

# MIDD Update

Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee – July 1st, 2025

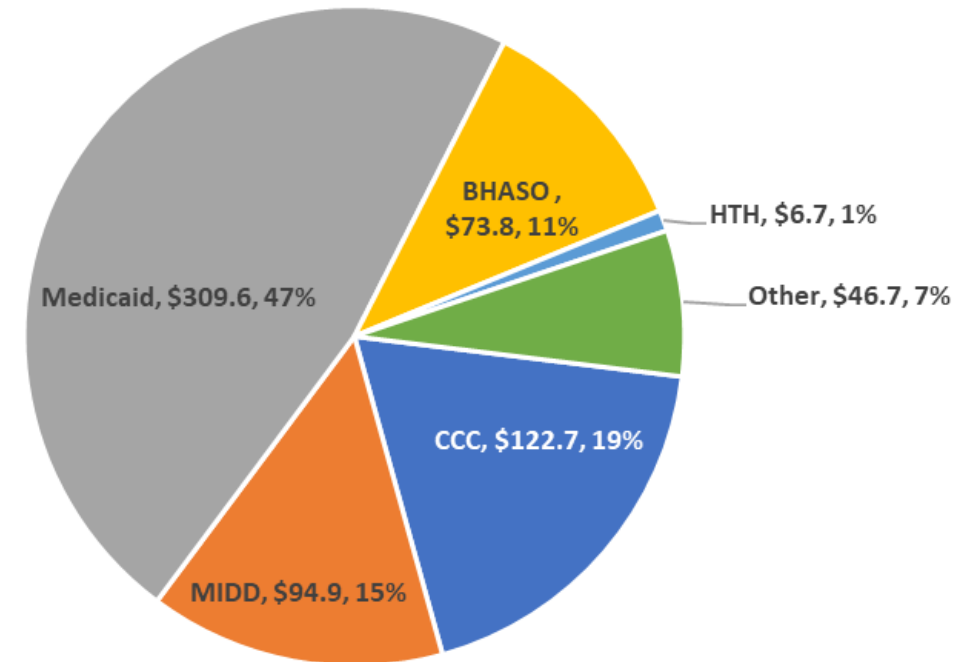
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# The MIDD Behavioral Health Sales Tax makes behavioral health treatment more **available**, **accessible**, and **effective** for King County residents

- Countywide 0.1% sales tax
- MIDD started in 2008, MIDD 2 in 2017
- **Infuses ~\$97 million/yr** into King County community behavioral health
- MIDD generates 15% of King County Behavioral Health revenue
- Complements insufficient federal and state investments
- Authorized by [RCW 82.14.460](#)



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# MIDD 2 Policy Goals

1. Divert individuals from jail, emergency rooms, and hospitals.

2. Reduce behavioral health crisis events.

3. Increase culturally appropriate, trauma-informed behavioral health services.

4. Improve health and wellness of individuals.

5. Explicit linkage with, and furthering the work of, King County initiatives.

# MIDD Advisory Committee

- Advises the County Executive and Council, ensuring transparent, accountable, collaborative, and effective implementation and evaluation of strategies and programs funded by the MIDD sales tax revenue.
- 37 seats representing a broad cross-section: judiciary, law enforcement, public health, behavioral health, community organizations, cities, hospitals, managed care, advocacy groups, labor, philanthropy, and grassroots/culturally specific providers.

Specifically, the roles is to:

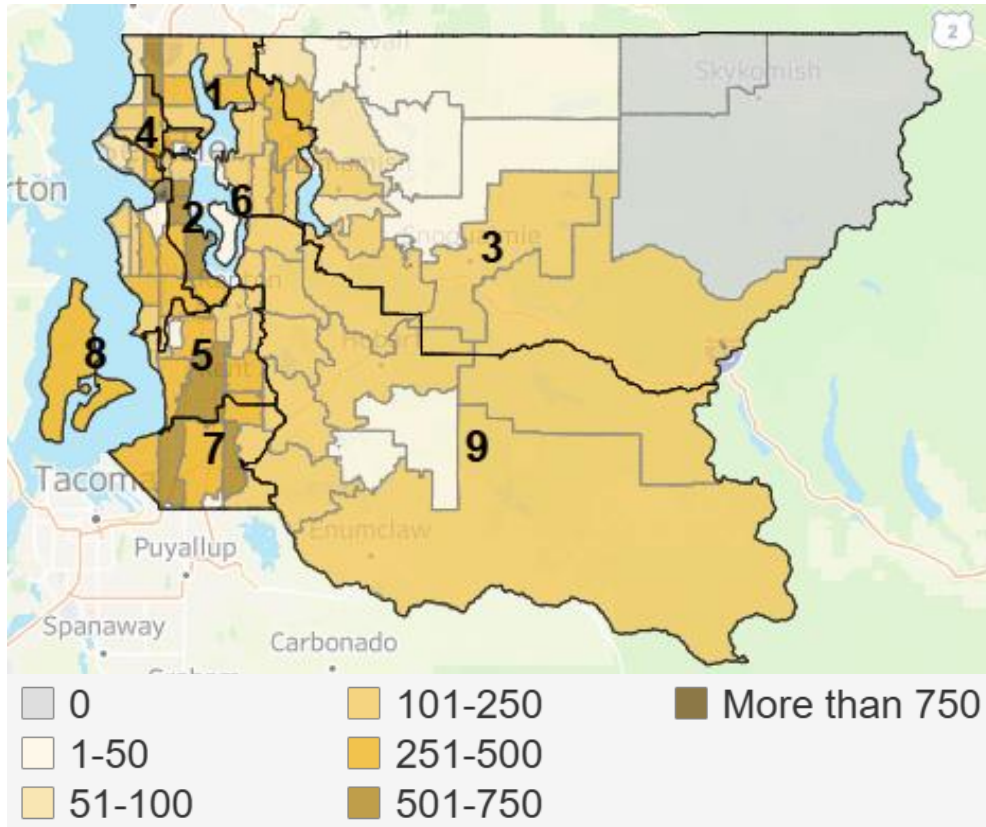
- Provide recommendations on the effective implementation of the county's sales tax funded programs
- Review and report to the executive and council on annual evaluation reports
- Review and comment on emerging and evolving priorities for the use of sales tax revenue
- Serve as a forum to promote coordination and collaboration between entities involved with sales tax programs

# MIDD's Reach (2016 – 2024)

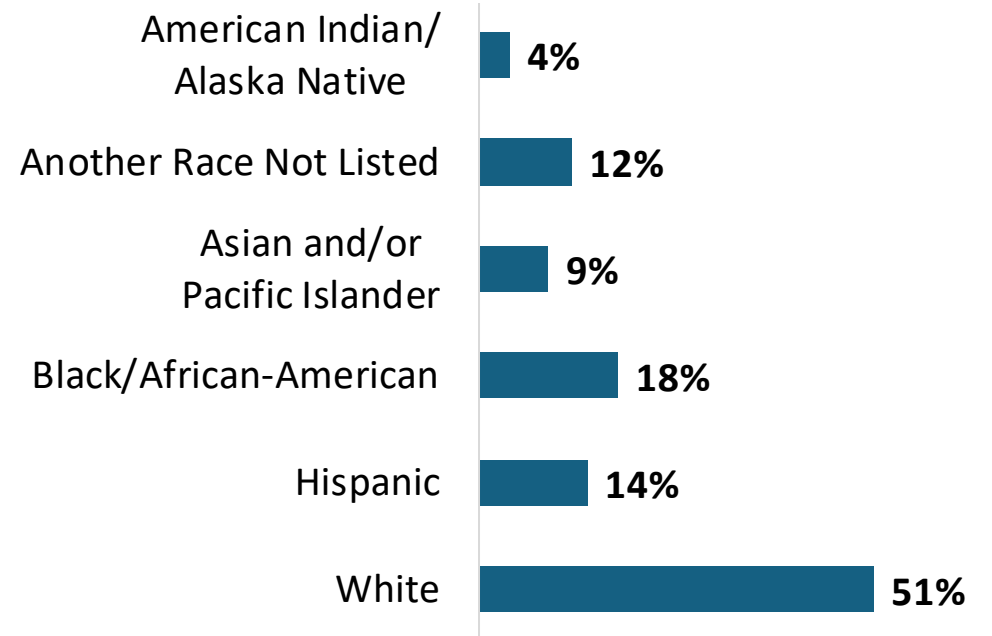


# MIDD serves All of King County

Current Residence of MIDD Participants (2024),  
by Council District



Race/Ethnicity, Individuals Served  
(MIDD 2017-2023)



Individuals identifying with multiple races are represented multiple times. Numbers sum to more than 100 percent. MIDD Annual Reports include more demographic groups.

# King County residents served by MIDD programs Use Costly Systems Less

**33%**

Long-term decrease in **emergency department admissions.**

Long-term decrease in **jail bookings among adults.**

**62%**

**67%**

Long-term decrease in **crisis services episodes among adults.**

Long-term decrease in **psychiatric hospitalizations.**

**36%**

# MIDD initiatives provide Access to mental health and substance use Treatment

Through MIDD, **every year...**

- Over **3,500 individuals** with low income, but not eligible in Medicaid, receive outpatient mental health and substance use treatment.
- Over **900 children**, youth, and their families whose living situation may be at imminent risk receive an immediate crisis response.
- Nearly **1,000 people** with substance use disorder are connected to peer specialists who support their recovery.



# MIDD participants Stay Engaged in ongoing treatment and services.

Among over 21,000 participants in MIDD programs with the expressed goal of linking individuals to treatment, nearly **two-thirds continued or newly engaged in publicly-funded behavioral health treatment and services** after enrolling in a MIDD program.

# MIDD initiatives Connect people to timely behavioral health Care

Through MIDD, **every year...**

- LEAD diverts over **700 individuals** from the criminal-legal system to community-based services.
- More than **850 people** experiencing a behavioral health crisis receive a next-day appointment with a clinician.
- SBIRT screens and refers over **2,100 people** in emergency rooms for behavioral health services.

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Annual averages (2017-2024), served by MIDD.

LEAD = Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion. SBIRT = Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment

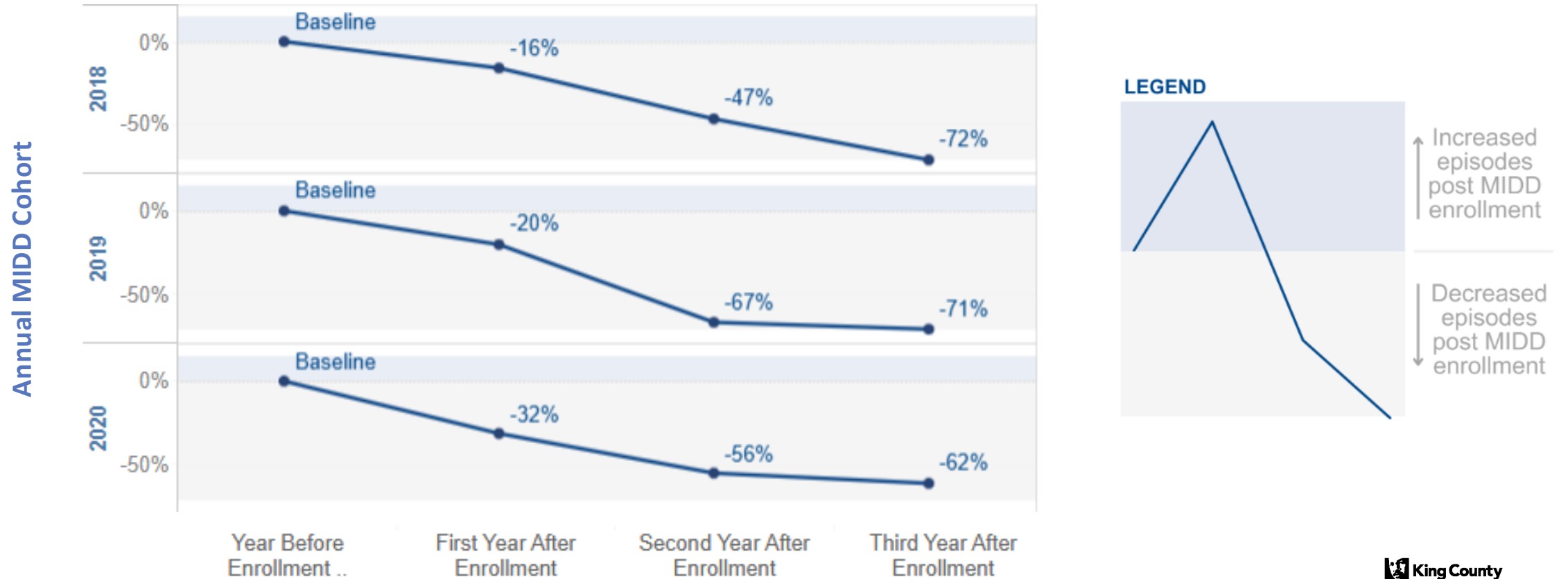
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# MIDD shows Consistent Outcomes Over Time

King County Jail Bookings, Long-Term Trends among Cohorts of MIDD Participants



# MIDD Sales Tax Timeline

- The current MIDD Sales Tax expires on 1/1/2026
- The Executive intends to transmit a proposed Ordinance to renew the MIDD Sales Tax on July 10th, 2025
- Final action is needed by October 18th to avoid lapse in collections



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