

Schoharie County

Community Action Program, Inc.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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This Community Needs Assessment (CNA) presents an overview of the current community conditions for the Schoharie County area as indicated by focus groups, community partner and member surveys, and Census demographics. SCCAP utilized the Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment Tool available through the New York State Community Action Association to provide demographic figures.

Schoharie County Community Needs Assessment
(SCCAP)

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Introduction

Schoharie County Community Action Program, Inc. (SCCAP) is the designated Community Action Agency serving Schoharie County since 1965 offering comprehensive services with funding from federal, state, and local sources. SCCAP integrates its services through seven direct-service delivery divisions that administer a diversity of child, youth, and family development; emergency assistance; health and safety; employment skills; and prevention programs geared toward individual and family self-sufficiency, employment, and community, economic stability.

Schoharie County is a rural county with limited resources, therefore the agency seeks to develop and maintain strong relationships with area human service agencies and community groups in order to share resources and effectively coordinate services to meet the needs of target populations. Agency staff members actively participate in several coalitions, councils, and committees along with local governmental entities to maximize resources, coordinate service delivery systems and prevent duplication of services.

The community assessment will analyze both quantitative and qualitative information to determine primary community member concern, community trends and SCCAP's role with implementation of systems of support. CAAs are charged to address the causes and conditions of poverty within their community with a focus on educating its community about economic barriers the low-income community faces and services available to address these barriers. The content of the assessment includes demographic information obtained from the Census, American Community Survey, community partner and member surveys along with historic CSBG reported data. Based on the assessment results the board of directors will also determine where it will be appropriate to leverage its resources to best meet the need of its target population.

SCCAP Corporation Profile

SCCAP was incorporated in 1965 to deliver assistance programs to the low-income community as a means to alleviate the conditions and causes of poverty in response to Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. SCCAP was the original service provider of senior meals, transportation, Head Start, health clinics and senior housing most of which later were brought under the administration of local government. Long-standing programs have continued under SCCAP's administration such as Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and emergency services provided with Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. SCCAP also is a subcontractor for Schoharie County Government in the delivery of services for employment skills, Family Support Services, Skill Building, Supervised Visitation, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), and youth development activities. SCCAP has been instrumental in bringing new services to Schoharie County - Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Facilitated Enrollment, youth mentors, Nutrition Outreach Education Program (NOEP), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Displaced Homemaker Program (DHP), Child Care Resource & Referral (CCRR), Breastfeeding Peer Counselors, and childbirth education services.

In compliance with legislation and the Community Services Block Program Informational Memorandum No. 82, SCCAP's Board of Directors is a tripartite board comprised of nine (9) members providing representation from the public, private, and consumer sectors.

Betsy Bernocco, Board Chair – Consumer Sector

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Mission

Building stronger communities and empowering families that experience economic and social challenges through strategic partnerships, education, services and compassion. (June 22, 2015)

Vision

We envision a SCCAP that is:

- A community educator on the barriers facing low-income families in achieving self-sufficiency
- Abreast of changing community needs and expands/develops programs to meet those needs
- Financially stable with a healthy financial reserve
- Progressive in meeting the technological needs of the agency
- A leader in quality service delivery

Values

As an organization, SCCAP values:

- Change: We value the ability of people to build on their strengths to move toward healthy interdependence.
- Respect: We value the preservation of personal dignity of our consumers, staff, board and community
- Innovation: We encourage innovation and commit to professional policies and principles that will meet the challenges of a changing environment.

Organization Structure

Board of Directors

Jeannette Spaulding, Executive Director

Joanne Gregory, Deputy Executive Director

Deb Palmatier, Assistant Finance Director

Departments

Administration

Child Care Resource & Referral Center

Community Services Department

Employment Training Center

Energy Services Department

Family Support & Resource Center

Healthy Families Center

Parent & Child Connections Center

SCCAP Needs Assessment Analysis and Objectives

Analysis of the Community Needs Assessment was conducted by the agency's Program Planning and Evaluation Committee in preparation of its strategic plan development. Focus groups with low-income community members receiving SCCAP's services were conducted. Surveys were provided to community members and partners at community events to reach a broad audience. The results from the focus groups and surveys were utilized by the committee to aid in identifying areas of community need, barriers to systems of support, and evaluation of agency community interaction.

The areas identified here will serve as the basis for goal development. The areas were defined as follows:

Living Wage Jobs - Overwhelming concern was expressed in community member and partner surveys regarding employment:

- Lack of employment opportunities within Schoharie County
- Lack of living wage jobs
- Lack jobs with benefits
- Needing to travel outside of county to obtain higher compensating employment
- Lack of a diverse industry which would provide more employment opportunities

Housing - Surveys indicted housing as the second concern of community members:

- Lack of affordable housing - rentals and ownership
- Impact of increasing taxes on ability to retain ownership of home

Items listed below were of similar weighted concern in surveys

Transportation - Even though the county has a public transportation system, in areas outside of Cobleskill, Schoharie and Middleburgh the schedule is not on a daily basis. The schedule creates barriers in attaining services for residents who lack transportation resources.

Child Care - Families who seek work outside of the county in the pursuit of better paying employment with benefits are challenged to find quality child care at affordable rates. Often in two wage households, one earner is working to cover the cost of child care until the child reaches school age. For single wage households child care costs can actually be prohibitive to transitioning off public assistance.

- Lack of child care slots
- High cost of day care

Surveys revealed additional information regarding agency operations

The number one service delivery survey respondents utilized was the Women's, Infants and Children (WIC) program followed by the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and emergency assistance with heat, shelter including rent/mortgage assistance, and similar supports.

While the community knows of SCCAP's long-term services, many are not aware of the additional wrap-around supports which help those in need of assistance to maximize their limited resources. Community member surveys indicated that the community feels comfortable coming to SCCAP for services; however, the knowledge of available services was limited. For the services sought most felt SCCAP was effective in meeting their need and expressed appreciation of SCCAP being in the community and appreciated being asked what their concerns were via the survey.

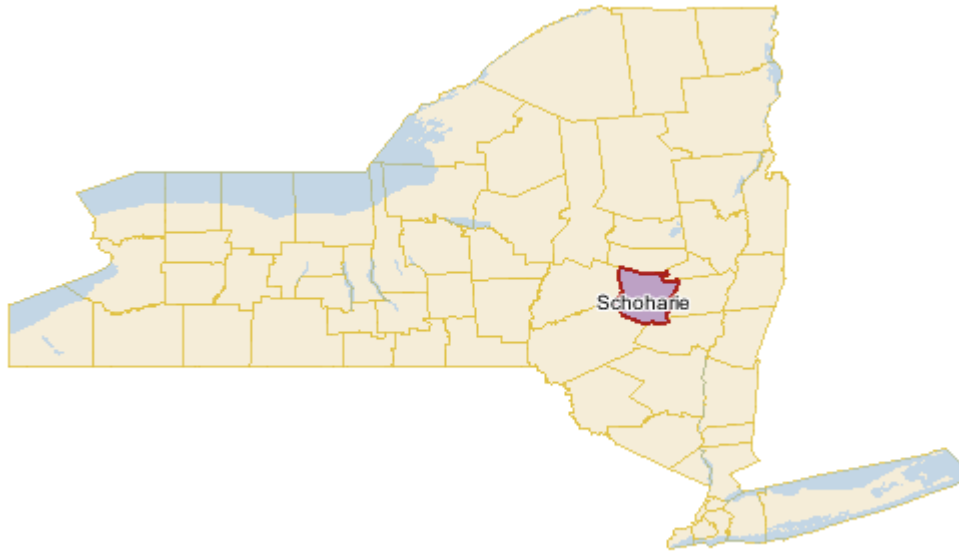
An additional challenge SCCAP faces when collecting quantitative data, is related to the small population of Schoharie County. The Census, American Community Survey and Department of Labor figures often indicate that the number reporting may be small enough in measure that statistics are not able to 'drill down' to figures which accurately reflect the conditions within that area. This presents a problem for a community the size of Schoharie County in its pursuit of funding opportunities, especially when there is an expectation of return on investment.

Based on survey requests to increase awareness of the agencies expanded services, a goal for the agency would be:

Marketing/Outreach

- Increase community awareness of SCCAP's services
- Increase agency involvement in community events
- Consider a community appreciation/education event

Schoharie County Profile



General Characteristics and Geography

Schoharie County is geographically a rural area comprised of 621 square miles located in the eastern mid-upstate corridor of New York State. It is bordered by Albany, Schenectady, Montgomery, Otsego, Delaware, and Greene counties. 2014 U.S. Census data placed the county's population at 31,566 est., which is a 4% decrease from the 2010 U.S. Census. Schoharie County's population density of 52.7 persons per square mile is 87% lower than the New York State Average of 411 persons per square mile. Median household income (2009-2013) was \$53,245 which is 9.1% lower than the state median household income of \$58,003. The average number of persons per household in Schoharie County is 2.40. The county has 16 townships, 6 villages, and no cities. The County Seat is located in the village of Schoharie; however, the center of commerce, the hospital and SUNY Ag & Tech are located in the village of Cobleskill. More than 96% of the county's population is Caucasian and approximately 8.9% of the county's residents are veterans. The percentage of persons living below the poverty level (2009-2013) is 11.5% as compared to the state level of 15.3%. <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/36/36095.html>

Quantitative Information

Number of families/individuals SCCAP served over a five year period.

FFY CSBG APR	# of Individuals Served	# of Households Served	% of Females Served	% of Disabled Served	% of Two Parent Households**	% of Renters**
2011*	5,975	2,998	70%	37%	54%	75%
2012*	7,300	4,202	74%	24%	32%	68%
2013	4,272	1,224	73%	24%	33%	69%
2014	4,175	2,271	65%	7%	25%	72%
2015	4,336	1,775	29%	7%	25%	73%

*The numbers include those receiving assistance after Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

** Percentage is based on those reporting household status

In the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 the average number of individuals benefiting from agency services equaled 4,261 representing an average of 1,756 households. The percentage of community individuals who have benefited from SCCAP's services equaled 13% of the total population.

The following quantitative information is derived from standard local, state, or national sources on:

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 - Free and Reduced Lunch Program
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamp Program)
 - Supplemental Security Income
 - Safety Net and Family Assistance
 - Child Support Collections
- Nutrition
 - Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)
 - Persons Served by Soup Kitchens, Food Pantries and Shelters
 - Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)
- Health Care
 - Persons Receiving Medicare
 - Persons Receiving Medicaid
 - Child Health Plus
 - Uninsured Population
 - Prenatal Care
 - Teen Births

Throughout the report the demographics are reported for certain categories with two different time frames. This provides the reader insight as to demographic trends.

Population Profile

Population Profile: Population Change

Population change within the report area from 2000-2011 is shown in Table 1.a During the eleven-year period, total population estimates for the report area grew by 3.75%, increasing from 31,582 persons in 2000 to 32,766 persons in 2011.

Table 1.a Population Change 2000 - 2011

County	Census 2000 Population	ACS 2007-2011 Population	Population Change	% Change
Schoharie	31,582	32,766	1,184	3.75

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Census 2010. Release Date: February 2011](#) and [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011 Data Release, December 2012.](#)

The 2011 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2007 through 2011.

Population change within the report area from 2000-2013 is shown in Table 1.b During the thirteen-year period, total population estimates for the report area grew by 2.60%, increasing from 31,582 persons in 2000 to 32,404 persons in 2013.

Table 1.b Population Change 2000 - 2013

County	Census 2000 Population	ACS 2009-2013 Population	Population Change	% Change
Schoharie	31,582	32,404	822	2.60

Source: [United States Census Bureau, Population Division, Census 2010. Release Date: February 2011](#) and [United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014.](#)

The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2009 through 2013.

Comparison of Population Change tables indicates a slight overall reduction of population over a 13 year period. However, up until 2011 the county had been experiencing a slight increase. After the floods of 2011 the population decreased to below 2000 level. The reduction could be in part a result of the county experiencing a reduction of housing stock and employment opportunities; primarily in the Schoharie Valley.

Population Profile: Age and Gender Demographics

Population by gender within the report area is shown in Table 2. According to ACS 2007-2011 5 year population estimates for the report area, the female population comprised 49.86% of the report area, while the male population represented 50.14%.

Table 2.a Population By Gender, 2007 - 2011

County	0 to 4		5 to 17		18 to 24		25 to 34		35 to 44		45 to 54		55 to 64		Over 64	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Schoharie	730	780	2,546	2,533	2,206	1,740	1,722	1,526	1,984	2,075	2,521	2,550	2,347	2,333	2,291	2,721

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011 Data Release, December 2012.](#)

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Population by gender within the report area is shown in Table 2. According to ACS 2009-2013 5 year population estimates for the report area, the female population comprised 50.53% of the report area, while the male population represented 49.47%.

Table 2.b Population By Gender, 2009 - 2013

County	0 to 4		5 to 17		18 to 24		25 to 34		35 to 44		45 to 54		55 to 64		Over 64	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Schoharie	754	776	2,436	2,389	1,940	1,763	1,685	1,574	1,887	1,946	2,479	2,499	2,404	2,477	2,327	2,831

Source: [United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014.](#)

The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2009 through 2013.

Population by Gender has stayed comparable over the two reporting periods.

Population Profile: Race Demographics

Population by race and gender within the report area is shown in Table 3. According to the American Community Survey 5 year averages, white population comprised 96.74% of the report area, black population represented 1.42%, and other races combined were 1.15%. Persons identifying themselves as mixed race made up 0.7% of the population.

Table 3.a Population By Race, 2007 - 2011

County	White		Black		American Indian		Asian		Native Hawaiian		Mixed Race	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Schoharie	15,600	15,846	370	90	44	83	156	90	0	0	156	72

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011 Data Release, December 2012.](#)

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Population by race and gender within the report area is shown in Table 3. According to the American Community Survey 5 year averages, white population comprised 96.42% of the report area, black population represented 1.44%, and other races combined were 0.97%. Persons identifying themselves as mixed race made up 1.16% of the population.

Table 3.b Population By Race, 2009 - 2013

County	White		Black		American Indian		Asian		Native Hawaiian		Mixed Race	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Schoharie	15,386	15,655	252	211	31	45	110	127	0	0	265	110

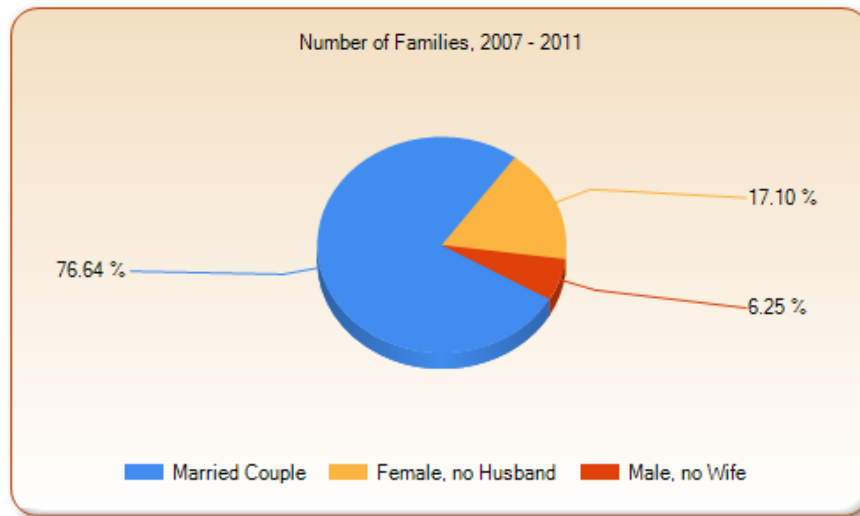
Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014.](#)

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Schoharie County population continues to reflect a predominately white population. Mixed race population is increasing.

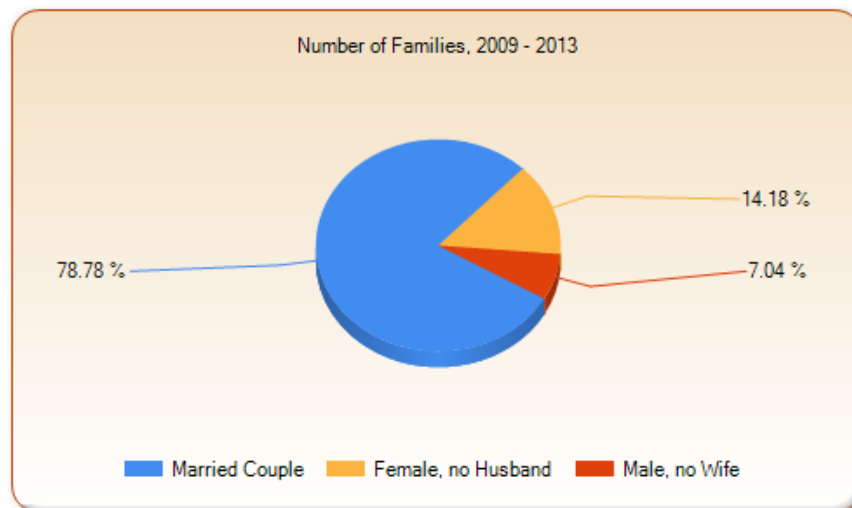
Population Profile: Families

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 8,332 families in the report area in 2011. Married couple families comprised 76.64% of the total number. Families headed by men without wives comprised 6.25% of the total, while women without husbands headed 17.10% of families.



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011 Data Release, December 2012.](#)
The 2011 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2007 through 2011.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 8,425 families in the report area in 2013. Married couple families comprised 78.78% of the total number. Families headed by men without wives comprised 7.04% of the total, while women without husbands headed 14.18% of families.



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014.](#)
The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2009 through 2013.

Schoharie County remains a predominately married couple community. Families headed by men without wives have been increasing while families headed by women have experienced a 2.92 decrease.

Population Profile: Poverty, 2011

2011 poverty estimates show a total of 3,536 persons living below the poverty rate in the report area. The report area poverty rate of 11.4% is below the New York average of 16.1% during 2011.

Table 4.a Poverty, 2011

County	All Ages		Age 0-17		Age 5-17	
	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate
Schoharie	3,536	11.4	1,170	18.7	797	17.0

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2011](#). Estimates for 2011 were released in December 2012.

Population Profile: Poverty, 2013

2013 poverty estimates show a total of 4,187 persons living below the poverty rate in the report area. The report area poverty rate of 13.7% is below the New York average of 16.1% during 2013.

Table 4.b Poverty, 2013

County	All Ages		Age 0-17		Age 5-17	
	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate
Schoharie	4,187	13.7	1,123	18.8	778	17.4

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2013](#). Estimates for 2013 were released in December 2014.

The number of persons living in poverty has increased during the two years of 2011 to 2013 by 651 persons and the poverty rate increased by 2.3%. Of the county population of 32,404 a total of 1,901 children are living below the poverty rate or 5.8% of the total number of persons.

Population Profile: Poverty Rate (ACS)

Table 7 shows the total population estimates for all persons in poverty for the report area. According to the American Community Survey 5 year averages, an average of 11.53 percent of all persons lived in a state of poverty during the 2013 calendar year. The poverty rate for all persons living in the report area is less than the statewide average of 15.3 percent.

Table 5. Poverty Rate (ACS), 2009 - 2013

County	Poverty Rate for All Persons		
	Total Population	In Poverty	Poverty Rate
Schoharie	30,856	3,557	11.53
Statewide	18,975,362	2,903,982	15.30
Nationwide	303,692,064	46,663,432	15.37

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014](#). The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2009 through 2013.

Schoharie County's poverty rate is below both state and national rates.

Population Profile: Households in Poverty

Table 8 shows the number and percentage of households in poverty in the report area. At 11.3 percent, Schoharie County had the lowest percentage of households in poverty while the Schoharie County had the largest percentage of households in poverty. In 2011, it is estimated that there were 1,447 households, or 11.30 percent, living in poverty within the report area, compared to a statewide average of 13.9 percent.

Table 6.a Households in Poverty, 2007 - 2011

County	Total Households, 2007/2011	Households in Poverty, 2007/2011	% Households in Poverty, 2007/2011
Schoharie	12,801	1,447	11.3
Statewide	7,215,687	1,001,848	13.9
Nationwide	114,761,360	15,337,307	13.4

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011 Data Release, December 2012.](#)

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Table 8 shows the number and percentage of households in poverty in the report area. At 11.82 percent, Schoharie County had the lowest percentage of households in poverty while the Schoharie County had the largest percentage of households in poverty. In 2013, it is estimated that there were 1,515 households, or 11.82 percent, living in poverty within the report area, compared to a statewide average of 14.49 percent.

Table 6.b Households in Poverty, 2009 - 2013

County	Total Households, 2009/2013	Households in Poverty, 2009/2013	% Households in Poverty, 2009/2013
Schoharie	12,820	1,515	11.82
Statewide	7,234,743	1,048,297	14.49
Nationwide	115,610,216	16,415,984	14.20

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014.](#)

The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2009 through 2013.

Schoharie County households in poverty are below both state and national rates.

Population Profile: Households in Poverty by Family Type, 2007 - 2011

Table 9 shows the number of households in poverty by type in the report area. In 2011, it is estimated that there were 613 households living in poverty within the report.

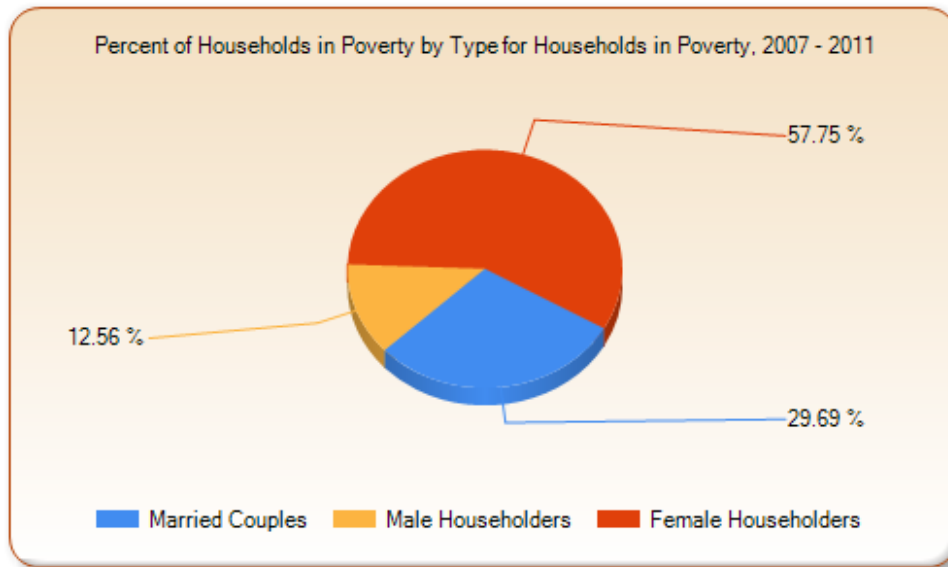


Table 7.a Households in Poverty by Family Type, 2007 - 2011

County	Total Households, 2007-2011	Households in Poverty			
		Overall	Married Couples	Male Householder	Female Householder
Schoharie	8,332	613	182	77	354
Statewide	4,656,855	513,319	174,591	49,328	289,400
Nationwide	76,507,232	8,000,077	2,890,719	815,895	4,293,463

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011 Data Release, December 2012.](#)

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Population Profile: Households in Poverty by Family Type 2009 - 2013

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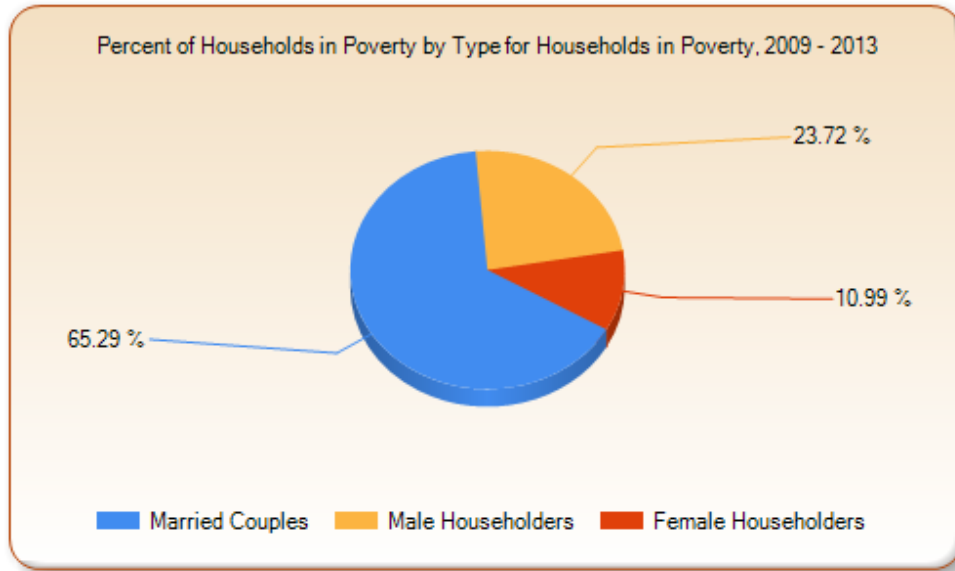


Table 7.b. Households in Poverty by Family Type, 2009 - 2013

County	Total Households, 2009-2013	Households in Poverty			
		Overall	Married Couples	Male Householder	Female Householder
Schoharie	8,425	1,515	713	259	120
Statewide	4,637,549	1,048,297	544,050	189,858	54,297
Nationwide	76,744,360	16,415,984	8,666,630	3,148,540	923,063

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014.](#)

The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2009 through 2013.

The household poverty trend experienced a 247% increase between the two reports. Households headed by females experience a decrease but married households increased by 391%.

Population Profile: Poverty Rate Change, 2000 - 2013

Poverty rate change in the report area from 2000 to 2013 is shown in Table 11. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area increased by 1.9%, compared to a statewide increase of 2.8%.

Table 8. Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2013

County	Persons in Poverty, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Persons in Poverty, 2013	Poverty Rate, 2013	Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2013
Schoharie	3,536	11.8	4,187	13.7	1.9
Statewide	2,466,704	13.2	3,068,227	16.0	2.8
Nationwide	31,581,086	11.3	48,810,868	15.8	4.5

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2013.](#)

Population Profile: Child (0-17) Poverty Rate Change, 2000 - 2013

The poverty rate change for all children in the report area from 2000 to 2013 is shown in Table 12. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area increased by 2.3%, compared to a statewide increase of 3.8%.

Table 9. Change in Childhood (0-17) Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2013

County	Children in Poverty, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Children in Poverty, 2013	Poverty Rate, 2013	Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2013
Schoharie	1,166	16.5	1,123	18.8	2.3
Statewide	873,085	19.1	956,127	22.9	3.8
Nationwide	11,587,118	16.2	16,086,960	22.2	6.0

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2013.](#)

Population Profile: Child (0-4) Poverty Rate Change, 2000 - 2013

The poverty rate change for children under five years of age in the report area from 2000 to 2013 is shown in Table 14. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area increased by 4.6%, compared to a statewide increase of 3.7%.

Table 10. Poverty Rate Change for Children under Five, 2000 - 2013

County	Children 0-4 in Poverty, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Children 0-4 in Poverty, 2013	Poverty Rate, 2013	Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2013
Schoharie	314	18.4	345	23.0	4.6
Statewide	267,704	21.2	289,572	24.9	3.7
Nationwide	4,050,543	20.3	5,128,728	25.9	5.6

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2013.](#)

Population Profile: Seniors in Poverty, 2007 - 2011 (ACS)

Poverty rates for Seniors, including data for all counties from the American Community Survey as average values for the 2007 to 2011 period, are shown in Table 18. At 9.3 percent, Schoharie had the lowest percentage of seniors in poverty while the Schoharie had the largest percentage of seniors in poverty. In 2011, it is estimated that there were 473 seniors, or 9.28 percent, living in poverty within the report area.

Table 11.a Seniors in Poverty, 2007 - 2011

County	Seniors, 2007/2011	Seniors in Poverty, 2007/2011	Senior Poverty Rate, 2007/2011
Schoharie	5,098	473	9.3
Statewide	2,489,715	285,439	11.5
Nationwide	38,283,844	3,593,580	9.4

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011 Data Release, December 2012](#). The 2011 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2007 through 2011.

Population Profile: Seniors in Poverty (ACS)

Poverty rates for Seniors, including data for all counties from the American Community Survey as average values for the 2009 to 2013 period, are shown in Table 18. At 9.93 percent, Schoharie had the lowest percentage of seniors in poverty while the Schoharie had the largest percentage of seniors in poverty. In 2013, it is estimated that there were 534 seniors, or 9.93 percent, living in poverty within the report area.

Table 11.b Seniors in Poverty, 2009 - 2013

County	Seniors, 2009/2013	Seniors in Poverty, 2009/2013	Senior Poverty Rate, 2009/2013
Schoharie	5,375	534	9.93
Statewide	2,595,107	293,920	11.33
Nationwide	40,544,640	3,793,577	9.36

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014](#). The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2009 through 2013.

Schoharie County seniors living in poverty rates are similar to national levels but below the state rates.

Population Profile: Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics

Table 19 shows the number of veterans living in the report area. 11.8 percent of the adult population in the report area are veterans, which is less than the statewide average of 6.6 percent.

Table 12.a Age and Gender Demographics of Veterans, 2007 - 2011

County	Veterans			Percent of Population over 18 by Gender		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Schoharie	3,082	2,923	159	11.8	22.1	1.2

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011 Data Release, December 2012](#). The 2011 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2007 through 2011.

Table 19 shows the number of veterans living in the report area. 10.75 percent of the adult population in the report area are veterans, which is less than the statewide average of 6.01 percent.

Table 12.b Age and Gender Demographics of Veterans, 2009 - 2013

County	Veterans			Percent of Population over 18 by Gender		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Schoharie	2,798	2,611	187	10.75	20.16	1.43

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014](#). The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2009 through 2013.

Employment

Employment: Current Unemployment

Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for each county in the report area is provided in Table 24. Overall, the report area experienced an average 7.6% unemployment rate in July 2013, compared to a statewide rate of 7.6%.

Table 13.a Employment/Unemployment Information, July 2013

County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Schoharie	15,563	14,383	1,180	7.6
Statewide	9,786,302	9,042,543	743,759	7.6
Nationwide	157,195,791	145,112,518	12,083,273	7.7

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, August 28, 2013.](#)

Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for each county in the report area is provided in Table 24. Overall, the report area experienced an average 5.1% unemployment rate in September 2015, compared to a statewide rate of 4.8%.

Table 13.b Employment/Unemployment Information, September 2015

County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Schoharie	14,871	14,116	755	5.1
Statewide	9,614,423	9,151,502	462,921	4.8
Nationwide	157,745,529	149,979,257	7,766,272	4.9

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, October 28, 2015.](#)

A comparison of the two reports indicates that unemployment rates have decreased; however, in the July 2013 report the rate was consistent with state and national rates while the September 2015 rates indicate Schoharie County rates are above state and national rates. This does support the continued concern noted in focus groups and community surveys regarding employment opportunities in Schoharie County.

Employment: Five Year Unemployment Rate

Unemployment change within the report area from September 2011 to September 2015 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this five year period fell from 8.8 percent to 5.2 percent, compared to a statewide decrease from 8.3 percent to 4.8 percent.

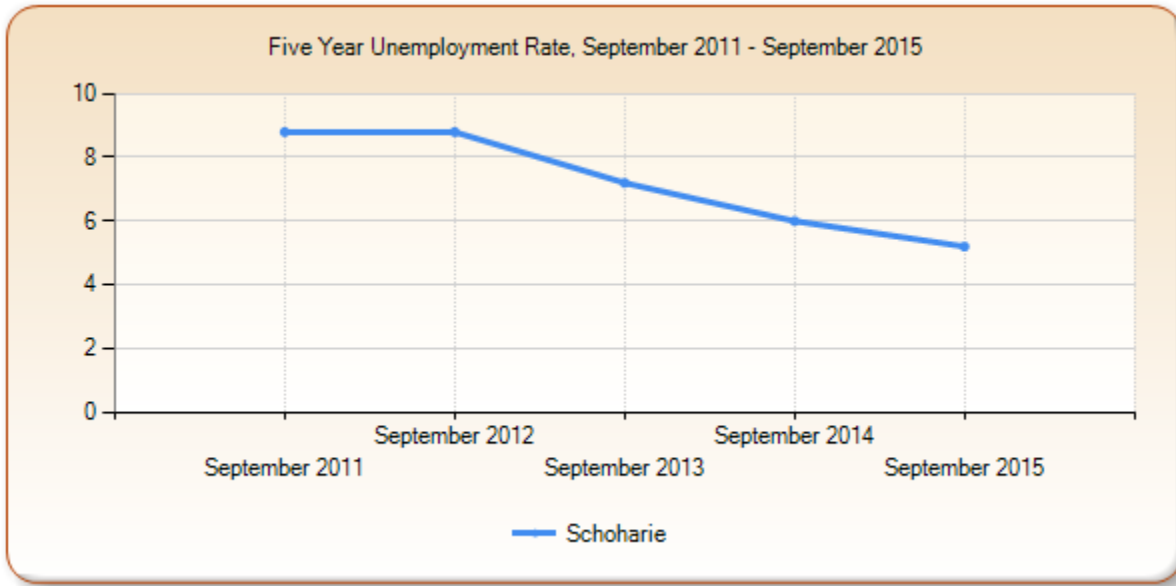


Table 14. Five Year Unemployment Rate, September 2011 - September 2015

County	September 2011	September 2012	September 2013	September 2014	September 2015
Schoharie	8.8	8.8	7.2	6.0	5.2
Statewide	8.4	8.1	6.7	5.6	4.7
Nationwide	8.3	7.7	6.5	5.4	4.8

Employment: Wages

Average weekly wages for the report area during the period July - September, 2012, are provided in Table 35. Wage and employment figures are shown by county of employment. The report area has an average wage of \$629.

Table 15.a Weekly Wages, Third Quarter 2012

County	Total Employees	Average Weekly Wage (\$)	Federal Employees	Average Federal Government Weekly Wage (\$)	State/Local Employees	Average State/Local Government Weekly Wage (\$)	Private Employees	Average Private Weekly Wage (\$)
Schoharie	8,216	629	79	925	1,888	708	6,247	601
Statewide	8,507,230	1,088	117,872	1,396	1,141,059	1,014	7,248,298	1,095

National rates were not provided in the report.

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.](#)

Average weekly wages for the report area during the period July - September, 2014, are provided in Table 35. Wage and employment figures are shown by county of employment. The report area has an average weekly wage of \$628.13.

Table 15.b Weekly Wages, Third Quarter 2014

County	Total Employees	Average Weekly Wage (\$)	Federal Employees	Average Federal Government Weekly Wage (\$)	State/Local Employees	Average State/Local Government Weekly Wage (\$)	Private Employees	Average Private Weekly Wage (\$)
Schoharie	8,457	658	76	923	2,386	695	5,995	641
Statewide	8,902,062	1,145	113,596	1,512	1,249,761	1,102	7,538,705	1,152
Nationwide	137,724,117	949	2,731,870	1,541	18,428,727	961	116,563,520	940

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.](#)

Schoharie County average weekly wage is approximately 57% of the state wage. The county has experienced a decrease in private industry employees but has had an increase of residents obtaining employment in state and local government although there has been a slight decrease in these wages.

Employment: Living Wage

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family, if they are the sole provider and are working full-time (2080 hours per year). The Minimum Hourly Wage for New York is \$7.25 in 2012.

Table 16.a County Hourly Living Wage, June 2012

County	One Adult	One Adult, One Child	Two Adults	Two Adults, One Child	Two Adults, Two Children
Schoharie	9.50	21.08	13.98	17.31	18.71
Statewide	11.50	23.58	16.48	19.83	21.23

Source: [Poverty in America, Living Wage Calculator, June 2012.](#) (© 2013 Dr. Amy K. Glasmeier and The Pennsylvania State University)

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family, if they are the sole provider and are working full-time (2080 hours per year). The Minimum Hourly Wage for New York is \$8.75 in 2012.

Table 16.b County Hourly Living Wage, June 2014

County	One Adult	One Adult, One Child	Two Adults	Two Adults, One Child	Two Adults, Two Children
Schoharie	10.93	24.58	8.35	13.40	17.36
Statewide	12.74	26.74	9.26	14.48	18.44

Source: [Poverty in America, Living Wage Calculator, 2014.](#) (© 2015 Dr. Amy K. Glasmeier and The Pennsylvania State University)

The June 2014 report figures for Two Adults in Table 16.b seems to be inaccurate. However, both the categories with Two Adults are lower than the June 2012 report. Conversely, the categories of One Adult recognized increases.

Education

Education: High School Dropouts

Table 17 shows the number of Public High School dropouts in the region for the 2013/2014 academic years.

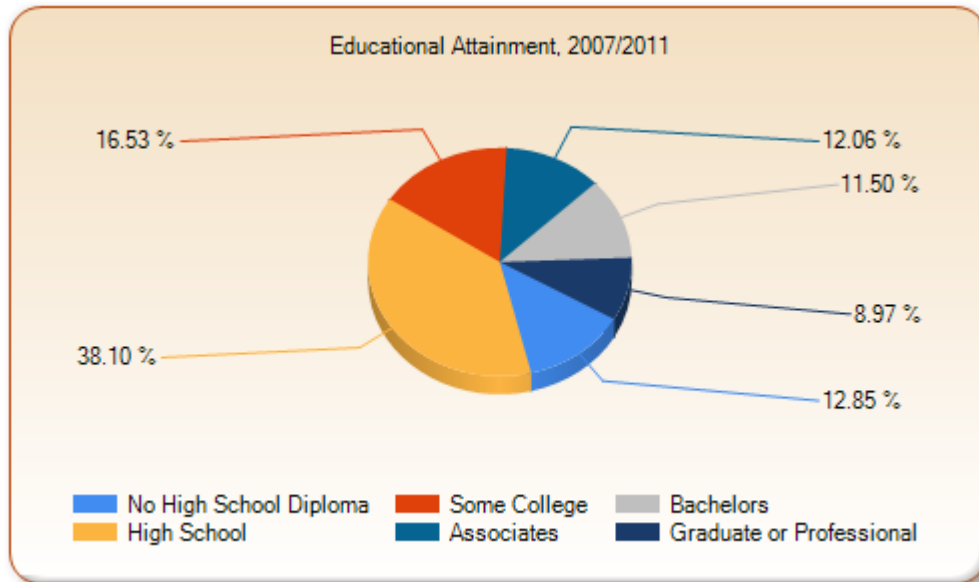
Table 17. High School Dropout Rates

County	Dropouts			Dropout Rate (%)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Schoharie	22	9	13	6	5	7
Statewide	15,207	8,565	6,642	7	8	6

Source: Data supplied by [The New York State Education Department's Public High School Graduation Rate for the 2013/2014 school year.](#)

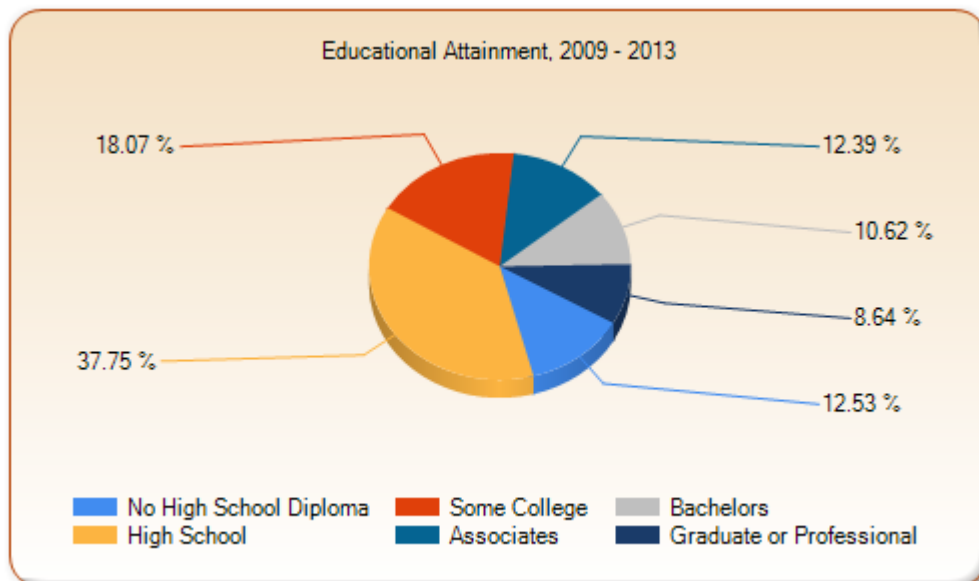
Education: Educational Attainment

Chart shows the distribution of educational attainment levels in the region. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an average for the period from 2007 to 2011.



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011 Data Release, December 2012.](#)
The 2011 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2007 through 2011.

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Education: Adult Literacy

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) produces estimates for adult literacy based on educational attainment, poverty, and other factors in each county.

Table 18. Persons Lacking Basic Prose Literacy Skills, 2003

County	Estimated Population over 16	Percent Lacking Literacy Skills
Schoharie	25,130	11
Statewide	15,058,111	22

Source: [U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, State and County Estimates of Low Literacy, 2003.](#)

Housing

Housing: Housing Units

The number of housing units within the report area in July of each year from 2004-2014 is shown in Table 46. According to the U.S. Census, there were a total of 17,229 housing units in the report area in 2014, an increase of 790 or 4.81% since 2004 compared to an 3.81% increase statewide.

Table 19. 2004 - 2014 Housing Units

County	July 2004	July 2005	July 2006	July 2007	July 2008	July 2009	July 2010	July 2011	July 2012	July 2013	July 2014
Schoharie	16,439	16,591	16,761	16,977	17,092	17,188	17,235	17,235	17,222	17,224	17,229

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Housing Unit Estimates for Counties: April 1, 2004 to July 1, 2014, Release Date May, 2015.](#)

Housing: Housing Age

Total housing units, median year built and median age in 2013 for the report area are shown in Table 47.

Table 20. Median Housing Unit Age, 2009 - 2013

County	Housing Units Where Year Built is Known	Median Year built	Housing Units Built				Percent Units Built			
			Newer than 2000	Built 1980 to 1999	Built 1960 to 1979	Built pre 1960	Newer than 2000	Built 1980 to 1999	Built 1960 to 1979	Built pre 1960
Schoharie	17,187	1970	1,554	4,306	3,994	7,333	9.04	25.05	23.24	42.67
Statewide	8,113,270	1955	553,505	1,098,389	1,823,921	4,637,455	6.82	13.54	22.48	57.16
Nationwide	132,057,808	1976	20,157,260	36,735,368	35,676,692	39,488,480	15.26	27.82	27.02	29.90

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014.](#)
The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2009 through 2013.

Housing: Fair Market Rent

Fair market monthly rent for 0-4 bedrooms for the report area is shown in Table 48. The average rent for 2-bedroom units in the report area was \$921.00 in 2011, compared to a statewide average of \$1,313.

Table 21.a Fair Market Rents, 2013

County	Fair Market Rent (Monthly \$'s) for				
	0 Bedrooms	1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3 Bedrooms	Four Bedrooms
Schoharie	657.00	744.00	921.00	1,147.00	1,231.00
Statewide	1,016.75	1,093.25	1,312.83	1,689.64	1,894.25

Source: [National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach 2013 Report](#). This report is based on [Housing and Urban Development's \(HUD\) Final Fair Market Rent Documentation System](#). Report published March 11, 2013.

Fair market monthly rent for 0-4 bedrooms for the report area is shown in Table 48. The average rent for 2-bedroom units in the report area was \$968 in the 2015 fiscal year, compared to a statewide average of \$940.

Table 21.b Fair Market Rents, 2015

County	Fair Market Rent (Monthly \$'s) for				
	0 Bedrooms	1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3 Bedrooms	Four Bedrooms
Schoharie	690	782	968	1,206	1,294
Statewide	684	761	940	1,227	1,368

Source: [National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach 2014 Report](#). This report is based on [Housing and Urban Development's \(HUD\) Final Fair Market Rent Documentation System](#). Report published 2015.

Housing: Housing Affordability

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

Table 22.a Hourly Wage Needed to Afford a Fair Market Rent, 2013

County	Average Renter Hourly Wage (\$)*	Hourly Wage (\$'s) for				
		0 Bedrooms	1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3 Bedrooms	4 Bedrooms
Schoharie	5.94	12.63	14.31	17.71	22.06	23.67
Statewide	21.59	19.55	21.02	25.25	32.49	36.43

Source: [National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach 2013 Report](#). Published March 11, 2013

* Based on 2011 BLS data, adjusted using the ratio of renter to overall household income reported in ACS, and projected to April 1, 2013.

Table 22.b Hourly Wage Needed to Afford a Fair Market Rent, 2014

County	Average Renter Hourly Wage (\$)*	Hourly Wage (\$'s) for				
		0 Bedrooms	1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3 Bedrooms	4 Bedrooms
Schoharie	6.15	12.73	14.42	17.87	22.25	23.88
Statewide	21.81	19.23	20.71	24.87	32.02	35.89

Source: [National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach 2014 Report](#).

* Based on 2012 BLS data, adjusted using the ratio of renter to overall household income reported in ACS, and projected to April 1, 2014.

Housing: Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes

The number and percentage of occupied housing units without plumbing are shown in the report area in Table 53. U.S. Census data shows 94 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2000 and ACS five year estimates show 74 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2013.

Table 23. Housing Units without Plumbing, 2000 and 2009 - 2013

County	Occupied Housing Units, 2000	Housing Units without Plumbing, 2000	Percent without Plumbing, 2000	Occupied Housing Units, 2009-2013	Housing Units without Plumbing, 2009-2013	Percent without Plumbing, 2009-2013
Schoharie	11,991	94	0.59	12,820	74	0.58
Statewide	7,056,860	58,418	0.76	7,234,743	39,679	0.55

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 3, 2000](#); [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014](#).

The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2009 through 2013.

Income

Income: Income Levels, 2007 - 2011

Two common measures of income are Median Household Income and Per Capita Income, based on U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Both measures are shown for the report area in Table 54. The average Per Capita income for the report area is \$25,362.

Table 24.a Income Levels by County, 2007 - 2011

County	Median Household Income, 2011	Per Capita Income, 2011
Schoharie	50,795	25,362
Statewide	56,951	31,796

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011 Data Release, December 2012.](#)

The 2011 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2007 through 2011.

Income: Income Levels 2009 - 2013

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 Table 54. The average income for earners in this report area is \$34,919.18.

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.

Table 24.b Income Levels by County, 2009 - 2013

County	Median Household Income, 2013	Per Capita Income, 2013	Average Income Per Earner, 2013
Schoharie	53,245	26,584	34,919
Statewide	58,003	32,382	46,450
Nationwide	53,046	28,155	40,683

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014.](#)

The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2009 through 2013.

In comparing the two Income Level reports the indication of median household income has increased by \$2,450 in a two year period. However, the figures do not differentiate between in-county income and out-of-county income.

Income: Personal Income

Table 55 shows personal income by the major categories of earnings, property income, and transfer payments in millions of dollars for the report area in 2011. Persons in Schoharie County received 21.35 percent of their income from transfer payments, compared to the state wide average of 18.37 percent.

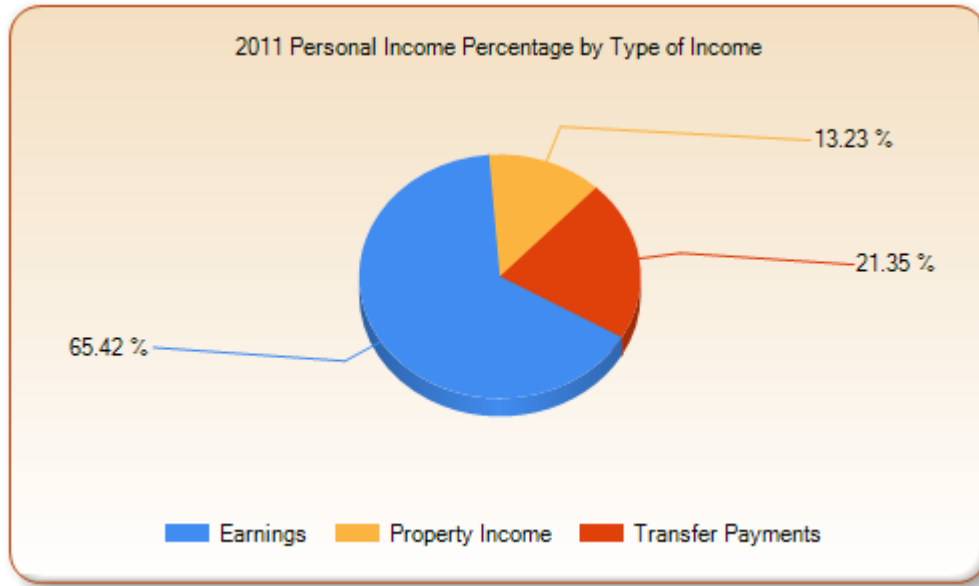


Table 25. 2011 Personal Income by Type

County	Total Income	Income by Category (in \$millions)			Percent Income by Category		
		Earnings	Property Income	Transfer Payments	Earnings	Property Income	Transfer Payments
Schoharie	1,157.49	757.25	153.13	247.11	65.42	13.23	21.35
Statewide	995,184.70	651,168.20	161,173.60	182,842.90	65.43	16.20	18.37

Source: [2013 New York State Statistical Yearbook, Personal Income by Type and County of Residence, NYS: 2011, Rockefeller Institute, University at Albany, State University of New York.](#)

Schoharie County residents receive personal income from transfer payments at a rate 2.98% higher than the state average.

Income: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The number of persons receiving TANF in February 2013, within the report area is shown in Table 57. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 295 persons were receiving TANF benefits at a cost of \$102,300, or \$346 per recipient, in the report area during June 2012. 52.9 percent of the recipients were children.

Table 26.a Persons Receiving TANF, February 2013

County	Persons Receiving TANF, February 2013			Cases, February 2013	Expenditures, February 2013		
	Total	Children	Adults		Total	Per Case	Per Person
Schoharie	295	156	139	174	102,300	587	346
Statewide	306,233	584,874	311,420	273,454	187,842,487	613	321

Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, February 2013](#). Data issued April 29, 2013.

The number of persons receiving TANF in January 2015, within the report area is shown in Table 57. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 366 persons were receiving TANF benefits at a cost of \$122,731, or \$335.33 per recipient. 58.2 percent of the recipients were children.

Table 26.b Persons Receiving TANF, January 2015

County	Persons Receiving TANF, January 2015			Cases, January 2015	Expenditures, January 2015		
	Total	Children	Adults		Total (\$)	Per Case (\$)	Per Person (\$)
Schoharie	366	213	153	207	122,731	592.90	335.33
Statewide	569,551	298,121	271,430	297,128	185,310,788	623.67	325.36

Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, January 2015](#). Data issued April 1, 2015.

There has been a 24% increase in TANF recipients in Schoharie County with children being more than 58.2% of the recipients. Even though the number of recipients has increased, the benefit has decreased by 3%.

Income: Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Table 58 shows the number of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program during March, 2013. The figures below include all School Food Authority agencies. 43.78% of the students in the report area were eligible for free or reduced lunches, compared to a statewide rate of 42.5%.

Table 27.a Students Participating in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, 2013

County	Total Student Enrollment (March, 2013)	Students Eligible	Percent of Students Eligible
Schoharie	4,162	1,822	43.8
Statewide	1,634,519	687,902	42.1

Source: [New York State Education Department, Child Nutrition Management System, March, 2013.](#)

Table 58 shows the number of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program during January, 2015. The figures below include all School Food Authority agencies. 46.98% of the students in the report area were eligible for free or reduced lunches, compared to a statewide rate of 57.5%.

Table 27.b Students Participating in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, 2015

County	Total Student Enrollment (January, 2015)	Students Eligible	Percent of Students Eligible
Schoharie	4,487	2,108	47.0
Statewide	2,820,961	1,622,518	57.5

Source: [New York State Education Department, Child Nutrition Management System, January, 2015.](#)

The percentage of eligible students increased by 3.2% from March 2013 to January 2015.

Income: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamp Program)

The number of households and persons receiving SNAP benefits and the total SNAP dollars issued per county are shown for the report area in Table 59. According to the New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Schoharie County had the average benefit per household during August of \$246 per household.

Table 28.a Households and Persons Receiving SNAP Benefits, February 2013

County	Households Receiving Benefits			Persons Receiving Benefits			Benefits Issued (\$)			Benefits Per Household
	Total	Temp	Non_Temp	Total	Temp	Non_Temp	Total	Temp	Non_Temp	
Schoharie	1,991	505	1,486	3,850	597	3,253	490,342	97,185	393,157	246
Statewide	1,700,761	662,319	1,038,442	3,153,979	993,824	2,160,155	461,411,806	160,253,220	301,158,586	271

Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, February 2013](#). Data issued April, 29, 2013.

The number of households and persons receiving SNAP benefits and the total SNAP dollars issued per county are shown for the report area in Table 59. According to the New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Schoharie County had the average benefit per household during January of 2015 was \$234.38 per household.

Table 28.b Households and Persons Receiving SNAP Benefits, January 2015

County	Households Receiving Benefits			Persons Receiving Benefits			Benefits Issued (\$)			Benefits Per Household (\$)
	Total	Temp	Non_Temp	Total	Temp	Non_Temp	Total	Temp	Non_Temp	
Schoharie	2,038	544	1,494	3,790	687	3,103	477,661	108,872	368,789	234.38
Statewide	1,673,567	679,072	994,495	3,055,942	1,030,923	2,025,019	424,847,862	156,319,408	268,528,454	253.86

Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, January 2015](#). Data issued April 1, 2015.

Even though the total number of households receiving benefits has increased from February 2013 to January 2015, the total amount of benefits issued has decreased by \$12,681.

Income: Supplemental Security Income

The number of Supplemental Security Income recipients and expenditures by the state and federal governments in the report area are shown in Table 60. The report area average payment of \$532 to each recipient is less than the state average of \$583 per recipient.

Table 29.a Supplemental Security Income, February 2013

County	February Recipients	February Expenditures (\$)			Expenditure per Recipient
		Total	Federal	State	
Schoharie	748	398,551	317,103	81,448	532
Statewide	702,922	409,892,192	355,329,186	54,563,006	583

Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, February 2013](#). Data issued April 29, 2013.

The number of Supplemental Security Income recipients and expenditures by the state and federal governments in the report area are shown in Table 60. The report area average payment of \$538.61 to each recipient is less than the state average of \$578.96 per recipient.

Table 29.b Supplemental Security Income, January 2015

County	December Recipients	December Expenditures (\$)			Expenditure per Recipient
		Total	Federal	State	
Schoharie	795	428,196	351,348	76,848	538.61
Statewide	719,686	416,670,229	363,556,726	53,113,503	578.96

Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, January 2015](#). Data issued April 1, 2015.

Income: Safety Net and Family Assistance

The number of persons receiving Safety Net Assistance in February 2013, within the report area is shown in Table 61. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 119 persons were receiving Safety Net Assistance benefits at a cost of \$57,787, or \$485 per recipient, in the report area during February 2013. 17.6 percent of the recipients were children.

Table 30.a Safety Net and Family Assistance Cases, February 2013

County	Safety Net and Family Assistance Cases, February 2013			Cases, February 2013	Expenditures, February 2013		
	Total	Children	Adults		Total	Per Case	Per Person
Schoharie	119	21	98	92	57,787	628	485
Statewide	306,233	584,874	311,420	273,454	187,842,487	613	321

Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, February 2013](#). Data issued April 29, 2013.

The number of persons receiving Safety Net Assistance in January 2015, within the report area is shown in Table 61. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 134 persons were receiving Safety Net Assistance benefits at a cost of \$63,364, or \$472.87 per recipient, in the report area during January 2015. 21.6 percent of the recipients were children.

Table 30.b. Safety Net and Family Assistance Cases, January 2015

County	Safety Net and Family Assistance Cases, December 2013			Cases, December 2013	Expenditures, December 2013		
	Total	Children	Adults		Total	Per Case	Per Person
Schoharie	134	29	105	103	63,364	615.18	472.87
Statewide	189,762	321,306	113,887	207,419	117,280,866	618.04	365.01

Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, January 2015](#). Data issued April 1, 2015.

Income: Child Support Collections

Child support collections for the report area are shown in Table 62. During January 2015, child support collections totaled 311,943.23.

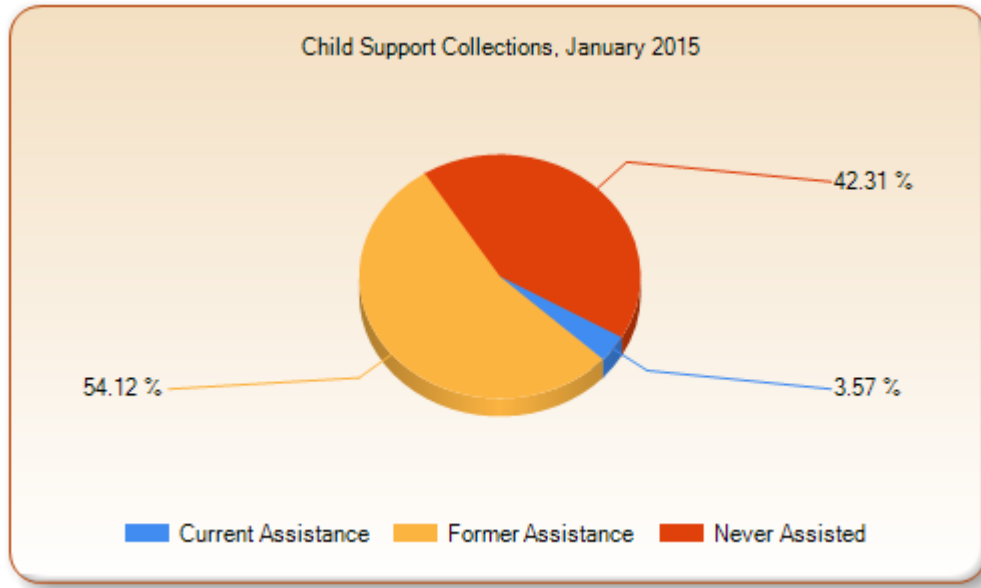


Table 31. Child Support Collections, January 2015

County	Child Support Collections, February 2013			
	Total	Current Assistance	Former Assistance	Never Assisted
Schoharie	311,943.23	11,137.33	168,825.32	131,980.58

Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, January 2015](#). Data issued April 1, 2015.

Nutrition

Nutrition: Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)

The number of meals provided through Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) Supported Soup Kitchens, Food Pantries and Shelters is shown in Table 32. The statewide average number of meals served per day was meals 212 meals per site.

Table 32. Soup Kitchens, Food Pantries and Shelters, July 2010-June 2011

County	HPNAP Sites	Sites per 10,000	Average Meals Served per Site per Day	Meals per Person per Year
Schoharie	10	3.1	51	8
Statewide	2,522	1.3	212	6

Source: New York Department of Health, [Services Provided by HPNAP Supported Groups](#)

Nutrition: Persons Served by Soup Kitchens, Food Pantries and Shelters

The number of persons being served at Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) Supported Soup Kitchens, Food Pantries and Shelters is shown in Table 65. On average, the statewide number of people served per day was 82,507.

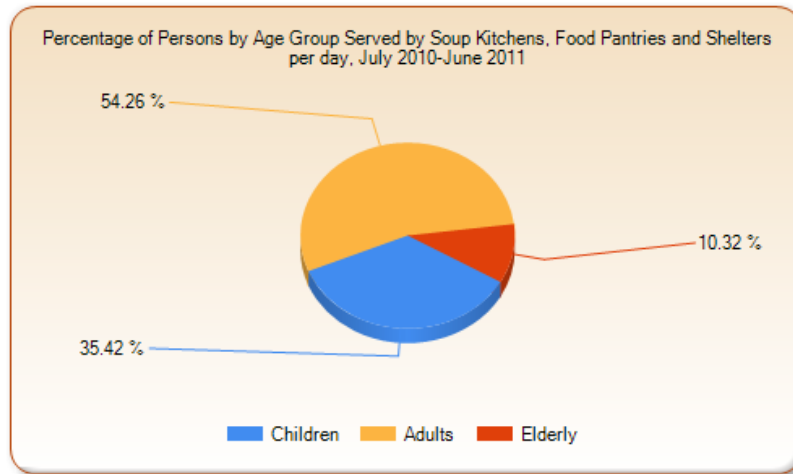


Table 33. Persons Served through the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP), July 2010-June 2011

County	Total Persons Presenting Themselves (Duplicated)				Adjusted to an Average Daily Basis			
	All	Children(Adults (18-65)	Elderly(>65)	All	Children(Adults (18-65)	Elderly(>65)
Schoharie	23,674	8,385	12,846	2,443	65	23	35	7
Statewide	30,115,199	8,581,937	17,540,369	3,992,893	82,507	23,512	48,056	10,939

Source: New York Department of Health, [Services Provided by HPNAP Supported Groups](#)

Note: The number of persons served is based on counting individuals as they enter a facility. A person may be counted multiple times in one day; the daily averages may count an individual more than once. The totals columns count individuals more than once.

Nutrition: Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)

Table 34 shows that 1,431 households (or 11.16 percent) received SNAP payments during 2013. During this same period there were 808 (or 6.30 percent) households with income levels below the poverty level that were not receiving SNAP payments. Schoharie County had 11.16 percent of households receiving SNAP payments, which is less than the the statewide average of 14.52 percent.

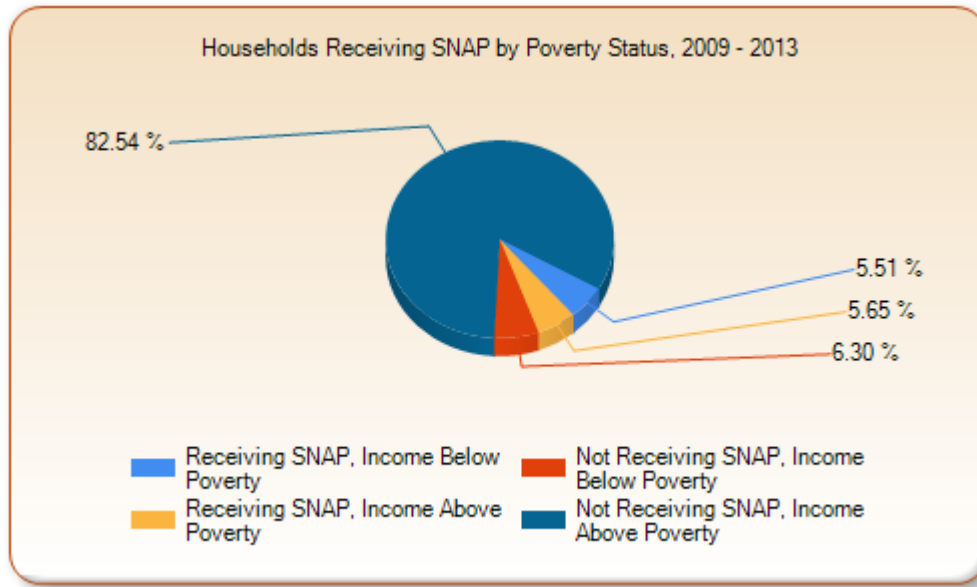


Table 34. Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status, 2009 - 2013

County	Households Receiving SNAP				Households Not Receiving SNAP			
	Total	Percent	Income Below Poverty	Income Above Poverty	Total	Percent	Income Below Poverty	Income Above Poverty
Schoharie	1,431	11.16	707	724	11,389	88.84	808	10,581
Statewide	1,050,669	14.52	541,633	509,036	6,184,074	85.48	506,664	5,677,410
Nationwide	14,339,330	12.40	7,498,398	6,840,932	101,270,878	87.60	8,917,586	92,353,292

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release, December 2014.](#)

The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2009 through 2013. SNAP numbers are for the last 12 months of the five-year average (2013).

Health Care

Health Care: 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 Table 2. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that a total of 6,305 persons were receiving Medicare benefits in the report area in 2012. 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 1,315 disabled persons in the report area received Medicare benefits in 2012.

Table 35. Medicare Enrollment by County, 2012

County	Persons Over 65 Receiving Medicare	Disabled Persons Receiving Medicare	Total Persons Receiving Medicare
Schoharie	4,990	1,315	6,305
Statewide	2,768,866	626,516	3,395,382

Source: [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medicare County Enrollment Report, 2012.](#)

Health Care: Persons Receiving Medicaid

The average number of persons receiving Medicaid during 2014 is shown in Table 36 for the report area. At 153.41 per 1000 persons, the average rate of medicare recipients during 2014 is greatest in Schoharie County while Schoharie County has the lowest recipient rate at 153.41 per 1000 persons. The rate in Schoharie County is lower than the overall state rate.

Table 36. Monthly Average Number of Persons Receiving Medicaid, 2014

County	Monthly Average Number of Persons Receiving Medicaid, 4th Quarter 2012						Total	Per 1000
	Children	Adults	Elderly	Disabled	Family Health	Other		
Schoharie	1,864.75	1,829.25	274.00	794.92	270.83	8.92	4,971.08	153.41
Statewide	1,816,194.58	1,679,607.67	292,636.00	634,979.42	220,514.50	260,806.50	4,842,490.00	248.50

Source: [New York Department of Health, Information for a Healthy New York, Medicaid Quarterly Reports of Beneficiaries and Expenditures by Category of Eligibility and Social Service District.](#) Data is for calendar year 2014, released March 13, 2015.

Health Care: Child Health Plus

Table 37 shows the total enrollment for the New York Child Health Plus program for September 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. According to the New York Department of Health, there were 523 persons enrolled in the Child Health Plus Program during September 2014. Between September 2010 and September 2014, enrollment decreased in the report area by -358 persons, or -40.6%.

Table 37. Child Health Plus

County	Total Enrollment				
	Sept 2010	Sept 2011	Sept 2012	Sept 2013	Sept 2014
Schoharie	881	890	676	597	523
Statewide	395,312	411,892	345,741	309,335	292,802

Source: [New York Department of Health, Information for a Healthy New York, Child Health Plus Enrollment by Insurer](#)

Health Care: Uninsured Population

The uninsured population is calculated by estimating the number of persons eligible for insurance (generally those under 65) minus the estimated number of insured persons. In 2010, the percentage of persons uninsured was 12.1 in Schoharie County.

Table 38. Uninsured Persons, 2010

County	Insurance Population (2010 Estimate)	Number Insured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Schoharie	25,955.00	22,822.00	3,133.00	12.1
Statewide	32,721,711.00	28,230,834.00	4,490,877.00	13.7
Nationwide	262,403,379.00	215,846,576.00	46,556,803.00	17.7

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, 2010 \(October 2012 release\)](#).

The uninsured population is calculated by estimating the number of persons eligible for insurance (generally those under 65) minus the estimated number of insured persons. In 2013, the percentage of persons uninsured was 10.7 in Schoharie County.

Table 39. Uninsured Persons, 2013

County	Insurance Population (2013 Estimate)	Number Insured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Schoharie	24,785	22,122	2,662	10.7
Statewide	16,411,582	14,373,603	2,037,979	12.4
Nationwide	264,843,216	220,365,245	44,477,968	16.8

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, 2013 \(January 2015 release\)](#).

Health Care: Prenatal Care

In 2011, a total of 1 women did not receive prenatal care in the report area. This figure indicates that 0.35 percent of pregnant women did not receive prenatal care during pregnancy.

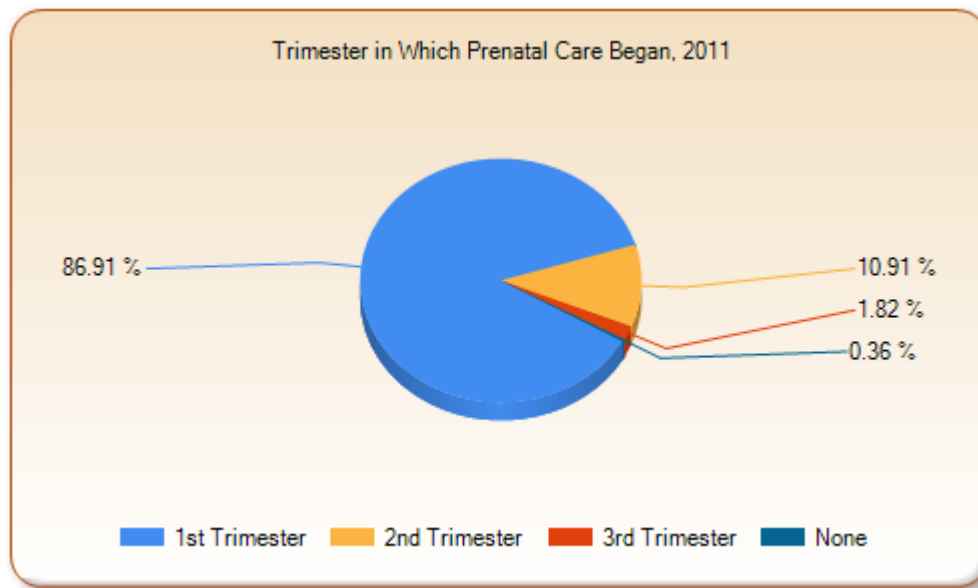


Table 40. Trimester When Prenatal Care Began, 2011

County	First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester	No Prenatal Care	Unknown	Not Reported	Total Births	% No Prenatal or Third Trimester Care
Schoharie	239	30	5	1	5	8	288	2.18
Statewide	167,091	49,230	11,123	1,608	6,783	3,901	239,736	5.56

Source: [2014 New York State Statistical Yearbook, Resident Live Births by Month Prenatal Care Began, NYS by County: 2011, Rockefeller Institute, University at Albany, State University of New York.](#)

Health Care: Teen Births

Births to teens in totaled 11, or 4.38 percent of all live births, in the report area.

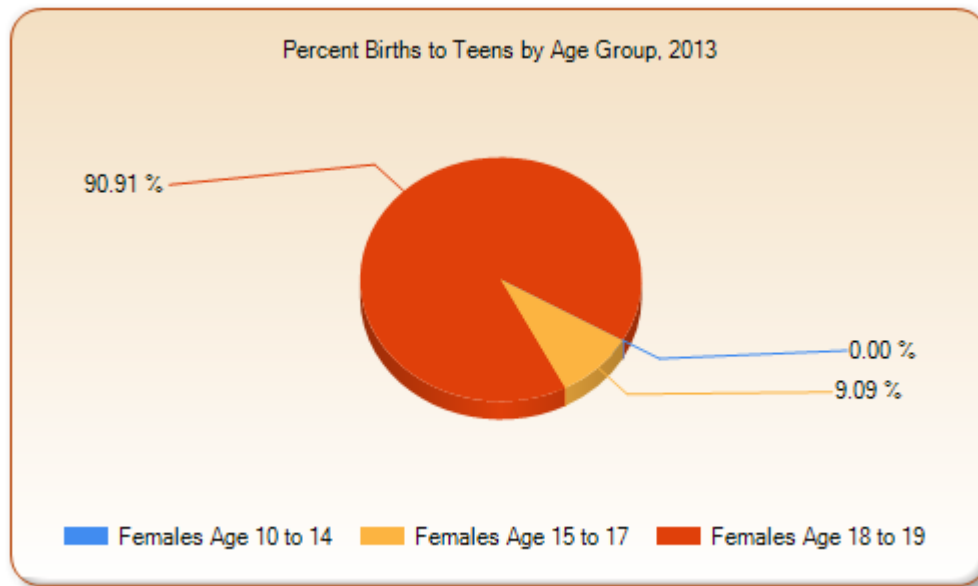


Table 41. Births to Females Age 10 to 19, 2013

County	Age Under 15	Age 15 to 17	Age 18 to 19	Total Live Births	Births to Teens
Schoharie	0	1	10	251	11
Report Area	0	1	10	251	11
Statewide	125	2,972	8,119	235,274	11,216

Source: [New York Department of Health, Vital Statistics of New York State 2013](#).

Qualitative information was derived from the following activities:

Focus Groups

Two focus groups were conducted with low-income community members. Results included

- Enjoy living in a rural community:
 - Calm, quiet lifestyle as compared to an urban area
 - Good schools
- Concerned with:
 - The lack of good paying jobs with benefits
 - The lack of economic development
 - Cost of child care
 - Transportation for those without vehicles
 - The lack of diversity in the community
 - Losing farming industry
 - A disconnect between the regions - losing a sense of 'county-wide' community
- Find coming to SCCAP:
 - A positive experience - both the environment and staff
 - Concerned with the lack of privacy in certain areas (*This has been addressed since the focus groups were conducted*)
 - Feel the community does not know what SCCAP has to offer - need more community engagement
- Expressed appreciation for the assistance and support provided to the community after the 2011 floods
- Feel there is a stigma from the community toward persons who receive public assistance

Community Member Surveys

Surveys were provided to community members over a two year period. The primary concern commented on in surveys as to the cause of poverty and the greatest need in the community is the lack of employment:

- Lack of employment opportunities
- Lack of living wage jobs
- Lack of jobs with quality benefits

Surveys were also in agreement with the focus groups' results regarding the lack of SCCAP's community engagement and community awareness of SCCAP's wide-range of services.

Community Partner Surveys

Organizations represented: ARC, Catholic Charities, Head Start, faith-based organizations, health care facilities, NYS Disaster Case Management, Schoharie County Government, Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce, SCCAP, educational institutions and other unidentified organizations of the community.

Respondents include a broad spectrum of positions within the organizations - direct services to upper management. Results included:

- Ninety-four percent of the respondents were familiar with SCCAP's services with 74% having made referrals to SCCAP
- Of those making referrals to SCCAP 88% are comfortable making the referrals and 68% feel SCCAP is somewhat to extremely effective in its service delivery
- Partner responses are in agreement with community member surveys in feeling that the lack of quality employment is the prime concern in Schoharie County and the major barrier for economically disadvantaged families and for families seeking to live and work within the county. To work outside of the county impacts quality of life; especially for young families.
- Partners would like to see SCCAP have more community engagement

Customer Satisfaction Surveys

Surveys provided to recipients of SCCAP's services overwhelming indicated individuals were pleased with SCCAP's staff and that the agency provided a welcoming environment.

Executive Summary

In keeping with the agency's mission *Building stronger communities and empowering families that experience economic and social challenges through strategic partnerships, education, services and compassion*, SCCAP has completed a needs assessment to collect/analyze data and gain community input regarding community needs and provide feedback on SCCAP's service to the community in meeting the needs.

After the completion of the needs assessment, the results of the report will be utilized to form the foundation of the strategic planning goals based on the ROMA dimensions of family, community and agency. In keeping with assessment findings, SCCAP will continue to maintain a strong presence on state and local boards, committees, coalitions and similar decision making bodies in support of raising community awareness of SCCAP's services and its mission to address the causes and conditions of poverty.

SCCAP is an active member of the Human Services Coordinating Council (HSCC) which keeps the agency engaged with other county human service providers. HSCC provides an excellent venue to inform other service providers of SCCAP's services and for SCCAP to remain informed of others services for referrals.

The CSBG Work Plan outcomes reflect activities which provide wrap-around support services to alleviate the barriers for the low-income community in their pursuit of economic stability and security. The Work Plan includes outcomes directly connected to the primary concern of the community by offering employment and computer skills, resume development and job search assistance for community members who are unemployed or underemployed. SCCAP is co-located with the Workforce Solutions Center to provide a comprehensive approach in employment skill development and job search activities. The Executive Director serves on the Workforce Development Board of Directors thereby staying part of the community employment conversation.

References Not Cited:

Information not cited within the report was obtained from community member focus groups and surveys, community partner surveys, FFY 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 CSBG Annual Program Reports and customer satisfaction surveys.