2017-2018 Program Year Participant Information

IDA savers come from all regions of Oregon.

- 5 or more IDAs per 1000 residents living on low incomes
- 3-4 IDAs per 1000 residents living on low incomes
- 1-2 IDAs per 1000 residents living on low incomes
- Less than 1 IDA per 1000 residents living on low incomes
- 0 IDAs opened in the last three years

Nearly one quarter of savers are 24 years old or younger.

- Youth and Young Adults (age 12-24): 24%
- Early Adulthood (age 25-34): 30%
- Middle Adulthood (35 and older): 46%

3 in 5 savers are women.

Most savers are living on extremely low or very low household incomes (less than 60% of the area median income).

- Extremely Low Income: 27%
- Very Low Income: 25%
- Low Income: 38%
- Moderate Income: 10%

Oregon’s communities of color benefit from the IDA Initiative.

- Asian or Pacific Islander: 3%
- Black/African American: 10%
- Hispanic/Latino: 26%
- Native American: 4%
- Two or More Races or Other Race: 10%
- White: 63%
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“It was being given the tools, but most important for me, it was teaching me how to apply tools I learned in the classes. It gave me an opportunity to actually make it happen...The possibilities are endless now.”

Charmaine Reddix, homeowner in Portland

“Going through the IDA and saving the money has forced me to think more like a business owner. Had it not been for the IDA process I would’ve never had a business plan. I would’ve just kept making decisions without any kind of proof behind it...It’s helped me realize that it’s not something that’s above me and there are people out there to help me when I need it.”

Kathleen Dickson, owner of OtterBees in Brookings

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