



Spring 2025 Kitsap County Veterans Stand Down



April 26, 2025





Veterans Stand Down

- 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.
- 36 Community Service Providers enthusiastically supported the event by providing representatives who staffed information tables.
- 117 Veterans registered with their 144 family members at the Stand Down and 98 veteran volunteers supported the event. 11 Veterans were homeless, down from 15 who attended the September 2024 event.
- 8 of the registered attendees were residents of the WDVA Transitional Housing Unit at Retsil.

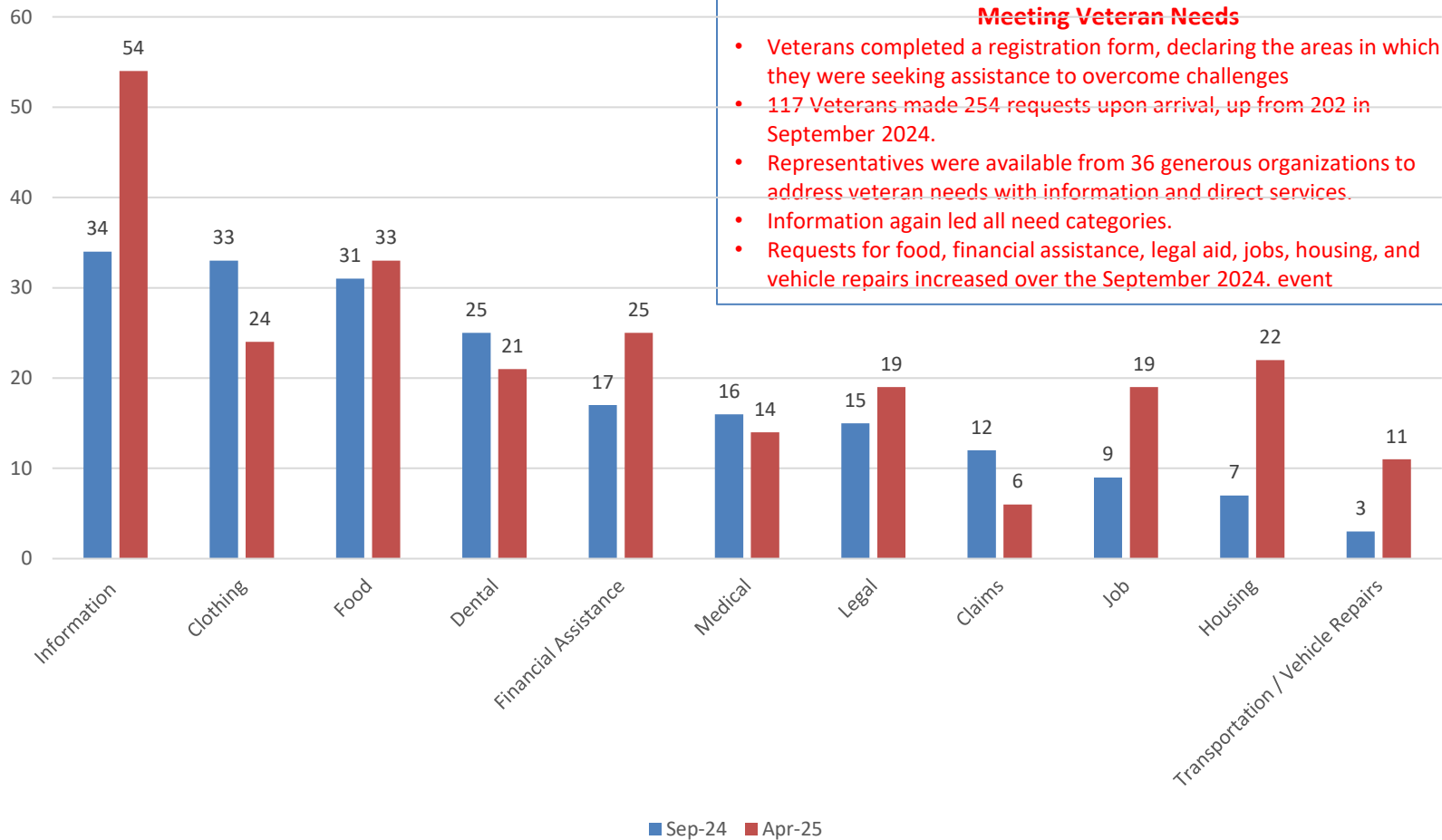


A Closer Look At The Kitsap County Veterans Stand Down





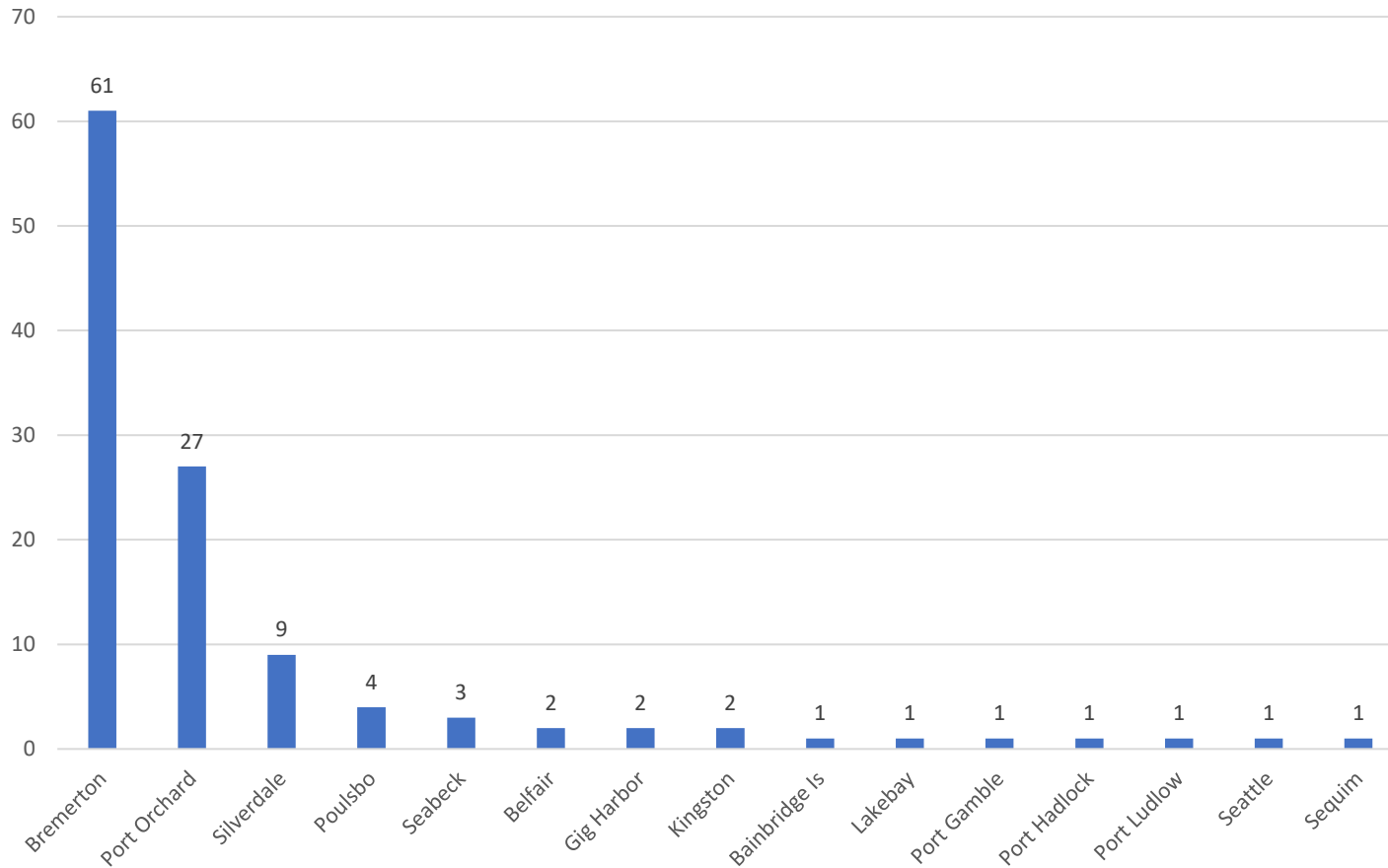
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The Attendees

Attendees live in...

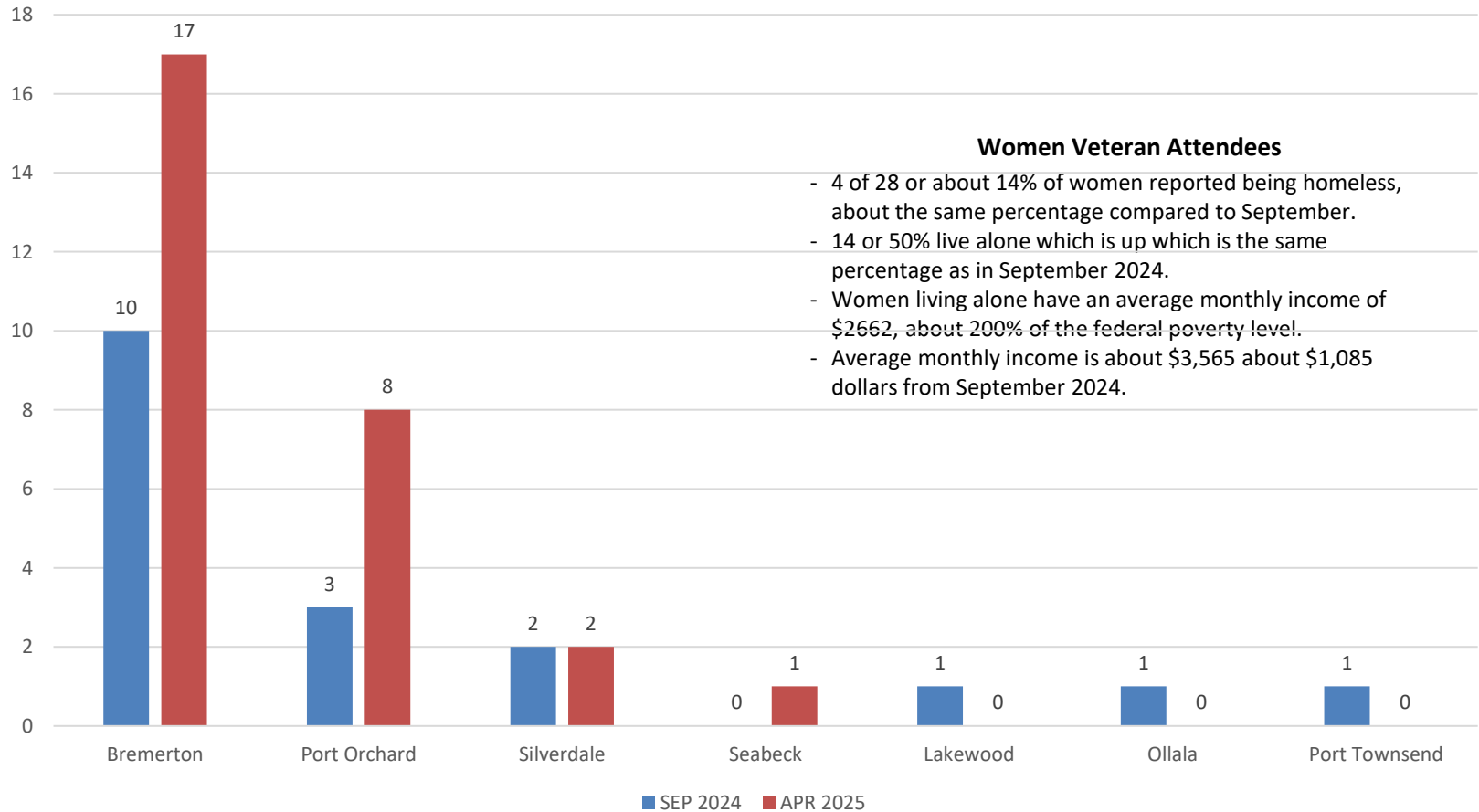


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The Attendees

Women attendees live in...

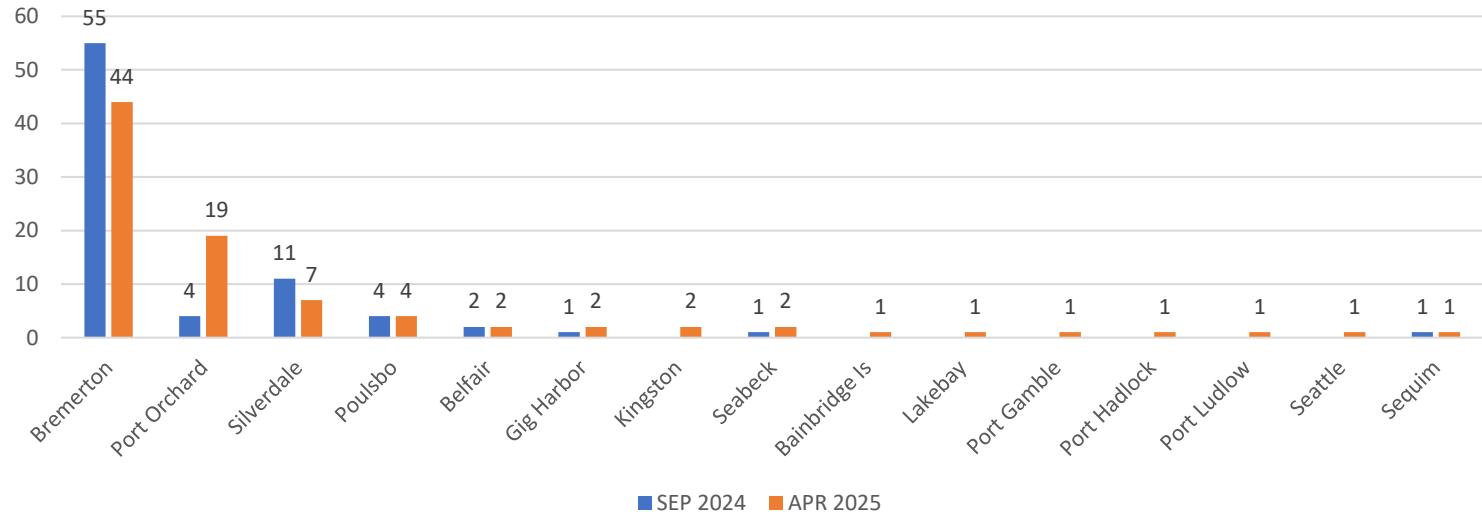


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The Attendees

Men attending live in....



Male Veteran Housing			
	APR 2024	SEP 2024	APR 2025
Own Home	84%	62%	83%
Transitional Housing	6%	10%	7%
Car	5%	2%	4%
Street	2%	3%	0%
Motel	1%	0%	1%
Shelter	1%	0%	0%
Couch Surfer	0%	0%	4%

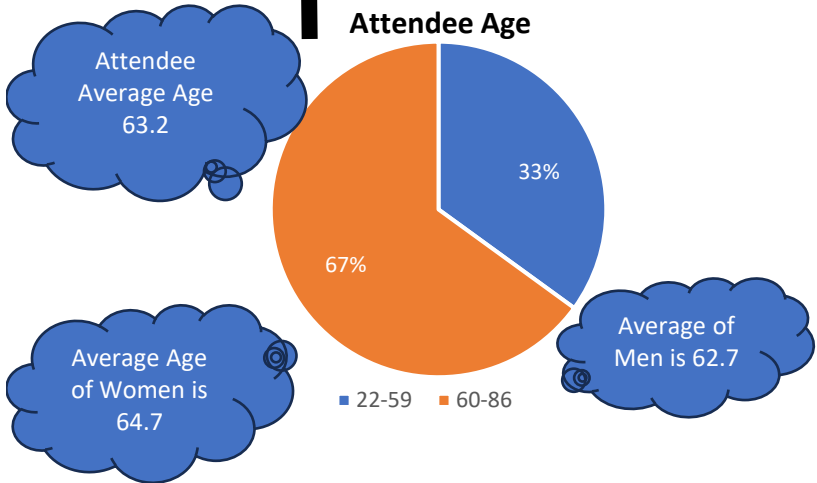
Male Veteran Attendees

- 16% report being homeless up from 15% in September.
- 47% are single, down from 58% in September.
- 76% live with others up from 60% in September.
- Average monthly income is about \$3511 down from \$3,658, in September 2024.
- Average household size is 2.1.
- Average household is living just under 200% of the federal poverty level.

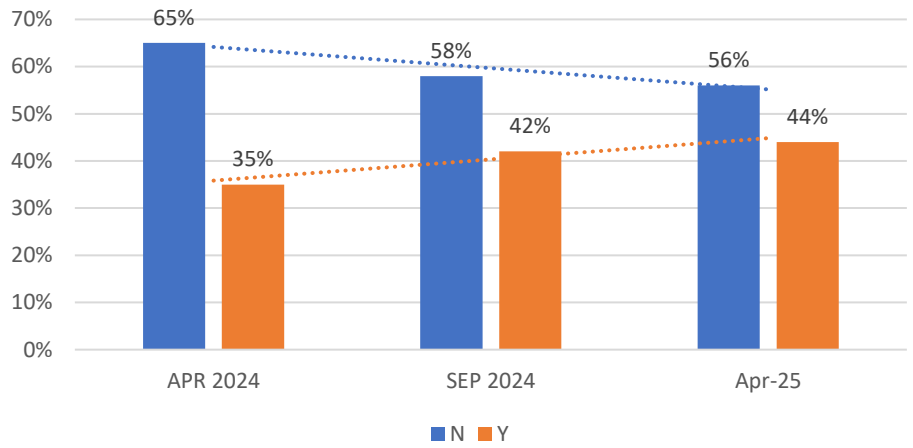


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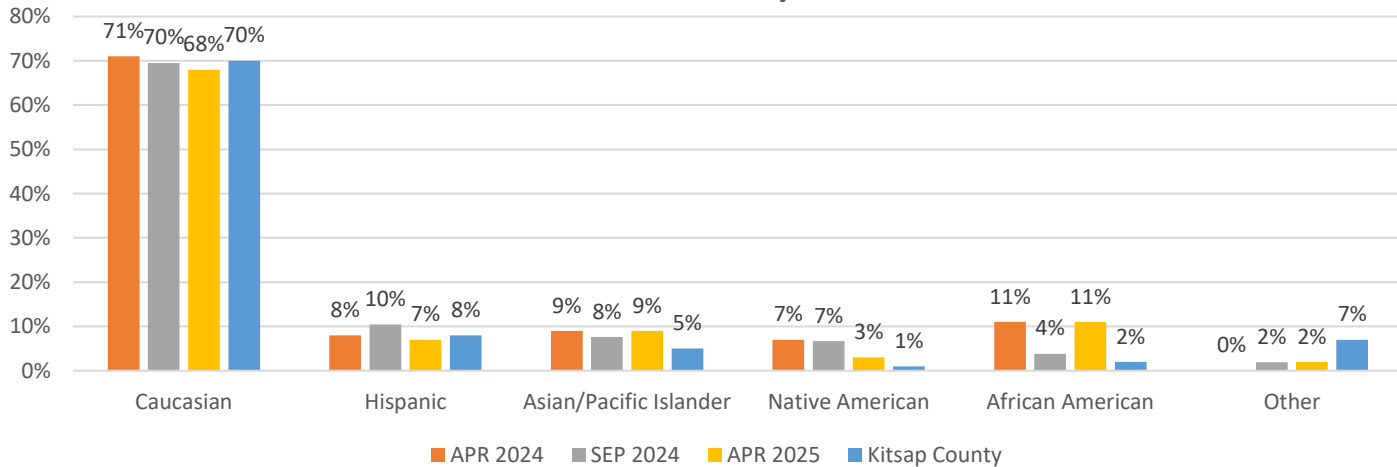
Attendee Age



Have you attended a Stand Down in the past?



Ethnicity

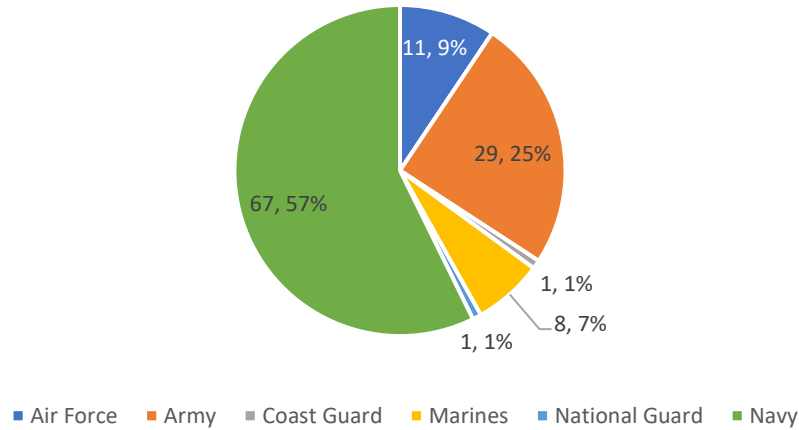


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Service Affiliation

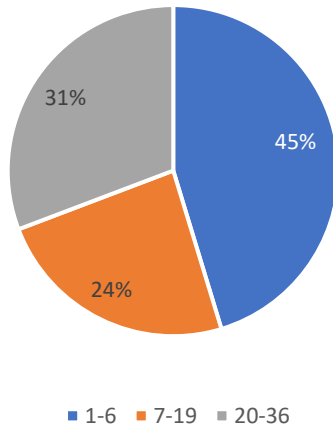


Housing	Active	Honorable	Medical	Other than Honorable	Under Honorable Conditions	Grand Total
Car		3			1	4
Couch Surfer		4			1	5
Motel		1				1
Own Home	1	86	5	1	5	98
Street		1				1
Transitional Housing		7	1			8
Grand Total	1	102	6	1	7	117

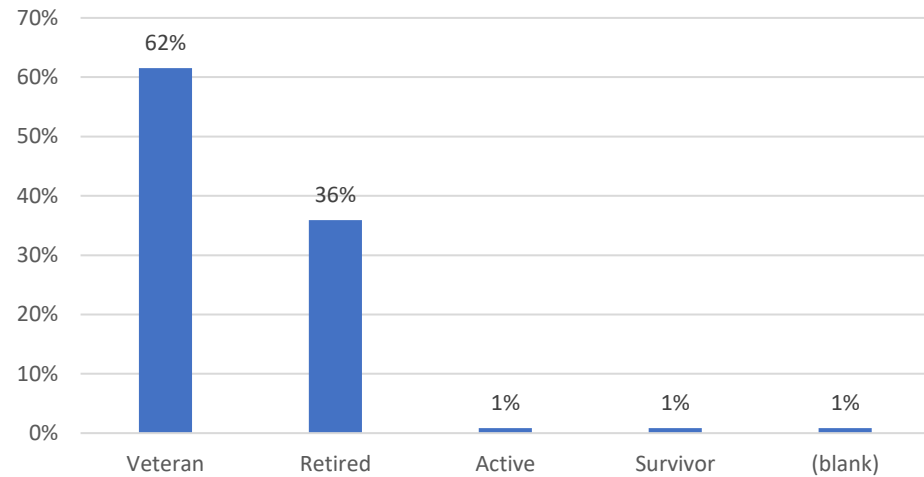


The Attendees

Attendee Length of Service



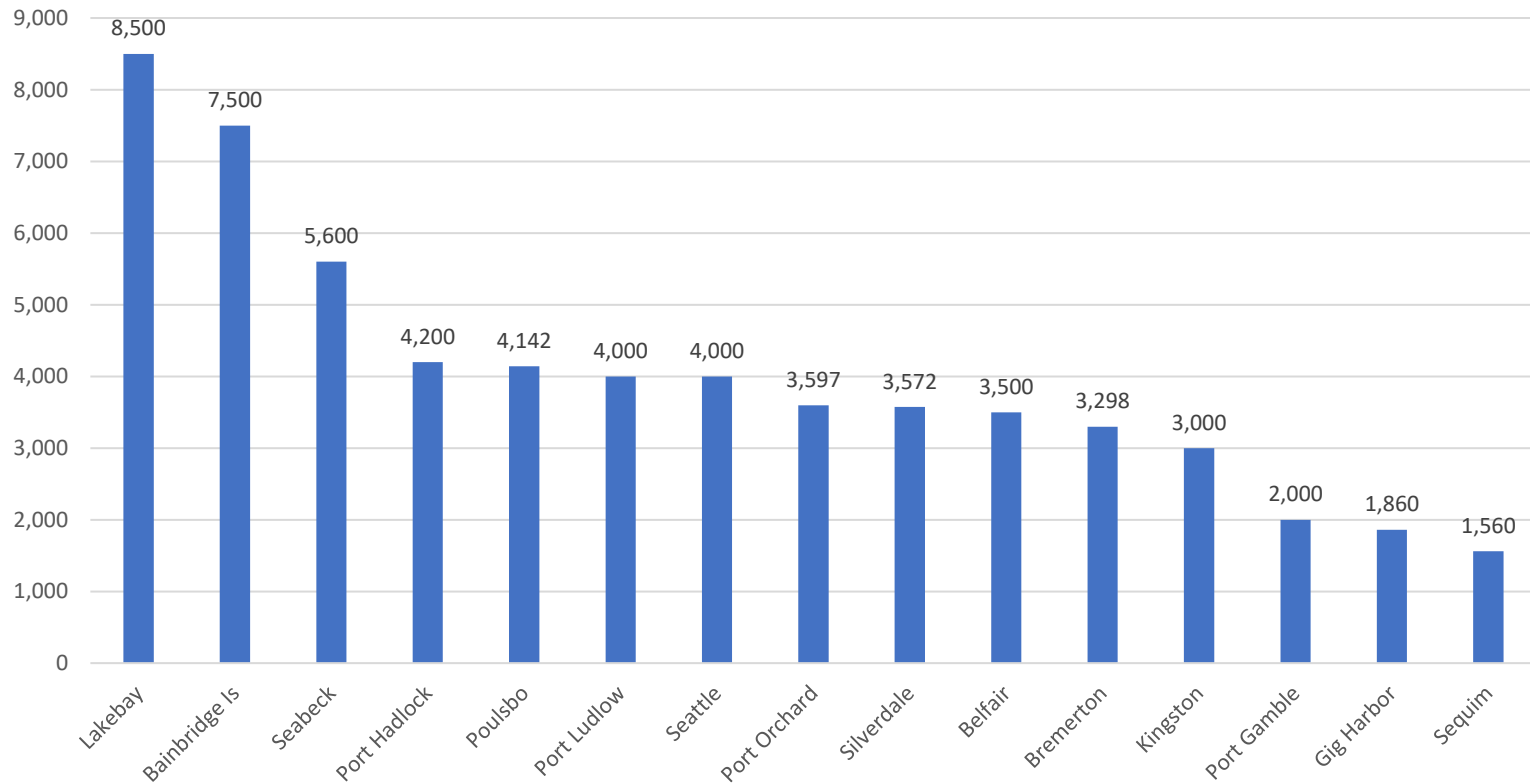
Attendee Veteran Status





Housing

Average Attendee Income By City

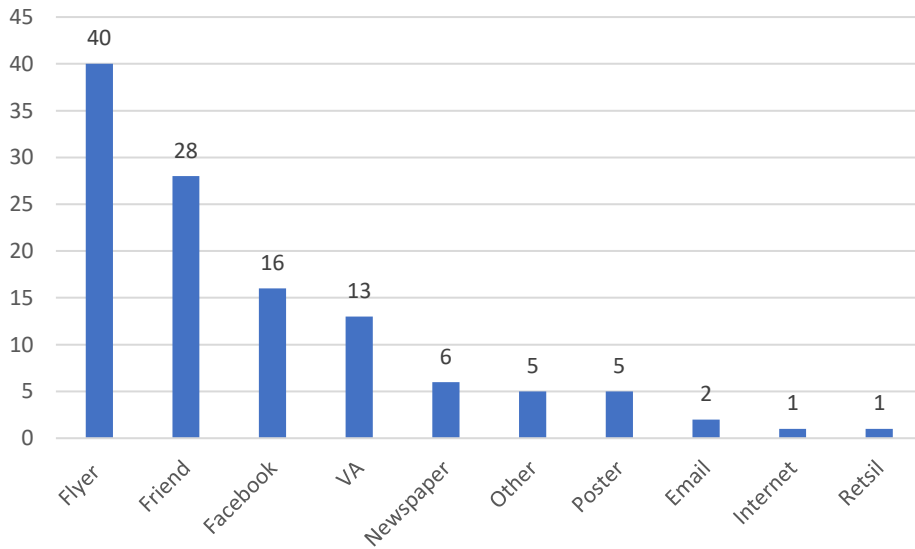


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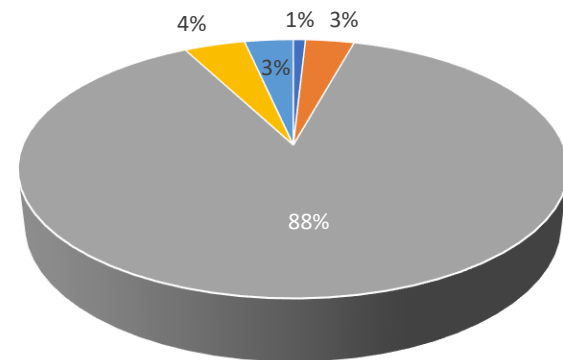
Advertising / Transportation

How did you hear about the Stand Down
April 2025



Advertising Source Performance				
Source	APR 2024	SEP 2024	APR 2025	Trend
Friend	37%	32%	24%	
Flyer	15%	22%	34%	
Internet	3%	15%	1%	
Facebook	9%	10%	14%	
Newspaper	10%	8%	5%	
Clinic	0%	5%	11%	
Retsil	0%	4%	3%	
VFW	0%	2%	9%	
Vet Court	0%	1%	0%	

How did you travel to the Stand Down...

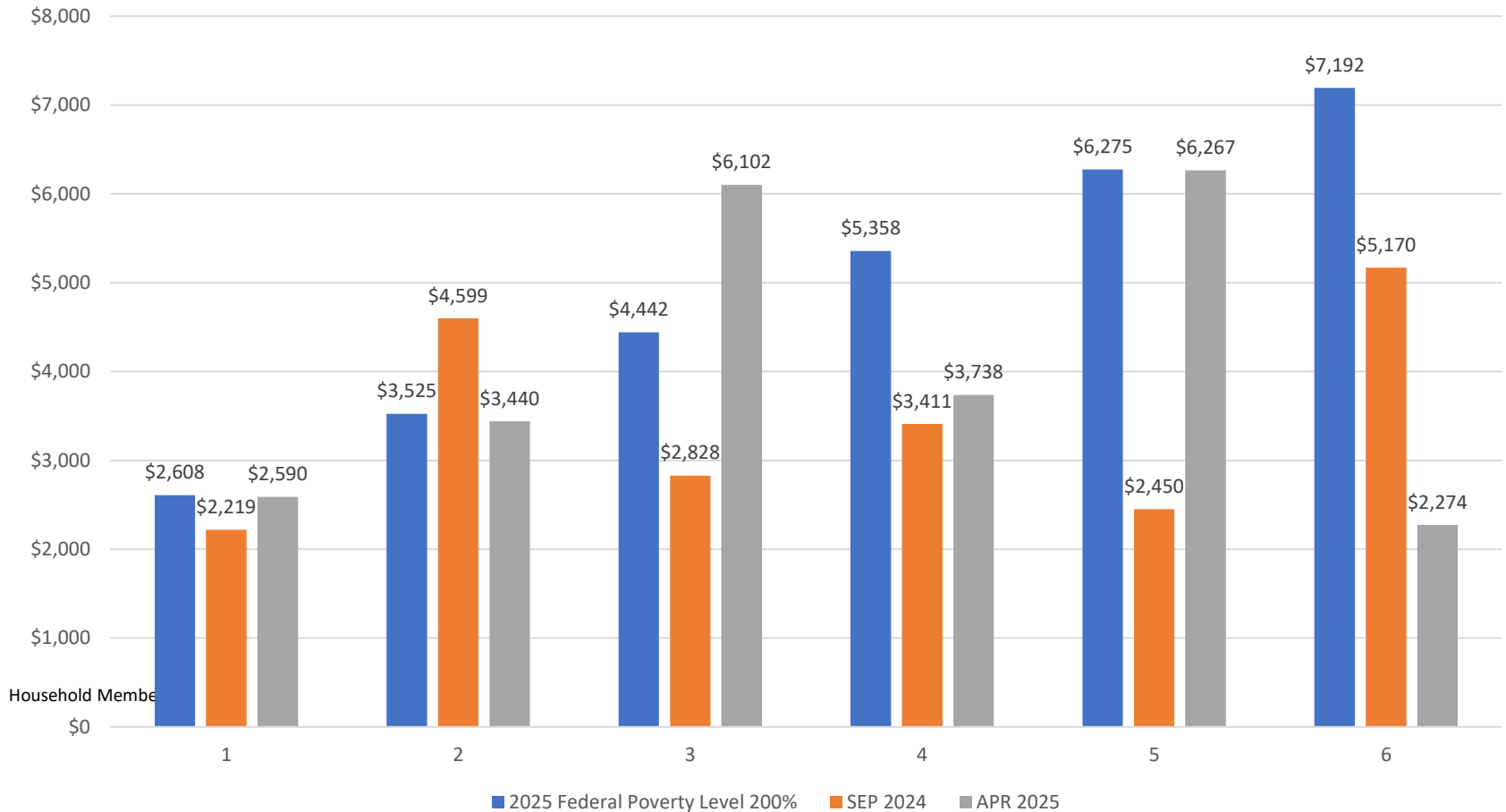


■ Bike ■ Bus ■ Car ■ Ride Share ■ Walked



Household Size and Income

Comparing Monthly Net Household with
200% of the Federal Poverty Level

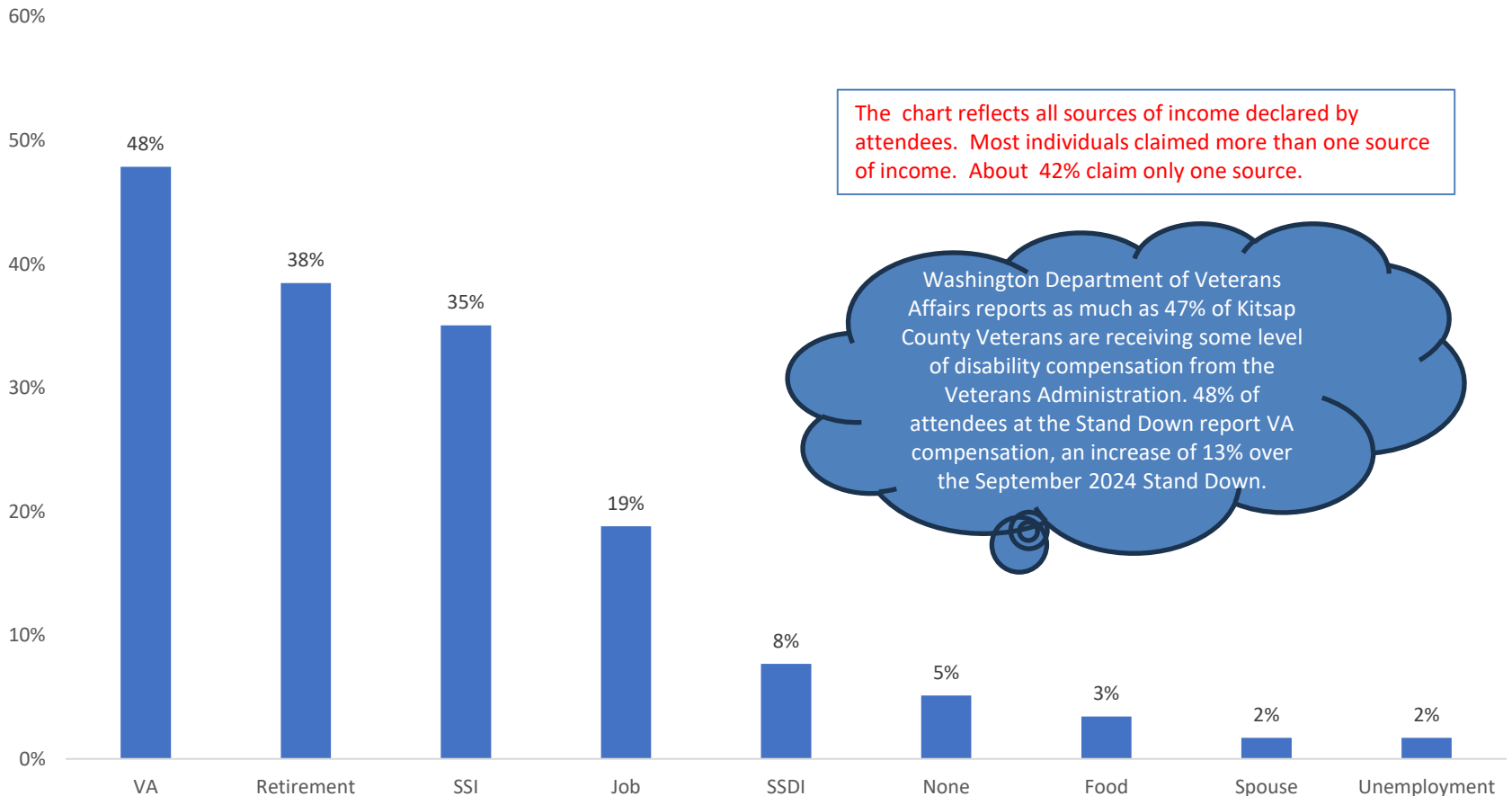


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Veteran Income Sources



The chart reflects all sources of income declared by attendees. Most individuals claimed more than one source of income. About 42% claim only one source.

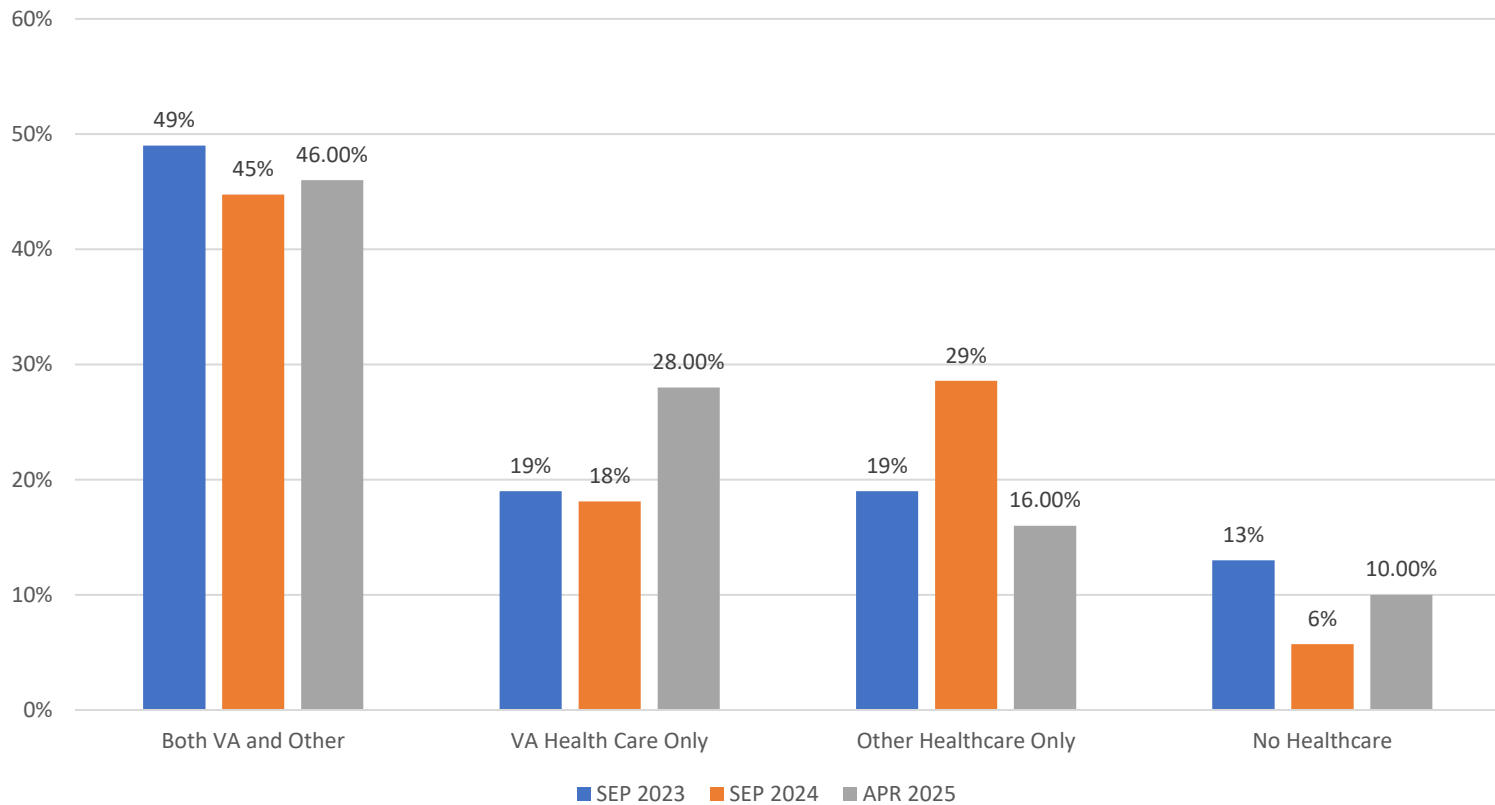
Washington Department of Veterans Affairs reports as much as 47% of Kitsap County Veterans are receiving some level of disability compensation from the Veterans Administration. 48% of attendees at the Stand Down report VA compensation, an increase of 13% over the September 2024 Stand Down.

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Healthcare

Veteran Healthcare Access





Summary

- Strong community support contributed to a successful Stand Down.
- 36 Community Resource providers delivered needed services and information.
- Veteran attendance exceeded the September 2024 event. 260 Veterans and their family members registered.
- 98 volunteers – mostly veterans - helped with the event
- About 55% attended the event for the first time, down from 58%.
- About 52% of veterans attending live in Bremerton down from 63% in September. 23% of attendees reported living in Port Orchard. 8 Retsil residents attended.
- About 77% of attendees live in 1 or two person households where monthly net income on average is below the federal poverty level for those households.
- About 19% of attendees report holding jobs while only 16% of attendees were seeking jobs.
- 84% of attendees reported living in their own homes down from 86% in September.
- 16% of attendees declared they were not living in permanent housing or homeless which is the up from 14 % in September 2024.
- Stand Down attendees sought food, financial, legal, jobs and housing assistance at significantly greater rates than in September 2024.
- Feedback from attendees and service providers was positive.



Moving Forward

- Maintain strong relationships with community service providers.
- Continue aggressive promotion activities for the September 2025 Stand Down, focusing on flyers and social media.
- Poulsbo participation was light. Continue to focus promotional activities in the north part of the county with outreach to the tribes.
- Continue outreach to north Kitsap County Veteran Service organizations to coordinate transportation services.
- Increase emphasis on claims assistance at future Stand Downs.
- Assure medical and dental support continues.
- Work with VSOs to increase claims assistance at the event.
- Financial struggles continue. Emphasize employment opportunities to improve income. Consider more employers to participate.
- Prepare for future financial pressures as new taxes will likely continue diminishing disposable income among those on fixed incomes.



Questions

