

## DECADES OF INNOVATION: A LOOK BACK AT THE ANNUAL MEETING



Photo shows a portion of the crowd of more than 2,000 people who attended the annual meeting of the Walton Electric Membership Corporation in Monroe March 26.

A bedrock of cooperatives is the annual members' meeting. This event gives members the opportunity to elect a board of directors from among themselves. These directors oversee the operation of the business and look out for the best interests of their fellow members.

### APRIL 1951

The first Walton EMC annual meetings were held at the old Monroe High School on Bold Springs Avenue and continued there until the mid-1950s. This shot from 1951 showed that it was a dressy occasion with more than 2,000 members in attendance. Over the years, prominent speakers addressed the annual meeting crowd on a variety of timely topics.



### JULY 1958

The annual meetings during the first few decades of the cooperative were multi-day events and included church choir competitions, beauty pageants and talent contests. Pictured here are winners of the talent contest from 1958.



### JULY 1959

The meeting moved to the American Legion Shed in Monroe on Alcovy Street in the mid-1950s and stayed there until 1996. Besides the business session and director election, members enjoyed entertainment and prize drawings.



### JULY 1999

A longstanding annual meeting favorite is the member bucket, which includes light bulbs and other assorted goodies.



### JULY 2001

Growth necessitated moving the meeting to the Walton County Agricultural Education Center on Criswell Road in 1996. The roomy facility allowed the cooperative to expand member seating, parking, children's activities, vendor exhibits and the health fair. It also made audio-visual presentations possible during the business meeting which enhanced members' participation and experience.

### COVER PHOTO:

Walton EMC's Amy Clark hands a bucket to members at last year's Annual Meeting. Since shifting to a drive-through format in 2020, the event has drawn record-breaking crowds — including 2,430 attendees in 2025.

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Our subsidiaries supply natural gas and security services.

# Cash back from the co-op?



Does Walton EMC owe you money? Find out with the co-op's Unclaimed Funds search feature at [waltonemc.com](http://waltonemc.com) where we list the names of those who have unclaimed capital credits, memberships or deposits.

## FIND IT FAST!

- Visit [waltonemc.com](http://waltonemc.com) > My Account > Unclaimed Funds.
- Enter your first and last name.
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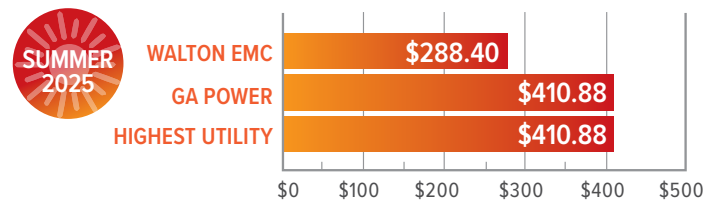
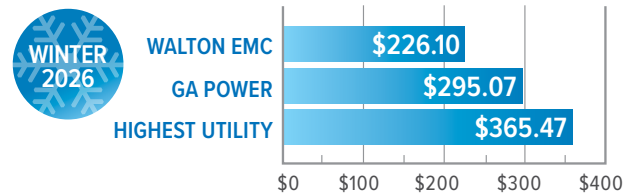
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# 2025 ANNUAL report

Every June, we gather and present financial information about your cooperative. We encourage customer-owners to review the details and statistics regarding the performance of Walton EMC in 2025.

## ELECTRIC RATE SURVEY

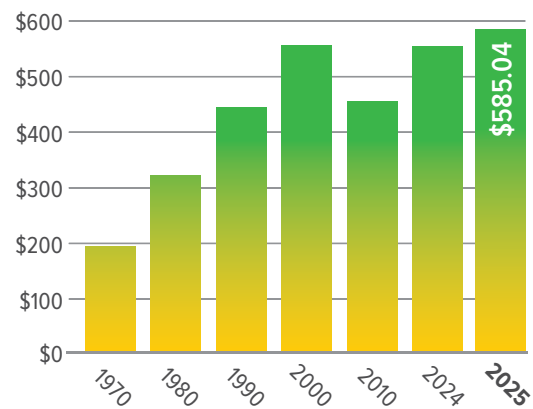
Twice yearly, the Georgia Public Service Commission conducts a rate survey with all 94 of the state's electric utilities. The level of use for this comparison is 2,000 kilowatt-hours per month.



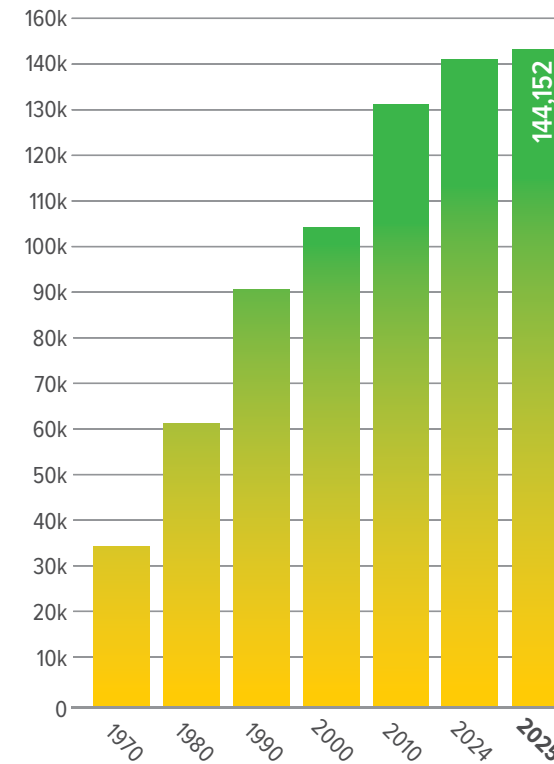
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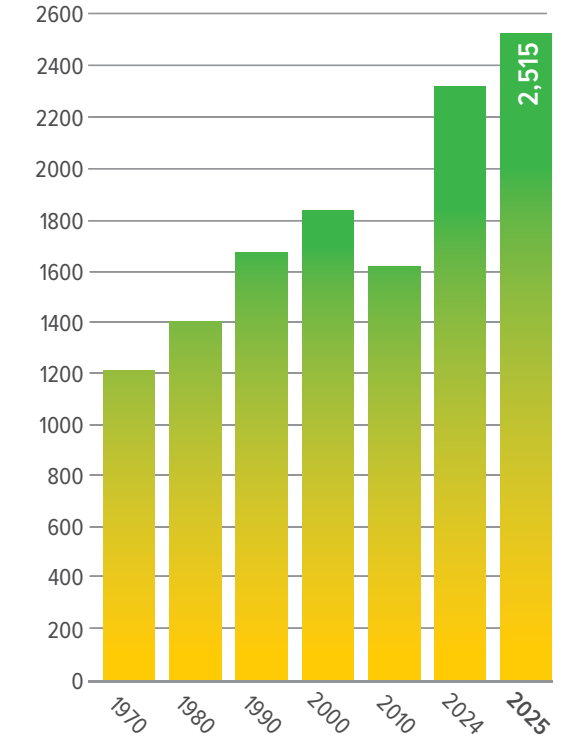
## AVERAGE SMALL/MID COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BILL



## AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS

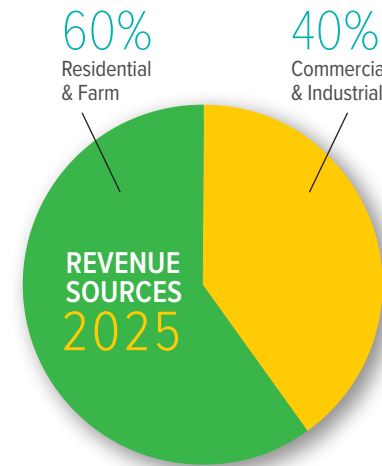


## AVERAGE KWH PER MONTH



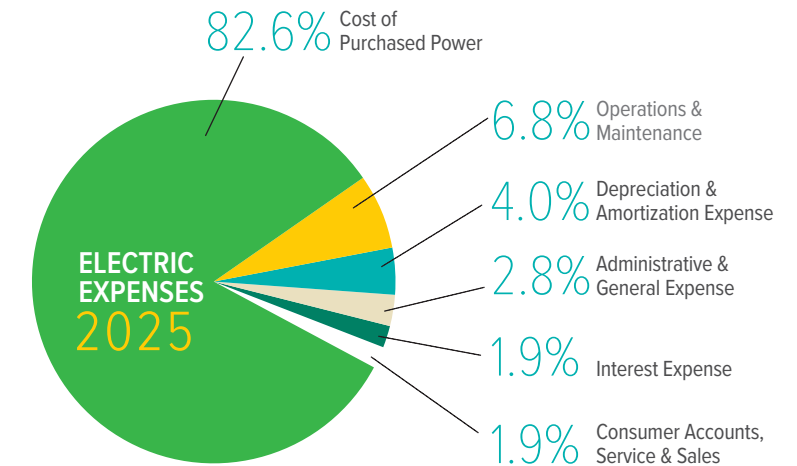
## SOURCES OF REVENUE

This shows how our revenue is divided based on residential and commercial accounts.



## HOW ELECTRIC REVENUE WAS USED

This is how we spend the money we receive. Most is used to buy power and operate the co-op. Less than 10% is spent on administration.



# Safety Every Day



Although June is designated as National Safety Month, we think about safety every day at Walton EMC.

Safety is ingrained in our culture and is at the forefront of everything we do. Review these important safety reminders that save time, money and lives:

- Never approach or touch a downed power line.
- Don't let children play on or around underground transformers.
- Stay back from Walton EMC crews at work.
- Call us immediately if you see a power line on the ground.
- Keep all objects away from power lines, including ladders and kites.
- Call 811 before digging.

## 2025 CAPITAL CREDITS

As a member of Walton EMC, you're also an owner. One benefit of ownership in a not-for-profit cooperative is sharing funds remaining after expenses are paid and reserves are met.

The co-op's directors assess the financial condition of the co-op to determine when and what amount of leftover funds, called capital credits, can be returned to members after reserves are set aside for capital improvements and emergencies. Every Walton EMC customer-owner has a capital credit account and receives a refund based on the amount of electricity they use.

Capital Credits Returned

# \$11,000,000

All-Time Total

# \$163M

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS & CEO



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