

Westchester County

2022 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, four of which are in Westchester County.

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.



7,561 CASES HANDLED	6,084 CLIENTS SERVED	17,691 PEOPLE IMPACTED
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In 2021, LSHV became home to Westchester County's first multidisciplinary Family Defense Unit, which helps parents navigate the challenges of the Child Welfare system. All families deserve to live together in safety regardless of circumstances.

The Family Defense Unit fights to prevent painful family separations by using a nationally recognized model that combines attorneys, social workers, and parent advocates. It works to reunite parents and children who have been separated through the court process.

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.

83,603

Individuals living in poverty;

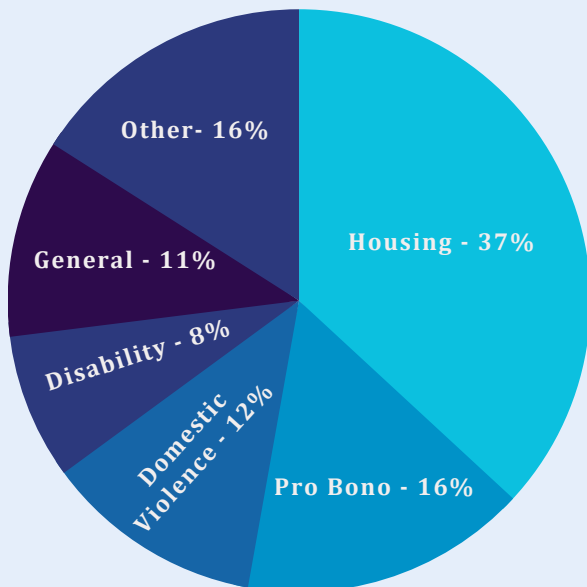
23.7%

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

160,547

persons in Rockland are over age 65; more than **8%** of them live in poverty;

CASES BY LEGAL MATTER



Westchester County's Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$1,943**. To afford this, without paying more than **30%** of income on housing, a household must earn **\$37.37** hourly. The average renter's wage in Westchester County is **\$19.45**. At this rate, a renter must work **2.7** 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 2022"; New York State Community Action Association, 2022 Poverty Report.)

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