

2025 Housing Choice Voucher Waitlist Opening Updates



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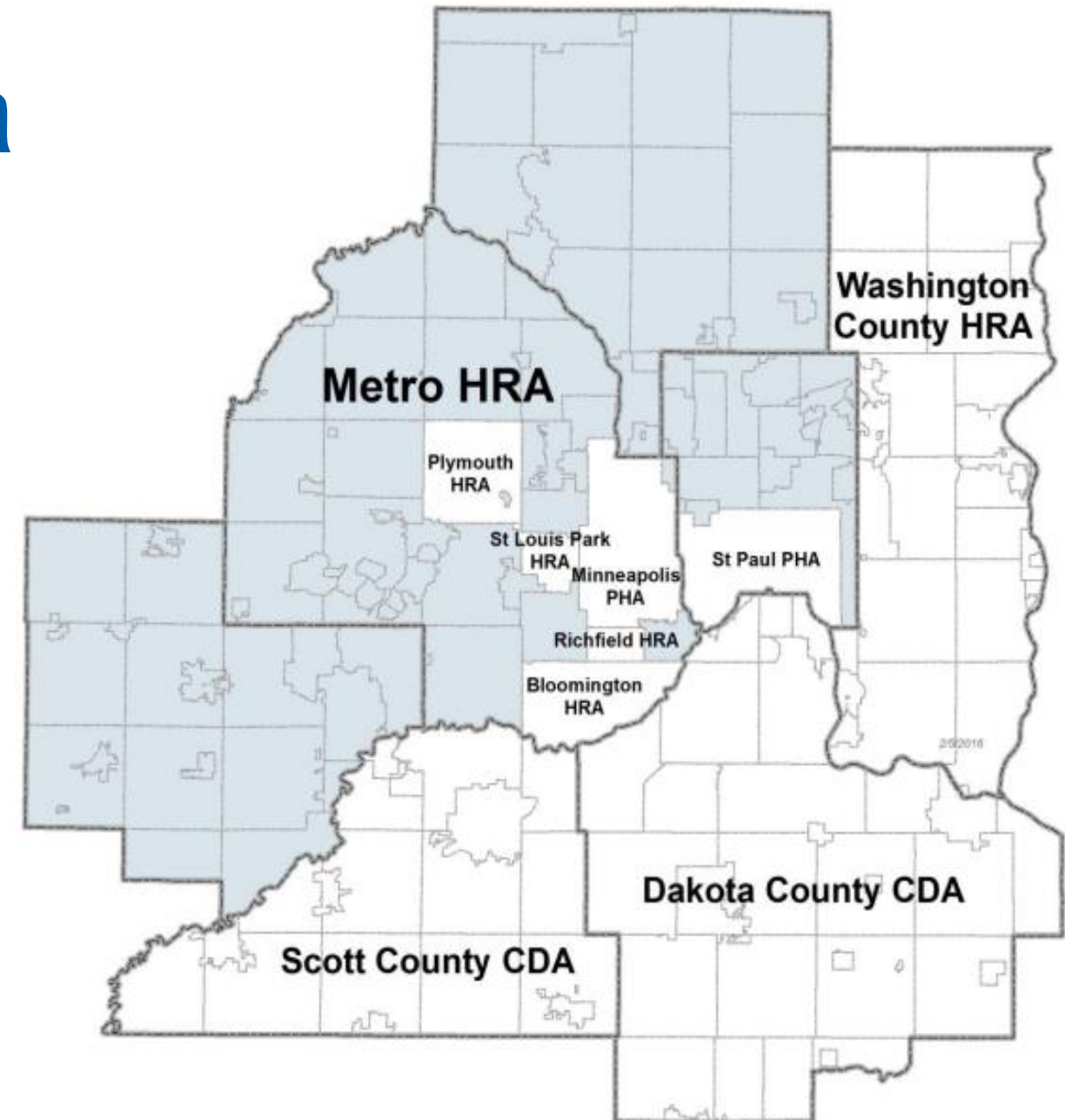
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Metro HRA Summary

Metro HRA Service Area

- Anoka and Carver Counties as well as Suburban Hennepin and Ramsey Counties
 - 96 communities
- 7,303 Housing Choice Vouchers
- 9 different voucher programs
- \$90 million in annual rent payments to 1,400 active property owners



Applications



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Applications

- Accepted online, April 9th to 16th
- May 1st lottery date, results available online
- Estimated wait of 1 to 5 years
- 1000 applicants admitted to waitlist



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Applications

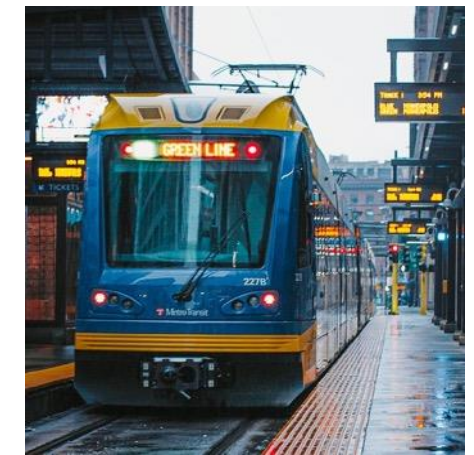
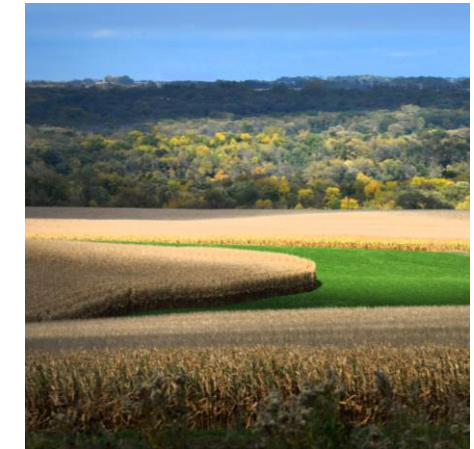
- All persons with low-income, rent burden encouraged to apply
- Translation to Somali, Hmong and Spanish
 - 200+ translations online, interpreting services available via phone
- Low barrier application; no verifications



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Applications

- Admission preference
 - 10% of waiting list placements to households whose head identifies as American Indian
 - 95% of remaining placements to households who live, work or go to school in the seven-county metro



Community Outreach & Engagement



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Outreach Highlights

- Print, digital and social media campaigns supported by Communications Team
- Service Provider training session
- Support from consultants with lived experience through Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness (MICH)
- Homeless Action Team and Transit Assistance Program collaboration
- Week of community outreach at libraries and government centers

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Communications

- Flyers and online materials translated into Hmong, Somali and Spanish
- Notifications to over 1000 contacts
 - Email subscribers
 - Community hubs, non-profits and service providers
 - School districts and postsecondary institutions

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American Indian Engagement

- Planning and support from Council's Tribal Liaison and American Indian Advisory Council
 - Community events and feedback sessions with American Indian voucher holders
- Collaboration with St. Paul Indians In Action and Metro Urban Indian Directors group
- Native Roots Radio Hour Interview, ad in The Circle

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Week of Outreach

- Individual application assistance offered by staff
 - 115 hours in the community
 - 10 libraries
 - 2 government centers
 - Robert St. Offices and by phone
- 188 applicants served in community



Results and Analysis



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2019

- **17,334 total applications**
- Open with Minneapolis and St. Paul Public Housing Authorities
- Admitted 2000

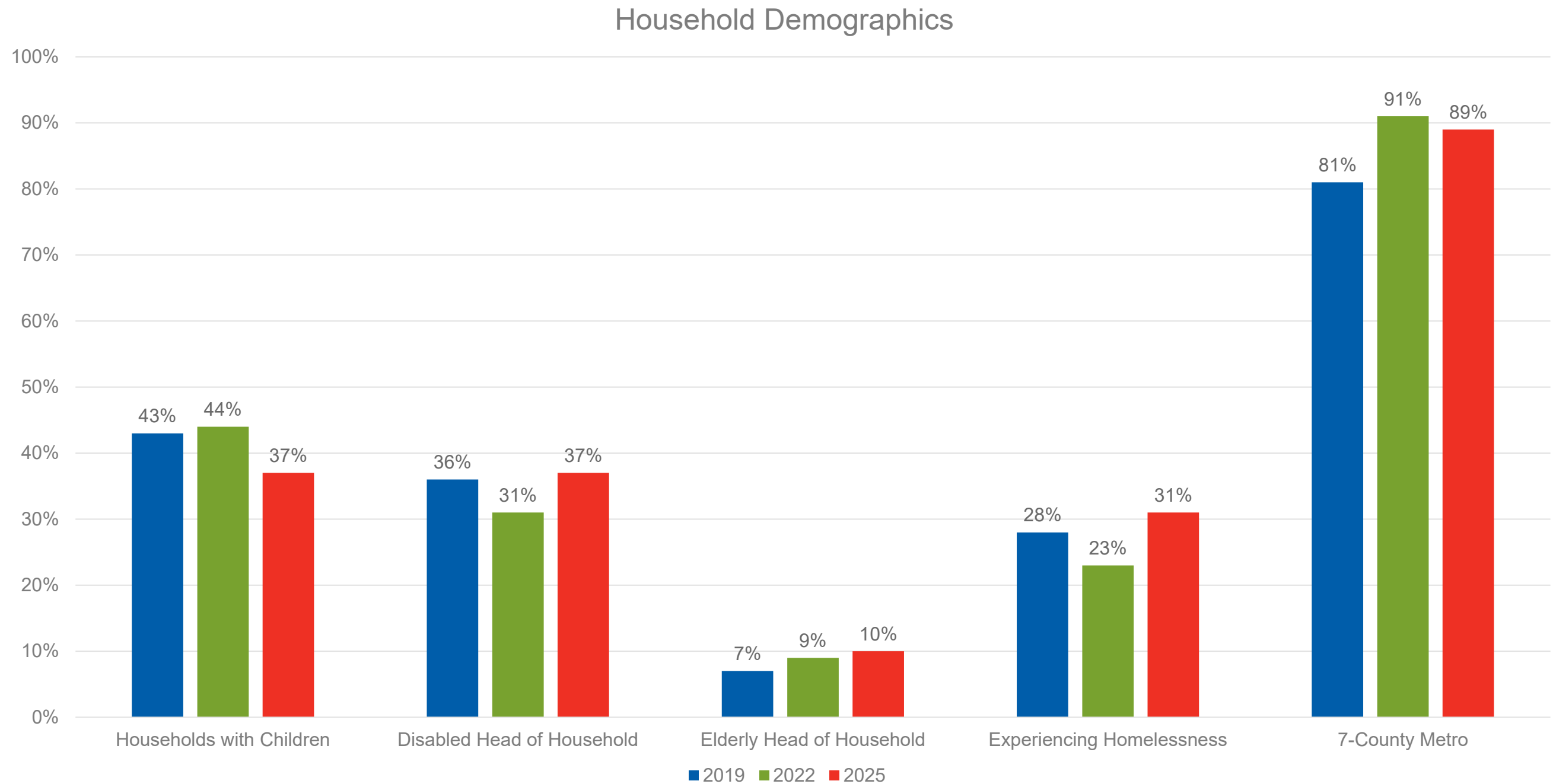
2022

- **11,098 total applications**
- Initiated community outreach
- Admitted 2000

2025

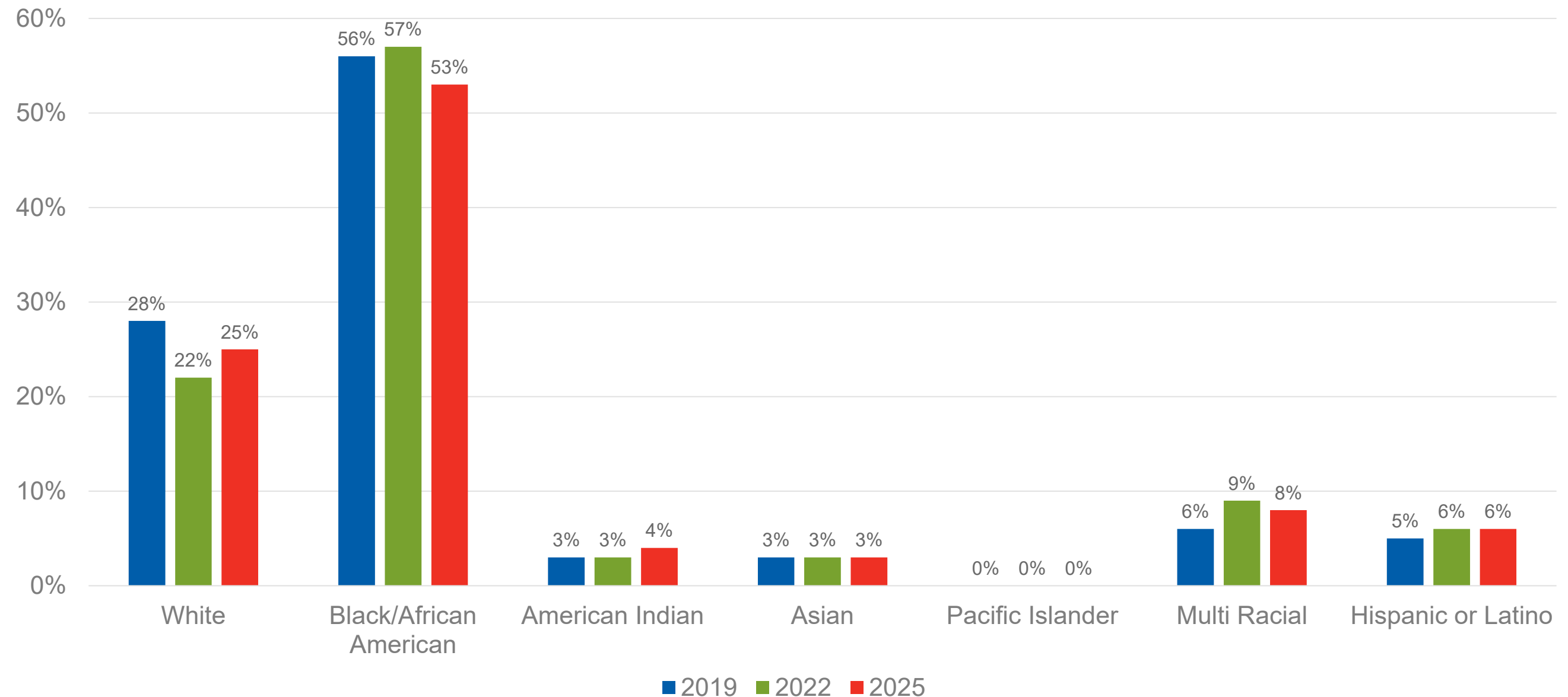
- **11,172 total applications**
- Continued community outreach
- American Indian admission preference
- Admitted 1000

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Race & Ethnicity Demographics



Next Steps



Next Steps

- To support applicants:
 - Letters, emails and texts with directions
 - Step-by-step guidance on MetroHRA.org
 - Outreach to common addresses
 - 1:1 outreach
- Share American Indian preference work with regional and national partners
- Admission and voucher issuance depends on federal funding and attrition
 - 563 remain on waitlist from 2022





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