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# July 2022 – April 2023 CalFresh Report

June 26, 2023

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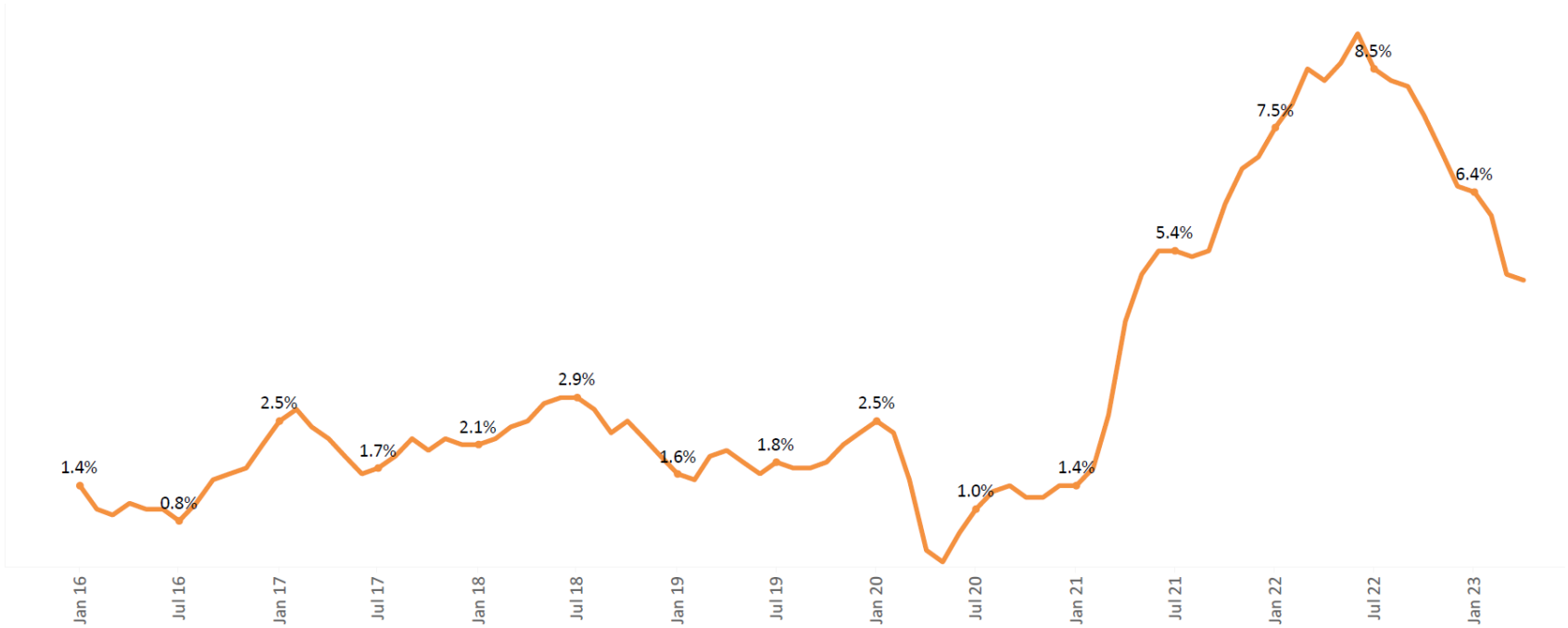
# Community Need

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# CPI Jan 2016 to Apr 2023

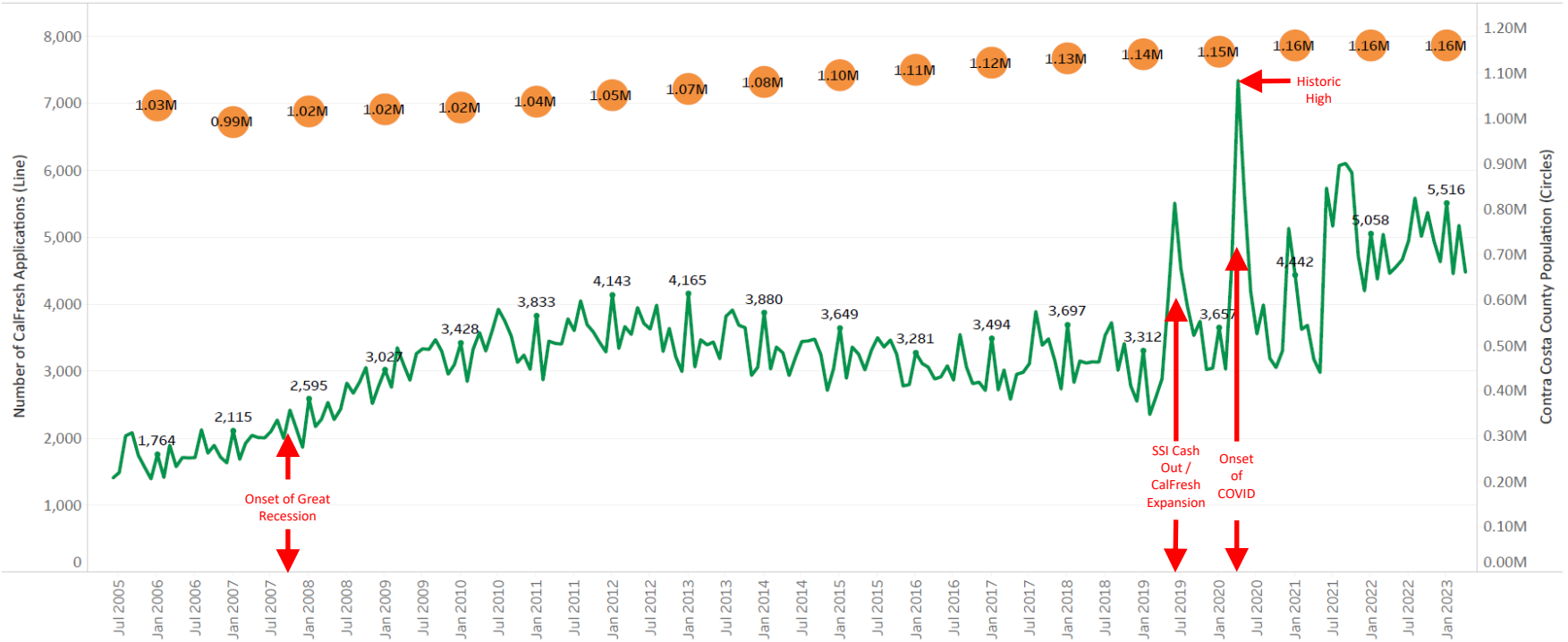
12-month Percentage Change in Consumer Price Index, All Items,  
January 2016 to April 2023



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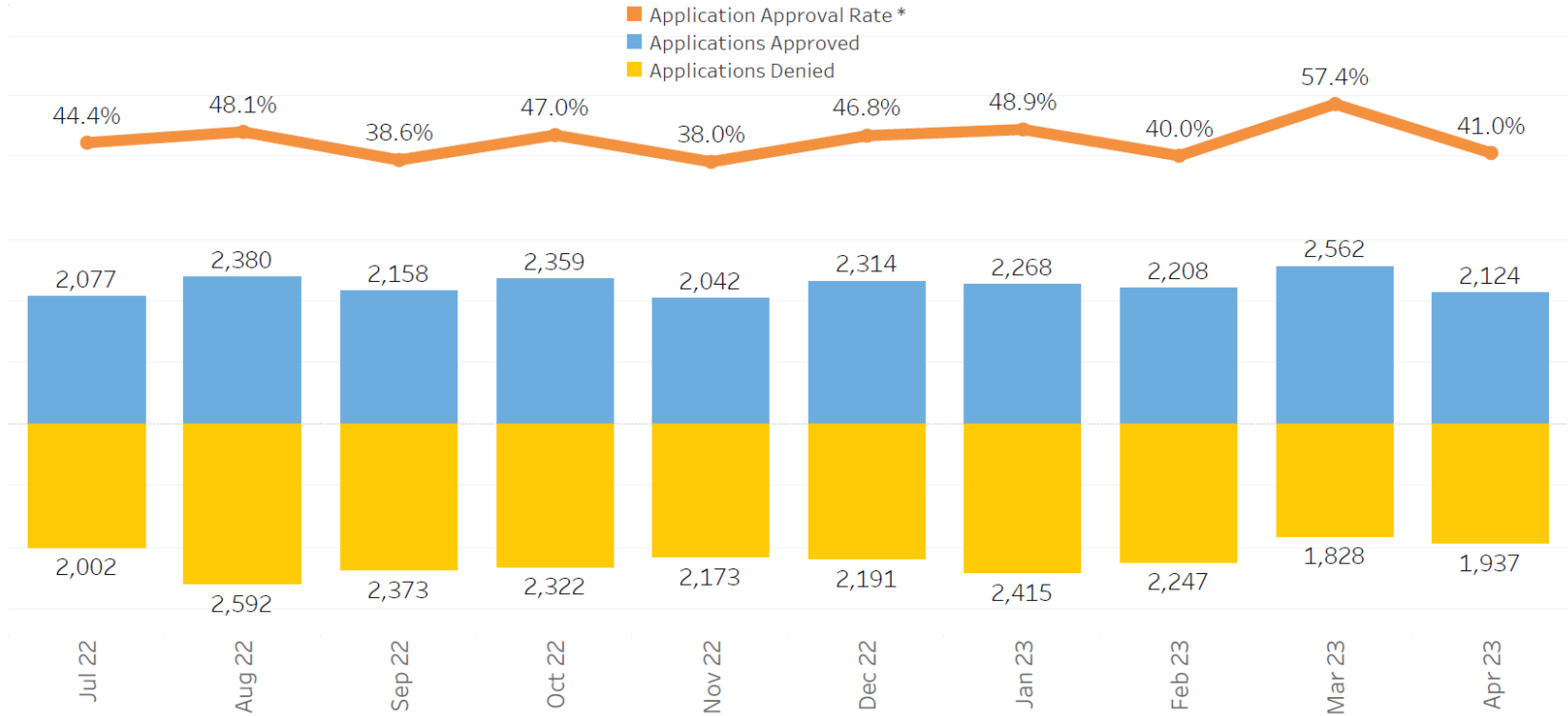
# App Trends Jul '05-Apr '23



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# App Approval Rate Jul '22-Apr '23

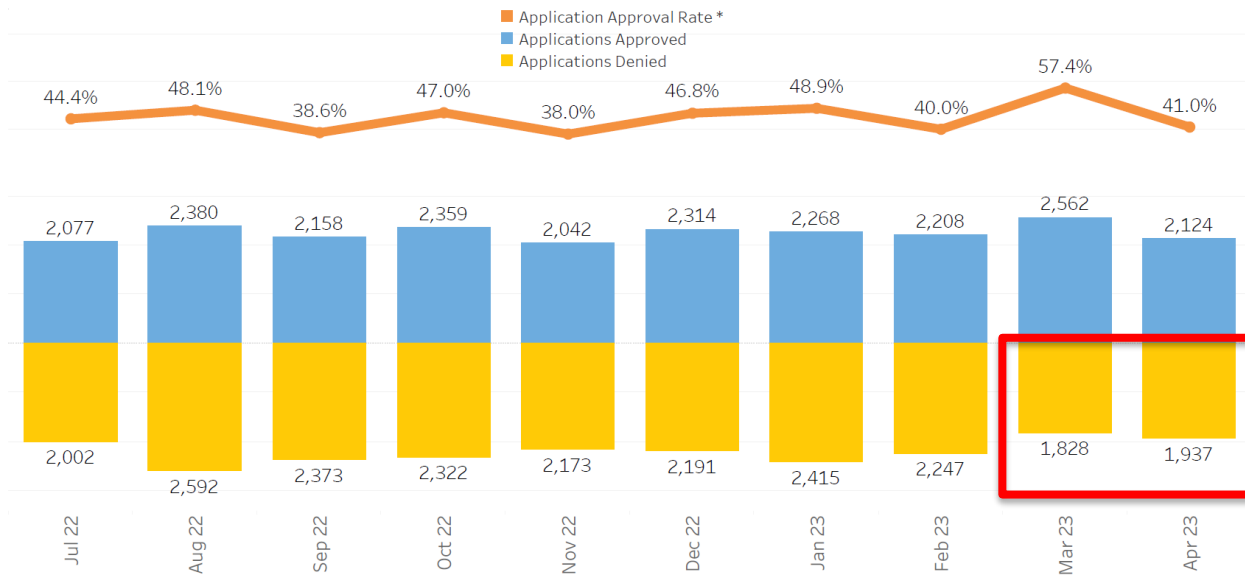


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\* Note: Approval Rate is the number of CF approvals in a given month divided by the number of CF apps received in a month  
 Source: CalWIN for applications data through January 2023, CalSAWS for applications data from February to April 2023

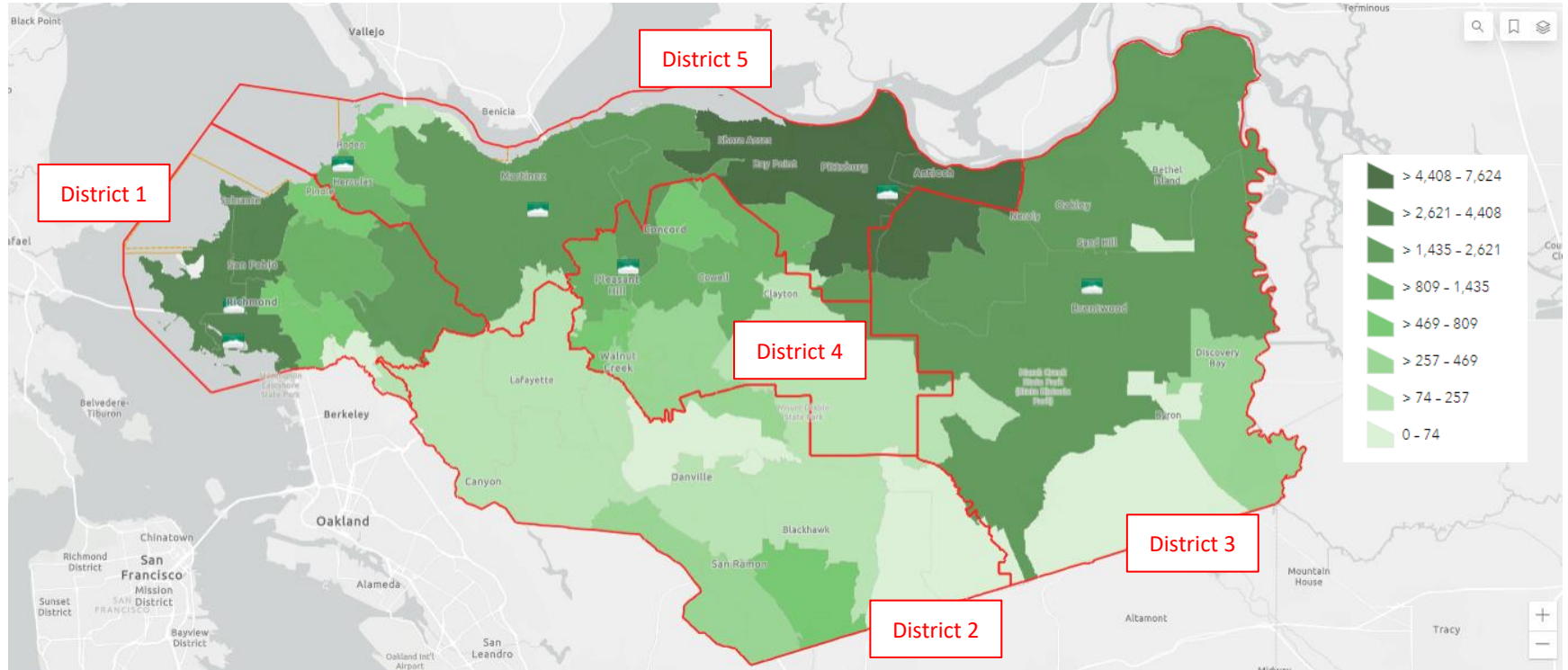
# Top Denial Reasons Mar-Apr '23



## Top Denial Reasons March & April 2023

Category	March 2023	April 2023
Missed CF Application Interview	737 (40%)	683 (35%)
Failed to Provide All Application Documentation	222 (12%)	285 (15%)
Over Income	159 (9%)	185 (10%)
No Eligible Member	138 (8%)	125 (6%)
Application Opened in Error	101 (6%)	124 (6%)

# Households by District Feb 2023

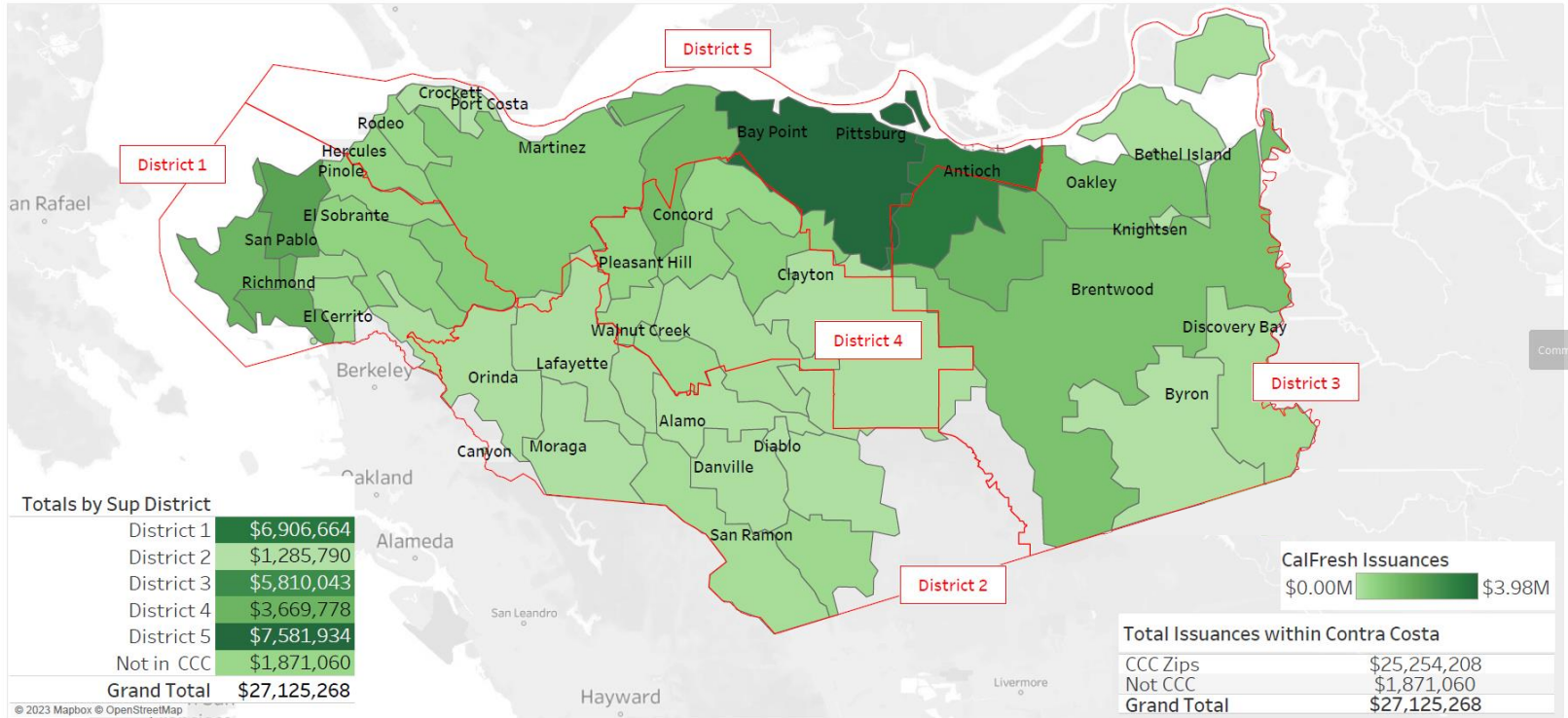


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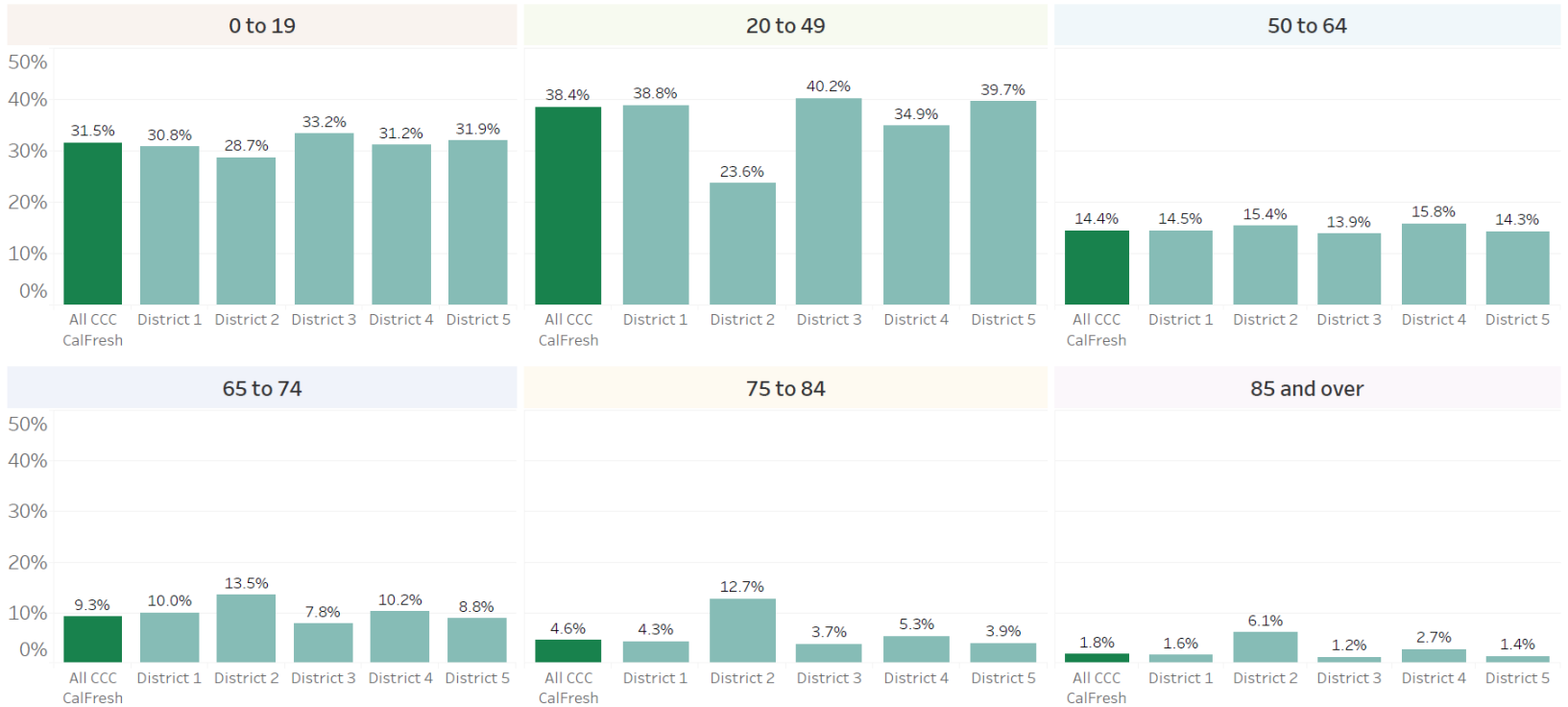
# Issuances by District Feb 2023



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# Age: CF Individuals Feb 2023

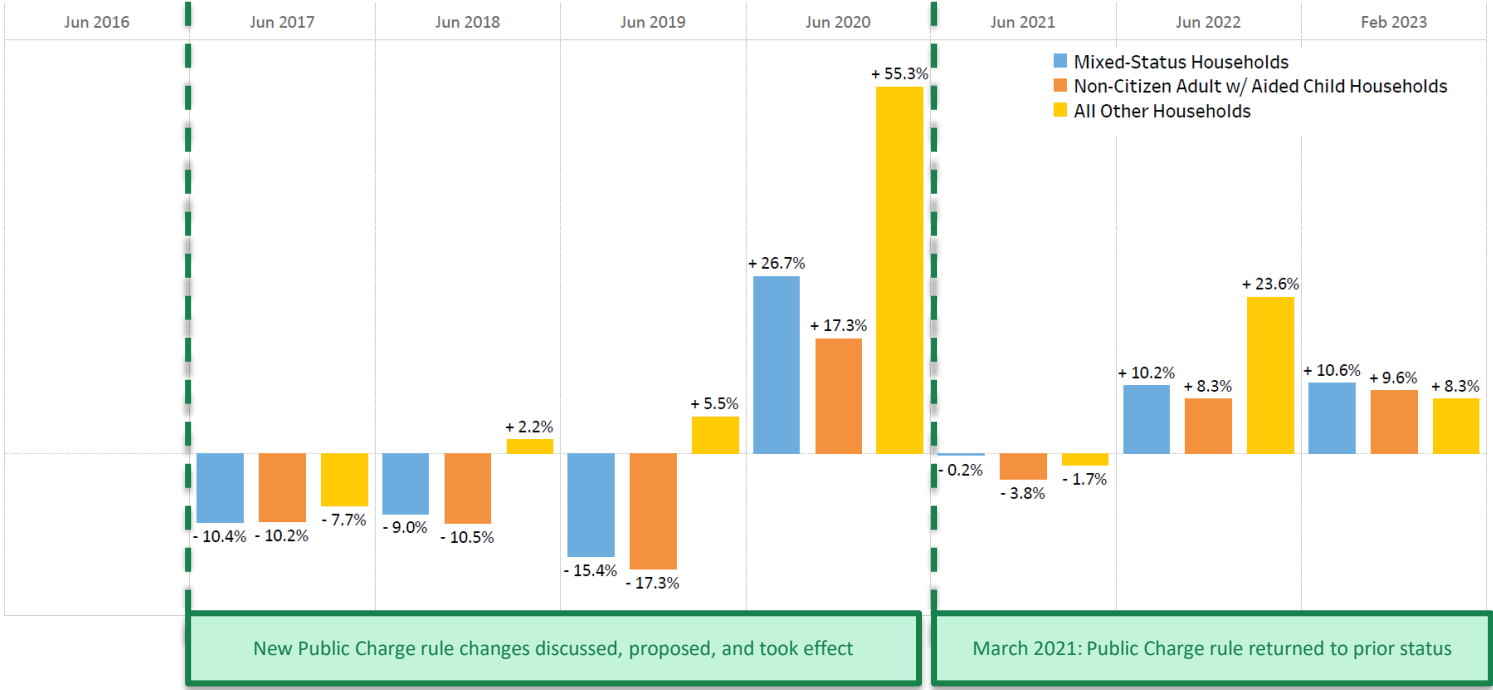


# Race: CF Individuals Feb 2023



# Public Charge Rule Change Impacts

Percent Change from Prior Year: Mixed-Status Households\*, Households with Non-Citizen Adult w/ Aided Child(ren), and All Other CalFresh Households  
June 2016 to April 2023



Public Charge rule changes introduced in 2017 had the biggest impact on CalFresh households with at least one non-citizen. Enrollment for those households has started to recover since rule change was reversed March 2021.

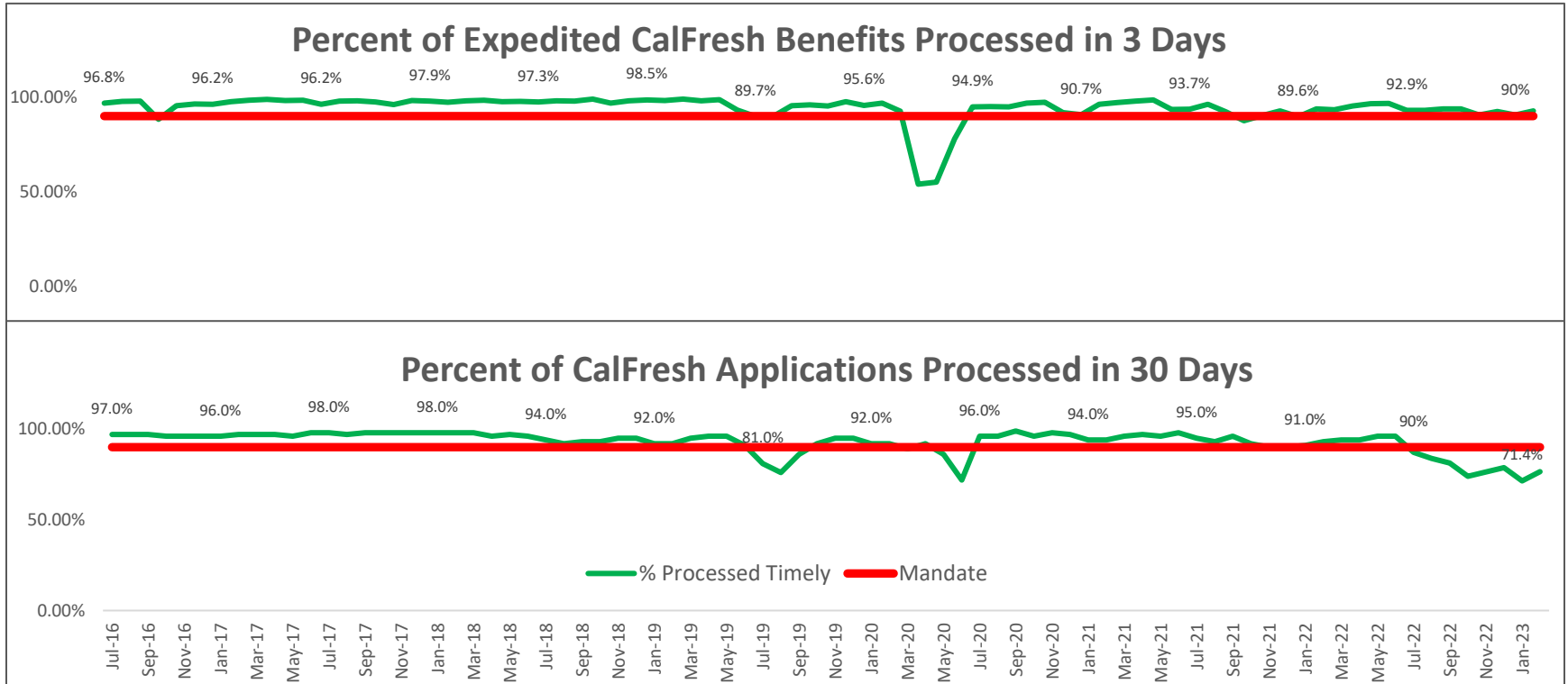
\* Note: Mixed-status households are households which have at least one non-citizen and one citizen.  
Source: CalWIN

# Customer Service

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# CF App Processing Jul '16-Feb '23



# Legislation

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# Legislation

## 1. CalFresh Administration Funding

- Methodology for CalFresh Administration funding was updated in the FY 2023-2024 Budget, following extensive advocacy efforts by counties, including Contra Costa.
- The result is an estimated **CalFresh Administration funding increase of 18%** for FY 2023-24 compared to FY 2022-23.

## 2. Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) of 2023: “Debt Ceiling Bill” H.R. 3746 SNAP (CalFresh) Provisions. All sunset October 1, 2030.

- **Limits Exemptions for Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) Subject to Work Requirements:**
  - Current ABAWD Work Requirements: Age 18 – 49 ----> New: Age 18 through 54 (until age 55)
  - Ages 50 up to 55 will be phased in, by age, over 3 Federal Fiscal Years (2023, 2024, 2025)
  - California’s current statewide waiver remains valid until October 31, 2024
  - Number of current Contra Costa CalFresh enrollees age 50 through 54 = 4,099 Individuals in August 28, 2023
- **Adds Exemptions for 3 New Groups**
  - Individuals experiencing homelessness
  - Veterans
  - Individuals aged 24 or under and in Foster Care on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday = 148 individuals in August 28, 2023
- **Limits State Exemptions**
  - Beginning October 1, 2023, the average monthly discretionary exemptions by state cannot exceed 8% of covered individuals in the state (previously 12%). Also limits state’s ability to carry over unused discretionary exemptions

## 3. Farm Bill Reauthorization 2023

- SNAP (CalFresh in California) and other nutrition programs represent nearly 80% of spending in the Farm Bill.
- Current authorization expires September 30, 2023. Passage before year-end is in doubt. Short-term extensions may be required through end of 2023 – or early 2024.
- Debt Ceiling Bill negotiations included solidifying SNAP provisions for two years. However, several U.S. House representatives are seeking further work requirements or cuts to the SNAP program in the 2023 Farm Bill.



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# Discussion

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