



# SJC Community Engagement

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# Objectives

- Current Community Engagement Efforts
- Access to Resources for Justice-Involved Community Survey
- JRAC Community Engagement





# Access to Resources for Justice-Involved Community Survey



# Purpose of Survey

- ✓ Reach out to community members affected by the criminal justice system
- ✓ Identify causes for recidivism and FTA's
- ✓ Determine what resources and services could best aid former detention clients in avoiding recidivism and improving their well-being
- ✓ Provide a platform for stakeholders to collaborate in creating targeted initiatives that will directly address the causes identified



# Process And Response Rate

- This is a continuation of the Community Engagement Re-Entry Survey launched last June 2022. While the purpose of the survey and majority of the questions are the same, the process has been updated to address the issue detected during the first phase, which is that a big portion of the contact information for possible respondents from the jail management system (JMS) is no longer valid.
- The workgroup has pivoted and is now working directly with Pretrial Services, Diversion and Re-Entry case workers from Justice Services to vet client contact information and address any concerns the respondents may have. This has resulted in an increase in response rate, from 7.5% to 21.3%



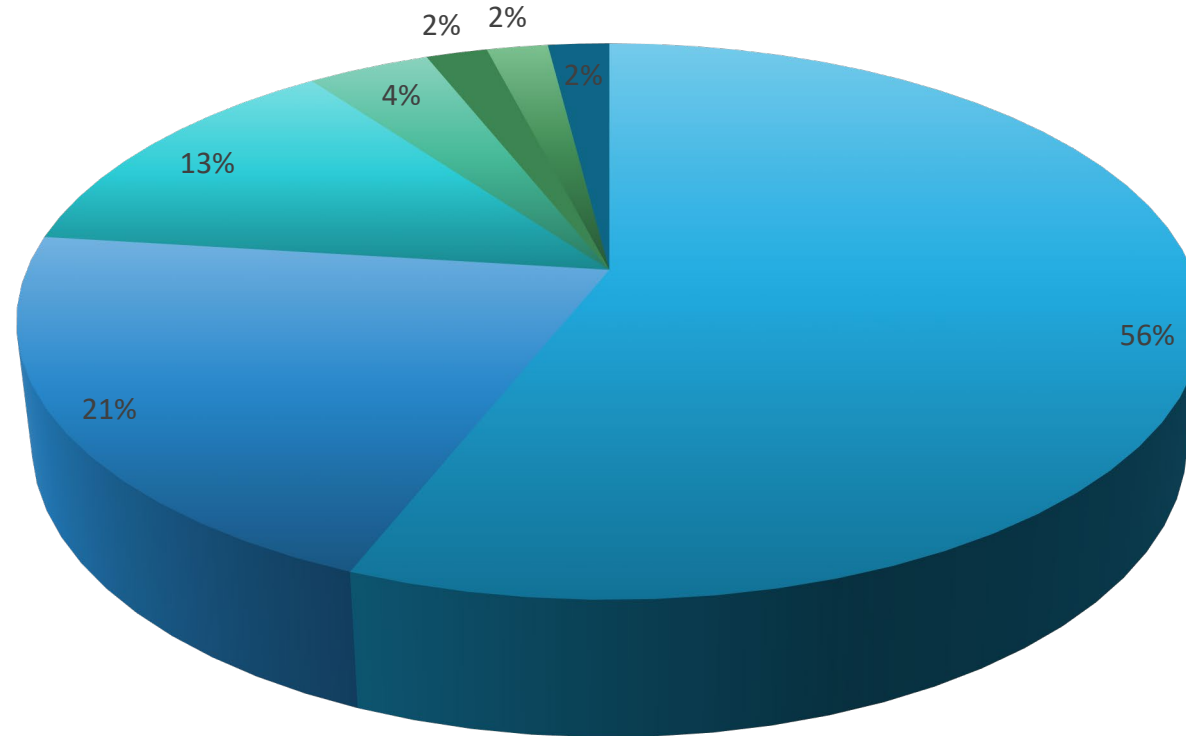
# Demographics

The ratio of respondents' race, sex and age demographics differ from the actual make-up of the pre-trial population due to the random sampling method adopted by the subgroup.

To illustrate, as of 3/31/2023, Females represented only 18.7% of the jail population, but make up 43% of survey respondents and Blacks or African Americans represented 32.6 % but make up 40% of respondents.



# Respondent Demographics- Race

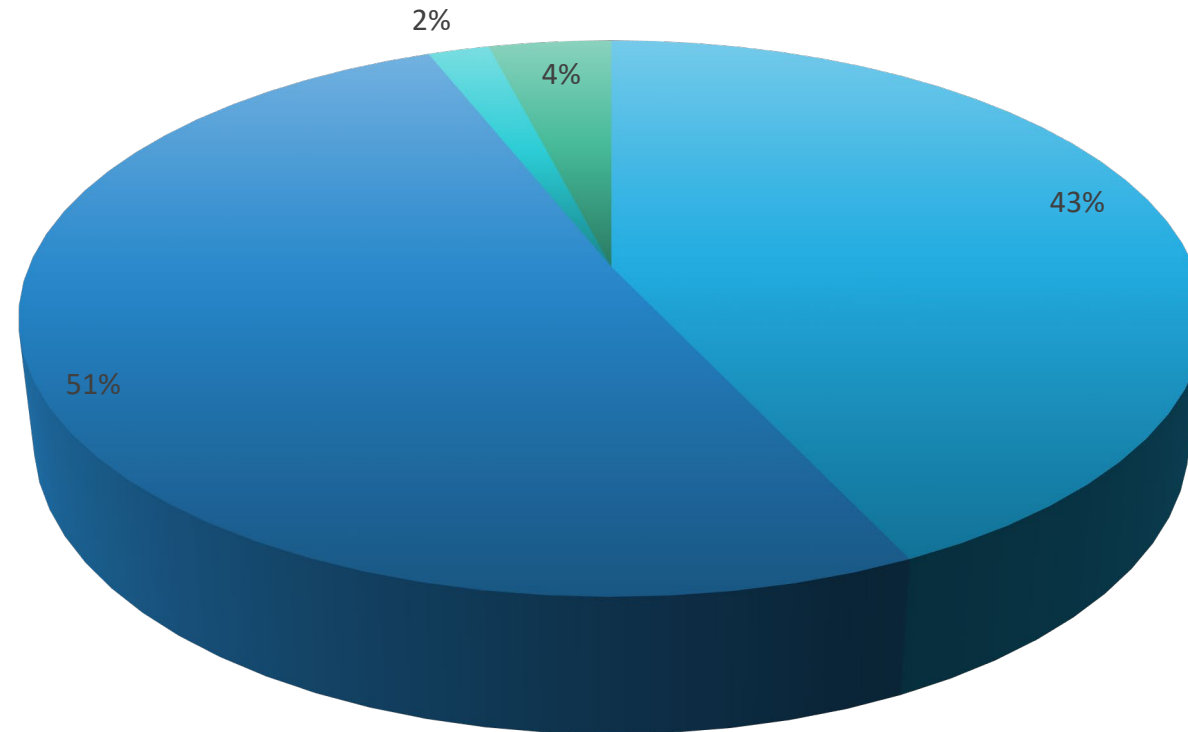


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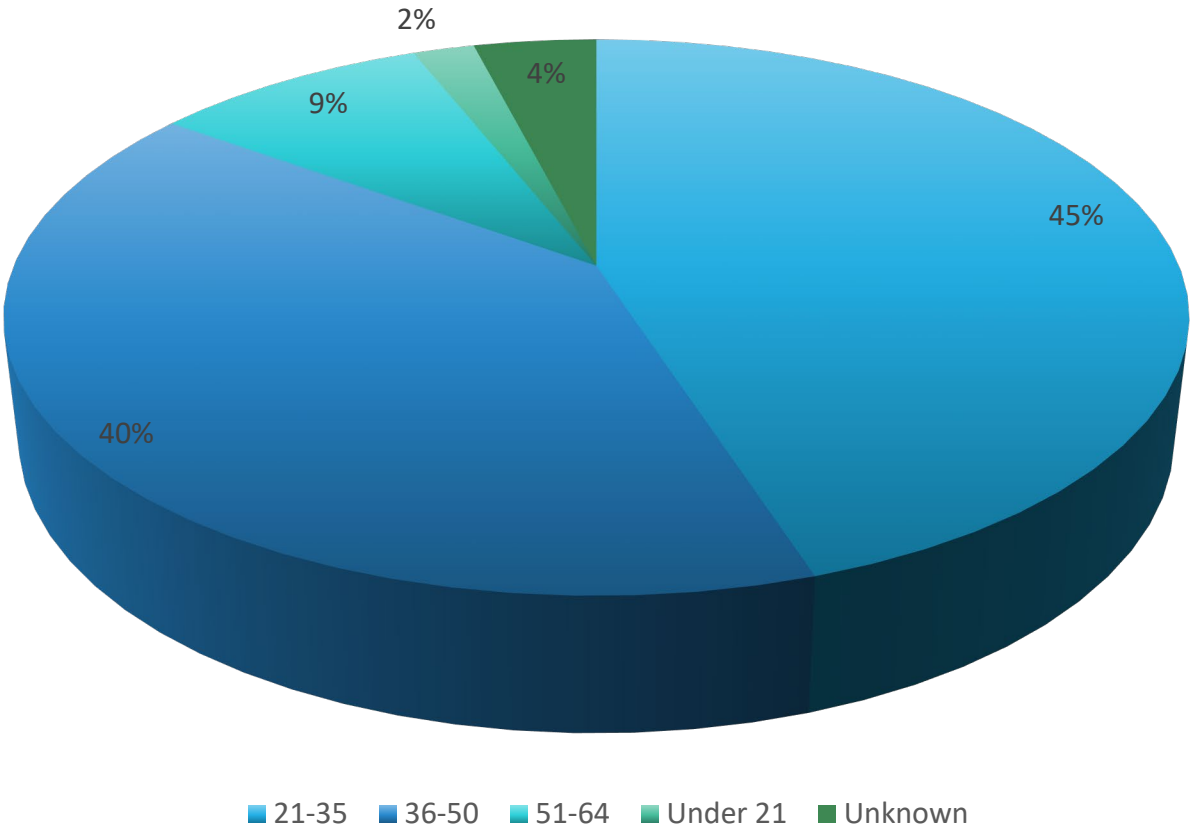
# Respondent Demographics- Sex



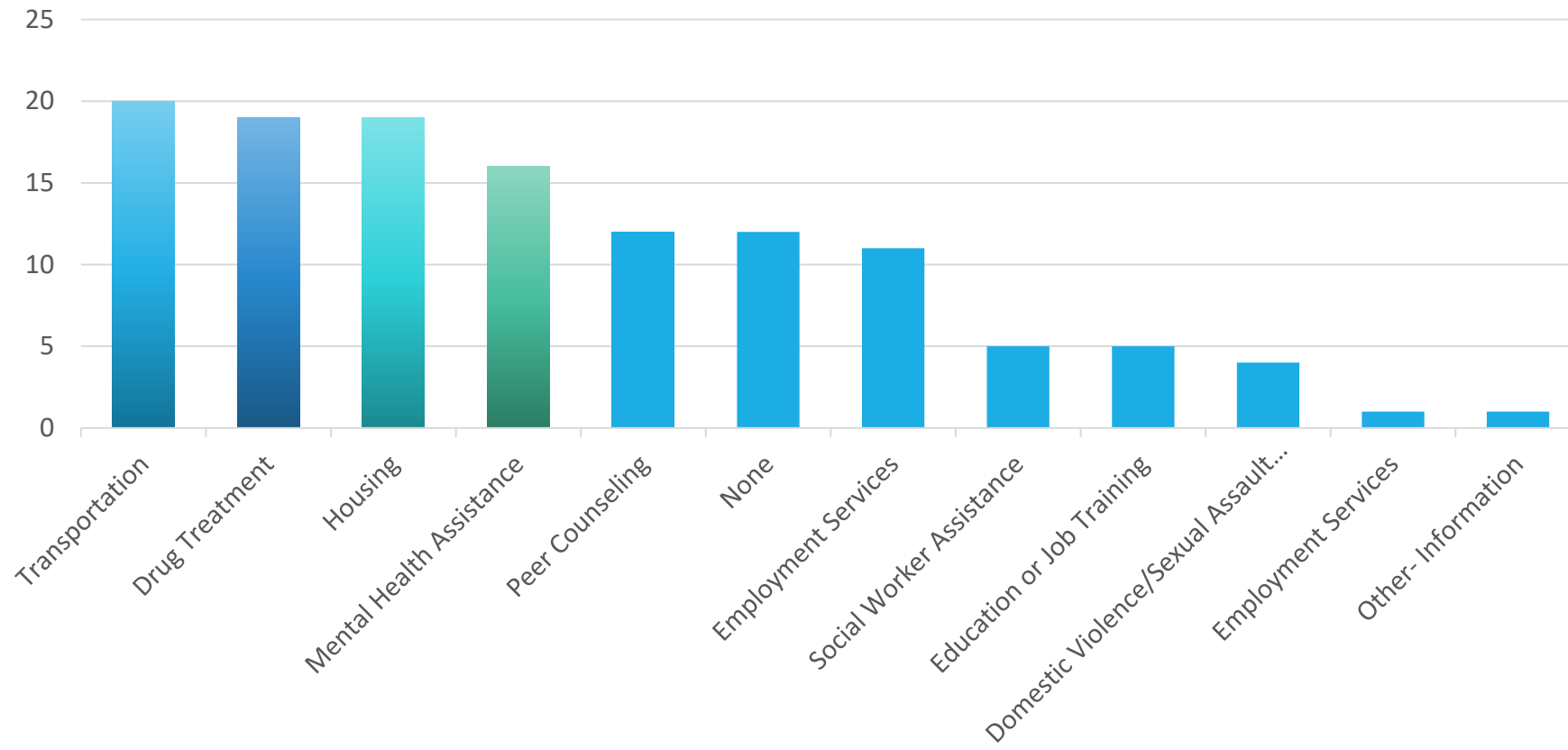
■ Female ■ Male ■ Prefer not to answer ■ Unknown



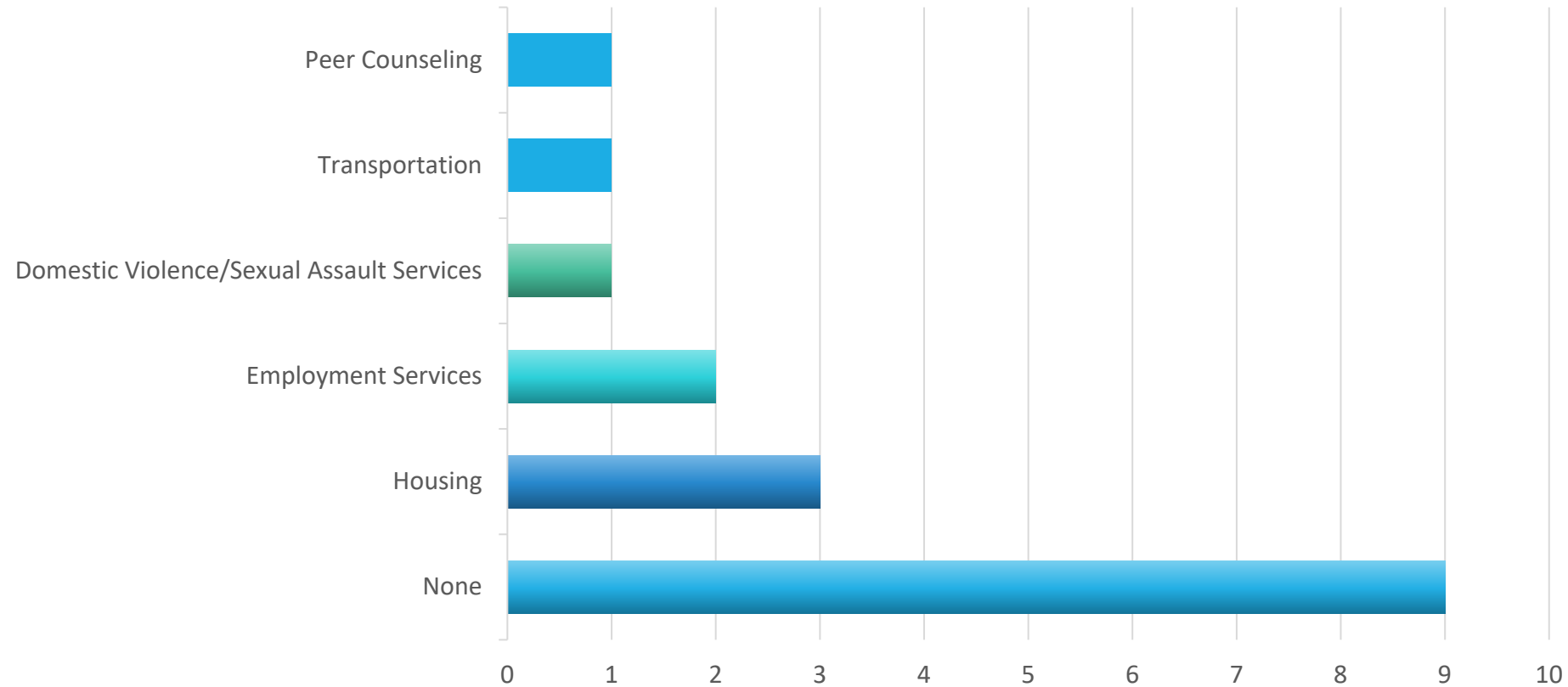
# Respondent Demographics- Age



# Resources Offered to Respondents



# Most Helpful Resource



# Community Feedback: Challenges

Homelessness, lack of information regarding case status and lack of transportation have been identified as some of the biggest barriers for a successful re-entry.

Corollary to that, the most helpful resources most commonly cited were housing, transportation and drug treatment.

Several clients reported that they did not know how to apply for some of the services provided by the county.



# Community Feedback: The Change They Want to See

- 1) Inform people of available resources while incarcerated and teach them how to access them.
- 2) Re-assess how people on the housing and employment list are prioritized. Help widen the pool of property owners that accept rent vouchers.
- 3) For employment assistance, verifying that the employers listed hire felons.
- 4) Better treatment and surveillance of inmates instead of just doing rounds.
- 5) Childcare and transportation assistance for court hearings.



# Quotes from Survey

- It's hard not to get in trouble when you're homeless. You have to defend yourself. I've been robbed twice.
- Getting my son into an apartment, getting him some safety. I can't do anything else to get right until I can get him safe.
- I know jails are not supposed to be fun, but it should also be a place where you can learn, and to get your head straight.
- Treat people like humans not animals. You only get 10 minutes to shower and 10 minutes to talk to your family. If you're having a breakdown, they just let you be, they just let it happen.



# Community Engagement

How can we help you?

