

# United Way Association of South Carolina



#### Statewide SC 211 Traffic Overview



Total Calls 83,912 8%\*



Total Referrals 238,844 72%\*



Total Texts 14,541



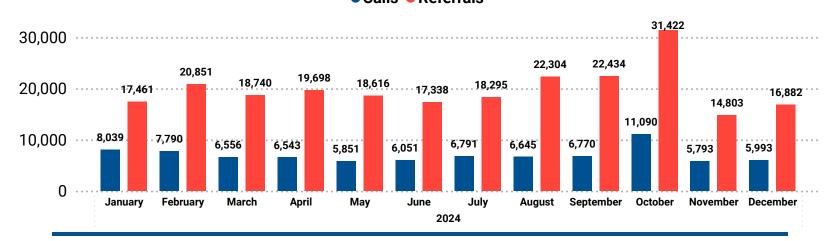
Website Visits 278,583

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#### Statewide Calls and Referrals by Month

Jan-Dec 2024

Calls Referrals



In 2024, calls to 211 generally followed seasonal patterns. Calls fluctuated in the Spring and rose during the Summer. Call volume spiked sharply towards the end of September and throughout October due to Hurricane Helene. **Calls were up 8**% compared to 2023. Referrals increased significantly, partly because referrals were provided per service rather than per organization. This allows for a more accurate record of referred programs and services than the previous method.

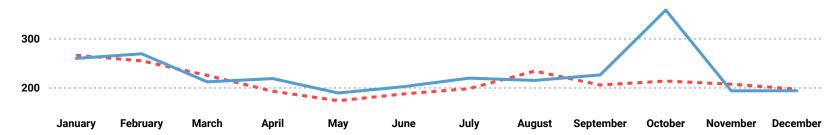
Additionally, 2024 call volume exceeded 2023 call volume in most months, aside from January, March, August, November, and December. Notably, October 2024 call volume increased by over 50% from 2023 due to Hurricane Helene.

The 211 website saw a small decrease in visits in 2024 compared to the same period in 2023, subverting the upwards trend in recent years. This decline may be attributed to the launch of the new 211 website, which may have left older links and search results unable to forward to the new site.



Jan-Dec 2023 v. Jan-Dec 2024

- - - Average calls per Day in 2023 ——— Calls in 2024 average per Day

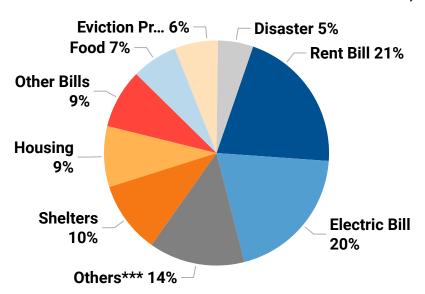




## Statewide Needs Breakdown

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Based on Calls, Jan-Dec 2024



Needs	Calls ▼	Calls YoY%*	Referrals	Referrals YoY%*
Rent Bill	17,496	5%	33,796	18%
Electric Bill	16,685	0%	47,410	18%
Shelters	8,658	13%	31,562	159%
Housing	7,352	15%	19,594	104%
Other Bills	7,135	40%	12,845	50%
Food	5,524	86%	27,278	210%
Eviction Prevention	5,248	15%	6,578	30%
Disaster	4,253	1807%	11,378	3949%

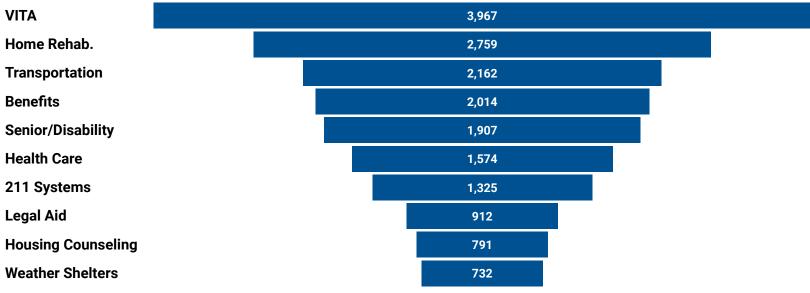
\*\*\*See below for further information

Rent and Electric Assistance remained the top requested needs, making up 41% of all caller requests. Requests for Rent Assistance were up compared to 2023, while requests for Electric Assistance remained at the same level. Related categories like Eviction Prevention, Other Bills, Affordable Housing, and Shelters saw increases from 2023, with Other Bills seeing the largest increase. Disaster related calls increased greatly due to Hurricane Helene.

#### **Breakdown of Other Needs**

Based on Calls, Jan-Dec 2024

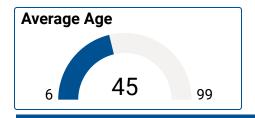
Included in the "Other" category are additional needs presented by 211 callers that fall outside the top categories listed above. Below is a breakdown of the next most frequently requested needs. Calls for VITA Programs, Home Rehabilitation, Transportation, Senior & Disability Needs, Health Care, and Benefits Assistance consist of the majority of "Other" needs.





# Statewide 211 Demographics





Gender	Calls ▼	%*
Female	12,118	76.36%
Male	3,723	23.46%
Not Listed	19	0.12%
Transgender	10	0.06%



Caller Type	Calls ▼	%*
Self	80,140	95.53%
Friend/Relative	2,826	3.37%
Community Agency/Organization	812	0.97%
Business	78	0.09%
Church	20	0.02%
Police	13	0.02%

Race-Ethnicity	Calls ▼	%*
Two or More Races	35,109	70.96%
Black/African American	9,881	19.97%
White	3,752	7.58%
Hispanic or Latino	473	0.96%
Race/Ethnicity Not Listed	166	0.34%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	66	0.13%
Asian	20	0.04%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7	0.01%



Income Brackets	Calls ▼	%*
No Income	4,349	31.25%
\$1-\$14,999	3,808	27.36%
\$15,000-\$24,999	2,794	20.07%
\$25,000-\$34,999	1,697	12.19%
\$35,000-\$49,999	930	6.68%
\$50,000-\$74,999	277	1.99%
\$75,000-\$99,999	38	0.27%
\$100,000-\$149,999	19	0.14%
\$150,000-\$199,999	5	0.04%
\$200,000 or more	1	0.01%

Household Composition	Calls ▼	%*
Single Female with Children	4,624	31.5%
Single Female	4,376	29.8%
Single Male	2,034	13.9%
Couple with children	1,589	10.8%
Couple without children	1,267	8.6%
Grandparent with children	417	2.8%
Single Male with Children	365	2.5%



Education Level	Calls	%*
GED/High School	5,501	46.1%
Some college	3,191	26.7%
Less than GED/High School	1,665	13.9%
Associate's degree	850	7.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	736	6.2%

Employment Status	Calls ▼	%*
Employed	5,156	35.6%
Full-time	3,695	25.5%
Part-time	1,461	10.1%
Unemployed	4,800	33.2%
Disabled	3,229	22.3%
Retired	1,023	7.1%
Self-Employed	256	1.8%

Public Assistance	Calls ▼	%*
No Assistance	9,314	57.4%
Has Assistance	6,903	42.6%
SNAP	3,170	19.5%
Multiple	1,870	11.5%
Other	1,546	9.5%
Not Collected	168	1.0%
Section 8	75	0.5%
WIC	63	0.4%
TANF	11	0.1%

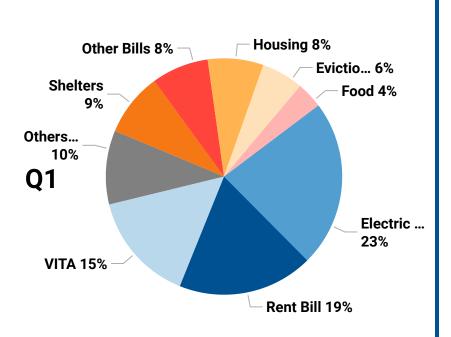
Veteran Status	Calls ▼	%*
No	14,655	95.37%
Yes - Veteran	621	4.04%
Yes - Retired	61	0.40%
Yes - Reservist	16	0.10%
Yes - Active Duty	14	0.09%
Heath Insurance	Calls ▼	%*
Yes	9,360	69.9%

Yes No

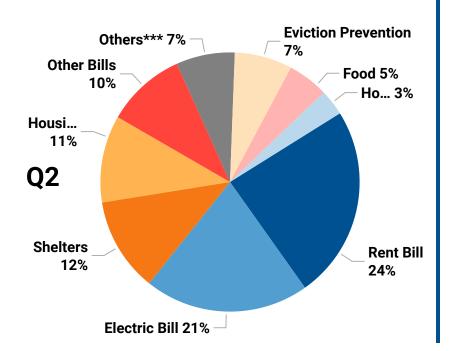
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# Statewide Quarterly Top Needs Overview



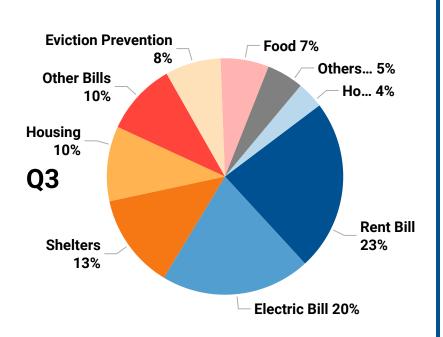
Needs	Calls	Calls YoY%*	Referrals	Referrals YoY%*
Electric Bill	5,111	12%	14,637	28%
Rent Bill	4,153	14%	8,992	33%
VITA	3,377	21%	3,441	27%
Shelters	1,940	10%	5,575	114%
Other Bills	1,751	32%	3,463	39%
Housing	1,706	10%	4,094	69%
Eviction Prevention	1,283	89%	2,171	209%
Food	803	21%	4,232	140%



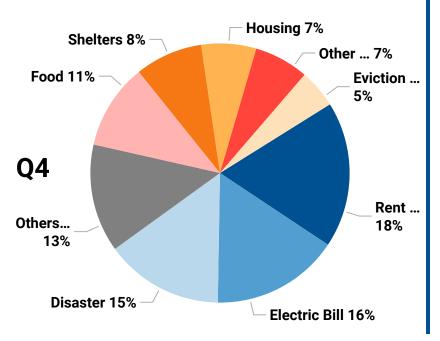
Needs	Calls	Calls YoY%*	Referrals	Referrals YoY%*
Rent Bill	4,439	14%	8,221	22%
Electric Bill	3,789	16%	10,533	32%
Shelters	2,167	15%	8,262	208%
Housing	2,005	26%	6,071	151%
Other Bills	1,831	68%	3,082	67%
<b>Eviction Prevention</b>	1,328	69%	1,620	71%
Food	936	33%	4,454	144%
Home Rehab.	598	6%	1,008	12%



# Statewide Quarterly Top Needs Overview



Needs	Calls	Calls YoY%*	Referrals	Referrals YoY%*
Rent Bill	4,737	1%	8,845	30%
Electric Bill	4,138	-9%	11,749	21%
Shelters	2,624	27%	11,472	260%
Housing	2,072	23%	5,885	139%
Other Bills	1,999	48%	3,311	84%
Eviction Prevention	1,540	-9%	1,670	-12%
Food	1,336	75%	6,398	236%
Home Rehab.	740	19%	1,459	53%



Needs	Calls	Calls YoY%*	Referrals	Referrals YoY%*
Rent Bill	4,167	-4%	7,738	-8%
Electric Bill	3,647	-15%	10,491	-5%
Disaster	3,379	5350%	8,837	7790%
Food	2,449	190%	12,194	270%
Shelters	1,927	-3%	6,253	70%
Housing	1,569	1%	3,544	53%
Other Bills	1,554	18%	2,989	25%
<b>Eviction Prevention</b>	1,097	-23%	1,117	-26%



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## Statewide Overdue Bill Amount Overview

Callers requesting Rent, Mortgage, Utility, or other forms of financial assistance may opt in to tell 211 the dollar amount they are overdue on payments. Average overdue bills were relatively stable throughout the year. The greatest variance occurred with Rent and Mortgage Assistance, which saw the highest averages at the beginning of the year. Other average bills, such as Electric and Water, increased in Q2. Utility bill increases may correspond with the early heat wave and drought conditions felt across the state in June.

Quarter 1					
Top 5 Needs	Calls	Callers w/ Stated Debt	Average Overdue Bill	Total Overdue	
Electric Service Payment Assistance	5,110	1,768	\$2,056	\$3,635,512	
Mortgage Payment Assistance	302	89	\$2,922	\$260,050	
Rent Payment Assistance	4,151	1,296	\$3,711	\$4,809,243	
Rental Deposit Assistance	360	81	\$1,216	\$98,459	
Water Service Payment Assistance	543	209	\$871	\$182,048	
Total	8,867	2,996	\$2,999	\$8,985,312	

Quarter 2						
Top 5 Needs	Calls	Callers w/ Stated Debt	Average Overdue Bill	Total Overdue		
Electric Service Payment Assistance	3,787	1,640	\$2,381	\$3,904,833		
Mortgage Payment Assistance	281	86	\$2,393	\$205,832		
Rent Payment Assistance	4,437	1,853	\$2,882	\$5,340,894		
Rental Deposit Assistance	474	138	\$1,212	\$167,188		
Water Service Payment Assistance	582	275	\$946	\$260,028		
Total	8,104	3,413	\$2,894	\$9,878,775		

Quarter 3					
Top 5 Needs	Calls	Callers w/ Stated Debt	Average Overdue Bill	Total Overdue	
Electric Service Payment Assistance	4,137	1,901	\$2,106	\$4,004,234	
Mortgage Payment Assistance	326	117	\$2,221	\$259,840	
Rent Payment Assistance	4,729	2,105	\$3,140	\$6,610,057	
Rental Deposit Assistance	412	115	\$1,316	\$151,297	
Water Service Payment Assistance	656	316	\$808	\$255,485	
Total	8,663	3,818	\$2,955	\$11,280,913	

Quarter 4						
Top 5 Needs	Calls	Callers w/ Stated Debt	Average Overdue Bill	Total Overdue		
Electric Service Payment Assistance	3,645	1,500	\$2,015	\$3,022,015		
Mortgage Payment Assistance	255	104	\$2,533	\$263,404		
Rent Payment Assistance	4,163	1,708	\$3,041	\$5,193,593		
Rental Deposit Assistance	269	69	<b>\$1</b> ,164	\$80,321		
Water Service Payment Assistance	579	267	\$825	\$220,331		
Total	7,632	3,112	\$2,821	\$8,779,664		

#### **2024 Total Amount**

Needs	Calls	Callers w/ Stated Debt	Average Overdue Bill	Total Overdue
<b>A</b>			Overdue Bill	
Automobile Payment Assistance	177	29	\$665	\$19,293
Electric Service Payment Assistance	16,679	6,809	\$2,139	\$14,566,594
Gas Service Payment Assistance	537	230	\$1,120	\$257,569
Heating Fuel Payment Assistance	111	20	\$773	\$15,468
Internet Service Payment Assistance	161	28	\$169	\$4,729
Mortgage Payment Assistance	1,164	396	\$2,498	\$989,126
Rent Payment Assistance	17,480	6,962	\$3,153	\$21,953,787
Rental Application Fee Payment Assistance	25	7	\$661	\$4,625
Rental Deposit Assistance	1,515	403	\$1,234	\$497,265
Sewer Service Payment Assistance	133	55	\$316	\$17,389
Water Service Payment Assistance	2,360	1,067	\$860	\$917,892
Work Related Fee Payment Assistance	2	1	\$3,400	\$3,400
Total	33,793	13,425	\$2,923	\$39,247,137



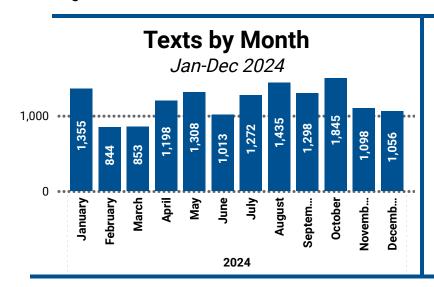
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#### **Texting Program Overview**

In May 2023, 211 expanded its texting service. By texting "Help" or "Ayuda" (Spanish for help) to the number "211-211" and entering a zip code when prompted, anyone in South Carolina can receive information for 10 of the highest needs including: Rent Assistance, Utility Assistance, and Food Pantries serving their local area. The entire process takes only a few seconds and is available in English and Spanish.

The texting program provides another option for connecting to 211. It removes barriers and widens the 211 client base, providing resources to people who couldn't call previously. It also has a positive effect on 211 callers. Many callers can skip the wait and get tailored referrals via text. This also takes pressure off the call center during busy times and shortens the wait times of clients who do prefer to talk to a resource navigator.



## **Texting Usage Statistics**

Jan-Dec 2024

14,575

9,258

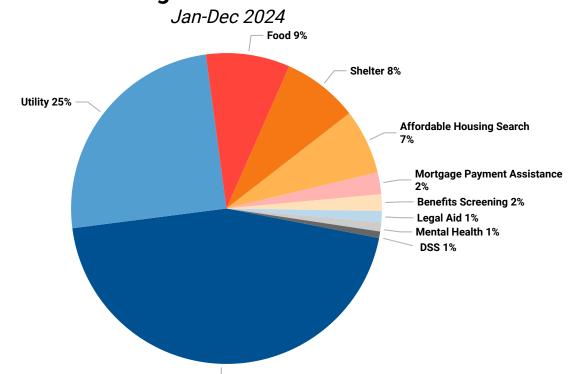
**Total Texts** 

**Total Texters** 

Since January, the 211 texting program has seen a total of 14,575 texts and 9,258 unique texters. About 64% of texts to 211 are from unique users.

#### **Texting Need Distribution**

Rent 45%



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Midlands

## Statewide Regional Needs Overview

Though the top needs were similar across the state, there were notable regional differences, particularly in the Upstate. Call volume increased greatly in the Upstate, while increasing 11% and 6% in the Midlands and Pee Dee, respectively, while the Lowcountry saw a 7% decrease in calls.

Most needs saw increases statewide, matching the upwards trend of calls to 211. Calls for Disaster Assistance, Other Bills, and VITA services saw the largest increases. Calls for Electric Assistance were stable throughout the state, with only minor variations. The Upstate was the only region where VITA was a top need, likely due to the strong promotion by many of the Upstate United Ways. Additionally, disaster calls were only present in the top needs for the Upstate due to the trajectory of Hurricane Helene into western South Carolina.

Although the Lowcountry saw the greatest decrease in calls from the previous year, there were still moderate increases in calls for Eviction Prevention and Other Bill Assistance. In the Pee Dee, call volume growth appears to be slowing with a 6% increase in 2024 compared to a 20% increase in 2022 and a 26% increase in 2023.

#### **Upstate** Needs Calls %Change\* Rent Bill 5,601 7% Electric Bill 5.288 -2% VITA 3,252 30% **Shelters** 2,621 25% Disaster 2.572 4576% Food 2.423 138%

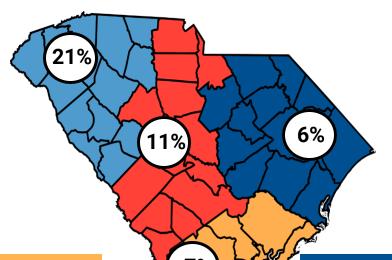
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	Needs	Calls	%Change*
	Rent Bill	5,626	9%
	Electric Bill	4,957	1%
	Shelters	2,622	14%
	Other Bills	2,110	51%
	Housing	2,014	23%
	Eviction Prevention	1,706	-8%

All Calls %Change\* 29,594 21%

Map regions mirror those used by the SC Homeless Information Management System (HMIS)

Lowcountry

Shelters



21,462	11%
21,402	1170

All Calls %Change\*

Lowodinary		
Need	Calls ▼	%Change*
Rent Bill	3,475	-4%
Electric Bill	3,313	3%
Eviction Prevention	1,716	12%
Housing	1,414	-2%
Other Bills	1,396	22%

All Calls %Change\*
14,295 -7%

-1%

1.385

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	Needs		Calls	%Change*
	Electric Bil	l	3,077	-2%
	Rent Bill		2,749	9%
	Shelters		1,984	12%
	Housing		1,522	21%
	Other Bills		1,203	41%
	Food		789	36%

Pee Dee

All Calls %Change\*
12,843 6%

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# Statewide 211 Top Needs







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VITA	3,967	23%	4,053	29%	
Home Rehab.	2,759	22%	5,537	57%	
Transportation	2,162	23%	2,738	171%	
Benefits	2,014	63%	3,465	138%	
Senior/Disability	1,907	19%	4,663	123%	
Health Care	1,574	10%	4,327	93%	
211 Systems	1,325	34%	1,345	44%	
Legal Aid	912	-63%	1,691	-38%	
Housing Counseling	791	449%	1,875	789%	
Weather Shelters	732	314%	1,692	702%	
Clothing	710	29%	2,308	121%	
Baby	669	136%	1,604	344%	
Employment	652	107%	1,898	181%	
Mental Health	651	-5%	1,090	72%	
Household	538	12%	895	50%	
		351%		<u> </u>	
Accessible Home Construction	379		428	381%	
Holiday Programs	352	-11%	643	-20%	
Administrative Entities	322	94%	322	103%	
Weatherization	293	92%	363	117%	
Substance Abuse	267	-7%	1,160	91%	
Air Conditioners	259	26%	305	61%	
Other Tax Help	205	97%	240	126%	
Appliances	199	78%	261	146%	
Hygiene	189	120%	379	308%	
Heaters	122	47%	28	460%	
Specialized Information and Referral	108	-41%	146	-26%	
Directory Assistance	102	-23%	97	-21%	
Thrift Shops	99	350%	198	633%	
Ex-Offender	89	59%	204	110%	
Personal Records	89	-3%	112	124%	
Child Care	88	66%	379	553%	
School Supplies	81	42%	26	-28%	
Personal Financial Counseling	74	95%	202	370%	
Case/Care Management	66	-3%	132	39%	
Advocacy	65	-50%	104	-21%	
Telephone Service Providers	65	829%	63	6200%	
Debt Management	63	29%	182	198%	
Legal Information Services	62	1967%	62	1967%	

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## Statewide 211 Follow Up Survey Results

211 users are asked to participate in a follow up survey to evaluate their experience and the outcomes of their referrals. This survey asks about their method of contact with 211, their preferred method for future contact, and whether they were able to use their referrals to meet their needs. The survey results, which spans from May 2023 to January 2025, indicate that 211 users typically prefer their original method of contact with 211 (e.g. callers prefer to call, texters prefer to text, etc.). The responses also highlight the demand for financial assistance, with rent and utility assistance frequently reported as an unmet need. This is often due to a lack of available funds from referred organizations. However, users in need of smaller sums, like lower utility bills, are more likely to find success with their referrals.

## Total Responses: 2100

How did you connect with SC 211?	Response
Call	66%
Text	23%
Website	12%

#### **Future Contact Preference**

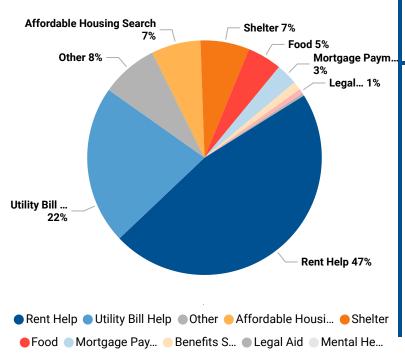
Contact Method	Call 211	Text	Website
Called 211	69%	16%	15%
Texted 211	19%	62%	19%
Used Website	33%	24%	43%

# Was the amount of assistance provided able % Response to fully meet your need?

No	67%
Yes	33%

% Response ▼	Met Needs	% Response ▼
38%	Utilities	37%
23%	Other	17%
14%	Rent Help	17%
8%	Food	14%
7%	Affordable	6%
4%	Housing	
2%	Shelter	5%
2%	Legal Aid	1%
2%	Mortgage Bill	1%
_	Benefits	1%
	Mental Health	1%
	38% 23% 14% 8% 7% 4% 2%	38% Utilities 23% Other 14% Rent Help 8% Food 7% Affordable Housing 2% Shelter Legal Aid 2% Mortgage Bill Benefits

## **Type of Assistance Requested**



# Were you able to connect with one of the referred agencies/programs?

No	71%
Yes	29%

What was the reason you could NOT get help?	% Response ▼
The agency did not have any funds available	30.9%
I tried to contact the agency, but could not get through	29.4%
Other	19.0%
I was not eligible for the program	4.8%
I am on a waitlist for service	4.6%
I did not try to contact the agencies	3.1%
I did not have transportation to go to the agency	2.5%
The service no longer exists	1.9%
The application process required internet or a computer and I couldn't access it	1.4%
The phone number was incorrect	1.4%
I was helped by a different provider (not referred by 211)	0.9%
I did not want the services offered	0.2%



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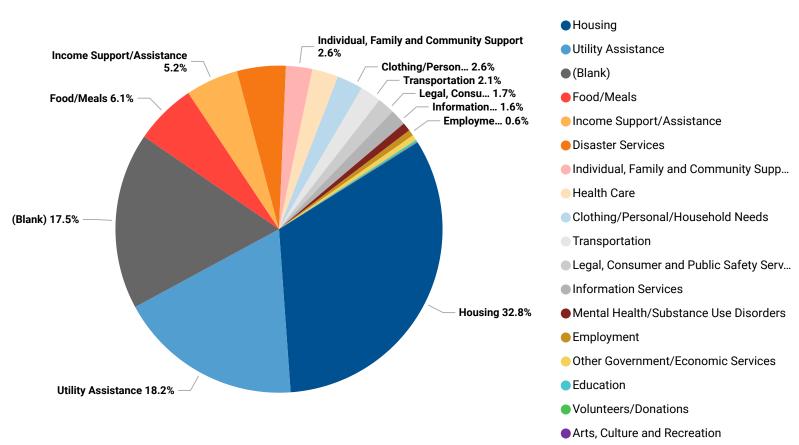
## Statewide 211 Community Impact Needs

United Way community impact programs are designed to address critical local issues and create positive, lasting change in their communities. These programs vary by location, as each United Way focuses on the unique needs of the community it serves. Recent Reporting highlights the community's primary needs. Housing is the most frequently requested service, followed by utility assistance, food support, and income support. Additionally, a significant number of calls were related to disaster services, reflecting ongoing challenges in addressing both immediate and long-term needs. This data underscores the vital importance of meeting basic needs in our community and providing targeted support to ensure stability and resilience.

Needs	Calls	Needs	Calls
Housing	33,336	Information Services	1,629
Utility Assistance	18,566	Mental Health/Substance Use Disorders	858
**	17,774	Employment	616
Food/Meals	6,188	Other Government/Economic Services	551
Income Support/Assistance	5,306	Education	165
Disaster Services	4,901	Volunteers/Donations	84
Individual, Family and Community Support	2,658	Arts, Culture and Recreation	52
Health Care	2,624		
Clothing/Personal/Household Needs	2,620		Grand Total ▼
Transportation	2,122		83,912
Legal, Consumer and Public Safety Services	1,731		

<sup>\*\*</sup>Callers to 211 do not always present a need. These calls are categorized as blank.

#### **Calls by Community Impact Category**



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ousing	32,818
Rent Payment Assistance	17,496
Community Shelters	5,765
Transitional Housing/Shelter	4,248
Low Income/Subsidized Private Rental Housing	3,529
Home Rehabilitation Programs	2,759
Public Housing	2,743
Homeless Motel Vouchers	2,610
Eviction Prevention Assistance	2,110
Homelessness Prevention Programs	2,011
Housing Related Coordinated Entry	1,653
Housing Search and Information	1,571
Rental Deposit Assistance	1,515
Landlord/Tenant Assistance	1,462
Mortgage Payment Assistance	1,174
Rapid Re-Housing Programs	1,116
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	1,023
Subsidized Home Acquisition	960
Homeless Permanent Supportive Housing	958
Emergency Shelter	949
Senior Housing Information and Referral	903
Homeless Shelter	816
Housing Counseling	791
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	771
tility Assistance	17,831
Electric Service Payment Assistance	16,685
Water Service Payment Assistance	2,360
Electric Bill Payment Plan Negotiation Assistance	
od/Meals	5,587
Food Pantries	5,065
Food Stamps/SNAP	605
Soup Kitchens	587
come Support/Assistance	4,561
VITA Program Sites	3,807
Undesignated Temporary Financial Assistance	755
saster Services	3,835
Post Disaster Food Services	1,278
Disaster Relief/Recovery Organizations	1,236
Post Disaster Cleanup	1,070
Extreme Weather Shelters	708
formation Services	1,325
211 Systems	1,325
dividual, Family and Community Support	1,305
Benefits Screening	1,305
othing/Personal/Household Needs	1,170
General Clothing Provision	627
Diapers	573
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Pharmacies	33
Hearing Aids	29
ental Health/Substance Use Disorders	677
Mental Health Evaluation	135
Outpatient Mental Health Facilities	112
Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities	110
Crisis Intervention Hotlines/Helplines	104
Detoxification	92
General Counseling Services	92
Inpatient Mental Health Facilities	83
Individual Counseling	68
Recovery Homes/Halfway Houses	61
Counseling Services	38
Mental Health Screening	38
Substance Use Disorder Counseling	32
pployment	528
Job Finding Assistance	468
Employment Preparation	80
her Government/Economic Services	415
Administrative Entities	322
Disability Associations	62
Local Officials Offices	33
ucation	81
School Supplies	81
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## Statewide 211 Website Statistics Overview

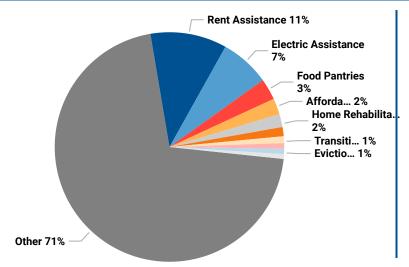
In November of 2023, 211 launched a new website. This website allows for further insight into user interactions with 211. Website traffic constitutes over double the call volume to 211 and, as illustrated below, attracts users with different needs. While Rent and Electric Assistance remain in the top highest needs, Internet Assistance ranks high for website users. A full list of guided search results can be found on the next page, as well as summary of top keyword searches.



Total Website Visits 278,583

Total Guided Result Searches 106,155

Total Keyword Searches 15,353



Top Guided Search Results		
Top Needs	Website Hits ▼	
Rent Assistance	31,901	
Electric Assistance	20,764	
Food Pantries	8,858	
Affordable Housing	6,742	
Home Rehabilitation & Accessibility	5,394	
Shelter	3,835	
Transitional Housing	2,843	
Mortgage Assistance	2,360	
Eviction Prevention	2,194	
Internet Assistance	1,980	

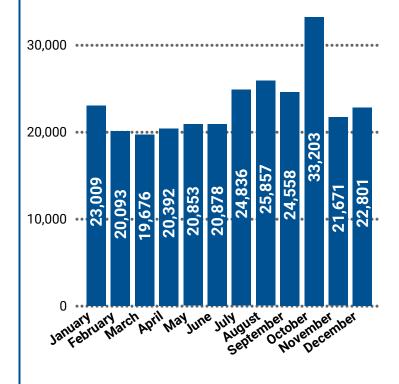
#### **Website Traffic by County**

(with call number comparison)

County	Website Hits ▼	Calls
****	180,925	5,718
Richland	12,092	9,596
Charleston	11,562	7,005
Greenville	10,642	10,802
Spartanburg	9,847	7,221
Horry	6,003	4,665
Dorchester	5,418	3,052
Lexington	5,417	3,704
Berkeley	4,999	2,430
York	3,463	2,131
Anderson	3,440	3,130
Florence	2,876	2,428
Aiken	2,498	2,470
Pickens	1,551	3,711
Sumter	1,521	1,204
Beaufort	1,366	863
Orangeburg	1,363	1,153
Oconee	1,160	824
Cherokee	1,151	749
Laurens	1,026	947
Lancaster	1,024	630
Greenwood	999	1,104
Georgetown	995	700
Darlington	949	689

County	Website Hits ▼	Calls
Georgetown	995	700
Marion	669	619
Union	521	423
Chesterfield	517	337
Chester	489	350
Newberry	483	408
Dillon	474	425
Clarendon	472	381
Williamsburg	458	463
Colleton	397	430
Jasper	383	219
Marlboro	359	217
Barnwell	313	255
Edgefield	280	236
Fairfield	263	305
Hampton	239	296
Abbeville	227	175
Lee	210	231
Saluda	156	172
Bamberg	141	227
Allendale	121	155
Calhoun	114	78
McCormick	72	100

#### **Total Website Hits by Month**



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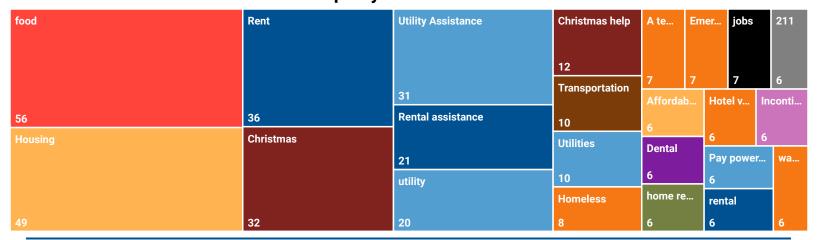
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## Statewide 211 Website Search Statistics

#### **Top Keyword Searches**



#### **Top Guided Search Results**

**Website Hits** 

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**Guided Result Categories** 

Senior Housing

<b>Guided Result Categories</b>	Website Hits
Rent Assistance	31,901
Electric Assistance	20,764
Food Pantries	8,858
Affordable Housing	6,742
Home Rehabilitation & Accessibility	5,394
Shelter	3,835
Transitional Housing	2,843
Mortgage Assistance	2,360
Eviction Prevention	2,194
Internet Assistance	1,980
Water & Sewer Assistance	1,786
Food Banks	1,608
Clothing	1,117
Children Clothing & Diapers	1,108
Disaster Relief	1,009
Gas Assistance	964
Dental and Vision Care	940
Job Search	922
Tax Assistance	911
Food Assistance (SNAP, WIC, TANF, etc.)	883
Counseling and Mental Health Services	867
Disaster Clean Up	848
Food for Babies and Children	846
Free Clinics	799
Disability Services	746
Transportation Financial Assistance	725
Medical and Prescription Expense Assistance	710
Job Training	618
Food for Seniors	612
Furniture & Household Supplies	609
Furniture and Household Supplies	567
General Legal Assistance	566
Personal Care Needs	560
Eviction Prevention Legal Assistance	544
Rehabilitation and Substance Abuse Services	536

Selliol Housing	300
Family Law	473
Employment Transportation	468
Other Transportation Needs	428
Disaster Recovery	426
Unemployment	410
Home Accessibility and Ramp Construction	396
GED & Adult Education	392
SNAP	392
Transportation to Medical Appointments	390
Weatherization	387
Home Delivered Meals	378
Ex-Offender Re-entry Programs	331
Power Outage	322
Senior Services and Legal Aid	322
Childcare Voucher	319
Local Transportation	311
Senior Ride Programs	311
Identification Documentation	304
Crisis Shelters	303
Soup Kitchen	297
Medical Transportation	290
Benefits Screening	283
Women's Health and Family Planning	281
Medicaid & Medicare	265
Mental Health Evaluations	255
Disaster Shelter	234
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	232
Veteran Assistance Programs	225
Detoxification	222
Maternity Needs	205
Respite Care and Support Groups	185

Guided Result Categories	Website Hits
Mental Health Hotlines	184
Temporary Financial Assistance	184
Assistive Technology	181
TANF	179
Transportation Information	171
Social Security	167
Special Diet and Nutritional Foods	157
Autism	156
Long Distance Transportation	155
Domestic Crisis Hotlines	154
Holiday Assistance	148
Crime and Victim Services	137
Senior Centers	135
_GBTQ Community Centers	125
Transgender Services	118
Disaster Hotlines	111
mmigration Legal Assistance	110
Sexual & Physical Abuse Counseling and Resources	109
Social Security and Medicare	99
Adult Day Programs	96
Suicide Prevention	90
Sexual Health and Safe Sex Resources	89
LGBTQ Support Groups	88
Thirft Stores	86
Violence Prevention	82
Phone Assistance	81
Discrimination Legal Assistance	76
Family & Youth Shelters	73
Elder Law	71
Counseling & Mental Health Services	65
WIC	63
SCEMD	59
Dental & Vision Care	55
nternet Access	53 <b>1</b>





## Statewide Regional Website Needs

The top website needs were consistent across the state, with slight regional variation. Rent and Electric Assistance were the most searched for needs in every region, mirroring caller trends. Affordable Housing ranked third in most regions, aside from the Upstate which had the highest searches for Food Pantries.

The Upstate, Midlands, and Lowcountry had the highest ratio of known web traffic in the state, reflecting similar trends in call volume from the regions. The Lowcountry and Pee Dee had lower web traffic overall. While call volume was similar between these regions, the Pee Dee had significantly less website traffic than the Lowcountry.

# UpstateWebsite Guided ResultsWebsite HitsRent Assistance7,203Electric Assistance6,766Food Pantries1,918Affordable Housing1,557Home Rehabilitation & Accessibility1,288Shelter665

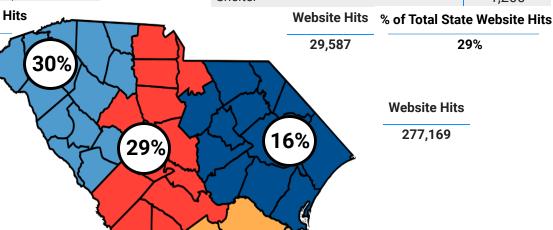
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Website Hits % of Total State Website Hits

30,989 30%

Map regions mirror those

Map regions mirror those used by the SC Homeless Information Management System (HMIS)



25%

**Midlands** 

#### Lowcountry

Website Guided Results	Website Hits ▼
Rent Assistance	6,591
Electric Assistance	4,108
Affordable Housing	1,672
Home Rehabilitation & Accessibility	1,314
Food Pantries	1,217
Shelter	1,074

Website Hits	% of Total State Website Hits
25.506	25%

# Pee Dee

Website Guided Results	Website Hits ▼
Rent Assistance	4,347
Electric Assistance	3,449
Affordable Housing	1,029
Home Rehabilitation & Accessibility	946
Food Pantries	748
Shelter	455

Website Hits	% of Total State Website Hits

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## Statewide 211 Available Referrals for Needs

The SC 211 database hosts over 2,000 agencies representing over 5,000 programs throughout the state. Below is a brief overview of the number of agencies available per need alongside the number of calls received for that need. These numbers suggest a disparity between caller needs and the resources available to them. Common needs such as Utility and Rent Assistance, Shelters, and Housing do not have an adequate number of agencies available to address these needs. Not only does this illustrate strain felt by many South Carolinians, it likewise shows a strain on our charitable institutions.

Need	Available Agencies	Calls
Food Pantries	359	5,005
Volunteer Opportunities	201	49
Electric Service Payment Assistance	115	16,576
Water Service Payment Assistance	102	2,287
General Clothing Provision	96	625
Youth Enrichment Programs	83	34
Rent Payment Assistance	80	17,180
Gas Service Payment Assistance	71	527
Community Clinics	70	166
Prescription Expense Assistance	69	407
Donor Services	63	19
Job Finding Assistance	58	466
Benefits Screening	55	1,301
Transitional Housing/Shelter	54	4,026
General Counseling Services	52	89
Dental Care	51	319
Home Rehabilitation Programs	51	2,511
Home Delivered Meals	47	405
Soup Kitchens	47	559
Subsidized Home Acquisition	47	896
Public Housing	46	2,495
Case/Care Management	45	63
Child Care Providers	45	79
Holiday Programs	44	299
Community Shelters	42	5,377
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	42	945
Senior Centers	42	214
Low Income/Subsidized Private Rental Housing	41	3,064
Heating Fuel Payment Assistance	38	107
Mental Health Evaluation	36	132
General Medical Care	34	70
In Home Assistance	34	307
Disaster Relief/Recovery Organizations	33	1,229
<b>Employment Preparation</b>	32	78
Senior Ride Programs	32	352
Advocacy	31	64
Personal/Grooming Supplies	31	95
Specialized Information and Referral	31	107

Need	Available Agencies	Calls
Diapers	30	556
Mortgage Payment Assistance	30	637
Post Disaster Food Services	28	1,186
Respite Care	28	35
Parenting Education	27	10
Substance Use Disorder Counseling	27	32
Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities	25	107
Thrift Shops	25	93
Training and Employment Programs	25	27
Extreme Weather Shelters	24	656
Eye Care	24	72
Personal Financial Counseling	24	73
Pharmacies	24	32
Supportive Substance Use Disorder Services	24	16
Addictions/Substance Use Disorder Support Groups	23	17
Outpatient Mental Health Facilities	23	110
Adult Basic Education	21	10
General Legal Aid	21	905
Medical Equipment/Supplies	21	209
Records/Licenses/Permits	21	44
Abuse Counseling	20	13
GED/High School Equivalency Test Instruction	20	18
Housing Counseling	20	788
Medical Care Expense Assistance	20	272
Undesignated Temporary Financial Assistance	20	738
VITA Program Sites	20	3,519
Financial Literacy Training	19	21
Furniture	19	423
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation	19	437
Family and Community Medicine	18	11
Crisis Intervention Hotlines/Helplines	17	99
Obstetrics/Gynecology	17	9
Weatherization Programs	17	246