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Community Needs Assessment

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Introduction and Overview

Community Action of Greene County, Inc. (CAGC) is the designated anti-poverty Community Action Agency (CAA) serving all of Greene County. The agency also serves Columbia County through its Domestic Violence Program, Crime Victims' Advocacy, and Solutions to End Homelessness Programs. Through a variety of community service programs and emergency services aimed at assisting low-income and vulnerable populations achieve self-sufficiency, CAGC strives towards its mission of "Creating Opportunities, Fighting Poverty, Changing Lives."

CAGC is part of a network of more than 1,000 local, private non-profit, and public Community Action Agencies 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, Community Action of Greene County, Inc. creates opportunities for individuals, families, and communities to improve their economic and social situation while also linking human service resources in the service area to provide leadership and serve the specific needs of each community.

As a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds recipient, CAGC must complete a Community Needs Assessment (CNA) every three (3) years. The goals of the assessment are to:

- Give voice to community members served and community stakeholders
- Assess and determine local needs
- Highlight community resources and opportunities
- Identify gaps in available services
- Assess customer satisfaction with current services
- Provide a basis for planning the necessary services to alleviate poverty's current causes and conditions and build community understanding and collaborative opportunities.

This report is CAGC's full Community Needs Assessment for 2022–2025. The assessment will serve as a vital tool to guide CAGC's efforts in effectively supporting community members in reaching self-sufficiency and establishing economic security, collaborating with community partners to build community capacity, and offering the foundation for an upcoming strategic planning process. The Community Needs Assessment is a public document available on [CAGC's website](#). CAGC will distribute to other non-profit and for-profit organizations and government entities throughout Greene County to illustrate the community's needs.

Community Action of Greene County

Incorporated in 1967, CAGC offers a diversity of programs and services to alleviate the causes and consequences of poverty. With a mission of "Creating Opportunities, Fighting Poverty, Changing Lives" CAGC is dedicated to lifting clients out of poverty through knowledge, goal setting, and skill and motivational building opportunities. Community Action of Greene County's goals are to help

- Individuals & Families Become Self-Sufficient
- Improve The Conditions in Which People Live
- Develop Partnerships Among Supporters & Providers of Services
- Increase Our Agency's Capacity to Achieve Results

The Board of Community Action of Greene County reflects a tri-partite board with an equal number of members from the public sector, the private sector, and representatives for the low-income community served. CAGC is vested in

fostering a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), developing programs, policies, and practices that reflect awareness and regard for all clients, staff, and community partners regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

Community Action of Greene County's programs are designed to meet the needs of the most vulnerable residents of Greene County and homeless, domestic violence, and crime victims in both Greene and Columbia Counties. Many CAGC programs serve families under the 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL); others serve families under 125% of the FPL. In contrast, victim services and domestic violence programs focus on needs with no income eligibility requirement. CAGC programs range from emergency assistance, food and family supports, and energy services to victim services. In 2021 CAGC served 2,878 unduplicated individuals and 1,423 unduplicated households.

CAGC operates with three primary departments: Family and Community Services (FCS), Weatherization, and Victim Services (VS). FCS is comprised of housing and homelessness programs, Healthy Homes, emergency food pantry, mobile food pantry, and other emergency services and self-sufficiency programs. Victim Services includes residential and non-residential services for victims of domestic violence in both Greene and Columbia Counties, as well as the Columbia Greene Crime Victim Advocacy programs, which serves any innocent victim of a crime.

➤ **Family and Community Services (FCS)** includes the following programs/services:

Emergency Assistance:

- Emergency Food Pantry
- Mobile Food Pantry, with the ability to deliver food to different parts of Greene County
- Free Farm Stand, offers fresh, local produce donated by local farmers
- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Prevention and rapid rehousing services to homeless and at-risk individuals
- Car repairs, bus passes, hot water heater repairs, and utility payments
- Rental assistance through security deposit and first month's rent.
- HUD Supportive Housing: Ongoing rental assistance and case management is provided to help maintain permanent housing.

Self-Sufficiency Programs:

- Healthy Homes provides services for at-risk families such as education, case management, budget counseling, and support
- Resource Room: a computer is available for use to research employment opportunities, job and apartment searches along with telephone and fax services
- Here Comes Christmas/Adopt a Family

Asset Development:

- Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) households earning less than \$54,000 per year can receive free income tax preparation. IRS certified staff and volunteers prepare and efile the returns. My Free Taxes, a free software system, is also available on GCCA's website for those able to prepare their own returns, and who earn under \$60,000.
- Financial Empowerment Program- a Matched Savings program, customers receive education and counseling on budgeting, credit, credit repair and banking

➤ **Weatherization, Housing, and Energy Services encompasses the following programs:**

- The Weatherization Assistance Program provides energy audits and performs energy-saving measures in the homes of income-qualified owners and renters to reduce utility costs and improve the efficiency and comfort of the house. For those households not income eligible, these services and minor repairs may be done as fee-for-service.
- **Pay it Forward Community Thrift Store** provides shoppers with quality clothing and goods at affordable prices. The store also offers volunteerism opportunities among seniors, students, and others and serves as a job training site for those in the work readiness program.
- **The Victim Services (VS) Department includes programs provided in both Greene and Columbia Counties:**

Victims Advocacy Program

- The program serves victims of crime in both counties, providing resources, counseling, advocacy and referral for victims and their families. Services include:
 - Crisis intervention provides support and vital information to the victim and family.
 - Short Term Counseling
 - Safety Planning, devising a safety plan, and providing notification of offender release.
 - Criminal Court Procedure Information includes explaining legal processes and acting as an advocate throughout the criminal justice process.
 - Compensation – filing claims with the NYS Office of Victim Services for compensation.
 - Referrals – working in conjunction with local agencies to provide long-term supportive services.
 - Resource – acts as a liaison between the criminal justice system and other agencies on the victim's behalf.
 - Greene County Peer Court

Columbia Greene Domestic Violence

- Services range from safe dwellings and crisis intervention to aftercare services and transitional housing
- Legal services to assist with Orders of Protection from family or criminal courts and with filing claims to the Crime Victims Board
- Advocacy for other program services
- Supportive services/counseling for victims of domestic violence and their children.
- Educational Outreach in the form of in-service and informational trainings to school administrators, students, law enforcement, court personnel, civic groups, etc., about the dynamics of domestic violence, warning signs, healthy relationships, and available resources

Methodology

The New York State Community Action Association (NYSCAA) assisted CAGC 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 Greene 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 (ACS), and other local, state, and

federal data sources.

Qualitative data were derived from 58 responses to three individualized surveys created by NYSCAA and distributed by CAGC and from two focus groups held in July 2022. The data reflects input from 20 Board, Staff, and Volunteers, 25 community members, including customers; and 13 community partners, reflecting feedback from community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, the private sector, the public sector, and educational institutions. Community members, stakeholders, CAP staff, Board, and volunteers shared insights and perceptions of Greene County's areas of need, community assets, resources, current and anticipated challenges, and suggested future opportunities.

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.

Identified Needs

This report identifies and explores the opportunities and challenges facing Greene County's vulnerable or low-income residents. The assessment found the greatest needs and concerns in the following areas, in no particular order:

- Affordable Housing.
 - There is limited affordable housing in Greene County, and the situation, which was difficult before COVID, has been exacerbated and is reflected upon later in the report.
- Transportation.
 - There are limited public transportation options for residents of Greene County.
- Child Care
 - Since the pandemic, child care availability has decreased in Greene County, exacerbating an already difficult situation
- Programs for youth, including summer recreational activities
 - These programs are limited within the county and youth suffer as a consequence.
- Preventative Services
 - Preventative services was cited as a gap by community partners as well as CAGC staff.
- Mental Health Care
 - Services for mental health care have been more in demand since COVID-19.

Recommendations

- CAGC should continue participation in community coalitions and explore working with landlords in partnership with other community organizations to help address the affordable housing challenges.
- Transportation barriers are markers of rural poverty. In light of national historical band-aid efforts, CAGC should continue to do their best to
 - Remain a member of the Greene County Transportation Advisory Council and the Greene County Rural Health network, advocating for residents with limited income.

- Identify funds and creative solutions to best-individualized support solutions for each person and family's circumstances. With rising costs to maintain a car, perhaps under the right circumstances fostering a shared vehicle mentality or encouraging entrepreneurial transporting opportunities.
- Explore opportunities to work with local community centers to enhance/expand youth programming, a need that was not met, according to community members who responded to the survey.
- Develop a more comprehensive and holistic care coordination for victims of domestic violence that includes
 - Expanding partnerships
 - Developing new partnerships
 - Intentional coordination and referrals to and from community partners
 - Expansion of support groups for victims that assist with skill development and mental wellness
- Develop and expand current educational and prevention services regarding domestic violence and victim services.
 - Education in the community:
 - youth in schools
 - law enforcement
 - general public
 - Include fatherhood as a component of current programming
- Explore funding and partnerships to assist people with low-income to keep their pets when looking for housing. Families and individuals have chosen to be homeless in order not to be separated from their pet. This situation has increased since COVID-19.
- Explore possibilities to enhance financial assistance services; a need community member survey respondents noted was an unmet need.
- Increase outreach to the community to ensure information about CAGC's programs are reaching community members. Efforts include:
 - Speak to community groups
 - Attend community events
 - Place brochures in public places

Key Findings

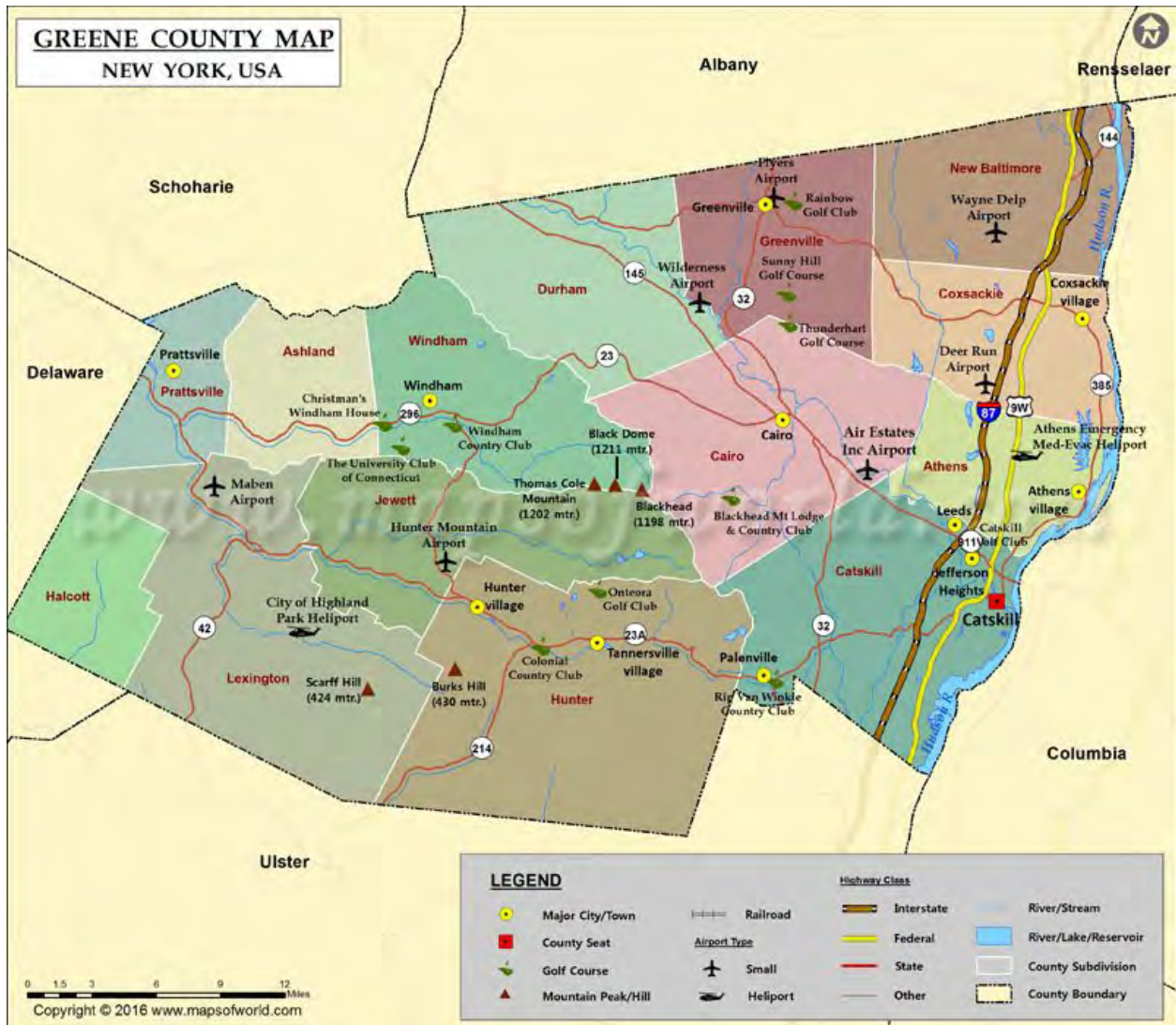
This section of the report highlights key indicators of well-being in Greene County and its respective municipalities; it includes quantitative data on the conditions of poverty and quantitative and qualitative information on the causes of poverty.

- The total population in Greene County was 47,931 in 2020. Whites comprised 88.46% of the population in Greene County, with Blacks representing 5.76%. Persons identifying themselves as mixed race made up 2.73% of the population.
- According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5 year estimates, and relative to the 2020 poverty estimates, 11.52% of all persons in Greene County lived in a state of poverty during the 2015 - 2019 period. The most significant percentage of poverty (over 20%) is in the Town of Durham. The poverty rate in Greene County decreased from 17.2% in 2010 to 11.2% in 2020, according to the U.S. Census.
- Over 38% of the households in the north eastern part of the Town of Cairo are single parent households

with children ages 0-17.

- The median household income in Greene County was \$56,681; the average income per earner was \$42,396. Those with incomes over \$70,000 live in the Towns of New Baltimore and Coxsackie (with the exception of the village of Coxsackie), and the northern part of the Town of Cairo. The lowest earners (under \$50,000) reside in the eastern part of the Town of Catskill and the Village of Catskill.
- An average of 14.6% percent of children ages 0-17 residing in Greene County lived in a state of poverty. The highest concentration of childhood poverty is in the Town of Durham, Jewett, and the southwestern part of the county, including Halcott and Lexington, bordering Delaware County, as well as the village of Catskill.
- Poverty in Greene County impacts 12.0% of 18 to 64-year olds, close to both the rates in New York State and the country. Similar to the childhood poverty locations, adults living in poverty is most concentrated in the northern part of the Town of Hunter, along with the villages of Catskill and Hamburg. The Town of Durham also has a higher poverty rate along with Prattsville and Ashland.
- According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data, an average of 8.1% of people age 65 and up lived in a state of poverty. Unlike poverty in the other age groups, the highest concentration for seniors can be found in Athens and Athens Village where the Rivertown senior center is located .
- Greene County has a higher percentage, 37.8%, of those 25 and older stopping their formal education after high school compared to the state rate of 25.5%. Twelve Percent (12.4%) have a Bachelor's Degree compared to 20.9% in the state.
- Greene County had a total childcare capacity (all ages, and all types of programs) of 926 in 2020. In 2022, the capacity is 634, a loss of 292 slots with a -32% change. The total capacity change specifically for Family and Group Family Child Care was a loss of 44 (23%) in the county.

Community Profile



Greene County is located in southeast central New York State, just west of the Hudson River and south of Albany County, where the NY capital city is located. Along with Albany County, Greene County borders Columbia, Ulster, Delaware, Schoharie, and Rensselaer Counties. Greene County is one of eight counties that comprises the Capital Region Regional Economic Development Council (REDC).

The county has a total land area of 647 square miles, with a population of 74.1 per square mile. The Catskill Park takes up much of the south-central region and includes some of the tallest peaks south of the Adirondacks. The county is named in honor of the American Revolutionary War general, Nathanael Greene; the county seat is in the village of Catskill (population 3,832). The county has 14 towns and 5 villages. The largest municipality in Greene County is the Town of Coxsackie with a population of 8,334. Other municipalities include the Town of Cairo population 6,420; Town of Greenville population 4,668; and the Village of Athens population 3,946.

Greene County has a booming tourist and sportmen's trade in the mountains, farming in the north and east, and industry and water sports along the Hudson River.

Greene County is often associated with Columbia County, directly to its east. The two counties are sometimes referred to as the "twin counties." They share a BOCES (Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene BOCES), a hospital (Columbia

Memorial), a Community College (Columbia-Greene Community College), and numerous private, not-for-profit organizations that serve both Counties (Catholic Charities, Cornell Cooperative Extension), as well as others.

County residents live in one of 19 municipalities. According to the 2020 US Census Bureau, Greene County's total population was just under 48,000 in 2020, a small decrease of 2.6% since 2010. The majority of county residents are white, non-Hispanic (88.5%), approximately 5.8% are Black, other races combined are 3% with mixed race 2.7%. With little diversity, the County has experienced a 28.5% increase in the Hispanic population between 2010-2020. English is the primary language spoken in 92.5% of households.

In the Community Needs Assessment surveys, CAGC Board, staff, and community partners describe the county having a small town atmosphere, beautiful landscape, a sense of community, and close to large urban centers. They report a lower cost of living, a good place to raise children, and assorted cultural opportunities. They face challenges driven by a lack of higher paying jobs, lack of affordable housing, lack of comprehensive public transportation, lack of opportunities for young people, and distance to access healthcare.

Population Profile

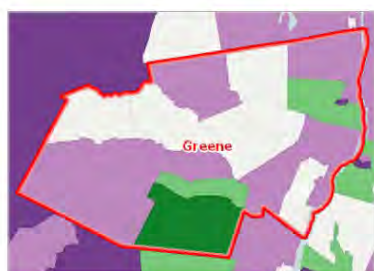
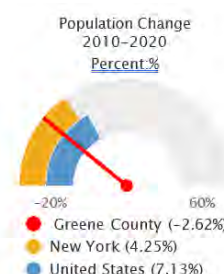
Population Change

The total population in Greene County was 47,931 in 2020. Unlike New York State, between 2010-2020 Greene County experienced a small decline of 2.62 percent, decreasing from a population of 49,221 persons in 2010 to 47,931 persons in 2020. Most of the population growth occurred in the Town of Hunter in the southeastern part of the county followed by the Town of Coxsackie.

Report Area	Total Population, 2010 Census	Total Population, 2020 Census	Population Change, 2010-2020	Population Change, 2010-2020, Percent
Greene County, NY	49,221	47,931	-1,290	-2.62%
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, 2020. Source geography: Tract



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Population Change, Percent by Tract, US Census 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
- Greene County, NY

Population by Age and Gender Demographics

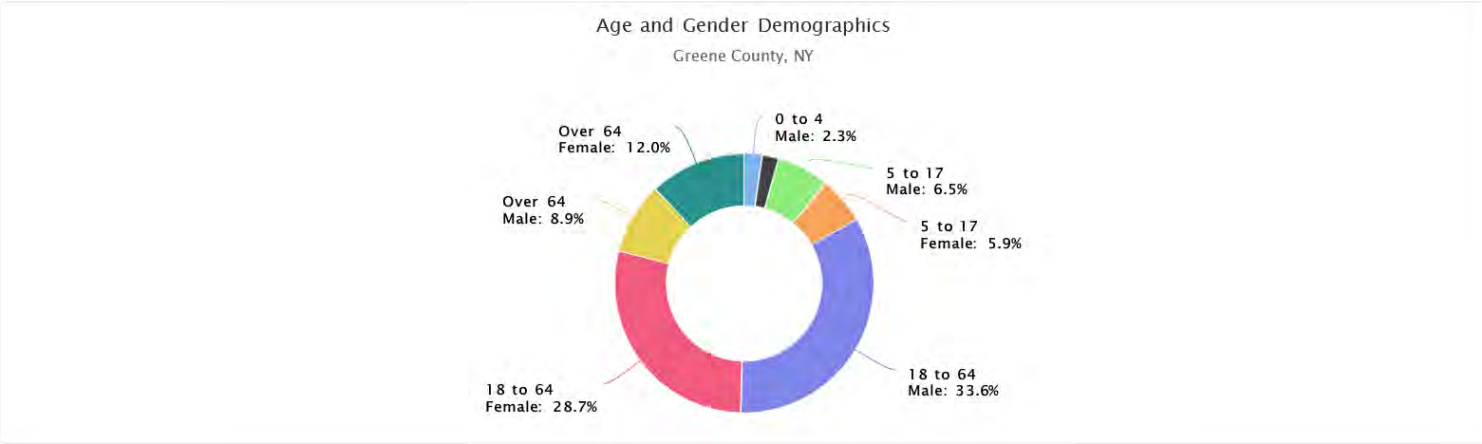
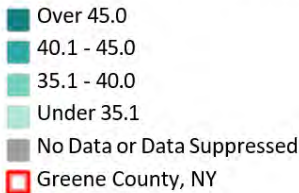
According to ACS 2016-2020 5-year population estimates, the female population comprised 48.64% of Greene County, while the male population represented 51.36%. The Median Age by Tract map reveals a high concentration of residents over 45 in most of the towns. The town with the youngest population (under 35) is Durham. Census Tract 808, which includes the correctional facility, has a median age of 32.7.

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
Greene County, NY	1,085	977	3,010	2,735	15,662	13,359	4,164	5,585
New York	583,126	557,543	1,498,248	1,432,225	6,007,495	6,214,510	1,227,033	1,836,387
United States	10,051,876	9,598,316	27,404,878	26,241,668	100,097,513	100,812,240	20,905,372	29,098,554

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#). 2016-20. Source geography: Tract



Median Age by Tract, ACS 2016-20



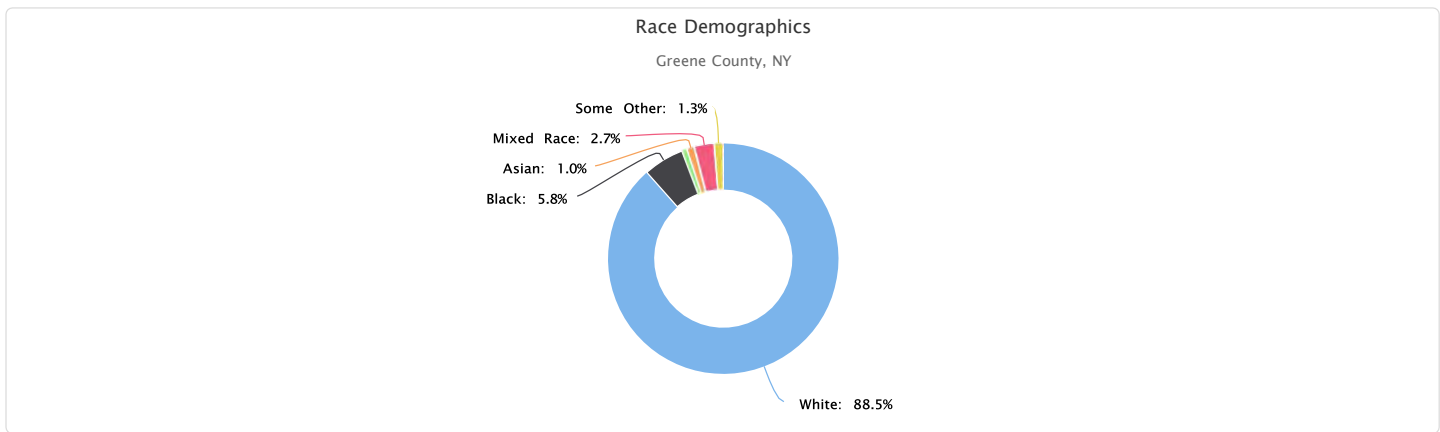
Race and Ethnicity Demographics

Race Demographics

Population by race within Greene County is shown below. According to ACS 2016-2020 5-year population estimates, Whites comprised 88.46% of the population in Greene County, with Blacks representing 5.76%. Persons identifying themselves as mixed race made up 2.73% of the population.

Report Area	Total Population	White Total	Black Total	American Indian Total	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Total	Some Other Total	Mixed Race Total
Greene County, NY	47,335	41,871	2,728	345	493	9	597	1,292
New York	19,514,849	12,160,045	3,002,401	76,535	1,674,216	9,376	1,670,723	921,553
United States	326,569,308	229,960,813	41,227,384	2,688,614	18,421,637	611,404	16,783,914	16,875,542

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#). 2016-20. Source geography: Tract



Ethnicity Demographics

As indicated in the chart below, the Hispanic population increased by 28.5% in Greene County from 2010-2020, exceeding the percentage of New York State and the national Hispanic population change. The county's Non-Hispanic population decreased by 4.2% more than NYS, and on par with the country.

Population Change (2010-2020) by Hispanic Origin

Report Area	Hispanic Population Change, Total	Hispanic Population Change, Percent	Non-Hispanic Population Change, Total	Non-Hispanic Population Change, Percent
Greene County, NY	690	28.52%	-1,980	-4.23%
New York	531,100	15.54%	292,042	1.83%
United States	11,163,011	20.61%	11,100,922	4.30%

Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics

According to the American Community Survey (ACS), 8.23% of the adult population in the report area are veterans, which is more than the national average of 7.07%.

Report Area	Veterans Total	Veterans Male	Veterans Female	% Pop over 18 Total	% Pop over 18 Males	% Pop over 18 Females
Greene County, NY	3,250	3,037	213	8.23%	14.77%	1.12%
New York	676,295	627,361	48,934	4.39%	8.51%	0.61%
United States	17,835,456	16,207,488	1,627,968	7.07%	13.24%	1.25%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-20. Source geography: County

Households

Total households in Greene County increased by 47, or 0.27% in those areas reporting 2020 ACS 5-year data. This compares to a statewide increase of 2.13%. The county's largest concentration of households (1,501-2,000) are located in the Towns of Athens and Catskill in the eastern most part of the county, bordering Columbia County with fewer households in the more rural areas in the western and southern parts of the county, bordering Delaware and Ulster Counties.

Report Area	Total Households (2015)	Total Households (2020)	Change in Households	Percent Change
Greene County, NY	17,634	17,681	47	0.27%

New York	7,262,279	7,417,224	154,945	2.13%
United States	116,926,305	122,354,219	5,427,914	4.64%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#). 2016-20. Source geography: County



Total Households by Tract, ACS 2016-20



Families

The American Community Survey (ACS) estimated there were 10,701 families in Greene County in 2020. Married couple families comprised 78.55% of the total number. Families headed by men without wives comprised 7.15% of the total, while women without husbands headed 14.3% of families. Over 38% of the households in the north eastern part of the Town of Cairo are single parent households with children ages 0-17. The towns of Durham and Cossackie have between 32.1%-38.0% of their families being single parent households. The majority of the county reflects single-parent households representing under 26.1% of their populations.

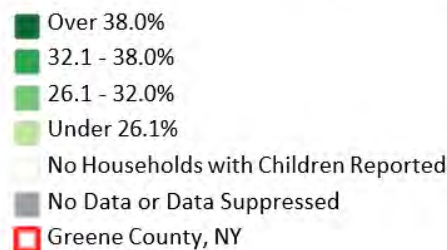
Report Area	Total Number of Families	Married Couple	Female, Spouse Absent	Male, Spouse Absent
Greene County, NY	10,701	8,406	1,530	765
New York	4,670,153	3,259,898	1,039,616	370,639
United States	79,849,830	58,807,003	15,086,810	5,956,017

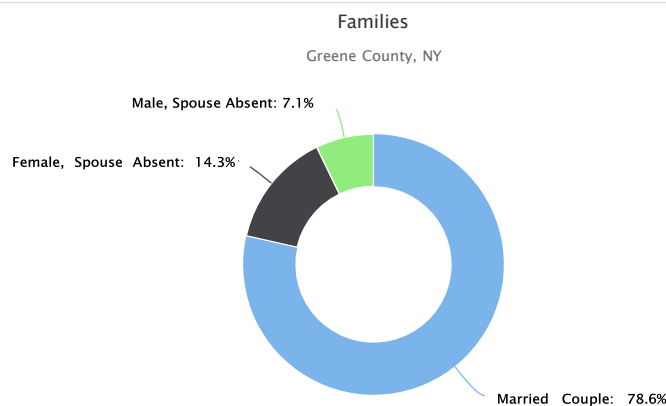
Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#). 2016-20. Source geography: County



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Single Parent Households with Children (Age 0-17), Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20





Income

Income Levels

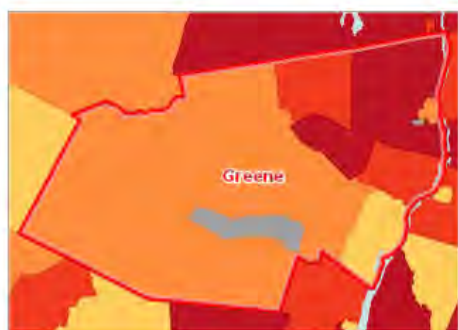
Three common measures of income are Median Household Income, Per Capita Income, and Average Income based on American Community Survey (ACS) estimates. All Three measures from the 2016 - 2020 ACS are shown for Greene County. The Census Bureau defines an earner as someone age 15 and older that receives any form of income, whether it be wages, salaries, benefits, or other type of income.

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Of the community members who responded to the survey, 23% indicated their income within the previous 12 months was \$10,000 or less, whereas 46.15% of respondents noted their income between \$10,001-\$20,000. Eighteen percent of survey respondents cited financial assistance as a need within the past twelve months. CAGC provides budget counseling through their Healthy Homes program.

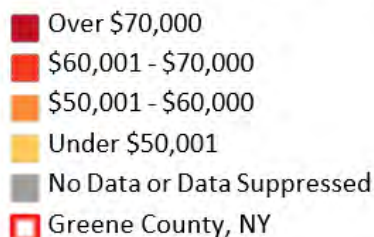
Report Area	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income	Average Income Per Earner
Greene County, NY	\$56,681	\$30,970	\$42,396
New York	\$71,117	\$40,898	\$57,218
United States	\$64,994	\$35,384	\$49,913

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#). 2016-20. Source geography: County



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Median Household Income by Tract, ACS 2016-20



Poverty

Total Population Living in Poverty

Poverty information is at 100% of the federal poverty income guidelines. 2020 poverty estimates show a total of 4,961 persons living below the poverty level in Greene County.

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.

2020. Source geography: County

Report Area	All Ages No of Persons	All Ages Poverty Rate
Greene County, NY	4,961	11.2%
New York	2,401,141	12.7%
United States	38,371,394	11.90%

Poverty Rate (ACS)

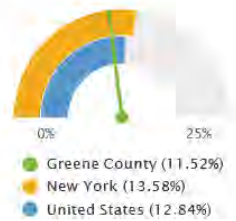
According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5 year estimates, and relative to the 2020 poverty estimates, 11.52% of all persons in Greene County lived in a state of poverty during the 2015 - 2019 period, which is less than the state average of 13.58% and the national average of 12.84%. The most significant percentage of poverty (over 20%) is in the Town of Durham. Poverty is also prevalent (15.1%-20.0%) in the villages of Catskill. The Town of Hunter's population between 15.1%-20.0% live below the poverty level.

Report Area	Total Population	Population in Poverty	Population in Poverty, Percent
Greene County, NY	44,147	5,085	11.52%
New York	19,009,098	2,581,048	13.58%
United States	318,564,128	40,910,326	12.84%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20. Source geography: Tract

Population in Poverty, Percent



Population Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20

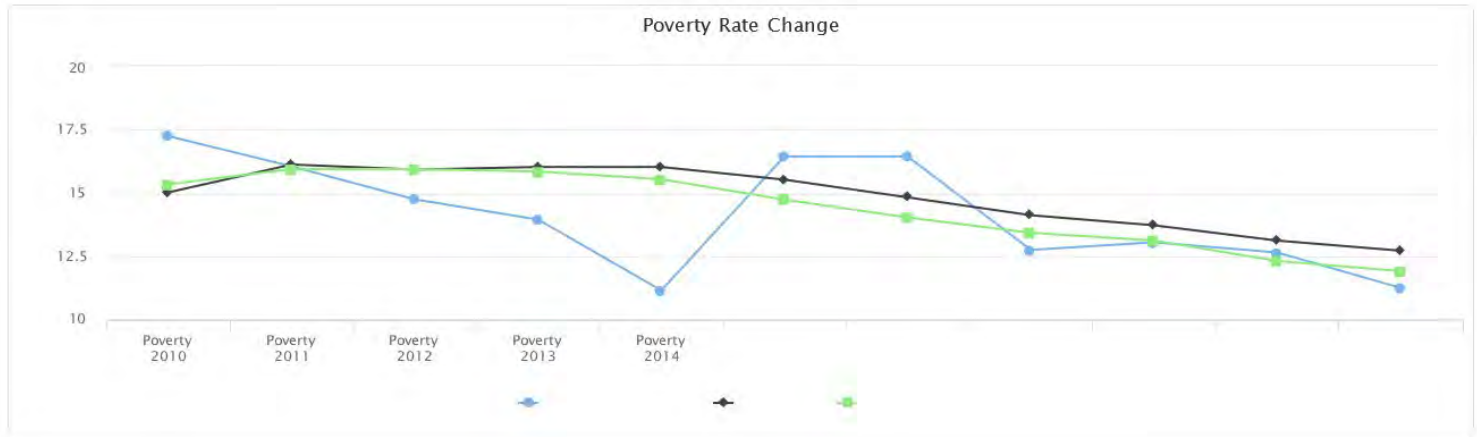


Poverty Rate Change

The poverty rate change in Greene County from 2010 to 2020 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate in Greene County decreased from 17.2% in 2010 to 11.2% in 2020. With the exception of 2010, 2015, and 2016, Greene County's poverty rate has been lower than the poverty rate in the state. 2020 has the lowest poverty rate over the previous 10 years.

Report Area	Poverty 2010	Poverty 2011	Poverty 2012	Poverty 2013	Poverty 2014	Poverty 2015	Poverty 2016	Poverty 2017	Poverty 2018	Poverty 2019	Poverty 2020
Greene County, NY	17.2%	16%	14.7%	13.9%	11.1%	16.4%	16.4%	12.7%	13%	12.6%	11.2%
New York	15%	16.1%	15.9%	16%	16%	15.5%	14.8%	14.1%	13.7%	13.1%	12.7%
United States	15.3%	15.9%	15.9%	15.8%	15.5%	14.7%	14%	13.4%	13.1%	12.3%	11.9%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, [Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates](#). 2020. Source geography: County



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Population in Poverty by Gender

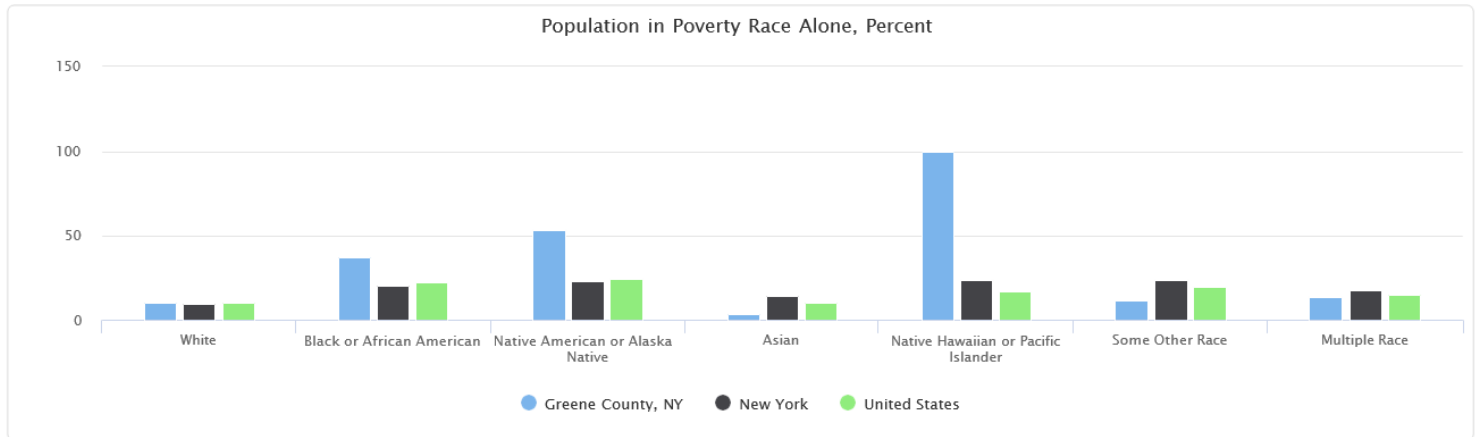
This indicator reports the population in poverty in Greene County by gender. Consistent with New York State and national poverty rates, the percent of females living in poverty in Greene County exceeds the percent of males living in poverty.

Report Area	Male	Female	Male, Percent	Female, Percent
Greene County, NY	2,295	2,790	10.53%	12.49%
New York	1,131,023	1,450,025	12.30%	14.78%
United States	18,171,512	22,738,814	11.64%	13.99%

Poverty by Race Alone, Percent

This indicator reports the percentage of population in poverty in Greene County by race alone. While the number of people who identify as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander and Asian are small (9 and 17 respectively), economic and racial inequities are apparent in Greene County. 100% of the Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander population, 53% of the Native American or Alaska Native population, 37% of the Black or African American population, and 14% of the Multiple Race population are living in poverty; while 10% of white persons are affected. The County's percent of Black or African American and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander members living in poverty significantly exceeds the New York State and national averages.

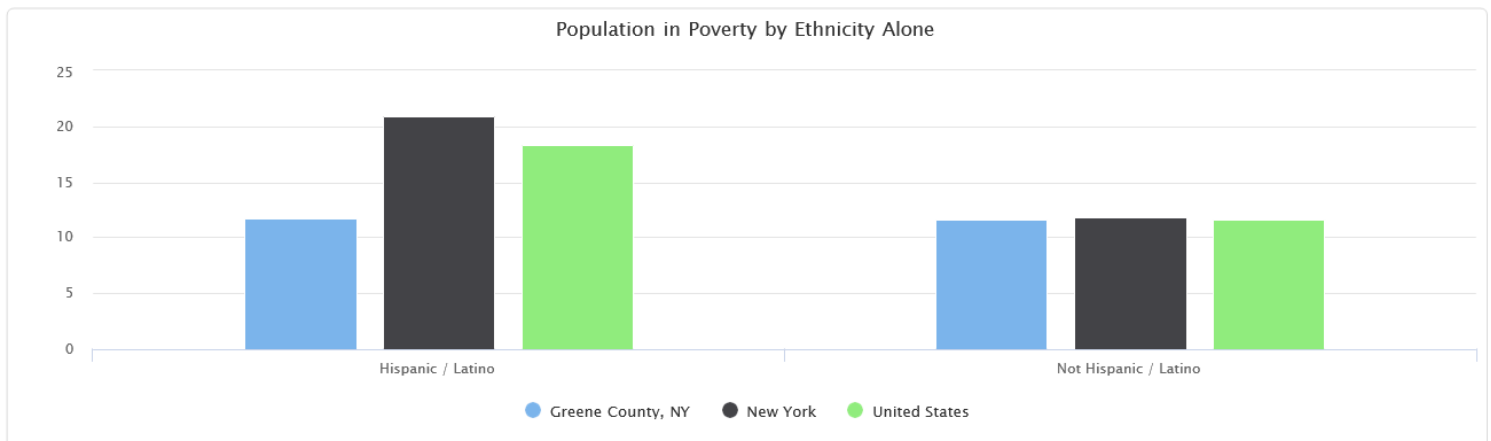
Report Area	White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Greene County, NY	10.46%	37.01%	53.33%	3.59%	100.00%	11.17%	13.81%
New York	10.11%	20.38%	22.60%	14.39%	23.77%	23.37%	17.29%
United States	10.60%	22.07%	24.13%	10.61%	16.81%	19.66%	15.08%



Population in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone

This indicator reports the population in poverty in Greene County by ethnicity alone, reflecting similar percentages for both Hispanic or Latino persons and those not Hispanic or Latino living in poverty in Greene County. Those Hispanic or Latino have a much lower percentage of living in poverty in Greene County than in New York State or nationally.

Report Area	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic or Latino, Percent	Not Hispanic or Latino, Percent
Greene County, NY	272	4,813	11.73%	11.51%
New York	759,828	1,821,220	20.90%	11.85%
United States	10,642,653	30,267,673	18.29%	11.62%



Poverty by Age

Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-17

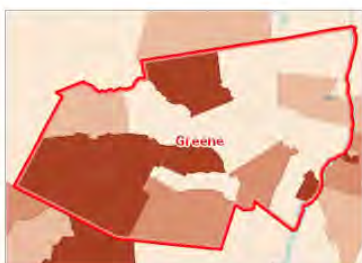
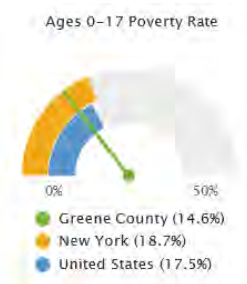
An average of 14.6% percent of children ages 0-17 residing in Greene County lived in a state of poverty according to the American Community Survey 5 year data (2016-2020). The poverty rate for children living in the report area is less than the New York State average of 18.75% and the national average of 17.5%. Population and poverty estimates for children age 0-17 are shown below for the county.

The map reveals the highest concentration of childhood poverty is in the Town of Durham, Jewett, and the southwestern part of the county, including Halcott and Lexington, bordering Delaware County, as well as the village of Catskill.

Report Area	Ages 0-17 Total Population	Ages 0-17 In Poverty	Ages 0-17 Poverty Rate
Greene County, NY	7,458	1,088	14.6%
New York	3,994,613	746,203	18.7%
United States	72,065,774	12,598,699	17.5%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-20. Source geography: County



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Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-17), Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20



The next two data indicators reflect the percent of children age 0-17 in poverty by race and the percent of children age 0-17 in poverty by gender.

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Greene County, NY	13.59%	76.56%	53.70%	0.00%	No data	25.54%	6.17%
New York	12.30%	28.21%	28.55%	15.68%	22.70%	30.71%	20.27%
United States	10.58%	31.80%	31.16%	10.58%	23.24%	27.24%	17.63%

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Greene County, NY	636	452	16.22%	12.78%
New York	379,957	366,246	18.62%	18.75%
United States	6,414,903	6,183,796	17.43%	17.54%

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Greene County, NY	13.59%	76.56%	53.70%	0.00%	No data	25.54%	6.17%
New York	12.30%	28.21%	28.55%	15.68%	22.70%	30.71%	20.27%
United States	10.58%	31.80%	31.16%	10.58%	23.24%	27.24%	17.63%

Poverty Rate Change Ages 0-17

Poverty rate change for children ages 0-17 in Greene County from 2010 to 2020 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the county for the 0-17 age group decreased from 21% in 2010 to 16.1% in 2020. The map below doesn't show any specific areas within the county with concentrations of poverty for this age group.

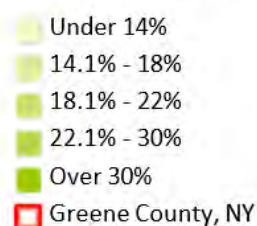
Report Area	Poverty Age 0-17 2010	Poverty Age 0-17 2011	Poverty Age 0-17 2012	Poverty Age 0-17 2013	Poverty Age 0-17 2014	Poverty Age 0-17 2015	Poverty Age 0-17 2016	Poverty Age 0-17 2017	Poverty Age 0-17 2018	Poverty Age 0-17 2019	Poverty Age 0-17 2020
Greene County, NY	21%	21.8%	20%	21.6%	20%	24.3%	21.3%	19.5%	17.9%	18.5%	16.1%
New York	21.5%	22.8%	23%	22.9%	22.9%	22.3%	20.8%	19.9%	18.8%	18.2%	16.7%
United States	21.6%	22.5%	22.6%	22.2%	21.7%	20.7%	19.5%	18.4%	18%	16.8%	15.7%

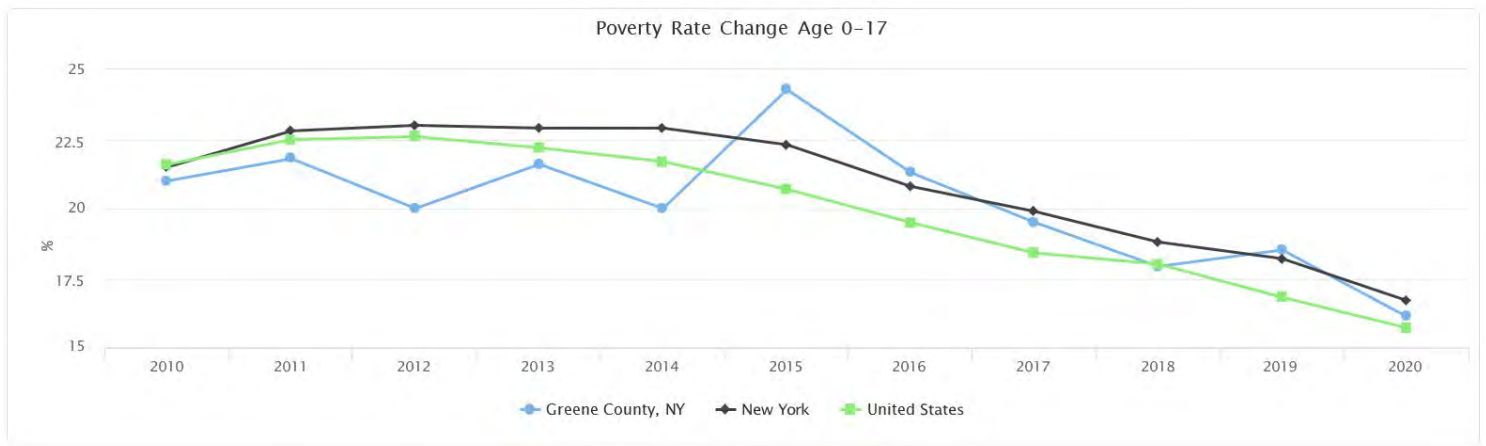
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, *Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates*. 2020. Source geography: County



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Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-18), Percent by County, SAIPE 2020





The following data indicators break down the youth age group of 0-17 into groups of ages 0-4 (preschool age children) and ages 5-17, school age children.

Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-4

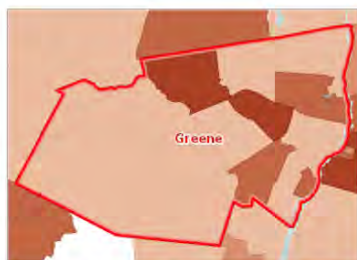
Children ages 0-4 represent 12.5% of Greene County children living in poverty which is less than both the New York State and national averages. The highest concentration of poverty for this age group is in the Town of Durham and parts of the Town of Cairo.

Report Area	Ages 0-4 Total Population	Ages 0-4 In Poverty	Ages 0-4 Poverty Rate
Greene County, NY	2,011	252	12.5%
New York	1,118,135	220,204	19.7%
United States	19,294,872	3,679,064	19.1%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-20. Source geography: County

Ages 0-4 Poverty Rate



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Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-4), Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20

- Over 37.0%
- 27.1 - 37.0%
- 17.1 - 27.0%
- Under 17.1%
- o Population Age 0-4 Reported No
- Data or Data Suppressed Greene
- County, NY

Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 5-17

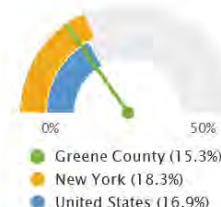
Population and poverty estimates for children age 5-17 are shown for Greene County. According to the American Community Survey 5 year data, an average of 15.3% percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in Greene County is less than both the New York State average of 18.2% and the national average of 16.9%. Similar to the 0-4 age group, concentrations of poverty for this age group can be found in Durham, and also in towns that are in the southern part of the county including Lexington, Hunter, and Halcott, and parts of Jewett.

Report Area	Ages 5-17 Total Population	Ages 5-17 In Poverty	Ages 5-17 Poverty Rate
Greene County, NY	5,447	836	15.3%
New York	2,876,478	525,999	18.3%
United States	52,770,902	8,919,635	16.9%

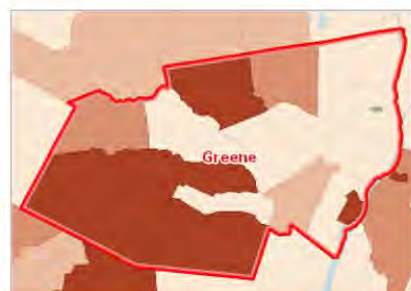
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Ages 5-17 Poverty Rate



Ages 5-17 Poverty Rate



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Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 5-17), Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20



Poverty Rate Change Ages 5-17

Poverty rate change for children ages 5-17 in Greene County from 2010 to 2020 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area was 15.6% in 2020 compared to 18.8% in 2010.

Report Area	Poverty Age 5-17 2010	Poverty Age 5-17 2011	Poverty Age 5-17 2012	Poverty Age 5-17 2013	Poverty Age 5-17 2014	Poverty Age 5-17 2015	Poverty Age 5-17 2016	Poverty Age 5-17 2017	Poverty Age 5-17 2018	Poverty Age 5-17 2019	Poverty Age 5-17 2020
Greene County, NY	18.8%	18.8%	18.8%	19.4%	20%	21.7%	20.5%	18.4%	16.8%	17.8%	15.6%
New York	20%	21.5%	21.7%	22.2%	21.7%	21.3%	19.8%	18.9%	17.8%	17.2%	16.3%
United States	19.8%	20.8%	21%	20.8%	20.4%	19.5%	18.3%	17.3%	17%	15.8%	14.9%

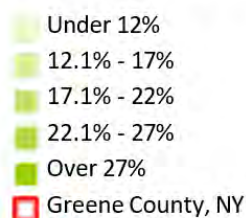
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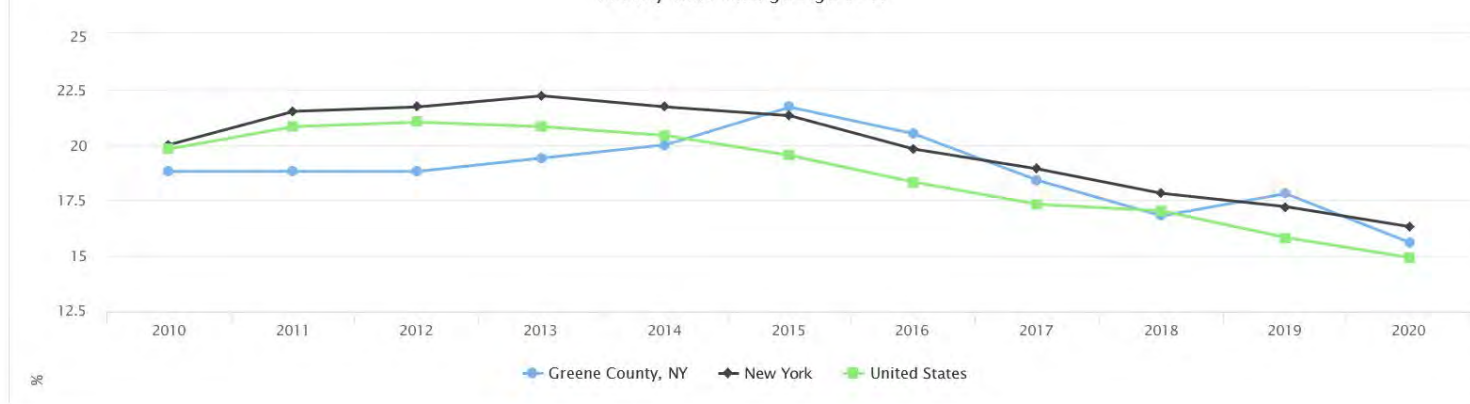


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Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 5-17), Percent by County, SAIPE 2020



Poverty Rate Change Age 5-17



Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 18-64

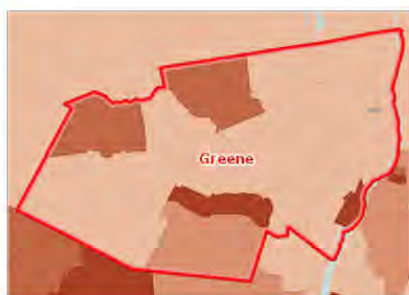
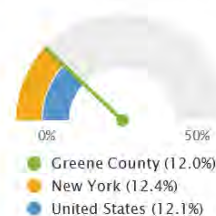
ACS 2016-2020 estimates indicate poverty in Greene County impacts 12.0% of 18 to 64-year olds, close to both the rates in New York State and the country. Similar to the childhood poverty locations, adults living in poverty is most concentrated in the northern part of the Town of Hunter, along with the villages of Catskill. andThe Town of Durham also has a higher poverty rate along with Prattsville and Ashland.

Report Area	Ages 18-64 Total Population	Ages 18-64 In Poverty	Ages 18-64 Poverty Rate
Greene County, NY	26,386	3,166	12.0%
New York	11,888,166	1,475,003	12.4%
United States	195,426,211	23,554,920	12.1%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-20. Source geography: County

Ages 18-64 Poverty Rate



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Population Below the Poverty Level, Adult (Age 18-64), Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20



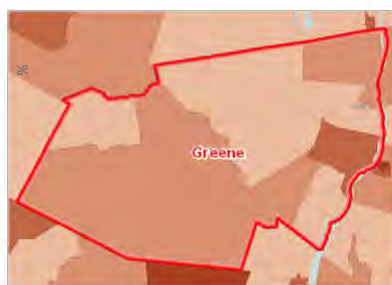
The following data indicators reflect the percent of poverty by race and gender for the population age 18-64.

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Greene County, NY	10.70%	41.30%	53.14%	0.89%	100.00%	4.27%	21.07%
New York	8.72%	18.36%	20.94%	12.87%	22.99%	19.93%	15.37%
United States	9.62%	19.13%	22.30%	10.23%	14.97%	16.38%	13.27%

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Greene County, NY	1,261	1,905	9.64%	14.32%
New York	625,351	849,652	10.77%	13.97%
United States	10,019,056	13,535,864	10.39%	13.68%

Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 65 and Up

Population and poverty estimates for persons age 65 and up are shown for Greene County. According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data, an average of 8.1% of people lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for people living in Greene County is less than the national average of 9.3% and the state average of 11.5%. Unlike poverty in the other age groups, the highest concentration for seniors can be found in Athens and Athens Village.



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Population Below the Poverty Level, Senior (Age 65+), Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20

- Over 17.0%
- 12.1 - 17.0%
- 7.1 - 12.0%
- Under 7.1%
- No Population Age 65+ Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Greene County, NY

The following data indicators reflect the percent of poverty by race and gender for the population age 65 and up.

Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 65 and Up

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Greene County, NY	8.17%	3.92%	No data	16.87%	No data	0.00%	0.00%
New York	7.68%	16.91%	20.18%	20.34%	30.56%	26.62%	17.31%
United States	7.22%	16.93%	17.68%	12.65%	12.28%	18.60%	14.29%

Poverty by Gender: Age 65 and Up

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Greene County, NY	398	433	8.30%	7.86%
New York	125,715	234,127	9.31%	13.18%
United States	1,737,553	3,019,154	7.62%	10.68%

Households in Poverty

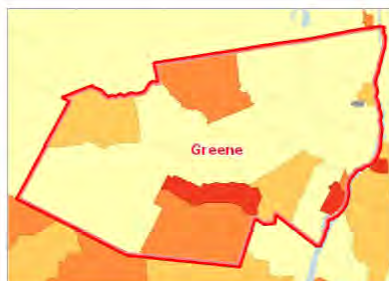
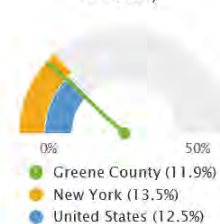
In 2020, it is estimated that there were 2,100 households, or 11.9%, of households in Greene County living in poverty. The highest concentration of households in poverty is in the northern part of the Town of Hunter, bordering the Village of Hunter and Village of Tannersville. And also in the Town and Village of Catskill.

Report Area	Total Households	Households in Poverty	Percent Households in Poverty
Greene County, NY	17,681	2,100	11.9%
New York	7,417,224	1,004,207	13.5%
United States	122,354,219	15,312,497	12.5%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-20. Source geography: County

Percent Households in Poverty



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Households Living Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20

- Over 20.0%
- 15.1 - 20.0%
- 10.1 - 15.0%
- Under 10.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Greene County, NY

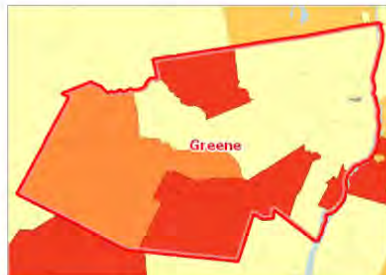
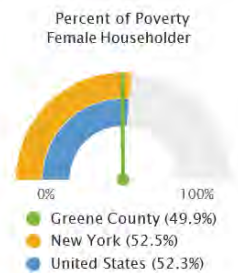
Family Poverty Rate by Family Type

According to the ACS 2016-2020 data, it is estimated that 8.9% of all households were living in poverty within Greene County, compared to the national average of 9.1%. Of the households in poverty, female headed households represented 49.9% of the households, compared to 31.9% and 18.2% of households headed by males and married couples, respectively. The highest concentration of single parent family households living below the poverty level reside in the Towns of Durham, Hunter, and parts of the Town of Catskill and the Village of Catskill.

Report Area	Poverty Rate All Types	Percent of Poverty Married Couples	Percent of Poverty Male Householder	Percent of Poverty Female Householder
Greene County, NY	8.9%	31.9%	18.2%	49.9%
New York	10.0%	37.6%	10.0%	52.5%
United States	9.1%	37.0%	10.6%	52.3%

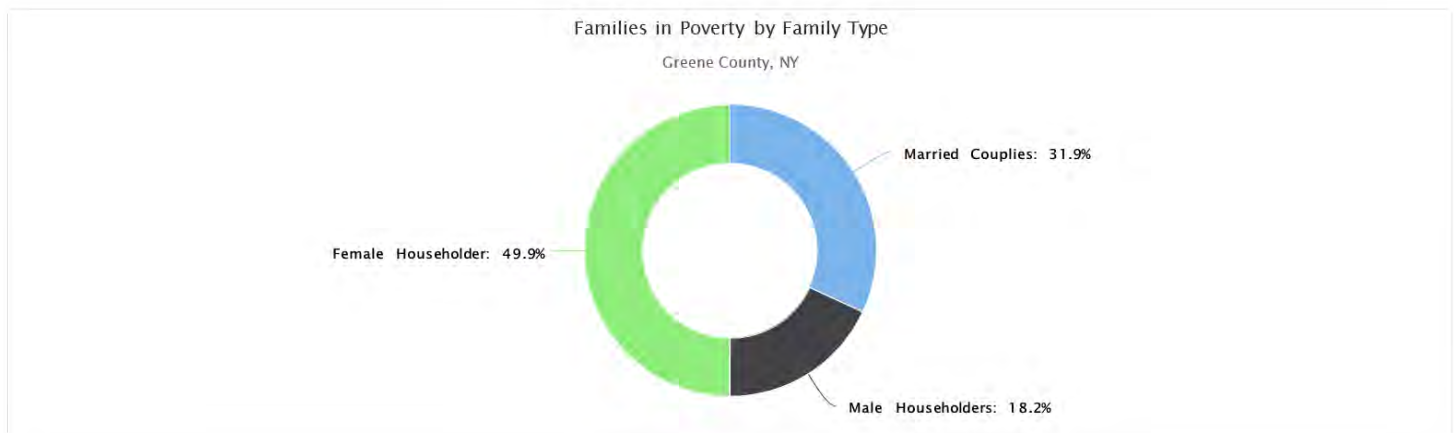
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-20. Source geography: County



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Single Parent Family Households Living Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20



Poverty Rate 200% (ACS)

In Greene County, 31.17% or 13,762 individuals for whom poverty status is determined are living in households with income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This indicator is relevant because poverty creates barriers to access including health services, healthy food, and other necessities that contribute to poor health status. Mirroring other poverty measures, over 50% of the population in the Town of Durham live below 200% of the poverty level, as well as part of Catskill and the Village of Catskill. In relation to school districts, the Catskill Central School District has the highest population living below 200% of poverty at 41.84%, followed by Cairo Durham School District (33.68%) and the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District (33.15%).

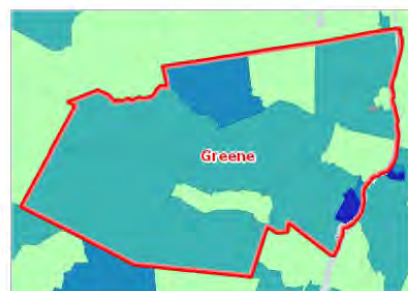
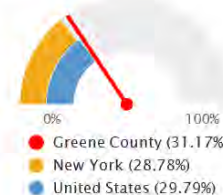
Report Area	Total Population	Population with Income at or Below 200% FPL	Percent Population with Income at or Below 200% FPL
Greene County, NY	44,147	13,762	31.17%
New York	19,009,098	5,470,255	28.78%
United States	318,564,128	94,899,936	29.79%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-20. Source geography: Tract

Note: The total population measurements for poverty reports are lower, as poverty data collection does not include people in group quarters. See Methodology for more details.

Percent Population with Income at or Below 200% FPL



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Population Below 200% Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20

- Over 50.0%
- 38.1 - 50.0%
- 26.1 - 38.0%
- Under 26.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Greene County, NY

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

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
Greene County	Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District	3,071	33.15%	3.78%	1.53%	1.99%	16.80%	9.05%
Greene County	Cairo-Durham Central School District	9,136	33.68%	1.86%	2.82%	2.96%	19.13%	6.91%
Greene County	Catskill Central School District	11,746	41.84%	2.51%	1.82%	2.98%	25.00%	9.52%
Greene County	Greenville Central School District	8,461	24.09%	2.36%	1.56%	2.79%	13.25%	4.12%
Greene County	Hunter-Tannersville Central School District	3,413	29.21%	1.11%	1.26%	2.08%	12.77%	11.98%
Greene County	Coxsackie-Athens Central School District	9,664	23.28%	1.68%	1.31%	1.54%	12.29%	6.46%

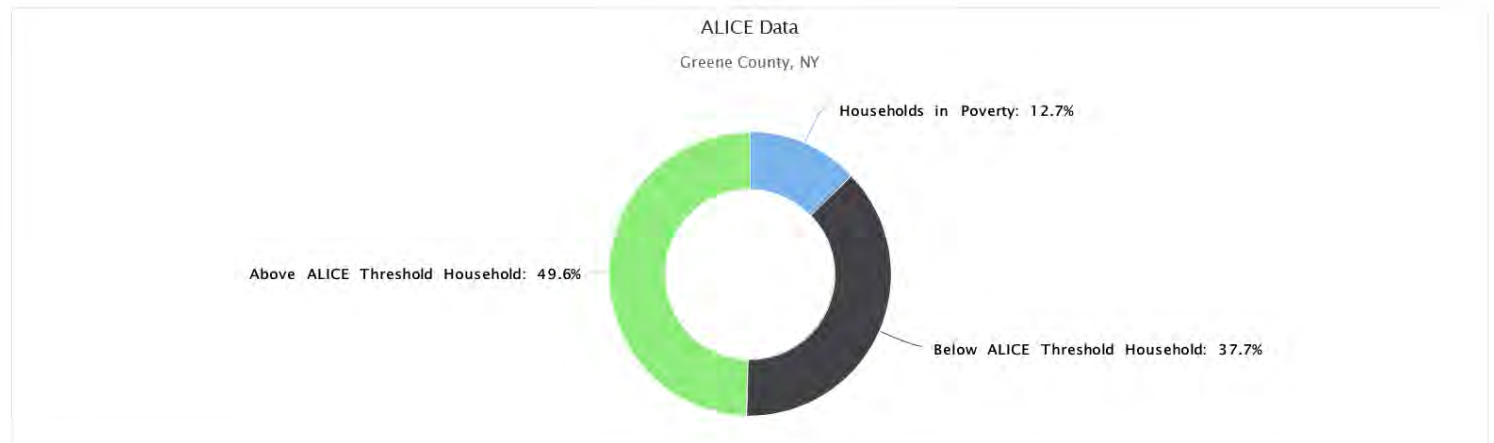
ALICE Data

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. Depending on the county, ALICE uses 1, 3, or 5 year ACS estimates.

In 2018, the most recent ALICE data shows that of the 17,117 total households in Greene County, 2,174 households were living at the FPL, and 6,456 households were above the FPL but still struggled to meet a minimum household budget.

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 <u>Over</u>
Greene County, NY	2018	17,117	5-Year	2,174	6,456	8,487	60,000	45,000
New York	2018	7,370,222	County Specific	1,007,993	2,283,835	4,078,394	County Specific	County Specific

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#). [United for Alice](#). Source geography: County



Education and Employment

High School Graduates and Educational Attainment

The table below shows the number of Public High School Graduates for the 2020/2021 academic years. Greene County had a graduation rate of 81.65%, which is lower than the New York State graduation rate of 86.06%. The county high school drop-out rate is 4.95%, slightly higher than the New York State dropout rate of 4.18%. Of note is the dropout rate among males compared to females.

Report Area	Graduates Total	Graduates Male	Graduates Female	Graduation Rate Total	Graduation Rate Male	Graduation Rate Female
Greene County, NY	396	204	192	81.65%	78.46%	85.33%
New York	179,195	88,634	90,561	86.06%	82.65%	89.69%

Report Area	Dropouts Total	Dropouts Male	Dropouts Female	Dropout Rate Total	Dropout Rate Males	Dropout Rate Females
Greene County, NY	24	22	2	4.95%	8.46%	0.89%
New York	8,699	5,666	3,033	4.18%	5.28%	3.00%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: [New York State Education Department](#). Source geography: County

Educational Attainment shows the distribution of the highest level of education achieved in Greene County, and helps schools and businesses to understand the needs of adults, whether workforce training or the ability to develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics opportunities. Educational attainment is

calculated for persons over 25, and is an estimated average for the period from 2016 to 2020.

In Greene County, 12.4% have at least a college bachelor's degree, while 37.8% stopped their formal educational attainment after high school, and 12.70% have no high school diploma, which is comparable to New York State.

Report Area	No High School Diploma	High School Only	Some College	Associates Degree	Bachelors Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
Greene County, NY	12.70%	37.8%	13.8%	11.7%	12.4%	11.5%
New York	12.78%	25.5%	15.5%	8.9%	20.9%	16.5%
United States	11.47%	26.7%	20.3%	8.6%	20.2%	12.7%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-20. Source geography: County

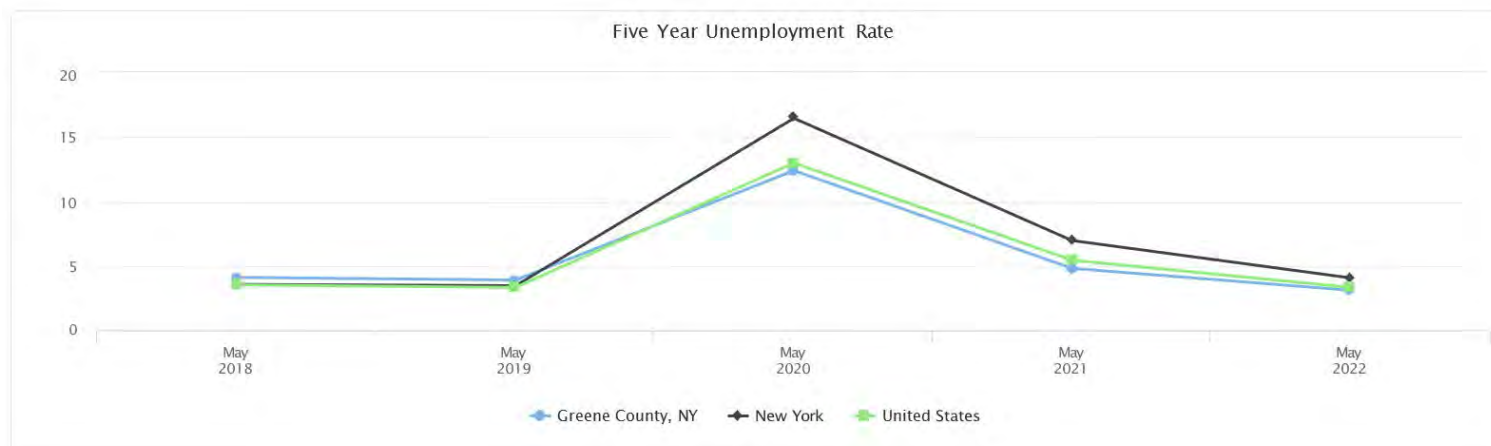
Columbia Greene Community College, located in Hudson, NY in Columbia County, serves residents in both Columbia and Greene Counties. There is also the Columbia Greene Educational Center that offers High School Equivalency programs.

Unemployment Rates

In May, 2022 Greene County had an unemployment rate of 3.1%, lower than the unemployment rate for May, 2021, and significantly lower than May 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Report Area	May 2018	May 2019	May 2020	May 2021	May 2022
Greene County, NY	4.1%	3.9%	12.4%	4.8%	3.1%
New York	3.6%	3.5%	16.5%	7.0%	4.1%
United States	3.6%	3.4%	13.0%	5.5%	3.4%

Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2022 - May. Source geography: County



Wages

In June, 2021 the average weekly wage for an employed Greene County resident was \$1,035 or approximately \$25.88 per hour for a 40-hour work week. The majority (70%) of Greene County residents worked for a private employer, making an average of \$828 per week or \$20.70 per hour. Approximately 29% of residents are state/local government employees, with an average weekly wage of \$1,663, and an hourly wage of \$41.58, which compares with the New York State average state/local government weekly wage, and twice as much as

the private employee weekly wage. Less than 1% of residents in Greene County residents worked for the federal government with an average weekly wage of \$1,236 or \$30.90 per hour.

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
Greene County, NY	14,232	\$1,035	86	\$1,236	4,108	\$1,663.5	10,038	\$828
New York	8,885,368	\$1,540	113,939	\$1,724	1,274,225	\$1,694	7,497,204	\$1,525
United States	144,044,799	\$1,241	2,888,090	\$1,793	18,264,037	\$1,214	122,892,672	\$1,236

Data Source: US Department of Labor, [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#). Source geography: County

Living Wage

The living wage shown in the table below 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 \$13.20. In New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County it is \$15.00 per hour.

In Greene County, a single adult would need to earn an average weekly wage of \$16.02 an hour or \$640.80 a week to affordably maintain a household in the county. The cost to maintain a household for a single parent with one child doubles at \$31.68 an hour or \$1,267.20 a week, while a two-adult household is deemed affordable at \$12.36 an hour X 2 adults or \$988.80 a week. A household with two adults and one child is considered affordable at \$17.44 an hour X 2 adults or \$1,395.20 total wages in a week.

The average weekly wage of \$1,035 or \$25.88 an hour falls significantly short of the \$31.68 an hour or \$1,267.20 weekly wage necessary to maintain a household for a family of one adult and one child living in Greene County. A single working parent making the average weekly wage would experience a significant income deficit in what they currently make compared to what it costs to live in the county.

This data further supports the ALICE data previously shared and offers perspective on the economic inequities minimum wage earners in Greene County are facing in their plight to secure and maintain a stable living situation for themselves and their families.

It also demonstrates a trend of economic vulnerability throughout Greene County regardless of employment, reinforcing community member survey respondents who reported not being able to afford the electric or heat bill (23%), and disclosing that they borrowed money from friends/family to pay bills (31.25%).

Report Area	One Adult	One Adult One Child	Two Adults	Two Adults One Child	Two Adults Two Children
Greene County, NY	\$16.02	\$31.68	\$12.36	\$17.44	\$22.79
New York	\$20.05	\$37.46	\$14.29	\$20.33	\$26.50

Data Source: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, [Living Wage Calculator](#). Source geography: County

Industries and Jobs in Demand

According to the Census Bureau, the most common employment sectors for those who live in Greene County, NY, are Health Care & Social Assistance (3,021 people), Retail Trade (2,823 people), and Manufacturing (1,876 people).

Information from the Greene County Economic Development Corporation notes the highest percent of in-county jobs are in schools systems and local governments (18.9%) followed by retail trade (15.1%) and hospitality and lodging (12.8%).

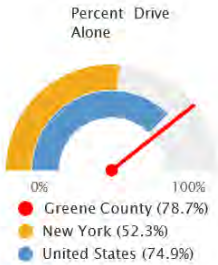
% of In-County Jobs	
Manufacturing/Construction/Transportation	12.0%
Retail Trade	15.1%
Hospitality & Lodging	12.8%
Professional & Technical Services	1.6%
Healthcare & Related Services	8.0%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	2.7%
School Systems & Local Governments	18.9%
Arts/Entertainment/Recreation	2.7%
Federal Agencies	0.6%
State Agencies & Prisons	11.1%
Wholesale Trade	5.4%
Utilities & Information	0.6%
All Other Businesses	8.5%

Source: Greene County E.D.C
<https://greenecountyedc.com/business-support/greene-county-ny/economic-indicators/#employment>

Transportation

This indicator shows the method of transportation workers used to travel to work in Greene County. Of the 20,399 workers in the report area, 78.7% drove to work alone while 8.1% carpooled. 1.3% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 3.0% walking or riding bicycles, and 1.7% used taxicabs to travel to work.

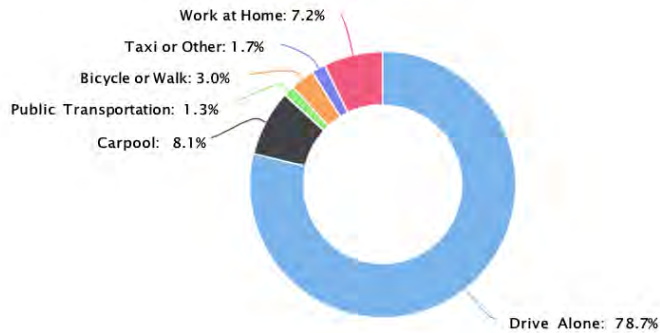
Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Percent Drive Alone	Percent Carpool	Percent Public Transportation	Percent Bicycle or Walk	Percent Taxi or Other	Percent Work at Home
Greene County, NY	20,399	78.7%	8.1%	1.3%	3.0%	1.7%	7.2%
New York	9,219,025	52.3%	6.4%	26.2%	6.7%	1.5%	6.9%
United States	153,665,654	74.9%	8.9%	4.6%	3.1%	1.3%	7.3%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-20. Source geography: County

Commuter Travel Patterns

Greene County, NY



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 no or limited public transportation options. According to the US Census Bureau, 2015-2019, 2.1% of Greene County households do not have a motor vehicle.

Consistent with proven causes and conditions of poverty in rural communities, transportation was identified as one of the top five pressing community needs by 95% of the board and staff of Community Action of Greene County, by 19% of community members, and 69% of community partners. During the customer focus group, one person said, "I cannot imagine living in Greene County without a car."

Of the community member survey respondents, 81% reported that a car was their primary mode of transportation. Taxi, walking, and relying on friends were also noted. Sixty-six (66) percent of the respondents responded that they were unable to afford gas, 53% noted they could not afford car repairs and 38% deemed public transportation not accessible or too expensive (15%).

The only form of public transportation in Greene County is Greene County Transit (GCT). According to their website, GCT operates six routes in the county, Monday through Friday, to Athens, Cairo, Coxsackie, Greenville, Palenville, up and down the 9W corridor and through the interior of Catskill. Weekly service is also provided to the areas of Hunter/Tannersville and Windham.

Transportation was noted as a significant need during the CAGC staff focus group. They indicated that the system is complicated and not user friendly, with the schedule being difficult to understand. Additionally, while service is provided throughout the county, the times are not accommodating, and the routes do not connect/overlap. Taking the bus requires hours to get to and back from appointments due to the limited times the buses travel. CAGC customers noted that getting to medical appointments in other "service areas" is particularly complicated and difficult.

In 2018, GTC drafted a *Greene County Coordinated Transportation Plan*. The report notes that among the needs of individuals with low-incomes include:

- The need for reliable, affordable and convenient transportation is needed for appointments and work.
- Extended Operational Hours for jobs which are typical 9-5 or other regular shift work, for jobs which are not typical hours and require overtime or "swing shift" hours, and for stores open later than 5pm or 6pm or 24 hours.
- The need for access to medical services, service and court ordered appointments.
- The need for convenient connecting services.
- The need for transportation services to/from neighboring counties, especially Albany, Columbia and Ulster.

One of the strategies to meet the unmet needs of individuals with low-incomes was to form a subcommittee in 2019, with key stakeholders and community representatives. The areas of focus – reliable, affordable and convenient transportation for appointments and work, affordable housing with accessible transportation routes, extended

operational hours, need for transportation services to/from neighboring Counties, access to continuing education, and need for extended Shuttle hours and service. The CEO of Community Action of Greene County is a member of the Greene County Transportation Advisory Council and the Greene County Rural Health network, and in this role, advocates for residents with limited income.

There are a small number of other transportation providers in the county, but they offer transportation to specific populations, such as veterans, seniors, individuals with disabilities, etc. Staff and customers both noted that taxi service is limited and expensive.

Housing

Housing Conditions

According to the US Census Bureau, there were 28,993 housing units Greene County in July 2021, an decrease of 340 housing units (or -1.16%) since 2012 compared to a 4.42% increase statewide.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 13,550 owner occupied homeowners of the estimated 29,746 housing units in the report area in 2020. This 45.55% is a decrease over the 72.15% owner occupied homes in 2000.

The ACS 2016-2020 estimates that Greene County has an aging housing stock, with 41% of the houses built before 1960, with 1969 the median year. Houses built in the 1970s and before have aluminum wiring and lead paint, which can expose serious safety and health risks to residents. Due to high energy costs, they can be expensive to maintain. The map indicates the oldest housing stock in the eastern part of the Town of Catskill and Catskill Village as well as the northern part of the Town of Hunter.

An equal number of respondents to the community member survey either owned their own home (28.57%) or rented (28.57%). Fifty Seven percent (57%) indicated their home needed either minor or major repairs, and 23% noted they cannot afford the needed repairs. Twenty five percent of community members survey respondents indicated home repairs as a need and 26.6% cited home repairs as a service they needed but had not received within the past 12 months.

Customers noted that for those who own their own homes, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is critical to being able to maintain their housing.

Report Area	Total Housing Units 2000	Owner Occupied Homes 2000	Owner Occupied Homes 2000	Total Housing Units 2020	Owner Occupied Homes 2020	Owner Occupied Homes 2020
Greene County, NY	18,256	13,171	72.15%	29,746	13,550	45.55%
New York	7,056,860	3,739,166	52.99%	8,362,971	4,014,516	48.00%
United States	105,480,101	69,815,753	66.19%	138,432,751	78,801,376	56.92%

This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-20. Source geography: County

Housing Age

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year built	Built After 2000	Built 1980 - 1999	Built 1960 - 1979	Built Before 1960
Greene County, NY	29,746	1969	3,838	7,309	6,397	12,202
New York	8,362,971	1957	785,574	1,166,189	1,873,589	4,537,619
United States	138,432,751	1978	27,470,857	37,714,151	35,317,337	37,930,406

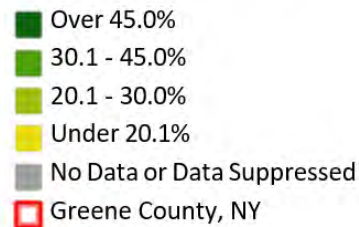
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#), 2016-20. Source geography: County



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Housing Constructed Before 1960, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20



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.

Board and staff of Community Action of Greene County cited safe, affordable housing as the second pressing need in the community (84.2%) (after transportation), citing the inadequacy of affordable housing, and soaring rent rates. Organizational partners of CAGC indicated safe and affordable housing as the number one need (69.2%) in the community. Only 12.5% of community members indicated safe and affordable housing as a need. During the staff and customer focus group, this was discussed and there were a couple of explanations:

- For months, until January 2022, there was an eviction moratorium in NY and many felt "safe"
- Some families may have resources from the pandemic to support them
- Survey respondents were in stable housing situations and not actively looking for housing

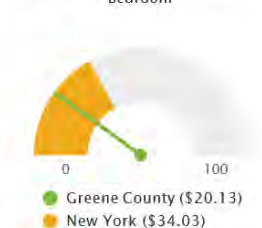
Although housing did not emerge as a top five need in the community member survey responses, 23% indicated not being able to find affordable housing as a recent problem. Both staff and customers noted that one bedrooms are being advertised locally for over \$1,000.

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
Greene County, NY	\$9.01	\$13.62	\$16.04	\$20.13	\$26.35	\$27.31
New York	\$26.67	\$27.93	\$29.31	\$34.03	\$43.11	\$46.70

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2021. Source geography: County

Hourly Wage Needed to Afford 2-Bedroom



Fair Market Rent

Fair market monthly rent for 2022 (0-4 bedrooms) is shown below.

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
Greene County, NY	\$725	\$832	\$1,030	\$1,284	\$1,397
New York	\$894.19	\$967.81	\$1,173.16	\$1,492.10	\$1,644.16

Data Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2022. Source geography: County

Vacancy Rates

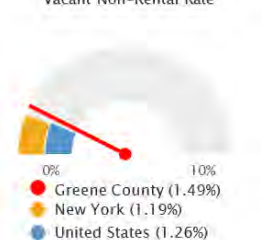
The U.S. Census Bureau provides vacancy data based on American Community Survey 5-year estimates (2016 - 2020). Greene County has 214 units and includes those for rent and rented but not occupied, which is a rental housing vacancy rate of 0.72%, in comparison the state rate is 2.19%. Vacant other housing totals 11,409 units and includes those used for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use, as well as units used for migrant workers. In Greene County, that is an other housing vacancy rate of 38.35%; in comparison the state rate is 7.93%.

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Vacant Non-Rental	Vacant Non-Rental Rate	Vacant Rental	Vacant Rental Rate	Vacant Other	Vacant Other Rate
Greene County, NY	29,746	442	1.49%	214	0.72%	11,409	38.35%
New York	8,362,971	99,509	1.19%	182,797	2.19%	663,441	7.93%
United States	138,432,751	1,747,251	1.26%	3,265,187	2.36%	11,066,094	7.99%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-20. Source geography: County

Vacant Non-Rental Rate



Since the pandemic, Greene County home prices have been on the rise and properties for sale have become more scarce. In August 2021, the *Times Union* reported that home prices in Greene County rose 40% in 12 months. In March, 2022, the *Hudson Valley 360* reported that Greene County's median sales price for homes sold in 2021 rose from \$170,000 in 2017 to \$287,000 in 2021. The towns of Hunter, Tannersville, Catskill, and Athens are in highest demanded for real estate. Many Greene County home buyers are from the NYC area, purchasing first or second homes.

During the focus group, CAGC staff noted the decrease in rental units and the struggle that families with low income

have with finding a suitable, with an increase in Air BnBs throughout the county having an impact on available rental units. The increase in Air BnBs was also noted within customer group, and they stated that “locals have a hard time to buy a house.”

Section 8 Waiting Lists

As for Section 8, RUPCO, the Section 8 administering organization in Greene County, noted there are 385 Housing Choice Vouchers available for Greene County, at present 329 have been issued; 56 are available, and are in the process of being distributed. The current wait list is 1-5 years, with a preference for homeless persons. RUPCO staff acknowledged that people are having difficulty finding housing with the vouchers, due to high rents and/or landlords being unwilling to make necessary repairs.

Point in Time Homeless

Point-in-time counts (collected January 28, 2021) by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Assistance Programs are provided for Greene County for emergency shelter homeless.

NOTE: CoC areas can be made up of multiple counties. Numbers listed for those areas with "Included CoC Counties" are the sum of all homeless counted in those counties.

Emergency Shelter Homeless Count

Report Area	Included CoC Counties	Household Without Children	Household At Least 1 Adult 1 Child	Household With Only Children	Persons Without Children	Persons At Least 1 Adult 1 Child	Persons With Only Children
Greene County, NY	Columbia	69	15	0	69	42	0
New York	No data	4,000	1,075	45	4,170	3,575	46

Data Source: [US Department of Housing and Urban Development](#).

In 2021, HUD gave communities the option to cancel or modify the unsheltered survey portion of their counts based on the potential risk of COVID-19 transmission associated with conducting an in -person survey. As a result, HUD has excluded the unsheltered population sub-totals and all unsheltered sub-population data for this reporting period. The user is cautioned that the unsheltered and total homeless counts reported here may be missing data.

Community Action of Greene County provides prevention and rapid rehousing services to homeless and at-risk individuals through STEHP (solutions to end homelessness program), ESG (emergency shelter grants) as well as other funding sources.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

In January, 2022, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 303 persons living in Greene County were receiving TANF benefits at a cost of \$134,256, or \$443.09 per recipient. Children received 57% of the benefits compared to 43% of adults.

Report Area	Recipients Total	Recipients Children	Recipients Adults	Cases	Expenditures Total	Expenditures Per Case	Expenditures Per Person
Greene County, NY	303	174	129	186	\$134,256	\$721.81	\$443.09
New York	490,402	215,585	274,817	270,922	\$166,611,333	\$614.98	\$339.74

Data Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance](#). Source geography: County

Through Community Action of Greene County's Family and Community Services Department, staff work with income-eligible individuals and families in crisis or struggling to make ends meet, alleviating fundamental causes and conditions of poverty through various programs such as:

- Emergency and Mobile Food Pantry, and Free Farm Stand
- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Prevention and rapid rehousing services to homeless and at-risk individuals
- Car repairs, bus passes, hot water heater repairs, and utility payments
- Education, case management, budget counseling, and support
- Employment opportunities and job and apartment search support
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
- Clothing and goods through the community thrift store

Childcare

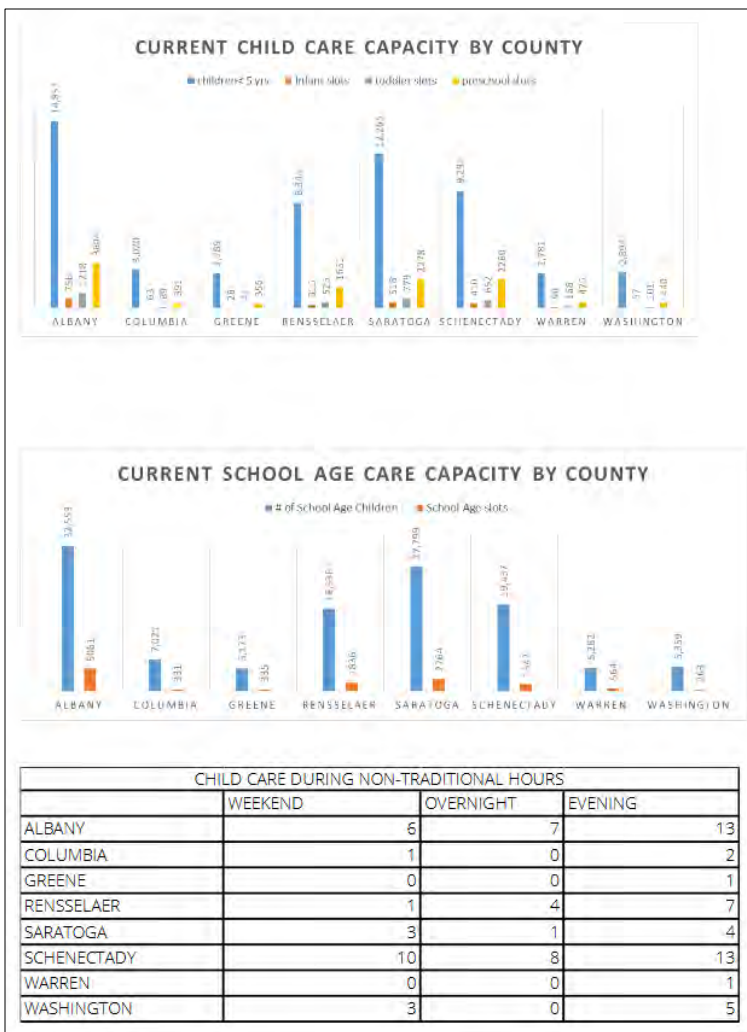
Safe, affordable childcare has historically been cited as one of the primary barriers to employment for many individuals and families, especially for families with low income. Board, staff, volunteer and community partner survey respondents cited child care as one of the top three needs in Greene County. Eighteen percent of community members indicated it as a need. For those who needed child care, half of them said they use parents, family, friends, or neighbors to meet their child care needs. Child Care also came up as a need during the focus group with CAGC staff.

While child care before the pandemic was challenging to locate and difficult to afford for families with moderate and low income, since the pandemic, there is a child care crisis in the country and in New York. A recent report, *Rebuilding Our Future: Child Care Closures in New York During the Pandemic*, notes that 3,524 child care programs closed across New York between January 2020-July 2022. While 2,198 new programs opened, the state was left with 1,326 fewer programs than at the start of the pandemic. The programs most affected were in-home child care programs (known as family or group family child care). Ultimately, this means that New York child care providers can offer care to 10,554 fewer children than before the pandemic. According to the report, Greene County had a total childcare capacity (all ages, and all types of programs) of 926 in 2020. The capacity in 2022 is 634, a loss of 292 slots with a -32% change. Tioga County at -35% and Columbia County at -34% are the only two counties with a greater loss than Greene County. The total capacity change specifically for Family and Group Family Child Care was a loss of 44 (23%) in the county.

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) indicates there are 24 daycare sites in Greene County licensed by OCFS: 9 Family Day Cares, 6 Day Care Centers, 5 Group Family Day Cares, and 4 School Age Child Care.

Recently, OCFS released Child Care Desert Grants for new providers and existing providers. The standard definition of a child care desert involves not having enough licensed/registered child day care slots to adequately serve the number of children in a geographic area. A summary by OCFS indicates that in Greene County, Coxsackie and Athens have little or no available child care.

The data below shows current childcare, school-age care capacity, and child care during non-traditional hours in counties within the Capital District Region, which includes Greene County.



Source: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/assets/docs/deserts/CCD-Priorities-CapitalDistrict.pdf>

After School and Summer Recreational Programs

Afterschool programs in New York provide a vital service for working parents and keep youth safe and help avoid risky behaviors. The Afterschool Alliance notes that the unmet demand for both afterschool and summer programs in New York is high. For every child in afterschool, four are waiting for an available program. Furthermore, in 2019, 666,896 children (23%) would have been enrolled in a summer program if one were available to them. As indicated above, there are 4 after-school programs in Greene County.

Summer recreation was cited as a need by 18.75% of community member survey respondents, and 20% indicated it was an unmet need. This came up as a significant need during the staff focus group, with staff noting that there are limited hours for programs that do exist, and no transportation, making finding recreational opportunities for youth a challenge for parents during the summer months.

Child Protective Services

Child abuse and maltreatment, as defined by the NYS Kids' Well-being Indicators Clearinghouse (KWIC), represents an impairment or imminent danger of impairment of a child's physical, mental, or emotional condition due to the failure of a parent, guardian, or another person legally responsible for the child to exercise a minimum degree of care toward the child. This involves the failure to provide a minimum degree of care regarding a child's basic needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education, or proper supervision or guardianship.

KWIC reported that Greene County indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment affected 267 children ages 0-17 in 2015 compared to 207 in 2020. The percentage of children impacted in Greene County in 2020 was 27.1%, significantly higher than the New York State rate of children affected at 14.6%. This was a decrease from 28.6% in 2015.

Foster Care

Foster care is often provided as a solution for children whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them due to either serious family illness, financial or marital issues, the conviction of a crime, or child abuse and maltreatment. The foster parent assumes day-to-day care for the child, while the birth parents maintain legal guardianship. Data show that children in foster care are more apt to be from lower-income families and that a large percentage of children in foster care are placed there by Child Protective Services because the child has been abused or neglected. Studies show children in foster care have more chronic illnesses and behavioral, emotional, and developmental problems than children cared for in a stable family setting. In 2015, 66 children in Greene County ages 0-21 lived in foster care. In 2020 that number decreased to 59. The KWIC reports a higher rate of foster children in care in Greene County than in NY, with a rate of 5.5 per 1,000 children in 2020 in Greene County compared with a 3.0 rate in New York State.

Health Care

The Robert Wood Foundation publishes a yearly report with county health ranking across the country. In 2022, Greene County is ranked 51 out of 62 counties for both health outcomes (length and quality of life) and health factors (community conditions such as health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic, and physical environment). This ranking places Greene County among the least healthy counties in New York.

Health and Nutrition

An individual's social and economic situation significantly affects their overall 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.

Community Action of Greene County has an emergency food pantry located in Catskill and also has a mobile food pantry that delivers food one day each week to different parts of the county. Recipients of the mobile pantry include homeless individuals located in motels, seniors with limited or no transportation, and individuals and families who were in quarantine. In addition to the emergency food and mobile pantries, CAGC recently opened a “Free Farm Stand” each Tuesday afternoon that offers fresh produce.

Food insecurity was evidenced through survey responses. It presented as the top need among community member survey respondents, with 26% stating that food assistance was an unmet need. Fifty-eight percent (58%) of respondents indicated they had skipped or cut the size of a meal because there was not enough food within the past 12 months. Of the respondents, 53% indicated they utilized SNAP, 46% used a food pantry, 38% relied on family, friends and neighbors for food assistance, and 23% had taken advantage of mobile food distributions, and school breakfast/lunch programs. Fifty-three percent also indicated their household had to choose between buying food, or paying a bill to meet other basic needs. Additionally, 38% of respondents indicated they were not so confident or not at all confident they would be able to afford the kinds of food needed for the next month.

During the customer focus group, food insecurity emerged as a need, specifically around the lack of nutritious foods at some pantries. It was also noted that the availability of fresh herbs would be positive to potentially encourage cooking. The staff expressed surprise that food assistance was cited as a significant unmet need, noting that CAGC's pantry serves about 180 individuals every month. The Regional Food Bank lists 20 food pantries in Greene County. The New York State Community Health Indicators Reports (CHIRS) indicates that 6.0% of the population in Greene County are low-income and have low access to supermarket or large grocery store.

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

The table below shows the number of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program during January 2020. 72.72% of the students in Greene County were eligible for free or reduced lunches, compared to a statewide rate of 74.75%.

Report Area	Total Student Enrollment (January, 2019)	Students Eligible	Percent of Students Eligible
Greene County, NY	5,693	4,140	72.72%
New York	3,058,426	2,286,046	74.75%

Note: This Indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: New York State Education Department. Source geography: County

Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch



Free and Reduced Lunch Program by School

Across the county, 4,007 (71.6%) children were eligible for free lunch, while 63 students (1.1%) were eligible for reduced lunch. The school district with the highest concentration of children eligible for free lunch was the Hunter-Tannersville and the Cairo-Durham school districts, at 84.8% and 80.6%, respectively. The school district with the smallest percentage of children eligible for free or reduced lunch was Greenville Central School District at 33.8%.

County Name	School Food Authority	Enrollment	Free Eligible	Free Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Free and Reduced
Greene County	Cairo-Durham CSD	1,236	996	80.6%	0	0%	80.6%
Greene County	Catskill CSD	1,413	1,057	74.8%	0	0%	74.8%
Greene County	Coxsackie-Athens CSD	1,248	1,248	100%	0	0%	100%
Greene County	Greenville CSD	1,123	328	29.2%	52	4.6%	33.8%
Greene County	Hunter-Tannersville CSD	362	307	84.8%	0	0%	84.8%
Greene County	Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD	311	141	45.3%	11	3.5%	48.9%
Greene County	Greene County Total	5,693	4,077	71.6%	63	1.1%	72.7%
New York State	Total	3,058,426	2,239,847	73.2%	46,199	1.5%	74.7%

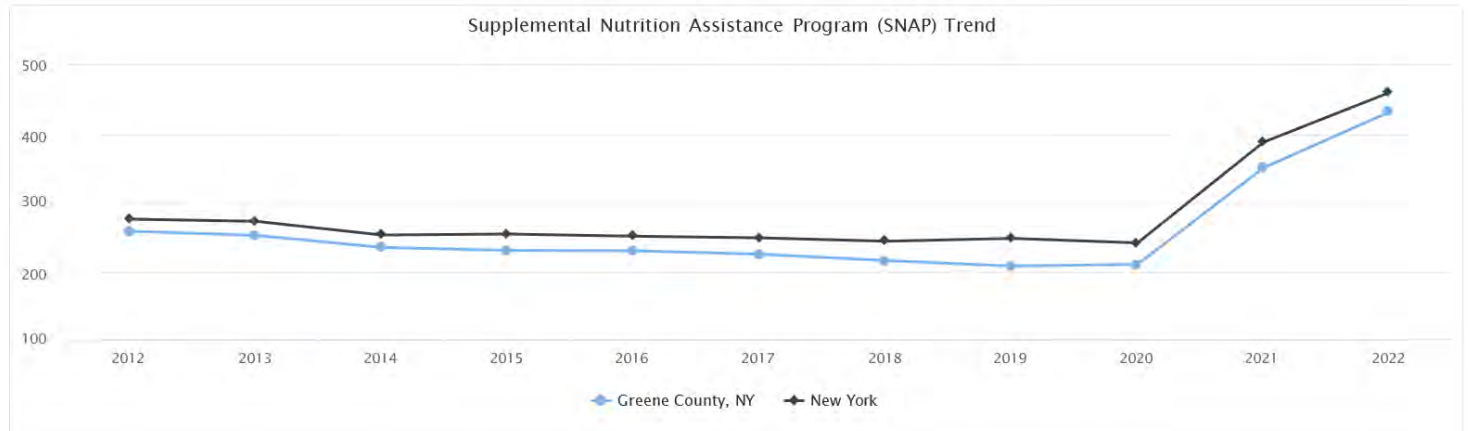
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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

In January 2022, the New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) reported that 2,758 households were receiving SNAP benefits totaling \$1,191,567, or \$432.04 per household, demonstrating a need for 4,498 persons. The SNAP benefit per household has increased from \$257.55 to \$432.04 over the last 11 years.

Report Area	Household Receiving Benefits Total	Household Receiving Benefits Temp	Household Receiving Benefits Non-Temp	Persons Receiving Benefits Total	Persons Receiving Benefits Temp	Persons Receiving Benefits Non- Temp	Benefits Issued Total	Benefits Issued Temp	Benefits Issued Non-Temp	Benefits Per Household
Greene County, NY	2,758	840	1,918	4,498	978	3,520	\$1,191,567	\$294,713	\$896,854	\$432.04
New York	1,626,534	628,932	997,602	2,808,646	900,291	1,908,355	\$749,239,287	\$258,451,503	\$490,787,784	\$460.64

Data Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance](#). Source geography: County



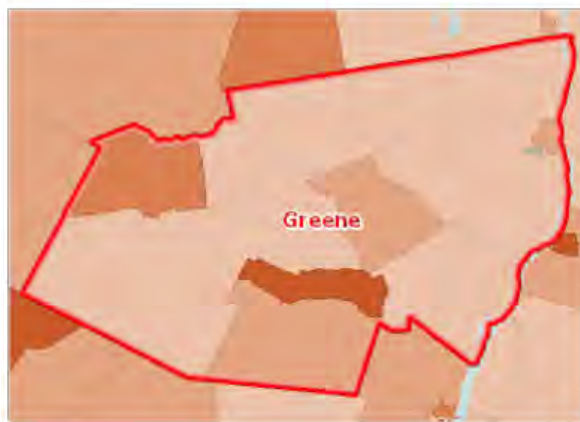
Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)

According to the American Community Survey (ACS), 1,148 (or 6.49%) of households in Greene County received SNAP payments during 2020. During this same period, there were 1,565 households with income levels below the poverty level that were not receiving SNAP payments. The largest concentration of households receiving SNAP benefits lived in the northern part of the Town of Hunter.

Report Area	Households Receiving SNAP Total	Households Receiving SNAP Percent	Households Receiving SNAP Income Below Poverty	Households Receiving SNAP Income Above Poverty	Households Not Receiving SNAP Total	Households Not Receiving SNAP Percent	Households Not Receiving SNAP Income Below Poverty	Households Not Receiving SNAP Income Above Poverty
Greene County, NY	1,148	6.49%	535	613	16,533	93.51%	1,565	14,968
New York	1,057,725	14.26%	506,327	551,398	6,359,499	85.74%	497,880	5,861,619
United States	13,892,407	11.35%	6,370,420	7,521,987	108,461,812	88.65%	8,942,077	99,519,735

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#), 2016-20. Source geography: County

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits, Percent by Tract, ACS 2016-20



[View larger map](#)

Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)

According to the NYS Department of Health, there were 14 HPNAP sites in Greene County in 2018-2019, the most recent data available. The chart below notes the number of meals provided.

County	Sites ⁽¹⁾	Children ⁽²⁾	Adults ⁽³⁾	Elderly ⁽⁴⁾	RFAs ⁽⁵⁾	Meals ⁽⁶⁾
Greene	14	12,147	19,776	4,263	36,186	288,234

Source: https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/prevention/nutrition/hpnap/services_provided.htm

Health Insurance

According to the *2019-2021 Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Strategy Community Health Improvement Plan and Community Service Plan for Columbia and Greene Counties, NY*, both Columbia and Greene Counties have lower rates of uninsured people at 6%, than the rest of NYS at 7%. The five year ACS Census data indicates of those employed, 5.2% do not have health insurance while 12.5% of unemployed individuals don't have health insurance. (NYSCAA Poverty Report). The New York State Community Health Indicators Reports (CHIRS) indicates that 83% of adults 18 and older have a regular health care provider.

Medicare and Medicaid Providers

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were three active Medicare and Medicaid institutional service providers in Greene County in the third quarter of 2020.

Report Area	Total Institutional Providers	Hospitals	Nursing Facilities	Federally Qualified Health Centers	Rural Health Clinics	Community Mental Health Centers
Greene County, NY	3	0	2	0	0	0
New York	2,482	223	613	519	46	0
United States	77,398	7,292	15,269	10,382	4,894	129

Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [Provider of Services File](#). September 2020. Source geography: County

Mental Health

Prevent Mental and Substance Use Disorders is a part of the Greene County Prevention Agenda Priority, as indicated in the *2019-2021 Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Strategy Community Health Improvement Plan and Community Service Plan for Columbia and Greene Counties, NY* report.

Mental health services was among the top 5 needs for all groups that responded to the needs assessment survey, and providers indicated a need for more mental health supports . Twenty percent (20%) of the community member respondents said they did not receive needed mental health care. The main reasons being it cost too much (27.27%) or the doctor did not accept insurance or Medicaid (27.7%). The New York State Community Health Indicators Reports (CHIRS) notes that 10.6% of adults did not receive medical care because of costs in 2018.

A third of the community member survey respondents indicated that they had felt nervous or anxious, had felt depressed or had little interest in doing things over the past several days. The CHIRS report indicates 16.4% of adults, age 18 and over) who reported poor mental health for 14 or more days in the past month, compared to 11.2 in NYS (2018).

According to the *2019-2021 Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Strategy Community Health Improvement Plan and Community Service Plan for Columbia and Greene Counties, NY* Greene County drug use is ranked 7th and mental health is ranked 4th. In Greene, the rate of poor mental health days was 41% higher than the rest of upstate.

The focus group with CAGC staff focused on the need for a more comprehensive care coordination system including mental health services.

The table below shows the number of Mental Health Professionals for Greene County. There are 0.38 mental health professionals per 1000 persons in the county; the statewide average is 0.62 mental health professionals per 1000 persons.



A dashboard compiled by a collaboration between the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Bureau of Health Care Analytics, Vital Statistics Program, and Bureau of Occupational Health & Injury Prevention shows that Greene County has a death rate of 15.5 per 100,000 population, giving it a percentile ranking between 75th-100th. . The data source for the deaths by suicide dashboards shows the vital statistics mortality data for 2016, 2017, and 2018.



Dental Health

The table below shows the number of Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Certified Dental Assistants in Greene County. There are 1.50 dental professionals per 1000 persons in Greene County; the statewide average is 1.39 dental professionals per 1000 persons.

Thirty percent (30%) of the community member respondents said they did not receive needed dental care.

Report Area	Dentists	Dental Hygienists	Certified Dental Assistants	Dental Professionals per 1,000 Persons
Greene County, NY	14	44	13	1.50
New York	14,975	10,586	1,524	1.39

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, New York State Education Department, 2021. Source geography: County

Dental Professionals, Rate per 1,000 Population

● Greene County, NY (1.50)
● New York (1.39)

Healthy Women, Infant and Children

According to the *Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Strategy Community Health Improvement Plan and Community Service Plan for Columbia and Greene Counties, NY*, some health items to note:

- Greene County's early prenatal care rate of 75.2% was lower than NYS excluding New York City (NYC) (78.4%);
- The rate of premature births (< 37 weeks gestation) of 9.7% was higher than NYS excluding NYC (9.1%), but decreased 30% from 2010 to 2016
- The County's rate of low birthweight (< 2.5 kg.) of 8.0% was higher than NYS excluding NYC (7.7%), but decreased 8% from 2010 to 2016;
- Greene County WIC mothers had a 6 month breast feeding rate of 18.4%, much lower than the NYS, excluding NYC, rate of 30.7%

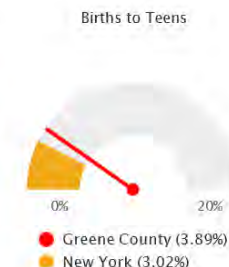
Teen Births

Problems associated with adolescent pregnancy are well-documented. Teenage pregnancy often leads to dropping out of school, marriage ending in divorce, poverty and dependence on public assistance, a greater risk of infant mortality, poor health, and lower cognitive development in children born to teenage mothers. In 2019, 14, or 3.89% of all births were to women under the age of 20 in Greene County, slightly higher than the state (3.02%).

Report Area	Age Under 15	Age 15 to 17	Age 18 to 19	Total Live Births	Births to Teens	Births to Teens
Greene County, NY	0	2	12	360	14	3.89%
New York	58	1,582	5,012	220,536	6,652	3.02%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: New York State Department of Health. Source geography: County



Domestic Violence

GREENE COUNTY						
DCJS, Uniform Crime Reporting System (as of 5/31/2022)						
		Intimate Partner			OTHER FAMILY VICTIM	TOTAL
		FEMALE VICTIM	MALE VICTIM	TOTAL		
County Total	Agg Assault	0	0	0	4	4
	Simple Assault	24	1	25	17	42
	Sex Offense	0	0	0	6	6
	Violate Protection Order	2	0	2	1	3
	Total	26	1	27	28	55
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS REPORTED IN 2020						
GREENE COUNTY						
DCJS, Uniform Crime Reporting System (as of 6/14/2021)						
		Intimate Partner			OTHER FAMILY VICTIM	TOTAL
		FEMALE VICTIM	MALE VICTIM	TOTAL		
County Total	Agg Assault	4	0	4	2	6
	Simple Assault	25	6	31	13	44
	Sex Offense	1	0	1	4	5
	Violate Protection Order	1	4	5	1	6
	Total	31	10	41	20	61
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS REPORTED IN 2019						
GREENE COUNTY						
		Intimate Partner			OTHER FAMILY VICTIM	TOTAL
		FEMALE VICTIM	MALE VICTIM	TOTAL		
County Total	Agg Assault	3	2	5	6	11
	Simple Assault	26	1	27	19	46
	Sex Offense	0	0	0	4	4
	Violate Protection Order	3	1	4	0	4
	Total	32	4	36	29	65

CAGC provides Domestic Violence Services, ranging from safe dwellings and crisis intervention to aftercare services and transitional housing in both Greene and Columbia Counties. According to the United Nations, “Domestic abuse also called “domestic violence” or “intimate partner violence”, can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Abuse is physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure, or wound someone. Domestic abuse can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. It can occur within a range of relationships, including couples who are married, living together or dating. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels.”

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services identifies domestic violence victims by their relationship to the offender and are categorized by the following;

Intimate Partner (Female/Male) which includes spouse, ex-

spouse, and those in an intimate relationship (including dating or formerly dating relationships, whether or not the intimate partners had ever lived together).

Other Family which includes sibling, child, grandparent, grandchild, in-law, stepparent, stepsibling, and other blood and in-law relationships.

The charts show domestic violence data for Greene and Columbia Counties in 2019, 2020, and 2022. In Greene County, of the three years of data, 2019 has the most significant number of victims at 65 (36 intimate partner and 29 other family victims), with the largest number of victims reported by the Greene County Sheriff (32) or the Catskill Village Police Department (18). In 2020, of the total 61 victims, 22 were reported by the Catskill Village Police Department and the Greene County Sheriff (16). Greene County had a total of 27 intimate partner victims and 8 other family victims in 2021, fewer than both 2020 and 2019, with the same pattern of where the crimes were reported:

Catskill Village and Greene County Sheriff. During the three years, there were more intimate partner victims in 2020.

COLUMBIA COUNTY						
DCJS, Uniform Crime Reporting System (as of 5/31/2022)						
Intimate Partner						
		FEMALE VICTIM	MALE VICTIM	TOTAL	OTHER FAMILY VICTIM	TOTAL
County Total	Agg Assault	5	3	8	5	13
	Simple Assault	50	20	70	32	102
	Sex Offense	5	0	5	9	14
	Violate Protection Or	6	1	7	4	11
	Total	66	24	90	50	140
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS REPORTED IN 2020						
COLUMBIA COUNTY						
DCJS, Uniform Crime Reporting System (as of 6/14/2021)						
Intimate Partner						
		FEMALE VICTIM	MALE VICTIM	TOTAL	OTHER FAMILY VICTIM	TOTAL
County Total	Agg Assault	4	3	7	7	14
	Simple Assault	58	24	82	57	139
	Sex Offense	3	0	3	6	9
	Violate Protection Order	2	0	2	13	15
	Total	67	27	94	83	177
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS REPORTED IN 2019						
COLUMBIA COUNTY						
Intimate Partner						
		FEMALE VICTIM	MALE VICTIM	TOTAL	OTHER FAMILY VICTIM	TOTAL
County Total	Agg Assault	3	0	3	7	10
	Simple Assault	61	11	72	54	126
	Sex Offense	1	0	1	13	14
	Violate Protection Order	6	0	6	2	8
	Total	71	11	82	76	158

Columbia County had a greater number of victims of domestic violence during the same time period than Greene County, and also has a population of 61,570 compared to the population of Greene County of 47,931. Like Greene County, Columbia County had fewer domestic violence victims in 2021. There was also a noticeable uptick in cases in 2020 in the county in both intimate partner and other family victims. Each year, most cases were reported by the Columbia County Sheriff or the Hudson Police Department.

Violent Crime and Property Crime

According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, a total of 0 murders, 165 assaults, 2 robberies and 25 rapes occurred in Greene County in 2020. Regarding property crime, a total of 57 burglaries, 288 incidents of larceny, and 12 automotive thefts were recorded in 2020 in the county.

Community Engagement and Consumer Input and Involvement

Surveys

CAGC provided community members with a link to a Community Member Survey. The link was also distributed to individuals and families receiving CAGC services and posted on the agency's Facebook page. Twenty-five community member surveys were submitted through the spring and summer of 2022. The survey asked several questions and inquired about what CAGC customers saw as their top five household needs in the last twelve months (reflected below), what services were needed but not received in the past twelve months (food assistance, financial assistance, heating and utility assistance, youth programs, and summer recreation programs), and what issues they have faced over the previous twelve months, among other questions.

CAGC distributed a Community Partner survey link to organizations across Greene County. Thirteen surveys were submitted in April and May, 2022. The survey asked community partners what they viewed as the top five pressing needs in the community (reflected below). More than half of the community partners responding (54.55%) indicated there is a benefit from a partnership or enhanced collaboration with CAGC.

CAGC electronically distributed a Board, Staff, and Volunteer survey link to CAGC board members, staff, and volunteers. Twenty (20) surveys were submitted through March and April, 2022. The survey consisted of seventeen questions and asked what the Board, staff, and volunteers view as the: community's top five greatest needs (reflected below); the five most challenging community issues in the next three years; and future growth opportunities, among other questions.

TOP 5 NEEDS - COMPARISON BY SURVEY GROUP		
Top 5 PRESSING Needs Board, Staff, & Volunteers	TOP 5 HOUSEHOLD Needs Community Members	TOP 5 PRESSING Needs Community Partners
Transportation – 94.74%	Food Assistance – 50%	Safe, Affordable Housing – 69.23%
Safe, Affordable Housing – 84.21%	Weatherization – 31.25%	Transportation – 69.23%
Child Care – 52.63%	Health Care, Heating/Utility Assistance/ Home Repairs/ Mental Health Services - 25%	Child Care – 61.45%
Mental Health Services – 47.37%	Child Care/ Financial Assistance/ Senior Citizens Services/ Summer recreation Programs/ Transportation/ Other – 18.75%	Mental Health Services -46.15%
Job Skills / Employment Training -36.84%	Dental Care/ Family Counseling/ Parenting Education/ Safe, Affordable Housing/ Veterans Services/ Home Repairs – 12.50%	Health Care – 38.46% Substance Abuse Assistance – 38.46%
Financial Assistance and Food Assistance - 31.58%		Senior Citizens Services – 30.77% Youth Programs – 30.77%
Healthcare – 26.32%		

Focus Groups

NYSCAA staff facilitated two in person focus groups, engaging CAGC staff and CAGC customers in July 2022. NYSCAA staff shared a PowerPoint presentation of the survey respondent demographics and key survey findings, followed by facilitated dialogue amongst participants regarding the survey results. Participants perceived and experienced causes and conditions of poverty within Greene County, and their views on gaps in services and future opportunities were discussed and documented. Community members, partners, customers, staff, and board members'

insights, perspectives, and disclosures are apparent throughout this community needs assessment report and will be further employed to support the agency strategic plan in moving forward.

Customer Satisfaction

Customer Satisfaction data was collected in-house throughout the year in 2022, and satisfaction questions were included in the needs survey for customers of CAGC. According to the in-house data, of the 50 individuals who responded to the satisfaction survey, all indicated they felt welcomed, were treated in a timely manner and with respect, and their needs were met. Sixty-four percent noted they were informed about other CAGC services or community services.

In response to satisfaction questions on the community members survey, customers were overwhelmingly positive about CAGC, with 87% indicating they received the information/services they needed, and 91% noted staff listened and treated them with respect. Comments further illustrate the dedication and commitment of CAGC employees: "Every person here is friendly and treats us with dignity/respect/care/empathy!" "I have always had excellent interactions with the director and staff at CAGC. Respect, efficiency, kindness, easy explanations are the norm at CAGC. I often recommend CAGC to others."

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