



Ulster County

FACT SHEET

LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

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Seeking legal advice is out of reach for tens of thousands of people in Ulster County, but many find themselves confronting challenges that require civil legal services in order to protect their rights.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is the only provider of FREE, comprehensive civil legal services to all seven counties of the lower Hudson Valley. OUR MISSION is to provide free, high quality counsel in civil matters for those who cannot afford an attorney where basic human needs are at stake.

The work we do each day provides justice to thousands of our neighbors who have nowhere else to turn, including protecting individuals from domestic violence; defending seniors against abuse; serving veterans on the homefront; supporting the rights of the disabled; ensuring that LGBTQ individuals are free from discrimination; and keeping families in their homes.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley: Ulster County

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley's Ulster County office has been able to grow over the past several years; our staff currently consists of seven attorneys and five support staff. We continue to strive to provide the highest quality of free civil legal services to the residents of Ulster County.

The Kingston office is extremely busy with housing and domestic violence cases, as well as government benefits and social security cases, and we continue to focus some of our resources on the Veteran, LGBTQ, and other vulnerable populations. Under our newest grant from the NYS Office for Victims Services, we are subcontracting with the Ulster County Department of Probation in order to provide civil legal services to crime victims through the Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program.

2019 Results

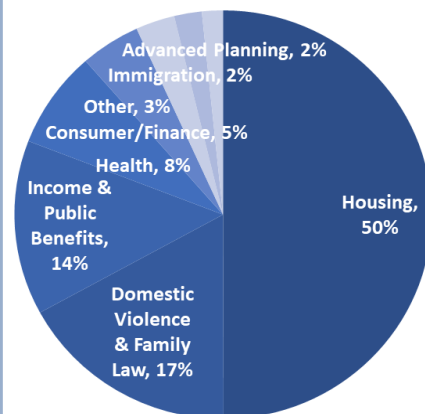
1,353
cases
handled for
Ulster
residents

2,984
household
members
impacted

1,126
clients
served

7
attorneys
5
paralegals/
support staff

Cases by legal matter



STATISTICS

179,303
3.8%

Population;
Unemployment rate;

13.9%

Poverty rate in Ulster County;

17.1%

of Ulster Co. children live in
poverty;

\$48,400

annual income needed
to afford a two-bedroom
apartment in Ulster County;

38%

percentage of household
income dedicated to rent.
Rent is affordable at <30% of
household income;

**26/
10,000**

rate of homelessness in
Ulster; highest of the counties
in the Mid-Hudson Valley
(including Dutchess: 16.6 and
Orange: 12.6);

7,327

Veterans living in Ulster
County.

(Mid-Hudson Valley Community Profiles; 2018 American Community Survey; National Low Income Housing Coalition, "Out of Reach 2019".)