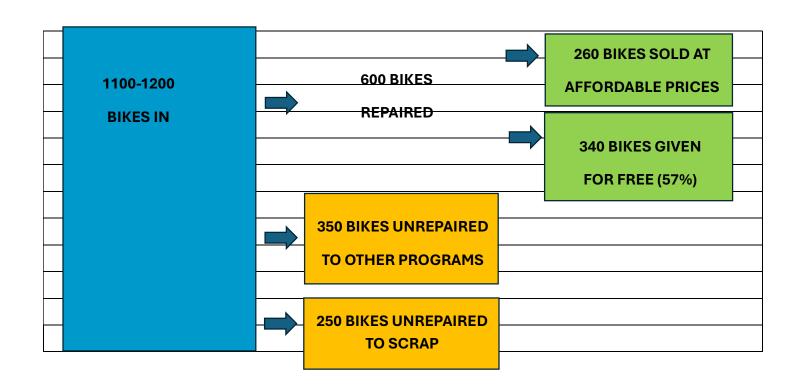




Golden Optimists Bicycle Recycle Program



## FLOW OF BIKES THROUGH THE GOLDEN OPTIMIMSTS BICYCLE PROGRAM

BIKES IN: Bicycles are donated to the Golden Optimists Bicycle Recycle Program primarily by individuals as well as a few law enforcement entities that clear surplus property, bike shops, and others.

BIKES REPAIRED: Volunteers repair bikes in the shop with new and used parts and shared expertise.

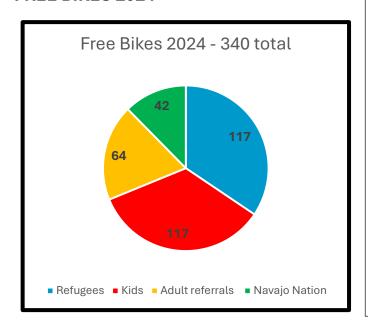
BIKES UNREPAIRED TO OTHER PROGRAMS: With more bikes donated than space or volunteer time can handle, many unrepaired bikes are given to other programs such as Bicycles for Humanity which ships whole bikes to Africa and to other non-profit community bike programs.

BIKES UNREPAIRED TO SCRAP: Bikes that are too rusty, missing too many parts, have broken frames, and other serious issues are destined to the scrap pile. Parts needed for other bikes may be salvaged for reuse and the remaining surplus metal is recycled.

BIKES SOLD AT AFFORDABLE PRICES: Repaired bikes are sold at the shop and occasionally on eBay. Prices are kept below bicycle blue book to offer affordability and encourage biking. Proceeds support buying parts, supplies, rent, insurance, etc. that are needed to run the program.

BIKES GIVEN FOR FREE: Over half of bikes repaired are given away for free.

## **FREE BIKES 2024**



# Compare free bike trends

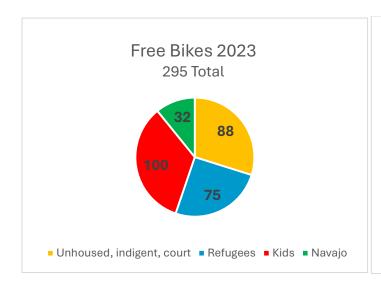
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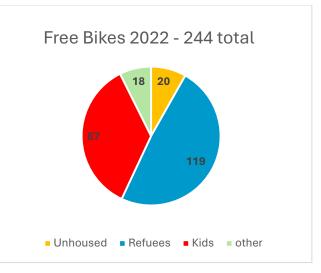
Refugees – Most of these bikes are given to newly settled refugees through the International Rescue Committee who identify needs. Some are given directly to locally sponsored refugees.

**Kids** – The majority of repaired free kids bikes go to local Christmas programs where parents in need can select gifts for their children. Others go to kids in the foster care system through CASA and to kids at local schools through school resource counselors.

**Adult referrals**: After a previous season of a high demand for free bikes by walk-in unhoused, the program implemented a system of requiring a referral from a social service, court, church, or other established entity for helping people in need of a bike. The most referrals came from the Recovery Works in Lakewood, Golden Food Pantry and Thrift Store, Golden's homeless navigator, and local churches.

**Navajo Nation:** Volunteers repaired bikes and took them to a community on the Navajo Nation and stayed a few days to also repair bikes for many families.





## **VALUE OF BIKES AND ACCESSORIES GIVEN AWAY**

Item	quantity	unit cost		value	
Bikes	340	varies		\$	17,680.00
Helmets	294	\$	12.00	\$	3,528.00
Locks	170	\$	12.00	\$	2,040.00
Basic wrench(es)	11	n/a			
Allen wrench set	13	n/a			
Floor pump	30	\$	25.00	\$	750.00
Patch kit	41	\$	6.00	\$	246.00
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Total value of goods given away				\$	24,244.00

# **Data from Shop Tally Sheets**



