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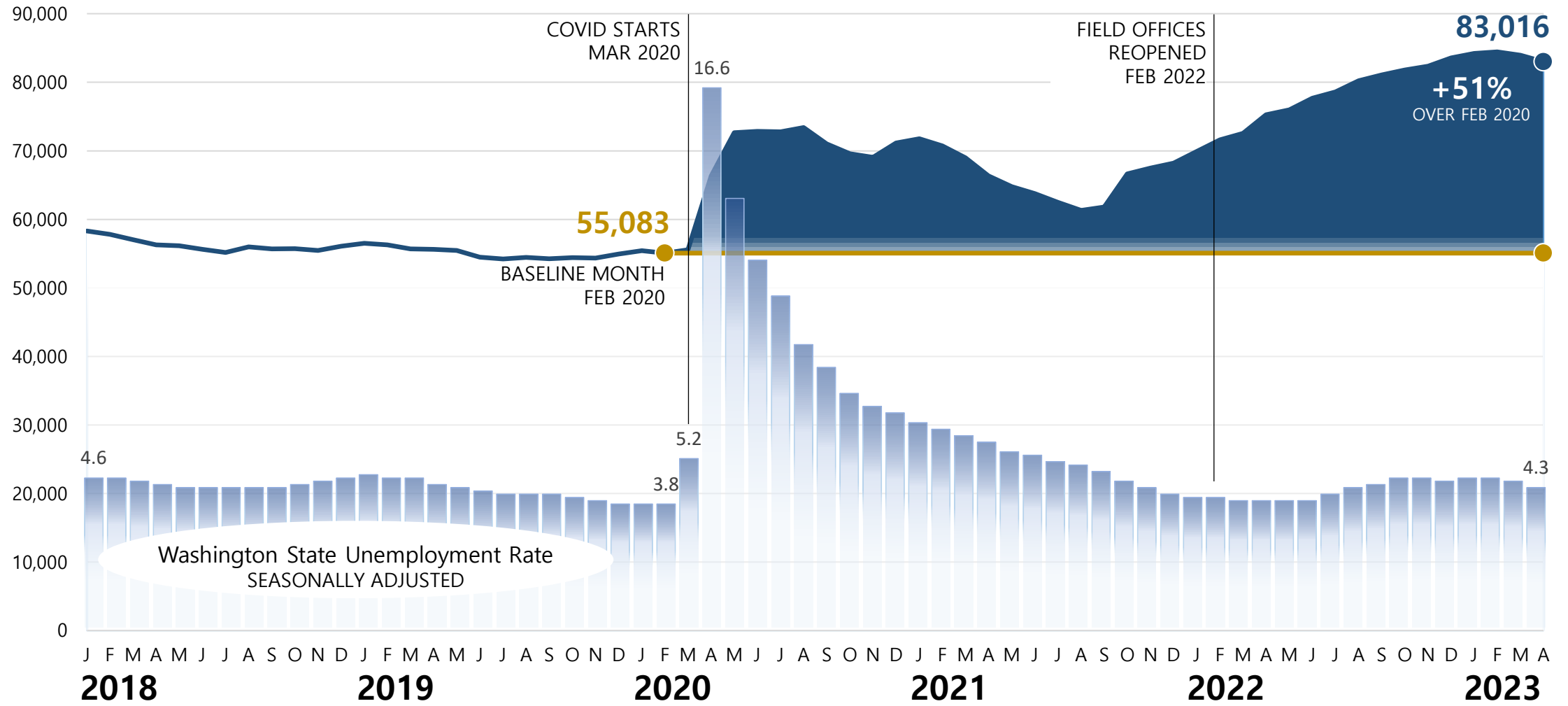
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Monthly Counts of TANF Recipients

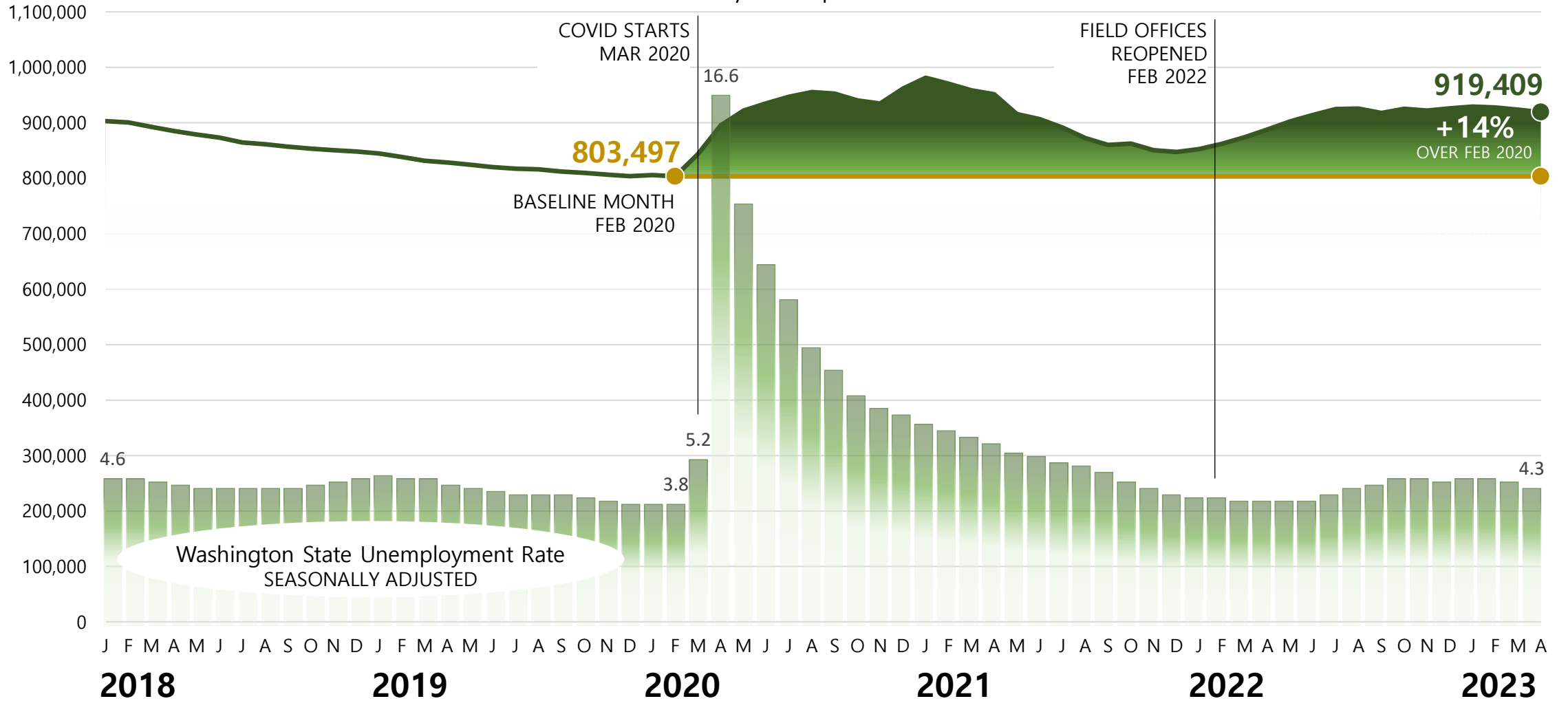
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Monthly Counts of Basic Food Recipients

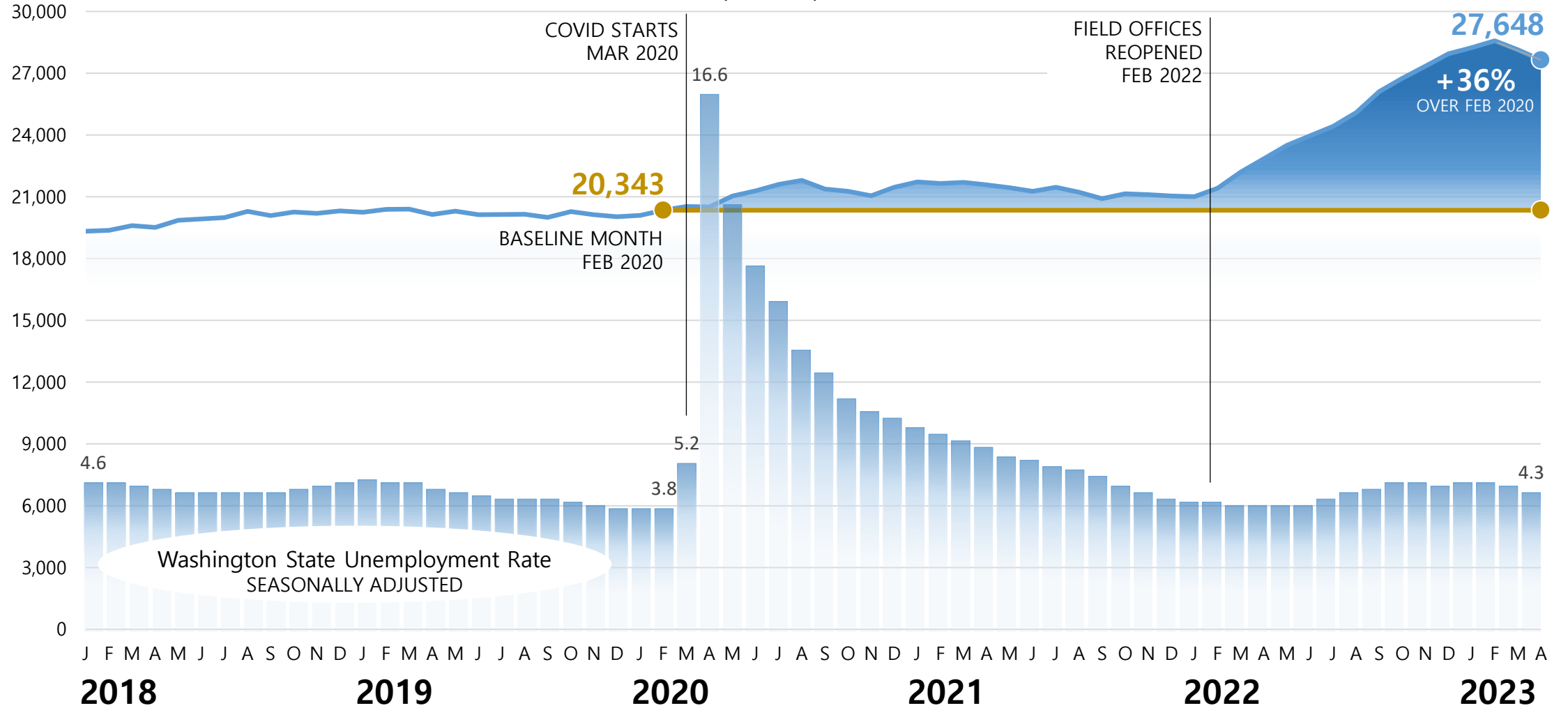
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Monthly Counts of Aged, Blind, or Disabled Recipients

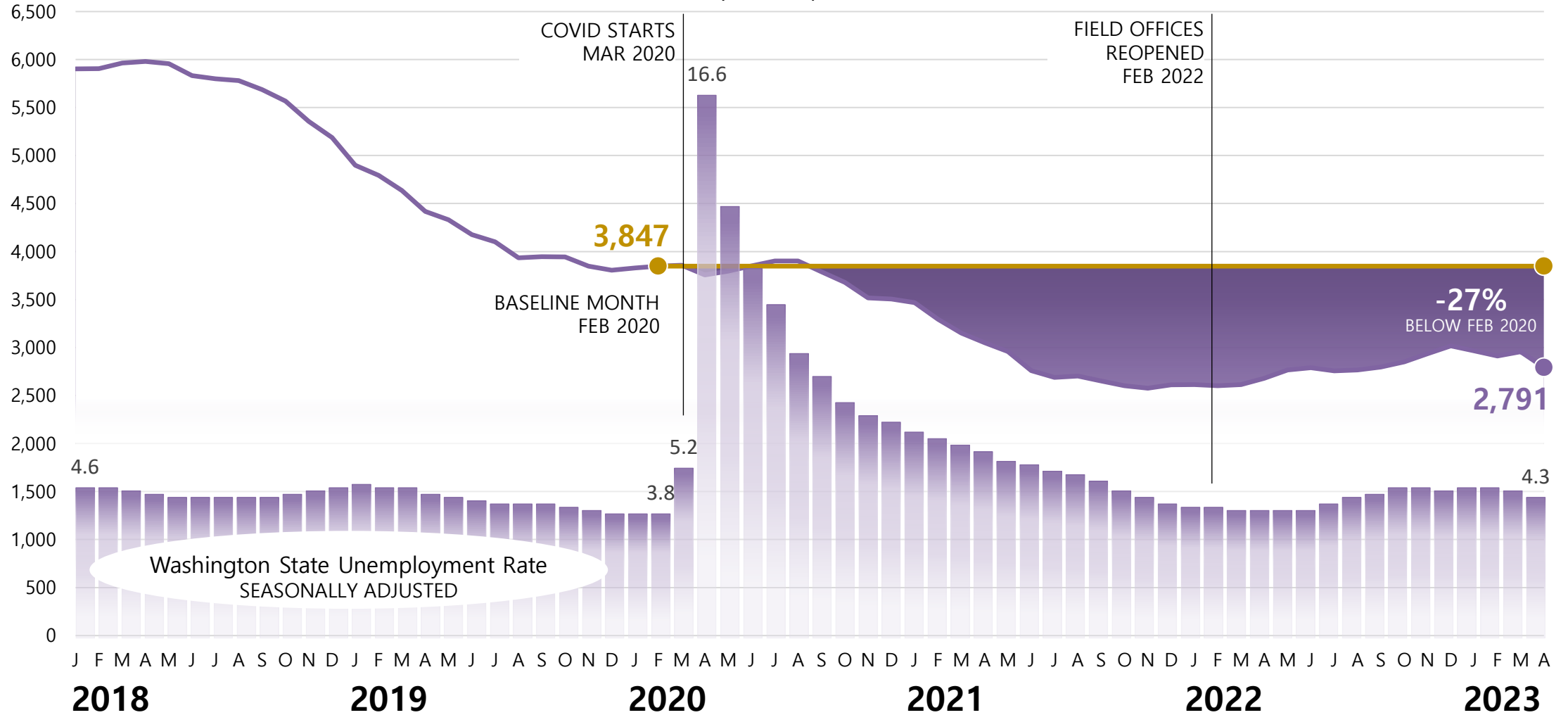
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Monthly Counts of Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Referral Program Participants

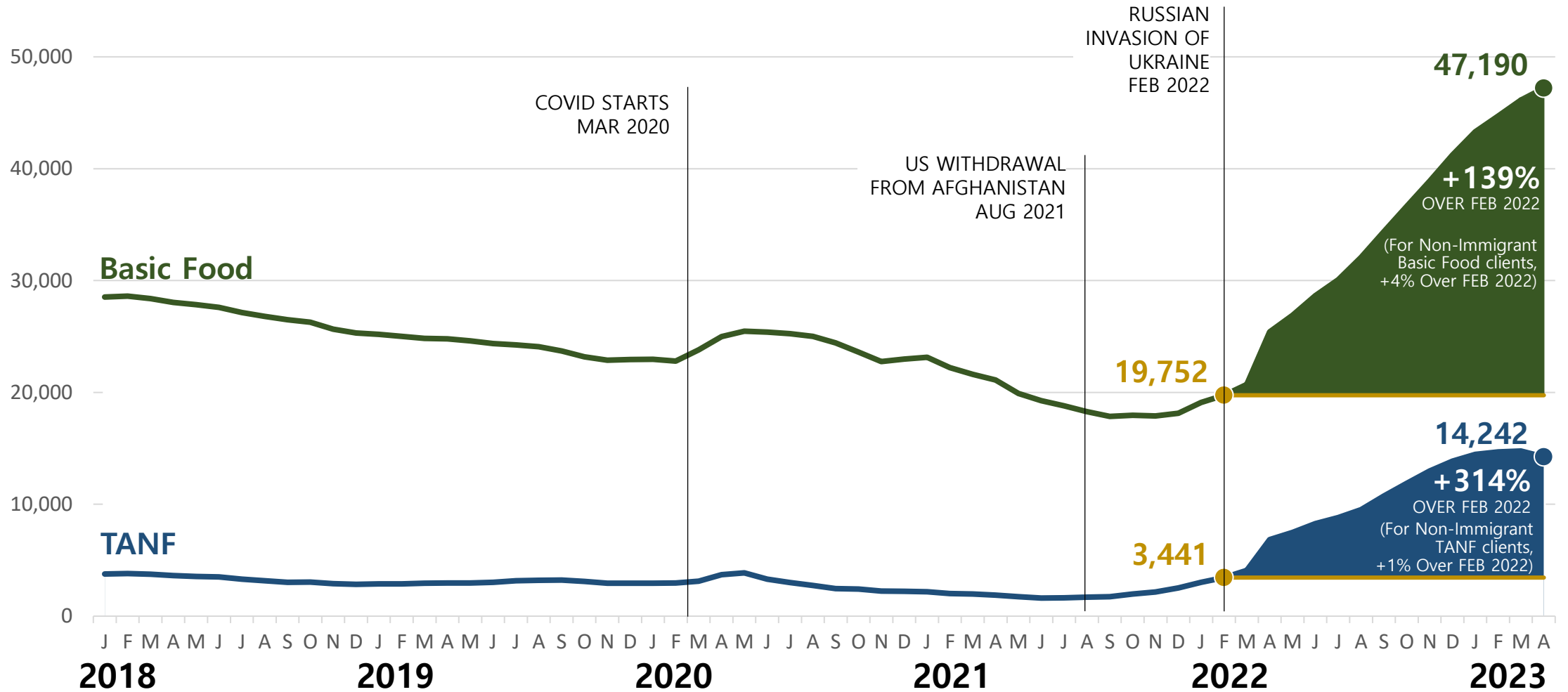
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Monthly Counts of Immigrant Recipients for TANF and Basic Food

January 2018 - April 2023



NOTES: For this analysis, immigrants are ESA clients who newly arrived in the US as non-citizens within the 5 years preceding the measurement month. Among immigrant TANF clients in April 2023, the top 3 countries of origin included Ukraine (51%), Afghanistan (11%), and Russia (10%). Of immigrant Basic Food clients in April 2023, the top 3 countries of origin were Ukraine (36%), Afghanistan (15%), and Mexico (8%). Unlike the TANF and Basic Food programs, the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD) program did not experience a surge in immigrant clients from February 2022 to April 2023 above and beyond the percentage change for non-immigrant ABD clients (+30% over February 2022). The Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) referral program has served an extremely small number (less than 25) of immigrant clients in any given month since February 2022, and thus, information for this program is not included in this chart.

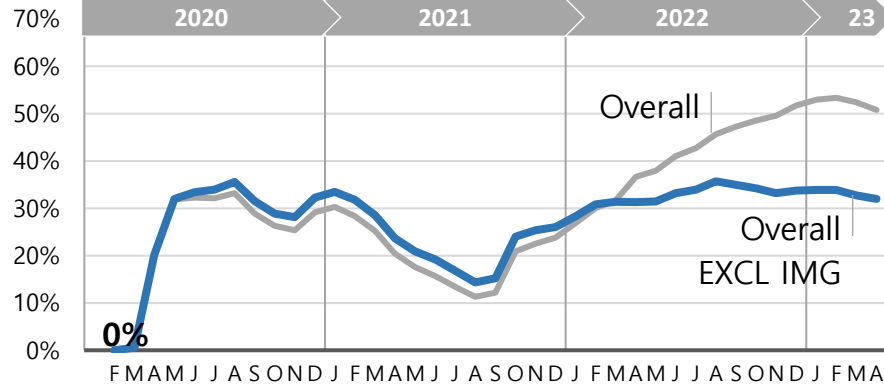
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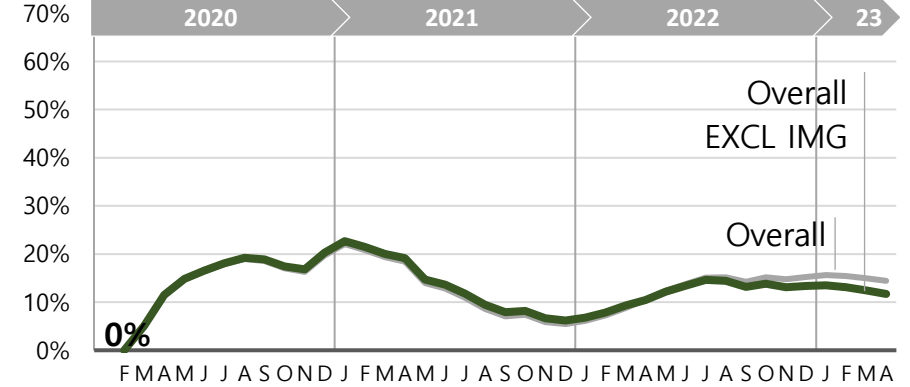
Change in Service Use among Non-Immigrants for Each Program

Monthly Percent Change in Overall and Non-Immigrant Recipient Counts Relative to February 2020

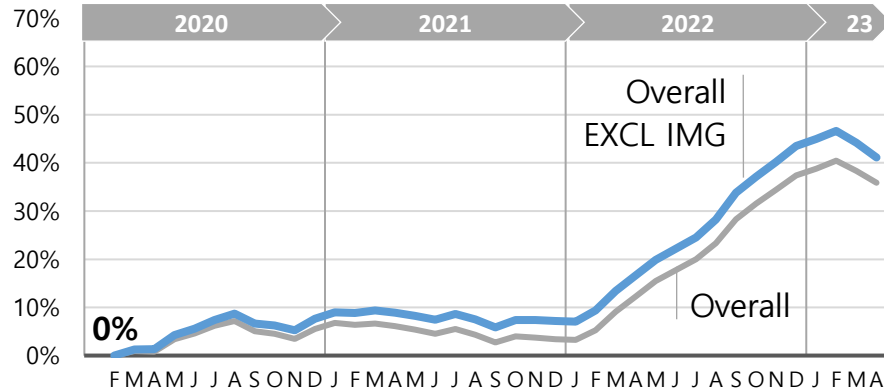
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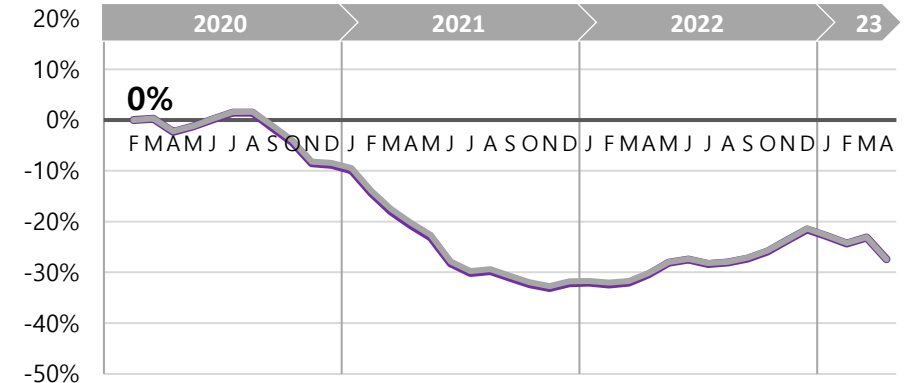
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Aged, Blind, Disabled



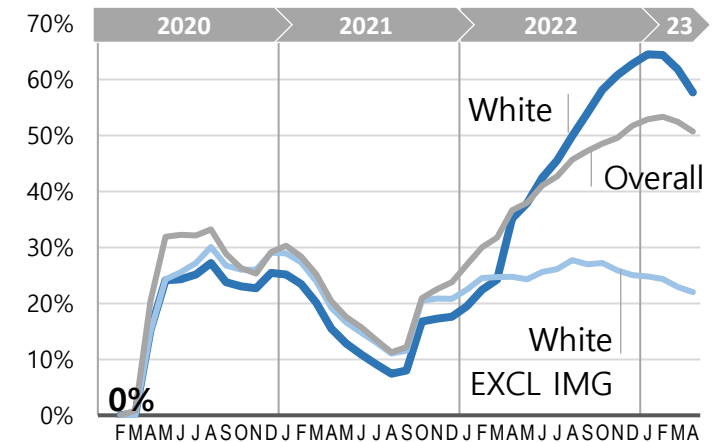
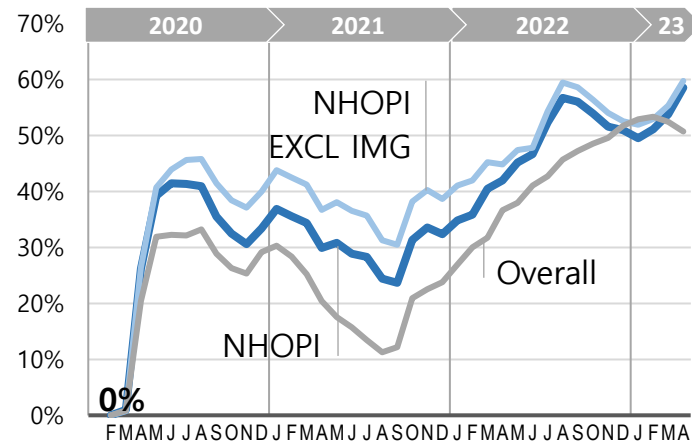
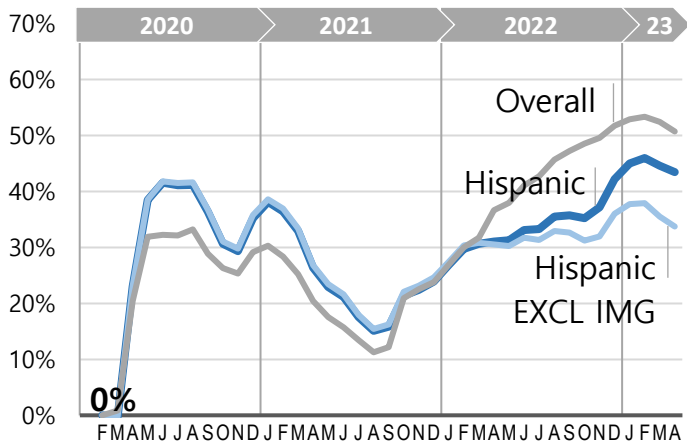
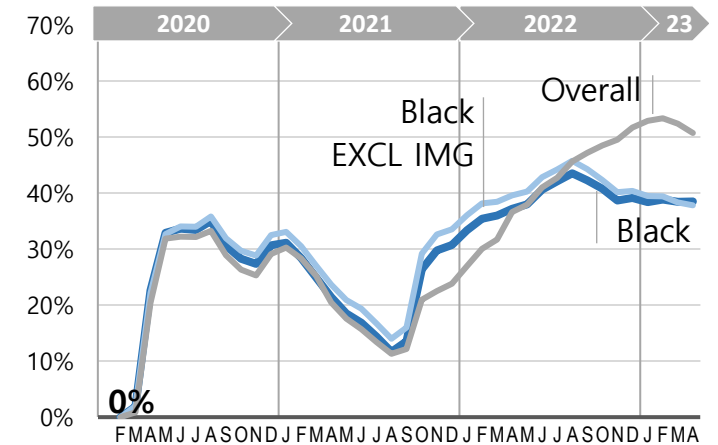
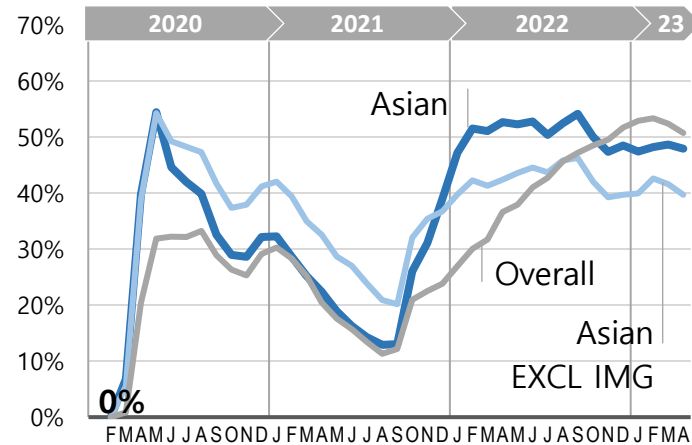
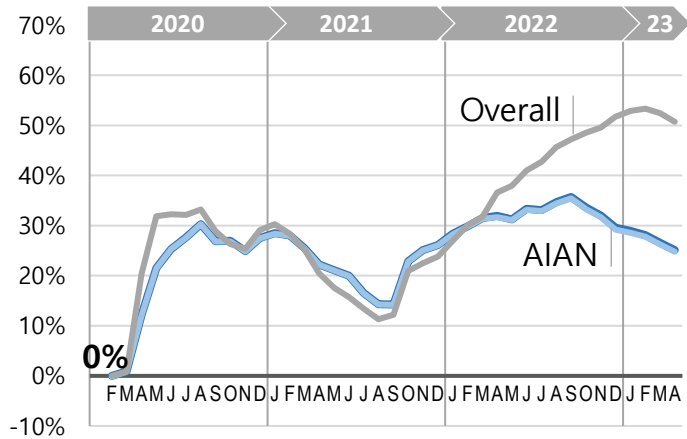
Housing and Essential Needs



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Change in Service Use by Race/Ethnicity and Immigration Status for TANF

Monthly Percent Change of Recipient Counts in Each Race/Ethnic Group Relative to February 2020



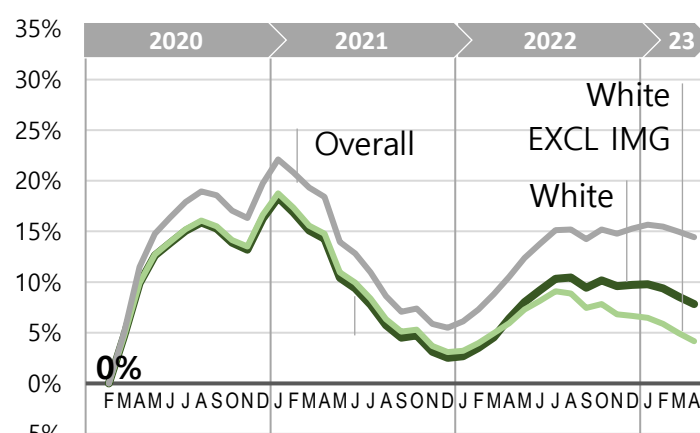
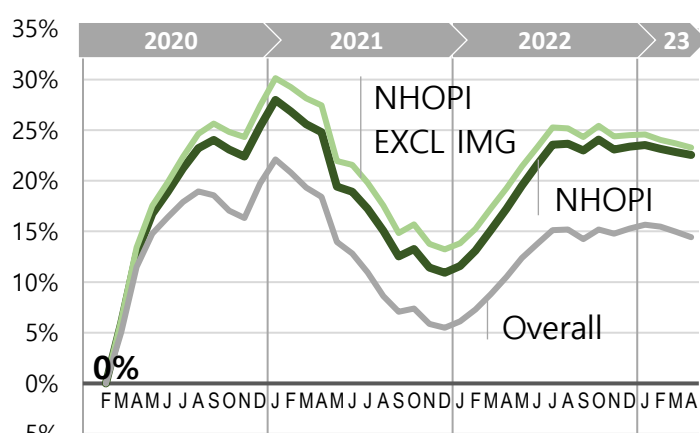
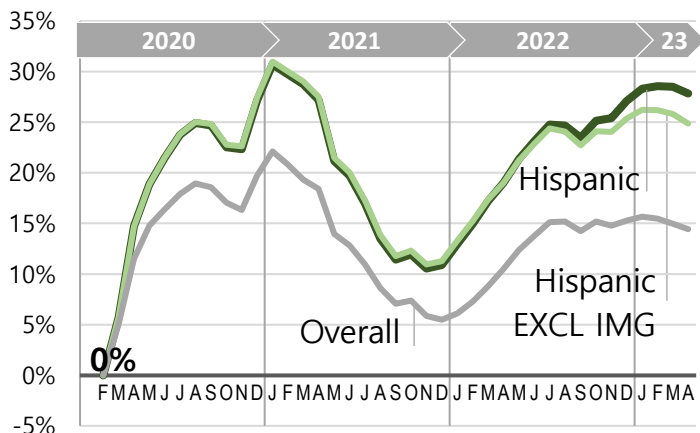
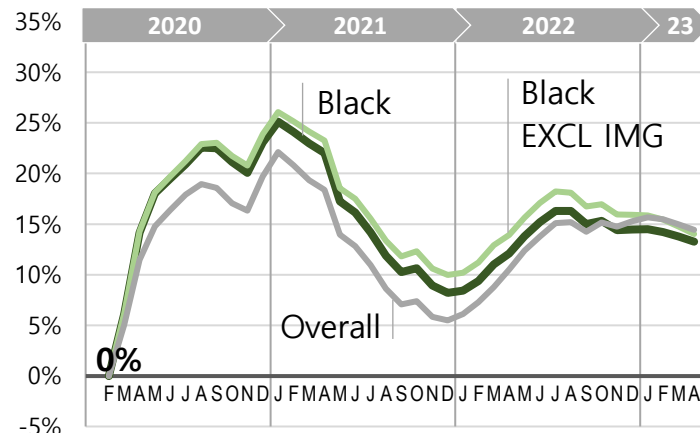
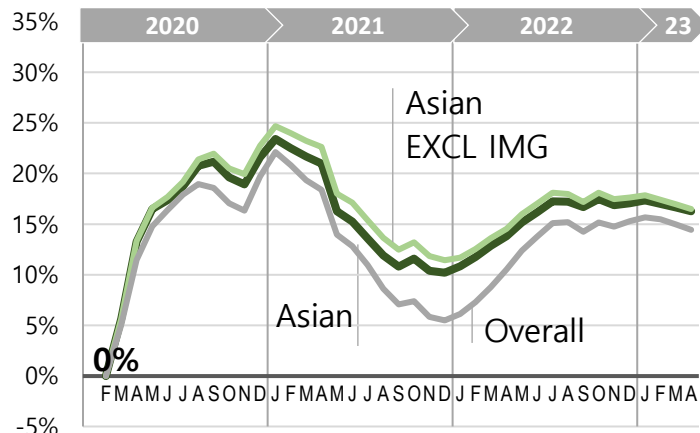
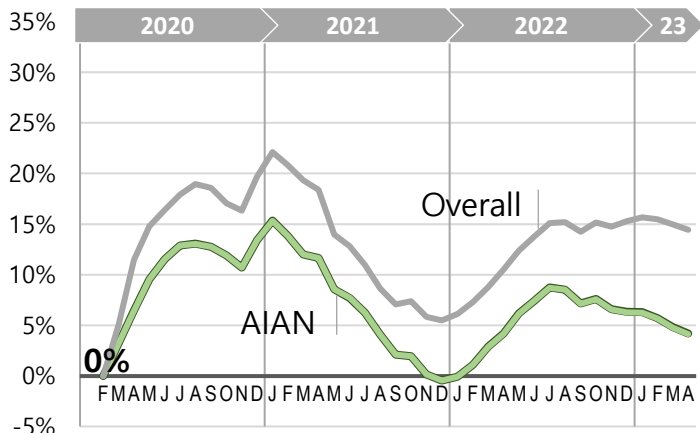
NOTES: AIAN = American Indian/Alaska Native; Black = Black or African American; Hispanic = Hispanic or Latino; NHOPI = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Race/ethnicity categories are not mutually exclusive. EXCL IMG = excluding immigrant clients. For this analysis, immigrants are ESA clients who newly arrived in the US as non-citizens within the 5 years preceding the measurement month. Among White, immigrant TANF clients in April 2023, the top 3 countries of origin include Ukraine (78%), Russia (14%), and Afghanistan (5%). Of Hispanic, immigrant clients, the top 3 countries of origin are Columbia (26%), Mexico (16%), and Venezuela (13%). Among Asian, immigrant TANF clients in April 2023, the top 3 countries of origin include Afghanistan (78%), Syria (3%), and Vietnam (2%).

SOURCE: DSHS Integrated Client Databases (ICDB)

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Change in Service Use by Race/Ethnicity and Immigration Status for Basic Food

Monthly Percent Change of Recipient Counts in Each Race/Ethnic Group Relative to February 2020



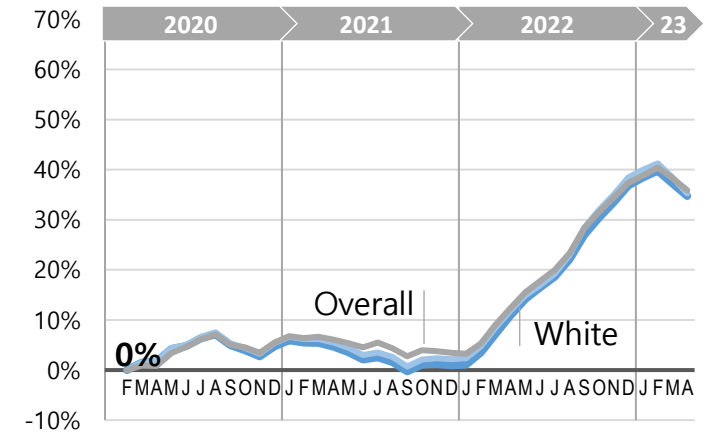
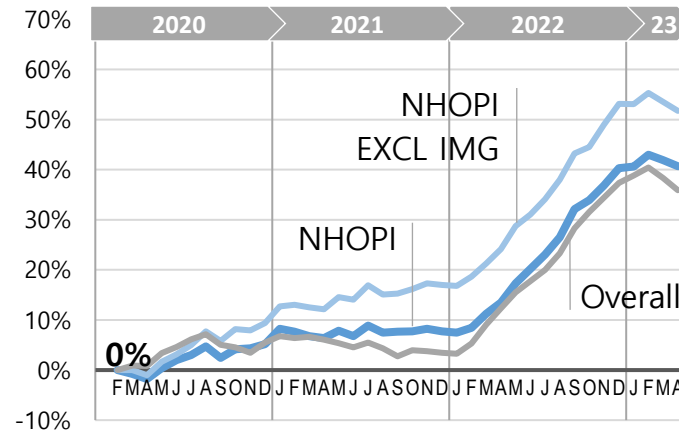
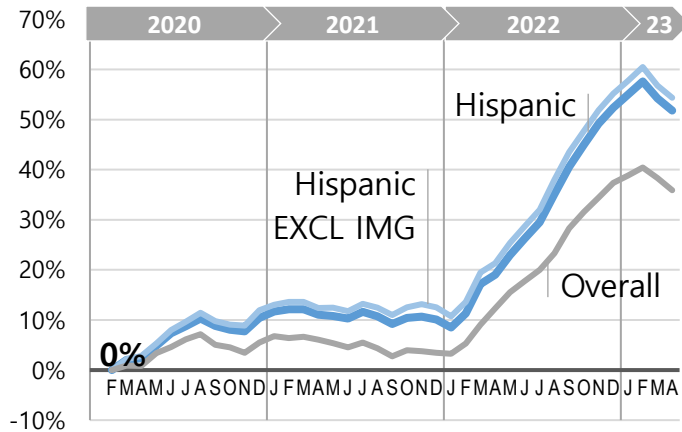
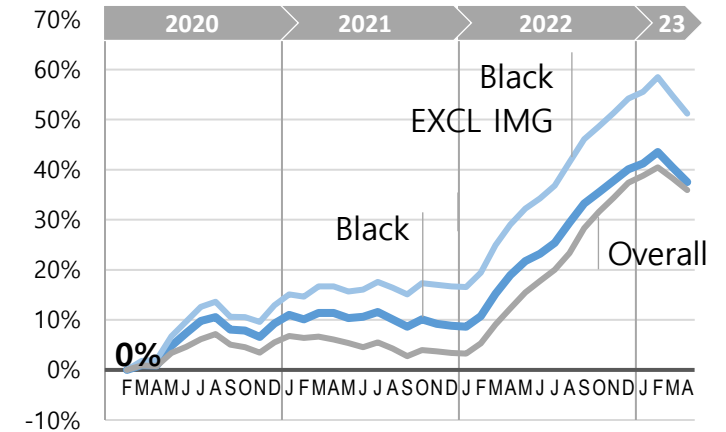
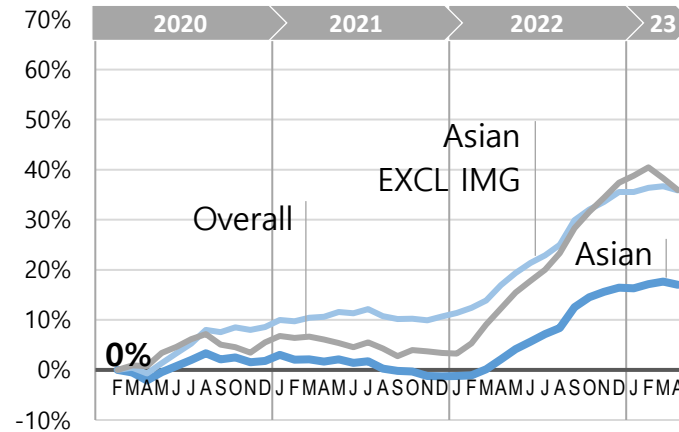
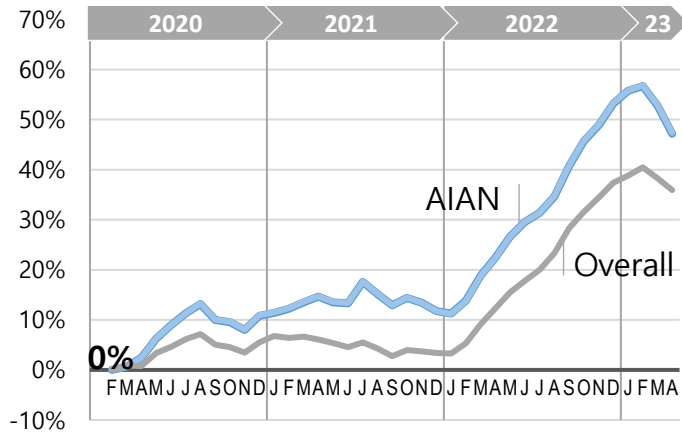
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Change in Service Use by Race/Ethnicity and Immigration Status for Aged, Blind, Disabled

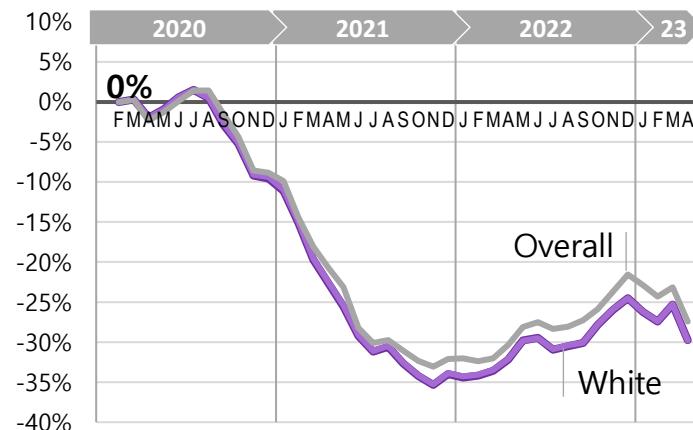
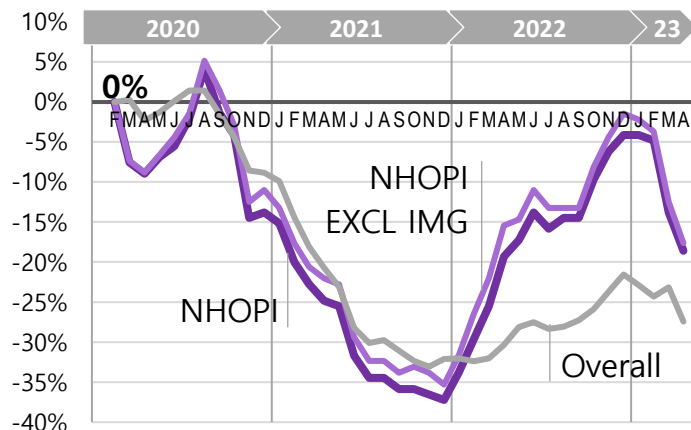
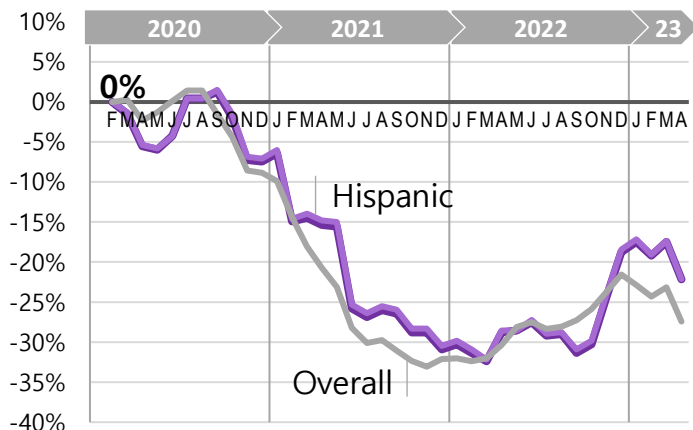
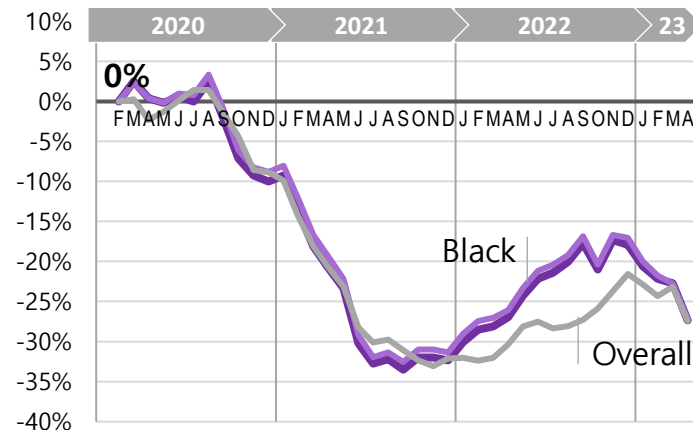
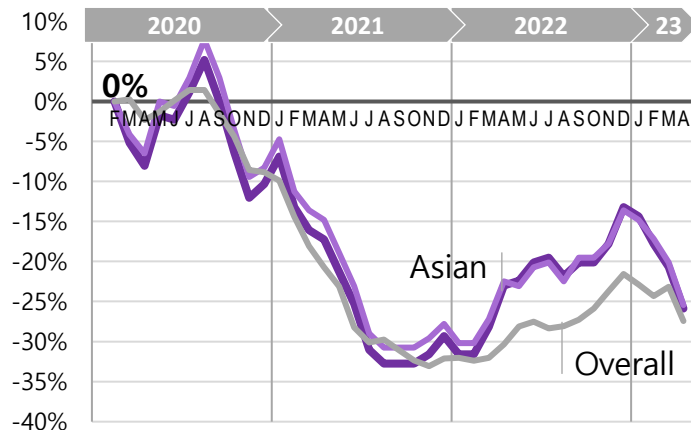
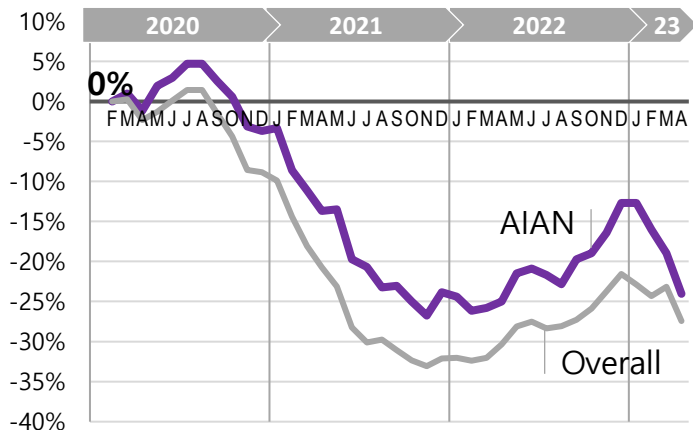
Monthly Percent Change of Recipient Counts in Each Race/Ethnic Group Relative to February 2020



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Change in Service Use by Race/Ethnicity and Immigration Status for HEN

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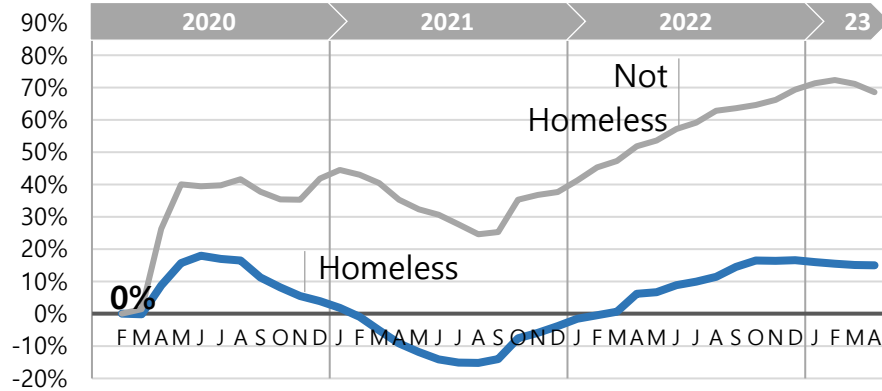


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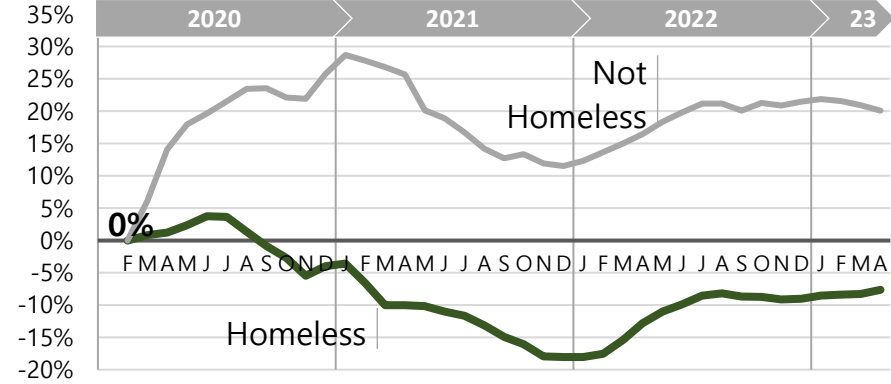
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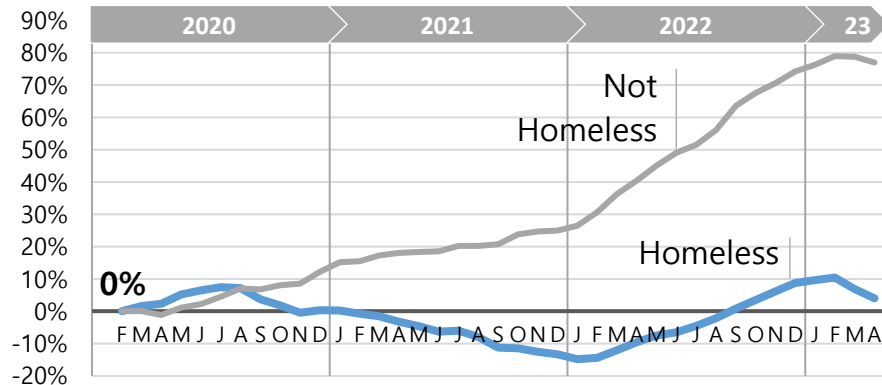
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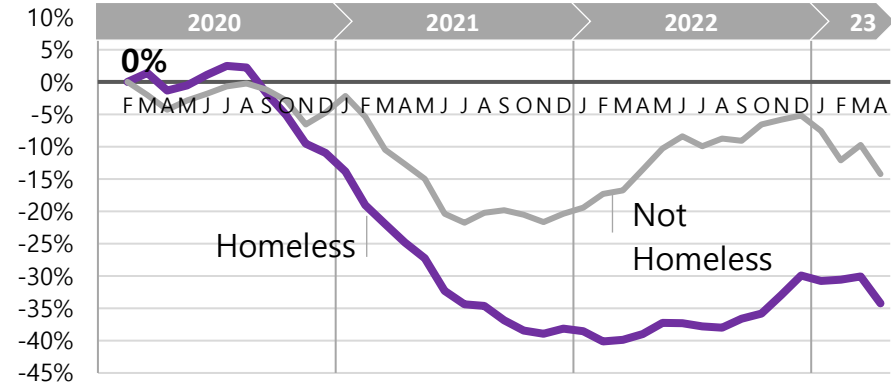
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Aged, Blind, Disabled



Housing and Essential Needs

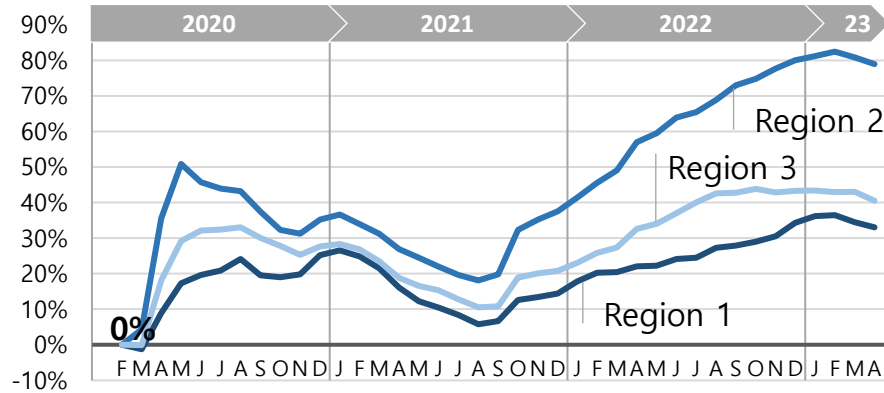


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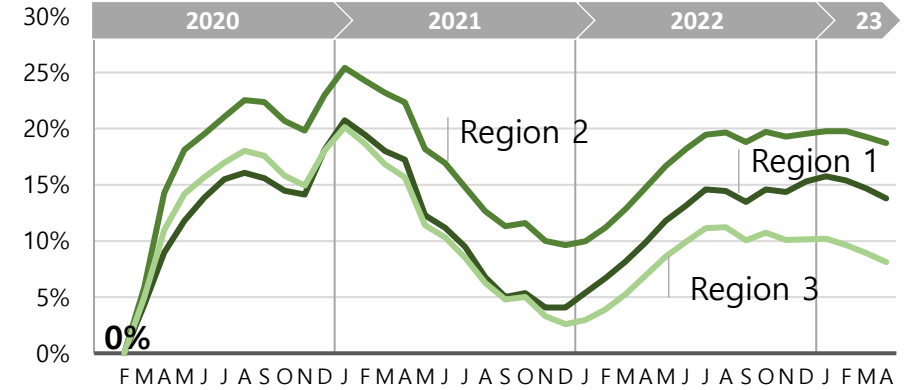
Change in Service Use by Region for Each Program

Monthly Percent Change of Recipient Counts in Each Region Relative to February 2020

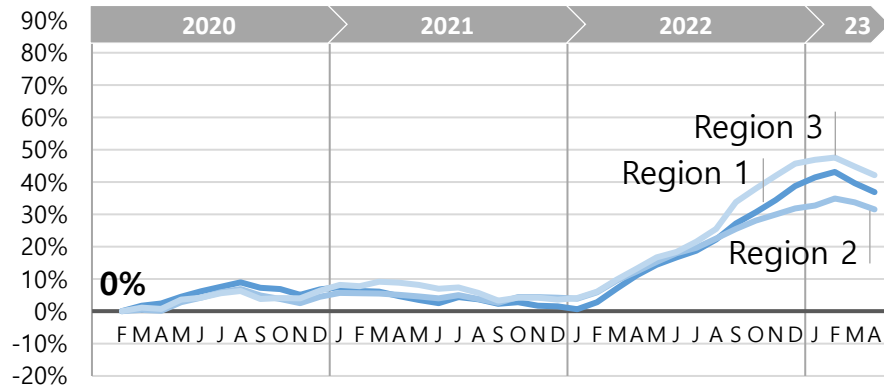
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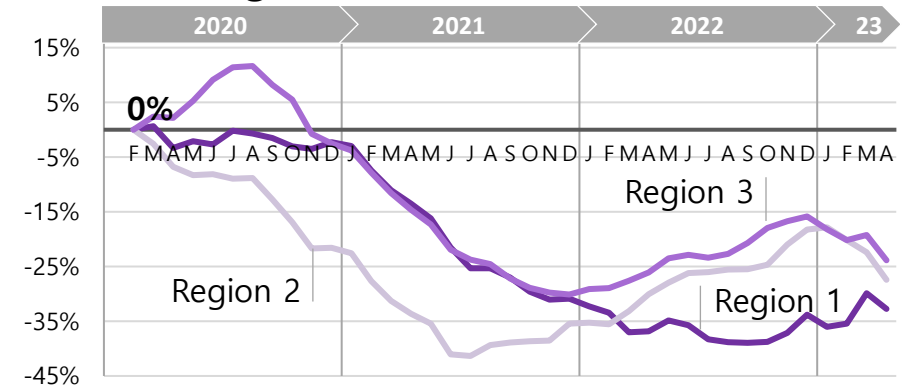
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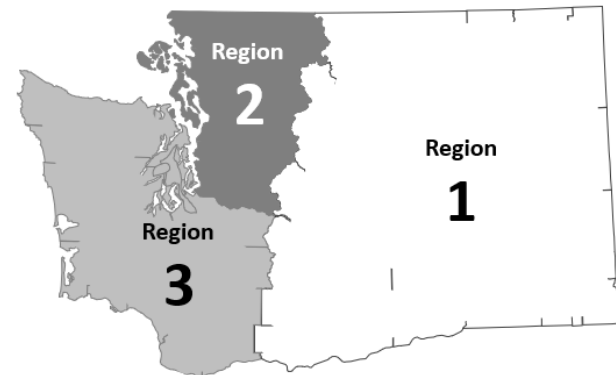
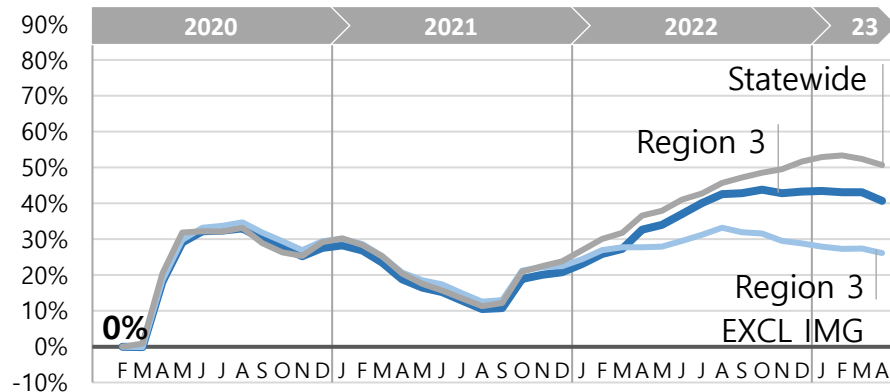
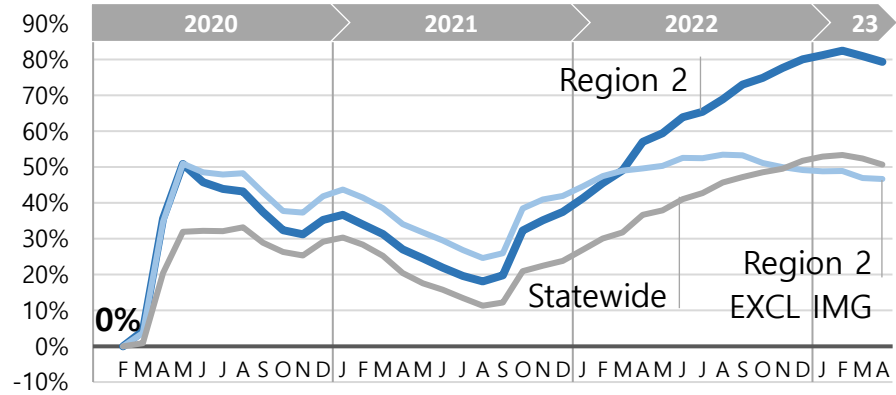
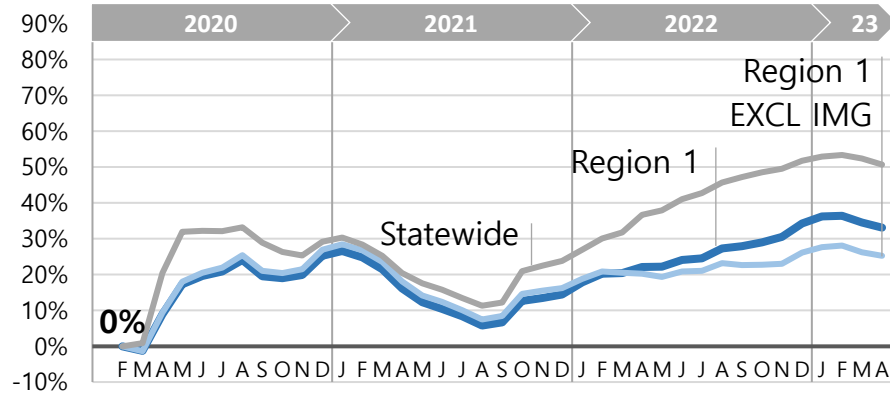
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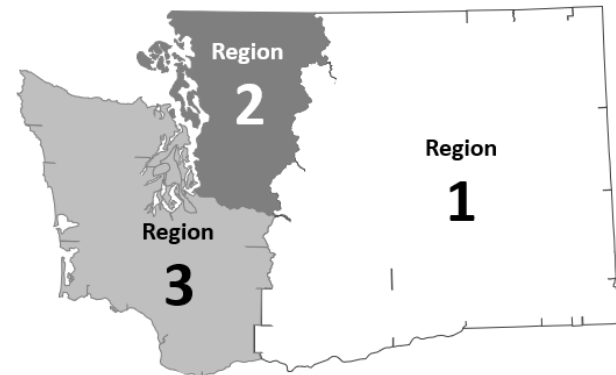
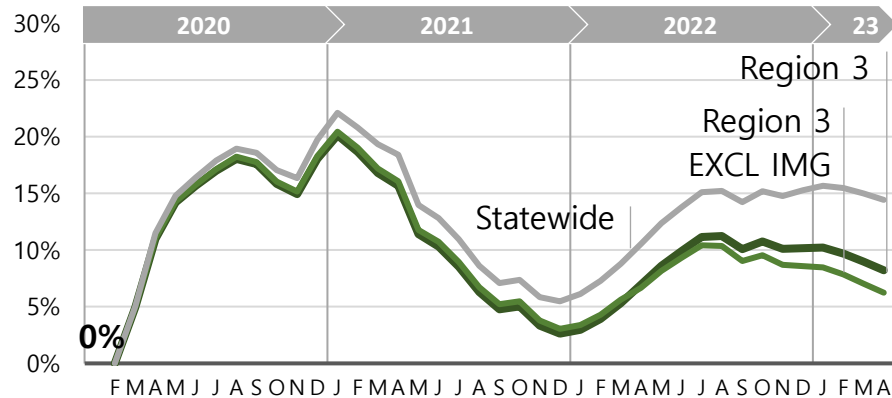
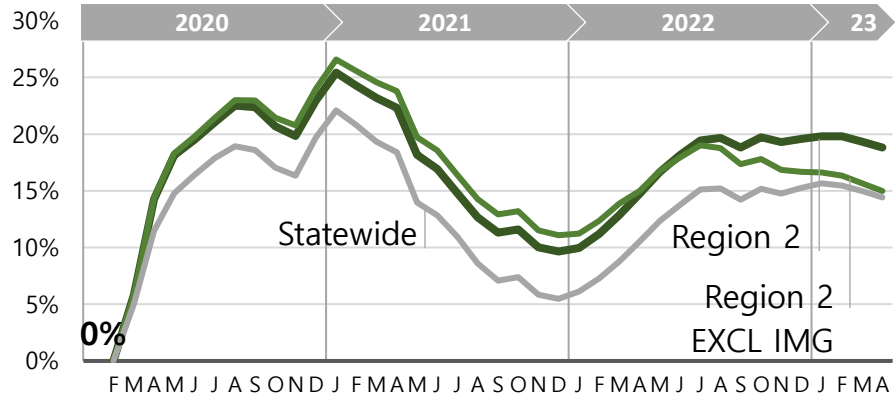
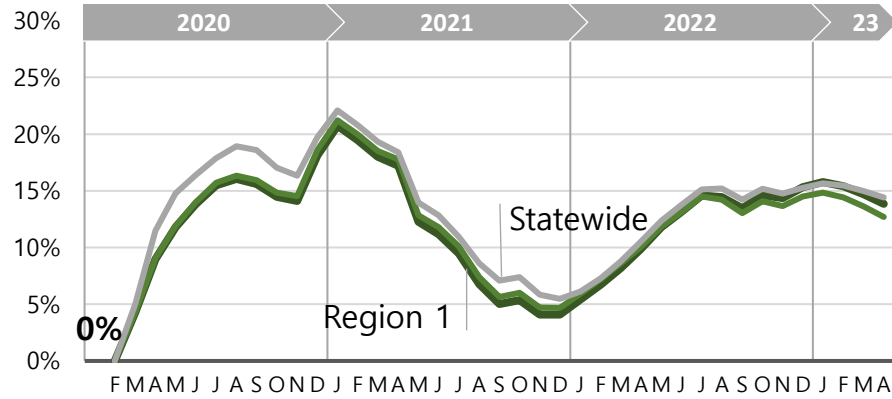
Change in Service Use by Region and Immigrant Status for TANF

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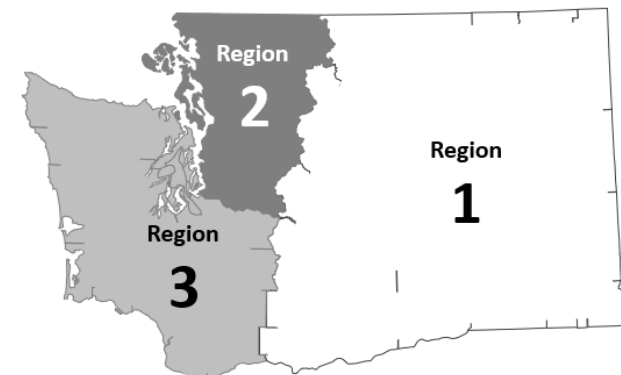
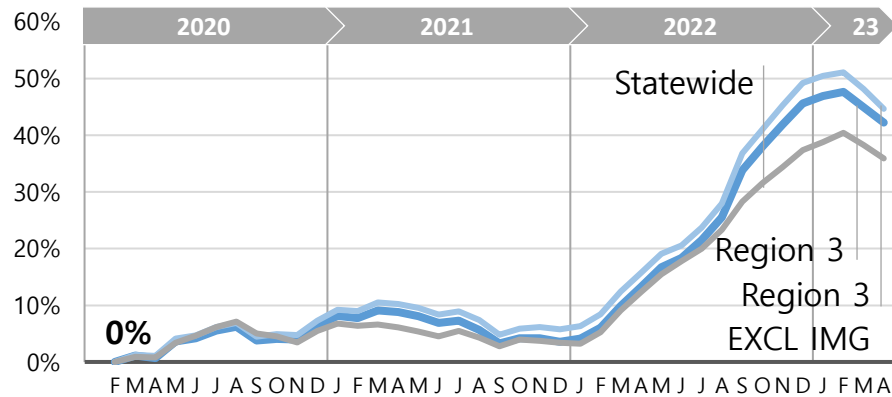
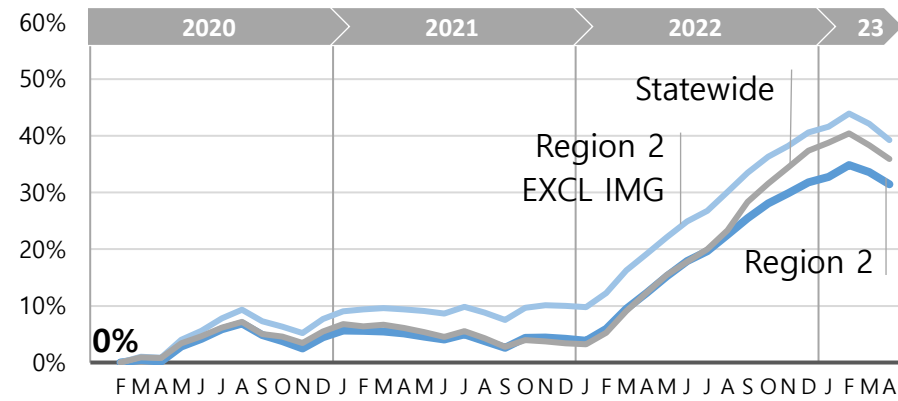
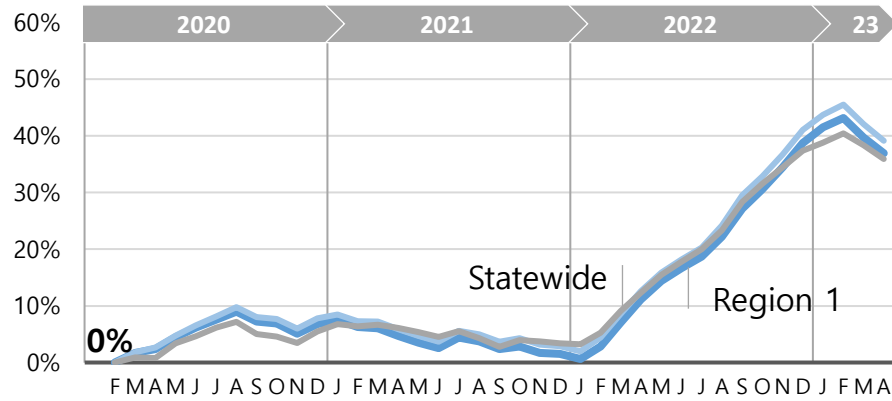
Change in Service Use by Region and Immigrant Status for Basic Food

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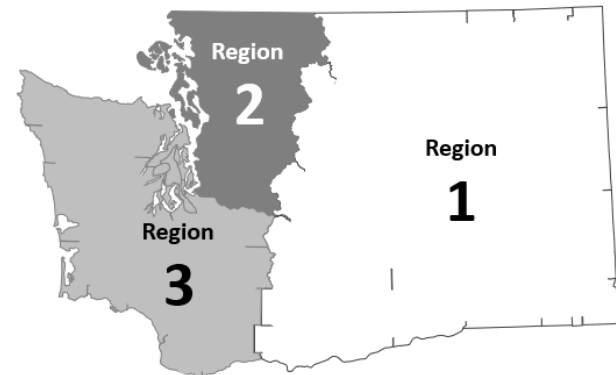
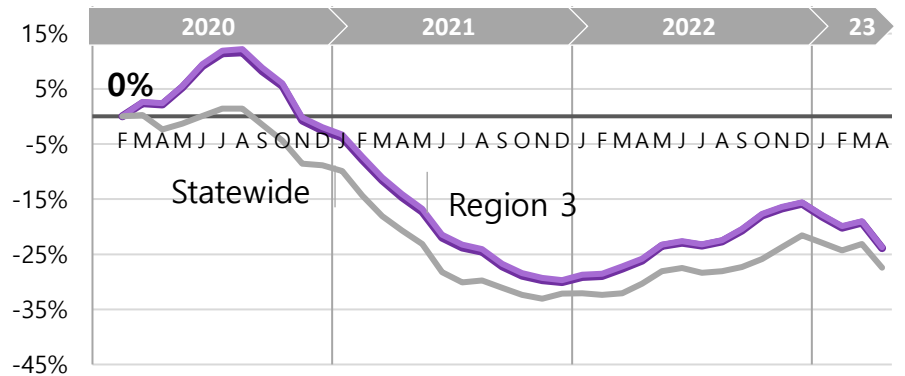
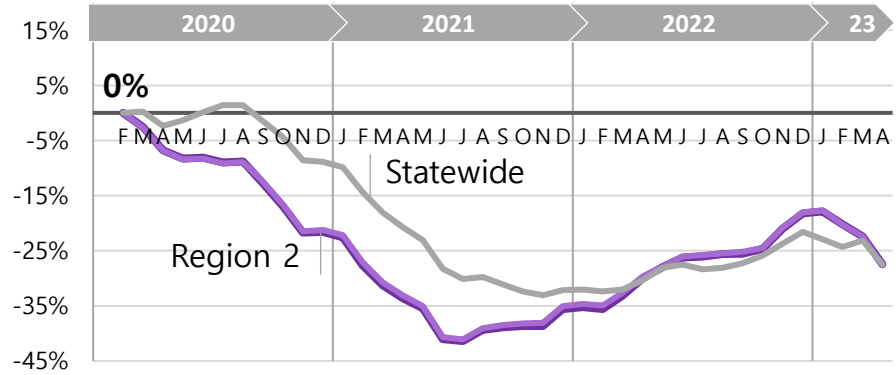
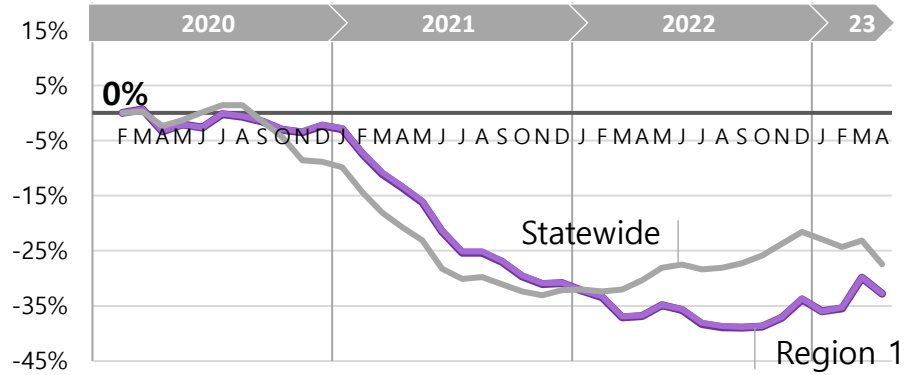
Change in Service Use by Region and Immigrant Status for Aged, Blind, Disabled

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Change in Service Use by Region and Immigrant Status for Housing and Essential Needs

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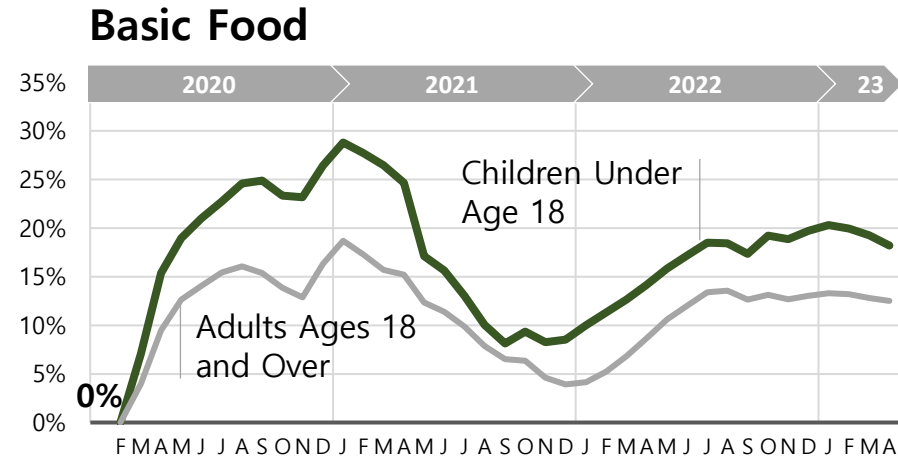
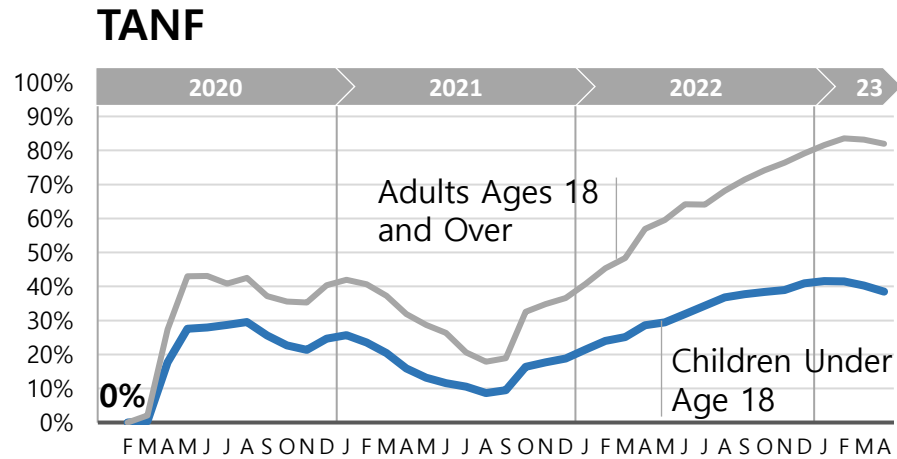


NOTE For this analysis, immigrants are ESA clients who newly arrived in the US as non-citizens within the 5 years preceding the measurement month. The line charts for each region including or excluding immigrant clients are almost completely overlapping since less than 1 percent of the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) referral program participants were immigrants in any given month from February 2020 to April 2023.

SOURCE: DSHS Integrated Client Databases (ICDB)

Change in Service Use by Age Group for TANF and Basic Food

Monthly Percent Change of Counts of Children Under Age 18 and Adults Ages 18 and Over Relative to February 2020

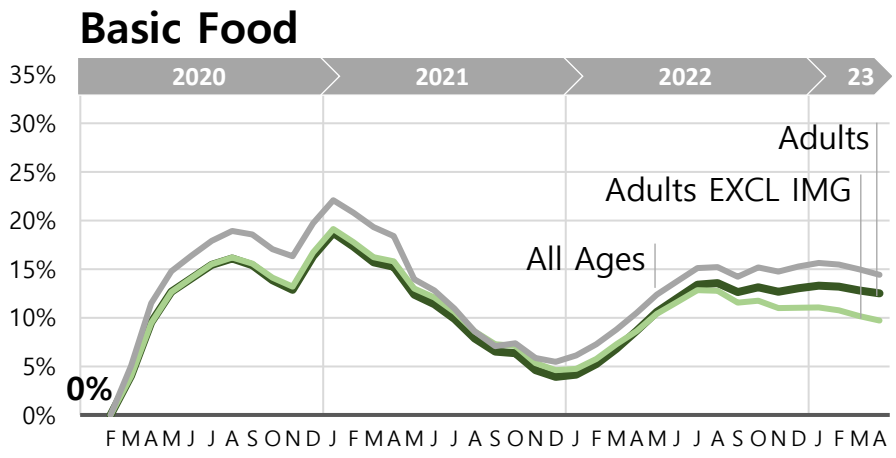
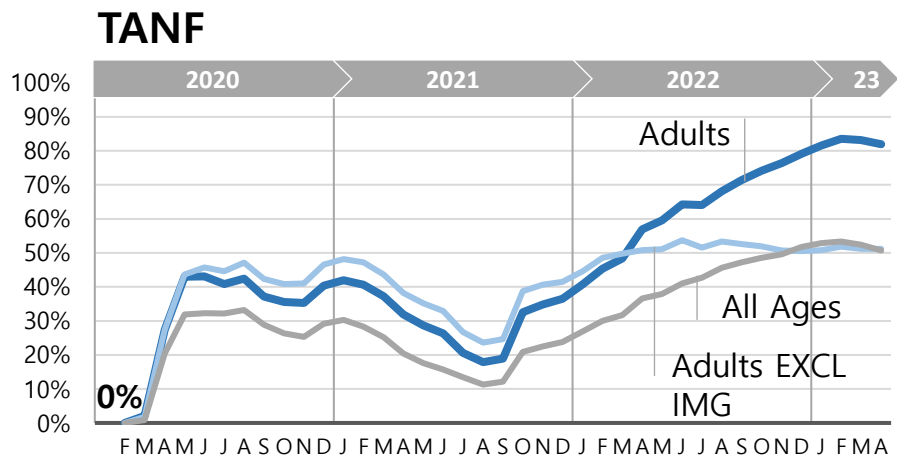
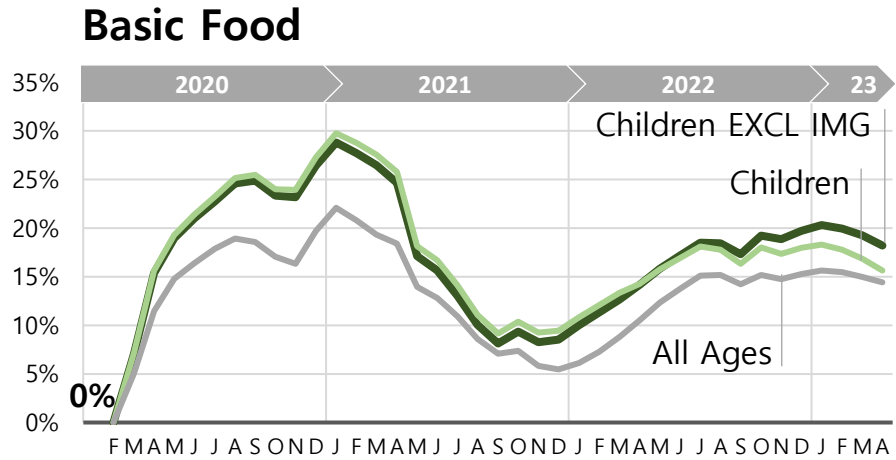
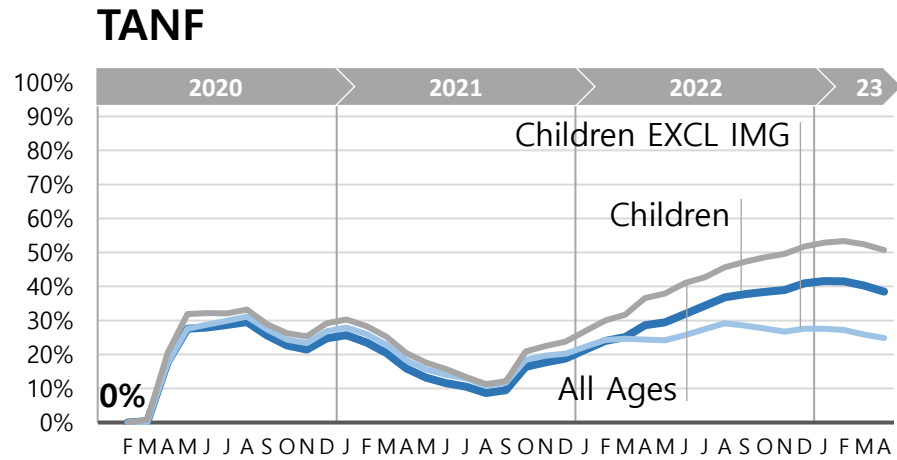


NOTE: Because the Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD) and Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Referral program do not serve children, comparisons are not provided for these programs. The TANF graph axis is on a different scale than the Basic Food graph axis.

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Change in Service Use by Age Group and Immigrant Status for TANF and Basic Food

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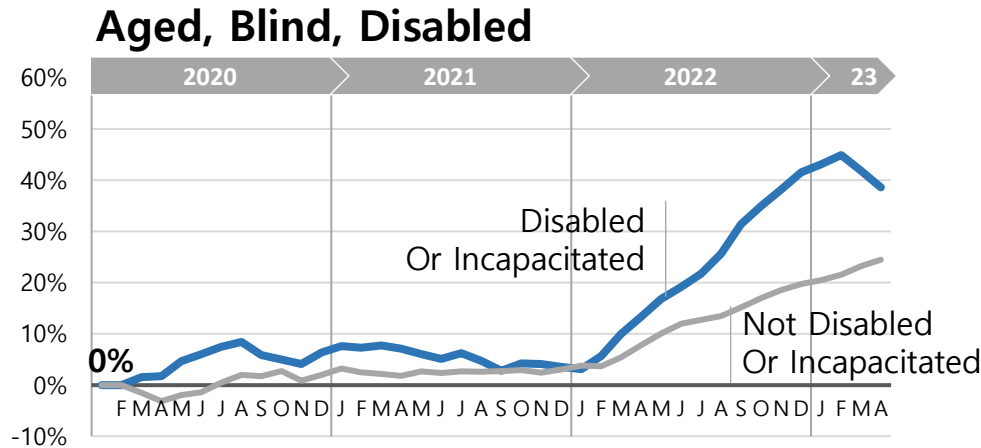
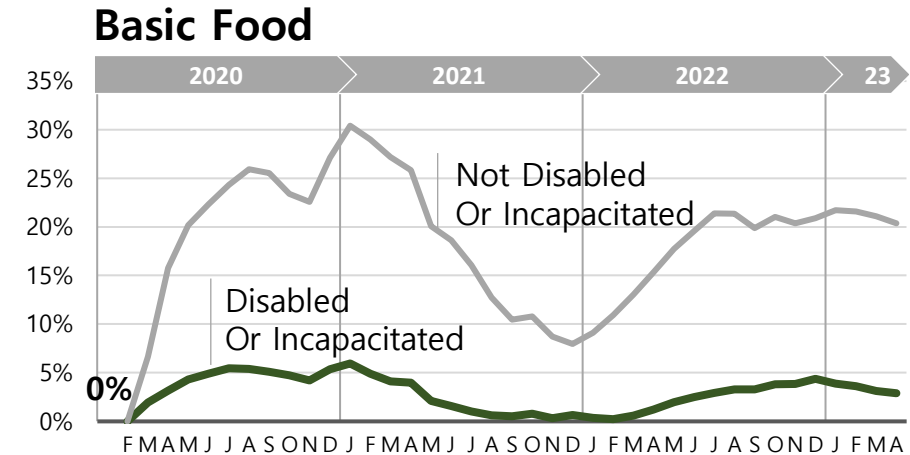
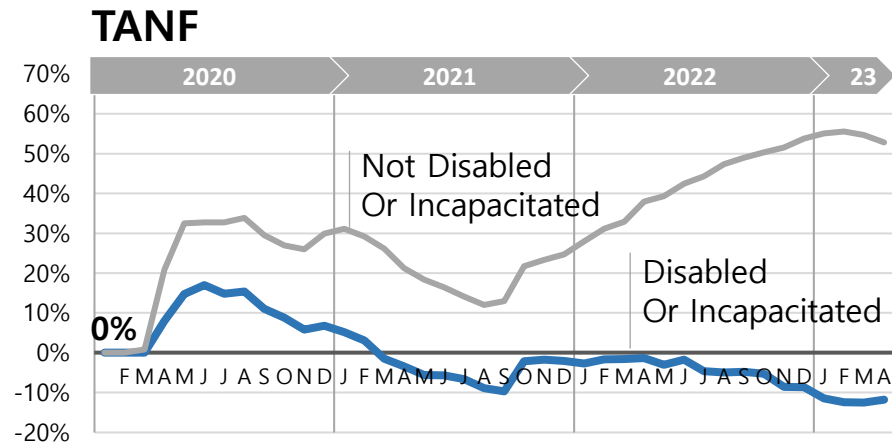
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Change in Service Use by Disability Status for TANF, Basic Food, and ABD

Monthly Percent Change of Counts of Disabled or Incapacitated Clients and Not Disabled or incapacitated Recipients Relative to February 2020



NOTE: Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Referral recipients must be incapacitated to be eligible, so the comparison is not provided for this program. The axes for the three graphs are on different scales.
SOURCE: DSHS Integrated Client Databases (ICDB)

Questions?

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