

# Free4ME Evaluation

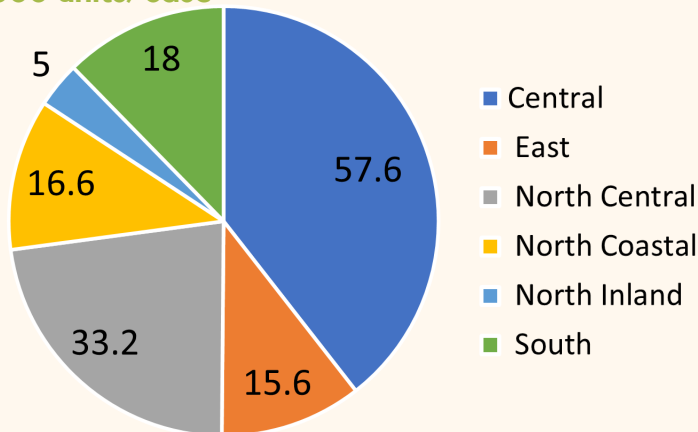


May 2021-November 2021

- Usage approximately double initial projections
- Startup cost of dispensers: ~\$15,000 for 58 dispensers
- Supply cost for first 6 months: \$27,000
  - 79,000 tampons and pads ordered
- Even orders of pads and tampons
- Reordering has yet to become consistent
- Some facilities not fully open to public:
  - Libraries open limited hours
  - Family Resource Centers still closed to public

## Total Case Orders by Region

500 units/case



## Monthly Cost

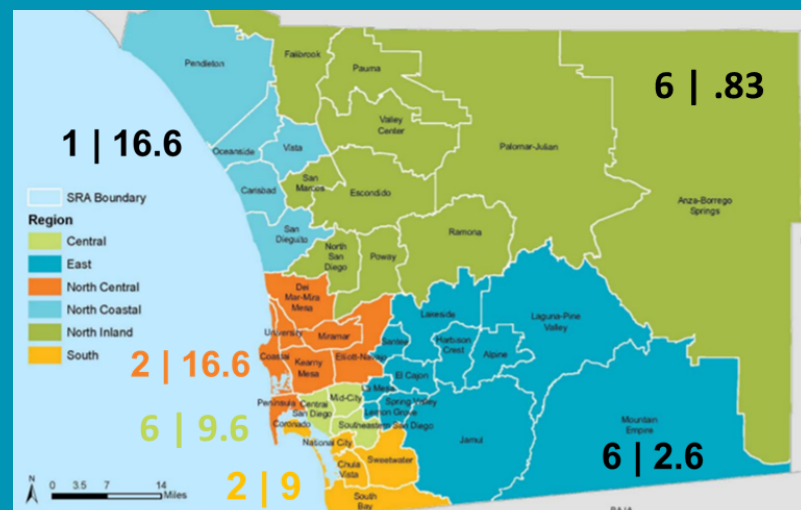
- May: \$11,714.78
- June: \$606.40
- July: \$365.62
- Aug: \$10,286.30
- Sept: \$1,250.05
- Oct: \$303.20
- Nov: \$731.24

**Avg: \$4,209.67/mo**

## Average Cases Ordered by Location Type

- Health Centers: 10.36 cases
- 2 County Centers: 20.8 cases\*
- 10 Libraries: 3.36 cases
- 4 Family Resource Centers: 4.125
- 3 Community Centers: 1.25

## Number of Locations | Average Cases Ordered per Location



\* 34 dispensers at the two County Centers (CAC and COC).  
Data excludes orders from one location, Spring Valley Community Center.

# Free4ME Feedback



May 2021-December 2021

• Feedback form accessible via QR code on signage and the website

\*19 responses

## Education

- 21% high school
- 53% college
- 26% graduate degree

## Age

- <30: 21%
- 30-39: 37%
- 40-59: 37%
- 60+: 5%

# 47%

of respondents were worried about paying for menstrual products

## Gender Identity

- One non-binary
- The rest female

## Housing

All reported being stable housed

*"I am happy to see my county providing these, funded by my taxes to **serve my sisters in need.**"*

**"LADIES WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY, OR JUST FORGET TO BUY SOME, CAN GRAB ONE AND FEEL COMFORTABLE INSTEAD OF FEELING DIRTY AND MESSY"**

**"I don't need it, but there are so many homeless people around me"**

**"IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE EASY ACCESS TO THESE TYPES OF PRODUCTS"**

**"I forgot to bring a pad to work today and was SO pleasantly surprised by the quality of the free menstrual products in the women's restroom at the COC. Kudos to the County of San Diego for being a leader in providing such high quality, free menstrual supplies!"**

**"This is a vital service to those in need. Please expand this program."**