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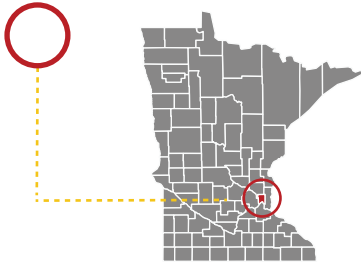
FOOD SHELF AND AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



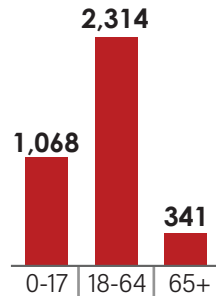
NATIVE AMERICANS LIVING IN RAMSEY COUNTY

The Native American population in Ramsey County represents all age groups. A significant proportion of the population is living in poverty.

3,723 Native Americans in Ramsey County



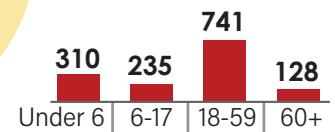
Ages of Native American residents



40%

of all Native Americans in Ramsey County are living in poverty in the past 12 months

Number of Native Americans living below the poverty level in Ramsey County, by age group



DIW FOOD SHELF

1,401 Native American households for whom public assistance participation is determined in Ramsey County



438

received food stamps/SNAP in the last 12 months

131,847

pounds of food provided in 2020

63%

of clients who used DIW food shelf also used SNAP/EBT in the last 12 months

300%

increase in food shelf during Covid-19 pandemic

Clients want healthier foods. However, these foods are not always available.

Top 5 foods clients want



1 Fresh fruits and vegetables



2 Meat, poultry, fish



3 Dairy



4 Eggs



5 Cooking and baking

Clients rely on food shelves for a large portion of their food and they still experience food insecurity.

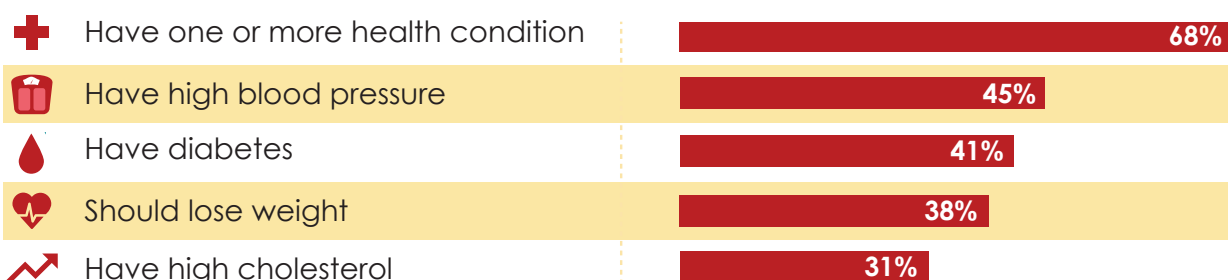


73% visited their food shelf once a month or more



88% still remain food insecure, worried that food will run out and/or food didn't last and didn't have money to buy more

Percentage of clients that have been told by their doctors that they...



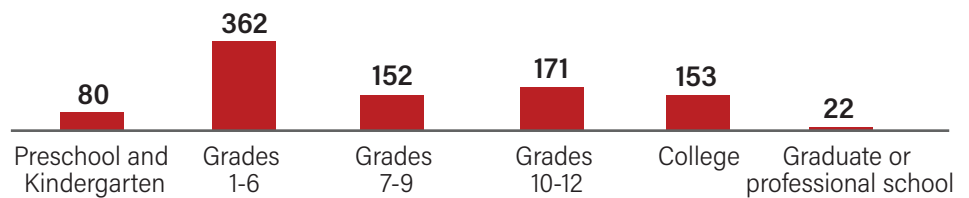
AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (AIYE)

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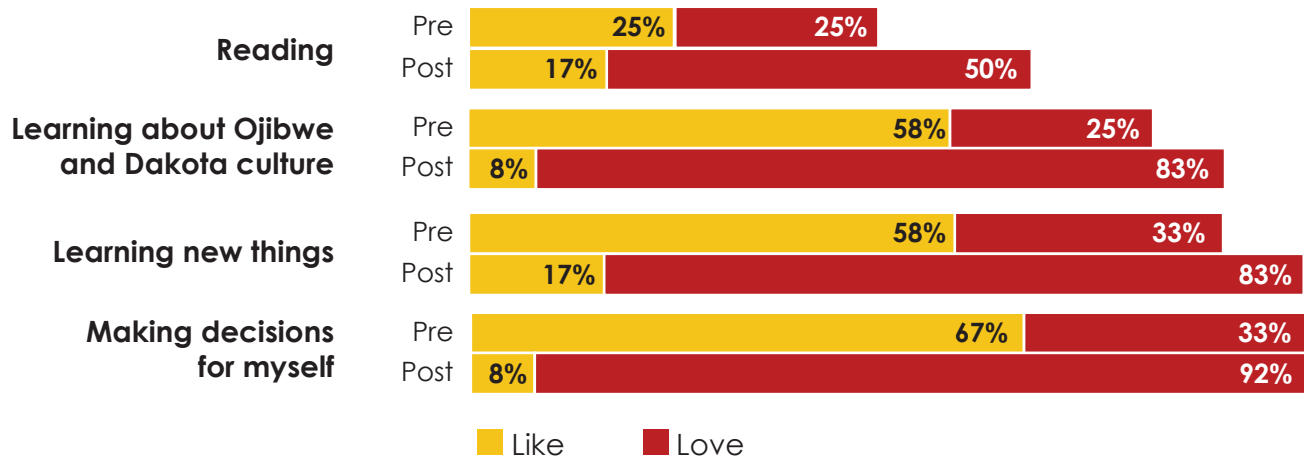


children attended after-school and summer youth enrichment programs in 2020

Number of Native American students in Ramsey County, by grade level



When asked how they felt about things before and after attending the program, many students said they have more enjoyment in these things since starting AIYE than they did before.

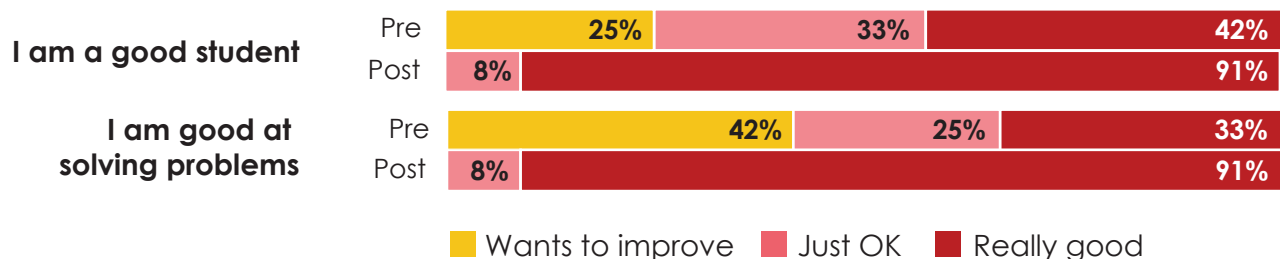


“ I liked learning about the earth and American Indian culture, and beliefs. ”

“ I learned a lot about Native American values and culture. ”

“ I like the flute and doing the art projects helps me be better at drawing. ”

Since joining the AIYE program, students were more likely to report positive feelings about how they are doing at being a good student and solving problems.



“ I feel more comfortable about my culture. ”

“ It improves my self-confidence. ”

“ It gave me ideas to be creative. ”

“ Thank you for giving me something fun to do in the summer and to create art with my sister. It gave us a reason to play and work together. ”