



A DRD Presentation for
**LEAN FORWARD
VETERANS
SUMMIT: 2023**

- Master's Degree: Justice & Security Admin. (Homeland Security)
- Bachelor's Degree: Criminal Justice (Human Services)
- 13+ Years Correctional Experience
- Trained in various Mental Health related fields and/or resources
- United States Air Force OEF/OIF Veteran

INTRODUCTION:



OUR STORY:

- ▶ Dress Right Dress Inc. was conceptualized in 2015
- ▶ Formed 1st partnership with NAMI Southern Ohio in 2017
- ▶ Became a 501(C)(3) in 2019
- ▶ Became Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services Certified in 2021
- ▶ Opened 1st Office and Resource Center in 2021
- ▶ Became Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction Re-Entry Certified in 2022.
- ▶ Have assisted approximately 1500 Veterans

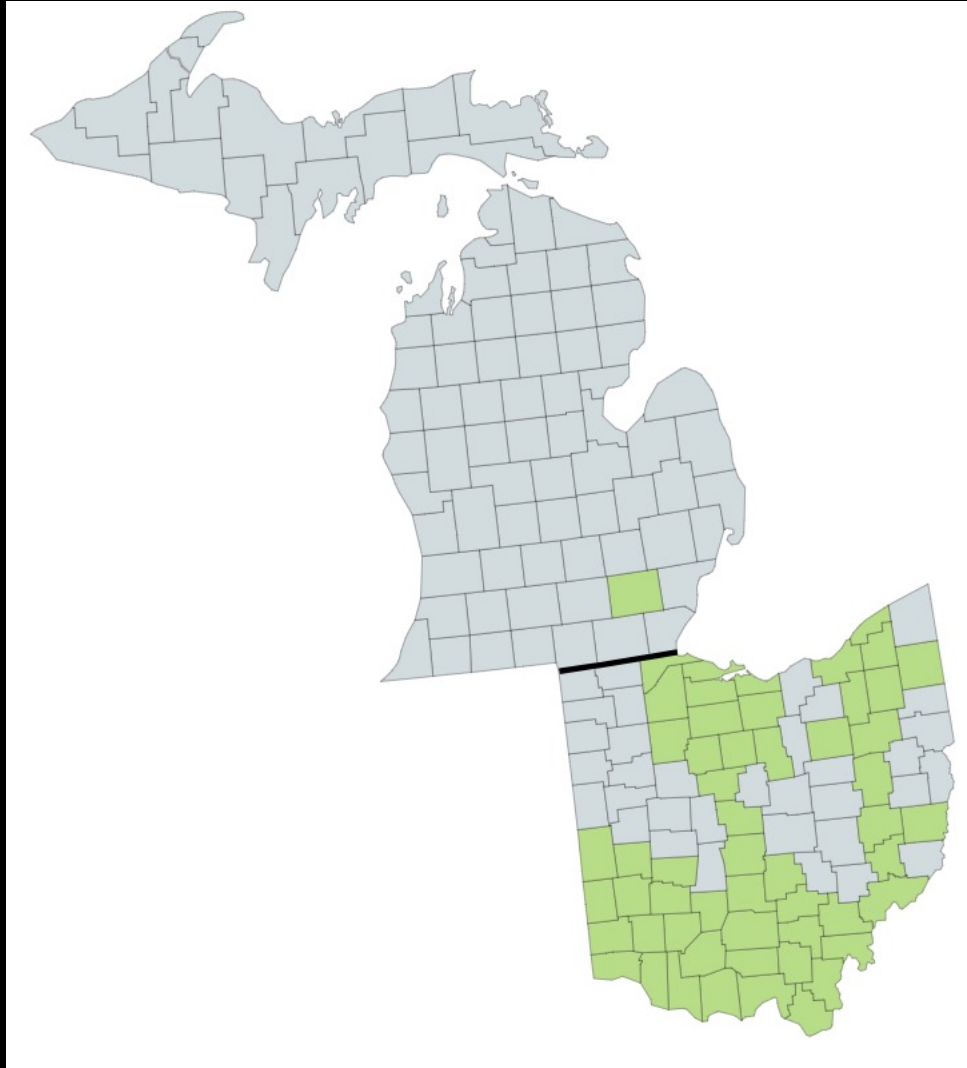


2019



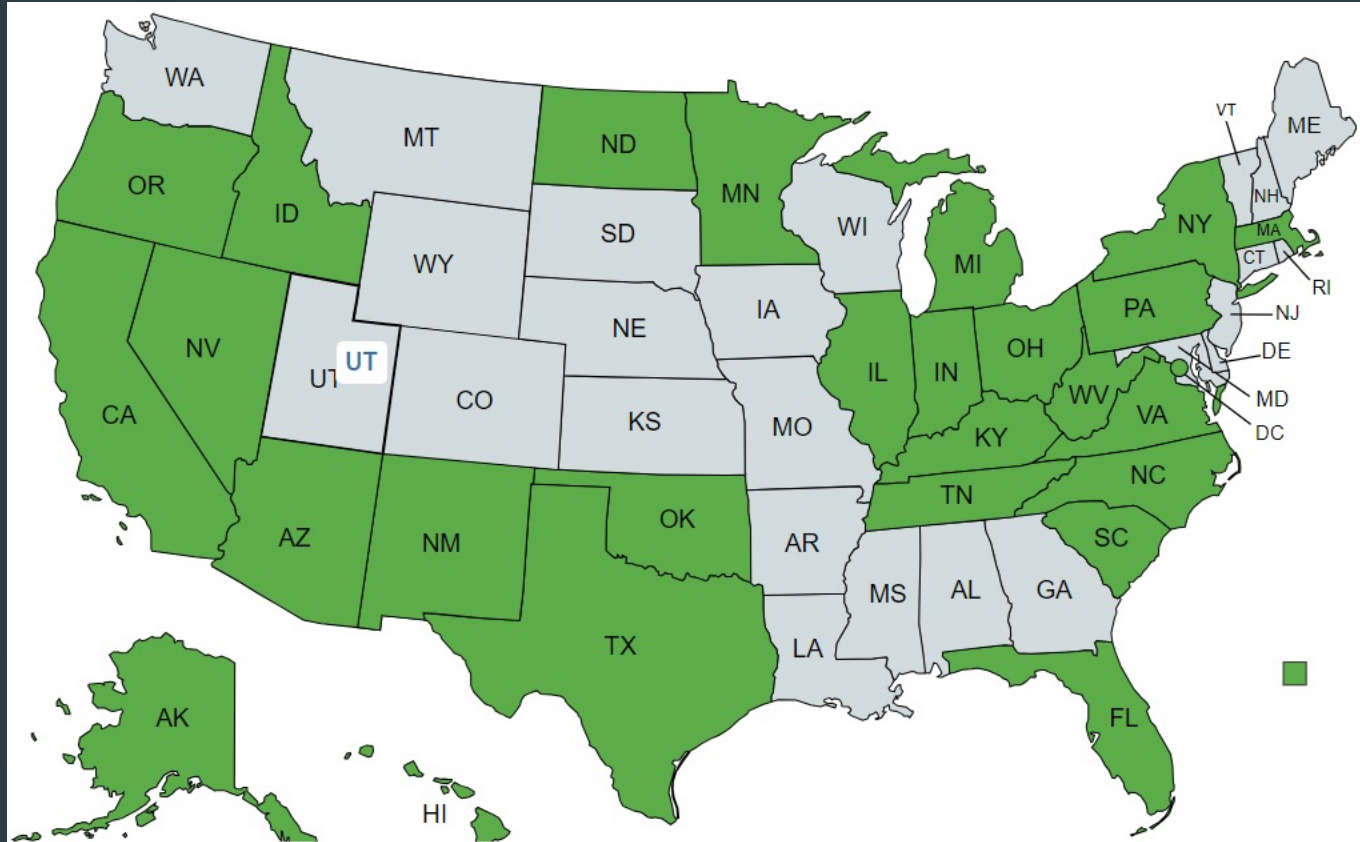
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OUR GROWTH: STATEWIDE

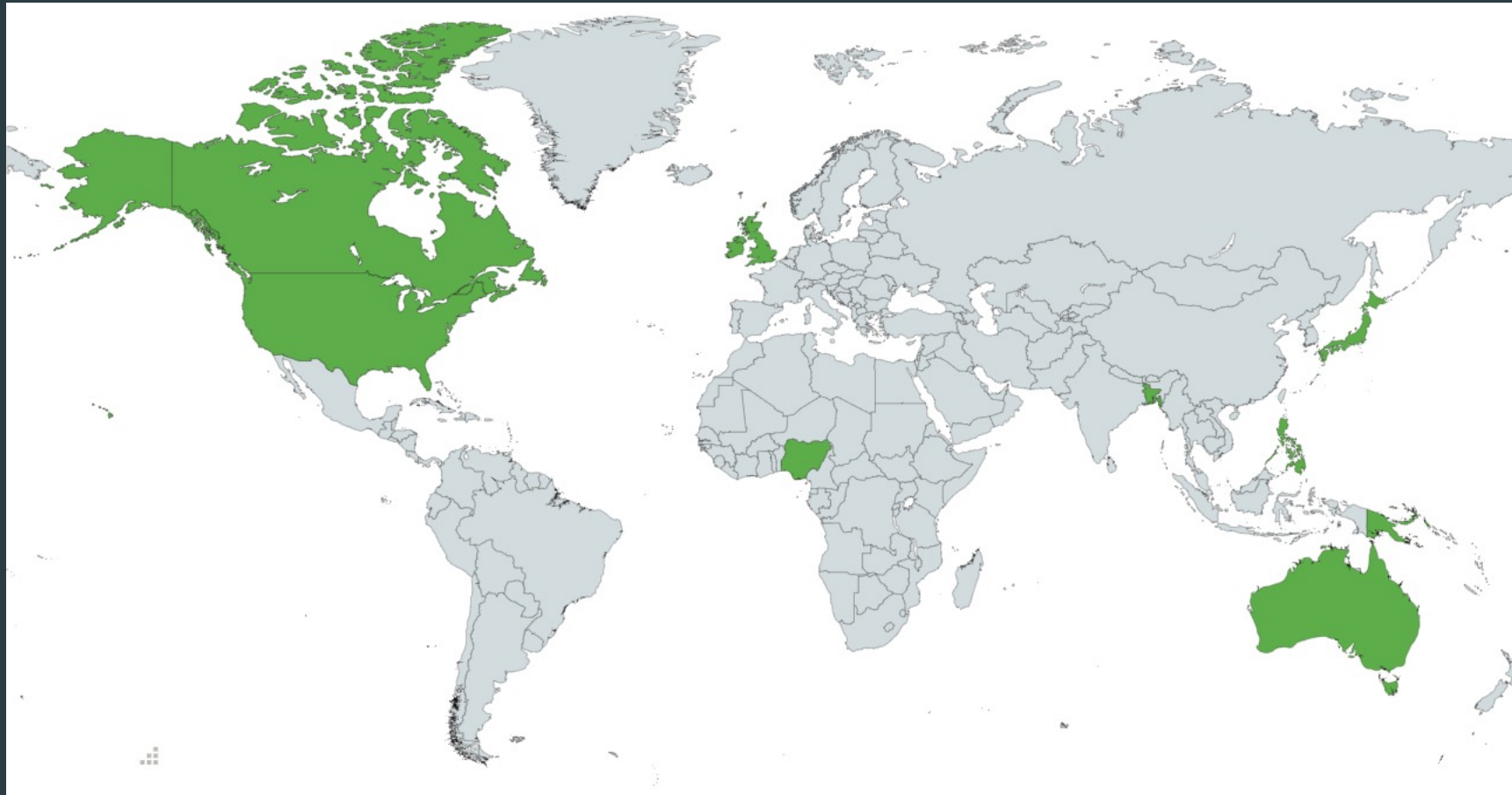


OUR GROWTH: 2023

OUR FOOTPRINT: NATIONALLY



OUR FOOTPRINT: GLOBALLY



A young man is shown from the chest up, split vertically. The left side of his body is in a dark blue pinstriped suit jacket, and the right side is in a grey military camouflage uniform. He is smiling and looking towards the camera.

**COOL...SO WHAT
DO YOU DO?**

A wooden signpost pointing to the right, with the words "DREAM JOB" carved into it in large, bold, golden letters. The sign is set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds.

DREAM JOB



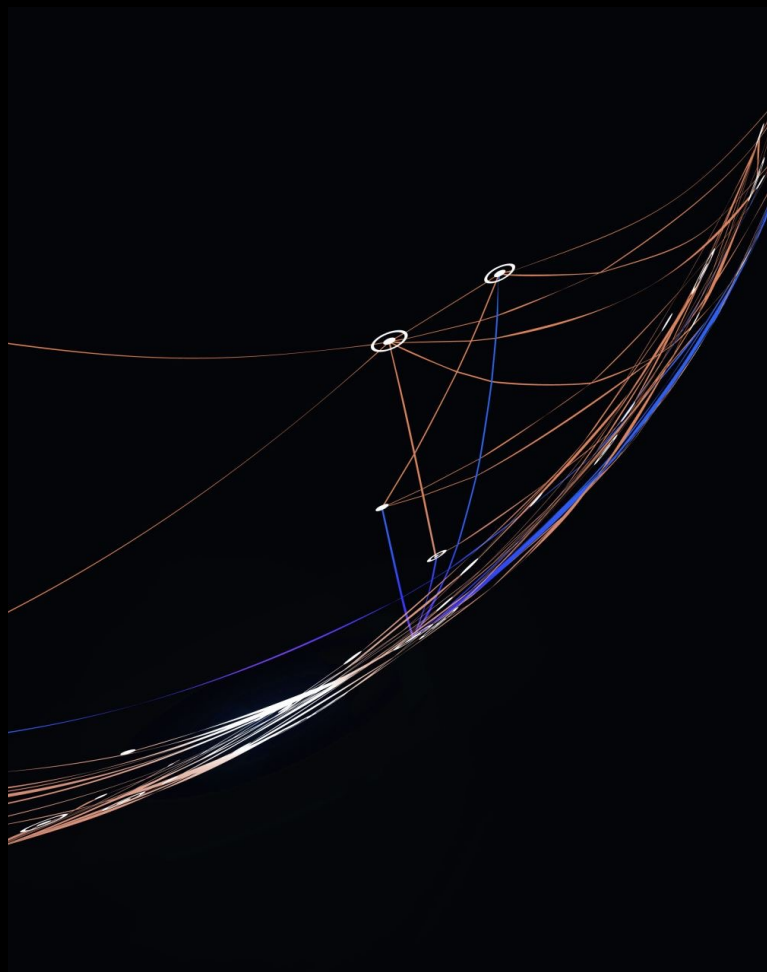
TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE: CARE PACKAGES

- Care packages to deployed Servicemembers worldwide
- Provide a sense of “home”
- “Battle Buddy” mentality
- Delivery mechanism for pre-separation engagement



TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE: TRADITIONAL ISSUES

- ▶ Eligibility & Access Times
- ▶ Limited Resources & Information
- ▶ Not tailored to MOS
- ▶ Not tailored to home



TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE: PRE- MILITARY & PRE-SEPARATION ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ Engage JROTC & ROTC Cadets
- ▶ Communicate with DOD & VA
- ▶ Listed DOD Resource Provider
- ▶ Discuss “Separation” Goals
- ▶ Discuss SUDs & MH
- ▶ Provide Resources & Information

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT & ENGAGEMENT:

- ▶ Host Conferences & Community Round Tables
- ▶ Work with State & Federal Legislatures
- ▶ Work with various State Departments
- ▶ Develop/Participate in Coalitions and Coalition Building
- ▶ Work with Community Leaders
- ▶ Provide Resources & Information
- ▶ Conduct Community/Peer Activities
- ▶ Collect and Report Data
- ▶ Pilot Programs
- ▶ Community Service Opportunities
- ▶ Employment Opportunities



**NEW
PROGRAM
ALERT!!!**

(2024)

**WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT:
V.E.T.S. PRINTSHOP**

- 2nd Chance & Transitional Employment
- Learn Marketing, Design, Etc.
- Creates Successful Environment
- Promotes Peer Support & Mentoring
- Creates steady employment & pay
- Funds organization



JUSTICE INVOLVED VETERANS

- ▶ Assist/Educate Incarcerated Veterans
- ▶ Work with State & Federal Legislators
- ▶ Work with Court Systems
- ▶ Partnership with ODRC, County Jails, Law Enforcement and other 1st Responders
- ▶ Work with or establish Coalitions
- ▶ Educate Community Providers

JUSTICE INVOLVED VETERANS: INCARCERATED VETERANS (PRISON)

- ▶ **Incarcerated Veterans Curriculum & Services**
 - ▶ **8 Module Class**
 - ▶ MH & SUDs
 - ▶ Effective Goal Planning
 - ▶ Workforce Development
 - ▶ **3 Individual Sessions**
 - ▶ Resource & Information Building
 - ▶ Peer Support & Mentoring
 - ▶ **Wrap-Around Service**

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JUSTICE INVOLVED VETERANS: CORRECTIONS

- ▶ Partnership with ODRC and County Jails
 - ▶ CIT
 - ▶ JIV Series
 - ▶ Assist/Advocate/Accommodate

JUSTICE INVOLVED VETERANS: ISSUES

JAILS

- ▶ **STAFFING**
- ▶ **STANDARD PROCEDURES**
- ▶ **POLICY**
- ▶ **TECHNOLOGY**
- ▶ **ACCESS**
- ▶ **COMMUNITY BIAS OR LACK OF BUY-IN**
- ▶ **STIGMA AND MISINFORMATION**
- ▶ **KNOWLEDGE OF VA REQUIREMENTS**
- ▶ **KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**
- ▶ **SURROUNDINGS/RESOURCES REGARDING PTSD**

PRISONS

- ▶ **STAFFING**
- ▶ **CONSISTENCY AND COMMUNICATION**
- ▶ **POPULATION SIZE**
- ▶ **ACCESS**
- ▶ **TECHNOLOGY**
- ▶ **KNOWLEDGE OF VA REQUIREMENTS**
- ▶ **KNOWLEDGE OF REENTRY RESOURCES**
- ▶ **SURROUNDINGS/RESOURCES REGARDING PTSD**

JUSTICE INVOLVED VETERANS: POSITIVES

JAILS

- ▶ **STAFFING***
- ▶ **COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS/INVOLVEMENT**
- ▶ **COMMUNITY SPECIFIC RESOURCES/PROVIDERS**
- ▶ **TECHNOLOGY***
- ▶ **ACCESS***
- ▶ **KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES***

PRISONS

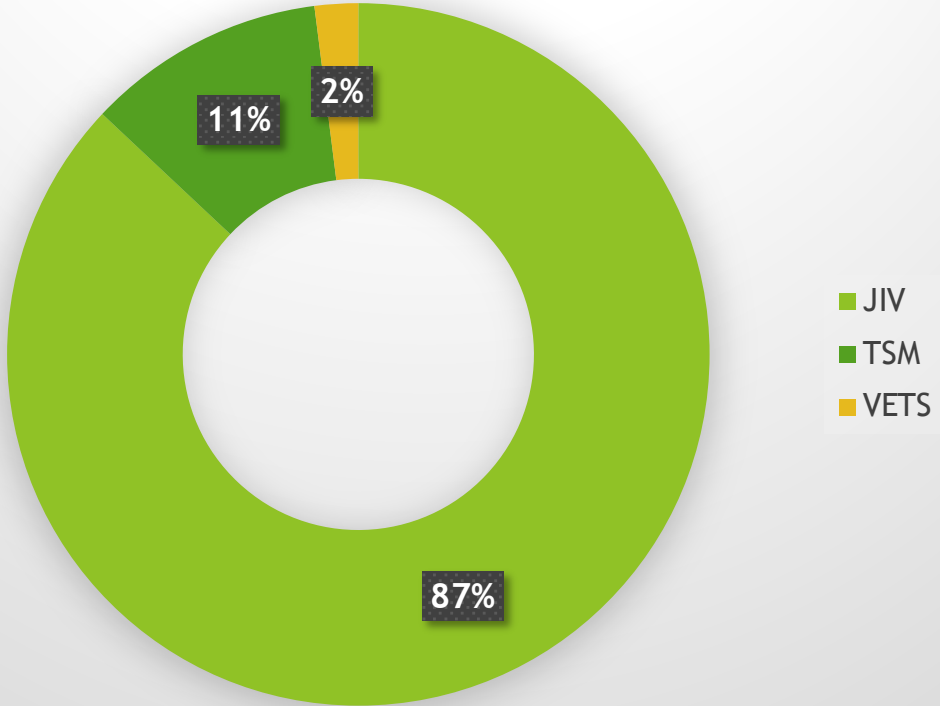
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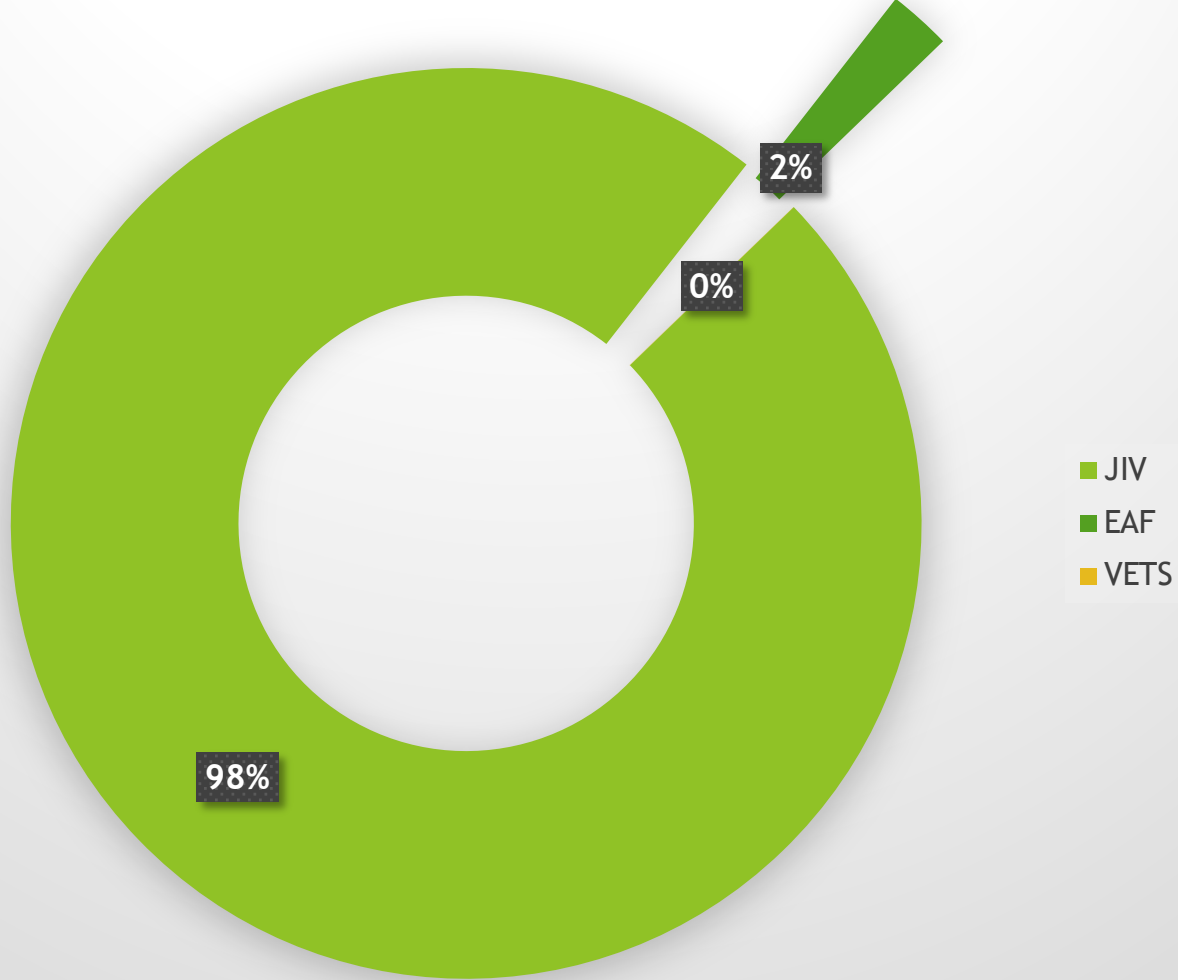
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DATA POINTS: PROGRAMS

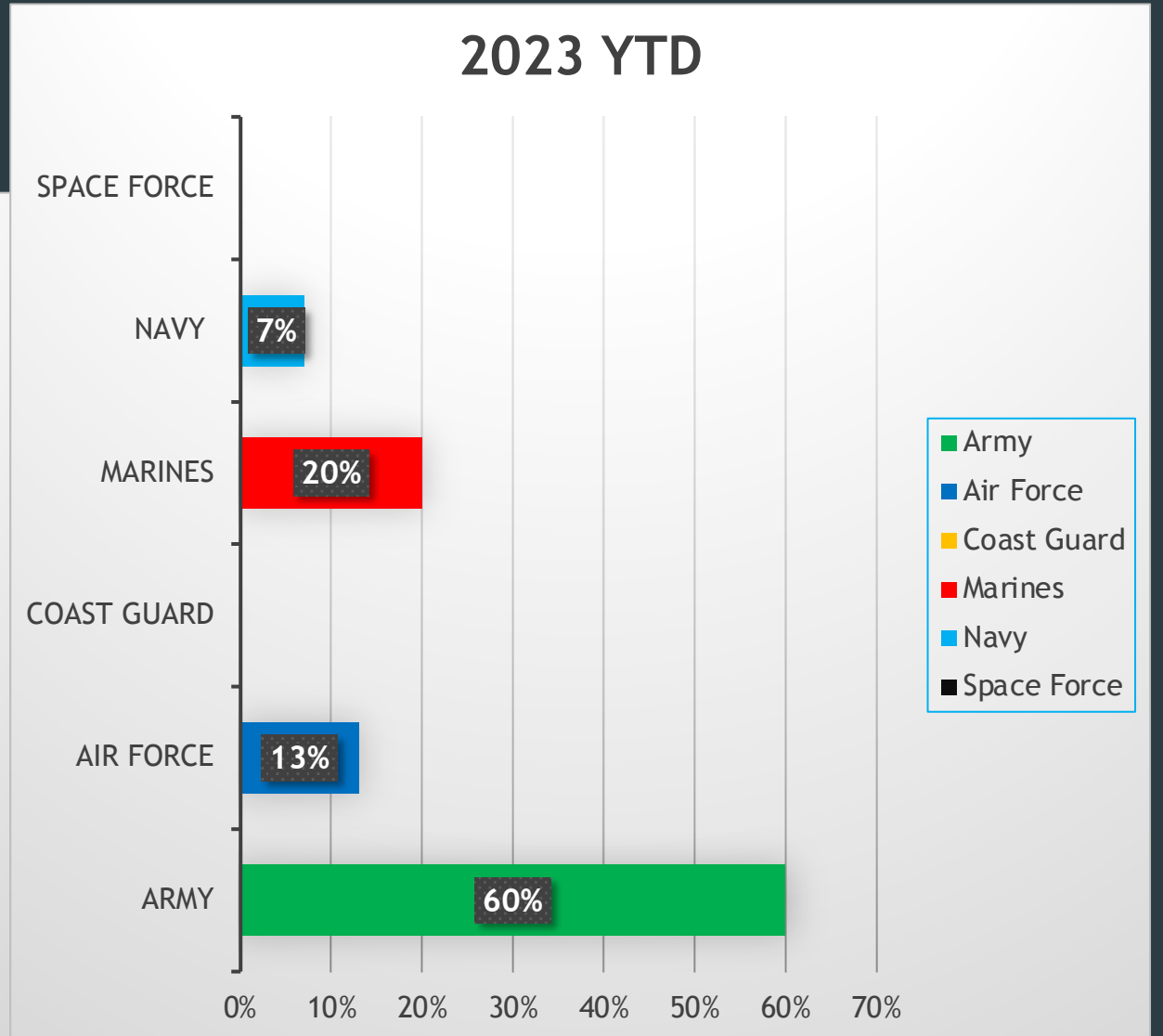
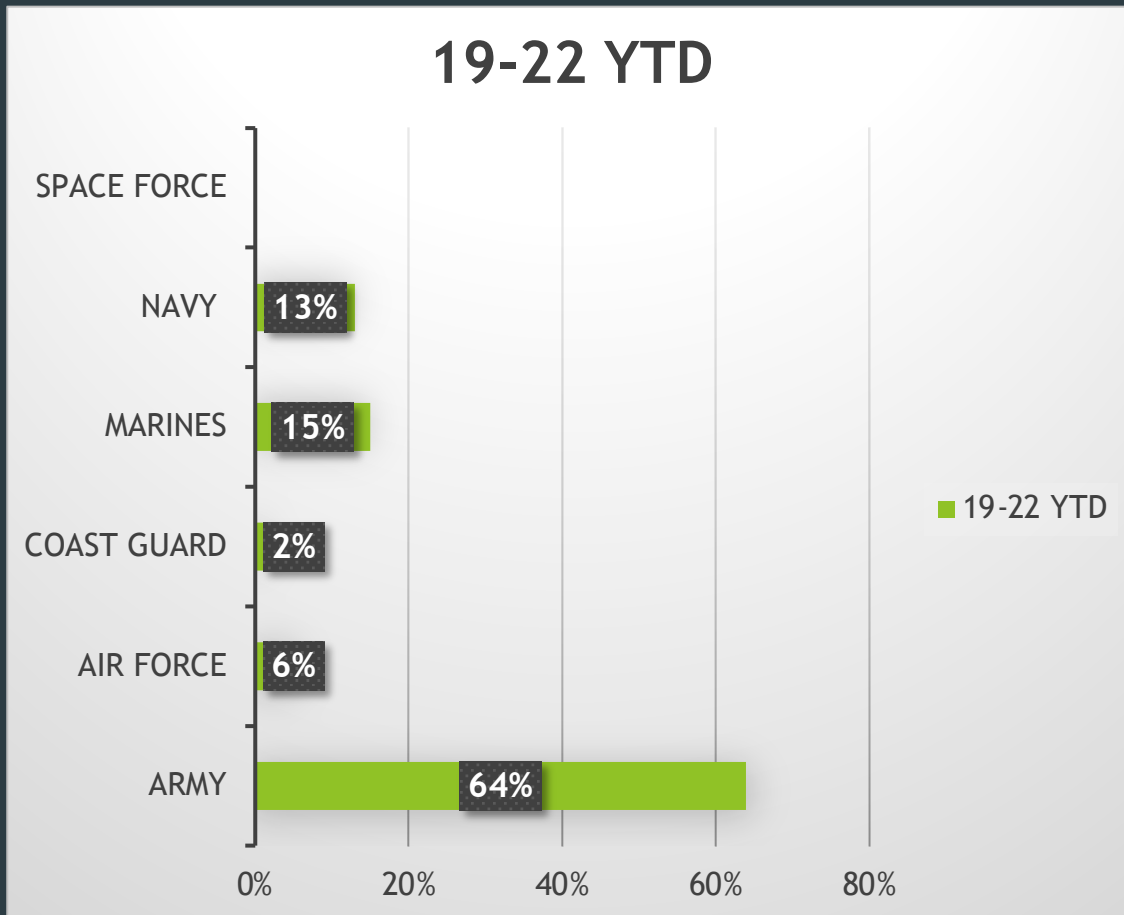
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2023 YTD

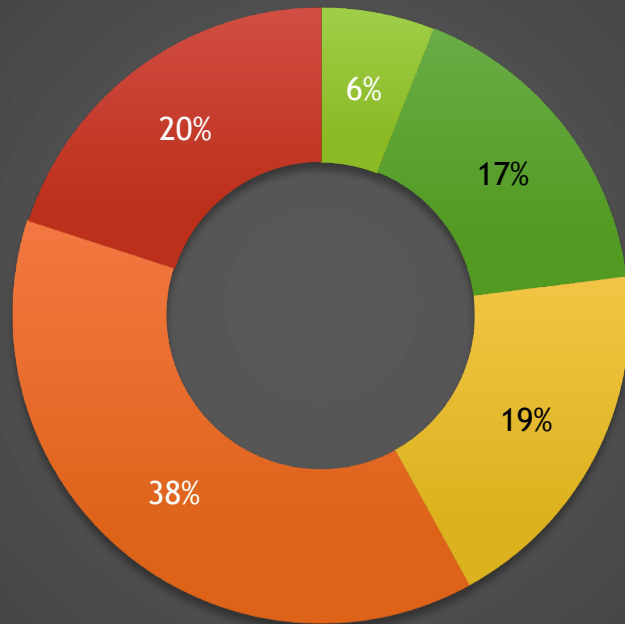


DATA POINTS: BRANCH OF SERVICE



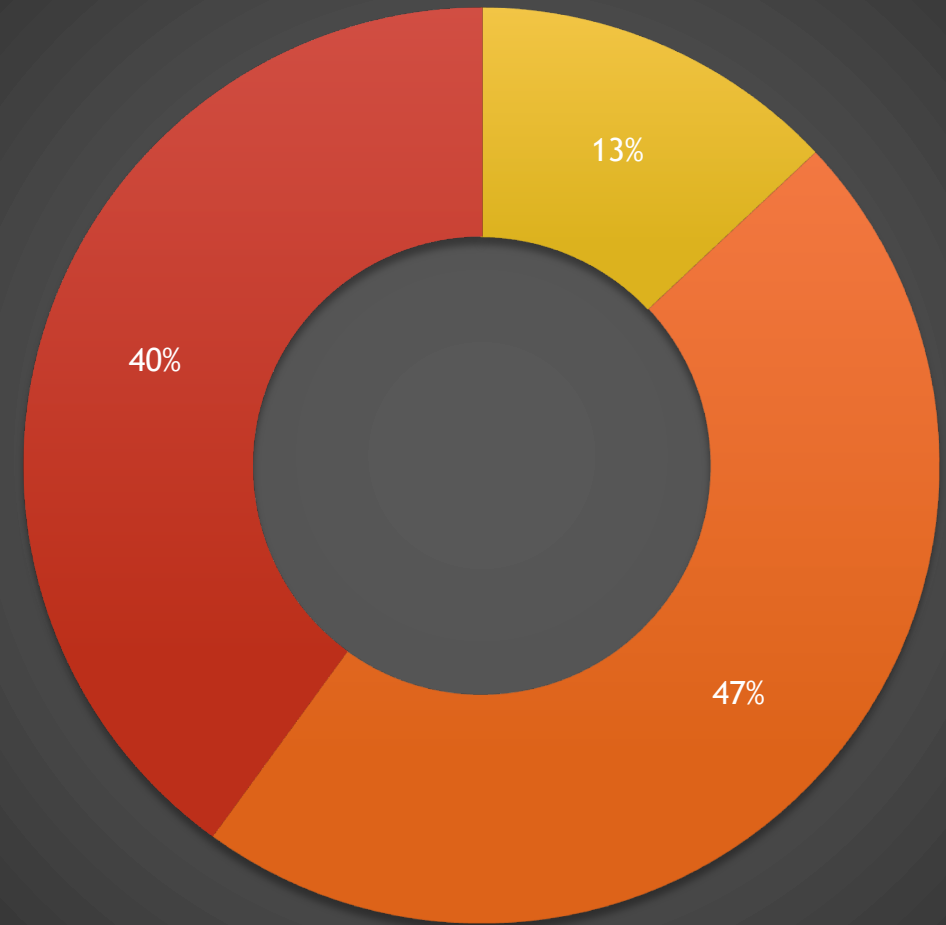
DATA POINTS: ERA OF SERVICE

19-22 YTD



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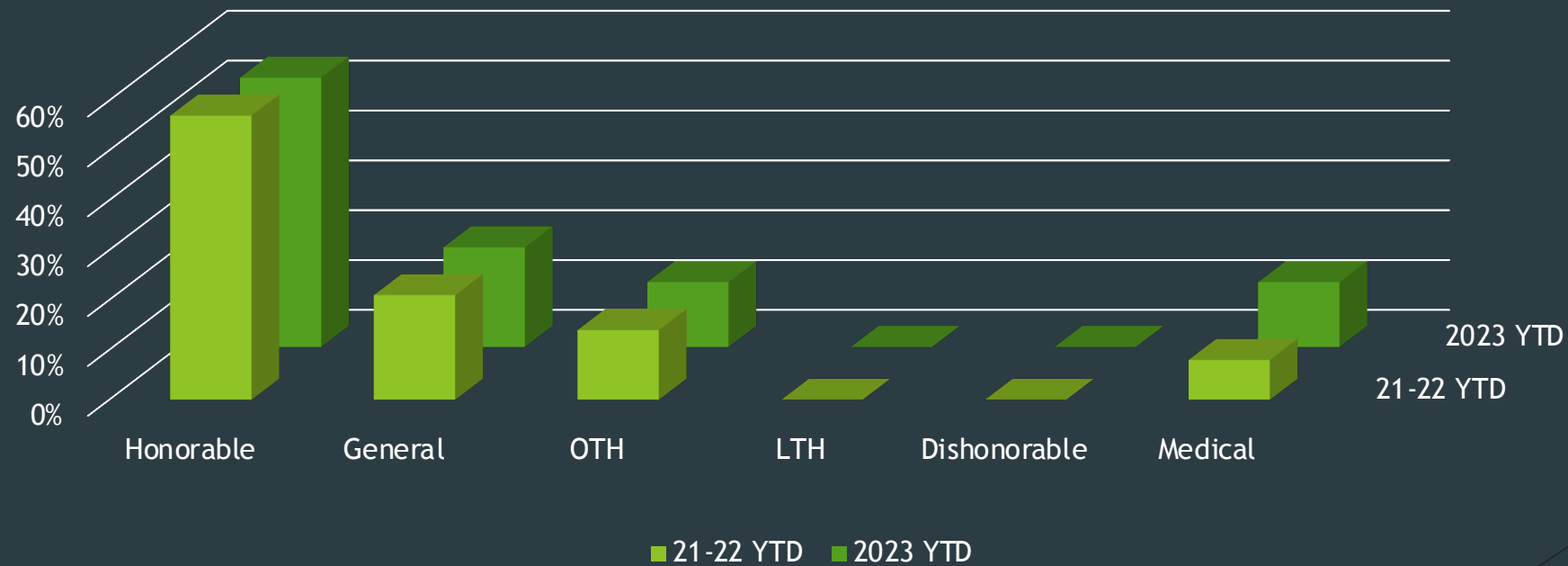
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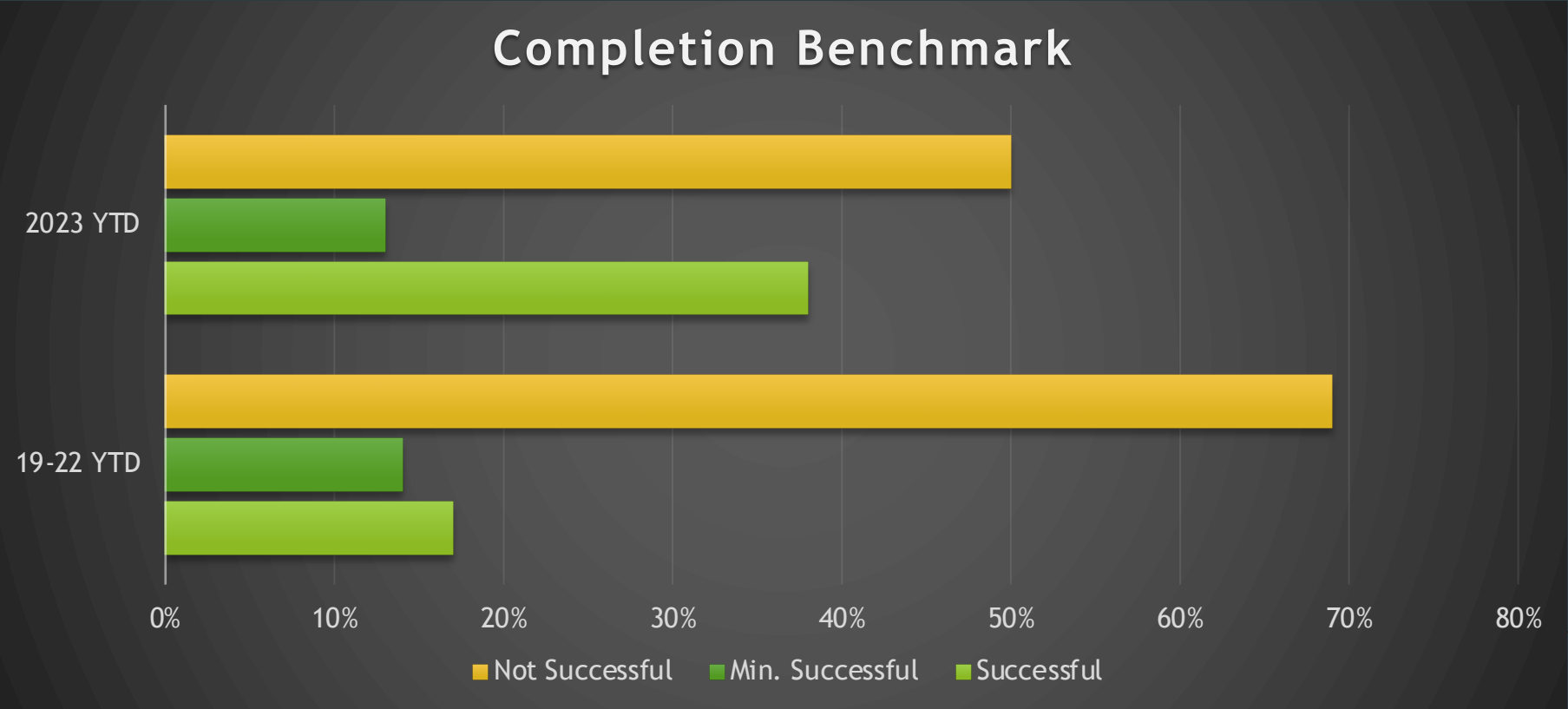
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DATA POINTS: CHARACTER OF DISCHARGE

Discharge



DATA POINTS: PROGRAM COMPLETION



DATA POINTS: 2022-PRESENT (ADDITIONAL)

Gender: 100% Male

- 3 females received services in 2019
- Multiple females have reached out in 2023

Most Common Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian (79% in 2022)

- 2023: Caucasian (67%); African American (26%); Latino (7%)

Marital Status:

- Married (43%)
- Divorced (30%)
- Single (37%)

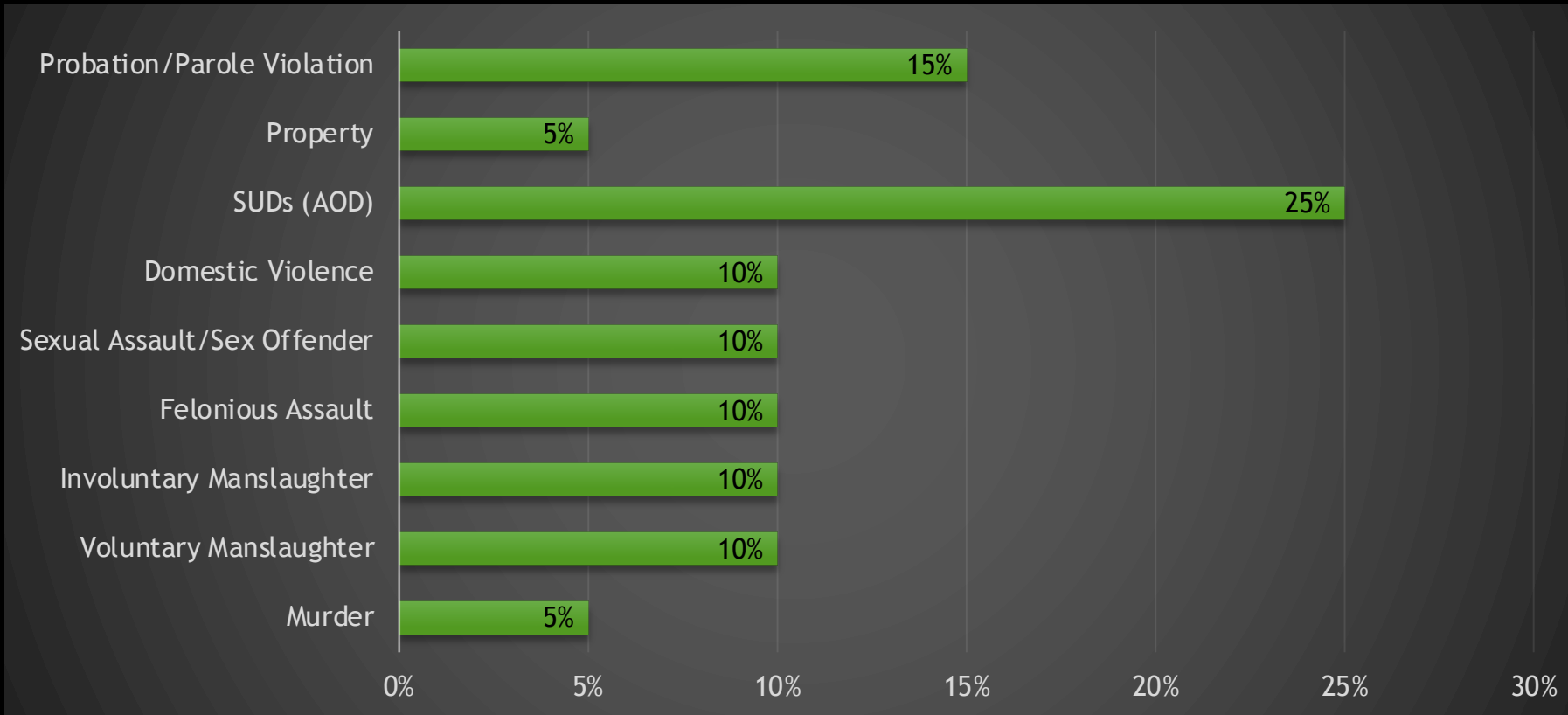


DATA POINTS: 2022-PRESENT (ADDITIONAL)

- ▶ **Deployment Status:**
 - NEVER Deployed
 - ▶ 2021: 56%
 - ▶ 2022: 74%
 - ▶ 2023: 50%
- ▶ **Most Common Job Classification:**
Infantry (29%)
- ▶ **Average Time-In-Service:**
 - ▶ Range: 1-21 years
 - ▶ Average: 5.3
- ▶ **VA Utilization: 87% (self-report)**

DATA POINTS: 2022-PRESENT (ADDITIONAL)

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS



DATA POINTS: 2022-PRESENT (ADDITIONAL) -MENTAL HEALTH-

- ▶ 47% report a Mental Health Diagnosis
- ▶ 42% report using prescription medication
- ▶ 56% stated a primary diagnosis of PTSD
 - ▶ 33% reported Schizophrenia as a Secondary
 - ▶ 22% reported Bi-Polar, Anxiety, and/or Depression as a Secondary
- ▶ 67% report that a Mental Health diagnosis was given by Veteran Affairs
- ▶ 33% report that the diagnosis led to unfair treatment



DATA POINTS: 2022-PRESENT (ADDITIONAL) -SUDS-

- ▶ 74% report a Substance Use Disorder
 - ▶ 43% report drug-of-choice to be ALCOHOL
 - ▶ 21% report drug-of-choice to be METHAMPHETAMINE
 - ▶ 14% report drug-of-choice to be MARIJUANA and/or PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS
- ▶ 53% report they have been prescribed an opioid
 - ▶ Prescribed by PRIVATE medical professional: 30%
 - ▶ Prescribed by PUBLIC medical professional: 30%
 - ▶ Prescribed by MILITARY medical professional: 20%
 - ▶ Prescribed by VA medical professional: 20%

MOST COMMONLY PRESCRIBED MEDICATION: PERCOCET

2023 PRIMARY NEEDS:

Veteran Specific Benefits (eligibility, compensation, etc.): 75%

Legal Aid (child support, divorce, expungement, etc.): 34%

Housing: 75%

Employment: 58%

Food Assistance: 42%

Utility Assistance: 34%

Transportation: 50%

Education (continued education information, student debt, etc.): 8%

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2023 SECONDARY NEEDS:

- ▶ **Counseling:
66%**
- ▶ **Family
Support: 78%**

- ▶ Mental Health Care: 67%
- ▶ AA/NA: 67%
- ▶ SUDs Case Management: 22%
- ▶ Physical Health Care: 11%
- ▶ Education: 34%

**ADDITIONAL
RESOURCE
REFERRAL &
INFORMATION
REQUESTED:**



**ANY
QUESTIONS?**

