Central Carolina Community Foundation wants to hear from people who live in the Midlands. This includes Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, and Sumter counties.

We want to hear directly from residents so we can understand what is going well, what challenges people face, and how we can best support Midlands communities.

This survey should take about 7 minutes to complete and will close on June 3, 2026 at 11:59 PM. Taking this survey is your choice. Your answers are anonymous and private. You can only take the survey once.

We will group answers together when sharing results. We may use quotes in reports, but we will not include your name or any information that could identify you.

As a thank you, you can enter a prize drawing at the end of the survey. One hundred participants will receive a $25 Amazon gift card by email shortly after the survey closes.

Thank you for sharing your perspective and for supporting your community.

* 1. In what South Carolina county do you live?

- ◯ Calhoun
- ◯ Clarendon
- ◯ Fairfield
- ◯ Kershaw
- ◯ Lee
- ◯ Lexington
- ◯ Newberry
- ◯ Orangeburg
- ◯ Richland
- ◯ Saluda
- ◯ Sumter
- ◯ Another county in South Carolina
- ◯ I do not live in South Carolina

* 2. What is your zip code?

* 3. Rate how much you agree with the following statements about {{ Q1 }} County.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
I am proud to live in {{ Q1 }} County.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I feel hopeful about the future of {{ Q1 }} County.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I feel like I belong in {{ Q1 }} County.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I have people I can count on for help in {{ Q1 }} County.	○	○	○	○	○	○

* 4. What is going well in {{ Q1 }} County that should continue?

* 5. What is the biggest challenge you or your family face in {{ Q1 }} County?

6. Rate how much you agree with the following statements about **your daily life in {{ Q1 }} County**.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
I can get the housing I need.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
I feel safe in my neighborhood during the day and at night.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
I can get the healthcare I need.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
I can get to the places I need to go, like work, school, stores, and appointments.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

* 7. Are you a primary caregiver to any children ages 0-18?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

8. Rate how much you agree with the following statements about **the experience of the children you care for in {{ Q1 }} County**.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
The children I care for can get the healthcare they need.	○	○	○	○	○	○
The children I care for have access to quality education.	○	○	○	○	○	○
The children I care for have reliable access to child care, afterschool, and/or summer programs.	○	○	○	○	○	○

9. Rate how much you agree with the following statements about **your financial stability and opportunities in {{ Q1 }} County**.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
I have enough income or resources to meet my basic needs.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I have opportunities to work, learn, and meet my goals.	○	○	○	○	○	○
People like me can improve their financial situation.	○	○	○	○	○	○

10. Rate how much you agree with the following statements about **community spaces, events, and shared experiences in {{ Q1 }} County**.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
If I wanted to, I would feel welcome and comfortable using public places, like libraries, community centers, and parks.	○	○	○	○	○	○
If I wanted to, I could be in nature.	○	○	○	○	○	○
My community offers events and activities that bring people together in ways that appeal to me.	○	○	○	○	○	○
My community offers opportunities for people from different backgrounds to come together.	○	○	○	○	○	○
People like me can help shape decisions in my community.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I can easily find information about what is happening in my community.	○	○	○	○	○	○

11. In the past 7 days, which of these have you done? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Given money to a nonprofit or community group
- ☐ Given money, goods, or help directly to a person
- ☐ Donated items like food, clothes, or household goods
- ☐ Volunteered time with an organization
- ☐ Other (please describe)

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- ☐ None of the above

Optional Demographics

The next questions are optional. Your answers will help us understand who took the survey and whether the results reflect the Midlands community. This helps make sure many different communities are included. Some response options are derived from available data from the US Census Bureau.

12. Your gender (select one)

- ◯ Male
- ◯ Female
- ◯ Other
- ◯ Prefer not to answer

13. Your age group (select one)

- ◯ Under 20 years old
- ◯ 20-29 years old
- ◯ 30-39 years old
- ◯ 40-49 years old
- ◯ 50-59 years old
- ◯ 60-69 years old
- ◯ 70-79 years old
- ◯ 80+ years old
- ◯ Prefer not to answer

14. Are you Hispanic or Latino? (select one)

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Prefer not to answer

15. Your race (select all that apply)

- ☐ White or Caucasian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

16. Estimated annual household income (select one)

- ◯ $0 - $24,999
- ◯ $25,000 - $49,999
- ◯ $50,000 - $99,999
- ◯ $100,000 - $149,999
- ◯ $150,000 - $199,999
- ◯ $200,000 or more
- ◯ Prefer not to answer

17. How long have you lived in {{ Q1 }} County? (select one)

- ◯ Less than 2 years
- ◯ 2 to less than 5 years
- ◯ 5 years to less than 10 years
- ◯ 10 years to less than 20 years
- ◯ 20 years or more
- ◯ Prefer not to answer

18. Describe where you live (select one)

- ◯ City or urban area
- ◯ Suburb
- ◯ Rural
- ◯ Something else
- ◯ Prefer not to answer

* 19. Would you like to enter a drawing for one of 100 $25 Amazon gift cards?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Provide your contact information to enter the drawing for one of 100 $25 Amazon gift cards. This contact information will only be used for the purposes of sending the incentive. It will not be tied to your previous responses.

* 20. Your name

First name

Last name

* 21. Your email address

Email address

* 22. Would you be interested in participating in a follow-up focus group to dig deeper into the survey results? People who take part in the focus group will be paid for their time and will be notified in early June if they have been invited to participate.

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Provide your contact information, so we can follow up with you about participating in a focus group. This contact information will only be tied to the optional demographic information for purposes of focus group invitations from our facilitator, GOODSTOCK Consulting.

* 23. Your name

First name

Last name

* 24. Your email address

Email address

* 25. Your phone number

Country code

Phone number +1

26. Preferred method of contact (select one)

If you select text message, you consent to us contacting you this way. Message and data rates may apply.

- ◯ Email
- ◯ Text message
- ◯ Phone call