

South Carolina Department on Aging



Agency Budget Hearing
FY 2021-2022

Agency Attendees

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Agency Information

- The Older Americans Act (OAA) requires each state to have a federally designated State Unit on Aging (SUA). The South Carolina Department on Aging (SCDOA) serves as the designated SUA.
- The SCDOA works to meet the critical needs facing South Carolina's rapidly growing senior population.



Agency Information

- The ***mission*** of the SCDOA is to meet the present and future needs of seniors and to enhance the quality of life for older South Carolinians through advocating, planning, and developing resources in partnership with federal, state, and local governments, nonprofits, the private sector, and individuals.
- The ***vision*** of the SCDOA is to provide leadership, advocacy, and collaboration to assure a full spectrum of services, so that South Carolina seniors and/or adults with disabilities can enjoy an enhanced quality of life, contribute to their communities, have economic security, and receive the support necessary to age with choice and dignity.



Our Aging Network: A Regional Snapshot

As the State Unit on Aging, the federal Older Americans Act stipulates that the South Carolina Department on Aging shall divide the state into planning and service area regions with designated Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs).

In South Carolina, there are 10 AAAs, as indicated in the map below.

Region I Appalachian: (Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg)

Region II Upper Savannah: (Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda)

Region III Catawba: (Chester, Lancaster, York, and Union)

Region IV Central Midlands: (Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, and Richland)

Region V Lower Savannah: (Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, and Orangeburg)

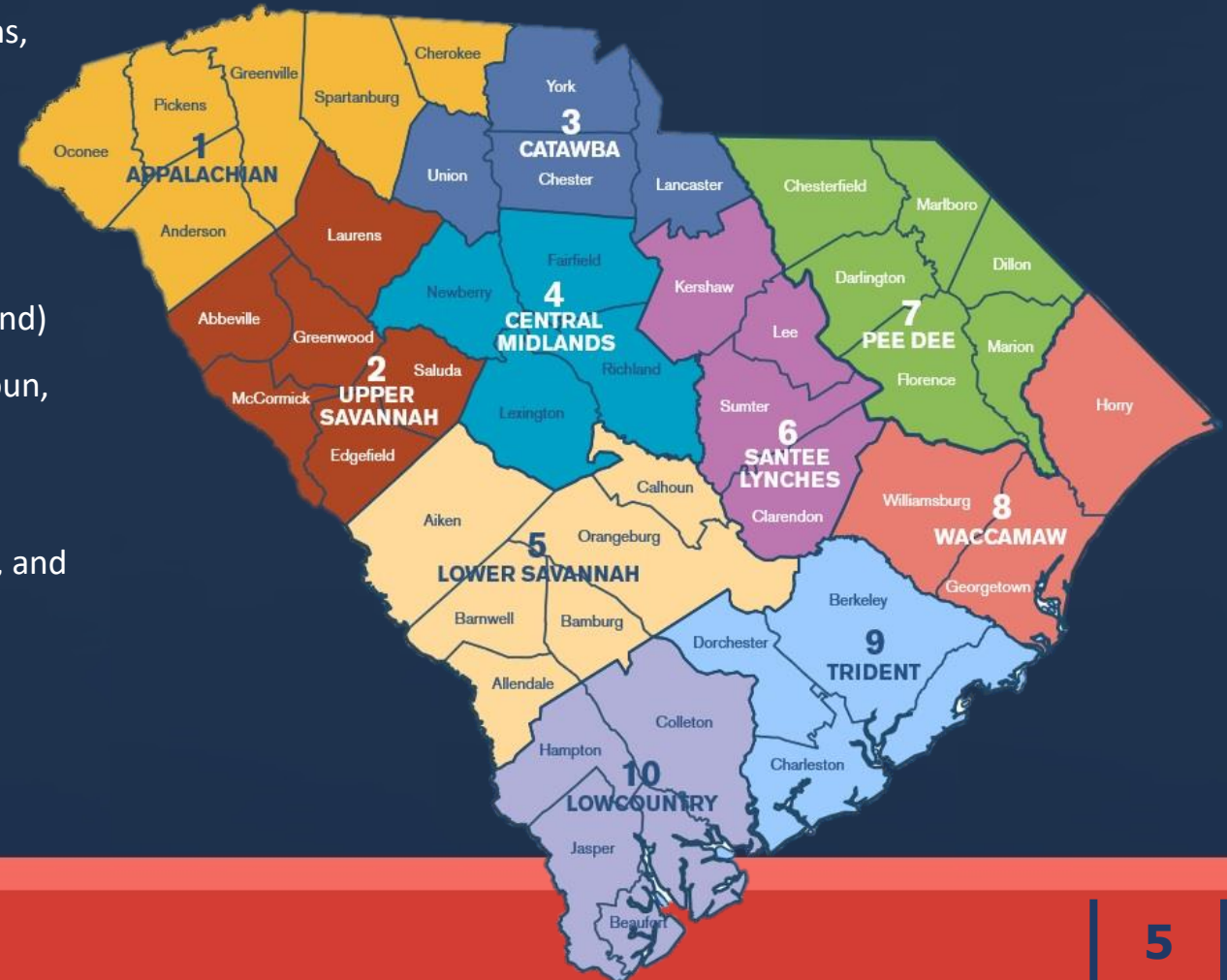
Region VI Santee- Lynches: (Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, and Sumter)

Region VII Pee Dee: (Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, and Marlboro)

Region VIII Waccamaw: (Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg)

Region IX Trident: (Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester)

Region X Lowcountry: (Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper)



SCDOA: Programs and Services

- Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem
- Family Caregiver Support Program
- State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Lifespan Respite
- Insurance Counseling for Medicare (SHIP)
- Geriatric Physician Loan Forgiveness Program
- Alzheimer's Support
- Healthy Connections Prime Ombudsman
(Insurance Counseling for Dual-Eligible (Medicare and Medicaid) Individuals)
- Senior Community Service Employment Program



Accountability Report Highlights

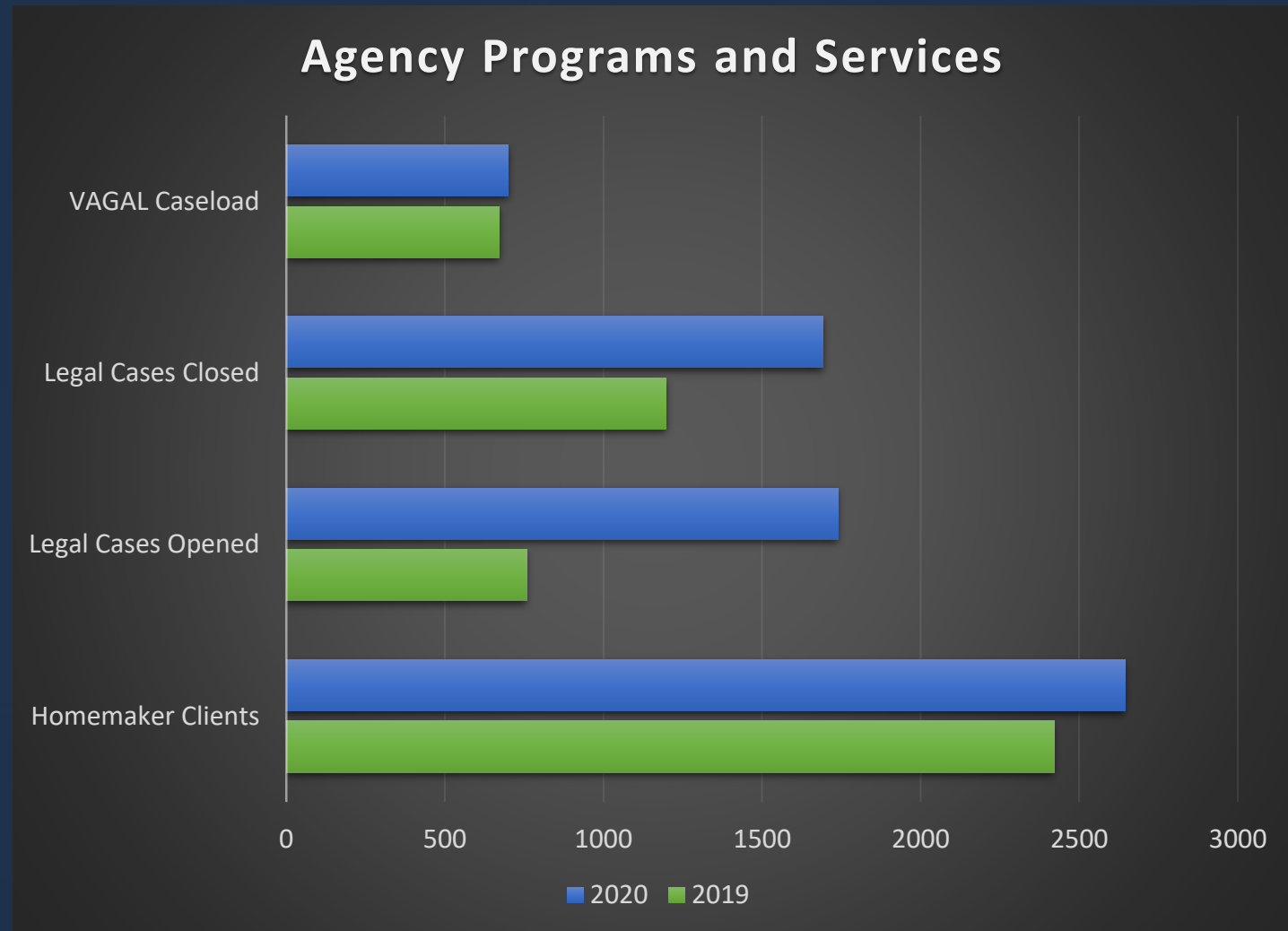
- The SCDOA hosted grant writing workshops to educate faith-based organizations of funding opportunities available for senior-related programs.
- Our agency established Veterans Pilot Programs in four Area Agency on Aging regions (Catawba, Santee-Lynches, Appalachian, and Lowcountry) that provided rental assistance, transportation services, and emergency-related home repair funds for veterans.
- In 2020, the SCDOA obtained the services of a Registered Dietician, who has experience distributing meals statewide, to coordinate the department's nutrition program.



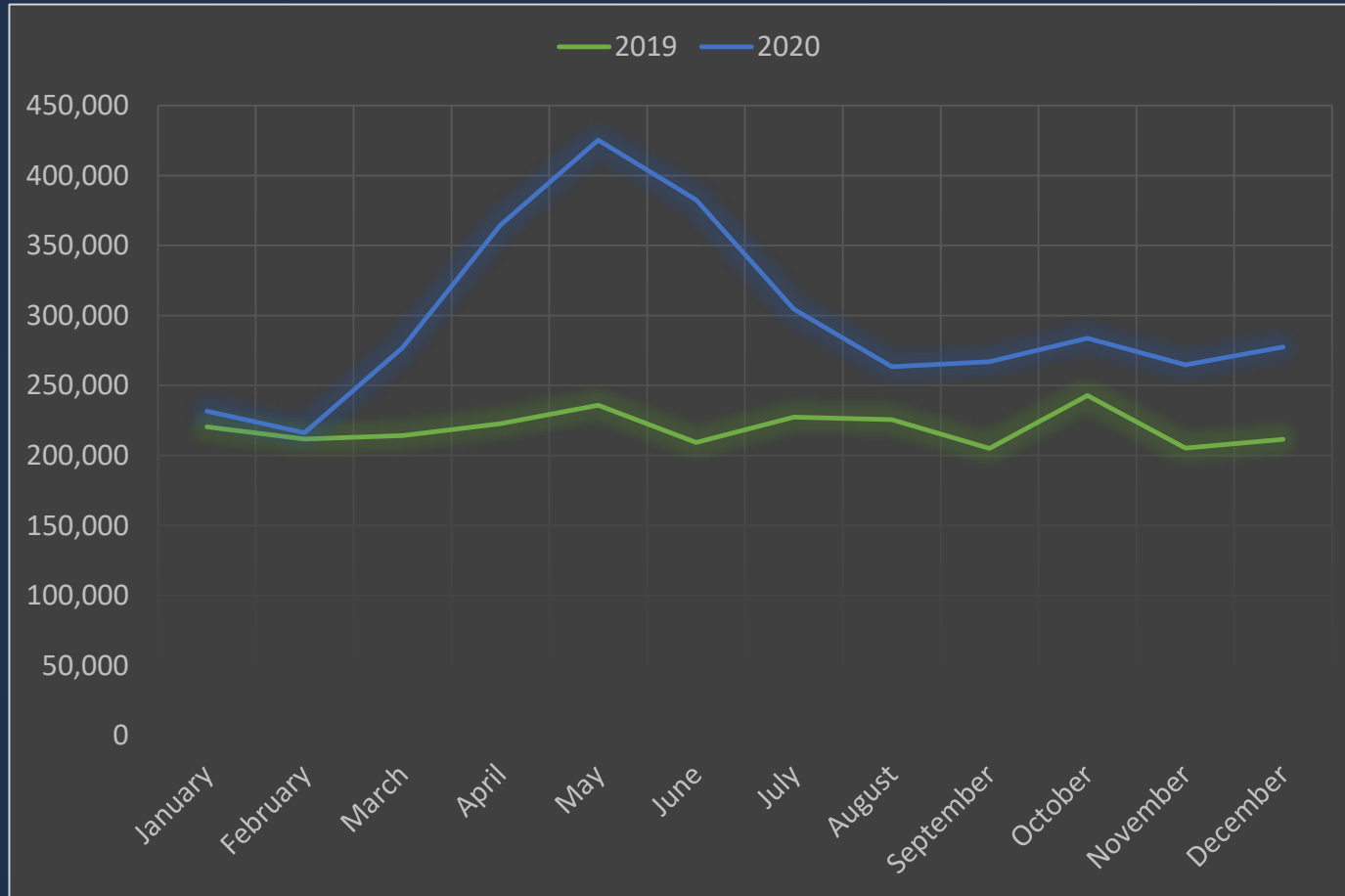
Accountability Report Highlights

While many agency programs and services (such as outreach opportunities) were hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic, several areas saw an increase:

- VAGAL caseload
- Legal cases opened/closed
- Homemaker clients
- Home-delivered meals
(*graph on next slide*)



Total Meals Reported (Statewide)



South Carolina's aging network increased overall meal delivery from an average of 220,000 meals per month to an average of 300,000 meals per month.

These numbers translate to an average increase of 80,000 meals per month during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Budget Requests

The agency is not requesting
any budget changes for state year 2022.

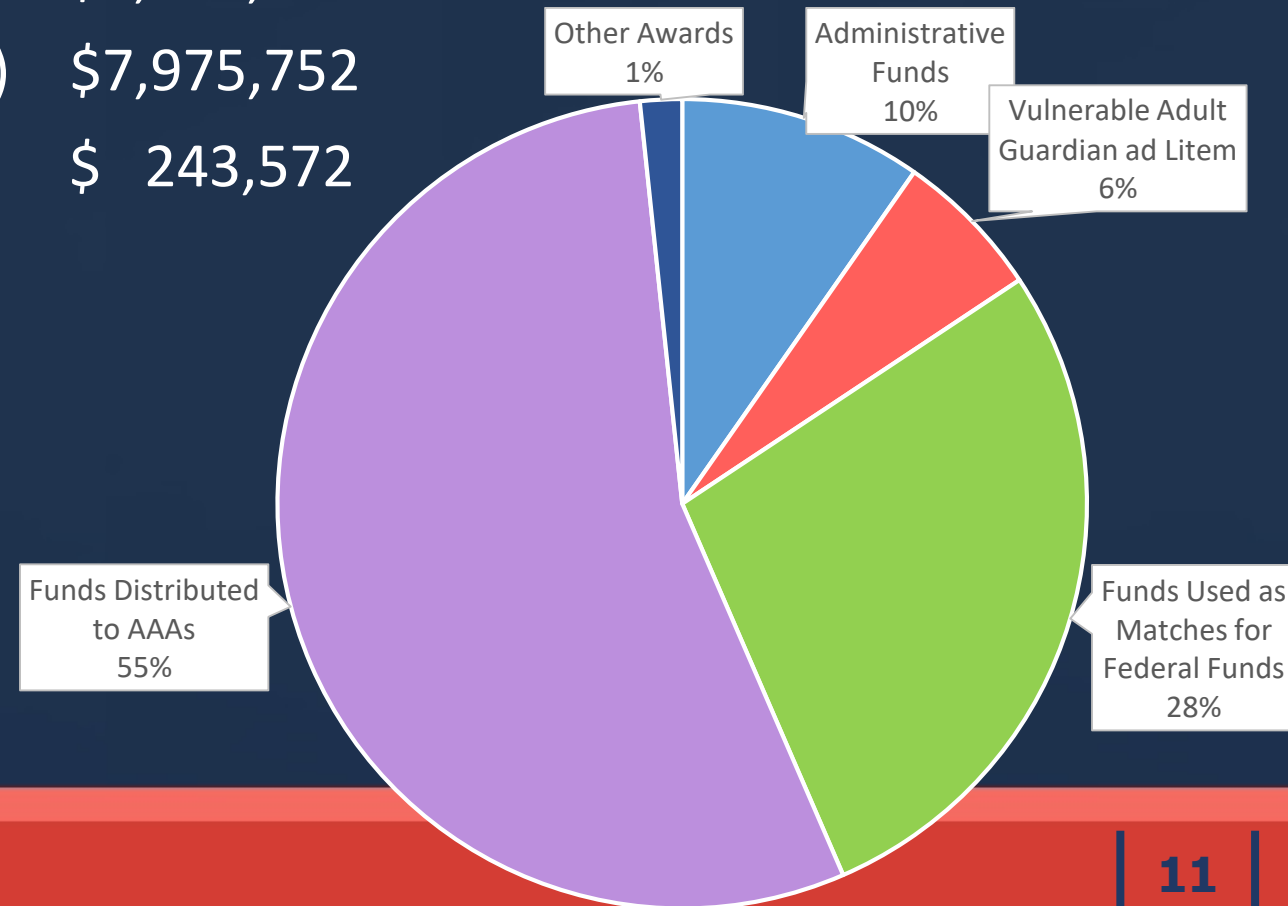
The agency did not request
additional funding for state year 2021.



FY 2019-2020 State Dollars Spent

Administrative Funds (Not Tied to Grants)	\$1,413,185
Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem	\$ 867,083
Funds Used as Matches for Federal Funds	\$4,045,564
Funds Distributed to AAAs (Providing Services)	\$7,975,752
Other Awards (Silver Haired Legislature, etc.)	\$ 243,572

Total State Dollars Spent
\$14,545,156



Cost Savings Plan

- Because of where funds are used, any long term reduction in excess of 1% will require a decrease in services to seniors.
 - 1% Budget Reduction = \$188,463
 - 2% Budget Reduction = \$376,925
 - 3% Budget Reduction = \$565,388
- The agency has sufficient carry-forward funds from FY 2019-2020 to sustain budget reductions for FY 2020-2021.
- Some agency costs have already been reduced, such as utilizing technology in place of more costly travel.



Proviso Requests (1 of 3)

Based on the results and suggestions from the Legislative Audit Council, our agency is asking for minor changes in some proviso language.

40.1. (AGING: State Matching Funds Carry Forward) Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year of the required state matching funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 40, ~~Distribution to Subdivision~~ “Aging Assistance,” shall be carried forward into the current fiscal year to be used as required state match for federal funds awarded to subdivisions on or before September thirtieth of the current fiscal year.



Proviso Requests (2 of 3)

Based on the results and suggestions from the Legislative Audit Council, our agency is asking for minor changes in some proviso language.

40.2. (AGING: State Match Funding Formula) Of the state funds appropriated under ~~Distribution to Subdivision~~ “Aging Assistance,” the first allocation by the Department on Aging shall be for the provision of required State matching funds according to the Department on Aging formula for distributing Older Americans Act funds. The balance of this item shall be distributed to the planning and service areas of the State. In the event state appropriations are reduced, reductions to the planning and service areas shall be based on amounts distributed in accordance with the previous requirements.



Proviso Requests (3 of 3)

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40.5. Home and Community Based Services also involves minor changes from Home Care Level I to homemaker and Home Care Level II to Home Chore



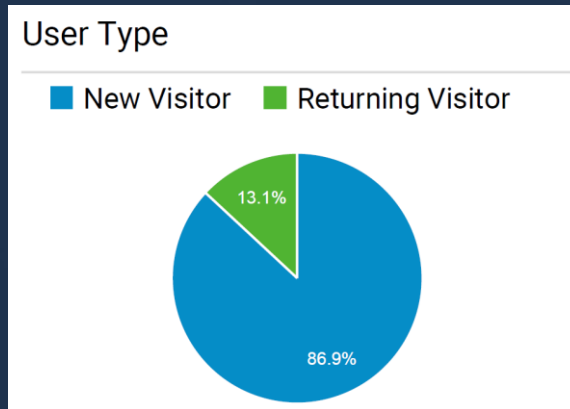
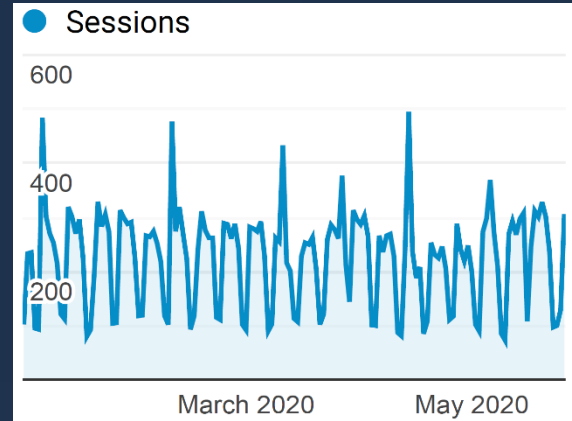
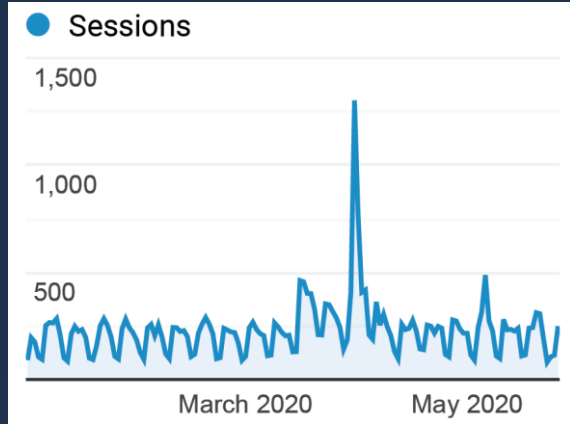
COVID-19 Funding*

- Average Federal Funding (Annual) for Support Services, Nutrition, and Caregiver Support \$20,900,000
- Families First Coronavirus Response Act; Aging and Disability Resource Centers; and CARES Funding \$17,648,174
- Provided twice as much federal funds for senior services

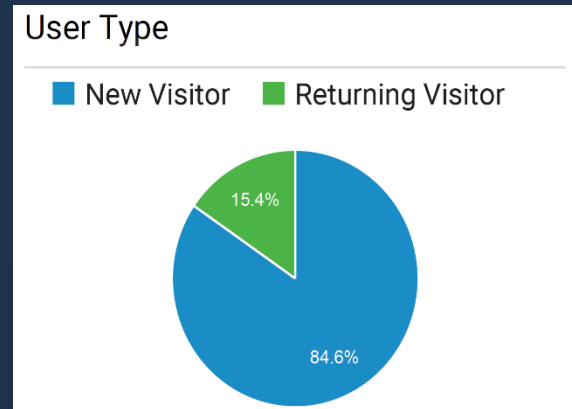
* COVID-19 Service Funds did not require a state match, allowing for a larger state carry-forward.



COVID-19: SCDOA by the Numbers



aging.sc.gov



GetCareSC.com

Analytics show that both our main homepage (aging.sc.gov), as well as our resource database (GetCareSC.com), have seen a steady number of visitors, with a substantial increase in new visitors since the COVID-19 outbreak.

A noticeable spike in web sessions can be seen in the "aging.sc.gov" line graph.



COVID-19: SCDOA by the Numbers

3,000,000+

Home-delivered meals served since the COVID-19 pandemic began

503,751

Senior wellness checks
completed since the COVID-19
pandemic began

22,079

Telephone assessments
conducted since the COVID-19
pandemic began

4,637

Information & Referral /
Assistance calls received since
the COVID-19 pandemic began





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