



Westchester 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 in Westchester 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.

COVID-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.



STATISTICS

968,815
6%

Population;
Unemployment rate;

9.2%

Poverty rate in Westchester County;

11.1%

of Westchester Co. children live in poverty;

24.2%

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

153,519

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

\$79,000

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

\$19.27

estimated mean renter wage in Westchester. At this wage, renters need to work 80 hours/week to afford a two-bedroom apartment.

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LSHV opened its doors in 1967 with one office in White Plains, NY. Currently, we have four offices across the county and have expanded into six other counties as well.

Westchester County is the 10th most expensive metropolitan area in America* but has 90,000 low-income people living in densely populated urban communities. There are pockets of poverty throughout the county with the areas of greatest need being 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.

2020 Results

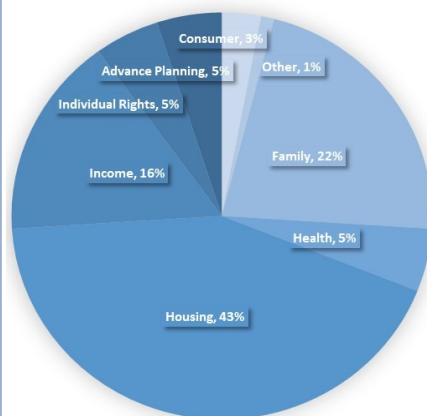
5,280
cases
handled for
Westchester
residents

12,096
household
members
impacted

4,029
clients
served

51
legal staff
33
admin staff

Cases by legal matter



Westchester Office Locations

MOUNT VERNON - 100 East First Street, 8th Floor Suite 810 • Mt. Vernon, NY 10550 • (914) 813-6880 • **YONKERS** - 30 South Broadway, 6th Floor • Yonkers, NY 10701 • (914) 376-3757 • **PEEKSKILL** - One Park Place, Suite 202 • Peekskill, NY 10566 • (914) 402-2192

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