



Sullivan County

FACT SHEET

LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY (LSHV)

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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.

COVI -19 has highlighted the disparity between people throughout the State. The inequities faced by poverty influence a wide range of health and quality of life outcomes and increases the need for our services throughout the county.

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LSHV is making a major effort to expand, enhance and build awareness of the high-quality, comprehensive, free civil legal services we are providing in Sullivan County. Previously, the Newburgh Office was responsible for serving residents of Sullivan, which was a major challenge as the Newburgh office is an hour drive from the southernmost tip of Sullivan County. Public transport in Sullivan and most parts of Orange are virtually nonexistent, which makes accessing our services difficult for most of our clients, as many do not have cars.

To help address this problem, we opened a satellite office in Monticello in 2017 and an office in Goshen in 2019, in order to better serve residents of Sullivan County. We believe this greatly improves our accessibility to Sullivan County residents and helps us expand services to this area, which has a very high percentage of people living in poverty who need to be able to access free civil legal services.

2020 Results

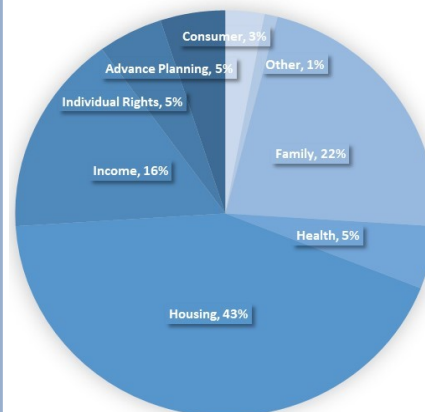
478
cases
handled for
Sullivan
residents

1,016
household
members
impacted

376
clients
served

2
rotating
legal staff
members

Cases by legal matter



STATISTICS

75,211
6.2%

Population;
Unemployment rate;

14.7%

Poverty rate in Sullivan
County;

22%

of Sullivan Co. children live in
poverty;

34%

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

\$36,975

median income in Sullivan
County;

\$40,000

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

\$11.61

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

(2019 American Community Survey; Mid-Hudson Valley Community Profiles; National Low Income Housing Coalition, "Out of Reach 2020"; New York State Community Action Association, 2020 Poverty Report.)