WATEREE COMMUNITY ACTIONS, INC.

2025

Annual Report

Families. Communities. Economic stability.

55

years since WCAI's formation in 1970

FY2025
January 1, 2025–
December 31, 2025

Our mission

Economic stability through partnerships and anti-poverty services.

Wateree Community Actions, Inc. empowers families and communities with low incomes to increase economic stability through partnerships and anti-poverty services.

A community action history

From the Economic Opportunity Act to 55 years of WCAI.

1964

Community action takes shape

The Economic Opportunity Act established federal anti-poverty initiatives and called for participation by people with low incomes.

1970

WCAI is formed

The Sumter County and Kershaw County community action agencies merged in July 1970.

1988

Agency mergers completed

The merger process through April 1988 also brought together agencies serving Lee, Clarendon and Richland counties.

The people represented in FY2025

Unduplicated records with one or more characteristics collected.

18,802

individuals

8,145

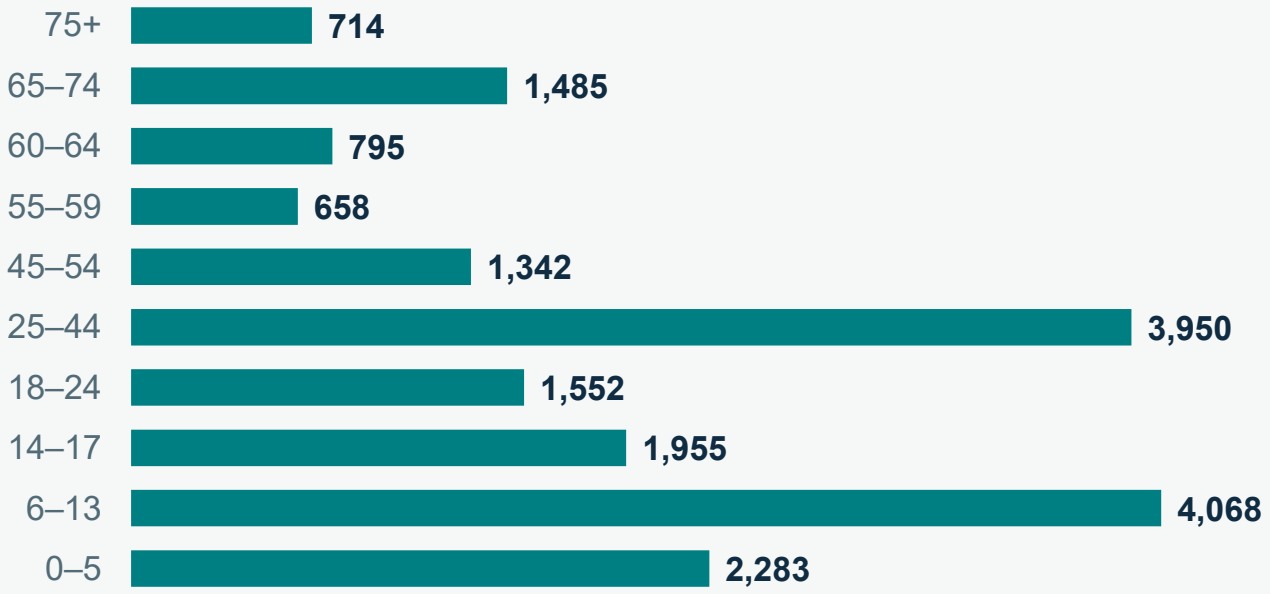
households

These are the workbook’s characteristic-report totals. They are not an unduplicated count of every program participant.

Customer age and sex

Base: 18,802 individuals.

Age



44.2%

are under 18
8,306 individuals

Female	12,331	(65.6%)
Male	6,471	(34.4%)

Race and ethnicity

Base: 18,802 individuals. Race and ethnicity are separate characteristics.

Race	Individuals	Share
Black or African American	**17,343**	92.2%
White	**887**	4.7%
Two or more races	**429**	2.3%
Other	**99**	0.5%
Asian	**16**	0.1%
Native Hawaiian / other Pacific Islander	**16**	0.1%
American Indian / Alaska Native	**0**	0.0%
Unknown / not reported	**12**	0.1%

Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino / Spanish origin 376 (2.0%); not Hispanic 18,395 (97.8%); unknown 31 (0.2%).

Household composition

Base: 8,145 households.

Household type

Category	Count
Single parent, female	**3,773**
Single person	**3,379**
Two adults, no children	**336**
Two parents	**251**
Multigenerational	**163**
Other	**125**
Single parent, male	**118**
Unrelated adults + children	**0**

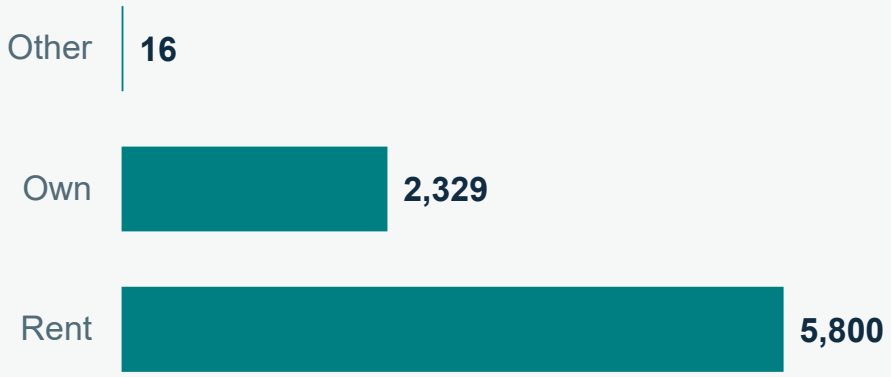
Household size

Category	Count
One	**3,379**
Two	**1,685**
Three	**1,350**
Four	**899**
Five	**492**
Six or more	**280**
Unknown	**60**

Housing and household income

Base: 8,145 households. Income bands are percentages of the HHS poverty guideline.

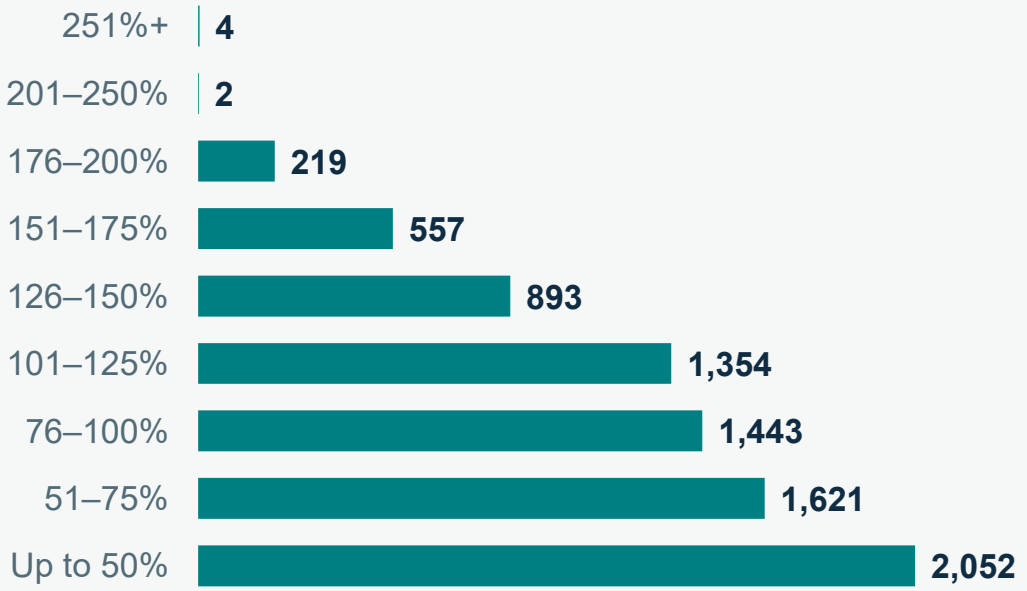
Housing situation



62.8%

at or below 100% of the guideline
5,116 households

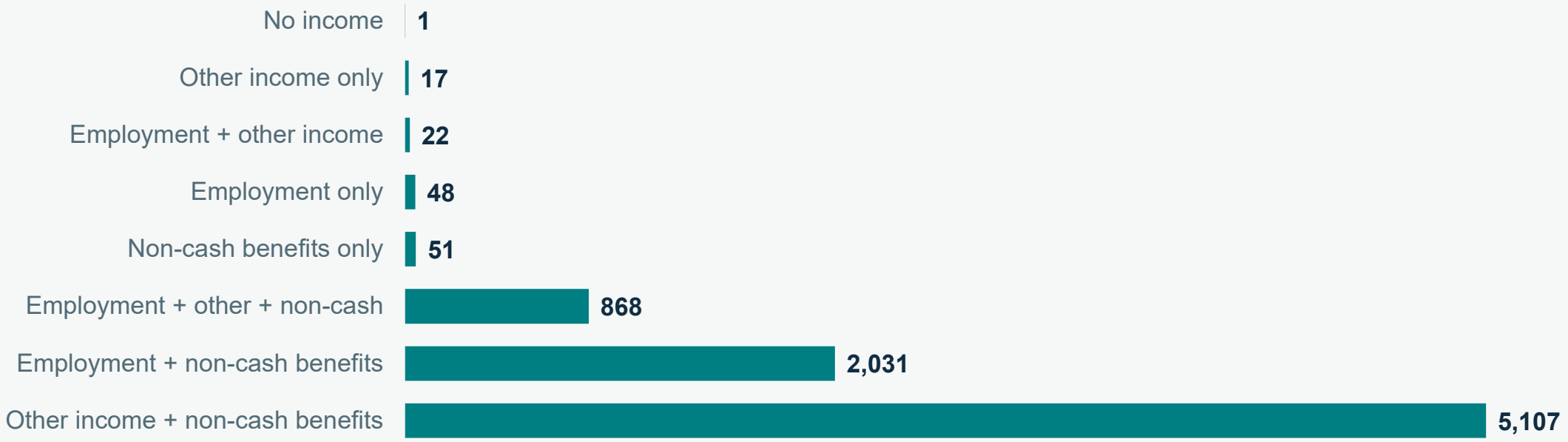
Household income



Sources of household income

Base: 8,145 households. These categories reconcile to the household total.

Households by reported source



Benefits and other income

Reported sources can overlap. Counts below are households.

Selected non-cash benefits

Category	Count
LIHEAP	**7,924**
SNAP	**5,349**
Public housing	**1,522**
Housing Choice Voucher	**1,376**
WIC	**320**
Other	**143**
HUD-VASH	**39**
Childcare voucher	**7**

Selected other income

Category	Count
Social Security retirement	**2,324**
Other	**1,884**
SSI	**1,204**
SSDI	**751**
Child support	**471**
Pension	**198**
Unemployment insurance	**98**

Education and work status

Work-status base: 10,496 adults age 18+. Education base: 8,944 individuals age 25+.

Education, age 25+

Category	Count
High school graduate	**4,631**
Grades 9–12, no diploma	**1,677**
Some post-secondary	**1,451**
2- or 4-year college degree	**1,160**
Unknown	**17**
Grades 0–8	**7**
GED	**1**

Work status, age 18+

Category	Count
Not in labor force	**2,706**
Full-time employed	**2,119**
Retired	**1,956**
Long-term unemployed	**1,659**
Short-term unemployed	**1,066**
Part-time employed	**942**
Unknown	**48**

Health coverage and military status

Health base: 18,802 individuals. Military-status base: 10,496 individuals.

92.2%

have health insurance
17,333 individuals

1,375 uninsured (7.3%)
94 unknown (0.5%)
2,457 report a disabling condition (13.1%)

Military status

Status	Individuals
Veteran	184
Active military	9
Never served	10,270
Unknown	33

FY2025 outcomes

Individual and Family National Performance Indicators (FNPIs).

13,193

individuals maintained housing for 30 days

902

children demonstrated school-readiness skills

2,103

seniors maintained independent living

Employment outcomes

Reported results use each indicator’s own participant group.

FNPI	Outcome	Served	Target	Actual	Rate
1b	Obtained employment, up to a living wage	217	200	**146**	67.3%
1c	Maintained job 90 days, up to a living wage	217	200	**133**	61.3%
1d	Maintained job 180 days, up to a living wage	133	200	**124**	93.2%
1e	Obtained employment at a living wage or higher	85	80	**61**	71.8%
1f	Maintained job 90 days, living wage or higher	61	80	**56**	91.8%
1g	Maintained job 180 days, living wage or higher	61	80	**51**	83.6%
1h	Career advancement: increased income / benefits	61	40	**38**	62.3%

Early learning and family education

The four early-childhood measures each report 902 actual results.

FNPI	Outcome	Served	Target	Actual	Rate
2a	Improved emergent literacy, ages 0–5	933	872	**902**	96.7%
2b	Demonstrated school-readiness skills, ages 0–5	933	872	**902**	96.7%
2c.1	Improved approaches toward learning, ages 0–5	933	872	**902**	96.7%
2d.1	Achieved basic grade-level skills, ages 0–5	933	872	**902**	96.7%
2e	Parents / caregivers improved home environments	512	459	**437**	85.4%

Adult education outcomes

Education outcomes include credentials, diplomas and degrees.

FNPI	Outcome	Served	Target	Actual	Rate
2f	Demonstrated improved basic education	183	204	**165**	90.2%
2g	Obtained high school diploma / equivalency	98	117	**53**	54.1%
2h	Obtained an educational or vocational credential	110	130	**89**	80.9%
2i	Obtained an associate degree	27	30	**21**	77.8%
2j	Obtained a bachelor’s degree	15	20	**12**	80.0%

Income and asset-building outcomes

Results reflect distinct measures and may include overlapping participants.

FNPI	Outcome	Served	Target	Actual	Rate
3a	Maintained capacity to meet basic needs for 90 days	933	875	**698**	74.8%
3b	Maintained capacity to meet basic needs for 180 days	933	700	**616**	66.0%
3c	Opened a savings account or IDA	221	150	**155**	70.1%
3d	Increased savings	221	100	**87**	39.4%
3e	Used savings to purchase an asset	50	30	**26**	52.0%
3f	Purchased a home	10	7	**5**	50.0%
3g	Improved credit scores	87	60	**53**	60.9%
3h	Increased net worth	27	25	**18**	66.7%
3i	Reported improved financial well-being	875	700	**689**	78.7%

Housing stability outcomes

FNPI 4d, maintaining housing for 180 days, has no reported result.

FNPI	Outcome	Served	Target	Actual	Rate
4a	Obtained safe temporary shelter	1	0	**1**	100.0%
4b	Obtained safe and affordable housing	150	1	**137**	91.3%
4c	Maintained safe and affordable housing for 90 days	858	325	**782**	91.1%
4e	Avoided eviction	858	97	**695**	81.0%
4f	Avoided foreclosure	43	3	**11**	25.6%
4g	Improved home health and safety	87	95	**85**	97.7%
4h	Improved home energy efficiency / reduced energy burden	87	95	**85**	97.7%

Additional housing outcomes

Local indicators retain their reported household or individual units.

FNPI	Outcome	Served	Target	Actual	Rate
4z.1	Households maintained utilities	323	61	**280**	86.7%
4z.2	Individuals maintained housing for 30 days	15,559	10,150	**13,193**	84.8%

Health and independent living

Outcomes cover well-being, parenting and independent living.

FNPI	Outcome	Served	Target	Actual	Rate
5a	Increased nutrition skills	48	26	**36**	75.0%
5b	Improved physical health and well-being	48	26	**40**	83.3%
5c	Improved mental / behavioral health and well-being	48	32	**35**	72.9%
5d	Improved parenting / caregiver skills	702	702	**621**	88.5%
5e	Increased sensitivity / responsiveness with children	702	702	**621**	88.5%
5f	Seniors age 65+ maintained independent living	2,199	2,363	**2,103**	95.6%
5g	Disability: maintained independent living	2,457	2,750	**2,215**	90.2%
5h	Chronic illness: maintained independent living	48	40	**39**	81.3%

Civic engagement and community involvement

The overall indicator and its sub-indicators each report 37 actual results.

FNPI	Outcome	Served	Target	Actual	Rate
6a	Increased skills to improve community conditions	46	42	**37**	80.4%
6a.1	Improved leadership skills	46	42	**37**	80.4%
6a.2	Improved social networks	46	42	**37**	80.4%
6a.3	Gained other skills to enhance social networks	46	42	**37**	80.4%

Outcomes across one or more domains

FNPI 7a reports individuals achieving at least one outcome.

18,758

individuals achieved one or more reported outcomes

92.7%

of 20,236 reported served in FNPI 7a

Available FY2025 CSBG expenditures

Module 2 contains CSBG spending. This is a limited financial view.

CSBG domain	Reported expenditure
Housing	$1,449,753.06
Health and social / behavioral development	$140,449.90
Services supporting multiple domains	$85,779.64
Agency capacity building	$112,999.19
Total CSBG expenditures	$1,788,981.79

Includes $7,868.39 used for administration. The expenditure reporting-period selection needs confirmation.

Thank you

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Supporting families.
Strengthening communities.

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