

Locations in Poughkeepsie, Beacon, Dover Plains, and Red Hook

Community Needs Assessment

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Introduction and Overview

The Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County (CAPDC) is the designated anti-poverty agency serving all of Dutchess County, New York. With a mission to help solve poverty-related problems in the community, CAPDC provides opportunities to families and individuals so they may attain the skills, knowledge, and resources they need to become self-reliant.

CAPDC is part of a national network of more than 1,000 local, private non-profit, and public Community Action Agencies (CAA) dedicated to promoting community economic development through partnerships and inter-agency collaborations while ensuring the causes and conditions of poverty are effectively addressed in response to the identified needs of a community. Through implementing programs and services and collaborating with community partners, CAPDC creates opportunities for individuals, families, and the community to improve their economic and social situation, while promoting linkages and leading coalition efforts that respond to the specific needs in the community.

As a Community Action Agency (CAA), CAPDC is required to complete a Community Assessment every three years. The purpose of the assessment is to determine local needs, identify opportunities and gaps in available services, and provide a basis for planning for the services that are necessary to mitigate the causes of poverty within our community and help people reach self-sufficiency and economic security.

The organizational standards of the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) require that a community assessment include both quantitative and qualitative data specific to poverty. The community assessment must also include the input of stakeholders within the community including consumers of our services and consider customer satisfaction data.

Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County

Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, Inc. (CAPDC) was established in 1965 as the county’s designated antipoverty agency. Community Action operated under the umbrella of County services until 1979 when the agency incorporated under the name of Dutchess County Community Action Agency, Inc. In 2015, the agency changed the incorporation name to Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, Inc. The CAPDC Board reflects a tri-partite board with an equal number of members from the public sector, the private sector, and representatives of the low-income community served.

The mission of the Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County (CAPDC) is to partner with individuals and families to eliminate poverty and identify the resources and opportunities available to them to enhance their self-reliance. CAPDC offers a wide range of programs and services to meet the needs of low-income residents of Dutchess County. Services are provided at various locations throughout the county.

In addition to the established and long-standing CAPDC Community & Family Development Centers in Beacon, Dover, Poughkeepsie, and Red Hook, CAP Resource Coordinators have established meeting and outreach locations in rural and underserved communities. Through direct services and community partnerships, CAPDC provides emergency services (food, housing, utilities) as well as case management to assist families in setting and obtaining goals of self-sufficiency. CAP Resource Coordinators provide case management using a strength-based approach, believing all families have strengths and a desire to be independent and successful.

The following are the specific programs/services offered by CAPDC.

1. Employment Assistance

CAPDC helps families achieve self-sufficiency through total "wrap-around services.” Assistance is provided in resume writing, employment searches, and practice interview skills. CAPDC employment resources include:

*Dress for Success Dutchess County*

The Dress for Success program empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, career acquisition and job retention skills training, and professional attire to women throughout the Hudson Valley. Dress for Success Dutchess County supports work-ready and working women by offering services in our Boutique, and Career Center and through the Stepping into Success (SIS) Program and the Building Our Success in Steps (BOSS) Club.

*Boutique:* Offers styling appointments to women prior to job interviews and/or starting new careers. Women receive professional attire and confidence-building support from Career Stylists during private sessions.

*Career Success Center:* Provides job search support, resume development,

interview preparation, career guidance, and more, to women supported by volunteer Career Success Coaches during in-person and/or virtual appointments.

*SIS Program: P*repares women to enter the workplace via Lunch and Learn

workshops presented by professional subject matter experts.

*BOSS Club:* Supports the career success and skills development of women

through career retention and life skills development workshops presented by subject matter experts.

*Suited to Succeed:* Suited to Succeed provides interview attire, at no charge, for men in need of professional clothing.

II. Energy Conservation

*Emergency Heating Program*

Community Action Partnership is Dutchess County’s provider of emergency heating and HEAP related service.

* HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) - HEAP eligible households may receive a benefit, paid directly to the heating vendor.
* HERR (Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement) - If the HEAP eligible household’s furnace is in need of repair or replacement, the HERR program will address that need.
* AHEHP (After-Hours Emergency Heating Program) helps low-income families with temporary emergency fuel, regardless of the type of heating used to heat the home.
* COOLING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP) will provide low-income families with an air conditioning unit, creating a healthy space during the summer months.

*Weatherization Assistance Program*

The Weatherization program helps homeowners and tenants living in single-family and multi-unit housing to obtain energy conservation measures to help minimize the cost of energy and reduce the overall energy burden.

III. Family Support, Health, and Wellness

*Food Pantries*

CAPDC has food pantries in Beacon, Dover Plains, Red Hook and Poughkeepsie. The emergency food for individuals and families is provided using a Client Choice Model, with families receiving a menu of choices of food available in stock from which to choose for a 3-day supply.

*Health Insurance*

CAPDC Resource Coordinators assist families in obtaining health insurance. Uninsured or underinsured families are connected with healthcare providers to meet at a CAP location.

*Prescription Assistance*

CAPDC helps individuals/families get the prescriptions they need.

*Dover Plains Thrift Shoppe*

The Thrift Shoppe, run by volunteers, is stocked with various children's and adult apparel, home decor, and houseware items, as well as other gently used items at discounted prices.

*Financial Assistance*

Financial assistance is available for emergency needs to include rent, utilities, and medical needs.

Based on the available resources and each resources’ eligibility requirements, the amount and use may be specific, such as:

* Miles of Hope Gap Care Fund – serving individuals undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
* Premier Cares – serving individuals undergoing treatment for urological and gastrological disease.
* Mastrioanni Fund – may be used to purchase prescriptions or transportation to medical care (age and residency restrictions).
* Von der Linden Fund – will provide financial assistance for an unexpected expense and is intended to reestablish the individual’s self-sufficiency.
* Rhinebeck Contingency Fund – for families with children in the Rhinebeck School District. This fund will provide financial assistance for school needs for the child or household expenses for the family.
* Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) – for families living in rural communities in North East Dutchess County. This fund will provide financial assistance for any emergency identified by the consumer.

Household Budgeting Education, including developing a household budget, and creating a savings plan is provided to families in need.

IV. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

The CASH coalition was established 14 years ago when community leaders, human service providers, and financial institutions came together to develop a plan to ensure low to moderate-income households were provided free, accessible, and accurate income tax return preparation.

CAPDC takes a leadership role in organizing the coalition’s efforts such as securing tax sites, recruiting volunteers, supporting the extensive training of volunteers, securing community support and resources, and obtaining supplies required to operate over 20 tax preparation sites in Dutchess County, part of the 41 available to all Dutchess County residents in the Hudson Valley region.

Methodology

The New York State Community Action Association (NYSCAA) assisted CAPDC staff in conducting this community-wide needs assessment. The report reflects a compilation of both qualitative and quantitative data. Quantitative data includes statistics and information collected from various primary data sources. A New York State Community Action Association Report for Dutchess County Inc. from NYSCAA's Comprehensive CARES Engagement tool provided much of the quantitative data highlighted throughout the report. The report's additional data sources reflect the 2020 US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, and other local, state, and federal data sources.

Community members, stakeholders, staff, and Board members, shared insights, and perceptions of Dutchess County's areas of need, community assets, resources, current and anticipated challenges, and suggested future opportunities. Qualitative and quantitative data were derived from 105 responses to three individualized surveys developed by NYSCAA and CAPDC and distributed by CAPDC from August through early November 2023. The Community Member Survey reflects input from 49 residents of the Dutchess County community including CAPDC clients. Survey responses were gathered from 37 partner organizations through the Community Partner survey, including feedback from community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, the private sector, the public sector, and educational institutions. The third survey was completed by 19 CAPDC staff and board members.

Furthermore, a focus group was conducted with CAPDC staff in November 2023 to review the survey results and to discuss the causes and conditions of poverty in Dutchess County. Community needs and priorities have also been identified through ongoing staff participation in community events, outreach, and forums; the information gleaned from those opportunities are included in this assessment.

Customer Satisfaction Surveys are currently being collected and results will be included once they are compiled.

The report contains client demographics for the year 2022, demonstrating the profile of individuals who have utilized CAPDC services and engaged in its programs.

# Key Findings

* There have not been statistically significant changes in Dutchess County’s overall population over the past ten years.
* Of all the non‐Hispanic white population in Dutchess County, there was a population decrease of over 10%, The county experienced an increase in the number of residents reporting non-Hispanic multiple races and Hispanic or Latino and a decrease in residents reporting non-Hispanic White showing a growing Hispanic population with a 35% increase.
* The two cities in Dutchess County, Poughkeepsie and Beacon, show a higher poverty rate then the rest of the county. Poughkeepsie has a significantly higher poverty rate at 18.8%. Beacon reports a lower poverty rate than Poughkeepsie at 9.2% but higher the county. Additional pockets of poverty exist in rural Dutchess County, with poverty over 20% in the Towns of Amenia and Dover. These towns have more limited employment opportunities as well as limited transportation options.
* Out of the total population living in Dutchess County, 8.82% of the population lives below the poverty line which is lower than the national average of 13.45%. At 10.04%, females are more likely to live in poverty than males (7.56%).
* Dutchess County reflects a higher percentage of Hispanic or Latino persons living in poverty (14.74%) than Not Hispanic or Latino persons (7.94%) living in poverty, and Black/African Americans had a poverty rate of 17.19% compared to 6.87% for White persons.
* For those ages 65 and up, the poverty rate is 6.9%, far less than the state average of 11.7%.
* Lack of safe and affordable housing in Dutchess County continues to be a primary concern. Contributing factors include cost burden and substandard and/or old housing stock. The percentage of owner-occupied housing decreased from 68.96% in 2000 to 63.25% in 2021, although this percentage of owner-occupied housing is higher than the national average of 57.40%.
* The food insecurity rate in Dutchess Count is 8.7%, but children under the age of 18 have a higher rate of 12.0%.
* The ALICE data reflects the realistic figure that 25% of households in Dutchess County are above the Federal Poverty Level but still struggle to meet the needs of their families.

# Identified Needs

The 2023 Community Needs Assessment delves into the opportunities and difficulties encountered by vulnerable or low-income residents in Dutchess County. This assessment has pinpointed the most pressing needs and issues in the following areas:

* Heating and Utility Support
* Food Aid
* Financial Assistance (insufficient funds for necessities among low-income residents)
* Healthcare
* Household Repairs
* Scarcity of secure and affordable housing within the community
* Insufficient dental care access

# Recommendations

# Explore opportunities for establishing and expanding relationships with landlords and other housing providers in Dutchess County.

# Explore options for forming collaborative partnerships with property management groups, construction and building management organizations, and others to address the growing demand for affordable housing units.

# Foster alliances with community organizations like Cooperative Extension to help residents make the most of their food budget through shopping tips, recipe suggestions, and ideas for healthy eating.

# Develop CAPDC engagement with the Spanish-speaking population in Beacon, including involvement in local schools.

# Conduct outreach to increase partnerships with senior support services in the community, such as Office of the Aging to address the needs of the county’s senior population.

# Collaborate with community partners to provide education aimed at increasing residents’ awareness of dental care insurance and available providers in Dutchess and nearby counties.

# Explore avenues to improve access to food pantries in the area.

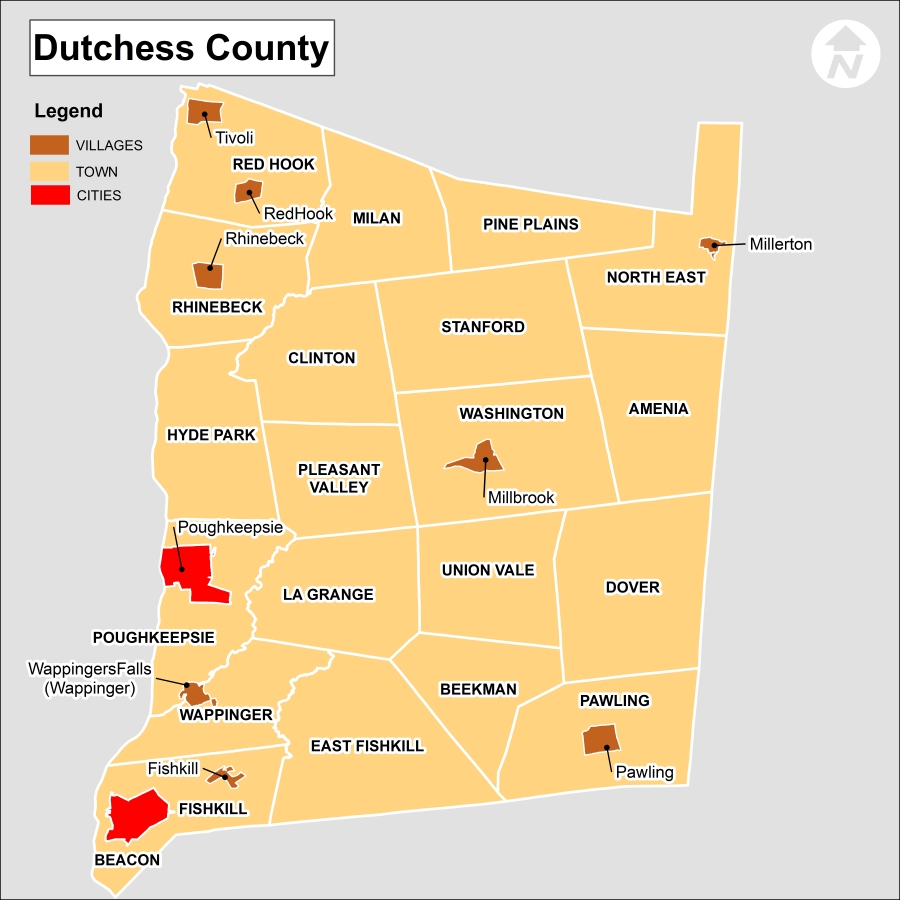
# Broaden community outreach initiatives to enhance awareness of CAPDC and its programs and services within the community.

# CAPDC will examine shifting towards a more proactive "intervention services" and moving away from reactive approaches to assist individuals before crises escalate.

Community Profile

Dutchess County was one of the initial 12 counties in New York, established in 1683. Dutchess County has an area of 825 square miles and is located halfway between New York City and Albany, the Capital of New York State. The county is bordered on the east by Connecticut and on the west by the Hudson River.

Prior to the 1960s, Dutchess County was primarily agricultural. Since then, the southwestern part of the county has developed into a largely residential area, with many of its residents commuting to jobs in New York City. The northern and eastern regions of the county are still very rural with large farmlands.

The terrain of the county is mostly hilly, especially in the Hudson Highlands in the southwestern corner and the Taconic Mountains to the northeast. Almost a half mile long border exists with Berkshire County, Massachusetts in the extreme northern end of the county. There are 3 national protected areas in Dutchess County including the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. The county has 13 public school districts and is also home to five colleges and universities.

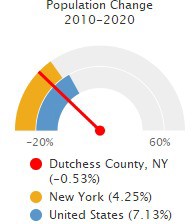
II. Towns and Cities

Dutchess County is comprised of two (2) cities, Beacon and Poughkeepsie, 20 towns, and eight (8) villages. The southwestern region of Dutchess County is the most densely populated part of the county and includes the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie. Poughkeepsie, the county seat, is the larger of the two cities and is located on the Hudson River, approximately midpoint of the County’s western boundary. Beacon is also located on the Hudson River, a few miles north of the southern boundary with Putnam County. The rest of the county is predominantly suburban and rural.

# **Population Profile**

## *Population Change*

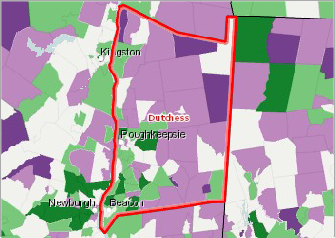
The population change In Dutchess County from 2010‐2020 is shown below. During this ten‐year period, total population estimates for Dutchess County declined by ‐0.53 percent, decreasing from 297,488 persons in 2010 to 295,911 persons in 2020. The largest increase (over 10%) in population in Dutchess County can be found in the western parts of the county, Towns of La Grange, Fishkill, and Wappinger, along with the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie. The Towns of Pine Plains and Amenia experienced a decrease in population of over 10%, along with the western part of the Town of Red Hook, and the Village of Pawling.



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| **Report Area** | **Total Population, 2010 Census** | **Total Population, 2020 Census** | **Population Change, 2010‐2020** | **Population Change, 2010‐2020, Percent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 297,488 | 295,911 | ‐1,577 | **‐0.53%** |
| New York | 19,378,088 | 20,201,249 | 823,161 | 4.25% |
| United States | 312,471,161 | 334,735,155 | 22,263,994 | 7.13% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*Decennial Census*](https://www.census.gov/)*. 2020. Source geography: Tract*



**Population Change, Percent by Tract, US Census Bureau 2010 ‐ 2020**

Over 10.0% Increase ( + )



2.0 ‐ 10.0% Increase ( + ) Less Than 2.0% Change ( +/‐ )

2.0 ‐ 10.0% Decrease ( ‐ ) Over 10.0% Decrease ( ‐ ) No Population or No Data Dutchess County, NY

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### ***Population Change (2010‐2020) by Hispanic Origin***

This indicator reports the Hispanic or Latino population change in Dutchess County. The county experienced an increase of 35% of the Hispanic population during the report time period.

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| **Report Area** | **Hispanic Population Change, Total** | **Hispanic Population Change, Percent** | **Non‐Hispanic Population Change, Total** | **Non‐Hispanic Population Change, Percent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 10,956 | 35.04% | ‐12,534 | ‐4.71% |
| New York | 531,100 | 15.54% | 292,042 | 1.83% |
| United States | 11,163,011 | 20.61% | 11,100,922 | 4.30% |

### ***Percent Population Change (2010‐2020) by Race***

This indicator reports the total population change in Dutchess County by combined race and ethnicity.

The percentage values could be interpreted as, for example, Of all the non‐Hispanic white population within the report area, there is a population decrease of over 10%, during the report time period, larger than the 6% in New York State. Dutchess County saw an increase in Non-Hispanic Other and Non-Hispanic Multiple Race. The County experienced an increase in the number of residents reporting non-Hispanic multiple races (1,871) and Hispanic or Latino (1,088) and a decrease in residents reporting non-Hispanic White (-4,877), showing a growing Hispanic population with a 35% increase.

*Note: Some of the combined race/ethnicity groups use acronyms for their names in the following table and chart. The full forms are as followed:*

 *Non‐Hispanic AIAN = Non‐Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native*

 *Non‐Hispanic NPI = Non‐Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander*

** *Non‐Hispanic Other = Non‐Hispanic Some Other Race*

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| **Report Area** | **Non‐Hispanic White** | **Non‐Hispanic Black** | **Non‐Hispanic AIAN** | **Non‐Hispanic Asian** | **Non‐Hispanic NPI** | **Non‐Hispanic Other** | **Non‐Hispanic Multiple Race** | **Hispanic/Latino** |
| Dutchess County, NY | ‐10.51% | 9.97% | ‐16.77% | 2.96% | ‐16.25% | 169.79% | 122.04% | 35.04% |
| New York | ‐6.24% | ‐0.89% | 1.86% | 36.28% | 14.61% | 141.49% | 121.09% | 15.54% |
| United States | ‐2.60% | 5.98% | 0.20% | 35.62% | 29.16% | 179.59% | 127.07% | 20.61% |

## *Age and Gender Demographics*

According to ACS 2017‐2021 5‐year population estimates, the female population comprised 50.47% of Dutchess County, while the male population represented 49.53%. The second chart breaks down the adult ages of 18-65, with the largest percentage (24%) of those adults between the ages of 55-64.

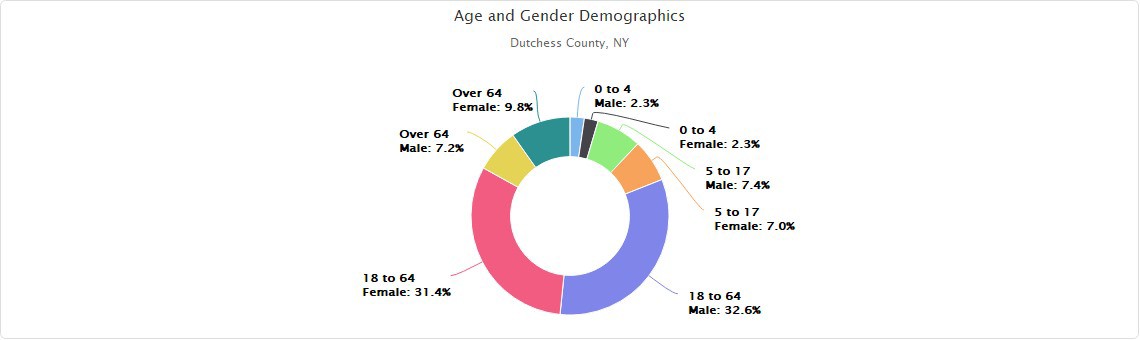
The areas with the older populations (over 45 years) are mostly located in the northernmost towns, with pockets in the towns of Pawling and Dover. The populations of those under the age of 35 are largely located in parts of the Towns of Beekman, Pleasant Valley, and La Grange.

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| **Report Area** | **0 to 4 Male** | **0 to 4 Female** | **5 to 17 Male** | **5 to 17 Female** | **18 to 64 Male** | **18 to 64 Female** | **Over 64 Male** | **Over 64 Female** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 6,843 | 6,646 | 21,737 | 20,506 | 95,683 | 92,252 | 21,037 | 28,663 |
| New York | 590,167 | 564,209 | 1,569,123 | 1,493,897 | 6,210,634 | 6,356,556 | 1,295,973 | 1,878,372 |
| United States | 9,940,776 | 9,482,345 | 28,050,668 | 26,760,286 | 101,452,751 | 101,150,034 | 21,484,809 | 29,126,201 |

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: Tract* [ View larger map](https://nyscaa.engagementnetwork.org/map-room/?ids=47579%2Ct11&def=t11%3AFIPS%20In%20(%2736027%27)&bbox=-8238796.804192%2C5075381.012964%2C-8179429.247008%2C5175022.671236)

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**Median Age by Tract, ACS 2017‐21**

Over 45.0



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35.1 ‐ 40.0

Under 35.1

No Data or Data Suppressed Dutchess County, NY

Adult Ages (18 ‐ 65)

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21.*

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| **Report Area** | **18 to 24 Male** | **18 to 24 Female** | **25 to 34 Male** | **25 to 34 Female** | **35 to 44 Male** | **35 to 44 Female** | **45 to 54 Male** | **45 to 54 Female** | **55 to 64 Male** | **55 to 64 Female** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 15,552 | 15,783 | 18,507 | 16,554 | 17,890 | 16,905 | 20,811 | 20,419 | 22,923 | 22,591 |
| New York | 910,475 | 905,794 | 1,449,506 | 1,455,137 | 1,264,814 | 1,280,662 | 1,275,357 | 1,321,767 | 1,310,482 | 1,393,196 |
| United States | 15,499,748 | 14,839,341 | 22,957,304 | 22,403,638 | 21,329,742 | 21,112,141 | 20,746,601 | 20,884,857 | 20,919,356 | 21,910,057 |

Of the individuals CAPDC served in 2022, 60.2% were female and 39.5% were male (.3% not reported). CAPDC primarily served individuals aged 45 and older, constituting 39.2% of their client base. The 18-24 age group is the second largest, accounting for 35.9%, while those under 18 made up 24.9% of the individuals served.

Of the forty-nine community members who responded to the community member survey. Forty-one percent (40.9%) of the respondents were in the age group 55 and over; 24.5% were in the 45 to 54 age group, and the remainder (34.6%) were under age 45.

## *Race Demographics*

According to ACS 2017‐2021 5-year population estimates, the white population in Dutchess County comprised 75.27%, the black population represented 10.59%, and other races combined were 7.8%. People identifying themselves as mixed race made up 6.34% of the population.

The clients that CAPDC serves mirrors the race demographic of the county. Of the individuals served by CAPDC in 2022, 61.5% were White, 19.3% were Black, 14.6% identified as Other, 1.9% multi-race, 1.3% Asian, and .05% American Indian. The remaining did not report. Of those served, 41.5% identified as Not Hispanic, Latino or of Spanish Origin; 26% identified as Hispanic Latino or of Spanish Origin. The remaining were not reported.

The community member survey respondents were largely White (77.6%), 10% were Black, Asian (2%), American Indian (2%), or Other (8%). Sixteen percent (16%) identified as being of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Population** | **White Total** | **Black Total** | **American Indian Total** | **Asian Total** | **Native Hawaiian Total** | **Some Other Total** | **Mixed Race Total** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 296,012 | 222,818 | 31,345 | 787 | 10,352 | 61 | 11,891 | 18,758 |
| New York | 20,114,745 | 12,215,118 | 3,058,846 | 83,734 | 1,739,196 | 9,131 | 1,808,007 | 1,200,713 |
| United States | 329,725,481 | 224,789,109 | 41,393,012 | 2,722,661 | 18,782,924 | 615,557 | 18,382,796 | 23,039,422 |

## *Veterans, Age, and Gender Demographics*

A little over five percent (5.51%) of the adult population in Dutchess County are veterans, which is more than the NY State average of 4.19% and less than the national average of 6.85%, according to the ACS five-year population estimates. About two percent (1.8%) of CAPDC’s clients are veterans.

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| **Report Area** | **Veterans Total** | **Veterans Male** | **Veterans Female** | **% Pop over 18 Total** | **% Pop over 18 Males** | **% Pop over 18 Females** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 13,227 | 12,608 | 619 | 5.51% | 10.58% | 0.51% |
| New York | 665,257 | 616,194 | 49,063 | 4.19% | 8.07% | 0.60% |
| United States | 17,431,290 | 15,794,025 | 1,637,265 | 6.85% | 12.72% | 1.26% |

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: County*

## *Citizenship Status*

The table below shows the numbers and percent of population by citizenship status for Dutchess County. According to the latest American Community Survey (ACS), the county has a total of 13,976 non‐citizens, or 4.72% of the total population of 296,012 persons, in contrast to the state average of 9.26% and the national average of 6.58% non‐Citizens living in New York and the United States.

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| **Report Area** | **Native** | **Born in a US**  **Territory** | **Born Abroad to US Citizens** | **Naturalized** | **Non‐Citizen** | **Non‐Citizen, Percent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 257,811 | 2,373 | 2,658 | 19,194 | 13,976 | 4.72% |
| New York | 15,079,782 | 273,118 | 237,949 | 2,661,793 | 1,862,103 | 9.26% |
| United States | 279,427,702 | 2,074,899 | 3,378,072 | 23,141,369 | 21,703,439 | 6.58% |

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: County*

## *Households*

This indicator compares two separate American Community Survey (ACS) 5‐year estimates to create a 5‐year change in total households. The change in number of households within Dutchess County is from 2012‐2016 ACS, and 2017‐2021 ACS.

Total households in Dutchess County increased by 4,786, or 4.48% in those areas reporting 2021 ACS 5‐year data. This compares to a statewide increase of 3.63%. The County’s largest concentration of households (over 2,000) is located in the Town and the City of Poughkeepsie, parts of Pleasant Valley, and Hyde Park along with the city of Beacon, and Town of Fishkill.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Households (2016)** | **Total Households (2021)** | **Change in Households** | **Percent Change** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 106,949 | 111,735 | 4,786 | **4.48%** |
| New York | 7,266,187 | 7,530,150 | 263,963 | 3.63% |
| United States | 117,716,237 | 124,010,992 | 6,294,755 | 5.35% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: County*

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## *Families*

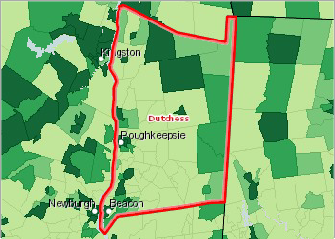
There were 72,910 families reported in Dutchess County in 2021. Married couple families comprised 77.5% of the total number. Single-parent families represented 22.5 % of all families. The areas with the most single parent households (over 38%) can be found in the Towns of Stanford, Milan, and Wappinger Falls, the villages of Red Hook, Millbrook, and Rhinebeck as well as the cities of Poughkeepsie and Beacon.

The majority of households CAPDC served in 2022 are single person (55.5%) and 21.4% are single-parent female households. The survey respondents are similar in that 39% of the respondents lived in single-person households, with 26% living in two-person-households.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Number of Families** | **Married Couple** | **Female, Spouse Absent** | **Male, Spouse Absent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 72,910 | 56,537 | 12,160 | 4,213 |
| New York | 4,722,870 | 3,293,425 | 1,051,312 | 378,133 |
| United States | 80,755,759 | 59,331,185 | 15,273,279 | 6,151,295 |

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# **Income**

## Income Levels

Three common measures of income are Median Household Income, Per Capita Income, and Average Income based on American Community Survey (ACS) estimates. All Three measures from the 2017 ‐ 2021 ACS are shown for Dutchess Couty below. The Census Bureau defines an earner as someone age 15 and older who receives any form of income, whether it be wages, salaries, benefits, or other type of income. The Median household income in the county was $87,112, with the average income earner at $59,812. The lowest earners in the county (under $50,000) reside in the area of the city of Poughkeepsie.

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| **Report Area** | **Median Household Income** | **Per Capita Income** | **Average Income Per Earner** |
| Dutchess County, NY | $87,112 | $44,800 | $59,812 |
| New York | $75,157 | $43,208 | $60,530 |
| United States | $69,021 | $37,638 | $53,104 |

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: County*

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Over $70,000



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**Poverty**

Poverty information is at 100% of the federal poverty income guidelines. 2021 poverty estimates show a total of 27,106 persons (9.7%) living below the poverty level in the report area, with a higher rate of 11.6% for those children ages 0-17, and 10.7% for children ages 5-17.

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| **Report Area** | **All Ages No. of Persons** | **All Ages Poverty Rate** | **Age 0‐17 No. of Persons** | **Age 0‐17 Poverty Rate** | **Age 5‐17 No. of Persons** | **Age 5‐17 Poverty Rate** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 27,106 | **9.7%** | 6,165 | 11.6% | 4,277 | 10.7% |
| New York | 2,703,053 | 14% | 758,752 | 18.8% | 538,385 | 18.2% |
| United States | 41,393,176 | 12.8% | 12,243,219 | 16.9% | 8,636,275 | 16.1% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html)*. 2021. Source geography: County*

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Looking at poverty with five-year estimates, the following chart shows population estimates for all persons in poverty in Dutchess County. According to the ACS 5-year estimates, an average of 8.82% lived in poverty during the 2017 ‐ 2021 period. The poverty rate for all persons living in the county is less than the national average of 12.63%, and the NYS average of 13.45%. The locations where over 20% of the population live in poverty are in the Towns of Amenia and Dover, along with the city of Poughkeepsie, and a pocket in the city of Beacon.

The NYS Community Action Association Poverty Report notes that the poverty rate for the city of Poughkeepsie is much higher than the county, with 18.8% of individuals living in poverty and 29.6% of children under the age of 18 living in poverty. The Census Quick Facts shows 9.2% of residents in the City of Beacon living in poverty, higher than the county’s average.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Population** | **Population in Poverty** | **Population in Poverty, Percent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 279,766 | 24,677 | **8.82%** |
| New York | 19,604,130 | 2,636,823 | 13.45% |
| United States | 321,897,703 | 40,661,636 | 12.63% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: Tract*

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## The following section includes poverty rates specific to poverty and its prevalence related to gender, age, race, and ethnicity. This requires data to be collected while engaging in a community needs assessment process.

### ***Population in Poverty by Gender***

### Consistent with New York State and national averages, more females in Dutchess County live in poverty than males***.***

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| **Report Area** | **Male** | **Female** | **Male, Percent** | **Female, Percent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 10,408 | 14,269 | 7.56% | 10.04% |

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| New York | 1,169,005 | 1,467,818 | 12.25% | 14.59% |
| United States | 18,132,275 | 22,529,361 | 11.44% | 13.79% |

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21.*

### ***Population in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone***

### Dutchess County reflects a higher percentage of Hispanic or Latino persons living in poverty (14.74%) than Not Hispanic or Latino persons (7.94%) living in poverty, similar to New York State and national averages that also represent a higher percentage of Hispanic or Latino persons living in poverty.

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| **Report Area** | **Hispanic or Latino** | **Not Hispanic or Latino** | **Hispanic or Latino, Percent** | **Not Hispanic or Latino, Percent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 5,328 | 19,349 | 14.74% | 7.94% |
| New York | 766,737 | 1,870,086 | 20.24% | 11.82% |
| United States | 10,560,320 | 30,101,316 | 17.71% | 11.48% |

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21.*

### ***Population in Poverty by Race Alone, Percent***

### The chart below reflects the percentage of the population in poverty in Dutchess County by race. Mirroring New York State and national averages, higher percentages of Black or African American (17.19%), Native American or Alaska Native (17.59%), Asian (8.06%), some other race (22.34%), and multiple race persons (11.28%) live in poverty in Dutchess County than white persons (6.87%).

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| **Report Area** | **White** | **Black or African American** | **Native American or Alaska Native** | **Asian** | **Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander** | **Some Other Race** | **Multiple Race** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 6.87%  14, 689 | 17.19%  4,669 | 17.59%  117 | 8.06%  758 | 65.91%  29 | 22.34%  2,389 | 11.28%  2,026 |
| New York | 10.02% | 20.16% | 23.16% | 14.07% | 27.24% | 22.42% | 16.18% |
| United States | 10.29% | 21.71% | 23.40% | 10.31% | 16.68% | 19.06% | 14.89% |

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21.*

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| **Report Area** | **Ages 0‐17 Total Population** | **Ages 0‐17 In Poverty** | **Ages 0‐17 Poverty Rate** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 54,622 | 6,030 | **11.0%** |
| New York | 4,138,136 | 760,862 | 18.4% |
| United States | 72,996,065 | 12,443,424 | 17.0% |

***Child Population in Poverty by Age, 0-17***

## An average of 11.0% percent of children lived in a state of poverty in Dutchess County, according to ACS estimates from 2017-2021.

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*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: County*

## *Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 18‐64*

In Dutchess County, according to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5‐year data, an average of 8.7% of adults ages 18-64 lived in poverty, less than both the state and national poverty rates. The highest rates of poverty (over 20%) can be found in the western part of the Town of Red Hook, village of Tivoli and in the city of Poughkeepsie.

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| **Report Area** | **Ages 18‐64 Total Population** | **Ages 18‐64 In Poverty** | **Ages 18‐64 Poverty Rate** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 174,565 | 15,177 | **8.7%** |
| New York | 12,228,961 | 1,498,416 | 12.3% |
| United States | 197,195,974 | 23,280,096 | 11.8% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

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## Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 65 and Up

According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5‐year data, an average of 6.9% of people ages 65 and up lived poverty in Dutchess County, less than the state and national rates. The highest concentrations of poverty (over 17%) for this age group can be found in the Town of Dover, and the cities of Poughkeepsie and Beacon.

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| **Report Area** | **Ages 65 and Up Total Population** | **Ages 65 and Up In Poverty** | **Ages 65 and Up Poverty Rate** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 50,579 | 3,470 | **6.9%** |
| New York | 3,237,033 | 377,545 | 11.7% |
| United States | 51,705,664 | 4,938,116 | 9.6% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

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## *Households in Poverty*

In 2021, it was estimated that 10,243 households, or 9.2%of households in Dutchess County lived in poverty. The pockets of poverty over 20% can be found in the eastern edge of the Town of Red Hook, including the village of Tivoli and around the city of Poughkeepsie.

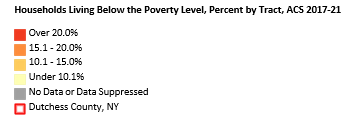
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| **Report Area** | **Total Households** | **Households in Poverty** | **Percent Households in Poverty** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 111,735 | 10,243 | **9.2%** |
| New York | 7,530,150 | 1,011,603 | 13.4% |
| United States | 124,010,992 | 15,381,768 | 12.4% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

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## *Family Poverty Rate by Family Type*

It is estimated that 5.8% of all households were living in poverty in Dutchess County, compared to the national average of 8.9%. Of the households in poverty, female headed households represented 54.7% of all households in poverty, compared to 37.0% and 8.3% of households headed by males and married couples, respectively. The majority of single parent households are located in the Town of Stanford, the western section of the Town of Rhinebeck, a pocket in the Town of Beekman, and around the city of Poughkeepsie.

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| **Report Area** | **Poverty Rate All Types** | **Percent of Poverty Married Couples** | **Percent of Poverty Male Householder** | **Percent of Poverty Female Householder** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 5.8% | 37.0% | 8.3% | **54.7%** |
| New York | 9.8% | 37.5% | 10.0% | 52.5% |
| United States | 8.9% | 37.0% | 10.8% | 52.2% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

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***Poverty Rate 125% (ACS)***

In Dutchess County, 11.99% or 33,547 individuals were living in households with income below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which is considerably below the state average of 17.30% and the national average of 16.65%.

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| **Report Area** | **Population, Total** | **Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL** | **Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL, Percent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 279,766 | 33,547 | **11.99%** |
| New York | 19,604,130 | 3,391,928 | 17.30% |
| United States | 321,897,703 | 53,601,341 | 16.65% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: Tract*

## *Poverty Rate 200% (ACS)*

In Dutchess County, 19.95% or 55,810 individuals live households with income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which is $29,160 for a family of one. The areas where over 50% of residents live below 200% of poverty is in the City of Poughkeepsie and in parts of the City of Beacon.

Forty percent of CAPDC’s clients in 2022 did not report income level. Of those who reported, about 10% reported having incomes between 75% to 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and 13% were within 101% to 150% of the Poverty Guidelines. For a family of one, 100% of the guidelines is an income of $14,580 and 150% of the guideline is an income of $21,870.

Of the community member survey respondents, 32.5% indicated that their income was between $10,001-$20,000; 27.9% reported an income of $20,001-30,000; 18.6% had incomes in the $30,001-$40,000 range, and 9.3% had incomes of less than $10,000.

Twenty-one percent (21.4%) of CAPDC clients were single-parent females.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Population** | **Population with Income Below 200% FPL** | **Population with Income Below 200% FPL, Percent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 279,766 | 55,810 | **19.95%** |
| New York | 19,604,130 | 5,570,893 | 28.42% |
| United States | 321,897,703 | 94,041,155 | 29.21% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

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***Poverty Rate 200% (ACS) by School District: Percent***

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| **County** | **School District** | **Total Population** | **Percent at 200% Poverty** | **Age 0‐5 at 200% Poverty** | **Age 6‐11 at 200% Poverty** | **Age 12‐17 at 200% Poverty** | **Age 18‐64 at 200% Poverty** | **Age Over 65 at 200% Poverty** |
| Dutchess County | Taconic Hills Central School District | 11,064 | 23.75% | 2.07% | 1.77% | 1.52% | 13.22% | 5.17% |
| Dutchess County | Millbrook Central School District | 7,194 | 24.62% | 1.95% | 2.22% | 1.03% | 13.21% | 6.21% |
| Dutchess County | Spackenkill Union Free School District | 8,912 | 11.78% | 0.28% | 0.82% | 1.51% | 6.09% | 3.07% |
| Dutchess County | Dover Union Free School District | 9,303 | 28.23% | 2.52% | 2.95% | 2.03% | 15.73% | 5.01% |
| Dutchess County | Pine Plains Central School District | 8,638 | 24.24% | 2.33% | 1.84% | 1.63% | 14.82% | 3.62% |
| Dutchess County | Carmel Central School District | 27,148 | 14.63% | 0.43% | 0.73% | 0.87% | 9.63% | 2.98% |
| Dutchess County | Pawling Central School District | 8,747 | 13.32% | 1.02% | 0.86% | 1.44% | 6.86% | 3.14% |
| Dutchess County | Wappingers Central School District | 73,661 | 12.87% | 0.97% | 0.89% | 1.20% | 7.05% | 2.75% |
| Dutchess County | Hyde Park Central School District | 28,827 | 24.60% | 2.19% | 1.78% | 1.19% | 14.66% | 4.78% |
| Dutchess County | Northeast Central School District | 5,849 | 32.30% | 2.02% | 2.96% | 4.92% | 17.83% | 4.56% |
| Dutchess County | Poughkeepsie City School District | 30,728 | 38.79% | 3.02% | 3.91% | 3.28% | 23.01% | 5.57% |
| Dutchess County | Beacon City School District | 25,481 | 18.52% | 1.60% | 2.23% | 1.59% | 9.00% | 4.11% |
| Dutchess County | Arlington Central School District | 53,453 | 16.69% | 2.04% | 1.09% | 1.12% | 9.55% | 2.89% |
| Dutchess County | Red Hook Central School District | 11,150 | 17.06% | 0.60% | 1.04% | 1.01% | 10.31% | 4.09% |
| Dutchess County | Rhinebeck Central School District | 9,186 | 18.96% | 1.05% | 1.53% | 0.99% | 9.20% | 6.19% |

From the chart above, the following school districts have the highest percent of residents living at 200% of poverty: The Poughkeepsie City School District (38.79%) followed by Northeast Central School District (32.30%) in Amenia, and the Dover Union Free School District in Dover Plains at 28.23%.

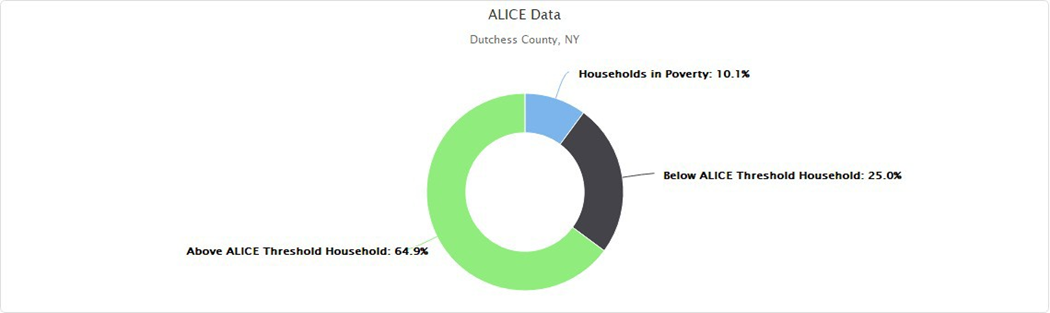
## *ALICE Data*

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) uses American Community Survey (ACS) data, and shows the gap between the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and the actual amount of money needed to afford a bare‐bones household budget. The combination of households in poverty and ALICE households are deemed to be part of the ALICE Threshold.

For the most recent ALICE Report, data shows that of the 118,175 total households in Dutchess County, there are 11,969 (10.1%) of households at the FPL, and 29,551 (25.0%) of households that are above the FPL but still struggled to meet a minimum household budget and are in potentially vulnerable situations.

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| **Report Area** | **Year** | **Total Households** | **ACS**  **Source** | **Households in Poverty** | **Below ALICE Threshold Household** | **Above ALICE Threshold Household** | **ALICE Threshold for Households Headed by Age Under 65** | **ALICE Threshold for Households Headed by Age 65 and Over** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 2021 | 118,175 | 1‐Year | 11,969 | 29,551 | 76,655 | $60,000.00 | $60,000.00 |
| New York | 2021 | 7,635,201 | County Specific | 1,081,379 | 2,283,711 | 4,270,111 | County Specific | County Specific |

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*.* [*United for Alice*](https://www.unitedforalice.org/)*. 2021. Source geography: County*



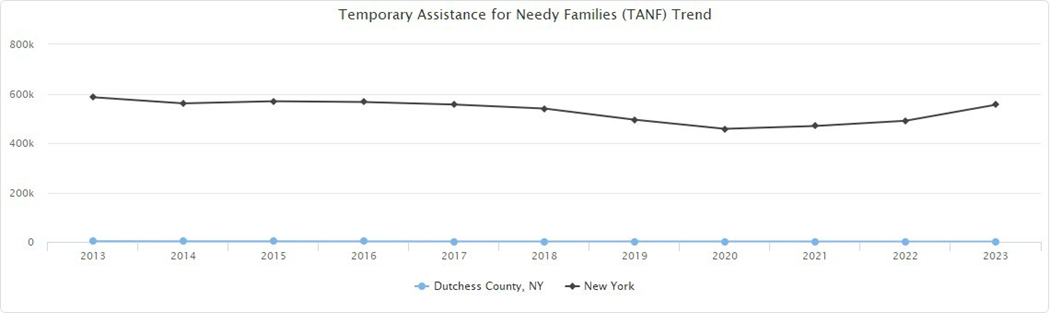
Individuals and families with low income are sometimes eligible for other sources of support, as noted below. Of the clients CAPDC served in 2022, who reported other sources of income outside of employment income, 27% received SSI. None reported receiving TANF benefits. Nine percent (9.3%) of community members survey respondents reported receiving SSI and 11.6% reported receiving TANF.

## *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)*

TANF is a time-limited program that helps families when parents or other relatives cannot provide for the family's basic needs. In January of 2023, the New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) reported that 1,369 persons living in Dutchess County were receiving TANF benefits at a cost of $1,190,362, or $869.51 per recipient. The trend graph shows that the numbers needing TANF decreased in 2020, likely because of extra COVID relief, and has since been trending up.

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| **Report Area** | **Recipients Total** | **Recipients Children** | **Recipients Adults** | **Cases** | **Expenditures Total** | **Expenditures Per Case** | **Expenditures Per Person** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 1,369 | 744 | 625 | 837 | $1,190,362 | $1,422.18 | $869.51 |
| New York | 555,266 | 232,315 | 322,951 | 310,123 | $205,256,752 | $661.86 | $369.65 |

*Data Source:* [*New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance*](http://otda.ny.gov/)*. Source geography: County*



## *Family Assistance*

The number of persons receiving Family Assistance in Dutchess Couty is shown in the table below. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) reported that 773 persons were receiving Family Assistance benefits at a cost of $606,803, or $785.00 per recipient, during January 2023. Family Assistance (FA) provides cash assistance to eligible needy families that include a minor child living with a parent/parents or a caretaker relative. FA is operated 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, including months of TANF-funded assistance granted in other states. Once this limit is reached, that adult and all members of his/her FA household are ineligible to receive any more FA benefits.

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| **Report Area** | **Family Assistance Recipients Total** | **Cases Children** | **Cases Adult** | **Cases Total** | **Expenditures Total** | **Expenditures Per Case** | **Expenditures Per Person** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 773 | 607 | 166 | 371 | $606,803 | $1,635.59 | $785.00 |
| New York | 176,395 | 121,471 | 54,924 | 75,909 | $52,066,412 | $685.91 | $295.17 |

*Data Source:* [*New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance*](http://otda.ny.gov/)*. Source geography: County*

## Safety Net Assistance

In Dutchess County, 596 persons were receiving Safety Net Assistance benefits at a cost of $583,559, or

$979.13 per recipient, during January 2023. Safety Net Assistance (SNA) provides cash assistance to eligible needy individuals and families who are not eligible for FA. SNA is for single adults, childless couples, children living apart from any adult relative, families of persons found to be abusing drugs or alcohol, families of persons refusing drug/alcohol screening, assessment or treatment, and non-citizens who are eligible for TA, but who are not eligible for federal reimbursement.

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| **Report Area** | **Safety Net Recipients Total** | **Cases Children** | **Cases Adult** | **Cases Total** | **Expenditures Total** | **Expenditures Per Case** | **Expenditures Per Person** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 596 | 137 | 459 | 466 | $583,559 | $1,252.27 | $979.13 |
| New York | 378,871 | 110,844 | 268,027 | 234,214 | $153,190,340 | $654.06 | $404.33 |

*Data Source:* [*New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance*](http://otda.ny.gov/)*. Source geography: County*

## Supplemental Security Income

The table below shows the number of Supplemental Security Income recipients and expenditures by the state and federal governments issued in Dutchess County in January 2023. SSI provides monthly payments to people with disabilities and older adults who have little or no income or resources. Dutchess County’s average payment of $664.52 to each recipient is less than the state average of $671.63 per recipient.

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| **Report Area** | **Recipients** | **Recipients Total** | **Recipients Federal** | **Recipients State** | **Expenditure per Recipient** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 5,333 | $3,543,881 | $2,993,460 | $550,421 | $664.52 |
| New York | 616,422 | $414,009,089 | $371,116,677 | $42,892,412 | $671.63 |

*Data Source:* [*New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance*](http://otda.ny.gov/)*. Source geography: County*

***Education***

## *Educational Attainment -High School Graduates*

The table below shows the number of Public High School graduates in Dutchess County as of August, 2022. Graduation Rate Data are reported for a 9th grade cohort, as of the 4th year of high school. Dutchess County sees slightly fewer students graduate (86%) than across the state (87%) but more receive an advanced Regents Diploma (49%) compared to the rest of the state (42%). The dropout rate in Dutchess County is 7% whereas the rate in NY State is 5%.

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Source: <https://data.nysed.gov/profile.php?county=13>

Beyond secondary school, Dutchess County has three colleges that offer Bachelors Degrees including Aldelphi University, Hudson Valley Center; Bard College; and Marist College. To obtain an Associates Degree there is Dutchess Community College with locations in Poughkeepsie and also a satellite location in Fishkill in southern Dutchess County. Lastly, Dutchess County is also home to the Culinary Institute of America.

Of the CAPDC clients who reported educational background, 26.3% completed gardes 9-12 but a nongraduate, followed closely by 25.8% who reported being a high school graduate or receiving the Equivalency diploma; 11.2% finished high school with some post secondary schooling and 25.6% were a graduate of a 2 or 4 year college. Of the community member survey reponders, 28.5% had some college, 26.5% had a high school diploma, 16.3% had a Bachelor’s Degree, and 10.2% had an Associate’s Degree; 10.2% had some high school or less.

# **Employment**

## *Current Unemployment*

According to the US Department of Labor, Dutchess County experienced an average 3.3% unemployment rate in August 2023, less than the New York State and national rates.

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| **Report Area** | **Labor Force** | **Number Employed** | **Number Unemployed** | **Unemployment Rate** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 147,532 | 142,612 | 4,920 | **3.3%** |
| New York | 9,830,000 | 9,398,368 | 431,632 | 4.4% |
| United States | 169,244,028 | 162,549,093 | 6,694,935 | 4.0% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Department of Labor,* [*Bureau of Labor Statistics*](http://www.bls.gov/)*. 2023 ‐ August. Source geography: County*

## *Five Year Unemployment Rate*

Unemployment change in Dutchess County from August 2019 to August 2023 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this five-year period fell from 3.7% to 3.3%.

Consistent with New York State and national unemployment rates, the County demonstrated a spike in unemployment (7.1%) during COVID in August 2020.

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| **Report Area** | **August 2019** | **August 2020** | **August 2021** | **August 2022** | **August 2023** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 3.7% | 7.1% | 4.5% | 3.3% | 3.3% |
| New York | 4.0% | 10.7% | 6.9% | 4.2% | 4.4% |
| United States | 3.8% | 8.5% | 5.3% | 3.8% | 4.0% |

*Data Source: US Department of Labor,* [*Bureau of Labor Statistics*](http://www.bls.gov/)*. 2023 ‐ August. Source geography: County*

Of the CAPDC clients who reported work status in 2022, 35.5% were employed (21.4% were employed full time, and 14.1% were employed part time). Of the 26.7% who were unemployed, 11.0% indicated they were unemployed for six months or less while 15.7% indicated they were unemployed, long term (more than six months). Furthermore, 36.9% of the clients were either not in the labor force (26.4%) or were retired (10.5%).

Of the survey respondents, 22.7% were employed part time, and 22.7% were retired, which is consistent with the demographic that completed the survey (38.7% were 60 and older); 15.9% worked full time and the same percentage were unemployed and job searching. Twenty-seven (27.2%) reported that they experienced obstacles in accessing employment with pay being too low to support the family as the primary concern followed by lack of training, education, or experience and physical disability. Twenty-two percent (22.7%) reported a need for help finding a job/better job and eighteen percent, and (18.1%) indicated a need for job training/retraining services.

**Wages**

Average weekly wages in Dutchess County during the period of September 2022 are provided below. Wage and employment figures are shown by county of employment. Dutchess County has an average weekly wage of $1,272. More recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics reveals that the Average weekly Wage in the first quarter of 2023 was $1,338, a 5.2% increase from the third quarter of 2022. A wage increase has also been seen across counties in NY and around the country.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Employees** | **Avg Weekly Wage** | **Federal Employees** | **Avg Federal Government Weekly Wage** | **State/Local Employees** | **Avg State/Local Government Weekly Wage** | **Private Employees** | **Avg Private Weekly Wage** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 106,888 | $1,272 | 1,239 | $1,728 | 16,262 | $1,801 | 89,387 | $1,223 |
| New York | 9,354,987 | $1,608 | 112,868 | $1,716 | 1,257,472 | $1,799.5 | 7,984,647 | $1,607 |
| United States | 151,239,638 | $1,334 | 2,871,673 | $1,813 | 18,699,889 | $1,332 | 129,668,076 | $1,333 |

*Data Source: US Department of Labor,* [*Bureau of Labor Statistics*](http://www.bls.gov/)*. 2022 Quarter 3. Source geography: County*

## *Living Wage*

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family if they are the sole provider and are working full‐time (2080 hours per year). The Minimum Hourly Wage for the majority of New York counties is $14.20.

In Dutchess County, a single adult would need to work 40 hours a week and earn an average weekly wage of $18.32 an hour or $732.80 a week to maintain a household in the county affordably. The cost to maintain a household for a single parent with one child more than doubles to $38.65 an hour or $1,546 a week. With the exception of a two-adult household with no children, the hourly wage necessary to make ends meet is well above the $14.20 minimum hourly wage in NY.

The community member survey results reinforce financial burdens, with 60.9% reporting they could not pay their bills, 39% reporting they have fallen behind on rent or mortgage payments, and 55% reporting they have had to choose between buying food or paying a bill in the past 12 months.

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| **Report Area** | **One Adult** | **One Adult One Child** | **Two Adults** | **Two Adults One Child** | **Two Adults Two Children** |
| Dutchess County, NY | $18.32 | $38.65 | $13.94 | $21.28 | $27.61 |
| New York | $21.46 | $41.59 | $15.60 | $22.75 | $29.03 |

*Data Source: Massachusetts Institute of Technology,* [*Living Wage Calculator*](http://livingwage.mit.edu/)*. Source geography: County*

**Industries**

A graph of a number of people employed in given industry

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Source: <https://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/Glance/GlanceEcon.htm>

**Transportation**

## Transportation is one of the main barriers for low-income people to get to work and access needed services. This barrier is exacerbated in rural communities where there are few mass transportation options for those living in these areas. The chart below shows the method of transportation workers used to travel to work in Dutchess County. Of the 144,606 workers, 74.1% drove to work alone while 6.9% carpooled. 4.4% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 3.4% walking or riding bicycles, and 1.3% used taxicabs to travel to work.

## Sixty-eight percent (68.8%) of community member survey respondents had access to reliable transportation. When questioned about barriers to reliable transportation, the most noted response was the price of gas followed by the cost of transportation. Despite having access to reliable transportation, 28% of the respondents cited lack of transportation as an area of concern and contributes to the challenges in meeting household needs. Transportation was identified as a top 10 need in the county by both community members and community partners survey respondents.

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| **Report Area** | **Workers 16 and Up** | **Percent Drive Alone** | **Percent Carpool** | **Percent**  **Public Transportation** | **Percent Bicycle or Walk** | **Percent Taxi or Other** | **Percent Work at Home** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 144,606 | **74.1%** | 6.9% | 4.4% | 3.4% | 1.3% | 9.9% |
| New York | 9,440,371 | 51.4% | 6.3% | 24.7% | 6.6% | 1.6% | 9.5% |
| United States | 155,284,955 | 73.2% | 8.6% | 4.2% | 3.0% | 1.4% | 9.7% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

## *Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: County*

Working residents in Dutchess County have an average commute of 32.02 minutes compared to the national average commute time of 26.79 minutes, according to the American Community Survey (ACS).

Dutchess County has a public transportation system with routes within the city of Poughkeepsie and from Poughkeepsie to Beacon, Fishkill, Tivoli, Dover, and Pawling. However, common concerns in the surveys and focus groups were that the routes were limited and infrequent.

**Housing**

***Housing Units and Homeowners***

According to the U.S. Census, there were a total of 123,111 housing units in Dutchess County in 2022, an increase of 3,599 (or 3.01%) since 2013 compared to a 319.16% increase statewide. Additionally, the Census Bureau estimated there were 76,956 owner-occupied homes of the estimated 121,674 housing units in the county in 2021. This 63.25% is a decrease over the 68.96% owner occupied homes in 2000. The areas of the county that have under 66% owner occupied housing units are in the Town of Amenia and in the western parts of the Town of Fishkill and Wappinger Falls as well as the city of Poughkeepsie.

Of CAPDC’s clients served in 2022 whose housing situation was known, the majority (63.1%) rented, 29.3% were homeowners, 5.4% were homeless, and 2.2% were in other housing.

Of the community member survey responders, 39% were homeowners and 34% rented; 7% were homeless and the remining lived in senior housing, a shelter, or with friends.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Housing Units 2000** | **Owner Occupied Homes 2000** | **Owner Occupied Homes 2000** | **Total Housing Units 2021** | **Owner Occupied Homes 2021** | **Owner Occupied Homes 2021** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 99,536 | 68,636 | 68.96% | 121,674 | 76,956 | **63.25%** |
| New York | 7,056,860 | 3,739,166 | 52.99% | 8,449,178 | 4,095,636 | 48.47% |
| United States | 105,480,101 | 69,815,753 | 66.19% | 139,647,020 | 80,152,161 | 57.40% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: County*

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**Owner‐Occupied Housing Units, Percent by Tract, ACS 2017‐21**

Over 82.0%



74.1 ‐ 82.0%

66.1 ‐ 74.0%

Under 66.1%

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***Housing Age***

American Community Survey (ACS) totals for housing units, median year built and median age in 2021 for Dutchess County are shown in the table below. Thirty seven percent (36.7%) of the County’s housing stock was built prior to 1960. Much of this housing is located in the Towns of Amenia and Washington, the Village of Pawling and the cities of Poughkeepsie and Beacon.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Housing Units** | **Median Year built** | **Built After 2000** | **Built 1980 ‐ 1999** | **Built 1960 ‐ 1979** | **Built Before 1960** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 121,674 | 1970 | 15,108 | 26,930 | 34,960 | **44,676** |
| New York | 8,449,178 | 1957 | 843,680 | 1,167,109 | 1,884,500 | 4,553,889 |
| United States | 139,647,020 | 1979 | 29,383,698 | 37,425,443 | 35,140,091 | 37,697,788 |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: County*

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Over 45.0%



30.1 ‐ 45.0%

20.1 ‐ 30.0%

Under 20.1%

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**Housing Affordability**

Since the adoption of the Urban and Rural Recovery Act of 1983, the 30% Rule has been the Federal standard for determining housing affordability. Housing is generally considered affordable if no more than 30% of a household's monthly income is spent on housing-related expenses. Housing-related expenses include rent and utilities paid by the tenant, such as heat, electricity, water, and sewer charges. Additional typical costs such as Wi-Fi, telephone, and cable television are not included.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition reports yearly on the amount of money a household must earn to afford a rental unit based on Fair Market Rents in the area and the accepted limit of 30% of income for housing costs.

Per the Dutchess County 2022 Fair Market Rent rates shown below, an earner in the County making the average renter hourly wage of $17.47 (based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition rates) would need to make a minimum of 13.7% more in wages to maintain a 0-bedroom unit in 2022 and over 20% more in wages to afford a one bedroom to stay within the 30% Rule in determining affordable housing, demonstrating how expensive housing is in the county, a trend experienced by other counties and municipalities across New York and the country.

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| **Report Area** | **Average Renter Hourly Wage** | **Hourly Wage 0 Bedrooms** | **Hourly Wage 1 Bedrooms** | **Hourly Wage 2 Bedrooms** | **Hourly Wage 3 Bedrooms** | **Hourly Wage 4 Bedrooms** |
| Dutchess County, NY | $17.47 | $19.87 | $21.29 | $27.15 | $34.54 | $38.88 |
| New York | $32.01 | $31.26 | $32.56 | $37.72 | $47.61 | $51.62 |

*Data Source:* [*National Low Income Housing Coalition*](https://nlihc.org/)*. 2022. Source geography: County*

**Fair Market Rent**

Fair market monthly rent (0‐4 bedrooms) for Dutchess County in 2023 is shown below.

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| **Report Area** | **Fair Market Rent (Monthly)**  **0 Bedrooms** | **Fair Market Rent (Monthly)**  **1 Bedrooms** | **Fair Market Rent (Monthly)**  **2 Bedrooms** | **Fair Market Rent (Monthly)**  **3 Bedrooms** | **Fair Market Rent (Monthly)**  **4 Bedrooms** |
| Dutchess County, NY | $1,126 | $1,233 | $1,583 | $2,016 | $2,238 |
| New York | $979.19 | $1,057.76 | $1,279.60 | $1,615 | $1,787.65 |

*Data Source:* [*National Low Income Housing Coalition*](https://nlihc.org/)*. 2023. Source geography: County*

Feedback from all three community needs assessment surveys (community member, community partner, and board/ staff at CAPDC) heavily focused on the need for more affordable housing units, affordable rents, and housing repairs - making safe, affordable housing unanimously identified as one of the greatest needs in the community. Safe, affordable housing was ranked the top need for both staff and board survey respondents as well as community partner responders. For community members, safe, affordable housing was ranked #5, with community members seeing a bigger need in heating/utility assistance which was ranked the number one need with home repairs ranked fourth. The majority (56.1%) of community member survey respondents reported that the cost of rent is too high. Two survey responders noted the following: “There are no rentals in the area” and “no affordable housing,” consistent with concerns seen in the county and the rest of the state.

Housing costs and the cost of repairs were clearly a concern for survey respondents. Close to forty percent (39.0%) of community members reported they fell behind on their rent or mortgage, and 21% reported that had been evicted or in danger of being evicted. Additionally, 46.3% reported that their housing unit needed repairs - 26.8% reported minor repair work was needed while 19.5% indicated their unit needed major repairs, and 19.5% indicated they could not afford housing repairs.

***Vacancy Rates***

Vacancy rates for Dutchess County are noted below. Vacant non‐rental housing totals 1,214 units and includes those for sale only and sold but not occupied. In Dutchess County, that is a non‐rental housing vacancy rate of 1.00%, in comparison the national rate is 1.18%. Vacant rental housing totals 1,998 units and includes those for rent and rented but not occupied. In Dutchess County, that is a rental housing vacancy rate of 1.64%, in comparison the national rate is 2.31%. Vacant other housing totals 6,727 units and includes those used for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use, as well as units used for migrant workers. For the county, that is another housing vacancy rate of 5.53%, in comparison the national rate is 7.71%.

In Dutchess County, vacant housing units (over 20%) can be found in the Towns of North East and Pine Plains.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Housing Units** | **Vacant Non‐ Rental** | **Vacant Non‐Rental Rate** | **Vacant Rental** | **Vacant Rental Rate** | **Vacant Other** | **Vacant Other Rate** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 121,674 | 1,214 | **1.00%** | 1,998 | 1.64% | 6,727 | 5.53% |
| New York | 8,449,178 | 95,452 | 1.13% | 184,446 | 2.18% | 639,130 | 7.56% |
| United States | 139,647,020 | 1,642,968 | 1.18% | 3,226,323 | 2.31% | 10,766,737 | 7.71% |

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**Vacant Housing Units, Percent by Tract, ACS 2017‐21**

Over 20.0%



14.1 ‐ 20.0%

8.1 ‐ 14.0%

Under 8.1%

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In Dutchess County, Section 8 is administered by the Poughkeepsie Housing Authority, that administers 87 vouchers, and by the City of Poughkeepsie. The City recently, from September-October, 2023, accepted applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. The Beacon Housing Authority also administers Section 8.

## *Energy Efficiency*

## Sixty-nine percent (68.8%) of the community member survey respondents reported heating and utility assistance as their number one need. In response to their major housing concerns, 58.5% of respondents reported the cost of utilities as too high, and 7.32% had their utilities shut off. Thirty Nine percent (39.53%) of survey responders reported that they receive Heating Energy Assistance (HEAP), a program that helps eligible New York residents heat and cool their homes.

## CAPDC is Dutchess County’s provider of emergency heating, and coordinates HEAP, HERR (Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement), AHEHP (After Hours Emergency Heating Program), and the Cooling Assistance Program (CAP). Also, CAPDC is the home of the Weatherization Assistance Program in Dutchess County, helping homeowners and tenants living in single-family and multi-unit housing obtain energy conservation measures to help minimize the cost of energy and reduce the overall energy burden.

## *Health and Nutrition*

## Individuals' social and economic situation significantly affects their physical and emotional well-being. Indicators of poverty and physical health of children and families include but are not limited to the following markers: participation in the free/reduced-price lunch program; the number of households receiving SNAP benefits; levels of chronic disease; levels of prenatal care; teen pregnancy; infant and child mortality; access to medical health care; engagement in physical activity and proper nutrition.

## Food Supports

## Feeding America notes that the Food Insecurity rate in Dutchess County in 2020 was 8.7% compared to the rate in New York State at 9.6%. The child (under 18) rate was 12.0% in Dutchess County whereas the New York State child food insecurity rate was 14.6% in 2020. Food assistance was ranked as the number two need of the community members survey respondents. This lack of food security was also recognized as a top need in the community partner (ranked # 3, and CAPDC board/staff survey, ranked #2).

## The food support services utilized the most among the community members survey responders are the following: food pantry (67%), SNAP (52%), family, friends neighbors (17.5%), and school breakfast/lunch (17.5%). Fifty-five percent reported skipping or cutting the size of a meal because there was not enough food and the same percentage indicated they had to choose between buying food or paying a bill within the past 12 months.

## *Free and Reduced Lunch Program*

In January 2023, 41.38% of Dutchess County students were eligible for free or reduced lunches, compared to a statewide rate of 72.78%. Across the county, 14,274 (38.7%) children were eligible for free lunch, and 999 (2.7%) were eligible for reduced lunch. The largest school district in the county, Poughkeepsie City, demonstrated the most significant need, with 100% of students eligible for free lunch. Dover School District and Northeast School District had more than 50% of their students eligible for free lunch (75.2% and 60.1% respectively).

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| **Report Area** | **Total Student Enrollment (January, 2023)** | **Students Eligible** | **Percent of Students Eligible** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 36,905 | 15,273 | **41.38%** |
| New York | 2,603,579 | 1,895,013 | 72.78% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source:* [*New York State Education Department*](http://data.nysed.gov/)*. Source geography: County*

## *Child Poverty Indicator - Free and Reduced Lunch Program by School*

The table below shows the number of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program during January 2023. The figures below include all School Food Authority agencies, including public and non‐public.

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| **County Name** | **School Food Authority** | **Enrollment** | **Free Eligible** | **Free Eligible** | **Reduced Eligible** | **Reduced Eligible** | **Free and Reduced** |
| Dutchess County | Arlington CSD | 7,745 | 2,050 | 26.5% | 197 | 2.5% | 29% |
| Dutchess County | Beacon City SD | 2,648 | 973 | 36.7% | 148 | 5.6% | 42.3% |
| Dutchess County | Dover UFSD | 1,313 | 988 | 75.2% | 0 | 0% | 75.2% |
| Dutchess County | Hyde Park CSD | 3,468 | 1,542 | 44.5% | 111 | 3.2% | 47.7% |
| Dutchess County | Millbrook CSD | 825 | 251 | 30.4% | 20 | 2.4% | 32.8% |
| Dutchess County | Northeast CSD | 656 | 394 | 60.1% | 20 | 3% | 63.1% |
| Dutchess County | Pawling CSD | 1,097 | 321 | 29.3% | 39 | 3.6% | 32.8% |
| Dutchess County | Pine Plains CSD | 833 | 300 | 36% | 37 | 4.4% | 40.5% |
| Dutchess County | Poughkeepsie City SD | 3,852 | 3,852 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 100% |
| Dutchess County | Red Hook CSD | 1,614 | 362 | 22.4% | 31 | 1.9% | 24.3% |
| Dutchess County | Rhinebeck CSD | 943 | 159 | 16.9% | 9 | 1% | 17.8% |
| Dutchess County | Spackenkill UFSD | 1,576 | 315 | 20% | 46 | 2.9% | 22.9% |
| Dutchess County | Wappingers CSD | 10,335 | 2,767 | 26.8% | 341 | 3.3% | 30.1% |
| Dutchess County | Dutchess County Total | 36,905 | 14,274 | 38.7% | 999 | 2.7% | 41.4% |
| New York State | Total | 2,603,579 | 1,865,798 | 71.7% | 29,215 | 1.1% | 72.8% |

*Data Source:* [*New York State Education Department*](http://data.nysed.gov/)*. Source geography: County*

## *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)*

In January 2023, the New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) reported that 11,124 households in Dutchess County were receiving SNAP benefits totaling $5,466,139, or $491.38 per household, demonstrating a need for 18,015 persons in total. Over 70% of benefiting households received non-temporary benefits.

As noted previously, over fifty percent (52.5%) of community member survey responders reported they had utilized SNAP benefits within the previous 12 months.

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| **Report Area** | **Household Receiving Benifits Total** | **Household Receiving Benifits Temp** | **Household Receiving Benifits Non‐Temp** | **Persons Receiving Benifits Total** | **Persons Receiving Benifits Temp** | **Persons Receiving Benifits Non‐Temp** | **Benefits Issued Total** | **Benefits Issued Temp** | **Benefits Issued Non‐Temp** | **Benefits Per Household** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 11,124 | 3,246.00 | 7,878.00 | 18,015 | 3,747 | 14,268 | $5,466,139 | $1,285,063 | $4,181,076 | $491.38 |
| New York | 1,691,805 | 648,589.00 | 1,043,216.00 | 2,925,621 | 943,812 | 1,981,809 | $872,379,327 | $302,297,822 | $570,081,505 | $515.65 |

*Data Source:* [*New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance*](http://otda.ny.gov/)*. Source geography: County*

## As is evident from the SNAP trend graph below, the SNAP benefit per household decreased between 2013-2020 but has significantly increased beginning in 2021 and continuing through 2023.

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## *Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)*

The charts below reflect the number of meals provided through Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) and the number of persons served. HPNAP provides state and federal funds to improve the quality of food distributed. The provider organizations include food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters.

**Meals Served**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Report Area** | **HPNAP Sites** | **Sites per 10,000** | **Average Meals Served per Site per Day** | **Meals per Person per Year** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 37 | 1.2 | 206 | 5 |
| New York | 2,522 | 1.3 | 212 | 6 |

*Data Source:* [*New York State Department of Health*](http://www.health.ny.gov/)*. Source geography: County*

## Persons Served

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| **Report Area** | **Persons Presenting Themselves**  **All** | **Persons Presenting Themselves**  **Age <18** | **Persons Presenting Themselves Age 18‐65** | **Persons Presenting Themselves**  **Age >65** | **Avg Daily All** | **Avg Daily Age**  **<18** | **Avg Daily Age 18‐ 65** | **Avg Daily Age**  **>65** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 532,983 | 215,707 | 302,835 | 14,441 | 1,460 | 591 | 830 | 40 |
| New York | 30,115,199 | 8,581,937 | 17,540,369 | 3,992,893 | 82,507 | 23,512 | 48,056 | 10,939 |

*Data Source:* [*New York State Department of Health*](http://www.health.ny.gov/)*. Source geography: County*

***Women, Infants,***

***Children (WIC) Program***

WIC offers nutrition education, breastfeeding support, referrals, and a variety of nutritious foods to low to medium-income pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five. WIC has been shown to improve the health of pregnant women, new mothers and their infants, and children. The foods provided through WIC are good sources of essential nutrients often missing from the diets of low-income women and young children. WIC participants have longer, healthier pregnancies and fewer premature births. WIC services in Dutchess County are provided by the Sun River Health organization with locations in Amenia, Beacon and Poughkeepsie. Only one survey respondent indicated utilizing WIC services; this is consistent with the demographics of the respondents, with more than half (65.3%) without children under the age of 18 in the household. Of those who shared information about non-cash benefits, nine or 2.6% of CAPDC clients reported using WIC services .

# **Child Care**

# Safe, affordable childcare has historically been cited as the main barrier to employment for many individuals and families, especially for low-income individuals and families. The community partner survey responders indicated childcare as a high need in the county. Childcare did not show up as a high need in the community members survey, likely because over 65% of respondents did not have a child under the age of 18 living in the household. Of the clients CAPDC served in 2022, 25% had children under the age of 18 in the household.

# According to an analysis by Child Care Aware, the average annual cost of care for one child in America was $10,600 in 2021 — one-tenth of a couple’s average income or more than a third (35%) of a single parent’s income. Child Care Aware also has estimated that center-based infant care costs more per year than in-state tuition at a public university in 34 states and the District of Columbia. The 2023 Kids Count Data Book reports, as noted in the table below, the annual cost for center-based care in New York State is $14,551 and the cost for Family or home-based care is $11,778. NY ranks 4th highest in the country for center-based care.

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# A report by the Children's Agenda, *Policy Analysis; Rebuilding Our Future; Child Care Closures in New York During the Pandemic*, indicated that Dutchess County had a total child care capacity of 9,003 in 2020, which declined to 7,813 in 2022, resulting in a 13% decrease. According to the NYS Department of Labor, there are 3.1 children under 6 years old per childcare slot available in Dutchess County. Additionally, as can be seen in the following graphic, there is also a deficit in care capacity for school age children.

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# Source: <https://dol.ny.gov/child-care-new-york-state>

# Head Start is a federally funded preschool program serving low-income children. There are Head Start Centers in Dutchess County located in Beacon, Poughkeepsie, Mt. Alvernia, Red Hook, and Wingdale. Home-based services are offered in Millerton. All services are provided by Astor Services.

# **Seniors**

According to the Census Bureau, the older population (age 65 and older) reached 55.8 million or 16.8% of the population of the United States in 2020. With longer life expectancies and a growing baby boomer population, the senior population in America is on the rise. This rise will place demands on local and state health care, affordable housing, assisted living, in-home, and nursing care resources, and increase family and support services needed. Meeting seniors' needs in a community takes planning, resources, and individualization. Many women and minorities find themselves especially vulnerable and living in poverty at this stage of life (Lumen Learning, 2020).

The ACS 2016- 2020 5-year county estimates that Dutchess County has 24% of adults between the ages of 55-64. As noted previously, 2020 Census Bureau estimates place 6.5% of these seniors in poverty across the county. Of the clients served by CAPDC in 2022, 28% are 55 and over and 14% are 65 and over. Twenty-two (22%) of the community member survey respondents reported senior services as a top five need within the past 12 months.

The Dutchess County Office of Aging (OFA) has a wealth of information and assistance available to older adults in Dutchess County, to their families and caregivers, and to professionals serving older adults, on a variety of topics including, Home Care, Legal Assistance, Home Delivered Meals, Transportation Options, Housing Options, Senior Friendship Center. The OFA has Community Benefits Specialists who can help seniors explore benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, the Medicare Savings Program, Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC), housing applications, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

# **Health and Health Care**

# The County Health Rankings, conducted by the University of Wisconsin, Population Health Institute, ranks Dutchess County 17th of 62 counties in New York State. In a snapshot of the county, these are issues noted as areas to “explore:” adult smoking, obesity, (both above the NYS average), along with income inequality and severe housing problems (above the US average). Some of the areas of strength noted in the rankings include the number of teen births and the percentage of uninsured persons, both below the NY and national average.

# The *Mid-Hudson Region Community Health Assessment 2022-2024* report shows that according to the results of a survey done as part of the health assessment process, the top three issues that affected health care in Dutchess County were the following: 1) access to affordable, decent, and safe housing, 2) access to reliable public transportation, and 3) access to mental health providers. The survey results also report that the top three barriers to people achieving better health in Dutchess County included 1) Knowledge of existing resources, 2) Drug and/or alcohol use, and 3) Geographic location – living in a rural area.

# The lack of knowledge of existing resources concurs with some of the responses from the community member survey where 28% indicated lack of transportation and 24% indicated lack of information or assistance when trying to get their needs met.

***Health Insurance***

## Uninsured Population

The uninsured population in 2021 in Dutchess County is calculated by estimating the number of persons eligible for insurance (generally those under 65) minus the estimated number of insured persons. The areas with the most uninsured populations (over 10%) are a section in the Town of Beekman (over 20%), and in/around the City of Poughkeepsie.

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| **Report Area** | **Insurance Population (2021 Estimate)** | **Number Insured** | **Number Uninsured** | **Percent Uninsured** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 296,012 | 216,739 | 11,429 | **3.86%** |
| New York | 20,114,745 | 14,935,162 | 974,408 | 4.84% |
| United States | 329,725,481 | 241,872,377 | 27,558,913 | 8.36% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. US Census Bureau,* [*Small Area Health Insurance Estimates*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sahie.html)*. 2021. Source geography: County*

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Of the clients CAPDC served in 2022, the vast majority (81.9%) had health insurance, 8.8% did not have health insurance and for 9.3%, the information was not available. Similarly, 72.5% of the community member survey respondents reported they had health insurance whereas 12.5% responded they did not. Furthermore, 7.75% of respondents indicated that they did not receive the medical care they needed because they had no insurance and 10.0% indicated the doctor did not accept insurance or Medicaid.

## *Persons Receiving Medicare*

The total number of persons receiving Medicare is shown below, broken down by number over 65 and number of disabled persons for Dutchess County. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that a total of 63,009 persons were receiving Medicare benefits in the county in 2022. The total includes both those over 65 and disabled individuals.

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| **Report Area** | **Persons Over 65 Receiving Medicare** | **Disabled Persons Receiving Medicare** | **Total Persons Receiving Medicare** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 55,181 | 7,828 | 63,009 |
| New York | 3,307,009 | 445,013 | 3,752,022 |
| United States | 57,284,076 | 7,723,275 | 65,007,351 |

*Data Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,* [*CMS ‐ Geographic Variation Public Use File*](https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/Medicare-Geographic-Variation) *. 2022. Source geography: County*

## *Persons Receiving Medicaid*

In Dutchess County, the number of Medicaid users has increased from 55,557 in 2019 to 74,894 in 2023.

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| **Report Area** | **January 2019** | **January 2020** | **January 2021** | **January 2022** | **January 2023** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 55,557 | 56,157 | 65,146 | 70,636 | 74,894 |
| New York | 6,184,609 | 6,100,902 | 6,915,064 | 7,396,274 | 7,817,672 |

*Data Source:* [*New York State Department of Health*](http://www.health.ny.gov/)*. Source geography: County*

Regarding those under 18 years of age, about 5,400 children ages 0-17 participated in Child Health Plus in 2022. Between September 2013 and September 2022, enrollment decreased in Dutchess County by ‐106 persons, or ‐1.9%. (New York State Department of Health).

Of the clients CAPDC served in 2022, whose health insurance data was known, 74% were on Medicaid, 14.6% were on Medicare, 7.7.% received health insurance through employment, 2.3% were on state health insurance for adults, and the remaining received children’s health insurance. Among those who responded to the community member survey, health care was ranked as the third unmet need by 44.4% of respondents and 40% of respondents cited health/disability as something preventing them from meeting their needs. Furthermore, twenty percent of the respondents reported that they had been unable to receive medical services within the past 12 months whereas 32% indicated that getting medical care was not a problem.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 53 active Medicare and Medicaid institutional service providers in Dutchess County in the third quarter of 2021, including 13 nursing facilities, 3 hospitals and 9 federally qualified health centers. Additionally, there are 4.15 physicians per 1000 persons in Dutchess County, which is below the statewide average of 4.73 physicians per 1000 persons**,** noted the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. New York State Education Department, 2023

## The *Mid-Hudson Region Community Health Assessment 2022-2024* reports that “there is a strong need to focus on factors of chronic disease and mental and behavioral health. At least 40% of Dutchess County adults are estimated to have a chronic health condition including but not limited to diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol, asthma, arthritis, or obesity.” The report notes the following areas of focus:

## • Preventable hospitalizations for chronic conditions

## • Cardiovascular disease (CVD)

## • Respiratory diseases including asthma and chronic lower respiratory disease (CLRD)

## • Obesity

## • Poor mental health

## • Opioid overdose

## • Behavioral health including diet/exercise, smoking, alcohol and drug use

***Dental Health***

Good oral health is an important part of attaining overall health. To combat poor oral health, people are encouraged to have a dental visit at least once a year for routine examination and cleaning. According to the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. New York State Education Department, 2023, there are 1.44 dental professionals (Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Certified Dental Assistants) per 1000 persons in Dutchess County; the statewide average is 1.34 dental professionals per 1000 persons.

The *Mid-Hudson Region Community Health Assessment 2022-2024 r*eport states that in 2018, 71.3% of adults in NYS, excluding NYC, had a dental visit within the past year. At 67.9%, Dutchess County fell below the NYS percentage.

Dental care was clearly a concern and an unmet need for 33.3% of community member survey respondents. It was reported as one of the top five unmet needs. Seventeen percent (17%) indicated they had been unable to receive dental care within the past 12 months.

CAPDC recognizes the need for dental services in the county and the lack of dentists that accept Medicaid, a problem that extends beyond Dutchess County. CAPDC has worked with community partners to connect clients to the limited dental providers in the county.

***Mental Health***

The Mid-Hudson Region Community Health Assessment 2022-2024, states “as seen in the United States (US) and NYS, the rate of suicide deaths and intentional self-harm has been increasing steadily within Dutchess County. This reflects the poor mental health of Dutchess County residents and the need for stronger mental and behavioral health resources such as providers and services, as well as a need for increased social capital.”

According to the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, New York State Education Department, 2023, there are 0.80 mental health professionals per 1000 persons in Dutchess County; the statewide average is 0.64 mental health professionals per 1000 persons.

Of the community member survey respondents, 10% indicated they needed mental health care but were unable to receive the service within the past 12 months,

**Crime**

The respondents of CAPDC board/staff survey reported safety and crime prevention as a need, and 9.7% of the community member survey respondents report crime and security issues as a concern related to housing. The charts below demonstrate crime in Dutchess County.

## *Violent Crime*

According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services reporting system, a total of 4 murders, 366 assaults, 66 robberies and 107 rapes took place within Dutchess County in 2021.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Violent Crime** | **Homicide** | **Assault** | **Robbery** | **Rape** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 543 | 4 | 366 | 66 | 107 |
| New York | 76,229 | 880 | 51,086 | 18,050 | 6,213 |

*Data Source:* [*New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services*](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/index.htm)*. Source geography: County*

## *Property Crime*

A total of 227 burglaries, 2,351 incidents of larceny, and 181 automotive thefts were recorded in 2021 in Dutchess County, according to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services reporting system.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Property Crime** | **Burglary** | **Larceny** | **Auto Theft** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 2,759 | 227 | 2,351 | 181 |
| New York | 267,128 | 27,129 | 218,129 | 21,870 |

*Data Source:* [*New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services*](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/index.htm)*. Source geography: County*

# **Other Social and Economic Factors**

## *FCC Broadband Fabric*

## The COVID-19 pandemic increased attention on the crucial role that high-speed internet access plays. In a time of social distancing, people needed broadband to work from home, access health care services, apply for public assistance, order groceries or prescriptions, and connect with schools. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) highlighted the need for internet access. “The COVID-19 pandemic laid bare the effects of this “digital divide.” Those with broadband access could work, attend school, shop, and be seen by their doctors without leaving home, and those without sufficient access could not.”

## Seventy-seven percent (77.5%) of those who responded to the community member survey reported they had internet access, 47.5% had a home computer, 82.5% had an email address, and 97.5% had a cell phone.

The following indicator reports the percentage of population in Dutchess County with access to high‐speed internet. Data are based on the reported service area of providers offering download speeds of 25 MBPS or more and upload speeds of 3 MBPS or more. These data represent both wireline and fixed/terrestrial wireless internet providers. Cellular internet providers are not included.

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| **Report Area** | **Total Number of Broadband Serviceable Locations** | **Access to DL Speeds >= 25MBPS and UL Speeds >= 3 MBPS** | **Access to DL Speeds >= 100MBPS and UL Speeds >= 20 MBPS** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 94,719 | **94.53%** | 93.43% |
| New York | 4,692,448 | 97.00% | 96.20% |
| United States | 114,537,050 | 92.73% | 89.55% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

### *Data Source:* [*FCC FABRIC Data*](https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/data-download/nationwide-data)*. Additional data analysis by* [*CARES*](http://cares.missouri.edu/)*. December, 2022. Source geography: Tract*

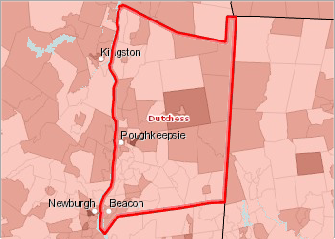
## Households with No Computers

This indicator reports the percentage of households who don't own or use any types of computers, including desktop or laptop, smartphone, tablet or other portable wireless computer, and some other type of computer, based on the 2017‐2021 American Community Survey estimates. Of the 111,735 total households in Dutchess County, 6,551 or 5.86% are without a computer. The location with over 25% who have no computer is in the eastern part of Poughkeepsie. The Town of Washington has between 25% -35% of households with no computers.

*Note: The ACS 2017‐21 questions about internet/computer usage are not asked for the group quarters population, so data do not include people living in housing such as dorms, prisons, nursing homes, etc.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Report Area** | **Total Households** | **Households with No Computer** | **Households with No Computer, Percent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 111,735 | 6,551 | **5.86%** |
| New York | 7,530,150 | 588,925 | 7.82% |
| United States | 124,010,992 | 8,613,533 | 6.95% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 201721. Source geography: Tract*

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### ***Computer and Internet Usage of Population, Percent***

This indicator reports the computer and Internet usage of household population in Dutchess County, including not using or owning a computer, with a computer and using dial‐up alone for Internet access, with a computer and with a broadband subscription, and with a computer but without an Internet subscription, based on the 2017‐2121 American Community Survey estimates.

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| **Report Area** | **Population with No Computer** | **Population with Any Computer** | **Population with Any Computer with Dial‐up Alone** | **Population with Any Computer with**  **A Broadband Subscription** | **Population with Any Computer without**  **An Internet Subscription** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 3.47% | 96.53% | 0.17% | 93.74% | 2.62% |
| New York | 5.06% | 94.94% | 0.16% | 89.63% | 5.16% |
| United States | 4.31% | 95.69% | 0.16% | 89.93% | 5.60% |

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21.*

## Households with No or Slow Internet

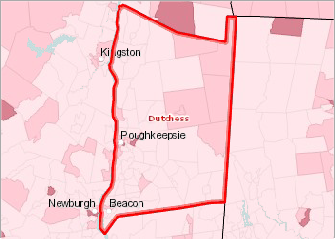
This indicator reports the percentage of households who either use dial‐up as their only way of internet connection, have internet access but don't pay for the service, or have no internet access in their home, based on the 2017‐2021 American Community Survey estimates. Of the 111,735 total households in the report area, 10,086 or 9.03% have no or slow internet. The households with slower intent access can be found in the eastern, more rural parts of Dutchess County.

*Note: The ACS2017‐21 questions about internet/computer usage are not asked for the group quarters population, so data do not include people living in housing such as dorms, prisons, nursing homes, etc.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Report Area** | **Total Households** | **Households with No or Slow Internet** | **Households with No or Slow Internet, Percent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 111,735 | 10,086 | **9.03%** |
| New York | 7,530,150 | 985,223 | 13.08% |
| United States | 124,010,992 | 16,120,566 | 13.00% |

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21. Source geography: Tract*



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**Households with No or Slow Internet, Percent by Tract, ACS 2017‐21**

Over 36.0%



28.1 ‐ 36.0%

20.1 ‐ 28.0%

12.1 ‐ 20.0%

Under 12.1%

No Data or Data Suppressed Dutchess County, NY

### **Population without a Computer or an Internet Subscription by Employment Status**

This indicator reports the total and percentage of population that have no computer or Internet subscription by employment status based on the 2017‐2021 American Community Survey estimates. Of Dutchess County’s 143,889 employed population, 5,302 or 3.68% have no computer or Internet subscription while of its 7,601 unemployed population, 343 or 4.51% have no computer or Internet subscription. Notice that the universe of this indicator is all civilian household population 16 years and over, including population in labor force (i.e., the employed population and the unemployed population) and population not in labor force (not listed in this table).

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| **Report Area** | **Total Employed Population** | **Employed with No Computer or**  **Internet Subscription,**  **Total** | **Employed with No Computer or**  **Internet Subscription,**  **Percent** | **Total Unemployed Population** | **Unemployed with No Computer or**  **Internet Subscription,**  **Total** | **Unemployed with No Computer or**  **Internet Subscription,**  **Percent** |
| Dutchess County, NY | 143,889 | 5,302 | 3.68% | 7,601 | 343 | 4.51% |
| New York | 9,568,081 | 614,652 | 6.42% | 624,835 | 53,840 | 8.62% |
| United States | 156,294,366 | 10,729,362 | 6.86% | 8,963,728 | 894,689 | 9.98% |

*Data Source: US Census Bureau,* [*American Community Survey*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)*. 2017‐21.*

**Causes and Conditions of Poverty**

According to a report issued by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, relative poverty examines poverty within the context of the social, economic and environmental constraints of a given area. The condition of poverty is defined as a negative environmental, safety, health and/or economic condition that may reduce investment or growth in neighborhoods or regions where people of low income live. Housing affordability, transportation, employment opportunities can be considered conditions of poverty. Causes of poverty, on the other hand, are defined as a negative factor that creates or fosters barriers to self-sufficiency and/or reduces access to resources in neighborhoods or regions where people with low income live. Therefore, health status, housing availability and education can be considered causes of poverty.

Information collected in both the surveys and the focus groups completed as a part of this assessment have assisted CAPDC to identify employment, food insecurity and housing as the most pressing issues contributing to poverty in Dutchess County. As noted in the definitions, certain aspects of any given area can be both a cause and a condition of poverty which contributes to a cycle of poverty that hampers effective service delivery.

**Community Engagement and Consumer Input and Involvement**

**Surveys**

As noted previously, as a part of this community assessment process, three surveys were conducted, 1) Community Member Survey for county residents; 2) CAPDC Board, Staff, and Volunteer Survey; and 3) Community Partner Survey for organizational partners.

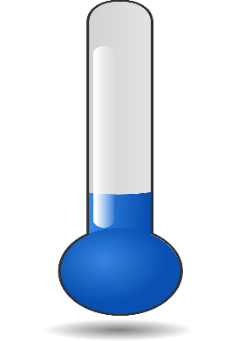
### ***Community Member Survey Results***

CAPDC provided community members with a link to the Community Member Survey. The link was distributed to individuals and families receiving CAPDC services and posted on the agency's Facebook page and website. Additionally, responses were solicited in person at the Beacon, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, and Dover office locations.

Forty-nine (49) responses were received during August-early November 2023. The survey asked 41 questions and inquired about a range of issues including household needs (reflected below), what services were needed but not received in the past twelve months, and questions related to specific issues such as food security, transportation, housing, etc.

Of the 49 respondents, 16.3% were from Dover Plains, 14.2% from Red Hook, 10% from Poughkeepsie, 6.1% from both Amenia and beacon. The other respondents were spread throughout the county: Hopewell Junction, Hyde Park, Millbrook, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Rhinebeck, Salt Point, and Staatsburg. Other demographic information (age, race, ethnicity, etc.), and responses to specific topic/area-based needs issues (housing, food, etc.) is integrated into the corresponding section in this report.

An important to note the needs and barriers reported by respondents. Survey takers were asked to rank the top five needs their households experienced within the last 12 months. Respondents identified the following needs.



1. ***Heating/Utility Assistance***

Survey respondents (68.8%) indicated this as their number one need. Thirty nine percent (39%) indicated they receive Heating Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits and 26.8% reported that the cost of utilities is too high. Furthermore, in the past 12 months, 7.3% experienced utility shut off (including water, heat, phone, or electric).

1. ***Financial Assistance***

Sixty-four percent (64.4%) of survey respondents reported financial assistance as a need within the past 12 months. In response to the question about experiencing financial hardship within the previous 12 months, 60.9% said they could not pay their bills.

***Food Assistance***

Sixty-four percent (64.4%) also reported food assistance as a priority need. Respondents indicated the need for food assistance programs such as utilizing a food pantry (67.5%), having SNAP benefits (52.5%), getting help from family, friends and/or neighbors (17.5%), and utilizing the school breakfast/lunch programs (17.5%). Additionally, 55% indicated they had to choose between buying food or paying a bill to meet other basic needs. Furthermore, 55% of respondents either skipped or cut the size of a meal.

1. ***Health Care***

Forty-four percent (44.4%) reported healthcare as a need, though 70% of the respondents had health care – 30.2% had Medicaid and 25.6% had Medicare. Twenty percent (20%) indicated that they had not been able to receive medical care within the past 12 months; 22% indicated difficulty getting prescription medication, and 10.0% difficulty accessing mental health services. Furthermore, 10% indicated the doctor did not accept insurance or Medicaid.

1. ***Dental Care***

Dental care was reported by thirty-three (33.33%) of respondents as a need, and 16.5% indicated they were unable to receive dental care within the past 12 months.



***Home Repairs***

The same percentage (33.3%) of survey respondents reported home repairs as a need. Twenty-six (26.8%) of respondents reported that their housing unit needed minor repairs whereas 19.5% indicated their housing unit needed major repairs.

1. ***Safe, Affordable Housing***

Safe, Affordable Housing rounds out the top five needs reported by survey respondents, with (28.8%) indicating this as a need; 56.1% of respondents indicated their rent is too high, and 39% reported they fell behind on rent/mortgage. Additionally, 9.76% reported crime and security issues.

Summer recreation programs, early child learning opportunities, and family counseling needs were ranked at the bottom for the respondents, which is consistent with the demographics of the respondents who were over 60 and had one person house households (38.7%). Furthermore, 65% did not have children under the age of 18 in the household.

***Community Partner Survey***

CAPDC distributed a Community Partner survey link to organizations across Dutchess County in September 2023. Thirty-seven (37) unique responses were received. A total of 65 individuals completed the survey, but there were multiple responses from several organizations. The survey consisted of 18 questions and asked community partners what they viewed as the top five pressing needs in the community (reflected below). Responses were received from community-based, faith-based, healthcare, private sector, public sector, and educational institutions. Forty-six percent (46.1%) indicated they are a collaborative partner with CAPDC; 9.2% identified as contract partners and a shared resources partnership, 10.7% identified as a fellow human service organization, and 6.1% had no current relationship with CAPDC.

Three of the top needs identified by the community partners align with community members: 1) food assistance, 2) financial assistance, and 3) safe, affordable housing. The other priority needs identified by the organizational partners included mental health services, childcare, and substance abuse assistance. The top services that do not meet the demand in the county were identified as safe, affordable housing; mental health services; transportation; childcare; and safety/crime prevention.

Looking into the future, community partner organizations identified these as the top needs that low-income households in the county will face in the next three years, that essentially mirror the current needs: safe, affordable housing; mental health services; food assistance; childcare; and financial assistance.

A few (7) of the partner organizations noted that funding cuts will be seen in county government, and there has been a decrease in donations, which will impact future staffing levels and/or the level/extent of services provided.

***Board, Staff, Volunteer Survey***

CAPDC electronically distributed a Board, Staff, and Volunteer survey link to CAPDC board members, staff, and volunteers. Nineteen (19) completed surveys were received (68.4% staff and 31.6% board member). The survey consisted of ten questions and asked what board members and staff view the community's top five pressing needs.

Similar to the community member and community partner survey responses, the staff and board members reported the following as the top needs in the county: 1) safe, affordable housing; 2) food assistance; and 3) financial assistance. The other high ranked needs included safety/crime prevention, job skills/employment training, and substance abuse assistance.

Consistent with the responses form community organizational partners, the staff and board members reported safe, affordable housing, food assistance, and financial assistance as the most challenging community issues that low-

income households in the county will face in the next three years.

***Focus Group***

NYSCAA facilitated a focus group with CAPDC staff on November 6, 2023. The results of the community members survey were discussed in depth with an overview of the community partner and board/staff surveys. Staff had an opportunity to have small group discussions to talk about the results of the survey and discuss what they see as critical needs for low-income and vulnerable Dutchess County residents.

Some of the salient points form the discussions are noted below:

* Recognizing the importance of understanding and establishing relationships with key community stakeholders like landlords and housing authorities.
* Addressing the challenges tenants face with rent arrears by informing them about CAPDC services proactively.
* Emphasizing the need for proactive community outreach efforts in Poughkeepsie, including collaborations with other agencies and landlords to offer rental assistance.
* Identifying a growing demand for increased availability of food pantries.
* Considering the development of workshops to help clients make the most of their food budgets.
* Recognizing the necessity for expanding community outreach efforts, especially in neighborhoods served by CAPDC.
* Addressing the underserved Spanish-speaking population in Beacon, where there's a strong sense of community, but CAPDC's engagement is lacking.
* Recognizing the community's need for empowerment through initiatives such as voter registration, self-advocacy, raising awareness, and enhancing education and job training opportunities.
* Shifting towards more proactive "intervention services" and moving away from reactive approaches to assist individuals before crises escalate, whether related to housing, mental health, parenting, etc.

**Additional Sources**

Community Profile

New York Counties:

<https://www.ny.gov/counties/dutchess>

Poverty:

NYS Community Action Association Poverty Report

<https://www.nyscommunityaction.org/poverty-reports>

Health and Nutrition

Feeding America:

<https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2020/child/new-york/county/dutchess>

Child Care

Child Care Aware: <https://www.childcareaware.org/catalyzing-growth-using-data-to-change-child-care/>

Children’s Agenda:

<https://thechildrensagenda.org/publications/rebuilding-our-future-child-care-closures-in-new-york-during-the-pandemic/>

Seniors

Census Bureau: <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2023/05/2020-census-united-states-older-population-grew.html>

Health and Health Care

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps:

<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/explore-health-rankings/new-york/dutchess?year=2023>

Mid-Hudson Region Community Health Assessment 2022-2024: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/Community-Health-Improvement-Plan.htm>

Other Social and Economic Factors

Government Accountability Office (GAO):

<https://www.gao.gov/blog/breaking-down-barriers-broadband-access>