



# 2021 Impact Report

Washington Advisory Committee on Trafficking

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# Acronyms

IRC	International Rescue Committee in Washington
SPD	Seattle Police Department
U.S.	United States of America
WARN	Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network
WashACT	Washington Advisory Committee on Trafficking

# Message from the Co-Chairs



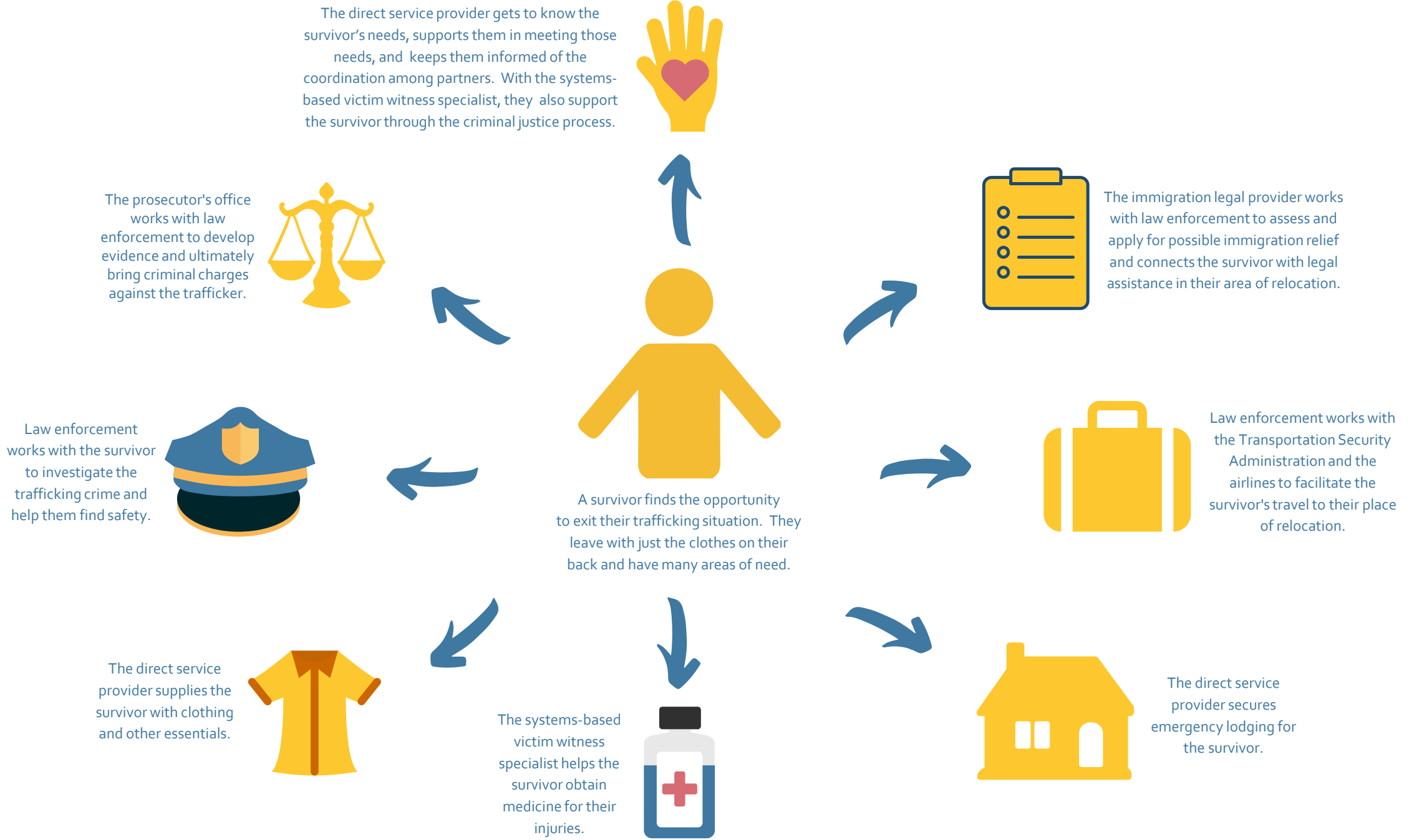
We are pleased to present this 2021 impact report to our community of partners in the anti-trafficking in persons field in Washington. In 2021, the raging COVID-19 pandemic forced many agencies to extend cautions put in place in 2020 to limit in-person interactions and work remotely as much as possible. The figures contained in this report demonstrate the impact of these conditions: fewer new survivor enrollments in IRC/WARN direct services and fewer new trafficking investigations opened by SPD. At the same time, this report captures the dedicated efforts of these agencies and many more to meet 2021's challenges and fulfill survivors' expressed needs. Collaboration among partners to identify solutions and respond were crucial while survivors' options were so severely limited by the pandemic. We are grateful to partners in this network for their continued engagement and efforts to walk alongside survivors. We look forward to carrying out this important work together in 2022 to ensure that survivors continue to have access to a full spectrum of comprehensive services and that we continue to investigate and prosecute trafficking crimes so that traffickers are held accountable.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for working collaboratively to fight human trafficking and address the needs of survivors.

*Acting Lieutenant Shane Anderson, Seattle Police Department*

*Kate Crisham, Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington*

*Kathleen Morris, Deputy Director, International Rescue Committee in Washington*



# What WashACT Member Agencies Say:

## Why do you participate in WashACT?

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*"To stay updated on issues affecting trafficking survivors in our state, to inform conversations about trafficking with an immigration-focused perspective, and to build constructive relationships with other partner members to best serve our clients."*

*"WashACT membership helps us to strengthen our collaborations with others, avoid duplication of efforts, and introduce us to other agencies in this field."*

*"A pivotal opportunity to collaborate with other service providers."*

## Can you give an example of a WashACT-facilitated collaboration?

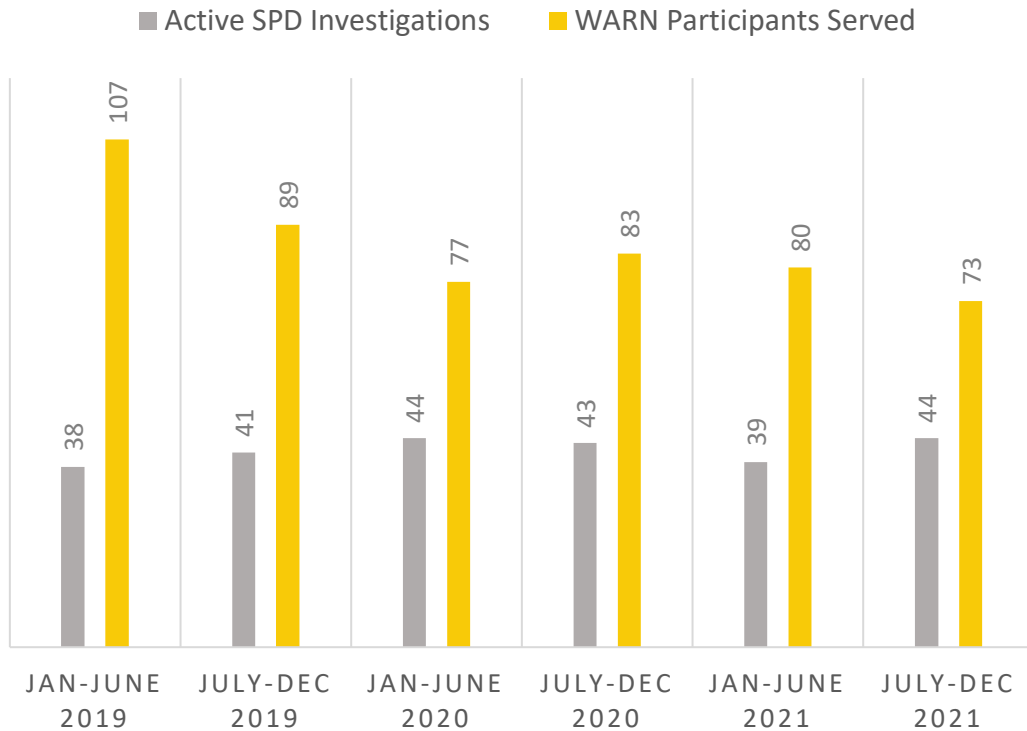
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*"WashACT involvement has allowed us to build relationships with other trafficking service providers and government agencies so that we can quickly pull in those actors when clients are in need of urgent assistance."*

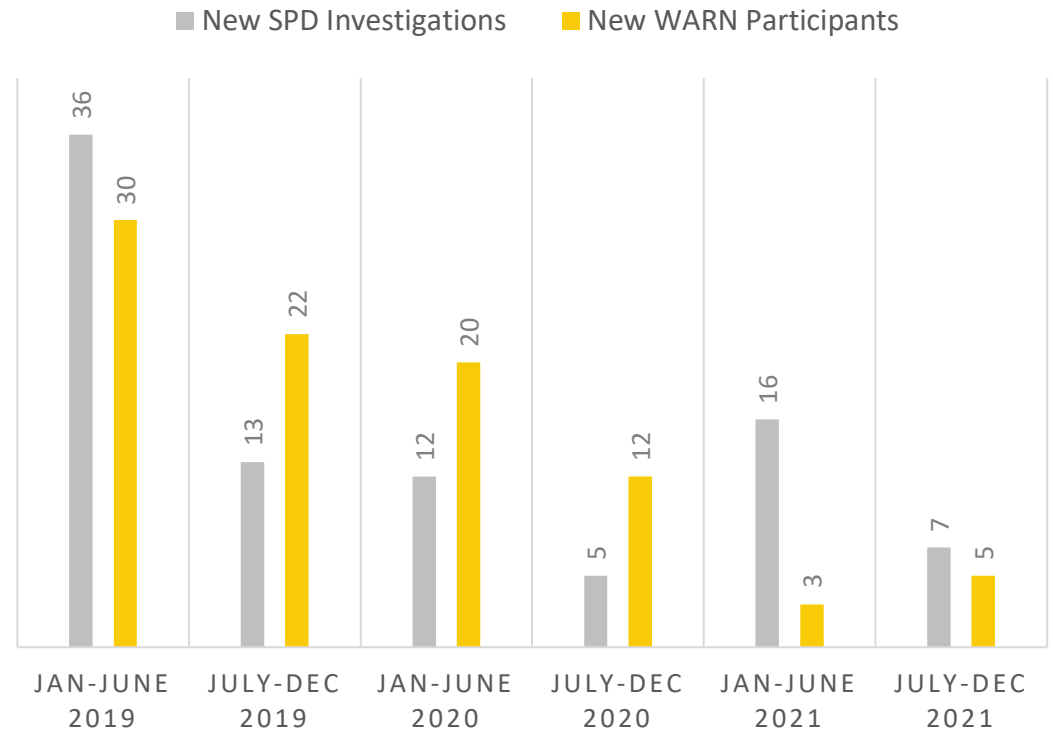
*"The working relationship with Homeland Security Investigations special agents: through WashACT, we were able to collaborate and work to support several human trafficking cases where we were working together to ensure our clients' well-being and safety."*

# Human Trafficking Investigations and Survivors Served

## Active SPD Investigations and Survivors Served by WARN



## SPD Investigations Opened and Survivors Enrolled in WARN Program\*

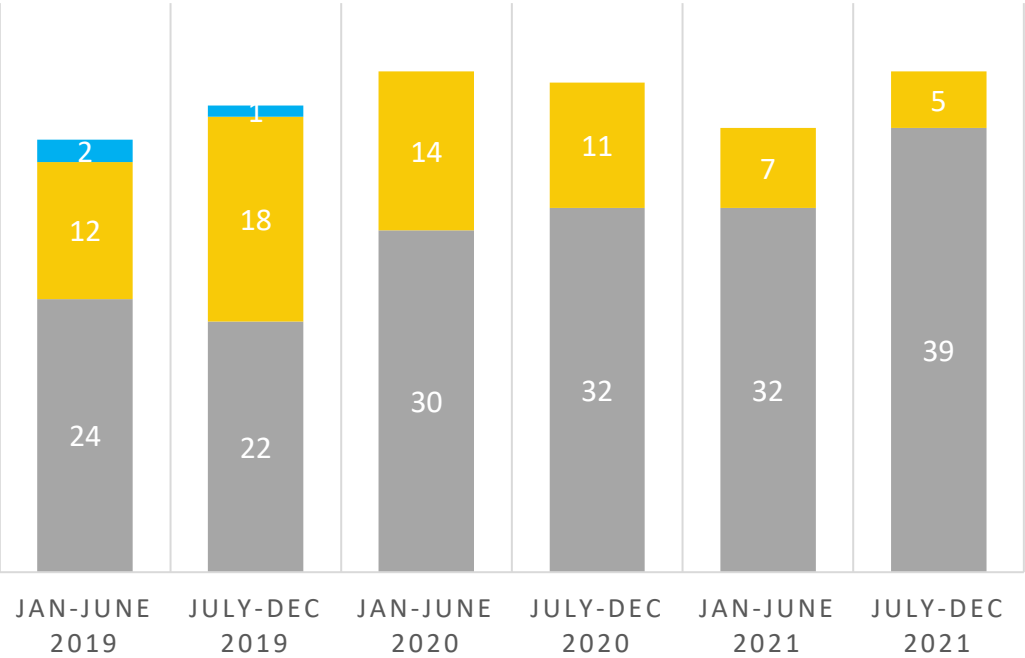


\*This data is a subset of the figures in the left-hand chart.

# Trafficking Types Encountered in Investigations and Direct Services

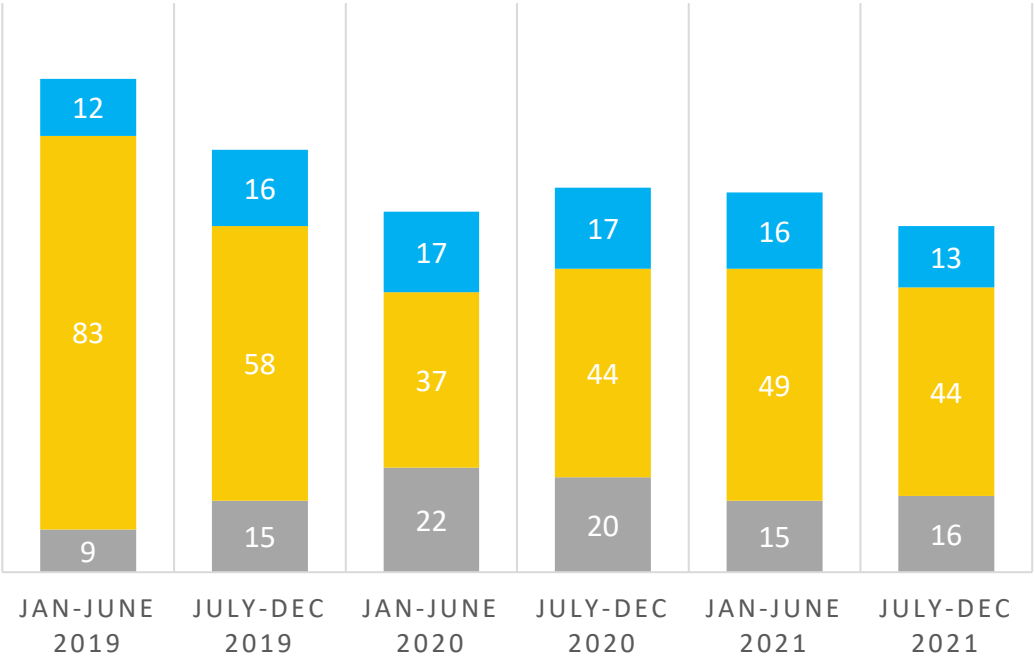
## Active SPD Investigations by Trafficking Type

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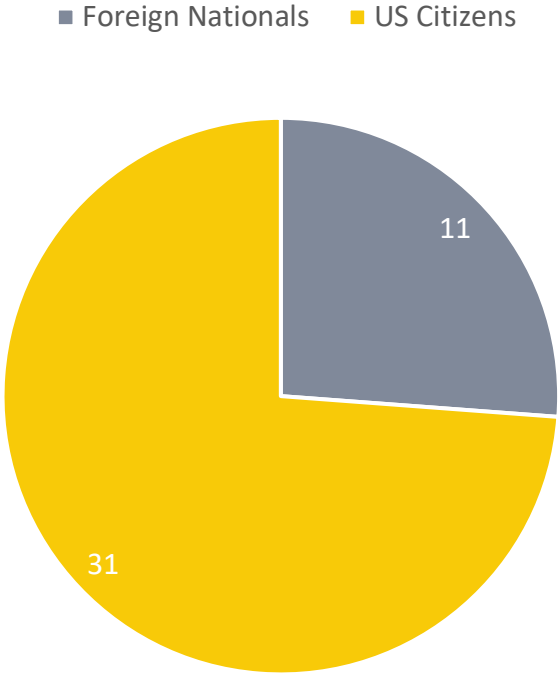
## WARN Survivors Served by Trafficking Type

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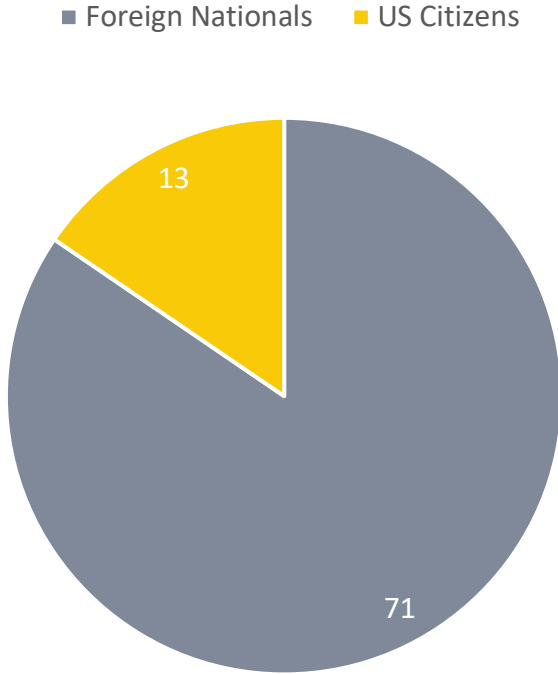


# Survivor Demographics: Citizenship

## Survivors Involved in SPD Investigations in 2021



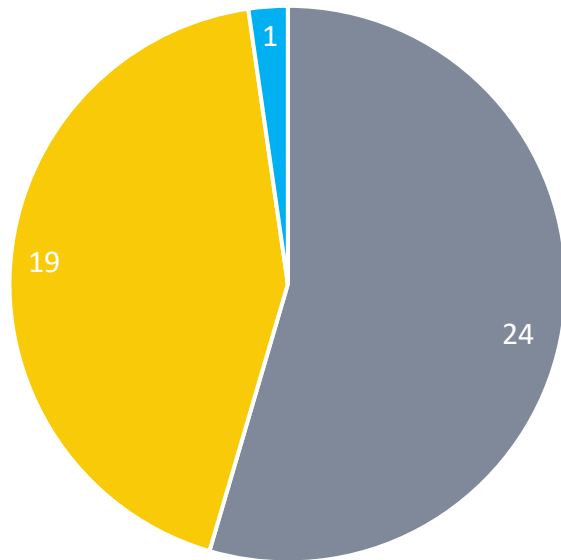
## Survivors Served by WARN in 2021



# Survivor Demographics: Age

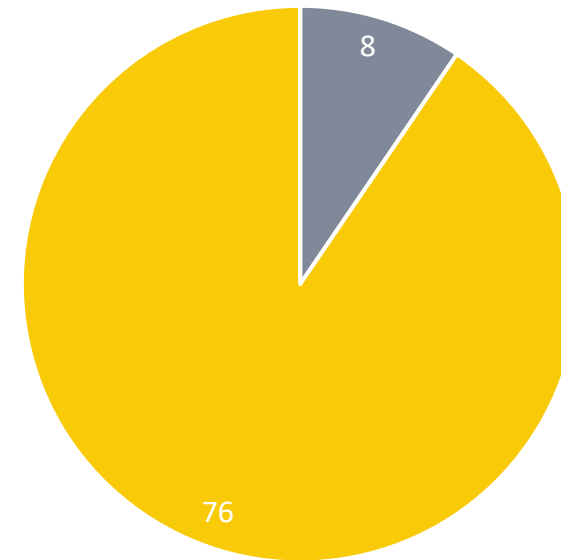
## Survivors Involved in SPD Investigations in 2021

■ Minors ■ Adults ■ Age Unknown



## Survivors Served by WARN in 2021

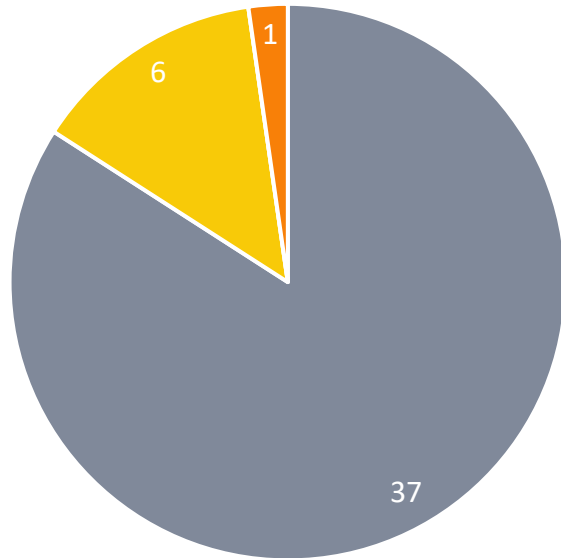
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# Survivor Demographics: Gender

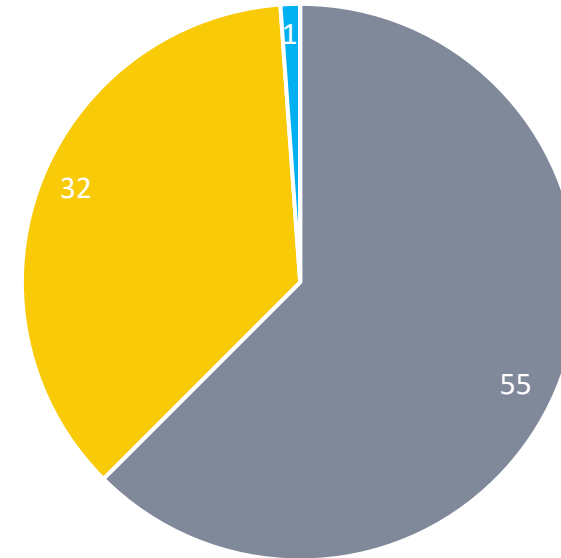
## Survivors Involved in SPD Investigations in 2021

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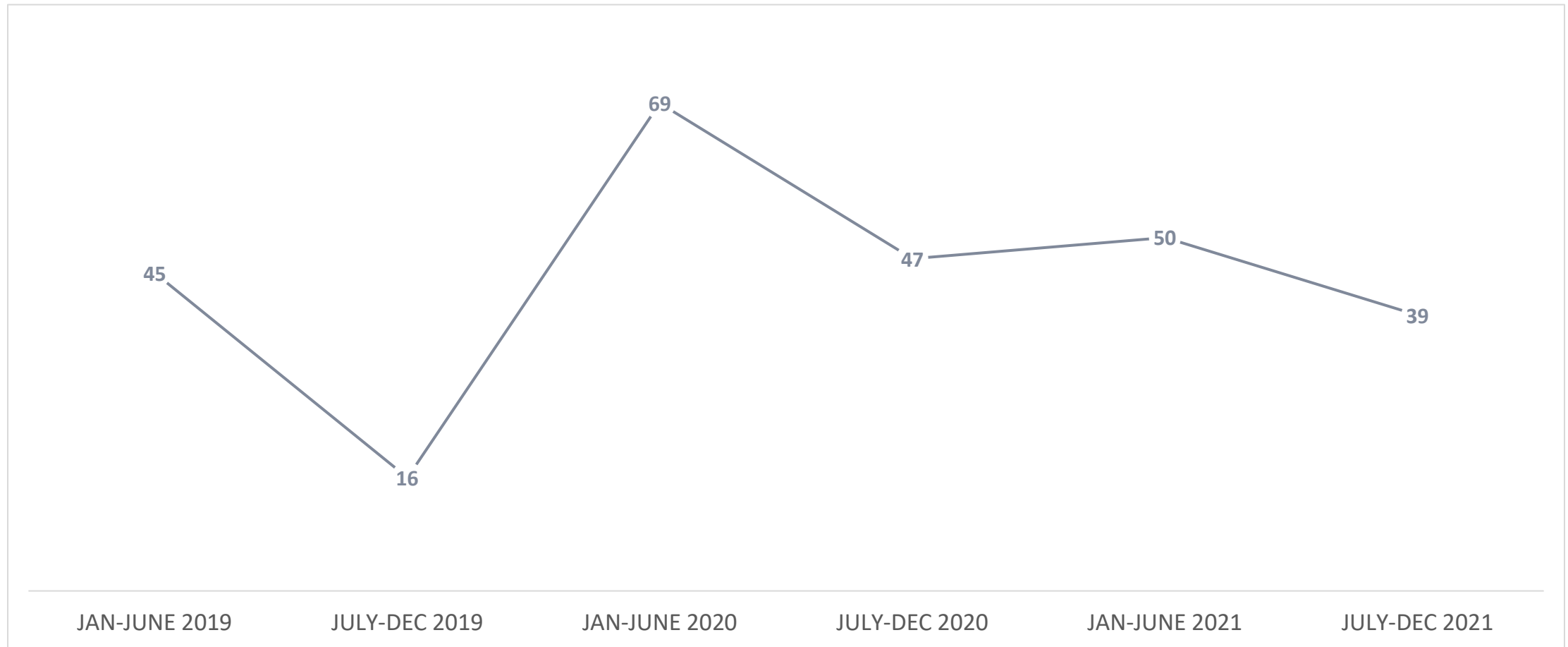


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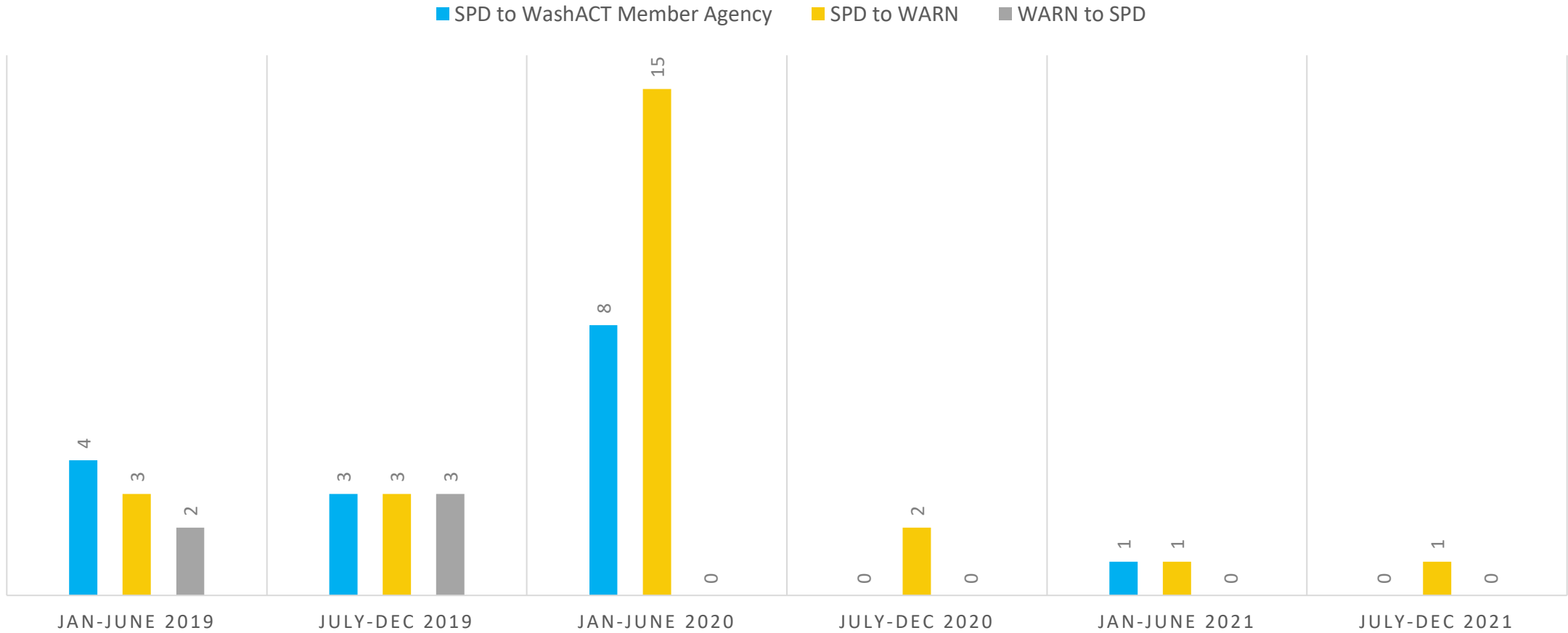


# Human Trafficking Tips Received by SPD\*

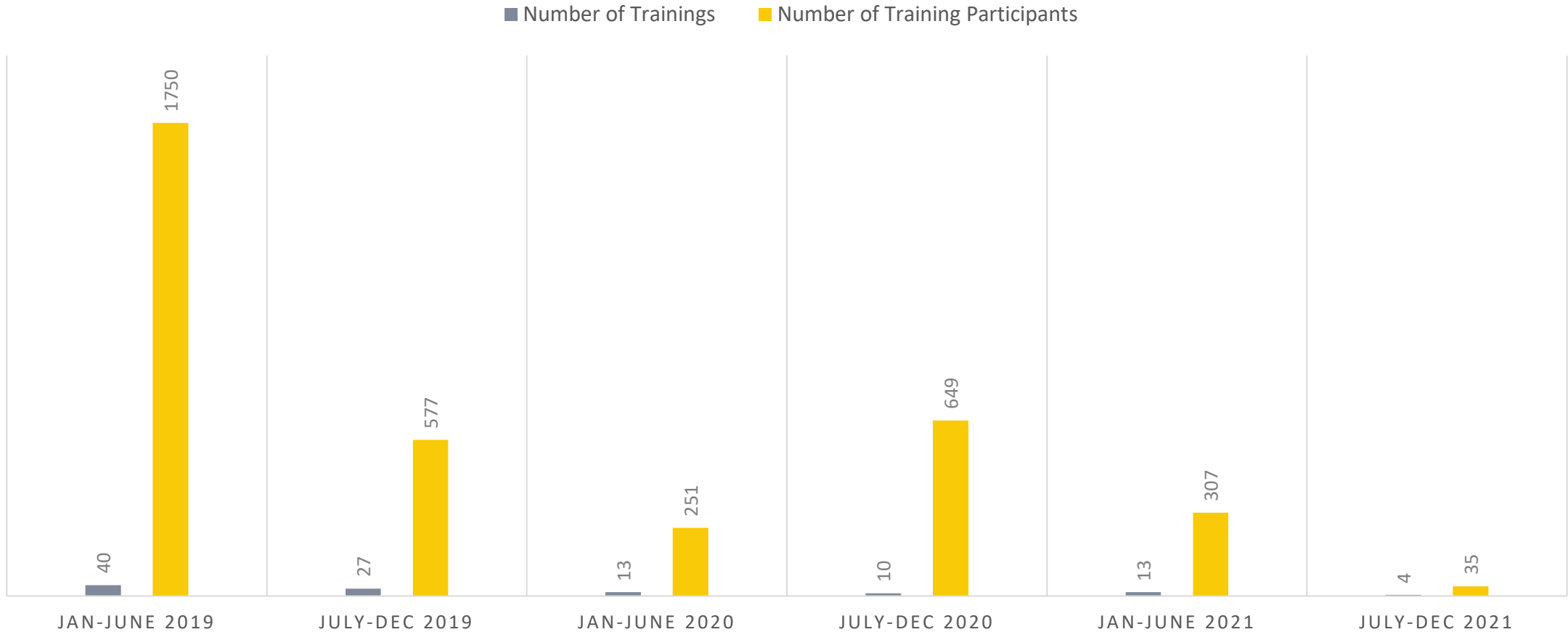


*\*This data includes only tips received from the National Human Trafficking Hotline although SPD receives tips from many other sources.*

# WashACT Network Referrals Made by SPD and WARN



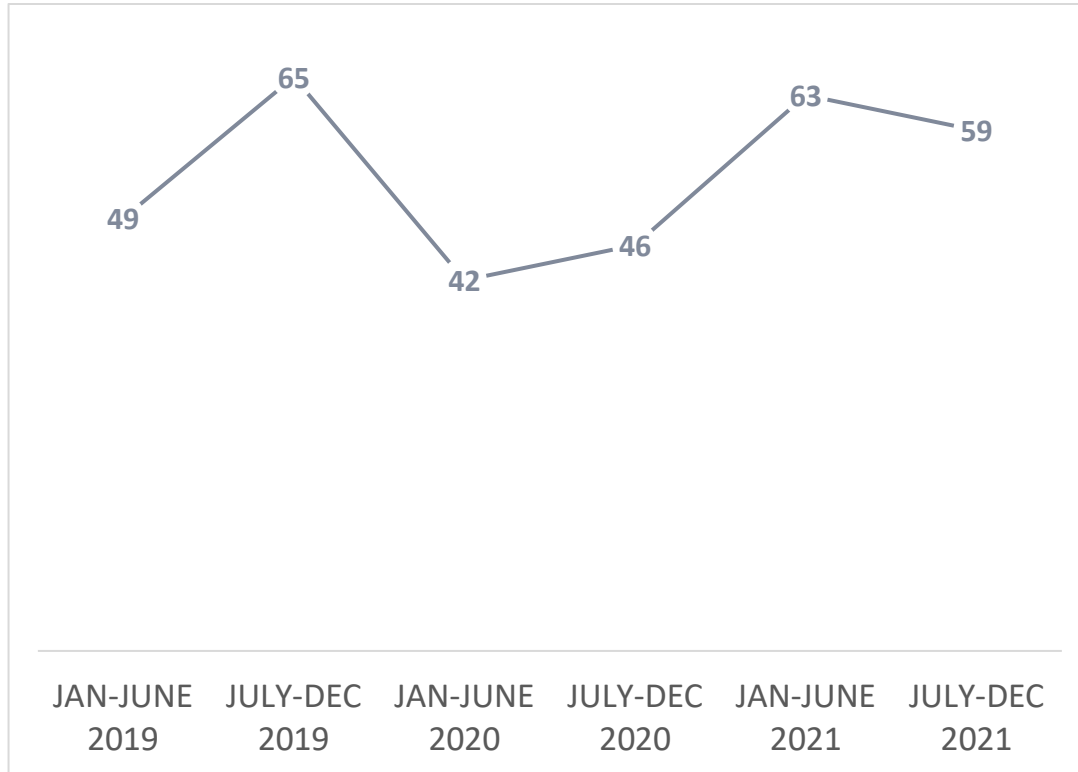
# Trainings Conducted by SPD and IRC/WARN\*



\*This data counts only trainings funded by the Enhanced Collaborative Model grant from the Department of Justice. Some trainings were conducted jointly by SPD and IRC while others were conducted separately.

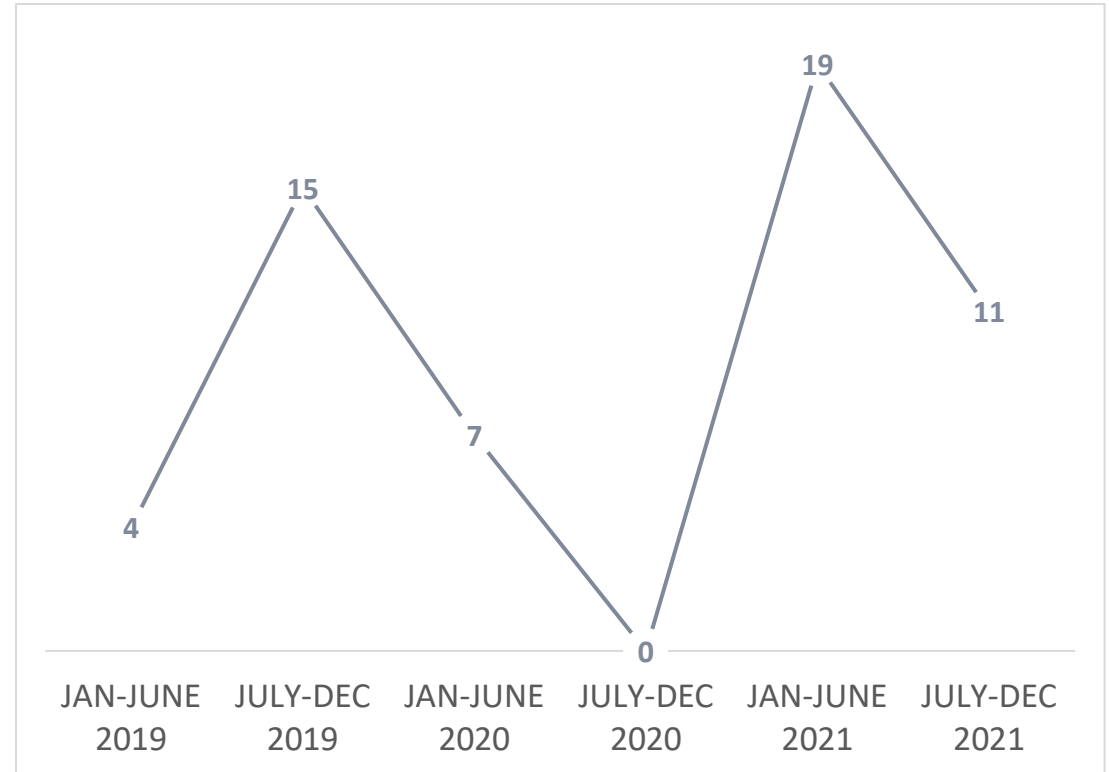
# WashACT Member Participation

## Unique Meeting Participants\*



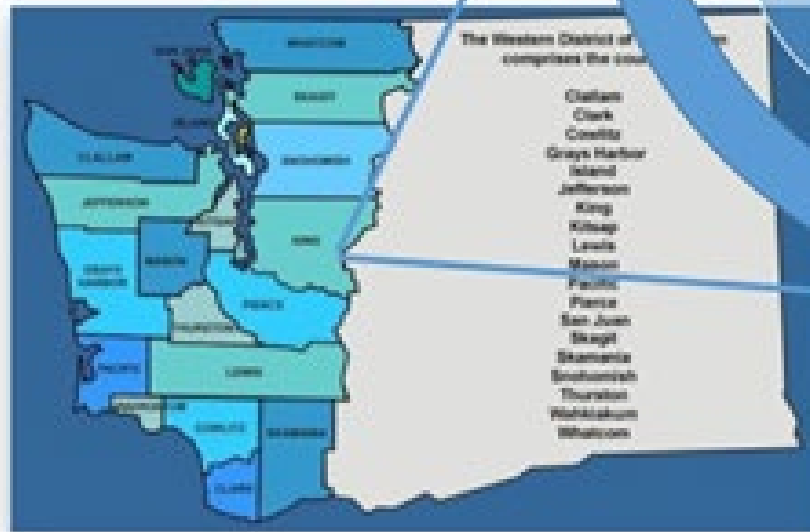
\* This chart counts each individual just once when they participated in a WashACT meeting, even if they attended multiple meetings per six-month period. The WashACT meetings counted are quarterly general membership meetings and subcommittee meetings.

## New Members\*

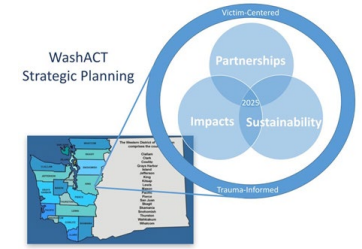


\* This chart tracks individuals who joined WashACT for the first time after attending a task force information session.

# WashACT Strategic Planning



# Strategic Action Plan Progress



In December 2020, WashACT’s membership approved [a five-year Strategic Action Plan](#) to guide the task force’s direction from 2021 through 2025. In 2021, WashACT conducted the following activities towards achieving the Strategic Action Plan’s objectives:

- Initiated a monthly WashACT member spotlight series to highlight the work of task force members
- Strengthened the content of the quarterly WashACT information session training to better describe task force collaborative work
- Issued the first task force impact report on 2020 grant-funded activities
- Developed an annual outreach strategy to improve knowledge about member agency challenges and successes
- Led an annual review of task force member agency expectations and commitments to ensure common understanding
- Continued to develop an outreach strategy for diversifying and strengthening WashACT membership
- Launched a new task force website based largely on member agency feedback about desired features
- Created dialogue with members of the Washington State legislature and provided 2021 legislative session updates to the task force
- Centered task force meetings around learning and discussion topics requested by task force member agencies



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