



ALBANY
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

Q4 REPORT 2023

What is Albany LEAD?

Albany LEAD helps people who may experience mental illness, substance use, poverty, or homelessness avoid citation, arrest, and incarceration related to those issues. It does so by providing case managers who support them in addressing immediate and long-term needs.

LEAD seeks to increase equity and reduce harm within communities by reorienting the systems that shape health and safety. LEAD also seeks to change attitudes, behaviors, and systems—made possible by local stakeholders committed to collaboration and collective response.

People may become LEAD clients through pre-arrest diversions, in which Albany police offer the opportunity to obtain services rather than arrest on certain low-level charges that arise from the conditions mentioned above. Most arrests are not eligible for LEAD diversion.

Under a pilot program begun in Q3 of 2022, a second pathway to LEAD - social contact referrals - may be used outside of a potential arrest situation for people with a history of arrest due to substance use, mental illness, homeless or poverty.



Q4 Services

115
PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED
IN SERVICES

During the fourth quarter of 2023, 115 people participated in services with Catholic Charities' Care Coordination Services on behalf of Albany LEAD. The contacts per client ranged from **one to 187**. The chart below presents the most frequent client contacts during the quarter.

FIGURE 1

Top 10 Service Types

During the quarter, housing assistance continued to emerge as the most frequently provided service type. We also provided a higher-than-usual level of court accompaniment and assistance understanding legal proceedings.

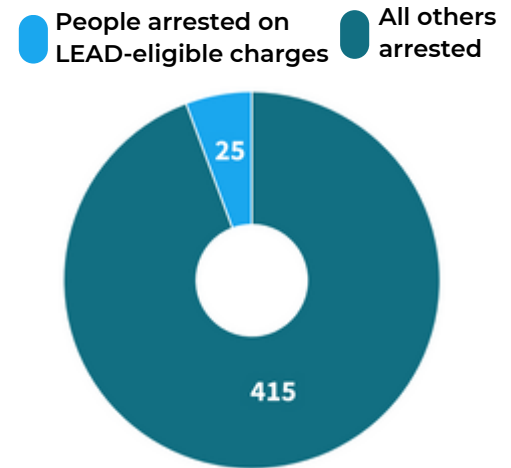


Q4 Arrests, Diversions & Referrals

People arrested solely on LEAD-eligible charges:

Of all the people arrested during the quarter, we estimate 25 people were arrested solely on LEAD-eligible charges.

Race/Ethnicity	People Arrested solely on eligible charges
Black	12
White	10
Hispanic/Latino(a/e)	3
Total	25



Why weren't these charges diverted?

The reason noted for all otherwise eligible cases was that the victim of the alleged charge wanted an arrest. If there is an alleged victim a diversion can only be done with their consent.

Reasons why cases were ineligible for diversion at all included things like: the person was arrested on a warrant, not in the moment, and the person was arrested on multiple charges, only one of which was eligible for LEAD.

How many people were diverted/referred to case management?

Race/Ethnicity	Diversions	Referrals	Total
Black	0	2	2
White	2	5	7
Hispanic	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	2	7	9



FIGURE 3

Locations of Diversions/Referrals

Note: Location of diversion/referral may differ from the location where someone lives or stays.

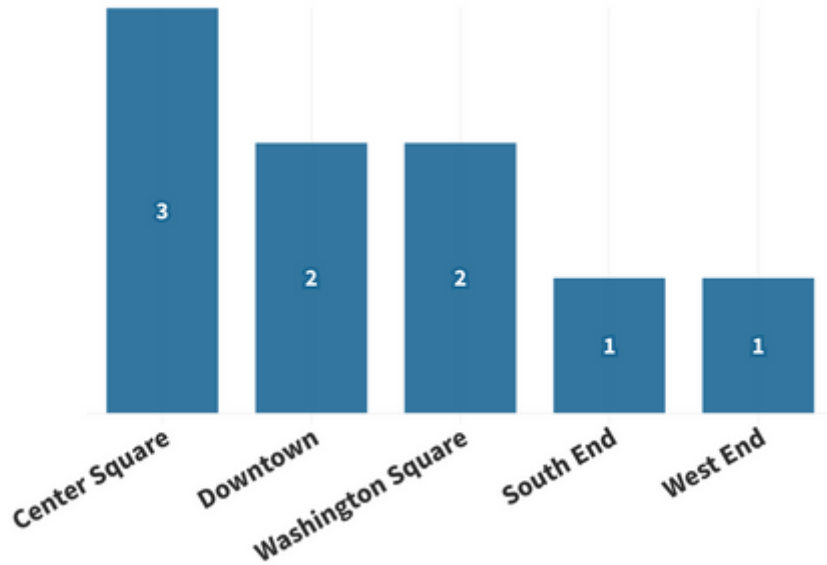
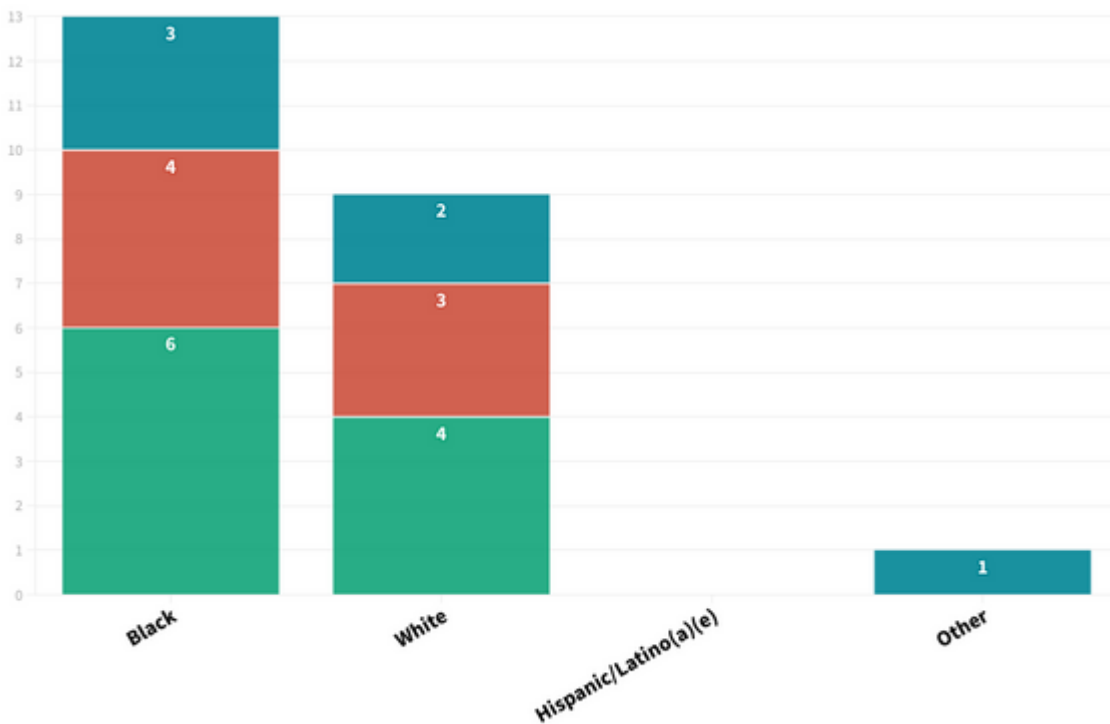


FIGURE 4

Top LEAD-Eligible Charges on Which People Were Arrested

Note: this reflects information of the top eligible charges--not all eligible charges are reflected. Though a charge may be eligible for LEAD, a person's criminal history, lack of agreement from an alleged victim, and other factors could make the case overall ineligible for diversion.

● Petit Larceny
 ● Other Trespass
 ● Criminal Trespass 3rd: Enclosure



Racial and Gender Breakdowns

FIGURE 5
Percentage of Arrests, Diversions, and Referrals by Race in Q4 2023

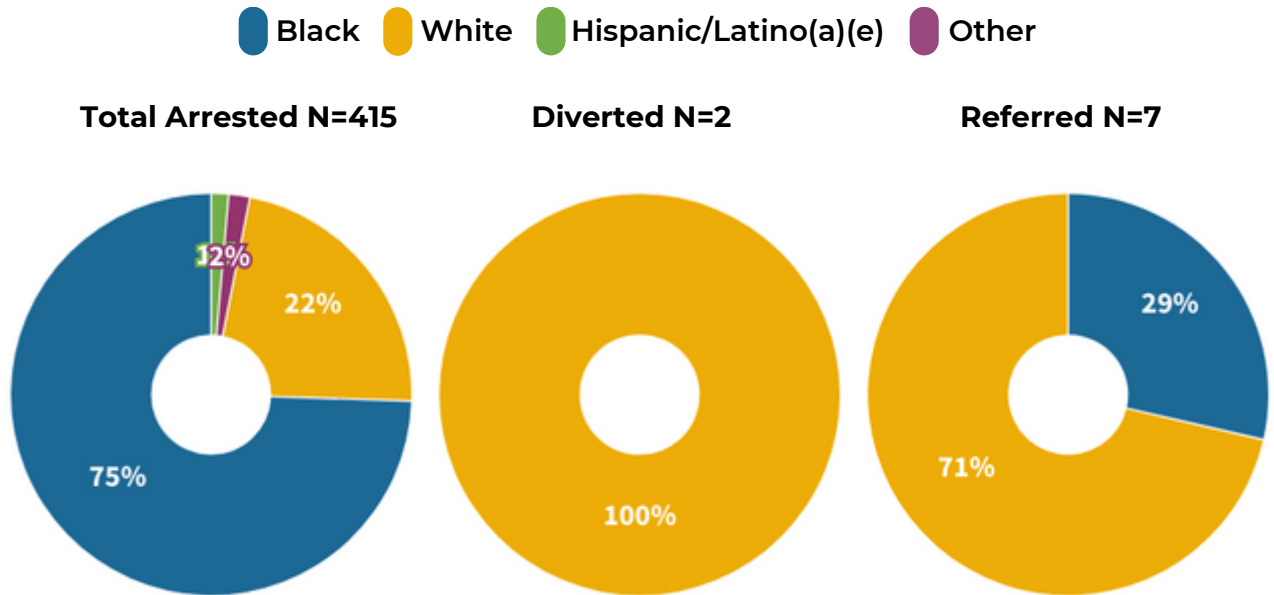


FIGURE 6
Percentage of Arrests, Diversions, and Referrals by Gender in Q4 2023

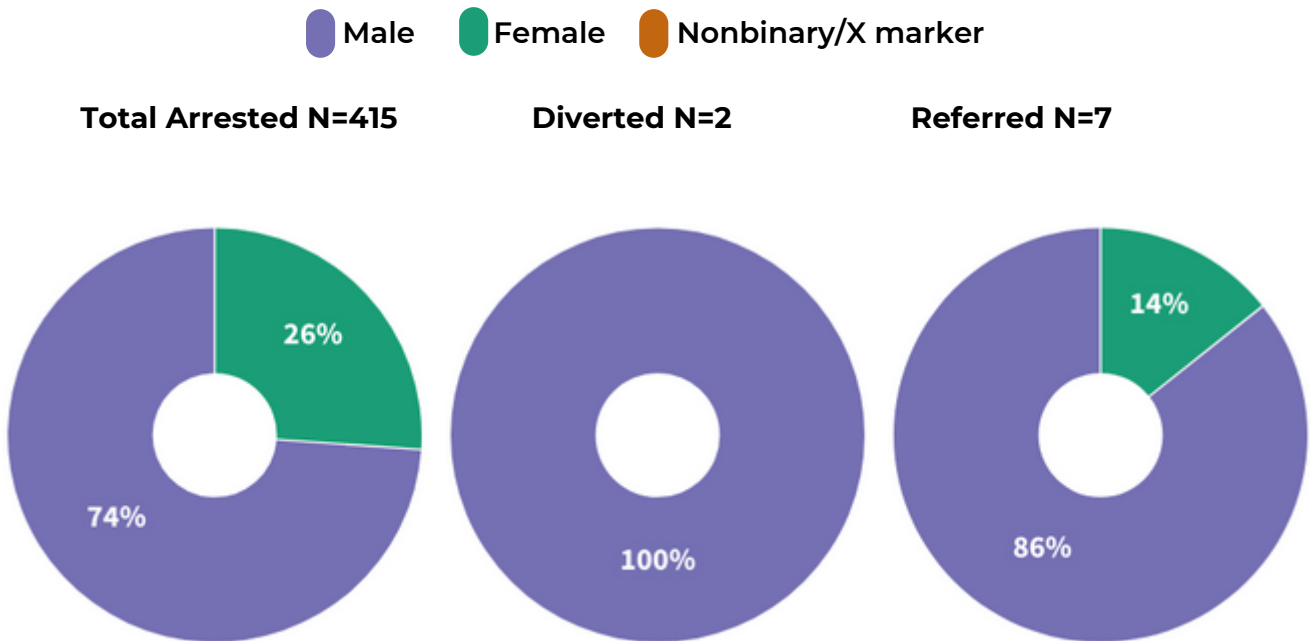


FIGURE 7
LEAD Diversions/Referrals Over Time
 April 1, 2016 – December 31, 2023

Race/ Ethnicity	Diversions	% of Diversions	Social Contact Referrals	% of Social Contact Referrals
Black	117	36.4%	24	38.7%
White	180	56.1%	30	48.4%
Hispanic/ Latino(a)(e)	19	5.9%	6	9.7%
Other Races	5	1.6%	2	3.2%
Total	321	100%	62	100%

