



Community Foundation of Tompkins County: 2025 Social Justice Grants Analysis Regional Impact and Influence

Philanthropy Magnified



We Value:

Integrity, inclusion and transparency in both grant-making and stewardship of resources;

Impartiality and flexibility, matching community needs with donor interests;

Involved donors who are empowered to take bold and effective philanthropic actions;

Community leadership in acquiring and sharing of knowledge;

Engaging in best practices and innovative models of service.

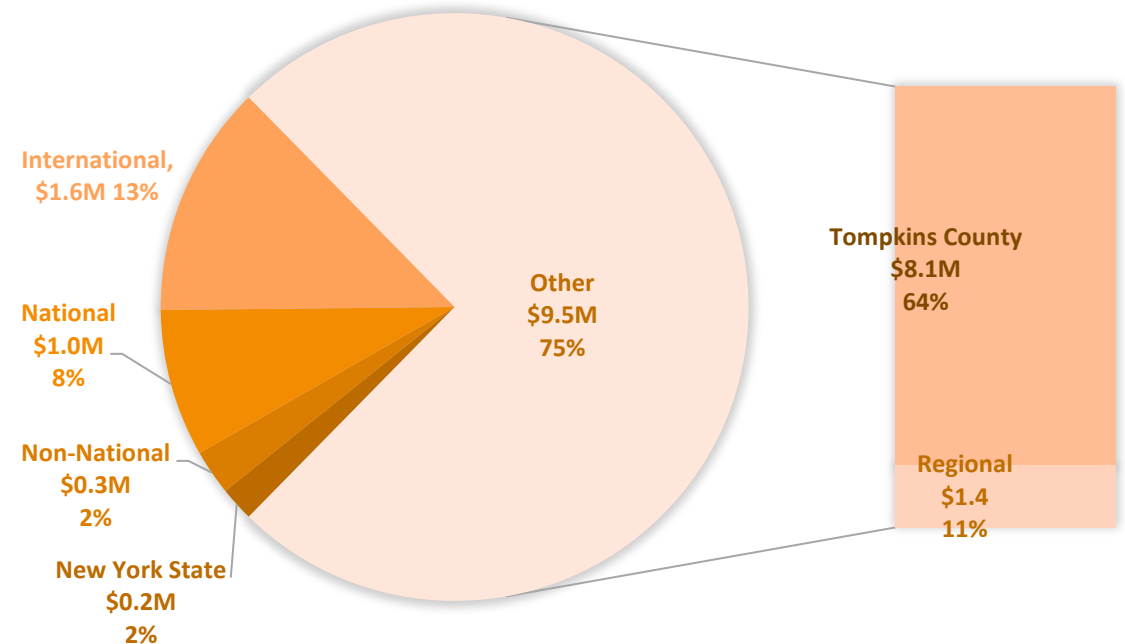
75%

of grants dollars stay in Tompkins County and surrounding region. Of grants totaling \$12.7 million, \$9.5 million are made to organizations in Tompkins County and our region. (01/01/23 - 12/31/25)

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2023-2025 GRANT \$ BY REGION

■ New York State ■ Non-National ■ National ■ International ■ Tompkins County ■ Regional



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SOCIAL JUSTICE STRATEGIES	

Promoting an Equitable Community Since Establishment (2000 – 2025)

Of the \$30.7 million grant dollars allocated to organizations in Tompkins County and the surrounding region from 2000 - 2025, **\$25.4 million** employ social justice strategies.

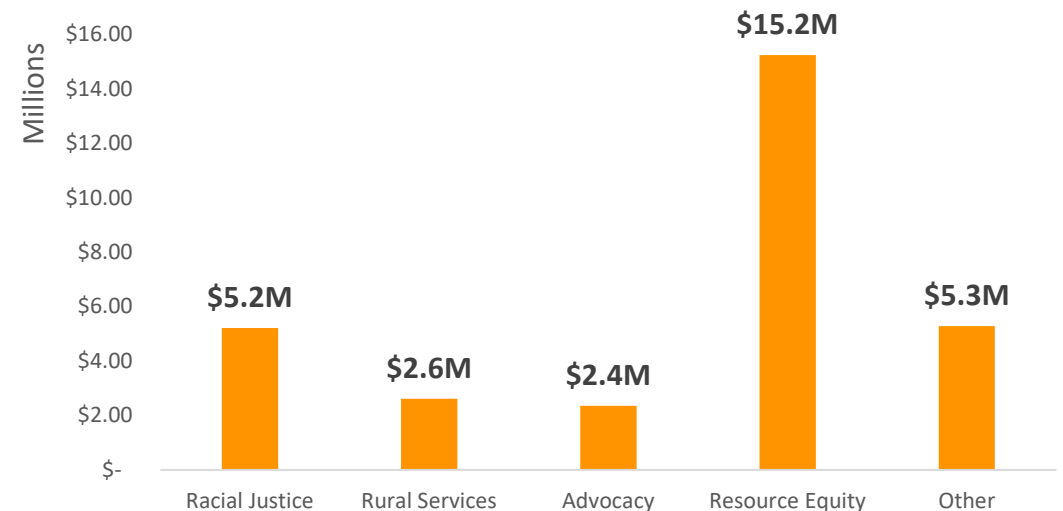
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5325 grants distributed to the Tompkins region, supporting over **320** local organizations in their efforts to promote racial justice, rural services, advocacy, and resource equity



"shine a light" on grassroots organizations

2000-2025 Grant Strategy Breakdown



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Zooming In: Social Justice Grants from 2023 – 2025

Granting over \$9.5 million dollars to organizations in Tompkins County Region in the past 3 years, **80.9%** of grants dollars (\$7.7 million grant dollars) went towards on promoting social justice.

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Grants were Social Justice Impact Grants \$7.7M of impact, supporting 220+ organizations for social justice impact

57%

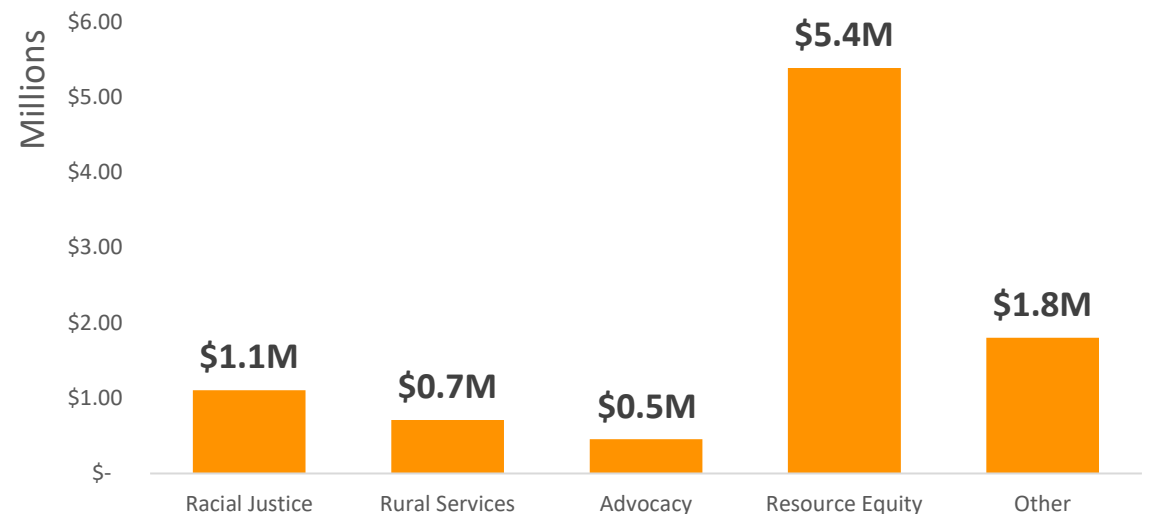
Resource Equity Impact Grants
830 grants totaling to \$5.4M for programs that provide resources and opportunities for those in need

11.7%

Racial Justice Impact Grants
236 grants totaling to \$1.1M

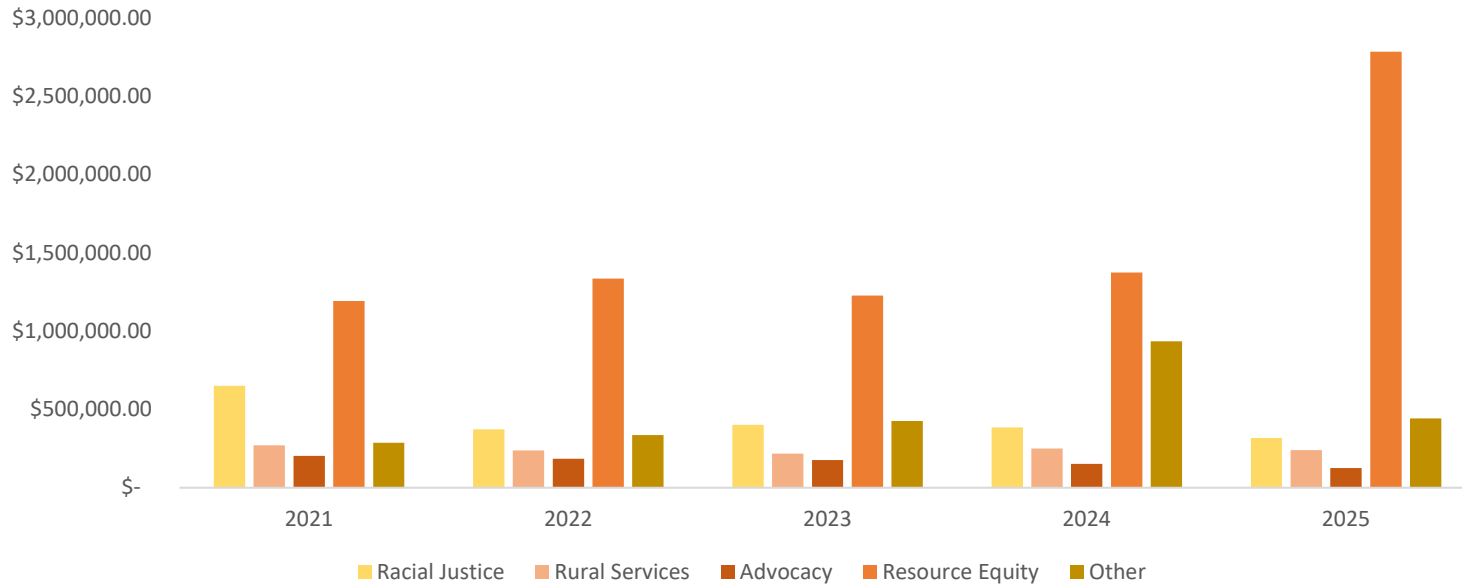
Supporting organizations such as Ballet and Books Ithaca, Center for Transformative Action, Groundswell Center for Local Food & Farming, Ithaca Welcomes Refugees, Southside Community Center, Village at Ithaca & more!

2023-2025 Grant Strategy Breakdown



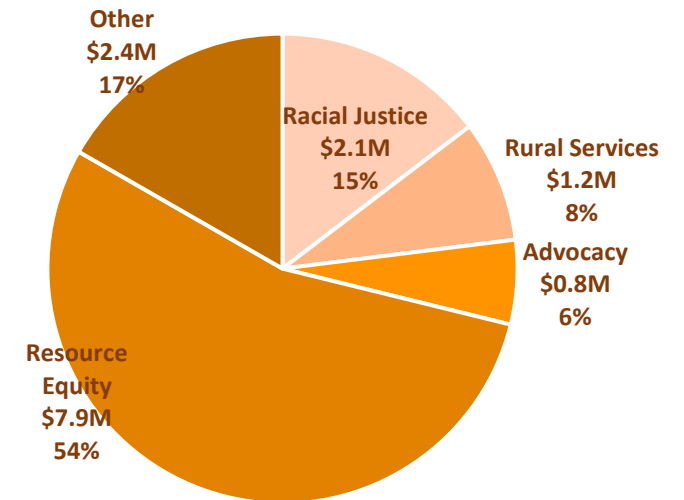
Growing Support: 5 Year Analysis of Social Justice Grants

2021-2025 Grant Strategy Breakdown



Compared to the prior 5 year period (2016-2020), **50% increase in number of grant and 46% increase in grant dollars** distributed to promoting equity in the Tompkins County and Regional area with the support of **120+ funds and 3000 + donors**

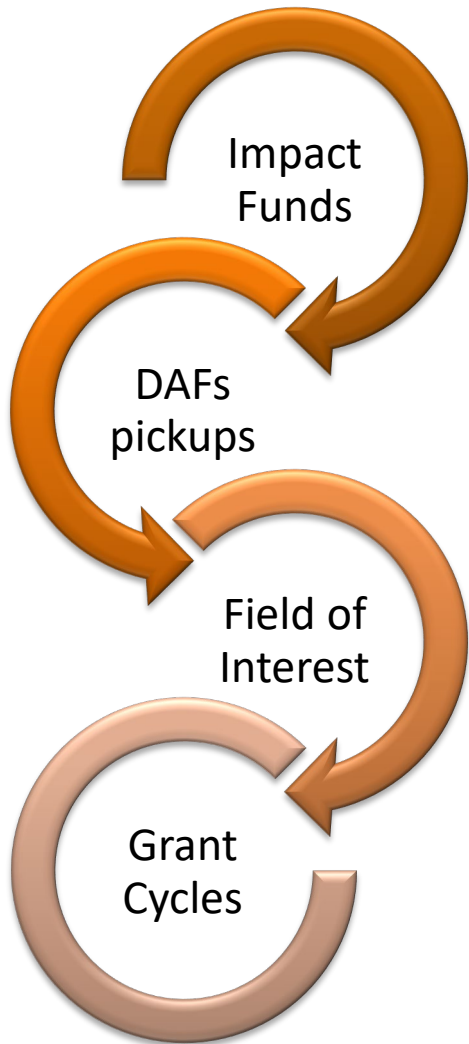
Total Grant \$ By Strategy (2021-2025)



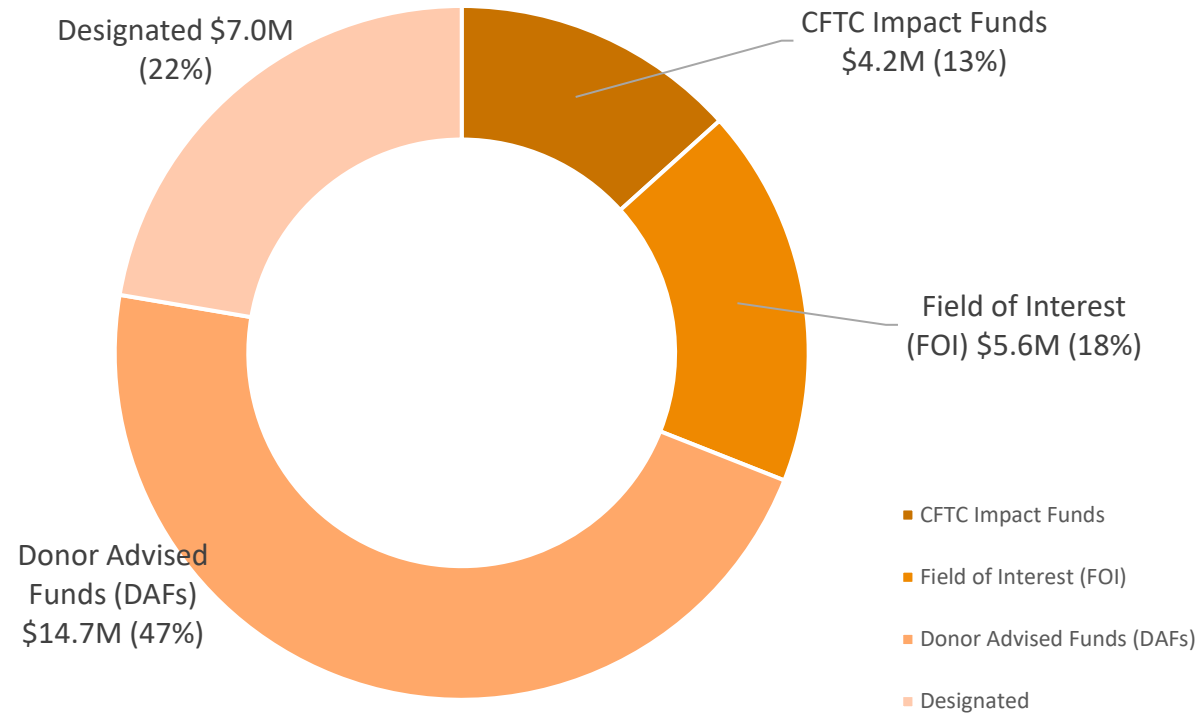
Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
\$ Towards Social Justice Impact	\$2.3M	\$2.1M	\$2.0M	\$2.2M	\$3.5M

- In particular, we have connected 127 funds to **252** regional organizations that have a focus in promoting social justice in the Tompkins region in the last 5 years (2021-2025).

Sharing Needs Expands Funding



Foundation Assets:
Sharing Expands Needs



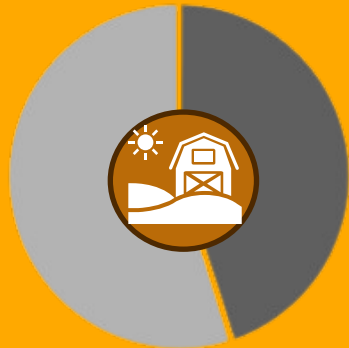
- CFTC Impact Funds, FOI, and DAF pickups enable **community resilience** and expand opportunities to **meet evolving community needs**.
- Designated funds provide long-term, mission-aligned support, ensuring **sustained impact to designated organizations and agencies**.

Tompkins County Demographics

27%

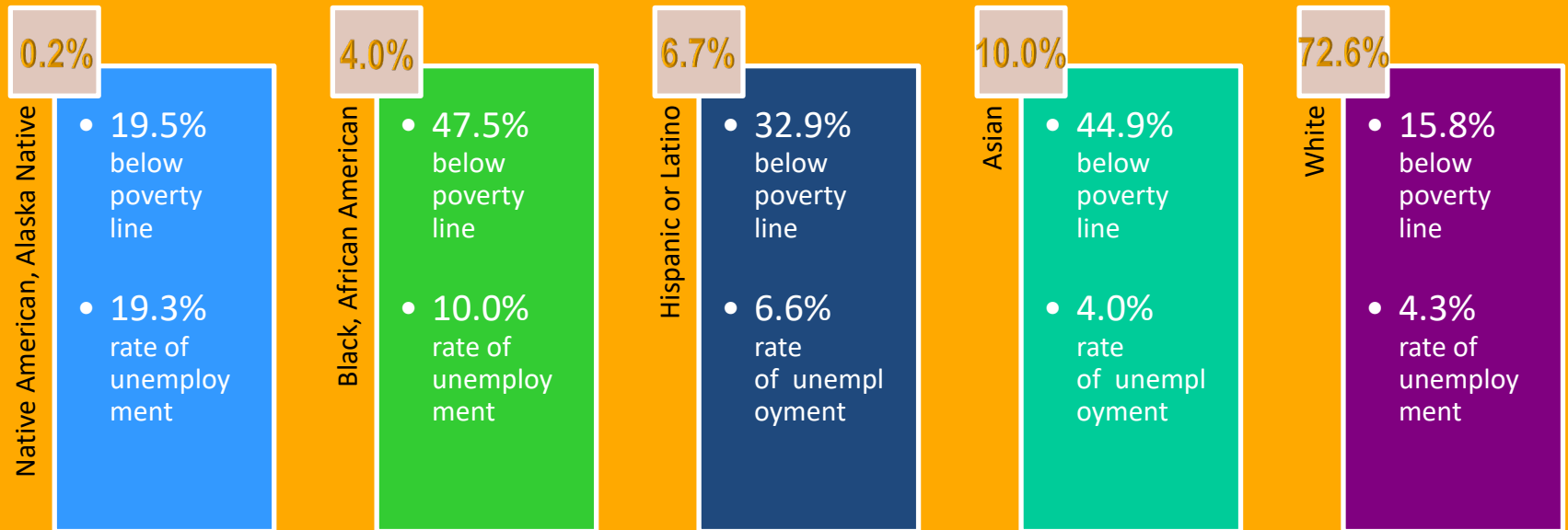
105,740 population Tompkins County, NY Of which 27% is a minority population and 73% a white population. census.gov (as 2020)

Tompkins County Demographics
0.2% Native American, Alaska Native
4.0% Black, African American
6.7% Hispanic or Latino
10.0% Asian
0.6% Some other race
5.9% Two or more races
72.6% White



45% Rural

45% of Tompkins County is rural, 55% resides in urban areas.



Source: US Census Bureau 2020

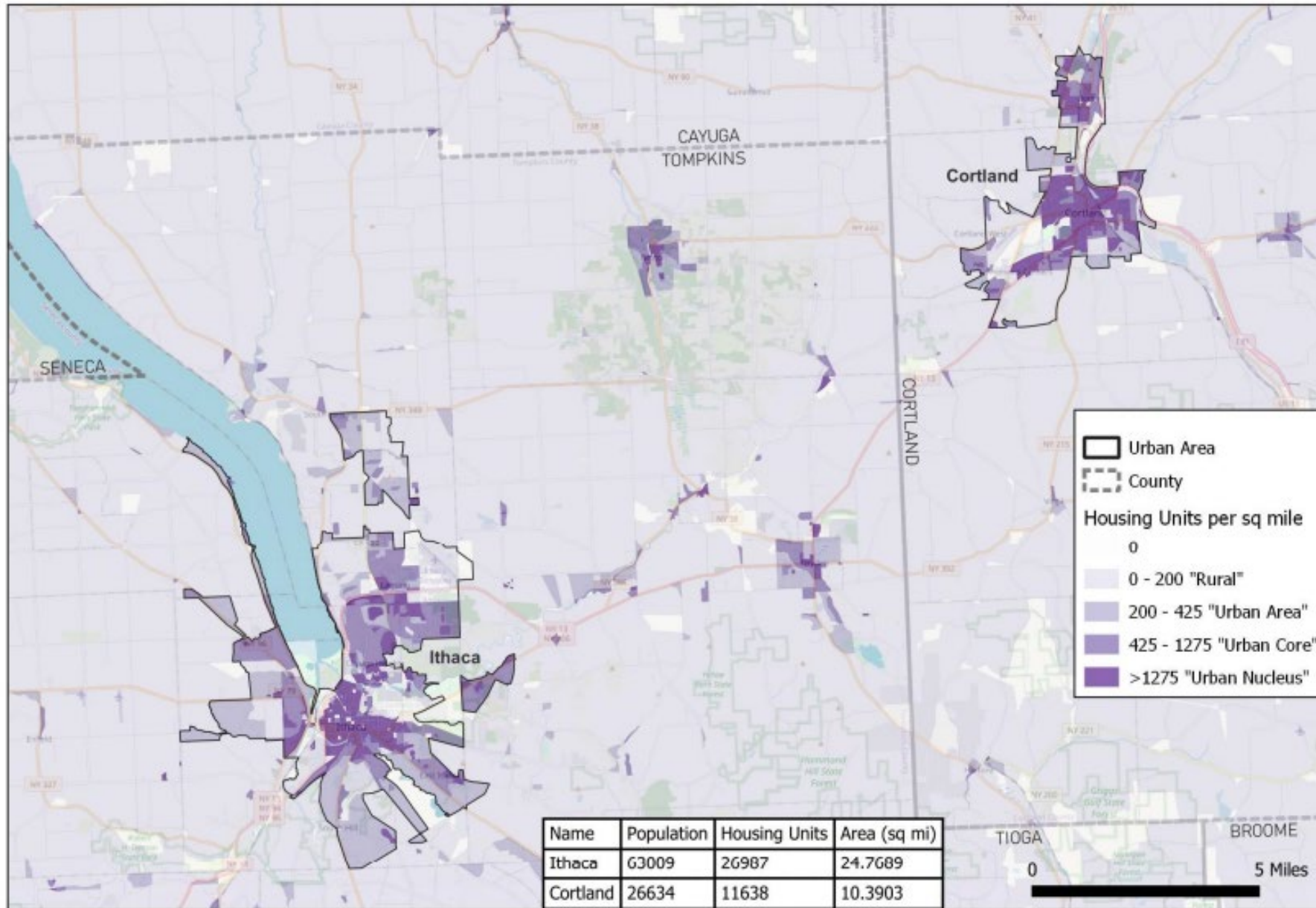
<https://data.census.gov/>

Tompkins County Profile 2023

Cornell Program of Applied Demographics

<https://pad.human.cornell.edu/profiles/Tompkins.pdf>

Ithaca and Cortland Urban Areas



<https://pad.human.cornell.edu/maps2020/maps/UrbanAreas2020.pdf>

Sources: OpenStreetMap, Census Bureau, NYS GIS PAD at Cornell, February 2023

Population

105,740

Median Household Income

\$71,948

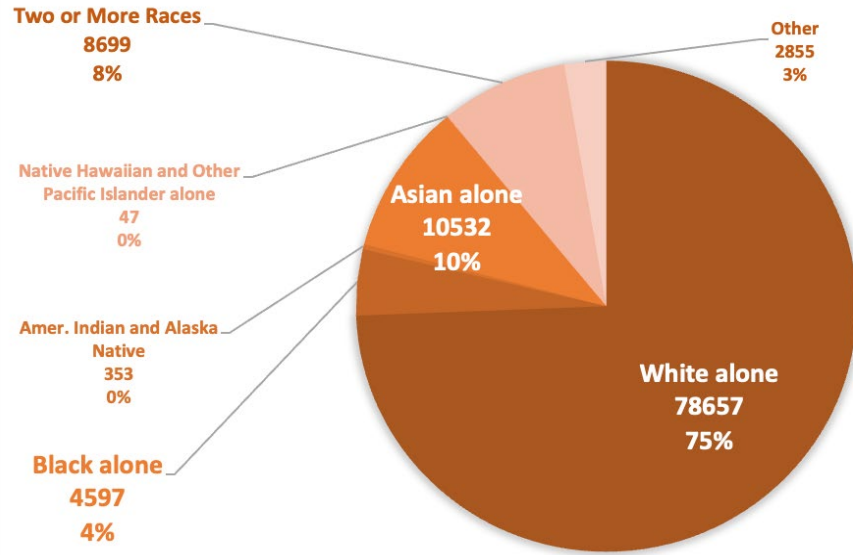
Employment Rate

57.4%

Poverty Rate

17.9%

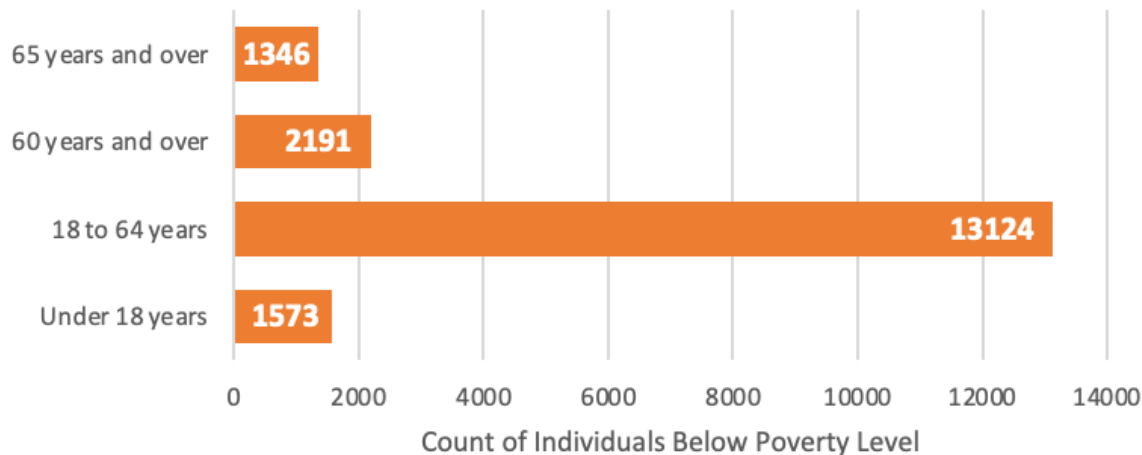
TOMPKINS COUNTY BY RACE (2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS)



Poverty and Unemployment

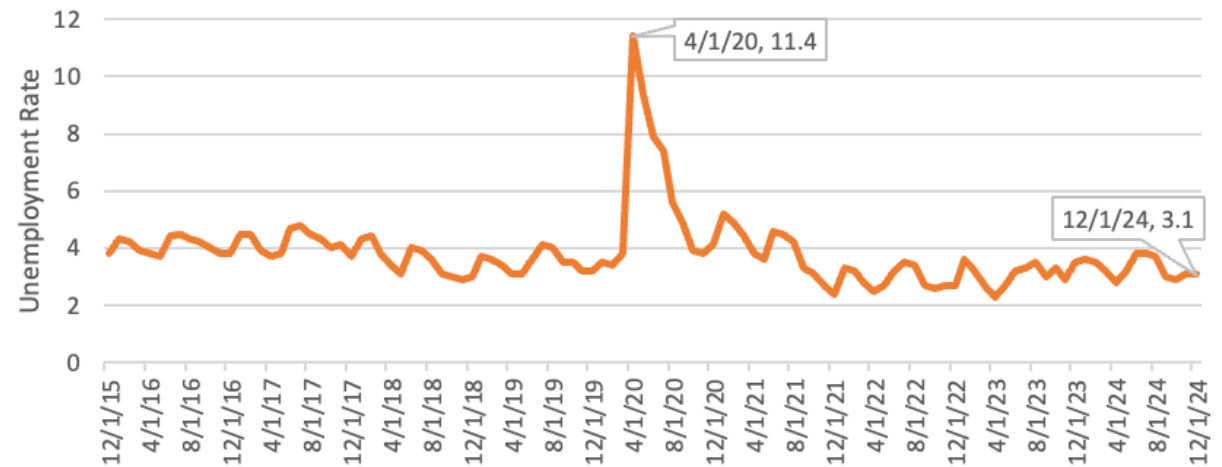
Estimate Individuals Below Poverty Level

2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates (\$1701)



Unemployment Rate in Tompkins County, NY

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics





Organizations receiving grants funding **RACIAL JUSTICE** strategies

ORGANIZATIONS (EXAMPLES)

Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC)

Southside Community Center

Khuba International

Village at Ithaca

Civic Ensemble

Ithaca Welcomes Refugees

Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers

OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources)

Groundswell Center for Local Food & Farming

Open Doors English

Downtown Ithaca Children's Center

Social Ventures (fiscal sponsor)

Center for Transformative Action (fiscal sponsor)

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Natural Leaders Initiative

Youth Farm Project

Ultimate Reentry Program (URO)

Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)

Latino Civic Association of Tompkins County

Civil Warriors Project





Organizations receiving grants funding
RESOURCE EQUITY strategies (examples)

- Family and Children's Services
- Food Bank of the Southern Tier
- Child Development Council
- Foodnet Meals on Wheels
- Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services
- Tompkins County Public Library
- Finger Lakes ReUse
- Women's Opportunity Center**
- Running to Places Theatre Company**
- The Mental Health Association
- Suicide & Crisis Prevention Service**



- The Advocacy Center
- Alternatives Impact
- YMCA
- Loaves & Fishes
- Ithaca Youth Bureau
- Golden Opportunities
- Catholic Charities
- WSKG Public Radio
- Sciencenter
- Human Services Coalition**
- Planned Parenthood
- Hospicare & Palliative Services
- History Center of Tompkins County



Ensuring members of the community have “opportunities for growth and health”

-Sandy True
Fund Advisor of the Sandy and Jay True Fund

2025 Listening to the needs of the community and building relationships that matter:

- Unrestricted operational grants in supporting **projects that are "not glamorous but impactful"**
- Platform with events (Let's Talks, site visits, and more!) that empower grassroots organizations and **"get the word"** out to a larger audience"
- Uniting diverse volunteers for a better Tompkins

... Looking Ahead 2026

- Intentional actions and strategic deployment of resources, connections, and information
- Self-reflection & goal setting
- Local impact investment
- **Consistent** grant cycle and off grant cycle **support** – support from community connections and funders

