

2025-2028 Community Needs Assessment for Delaware County, New York

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: CAUSES AND CONDITIONS OF POVERTY

Understanding poverty is crucial to the work Delaware Opportunities undertakes every day. Poverty has a cascading effect on many aspects of an individual's life. It can limit a person's ability to provide opportunities for their children and influence the type of care their children receive. Poverty can impact decisions on where to live, potentially leading to residing in less safe neighborhoods. It can mean having to work multiple jobs or putting in overtime, resulting in less time spent with family. Access to health care and mental health services can also be affected by poverty. In essence, poverty touches all aspects of an individual's life.

There are various methods used to explore the root causes of poverty in Delaware County. The Community Needs Assessment includes both quantitative poverty data and qualitative data collected from customers, potential customers, community partners, board members, staff, and volunteers. The root causes of poverty identified in the Delaware Opportunities Community Needs Assessment are:

- Lack of job skills
- Job skills that don't match with the jobs available
- Unable to retain a job
- Lack of education
- Low literacy skills
- Minimum wage's inability to cover cost of living; insufficient to meet basic needs of life
- Inability/lack of skills to manage work-life balance
- Inability to manage money wisely
- Substance abuse
- (Unaddressed) Mental health challenges
- Poor work ethic
- Lack of workplace and life skills
- Teen pregnancy
- Lack of affordable and safe child care
- Lack of transportation
- Poor parenting skills
- Childhood poverty

The conditions of poverty, in Delaware County, identified by those who were surveyed include:

- Food insecurity
- Inability to receive affordable health care
- Lack of affordable health care providers
- Heating and utility needs
- Many individuals with significant home repair needs
- Overwhelming need for adult and youth mental health services
- Lack of transportation; no public transportation in county
- Low literacy rates for young children (particularly Kindergarten aged)
- Lack of safe and affordable housing
- Abundant need for substance abuse services; lack of enough providers

Since 1965, Delaware Opportunities has been committed to addressing both the causes and conditions of poverty through its programs and services. The organization firmly believes that tackling the root causes of poverty is essential because, by doing so, the adverse conditions experienced by individuals due to poverty can be minimized or even eradicated. Ultimately, Delaware Opportunities' mission is to help everyone become self-sufficient and achieve a better quality of life.

INTRODUCTION

Delaware Opportunities Inc. (DO) is the federally and state-designated Community Action Agency for Delaware County, NY. As such, it is one of the largest and longest-standing organizations dedicated to addressing the causes and conditions of poverty in Delaware County.

DO's vision is a strong community where organizations work together to support families and families gain a level of self-sufficiency that allows them to grow and prosper. In its 56th year of operation, the agency continues to provide outcome-focused programs and services to thousands of individuals. The client base consists of individuals and families from low-income households who seek the resources and support they need to stabilize their life situation and become or remain self-reliant. The primary organization goal has always been to help individuals, and families achieve a better quality of life and attain sustainable self-sufficiency. This is reflected, almost word for word, in the agency's mission, *"Delaware Opportunities is a not-for-profit Community Action Agency committed to helping everyone become self-sufficient and/or attain a better quality of life. The agency shall be directed toward assisting all those with needs to maintain a sense of community values, and community activism, self and family development, and a general improvement in the standard of living for all."*

This assessment cites quantitative data on the agency's geographic service area that includes the prevalence of poverty as it related to gender, age, race and ethnicity. Additionally, it summarizes qualitative data collected from low-income individuals and families, the general community, community partners, key stakeholders, Board members, and staff that include key findings on the causes and conditions of poverty.

PURPOSE

Every three years Delaware Opportunities conducts a comprehensive assessment of community needs and resources. In-depth analysis of the information gathered is used both by the organization and the community to:

- Identify gaps in services and identify resources to fill them
- Determine if a particular program or service is needed
- Develop program workplan priorities and service delivery strategies
- Support requests for funding at the local, state and federal levels
- Guide development of the agency's strategic planning goals
- Develop outcome and evaluation measures that comply with the Results-Based Outcome Management Accountability (ROMA) standards of the NYS Department of Community Services

REPORT AREA GEOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Delaware County Geography

Delaware County is a rural county, located on the eastern border of upstate New York's Southern Tier Region, with no cities and no communities in excess of 5,000 inhabitants. It is located adjacent to and to the east of Broome County and the City of Binghamton, and approximately 150 miles northwest of New York City. It is a large county with 1,468 square miles, approximately 22 square miles being water, much of that in reservoirs serving New York City.

The county is characterized by a mountainous terrain and winding, twisting, two lane roads, making travel difficult and even hazardous during the winter months. The county has no public transportation system, making access to care challenging. Although a few private transport services have become available in the area, regular use is cost prohibitive (excerpted from Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan, 2022-2024).

Geographically, Delaware County is the fourth largest of New York’s 62 counties and is the fifth most rural. The population density is only 30.6 persons per square mile. The large size of the county is reflected in the fact that it borders seven counties (Broome, Chenango, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster) as well as the state of Pennsylvania (excerpted from Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan, 2022-2024).

The county includes the NYC Watershed, which is the largest unfiltered drinking water supply in the United States. It supplies up to 1.5 billion gallons of unfiltered drinking water per day to more than 9 million persons in New York City and parts of Westchester, Putnam, Orange and Ulster Counties. The watershed region encompasses the central and eastern sections of Delaware County including roughly 65% of the county’s land area and 11 of its 19 townships. Approximately 55% of Delaware County’s population lies within the Watershed. Overall, the watershed covers approximately 2,000 miles. In terms of physical environment, Delaware County is an expansive, isolated rural area with 2 of the largest reservoirs in the watershed (excerpted from Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan, 2022-2024).

The western rim of the county, which includes most of the Town of Sidney, lies outside the watershed and is where most of the county’s manufacturing businesses are located. Accordingly, healthcare, government, schools, and social services agencies comprise much of the employment opportunities located in the county (excerpted from Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan, 2022-2024).

Figure 1. Delaware County



Figure 2. Breakdown of County by Town



Figure 3. Counties with Lowest Population Density in New York State, 2019

Geographic Area	Population Density*	Rank
Hamilton County	2.57	1
Lewis County	20.63	2
Essex County	20.56	3
Delaware County	30.60	4
Franklin County	30.70	5
St. Lawrence County	40.20	6
New York State	412.80	--

*Density per square mile

Source: health.ny.gov/statistics/vital_statistics/2019/table02.htm

In 1997 the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) was created based on a coalition of entities including New York State, the City of New York, the Environmental Protection Agency, and communities within the watershed based on the New York City Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD). The CWC has worked to preserve and safeguard the watershed from environmental degradation by means of restrictions and regulations on land use within and surrounding the watershed. The initial impact of the watershed on Delaware County has been to limit economic development which prevents expansion of the tax base. Because of the environmental ecosystem of the watershed, there have been strict regulations pertaining to agricultural pollution and building construction. Limiting infrastructure growth results in decreased employment opportunities. These unique circumstances result in the social, economic, and healthcare-related challenges for the county’s residents. These limitations also impact the local health and social

service agencies and organizations. (Excerpted from Delaware County's Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan, 2022-2024).

METHODOLOGY/DATA SOURCES

As part of the assessment, Delaware Opportunities collected and included current qualitative and quantitative data specific to poverty and its prevalence related to gender, age, and race/ethnicity for its geographic service areas. This data was used to establish, along with data gathered from other sources, a determination of need.

Agency Administered Surveys and Data Collection Efforts:

- **Community/Client Survey (NYS Community Action Association survey with local adaptation):** This survey collects information about demographics, perspectives on the causes/conditions of poverty, challenges facing individuals and families with low-income, unmet needs, and barriers to accessing services/resources. The survey is targeted to those who have received and/or are receiving DO services, although it is acknowledged that other community members can and may respond as well. The survey is provided via a link on the agency's website, on its social media page, and is provided via hard copy to current clients (or upon request).
- **Community Partner survey (locally designed instrument):** This survey collects information about the most pressing causes and conditions of poverty from the perspective of community partners. The survey is targeted to those agencies and individuals that DO's program staff and administrators work with, regardless of the frequency. The survey is specifically targeted to those based in Delaware County and/or those who directly have a presence and understanding of Delaware County needs.
- **Community Stakeholder, Board member, and Staff survey (locally designed instrument):** This survey collects information about the most pressing causes and conditions of poverty from the perspective of Board members and current staff members.
- **Community Focus Groups:** In June and July of 2024, Delaware Opportunities hosted seven focus groups, four in person throughout the county and three via Zoom to engage the community in dialogue about the data collected throughout the community needs assessment process. This forum aided in soliciting additional data related to the causes and conditions of poverty as well as regarding specific key need areas of Housing and Homelessness, Food Insecurity, Transportation, and Mental Health and Substance Use.
- **Staff Focus Group:** In July of 2024, Delaware Opportunities also hosted a focus group with approximately 115 DO staff members to engage in similar conversations around the needs related to housing and homelessness, food insecurity, substance use and mental health services, child care and transportation.

Additionally, surveys are distributed to customers served by the agency on an annual basis. These surveys are reviewed by program staff, administration and the Board and adjustments to services and protocol are addressed accordingly. These surveys, while they may vary program to program, all include five standards questions:

1. I was treated with dignity and respect at all times while receiving services.
(1-strongly agree; 2-agree; 3-neither agree or disagree; 4-disagree; 5-strongly disagree)
2. The staff were knowledgeable and able to answer questions I had.
(1-strongly agree; 2-agree; 3-neither agree or disagree; 4-disagree; 5-strongly disagree)
3. The services I received satisfied the needs that I had when coming to Delaware Opportunities.
(1-strongly agree; 2-agree; 3-neither agree or disagree; 4-disagree; 5-strongly disagree)
4. I would recommend Delaware Opportunities to other individuals in need of services.
(1-strongly agree; 2-agree; 3-neither agree or disagree; 4-disagree; 5-strongly disagree)
5. What could be done to improve upon the services you received?
(short answer)

Individual program surveys did delve into additional questions as well as including demographic type and program specific questions.

Other Data Sources (*Sources include feedback from customer and community focus groups/surveys as well as public hearings or other public forums):

Source	Quantitative	Qualitative
Child Care Survey and Strategic Plan	X	X
Client satisfaction surveys (by individual departments/programs)	X	X
Community Action Partnership Assessment Tool	X	
Community Foundation of SCNY, Needs Assessment	X	
DATA USA-Delaware County Profile	X	X
Delaware County Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan, 2022-2024	X	X
Feeding America: Hunger and Poverty in NY, Map the Meal Gap	X	
Food Research and Action Center, frac.org	X	
Head Start Strategic Plan and Five-Year Goals	X	X
National Center for Education Statistics, NCES-Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System	X	
National Low Income Housing Coalition	X	
New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance	X	
NYS County Health Rankings and Roadmaps	X	
NYS Department of Criminal Justice, www.criminaljustice.gov	X	
NYS Department of Education School Report Cards	X	
NYS Department of Health-health.ny.gov	X	
NYSCAA Poverty Report	X	X
Poverty in America, Living Wage Calculator	X	
United Way ALICE Report	X	X
US Bureau of Labor Statistics	X	

DELAWARE COUNTY DATA SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Delaware County Community/Client Survey-Respondent Characteristics

Total Respondents 142: (Not all respondents answered all survey questions. The summary data below is based on the actual number responding to the relevant individual question.)

Client Status: Of 141 respondents, 87 (61.70%) identified themselves as current DO clients (within past year), which demonstrates the participation of low-income individuals in the needs assessment process.

Gender: Of 141 respondents, 108 (76.60%) were female and 32 (22.70%) were male.

Race: Of 139 respondents, 133 (95.68%) are Caucasian, 3 (2.16%) are Black/African American, 1 (0.72%) American Indian or Alaska Native, 0 (0%) Asian, and 2 (1.44%) Other. The percentage among respondents is representative of the general population for the county.

Ethnicity: Of 138 respondents, 10 (7.25%) are of Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin which is representative of the general population for the county. 128 (92.75%) respondents were not of Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin.

Primary Language: Of 141 respondents, 141 (100%) speak English as their primarily language.

Age: The table below depicts the number and percent of 117 respondents by age groupings.

Table 1

Age Category	Number	Percentage
18-24	25	21.37%
25-34	41	35.04%
35-44	36	30.77%
55-64	32	27.35%
65-74	22	18.80%
75+	15	12.82%

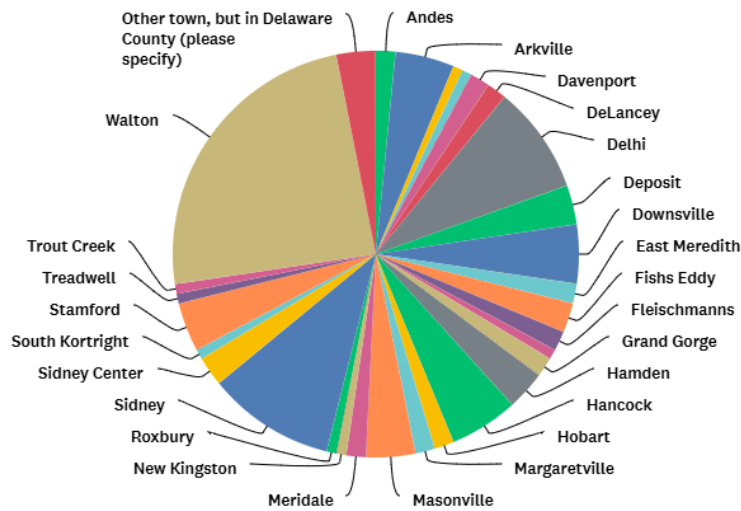
Education: With the exception of post-secondary education beyond a bachelor’s degree, educational attainment level for survey respondents are relatively on par with both the county and NYS percentages.

Table 2

Category	No High School Diploma	High School Diploma/GED	Some College	Associate’s Degree	Bachelor’s Degree	Graduate/Professional Degree	Trade School
Survey	9.35%	41.73%	16.55%	12.23%	17.27%	5.76%	5.04%
County	9.6%	59.7%	27.5%	11.6%	14.6%	12.1%	N/A
NYS	12.2%	24.6%	14.9%	8.9%	22%	17.5%	N/A

Community of Residence: There were respondents from virtually every community in Delaware County. The largest responses came from Delhi (11), Walton (31) and Sidney (13).

Figure 4. Survey Respondents by Town



How Have You Heard About Delaware Opportunities?

When asked how they had heard about Delaware Opportunities, 137 respondents indicated the following:

1. I have received services in the past (51.82%)
2. Word of mouth (29.93%)
3. Social Media-Facebook (17.52%)
4. I have visited the agency’s website (13.87%)
5. I have seen information about the agency at various locations throughout the county (18.98%)
6. I have read information about the agency in local newspapers (9.49%)
7. I was referred to the agency (14.60%)

**7 respondents either indicated that they had worked at DO or knew someone who did.*

Income: 87 of a possible 142 respondents answered this question. The average annual income of the 87 respondents was \$41,670, with a range from \$0 to \$350,000.

Household Employment: Of 122 respondents, 85 indicates that there was at least one person working full-time in their household. 72 respondents indicated that there was at least one person in their household who was not employed. When asked, if there was someone not working in the household to please indicate why, the top reasons cited were; physical disability/illness (25.44%), retired (11.40%), and chose to stay home to care for children (10.53%). 35.09% of the 114 respondents for this question indicated that this question did not apply to them.

Income or Benefits by Source: Of 140 respondents, 42 (30%) indicated that the salary from their job was their largest income source. Other significant income sources, based on percentage of those indicating such, HEAP (31.43%), SNAP (38.57%), Social Security (17.14%), Housing Subsidy (ex. Section 8) (15.71%), and WIC (11.43%).

Primary Mode of Transportation: Of 140 respondents, 100 (71.43%) indicated that a car was their primary mode of transportation, with 24 (17.14%) indicating riding with family/friends was their primary mode of transportation (this was the second highest response). 58 (41.43%) of 140 respondents indicated that lack of transportation was indeed an issue for their household in the past twelve months. When asked further, what the challenges were, of 135 respondents, the most significant challenge was cited as the

inability to afford car repairs (43.75% of respondents), followed by public transportation not available (36.59%) and inability to afford gas (32.28%).

Health Care Insurance Status: Of 85 respondents, 38.82% indicated that they (or someone in their household) has a benefit package through work for health insurance. 41.18% said they did not. Of those that said they did not, 71.11% said that their household had an alternate form of health insurance, not through an employer. Seven people indicated they did not have health insurance due to cost.

Disability Status: Of 73 respondents, 9.59% indicated that there are children between the ages of 5 and 18 in their household living with a disability. 1.35% indicated that there is a child of preschool age in their household living with a disability and 26.09% indicated that there is an individual 18 years of age and older living in their household with a disability. When asked if those individuals were receiving necessary services, 27.94% indicated that they were not. When asked why, answers ranged from things like it was denied or taken away from them by the county or they are appealing the decision, and one person just moved here recently.

Housing by Status: Of 82 respondents, 40 (48.78%) indicated that they own their own home, with 31 (37.80%) indicating that they are renters. When asked what prevented individuals from purchasing a home, the top two reasons were that they could not afford a down payment (36%) and they did not have good credit (25.33%).

Housing by Type: Of 83 respondents, 41 (49.40%) of those who indicated that they own their own home also indicate that it is a single-family home. Of the homeowners, 37 (45.12%) indicate that their home is in need of minor repairs and 16 (19.51%) indicate that it is need of major repairs. 19 (23.17%) indicate that their home is in good shape and no repairs are needed. 18 (21.95%) indicate that their home needs weatherization measures (insulation, weather strip, caulk, etc.).

Housing Utilities in Rental Units: Of 76 respondents, very few indicated that utilities are included in their rent. The utility most often included was water, which 22 (28.95%) respondents indicated was included in their rent.

Child Care by Source: Of 69 respondents, 33.33% indicated that they rely on parents, family, friends or neighbors to care for their children. That response was significantly higher than any other child care option listed. When asked about time of day that child care was most needed, 19.18% indicate daytime, 13.7% indicate before and/or after school, 2.74% indicated evenings, and 6.85% indicated weekends.

Child Care Payment Method: Of 35 respondents, 25.71% self-pay for child care services and 2.86% have child care subsidy.

Access to News and Communications Technology: When asked which of the following their household uses, this is what 136 respondents indicated:

- 41.18% use cable TV or satellite dish; 93.38% cell phone; 84.56% email; 88.24% internet; 18.38% newspaper; and 76.47% social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

Household's Top 3 Needs Within the Past 12 Months, by ranking:

1. Food Assistance (44)
2. Rental Assistance (33)
3. Mental Health Services (31)

4. Automobile Repair (31)
5. Home Repair (28)
6. Dental Care (26)
7. Heating/Utility Assistance (24)
8. Financial Assistance (22)
9. Safe Affordable Housing (21)
10. Child Care (15)
11. Health Care (12)
12. Disability Services (12)

Financial Situations: When asked specifically about financial situations encountered in the past twelve months, 83 individuals responded. The top needs were:

1. Borrowed money from friends/family for paying bills (33.73%)
2. Fell behind on rent or mortgage payments (16.87%)
3. Pressured by a bill collector (18.07%)
4. Pawned or sold valuables to pay bills (9.64%)
5. Had utilities (water, heat, telephone, cell phone or electric) shut off (12.05%)

Services Needed but Not Received Within Past 12 Months, with 120 total respondents, by ranking:

1. Food Assistance (28)
2. Home Repair (27)
3. Financial Assistance (22)
4. Heating/Utility Assistance (19)
5. Weatherization (19)
6. Dental Care (18)
7. Transportation (16)
8. Safe Affordable Housing (11)
9. Child Care (10)
10. Health Care (9)
11. Mental Health Services (9)

**36 people responded "none of the above" to the list of services needed but not received.*

Community Need: 122 out of 142 Respondents were asked to identify things that their communities needed. This is what they listed as the top needs.

1. Youth Center (49.18%)
2. Recreational Activities/Centers (50.82%)
3. Work programs/jobs (34.43%)
4. Senior Center (18.85%)
5. Housing Complexes (39.34%)
6. Bowling Alley (23.77%)
7. Main Street Revitalization (22.13%)

Community Forum and Input: Hosted in June and July of 2025, community members and other stakeholders participated in various focus groups, both in person and via Zoom to discuss the data presented above as well as to provide additional insight into the needs of those living in Delaware County. Conversations focused on transportation, food insecurity, housing and homelessness, and mental health and substance use. The groups discussed the needs identified through the community survey as well as the needs identified by staff, Board members and community partners as well as their own thoughts on the

needs existing in the community. Discussions focused on misconceptions, primary causes, systematic barriers, long-term solutions, and community support and collaboration. No one was surprised by the needs that rose to the top but felt that these have been needs for a long while and were not new needs. A summary of the various conversations that took place can be seen below.

Housing and Homelessness (one in-person in Sidney on 6/24/24 and one Zoom on 7/19/24, 13 people in attendance):

- Homelessness misconceptions discussed
 - “Everyone who is homeless uses drugs”
 - Discussed the stigma associated with homelessness
 - No one wants “them” here but has no ideas to help
 - Homeless individuals get blamed for any theft occurring
 - “If they would just get a job...”
 - “It’s a choice”
 - “There is no one homeless here”
- Homelessness primary causes discussed
 - Lack of housing
 - Unaffordable housing
 - SUD and MH challenges
 - Generational poverty
 - Lack of transportation to go elsewhere
 - Lack of income/jobs
 - Accessibility
 - Areas where homeless can stay are actually more accessible
 - People who may be able to help are just turning a blind eye
- Homelessness systematic barriers discussed
 - No transitional housing (no reintegration support)
 - Not always easy to access support
 - Personal biases of staff
 - Staff turnover at agencies, staff not always knowledgeable about what is out there
 - Funding regulations and eligibility guidelines
 - Waiting lists or overburdened programs
 - Not enough resources
 - Federal budget delays
 - Lack of knowledge
 - Complicated application processes
- Homelessness long-term solutions
 - Transitional housing
 - Transportation services
 - Address basic needs
 - Warming stations
 - Address root causes
 - More programs and services to support more people
 - Secure additional funding
 - Develop more housing
- Homelessness community support and collaboration
 - Work to eliminate stigma
 - Work to be more inclusive

- Eliminate the “us versus them” mentality
- Collaboration of information and resources
- Look at vacant buildings and spaces to repurpose/rehab
- Housing affordability discussion
 - Rent is high, much higher than a mortgage in many cases
 - Many need assistance for things like furniture, food and other needs as well
 - Utilities and other expenses may still be too much for someone to afford even with support with rent
 - Difficult to even get some utilities or services set up initially (i.e. propane)
- Housing obstacles
 - Disconnect between the community and the agencies helping people
 - Lack of transportation
 - Unclear where units exist and if there any available
 - Accessibility of stores and schools
 - How can someone have references if they are homeless?
 - Background checks
 - Hard to buy a house right now in general
 - Don’t have a lot of age friendly housing options (systematically forcing people into units that don’t match their needs)
 - Language barriers
- Housing quality
 - Lack of age friendly houses
 - Landlords not held accountable for quality or don’t take care of units
- Housing support services needed
 - More training for clients to be job ready
 - Meet people where they are at and finding out what they actually want and need
 - More conversations between agencies
 - Have the right people at the table for collaborative conversations
- How has the housing landscape changed in the past five years?
 - Housing units changed to short-term rentals
 - Rents continuing to increase
 - Places torn down which eliminated housing units
 - Landlords can charge what they want
 - Longer waitlists for HUD
 - Quality of units decreasing

Food Insecurity (one in-person in Hamden on 7/8/24, which no one attended, and one Zoom on 7/11/24, 6 people in attendance):

- Food insecurity misconceptions
 - People need to budget their money better
 - Food pantries only have canned foods-misunderstanding about what is available
 - Lack of consistent access to enough food for an active healthy lifestyle
- Food insecurity primary causes
 - Access to food
 - Lack of transportation
 - Poverty
 - Conflict and war

- Climate change
- Food insecurity systematic barriers
 - Food prices
 - Quantity available
 - Stigma
 - Inadequate social supports
 - Hours food pantries are open
 - May not have place to store food
 - Specific dietary needs/restrictions
- Long-term solutions
 - “Free Food Market”-food pantry style
 - More knowledge of community meals
 - Mobile food pantries
 - Farmers donating excess produce
 - Recipes to assist individuals on how to use the items they are receiving

Transportation (one in-person in Hancock on 7/25/24, 6 people in attendance, and one Zoom on 7/11/24, 6 people in attendance):

- Transportation primary causes
 - Geography
 - Expenses associated with having a car are too high
- Transportation systematic barriers
 - Need more coordinated transportation options
 - Liability concerns
 - No public transportation
 - Accessibility of public transportation-especially for those with walkers or wheelchairs
 - No major highway in county
 - Unreliable transportation companies
 - Not enough paid drivers
- Long-term solutions
 - Non-medical transportation resources
 - Mobile food market and more mobile services
 - Public transportation options
 - More volunteer driver programs

Mental health and substance use (one-in person 7/22/24 in Margaretville and one on 7/9/24 via Zoom, in total 8 people in attendance):

- MH/SUD misconceptions
 - “It’s a choice”
- MH/SUD primary causes
 - Honest education with young people
 - Generational addiction
 - Lack of healthy coping strategies
- MH/SUD systematic barriers
 - Lack of providers in the area
 - Lack of capacity for current providers
 - Stigma

- Lack of enough resources
- MH/SUD long-term solutions
 - Education and awareness
 - Do more to protect youth from preventable challenges
 - Open access
 - One stop shops
 - Meet people where they are at
 - Get Narcan out to people
 - Develop pipeline for more social workers

The hope is that these discussions will be the start of many more to come about how to address some very complex issues in Delaware County.

In July of 2024, Delaware Opportunities also hosted a focus group with approximately 115 DO staff members to engage in similar conversations around the needs related to housing and homelessness, food insecurity, substance use and mental health services, child care and transportation. Here are the highlights of those conversations, which were also based around misconceptions, primary causes, systematic barriers, and long-term solutions. This feedback, from staff, came through both their lens as someone serving the population that receives these services as well as feedback they may have received from clients directly.

Housing and Homelessness

- Misconceptions
 - “Why can’t they just find an apartment?”
 - Lazy
 - Just need to get a job
 - All homeless use drugs
 - Assistance is easily accessible
 - All homeless are criminals
 - There are no homeless here
- Primary causes
 - HUD waiting list
 - Lack of transportation
 - Lack of affordable housing
 - Substance use/mental health challenges
 - Medical-related
 - Trauma
 - Job loss
 - Divorce
 - Domestic violence
 - Incarceration
 - Disability
 - Corporate ownership
- Systematic barriers
 - Financial
 - Availability
 - Unemployment
 - Inflation

- Waiting lists
- Background checks
- Credit score-no credit/bad credit
- Lack of funding
- Discrimination
- Criminal records
- Application process
- Pets
- Long-term solutions
 - More subsidized/affordable housing
 - Faster eviction process to free up units
 - More awareness of what is available
 - Education for tenants
 - Low income apartment complexes/tiny homes
 - Purchase homes and rehab for those in need
 - More shelters
 - Warming stations/places to shower
 - Animal shelter/place to foster pets
 - Rent control
 - Universal basic income

Food Insecurity

- Misconceptions
 - Free food is easy to get
 - People just spend their money on other things
 - Need to just stop buying junk
- Primary causes
 - Loss of job
 - Lack of transportation
 - Lack of knowledge about how to prepare food
 - Pride
 - Pay bills before paying for food
 - Lack of information on resources
 - Limited resources/food sources
 - No electric for fridge
- Systematic barriers
 - Finances
 - No transportation to food pantries
 - Make too much for SNAP
 - Limited grocery stores
 - Cost of food
 - Limited resources in the food pantries that do exist
 - Food scarcity
 - Unable to walk to places to get food
- Long-term solutions
 - Cooking classes
 - Mobile food pantry
 - Transportation services

- Nutrition education
- Community garden
- Community-based meal sites
- Assistance with budgeting
- Promote and educate around family gardening
- Free food delivery
- Food swap market

Substance Use and Mental Health Services

- Misconceptions
 - It is a choice/their fault
 - People can just choose to quit
 - They just don't care and don't want help
 - Just need new friends
 - It is not a disease
- Primary causes
 - Trauma
 - Environment
 - Biological factors
 - Family history
 - Inability or unwillingness to admit to needing help
 - Surgery/pain management
 - Untreated or unaddressed illnesses
- Systematic barriers
 - Lack of transportation
 - Lack of programs/providers
 - No sober living support
 - Hard to get into services that do exist
 - Won't accept unless in crisis
 - Expensive
 - Biases/Stigma
 - Fear
 - Long wait lists
 - Trust issues
- Long-term solutions
 - Sober-living facility
 - Mobile services
 - Long-term plan for post rehab/while in recovery
 - More education in schools
 - Quicker access to services
 - More awareness
 - Normalize getting help
 - More peer advocates
 - Financial incentives for providers
 - More teletherapy resources
 - Transitional housing

Child Care

- Misconceptions

- Why can't family members help
- A person chooses to have a child
- Day care is too expensive, cheaper not to work
- Easy to find and afford
- There is always something available
- Primary causes
 - Lack of money
 - Not enough providers or spots
 - Hard to become a provider
- Systematic barriers
 - Long waiting lists
 - Requirements to become a provider
 - Job insecurity
 - Lack of transportation
- Long-term solutions
 - On-site child care centers
 - Accessible birth control/education on family planning
 - Incentives for providers and aspiring providers
 - Universal child care

Transportation

- Misconceptions
 - Public transportation is available
 - Just get a ride
 - Getting a car loan is easy
- Primary causes
 - Lack of resources
 - No family/friend supports
 - No license
 - Can't afford vehicle or insurance
 - No or bad credit
 - Lack of assistance with getting license and learning to drive
- Systematic barriers
 - Rural area
 - Fuel costs
 - Cost of vehicles and insurance as well as upkeep
- Long-term solutions
 - Public transportation
 - Carpool/ride share programs
 - Walkable towns

Delaware County Staff/Board/Volunteer/Stakeholder/Community Partner-Respondent Characteristics

Total Respondents 97: (Not all respondents answered all survey questions. The summary data below is based on the actual number responding to the relevant individual question.)

Client Status: Of 97 respondents, 68 identified as employees, 0 Head Start Policy Council member, 7 Board members, 0 volunteers, and 22 community partners . Of those respondents who were Board members, 3 represent the consumer/low-income sector, 2 were elected officials or their delegates, and 2 were representatives of the private sector. When Board members were asked which sector they represented, 4 reported a community-based organization, 1 faith-based, 1 private sector, 2 public sector, 0 educational institutions, and 1 healthcare. Span of time at the agency for all staff and Board respondents ranged from less than one year to over 21 years, with 28% for 1-5 years being the most popular response. When community partners were asked the question about the type of organization they represented 10 chose community-based organization, 1 faith-based, 1 healthcare, 4 public sector, and 1 educational institution and 7 identified “other” which included mainly other community-based organizations or programs.

When asked about their affiliation with Delaware County, the 22 community partners responded the following way: 4 personally live in the county, 6 physically work in the county, 8 serve individuals who live in the county, 11 both live and work in the county, 2 partners either had experience prior working in the county prior to retirement or worked for another agency affiliated with the county. When asked their affiliation with Delaware Opportunities, 2 responded that they were not affiliated in any way, 14 indicated they were collaborative partners, 3 were contract partners, 7 partner organizations (shared resources), 5 fellow human service agencies, 1 was an agency hoping to be a partner in the future and another was a company that works with the agency for other matters.

All 96 survey respondents were asked to identify three positive aspects of living in Delaware County and three negative aspects of living in Delaware County. Their responses include the following (as the top responses):

Table 3

Top 3 Positive Aspects	Top 3 Negative Aspects
Community	Lack of transportation
Friendly people	Lack of housing/affordable housing
Beautiful scenery	Drugs

When this group of survey respondents were asked about the three most pressing needs of the low-income population they indicated Safe, Affordable Housing, Transportation, Child Care, Mental Health Services and Food Assistance as their top needs. When asked about the services that do not meet the current demand, transportation, safe and affordable housing, mental health services and child care again topped the list.

90.67% of respondents felt as though Delaware Opportunities mission statement, “To help Delaware County residents achieve self-sufficiency and attain a better quality of life” accurately represented the work of the organization. 9.33% felt it somewhat represented the work the organization does. No one felt that it did not.

Delaware County-Key Findings

Introduction: From time to time, everyone faces difficulties and challenges in achieving and maintaining a standard of living that allows them access to the resources necessary to fully support themselves and their families. DO's core mission focuses on addressing the root causes and conditions of poverty. However, the organization recognizes that this effort must happen within the broader community context.

The opportunities and resources available in a community are primary determinants of the health and well-being of its residents. DO's vision of a thriving community, where everyone prospers, relies on the extent to which the community provides its members access to essential material resources (such as food, clothing, and shelter) along with non-material resources (such as education, employment, and medical care) that empower them to move beyond mere subsistence and achieve progress.

The key findings of qualitative and quantitative data collected through this needs assessment process are organized by the following impact areas.

- Transportation
- Income, Employment and Adult Education
- Housing
- Nutrition
- Health
- Early Care and Learning
- Healthy Youth Development
- Aging

Transportation: Transportation services in Delaware County are a piece-by-piece approach made up of nonprofit and for-profit transportation services (much of which is Medicaid-funded), volunteer transportation models, GetThere services through Rural Health Network of SCNY, school buses and public-school transportation systems, and taxi-type services. There is no major transportation system offering fixed-route services that covers all areas of the large geographic area that makes up Delaware County. Several survey respondents indicated that the locations of Delaware Opportunities’ services were not ideal, often citing the long trip to and from services and, in the winter, on bad roads.

Although each of the population centers contain a portion of the county’s poor, poverty is stretched out across the county and into its own less accessible areas. The lack of reliable access to transportation forms a significant barrier to employment as well as access to non-emergency medical appointments and other human services and social service programs.

The table below compares primary mode of transportation data from the DO administered community member/client survey responses to the US Census data for Delaware County.

Table 4

Mode of Transportation	Community Member/Client Survey	Delaware County
Drive Own Car	100 (71.43%)	73.19%
Ride with Family or Friends	24 (17.14%)	N/A
Carpool/Ride Share	2 (1.43%)	8.06%
Public Transportation	0	.91%
Walk	19 (13.57%)	5.38%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Bicycle or Other Means	20 (14.29%)	1.16%
Worked from Home	n/a	11.36%

*Community members/clients were able to choose more than one

Income, Employment, and Adult Education

Household Poverty: The 2023 American Community Survey estimated that there were 11,399 families within Delaware County, with 3,155 at 200% or below the federal poverty level. 14.9% of individuals are living below the poverty level in Delaware County. This only slightly exceeds the NYS percentage of 13.7%.

Household Income: 60.4% of 106 (64) respondents to the Delaware Opportunities administered Community Needs Assessment survey reported household income between \$0 and \$45,000, averaging \$22,691, which is well below the Delaware County and NYS median household income levels of \$51,038 and \$72,038 respectively.

Income or Benefits by Source: The income and benefits of 140 respondents to the Delaware Opportunities administered Community Needs Assessment survey by source is illustrated in the table below.

Table 5

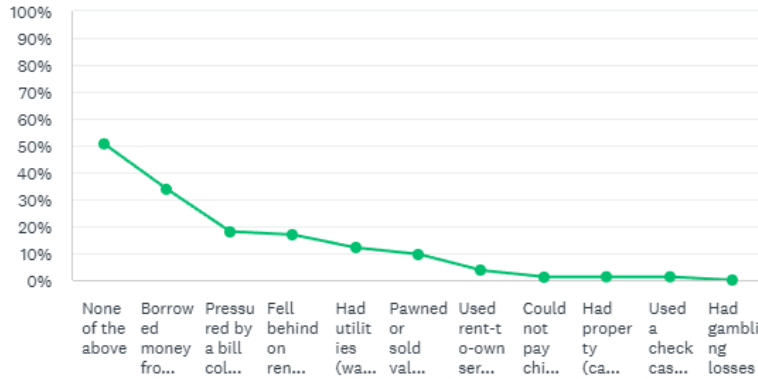
Income and Benefits by Source			
Income by Source	Percentage	Benefit Source	Percentage
Social Security	17.14%	SNAP	38.57%
Salary from Job	30%	HEAP	31.43%
Pensions	5.71%	WIC	11.43%
Child Support	4.29%	Section 8 Housing	15.71%
Public Assistance	3.57%	Unemployment Insurance	0%
SSD or NYS Disability	17.14%	Worker’s Compensation	1.43%
Self-Employment	3.57%		

Financial Challenges: Of 142 respondents to the Delaware Opportunities administered Community Needs Assessment survey, 83 reported one or more financial challenges in the past 12 months. The top three challenges were needing to borrow money from family or friends, being pressured by bill collectors, and falling behind on rent or mortgage payments. The chart below illustrates all challenges by type and percent of total respondents.

Figure 5. Financial Situations Per Household

In the past 12 months, have you or anyone in your household experienced any of the following financial situations? Check all that apply:

Answered: 83 Skipped: 59



Employment: Per the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 2011 and 2021 unemployment fell from a rate of 9.5 to 3.1, compared to a statewide decrease from a rate of 8.4 to 6.2. Despite, the local area’s unemployment rate being slightly better than the NYS rate, there are still several factors contributing to local unemployment.

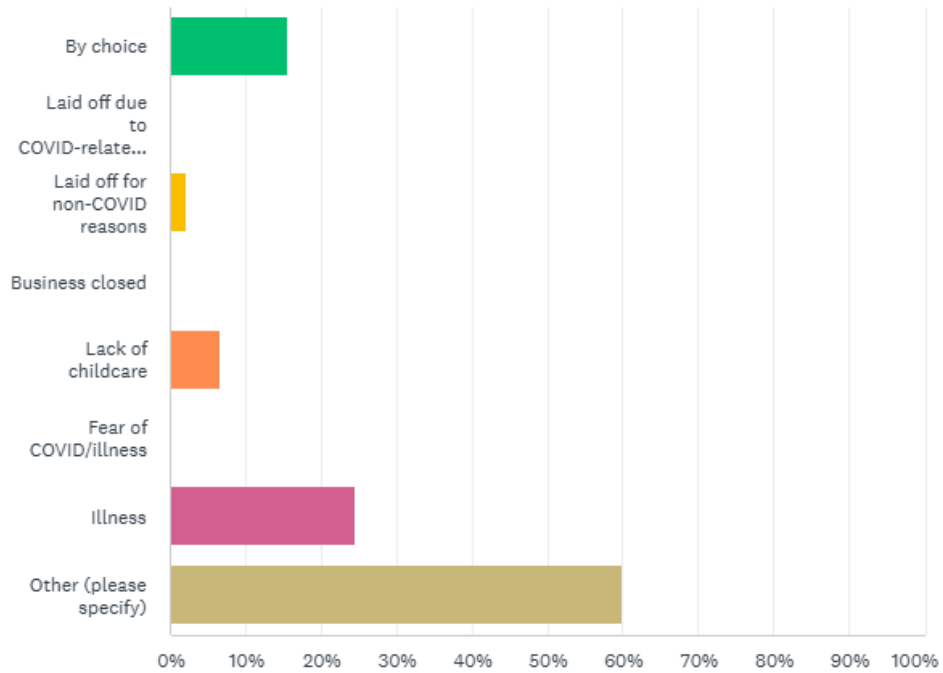
Factors contributing to labor force trends can include:

- Aging workforce
- Size of workforce
- Migration
- Opening and closing of businesses
- Educational attainment
- County’s large geography
- Transportation

Figure 6. Unemployment Reasons

If you are currently out of work/unemployed, please share why.

Answered: 45 Skipped: 97

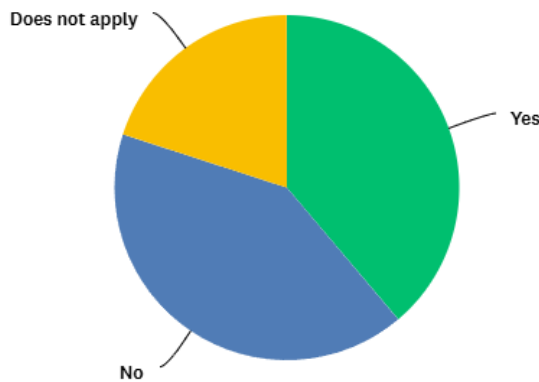


Employer Provided Benefits: Of 142 respondents, 38.82% indicated that they do receive a benefit package through their employer.

Figure 7. Workplace Benefits Packages

Do you or does anyone in your household have a benefit package through work (health insurance, etc.)?

Answered: 85 Skipped: 57



Employment Supports Needed: Responses to the Delaware Opportunities administered Community Needs Assessment survey regarding the type of employment support needed is shown below.

Table 6

Type of Employment Support	Number/Percent	Total Responses
Help finding a job	6/7.32%	82
Help finding a better job	6/7.32%	82
Job training/retraining	4/4.88%	82
Help with resume writing/interviewing skills	2/2.44%	82
Tools/equipment for work	N/A	N/A
Proper work clothing	1/1.22%	85

Adult Education: Per the 2023 US Census American Community Survey, 46.7% of the county’s residents aged 25 and older possess a high school diploma or less. Comparatively, data collected from the agency’s data system, CAPTAIN, shows that 51% of Delaware Opportunities’ low-income customer base (between October 2023 and September 2024) possess a high-school diploma or less. 51.08% of the survey respondents possess a high-school diploma or less. For those with low-incomes these low-educational attainment levels further limit opportunities for earned income leading to upward economic stability and are also linked to less knowledge about how to practice and access preventive health care.

Housing

Housing Status/Affordability:

Figure 8. Housing Status

What is your housing status?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 60

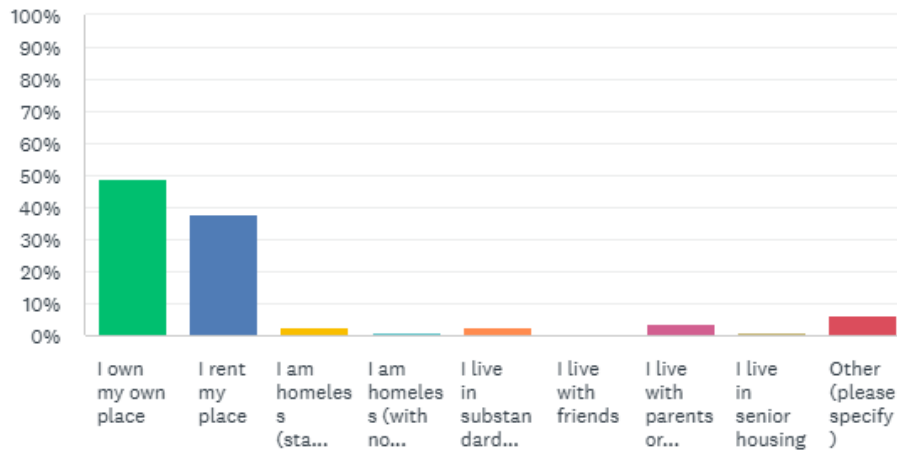


Figure 9. Rental Packages

If you rent your place, check the utilities that are INCLUDED in your rent:

Answered: 76 Skipped: 66

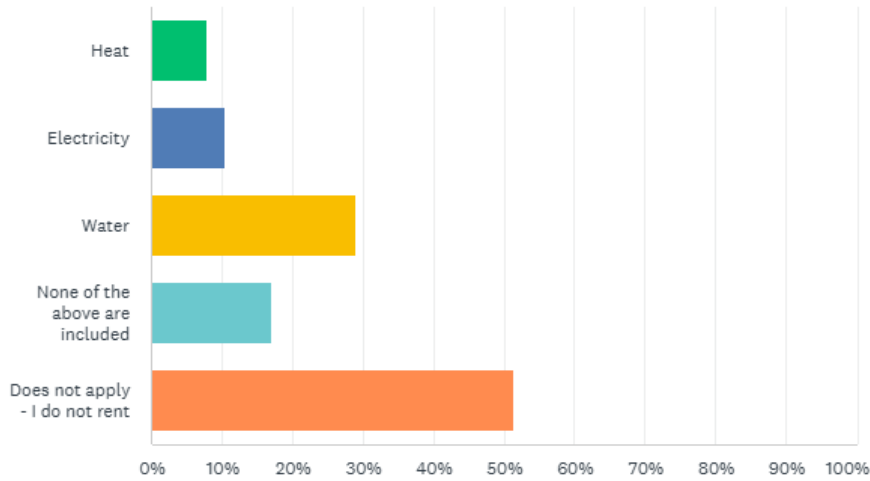


Figure 10. Obstacles for Owning a Home

If you do NOT own a home, what prevents you from buying one? Check all that apply:

Answered: 75 Skipped: 67

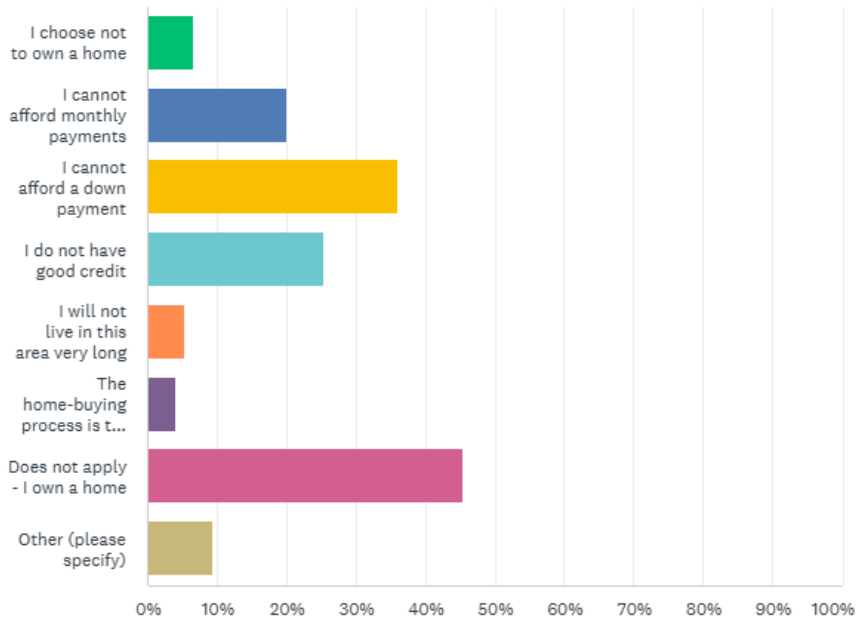
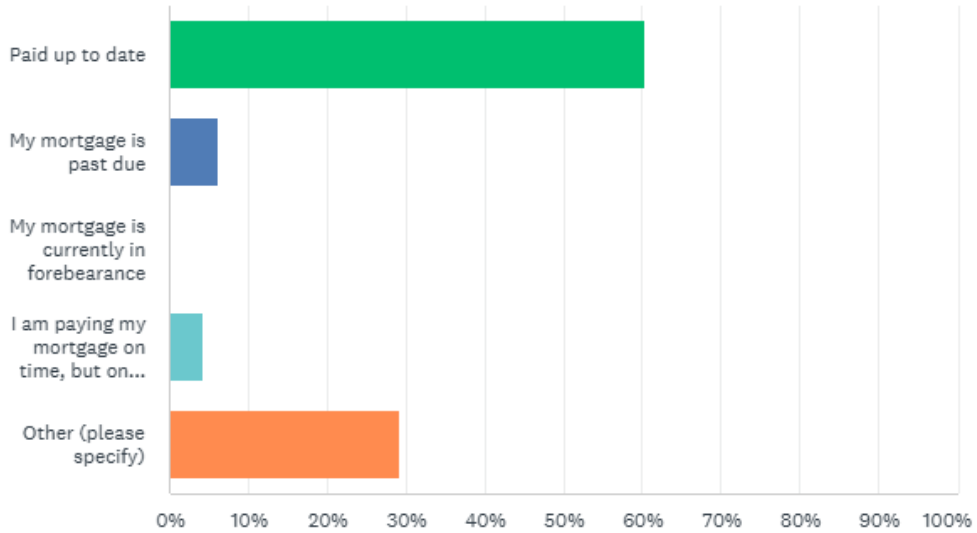


Figure 11. Mortgage Status

If you are a home owner, is your mortgage—

Answered: 48 Skipped: 94

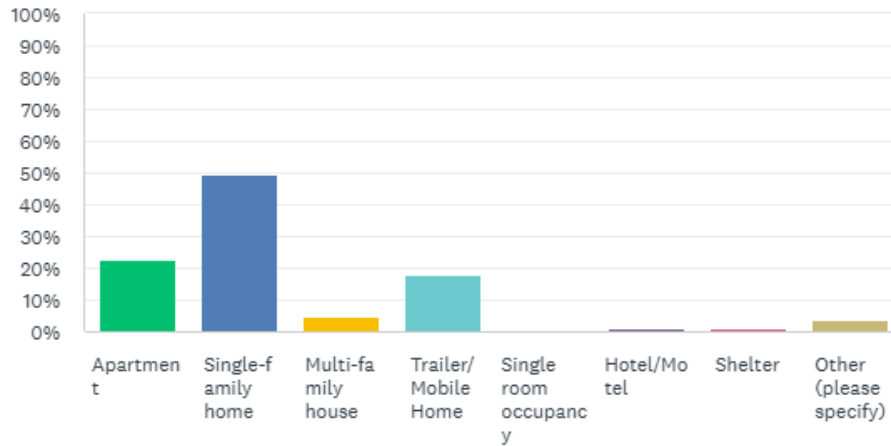


Housing Stock:

Figure 12. Home Descriptions

Which of the following best describes your home?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 59

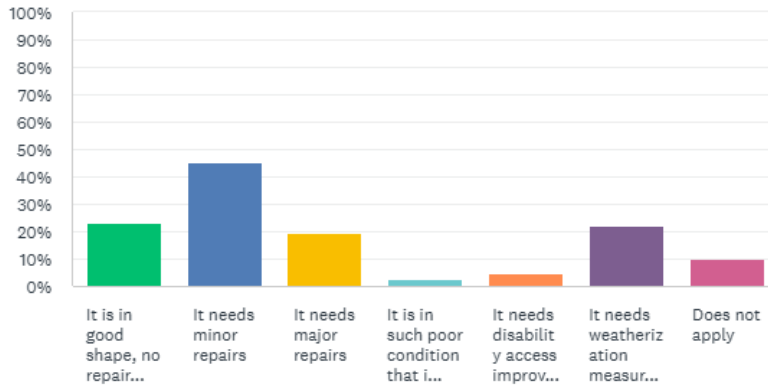


Housing Safety and Sanitation:

Figure 13. Condition of Home

Which of the following best describes the condition of your home? Check all that apply:

Answered: 82 Skipped: 60



Nutrition

Food Insecurity: Food insecurity refers to a USDA measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. An estimated 6,210 people or 13.9% of the Delaware County population experience food insecurity. Among that population an estimated 76% are below the SNAP and other nutrition program eligibility threshold of 200% of poverty. Child food insecurity for those ages 0-18 is nearly double at 19% or 1,380 children with an estimated 91% meeting income eligibility for federal nutrition assistance. (Source: “Map the Meal Gap”, Feeding America).

Figure 14. Overall Food Insecurity Data by County

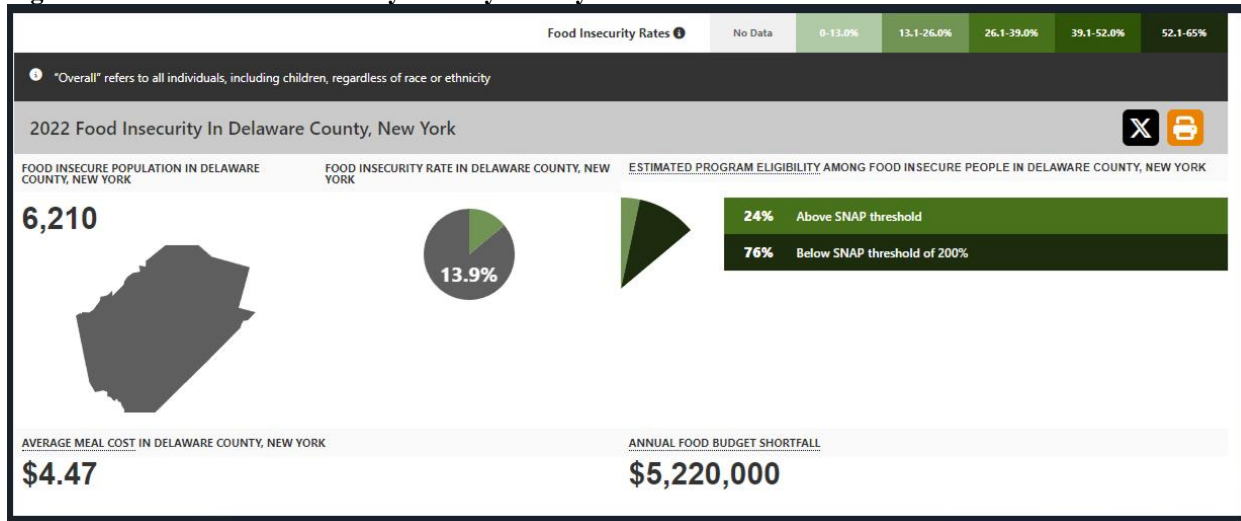
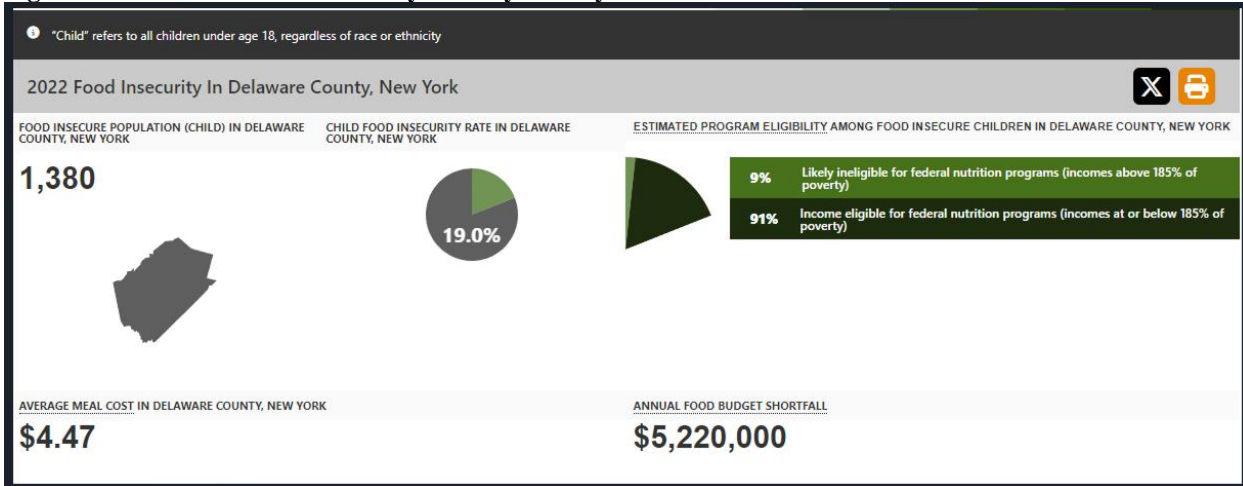


Figure 15. Children Food Insecurity Data by County

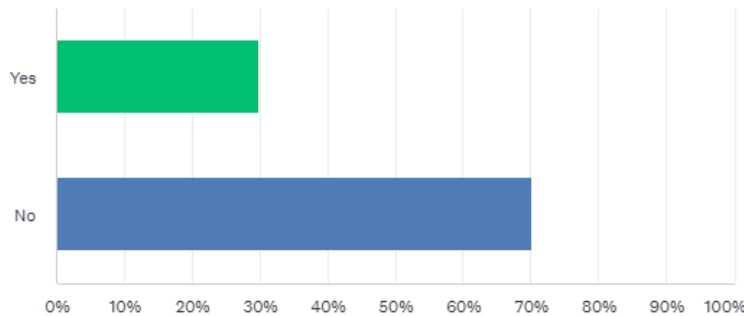


Of 84 survey respondents, 29.76% indicated that they had (or someone in their household) skipped a meal because there was not enough food in their house.

Figure 16. Household Food Insecurity

In the past 12 months, have you or has anyone in your household skipped or cut the size of a meal because there was not enough food?

Answered: 84 Skipped: 58

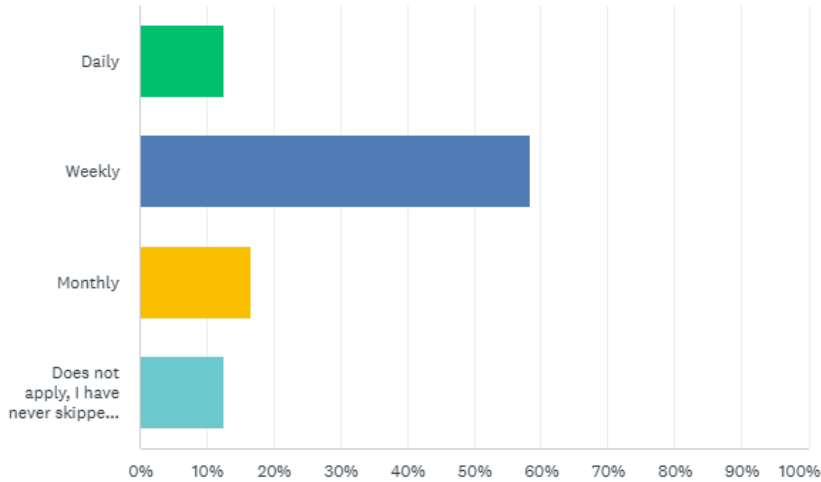


If answering yes, to the question above, respondents were asked to identify how often this was happening. The answers are reflected in the chart below.

Figure 17. Food Quantity

If yes, how often have you or has anyone in your household skipped or cut the size of a meal because there was not enough food?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 118

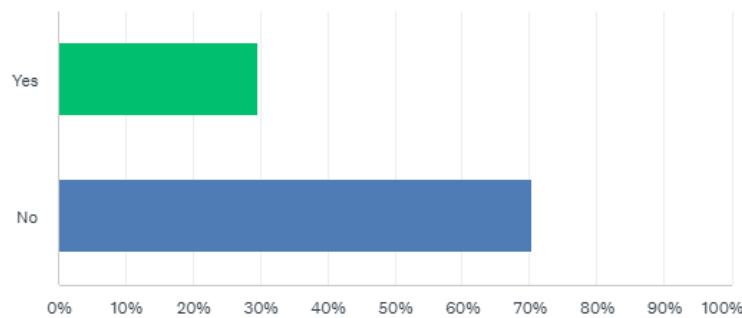


Additionally, respondents were asked if they had to choose between buying food and pay other important or urgent bills. 29.73% answered yes.

Figure 18. Food versus Other Needs

In the past 12 months, have you or anyone in your household had to choose between buying food or paying a bill to meet other basic needs (housing, heat, etc.)?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 68

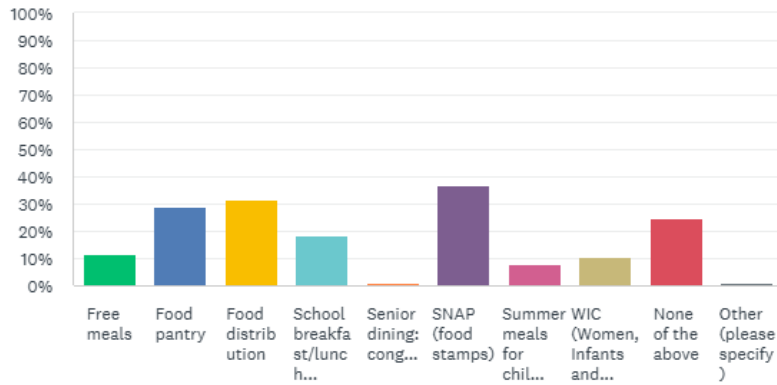


Access:

Figure 19. Food Assistance

In the past 12 months, have you or has anyone in your household used any of the following food assistance services? Check all that apply:

Answered: 76 Skipped: 66



Overall Health and Well-Being

Figure 20. Healthcare Accessibility

In the past 12 months, have you or has any member of your household not been able to get needed medical, dental or mental health care; or prescription medications?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 66

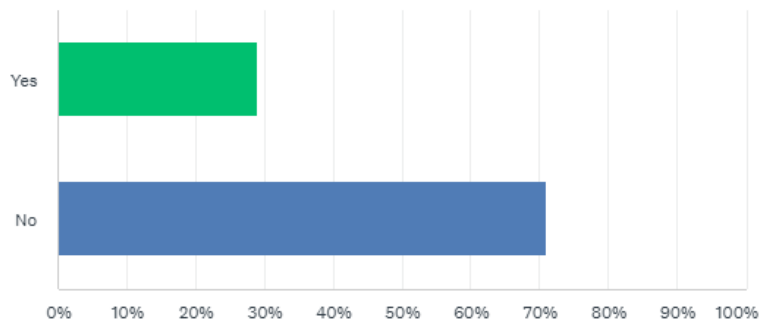
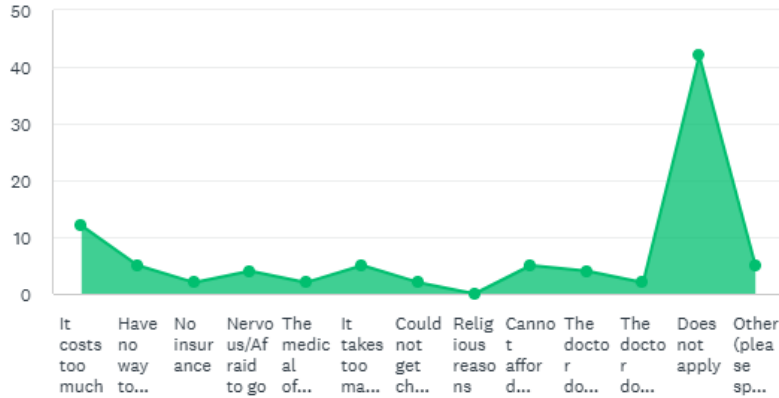


Figure 21. Reason for Not Accessing Healthcare

If you or your family did not get the care you needed, please indicate the main reasons. Check all that apply:

Answered: 67 Skipped: 75



Insurance:

Figure 22. NYS Health Marketplace Usage

During the past year, did you buy insurance through the NYS Health Marketplace (as part of the Affordable Care Act)?

Answered: 75 Skipped: 67

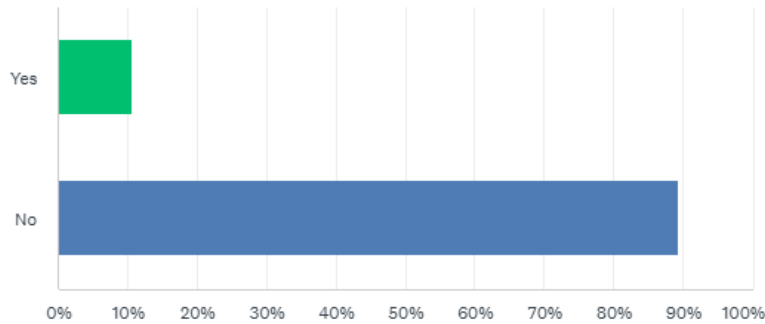


Figure 23. Insurance Access

How many adults 18 years and older in your household have no insurance?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 80

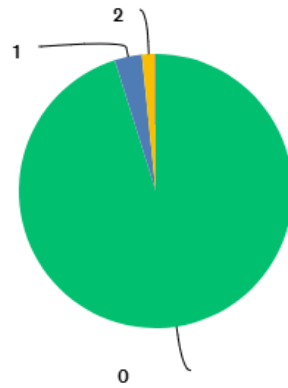
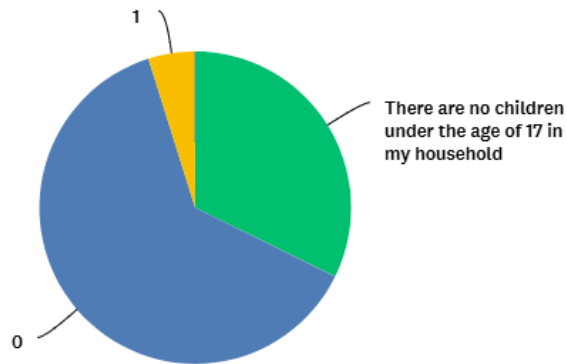


Figure 24. Insurance Access for Children

How many children under the age of 17 in your household have no insurance?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 80



Disabilities:

Figure 25. Children with Disabilities

Are there any children under the ages 5-18 with a disability in your household?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 69

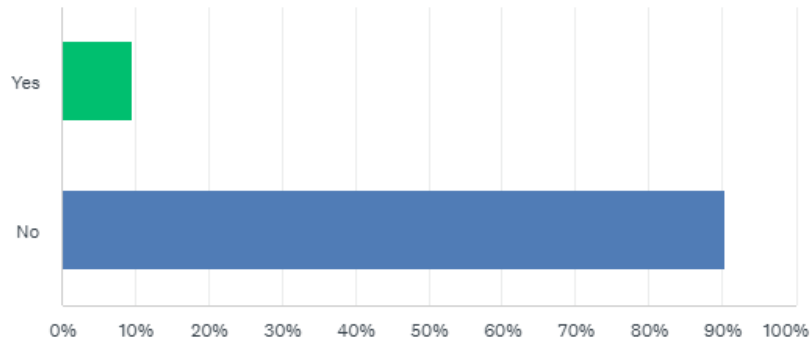


Figure 26. Children with Disabilities (Preschool)

Are there any preschool age children with a disability in your household?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 68

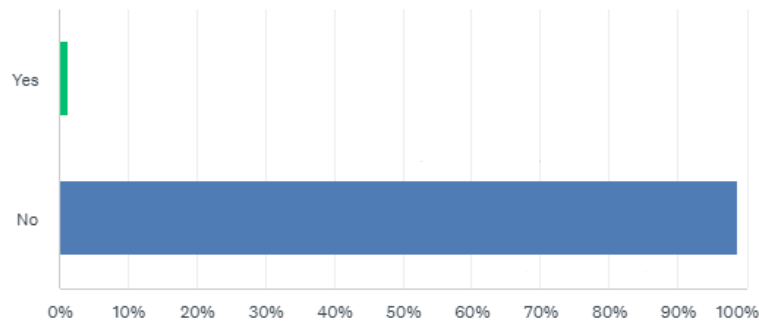
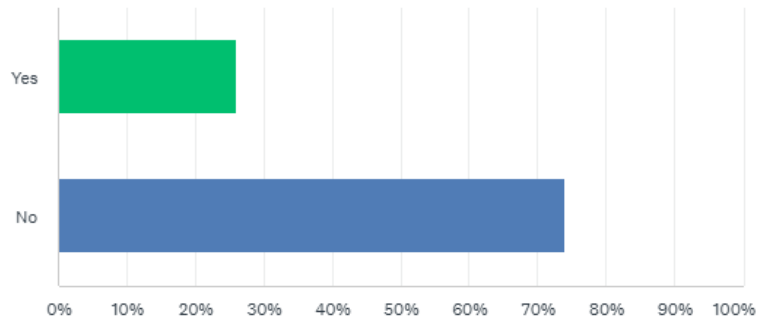


Figure 27. Adults with Disabilities

Are there any adults 18 years or older with a disability in your household?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 73

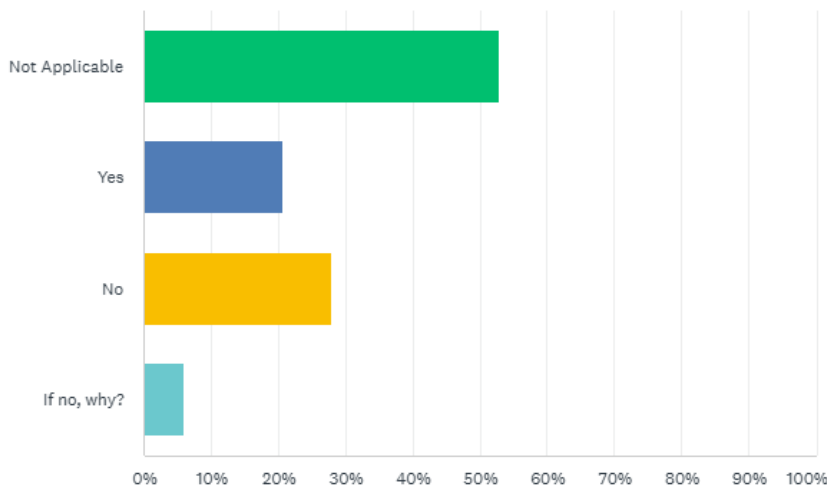


Access to Care:

Figure 28. Access to Disability Services

If you answered yes to any age group with a disability in your household, are those with the disability receiving necessary services?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 74



Leading Causes of Death Among Adults:

Table 7

	Total	Diseases of the Heart	Cancer	COVID-19	Unintentional Injury	Cerebrovascular Disease	CLRD	Pneumonia and Influenza
Delaware County	687	171	126	28	29	26	35	25
New York State	177,958	43,029	32,517	11,167	10,811	6,556	6,042	4,753

Source: Department of Health, health.ny.gov

The leading causes of death in Delaware County is heart disease and cancer. Chronic disease prevention and care strategies remain necessary activities needed by the Delaware County population.

Figure 29: Leading Causes of All Deaths for Total Population
Leading Causes of All Deaths for Total Population
Selected Counties: Delaware

Updated February 2025 *Hover over table for additional information.*

		Number of deaths and age-adjusted death rate							
		Total Deaths	#1 Cause of Death	#2 Cause of Death	#3 Cause of Death	#4 Cause of Death	#5 Cause of Death	#6 Cause of Death	#7 Cause of Death
Delaware	2022	Total Deaths 687 889.8 per 100,000	Heart Disease 171 210.6 per 100,000	Cancer 126 153.9 per 100,000	CLRD 35 39.0 per 100,000	Unintentional Injury 29 56.6 per 100,000	COVID-19 28 37.8 per 100,000	Cerebrovascular Disease 26 31.2 per 100,000	Pneumonia and Influenza 25 29.5 per 100,000

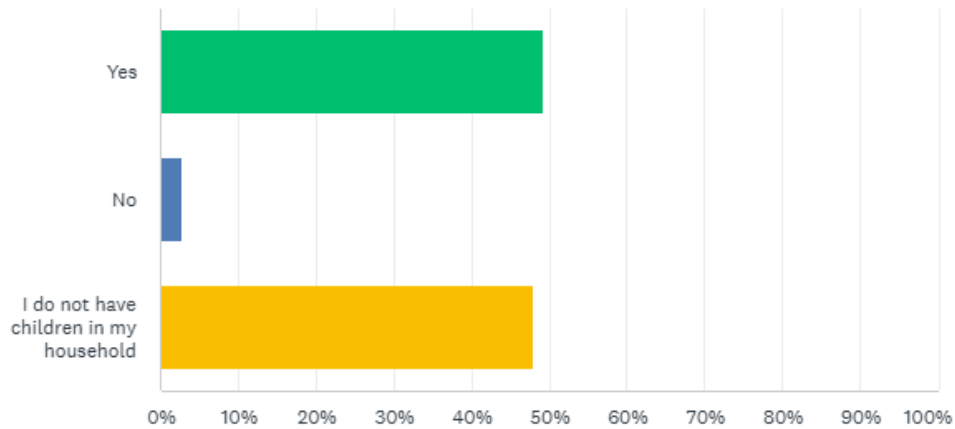
Data Source: **Source: Vital Statistics Data as of August 2024**

Maternal, Infant, and Child Health:

Figure 30. Immunization Status

Are all children in your household up to date on their scheduled immunizations?

Answered: 75 Skipped: 67



Children and Youth

Early Care and Learning and the Impact of Poverty:

According to the U.S Census Bureau rural Delaware County is 1,442 square miles with a population of approximately 44,410 people, according to 2024 estimates. According to the U.S. Census Bureau’s ACS five year estimates, in 2023 the median household income for Delaware County was \$43,075 (for those 25 years and over with earnings). The per capita income was \$35,996.

Race and Hispanic Origin: White 95.1%, Black 2.1%, Hispanic 4.0%, American Indian and Alaska Native 0.41%, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander 0.1%, Two or more Races 1.3%.

There are an estimated 7,791 children under the age of 18 living in Delaware County. Of these children, approximately 2,181 are under the age of 6 and 2,602 are between the ages of 6 and 11. 2239 children are estimated to be living below the poverty level.

Determined by the NYS Market Rate for child care the average cost of child care in Delaware County is \$10,764.00 per year. 224 Delaware County children received a subsidy for child care in 2019. These families must be at or below 125% of poverty guidelines.

Delaware County has 19 townships which have 16 family day care homes, 6 group family day care homes, 5 day care centers, 9 Head Start Centers, 4 school age programs and 19 enrolled legally exempt caregivers. The registered and licensed programs have a total of 1,045 slots; 63 infant, 64 toddler, 168 pre-school and 357 school age spots are currently filled.

Source: Excerpted from the 2021-2026 CCRR Strategic Plan

Child Care Demand and Referral Data:

2019 Demand for Child Care: The Child Care Resource and Referral Staff provided referrals and assistance with their child care plan to 134 families for 213 children in 2019.

Data taken from the Delaware Opportunities CCR&R 2019 Child Care Supply and Demand report shows the high need gaps in child care as follows:

- Data shows most of the child care referral requests were for the Delhi, Sidney, Walton, Roxbury and Stamford areas. There were more referrals than slots available, causing families to search outside of their living or working areas.
- Referrals for the townships of Franklin, Hancock, South Kortright were requested and have limited child care slots. Some referral requests were for towns without any or few registered or licensed child care providers such as Andes, Deposit, Margaretville and Roscoe.
- 50% or more referrals were for infants and preschoolers. There is also a need for child care providers who are willing to care for children before and after school, evenings and weekends.

Over the past five years registered and licensed facilities have decreased in Delaware County from 57 to 40. There has also been a decrease in the legally exempt enrolled providers in the county from 99 to 13. This may be due to eligibility guidelines for subsidized child care funding, regulations, or other factors effecting families and caregivers.

Source: Excerpted from the 2021-2026 CCRR Strategic Plan

Schedule Type Requests:

Figure 31. Child Care Need (Time)

What time of day do you need child care? Check all that apply:

Answered: 73 Skipped: 69

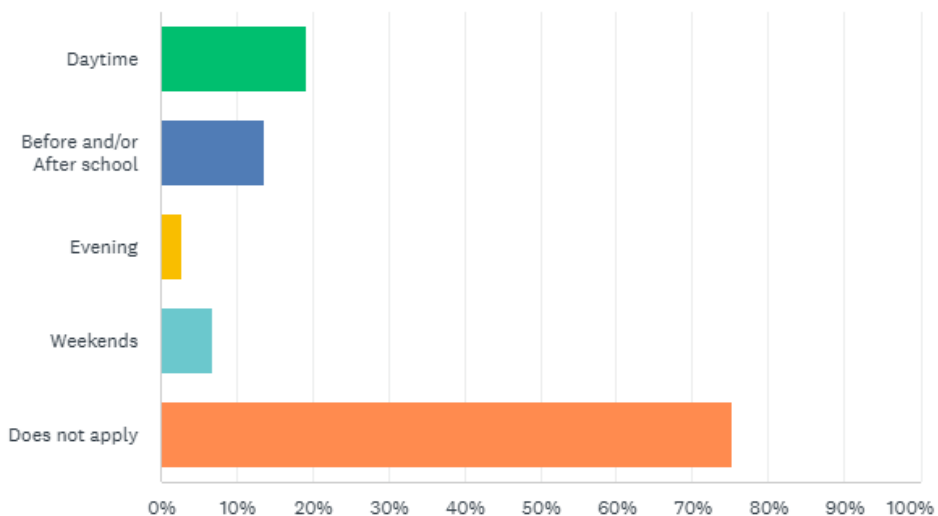


Figure 32. Use of Registered Child Care Providers

Have you ever used a day care center or a registered child care provider?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 107

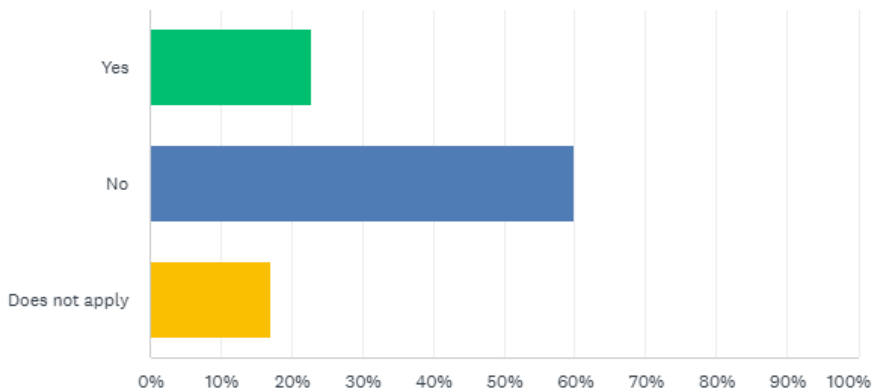


Figure 33. Reason for Not Using Child Care Center/Provider

If not, why have you not used a day care center or a registered child care provider? Check all that apply:

Answered: 34 Skipped: 108

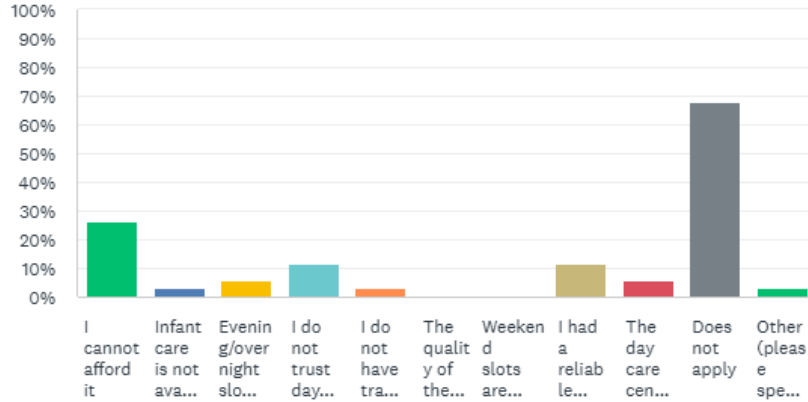
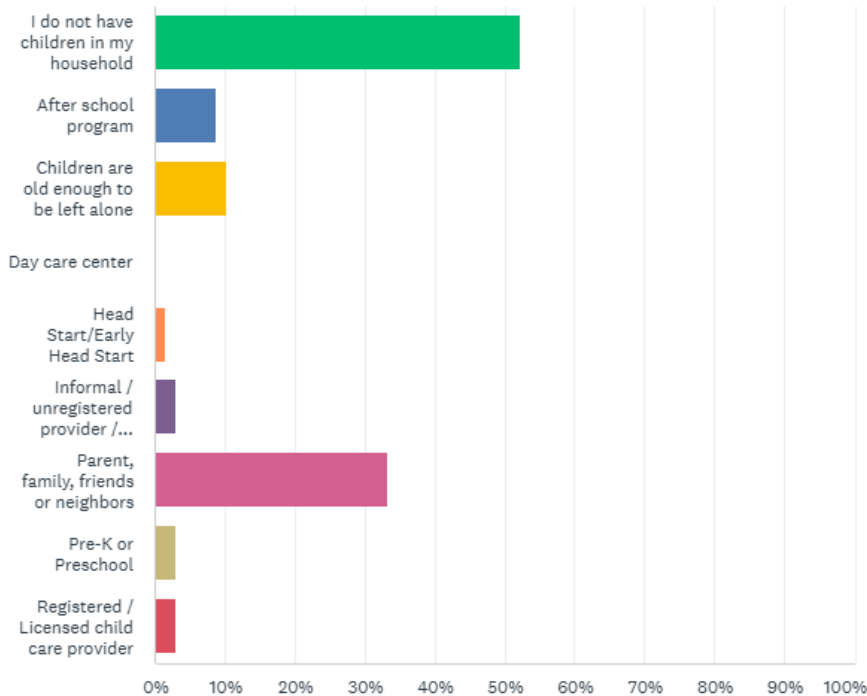


Figure 34. Meeting Child Care Needs

What do you currently use to meet your child care needs? Check all that apply:

Answered: 69 Skipped: 73

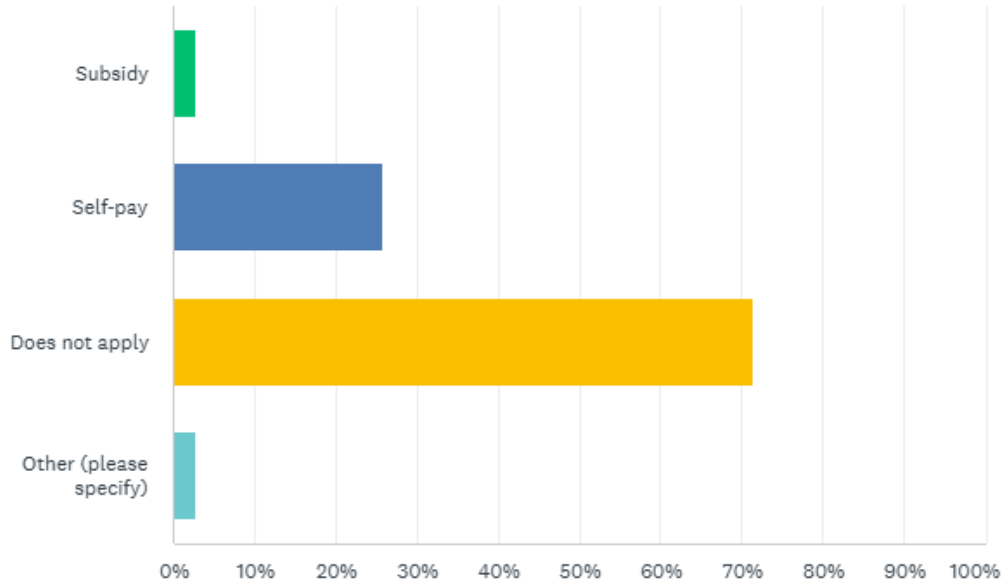


Child Care Affordability:

Figure 35. Cost of Child Care

How do you meet the cost of your child care?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 107



Youth

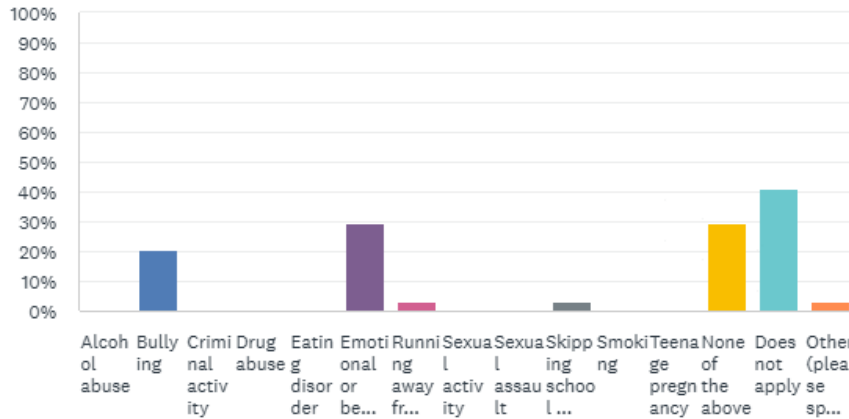
Youth Poverty: For children in Delaware County, 13.3% of children ages 5-17 are living below the poverty level, while 31.5% of children under the age of five are, while the NYS percentages are 18% and 18.6 % respectively. NYS Department of Education data for 2023 reports that 13 of the Delaware County school districts qualify for community level eligibility for free and reduced lunches.

Risk/Protective Factors:

Figure 36. Risk Factors for Youth

Have any of the following been an issue for concern for the youth (under 18) in your household in the past 12 months? Check all that apply:

Answered: 34 Skipped: 108



COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT-COMMUNITY COMMONS AND OTHER DATA

The NYS Community Action Association supported Community Commons data center is the primary source of Delaware Opportunities’ Community Needs Assessment data specific to poverty and its prevalence related to gender, age, and race/ethnicity for its geographic service areas. Data categories include the following.

Population Profile * Employment * Education * Housing * Income * Nutrition * Health Care

POPULATION PROFILE

Data Indicators		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population Change Age and Gender Demographics Race Demographics Households Families Poverty Poverty Rate Poverty Rate (200%) Poverty Rate (125%) Poverty Rate 200% by School District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families in Poverty by Family Type Family Poverty Rate by Family Type Poverty Rate Change Child Poverty Rate Ages 0-17 Poverty Rate Change 0-17 Child Poverty Rate Ages 0-4 Child Poverty Rate Ages 0-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poverty Rate Change Age 5-17 Poverty Rate 18-64 Poverty Rate Ages 65 and Up Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics Violent Crime Property Crime Average Daily Population Counts in County Jails Citizenship Status

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty Rate 185% by School District • Households in Poverty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Poverty Rate Ages 5-17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerable Communities
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EMPLOYMENT

Data Indicators		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Unemployment • Unemployment Change • Thirteen Month Unemployment Rates • Five Year Unemployment Rate • Unemployment Insurance Claims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Graduates • Wages • Living Wage • Commuter Travel Patterns • Travel Time to Work • Top Employers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factory/Plant/Business Closures in Last Two Years • Number of Economic Development Agencies • Child Care Waiting List

EDUCATION

Data Indicators		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Enrollment • High School Dropouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Graduates • Educational Attainment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans-Educational Attainment • Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools

HOUSING

Data Indicators		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Units • Housing Age • Fair Market Rent • Housing Affordability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancy Rates • Homeowners • Overcrowded Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Safe, Unsanitary Homes • Point in Time Homeless • Section 8 Waiting Lists

INCOME

Data Indicators		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Levels • Household Income • Household Income Trend • Thirteen Month Unemployment Rates • Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) • Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Trends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free and Reduced Lunch Program • Free and Reduced Lunch Program by School • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Trend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplemental Security Income • Supplemental Security Income Trend • Family Assistance • Safety Net Assistance • Child Support Collections

HEALTH CARE

Data Indicators		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare and Medicaid Providers • Federally Qualified Health Centers • Persons Receiving Medicare • Persons Receiving Medicaid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Health Plus • Uninsured Population • Prenatal Care • Teen Births • HIV/AIDS • Deaths • Physicians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dentists • Nurses • Mental Health Professionals • Therapists • Special Health Professionals

NUTRITION

Data Indicators		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free and Reduced Lunch Program • Free and Reduced Lunch Program by School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Trend • Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)

ALICE

Data Indicators		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALICE Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALICE Data by Race and Ethnicity 	ALICE Monthly Survival Budget

OTHER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

Data Indicators		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCC Broadband Fabric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Households with No Computers 	Households with No or Slow Internet

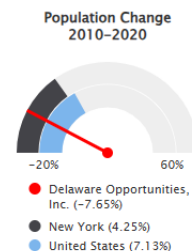
Population Change

Population change within the report area from 2010-2020 is shown below. During this ten-year period, total population estimates for the report area declined by -7.65%, decreasing 47,980 persons in 2010 to 44,308 in 2020.

Figure 37. Population Change

Report Area	Total Population, 2010 Census	Total Population, 2020 Census	Population Change, 2010-2020	Population Change, 2010-2020, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	47,980	44,308	-3,672	-7.65%
New York	19,378,088	20,201,249	823,161	4.25%
United States	312,471,161	334,735,155	22,263,994	7.13%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2020. → Show more details



Age and Gender Demographics

Population by gender within the report area is shown below. According to ACS 2023 population estimates for the report area, the female population comprised 51.3% of the report area, while the male population represented 48.7%.

Figure 38. Age and Gender Demographics

Report Area	0 to 4 Male	0 to 4 Female	5 to 17 Male	5 to 17 Female	18 to 64 Male	18 to 64 Female	Over 64 Male	Over 64 Female
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	841	966	2,849	2,572	13,391	12,490	5,040	5,872
New York	563,327	539,634	1,540,370	1,465,946	6,079,459	6,222,397	1,364,607	1,941,925
United States	9,688,436	9,251,463	28,005,434	26,699,905	101,632,138	101,140,117	22,891,164	30,750,968

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)

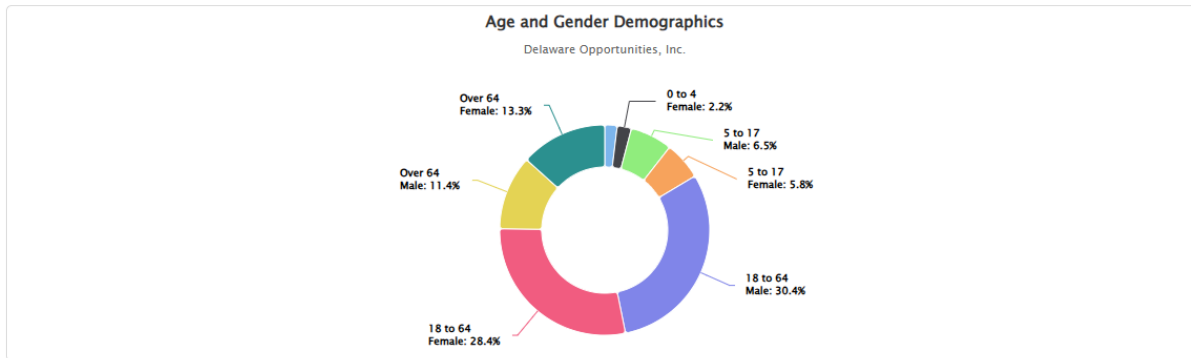
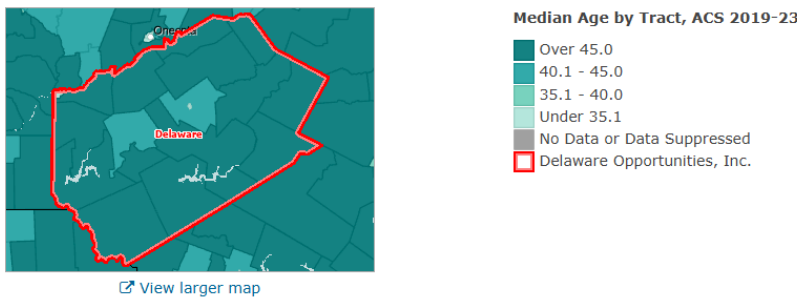


Figure 39. Adult Ages (18-65)

Adult Ages (18 - 65)

Report Area	18 to 24 Male	18 to 24 Female	25 to 34 Male	25 to 34 Female	35 to 44 Male	35 to 44 Female	45 to 54 Male	45 to 54 Female	55 to 64 Male	55 to 64 Female
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	2,257	1,903	2,290	2,008	2,419	2,247	2,673	2,750	3,752	3,582
New York	883,348	883,556	1,412,876	1,422,587	1,271,736	1,282,493	1,215,582	1,258,979	1,295,917	1,374,782
United States	15,469,750	14,837,891	23,035,736	22,461,896	21,889,354	21,603,533	20,376,268	20,471,445	20,861,030	21,765,352

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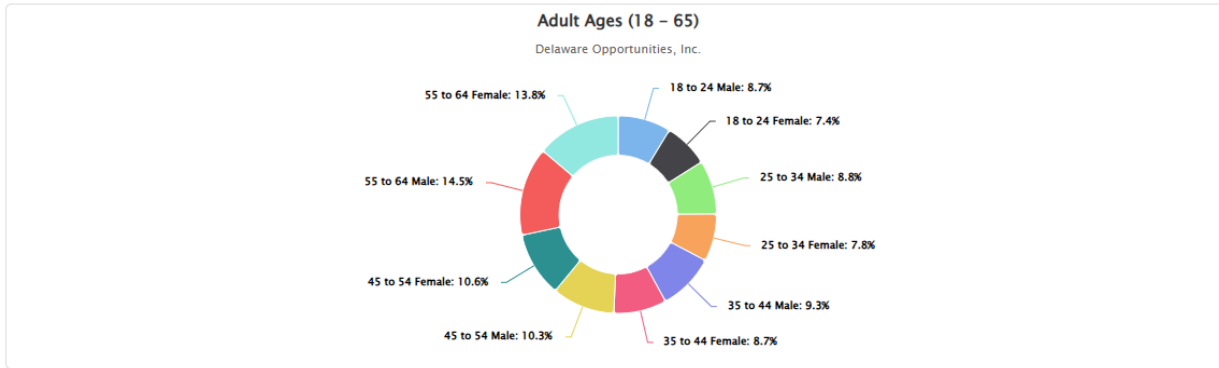
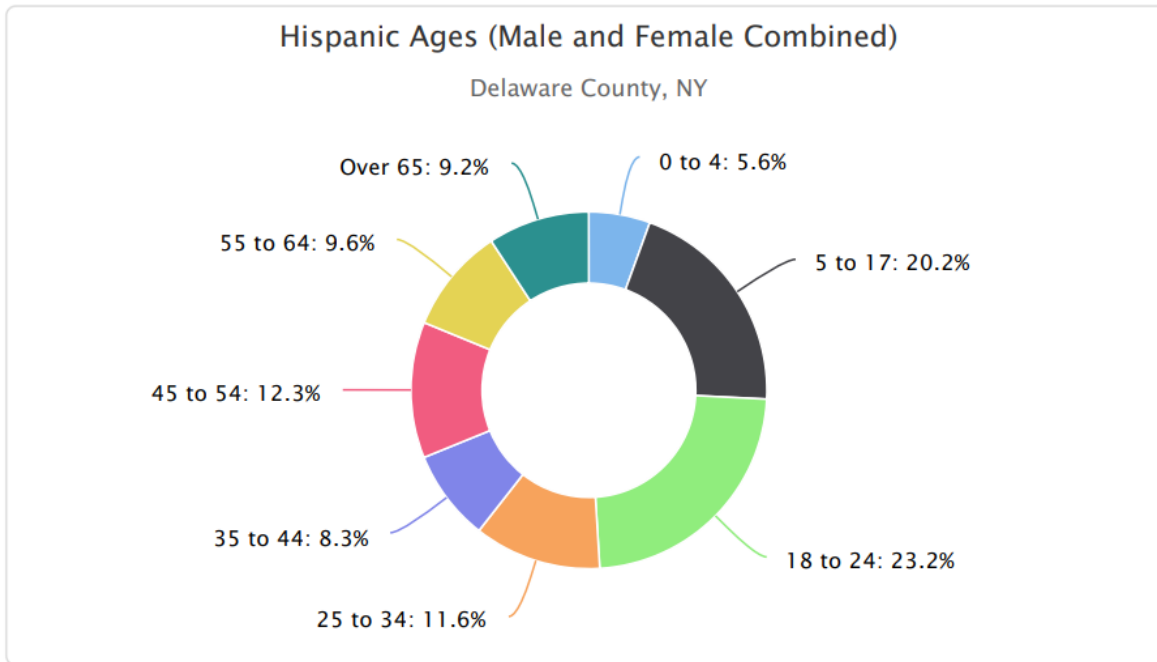


Figure 40. Hispanic Ages

Hispanic Ages (Male and Female Combined)

Report Area	0 to 4	5 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	Over 65
Delaware County, NY	97	353	405	202	144	215	167	161
New York	300,814	709,375	398,969	612,172	532,079	467,327	350,426	349,821
United States	5,106,555	13,350,096	6,758,665	9,232,392	8,409,995	6,798,614	4,657,233	4,165,820



Population Age 65+

Of the estimated 44,551 total population in the report area, an estimated 11,442 persons are adults aged 65 and older, representing 25.68% of the population. This data is based on the latest U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates. The number of older adults in the report area is relevant because this population has unique needs which should be considered separately from other age groups.

Race Demographics

Population by gender within the report area is shown below. According to ACS 2019-2023 5-year population estimates, the white population comprised 90.75% of the report area, black population

represented 1.57%, and other races combined were 2.37%. Persons identifying themselves as mixed race made up 5.31% of the population.

Figure 41. Race Demographics

Report Area	Total Population	White Total	Black Total	American Indian Total	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Total	Some Other Total	Mixed Race Total
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	44,551	40,429	698	274	377	0	406	2,367
New York	19,872,319	11,340,944	2,927,008	102,927	1,769,224	9,671	1,949,904	1,772,641
United States	332,387,540	210,875,446	41,070,890	2,924,996	19,352,659	629,292	21,940,536	35,593,721

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details

Figure 42. Race Demographics

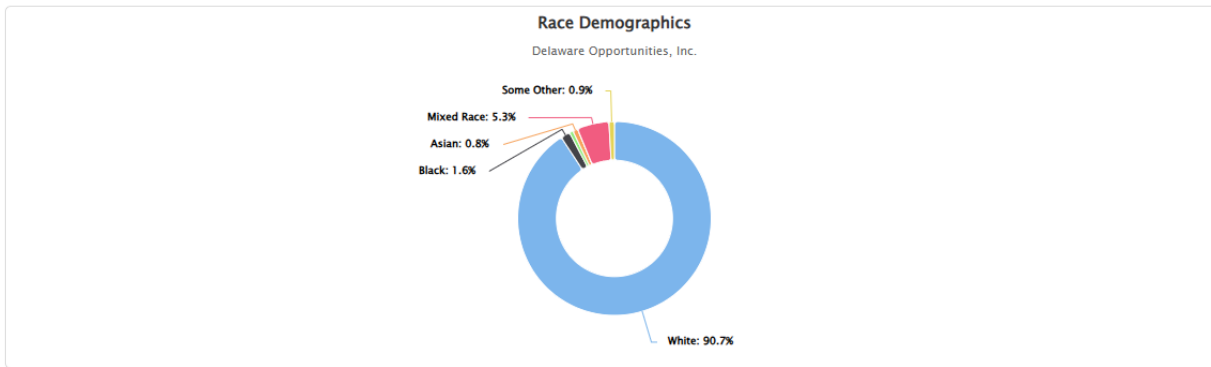


Figure 43. Race Demographics – Male

Race Demographics - Male

Report Area	White Male	Black Male	American Indian Male	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Male	Some Other Male	Mixed Race Male
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	20,477	391	214	173	0	219	1,177
New York	5,588,569	1,367,888	51,684	848,852	4,791	969,711	870,922
United States	104,671,621	19,716,762	1,477,015	9,277,715	317,116	11,234,190	17,850,668

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details

Figure 44. Ethnicity Demographics – Male

Ethnicity Demographics - Male

Report Area	Total Males Hispanic / Latino	Total Males Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Males Hispanic / Latino	Percent Males Not Hispanic / Latino
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,084	21,567	4.79%	95.21%
New York	1,925,458	7,776,959	19.85%	80.15%
United States	31,941,775	132,603,312	19.41%	80.59%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details

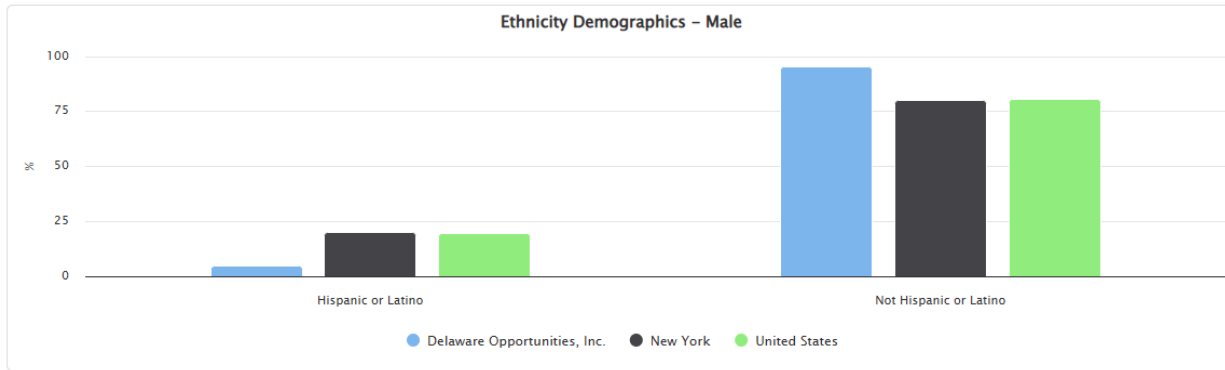


Figure 45. Race Demographics – Female

Race Demographics - Female

Report Area	White Female	Black Female	American Indian Female	Asian Female	Native Hawaiian Female	Some Other Female	Mixed Race Female
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	19,952	307	60	204	0	187	1,190
New York	5,752,375	1,559,120	51,243	920,372	4,880	980,193	901,719
United States	106,203,825	21,354,128	1,447,981	10,074,944	312,176	10,706,346	17,743,053

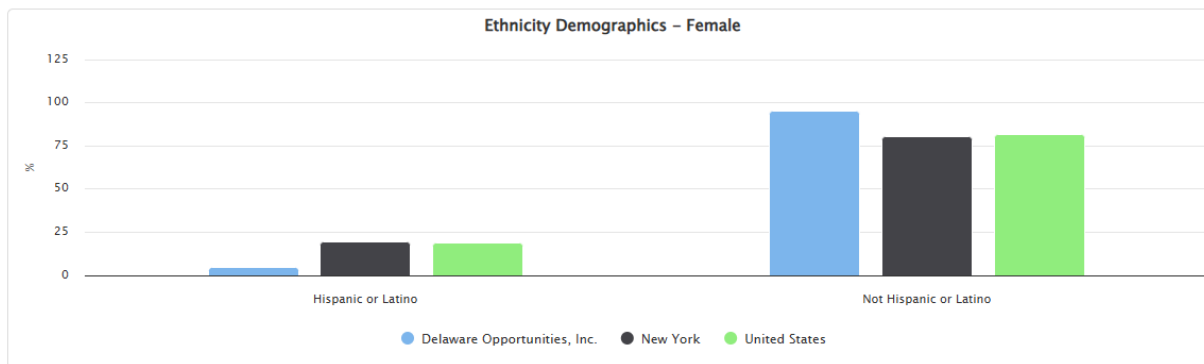
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Figure 46. Ethnicity Demographics – Female

Ethnicity Demographics - Female

Report Area	Total Females Hispanic / Latino	Total Females Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Females Hispanic / Latino	Percent Females Not Hispanic / Latino
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,016	20,884	4.64%	95.36%
New York	1,973,194	8,196,708	19.40%	80.60%
United States	31,189,814	136,652,639	18.58%	81.42%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



Households and Families

This indicator compares two separate American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates to create a 5-year change in total households. The change in number of households within the report area are from 2013-2017 ACS, and 2019-2023 ACS.

Total households for the report area decreased by -21, or -0.11% in those areas reporting 2023 ACS 5-year data. This compares to a statewide increase of 4.44%.

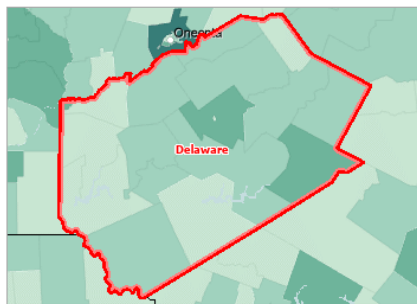
**Family households and married-couple families do not include same-sex married couples even if the marriage was performed in a state issuing marriage certificates for same-sex couples. Same sex couple households are included in the family household’s category if there is at least one additional person related to the householder by birth or adoption.*

Figure 47. Households and Families

Report Area	Total Households (2019)	Total Households (2023)	Change in Households	Percent Change
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	18,968	18,947	-21	-0.11%
New York	7,343,234	7,668,956	325,722	4.44%
United States	120,756,048	127,482,865	6,726,817	5.57%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

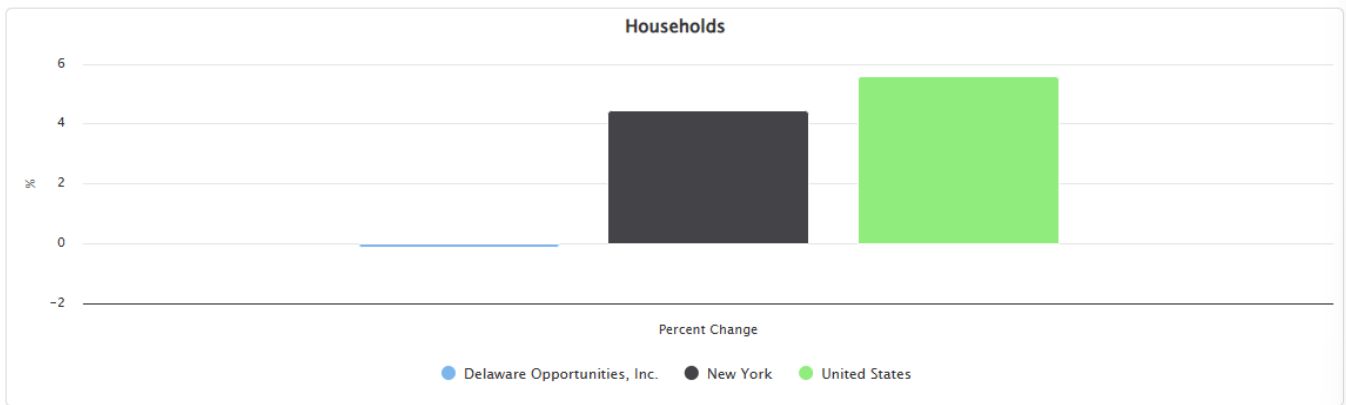
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Total Households by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 2,000
- 1,501 - 2,000
- 1,001 - 1,500
- Under 1,001
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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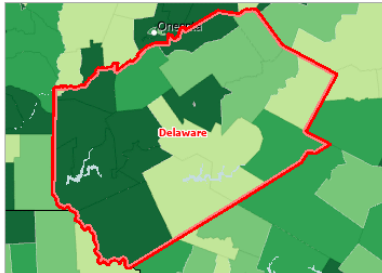
Families

The American Community Survey (ACS) estimated there were 11,399 families in the report area in 2023. Married couple families comprised 73.69% of the total number. Families headed by men without wives comprised 10.26% of the total, while women without husbands headed 16.05% of families.

Figure 48. Families

Report Area	Total Number of Families	Married Couple	Female, Spouse Absent	Male, Spouse Absent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	11,399	8,400	1,829	1,170
New York	4,739,175	3,290,138	1,056,755	392,282
United States	82,220,165	60,193,570	15,592,781	6,433,814

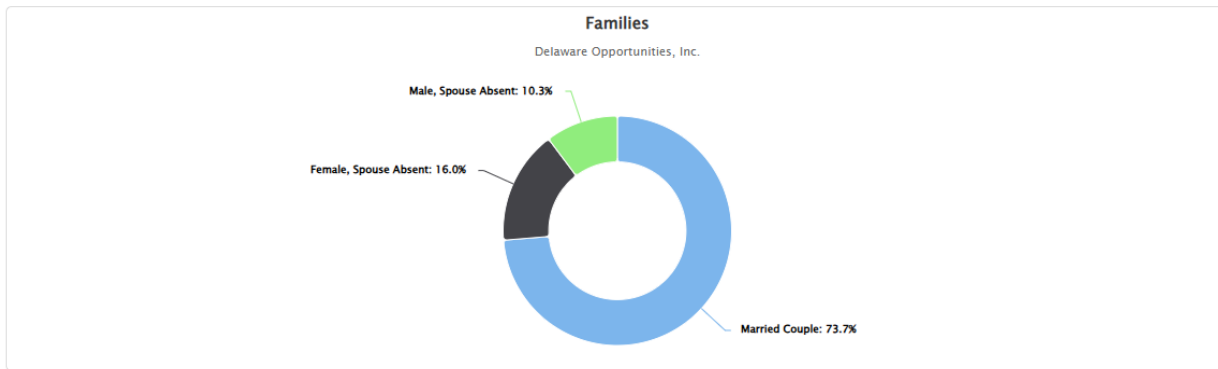
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Single Parent Households with Children (Age 0-17), Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 38.0%
- 32.1 - 38.0%
- 26.1 - 32.0%
- Under 26.1%
- No Households with Children Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.



Poverty

The following poverty report is prepared annually by the New York State Community Action Association for all Community Action Agencies across New York State.

Figure 49. NYSCAA’s Poverty Report



Delaware County

Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

35430 State Highway 10
Hamden, NY 13782
607-746-1600 | www.delawareopportunities.org



14.8%
Delaware County Poverty Rate

County Population:

44,637

Population for whom poverty status is determined:

Overall
42,534

Population Under 18
6,976

Population 25 & Over
32,845

Population 65 & Over
11,066

Living In Poverty

Individuals
14.8% (6,295)

Children (Under 18)
21.0% (1,464)

Adults 25 & Over
12.4% (4,089)

Adults 65 & Over
9.2% (1,020)

Education & Poverty

Education Attainment for Adults 25+ (32,845)



Total Population

No Degree	9.3%
High School	38.1%
Associate	27.5%
Bachelors +	25.1%

Living in Poverty

No Degree	22.3%
High School	14.8%
Associate	12.2%
Bachelors +	5.4%

Employment & Poverty

Living Wage for 1 Adult, 1 Child	\$36.21
Hourly Wage for FMR, 2BR Apt	\$15.88
Median Income	\$41,525
Median Income w/ HS Diploma	\$36,394
Male Median Earnings	\$43,278
Female Median Earnings	\$27,526



Median Household Income by Race & Ethnicity

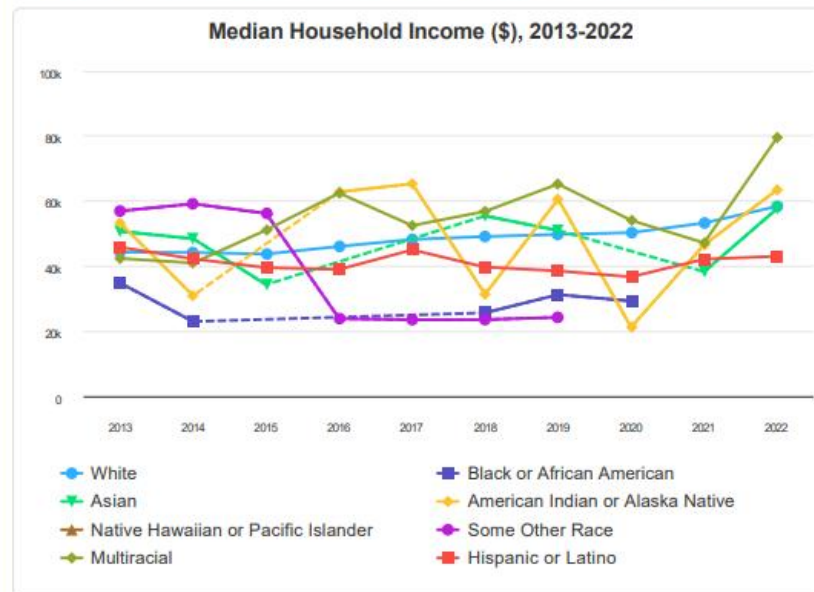


Figure 50. NYSCAA’s Poverty Report

ALICE: households that are Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.

33.3%
Households Live Below ALICE Threshold

Total Households:
18,780

ALICE Households by Race & Ethnicity

White
6,448

Black or African American
55

Asian
27

American Indian or Alaska Native
No data

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
No data

Some Other Race
No data

Multiracial
142

Hispanic or Latino
279

Health Insurance & Poverty



No Health Insurance

Employed **6.3%**
Unemployed **19.4%**

Gender & Poverty

Male **14.5% (3,137)**
Female **15.1% (3,158)**

Of those families with Female Heads of Household and Children Present

41.4%
Live in Poverty

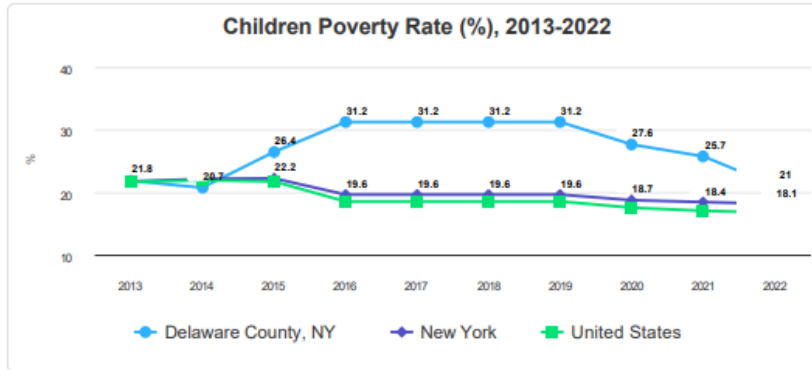
Race, Ethnicity & Poverty

White **13.8% (5,442)**
Black or African American **47.3% (219)**
Asian **14.5% (45)**
American Indian or Alaska Native **0.0% (0)**
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander **0.0% (0)**
Some Other Race **29.7% (82)**
Multiracial **28.3% (507)**
Hispanic or Latino **22.8% (404)**

ALICE Household Monthly Survival Budget

1 Adult	\$2,442	1 Adult and 1 School-age	\$3,700
1 Senior Adult	\$2,810	2 Adults	\$3,526
1 Adult and 1 Pre-K	\$4,377	2 Adults and 2 School-age	\$5,803

Children in Poverty

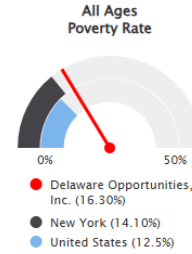


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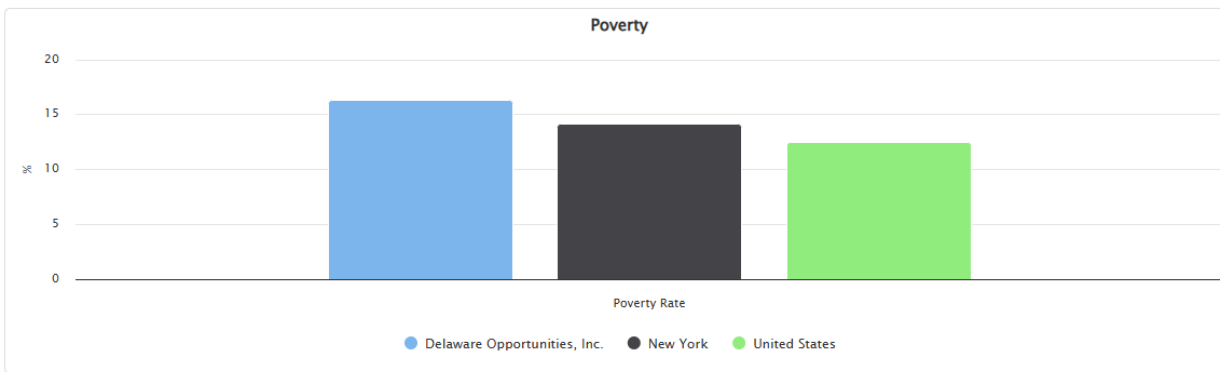
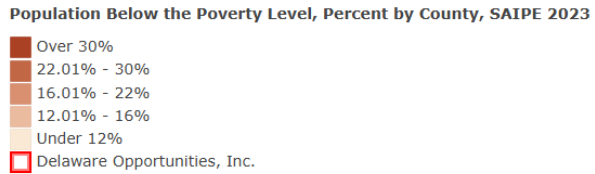
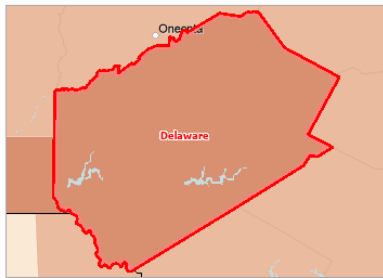
2024 poverty estimates show a total of 6,295 persons living below the poverty level in the report area. Poverty information is at 100% of the federal poverty income guidelines.

Figure 51. Poverty

Report Area	All Ages No. of Persons	All Ages Poverty Rate	Age 0-17 No. of Persons	Age 0-17 Poverty Rate	Age 5-17 No. of Persons	Age 5-17 Poverty Rate
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	6,851	16.30%	1,465	21.5%	951	19.10%
New York	2,697,685	14.10%	718,306	18.60%	509,260	17.90%
United States	40,763,043	12.5%	11,445,264	16%	8,139,044	15.30%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates. 2023. → Show more details

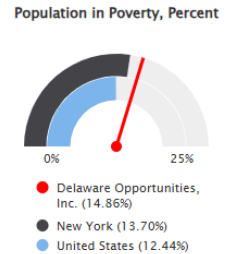


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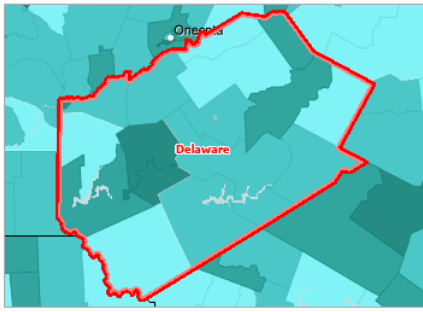
The following report section shows population estimates for all persons in poverty for the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5 year estimates, an average of 14.86% of all persons lived in a state of poverty during the 2018 - 2022 period. The poverty rate for all persons living in the report area is less than the national average of 12.44%.

Figure 52. Poverty Rate

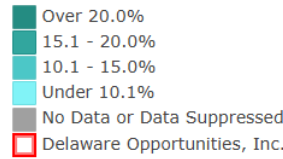
Report Area	Total Population	Population in Poverty	Population in Poverty, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	42,513	6,317	14.86%
New York	19,391,750	2,656,674	13.70%
United States	324,567,147	40,390,045	12.44%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



Population Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23



Population in Poverty by Gender

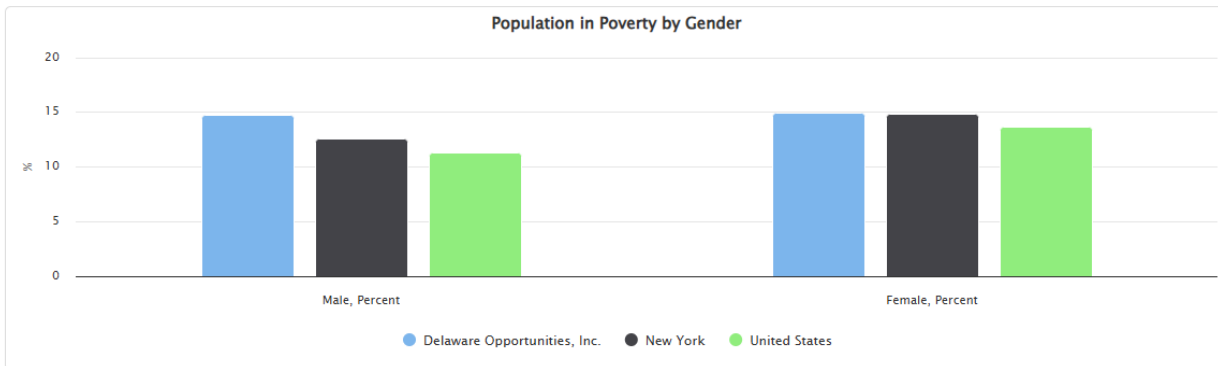
This indicator reports the population in poverty in the report area by gender.

The percentage values could be interpreted as, for example, "Of all the male population within the report area, the proportion living in households with income below the federal poverty level is (value)."

Figure 53. Population in Poverty by Gender

Report Area	Male	Female	Male, Percent	Female, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	3,194	3,123	14.77%	14.95%
New York	1,186,374	1,470,300	12.55%	14.80%
United States	18,016,757	22,373,288	11.26%	13.60%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details



Population in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone

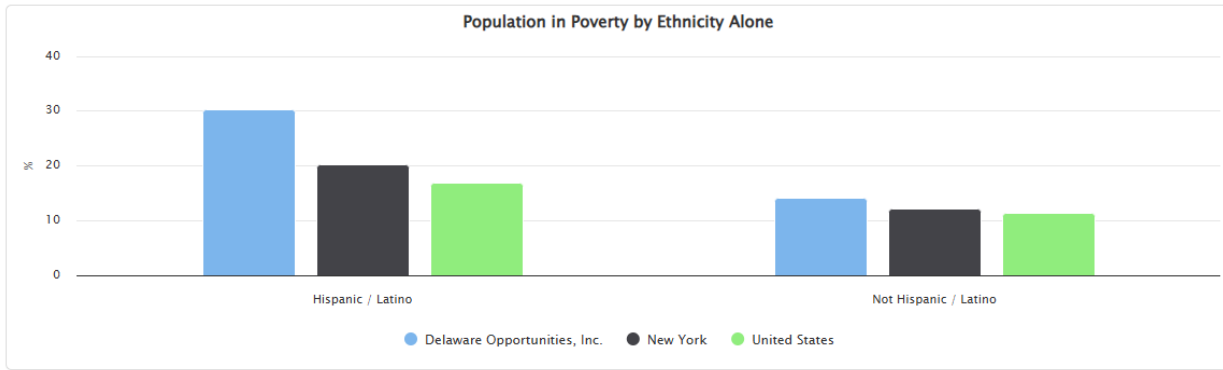
This indicator reports the population in poverty in the report area by ethnicity alone.

The percentage values could be interpreted as, for example, "Of all the Hispanic population within the report area, the proportion living in households with income below the federal poverty level is (value)."

Figure 54. Population in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone

Report Area	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic or Latino, Percent	Not Hispanic or Latino, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	582	5,735	30.23%	14.13%
New York	767,646	1,889,028	20.11%	12.13%
United States	10,467,411	29,922,634	16.89%	11.39%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details



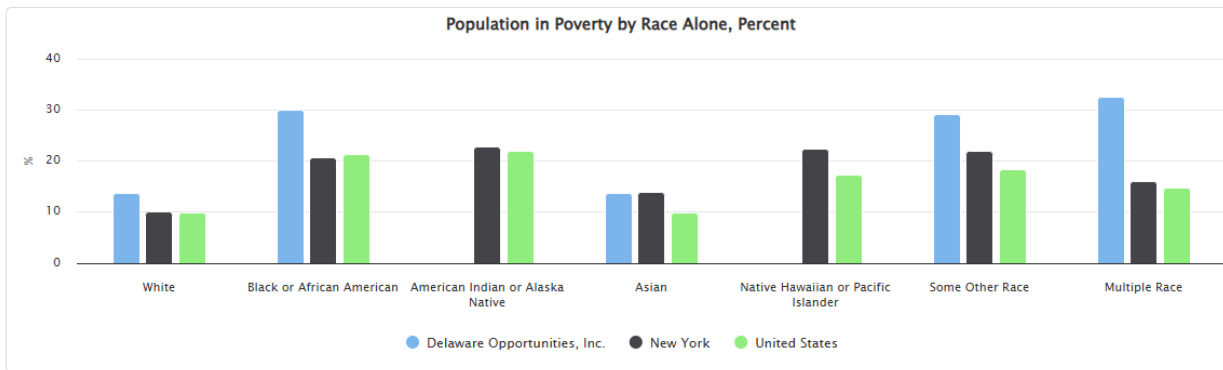
Population in Poverty Race Alone, Percent

This indicator reports the percentage of population in poverty in the report area by race alone. The percentage values could be interpreted as, for example, "Of all the white population within the report area, the proportion living in households with income below the federal poverty level is (value)."

Figure 55. Population in Poverty Race Alone, Percent

Report Area	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	13.56%	29.90%	0.00%	13.72%	No data	29.10%	32.39%
New York	10.03%	20.63%	22.73%	13.93%	22.23%	21.88%	15.98%
United States	9.85%	21.28%	21.81%	9.93%	17.18%	18.24%	14.70%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



Population in Poverty by Race Alone, Total

This indicator reports the total population in poverty in the report area by race alone.

Figure 56. Population in Poverty by Race Alone, Total

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	5,242	171	0	45	0	103	756
New York	1,110,702	583,817	22,787	240,325	1,947	418,885	278,211
United States	20,312,310	8,404,656	617,308	1,884,376	104,976	3,933,913	5,132,506

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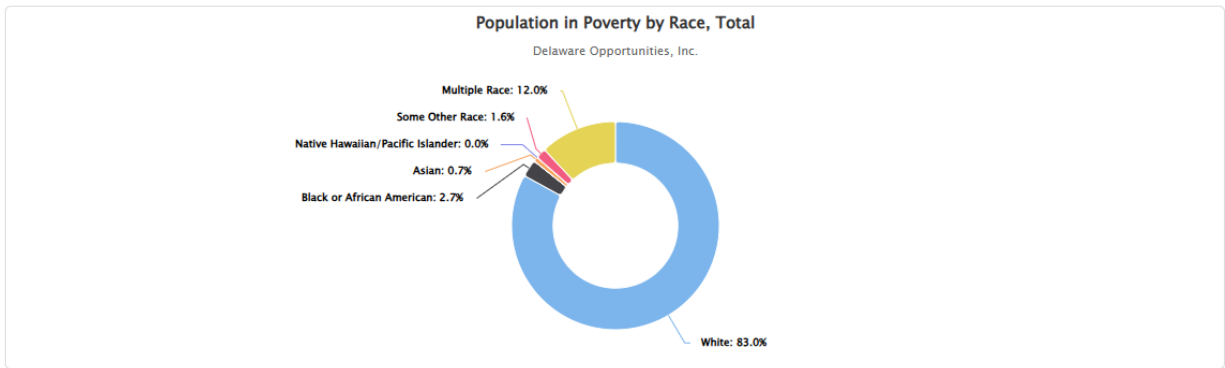


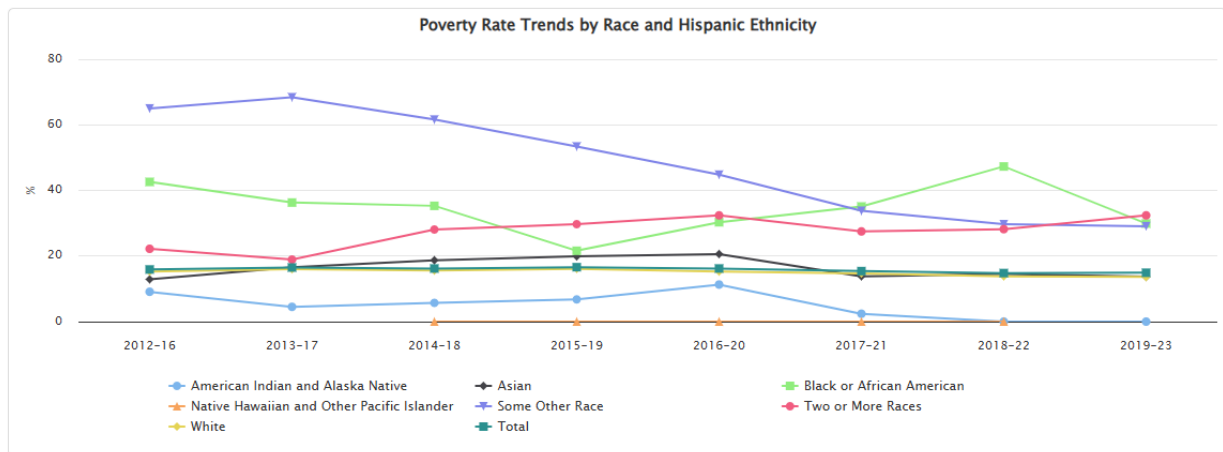
Figure 57. Poverty Rate Trends by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity

Poverty Rate Trends by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity

This table and chart below display trends in poverty rates by race and Hispanic origin for Delaware Opportunities, Inc.. Data are 5-year period estimates from the American Community Survey.

Population Group	2012-16	2013-17	2014-18	2015-19	2016-20	2017-21	2018-22	2019-23
American Indian and Alaska Native	9.1%	4.5%	5.7%	6.8%	11.3%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	12.9%	16.6%	18.7%	19.9%	20.6%	13.8%	14.5%	13.7%
Black or African American	42.6%	36.3%	35.3%	21.6%	30.3%	35.1%	47.3%	29.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	No data	No data	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	No data
Some Other Race	65.0%	68.4%	61.6%	53.4%	44.8%	33.8%	29.7%	29.1%
Two or More Races	22.2%	18.9%	28.1%	29.7%	32.4%	27.5%	28.2%	32.4%
White	15.3%	16.0%	15.6%	16.1%	15.3%	14.7%	13.8%	13.6%
Total	15.9%	16.5%	16.2%	16.6%	16.2%	15.4%	14.8%	14.9%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)

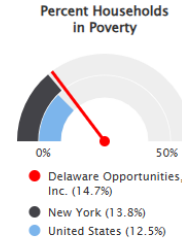


Households in Poverty

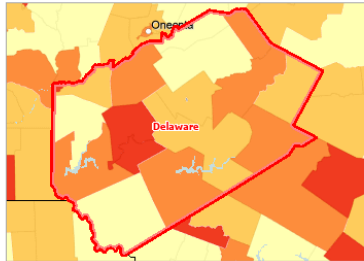
The number and percentage of households in poverty are shown in the report area. In 2023, it is estimated that there were 2,790 households, or 14.7%, living in poverty within the report area.

Figure 58. Households in Poverty

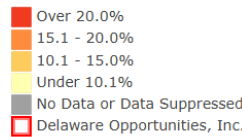
Report Area	Total Households	Households in Poverty	Percent Households in Poverty
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	18,947	2,790	14.7%
New York	7,668,956	1,054,867	13.8%
United States	127,482,865	15,880,048	12.5%



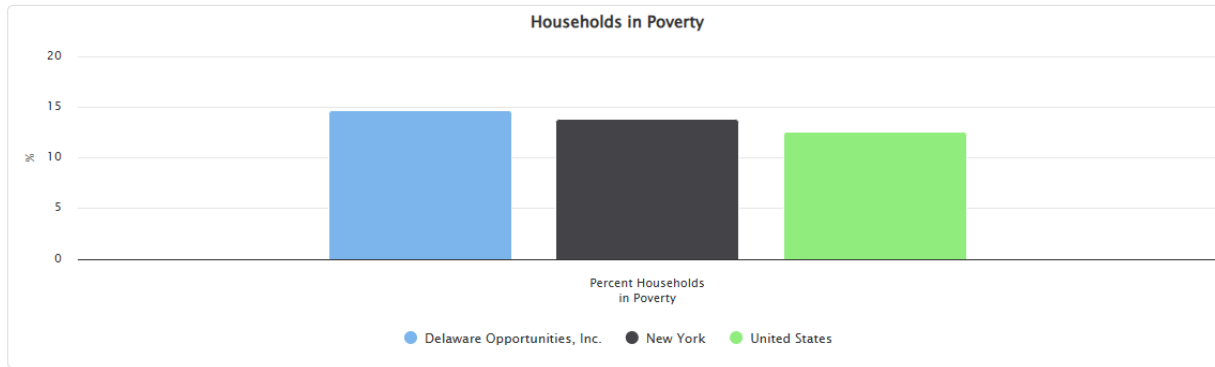
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Households Living Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23



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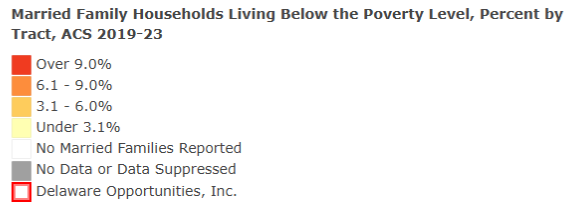
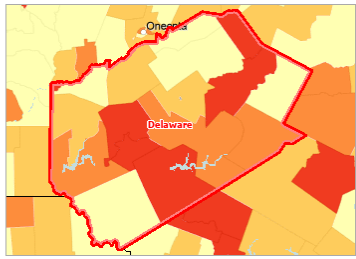
Families in Poverty by Family Type

The number of families in poverty by type are shown in the report area. According to ACS 2019-2023 5-year estimates for the report area, there were 1,302 families living in poverty.

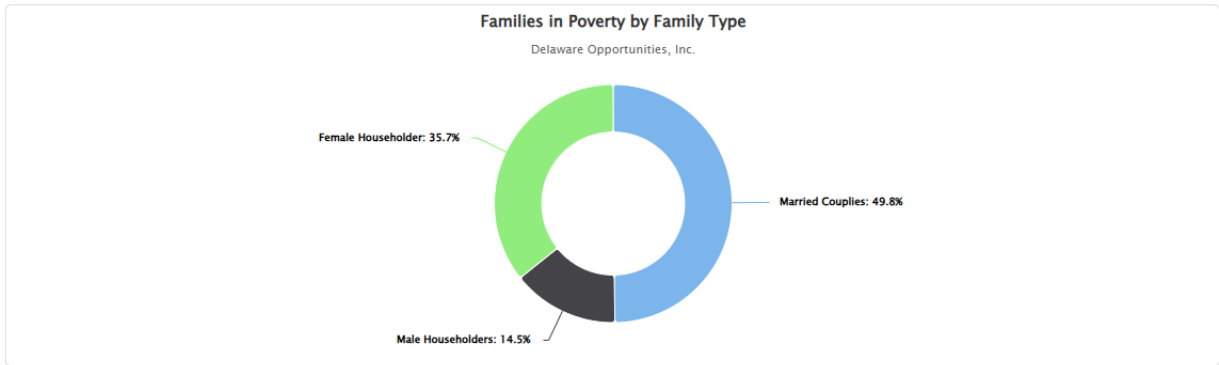
Figure 59. Families in Poverty by Family Type

Report Area	Total Families	Families in Poverty Total	Families in Poverty Married Couples	Families in Poverty Male Householder	Families in Poverty Female Householder
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	11,399	1,302	648	189	465
New York	4,739,175	463,103	174,441	49,990	238,672
United States	82,220,165	7,176,933	2,690,196	793,587	3,693,150

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details



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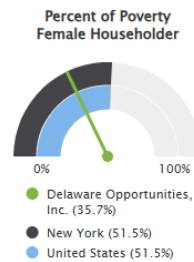


Family Poverty Rate by Family Type

The percentage of households in poverty by household type are shown for the report area. It is estimated that 11.4% of all households were living in poverty within the report area, compared to the national average of 8.7%. Of the households in poverty, female headed households represented 35.7% of all households in poverty, compared to 49.8% and 14.5% of households headed by males and married couples, respectively.

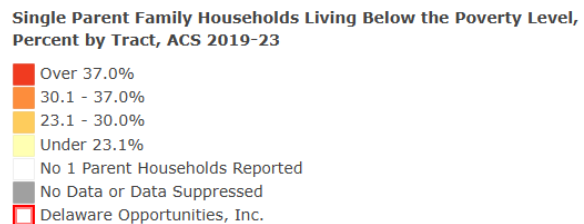
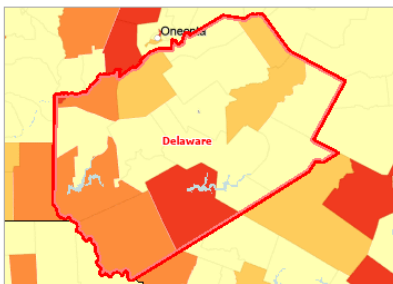
Figure 60. Family Poverty Rate by Family Type

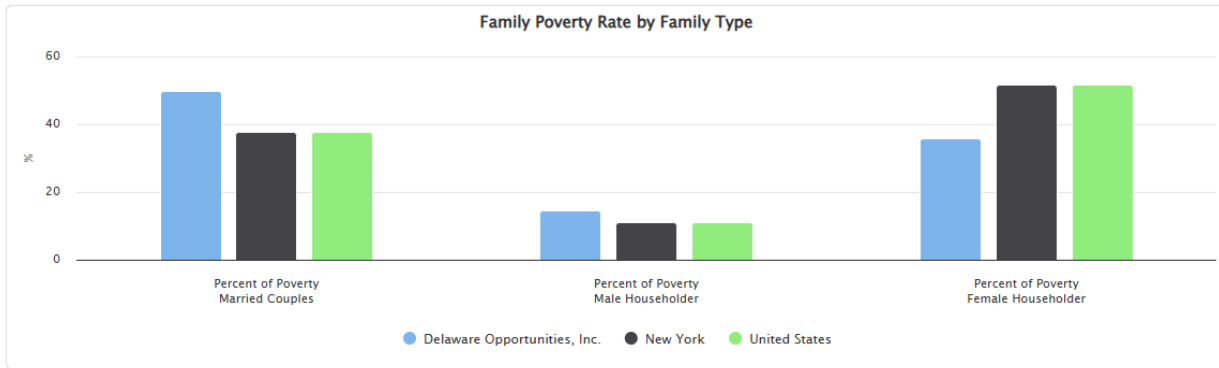
Report Area	Poverty Rate All Types	Percent of Poverty Married Couples	Percent of Poverty Male Householder	Percent of Poverty Female Householder
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	11.4%	49.8%	14.5%	35.7%
New York	9.8%	37.7%	10.8%	51.5%
United States	8.7%	37.5%	11.1%	51.5%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details



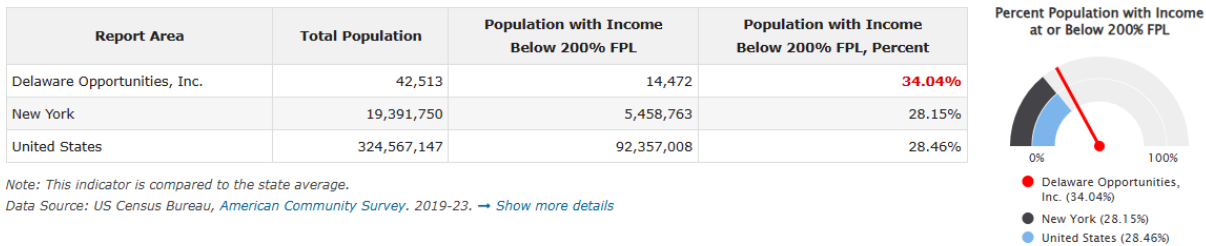


Poverty Rate 200% (ACS)

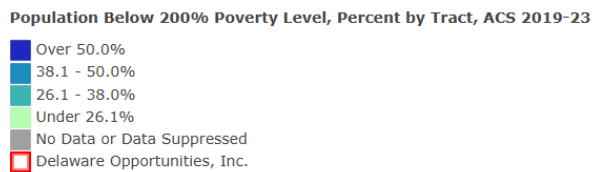
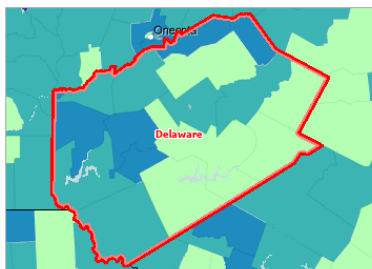
In the report area 34.04% or 14,472 individuals for whom poverty status is determined are living in households with income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This indicator is relevant because poverty creates barriers to access including health services, healthy food, and other necessities that contribute to poor health status.

Note: The total population measurements for poverty reports are lower than population totals for some other indicators, as poverty data collection does not include people in group quarters. See "Show more details" for more information.

Figure 61. Population Below 200% Poverty Level, Percent by Tract



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



Poverty Rate 200% (ACS) by School District

This indicator reports the number of people living in households with income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), by school district boundaries.

Figure 62. Poverty Rate 200% by School District

County	School District	Total Population	Population at 200% Poverty	Age 0-5 at 200% Poverty	Age 6-11 at 200% Poverty	Age 12-17 at 200% Poverty	Age 18-64 at 200% Poverty	Age Over 65 at 200% Poverty
Delaware County	Jefferson Central School District	1,659	498	24	39	31	342	62
Delaware County	Hancock Central School District	2,398	802	20	122	59	324	277
Delaware County	Roxbury Central School District	2,331	576	40	17	31	260	228
Delaware County	Roscoe Central School District	1,949	392	9	11	29	202	141
Delaware County	South Kortright Central School District	2,405	525	8	30	10	349	128
Delaware County	Otego-Unadilla Central School District	6,134	1,995	202	123	48	1,198	424
Delaware County	Franklin Central School District	2,057	474	53	19	35	293	74
Delaware County	Charlotte Valley Central School District	3,048	896	110	140	21	357	268
Delaware County	Sullivan West Central School District	9,955	2,851	165	188	335	1,469	694
Delaware County	Andes Central School District	1,025	281	22	4	7	146	102
Delaware County	Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District	5,192	1,566	119	109	208	761	369
Delaware County	Delhi Central School District	6,580	2,009	87	109	132	1,244	437
Delaware County	Deposit Central School District	3,042	1,139	98	78	127	586	250
Delaware County	Downsville Central School District	1,926	508	15	24	23	279	167
Delaware County	Gilboa-Conesville Central School District	2,517	819	32	25	73	422	267
Delaware County	Livingston Manor Central School District	3,074	987	59	0	7	572	349
Delaware County	Margaretville Central School District	3,587	1,080	37	40	202	595	206
Delaware County	Oneonta City School District	15,940	5,914	236	272	309	4,034	1,063
Delaware County	Sidney Central School District	7,233	3,071	307	448	482	1,315	519
Delaware County	Stamford Central School District	2,416	903	72	66	28	513	224
Delaware County	Walton Central School District	6,270	2,491	191	202	134	1,466	498

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22. → [Show more details](#)



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

Figure 63. Poverty Rate 200% by School District Percent

County	School District	Total Population	Percent at 200% Poverty	Age 0-5 at 200% Poverty	Age 6-11 at 200% Poverty	Age 12-17 at 200% Poverty	Age 18-64 at 200% Poverty	Age Over 65 at 200% Poverty
Delaware County	Jefferson Central School District	1,659	30.02%	1.45%	2.35%	1.87%	20.61%	3.74%
Delaware County	Hancock Central School District	2,398	33.44%	0.83%	5.09%	2.46%	13.51%	11.55%
Delaware County	Roxbury Central School District	2,331	24.71%	1.72%	0.73%	1.33%	11.15%	9.78%
Delaware County	Roscoe Central School District	1,949	20.11%	0.46%	0.56%	1.49%	10.36%	7.23%
Delaware County	South Kortright Central School District	2,405	21.83%	0.33%	1.25%	0.42%	14.51%	5.32%
Delaware County	Otego-Unadilla Central School District	6,134	32.52%	3.29%	2.01%	0.78%	19.53%	6.91%
Delaware County	Franklin Central School District	2,057	23.04%	2.58%	0.92%	1.70%	14.24%	3.60%
Delaware County	Charlotte Valley Central School District	3,048	29.40%	3.61%	4.59%	0.69%	11.71%	8.79%
Delaware County	Sullivan West Central School District	9,955	28.64%	1.66%	1.89%	3.37%	14.76%	6.97%
Delaware County	Andes Central School District	1,025	27.41%	2.15%	0.39%	0.68%	14.24%	9.95%
Delaware County	Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District	5,192	30.16%	2.29%	2.10%	4.01%	14.66%	7.11%
Delaware County	Delhi Central School District	6,580	30.53%	1.32%	1.66%	2.01%	18.91%	6.64%
Delaware County	Deposit Central School District	3,042	37.44%	3.22%	2.56%	4.17%	19.26%	8.22%
Delaware County	Downsville Central School District	1,926	26.38%	0.78%	1.25%	1.19%	14.49%	8.67%
Delaware County	Gilboa-Conesville Central School District	2,517	32.54%	1.27%	0.99%	2.90%	16.77%	10.61%
Delaware County	Livingston Manor Central School District	3,074	32.11%	1.92%	0.00%	0.23%	18.61%	11.35%
Delaware County	Margaretville Central School District	3,587	30.11%	1.03%	1.12%	5.63%	16.59%	5.74%
Delaware County	Oneonta City School District	15,940	37.10%	1.48%	1.71%	1.94%	25.31%	6.67%
Delaware County	Sidney Central School District	7,233	42.46%	4.24%	6.19%	6.66%	18.18%	7.18%
Delaware County	Stamford Central School District	2,416	37.38%	2.98%	2.73%	1.16%	21.23%	9.27%
Delaware County	Walton Central School District	6,270	39.73%	3.05%	3.22%	2.14%	23.38%	7.94%



Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018-22. → Show more details

Poverty Rate 125% (ACS)

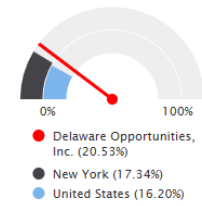
In the report area 20.53% or 8,726 individuals are living in households with income below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This indicator is relevant because poverty creates barriers to access including health services, healthy food, and other necessities that contribute to poor health status.

Note: The total population measurements for poverty reports are lower than population totals for some other indicators, as poverty data collection does not include people in group quarters. See "Show more details" for more information.

Figure 64. Poverty Rate 125%

Report Area	Population, Total	Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL	Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	42,513	8,726	20.53%
New York	19,391,750	3,362,763	17.34%
United States	324,567,147	52,586,920	16.20%

Percent Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details

Figure 65. Family Poverty Rate 125%

Family Poverty Rate 125% (ACS)

In the report area 15.91% or 1,814 family households are living with income below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Report Area	Family Households, Total	Families with Income at or Below 125% FPL	Families with Income at or Below 125% FPL, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	11,399	1,814	15.91%
New York	4,739,175	611,074	12.89%
United States	82,220,165	9,735,584	11.84%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details

Poverty Rate Change

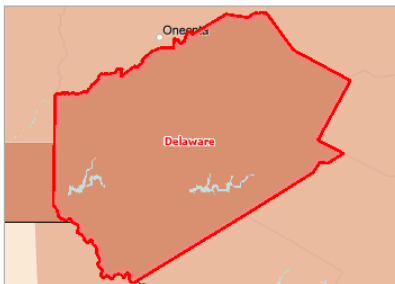
Poverty rate change in the report area from 2013 to 2023 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area was 16.30% in 2022 and was 17.8% in 2012.

Figure 66. Poverty Rate Change

Report Area	Poverty 2013	Poverty 2014	Poverty 2015	Poverty 2016	Poverty 2017	Poverty 2018	Poverty 2019	Poverty 2020	Poverty 2021	Poverty 2022	Poverty 2023
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	17.8%	14.4%	16.9%	17.5%	17.9%	15.9%	12.6%	12.8%	15.9%	14.60%	16.30%
New York	16%	16%	15.5%	14.8%	14.1%	13.7%	13.1%	12.7%	14%	14.20%	14.10%
United States	15.8%	15.5%	14.7%	14%	13.4%	13.1%	12.3%	11.9%	12.8%	12.60%	12.5%

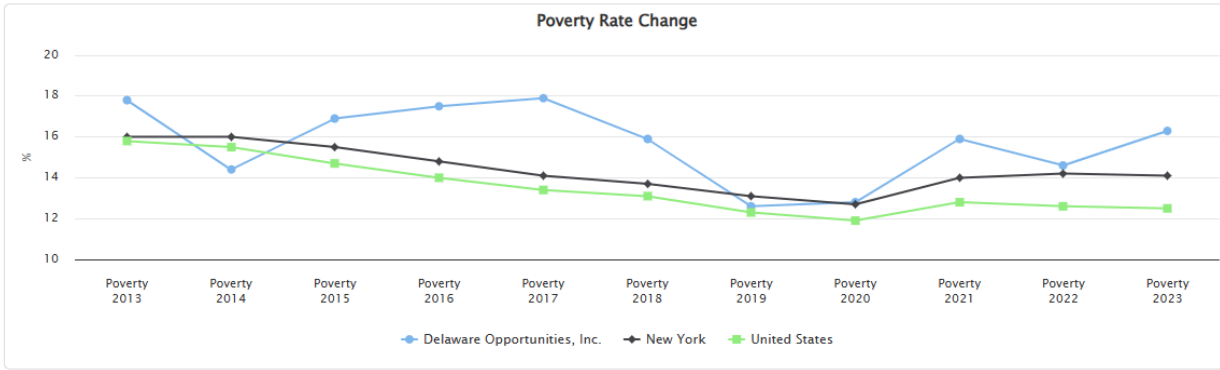
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Population Below the Poverty Level, Percent by County, SAIPE 2023

- Over 30%
- 22.01% - 30%
- 16.01% - 22%
- 12.01% - 16%
- Under 12%
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

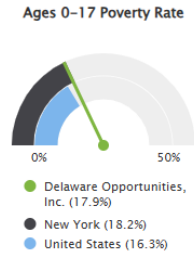


Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-17

Population and poverty estimates for children age 0-17 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey 5-year data, an average of 17.9% percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is more than the national average of 16.3%.

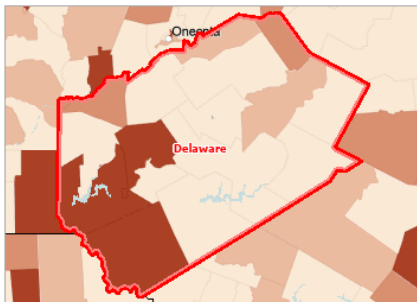
Figure 67. Child Poverty Rate, Ages 0-17

Report Area	Ages 0-17 Total Population	Ages 0-17 In Poverty	Ages 0-17 Poverty Rate
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	7,056	1,262	17.9%
New York	4,028,700	731,672	18.2%
United States	72,472,636	11,829,878	16.3%



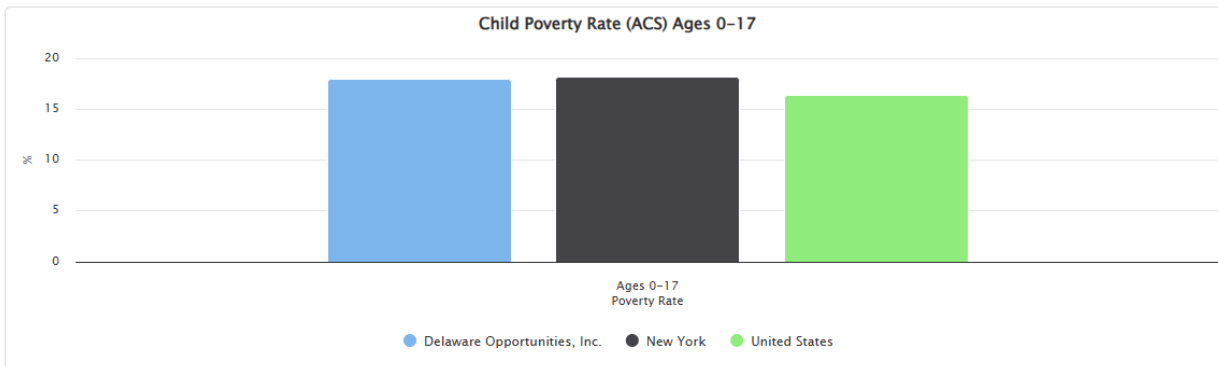
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Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-17), Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 30.0%
- 22.6 - 30.0%
- 15.1 - 22.5%
- Under 15.1%
- No Population Age 0-17 Reported
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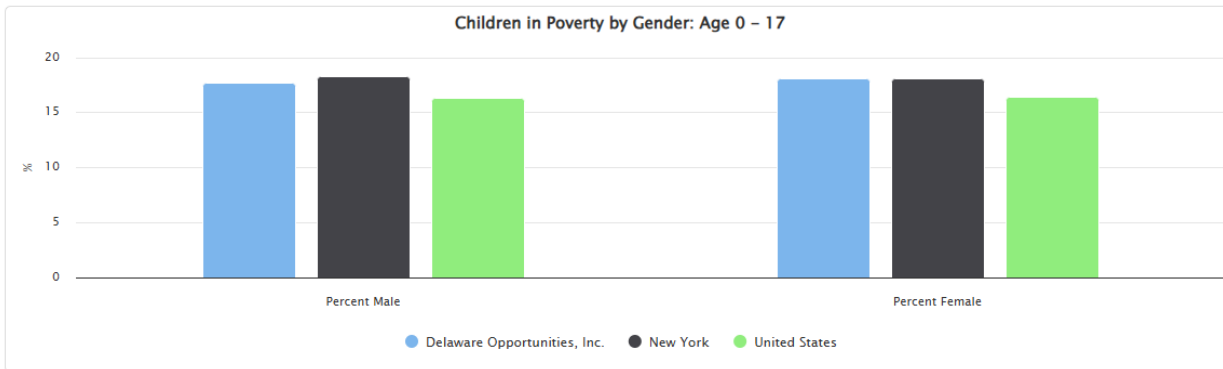


Children in Poverty by Gender: Age 0-17

Figure 68. Children in Poverty by Gender, Age 0-17

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	636	626	17.72%	18.06%
New York	376,890	354,782	18.26%	18.06%
United States	6,037,616	5,792,262	16.28%	16.37%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details

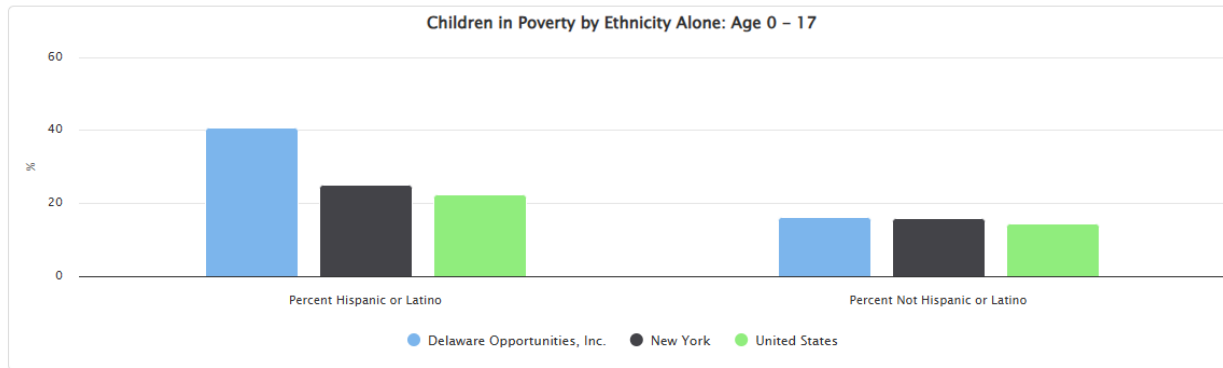


Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 0-17

Figure 69. Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone, Age 0-17

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	199	1,063	40.78%	16.18%
New York	251,238	480,434	25.03%	15.88%
United States	4,180,720	7,649,158	22.26%	14.25%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details



Children in Poverty by Race Alone, Percent: Age 0-17

Figure 70. Children in Poverty by Race Alone, Percent, Age 0-17

Children by Race, Total: Age 0 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	6,059	80	62	13	0	49	708
New York	1,846,217	626,531	23,368	334,837	1,316	474,877	525,612
United States	34,762,519	9,762,427	740,387	3,723,686	153,202	5,950,485	11,883,390

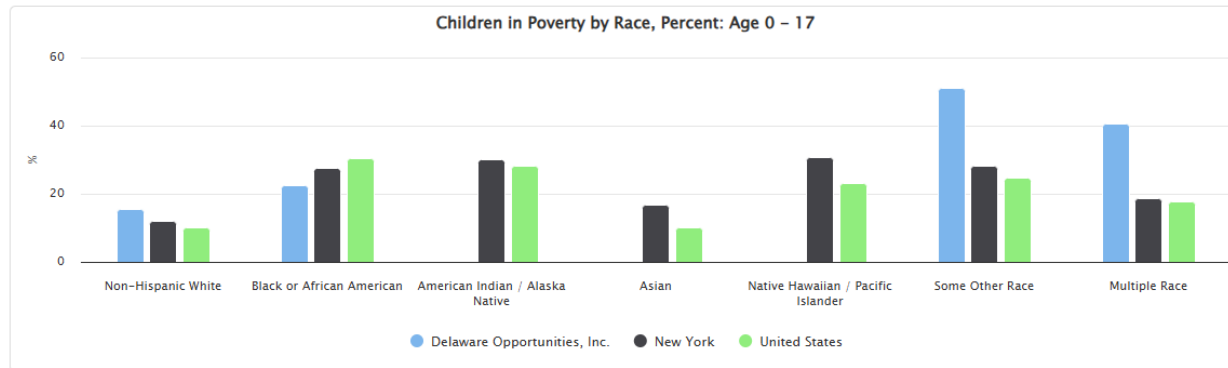
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Figure 71. Children in Poverty by Race, Age 0-17

Children in Poverty by Race, Total: Age 0 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	932	18	0	0	0	25	287
New York	222,375	172,915	6,979	55,700	402	133,306	98,427
United States	3,485,516	2,945,781	207,029	375,774	35,256	1,470,871	2,097,833

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



Poverty Rate Change Age 0-17

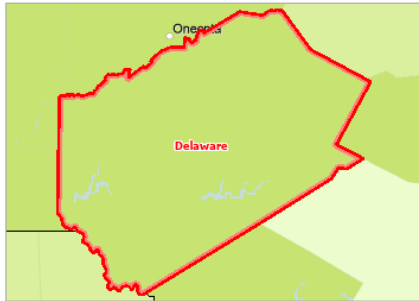
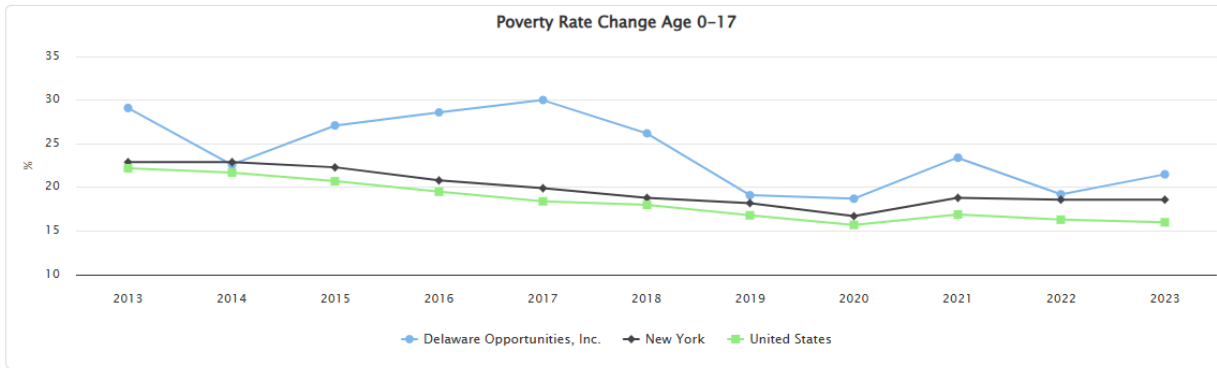
Poverty rate change for children ages 0 - 17 in the report area from 2013 to 2023 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area was 21.5% in 2023 and was 29.1% in 2013.

Figure 72. Poverty Rate Change, Age 0-17

Report Area	Poverty Age 0-17 2013	Poverty Age 0-17 2014	Poverty Age 0-17 2015	Poverty Age 0-17 2016	Poverty Age 0-17 2017	Poverty Age 0-17 2018	Poverty Age 0-17 2019	Poverty Age 0-17 2020	Poverty Age 0-17 2021	Poverty Age 0-17 2022	Poverty Age 0-17 2023
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	29.1%	22.6%	27.1%	28.6%	30%	26.2%	19.1%	18.7%	23.4%	19.20%	21.5%
New York	22.9%	22.9%	22.3%	20.8%	19.9%	18.8%	18.2%	16.7%	18.8%	18.60%	18.60%
United States	22.2%	21.7%	20.7%	19.5%	18.4%	18%	16.8%	15.7%	16.9%	16.30%	16%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates. 2023. → Show more details



Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-18), Percent by County, SAIPE 2023

- Over 30%
- 22.1% - 30%
- 18.1% - 22%
- 14.1% - 18%
- Under 14%
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

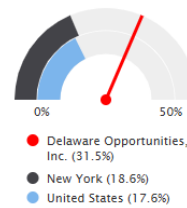
Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Age 0-4

Population and poverty estimates for children age 0-4 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey 5-year data, an average of 31.5% percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is greater than the national average of 17.6%.

Figure 73. Child Poverty Rate, Age 0-4

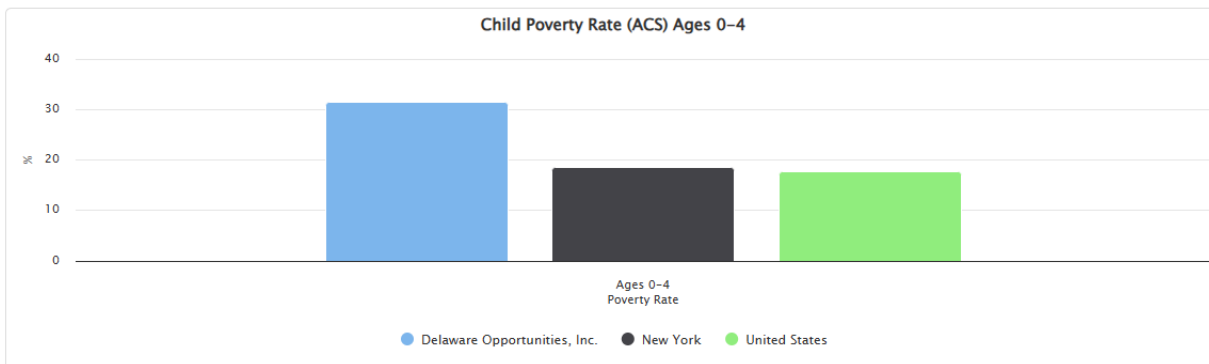
Report Area	Ages 0-4 Total Population	Ages 0-4 In Poverty	Ages 0-4 Poverty Rate
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,788	563	31.5%
New York	1,077,186	199,826	18.6%
United States	18,590,246	3,268,155	17.6%

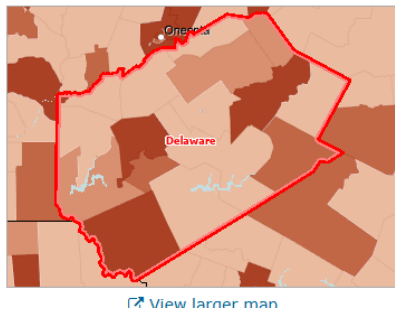
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Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-4), Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

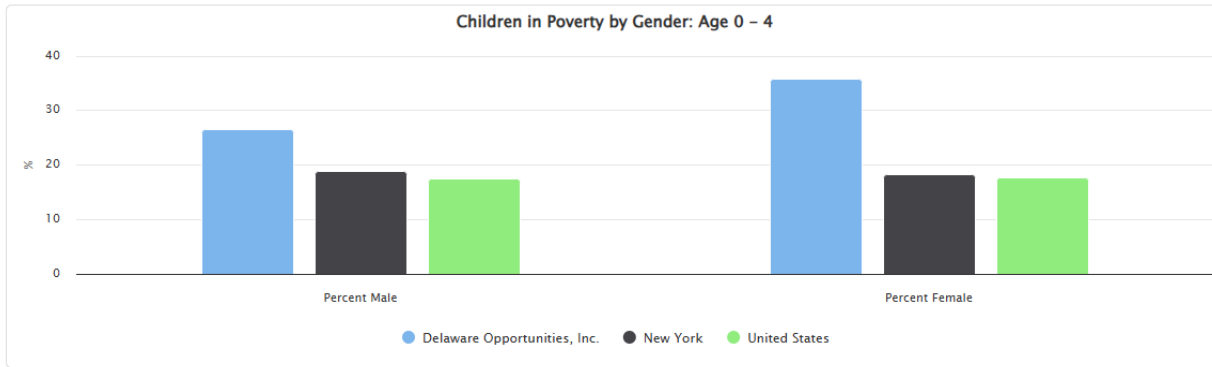
- Over 37.0%
- 27.1 - 37.0%
- 17.1 - 27.0%
- Under 17.1%
- No Population Age 0-4 Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

Children in Poverty by Gender: Age 0-4

Figure 74. Children in Poverty by Gender, Age 0-4

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	218	345	26.42%	35.83%
New York	103,827	95,999	18.85%	18.24%
United States	1,665,470	1,602,685	17.52%	17.65%

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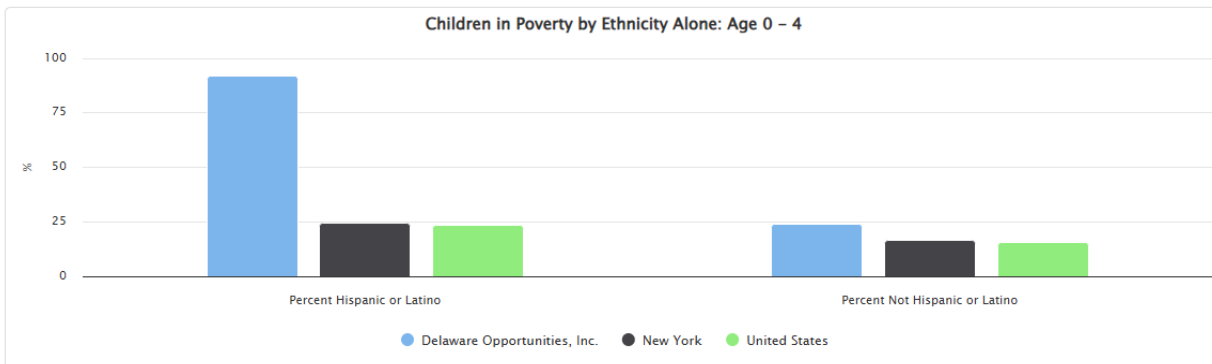


Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 0-4

Figure 75. Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone, Age 0-4

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	185	378	92.04%	23.82%
New York	67,646	132,180	24.46%	16.51%
United States	1,144,919	2,123,236	23.35%	15.51%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



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

Figure 76. Children in Poverty by Race Alone, Percent, Age 0-4

Children by Race, Total: Age 0 - 4

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,516	9	2	6	0	27	228
New York	477,793	162,965	5,478	90,558	357	123,146	158,634
United States	8,690,880	2,493,965	170,713	948,754	39,805	1,442,892	3,316,179

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details

Figure 77. Children in Poverty by Race, Total: Age 0-4

Children in Poverty by Race, Total: Age 0 - 4

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	354	9	0	0	0	8	192
New York	62,342	46,026	1,957	12,807	122	35,326	28,313
United States	940,289	836,524	52,476	93,849	9,960	372,707	609,809

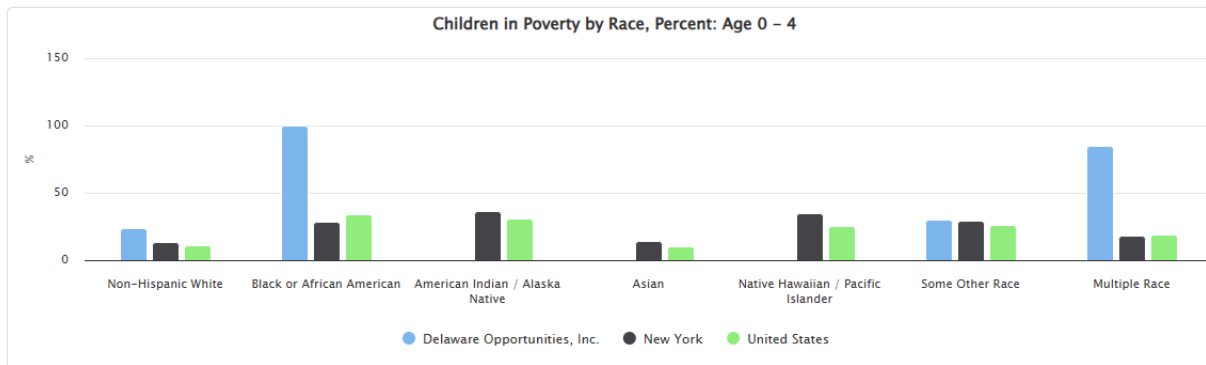
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Figure 78. Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 0-4

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

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	23.35%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	No data	29.63%	84.21%
New York	13.05%	28.24%	35.72%	14.14%	34.17%	28.69%	17.85%
United States	10.82%	33.54%	30.74%	9.89%	25.02%	25.83%	18.39%

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

Figure 79. Children in Poverty by Race, Alone, Total, Age 0-4

Children by Race Alone, Total: Age 0 - 4

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware County, NY	1,533	11	0	5	0	34	45
New York	524,526	184,904	4,662	88,999	511	125,890	85,135
United States	9,643,324	2,681,532	184,458	909,892	40,400	1,234,195	1,517,422

Figure 80. Children in Poverty by Race Alone: Age 0-4

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

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware County, NY	519	0	0	0	0	25	9
New York	75,662	56,656	1,582	14,374	133	41,486	18,174
United States	1,197,998	993,338	68,139	96,081	10,685	380,285	308,113

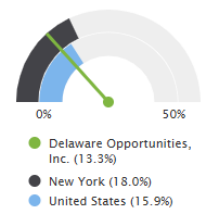
Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Age 5-17

Population and poverty estimates for children age 5-17 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey 5-year data, an average of 13.3% percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is less than the national average of 15.9%.

Figure 81. Child Poverty Rate, Age 5-17

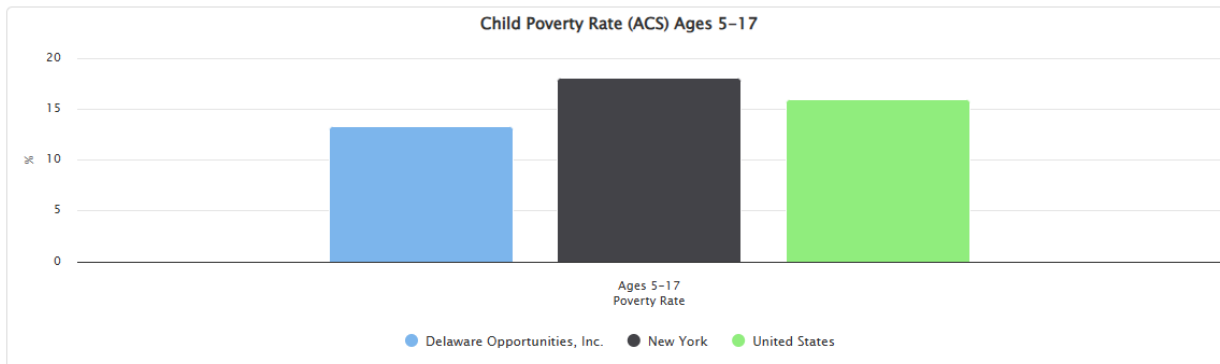
Report Area	Ages 5-17 Total Population	Ages 5-17 In Poverty	Ages 5-17 Poverty Rate
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	5,268	699	13.3%
New York	2,951,514	531,846	18.0%
United States	53,882,390	8,561,723	15.9%

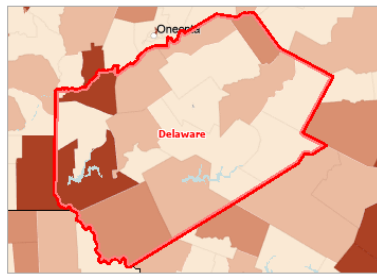
Ages 5-17 Poverty Rate



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Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details





Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 5-17), Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 29.0%
- 21.1 - 29.0%
- 13.1 - 21.0%
- Under 13.1%
- No Population Age 5-17 Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

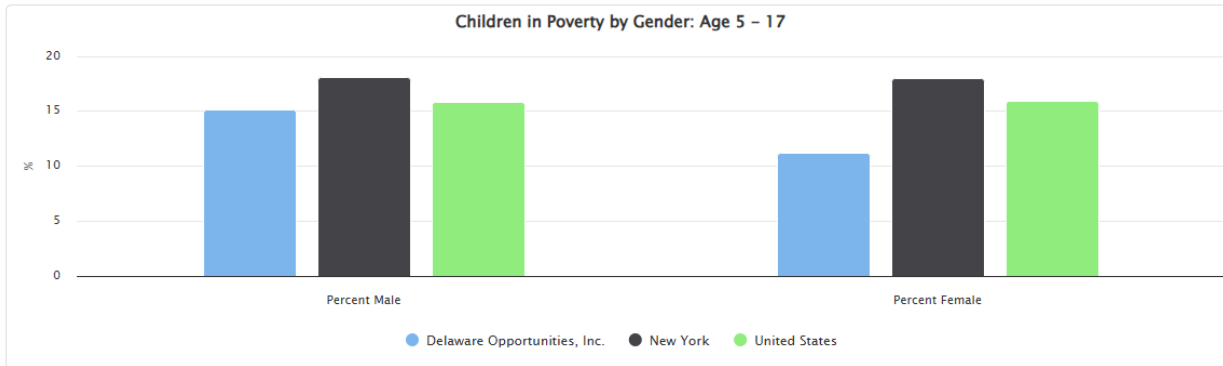
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Children in Poverty by Gender: Age 5-17

Figure 82. Children in Poverty by Gender, Age 5-17

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	418	281	15.12%	11.22%
New York	273,063	258,783	18.05%	17.99%
United States	4,372,146	4,189,577	15.86%	15.93%

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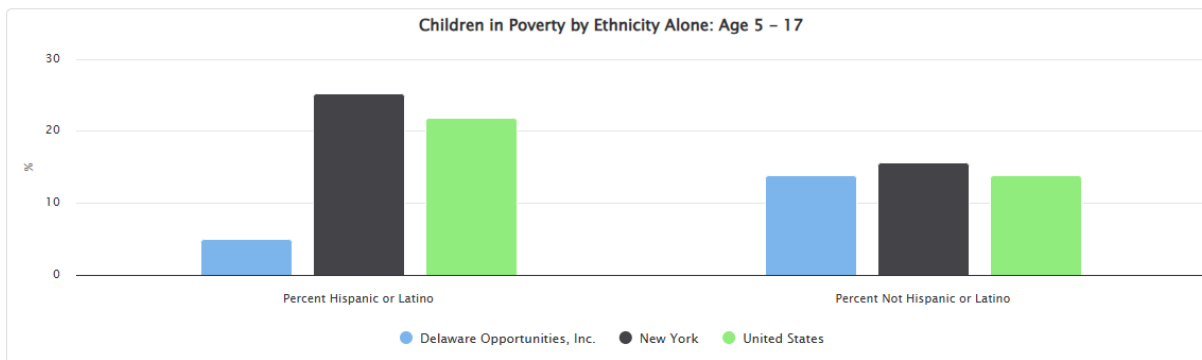


Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 5-17

Figure 83. Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone, Age 5-17

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	14	685	4.88%	13.75%
New York	183,592	348,254	25.25%	15.66%
United States	3,035,801	5,525,922	21.87%	13.81%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. [Show more details](#)



Children in Poverty by Race Alone, Percent: Age 5-17

Figure 84. Children in Poverty by Race Alone, Percent, Age 5-17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	4,543	71	60	7	0	22	480
New York	1,368,424	463,566	17,890	244,279	959	351,731	366,978
United States	26,071,639	7,268,462	569,674	2,774,932	113,397	4,507,593	8,567,211

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details

Figure 85. Children in Poverty by Race, Total: Age 5-17

Children in Poverty by Race, Total: Age 5 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	578	9	0	0	0	17	95
New York	160,033	126,889	5,022	42,893	280	97,980	70,114
United States	2,545,227	2,109,257	154,553	281,925	25,296	1,098,164	1,488,024

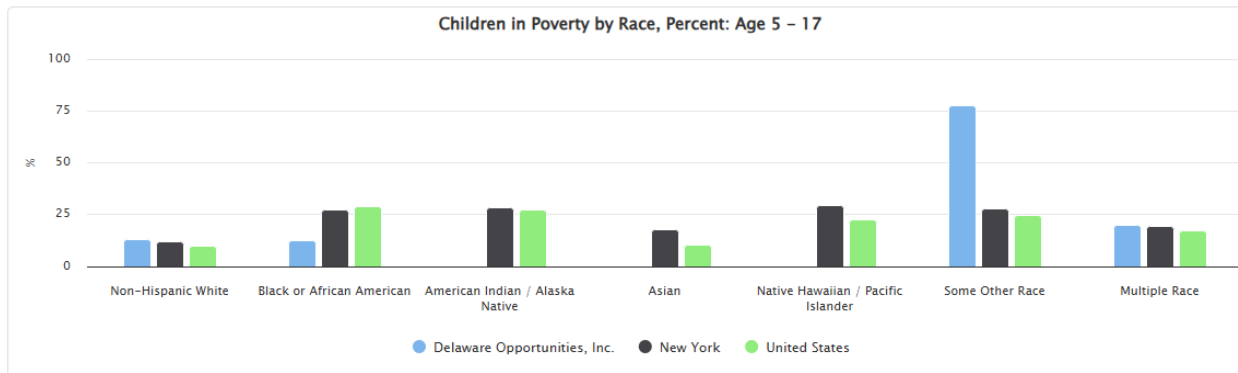
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Figure 86. Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 5-17

Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 5 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	12.72%	12.68%	0.00%	0.00%	No data	77.27%	19.79%
New York	11.69%	27.37%	28.07%	17.56%	29.20%	27.86%	19.11%
United States	9.76%	29.02%	27.13%	10.16%	22.31%	24.36%	17.37%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



Children in Poverty by Race Alone, Total: Age 5-17

Figure 87. Children in Poverty by Race Alone, Total, Age 5-17

Children by Race Alone, Total: Age 5 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware County, NY	4,922	48	0	39	0	83	317
New York	1,424,716	489,003	12,603	216,945	938	316,460	161,218
United States	26,938,407	7,390,538	534,347	2,574,687	106,572	3,411,168	3,301,956

Children in Poverty by Race Alone, Total: Age 5 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware County, NY	1,455	0	0	0	0	63	128
New York	166,765	141,808	3,155	37,352	139	105,763	35,673
United States	2,872,363	2,353,373	163,524	274,579	24,773	975,923	596,983

Poverty Rate Change (SAIPE) Age 5-17

Poverty rate change for children ages 5 -17 in the report area from 2013 to 2023 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area was sum(10) in 2023 and was sum(0) in 2013.

Figure 88. Poverty Rate Change, Age 5-17

Report Area	Poverty Age 5-17 2013	Poverty Age 5-17 2014	Poverty Age 5-17 2015	Poverty Age 5-17 2016	Poverty Age 5-17 2017	Poverty Age 5-17 2018	Poverty Age 5-17 2019	Poverty Age 5-17 2020	Poverty Age 5-17 2021	Poverty Age 5-17 2022	Poverty Age 5-17 2023	
New York	22.2%	21.7%	21.3%	19.8%	18.9%	17.8%	17.2%	16.3%	18.2%	18.20%	17.90%	No data
United States	20.8%	20.4%	19.5%	18.3%	17.3%	17%	15.8%	14.9%	16.1%	15.5%	15.30%	No data

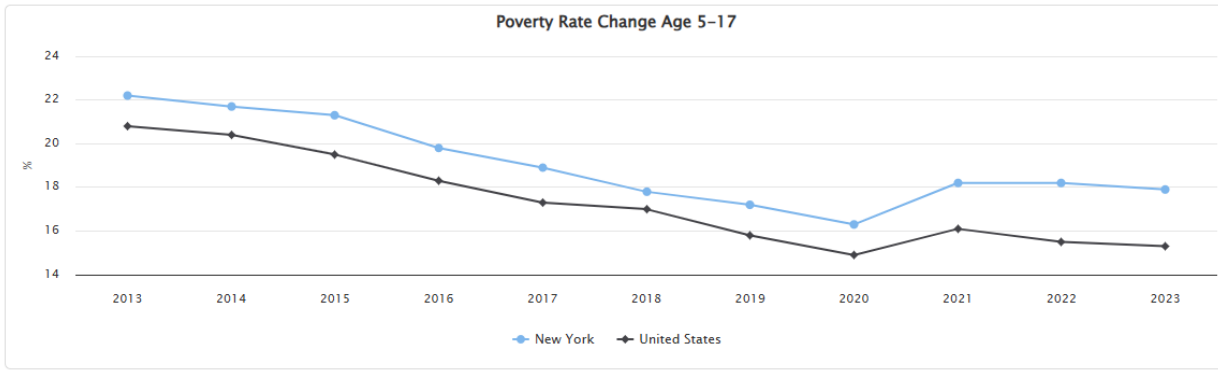
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Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 5-17), Percent by County, SAIPE 2023

- Over 27%
- 22.1% - 27%
- 17.1% - 22%
- 12.1% - 17%
- Under 12%
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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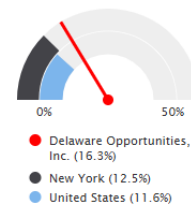
Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 18-64

Population and poverty estimates for children age 18-65 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data, an average of 16.3% of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is more than the national average of 11.6%.

Figure 89. Poverty Rate Ages 18-64

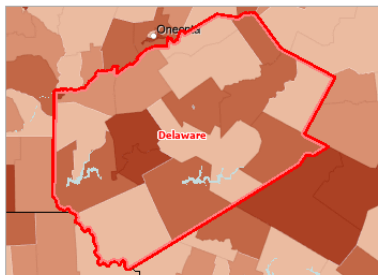
Report Area	Ages 18-64 Total Population	Ages 18-64 In Poverty	Ages 18-64 Poverty Rate
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	24,218	3,957	16.3%
New York	11,991,644	1,497,341	12.5%
United States	197,515,120	22,905,636	11.6%

Ages 18-64 Poverty Rate



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

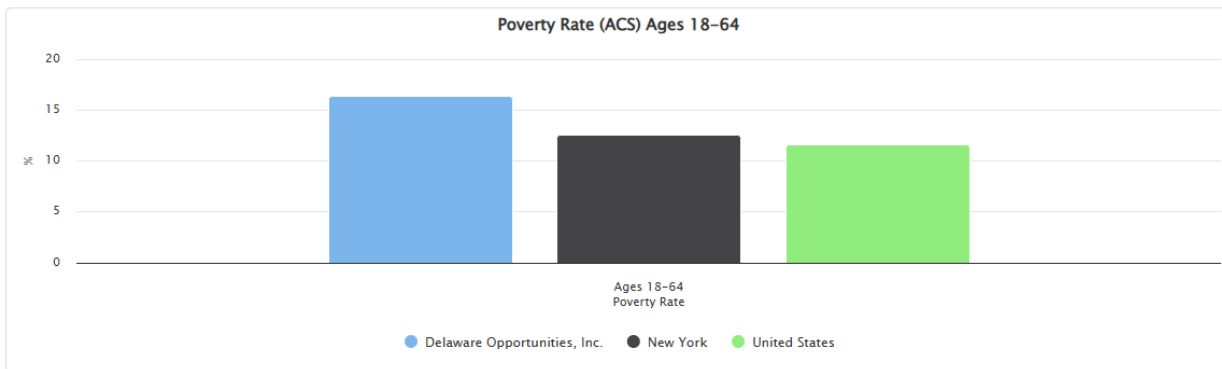
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Population Below the Poverty Level, Adult (Age 18-64), Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 20.0%
- 15.1 - 20.0%
- 10.1 - 15.0%
- Under 10.1%
- No Population Age 18-64 Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.



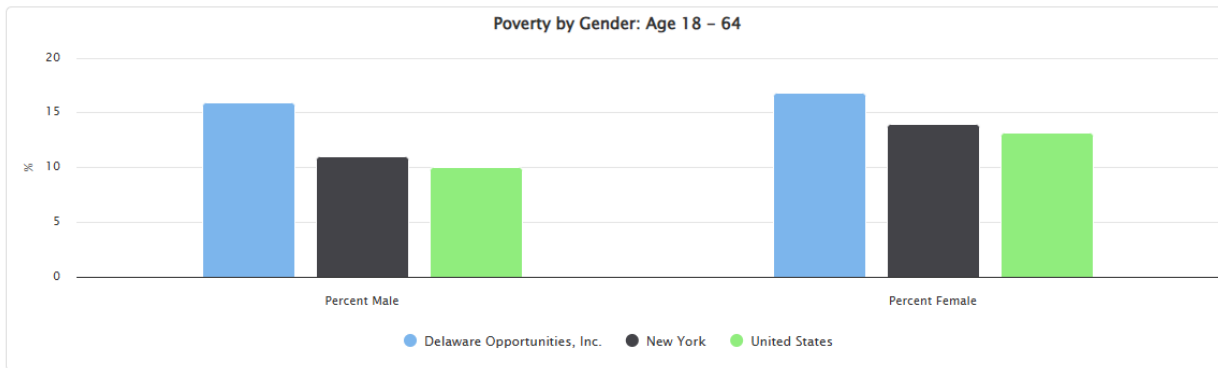
Poverty by Gender: Age 18-64

According to the ACS 5-year estimates, the Census Bureau estimates that there are 1,665 males living in Delaware County below poverty level between the ages of 18 and 64. There are 2,325 females in that same age bracket.

Figure 90. Poverty by Gender: Age 18-64

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,999	1,958	15.94%	16.77%
New York	651,430	845,911	11.03%	13.90%
United States	9,831,641	13,073,995	10.01%	13.17%

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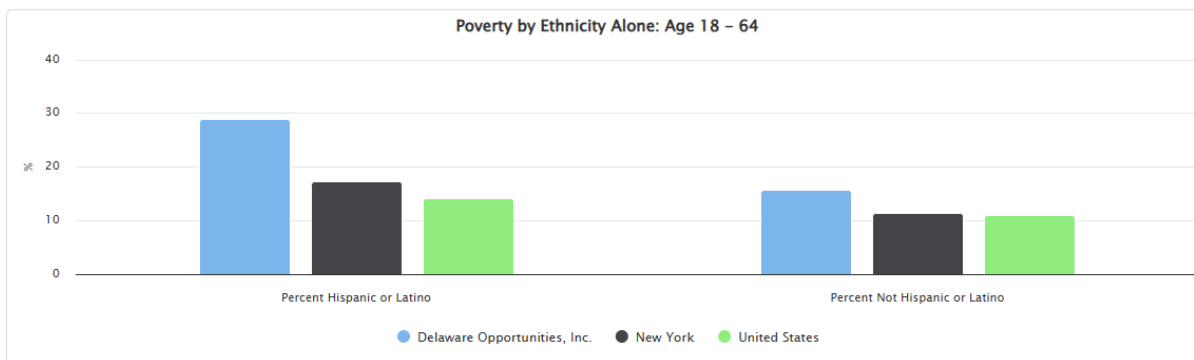


Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 18-64

Figure 91. Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 18-64

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	359	3,598	28.90%	15.66%
New York	416,432	1,080,909	17.28%	11.28%
United States	5,398,894	17,506,742	14.12%	10.99%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)

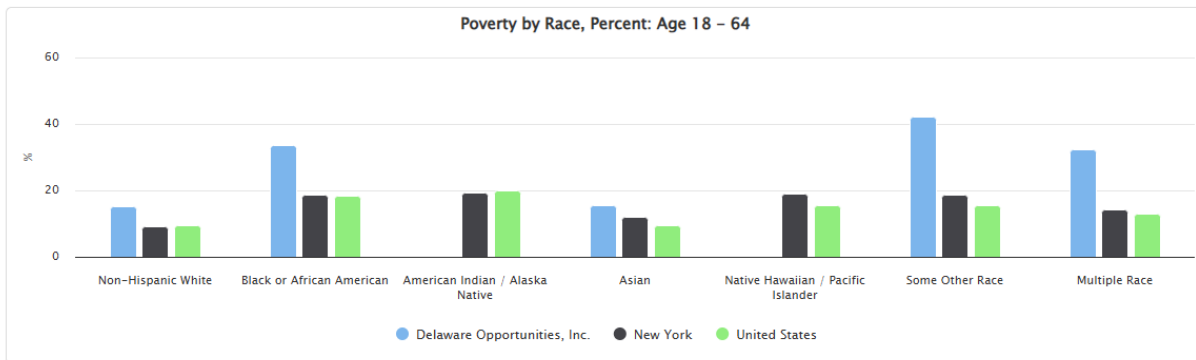


Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 18-64

Figure 92. Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 18-64

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	15.01%	33.57%	0.00%	15.33%	No data	42.05%	32.22%
New York	9.05%	18.70%	19.13%	11.89%	18.74%	18.67%	14.26%
United States	9.36%	18.37%	19.76%	9.21%	15.34%	15.37%	12.87%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



Poverty by Ethnicity and Race: Age 18-64

The ACS 5-year estimates document data based on various race and ethnicity categories. There are 1,503 estimated white/Caucasian males and females between the ages of 18 and 64 living in Delaware County that are reportedly living below the poverty level. There are an estimated 73 black or African American males and females, age 18-64, also living below the poverty level, residing in Delaware County. For those reporting two or more races, there are 492 individuals living in Delaware County in that same age group, also living below the poverty level. There are 383 Hispanic or Latino individuals between the ages of 18 and 59 that are estimated to be living below poverty level within Delaware County, also as of the 2023 estimates.

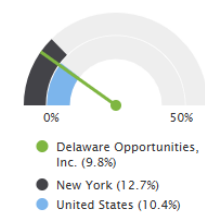
Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 65 and Up

Population and poverty estimates for persons age 65 and up are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data, an average of 9.8% of people lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for people living in the report area is less than the national average of 10.4%.

Figure 93. Poverty Rate Ages 65 and Up

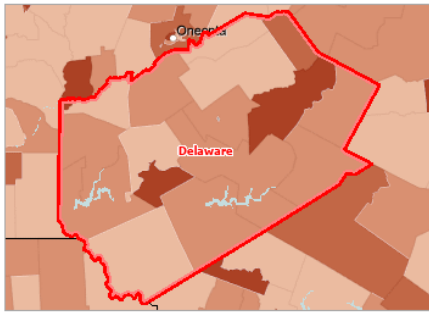
Report Area	Ages 65 and Up Total Population	Ages 65 and Up In Poverty	Ages 65 and Up Poverty Rate
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	11,239	1,098	9.8%
New York	3,371,406	427,661	12.7%
United States	54,579,391	5,654,531	10.4%

Ages 65 and Up Poverty Rate



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

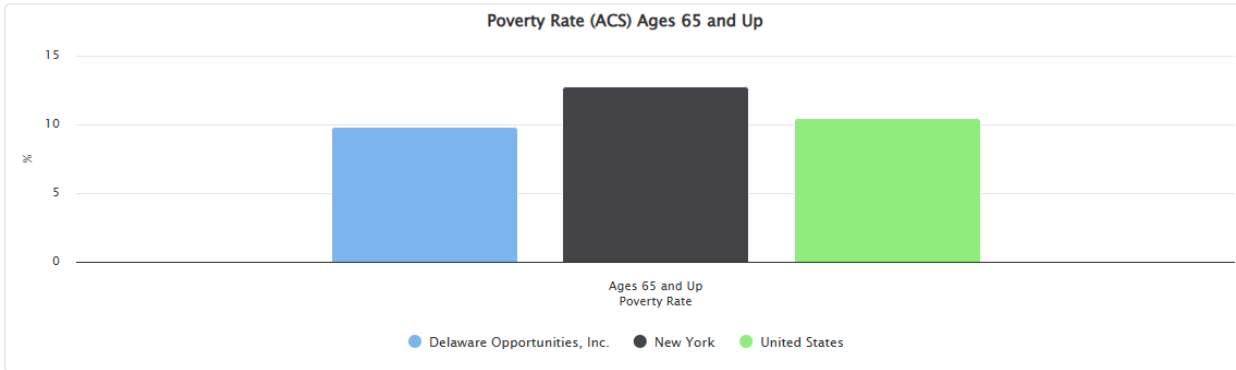
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



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Population Below the Poverty Level, Senior (Age 65+), Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 17.0%
- 12.1 - 17.0%
- 7.1 - 12.0%
- Under 7.1%
- No Population Age 65+ Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

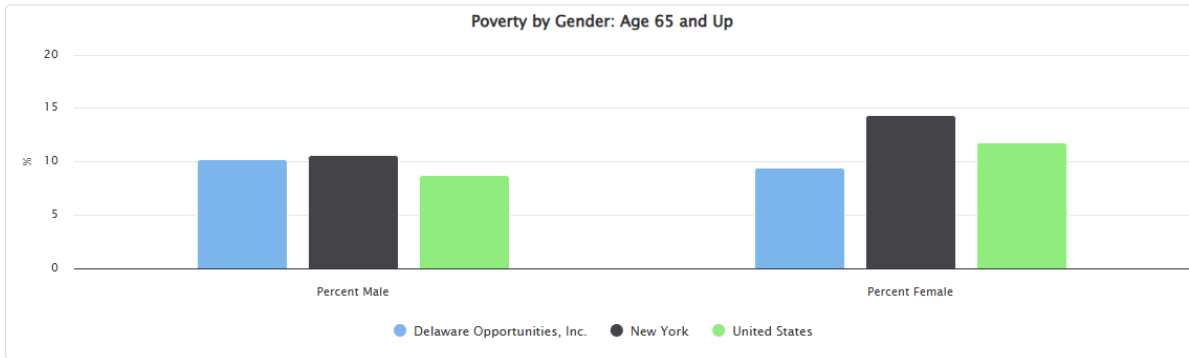


Poverty by Gender: Age 65 and Up

Figure 94. Poverty by Gender, Age 65 and Up

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	559	539	10.18%	9.38%
New York	158,054	269,607	10.64%	14.29%
United States	2,147,500	3,507,031	8.70%	11.73%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)

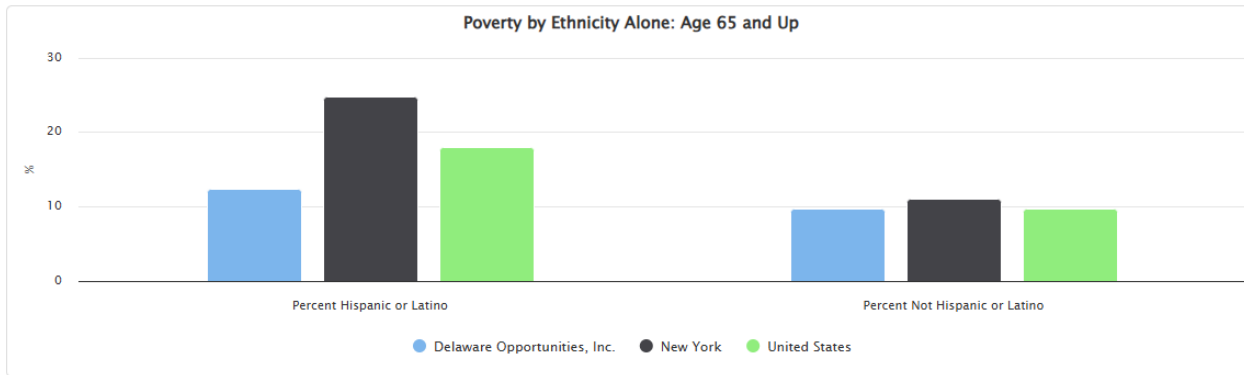


Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 65 and Up

Figure 95. Poverty by Ethnicity Alone, Age 65 and Up

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	24	1,074	12.31%	9.72%
New York	99,976	327,685	24.70%	11.05%
United States	887,797	4,766,734	17.91%	9.61%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details



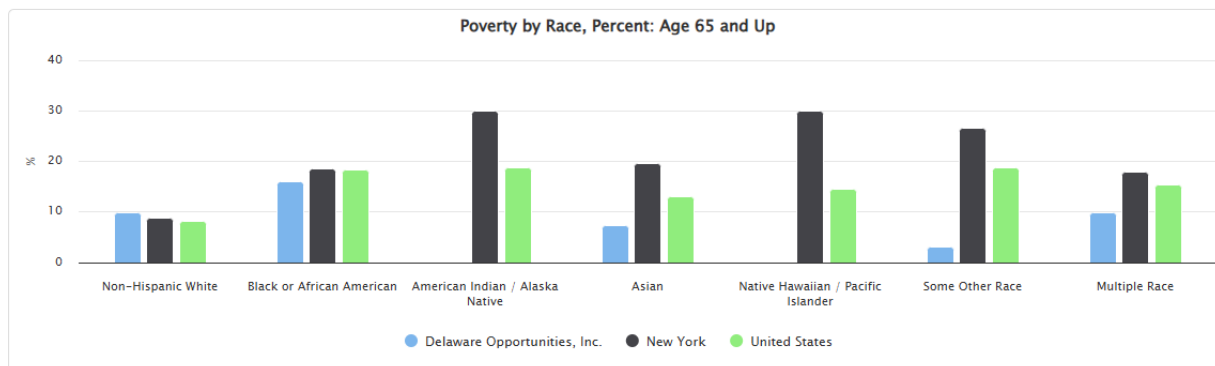
Poverty by Race Alone, Percent: Age 65 and Up

This indicator reports the percentage of population in poverty in the report area by race alone.

Figure 96. Poverty by Race Alone, Percent, Age 65 and Up

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	9.77%	15.94%	0.00%	7.32%	No data	3.10%	9.80%
New York	8.74%	18.46%	30.01%	19.60%	29.87%	26.56%	17.94%
United States	8.20%	18.31%	18.82%	13.09%	14.54%	18.82%	15.31%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details



Poverty by Race Alone, Total: Age 65 and Up

Figure 97. Poverty by Race Alone, Total, Age 65 and Up

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,048	11	0	3	0	4	24
New York	196,060	73,370	3,041	49,115	403	56,637	31,725
United States	3,329,813	911,564	55,417	346,822	9,363	339,723	437,700

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details

ALICE-Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed-Data

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

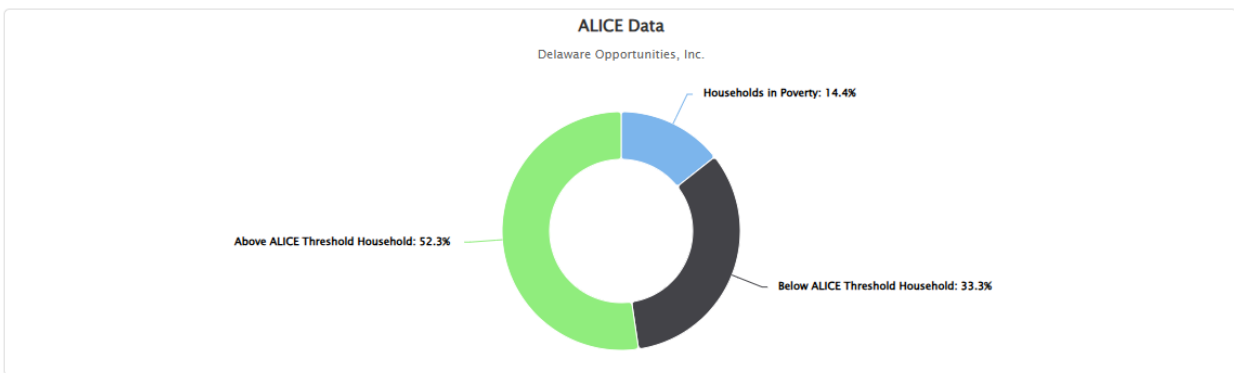
Depending on the county, ALICE uses 1, 3, or 5 year ACS estimates.

For the most recent ALICE Report, data shows that of the 18,780 total households in the selected area, there are 2,696 households at the FPL, and 6,256 households that are above the FPL but still struggle to meet a minimum household budget.

Figure 98. ALICE Data

Report Area	Year	Total Households	ACS Source	Households in Poverty	Below ALICE Threshold Household	Above ALICE Threshold Household	ALICE Threshold for Households Headed by Age Under 65	ALICE Threshold for Households Headed by Age 65 and Over
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	2022	18,780	5-Year	2,696	6,256	9,828	\$57,479.56	\$52,959.65
New York	2022	7,758,644	County Specific	1,131,514	2,416,106	4,211,024	County Specific	County Specific

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. United for Alice. 2021/2022. → Show more details



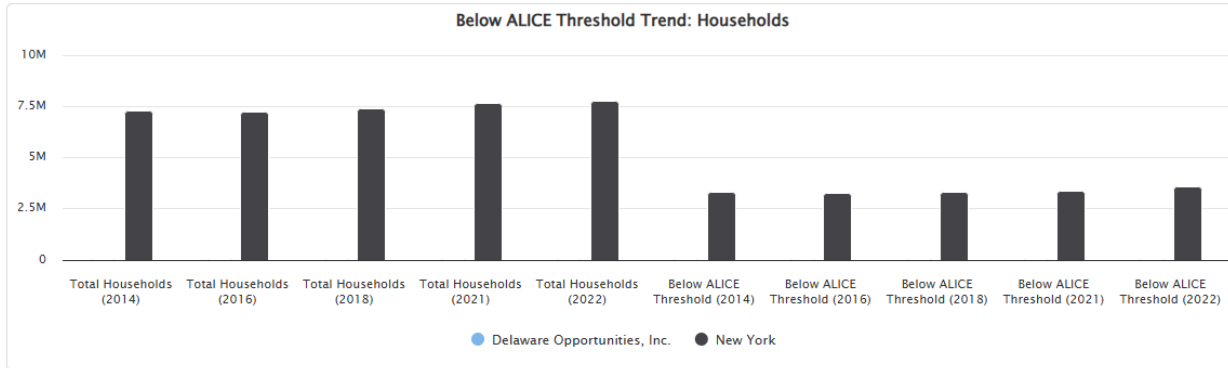
Below ALICE Threshold Trend: Households

The combination of households under the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) and ALICE households are deemed to be part of the ALICE Threshold. This indicator shows the number of ALICE Threshold households for the last five reported years.

Figure 99. Below ALICE Threshold Trend: Households

Report Area	Total Households (2014)	Total Households (2016)	Total Households (2018)	Total Households (2021)	Total Households (2022)	Below ALICE Threshold (2014)	Below ALICE Threshold (2016)	Below ALICE Threshold (2018)	Below ALICE Threshold (2021)	Below ALICE Threshold (2022)
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	19,370	18,817	19,030	18,487	18,780	8,364	8,898	8,520	8,799	8,952
New York	7,289,792	7,216,340	7,370,222	7,635,201	7,758,644	3,297,668	3,269,977	3,291,828	3,365,090	3,547,620

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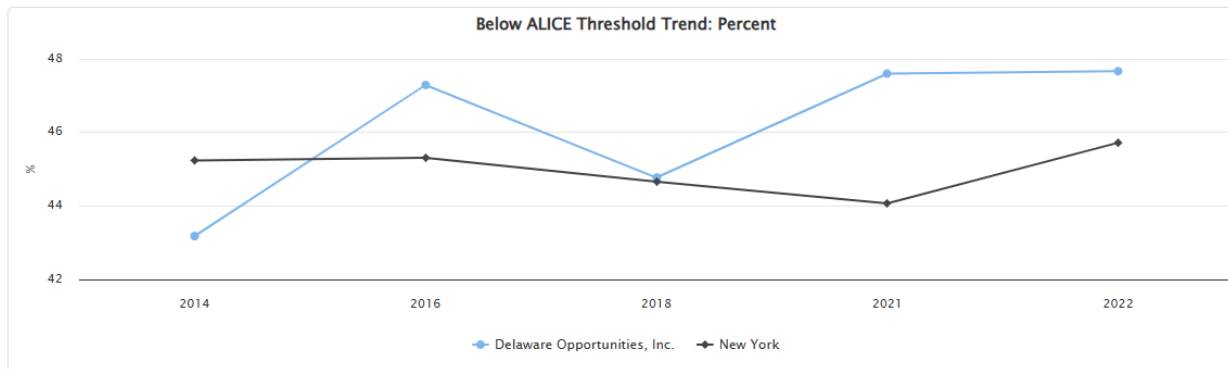
Below ALICE Threshold Trend: Percent

The combination of households under the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) and ALICE households are deemed to be part of the ALICE Threshold. This indicator shows the percent of total households that have fallen below the ALICE Threshold for the last five reported years.

Figure 100. Below ALICE Threshold Trend: Percent

Report Area	Percent Below Alice Threshold (2014)	Percent Below Alice Threshold (2016)	Percent Below Alice Threshold (2018)	Percent Below Alice Threshold (2021)	Percent Below Alice Threshold (2022)
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	43.18%	47.29%	44.77%	47.60%	47.67%
New York	45.24%	45.31%	44.66%	44.07%	45.72%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. United for Alice. 2021/2022. → Show more details



ALICE Data by Race and Ethnicity

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) uses American Community Survey (ACS) data, and shows the gap between the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and the actual amount of money needed to

afford a bare-bones household budget. The combination of households in poverty and ALICE households are deemed to be part of the ALICE Threshold.

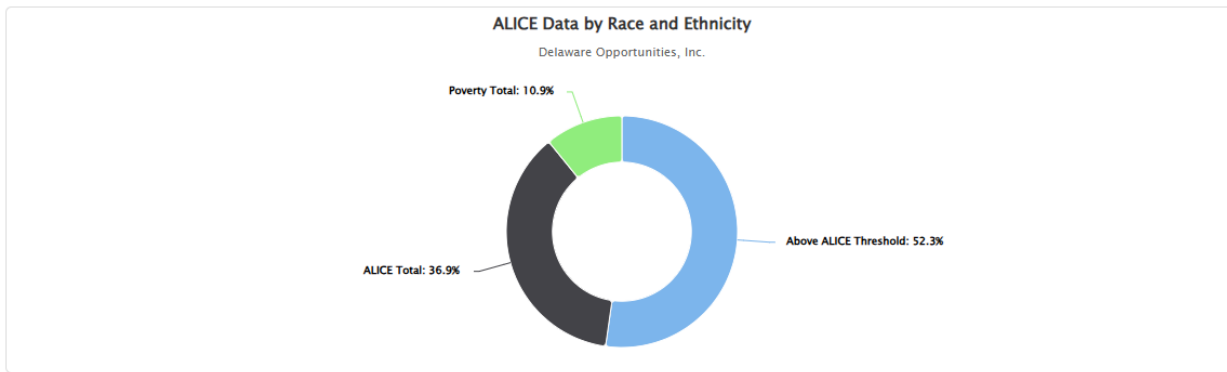
For the most recent ALICE Report, data that was broken out by race and ethnicity are shown below. All data shows households that reported income. Not all geographies had data reported.

This table shows a combined race and ethnicity total of 18,862 households, with 6,951 (or 37%) being designed at ALICE households.

Figure 101. ALICE Data by Race and Ethnicity

Report Area	Total Households Reporting Income	Above ALICE Threshold	ALICE Total	Poverty Total
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	18,862	9,858	6,951	2,053
New York	8,726,371	4,554,076	3,163,327	1,008,968

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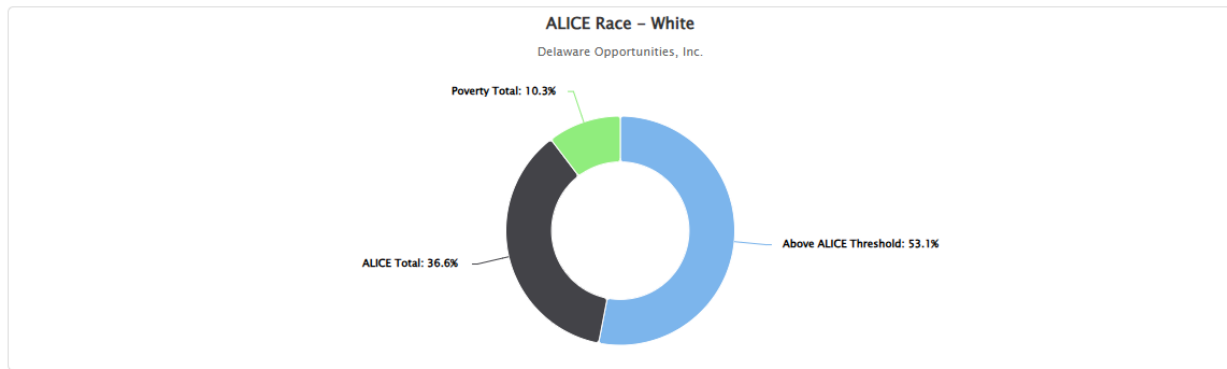
ALICE Race-White

ALICE data showing only White race for households reporting income.

Figure 102. ALICE Race-White

Report Area	Total Households Reporting Income	Above ALICE Threshold	ALICE Total	Poverty Total
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	17,617	9,346	6,448	1,823
New York	4,544,209	2,832,939	1,364,596	346,674

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. United for Alice. 2018/2022. → Show more details



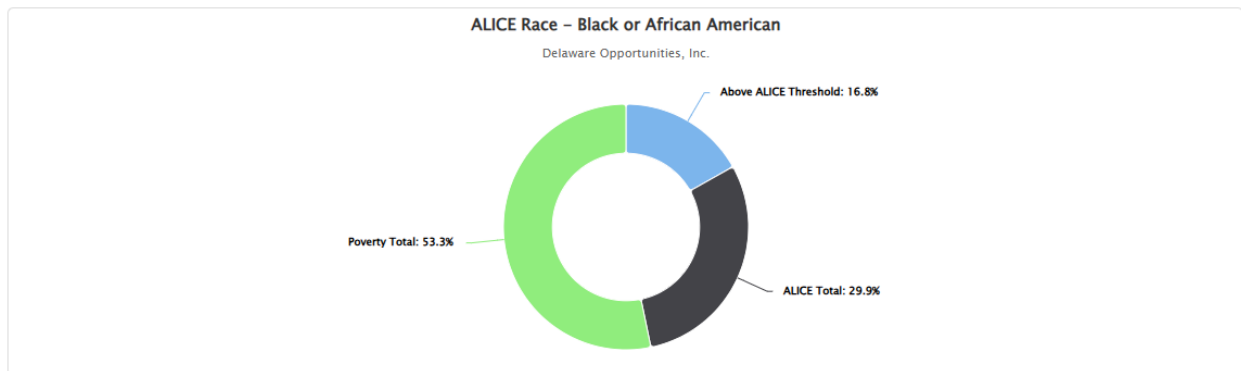
ALICE Race-Black or African American

ALICE data showing only Black or African American race for households reporting income.

Figure 103. ALICE Race-Black or African American

Report Area	Total Households Reporting Income	Above ALICE Threshold	ALICE Total	Poverty Total
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	184	31	55	98
New York	1,070,551	412,172	466,764	191,615

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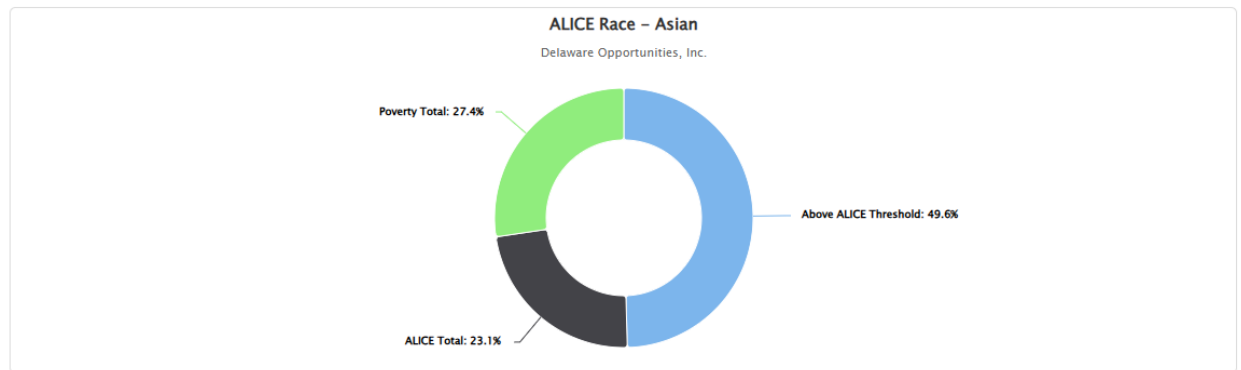
ALICE Race-Asian

ALICE data showing only Asian race for households reporting income.

Figure 104. ALICE Race-Asian

Report Area	Total Households Reporting Income	Above ALICE Threshold	ALICE Total	Poverty Total
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	117	58	27	32
New York	605,686	321,702	219,669	64,315

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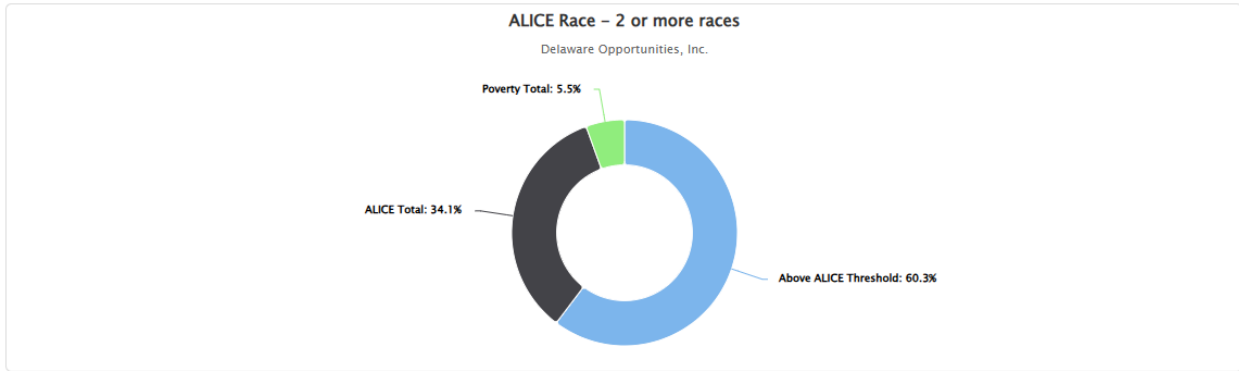
ALICE Race-2 or more races

ALICE data showing only two or more races for households reporting income.

Figure 105. ALICE Race-2 or more races

Report Area	Total Households Reporting Income	Above ALICE Threshold	ALICE Total	Poverty Total
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	416	251	142	23
New York	580,353	268,530	228,556	83,267

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. United for Alice. 2018/2022. → Show more details



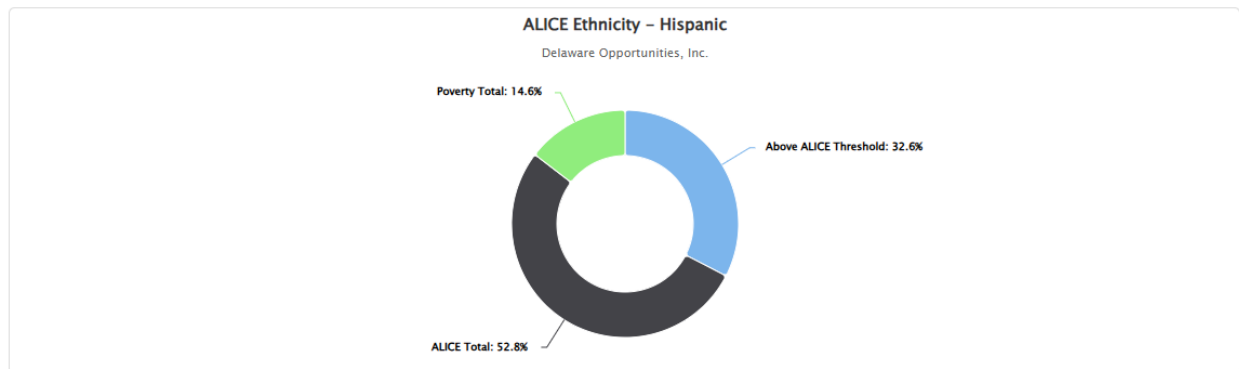
ALICE Ethnicity-Hispanic

ALICE data showing only Hispanic or Latino households reporting income.

Figure 106. ALICE Ethnicity-Hispanic

Report Area	Total Households Reporting Income	Above ALICE Threshold	ALICE Total	Poverty Total
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	528	172	279	77
New York	1,258,337	488,561	561,436	208,340

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. United for Alice. 2018/2022. → Show more details



ALICE Monthly Survival Budget

The Household Survival Budget developed for ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) calculates the actual costs of basic necessities (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and a smartphone), adjusted for different counties and household types.

This table shows the monthly calculated budget needed to cover all costs associated with basic necessities for each selected county. The report area shows one adult would need \$2,442. The average needed for one adult with one child (either one pre-kindergarten or one school-age child) needs \$4,038.50. Two adults with two children need an average of \$4,664.50.

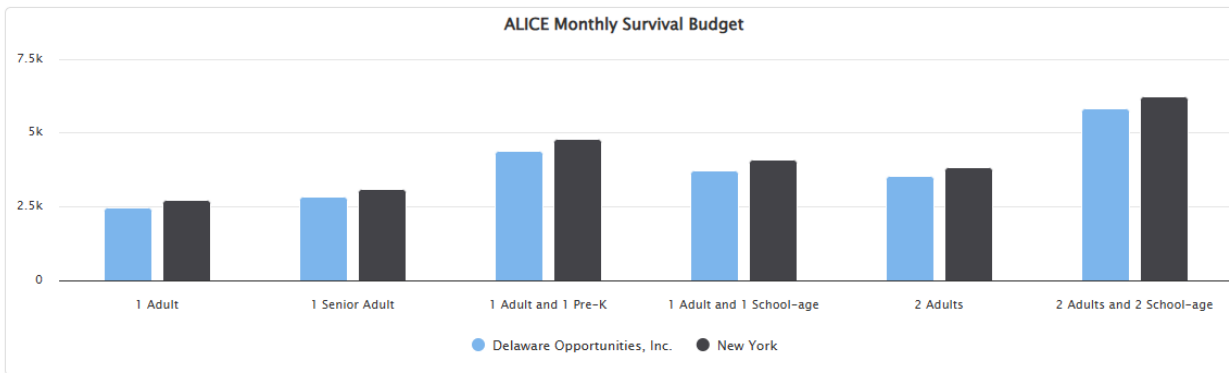
Report Location is average of selected counties; state is average of all counties.

Below this are tables that show detailed breakouts for each of the 6 groups located in this table. The necessities shown include Childcare, Food, Healthcare, Housing, Miscellaneous expenses, Taxes, Technology costs, Transportation, and average Wages.

Figure 107. ALICE Monthly Survival Budget

Report Area	1 Adult	1 Senior Adult	1 Adult and 1 Pre-K	1 Adult and 1 School-age	2 Adults	2 Adults and 2 School-age
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$2,442	\$2,810	\$4,377	\$3,700	\$3,526	\$5,803
New York	\$2,733	\$3,087	\$4,795	\$4,077	\$3,831	\$6,211

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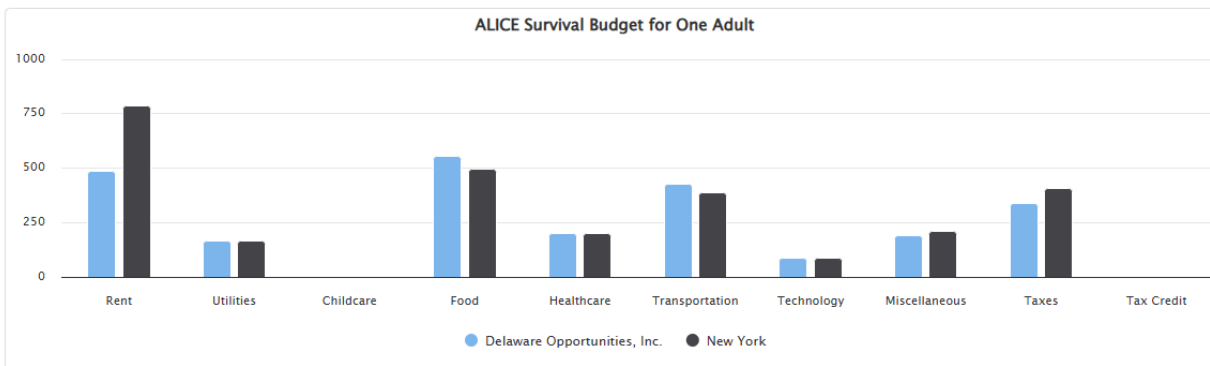


ALICE Survival Budget for One Adult

Figure 108. ALICE Survival Budget for One Adult

Report Area	Rent	Utilities	Childcare	Food	Healthcare	Transportation	Technology	Miscellaneous	Taxes	Tax Credit
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$484	\$163	\$0	\$555	\$200	\$425	\$86	\$191	\$338	\$0
New York	\$785	\$163	\$0	\$496	\$200	\$385	\$86	\$211	\$404	\$0

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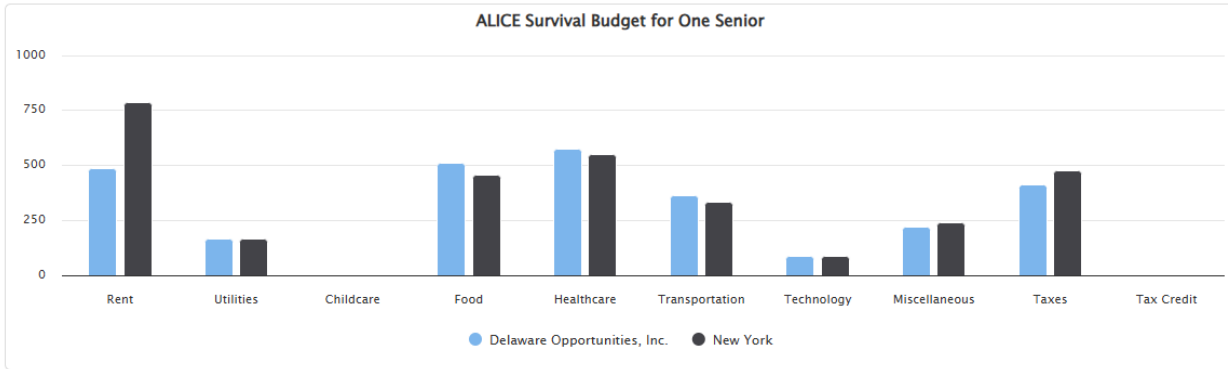


ALICE Survival Budget for One Senior

Figure 109. ALICE Survival Budget for One Senior

Report Area	Rent	Utilities	Childcare	Food	Healthcare	Transportation	Technology	Miscellaneous	Taxes	Tax Credit
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$484	\$163	\$0	\$512	\$573	\$361	\$86	\$218	\$413	\$0
New York	\$785	\$163	\$0	\$458	\$547	\$331	\$86	\$237	\$477	\$0

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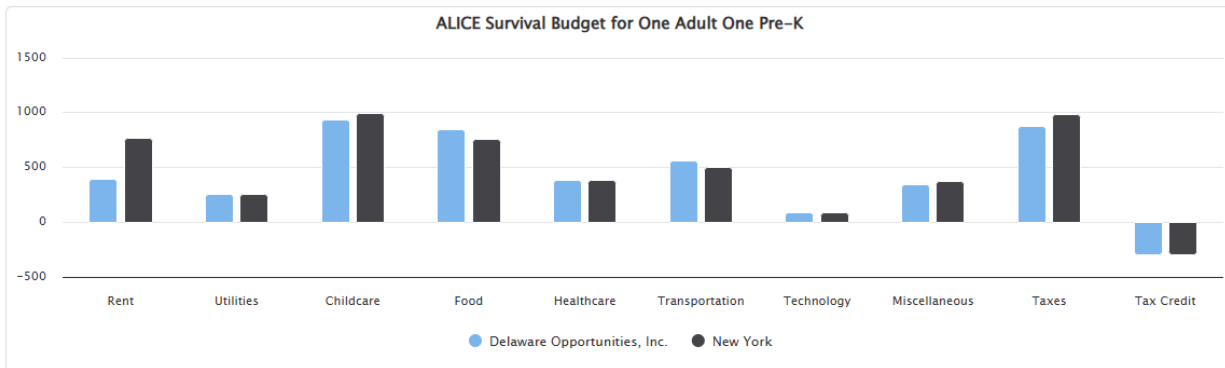


ALICE Survival Budget for One Adult One Pre-K

Figure 110. ALICE Survival Budget for One Adult One Pre-K

Report Area	Rent	Utilities	Childcare	Food	Healthcare	Transportation	Technology	Miscellaneous	Taxes	Tax Credit
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$394	\$258	\$938	\$845	\$378	\$559	\$86	\$346	\$875	\$-302
New York	\$767	\$258	\$996	\$756	\$378	\$500	\$86	\$374	\$980	\$-302

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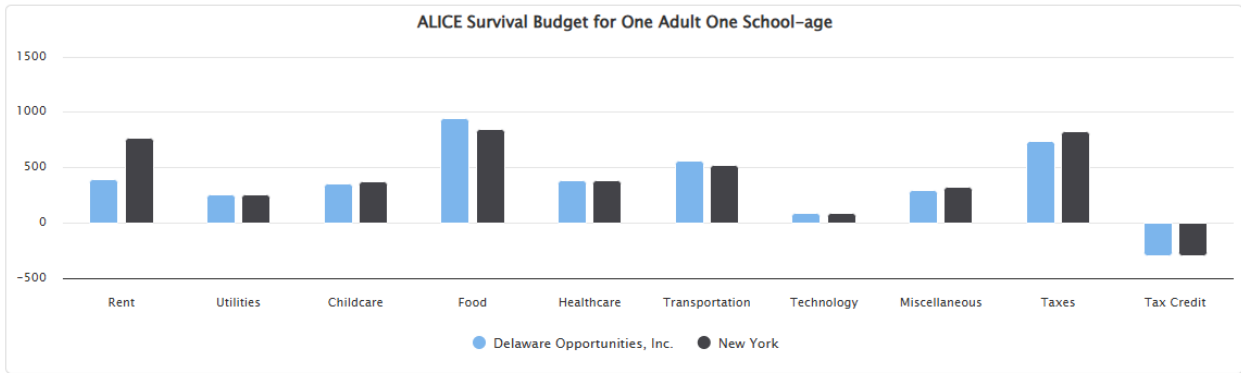


ALICE Survival Budget for One Adult One School-age

Figure 111. ALICE Survival Budget for One Adult One School-age

Report Area	Rent	Utilities	Childcare	Food	Healthcare	Transportation	Technology	Miscellaneous	Taxes	Tax Credit
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$394	\$258	\$352	\$942	\$378	\$559	\$86	\$297	\$736	\$-302
New York	\$767	\$258	\$373	\$842	\$378	\$523	\$86	\$322	\$826	\$-302

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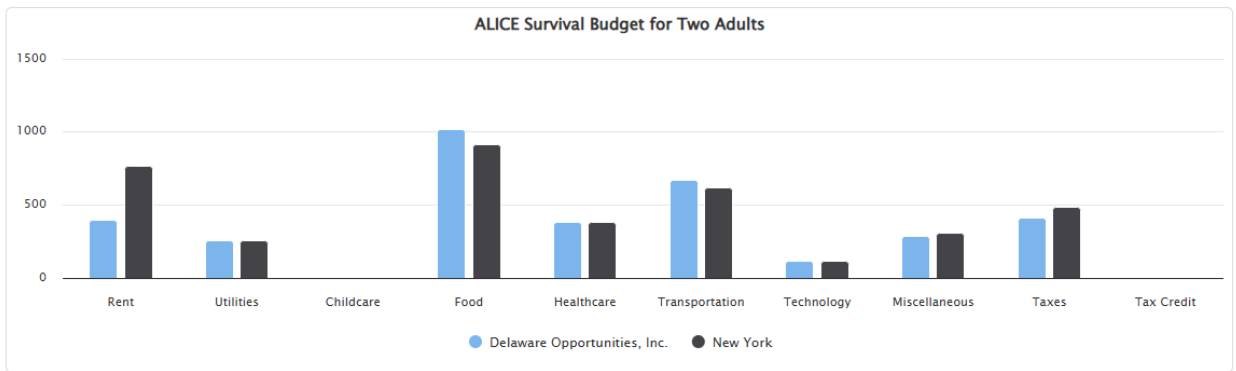


ALICE Survival Budget for Two Adults

Figure 112. ALICE Survival Budget for Two Adults

Report Area	Rent	Utilities	Childcare	Food	Healthcare	Transportation	Technology	Miscellaneous	Taxes	Tax Credit
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$394	\$258	\$0	\$1,018	\$378	\$666	\$116	\$283	\$413	\$0
New York	\$767	\$258	\$0	\$911	\$378	\$614	\$116	\$304	\$481	\$0

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. United for Alice. 2022. → Show more details



ALICE Survival Budget for Two Adults Two School-age

Figure 113. ALICE Survival Budget for Two Adults Two School-age

Report Area	Rent	Utilities	Childcare	Food	Healthcare	Transportation	Technology	Miscellaneous	Taxes	Tax Credit
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$447	\$310	\$703	\$1,712	\$643	\$1,076	\$116	\$501	\$1,008	\$-713
New York	\$930	\$310	\$746	\$1,532	\$643	\$1,010	\$116	\$528	\$1,105	\$-713

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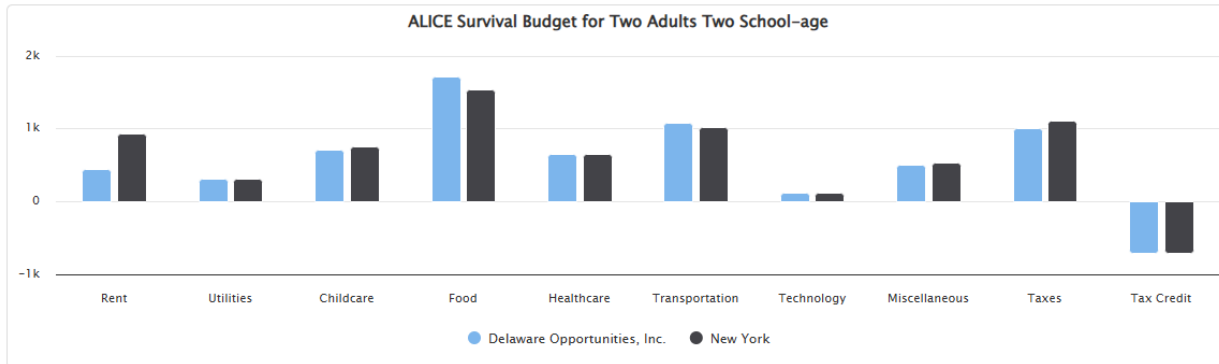


Figure 114. ALICE County Comparison Data

COUNTY COMPARISON: INCOME STATUS, 2021

New York Counties, 2021			Percent Change, 2019–2021	
County	Households	% ALICE + Poverty	# of Households	# ALICE + Poverty
Albany	132,171	41%	3%	1%
Allegany	16,671	52%	-7%	1%
Bronx	533,004	71%	4%	4%
Broome	84,452	40%	6%	-2%
Cattaraugus	32,562	41%	-1%	-1%
Cayuga	32,392	37%	3%	10%
Chautauqua	53,309	49%	-4%	13%
Chemung	35,407	41%	6%	21%
Chenango	19,753	40%	-5%	-3%
Clinton	33,860	39%	8%	15%
Columbia	25,167	39%	1%	10%
Cortland	18,260	39%	3%	-5%
Delaware	18,487	48%	-3%	6%
Dutchess	118,175	35%	7%	10%
Erie	412,870	40%	4%	10%
Essex	15,714	40%	0%	2%
Franklin	18,561	44%	-2%	-1%
Fulton	21,712	43%	-4%	5%
Genesee	24,461	35%	3%	0%
Greene	17,451	45%	2%	-8%
Hamilton	1,457	44%	26%	4%
Herkimer	24,441	41%	0%	4%
Jefferson	48,628	38%	18%	0%
Kings	1,001,868	54%	2%	4%
Lewis	10,453	38%	2%	1%
Livingston	24,012	42%	3%	5%
Madison	25,294	40%	-2%	4%
Monroe	318,883	38%	4%	0%

Figure 115. ALICE County Comparison Data

New York Counties, 2021			Percent Change, 2019–2021	
County	Households	% ALICE + Poverty	# of Households	# ALICE + Poverty
Montgomery	18,907	48%	-4%	1%
Nassau	459,452	26%	2%	-7%
New York	737,575	48%	-4%	10%
Niagara	90,975	39%	0%	11%
Oneida	93,373	41%	3%	11%
Onondaga	198,132	38%	8%	3%
Ontario	47,607	29%	3%	-6%
Orange	137,561	40%	5%	21%
Orleans	16,203	43%	-2%	4%
Oswego	46,924	41%	1%	16%
Otsego	22,448	47%	-4%	5%
Putnam	34,651	33%	-1%	3%
Queens	820,686	51%	5%	5%
Rensselaer	66,431	39%	1%	10%
Richmond	170,762	44%	3%	9%
Rockland	102,609	39%	1%	10%
Saratoga	100,226	32%	7%	-2%
Schenectady	66,910	35%	7%	3%
Schoharie	12,110	40%	-4%	-9%
Schuyler	7,542	40%	3%	1%
Seneca	13,603	43%	0%	11%
St. Lawrence	42,298	44%	-1%	0%
Steuben	39,500	40%	1%	-1%
Suffolk	511,951	32%	2%	5%
Sullivan	28,816	45%	0%	9%
Tioga	20,316	37%	1%	4%
Tompkins	44,469	40%	10%	1%
Ulster	75,053	36%	8%	-10%
Warren	29,729	35%	0%	-11%

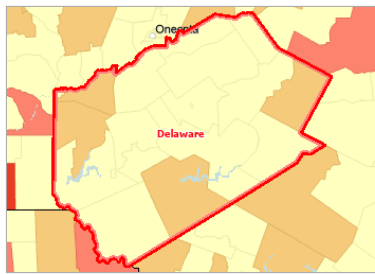
Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics

Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics show the number of veterans living in the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS), 6.42% of the adult population in the report area are veterans, which is less than the national average of 6.44%.

Figure 116. Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics

Report Area	Veterans Total	Veterans Male	Veterans Female	% Pop over 18 Total	% Pop over 18 Males	% Pop over 18 Females
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	2,397	2,216	181	6.42%	11.69%	0.99%
New York	607,728	558,698	49,030	3.86%	7.37%	0.60%
United States	16,569,149	14,907,774	1,661,375	6.44%	11.85%	1.26%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



Veterans, Percent of Total Population by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 13%
- 11.1 - 13.0%
- 9.1 - 11.0%
- Under 9.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

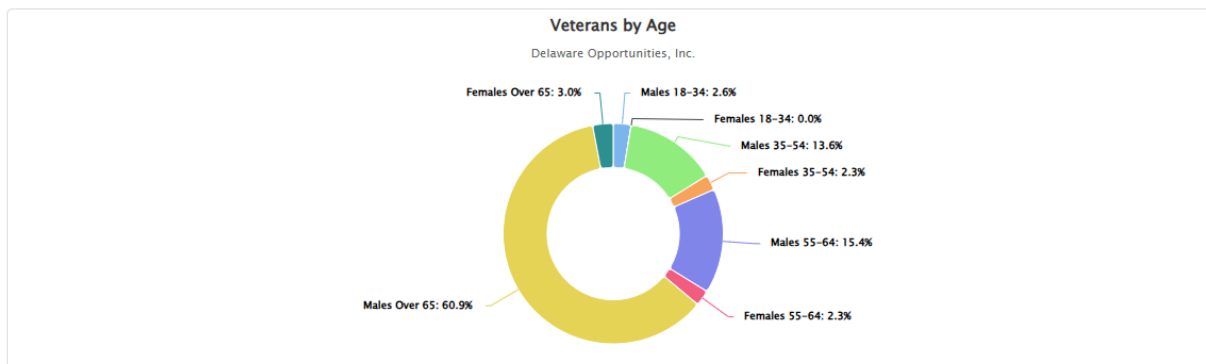
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Veterans by Age

Figure 117. Veterans by Age

Report Area	Veteran Age Males 18-34	Veteran Age Females 18-34	Veteran Age Males 35-54	Veteran Age Females 35-54	Veteran Age Males 55-64	Veteran Age Females 55-64	Veteran Age Males Over 65	Veteran Age Females Over 65
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	63	0	325	54	368	55	1,460	72
New York	35,618	8,523	104,672	18,009	94,252	11,631	324,156	10,867
United States	1,138,276	252,691	3,313,277	635,260	2,666,294	404,470	7,789,927	368,954

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



Index, Violent and Property Crime

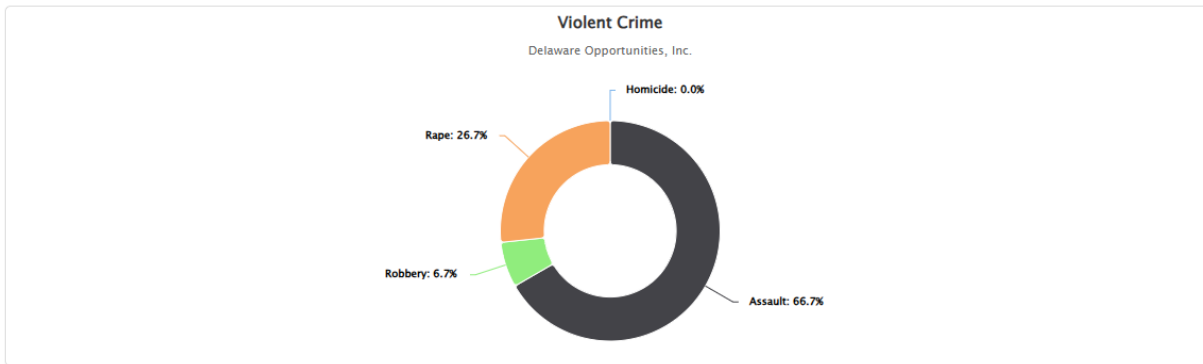
Violent Crime

Occurrences of violent crime within the report area are shown in the table below. According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services reporting system, a total of 0 murders, 60 assaults, 6 robberies and 24 rapes took place within the report area in 2022.

Figure 118. Violent Crime

Report Area	Total Violent Crime	Homicide	Assault	Robbery	Rape
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	90	0	60	6	24
New York	84,735	788	55,329	21,980	6,038

Data Source: New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. → Show more details



Property Crime

Occurrences of property crime within the report area are shown in the table below. According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services reporting system, a total of 134 burglaries, 916 incidents of larceny, and 27 automotive thefts were recorded in 2022 within the report area.

Figure 119. Property Crime

Report Area	Total Property Crime	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,077	134	916	27
New York	337,279	32,011	278,456	26,903

Data Source: New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. → Show more details

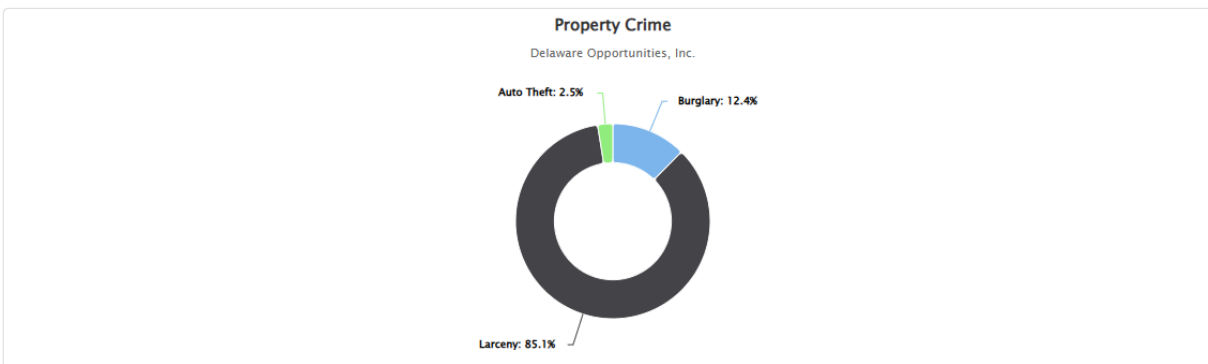


Table 8

County	2020 Population	<u>Index Crime</u>		<u>Violent Crime</u>		<u>Property Crime</u>		<u>Violent Crime with Firearm</u>	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Delaware	42,703	460	1,077.2	68	159.2	392	918.0	8	18.7

Data Source: NYS Department of Criminal Justice, www.criminaljustice.gov

Average Daily Population Counts in County Jails

The average daily number of people held in county jails are shown in the selected report area. An average total of 58.5 people were held in county jails in 2023.

The average daily number for the month of January 2023 was 45, while the average daily number for the month of January 2024 was 76.

Figure 120. Average Daily Population Counts in County Jails

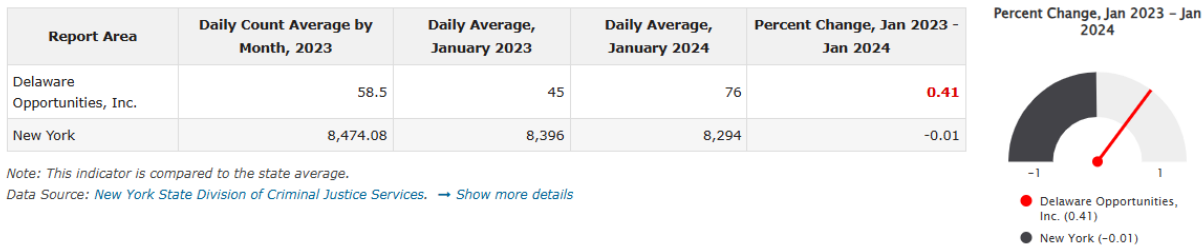


Table 9

Delaware County Jail		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2015 vs 2024	2023 vs 2024
		Census	75	80	81	68	58	34	42	44	59	83	11%
Boarded Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	
Boarded In	5	8	12	12	17	12	4	6	6	6	20%	0%	
-Sentenced	31	22	17	17	14	8	5	7	9	7	-77%	-22%	
-Civil	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0%	0%	
-Federal	4	3	16	7	10	11	17	16	21	41	925%	95%	
-Technical Parole Violators	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	-67%	0%	
-State Readies	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0%	0%	
-Other Unsentenced**	40	57	55	48	48	22	21	25	33	39	-3%	18%	

Source: NYS Department of Criminal Justice, www.criminaljustice.gov

Citizenship Status

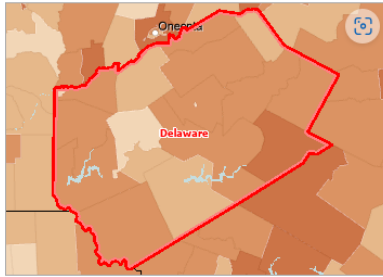
The table below shows the numbers and percent of population by citizenship status for the report area. According to the latest American Community Survey (ACS), the report area has a total of 543 non-

citizens, or 1.22% of the total population of 44,551 persons, in contrast to the state average of 9.12% of the population and the national average of 6.61% non-Citizens living in the United States.

Figure 121. Citizenship Status

Report Area	Native	Born in a US Territory	Born Abroad to US Citizens	Naturalized	Non-Citizen	Non-Citizen, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	42,295	95	231	1,387	543	1.22%
New York	14,869,544	251,495	252,133	2,686,368	1,812,779	9.12%
United States	280,666,495	2,064,560	3,547,584	24,133,728	21,975,173	6.61%

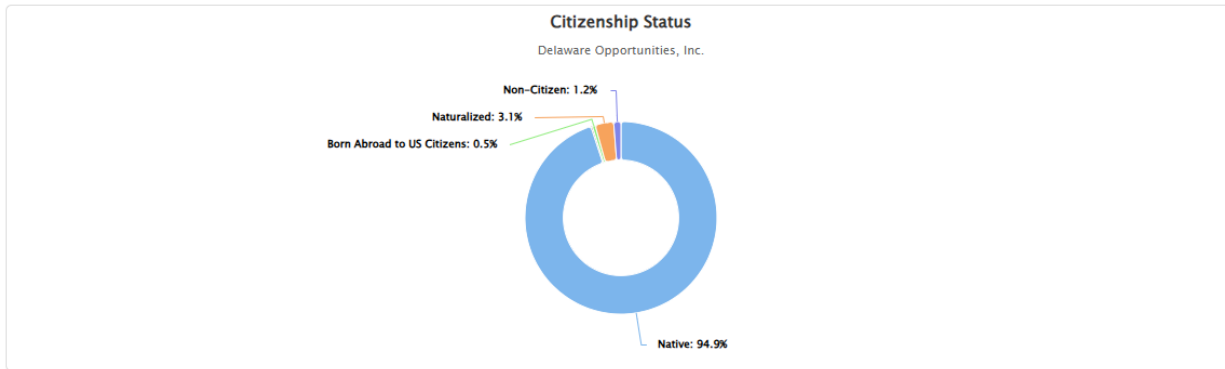
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Non US Citizen Population, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 4.0%
- 1.1 - 4.0%
- Under 1.1%
- No Non-Citizens
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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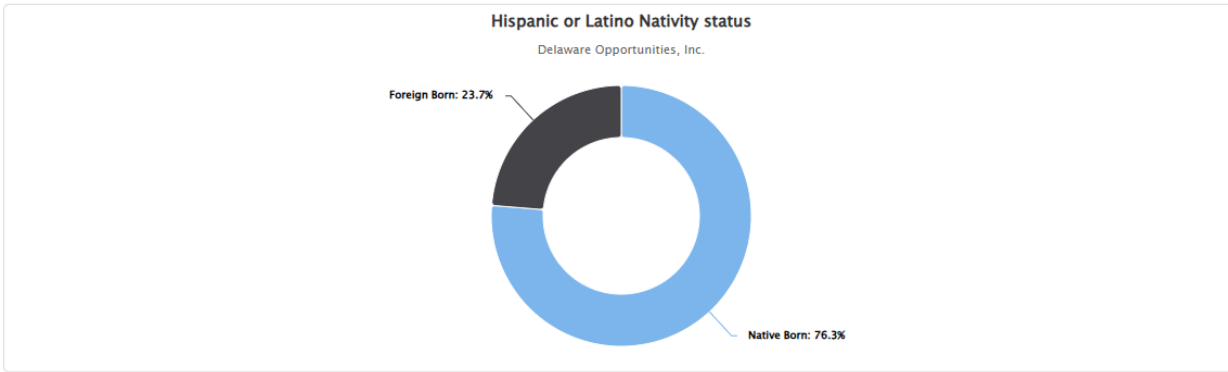
Hispanic or Latino Nativity Status

This indicator reports the nativity status of the Hispanic or Latino population within the report area.

Figure 122. Hispanic or Latino Citizens

Report Area	Native Born	Native Born, Percent	Foreign Born	Foreign Born, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,602	76.29%	498	23.71%
New York	2,456,615	63.01%	1,442,037	36.99%
United States	42,711,226	67.65%	20,420,363	32.35%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



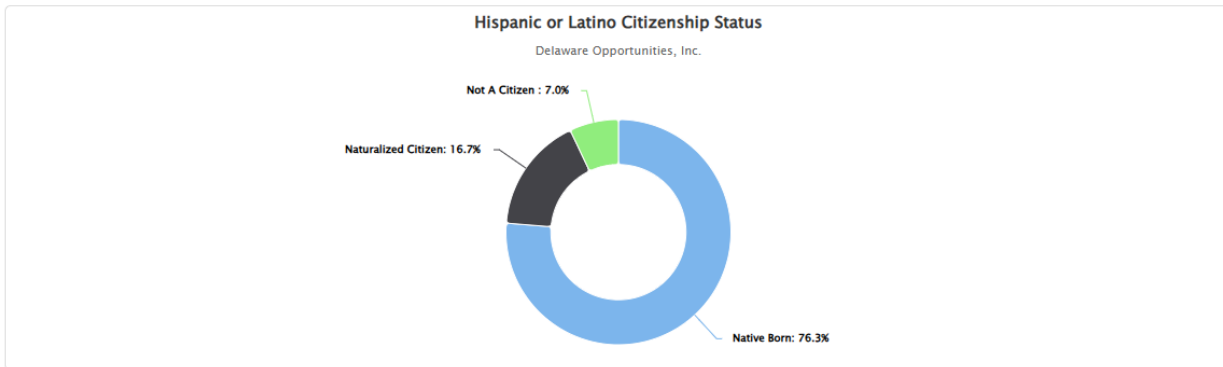
Hispanic or Latino Citizenship Status

This indicator reports the citizenship status of the Hispanic or Latino population within the report area.

Figure 123. Hispanic or Latino Non-Citizens

Report Area	Native Born	Native Born, Percent	Naturalized Citizen	Naturalized Citizen, Percent	Not A Citizen	Not A Citizen, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,602	76.29%	350	16.67%	148	7.05%
New York	2,456,615	63.01%	693,813	17.80%	748,224	19.19%
United States	42,711,226	67.65%	8,201,984	12.99%	12,218,379	19.35%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)



Vulnerable Communities

The 2022 Community Resilience Estimates (CRE) provides an easily understood metric for how at-risk every neighborhood in the United States is to the impacts of disasters, including COVID-19.

Within the report area of 43,087 population, 23.54% of residents are faced with 3+ predominant risk factors (RF).

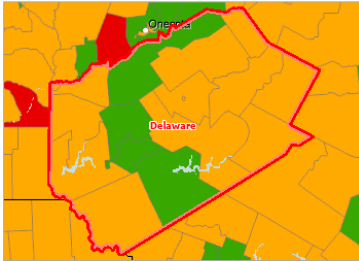
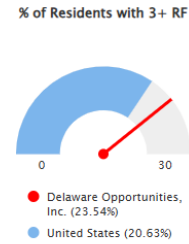
Note: Modeled population estimates are from Census 2022 CRE data.

Figure 124. Vulnerable Communities

Report Area	Total Population	Residents with 0 RF, Percent	Residents with 1-2 RF, Percent	Residents with 3+ RF, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	43,087	32.97%	43.5%	23.54%
United States	328,496,586	35.13%	44.24%	20.63%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

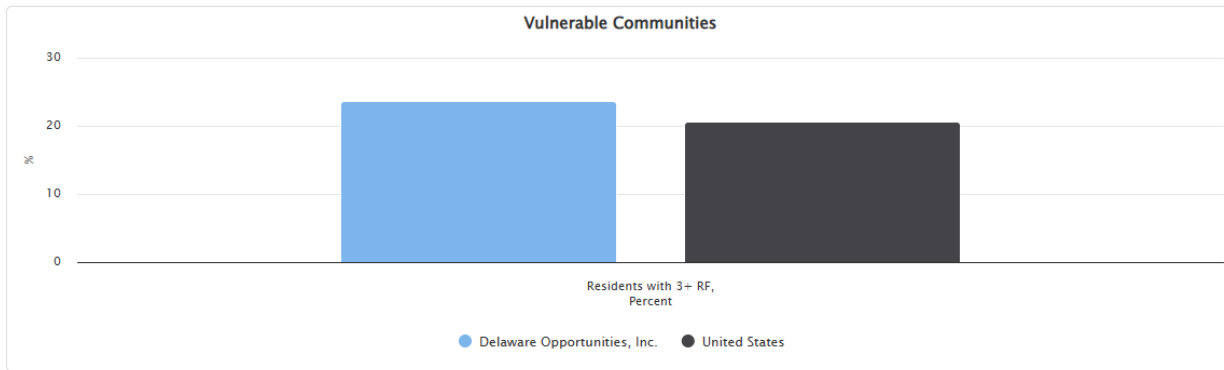
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Community Resilience Estimates - Predominant Risk Factor by Tract, CENSUS_CRE 2022

- Estimated Population with 3+ Risk Factors
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- Estimated Population with 0 Risk Factors
- TIED
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.



Community Resilience Estimates for Equity-Key Facts

This indicator displays the key facts of the 2022 Community Resilience Estimates for Equity as selected in the interactive CRE for Equity portal.

**Householder, no spouse present, with own children of the householder under 18 years.*

Figure 125. Community Resilience Estimates for Equity

Report Area	Population below the Poverty Level	Population 65+	Population w/ Disability	Households w/o Vehicle	Female Householder no Spouse*	Male Householder no Spouse*	Households w/ Broadband Internet
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	14.80%	25.20%	18.50%	7.40%	3.20%	1.20%	84.00%
United States	12.50%	16.50%	12.90%	8.30%	5.00%	1.20%	88.30%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, US Census Community Resilience Estimates. 2022. → Show more details

Employment

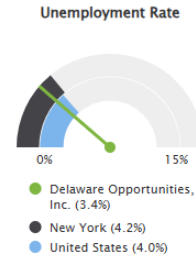
Economic and social insecurity often are associated with poor health. Poverty, unemployment, and lack of educational achievement affect access to care and a community’s ability to engage in healthy behaviors. Without a network of support and a safe community, families cannot thrive. Ensuring access to social and economic resources provides a foundation for a healthy community.

Current Unemployment

Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for each county in the report area is provided in the table below. Overall, the report area experienced an average 3.4% unemployment rate in November 2024.

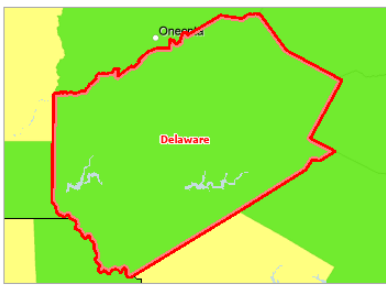
Figure 126. Current Unemployment

Report Area	Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	18,277	17,653	624	3.4%
New York	9,643,613	9,239,507	404,106	4.2%
United States	169,402,242	162,627,001	6,775,241	4.0%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

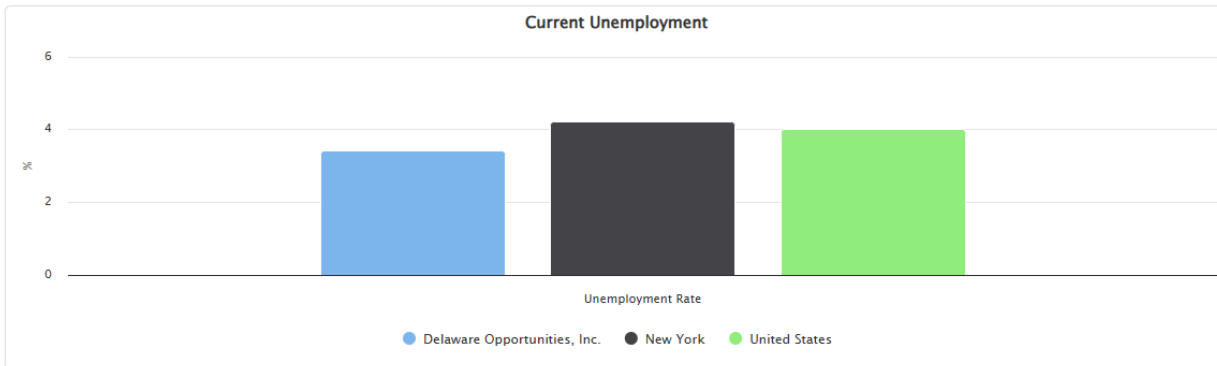
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Unemployment, Rate by County, BLS 2024 - November

- Over 12.0%
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- 6.1 - 9.0%
- 3.1 - 6.0%
- Under 3.1%
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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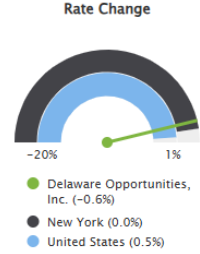


Unemployment Change

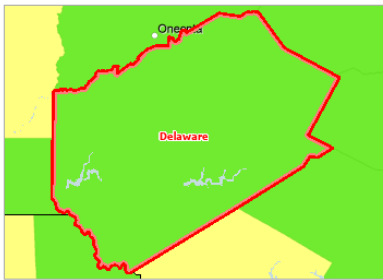
Unemployment change within the report area from November 2023 to November 2024 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this one year period fell from 4.0% to 3.4%.

Figure 127. Unemployment Change

Report Area	Unemployment November 2023	Unemployment November 2024	Unemployment Rate November 2023	Unemployment Rate November 2024	Rate Change
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	738	624	4.0%	3.4%	-0.6%
New York	407,556	404,106	4.2%	4.2%	0.0%
United States	5,886,100	6,775,241	3.5%	4.0%	0.5%



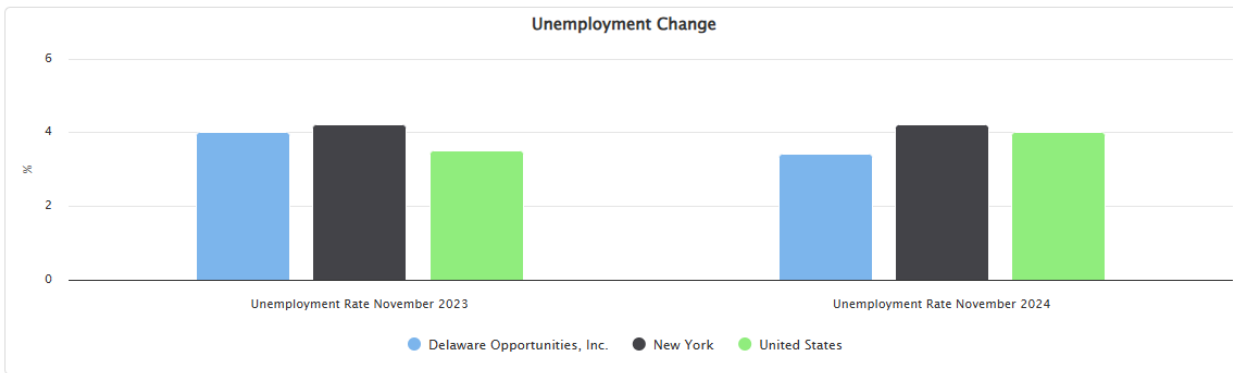
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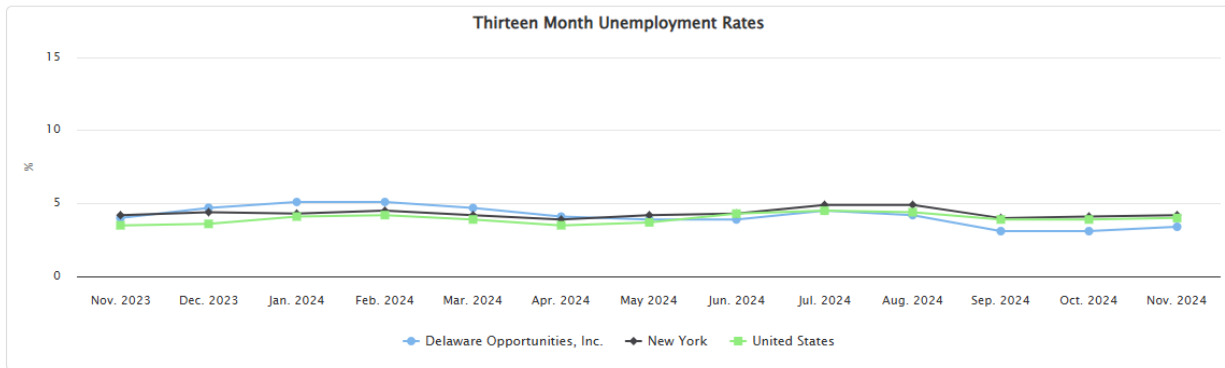
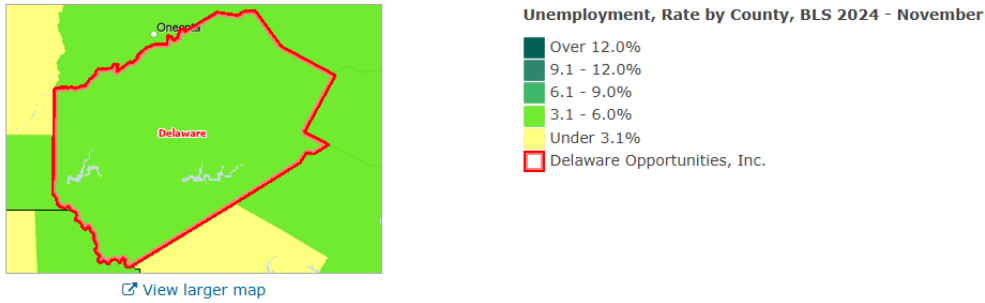
Thirteen Month Unemployment Rates

Unemployment change within the report area from November 2023 to November 2024 is shown in the chart below.

Figure 128. Thirteen Month Unemployment Rates

Report Area	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2024
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	4.0%	4.7%	5.1%	5.1%	4.7%	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%	4.2%	3.1%	3.1%	3.4%
New York	4.2%	4.4%	4.3%	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%	4.2%	4.3%	4.9%	4.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%
United States	3.5%	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%	3.5%	3.7%	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%	3.9%	3.9%	4.0%

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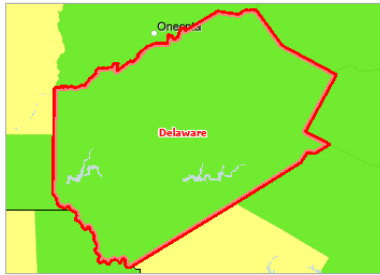
Five Year Unemployment Rate

Unemployment change within the report area from November 2020 to November 2024 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this five year period fell from 4.7% to 3.4%.

Figure 129. Five Year Unemployment Rate

Report Area	November 2020	November 2021	November 2022	November 2023	November 2024
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	4.7%	3.3%	3.3%	4.0%	3.4%
New York	8.3%	5.2%	3.8%	4.2%	4.2%
United States	6.4%	3.9%	3.4%	3.5%	4.0%

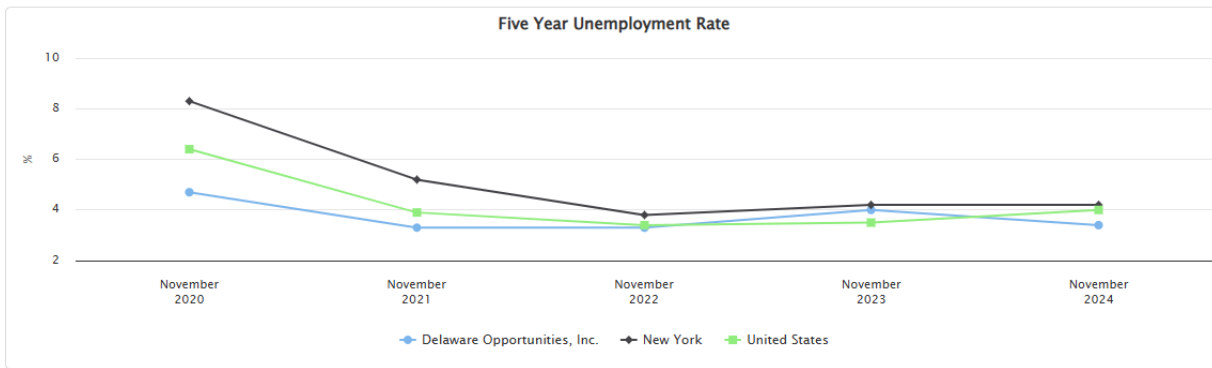
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Unemployment, Rate by County, BLS 2024 - November

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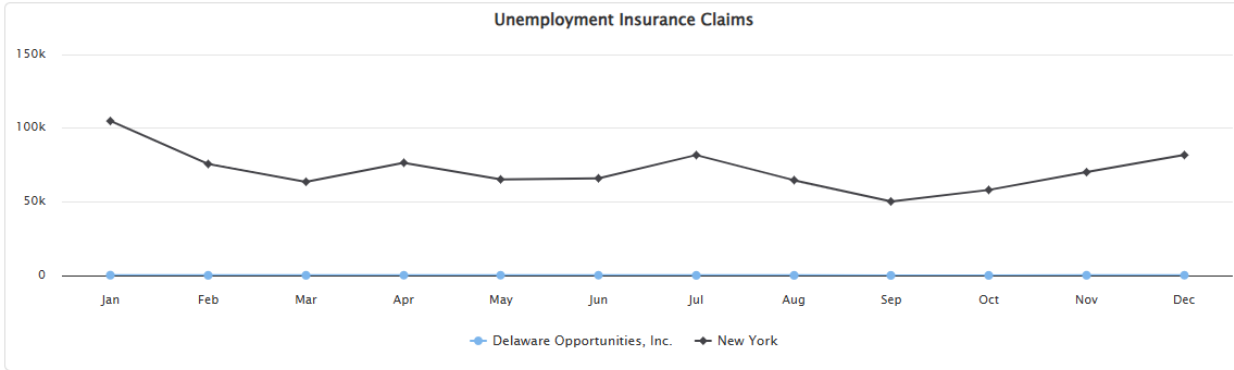
Unemployment Insurance Claims

The table below shows monthly insurance claims (UI) for Regular UI by county for each month in 2023. Regular UI programs include UI, Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE), Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX), and Shared Work programs.

Figure 130. Unemployment Insurance Claims

Report Area	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	210	120	130	140	160	110	100	100	60	80	160	220
New York	104,880	75,670	63,590	76,550	65,180	65,940	81,740	64,730	50,250	58,100	70,170	81,800

Data Source: *New York Department of Labor.* → [Show more details](#)



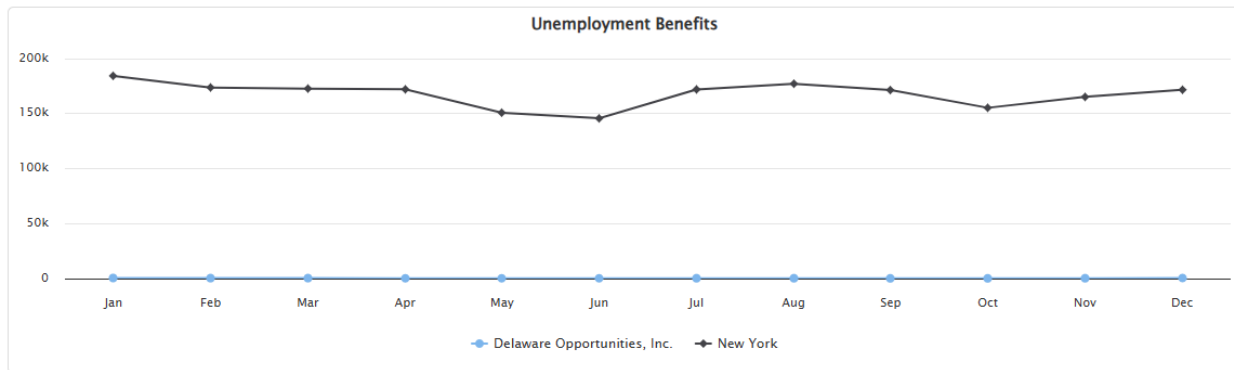
Unemployment Benefits

Monthly beneficiary data for Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) by county for 2023. Regular UI programs include UI, Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE), Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX), and Shared Work programs.

Figure 131. Unemployment Benefits

Report Area	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	500	400	400	300	300	200	300	300	200	200	300	400
New York	184,300	173,700	172,700	172,100	150,800	145,700	172,000	177,200	171,400	155,300	165,200	171,600

Data Source: *New York Department of Labor.* → [Show more details](#)



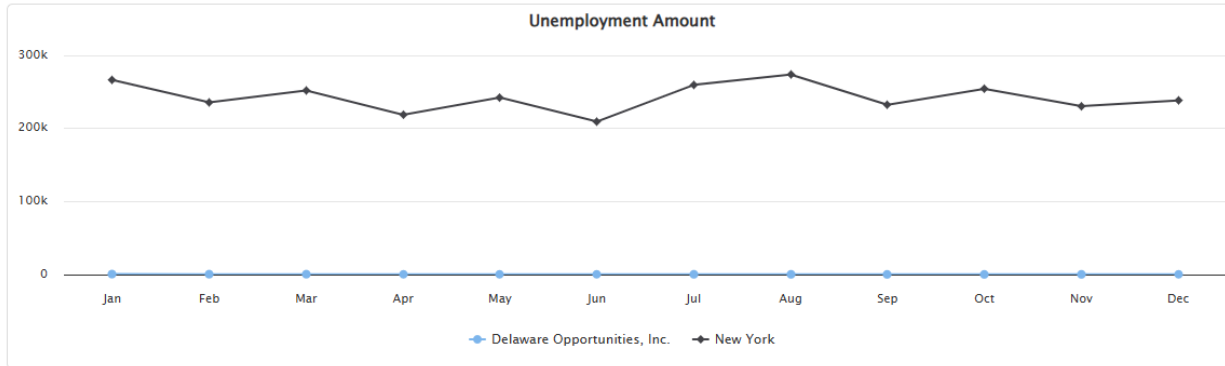
Unemployment Amount

Monthly benefits paid amount data for Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) by county for 2023. Regular UI programs include UI, Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE), Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX), and Shared Work programs.

Figure 132. Unemployment Amount

Report Area	Jan (\$1,000)	Feb (\$1,000)	Mar (\$1,000)	Apr (\$1,000)	May (\$1,000)	Jun (\$1,000)	Jul (\$1,000)	Aug (\$1,000)	Sep (\$1,000)	Oct (\$1,000)	Nov (\$1,000)	Dec (\$1,000)
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	628	529	513	358	332	262	373	322	247	243	285	422
New York	266,364	235,596	251,952	218,764	242,238	209,389	259,604	273,804	232,347	254,347	230,400	238,350

Data Source: New York Department of Labor. → Show more details



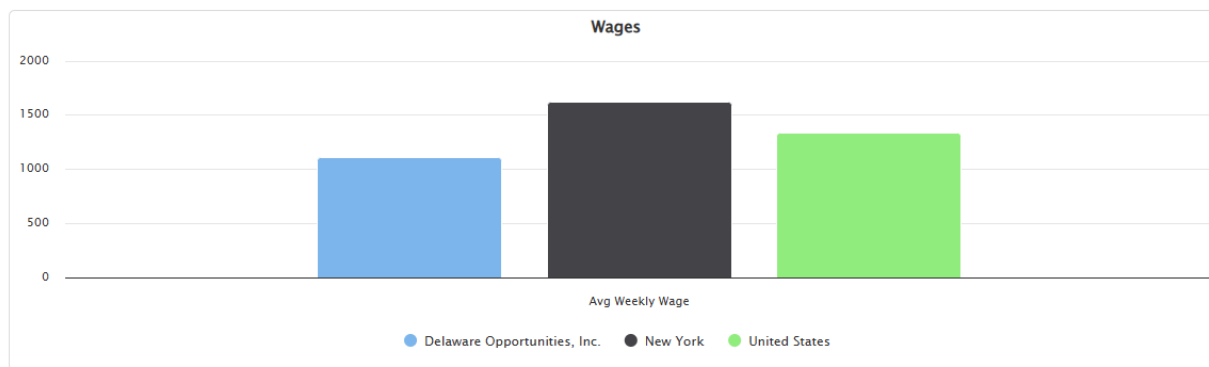
Wages

Average weekly wages for the report area during the period of June 2023 are provided below. Wage and employment figures are shown by county of employment. The report area has an average weekly wage of \$1,109.

Figure 133. Wages

Report Area	Total Employees	Avg Weekly Wage	Federal Employees	Avg Federal Government Weekly Wage	State/Local Employees	Avg State/Local Government Weekly Wage	Private Employees	Avg Private Weekly Wage
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	15,277	\$1,109	119	\$1,181	4,066	\$1,483.5	11,092	\$1,062
New York	9,623,821	\$1,621	114,369	\$1,735	1,303,214	\$1,906.5	8,206,238	\$1,606
United States	154,308,523	\$1,332	2,930,841	\$1,837	18,940,742	\$1,334	132,436,940	\$1,328

Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2023 Quarter 2. → Show more details



Living Wage

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

majority of New York counties is \$15.50. In New York City, it is \$16.00 per hour. In Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties, it is \$16.00 per hour.

Figure 134. Living Wage

Report Area	One Adult	One Adult One Child	Two Adults	Two Adults One Child	Two Adults Two Children
Delaware County, NY	\$21.30	\$36.21	\$14.54	\$20.58	\$26.23
New York	\$26.86	\$48.16	\$17.70	\$26.07	\$33.53

Data Source: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Living Wage Calculator. February 2024. → [Show more details](#)

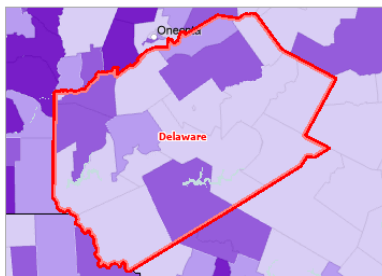
Commuter Travel Patterns

This indicator shows the method of transportation workers used to travel to work for the report area. Of the 18,668 workers in the report area, 72.3% drove to work alone while 7.9% carpooled. 0.9% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 6.5% walking or riding bicycles, and 1.0% used taxicabs to travel to work.

Figure 135. Commuter Travel Patterns

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Percent Drive Alone	Percent Carpool	Percent Public Transportation	Percent Bicycle or Walk	Percent Taxi or Other	Percent Work at Home
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	18,668	72.3%	7.9%	0.9%	6.5%	1.0%	11.5%
New York	9,350,213	49.7%	6.3%	22.4%	6.5%	1.8%	13.3%
United States	157,645,183	70.2%	8.5%	3.5%	2.9%	1.5%	13.5%

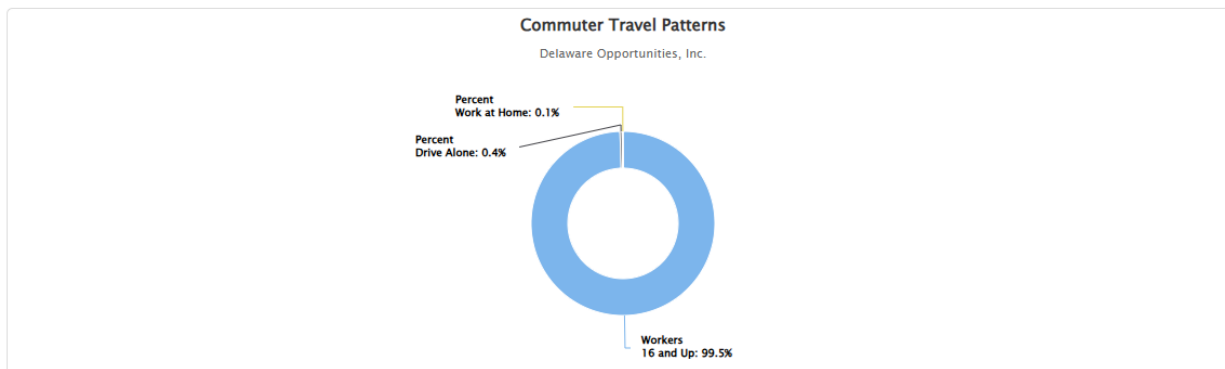
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Workers Traveling to Work by Car Alone, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 83.0%
- 79.1 - 83.0%
- 75.1 - 79.0%
- Under 75.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.



Non-Hispanic Commuters

This indicator shows the method of transportation non-Hispanic workers used to travel to work for the report area. Of the 17,705 non-Hispanic workers in the report area, 80.86% drove to work. 0.93% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 7.27% walking or riding bicycles, and 10.95% worked from home.

Figure 136. Non-Hispanic Commuters

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	17,705	80.86%	0.93%	7.27%	10.95%
New York	7,637,266	58.51%	19.43%	7.82%	14.24%
United States	128,751,506	78.07%	3.22%	4.18%	14.53%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details

White Non-Hispanic Commuters

This indicator shows the method of transportation white non-Hispanic workers used to travel to work for the report area. Of the 16,670 white non-Hispanic workers in the report area, 81.59% drove to work. 0.79% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 6.70% walking or riding bicycles, and 10.92% worked from home.

Figure 137. White Non-Hispanic Commuters

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	16,670	81.59%	0.79%	6.70%	10.92%
New York	5,217,687	65.15%	12.52%	7.18%	15.14%
United States	94,347,262	79.38%	2.04%	3.85%	14.73%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details

Hispanic Commuters

This indicator shows the method of transportation Hispanic workers used to travel to work for the report area. Of the 963 Hispanic workers in the report area, 67.19% drove to work. 0.52% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 11.63% walking or riding bicycles, and 20.66% worked from home.

Figure 138. Hispanic Commuters

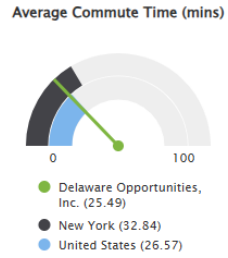
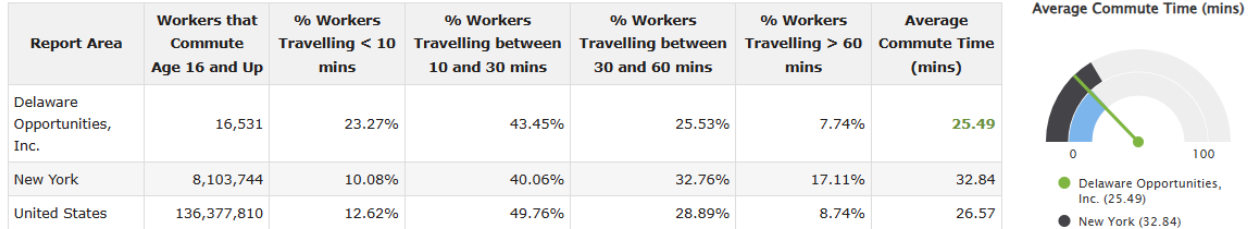
Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	963	67.19%	0.52%	11.63%	20.66%
New York	1,712,947	44.56%	35.61%	10.53%	9.30%
United States	28,893,677	81.48%	4.78%	4.86%	8.88%

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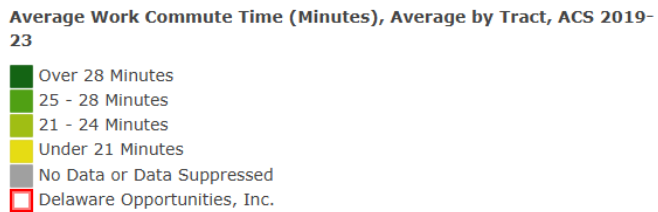
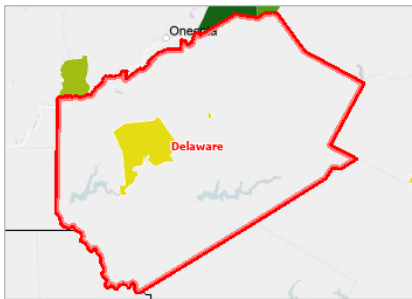
Travel Time to Work

Travel time for workers who travel to work (do not work at home) is shown for the report area. The average commute time, according to the American Community Survey (ACS), for the report area is on average 25.49 minutes compared to the national average commute time of 26.57 minutes.

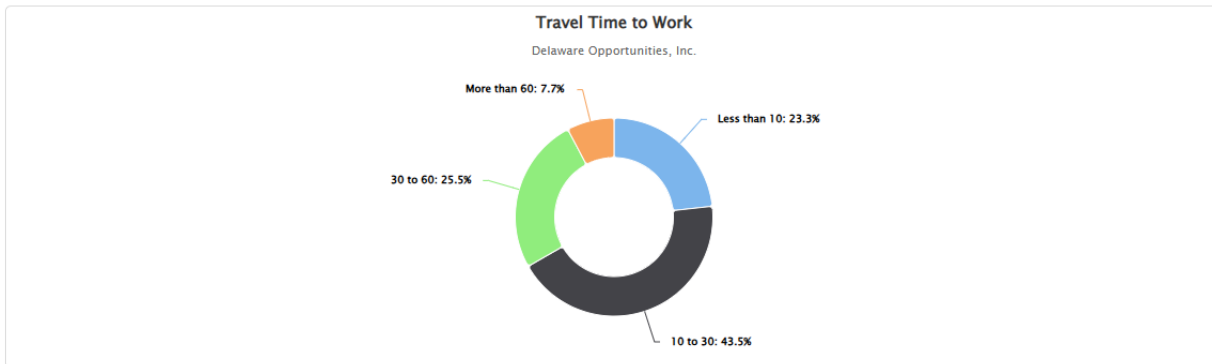
Figure 139. Travel Time to Work



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details



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Top Employers

According to Data USA’s profile of Delaware County (data from 2022), the county’s largest industries include Health Care and Social Assistance (2,707 people), Educational Services (2,604 people), and Retail Trade (2,217 people), and the highest paying industries are Business and Financial Operations Occupations (\$186,511), Management Occupations (\$116,454), and Education Instruction and Library Occupations (\$106,432). The most common jobs held by residents of Delaware County, by number and employees, are Office and Administrative Support Occupations (2,044 people), Management Occupations (1,963 people), and Educational Instruction and Library Occupations (1,573 people)

Table 10

All Employers	Type of Business
Kraft	Manufacturing/dairy
Covidien	Manufacturing/pharmaceuticals

Saputo	Manufacturing/dairy
DOMO Friesland	Manufacturing/dairy
Sportsfield Industries	Manufacturing/sporting goods
Clark Industries	Earth Moving/Sports Fields/Gravel and Stone
ACCO Brands	Manufacturing/Calendars
Amphenol Aerospace	Manufacturing/Electronics
Unalam	Manufacturing/Wood Products
SUNY Delhi	College
Delaware County	Municipality
Delaware Opportunities	Not for Profit
The Arc of Delaware County	Not for Profit

Source: Locally Collected.

Table 11

Table 2. Organizational Indicators by Type of Service Provided, Delaware County

	Number of Organizations	Total Number of Employees	Average Size	Total Revenue
Agriculture/Environment	3	33	11	\$27,203,893
Ambulance Services	1	39	39	\$850,277
Arts Councils	1	6	6	\$392,939
Child Care/Early Education	1	31	31	\$776,311
Grantmaking	1	34	34	\$724,989
Humane Society/Wildlife	3	28	9	\$1,844,507
Individual, Family, and Child Social Assistance	1	238	238	\$14,102,184
Libraries/Media	7	54	8	\$1,503,969
Mental Health/Substance Abuse	1	6	6	\$626,360
Museums/Historical Sites/Zoos/Parks	2	19	9.5	\$1,026,384
Nursing Care/Assisted Living	1	90	90	\$6,237,023
Performing Arts/Musical Groups	2	15	8	\$508,209
Services for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities	1	209	209	\$10,625,409
Total	25	802	32	\$66,422,454.00

Source: CFSCNY Needs Assessment, Delaware County Summary Report

Table 12

Table 1b-3 2020 Delaware County Employment by Industry
 Numbers are based on civilian employed population 19,905 people aged 16 and over

Industry	Persons employed	Percent of labor force
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, mining	793	4.0%
Construction	1628	8.2%
Manufacturing	2502	12.6%
Wholesale trade	307	1.5%
Retail trade	2165	10.9%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	854	4.3%
Information	345	1.7%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	735	3.7%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	1635	8.2%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	5090	25.6%
Arts and entertainment, and recreation, accommodation, and food services	1600	8.0%
Other services, except public administration	1262	6.3%
Public administration	989	5.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-year estimates Data Profile

Source: Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment, 2022-2024

Number of Economic Development Agencies

Delaware County, NY: Delaware County Economic Development (Delhi, NY)

Child Care Wait List-

Locally collected March 2025

Delaware County, NY: 237 [43 for FDC/GFDC, 140for DCC, 38 for HS]

Head Start and Universal Pre-Kindergarten

Table 13 & 14

Preschool Statistics as of February 2025

School District	Pre-K Program	Transportation	Enrolled 4 Yr. Olds
Andes	Yes, FD	Yes	10 of 16 spots filled (mixed 3 (6) and 4 (4) yr. olds)
Charlotte Valley	Yes, FD	Yes	25 of 40 spots filled - 2 classrooms
Delaware Academy	Yes, FD	Yes	18 of 18 spots filled
Deposit	Yes, FD	Yes	18 of 20 spots filled, can open 2 nd classroom if needed
Downsville	Yes, FD	Yes	13 (4 yr. olds) and 13 (3 yr. olds MWF)
Franklin	Yes, FD	Yes	20 of 20 spots filled
Hancock	Yes, FD	Yes	12 of 20 spots filled
Margaretville	Yes, FD	Yes	22 of 32 spots filled - 2 classrooms
Roxbury	Yes, FD	Yes	8 of 20 spots filled
Sidney	Yes, FD	Yes	32 of 32 spots filled - 2 classrooms (local daycare center also has 2 pre-k classrooms)
South Kortright	Yes, FD	Yes	10 out of 18 spots filled
Stamford	Yes, FD	Yes	18 out of 18 spots filled, may open a 2 nd classroom
Walton	Yes, FD	Yes	34 of 36 spots filled - 2 classrooms
Total:			234 - 4 Yr. Old Children (19 - 3 Yr. Olds)

Key: FD – Full Day

Head Start Statistics as of February 2025

School District	Head Start Center	Slots	Enrolled 4 Yr. Olds	Current Wait List
Andes	Delhi		N/A	N/A
Charlotte Valley	Davenport	14	4 IE, 2 100-130%, 1 OI (7)	3 OI, 3 NI
Delaware Academy	Delhi	17	11 IE, 0 100-130%, 0 OI (11)	7 OI, 4 NI
Deposit	Deposit	17	13 IE, 0 100-130%, 0 OI (13)	7 OI, 1 NI
Downsville	Walton I and II		N/A	N/A
Franklin	Franklin	14	5 IE, 1 100-130%, 0 OI (6)	1 OI, 3 NI
Hancock	Fishs Eddy	17	6 IE, 1 100-130%, 0 OI (7)	3 OI
Margaretville	Arkville	14	2 IE, 2 100-130%, 1 OI (5)	6 OI, 1 NI
Roxbury	Arkville		N/A	N/A
Sidney	Sidney I and II	34	18 IE, 0 100-130%, 0 OI (18)	4 OI, 3 NI, 2 IE
South Kortright	Hobart	17	N/A	N/A
Stamford	Hobart		N/A	N/A
Walton	Walton I and II	34	15 IE, 1 100-130%, 0 OI (16)	8 OI, 2 NI
Total:		178	74 IE, 7 100-130%, 2 OI = 83	39 OI, 17 NI, 2 IE = 58

Key: IE – Income Eligible 100-130% - Mid-range on Federal Guidelines OI – Over Income NI – Needs Income Documents

Child Care Demand and Referral Data:

Demand for Child Care: The Child Care Resource and Referral Staff provided referrals and assistance with their child care plan to 110 families for 260 children in 2024.

Data taken from the Delaware Opportunities CCR&R 2024 EMPIRE/Match reports show the high need gaps in child care as follows:

- Data shows most of the child care referral requests were for the Delhi, Sidney, and Walton areas. There were more referrals than slots available, causing families to search outside of their living or working areas.
- Referrals for the townships of Franklin, Hancock, South Kortright were requested and have limited child care slots. Some referral requests were for towns without any or few registered or licensed child care providers such as Andes, Margaretville, Downsville, and Roscoe.
- 72% of referrals were for children under the age of three. There is also a need for child care providers who are willing to care for children before and after school, evenings and weekends.

Over the past five years registered and licensed facilities have increased by one in Delaware County from 40 to 41. There has also been an increase in the legally exempt enrolled providers in the county from 13 to 40. This may be due to the increase eligibility guidelines for Child Care Assistance Program funding and/or the needs of families and caregivers.

Education

This category contains indicators that describe the education system and the educational outcomes of report area populations. Education metrics can be used to describe variation in population access, proficiency, and attainment throughout the education system, from access to pre-kindergarten through advanced degree attainment. These indicators are important because education is closely tied to health outcomes and economic opportunity.

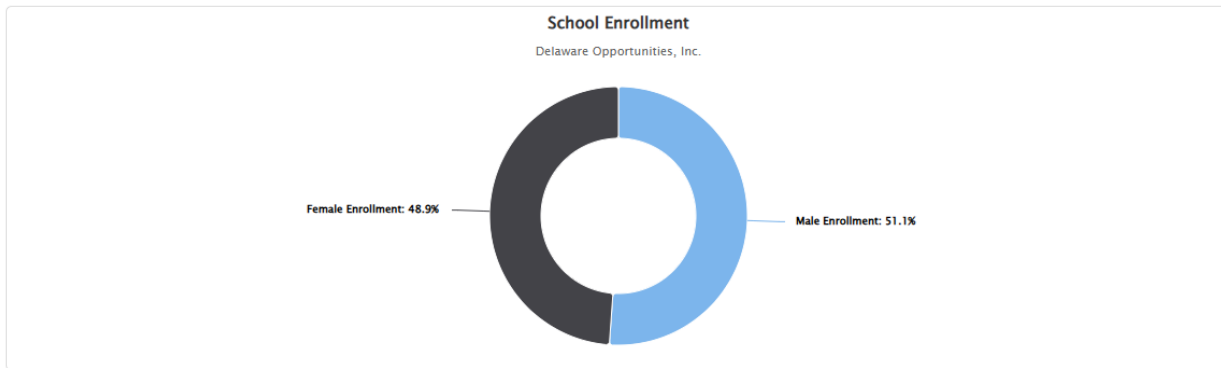
School Enrollment

The table below shows the total public school enrollment in the selected region. Totals were updated to reflect counts for the 2021/2022 school year.

Figure 140. School Enrollment

Report Area	Total Enrollment	Male Enrollment	Male Enrollment Percent	Female Enrollment	Female Enrollment Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	4,693	2,400	51.14%	2,293	48.86%
New York	2,388,094	1,219,776	51.08%	1,168,318	48.92%

Data Source: New York State Education Department. → Show more details

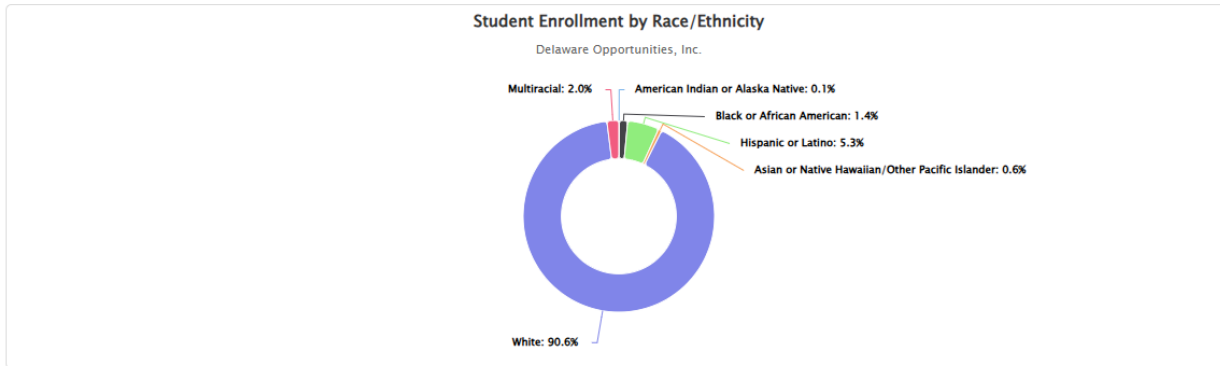


Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

Figure 141. Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

Report Area	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	White	Multiracial
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	4	66	250	28	4,251	94
New York	17,279	373,697	702,542	246,284	970,376	78,730

Data Source: New York State Education Department. → Show more details



Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity Percent

Figure 142. Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity Percent

Report Area	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	White	Multiracial
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	0.09%	1.41%	5.33%	0.60%	90.58%	2.00%
New York	0.72%	15.65%	29.42%	10.31%	40.63%	3.30%

Data Source: New York State Education Department. → Show more details

High School Graduates

The table below shows the number of Public High School graduates, where reported, in the selected region for the 2022/2023 academic years.

Figure 143. High School Graduates

Report Area	Graduates Total	Graduates Male	Graduates Female	Graduates Nonbinary	Graduation Rate Total	Graduation Rate Male	Graduation Rate Female	Graduation Rate Nonbinary
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	357	192	165	No data	92.25%	91.43%	93.22%	No data
New York	172,502	86,250	86,140	112	86.38%	83.56%	89.40%	88.19%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: New York State Education Department. → Show more details

High School Dropouts

The table below shows the number of Public High School dropouts, where reported, in the selected region. Totals were updated to reflect counts for the 2021/2022 school year.

Figure 144. High School Dropouts

Report Area	Dropouts Total	Dropouts Male	Dropouts Female	Dropouts Nonbinary	Dropout Rate Total	Dropout Rate Males	Dropout Rate Females	Dropout Rate Nonbinary
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	17	10	7	No data	4.39%	4.76%	3.95%	No data
New York	9,751	6,092	3,655	4	4.88%	5.90%	3.79%	3.15%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: [New York State Education Department](#). → [Show more details](#)

Educational Attainment

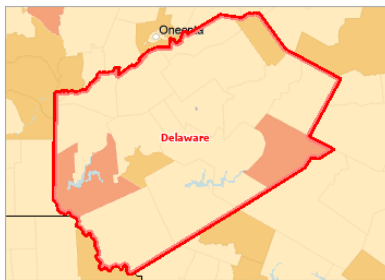
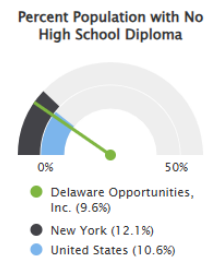
Educational Attainment shows the distribution of the highest level of education achieved in the report area, and helps schools and businesses to understand the needs of adults, whether it be workforce training or the ability to develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics opportunities. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25 years old, and is an estimated average for the period from 2019 to 2023.

For the selected area, 14.6% have at least a college bachelor’s degree, while 37.1% stopped their formal educational attainment after high school.

Figure 145. Educational Attainment

Report Area	No High School Diploma	High School Only	Some College	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	9.6%	37.1%	15.0%	11.6%	14.6%	12.1%
New York	12.1%	24.6%	14.9%	8.9%	22.0%	17.5%
United States	10.6%	26.2%	19.4%	8.8%	21.3%	13.7%

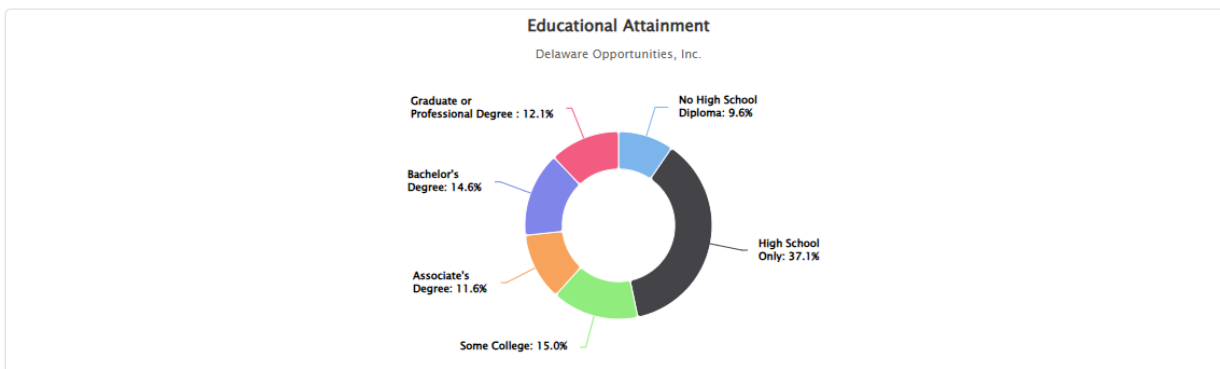
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: [US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23](#). → [Show more details](#)



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Population with No High School Diploma (Age 25+), Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 21.0%
- 16.1 - 21.0%
- 11.1 - 16.0%
- Under 11.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.



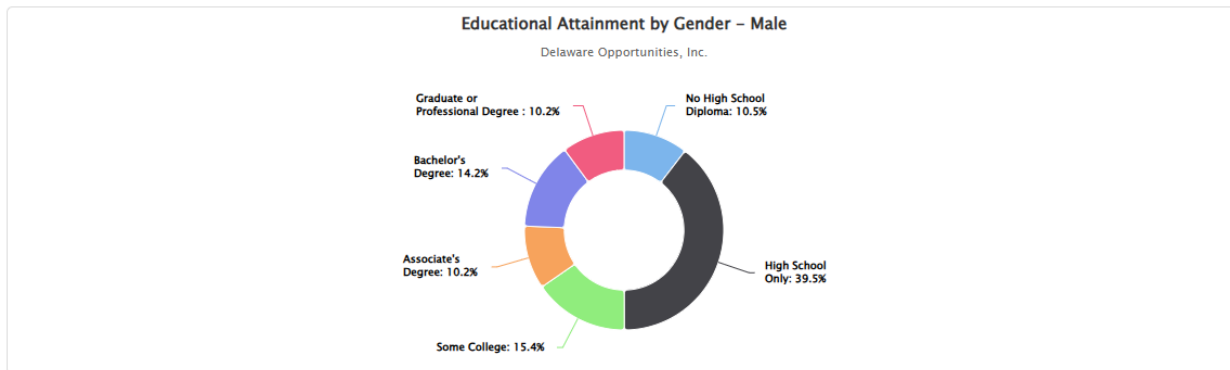
Educational Attainment by Gender-Male

This indicator reports the distribution of the highest level of education achieved by males age 25+ in the report area.

Figure 146. Educational Attainment by Gender-Male

Report Area	No High School Diploma	High School Only	Some College	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,750	6,596	2,578	1,711	2,372	1,697
New York	851,752	1,713,423	1,044,675	549,584	1,486,669	1,069,269
United States	12,672,705	30,682,267	21,510,946	8,767,038	23,131,281	14,617,230

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)



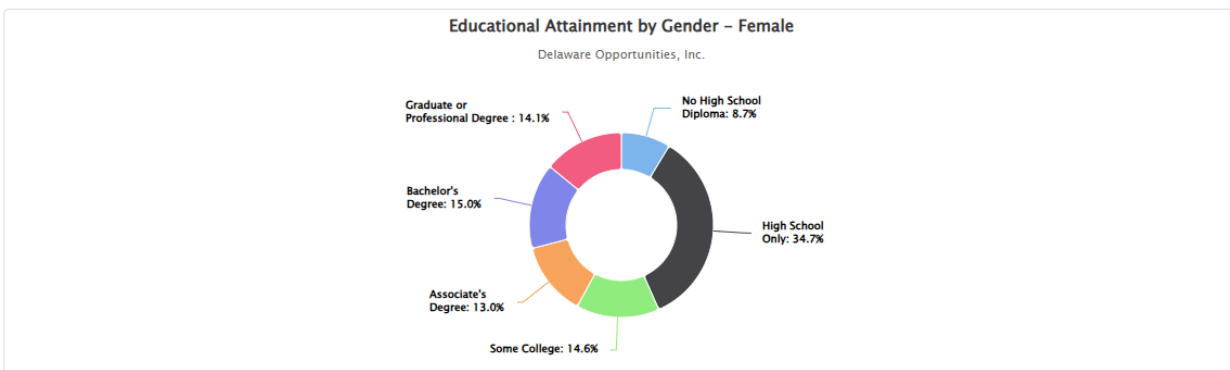
Educational Attainment by Gender-Female

This indicator reports the distribution of the highest level of education achieved by females age 25+ in the report area.

Figure 147. Educational Attainment by Gender-Female

Report Area	No High School Diploma	High School Only	Some College	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,429	5,707	2,402	2,137	2,463	2,321
New York	846,785	1,724,015	1,037,108	693,293	1,597,100	1,382,465
United States	11,557,512	29,154,222	22,843,450	11,292,219	25,460,259	16,745,532

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)



Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools

The number of colleges, universities, and trade schools for 2022/2023 school year are in the report area shown below.

Table 13

Report Area	Total Institutions	4-Year or Higher Institutions	2-Year Institutions	Other Institutions
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1	1	0	0
New York	422	240	84	98

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, *NCES - Integrated Post-secondary Education Data System*. → [Show more details](#)

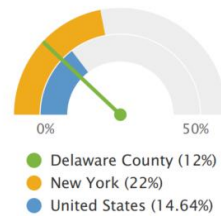
Adult Literacy

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

Figure 148. Adult Literacy

Report Area	Estimated Population over 16	Percent Lacking Literacy Skills
Delaware County, NY	37,942	12%
New York	15,058,111	22%
United States	219,016,209	14.64%

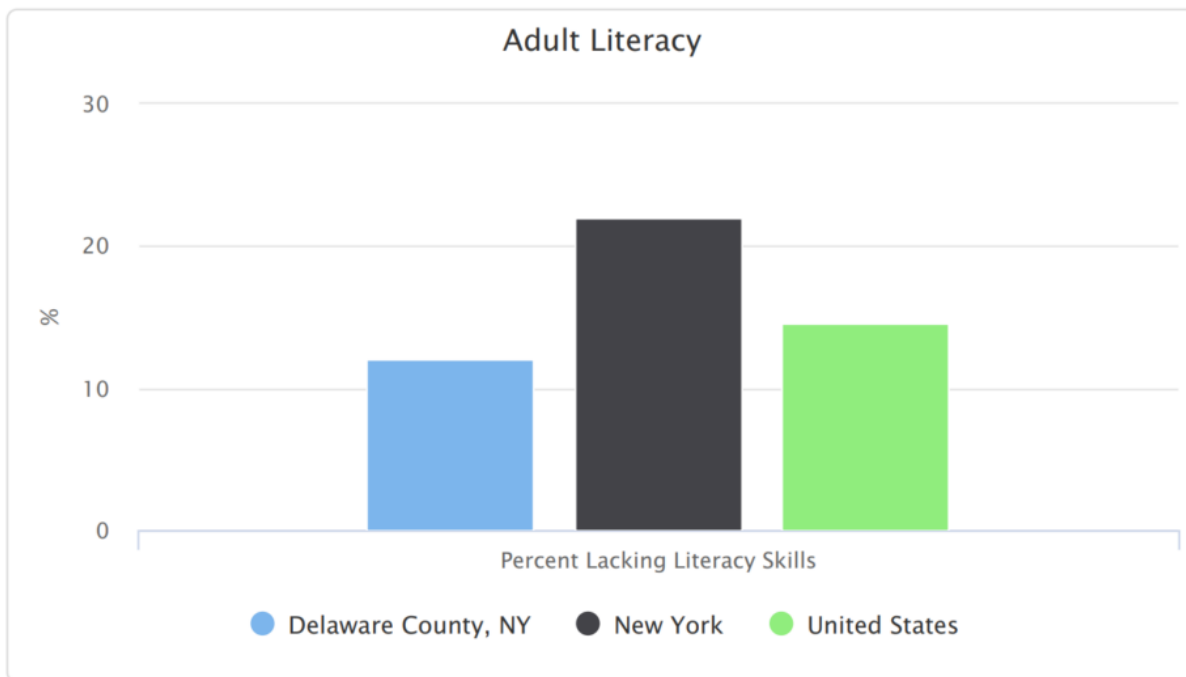
Percentage of Adults Lacking Literacy Skills



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

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Veterans-Educational Attainment

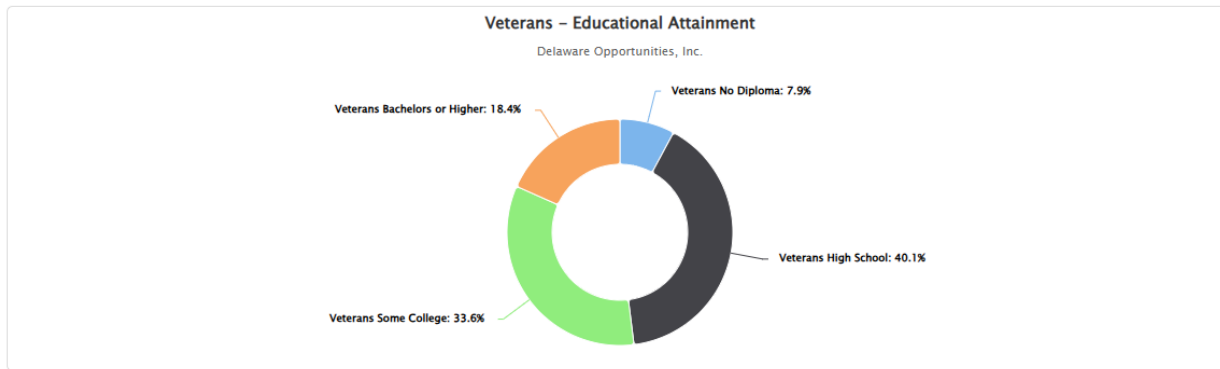
Veterans Educational Attainment contrasts the distribution of educational attainment levels between military veterans and non-veterans in the region. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an estimated average for the period from 2019 to 2023.

Figure 149. Veterans-Educational Attainment

Report Area	Veterans % No Diploma	Veterans % High School Diploma	Veterans % Some College Diploma	Veterans % Bachelors or Higher Diploma	Non-Veterans % No Diploma	Non-Veterans % High School Diploma	Non-Veterans % Some College Diploma	Non-Veterans % Bachelors or Higher Diploma
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	7.88%	40.13%	33.63%	18.36%	9.72%	36.87%	26.07%	27.35%
New York	6.18%	31.25%	33.94%	28.63%	12.42%	24.27%	23.27%	40.04%
United States	4.76%	27.07%	37.05%	31.12%	11.10%	26.17%	27.45%	35.27%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

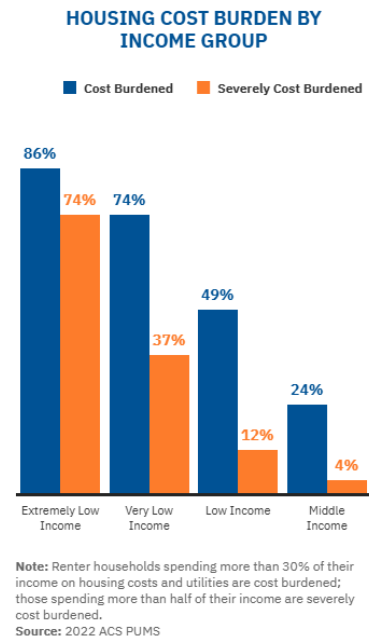
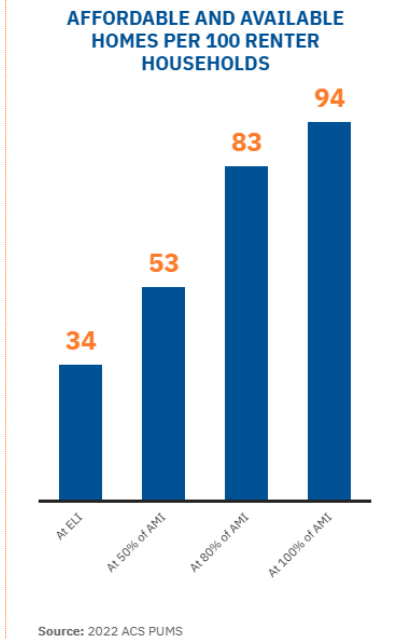
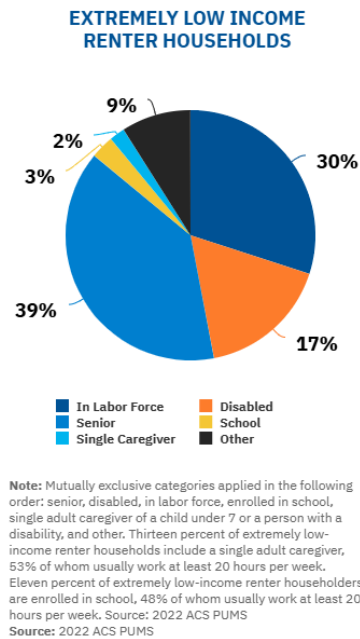
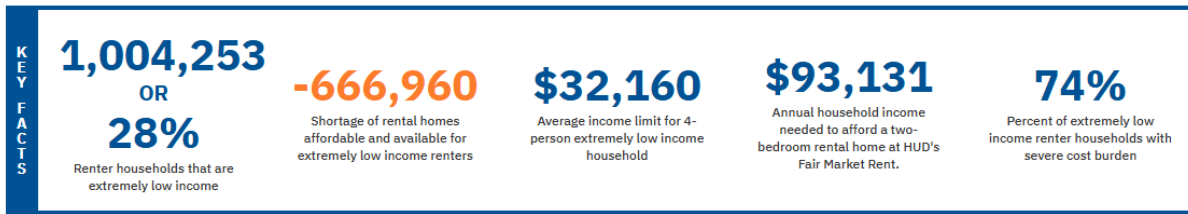
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Housing

Across New York, there is a shortage of rental homes affordable and available to extremely low-income households (ELI), whose incomes are at or below the poverty guidelines or 30% of their area median income (AMI). Many of these households are severely cost burdened, spending more than half of their income on housing. Severely cost burdened poor households are more likely than other renters to sacrifice other necessities like healthy food and healthcare to pay the rent, and to experience unstable housing situations like evictions.

Figure 150. Housing



Source: [New York | National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)

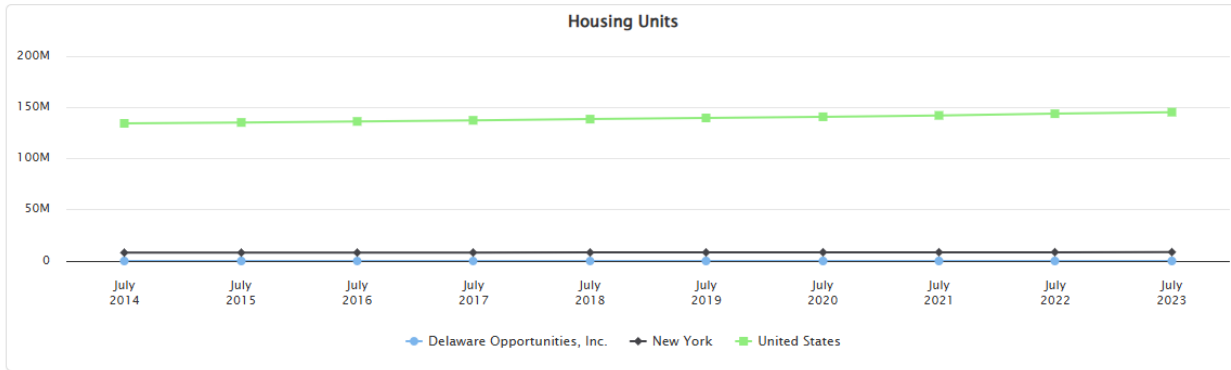
Housing Units

The number of housing units within the report area in July of each year from 2014-2023 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, there were a total of 30,151 housing units in the report area in 2023, a decrease of -1,320 (or -4.19%) since 2014 compared to a 5.02% increase statewide.

Figure 151. Housing Units

Report Area	July 2014	July 2015	July 2016	July 2017	July 2018	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	July 2022	July 2023
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	31,471	31,532	31,564	31,587	31,621	31,649	29,963	30,015	30,089	30,151
New York	8,219,287	8,243,556	8,281,968	8,321,682	8,362,686	8,404,381	8,495,481	8,536,530	8,585,555	8,631,525
United States	134,388,318	135,285,123	136,286,436	137,366,902	138,516,439	139,684,244	140,808,401	142,163,952	143,789,637	145,344,636

Data Source: US Census Bureau, US Census Population Estimates. → [Show more details](#)



Housing Age

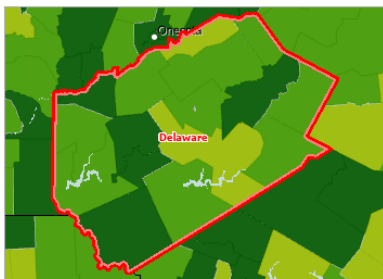
American Community Survey (ACS) totals for housing units, median year built and median age in 2023 for the report area are shown in the table below.

Figure 152. Housing Age

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year built	Built After 2000	Built 1980 - 1999	Built 1960 - 1979	Built Before 1960
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	30,038	1971	3,768	7,702	6,209	12,359
New York	8,539,536	1958	992,476	1,169,472	1,885,432	4,492,156
United States	142,332,876	1980	33,705,658	36,755,929	34,739,491	37,131,798

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

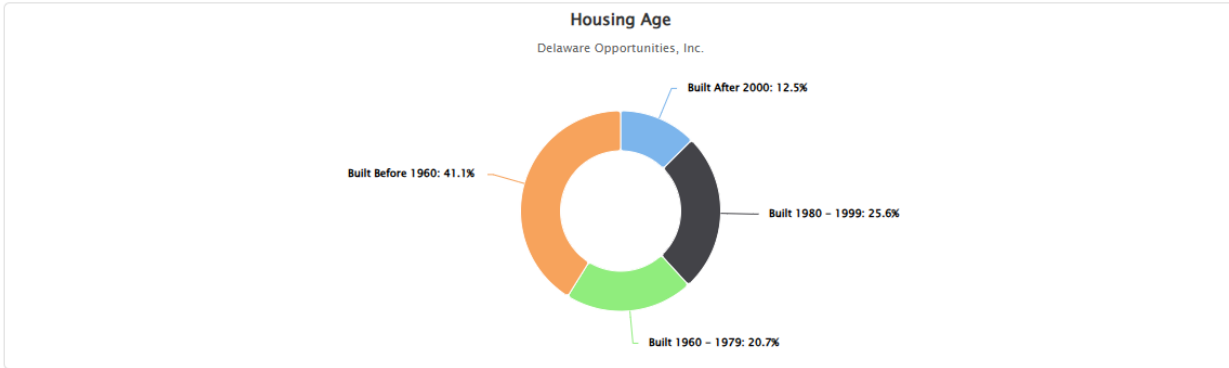
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Housing Constructed Before 1960, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 45.0%
- 30.1 - 45.0%
- 20.1 - 30.0%
- Under 20.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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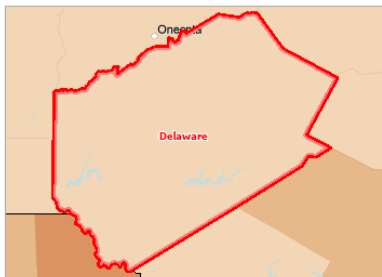
Fair Market Rent

Fair market monthly rent for 2023 (0-4 bedrooms) is shown below.

Figure 153. Fair Market Rent

Report Area	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 0 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 1 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 2 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 3 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 4 Bedrooms
Delaware County, NY	\$715	\$723	\$826	\$1,135	\$1,139
New York	\$979.19	\$1,057.76	\$1,279.60	\$1,615	\$1,787.65

Data Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2023. → Show more details



Hours per Week at Minimum Wage Needed to Afford Housing, 1-Bedroom (at FMR) by County, NLIHC 2023

- Over 120
- 101 - 120
- 81 - 100
- 61 - 80
- Under 61
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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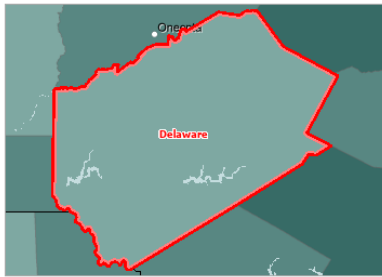
Housing Affordability

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.

Figure 154. Housing Affordability

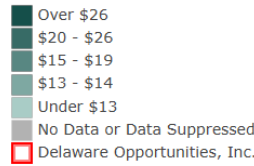
Report Area	Average Renter Hourly Wage	Hourly Wage 0 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 1 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 2 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 3 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 4 Bedrooms
Delaware County, NY	\$15.78	\$13.75	\$13.90	\$15.88	\$21.83	\$21.90

Data Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition. 2023. → Show more details



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Hourly Wage Needed to Afford Housing, 1-Bedroom (at FMR) by County, NLIHC 2023



Vacancy Rates

The U.S. Census Bureau provides vacancy data based on American Community Survey 5-year estimates (2019 - 2023). Vacancy rates for the report area are reported below.

Vacant non-rental housing totals 411 units and includes those for sale only and sold but not occupied. For the report area, that is a non-rental housing vacancy rate of 1.37%, in comparison the national rate is 1.02%.

Vacant rental housing totals 424 units and includes those for rent and rented but not occupied. For the report area, that is a rental housing vacancy rate of 1.41%, in comparison the national rate is 2.20%.

Vacant other housing totals 10,256 units and includes those used for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use, as well as units used for migrant workers. For the report area, that is another housing vacancy rate of 34.14%, in comparison the national rate is 7.21%.

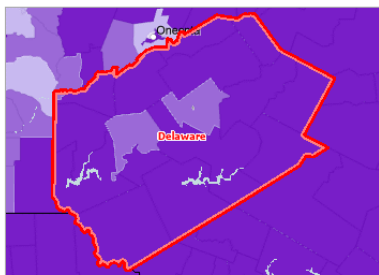
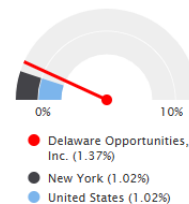
Figure 155. Vacancy Rates

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Vacant Non-Rental	Vacant Non-Rental Rate	Vacant Rental	Vacant Rental Rate	Vacant Other	Vacant Other Rate
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	30,038	411	1.37%	424	1.41%	10,256	34.14%
New York	8,539,536	87,253	1.02%	179,688	2.10%	603,639	7.07%
United States	142,332,876	1,453,932	1.02%	3,133,183	2.20%	10,262,896	7.21%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

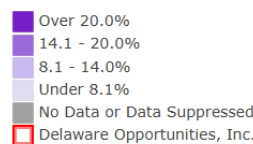
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Vacant Non-Rental Rate



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Vacant Housing Units, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23



Homeowners

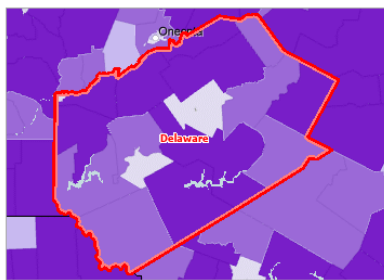
The U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 14,530 owner occupied homes of the estimated 30,038 housing units in the report area in 2023. This 48.37% is a decrease over the 75.74% owner occupied homes in 2000.

Figure 156. Homeowners

Report Area	Total Housing Units 2000	Owner Occupied Homes 2000	Owner Occupied Homes 2000	Total Housing Units 2023	Owner Occupied Homes 2023	Owner Occupied Homes 2023
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	19,270	14,596	75.74%	30,038	14,530	48.37%
New York	7,056,860	3,739,166	52.99%	8,539,536	4,164,793	48.77%
United States	105,480,101	69,815,753	66.19%	142,332,876	82,892,037	58.24%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

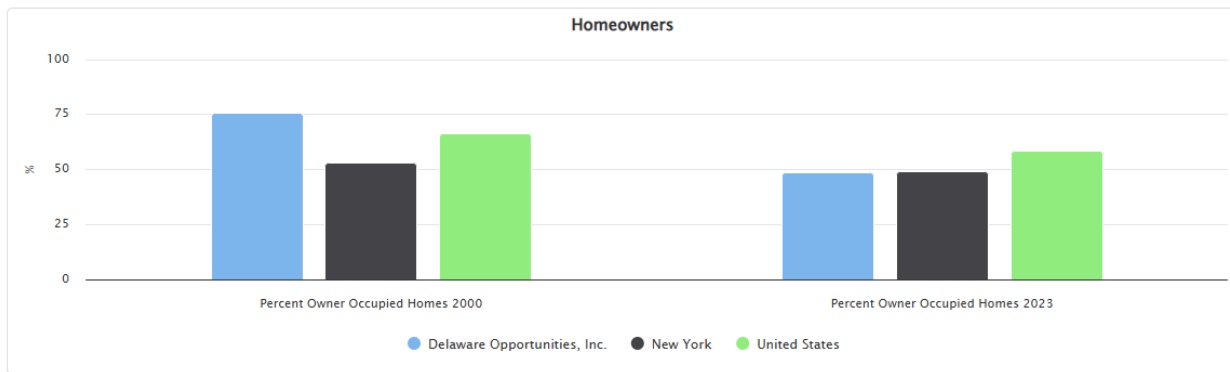
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Owner-Occupied Housing Units, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 82.0%
- 74.1 - 82.0%
- 66.1 - 74.0%
- Under 66.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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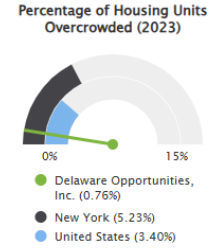


Overcrowded Housing

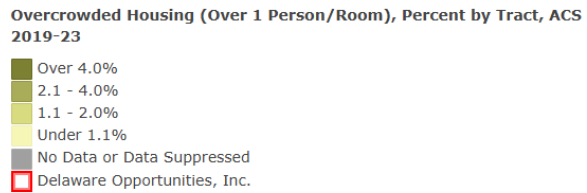
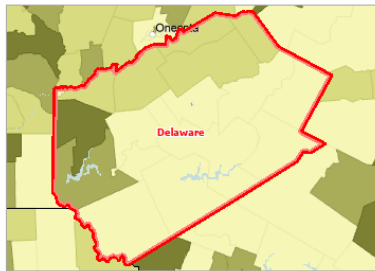
Occupied housing units, overcrowded housing units, and percent overcrowded for 2013-2017 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey Estimates are provided for the report area below. The average for the report area for 2023 is 0.76%, compared to a statewide average of 5.23%.

Figure 157. Overcrowded Housing

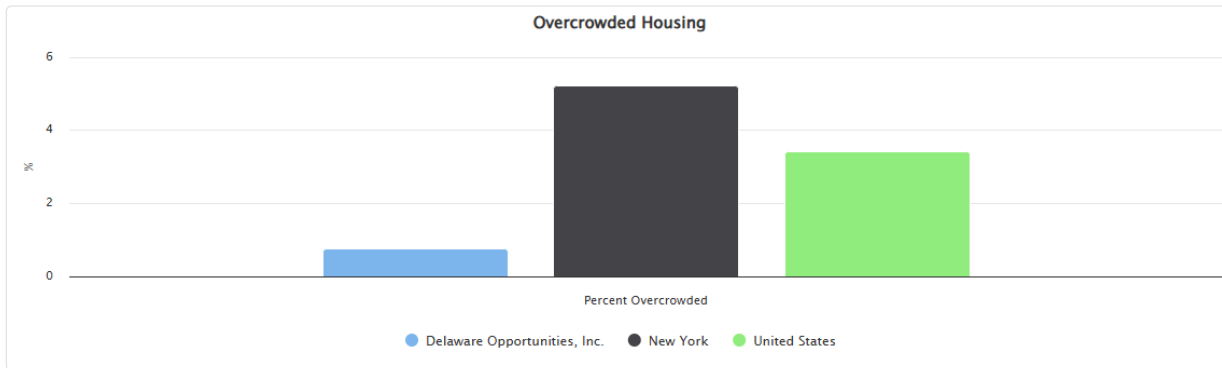
Report Area	Occupied Housing Units 2017	Overcrowded Housing Units 2017	Percent Overcrowded 2017	Occupied Housing Units 2023	Overcrowded Housing Units 2023	Percent Overcrowded 2023
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	18,551	635	3.42%	18,947	144	0.76%
New York	5,037,690	370,547	7.36%	7,668,956	400,943	5.23%
United States	91,488,894	3,975,282	4.35%	127,482,865	4,335,284	3.40%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)



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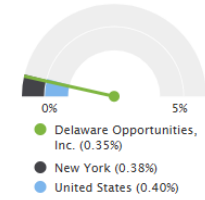
Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes

The number and percentage of occupied housing units without plumbing are shown for the report area. U.S. Census data shows 115 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2000 and ACS 5 year estimates show 67 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2023.

Figure 158. Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes

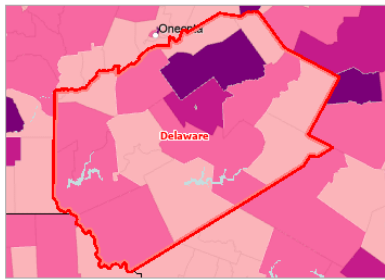
Report Area	Occupied Housing Units 2000	Housing Units without Plumbing 2000	Percent without Plumbing 2000	Occupied Housing Units 2023	Housing Units without Plumbing 2023	Percent without Plumbing 2023
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	19,270	115	0.40%	18,947	67	0.35%
New York	7,056,860	58,418	0.76%	7,668,956	29,449	0.38%
United States	106,741,426	736,626	0.69%	128,722,108	519,469	0.40%

Percentage of Housing Units Without Complete Plumbing Facilities

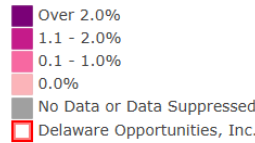


Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

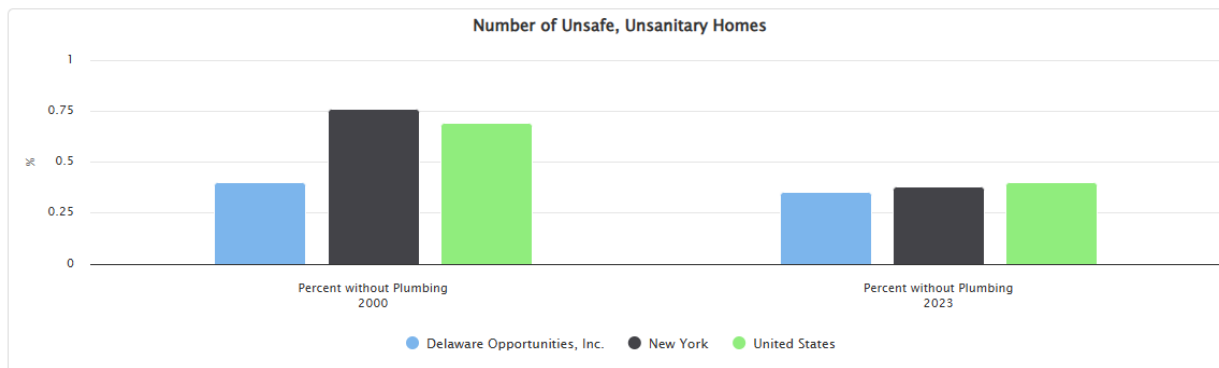
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Housing Units Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23



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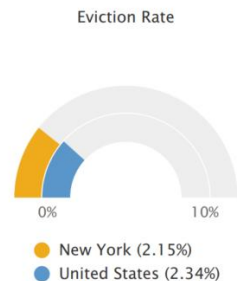
Evictions

This indicator reports information about formal evictions based on court records from 48 states and the District of Columbia, compiled by the Eviction Lab. The number of evictions and eviction filings within the report area is shown below. The “filing rate” is the ratio of the number of evictions filed in an area over the number of renter-occupied homes in that area. An “eviction rate” is the subset of those homes that received an eviction judgment in which renters were ordered to leave.

Note: Indicator data does not include information about “informal evictions”, or those that happen outside of the courtroom.

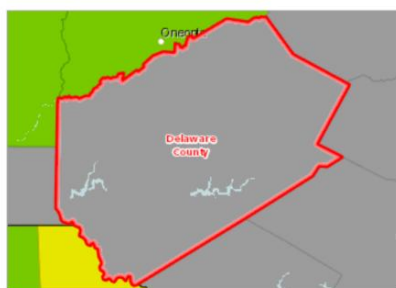
Figure 159. Evictions

Report Area	Renter Occupied Households	Eviction Filings	Evictions	Eviction Filing Rate	Eviction Rate
Delaware County, NY	5,441	No data	No data	No data	No data
New York	1,770,577	126,657	38,055	7.15%	2.15%
United States	38,372,860	2,350,042	898,479	6.12%	2.34%



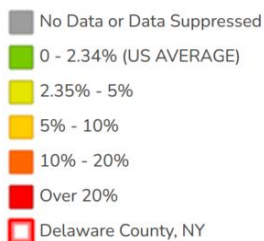
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

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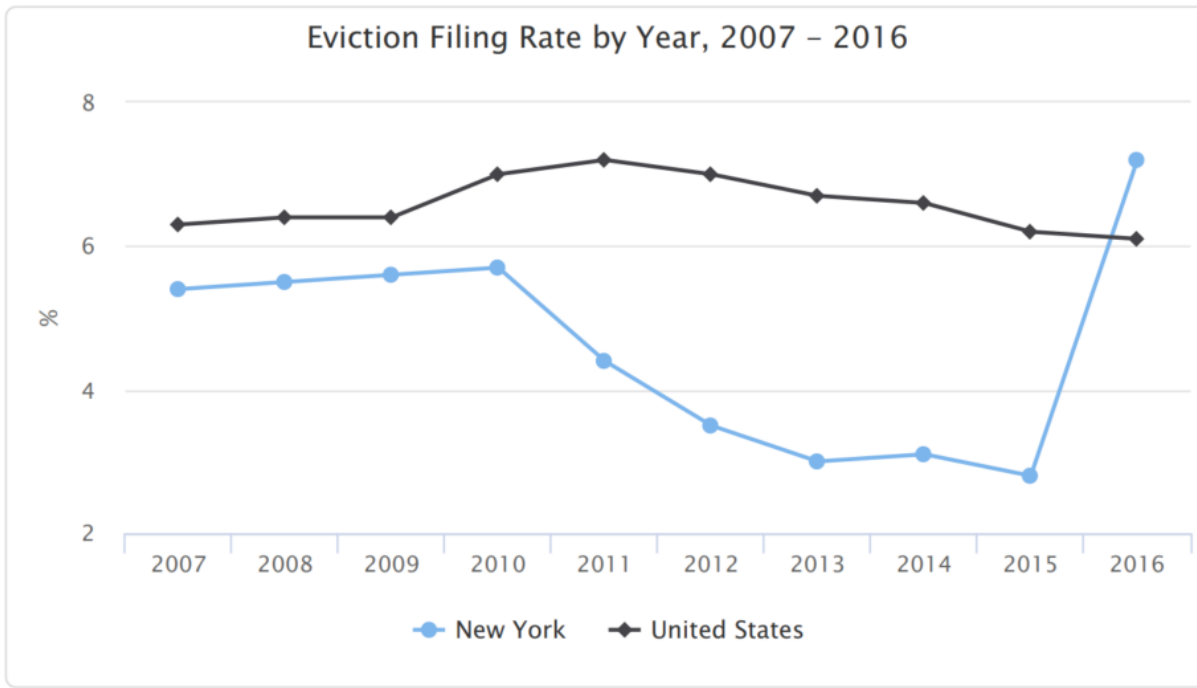
Evictions, Rate per 100 Rental Homes by County, Eviction Lab 2016



Eviction Filing Rate by Year, 2007-2016

Figure 160. Eviction Filing Rate by Year, 2007-2016

Report Area	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Delaware County, NY	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
New York	5.4%	5.5%	5.6%	5.7%	4.4%	3.5%	3.0%	3.1%	2.8%	7.2%
United States	6.3%	6.4%	6.4%	7.0%	7.2%	7.0%	6.7%	6.6%	6.2%	6.1%



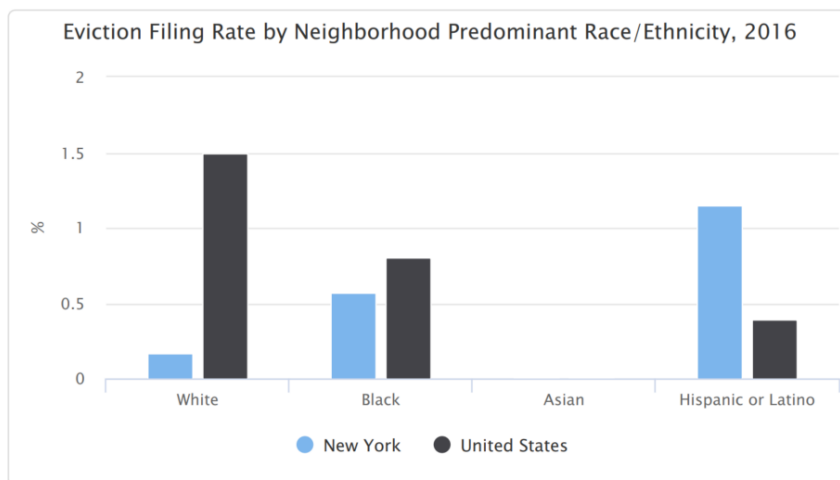
Eviction Filing Rate by Neighborhood Predominant Race/Ethnicity, 2016

Rates by race/ethnicity are calculated by aggregating data on evictions in census block groups with a majority of the population (over 50%) belonging to a specific race/ethnicity. Reported race/ethnicity categories include: Non-Hispanic White; Black or African American; Asian; and Hispanic or Latino. In some counties there are no majority Black, Asian, or Hispanic census block groups.

Note: Not all counties or states have data that has been provided.

Figure 161. Eviction Filing Rate by Neighborhood Predominant Race/Ethnicity, 2016

Report Area	White	Black	Asian	Hispanic or Latino
Delaware County, NY	No data	No data	No data	No data
New York	0.17%	0.57%	0.01%	1.15%
United States	1.50%	0.80%	0.01%	0.39%



Point-in-Time Homeless

Point-in-time counts (collected January 26, 2023) by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Assistance Programs are provided for the report area below.

This indicator section has been broken into three different tables, with the first being totals for both households and per person counts.

Additionally, there are tables indicating numbers collected for both traditional housing homeless and emergency shelter homeless.

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

New York State totals include New York City, and New York Balance of State.

Figure 162. Point-In-Time Homeless

Report Area	Included CoC Counties	Household Without Children	Household At Least 1 Adult 1 Child	Household With Only Children	Persons Without Children	Persons At Least 1 Adult 1 Child	Persons With Only Children
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	Broome, Otsego, Chenango, Cortland, Tioga	482	58	3	503	169	4
New York	No data	42,904	16,520	148	49,349	53,695	156

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

Section 8 Waiting Lists

Locally collected February 2025

Delaware County, NY: 108 applications on our waiting list

Income

Income Levels

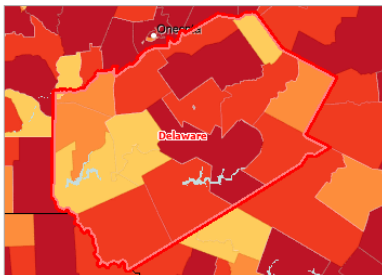
Three common measures of income are Median Household Income, Per Capita Income, and Average Income based on American Community Survey (ACS) estimates. All Three measures from the 2019 - 2023 ACS are shown for the report area below.

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.

Figure 163. Income Levels

Report Area	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income	Average Income Per Earner
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$60,226	\$35,996.43	\$45,460.85
New York	\$84,578	\$49,520.21	\$68,861.02
United States	\$78,538	\$43,288.98	\$60,662.81

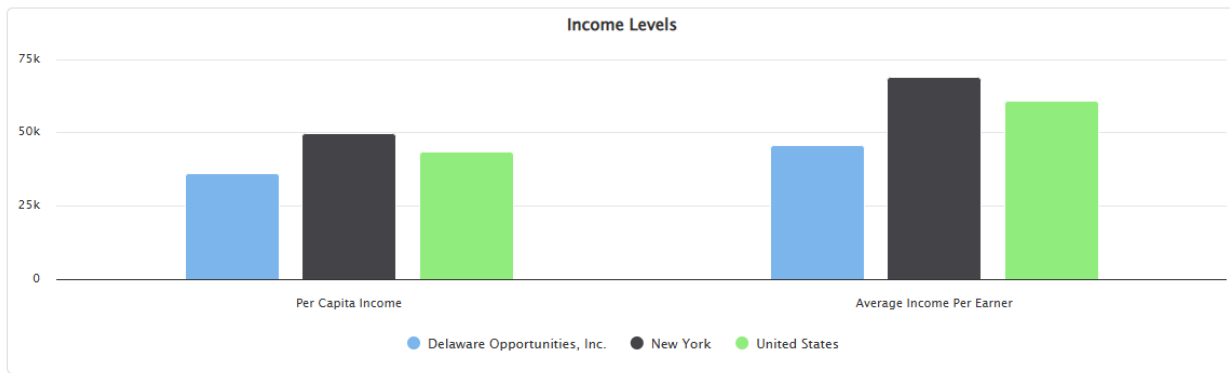
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → Show more details



Median Household Income by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over \$70,000
- \$60,000 - \$70,000
- \$50,000 - \$59,999
- Under \$50,000
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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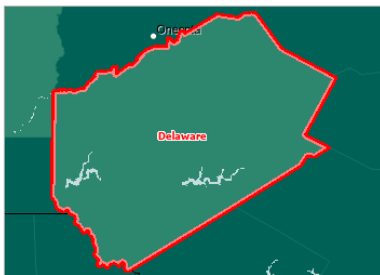
Household Income

Median annual household incomes in the report area for 2023 are shown in the table below. Since this reports a median amount, a "Report Area" value is not able to be calculated.

Figure 164. Household Income

Report Area	Estimated Population	Median Household Income
Delaware County, NY	42,031	\$56,163
New York	19,132,517	\$82,052
United States	326,104,344	\$77,719

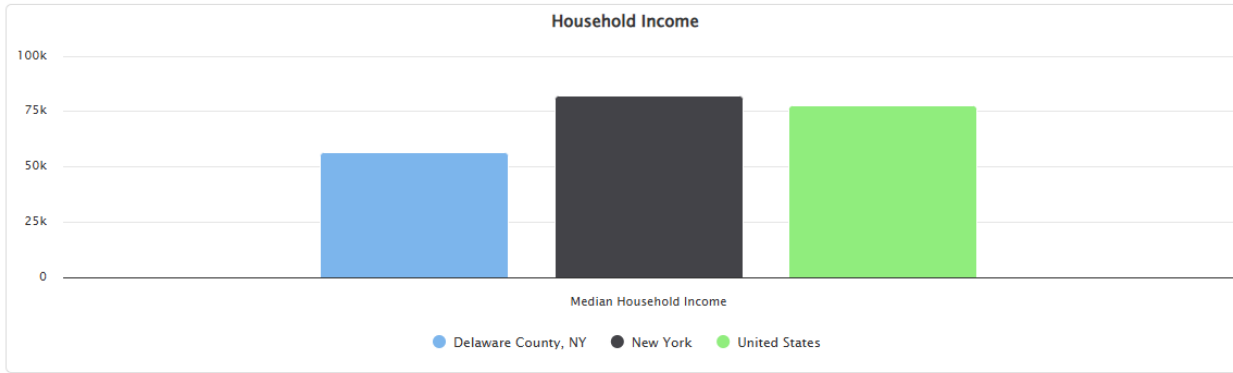
Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2023. → Show more details



Median Household Income by County, SAIGE 2023

- Over \$60,000
- \$50,001 - \$60,000
- \$40,001 - \$50,000
- Under \$40,000
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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Household Income Trend

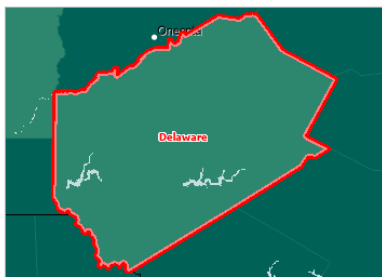
2013 - 2023 trend data estimates for Median Annual Household incomes are shown in the report area below.

Note: Median incomes cannot be calculated for Report Location.

Figure 165. Household Income Trend

Report Area	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Delaware County, NY	\$43,380	\$45,860	\$42,907	\$45,381	\$45,385	\$47,382	\$51,038	\$54,440	\$53,385	\$61,424	\$56,163
New York	\$57,255	\$58,771	\$60,805	\$62,700	\$64,783	\$67,648	\$72,038	\$73,354	\$74,230	\$79,463	\$82,052
United States	\$52,250	\$53,657	\$55,775	\$57,617	\$60,336	\$61,937	\$65,712	\$67,340	\$69,717	\$74,755	\$77,719

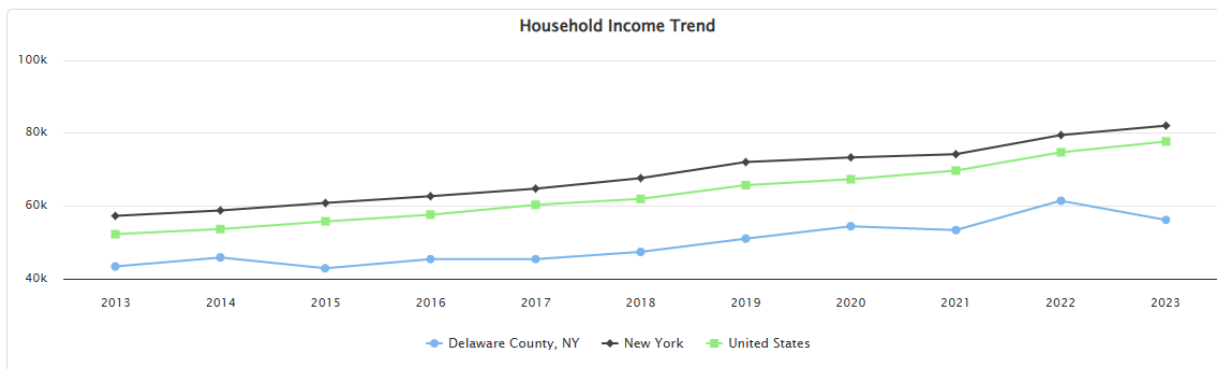
Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates. 2023. → Show more details



Median Household Income by County, SAIPE 2023

- Over \$60,000
- \$50,001 - \$60,000
- \$40,001 - \$50,000
- Under \$40,000
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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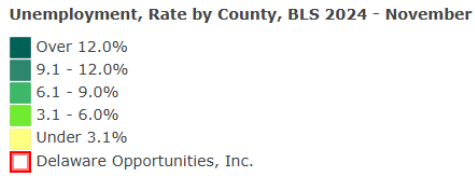
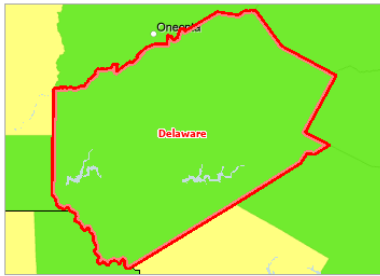
Thirteen Month Unemployment Rates

Unemployment change within the report area from November 2023 to November 2024 is shown in the chart below.

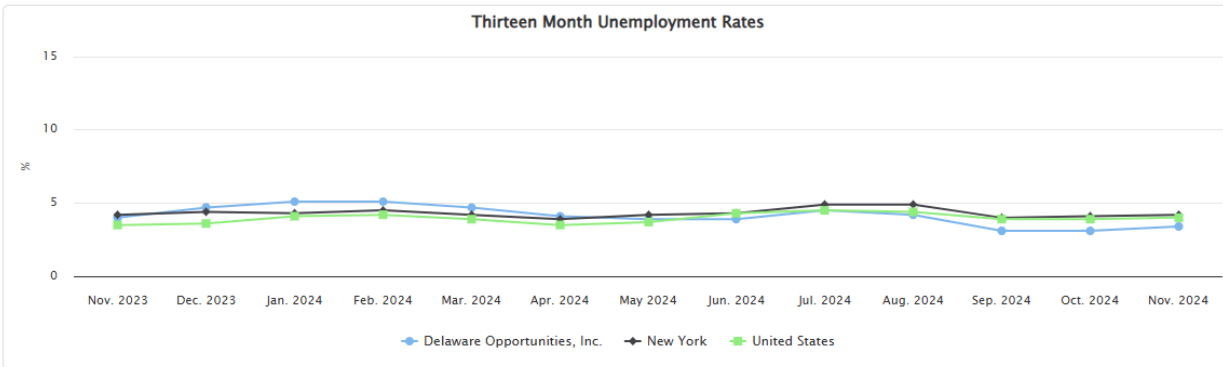
Figure 166. Thirteen Month Unemployment Rates

Report Area	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2024
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	4.0%	4.7%	5.1%	5.1%	4.7%	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%	4.2%	3.1%	3.1%	3.4%
New York	4.2%	4.4%	4.3%	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%	4.2%	4.3%	4.9%	4.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%
United States	3.5%	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%	3.5%	3.7%	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%	3.9%	3.9%	4.0%

Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2024 - November. → [Show more details](#)



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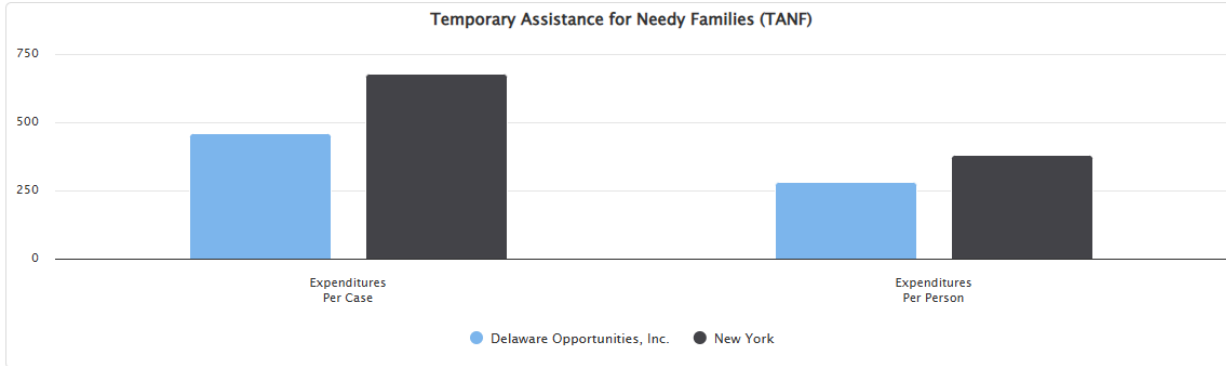
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The number of persons receiving TANF in January 2024, within the report area is shown in below. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 245 persons were receiving TANF benefits at a cost of \$68,174, or \$278.26 per recipient.

Figure 167. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Report Area	Recipients Total	Recipients Children	Recipients Adults	Cases	Expenditures Total	Expenditures Per Case	Expenditures Per Person
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	245	131	114	149	\$68,174	\$457.54	\$278.26
New York	620,620	250,507	370,113	348,517	\$235,255,226	\$675.02	\$379.06

Data Source: New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. January 2024. → Show more details



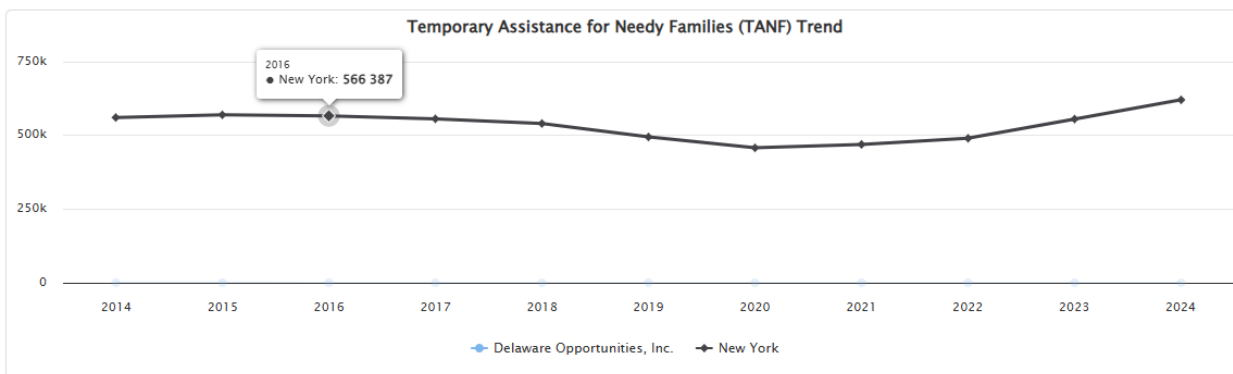
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Trend

Below are trend amounts for total recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for the selected report area. The total recipients decreased from 505 in 2014 to 245 in 2024. The data listed is for January of each year.

Figure 168. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Trend

Report Area	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	505	506	411	371	302	312	251	262	233	287	245
New York	560,991	569,551	566,387	556,305	540,031	494,824	457,899	469,351	490,402	555,266	620,620

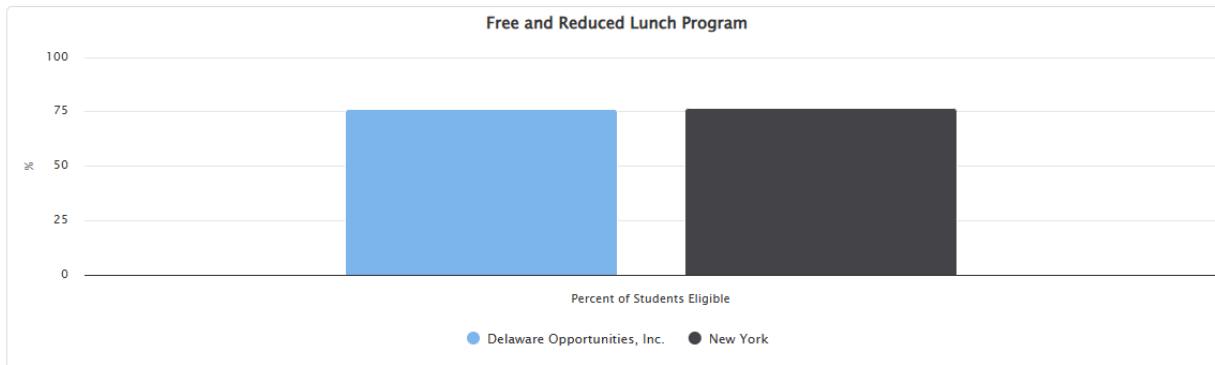
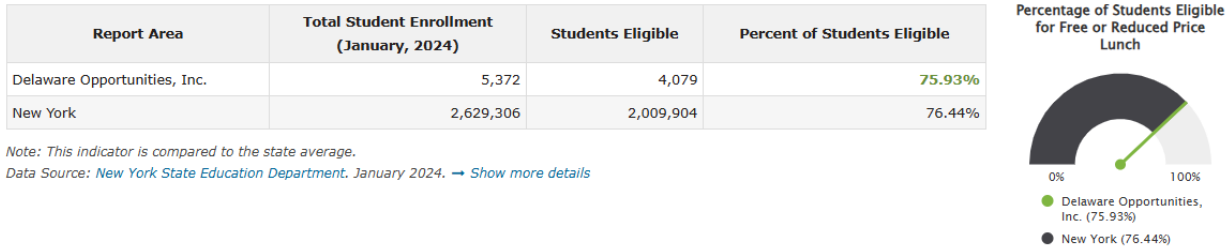
Data Source: New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. January 2024. → Show more details



Free and Reduced Lunch Program

The table below shows the number of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program during January, 2024. The figures below include all School Food Authority agencies. 75.93% of the students in the report area were eligible for free or reduced lunches, compared to a statewide rate of 76.44%.

Figure 169. Free and Reduced Lunch Program



Free and Reduced Lunch Program by School

The table below shows the number of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program during January, 2024. The figures below include all School Food Authority agencies, including public and non-public.

Figure 170. Free and Reduced Lunch Program by School

County Name	School Food Authority	Enrollment	Free Eligible	Free Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Free and Reduced
Delaware County	Andes CSD	83	32	38.6%	10	12%	50.6%
Delaware County	Charlotte Valley CSD	343	312	91%	0	0%	91%
Delaware County	Delaware Academy CSD At Delhi	748	432	57.8%	0	0%	57.8%
Delaware County	Deposit CSD	509	430	84.5%	0	0%	84.5%
Delaware County	Downsville CSD	220	142	64.5%	0	0%	64.5%
Delaware County	Franklin CSD	213	182	85.4%	0	0%	85.4%
Delaware County	Hancock CSD	298	257	86.2%	0	0%	86.2%
Delaware County	Margaretville CSD	323	285	88.2%	0	0%	88.2%
Delaware County	Roxbury CSD	232	156	67.2%	0	0%	67.2%
Delaware County	Sidney CSD	1,014	822	81.1%	0	0%	81.1%
Delaware County	South Kortright CSD	307	171	55.7%	0	0%	55.7%
Delaware County	Stamford CSD	266	208	78.2%	0	0%	78.2%
Delaware County	Walton CSD	816	640	78.4%	0	0%	78.4%
Delaware County	Delaware County Total	5,372	4,069	75.7%	10	0.2%	75.9%
New York State	Total	2,629,306	2,002,874	76.2%	7,030	0.3%	76.4%

Data Source: New York State Education Department. January 2024. → Show more details

Free and Reduced Lunch Program by School, 2023-2024 Data

Table 15

School District	Identified Student Percentage	% Economically Disadvantaged	Community Eligibility Provision	Student Enrollment
Andes CSD	*	54%	*	70
Charlotte Valley CSD	56%	47%	Yes	331
Delaware Academy CSD at Delhi	36%	51%	Yes	728
Deposit CSD	52%	59%	Yes	451
Downsville CSD	40%	36%	Yes	202
Franklin CSD	53%	49%	Yes	189
Hancock CSD	53%	55%	Yes	281
Margaretville CSD	55%	53%	Yes	293
Roxbury CSD	42%	42%	Yes	213
Sidney CSD	50%	58%	Yes	1,002
South Kortright CSD	34%	46%	Yes	292
Stamford CSD	48%	58%	Yes	235
Walton CSD	49%	58%	Yes	782

Source(s): Enrollment and economically disadvantaged data from NYSED school report card; student percentage and community eligibility obtained from frac.org (Food Research and Action Center).

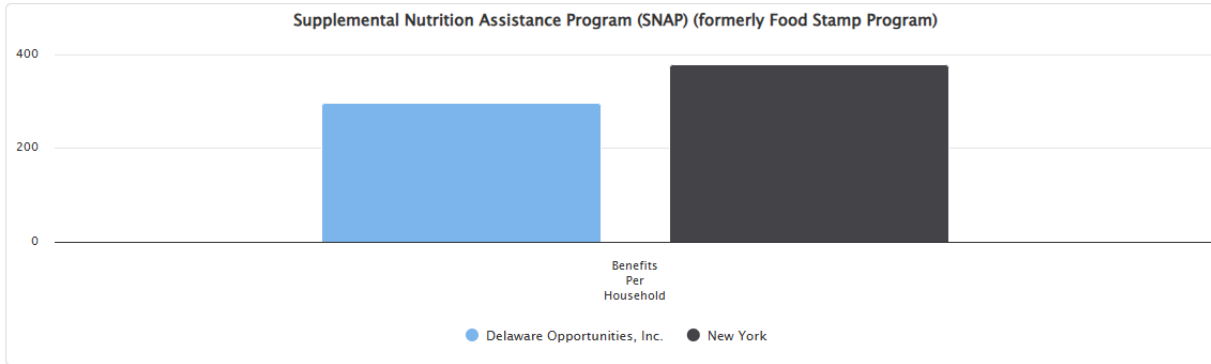
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamp Program)

The number of persons receiving SNAP benefits and the total SNAP dollars issued per county in January 2024, within the report area is shown in below. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 2,776.00 households were receiving SNAP benefits totaling \$824,361, or \$296.96 per household.

Figure 171. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Report Area	Household Receiving Benefits Total	Household Receiving Benefits Temp	Household Receiving Benefits Non-Temp	Persons Receiving Benefits Total	Persons Receiving Benefits Temp	Persons Receiving Benefits Non-Temp	Benefits Issued Total	Benefits Issued Temp	Benefits Issued Non-Temp	Benefits Per Household
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	2,776.00	713	2,063	4,834	844	3,990	\$824,361	\$190,720	\$633,641	\$296.96
New York	1,686,225.00	677,913	1,008,312	2,897,231	995,527	1,901,704	\$639,461,341	\$248,974,277	\$390,487,064	\$379.23

Data Source: New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. January 2024. → Show more details



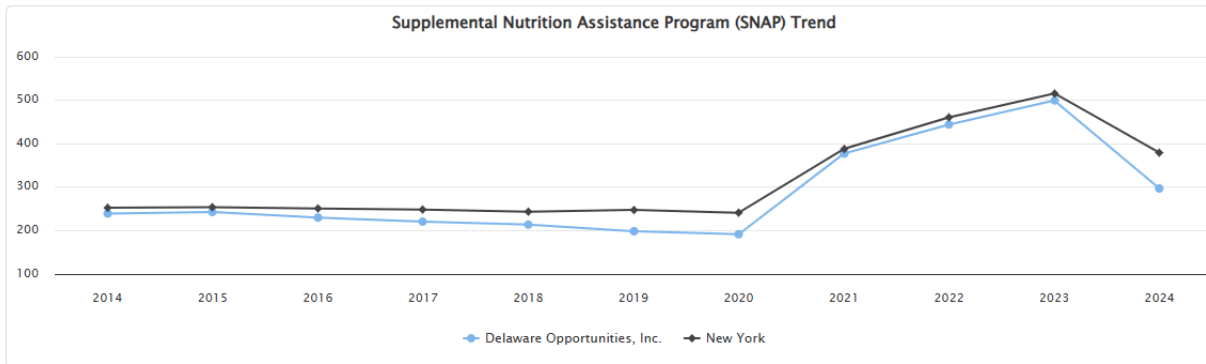
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Trend

Below are trend amounts for Benefits Per Household of the Supplemental Nutrition Assurance Program (SNAP) for the selected report area. The amount has increased from \$239.35 to \$296.96 over the last 11 years. The data listed is for January of each year.

Figure 172. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Trend

Report Area	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$239.35	\$242.98	\$230.01	\$220.63	\$213.85	\$198.64	\$191.72	\$377.44	\$444.09	\$499.85	\$296.96
New York	\$252.56	\$253.86	\$250.83	\$248.27	\$243.48	\$247.54	\$241.12	\$388.00	\$460.64	\$515.65	\$379.23

Data Source: New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. January 2024. → Show more details



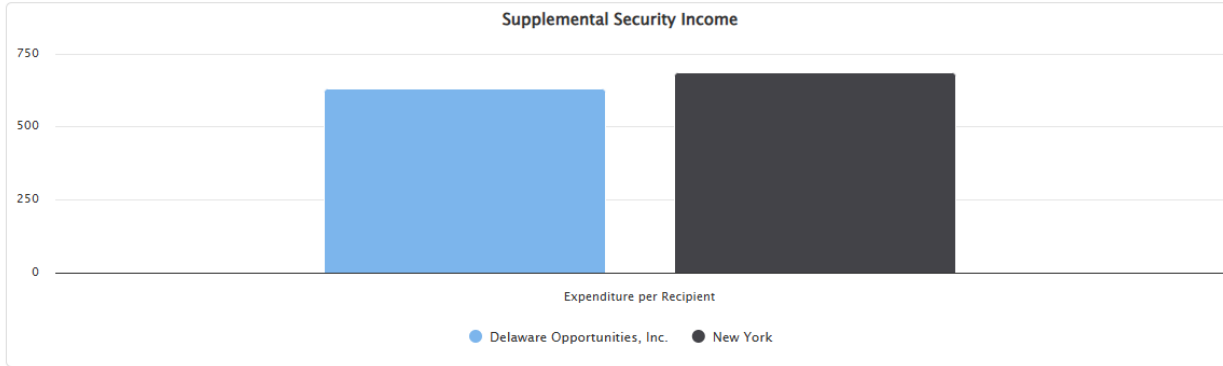
Supplemental Security Income

The below table shows the number of Supplemental Security Income recipients and expenditures by the state and federal governments issued per county in January 2024 for the report area. The report area average payment of \$629.88 to each recipient is less than the state average of \$687.09 per recipient.

Figure 173. Supplemental Security Income

Report Area	Recipients	Recipients Total	Recipients Federal	Recipients State	Expenditure per Recipient
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	1,057	\$665,783	\$597,407	\$68,376	\$629.88
New York	607,036	\$417,089,942	\$375,662,378	\$41,427,564	\$687.09

Data Source: New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, January 2024. → Show more details



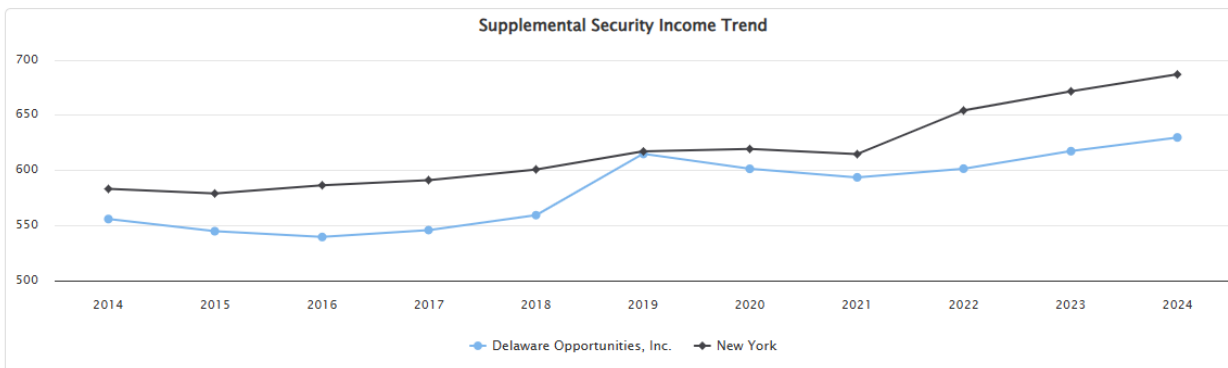
Social Security Income Trend

Below are trend amounts in Expenditures Per Recipient of Supplemental Security Income for the selected report area. The amount has increased from \$555.86 to \$629.88 over the last 11 years. The data listed is for January of each year.

Figure 174. Social Security Income Trend

Report Area	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$555.86	\$544.81	\$539.55	\$545.88	\$559.34	\$614.92	\$601.41	\$593.68	\$601.56	\$617.42	\$629.88
New York	\$583.17	\$578.96	\$586.55	\$591.13	\$600.83	\$617.20	\$619.36	\$614.67	\$654.35	\$671.63	\$687.09

Data Source: New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, January 2024. → Show more details



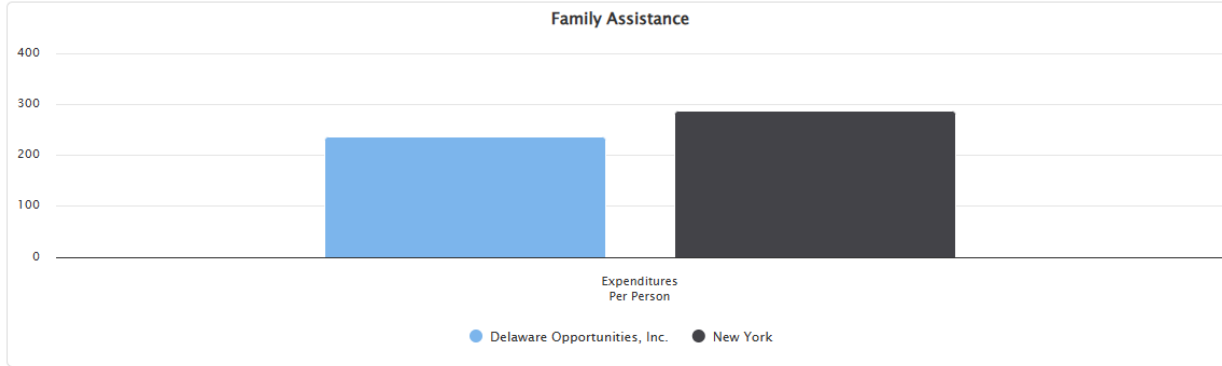
Family Assistance

The number of persons receiving Family Assistance within the report area is shown in the table below. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 137 persons were receiving Family Assistance benefits at a cost of \$32,331, or \$235.99 per recipient, in the report area during January 2024.

Figure 175. Family Assistance

Report Area	Family Assistance Recipients Total	Cases Children	Cases Adult	Cases Total	Expenditures Total	Expenditures Per Case	Expenditures Per Person
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	137	107	30	65	\$32,331	\$497.4	\$235.99
New York	191,441	128,904	62,537	81,735	\$54,758,959	\$669.96	\$286.04

Data Source: New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. January 2024. → Show more details



Safety Net Assistance

The number of persons receiving Safety Net Assistance within the report area is shown in the table below. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 108 persons were receiving Safety Net Assistance benefits at a cost of \$35,843, or \$331.88 per recipient, in the report area during January 2024.

Figure 176. Safety Net Assistance

Report Area	Safety Net Recipients Total	Cases Children	Cases Adult	Cases Total	Expenditures Total	Expenditures Per Case	Expenditures Per Person
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	108	24	84	84	\$35,843	\$426.70	\$331.88
New York	429,179	121,603	307,576	266,782	\$180,496,267	\$676.57	\$420.56

Data Source: New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. January 2024. → Show more details

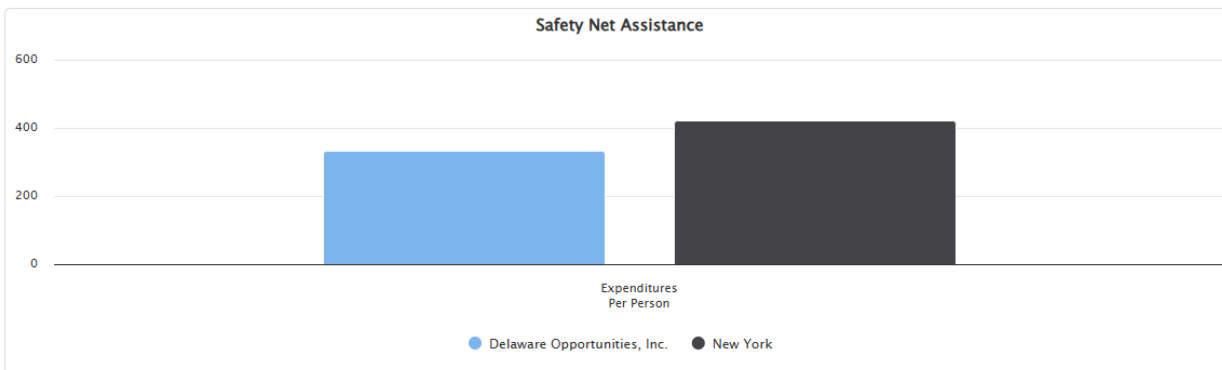


Table 16

	Cases	Recipients	Children	Adults	Expenditures
Delaware County	64	77	15	62	73,511
New York State	192,761	315,260	96,271	218,989	121,951,784

Source: New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

Child Support Collections

Child support collections for the report area are shown below. During January 2024, child support collections totaled \$287,261.1.

Figure 177. Child Support Collections

Report Area	Child Support Collections Total	Child Support Collections Current Assistance	Child Support Collections Former Assistance	Child Support Collections Never Assisted
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$287,261.1	\$11,070.13	\$210,854.17	\$65,336.8
New York	\$122,957,939.62	\$3,555,320.21	\$74,212,087.94	\$45,190,531.47

Data Source: *New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. January 2024.* → [Show more details](#)

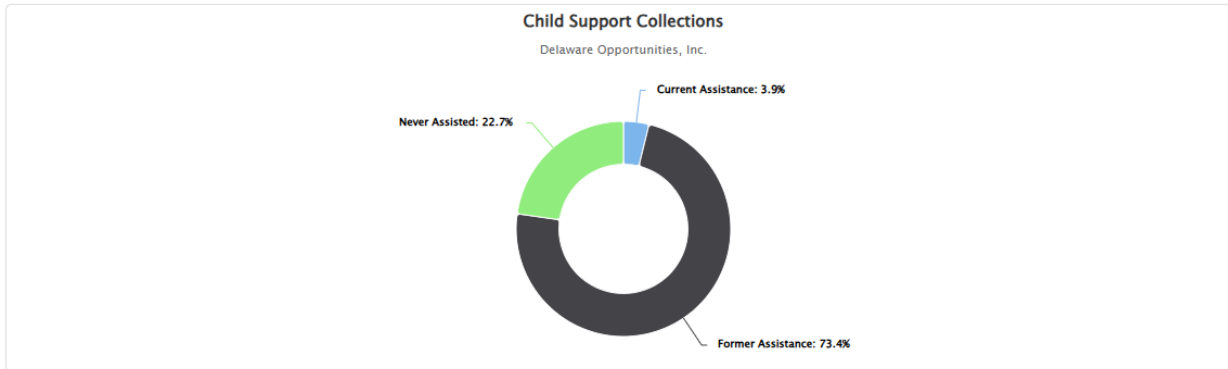


Table 17

	Total	Current Assistance	Former Assistance	Never Assistance
Delaware County	343,775.47	15,879.84	232,452.93	95,442.70
New York State	151,058,992.14	4,289,385.61	84,040,258.74	62,739,347.79

Source: *New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance*

Living Wage

Figure 178. 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 current minimum hourly wage for New York State is \$15.50.

Report Area	One Adult	One Adult One Child	Two Adults	Two Adults One Child	Two Adults Two Children
Delaware County, NY	\$21.30	\$36.21	\$14.54	\$20.58	\$26.23
New York	\$26.86	\$48.16	\$17.70	\$26.07	\$33.53

Data Source: *Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Living Wage Calculator. February 2024.* → [Show more details](#)

Typical Expenses

These figures show the individual expenses that went into the living wage estimate. Their values vary by family size, composition, and the current location.

Table 18

Area	One Adult	One Adult, One Child	Two Adults (one working)	Two Adults, One Child (one working)	Two Adults, Two Children (one working)	Two Adults (both working)	Two Adults, Two Children (both working)
Food	4,644	6,830	8,515	10,583	13,613	8,515	11,613
Child Care	0	13,114	0	0	0	0	24,518
Medical	4,104	10,930	8,274	12,133	12,473	8,274	12,473
Housing	9,737	11,267	9,785	11,267	11,267	9,785	11,267
Transportation	10,401	12,037	12,037	15,163	17,447	12,037	17,447
Civic	3,535	6,224	6,224	6,871	8,810	6,224	8,810
Other	4,566	8,771	8,771	9,730	11,046	8,771	11,046
Required Annual Income After Taxes	38,489	70,674	55,677	67,818	76,728	55,677	101,246
Annual Taxes	7,464	11,380	9,275	9,973	9,820	9,275	14,809
Required Annual Income Before Taxes	45,953	82,054	64,952	77,791	86,548	64,952	116,055

Source: Poverty in America, Living Wage Calculator

Nutrition

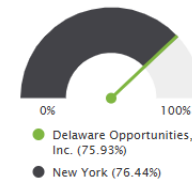
Free and Reduced Lunch Program

The table below shows the number of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program during January, 2024. The figures below include all School Food Authority agencies. 75.93% of the students in the report area were eligible for free or reduced lunches, compared to a statewide rate of 76.44%.

Figure 179. Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Report Area	Total Student Enrollment (January, 2024)	Students Eligible	Percent of Students Eligible
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	5,372	4,079	75.93%
New York	2,629,306	2,009,904	76.44%

Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: New York State Education Department, January 2024. → Show more details

Free and Reduced Lunch Program by School

The table below shows the number of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program during January, 2024. The figures below include all School Food Authority agencies, including public and non-public.

Figure 180. Free and Reduced Lunch Program by School

County Name	School Food Authority	Enrollment	Free Eligible	Free Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Free and Reduced
Delaware County	Andes CSD	83	32	38.6%	10	12%	50.6%
Delaware County	Charlotte Valley CSD	343	312	91%	0	0%	91%
Delaware County	Delaware Academy CSD At Delhi	748	432	57.8%	0	0%	57.8%
Delaware County	Deposit CSD	509	430	84.5%	0	0%	84.5%
Delaware County	Downsville CSD	220	142	64.5%	0	0%	64.5%
Delaware County	Franklin CSD	213	182	85.4%	0	0%	85.4%
Delaware County	Hancock CSD	298	257	86.2%	0	0%	86.2%
Delaware County	Margaretville CSD	323	285	88.2%	0	0%	88.2%
Delaware County	Roxbury CSD	232	156	67.2%	0	0%	67.2%
Delaware County	Sidney CSD	1,014	822	81.1%	0	0%	81.1%
Delaware County	South Kortright CSD	307	171	55.7%	0	0%	55.7%
Delaware County	Stamford CSD	266	208	78.2%	0	0%	78.2%
Delaware County	Walton CSD	816	640	78.4%	0	0%	78.4%
Delaware County	Delaware County Total	5,372	4,069	75.7%	10	0.2%	75.9%
New York State	Total	2,629,306	2,002,874	76.2%	7,030	0.3%	76.4%

Data Source: New York State Education Department. January 2024. → Show more details

Food Insecurity

According to *Feeding America*, hunger is more common in rural areas due to the following:

- People in rural areas often live far away from grocery stores and pantries and with no public transportation in the county, accessing these can be difficult.
- Jobs in rural areas often pay lower wages or do not offer full-time hours, which makes affording food difficult.
- People of color in rural areas are more likely to face hunger due to long-term inequalities affecting food access.

According to the USDA (2025), Delaware County’s food insecurity rate is 13.6%, which is 24.8% higher than the national average. The child food insecurity rate is 22.9%, which is 56.8% higher than the national average. The annual food budget shortfall is reported to be \$4,113,000.

Low Income and Low Food Access

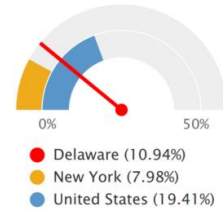
This indicator reports the percentage of the low-income population with low food access. Low food access is defined as living more than ½ mile from the nearest supermarket, supercenter, or large grocery store. Data is from the April 2021 Food Access Research Atlas dataset. This indicator is relevant because it highlights populations and geographics facing food insecurity.

10.94% of the low-income population in the report area has low food access. The total low-income population in the report area with low food access is 1,774.

Figure 181. Low Income and Low Food Access

Report Area	Total Population	Low Income Population	Low Income Population with Low Food Access	Percent Low Income Population with Low Food Access
Delaware County, NY	47,980	16,212	1,774	10.94%
New York	19,378,102	5,788,309	462,046	7.98%
United States	308,745,538	97,055,825	18,834,033	19.41%

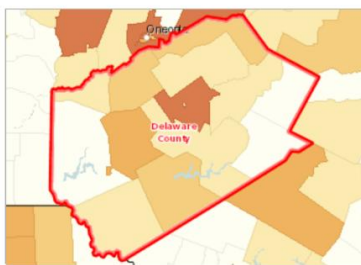
Percent Low Income Population with Low Food Access



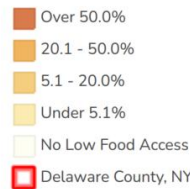
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, USDA - Food Access

Research Atlas. 2019. Source geography: Tract → [Show more details](#)



Population with Limited Food Access, Low Income, Percent by Tract, USDA - FARA 2019



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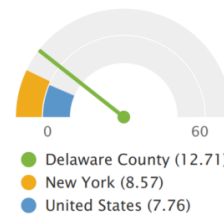
SNAP Authorized Food Stores

This indicator reports the number of SNAP-authorized food stores as a rate per 10,000 population. SNAP-authorized stores include grocery stores as well as supercenters, specialty food stores, and convenience stores that are authorized to accept SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. The report area contains 61 total SNAP-Authorized Retailers with a rate of 12.71.

Figure 182. SNAP Authorized Food Stores

Report Area	Total Population (2010)	Total SNAP-Authorized Retailers	SNAP-Authorized Retailers, Rate per 10,000 Population
Delaware County, NY	47,980	61	12.71
New York	19,320,388	16,559	8.57
United States	312,383,875	242,299	7.76

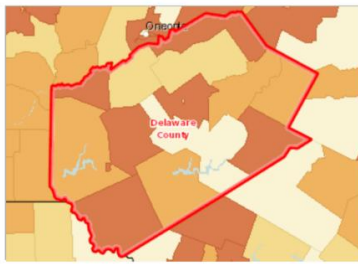
SNAP-Authorized Retailers, Rate (Per 10,000 Population)



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA - SNAP

Retailer Locator. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2019. Source geography: Tract → [Show more details](#)



SNAP-Authorized Retailers Access, Rate per 10,000 Population by Tract, USDA 2019

- Over 12.0
- 6.1 - 12.0
- Under 6.0
- No SNAP-Authorized Retailers
- No Population or No Data
- Delaware County, NY

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Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)

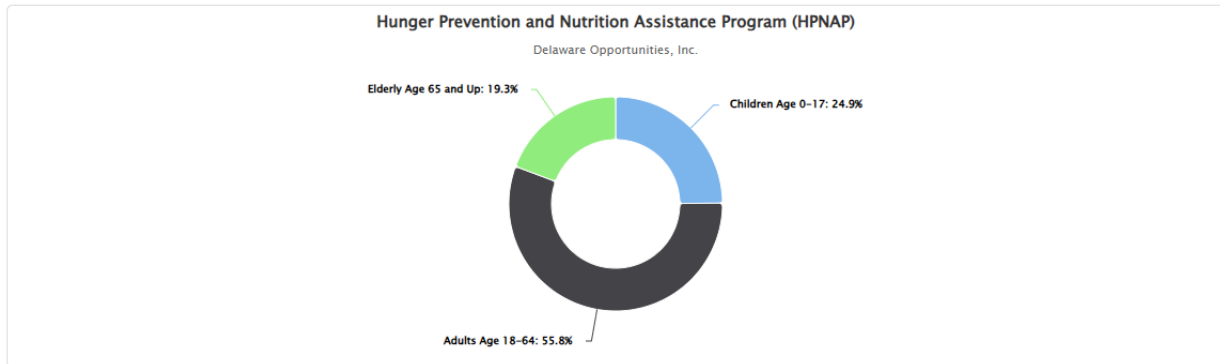
The number of meals provided from July 2022 - July 2023 by the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) through soup kitchens, food pantries, and shelters is shown below. There was an average of 14,874 meals served at each of the report area's 20 sites.

RFAs are the total number of Requests for Assistance by individuals at each HPNAP supported site.

Figure 183. Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program

Report Area	HPNAP Sites	Children	Adults	Elderly	RFAs	Meals
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	20	6,062	13,593	4,705	24,360	297,492
New York	2,482	14,537,503	27,034,257	10,471,566	52,030,431	384,835,843

Data Source: New York State Department of Health. → [Show more details](#)



The United States Department of Agriculture reports that more than two million New Yorkers, 12% of the population, do not always have enough money to meet their basic nutritional needs. Almost 35% of New York’s residents have incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and may be eligible for federal food assistance programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). But, these programs do not adjust for New York State’s higher costs for housing, utilities and food. HPNAP helps to fill this gap. For more than 30 years, HPNAP has provided state and federal funds to improve the quality of food distributed to an estimated 2,500 Emergency Food Relief Organizations in New York State. These include food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, and emergency shelters. Delaware County no longer has a HPNAP recipient since Delaware Opportunities lost this funding. However, Delaware Opportunities continues to oversee and provide support to the Hamden-based Food Bank as well as a food pantry network consisting of 16 town-based food pantries, including:

- ✓ Andes
- ✓ Bloomville
- ✓ Colchester

- ✓ Davenport
- ✓ Delhi
- ✓ Deposit
- ✓ East Branch
- ✓ Franklin
- ✓ Grand Gorge
- ✓ Hamden (Food Bank)
- ✓ Hancock
- ✓ Kortright
- ✓ Margaretville
- ✓ Masonville
- ✓ Roxbury
- ✓ Sidney
- ✓ Sidney Center
- ✓ Walton (not under DO's food pantry network)

Persons Served by Food Bank/Pantries:

Table 19

Town	September 2024				October 2024			
	Families	Children	Adults	Seniors	Families	Children	Adults	Seniors
Andes	19	12	16	13	14	10	15	9
Bloomville	9	0	6	8	10	4	14	8
Colchester	8	0	8	5	12	2	16	6
Davenport	66	37	99	33	70	32	100	48
Delhi	40	41	48	11	45	25	47	15
Deposit	81	52	107	33				
East Branch	46	19	74	23	49	31	71	21
Franklin	9	3	13	4	8	14	22	2
Grand Gorge	56	12	56	35	47	21	65	37
Hamden	54	32	64	20	80	63	95	31
Hancock	28	13	34	17	35	11	53	14
South Kortright	6	18	16	1	8	13	14	1
Margaretville	39	10	19	36	41	13	32	26
Masonville	14	6	15	7	15	9	18	10
Roxbury	62	41	94	30	86	31	106	34
Sidney	56	59	96	18	60	63	98	13
Sidney Center	3	1	8	0	4	3	9	0

Table 20

Town	November 2024				December 2024			
	Families	Children	Adults	Seniors	Families	Children	Adults	Seniors
Andes	86	38	52	40	51	37	43	43
Colchester	11	2	13	4	6	0	9	2
Davenport	83	48	127	37	81	46	110	42
Delhi	67	34	56	17	60	36	84	25
East Branch	99	68	173	49	102	68	201	29
Franklin	46	68	77	9	51	74	82	11
Grand Gorge	63	17	74	38	46	13	58	39
Hamden	73	54	102	35	69	41	87	29

Hancock	25	15	39	11	86	40	122	60
South Kortright	10	9	21	1	6	23	6	0
Margaretville	54	35	57	43	31	13	23	27
Masonville	31	12	35	21	18	4	14	20
Roxbury	74	33	85	45	66	26	63	33
Sidney	132	147	241	33	54	66	94	21
Sidney Center	3	0	7	0	5	4	11	0

Table 21

Town	January 2025				February 2025			
	Families	Children	Adults	Seniors	Families	Children	Adults	Seniors
Andes	12	3	8	12	16	12	16	13
Colchester	11	2	16	4	7	0	13	2
Davenport	72	34	90	46	74	35	102	38
Delhi	31	18	32	14	33	27	39	10
East Branch	64	25	105	27	58	32	110	16
Franklin	15	13	27	3	14	3	21	6
Grand Gorge	90	33	120	65	20	9	27	28
Hamden	66	25	74	32	70	27	86	25
Hancock	28	11	36	17	26	17	46	13
South Kortright	7	17	16	2	7	12	15	0
Margaretville	49	24	51	35	41	14	38	35
Masonville	15	6	14	13	14	3	15	12
Roxbury	64	28	74	37	57	17	61	33
Sidney	54	47	93	18	43	48	86	11
Sidney Center	5	2	12	0	4	2	8	0

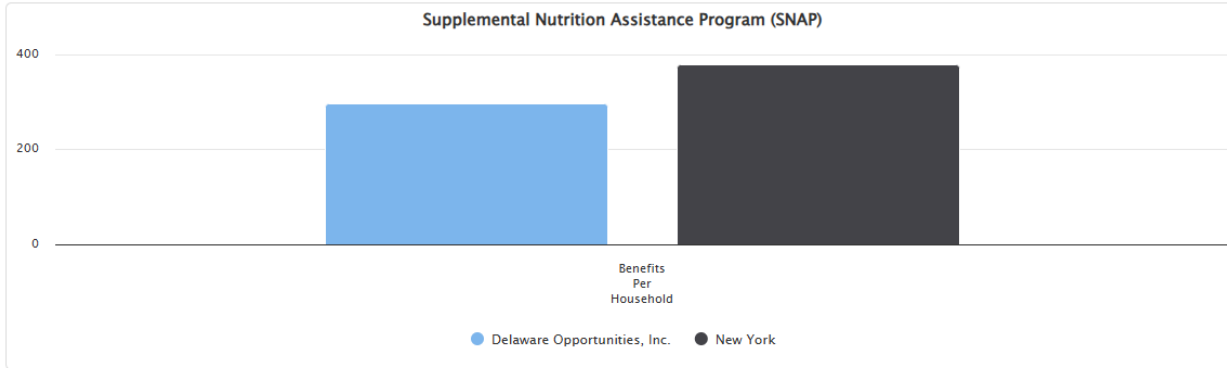
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

The number of persons receiving SNAP benefits and the total SNAP dollars issued per county in January 2024, within the report area is shown in below. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 2,776.00 households were receiving SNAP benefits totaling \$824,361, or \$296.96 per household.

Figure 184. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Report Area	Household Receiving Benefits Total	Household Receiving Benefits Temp	Household Receiving Benefits Non-Temp	Persons Receiving Benefits Total	Persons Receiving Benefits Temp	Persons Receiving Benefits Non-Temp	Benefits Issued Total	Benefits Issued Temp	Benefits Issued Non-Temp	Benefits Per Household
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	2,776.00	713	2,063	4,834	844	3,990	\$824,361	\$190,720	\$633,641	\$296.96
New York	1,686,225.00	677,913	1,008,312	2,897,231	995,527	1,901,704	\$639,461,341	\$248,974,277	\$390,487,064	\$379.23

Data Source: New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. January 2024. → Show more details



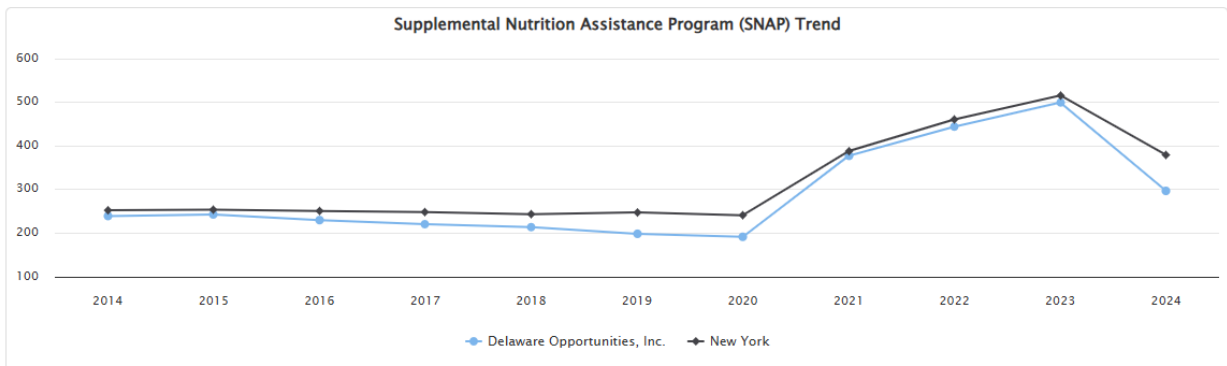
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Trend

Below are trend amounts for Benefits Per Household of the Supplemental Nutrition Assurance Program (SNAP) for the selected report area. The amount has increased from \$239.35 to \$296.96 over the last 11 years. The data listed is for January of each year.

Figure 185. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Trend

Report Area	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	\$239.35	\$242.98	\$230.01	\$220.63	\$213.85	\$198.64	\$191.72	\$377.44	\$444.09	\$499.85	\$296.96
New York	\$252.56	\$253.86	\$250.83	\$248.27	\$243.48	\$247.54	\$241.12	\$388.00	\$460.64	\$515.65	\$379.23

Data Source: New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. January 2024. → Show more details



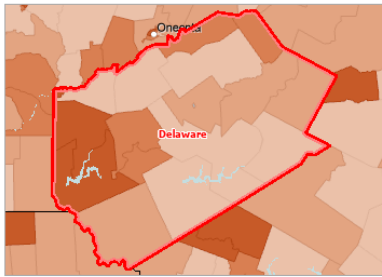
Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)

The below table shows that according to the American Community Survey (ACS), 2,413 households (or 12.74%) received SNAP payments during 2019-2023. During this same period there were 1,576 households with income levels below the poverty level that were not receiving SNAP payments.

Figure 186. Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)

Report Area	Households Receiving SNAP Total	Households Receiving SNAP Percent	Households Receiving SNAP Income Below Poverty	Households Receiving SNAP Income Above Poverty	Households Not Receiving SNAP Total	Households Not Receiving SNAP Percent	Households Not Receiving SNAP Income Below Poverty	Households Not Receiving SNAP Income Above Poverty
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	2,413	12.74%	1,214	1,199	16,534	87.26%	1,576	14,958
New York	1,152,804	15.03%	526,703	626,101	6,516,152	84.97%	528,164	5,987,988
United States	15,004,950	11.77%	6,447,353	8,557,597	112,477,915	88.23%	9,432,695	103,045,220

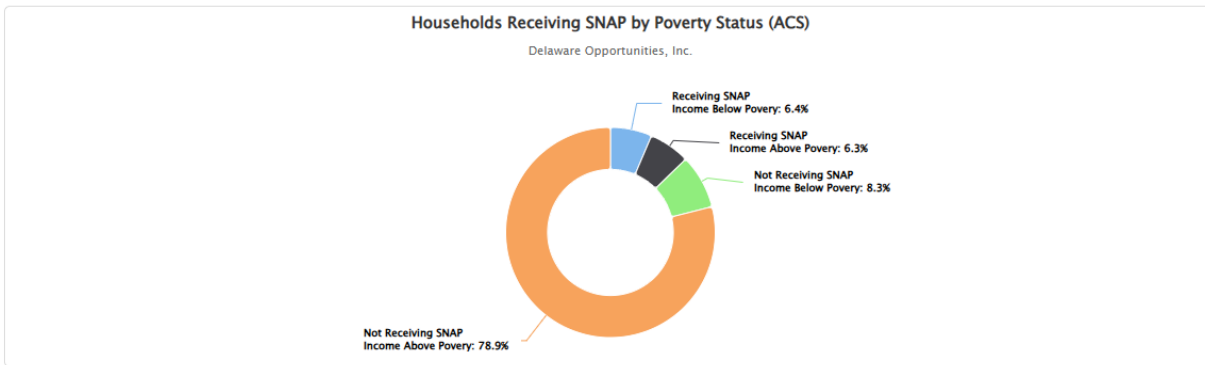
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)



Households Receiving SNAP Benefits, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 19.0%
- 14.1 - 19.0%
- 9.1 - 14.0%
- Under 9.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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Health Care

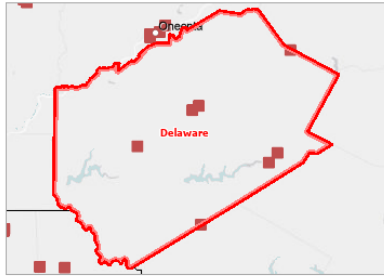
Medicare and Medicaid Providers

Total institutional Medicare and Medicaid providers, including hospitals, nursing facilities, federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and community mental health centers for the report area are shown. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 6 active Medicare and Medicaid institutional service providers in the report area in the fourth quarter of 2023.

Figure 187. Medicare and Medicaid Providers

Report Area	Total Institutional Providers	Hospitals	Nursing Facilities	Federally Qualified Health Centers	Rural Health Clinics	Community Mental Health Centers
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	6	3	3	0	0	0
New York	2,165	218	603	555	55	0
United States	55,429	7,038	14,792	12,300	5,570	122

Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Provider of Services File. 2024. → Show more details



All Providers of Service, POS December 2024

- All Providers of Service, POS December 2024
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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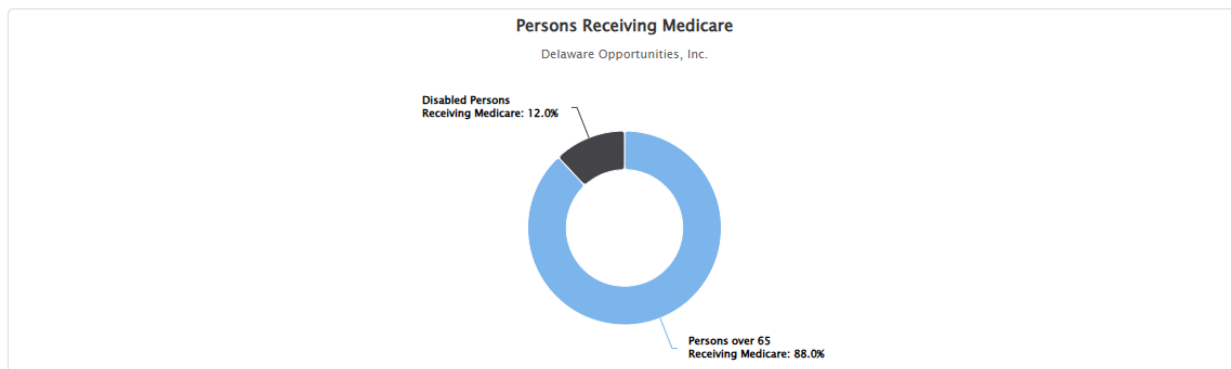
Persons Receiving Medicare

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. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that a total of 12,493 persons were receiving Medicare benefits in the report area in 2023. 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 1,498 disabled persons in the report area received Medicare benefits in 2023.

Figure 188. Persons Receiving Medicare

Report Area	Persons Over 65 Receiving Medicare	Disabled Persons Receiving Medicare	Total Persons Receiving Medicare
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	10,995	1,498	12,493
New York	3,396,613	429,099	3,825,712
United States	58,950,322	7,442,138	66,392,459

Data Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS - Geographic Variation Public Use File . 2023. → Show more details



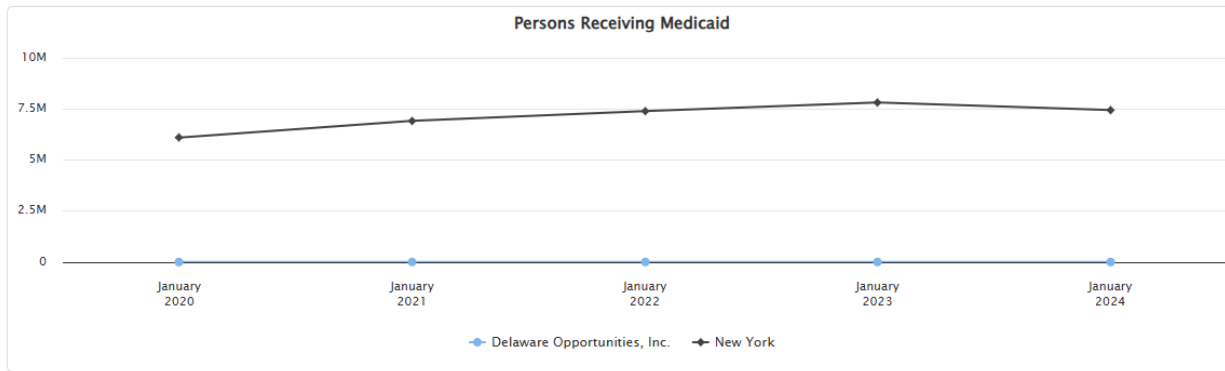
Persons Receiving Medicaid

New York Medicaid enrollment trends for the last five years are seen in the below table. For the selected area, the number of Medicaid users has increased from 10,086 in 2019 to 11,318 in 2023. The data listed is for January of each year.

Figure 189. Persons Receiving Medicaid

Report Area	January 2020	January 2021	January 2022	January 2023	January 2024
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	10,086	11,337	11,982	12,493	11,318
New York	6,100,902	6,915,064	7,396,274	7,817,672	7,446,289

Data Source: New York State Department of Health. → Show more details



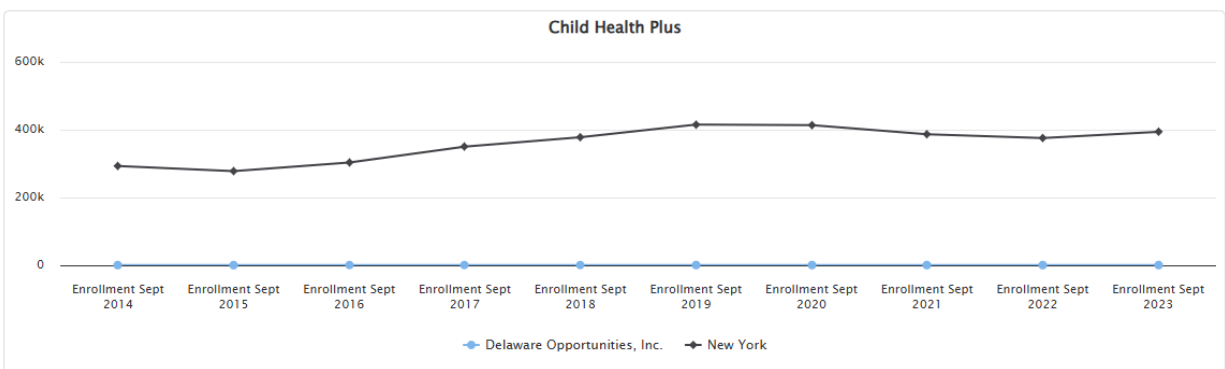
Child Health Plus

The table below shows the total enrollment for the New York Child Health Plus program for each September 2014 - 2023. According to the New York Department of Health, there were 683 persons enrolled in the Child Health Plus Program during September 2023. Between September 2014 and September 2023, enrollment increased in the report area by 32 persons, or 4.9%.

Figure 190. Child Health Plus

Report Area	Enrollment Sept 2014	Enrollment Sept 2015	Enrollment Sept 2016	Enrollment Sept 2017	Enrollment Sept 2018	Enrollment Sept 2019	Enrollment Sept 2020	Enrollment Sept 2021	Enrollment Sept 2022	Enrollment Sept 2023
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	651	538	556	656	677	737	715	685	636	683
New York	292,802	277,947	303,430	350,195	377,789	414,986	413,166	386,849	375,284	393,998

Data Source: New York State Department of Health. → Show more details

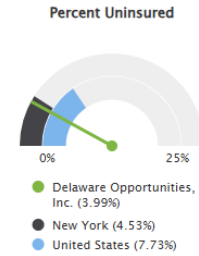


Uninsured Population

The uninsured population of 2023 is calculated by estimating the number of persons eligible for insurance (generally those under 65) minus the estimated number of insured persons.

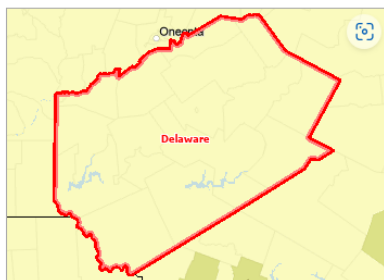
Figure 191. Uninsured Population

Report Area	Insurance Population (2222 Estimate)	Number Insured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	44,551	29,246	1,778	3.99%
New York	19,872,319	14,782,884	900,193	4.53%
United States	332,387,540	243,405,665	25,694,722	7.73%



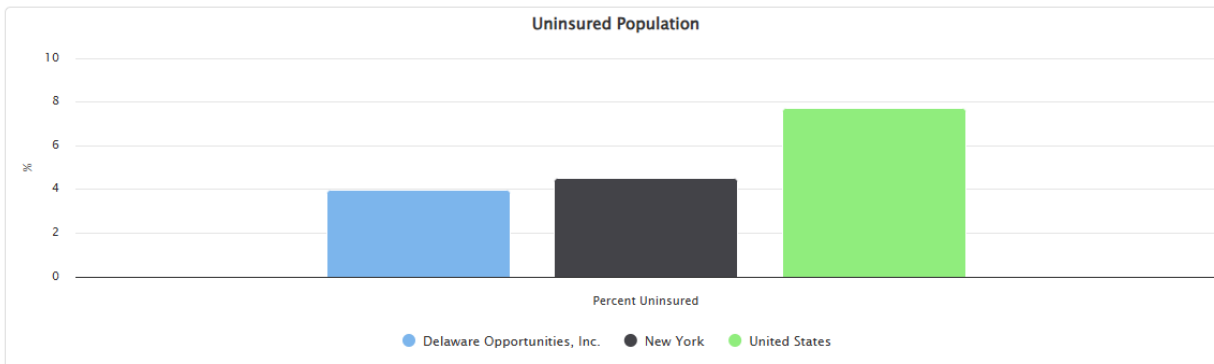
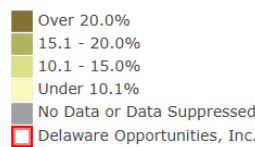
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates. 2019-23. → Show more details



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Uninsured Population, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23



HIV/AIDS

In December 2022, there were 56 reported cases of HIV/AIDS in the report area. HIV/AIDS cases are reported as total cases and non-prison cases. Based on this, an estimated 0% of reported cases were in the prison population.

Figure 192. HIV/AIDS

Report Area	(Including Prisoners) Total HIV/AIDS	(Including Prisoners) HIV Only	(Including Prisoners) AIDS Only	(Excluding Prisoners) Total HIV/AIDS	(Excluding Prisoners) HIV Only	(Excluding Prisoners) AIDS Only
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	56	28	28	56	28	28
New York	23,045	10,638	12,407	22,766	10,535	12,231

Data Source: New York State Department of Health. → Show more details

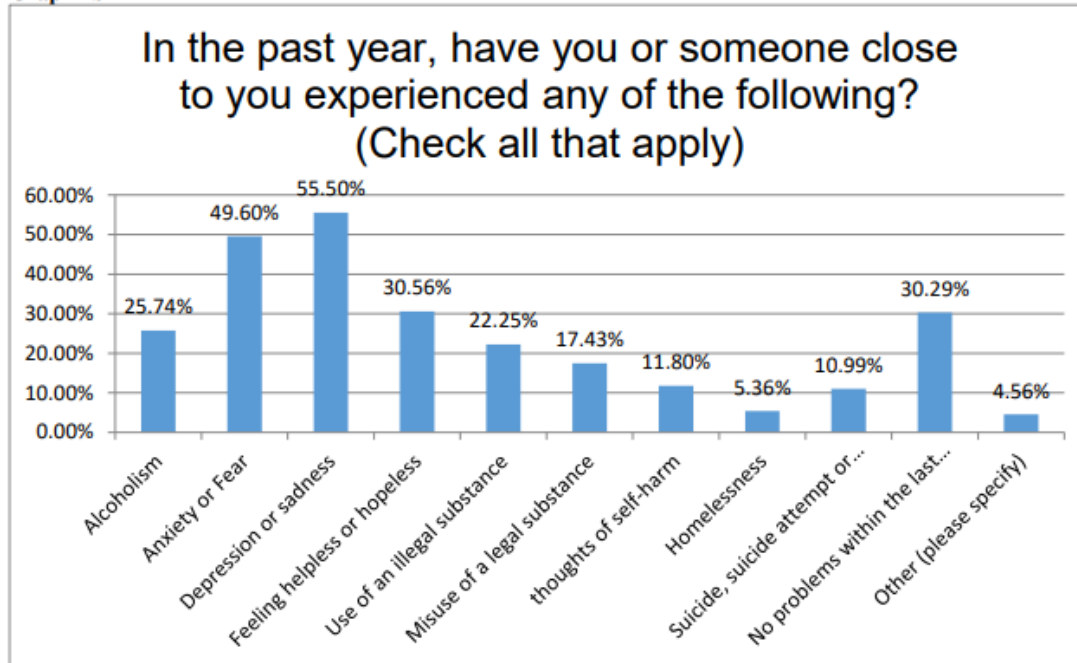
Promote Well-Being and Prevent Mental and Substance Use Disorders

Delaware County’s 2022-2024 Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan documented that in 2020, an estimated 59.9 million adults aged 18 and older (21% of all US adults) had any mental illness (AMI) in the previous year. An estimated 14.2% of all United States adults had serious mental illness (SMI) in the previous year. Individuals experiencing mental illness often have multiple mental disorders, co-occurring substance use disorders, have a substantially elevated risk for suicide and are at increased risk for homelessness and involvement with the criminal justice system. Yet, despite the well-documented health and social impacts of mental health issues on individuals, families, and communities, only a fraction of individuals with these disorders received the evidence-based care they need. (Excerpted from Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan, 2022-2024).

Figure 193. Mental Health Services

Mental Health Services

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Source: Delaware County Community Survey, 2019

Source: Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment, 2022-2024

Prenatal Care

In 2021, a total of 6 women did not receive, or report prenatal care in the report area. This figure indicates that 1.66% of pregnant women did not receive, or report prenatal care during pregnancy.

Figure 194. Prenatal Care

Report Area	First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester	No Prenatal Care	Start Unknown	Not Reported	Total Births	No Prenatal or Third Trimester Care
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	242	104	9	4	0	2	361	3.62%
New York	166,733	36,445	10,288	1,630	2,367	3,073	220,536	5.54%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: New York State Department of Health, 2021. → Show more details

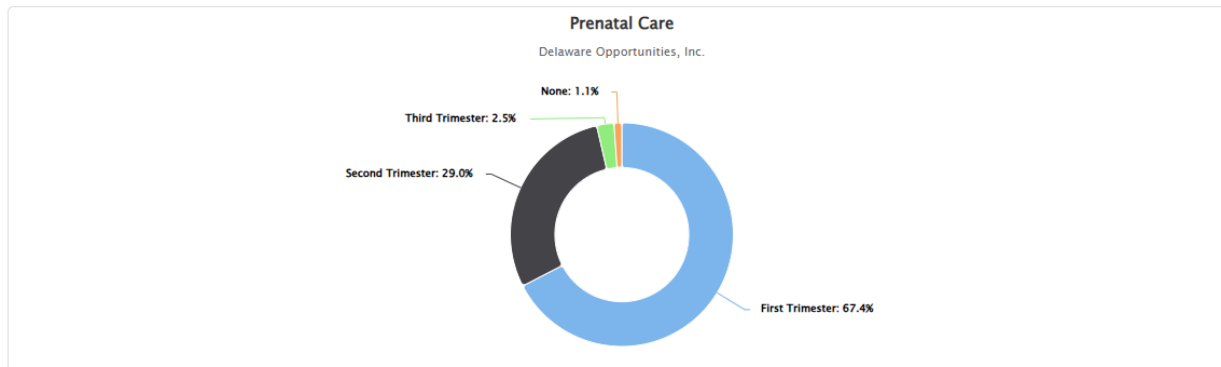


Figure 195. Percent Early and Late or No Prenatal Care, Age and Resident County New York State

County	% [^] Early Prenatal Care ⁻					% [^] Late/No Prenatal Care ⁻				
	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+
New York State										
New York State	48.8	56.8	64.3	76.8	79.3	12.5	9.6	7.8	4.6	4.1
New York City										
New York City	49.2	54.7	64.0	74.5	77.4	14.7	11.4	8.9	5.9	5.2
Bronx	44.3	50.3	56.6	64.5	66.1	16.1	12.3	10.8	9.2	8.3
Kings	50.4	55.3	65.4	73.8	75.9	13.8	11.6	7.8	5.6	5.5
New York	60.2	61.9	69.0	82.1	84.5	7.9	9.0	8.7	3.7	3.3
Queens	48.5	53.5	64.9	75.0	76.8	17.7	12.1	9.7	6.2	5.5
Richmond	54.3	64.3	73.8	85.1	85.4	13.8	8.0	5.2	3.1	2.7
Rest of State										
Rest of State	48.5	58.6	64.7	79.0	81.3	10.4	8.1	6.7	3.3	2.9
Albany	42.9	55.6	62.0	79.2	79.4	19.0	10.6	10.1	4.9	5.7
Allegany	71.4	78.6	79.5	84.4	87.9	0.0	4.8	2.5	3.3	6.1
Broome	62.0	67.4	69.5	80.7	81.9	4.0	6.8	5.5	3.5	3.9
Cattaraugus	75.0	65.7	71.7	81.7	73.1	5.0	6.7	5.9	3.4	9.0
Cayuga	100.0	75.8	77.8	82.7	81.5	0.0	3.2	4.5	1.7	2.2
Chautauqua	41.8	53.2	65.0	74.2	70.8	12.7	9.4	9.1	7.0	6.2
Chemung	61.5	83.5	79.7	88.7	83.7	7.7	3.8	2.2	1.3	7.1
Chenango	66.7	82.8	86.7	88.3	92.0	8.3	0.0	2.7	1.8	6.0
Clinton	57.1	80.4	88.3	91.9	94.3	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.2	1.1
Columbia	58.3	55.3	58.4	81.4	82.9	0.0	5.3	4.4	4.7	3.7
Cortland	80.0	61.1	71.7	87.6	80.9	20.0	2.8	2.9	1.1	4.3
Delaware	28.6	50.0	72.9	84.6	73.5	14.3	20.0	3.1	2.5	2.0

Teen Births

In 2021, there was a total of 14, or 3.88% of all births to women under the age of 20.

Figure 196. Teen Births

Report Area	Age Under 15	Age 15 to 17	Age 18 to 19	Total Live Births	Births to Teens	Births to Teens
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	0	3	11	361	14	3.88%
New York	60	1,213	4,143	209,947	5,416	2.58%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: New York State Department of Health, 2021. → Show more details

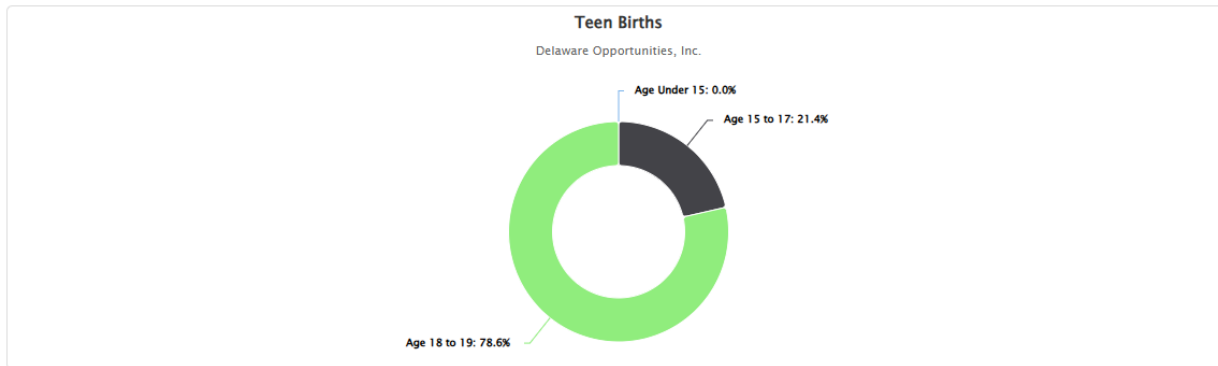
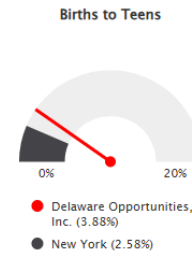


Figure 197. Births by Age of Mother

County	Mother's Age										
	Total	< 15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	N.S.
New York State											
New York State	246,592	207	4,687	11,561	49,540	65,640	66,605	37,716	9,777	837	22
New York City											
New York City	121,745	111	2,293	5,303	24,643	32,311	32,415	18,940	5,240	481	8
Bronx	23,000	32	826	1,591	5,840	6,345	4,931	2,628	738	67	2
Kings	42,101	40	673	1,812	9,690	11,572	10,340	6,141	1,695	137	1
New York	20,167	14	267	668	2,505	3,891	6,660	4,562	1,416	179	5
Queens	30,748	21	431	1,015	5,681	8,947	8,695	4,710	1,168	80	0
Richmond	5,729	4	96	217	927	1,556	1,789	899	223	18	0
Rest of State											
Rest of State	124,847	96	2,394	6,258	24,897	33,329	34,190	18,776	4,537	356	14
Albany	3,176	3	71	149	643	877	882	438	106	7	0
Allegany	521	1	8	45	169	169	93	28	8	0	0
Broome	2,061	2	52	135	549	632	434	206	46	5	0
Cattaraugus	978	0	20	110	314	266	179	67	21	0	1
Cayuga	812	0	11	63	228	248	167	79	14	2	0
Chautauqua	1,442	1	56	140	438	433	253	98	19	3	1
Chemung	978	1	29	81	286	298	178	89	15	1	0
Chenango	524	0	13	29	154	180	98	32	17	1	0
Clinton	787	0	14	57	217	237	174	76	10	2	0
Columbia	565	0	13	39	143	156	122	69	23	0	0
Cortland	556	0	6	45	165	174	116	37	12	1	0
Delaware	458	1	8	21	133	148	96	43	8	0	0
Dutchess	2,917	2	42	111	491	759	918	443	140	11	0

Delaware County Births by Hospital

Excerpted from Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan, 2022-2024, the following chart shows the births by hospital for Delaware County.

Table 22

Hospital	2017	%	2018	%	2019	%	2020	%	2021	%
Albany	15	4	28	7	34	10	34	10	30	9
Bassett	177	51	186	49	149	43	164	47	150	43
Catskill Regional Medical	14	4	11	3	8	2	4	1	10	3
Chenango Memorial	24	7	30	8	18	5	16	5	13	4
Crouse Hospital	0	0	2	1	3	1	3	1	2	.5
A.O. Fox	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	.5
Kingston Hospital	1	1	9	2	4	1	4	1	6	2
Lourdes	30	9	6	2	32	9	25	7	24	7
Northern Dutchess	11	3	25	7	6	2	17	5	16	5

Westchester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.5
Wilson-UHS	67	19	8	2	76	22	65	19	75	21
Vassar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.5
Other	4	1	65	17	6	2	8	2	7	2
Home Birth	6	1	7	2	5	2	11	3	11	3
TOTALS	349		377		343		351		350	

Source: Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment, 2022-2024

There are no hospitals with prenatal, maternity, and birthing services in Delaware County.

Figure 198. County/Zip Code Perinatal Data Profile (as of June 2021) for Delaware County Delaware County

County/ZIP Code Perinatal Data Profile - 2016-2018

Source: 2016-2018 New York State Vital Statistics Data as of June, 2021

ZIP Code	Total Births 2016-2018	Percent of Births					Infant and Neonatal Deaths, Rate per 1,000 Live Births				Teen Rates per 1,000	
		Premature Birth	Low Birth Weight	Unmarried Parent	Medicaid or Self-pay	Late or No Prenatal Care	Infant Deaths 2016-2018	Infant Deaths Rate	Neonatal Deaths 2016-2018	Neonatal Deaths Rate	Teen Birth Rate	Teen Pregnancy Rate
12167	84	8.3	4.8	48.8	34.5	6	0	0	0	0	23.1	27.8
12406	13	15.4	7.7	76.9	53.8	7.7	0	0	0	0	*	*
12430	16	18.8	6.3	50	56.3	6.3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
12455	26	19.2	11.5	42.3	53.8	3.8	1	38.5	0	0	0.0	15.9
12474	22	4.5	9.1	50	40.9	4.8	0	0	0	0	0.0	6.2
12760	18	0	0	55.6	44.4	0	0	0	0	0	9.8	9.8
13739	12	0	0	50	36.4	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
13750	31	6.5	3.2	45.2	29	9.7	0	0	0	0	*	*
13752	17	0	0	35.3	11.8	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
13753	102	7	6.9	38.2	22.5	2	0	0	0	0	0.8	4.0
13755	32	3.1	0	34.4	18.8	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
13756	12	25	8.3	58.3	41.7	8.3	0	0	0	0	*	*
13757	34	3	5.9	38.2	21.2	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
13775	42	2.4	2.4	47.6	19	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
13782	16	6.3	0	62.5	50	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
13783	57	15.8	8.8	59.6	41.5	1.8	0	0	0	0	7.7	19.2
13788	25	20	20	52	29.2	0	1	40	1	40	*	*
13804	17	11.8	11.8	58.8	47.1	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
13838	149	10.8	6.7	63.8	44.3	5.4	1	6.7	1	6.7	25.4	31.1
13839	41	9.8	2.4	39	25.6	4.9	0	0	0	0	*	*
13856	153	7.2	6.5	47.7	34	2	0	0	0	0	10.1	18.2
Total	971	9	6.1	49.6	34	3	3	3.1	2	2.1	8.7	14.2

Source: Department of Health, health.ny.gov

Deaths

In 2021, there was a total of 650 deaths in the report area, which equals a death rate of 14.5 per 1000 persons.

Figure 199. Deaths

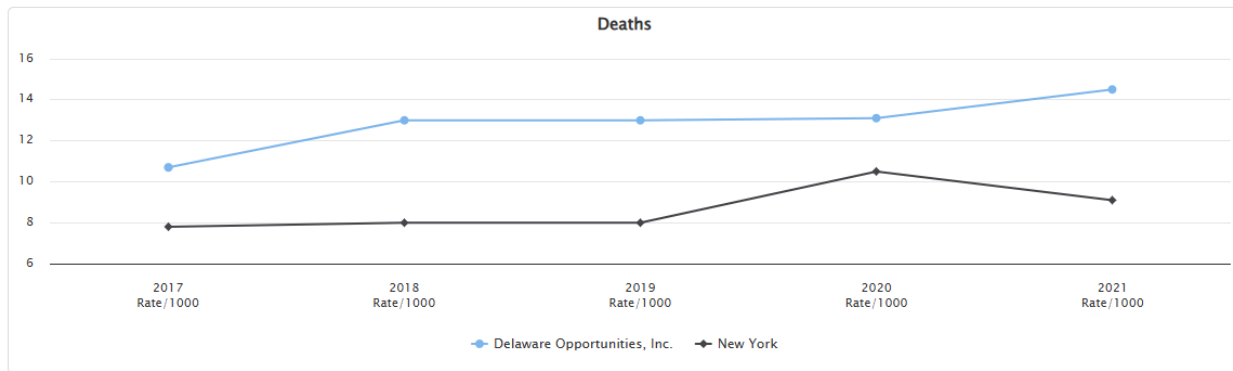
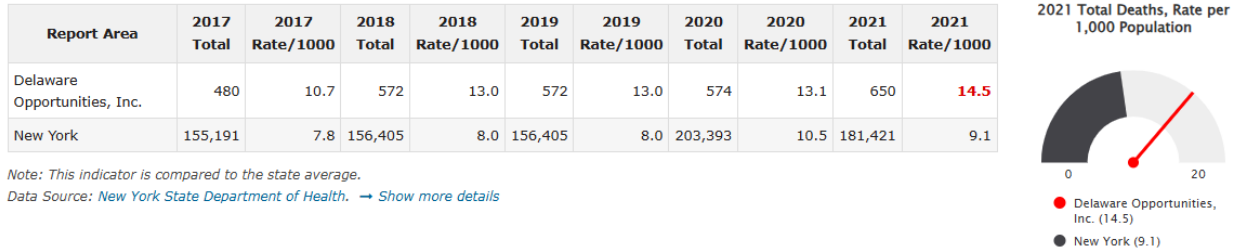


Table 23

	Total	Diseases of the Heart	Cancer	COVID-19	Unintentional Injury	Cerebrovascular Disease	CLRD	Pneumonia and Influenza
Delaware County	687	171	126	28	29	26	35	25
New York State	177,958	43,029	32,517	11,167	10,811	6,556	6,042	4,753

Source: Department of Health, health.ny.gov

Figure 200. Leading Cause of Death
Leading Causes of All Deaths for Total Population
Selected Counties: Delaware

Updated February 2025 Hover over table for additional information.

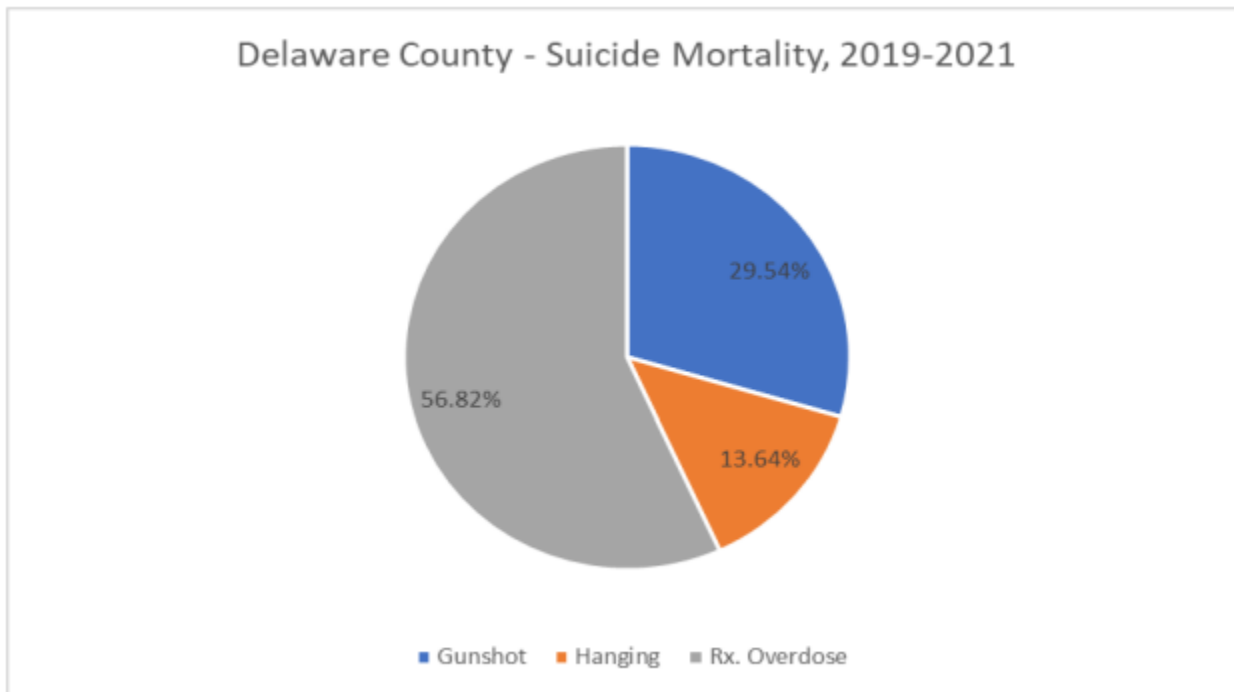
Number of deaths and age-adjusted death rate						
	Total Deaths	#1 Cause of Death	#2 Cause of Death	#3 Cause of Death	#4 Cause of Death	#5 Cause of Death
Delaware 2022	Total Deaths 687 889.8 per 100,000	Heart Disease 171 210.6 per 100,000	Cancer 126 153.9 per 100,000	CLRD 35 39.0 per 100,000	Unintentional Injury 29 56.6 per 100,000	COVID-19 28 37.8 per 100,000

The leading causes of death in Delaware County is heart disease and cancer. Chronic disease prevention and care strategies remain necessary activities needed by the Delaware County population.

Suicide Death Rate

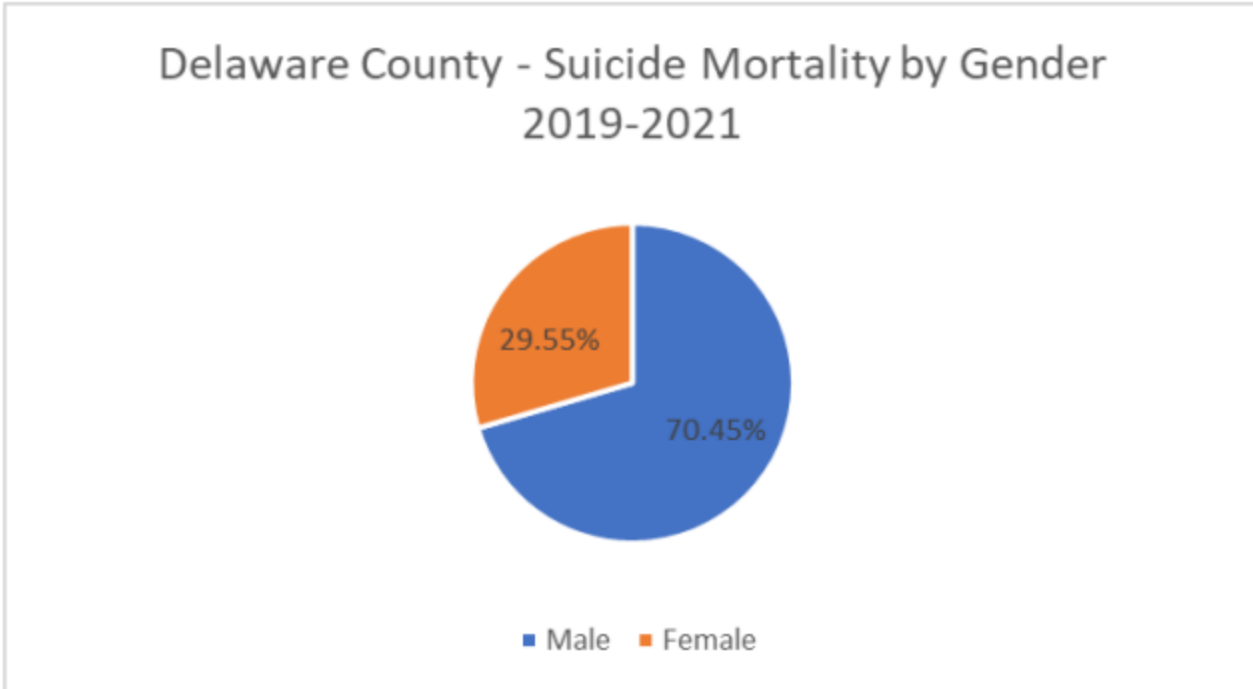
As referenced in the Community Health Assessment of Delaware County, 2022-2024, the county’s suicide death rate is much higher than Upstate NY and the NYS 2024 Prevention Agenda objective, as was much higher among males than females.

Figure 201. Suicide Mortality



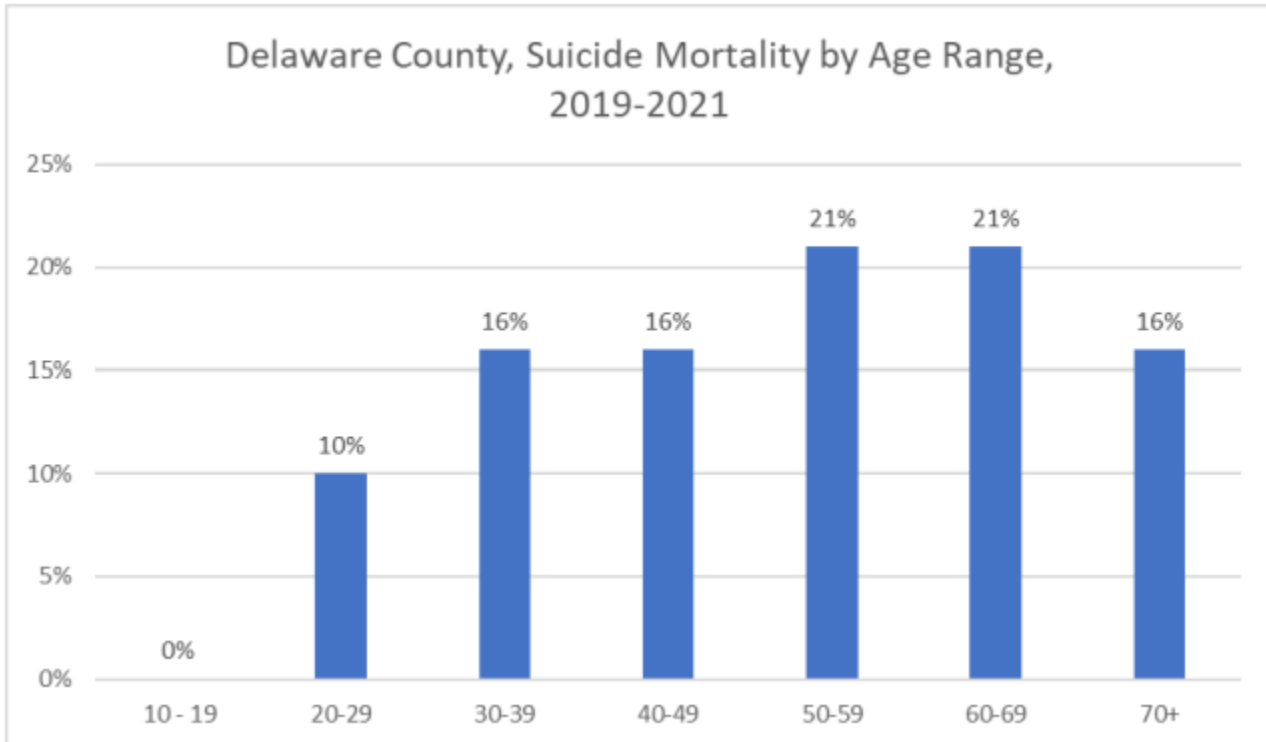
Source: Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment, 2022-2024

Figure 202. Suicide Mortality by Gender



Source: Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment, 2022-2024

Figure 203. Suicide Mortality by Age Range



Source: Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment, 2022-2024

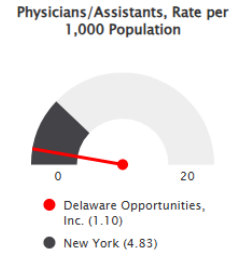
Physicians

The table below shows the number of Physicians, Physicians with 3-year licenses, Physician assistants and Specialist assistants for the report area. There are 1.10 physicians per 1000 persons in the report area; the statewide average is 4.83 physicians per 1000 persons.

Figure 204. Physicians

Report Area	Physicians, MD	Physicians, 3yr	Physician Assistants	Specialist Assistants	Physicians/Assistants per 1,000 Persons
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	30	0	19	0	1.10
New York	79,117	0	17,274	88	4.83

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. New York State Education Department. 2024. → Show more details



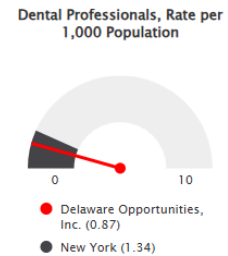
Dentists

The table below shows the number of Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Certified Dental Assistants for the report area. There are 0.87 dental professionals per 1000 persons in the report area; the statewide average is 1.34 dental professionals per 1000 persons.

Figure 205. Dentists

Report Area	Dentists	Dental Hygienists	Certified Dental Assistants	Dental Professionals per 1,000 Persons
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	7	24	8	0.87
New York	14,751	10,531	1,459	1.34

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. New York State Education Department. 2024. → Show more details



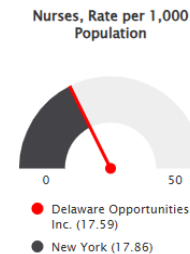
Nurses

The table below shows the number of Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, and Midwives for the report area. There are 17.59 nurse professionals per 1000 persons in the report area; the statewide average is 17.86 nurse professionals per 1000 persons.

Figure 206. Nurses

Report Area	Nurse, RN	Nurse, LPN	Nurse Practitioners	Midwives	Nurses per 1,000 Persons
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	457	277	49	2	17.59
New York	265,422	59,953	30,660	1,103	17.86

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. New York State Education Department. 2024. → Show more details



Mental Health Professionals

The table below shows the number of Mental Health Professionals for the report area. There are 0.38 mental health professionals per 1000 persons in the report area; the statewide average is 0.69 mental health professionals per 1000 persons.

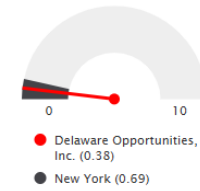
Figure 207. Mental Health Professionals

Report Area	Psychoanalysts	Mental Health Counselors	Creative Arts Therapists	Marriage and Family Therapists	Mental Health Professionals per 1,000 Persons
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	0	10	6	1	0.38
New York	654	10,081	1,778	1,297	0.69

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. New York State Education Department. 2024. → Show more details

Mental Health Professionals, Rate per 1,000 Population



Therapists

The below table shows the number of Physical, Occupational and Massage Therapists for the report area. There are 2.02 therapist professionals per 1000 persons in the report area; the statewide average is 2.90 therapist professionals per 1000 persons.

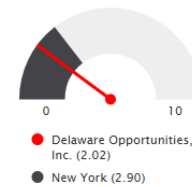
Figure 208. Therapists

Report Area	Physical Therapist	Physical Therapist Assistants	Occupational Therapist	Occupational Therapist Assistants	Massage Therapists	Therapists/Assistants per 1,000 Persons
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	28	9	20	6	27	2.02
New York	21,616	5,665	14,550	4,028	12,033	2.90

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. New York State Education Department. 2024. → Show more details

Therapists/Assistants, Rate per 1,000 Population



Special Health Professionals

The below table shows the number of Optometrists, Audiologists, Speech Pathologists, Respiratory Therapists, and Respiratory Technicians for the report area. There are 0.69 special health professionals per 1000 persons in the report area; the statewide average is 1.54 special health professionals per 1000 persons.

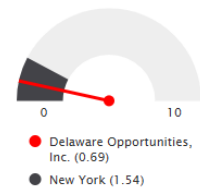
Figure 209. Special Health Professionals

Report Area	Optometrists	Audiologists	Speech Pathologists	Respiratory Therapists	Respiratory Technicians	Special Health Professionals per 1,000 Persons
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	2	1	22	6	0	0.69
New York	3,019	1,393	19,798	5,965	651	1.54

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

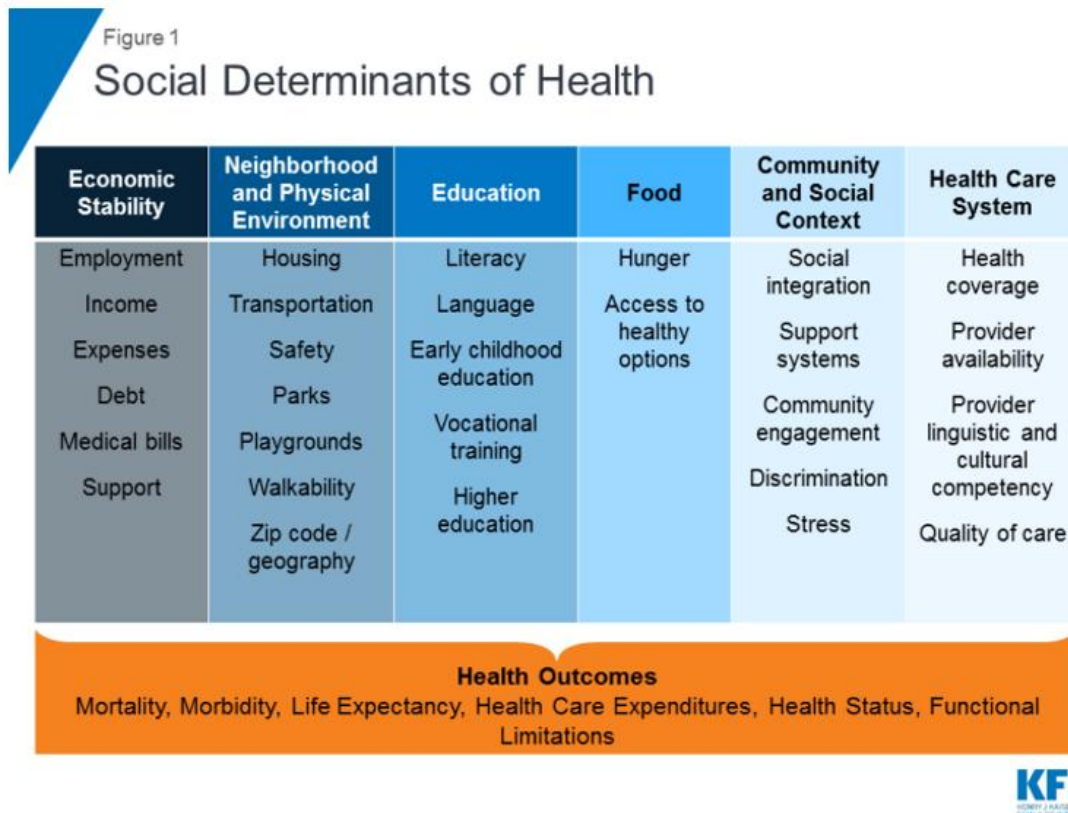
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Special Health Professionals, Rate per 1,000 Population



Social Determinants of Health

Figure 210: Social Determinants of Health



Social determinants of health (SDOH) are the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks. They are grouped into five domains, as illustrated above.

Social determinants of health have a major impact on people’s health, well-being, and quality of life and can also contribute to a wide range of health disparities and inequities. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion).

According to the CDC, resources that enhance quality of life can have a significant influence on population health outcomes. Examples of these resources include safe and affordable housing, access to education, public safety, availability of healthy foods, local emergency/health services, and environments free of life-threatening toxins. *Healthy People 2030* highlights the importance of addressing SDOH by including “social and physical environments that promote good health for all” as one of the four overarching goals for the decade.

Delaware County’s Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan does an excellent job at outlining these Social Determinants of Health as they reflect Delaware County and the communities within.

Transportation: Delaware County does not have a public transit system and about 8.6% of households in the county do not have a vehicle available. Given the size and rurality of the county, not having access to consistent and reliable transportation can pose significant challenges to accessing services. The county

has a markedly higher percentage of residents over 60 than the state average and considering older adults are more likely to develop multiple chronic conditions that require more specialized care, older adults may be reluctant to give up driving or need to rely more on networks of family and friends.

Neighborhood and build environment: Having adequately maintained sidewalks, bikeable roads, and public parks can not only facilitate social cohesion, but contribute to physical activity.

Health and healthcare: Health and healthcare can be impacted by health literacy, or the ability to obtain, read, understand, and use healthcare information in order to make appropriate health decisions and follow instructions for treatment. Access to healthcare can also be impacted by financial well-being and employment status.

Social and community context: Social isolation is a serious issue that affects many residents of rural areas, particularly older adults. Lack of socialization opportunities or inability to travel to such opportunities can compound perceptions of social isolation. Social isolation can be linked to adverse health outcomes, including depression, anxiety, cardiovascular disease and high blood pressure, rehospitalization, and higher rates of mortality.

Education: Access to higher education can be impacted by the household's financial status. A higher education degree increases access to job opportunities. Only 23% of Delaware County's population has attained a bachelor's degree or higher. There remains only one college, SUNY Delhi, located in the county, often prompting high school graduates to seek higher education outside of the county.

Financial well-being: Financial well-being can impact the ability to pay copays, access to specialized care including medical equipment, ability to afford alternate modes of transportation, and access to a wide range of nutritious foods. Financial status can also affect the ability to pay unexpected expenses, build a savings, and plan for emergencies, and may contribute to an unwillingness to take time off from work to attend routine doctor appointments.

Source: (Excerpted from Delaware County's Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan, 2022-2024)

Built Environment

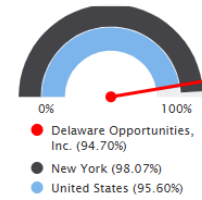
FCC Broadband Fabric

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

Figure 211. Broadband Access

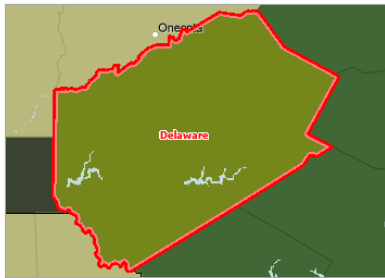
Report Area	Total Number of Broadband Serviceable Locations	Access to DL Speeds >= 25MBPS and UL Speeds >= 3 MBPS	Access to DL Speeds >= 100MBPS and UL Speeds >= 20 MBPS
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	28,475	94.70%	94.15%
New York	4,701,052	98.07%	97.74%
United States	115,631,317	95.60%	93.47%

Percentage of Population with Access to Broadband Internet (DL Speeds > 25MBPS)



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: FCC FABRIC Data. Additional data analysis by CARES. June, 2024. → Show more details



Broadband Access - FABRIC Locations, 25/3+ MBPS, Percent by County, FCC June, 2024

- Over 98.0%
- 95.0 - 98.0%
- 90.0 - 94.9%
- 50.0 - 89.9%
- Under 50.0%
- No Locations
- Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

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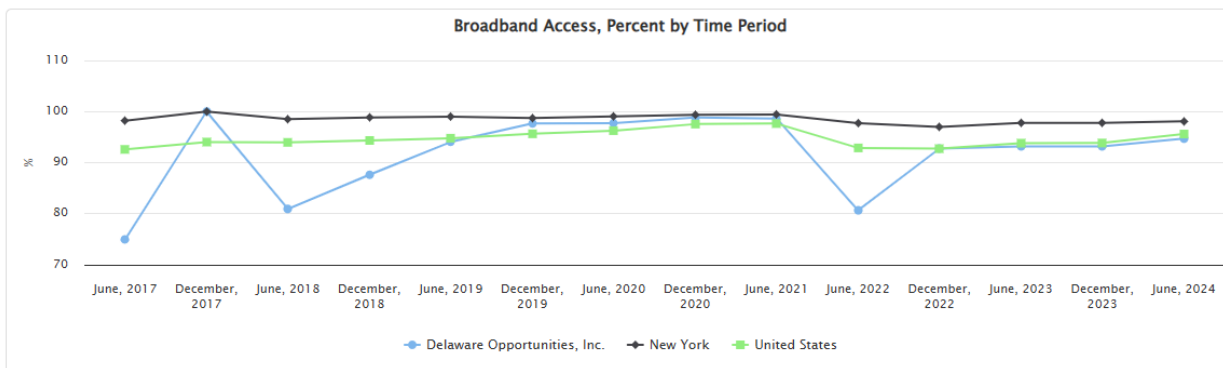
Broadband Access, Percent by Time Period

The table below displays temporal trends in high-speed internet availability as the percent of the population with access to broadband in the indicated area. Because the FCC switched from the 477 data to the location-based Fabric between June 2021 and June 2022, comparison between years should be done with caution.

Figure 212. Broadband Access, Percent by Time Period

Report Area	June, 2017	December, 2017	June, 2018	December, 2018	June, 2019	December, 2019	June, 2020	December, 2020	June, 2021	June, 2022	December, 2022	June, 2023	December, 2023	June, 2024
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	74.95%	100.00%	80.94%	87.61%	94.06%	97.66%	97.74%	98.85%	98.65%	80.67%	92.76%	93.19%	93.19%	94.70%
New York	98.21%	100.00%	98.51%	98.85%	99.01%	98.72%	99.04%	99.38%	99.44%	97.73%	97.00%	97.77%	97.77%	98.07%
United States	92.59%	94.03%	93.96%	94.34%	94.78%	95.64%	96.26%	97.54%	97.65%	92.88%	92.73%	93.81%	93.84%	95.60%

Data Source: FCC FABRIC Data. Additional data analysis by CARES. June, 2024. → Show more details



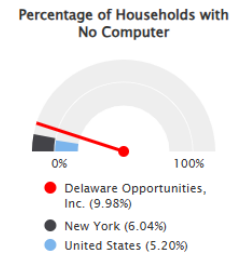
Households with No Computers

This indicator reports the percentage of households who don't own or use any types of computers, including desktop or laptop, smartphone, tablet or other portable wireless computer, and some other type of computer, based on the 2019-2023 American Community Survey estimates. Of the 18,947 total households in the report area, 1,891 or 9.98% are without a computer.

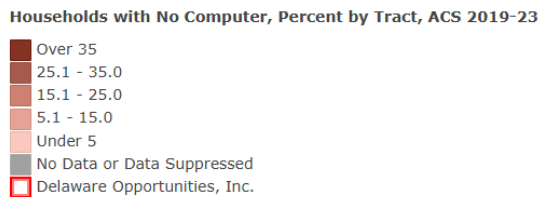
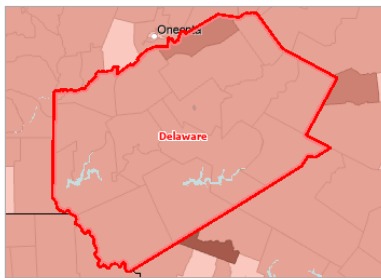
Note: The ACS 2019-23 questions about internet/computer usage are not asked for the group quarters population, so data does not include people living in housing such as dorms, prisons, nursing homes, etc.

Figure 213. Households with No Computer

Report Area	Total Households	Households with No Computer	Households with No Computer, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	18,947	1,891	9.98%
New York	7,668,956	462,907	6.04%
United States	127,482,865	6,624,173	5.20%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)



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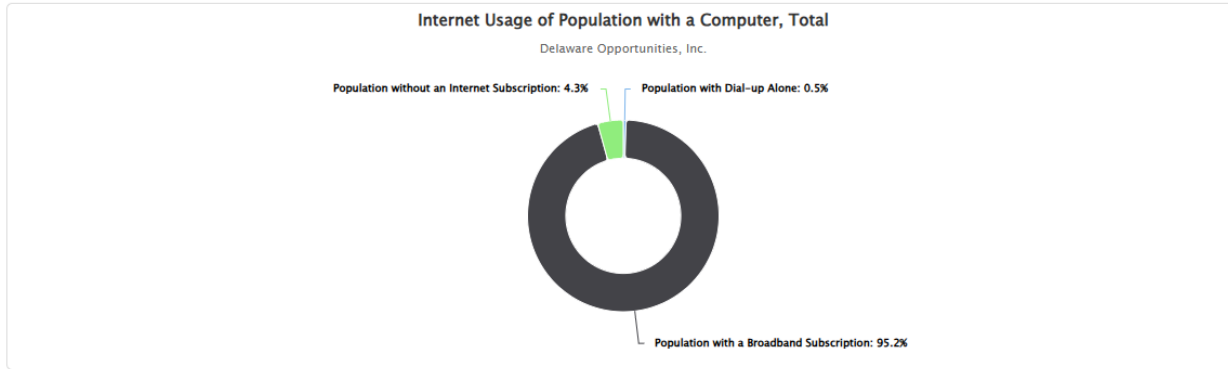
Internet Usage of Population with a Computer, Total

This indicator reports the Internet usage of household population with a computer, including Internet access with dial-up alone, with a broadband subscription, and without Internet subscription, based on the 2019-2023 American Community Survey estimates.

Figure 214. Internet Usage of Population with a Computer

Report Area	Total Population	Population with Any Computer	Population with Dial-up Alone	Population with A Broadband Subscription	Population without An Internet Subscription
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	42,349	39,759	191	37,851	1,717
New York	19,274,231	18,497,076	22,964	17,646,780	827,332
United States	324,275,237	313,918,720	369,983	298,487,716	15,061,021

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



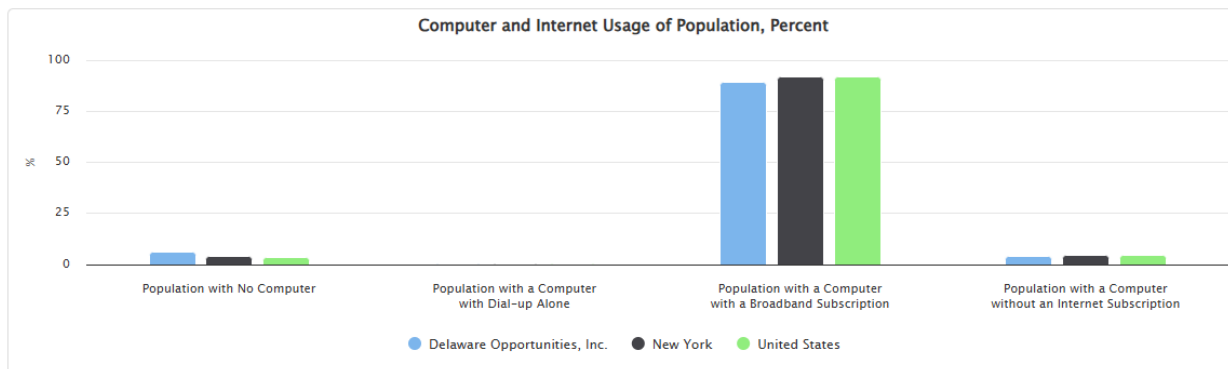
Computer and Internet Usage of Population, Percent

This indicator reports the computer and Internet usage of household population, including not using or owning a computer, with a computer and using dial-up alone for Internet access, with a computer and with a broadband subscription, and with a computer but without an Internet subscription, based on the 2019-2023 American Community Survey estimates.

Figure 215. Computer and Internet Usage of Population, Percent

Report Area	Population with No Computer	Population with Any Computer	Population with Any Computer with Dial-up Alone	Population with Any Computer with A Broadband Subscription	Population with Any Computer without An Internet Subscription
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	6.12%	93.88%	0.45%	89.38%	4.05%
New York	4.03%	95.97%	0.12%	91.56%	4.29%
United States	3.19%	96.81%	0.11%	92.05%	4.64%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23. → Show more details



Households with No or Slow Internet

This indicator reports the percentage of households who either use dial-up as their only way of internet connection, or have internet access but don't pay for the service, or have no internet access in their home,

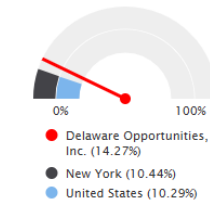
based on the 2019-2023 American Community Survey estimates. Of the 18,947 total households in the report area, 2,704 or 14.27% have no or slow internet.

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Figure 216. Households with No or Slow Internet

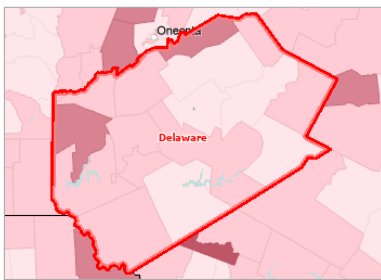
Report Area	Total Households	Households with No or Slow Internet	Households with No or Slow Internet, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	18,947	2,704	14.27%
New York	7,668,956	800,329	10.44%
United States	127,482,865	13,115,603	10.29%

Percentage of Households with No or Slow Internet

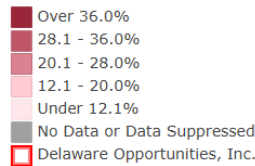


Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)



Households with No or Slow Internet, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23



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Population without a Computer or an Internet Subscription by Employment Status

This indicator reports the total and percentage of population that have no computer or Internet subscription by employment status based on the 2019-2023 American Community Survey estimates. Of the report area's 18,705 employed population, 921 or 4.92% have no computer or Internet subscription while of its 1,303 unemployed population, 95 or 7.29% have no computer or Internet subscription. Notice that the universe of this indicator is all civilian household population 16 years and over, including population in labor force (i.e., the employed population and the unemployed population) and population not in labor force (not listed in this table).

Figure 217. Population without a Computer or an Internet Subscription by Employment Status

Report Area	Total Employed Population	Employed with No Computer or Internet Subscription, Total	Employed with No Computer or Internet Subscription, Percent	Total Unemployed Population	Unemployed with No Computer or Internet Subscription, Total	Unemployed with No Computer or Internet Subscription, Percent
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	18,705	921	4.92%	1,303	95	7.29%
New York	9,462,968	484,033	5.12%	608,474	43,079	7.08%
United States	158,481,921	8,466,112	5.34%	8,553,074	664,204	7.77%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23. → [Show more details](#)

Recommendations

Mental Health And SUD Supports and Services:

- Work to refer and connect clients to available mental health and SUD providers.

- Promote mental health awareness and reduce stigma.
- Engage in stakeholders meetings about increasing access within the county.

Poverty Alleviation:

- Expand access to affordable housing.
- Increase job training and employment opportunities.
- Provide financial literacy programs.

Housing:

- Develop affordable housing projects in collaboration with the county and/or municipalities.
- Work with and support landlords to improve housing conditions and reduce overcrowding.
- Target support and funding related to low to moderate income housing opportunities as well as rental assistance programs.
- Support programs for home repairs and maintenance.

Equitable Access to Resources:

- Ensure equitable distribution of resources across all populations served.
- Address transportation barriers to accessing services.
- Promote and support the establishment of new child care providers.
- Continue to support individuals in accessing public benefits.
- Provide increased access to food resources.

Delaware Opportunities Inc. Strategic Plan 2025-2028

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DELAWARE OPPORTUNITIES INC.
STRATEGIC PLAN

INDIVIDUAL
Expand access to essential services, economic stability, and mental health support to allow individuals to thrive.

FAMILY
Enhance family support, crisis intervention, and youth programs to build stronger, healthier households.

AGENCY | RETENTION OF STAFF | COMMUNITY AWARENESS
Invest in staff training and retention, increase public engagement, and expand volunteer opportunities to strengthen our presence and impact.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION
Strengthen partnerships with local organizations and businesses to drive policy change, resource sharing, and inclusive community growth for a stronger, more connected community.

VALUES
Integrity
Innovation
Excellence
Collaboration

FOCUS
Addressing social determinants of health and other community needs from a trauma-informed approach

PURPOSE
Provide supports and services, particularly to low-income and ALICE families, that assist people in achieving self-sufficiency and attaining a better quality of life

Key Performance Indicators:
Program specific outputs and outcomes
New initiatives
Decrease in staff turnover
Annual COLA for all staff
Regular evaluation of agency salary ladder and positions
Participation in community coalitions and boards
Development of new formal partnerships



Delaware Opportunities Inc. Rural Preservation Program Strategic Plan



2025-2028

Introduction

Delaware Opportunities was established in 1965 as a not-for-profit corporation as a Community Action Agency, beginning with an annual budget of \$3,000 and with a part-time Executive Director. The agency began the process of identifying needs in the community and planning to address those needs. This process led to the identification of a wide range of needs and the development of a wide variety of programs to meet those needs, and this planning and development process continues. This strategic plan for the Rural Preservation Program is directly related to and is an outgrowth of the needs assessment process of which this plan is a part.

MISSION: To help Delaware County residents achieve self-sufficiency and attain a better quality of life.

In pursuit of its mission, Delaware Opportunities identified the lack of an adequate supply of decent, safe, and affordable housing as a significant problem in the county. The first housing issue identified was that many households were unable to afford the cost of rent for a safe and affordable unit. In 1978, the agency worked with the Village of Walton to establish a rental assistance program. In subsequent years, this program grew in size with the continual application for additional financial resources to support the program. In 1980, again with the Village of Walton, the agency successfully obtained a Community Development Block Grant which provided for housing rehabilitation of rental units under the HUD Moderate Rehabilitation program. By 1983, it became clear that the housing needs in Walton were persistent throughout Delaware County and the agency began a process which eventually resulted in a rental assistance program covering all areas of Delaware County with a current funding for up to 604 tenant-based housing assistance units. In 1984, a second housing rehabilitation program was developed for the Village of Walton, and by 1986, Delaware Opportunities recognized that housing needs represented a very significant area requiring a concerted effort. In that year, Delaware Opportunities was designated a Rural Preservation Company serving all of Delaware County. In preparing its needs assessment and strategic plan for 2022-2024, Delaware Opportunities collected and analyzed data and statistical indicators and involved those currently being served by the agency, service providers, and the Board of Directors.

As an overview, in 2023, Delaware County had a total population of 44,308 according to the U.S. Census' American Communities Survey which establishes the population based on 5-year data. Delaware County's population of elderly persons is 25.7% versus New York State at 18.6%, and has a median age of 48.8, compared to the New York State median age of 40.2. Delaware County had 11,091 vacant housing units (rate of 2.3 for homeowners and 8.5 for rentals). There is considerable second home ownership in the county, with more than 1,076 properties, or 3.6% of the total household units for Delaware County being second homes or seasonal/hunting camps. The county is very rural in nature and with its low population and large geographic area (1,460 square miles), it has only 30.82 persons per square mile. The most populous areas are Sidney (3,697), Delhi (4,795), Walton (5,270), Stamford (2,000), and Hancock (2,764). Several of the villages in the county have populations of less than 500 persons. There were 30,038 total housing units in 2023, but only 18,947 were occupied. As of the 2019 ACS 5-year estimate, the county has 6,317 people living below the poverty level

(14.9%) and an unemployment rate of 7.0%. The median household income according to the 2023 ACS Survey Five Year Estimate was \$60,226, approximately 73% of the New York State median household income. Homeownership in the county is relatively high at 76.7%.

The needs assessment continues to identify the following areas to be addressed:

1. Rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing stock to preserve the housing in a safe condition consistent with housing rehabilitation standards and code enforcement.
2. Rehabilitation of rental units to safe, decent, and sanitary housing conditions.
3. Weatherization of aging housing stock, including owner-occupied and renter-occupied.
4. Reducing rent burden to a reasonable level.
5. Assisting low to moderate income households in becoming first time home buyers.
6. Provide home modifications to make homes accessible for persons with disabilities.
7. Provide for special needs housing (victims of domestic violence, homeless populations).
8. Assists communities with community development needs including infrastructure.
9. Provide housing counseling to assist both tenants and homeowners with finding appropriate housing, addressing delinquencies, avoiding evictions, structure refinancing, etc.
10. Develop additional affordable rental housing for elderly and family households.

Strengths

Delaware Opportunities operates the Rural Preservation Program, Safe Against Violence Program (domestic violence services), Solutions to End Homelessness Program, Rental Assistance Programs, Housing Rehabilitation Programs, Homeownership Programs, Family Self-Sufficiency Program and Weatherization Program. Staff in these programs are well-trained and have demonstrated capabilities to develop and implement programs. The agency also has funding available on a continuing basis for these efforts. The agency is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling agency and staff have completed homeownership training programs. Delaware Opportunities also has an excellent working relationship with the local Department of Social Services in regard to shelter and services for domestic violence and homeless or near homeless households. Delaware Opportunities has been certified as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).

Weaknesses

Delaware Opportunities is not a recognized housing developer. As both the age of the housing stock and population age have increased there is an increasing need to rehabilitation assistance. Actual rehabilitation costs have out-paced funding allowances. Federal funding for housing activities has declined. Rent levels have increased more quickly than either Federal or State rental assistance programs have allotted for. Funding for the Weatherization program has not kept pace with operating expenses in part because administrative functions have increased.

Opportunities

The Affordable Housing Corporation, HOME, and CDBG represent sources of funding for both housing rehabilitation and homeownership assistance grants programs. RESTORE offers additional housing rehabilitation assistance for elderly homeowners in need of emergency repairs. ACCESS to Home (either with Medicaid or without) offers assistance with renovations

to housing units to make these units accessible for persons with disabilities. Delaware Opportunities has successfully employed these funding sources in the past and will continue to seek grant assistance through these programs over the next three years. The NYS Office of Community Renewal offers programs that assist with clearing derelict, vacant properties, short term rental subsidy, and single property, owner-occupied development that the agency will pursue. The Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP), Emergency Food and Shelter funding (FEMA), as well as other COVID-related resources continue to provide resources for transitional housing support for the homeless population.

Threats

Our rehabilitation programs face an on-going bottleneck caused by a shortage of qualified contractors, particularly contractors who are certified to deal with lead and radon as required by the programs. Additionally, the cost of materials continues to rise limiting how many objectives each project can accomplish with the grant budgets. Our first-time home buyer program faces challenges from a housing market (both home prices and interest rates) that are very disadvantageous for low to moderate income buyers. As general inflation and cost of living remain high more potential purchasers are being forced to delay thoughts of purchasing, leading to a decline in Housing Counseling clients. The rental programs face continuing challenges caused by high rental prices and inadequate funding at the Federal and State level. Funding for the Rural Preservation Program is anticipated to be reduced in the coming fiscal years.

Activities for the Next Three Years

- ✓ Housing Rehabilitation. Prepare applications on an annual basis for at least two funding sources for housing rehabilitation activities. It is expected that as a result of this activity, approximately 17 homes will be rehabilitated each year for a total of 51 housing units. In addition, prepare annual applications for RESTORE or Access to Home funding and implement the program(s) if successful.
- ✓ Conduct homeownership counseling sessions each year, with at least 25 people participating each year.
- ✓ Prepare and submit an application for HOME Homebuyer Development and implement the program if funded.
- ✓ Prepare an application for HOME TBRA funding to supplement declining funding in the current Rental assistance programs.
- ✓ If HUD makes funding available to new applications, apply for FSS funding for the NY 541 program.
- ✓ Tenant Assistance. Assist 604 households each year in obtaining and maintaining financial assistance to reduce the rent burden.
- ✓ Increase staff capabilities and credentials by attending trainings.
- ✓ Increase staff capabilities toward the goal of development of low-income housing, by staff attending trainings or conferences.
- ✓ Provide housing counseling services. Maintain Housing Counseling certification from HUD. Seek funding to support housing counseling activities.

Anticipated Resources

Funding Source	2025	2026	2027
Rural Preservation Program	121,000	85,000	85,000
CDBG		250,000	250,000
Affordable Housing Corporation	300,000	300,000	300,000
HOME	550,000	550,000	300,000
HUD (NY541)	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
HCR Statewide	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
FSS	63,000	68,000	73,000
Access to Home	150,000	150,000	150,000
RESTORE	200,000		250,000
Housing Counseling	70,000	80,000	90,000
Other			
Total	4,654,000	4,683,000	4,698,000

*Funding levels are approximate and not definite

Delaware Opportunities Child Care Resource and Referral Strategic Plan for Child Care Resource and Referral Staff 2021 – 2026

Delaware Opportunities Child Care Resource and Referral Policy Manual	
Subject	CCR&R Strategic Plan
Policies: Delaware Opportunities Child Care Resource and Referral program will develop a Board Approved strategic plan every five years. The strategic plan will be formally reviewed and recommend changes by CCR&R staff on an annual basis with informal period reviews throughout the year. The Delaware Opportunities Board of Directors will formally review and approve upon all modifications.	
CCRR Reference	
Effective date	March 2012
Revised date(s)	March 2017 March 2021
Appendices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Delaware County Child Care Market Rate Survey *Current U.S. Census Information *Delaware Opportunities Community Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan *New York State Child Care Demographics (Delaware County) *Delaware Opportunities Inc. Parenting Education Needs Assessment and Report *Delaware Opportunities CCR&R Report on Child Care in Delaware County, Supply and Demand, Gap Analysis, and Provider Expansion *Delaware Opportunities Technical Assistance, Satisfaction and Knowledge, and Data Impact Report *Delaware Opportunities Inc. Training Impact on Provider Satisfaction and Knowledge and Future Needs *Services Delivery and Satisfaction of Delaware County Businesses, Community Organizations and Key Stakeholders *CCR&R Annual Services Evaluation Report *Kids Count Data Book *Labor and Economic Studies *CCR&R Marketing Plan *CCR&R Communications Plan *CCR&R Fund Development Plan

Rationale: The Delaware Opportunities CCR&R Strategic Plan is established to ensure that high quality affordable child care that results in education and healthy development of children will exist in Delaware County. The plan will help build and support strong families, and help families with children achieve self-sufficiency, attain a better quality of life, and help the community to achieve a thriving economy through the workforce. The Board approved plan will utilize available data from various resources in the development of the plan as well as focus on the economic impact of child care and the state of the local economy. Data will be used for Delaware and surrounding counties to ensure adequate strategic planning and service delivery of the Child Care

Delaware Opportunities Inc. was established in 1965 under provision of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as a Community Action Agency. Delaware Opportunities is a not-for-profit, private corporation. Although the agency contract with Delaware County and other local municipalities, the agency is not a part of local government. It is governed by a Board of Directors, and has wide powers, designed to improve living conditions in Delaware County. The mission of the agency is to help people achieve self-sufficiency and attain a better quality of Life.

The Delaware Opportunities Inc. Child Care Resource and Referral program GOAL and purpose is to:

Ensure that families in Delaware County and surrounding counties have access to high quality affordable child care that results in education and healthy development of children and helps to build and support strong families and communities.

The strategic plan is a result of a collaborative effort among child care providers, parents, families, child care resource and referral staff, community partners, stakeholders, the Executive Director and the Delaware Opportunities Board of Directors and is directly related to the Delaware Opportunities Community Assessment and Delaware Opportunities Strategic Plan.

The Delaware Opportunities Child Care Resource and Referral Parent Service Plan, Provider Training Plan, Provider Technical Assistance/ITA and ITA Project Plan, Marketing Plan, Communication Plan, Fund Development Plan, Yearly evaluation of Services Reports and Strategic Plan provides a comprehensive CCR&R plan for the service delivery area. Needs assessment data as well as demographic data are utilized to develop and implement the strategic plan. All plans are reviewed on a regular basis throughout the program year to ensure programmatic compliance and success.

The Delaware Opportunities Child Care Resource and Referral strategic plan addresses the importance of identifying and promoting quality, affordable, educational child care in Delaware County and surrounding areas, increasing public awareness among early care professionals, local collaborating agencies, businesses, parents, advocacy groups, parents, stakeholders, local legislators and policy makers and any other individuals or groups who are involved in or influence the child care system in the community.

The strategic plan focuses on the Child Care Resource and Referral activities to serve the needs of the community and to increase and support high quality, affordable, and educational child care in Delaware County. Delaware Opportunities CCR&R staff will document all CCR&R activities; *maintain a data base to track child care information and referrals to families, *provide basic technical assistance to families, child care providers, businesses/employers, community members in person, by phone, e-mail and fax, *provide training and intensive technical assistance to child care program staff, *complete educational and informative outreach activities, *complete marketing activities including social media posts and website information, *develop newsletters and other documents for informational purposes, *maintain agency

CCR&R program web pages, *produce and use surveys and evaluation tools to ensure the outcomes and documentation of service delivery are accurate and have been met, * participate in economic development initiatives etc. All staff will follow the guidance outlined in The Delaware Opportunities Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual and the CCR&R Policy and Procedure Manual.

This plan identifies four key areas of Child Care Resource and Referral services

- *Families*
- *Child Care Programs*
- *Employers / Businesses*
- *Community, Partners, and Stakeholders*

In preparation of this strategic plan Delaware Opportunities CCR&R staff pursued a diverse process. Statistical data was derived from:

- The United States Census Bureau Census statistics (current available data)
- The Delaware County Market rate survey
- The current CCR&R annual report of the Delaware Opportunities Child Care Resource and Referral Program.
- CCR&R Annual Services Evaluation Report
- Child Care Needs Assessment Survey
- New York State Child Care Demographics
- Kids Count Data Book
- Delaware County LDSS Child and Family Services Plan
- The Delaware Opportunities Community Assessment and Strategic Plan
- Additional information has been collected from the Child Care Resource and Referral Program. The Delaware County Department of Social Services, The New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and Delaware Opportunities Inc. Delaware County Businesses and other agencies who offer services to Delaware County residents
- Available Economic studies and Labor studies

Determining the Need for CCR&R Services

According to the U.S Census Bureau's American Community Survey completed in 2018, Rural Delaware County is 1,442 square miles with a population of approximately 45,000 people. The median household income was \$48,827 between 2014-2018. The per capita income was \$26,629.

Race and Hispanic Origin: White 95.1%, Black 2.1%, Hispanic 4.0%, American Indian and Alaska Native 0.41%, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander 0.1%, Two or more Races 1.3%.

There are an estimated 7,791 children under the age of 18 living in Delaware County. Of these children, approximately 2181 are under the age of 6 and 2,602 are between the ages of 6 and 11. 2239 children are estimated to be living below the poverty level.

Determined by the NYS Market Rate for child care the average cost of child care in Delaware County is \$10,764.00 per year. 224 Delaware county children received a subsidy for child care in 2019. These families must be at or below 125% of poverty guidelines.

Delaware County has 19 townships which have 16 family day care homes, 6 group family day care homes, 5 day care centers, 9 Head Start Centers, 4 school age programs and 19 enrolled legally exempt caregivers. The registered and licensed programs have a total of 1045 slots; 63 infant, 64 toddler, 168 pre-school and 357 school age spots filled.

2019 Demand for Child Care: The Child Care Resource and Referral Staff provided referrals and assistance with their child care plan to 134 families for 213 children in 2019.

Data taken from the Delaware Opportunities CCR&R 2019 Child Care Supply and Demand report shows the high need gaps in child care as follows:

- Data shows most of the child care referral requests were for the Delhi, Sidney, Walton, Roxbury and Stamford areas. There were more referrals than slots available, causing families to search outside of their living or working areas.
- Referrals for the townships of Franklin, Hancock, South Kortright were requested and have limited child care slots. Some referral requests were for towns without any or few registered or licensed child care providers such as Andes, Deposit, Margaretville and Roscoe.
- 50% or more referrals were for infants and preschoolers. There is also a need for child care providers who are willing to care for children before and after school, evenings and weekends.

Over the past five years registered and licensed facilities have decreased in Delaware County from 57 to 40. There has also been a decrease in the legally exempt enrolled providers in the county from 99 to 13. This may be due to eligibility guidelines for subsidized child care funding, regulations, or other factors effecting families and caregivers.

FAMILIES

OUTCOMES

- Increased family knowledge of characteristics of quality child care
- Increased family knowledge of child care options that meet family needs
- Increased family knowledge of resources for paying for child care
- Increased family knowledge of
 - Child development

- Positive parenting practices
- Resources for meeting needs
- Work/family strategies
- Other parenting issues
- Increased satisfaction with child care that meets family needs
- Adequate numbers of child care providers to ensure sufficient supply of child care overall.

Long Term Outcomes:

- Increased continuity of care received by children in childcare
- Increased placement of children in a high quality child care program
- Increased family self-sufficiency and ability to achieve personal goals

Actions of the CCR&R

- Through counseling, interview, discussion and printed materials (referral packet), presentations, press release, social media posts, printed consumer education staff will assist families in assessment of types of child care programs and quality indicators in a child care program.
- By request, families will receive information about child care options that meet family needs by providing assistance in locating child care through referrals to local child care providers. Web referrals are available on the Delaware Opportunities CCR&R web pages at: <http://delawareopportunities.org/free-online-search-child-care>.
- Information about the cost of care and resources for payment of care is provided by CCR&R staff by phone, fax, e-mail, mail, in person to families. This information is also available by flyers, social media posts, presentations, outreach activities, press release and other means of distributing the information.
- A data base of Delaware County child care providers is maintained to include information about the licensing status of providers, the age groups they serve, schedules of care, available and number of spaces available and other program information.
- Families will be given information about accessing a child care program's compliance history, New York State's child care regulations, child development, positive parenting practices, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and other resources to meet their family needs.
- Provide technical assistance and give information families about working, family strategies, parenting issues etc.
- Other family/child education opportunities are provided to families through parenting group activities and events.

- Web pages are maintained by CCR&R staff to provide available written information to families such as:
 - Child care options
 - Choosing a child care program
 - The Average Cost of Child Care
 - Child care financial aid (child care subsidy)
 - Family pages
 - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
 - Quality Stars NY
 - Community resources
- Marketing activities will be completed quarterly by CCR&R staff to include distribution of publications county-wide in the form of newsletters, flyers, press releases, web site posts, social media posts, public service and radio announcements, and other creative means to educate the community about CCR&R services.
- Outreach activities will be completed quarterly by CCR&R staff by attending community events, arranging presentation displays at area locations, presentations, attendance at networking meetings, the use of web site and social media and other creative means.
- Provider development: CCR&R staff will recruit and assist those persons who wish to open a child care business to increase the number of child care slots available for families.
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Measuring Needs and Outcomes:

- A data base will be maintained to track all information relevant to family needs, information given, and services requested. Client intake will be completed by staff which includes family information, use of services in the past, need for child care, type of child care program desired, knowledge of child care subsidies, if income is below or above the 200% level of poverty, and other pertinent information.
- A follow up survey will be mailed, given or e-mailed to all families requesting child care services during a specific period of time to evaluate services, information given, knowledge gained, satisfaction of service and to determine if the family was able to obtain child care.
- Technical assistance to families other than referral services will be recorded on the basic technical assistance log. The name of the person, date, and topic of discussion will be recorded.
- The number of families who request subsidies and who are receiving subsidized care will be recorded and tracked each month by completion of a report.

- Conduct a needs assessment survey annually to be distributed to Delaware County parents/guardians to determine family child care needs, family information needs such as training, and other parent needs and to determine areas in the county needing additional child care services
- Conduct a child care needs assessment survey annually to be distributed to businesses, stakeholders, partners, and the community to gather the following information: Knowledge of CCRR services, usage of services, shared information about services, additional services needed, how information was obtained, concerns about family and child care needs in Delaware County, services evaluation, and opinion about what topic areas families and child care providers need to increase early learning.
- Data will be collected by surveys, and gathered by contact with parents, developed into a report for analysis. A Parent Education and Services Plan will be completed to reflect the outcome of the data collected.
- CCR&R staff will maintain a record of recruitment activities and record and maintain accurate records of current provider information by township and school district by use of the data base and an excel spreadsheet or use of other software.

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

OUTCOMES

- Increased professionalism/best business practices in child care settings
- New applicants will be offered start-up funds for support
- Increased provider knowledge of program development and program assessment of quality
- Providers will have knowledge of available professional development opportunities
- Increased use of positive skills in child care health and safety practices and developmentally appropriate practices
- Increased longevity of individual child care providers/programs
- CCR&R staff will receive professional development and training to ensure proper delivery of activities, information, and services
- Partnering organizations, partners, networks, employers and other stakeholders will be informed of child care issues to encourage increased benefits for child care providers.

Actions of the CCR&R

- Provide technical assistance to registered family and group family home providers/program staff, legally exempt providers, day care centers/program staff, school age programs/program staff, and unregulated caregivers.
- Provide technical assistance to those pursuing opening a child care program.

- Provide intensive technical assistance (one on one for a minimum of one hour) to family and group home providers, legally exempt providers, day care centers and school age programs.
- Develop a newsletter designed for child care providers with the purpose of sharing current child care issues and educational information. Distribute quarterly and post on the website.
- Provide information about professional development/training opportunities to all modalities of child care and provide relevant training by staff or an outside qualified trainer.
- Prepare a child care provider needs assessment yearly to determine the need for types of training, training topics, and to determine the need for technical assistance and intensive technical assistance, and other provider/program needs.
- Develop a training plan and a technical assistance plan yearly which meets the needs of child care programs/providers.
- Provide education and opportunity to participate to eligible caregivers about the Child and Adult care Food Program and the benefits of CACFP for providers and children.
- Support and partner with networks, agencies and professional organizations for child care providers/programs to increase professionalism, compensation and benefits and other resources.
- The Day Care Director will monitor the CCR&R staff progress monthly on the actions of the CCR&R staff.
- Administer start-up grant funding to support new family-based child care programs.

Measuring Needs and Outcomes:

- CCR&R staff will record basic technical assistance to caregivers on a BTA log which includes date, modality of care and information about topics discussed.
- Start- up grant funds applications submitted and distributed will be recorded in a budget type log which includes who received the funding, items and dollar amount.
- CCR&R staff will record title of training, hours, and topic areas on an attendance sheet. Training and participant data will be transferred into a data base maintained by the CCR&R. The Training title and the number of participants will be recorded by staff on the CCR&R monthly activity sheet.
- Child Care providers receiving training by the CCR&R will be given evaluations after each training to assess satisfaction and increased use of positive skills. The data will be

compiled for each individual training session to also track the number of participants, what modality of care, and responses to satisfaction questions and knowledge-based questions.

- Intensive Technical Assistance will be recorded on the visit observation form and an evaluation will be gathered from the child care provider. Intensive TA data/provider data will be recorded in a data base maintained by the CCR&R.
- A monthly report will be completed indicating an accurate number of child care LE programs and the number of regulated programs by modality.
- The number of program violations by regulation/modality will be obtained from the Child Care Facilities system to evaluate areas of training and technical assistance needs and to compare to prior year for overall program quality increase.
- Input will be gathered from CCR&R trainers and staff who provide technical assistance by written response to questions pertaining to provider satisfaction, knowledge, needed improvements and training topic areas of need.
- Provider training and technical assistance use, needs, and satisfaction survey results and evaluation results will be compiled into a formal report and analyzed. Based on the response from providers and trainers, training and technical assistance plans will be developed yearly to meet the needs of child care program staff.
- The CCR&R program staff will keep track by use of a spreadsheet and retention of copies of certificates of all professional development and training attended by staff. The name of the training, date, hours, and topic area will be recorded.

Community, Organizations and Employers, Partners and Stakeholders

OUTCOMES

- Increased employer knowledge of child care and other work and family issues
- Increase employer support of child care and other work and family issues
- Improved stakeholder access to quality information about child care in the community
- Increased/adequate supply of child care in the community
- Improved participation by organizations, employers, business, and stakeholders in the community

Actions of the CCR&R

- Agencies of Employment and Opportunity, Small Businesses, and other employers will be educated about the challenges of childcare for their employees and the importance of early childhood education by contact on a regular basis by e-mail and informational letters,

outreach events, social media posts, press release, letters to the editor, website posts and other means of distribution of information.

- CCR&R will engage area businesses, stakeholders and community partners to support child care by building connections, providing information about quality, affordable, child care, sharing information about childcare and early child hood education initiatives, promoting CCR&R services and sharing information about child care needs in Delaware County. Information will be available on the website and by use of social media.
- Provider development: CCR&R staff will recruit and assist those persons who wish to open a child care business to increase the number of child care slots available for families.
- Staff will attend community functions and events in all areas of the county to promote quality affordable child care and CCR&R services. High need areas will be a priority identified by survey and needs assessment.
- Conduct a child care knowledge, needs assessment, and satisfaction survey annually to be distributed to businesses, stakeholders, partners, and the community to gather the following information: Knowledge of CCR&R services, usage of services, shared information about services, additional services needed, how information was obtained, concerns about family and child care needs in Delaware County, services evaluation, and opinion about what topic areas families and child care providers need to increase early learning.
- Develop marketing and informational materials with current and relevant information and to early childhood needs.
- Conduct Advisory meetings at least twice per year. Share yearly contractual goals and public policy agenda with advisory members.
- Provide public awareness about child care related issues to early care professionals, local collaborating agencies, all stakeholders including local legislators in the community and the community at large. Focus will be on Delaware Opportunities CCR&R public policy; importance high quality childcare, early child education and affordable child care. This will be achieved by placing materials and information on the website, use of social media posts, press release, presentations and other means specific to the target group.

Measuring Needs and Outcomes:

- Information will be gathered from a survey distributed yearly (or use of the Delaware Opportunities Community survey) distributed to businesses, employers, parents, child care providers, advisory members, community agencies, legislators, board members, and other key stakeholders. The results will be used to complete a report to include knowledge of and experience with CCR&R services and to gather information about community needs.

- Survey providers, families, and community partners each year to assess the success of the CCR&R public policy agenda. The Child and Family Development Director and the Day Care Coordinator will review, analyze, and revise if needed the public policy agenda based on response.
- Employers and Businesses reaching out to the CCR&R will be surveyed within two weeks of the service delivery date.
- The CCR&R staff will evaluate the delivery of services in a written report using data gathered from milestones met, evaluations, surveys, staff survey, parent surveys and evaluations, child care provider surveys and evaluations, licensor and registrar input, parent surveys, board reports, community surveys, advisory member input, and all other data and input gathered.



Delaware Opportunities Inc. Community Needs Assessment for the Head Start Program



2025-2028

Introduction

Delaware Opportunities Inc. is a Community Action Agency, and as such is required to periodically conduct a community needs assessment to determine the condition of the residents of Delaware County, to identify strengths and resources, to strategize for the development of additional resources, and ultimately to lead to achieving the mission of the agency which is to help people achieve self-sufficiency and a better quality of life.

During the planning process, Delaware Opportunities reviews how existing programs are addressing needs and what changes, if any, are required in these existing programs to best meet the needs of those served by the program.

All of this applies to families and children participating in Head Start; however, it is necessary and appropriate to establish how the Head Start program should be operated to maximize the effectiveness of the program.

The process utilizes a broad approach to identify conditions, strengths, and needs. It begins with the analysis of statistical and demographic data. The best comprehensive source of such data is the U.S. Bureau of the Census, as well as data collected by other government agencies. KIDS Count, prepared by the Annie Casey Foundation, provides an annual update to statistical and demographic data. Other sources include the New York State Department of Education, the New York State Department of Health, New York State Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), New York State Department of Labor, New York State Division of Criminal Justice, and others. The demographic and statistical information also takes into consideration local observations of conditions and actions taken by service agencies and others. Finally, the process involves obtaining information from program participants. This information is then all pulled together to establish the Community Assessment and from the assessment programs, such as Head Start, develop strategic plans.

The Community Assessment attempts to address the following issues regarding Head Start and Early Head Start:

1. Appropriate size (number of children and families) for the program.
2. Location of centers or service areas and number of children to be served.
3. Program options (Family Day Care, Home Based, Center Based).
4. Services to various ethnic background families consistent with their representation in the community.
5. Staff ethnic characteristics consistency with families served.
6. Services for handicapped children.
7. Provision of or referral to services needed by families and children in the program.

Size of the Program

There were an estimated 1,807 children 0-4 years old according to the ACS five year average in 2023, down from 2,339 in 2015. The 2019-2023 ACS average estimates establishes the number of children 0-4 years of age living in poverty at 563, a rate of 31.5%. This rate is significantly

higher than the NYS rate of 18.6% or the United States rate of 17.6%. Assuming the ACS five-year average figure is relatively evenly distributed by single age cohorts, dividing this number by 5 to establish the likely number of children living in poverty provides a figure of 113 for 4-year-olds and multiplying this figure by 2 provides an estimate of 226 children 3 and 4-year-old children living in poverty in 2023. School enrollment figures (per nysed.gov school report cards) were used to identify the number of children in first grade and kindergarten children identify the probable number of Head Start eligible children by Head Start service area. Head Start income eligibility guidelines are presently set at 130% of poverty.

School District	Probable Number of Head Start Eligible Children	Head Start Center Serving School District
Andes	3-6	Delhi
Downsville	6-9	Walton
Charlotte Valley	20-26	Davenport
Delhi	34-45	Delhi
Deposit	18-25	Deposit
Franklin	8-12	Franklin
Hancock	10-14	Fishs Eddy
South Kortright	12-17	Hobart
Margaretville	12-18	Arkville
Roxbury	10-13	Arkville
Sidney	42-60	Sidney
Stamford	10-15	Hobart
Walton	32-50	Walton

Pre-School Programs Operating in Delaware County Other Than the Head Start Program

Pre-K programs (in school districts) in Delaware County have increased considerably over the past few years. In considering the impact of these programs on the operation of the Head Start Program, Delaware Opportunities has utilized the figures from the 2021-2022 school year as obtained through telephone interviews with school employees. In the table below, the number enrolled in pre-K versus Head Start is compared.

School District	Head Start Center Service Area	# Enrolled in Pre-K	# Enrolled in Head Start 02/25
Andes/Delhi	Delhi	28	11
Charlotte Valley	Davenport	25	7
Deposit	Deposit	18	13
Walton/Downsville	Walton	47+	16
Franklin	Franklin	20	6
Hancock	Fishs Eddy	12	7
Margaretville/Roxbury	Arkville	30	5
South Kortright/Stamford/ Part Roxbury	Hobart	28	0
Sidney	Sidney	32+	18

Additional Day Care Centers and Other Day Care Providers Operating in Delaware County

As of December 2024, there were 97 preschool children enrolled in family and group family day care homes. There were 210 preschool children in day care centers (77 in Head Start, 39 in Delhi Campus Child Care Center, 12 in Wilson Children's Center, 10 in YMCA Jumpstart, 4 in Bizzy Bees Learning Academy, and 68 in Cullman Child Development Center – these programs may enroll children from other counties as well). There were 16 Family Day Care homes, 8 Group Family Day Care homes, 8 Head Start programs, 3 School Age Child Care programs, 5 Day Care Centers, and 1 Small Day Care Center. Overall, the number of regulated facilities,

from January 2022 to December 2024, has remained the same at 43 and the number of legally exempt enrolled providers has increased from 21 to 40.

Locations of Centers or Service Areas

From the data above it appears that the current location of centers is appropriate and the current enrollment testifies to this fact with the exception of Franklin (which will have to extend its enrollment area to the Sidney School District area which is contiguous with the Franklin School District), and Hancock which will have to expand its service area to include some of the Deposit School District Area and thus probably force the Deposit Center to expand its service area into the Walton School District area. We have been working on the elimination of the Hobart Center due to being unable to hire a qualified Lead Teacher/Center Director. We are also looking into the possible elimination of the Franklin Center as it has been continuously low enrolled and most of their current enrollment is from surrounding areas/districts. Other areas may be pressed to reach full enrollment. We are working on collaborating with school districts in order to provide more conveniences to families with other children already in the school districts. Additionally, centers are enrolling more 3-year-olds (as 4-year-olds are going into Pre-K in the school districts). This results in limiting class sizes to a maximum of 17. The program's current funded enrollment is 178 but due to the increase in school district run preschool programs (UPK), the lack of transportation and the increasing NYS minimum wage, the program remains around the 75-95 mark. The following service locations and licensing information for children by centers is subject to the request for a reduction in slots:

1. Sidney (Village and Town, Town of Masonville, parts of Town of Walton, Town of Tompkins, Town of Deposit): Two classrooms, 34 children
2. Franklin (Village and Town, Northwestern Town of Meredith, eastern portion of Town of Sidney): One Classroom 14 children
3. Walton (Village and Town, western Town of Hamden, Town of Tompkins (part), Town of Colchester (central to northern). Two classrooms, 34 children (this center is owned by Head Start)
4. Deposit (Village and Town, parts of Town of Hancock, parts of the Town of Walton and/or Colchester). One classroom, 17 children (this center is owned by Head Start)
5. Hancock (Village and Town parts of the Town of Deposit or Walton). One classroom, 17 children
6. Arkville (Village of Margaretville and Town of Middletown, southern Roxbury, southern or eastern Andes). One classroom currently, 14 children (this center is owned by Head Start)
7. Hobart (Town of Kortright, Town of Stamford, northern Roxbury, Town of Harpersfield). One Classroom, 17 children

8. Davenport (Town of Davenport, parts of Town of Kortright and Meredith). One Classroom 14 children.
9. Delhi (Village and Town, parts of Towns of Meredith, Hamden, Andes, and Kortright). One Classroom, 17 children

The above service areas ensure that all geographic areas of the county have reasonable access to a Head Start Center and services. The location of existing centers evolved over time partially in response to service areas and partially in response to the availability of a suitable building from which to operate a Head Start program.

The number of children who may be in the classroom at any given time, based on NYS Licensing Regulations and Head Start Standards along with best practices, is 18 unless the classroom is designated as a 3-year-old classroom. The numbers shown above total 178 in our center-based program (and there are many vacancies, in large part due to the impact of school district preschool programs, lack of transportation, federal income guidelines and the challenges with hiring staff).

Program Options (Family Day Care, Home Based, Center Based)

Of the various options for service delivery authorized by the federal government we have found that the center-based option most closely meets the needs of the families served. Working parents require child care, preferably high-quality child-development child care which can be offered through a Head Start center-based program. Delaware Opportunities has therefore converted all of its home-based options to center based over the last several years. Additionally, all classrooms offer the full-day option as well.

In the past year, we are finding that many families are struggling to transport their children due to unreliable transportation and the lack of public transportation in the county. The program is revisiting the idea of converting some unfilled spots back into home-based to serve families unable to transport to our centers. We have also noticed in the past few years that there is a lack of services and programs for children under the age of three. Currently our program only serves preschool children ages 3-5 and their families. We are also looking into the conversion of some of our unfilled preschool Head Start slots to toddler Early Head Start slots.

Hours of Operation/Days of Service

Over the years, the Delaware Opportunities Head Start program developed a basic “center operations model” consisting of a school day for children of 8:30 am to 2:30 pm and operating 1,020 hours or 170 days per year. The days and hours of service were primarily driven by a concern to meet the child development needs of the children, while also allowing adequate time to work with families. While this remains the basic concept for the program, increasing number of working parents have suggested several changes to better meet the needs of families. Parents almost unanimously requested that the home-based option be transitioned to a center-based

option. This has been accomplished over the last several years, with no remaining home-based options left within the program.

Annual surveys of parents over the years have also shown that many parents wanted to see the hours of operation extended to 3:30 pm. Some parents had indicated an interest in year-round programming as well. However, parents remain divided on these issues. The majority of parents have indicated that extending the day an extra hour (until 2:30) has been beneficial.

Racial/Ethnic Composition and Recruitment Strategies

According to the 2023 Census ACS Survey, 90.7% of the population was white and non-Hispanic, 1.6% were black, 2.4% were other (American Indian, Asian, other), and 5.3% were two or more .

This data suggests that approximately 17 (9.3%) children throughout the Head Start program should be minority children (other than white only). During 2023-2024 a total of 99 children were white, 4 were African American or Black, 2 were Asian, and 18 were Hispanic, and 5 were bi-racial, or a total of 88.4% white, 3.6% African American or Black, 1.8% Asian, 16.1% Hispanic, and 4.5% were bi-racial. With the exception of the white, non-Hispanic population, the remaining numbers are so small as to make it difficult to make assumptions with any degree of reliability.

Efforts continue to be made to recruit minority staff. All advertisements include equal opportunity/affirmative action language and preference is given to hiring minorities in those situations where other qualifications are equal.

All of the children speak English to some extent. The Hispanic children speak English as a second language. The Hispanic parents often do not speak English. A translator is available to assure communication with these parents; however, a bilingual staff member should be a consideration in future staff recruitments.

Services for Children with Disabilities

Head Start requires that ten percent of the actual enrollment consist of children with disabilities. In Delaware County this translates to a minimum of 7-10 children (depending on our current enrollment). To date, during the 2024-2025 school year, the program is serving 17 children with disabilities (approximately 22% of our actual current enrollment, 10% of our funded enrollment and 21 children with IEPs 2024-2025 program year to date). There are 10 additional children that have been referred for evaluations or are in the process and may add to the total overall number if they qualify for services. The 17 children with disabilities are classified to receive the following services: 13 speech, 13 occupational therapy, 8 physical therapy, 3 one-to-one aides and 4 attend an integrated special education program in the afternoon. Of note, we also have nine children in our program who are on waiting lists for Integrated Preschool Programs. They are unable to attend these programs since all area Integrated Programs are at capacity. Three of these children have a one-to-one aide to assist with the absence of the integrated program.

During the 2023-2024 school year, the Head Start Program served 29 children with disabilities (approximately 26% of our actual enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year and 16% of our funded enrollment) with the following services recommended: 22 speech, 15 occupational therapy, 6 physical therapy, 4 one-to-one aides and 3 attended integrated special education programs in the afternoon. Six children were recommended for an integrated program in which there were no spots. Four of these children have a one-to-one aide to assist with the absence of the integrated program.

Data was locally sourced via partnership with the county's Public Health Department and for 2023 there was a reported 112 children enrolled in early intervention services. There were 143 total children enrolled in the preschool program in 2023. 91 children received related services (i.e. speech, occupational, physical therapy) and 52 children attended a 4410 preschool.

With 112 children enrolled in Early Intervention services in 2023 and Head Start enrolling 3 to 4-year olds, one-third of those children who are enrolled in Early Intervention would be enrolled in the Head Start Program. In the 2024-2025 program year there are currently 17 children receiving services and 10 are awaiting evaluations or results from evaluations.

Head Start enrolled 29 children with developmental delays during the 2023-2024 school year. This represents 20% of the county-wide 143 total children enrolled in preschool special education. (52 of those children attended integrated preschool programs). County-wide, 91 total children receive related services only. Head Start enrolled 32% of these children.

Coordination with the Public Health Service and the ARC of Delaware County has been carefully carried out to assure that children with disabilities, eligible for Head Start, and who can best be served in the least restrictive environment are referred to and served by the program. These coordination efforts should be maintained and strengthened as possible to meet the needs of the children with disabilities in the county with the most appropriate program.

In determining the challenges faced for those children with developmental delays as well as the challenges of Head Start to provide these types of services, it should be noted that annually three to five Head Start children are in need of integrated preschool programming and often these programs are full. During the 2023-2024 school year, we had six children in need of an integrated program and there were no spots for them. Currently, for the 2024-2025 school year, we have nine children in need of an integrated program and there are no spots. These programs have wait lists and are already full for the upcoming school year (2025-2026). Head Start staff are not always able to appropriately meet the needs of these children due to other critical programmatic demands. Often times what is needed is one-on-one type services and supports. Additionally, there is an overall lack of providers in the county, so there are times when children cannot be connected with a provider. To fill this gap, Head Start staff receive additional training to provide different types of supports and services and sometimes, summer services may be available in some cases.

Services to Families

The program targets 90% of Head Start families living at or below the federal poverty rate at the time of entry to the program (this percentage can include those up to 130% of poverty but with a priority for those at or below 100% of poverty). These families are likely to face problems common to lower income families including:

- Affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing (refer to Delaware Opportunities Section 8 Rental Assistance programs, refer to low-income housing projects where available).
- Housing rehabilitation to bring owner occupied homes to standard condition (refer to Delaware Opportunities HOME or CDBG housing rehabilitation programs).
- Domestic violence (refer to Delaware Opportunities Safe Against Violence).
- Lack of employment (refer to Work in Progress, OET, Department of Labor, and/or Delaware Opportunities Employment Program).
- Poor Nutrition (refer to Delaware Opportunities Nutrition Outreach staff to screen for SNAP eligibility, refer to Delaware Opportunities WIC program).
- Hunger Emergencies (refer to Delaware Opportunities food pantry network).
- Facing Eviction (refer to Delaware Opportunities Agency Advocate for one month's back rent to avoid eviction).
- Homelessness (refer to the Delaware Opportunities Solutions to End Homelessness Program).
- Need for additional child care (refer to Delaware Opportunities day care staff for day care subsidies, referral to child care providers, assistance with selection of quality child-development day-care providers).
- Families at risk of child abuse or neglect (refer to DSS for assistance through the Delaware Opportunities Parent Education Program).
- Lack of a private vehicle as a barrier to employment (refer to Delaware Opportunities Employment Program for assistance in obtaining transportation and a subsidized loan for the purchase of a vehicle).
- Lack of health insurance (refer to Medicaid and/or facilitated enrollers).
- Alcohol or chemical dependency (refer to Delaware County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Clinic).
- Mental health problems (refer to Delaware County Mental Health Clinic).
- Lack of adequate money (refer to Delaware County Department of Social Services for TANF, refer to other programs to meet basic needs).
- Fuel costs (refer to Weatherization and HEAP).
- Lack of adequate clothing (refer to Delaware Opportunities used clothing).
- Lack of transportation for medical trips (refer to Delaware Opportunities Medicaid transportation).

In addition to this list of problems families are likely to face, the families enrolled in the program in 2023-2024 identified the following goals:

- Education (includes GED, taking college courses, or parent education), reported by 35% of all families.
- Housing (includes getting a bigger apartment, home ownership, rental assistance, move from area) reported by 11% of all families.
- Employment (includes finding a job and increase in income) reported by 1% of all families.
- Health Related (includes getting insurance, getting dental care, stop smoking, weight loss) reported by 13% of all families.
- Home Improvement (includes weatherization, rehabilitation, expansion) reported by 0% of all families.
- Transportation (includes buying a new car, getting a driver's license) reported by 0% of all families.
- Improved quality of life (refer to Agency Advocate, family development staff) 17%.

Note: 14% did not complete the forms and 9% had no goals (foster parents)

Strategic Plan

Based on the above, the following goals have been established:

Five Year Grant Strategic Goal Action Plan Goal Framework for 2021 – 2026						
Goal 1: Delaware Opportunities Inc., Head Start will engage in a Culture of Data Collection and Management for Program Excellence:						
Objective: Delaware Opportunities Inc., Head Start (DOHS) will use My Head Start (MHS) to implement program planning. Recognizing that the value of data at all levels of programming. DO Head Start is dedicated to conducting data analysis to generate change within our Program and Agency. The goal is to increase the Program’s impact of services through data governance by implementing features to track, measure and communicate more readily with families and staff.						
Program Impact: The children will gain school readiness skills, parents will gain life skills, build a strong community connection and increase self-sufficiency. The goal will further increase Admin and staffs’ effectiveness in tracking data to collect and generate comprehensive reports.						
Year	Action Plan	Who	When	Expected Outcomes	Progress	Challenges
One	DOHS Admin Staff will implement and utilize information from the MHS Workshop Series.	HS Director	Throughout Year 2021 - 2022	Admin Staff will increase and expand their knowledge in use of MHS. For recruitment and non-Fed tracking, valid assessments and measurements for Program improvement.		
Two	DOHS Admin Staff will implement a uniform orientation for new and existing staff on MHS.	HSD	Fall 2022 - 2023	Increase and expand the staff’s knowledge base in MHS. Staff will use valid assessments, reports, communication and measurements for Program improvement.		

Three	DOHS Admin Staff will effectively assess current use of paper data collection tracking systems in order to eliminate 25% of paper collection.	FSM	Throughout Year 2023 - 2024	Evaluation of the paper tracking system will allow the Admin Staff to eliminate 25% of paper tracking and increase valid assessments and measures for Program improvement. This will include non-Fed tracking and Parent Activities.		
Four	DOHS Admin Staff will convert 50% of data collection to be input into MHS.	HS Director	Throughout Year 2024 - 2025	Admin Staff will train staff to effectively input 50% of program data in MHS, thus eliminating 50% paper collection.		
Five	DOHS Admin Staff will convert 75% of paper data collection. Increasing the MHS data input of Program information.	HS Director	Throughout Year 2025 -2026	Admin Staff will train staff to effectively input 75% of program data in MHS, thus eliminating 75 % paper data collection and reports.		

Goal 2: Delaware Opportunities Inc., Head Start will Maintain our Team and Employee Capacity for Staff Retention:

Objective: Delaware Opportunities Inc., Head Start will improve our overall productivity, deliver high quality services and create an ongoing commitment to innovative programmatic improvement. [Key: CDA: Child Development Credential, FDC: Family Development Credential and PBC: Practiced Based Coaching.]

Program Impact: The retention of quality staff and increase the quality of teaching and qualified staff members.

Year	Action Plan	Who	When	Expected Outcomes	Progress	Challenges
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One	DOHS Admin will develop an internal orientation process and see that 25% of staff are engaging in either CDA or PBC for education staff and for and mentoring new staff and existing staff as needed.	Ex. Director HR Director CSM	Throughout Year 2021 -2022	ED, HR, and Admin Staff will provide professional growth and opportunities for both new and current staff in order to gain and increase skill sets in the area of trauma; thus, building resilience and strengthening protective factors in children and families. Staff will increase these skills by 15%.		
Two	DOHS will use the internal orientation process to ensure that Ed staff obtain and maintain the proper credentials: CDA and FDC as well as continue practices in addressing trauma appropriately.	CSM FSM	Throughout Year 2022 - 2023	DOHS will see a 25% increase in mentoring through PBC and mentoring opportunities to provide professional growth and opportunities for both new and current staff in order to maintain credentials and increase skill sets. Staff will confidently assist children and families facing trauma.		
Three	DOHS will update the technology used at 50% of the sites to allow for distance learning opportunities such as workshops and meetings.	HS Director	Throughout Year 2021 -2023	DOHS will strengthen staff development, trainings, and meetings by maintaining 25% by providing advanced technology opportunities on site.		
Four	DOHS Admin will strengthen 50% of the	HSM	Throughout Year	Admin Staff will align 50% of planning goals with Program		

	presentation of staff development and the planning process for all staff trainings.		2023 - 2024	trainings and will monitor and follow up with staff throughout the center year and five-year goal cycle.		
Five	DOHS Admin will encourage team building opportunities all staff.	CSC	Throughout Year 2024 - 2025	DOHS will retain 75% of qualified, valuable and dedicated employees.		

Goal 3: Delaware Opportunities Inc., Head Start will increase our Attendance Percentage through School Readiness and Family Engagement:

Objective: Delaware Opportunities Inc., Head Start will improve our overall attendance through working on partnerships with parents to meet the health, oral health, nutritional, mental health and the social and emotional needs of children that support children’s growth and school readiness. DOHS will maintain 85% attendance monthly. By tracking attendance, we can work more readily with the families to ensure the children are present and school ready.

Program Impact: Strengthen family participation by partnering with them to identify family needs and support them in school readiness goals for their children. Children will gain crucial school readiness skills and families will be part of the ‘culture of attendance’.

Year	Action Plan	Who	When	Expected Outcomes	Progress	Challenges
One	DOHS will ensure the Attendance Policy is presented to families and in a positive and supportive manner. Benefits of consistent attendance are stressed at IHV and as needed. Thus, increasing attendance in a two of DOHS sites to 85% monthly.	CSM	Throughout Each Center Year 2021 - 2026	Through center attendance CD/LT and FSW staff will report any attendance patterns that do not comply with the Attendance Policy to CSM, FSM or HSM. They will use MHS Attendance Tracking to notify parents within 45 minutes of arrival time. We will see an increase in family responses to this notification by 10%.		

<p>Two</p>	<p>DOHS will increase in family engagement in Program activities that will be inclusive of all PFCE Framework. DOHS will see an increase two additional sites to 85% monthly.</p>	<p>FSM</p>	<p>Throughout Each Center Year 2021 - 2026</p>	<p>DOHS will see an increase in volunteering, home visits will be used for goal setting. Using the SR and FE Policy, SFC and PFCE Framework through PG Meetings and Family Fun days at the center level. The tracking will take place by both parents and staff on MHS. DOHS will see 20% increase in tracking these activities.</p>		
<p>Three</p>	<p>DOHS will identify the children that fell below 85% attendance using MHS to track attendance. DOHS will see steady attendance at 85% in five sites.</p>	<p>FSM</p>	<p>Throughout Each Center Year 2021 - 2026</p>	<p>DOHS will use MHS to notify families of their child’s absence, conduct home visits and create plans with families for children that have chronic absences. 50% of families will engage in PFCE Framework to meet SR Goals, thus increasing attendance by 50%.</p>		
<p>Four</p>	<p>DOHS will enhance the role of families as primary teachers and strengthen the abilities of parents to promote positive developmental outcomes while cultivating positive</p>	<p>FSM</p>	<p>Throughout Each Center Year 2021 - 2026</p>	<p>DOHS staff will promote and support the families’ role as the child’s primary teacher by expanding the role of the parent as teacher and use of the PFCE Framework. DOHS will see an increase in parents</p>		

	parent-child relationships. Parent participation and buy in of regular and consistent attendance in 75% of the sites.			by 75% in planning, participation, PG and PC.		
Five	DOHS Program will develop a plan of action for children that are experiencing homelessness to meet their needs for transportation to attend program. DOHS will see an increase in both the children and families' resilience. This will increase the overall Program attendance of homelessness to be no lower than 85%.	FSM	Throughout Each Center Year 2021 - 2026	DOHS staff will assist families if a child is unable to attend class regularly due to transportation challenges related to homelessness status. Staff will make every attempt to connect the family to community resources that will meet their need of transportation. 75% of the families without transportation will be have a plan in place; thus, children's attendance will increase and be no less than 85%.		

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