

# GREATER HOUSTON COVID-19 RECOVERY FUND

A collaborative effort of United Way of Greater Houston and Greater Houston Community Foundation

## IMPACT REPORT ROUND 1 GRANT DISBURSEMENTS

United Way of Greater Houston and the Greater Houston Community Foundation are standing together to help support those in our community who have been affected by the public health and economic impact of COVID-19. Together, we established the [Greater Houston COVID-19 Recovery Fund](#) to serve our region’s most vulnerable neighbors during this unprecedented time.

As of July 14, the Greater Houston COVID-19 Recovery Fund has raised \$16.8 million, thanks to the generosity of so many individuals, corporations, and foundations.

The Greater Houston COVID-19 Recovery Fund is overseen by a volunteer Task Force comprising board members and appointees of the two organizations. The Task Force provides oversight and leadership for the Greater Houston COVID-19 Grants Committee. The Grants Committee is responsible for developing the grant-making strategy and recommending grants to nonprofits in order to leverage our collective resources and make the greatest impact possible for those in urgent need. The Task Force makes investments in services provided by trusted nonprofit partners who have proven disaster response experience.

### ROUND 1 SUMMARY

SERVICES PROVIDED	AMOUNT AWARDED (\$)
Grants provided basic needs only	\$186,000
Grants provided flexible emergency financial assistance	\$588,400
Grants provided both	\$697,500

Through four grant rounds, the fund has invested \$12 million in 80 local organizations. Grants were provided to organizations serving Greater Houston’s most vulnerable families and individuals in need of food and emergency financial assistance for basic needs and housing. To date, Round 1 funds have served 54,919 individuals, the majority of whom are low-income, immigrants, have disabilities, or speak limited English.

The massive economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have not only made it difficult for families to survive in these uncertain times, but also has jeopardized children’s education, access to quality child care, health care coverage and mental health. The Greater Houston COVID-19 Recovery Fund grants will continue to provide essential resources to our community’s most vulnerable residents, especially as COVID-19 cases grow.

### GREATER HOUSTON COVID-19 RECOVERY FUND - GRANTS DISBURSED

	ROUND 1 (April 15)	ROUND 2 (May 28)	INTERIM ROUNDS (May 7, June 15)	ROUND 3 (Pending)
Number of grantees	30	65	6	-
Amount invested (\$)	1,546,900	8,179,000	2,139,600	-

For the full list of donors, visit [www.greaterhoustonrecovery.org/donors](http://www.greaterhoustonrecovery.org/donors).

For the full list of grantees, visit [www.greaterhoustonrecovery.org/grantees-fund-investments](http://www.greaterhoustonrecovery.org/grantees-fund-investments).

The following information includes data on the number of individuals and households served from the Round 1 fund distribution by service and various demographic characteristics. Data were provided by grantee organizations that collected information from clients to the best of their ability, and are current as of June 12, 2020. Additional reports will be released for subsequent grant rounds.

**TOTAL UNDUPLICATED SERVED**



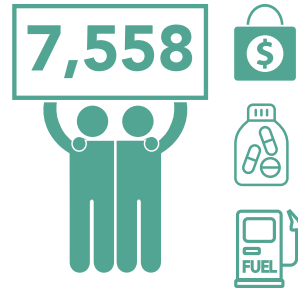
**TOTAL SERVED**

More than 48,400 individuals received food and 7,558 received emergency financial assistance to pay for critical items such as utilities, food, gas, transportation, or medication.

**BASIC NEEDS - FOOD**

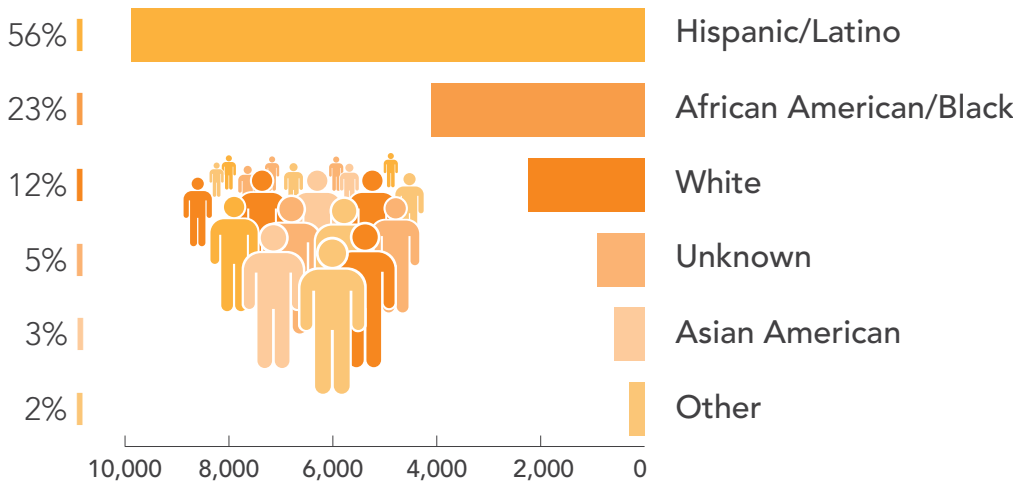


**EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**



*Note: The sum of individuals served by service type will not equal the number of unduplicated individuals served because individuals may receive more than one service.*

**RACE/ETHNICITY**



More than half served identify as Hispanic/Latino. Another quarter are African American/Black.

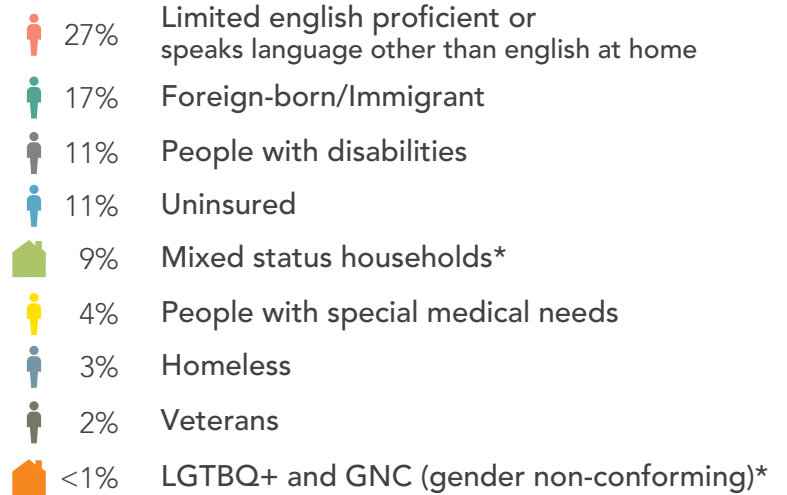
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## VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

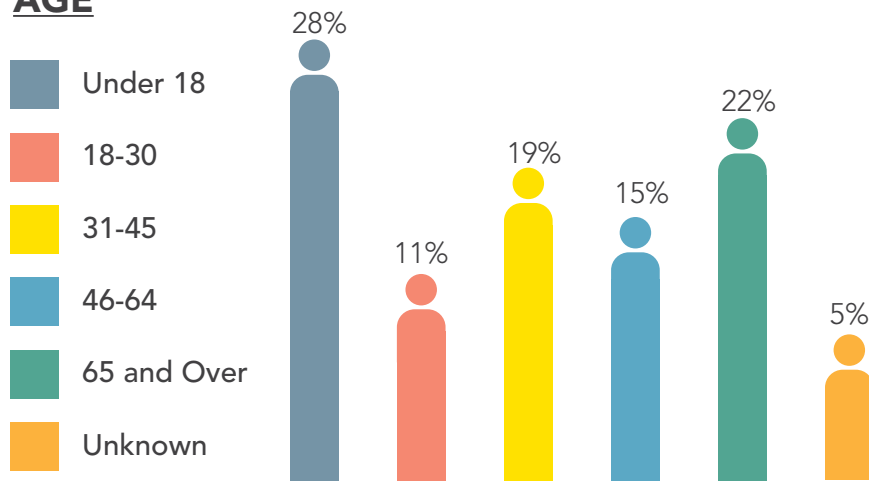
Nearly three out of 10 served identified as limited English proficient, or have trouble speaking English. Almost a fifth are immigrants.

*Note: Clients could select more than one characteristic, consequently, figures will not sum to 100.*

*\*denotes data by household only.*

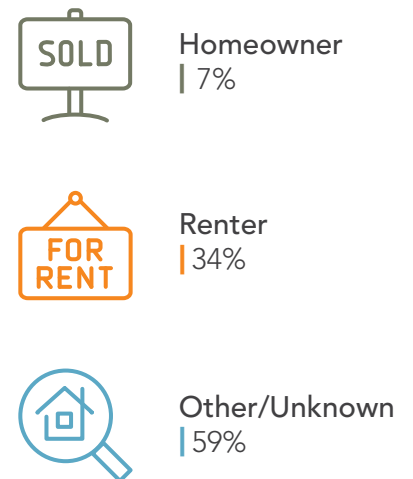


## AGE



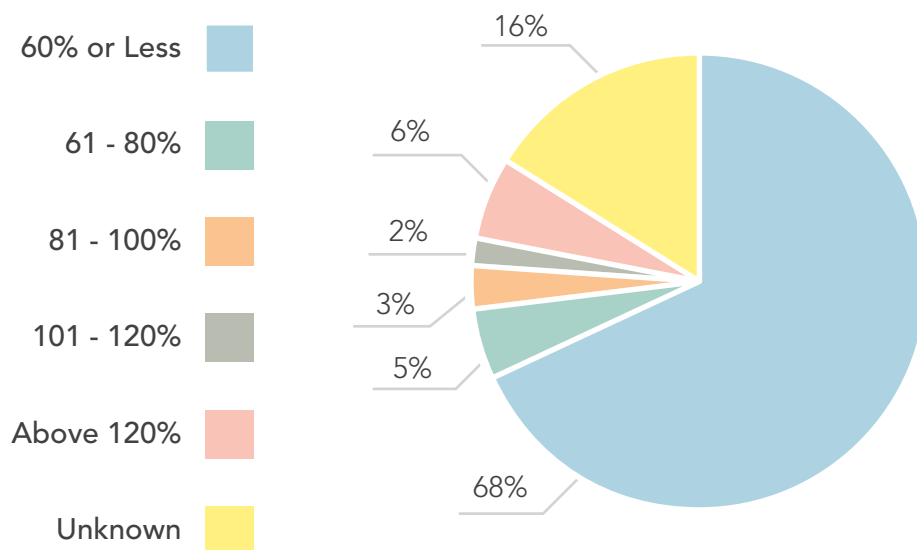
Nearly three out of 10 clients served are children under the age of 18, while an additional 22% are older adults, age 65 years or older.

## LIVING SITUATION



## INCOME LEVEL

% of Area Median Income



More than two-thirds of households served are low-income, earning 60% or more below Area Median Income.

*Note: AMI is a commonly used economic measure that depends on household size and accounts for a region's cost of living. For example, AMI for a household size of four in Metro Houston in 2020 is \$78,813. Households of four with incomes below 68% AMI earn less than \$47,288.*

The Greater Houston COVID-19 Recovery Fund is working to address the widespread and significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in our area and has helped 55,000 individuals in our community.

"As we face unprecedented challenges related to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are reminded of the importance of community and working together. United Way of Greater Houston and the Greater Houston Community Foundation have joined forces to help our neighbors and our community recover from this crisis. This is our home, and we are here for the long-haul."

- Steve Maislin, President & CEO of Greater Houston Community Foundation, and Anna M. Babin, Senior Advisor to United Way of Greater Houston

"As the COVID-19 crisis continues, we will be on the front lines, supporting and strengthening the communities and families we serve."

- Millie Garrison, Executive Director of Humble Area Assistance Ministries

"People are hearing on the news that they should buy groceries for the next two weeks when they can hardly scrape together the money to feed their family tomorrow. Knowing that there are people in their community that care about their well-being means so much."

- Sonja Gee, President & CEO of Memorial Assistance Ministries

"We are evolving in innovative ways to meet the rapidly growing need of the most vulnerable population within our community during these unprecedented times."

- Summer Day, President & CEO of Meals on Wheels Montgomery County



## **MEET JOHN**



John retired fifteen years ago after serving in the army during the Korean War, working as a freight solicitor, and owning a successful business. He thought he had all the money he needed and never imagined he would require help, but his wife began facing health issues that left her bedridden, and John had a stroke that left one side of his body weak. As time went on, costs quickly added up and funds started running low. Unable to take his wife to the hospital for her appointments, they began relying on donated transportation services. It was through these services that John first heard about the meal delivery program. After much encouraging, he finally signed up. Now he and his wife receive meal deliveries every week.

"It was really a relief. It's been a good service and the people have been really nice. It's difficult to accept help, but you need to swallow your pride and ask for help when you need it. You need to remember that the people who are donating have good hearts and want to help."

For more stories and videos on the impact of the Greater Houston COVID-19 Fund, visit <https://www.greaterhoustonrecovery.org/videos-and-stories/>