



ALBANY
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

Q3 REPORT 2024

What is Albany LEAD?

Albany LEAD helps people who 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.



In the second quarter of 2024, we launched the LEAD Clinical Initiative in partnership with the Albany County Department of Mental Health. This street-based psychiatric services pilot is funded by a federal Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulants, Substance Use Program (COSSUP) grant. A full-time clinician and part-time prescriber from ACDMH work with LEAD clients, bringing services to them, together with the case management team.

We know LEAD clients often face many barriers that can make accessing mental health and substance use treatment difficult. Each and every person served through this initiative is a person who may not have received services otherwise. We look forward to learning more and sharing these lessons.

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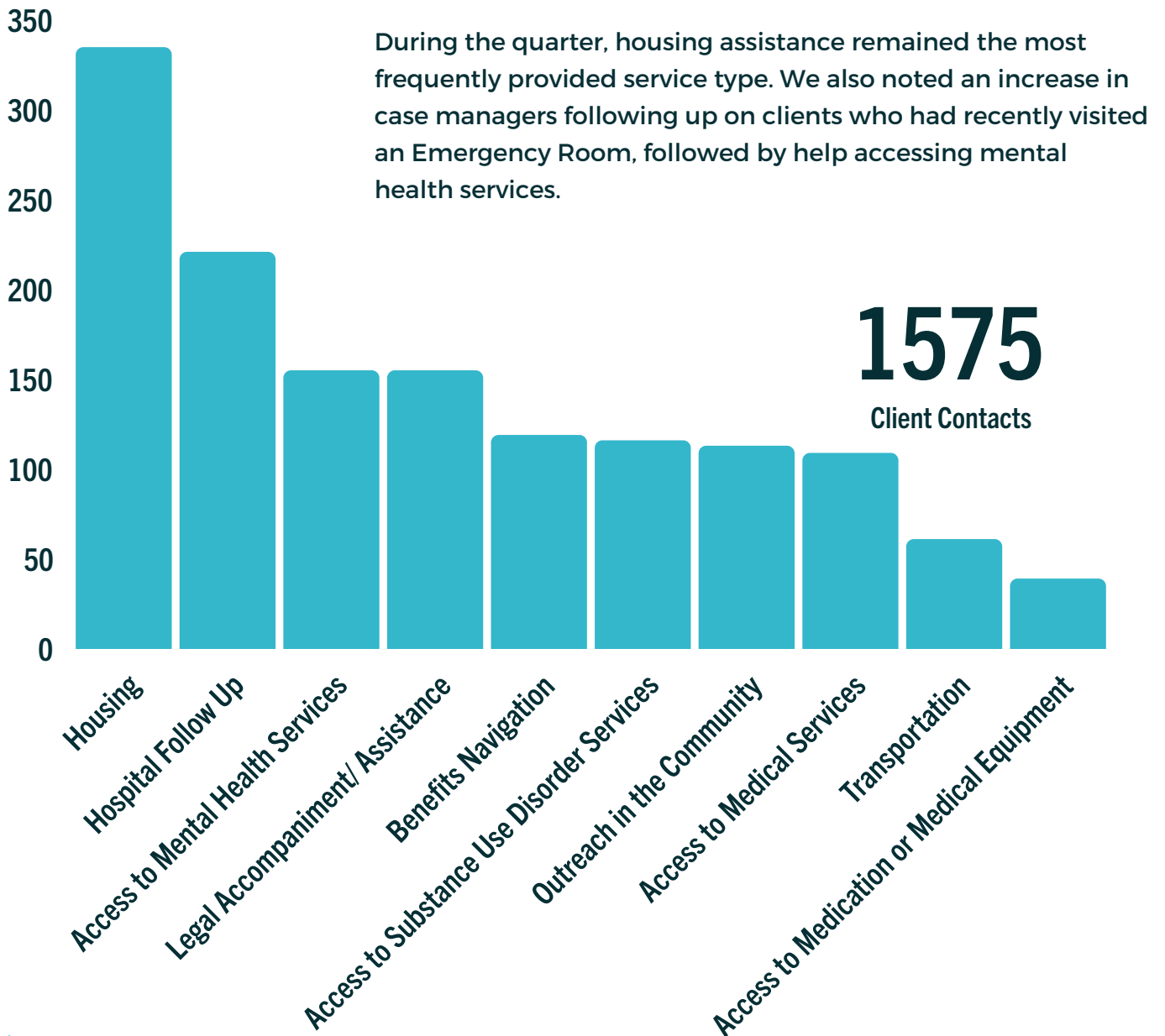
Q3 Services

111
PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED
IN SERVICES

During the third quarter of 2024, 111 people participated in services with Catholic Charities' Care Coordination Services on behalf of Albany LEAD. The contacts per client ranged from **one to 137**, with an average of 14 contacts per client. There were a number of new referrals this quarter, and staffing of our case management team was lower than it had been in years, likely resulting in fewer services being provided than in the second quarter of 2024.

FIGURE 1

Top 10 Service Types

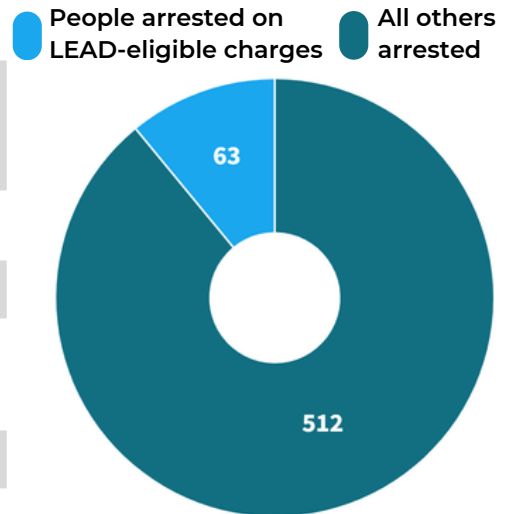


Q3 Arrests, Diversions & Referrals

People arrested solely on LEAD-eligible charges:

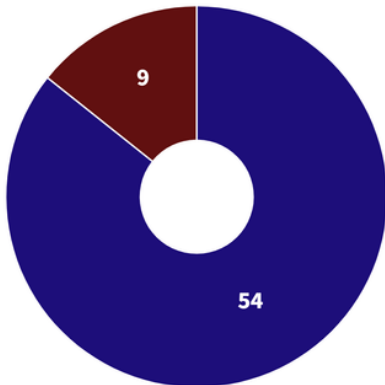
Of all the people arrested during the quarter, we estimate 63 people were arrested solely on LEAD-eligible charges. We call these our “missed opportunities for diversion,” and APD reviews each case after the fact.

Race/Ethnicity	People arrested solely on eligible charges
Black	40
White	19
Another Race	4
Total	63



Why weren't these charges diverted?

Legend: ● Victim declined (54), ● Officer discretion (9)



The reasons noted for most 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.

In other cases, the reason noted for a person's case not being diverted was officer or detective discretion.

How many people were diverted/referred to case management?

Race/Ethnicity	Diversions	Referrals	Total
Black	0	5	5
White	0	10	10
Hispanic/Latino(a)(e)	0	0	0
Other	1	2	3
Total	1	17	18



FIGURE 3

Locations of Diversions/Referrals

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

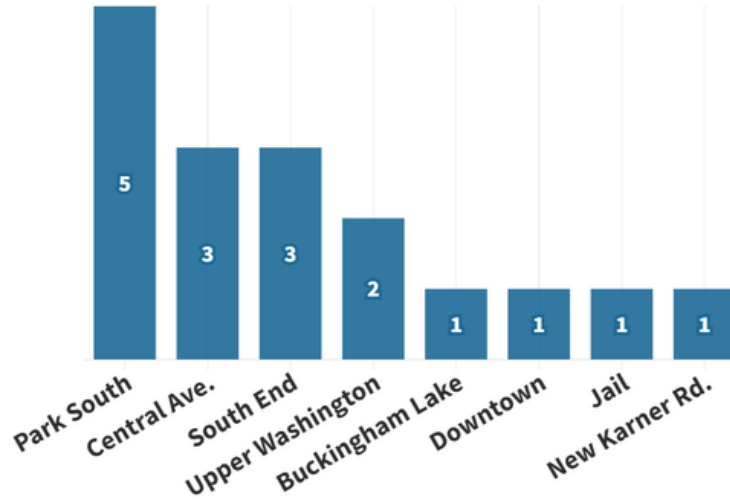
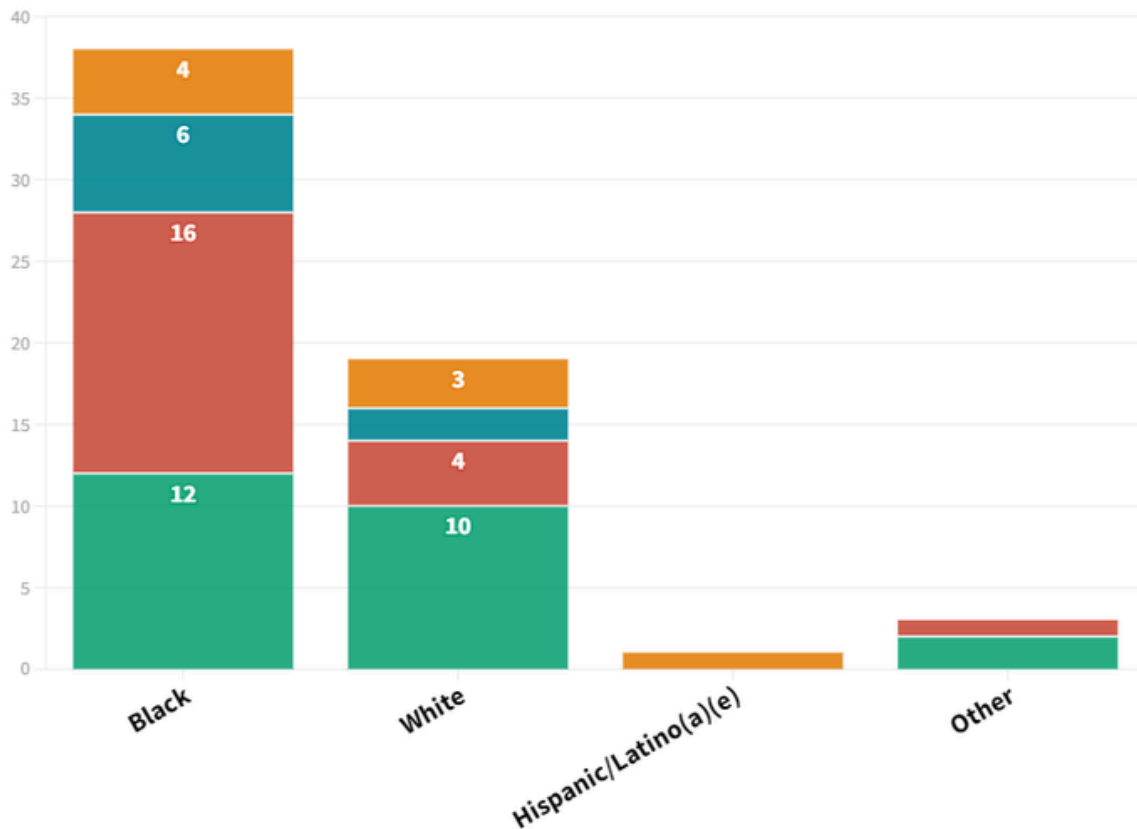


FIGURE 4

Top LEAD-Eligible Charges on Which People Were Arrested

Note: this reflects 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
 ● Trespass (multiple types)
 ● Criminal Mischief
 ● Possession of Controlled Substance



Racial and Gender Breakdowns

FIGURE 5
Percentage of Eligible Arrests, Diversions, and Referrals by Race in Q3 2024

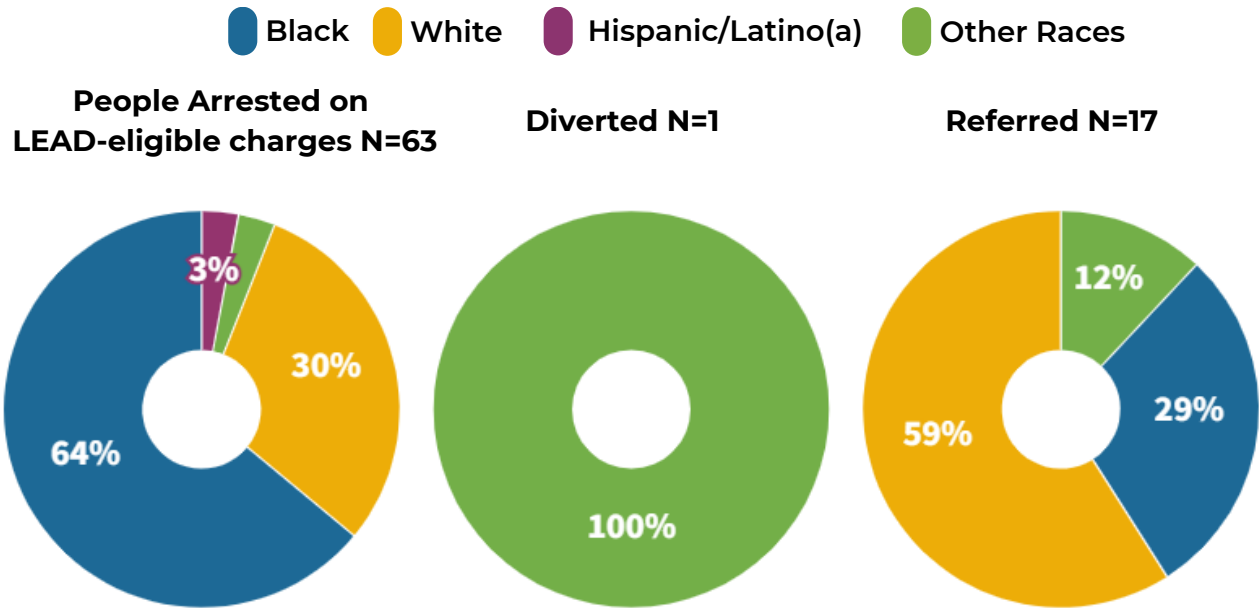


FIGURE 6
Percentage of Eligible Arrests, Diversions, and Referrals by Gender in Q3 2024

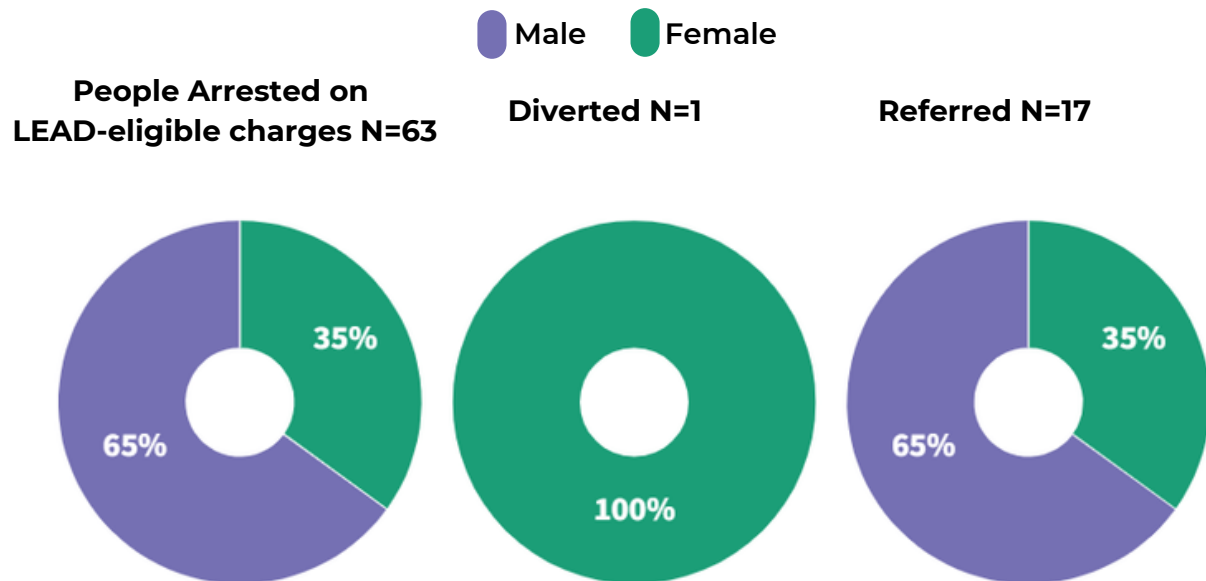


FIGURE 7
LEAD Diversions/Referrals Over Time
 April 1, 2016 – September 30, 2024

Race/ Ethnicity	Diversions	% of Diversions	Social Contact Referrals	% of Social Contact Referrals
Black	120	36.8%	30	34.5%
White	181	55.5%	46	52.9%
Hispanic/ Latino(a)(e)	19	5.8%	6	6.9%
Other Races	6	1.8%	5	5.7%
Total	326	100%	87	100%

