



Redwood Coast Regional Center

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# PURCHASE OF SERVICE EXPENDITURE DATA

For Clients Receiving Services From  
The Redwood Coast Regional Center  
For Fiscal Year 2021-22

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## **Redwood Coast Regional Center Fiscal Year 2021-22 Purchase of Service Expenditure Data Charts**

In response to the mandates provided in Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 4519.5 (see pages 12 & 13), RCRC has posted its Purchase Of Service (POS) Expenditure Data for the last seven fiscal years on its website, which can be found at <http://redwoodcoastrc.org/transparency/purchase-of-services-pos-expenditure-data>.

For fiscal year 2021-2022 this data includes 32 tables of information based on client demographics such as ethnicity, primary language, residence and eligibility diagnosis. Also provided is information on POS authorized services, POS expenditures, the per cent of clients without any POS expenditures, and the utilization rate of services measured as a per cent of services authorized.

In an effort to help present this data in a more useful format, RCRC has created the following graphs, which are based on the data found in the above-referenced tables. Current data is also compared to data from the 2011-12 fiscal year, which was the first year this data was available.

### **Limitations of the Purchase Of Service Expenditure Data**

#### Purchase of Service Costs

The POS data displayed represents the cost of services that clients received that are paid for by the Regional Center. This POS expenditure data does not include the cost of services clients receive that are paid for by Supplemental Security Income, Medi-Cal, the school system, and other public agencies or programs. Nor does it include funds paid by the Regional Center “under contract” for clients or the cost of case management services provided by the Regional Center. Additionally, the Regional Center may still make payments for services provided to clients in FY 2021-22 up until June 2024.

#### Client Count

The total number of clients who received services during the fiscal year will be greater than the Regional Center’s current caseload. A client is included in the data if the client received a Regional Center funded service at any time during the fiscal year. A client who received a single service once during the year is counted the same as a client who received ongoing monthly services. The client is also counted regardless of their current status with the Regional Center. The data may include clients whose current status is closed, transferred-out, in-active, etc.

#### Authorized Services

Services that are authorized “encumber” funds needed to pay for those services. For a number of reasons, authorized services will always be more than what is actually paid for services. In many cases authorizations are written for the maximum amount of services that *may* be needed, with the knowledge that if less services are actually needed, less services will be provided.

## Definitions

Definitions for the following are provided in the NOTES section at the end of this report: Diagnosis, ethnicity, language, residence and age.

## Age

Each client's age is determined as of January 1 of the report year. For example, if a client turned 22 on March 14, 2022, all of their expenditures would be included in the 3 years to 21 years group. The three age groups used in the reports have been determined by DDS and are based on the provisions of the Lanterman Act:

- Ages 0 to 3 – Coincide with Early Start services
- Ages 3 to 21 – Are considered children and “transition” cases
- Ages 22 and over are considered adults

## Residence Code

On the expenditures by residence code, a client's expenditures will show up in the residence code that they had as of June 30, 2022. So, if a client lived in a Community Care Facility most of the year and then was admitted to a Developmental Center in May 2021, all of their expenses would show up under the Developmental Center residence code.

## Insurance Co-Payments

Regional Centers are required to report POS expenditure data for insurance co-payments and co-insurance paid on behalf of clients. The Redwood Coast Regional Center had only 6 clients with insurance-related POS expenditures during fiscal year 2021-22.

In order to qualify for these payments, the client must have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, be under the age of 18 years, and have private insurance coverage. Additionally, insurance co-payments and co-insurance expenses for many clients that qualify for these payments are paid by Medi-Cal under the Medi-Cal “deeming” provisions.

## Disclaimer

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information reported on the Purchase Of Services expenditures reports is accurate.

## **COVID-19 State of Emergency**

On March 12, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency for California as a result of the global outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result of the State of Emergency, the Department of Developmental Services authorized regional centers to pay vendors for absences that are the direct result of the COVID-19 outbreak in California. The expenditure data reported includes payments made by the regional center to service providers for such absences.

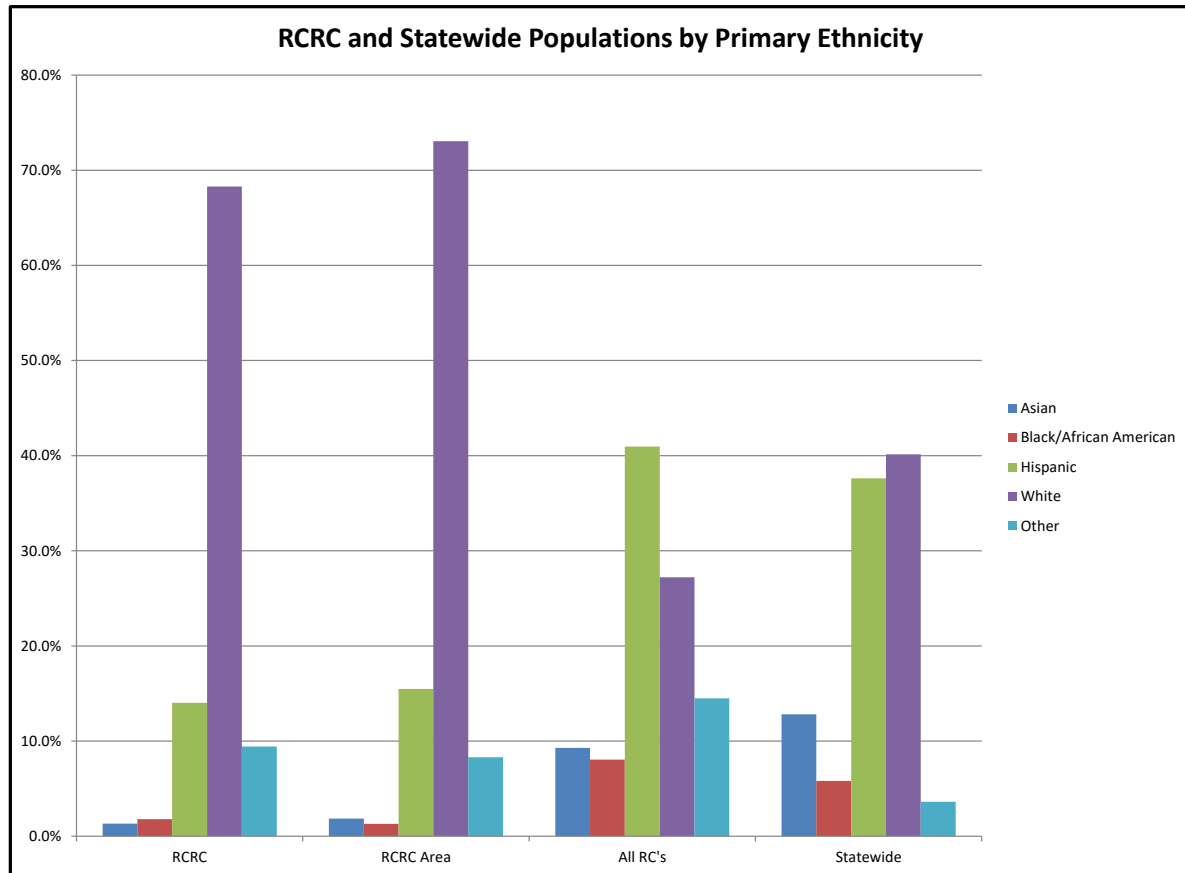
# PRIMARY ETHNICITY OF RCRC AND STATEWIDE POPULATIONS

## Population

Primary Ethnicity	RCRC	RCRC Area	All RC's	Statewide
Asian	65	5,889	40,820	4,775,070
Black/African American	89	4,090	35,378	2,163,804
Hispanic	693	48,897	180,174	14,013,719
White	3,374	230,658	119,689	14,956,253
Other	720	26,205	63,724	1,345,110
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>315,739</b>	<b>439,785</b>	<b>37,253,956</b>

## As a % of Total

Primary Ethnicity	RCRC	RCRC Area	All RC's	Statewide
Asian	1.3%	1.9%	9.3%	12.8%
Black/African American	1.8%	1.3%	8.0%	5.8%
Hispanic	14.0%	15.5%	41.0%	37.6%
White	68.3%	73.1%	27.2%	40.1%
Other	14.6%	8.3%	14.5%	3.6%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>



Source: RCRC FY 2021-2022 POS Expenditure Data, ARCA FY 2020-21 POS Expenditure Data & 2010 Census Data

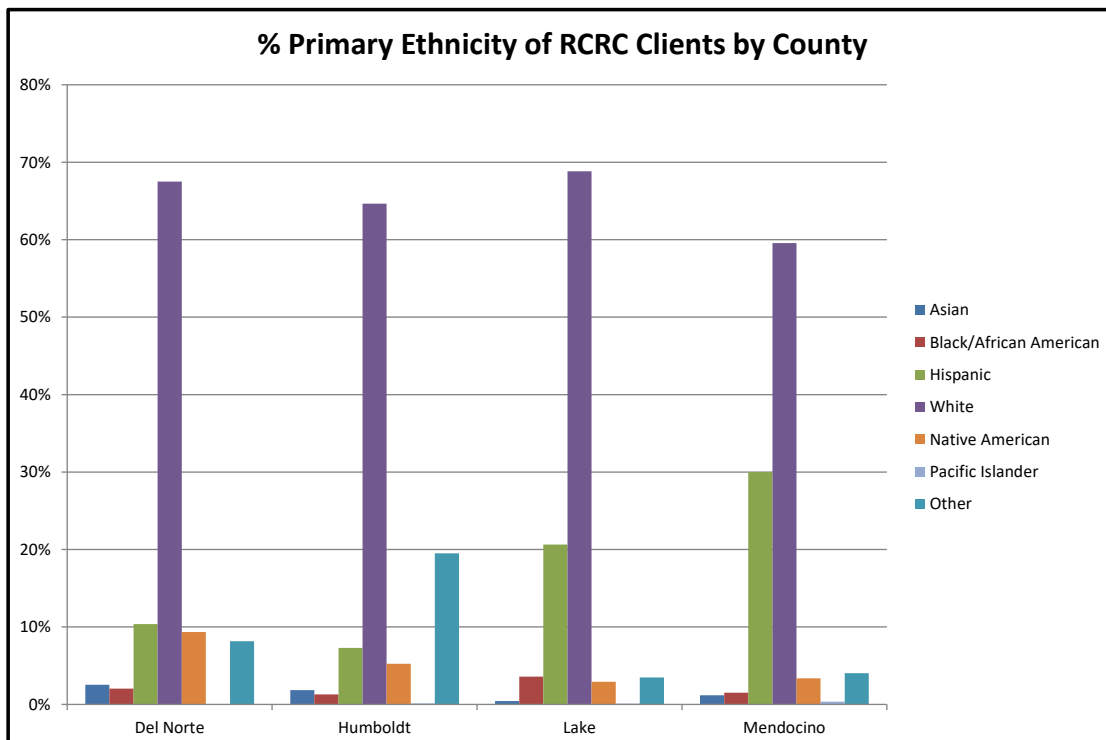
# PRIMARY ETHNICITY OF RCRC CLIENTS BY COUNTY, 2021-22

Population Within RCRC Service Area as of 3.14.22

Primary Ethnicity	Del Norte	Humboldt	Lake	Mendocino	Totals
Asian	15	39	4	14	72
Black/African American	12	27	33	18	90
Hispanic	61	154	190	356	761
White	397	1,365	634	707	3,103
Native American	55	111	27	40	233
Pacific Islander	-	3	1	4	8
Other	48	412	32	48	540
<b>Totals</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>2,111</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>4,807</b>

Population Within RCRC Service Area As A %

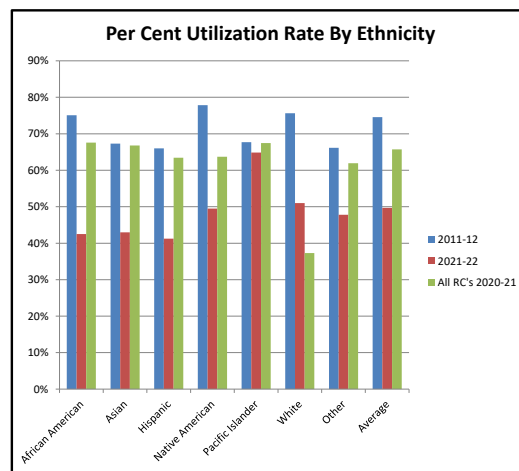
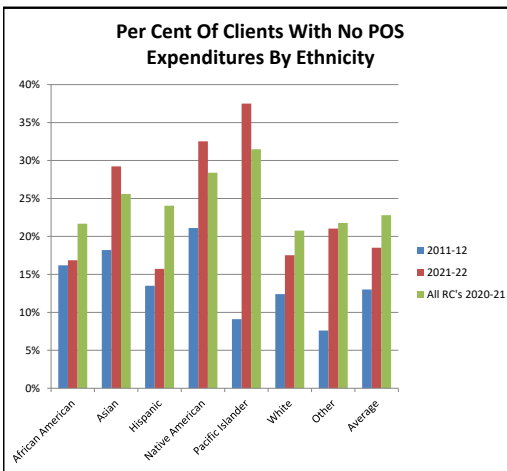
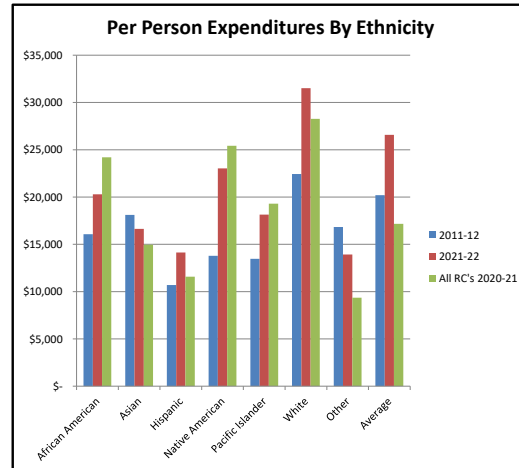
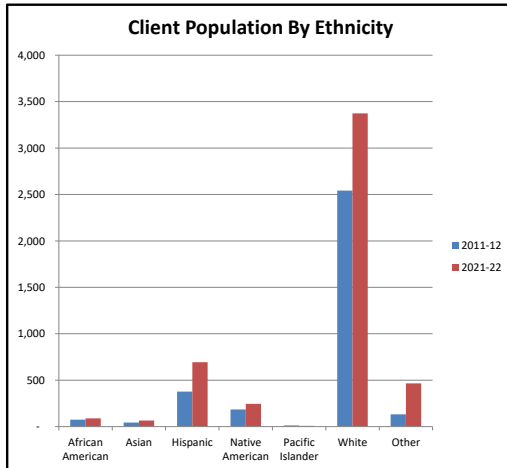
Primary Ethnicity	Del Norte	Humboldt	Lake	Mendocino	Totals
Asian	2.6%	1.8%	0.4%	1.2%	1.5%
Black/African American	2.0%	1.3%	3.6%	1.5%	1.9%
Hispanic	10.4%	7.3%	20.6%	30.0%	15.8%
White	67.5%	64.7%	68.8%	59.6%	64.6%
Native American	9.4%	5.3%	2.9%	3.4%	4.8%
Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
Other	8.2%	19.5%	3.5%	4.0%	11.2%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>43.9%</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>24.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## CLIENT INFORMATION BASED ON ETHNICITY

Ethnicity	Client Population			\$ Per Person Expenditures		
	2011-12	2021-22	% Change	2011-12	2021-22	% Change
African American	74	89	20.3%	\$ 16,077	\$ 20,295	26.2%
Asian	44	65	47.7%	\$ 18,119	\$ 16,636	-8.2%
Hispanic	377	693	83.8%	\$ 10,693	\$ 14,135	32.2%
Native American	185	246	33.0%	\$ 13,783	\$ 23,034	67.1%
Pacific Islander	13	8	-38.5%	\$ 13,462	\$ 18,147	34.8%
White	2,542	3,374	32.7%	\$ 22,433	\$ 31,512	40.5%
Other	132	466	253.0%	\$ 16,841	\$ 13,919	-17.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>46.7%</b>	<b>\$ 20,194</b>	<b>\$ 26,574</b>	<b>31.6%</b>

Ethnicity	% Of Clients With No POS			% Utilization Rate		
	2011-12	2021-22	% Change	2011-12	2021-22	% Change
African American	16.2%	16.9%	4.0%	75.1%	42.5%	-43.4%
Asian	18.2%	29.2%	60.6%	67.3%	43.0%	-36.1%
Hispanic	13.5%	15.7%	16.5%	66.0%	41.2%	-37.5%
Native American	21.1%	32.5%	54.1%	77.9%	49.5%	-36.4%
Pacific Islander	9.1%	37.5%	312.1%	67.7%	64.8%	-4.2%
White	12.4%	17.5%	41.3%	75.6%	51.0%	-32.6%
Other	7.6%	21.0%	176.7%	66.2%	47.8%	-27.8%
<b>Average</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>42.5%</b>	<b>74.6%</b>	<b>49.7%</b>	<b>-33.4%</b>

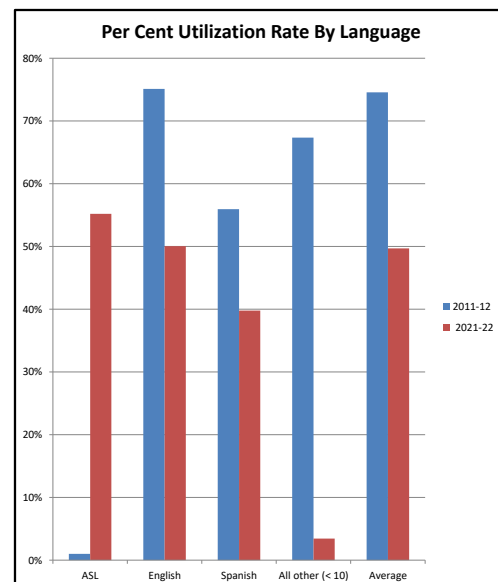
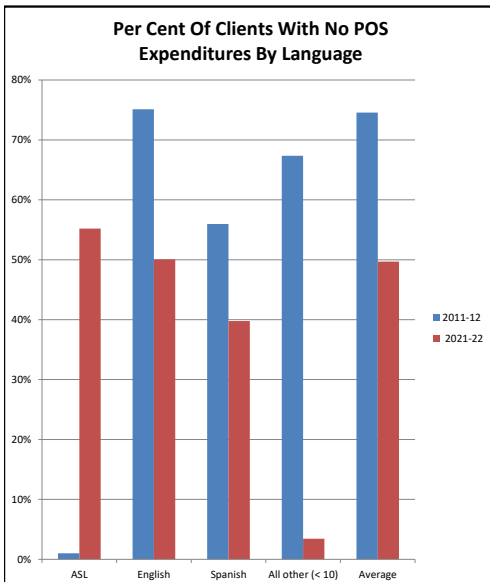
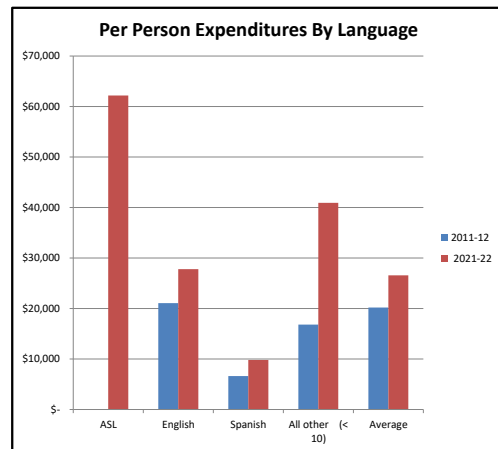
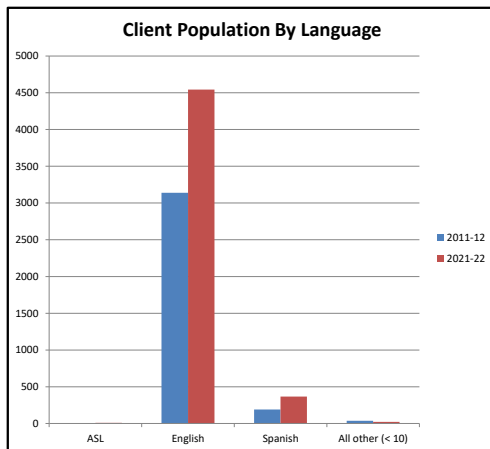


Source: RCRC FY 2021-2022 POS Expenditure Data, ARCA FY 2020-21 POS Expenditure Data & 2010 Census Data

## CLIENT INFORMATION BASED ON PRIMARY LANGUAGE

Primary Language	Client Population			\$ Per Person Expenditures		
	2011-12	2021-22	% Change	2011-12	2021-22	% Change
ASL	0	8	n/a	\$ -	\$ 62,180	n/a
English	3,140	4,544	44.7%	\$ 21,055	\$ 27,796	32.0%
Spanish	190	367	93.2%	\$ 6,622	\$ 9,810	48.1%
All other (< 10)	37	22	-40.5%	\$ 16,810	\$ 40,921	143.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>46.7%</b>	<b>\$ 20,194</b>	<b>\$ 26,574</b>	<b>31.6%</b>

Primary Language	% Of Clients With No POS			% Utilization Rate		
	2011-12	2021-22	% Change	2011-12	2021-22	% Change
ASL	22.2%	25.0%	12.5%	1.0%	55.2%	5420.0%
English	13.0%	19.4%	49.8%	75.1%	50.1%	-33.4%
Spanish	9.5%	6.8%	-27.9%	56.0%	39.8%	-28.9%
All other (< 10)	28.0%	27.3%	-2.6%	67.4%	3.4%	-94.9%
<b>Average</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>43.7%</b>	<b>74.6%</b>	<b>49.7%</b>	<b>-33.4%</b>



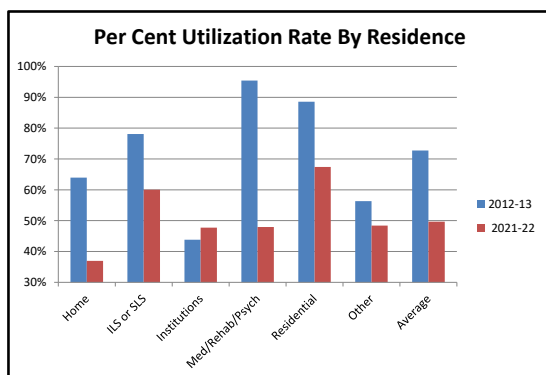
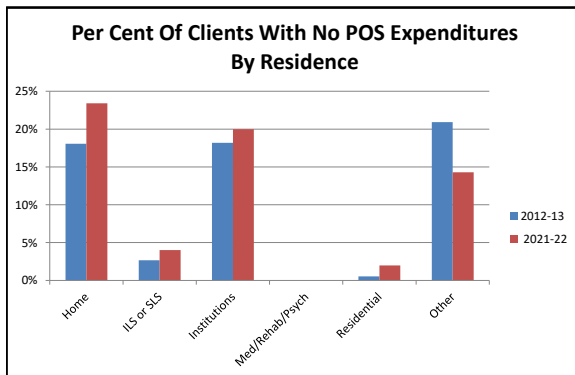
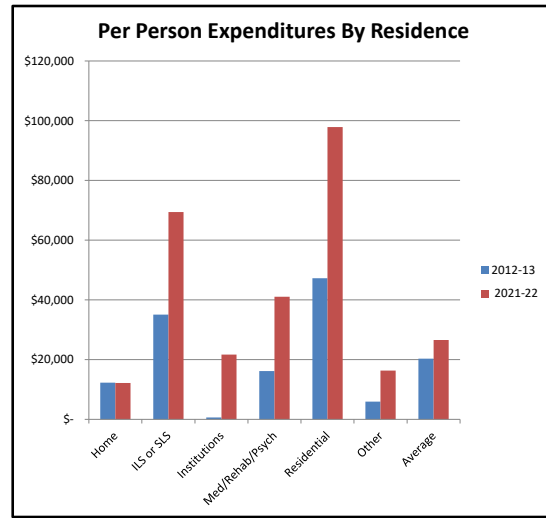
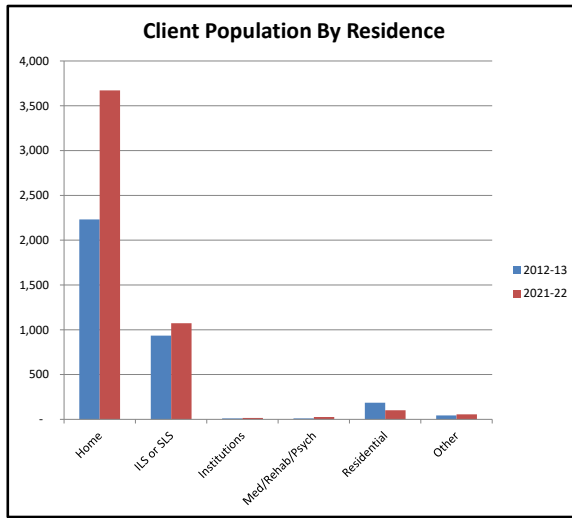
Source: RCRC FY 2021-2022 POS Expenditure Data



## CLIENT INFORMATION BASED ON RESIDENCE

Residence	Client Population			\$ Per Person Expenditures		
	2012-13	2021-22	% Change	2012-13	2021-22	% Change
Home	2,231	3,671	64.5%	\$ 12,271	\$ 12,172	-0.8%
ILS or SLS	934	1,072	14.8%	\$ 35,083	\$ 69,430	97.9%
Institutions	11	15	36.4%	\$ 632	\$ 21,692	3334.3%
Med/Rehab/Psych	10	26	160.0%	\$ 16,171	\$ 41,035	153.8%
Residential	185	101	-45.4%	\$ 47,260	\$ 97,859	107.1%
Other	43	56	30.2%	\$ 5,942	\$ 16,306	174.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,414</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>44.7%</b>	<b>\$ 20,302</b>	<b>\$ 26,574</b>	<b>30.9%</b>

Residence	% Of Clients With No POS			% Utilization Rate		
	2012-13	2021-22	% Change	2012-13	2021-22	% Change
Home	18.1%	23.4%	29.5%	63.9%	37.0%	-42.2%
ILS or SLS	2.7%	4.0%	49.9%	78.1%	60.1%	-23.1%
Institutions	18.2%	20.0%	10.0%	43.8%	47.7%	8.9%
Med/Rehab/Psych	0.0%	0.0%	n/a	95.4%	47.9%	-49.8%
Residential	0.5%	2.0%	n/a	88.6%	67.4%	-23.9%
Other	20.9%	14.3%	-31.7%	56.3%	48.4%	-14.1%
<b>Average</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>43.7%</b>	<b>72.7%</b>	<b>49.7%</b>	<b>-31.7%</b>



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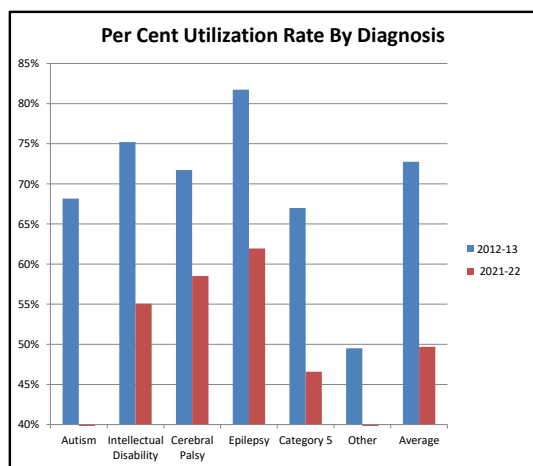
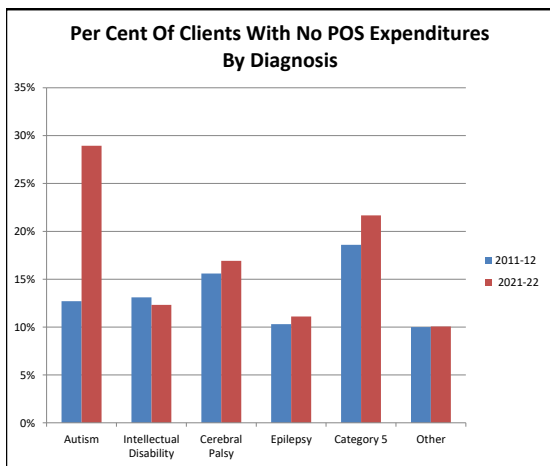
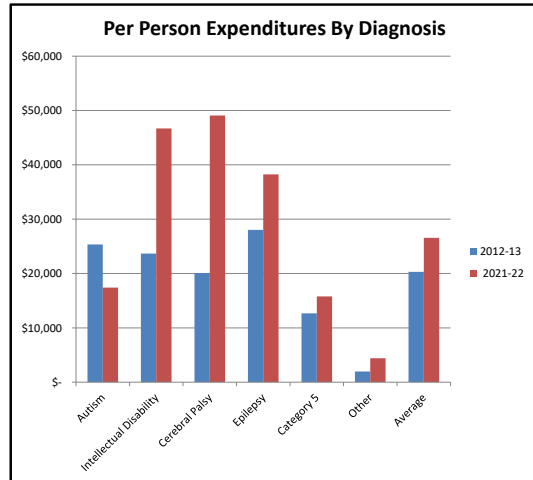
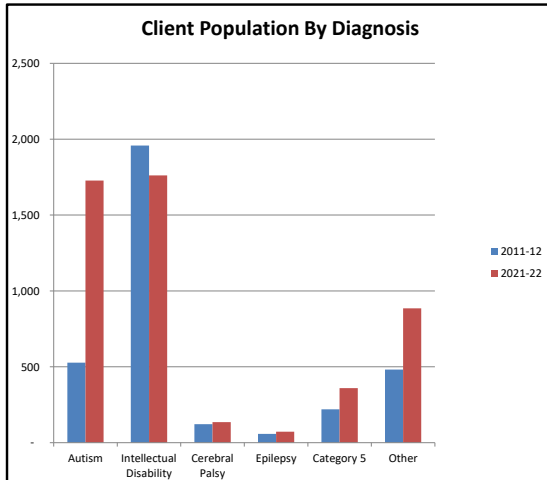
Notes:

- Home includes home of parent/guardian, childrens' foster home & adult family homes.
- ILS is Independent Living Services and SLS is Supported Living Services.
- Institutions includes developmental centers and correctional institutions.
- Med/Rehab/Psych includes rehabilitation center, acute general hospital, community treatment center, and psych facility.
- Residential includes community care facilities and intermediate care facilities.
- Other includes out of state, SNF and transient/homeless.

## CLIENT INFORMATION BASED ON ELIGIBILITY DIAGNOSIS

Eligibility Diagnosis	Client Population			\$ Per Person Expenditures		
	2011-12	2021-22	% Change	2012-13	2021-22	% Change
Autism	527	1,727	227.7%	\$ 25,344	\$ 17,414	-31.3%
Intellectual Disability	1,958	1,761	-10.1%	\$ 23,656	\$ 46,689	97.4%
Cerebral Palsy	122	136	11.5%	\$ 20,095	\$ 49,092	144.3%
Epilepsy	58	72	24.1%	\$ 28,026	\$ 38,244	36.5%
Category 5	220	360	63.6%	\$ 12,665	\$ 15,797	24.7%
Other	482	885	83.6%	\$ 1,971	\$ 4,398	123.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>46.7%</b>	<b>\$ 20,302</b>	<b>\$ 26,574</b>	<b>30.9%</b>

Eligibility Diagnosis	% Of Clients With No POS			% Utilization Rate		
	2011-12	2021-22	% Change	2012-13	2021-22	% Change
Autism	12.7%	29.0%	128.0%	68.2%	39.3%	-42.3%
Intellectual Disability	13.1%	12.3%	-5.9%	75.2%	55.1%	-26.8%
Cerebral Palsy	15.6%	16.9%	8.4%	71.7%	58.5%	-18.4%
Epilepsy	10.3%	11.1%	7.9%	81.7%	61.9%	-24.2%
Category 5	18.6%	21.7%	16.5%	67.0%	46.6%	-30.5%
Other	10.0%	10.1%	0.6%	49.5%	37.5%	-24.3%
<b>Average</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>42.5%</b>	<b>72.7%</b>	<b>49.7%</b>	<b>-31.7%</b>



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**CLIENT INFORMATION BASED ON ETHNICITY & RESIDENCE**

**FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

Ethnicity <sup>4</sup>	RCRC Clients By Ethnicity <sup>4</sup> & Residence <sup>8</sup>						Total
	Home	ILS-SLS	Institutions	MRP <sup>8B</sup>	Residential	Other	
White	2,294	915	11	18	89	47	3,374
Hispanic	634	49	2	2	2	4	693
African American	70	15	1	0	0	3	89
Native American	181	58	1	2	2	2	246
Asian	54	9	0	0	1	1	65
Pacific Islander	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Other/ Multi-Cultural	430	26	0	0	7	3	466
All Clients	3,671	1,072	15	22	101	60	4,941

RCRC Clients By Ethnicity & Residence as a %							
White	46.4%	18.5%	0.2%	0.4%	1.8%	1.0%	68.3%
Hispanic	12.8%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	14.0%
African American	1.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.8%
Native American	3.7%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%
Asian	1.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%
Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Other/ Multi-Cultural	8.7%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	9.4%
All Clients	74.3%	21.7%	0.3%	0.4%	2.0%	1.2%	100.0%

RCRC Clients Per Capita Expense by Ethnicity & Residence							
White	\$13,767	\$70,802	\$29,283	\$24,065	\$93,099	\$19,444	\$ 31,512
Hispanic	\$10,204	\$57,727	\$1,570	\$11,969	\$55,067	\$90,073	\$ 14,135
African American	\$16,840	\$41,140	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,454	\$ 20,295
Native American	\$7,252	\$70,268	\$130	\$11,033	\$123,413	\$4,651	\$ 23,034
Asian	\$12,602	\$23,407	\$0	\$0	\$164,342	\$25,818	\$ 16,636
Pacific Islander	\$18,147	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 18,147
Other/ Multi-Cultural	\$7,709	\$73,600	\$0	\$0	\$153,803	\$60,422	\$ 13,919
All Clients	\$12,172	\$69,430	\$21,692	\$21,780	\$97,859	\$25,015	\$ 26,574

RCRC Clients Utilization <sup>9</sup> By Ethnicity & Residence							
White	37.8%	59.5%	48.1%	39.5%	67.8%	45.4%	51.0%
Hispanic	34.6%	66.5%	29.1%	16.4%	64.0%	80.8%	41.2%
African American	39.0%	51.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	34.3%	42.5%
Native American	28.6%	66.0%	17.5%	38.0%	41.3%	27.8%	49.5%
Asian	39.4%	42.7%	0.0%	0.0%	65.9%	56.3%	43.0%
Pacific Islander	64.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	64.8%
Other/ Multi-Cultural	37.2%	63.5%	0.0%	0.0%	76.2%	74.5%	47.8%
All Clients	37.0%	60.1%	47.7%	36.8%	67.4%	53.4%	49.7%

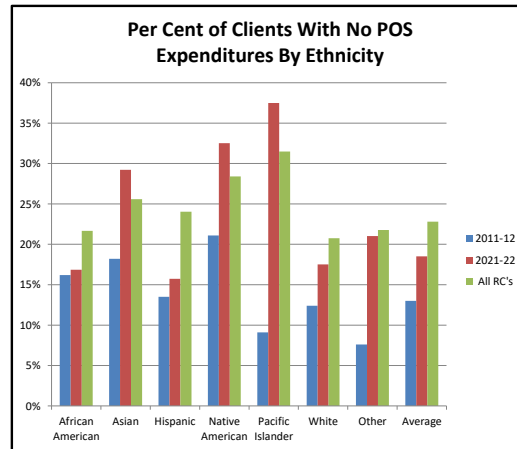
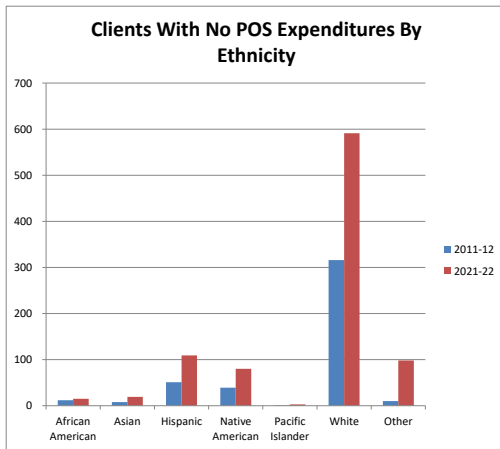
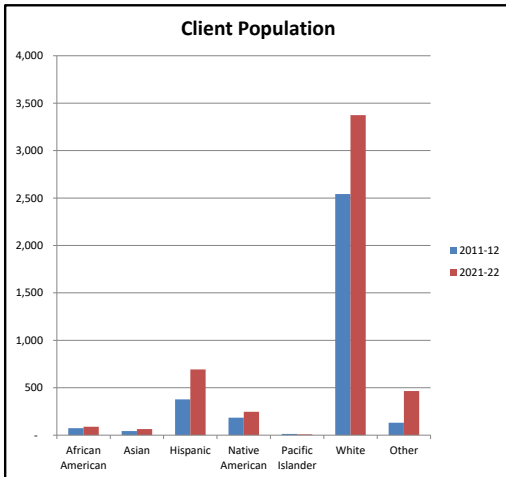
% RCRC Clients With No POS By Ethnicity & Residence							
White							
Hispanic							
African American							
Native American							
Asian							
Pacific Islander							
Other/ Multi-Cultural							
All Clients	22.7%	3.1%	0.0%	40.0%	2.0%	13.5%	17.3%

Data is not available by ethnicity

## CLIENTS WITH NO POS, BY ETHNICITY

Client Population			
Ethnicity	2011-12	2021-22	% Change
African American	74	89	20.3%
Asian	44	65	47.7%
Hispanic	377	693	83.8%
Native American	185	246	33.0%
Pacific Islander	13	8	-38.5%
White	2,542	3,374	32.7%
Other	132	466	253.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>46.7%</b>

Clients With No POS				% Of Clients With No POS		
Ethnicity	2011-12	2021-22	% Change	2011-12	2021-22	% Change
African American	12	15	25.0%	16.2%	16.9%	4.0%
Asian	8	19	137.5%	18.2%	29.2%	60.6%
Hispanic	51	109	113.7%	13.5%	15.7%	16.5%
Native American	39	80	105.1%	21.1%	32.5%	54.1%
Pacific Islander	1	3	200.0%	9.1%	37.5%	0.0%
White	316	591	87.0%	12.4%	17.5%	41.3%
Other	10	98	880.0%	7.6%	21.0%	176.7%
<b>Average</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>109.4%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>42.5%</b>



Source: RCRC FY 2021-2022 POS Expenditure Data

## Notes

All figures are from the RCRC 2021-22 Fiscal Year POS Expenditure Data unless otherwise noted.

Note	Comments
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1 "All RC's" data is from 2013-14 Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) data.

2 "California" data is from the 2010 Census.

3 "Filipino or Polynesian" data is not available per County, but is broken out elsewhere in this report.

4 Primary Race/Ethnicity Defintions:

Asian includes:

Asian Indian	Hmong	Laotian	Vietnamese
Cambodian	Japanese	Thai	Other Asian
Chinese	Korean		

Black/African American

Filipino

Spanish/Latin includes:

Hispanic	Other Latin languages
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Native American

Polynesian includes:

Guamanian	Native Hawaiian	Samoan	Other Pacific Islander
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White

Other includes:

Russian	Multicultural	Unknown
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5 Age - The three age groupings have been determined by DDS and are based on provisions in the Lanterman Act:

Ages 0 to 3 - Coincide with the Early Start program

Ages 3 to 22 - Considered children and "transition" cases

Ages 22 plus - Considered adults.

6 Primary Language Definitions

Asian

Cantonese Chinese	Japanese	Mandarin Chinese	Vietnamese
Cambodian	Korean	Thai	Other Asian
Hmong	Loation		

English

Spanish

Spanish	Other Latin languages
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Other

All sign languages	French	Mein	Swahili
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Amharic	Germanic languages	Nigerian	Swedish
Arabic	Guamanian	Portuguese	Tagalog
Aramaic	Hebrew	Russian	Uralic-Slavic languages
Armenian	Hindi	Samoan	Urdu
Dutch	Hungarian	Scandinavian language	All Other
Farsi	Italian	Somali	

7 Diagnosis Defintions:

Autism - Any client with a diagnosis of Autism, regardless of any other diagnosis that the client may also have.

Intellectual Disability - Any client with a diagnosis of Intellectual Disability who **does not** also have a diagnosis of Autism, but may also have a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Category 5, and/or Other.

Cerebral Palsy - Any client with a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy who **does not** also have a diagnosis of Autism and/or Intellectual Disability but may also have a diagnosis of Epilepsy, Category 5, and/or Other.

Epilepsy - Any client with a diagnosis of Epilepsy who **does not** also have a diagnosis of Autism, Intellectual Disability, and/or Cerebral Palsy but may also have Category 5, and/or Other.

Category 5 - Any client with a diagnosis of Category 5 who **does not** also have a diagnosis of Autism, Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy, and/or Epilepsy but may also have a diagnosis of Other. Note: Clients listed in Category 5, according to WIC Section 4512, are individuals who have “disabling conditions found to be closely related to Intellectual Disability or to require treatment similar to that required for individuals with Intellectual Disability, but shall not include other handicapping conditions that are solely physical in nature.”

Other - Any client with a diagnosis of Other who **did not** also have a diagnosis of Autism, Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, and/or Category 5. This includes clients that have been determined to have “no diagnosis” or are still in the diagnostic process.

8A "Other" Residence types include the following:

Correctional Institution	Transient/Homeless
Psychaitric Treatment Facility	Out-of-State
Community Treatment Facility	All other not noted
Rehabilitation Center	

8B "MRP" Residence stands for Medical/Rehabilitation/Psychiatric facilities

9 "Utilization" is the \$ value of what was actually expended divided by the \$ value of what was authorized.

## **Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 4519.5**

(re: Client Purchase Of Service Reporting)

In 2012 Assembly Bill 1472 added Section 4519.5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), which is a part of the WIC referred to as the Lanterman Act. These provisions became effective January 1, 2013 and have been revised in both 2015 and 2016. In summary, this section of the WIC provide for the following:

- Regional Centers shall annually compile data relating to purchase of service (POS) authorization, utilization, and expenditure by each Regional Center with respect to all of the following:
  - The age of client,
  - Race or ethnicity of the client,
  - Primary language spoken by the client, and
  - Disability detail.
  - Residence type, subcategorized by age, race or ethnicity, and primary language.
- The data reported shall also include the number and percentage of individuals, categorized by age, race or ethnicity, disability and residence type who have been determined to be eligible for regional center services but are not receiving purchase of service funds.
- Each Regional Center shall post this POS data on its internet web site by December 31 each year.
- Regional Centers shall maintain previous years' POS data on their websites.
- Within three months of compiling the annual POS data, each Regional Center shall meet with stakeholders in a public meeting regarding the data.
  - Such meeting shall not be part of Regional Center Board meetings.
  - The Regional Center shall provide participants of these meetings with the data and any associated information related to improvements in the provision of developmental services to underserved communities.
  - The Regional Center shall conduct a discussion of the data and the associated information in a manner that is culturally and linguistically appropriate for that community, including providing alternative communication services.
  - Regional Centers shall inform the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) of the scheduling of those public meetings 30 days prior to the meeting. Notice of the meetings shall also be posted on the Regional Center's internet web site 30 days prior to the meeting and shall be sent to individual stakeholders and groups representing underserved communities in a timely manner.
  - Each Regional Center shall consider the language needs of the community and shall schedule the meetings at times and locations designated to result in a high turnout by the public and underserved communities.
- Regional Centers shall annually report to DDS by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year regarding its implementation of the requirements of WIC section 4519.5.
  - Regional Centers shall annually post these reports on their website by August 31.
  - Reports shall address the actions taken by the Regional Center to improve public

attendance and participation at the stakeholder meetings, along with the minutes of the meetings and attendee comments.

- Reports should also address whether the data indicates a need to reduce disparities in the purchase of services among consumers in the Regional Center's catchment area. If the data does indicate that need, the Regional Center's recommendations and plan to promote equity, and reduce disparities, in the purchase of services should be noted.
- **Special funding** may be made to Regional Centers by DDS to assist with implementation of the recommendations and plans developed in the reports as noted above.
  - Each Regional Center shall consult with stakeholders regarding activities that may be effective in addressing disparities and shall identify the stakeholders it consulted with and include information on how it incorporated the input of stakeholders into its requests.
  - Each Regional Center shall report to DDS in its annual report how the funding allocations were used and shall include recommendations of priorities for activities that may be effective in addressing disparities, based on the consultation with stakeholders.