



Dutchess County

FACT SHEET

LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY (LSHV) DUTCHESS OFFICE:

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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 in Dutchess County 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.

LSHV - Dutchess County

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 Dutchess County. In 1996, we opened our first office in Poughkeepsie and over two decades later, have grown the office to a staff of 1 full-time attorneys and 6 support staff.

We chose the Main Street location because it is centrally located, convenient to public transportation, and co-located with partnering providers and agencies including the Poughkeepsie and Dutchess County courts, the Family Partnership Center, the Dept. of Community & Family Services (DCFS), the Dutchess Office for Veterans Services, the Mediation Center of Dutchess Co., and the Coalition on Elder Abuse in Dutchess. Our practice areas include elder law, children's advocacy, kinship care, family law, domestic violence, benefits, consumer debt, eviction, foreclosure, and other civil matters involving clients who are disabled or vulnerable.

2020 Results

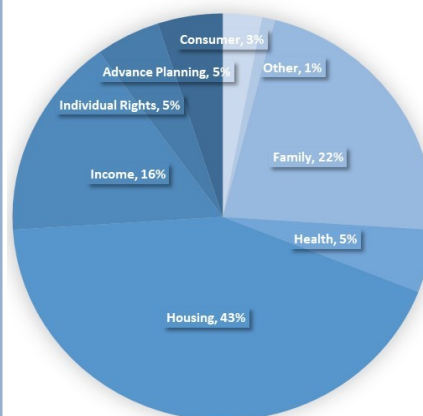
1,814
cases
handled for
Dutchess
residents

3,913
household
members
impacted

1,430
clients
served

1 □
attorneys
□
paralegals/
support staff

Cases by legal matter



STATISTICS

293,894
5.4%

Population;
Unemployment rate;

14,991

Number of veterans;

9.1%

Poverty rate in Dutchess County. In Poughkeepsie, 2% live in poverty;

11.8%

of Dutchess Co. children live in poverty, while child poverty in Poughkeepsie has reached 26

46,983

persons in Dutchess are over age 65; 6.2% of them live in poverty county-wide, while the rate is higher in Poughkeepsie at 11%;

\$55,880

annual income needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment in Dutchess Co.;

\$13.64

estimated mean renter wage in Dutchess Co. At this wage, renters need to work 80 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 2019")