

# Rockland County 2021 FACT SHEET

## ROCKLAND OFFICE:

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Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) opened its first office in 1967 in White Plains, NY. Over time, LSHV has expanded to 10 offices, recently relocating our Spring Valley office to Nanuet.

The mission of LSHV is to provide high quality counsel in civil matters for low-income individuals and families and other vulnerable persons who do not have access to legal representation to maintain their basic needs, and to pursue equity through dismantling systemic oppression.



872

CASES HANDLED

591

CLIENTS SERVED

2,036

PEOPLE IMPACTED

LSHV continues to expand, enhance and build awareness of the high-quality, comprehensive, free civil legal services we are providing in Rockland County. In 2021, our Spring Valley Office was relocated to Nanuet and currently houses six full-time attorneys and one support staff.

We typically handle cases involving housing, benefits, consumer debt, children's advocacy, family law, discrimination and other civil matters involving clients who are elderly or disabled. LSHV is funded through a variety of sources including local, state and federal government contracts, private foundations and corporations and individuals who believe everyone should have an attorney by their side when they are faced with legal proceedings.

LSHV works to ensure fairness in the justice system for those who can't afford an attorney when maintaining the basic necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and safety, are at risk.

324,422

Population, of which, **24.1%** of children live in poverty;

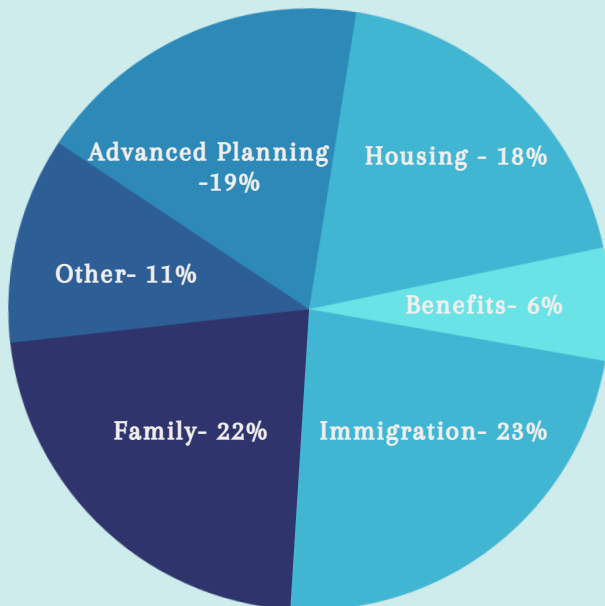
23.8%

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

49,321

persons in Rockland are over age 65; more than **6.5%** of them live in poverty;

## CASES BY LEGAL MATTER



In Rockland County, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$2,053**. In order to afford this, without paying more than **30%** of income on housing, a household must earn **\$39.48** hourly. The average renter's wage in Rockland County is **\$12.14**. At this rate a renter must work **3.2** full time jobs to afford a two-bedroom apartment.

(labor.ny.gov; Mid-Hudson Valley Community Profiles; National Low Income Housing Coalition, "Out of Reach 2021"; New York State Community Action Association, 2021 Poverty Report.)

Contributions are voluntary and confidential and are used to expand the services for which they are received. No one will be denied services because of an inability or unwillingness to contribute. Suggested contribution level should equal the cost of the service for participants who self-disclose income at or above 185% of Federal Poverty Level. Services are funded in part by the Administration on Community Living, New York State Office for the Aging and the Rockland County Office for the Aging.