# World Trade Center Health Program External Quarterly Program Summary

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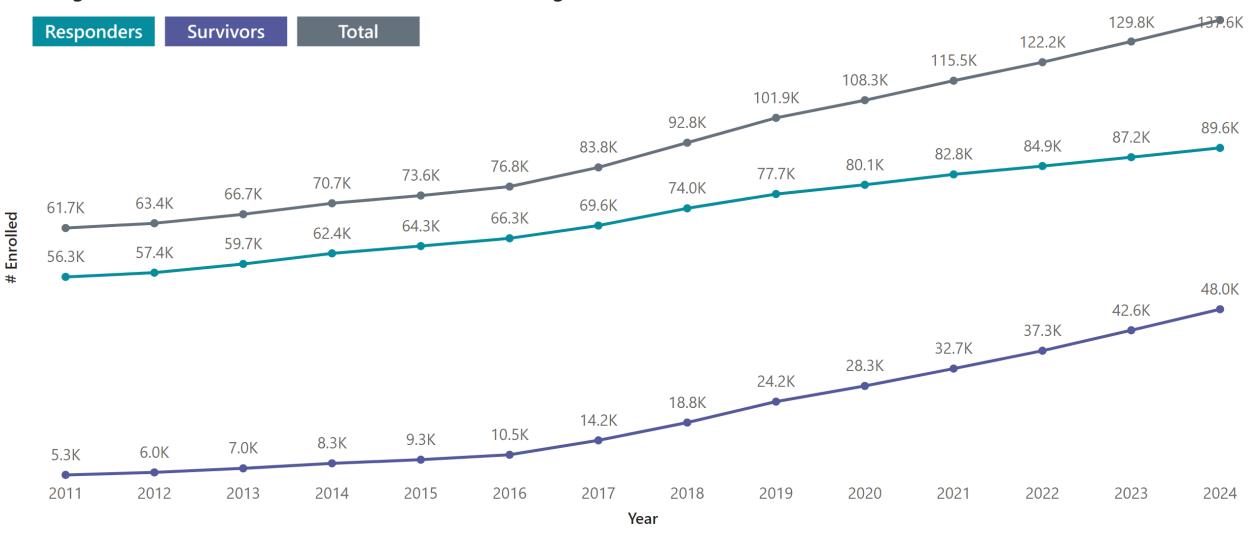
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<sup>\*</sup>The following note applies to several pages on this dashboard.\*

## WTC Health Program Enrollment



#### 1. Change in Total Enrollment Over the Lifetime of the Program

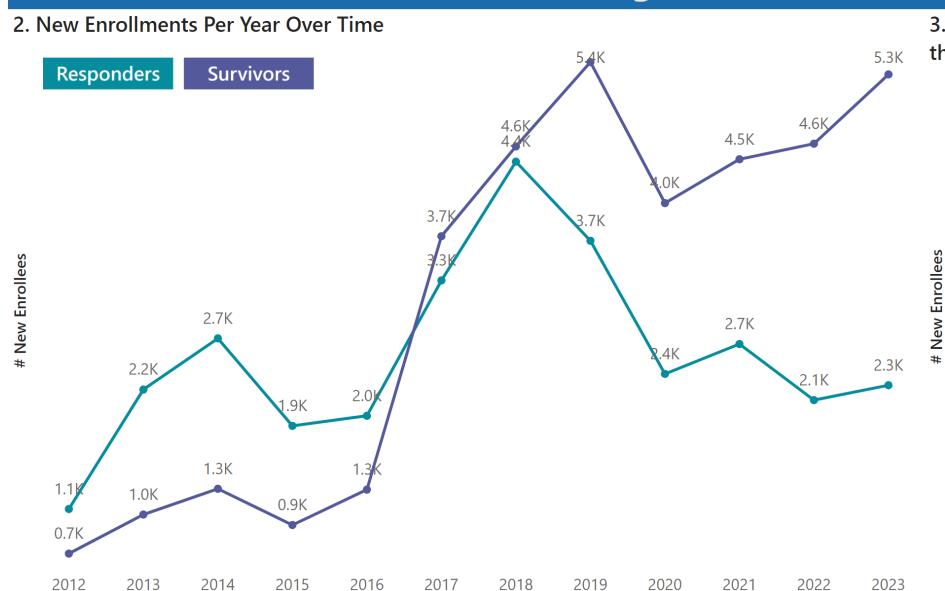


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Enrollment Data Thru:

## **WTC Health Program Enrollment**





3. New Enrollments Per Quarter this Calendar Year (CY)

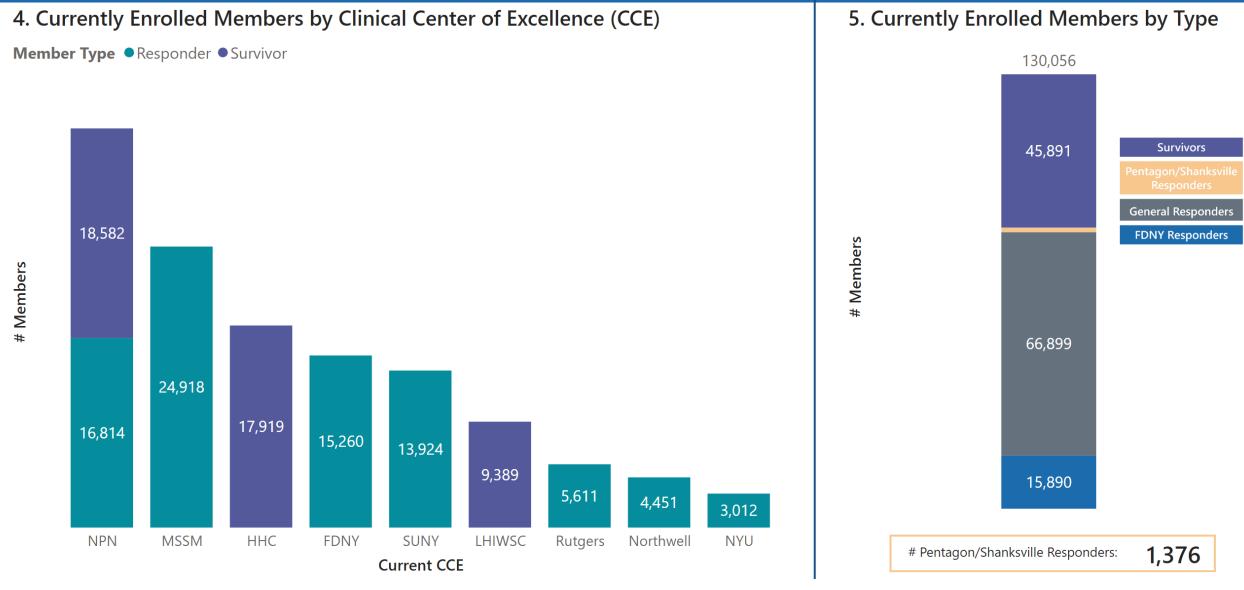


Note on Figure 2: 'New Enrollees' are those new members enrolled in the stated calendar year; numbers are not cumulative.

Year

## **CCE Enrollment and Member Type**





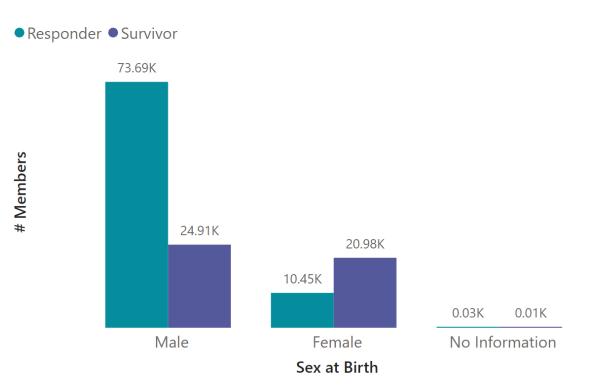
**Note on CCEs and NPN:** CCEs serve specific survivor or responder populations in the New York metropolitan area; the NPN serves both responder and survivor members residing outside of the New York metropolitan area. Members who are not actively assigned to a CCE are not included in Figure 4.

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## **Demographics of Currently Enrolled Members**



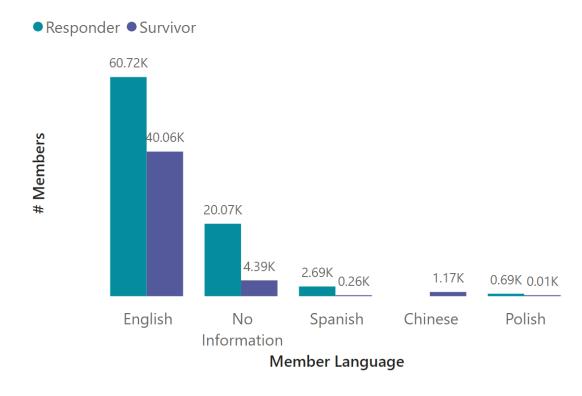
#### 6. Total Membership: Sex at Birth



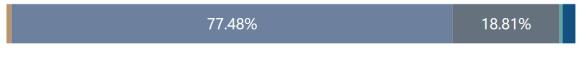
#### **Percent of Total Membership: Sex at Birth**



#### 7. Total Membership: Preferred Language



#### **Percent of Total Membership: Preferred Language**



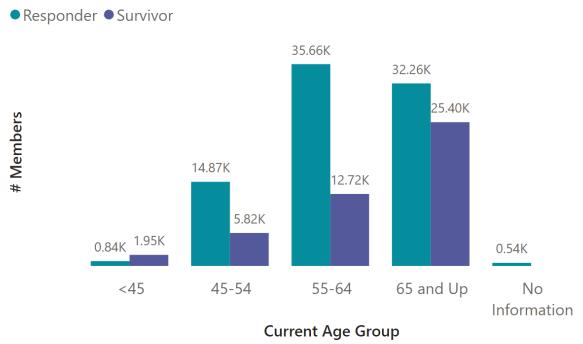
**Member Language** ● Chinese ● English ● No Information ● Polish ● Spanish

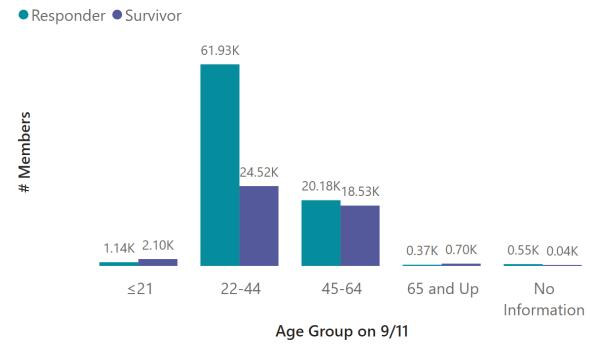
## **Age Distribution of Currently Enrolled Members**



#### 8. Total Membership: Current Age

# 9. Total Membership: Age on 9/11





#### **Percent of Total Membership: Current Age**





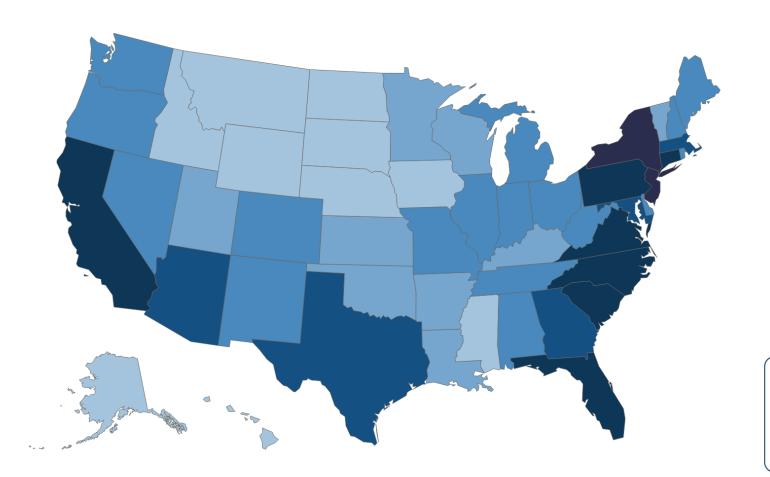
29.76%

## **Geographic Distribution of Program Membership**



#### 10. Distribution of Currently Enrolled Members in the United States

Member Bands ● 1-49 ● 50-99 ● 100-499 ● 500-999 ● 1,000-9,999 ● 10,000+



#### 11. Top 10 States by Current Enrollment

State	Responder	Survivor	Total ▼
New York	54,873	32,319	87,192
New Jersey	7,829	6,499	14,328
Florida	6,737	2,347	9,084
Pennsylvania	1,867	702	2,569
North Carolina	1,494	507	2,001
South Carolina	1,232	294	1,526
Connecticut	779	681	1,460
Virginia	1,193	232	1,425
California	642	363	1,005
Georgia	628	325	953

129K

Members in the US (incl. territories)

108

Members in US Territories

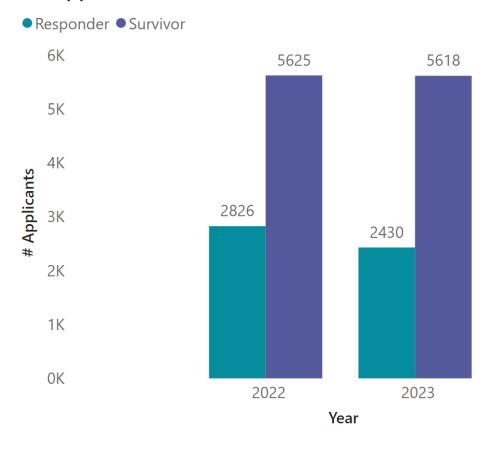
1409

Members Outside of the US

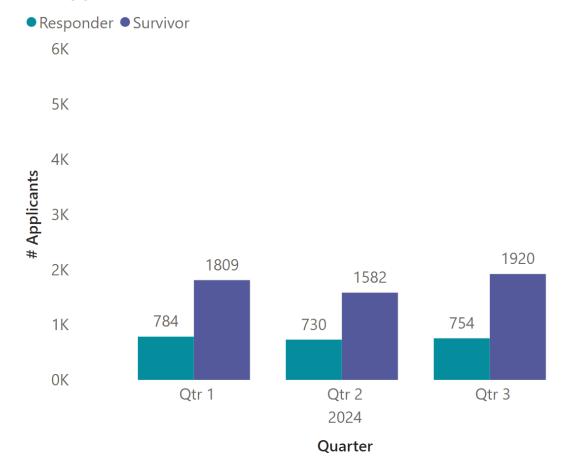
## **Applications in Process - Received**



#### 12. Applications Received in Past Years



#### 13. Applications Received in Current Calendar Year

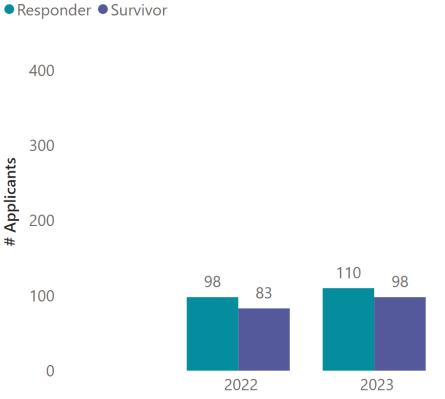


## **Applications in Process - Suspended**







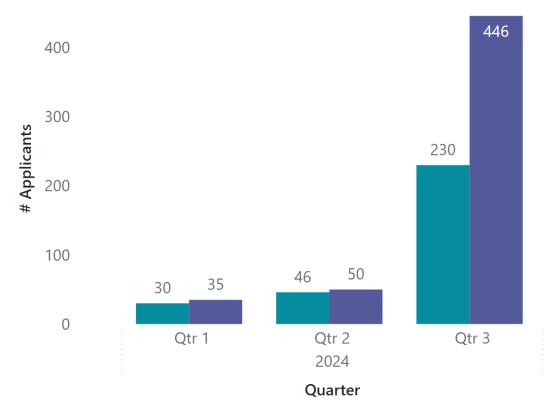


Year

#### 15. Current Year Applications in Suspend Status

\*Based on date application was received





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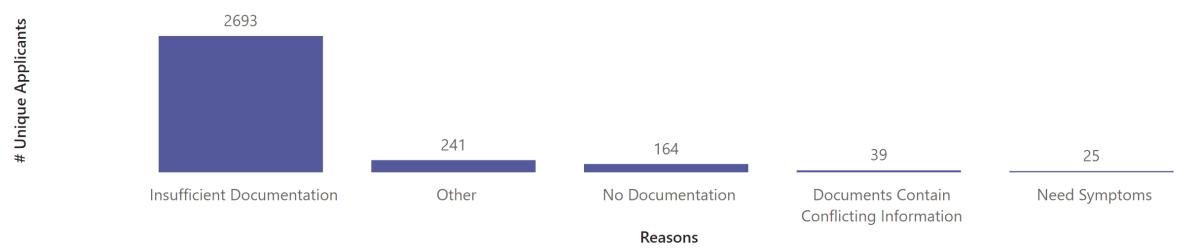
**Note on Suspended Applications:** Incomplete applications are generally "suspended" but still considered "in process" until sufficient documentation is received to determine enrollment eligibility. An application may move in and out of suspend status throughout the application process. The number of prior year applications currently in suspend status is generally lower than the number of current year applications in suspend status due to sufficient information being received to move the application to active processing status.

Application Data Thru:

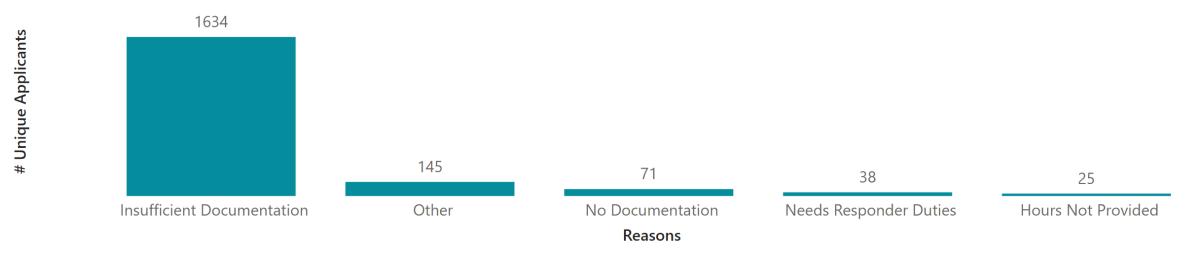
## **Primary Reasons for Applications being Suspended**



#### 16. Top 5 Reasons for Suspended Survivor Applications in Past Year



#### 17. Top 5 Reasons for Suspended Responder Applications in Past Year

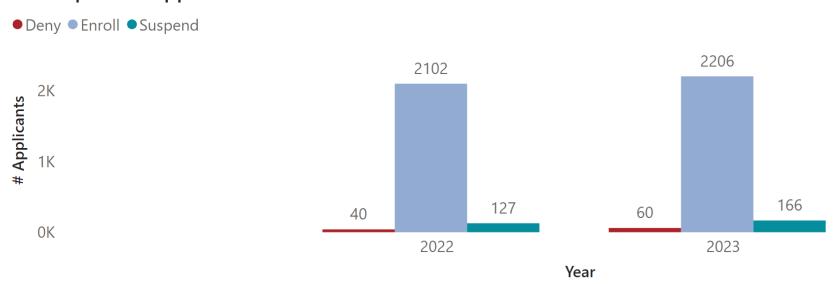


**Note on Suspended Applications:** After an application is suspended, the applicant is notified of the reason(s) the application was incomplete and unable to be fully processed and support is offered via the Member Services team and/or call center.

## **Trends in Finalized Enrollment Applications - Responders**



#### 18. Responder Application Decisions in Past Years



#### 19. Responder Application Decisions in Current Calendar Year

Decision	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3
Deny	17	16	16
Enroll	797	760	778
Suspend	47	39	64

Top Denial Reason for Responder Apps in Past Year

Ineligible Activity

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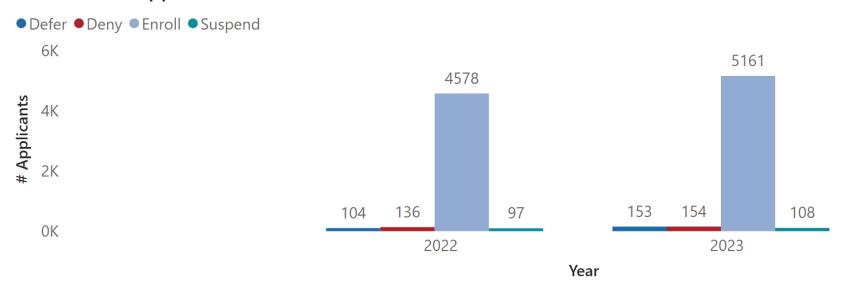
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## **Trends in Finalized Enrollment Applications - Survivors**



#### 20. Survivor Application Decisions in Past Years



#### 21. Survivor Application Decisions in Current Calendar Year

Decision	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3
Defer	31	25	26
Deny	21	39	41
Enroll	1883	1690	1852
Suspend	37	46	62

Top Denial Reason for Survivor Apps in Past Year

Ineligible Activity

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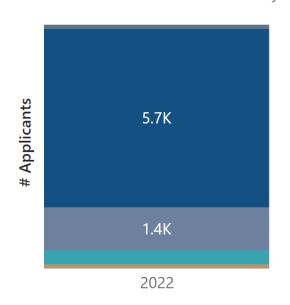
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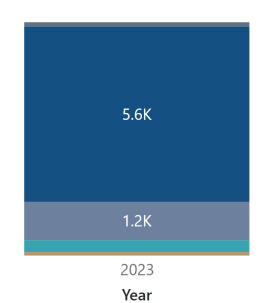
## **Applications Demographics - States**

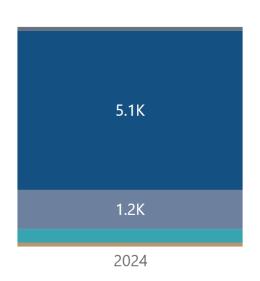


#### 22. Top 5 States by Applications Received in Past Years

Connecticut
 Florida
 New Jersey
 New York
 Pennsylvania







23. Top 5 States by Applications Received in Past Years - Detailed

State	2022	2023	2024
New York	5673	5563	5051
New Jersey	1371	1223	1240
Florida	443	373	435
Pennsylvania	128	137	118
Connecticut	124	109	127

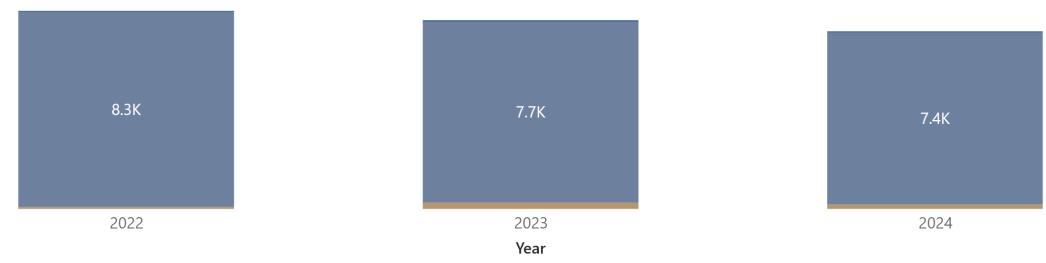
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## Applications Demographics - Language



#### 24. Applications Received in Past Years by Language

Chinese ● English ● Other ● Polish ● Spanish



#### 25. Applications Received in Past Years by Language - Detailed

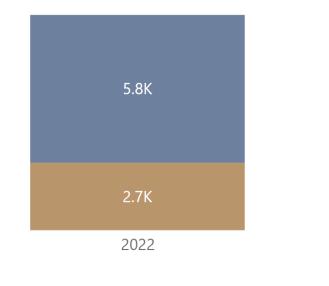
Language	2022	2023	2024
Chinese	81	265	184
English	8332	7735	7355
Other	<10	<10	<10
Polish	<10	<10	<10
Spanish	31	45	34
Unknown	<10	<10	<10

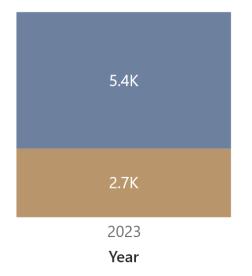
## **Applications Demographics - Sex at Birth**

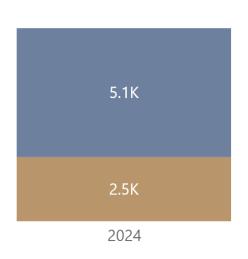


#### 26. Applications Received in Past Years by Sex at Birth

● Female ● Male ● Unknown







27. Applications Received in Past Years by Sex at Birth - Detailed

Sex at Birth	2022	2023	2024
Male	5795	5354	5051
Female	2650	2691	2516
Unknown	<10	<10	<10

## **New Enrollment Trends by Location**

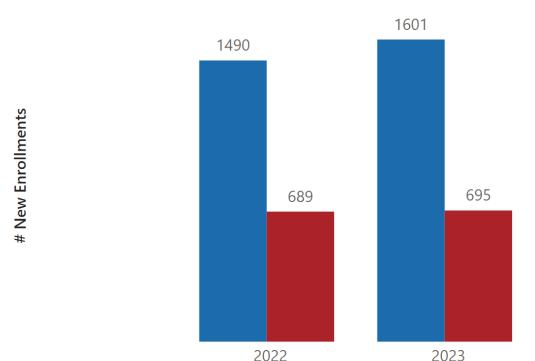


#### Responders



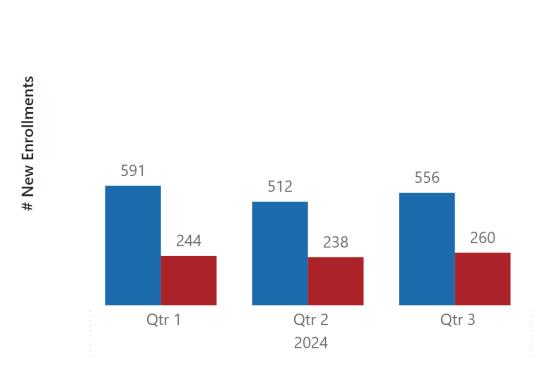
Year

■ Inside NYMA
■ Outside NYMA



#### 29. New Responder Members by Location in Current CY





**NYMA**: The combined statistical areas comprising the Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT Metropolitan Statistical Area; Kingston, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area; New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA Metropolitan Statistical Area; Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area; Torrington, CT Micropolitan Statistical Area; Trenton-Ewing, NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area, as defined in OMB Bulletin 10-02, December 1, 2009.

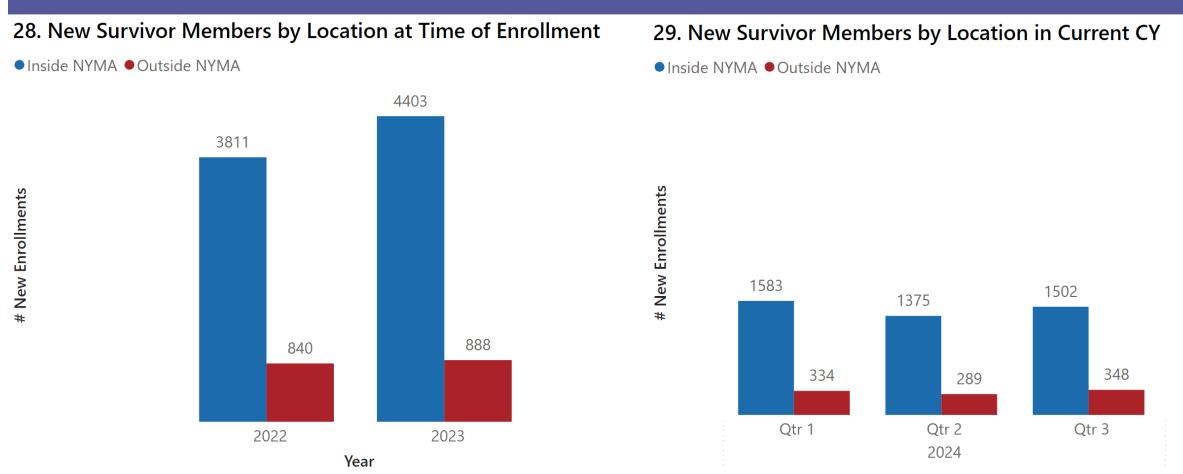
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## **New Enrollment Trends by Location**



#### Survivors



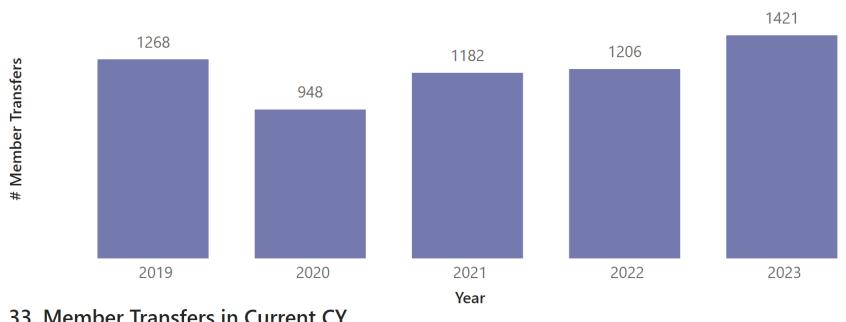
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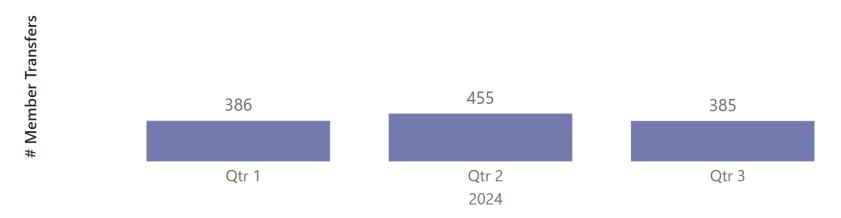
## **Trends in CCE Transfers**



#### 32. Member Transfers in Past Years



#### 33. Member Transfers in Current CY



## **Member Population Certification Status**

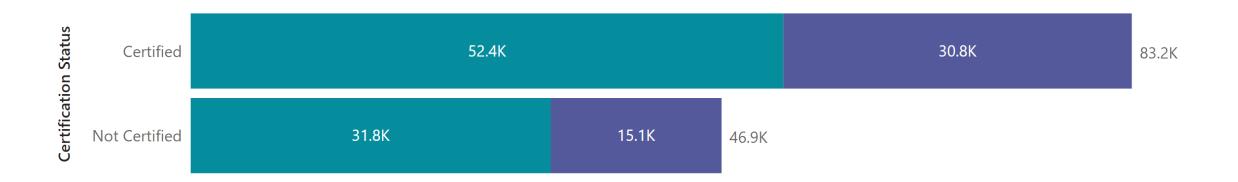


64%

Of Currently Enrolled Members are Certified for at Least 1 WTC-Related Health Condition

#### 34. Certification Status of Currently Enrolled Members by Member Type

ResponderSurvivor



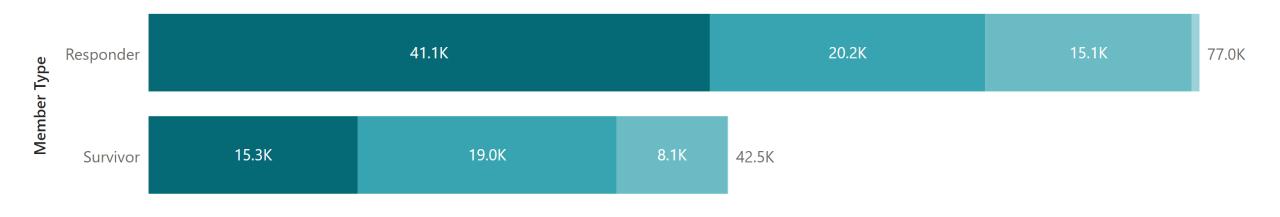
# Members

## **Certifications by Zadroga Categories**



#### 35. Overall Categories for All Certified Conditions of Currently Enrolled Members

• Aerodigestive Disorders • Cancer • Mental Health • Musculoskeletal & Acute Traumatic Injury



# Certified Members

# Responder Musculoskeletal/ATI\* Certifications: 565

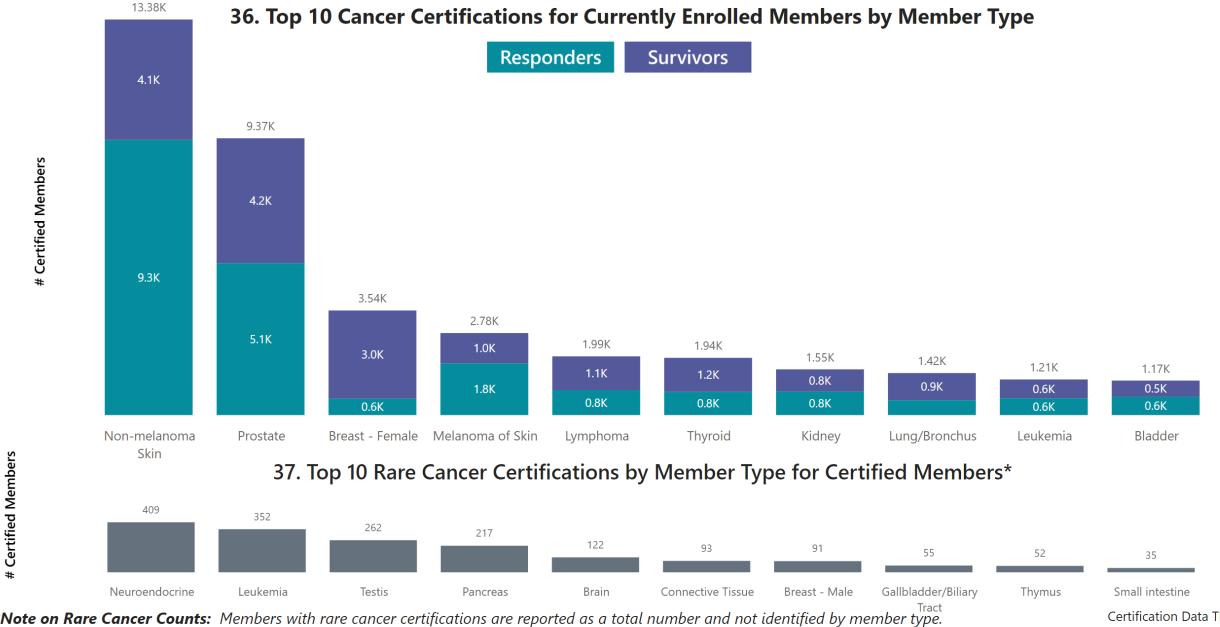
# Survivor ATI Certifications: 53

\*ATI: Acute Traumatic Injury

**Note on Certification Counts:** The number of certified members per condition type may not match the total number of certified members because members may be certified for multiple conditions. Members may also be certified for multiple health conditions within a given category. The number of certifications in a given category do not correlate to prevalence of a specific health condition.

## **Top Cancer Certifications**





\*Note on Rare Cancer Counts: Members with rare cancer certifications are reported as a total number and not identified by member type.

Certification Data Thru: September 26, 2024

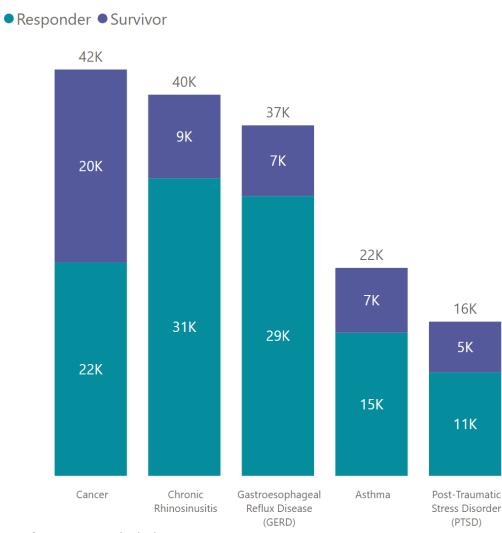
## **Certifications for WTC-Related Health Conditions**



#### 38. Overall Counts of Certifications by Member Type

Condition	Responder	Survivor	Total ▼
Cancer	22,261	20,117	42,378
Chronic Rhinosinusitis	31,035	8,715	39,750
Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)	29,179	7,374	36,553
Asthma	14,920	6,768	21,688
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	10,796	5,282	16,078
Chronic Respiratory Disorder - Fumes / Vapors	8,259	1,401	9,660
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	3,769	1,589	5,358
Anxiety Disorder (not otherwise specified)	2,798	1,365	4,163
Major Depressive Disorder	2,840	1,255	4,095
Depression (not otherwise specified)	2,369	563	2,932
Adjustment Disorder	1,495	995	2,490
Interstitial Lung Diseases	1,519	812	2,331
Generalized Anxiety Disorder	1,306	495	1,801
Chronic Laryngitis	1,672	71	1,743
Substance Abuse	1,365	317	1,682
Chronic Nasopharyngitis	775	105	880
Panic Disorder	544	166	710
Dysthymic Disorder	303	351	654
Other Musculoskeletal Disorder	566	54	620
Upper Airway Hyperreactivity	421	101	522
Sleep Apnea	60	84	144

#### 39. Top 5 Certified Conditions by # Members



**Note on Certification Counts Presented:** Health condition certifications by member type with a count of < 10 are excluded. **Note on Sleep Apnea:** The count of sleep apnea certifications is an underestimate due to a system change that recorded sleep apnea as only a medically

Certification Data Thru: September 26, 2024

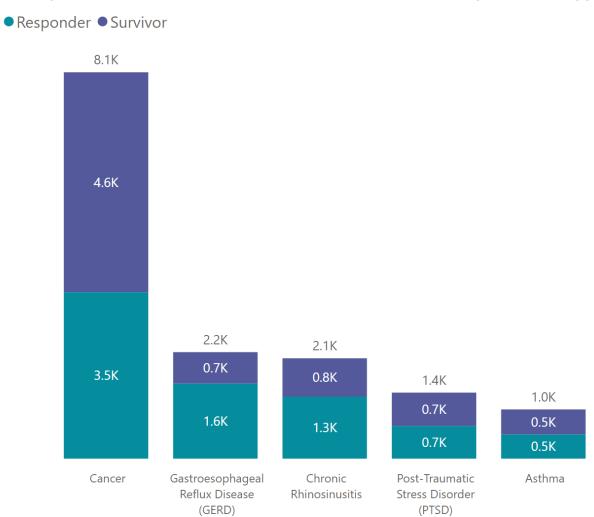
## **Health Conditions Certified in Past 12 Months**



#### 40. Certified Health Conditions in Past 12 Months by Member Type

Condition	Responder	Survivor	Total ▼
Cancer	3,475	4,594	8,069
Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)	1,568	656	2,224
Chronic Rhinosinusitis	1,295	801	2,096
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	684	695	1,379
Asthma	507	521	1,028
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	185	312	497
Major Depressive Disorder	121	216	337
Chronic Respiratory Disorder - Fumes / Vapors	175	49	224
Generalized Anxiety Disorder	113	108	221
Interstitial Lung Diseases	114	106	220
Anxiety Disorder (not otherwise specified)	53	155	208
Sleep Apnea	60	84	144
Panic Disorder	23	14	37
Total	6,574	6,449	13,023

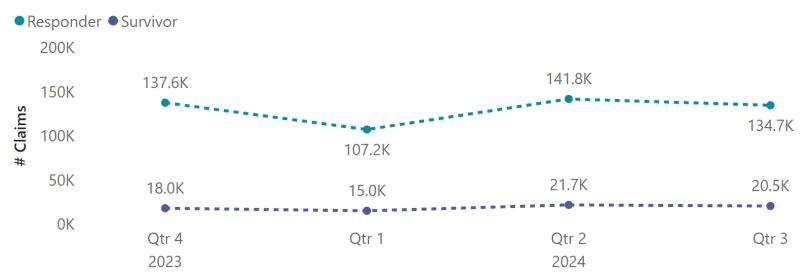
#### 41. Top 5 Health Conditions Certified in Past 12 Months by Member Type



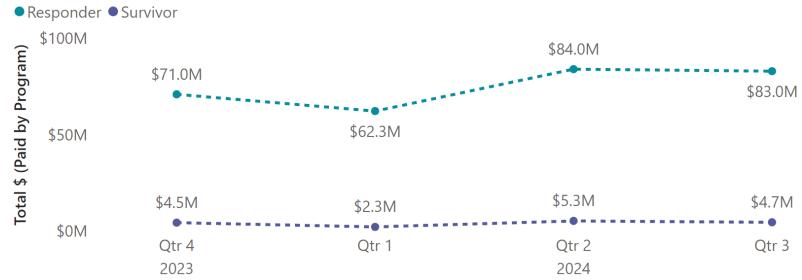
#### **Total Number & Cost of Medical Claims**



#### 42. Count of Approved Medical Claims for Past Year



#### 43. Cost of Approved Medical Claims for Past Year



Claims Data Timeline: Medical claims and cost data are presented based on the paid date of the claim.

58.33K

Certified Members with Approved Medical Treatment Paid in Past Year

594.64K

Approved Medical Claims in Past Year

\$317.13M

Total Cost of Approved Medical Claims in Past Year

### **Responder Medical Utilization Patterns in Past 12 Months**



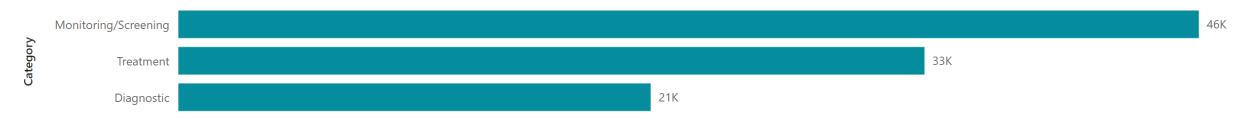
52,088

Responders with Approved Claims

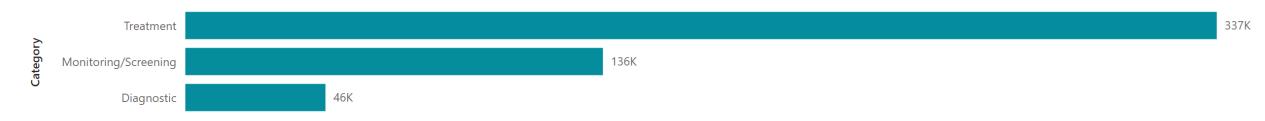
531,285

Overall Claims for Responders

44. Responders with Approved Claims by Category (Member Count)



45. Approved Responder Claims by Category (Claim Count)



46. Responder Claims by Adjudication Status (Claim Count)



Claims Data Timeline: Medical claims and cost data are presented based on the paid date of the claim.

**Notes on Claims Counts**: Approved Claim Lines tables do not contain inpatient professional, emergency, or claims for FDNY family members. Counts of members with claims by category may exceed total counts of members with claims because categories are not mutually exclusive/members may have claims approved under multiple categories. Because data are shown by date paid, there are no pended claims. Adjudication status refers to the process related to rendering a final decision about a claim.

Claims Data Thru: September 30, 2024

#### **Survivor Medical Utilization Patterns in Past 12 Months**



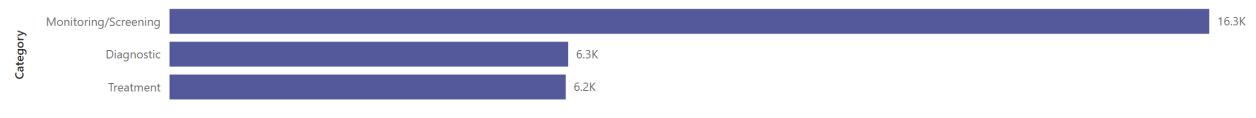
19,644

Survivors with Approved Claims

74,677

Overall Claims for Survivors

#### 47. Survivors with Approved Claims by Category (Member Count)



#### 48. Approved Survivor Claims by Category (Claim Count)



#### 49. Survivor Claims by Adjudication Status (Claim Count)



Claims Data Timeline: Medical claims and cost data are presented based on the paid date of the claim.

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## **Pharmacy Claims Summary for Past 12 Months**



#### 50. Approved Pharmacy Claims Over Past 12 Months

RespondersSurvivors



#### 51. Pharmacy Plan Cost Over Past 12 Months

RespondersSurvivors

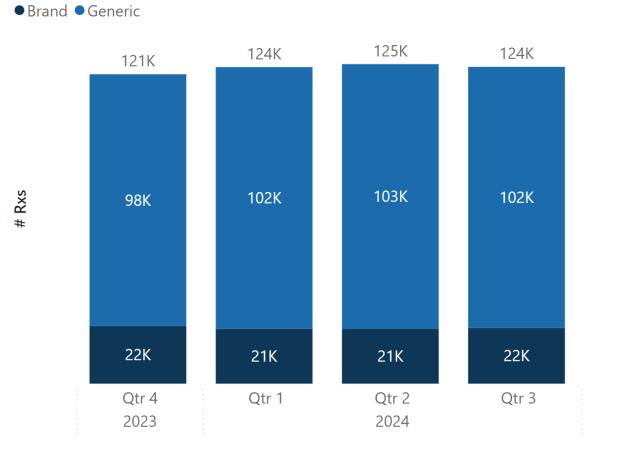


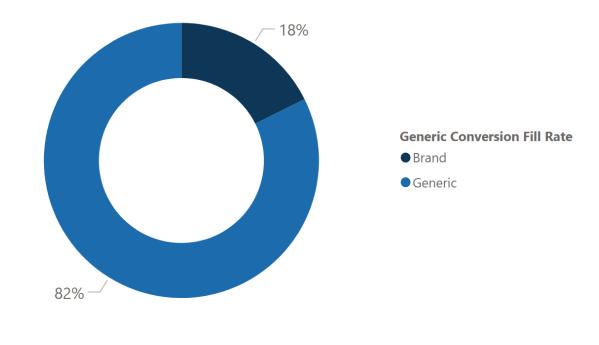
## **Brand vs Generic Trends for Past 12 Months**



# 52. Frequency of Brand vs Generic Pharmacy Claims in Past 12 Months

# 53. Overall % of Brand vs Generic Pharmacy Claims in Past 12 Months

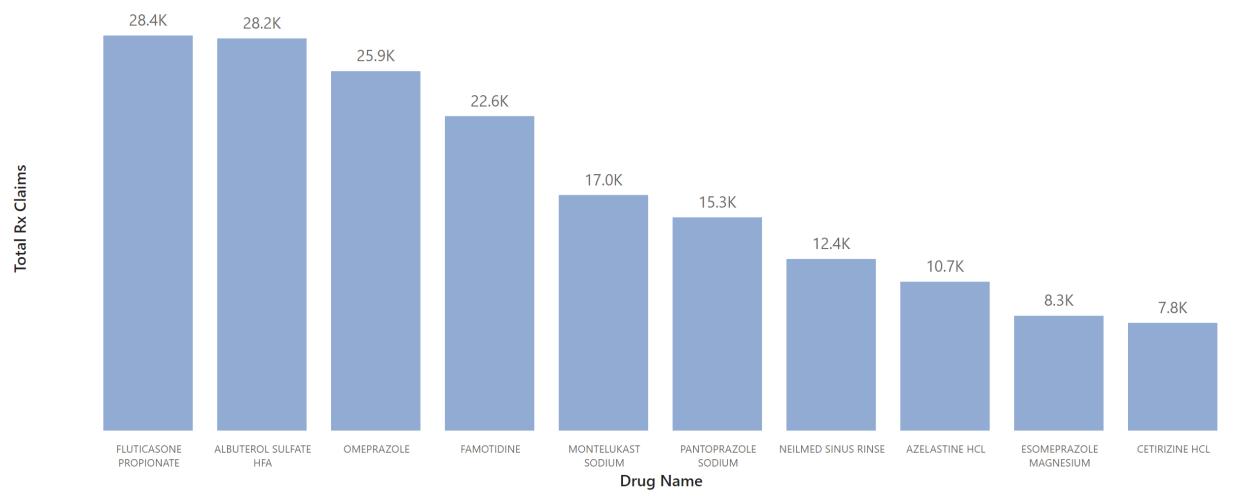




## **Pharmacy Utilization in Last 12 Months**



#### 54. Top 10 Drugs by Claim Count in Past 12 Months



**Pharmacy Data Timeline**: Pharmacy claims and cost data are presented based on the date of service/date filled.

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## **Pharmacy Utilization in Last 12 Months**



#### 55. Top 10 Drugs by Cost in Past 12 Months



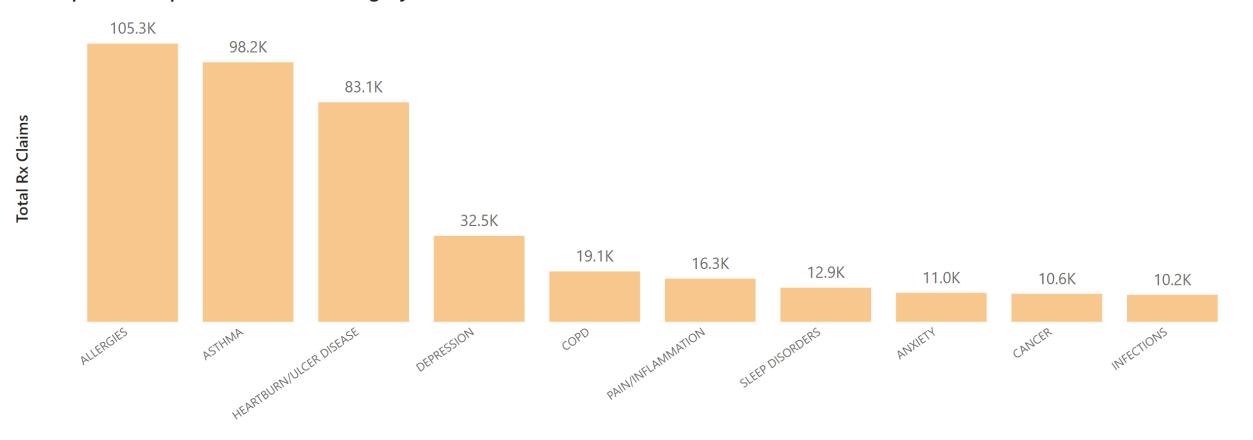
**Drug Name** 

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## **Pharmacy Utilization in Last 12 Months**



#### 56. Top 10 Therapeutic Classes of Drug by Claim Count in Past 12 Months



#### **Most Common Therapeutic Class**

**Pharmacy Data Timeline**: Pharmacy claims and cost data are presented based on the date of service/date filled.

**Note on therapeutic classes:** Certain medications approved for covered conditions are listed under therapeutic classes that are not necessarily a covered condition for the Program. For example, although allergies are not a covered condition, medications under this therapeutic class may be used to treat covered conditions.

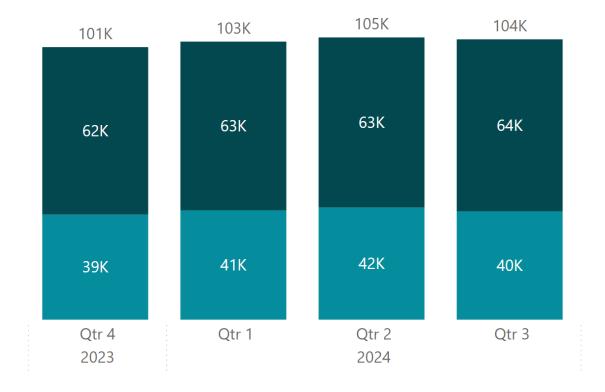
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## **Responder Pharmacy Claims for Past 12 Months**

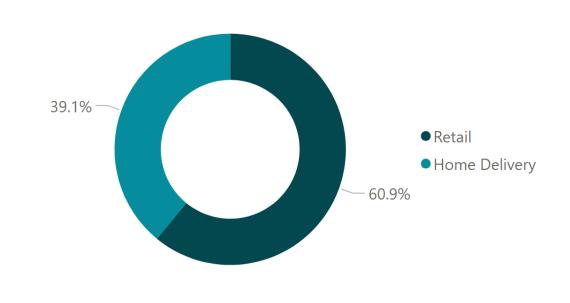


# 57. Frequency of Retail & Home Delivery Prescription Fill Utilization in Past 12 Months





# 58. Percentage of Pharmacy Retail/Home Delivery Utilization



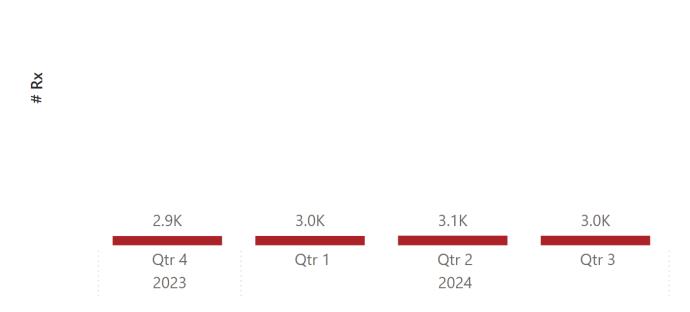
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**Note on Pharmacy Network for Survivors:** Pharmacy claims for survivors must be coordinated with their primary insurance. Due to this requirement, the Program allows Survivors to use a larger pharmacy network than Responders to allow easier processing with Survivor members' primary insurance. The Program does not track pharmacy network utilization for Survivors.

## **Responder 90-Day Fill Utilization for Past 12 Months**



61. Frequency of Walgreens/Duane Reade 90-Day Utilization by Responders in Past 12 Months



2.9%

90-Day Fill Utilization in Past 12 Months

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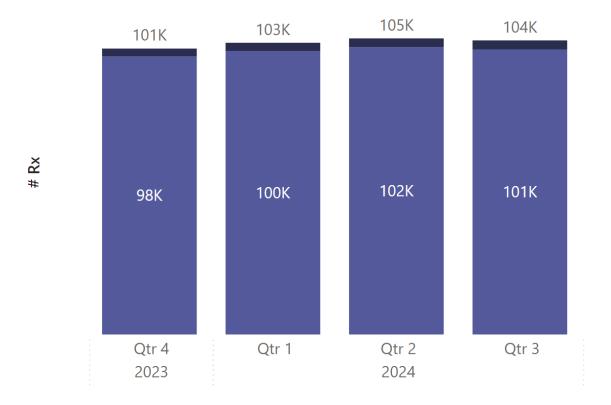
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## Responder Specialty Pharmacy Claims for Past 12 Months

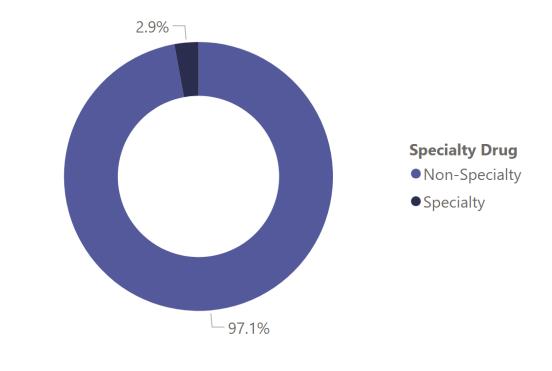


#### 59. Specialty Fill Frequency in Past 12 Months

#### **Specialty Drug** ● Non-Specialty ● Specialty



#### 60. Overall Specialty Drug Status for Rx Claims



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## **Member Feedback**



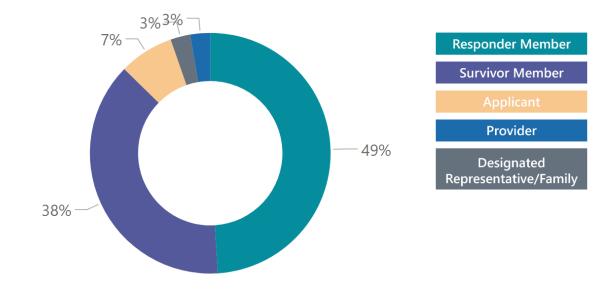
#### 62. Top 10 Topics of Feedback by Calendar Year

Data since feedback form opened in July 2023

Main Topic	2023	2024	Total ▼
Treatment	30.37%	22.64%	26.19%
Billing	13.33%	15.72%	14.63%
CCE/NPN	14.81%	10.06%	12.24%
Certification/WTC3	5.93%	16.35%	11.56%
Enrollment	13.33%	8.18%	10.54%
Policy/Process	11.85%	9.43%	10.54%
Other	2.96%	5.66%	4.42%
Records Request	2.96%	3.14%	3.06%
Pharmacy/Medication	0.74%	4.40%	2.72%
Case Management	0.74%	3.14%	2.04%
Website	2.96%	1.26%	2.04%

# 63. Type of Submitter for Feedback on Top 5 Categories, Cumulative

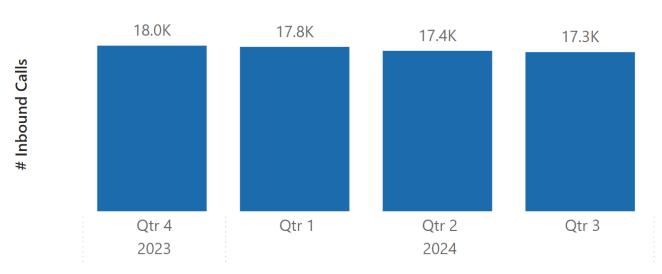
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## **Member Communications - Call Center**



#### 64. Inbound Calls To Call Center in Last Year



#### 65. Call Center Language Line Usage in Last Year

Translation services provided through language line

Year	Mandarin	Other	Polish	Spanish
2023				
Qtr 4	49	30	<10	156
2024				
Qtr 1	39	29	<10	153
Qtr 2	38	38	<10	159
Qtr 3	<10	<10	<10	<10

#### 66. % Language Line Usage by Language in Last Year

Translation services provided through language line

