

# IMPACT THROUGH THE YEAR

DFI TITLE XX CAMPING SERVICES PROGRAM | AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS

**50**  
YEARS

of partnership between the American Camp Association, Illinois and the Illinois Department of Human Services (1979).



## CAMP CHANGES LIVES

The DFI Title XX Camping Services Program works to break the cycle of poverty, offering camp opportunities to Illinois youth from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.



## PROVIDING MATCH FUNDS

Through this partnership, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), camps & agencies provide a "funding match", greatly subsidizing the actual cost of camp to campers & the American Camp Association (ACA), Illinois.

**8,635** Illinois youth from economically disadvantaged backgrounds attended summer camp

**8,927** campers served this year

2019 GOAL

# OF CAMPERS SERVED



**3,950**

TOTAL SERVED

**4,977**



WE SUCCEEDED THAT BY

**126%**

**8,927** campers experienced a camp program in the past year

**418+** youth & adults with special needs attended camp

**292** adults were served; 149 were over the age of 55

## CAMPER OUTCOME SURVEY RESULTS

**83%**

Increased ability to function independently

**82%**

Increased their ability to interact positively with other campers

**82%**

Increased their acquisition of positive values or spiritual growth

**84%**

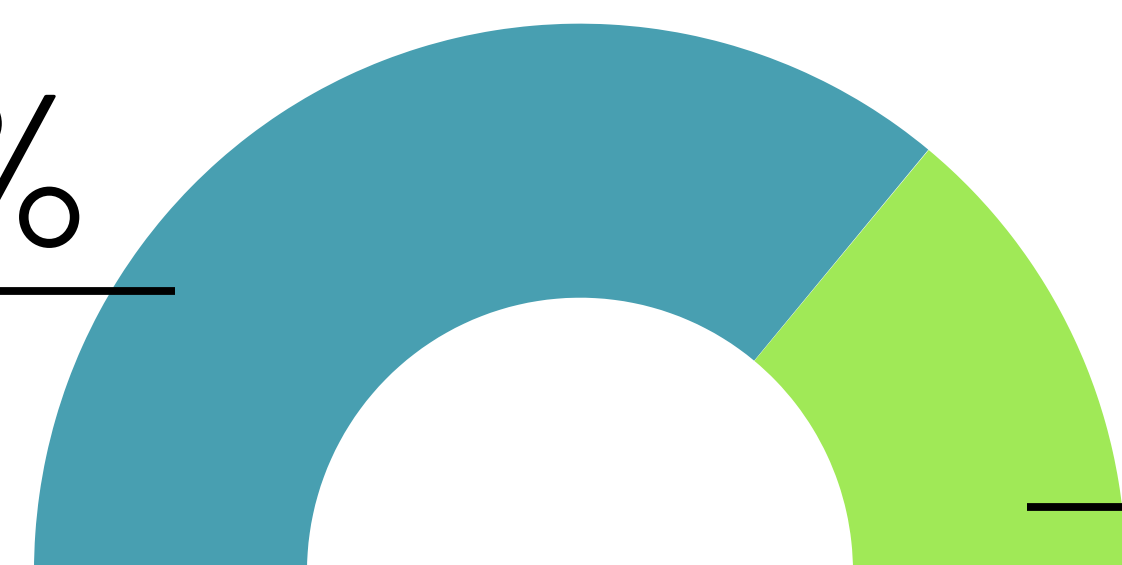
Increased their ability to establish positive relationships with adults

## DAY & RESIDENT CAMP EXPERIENCES

- campers who attended day camp
- campers who attended resident (overnight) camp

**75%**

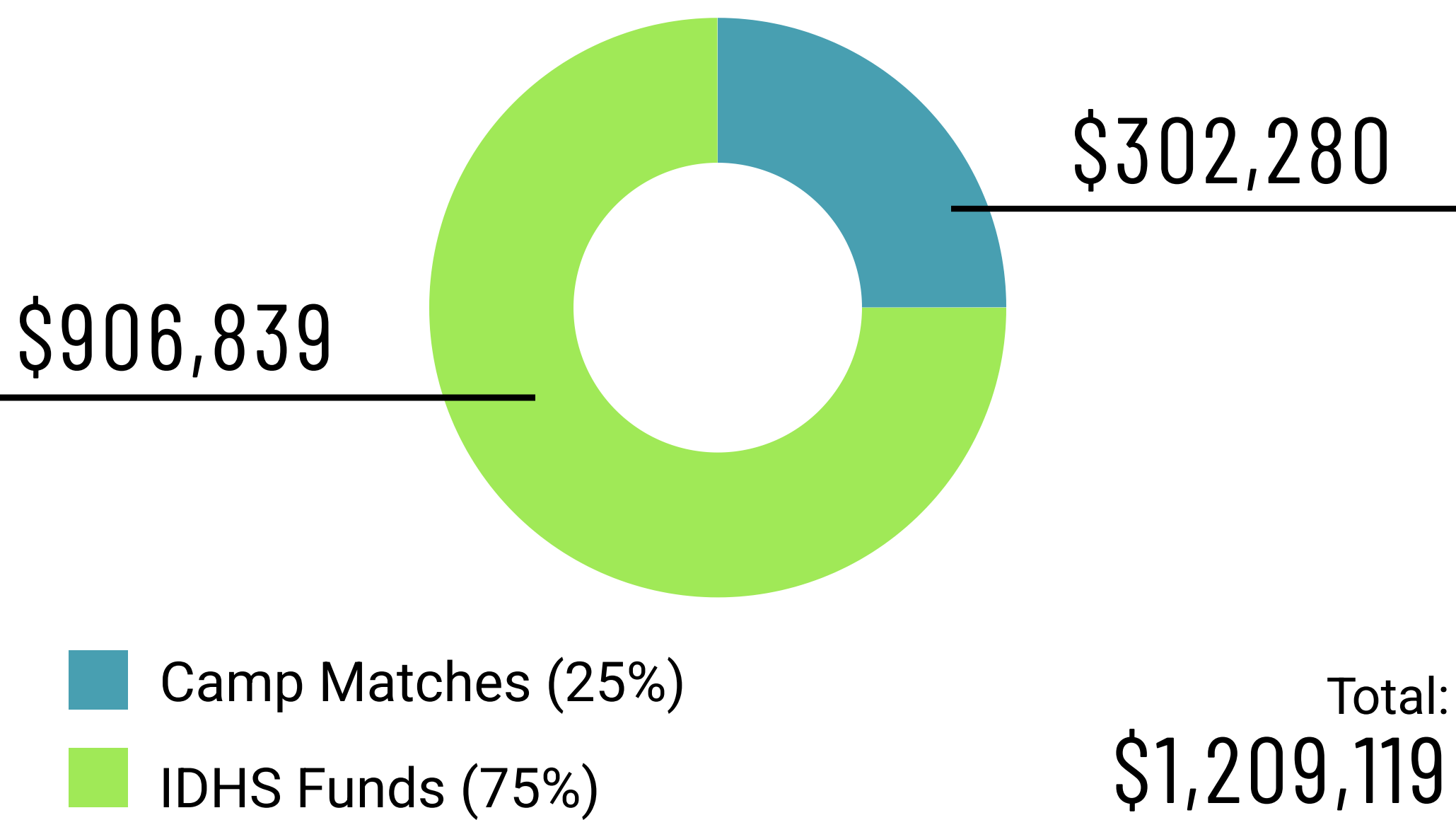
**25%**



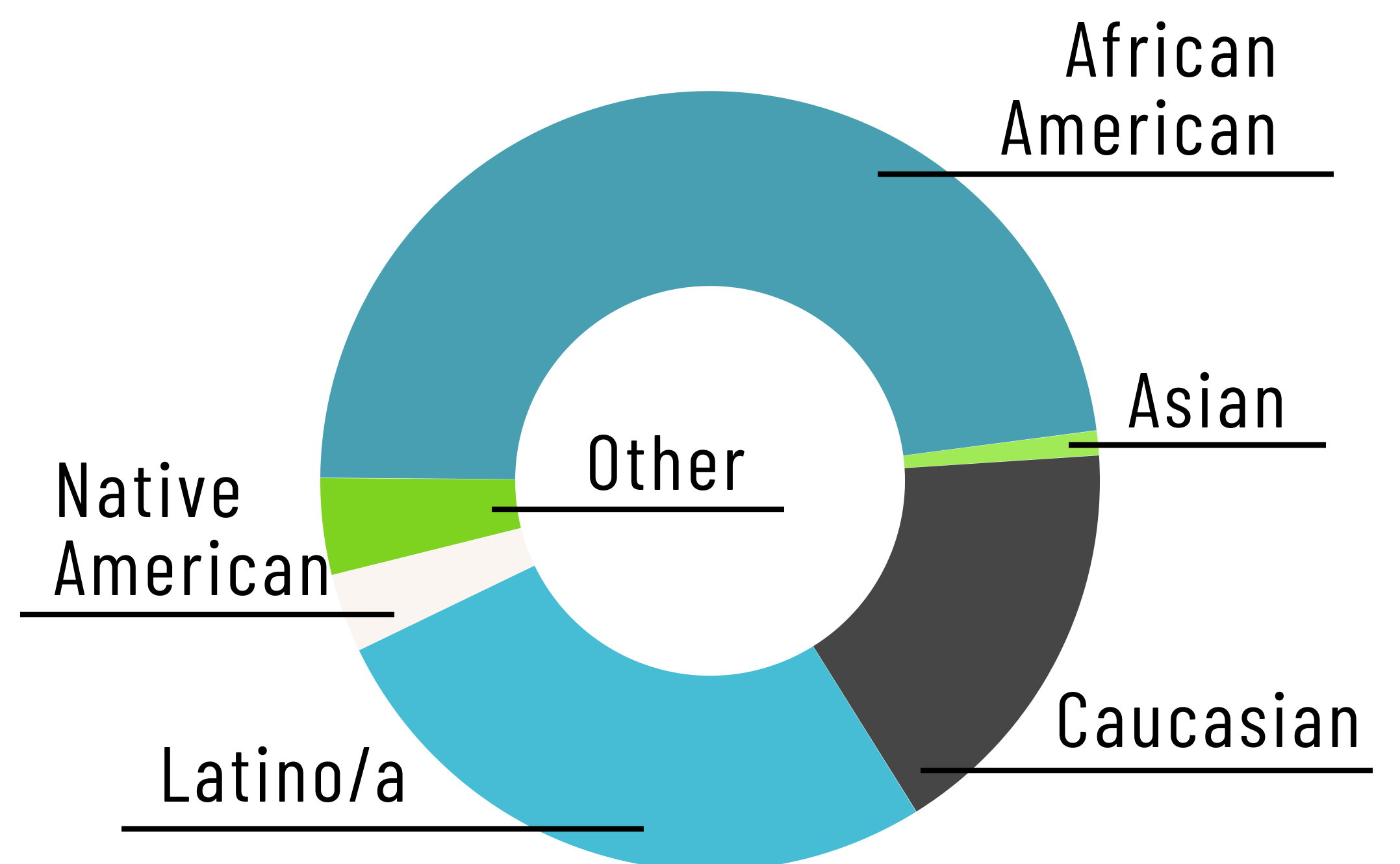
# FINANCIAL IMPACT & DEMOGRAPHICS

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## TOTAL EXPENSES



## CAMPER RACE & ETHNICITY



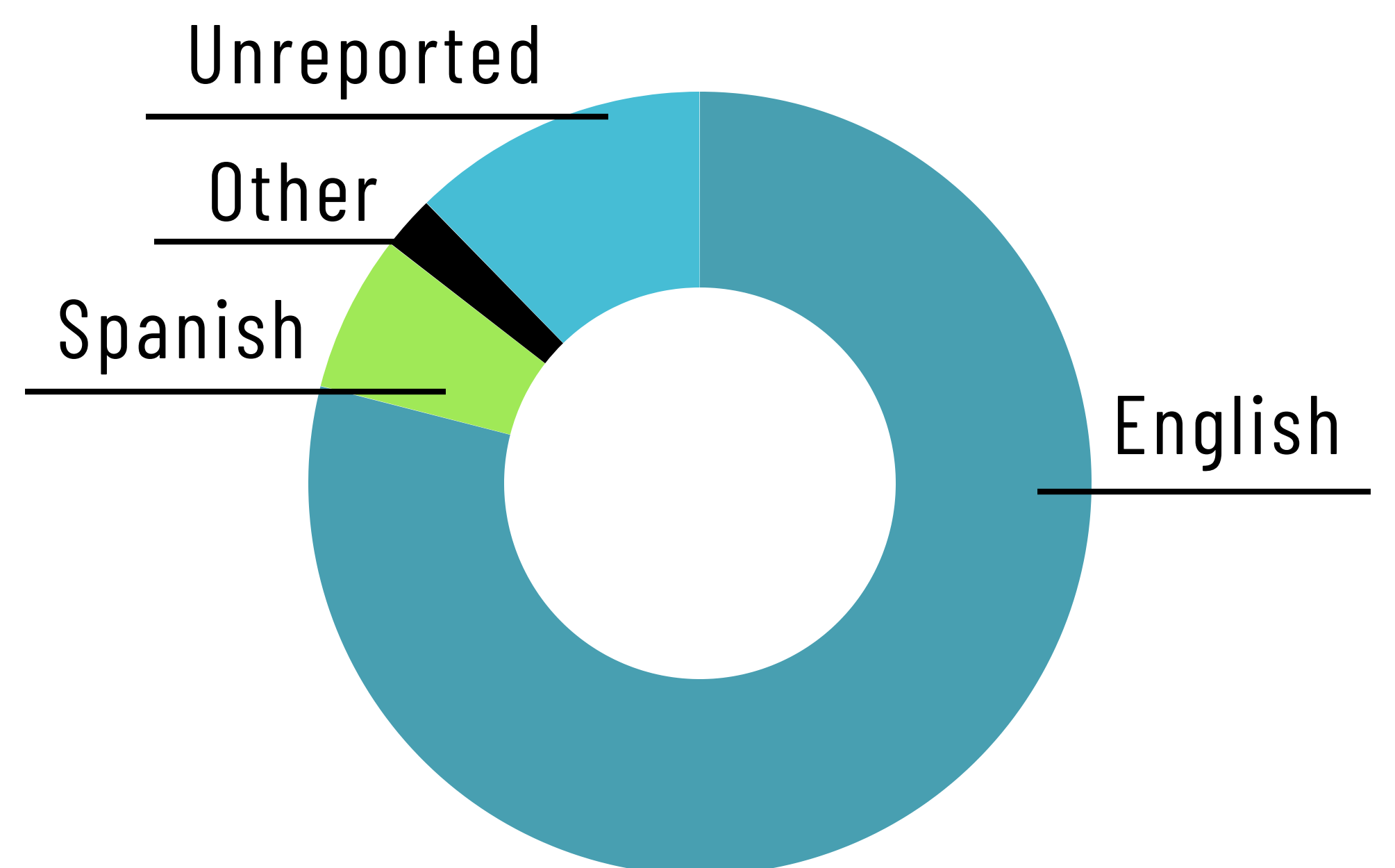
## WHERE DO FUNDS COME FROM & HOW ARE THEY SPENT?

ACA Illinois contracts with IDHS, purchasing camping experiences or services from over 80 locations & 125+ partner agencies throughout the Midwest on behalf of IDHS clients. IDHS puts forth 75% of the service costs, with the individual camp 'matching' the remaining 25%.

Camps greatly subsidize the program as camper days/nights are set on a per diem rate, which is typically 25-75% less than the actual cost of the experience. State funds are received from the Social Services Block Grant, provided by the federal government to the states and distributed on a specified criteria.

DFI Title XX focuses on the rehabilitation of individuals receiving social services. The goal of the Camping Services Program is to provide young people and adults with the life skills needed to break the cycle of poverty. IDHS clients are eligible for one camp session per summer. Clients must be between the ages of 5-17, or an adult with special needs to qualify. Campers pay \$0 to participate.

## PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CAMPERS



## CAMPER GENDER

