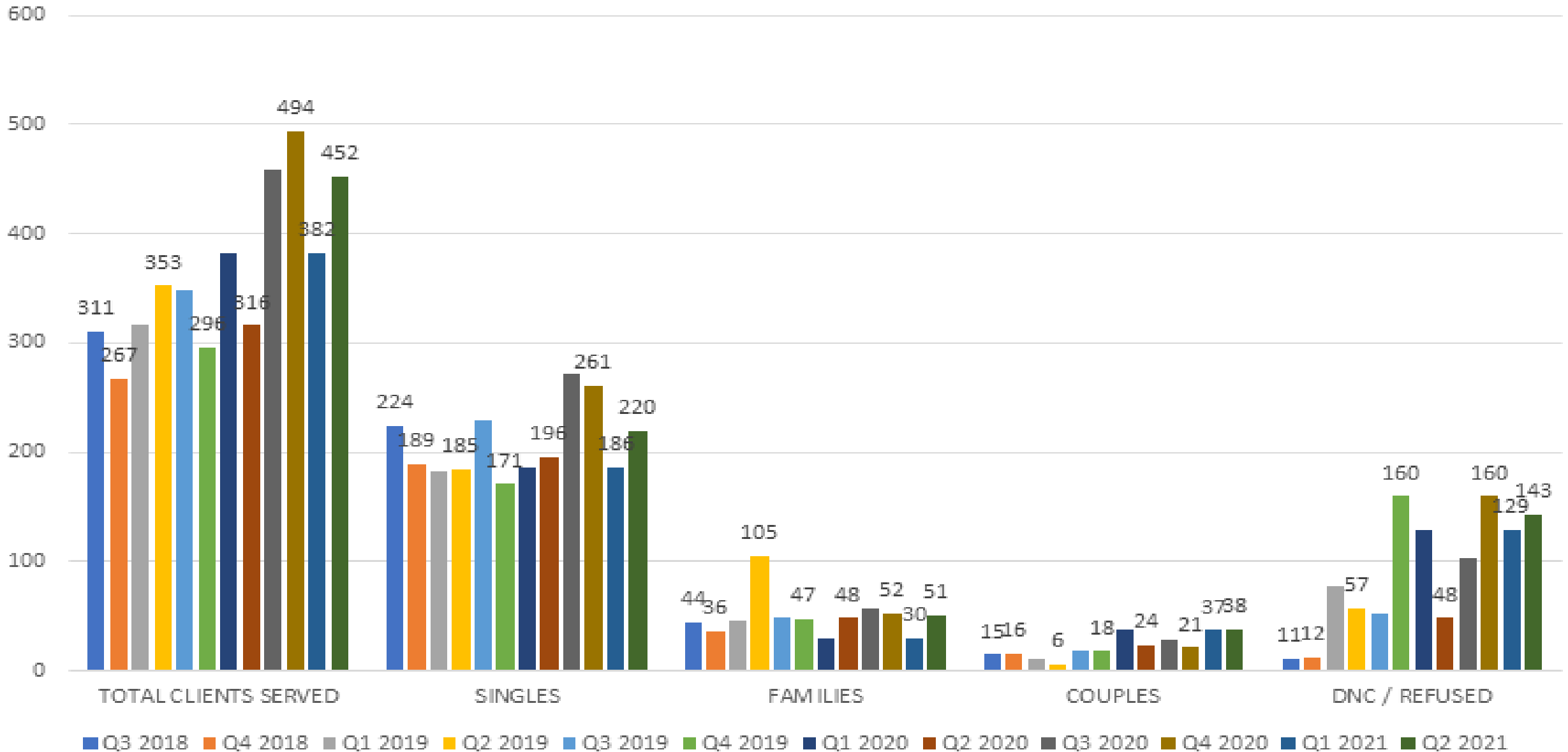


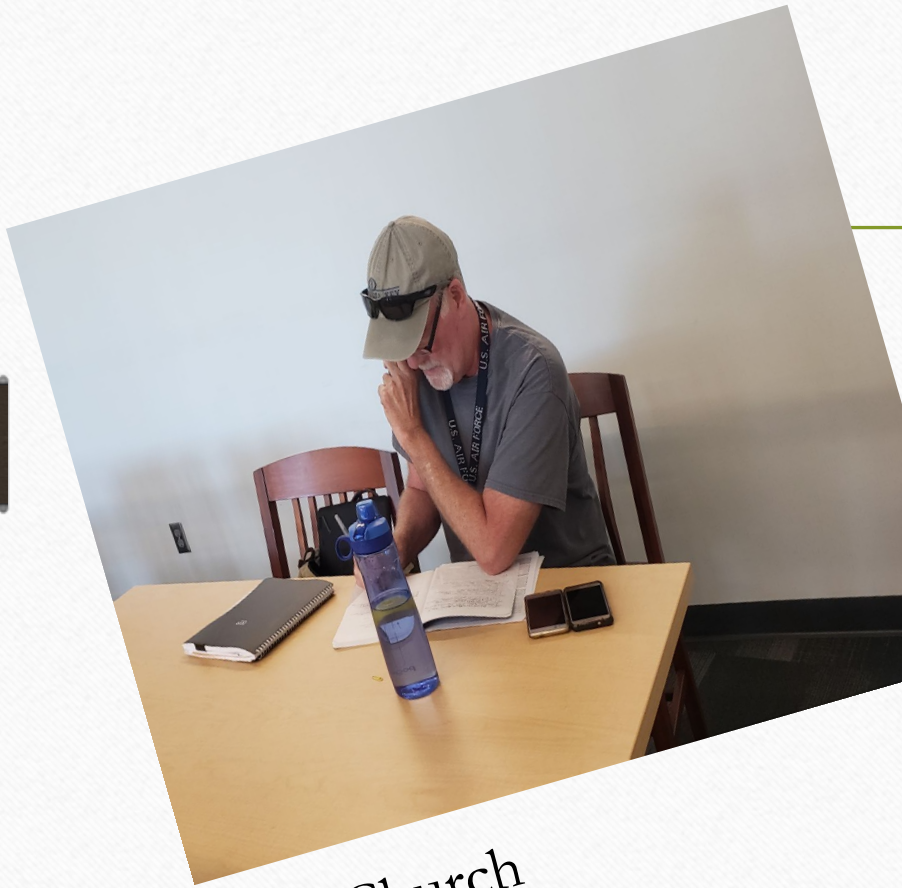


*Ally Homeless Street
Outreach in Dakota County*

Q2 COMPARISON 2019-2021

Ally HOMLESS STREET OUTREACH

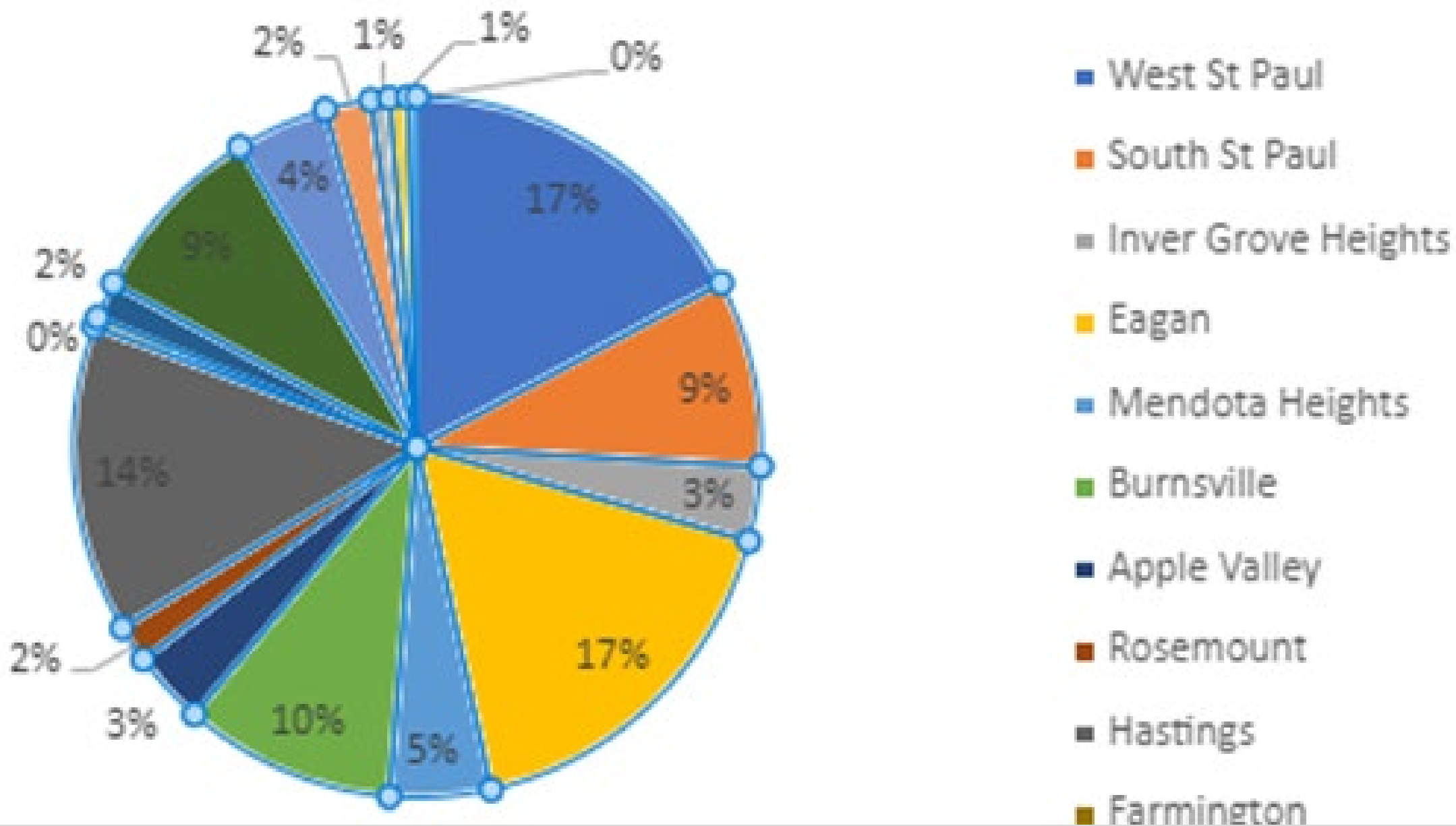




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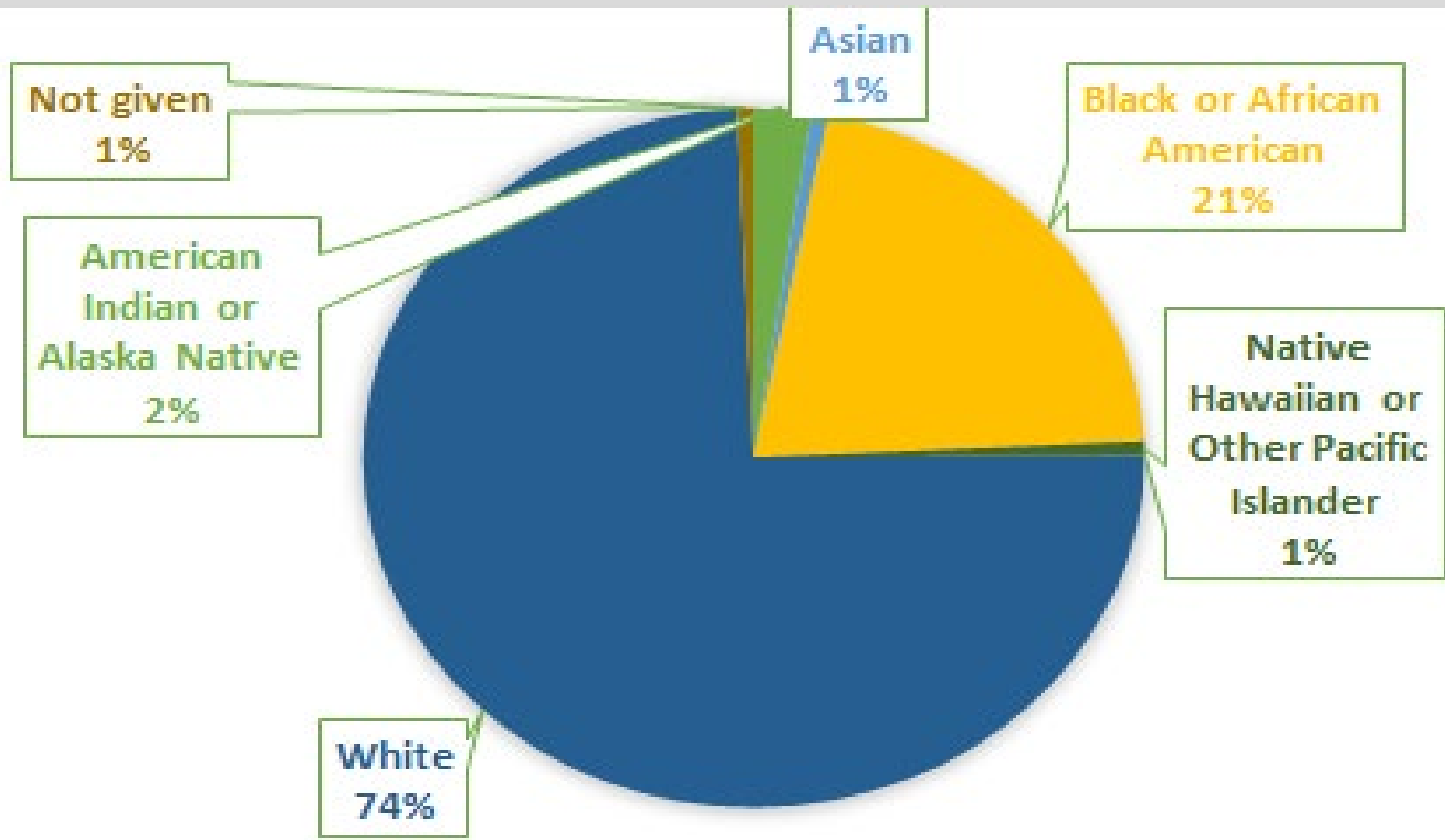
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West St Paul	36	15%	33	13%	40	17%
South St Paul	23	9%	28	11%	20	9%
Inver Grove Heights	24	10%	10	4%	8	3%
Eagan	47	19%	22	9%	40	17%
Mendota Heights	20	8%	9	4%	11	5%
Burnsville	13	5%	44	17%	23	10%
Apple Valley	18	7%	12	5%	8	3%
Rosemount	1	0%	1	0.4%	4	2%
Hastings	29	12%	35	14%	33	14%
Farmington	4	2%	1	0.4%	1	0
Lakeville	6	2%	5	2%	4	2%
Ramsey County	8	3%	21	8%	20	9%
Hennepin County	10	4%	21	8%	10	4%
Washington County	2	1%	5	2%	5	2%
Scott County	4	2%	5	2%	2	1%
Anoka County	36	15%	2	1%	2	1%

Homelessness by City



2021 THIRD QUARTER July-Sept

SERVICES/REFERRALS PROVIDED	
Housing Counseling	423
Benefits	107
Mental Health	74
Chemical Dependency	36
Basic Needs	105
Shelter	164
Vocational	12
Identification	10
Moving/Relocation	23
Legal	51
Primary Care	26



SNAPSHOT of Race in Ally Dakota Outreach

TRUSTED MESSENGER PROGRAM



We are hired messengers that share their own experiences with COVID-19, COVID-19 Testing and vaccinations, and provide a non-medical, non-threatening perspective to aid their peers in making decisions about the COVID-19 vaccine.



Trusted Messengers are trained and provided ongoing support by MDH and MICAH.

Work as a Trusted Messenger



Trusted messengers - share critical health messages to provide up-to-date, culturally and linguistically appropriate information and resources to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Community conversations - engage individuals, families and community groups in online and/or phone discussions to gather input and knowledge on community perceptions of COVID-19 and what is needed to slow the spread.



Cultural community connectors - provide accurate and timely COVID-19 education, outreach and resource connections, and referrals to county and community services and information.

Ally as Trusted Messengers for COVID-19 information:

Ally STAFF

- **90%** Ally staff are fully Vaccinated
- **18%** contracted COVID-19 after being fully vaccinated
- **30%** confirmed positive COVID tests with mild symptoms prior to vaccine
- **100%** worked in the field all of 2020 and 2021 with strict masking, distancing, and other safety protocols

Survey of THOSE SERVED

- 70% Ally Housing Support service recipients (formally long-term homeless) have been vaccinated
- 30% Ally Emergency Shelter guests have been vaccinated
- Incentives work! Cash incentives have been key!
- Ally will assist with finding testing site and providing transportation

Ally's COMMUNITY
HEALTH WORKER:

STEPH
BRIETZMAN



Community
Health
Workers -
Minnesota
Dept. of
Health
(state.mn.us)

- According to the American Public Health Association, a Community Health Worker (CHW) is a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has an unusually close understanding of the community served. This trusting relationship enables the CHW to serve as a liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competency of service delivery. A CHW also builds individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support and advocacy.

The duties of a CHW include:

- Assisting individuals and communities to adopt healthy behaviors
- Conducting outreach for medical personnel or health organizations to implement programs in the community that promote, maintain, and improve individual and community health
- Providing information on available resources
- Providing social support and informal counseling
- Advocating for individuals and community health needs
- Providing services such as first aid and blood pressure screening
- Collecting data to help identify community health needs



DIVERSITY
IS KEY TO
SUCCESS!

- **Ally Staff represent:**

- Racial & Ethnic diversity – Black, White, Native American, Hispanic, mixed races
- Veterans
- LGBTQ
- Gender
- Multitude of Age Range
- Beliefs, Personality, Spirituality

TARGETED OUTREACH



Isiah Montgomery

Disseminate COVID-19 public health messages and information about related service, including CARES Act funded resources, through connections with residents, landlords and system partners specific to Black Dakota County Residents.

- Assist individuals to navigate available financial relief and assistance to address the economic struggles that have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Connect the target population to community resources within Dakota County including local food shelves, libraries and government programs.
- Community residents are provided with education about COVID-19 and available resources, including resources available through CARES Act funding.

Ally Targeted Outreach Continued



Chez Jones

- Share information through formal and informal networks.
- Provide services to assist people with accessing information and services through:
 - housing counseling, benefits access, mental health support access, COVID-19 safety, education, access to employment/vocational support, cultural support and basic needs support.
- Advise the County's communication strategies to improve reach and effectiveness with communities of color, including long-term recommendations.
- Communicate health information about COVID-19 to community residents.

Ally Housing Support Services

Eligibility

You must meet a combination of eligibility requirements set by the Supplemental Security Income program or General Assistance program to qualify for assistance.

There are also income and asset limits. Generally, the program serves:

Long-Term Homeless

Long term homeless residents who have a condition that limits their self-sufficiency. For example, it may be a physical or mental health disability, visual impairment or chemical dependency.

All Scattered Site

Service Recipients have leases with landlords in Dakota County. Some share a living dwelling with other people, making housing more affordable.

