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PREFACE

This report uses data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) to describe outcomes for 32 health professions education programs between the years 2013 and 2022. It contains information on the number of awards conferred and the gender and race/ethnicity of individuals completing the programs.

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INTRODUCTION

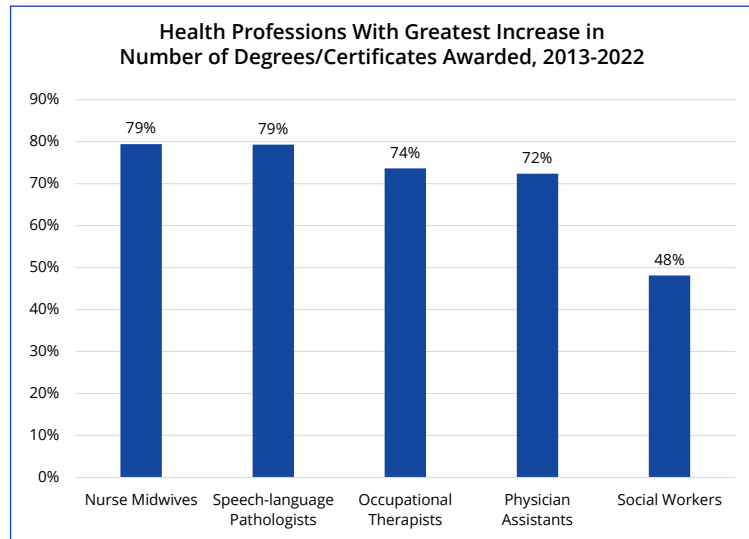
A robust and diverse supply of new health professionals is essential for our health care delivery system. The health care needs of the population are continuously changing due to factors such as population growth, aging, and the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases. To meet this rising demand and ensure that all individuals have access to timely and adequate care, a sufficient number of health professionals is necessary. A diverse and well-distributed workforce ensures that health care services are accessible in all geographic areas, including underserved rural and urban communities. Furthermore, diversity among health professionals can lead to better health outcomes. Diverse teams bring varied perspectives and insights that enhance patient care, foster trust, and improve communication with patients from different backgrounds.

This report uses Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data to describe outcomes for 32 health professions education programs between the years 2013 and 2022. For each health profession, the number of degrees awarded, and the gender and race/ethnicity of the individuals completing the programs are displayed. Information for the year 2022 is considered preliminary. Information on the CIP Codes and award levels used to identify each health profession is reported in the footer of each page. Descriptions of award level codes can be found in the Appendix.

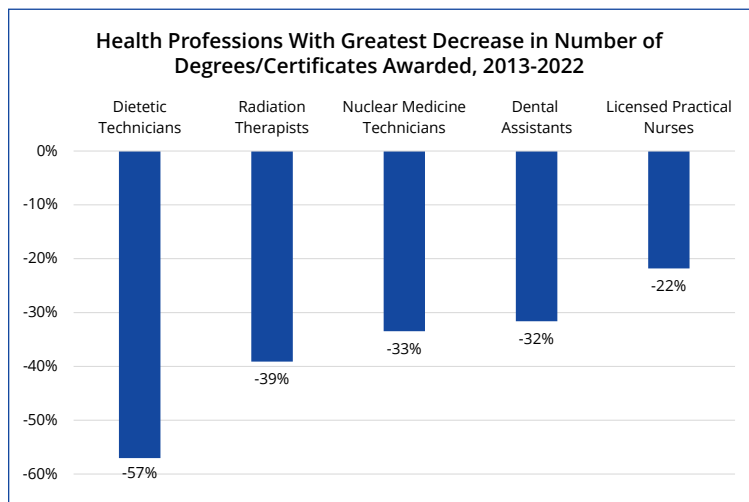
KEY FINDINGS

- The number of degrees/certificates awarded increased for the majority of health professions between 2013 and 2022

- The professions that experienced the greatest percentage *increase* in the number of degrees/certificates awarded included nurse midwives, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physician assistants, and social workers



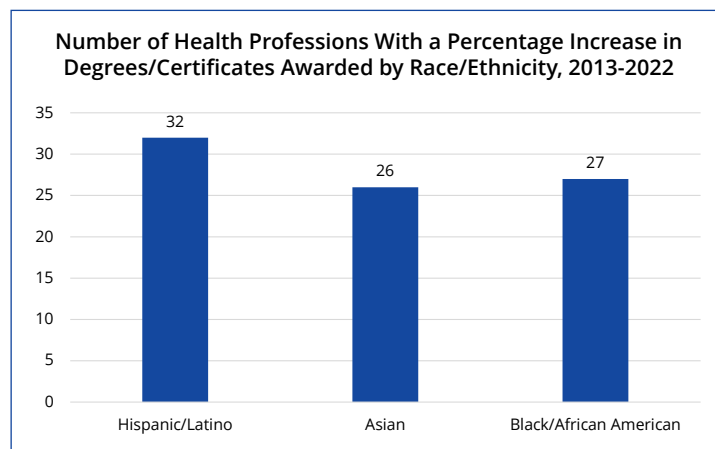
- The professions that experienced the greatest percentage *decrease* in the number of degrees/certificates awarded included dietetic technicians, radiation therapists, nuclear medicine technicians, dental assistants, and licensed practical nurses



- The percentage of female graduates increased for 26 of 32 health professions between 2013 and 2022

- Between 2013 and 2022, all health professions became more racially/ethnically diverse

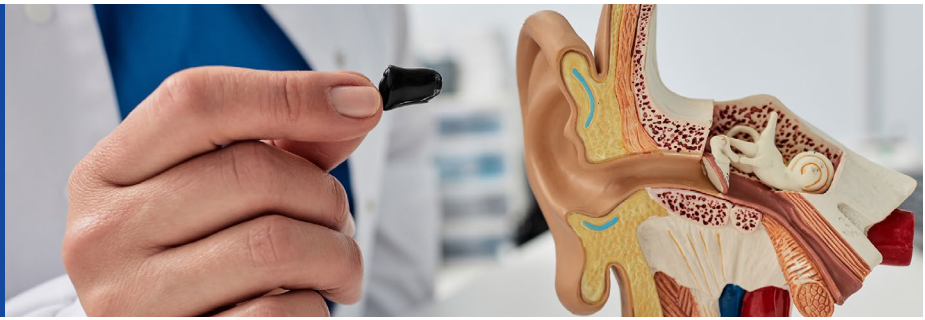
- The percentage of Hispanic/Latinos increased for all 32 professions
- The percentage of Asians increased for 26 professions
- The percentage of Blacks/African Americans increased for 27 professions



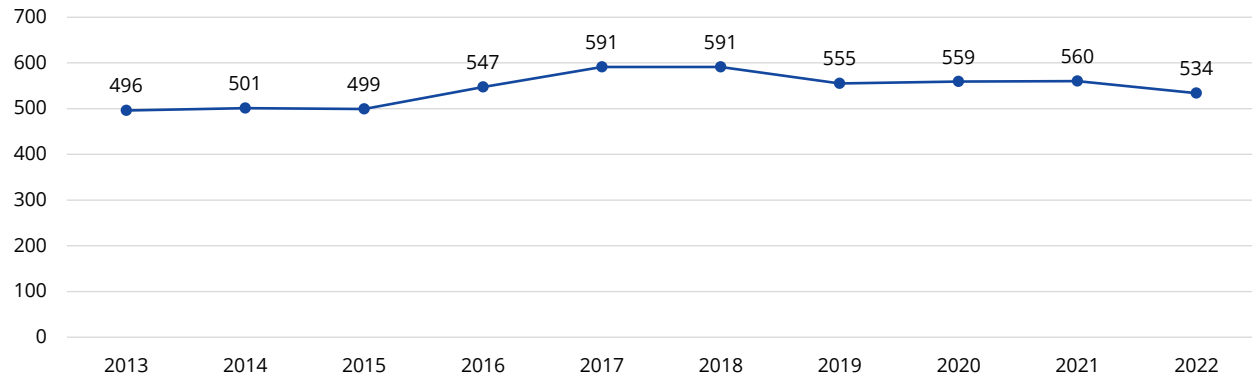


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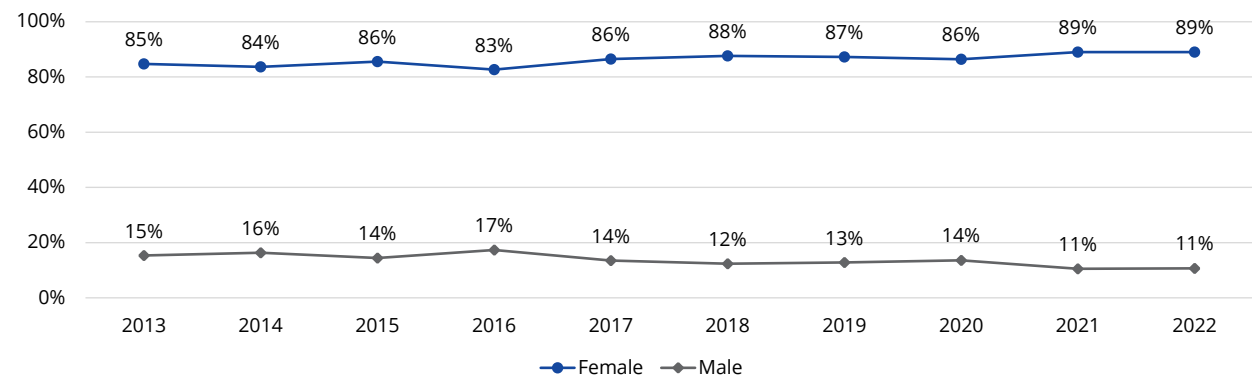
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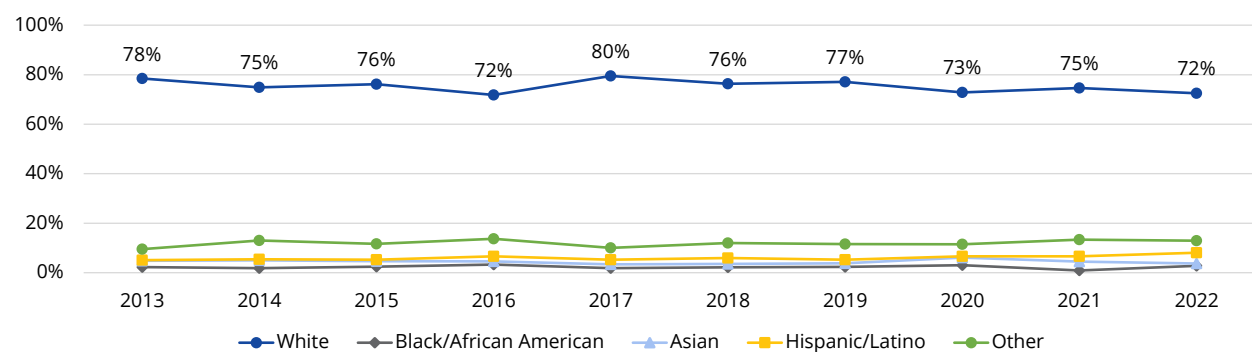
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Gender



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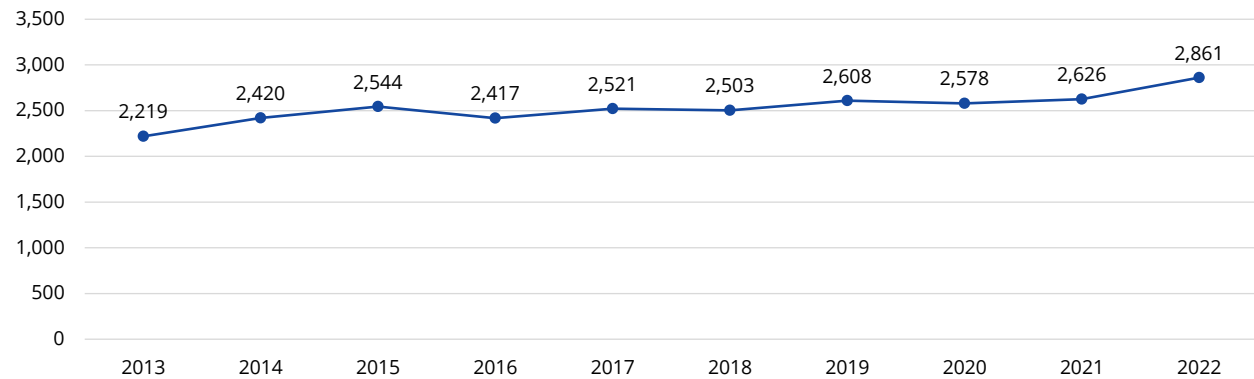


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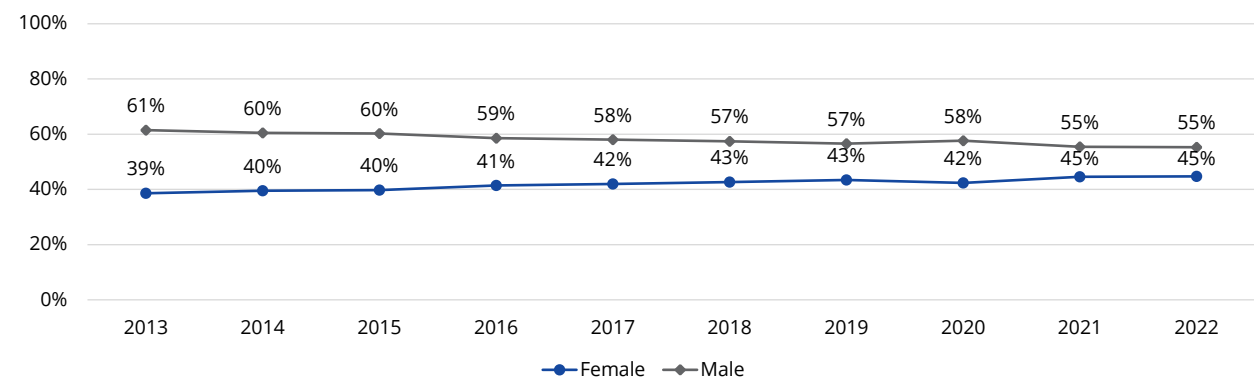
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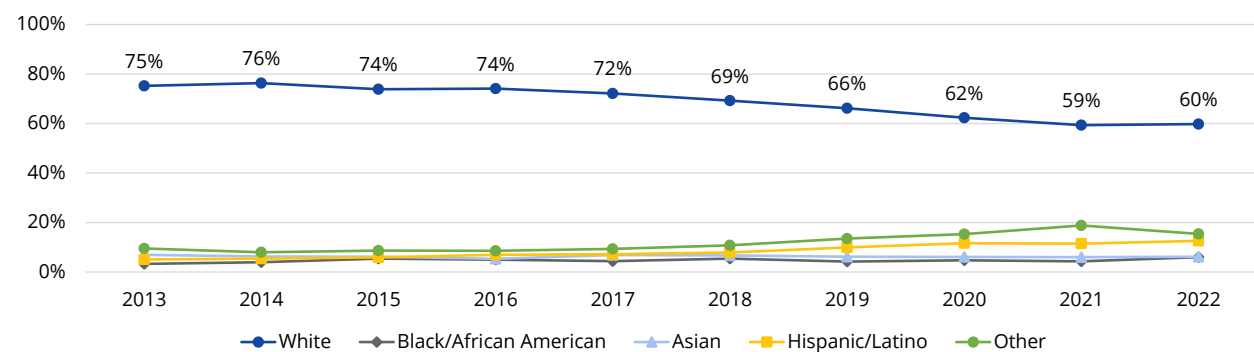
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Gender



Race/Ethnicity

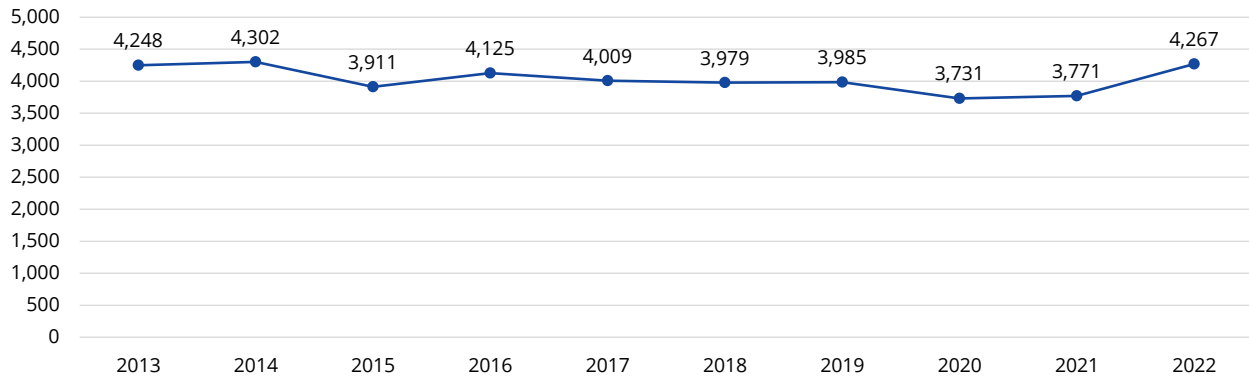


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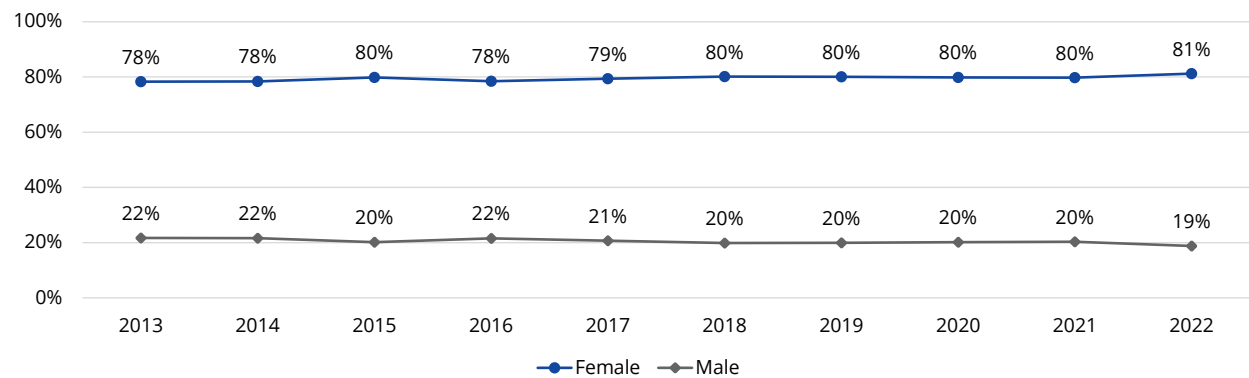
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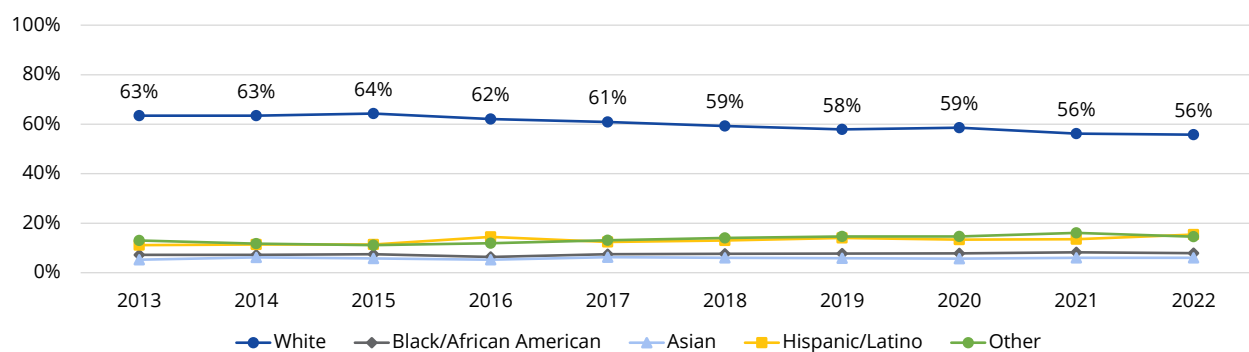
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Gender



Race/Ethnicity

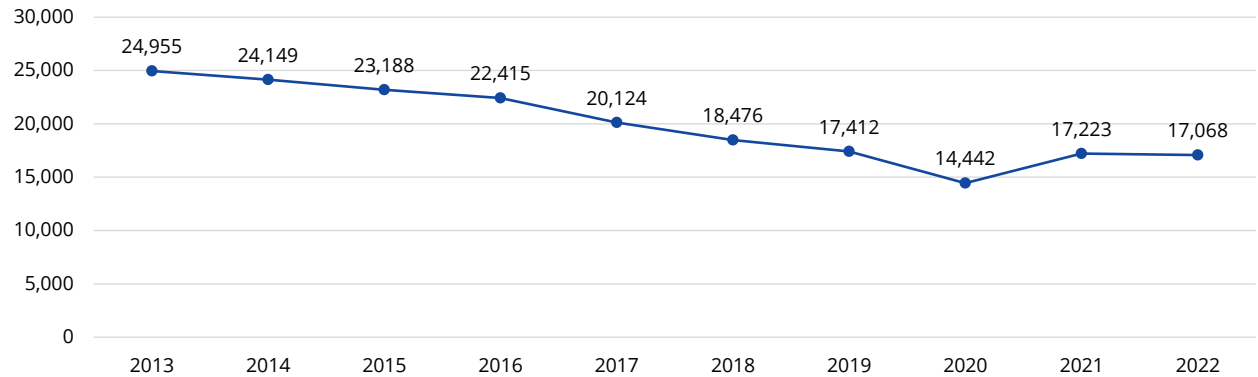


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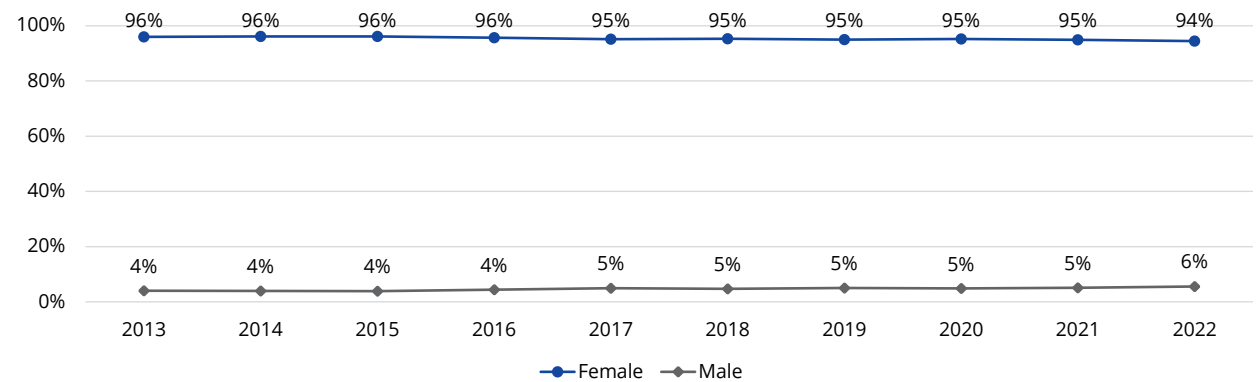
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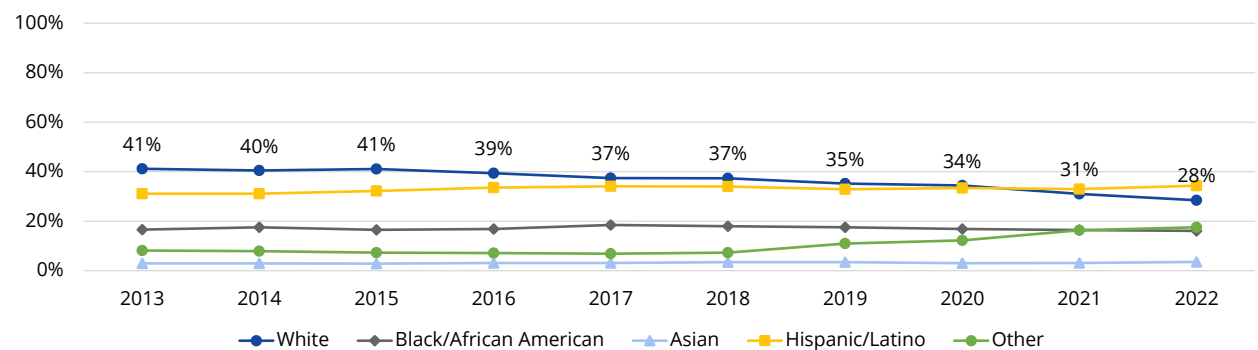
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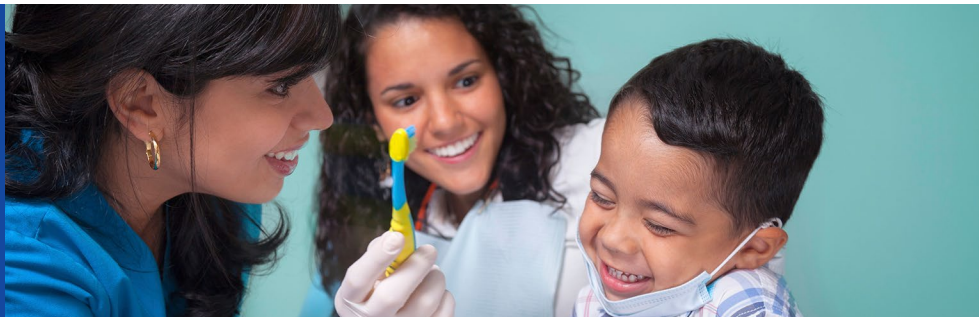


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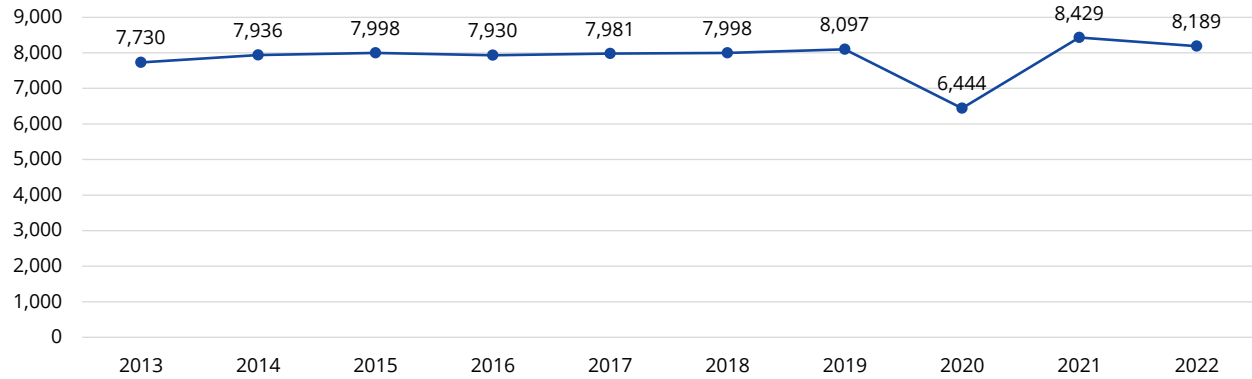


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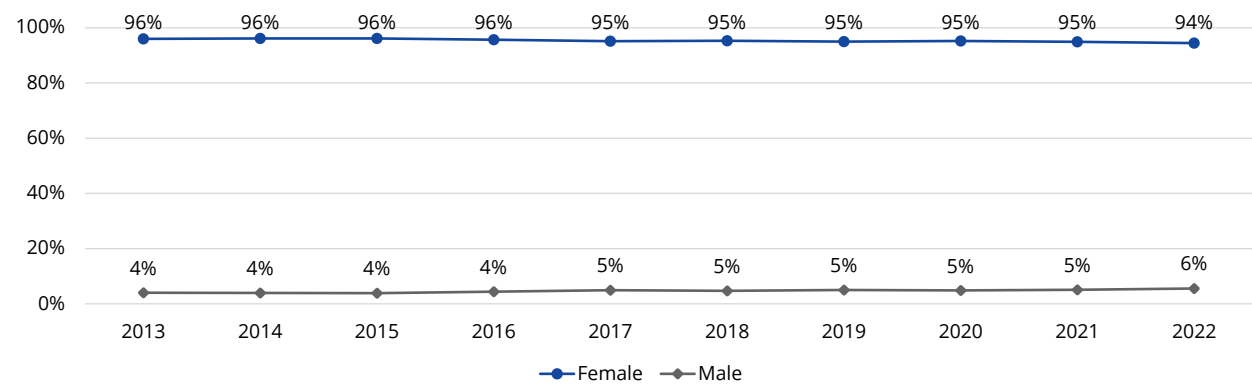
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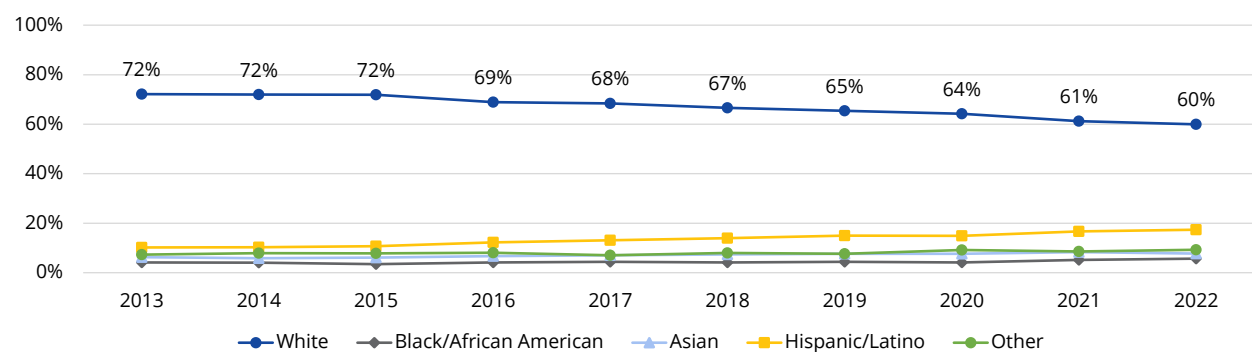
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Gender



Race/Ethnicity

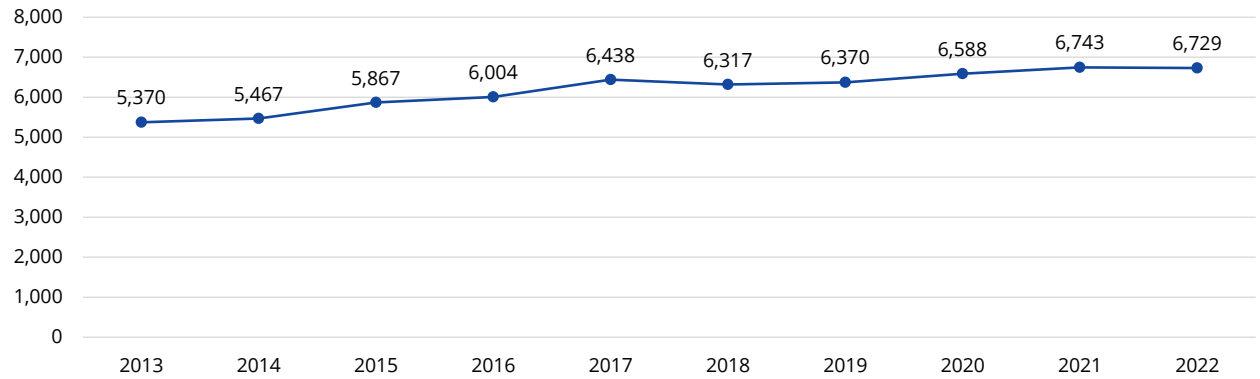


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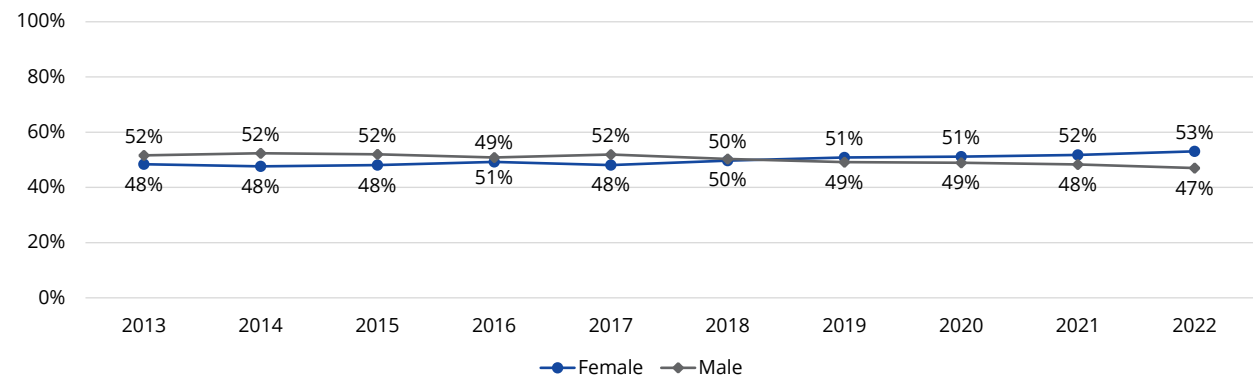
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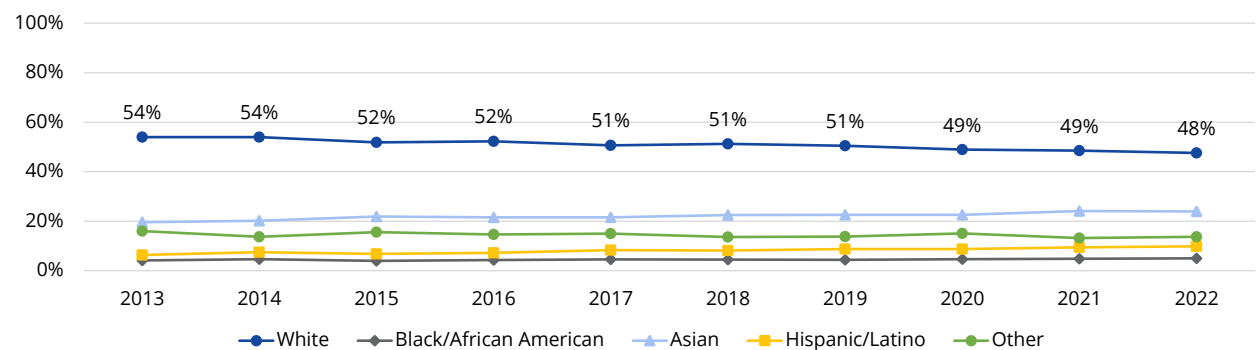
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Gender



Race/Ethnicity

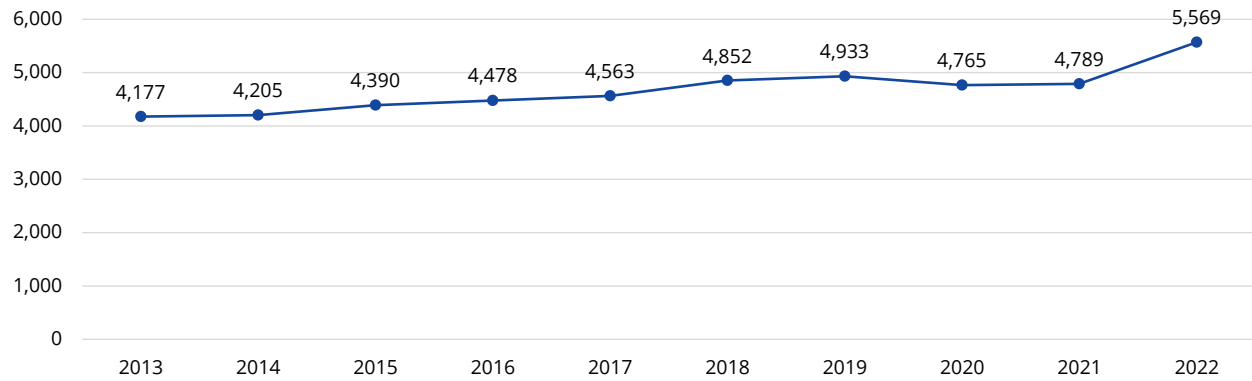


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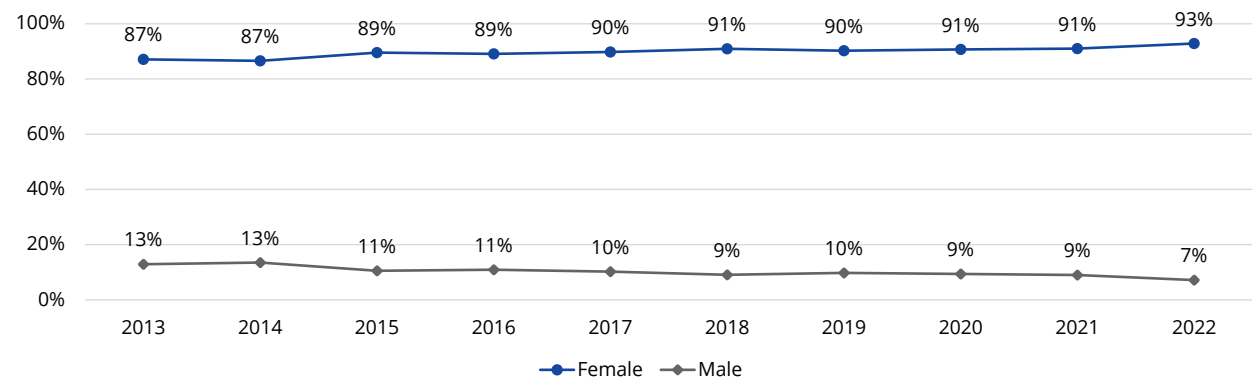
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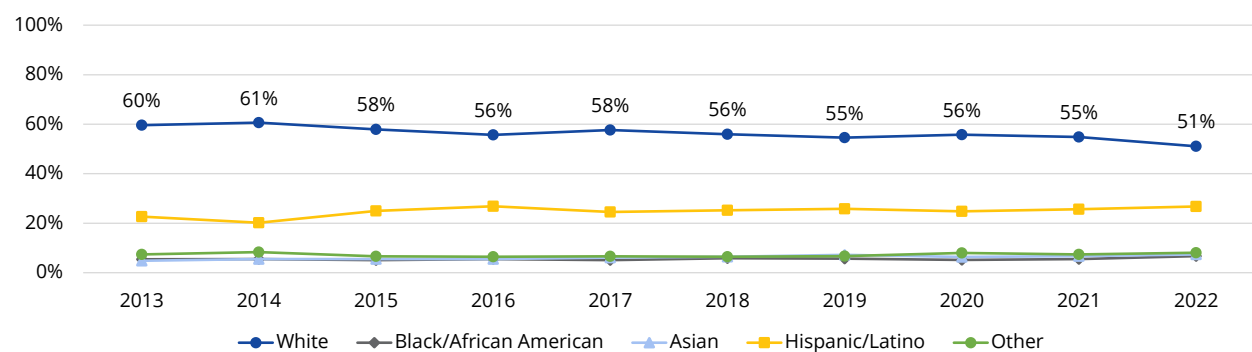
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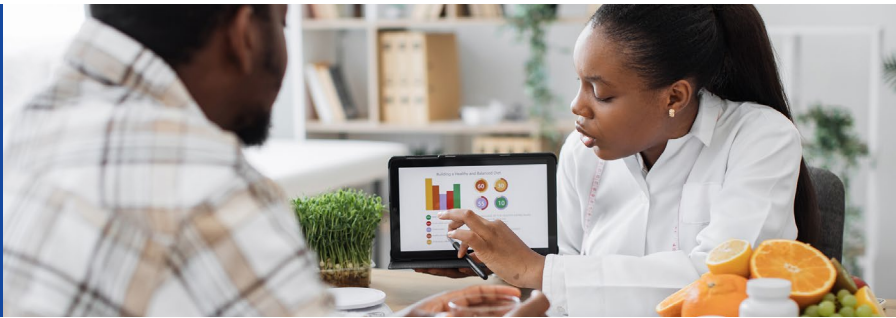


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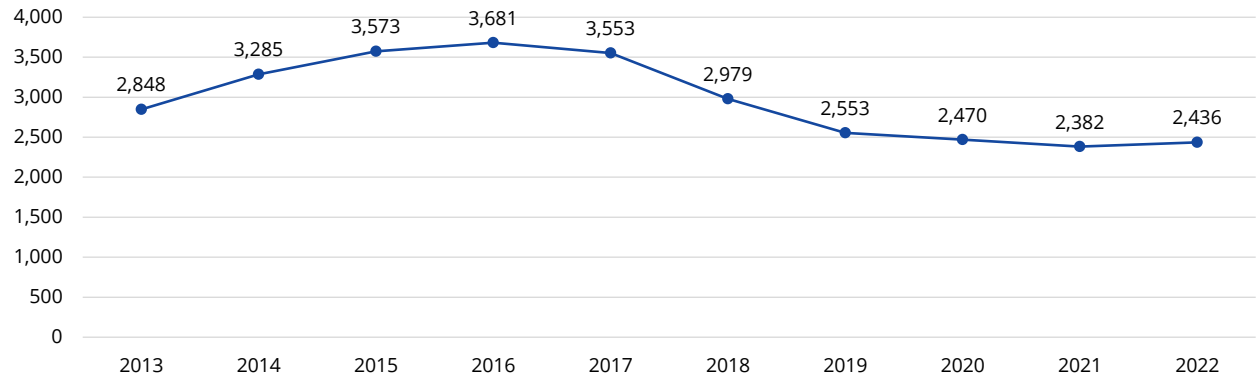


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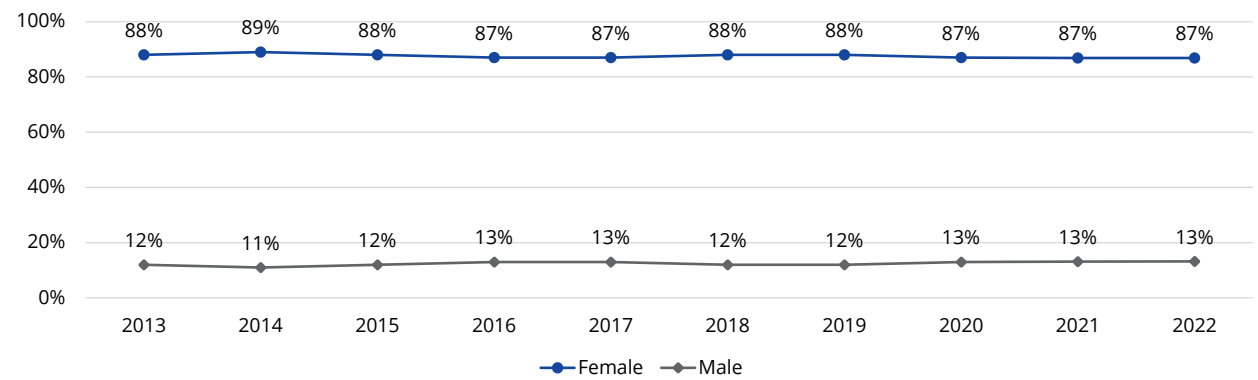
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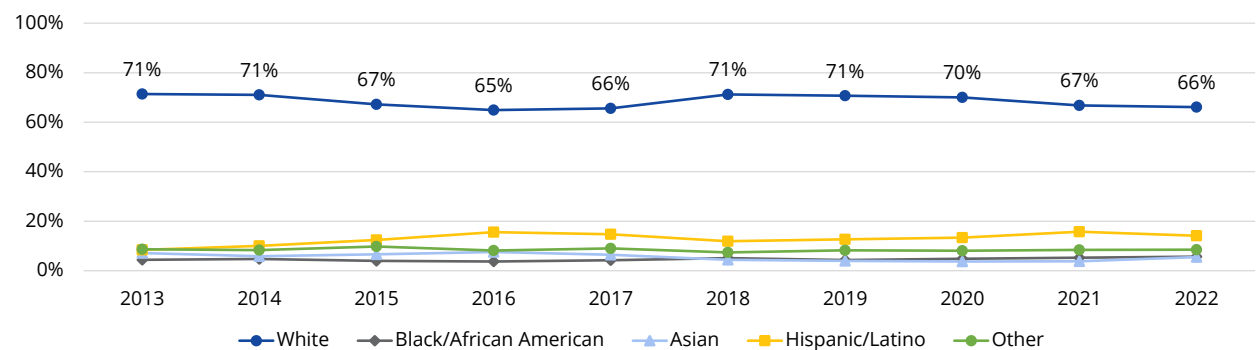
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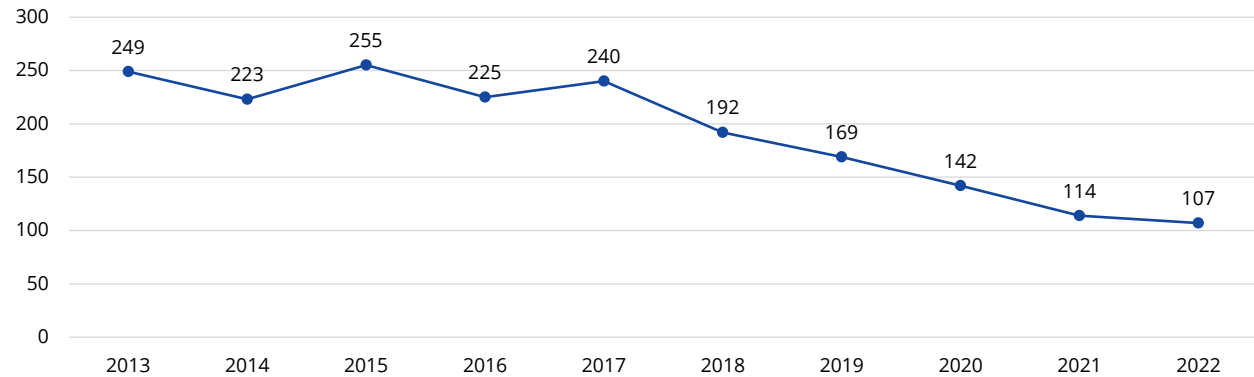


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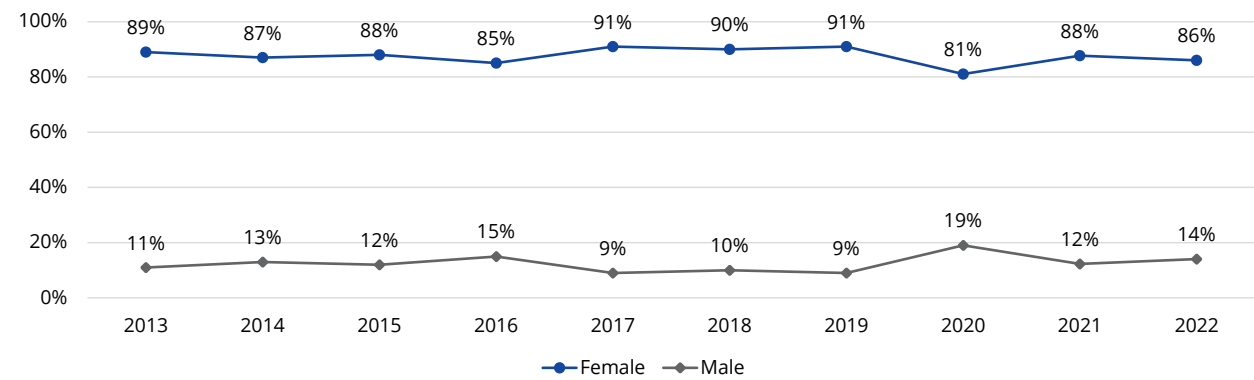
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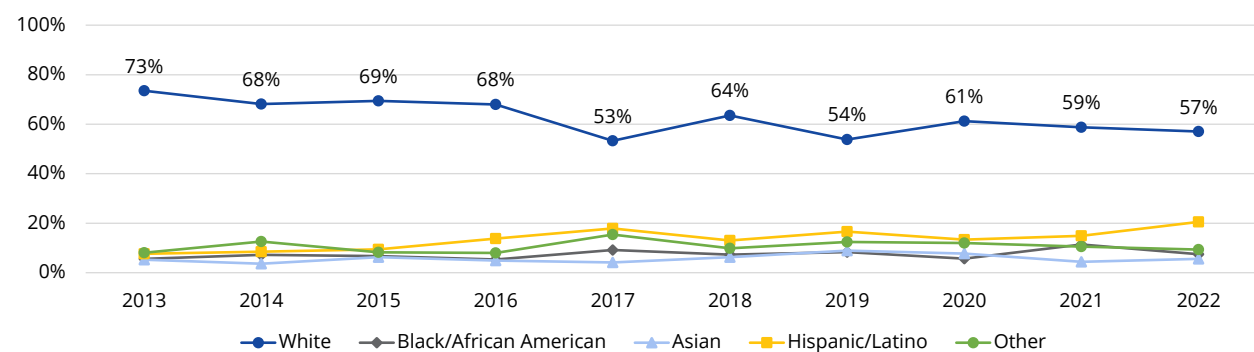
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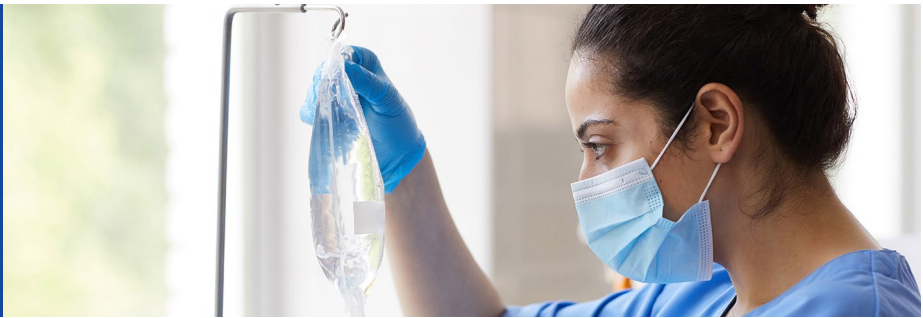


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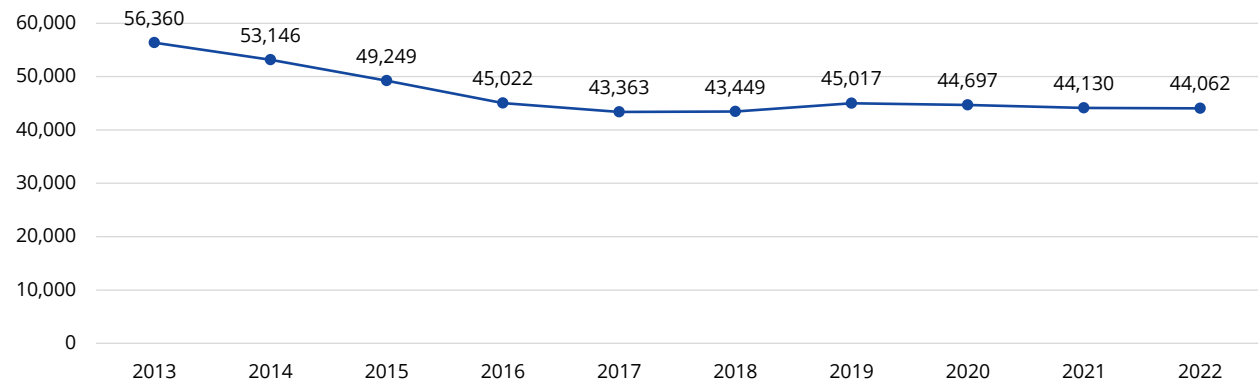


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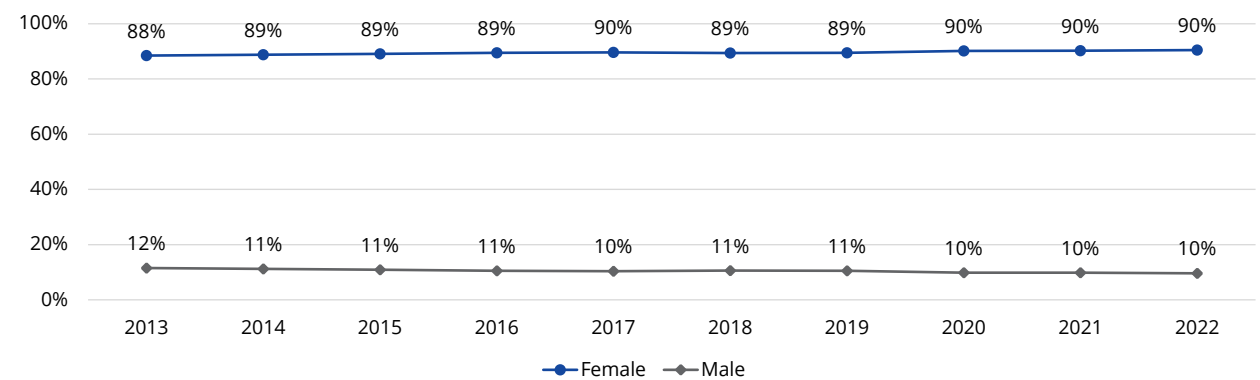
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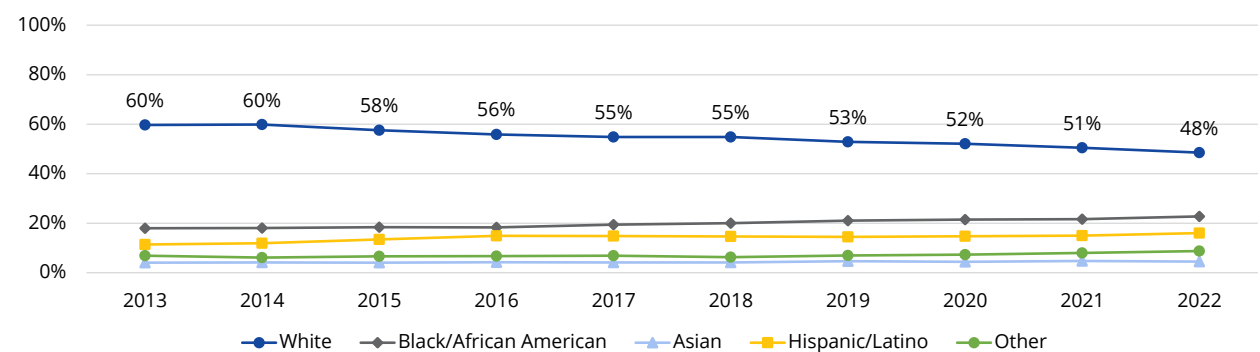
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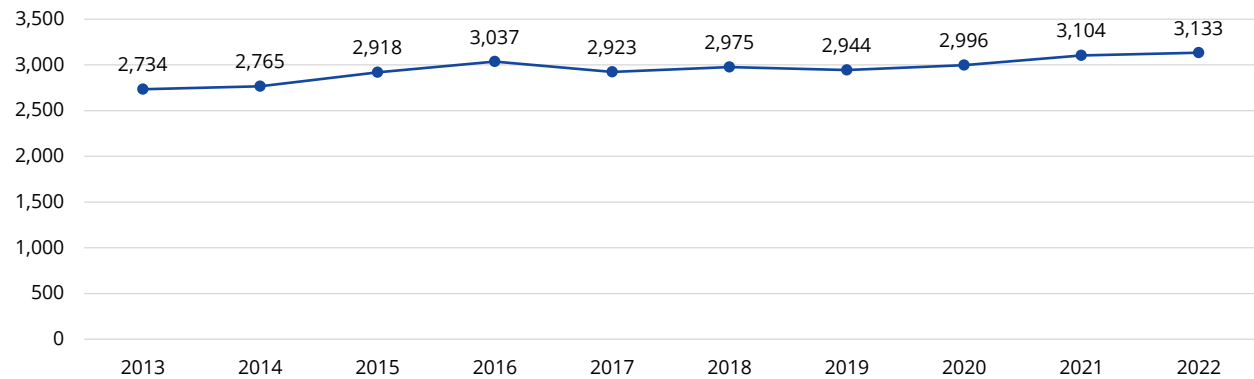


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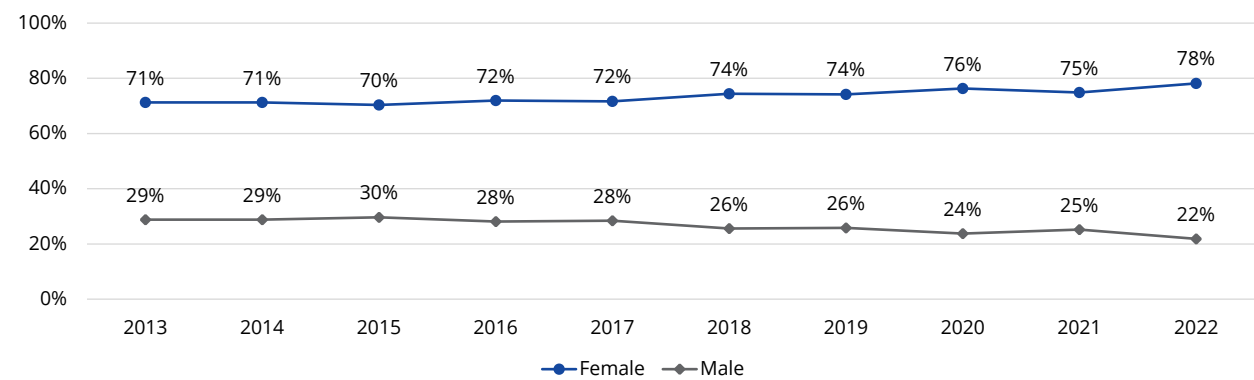
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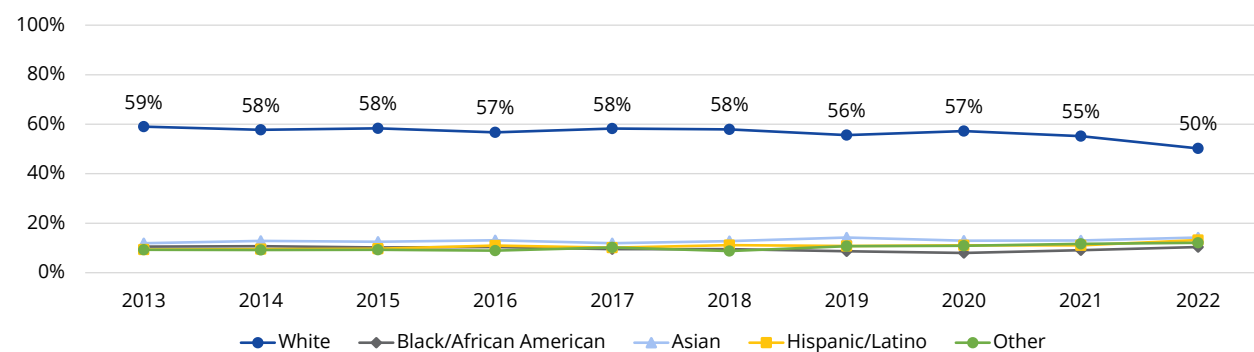
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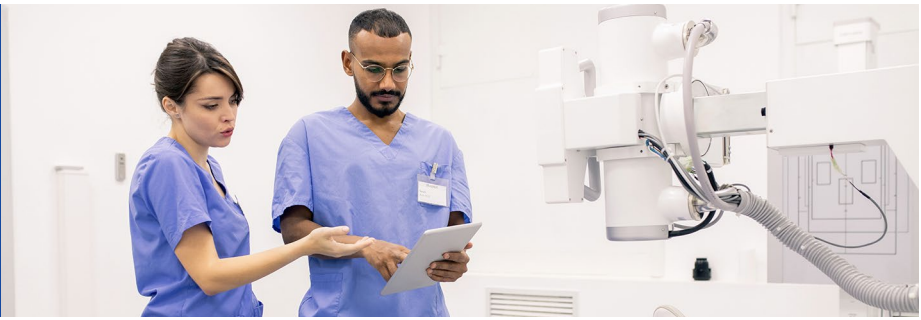


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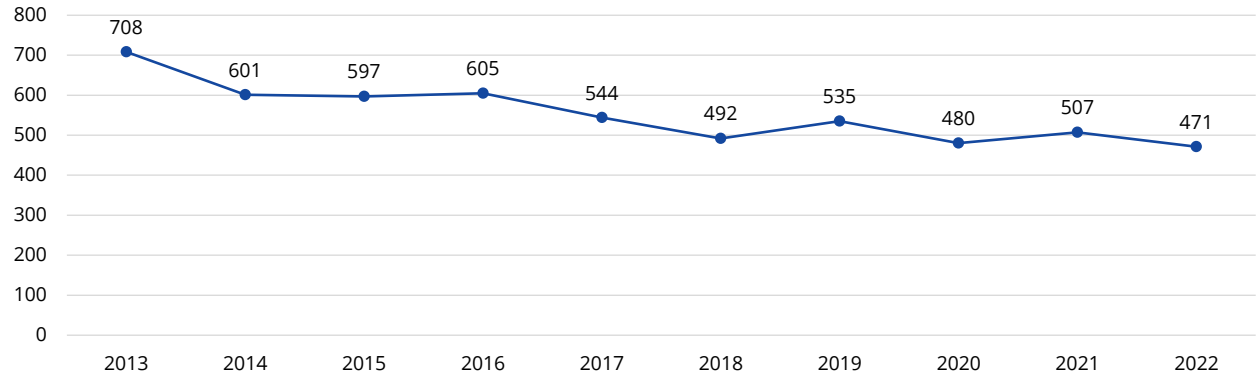


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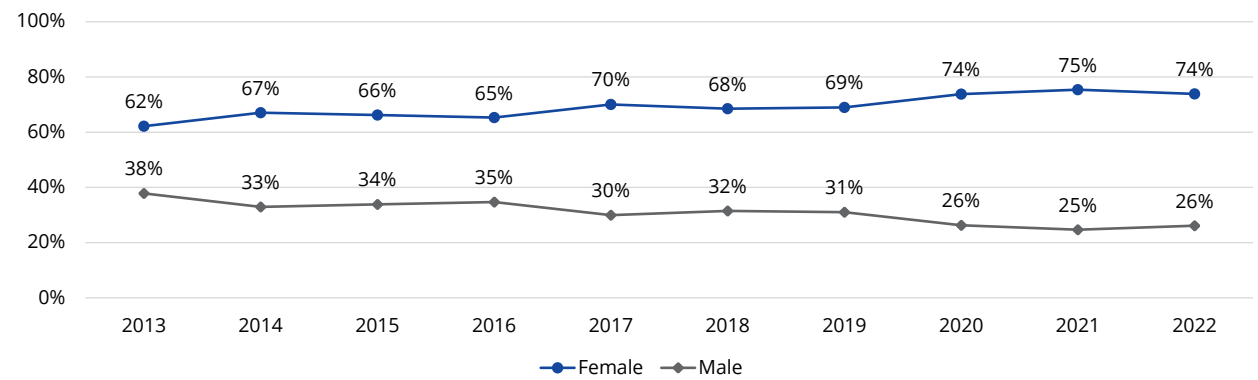
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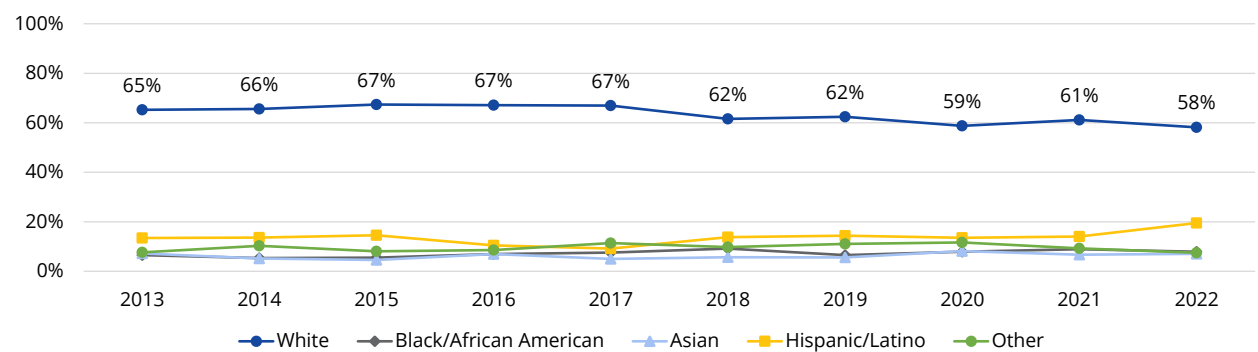
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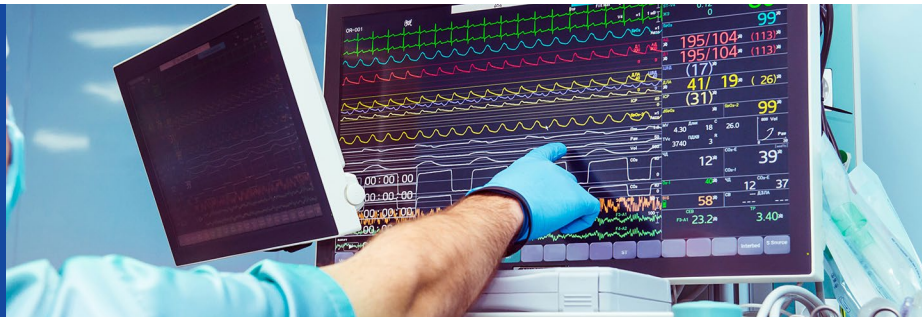


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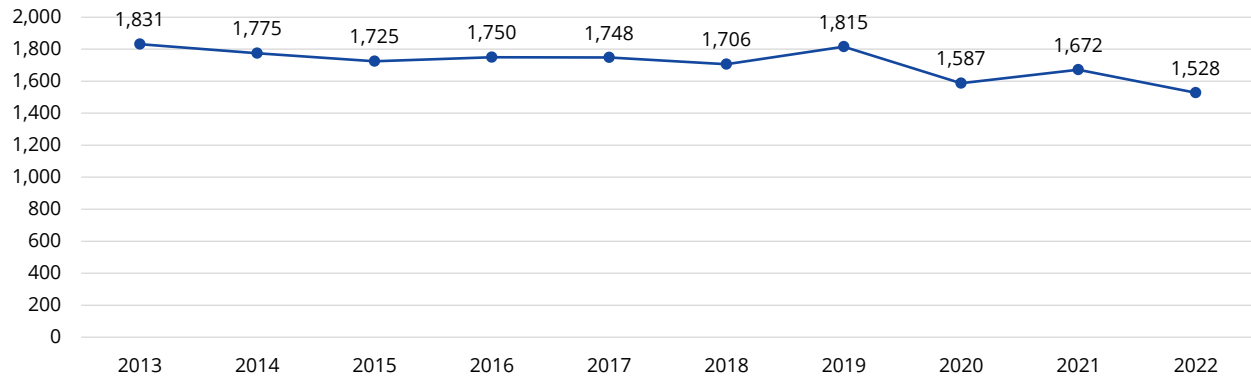


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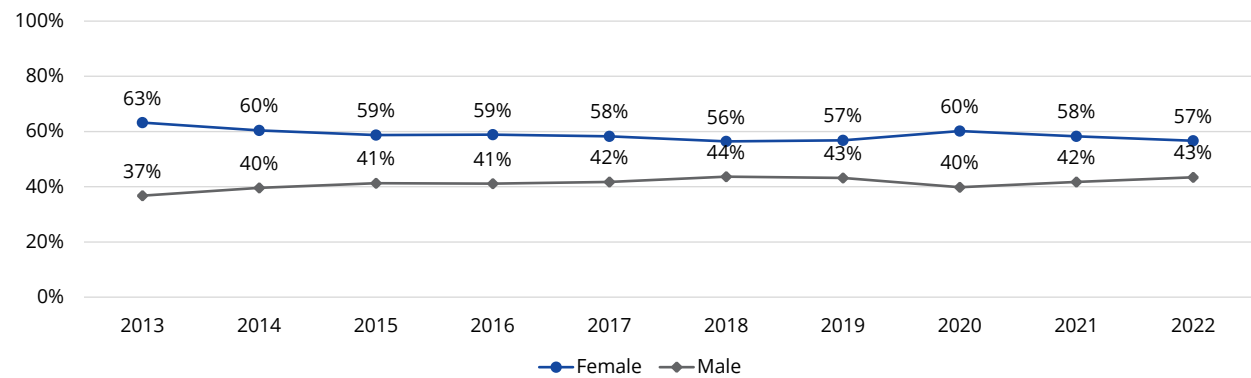
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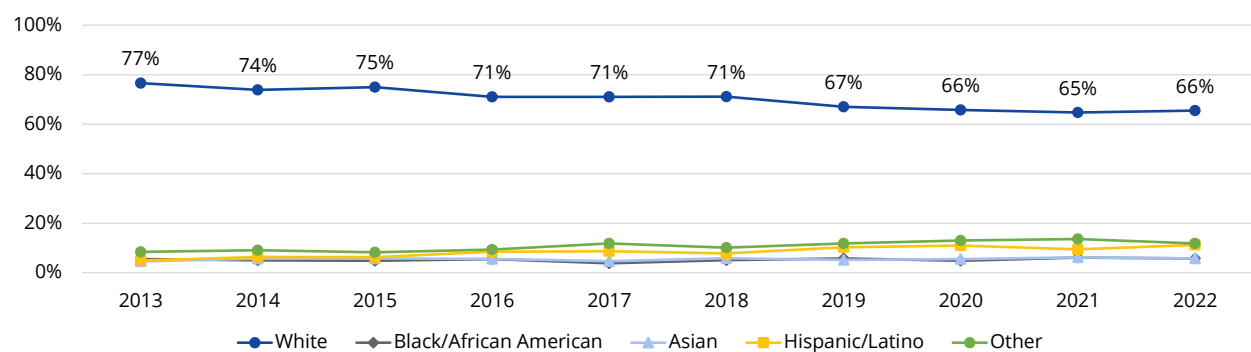
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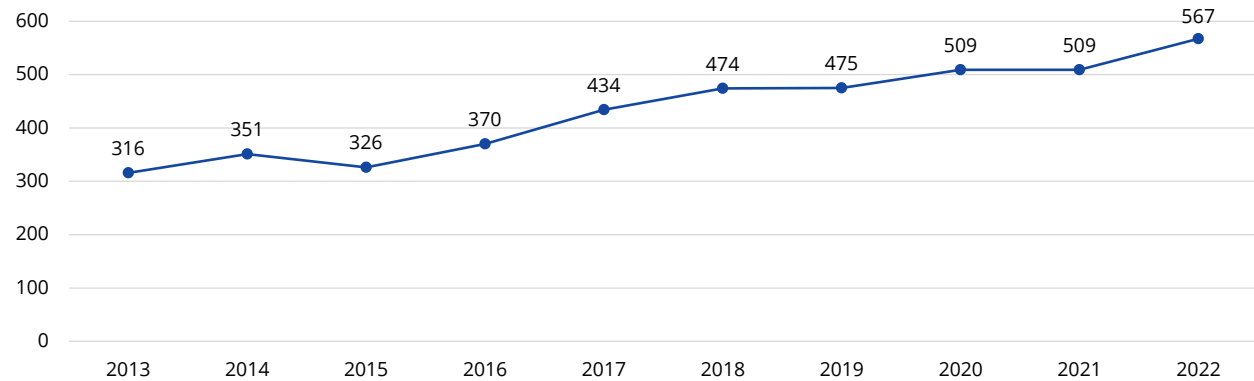


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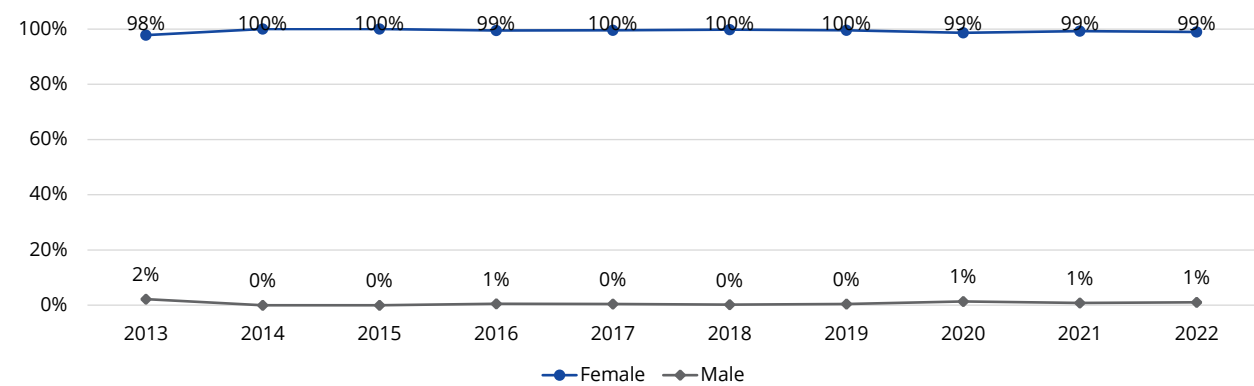
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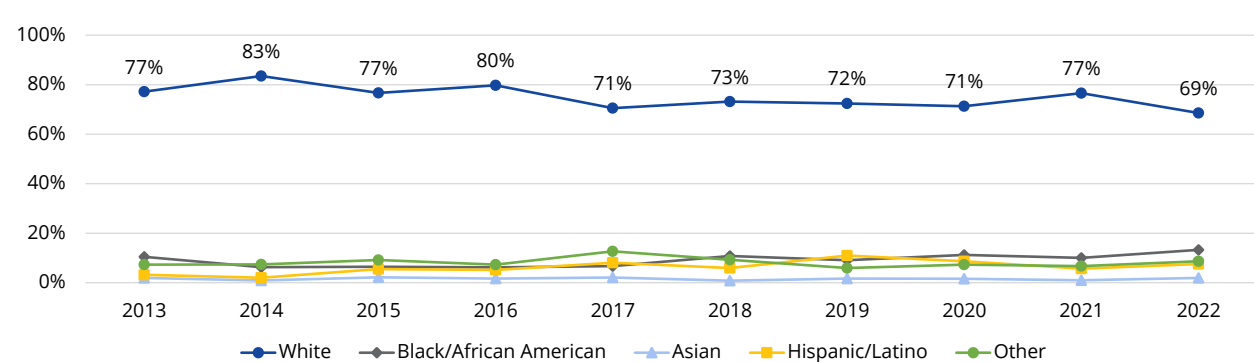
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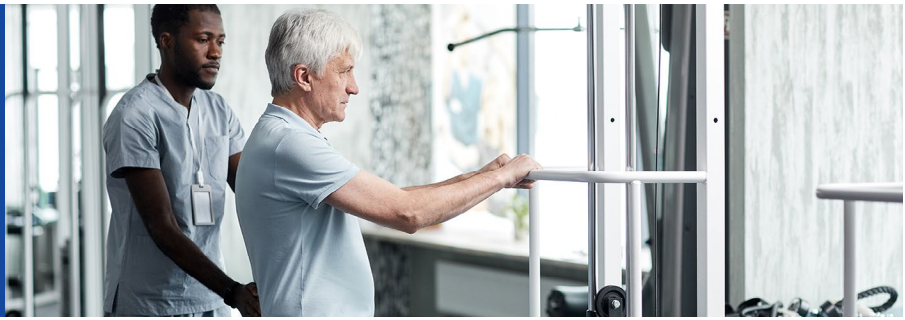


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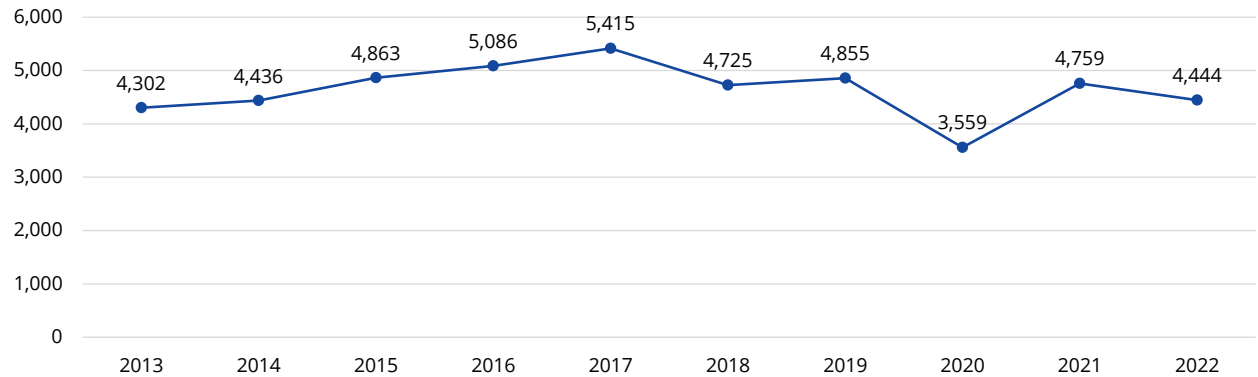


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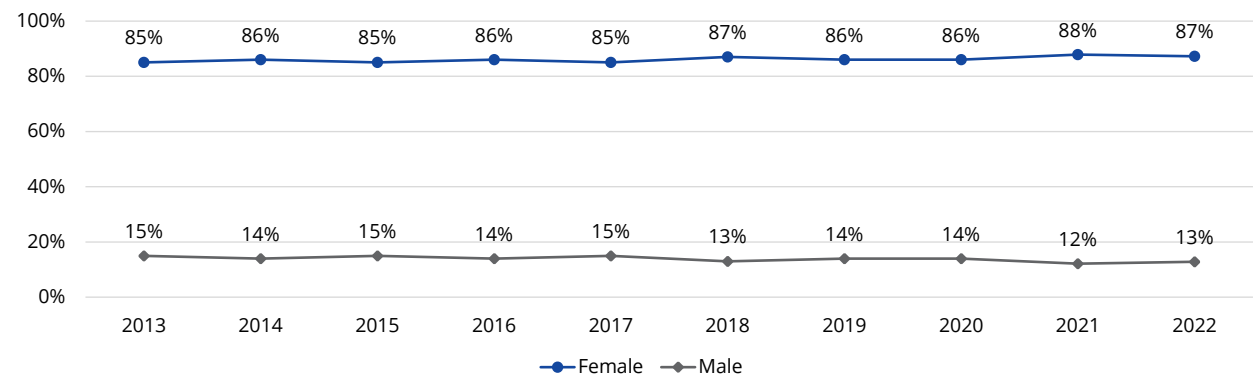
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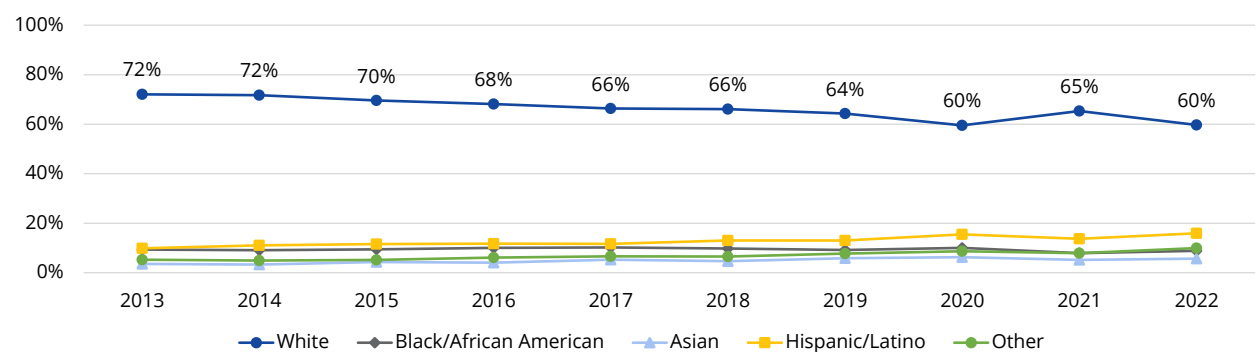
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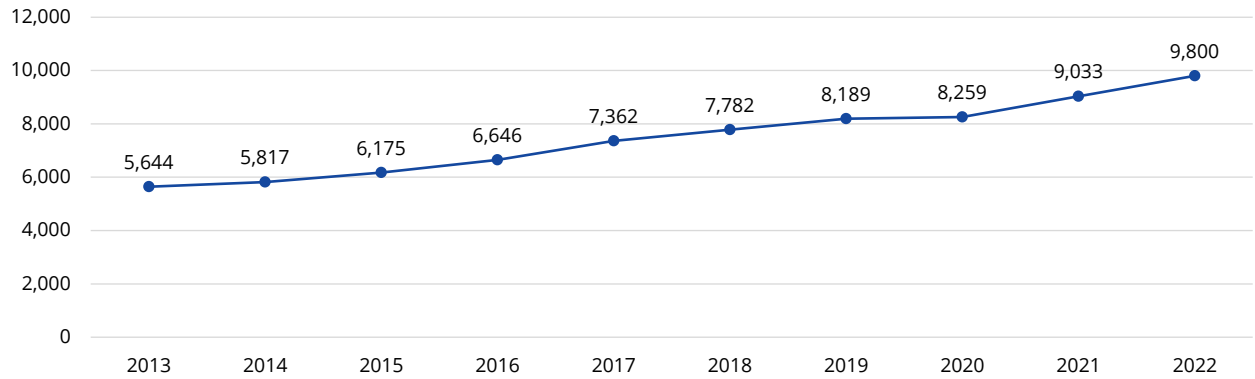


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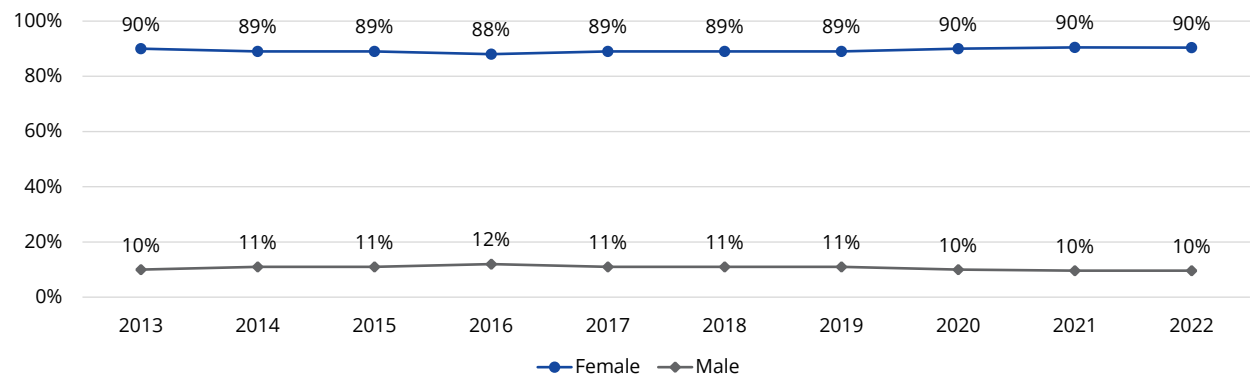
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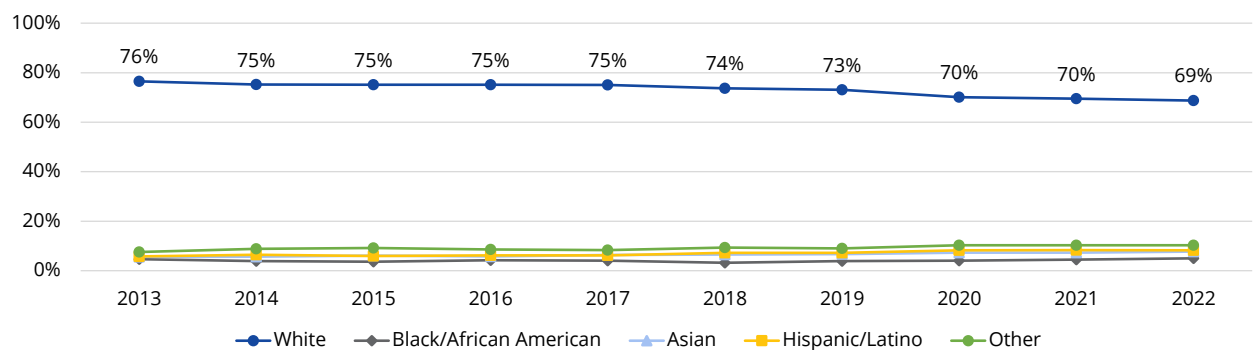
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Gender



Race/Ethnicity

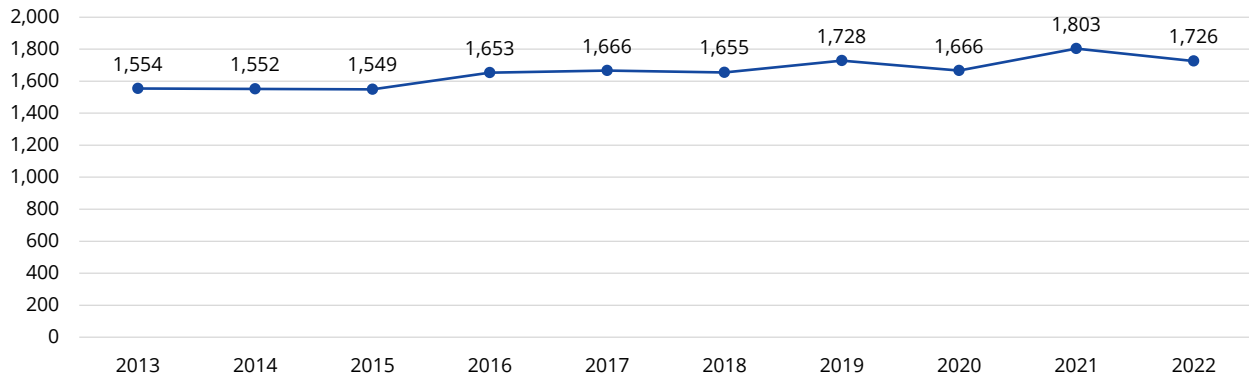


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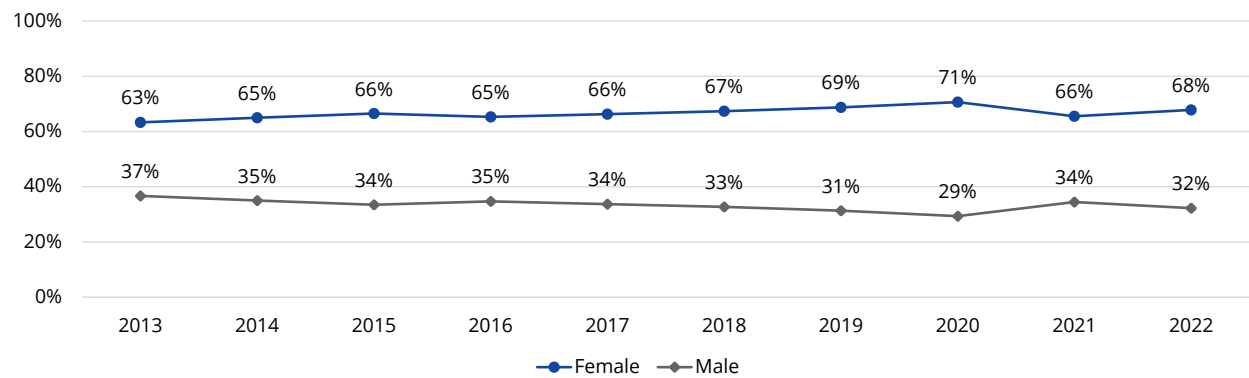
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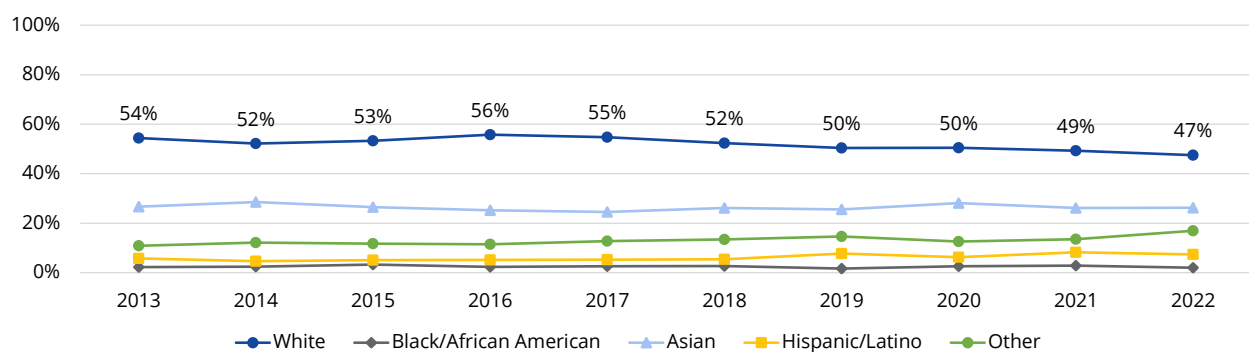
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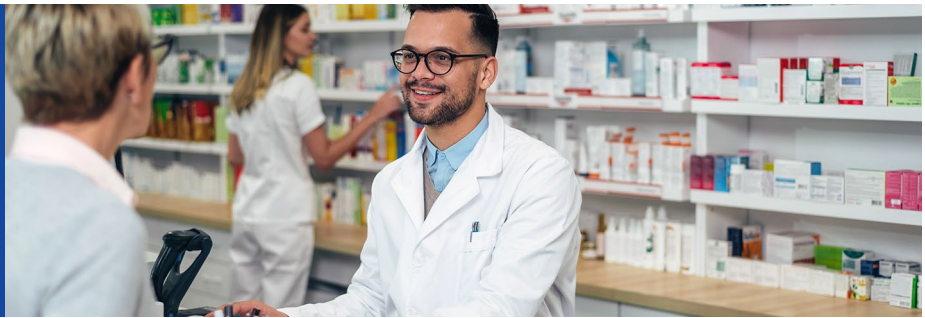


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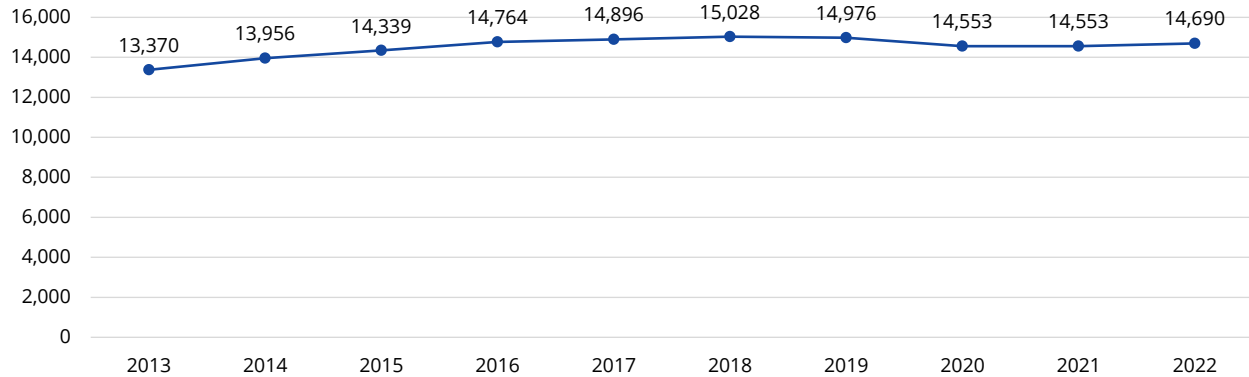


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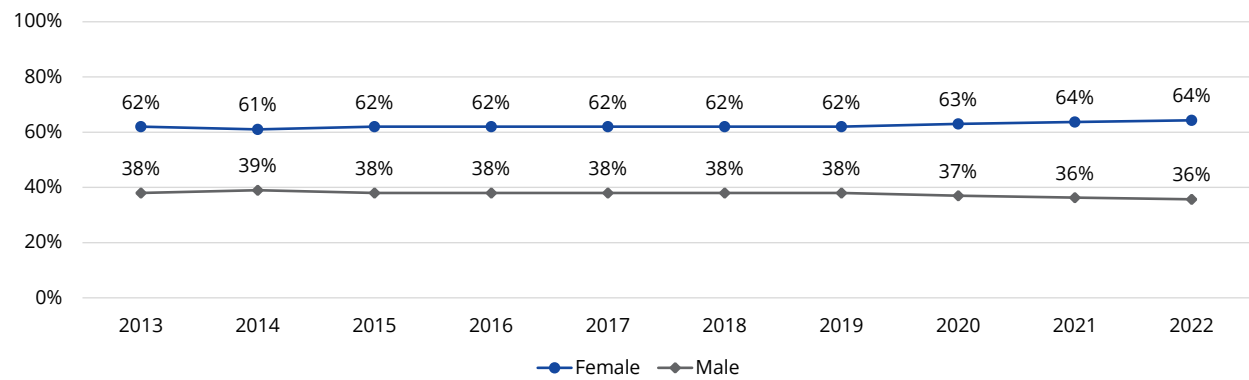
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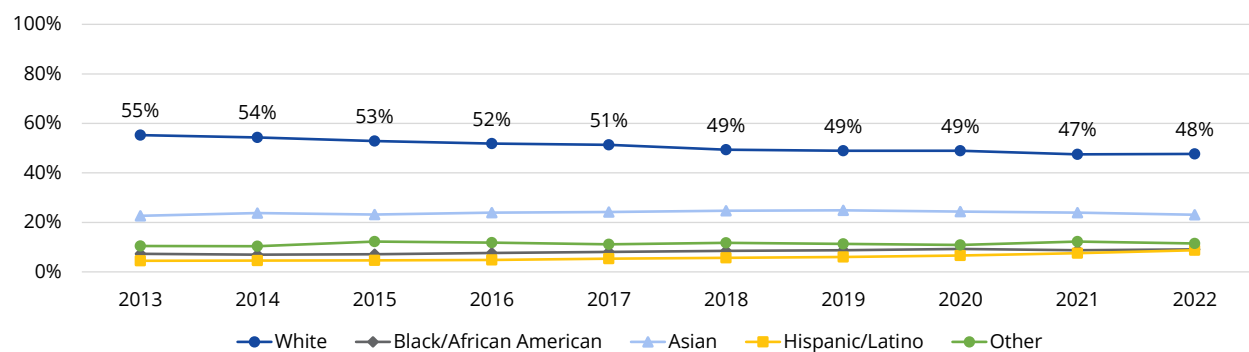
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Gender



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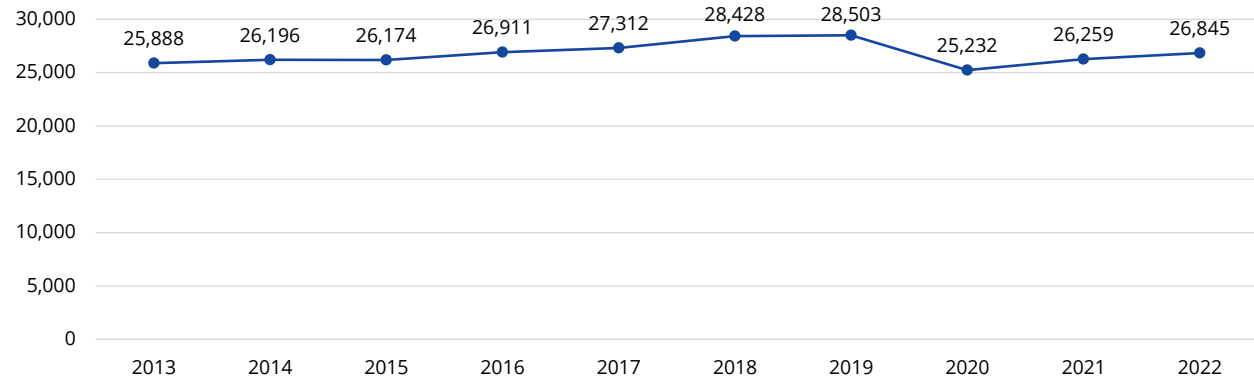


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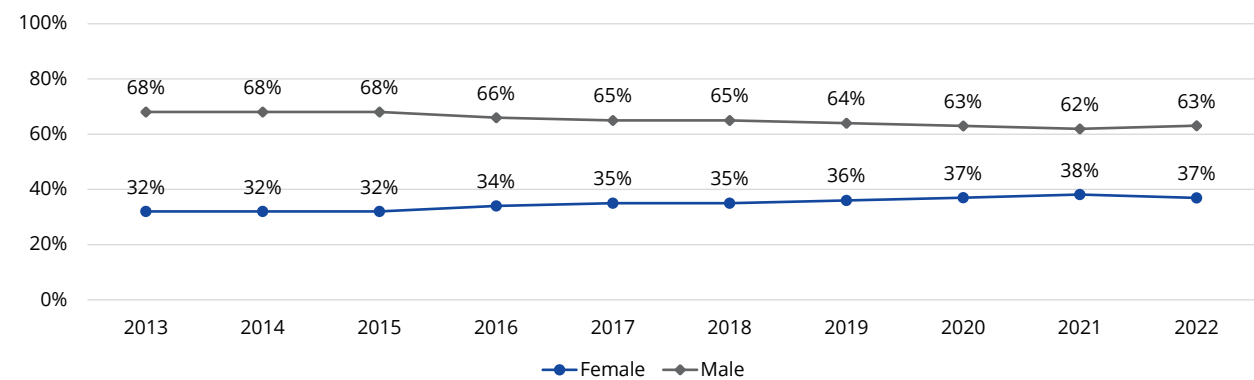
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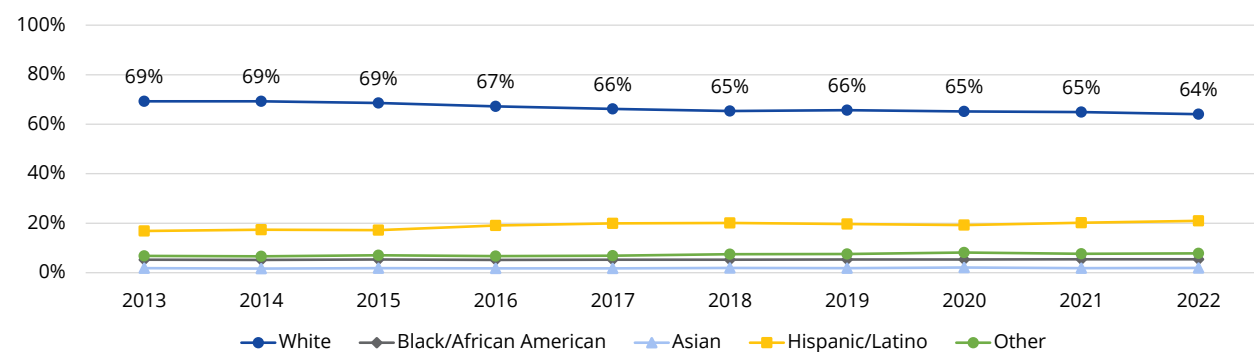
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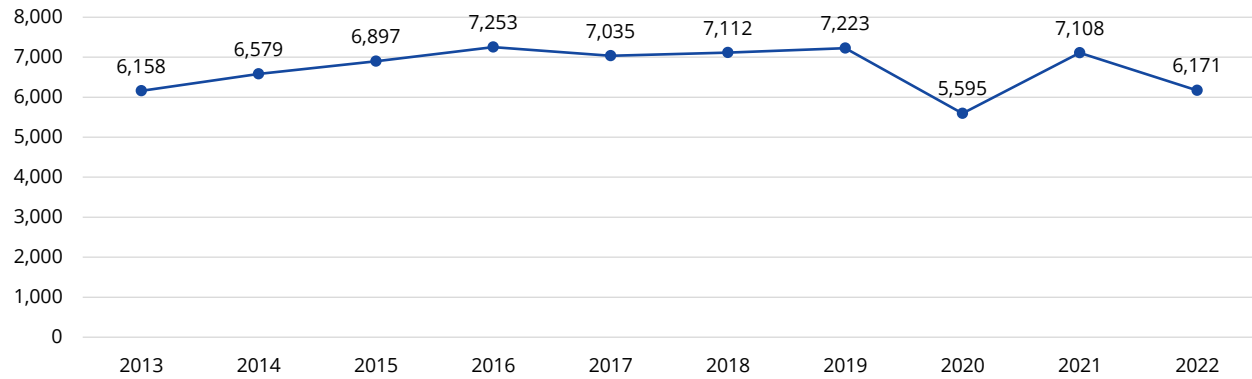


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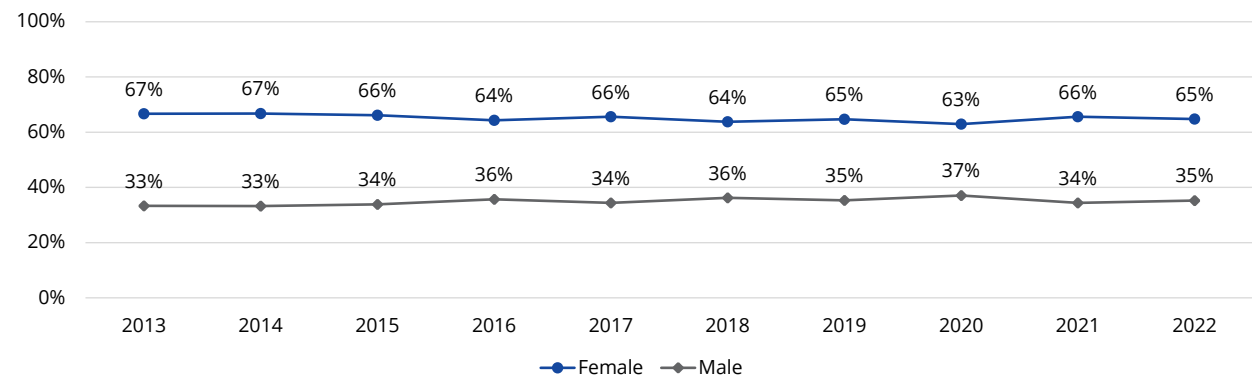
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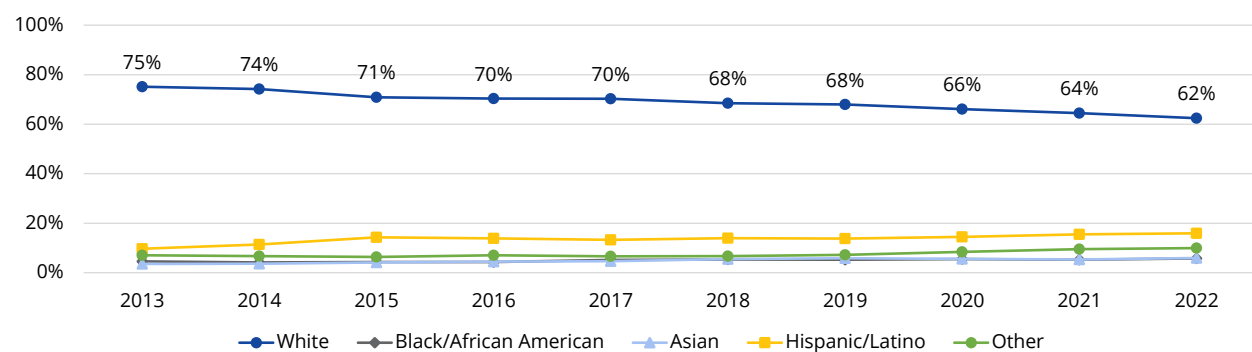
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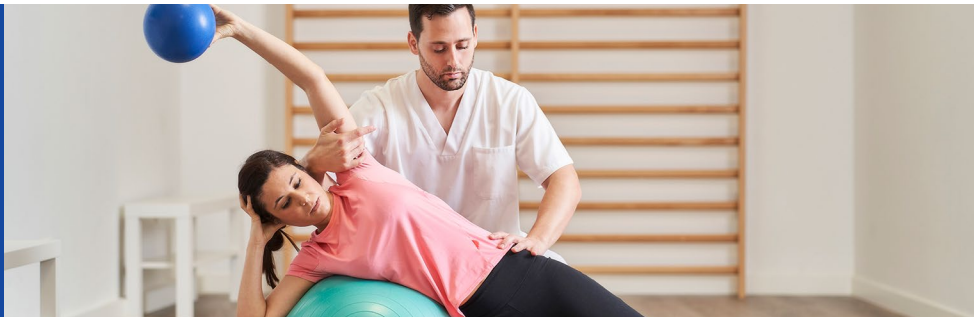


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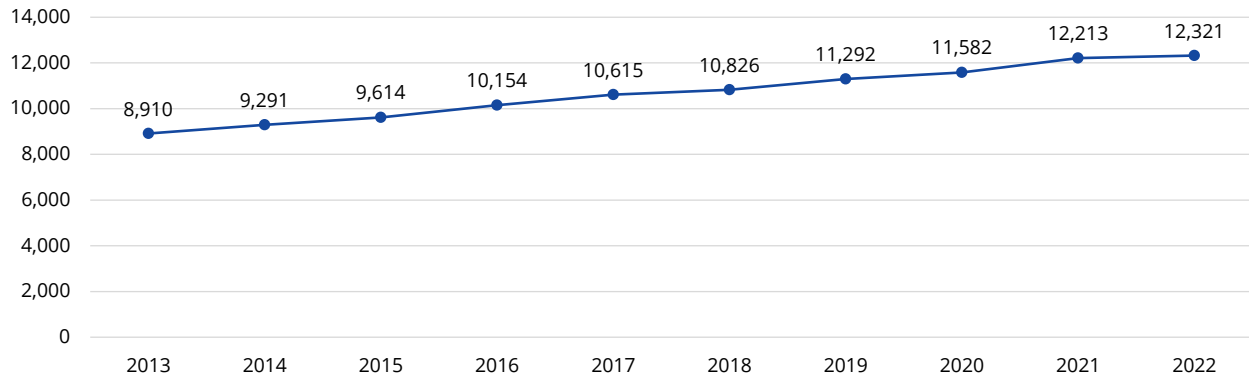


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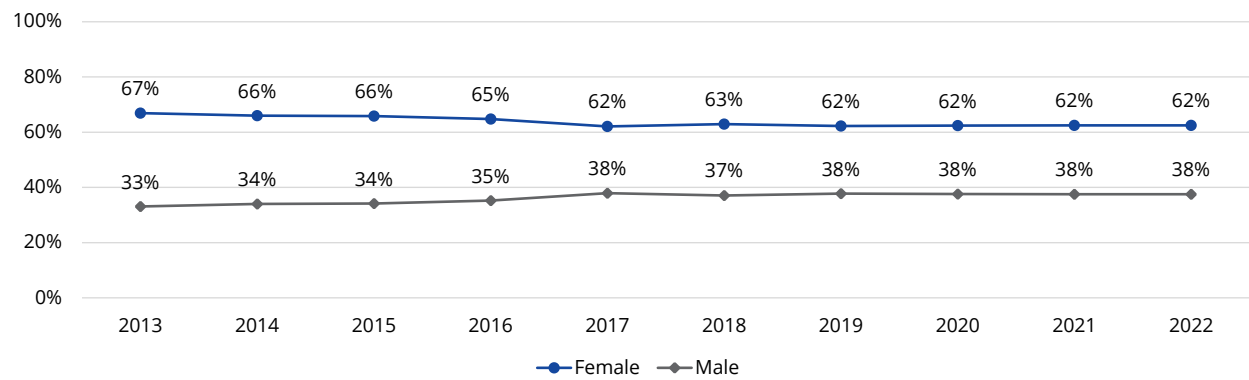
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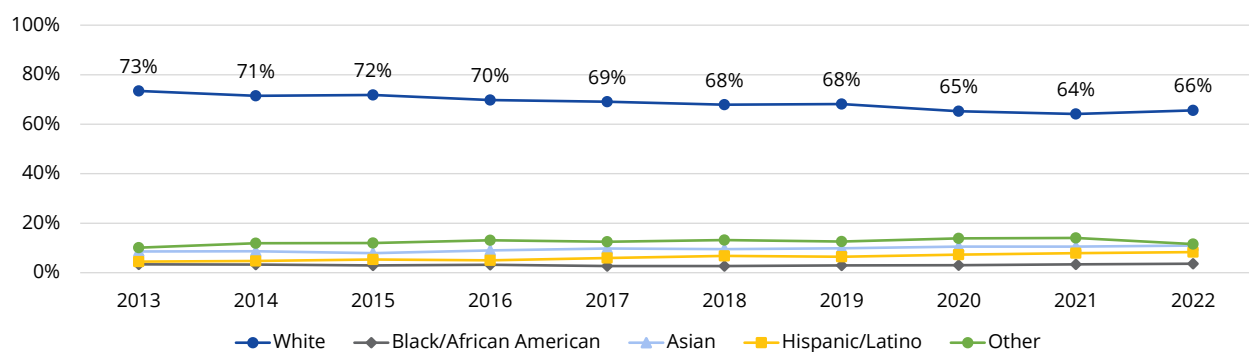
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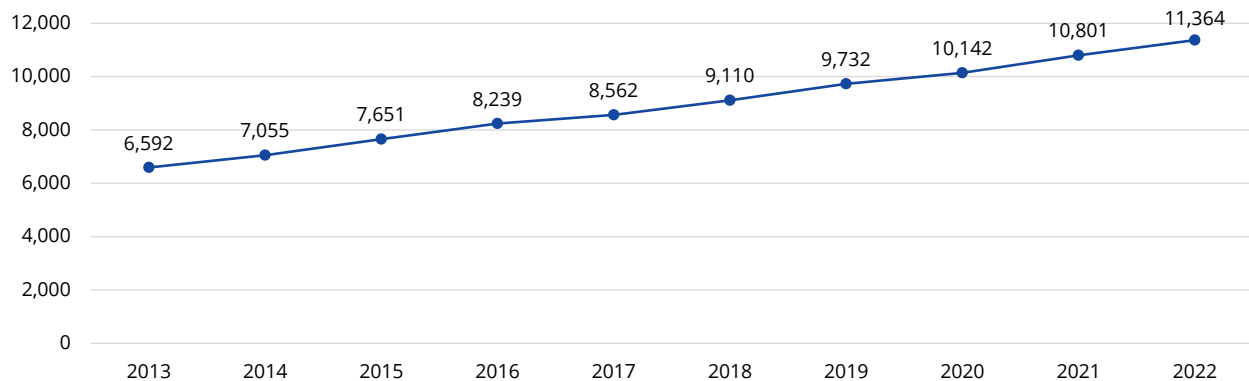


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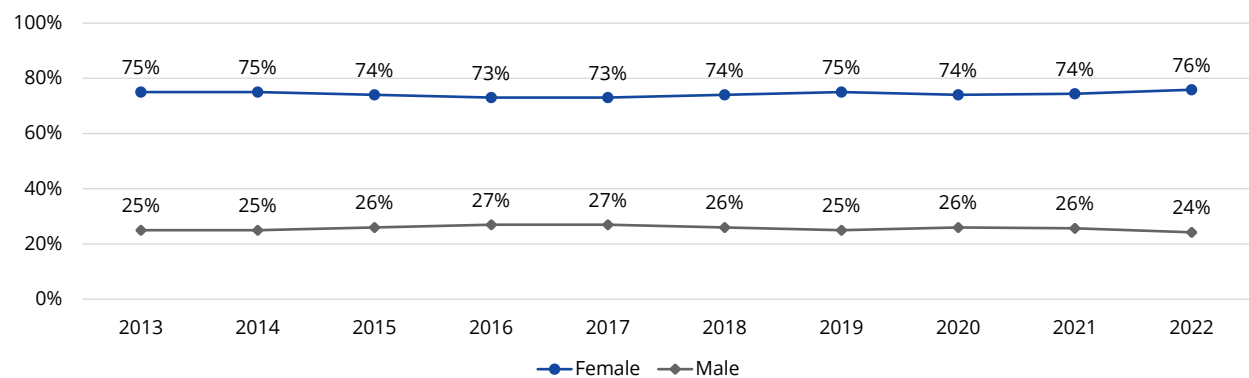
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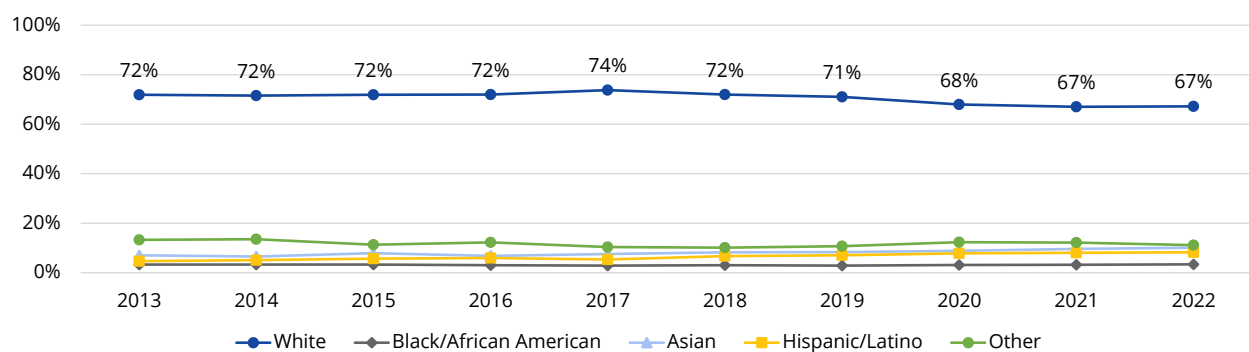
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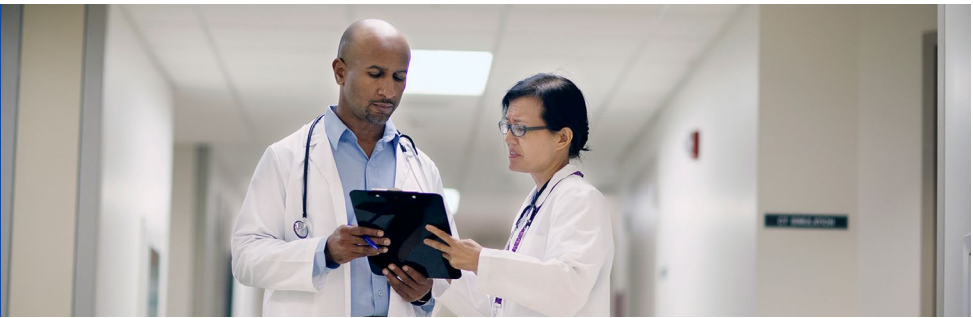


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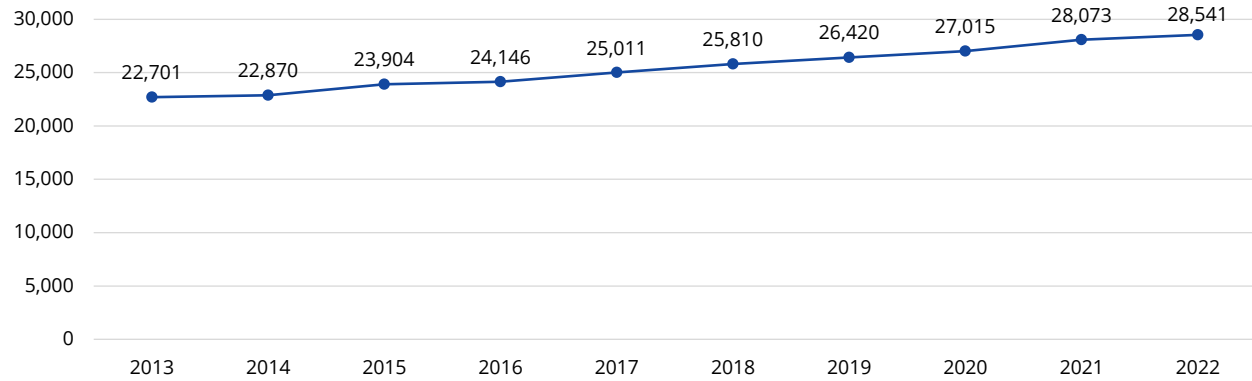


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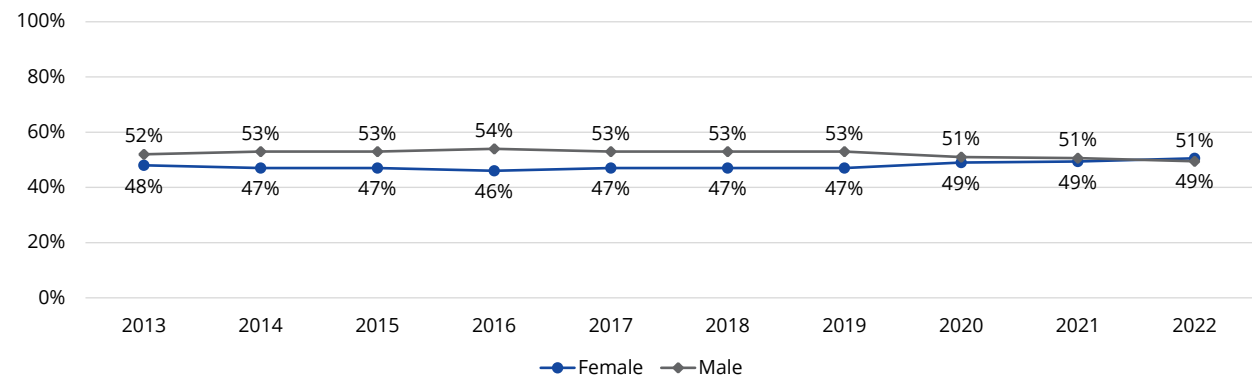
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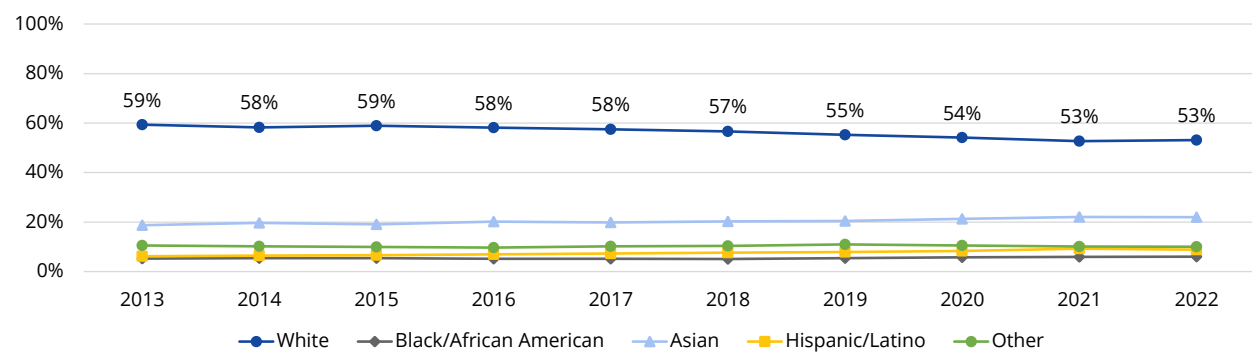
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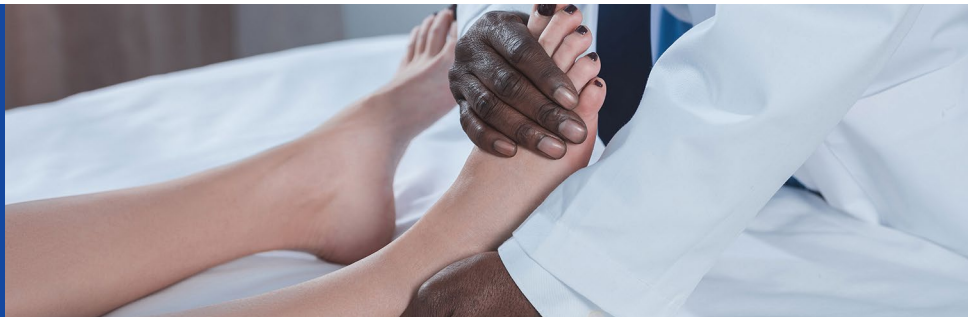


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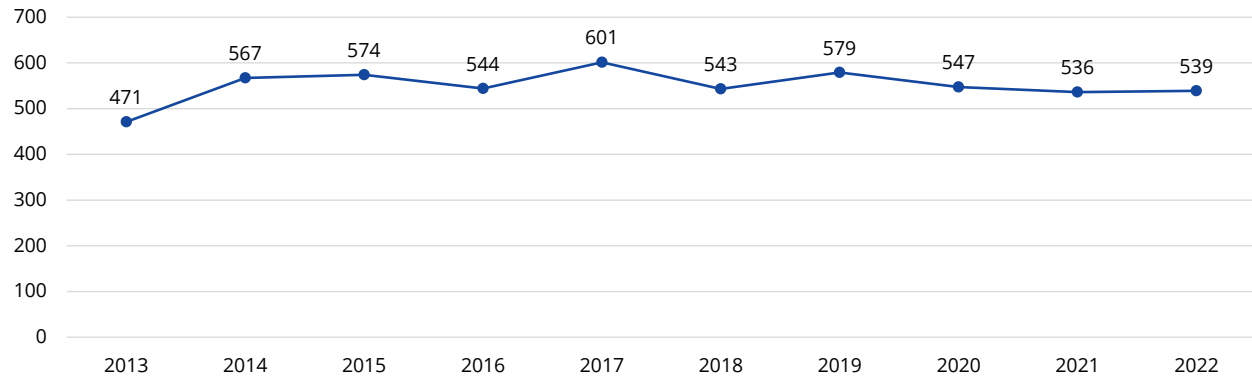


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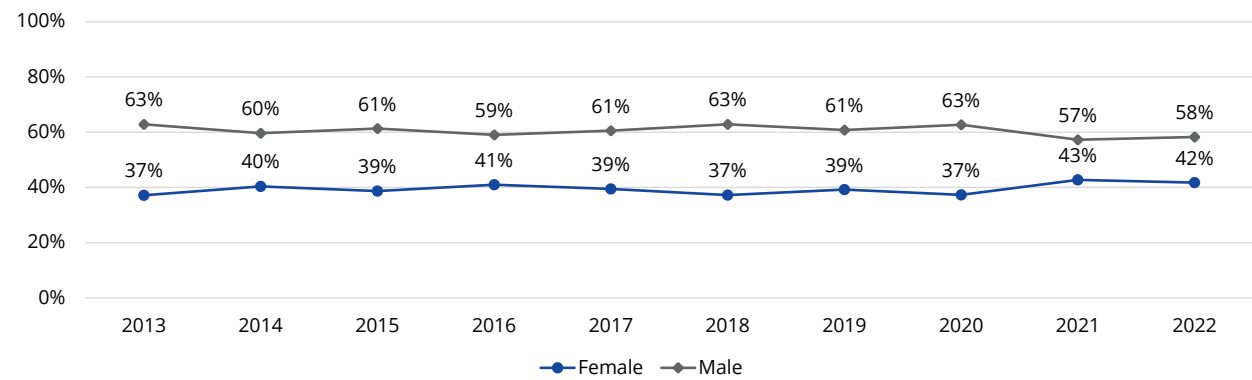
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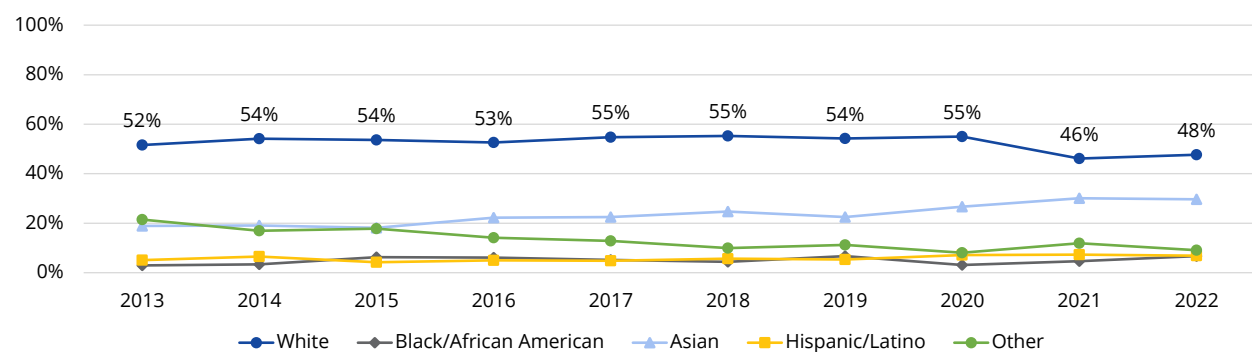
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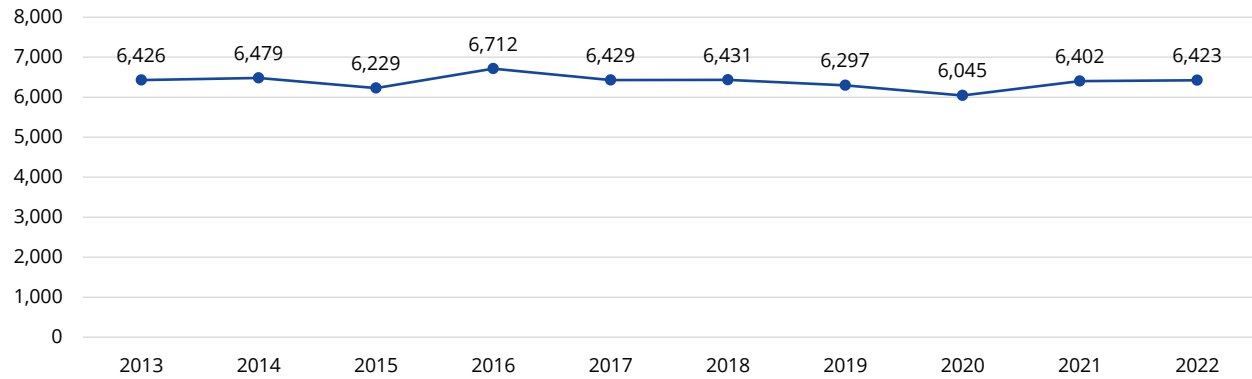


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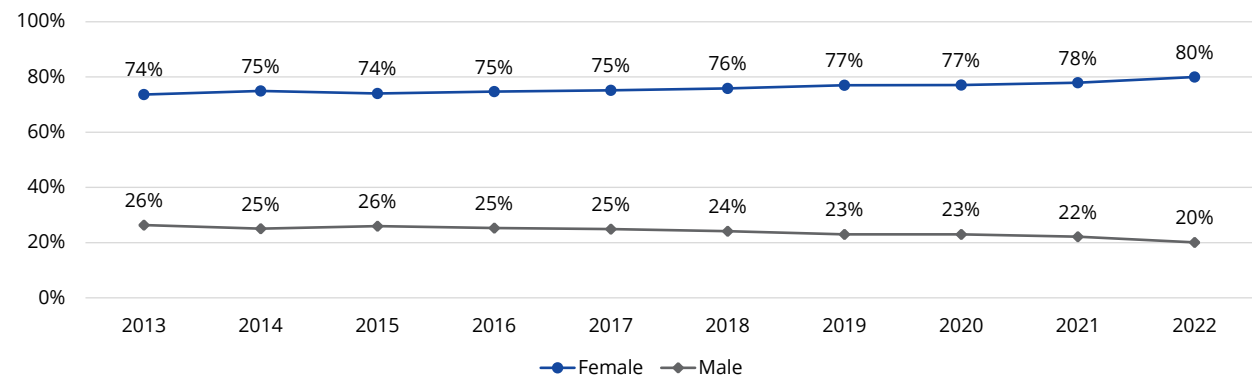
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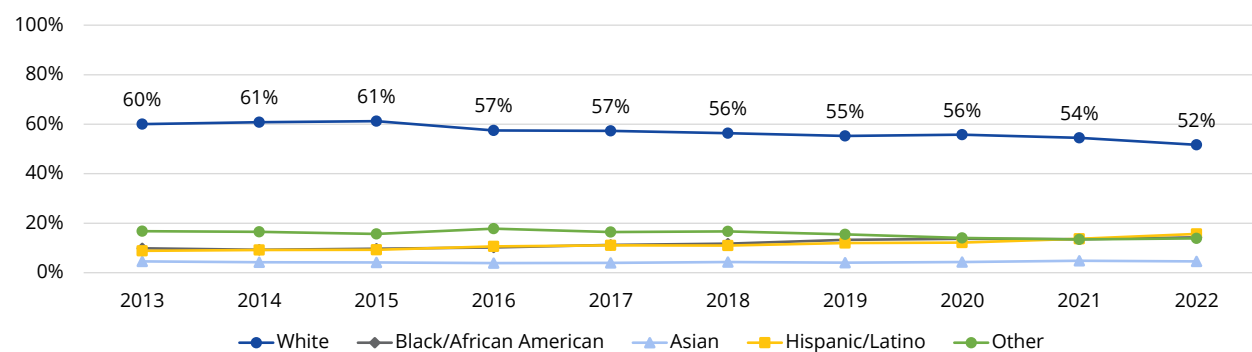
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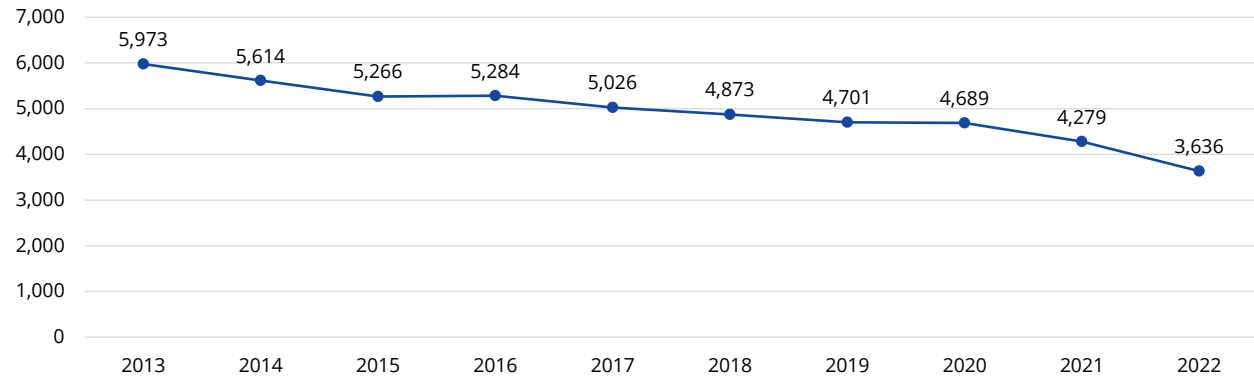


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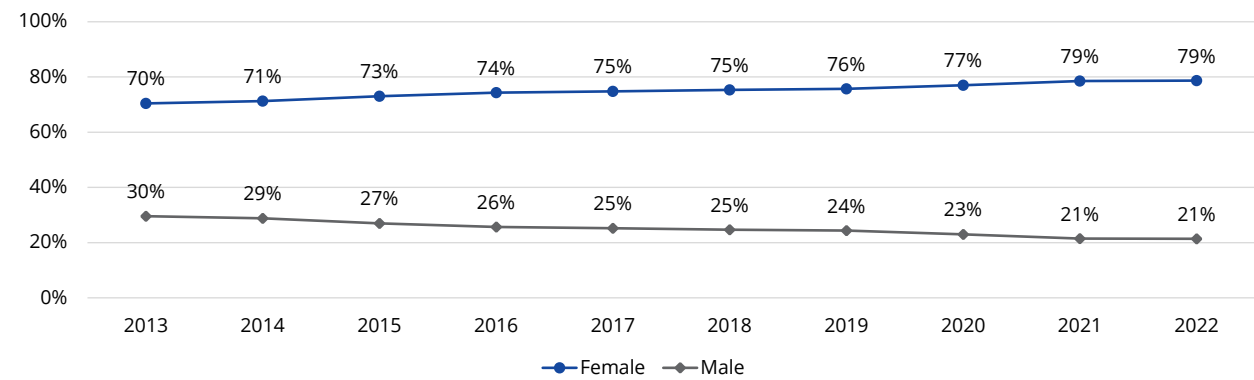
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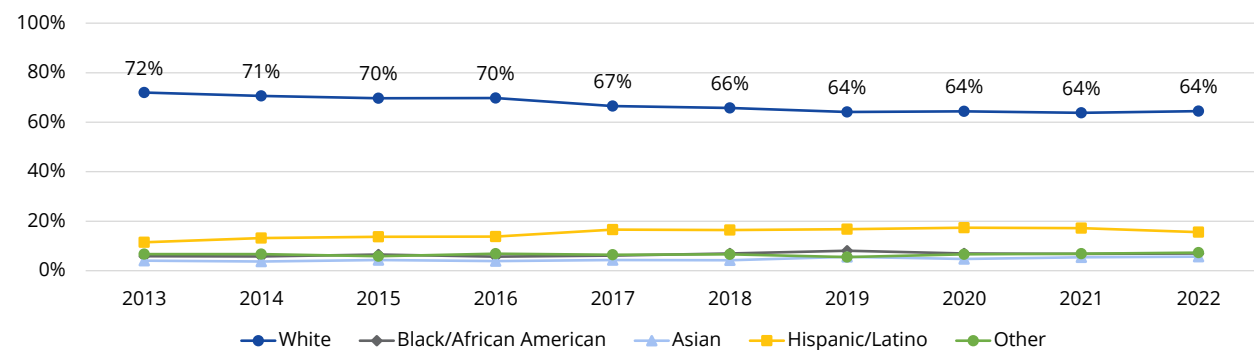
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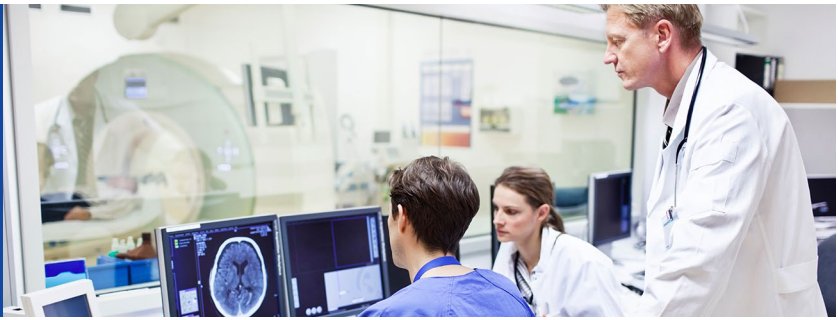


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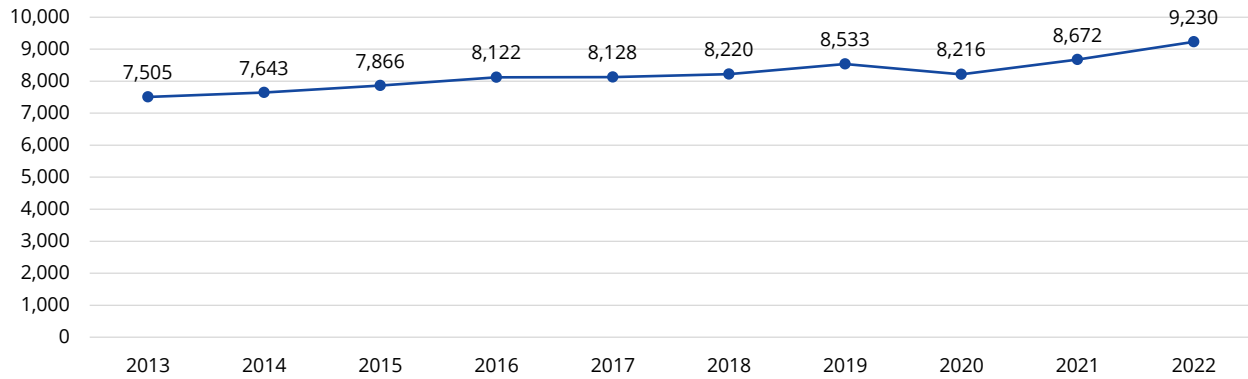


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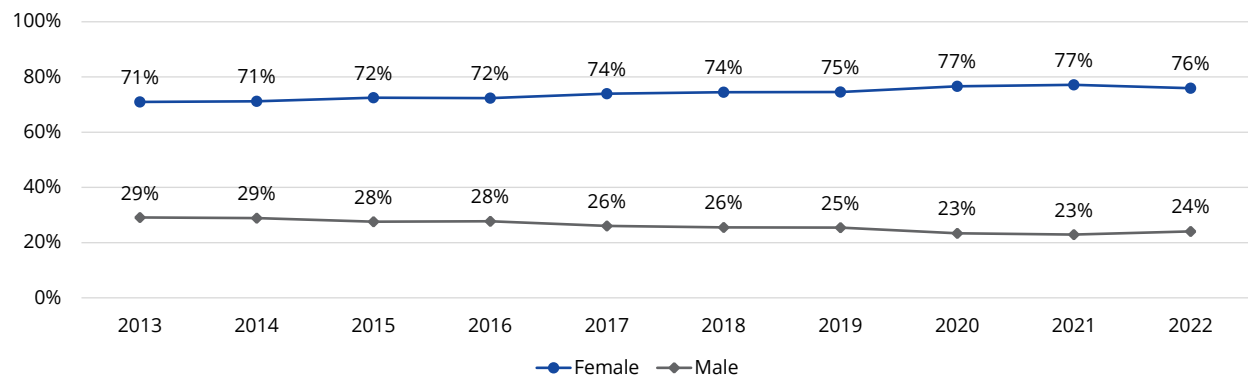
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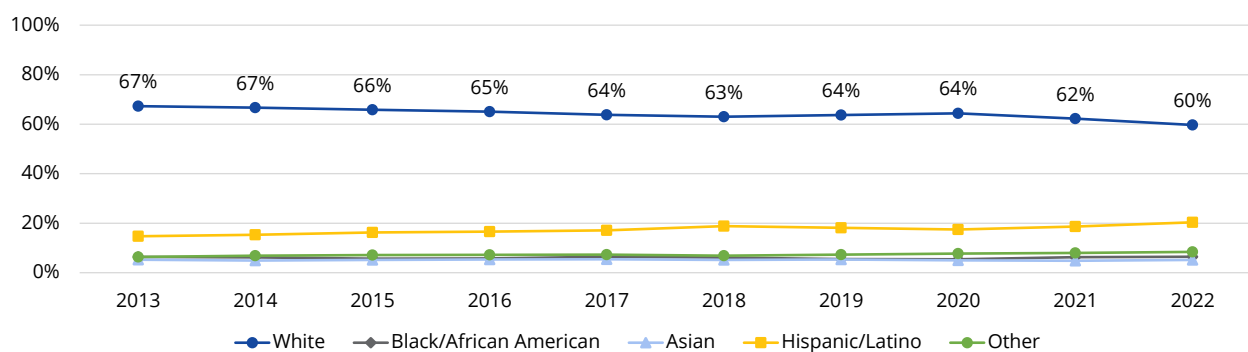
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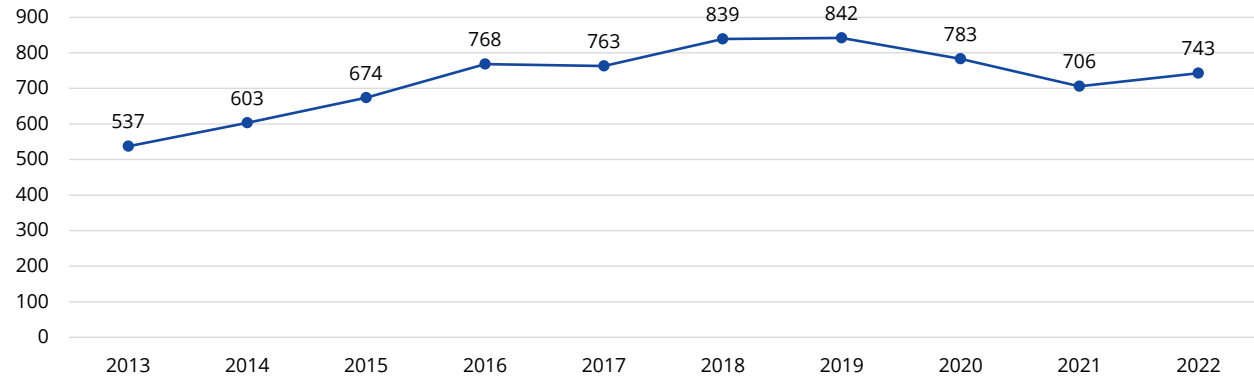


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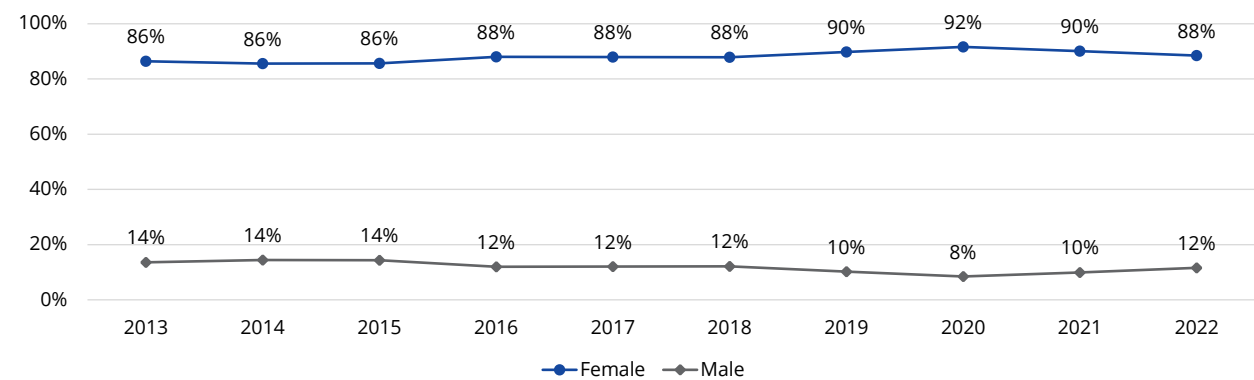
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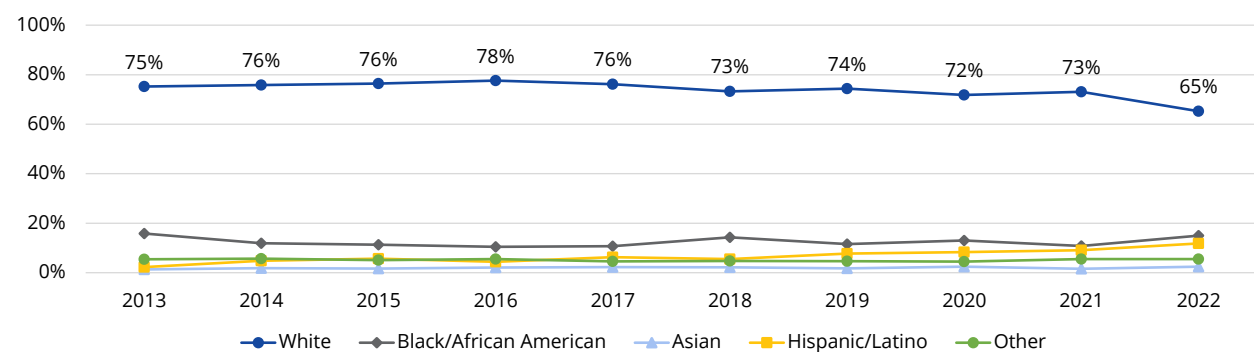
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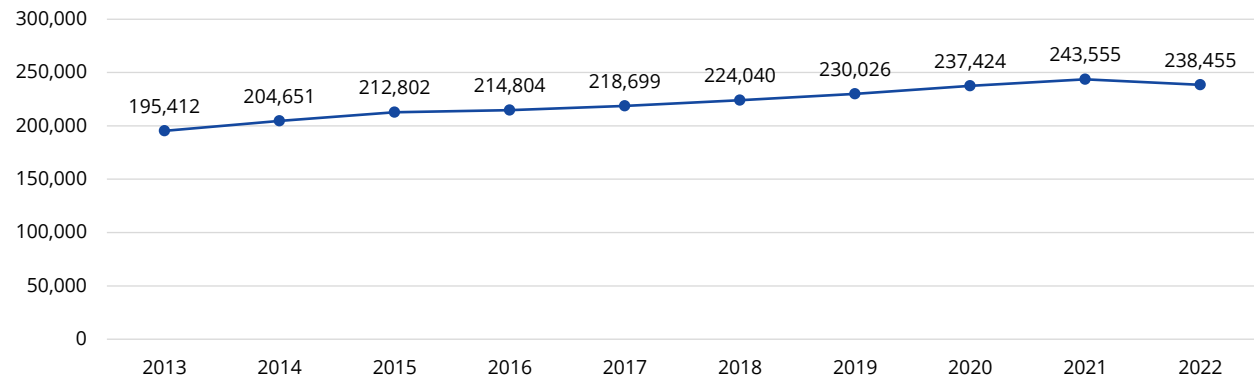


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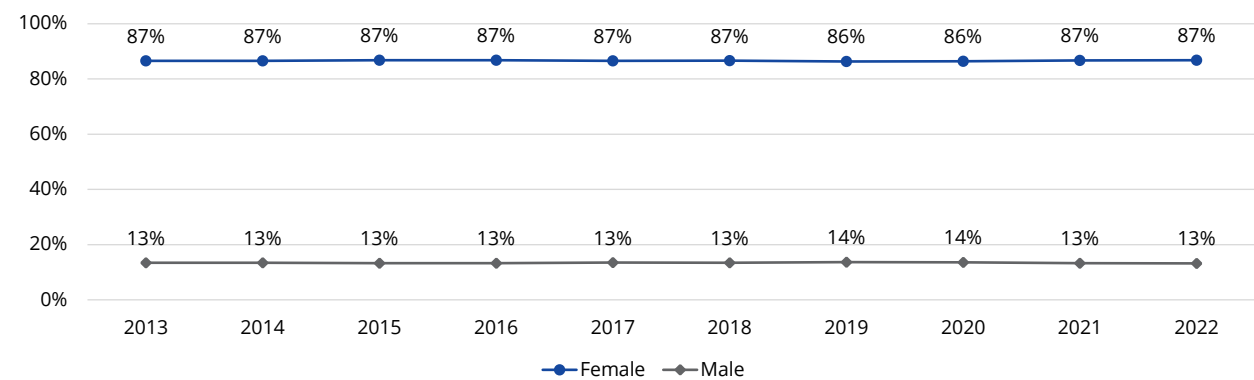
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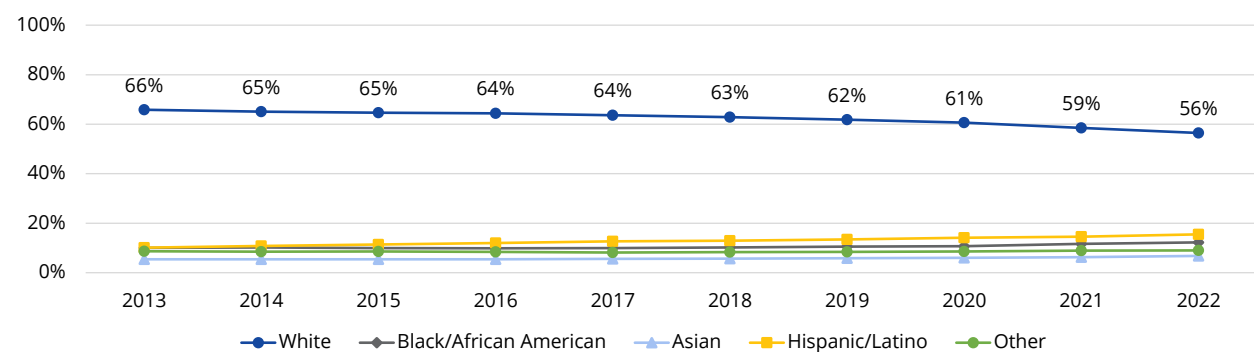
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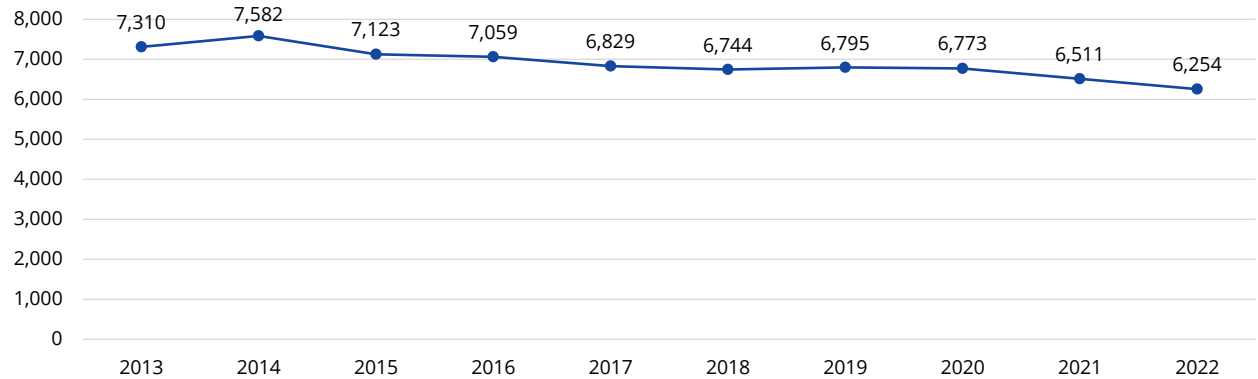


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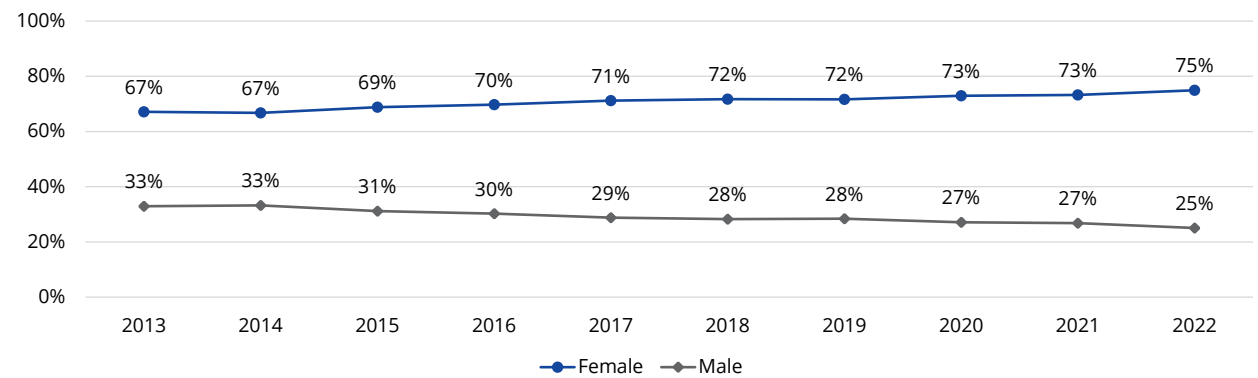
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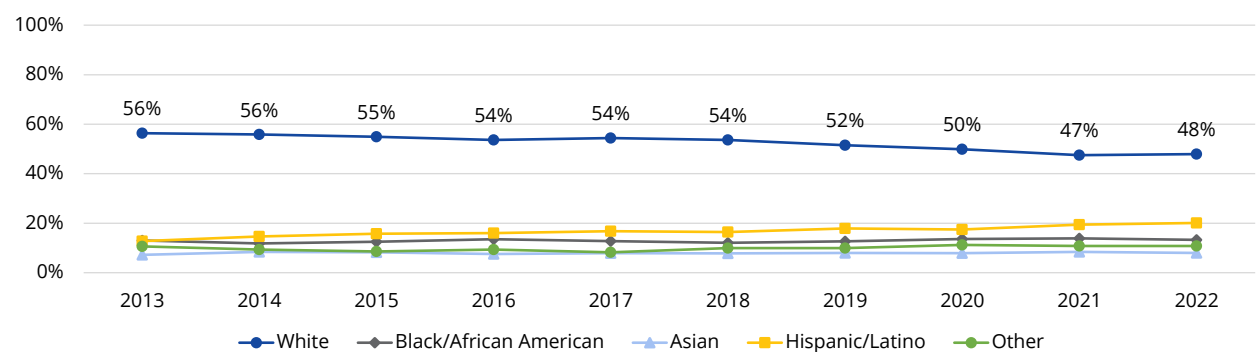
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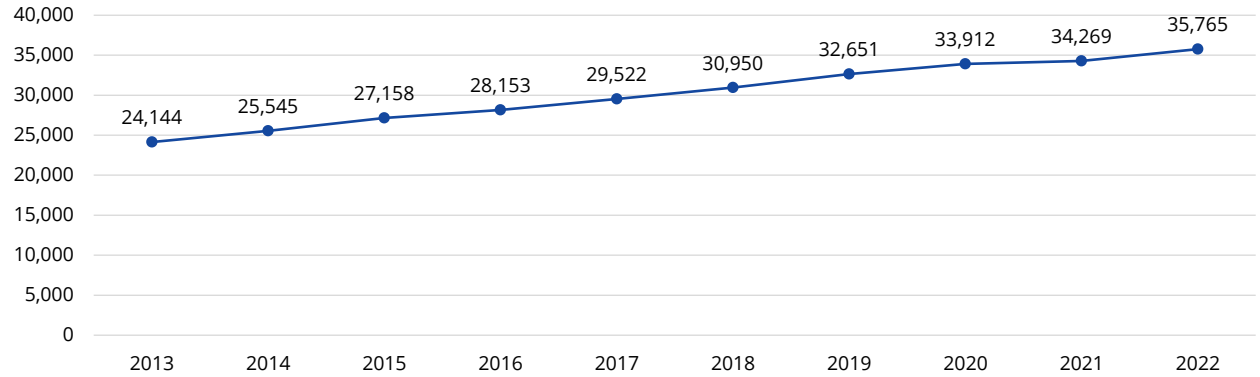


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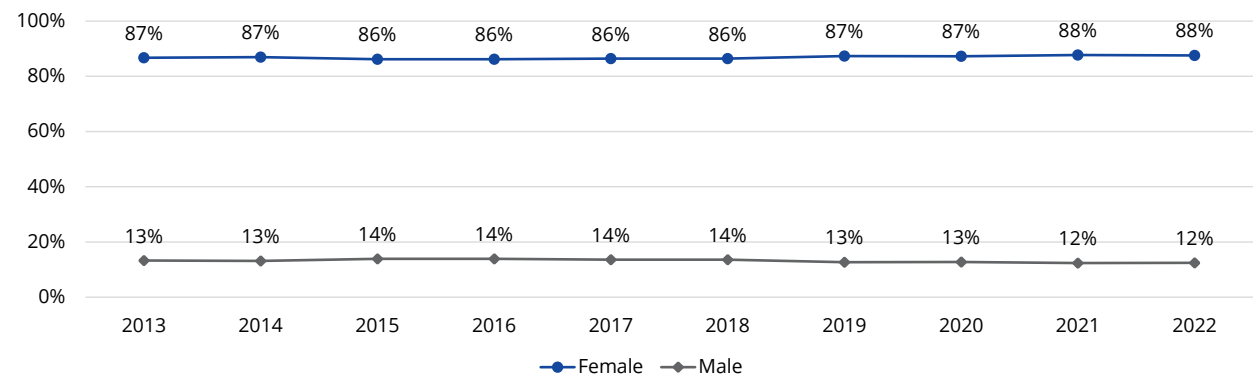
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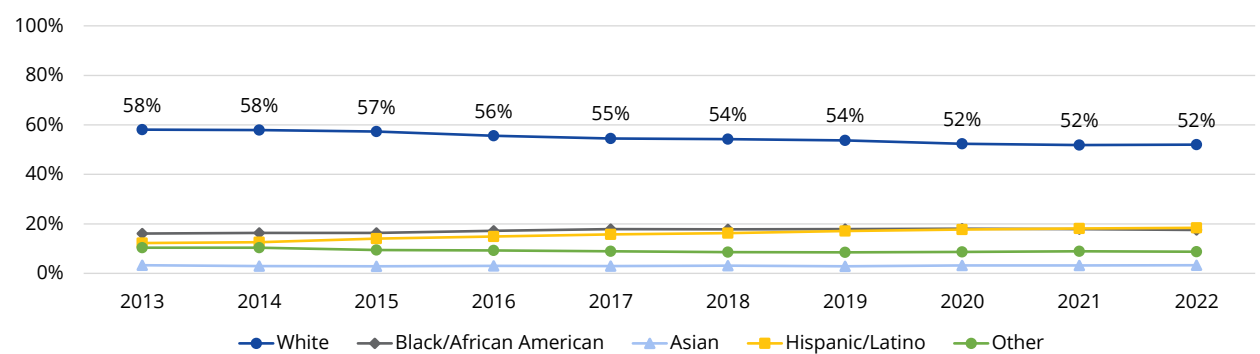
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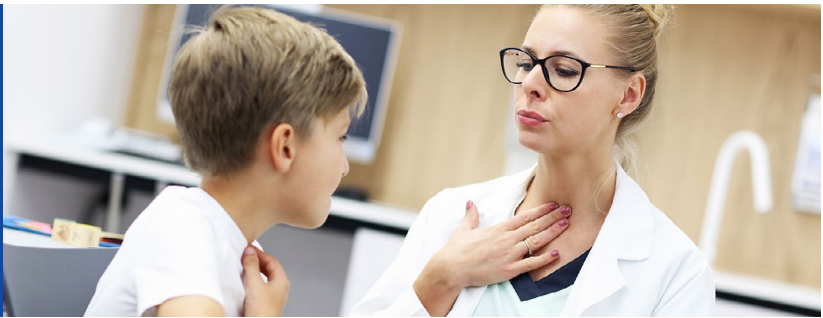


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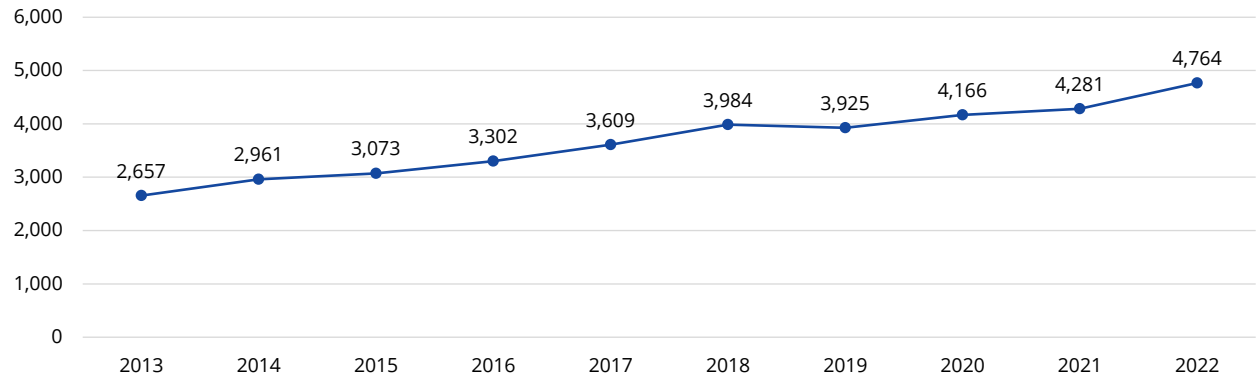


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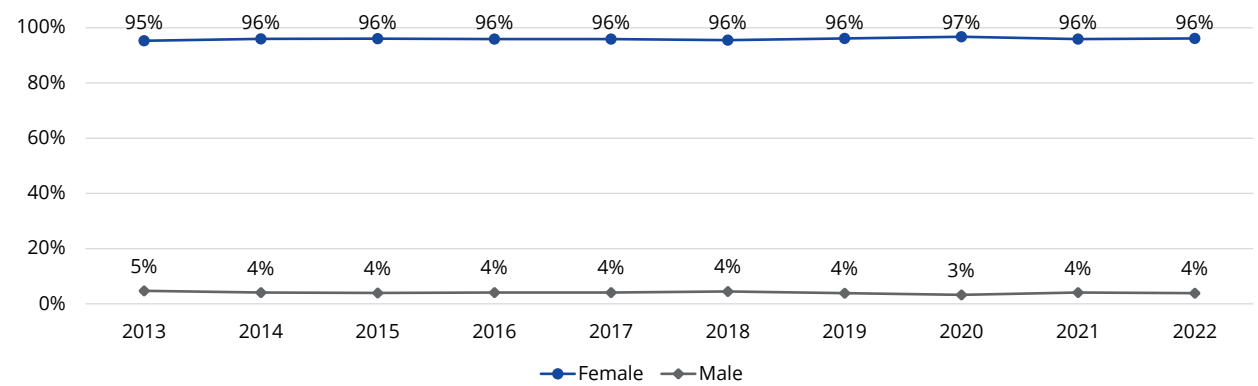
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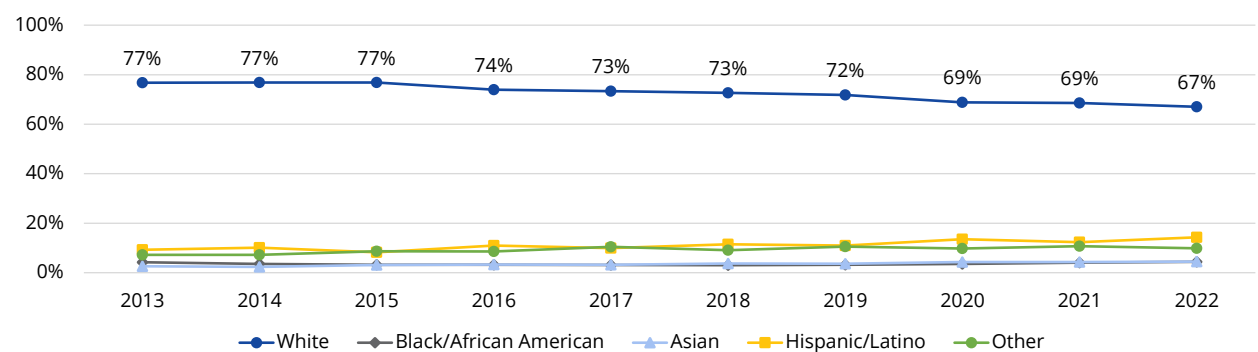
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APPENDIX

TABLE A-1. CIP Codes, Minimum Education Requirements, and Award Level Codes by Profession

Occupation	CIP Code	Minimum Education	Award Level Codes
Audiologists	51.0202	Professional degree (doctoral level)	18, 19
Chiropractors	51.0101	Professional degree (doctoral level)	18, 19
Clinical Psychologists	42.2801	Professional degree (master's level)	7, 8, 18, 19
Dental Assistants	51.0601	Post-secondary certificate	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 20, 21
Dental Hygienists	51.0602	Associate's degree	3, 5
Dentists	51.0401	Professional degree (doctoral level)	18, 19
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	51.0910	Associate's degree	3, 4, 5
Dietitians and Nutritionists	51.3101 51.3102	Bachelor's degree	5
Dietetic Technicians	51.3103	Associate's degree	3
Licensed Practical Nurses	51.3901	Post-secondary certificate	1, 2, 3, 20, 21
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	51.1005	Bachelor's degree	5
Nuclear Medicine Technicians	51.0905	Associate's degree	3, 5
Nurse Anesthetists	51.3804	Professional degree (master's level)	7, 8, 18, 19
Nurse Midwives	51.3807	Professional degree (master's level)	7, 8, 18, 19
Occupational Therapy Assistants	51.0803	Associate's degree	3
Occupational Therapists	51.2306	Professional degree (master's level)	7, 17, 18, 19
Optometrists	51.1701	Professional degree (doctoral level)	18, 19
Pharmacists	51.2001	Professional degree (doctoral level)	18, 19
Paramedics/Emergency Medical Technicians	51.0904	Post-secondary certificate	1, 2, 3, 20, 21
Physical Therapist Assistants	51.0806	Associate's degree	3
Physical Therapists	51.2308	Professional degree (doctoral level)	18, 19
Physician Assistants	51.0912	Professional degree (master's level)	5, 7
Physicians	51.1201 51.1202 51.1901	Professional degree (doctoral level)	18, 19
Podiatrists	51.1203 51.2101	Professional	18, 19
Psychologists	42.0101	Professional degree (master's level)	7, 8, 18, 19

TABLE A-1. CIP Codes, Minimum Education Requirements, and Award Level Codes by Profession (cont.)

Occupation	CIP Code	Minimum Education	Award Level Codes
Radiation Therapists	51.0907	Associate's degree	3, 5
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	51.0911	Associate's degree	3, 4, 5
Recreational Therapists	51.2309	Bachelor's degree	5
Registered Nurses	51.3801	Associate's degree	3, 4, 5
Respiratory Therapists	51.0908	Associate's degree	3, 5
Social Workers	51.1503 44.0701 44.0702 44.0799	Professional degree (master's level)	7
Speech-language Pathologists	51.0203	Professional degree (master's level)	7

Award Level Codes

- 1 Award of less than 1 academic year
- 2 Award of at least 1 but less than 2 academic years
- 3 Associate's degree
- 4 Award of at least 2 but less than 4 academic years
- 5 Bachelor's degree
- 6 Postbaccalaureate certificate
- 7 Master's degree
- 8 Post-master's certificate
- 17 Doctor's degree - research/scholarship
- 18 Doctor's degree - professional practice
- 19 Doctor's degree - other
- 20 Certificates of less than 12 weeks
- 21 Certificates of at least 12 weeks but less than 1 year

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