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Department of
Human Service Programs

DHSP Afterschool Programs 2023-2024 Lottery Update



March 2024

Executive Summary

- With an ongoing commitment to transparency, this communication aims to provide a final update on the 2023-24 Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) Afterschool Programs Lottery
- Last spring, we planned to grow DHSP Afterschool programs by 170 seats; working with the Cambridge Public Schools, we exceeded our expansion goals and grew by 207 seats
- As a result of this expansion, the City was able to extend offers to 1,869 applicants, accounting for ~80% of the total applicant pool in the 2023-24 Afterschool Programs Lottery
 - Offer rates continue to vary significantly by program and by site, with applicant grade level driving much of the variation
 - The lottery continues to achieve low-income enrollment ~30% of total placements, while yielding similar offer rates for both income groups
 - The lottery attracts a very diverse applicant pool, and offer rates are relatively consistent by race and by family size
 - Although 18% of applicants who received an offer declined it, most declined offers came after the school year had already begun
 - Students with individualized education plans accounted for 15% of all offers and 18% of all enrolled students
- We also continued to make operational improvements including a consolidated lottery across all 4 DHSP programs and earlier application and notification dates
- Looking ahead to next year, to give families more time to plan for afterschool care, the lottery will open on 04/22/2024 and is expected to close on 05/17/2024



Last Spring, we committed to expanding capacity by 170 seats, and we exceeded that goal for the 2023-24 school year

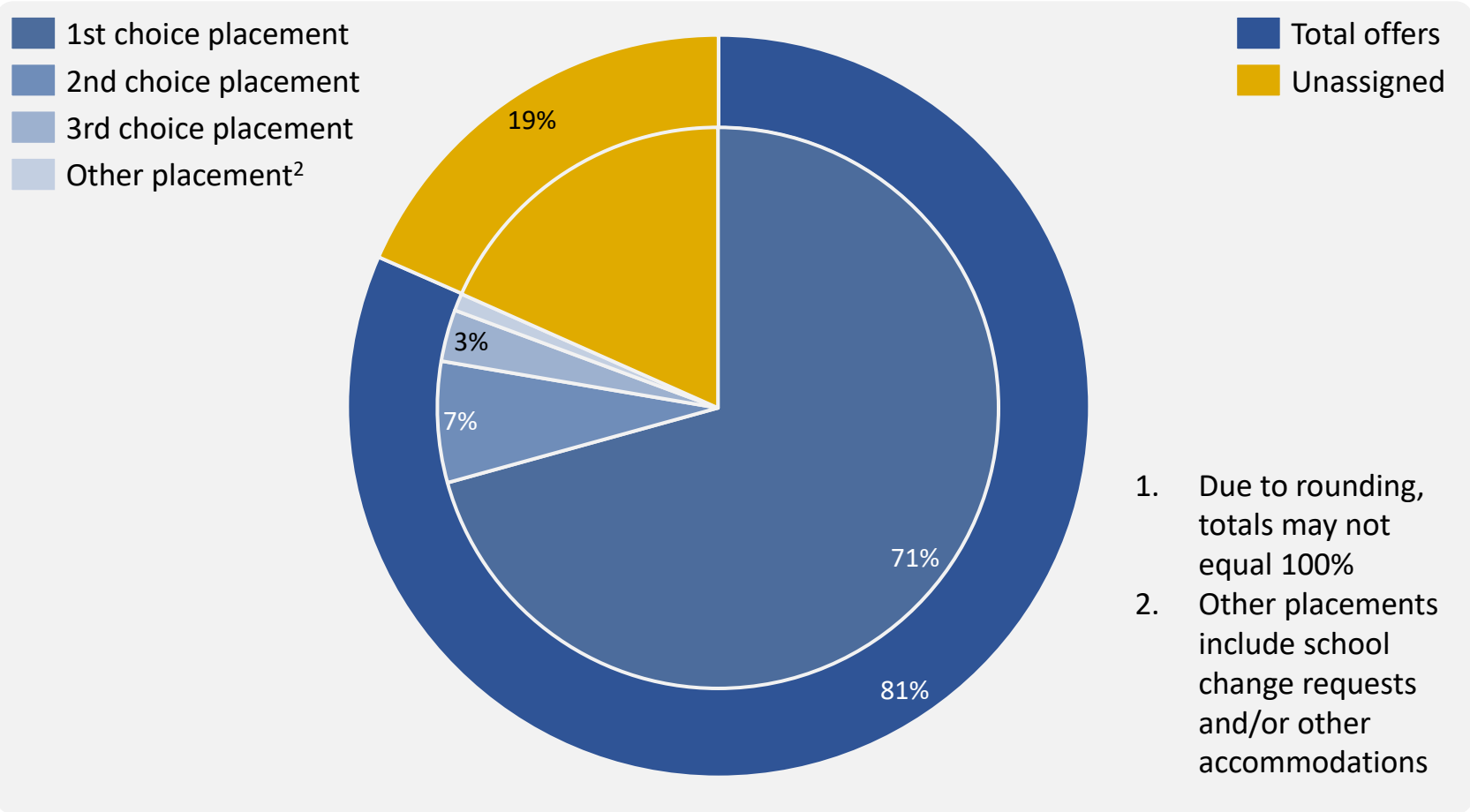
Program	Daily Seat Capacity	Net Change	Description
Childcare Afterschool	170	0 seats +0%	No change
King Open Extended Day (KOED)	130 → 227 +97	97 seats +75%	Increase includes 30 seats rolled over from the Community Schools program
Youth Centers	295 → 355 +60	60 seats +20%	In the Spring, we committed to adding 40 seats for fourth and fifth graders across all sites
Community Schools	702 → 752 +80 -30	50 seats +7%	In the Spring, we committed to adding two classrooms (40 seats each); rolled over 30 seats to KOED
DHSP Total	1,297	207 +16%	Exceeded the 170-seat target from Spring 2023

In addition, the City funded 65 seats for low-income children at community-based programs, helping our partners create 89 new seats and grow capacity by 22% overall with appropriate staffing.



We are pleased to show that ~80% of applicants received an offer through the lottery, with ~70% of applicants receiving their first choice

2023-24 Lottery Offers by Choice, as a Percent of Total Applicants (updated January 8, 2024)¹



Offer rates continued to vary at different programs and sites

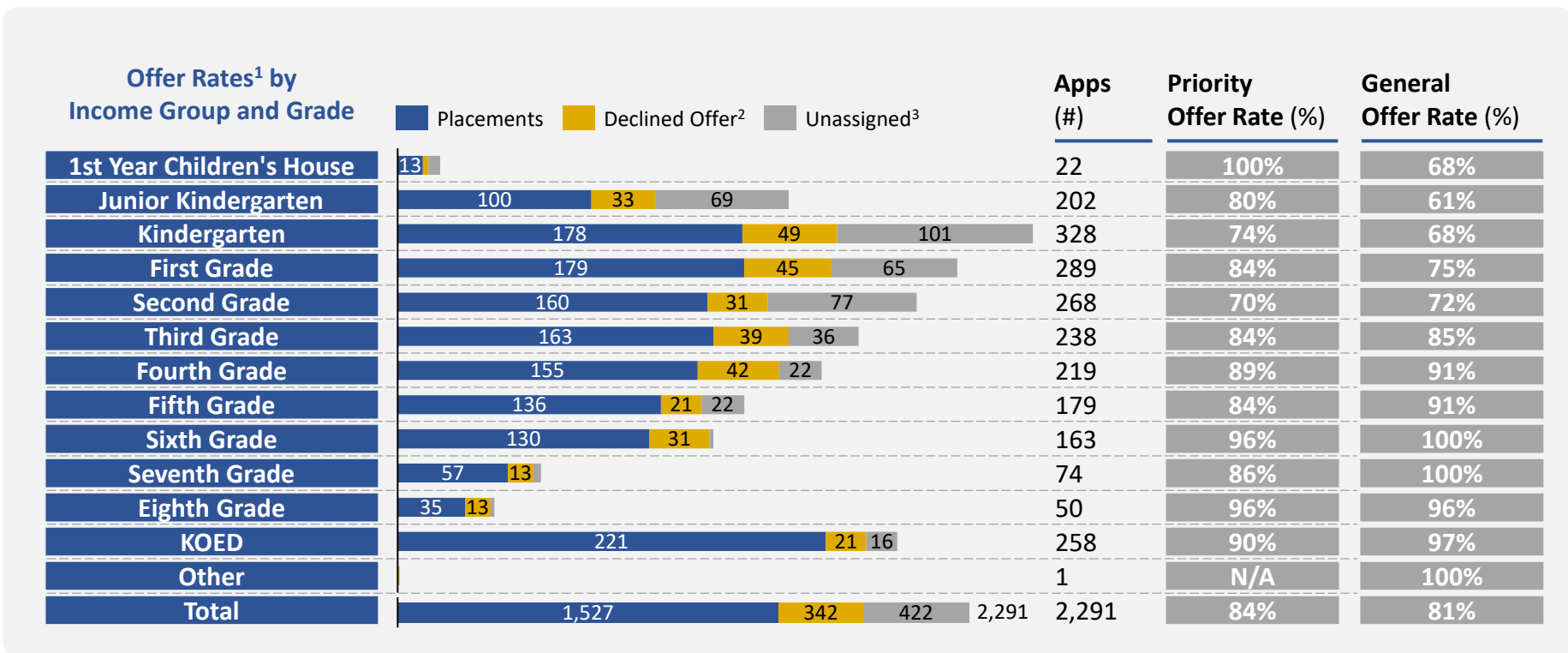
Offer Rates ¹ by Income Group and First-Choice Program/Site		All Applicants				Priority		General						
		1st Choice Placement	Declined Offers ²	Placed Elsewhere ¹	Unassigned ³	1 st Choice Apps (#)	1 st Choice Rate (%) ⁴	Offer Rate (%) ⁵	1 st Choice Rate (%) ⁴	Off3r Rate (%) ⁵				
Childcare Afterschool	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (JK-5)	42	16	22	84	84	68%	82%	63%	71%				
	Peabody (JK-5)	44	5	28	79	79	70%	73%	52%	57%				
	Morse (JK-5)	35	13	58	58	58	79%	86%	64%	75%				
	Fletcher Maynard (JK-3)	14	6	13	37	37	52%	66%	63%	63%				
	Childcare Afterschool Subtotal				135	16	31	76	258	258	66%	75%	60%	68%
Community Schools	Graham and Parks (JK-5)	57	9	30	95	191	191	40%	51%	46%	50%			
	Peabody (JK-5)	95	14	21	45	175	175	62%	66%	55%	78%			
	Cambridgeport (JK-5)	102	13	27	27	169	169	78%	83%	67%	85%			
	Tobin (JK-5)	75	10	23	37	145	145	50%	67%	70%	77%			
	Amigos (JK-5)	68	21	37	129	129	129	79%	92%	62%	67%			
	Morse (JK-5)	74	18	21	16	129	129	93%	93%	61%	86%			
	Haggerty (JK-5)	64	11	36	113	113	113	73%	83%	56%	60%			
	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (JK-5)	73	10	15	12	110	110	87%	87%	71%	89%			
	Kennedy-Longfellow (JK-5)	54	14	23	95	95	95	82%	92%	66%	100%			
	Fletcher Maynard (JK-5)	39	13	16	8	76	76	62%	89%	70%	91%			
Community School Subtotal				701	106	208	317	1,332	1,332	69%	80%	61%	75%	
Youth Centers	Gately (4-8)	113	31	7	155	155	155	84%	93%	91%	97%			
	Frisoli (4-8)	78	24	109	109	109	109	91%	95%	91%	100%			
	Russell (4-8)	78	15	13	107	107	107	67%	100%	82%	99%			
	Moore (4-8)	51	5	72	72	72	72	79%	89%	87%	100%			
	Youth Centers Subtotal				320	28	82	443	443	443	83%	94%	88%	99%
KOED	King Open Extended Day				221	21	16	258	258	258	90%	90%	97%	97%
Grand Total				1,377	150	342	422	2,291	2,291	75%	84%	69%	81%	



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1. Indicates applicants that received an offer but not for their first-choice site
2. Includes both first-choice offers that were declined and offers to other sites that were declined
3. Indicates applicants that did not receive an offer
4. Share of applicants that selected the site as their first-choice and received an offer to that site
5. Share of applicants that selected the site as their first-choice and received an offer there or elsewhere

... But the biggest driver behind variation in offer rates continues to be applicant grade level

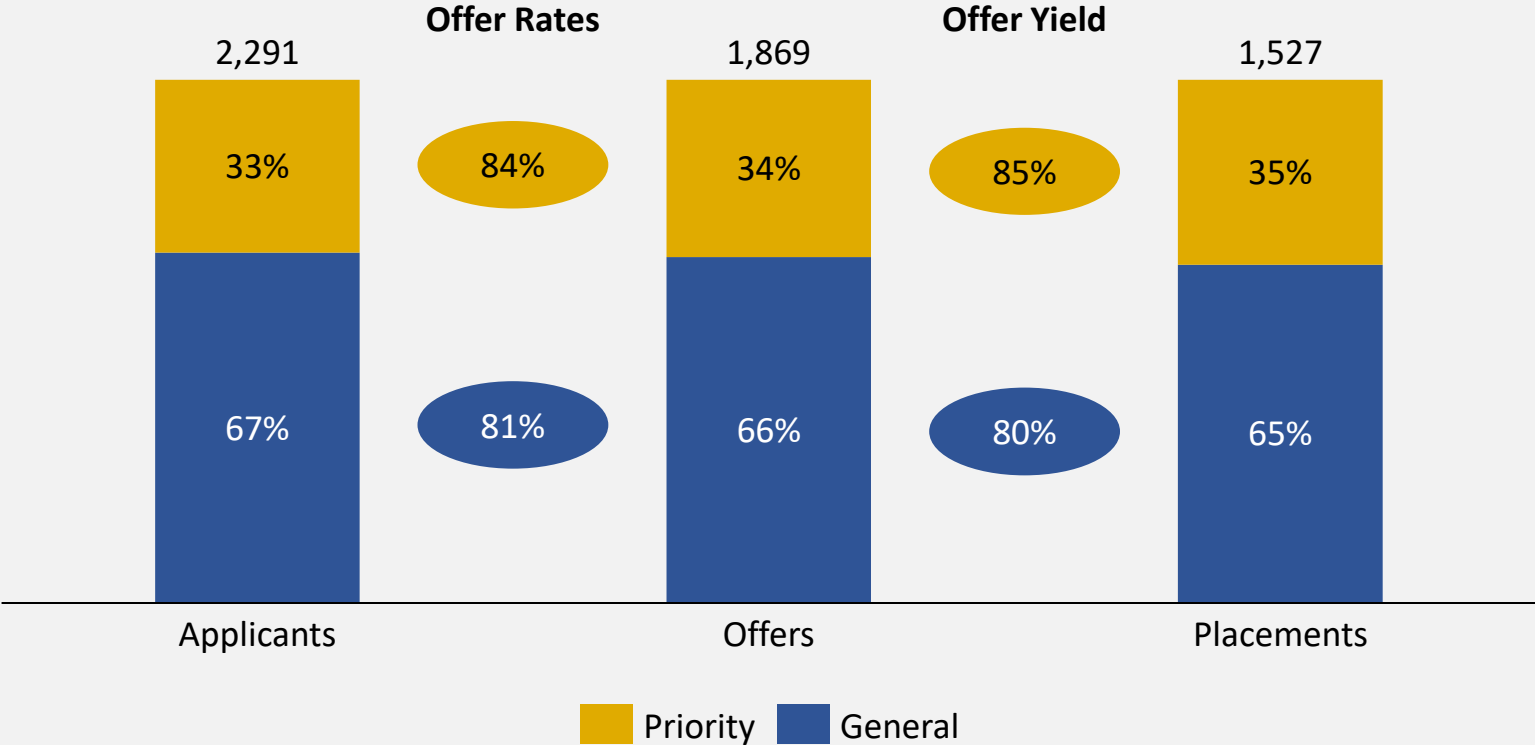


1. All offers were considered, including first-choice placements, second and third-choice placements, and withdrawn offers.
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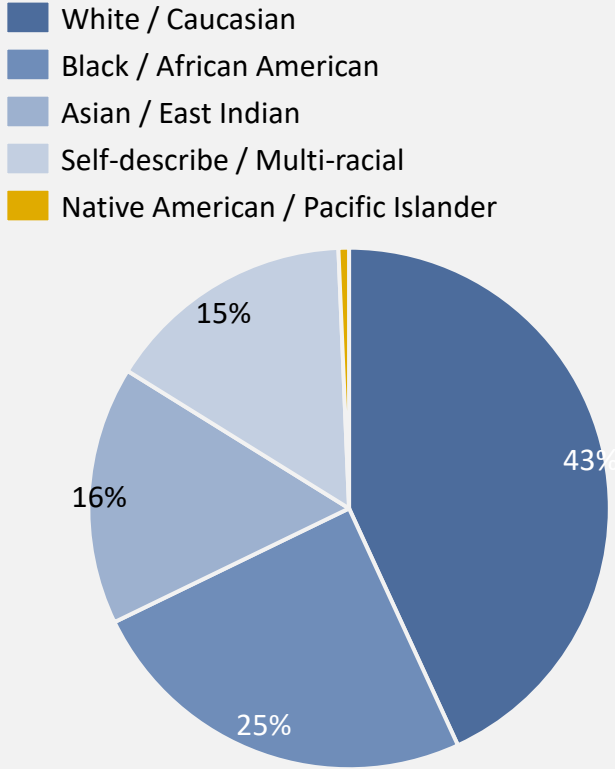
The lottery continues to facilitate low-income enrollment >30%, and it does so with relatively consistent offer rates across income groups

2023-24 Lottery Applicants, Offers, and Placements by Income Group
(updated January 8, 2024)



The lottery continues to attract a diverse applicant pool, and offer rates are relatively consistent by race

2023-24 Lottery Applicants by Race
(updated January 8, 2024)



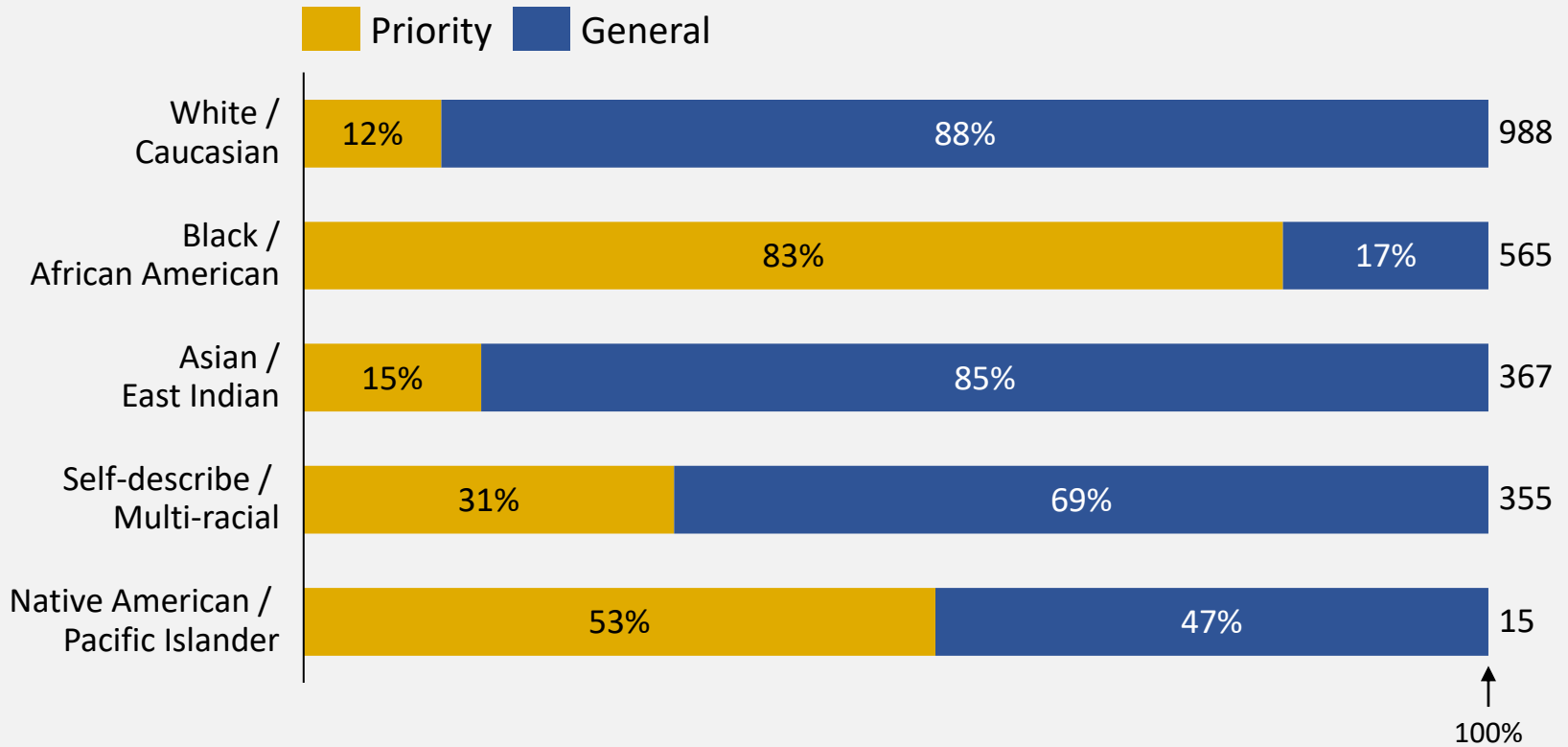
We are sharing this data to help understand the applicant pool and lottery outcomes by different demographics.

Race is not considered in the lottery process and does not impact placement odds.



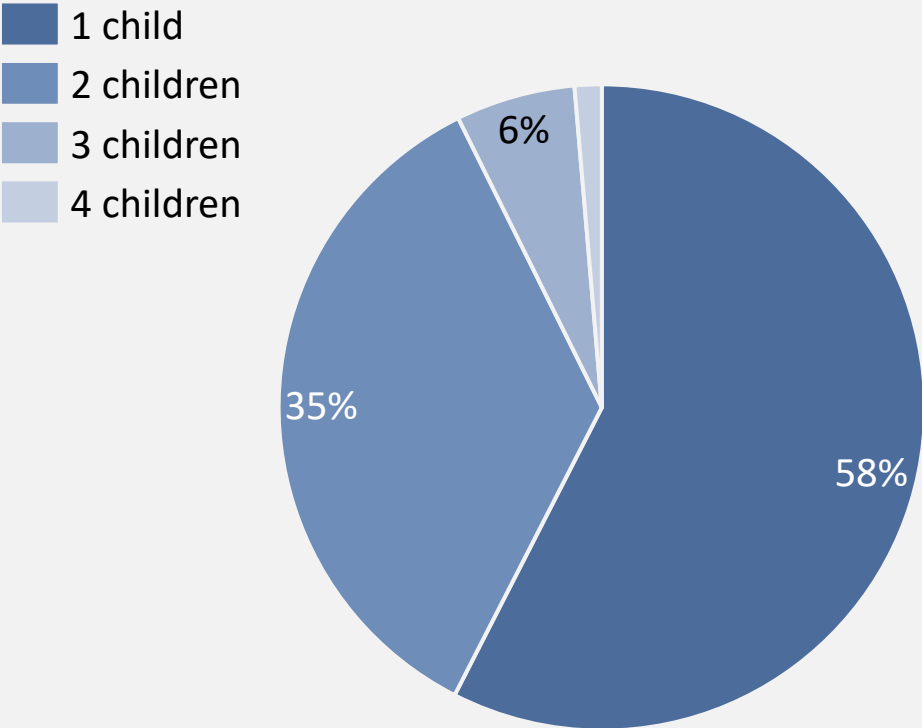
... And the priority income group drives much of the racial diversity in the applicant pool

2023-24 Applicants by Race and Income Group
(updated January 8, 2023)

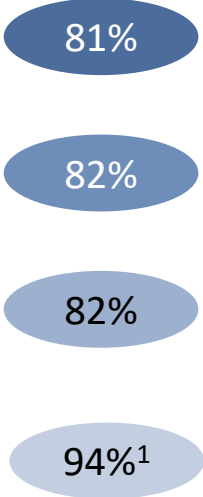


Similarly, offer rates are consistent by family size, but most applicants in the lottery come from 1-or 2-child households

2023-24 Lottery Applicants by Family Size
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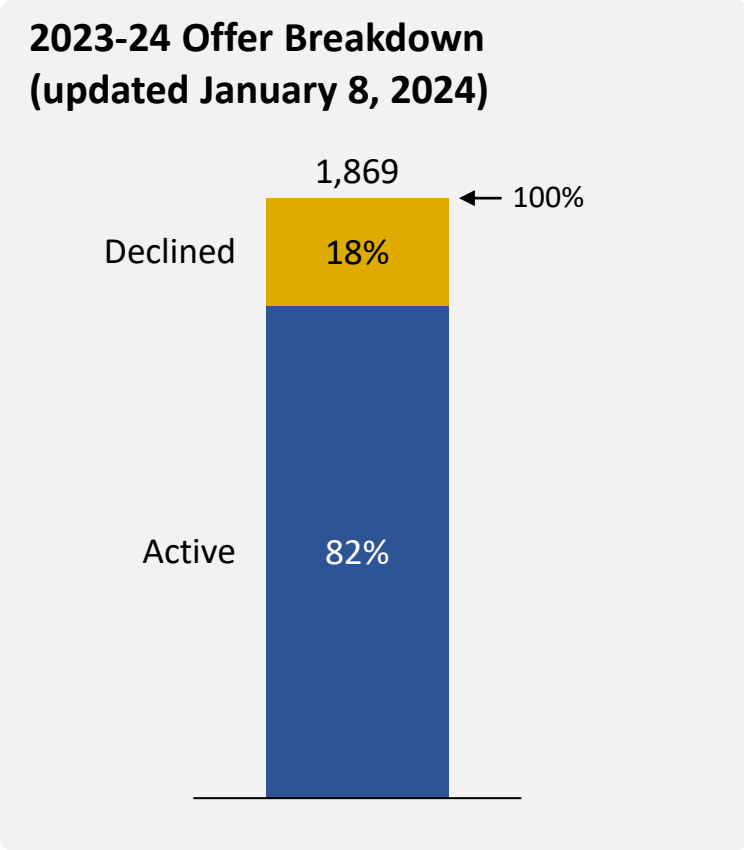


2023-24 Offer rates by Family Size
(updated January 8, 2024)

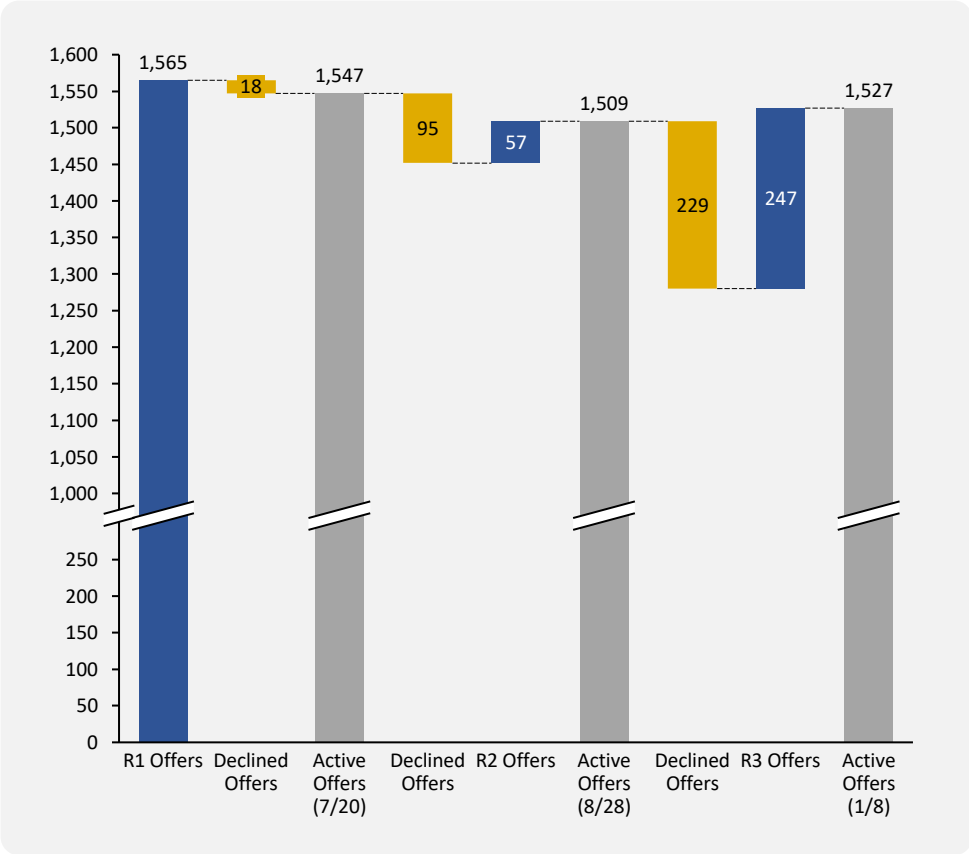


1. Note: there are only 31 applicants from households with 4-children

18% of applicants that received an offer declined, but most declined offers came after the school year had already begun



2023-24 Offer Timeline (updated January 8, 2024)



Please note that offers declined in each “round” are not exclusive to offers extended in that round; in other words, offers extended in an any round that are declined are counted as declined in the most recent lottery round.

