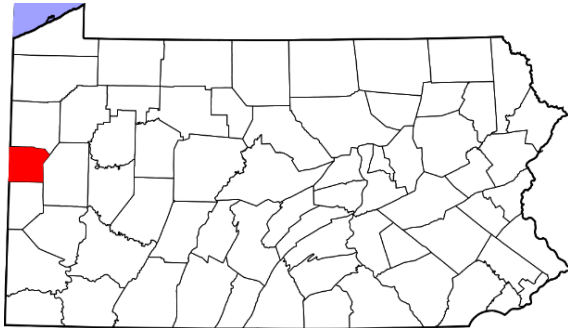


COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT FOR LAWRENCE COUNTY, PA

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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Lawrence County Community Action Partnership's (LCCAP) purpose in conducting a Community Needs Assessment is to examine both the strengths of the community and its areas for improvement. Through the Community Needs Assessment, LCCAP will be able to develop a clear understanding of Lawrence County and develop proactive plans with community partners to address any areas of concern.

The Community Needs Assessment will examine the basic composition of the County, the key partnerships and collaborations held by LCCAP, and key indicators of the area's quality of life.

The availability of assets, affordability of the indicator, and quality of each indicator will be examined. This examination will highlight the resources available to Lawrence County residents as well as clarify any areas of need that if developed could improve services and resources in the County.

LCCAP Mission Statement

The partnership is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life within Lawrence County by eliminating and preventing the causes and effects of poverty by mobilizing and directing resources to assist, educate, and promote self-sufficiency.

Role of the Community Action Agency

Community Action Agencies (CAAs) are nonprofit organizations established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty. Their mission is to help people help themselves in achieving self-sufficiency.

LCCAP is the designated community action agency of Lawrence County and is also part of a larger CAA Network: National Community Action Partnership, National Community Action Foundation, Community Action Association of Pennsylvania, and regional CAA partner collaborations.

LCCAP Profile

LCCAP is comprised of three agencies: Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (LCSS), Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. (ACTS), and United Community Services, Inc. (UCS). These three agencies are housed together, intermingling programming, leveraging funding streams, and embodied under the same fiscal management, thereby fostering efficient and effective communication across the organization.

The majority of LCCAP's programs and services are geared toward low-income individuals and families experiencing crisis and/or in need of services to overcome issues negatively impacting self-sufficiency such as employment, education, health, housing, transportation, and child care. LCCAP provides the above-mentioned services to a variety of populations across the lifespan, with some programs/services geared to meet the needs of certain cohorts such as infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, at-risk youth, older youth ages 16-24, senior citizens, disabled individuals, minorities, and veterans.

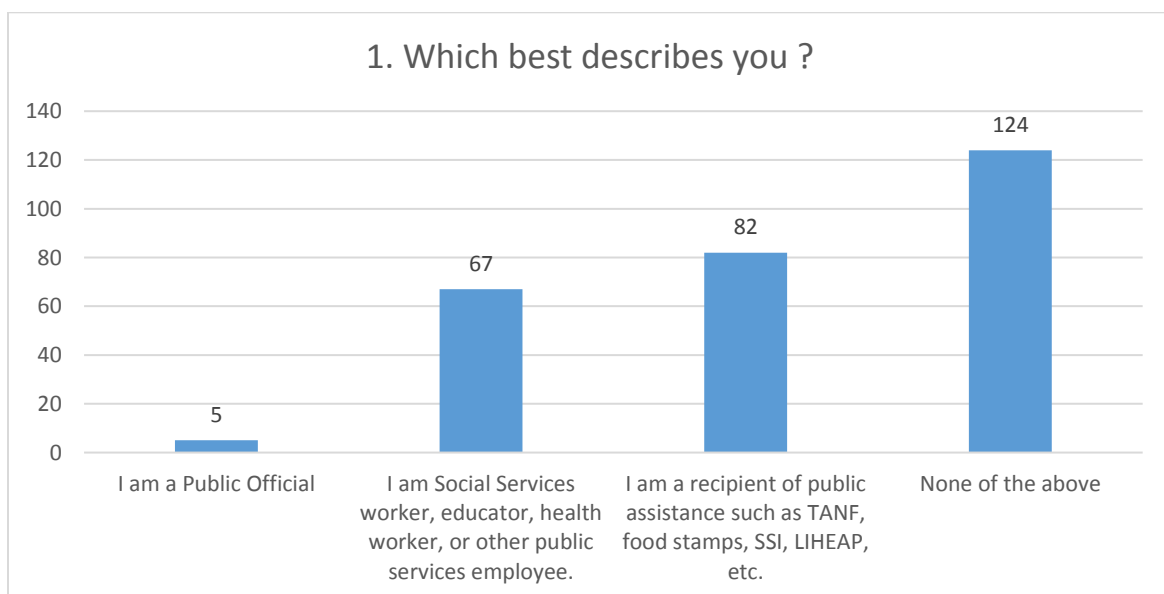
LCCAP has become the regional administrator of several programs, currently encompassing 27 counties across Pennsylvania.

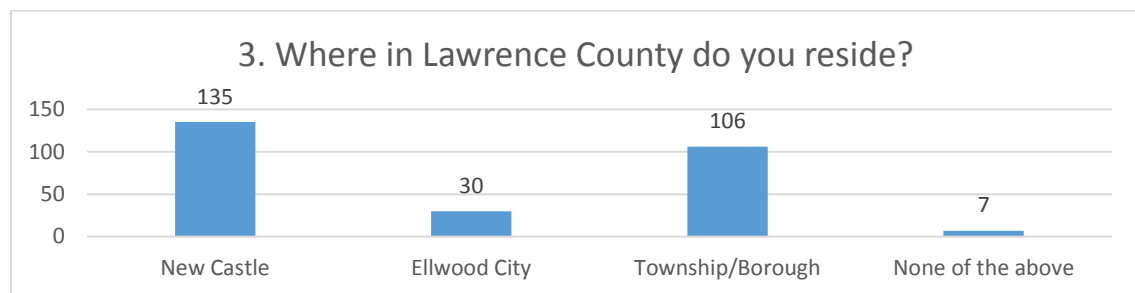
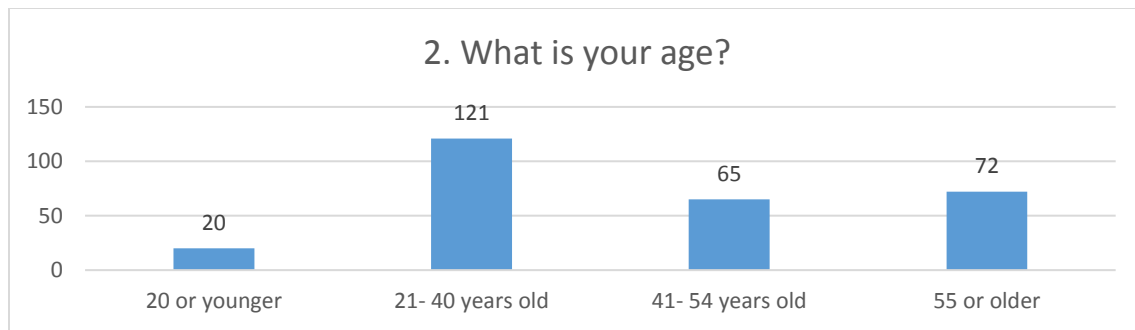
This community needs assessment will focus on Lawrence County only.

The Assessment Process

The choices about what to assess and how to undertake the assessment process engaged all key LCCAP decision-makers and other staff who are primary users of the information and analysis, including the Board of Directors. An assessment team was established and charged with the responsibility of the compilation and analysis of the data and information.

LCCAP's Assessment Team first developed a Community Needs Assessment Survey to poll community citizens to get public insight on priorities, needs, and gaps in services within Lawrence County. A total of 278 individuals representing all ages, sectors of the community, and both urban and rural areas of the community responded. Results are as follows:



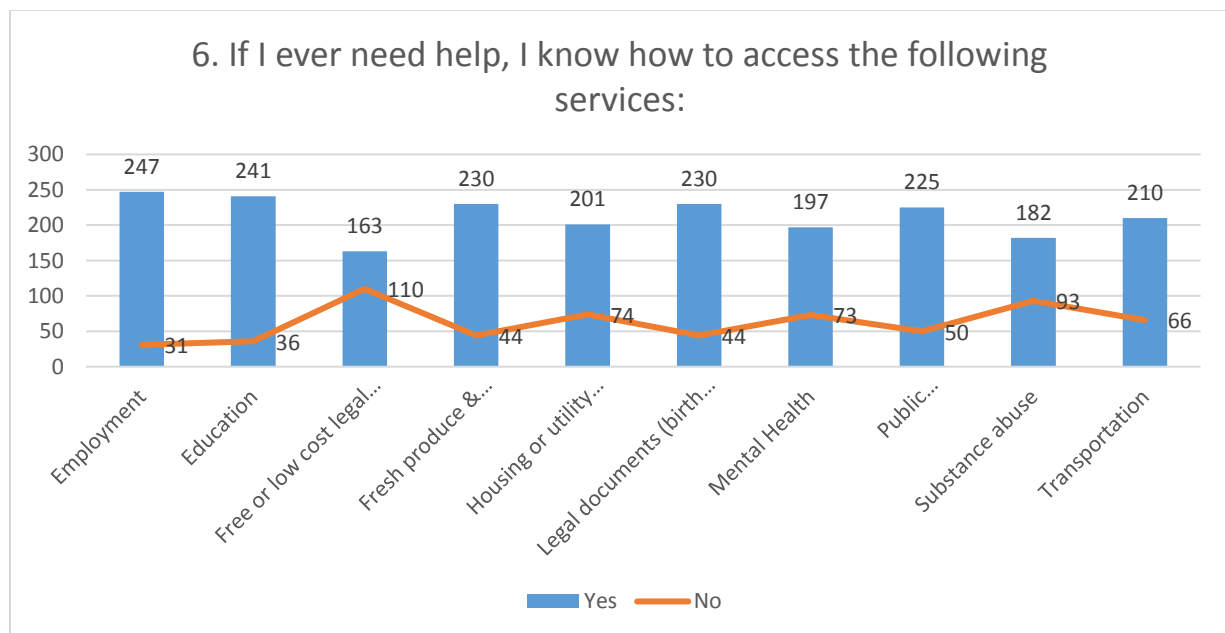


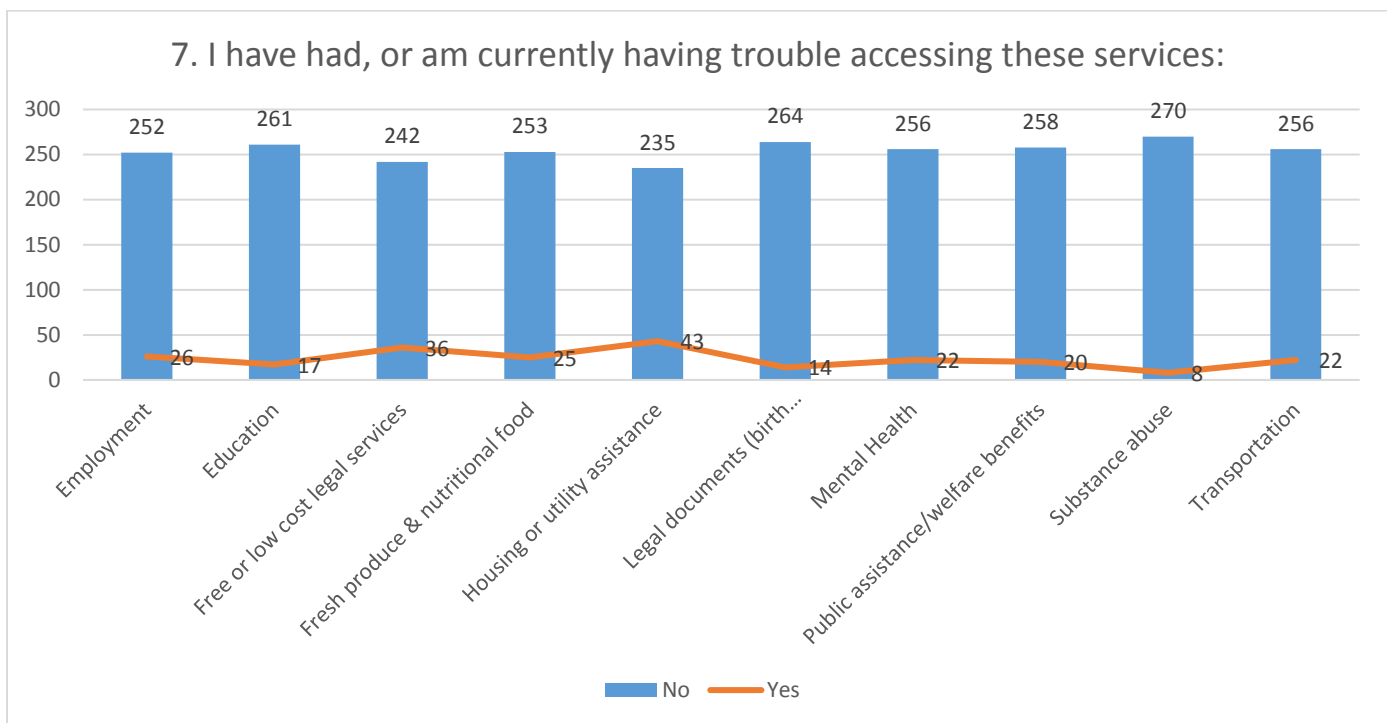
4. In your opinion, what are the greatest strengths and assets of Lawrence County?

Access to grocery stores and food	120	Mental health services	24
Charities & social services	101	Substance abuse & addiction services	21
Cost of living	96	Activities for youth	25
Churches	92	Mental health services	24
Hometown pride	61	Substance abuse & addiction services	21
Schools & academic institutions	59	Services & opportunities for the disabled	20
Caring community	44	Cultural diversity & race relations	14
Transportation options	43	Employment options and job security	11
Adequate & affordable housing options	35	Entertainment & social gatherings	11
Community events & activities	31	Safety & crime rate	10
Services & opportunities for the elderly	31	Recreational opportunities	8
Day care	30	Retail shopping options	8
Health care	27	Infrastructure (sewage, roads, etc.)	5
Activities for youth	25	Leadership	5

5. In your opinion, what are the most pressing/under-served needs of Lawrence County?

Employment options and job security	131
Activities for youth	108
Safety & crime rate	103
Hometown pride	97
Infrastructure (sewage, roads, etc.)	79
Retail shopping options	66
Leadership	53
Substance abuse & addiction services	51
Recreational opportunities	43
Community events & activities	39
Cost of living	37
Adequate & affordable housing options	36
Entertainment & social gatherings	31
Mental health services	31
Transportation options	30
Caring community	28
Health care	26
Cultural diversity & race relations	24
Schools & academic institutions	21
Services & opportunities for the disabled	21
Services & opportunities for the elderly	21
Access to grocery stores and food	16
Day care	12
Charities & social services	7
Churches	2





Additional information used to ascertain community needs and gaps in services:

Education, health, nutrition and social service needs of eligible clients; prevalent social or economic factors that impact well-being

LCCAP surveys all potential clients during the intake/eligibility process, asking them to self-describe their perceived most pressing needs within the categories of services offered by the agency. The results for all intakes conducted during 2017 are as follows:

Self-Described Priority of Need, by category	Percentage
Education/Child Care	32
Employment	2
Housing/Utilities	52
Transportation	10
Weatherization/Home Improvements	4
Total	100

Utilizing this information, the team then developed a broad issues framework to include areas that affect individuals, families, and the communities where they live. Aligning with the National Community Action Network Theory of Change's Services and Strategies, the following domains encompass economic security, well-being of individuals and families, and community vitality: Employment; Education & Cognitive Development; Income, Infrastructure & Asset Building; Health/Social Behavioral Development; and Civic Engagement & Community Involvement.

Next, the team determined what information and data to include from internal agency surveys, assessments and reports, and from outside sources. This information and data was then shared with the Community Needs Assessment Focus Group, which consists of county residents representing various sectors of the community such as business, non-profit community-based, faith-based, and recipients of social services. This Focus Group met three times to discuss local needs and assets, review and analyze information and data, and then to review and finalize this Community Needs Assessment.

While discussing local needs and assets, the Focus Group identified and discussed the following county characteristics:

Positive Attributes	Negative Attributes
Ethnic Diversity	Lack of Leadership/Lack of Vision/No Promotion of County
Low Cost of Living	Too Divided/No Unity (Municipalities, Townships, etc.)
Close Proximity to Pittsburgh	Extreme Nepotism in politics and employment arenas
Adequate Services for the Disabled	No Retail/Shopping Options
Adequate Social Services	Lack of Transportation Options in Rural Parts of County
Post-Secondary Options in Close Proximity	Area is Notorious for Drugs & Crime
UPMC Hospital – better healthcare facilities	UPMC Hospital – monopoly on healthcare services

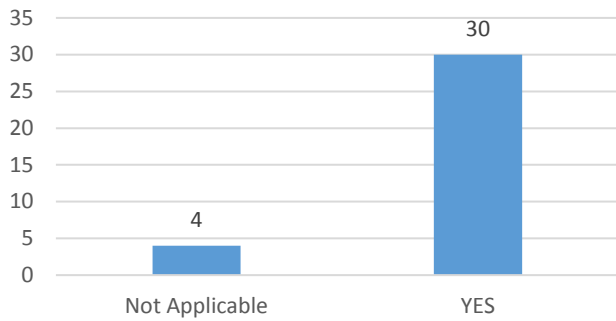
Upon much discussion and activities, the Focus Group determined that the root of many of the issues permeating the county is a hopeless mindset which leads to apathy. Many people have given up, and given-in to the surmounting negativity which comes from living in an economically depressed area of generational poverty and seemingly vanishing opportunity.

Conversely, the Focus Group believes that Lawrence County has the potential to turn things around by concentrating on and building upon all of the assets and positive attributes the county has to offer. The Focus Group strongly believes that new leadership is needed to achieve this goal.

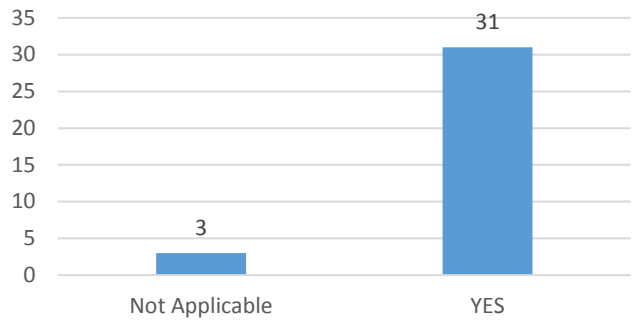
The Focus Group will continue to meet annually to review and update this report.

Annually, and often randomly, LCCAP conducts anonymous surveys so that clientele have the opportunity to provide feedback on customer service and programming. The following are the most recent results of this survey. Of the 34 surveys conducted, there were no negative responses.

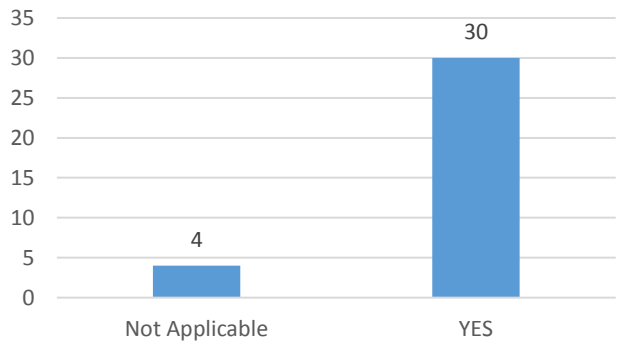
I was helped in a timely manner:



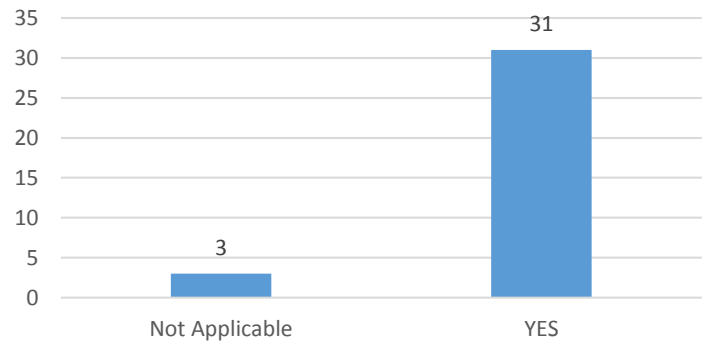
I was treated with respect:



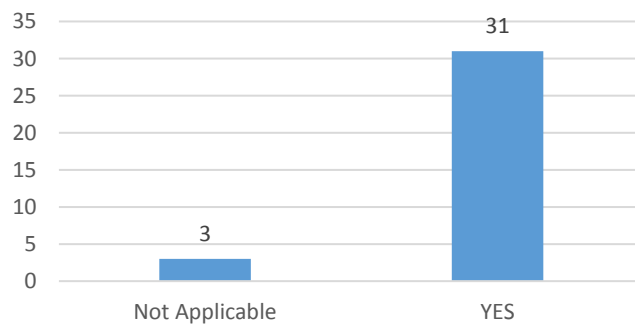
I received the information and services I needed:



I was informed about other LCCAP or community services:



The building and facilities are clean and accessible.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Every 3 years, Lawrence County Community Action Partnership completes an assessment of needs and assets for Lawrence County. Current top findings per service domain are as follows:

Employment

Many jobs available within the county are in industries not providing a living wage. Therefore, many people even when employed are considered underemployed because they do not work full time hours and/or are reliant upon government subsidies to make ends meet. The median household income for Lawrence County is \$45,764, lower than both State and National averages. 58% of county workers travel less than 10 minutes to their place of employment.

Education & Cognitive Development

The county's drop-out rate is lower and graduation rate is higher than both State and National averages although the attainment of post-secondary degrees and certifications are lower than both State and National averages. 55% of county adults do not have post-secondary education, which may lead to lower-paying job opportunities. Early childhood education continues to be an area of increased need in order to help low-income children ages 0-5 become Kindergarten-ready both developmentally and cognitively.

Income, Infrastructure, & Asset Building

New Castle, PA, the main city and government seat of Lawrence County, was designated a financially distressed municipality under the PA Act 47 in 2007. Total county population steadily declines each year as both the state and national population rates increase. The poverty rate is higher than both State and National averages. Lawrence County's Blueprint Communities team, which consists of a diverse group of local leaders and stakeholders, are working diligently on community revitalization plans.

Housing

Housing has consistently been a top need within the county for the past decade. A significant number of households are cost-burdened, meaning that more than 30% of their household income goes to housing costs. Lawrence County's Department of Planning and Community Development developed The Housing and Implementation Plan, which was adopted in November 2018, specifically to address this issue.

Health/Social Behavioral Development

Lawrence County ranks higher than State and National averages for being at risk for many health concerns, although there are a multitude of assets within the county for residents to receive care & treatment and engage in positive social and physical activities.

Civic Engagement & Community Involvement

Lawrence County has many social and human service agencies offering one or more services to support low income families with difficulties they may be facing. These services are usually maintained with assistance from outside volunteers. A plethora of other local groups organized through schools, faith-based organizations, nonprofits, and private enterprises offer programs, services and activities to build community engagement across the lifespan. In order to tackle the growing challenges of the community, youth and young adult involvement and more private business participation are needed.

2019 Federal Family Poverty Guideline
Effective 1/11/19

Size of Family Unit	100% of Poverty Level	125% of Poverty Level	130% of Poverty Level	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level	235% of Poverty Level	250% of Poverty Level	300% of Poverty Level
1	\$12,490	\$15,613	\$16,237	\$18,735	\$24,980	\$29,352	\$31,225	\$37,470
2	\$16,910	\$21,138	\$21,983	\$25,365	\$33,820	\$39,739	\$42,275	\$50,730
3	\$21,330	\$26,663	\$27,729	\$31,995	\$42,660	\$50,126	\$53,325	\$63,990
4	\$25,750	\$32,188	\$33,475	\$38,625	\$51,500	\$60,513	\$64,375	\$77,250
5	\$30,170	\$37,713	\$39,221	\$45,255	\$60,340	\$70,900	\$75,425	\$90,510
6	\$34,590	\$43,238	\$44,967	\$51,885	\$69,180	\$81,287	\$86,475	\$103,770
7	\$39,010	\$48,763	\$50,713	\$58,515	\$78,020	\$91,674	\$97,525	\$117,030
8	\$43,430	\$54,288	\$56,459	\$65,145	\$86,860	\$102,061	\$108,575	\$130,290

For family units with more than eight (8) members

Each Additional Family Member								
	\$4,420	\$5,525	\$5,746	\$6,630	\$8,840	\$10,387	\$11,050	\$12,480

2018 Area Median Income
Effective 6/1/18

0%-30%	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
	\$12,750	\$14,550	\$16,350	\$18,150	\$19,650	\$21,100	\$22,550	\$24,000
31%-59% very low income	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
	\$21,200	\$24,200	\$27,250	\$30,250	\$32,700	\$35,100	\$37,550	\$39,950
60%-79%	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
	\$25,440	\$29,040	\$32,700	\$36,300	\$39,240	\$42,120	\$45,060	\$47,940
80% Low income	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
	\$33,900	\$38,750	\$43,600	\$48,400	\$52,300	\$56,150	\$60,050	\$63,900
100%	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
	\$42,500	\$48,500	\$54,500	\$60,500	\$65,500	\$70,200	\$75,100	\$79,900

COMMUNITY AND POPULATION PROFILE OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

Lawrence County, Pennsylvania is a relatively small county (approximately 360 square miles) that is bounded to the north by Mercer County, to the east by Butler County, to the south by Beaver County, and to the west by the State of Ohio. The County itself is subdivided into twenty-seven municipalities. The city of New Castle, situated very near the geographical center of the county, is the county seat. Lawrence County is designated a rural county, with 59% of its population living within its urban areas.

Lawrence County's proximity to major cities and transportation routes make it a crossroads to Ohio and points south, north, and east, such as Pittsburgh, Erie, and New York City, respectively, via routes I-80, I-79, and I-76 (the Pennsylvania Turnpike). Despite its prime location, Lawrence County's economy began a gradual, steady decline in the late 1970s, with losses of jobs, population, and tax base. Economic security and community well-being diminished and a majority of the public believe it has not yet been recovered.

In 2017 with an estimated 87,069 people (U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts), Lawrence County is the 33rd most populated county of Pennsylvania amongst a total of 67 counties. Total county population steadily declines each year as both the state and national population rates increase. According to DATA USA, the median household income is \$45,764 and the median age of residents is 44.6. Average household size is 2.39 and average family size is 2.94. 92.2% of the population is White/Caucasian. Median Property Value is \$99,300 and the homeownership rate is 73.7%. The average car ownership is 2 cars per household. The unemployment rate for July 2018 was 4.9%, higher than the state unemployment rate of 4.2%.

The federal poverty rate of individuals within the county remains stagnant overall, though has increased within the urban areas over the past few decades, and is currently 14.3% which is higher than the state average of 12.9% and the national average of 14%. Lawrence County has a host of social service, human service, faith-based, community-based, and non-profit organizations assisting families through supportive services and programs to address economic insecurity (food, clothing, housing, employment, transportation, etc.), as well as other services for vulnerable populations and those in need (mental health, D&A, childcare, education, mentoring, etc.). This multitude of services and partnerships amongst these entities are a strength of the county.

Understanding both the needs and the assets of the community are imperative to the assessment process, results/outcomes, and strategic plan for progress. A comprehensive and organized assessment will derive more meaningful and effective action plans.

The following tables, graphs, and narrative include additional data regarding the county's population profile.

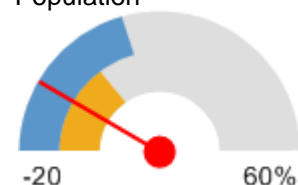
Population Change

Population change within the report area from 2000-2016 is shown below. During the period, total population estimates for the report area declined by -6.46 percent, decreasing from 94,643 persons in 2000 to 88,528 persons in 2016.

Report Area	Total Population, 2016 ACS	Total Population, 2000 Census	Population Change from 2000-2016 Census/ACS	Percent Change from 2000-2016 Census/ACS
Lawrence County, PA	88,528	94,643	-6,115	-6.46%
Pennsylvania	12,783,977	12,281,054	502,923	4.1%
United States	318,558,162	281,421,906	37,136,256	13.2%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2012-16. Source geography: County

Percent Change in Population



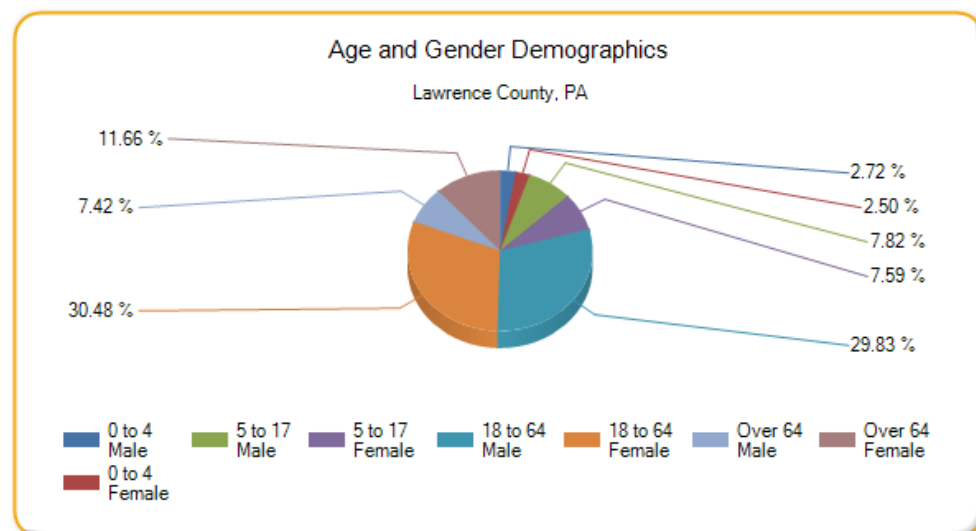
■ Lawrence County, PA (-6.46%)
■ Pennsylvania (4.1%)
■ United States (13.2%)

Age and Gender Demographics

Population by gender within the report area is shown below.

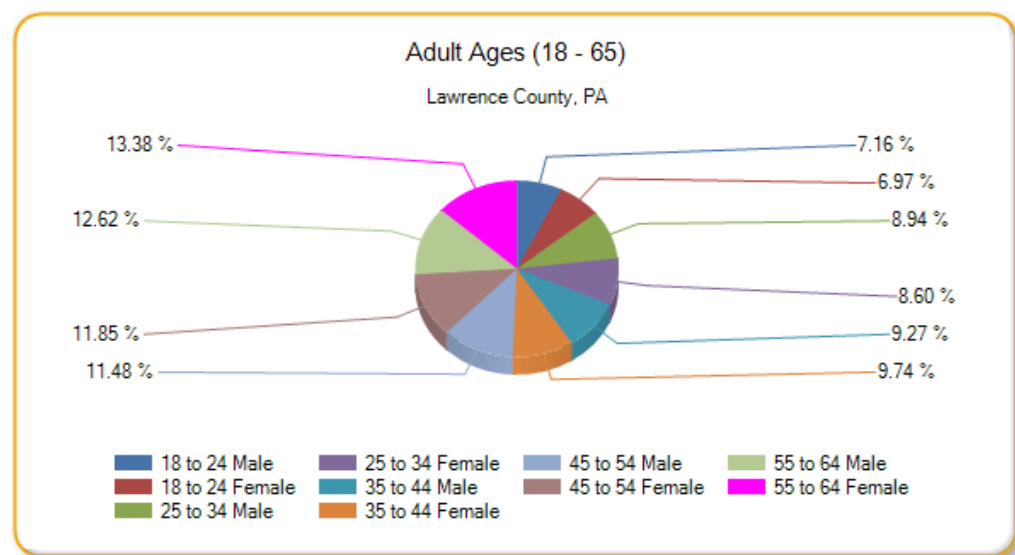
Report Area	0 to 4 Male	0 to 4 Female	5 to 17 Male	5 to 17 Female	18 to 64 Male	18 to 64 Female	Over 64 Male	Over 64 Female
Lawrence County, PA	2,377	2,187	6,837	6,637	26,094	26,663	6,487	10,198
Pennsylvania	365,819	348,779	1,019,170	970,500	3,952,665	3,993,797	811,266	1,215,859
United States	10,154,024	9,712,936	27,455,869	26,289,609	98,851,301	99,913,791	18,244,716	25,876,504

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: County



Adult Ages (18 - 65)

Report Area	18 to 24 Male	18 to 24 Female	25 to 34 Male	25 to 34 Female	35 to 44 Male	35 to 44 Female	45 to 54 Male	45 to 54 Female	55 to 64 Male	55 to 64 Female
Lawrence County, PA	3,778	3,676	4,714	4,538	4,889	5,138	6,054	6,250	6,659	7,061
Pennsylvania	625,422	604,441	827,446	806,846	754,817	760,642	888,389	916,121	856,591	905,747
United States	16,044,240	15,252,337	21,899,150	21,498,757	20,182,692	20,365,708	21,415,016	22,045,450	19,310,203	20,751,539



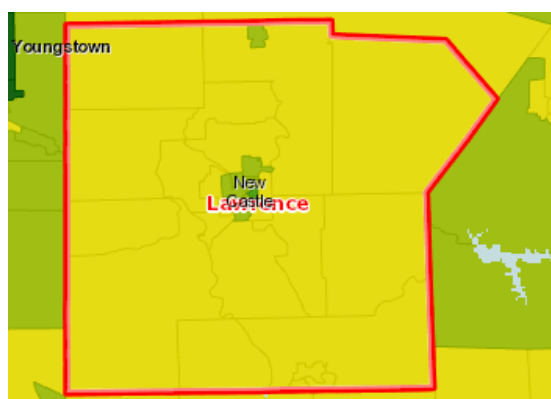
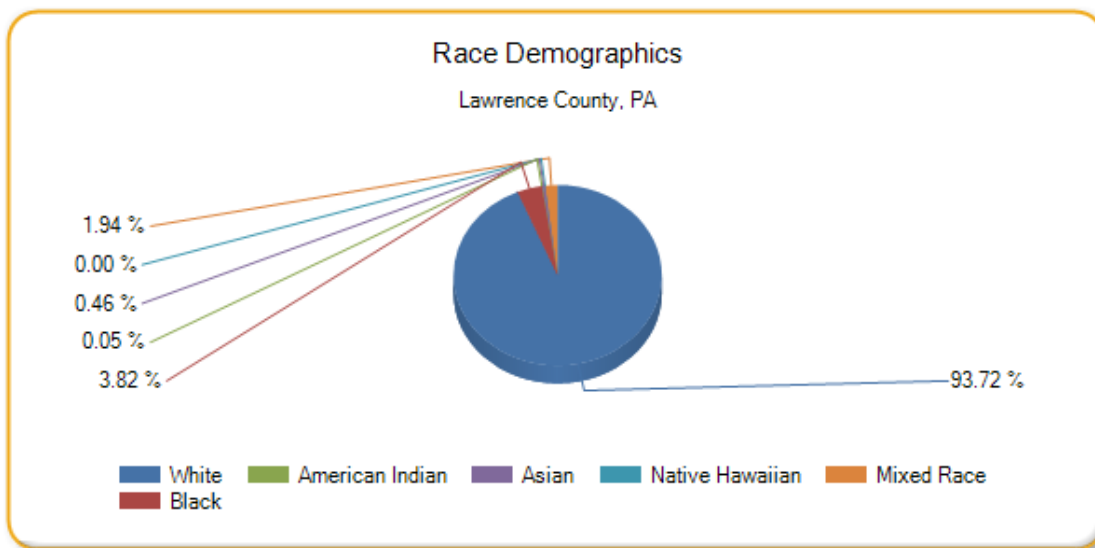
Hispanic Ages (Male and Female Combined)

Report Area	0 to 4	5 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	Over 65
Lawrence County, PA	119	305	133	97	202	112	56	79
Pennsylvania	89,623	206,115	110,287	138,790	115,427	88,226	53,408	41,288
United States	5,130,570	12,816,191	6,585,748	8,818,195	7,972,885	6,284,817	4,052,919	3,537,782

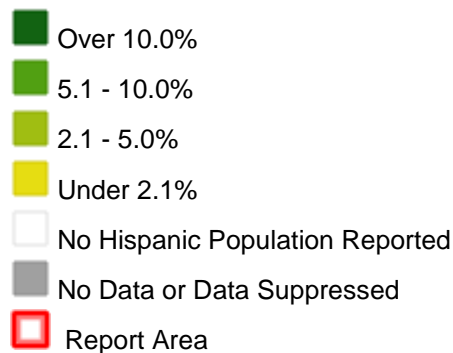
Race Demographics

Population by gender within the report area is shown below.

Report Area	White Total	Black Total	American Indian Total	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Total	Mixed Race Total
Lawrence County, PA	82,545	3,366	47	407	0	1,709
Pennsylvania	10,402,743	1,410,563	24,947	401,979	4,463	285,768
United States	233,657,078	40,241,818	2,597,817	16,614,625	560,021	9,752,947



Population, Minority (Non-White), Percent by Tract, ACS 2012-16



Race Demographics - Male

Report Area	White Male	Black Male	American Indian Male	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Male	Mixed Race Male
Lawrence County, PA	39,953	1,789	2	153	0	750
Pennsylvania	5,094,147	680,760	13,115	192,673	2,083	142,263
United States	115,461,098	19,220,550	1,288,198	7,882,217	279,671	4,862,948

Ethnicity Demographics - Male

Report Area	Total Males Hispanic / Latino	Total Males Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Males Hispanic / Latino	Percent Males Not Hispanic / Latino
Lawrence County, PA	591	42,252	1.38%	98.62%
Pennsylvania	430,715	5,824,327	6.89%	93.11%
United States	27,904,147	128,861,175	17.8%	82.2%

Race Demographics - Female

Report Area	White Female	Black Female	American Indian Female	Asian Female	Native Hawaiian Female	Mixed Race Female
Lawrence County, PA	42,592	1,577	45	254	0	959
Pennsylvania	5,308,596	729,803	11,832	209,306	2,380	143,505
United States	118,195,980	21,021,268	1,309,619	8,732,408	280,350	4,889,999

Ethnicity Demographics - Female

Report Area	Total Females Hispanic / Latino	Total Females Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Females Hispanic / Latino	Percent Females Not Hispanic / Latino
Lawrence County, PA	512	45,173	1.12%	98.88%
Pennsylvania	412,449	6,116,486	6.32%	93.68%
United States	27,294,960	134,497,880	16.87%	83.13%

Hispanic Population

This indicator reports the percentage of population that is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin. Origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. People who identify their origin as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be of any race.

Report Area	Total Population	Non-Hispanic Population	Percent Population Non-Hispanic	Hispanic or Latino Population	Percent Population Hispanic or Latino
Lawrence County, PA	88,528	87,425	98.75%	1,103	1.25%
Pennsylvania	12,783,977	11,940,813	93.4%	843,164	6.6%
United States	318,558,162	263,359,055	82.67%	55,199,107	17.33%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: Tract

Hispanic Population by Age Group

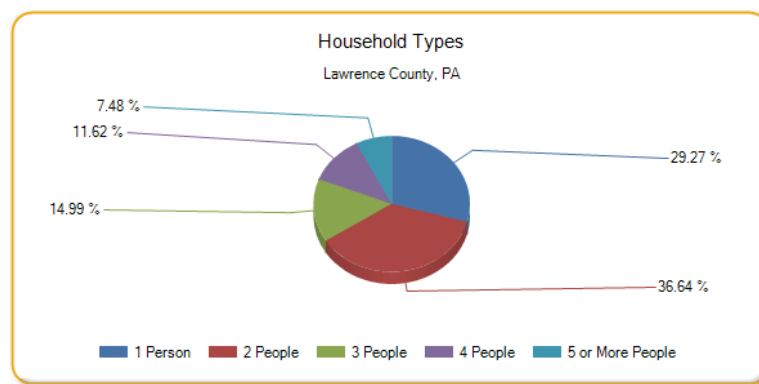
Report Area	Age 0-4	Age 5-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-34	Age 35-44	Age 45-54	Age 55-64	Age 65
Lawrence County, PA	119	305	133	97	202	112	56	79
Pennsylvania	89,623	206,115	110,287	138,790	115,427	88,226	53,408	41,288
United States	5,130,570	12,816,191	6,585,748	8,818,195	7,972,885	6,284,817	4,052,919	3,537,782

Household Types

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 36,302 households in the report area in 2016. Single person households comprised of 29.27 percent of the total, two person households comprised 36.64 percent of the total, three person households comprised 14.99 percent of the total, four person households comprised 11.62 percent of the total, and larger households of 5 or more made up 7.48 percent of the total.

Report Area	Total Households	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 or More People
Lawrence County, PA	36,302	10,626	13,301	5,443	4,218	2,714
Pennsylvania	4,961,929	1,467,333	1,719,962	771,280	608,541	394,813
United States	117,716,237	32,595,486	39,674,011	18,539,570	15,387,938	11,519,232

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Source geography: county



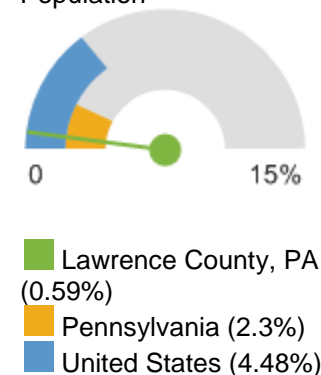
Population in Limited English Households

This indicator reports the percentage of the population aged 5 and older living in Limited English speaking households. A “Limited English speaking household” is one in which no member 14 years old and over (1) speaks only English at home or (2) speaks a language other than English at home and speaks English “Very well.” This indicator is significant as it identifies households and populations that may need English-language assistance.

Report Area	Total Population Age 5	Linguistically Isolated Population	Percent Linguistically Isolated Population
Lawrence County, PA	83,964	496	0.59%
Pennsylvania	12,069,379	277,936	2.3%
United States	298,691,202	13,393,615	4.48%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: Tract

Percent Linguistically Isolated Population



Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics

Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics show the number of veterans living in the report area. 9.77% of the adult population in the report area are veterans, which is more than the national average of 8.01%.

Report Area	Veterans Total	Veterans Male	Veterans Female	% Pop over 18 Total	% Pop over 18 Males	% Pop over 18 Females
Lawrence County, PA	6,885	6,430	455	9.77%	19.13%	1.23%
Pennsylvania	840,258	788,496	51,762	8.34%	16.2%	0.99%
United States	19,535,341	17,948,822	1,586,519	8.01%	15.17%	1.26%

Report Area	Veteran Age Males 18-34	Veteran Age Females 18-34	Veteran Age Males 35-54	Veteran Age Females 35-54	Veteran Age Males 55-64	Veteran Age Females 55-64	Veteran Age Males Over 65	Veteran Age Females Over 65
Lawrence County, PA	300	42	1,399	113	929	231	3,802	69
Pennsylvania	45,678	7,704	154,792	21,519	143,873	10,864	444,153	11,675
United States	1,366,074	313,688	4,027,254	673,532	3,464,291	320,832	9,091,203	278,467

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: County

Crime

According to www.neighborhoodscout.com, the City of New Castle, the seat of Lawrence County PA, has a Crime Index of 13 (100 is the safest), which means it is safer than 13% of U.S Cities. The chance of becoming a victim of a violent crime in New Castle is 1 in 179, as compared to 1 in 316 in Pennsylvania. The chance of becoming a victim of property crime in New Castle is 1 in 33, as compared to 1 in 57 in Pennsylvania.

Crime statistics for Ellwood City, PA, the only other city in the county are as follows: Crime Index of 38. Chance of being a victim of a violent crime is 1 in 319. Chance of being a victim of property crime is 1 in 60.

Occurrences of violent crime for the county as a whole are shown in the table below. According to the 2015 Annual Uniform Crime Report, a total of 2 murders, 100 assaults, 38 robberies and 21 rapes took place within the report area.

Report Area	Total Violent Crime	Homicide	Assault	Robbery	Rape
Lawrence County, PA	161	2	100	38	21
Pennsylvania	40,186	661	22,325	12,934	4,266

Occurrences of property crime are shown in the table below. According to the 2015 Annual Uniform Crime Report, a total of 432 burglaries, 1,054 incidents of larceny, 28 incidents of arson, and 28 automotive thefts were recorded within the report area.

Report Area	Total Property Crime	Burglary	Larceny	Arson	Auto Theft
Lawrence County, PA	1,592	432	1,054	28	78
Pennsylvania	232,694	39,420	179,397	1,816	12,061

According to the National Safety Council, New Castle is the third community in Pennsylvania to be named a 'Safe Community. The Safe Community America program identifies and reduces leading causes of injury and death in the program.

Number of Persons Held in County Jails

The table below shows number of prisoners and rates for prisons and jails located in the report area in 2015. Estimated populations come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, and County Prisoner counts are based on average in house daily population. Incarceration rate calculations are based on the number of offenders incarcerated in the state prison system for each committing county. There was an average in house daily population of 243 county prisoners, which results in a rate of 27.59 prisoners for every 10,000 persons living in this report area. This is more than the state rate of 27.06.

Report Area	Estimated Population	Total Prisoners Number	Total Prisoners Rate Per 10,000	State Prisoners Number	State Prisoners Rate Per 10,000	County Prisoners Number	County Prisoners Rate Per 10,000
Lawrence County, PA	88,082	515	58.47	272	30.88	243	27.59
Pennsylvania	12,802,503	84,552	66.04	49,914	38.99	34,638	27.06

Juvenile Court Referrals for the report area in 2015 are shown in the tables below.

Report Area	Total	Withdrawn / Dismissed	Referral to Another Agency	Informal Adjustment	Consent Decree
Lawrence County, PA	166	23	1	55	45
Pennsylvania	24,139	3,223	1,100	3,916	3,831

Report Area	Deferred Adjudication	Probation	Placement	Transfer to Criminal Proceedings	Other
Lawrence County, PA	0	29	3	0	10
Pennsylvania	1,354	4,139	1,692	61	4,823

Data Source: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Source geography: County

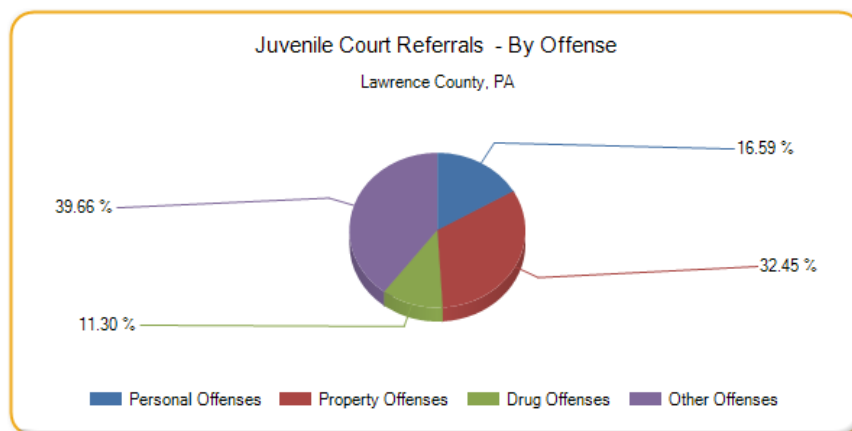
Juvenile Court Referrals - By Offense

The table below shows crime figures for Pennsylvania Juvenile Delinquency for the year 2015. There are several different types of crimes, these include: Personal Offenses, Property Offenses, Drug Offences, and "Other" Offenses. The total number of offences in the area equaled 416. The "Other" offenses category

includes, but is not limited to: Public Order offenses such as Disorderly Conduct or Weapon on School Property; Firearms offenses; and Certifications from the minor judiciary that a juvenile failed to comply with a lawful sentence imposed for a summary offense.

Report Area	Total Offenses	Personal Offenses	Property Offenses	Drug Offenses	Other Offenses
Lawrence County, PA	416	69	135	47	165
Pennsylvania	73,743	21,514	19,428	10,107	22,694

Data Source: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Source geography: County



Number of Persons on Probation/Parole

The number of adults receiving probation or being paroled is shown in the table below.

Report Area	Total Caseload	Probation Number	Probation Percent	Parole Number	Parole Percent
Lawrence County, PA	1,559	no data	no data	no data	no data
Pennsylvania	258,333	78,747	30.48%	58,462	22.63%

Data Source: Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. Source geography: County

Number of Persons Leaving Correctional Facilities

According to the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Statistical Analysis and Evidence-Based Program Evaluation Office a total of 296 people were discharged in 2016 for the selected area, with 257 successfully discharged. The 86.82% success rate is more than the state rate of 71.27%. For the purposes of this report, a successful completion is when an offender under the supervision of probation/parole agency who has reached their maximum sentence date and are released from supervision.

Report Area	Offenders Discharged	Successful Discharges	Successful Discharge Percent
Lawrence County, PA	296	257	86.82%
Pennsylvania	118,570	84,503	71.27%

SERVICES AND STRATEGIES

Employment

According to DATA USA, the economy of Lawrence County, PA employs 39,185 people. The economy of Lawrence County, PA is specialized in [Manufacturing](#); [Healthcare & Social Assistance](#); and [Transportation & Warehousing](#), which employ respectively 1.47; 1.26; and 1.11 times more people than what would be expected in a location of this size. The largest industries in Lawrence County, PA are [Healthcare & Social Assistance](#) (6,801), [Manufacturing](#) (5,967), and [Retail trade](#) (4,584), and the highest paying industries are [Utilities](#) (\$65,438), [Mining, Quarrying, Oil, Gas Extraction](#) (\$45,875), and [Professional, Scientific, Tech Services](#) (\$41,038).

Median household income in Lawrence County, PA is \$45,764. Males in Lawrence County, PA have an average income of \$60,609, which is 1.54 times higher than the average income of females, which is \$39,341. The income inequality of Lawrence County, PA (measured using the Gini index) is 0.447, which is lower than the national average.

Local Employment Services and Assets

LCCAP offers a variety of life skills, social skills, job readiness, employment & education, workforce development support programs, and general employment support and case management services for low-income, disabled, and vulnerable populations. Services include interest and aptitude assessments, intensive individualized case management and employment-focused group workshops work-based learning, job shadowing, internships, community service assignments, paid work experience, and subsidized employment opportunities.

Residents with disabilities seeking to find employment can benefit from services provided through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR). The mission of OVR is to assist Pennsylvanians with disabilities to secure and maintain employment and independence. OVR works with participants to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment which considers different types of careers, transferable skills, chances for employment, potential earnings, family responsibilities, and required training. Other services available for participants are: diagnostic services, vocational evaluation, counseling, restoration services, training, and placement.

West Central Job Partnership (WCJP) administers the federally funded Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act's Title I Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker programs for residents of Lawrence and Mercer Counties. WCJP contributes to the PA CareerLink® one stop system by offering Basic Services under WIOA. Some of these Basic Services include providing Labor Market Information to groups through an orientation, going into the school districts as well to provide LMI, referring to pre-apprenticeship courses, a resume workshop, and an

Assessment and Credentialing Lab. WCJP also offers those enrolled into Adult, Youth, and/or DW programs more intensive Career Services such as Case Management, National Career Readiness Certificate, upgrading basic skills, and a staff assisted job search program that focuses on assisting individuals to gain suitable employment. Throughout their Career Services enrollment, individuals are able to participate in many other employment related programs and services that are offered at the PA CareerLink® centers by other partner agencies. WCJP also offers Training Services which include Individual Training Accounts to attend post-secondary school, On the Job Training, Paid Work Experience for Youth, and Transitional Jobs for Adults and Dislocated Workers.

As the agency overseeing the workforce development programs in Lawrence and Mercer counties it is the mission of WCJP to develop a world-class career development system which complements the Commonwealth's overall education and economic strategy and which guides federal, state and local resources in a customer focused and user friendly manner, to promote a high quality, globally competitive workforce. As job seekers needs are assessed such as child care, transportation, housing, medical, and criminal history they are referred to other community partners offering these services. The focus is to eliminate barriers to employment so that job seekers can maintain jobs that offer self/family sustaining wages.

Pathstone, a private, not-for-profit community development and human service organization, is the local project sponsor of SCSEP (Senior Community Services Employment Program). This program offers part-time employment opportunities in community service activities for low-income individuals' age 55+ who have poor employment prospects. Participants learn job skills, earn money, and help their community. The program also encourages mature workers to expand their job skills through computer training and other relevant courses. The program is intended to assist older workers by increasing opportunities for unsubsidized employment.

Lark Enterprises, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that has been providing employment related services since 1957. Lark primarily works with individuals with disabilities but also serves other populations with special employment needs. Lark's services include: Vocational Evaluation: Lark uses a variety of assessment techniques to assist individuals in determining their skills, interests, and abilities. Results are used to assist individuals in selecting their career plan. Pre-Vocational Service: Individuals prepare for future employment by working at one of Lark's production sites. Participants learn attitudes and the appropriate work traits necessary to secure and retain competitive employment. Transitional Work Service: Individuals transition to integrated competitive employment by performing jobs contracted by Lark at the customer's location. Training and support is provided daily by Lark. Competitive Employment: Individuals, assisted by Employment Specialists, seek, obtain, and maintain jobs in the community. Services may include, but are not limited to: assistance with resumes, interviews, job training, and follow up support.

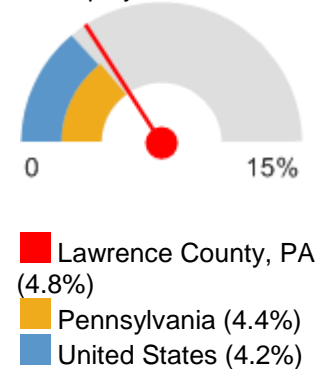
Current Unemployment

Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for each county in the report area is provided in the table below. Overall, the report area experienced an average 4.8% percent unemployment rate in June 2018.

Report Area	Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Lawrence County, PA	40,367	38,417	1,950	4.8%
Pennsylvania	6,448,436	6,165,306	283,130	4.4%
United States	164,383,283	157,469,839	6,913,444	4.2%

Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2018 - June. Source geography: County

Unemployment Rate



Unemployment Change

Unemployment change within the report area during the 1-year period from June 2017 to June 2018 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this one year period grew from 1,950 persons to 2,369 persons, a rate change of 0.96% percent.

Five Year Unemployment Rate

Unemployment change within the report area from June 2014 to June 2018 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this five year period fell from 7.8% percent to 5.79% percent.

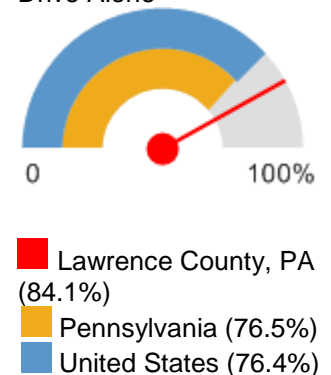
Commuter Travel Patterns

Of the 38,329 workers in the report area, 84.1% drove to work alone while 8.8% carpoolled. 0.8% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 2.4% walking or riding bicycles, and 0.9% 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
Lawrence County, PA	38,329	84.1%	8.8%	0.8%	2.4%	0.9%	2.9%
Pennsylvania	5,922,289	76.5%	8.5%	5.6%	4.3%	0.9%	4.2%
United States	145,861,221	76.4%	9.3%	5.1%	3.4%	1.2%	4.6%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: County

Percent Drive Alone



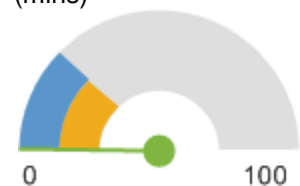
Travel Time to Work

Travel times for workers who travel to work (do not work at home) is shown below for the report area. The average time spent commuting was 22.1 minutes, which compares to the statewide average of 25.95 minutes.

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel Time in Minutes (Percent of Workers) Less than 10	Travel Time in Minutes (Percent of Workers) 10 to 30	Travel Time in Minutes (Percent of Workers) 30 to 60	Travel Time in Minutes (Percent of Workers) More than 60	Average Commute Time (mins)
Lawrence County, PA	38,329	18.64	51.28	23.76	6.33	22.1
Pennsylvania	5,922,289	13.4	49.17	28.59	8.84	25.37
United States	145,861,221	12.88	50.11	28.33	8.68	24.95

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: County

Average Commute Time (mins)



■ Lawrence County, PA (-0.26)
■ Pennsylvania (25.37)
■ United States (24.95)

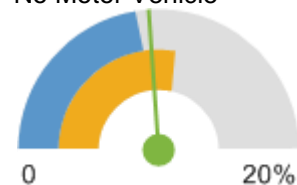
Households with No Motor Vehicle

This indicator reports the number and percentage of households with no motor vehicle based on the latest 5-year American Community Survey estimates.

Report Area	Total Occupied Households	Households with No Motor Vehicle	Percentage of Households with No Motor Vehicle
Lawrence County, PA	36,302	3,448	9.5%
Pennsylvania	4,961,929	554,548	11.18%
United States	117,716,237	10,562,847	8.97%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: Tract

Percentage of Households with No Motor Vehicle



■ Lawrence County, PA (9.5%)
■ Pennsylvania (11.18%)
■ United States (8.97%)

Households with No Motor Vehicle by Tenure

Report Area	Owner-Occupied Households with No Vehicle	Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households with No Vehicle	Renter-Occupied Households with No Vehicle	Percentage of Renter-Occupied Households with No Vehicle
Lawrence County, PA	1,318	4.93%	2,130	7.96%
Pennsylvania	162,443	4.74%	392,105	11.45%
United States	2,462,839	3.29%	8,100,008	10.82%

Top Employers

Lists the top 20 employers, by county, for the 2nd quarter of 2018			Rank	Employer
Lawrence			1	Jameson Memorial Hospital
Lawrence			2	DON Services Inc
Lawrence			3	ISS Facility Services, Inc.
Lawrence			4	Kiewit Power Constructors Co.
Lawrence			5	New Castle Area School District
Lawrence			6	County of Lawrence
Lawrence			7	Westminster College
Lawrence			8	State Government
Lawrence			9	Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
Lawrence			10	Excel Companion Care LLC
Lawrence			11	Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
Lawrence			12	Ellwood City Forge Company
Lawrence			13	Dairy Farmers of America Inc
Lawrence			14	The Tamarkin Company
Lawrence			15	Ellwood Medical Center Operations
Lawrence			16	Mohawk Area School District
Lawrence			17	Ellwood City Area School District
Lawrence			18	Preston Management, Inc.
Lawrence			19	Cennial Company, Inc.
Lawrence			20	Quality Life Services New Castle

Workforce Investment Areas

The table below lists Workforce Investment Areas (WIA) for the selected report area.

County	Workforce Investment Area	Workforce Investment Board	Phone Number	Web Address
Lawrence	West Central WDA	West Central WDB	(724) 347-7855	www.wcjp.org
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	State WIB	(717) 525-5593	www.paworkforce.state.pa.us

Data Source: Pennsylvania State Data Center. Source geography: county

Education & Cognitive Development

School Enrollment

These tables show the total public and non-public school enrollment for 2015-2016. In this report area, a total of 12,744 persons were enrolled in school. In this report, private schools refer to both private and nonpublic institutions. Five hundred eighty two students were enrolled in private schools, representing 4.6% of the student population.

Report Area	Total Enrollment	Public Enrollment	% total Public	Private Enrollment	% total Private
Lawrence County, PA	12,744	12,162	95.4%	582	4.6%
Pennsylvania	1,961,265	1,731,588	88.3%	229,677	11.7%

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: county

Elementary School Enrollment

Report Area	Total Elementary	Public Elementary	% Public	Private Elementary	% Private
Lawrence County, PA	6,966	6,394	91.8%	572	8.2%
Pennsylvania	1,075,561	918,568	85.4%	156,993	14.6%

Secondary Enrollment

Report Area	Total Secondary	Public Secondary	% Public	Private Secondary	% Private
Lawrence County, PA	5,778	5,768	99.8%	10	0.2%
Pennsylvania	885,704	813,020	91.8%	72,684	8.2%

High School Dropouts

The table below shows the annual High School Dropout rate which is defined as the number of students who, for any reason other than death, leave school before graduation without transferring to another school or institution. For the academic year 2015-2016, 33 students of 5,735 students in grades 7-12.

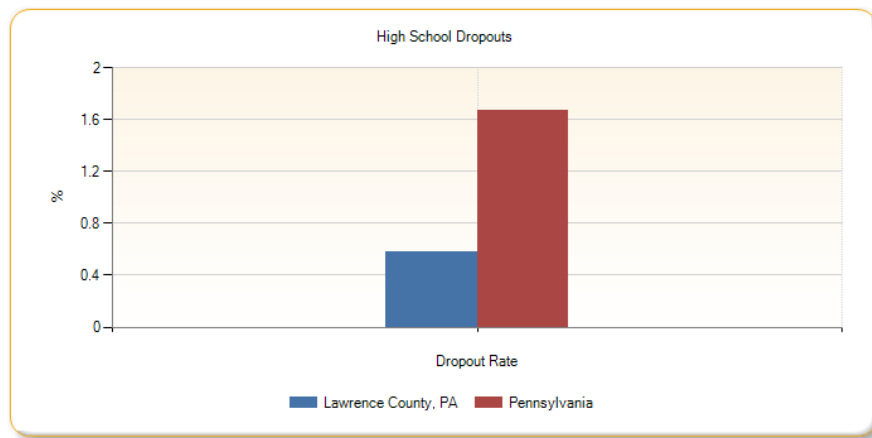
Report Area	Enrollment Grades 7-12	Dropouts Male	Dropouts Female	Dropouts Total	Dropout Rate
Lawrence County, PA	5,735	18	15	33	0.58%
Pennsylvania	807,280	7,694	5,812	13,506	1.67%

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: county

Dropout Rate



■ Lawrence County, PA (0.58%)
 ■ Pennsylvania (1.67%)

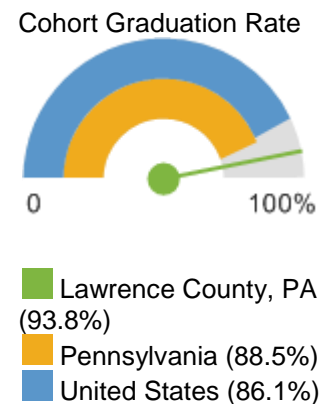


High School Graduation Rate (EdFacts)

This indicator reports the cohort high school graduation rate, which measures the percentage of students receiving their high school diploma within four years. Data represents the 2015-16 school year for all states. This indicator is relevant because low levels of education are often linked to poverty and poor health.

Report Area	Total Student Cohort	Estimated Number of Diplomas Issued	Cohort Graduation Rate
Lawrence County, PA	857	804	93.8
Pennsylvania	122,067	108,049	88.5
United States	3,135,216	2,700,120	86.1

Data Source: US Department of Education, ED Facts. Accessed via DATA.GOV.
Additional data analysis by CARES. 2015-16. Source geography: School District

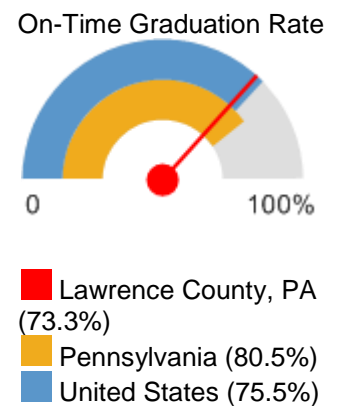


High School Graduation Rate (NCES)

This indicator reports the average freshman graduate rate, which measures the percentage of students receiving their high school diploma within four years. This indicator is relevant because low levels of education are often linked to poverty and poor health.

Report Area	Average Freshman Base Enrollment	Estimated Number of Diplomas Issued	On-Time Graduation Rate
Lawrence County, PA	1,182	866	73.3
Pennsylvania	162,243	130,658	80.5
United States	4,024,345	3,039,015	75.5
HP 2020 Target			> =82.4

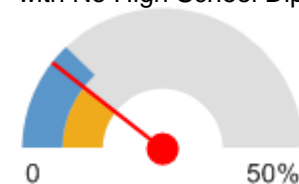
Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Common Core of Data. 2008-09. Source geography: County



Population with No High School Diploma

This indicator reports the percentage of the population aged 25 and older without a high school diploma (or equivalency) or higher. This indicator is relevant educational attainment is a key driver of population health.

Percent Population Age 25 with No High School Diploma



Lawrence County, PA (10.49%)
Pennsylvania (10.46%)
United States (13.02%)

Report Area	Total Population Age 25	Population Age 25 with No High School Diploma	Percent Population Age 25 with No High School Diploma
Lawrence County, PA	63,036	6,614	10.49%
Pennsylvania	8,849,846	925,686	10.46%
United States	213,649,147	27,818,380	13.02%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: Tract

Population with No High School Diploma by Gender

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Lawrence County, PA	3,343	3,271	11.2%	9.86%
Pennsylvania	464,874	460,812	10.95%	10.01%
United States	14,145,422	13,672,958	13.72%	12.37%

Population with No High School Diploma by Ethnicity Alone

Report Area	Total Hispanic / Latino	Total Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Hispanic / Latino	Percent Not Hispanic / Latino
Lawrence County, PA	77	6,537	14.1%	10.46%
Pennsylvania	134,206	791,480	30.7%	9.41%
United States	10,507,971	17,310,409	34.27%	9.46%

Population with No High School Diploma by Race Alone, Percent

Report Area	White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Lawrence County, PA	10.38%	13.74%	39.47%	15.28%	no data	10.92%	5.93%
Pennsylvania	9.1%	15.13%	26.78%	17.7%	25.85%	35.49%	14.57%
United States	11.06%	15.66%	20.69%	13.73%	13.61%	39.83%	13.31%

Population with No High School Diploma by Race Alone, Total

Report Area	White	Black	Asian	Native American / Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Races
Lawrence County, PA	6,245	275	33	15	0	19	27
Pennsylvania	678,682	131,187	46,863	4,323	652	48,607	15,372
United States	17,969,332	3,928,502	1,584,445	325,655	46,474	3,432,660	531,312

Pennsylvania Systems of School Assessment

The annual Pennsylvania Systems of School Assessment is a standards-based, criterion-referenced assessment which provides students, parents, educators and citizens with an understanding of student and school performance related to the attainment of proficiency of the academic standards. These standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science/Technology identify what a student should know and be able to do at varying grade levels. School districts possess the freedom to design curriculum and instruction to ensure that students meet or exceed the standards' expectations.

Every Pennsylvania student in grades 3 through 8 is assessed in English Language Arts and Math. Every Pennsylvania student in grades 4 and 8 is assessed in science.

Schools are evaluated on achievement using the PSSA, participation in those tests, and on attendance (at the elementary/middle school level) and graduation rate (at the high school level). These measurements make up a school's Adequate Yearly Progress, commonly known as AYP, as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Using 2001-2002 data as the starting point, Pennsylvania initially established the following AYP targets for 2008-2010, which have since increased over time, moving towards having 100% of students in the Commonwealth proficient or above in reading and math by the year 2014:

- 63% of students proficient or above in reading
- 56% of students proficient or above in math
- 95% student participation in the PSSA
- 90% or improvement in attendance/80% or improvement in graduation

These expectations apply not only to the school or district as a whole, but also to the performance of subgroups, including racial/ethnic categories, low-income students, students with disabilities, and English Language Learners. The New Castle Area School District, having the highest concentration of low-income students in the county, faces particularly challenging circumstances with regard to AYP.

Achievements in Math - by Group

This indicator shows the Math proficiency results from the 2017 Pennsylvania Systems of Schools Assessment (PSSA) Academic Achievement Report for each school district in the report area, broken down by All Students and Historically Underperforming. Data for groups with 10 or fewer students were replaced by blanks and subgroups with no student assessed were removed. Percentages were rounded to the nearest tenth. Proficiency percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Achievements in Math - ELLWOOD CITY AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Math	Proficiency in Math	Advanced Math	Proficient Math	Basic Math	Below Basic Math
HARTMAN INTRMDT SCH	All Students	227	53.30%	18.50%	34.80%	30.40%	16.30%
HARTMAN INTRMDT SCH	Historically Underperforming	135	40.74%	9.63%	31.11%	34.07%	25.19%
LINCOLN JSHS	All Students	276	49.28%	18.12%	31.16%	25.36%	25.36%
LINCOLN JSHS	Historically Underperforming	135	37.04%	10.37%	26.67%	27.41%	35.56%
PERRY LOWER INTRMD SCH	All Students	255	45.88%	16.47%	29.41%	31.37%	22.75%
PERRY LOWER INTRMD SCH	Historically Underperforming	136	35.29%	10.29%	25%	30.15%	34.56%

Achievements in Math - LAUREL SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Math	Proficiency in Math	Advanced Math	Proficient Math	Basic Math	Below Basic Math
LAUREL EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	129	43.41%	17.05%	26.36%	24.03%	32.56%
LAUREL JSHS	All Students	195	41.54%	8.21%	33.33%	28.72%	29.74%
LAUREL JSHS	Historically Underperforming	66	24.24%	4.55%	19.70%	25.76%	50%

Achievements in Math - MOHAWK AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Math	Proficiency in Math	Advanced Math	Proficient Math	Basic Math	Below Basic Math
MOHAWK EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	189	39.15%	10.05%	29.10%	34.39%	26.46%
MOHAWK JSHS	All Students	223	44.39%	22.87%	21.52%	30.04%	25.56%
MOHAWK JSHS	Historically Underperforming	94	30.85%	9.57%	21.28%	36.17%	32.98%

Achievements in Math - NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Math	Proficiency in Math	Advanced Math	Proficient Math	Basic Math	Below Basic Math
NESHANNOCK JSHS	Historically Underperforming	50	26%	6%	20%	34%	40%
NESHANNOCK MEMORIAL	All Students	367	61.31%	25.07%	36.24%	24.80%	13.90%
NESHANNOCK MEMORIAL	Historically Underperforming	110	40%	15.45%	24.55%	32.73%	27.27%

Achievements in Math - NEW CASTLE AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Math	Proficiency in Math	Advanced Math	Proficient Math	Basic Math	Below Basic Math
NEW CASTLE JHS	Historically Underperforming	297	10.44%	3.70%	6.73%	28.96%	60.61%
WASHINGTON INTRMD EL	All Students	882	32.31%	8.96%	23.36%	33.33%	34.35%
WASHINGTON INTRMD EL	Historically Underperforming	714	26.19%	6.30%	19.89%	34.87%	38.94%

Achievements in Math - SHENANGO AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Math	Proficiency in Math	Advanced Math	Proficient Math	Basic Math	Below Basic Math
SHENANGO AREA JSHS	Historically Underperforming	58	17.24%	5.17%	12.07%	24.14%	58.62%
SHENANGO EL SCH	All Students	335	51.04%	17.91%	33.13%	24.78%	24.18%
SHENANGO EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	153	35.95%	11.76%	24.18%	26.14%	37.91%

Achievements in Math - UNION AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Math	Proficiency in Math	Advanced Math	Proficient Math	Basic Math	Below Basic Math
UNION AREA MS	Historically Underperforming	92	36.96%	10.87%	26.09%	22.83%	40.22%
UNION MEMORIAL EL SCH	All Students	156	58.33%	25.64%	32.69%	26.28%	15.38%
UNION MEMORIAL EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	100	50%	20%	30%	28%	22%

Achievements in Math - WILMINGTON AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Math	Proficiency in Math	Advanced Math	Proficient Math	Basic Math	Below Basic Math
NEW WILMINGTON EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	52	40.38%	11.54%	28.85%	34.62%	25%
WILMINGTON AREA MS	All Students	331	40.48%	12.08%	28.40%	32.33%	27.19%
WILMINGTON AREA MS	Historically Underperforming	133	30.08%	7.52%	22.56%	31.58%	38.35%

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: County

Achievements in English Language Arts - by Group

This indicator shows the English Language Arts proficiency results from the 2017 Pennsylvania Systems of Schools Assessment (PSSA) Academic Achievement Report for each school district in the report area, broken down by All Students and Historically Underperforming. Data for groups with 10 or fewer students were replaced by blanks and subgroups with no student assessed were removed. Percentages were rounded to the nearest tenth. Proficiency percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Achievements in English Language Arts - ELLWOOD CITY AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in English Language Arts	Proficiency in English Language Arts	Advanced English Language Arts	Proficient English Language Arts	Basic English Language Arts	Below Basic English Language Arts
HARTMAN INTRMDT SCH	All Students	227	69.16%	26.87%	42.29%	26.87%	3.96%
HARTMAN INTRMDT SCH	Historically Underperforming	135	58.52%	13.33%	45.19%	34.81%	6.67%
LINCOLN JSHS	All Students	275	70.18%	25.82%	44.36%	27.27%	2.55%
LINCOLN JSHS	Historically Underperforming	135	56.30%	18.52%	37.78%	39.26%	4.44%
PERRY LOWER INTRMD SCH	All Students	254	71.26%	18.90%	52.36%	22.44%	6.30%
PERRY LOWER INTRMD SCH	Historically Underperforming	135	57.04%	11.85%	45.19%	31.11%	11.85%

Achievements in English Language Arts - LAUREL SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in English Language Arts	Proficiency in English Language Arts	Advanced English Language Arts	Proficient English Language Arts	Basic English Language Arts	Below Basic English Language Arts
LAUREL EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	128	52.34%	12.5%	39.84%	35.94%	11.72%
LAUREL JSHS	All Students	195	72.82%	18.46%	54.36%	22.05%	5.13%
LAUREL JSHS	Historically Underperforming	66	54.55%	12.12%	42.42%	33.33%	12.12%

Achievements in English Language Arts - MOHAWK AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in English Language Arts	Proficiency in English Language Arts	Advanced English Language Arts	Proficient English Language Arts	Basic English Language Arts	Below Basic English Language Arts
MOHAWK EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	190	63.68%	10.53%	53.16%	26.84%	9.47%
MOHAWK JSHS	All Students	225	64.44%	19.56%	44.89%	33.78%	1.78%
MOHAWK JSHS	Historically Underperforming	95	52.63%	6.32%	46.32%	43.16%	4.21%

Achievements in English Language Arts - NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in English Language Arts	Proficiency in English Language Arts	Advanced English Language Arts	Proficient English Language Arts	Basic English Language Arts	Below Basic English Language Arts
NESHANNOCK JSHS	Historically Underperforming	50	58%	10%	48%	38%	4%
NESHANNOCK MEMORIAL	All Students	367	76.57%	25.89%	50.68%	19.62%	3.81%
NESHANNOCK MEMORIAL	Historically Underperforming	109	56.88%	16.51%	40.37%	30.28%	12.84%

Achievements in English Language Arts - NEW CASTLE AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in English Language Arts	Proficiency in English Language Arts	Advanced English Language Arts	Proficient English Language Arts	Basic English Language Arts	Below Basic English Language Arts
NEW CASTLE JHS	Historically Underperforming	294	31.97%	2.38%	29.59%	58.84%	9.18%
WASHINGTON INTRMD EL	All Students	890	48.09%	10.22%	37.87%	37.75%	14.16%
WASHINGTON INTRMD EL	Historically Underperforming	723	43.43%	8.30%	35.13%	39.83%	16.74%

Achievements in English Language Arts - SHENANGO AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in English Language Arts	Proficiency in English Language Arts	Advanced English Language Arts	Proficient English Language Arts	Basic English Language Arts	Below Basic English Language Arts
SHENANGO AREA JSHS	Historically Underperforming	59	25.42%	3.39%	22.03%	54.24%	20.34%
SHENANGO EL SCH	All Students	335	65.67%	20.30%	45.37%	22.99%	11.34%
SHENANGO EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	153	50.98%	12.42%	38.56%	28.10%	20.92%

Achievements in English Language Arts - UNION AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in English Language Arts	Proficiency in English Language Arts	Advanced English Language Arts	Proficient English Language Arts	Basic English Language Arts	Below Basic English Language Arts
UNION AREA MS	Historically Underperforming	92	40.22%	8.70%	31.52%	55.43%	4.35%
UNION MEMORIAL EL SCH	All Students	156	65.38%	18.59%	46.79%	24.36%	10.26%
UNION MEMORIAL EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	100	59%	13%	46%	25%	16%

Achievements in English Language Arts - WILMINGTON AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in English Language Arts	Proficiency in English Language Arts	Advanced English Language Arts	Proficient English Language Arts	Basic English Language Arts	Below Basic English Language Arts
NEW WILMINGTON EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	51	49.02%	17.65%	31.37%	35.29%	15.69%
WILMINGTON AREA MS	All Students	331	67.07%	15.71%	51.36%	27.19%	5.74%
WILMINGTON AREA MS	Historically Underperforming	133	50.38%	6.02%	44.36%	36.84%	12.78%

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: County

Achievements in Science - by Group

This indicator shows the Science proficiency results from the 2017 Pennsylvania Systems of Schools Assessment (PSSA) Academic Achievement Report for each school district in the report area, broken down by All Students and Historically Underperforming. Data for groups with 10 or fewer students were replaced by blanks and subgroups with no student assessed were removed. Percentages were rounded to the nearest tenth. Proficiency percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Achievements in Science - ELLWOOD CITY AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Science	Proficiency in Science	Advanced Science	Proficient Science	Basic Science	Below Basic Science
LINCOLN JSHS	All Students	147	57.82%	21.09%	36.73%	23.13%	19.05%
LINCOLN JSHS	Historically Underperforming	73	49.32%	12.33%	36.99%	23.29%	27.40%
PERRY LOWER INTRMD SCH	All Students	130	86.92%	39.23%	47.69%	10%	3.08%
PERRY LOWER INTRMD SCH	Historically Underperforming	67	80.60%	29.85%	50.75%	13.43%	5.97%

Achievements in Science - LAUREL SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Science	Proficiency in Science	Advanced Science	Proficient Science	Basic Science	Below Basic Science
LAUREL EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	33	66.67%	21.21%	45.45%	33.33%	0%
LAUREL JSHS	All Students	101	68.32%	38.61%	29.70%	17.82%	13.86%
LAUREL JSHS	Historically Underperforming	28	46.43%	17.86%	28.57%	14.29%	39.29%

Achievements in Science - MOHAWK AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Science	Proficiency in Science	Advanced Science	Proficient Science	Basic Science	Below Basic Science
MOHAWK EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	54	88.89%	35.19%	53.70%	9.26%	1.85%
MOHAWK JSHS	All Students	107	57.01%	26.17%	30.84%	31.78%	11.21%
MOHAWK JSHS	Historically Underperforming	49	51.02%	14.29%	36.73%	36.73%	12.24%

Achievements in Science - NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Science	Proficiency in Science	Advanced Science	Proficient Science	Basic Science	Below Basic Science
NESHANNOCK JSHS	Historically Underperforming	26	53.85%	23.08%	30.77%	30.77%	15.38%
NESHANNOCK MEMORIAL	All Students	88	95.45%	57.95%	37.5%	4.55%	0%
NESHANNOCK MEMORIAL	Historically Underperforming	25	88%	40%	48%	12%	0%

Achievements in Science - NEW CASTLE AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Science	Proficiency in Science	Advanced Science	Proficient Science	Basic Science	Below Basic Science
NEW CASTLE JHS	Historically Underperforming	134	29.10%	3.73%	25.37%	37.31%	33.58%
WASHINGTON INTRMD EL	All Students	216	70.37%	35.65%	34.72%	24.54%	5.09%
WASHINGTON INTRMD EL	Historically Underperforming	177	67.80%	31.07%	36.72%	25.99%	6.21%

Achievements in Science - SHENANGO AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Science	Proficiency in Science	Advanced Science	Proficient Science	Basic Science	Below Basic Science
SHENANGO AREA JSHS	Historically Underperforming	30	40%	13.33%	26.67%	36.67%	23.33%
SHENANGO EL SCH	All Students	84	75%	33.33%	41.67%	20.24%	4.76%
SHENANGO EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	37	62.16%	21.62%	40.54%	29.73%	8.11%

Achievements in Science - UNION AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Science	Proficiency in Science	Advanced Science	Proficient Science	Basic Science	Below Basic Science
UNION AREA MS	Historically Underperforming	28	32.14%	10.71%	21.43%	39.29%	28.57%
UNION MEMORIAL EL SCH	All Students	47	85.11%	36.17%	48.94%	10.64%	4.26%
UNION MEMORIAL EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	32	81.25%	31.25%	50%	12.5%	6.25%

Achievements in Science - WILMINGTON AREA SD, LAWRENCE COUNTY

School	Group	Number Scored in Science	Proficiency in Science	Advanced Science	Proficient Science	Basic Science	Below Basic Science
NEW WILMINGTON EL SCH	Historically Underperforming	31	80.65%	16.13%	64.52%	16.13%	3.23%
WILMINGTON AREA MS	All Students	91	56.04%	24.18%	31.87%	34.07%	9.89%
WILMINGTON AREA MS	Historically Underperforming	34	41.18%	17.65%	23.53%	38.24%	20.59%

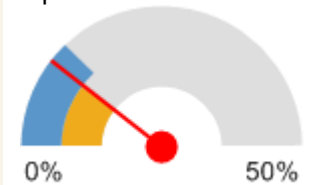
Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: County

Educational Attainment

This table shows the distribution of educational attainment levels in the area region. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25 except where noted, and is an average for the period from 2012 to 2016. The area equaled 10.49%. The statewide percentage of persons with no High School Diploma is 10.46%, while the national percentage is 13.02%.

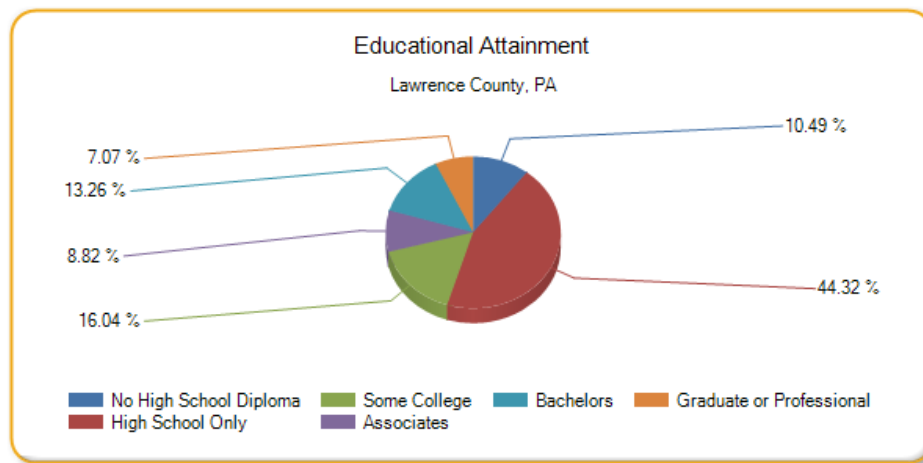
Report Area	Over Age 18 and No High School Diploma	No High School Diploma	High School Only	Some College	Associates	Bachelors	Graduate/Prof.
Lawrence County, PA	10.62%	10.49%	44.32%	16.04%	8.82%	13.26%	7.07%
Pennsylvania	10.68%	10.46%	35.97%	16.19%	8.05%	17.83%	11.5%
United States	13.12%	13.02%	27.53%	20.96%	8.18%	18.81%	11.5%

No High School Diploma



■ Lawrence County, PA (10.49%)
■ Pennsylvania (10.46%)
■ United States (13.02%)

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: tract



Education Level Persons over 25, Non-Hispanic

Report Area	Population	No High School Diploma	High School Only	Some College or Associates	Bachelor's Degree and Up
Lawrence County, PA	62,490	10.46%	44.36%	24.89%	20.28%
Pennsylvania	8,412,707	9.41%	36.17%	24.33%	30.09%
United States	182,982,549	9.46%	27.59%	30.02%	32.93%

Education Level Persons over 25, Hispanic

Report Area	Population	No High School Diploma	High School Only	Some College or Associates	Bachelors Degree and Up
Lawrence County, PA	546	14.1%	39.01%	21.43%	25.46%
Pennsylvania	437,139	30.7%	32.06%	22.39%	14.85%
United States	30,666,598	34.27%	27.16%	23.86%	14.72%

Colleges, Universities and Trade Schools

A listing of colleges, universities, and trade Schools in the report area are shown in the below table. This listing includes not only main campuses, but also branch and satellite offices as well.

County	Institution Name	Web Address
Lawrence	New Castle School of Trades	http://www.ncstrades.com
Lawrence	Westminster College	http://www.westminster.edu
Lawrence	Butler County Community College, Lawrence Crossing	https://www.bc3.edu

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: county

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

The table below shows the number of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program in the 2015-2016 school year. The figures below include public, private and parochial schools, and residential child care institutional figures. There are 745 students eligible in the report area, which makes up 45.73% of total enrolled students, compared to a Pennsylvania rate of 50.4%.

County	District	Type	Enrollment	Free Lunch Eligible	Free Lunch Enrollment	Reduced Lunch Eligible	Reduced Lunch Enrollment	Free and Reduced Lunch Enrollment
LAWRENCE	ELLWOOD CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	Public School	1,629	664	40.76%	81	4.97%	45.73%
LAWRENCE	LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT	Public School	1,168	309	26.46%	47	4.02%	30.48%
LAWRENCE	LAWRENCE COUNTY CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER	Public School	404	238	58.91%	22	5.45%	64.36%
LAWRENCE	MOHAWK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	Public School	1,462	543	37.14%	51	3.49%	40.63%
LAWRENCE	NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	Public School	1,239	222	17.92%	12	0.97%	18.89%
LAWRENCE	NEW CASTLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	Public School	3,176	3,176	100%	0	0%	100%

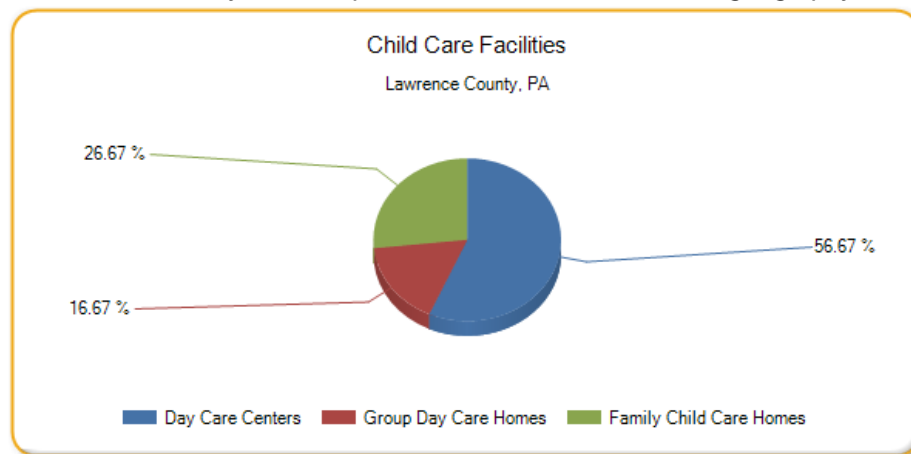
LAWRENCE	SHENANGO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	Public School	1,113	372	33.42%	32	2.88%	36.30%
LAWRENCE	UNION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	Public School	704	317	45.03%	26	3.69%	48.72%
LAWRENCE	WILMINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	Public School	1,406	287	20.41%	47	3.34%	23.76%
LAWRENCE	HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL	Private or Parochial School	42	14	33.33%	7	16.67%	50%
LAWRENCE	ST VITUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL	Private or Parochial School	94	33	35.11%	7	7.45%	42.55%
Statewide	no data	no data	1,751,081	845,729	48.30%	53,941	3.08%	51.38%

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: county

Child Care Facilities

The number of day care centers and group day care homes within the report area are shown below. According to the Pennsylvania Departments of Public Welfare and Education, there were a total of 30 licensed child care facilities in the report area in 2015. The area equaled 30.

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: county



Certified Child Care Facilities

The table below is a listing of Certified Child Care Providers provided by the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) as of March, 2017.

* Child Care Center: A child care facility in which 7 or more children who are not related to the operator receive child care.

* Family Child Care Home: A child care facility located in a home in which 4 to 6 children who are not related to the caregiver receive child care.

* Group Child Care Home: A child care facility in which 7 to 12 children of various ages or in which 7 to 15 children from 4th grade through 15 years of age who are not related to the operator receive child care.

** The maximum number of children permitted to receive care in a child care facility at one time based on square footage of child care space and age of the children.

County	Number of Certified Providers	Certified Provider Type *	Maximum Capacity **
Lawrence	18	Child Care Center	1,663
Lawrence	8	Family Child Care Home	54
Lawrence	5	Group Child Care Home	60

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: county

Child Care Costs

The 2013-2014 Department of Public Welfare reports the average costs for child care based on responses from licensed care provider centers in each county. Cost of child care for each type of care and age group for the report area is shown below. These figures include the average cost of care for all age ranges including: Infant care, Toddler care, Pre-school care, School-age Before and After Care and School-age Full Day rates.

Report Area	Type of Care	Daily Cost, Full-Time	Daily Cost, Part-Time
Lawrence County, PA	CENTER	\$28.49	\$20.77

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: County

Child Care Ceiling Rates

The table below is a listing of the daily Maximum Child Care Allowances (MCCA) determined by the Department of Public Welfare (DPW), effective January 1 2013. This is the maximum base amount paid by Child Care Information Services (CCIS) agencies for child care assistance for eligible families enrolled in the CCIS program. The family pays a co-pay which is subtracted from the amount paid to the provider by the CCIS office. DPW does periodic provider rate assessments and determines the MCCA amounts by utilizing the 75 percentile of actual child care provider costs in the county by type and age range. The rates listed below provide an estimated average daily rate by Provider Type and the Child's Age Range for Full Time Care.

County	Type of Provider	Infant	Young Toddler	Old Toddler	Pre-School	Young School-Age	Old School-Age
Lawrence	Child Care Center	\$33.75	\$31.78	\$30.45	\$27.65	\$23.65	23.65
Lawrence	Group Child Care Home	\$30.65	\$29.65	\$29.65	\$29.65	\$29.65	29.65
Lawrence	Family Child Care Home	\$26.53	\$25.73	\$25.65	\$26	\$25.05	25.05
Lawrence	Unregulated	\$11.93	\$11.93	\$11.93	\$11.93	\$11.93	11.93

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: County

Income, Infrastructure & Asset Building

Profile of community infrastructure

Lawrence County has a lot to offer to the community; although the need for better job opportunities as well as more education and skills for applicants has a direct effect on the community infrastructure. There is also a need for more family-owned businesses and maker space/business incubators that can offer space and low cost start up for new businesses. Making New Castle a livable, walkable community with modern-day amenities to attract the younger generations as well as provide safe, quality neighborhoods to raise a family and retire are important goals. The need for blight removal, upper floor living, river access points, public art, and homeownership are the areas that continue to be a work in progress.

Wages

Lawrence County has an average weekly wage of \$761.70. The average federal government weekly wage is \$1,061, which compares to the average state and local government weekly wage of \$968.5 and the average private weekly wage is \$736.

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
Lawrence County, PA	28,160	\$761	211	\$1,061	3,218	\$968.5	24,731	\$736
Pennsylvania	5,836,506	\$1,002	97,125	\$1,396	582,740	\$1,080.5	5,156,641	\$990

Living Wage

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an individual must earn 40 hours per week in order to meet the basic living expenses of their family. The Minimum Hourly Wage for Pennsylvania is \$7.25. In the table below, for families with two adults the assumptions are that one adult is staying home with the children so there are no child care costs, and the family has access to only one vehicle. Additional resources can be found at Livingwage.mit.edu

Hourly Wages	1 Adult	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	1 Adult 3 Children	2 Adults (1 Working)	2 Adults (1 Working) 1 Child	2 Adults (1 Working) 2 Children	2 Adults (1 Working) 3 Children	2 Adults (1 Working Part Time) 1 Child*	2 Adults	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 2 Children	2 Adults 3 Children
Living Wage	\$9.56	\$21.55	\$26.34	\$33.71	\$16.32	\$19.26	\$22.13	\$24.21	\$15.11	\$8.16	\$11.69	\$14.67	\$17.25
Poverty Wage	\$5.80	\$7.81	\$9.82	\$11.83	\$7.81	\$9.82	\$11.83	\$13.84		\$3.90	\$4.91	\$5.91	\$6.92
Minimum Wage	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25		\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25

Income Levels

Three common measures of income are Median Household Income, Per Capita Income, and Average Income based on U.S. Census Bureau estimates. All Three measures are shown for the report area in the below tables. The average income for earners in this report area is \$34,258. 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.

Report Area	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income	Average Income Per Earner
Lawrence County, PA	\$45,764	\$25,614	\$34,258
Pennsylvania	\$54,895	\$30,137	\$41,219
United States	\$55,322	\$29,829	\$42,837

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: tract

Income by Family Size

The table below shows median household income broken out by family size. For a Household of 3 persons, Lawrence County has a median household income of \$61,351. The Pennsylvania average for a household of 3 is \$75,526 and national average is \$70,766

Report Area	Household of One	Household of Two	Household of Three	Household of Four	Household of Five	Household of Six	Household of Seven
Lawrence County, PA	\$22,044	\$51,884	\$61,351	\$71,616	\$76,589	\$72,143	\$70,197
Pennsylvania	\$27,343	\$61,459	\$75,526	\$86,965	\$83,862	\$79,480	\$76,126
United States	\$29,162	\$62,214	\$70,766	\$81,844	\$75,347	\$71,600	\$74,443

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: County

Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

The Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) displayed in table below are issued every year by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and are the measure used for determining financial eligibility for all federal and many state programs

Federal Poverty Income Guidelines, 2018

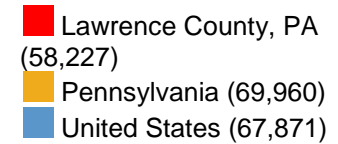
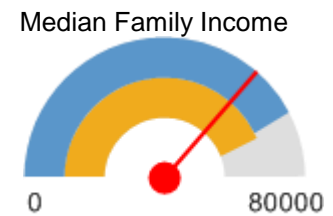
County	Family of 1	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4	Family of 5	Family of 6	Family of 7	Family of 8
Lawrence County, PA	\$12,140	\$16,460	\$20,780	\$25,100	\$29,420	\$33,740	\$38,060	\$42,380

Median Family income

This indicator reports median family income based on the latest 5-year American Community Survey estimates. A family household is any housing unit in which the householder is living with one or more individuals related to him or her by birth, marriage, or adoption. Family income includes the incomes of all family members age 15 and older.

Report Area	Total Family Households	Average Family Income	Median Family Income
Lawrence County, PA	24,098	\$74,525	\$58,227
Pennsylvania	3,195,577	\$90,446	\$69,960
United States	77,608,829	\$90,960	\$67,871

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: Tract



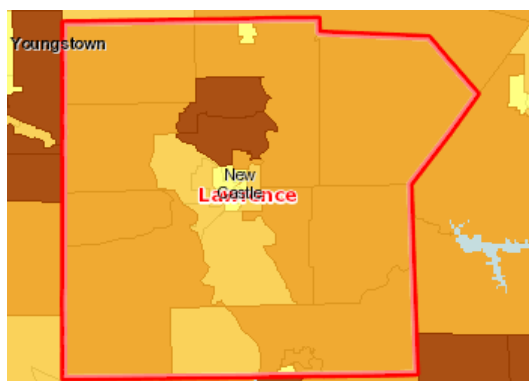
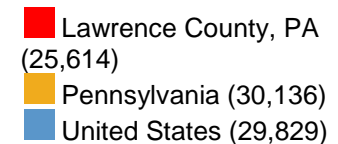
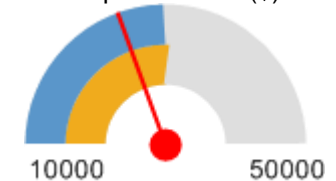
Income Per Capita

This indicator reports per capita income. Total income includes all reported income from wages and salaries as well as income from self-employment, interest or dividends, public assistance, retirement, and other sources. Per capita income is the average (mean) income computed for every man, woman, and child in a specified area.

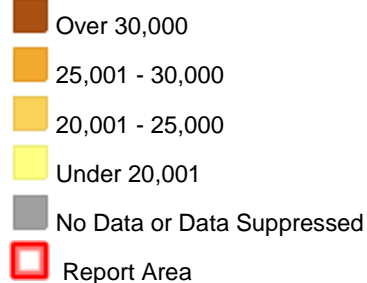
Report Area	Total Population	Total Income (\$)	Per Capita Income (\$)
Lawrence County, PA	88,528	\$2,267,570,800	\$25,614
Pennsylvania	12,783,977	\$385,267,248,100	\$30,136
United States	318,558,162	\$9,502,305,741,900	\$29,829

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: Tract

Per Capita Income (\$)



Per Capita Income by Tract, ACS 2012-16



Income by Family Size

The table below shows median household income broken out by family size. The Pennsylvania average for a household of 3 is \$75,526 and national average is \$68,625. Due to this data showing median income, a report area value is unable to be calculated.

Report Area	Household of One	Household of Two	Household of Three	Household of Four	Household of Five	Household of Six	Household of Seven
Lawrence County, PA	\$22,044	\$51,884	\$61,351	\$71,616	\$76,589	\$72,143	\$70,197
Pennsylvania	\$27,343	\$61,459	\$75,526	\$86,965	\$83,862	\$79,480	\$76,126
United States	\$29,162	\$62,214	\$70,766	\$81,844	\$75,347	\$71,600	\$74,443

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: County

Number of Households Eligible for County Assistance Funding

The table below shows the average monthly unduplicated number of persons eligible for medical assistance for the fiscal year 2014-2015. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare for the area shown, there was a total of 8,733 persons eligible, or 23.85 percent, for medical assistance. This is compared to Pennsylvania's 18.44 percent. The area equaled 36,616.

Report Area	Total Households	Households Eligible for County Assistance Funding	Eligible for TANF	Percent Eligible for TANF	Eligible for SNAP	Percent Eligible for SNAP
Lawrence County, PA	36,616	8,733	617	1.69%	8,116	22.17%
Pennsylvania	4,957,736	996,615	73,998	1.49%	922,617	18.61%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. 2010-14. Source geography: County

Persons Eligible for Medical Assistance

The table below shows the average monthly unduplicated number of persons eligible for medical assistance for the fiscal year 2015-2016. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare for the area shown, there was a total of 21,372.58 persons eligible, or 24.26 percent, for medical assistance. This is compared to Pennsylvania's 21.04 percent.

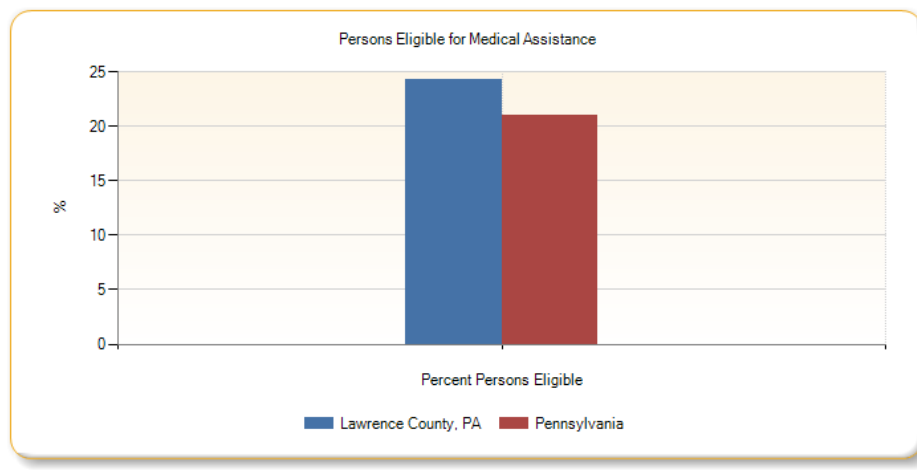
Report Area	Total Population	Persons Eligible	Percent Persons Eligible
Lawrence County, PA	88,082	21,372.58	24.26%
Pennsylvania	25,605,006	5,387,743	21.04%

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. Source geography: County

Percent Persons Eligible



■ Lawrence County, PA (24.26%)
■ Pennsylvania (21.04%)



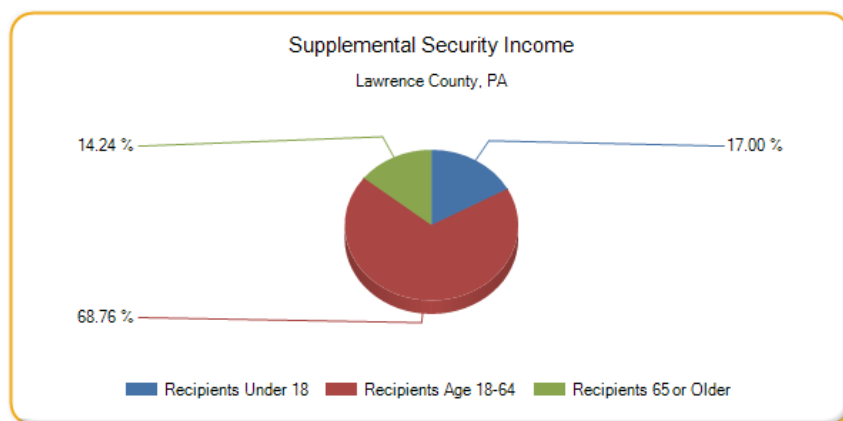
Supplemental Security Income

The number of Supplemental Security Income recipients and expenditures in the report area are shown in below. The number of recipients in the area totaled 3,406 receiving \$1,934,000 in payments with an average payment of \$567.82 per month. The area equaled 3,406.

Report Area	Total Recipients	Amount of Payments (\$1,000)	Average Monthly Payment	Recipients Under 18	Recipients Age 18-64	Recipients 65 or Older
Lawrence County, PA	3,406	\$1,934	\$567.82	579	2,342	485
Pennsylvania	363,735	\$213,726	\$587.59	65,183	231,047	67,505

Note: This indicator is compared with the state average.

Data Source: United States Social Security Administration. 2011-15. Source geography: County



Self-sufficiency for Lawrence County is a difficult goal to achieve. A household is considered to be self-sufficient when the adult (with one child) is working 2080 hours/year at a pay range of \$20.40/hour. That is an annual salary of \$42,432. The largest industry in Lawrence County is the Healthcare industry, employing

almost 20% of the population. The average wage for occupations in the Healthcare industry is \$33,895; placing the household approximately \$8500 short of meeting basic needs to include but not limited to: housing, food, child care, transportation, and medical.

Also, there is a gap in skilled positions and employees trained to fill those positions, thus limiting employment opportunities. As a result, many are forced to accept minimum wage (\$7.25/ hour) jobs. The same household make-up, consisting of one adult and one child, with the adult working full-time hours (2080 hours/year), will earn an annual salary of only \$15,080. That is an astounding \$27,352 deficit in being able to provide the basic necessities of life.

Those that are fortunate enough to earn a degree beyond high school are still forced to accept employment below the “living wage” level. This is because the local economy is not able to provide a reasonable return on their education because the community is so impoverished.

Generational poverty is an issue that needs to be addressed in Lawrence County. Children often model the lifestyle of their parents/guardians, thus perpetuating poverty in our community.

Available Assets: Home Ownership

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency

PHFA offers home purchase loans with low interest rates and fees. The Keystone Home Loan has the fewest eligibility requirements and the highest income and purchase price limits. Depending on where the home is located, applicants may not even need to be a first-time homebuyer. Buyers who meet a few additional conditions may be eligible for a Keystone Home Loan PLUS, which offers the lowest interest rate available and the possibility of up to \$2,000 in closing cost assistance. Buyers under either program may be eligible for up to \$15,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance through the HOMEstead program, if they and the home they are buying meet certain conditions.

For buyers with a disability or who have a household member with a disability, PHFA offers additional opportunities. The PHFA Access Modification loan allows eligible buyers to receive a no-interest second mortgage to finance modifications to the home they are purchasing. These buyers may also qualify for a special closing cost and down payment assistance loan available only to those buyers using the Access Modification Program. For buyers who want to make access modifications but don't qualify for a PHFA home loan, they may be able to combine the Fannie Mae Community HomeChoice™ loan with PHFA Access Modification assistance.

Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLBank)

The homebuyer grant program of the FHLBank of Pittsburgh offers:

*First-time homebuyers may now get up to \$5,000 in cash for down payment and closing costs.

*New registration process makes applying easier than ever.

*Approvals now made in 7 business days or less.

*Homeownership counseling minimum requirement lowered from 8 hours to 4.

Through First Front Door, FHLBank member financial institutions, housing counseling agencies, REALTORS®, community-based organizations and others with a stake in homeownership can open the door for first-time homebuyers. This critical grant can help strong, worthy buyers achieve an American dream they may have never before thought possible.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live in dignity and safety.

USDA Rural Development

Rural Housing Direct Loans are loans that are directly funded by the Government. These loans are available for low- and very low-income households to obtain homeownership. Applicants may obtain 100% financing to purchase an existing dwelling, purchase a site and construct a dwelling, or purchase newly constructed dwellings located in rural areas. Mortgage payments are based on the household's adjusted income. These loans are commonly referred to as Section 502 Direct Loans. Section 502 loans are primarily used to help low-income individuals or households purchase homes in rural areas. Funds can be used to build, repair, renovate or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and sewage facilities. Applicants for direct loans must have very low or low incomes. Very low income is defined as below 50 percent of the area median income (AMI); low income is between 50 and 80 percent of AMI; moderate income is 80 to 100 percent of AMI. Families must be without adequate housing, but be able to afford the mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance, which are typically within 22 to 26 percent of an applicant's income. However, payment subsidy is available to applicants to enhance repayment ability. Applicants must be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, yet have reasonable credit histories. Elderly and disabled persons applying for the program may have incomes up to 80 percent of area median income (AMI).

Community Development Block Grant

Municipalities with more than 51% of households with low and moderate incomes can qualify for housing assistance programs through the Community Development Block Grant.

Rental Issues

Code Enforcement

In recent years, local code enforcement officials have found it necessary to close rental properties due to the increasing number of violations on the properties. Although these units were of poor quality, these units were often the only units with affordable rents to low income families. For this reason, the County Commissioners have prioritized their Act 137 funds for affordable housing and the upgrading of the physical condition of the available housing stock.

Brownfields

Lawrence County landlords have the opportunity to upgrade their current properties through a grant program that provides a \$1 to \$1 match for the completion of projects. This program stabilizes the area's tax base, guarantees the provision and continuation of affordable housing, and continues the process of the enhancement of areas that may be considered desired to future employers.

Available Assets: Health Care

Hospitals/Health Care Providers

Within a one hour drive, residents can benefit from the care provided by major hospitals and health care networks including: Humility of Mary Health Partners (Youngstown, OH), Children's Hospital (Pittsburgh, PA), Sharon Regional Health System (Sharon, PA), University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (Various Locations), West Penn Allegheny Health System (Various Locations).

UPMC Jameson

Locally, residents can obtain health care via UPMC Jameson Health System. Formerly Jameson Health System, the hospital merged The mission of UPMC Jameson, Inc. is to provide a continuum of quality health and human services to all individuals in need who reside within the service area regardless of their ability to pay for available health and human services. UPMC Jameson seeks to provide services and programs that will aid in the advancement and improvement of the quality of life of the citizens in the areas the health system serves. UPMC Jameson also has scatter sites available in the area which provides specialty services.

A description of the site/services provided by UPMC Jameson follows:

* Imaging Centers

Magee Women's Imaging Center	Lawrence County MRI-Diagnostic	UPMC College Fields
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* Personal Care

Jameson Skilled Nursing Care	Jameson Place
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*Outpatient

UPMC Outpatient Center –Westgate

UPMC Jameson Partial Hospitalization

UPMC Centers for Rehab services-Westgate

UPMC Hillman Center

Jameson Center for Cardiac Health

UPMC Centers for Rehab- Nesbitt

UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute

Ellwood City Hospital

The Ellwood City Hospital is located in Ellwood City Borough. Ellwood City Hospital is a 125 acute care bed facility. Ellwood City Hospital provides:

*Intensive Care Facilities

*In-Patient and Out-Patient Services

*Complete Diagnostic, Therapeutic and Surgical Services, including Life Flight

Information on services at this hospital are subject to change in 2019.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV

Teen Parenting provides support services to pregnant and parenting teens including personal and career counseling, parenting skills, liaison with community agencies, career exploration workshops, and child care services for parenting teens. The program's focus is to help students graduate from high school, prepare for their future, and become successful parents. Over three-fourths of participants received prenatal care in the first trimester and over 99% received care by the second trimester. 98% of participants are up-to-date on recommended childhood immunizations. 6.3% of teens who gave birth in Pennsylvania delivered babies that were of low-birth weight (5lbs., 9 oz. or less). The percentage of babies born to teens in MIU IV's program was significantly lower at 4.0%.

Primary Health Network

Primary Health Network is the region's federally qualified health center, and operates various locations in the Lawrence County area, providing comprehensive primary care and preventive care, including health, oral, and mental health/substance abuse services to persons of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. Locally, PHN provides a complement of services including pharmacy, complementary medicine, and primary care.

Challenges: Options in Aging (Lawrence County Area Agency on Aging)

Challenges offers one-stop access to services for adults 60+. Supportive services include: care management, assistance with bathing, in-home meals, Medicare insurance counseling, and caregiver support. The Senior Community Center located in the building offers meals, recreation, and health and wellness programs for adults 50+ such as exercise sessions, fitness room, Yoga, Zumba, blood pressure screening, health-related topics, cards, knitting, and bingo.

Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County

Since 1981, the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County has been meeting the needs of rape and domestic violence. Free services provided include emergency shelter and counseling for victims of domestic violence, emotional abuse, rape, sexual assault, and child molestation.

New Castle Community YMCA

The mission of the New Castle Community YMCA is “to become an Association of members dedicated to providing innovative programs, legendary service, and availability to all in our community”. The New Castle YMCA provides social, educational, and recreational services and activities including:

- *25 yd. Swimming Pool. (Free Swim Lessons for Youth and Adults)
- *Wellness/Nautilus Center with Cardio Theater, 165 pieces of equipment (Grade 9 - Adult)
- *Gymnasium - volleyball, basketball, youth programs and more
- *Racquetball/Handball Courts
- *Free Weight Room (Grade 9 through Adult)
- *Fitness Classes, including Spinning®, Pilates and Yoga
- *Family Center complete with computers, video games, activities and more
- *Outdoor Kids Gym
- *Youth and Teen Center
- *Men's and Women's Fitness Centers with saunas
- *Child Watch – free to family members, \$1 per hour for individual members
- *Minimal Program Fees
- *Free Programs
- *Family Programs
- *Handicapped Accessible Locker Rooms
- *Fully-Licensed Daycare and Preschool

Available Assets: Food & Nutrition

For families needing assistance with nutrition, food pantries are available throughout the County.

Food Pantry	Area Served
Bessemer Borough	Bessemer Borough
City Rescue Mission	Lawrence County, including New Castle
Epworth United Methodist Church	Lawrence County, including New Castle
Hickory Township	Hickory Township
Holy Redeemer Social Services	Ellport Borough, Ellwood City, Perry Township, Wampum Borough, Wayne Township

Vista South Apartments	Residents of building only
Lawrence County Association for the Blind	Consumers of the Association's services only
Lawrence County Housing Authority	Residents of Lawrence Manor, McGrath Manor, Skyview Towers
Lawrence Manor	Residents of building only
Little Beaver Township	Little Beaver and Enon Valley
Mahoning Township	Mahoning Township
McGrath Manor	Residents of building only
Neshannock Township	Neshannock Township
Neshannock Woods	Residents of building only
New Beaver Borough	New Beaver Borough
North Beaver Township	North Beaver Township
People in Need	Shenango Township
Riverside Apartments	Residents of building only
Salvation Army, Ellwood City	Ellwood City (zip codes: 16117, 16120, 16123,16157,16160)
Salvation Army, New Castle	New Castle (zip codes: 16101, 16102, 16103, 16104, 16112, 16116, 16132, 16155)
Salvation Army, New Wilmington Service Unit	Pulaski Township (zip codes: 16140, 16142, 16143, 16156)
Solid Rock Ministry	Lawrence County, including New Castle
Taylor Township	Taylor Township
Union Township	Union Township
Washington Township	Plain Grove Township, Volant Borough, Washington Township

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

The mission of WIC is “to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutrition risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating, and referrals to health care”. The WIC targets families with incomes up to 185 percent of the Federal poverty income guidelines who are nutritionally at risk including:

- *Pregnant women (through pregnancy and up to 6 weeks after birth or after pregnancy ends).
- *Breastfeeding women (up to infant's 1st birthday)
- *Non-breastfeeding postpartum women (up to 6 months after the birth of an infant or after pregnancy ends)

*Infants (up to 1st birthday). WIC serves 45 percent of all infants born in the United States.

*Children up to their 5th birthday.

The following benefits are provided to WIC participants:

*Supplemental nutritious foods

*Nutrition education and counseling at WIC clinics

*Screening and referrals to other health, welfare and social services

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps people with little or no income buy nutritious food. Families with incomes up to 125% of poverty can qualify for assistance. Families receiving SNAP can use them to purchase:

*Any food intended for human consumption including soft drinks, candy, ice cream, coffee and spices.

*Seeds and plants to grow food for personal consumption by eligible households.

*Meals prepared and served by:

A. an authorized meal delivery service;

B. a communal dining facility for the elderly and/or SSI household;

C. a group living arrangement such as:

1. a rehabilitation center for drug addicts or alcoholics;

2. a shelter for battered women and children;

3. an authorized provider of meals for the homeless; and

4. an authorized restaurant serving meals to the homeless, elderly or disabled.

SNAP cannot be used to purchase:

*Alcoholic beverages, pet foods, and hot foods prepared for immediate consumption

*Non-food items such as paper products, soap, household supplies, medicines, and cigarettes.

Food stamp benefits may not be used to pay off a bill for food purchased on credit or to pay in advance for the receipt of foods except for purchase from a non-profit cooperative food-purchasing venture.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels provide home delivered meals for shut-ins and people with disabilities. Frozen meals that meet one-third RDA requirements are provided for disabled individuals or for persons recovering from an illness who are unable to prepare meals.

Available Assets: Transportation

New Castle Transit Authority

Public transportation is provided through the New Castle Area Transit Authority. The NCATA has a fleet of 29 fully accessible buses operating on 25 fixed routes serving the city of New Castle and greater Lawrence County. NCATA services are offered six days a week throughout Lawrence County and daily weekday services are offered to and from Pittsburgh. The NCATA is now serving over 1,000,000 passengers annually and has 51 employees.

Allied Coordinated Transportation Services

Through cooperation with the PA Department of Transportation and Lawrence County Commissioners, ACTS maintains a fleet of wheelchair accessible buses that service all of Lawrence County and provide weekly service to Pittsburgh and Butler. Anyone is able to ride the ACTS Buses, and many individuals are eligible for free or reduced fares.

The New Castle Municipal Airport

The New Castle Municipal Airport is located on 350 acres in Union Township with access from Routes 60, 224, and 422. The mission and scope of the airport is county-wide; our air transportation gateway to Lawrence County. There are 46 T-hangars, 3 conventional hangars, and tie-down areas housing more than 65 aircraft. Annual passenger load for New Castle is 30,188. 75% of general aviation flights are business or transportation related.

Greyhound

Greyhound, North America's largest intercity bus company, has a local bus station located on Rt. 422 at the New Castle Park-n-Ride. Greyhound provides local residents with access to long distance traveling 3,100 destinations in the United States and Canada.

Available Assets: Disability Services

Lawrence County residents with disabilities (including mental health) have a variety of resources and services available to them.

Human Services Center

The Human Services Center (HSC) is the region's largest provider of outpatient mental health services offering the community, comprehensive behavioral health services. Licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Public Welfare, The Center provides the following array of services:

Service	Description
Outpatient Psychotherapy	Adult, Child, and Family Outpatient Services
Housing	Short-Term, Long-Term, and Supportive Housing
Horizon House	Housing and Intensive Day Treatment
Drop-In Center	Community-Hospital Integration Program
Brighter Visions	School-based partial hospitalization for children ages 6-12
Student Assistance Program	Collaboration with teachers, counselors, and administrators in identifying and serving students with emotional problems
Family Based Services	Intensive, comprehensive services within the home and community for children and adolescents with severe behavioral and/or emotional problems and their families
Intensive Case Management	Services for adults and children with serious mental illness
Crisis Intervention	Respond to psychiatric emergencies seven days a week, 24 hours a day
Mental Retardation Services	Provides intake, evaluation and case management for individuals with developmental delays and mental retardation
Resource Case Management	Services meant to connect clients with other services in the community
Medical Services	Psychiatric services for children, adolescents and adults. Board certified psychiatrists conduct diagnostic evaluations, prescribe and monitor medication, and consult with staff on treatment plans.
Pinnacle Partial Program	Daytime treatment and education for adolescents with moderate to severe difficulty in their interpersonal relationships
Mobile Medication Services	Services provide support education and skill building for individuals to become independent and responsible for their medications

Disability Options Network

Disability Options Network is a grass roots advocacy organization concentrating on disability rights issues, as well as skills training, peer support, and information and referral services. Disability Options Network's primary goal is to empower people with disabilities to live as independently as they choose with. The organization strives to provide independence and empowerment at a systemic level as well as at an individual level, and frame the issues as civil rights for all people with disabilities.

Service	Description
Advocacy	Assists persons in working together to allow for individual and system changes to provide equal access to opportunities
Peer Support	Allows people with disabilities the opportunity to share experiences with the goal of empowering each other
Skills Training	Assist individuals in developing necessary daily living skills including budgeting, meal preparation, and attendant care skills
Information and Referral	Links individuals to other community resources
Home and Community Based Services	Provides services for OBRA, Independence and Comm. Care Waiver in Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer Counties

People in Need

People In Need is a private, non-profit social service agency that is the only dually licensed Drug and Alcohol and Mental Health Outpatient Clinic in Lawrence County. People In Need offers:

- Individual, child, parent, and relational counseling
- Play therapy
- Psychological and psychiatric testing and evaluation
- School evaluations
- Risk assessment for violence and suicide
- Parenting classes.

Housing

Housing is an undeniable issue in Lawrence County. Housing issues include:

- Homelessness and at risk for homelessness
- Double up, couch hopping, & not enough beds
- Evictions
- Utility shut – off notices
- Need for more suitable / affordable housing
- Meeting McKinney – Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act but not meeting HUD's definition

Affordable Housing

The need for improvements to Lawrence County's affordable housing stock is based on four factors: a large percentage of low/moderate income persons, an increase in the elderly population, a high percentage of homes built prior to 1940, and a high percentage of owner-occupied homes. In order to meet the need for affordable housing in Lawrence County, concerted efforts must be made to develop new housing options as well as maintain the housing stock already available.

Economic Development

Through the development of decent housing, the Lawrence County community becomes more attractive to both prospective residents and new businesses. As such, the development of housing can stimulate greater job creation and the needed economic growth to bring more of its residents out of poverty.

Housing Units

The number of housing units within the report area in July of each year from 2007-2017 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, there were a total of 41,244 housing units in Lawrence County in the report area in 2017 which was an increase since 2016.

	July 2007	July 2008	July 2009	July 2010	July 2011	July 2012	July 2013	July 2014	July 2015	July 2016	July 2017
Lawrence County, PA	40,872	40,909	40,946	40,974	40,886	40,962	40,814	40,743	40,675	40,622	41,244
Pennsylvania	5,520, 838	5,544, 680	5,560, 138	5,568, 632	5,576, 479	5,574, 650	5,581, 962	5,590, 538	5,602, 813	5,612, 002	4,777, 003

Data Source: US Census Bureau, United States Census Population Estimates. 2007-2017. Source geography: County

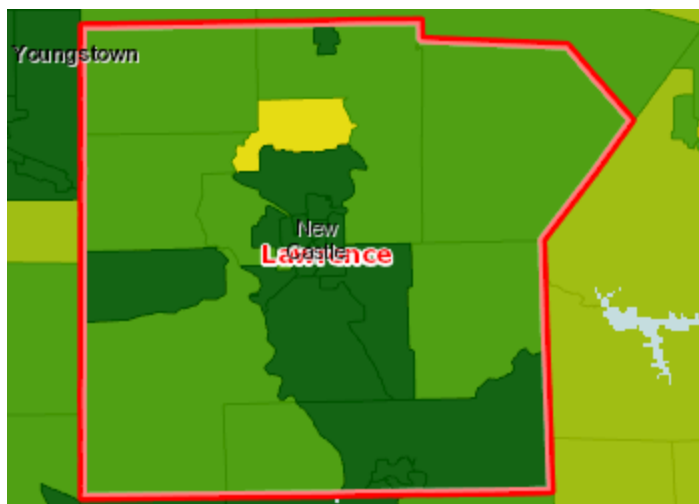
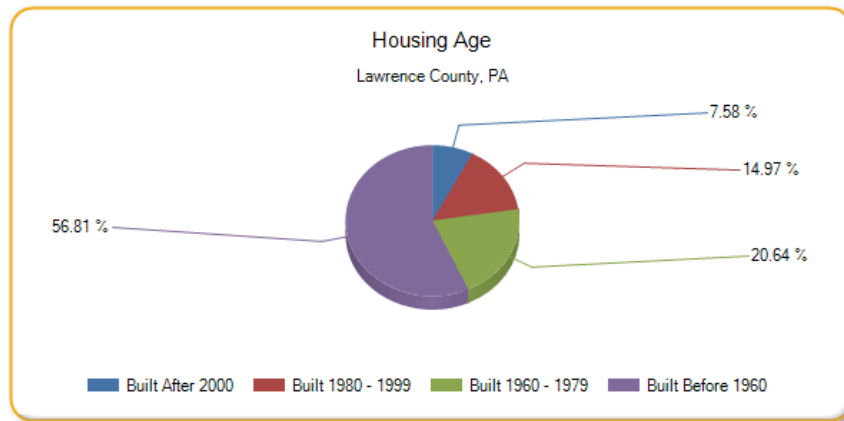
Housing Age

Total housing units, median year built and median age in 2017 for the report area are shown below. Housing units used in housing age include only those where the year built is known. The area equaled 41,244.

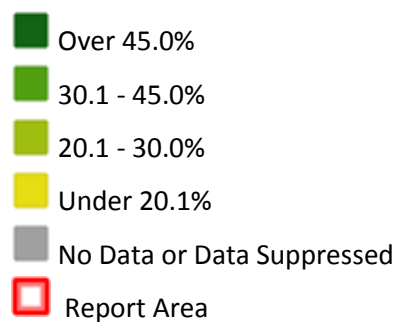
Report Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year built	Built After 2000	Built 1980 - 1999	Built 1960 - 1979	Built Before 1960
Lawrence County, PA	41,244	1956	3,086	6,095	8,406	23,136
Pennsylvania	4,777,003	1962	549,676	1,071,540	1,274,620	2,696,339

Note: This indicator is compared with the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-17. Source geography: county



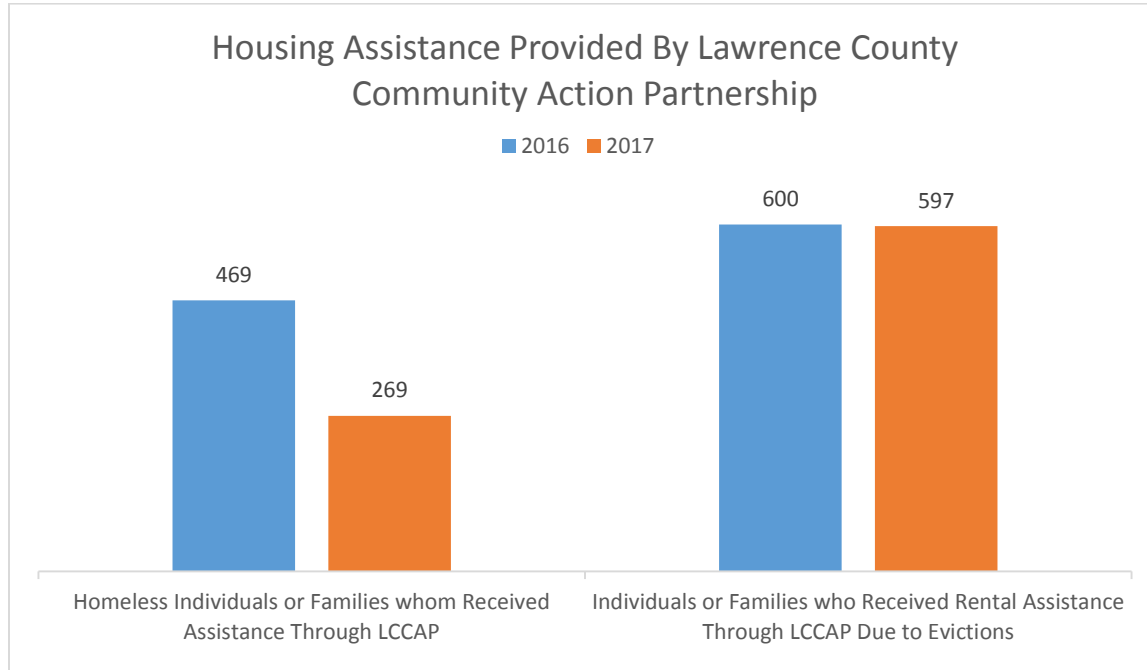
Housing Constructed Before 1960, Percent by Tract, ACS 2012-17



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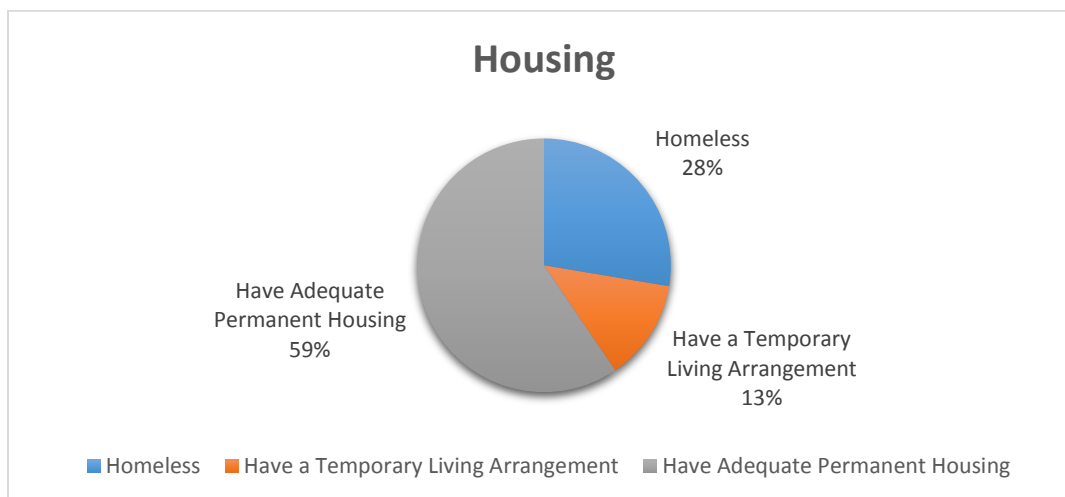
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- Double up, couch hopping, & not enough beds
- Evictions
- Utility shut – off notices

- Need for more suitable / affordable housing
- Meeting McKinney – Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act but not meeting HUD’s definition



Data Source: Lawrence County Community Action Partnership 2016, 2017 COPOS Reporting.

The following Housing chart is derived from LCCAP’s Help Us Help You assessment provided to individuals at intake from January 2017 – December 2017.



Units & Occupancy

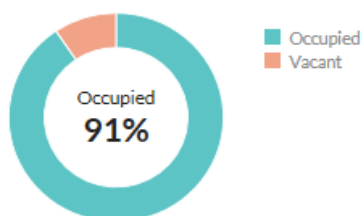
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Number of housing units

Pennsylvania: 5,694,402

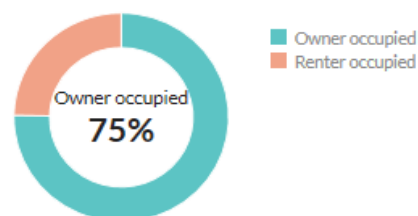
United States: 137,407,308

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Ownership of occupied units



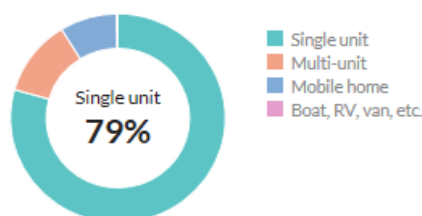
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Ownership of occupied units (Table B25003) [View table](#)

Column	Lawrence County				Pennsylvania				United States			
Owner occupied	75.3%	±2.4%	28,120	±1,230	68.3%	±0.3%	3,421,017	±18,098	63.9%	±0.2%	76,684,018	±243,713
Renter occupied	24.7%†	±2.8%	9,221	±1,069	31.7%	±0.3%	1,587,734	±16,243	36.1%	±0.1%	43,378,800	±114,163

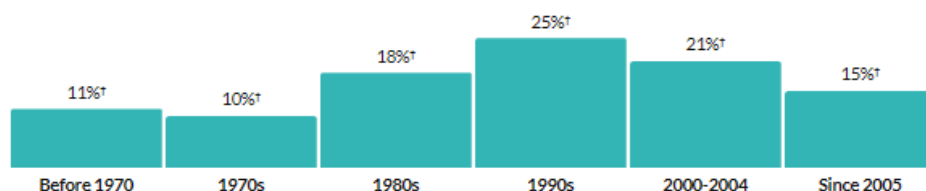
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Year moved in, by percentage of population



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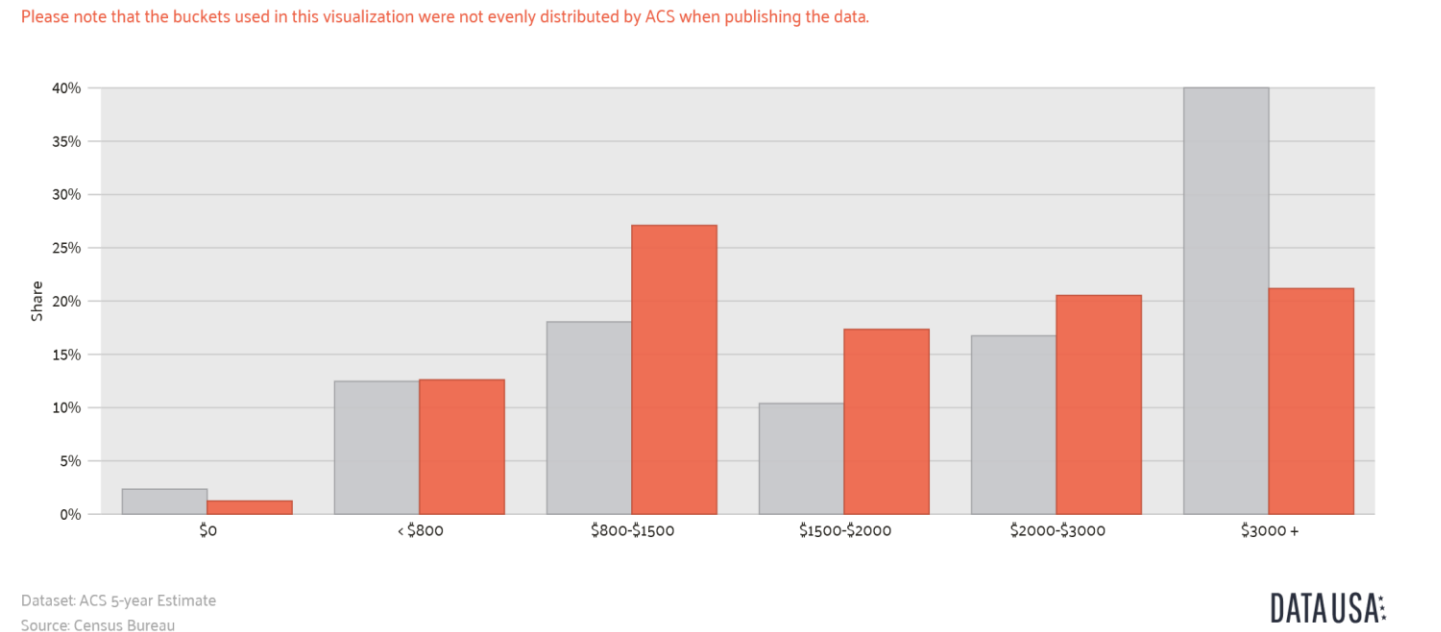
Lawrence County residents without permanent housing can find temporary shelter in one of three local shelters.

Organization	# of Beds Available	Population Served
Covenant House	14	Single Women; Single women with children
City Rescue Mission	24	Single Men
Crisis Shelter	34	Single Women with or without children experiencing domestic violence and/or sexual assault

Property Tax

This chart shows the households in Lawrence County, PA distributed between a series of property tax buckets compared to the national averages for each bucket. In Lawrence County, PA the largest share of households pay taxes in the \$800-\$1.5k range.

Property Taxes in Lawrence County



Median Costs

The following table demonstrates the median costs required by Lawrence County homeowners to maintain their homes.

Median Mortgage	Median % of Income Required to Pay Mortgage
\$738.00	30.0

Home Purchase Options

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency: PHFA offers homebuyers the opportunity to receive homebuyer counseling and education through its approved counseling agencies, as well as an online program. Housing Counselors provide guidance and advice to help families and individuals improve their housing conditions and meet the responsibility of homeownership. Topics included in Homebuyer Counseling sessions are evaluating mortgage readiness, fair housing, credit report analysis, budgeting for mortgage payments and improving money management skills. Other guidance provided is how to apply for special programs available to potential homebuyers and referrals to community services and regulatory agencies.

Borrowers with a middle credit score at or above 680 may complete the PHFA Online Homebuyer course. Borrowers with a middle credit score lower than 680 are required to complete an in-person course at a counseling agency prior to closing on their loan. These services are paid for by PHFA, with the exception of the credit report fee that may be charged by the counseling agency. Note: credit reports used for mortgage financing purposes generally return three scores; the "middle" score would be the one between the low and high scores.

Lawrence County Social Services partners with Neighborworks Western PA, located out of Pittsburgh, PA, to screen for eligible services.

Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLBank): The First Front Door (FFD) helps FHLBank Pittsburgh members open the door for first-time homebuyers. With FFD grants, they match the qualified homebuyer's contribution for down payment and closing costs 3-to-1. For every \$1 the homebuyer contributes, FHLBank will provide \$3 in grant assistance, up to a maximum of \$6,500. Household's income must be at or below 80% of the Area Medium Income (AMI).

Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live in dignity and safety.

Homeowners' Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP): The Pennsylvania General Assembly enacted Act 91 in December 1983, which created HEMAP. HEMAP is a state-funded loan program that offers valuable protections for homeowners and could help you keep your home. This program assists homeowners who are suffering financial hardship and are temporarily unable to pay their mortgage due to circumstances beyond their control. PHFA (Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency) administers HEMAP and determines which applications are eligible for HEMAP assistance. HEMAP funds loaned to prevent foreclosure are not a grant. These funds are a loan and must be repaid. Two types of assistance are available and both methods require recipients to make mandatory monthly minimum payments. The two types of assistance are continuing mortgage assistance loans and non-continuing mortgage assistance loans.

Some of the eligibility criteria for HEMAP loans (both continuing and non-continuing), you must live in the home, your mortgage cannot be more than 24 months or \$60,000 delinquent, and you must have a reasonable prospect of resuming full mortgage payments within 24 months. The monthly minimum payment by law to HEMAP must be \$25 per month per mortgage assisted.

The closest sites to Lawrence County for HEMAP assistance is Housing Opportunities of Beaver County and Shenango Valley Urban League, Inc. in Mercer County.

Reverse Mortgages: The only reverse mortgage insured by the U.S. Federal Government is called a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM), and is only available through an FHA-approved lender. The HECM is FHA's reverse mortgage program that enables you to withdraw a portion of your home's equity. The amount that will be available for withdrawal varies by borrower and depends on age of the youngest borrower or eligible non-borrowing spouse, current interest rate and if lesser of appraised value or the HECM FHA mortgage limit or the sales price. To consider if a HECM is right for you, you must meet with a HECM counselor to discuss program eligibility requirements, financial implications and alternatives to obtaining a HECM and repaying the loan.

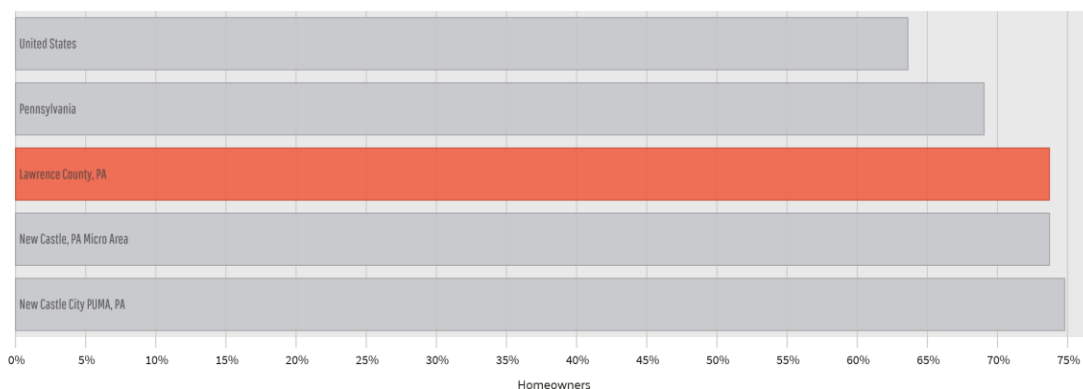
There are borrower and property eligibility requirements that must be met. To meet the requirements, you must be 62 years of age or older, own the property outright or paid-down a considerable amount, occupy the property as your principal residence, not be delinquent on any federal debt, have financial resources to continue to make timely payment of ongoing property charges such as property taxes, insurance and Homeowner Association fees, etc. and participate in a consumer information session given by a HUD-approved HECM counselor. There are also property and financial requirements as well. The closest agency to complete these can be located by searching online for a HECM counselor or contacting (800) 569-4287. The closest agency is Advantage Credit Counseling Service in Pittsburgh, PA.

Rent vs. Own

In 2017, 74.1% of the housing units in Lawrence County, PA were occupied by their owner. This percentage increased from the previous year's rate of 73.7%. This percentage of owner-occupation is higher than the national average of 63.6%. This chart shows the ownership percentage in Lawrence County, PA compared to its parent geographies

Rent vs Own in Lawrence County

Please note that the buckets used in this visualization were not evenly distributed by ACS when publishing the data.



Dataset: ACS 5-year Estimate
Source: Census Bureau

DATAUSA:

Lead Based Paint

Lawrence County Social Services provides technical assistance to municipalities, lenders, and property owners in regard to the assessment and management of lead based paint. Services available include: risk assessments, inspections, clearance testing, and complete program/and or project design.

In Home Services

United Community Services, Inc. provides In Home services to the elderly, disabled, and mentally handicapped residents in Lawrence County. This program is designed to make every aspect of daily life more comfortable and safe for those who need an extra hand. Services include light housekeeping, errands, laundry, and chore services as they relate to health and safety issues.

Weatherization

The Weatherization Assistance Program is an energy conservation program, funded by federal money and administered through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The objective is to conserve energy consumption in low income households which meet the poverty level guidelines set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services. The scope of services includes performing standard weatherization services consisting of installation of door kits, door sweeps, attic insulation, repair of broken glass in windows, primary door repair/installation, hot water tank wraps, caulking and glazing windows, and general air infiltration work.

Furnace Modification/Retrofit is performed by cleaning and tuning gas and oil furnaces to achieve maximum efficiency of the heating unit, carbon monoxide testing, safety checks and repairs.

Services are provided to homeowners and renters, as well as mobile home occupants. The Weatherization Assistance Program services Lawrence County residents who meet the income guidelines. Priority is given to elderly, age 60 and over, handicapped, and households with small children.

Housing Rehabilitation

The City of New Castle, Shenango Township, Union Township, and Ellwood City Borough each operates an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program. These programs provide low interest loans for the elimination of code deficiencies and additional enhancements to the home. Participants must meet eligibility criteria to qualify for this lottery program.

Pennsylvania Regional Lead Hazard Control Grant

On behalf of Pennsylvania Regional areas, Lawrence County operates a Lead Hazard Control Grant that works to prevent childhood lead poisoning through remediating lead hazards in owner occupied units.

Administered by LCCAP, the \$3,200,000 in federal funds are used for the elimination and/or the control of all identified lead hazards in 210 housing units involving low to very-low income families with children less than six years of age. The targeted areas located within numerous municipalities of Pennsylvania. These targeted areas developed the PA Regional Lead Hazard Control Grant (PAR-LHCG) Consortium of over 70 working partners and their own supporting agencies and organizations.

Housing-Cost Burden (Renters)

National Low-Income Housing Coalition

The National Low-Income Housing Coalition works to ensure that every American is able to afford a home. The following is a summary of the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's findings regarding the affordability of rent in Lawrence County. *A unit is considered affordable if it costs no more than 30% of the renter's income.*

□ In Lawrence County, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is \$727. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities, without paying more than 30% of income on housing, a household must earn \$2,476 monthly or \$29,720 annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into a Housing Wage of \$14.15.

□ In Lawrence County, a minimum wage worker earns an hourly wage of \$7.25. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment, a minimum wage earner must work 79 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or, a household must include 1.9 minimum wage earner(s) working 40 hours per week year-round in order to make the two bedroom FMR affordable.

□ In Lawrence County, the estimated mean (average) wage for a renter is \$9.88 an hour. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment at this wage, a renter must work 58 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or, working 40 hours per week year-round, a household must include 1.4 worker(s) earning the mean renter wage in order to make the two-bedroom FMR affordable.

□ Monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for an individual are \$772 in Lawrence County. If SSI represents an individual's sole source of income, \$232 in monthly rent is affordable, while the FMR for a one-bedroom is \$561.

Rental Assistance

Households who are or at risk of becoming homeless may qualify for rental assistance via Lawrence County Social Services and/or the Department of Public Welfare. Households must be able to provide proof of their housing emergency and meet income eligibility guidelines. Families may qualify for up to \$1500 in funds to stop an eviction or secure permanent housing. Rental Assistance funds are in high demand in Lawrence County. Since July 2015, Lawrence County Social Services has served 165 households in need of rental assistance.

Affordable Housing Units

Lawrence County has a variety of Affordable Housing Developments. This listing includes both privately and publicly owned developments.

Location	Development	Total Units	Elderly	Family/General	Accessible
Ellwood City	Crescent Place	50	47	0	3
Ellwood City	RJ Schill Manor	72	58	0	14
Ellwood City	Walnut Ridge	100	0	95	5
New Castle	Big Run	22	18	0	4
New Castle	Brinton Hill	50	22	20	8
New Castle	Castleton Apt. Complex	73	72	0	1
New Castle	Oakleaf Gardens	184	0	184	0
New Castle	Harbor Heights	76	0	72	4
New Castle	Hileman Apts.	40	0	38	2
New Castle	Lawrence Manor	150	143	0	7
New Castle	McGrath Manor	92	87	0	5
New Castle	Neshannock Village	69	0	65	4
New Castle	Neshannock Woods	80	72	0	8
New Castle	North Jefferson Building	29	26	0	3
New Castle	Oakview	10	0	0	10
New Castle	Riverside Apts.	128	128	0	0
New Castle	St. Francis Vista South	52	50	0	2
New Castle	Sciota Street	52	0	50	2
New Castle	Shenango Treetops	34	31	0	3
New Castle	Sky View Towers	120	114	0	6
New Castle	West Grant Street Homes	100	0	95	5
New Castle	West Lincoln Terrace	50	0	48	2
New Castle	Westview Terrace	98	0	98	0
West Pittsburg	Taylor Terrace Apts.	30	0	28	2
TOTALS		1761	868	793	95

Section 8 Housing

Lawrence County resident's opportunity of obtaining a Section 8 voucher are decreasing. Lawrence County's Section 8 Waiting List officially reopened on September 5, 2018. No indication of how long the list will remain open has been given.

Homelessness

In order to provide homeless households with affordable housing opportunities, a variety of supportive housing programs have been developed.

Transitional Housing

The addition of transitional housing options to Lawrence County has permitted local homeless families to obtain the skills and resources needed for success in permanent housing while living in a supportive environment.

Organization	# of Beds	Population
City Rescue Mission	8	Single Men
Highland House	16	Single Women with Substance Abuse Issues
Human Services Center	22	Individuals with Mental Health Issues
Crisis Shelter	12	Single Women with or without children experiencing domestic violence and/or sexual assault

Permanent Supportive Housing

Recognizing that some homeless households require extensive support without time restraints, three organizations offer permanent housing options.

Organization	# of Beds Available	Population
Lawrence County Social Services	12	Individuals with Chronic Substance Abuse Issues
Lawrence County Social Services	10	Chronically homeless individuals with a disability
Lawrence County Social Services	24	Seriously mentally ill individuals in a housing crisis
City Rescue Mission	11	Single Men
Human Services Center	43	Individuals with Mental Health Issues
Lawrence County Social Services	24	Chronically Homeless Individuals or Families with a Disability or Homeless Individuals or Families with a Disability

Home Ownership Issues

Many Lawrence County residents are residing in substandard housing. The following tables demonstrate some of the indicators of the quality of Lawrence County homes.

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Utility Gas	22,409	62.5
Electricity	6,253	17.5
Fuel Oil, kerosene, etc.	5,246	14.6
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	840	2.3
Wood	651	1.8
Coal or coke	202	0.6
Other Fuel	164	0.5
No fuel used	56	0.2
Solar Energy	5	0

Home Characteristics	Number	Percent
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	304	0.8
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	282	0.8
No telephone service	1,290	3.6
Built prior to 1959	25,131	62.2
Value less than \$50,000	5,078	18.1
Built in 1939 or earlier		33.4

Affordable Housing

The need for improvements to Lawrence County's affordable housing stock is based on four factors: a large percentage of low/moderate income persons, an increase in the elderly population, a high percentage of homes built prior to 1940, and a high percentage of owner-occupied homes. In order to meet the need for affordable housing in Lawrence County, concerted efforts must be made to develop new housing options as well as maintain the housing stock already available.

Economic Development

Through the development of decent housing, the Lawrence County community becomes more attractive to

both prospective residents and new businesses. As such, the development of housing can stimulate greater job creation and the needed economic growth to bring more of its residents out of poverty.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics – October 2018		
	Lawrence County	PA
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.1%
Labor Force	40,200	6,420,000
Employed	38,100	6,155,000
Unemployed	2,100	265,000

Report done by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry Center for Workforce Information and Analysis.

Elimination of Factors that Contribute to Poverty

Through the upgrade of their housing, Lawrence County residents will find themselves in an improved economic condition. For instance, through the installation of new windows and doors, residents' weather tight homes will require fewer funds to meet their utility costs. Therefore, the residents will have more expendable income to pay down debt, contribute to the local economy, and meet other household needs.

Tax Stabilization

Decent, affordable housing can help to bring tax stabilization to the County. By making substandard housing livable, residents will be able to purchase homes that were previously vacant. This process can help bring households back to areas that were previously undesirable and funnel valuable tax dollars back into the community.

Lead Education and Outreach

LCCAP offers a variety of lead education and outreach services in Lawrence County, and in other communities within the Northwest Pennsylvania region.

Health/Social Behavioral Development

Nutrition

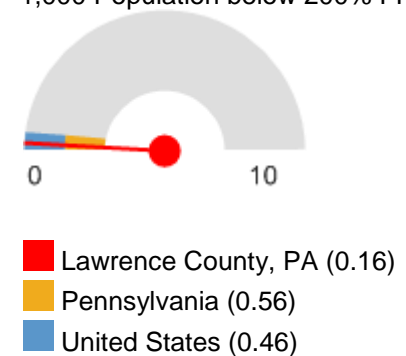
According to the Lawrence County Comprehensive Plan, Lawrence County has the third worst score for all 67 Pennsylvania counties for the food environment index. Per the 2015 County Health Rankings, 12% of residents had limited access to healthy foods, compared to 4% in Pennsylvania. In looking at low income areas, the most underserved locations in the County include the City of New Castle and Mahoning Township. 13% of Lawrence County residents reported food insecurity compared to 14% in Pennsylvania. There are a variety of Farmer's Markets located throughout the County. The City of New Castle offers a farmer's market on Saturdays from July through October. The Ellwood City Farmers' Market is also open on Saturdays from June through October and offers live musical performances. The New Wilmington Farmers' Market is also on Saturdays from June through October and features local produce and artisans' crafts. In addition, some local farms, such as Apple Castle, offer farmers markets year round. Lawrence County has nine grocery stores, not including convenience stores. According to The Yellowbook, Lawrence County has 182 stores to purchase grocery items. This number includes convenience stores, gas stations, fast food restaurants, and both privately owned and chain grocery stores. LCCAP has a Summer Food program that served food to 23 different locations in the summer of 2018. In total, 16,644 meals were served to an unduplicated 1,436 children.

WIC-Authorized Food Store Access:

This indicator reports the number of food stores and other retail establishments that are authorized to accept WIC Program (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) benefits per 1,000 population below 200% FPL.

Report Area	Population below 200% FPL	Number WIC-Authorized Food Stores	WIC-Authorized Food Store, Rate per 1,000
Lawrence County, PA	30,511	5	0.16
Pennsylvania	3,758,020	2,120	0.56
United States	103,964,437	47,488	0.46

WIC-Authorized Food Stores per 1,000 Population below 200% FPL



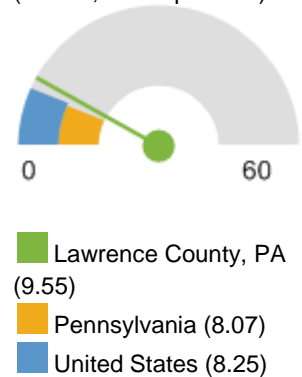
Data Source: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, USDA
- Food Environment Atlas. 2012. Source geography: County

SNAP-Authorized Food Store Access:

This indicator reports the number of SNAP-authorized food stores as a rate per 10,000 population. SNAP-authorized stores include grocery stores as well as supercenters, specialty food stores, and convenience stores that are authorized to accept SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits.

Report Area	Total Population	Total SNAP-Authorized Retailers	SNAP-Authorized Retailers, Rate per 10,000 Population
Lawrence County, PA	91,108	87	9.55
Pennsylvania	12,702,379	10,257	8.07
United States	312,411,142	257,596	8.25

SNAP-Authorized Retailers, Rate (Per 10,000 Population)



Data Source: US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA - SNAP Retailer Locator. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2017. Source geography: Tract

Fruit/Vegetable Consumption:

In the report area an estimated 56,284, or 79.1% of adults over the age of 18 are consuming less than 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day. This indicator is relevant because current behaviors are determinants of future health, and because unhealthy eating habits may cause significant health issues, such as obesity and diabetes.

Report Area	Total Population (Age 18+)	Total Adults with Inadequate Fruit / Vegetable Consumption	Percent Adults with Inadequate Fruit / Vegetable Consumption
Lawrence County, PA	71,156	56,284	79.1%
Pennsylvania	9,703,855	7,326,411	75.5%
United States	227,279,010	171,972,118	75.7%

Food Assistance in Lawrence County:

The following are resources in the county to assist families in obtaining food

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Summer Feeding Program through the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- Produce to People
- Meals on Wheels
- Challenges, Options on Aging
- Glory Grill
- Big Run
- Hunger Services, Urban League

The following locations have a food pantry:

- City Rescue Mission
- Eastside Bread Basket
- First Baptist Church
- Holy Redeemer Social Services
- Lawrence County Association for the Blind
- Little Beaver Township
- Mahoning Township
- New Beaver Borough
- New Bedford Presbyterian Church
- North Beaver Township
- People in Need
- St Joseph the Worker Food Bank
- Salvation Army, Ellwood City
- Salvation Army, New Castle
- Taylor Township
- Union Township
- Washington Township
- The Neighborhood Panty

Medicare and Medicaid Providers:

The total number of institutional Medicare and Medicaid providers, including hospitals, nursing facilities, federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and community mental health centers for the report area is shown in the table below. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 19 active Medicare and Medicaid institutional service providers in the report area in the 1st quarter of 2018. the area equaled 19.

Report Area	Total Institutional Providers	Hospitals	Nursing Facilities	Federally Qualified Health Centers	Rural Health Clinics	Community Mental Health Centers
Lawrence County, PA	19	2	8	2	0	0
Pennsylvania	2,838	258	694	256	74	8
United States	73,554	7,153	15,635	8,350	4,246	142

Data Source: US Department of Health Human Services, Center for Medicare Medicaid Services, Provider of Services File. March 2018. Source geography: County

Health

According to the Lawrence County Comprehensive Plan, in terms of Health Outcomes, Lawrence County ranks particularly low (59th for length of life and 63rd for quality of life). According to the rankings, Lawrence County has a higher rate of premature deaths (before age 75) and lower rates of quality of life. Residents reported a higher number of poor physical health days and overall poor or fair health than other counties in Pennsylvania. Also contributing to its low ranking is a higher percentage of babies born with a low birthweight. A few areas of concern to highlight are: Adult obesity (33% compared to 29% in Pennsylvania), Physical inactivity (27% compared to 24%), Access to exercise opportunities (77% compared to 85%), and Sexually transmitted diseases (the rate for this measure is increasing).

Persons Receiving Medicare:

The total number of persons receiving Medicare is shown, broken down by number over 65 and number of disabled persons receiving Medicare, for the report area in the table below. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that a total of 23,321 persons were receiving Medicare benefits in the report area in 2017. A large number of individuals in our society are aware that persons over 65 years of age receive Medicare; however, many of them are unaware that disabled persons also receive Medicare benefits. A total of 3,851 disabled persons in the report area received Medicare benefits in 2017. The area equaled 19,470.

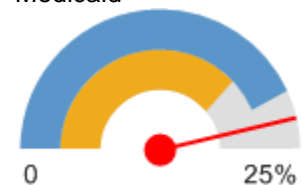
Report Area	Persons Over 65 Receiving Medicare	Disabled Persons Receiving Medicare	Total Persons Receiving Medicare
Lawrence County, PA	19,470	3,851	23,321
Pennsylvania	4,466,533	803,556	5,270,085
United States	49,775,028	8,768,041	58,543,069

Population Receiving Medicaid:

This indicator reports the percentage of the population with insurance enrolled in Medicaid (or other means-tested public health insurance). This indicator is relevant because it assesses vulnerable populations which are more likely to have multiple health access, health status, and social support needs; when combined with poverty data, providers can use this measure to identify gaps in eligibility and enrollment.

Report Area	Total Population (For Whom Insurance Status is Determined)	Population with Any Health Insurance	Population Receiving Medicaid	Percent of Insured Population Receiving Medicaid
Lawrence County, PA	87,500	81,275	18,833	23.17%
Pennsylvania	12,579,598	11,579,382	2,216,468	19.14%
United States	313,576,137	276,875,891	59,874,221	21.62%

Percent of Insured Population Receiving Medicaid



■ Lawrence County, PA (23.17%)
■ Pennsylvania (19.14%)
■ United States (21.62%)

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16.

Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Enrollment:

Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollment is shown in the table below. Total enrollment in the selected area is 1,016 children. The number of enrollees whose household income is no greater than 208% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) totals 716, while those enrolled where FPL is greater than 314% equals 36 children.

Families who are at or above 200% of the Federal Poverty Level pay in part on a sliding scale for CHIP.

Report Area	Total Enrollment	FPL Less than 208%	FPL 208% to 262%	FPL 262% to 288%	FPL 288% to 314%	FPL Greater than 314%
Lawrence County, PA	1,016	716	182	53	29	36
Pennsylvania	169,367	120,928	29,155	7,729	5,441	6,114

Prenatal Care:

Prenatal care significantly factors into the health of pregnant women and the birth of healthy babies. In 2014, the total number of women's first prenatal care visit occurring in the 1st trimester of pregnancy was 613; the total number of first visits during the 2nd trimester was 228; and, for the 3rd trimester the total was 62 first time visits. Women's first prenatal care visit in an unknown trimester totaled 36 occurrences. There were 11 cases in which no prenatal care occurred.

Report Area	First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester	Unknown Trimester	No Prenatal Care
Lawrence County, PA	613	228	62	36	11
Pennsylvania	97,105	28,421	7,584	5,455	2,162

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health. Source geography: County

Most live births occurred with mothers 20-30 years of age, giving birth to 57.47 percent of all births in the report area. The second largest group is mothers 30-40 years of age, with 33.89 percent of births. Mothers over age 40 represent 1.68 percent of births. Of interest are live births by mothers under the age of 19, who gave birth to 6.95 percent of all babies in the report area. These births can work against families being self-sufficient. Teen mothers are statistically less likely to continue education through high school and college, without which many may earn only low-income wages. Teen mothers and their children face increased health risk due to lack of education and resources.

Report Area	Total Births	Mother Age Under 15	Mother Age 15-19	Mother Age 20-30	Mother Age 30-40	Mother Age Over 40	Age Unknown
Lawrence County, PA	950	0	66	546	322	16	0
Pennsylvania	140,727	68	7,172	69,401	60,185	3,884	17

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health. Source geography: County

Leading Causes of Death:

The table below lists the top five causes of death in the area region for 2014, along with the number of deaths associated with each cause.

County	Rank	Cause of Death	Total Number
Lawrence	1	Diseases of Heart	315
Lawrence	2	Cancer	249
Lawrence	3	Accidents	67
Lawrence	4	C.L.R.D.*	56
Lawrence	5	Stroke	53

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health. 2017. Source geography: County

Physicians:

The table below shows the number of physicians and physician assistants for the report area. There are 1.56 physicians per 1000 persons in the report area; the Pennsylvania average is 3.92 physicians per 1000 persons. The area equaled 89.

Report Area	Medical Physicians / Surgeons	Medical Physician Assistants	Osteopathic Physicians / Surgeons	Physicians / Assistants per 1,000
Lawrence County, PA	89	26	24	1.56
Pennsylvania	72,168	14,124	13,932	3.92

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. 2017. Source geography: County

Dentists:

The table below shows the number of dentists and dental hygienists for the report area. There are 0.85 dental professionals per 1000 persons in the report area. The Pennsylvania average is 1.26 dental professionals per 1000 persons. The area equaled 45.

Report Area	Dentists	Dental Hygienists	Dental Professionals per 1,000 Persons
Lawrence County, PA	45	31	0.85
Pennsylvania	16,200	16,066	1.26

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. Source geography: County

Nurses:

The table below shows the number of nurses, nurse practitioners, and nurse specialists for the report area. There are 23.54 nursing professionals per 1000 persons in the report area. The Pennsylvania average is 19.41 nursing professionals per 1000 persons. The area equaled 1,488.

Report Area	Registered Nurses	Practical Nurses	Registered Nurse Practitioners	Clinical Nurse Specialists	Nurses per 1,000 Persons
Lawrence County, PA	1,488	550	60	1	23.54
Pennsylvania	375,048	100,004	20,650	386	19.41

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. Source geography: County

The table below shows the number of mental health professionals for the report area. There are 0.15 mental health professionals per 1000 persons in the report area. The Pennsylvania average is 0.43 mental health professionals per 1000 persons. The area equaled 13.

Report Area	Psychologists	Psychologist per 1,000 Persons
Lawrence County, PA	13	0.15
Pennsylvania	10,972	0.43

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. Source geography: County

Therapists:

The table below shows the number of physical therapists, occupational therapists, and chiropractors for the report area. There are 1.59 physical therapy, occupational therapy, and chiropractor professionals per 1000 persons in the report area. The Pennsylvania average is 1.83 physical therapists, occupational therapists, and chiropractors per 1000 persons. The area equaled 75.

Report Area	Physical Therapists	Occupational Therapists	Chiropractors	Therapists / Chiropractors per 1,000 Persons
Lawrence County, PA	75	39	28	1.59
Pennsylvania	24,806	14,428	7,476	1.83

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. Source geography: County

Special Health Professionals:

The table below shows the number of dietitian-nutritionists, optometrists, doctors of podiatric medicine, and speech pathologists for the report area. There are 0.94 special health professionals per 1000 persons in the report area. The Pennsylvania average is 1.09 special health professionals per 1000 persons.

Report Area	Dietitian-Nutritionists (LDN)	Optometrists	Doctors of Podiatric Medicine	Speech Language Pathologists	Special Health Professionals per 1,000 Persons
Lawrence County, PA	19	12	7	46	0.94
Pennsylvania	7,516	4,030	2,504	13,926	1.09

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs.

Access to Primary Care:

This indicator reports the number of primary care physicians per 100,000 population. Doctors classified as "primary care physicians" by the AMA include: General Family Medicine MDs and DOs, General Practice MDs and DOs, General Internal Medicine MDs and General Pediatrics MDs. Physicians age 75 and over and physicians practicing sub-specialties within the listed specialties are excluded. This indicator is relevant because a shortage of health professionals contributes to access and health status issues.

Report Area	Total Population, 2014	Primary Care Physicians, 2014	Primary Care Physicians, Rate per 100,000 Pop.
Lawrence County, PA	88,771	43	48.44
Pennsylvania	12,787,209	12,643	98.9
United States	318,857,056	279,871	87.8

US Department of Health Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Area Health Resource File. 2014.

This indicator reports the rate of primary care physicians per 100,000 population by year.

Report Area	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Lawrence County, PA	39.63	43.1	46.84	41.76	36.56	43.26	49.39	48.6	47.85	49.25	48.44
Pennsylvania	82.7	82.12	82.25	82.46	82.51	89.09	95.95	97.53	97.46	99.17	98.87
United States	80.76	80.94	80.54	80.38	80.16	82.22	84.57	85.83	86.66	87.76	87.77

Access to Dentists:

This indicator reports the number of dentists per 100,000 population. This indicator includes all dentists - qualified as having a doctorate in dental surgery (D.D.S.) or dental medicine (D.M.D.), who are licensed by the state to practice dentistry and who are practicing within the scope of that license.

Report Area	Total Population, 2015	Dentists, 2015	Dentists, Rate per 100,000 Pop.
Lawrence County, PA	88,082	46	52.22
Pennsylvania	12,802,503	8,368	65.4
United States	321,418,820	210,832	65.6

Data Source: US Department of Health Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Area Health Resource File. 2015. Source geography: County

Access to Dentists, Rate (Per 100,000 Pop.) by Year, 2010 through 2015: This indicator reports the rate of dentists per 100,000 population by year.

Report Area	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Lawrence County, PA	48.3	51.9	53.4	52.6	52.9	52.2
Pennsylvania	57.4	59.1	60.6	62.5	64.4	65.4
United States	58.9	60.3	61.7	63.2	64.7	65.6

Access to Mental Health Providers:

This indicator reports the rate of the county population to the number of mental health providers including psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, and counsellors that specialize in mental health care.

Report Area	Estimated Population	Number of Mental Health Providers	Ratio of Mental Health Providers to Population (1 Provider per x Persons)	Mental Health Care Provider Rate (Per 100,000 Population)
Lawrence County, PA	88,771	94	944.4	105.8
Pennsylvania	12,782,379	21,927	583	171.5
United States	317,105,555	643,219	493	202.8

Mental Health Care Provider Rate (Per 100,000 Population)



■ Lawrence County, PA (105.8)
■ Pennsylvania (171.5)
■ United States (202.8)

Data Source: University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, County Health Rankings. 2018. Source geography: County

Facilities Designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas:

This indicator reports the number and location of health care facilities designated as "Health Professional Shortage Areas" (HPSAs), defined as having shortages of primary medical care, dental or mental health providers. This indicator is relevant because a shortage of health professionals contributes to access and health status issues.

Report Area	Primary Care Facilities	Mental Health Care Facilities	Dental Health Care Facilities	Total HPSA Facility Designations
Lawrence County, PA	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	113	96	103	312
United States	3,599	3,171	3,071	9,836

Lack of a Consistent Source of Primary Care:

This indicator reports the percentage of adults aged 18 and older who self-report that they do not have at least one person who they think of as their personal doctor or health care provider. This indicator is relevant because access to regular primary care is important to preventing major health issues and emergency department visits.

<u>Report Area</u>	<u>Survey Population (Adults Age 18+)</u>	<u>Total Adults Without Any Regular Doctor</u>	<u>Percent Adults Without Any Regular Doctor</u>
<u>Lawrence County, PA</u>	<u>55,895</u>	<u>5,037</u>	<u>9.01%</u>
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>9,777,605</u>	<u>1,244,908</u>	<u>12.73%</u>
<u>United States</u>	<u>236,884,668</u>	<u>52,290,932</u>	<u>22.07%</u>

The following is a list of Mental Health Resources in Lawrence County:

Independent Evaluators-

- Neighborhood Counseling Services
- John Uber
- Stephanie Whitsel-Anderson

Additional Evaluators-

- Vocational and Psychological Services
- Psychology and Learning Center
- Wesley Family Services
- Dr Albert Scott
- Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Behavioral Health Providers-

- Comprehensive Family Services
- Community Alternatives
- Family Behavioral Resources
- Sharon Regional
- Vocational and Psychological Services

Other Mental Health Resources-

- Children's Advocacy
- Human Services Center

Social and Behavioral Development

Lack of Social or Emotional Support:

This indicator reports the percentage of adults aged 18 and older who self-report that they receive insufficient social and emotional support all or most of the time. This indicator is relevant because social and emotional support is critical for navigating the challenges of daily life as well as for good mental health. Social and emotional support is also linked to educational achievement and economic stability.

Report Area	Total Population Age 18+	Estimated Population Without Adequate Social / Emotional Support	Crude Percentage	Age-Adjusted Percentage
Lawrence County, PA	71,781	12,418	17.3%	15.7%
Pennsylvania	9,857,384	2,070,051	21%	20.9%
United States	232,556,016	48,104,656	20.7%	20.7%

Recreation and Fitness Facility Access:

This indicator reports the number per 100,000 population of recreation and fitness facilities as defined by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 713940. This indicator is relevant because access to recreation and fitness facilities encourages physical activity and other healthy behaviors.

Report Area	Total Population	Number of Establishments	Establishments, Rate per 100,000 Population
Lawrence County, PA	91,108	6	6.59
Pennsylvania	12,702,379	1,450	11.42
United States	308,745,538	33,980	11.01

Outdoor Recreational Facilities: (Lawrence County Comprehensive Plan)

Per the 2015 County Health Rankings, 77% of the County population has adequate access to locations for physical activity. Locations are defined as parks (local, state and national) or recreational facilities (gyms, community centers, YMCAs, dance studios and pools). Adequate access is defined as living within a half-mile of a park or within one mile of a recreational facility in urban census tracts or three miles of a recreational facility in rural census tracts. Figure 9 depicts the half-mile service area for local parks within the County. Future efforts to develop new parks or recreation facilities should target underserved areas.

- Lawrence County is known for large, regional public recreation destinations such as McConnell's Mill State Park and multiple state game lands.
- County-owned recreation facilities include: West Park Nature Center, a 108-acre county-owned park, located in Union Township, that offers a mountain bike trail, walking trails, a 25-acre certified Audubon Society Wildlife Sanctuary, pavilions and picnic areas, restrooms and a variety of interpretive and educational areas.
- Henry Bazzichi Park, a community playground located in and maintained by Wayne Township.

- Two multi-purpose trails: Stavich Bike Trail, located in Union and Mahoning Townships and the Neshannock Rail- Trail, located in Neshannock Township (see page 82 for more information).
- Multiple boat launches along the Shenango and Beaver Rivers.
- The County partners with its municipalities to obtain grants to develop and improve local parks. Most recently, the County partnered with the City of New Castle, Union Township and the Borough of Ellwood City to prepare master site plans to design improvements for six municipal parks.
- While the County appears to be well-served in terms of parks, its comparatively low statewide ranking for accessible recreation facilities is likely related to indoor facilities. Major indoor recreation facilities within the County include: **New Castle Community YMCA**, located in downtown New Castle on West Washington Street, is home to two floors of fitness and exercise equipment, child development center, aquatic center, gymnasium, racquetball courts, spin center, aerobic studio, community room with Wi-Fi, child drop-in services and a youth center.
- **YMCA Y-ZONE**, located in Neshannock Township, is a sports and recreation center. Facilities include two basketball / volleyball courts, an indoor turf field, outdoor soccer fields, a batting cage and a fitness / wellness center.
- **The Family Center** in Ellwood City has an indoor basketball court (also used for soccer and other activities) and a weight room.
- **Hess Ice Rink**, owned by and located in Neshannock Township, is a single-sheet indoor rink open year-round and home to amateur programs as study was completed with regard to connecting the trail off-road from McConnell's Mill State Park in Lawrence County to Moraine State Park in Butler County, but due to landowner concerns, it is not a viable option at this time.
- **The Stavich Bike Trail** is an asphalt, ADA-compliant, designated National Recreation Trail that crosses three townships, two counties and two states from New Castle to Struthers, Ohio along the Mahoning River. The total length of the trail is 12 miles, with ten of it located in Lawrence County. The biggest needs for this trail include connecting to downtown New Castle to make it more accessible and increased signing and marketing of the trail. Long-term regional connections include Mercer County Trails Association to the north and the Ohio River Trail in Beaver County to the south. There is also an opportunity to offer a peddle-paddle as the Mahoning River water trail is developed.
- **The Neshannock Trail** opened in 2015 and is a 0.7-mile rail-trail located in the City of New Castle along Neshannock Creek. The County is working with the City of New Castle to connect the trail to the City's Riverwalk.
- **The Riverwalk** is a linear park along Neshannock Creek in downtown New Castle. The park hosts a variety of events and festivals. City of New Castle completed a Riverwalk Plan in 2015, which proposes routes to connect the trail to the downtown. There is potential to develop a peddle-paddle with Neshannock Creek, as the trail is extended.
- The **Park-Harbor Trail** opened in 2010 as a two-mile biking and hiking trail at West Park Nature Center in Union Township. If connected to the Stavich Bike Trail, West Park could serve as a trailhead.
- **Designated on-road bikeways** include the BicyclePA routes. BicyclePA Route A follows SR 488 from the south, through Ellwood City and Perry Township, to the north along US 19 into Mercer County. BicyclePA Route V follows SR 317 from the Ohio Border northwest to SR 108, through New Castle and Wilmington Township into Mercer County. However, local cyclists report that these are seldom used. There is a need to improve the shoulders along state routes to better accommodate cyclists.
- The City of New Castle has added **bike lanes** to the North Street Bridge as part of ongoing efforts to implement the Riverwalk project, which will connect the Neshannock Trail to the downtown. There is an opportunity for the Core Communities to establish bike plans, which would allow Penn DOT to incorporate as part of future maintenance work on designated routes.

Drug and Alcohol Consumption:

This indicator reports the percentage of adults aged 18 and older who self-report heavy alcohol consumption (defined as more than two drinks per day on average for men and one drink per day on average for women). This indicator is relevant because current behaviors are determinants of future health and this indicator may illustrate a cause of significant health issues, such as cirrhosis, cancers, and untreated mental and behavioral health needs. In addition, in 2017, 55 people died from a drug overdose.

Lawrence County has the 12th highest rate of overdose deaths per 100,000 people. Our birthing facilities reported 15 births of babies exposed to drugs and alcohol per 1,000 newborn stays.

Report Area	Total Population Age 18+	Estimated Adults Drinking Excessively	Estimated Adults Drinking Excessively (Crude Percentage)	Estimated Adults Drinking Excessively (Age-Adjusted Percentage)
Lawrence County, PA	71,781	7,896	11%	14.6%
Pennsylvania	9,857,384	1,705,327	17.3%	18.7%
United States	232,556,016	38,248,349	16.4%	16.9

Physical Inactivity:

Within the report area, 15,628 or 21% of adults aged 20 and older self-report no leisure time for activity, based on the question: "During the past month, other than your regular job, did you participate in any physical activities or exercises such as running, calisthenics, golf, gardening, or walking for exercise?" This indicator is relevant because current behaviors are determinants of future health and this indicator may illustrate a cause of significant health issues, such as obesity and poor cardiovascular health.

Report Area	Total Population Age 20+	Population with no Leisure Time Physical Activity	Percent Population with no Leisure Time Physical Activity
Lawrence County, PA	68,544	15,628	21%
Pennsylvania	9,697,156	2,244,307	22%
United States	234,207,619	52,147,893	21.8

Tobacco Usage - Former or Current Smokers:

In the report area, an estimated 26,965 adults, or 48.38%, report ever smoking 100 or more cigarettes. This indicator is relevant because tobacco use is linked to leading causes of death such as cancer and cardiovascular disease.

Report Area	Survey Population (Adults Age 18+)	Total Adults Ever Smoking 100 or More Cigarettes	Percent Adults Ever Smoking 100 or More Cigarettes
Lawrence County, PA	55,733	26,965	48.38%
Pennsylvania	9,707,875	4,595,088	47.33%
United States	235,151,778	103,842,020	44.16%

Walking or Biking to Work:

This indicator reports the percentage of the population that commutes to work by either walking or riding a bicycle.

Report Area	Population Age 16+	Population Walking or Biking to Work	Percentage Walking or Biking to Work
Lawrence County, PA	38,329	927	2.42%
Pennsylvania	5,922,289	256,316	4.33%
United States	145,861,221	4,908,725	3.37%

Civic Engagement & Community Involvement

Lawrence County has many human service agencies offering one or more services to support low income families with difficulties they may be facing. These services are usually maintained with assistance from outside volunteers. The following are some examples of local programs supported with individual and group humanitarians.

New Visions: Imagine what could happen if everybody gave just 2 hours of their time and \$5 from their wallet each year, to make our community a better place to live?!

People get involved in their community because they are retired and have more time, are young and have a vision of changing the world, are required to fulfill community service hours, or are simply willing to stop complaining and step up to do something. Regardless of the motivation to serve one's community, the impact of just a couple hours and a small donation is rippling and amazing.

Lawrence County, especially the City of New Castle, has been plagued with a sense of loss; a loss of manufacturing, a loss of jobs, a loss of people. And this feeling has perpetuated for decades. It requires stamina, inspiration, and small successes over time to shift reality and hopeless attitudes.

New Visions is a nonprofit organization, seeking to be a catalyst in a movement for this shift. Over several years we have developed opportunities throughout the calendar year to engage folks in activities, so that they might become part of and leaders of the change they want to see. Through planting flowers and other beautification projects, to hosting a series of outdoor concerts, to coordinating the traditional holiday parade and creating a season of reasons to bring people downtown to enjoy December in downtown New Castle, we are witnessing a change in the tide.

Activities to engage volunteers have been tremendously impactful when it comes to community spirit and has certainly nurtured an improved quality of life. We continue to grow a network that sees value in helping create the community we all want to live in.

New Life Bread Basket: New Life Bread Basket is a ministry run food pantry providing supplemental food to many Lawrence County residents young and old. New Life Bread Basket serves approximately 1,800 individuals and families monthly thru a number of pantry programs. At any given month, 390 to 450 individuals attend the open pantry distribution day. This program is run by 40 to 60 volunteers that assist with this effort. New Life volunteers also deliver weekly store donations to various locations throughout Lawrence County including the local Salvation Army, The City Rescue Mission, and People in Need. As well, they deliver many food boxes monthly to numerous senior housing units throughout the county.

In addition to the supplemental food assistance programs, New Life Bread Basket also provides assistance to Lawrence County youth, who face food insecurities, through the weekly backpack program. Through the hard

work of approximately 60 volunteers, the backpack program serves nearly 2,070 youth across 12 Lawrence County schools each month.

Lawrence County Empty Bowls and Lawrence County Summer Food Service Program: Empty Bowls is a grassroots fundraising program across the country which helps to alleviate food insecurities. Lawrence County Empty Bowls program held their sixth annual fundraiser event on April 7, 2018. This year's team of 88 volunteers raised \$10,758 for Lawrence County's congregate and mobile sites. These funds helped to support Lawrence County Community Action Partnership's Summer Food Service Program sites assistance for 100% of the cost of paper products. In addition to the paper products, individual sites can apply for a grant to assist with the costs associated with art supplies, sports equipment, kick-off, wrap-up events, field trips, and more.

LCCAP was one of the Lawrence County Summer Foods sponsors and had 23 host and mobile sites. Host sites consisted of a diverse group of community volunteers, AmeriCorps members, local business partners, government officials, and faith-based and religious organization members. Partner agencies for Summer Foods includes Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, 4H, Lawrence County Drug & Alcohol, the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County, Adagio Health, and St. Bernard Parish of Pittsburgh. Each site offered at least one meal of breakfast, lunch, or snack to Lawrence County youth 18 years and younger. LCCAP Summer Foods Service Program served 16, 644 meals during the summer.

New Castle Relay for Life: Another community based fundraising event is New Castle Relay for Life. New Castle Relay for Life has been helping to raise funds for the American Cancer Society for a little over 20 years. LCCAP Relay for Life team had the honor of being a presenting sponsor of the event for the last two years. For many years, the event had been held at a local county high school. This past years' event was moved to Cascade Park in New Castle in hopes of bringing in a larger community crowd. This idea was a success with the event having a larger part of the public in attendance and greater number of survivor participants than in the past. Additionally, more monies were raised at this years' event as well.

The New Castle Relay for Life committee continue to think up outside the box activities for the day of event and to raise greater awareness of the American Cancer Society's mission and services. The committee would like to see a larger cross section of the New Castle community participate by creating fundraising teams. There is also a need for additional committee members and day of event volunteers.

Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County: The Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County is a local agency assisting with victims of domestic violence and victims of sexual assault. Some agency programs offered to over 2,000 clients annually include counseling support, court accompaniment, a transitional housing program, an emergency shelter, and outreach. Their agency has the support of many volunteers annually for both one time

assistance and on-going operational assistance. Besides all board members being volunteers, the Shelter has many volunteers that assist with answering phones, manning the door, mailings, and special events. The Shelter also benefits from several large local employers sending their staff to help out for special one day events as well as school youth who are actively engaged. A major factor that hinders volunteers directly serving the clients, is that volunteers are required to complete a 65 hour training prior to being able to work hands on with victims.

City Rescue Mission: The City Rescue Mission has a large pool of individual and group volunteers that average 450 to 500 participates annually. Their volunteers complete an application process and a background screening can be required for certain volunteer positions. Like many non-profit organizations, they could benefit from more volunteers serving with a professional skillset.

Lawrence County Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry organization. This program utilizes volunteer labor to build homes that are then sold at no profit and no interest to underprivileged families. Throughout any given year, Lawrence County Habitat for Humanity has 70 to 100 volunteers assist with clerical support, rehabilitation of standing property, and new construction. These volunteers consist of individuals and groups of employees from local businesses. With their assistance this year, the organization was able to complete one new construction home and are currently working on three rehabilitation projects.

United Way of Lawrence County: The United Way mission is to increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another. With the assistance of more than 200 volunteers from various businesses and school districts, the United Way coordinates local projects such as Cascade Park Pool Project, Women's Initiative, Day of Caring, and Annual Blanket Drive, as well as various fundraising events. Significant partner agencies include PA 2-1-1 and New Visions.

Gaps & Needs: While many local organizations success rely on continued volunteer support, some gaps for community involvement plague our county. Lawrence County could be better served if several areas where community involvement is lacking could be turned around. Two popular areas that we are lacking in include: youth and young adult involvement and more private business participation. A large majority of the local volunteers are comprised by older or retired citizens. These humanitarians have a skillset and knowledge base that is aging out. Many local organizations rely on their volunteers to be hands on in regards to clients and building upkeep. Also, if more business were able to send employees to volunteer, more community needs could be met.

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT APPENDIX

Head Start and Early Head Start Programs must design a program that meets community needs, and builds on strengths and resources. To that end, a community assessment is conducted at least once every five years. These assessments must use data that describes community strengths, needs, and resources and include, at a minimum:

- ✓ The number of eligible infants, toddlers, preschool age children, and expectant mothers, including their geographic location, race, ethnicity, and languages they speak, including:
 - Children experiencing homelessness in collaboration with, to the extent possible, McKinney-Vento Local Education Agency Liaisons (42 U.S.C. 11432 (6)(A))
 - Children in foster care
 - Children with disabilities, including types of disabilities and relevant services and resources provided to these children by community agencies
- ✓ The education, health, nutrition and social service needs of eligible children and their families, including prevalent social or economic factors that impact their well-being
- ✓ Typical work, school, and training schedules of parents with eligible children
- ✓ Other child development, child care centers, and family child care programs that serve eligible children, including home visiting, publicly funded state and local preschools, and the approximate number of eligible children served
- ✓ Resources that are available in the community to address the needs of eligible children and their families, and
- ✓ Strengths of the community.

Children ages 0-5 living in Lawrence County have been designated as being at moderate-high risk for academic failure due to a number of social and economic conditions present vs. opportunities for access to high quality early childhood and family development services (PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning Reach and Risk Report, April 2017). Overall, the information and data contained in this LCCAP Community Assessment seems to concur, based on a variety of conditions in which Lawrence County residents, both children and adults, fare poorly against comparisons, in many categories, across the Commonwealth and nation.

LCCAP offers a full complement of early childhood development programming, designed to address these concerns, including Head Start, Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership, PA Pre-K Counts and childcare services. In total, approximately 750 enrollment slots are available to young children in eight locations across the county. This affords relatively easy access to early learning programming no matter where a family might reside.

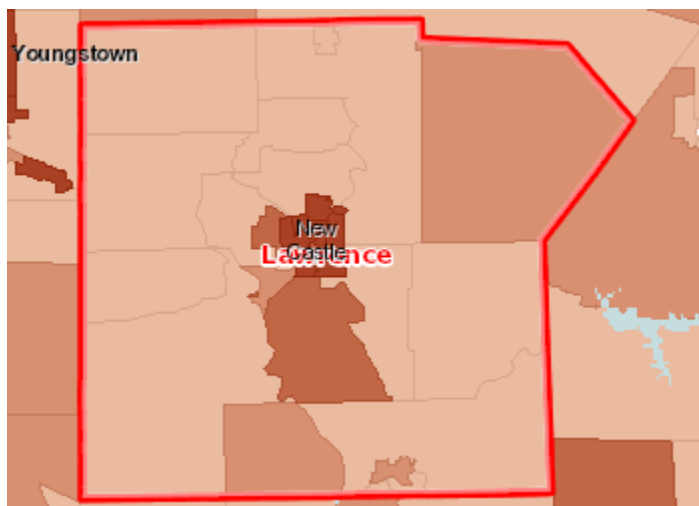
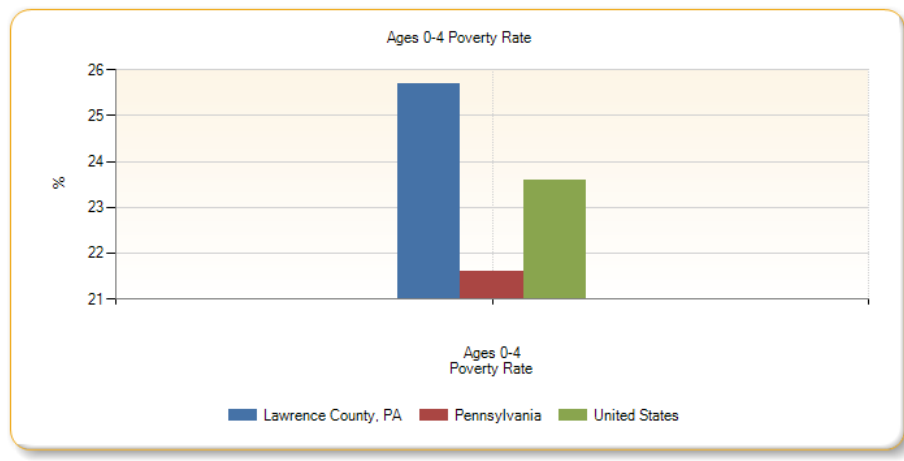
Child (0-4) Poverty Rate (ACS)

Population and poverty estimates for children age 0-4 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5 year data, an average of 25.7% of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The current poverty rate for children living in the report area is greater than the national average of 23.6%.the area equaled 4,450.

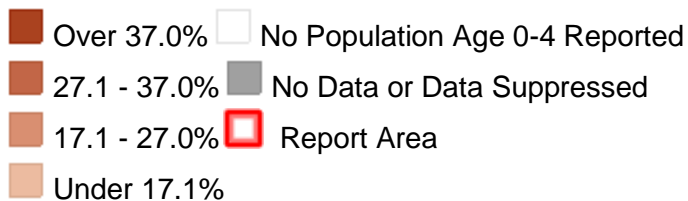
Historically, the 2009-2013 poverty rate for children in Lawrence County age 0-4 was 25.58%, as compared to the state average of 22.12% during the same period.

Report Area	Ages 0-4 Total Population	Ages 0-4 In Poverty	Ages 0-4 Poverty Rate
Lawrence County, PA	4,450	1,143	25.7%
Pennsylvania	705,063	152,537	21.6%
United States	19,554,400	4,614,933	23.6%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16.



Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-4), Percent by Tract, ACS 2012-16



Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 0 - 4

Report Area	Total Hispanic / Latino	Total Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Hispanic / Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Lawrence County, PA	69	1,074	57.98%	24.8%
Pennsylvania	37,443	115,094	42.6%	18.65%
United States	1,683,545	2,931,388	33.36%	20.21%

Children in Poverty by Race Alone, Percent: Age 0 - 4

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Lawrence County, PA	19.66%	75.3%	no data	0%	no data	71.05%	46.3%
Pennsylvania	13.72%	41.18%	39.56%	13.98%	32.96%	47.48%	31.23%
United States	14.39%	42.19%	40.15%	12.1%	28.49%	36.8%	23.78%

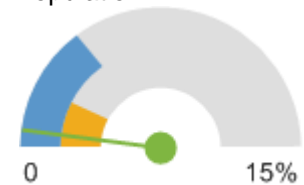
Population in Limited English Households

This indicator reports the percentage of the population aged 5 and older living in Limited English speaking households. A “Limited English speaking household” is one in which no member 14 years old and over (1) speaks only English at home or (2) speaks a language other than English at home and speaks English “Very well.” This indicator is significant as it identifies households and populations that may need English-language assistance.

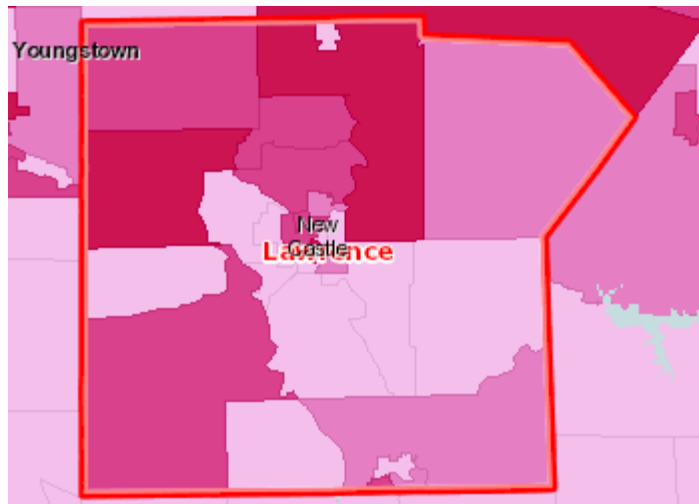
Report Area	Total Population Age 5 <	Linguistically Isolated Population	Percent Linguistically Isolated Population
Lawrence County, PA	83,964	496	0.59%
Pennsylvania	12,069,379	277,936	2.3%
United States	298,691,202	13,393,615	4.48%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: Tract

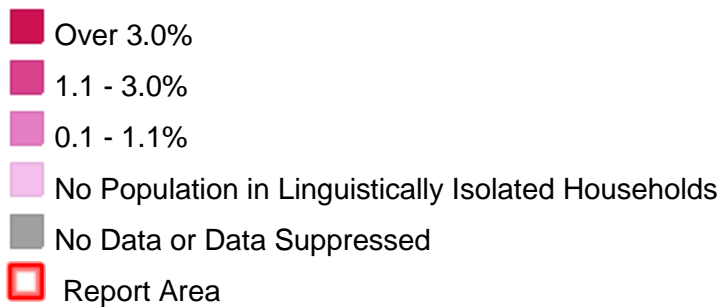
Percent Linguistically Isolated Population



■ Lawrence County, PA (0.59%)
■ Pennsylvania (2.3%)
■ United States (4.48%)



Population in Linguistically Isolated Households, Percent by Tract, ACS 2012-16



There are 3,485 Lawrence County residents who speak a language other than (or in addition to) English.

Language	Total	5 to 17 years old	18 to 64 years old	65 years old and over
Spanish	757	162	514	81
Other Indo-European	2,342	337	1,307	698
Asian and Pacific Island	267	36	196	35
Other languages	119	9	75	35

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-16.

Children Experiencing Homelessness

For the 2016-17 program year, there was a total unique count of 30,264 children and youth identified as experiencing homelessness and served by Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness program. The population includes children under the age of five and youth enrolled in pre-K through grade 13. The unique count shown in the table below is based on where the child or youth was identified as homeless AND attributed to the entity (shelter, early intervention, pre-K program, etc.) or LEA (school district, comprehensive technical school, or charter/cyber charter school) based on either their Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) being attributed to that LEA or where the individual was identified or enrolled the longest. The 'where identified' (duplicate) count is where the individual was identified as homeless; they may be identified in more than one LEA or entity. Children and youth identified by multiple entities are reported with their LEA(s), when applicable.

Lawrence County is located in Region 5 of PECYEH. Below is a table that shows how Lawrence County compares to the rest of Region 5's members.

County	Where Attributed	Where Identified
Butler	165	190
Clarion	113	133
Crawford	150	163
Erie	1,588	1,629
Forest/Warren	*	*
Forest	59	66
Lawrence	140	154
McKean	148	154
Mercer	209	224
Venango	138	148
Warren	78	89
Region 5 Totals	2,790	2,952

The Region 5 PA Homeless Children's Initiative (housed in Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV) reports that for the 2017-18 school year, 26 children ages birth -2 and 15 children ages 3-5 were reported by LEAs to be homeless under the McKinney Vento Act. LCCAP has reason to believe that this number is grossly underreported, as our own internal data collection for 2017-18 federal Program Information Reports indicated that in Head Start and Early Head Start alone, we served 23 preschoolers and 8 infants/toddlers who were homeless, as defined by McKinney Vento.

Child Welfare in Lawrence County

Lawrence County's child welfare data for 2016 shows varied results. The following table allows for a comparison of key considerations between Lawrence County, counties of the same classification in the state, and the state as a whole. Two hundred ninety (290) children were in foster care during 2016, and 229 in 2017.

With regard to in-home child welfare services, the number of children served in Lawrence County increased between 2009-2016, ranging from a low of 201 children in 2011, to a high of 826 in 2016.

2016	Lawrence County	Rural-Mix County Average	Pennsylvania
Children receiving in-home services	836	1,311	190,413
Children in foster care placement	290	91	24,543
Rate per 1,000 (0-20)	12.6	6.5	7.3
Percentage of children re-entering foster care placement	12.9	20.0	24.8

Data Source: Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, 2017 Lawrence County State of the Child Profile

A two-year comparison of children (unduplicated), by age, served in the foster care system:

(Rate per 1,000 children)	Lawrence County		Rural-Mix County Average		Pennsylvania	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
By age:						
0-2	19.3	21.0	23.8	23.6	20.2	20.3
3-5	16.9	21.4	16.5	18.3	17.0	17.4
6-8	14.5	16.2	12.2	12.6	13.0	13.3
9-11	10.0	8.3	9.9	9.8	11.0	11.4
12-14	13.1	11.4	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.6
15-17	21.0	15.7	21.0	18.9	19.6	18.5
18-20	5.2	6.1	5.0	5.2	7.9	7.4
Infants (< 1)	11.7	11.4	16.0	14.6	12.8	12.7
Youth (13<)	36.6	30.6	34.6	32.3	35.5	34.0

Data Source: Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, 2018 Lawrence County State of Child Welfare Report

The data above clearly indicates that an extremely high percentage of children in Lawrence County are placed in “out of home” foster care, and, are placed in foster care in general, as compared to similar rural-mix counties and the Commonwealth as a whole. This indicates a need for an increased number of foster homes in Lawrence County.

With regard to the two year comparison data, indicating that younger children in are placed into foster care in higher proportions as opposed to similar rural-mix counties and the Commonwealth as a whole, this may be attributed to the many social service and early childhood programs located in Lawrence County. This would naturally indicate a larger number of people classified as mandated reporters, and therefore, more reports of suspected abuse leading to foster placement.

Children with disabilities

Five hundred twenty-five children in Lawrence County ages 0-5 received early intervention services during 2016-17, which represents 9.5% of that age group.

Data Source: Kids Count Data Center

Lawrence County’s Department of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MH/DS) provides Early Intervention programming to children ages 0-3. Children ages 3-5 with disabilities who live in Lawrence County are served by the Midwestern Intermediate Unit (MIU) IV, which also serves Mercer and Butler counties. The prevalence of types of disabilities of children ages 3-5 within the MIU IV service area is as follows, compared to children of the same age with disabilities in the whole of Pennsylvania:

Category of Disability	2012-13 MIU IV%	Most recent MIU IV %	2012-13 State %	Most recent State %
Autism	7.8	9.0	7.9	10.6
Developmental Delay	39.2	41.8	50.3	46.2
Hearing Impairment	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.2
Mental Retardation	--	--	0.4	0.4
Multiple Disabilities	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.3
Orthopedic Impairment	1.9	1.0	0.5	0.7
Other Health Impairment	1.3	3.3	1.2	2.3
Specific Learning Disability	--	--	0.1	0.1
Speech or Language Impairment	46.5	41.8	36.1	36.1
Traumatic Brain Injury	--	--	0.1	0.1
Visual Impairment	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.4

Data Source: Pennsylvania State Data Center, May 2018

Some of the services available to children with disabilities and their families include:

CONNECT Helpline (1-800-692-7288). The CONNECT Helpline assists families in locating resources and providing information regarding child development for children ages birth to age 5. In addition, CONNECT can assist parents by making a direct link to their county early intervention program or local preschool early intervention program.

Early Intervention Diagnostic Services offers assessment (including tests, systematic observation, communication techniques) to aid in the identification of a child's strengths and needs as well as the families concerns, priorities, and resources

Early Intervention Program provides screening, assessment, and classes for at-risk children, ages 3-5.

Early Intervention Classroom Programs offers a flexible program for 3-5 year olds who have been identified as having developmental delays.

Early Intervention Service Coordination (0-3) through Human Services Center

Midwestern Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) is a group of persons interested in young children with special needs who work with state and local service agencies to ensure a family-focused system for quality Early Intervention Services.

Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania links parents and families of children and adults with disabilities or special needs for the purposes of support and information.

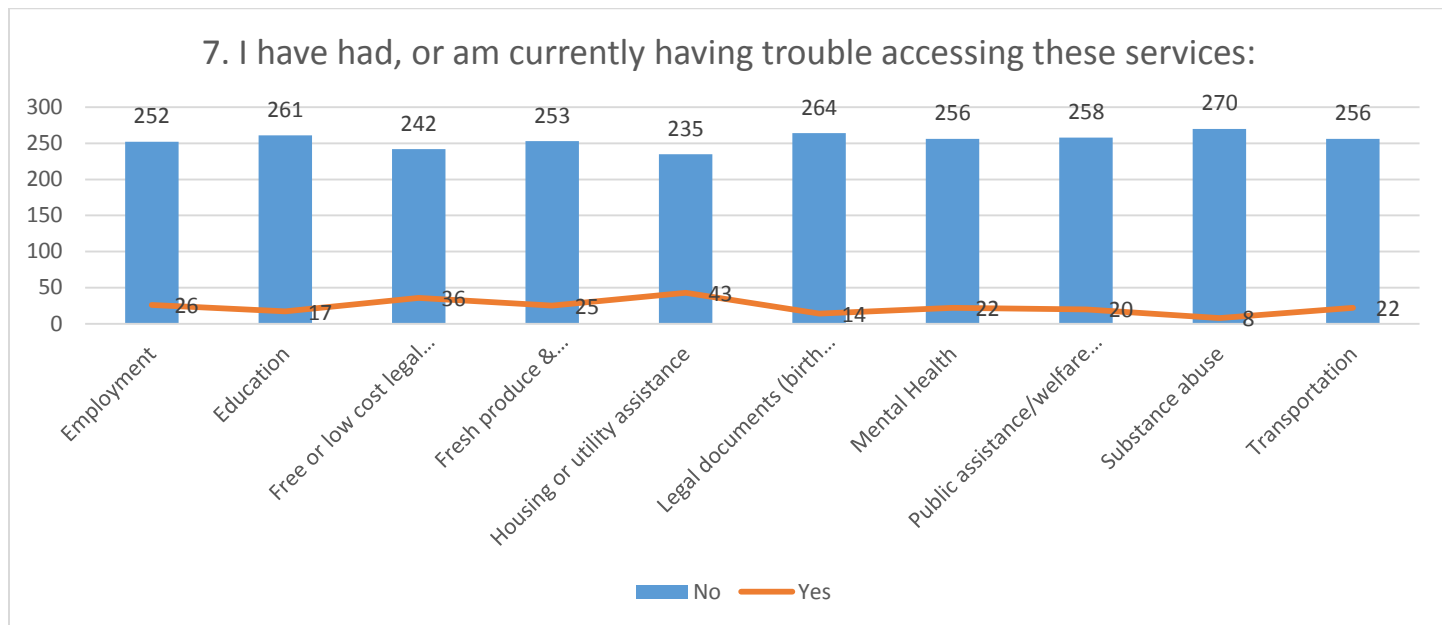
Preschool Connection links parents with concerns about their child's development with information, referral and service about available programs in Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer counties.

Transition to Kindergarten helps parents plan for their child's entrance into a regular kindergarten program in their home school district.

Education, Health, Nutrition and Social Service Needs of eligible children and their families

LCCAP's Assessment Team developed a Community Needs Assessment Survey to poll community citizens to get public insight on priorities, needs, and gaps in services within Lawrence County. A total of 278 individuals representing all ages, sectors of the community, and both urban and rural areas of the community responded.

The results of the portion of the survey that indicated self-described social service needs is indicated in orange in the graph below.



LCCAP surveys all potential clients during the intake/eligibility process, asking them to self-describe their perceived most pressing needs within the categories of services offered by the agency. The results for all intakes conducted during 2017 are as follows:

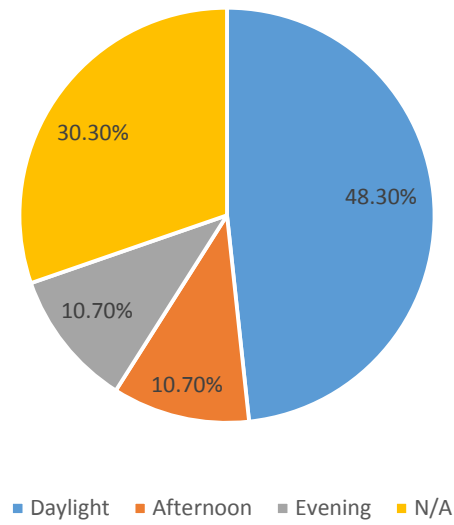
Self-Described Priority of Need, by category	Percentage
Education/Child Care	32
Employment	2
Housing/Utilities	52
Transportation	10
Weatherization/Home Improvements	4
Total	100

There is additionally a thorough description of the condition of the statuses of education, health, nutrition and social service needs of the county's residents as a whole throughout the document, as well as of the resources available to help them address their needs. The strengths of the community are also described throughout.

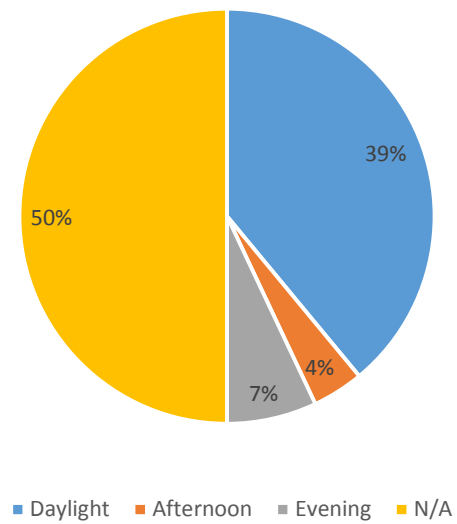
Typical Work, School and Training schedules of parents with eligible children

Current LCCAP Early Learning Programs parents were surveyed in the Fall of 2018 to determine their current work, school and training schedules. The following charts describe the responses of 56 parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The data suggests that the current availability of LCCAP early learning services meets the needs of those with childcare needs.

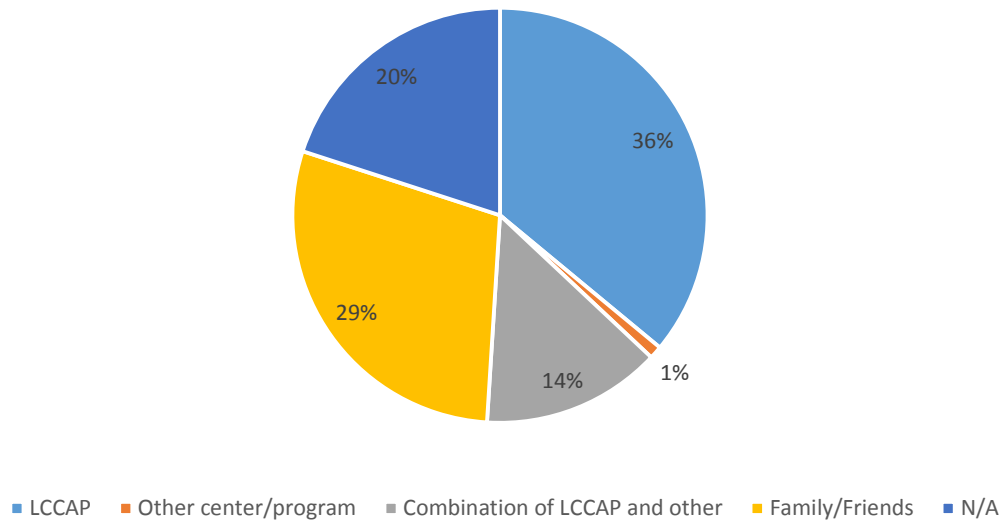
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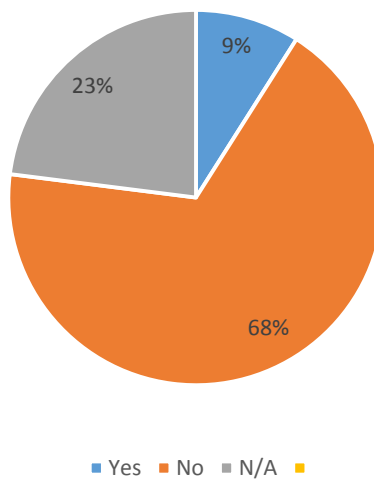
2nd Adult Work Schedule



Current Child Care Arrangements



Do the work schedules in your home change during the summer months?



Early Childhood Programming and Head Start Participation

The tables below reflect the following:

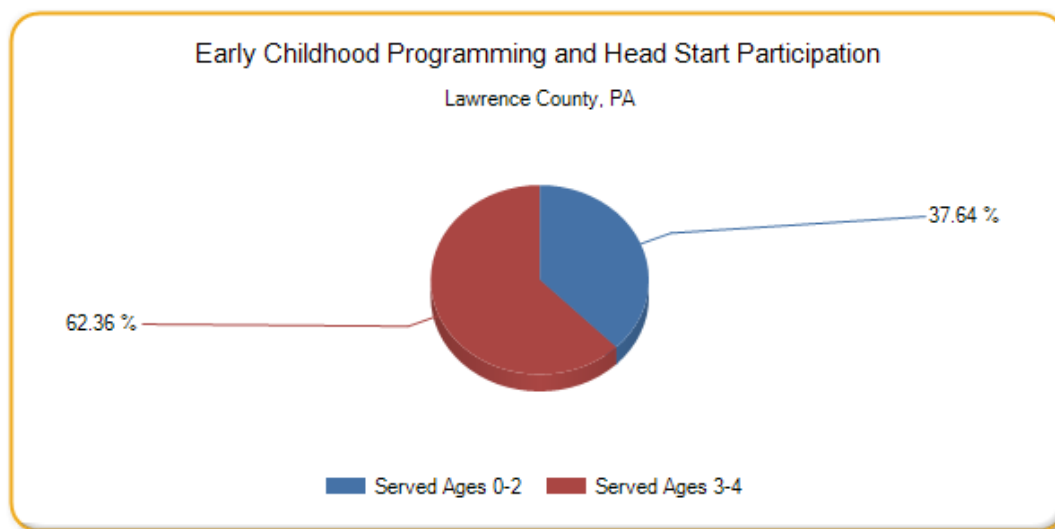
Children Served, Ages 0 - 2 includes children served in the following programs: Nurse Family Partnership, Parent Child Home program and Healthy Families America.

Children Served, Ages 3 - 4 includes children served in the following programs: Parent Child Program, Parents as Teachers, Head Start, PA Pre-K Counts, School District Pre - K, Early Intervention, and Keystone STARS. Children served in Head Start and Early Head Start are also listed, as indicated by the Departments of Education and Public Welfare/Office of Child Development and Early Learning's Reach and Risk Report.

For the 2015-2016 year, the number of children ages 0-4 included in this report area totals 4,987, while those participating in an early childhood program or Head Start equaled 1,929, or 38.68%.

Report Area	Children Ages 0-2	Children Ages 3-4	Served Ages 0-2	Served Ages 3-4
Lawrence County, PA	3,009	1,978	726	1,203
Pennsylvania	418,384	299,039	97,986	138,445

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: county



Childhood Participants Ages 0-2, Ages 3-4

Report Area	Age 0-2 Participants Nurse Family Partnership	Age 0-2 Participants Healthy Families America	Age 3-4 Participants PA Pre-K Counts	Age 3-4 Participants School Based Pre-K
Lawrence County, PA	121	0	156	100
Pennsylvania	6,005	259	17,115	8,998

Childhood Participants Ages 0-4

Report Area	Age 0-4 Participants Parent-Child Home Program	Age 0-4 Participants Parents as Teachers	Age 0-4 Participants Early Intervention	Age 0-4 Participants Keystone STARS
Lawrence County, PA	0	101	330	461
Pennsylvania	197	7,095	61,437	102,111

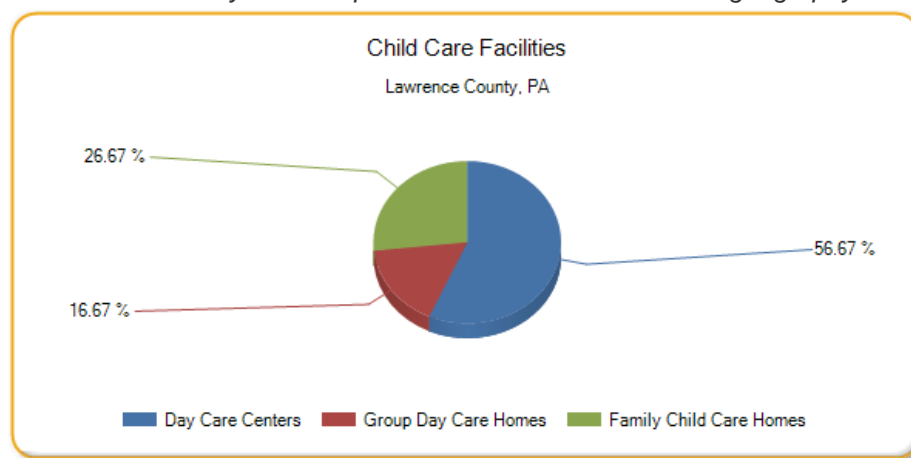
Head Start Program Participants

Report Area	Early Head Start (Age 0-2)	Head Start (Age 3-4)	Total Participants
Lawrence County, PA	152	508	660
Pennsylvania	4,979	28,235	33,214

Child Care Facilities

The number of day care centers and group day care homes within the report area are shown below. According to the Pennsylvania Departments of Public Welfare and Education, there were a total of 30 licensed child care facilities in the report area in 2015. The area equaled 30.

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: county



Certified Child Care Facilities

The table below is a listing of Certified Child Care Providers provided by the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) as of March, 2017.

* Child Care Center: A child care facility in which 7 or more children who are not related to the operator receive child care.

* Family Child Care Home: A child care facility located in a home in which 4 to 6 children who are not related to the caregiver receive child care.

* Group Child Care Home: A child care facility in which 7 to 12 children of various ages or in which 7 to 15 children from 4th grade through 15 years of age who are not related to the operator receive child care.

** The maximum number of children permitted to receive care in a child care facility at one time based on square footage of child care space and age of the children.

County	Number of Certified Providers	Certified Provider Type *	Maximum Capacity **
Lawrence	18	Child Care Center	1,663
Lawrence	8	Family Child Care Home	54
Lawrence	5	Group Child Care Home	60

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: county

Child Care Costs

The 2013-2014 Department of Public Welfare reports the average costs for child care based on responses from licensed care provider centers in each county. Cost of child care for each type of care and age group for the report area is shown below. These figures include the average cost of care for all age ranges including: Infant care, Toddler care, Pre-school care, School-age Before and After Care and School-age Full Day rates.

Report Area	Type of Care	Daily Cost, Full-Time	Daily Cost, Part-Time
Lawrence County, PA	CENTER	\$28.49	\$20.77

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: County

Child Care Ceiling Rates

The table below is a listing of the daily Maximum Child Care Allowances (MCCA) determined by the Department of Public Welfare (DPW), effective January 1 2013. This is the maximum base amount paid by Child Care Information Services (CCIS) agencies for child care assistance for eligible families enrolled in the CCIS program. The family pays a co-pay which is subtracted from the amount paid to the provider by the CCIS office. DPW does periodic provider rate assessments and determines the MCCA amounts by utilizing the 75 percentile of actual child care provider costs in the county by type and age range. The rates listed below provide an estimated average daily rate by Provider Type and the Child's Age Range for Full Time Care.

County	Type of Provider	Infant	Young Toddler	Old Toddler	Pre-School	Young School-Age	Old School-Age
Lawrence	Child Care Center	\$33.75	\$31.78	\$30.45	\$27.65	\$23.65	23.65
Lawrence	Group Child Care Home	\$30.65	\$29.65	\$29.65	\$29.65	\$29.65	29.65
Lawrence	Family Child Care Home	\$26.53	\$25.73	\$25.65	\$26	\$25.05	25.05
Lawrence	Unregulated	\$11.93	\$11.93	\$11.93	\$11.93	\$11.93	11.93

Data Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education. Source geography: County



Results of the ACTS Customer Satisfaction

December 2018



Our Customers' Feedback

What is ACTS doing well?

(Please describe our "Strengths")

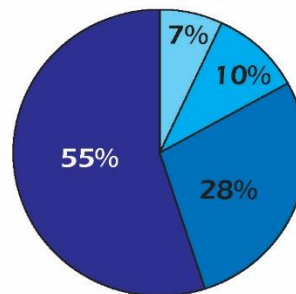
- All employees are kind and friendly, always taking care in strapping my wheelchair in.
- Being a service for people like me who are handicapped, visually impaired.
- Drivers are courteous, considerate, and pleasant. Everyone is kind, courteous, and very helpful.
- Always being there for me.
- Helping passengers in and out of the bus. Obeying traffic regulations.
- Keeping kind, courteous, and very caring drivers.
- Nice personality, very accomodating to seniors.
- On time service is the best thing.
- Providing this service to those of us that can't drive. Thank you sincerely.
- They ask if you need help on the bus. They are very nice to you and talk to you. I have had a very good trips on the buses. They take good care of us and very helpful, very nice people.

What would you like to "Shout Out" to our Drivers?

All of the drivers are the same in providing the best care and consideration for me and my health issues. They all should be recognized for their kindness. There is no other service providers that I deal with that has such a professional staff.

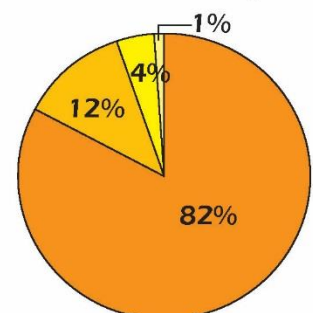
It's hard for me to single out one driver because they all are outstanding. If I need help getting in my door they are there. Need help when my chair gets stuck, they help me.

Current age of ACTS Passenger?



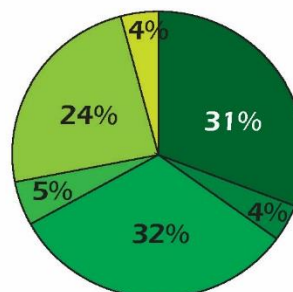
- 0-17 years old - 0%
- 18-30 years old
- 31-45 years old
- 46-64 years old
- 65+ years old

Are the drivers courteous and helpful?



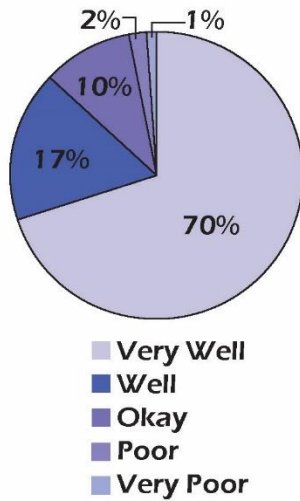
- Always
- Most of the Time
- Some of the Time
- Rarely - 0%
- Never

How did you learn about the ACTS Bus Service?

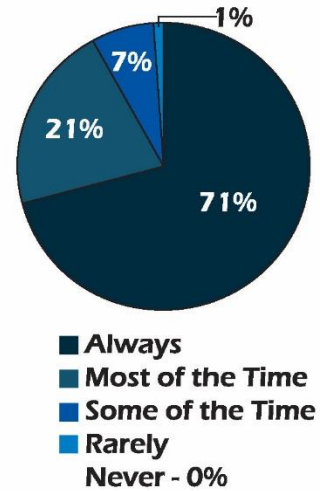


- Friend, Family or Neighbor
- Advertisement (Radio or Flyer)
- Caseworker or Social Service Agency
- Medical Provider
- Seeing the ACTS Bus
- Other

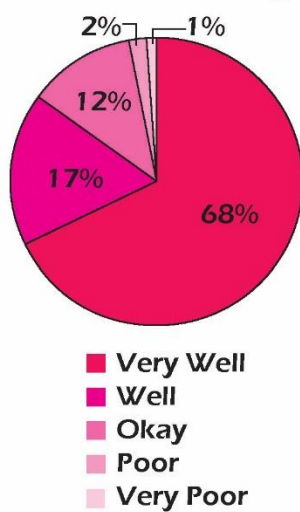
Overall, how would you rate your experience with ACTS?



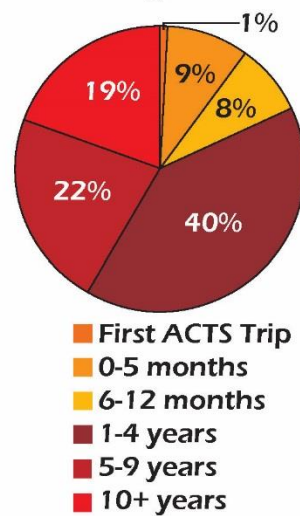
Are the dispatchers courteous?



How do you rate your experience in scheduling trips?



How long have you been riding with ACTS?



*Sample size = 100 Completed Surveys

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This Community Needs Assessment report will be posted on the organization's website for download and review at www.lccap.org

The data, conditions, deficits, and assets described in this report may be of interest to other local, regional, and statewide partners or investors in order to build shared initiatives, determine areas of interest, and/or allocate resources.

LCCAP will proceed to create its long-term annual strategic plan, primarily based on this community needs assessment, internal agency scans, customer satisfaction analysis, ongoing Help Us to Help You coordinated intake assessments, and an analysis of indicators regarding national, state, and local performance goals.

LCCAP's Community Needs Assessment Focus Group will meet no less than annually to review and update this report, as necessary. It is anticipated that the next full assessment report will be published in January, 2022.