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## CHARS Demographic Report

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### Summary of 2023 Inpatient and Observational Stay Discharges Among Washington Residents

**Total Washington Resident Discharges (percent of total CHARS discharges): 696,843 (96.7%)**

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## Daily Living Disability

The response options for the daily living disability field are provided below. Patients were allowed to select all that apply.

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### Daily Living Response Options

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Difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition

Difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping

Difficulty dressing or bathing

Difficulty hearing

Difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses

Difficulty walking or climbing stairs

Limitations in any activities because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition

Uses a cane, a wheelchair, a trained service animal, adaptive bed, adaptive telephone, or some other device

Not listed above

Not applicable (no limitations)

Patient declined to respond

Unknown

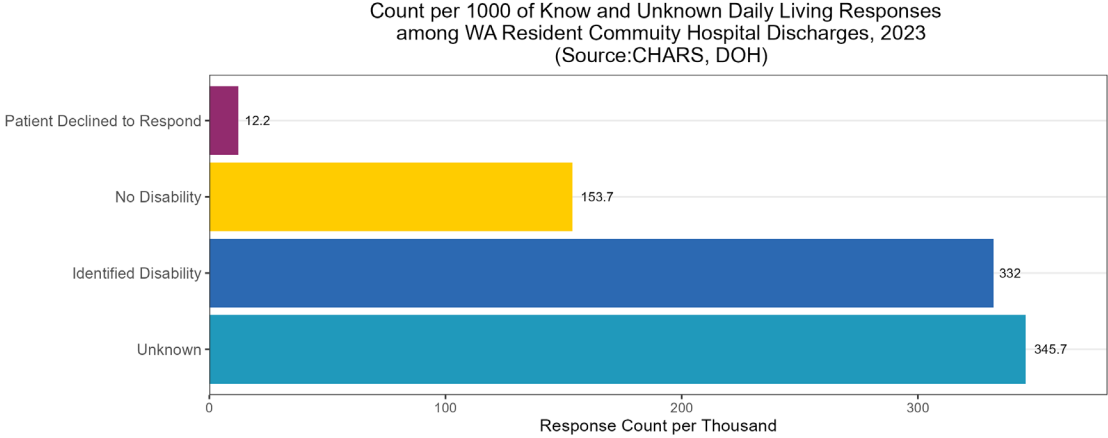
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**In 2023, 33,661 WA resident discharges did not report on daily living disability.**

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**Figure 1.** This graph breaks down responses in terms of ‘known’ (when a patient reports any disability or reports they have no disability), ‘unknown’, and ‘patient refused to answer’ responses. Patients were allowed to select all that apply, so counts are based on total responses and do not reflect individual discharges. There were 81,447 WA residents in the 2023 CHARS data who selected more than one daily living disability.



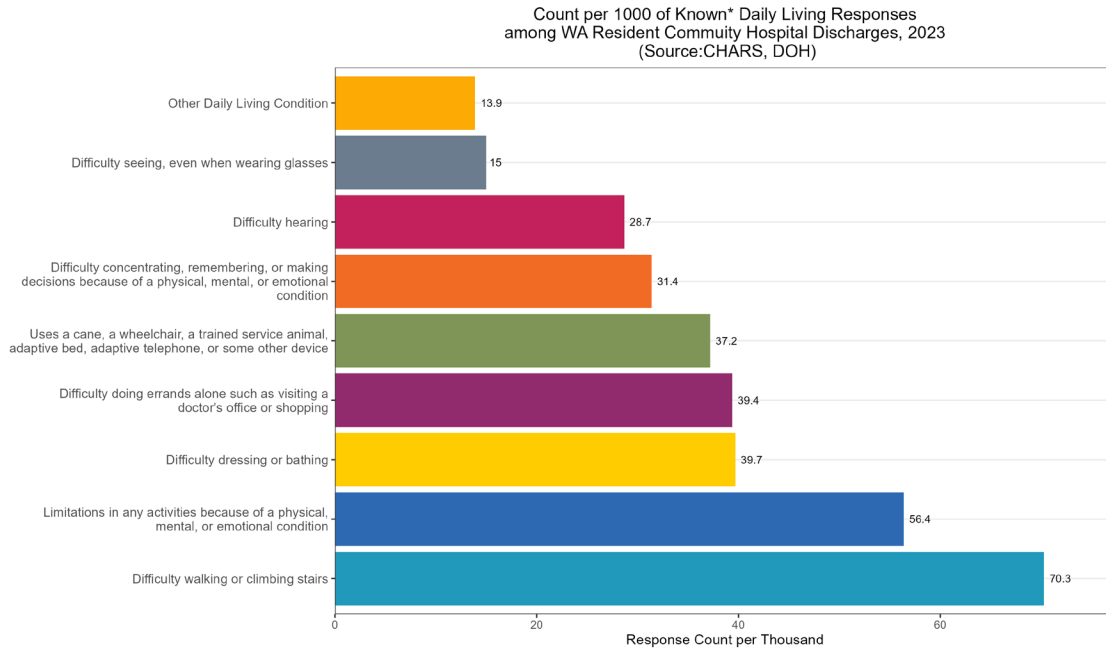
*Known and Unknown Daily Living Disability*

*Note: The above graph demonstrates that a large portion of the responses for 2023 indicated ‘Unknown’. This limits the usability of the daily living data for this time period. Any results generated using these data may not reflect accurate distributions and could bias and invalidate results.*

Overall, among discharges with usable data (omitting ‘unknown’), the majority of responses indicated a daily living disability. Very few responses indicated that the patient declined to respond to the question.

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**Figure 2.** This graph disaggregates the daily living disabilities.



### *Daily Living Disabilities*

*\* A large proportion of 2023 data in this field was unknown; these rates are likely not representative of the population defined by CHARS data; Notes: To align with DOH suppression guidelines any daily living count that was fewer than 10, is aggregated into 'Other Daily Living Condition' along with the response 'Not listed above'.*

There was a large range of daily living disabilities reported, with the largest rate among those reporting difficulty walking or climbing stairs. This response could be reported independently or in combination with other response options.

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## Disability Condition

The response options for the disability condition field are provided below. Patients were allowed to select all that apply.

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### Disability Condition Response Options

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Blind, low vision, or visually impaired

Brain injury

Chronic medical condition

Deaf, d/Deaf, or hard of hearing

Developmental disability

Intellectual disability

Mental health disability

Neurocognitive disability

Physical disability

Not listed above

Not applicable (no disability or condition)

Patient declined to respond

Unknown

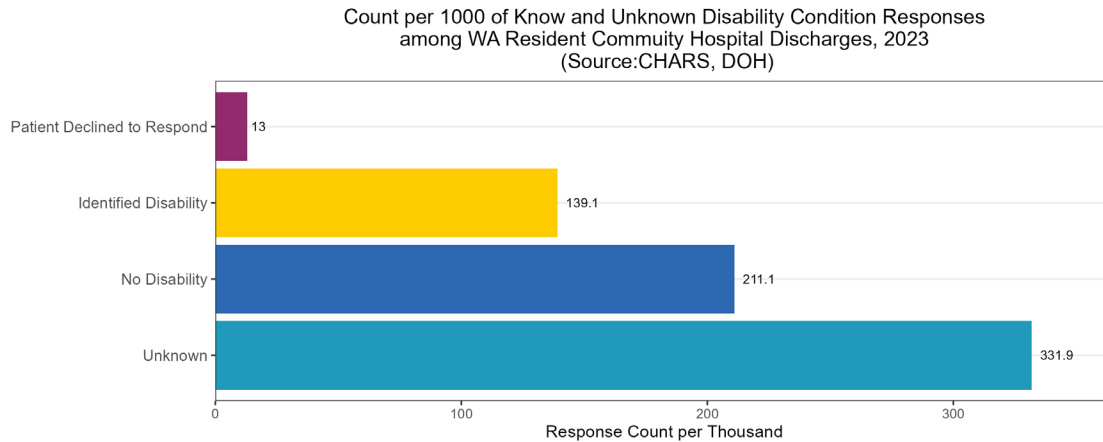
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**In 2023, 33,408 WA resident discharges did not report on disability condition.**

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**Figure 3.** This graph breaks down responses in terms of ‘known’ (when a patient reports any disability or reports they have no disability), ‘unknown’, and ‘patient refused to answer’ responses. Patients were allowed to select all that apply, so counts are based on total responses and do not reflect individual discharges. There were 22,034 WA residents in the 2023 CHARS data who selected more than one disability condition.



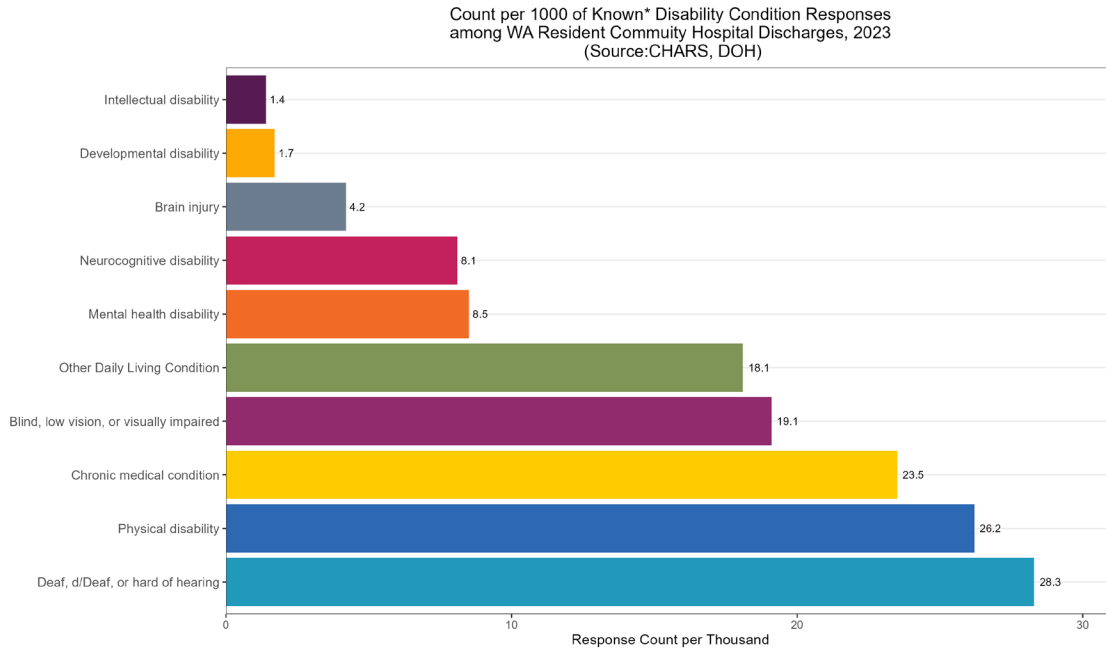
#### *Known and Unknown Disability Condition*

*Note: The above graph demonstrates that a large portion of the responses for 2023 indicated ‘Unknown’. This limits the usability of the disability condition data for this time period. Any results generated using these data may not reflect accurate distributions and could bias and invalidate results.*

Overall, among discharges with usable data (omitting ‘unknown’), the majority of responses indicated no disability condition. Very few responses indicated that the patient declined to respond to the question.

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**Figure 4.** This graph disaggregates the disability conditions.



*Type of Disability Condition*

*\* A large proportion of 2023 data in this field was unknown; these rates are likely not representative of the population defined by CHARS data; Notes: To align with DOH suppression guidelines any daily living count that was fewer than 10 is aggregated into 'Other Daily Living Condition' along with the response 'Not Listed'.*

There was a large range of disability conditions reported, with the largest rate among those reporting being Deaf / deaf / or hard of hearing. This response could be reported independently or in combination with other response options.

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## Sexual Orientation

All data presented on sexual orientation are for those 13 years old or older.

The response options for the sexual orientation field are provided below. Patients were allowed to select all that apply.

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### Sexual Orientation Response Options

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Asexual

Bisexual

Gay

Lesbian

Pansexual/Bi+

Queer

Straight

Sexual orientation not listed above

Patient declined to respond

Unknown

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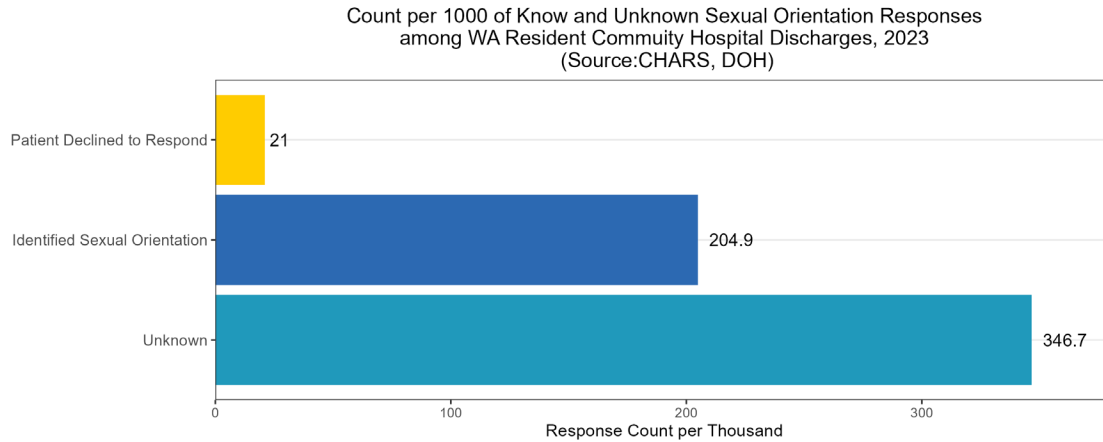
**In 2023, 124,911 WA resident discharges did not report on sexual orientation.**

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**Figure 5.** This graph breaks down responses in terms of ‘known’, ‘unknown’, and ‘patient refused to answer’ responses. Patients were allowed to select all that apply, so counts are based on total responses and do not reflect individual discharges. There were 693 WA residents in the 2023 CHARS data who selected more than one sexual orientation.

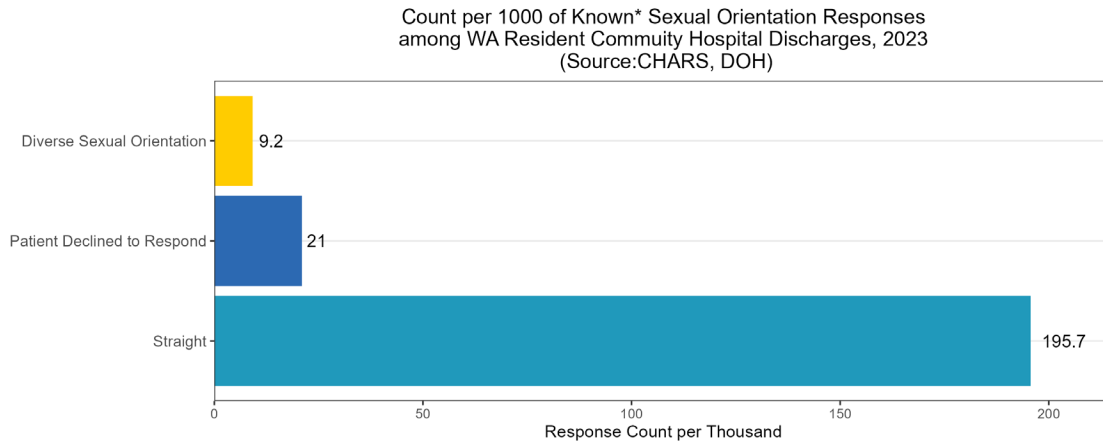


#### *Known and Unknown SexualOrientation*

*Note: The above graph demonstrates that a large portion of the responses for 2023 indicated 'Unknown'. This limits the usability of the disability condition data for this time period. Any results generated using these data may not reflect accurate distributions and could bias and invalidate results.*

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**Figure 6.** This graph disaggregates the identified sexual orientation responses.



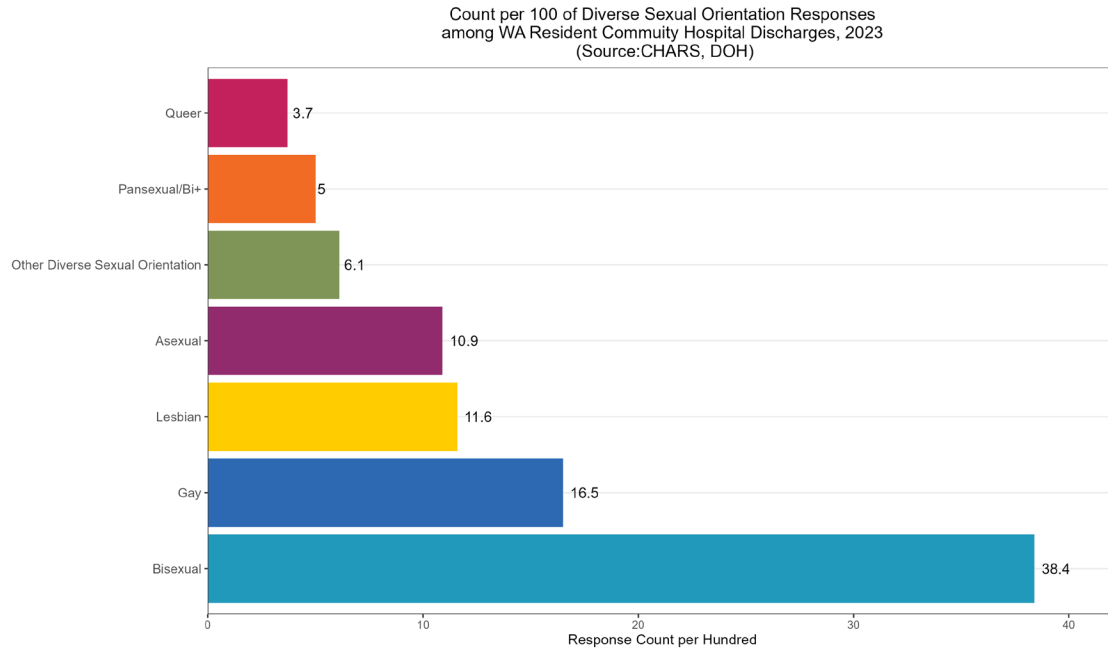
*Sexual Orientation*

*\* A large proportion of 2023 data in this field was unknown; these rates are likely not representative of the population defined by CHARS data.*

The majority of known responses indicated most identify as straight. The majority of known responses indicate that the majority of CHARS responses indicated a straight sexual orientation.

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**Figure 7.** This graph disaggregates the identified diverse sexual orientation responses.



### *Diverse Sexual Orientation*

*\* A large proportion of 2023 data in this field was unknown; these rates are likely not representative of the population defined by CHARS data; Notes: To align with DOH suppression guidelines any sexual orientation count that was fewer than 10 is aggregated into 'Other Diverse Sexual Orientation' along with the response 'Sexual orientation not listed above'.*

There was a large range of diverse sexual orientations reported, with the largest rate among those identifying as Bisexual. This could be alone or in combination with other response options.

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## Gender Identity

All data presented on sexual orientation are for those 13 years old or older.

The response options for the gender identity field are provided below. Patients were allowed to select all that apply.

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### Gender Identity Response Options

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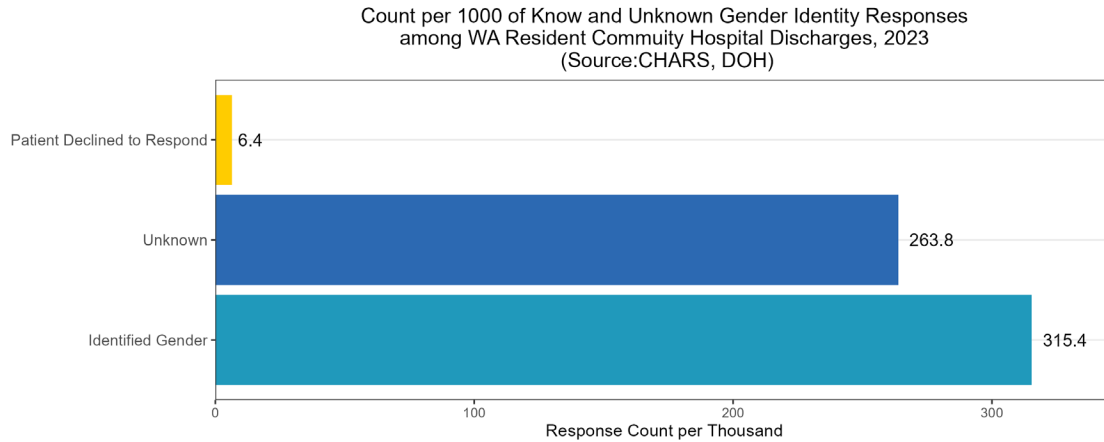
Agender  
Bigender  
Cis or cisgender  
Demiboy  
Demigirl  
Female  
Gender fluid  
Genderqueer  
Male  
Man or Masculine/Masc  
Non-binary  
Trans\* or transgender  
Two spirit  
Woman or Feminine/Femme  
Gender not listed above  
Patient declined to respond  
Unknown

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**In 2023, 111,468 WA resident discharges did not report on gender identity.**

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**Figure 8.** This graph breaks down responses in terms of ‘known’, ‘unknown’, and ‘patient refused to answer’ responses. Patients were allowed to select all that apply, so counts are based on total responses and do not reflect individual discharges. There were 165 WA residents in the 2023 CHARS data who selected more than one gender.

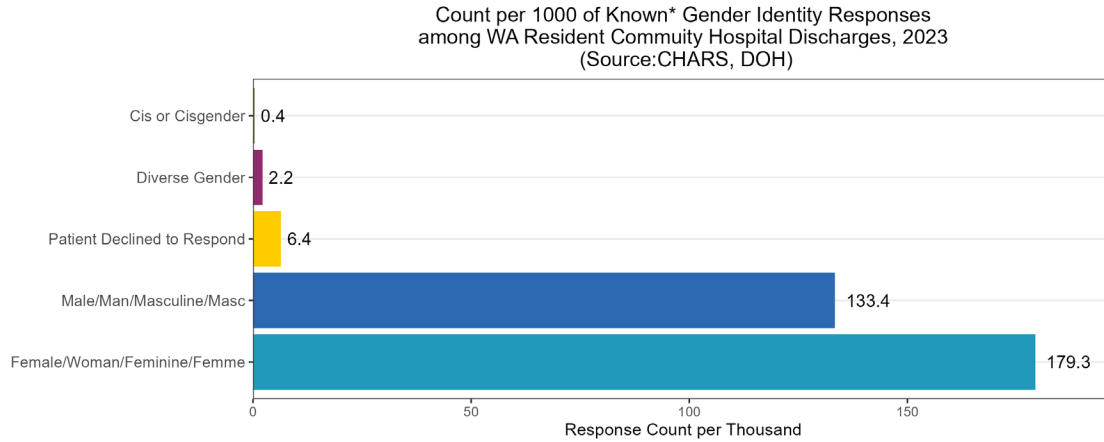


### *Known and Unknown Gender Identity*

*Note: The above graph demonstrates that a large portion of the responses for 2023 indicated ‘Unknown’. This limits the usability of the disability condition data for this time period. Any results generated using these data may not reflect accurate distributions and could bias and invalidate results.*

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**Figure 9.** This graph disaggregates the identified gender identity responses.



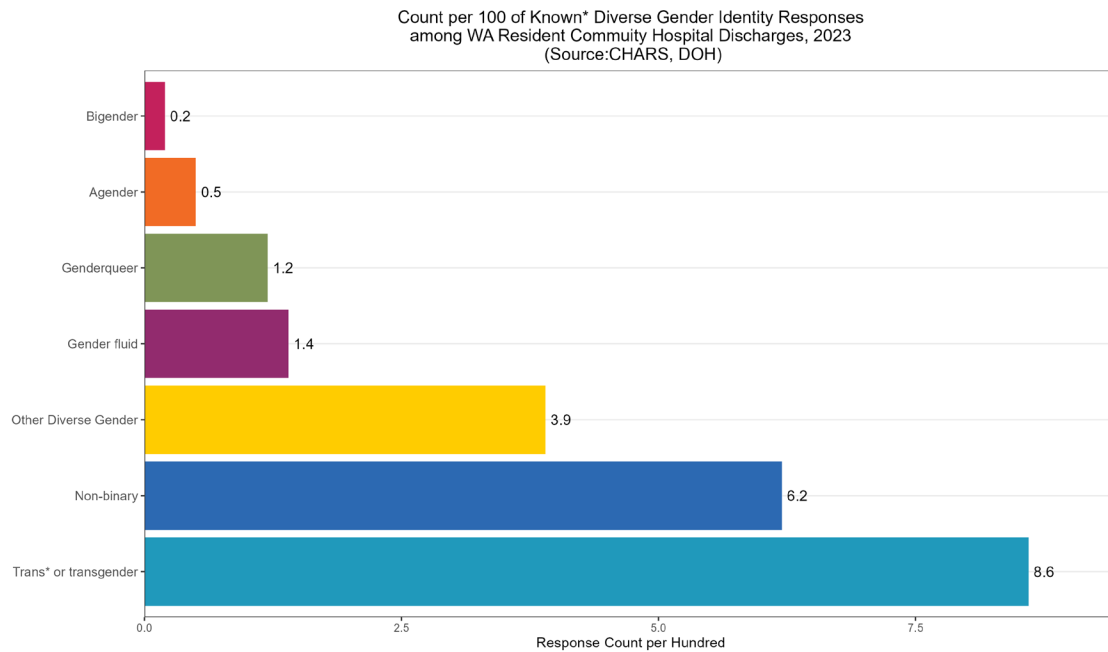
### *Gender Identity*

*A large proportion of 2023 data in this field was unknown; these rates are likely not representative of the population defined by CHARS data.*

The large majority of known responses indicated most identify with Female/Woman/Feminine/Femme or Male/Man/Masculine/Masc. This could be alone or in combination with other response options.

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**Figure 10.** This graph disaggregates the identified diverse gender identity responses.



### *Diverse Gender Identity*

*\* A large proportion of 2023 data in this field was unknown; these rates are likely not representative of the population defined by CHARS data; Notes: To align with DOH suppression guidelines any sexual orientation count that was fewer than 10 is aggregated into 'Other Diverse Sexual Orientation' along with the response 'Gender not listed above'.*

There was a large range of diverse gender identities reported, with the largest rate among those identifying as Trans\* or transgender. This could be alone or in combination with other response options.

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## Preferred Language

The response options for the preferred language field are provided below.

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### Language Response Options

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Amharic

Arabic

Balochi/Baluchi

Burmese

Cantonese

Chinese (unspecified)

Chamorro

Chuukese

Dari

English

Farsi/Persian

Fijian

Filipino/Pilipino

French

German

Hindi

Hmong

Japanese

Karen

Khmer/Cambodian

Kinyarwanda

Korean

Kosraean

Lao

Mandarin



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**Language Response Options**

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Marshallese

Mixteco

Nepali

Oromo

Panjabi/Punjabi

Pashto

Portuguese

Romanian/Rumanian

Russian

Samoan

Sign languages

Somali

Spanish/Castilian

Swahili/Kiswahili

Tagalog

Tamil

Telugu

Thai

Tigrinya

Ukrainian

Urdu

Vietnamese

Other language

Patient declined to respond

Unknown

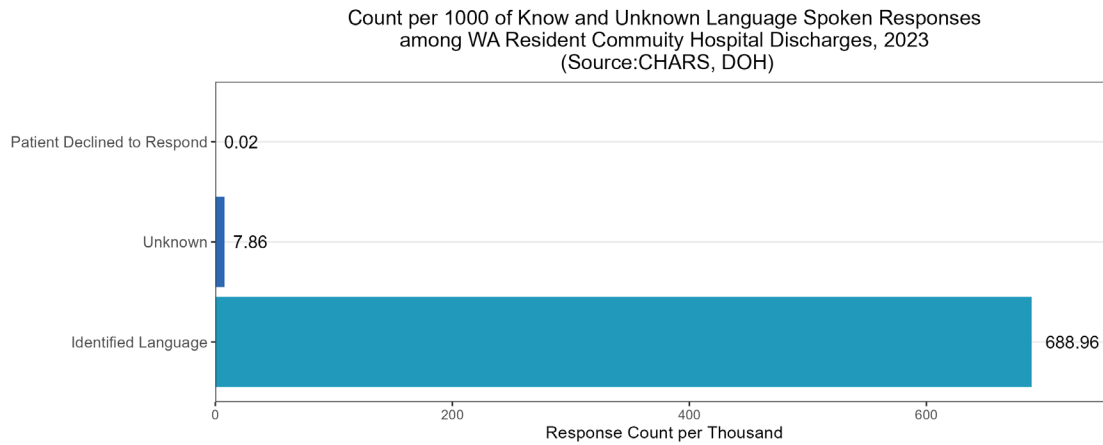
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**In 2023, 2 WA resident discharges did not report on preferred language.**

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**Figure 11.** This graph breaks down responses in terms of ‘known’, ‘unknown’, and ‘patient refused to answer’ responses.

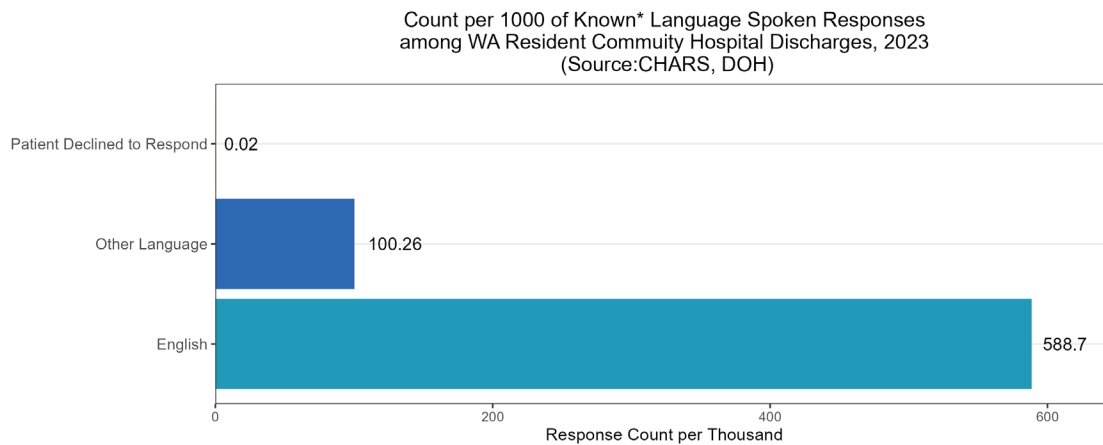


*Known and Unknown Preferred Language*

The majority of WA resident responses reported a preferred language, with very few reports of ‘unknown’ (<7,860 responses) or ‘patient declined to respond’(<20 responses).

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**Figure 12.** This graph disaggregates the identified preferred language responses.

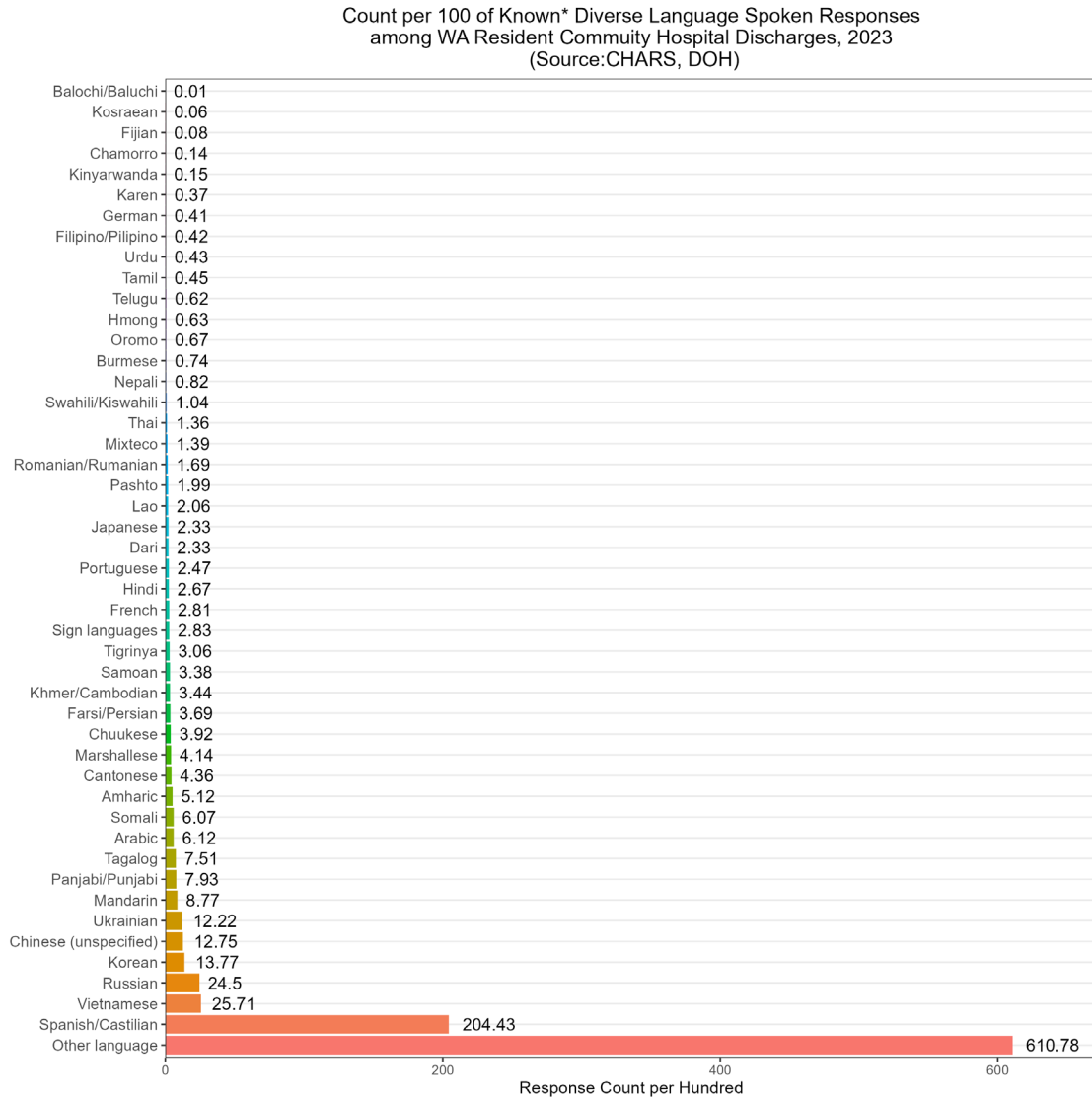


*Preferred Language*

The large majority of known responses indicated most patients speak English.

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**Figure 13.** This graph disaggregates the identified other languages (non-English responses).



*Non-English Languages*

*Notes: To align with DOH suppression guidelines any language count that was fewer than 10 is aggregated into ‘Other language’.*

There was a large range of languages reported, with the largest rate being Spanish / Castilian.

## Race

The response options for race are provided below. Patients were allowed to select all that apply. These responses have been aggregated for the following graphs, as outlined below.

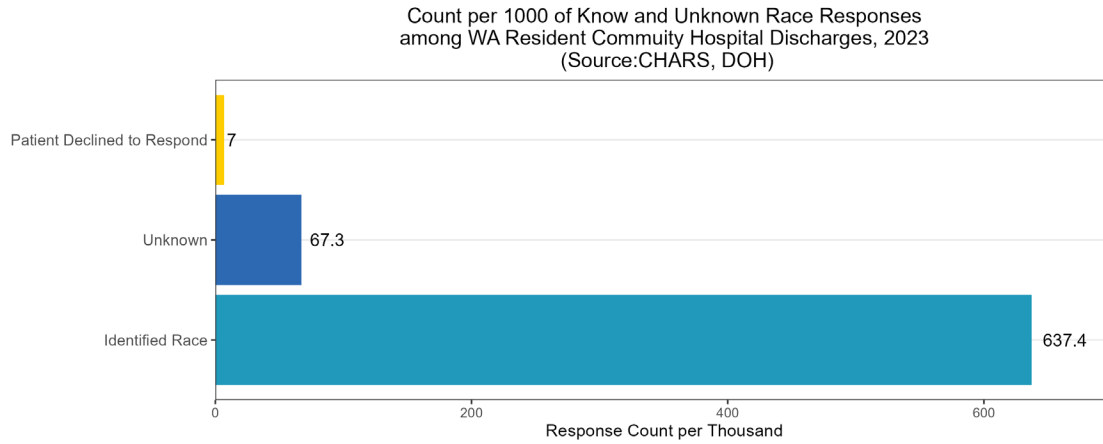
<b>Race Category</b>	<b>Dis-Aggregated Race List (Self-Reported Races submitted to CHARS)</b>
American Indian or Alaska Native (1)	Alaska Native American Indian First Nations
Asian (3)	Asian
East Asian (9)	Chinese Japanese Korean Taiwanese
South Asian (10)	Asian Indian Bangladeshi Bhutanese Nepalese Pakistani
Southeast Asian (11)	Bamar/Burman/Burmese Filipino Hmong/Mong Indonesian Karen Khmer/Cambodian Lao Malaysian Mien Thai Vietnamese
Black or African-American (4)	Afro-Caribbean Black or African American Congolese Eritrean Ethiopian Kenyan Oromo Somali Ugandan

Race Category (cont.)	Dis-Aggregated Race List (cont.)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (5)	Native Hawaiian Cham Fijian Guamanian or Chamorro Marshallese Pacific Islander Samoan Tongan
White (7)	Romanian/Rumanian Russian Ukrainian White
Middle Eastern or North African (8)	Afghan Arab Egyptian Iranian Iraqi Jordanian Kuwaiti Lebanese Middle Eastern Moroccan North African Saudi Arabian Syrian Yemeni
Mexican or Mexican American or Chicano/a or Chicanx (12)	Chicano/a or Chicanx Mexican/Mexican American
Other Race Listed (777)	Central American Cuban Dominican Indigenous-Latino/a or Indigenous-Latinx Mestizo Puerto Rican South African South American "Other Race"
Patient Declined to Respond (888)	Patient Declined to Respond
Unknown (999)	Unknown

**In 2023, 1 WA resident discharges did not report on race.**

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**Figure 14.** This graph breaks down responses in terms of ‘known’, ‘unknown’, and ‘patient refused to answer’ responses. Patients were allowed to select all that apply, so counts are based on total responses and do not reflect individual discharges. There were 14,075 WA residents in the 2023 CHARS data who selected more than one race.

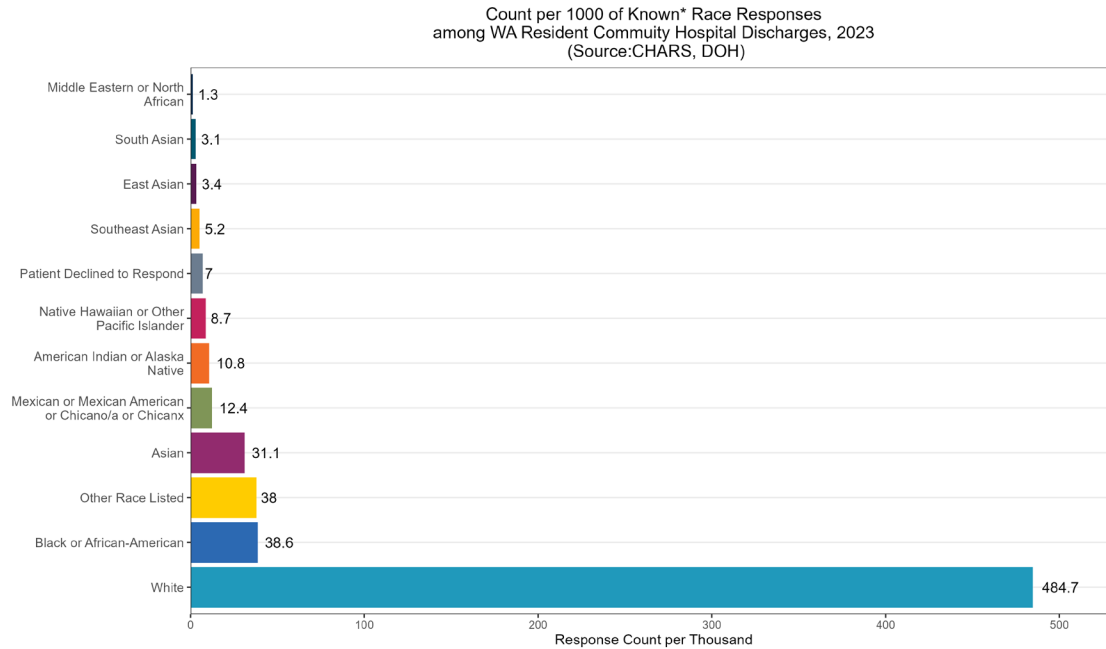


### *Known and Unknown Race*

The majority of responses reported an identified race, with relatively few reports of ‘unknown’ (<67,310 responses) or ‘patient declined to respond’(<7,050 responses).

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**Figure 15.** This graph disaggregates the identified race responses.



### *Race*

The majority of known responses indicated most patients identify as white. This could be alone or in combination with other response options.

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