

The Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration (SEED) is the nation's first mayor-led guaranteed income initiative. In February 2019, we began giving 125 randomly selected Stocktonians a guaranteed income of \$500 per month, for 18 months. The cash is unconditional - no strings attached and no work requirements. In October 2019, we released demographic details as well as impact data for the five months of disbursements.

## Who's receiving the \$500, and what's the impact?



**70%**  
of recipients  
identify as  
**female**

**\$1,800** recipients' median monthly household income before SEED



**37%** of recipients identify as **Hispanic, Latinx, or of Spanish** origin



47%  
White



28%  
Black or African  
American



11%  
Asian



2%  
American  
Indian



2%  
Pacific  
Islander



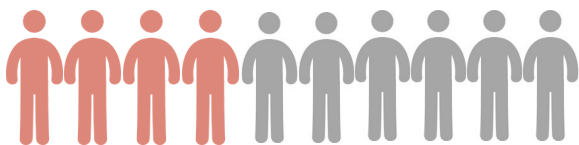
10%  
Other

**43%** of recipients are employed full- or part-time

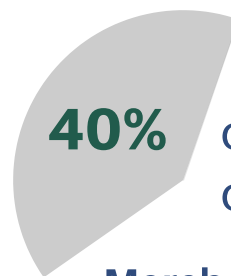
**20%** are disabled, not working

**11%** care-takers

**11%** looking for work



**Less than 2% of SEED recipients are unemployed and not looking for work**



**40%** of money is spent  
on **food**

**Merchandise** makes up  
25% of purchases, and  
**utilities** about 11-12%

*"My health feels a lot lot better. I was stressed out, my body was wearing out, you could tell my body was wearing out...I feel healthier, I have more energy, I'm able to just relax and have fun I guess have fun. Having fun with my kids, that's the biggest thing right now. It's only six months right now. Six months and it opened my eyes to a whole bunch of different things."*

-- Tomas Vargas, SEED Recipient