

Sullivan County 2021 FACT SHEET

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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, including a new fully staffed office in Monticello.

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.

397

CASES HANDLED

316

CLIENTS SERVED

918

PEOPLE IMPACTED



LSHV is continuing to expand, enhance and build awareness of the high-quality, comprehensive, free civil legal services we provide in 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, in 2017, we opened a satellite office in Monticello, with two rotating legal staff members. As of 2022, we now have a fully staffed office that includes lawyers and paralegals. 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.

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.

75,116

Population, of which, 15.2% live in poverty;

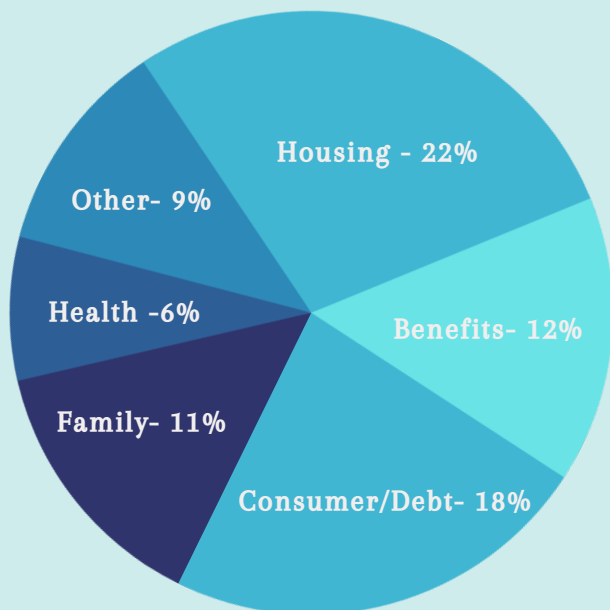
40.4%

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

23.8%

of Sullivan County Children live in poverty.

CASES BY LEGAL MATTER



In Sullivan County, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$1,032**. In order to afford this, without paying more than **30%** of income on housing, a household must earn **\$19.85** hourly. The average renter's wage in Sullivan County is **\$11.56**. At this rate a renter must work **1.6** 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.)