



**LOUISIANA
ABORTION
FUND**

2024

Annual Report



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Our Mission



Louisiana Abortion Fund is a community fund that assists our neighbors in overcoming the economic and geographic barriers erected to prevent them from accessing abortion care. By providing low-barrier financial support for abortions and support for travel and childcare, we are investing in our community's liberation. We work to center Black people, Indigenous communities, people of color, queer folks, and immigrants, because we know that when the most marginalized among us are free, we will all be free.

As a Black-led organization in the Deep South in a post-Roe landscape, we recognize that the barriers to abortion care were too high and too many long before the Supreme Court's most recent ruling. We envision a world where everyone has access to the healthcare they determine is right for them, and those who decide to raise children can raise them in a world free from state violence and the violences of poverty, patriarchy, white supremacy, and queerphobia.





Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Friend,

Even under Roe, abortion access was never guaranteed for so many of the people we work with—poor, working class, and rural communities; immigrants; and Black, Brown and LGBTQ+ folks. In a lot of ways it's always been up to us, everyday people working in community, to help our neighbors overcome the geographic and financial barriers placed between them and abortion care.

While we've been at this work for a long time, 2024 brought new challenges—the criminalization of mifepristone and misoprostol in Louisiana, too many abandoning our region and dismissing the place we call home as a “lost cause,” and the drying up of post-Dobbs rage donations to name a few.

I am proud to say that despite these ever-increasing challenges, the Louisiana Abortion Fund pledged \$1,585,190 towards abortion procedures for our community last year.

But that number doesn't tell the whole story. In the following pages, you'll learn more about our neighbors who call us looking for help, how far they're traveling to access basic healthcare, and the cost of procedures and practical support.

With care,

Chasity Matthews
Executive Director
Louisiana Abortion Fund





I want readers to think about the gaps in funding, the callers to whom we pledged as much as we could, but who had to figure out the rest. Those callers aren't just numbers to me and my team. They're our friends. They're our family members. They're people we go to bed thinking about, working to connect with other funds and trying to exhaust every option so that they can get the care they need.

Chasity Matthews





Data Summary

In 2024, we pledged \$1,585,190
to 2,699 community members
including pledges towards procedure
costs, travel and grants

Data Highlights

\$1,585,190 LAAF pledged in total towards costs

\$1,413,765 pledged toward procedure costs

\$171,425 pledged in practical support

\$165,500 in grants to fund partners

\$6,425 in partnership with clinics
(Piggybank soft launch)



Our access coordinators connected

2,699

community members with the
information & resources they needed



& provided direct support to

1,785

community members



Data Highlights

Average Pledge Needed

\$1,413.62

outstanding need

Average Pledge Size

\$792.91

for procedures

Average Gap

\$620.71

procedures only

LAAF's Impact Across the United States

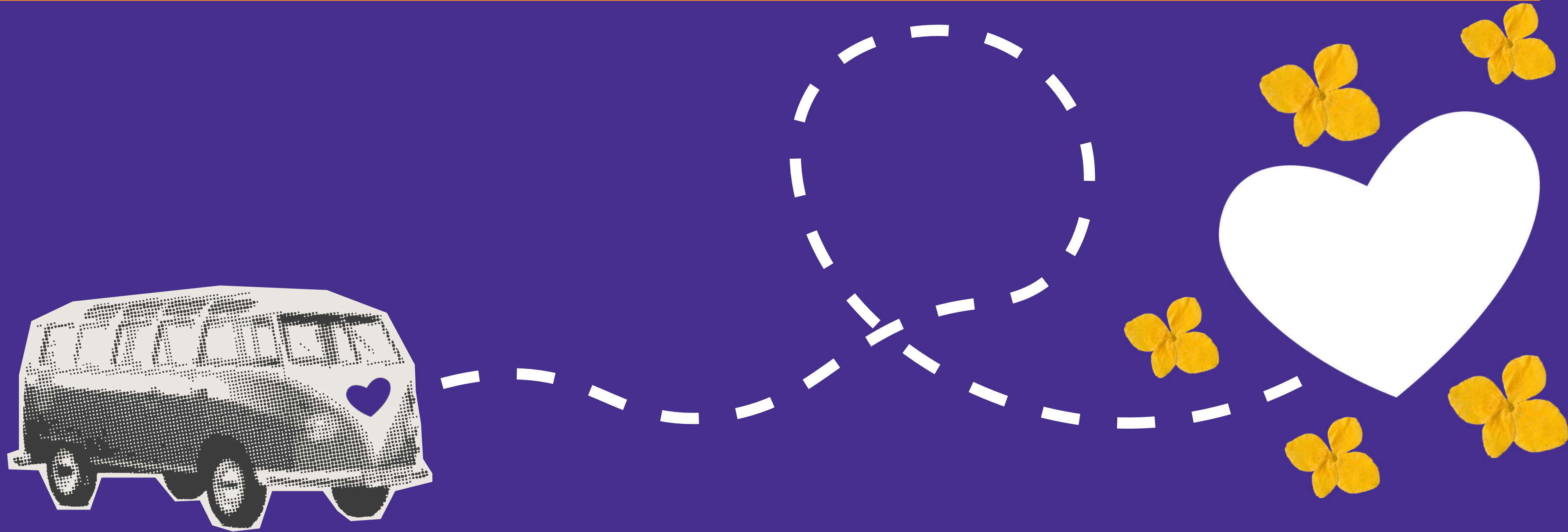


Forced birth extremists knew what would happen after they toppled Roe. They knew vast swaths of the country would be left without any abortion care providers. They are counting on abortion funds like ours eventually buckling under the pressure. Make no mistake, we need more resources than ever to get our neighbors the care they need.

–Chasity Matthews



LAAF's Impact Across the United States



One-Way Trip Average: **546.5 miles**

Round-Trip Average: **1,093 miles**

Max Round-Trip: **7,126 miles**

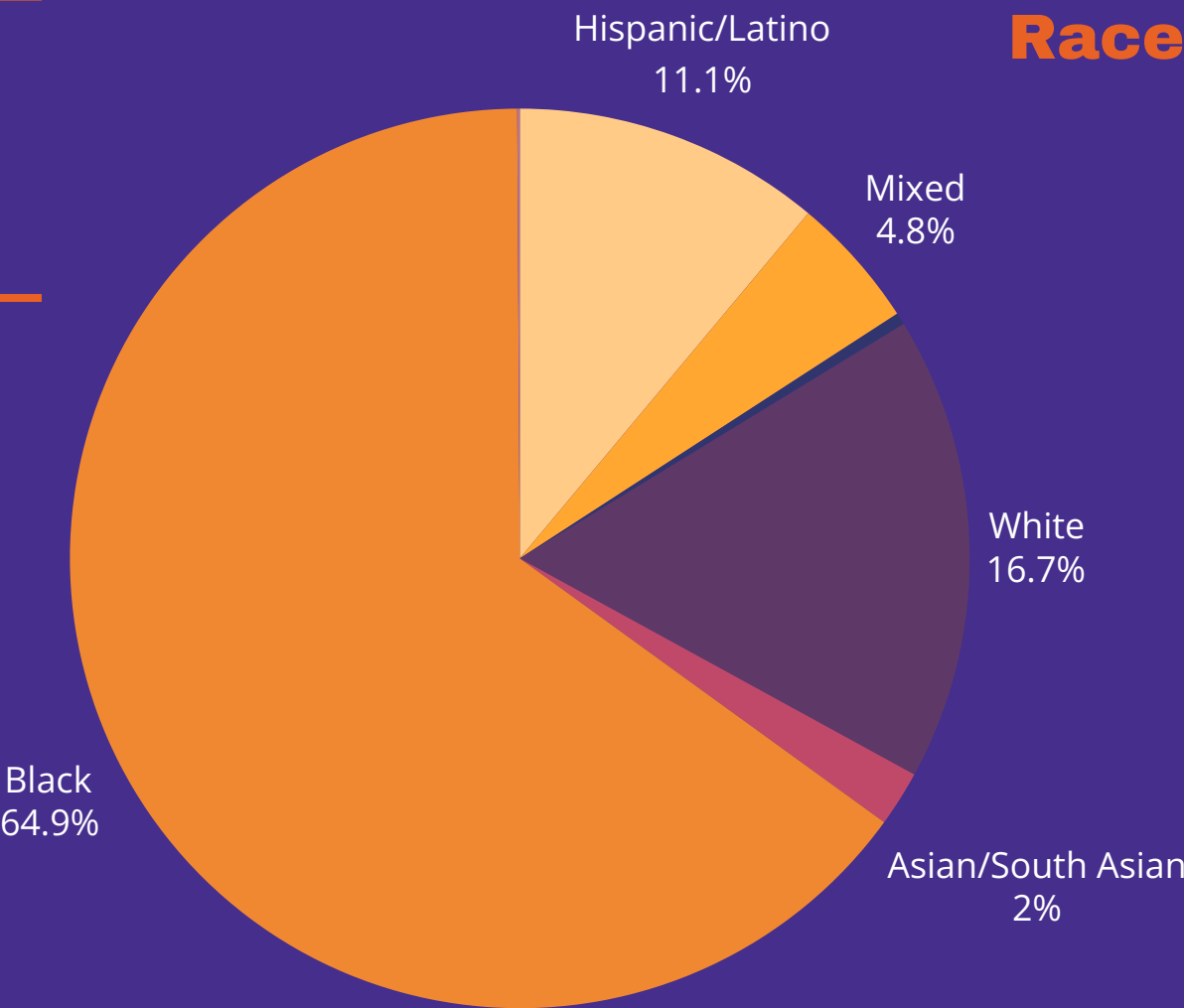
LAAF's Impact Across the United States

In 2024, our community members reached out to us from **615 cities in 21 states plus DC + Portugal**

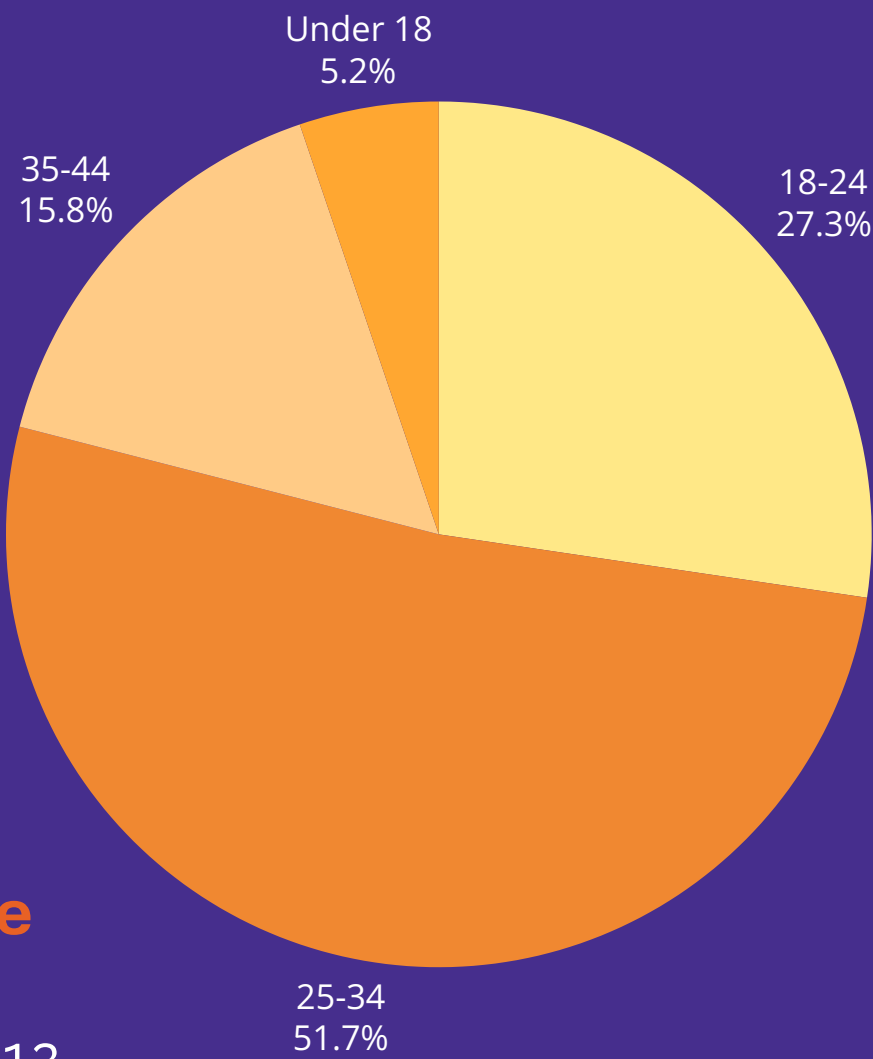
LAAF's standard funding region includes LA, FL, AL, AR, GA, TX, and MS. We have also provided solidarity support to folks from states with limited access and to folks from states where funds frequently provide robust support to folks traveling from the Gulf South.

Caller Demographics

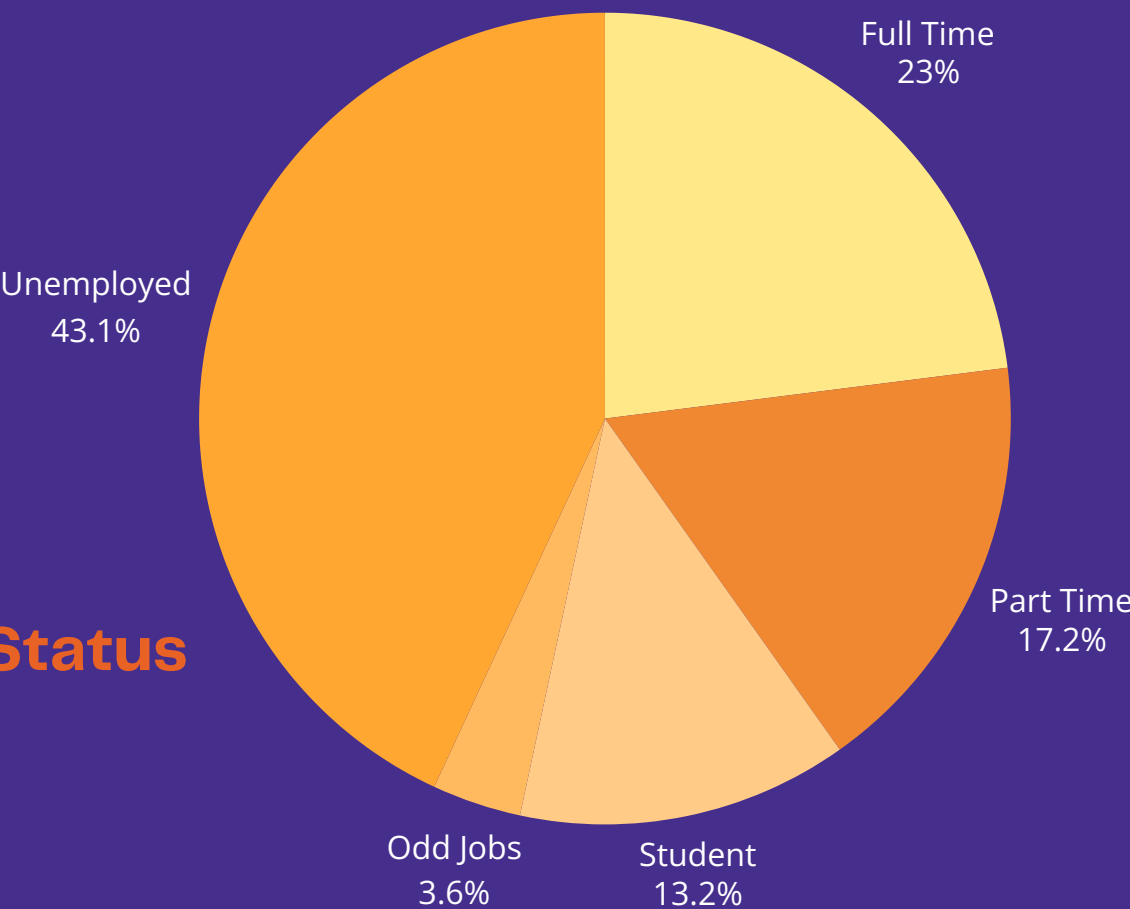
Race



Age

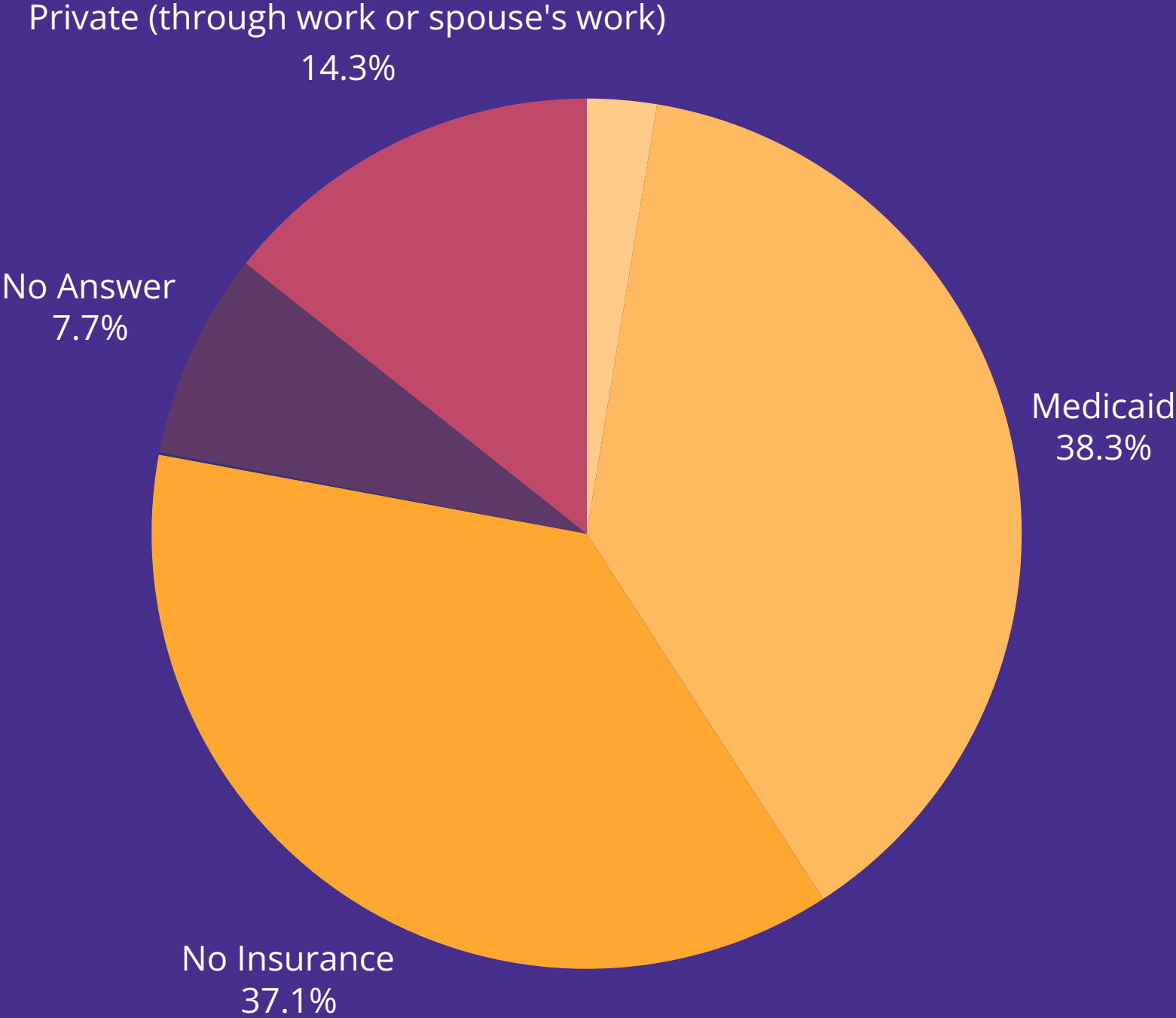


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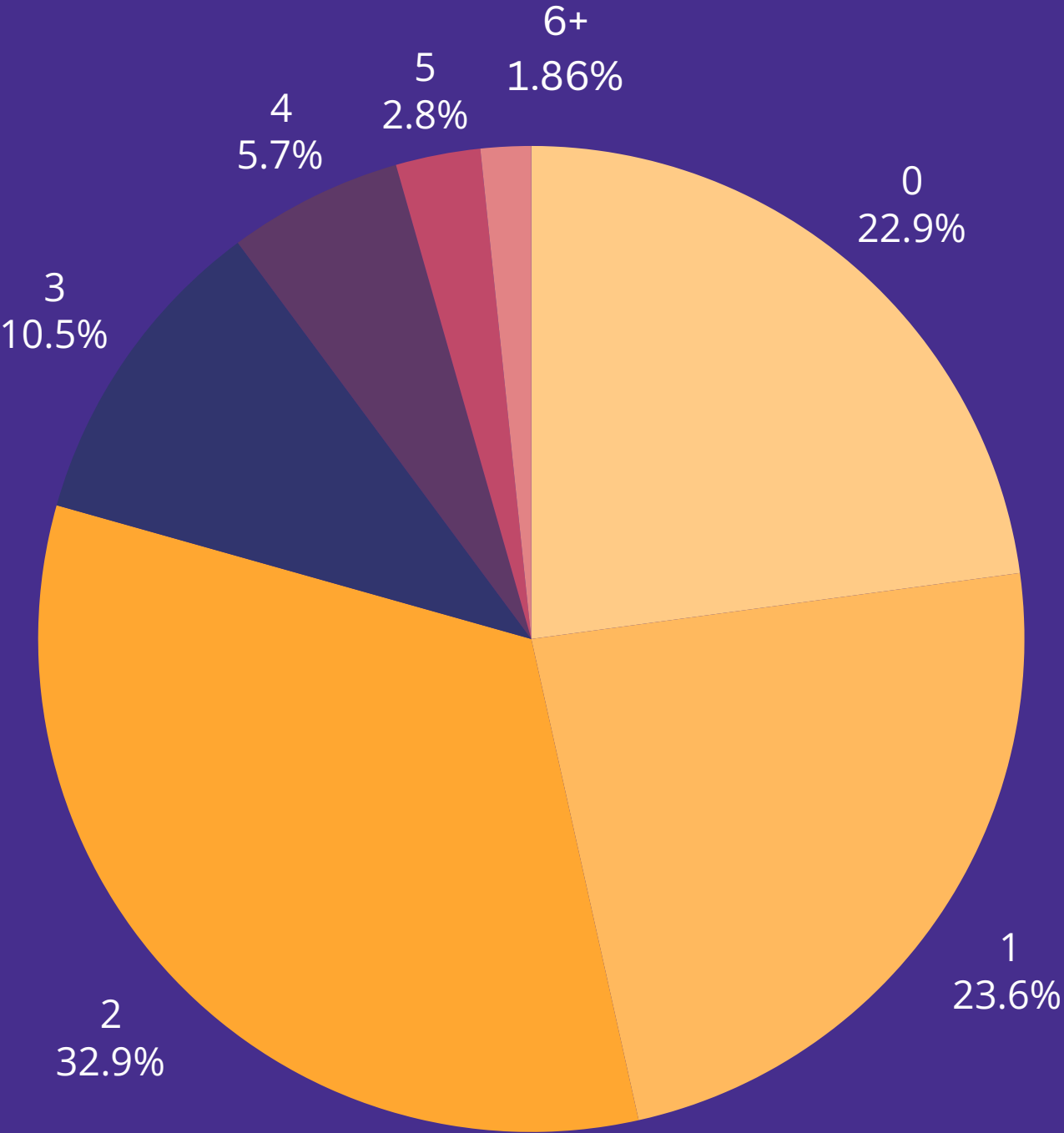


Caller Demographics

Insurance



of Dependents



Community Impact

Last year, our team continued to dream up new ways to foster connection and work across issue areas to advance reproductive justice. We released the second season of The South Has the Answers, our podcast where we connect with reproductive justice leaders from across the country and embark on the long, hard work of dreaming a world anew. We're boldly standing up for ourselves and bringing folks together at events like our Block Party (2025 will mark our third one!) and conducting research to better understand what our community members need and how we can work across movements to care for one another in challenging times.



The Rising Costs of Gulf South Abortion Bans

Abortion care is extremely restricted throughout the Gulf South—ranging from 6-week bans where people may not even be aware they are pregnant yet to full bans. They're forced to choose between carrying a pregnancy against their will or traveling thousands of miles to access the care they need – resulting in emotional strain and overwhelming costs.

Working in close collaboration with funds across the country, LAAF works to help our neighbors overcome the geographic and financial barriers placed between them and abortion care.

NOTE: These narratives and figures are representative of real abortion seeker experiences.

Case Study #1

Brittany is a Louisiana mother of five. When she contacted the Louisiana Abortion Fund she was 19-weeks pregnant and looking for help paying for her abortion and accompanying costs. Our team worked closely with a clinic in Bethesda, MD securing her an appointment, providing transportation assistance, and covering about 20% of her total costs. In addition to figuring out travel plans and how to cover costs, she had to work with her partner to figure out childcare and take three days off from her part-time job.

Procedural costs: \$3,750

Travel costs: \$1,125

Lost income from work: \$300

Childcare costs: \$450

Aftercare supplies: \$150

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Total costs: \$5,775

Miles traveled (round trip): approx 2,200



**“Our work is all about community, connection, and collaboration.
Every conversation, whether it's with someone seeking care or
another fund we're working with, is a partnership.”**

LAAF Community Access Team



Case Study #2

Adine is a full-time student from Fort Lauderdale, FL whose first language is Haitian Creole. She contacted the Louisiana Abortion Fund for help covering the procedural and practical costs of seeking a second-trimester abortion in New York, where she had relatives, as Florida prohibits abortions after 6 weeks. Our team worked closely with Adine, an NY fund and an NY clinic that had staff fluent in Haitian Creole to help facilitate her multi-day appointment and cover over 80% of her total costs.

Procedural costs: \$12,195

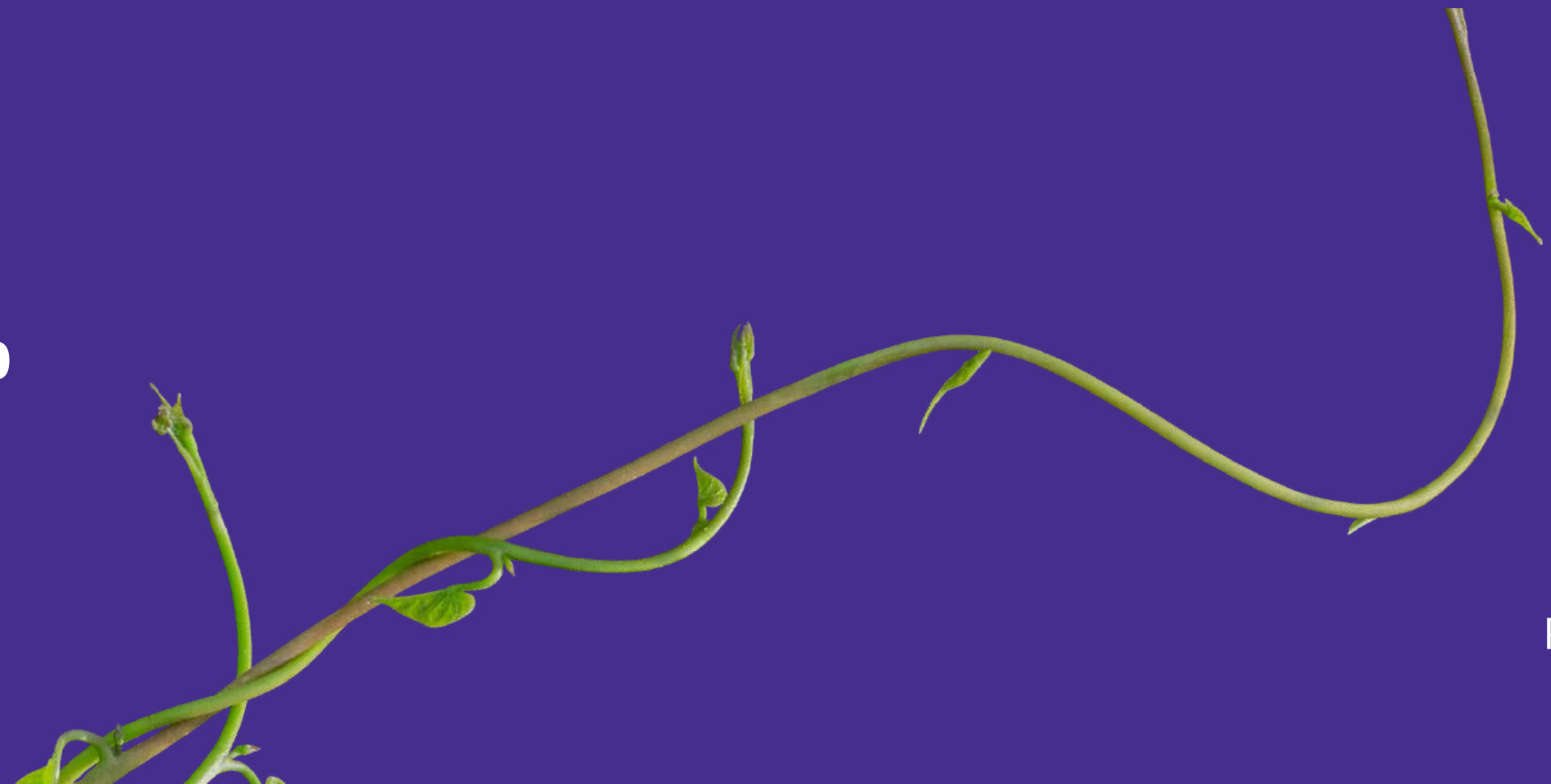
Travel costs: \$2,000

Aftercare supplies: \$150

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Total costs: \$14,345

Miles traveled (round trip): approx 2,500





**“We stay connected with community members, other funds,
clinics, and partners, sharing information and resources,
because it truly takes a village to ensure people are able to
access the care and support they need.”**

LAAF Community Access Team

Case Study #3

Myesha from Jackson, MS, was navigating a complicated, high-risk pregnancy. She called the Louisiana Abortion Fund, after recently losing her job as a result of the pregnancy, for assistance with covering procedure costs and travel expenses. She chose a clinic in Illinois because it was recommended by a friend who had a similar experience, and it was the cheapest option for her and her companion to travel to. Our team was able to arrange assistance in tandem with a partnering fund in Illinois to help cover over 30% of her costs.

Procedural costs: \$ 3,500

Travel costs: \$ 2,350

Lost income from work for companion: \$500

Aftercare supplies: \$150

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Total costs: \$6,500

Miles traveled (round trip): approx 1,000

“We’re proud to be part of a network of local abortion funds that share our commitment to treating every person with dignity and respect. Together, we ensure that everyone can access the healthcare that they determine is right for them, no matter where they live. That’s why supporting local funds like LAAF is so important – we are the ones on the ground, making sure people are able to access the care they need and deserve.”

LAAF Community Access Team



Special Thanks



We have to continue helping our community overcome the geographic and financial barriers placed between them and abortion care, and we have to build a world where we are all truly liberated. We have to work towards reproductive justice. We all deserve to determine if or when we have children, and we all deserve to live in and care for our families in healthy, thriving communities.

We know that in 2025 we'll continue to face cruel attacks from forced birth extremists at the federal, state, and local government levels. It's up to us to continue doing the hard work of helping our neighbors access care while we work across movements to build the world of our dreams where we can all enjoy true liberation.

