

**Introduction:** In 2023, CAP OC conducted a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment (CNA) to understand the emerging & ongoing needs in Orange County.

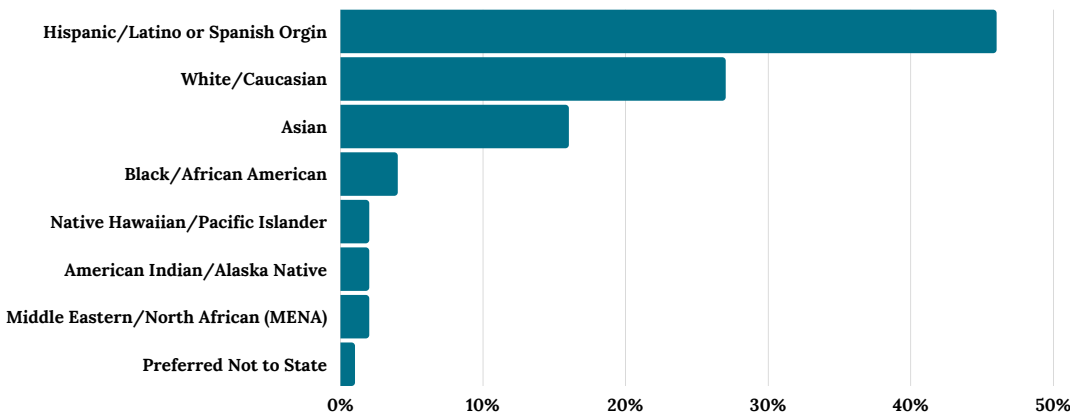
## 2023 CNA RESULTS



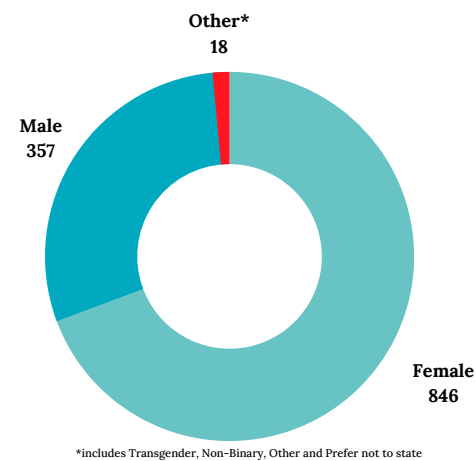
1,221 responses 83% completion rate

## RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

### RACE & ETHNICITY



### GENDER



### HOUSEHOLD SIZE



61% resided in a household ranging from 3-5 individuals

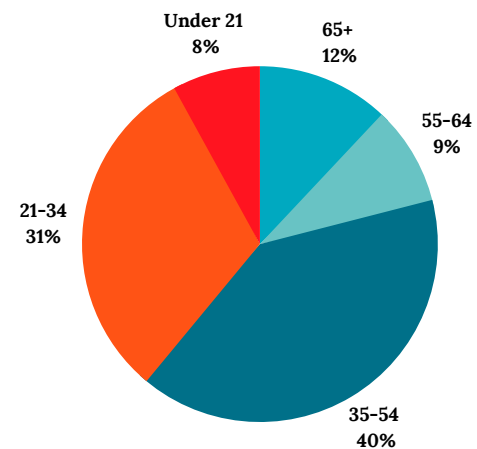


84% of those living with 3-5 individuals resided in a household with 1-2 children



34% reported no children living in the household

### AGE

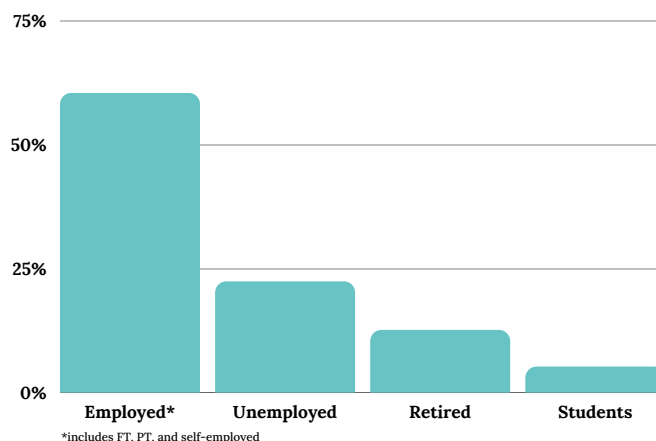


### INCOME



- 76.8% earned a yearly income of \$80,000 or less
- 34% earned a yearly income under \$30,000

### WORK STATUS



### EDUCATION



- 80.18% had a high school diploma or more
- 32.27% had a college degree or more

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# FINDINGS

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Our findings are organized into the following 4 topics ranked based on community input:

- 1 Finance    2 Housing    3 Employment    4 Health

## FINANCE



More than 60% of respondents struggle with paying for basic essentials, debt and saving money.



62% of respondents lack financial skills - difficulty budgeting, managing credit scores, and accessing a bank.



76.8% of respondents earn \$80,000 or less - significantly lower than OC's median income of \$100,559 (U.S. Census Bureau).

## HOUSING



61% of respondents have difficulty paying for rent or mortgage and utilities.



Renters must earn \$51.39/hour to afford the avg. monthly rent of \$2,672 (OC 2023 Affordable Housing Needs Report).



OC has the 2nd lowest crime index compared to neighboring counties (2022-2023 OC Community Indicators Report).

Yet, 51% of respondents state feeling unsafe in their community.

## EMPLOYMENT



61% of respondents report difficulty finding and keeping a job that pays a living wage.



The living wage in OC is \$23.66, yet the minimum wage is \$15.50 (Living Wage Calculator).



53% of respondents express difficulty having the necessary education and skills to get a well paying job.

## HEALTH



More than half of respondents indicate difficulty navigating the healthcare system and accessing affordable health insurance, medical care and prescription medicines.



Almost 1 in 6 OC residents do not have a usual place to go when sick (OC Health Improvement Plan 2020-2022).

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