



Community
Assessment
Update

2023
Warren County,
New York

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE AND METHODOLOGY

Warren County Head Start, Inc. in eastern New York, conducted a 2021 Community Assessment per Head Start Standard 1302.11 and highlighted strengths, resources, needs, and barriers to self-sufficiency of at-risk children and families in poverty. The 2023 Community Assessment Update serves as an addendum and reflects the following: 1) significant changes to demographics and health, economic, and social conditions; 2) changed early childhood and child care information; 3) notable data trends; and 4) COVID-19 pandemic impacts on children and families. Spiridis Consulting LLC used local, state, and federal data for this report, including 2021 Five-Year American Community Survey (ACS) Estimates* and Program Information Reports (PIR).

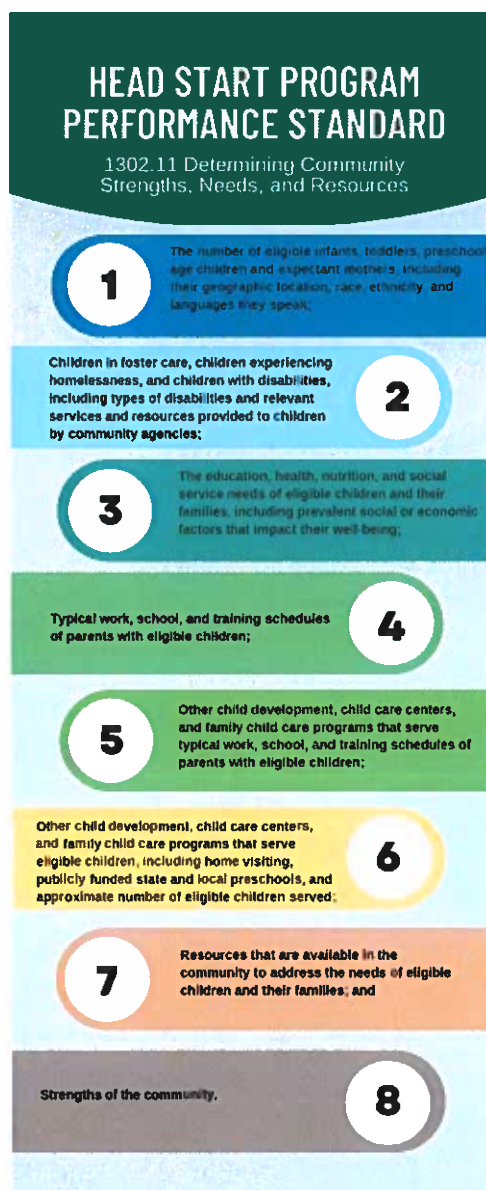
The Community Assessment and annual updates inform decisions by leadership and governing bodies including, but not limited to:

- ♦ Determination of long- and short-range program goals, objectives, and priorities;
- ♦ Types of services most needed for pregnant women, children, and families living in poverty;
- ♦ Gaps in service and geographic areas to be served, if additional funding is available, or if limitations in resources make it impossible to serve the entire service area;
- ♦ Locations of Early Head Start and Head Start services;
- ♦ Criteria to define and prioritize special populations for recruitment and selection for services;
- ♦ Community collaborations to develop, strengthen, and provide responsive programming; and
- ♦ Identification of and reduction of inequities within communities.

* The ACS is an official Census Bureau survey that is part of the decennial census program. Every year, the Census Bureau contacts over 3.5 million households nationwide to take part in the ACS, sending the survey to a percentage of households monthly. The ACS survey collects and produces information on social, economic, housing, and demographic characteristics about the U.S. population. The Census Bureau uses these data sets to track shifting demographics and learn about local communities.¹

Spiridis Consulting uses 5-Year ACS estimates rather than 1-Year Estimates, due to smaller margins of error.

Community data may occasionally be missing or skewed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



KEY FINDINGS

The following are Key Findings from the 2023 Community Assessment Update. Areas that impact families (e.g., poverty, early education, disabilities, health, housing, birth outcomes, transportation) have been reviewed for significant, updated, or newly available data. For areas not addressed in this update, the most recent data can be found in the 2022 Community Assessment Update.

CHILDREN IN POVERTY

The 2021 five-year poverty estimate for children under five years old is 7.5% in Warren County; this is nearly a 50% decrease from 2020 (14.6%). There are approximately 212 children (127 infants/toddlers, 85 preschoolers) under age five in poverty. The poverty rate reduction may be due to the rising minimum wage and increased income. Warren County's median income rose from \$64,658 in 2020 to \$68,765 in 2021. The 2022 five-year poverty estimate will be released in December 2023 and will indicate whether the county's poverty rate is trending lower or if the 2021 estimate is an anomaly.

Children under Age Five in Poverty—Warren County, NY

ACS 5-Year Estimates	Children Under Age 5		Infants and Toddlers		3- and 4-Year Olds	
	Count	In Poverty	Count*	In Poverty	Count*	In Poverty
2021	2,841	212 (7.5%)	1,705	127	1,136	85
2020	2,803	409 (14.6%)	1,682	245	1,121	164
2019	2,726	496 (18.2%)	1,636	298	1,090	198

*Estimated infants/toddlers (60%) and 3- & 4-Year-olds (40%) Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS Five-Year Estimates

NEED FOR QUALITY, AFFORDABLE CARE

There is a continued need for Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) in Warren County due to limited, quality and affordable care for infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children. The county's greatest early childhood needs are for infant and toddler care, followed by care for three-year-olds. PreK in Warren County serves primarily four-year-olds, emphasizing the need for Head Start for underserved three-year olds . Not including HS/EHS, Warren County has child care capacity for only 88 infants, 151 toddlers, and 276 preschoolers; thus, the county is a child care "desert," meaning there are three or more children under age five per child care slot in child care centers and family child care settings.

WAGES AND THE IMPACT ON HEAD START ELIGIBILITY

In New York—excluding NYC, Long Island, and Westchester—the 2023 minimum wage increased to \$14.20/hr. Increased wages impact HS/EHS eligibility, particularly for full-time (FT) working families. While higher wages are positive, they may preclude low-income families from qualifying for assistance programs—such as Head Start—during a period of high inflation and economic challenges. A FT minimum-wage earning adult with a family of two or three members is above the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). A FT working adult with a family of four who earns \$14.43/hour or more is above the FPL. Yet, Warren County's 2023 living wage for a family with one working adult ranges from \$32 - \$41/hour. Minimum wage-earning families make just 34% - 44% of the living wage—putting the cost of quality child care out of reach. Data from Community Assessment Updates and Program Information Reports will guide eligibility criteria and recruitment (e.g., SNAP recipients increasing) to both support working families living just above the poverty level and for Warren County HS/EHS to maintain full enrollment.

Working Families

Household Composition	Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Full-Time at Minimum Wage	Hourly Wage Exceeds FPL	Living Wage
Family of 2 (1 FT Working Adult)	\$19,720	\$29,536	Min. Wage	\$32.19
Family of 3 (1 FT Working Adult)	\$24,860	\$29,536	Min. Wage	\$37.06
Family of 4 (1 FT Working Adult)	\$30,000	\$29,536	\$14.43/hour	\$41.39

FOOD INSECURITY

Warren County's 2021 child food insecurity rate was 8.8%, a decrease of 6.4% from 2019. Massive public/private response to hunger during the pandemic was successful in mitigating food insecurity rates nationwide. While food insecurity for the county's general population decreased by 2% between 2019 and 2021, the divide across racial/ethnic lines remained. Food insecurity among the Hispanic population in 2021 was 15% the rate among the White population was just 6%. In March 2020, Congress increased Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits during the pandemic. SNAP benefits returned to standard amounts in March 2023. During PY 2021-22, 57.6% or 125 HS/EHS families received SNAP benefits. Many HS/EHS families have been impacted and food insecurity is likely to rise.

BIRTH OUTCOMES

Following are the most recent NYS Vital Statistics Data (2018-2020), published in February 2023:

- Warren County's three-year birth average was 525. Of newborns, 94.7% were non-Hispanic (NH) White, 2.9% Hispanic, 1.8% NH Asian and/or Pacific Islander (API), and .6% NH Black.
- Warren County had a higher percentage of births with adequate prenatal care (85.5%) than New York State (79.6%). However, only 73.3% of Hispanic pregnant women in Warren County received 1st trimester care, compared to 82.1% of NH White pregnant women.
- Based on the number of births and the poverty rate for children under age five in Warren County, it is estimated that there are 40 eligible pregnant women in the county.

HOMELESSNESS

Warren County public school data shows that 267 students were identified as homeless during SY 2021-22, compared to 184 during SY 2020-21; of these, 79.4% were doubled up with other families due to financial constraints, 15.4% lived in motels, 2.6% stayed in shelters, and 2.6% were considered unsheltered. During PY 2021-22, 15% or 35 Warren County HS children experienced homelessness per the McKinney-Vento Act, compared to 6.2% in PY 2020-21 and 8.5% in PY 2018-19.

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START WORKFORCE

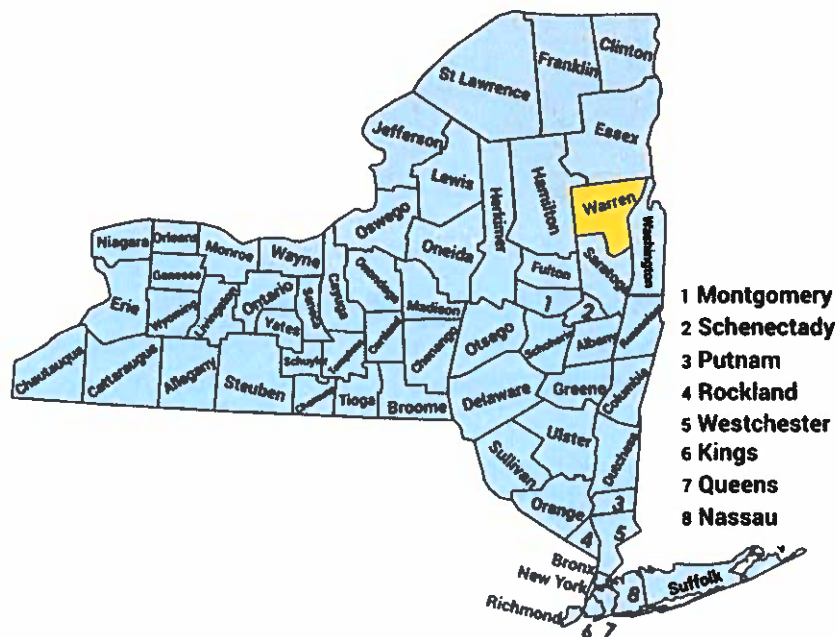
In February 2023, the National Head Start Association surveyed grantees about workforce struggles. Nearly 200 grantees responded, representing about 10% of children and families served nationwide. Twenty percent of HS/EHS classrooms were closed, of which 81% of grantees cited staff vacancies as the primary reason and that vacancies were higher than usual. Nineteen percent of positions were vacant with 65% of grantees giving the major reason as compensation. There were up to 275K children on HS/EHS waiting lists, equating to up to 33% of funded slots. Turnover included not only lead teachers but also other HS staff who left for entry-level jobs elsewhere that pay more and offer better benefits.

GEOGRAPHY

Warren County Head Start and Early Head Start has funding to serve 282 children ages 0-5 in Warren County, New York, in the northeastern United States. With 20.2 million residents, New York is the fourth most populous state.

New York is bordered by New Jersey and Pennsylvania to the south and Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont to the east. The state has a maritime border with Rhode Island, east of Long Island, as well as an international border with the Canadian provinces of Quebec to the north and Ontario to the northwest. The southern part of the state is in the Atlantic coastal plain and includes Long Island and several smaller associated islands, as well as New York City and the lower Hudson River Valley. The state's most populous city, New York City, makes up over 40 percent of the state's population.

Warren County is located centrally between New York's Capital Region and the Adirondack Mountains. The county is less than four hours from New York City, Boston, and Montreal. Covering 867 square miles, Warren County is the 22nd-largest county in New York by area. Warren County is bordered by Hamilton, Essex, Washington, and Saratoga counties. The county seat is Queensbury and the county's estimated population is 65,692.



DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION

Warren County's population increased by 31 people or just .1% between 2010 and 2020, compared to a 4.3% increase in New York. Warren County's 2021 estimated population is 65,692. The 2021 population estimates for Queensbury and Glen Falls are 28,914 and 14,784, respectively.²

Warren County, NY Population

Decennial Population		Population Change 2010-2020		2021 Five-Year Population Estimate
2010	2020	Count	Percent	
65,706	65,737	31	0.1%	65,692

Source: 2010 and 2020 U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2021 Five-Year Estimates

RACE AND ETHNICITY

Of Warren County's population, 94.4% are White, 3% are Multi-racial, and 1.4% are African American. The Asian, Native American, and Other Race populations are less than 1% each. Warren County's Hispanic population is 2.8% (1,807 people), significantly lower than New York (19.3%).³

Population by Race/Ethnicity

Location	White	Black	Asian	Native American Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander	Other Race	Multiple Races	Hispanic, All Races
New York	60.7%	15.2%	8.7%	0.4%	0.1%	9.0%	6.0%	19.3%
Warren Co.	94.4%	1.4%	0.8%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	3.0%	2.8%

Source: American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates

Following were the demographics of enrolled children at Warren County HS/EHS during PY 2021-22: White (78.2%); Multi-racial (16.2%); Pacific Islander (2.1%); Black/African American (1.7%); Asian (1.3%); and Unspecified (.4%). Of enrolled children, 4.3% were Hispanic/Latino.⁴

Head Start/Early Head Start Children by Race/Ethnicity

Year	White	Black	Asian	Native American Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander	Not Specified	Multiple Races	Hispanic, All Races
2020-21	84.7%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.7%	2.6%
2021-22	78.2%	1.7%	1.3%	0.0%	2.1%	0.4%	16.2%	4.3%

Source: Program Information Reports

PRIMARY LANGUAGE

In Warren County, 96% of the population 5+ years old speak English at home, 1.5% speak Spanish, 2.1% speak Indo-European languages, .3% speak Asian or Pacific Islander languages, and .1% speak other languages.⁵

During SY 2021-22, just 1% or 45 students in Warren County were English Language Learners. North Warren (10 students) and Queensbury (23 students) had the most English Language Learners; of these students, 70% were economically disadvantaged.⁶

Languages Spoken at Home

	English Only	Spanish	Indo-European	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other Languages
New York	70.0%	14.4%	8.8%	5.0%	1.8%
Warren County	96.0%	1.5%	2.1%	0.3%	0.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 Five Year Estimates

English Language Learners (ELL) by School District, SY 2021-22

School District	Total ELL Students	% of Enrollment	% of ELL Students who are Economically Disadvantaged
Warren County	45	1%	Not Available
Bolton CSD	*	*	*
Glen Falls Common SD	*	*	*
Glens Falls City SD	6	<1%	83.3%
Hadley-Luzerne CSD	*	*	*
Johnsburg CSD	*	*	*
Lake George CSD	*	*	*
North Warren CSD	10	2%	70.0%
Queensbury UFSD	23	1%	69.6%
Warrensburg CSD	*	*	*

*Suppressed (1-2 students) Source: New York State Department of Education

AGE

Just 4.3% of the population or 2,850 children in Warren County are under the age of five, less than New York (5.7%).⁷

Population Under Age 5

Location	Count	Percent of Population
New York State	1,154,376	5.7%
Warren County, NY	2,850	4.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 Five-Year Estimates, Chart S0101

EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE: BIRTH – FIVE

UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN (UPK)

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

Per the NY Department of Education, there were 40 half-day and 101 full-day UPK enrollment slots during 2022-23, an increase from 66 half-day and 59 full-day UPK enrollment slots during 2021-22.⁸ UPK allocations for 2023-2024 can be found [here](#) or below. The 2023-24 allocations indicate 111 full-day slots for Queensbury. The allocations in the service area indicate services for 4-year-olds only.

Funded UPK Enrollment, Warren County

School District	2021-22			2022-23		
	Half-Day	Full-Day	Total	Half-Day	Full-Day	Total
Total	66	59	125	40	101	141
Bolton CSD	0	5	5	0	21	21
Glens Falls City SD	0	40	40	0	53	53
Glen Falls Common	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hadley-Luzerne CSD	22	0	22	15	0	15
Johnsburg CSD	17	0	17	0	11	11
Lake George CSD	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Warren CSD	0	14	14	0	16	16
Queensbury UFSD	0	0	0*	0	0	0*
Warrensburg CSD	27	0	27	25	0	25

*111 full-day PreK slots are reported for 2023-24 Source: NY State Department of Education

District Name	2023-24 Total Max UPK Aid	Base Eligible 3- Year Old Half-day Pupils	Base Eligible 3- Year Old Full-day Pupils	UPK 3-Year Old Base (FTE Pupils to Serve) (D x 0.5) + E	Total Allocation for 3-Year Old Pupils	Base Eligible 4- Year Old Half-day Pupils	Base Eligible 4- Year Old Full-day Pupils	UPK 4-Year Old Base (FTE Pupils to Serve) (H x 0.5) + I	Total Allocation for 4-Year Old Pupils
BOLTON CSD	\$ 27,000	0	0	0.0	\$ -	10	0	5.0	\$ 27,000
GLENS FALLS CITY SD	\$ 604,695	0	0	0.0	\$ -	48	68	90.0	\$ 604,695
GLENS FALLS COMN SD	\$ 165,132	0	0	0.0	\$ -	0	20	20.0	\$ 165,132
HADLEY-LUZERNE CSD	\$ 146,207	0	0	0.0	\$ -	14	20	27.0	\$ 146,207
JOHNSBURG CSD	\$ 115,845	0	0	0.0	\$ -	0	20	20.0	\$ 115,845
LAKE GEORGE CSD	\$ 108,000	0	0	0.0	\$ -	0	20	20.0	\$ 108,000
NORTH WARREN CSD	\$ 130,275	0	0	0.0	\$ -	12	20	26.0	\$ 130,275
QUEENSBURY UFSD	\$ 652,176	0	0	0.0	\$ -	0	111	111.0	\$ 652,176
WARRENSBURG CSD	\$ 244,128	0	0	0.0	\$ -	17	20	28.5	\$ 244,128

CHILD CARE

- Between 2022 and 2023, there was an increase of 1 Group Family Child Care (FCC) Home in Warrensburg, resulting in a capacity increase of 12 children within the county.
- Between 2022 and 2023, a new child care center opened in Queensbury. Warren County's capacity for children ages 0-5 increased by 82 slots (9 infants, 30 toddlers, 36 preschoolers). The county now has capacity for 88 infants, 151 toddlers, and 276 preschoolers, for a total of 515 enrollment slots.⁹
- The FY 2024 NYS Executive Budget increases income eligibility from 300% of the FPL (or \$83,250 for a family of four) to 85% of the state median income (or \$93,200 for a family of four) for families who apply to receive child care subsidies.¹⁰

Child Care Overview—Warren County

Type of Facility (Does not include EHS/HS)	# of Open Facilities		Infant Capacity		Toddler Capacity		Preschool Capacity		Capacity Ages 0-5	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Child Care Center	6	7	79	88	121	151	240	276	433	515
Family Child Care Home	11	11	----	----	----	----	----	----	66*	66*
Group FCC Home	7	8	----	----	----	----	----	----	84*	96*

*Capacity for birth-12 years old Source: Office of Children and Family Services, July 2023

Family Child Care Homes and Capacity—Warren County

County	Open Facilities	Infant Care	Toddler Care	Preschool Care	Total Capacity*
Family Child Care Home	11	11	11	11	66
Glen Falls	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	18
Queensbury	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	36
Warrensburg	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	12
Group Family Child Care Home	8	8	8	8	96
Glen Falls	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	12
Lake George	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	12
Queensbury	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	48
Warrensburg	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	24

*Capacity for birth-12 years old Source: Office of Children and Family Services, July 2023

Center-Based Child Care Capacity*—Warren County

Child Care Center	Town	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Total
A Child's World	Queensbury	8	10	48	66
Building Kidz of Queensbury	Queensbury	16	18	23	57
Childtime Childcare	Queensbury	24	40	67	131
Camp Fun Spot	Queensbury	0	12	34	46
Fresh Beginning Childcare	Glen Falls	16	35	45	96
Small Tales Day Care Center	Warrensburg	16	12	26	54
World Class Kids	Queensbury	8	24	33	65
Total		88	151	276	515

*Does not include Early Head Start or Head Start Centers Source: Office of Children and Family Services, July 2023

BIRTH OUTCOMES AND PREGNANT WOMEN

Following are the most recent NY State Vital Statistics Data (2018-2020), published in Feb. 2023.^{11 12}

- The three-year birth average of Warren County was 525. Of newborns, 94.7% were NH White, 2.9% were Hispanic, 1.8% were NH Asian and/or Pacific Islander (API), and .6% were NH Black.
- Warren County's infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births was 6.3, higher than NYS at 3.2.
- Warren County had a higher percentage of births with adequate prenatal care (85.5%) than New York State (79.6%). However, only 73.3% of Hispanic pregnant women in Warren County received 1st trimester care, compared to NH White pregnant women (82.1%).
- Based on the number of births and the poverty rate for children under age five in Warren County, it is estimated that there are 40 eligible pregnant women in the county.

Birth Outcomes—Warren County

Location	Births 2018-2020 (3 Years)	Percent of Births					Teen Birth Rate
		Premature Birth	Low Birth Weight	Un- Married Parent	Medicaid Or Self-Pay	Late or No Prenatal Care	
New York State	653,288	11.1%	8.1%	38.0%	48.6%	5.3%	20.6
Warren County	1,579	11.9%	7.0%	46.6%	13.4%	2.8%	10.3

Birth Indicators by Race/Ethnicity—Warren County

Indicator	County Total	Non-Hispanic (NH)			Hispanic
		White	Black	API	
Number of births per year (3-year average)	525	485	3	9	15
% of births with 1st trimester prenatal care	81.6%	82.1%	*	*	73.3%
% of births with adequate prenatal care	85.5%	86.1%	*	*	*
Infant mortality per 1,000 live births	6.3	6.9	*	*	*
% of low-risk births delivered by cesarean section	29.1%	28.8%	*	*	*

*Data suppressed or unstable API—Asian Pacific Islander Source: New York State Department of Health, 2018-2020

DISABILITIES

Early Intervention

In 2021, .2% of children birth to 1 years of age and 5.4% of children birth-three years of age in Warren County received Early Intervention services.¹³

Percent of Children Served by Early Intervention

Age Group	Location	2019	2020	2021
Birth – Age 1	New York State	0.7%	0.9%	1.1%
	Warren County	0.8%	0.9%	0.2%
Birth – Age 3	New York State	3.8%	4.6%	4.3%
	Warren County	3.8%	3.9%	5.4%

Source: New York State Department of Health

Students with Disabilities

During SY 2021-22, 17% or 1,326 students (111 PreK students) in Warren County received Special Education services. In the service area, school districts enrolled between 8% (Bolton CSD) and 25% (Glen Falls Common SD) of students with disabilities.¹⁴

Students with Disabilities (2021-2022)

School District	Preschool Students with Disabilities	School-Age Students with Disabilities	
		Count	Percent
Warren County	Not Available	1,326	17%
Bolton CSD	2	13	8%
Glens Falls City SD	26	342	17%
Glen Falls Common SD	7	40	25%
Hadley-Luzerne CSD	11	108	17%
Johnsburg CSD	5	42	15%
Lake George CSD	2	99	15%
North Warren CSD	7	44	10%
Queensbury	44	502	16%
Warrensburg CSD	7	136	21%

*Suppressed Source: New York State Department of Education

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT

The labor force is the total of persons employed and persons unemployed. People are classified as unemployed if they do not have a job, have actively looked for work in the past 4 weeks, and are available to work. Those with no job and not looking for a job are counted as 'not in the labor force.' The labor force participation rate is the number of people aged sixteen and older who are employed or actively seeking employment, divided by the total non-institutionalized, civilian working-age population.

In May 2023, there were 31,424 Warren County residents in the labor force; of these, 97% were employed and 3% were unemployed.¹⁵ The estimated labor force participation rate in Warren County is 61.1%, slightly lower than New York State (62.9%) and the U.S. (63.1%).¹⁶

Of children under age 6, 42.8% live in a two-parent household with both parents in the labor force.¹⁷

Labor Force Participation

Location	Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
New York	9,723,029	9,350,482	372,547	3.8%
Warren County	31,424	30,492	932	3.0%

Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2023

Children Under Age 6 With All Parents in The Labor Force—Warren County

2019	2020	2021
1,367	1,294	1,330
40.5%	38.1%	42.8%

Source: U. S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B23008

WAGES

Minimum Wage

In New York State—excluding New York City, Long Island, and Westchester—the minimum wage increased from \$13.20/hour to \$14.20/hour on December 31, 2023. The minimum wage in New York City, Long Island, and Westchester is \$15/hour.¹⁸

- The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for a family of two in Warren County is \$19,720/year; therefore, a single full-time (2,080 hours) working parent of one child who is making minimum wage (\$14.20/hour) earns \$29,536; this is *above* the FPL.
- The FPL for a family of three is \$24,860/year; therefore, a single parent of two children who is working full-time at minimum wage (\$29,536) is *above* the FPL.
- The FPL for a family of four is \$30,000/year; therefore, a household of four with one full-time working adult who is earning minimum wage (\$29,536) is *below* the FPL and income eligible.¹⁹

Living Wage²⁰

For the chart below, the living wage refers to the hourly rate that a full-time worker must earn to support a family and cover daily expenses.

- The 2023 living wage for a single parent and one child is \$35.06 in Warren County, compared to \$34.56 in 2022. A full-time, minimum wage worker (\$14.20/hour) of one child in 2023 earns only 40.5% of the living wage.
- The living wage for one working adult and one non-working parent with two children is \$37.06 in Warren County. A full-time, minimum wage worker with a household of four earns only 38.3% of the living wage.

2023 Living Wage—Warren County

1 Adult				2 Adults (1 Working)				2 Adults (Both Working)			
Number of Children				Number of Children				Number of Children			
0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
\$15.94	\$35.06	\$46.38	\$61.70	\$25.97	\$32.19	\$37.06	\$41.39	\$12.98	\$19.48	\$25.32	\$30.87

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

INCOME

- The median household income in Warren County is \$68,765, lower than New York State (\$75,157).
- Of households, 15.3% in Warren County earn under \$25,000, compared to New York (18%).
- Of households in Warren County, median incomes by race/ethnicity are as follows: non-Hispanic White (\$69,074); Asian (\$65,143); Multiracial (\$68,490); and Hispanic/Latino (\$97,375).²¹

Mean/Median Household Income

Location	Total Households	Average (Mean) Household Income	Median Household Income
New York	7,530,150	\$111,583	\$75,157
Warren County, NY	29,261	\$92,654	\$68,765

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 Five-Year Estimates, S1901

Household Income Levels

Location	Under \$25,000	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 - \$199,999	\$200,000+
New York	18.0%	17.1%	26.6%	25.4%	12.9%
Warren County, NY	15.3%	20.0%	30.6%	26.4%	7.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 Five-Year Estimates, S1901

Median Household Income by Race/Ethnicity of Householder

Location	NH White	Black	Asian	AIAN*	NHPI*	Other Race	Multiple Races	Hispanic/Latino
New York	\$85,520	\$53,697	\$83,399	\$50,731	\$49,528	\$49,838	\$68,158	\$55,621
Warren Co.	\$69,074	No data	\$65,143	No data	No data	\$35,294	\$68,490	\$97,375

*NH=Non-Hispanic; AIAN=American Indian Alaska Native; NHPI=Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community, 2021 Five-Year Estimates

POVERTY

The estimated poverty rate for children under 5 years old in Warren County is 7.5% percent, slightly less than the state of New York (19.1%). An estimated 2,841 children under age 5 reside within the county, with 212 of these children experiencing poverty. An estimated 127 infants/toddlers and 85 preschool-aged children are living in poverty.²⁵

Children under Age Five in Poverty—Warren County, NY

ACS 5-Year Estimates	Children Under Age 5		Infants and Toddlers		3- and 4-Year Olds	
	Count	In Poverty	Count*	In Poverty	Count*	In Poverty
2021	2,841	212 (7.5%)	1,705	127	1,136	85
2020	2,803	409 (14.6%)	1,682	245	1,121	164
2019	2,726	496 (18.2%)	1,636	298	1,090	198

*Estimated infants/toddlers (60%) and 3- & 4-Year-olds (40%)

Source: American Community Survey, 2019, 2020, and 2021 Five-Year Estimates

Children Under 5 in Poverty—Warren County, NY

Towns/Cities	Children Under Age 5	Children Under Age 5 in Poverty (Absolute)	Children Under Age 5 in Poverty (Percent)
Warren County	2,841	212	7.5%
Chester	54	0	0.0%
Glens Falls	899	74	8.2%
Lake George	217	1	0.4%
Lake Luzerne	79	5	6.5%
Queensbury	1,134	81	7.1%
Warrensburg	204	25	12.0%

Source: American Community, 2021 5-Year Estimates

2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family/Household	Poverty Guideline*
1	\$14,580
2	\$19,720
3	\$24,860
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,140
6	\$40,280

* For families/households with more than 6 persons, add \$5,140 for each additional person

INFLATION

The annual U.S. inflation rate was 3% for the 12 months ended June 2023. The 2022 average monthly inflation was 8%—a 40 year high. Since June 2020, prices have risen by a total of 16.9%.²²

U.S. Inflation Rate

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
2023	6.4	6.0	5.0	4.9	4.0	3.0							
2022	7.5	7.9	8.5	8.2	8.6	9.1	8.5	8.3	8.2	7.7	7.1	6.5	8.0
2021	1.4	1.7	2.6	4.2	5.0	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.4	6.2	6.8	7.0	4.7
2020	2.5	2.3	1.5	.3	.1	0.6	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.2
2019	1.6	1.5	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.8

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the average change in prices paid by consumers for goods and services needed for daily living (e.g., food, shelter, gas). Prices are collected monthly in 75 urban areas nationwide from approximately 6,000 housing units and 22,000 retail establishments (e.g., department stores, supermarkets, gas stations).²³ The annual inflation rate was 3% for the 12 months ended June 2023. Between May 2023 and June 2023, there was a .2% increase in “all items.”²⁴

Consumer Price Index—June 2023

	1-Month Percent Change (From May 2023)	12 Month Percent Change (From June 2022)
All Items	0.2	3.0
Food	0.1	5.7
Food at home	0.0	4.7
Food away from home	0.4	7.7
Energy	0.6	-16.7
Gasoline (all types)	1.0	-26.5
Fuel oil	-0.4	-36.6
Electricity	0.9	5.4
Utility (piped) gas service	-1.7	-18.6
All Items Less Food and Energy	0.2	4.8
Apparel	0.3	3.1
Shelter	0.4	7.8
Transportation services	0.1	8.2
Medical care services	0.0	-0.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

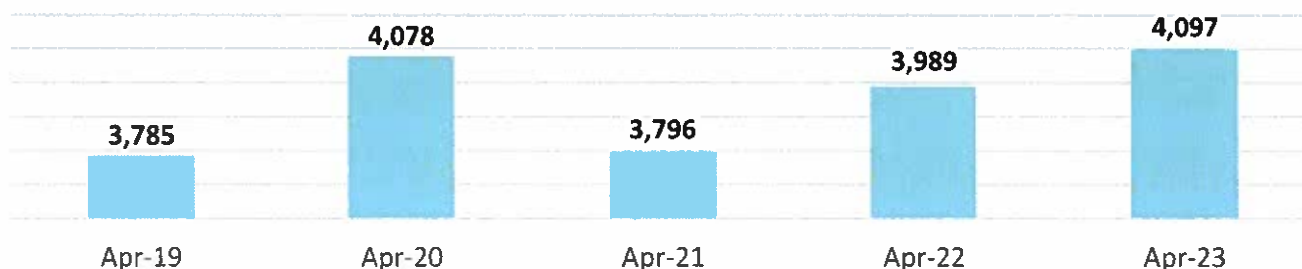
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in New York enables low-income families to buy nutritious food at authorized stores and [farmers' markets](#) with electronic benefits transfer cards. Income guidelines can be found [here](#).

In March 2020, Congress temporarily increased SNAP benefits via Emergency Allotments (EA) to families during the pandemic. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 law passed by Congress ended EA after February 2023 SNAP EA benefits were issued. By March 2023, all SNAP households' benefits returned to standard (pre-pandemic) SNAP benefit amounts.

Of Warren County households, 4,097 were receiving SNAP in April 2023; this was an increase of 312 households or 8.2% from April 2019.²⁶

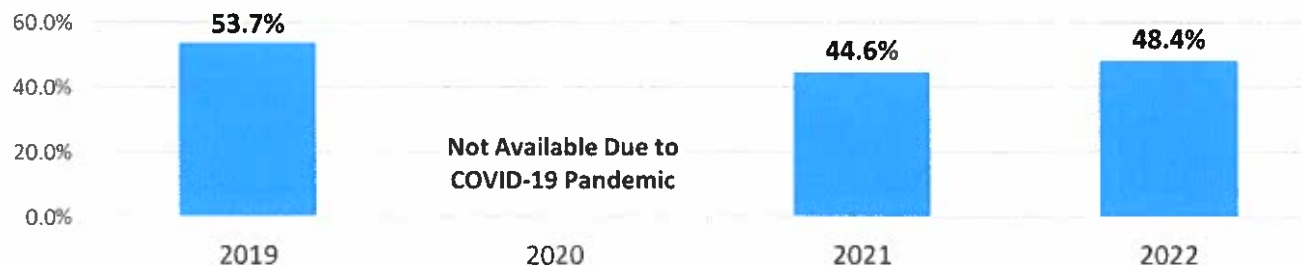
SNAP Households in Warren County, NY
Source: NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance



In 2022, 48.4% or 105 Warren County HS/EHS families were receiving SNAP upon enrollment, compared to 44.6% in 2021 and 53.7% in 2019.²⁷

**Warren County Head Start/Early Head Start
Families Receiving SNAP at Enrollment**

Source: Program Information Reports



SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

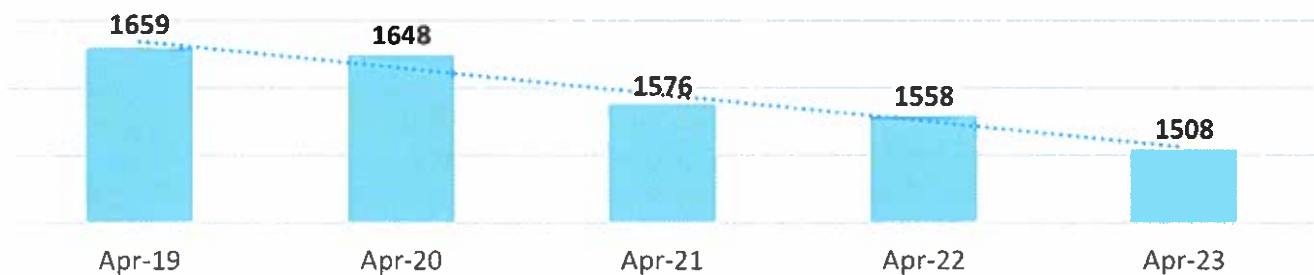
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) pays monthly benefits to people with limited income and resources, including those who are disabled, blind, or age 65 or older. Children who are disabled may also receive SSI.

SSI payments increase with the cost-of-living increases that apply to Social Security benefits. The latest such increase, 8.7% became effective January 2023. The monthly maximum Federal amounts for 2023 are \$914 for an eligible individual, \$1,371 for an eligible individual with an eligible spouse, and \$458 for an essential person.²⁸

Monthly SSI recipients in Warren County decreased by 9.1% between April 2019 and April 2023.²⁹

SSI Recipients in Warren County, NY

Source: NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance



In PY 2021-22, 15.2% or 33 Warren County HS/EHS families were receiving SSI upon enrollment.³⁰

Head Start/Early Head Start Families Receiving SSI Upon Enrollment

Source: Program Information Reports



TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

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

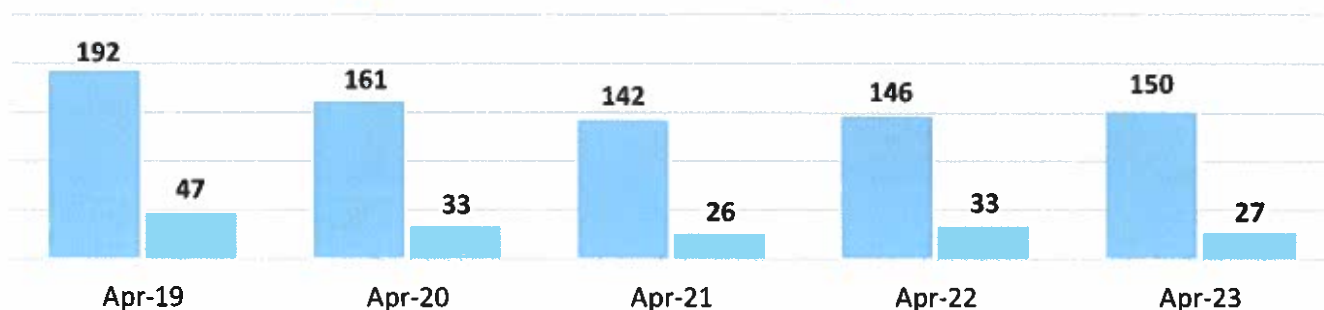
Monthly child recipients of TANF—Family Assistance in Warren County decreased by 21.9% (-42 child recipients) and adult recipients declined by 50% (-20 adults) between April 2019 and April 2023.³¹

Family Assistance (TANF) Recipients in Warren County, NY

Source: NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

■ Children Recipients

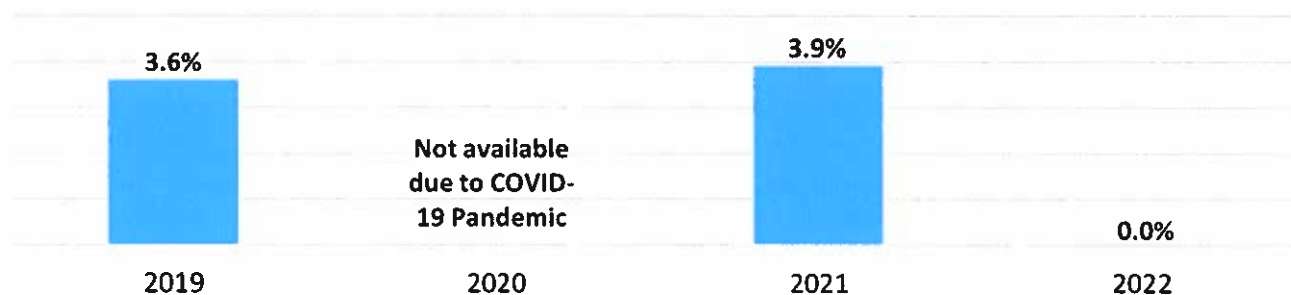
■ Adult Recipients



During PY 2021-22, 0% of Warren County HS/EHS families were receiving TANF at enrollment, compared to 3.6% in PY 2020-21 and 3.6% in PY 2018-2019.³²

Warren County Head Start/Early Head Families Receiving TANF Upon Enrollment

Source: Program Information Reports



WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN

WIC is a supplemental nutrition program funded by the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#) (USDA), serving the following: pregnant women; breastfeeding women, for up to one year postpartum; women up to 6 months postpartum, who are not breastfeeding; and infants and children under 5 years old. The average monthly FY 2022 WIC benefit per person in NYS was \$65.07, an increase of 31.3% from FY 2021.³³

During PY 2021-22, 75.6% of EHS families and 44.8% of HS families were receiving WIC upon enrollment. Between 2021 and 2022, EHS families receiving WIC upon enrollment increased by 10.4%.³⁴

Warren County HS/EHS Families Receiving WIC Upon Enrollment

Source: Program Information Reports



FOSTER CARE

In Warren County in 2022, there were 4 children under age 2 and 11 children ages 2-5 in foster care.³⁵ During PY 2021-22, Warren County HS/EHS enrolled 5.1% or 12 children who were in foster care; of these, 2 were EHS children and 10 were HS children.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Of adults aged 25 and older, 28.5% in Warren County do not have a high school diploma, slightly more than New York State (25.2%). Of adults, 33% in Warren County have a bachelor's degree or higher, less than New York State (38.1%).³⁶

Education Levels—Warren County

Location	No High School Diploma	High School Only	Some College	Associates Degree	Bachelors Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
New York	2.6%	25.2%	15.2%	8.9%	21.3%	16.8%
Warren County	8.5%	28.1%	18.1%	12.3%	17.0%	16.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community, 2021 Five Year Estimates

Warren County's 2022 four-year high school graduation rate was 88%, higher than 85% in 2021. The graduation rate was 76% for economically disadvantaged students, significantly lower than 94% for non-economically disadvantaged students. Of students with disabilities, only 65% graduated. Of students experiencing homelessness, only 60% graduated.³⁷

**4 Year High School Graduation Rates
and Student Graduation Count—Warren County**

Graduation Rates		2021-2022 Subgroup Graduation Rates			
2020-21 710 students	2021-22 699 students	Not Economically Disadvantaged	Economically Disadvantaged	Students With Disabilities	Homeless
85% (603)	88% (615)	94% (437)	76% (178)	65% (69)	60% (9)

s = Data suppressed due to low numbers, not applicable, or unavailable Source: NYS Dept. of Education

2021-22 High School Graduation Rate by Race/Ethnicity—Warren County

White	Hispanic or Latino 79%	Black/ African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Native American or Alaska Native	Multiracial
88% (564)	82% (18)	s	90% (9)	s	95% (18)

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

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

Health Outcomes represent a county's current health and reflect the physical and mental well-being of residents through measures representing length and quality of life experienced in the community. Health Factors (health behaviors, clinical care, social & economic factors, physical environment) represent issues that, if modified, can improve length and quality of life.³⁸

Of New York's 62 counties, Warren County is ranked 25 for Health Outcomes and 10 for Health Factors in 2023; this ranks the county in the higher middle range for Health Outcomes and among the healthiest for Health Factors. Low rates of physical inactivity, access to exercise opportunities, a low rate of the uninsured, and positive ratios of the population to primary care physicians, dentists, and mental health providers are strengths. "Areas to explore" are smoking (16%), adult obesity (28%), excessive drinking (23%); these factors most negatively impact the health of Warren County's residents.³⁹

2023 County Health Rankings

	Warren County, NY	New York State
 Areas of strength		
 Areas to explore		
Health Outcomes Ranking	25	
Length of Life	35	
Quality of Life	11	
Health Factors Ranking	10	
Health Behaviors	16	
Clinical Care	6	
Social & Economic Factors	9	
Physical Environment	18	
Poor or Fair Health	10%	12%
Adult Smoking	16%	12%
Adult Obesity	28%	27%
Food Environment Index	8.1	8.9
Physical Inactivity	21%	25%
Exercise Opportunities	98%	93%
Excessive Drinking	23%	18%
Income Inequality	4.5	5.8
Uninsured	5%	6%
Primary Care Physicians	840:1	1,170:1
Dentists	1,110:1	1,220:1
Mental Health Providers	230:1	300:1
Severe Housing Problems	14%	23%
Air Pollution	7.0	6.9

Source: countyhealthrankings.com

HOMELESSNESS

Public school data shows that 267 students in Warren County were identified as homeless during SY 2021-2022, compared to 184 during SY 2020-2021. Of students experiencing homelessness, 79.4% were doubled up with other families due to financial constraints, 15.4% lived in motels, 2.6% stayed in shelters, and 2.6% were considered unsheltered.⁴⁴

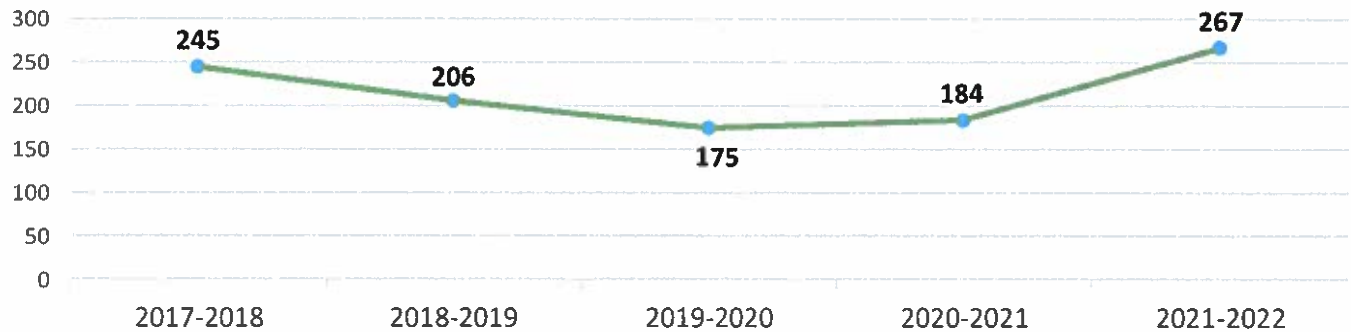
Warren County Public School Students Identified as Homeless, SY 2021-2022

Homeless (PreK-12)	Homeless (PreK)	Primary Nighttime Residence of Homeless Students			
		Doubled Up	Hotel/Motel	Shelters	Unsheltered*
267	>5	79.4%	15.4%	2.6%	2.6%

*Cars, parks, campgrounds, temporary trailers, abandoned buildings

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

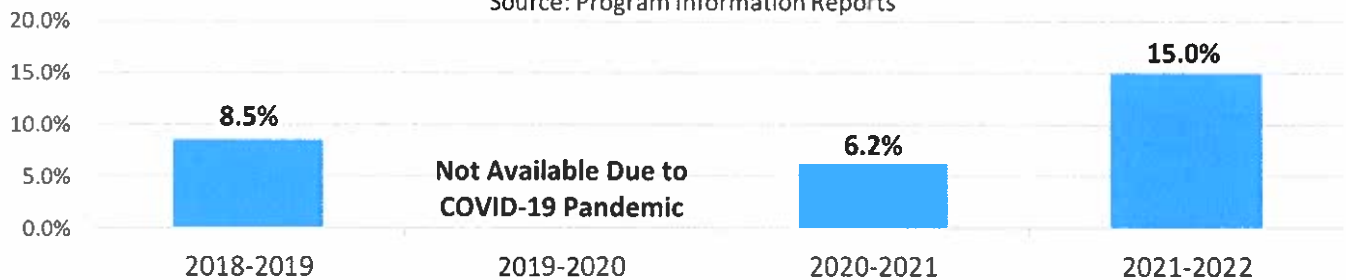
Public School Students Identified as Homeless--Warren County



During PY 2021-22, 15% or 35 Warren County HS children experienced homelessness per the McKinney-Vento Act, compared to 6.2% in PY 2020-21 and 8.5% in PY 2018-19.⁴⁵

Warren County Head Start Children Experiencing Homelessness

Source: Program Information Reports



OBESITY

Conditions in which children live, learn, and play are social determinants of health (SDOH). SDOH differences affect obesity among racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups as well as in different geographies and among people with different physical abilities. SDOH include educational environments, neighborhood design, access to healthy and affordable foods, and access to safe and convenient places for physical activity.⁴⁰

WIC Children with Obesity or High Weight-For-Length, New York

Age	2010	2020	NH Black	NH White	Hispanic	AIAN	API
3-23 months	14.1%	9.7%	9.9%	9.3%	11.0%	9.8%	6.2%
24-48 months	16.1%	13.6%	12.8%	11.4%	17.3%	13.1%	9.1%

NH=Non-Hispanic, AIAN=American Indian/Alaskan Native, API=Asian Pacific Islander Source: Centers for Disease Control

Infants⁴¹

Infants with high weight-for-length are at increased risk of obesity in childhood and early adulthood. Between 2010 and 2020, high weight-for-length among NY infants 3 to 23 months enrolled in WIC declined from 14.1% to 9.7%. Obesity was higher among children who were Hispanic (16.9%) and non-Hispanic Black (13.7%), than among children who were non-Hispanic White (12.1%).

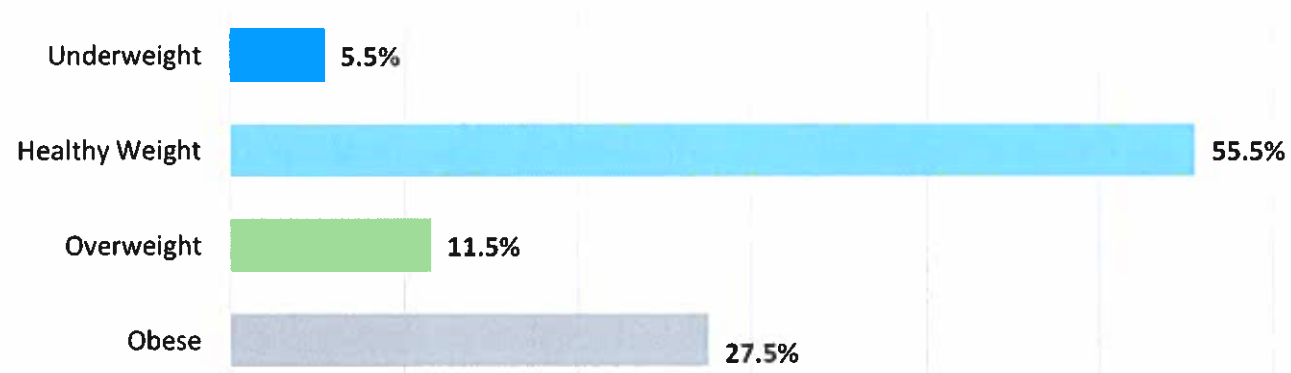
Ages 2 to 4⁴²

From 2010 to 2020, obesity among New York children ages 2 to 4 enrolled in WIC dropped from 16.1% to 13.6%. In 2020, 4-year-olds (15.6%) had higher obesity than 3-year-olds (14.4%) and 2-year-olds (11.6%). Obesity was higher among children who were Hispanic (17.3%) and Native American/Alaskan Native (13.1%), than among children who were non-Hispanic White (11.4%), non-Hispanic Black (12.8%), and Asian/Pacific Islander (9.1%).

In PY 2021-22, 55.5% of Warren County HS children had a healthy weight, while 5.5% of children were underweight, 11.5% were overweight, and 27.5% had obesity. In comparison, 64.1% of New York State Head Start children had a healthy weight, while 12.9% were overweight and 16.8% had obesity.⁴³

Weight Status of Warren County Head Start Children, PY 2021-22

Source: Program Information Reports



HOUSING

Cost Burdened Households

Cost burdened households have expenses exceeding 30% of household income. Of all housing units in Warren County, 25.2% are cost burdened, compared to 36.9% in New York State. Cost-burdened rental households in Warren County (44.5%) have higher cost-burdened rates than owner-occupied households with mortgages (20.5%).⁴⁶

Cost Burdened Households

Location	Cost Burdened Households	Rental Households	Owner Occupied w/ Mortgages	Owner Occupied w/o Mortgages
New York	36.9%	48.8%	32.4%	18.6%
Warren County	25.2%	44.5%	20.5%	12.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community, 2021 Five-Year Estimates

Fair Market Rent

The Fair Market Rent rate (FMR), established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, (HUD) is used as a basis for paying federal housing assistance programs like the Housing Choice Voucher Program (often called "Section 8"). Fair Market Rent is determined by conducting a nationwide survey each year. FMR prices are gross rent prices, meaning they include utilities.

The 2023 monthly FMR for a two-bedroom rental in Warren County is \$1,119, up 4.8% from 2022.⁴⁷ The corresponding 2023 housing wage is \$21.52/hour.⁴⁸

Fair Market Rent—Warren County, NY

Year	Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom	Housing Wage for 2-Bedroom
2023	\$790	\$896	\$1,119	\$1,451	\$1,503	\$21.52
2022	\$715	\$850	\$1,065	\$1,383	\$1,444	\$20.48

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

FOOD INSECURITY

Food insecurity refers to the USDA's measure of lack of access to a sufficient amount of food for an active, healthy life for all household members, and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. According to Feeding America, "Food insecurity can cause serious health issues when families have to choose between spending money on food or on medicine and healthcare, as well as choosing between food and rent, bills, and transportation. Further, food insecurity can make it more difficult for a child to properly learn and develop."⁴⁹

The 2021 child food insecurity rate was 8.8% in Warren County, compared to New York State (15.4%) and the U.S. (12.8%). Between 2019 (pre-pandemic) and 2021, child food insecurity decreased by 6.4% in Warren County and by .3% in New York. Massive public/private response to hunger during the pandemic was successful in mitigating food insecurity rates across the country. While food insecurity for Warren County's overall population decreased by 2% between 2019 and 2021, the divide across racial and ethnic lines remained. Food insecurity among the Hispanic population in 2021 was 15% while food insecurity among the White population was just 6%.⁵⁰

Age*	Food Insecurity		
	2019	2020	2021
United States			
Child (<18 years)	14.6%	16.1%	12.8%
Overall	10.9%	11.8%	10.4%
New York			
Child (<18 years)	15.7%	14.6%	15.4%
Overall	10.7%	9.6%	11.4%
Warren County, NY			
Child (<18 years)	15.2%	12.8%	8.8%
Overall	11.0%	10.6%	9.0%

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

Overall Food Insecurity by Race/Ethnicity, 2021

Location	Black (All Ethnicities)	Latino (Hispanic)	White (Non-Hispanic)
New York	18%	17%	6%
Warren County, NY	Not Available	15%	6%

Source: Feeding America, 2021 Note: Information unavailable for other races and ethnicities

TRANSPORTATION

Of households in Warren County, 8.7% do not have a vehicle. Of rental households in Warren County, 19.3% do not have a vehicle.⁵¹

Households with No Motor Vehicle

Location	Total Occupied Households	Households with No Motor Vehicle (Count)	Households with No Motor Vehicle (Percent)
New York	7,530,150	2,175,983	28.9%
Warren County, NY	29,261	2,532	8.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 Five-Year Estimates DP04

Household with No Motor Vehicle by Tenure

Location	Owner-Occupied Households		Renter-Occupied Households	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
New York	399,747	9.8%	1,776,236	51.7%
Warren County, NY	871	4.2%	1,661	19.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 Five-Year Estimates B25044

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For community resource information, visit <https://www.211nyny.org/>.

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