

Did You Know...

- The number of households with children that are below the poverty line is growing: in 2000, it was 8.5%. In 2009 it is 10.8% dcDOH
- Almost 20% of Dutchess County residents said that they or someone in their household was unable to receive necessary healthcare services in the past year.
 - lack of health insurance and could not pay out-of-pocket (81.3%);
 - policy did not cover service (46.3%)
 - policy covered the service but the co-pay or deductible was too expensive (33.3%) dcDOH
- 80% of students at the Poughkeepsie school district are eligible for free lunch. The average for NY (excluding NYS) is 33%. Mhvcp site
- An adult without a high school diploma earns 42% less than an adult with a high school diploma.
- 16% of children under 6 years old in Dutchess County are obese.
- Since the introduction of *Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1*, there have been almost a quarter-million calls from Valley residents looking for help. (Sept. 1, 2005-May 31, 2011)
- In 2009, over 23,000 people received services from the Dutchess County Dept. of Social Services.
- In 2009, 2,329 Dutchess children (age birth to 5) received intervention services at a total cost of \$20.5million. (1332 0-3 @ \$5.6M, 997 3-5 @ \$14.8M)
- It costs three times more to treat a child with intervention after their 3rd birthday!
- 7.1% of babies born in 2009 were of low birth weight and 8.6% were premature, 23.4% were Medicaid births – all risk factors for health. Dcdoh
- 28% of Dutchess residents are obese, compared to 24% of the state as a whole. dcdoh
- About 20 Dutchess residents were newly diagnosed with AIDS in 2008. Dcdoh
- About 9 Dutchess residents died from AIDS in 2008. dcdoh
- Dutchess County ranks 13th in NY State out of 62 counties for overall health outcomes (how healthy we are) and 11th for health factors (how healthy we can be). dcdoh
- Overall health outcomes for neighboring counties: Putnam 1st of 62; Rockland 5th; Westchester 9th; Orange 19th; Ulster 35th; Sullivan 61st of 62.
- 89% of people in Dutchess said they have health insurance; in the City of Poughkeepsie, that number drops to 78%. (CGR/DOH March 2009)
- 57% of people who needed government and/or NGO assistance *but did not get it* said it was due to ineligibility. (CGR/DOH March 2009)
- At the median income for the county, an “affordable home” would cost \$194,000. However the median home price was \$330,000. (2006; Dyson study)
- In 2006, 96% of home sales were to people at or above the median income. In 1996, this number was only 73%. (2006; Dyson study)
- For some workers, the EITC can represent up to a 40 percent pay increase.
- Without the EITC, the poverty rate among children would be nearly one-fourth higher.
- The poorest children start kindergarten 1-2 years behind in language and other skills important to school success.

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- The federal government confirms that many parents seek assurance that their children are developing on a typical path. If they have a concern, they often do not know where to reach out for help.
- The emotional, social and behavioral competence of young children is a strong predictor of academic performance in elementary school.
- A communication delay is twice as likely to challenge a child as another delay such as gross motor, social/emotional, fine motor or problem solving.
- In Dutchess County, there are an estimated 5,200 children who are suffering from an undiagnosed behavioral or developmental disorder.
- There were 7,570 calls from Dutchess residents to 2-1-1 in 2010.
- 11% of Dutchess County residents (25 or older) don't have a high school diploma. dcDOH 2009
- In Dutchess County, 11% of the adults (25+) do not have a high school diploma. 30% of adults have a high school diploma. 27% have some college or an associate's degree. 31% have a bachelor's degree or higher. Mhvcp site
- 21,920 Dutchess residents live in poverty (about 8%).
- 20% of blacks in Dutchess live in poverty; 6% of whites.
- Only 63% of Dutchess 4th graders read proficiently.
- Only 40% of those who are low-income read proficiently in 4th grade.
- 37% of black 4th graders read proficiently.
- In the City of Poughkeepsie, half of the children drop out between ninth grade and twelfth.
- According to 2011 federal poverty guidelines a family of 4 must earn less than \$22,350 to be considered "living in poverty." Government services often require that a family be at or below the poverty line to receive assistance.
- Every \$1 invested in the United Way Community Fund can bring \$10 worth of food to 30+ food programs across Dutchess County through our partnership with the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley.
- The average Dutchess County resident purchases 244 pounds of healthy food each year. They purchase 502 pounds of sweets, prepared food, fats and soft drinks.
- 38% of high school children are physically active.
- Only about half of Dutchess food stores take food stamps.
- Only about 15% of Dutchess County food stores take WIC.