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Social Services

Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS)

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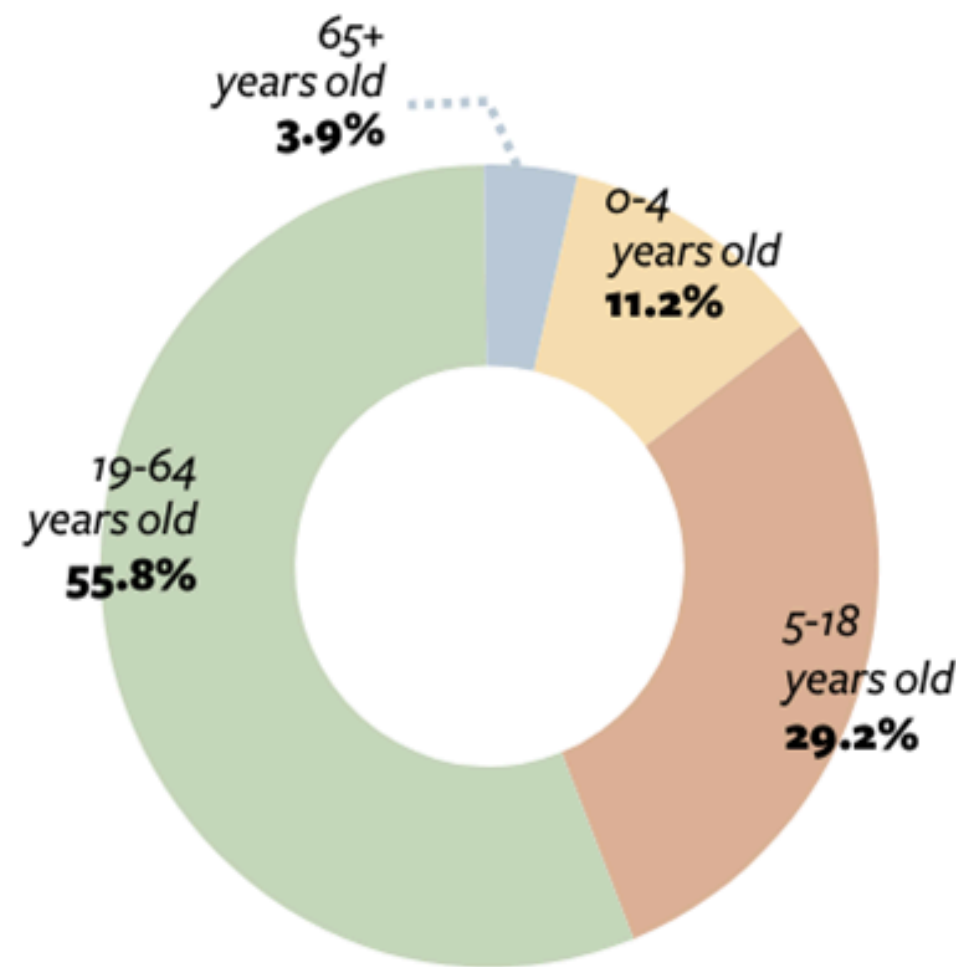


Program Demographics

FY 24 (October 1 - Present)

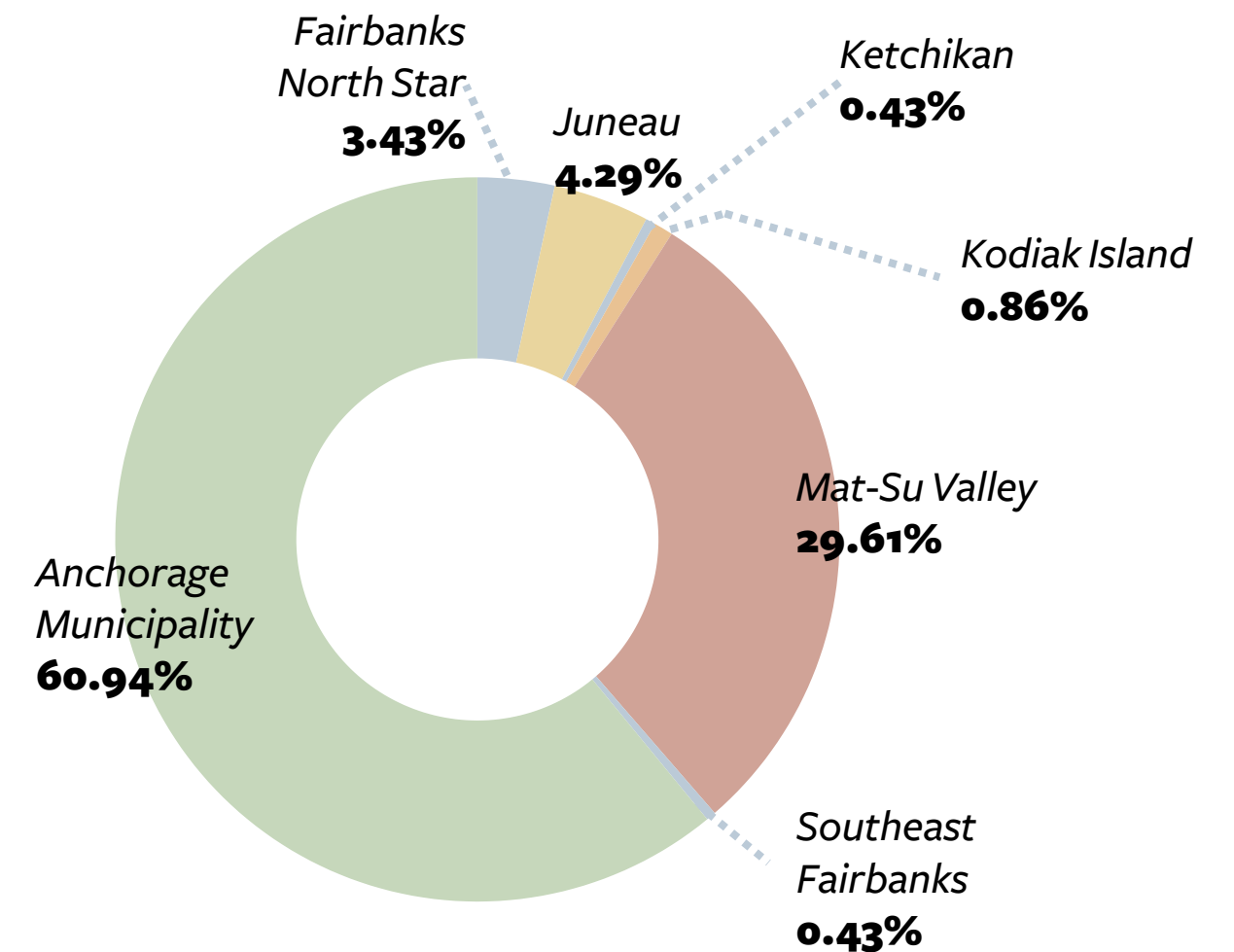


Age:



Where our newest neighbors live:

Anchorage/Eagle River:	142
Fairbanks North Star Borough:	8
Juneau:	10
Ketchikan:	1
Kodiak:	2
Matanuska- Susitna Valley:	69
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area:	1



About RAIS:

Provides a bridge for refugees (individuals who have had to flee their countries of origin due to the tragedies of persecution and war) and other new arrivals from their former life experiences to the new skills required for success in the United States.

Who we serve

Eligible populations

Refugees

Asylee

Humanitarian Parolees (AHP, UHP)

Cuban and Haitian Entrants

Amerasians

Victims of Trafficking

Countries of Origin

Burma	8
Cuba	8
Democratic Rep of Congo	27
Eritrea	2
Haiti	12
Mexico	3
Poland	1
Republic of South Sudan	13
Russia	10
Somalia	10
Sudan	7
Ukraine	130

Employment



FY23 Data

302 clients entered employment (398 job placements or promotions)
97% of clients retained employment for 90 days

Full time – 222 job placements

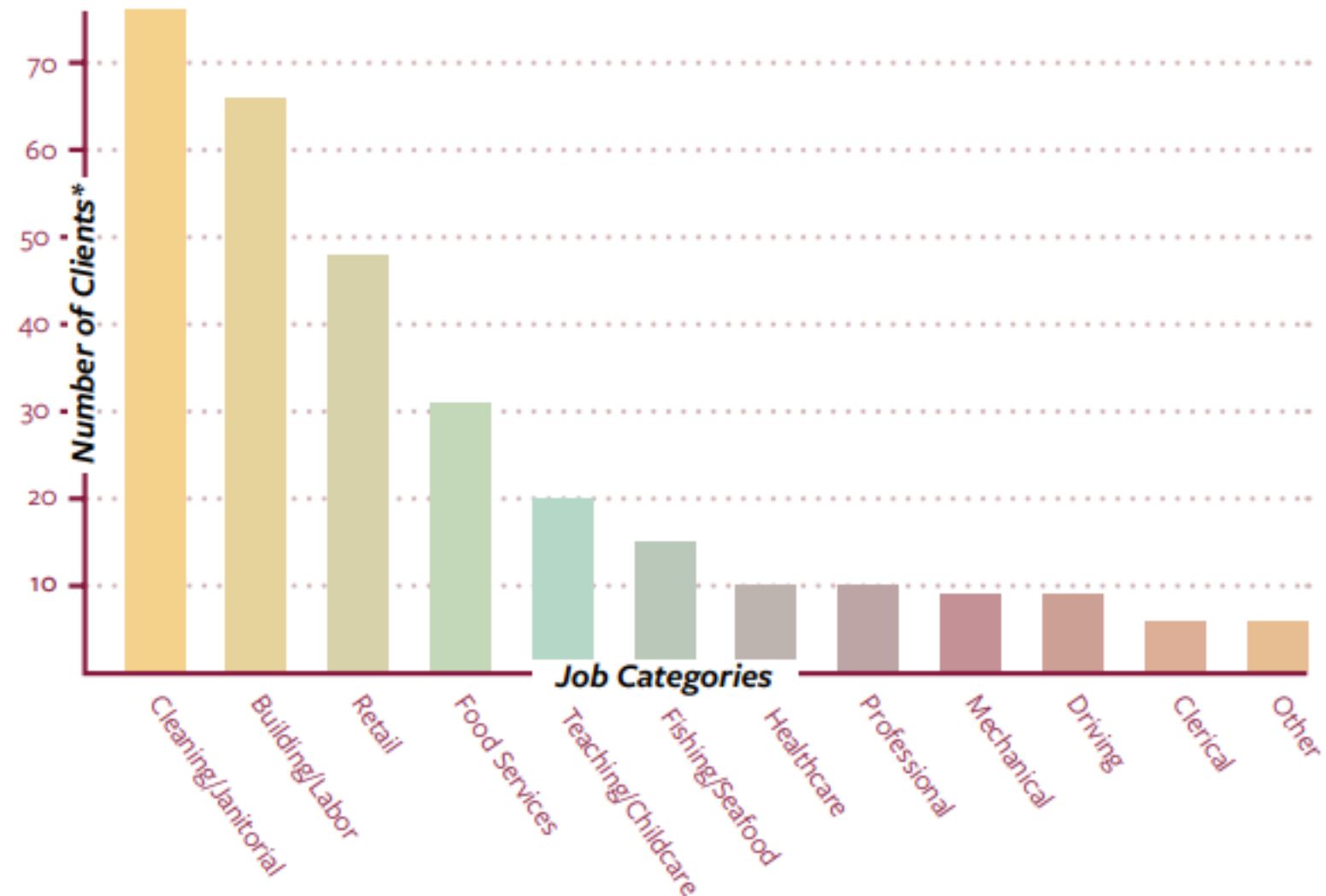
Average Wage: \$18.76

42% of jobs offered health benefits

Part time – 77 job placements

Average Wage: \$15.01

Types of jobs refugees are finding:



*Many RAIS clients hold multiple part-time jobs, so total jobs held will be greater than total employed clients (July 2023)

Program Overview

Services Offered:

Case management

Reception & Placement (R&P)

Health Promotion

Employment

School Impact |

Services for Older Refugees |

Youth Mentoring

FIG (Fresh International Gardens)



Community Support Makes it Possible!



A donor provided the funds to equip all six children of a newly arrived family with bikes. Pictured here: two teens in the family browse bikes at Off the Chain Co-Op.



Nik, a Ukrainian client based in Ketchikan, stands with his English teacher Steven, based in Anchorage. Nik and Steven practice English online weekly.



Local dancers from the Anchorage community perform at the 2023 World Refugee Day - an annual community celebration hosted every June.

How can you help make Anchorage welcoming?