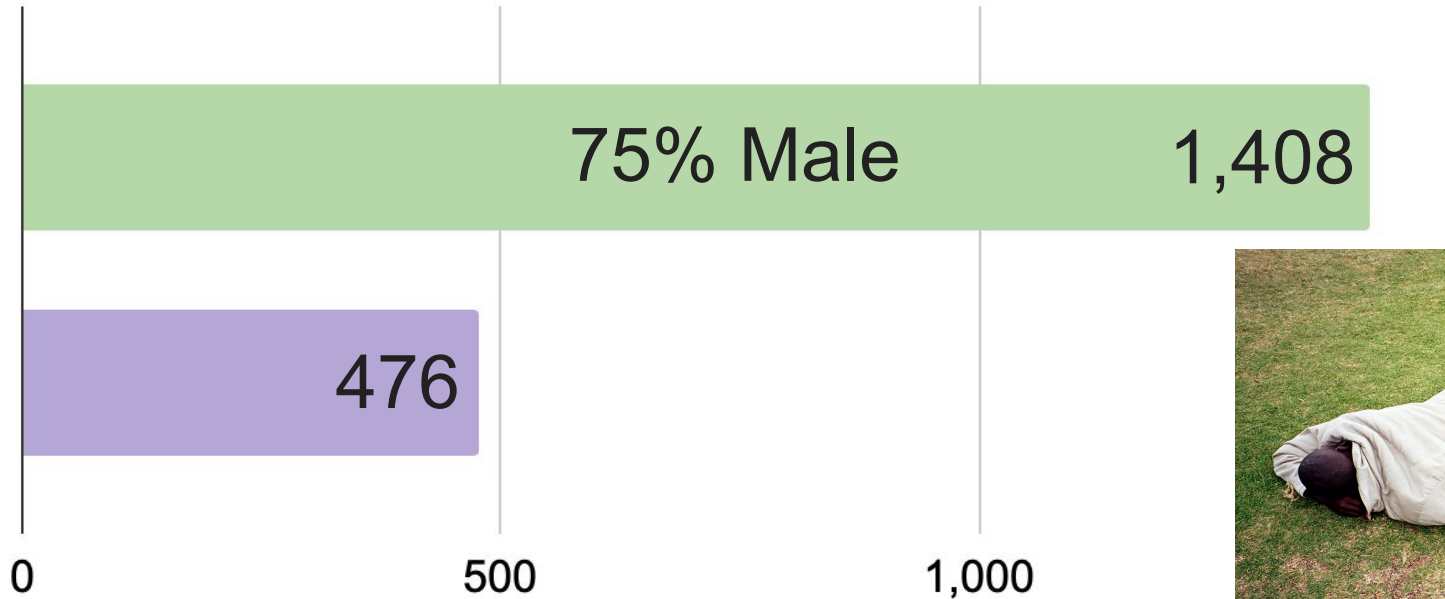
2018-2022, Washington



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-bsi>

Victims of homicide

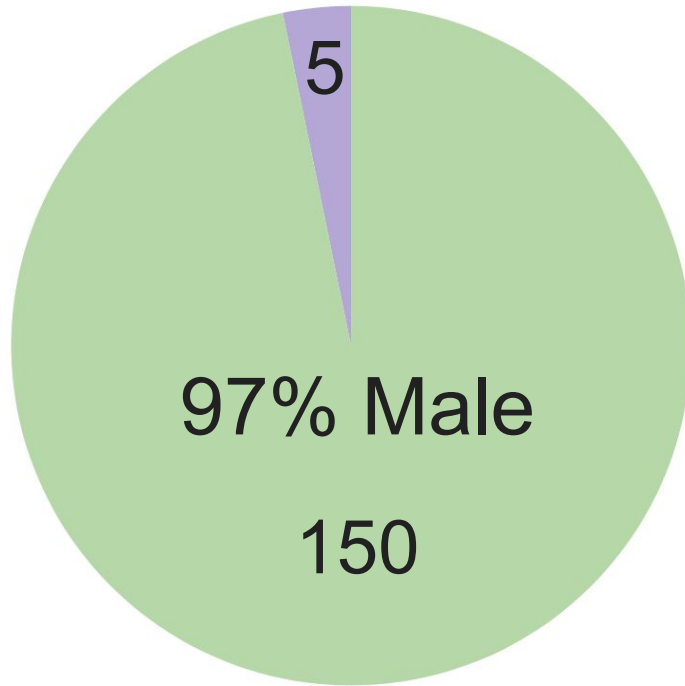
2019-2024, Washington



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



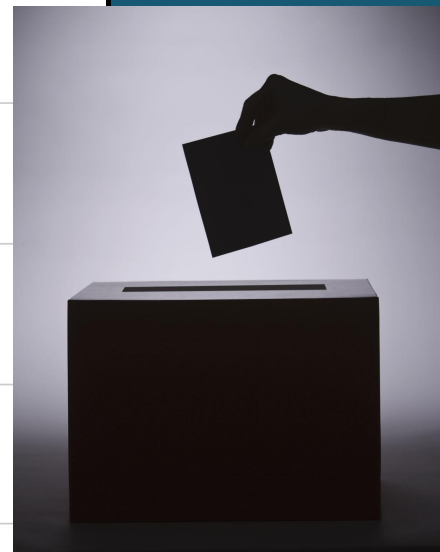
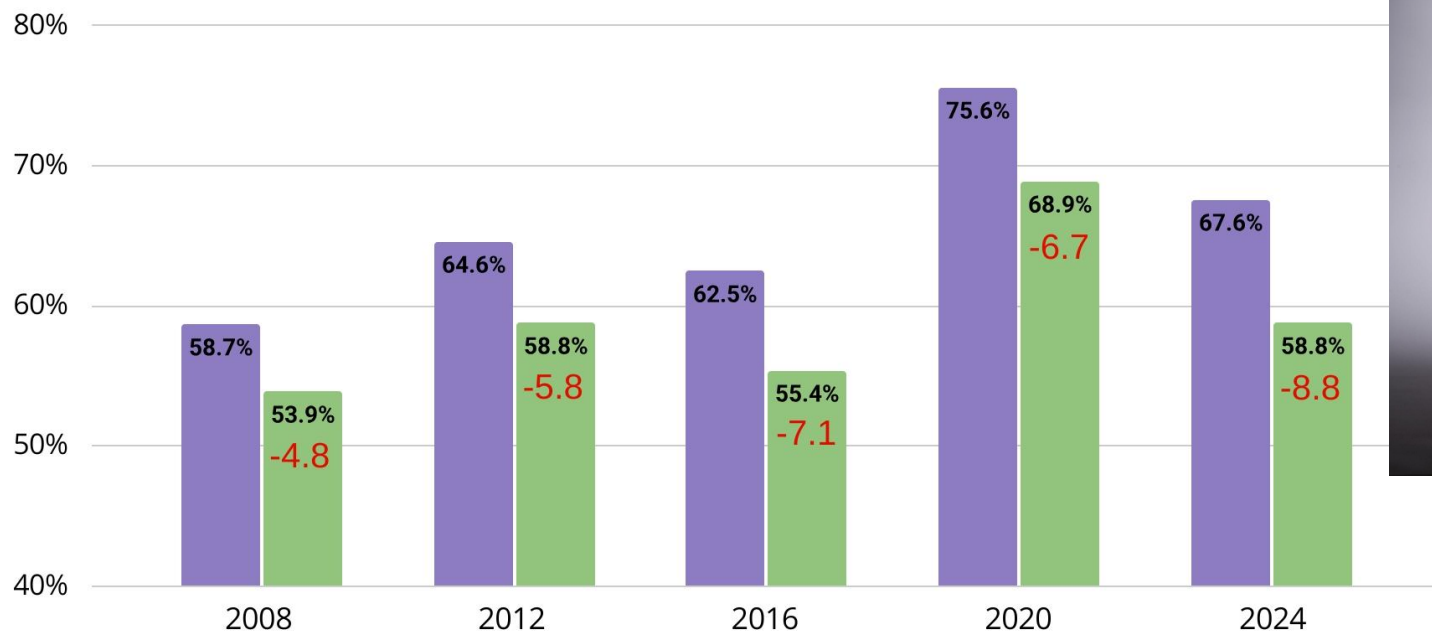
Source: Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS)

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

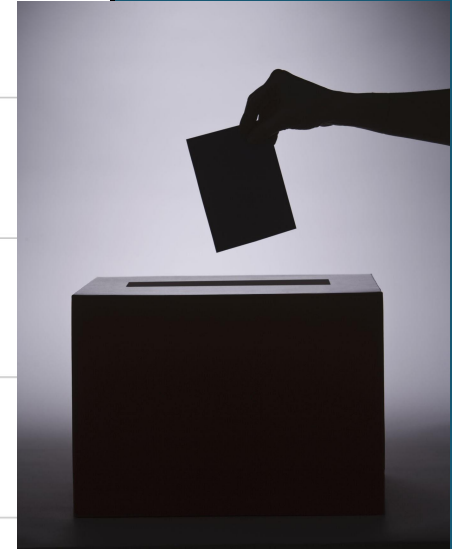


Source: Washington Secretary of State, data downloaded Apr 2025,
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Voter Turnout by Sex, Ages 25-34

Washington State | Presidential Election Years

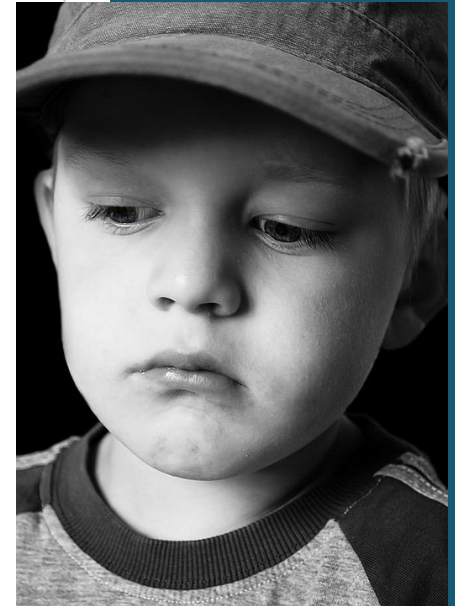
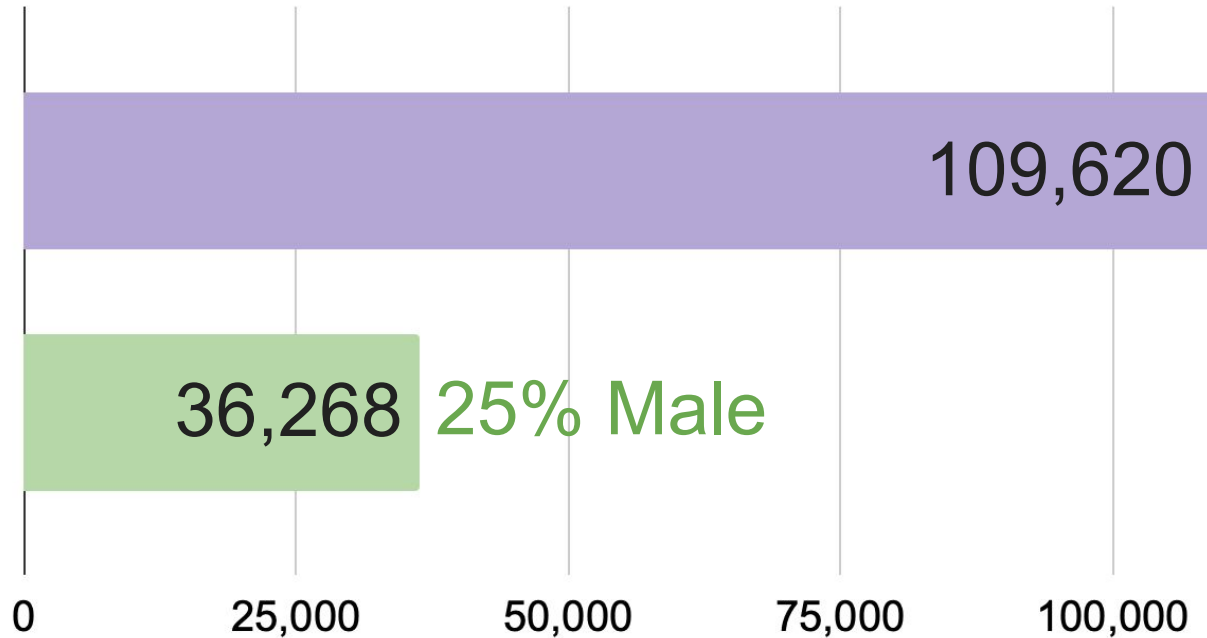
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Head of single-parent households

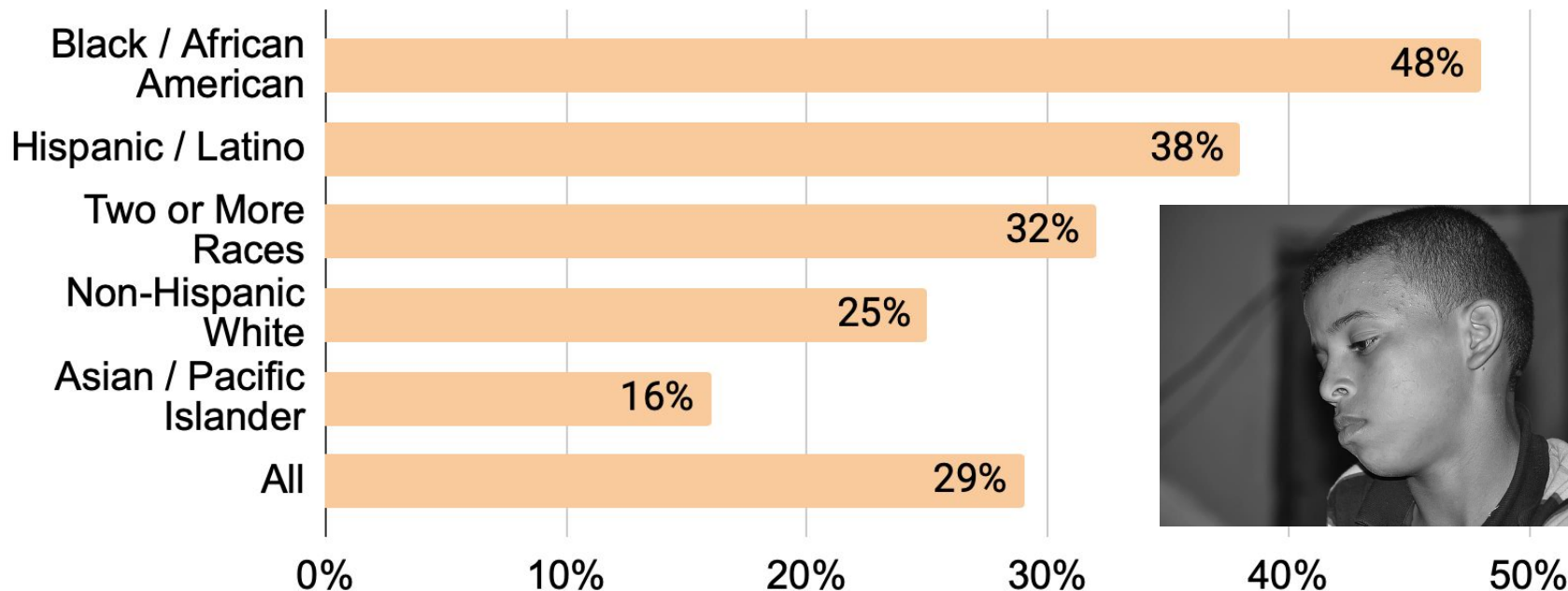
2023, Washington



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

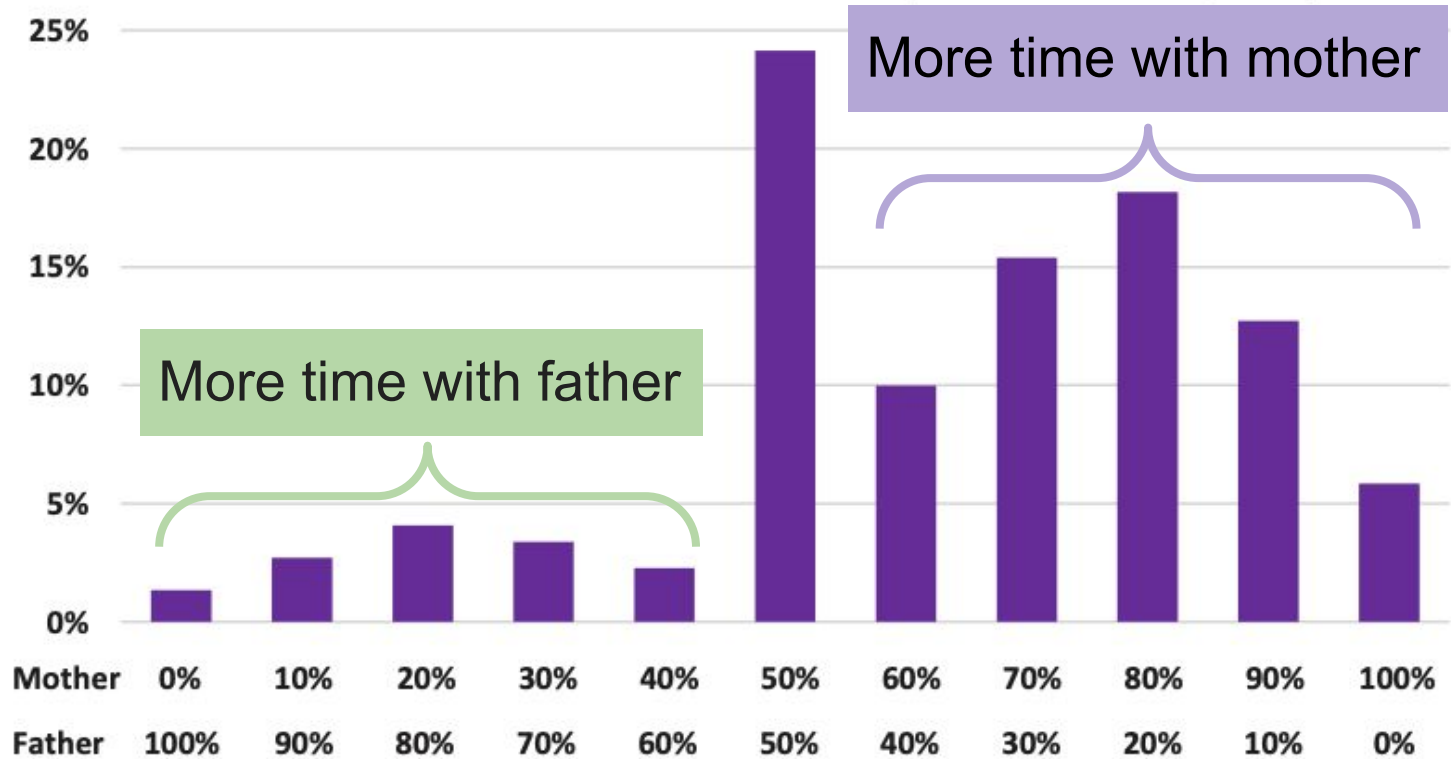
Children in single-parent families

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”

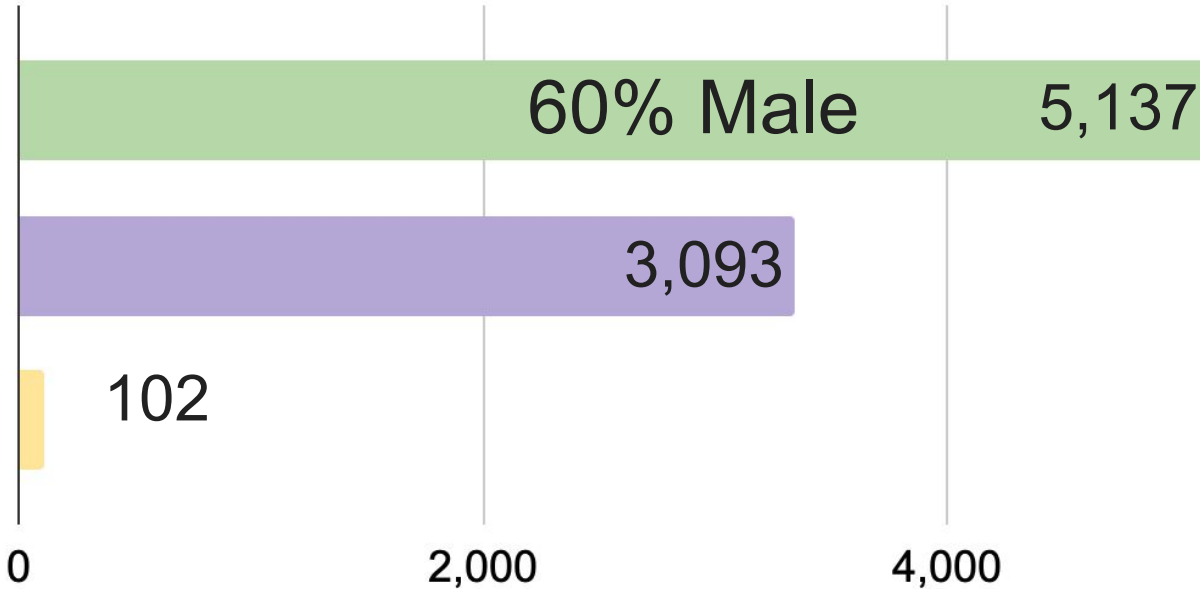
Exhibit 3: Residential Time of Children (No risk factors) N=2,775



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

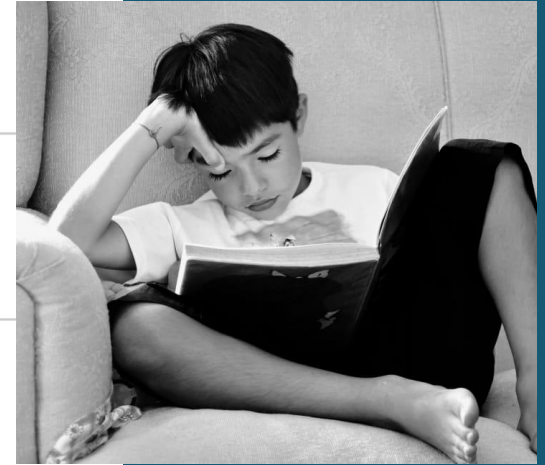
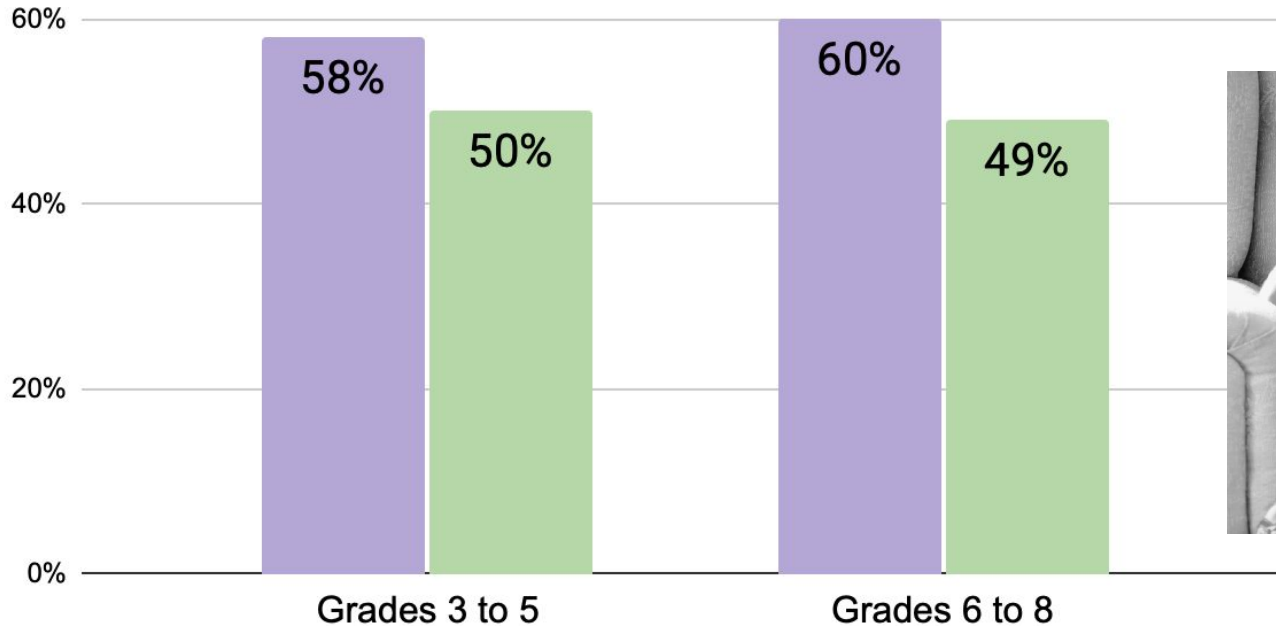


Source: Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

<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

	3rd Grade ELA			4th Grade			5th Grade ELA		
Race	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

	6th Grade ELA			7th Grade			8th Grade ELA		
Race	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)
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FIGURE 3b

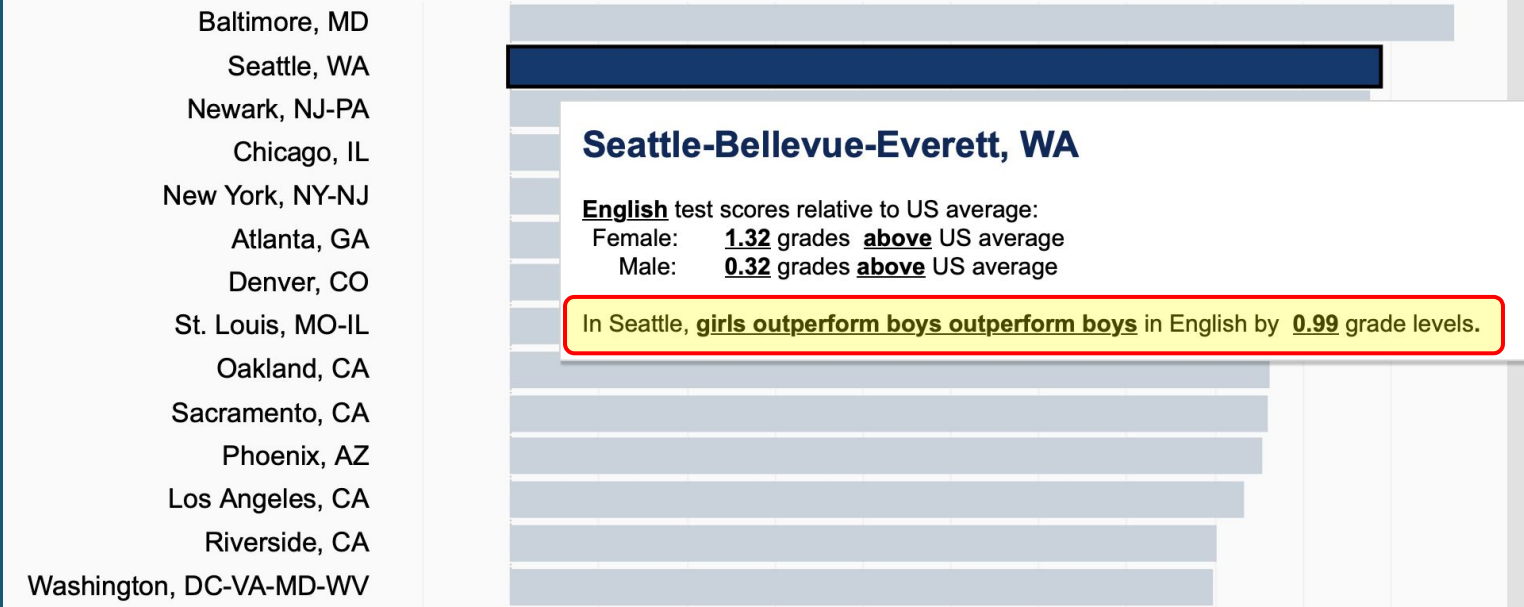
Test score gender gaps in the largest 25 metro areas

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%

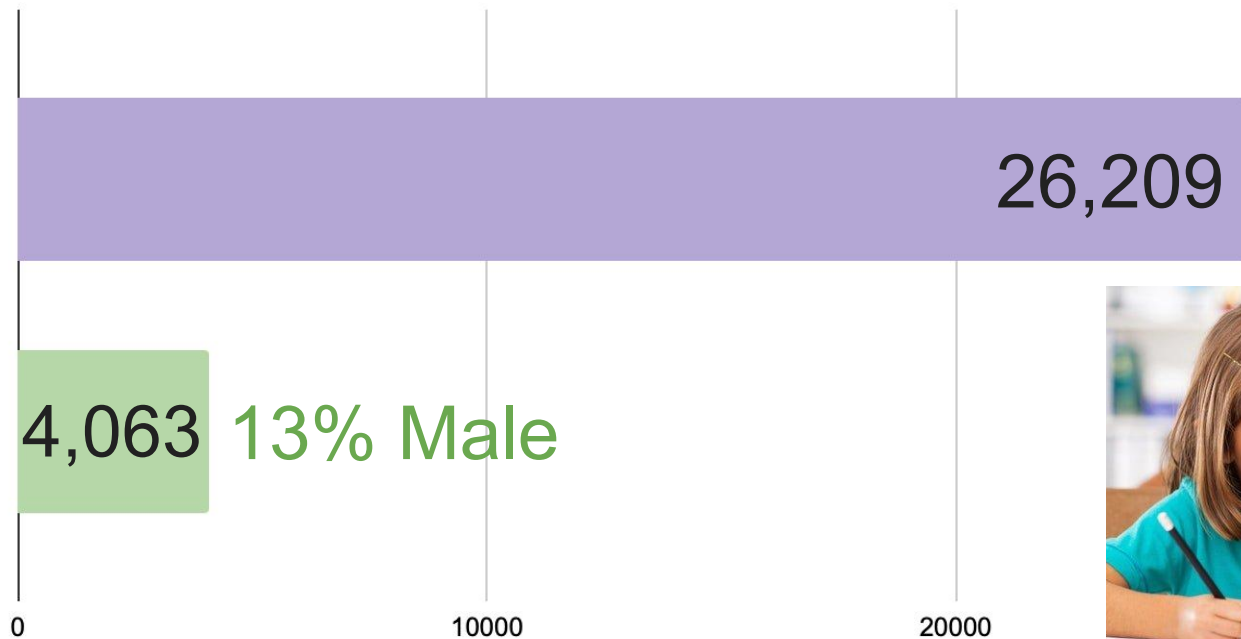
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Asian	69.6%	68.2%	(1.4%)	71.2%	70.3%	(0.9%)	70.4%	68.6%	(1.8%)
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Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	21.6%	19.6%	(2%)	22.1%	21.0%	(1.1%)	21.9%	17.9%	(4%)
Two or More Races	43.3%	43.7%	0.4%	44.5%	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%)

Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (Washington State)
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Elementary School Teachers

2025-2026, Grades Pre-K - 5, WA Public Schools



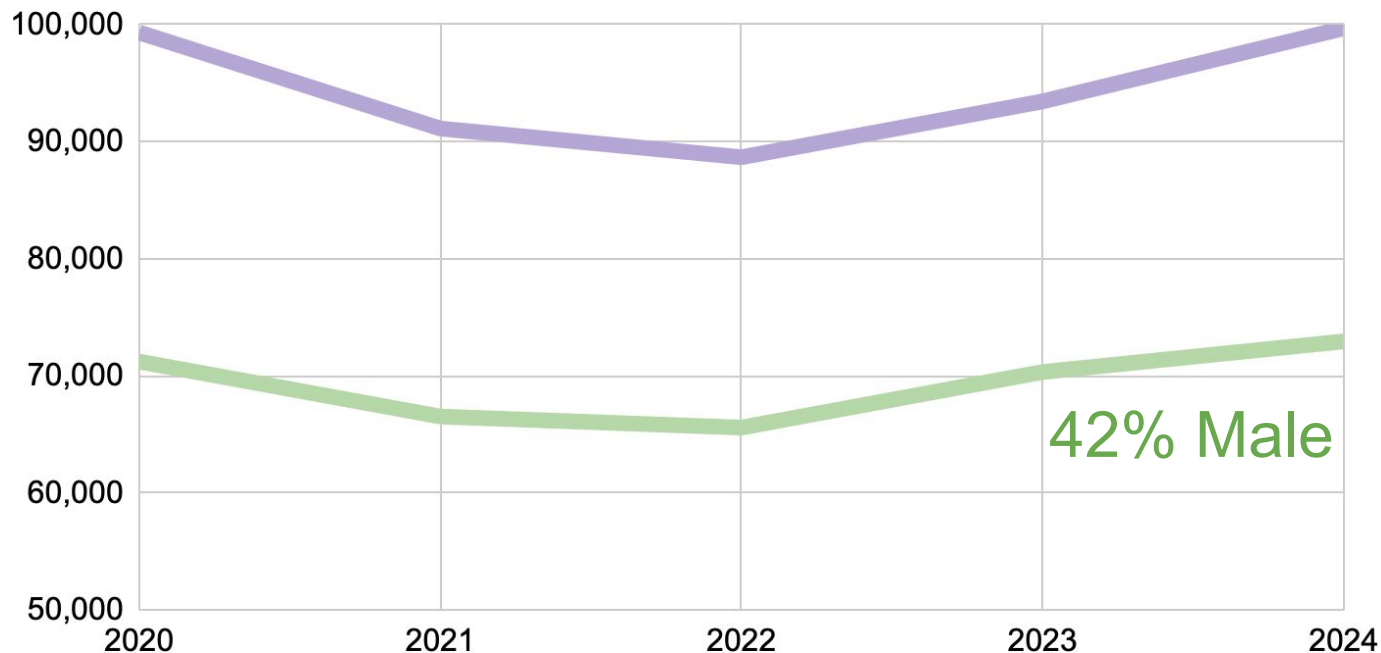
“...significant discrepancy between the **gender** and racial demographics of teachers compared to students.”
- WA Professional Educator Standards Board (2024)



Source: CEDARS, EMS, S275, data pulled 7/23/26 by Lead Data Analyst, Educator Data, Research and Development Department, Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

Community & Technical College Enrollment

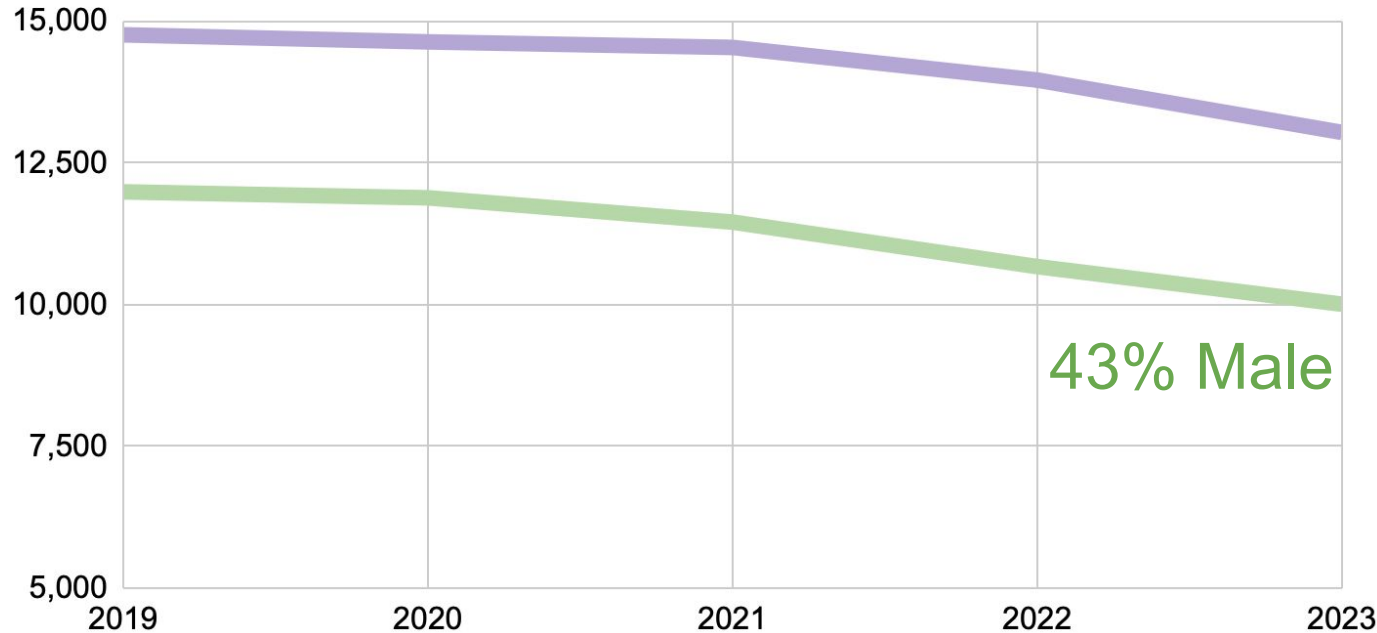
2020-2024 (Fall), Washington



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

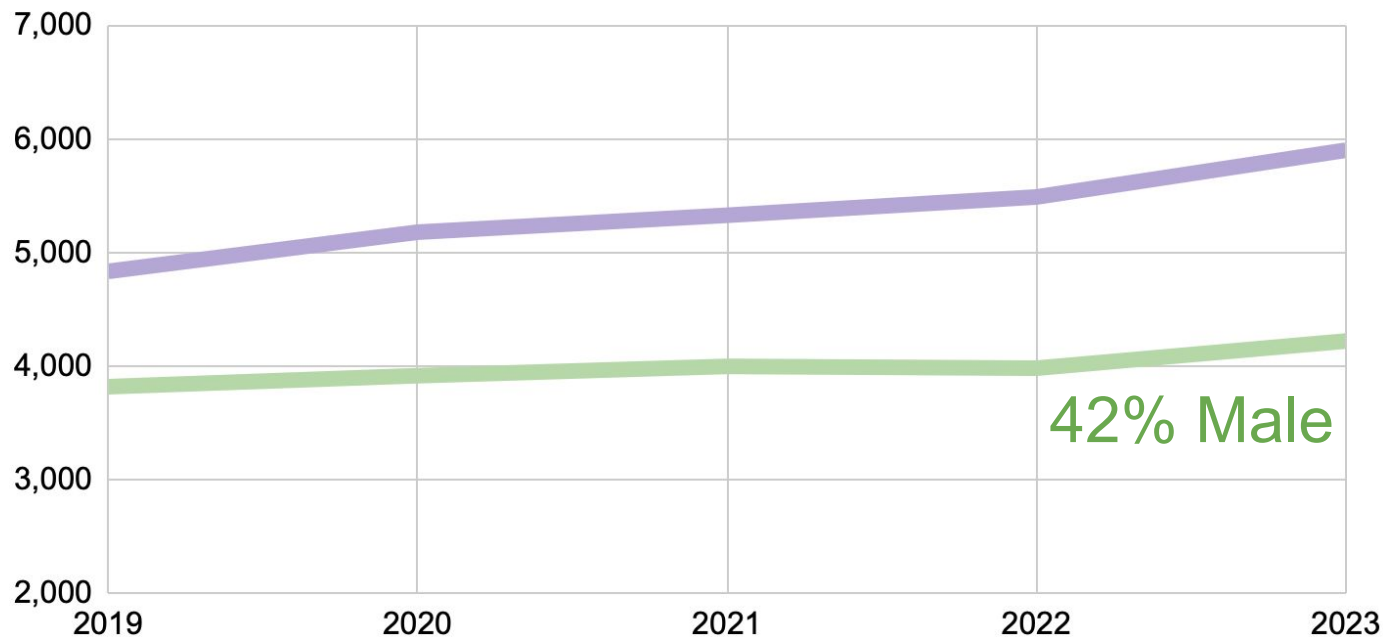
4-Year Public Universities, Washington, 2019-2023



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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Are we
underinvesting
in boys and
men?

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

Women & Girls

2,078
Grantmakers

12,674
Grants

991
Recipients

Total Dollar Value
of Grants:
\$672,251,779

Boys & Men

814
Grantmakers

4,221
Grants

390
Recipients

Total Dollar Value
of Grants:
\$221,492,662

Source: Foundation Directory Online by Candid

Washington needs a Boys and Men Commission

waboysandmen.org