

## Transforming the MBTA for Women Employees



Introduce a series of innovative programs, policies and practices to transform the MBTA as an employer for women.

- ✓ Engage, recruit and hire more women.
- ✓ Retain, support and advance more women.



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#### KEYS to SUCCESS

- 1. This important initiative is a top priority for the GM and leaders across the MBTA.
- 2. There is no single cause or solution for this challenge.
- 3. Everyone has a role to play via support, input and sponsorship.
- 4. This multiyear effort requires broad participation from within and outside the MBTA.
- 5. We are committed to keeping this topic elevated with frequency and visibility.
- 6. We will be bold and iterative for this important and hard work.
- 7. We strive to deliver quantitative & qualitative measurable impact.

#### Plan Development & Implementation Updates



## COMPONENTS

- **Understanding Current State** 
  - National Peer Agencies & Local Employers
  - Representation and Hiring Trends for Agency and Key Departments
  - Annual Employee Satisfaction Survey
- Learning from External Best Practices
  - Associations with Mission to Promote and Support Women in Transportation
  - National and International Studies Focused on Women in the Workplace
  - Employers Outside Transportation Sector
- Year 1 Set of New Initiatives to Recruit & Hire Women





## MBTA Compared to National Peers & Local Employers

#### National Peers



23% **MBTA** Boston



19% **MTA** NYC



24% **BART** SanFran



25% **WMATA** DC

#### Employers Local



25% **RAYTHEON** 



31% PTC



23% **GENERAL ELECTRIC** 



38% **FIDELITY** 



49% WAYFAIR



46% **HUBSPOT** 



BAIN

50% 46% **AMAZON** 



40% STATE STREET



54% **VERTEX** 

Massachusetts State Agencies

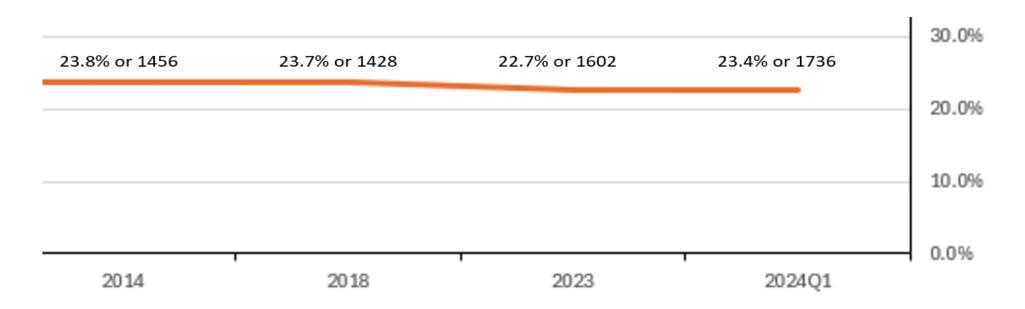


32%

No public demographic data found for MassPort, Mass Convention Center and Mass Water Resource Authority. Have reached out directly for their figures.



## MBTA Historical Look Back of Women in the Workforce FY14 – FY24TD



- Today, women represent 23.4% of the workforce at the MBTA
- 41.3% is the current EEO aggregate goal of women representation as established by ODCR
- Since FY14, the absolute number of women in the workforce has increased by ~300 women
- Women of color are ~60% of women in the MBTA and they are 50%+ of women hires since FY21



## Key Findings

Overall, while diversity is growing, we also see decreasing rates in total representation of women in the workforce.

- Rate of women representation FY24TD at 22% is down from 23% in FY23.
- FY24TD's rate of women hires at 23% for total agency.

In Support, we see an increase in representation of women and mixed hiring rate of women.

- 38% representation rate of women in FY24TD is up from 37% in FY23.
- 42% women hire rate in FY24TD is down from FY23 at 45%.

In Capital, we see a slight decrease in representation and hiring rate of women.

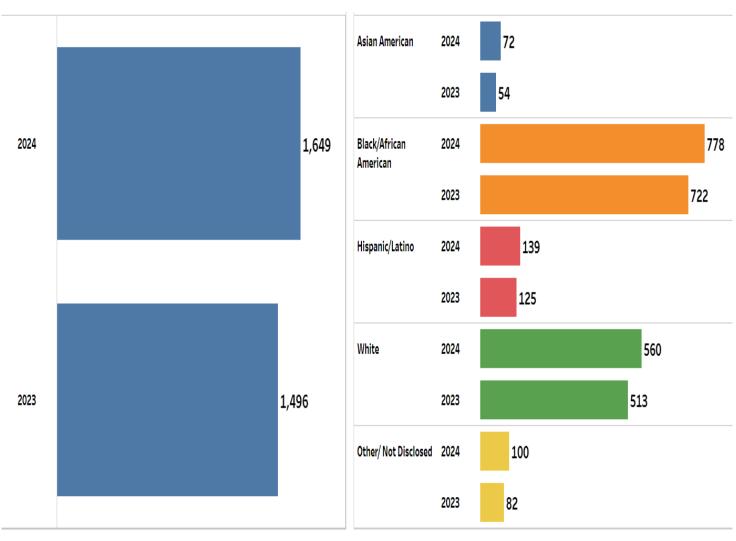
- 29% representation rate of women in FY24TD is down from FY23 at 30%.
- 32% women hire rate in FY24TD is down from FY23 at 38%.

In Operations— our largest part of the organization — we see decreasing rates of representation and hires combined.

- 19% representation rate of women in FY24TD is down from FY23 at 20%.
- 17% FY24TD hire rate for women is down from FY23 at 20%.



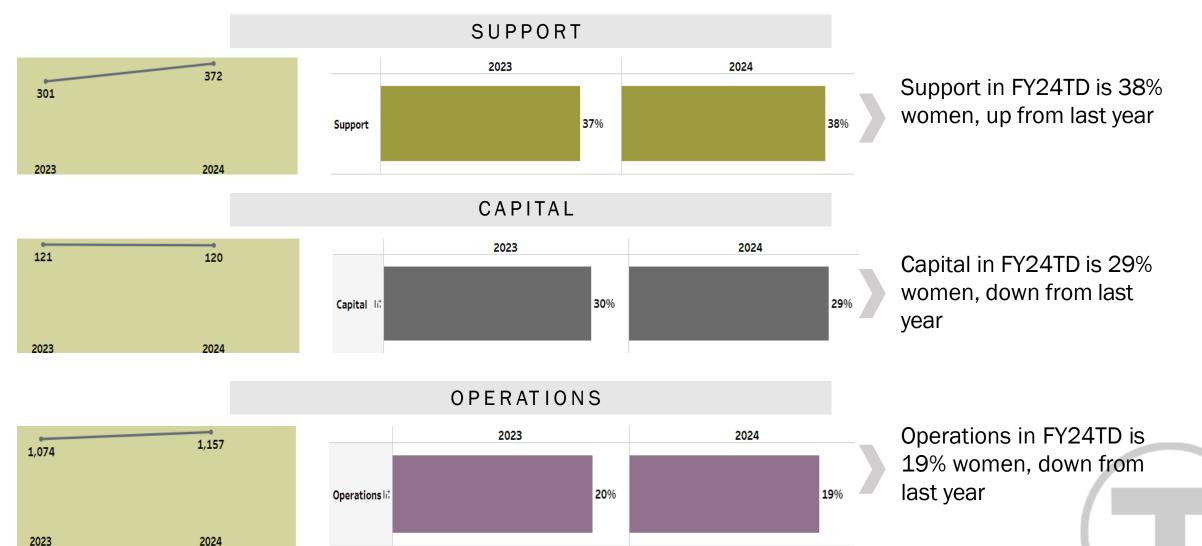
## MBTA Women Representation Trends #s FY23 – FY24TD



- At 1,649 total FY24TD, the MBTA has grown in absolute number of women in the workforce, up by ~150 from FY23
- At 72 total women FY24TD, Asian women increased by 18 from last year.
- At 778 total FY24TD, Black women increased by 56 from last year.
- At 560, White women FY24TD, white women increased by 47 from last year.
- At 139 in FY24TD, Latina women increased by 14 from last year

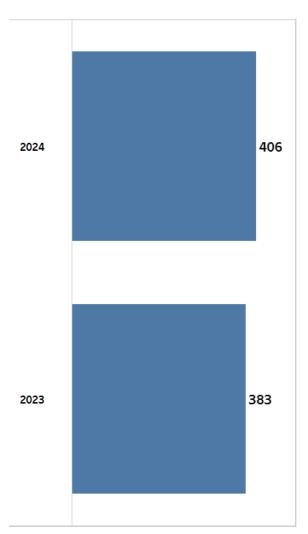


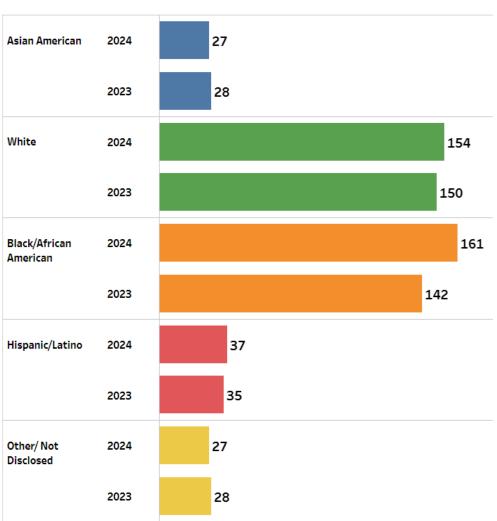
# Support, Capital & Operations Representation of Women FY23 – FYTD24





# MBTA Women Hires #s FY23 - FY24TD





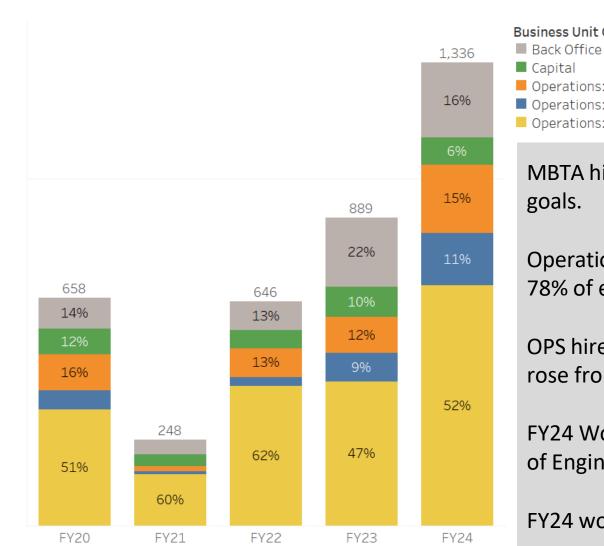
 At 406 FY24TD, women hires already exceeding last year total

 Numbers increasing or consistent with last year for all race/ethnic demographic groups





## By Department: Shifts in MBTA Hiring



**Business Unit Group** 

Capital

Operations: Engineering and Maintenance

Operations: Service Maintenance

Operations: Service Performance

MBTA hiring has shifted to support critical service and maintenance goals.

Operations hiring has grown from 68% of external hires (FY23) to 78% of external hires (FY24).

OPS hires into Service Maintenance and Engineering & Maintenance rose from 20% in FY23 to 26% in FY24.

FY24 Women hires represented 7% of Service Maintenance and 5% of Engineering & Maintenance hires, consistent with the industry.

FY24 women hires represent 19% of Service Performance (bus & rail)

**External Hires** 



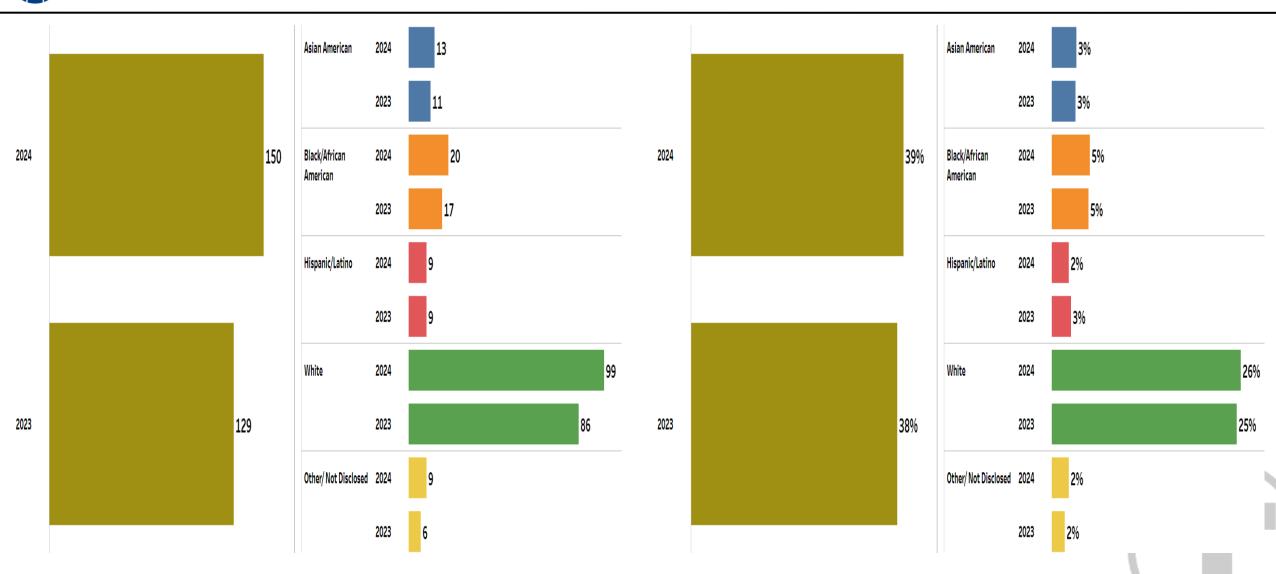
## Operations Women by Department

- Women compose 19% of Operations.
  - 6% FY24TD women in Maintenance depts, a cluster with ~2,100 employees
  - 22% FY24TD women in Bus
    Operations, a dept with ~2,000 employees
  - 29% FY24TD women in Light & Heavy Rail, a cluster with ~1,400 employees

Bu Descr	Female		Male		
	#	96	#	96	
Grand Total	1,127	19%	4,747	80%	
Power Systems Maintenan	7	396	241	97%	
Rail Maintenance	15	396	444	97%	
Bus Maintenance	16	496	397	95%	
Everett Main Repair	14	796	180	92%	6%
Maintenance of Way	32	896	348	91%	<b>3</b> ,0
Signals & Comm Maintenan	13	796	178	91%	
Transit Facilities Maintena	42	1695	214	84%	
Railroad Operations	8	1796	39	83%	
Vehicle Engineering	6	16%	30	81%	220
Bus Transportation	429	22%	1,511	77%	<b>22</b> %
Light Rail Transp & Cust	229	29%	562	7196	
Security	3	30%			<b>29</b> %
Heavy Rail Transp & Cust	188	30%	427	6996	
Plans & Schedules	23	37%	37	60%	
OCC & Training	87	43%	114	5796	
Transportation Access	8	4496	10	56%	
Chief Operating Officer	7	4796	8	5396	



# MBTA Directors+ Women Representation %s & #s FY23 - FY24TD







#### Best Practices from National & International Organizations

























#### Best Practices from Major Studies on Women in the Workplace

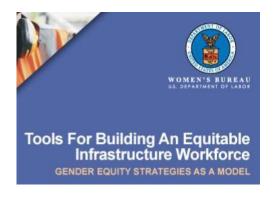




















## CY24: Focus on Hiring & Recruiting

#### Women's Semi Annual Career Fair

Introduce new recruitment career fair series focused on women in collaboration with workforce development partner groups.

#### Job Descriptions and Applications Review for Gender Bias

Produce analysis of job descriptions and applications to eliminate possible gender bias language and content via third party.

#### Introduce New Partnerships with External Organizations

Engage premier workforce development organizations to increase targeted recruitment and retention for women in key roles.

#### Plan for All Interview Panels to Include Women

Formulate and implement a plan for all interview panels to include at least one woman.

#### Improve Representation of Women of Color in Directors+ Levels

Add executive search firm to work closely with agency to recruit and hire more Directors+ women of color and develop improved career paths and succession plans to advance women of color in the workforce into Directors+ roles.

# Thank You and Conversation





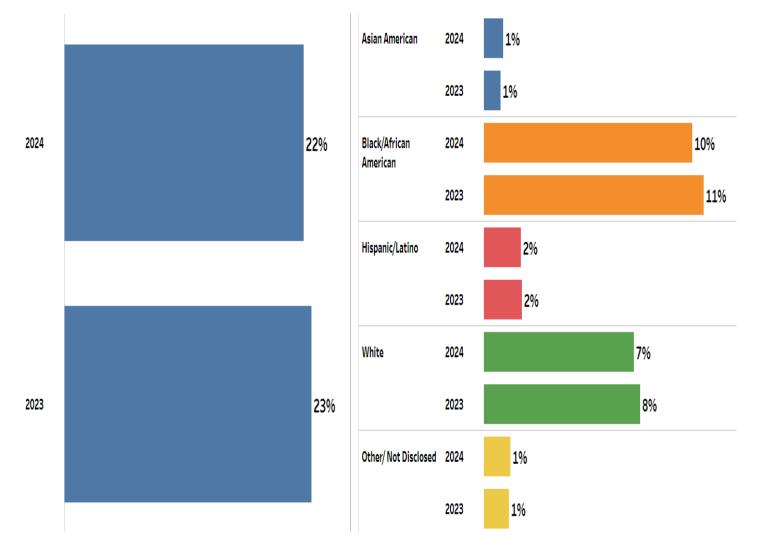
# Appendix







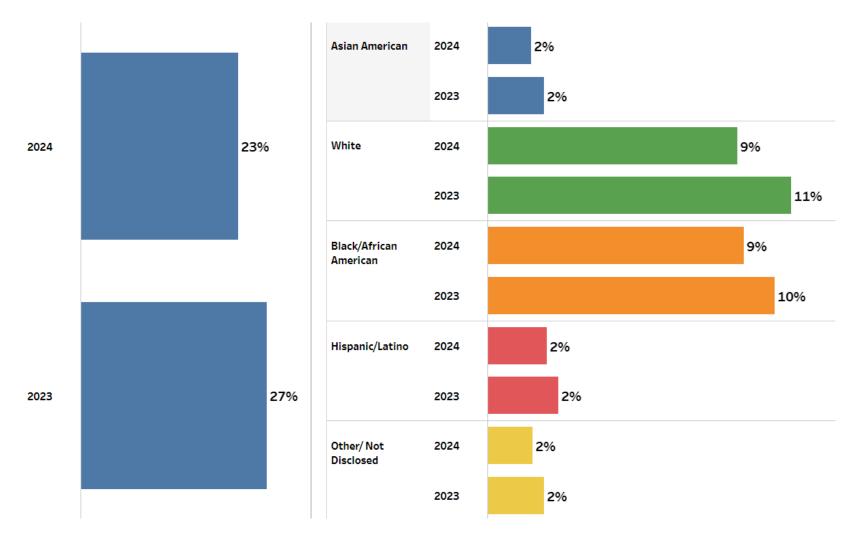
# MBTA Women Representation Rates FY23 - FY24TD



- Women make up 22% of the total workforce in FY24TD, down from 23% in FY23
- Asian women are 1% of the total workforce, same as FY23.
- Black women are 10% of the total workforce, down from 11% in FY23
- White women are 7% of the total workforce, down from 8% in FY23
- Latina women are 2% of the workforce, same as FY23



## MBTA Women Hires Rates FY23 - FY24TD

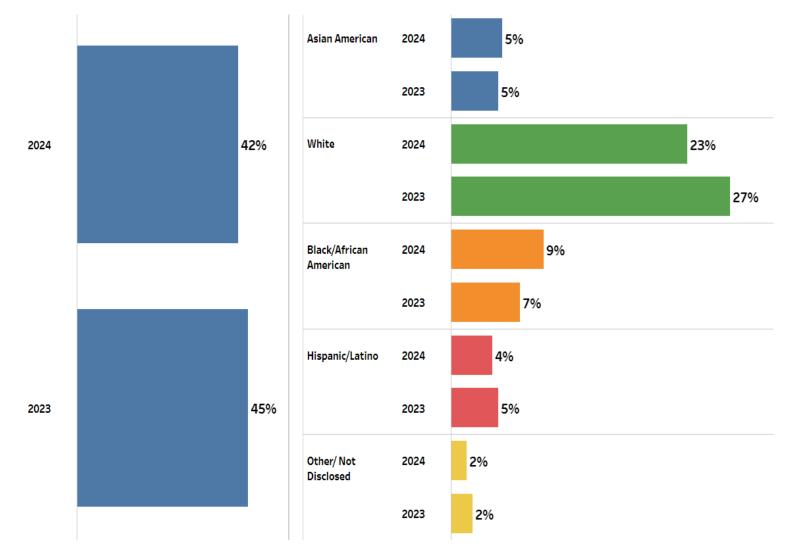


 At 23% FY24TD, women hires rate is down from FY23

- Rates for Asian and Latina women are same this year as last year
- We see a decrease of hire rates for Black and White women FY24TD compared to FY23



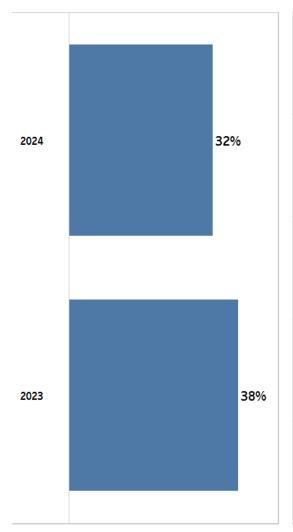
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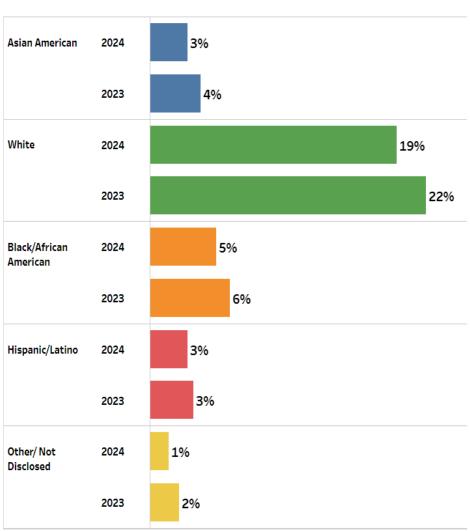


- FY24TD women are 42% of Support hires, down from FY23
- Asian women are 5% of the Support hires, same as FY23
- Black women are 9% of Support hires, up from FY23
- White women are 23% of Support hires, down from FY23
- Latina women are 4% of Support hires, down from FY23



# Women Hires Rates in Capital FY23 - FY24TD

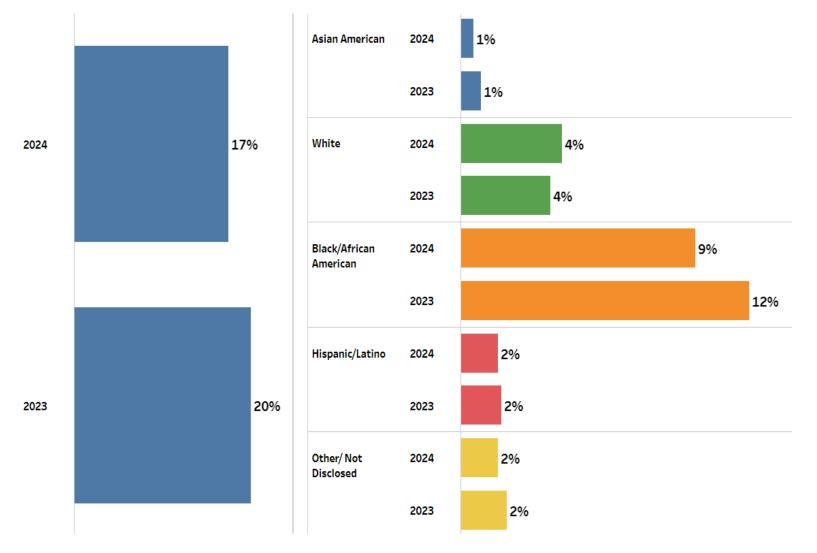




- Women are 32% of Capital hires, down from FY23.
- Latina women hire rate in Capital is 3%, same as FY23
- Black women hire rate in Capital is 5%, down from FY23
- Asian women hire rate in Capital is 3%, down from FY23
- White women are 19% of Capital hires, down from FY23



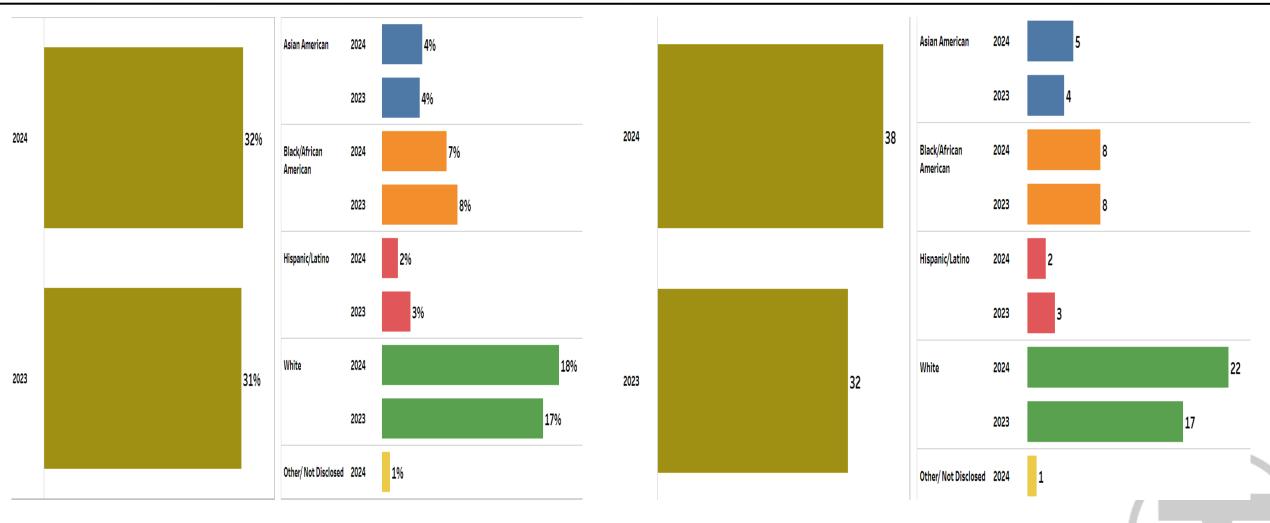
## Women Hires Rates in Operations FY23 - FY24TD



- Women hire rates in Operations at 17% FY24TD is down from FY23.
- Latina women hire rates at OPS is 2%, same as FY23
- Black women hire rates in OPS is 9%, down from FY23
- Asian women hire rates in
  OPS at 1% is same as FY23
- White women hire rates at 4% today in OPS is same as FY23.

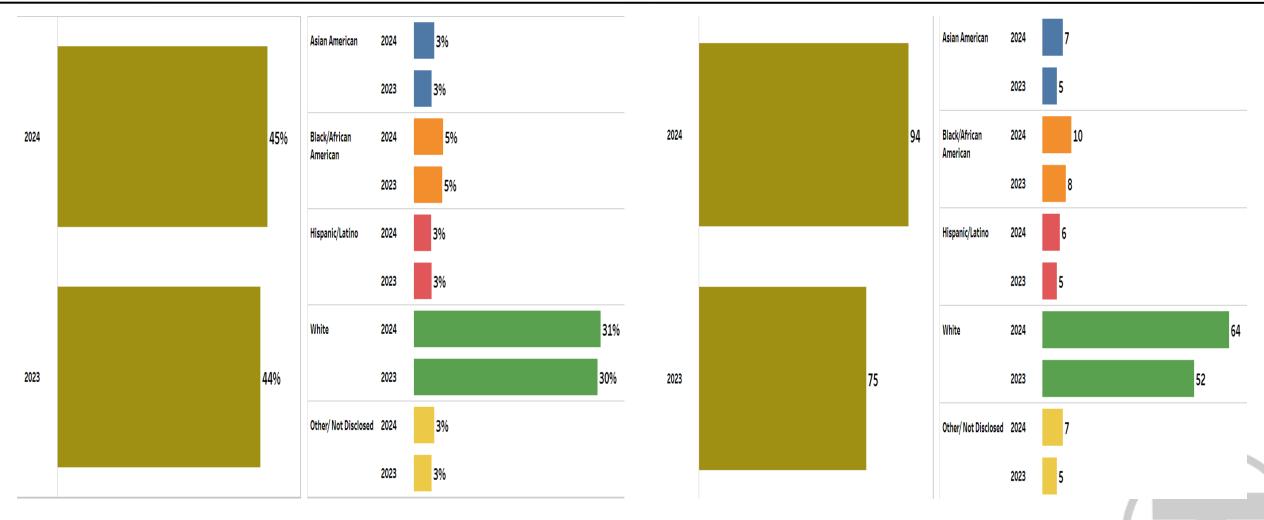


# Directors+ Women Representation %s & #s in OPS FY23 - FY24TD





# Directors+ Women Representation %s & %s in Support FY23 - FY24TD





# Directors+ Women Representation %s & #s in Capital FY23 - FY24TD

