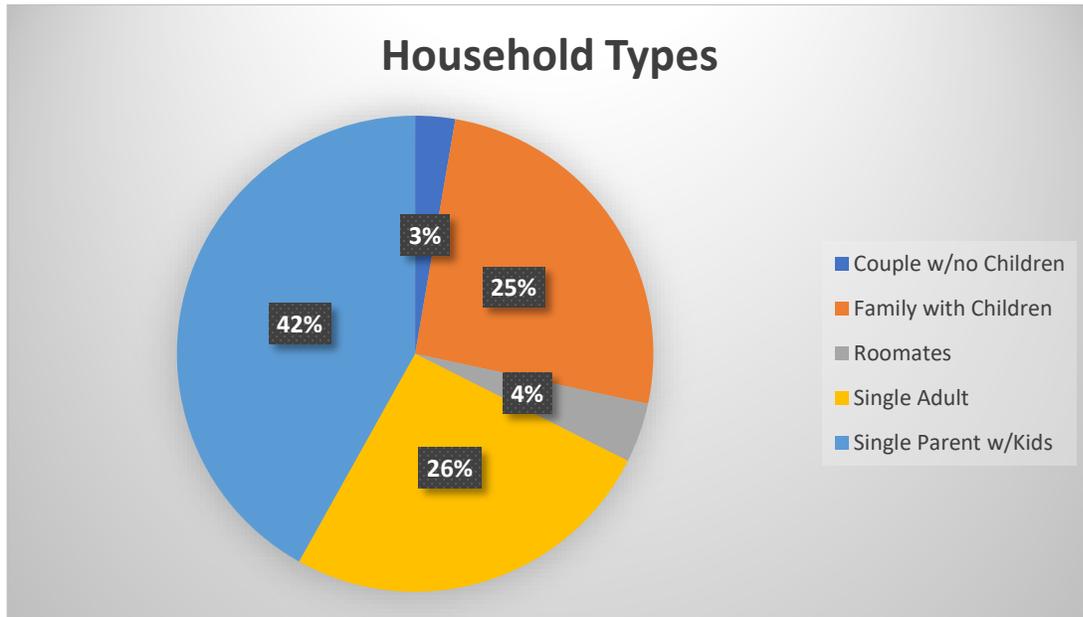
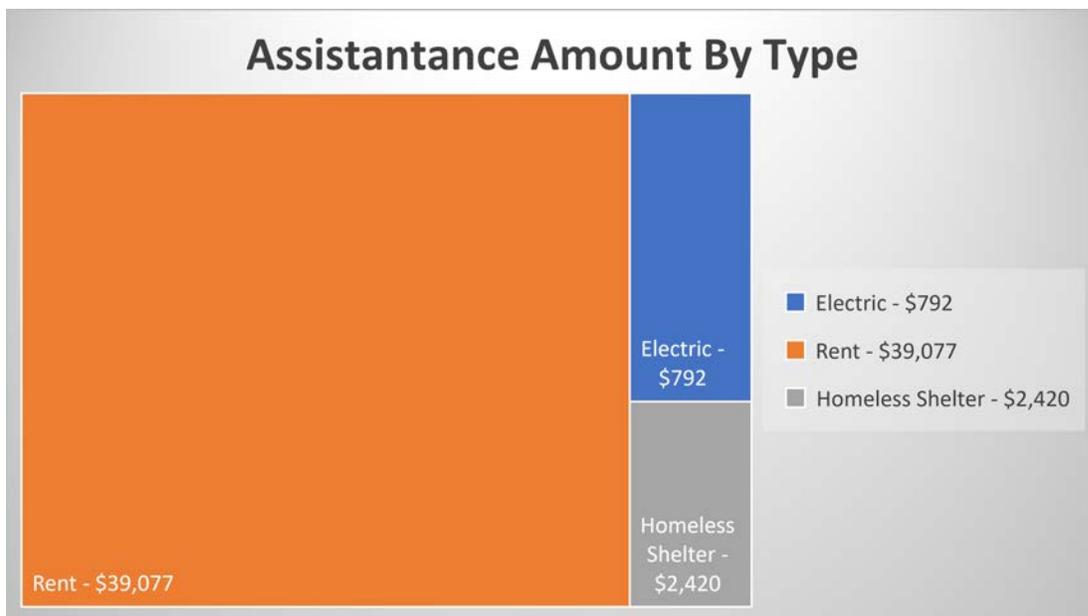


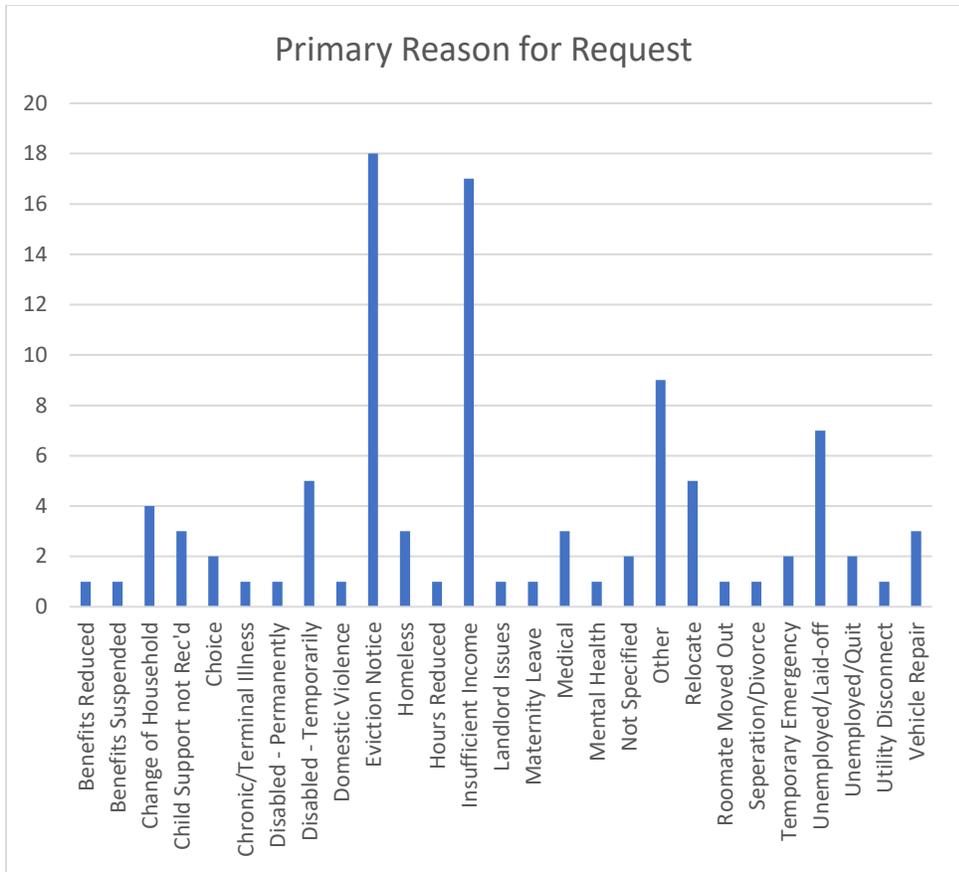
HUMAN SERVICES 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2018 we assisted 73 households through the Human Services budget. Most of these households had minor children living at home and were headed up by working parents.



Each of these households required assistance with meeting their basic needs (shelter, heat, etc.) because of circumstances that were largely out of their control, or for unplanned expenses such as funeral costs or the repair of a vehicle which is their only means of transportation to and from work.





In addition to aiding individuals, the Human Services budget also provides some financial support to organizations that deliver necessary services to low-income individuals and households. While the demands of individual requests have declined with the improved economy, requests by organizations have increased as the state and federal government has cut back on grants that support services such as mental health, home-based healthcare and food programs. Peterborough has a qualification process that these organizations must go through annually before they are granted financial support.

We cannot thank enough the many individuals and organizations which have provided the goods and services that town welfare cannot. The Human Services Fund which operates the Peterborough Food Pantry has also provided invaluable assistance, as has the Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter, the Monadnock Area Food Pantry and the all the other programs operated by local churches and groups which are too numerous to list, but no less valuable to our community. Without these wonderful programs and individuals, the burden on the town's welfare budget would be impossible to bear.

Respectfully submitted,

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