



Emergency Rental Assistance Program

November 2022



COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program

- An “eligible household” is defined as a renter household in which at least one or more individuals meets the following criteria:
 - Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
 - Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
 - Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median.

Eligible Activities

Rental Arrears

- ▣ Arrears payments can cover past due rent or utilities that accumulated on or after March 13, 2020.

Rent

- ▣ Future rent payments for up to 3 months

Utilities and Home Energy Arrears

- ▣ Utilities include electricity, gas, water and sewer, trash removal and energy costs, such as fuel oil.

Other Eligible Expenses

- ▣ Reasonable accrued late fees
- ▣ Internet service

Terms of Assistance

□ Length of Assistance

- Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance, plus an additional 3 months if HA determines the extra months are needed to ensure housing stability and grantee funds are available.

□ Priority of Assistance

- Households that qualify as very low income (less than 50% AMI) and/or households in which one or more member is unemployed and has been unemployed for 90 days will be given priority.

□ Duplication of Benefits

- The statute creating program requires payments to not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to an eligible household.

Total Rent/Utility assistance paid as of 10/31/2022

\$44,298,603

Households Served: 9,234

City of Boise- ERA 1

Rent: \$19,565,605
Utilities: \$693,654
TOTAL Paid: \$20,259,259
Total Served: 4,511

Ada County- ERA1

Rent: \$14,679,050
Utilities: \$415,885
Total Paid: \$15,094,935
Total Served: 2,979

City of Boise- ERA 2

Rent: \$4,288,181
Utilities: \$105,516
Total Paid: \$4,393,697
Total Served: 925

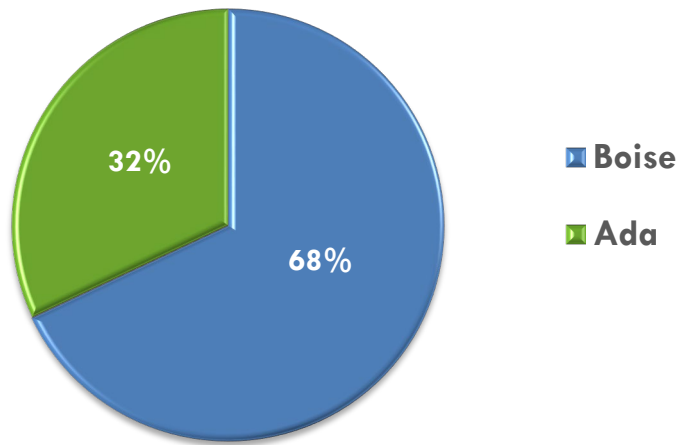
Ada County- ERA2

Rent: \$4,435,332
Utilities: \$115,380
Total Paid: \$4,550,712
Total Served: 819

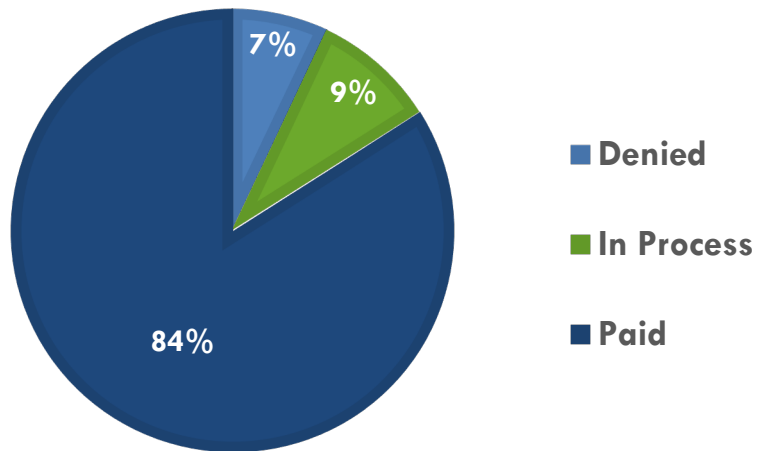
**Totals reported include the total number of unique households served within each month. Actual totals will be confirmed and provided on monthly compliance reports.*

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Applications



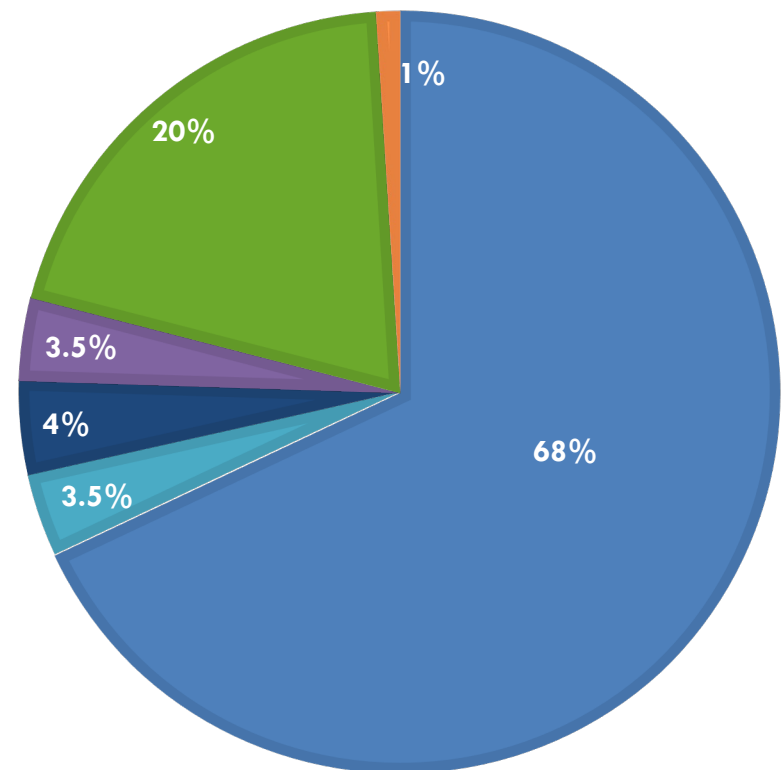
- Boise
- Ada



- Denied
- In Process
- Paid

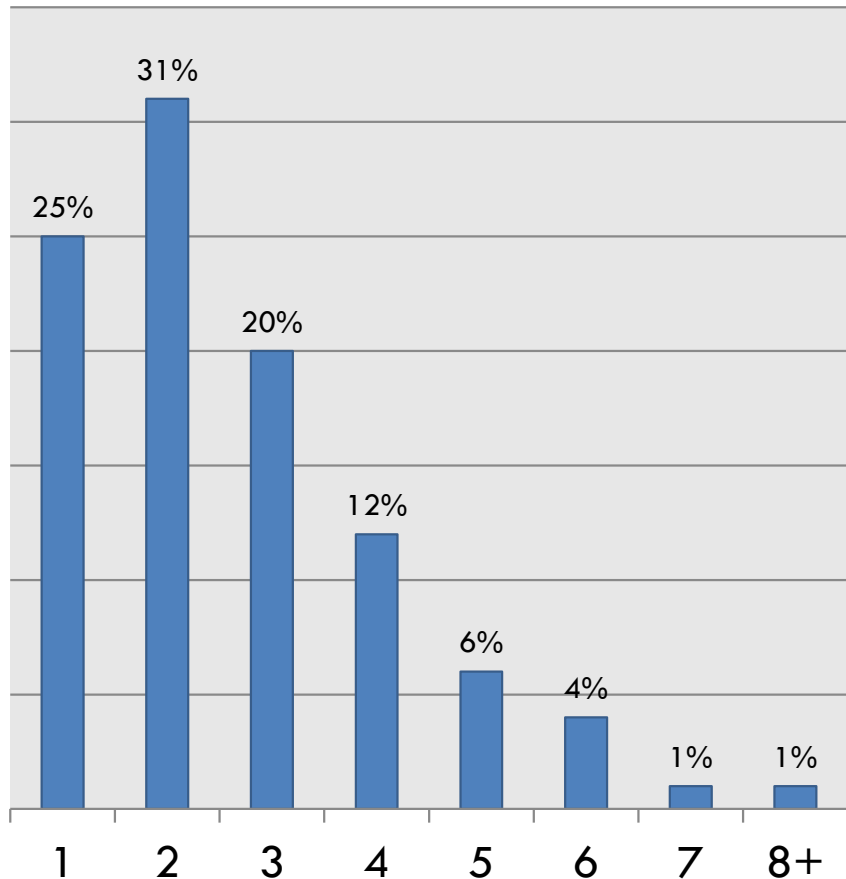
Cities

- Boise
- Eagle
- Garden City
- Kuna
- Meridian
- Star

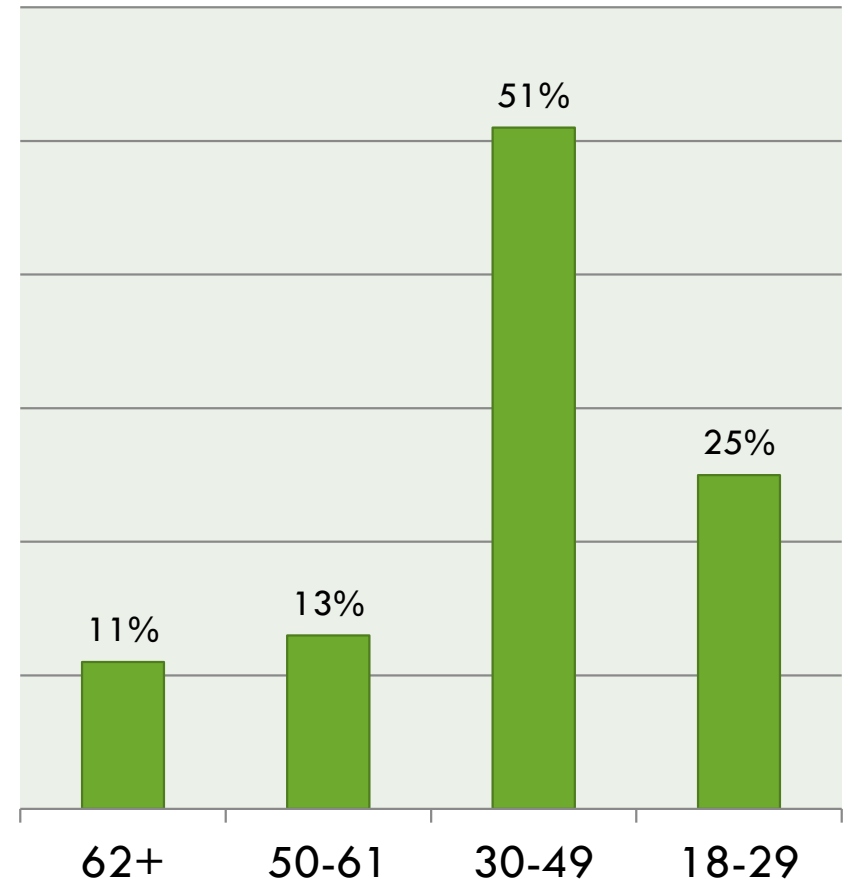


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Household Size

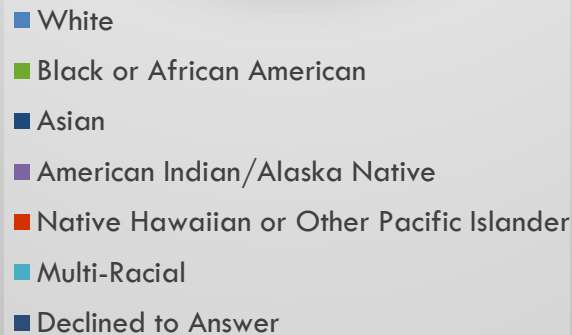
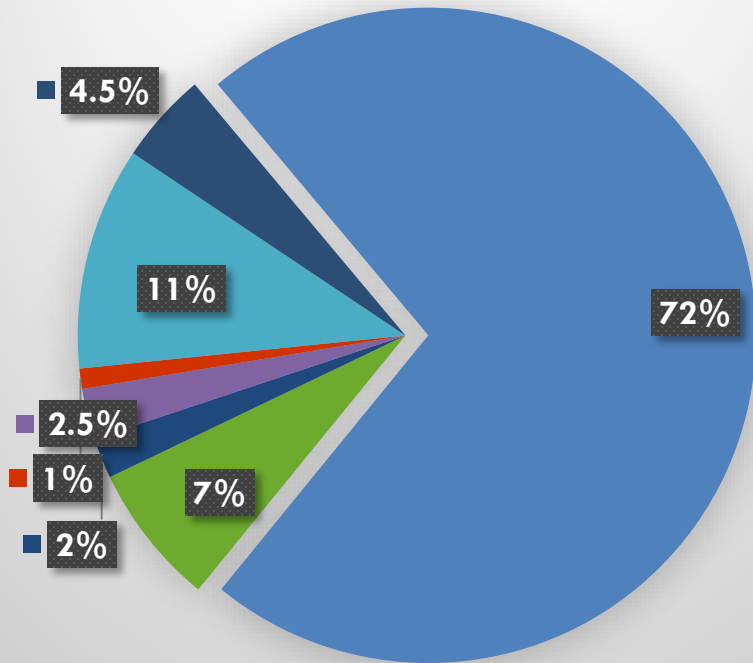


Age of Applicant

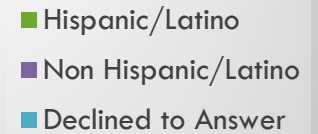
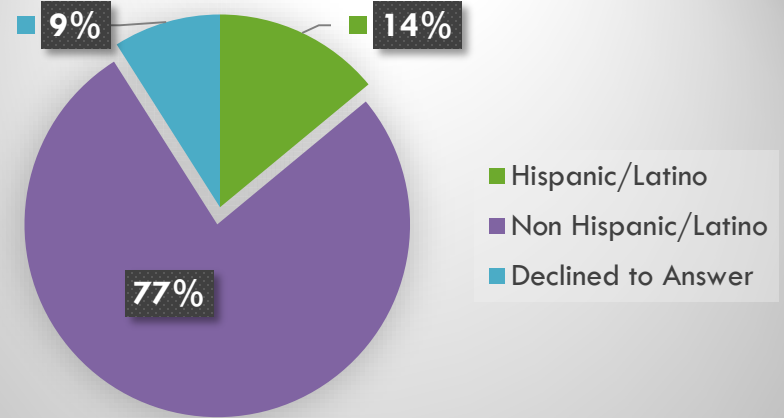


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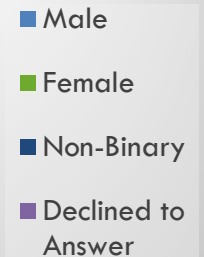
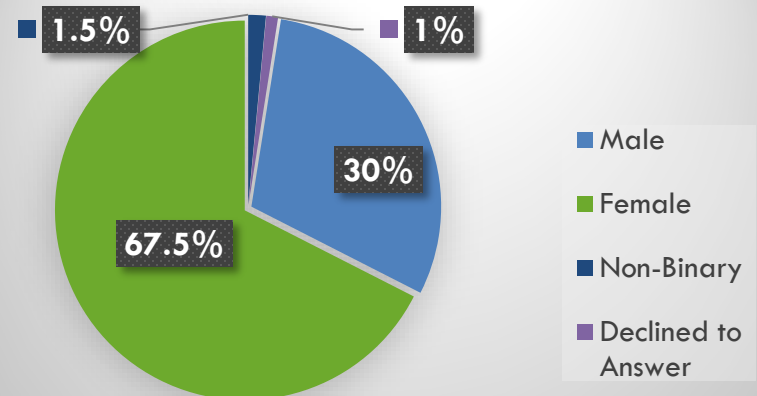
Race



Ethnicity

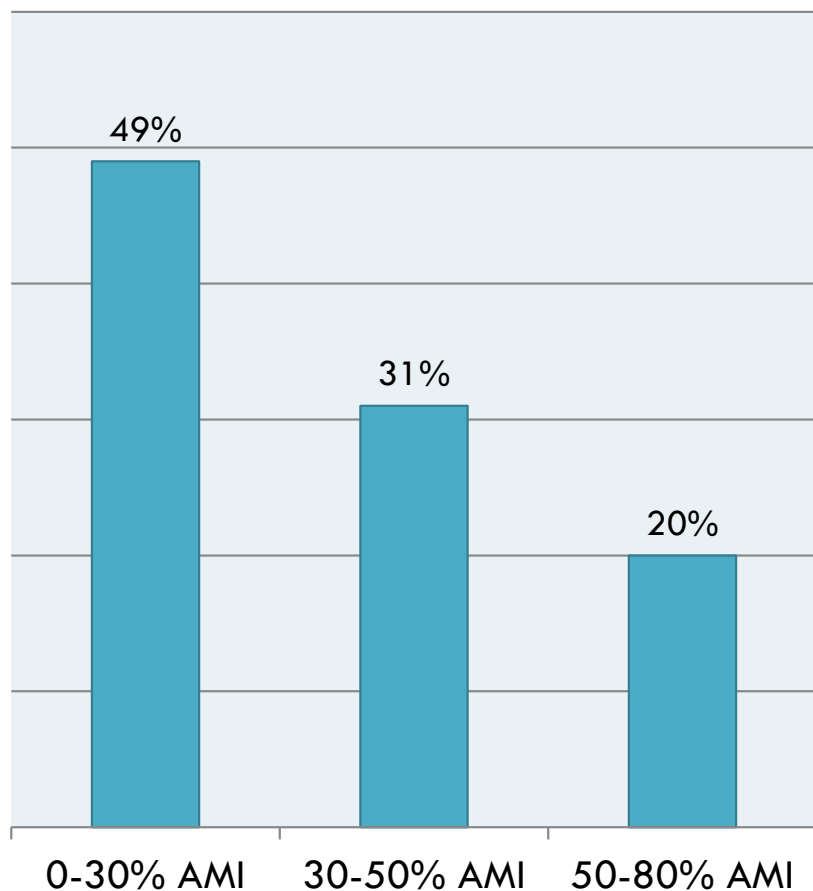


Gender

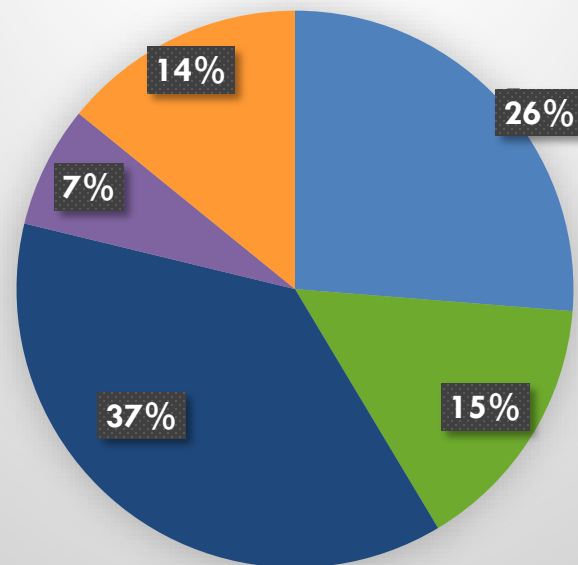


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Household Income (Area Median Income)



Denied Applications



- Duplicate Subsidy
- No rental unit
- Over Income
- No response
- Other (i.e., possible fraud, inadequate/inconsistent documentation)

Fraud Prevention

“Fraud” and “abuse”: a single act or pattern of actions made with the intent to deceive or mislead, constituting a false statement, omission, or concealment of a substantive fact.

Quality Assurance and **Fraud Prevention** are two critical risk mitigation strategies to maintaining program integrity. Identifying fraud and abuse is an important component of securing program integrity and ensuring funds are allocated to eligible families.

Examples of Fraud

Using tenant or landlord data to solicit benefits, without authorization

Concealing assets or misrepresenting income

Attempting to obtain rent amounts larger than stipulated in the lease

Knowingly submitting false or altered information to secure eligibility

Submitting applications for nonexistent tenants or rental units

Nearly \$18 million
in fraudulent requests have been prevented