



**Kitsap County**  
**Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 Stand Down Report**

## Comparison between Fall 2007 Stand Down and Spring 2008 Stand Down

There was one significant difference between the two stand downs other than the time of year. The Fall 2007 Stand Down occurred on a weekday (Tuesday), the Spring 2008 Stand Down happened on a weekend (Saturday).

The event was held on a Saturday to see if it made any difference in regard to attendance, especially for veterans who might be working during the week.

Overall, 125 individuals were registered for the Spring 2008 Stand Down. 117 people registered for the Fall 2007 Stand Down. Twelve people attended both.

Of the 125 attendees at the Spring 2008 Stand Down, fourteen were female. Twelve females attended the Fall 2007 Stand Down.

There was a 14% difference between unemployed individuals attending the spring session (45%) and the fall session (59%). Twice as many Spring attendees (25) said they were working full time as compared to Fall attendees (11).

Dental was the leading health care issue at both stand downs. Forty-four percent indicated dental problems at the fall stand down, this jumped to 63% for the spring session. The increase was probably due to an article in the Sun announcing that dentists and hygienists would be available at the event.

Members of the VA pre-separation unit in Bremerton and SFC Duane Cruz, Washington Army National Guard, were able to verify veteran eligibility for 17 individuals who did not have a DD214.

### STAND DOWN COMMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS AT SPRING 2008 STAND DOWN

#### *VA Health Management*

Processed 21 applications out of 25 I received. The 4 I couldn't verify, I mailed back or contacted them to mail in their DD214's. I also took 30 pictures and mailed out 24 to 25 of them

#### *Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs*

As for WDVA from Building 9, we immensely enjoyed the Stand Down. We had 54 veterans and families come to our booth. We took 5 applications for our housing program, which Ray will evaluate. We also took 9 VA disability claims on-site and have several veterans scheduled to see us at the Veterans Service Center this week.

It seems clear that Saturday was indeed the best day to hold the event, as we had a broad cross-section of veterans and their families, e.g., homeless, disabled, working, families, etc.

There were two cases that stick out in our minds.

Doug Coulter spoke to a veteran who has been struggling with a VA claim for three years. The veteran has still not received a decision for his benefits application and was completely frustrated with the situation. Doug agreed to take Power of Attorney over the case and to become the veteran's advocate. Richard was so happy that someone out there cared and was willing to help that he brought Doug a 'thank you' card today. Doug is going to go all the way on Richard's behalf.

Dawnell Vaughn helped a Vietnam veteran who is suffering from numerous problems related to service. The veteran has suffered in silence for years, not knowing he was eligible for any VA benefits. Dawnell assisted the veteran apply for a VA Pension and to apply for 10 service-connected issues. It is highly likely the veteran will triple his income through VA disability very shortly.

These cases are representative of our experience at the Stand Down. We feel grateful to have been invited and look forward to participating in the future.

*Kitsap Mental Health Services*

THANK YOU so much for allowing me to come and serve. I just wanted to let you know that I probably saw close to 25-26 people 1:1 sessions. Lots of depression, some PTSD and general questions. I referred at least 5-6 people to KMHS for further services. It was really great to see the people, especially the men, willing to open up and talk about their symptoms.

Can't wait until the next one.

*WorkSource Kitsap*

WorkSource Kitsap Booth counted 44 individual contacts. Some have started calling today to schedule appointments.

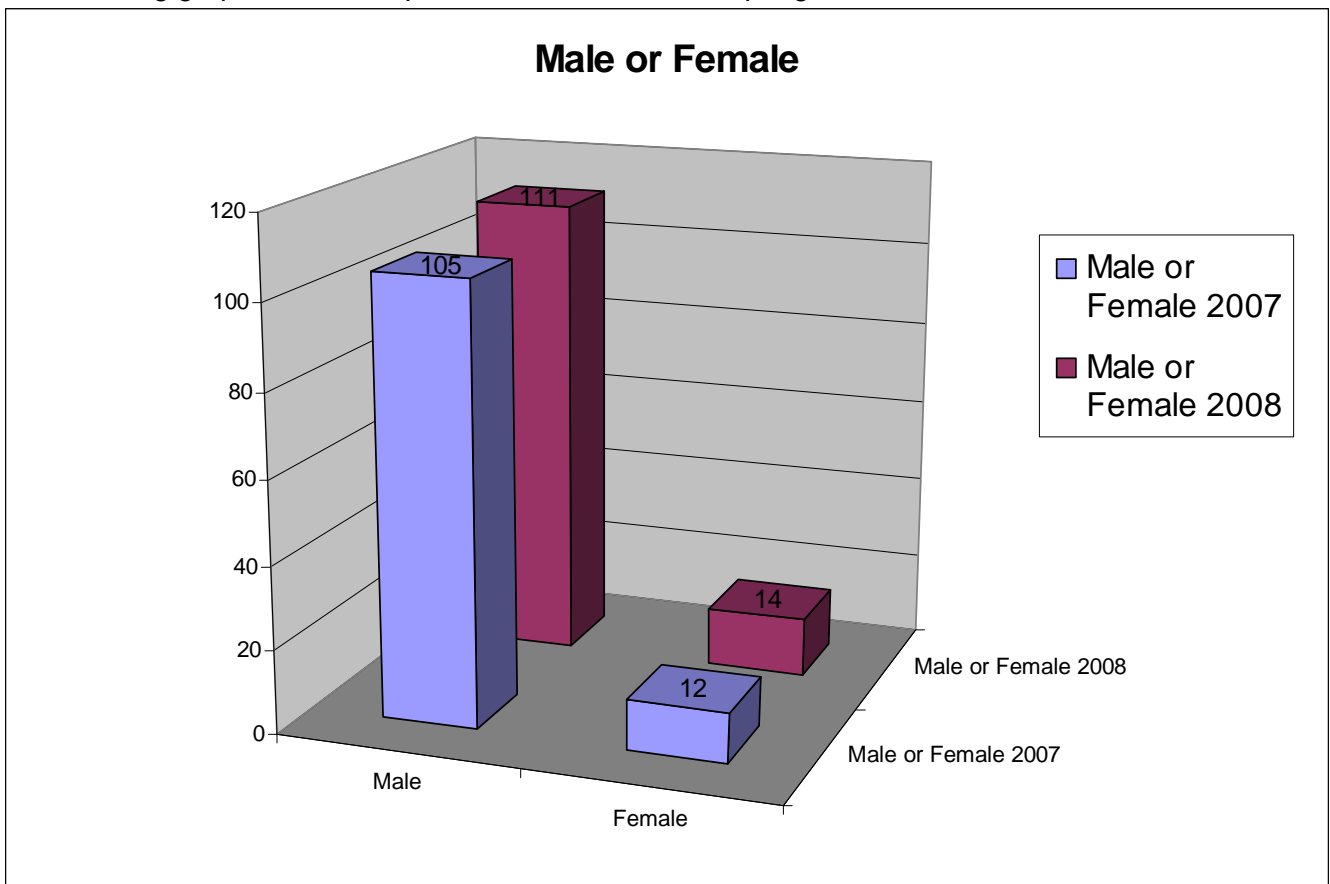
*Kitsap County Dental Society & Kitsap County Dental Hygienists Society*

Volunteer dentists and hygienists screened 70 people. They are currently seeking ways to provide those individuals with follow-up dental care.

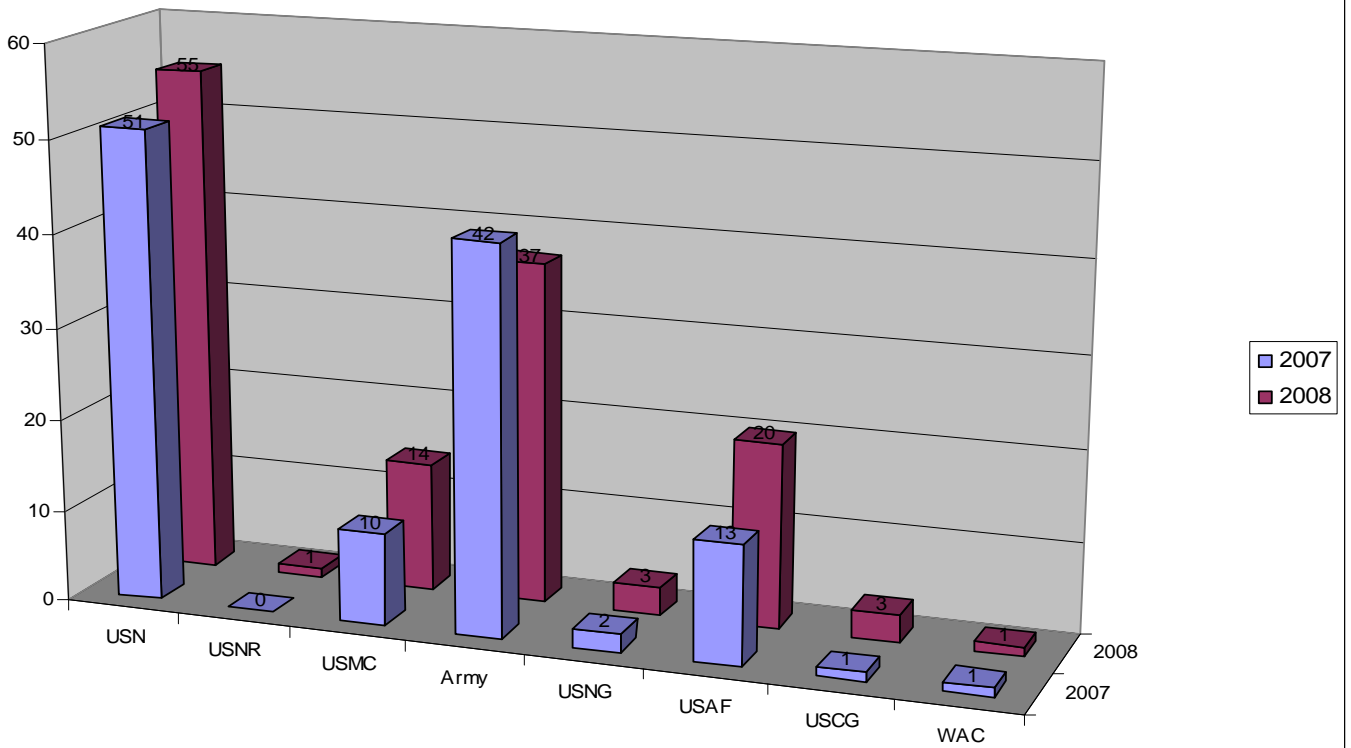
*Kitsap County Health District*

Provided tetanus and pneumonia immunizations, TB skin tests, blood pressure checks, information for low income women on how they can get free mammograms and Pap tests through the Breast and Cervical, tobacco cessation information.

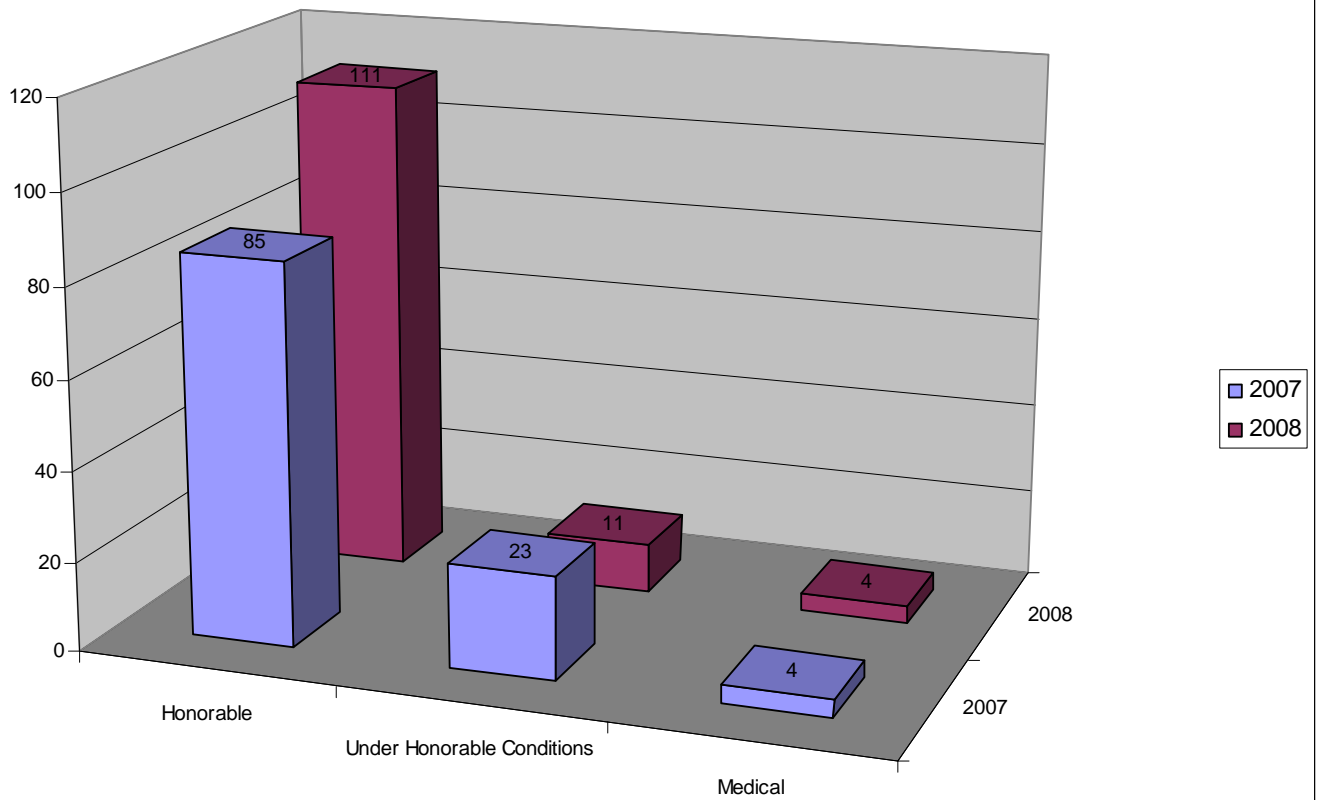
FOLLOWING GRAPHS: Each veteran is required to complete a survey prior to admittance to the stand down. The following graphs are a comparison between fall and spring stand downs.



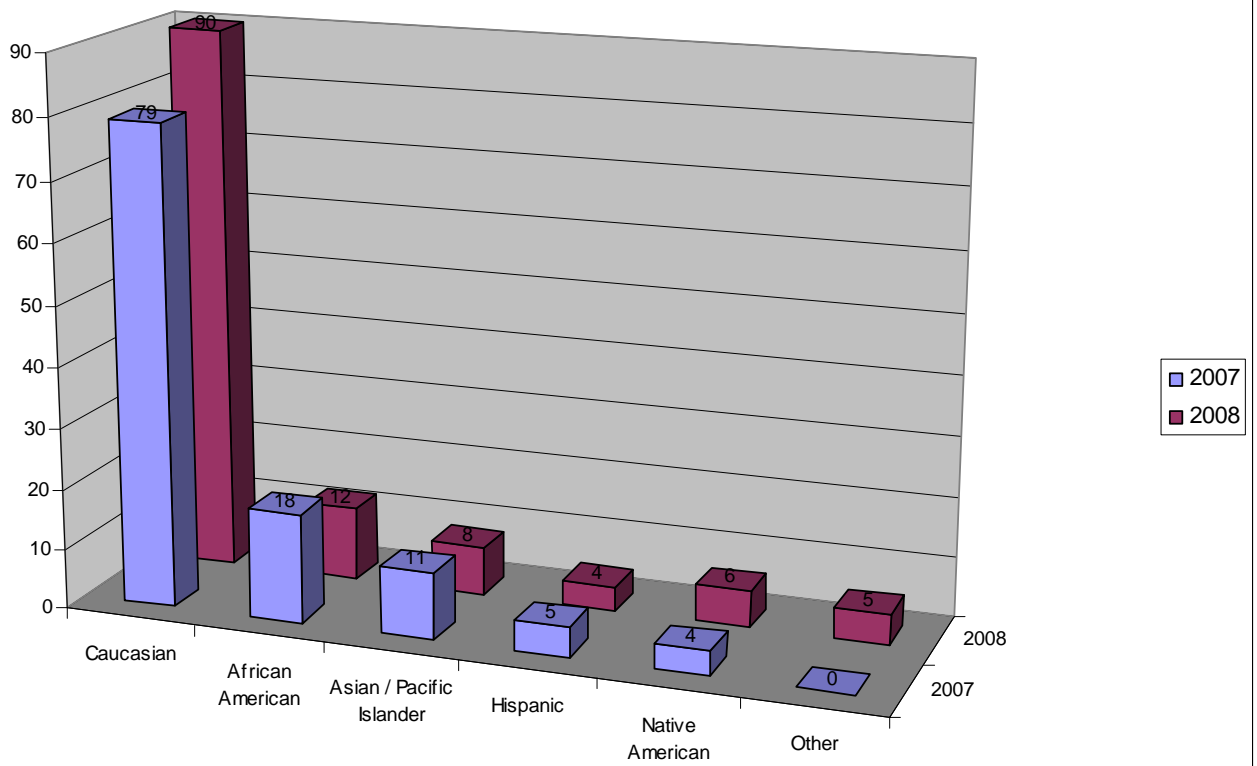
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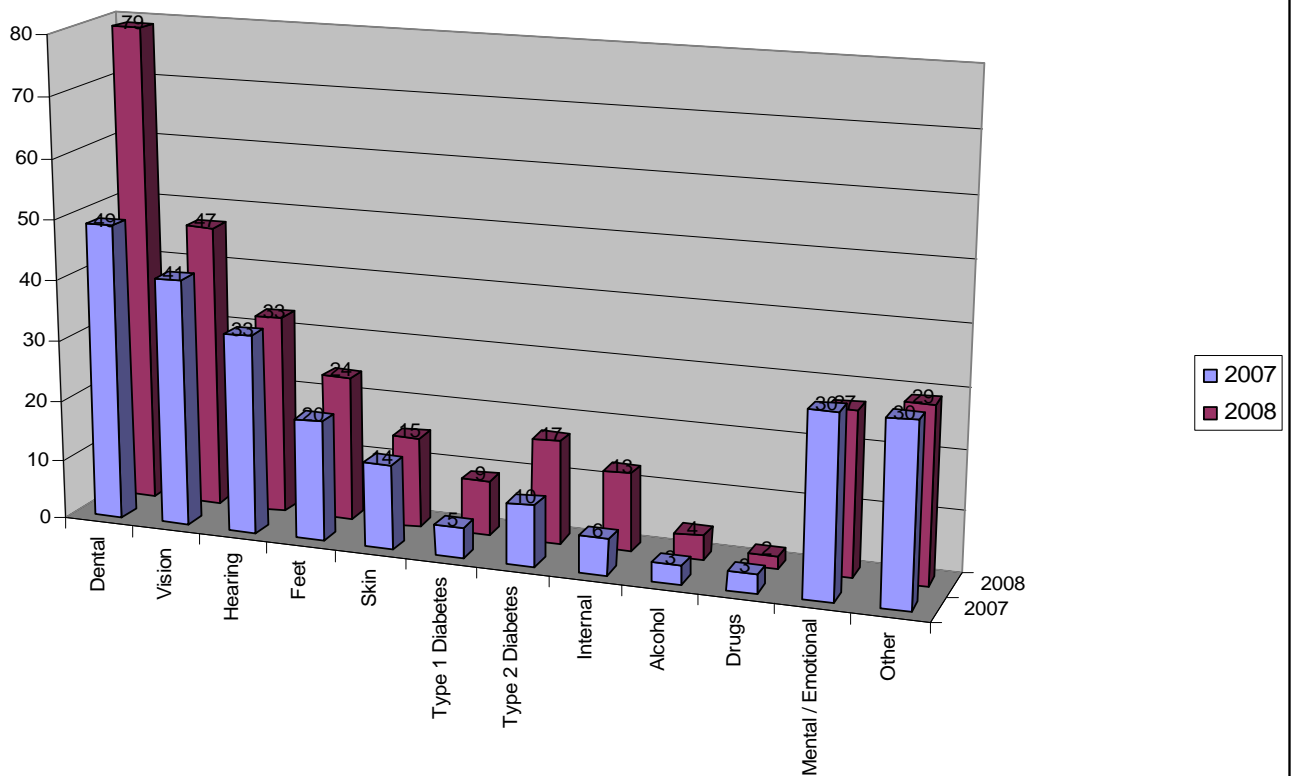
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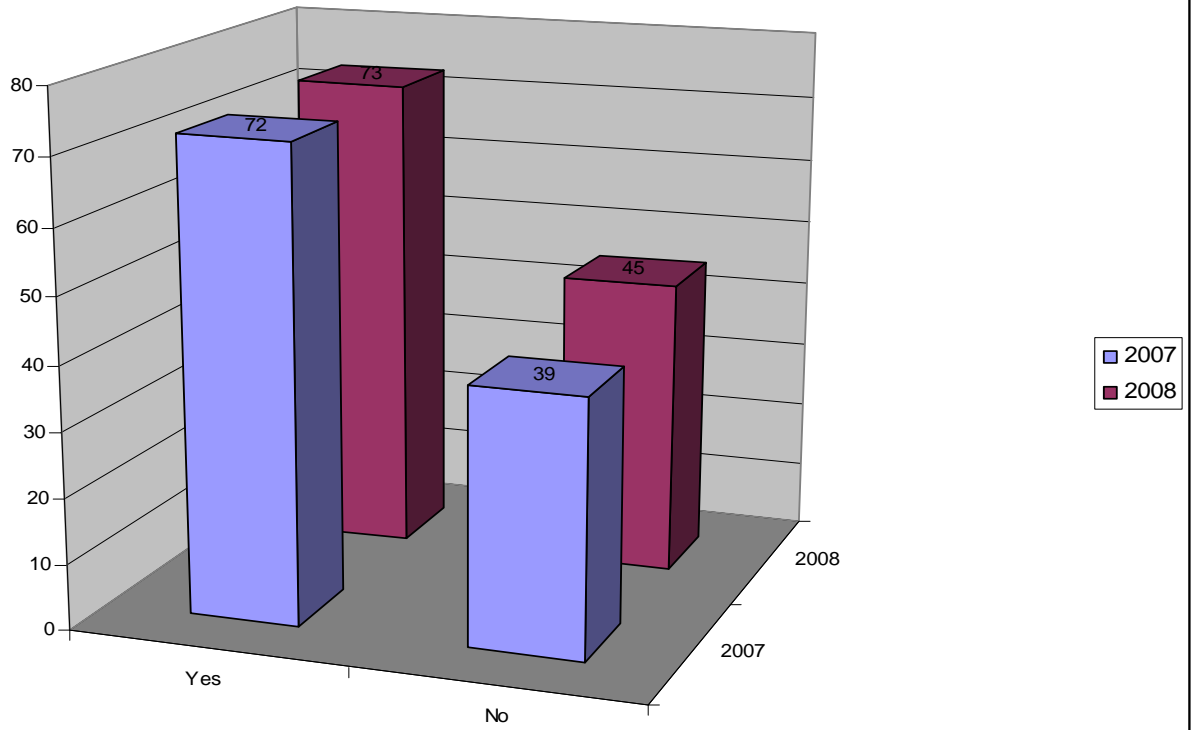
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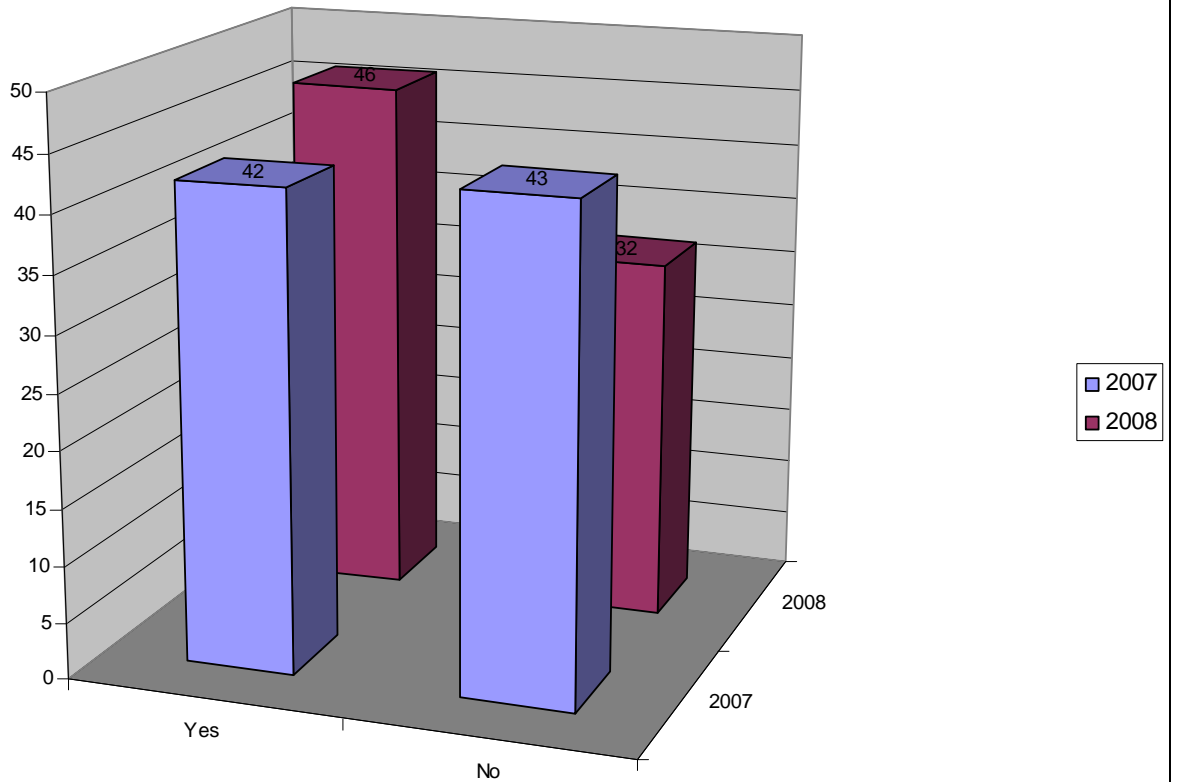
## Current Medical Issues



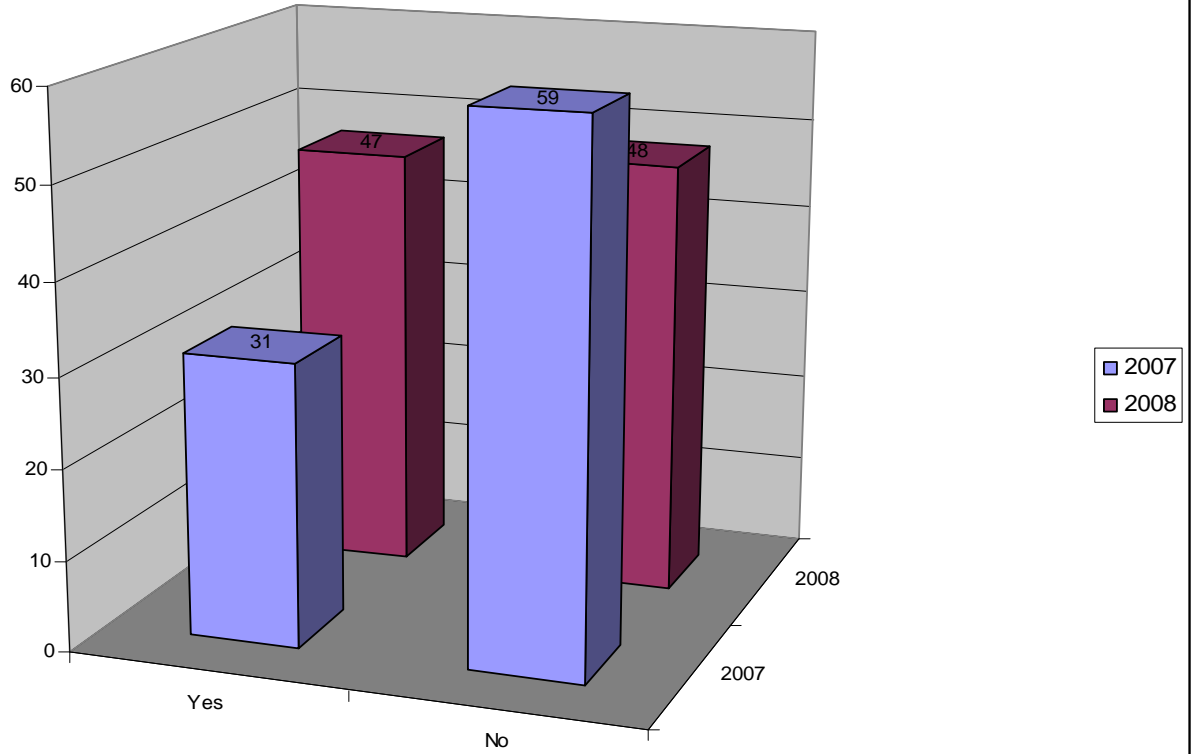
## Are You Disabled



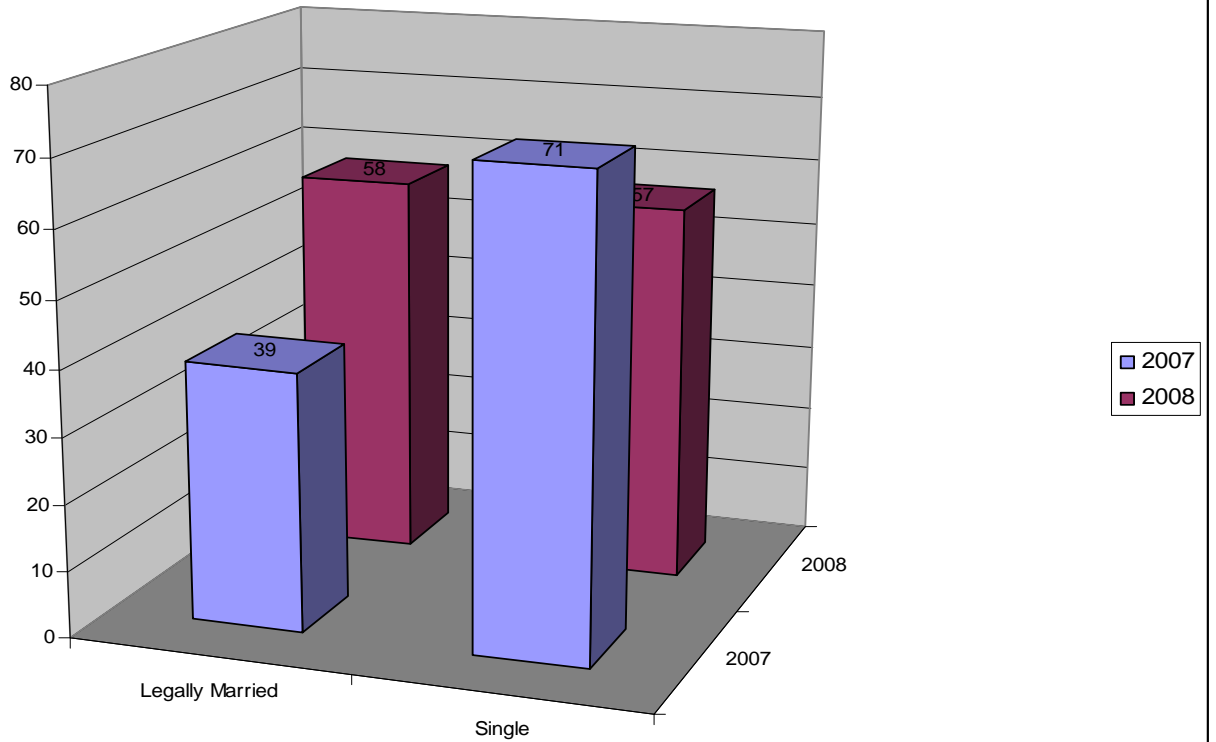
## Is Your Disability Service Related



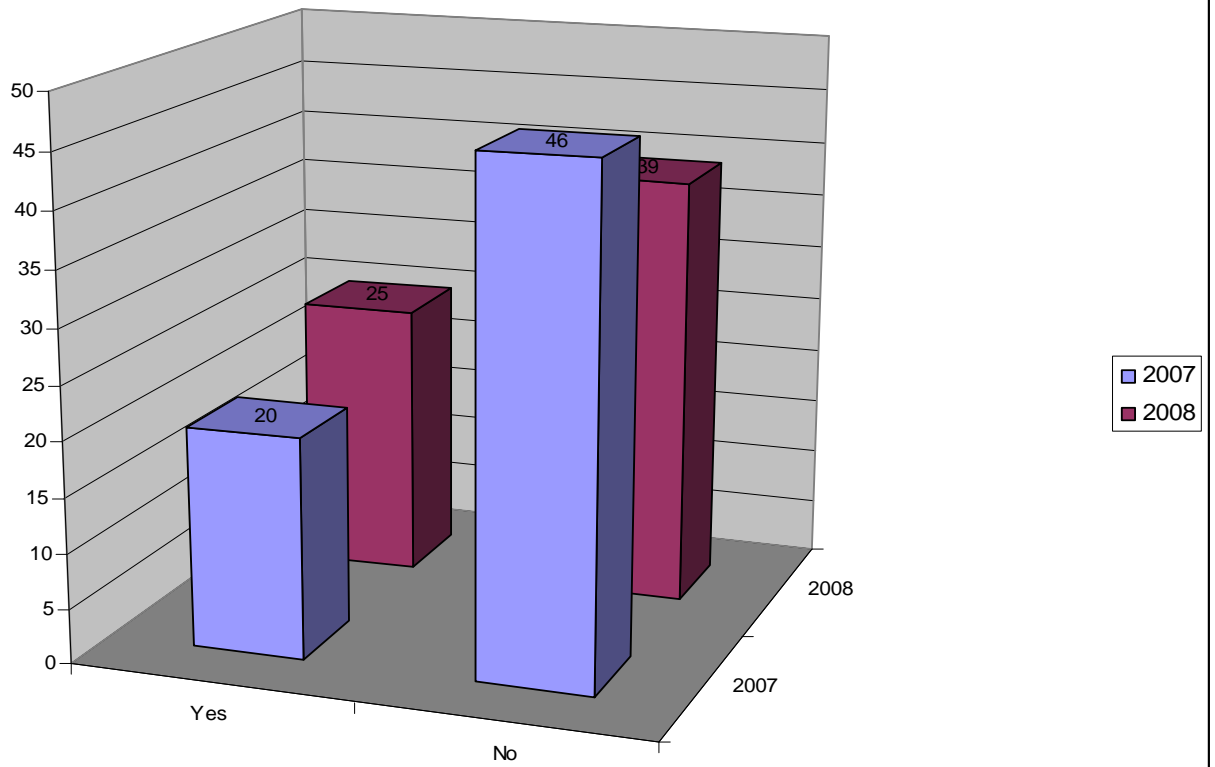
## Would You Like to File a VA Disability



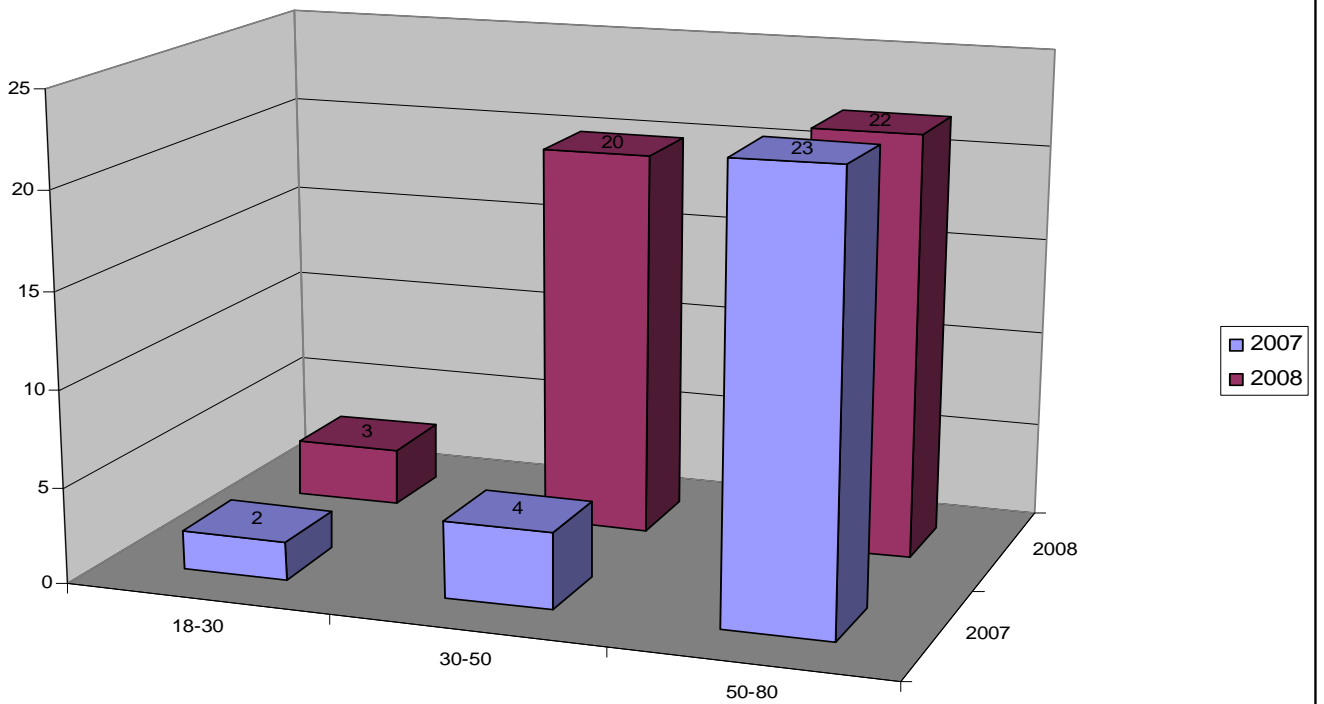
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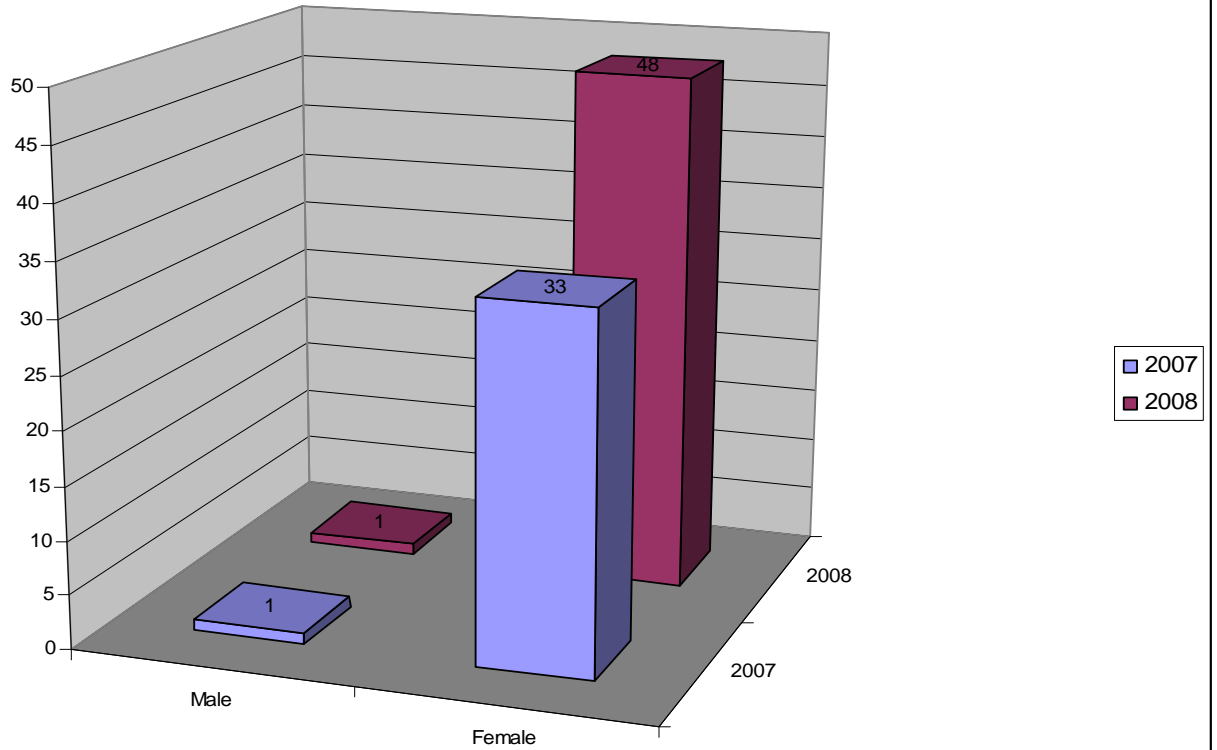
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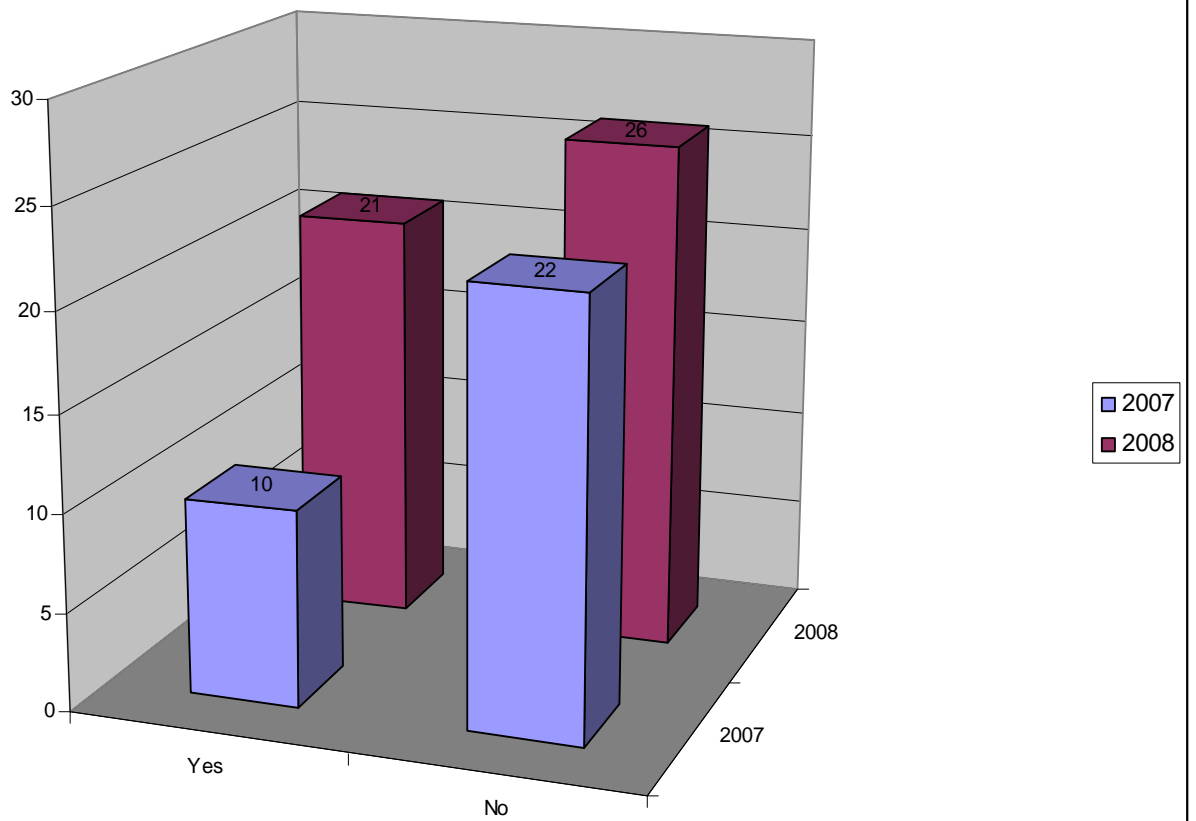
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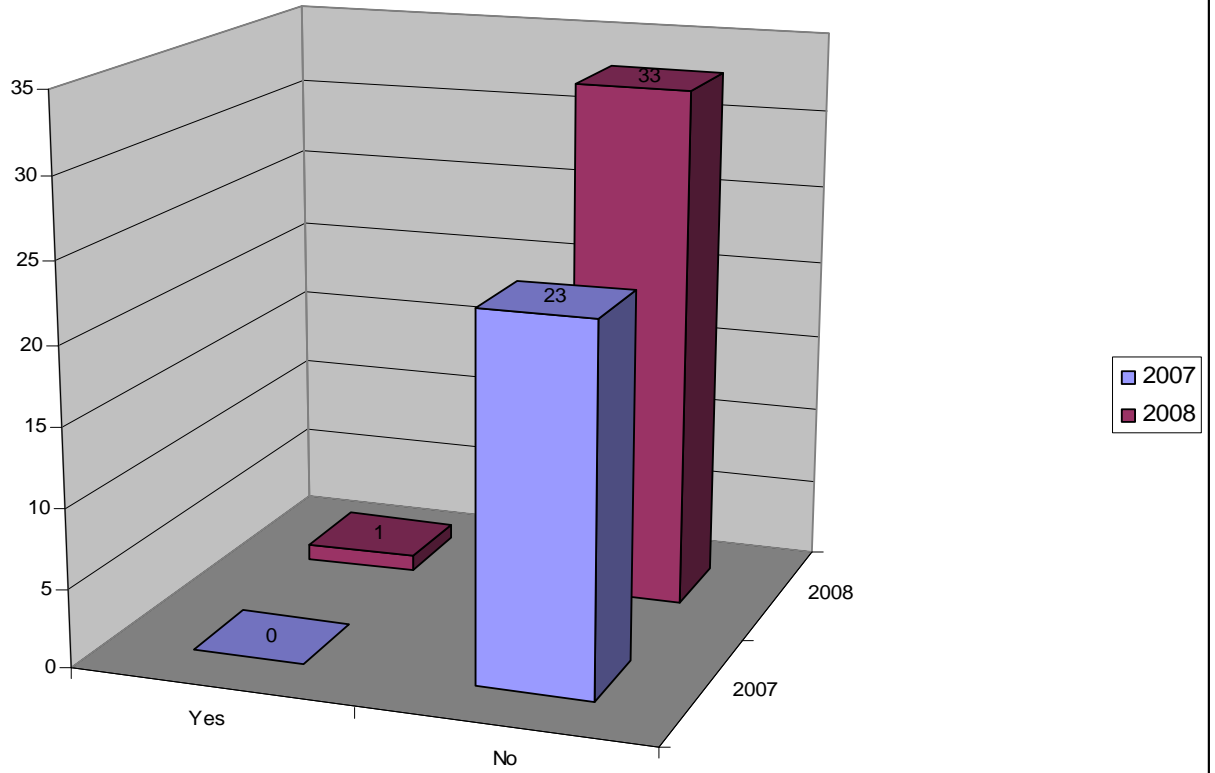
## Spouse's Gender



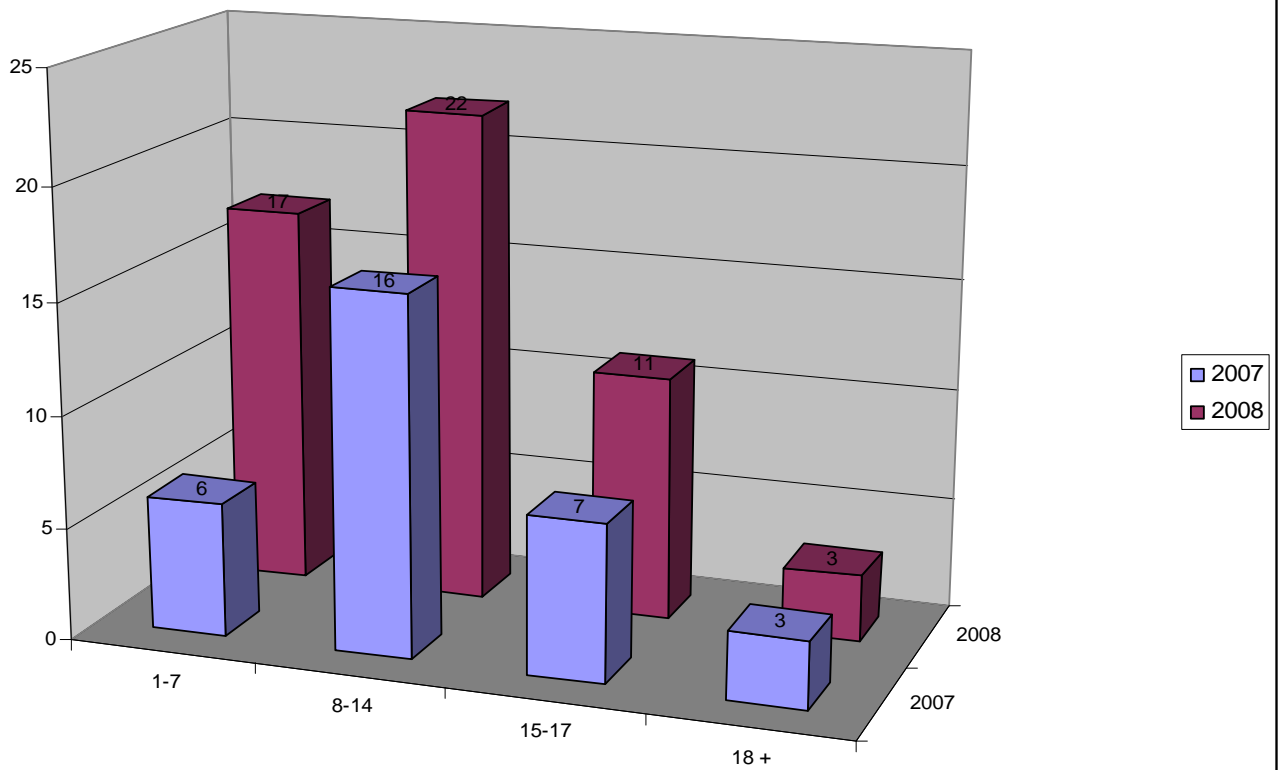
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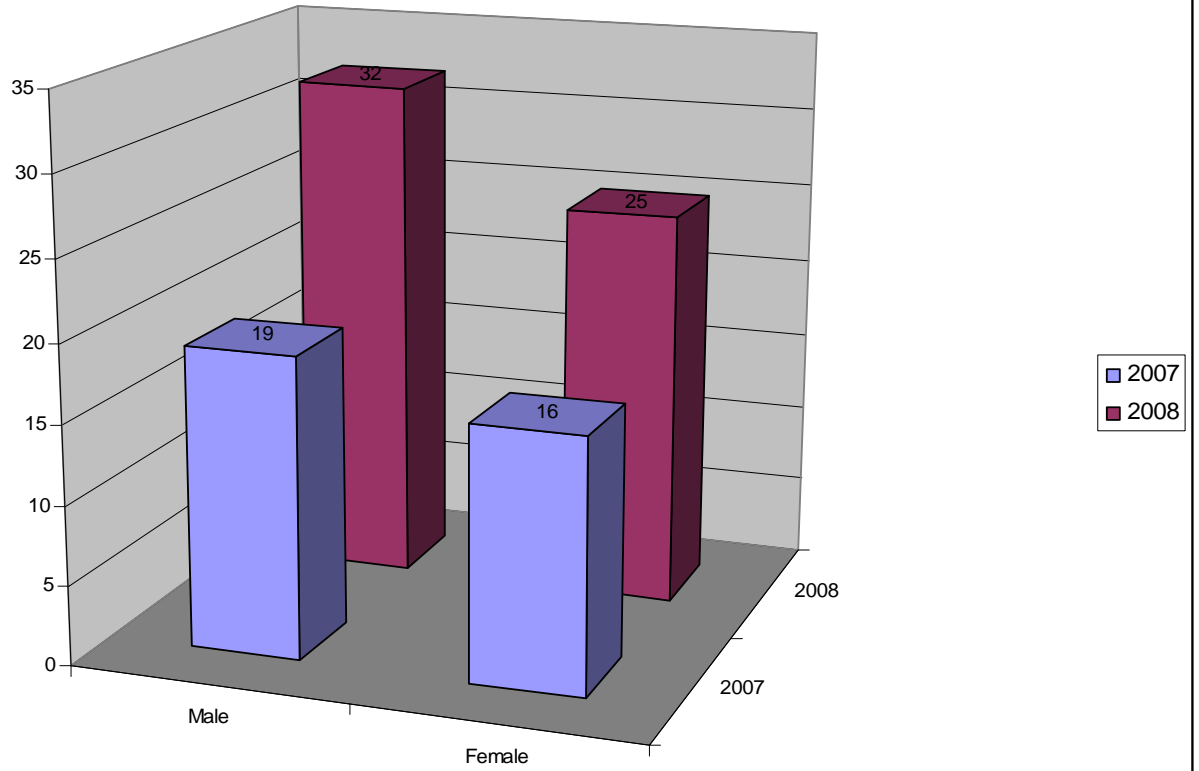
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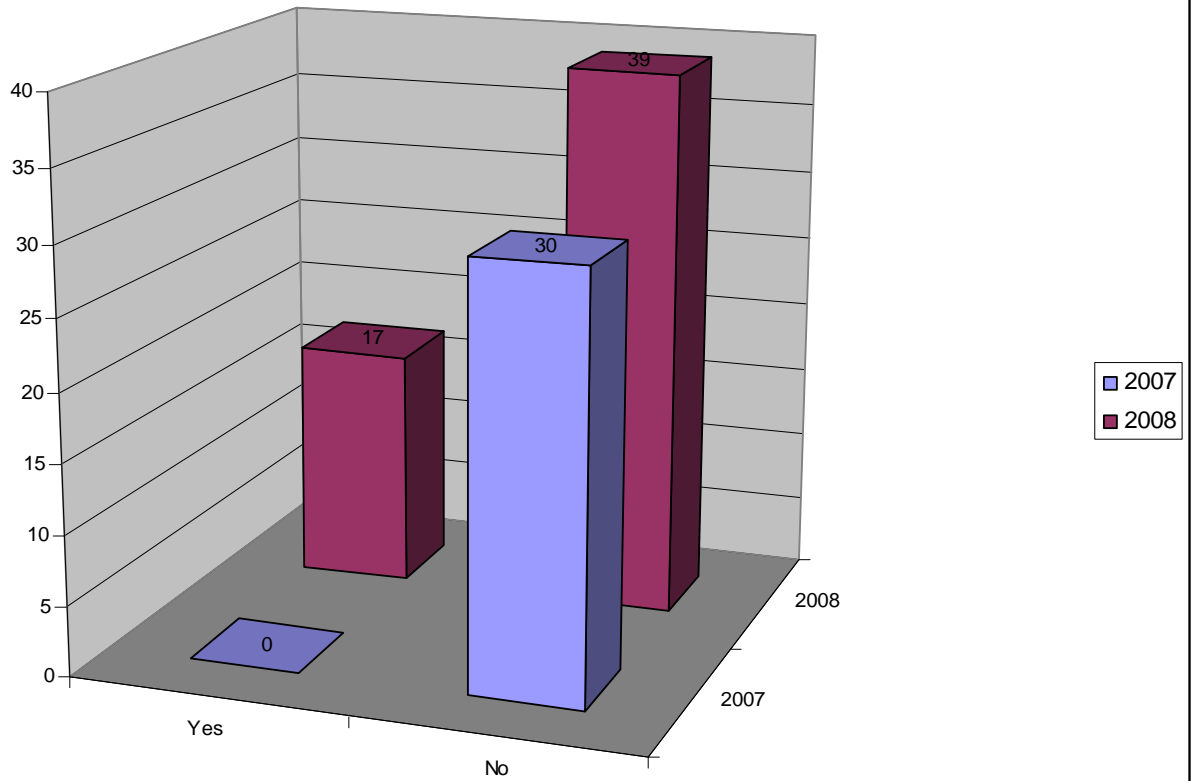
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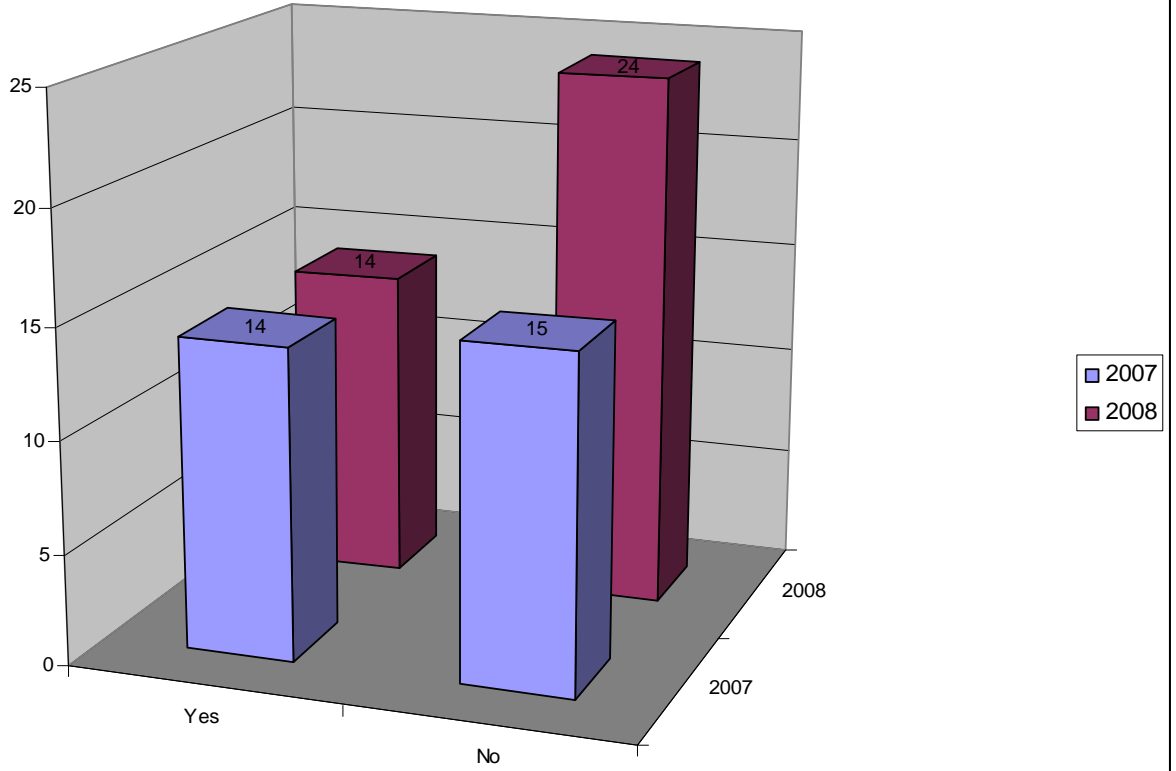
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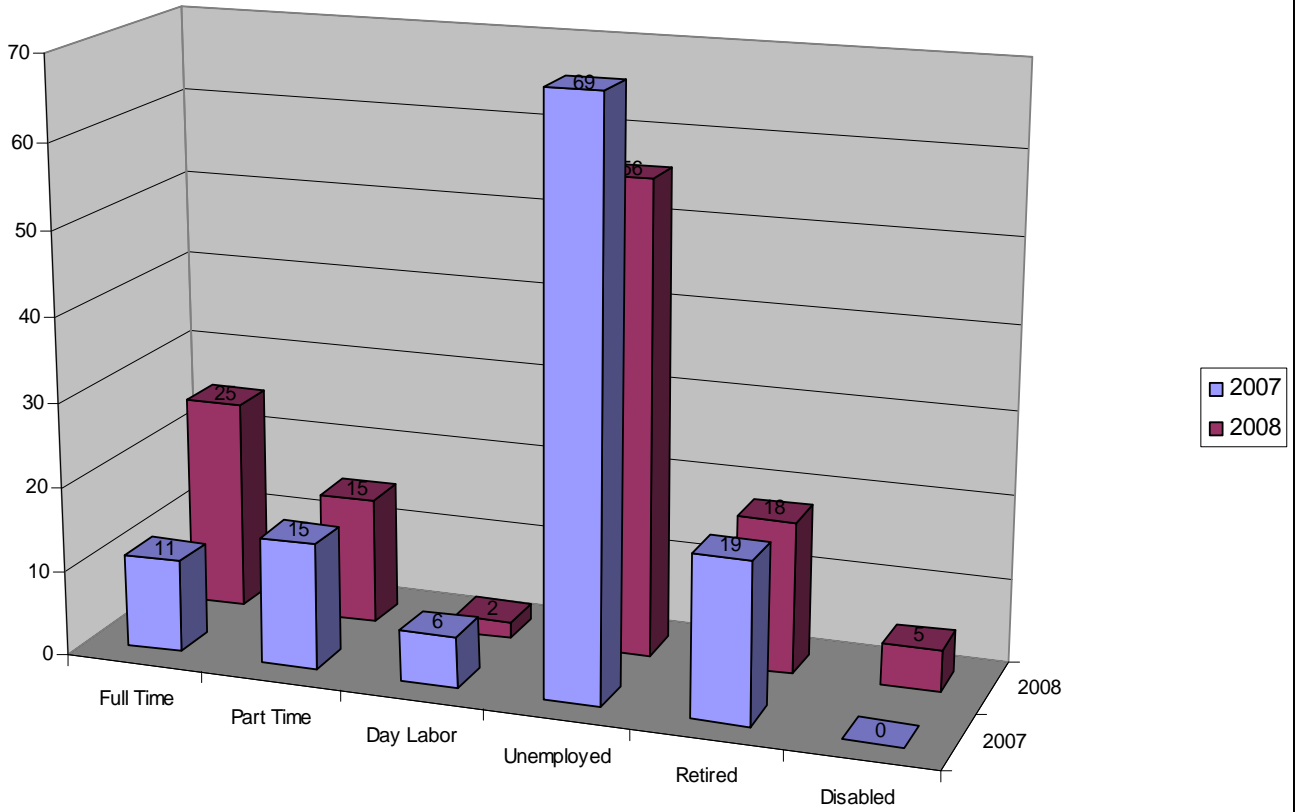
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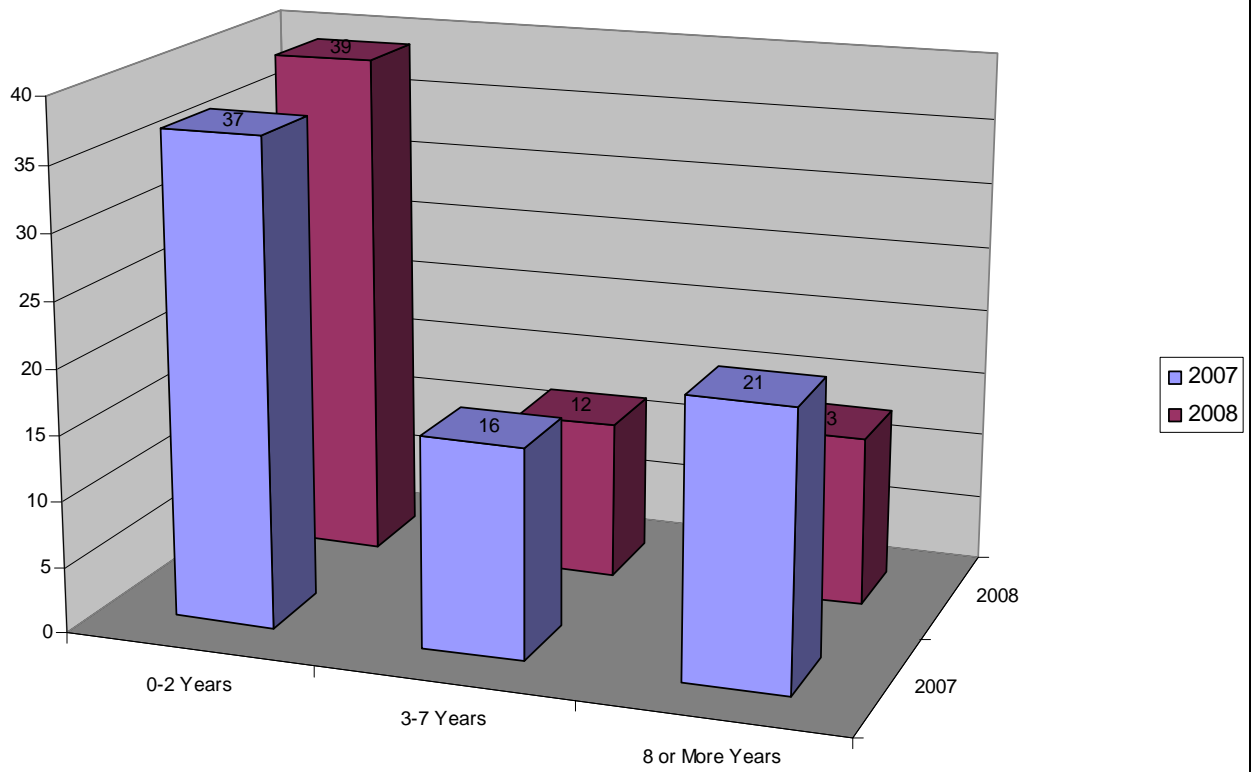
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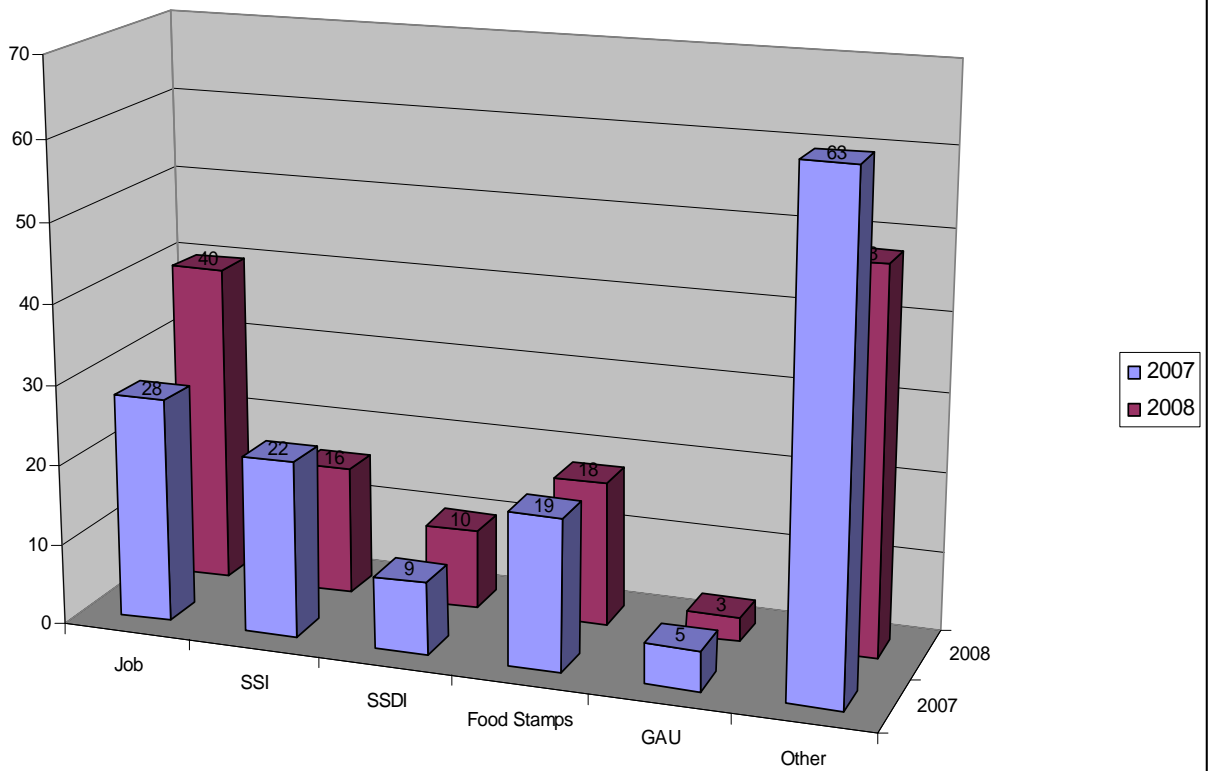
## Employment Status



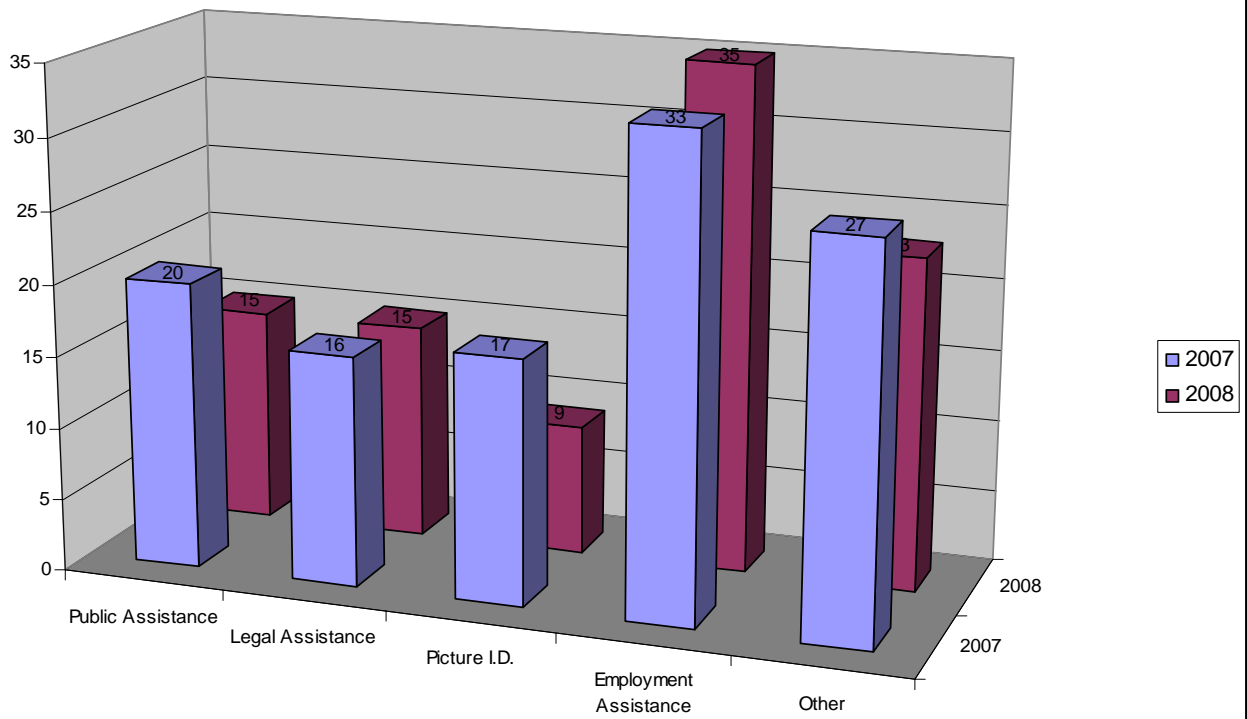
## Time Since Last Job



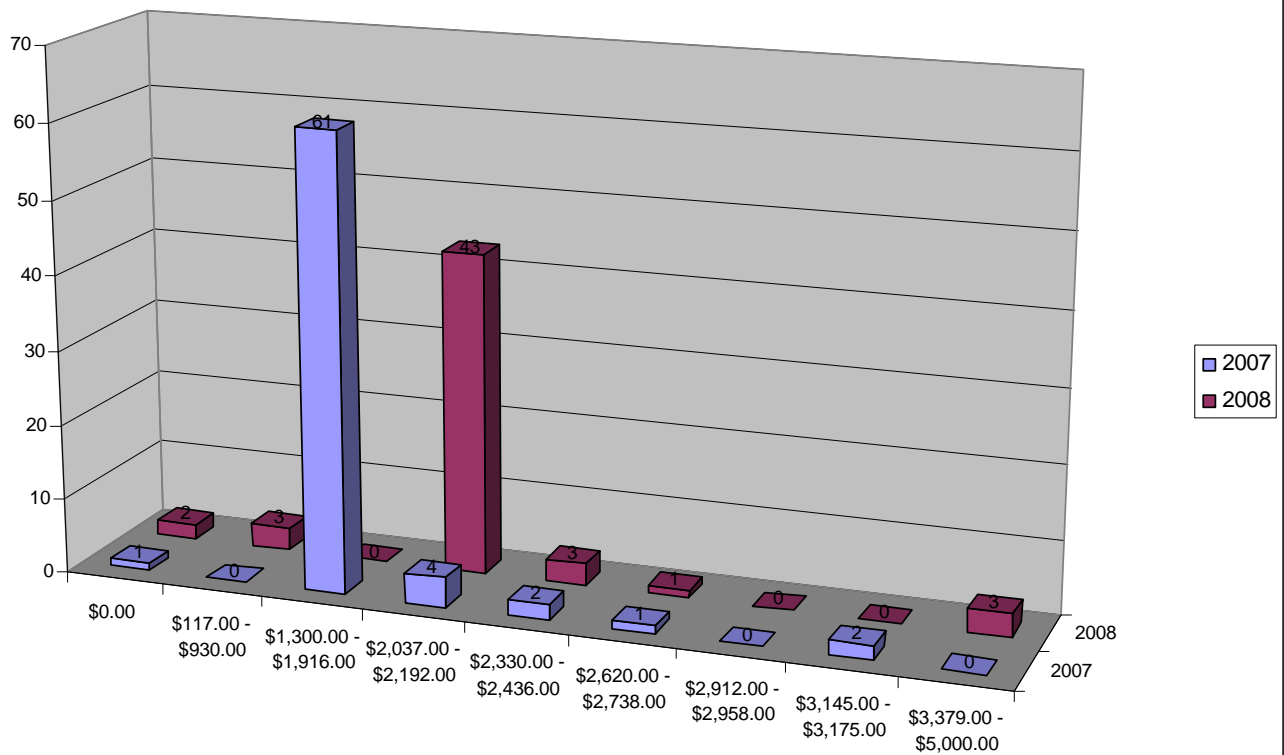
## Source of Income



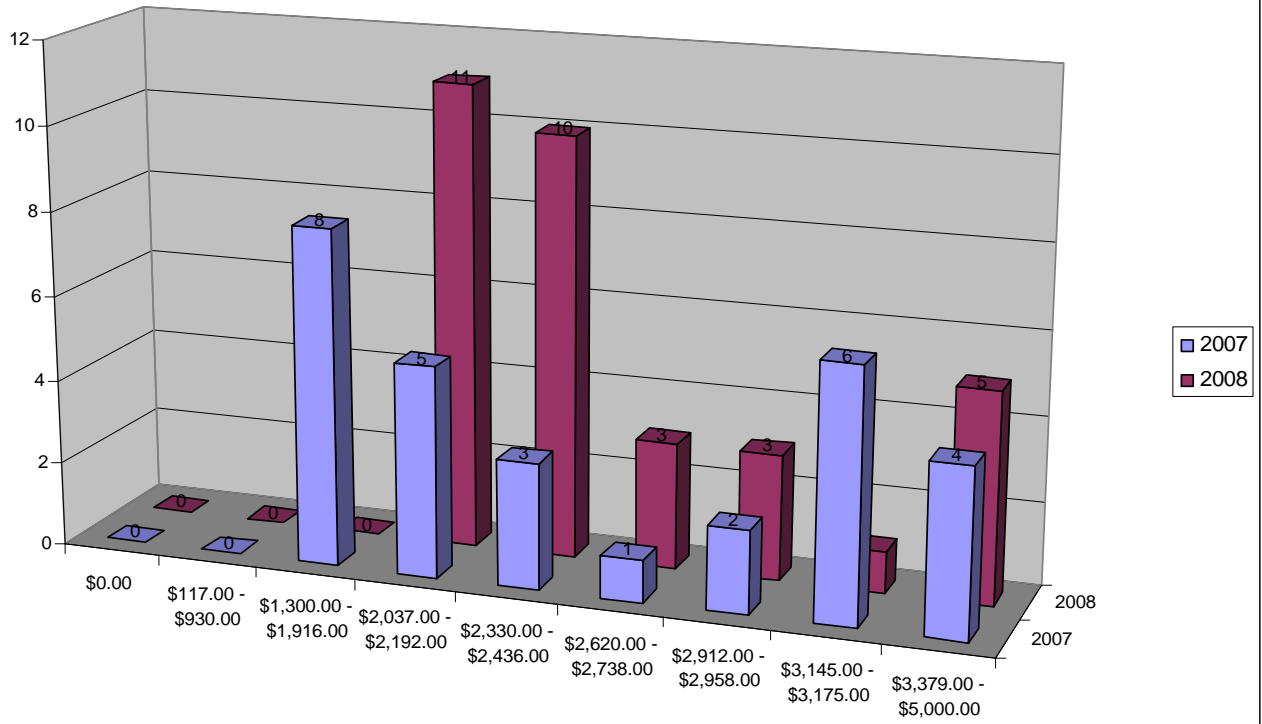
## Do You Need



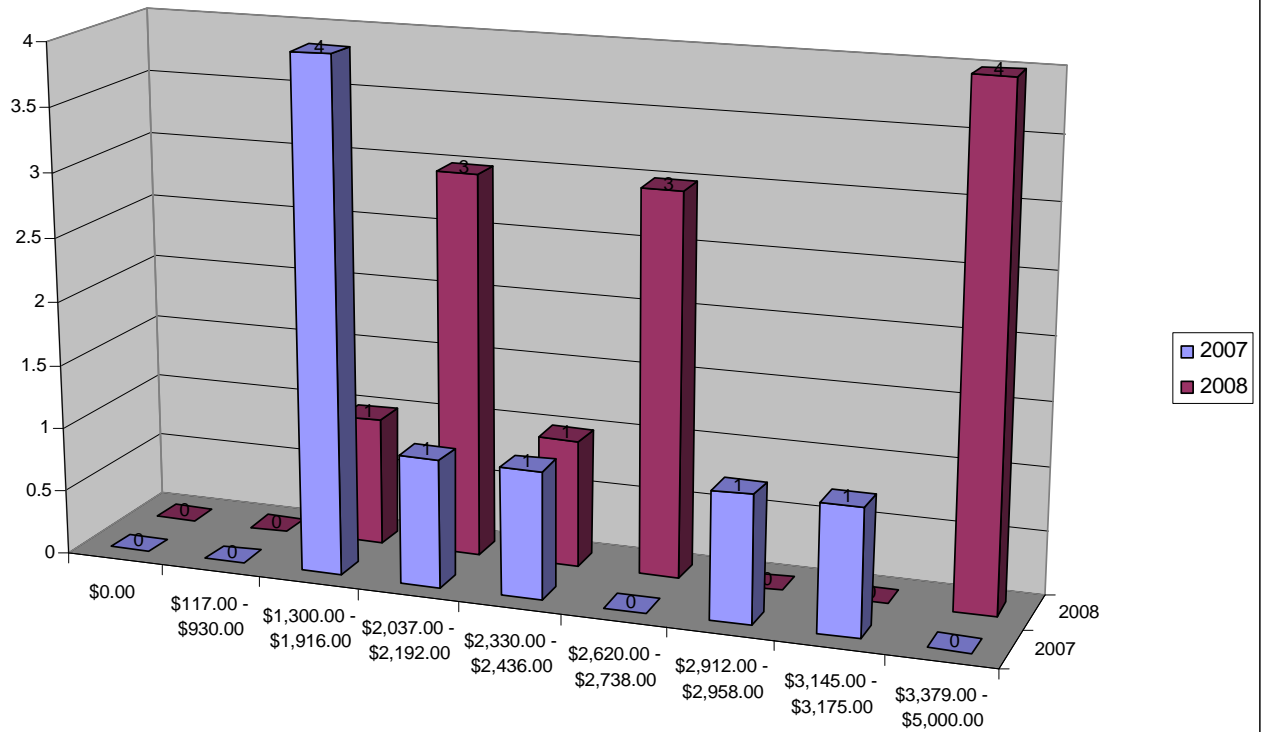
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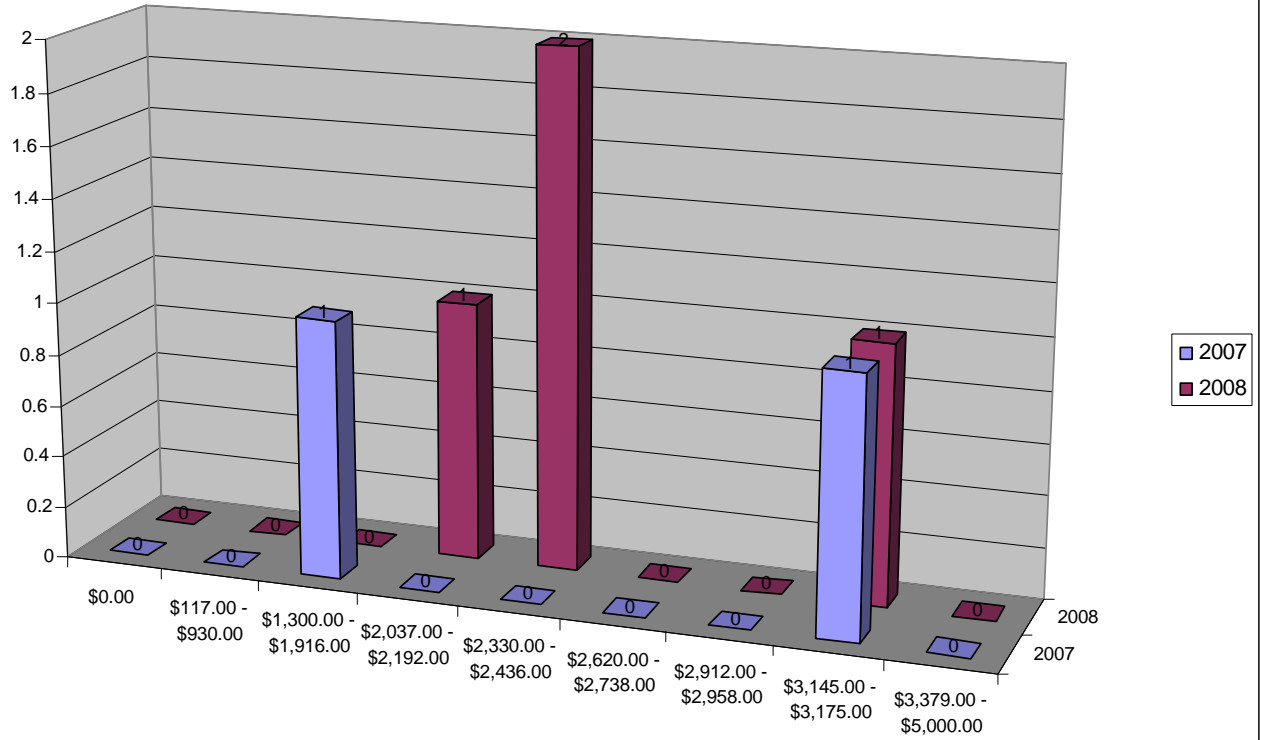
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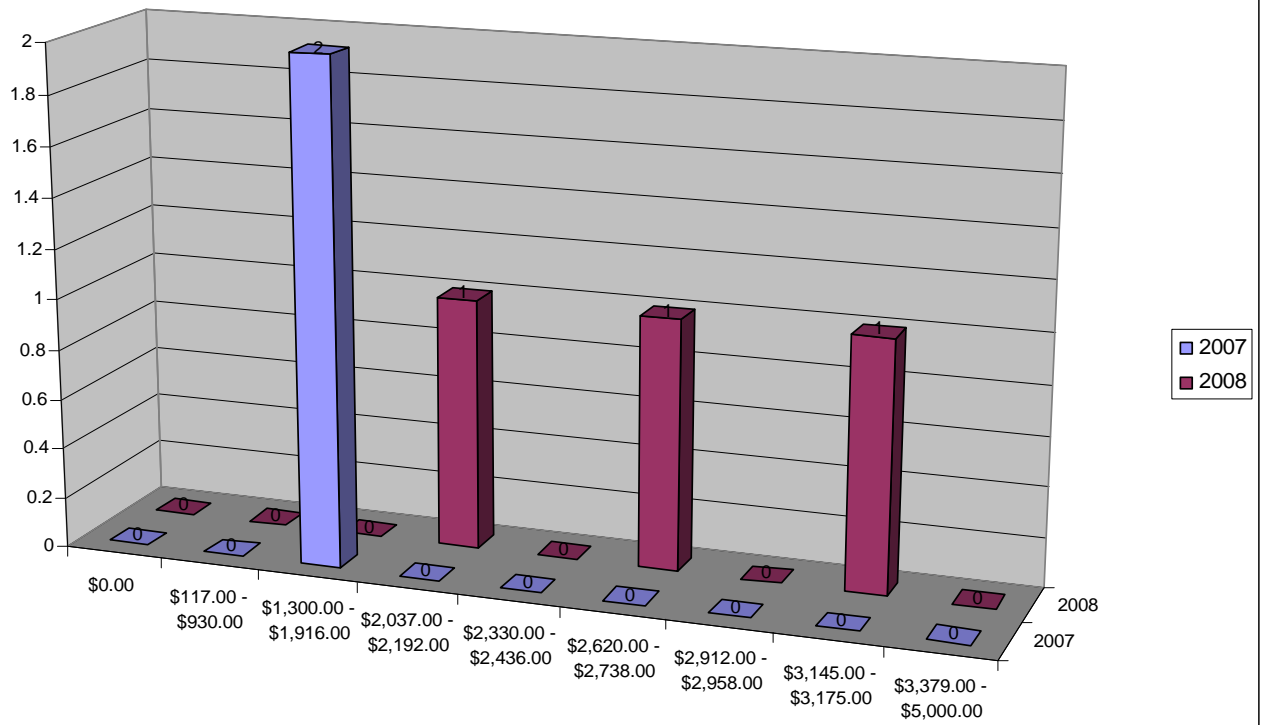
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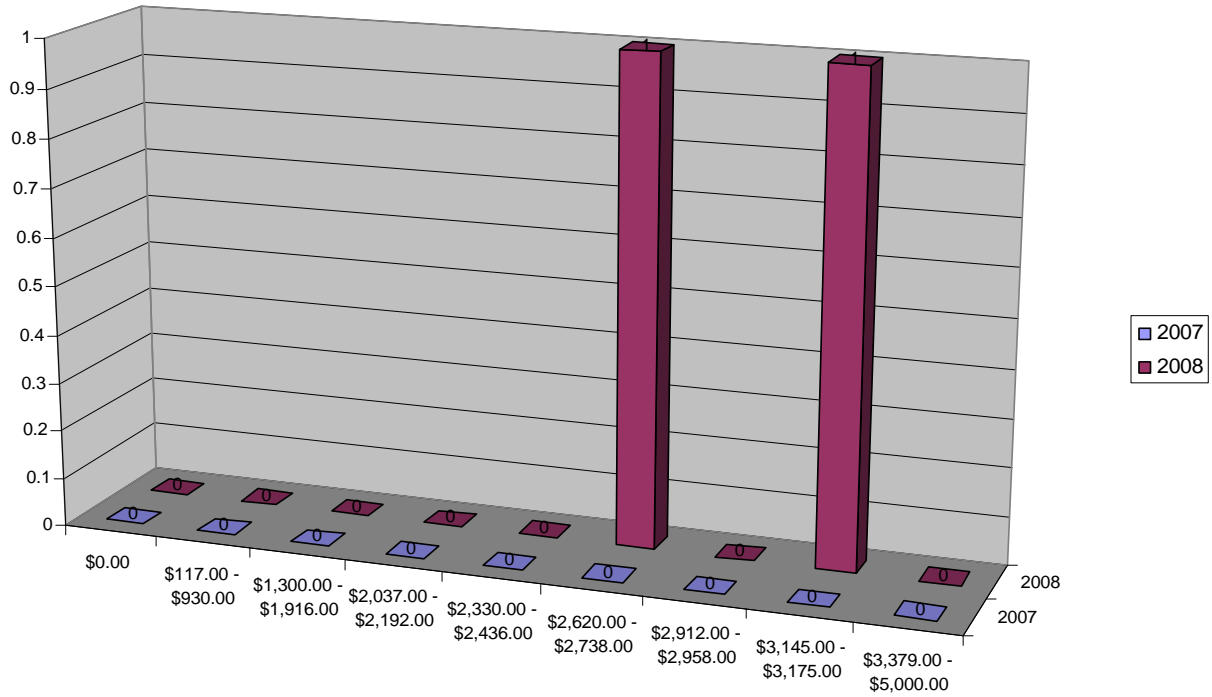
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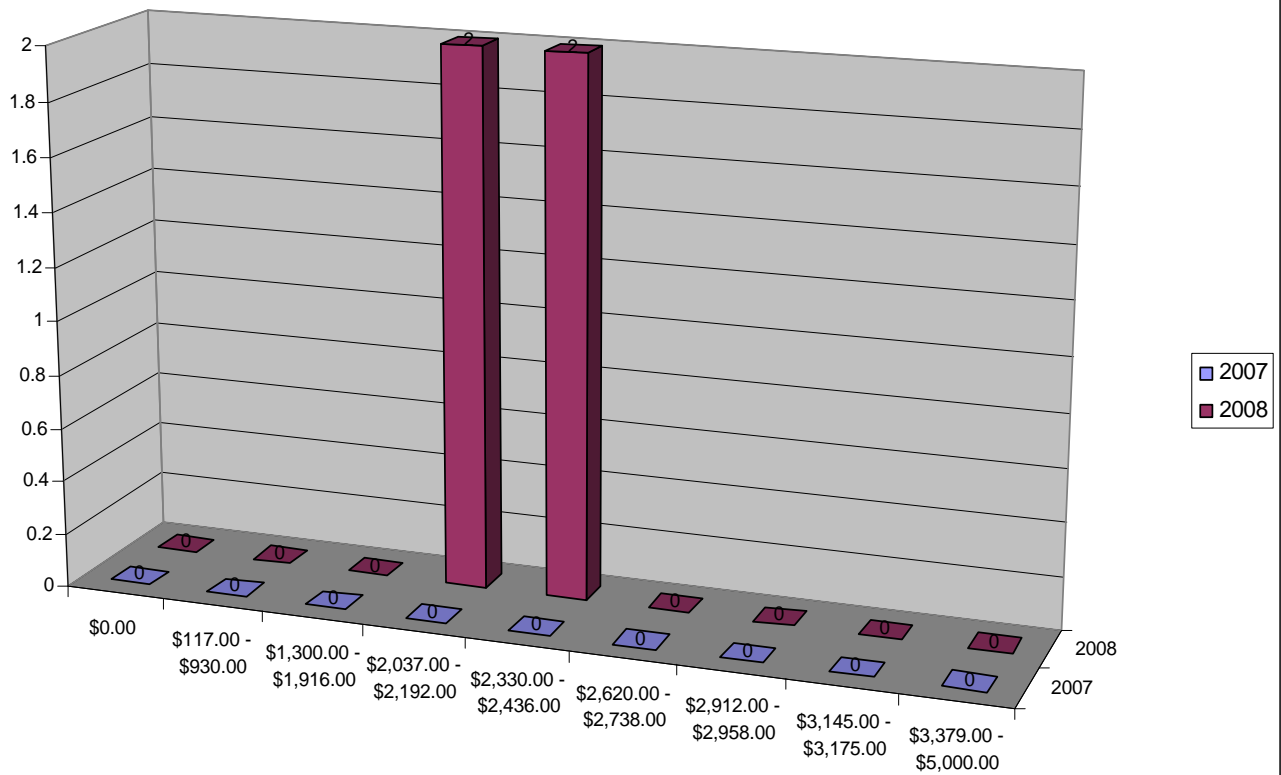
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# Eight Family Member's Income

