

Ulster 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 Kingston.

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.



1,000 CASES HANDLED	825 CLIENTS SERVED	2,194 PEOPLE IMPACTED
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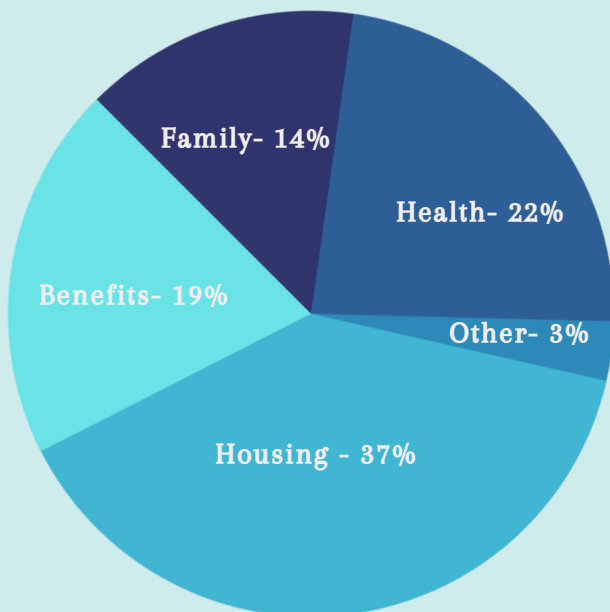
LSHV's Ulster County office has been able to grow over the past several years; our staff currently consists of seven attorneys and five support staff. We continue to strive to provide the highest quality **free** civil legal services to the residents of Ulster County.

The Kingston office is extremely busy with housing and domestic violence cases, as well as government benefits and social security cases, and we continue to focus some of our resources on the Veteran, LGBTQ+, and other vulnerable populations. 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.

- 178,665** Population, of which, **13.8%** of people live in poverty;
- 31.6%** of families with female heads of households and children present live in poverty;
- 33,556** persons in Ulster are over age 65; more than **9.5%** of them live in poverty county wide.

CASES BY LEGAL MATTER



In Ulster County, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$1,296**. In order to afford this, without paying more than **30%** of income on housing, a household must earn **\$24.92** hourly. The average renter's wage in Ulster County is **\$11.41**. At this rate a renter must work **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.)