

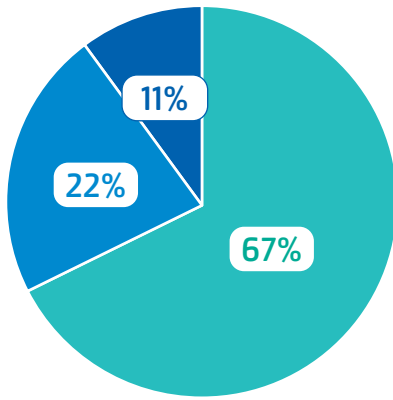


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COMMUNITY REPORT 2023

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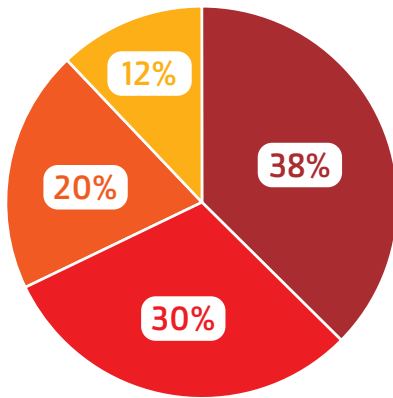


- WALLA WALLA
- MILTON-FREEWATER
- ATHENA-WESTON

EARLY LEARNING & AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT FOR 283 CHILDREN

Your Y is the largest provider of onsite, licensed childcare in the Walla Walla Valley. In 2023, we:

- ▶ **Opened a much needed toddler center in Milton-Freewater.**
With grant funding from the Oregon Department of Education.
- ▶ **Started a new afterschool program in Athena, Oregon.**
With support from the Umatilla Economic Development, AWS Umatilla ChangeX, Adams Church, and Oregon Future Ready.
- ▶ **Completed construction of the Valley's first licensed outdoor nature-based preschool, operating out of the Y's onsite yurt.**
With grant funding from the M.J. Murdock Trust and the Department of Commerce.
- ▶ **Continued operating licensed preschool classrooms and afterschool programs in Walla Walla & Milton-Freewater.**
With grant funding from DCYF.

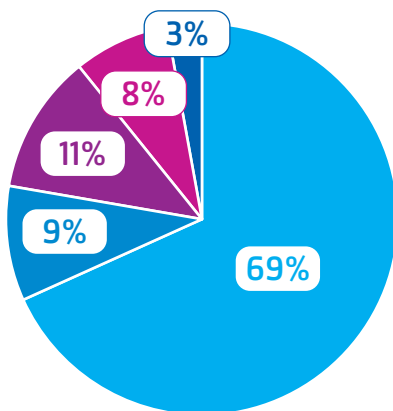


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- MIDDLE SCHOOL (ages 12-15)
- HIGH SCHOOL (ages 16-17)
- TODDLER/PRESCHOOL

COMMUNITY-WIDE PROGRAMS ENGAGING 1456 CHILDREN FROM TODDLER TO TEEN

Your Y provides opportunities for youth to explore and grow in a variety of interests beyond our high-demand sports and health programs. In 2023, we:

- ▶ **Proudly saw local youth earn the distinction "Delegation of the Year" while representing Walla Walla during the Youth & Government legislature session in our State Capitol.**
Supported by the Sunny Day Foundation, Civic Learning Council, and Hayden Homes.
- ▶ **Continued partnering with area schools to instill healthy living habits in students, led a Winter Basketball League, and taught homeschool classes, Goju Ryu Karate, rock climbing, physical training skills, and more.**



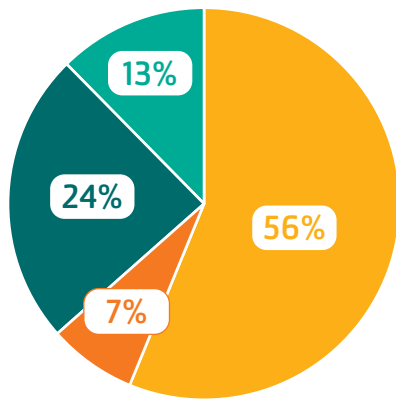
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- MILTON-FREEWATER
- PRESCOTT
- ADAPTIVE SWIM

SWIM AND "SAFETY AROUND WATER" LESSONS TAUGHT TO 1015 KIDS*

Your Y provides free school-year swim lessons and manages community pools each summer. In 2023, we:

- ▶ **Introduced water safety to students in the school districts of Walla Walla, Milton-Freewater, Prescott, Starbuck, Touchet, Dixie, and Athena-Weston.**
With grant funding from Y-USA, the Wildhorse Foundation, Step into Swim, and the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund.
- ▶ **Continued providing American Red Cross lifeguard, swim instructor, and advanced certifications; plus, trained adults and babysitters in 1ST Aid/CPR/AED classes.**

*Numbers do not include private youth or adult swim lessons.

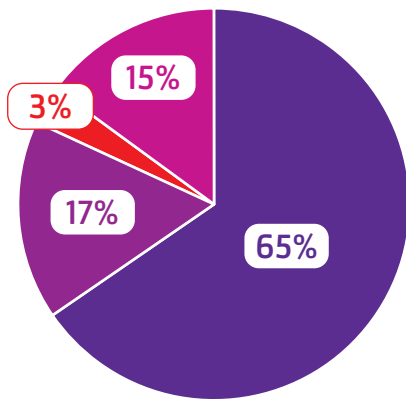


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- COLLEGE PLACE
- MILTON-FREEWATER
- ATHENA-WESTON

SUMMER DAY CAMPS FOR A WEEKLY AVERAGE OF 523 KIDS

Your Y offers summer programs that champion a curriculum rich in STEAM activities. We are attentive and responsive to the social-emotional needs of children while filling summer days with fun, friends, and physical play. In 2023, we:

- ▶ **Offered our first summer-long camp in College Place.**
Partnering with College Place Public Schools and the 21st Century Program, with funding support from the United Way of the Blue Mountains and the City of College Place.
- ▶ **Continued popular Day & Sports Camps in Walla Walla, Milton-Freewater, and Athena.**
The Athena-Weston School District, Sunrise Rotary, Walmart, Carrie Welch Estate, United Way of the Blue Mountains, and Milton-Freewater Area Foundation augmented donations to support Y summer programs.



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SUPPORTIVE & ENGAGING ACTIVITY FOR 1665 MEMBER YOUTH

Your Y is a welcoming, safe place where kids focus energies on positive behaviors. While parents work, we help youth recharge by setting healthy screen-time routines and guide development through skill-building programs. In 2023, we:

- ▶ **Reimagined our Teen Center to create a desirable, supervised alternative to potentially unsafe after-school activity.**
- ▶ **Continued offering homework support and a range of youth destinations like the Action Zone, gyms, sport courts, Wellness Center, and pool.**

YOUR DONATIONS ARE CRUCIAL.

The Y is responsive to the needs of young people, working parents, and our communities. While we actively pursue grants to keep programs running, this funding is highly competitive. Grants are generally one-time gifts and the timing of funds is often uncertain.

The growing need to fund youth programs relies on you. It takes roughly \$60,000 to provide free swim lessons through the Y each year. Grants received in 2023 offset these costs by \$11,000, meaning \$49,000 for this life-saving program came from generous givers like you.

From cradle to career, the Y empowers young people to lead inspired, successful lives. Thank you for your support in 2023 and for continuing to invest in our shared future: wwymca.org/give

