



Legal Services
of the Hudson Valley

Protecting Rights
Promoting Justice

Westchester County

FACT SHEET

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Seeking legal advice is out of reach for tens of thousands of people in Westchester 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: Westchester County

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley opened its doors in 1967 as Westchester Legal Services, with one office in White Plains NY. In 2020, we have four offices across the county – White Plains, Yonkers, Mount Vernon and Peekskill. We provide free civil legal services to more than 5,000 Westchester residents each year.

Westchester County is the 10th most expensive metropolitan area in America* but has 90,000 low-income people living in densely populated urban communities. The areas of greatest need are Yonkers and Mount Vernon, followed by New Rochelle, Peekskill, Port Chester and White Plains. These low-income residents desperately need civil legal services in all practice areas. There are gaps in service in every substantive area of poverty law, with the most urgent needs felt in areas affecting the essentials of life: a roof over one's head, subsistence income, safety from violence, and access to health care and education.

2019 Results

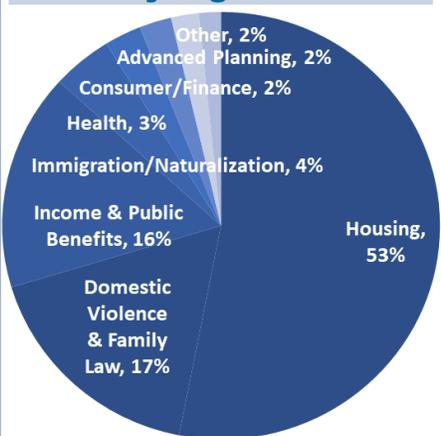
6,615
cases
handled for
Westchester
residents

15,300
household
members
impacted

5,137
clients
served

31
legal staff
18
admin staff

Cases by legal matter



STATISTICS

968,815
3.8%

Population;
Unemployment rate;

9.2%

Poverty rate in Westchester
County;

11.1%

of Westchester Co. children
live in poverty;

45%

of families with female heads
of household and children
present live in poverty;

158,902

persons in Westchester are
over age 65; 8.3% of them
live in poverty;

\$71,000

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

\$19.01

estimated mean renter wage
in Westchester. At this wage,
renters need to work 72
hours/week to afford a two-
bedroom apartment.

((2018 American Community Survey; Mid-Hudson Valley Community Profiles; National Low Income Housing Coalition, "Out of Reach 2019"; New York State Community Action Association, 2019 Poverty Report.)