



COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2022

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

A Community Needs Assessment is a process conducted by all Community Action Agencies every three years to determine the underlying causes and conditions of poverty within the communities served and to identify the available resources to address the unmet needs of the community's most vulnerable residents. The Community Needs Assessment is the first phase of the Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) Cycle, grounding and guiding the work to develop and implement programs and services that lift families and communities out of poverty.

The 2022 Community Needs Assessment identifies strengths, challenges, and barriers to self-sufficiency of individuals, children, families, and seniors that are at-risk and/or living in poverty in Washington County in northeastern New York. The Assessment is intended to guide future program planning, to implement programming that meets community needs, to build on the current strengths and resources of local communities, and to assist in reducing identified barriers to self-sufficiency for at-risk individuals and families in poverty—particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and growing economic concerns.

The quantitative and qualitative data gleaned from the Community Assessment process will be used by leadership and governing bodies to make informed decisions including, but not limited to:

- Determination of long- and short-range program goals, objectives, and priorities within the county;
- Types of services most needed for individuals, children, families, and seniors living in poverty;
- Gaps in service and geographic areas to be served, if additional funding is available, or if limitations in the amount of resources make it impossible to serve the entire service area;
- Locations of centers and/or services;
- Identification of and reduction of barriers due to inequities (e.g., race, ethnicity, gender, age);
- Community collaborations to develop or strengthen in order to provide quality services;
- Criteria that define the special populations who will be given priority for recruitment and selection for services, including Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) children; and
- The allocation of appropriate funding to support outcomes in the nine domain areas: Employment; Education and Cognitive Development; Income, Infrastructure, and Asset Building; Housing; Health and Social/Behavioral Development; Civic Engagement and Community Involvement; Services Supporting Multiple Domains; Linkages (e.g., partnerships that support multiple domains); Agency Capacity Building; and "Other" (e.g., emergency management/disaster relief).

METHODOLOGY

The Community Needs Assessment has been developed per the requirements of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Organizational Standards and Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.11 Determining Community Strengths, Needs and Resources (below).

L.E.A.P. utilized the services of Spiridis Consulting LLC to facilitate the Community Assessment between March and August of 2022, including the management of survey processes; research, collection, and analysis of data; and compilation of the final Community Assessment report.

CSBG ORGANIZATIONAL STANDARDS

STANDARD 3.1 The organization conducted a community assessment and issued a report within the past 3 years.

STANDARD 3.2 As part of the community assessment, the organization collects and includes current data specific to poverty and its prevalence related to gender, age, and race/ethnicity for their service area(s).

STANDARD 3.3 The organization collects and analyzes both qualitative and quantitative data on its geographic service area(s) in the community assessment

STANDARD 3.4 The community assessment includes key findings on the causes and conditions of poverty and the needs of the communities assessed.

STANDARD 3.5 The governing board formally accepts the completed community assessment.

Methods utilized for the collection of quantitative and qualitative data included:

- customer/family surveys (electronic and paper);
- community stakeholder surveys;
- staff/governing bodies surveys;
- discussions with leadership staff;
- local, state, and federal data resources;
- internal data (CSBG Report/Program Information Report)
- data reflecting COVID-19 impacts;
- 2020 Census Bureau data*; and
- American Community Survey, 2020 Five Year estimates**.

*The COVID-19 pandemic may have impacted the 2020 Census response and, therefore, data may be skewed at times.

**The American Community Survey (ACS) collects and produces information on social, economic, housing, and demographic characteristics about the U.S. population. The ACS is an official Census Bureau survey that is part of the decennial census program. Every year, the Census Bureau contacts over 3.5 million households nationwide to participate in the ACS. The survey is sent to a percentage of households monthly. These data are used to track shifting demographics and learn about local communities.¹ Spiridis Consulting LLC utilizes 5-Year ACS estimates due to smaller margins of error than 1-year estimates.



KEY FINDINGS

Throughout the Community Assessment process, data trends, strengths, and challenges have been identified. Below are key findings and data trends that most impact services for at-risk children, families, and individuals living in or near poverty in Washington County.

Key factors in 2022 include, but are not limited to, the following: rapidly increasing inflation on goods and services and families being forced to prioritize their greatest needs; lasting COVID-19 impacts on housing and the fear of eviction; the lack of jobs with livable wages to sustain families; and diminishing child care—particularly infant/toddler center-based care—for working families.

ADVOCACY

Washington County has a variety of resources and supports for children, families, and individuals, including seniors. However, there are multiple community issues which greatly impact residents, specifically the need for: quality child care, affordable and safe housing, jobs with livable wages, weatherization and home repairs, and expanded public transportation. These and other issues are interwoven, meaning families must remove a multitude of barriers to move towards self-sufficiency.

L.E.A.P.'s continued role in community advocacy—as well as promoting the advocacy roles of the Governing Bodies, leadership, family services staff, and all staff—is critical. Develop or strengthen engagement in community groups and coalitions which are strive to break down barriers for children, families, and individuals. Utilize Policy Council and Customers by building their advocacy skills (e.g., customers speaking out at a community meeting to discuss “affordable” housing or transportation needs).

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

While wages have risen, individuals and families may no longer be eligible for assistance or are now receiving *reduced* assistance. Washington County's minimum wage is \$13.20/hour (\$31,200 annually). The 2022 Federal Poverty Level for a family of two is \$18,310/annually; therefore, a single parent with one child who is working full time at minimum wage is now considered above the Federal Poverty Level. However, the living wage (the rate a full-time working individual must earn to adequately support the family and cover expenses) for one adult and one child is \$32.27 in Washington County. An adult with one child who is making minimum wage earns merely 40.8% of the living wage.

The annual inflation rate was 8.5% for the 12 months ended July 2022 after rising 9.1% in June 2022—the most since 1981. In contrast, inflation was 5.5% in July 2021 and 1.3% in June of 2020. The rising costs of food (10.9%), energy (32.9%), shelter (5.7%), transportation services (9.2%), apparel (5.2%), medical services (5.1%), and other items have put a further cost burden on customers. Families and individuals need increased support to find community services and resources for which they are eligible.

QUALITY CARE FOR CHILDREN (BIRTH-THREE)

There are an estimated 2,824 children ages 0–5 in Washington County with 15.3% (433) in poverty. There are approximately 260 infants and toddlers and 173 preschoolers in poverty within the county. L.E.A.P. maintains funding for 341 children (118 Early Head Start children and 223 Head Start children), meaning that it provides center based and home-based slots for just 45.4% of infants and toddlers in poverty and 100% of preschoolers in poverty.

The standard definition of a child care desert involves not having enough licensed/registered child day care slots to adequately serve the number of children in a geographic area. Washington County child care priorities include Cambridge, Fort Ann, Greenwich, Hartford, Salem, and Whitehall. There are just 2 licensed child care centers (Cambridge, Fort Edward), not including HS, EHS, or Universal Pre-K. These 2 centers have capacity to serve 6 infants, 8 toddlers, and 79 preschoolers, totaling 93 slots. There are also 21 Family Child Care Homes with a capacity of 126 children and 17 Group Family Child Care Homes with a capacity of 204 children; both programs serve children ages 6 weeks–12 years.

Child care has diminished since the COVID-19 pandemic. There were 4 child care centers in 2019 (pre-pandemic) and 47 Family/Group Child Care Homes, representing a 50% decrease in centers and a 21.3% decrease in child care homes. The Southern Adirondack Child Care Network's 2022 Child Care Needs Assessment indicates that between 2019 and 2022, slots for children ages 0–5 decreased by 48–49%.

L.E.A.P. will continue to assess the child care needs of families, including the need for full-day care for working families. Other considerations include applying for EHS Expansion funding and/or conversion of Head Start slots to EHS slots. Within the context of the staff survey, several employees discussed the need for quality care for all families, including those who do not meet poverty guidelines. The Head Start Program Performance Standards state, "A program must consider whether the characteristics of the community allow it to include children from diverse economic backgrounds that would be supported by other funding sources, including private pay, in addition to the program's eligible funded enrollment. A program must not enroll children from diverse economic backgrounds if it would result in a program serving less than its eligible funded enrollment."

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

For eligibility determination purposes, the Office of Head Start has expanded its interpretation of "public assistance," to include SNAP. Young children in SNAP households are now considered categorically eligible; this is intended to help families more easily apply to HS/EHS. The 2022 monthly average of households receiving SNAP in Washington County is 3,697, an increase of 3.9% (+140 households) from 2020. The 2022 monthly average of persons receiving SNAP is 6,612, an increase of 3.1% (+196 persons) from 2020. During PY 2020–2021, 37.6% of LEAP HS/EHS families were receiving SNAP upon enrollment, compared to 28.3% of HS/EHS families during PY 2018–2019 (pre-pandemic).

WOMEN IN POVERTY

While the gender wage gap has narrowed over the past 30 years as women have gained greater access to education, the labor market, and better paying jobs, there is still a disparity. The percentage of women living in poverty in Washington County is 12.2%, higher than men living in poverty (9.7%). This data may also be impacted by a higher percentage of seniors in the county and the longer lifespan of women. L.E.A.P. can continue to:

- Support women as they re-enter the workforce or interview for new jobs by researching with them equitable wages and benefits in the corresponding career field;
- Discuss the art of negotiation regarding wages and the possibility of flexible work schedules/work at home careers to promote work/life balance;
- Provide career counseling to identify higher-paying jobs/careers, including the trades; and
- Provide services which build financial capability such as financial services; financial coaching; financial counseling; credit counseling; credit building; access to affordable financial products; free tax preparation assistance; assistance with accessing federal/state benefits; incentivized savings programs; and asset building/asset ownership programs.

HOUSING

Of Washington County's housing units, an estimated 25.6% of *owner-occupied* households with mortgages and 45% of *rental-occupied* households are cost burdened. For rent to be affordable for an adult earning minimum wage (\$13.20/hour), monthly rent must be \$686 or less. Following are the top housing concerns identified by survey respondents. L.E.A.P. can further utilize funding and/or develop or strengthen community resources to support customers.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I can't afford needed repairs.	22.1%	64
I can't afford the heating bill.	15.2%	44
I have bad credit.	12.8%	37
I can't afford the electric bill.	12.1%	35
I can't find affordable housing.	4.8%	14
My physical disability makes it hard to find housing.	1.7%	5
I was evicted.	1.0%	3
I am homeless.	1.0%	3
I was threatened with eviction.	3.1%	9

TRANSPORTATION

Lack of transportation has been a problem in the past 12 months for 16.6% of survey respondents. Within the context of the staff survey, many employees discussed the need for expanded transportation services for residents who live in more rural areas. Some employees suggested expanding transportation services—that are currently offered to seniors—to other age groups including transportation for Head Start children. (Refer to survey results).

TOP 10 NEEDS OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS AGED 65+

GREATEST NEEDS	SURVEY RESPONDENTS, AGED 65+	
1. Home Repairs	35.0%	28
2. Dental Care	32.5%	26
3. Health Care	25.0%	20
4. Senior Citizens Services	25.0%	20
5. Heating/Utility Assistance	22.5%	18
6. Transportation	21.3%	17
7. Weatherization	13.8%	11
8. Financial Assistance	8.8%	7
9. Food Assistance	8.8%	7
10. Affordable Housing Assistance	6.3%	5

TOP 10 NEEDS OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS AGES 35-64

GREATEST NEEDS	SURVEY RESPONDENTS, AGES 35-64	
1. Home Repairs	35.0%	45
2. Health Care	25.6%	35
3. Dental Care	20.4%	28
4. Mental Health Services	20.4%	28
5. Child Care/Preschool	19.0%	26
6. Food Assistance	19.0%	26
7. Youth Programs	16.1%	22
8. Financial Assistance	11.7%	16
9. Summer Recreation	11.7%	16
10. Heating/Utility Assistance	11.0%	15

TOP 10 NEEDS OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS AGES 18-34

GREATEST NEEDS	SURVEY RESPONDENTS, AGES 18-34	
1. Child Care/Preschool	35.7%	25
2. Food Assistance	31.4%	22
3. Financial Assistance	24.3%	17
4. Affordable Housing Assistance	22.9%	16
5. Home Repairs	21.4%	15
6. Health Care	18.6%	13
7. Heating/Utility Assistance	17.1%	12
8. Dental Care	14.3%	10
9. Mental Health Services	12.9%	9
10. Affordable Housing Assistance	12.9%	9

AS IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, FOLLOWING ARE THE CURRENT TOP 5 NEEDS OF CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES SERVED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY:

ANSWER CHOICES	RANKING	RANKING SCORE
Mental Health Issues	1	188.00
Safe, Affordable Housing	2	176.93
Child Care	3	150.00
Substance Abuse Assistance	4	121.07
Transportation	5	110.55
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		39

AS IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, FOLLOWING ARE THE TOP 5 *PROJECTED* NEEDS OF CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES SERVED IN THE NEXT 2 YEARS:

ANSWER CHOICES	RANKING	RANKING SCORE
Mental Health Issues	1	209.10
Safe, Affordable Housing	2	188.45
Child Care	3	150.00
Financial Assistance	4	130.78
Food Assistance	5	125.01

AS IDENTIFIED BY STAFF AND GOVERNING BODIES, FOLLOWING ARE THE CURRENT TOP 5 NEEDS OF CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES SERVED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY:

ANSWER CHOICES	RANKING	RANKING SCORE
Child Care	1	157.91
Safe, Affordable Housing	2	137.50
Adult Education/Literacy	3	80.94
Mental Health Services	4	60.00
Financial Assistance	5	56.00
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		55

AS IDENTIFIED BY STAFF AND GOVERNING BODIES, FOLLOWING ARE THE TOP 5 *PROJECTED* NEEDS OF CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES SERVED IN THE NEXT 2 YEARS:

ANSWER CHOICES	RANKING	RANKING SCORE
Child Care	1	224.00
Safe, Affordable Housing	2	131.83
Mental Health Services	3	111.10
Financial Assistance	4	104.36
Food Assistance	5	93.90

DATA SUMMARY

Throughout the Community Assessment process, both strengths and challenges have been identified. Below is a summary of demographic information and data trends from the Community Assessment. For detailed information regarding any statistic, refer to the full narrative. Not all Community Assessment data have been included in this summary. As available, data sources reflecting the 2020 Decennial Census and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been included.

Notes: Unless explicitly stated otherwise, a referenced year refers to a calendar year. A Program Year (PY) is reflective of 12-month data collected on the Program Information Report (PIR) that is submitted to the Office of Head Start annually in August. A School Year (SY) refers to the public school year. Fiscal Year (FY) and Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) may also be utilized.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- While the U.S. population grew by 7.1% and New York's population grew by 4.3% between 2010 and 2020, Washington County's population declined by 3% (-1,915 people). Populations declined in nearly every town except Kingsbury (+2.3%). Sizable population declines occurred in Dresden (-17.6%), Fort Ann (-6.1%), Fort Edward (-6%), and Granville (-6.8%). Towns with the largest 2020 populations include Fort Ann (5,812), Fort Edward (5,991), Granville (6,215), and Kingsbury (12,968).
- The 65+ age group constitutes 23.5% (11,905 people) of Washington County's population, making it the largest age group. The county has a 0-4 age population of 4%, less than NY State (5.9%) and the U.S. (6%). The median age of all persons is 44.2, indicating that the population as a whole generally trends older than NY's median age of 39. The Hispanic population has a lower median age of 28.8.
- Following are Washington County's racial/ethnic demographics: White (91.6%); African-American (2.6%); Asian (.6%); Native American/Alaskan Native (.3%); Other Race (.1%); and Multiple Races (2.0%). The Hispanic population is 2.8% (1,738 people), lower than NY (19.1%) and the U.S. (18.2%).
- Following are the most significant changes in Washington County's racial/ethnic demographics between 2010 and 2020: White population decreased by 7.4% (-4,392 people); Black population decreased by 9.9% (-171 people); and Multiple Races increased by 373.2% (+2,161 people). The Hispanic/Latino population increased by 21.8% (315 people).
- Of Washington County's population, 2.4% (1,443 people) are estimated to be foreign-born; of these, 56.1% have become naturalized U.S. citizens and 43.94% are non-citizens.
- Of Washington County's population, 95% speak English only, 2.1% speak Spanish, 2.2% speak Indo-European languages, .5% speak Asian languages, and .2% speak Other Languages.
- Of enrolled K-12 public school students in Washington County during SY 2020-2021, less than 1% (27 students) were English Language Learners. Of these, 17 students were Hispanic/Latino. The remaining students had home languages including Arabic, Chinese, and Vietnamese.
- Of Washington County households, 63.3% are family households, comparable to NY (63%). Of households, 26.2% have children, slightly less than NY (29%). Of the 26.2% of households with children, 14.4% are married family households.
- Of Washington County children, 22% are estimated to be living in single-parent households, lower than New York at 26%.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

L.E.A.P. maintains funding for 341 children (223 Head Start children and 118 Early Head Start children)

78 HS HOME-BASED **25** HS HOME-BASED **198** HS CENTER BASED **40** EHS CENTER BASED FULL DAY
(94 Half-Day, 104 Full-Day)

- Per the NY Department of Education, there were 195 half-day and 18 full-day Universal Pre-K (UPK) enrollment slots in Washington County during SY 2020-2021, compared to 306 half-day and 18 full-day UPK enrollment slots during SY 2019-2020. UPK allocations for SY 2022-2023 indicate 236 half-day slots and 62 full-day slots.
- There are just 2 licensed child care centers (Cambridge, Fort Edward), not including HS, EHS, or UPK. These 2 centers have capacity to serve 6 infants, 8 toddlers, and 79 preschoolers, totaling 93 slots. There are also 21 Family Child Care Homes with a capacity of 126 children and 17 Group Family Child Care Homes with a capacity of 204 children; both programs serve children ages 6 weeks-12 years.
- According to the Southern Adirondack Child Care Network's 2022 Child Care Needs Assessment, there were 4 child care centers in 2019 (pre-pandemic) and 47 Family/Group Child Care Homes, representing a 50% decrease in centers and a 21.3% decrease in child care homes. The Child Care Network states that there are child care slots for only 7% of the children in Washington County and that between 2019 and 2022, slots for children ages 0-5 decreased by 48-49%.
- The standard definition of a child care desert involves not having enough licensed/registered child day care slots to adequately serve the number of children in a geographic area. Washington County priorities include Cambridge, Fort Ann, Greenwich, Hartford, Salem, and Whitehall.
- Annual center-based child care in New York State is estimated at \$15,028 annually (\$289/week) for an infant and \$27,092 (\$521/week) for an infant and a 4 year old. Family child care is estimated at \$10,972 (\$211/week) for an infant and \$21,112 (\$406/week) for an infant and a 4 year old. A single parent spends 54% of income on infant child care and a single parent spends nearly 97% of income on two children. A married family with two children living at the poverty line, would need 108% of income to afford child care.
- In August 2022, NY State Child Care Subsidy funding will expand the initial eligibility levels for families to 300% of the federal poverty level, up from the current 200%.
- L.E.A.P. offers home visitation services for 78 EHS families and 25 HS families in Washington County, which is capacity for 30% of low income children ages 0-3.

BIRTH OUTCOMES AND PREGNANT WOMEN

Following are the most recent birth outcome data in Washington County:

- In 2019, 558 babies were born in Washington County; of these, 95.5% (546) were non-Hispanic White, 2.2% were Hispanic, .9% were Black, and 1.4% were other non-Hispanic Races.
- 8.1% (45) of births were low-weight births (under 2,500 grams), the same as New York (8.1%);
- Of mothers, 56.1% (313 women) were unmarried and 43.9% (245) were married. Of unmarried mothers, 42.5% were ages 15-24. In comparison, 37.8% of NY State mothers were unmarried;
- Washington County's infant mortality rate was 7.2% (4 infant deaths), compared to 4.3% in NY;
- Of births, 1.1% (6) were to teenagers ages 15-17 and 3.9% (22) were to teenagers ages 18-19;
- Of births, 50.9% were to mothers on Medicaid or Family Health Plus.

- Of pregnant mothers, 79% received prenatal care in the 1st trimester, 13.8% in the 2nd trimester, 2.9% in the 3rd trimester, and .6% received no prenatal care.
- Based on poverty rates, there are an estimated 85 eligible pregnant women in the county.

DISABILITIES

- Of the Washington County population, 13% of persons aged 18-64 and 35.3% of persons aged 65+ are diagnosed with disabilities, substantially higher than New York at 8.8% and 31.9% respectively. Of the population with disabilities, 9.1% are Hispanic.
- In 2020, 2.2% of children birth to 1 years of age and 4.7% of children birth three years of age in Washington County received Early Intervention services.
- During PY 2020-2021, 18.8% of enrolled LEAP EHS children and 22.8% of HS children had diagnosed disabilities, exceeding the Head Start Program Performance Standard of 10% enrolled children with disabilities. Of enrolled HS children, 21.7% were diagnosed with non-categorical/developmental delays and 1% were diagnosed with visual or hearing impairments.
- During SY 2020-2021, 33 (15.2%) UPK children in Washington County had diagnosed disabilities. Of K-12 students, 18% (1,421) had diagnosed disabilities. Hudson Falls CSD had the highest percent of students with disabilities (22%, 478 students).

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and temporary and permanent closures of many businesses, unemployment claims in Washington County peaked in April 2020 at a staggering 15.8%, slightly higher than New York State (15.1%). As of June 2022, Washington County's unemployment rate had dropped to 3%, compared to New York State at 4.4% and the United States at 3.9%.
- The May 2022 civilian labor force of 27,743 in Washington County is still lower (-105 workers) than the May 2019 (pre-pandemic) labor force.
- Washington County's minimum wage is \$13.20/hour (\$31,200 annually). The 2022 Federal Poverty Level for a family of two is \$18,310/annually; therefore, a single parent with one child who is working full time at minimum wage is considered above the Federal Poverty Level.
- The living wage (the rate a full-time working individual must earn to adequately support the family and cover expenses) for one adult and one child is \$32.27 in Washington County. An adult with one child who is making minimum wage (\$13.20/hour) earns just 40.8% of the living wage.
- Washington County's median household income is estimated at \$59,613, less than NY (\$71,117) and the U.S. (\$64,994). Of households, 19.2% earn under \$25,000 and 41% earn under \$50,000.
- The annual inflation rate was 8.5% for the 12 months ended July 2022 after rising 9.1% in June 2022—the most since 1981. In contrast, inflation was 5.5% in July 2021 and 1.3% in June of 2020.

POVERTY

The estimated poverty rate of the general population is 10.9% (6,333 people) in Washington County, compared to New York at 13.6% and the U.S. at 12.8%. Of the population, 10.3% of non-Hispanic Whites (5,705 people), 21.7% (80 people) of African-Americans, and 59.8% of Native Americans (104 people) are in poverty. Of the Hispanic population, 7.2% (394 people) are in poverty.

An economically disadvantaged student meets federal income poverty eligibility guidelines for free and reduced price meals or free milk. Of K-12 students, 49% in Washington County were economically disadvantaged during SY 2020-2021.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX — JULY 2022	1-MONTH PERCENT CHANGE (FROM JUNE 2022)	12 MONTH CHANGE (FROM JULY 2022)
All Items	0.0	8.5
Food	1.1	10.9
Food at home	1.3	13.1
Food away from home	0.7	7.6
Energy	-4.6	32.9
Gasoline (all types)	-7.7	44.0
Fuel oil	-11.0	75.6
Electricity	1.6	15.2
Utility (piped) gas service	-3.6	30.5
All Items Less Food & Energy	0.3	5.9
New vehicles	0.6	10.4
Used cars and trucks	-0.4	6.6
Apparel	-0.1	5.1
Shelter	0.5	5.7
Transportation Services	-0.5	9.2
Medical care services	0.4	5.1

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5			INFANTS AND TODDLERS		3 & 4 YEAR OLDS	
TOTAL CHILDREN	# IN POVERTY	% IN POVERTY	COUNT*	IN POVERTY	COUNT*	IN POVERTY
2,824	433	15.3%	1,694	260	1,130	173

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

- The 2022 monthly average of Washington County's households receiving SNAP is 3,697, an increase of 3.9% (+140 households) from 2020. The 2022 monthly average of persons receiving SNAP is 6,612, an increase of 3.1% (+196 persons) from 2020. During PY 2020-2021, 37.6% of L.E.A.P. HS/EHS families were receiving SNAP upon enrollment, substantially higher than 28.3% of HS/EHS families during PY 2018-2019 (pre-pandemic).
- Monthly SSI recipients in Washington County decreased by 2.4% (-41 recipients) between May 2019 (pre-pandemic) and May 2022.
- In Washington County, adult TANF recipients decreased by 39.4% (-26 recipients) and child recipients declined by 32.1% (-92 children) between May 2019 and May 2022.
- During PY 2020-2021, 57.7% of LEAP Head Start/Early Head Start families were receiving WIC services upon enrollment, compared to 52.7% during PY 2018-2019 (pre-pandemic).

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

- The estimated rate of adults aged 25 and older without a high school diploma is 12% in Washington County, compared to 12.8% in New York and 11.5% in the U.S. Of the Hispanic population, 40.2% (387 people) do not have a high school diploma. The rate of those with a Bachelor's Degree in Washington County is 20.2%, significantly less than NY at 37.5% and the U.S. at 32.9%.
- Washington County's 2021 four-year high school graduation rate was 84%. Graduation rates were 72% for economically disadvantaged students, compared to 91% for non-economically disadvantaged students. The graduation rate among students with disabilities was 63% and just 47% among students experiencing homelessness.

CHILD WELFARE

- In 2021, 10 children ages 0-5 were in foster care in Washington County; this represents 31.3% of all 32 children in foster care. Of all children in foster care, 56.3% were White, 9.4% were Black, 21.9% were Latino, and 12.5% were of an Unknown race/ ethnicity.
- While confirmed Child Abuse and Neglect reports in Washington County increased by 28 children (+22.1%) between 2019 and 2020, confirmed reports declined by 9.2% (-13 children) between 2020 and 2021. The 2021 confirmed rate of was 38.1 per 1,000 children, lower than NY (28 per 1,000).
- During PY 2020-2021, 4.1% (14 children) of L.E.A.P. HS/EHS children were in foster care. Of enrolled children, 6.3% (14 grandparents/6 relatives) were raising children and considered the legal guardian.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Of New York's 62 counties in 2022, Washington County is ranked 34th—in the lower-middle range—for Health Outcomes (length of life, quality of life) and 32nd—in the lower-middle range—for Health Factors (health behaviors, clinical care, social & economic factors, environment).
- A low uninsured population (5%), a high number of flu vaccinations (49%), low unemployment, and income equality are some areas that most positively impact the health of people in the county. Adult obesity (32%), adult smoking (20%), and high ratios of primary care physicians (2,780:1) and dentists (4,660:1) are areas that negatively impact the health of people.
- Washington County has areas/populations that are designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas, Medically Underserved Areas, and Medically Underserved Populations (refer to narrative).
- Following are COVID-19 data from the NY State Health Department, as of August 19, 2022:
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- In New York State there have been 32 reported deaths of children ages 0-9 due to COVID-19, which represents .1% of deaths. Of these 32 deaths, 7 children had at least one of the top 10 identified comorbidities (e.g., hypertension, diabetes, cancer).
- As reported on provisional death certificates, there have been 73,350 NY COVID-related fatalities; this information was reported to and compiled by the Center for Disease Control.
- There have been 57,434 COVID-related fatalities in NY as reported through the Health Electronic Response Data System (HERDS), a NYS Department of Health source that collects data from hospitals and adult care facilities only. 92.1% had at least one comorbidity (e.g., cancer, diabetes, coronary disease, dementia) and 86.5% were over age 60. In Washington County, there have been 125 deaths among patients with confirmed cases of COVID-19.

- 1.4% of New York children ages 0–4 (15,918) have been given a COVID-19 vaccination, representing the following percentages of 0–4 populations: .3% Hispanic; 1.9% White; .2% African American; 2% Asian; .6 Native American; and 1.4% Multiracial.
- Of Washington County’s population, 68.2% received at least one vaccine dose; 64.7% completed the vaccine series; and 37.4% (of 58.3% eligible) have received a booster.
- New York is ranked 46th in the nation with a 26.3% adult obesity rate, compared to 24.7% in 2010.
- Nationally, 16.2% of youth ages 10–17 have obesity. Of youth from families in the lowest-income group, 23.1% have obesity, compared to 8.1% of families from the highest-income group. Of NY youth ages 10–17, 11.5% have obesity—giving the state a ranking of 45. Of New York children ages 2–4 in the WIC program, 14% have obesity; this is a decrease from 16.1% in 2010.
- Washington County’s adult obesity rate is estimated to be 32%, higher than NY at 27%.
- During PY 2020–2021, just 58.2% of enrolled L.E.A.P. Head Start children had a healthy weight. 20.1% had obesity, higher than NY Head Start children (16.7%) and Head Start children nationally (18.4%). In addition, 19.6% of L.E.A.P. Head Start children were overweight.

HOMELESSNESS

The Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs/Saratoga, Washington, Warren, Hamilton Counties Continuum of Care conducted a Point-In-Time Homeless Count in January 2021. The count does not include those doubled up with other families due to financial constraints. Following is a summary:

- 198 households and 237 individuals were experiencing homelessness;
- 16.5% sheltered persons were under age 18, 11.3% were ages 18–24, and 72.2% were over age 24;
- 86% were in emergency shelters, 11% were in transitional shelters, and 3% were unsheltered;
- 32.6% of sheltered persons were female, 66.5% were male, and .9% identified as transgender;
- The racial composition included 83.9% White, 11.7% African American; 2.6% Multiple Races; and less than 1% of Asian, Native American, and Pacific Islander populations;
- 15.2% were Hispanic; and 6.4% were chronically homeless.
- Of Washington County students (PreK–12), 153 were identified as homeless during SY 2020–2021. Of these, 73.9% were doubled up with other families due to financial constraints, 12.4% were living in motels, 11.1% were in shelters, and 2.6% were unsheltered.

HOUSING

- Cost-burdened households are those with costs exceeding 30% of total household income. Of Washington County’s housing units, an estimated 27% are cost-burdened, lower than NY (36.9%). Cost-burdened,, rental-occupied households in Washington County are higher (44.8%) than owner-occupied households with mortgages (25.6%).
- The 2022 monthly FMR for a modest, two-bedroom rental in Washington County is \$1,065 which equates to a housing wage of \$20.48/hour. For rent to be affordable for an adult earning minimum wage (\$13.20/hour), monthly rent must be \$686 or less.

In Washington County, there are 29,562 housing units with the following characteristics:

- 72.7% are owner-occupied units and 27.3% are renter-occupied units.
- The median year that structures were first constructed is 1960. 8.1% of units were built after 2010.
- 85.5% of housing units are occupied and 14.5% of units are vacant.
- 32.5% are residents ages 65+; 13.9% are residents ages 65+ who are living alone.
- Of occupied housing units, 6,466 or 26.9% have one or more substandard conditions; of these almost 2% have 2-4 substandard conditions. An estimated 4.1% of units lack complete kitchens.

FOOD INSECURITY

- According to Feeding America, Washington County's 2020 child food insecurity rate was 14.1%, comparable to New York (14.6%). The 2020 overall food insecurity rate was 10.7%, slightly higher than New York at 9.6%. However, the overall food insecurity rate was substantially higher among Latinos (13%), compared to the White, Non-Hispanic population (7%). Data is not available for other races.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines a food desert as any neighborhood that lacks healthy food sources due to income level, distance to supermarkets, or vehicle access. Washington County has 1 census tract with a population of 6,371 classified as a food desert by the USDA.
- In June 2022, Congress passed the Keep Kids Fed Act, a bipartisan bill to help mitigate the impact of the loss of the child nutrition waivers which were due to expire in June 2022. This bill increases reimbursements to schools and child care centers, supports access to summer meals, and streamlines access to healthy meals for children in family child care.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- Over 100,000 Americans died from a drug overdose from April 2020 to April 2021, a 30% increase from the prior one-year period. In 2020, there were 4,979 drug overdose-related deaths in New York, a 37% increase (+1,345 deaths) from 2019.
- While Washington County experienced a dramatic increase in opioid overdose deaths in 2020—up to 15 deaths from 3 deaths in 2019—opioid overdose deaths declined to 7 in 2021. However, emergency department visits due to opioid overdoses increased from 27 in 2020 to 30 overdoses in 2021 and hospitalizations increased from 6 in 2020 to 10 in 2021

TRANSPORTATION

- Of Washington County households, 9.3% are estimated to not have a vehicle, compared to 29% in New York State and 8.5% in the United States. 23.6% of rental households are without a vehicle, substantially higher than owner-occupied households (3.9%).

AGENCY OVERVIEW

MISSION STATEMENT: WE SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN ATTAINING SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY PROVIDING SERVICES, SHARING RESOURCES, AND THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLABORATION.

Washington County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. (d.b.a. L.E.A.P.) was incorporated in 1966 as a 501(c)3 to operate as the designated Community Action Agency in Washington County. Located in Fort Edward, the organization has been aiding individuals, children, and families in defining and reaching their goals economically, educationally, and more, for over 50 years. L.E.A.P. supports individuals and families with attaining self-sufficiency through building relationships and community networks.

The agency's primary sources of revenue are Federal Grant funds awarded for the operation of traditional anti-poverty programs including Head Start/Early Head Start and the Community Services Block Grant. L.E.A.P. is also a partner in the Workforce Development System (WIOA). L.E.A.P. works with a network of community partners, in both the public and private sectors, to monitor community needs and work together to reduce the barriers to self-sufficiency.

L.E.A.P. operates two divisions. The largest division is Head Start/Early Head Start, an early childhood education program for children ages birth to 5 from income eligible families or those on public assistance, children in foster care, children from families experiencing homelessness, and children with disabilities. Operating under the Department of Health and Human Services, L.E.A.P. is currently funded to serve 223 children in Head Start and 118 children in Early Head Start. The program operates five centers in Washington County and serves families in more difficult-to-reach locations in a comprehensive home visiting program. In addition to operating under strict Performance Standards through the Office of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, L.E.A.P. centers are licensed and regulated by the NYS Office of Children and Families.

The second division, Career and Family Services, integrates the remaining L.E.A.P. programs into a service delivery model that allows consumers full access to Work Force, nutritional supports, emergency assistance, and transportation in a one-stop environment. The Career and Family Services center also serves as a referral point for customers who have needs that can be addressed by other providers and programs within the community.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- [HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-5](#)
- [EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS](#)
- [EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY](#)
- [TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES](#)
- [EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE](#)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

17 individuals and families were assisted with rent support to avoid eviction, utility and or fuel shut-offs, and prescription copays.

CLOTHING/COAT CLOSET

92 people received coats, clothing or referrals. Due to COVID-19, we were unable to have a day-long event and instead distributed coats upon request, which decreased the number of people requesting coats and/or clothing.

TRANSPORTATION

107 individuals were assisted by providing 1,691 one-way trips covering 22,075 miles. Volunteer Driver Hours: 302.5

COMMUNITY GARDEN

12 out of **12** family garden beds were utilized by Washington County residents. L.E.A.P. also grew watermelons, tomatoes, red and green peppers, squash, and other vegetables for the food pantry.

New additions: water hydrant, motion detector lights, privacy signs, and a banner thanking donors.

FOOD PANTRY

2,829 people in **879** households received food. Of the 879 households that received food, 157 were new families that have never used our food pantry. In conjunction with a contract through Market 32, we were provided with 17,848 pounds of groceries, breads, bakery items, and produce. Workers delivered food to 259 families and seniors that were unable to come to the pantry.

In 2021, the operation of the food pantry (availability, delivery, etc.) was extended as needs arose due to the pandemic.

RACE/ETHNICITY	COUNT	PERCENT
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3	0.1%
Asian	11	0.4%
Black/African American	47	1.6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	0.1%
White	1,696	58.7%
Other	109	3.8%
Multirace	137	4.7%
Unknown/Not Reported Race	884	30.6%
Hispanic	47	1.6%
Non-Hispanic	1961	67.9%
Unknown Ethnicity	880	30.5%

HOUSEHOLD TYPE	COUNT	PERCENT
Single Person	73	6.1%
Two Adults NO Children	135	11.2%
Single Parent—Female	208	17.2%
Single Parent—Male	35	2.9%
Two Parent Household	156	12.9%
Non-related Adults with Children	9	0.8%
Multigenerational Household	42	3.5%
Other	47	3.9%
Unknown/Not Reported	501	41.5%

HOUSEHOLD TYPE	COUNT	PERCENT
Own	112	9.3%
Rent	327	27.1%
Other permanent housing	12	1.0%
Homeless	46	3.8%
Other	64	5.3%
Unknown/Not Reported	645	53.5%

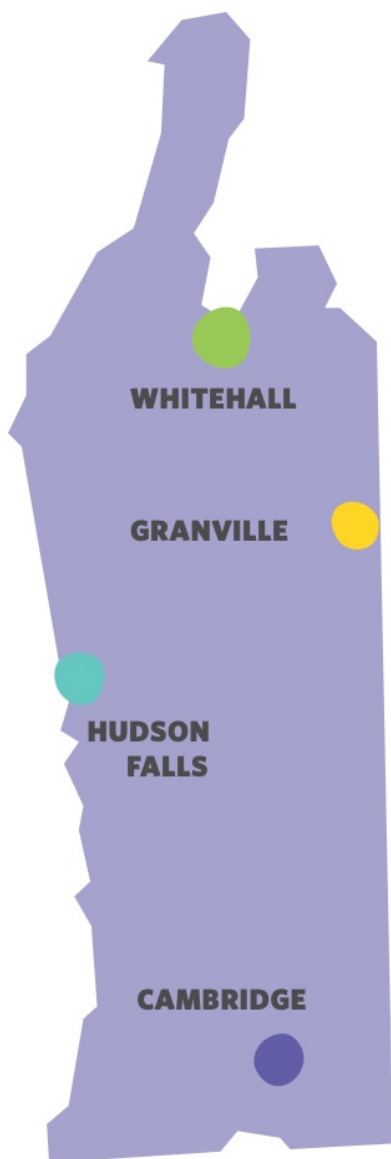
LEVEL OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (% OF HHS GUIDELINE)	COUNT	PERCENT
Up to 50%	291	24.1%
51% - 75%	62	5.1%
76% - 100%	167	13.9%
101% - 125%	79	6.6%
126% - 150%	11	0.9%
151% - 175%	37	3.1%
176% - 200%	7	0.6%
201% - 250%	4	0.3%
251% and Over	5	0.4%
Unknown/Not Reported	543	45.0%

During FY 2020-2021, L.E.A.P. served 2,888 unduplicated individuals from 1,206 unduplicated house-holds. Following is a summary of demographics and characteristics of those served:

- Approximately 46% were males and 54% were females.
- 22 Veterans and 1 Active Military member were served.
- At least 10.8% of those served had a disability.



COMMUNITY OVERVIEW



With 20.2 million residents, New York is the fourth most populous state. New York State is bordered by New Jersey and Pennsylvania to the south, and Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont to the east. The state has a maritime border with Rhode Island, east of Long Island, as well as an international border with the Canadian provinces of Quebec to the north and Ontario to the northwest. The southern part of the state is in the Atlantic coastal plain and includes Long Island and several smaller associated islands, as well as New York City (NYC) and the lower Hudson River Valley. The state's most populous city, New York City, makes up over 40% of the state's population. As of January 2020, two-thirds of the state's population lived in the NYC metropolitan area.

Washington County is part of the Great Appalachian Valley in northeastern New York State. The county has a total area of 846 square miles, of which 831 square miles are land and 15 square miles are water. The eastern boundary of Washington County is Lake Champlain, which serves as the New York-Vermont border. Western boundaries include primarily the Hudson River and Lake George. Washington County is bordered by Essex County to the north; Addison County, Vermont to the northeast; Rutland County, Vermont to the east; Bennington County, Vermont to the southeast; Rensselaer County to the south; Saratoga County to the southwest; and Warren County to the west. The county is part of the Glens Falls, New York Metropolitan Statistical Area. Washington County is approximately 50 miles from Albany, the New York State Capital, and is nearly equidistant to New York City, Montreal, and Boston. The population is 61,302.

Washington County is known for its rich valley farm land and is one of New York State's leading dairy counties, with maple syrup and apples being important cash crops. The economic importance of agriculture in the county is over \$200 million annually, which includes numerous ancillary businesses. The county is also home to manufacturers of medical instruments, paper-making machinery, paper products, furniture, and electronic components. Numerous slate quarries are in the northeastern part of the county (known as the Slate Capital of the World), yielding the world's only source of red slate.²

Outdoor recreation is also a draw to both residents and tourists alike. The northern end of the county is within the 6.1 million-acre Adirondack Park. Black Mountain, in the Adirondacks, is the tallest peak in Washington County at approximately 2,640 feet, and has beautiful views of Lake George, Lake Champlain, the surrounding countryside, and the Adirondacks, Taconic Mountains, and Green Mountains. Numerous recreational opportunities include downhill and cross-country skiing, biking on Class I trails, boating on Lake George, Lake Champlain, the Hudson River and the Champlain Canal, fishing the Battenkill and Mettawee Rivers and Halfway Brook for trout, hiking State Forest Preserve lands, or golfing on various courses. Willard Mountain is a ski center in the southern part of the county.

DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION

While the U.S. population grew by 7.1% and New York's population grew by 4.3% between 2010 and 2020, Washington County's population declined by 3% (-1,915 people). Over the past decade, populations declined in nearly every town in Washington County except Kingsbury which experienced a 2.3% increase (+297 people). Sizable population declines occurred in Dresden (-17.6%), Fort Ann (-6.1%), Fort Edward (-6%), and Granville (-6.8%). Towns with the largest 2020 populations include Fort Ann (5,812), Fort Edward (5,991), Granville (6,215), and Kingsbury (12,968).³

A total of 61,302 people live in Washington County's 831.17 square mile area. Therefore, the population density for Washington County is estimated at 74 persons per square mile, less than the U.S. average population density of 92 persons per square mile.⁴

POPULATION CHANGE (2010-2020) WASHINGTON COUNTY

LOCATION	LOCATION TYPE*	POPULATION		POPULATION CHANGE 2010-2020	
		2010	2020	COUNT	PERCENT
Washington County		63,217	61,302	-1,915	-3.0%
Argyle	Town	3,782	3,644	-138	-3.6%
Cambridge	Town	2,021	1,952	-69	-3.4%
Dresden	Town	652	537	-115	-17.6%
Easton	Town	2,336	2,279	-57	-2.4%
Fort Ann	Town	6,190	5,812	-378	-6.1%
Fort Edward	County Seat	6,371	5,991	-380	-6.0%
Granville	Town	6,669	6,215	-454	-6.8%
Greenwich	Town	4,942	4,868	-74	-1.5%
Hampton	Town	938	857	-81	-8.6%
Hartford	Town	2,269	2,193	-76	-3.3%
Hebron	Town	1,853	1,786	-67	-3.6%
Hudson Falls (Kingsbury)	Village	7,281	7,427	146	2.0%
Jackson	Town	1,800	1,723	-77	-4.3%
Kingsbury	Town	12,671	12,968	297	2.3%
North Granville	CDP/Hamlet	Not Available	524	-----	-----
Putnam	Town	609	567	-42	-6.9%
Salem	Town	2,715	2,612	-103	-3.8%
White Creek	Town	3,356	3,275	-81	-2.4%
Whitehall	Town	4,042	4,023	-19	-0.5%

*CDP refers to Census Designated Place Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010, 2020 Decennial Census

AGE

The age group of 65+ constitutes 23.5% (11,905 people) of Washington County's population, making it the largest age group. The county has an estimated 0-4 age population of 4% (2,868 children), less than New York State (5.9%) and the United States (6%).⁵

Of Washington County's population, the estimated median age of all persons is 44.2, indicating that the population as a whole generally trends older than New York State's median age of 39. The median age in Washington County is 42.1 for males, while the female median age is higher at 46.7. The Hispanic population has a lower median age of 28.8.⁶

POPULATION BY AGE GROUP								
LOCATION	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Washington County	4.0%	12.0%	6.8%	12.1%	11.1%	13.7%	16.8%	23.5%
	2,868	8,667	4,981	7,380	7,232	8,773	9,498	11,905
New York State	5.9%	15.0%	9.2%	14.7%	12.5%	13.1%	13.2%	16.5%
United States	6.0%	16.4%	9.3%	13.9%	12.7%	12.7%	12.9%	16.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 Five-Year Estimates

MEDIAN AGE			
LOCATION	OVERALL MEDIAN AGE	MALE MEDIAN AGE	FEMALE MEDIAN AGE
Washington County	44.2	42.1	46.7
New York State	39.0	37.5	40.5
United States	38.2	37.0	39.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 Five-Year Estimates

POPULATION OF CHILDREN AGES 0-4		
LOCATION	COUNT	PERCENT OF POPULATION
Washington County	2,868	4.0%
New York State	1,140,669	5.9%
United States	19,650,192	6.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 Five-Year Estimates

PRIMARY LANGUAGE

Of the population in Washington County, 95% speak English only, 2.1% speak Spanish, 2.2% speak Indo-European languages, .5% speak Asian languages, and .2% speak Other Languages.⁷

Of enrolled Washington County K-12 public school students during SY 2020-2021, less than 1% (27 students) were English Language Learners. Of these students, 17 (63%) were Hispanic/Latino. The remaining students had home languages including Arabic, Chinese, and Vietnamese.⁸

During PY 2020-2021, 96.6% of enrolled L.E.A.P. HS/EHS families spoke English and 3.4% spoke Spanish. Fifteen children (4.4%) were Dual Language Learners.⁹

LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME					
LOCATION	ENGLISH ONLY	SPANISH	INDO- EUROPEAN	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	OTHER LANGUAGES
Washington County	95.0%	2.1%	2.2%	.5%	.2%
	55,500	1,239	1,275	280	142
New York	69.7%	14.7%	8.7%	5.1%	1.8%
United States	78.5%	13.2%	3.7%	3.5%	1.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 Five Year Estimates



RACE AND ETHNICITY

Following are the racial/ethnic demographics of Washington County: White (91.6%); African American (2.6%); Asian (.6%); Native American/Alaskan Native (.3%); Other Race (.1%); and Multiple Races (2.0%). The Hispanic population is 2.8% (1,738 people), lower than NY (19.1%) and the U.S. (18.2%).¹⁰

Following were the racial demographics of enrolled L.E.A.P. Head Start/Early Head Start children during PY 2020-2021: White (86.3%); Black/African American (1.4%); Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (.3%); Biracial (11.4%); and Other (.6%). Of enrolled children, 8.9% (31 children) were Hispanic/Latino.¹¹

NON-HISPANIC POPULATION BY RACE							
LOCATION	WHITE	BLACK AFRICAN AMERICAN	ASIAN	NATIVE AMERICAN	NATIVE HAWAIIAN	OTHER RACE	MULTIPLE RACES
Washington County	91.6%	2.6%	0.6%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	2.0%
	56,136	1,596	356	176	23	50	1,229
New York	55.2%	14.8%	9.6%	0.7%	0.1%	10.9%	8.7%
U.S.	61.6%	12.4%	6.0%	1.1%	0.2%	8.4%	10.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census

POPULATION BY HISPANIC ORIGIN				
LOCATION	HISPANIC POPULATION		NON-HISPANIC POPULATION	
	COUNT	PERCENT	COUNT	PERCENT
Washington County	1,738	2.8%	59,566	97.2%
New York State	3,720,707	19.1%	15,794,142	80.9%
United States	59,361,020	18.2%	267,208,288	81.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census

Following are the most significant changes in Washington County's racial/ethnic demographics between 2010 and 2020: White population decreased by 7.4% (-4,392 people); Black population decreased by 9.9% (-171 people); and Multiple Races increased by 373.2% (+2,161 people). The Hispanic/Latino population increased by 21.8% (315 people).¹²

POPULATION CHANGE (2010-2020) BY RACE								
COUNTY/ LOCATION	NON-HISPANIC							
	WHITE	BLACK AFRICAN AMERICAN	ASIAN	NATIVE AMERICAN ALASKA NATIVE	NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER	OTHER RACE	MULTIPLE RACES	HISPANIC OR LATINO
Washington County	-7.4% -4,392	-9.9% -171	22.7% 40	36.7% 59	100.0% 11	76.5% 62	373.2% 2,161	21.8% 315
New York	-6.2%	-0.9%	36.3%	1.9%	14.6%	141.5%	121.1%	15.5%
U.S.	-2.6%	6.0%	35.6%	0.2%	29.2%	179.6%	127.1%	20.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census

POPULATION CHANGE (2010-2020) BY HISPANIC ORIGIN				
LOCATION	HISPANIC OR LATINO POPULATION CHANGE		NON-HISPANIC POPULATION CHANGE	
	COUNT	PERCENT	COUNT	PERCENT
Washington County	315	21.8%	-2,228	-3.6%
New York	531,100	15.5%	292,042	1.8%
United States	11,163,011	20.6%	11,100,922	4.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census

FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION

Of Washington County's population, 2.4% (1,443 people) are estimated to be foreign-born. Of the foreign-born population, 56.1% have become naturalized U.S. citizens and 43.9% are non-citizens.¹³

FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION						
LOCATION	FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION		FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION WITH CITIZENSHIP		FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION WITHOUT CITIZENSHIP	
	COUNT	PERCENT	COUNT	PERCENT	COUNT	PERCENT
Washington County	1,443	2.4%	809	56.1%	634	43.9%
New York	4,372,167	22.4%	2,551,469	58.4%	1,820,698	41.6%
United States	44,125,628	13.5%	22,456,684	50.9%	21,668,944	49.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

According to the American Community Survey subject definitions, “A family household is any housing unit in which the householder is living with one or more individuals related to him or her by birth, marriage, or adoption. A non-family household is any household occupied by the householder alone, or by the householder and one or more unrelated individuals.”

Of households in Washington County, 63.3% are family households, comparable to New York at 63%. Of households in Washington County, 26.2% have children, slightly less than New York (29%) and the U.S. (30.7%). Of the 26.2% of households with children, 14.4% are married family households.¹⁴

Of children in Washington County, 22% are estimated to be living in single-parent households, lower than the state of New York at 26%.¹⁵

During PY 2020-2021, 49.2% of L.E.A.P. Head Start/Early Head Start families were two-parent households and 50.8% were single-parent households.¹⁶

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION					
LOCATION	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS COUNT	PERCENT	NON FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS COUNT	PERCENT
Washington County	24,054	15,236	63.3%	8,818	36.7%
New York	7,417,224	4,670,153	63.0%	2,747,071	37.0%
United States	122,354,219	79,849,830	65.3%	42,504,389	34.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 Five Year Estimates

Note: Family households and married-couple families do not include same-sex married couples even if the marriage was performed in a state issuing marriage certificates for same-sex couples. Same-sex couple households are included in the family households category if there is at least one additional person related to the householder by birth or adoption.

HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN BY COMPOSITION AND RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLDER PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS					
LOCATION	ALL HOUSEHOLD TYPES	MARRIED FAMILIES	SINGLE-MALE FAMILIES	SINGLE- FEMALE FAMILIES	NON-FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS
Washington Co.	26.2%	14.4%	3.3%	7.2%	1.3%
New York	29.0%	18.5%	2.4%	7.9%	0.2%
United States	30.7%	20.1%	2.7%	7.7%	0.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 Five Year Estimates

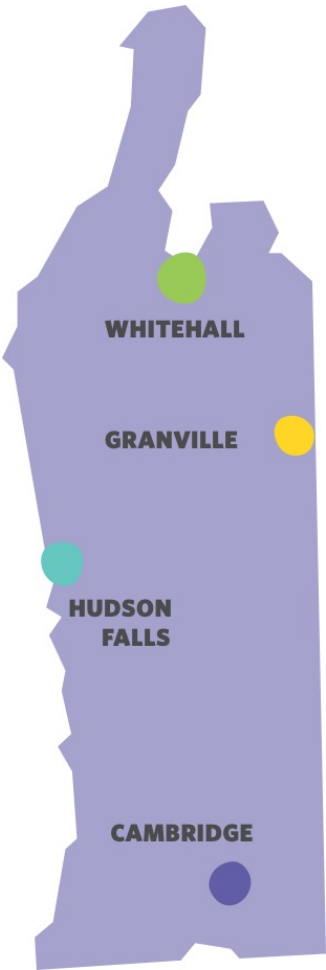
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

L.E.A.P. maintains funding for 341 children (223 Head Start children and 118 Early Head Start children):

78 HS HOME-BASED **25** HS HOME-BASED **198** HS CENTER BASED **40** EHS CENTER BASED FULL DAY
(94 Half-Day, 104 Full-Day)

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START FUNDED ENROLLMENT WASHINGTON COUNTY				
LOCATION	HEAD START		EARLY HEAD START	
	CENTER BASED	HOME BASED	HOME BASED	CENTER BASED
Washington County	198	25	78	40



- Dix Avenue Center (Hudson Falls) HS/EHS
- River Street Center (Hudson Falls) HS/EHS
- Granville Center (Middle Granville) HS
- Cambridge Valley Center (Cambridge) HS/EHS
- Whitehall Center (Whitehall) HS/EHS



River Street Center

UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN (UPK)

Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) is the entry point for public education in New York. The goal is to provide four-year-olds with high quality, research-based instruction that increases the number of children who enter kindergarten prepared to succeed.

Per the NY Department of Education, there were 195 half day and 18 full day UPK enrollment slots in Washington County during 2020-2021, compared to 306 half-day and 18 full-day UPK enrollment slots during 2019-2020.¹⁷ UPK allocations for 2022-2023 can be found [here](#) and indicate 236 half-day slots and 62 full day slots.

FUNDED UPK ENROLLMENT, WASHINGTON COUNTY				
	HALF-DAY		FULL-DAY	
	2019-2020	2020-2021	2019-2020	2020-2021
Washington County	306	195	18	18
Argyle CSD	17	0	0	0
Cambridge CSD	0	0	18	18
Fort Ann CSD	30	0	0	0
Fort Edward	21	0	0	0
Granville CSD	51	37	0	0
Greenwich CSD	0	40	0	0
Hartford CSD	19	15	0	0
Hudson Falls CSD	120	71	0	0
Salem CSD	32	16	0	0
Whitehall CSD	16	16	0	0

Source: NY State Department of Education

UPK FUNDING ALLOCATIONS, 2022-2023 WASHINGTON COUNTY		
DISTRICT	HALF-DAY	FULL-DAY
Washington County	236	62
Argyle CSD	0	0
Cambridge CSD	18	20
Fort Ann CSD	19	0
Fort Edward	22	0
Granville CSD	28	20
Greenwich CSD	40	0
Hartford CSD	18	0
Hudson Falls CSD	70	22
Salem CSD	0	0
Whitehall CSD	21	0

Source: NY State Department of Education

HOME VISITATION PROGRAMS

“Studies show that maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting can be effective at improving maternal and child outcomes and yielding strong returns on investment for states and communities. Voluntary home visiting strengthens families with young children by meeting with families in their homes and directly providing or connecting families with health, mental health, parenting, and other supports and services, depending on each family’s unique needs.”¹⁸ However, New York State has the home visiting capacity to serve only 6% of babies in low-income families and 3% of all children ages birth–three. The Capital Region—which includes Washington County as well as Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, and Warren counties—has home visiting capacity to serve 8.8% of babies in low-income families and 3% of all children ages birth–three.¹⁹

L.E.A.P. offers home visitation services for 78 EHS families and 25 HS families in Washington County, which is capacity for 30% of low-income children ages 0–3.²⁰

[Maternal Child Health Services](#) in Washington County offers home visits to first-time mothers, breastfeeding mothers, and mothers and infants with health or social concerns. Also offered are services including support, education, guidance, and health intervention to both pregnant and postpartum mothers, as well as newborns.

HOME VISITATION MODEL/PROGRAM	HOME VISITING CAPACITY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY
Early Head Start (LEAP	78
Head Start (ACAP)	25
Healthy Families NY	0
Maternal & Infant Community Health	0
ParentChildPlus	0
Parents as Teachers	0
Power of Two	0
Nurse Family Partnership	0
SafeCare	0

CHILD CARE

CHILD CARE CAPACITY

In Washington County, there are just 2 licensed child care centers (Cambridge, Fort Edward), not including Head Start or Pre-K slots. These 2 child care centers have capacity to serve 6 infants, 8 toddlers, and 79 preschoolers, totaling 93 slots for children ages 0-5. In addition, there are 21 Family Day Care Homes in 10 towns with a capacity of 126 children and 17 Group Family Care Homes in 5 towns with a capacity of 204 children; both programs serve children ages 6 weeks-12 years.²¹

According to the Southern Adirondack Child Care Network's 2022 Child Care Needs Assessment, there were 4 child care centers in 2019 (pre-pandemic) and 47 Family/Group Child Care Home; this represents a 50% decrease in child care centers and a 21.3% decrease in Family/Group Child Care Homes. The Child Care Network states that there are child care slots for only 7% of the children in Washington County and that slots for children ages 0-5 decreased by 48-49% between 2019 and 2022.

CHILD CARE CAPACITY OVERVIEW WASHINGTON COUNTY*					
FACILITY	# OF OPEN FACILITIES	INFANTS	TODDLERS	PRESCHOOL	0-5 CAPACITY
Child Care Center	2	6	8	79	93
Family Child Care Home	21	-----	-----	-----	126*
Group FCC Home	17	-----	-----	-----	204*

*capacity for birth-12 years old Source: Office of Children and Family Services, August 2022

*capacity for birth-12 years old, excludes HS/EHS Source: Office of Children and Family Services, August 2022

FAMILY HOME CHILD CARE CAPACITY WASHINGTON COUNTY					
COUNTY	OPEN FACILITIES	INFANTS	TODDLERS	PRESCHOOL	CAPACITY
Family Child Care Home Argyle (3), Buskirk (1), Cambridge (1), Clemons (1), Comstock, Fort Edward (1), Granville (3), Greenwich (2), Hudson Falls (7), Salem (1)	21	-----	-----	-----	126*
Group Family Child Care Home Granville (3), Greenwich (2), Fort Edward (1), Hudson Falls (10), Salem (1)	17	-----	-----	-----	204*

*excludes HS/EHS Source: Office of Children and Family Services, August 2022

CENTER-BASED CHILD CARE CAPACITY WASHINGTON COUNTY*					
CHILD CARE CENTER	TOWN	INFANTS	TODDLERS	PRESCHOOL	SCHOOL-AGE
Sunshine Nursery Center	Cambridge	6	8	15	16
Newmeadow	Fort Edward	0	0	64	0
TOTAL		6	8	79	16

CHILD CARE DESERT

The standard definition of a child care desert involves not having enough licensed/registered child day care slots to adequately serve the number of children in a geographic area. For New York's recent grant funding opportunity, a child care desert was defined as a census tract with 3 or more children under the age of 5 per available child care slots in local day care centers, family day care, or group family day care programs. Based on this criteria, more than 60% of New York State is considered a child care desert. Washington County priorities identified by the Office of Child and Family Services and the Council on Children and Families include Cambridge, Fort Ann, Greenwich, Hartford, Salem, and Whitehall.²²

QUALITY OF CARE

QUALITYstarsNY is New York's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for early childhood programs, providing support and resources to improve and sustain high quality across the state. According to the QUALITYstarsNY website, 7 sites are engaged in the QRIS program in Washington County including the following: 5 L.E.A.P. centers, 1 Group Family Day Care (Granville), and 1 Child Care Center (Cambridge).²³

COST OF CHILD CARE

Annual center-based child care in New York State is estimated at \$15,028 annually (\$289/week) for an infant and \$27,092 (\$521/week) for an infant and a 4 year old. Family child care is estimated at \$10,972 (\$211/week) for an infant and \$21,112 (\$406/week) for an infant and a 4 year old. A single parent spends 54% of income on infant child care and a single parent spends nearly 97% of income on 2 children. A married family with 2 children living at the poverty line, would need 108% of income to afford child care.²⁴

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

The family's eligibility for a child day care subsidy is based on the need for care, service unit size, and household gross income. The household must be programmatically eligible and financially eligible and must also use an eligible provider. As of July 2022, households under the 200% of Poverty Level are eligible for subsidy.²⁵

In May 2022, New York announced a \$2 billion to increase the number of families receiving child care financial assistance and the amount child care providers paid for their essential services. The \$2 billion in child care subsidies includes \$894 million in New York State Child Care Block Grant new funding passed in the recent state budget, more than \$500 million in funds previously allocated to local departments of social services districts that remains unspent, and more than \$600 million in existing COVID-19 pandemic funding. In August 2022, the funding—managed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)—will expand initial eligibility levels for families from 200% up to 300% of the federal poverty level (\$83,250 for a family of 4), extending eligibility to hundreds of thousands of young children in New York.²⁶

BIRTH OUTCOMES AND PREGNANT WOMEN

Following are the most recent birth outcome data in Washington County from the NY State Department of Health. (2020 data is expected to be released in late 2022.):²⁷

- In 2019, 558 babies were born in Washington County; of these, 95.5% (546) were non-Hispanic White, 2.2% were Hispanic, .9% were Black, and 1.4% were other non-Hispanic Races;
- 8.1% (45) of births were low-weight births under 2,500 grams, the same as New York (8.1%);
- Of mothers, 56.1% (313 women) were unmarried and 43.9% (245) were married. Of unmarried mothers, 42.5% were ages 15-24. In comparison, 37.8% of New York State mothers were unmarried;
- Washington County's infant mortality rate was 7.2% (4 infant deaths), compared to 4.3% in New York;
- Of births, 1.1% (6) were to teenagers ages 15-17 and 3.9% (22) were to teenagers ages 18-19;
- Of births, 50.9% were to mothers on Medicaid or Family Health Plus.
- Of births, 68.3% were vaginal delivery and 31.7% were Cesarean delivery; and
- Of pregnant mothers, 79% (441) received prenatal care in the first trimester, 13.8% (77) in the second trimester, 2.9% (16) in the third trimester, and .6% (3) received no prenatal care.
- Based on poverty rates, there are an estimated 85 eligible pregnant women in Washington County.

LIVE BIRTHS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT WASHINGTON COUNTY, 2019	
DISTRICT	BIRTHS
Argyle CSD	36
Cambridge CSD	28
Fort Ann CSD	29
Fort Edward	43
Granville CSD	60
Greenwich CSD	38
Hartford CSD	27
Hudson Falls CSD	160
Salem CSD	27
Whitehall CSD	55
Unknown	55
Total	558

Source: New York State Department of Health

DISABILITIES

POPULATION AGE 18+ WITH ANY DISABILITY

Of the Washington County population, 13% of persons aged 18–64 and 35.3% of persons aged 65+ are diagnosed with disabilities, substantially higher than New York at 8.8% and 31.9% respectively. This indicator is relevant because disabled individuals comprise a vulnerable population that requires targeted services and outreach by providers. Of the population with disabilities, 9.1% are Hispanic.²⁸

POPULATION WITH ANY DISABILITY BY AGE GROUP (18+) WASHINGTON COUNTY

	AGE 18–64	AGE 65 +
Washington County	13.0%	35.3%
New York	8.8%	31.9%
United States	10.3%	34.1%

Source: New York State Department of Health

EARLY INTERVENTION

The New York State Early Intervention Program (EIP) is for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. Part C services under IDEA are provided for families and children birth up to age 3 with a confirmed disability or established developmental delay in one or more of the following areas of development: physical, cognitive, communication, social-emotional, and/or adaptive.²⁹ Washington County's EIP is administered by the [Washington County Public Health Services](#). Most services are provided in the home, child care setting, Head Start, or other community setting. In 2020, 2.2% of children birth–1 year of age and 4.7% of children birth–3 years of age in Washington County received Early Intervention services.³⁰

CHILDREN SERVED BY EARLY INTERVENTION WASHINGTON COUNTY

	2018	2019	2020
Birth–1 Year	1.0%	1.1%	2.2%
Birth–3 Years	4.4%	4.9%	4.7%

Source: New York State Department of Health

PRE-K AND K-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

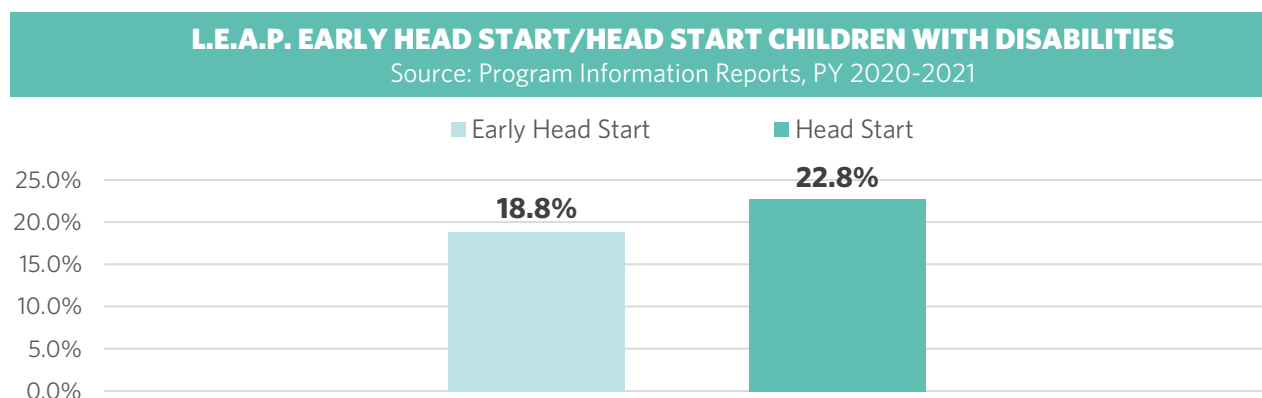
The New York State Education Department oversees a statewide preschool special education program with school districts, municipalities, approved providers, and parents. Evaluations and planned individual or group instructional services are provided to eligible children, ages 3-5, with a disability that impacts learning. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) provide Part B services under IDEA to students ages 3-21.

During SY 2020-2021, 33 (15.2%) school district preschool children in Washington County had diagnosed disabilities. Of Washington County K-12 students, 18% (1,421) had diagnosed disabilities. Hudson Falls CSD had the highest percentage of students with disabilities (22%, 478 students).³¹

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN (PK-12) WITH DISABILITIES WASHINGTON COUNTY, SY 2020-2021				
LOCATION/ DISTRICT	PRE-K CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES		K-12 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	
	COUNT	PERCENT	COUNT	PERCENT
Washington Co.	33	15.2%	1,421	18%
Argyle CSD	-----	-----	61	14%
Cambridge CSD	1	1%	137	18%
Fort Ann CSD	-----	-----	55	13%
Fort Edward	-----	-----	75	19%
Granville CSD	5	2%	204	21%
Greenwich CSD	6	4%	144	16%
Hartford CSD	1	1%	71	19%
Hudson Falls CSD	16	3%	478	22%
Salem CSD	3	4%	81	15%
Whitehall CSD	1	1%	115	17%

Source: New York State Department of Education

During PY 2020-2021, 18.8% of enrolled L.E.A.P. Early Head Start children and 22.8% of L.E.A.P. Head Start children had diagnosed disabilities, exceeding the Head Start Program Performance Standard of 10% of enrolled children with disabilities. Of enrolled Head Start children, 21.7% were diagnosed with non-categorical/developmental delays and 1% were diagnosed with visual or hearing impairments.³²



ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT

LABOR FORCE

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the civilian labor force in Washington County dipped in the spring of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and business closures. The May 2022 labor force of 27,743 is still lower (-105 workers) than the May 2019 (pre-pandemic) labor force.³³

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE					
	MAY 2018	MAY 2019	MAY 2020	MAY 2021	MAY 2022
Washington County	27,985	27,848	26,745	27,234	27,743

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

UNEMPLOYMENT

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, "People are classified as unemployed if they do not have a job, have actively looked for work in the prior 4 weeks, and are currently available for work. The remainder—those who have no job and are not looking for one—are counted as 'not in the labor force.' Many who are not in the labor force are going to school or are retired. Family responsibilities keep others out of the labor force."³⁴

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and temporary and permanent closures of many businesses, unemployment claims in Washington County peaked in April 2020 at a staggering 15.8%, slightly higher than New York State (15.1%). As of June 2022, Washington County's unemployment rate had dropped to 3%, compared to New York State at 4.4% and the United States at 3.9%.³⁵

MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT													
LOCATION	2021							2022					
	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE*
Washington	4.8%	4.4%	4.1%	3.8%	3.4%	3.2%	3.0%	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%
New York	7.5%	7.1%	6.7%	5.7%	5.3%	4.9%	4.5%	5.3%	5.1%	4.7%	4.2%	4.1%	4.4%
United States.	6.1%	5.7%	5.3%	4.6%	4.3%	3.9%	3.7%	4.4%	4.2%	3.8%	3.4%	3.4%	3.9%

*Preliminary Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

AVERAGE ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2011-2021												
LOCATION	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Washington Co.	8.2%	8.4%	7.7%	6.1%	5.1%	4.7%	4.6%	4.1%	3.9%	6.9%	4.6%	
New York	8.3%	8.6%	7.8%	6.3%	5.2%	4.9%	4.6%	4.1%	3.8%	9.9%	6.9%	
United States	9.0%	8.1%	7.4%	6.2%	5.3%	4.9%	4.4%	3.9%	3.7%	8.1%	5.4%	

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

WAGES

MINIMUM WAGE

The minimum wage in New York City, Long Island, and Westchester increased on December 31, 2021, to \$15/hour. All large and small employers must pay a minimum wage of \$15/hour. In other parts of New York, including Washington County, the minimum wage is \$13.20/hour.³⁶

A full time (2,080 hours per year) minimum wage worker in Washington County earns \$13.20/hour (\$31,200/ annually). The 2022 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for a family unit of 2 is \$18,310/year; therefore, a single parent with 1 child who is working full time at minimum wage is considered above the FPL.³⁷

LIVING WAGE

Living wage is the hourly rate that a full-time (2,080 hours annually) working individual must earn to adequately support the family and cover day-to-day expenses. The living wage needed to support 1 adult and 1 child is \$33.55 in Washington County.³⁸ A full-time working adult with 1 child who is making minimum wage (\$13.20/hour) earns just 29.3% of the living wage in Washington County.

2022 LIVING WAGE, WASHINGTON COUNTY											
1 ADULT NUMBER OF CHILDREN				2 ADULTS (1 WORKING) NUMBER OF CHILDREN				2 ADULTS (BOTH WORKING) NUMBER OF CHILDREN			
0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
\$16.97	\$33.55	\$42.26	\$56.01	\$26.24	\$31.76	\$37.69	\$40.99	\$13.12	\$18.50	\$24.18	\$28.38

Notes: 1) For this model, the assumption is that the sole provider is working full-time (2080 hours per year). 2) For 2 adult families where 1 adult is not in the labor force, one of the adults is assumed to be employed full-time while the other non-wage-earning adult provides full-time childcare for the family's children. Source: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2022 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	POVERTY GUIDELINE
1	\$13,590
2	\$18,310
3	\$23,030
4	\$27,750
5	\$32,470
6	\$37,190

* For families/households with more than 6 persons, add \$4,720 for each additional person

INCOME

The median household income in Washington County is estimated at \$59,613, significantly less than the median household income of New York (\$71,117) and the U.S. (\$64,994). Of households, 19.2% earn under \$25,000 and 41% earns under \$50,000.³⁹

MEAN/MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	AVERAGE (MEAN) HOUSEHOLD INCOME	MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
Washington County	24,054	\$71,922	\$59,613
New York State	7,417,224	\$105,304	\$71,117
United States	122,354,219	\$91,547	\$64,994

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 5-Year Estimates

HOUSEHOLD INCOME LEVELS

	UNDER \$25,000	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 \$199,999	\$200,000+
Washington County	19.2%	21.8%	35.3%	20.9%	2.7%
New York State	19.1%	18.0%	27.0%	24.4%	11.5%
United States	18.4%	20.6%	30.0%	22.7%	8.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 Five-Year Estimates

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME HOUSEHOLD SIZE

LOCATION	PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Washington	\$28,470	\$67,779	\$79,710	\$89,960	\$74,605	\$80,446	\$135,306
New York	\$35,921	\$78,993	\$93,195	\$109,103	\$104,012	\$101,862	\$110,520
United States	\$33,265	\$72,238	\$84,033	\$97,660	\$90,979	\$88,413	\$94,924

Source: United States Department of Labor

HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY RACE / ETHNICITY

LOCATION	NON-HISPANIC WHITE	BLACK	ASIAN	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE	NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER	SOME OTHER RACE	MULTIPLE RACE	HISPANIC OR LATINO
Washington	\$60,029	\$68,000	\$52,262	No data	No data	\$58,897	\$48,750	\$84,000
New York	\$81,033	\$51,060	\$78,925	\$44,268	\$46,887	\$46,500	\$64,279	\$52,643
United States	\$70,843	\$43,674	\$91,775	\$45,877	\$65,804	\$51,900	\$61,870	\$54,632

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

INFLATION

The U.S. inflation rate was 8.5% for the 12 months ended July 2022 after rising 9.1% in June 2022—the most since November 1981. In contrast, inflation was 5.5% in July 2021 and 1% in July 2020.⁴⁰

U.S. ANNUAL INFLATION RATE													
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG.
2022	7.5	7.9	8.5	8.2	8.6	9.1	8.5						
2021	1.4	1.7	2.6	4.2	5.0	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.4	6.2	6.8	7.0	4.7
2020	2.5	2.3	1.5	.3	.1	.6	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.2
2019	1.6	1.5	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.8
2018	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.2	1.9	2.4

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the average change in prices paid by consumers for goods and services needed for daily living (e.g., food, clothing, shelter, fuel). Prices are collected monthly in 75 urban areas nationwide from approximately 6,000 housing units and 22,000 retail establishments (e.g., department stores, supermarkets, gas stations).⁴¹ The annual inflation rate was 8.5% for the 12 months ended July 2022. Between June 2022 and July 2022, there was no overall change (0%).⁴²

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—JULY 2022		
	1-MONTH PERCENT CHANGE (FROM JUNE 2022)	12 MONTH PERCENT CHANGE (FROM JULY 2021)
All Items	0.0	8.5
Food	1.1	10.9
Food at home	1.3	13.1
Food away from home	0.7	7.6
Energy	-4.6	32.9
Gasoline (all types)	-7.7	44.0
Fuel oil	-11.0	75.6
Electricity	1.6	15.2
Utility (piped) gas service	-3.6	30.5
All Items Less Food and Energy	0.3	5.9
New vehicles	0.6	10.4
Used cars and trucks	-0.4	6.6
Apparel	-0.1	5.1
Shelter	0.5	5.7
Transportation services	-0.5	9.2
Medical care services	0.4	5.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

POVERTY

The estimated poverty rate of the general population is 10.9% (6,333 people) in Washington County, compared to New York at 13.6% and the U.S. at 12.8%. Of Washington County's population, 10.3% of non-Hispanic Whites (5,705 people), 21.7% (80 people) of African Americans, and 59.8% of Native Americans (104 people) are living in poverty. All other races have less than 30 people in poverty. Of the Hispanic/Latino population, 7.2% (394 people) are in poverty.⁴³

GENERAL POPULATION IN POVERTY

LOCATION	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
Washington County	6,333	10.9%
New York	2,581,048	13.6%
United States	40,910,326	12.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community, 2020 Five-Year Estimates

POPULATION IN POVERTY BY GENDER

LOCATION	MALE	FEMALE
Washington County	9.7%	12.2%
New York	12.3%	14.8%
United States	11.6%	14.0%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community, 2020 5-Year Estimates

POPULATION IN POVERTY BY RACE/ETHNICITY

	NON-HISPANIC WHITE	BLACK	ASIAN	NATIVE AMERICAN ALASKA NATIVE	NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER	OTHER RACE	MULTIPLE RACES	HISPANIC/LATINO
Washington County	10.3% 5,705	21.7% 80	9.2% 29	59.8% 104	0.0% 0	5.9% 30	28.8% 21	7.2% 394
New York	10.1%	20.4%	14.4%	22.6%	23.8%	23.4%	17.3%	20.9%
United States.	10.6%	22.1%	10.6%	24.1%	16.8%	19.7%	15.1%	18.3%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community, 2020 5-Year Estimates

The estimated poverty rate for children under 18 years old in Washington County is 13.7% (1,525 children), compared to New York (18.7%) and the United States. (17.5%).

The estimated poverty rate for children under 5 years old in Washington County is 15.3%, compared to New York (19.7%) and the United States (19.1%). An estimated 2,824 children under age 5 reside in the county, with 433 children (260 infants/toddlers and 173 preschool-aged children) living in poverty. Kingsbury (175 children, 27.1% poverty), Greenwich (71 children, 23.7% poverty), and Whitehall (64 children, 52.9% poverty) have the largest numbers of children under age 5 in poverty.⁴⁴

CHILDREN IN POVERTY BY AGE GROUP WASHINGTON COUNTY						
CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5			INFANTS AND TODDLERS		3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS	
TOTAL CHILDREN	# IN POVERTY	% IN POVERTY	COUNT*	IN POVERTY	COUNT*	IN POVERTY
2,824	433	15.3%	1,694	260	1,130	173

*Estimated infants/toddlers (60%) and 3- & 4-Year-olds (40%) Source: American Community, 2020 5-Year Estimates

CHILDREN UNDER 5 IN POVERTY WASHINGTON COUNTY			
LOCATION	CHILDREN UNDER 5	COUNT IN POVERTY	PERCENT IN POVERTY
Washington County	2,824	433	15.3%
Argyle	201	7	3.5%
Cambridge	151	22	14.6%
Dresden	28	2	7.1%
Easton	59	7	11.9%
Fort Ann	210	11	5.1%
Fort Edward	247	14	5.6%
Granville	133	5*	3.8%*
Greenwich	299	71	23.7%
Hampton	19	3	15.8%
Hartford	87	29	33.3%
Hebron	89	23	25.8%
Jackson	109	4	3.7%
Kingsbury	661	179	27.1%
Putnam	19	11	57.9%
Salem	67	0	0.0%
White Creek	64	0	0.0%
Whitehall	121	64	52.9%

*ACS 2016-2020 Estimates show that Granville has a poverty rate of 31.1% for children under the age of 18, but has a poverty rate of just 3.8% for children under age 5. Applying the 31.1% poverty rate to 133 children in poverty would equate to 44 children under age 5 in poverty.
Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community, 2020 5-Year Estimates

An economically disadvantaged student is a member of a household that meets federal income poverty eligibility guidelines for free and reduced price meals or free milk. Of K-12 students, 49% in Washington County were economically disadvantaged during SY 2020-2021. Of students, 64% in Whitehall, 57% in Fort Edward, 52% in Hartford, and 51% in Hudson Falls districts are economically disadvantaged.⁴⁵

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED K-12 STUDENTS WASHINGTON COUNTY (2020-2021)			
DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT K-12	ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COUNT	PERCENT
Washington County	7,708	3,800	49%
Argyle CSD	448	213	48%
Cambridge CSD	779	137	18%
Fort Ann CSD	421	212	50%
Fort Edward	401	228	57%
Granville CSD	991	457	46%
Greenwich CSD	881	291	33%
Hartford CSD	383	198	52%
Hudson Falls CSD	2,169	1,117	51%
Salem CSD	524	274	52%
Whitehall CSD	677	430	64%

Source: New York State Education Department

In Washington County, 45% of White students, 2% of African American students, 1% of Hispanic students, and 2% of Multi-Racial students were economically disadvantaged during SY 2020-2021.⁴⁶

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED K-12 STUDENTS BY RACE WASHINGTON COUNTY (2020-2021)						
SCHOOL DISTRICT	WHITE	BLACK/ AFRICAN AMERICAN	HISPANIC/ LATINO	ASIAN/NATIVE HAWAIIAN/ PACIFIC ISLANDER	NATIVE AMERICAN/ ALASKAN NATIVE	MULTI- RACIAL
Washington County	45%	1%	2%	0%	0%	2%
Argyle CSD	43%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%
Cambridge CSD	41%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%
Fort Ann CSD	46%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%
Fort Edward	50%	0%	3%	0%	0%	3%
Granville CSD	43%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%
Greenwich CSD	31%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Hartford CSD	50%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Hudson Falls CSD	44%	1%	2%	0%	0%	4%
Salem CSD	49%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Whitehall CSD	62%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%

Note: Percentages are rounded to the nearest decimal. Less than .5% is rounded to 0%. New York State Education Department

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

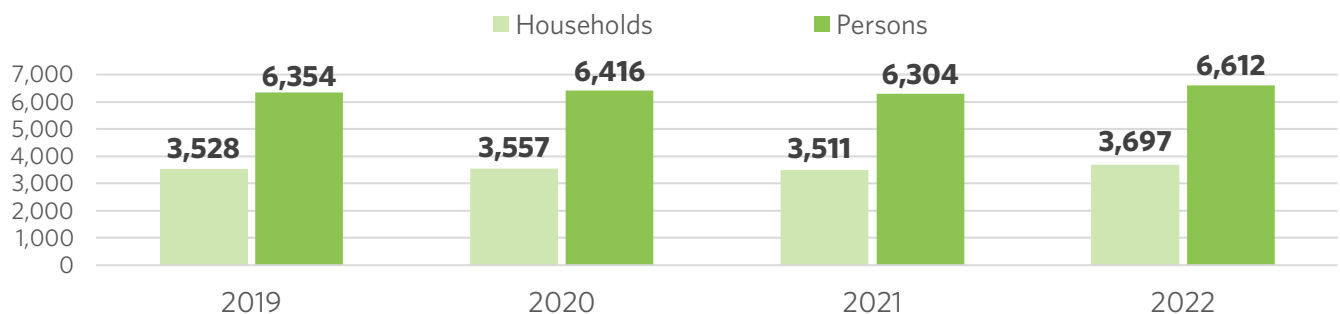
SNAP enables low-income families to buy nutritious food with Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards. SNAP recipients spend their benefits to buy eligible food in authorized retail food stores/Farmers' Markets. The gross monthly income eligibility standard is typically 185% of the Federal Poverty Level.

While the federal public health emergency remains in effect, NY SNAP households are eligible to receive Emergency Assistance supplemental SNAP benefits in the amount that will bring them up to the maximum SNAP monthly benefit level for their household size or a supplement of \$95—whichever amount is greater. Maximum SNAP benefit levels (effective October 2021) can be found [here](#).⁴⁷

The 2022 monthly average of households receiving SNAP in Washington County is 3,697, an increase of 3.9% (+140 households) from 2020. The 2022 monthly average of persons receiving SNAP is 6,612, an increase of 3.1% (+196 persons) from 2020.⁴⁸

MONTHLY HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING SNAP WASHINGTON COUNTY

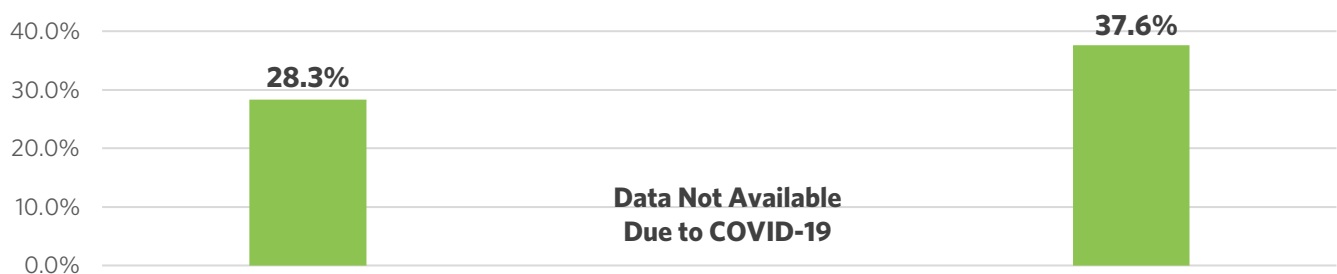
Source: Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance



During PY 2020-2021, 37.6% of L.E.A.P. HS/EHS families were receiving SNAP upon enrollment, compared to 28.3% of HS/EHS families during PY 2018-2019 (pre-pandemic).⁴⁹

LEAP HEAD START/FAMILIES RECEIVING SNAP AT ENROLLMENT

Source: Program Information Reports



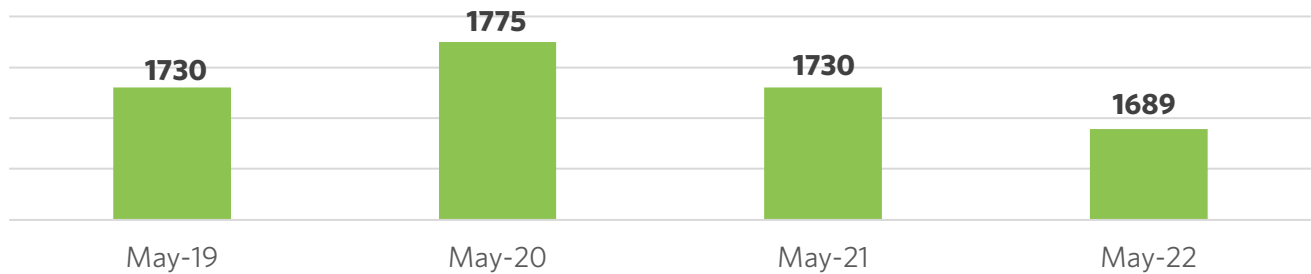
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INSURANCE (SSI)

SSI pays monthly benefits to people with limited income and resources, including those who are disabled, blind, or age 65 or older. Children who are disabled may also get SSI. The 2022 monthly maximum federal amounts are \$841 for an eligible individual, \$1,261 for an eligible individual with an eligible spouse, and \$421 for an essential person; this represents a 5.9% increase from 2021.⁵⁰

Monthly SSI recipients in Washington County decreased by 2.4% (-41 recipients) between May 2019 (pre-pandemic) and May 2022.⁵¹

SSI RECIPIENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

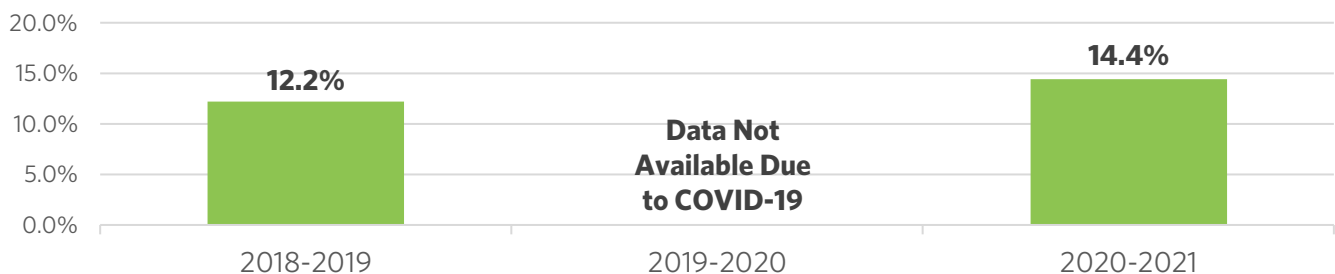
Source: NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance



During PY 2020-2021, 14.4% of L.E.A.P. Head Start/Early Head Start families were receiving SSI at enrollment, compared to 12.2% during PY 2018-2019 (pre-pandemic).⁵²

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START FAMILIES RECEIVING SSI AT ENROLLMENT

Source: Program Information Reports



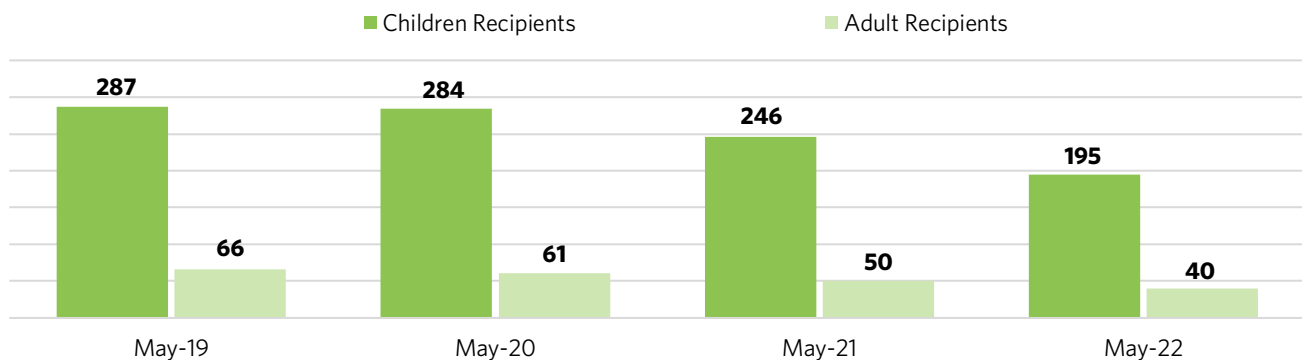
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

Family Assistance (FA) provides cash assistance to eligible, needy families that include a minor child living with a parent(s) or a caretaker relative. FA operates under federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) guidelines. Under FA, eligible adults are limited to receiving benefits for a total of 60 months in their lifetime. Once this limit is reached, the adult and all members of his/her household are ineligible to receive any more FA benefits. Parents and other adult relatives receiving FA and who are determined to be able to work must comply with federal work requirements.

In Washington County, adult TANF recipients decreased by 39.4% (-26 recipients) and child recipients declined by 32.1% (-92 children) between May 2019 and May 2022.⁵³

FAMILY ASSISTANCE (TANF) RECIPIENTS, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NY

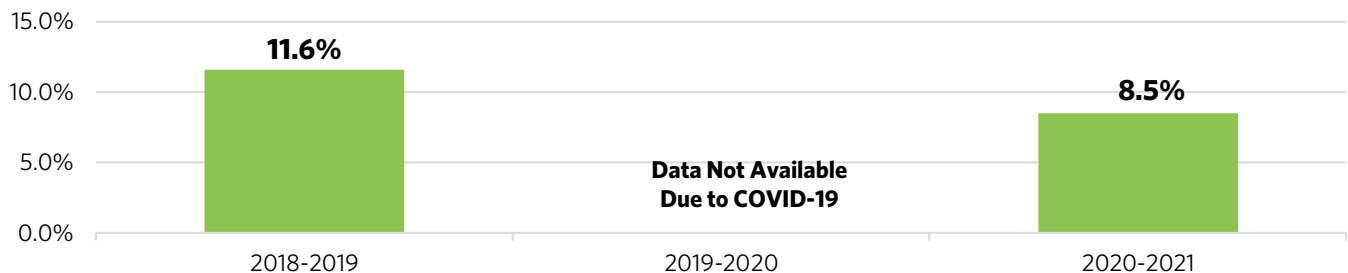
Source: NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance



During PY 2020-2021, 8.5% of L.E.A.P. Head Start/Early Head Start families were receiving TANF at enrollment, compared to 11.6% during PY 2018-2019 (pre-pandemic).⁵⁴

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT ENROLLMENT

SOURCE: PROGRAM INFORMATION REPORTS



WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

WIC is a supplemental nutrition program funded by the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#) (USDA) and administered locally by [Washington County Public Health Services](#). WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and an eWIC card to purchase approved foods at authorized grocery stores. During summer months, families receive funds to use at local Farmers' Markets for fresh produce. Eligible recipients must be New York residents (not required to be a United States citizen), be pregnant or breastfeeding, and/or have a child younger than age 5 and a gross household income not exceeding 185% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. A family is income eligible for WIC if it receives Medicaid, Food Stamps, or TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families). Locations are [open](#) on various days and times throughout the month in Hudson Falls, Cambridge, Granville, Salem, Greenwich, and Whitehall.

The average monthly 2021 WIC benefit per person in New York was \$49.58, compared to \$51.71 in FY 2020.⁵⁵

During PY 2020-2021, 57.7% of L.E.A.P. Head Start/Early Head Start families were receiving WIC services upon enrollment, compared to 52.7% during PY 2018-2019 (pre-pandemic).⁵⁶

LEAP HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START FAMILIES RECEIVING WIC SERVICES AT ENROLLMENT

Source: Program Information Reports



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The estimated rate of adults aged 25 and older without a high school diploma is 12% in Washington County, compared to 12.8% in New York and 11.5% in the United States.⁵⁷ Of the Hispanic population, 40.2% (387 people) do not have a high school diploma.⁵⁸ The rate of those with a Bachelor's Degree in Washington County is 20.2%, significantly less than New York at 37.5% and the United States at 32.9%.⁵⁹

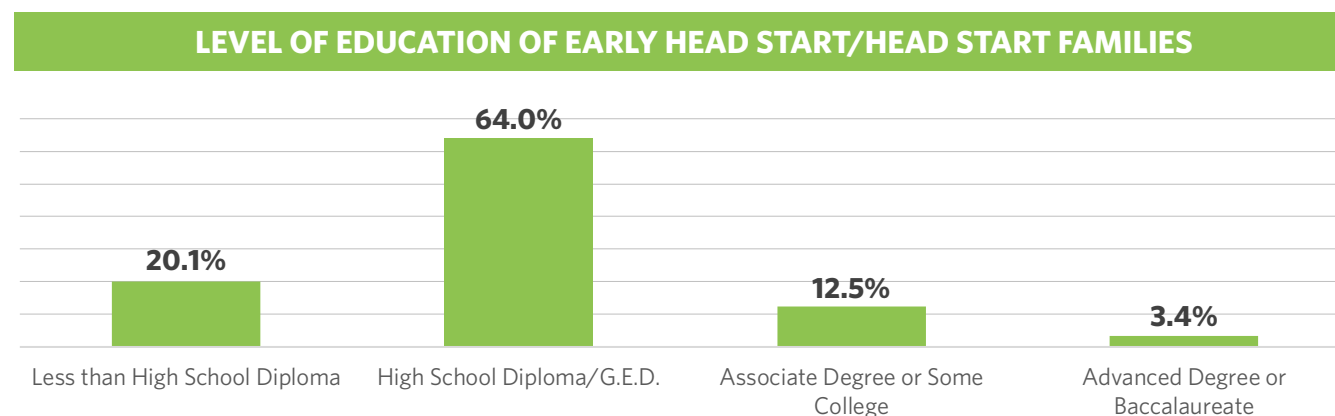
EDUCATION LEVELS					
LOCATION	POPULATION AGE 25+	NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA (COUNT)	NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA (PERCENT)	HS DIPLOMA OR HIGHER	BACHELOR'S DEGREE+
Washington County	44,788	5,355	12.0%	88.0%	20.2%
New York	13,649,157	1,743,890	12.8%	87.2%	37.5%
United States	222,836,834	25,562,680	11.5%	88.5%	32.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community, 2020 Five Year Estimates

POPULATION WITH NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BY RACE/ETHNICITY								
LOCATION	NON-HISPANIC						MULTIPLE RACES	HISPANIC
	WHITE	BLACK	ASIAN	NATIVE AMERICAN	NATIVE HAWAIIAN	OTHER RACE		
Washington County	10.8% 4,538	43.4% 528	17.5% 53	20.1% 29	0.0% 0	50.0% 128	11.2% 79	40.2% 387
New York	8.3%	15.6%	20.4%	17.5%	17.1%	34.3%	17.5%	28.6%
United States	9.3%	13.3%	12.7%	19.4%	13.2%	36.1%	15.0%	29.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community, 2020 5-Year Estimates

During PY 2020–2021, 79.9% of L.E.A.P. HS/EHS families had a high school diploma or higher degree, compared to New York HS/EHS families (71.4%) and HS/EHS families nationwide (79.6%).⁶⁰



The 2021 4-year high school graduation rate in Washington County was 84%. Graduation rates were 72% for economically disadvantaged students, compared to 91% for non-economically disadvantaged students. The graduation rate among students with disabilities was 63% and among students experiencing homelessness the rate was just 47%.⁶¹

4-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE					
LOCATION/ DISTRICT	ALL STUDENTS	NOT ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED	ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED	STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	HOMELESS
Washington County	84%	91%	72%	63%	47%
Argyle CSD	81%	91%	67%	60%	
Cambridge CSD	93%	98%	79%	63%	
Fort Ann CSD	84%	90%	76%	63%	
Fort Edward	72%	80%	69%	60%	
Granville CSD	85%	90%	75%	85%	
Greenwich CSD	91%	97%	79%	87%	
Hartford CSD	85%	100%	60%	60%	
Hudson Falls CSD	81%	86%	73%	53%	
Salem CSD	86%	88%	84%	s	
Whitehall CSD	70%	100%	46%	25%	

Source: New York State Department of Education *2020-21 Graduation Rates s = Data suppressed, not applicable, or unavailable





SENIORS

New York StateWide Senior Action Council (StateWide) is a grassroots membership nonprofit organization made up of individual senior citizens and senior citizen clubs from all parts of New York State. StateWide was organized in 1972 from War on Poverty funds with the goal of developing a statewide organization of older New Yorkers who could advocate for their interests and needs regarding services, programs and policies effecting older persons. StateWide's unique history and role has been to focus on the needs of the low-income and minority seniors.⁶²

From StateWide's 2021-2024 Strategic Plan, the following top challenges facing New York State senior citizens have been identified:

- Economic, language, and religious barriers;
- Loneliness;
- Access to home care;
- Lack of emergency systems in the communities;
- Growing demographic;
- Economic security in these uncertain times and beyond;
- Rising costs of living, food, fuel, etc.;
- Affordable housing and ability to have affordable rent;
- Need for better healthcare system, affordable healthcare, and prescription drugs;
- Closure of senior centers and nursing homes and the merging of hospitals; and
- Threats to safety net programs and other program benefits for seniors and families.

CHILD WELFARE

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The annual rate of Child Abuse and Neglect reports in Washington County continues to increase, up to 92.3 per 1,000 children in 2021 from 85.5 per 1,000 children in 2017.

While the annual rate of *indicated* (confirmed) Child Abuse and Neglect reports in Washington County increased by 28 children (+22.1%) between 2019 and 2020, indicated reports declined by 9.2% (-13 children) between 2020 and 2021. The rate of Washington County 2021 indicated reports was 38.1 per 1,000 children (249 children), lower than New York State (28 per 1,000 children).⁶³

ANNUAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS, WASHINGTON COUNTY

	NUMBER	RATE PER 1,000 CHILDREN	PERCENT CHANGE IN RATE
2017	1,008	85.5	
2018	1,046	88.8	3.9
2019	1,003	85.4	-3.9
2020	994	87.3	2.2
2021	1,028	92.3	5.8

Source: New York State, Child Protective Services

ANNUAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INDICATED REPORTS WASHINGTON COUNTY

	NUMBER	RATE PER 1,000 CHILDREN	PERCENT CHANGE IN RATE
2017	231	35.3	
2018	237	35.4	.3
2019	209	34.4	-3.0
2020	262	42.0	22.1
2021	249	38.1	-9.2

Source: New York State, Child Protective Services

FOSTER CARE

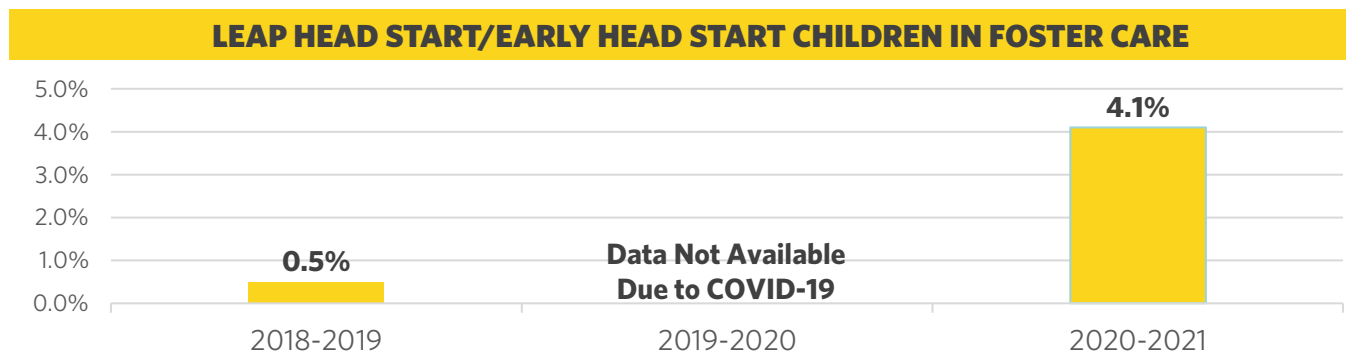
Substitute care is the temporary placement of children outside of their homes due to abuse, neglect, or dependency and can include foster care, home-of-relative care, group homes, or institutions.

In 2021, 10 children ages 0-5 (6 under age 2 and 4 children aged 2-5) were in foster care in Washington County; this represents 31.3% of all 32 children in foster care. Of all children in foster care in 2021, 56.3% were White, 9.4% were Black, 21.9% were Latino, and 12.5% were of an Unknown race/ethnicity.⁶⁴

FOSTER CARE BY AGE, WASHINGTON COUNTY				
	< AGE 2	AGES 2-5	AGE 6+	TOTAL
Admissions	4	1	4	9
In Care	6	4	22	32
Discharges	2	3	14	19

Source: New York State Office of Children and Family Services, 2021

During PY 2020-2021, 4.1% (14 children) of L.E.A.P. Head Start/Early Head Start children were in foster care at some point during the program year. Of enrolled children, 6.3% (14 grandparents and 6 relatives) were raising children and considered the legal guardian.⁶⁵



SURVEY SUMMARY:

Of respondents, 9.5% (14) indicated that they are grandparents or relatives raising others' children. The highest percentage of grandparents and relatives (5.1%) indicated they were raising others' children due to substance abuse of the parents.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

Of New York's 62 counties in 2022:

- Washington County is ranked 34th—in the lower middle range—for Health Outcomes (length of life, quality of life). Washington County's ranking improved from 39th in 2021.
- Washington County is ranked 32nd—in the lower-middle range—for Health Factors (health behaviors, clinical care, social & economic factors, environment). Washington County's ranking was 42nd in 2021.

A low-uninsured population (5%), a high number of flu vaccinations (49%), low unemployment, and income equality are areas that most positively impact the health of people in Washington County.

Adult obesity (32%), adult smoking (20%), and high ratios of primary care physicians (2,780:1) and dentists (4,660:1) are areas that most negatively impact the health of people in Washington County.⁶⁶

2022 COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS		
	WASHINGTON COUNTY	NEW YORK STATE
Health Outcomes Ranking	34	
Length of Life	30	
Quality of Life	43	
Health Factors Ranking	32	
Health Behaviors	32	
Clinical Care	35	
Social & Economic Factors	16	
Physical Environment	33	
Poor or Fair Health	18%	16%
Adult Smoking	20%	13%
Adult Obesity	32%	27%
Physical Inactivity	28%	27%
Access to Exercise Opportunities	58%	88%
Excessive Drinking	22%	19%
Children in Single-Parent Homes	22%	26%
Income Inequality	4.2	5.7
Uninsured	5%	6%
Primary Care Physicians	2,780:1	1,180:1
Flu Vaccinations	49%	49%
Dentists	4,660:1	1,190:1
Mental Health Providers	670:1	310:1
Severe Housing Problems	14%	23%
Long commute—Driving alone	40%	39%

Source: countyhealthrankings.org Measures and data sources for 2022 Counting Health Rankings can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

FATALITIES

Following are data from the New York State Health Department, as of August 18, 2022:⁶⁷

- In NY State there have been 32 reported deaths of children ages 0–9 due to COVID-19, representing .1% of fatalities. Of the 32 reported child deaths due to COVID-19, 7 children (21.9%) had at least one of the top 10 identified comorbidities (e.g., hypertension, diabetes, cancer).
- As reported on provisional death certificates, there have been 73,350 NY COVID-related fatalities; this information was reported to and compiled by the Center for Disease Control.
- There have been 57,434 COVID-related fatalities in New York as reported through the Health Electronic Response Data System (HERDS), a New York State Department of Health source that collects data from hospitals, nursing homes, and adult care facilities only. Of deaths, 92.1% (53,051) had at least one comorbidity (e.g., cancer, diabetes, coronary disease, dementia) and 86.5% were over age 60.
- In Washington County, there have been 125 deaths among patients with confirmed cases of COVID-19, as reported through HERDS.

COVID-19 FATALITIES BY RACE/ETHNICITY					
LOCATION	HISPANIC	BLACK	WHITE	ASIAN	OTHER
Washington County	1%	0%	99%	0%	0%
New York State Excluding NYC	8%	12%	74%	3%	3%
New York City	34%	28%	27%	7%	4%

Source: New York State Department of Health, HERDS, August 18, 2022

VACCINATIONS

As of August 19, 2022, 1.4% of New York children ages 0–4 (15,918) have been given a COVID-19 vaccination, representing the following racial and ethnic populations: .3% Hispanic; 1.9% White; .2% African American; 2% Asian; .6% Native American; and 1.4% Multi-racial.⁶⁸

Of Washington county's population, 68.2% received at least one vaccine dose; 64.7% completed the vaccine series; and 37.4% (of 58.3% persons eligible) have received a booster.⁶⁹

COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS				
	POPULATION WITH AT LEAST ONE VACCINE DOSE	PEOPLE WITH COMPLETED VACCINE SERIES*	PERCENT OF POPULATION WITH BOOSTER	PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE POPULATION WITH BOOSTER**
Washington County	68.2%	64.7%	37.4%	58.3%
New York State	83.1%	78.3%	40.7%	53.5%

*Represents the percent of individuals who have completed the recommended series of a given COVID-19 vaccine product (e.g., 2 doses of the 2-dose Pfizer or Moderna vaccine; 1 dose of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine)

**The eligible population represents the percent of all New Yorkers who have completed their initial recommended series of a given COVID-19 vaccine, and for whom enough time has passed that they are now eligible to receive a booster.

Source: New York State Department of Health, HERDS, August 8, 2022

OBESITY

According to the Centers for Disease Control, “Body Mass Index (BMI) is commonly used to determine childhood weight status. BMI is calculated by dividing a person’s weight in kilograms by the square of height in meters. For children and teens, BMI is age- and sex-specific and is often referred to as BMI-for-age. A child’s weight status is different from adult BMI categories. Children’s body composition varies as they age and varies between genders. Therefore, BMI levels among children and teens need to be expressed relative to other children of the same age and sex.”⁷⁰

CHILD—WEIGHT STATUS CATEGORY	CHILD—PERCENTILE RANGE
Underweight	Less than the 5th percentile
Healthy Weight	5th percentile to less than the 85th percentile
Overweight	85th to less than the 95th percentile
Obesity	95th percentile or greater

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

New York is currently ranked 46th in the nation with a 26.3% adult obesity rate. New York’s 2010 adult obesity rate was 24.7%.⁷¹

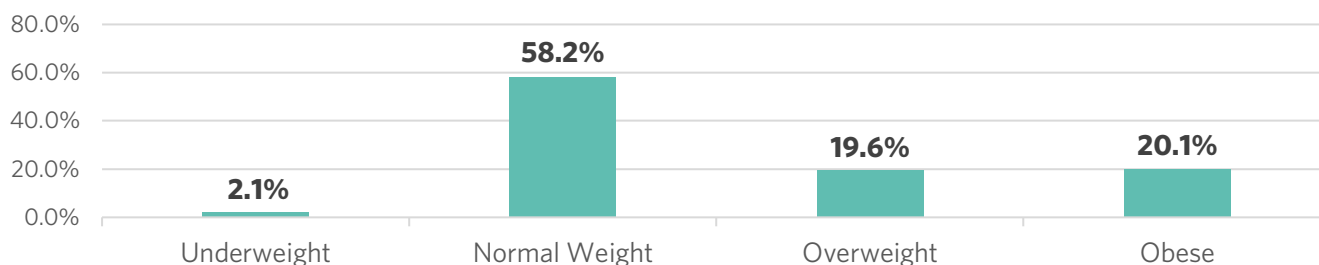
Nationally, 16.2% of youth ages 10 to 17 have obesity. Of youth from families in the lowest-income group, 23.1% have obesity, compared to 8.1% of those in families from the highest-income group. Of New York youth ages 10 to 17, 11.5% have obesity, giving the state a ranking of 45th.⁷² Of New York children ages 2 to 4 in the WIC program, 14% have obesity; this is a decrease from 16.1% in 2010.⁷³

The adult obesity rate is estimated to be 32% in Washington County, higher than New York at 27%.⁷⁴

During PY 2020-2021, just 58.2% of enrolled L.E.A.P. Head Start children had a healthy weight. Of enrolled L.E.A.P. Head Start children, 20.1% had obesity, higher than New York Head Start children (16.7%) and Head Start children nationally (18.4%). In addition, 19.6% of L.E.A.P. Head Start children were overweight.⁷⁵

LEAP HEAD START CHILDREN WITH OBESITY

Source: Program Information Reports



MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREA/HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA

According to the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), “Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs) are areas or populations designated by HRSA as having too few primary care providers, high infant mortality, high poverty or a high elderly population.” Medically Underserved Populations are known as MUPs.⁷⁶

Some geographic areas (county or service area), populations (e.g., low-income or Medicaid eligible), and facilities (e.g., federally qualified health center—FQHC or other state or federal prison) have too few primary care, dental, and mental health providers and services. HRSA works with state partners to determine which of these should have shortage designations known as Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), and are, therefore, eligible to receive certain federal resources.⁷⁷

MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS/POPULATIONS			
DISCIPLINE	DESIGNATION TYPE	SERVICE AREA NAME	MEDICAL UNDERSERVICE SCORE*
Primary Care	Medically Underserved Population (MUP)—Low Income	■ Low Income—Cambridge	■ 58.2
Primary Care	MUP Other Population Governor’s Exception	■ Hudson Headwaters Health Network	■ 0.0

*Represents the Index of Medical Underservice (IMU) score. The lowest score (highest need) is 0; the highest score (lowest need) is 100. In order to qualify for designation, the IMU score must be less than or equal to 62.0, except for a Governor designation, which does not receive an IMU score. The score applies to the MUA or MUP as a whole, and not to individual portions of it. Source: Bureau of Health Workforce

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS			
DISCIPLINE	DESIGNATION TYPE	SERVICE AREA NAME	
Primary Care Dental Health	Medicaid Eligible Population HPSA	■ ME—Washington County	■ 16
			■ 16
Primary Care Dental Health Mental Health	Federally Qualified Health Center	■ Hudson Headquarters Health Network	■ 16
			■ 20
			■ 19

*HPSA Score developed by the National Health Service Corps in determining priorities for assignment of clinicians. Scores range from 0 to 26 where the higher the score, the greater the priority. Source: Bureau of Health Workforce

HOMELESSNESS

The NY-523 Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs/Saratoga, Washington, Warren, Hamilton Counties Continuum of Care (CoC) conducted a Point-In-Time Homeless Count in January 2021. The count does not include those doubled up with other families due to financial constraints. Following are the results of identified homeless individuals:⁷⁸

- 198 households and 237 individuals were experiencing homelessness;
- 16.5% (38) of sheltered persons were under age eighteen, 11.3% (26 persons) were ages 18–24, and 72.2% (166 persons) were over age 24;
- 86% were in emergency shelters, 11% were in transitional shelters, and 3% were unsheltered;
- 32.6% of sheltered persons were female, 66.5% were male, and .9% identified as transgender;
- The racial composition included 83.9% White; 11.7% African American; 2.6% Multiple Races; and less than 1% of Asian, Native American, and Pacific Islander populations;
- 15.2% were Hispanic; and
- 6.4% were chronically homeless.

There are 87 year-round emergency shelter beds, 36 transitional housing beds, and 300 permanent housing beds for a total of 423 beds for people experiencing homelessness in Washington County and the surrounding counties of Hamilton, Saratoga and Warren. [Wait House](#) serves homeless youth (ages 16–24) in an eight bed shelter in Washington County.⁷⁹ The full Annual Report (10/1/2020–9/30/2021) for CoC NY-523 can be found [here](#).

COC NUMBER: NY-523 COC NAME: GLENS FALLS, SARATOGA SPRINGS/SARATOGA, WASHINGTON, WARREN, HAMILTON COUNTIESE COC										
	FAMILY UNITS ¹	FAMILY BEDS ¹	ADULT-ONLY BEDS	CHILD-ONLY BEDS	TOTAL YEAR-ROUND BEDS	SEASONAL	OVERFLOW/VOUCHER	SUBSET OF TOTAL BED INVENTORY		
								CHRONIC BEDS	VETERAN BEDS	YOUTH BEDS
Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing	19	45	68	10	123	55	99	n/a	21	26
Emergency Shelter	9	23	54	10	87	55	99	n/a	8	16
Transitional Housing	10	22	14	0	36	n/a	n/a	n/a	13	10
Permanent Housing	49	140	159	1	300	n/a	n/a	67	105	10
Permanent Supportive Housing*	32	98	138	0	236	n/a	n/a	67	92	0
Rapid Re-Housing	17	42	21	1	64	n/a	n/a	n/a	13	10
Grand Total	68	185	227	11	423	55	99	67	126	36

Source: HUD Exchange

Public school data shows that 153 Washington County students (PreK-12) were identified as homeless during SY 2020–2021. Of students that were identified as homeless, 73.9% (113 students) were doubled up with other families due to financial constraints, 12.4% (19 students) were living in motels, 11.1% (17 students) were in shelters, and 2.6% (4 students) were unsheltered.⁸⁰

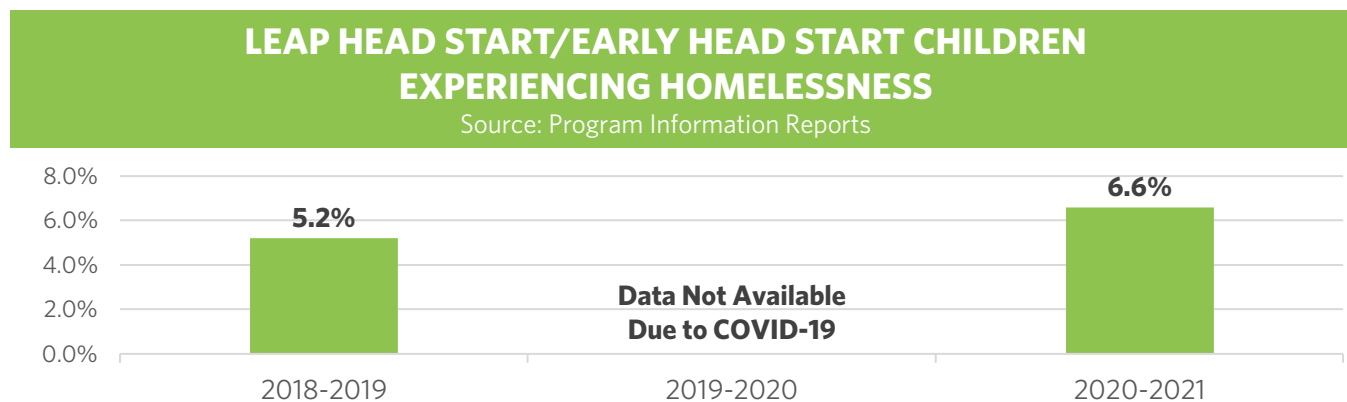
STUDENTS (PREK - 12) IDENTIFIED AS HOMELESS WASHINGTON COUNTY, SY 2020-2021					
SCHOOL DISTRICT	HOMELESS COUNT	PRIMARY NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE OF HOMELESS STUDENTS			
		DOUBLED UP (DUE TO FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS)	HOTEL/MOTEL	SHELTERS	UNSHELTERED*
Washington County	153	73.9%	12.4%	11.1%	2.6%
Argyle CSD	12				
Fort Ann CSD	27				
Fort Edward UFSD	25				
Granville CSD	0				
Greenwich CSD	5				
Hartford CSD	24				
Hudson Falls CSD	0				
Putnam CSD	2				
Salem CSD	7				
Cambridge CSD	39				
Whitehall CSD	12				

s = suppressed (1-4 students identified as homeless)

* cars, parks, campgrounds, temporary trailer, or abandoned buildings

Source: The New York State Technical and Educational Assistance Center for Homeless Students

During PY 2020-2022, 6.6% of enrolled L.E.A.P. HS/EHS children were identified as homeless per the HOUSEINGMcKinney-Vento Act, compared to 5.2% during PY 2018-2019 (pre-pandemic).⁸¹



HOUSING

COST-BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS

Cost-burdened households have costs exceeding 30% of total household income. Of housing units in Washington County, an estimated 27% (6,485 households) are cost-burdened, lower than New York State (36.9%) and households nationwide (30.4%)⁸² Cost-burdened rental households in Washington County are higher (44.8%) than owner-occupied households.⁸³

COST-BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS				
LOCATION	COST-BURDENED		COST-BURDENED OWNER OCCUPIED	
	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	RENTAL HOUSEHOLDS	HOUSEHOLDS W/ MORTGAGES	HOUSEHOLDS W/O MORTGAGES
Washington County	27.0%	44.8%	25.6%	13.5%
New York	36.9%	48.6%	32.6%	18.6%
United States	30.4%	45.7%	27.3%	13.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community, 2020 5-Year Estimates

FAIR MARKET RENT

The Fair Market Rent rate (FMR) established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development is used as a basis for paying federal housing assistance programs such as the Housing Choice Voucher Program ("Section 8"). FMR is determined by conducting a nationwide survey each year. FMR prices are gross rent prices, meaning they include utilities. The 2022 monthly FMR for a two-bedroom rental in Washington County is \$1,065⁸⁴ and the housing wage is \$20.48/hour.⁸⁵ For rent to be affordable for an adult earning minimum wage (\$13.20/hour), monthly rent must be \$686 or less.⁸⁶

2022 FAIR MARKET RENT, WASHINGTON COUNTY				
EFFICIENCY	ONE-BEDROOM	TWO-BEDROOM	THREE-BEDROOM	2-BEDROOM HOUSING WAGE
\$715	\$850	\$1,065	\$1,383	\$20.48

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Policy Development and Research

HOUSING STOCK

In Washington County, there are 29,562 housing units with the following characteristics:⁸⁷

- Of housing units, 72.7% are owner-occupied units and 27.3% are renter-occupied units.
- Of all housing units, the median year that structures were first constructed is 1960. Just 8.1% of units were built after 2010.
- Approximately 85.5% of housing units are occupied and 14.5% of units are vacant.
- Of occupied housing units, 32.5% are residents ages 65+.
- Of occupied housing units, 13.9% are residents ages 65+ who are living alone.
- Of occupied housing units, 6,466 or 26.9% have one or more substandard conditions; of these almost 2% have 2-4 substandard conditions. An estimated 4.1% of units lack complete kitchens.

HOUSING STOCK		
LOCATION	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	MEDIAN YEAR STRUCTURES BUILT
Washington County	29,562	1960
New York	8,362,971	1957
United States	138,432,751	1978

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community, 2020 Five Year Estimates

OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY AGE					
LOCATION	BEFORE 1960	1960-1979	1980-1999	2000-2010	AFTER 2010
Washington County	47.7%	16.8%	22.9%	9.1%	3.5%
	8,341	2,935	4,005	1,596	617
New York	52.5%	23.4%	15.4%	6.5%	2.2%
United States	26.7%	24.3%	27.5%	15.5%	6.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community, 2020 Five Year Estimates

RENTER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY AGE					
LOCATION	BEFORE 1960	1960-1979	1980-1999	2000-2010	AFTER 2010
Washington County	52.9%	16.2%	18.6%	7.7%	4.6%
	3,469	5,117	1,219	508	299
New York	56.3%	22.0%	12.0%	5.5%	4.3%
United States	27.8%	27.7%	27.1%	10.7%	6.7%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community, 2020 5-Year Estimates

SUBSTANDARD HOUSING			
LOCATION	TOTAL OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS	OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS WITH ONE OR MORE SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS	
		COUNT	PERCENT
Washington County	24,054	6,466	26.9%
New York	7,417,224	2,857,432	38.5%
United States	122,354,219	38,476,032	31.5%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community, 2020 5- Year Estimates

FOOD INSECURITY

Food insecurity refers to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) measure of lack of access to a sufficient amount of food for an active, healthy life for all household members, and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food-insecure households are not necessarily food-insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.

According to Feeding America, the Washington County 2020 *child* food insecurity rate was 14.1%, comparable to New York (14.6%) and lower than the United States (15.2%). Of food-insecure children, approximately 25% are ineligible for federal nutrition programs (incomes above 185% of poverty).⁸⁸ Washington County's 2020 *overall* food insecurity rate was 10.7%, slightly higher than New York at 9.6%. However, the overall food insecurity rate was substantially higher among Latinos (13%), significantly higher than the White, Non-Hispanic population (7%). Data is not available for other races.⁸⁹

The USDA Food Access Research Atlas defines a food desert as any neighborhood that lacks healthy food sources due to income level, distance to supermarkets, or vehicle access. Washington County has 1 census tract with a population of 6,371 classified as a food desert by the USDA.⁹⁰

FOOD INSECURITY			
AGE*	2018	2019	2020
Washington County			
Child (<18 years)	18.6%	16.7%	14.1%
Overall	10.5%	11.1%	10.7%
New York			
Child (<18 years)	16.9%	15.7%	14.6%
Overall	11.1%	10.7%	9.6%
United States			
Child (<18 years)	15.2%	14.6%	16.1%
Overall	11.5%	10.9%	11.8%

Note: "Overall" refers to all individuals, including children, regardless of race or ethnicity Source: Feeding America

FOOD INSECURITY BY RACE/ETHNICITY, WASHINGTON COUNTY		
BLACK (ALL ETHNICITIES)	LATINO (HISPANIC)	WHITE (NON-HISPANIC)
No data available	13.0%	7.0%

Source: Feeding America

On June 24, 2022, Congress passed the Keep Kids Fed Act, a bipartisan bill to help mitigate the impact of the loss of the child nutrition waivers which were due to expire on June 30, 2022. This bill increases reimbursements to schools and child care centers, supports access to summer meals, and streamlines access to healthy meals for children in family child care.⁹¹

OPIOID EPIDEMIC

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), over 100,000 Americans died from a drug overdose from April 2020 to April 2021, a nearly 30% increase from the prior one-year period. There were 26 fatal overdoses per 100,000 people in New York State in 2020, or a total of 4,979 drug overdose-related deaths. There were 19 fatal drug overdoses per 100,000 residents in 2019, or a total of 3,634.⁹² During 2020, the country was suffering through the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns, as well as the increased presence of the synthetic opioid fentanyl.

While Washington County experienced a dramatic increase in opioid overdose deaths—up to 15 deaths in 2020 from 3 deaths in 2019—opioid overdose deaths declined to 7 in 2021. However, emergency department visits due to opioid overdoses increased from 27 in 2020 to 30 overdoses (48.5 per 100,000) in 2021 and hospitalizations increased from 6 in 2020 to 10 in 2021.⁹³

OPIOID OVERDOSES													
YEAR	WASHINGTON COUNTY						NEW YORK EXCLUDING NYC						
	2019		2020		2021		2019		2020		2021		
	COUNT	RATE	COUNT	RATE	COUNT	RATE	COUNT	RATE	COUNT	RATE	COUNT	RATE	
Deaths													
All Opioid Overdoses	3	4.9	15	24.3	7	11.3	1,390	12.4	2,521	22.5	2,191	19.5	
Heroin Overdoses	2	3.2	3	4.9	0	0.0	441	3.9	541	4.8	278	2.5	
Overdoses involving opioid pain relievers (including fentanyl)	3	4.9	15	24.3	7	11.3	1,309	11.7	2,454	21.9	2,151	19.2	
Outpatient Emergency Department Visits													
All Opioid Overdoses	18	29.1	27	43.7	30	48.5	5,479	48.9	6,257	55.8	6,076	54.2	
Heroin Overdoses	s	s	15	24.3	12	19.4	3,656	32.6	3,664	32.7	3,045	27.2	
Overdoses involving opioid pain relievers (including fentanyl)	13	21.0	12	19.4	18	29.1	1,823	16.3	2,593	23.1	3,031	27.0	
Hospitalizations													
All Opioid Overdoses	s	s	6	9.7	10	16.2	1,531	13.7	1,628	14.5	1,514	13.5	
Heroin Overdoses	s	s	s	s	s	s	567	5.1	572	5.1	483	4.3	
Overdoses involving opioid pain relievers (including fentanyl)	s	s	s	s	7	11.3	964	8.6	1,056	9.4	1,031	9.2	

*Victims may have multiple drugs in system s = Data for indicators related to hospitalizations and emergency departments are suppressed for confidentiality purposes if there are fewer than 6 discharges.

Source: New York State Department of Health

TRANSPORTATION

Of Washington County households, 9.3% are estimated to not have a vehicle, compared to 29% in New York State and 8.5% in the United States. Of households, 23.6% of rentals are without a vehicle, substantially higher than owner-occupied households (3.9%).⁹⁴

HOUSEHOLD WITH NO MOTOR VEHICLE

LOCATION	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	HOUSEHOLDS WITH NO MOTOR VEHICLE	
		COUNT	PERCENT
Washington County	24,054	2,226	9.3%
New York	7,417,224	2,149,235	29.0%
United States	122,354,219	10,344,521	8.5%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 5-Year Estimates

HOUSEHOLD WITH NO MOTOR VEHICLE BY TENURE

LOCATION	OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSEHOLDS		RENTER-OCCUPIED HOUSEHOLDS	
	COUNT	PERCENT	COUNT	PERCENT
Washington County	676	3.9%	1,550	23.6%
New York	390,827	9.7%	1,758,408	51.7%
United States	2,457,633	3.1%	7,886,888	18.1%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 5-Year Estimates

According to the Washington County Government, the following are transportation sources:

Washington County has a new partnership with GOGO Technologies DBA GOGO Grandparents to provide transportation to Washington County for residents 60 and over. This transportation can be accessed during non-traditional hours and can be for transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, social events, pharmacy, banks, and much more.

Bus

[Adirondack Trailways](#)

[Greater Glens Falls Transit](#) (Warren, Washington & Saratoga counties)

[Greyhound](#)

[Northway Xpress](#) (CDTA service to and from South Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs & Wilton)

Train

[Amtrack](#) (Rensselaer, Saratoga Springs, Fort Edward, Whitehall)

[Metro North](#) (Poughkeepsie - Connection to Amtrack)

APPENDICES

A. FAMILY SURVEY

As part of the Community Assessment process, a survey was offered to individuals and families receiving agency services. The analysis of 452 respondents follows.

1. Are you a resident of Washington County?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.1%	421
No	6.9%	31
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		452

2. Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	17.2%	68
2	29.8%	118
3	14.4%	57
4	19.4%	77
5	11.4%	45
6	4.0%	16
7	1.3%	5
8 or more	2.5%	10
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		396

3. What is your gender?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	14.1%	56
Female	83.8%	332
Transgender	0.0%	0
Prefer not to say	1.3%	5
Other: <i>Male/Female, Non-Binary</i>	8%	3
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		396

4. What is the primary language spoken in your home?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
English	95.5%	390
Spanish	29.8%	4
Chinese	14.4%	0
French	19.4%	0
Italian	11.4%	0
Korean	4.0%	0
Russian	1.3%	0
Vietnamese	2.5%	0
Other: <i>Portuguese</i>	0.5%	2
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		396

5. What is your race?

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Black or African American	0.8%	3
Asian	0.0%	0
White	96.5%	380
Native American or Alaskan Native	0.3%	1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0
Multiracial (any two or more races)	1.5%	6
Other: Human, does it matter?	1.0%	4
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		394

6. What is your ethnicity?

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Hispanic/Latino or of Spanish Origin	2.6%	10
NOT Hispanic/Latino or of Spanish Origin	97.4%	374
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		384

7. What is your age group?

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Under 18	0.3%	1
18-24	2.0%	8
25-34	19.2%	76
35-44	22.3%	88
45-54	14.2%	56
55-64	18.2%	72
65-74	16.5%	65
75 and over	7.4%	29
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		395

8. Where do you live? Please choose your Town and/or Village of residence.

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Argyle	4.0%	16
Cambridge	12.1%	48
Dresden	0.0%	0
Easton	2.8%	11
Fort Ann	4.0%	16
Fort Edward	9.1%	36
Granville	5.3%	21
Greenwich	8.8%	35
Hampton	0.3%	1
Hartford	1.5%	6
Hudson Falls	14.4%	57
Hebron	5.3%	21
Jackson	3.8%	15
Kingsbury	2.0%	8
Putnam	0.3%	1
Salem	20.5%	81
White Creek	4.0%	16
Whitehall	1.8%	7
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		396

9. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than High School Degree	3.8%	15
High School Diploma/HSE/GED	26.8%	106
Trade School	2.0%	8
Some College	17.5%	69
Associate's Degree	9.4%	37
Bachelor's Degree	22.5%	89
Graduate Degree or Professional Degree	18.0%	71
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		395

10. What have been your household's top THREE needs within the past 12 months? Please choose 3.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Home Repairs	32.0%	106
Health Care	23.0%	76
Dental Care	20.9%	69
Food Assistance	19.0%	63
Heating/Utility Assistance	16.3%	54
Child Care/Preschool	16.0%	53
Financial Assistance	13.9%	46
Mental Health Services	13.3%	44
Transportation	12.4%	41
Youth Programs	10.3%	34
Weatherization	8.8%	29
Affordable Housing Assistance	8.8%	29
Summer Recreation	8.8%	29
Senior Citizen Services	8.5%	28
Job Skills/Employment Training	3.9%	13
Family Counseling	3.0%	10
Veteran's Services	1.5%	5
Safety/Crime Prevention	1.5%	5
Parenting Education	1.2%	4
Domestic Violence Assistance	1.2%	4
Adult Education/Literacy	1.2%	4
Substance Abuse Assistance	0.0%	0
None of the above	17.2%	57
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		331

11. Are you receiving services, or have you received any of the following services in the past 12 months?
Choose all that apply.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Adult Education/Literacy	1.2%	4
Child Care/Preschool	7.4%	24
Dental Care	14.6%	47
Domestic Violence Assistance	0.3%	1
Family Counseling	2.5%	8
Financial Assistance	2.2%	7

Food Assistance	22.0%	71
Health Care	23.2%	75
Heating/Utility Assistance	13.3%	43
Job Skills/Employment Training	1.9%	6
Mental Health Services	8.7%	28
Parenting Education	1.2%	4
Affordable Housing Assistance	3.7%	12
Safety/Crime Prevention	0.6%	2
Senior Citizen Services	3.1%	10
Substance Abuse Assistance	0.3%	1
Summer Recreation	2.2%	7
Transportation	7.1%	23
Veteran's Services	1.6%	5
Youth Programs	4.3%	14
Weatherization	1.2%	4
Home Repairs	4.0%	13
None of the above. I do not receive any services.	48.6%	157
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		323

12. Check ALL services that you or someone in your household needed but did NOT receive within the past 12 mths.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Adult Education/Literacy	2.3%	6
Child Care/Preschool	9.4%	25
Dental Care	19.1%	51
Domestic Violence Assistance	1.5%	4
Family Counseling	3.0%	8
Financial Assistance	9.7%	26
Food Assistance	8.6%	23
Health Care	4.5%	12
Heating/Utility Assistance	10.5%	28
Job Skills/Employment Training	1.1%	3
Mental Health Services	9.0%	24
Parenting Education	0.8%	2
Affordable Housing Assistance	4.9%	13
Safety/Crime Prevention	0.8%	2
Senior Citizen Services	2.6%	7
Substance Abuse Assistance	0.4%	1
Summer Recreation	4.1%	11
Transportation	3.0%	8
Veteran's Services	0.8%	2
Youth Programs	4.9%	13
Weatherization	11.2%	30
Home Repairs	22.5%	60
Does not apply - Receiving all needed services.	40.4%	108
Other: Special Education services; therapy; Day program for disabled; cell phone reception; difficult to get medical services appointments with no time off; glasses and hearing aids; lot drainage; infrastructure for livestock husbandry	4.1%	11
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		267

13. If you needed services, but did not receive them, what was the reason(s)?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Does not apply.	48.7%	147
I was unable to get to location for services.	5.0%	15
The service I needed was unavailable.	14.2%	43
Other: <i>On wait list (3 responses); Considered over-income or do not qualify for services (11 responses); Cost/too expensive (12 responses); Pre-K was not full day; Providing agency did not follow through (2); lack of services (2).</i>	16.6%	50
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		302

14. Which of the following do you or other members in your household use? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cable TV or Satellite Dish	54.9%	181
Cell Phone with Contract	66.7%	220
Email	85.2%	281
Free cell phone (Safelink, Assurance, etc.)	5.2%	17
Internet	89.1%	294
Landline Phone	35.2%	116
Newspaper	22.1%	73
Pre-paid or "pay as you go" cell phone	21.5%	71
Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	77.6%	256
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		330

15. What is your primary mode of transportation? Choose one that applies:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bicycle	.3%	1
Bus	.9%	3
Car	86.9%	279
Carpool/Ride Share	.6%	2
Motorcycle	0.0%	0
Ride with Family/Friends	6.2%	20
Taxi/Uber/Lift	1.6%	5
Walking	1.3%	4
Other: <i>LEAP (4 responses); Medicab; Van with wheelchair lift</i>	2.2%	7
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		321

16. In the past 12 months, has lack of transportation been a problem for you or anyone in your household?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	16.6%	53
No	83.4%	267
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		320

17. In the past 12 months, has anyone in your household experienced the following transportation challenges?

ANSWER CHOICES	YES	NO	DOES NOT APPLY	TOTAL
Unable to afford gas	30.9%	50.8%	18.3%	301
Unable to afford car repairs	31.3%	49.3%	19.4%	294
No access to a car	12.8%	63.8%	23.4%	282
No car insurance	3.6%	72.8%	23.6%	276
No driver's license or license is suspended	5.5%	70.9%	23.6%	275
Unable to use the public bus system	10.1%	37.1%	52.8%	286
Public transportation is not accessible	24.6%	32.5%	42.9%	289
Public transportation is too expensive	4.7%	39.9%	55.4%	276

18. How many people (18 years and older) in your home are employed?

ANSWER CHOICES	1 PERSON	2 PERSONS	3 OR MORE PERSONS	DOES NOT APPLY	TOTAL
Full-time Employment	37.6%	29.5%	5.4%	27.6%	261
Part-Time Employment	28.5%	5.9%	1.1%	64.5%	186
Seasonal Employment	9.8%	2.4%	0.0%	87.8%	164
Unemployed	18.1%	4.7%	0.6%	76.6%	171

19. For adults 18 years+ in the household who are NOT working a paid job, please indicate why.
Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Does not apply - All adults working	42.7%	121
Caring for Children	12.7%	36
Caring for Elderly Relatives	0.7%	2
Criminal History (cannot pass background check)	0.4%	1
Drug/Alcohol Issues	0.0%	0
Lack of Needed Job Skills	1.8%	5
Mental Health Concerns	5.6%	16
Non-English Speaking	0.0%	0
No High School Diploma/GED/HSE	1.8%	5
Physical Disability/Illness	15.3%	43
Retired	26.2%	74
Student	4.6%	13
Transportation Problems	3.5%	10
Other: Job ended; Looking for new job (4 responses); Medically needed in home; Self-employed; Farming.	6.2%	17
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		321

20. What income or benefits do you or anyone living in your household have? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Child support	9.0%	27
Heating Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)	17.9%	54
Housing subsidy (example: Section 8)	5.0%	15
Salary from job	47.8%	144
New York State Disability	4.3%	13
Pension	8.6%	26
Public assistance (DSS Emergency or Safety Net)	0.7%	2
Retirement pension	20.6%	62
Self-employment (ex. Uber, babysitting, cleaning)	9.6%	29
SNAP (food stamps)	18.6%	56
Social Security	28.5%	86
Social Security Disability (SSD)	11.0%	33
Social Security Income (SSI)	7.3%	22
TANF (DSS Assistance)	1.0%	3
Unemployment Insurance	1.0%	3
VA pension	1.3%	4
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	6.6%	20
Worker's Compensation	0.7%	2
None of the above	8.3%	25
Other: 401k; Food Pantry; SS Survivors; Free lunches for children; Medicaid (2 responses); IRA; Rental Income; Self-employed; Distribution from retirement.	4.0%	12
TOTAL RESPONDENTS	301	

21. In the last 12 months, what was your estimated annual household income?
(Please include all income sources from the previous question.)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No Income	1.7%	5
\$1 - \$5,000	2.0%	6
\$5,001 - \$10,000	6.1%	18
\$10,001 - \$20,000	14.9%	44
\$20,001 - \$30,000	8.1%	24
\$30,001 - \$40,000	9.1%	27
\$40,001 - \$50,000	10.5%	31
Over \$50,000	47.6%	141
TOTAL RESPONDENTS	296	

22. Do you or anyone in your household have a benefits package through work? (Example: health insurance)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Does Not Apply	13.3%	40
Yes	49.8%	150
No	36.9%	111
TOTAL RESPONDENTS	301	

23. Do you or anyone in your household need the following? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Help finding a job	4.0%	11
Help finding a better job	6.8%	19
Job training / Retraining services	5.0%	14
Assistance w/resume writing or interviewing skills	3.6%	10
Tools / Equipment for work	1.4%	4
Proper clothing for work	2.9%	8
Does not apply	89.2%	248
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		278

24. What is your housing status? Choose only 1 answer:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I own my place.	66.9%	200
I rent my place.	25.1%	75
I live in military housing.	0.0%	0
I am homeless with a place to stay (shelter, motel).	1.0%	3
I am homeless with no place to stay (tent, on street).	0.3%	1
I live with friends.	0.6%	2
I live with parents or other relatives.	2.3%	7
I live in senior housing.	0.7%	2
Other: Rent to own (2 responses); Have to pay for lot rent on a trailer; Employer-owned housing (4 responses)	3.1%	9
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		299

25. Which of the following best describes your home?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Apartment	15.8%	47
Single-family home	70.7%	210
Multi-family house	5.1%	15
Trailer / Mobile Home	5.1%	15
Single Room Occupancy (SRO)	0.0%	0
Transitional Group Housing	0.0%	0
Boarding House	0.0%	0
Hotel / Motel	1.0%	3
Shelter	0.0%	0
Other: Farm (2 responses); Living with family member; Car	2.4%	7
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		297

26. Which of the following best describes the condition of your home? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
It is in good shape; no repairs are needed.	21.0%	63
It needs minor repairs.	55.7%	167
It needs major repairs.	20.0%	60
It is in such poor condition that it is unsafe.	1.0%	3
It needs disability access improvements (wheelchair ramp, wider doorways etc.).	2.0%	6
It needs weatherization measures (insulation, weatherstrip, caulk, etc.).	15.7%	47
Does not apply.	4.7%	14
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		300

27. If you rent your place, choose the utilities that are included in your rent:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Heat	5.2%	14
Electricity	6.3%	17
Water	17.0%	46
No utilities are included.	15.5%	42
Does not apply - I do not rent.	67.2%	182
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		321

28. If you do not own a home, what prevents you from buying one? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I choose not to own a home.	5.0%	13
I cannot afford monthly payments.	12.4%	32
I cannot afford a down payment.	19.7%	51
I do not have good credit.	16.2%	42
I will not be living in this area for very long.	0.0%	0
The home-buying process is too complicated.	5.4%	14
Does not apply. I own my home.	66.4%	172
Other: Too young and live with parents; No income; Looking for a home currently; Had a home but too much to manage; Maintenance is difficult and expensive; Cannot find housing for reasonable price.	4.3%	11
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		321

29. Are you at risk of becoming homeless?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	3.7%	11
No	94.7%	283
I am currently homeless.	1.7%	5
Unsure	0.0%	0
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		299

30. If you are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless, what are the reasons? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I cannot afford mortgage/rent costs.	5.3%	14
I cannot afford to pay my utility bills (electricity, heat, etc.).	4.2%	11
I cannot afford to pay taxes on my property.	2.7%	7
I am unemployed.	1.9%	5
I separated from my spouse/partner (or will separate soon).	0.8%	2
The place I live in is in poor condition / owner does not make repairs.	1.2%	3
I am being evicted.	1.5%	4
I have mental health concerns that keep me from having stable housing.	0.4%	1
I have medical or disability conditions that keep me from having stable housing.	0.8%	2
Does not apply-I am not homeless.	89.3%	234
Other: Landlord is selling house; Concerns of rent increases; No income; Cannot find an apartment.	3.4%	9
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		262

31. Have you experienced any of the following housing problems in the past 12 months? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I have bad credit.	12.8%	37
I can't afford needed repairs.	22.1%	64
I can't afford the electric bill.	12.1%	35
I can't afford the heating bill.	15.2%	44
I can't find affordable housing.	4.8%	14
My physical disability makes it hard to find housing.	1.7%	5
I was evicted.	1.0%	3
I am homeless.	1.0%	3
My house is in foreclosure / was foreclosed on.	0.3%	1
I live in a condemned house.	0.0%	0
I lost my job.	2.1%	6
I moved to another place.	0.7%	2
I was threatened with eviction.	3.1%	9
None of the Above	57.9%	168
If no, briefly explain: <i>No issues (6 responses); Have been able to cover bills and maintenance (2 responses); Landlord is selling house (2 responses); Minor repairs needed (3 responses); Landlord will not fix reported repairs (2 responses); Worried about heating this winter; Can never keep up with repairs in old house.</i>	6.6%	19
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		290

32. In the past 12 months, have you or anyone in your household skipped or cut the size of a meal because there was not enough food?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.4%	45
No	84.6%	248
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		293

33. If yes, how often have you or anyone in your household skipped or cut the size of a meal because there was not enough food?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	3.6%	10
Weekly	5.8%	16
Monthly	7.2%	20
Does not apply	83.5%	232
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		278

34. Are you able to afford formula for your infant?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	1.0%	3
No	.7%	2
I do not feed formula to my infant.	4.4%	13
Does not apply - I do not have an infant.	93.9%	275
TOTAL		293

35. In the past 12 months, have you or anyone in your household used the following food assistance services? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Food Backpack Program	3.8%	11
Free Meals	3.5%	10
Food Pantry	13.8%	40
Meals on Wheels	2.8%	8
Free or Reduced School Meals	15.5%	45
Senior Center Meal Program	1.7%	5
SNAP (food stamps)	20.0%	58
Summer Meals Program (for children)	1.7%	5
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	9.3%	27
None of the above	56.9%	165
Other: <i>Pediatrician for formula due to shortage; church member; library (2 responses); P-EBT food cards for COVID</i>	2.4%	7
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		290

36. In the past 12 months, have you or anyone in your household had to choose between buying food and paying a bill to meet other basic needs (housing, heat, etc.)?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	19.8%	58
No	80.2%	235
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		293

37. In the past 12 months, have you or any member of your household not been able to get needed health care or prescription medications?

ANSWER CHOICES	YES	NO	DOES NOT APPLY	TOTAL
Medical Care	15.7%	67.5%	16.8%	280
Dental Care	27.3%	55.4%	17.3%	278
Mental Health Care	16.7%	49.4%	33.8%	269
Prescription Medication	13.6%	68.9%	17.6%	273

38. If you or your family members did not get the health, dental, or mental health care or prescription medications that you needed, please indicate the main reasons. Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
It costs too much.	18.8%	52
Have no way to get to or from the appointment.	2.9%	8
Have no insurance.	5.4%	15
Nervous/Afraid to go.	5.1%	14
The medical office was not open when I could get there.	2.5%	7
Did not know where to go for care.	4.4%	12
It takes too many days to get an appointment.	7.6%	21
Did not have childcare.	1.5%	4
Due to religious reasons.	0.0%	0
Cannot afford prescriptions.	3.3%	9
The doctor does not accept my insurance or Medicaid.	10.1%	28
The doctor does not accept new patients.	7.6%	21
Does not apply	64.9%	179
Other: <i>Unable to miss work (2 responses); no phone to make or keep appointments; insurance will not cover; large deductibles; no local doctors accepting insurance and not well enough to travel; on a waitlist; finding help for mental health is nearly impossible; dental locations do not take my insurance; no dentists in area; no local providers with openings (6 responses); diabetes medication is too expensive.</i>	6.5%	18
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		276

39. Did you buy health insurance through the NYS of Health Marketplace (as part of the Affordable Care Act)?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.4%	52
No	70.9%	200
I do not know.	10.6%	30
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		282

40. Do you feel safe in your neighborhood?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.1%	272
No	4.9%	14
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		286

41. How many adults aged 18 years and older in your household have no health insurance?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
All adults aged 18 and older have health insurance.	94.7%	268
1	3.5%	10
2	1.1%	3
3	0.7%	2
4 or more	0.0%	0
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		278

42. Is there an adult 18 years or older with a disability in your household?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.8%	73
No	74.2%	210
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		283

43. Please answer the following:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I DO have children under age 18 in my household.	51.23%	146
I DO NOT have children under age 18 in my household.	48.77%	139
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		285

44. How many children under the age of 18 in your household have no health insurance?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
All children under the age of 18 have health insurance.	40.99%	116
1	2.8%	8
2	1.8%	5
3	2.1%	6
4	0.7%	2
5 or more	0.4%	1
Does not apply. No children under age 18 in the household.	51.2%	145
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		283

45. Is your child/children up to date on scheduled immunizations?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.2%	146
No	1.4%	4
Does not apply. I have no children in my household.	47.4%	135
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		285

46. Is there a child/children under the age of 18 with a disability in your household?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (Ages 0-2)	1.1%	3
Yes (Ages 3-5)	2.1%	6
Yes (Ages 6-17)	7.7%	22
No child in the household has a disability.	33.3%	95
Does not apply	56.1%	160
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		285

47. Which do you currently use to meet your childcare needs? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Myself or my spouse/partner takes care of them.	55.8%	82
Children are old enough to be left on their own.	17.7%	26
After School Program	3.4%	5
Child Care Center	5.4%	8
L.E.A.P. Head Start / Early Head Start	13.6%	20
Family, Friends, or Neighbors	30.6%	45
Pre-Kindergarten / Preschool	8.2%	12
Registered / Licensed Child Care Provider	2.0%	3
Unregistered Provider / Babysitter	7.5%	11
Does not apply	18.4%	27
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		147

48. What time of day do you need childcare? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daytime	32.7%	48
Before / After School	21.1%	31
Evenings	8.2%	12
Weekends	9.5%	14
Does not apply	52.4%	77
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		147

49. Have you ever used a childcare center or a registered childcare provider?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	37.4%	55
No	43.5%	64
Does not apply	19.1%	28
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		147

50. If not, why have you not used a childcare center or registered child care provider? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I cannot afford it.	21.6%	30
Infant care was not available.	1.4%	2
Evening/night-time slots were not available.	2.2%	3
I do not trust childcare centers.	10.1%	14
I did not have transportation.	1.4%	2
The quality of the childcare center was not good.	2.2%	3
Weekend childcare was not available.	2.9%	4
I had a reliable babysitter.	9.4%	13
The childcare center had no available openings.	7.2%	10
Does not apply	59.0%	82
Other: <i>parent not employed; child has specialized disabilities; differing hours between work and childcare; parent chooses to care for children (2 responses); lack of openings for multiple children; prefers not to use daycare (2 responses).</i>	5.76%	8
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		139

51. How do you meet the cost of your childcare?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Childcare subsidy	4.8%	7
Self-pay	34.0%	50
Does not apply	57.1%	84
Other: <i>Employer assistance; parent or family cares for child (4 answers)</i>	4.1%	6
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		147

52. Have any of the following been an issue of concern for the youth (under 18) in your household in the past 12 months? Check all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alcohol use/abuse	1.4%	2
Bullying	17.3%	25
Criminal activity	0.7%	1
Drug use/abuse	1.4%	2
Eating disorders	5.5%	8
Emotional or behavioral concerns	29.7%	43
Gang involvement/membership	0.0%	0
Running away from home	2.1%	3
Sexual activity	2.1%	3
Sexual assault	1.4%	2
Skipping school	2.1%	3
Dropping out of school	0.7%	1
Smoking	2.1%	3
Teenage Pregnancy	0.0%	0
Violence	3.5%	5
Does not apply	64.8%	94
Other: <i>Depression/anxiety (2 responses); depression and kicked out of school for aggression; child abuse and neglect by parents and staying with grandparents; non-verbal autistic child</i>	3.5%	5
TOTAL RESPONDENTS	145	

53. Are you a grandparent or other relative raising children other than your own?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	9.5%	14
No	90.5%	133
TOTAL RESPONDENTS	147	

54. If yes, please indicate the PRIMARY reason for care.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Death of parent(s)	0.7%	1
Illness of parent(s)	0.7%	1
Military deployment of parent(s)	0.0%	0
Mental illness of parent(s)	0.7%	1
Substance abuse by parent(s)	5.1%	7
Parent(s) in jail or prison	0.0%	0
Does not apply. I am not a grandparent/relative raising children.	89.1%	123
Other: <i>Parents up and left; Neglect; Mother unable to care for them; child wanted to live with grandparent; mother left and father working a lot.</i>	3.6%	5
TOTAL RESPONDENTS	138	

B. COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

1. A survey was distributed to community organizations across Washington County. The following analysis represents 39 responses. Special thanks to:

Adirondack EAP	Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center
Adirondack Health Institute, Inc.	St Joseph Roman Catholic Church—Greenwich
Argyle Presbyterian Church	St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
Calvary Baptist Church	The Conkling Center Inc.
Coila Church	Town of Kingsbury
Comfort Food Community	Village of Hudson Falls
Council for Prevention	Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES (WSWHE)
Family Service Association of Glens Falls, Inc.	WAIT House
Fort Hudson Health System	Warren Washington Albany ARC
Hartford CSD	Warren Washington Association for Mental Health (WWAMH)
Hudson Falls CSD	Washington County Department of Social Services
Glens Falls Hospital	Washington County Office for Aging and Disabilities Resource Center
Office of Community Services	Washington County Public Health
Open Door Mission	Washington County Public Health Services—WIC
Osika and Scarano Psychological Services	Washington County Youth Bureau
People USA	Whitehall Central School
Putnam CSD	

2. Consider families living in poverty in your community(ies), including those to whom you provide direct services. Select the response that best describes to what extent each item is, or is not, CURRENTLY a challenge for families.

ANSWER CHOICES	NEVER OR SELDOM CHALLENGING	SOMETIMES CHALLENGING	OFTEN OR CONSISTENTLY CHALLENGING
Access to Affordable Housing	7.5%	15.0%	72.5%
Housing Eviction Concerns	7.5%	47.5%	25.0%
Unemployment Resulting from COVID Shutdowns or Vaccine Mandates	7.5%	52.5%	17.5%
Availability of Jobs which Pay a Living Wage	0.0%	20.0%	75.0%
Access to Public Transportation	5.0%	15.0%	77.5%
Access to Adult Education Option (e.g., GED, ESL, college classes)	7.5%	52.5%	15.0%
Access to Job Training	10.0%	47.5%	22.5%
Access to Affordable Medical Care/Insurance	2.5%	32.5%	50.0%
Depression/Anxiety	0.0%	27.5%	67.5%
Access to Mental Health Services	2.5%	35.0%	50.0%
Access to Affordable Dental Providers	2.5%	20.0%	62.5%
Illegal or Prescription Drug Abuse	2.5%	25.0%	57.5%
Immigration Concerns/Needs	42.5%	20.0%	2.5%
Cultural Oppression in Local Communities (e.g., race, ethnicity, religion)	25.0%	37.5%	7.5%
Access to Healthy Foods	7.5%	57.5%	35.0%
Access to Services for Children with Disabilities	5.0%	47.5%	40.0%
Access to Affordable Child Care (Infants/Toddlers)	2.5%	17.5%	77.5%
Access to Affordable Preschool/Child Care (Ages 3-5)	0.0%	25.0%	67.5%
Community Violence	25.0%	55.0%	10.0%

3. With #1 being the most pressing need, rank the top 3 most pressing needs of customers and communities served in Washington County. (Highest possible Ranking Score is 300.)

ANSWER CHOICES	RANKING	RANKING SCORE
Mental Health Issues	1	188.00
Safe, Affordable Housing	2	176.93
Child Care	3	150.00
Substance Abuse Assistance	4	121.07
Transportation	5	110.55
Job Skills/Unemployment Training	6	110.00
Food Assistance	7	100.00
Dental Care	8	91.66
Financial Assistance	9	90.00
Heating/Utility Assistance	10	66.66
Family Counseling	11	63.64
Veteran Services	12	44.44
Parenting Education	13	37.50
Adult Education/Literacy	14	28.57
Domestic Violence Assistance	15	25.00
Safety/Crime Prevention	15	25.00
Health Care	17	20.00
Youth Programs	18	11.11
Senior Citizen Services	19	0.0
Immigration Services	19	0.0
Summer Recreation Programs	19	0.0
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		39

4. From highest to lowest, rank the 3 critical services that do not meet the current demand in Washington County.

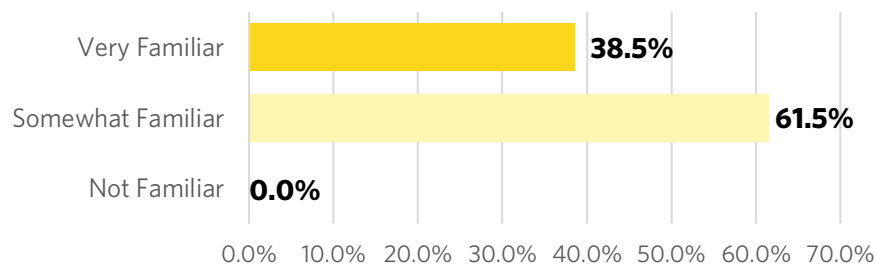
(Highest possible Ranking Score is 300.)

ANSWER CHOICES	RANKING	RANKING SCORE
Safe, Affordable Housing	1	209.08
Mental Health Issues	2	205.27
Transportation	3	152.36
Child Care	4	142.85
Substance Abuse Assistance	5	123.07
Food Assistance	6	122.20
Adult Education/Literacy	7	100.01
Family Counseling	8	100.00
Job Skills/Unemployment Training	9	99.99
Dental Care	10	87.50
Veteran Services	11	75.00
Financial Assistance	11	75.00
Health Care	13	62.50
Immigration Services	14	50.00
Senior Citizens Services	15	42.87
Heating/Utility Assistance	16	28.57
Youth Programs	17	28.57
Domestic Violence Assistance	18	0.00
Parenting Education	18	0.00
Safety/Crime Prevention	18	0.00
Summer Recreation Programs	18	0.00

5. With #1 being the highest, rank the 3 greatest needs that you believe customers, families, and/or communities will require in the next 2 years. (Highest possible ranking score is 300.)

ANSWER CHOICES	RANKING	RANKING SCORE
Mental Health Issues	1	209.10
Safe, Affordable Housing	2	188.45
Child Care	3	150.00
Financial Assistance	4	130.78
Food Assistance	5	125.01
Heating/Utility Assistance	6	120.00
Substance Abuse Assistance	7	111.13
Adult Education/Literacy	8	100.00
Transportation	9	91.67
Job Skills/Unemployment Training	10	70.00
Veteran Services	11	44.44
Family Counseling	12	40.00
Dental Services	12	40.00
Health Care	14	36.36
Senior Citizen Services	15	33.33
Safety/Crime Prevention	16	12.50
Summer Recreation Programs	16	12.50
Youth Programs	16	12.50
Domestic Violence Assistance	17	0.0
Immigration Services	17	0.0
Parenting Education	17	0.0

6. How familiar are you with the L.E.A.P. organization?



7. To which L.E.A.P. programs have you referred families/individuals in the past year? Select all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Early Head Start (pregnant women, infants, toddlers)	28.2%	11
Head Start (preschool-aged children)	51.3%	20
Adult Employment Services (e.g., job board, resume assistance)	18.0%	7
Business Services	2.6%	1
Emergency Assistance (Rent, Utilities Prescription Drugs)	30.8%	12
Food Pantry/Community Garden	38.5%	15
G.E.D. Preparation Services	18.0%	7
Transportation	25.6%	10
Youth Employment Program	12.8%	5
None of the above	28.2%	11
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		39

8. Please choose the response that BEST describes your current relationship with our organization.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Collaboration: Formal and interdependent system of working together for a common purpose; decision making is shared; roles and responsibilities are formalized.	12.8%	5
Partnership: Actively working together (and possibly with another organization) toward one or more common community goals, which each member maintains an individual organizational agenda.	23.1%	9
Networking: Engaged in informal ways such as community meetings, events and/or referrals for the common purpose of community action.	51.3%	20
None: Would like to explore and develop a relationship.	12.8%	5
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		39

9. Select the type of industry that BEST describes your organization. Select only one:

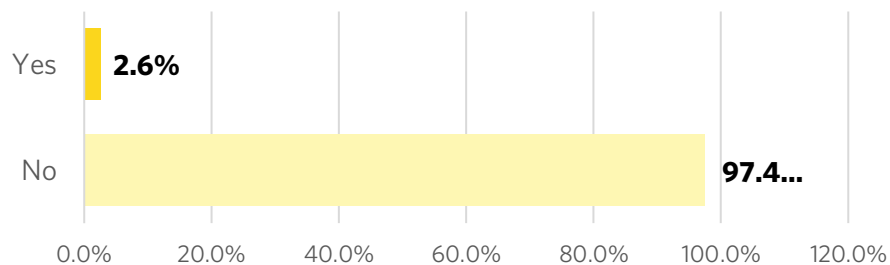
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Business	2.6%	1
Chamber of Commerce	0.0%	0
Church/Faith Community	15.8%	6
Child Care/Early Childhood	0.0%	0
Financial Institution	0.0%	0
Government	15.8%	6
Health Department	5.3%	2
Institution of Higher Education	0.0%	0
Medical or Dental Provider	2.6%	1
Non-profit/Social Service Agency	31.6%	12
Public School	13.2%	5
Public Safety (Police, Fire)	0.0%	0
Volunteer/Community Member	0.0%	0
Other: <i>Nonprofit Prevention Programing and Recovery Center; Mental Health and Addiction Counseling; Multi-level Health Care; Peer Services, Hospital Diversion, Incarceration Diversion; Care Coordination /Care Management Agency</i>	13.2%	5
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		38

10. Indicate the direct services your organization provides to at-risk, low-income families in Washington County. Select all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Adult Education	10.5%	4
Alcohol/Drug Treatment	13.2%	5
Child Advocacy	18.4%	7
Child Care (Infants/Toddlers)	5.3%	2
Early Childhood or Child Care (Preschool)	0.0%	0
Child Care (School Age)	2.6%	1
Child Welfare	15.8%	6
Disabilities	13.2%	5
Domestic Violence	10.5%	4
ESL	5.3%	2
Financial Health/Literacy	13.2%	5

Food Pantry	21.1%	8
Foster Care	5.3%	2
GED	5.3%	2
Health Care	7.9%	3
Housing/Section 8	10.5%	4
Homelessness	23.7%	9
Legal	5.3%	2
Literacy	5.3%	2
Mental Health	23.7%	9
Nutrition	18.4%	7
Parenting Education	13.2%	5
Public School Education	7.9%	3
Public Protection/Safety	5.3%	2
Public Transportation	5.3%	2
Religious Ministries	7.9%	3
Unemployment	2.6%	1
Workforce Development	15.8%	6
Vocational Services	5.3%	2
Volunteerism	10.5%	4
None/Not Applicable	13.2%	5
Other: <i>Children's Health Home Care Management; Transportation to 55+; Direct service may mean financial payments supporting the service. Example: we may help pay a child care bill or for emergency housing; peer support for co-occurring mental health and substance use, care management, social day program for adults; Youth programs/Recreation; recovery; care management; In-home care personal assistance, Information and Assistance, Health Insurance Information and Assistance, Caregiver support services, Social and medical adult day services; service coordination; Peer Services; Warm line; Hospital Diversion, Crisis Intervention, Respite Home; Home Health Plus; We connect clients to many services listed but do not provide;</i>		
	31.6%	12
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		38

11. Has your organization eliminated any service(s) in the last year?



Note: 1 organization indicated yes and commented "residential." (WWAARC)

12. Indicate the age groups that your organization serves. Select all that apply:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-2	39.5%	15
3-5	65.8%	25
6-18	71.1%	27
19-24	73.7%	28
25-44	71.1%	27
45-54	65.8%	25
55-64	68.4%	26
65+	65.8%	25
None of the above/Not applicable	10.5%	4
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		38

13. Please share any additional comments about your experience with our organization and/or the needs of families living in poverty in Washington County.

- We started using a program called Halo for preschool age kids during COVID. We used to do programing in the Head Start buildings before COVID and have not been able to get any response to restart. Our staff could help with staffing issues in the Head Start buildings as our teachers can give Head Start staff a break while we teach. We would love to help and collaborate.
- Kids need to be in church, they need a fresh perspective of Hope found only in Jesus.
- There is a shortage of affordable, safe housing in the area. There is a shortage of transportation in general, which we see especially in relation to a need for food deliveries to disabled, elderly, and/or remote individuals in our county. I believe more folks would attend our pantry services if they could get there. Many guests shop for their friends and neighbors if they are unable to go, or to save them the trip. Financial difficulty is increasing. We have experienced record high attendance at our pantry services over the past few months as inflation and gas prices increase. We are concerned about these dynamics exacerbating going into this winter.
- As previously mentioned, we would love to work more closely with L.E.A.P. Having been a former employee, I am familiar with services provided, though I do think that often, LEAP is overlooked when thinking about referrals. We would love to do a collaborative sharing of services offered potentially at staff meetings being held by each agency.
- We have had a very meaningful partnership with Washington County, and we look forward to growing the relationship.

C. STAFF AND GOVERNING BODIES SURVEY

The following represents collection and analysis of 83 survey responses.

1. Which best describes your role within the agency?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employee	88.0%	73
Consultant	0.0%	0
Head Start Policy Council Member	2.4%	2
Intern	0.0%	0
Member of the Board of Directors	9.6%	8
Volunteer	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	0.0%	0
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		83

2. If you are a Board Member, which sector do you represent?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Customer/Low Income	2.8%	2
Public/Elected Official	2.8%	2
Private/Community Member	6.9%	5
Does not apply--I am not a Board Member.	87.5%	63
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		72

3. How long have you been a part of our agency?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Customer/Low Income	2.8%	2
Public/Elected Official	2.8%	2
Private/Community Member	6.9%	5
Does not apply--I am not a Board Member.	87.5%	63
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		72

4. How would you rate your knowledge of our agency's programs and policies?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely Knowledgeable	19.3%	16
Very Knowledgeable	45.8%	38
Somewhat Knowledgeable	33.7%	28
Not At All Knowledgeable	1.2%	1
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		83

5. Please list 3 POSITIVE aspects of living in Washington County.

- Close-knit community
- Small town feel
- Rural atmosphere
- Agriculture and Farming
- Fresh produce
- Farm-to-table
- Beautiful views & landscape
- Safe communities
- Community resources
- Local districts and LEA
- L.E.A.P.
- Resources to help elderly
- Country living
- Neighbors helping neighbors
- Friendly people
- Rich history
- Strong sense of community
- Small businesses
- Low-density population
- Outdoor recreation
- Familiarity of people & places
- Schools - academics, sports
- Children's summer programs
- Food pantries
- Community events
- Family and friends nearby
- Many caring provider agencies
- County borders waterways
- Adirondacks
- Hiking, Nature Trails, & Fishing
- Quiet and calm area
- Hudson Falls is on the bus line
- Good quality of life
- Unique (small) towns with a high level of acceptance of a variety of lifestyles & backgrounds

6. Please list 3 NEGATIVE aspects of living in Washington County.

Summary is below. Lack of transportation was cited by over 20 respondents.

- Lack of/limited transportation, particularly in rural areas
- High reliance on personal transportation to be self-sufficient
- Tax burden on residents (lack of commercial & industrial tax base)
- Limited & dwindling childcare and lack of quality, affordable care
- Lack of industry to support economy, unemployed, underemployed
- Lack of businesses (ex. stores, restaurants, large retailers)
- Minimum wage exceeds income guidelines (e.g., SNAP, HS/EHS)
- High "ALICE" ratio (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)
- Transfer station only open one day a week.
- Lack of entertainment and minimal community events
- Lack of major industries
- Businesses, services, medical are not in close proximity.
- Have to travel to Glens Falls.
- Minimal employment opportunities
- Lack of jobs with sustainable wages
- Poor internet connectivity
- Poor cell phone reception
- Poverty
- Crime
- Lack of affordable, quality housing
- Lack of resources to all families
- Limited diversity
- Drugs
- Lack of after school clubs
- Homelessness

7. With #1 being the most pressing need, rank the top 3 most pressing needs of customers and communities served in Washington County.

ANSWER CHOICES	RANKING	RANKING SCORE
Child Care	1	157.91
Safe, Affordable Housing	2	137.50
Adult Education/Literacy	3	80.94
Mental Health Services	4	60.00
Financial Assistance	5	56.00
Food Assistance	6	55.17
Job Skills/Employment Training	7	51.72
Transportation	8	51.28
Dental Care	9	40.00
Health Care	10	38.45
Heating/Utility Assistance	11	30.76
Parenting Education	12	26.94
Youth Programs	13	20.85
Domestic Violence Assistance	14	17.40
Substance Abuse Assistance	15	14.81
Family Counseling	16	12.00
Summer Recognition Programs	17	8.00
Immigration Services	18	4.40
Safety/Crime Prevention	19	3.90
Senior Citizens Services	20	0.00
Veterans Services	21	0.00
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		55

8. From highest to lowest, rank the 3 critical services that do not meet the current demand in Washington County.

ANSWER CHOICES	RANKING	RANKING SCORE
Child Care	1	196.29
Safe, Affordable Housing	2	143.33
Transportation	3	130.77
Mental Health Services	4	76.00
Job Skills/Employment Training	5	75.00
Adult Education/Literacy	6	66.67
Dental Care	7	62.50
Health Care	8	61.12
Youth Programs	9	50.00
Immigration Services	10	43.75
Parenting Education	11	40.02
Veteran Services	12	35.70
Domestic Violence Assistance	13	33.33
Financial Assistance	14	31.30
Summer Recreation Programs	15	26.66
Family Counseling	16	21.42
Safety/Crime Prevention	17	14.29
Food Assistance	18	13.33
Substance Abuse Assistance	19	0.00
Heating/Utility Assistance	19	0.00
Senior Citizens Services	19	0.00

9. With #1 being the highest, rank the 3 greatest needs that you believe customers, families, and/or communities will require in the next 2 years.

ANSWER CHOICES	RANKING	RANKING SCORE
Child Care	1	224.00
Safe, Affordable Housing	2	131.83
Mental Health Services	3	111.10
Financial Assistance	4	104.36
Food Assistance	5	93.90
Transportation	6	91.29
Heating/Utility Assistance	7	75.00
Job Skills/Unemployment Training	7	75.00
Family Counseling	9	66.68
Dental Care	10	57.99
Domestic Violence Assistance	11	50.00
Health Care	12	46.10
Adult Education/Literacy	13	40.00
Substance Abuse Assistance	14	35.71
Youth Programs	15	16.66
Parenting Education	16	8.33
Senior Citizen Services	16	8.33
Immigration Services	18	0.00
Veteran Services	18	0.00
Summer Recreation Programs	18	0.00
Safety/Crime Prevention	18	0.00

10. The agency's mission statement is: "We support individuals and families in attaining self-sufficiency by providing services, sharing resources, and through community collaborations." To what extent do you feel that the mission statement accurately represents the work of our organization?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Accurately represents the organization's work	77.8%	35
Somewhat accurately represents the organization's work	22.2%	10
Does not accurately represent the organization's work	0.00%	0
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		45

11. If Washington County EOC had unlimited resources (e.g., money, staff time, etc.), what direction, focus, goal, or program should the organization take or address?

CHILD CARE:

- Offer the option of daycare assistance for families who would like their child to be in the Head Start program however do not qualify due to federal poverty guidelines.
- Accept more kids regardless of income status
- Other available options or programs that we could bring to the area that addresses childcare for families that do not qualify for Head Start- or see if there is a way to meld those children into Head Start by paying a portion of the cost- utilizing funds from programs such as Southern Adirondack Child Care Network to fund some of the other area children.
- Expansion of childcare early development programming.
- Expanded affordable childcare
- Make sure everyone has food
- Open day care for after work hours beyond 4pm, extend to 6pm.
- Childcare for working families
- Childcare

EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING:

- Trade courses that actually get people into a field for a career, not just a job.
- Education
- Providing more training opportunities
- Job training programs
- Education & job skills

FOOD PANTRY:

- Advertisement of Food Pantry
- Food pantries in the outlying communities

HOUSING:

- Collaborate more closely with housing agencies-low income to offer more services
- Assistance with added housing.
- Affordable Housing

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (3 RESPONDENTS)

TRANSPORTATION:

- Build off of the transportation department to offer transport for medical appointments and to obtain basic necessities.
- Transportation (respondents)
- Transportation assistance so that child attendance is consistent in Head Start. Regular attendance provides access to healthy foods, developmental delays services, and educational experiences.
- Providing transportation for all Head Start children, and for families to access the organization's programs.
- Transportation is a huge area of need in all of Washington County. We currently supply seniors with transportation.
- Transportation....(more)
- More transportation for the children to get to the centers
- Collaborate more closely with transportation agencies to offer more services

OTHER:

- Cultivating interest in filling the voids for individuals and families that are not self-sufficient through community solutions, not-for-profits, and private partnerships.
- I think L.E.A.P. is headed in the proper direction, if money was no object, it would be great to provide childcare services, increase pay for employees, and it to have a physical presence in multiple locations throughout the county for our food pantry and other employment and training programs.
- Domestic violence support groups, children's groups and activities, more help with certain emergencies, money management courses.
- Having a weekly/monthly program for older siblings of Head Start children, maybe even older children from the community too, to come in and learn about childcare. This can help them to foster better relationships with their younger siblings but also possibly give them experience to babysit out in the community and have the potential to earn for themselves. I know the hospital offers something similar, but it can be costly for some families. I think this could be a great program at Head Start.

STAFF:

- More staff development, education, and training
- Raises to employees, Awards, and appreciation towards employees such as gift cards or bonuses when doing extra or goes above and beyond to feel appreciated
- Paying staff reasonable wages.
- Address the true needs of employee's wages to meet the actual cost of living and the demands/responsibilities of the job/position.
- Staff retention, staff pay. We are nothing without staff. Our mission fails without staff.
- More training opportunities for the staff members.
- Pay increases so dedicated and experienced staff would stay and live above the poverty level; and so, we could gain new employees who don't walk away due to the lack of compensation
- Raise hourly wages for the employees, offer more incentives for the employees that stay.
- Work force diversification via more robust career and training programs with extensive partnerships throughout the county for job placement, apprenticeship, shadowing, etc. Open to ages 16 and older.
- Look into paying L.E.A.P. staff more so employees don't leave, and classrooms can stay open so parents can work.
- Pay employees a living wage.
- Pay quality staff more money to build consistency in our organizations.
- Having equipment for all staff that is dependable so they can do their jobs more efficiently.

12. What growth opportunities do you feel the agency could or should focus on in the future? (Select all that apply)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Staff Retention	80.4%	37
Staff Development	56.5%	26
Fundraising	52.2%	24
Leadership Training	41.3%	19
Program Development	37.0%	17
Communication	26.1%	12
Advocacy	23.9%	11
Technology	21.7%	10
Marketing	17.4%	8
Board Training	15.2%	7
Financial Management	13.0%	6
Board Development	10.9%	5
Policy Council Training	10.9%	5
Other (please specify)	13.0%	6
TOTAL RESPONDENTS		46

OTHER:

- Mental health is so important these days, we can never start too young to teach children about self-care.
- I would love to discuss further about the potential for a childcare course held by Head Start for the youth of the community.
- Provide more board training regarding what services our agency offers, especially the Head Start/Early Head Start program. Along with this, I believe it would be beneficial for staff to be informed of the types of families we serve, what hardships they have, and how our staff support families as well as help them to become more self-sufficient so they are able to be successful when they age out of the Head Start program.
- A diverse, inclusive workforce leverages the knowledge and experiences of a broader cross section of society and will help bring our agency closer to the people we serve. Help employees feel comfortable expressing themselves Have culture days and have someone from a different community speak about their culture. Encourage staff to maintain an open mind and to listen to new perspectives from people from all walks of life.
- Emergency assistance needs guidelines and more consistency. We need to operate as a team. We are often told not to work together without permission from the director.
- Have more of a sense of urgency--an organization in crisis needs quicker responses and resolutions.
- I would like to have the backpack program come back. I would also like more opportunities to help the community, such as support groups for children, parents, and domestic violence victims.
- We know that our ability to issue blanket, though deserved and critical, standard of living raises throughout the agency, SPECIFICALLY in the Head Start programs, is limited. Offer benefits to all PT staff, too. Seek relationships with SUNY Adirondack and BOCES to train and educate HS staff. Ramp up employee experience through such avenues as additional savings programs, appreciation (already on point), life wellness programs. Ex: staff wellness training and workshop half/whole day program, etc. Use our partners to help enrich the lives of staff.
- Greater collaboration with community partners and other local Head Start agencies.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

For additional community resource information in Washington County, visit <https://www.211neny.org> or <https://www.211neny.org/services/?title=&wpsldata=&county=Washington>

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