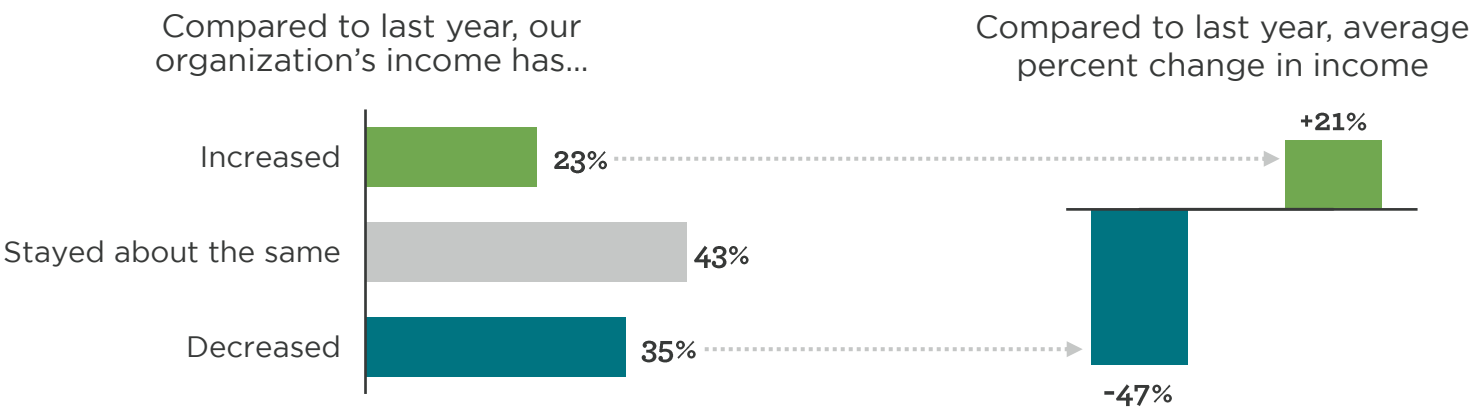


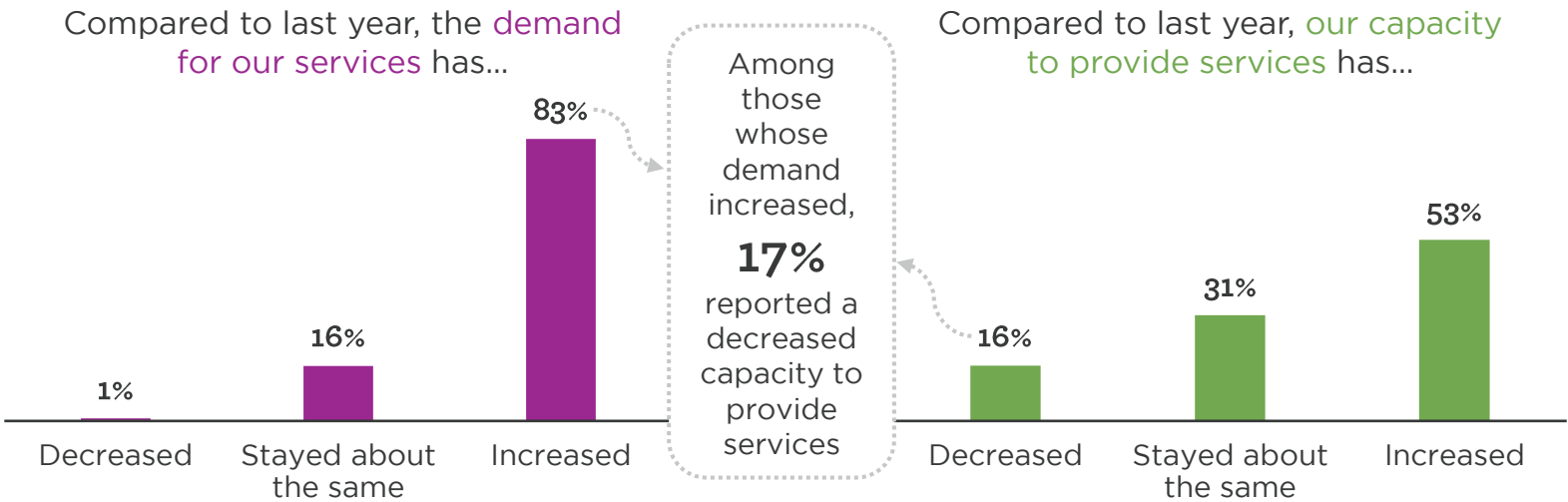
Nonprofits in the Midlands are navigating a changing funding landscape

More than one in three nonprofits reported a decline in income compared to last year, highlighting the financial strain many organizations continue to face as they work to meet community needs.



Demand for services is outpacing capacity to provide services

While most nonprofits saw an increase in demand, over half reported that their capacity to meet those needs has not kept pace, leaving many organizations stretched thin.



Pressing community needs are complex and persistent

Affordable housing, mental health, and food insecurity remain top priorities across the region, underscoring the interconnected challenges facing Midlands communities.



32%

affordable housing and homelessness prevention



31%

mental health and emotional wellbeing



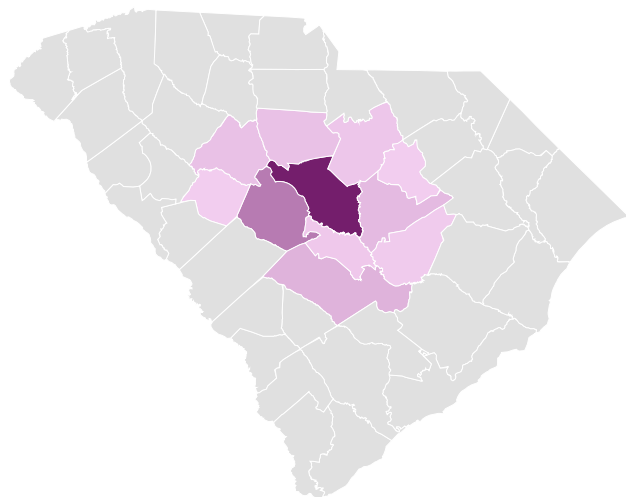
28%

food insecurity and nutrition access

Midlands nonprofits are well represented in survey respondents

The online survey was administered from October 29 – November 4, 2025. An initial and follow up email containing the survey link were sent to 603 nonprofit CEOs; 136 responses were received, representing a 23% response rate.

60% of respondents have a physical office or location in Richland County



Percent
7% 60%

“ Our waiting list... has increased by about 200 people due to stagnant funding, increased food costs, and increased needs from the community. There are now more than 300 seniors in our community who are food insecure and isolated needing meals that we are unable to serve and that number is growing each month.

- Human Services organization in Richland County ”

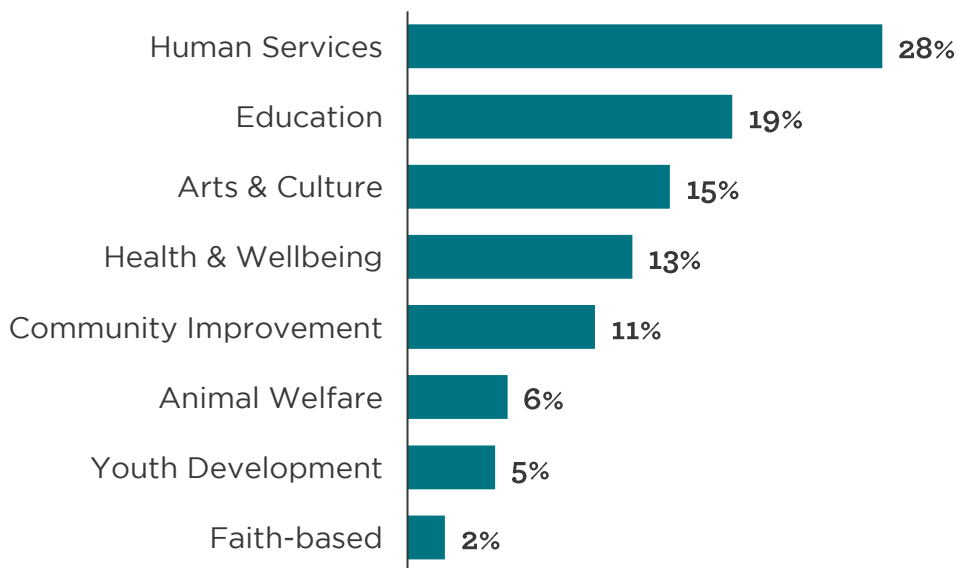
“ The demand for our services is great, but our financial resources have significantly declined throughout the past six years. Our staff size is half of what it was but the demand for services remains the same.

- Health & Wellbeing organization serving Clarendon, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, and Sumter Counties ”

“ We are seeing on average 40 new clients a month that have never been to [our organization], we typically see 250, so adding to this number. Our food pantry numbers have grown from an average of 1,200 a month to 1,500+, our clothing vouchers have gone from \$12,000 a month to \$15,000. Our funding was cut by \$175,000. We have had to eliminate socks and underwear program and back to school supply drive in order to compensate for loss in funding and projected donor support for other areas of great need.

- Human Services organization in Lexington County ”

Nearly 1 in 3 respondents are from a human services organization



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