

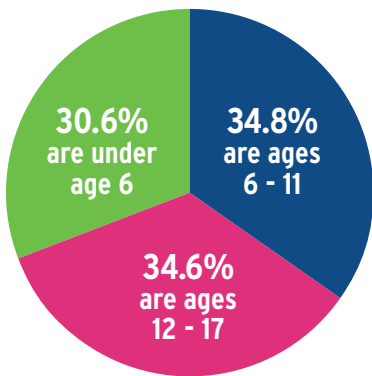
DEMOGRAPHICS

ALL DATA HEREIN PERTAINS TO WESTCHESTER COUNTY

**224,196** children under age 18 live in Westchester.  
That's more than twice the total population of Albany.

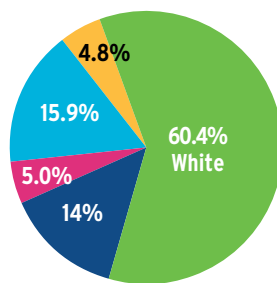
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Westchester Children  
By Age

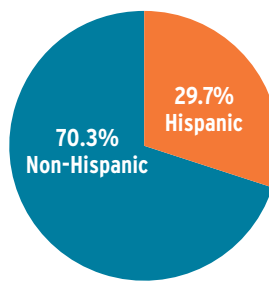


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table S0901, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

By Race/Ethnicity



Notes: Hispanic can be of any race. Percentages may not add up to 100% because of rounding. Refers to children living in households, not in group quarters.

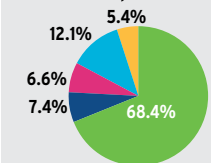


Legend: Asian (pink), Black or African American (dark blue), Other Race (light blue), Two or more races (yellow)

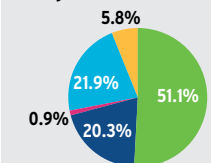
Child Demographics by Family Type

Legend: White (green), Black or African American (dark blue), Other Race (light blue), Asian (pink), Two or more races (yellow)

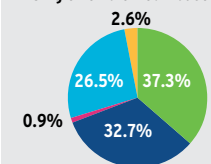
In Married-Couple Households



In Single Male-Led Households

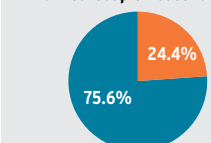


In Single Female-Led Households

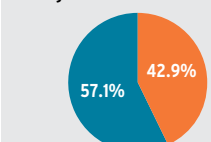


Legend: Hispanic (orange), Non-Hispanic (dark blue)

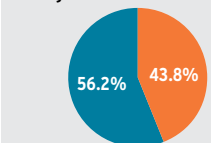
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ECONOMICS

**67%** of poor children live in single parent families.

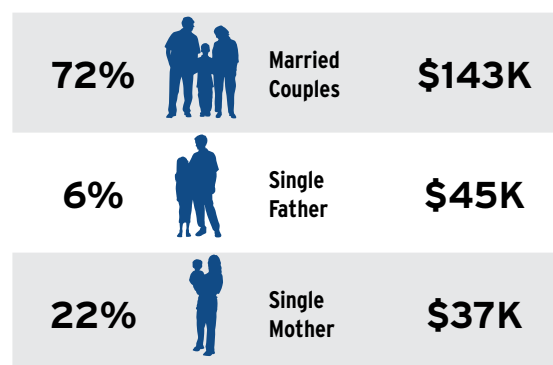
NOTE: The term "poor" refers to people living at or below the Federal Poverty Level as determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table B05010, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

*"One-parent families are more likely to experience economic hardship and stressful living conditions—including fewer resources, more frequent moves, and less stability—that take a toll on adults and children alike."*

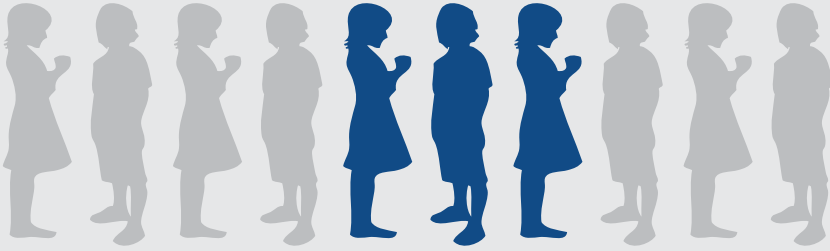
Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Increasing the Percentage of Children Living in Two-Parent Families, July 2009, [http://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/AECF-KCtwo\\_Parent\\_Families-2009.pdf](http://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/AECF-KCtwo_Parent_Families-2009.pdf)

% of Children in Household Type      Median Income



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table S0901, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

# 3 in 10 Westchester children live in low-income families.



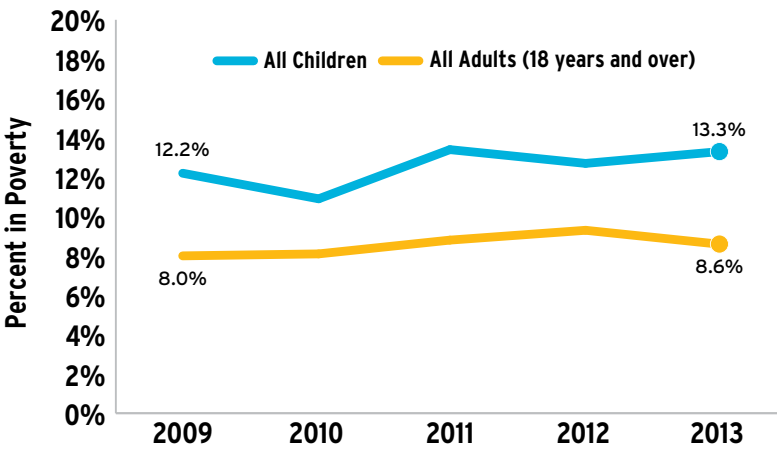
**Low-income = at or below 200% of the poverty level, which is \$47,100 for a family of four.**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table B17024, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

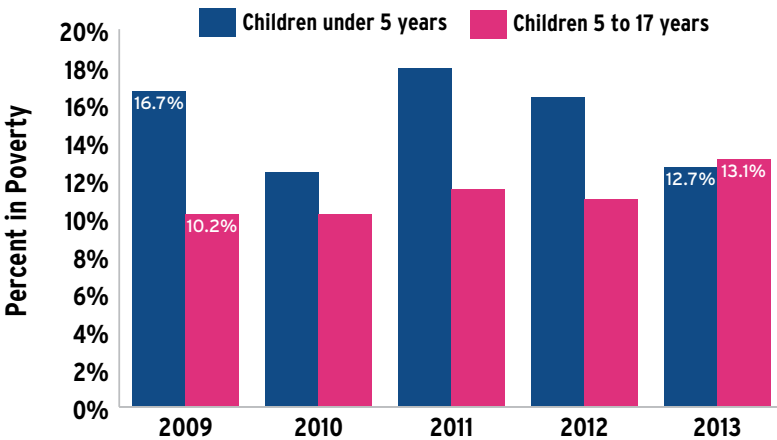
***“Children who experience poverty during their preschool and early school years have lower rates of [high school] completion than children and adolescents who experience poverty only in later years.”***

Source: Brooks-Gunn, Jeanne, and Duncan, Greg J. “The Effects of Poverty on Children.” *Future of Children*, Vol. 7 No. 2, p. 55, Summer/Fall 1997, [https://www.princeton.edu/futureofchildren/publications/docs/07\\_02\\_03.pdf](https://www.princeton.edu/futureofchildren/publications/docs/07_02_03.pdf)

## Westchester children are more likely to live in poverty than adults.



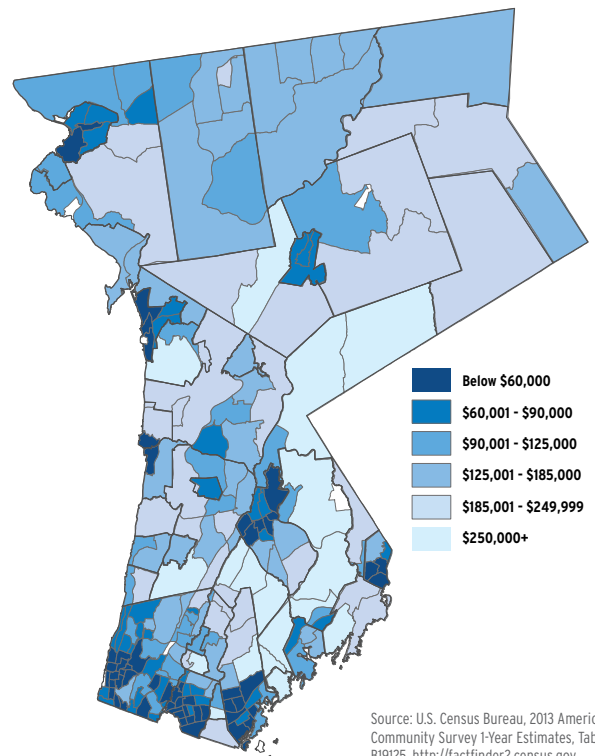
## Historically, younger children are more likely to be poor than older children. 2013 deviated from this trend.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table DP03, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

## Median Incomes by Census Tract (for families with children under 18)

LOW	HIGH
\$23,019	\$250,000+



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table B19125, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

The federal poverty level for a family of four is at or below **\$23,550**

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, 2013 Poverty Guidelines, <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/13poverty.cfm>

The estimated income they need to live in Westchester is **\$57,960**

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach 2014: Twenty-Five Years Later, The Affordable Housing Crisis Continues, 2014, <http://nlhcn.org/sites/default/files/oor/201400R.pdf>

# FAST FACT

**“Low-income children are less likely than middle-income children to participate in high-quality early childhood and pre-kindergarten programs that prepare children to succeed in school.”**

Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Early Warning! Why Reading by the End of Third Grade Matters, 2010, p.17, [http://www.aecf.org/m/resource/doc/AECF-Early\\_Warning\\_Full\\_Report-2010.pdf](http://www.aecf.org/m/resource/doc/AECF-Early_Warning_Full_Report-2010.pdf)

## School Districts with the...

### Lowest Pre-K Participation (2013)

Elmsford	25%
Peekskill	45%
Port Chester-Rye	47%
Yonkers	56%
Mount Pleasant	59%

### Lowest College Readiness Rates (2014)

Mount Vernon	4%
Yonkers	15%
Peekskill	17%
Elmsford	24%
Port Chester-Rye	26%

### Highest Free Lunch Participation (2013)

Yonkers	70%
Peekskill	63%
Mount Vernon	56%
Port Chester-Rye	52%
White Plains	45%

### Highest Percentage of Limited English-Proficient Students (2013)

Port Chester-Rye	26%
Peekskill	17%
Tarrytown	17%
Elmsford	16%
White Plains	15%

Source: Pre-K (3-4 year olds in public or private school): U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table S1401, <http://factfinder2.census.gov> College Readiness: New York State Department of Education (NYSED), 2014 English Language Arts and Mathematics Aspirational Performance Measure, <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/pressRelease/20140623/home.html> Free Lunch and Limited English Proficiency: NYSED, 2012-2013 Report Card Database, Demographic Factors, <http://data.nysed.gov/downloads.php>

**1 in 3** public school students receive free or reduced lunch.

Source: NYSED, 2012-2013 Report Card Database, Demographic Factors, <http://data.nysed.gov/downloads.php>

## Academic Proficiency Rates (2014)

% of students meeting grade level standards in Math or English Language Arts (ELA)

	COUNTYWIDE	LOW	HIGH
3rd Grade ELA	<b>39%</b>	Mount Vernon 15%	Bronxville 78%

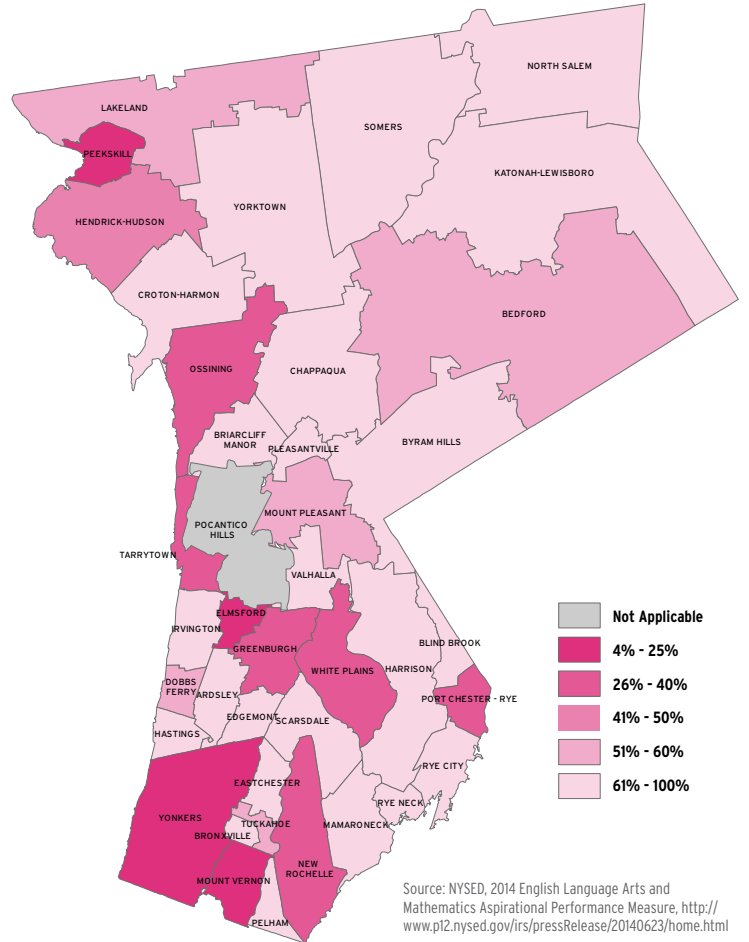
	COUNTYWIDE	LOW	HIGH
8th Grade ELA	<b>45%</b>	Mount Vernon 12%	North Salem 84%

	COUNTYWIDE	LOW	HIGH
3rd Grade Math	<b>49%</b>	Mount Vernon 17%	Bronxville 89%

Source: NYSED, 2013-2014 Grades 3-8 Assessment Database, <http://data.nysed.gov/downloads.php>

## College Readiness Rates (2014)

COUNTYWIDE	LOW	HIGH
<b>48%</b>	Mount Vernon 4%	Chappaqua 88%



Source: NYSED, 2014 English Language Arts and Mathematics Aspirational Performance Measure, <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/pressRelease/20140623/home.html>

**FAST FACT** Children who aren't proficient in reading by third grade are **four times less likely to graduate** from high school. Children who both lack reading proficiency and are poor are **six times less likely to graduate.**

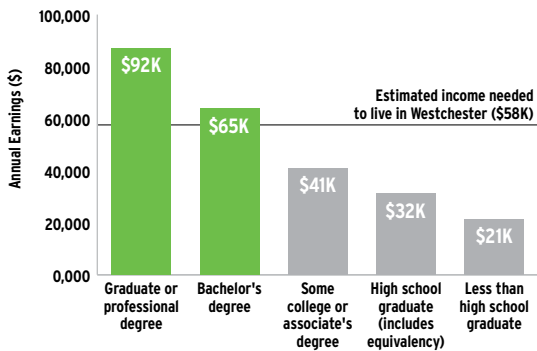
Source: Hernandez, Donald J., and The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Double Jeopardy: How Third Grade Reading Skills and Poverty Influence High School Graduation, 2012, p. 4, <http://www.aecf.org/m/resource/doc/AECF-DoubleJeopardy-2012-Full.pdf>

Disconnected youth are young adults ages 16-24 who are:

- 1** not in school
- 2** not working
- 3** vulnerable as they transition from youth to adulthood.

Source: Bridgeland, John M. and Jessica A. Milano, Opportunity Road: The Promise and Challenge of America's Forgotten Youth, January 2012, p. 0, <http://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/AECF-OpportunityRoad-2012.pdf>

There is strong evidence that financial stability is difficult to achieve without a bachelor's degree.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 1-Year estimates, Table B20004, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

Over half of disconnected youth are looking for full-time work, but they face the challenges of lack of education, lack of work experience, and lack of jobs in their area.

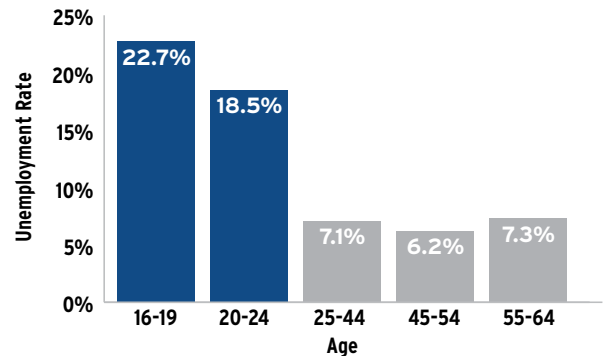
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**12%** of Westchester's youth are disconnected.

That's 12,280 young adults.

Source: Opportunity Index, Youth Not in School and Not Working (% and total ages 16-24), 2014, <http://opportunityindex.org/#9.00/41.122/-73.795/Westchester/New+York>.

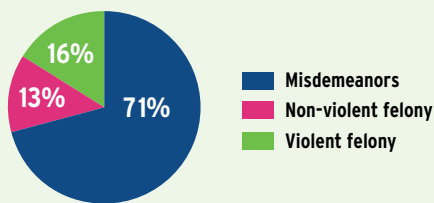
Regardless of where they live in Westchester, youth experience higher rates of unemployment than adults.



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 1-Year estimates, Table S2301, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

YOUTH IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Arrests of 16 and 17 year olds in Westchester County (2013)



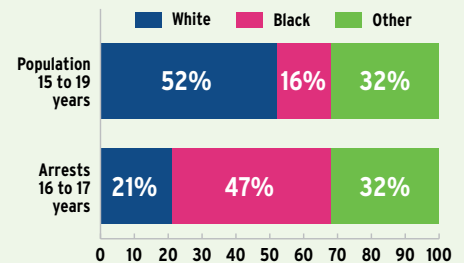
**71%** of arrests were for misdemeanors.

Source: New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Computerized Criminal History system, as of 11/18/2014.

New York State is pursuing reforms that will move most 16 and 17 year olds from the adult criminal system to the juvenile justice system, giving them access to key rehabilitative supports.

Source: Office of the Governor, 2015 Opportunity Agenda: Ensuring Justice in Perception and Reality, January 19, 2015, <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/2015-opportunity-agenda-ensuring-justice-perception-and-reality-0>.

Westchester youth of color are disproportionately more likely to be arrested for a crime than white youth.



Arrests Source: New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Computerized Criminal History system, as of 11/18/2014.

Population Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 1-year estimates, Table S0902, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

## Westchester Babies in 2012:

**25%**

were born to moms with delayed or no prenatal care.

**11%**

were born preterm (less than 37 weeks).

**7.5%**

were born underweight (less than 5 lb. 8 oz.).

NOTE: The calculation of the above percentages excludes infants with unknown information. Delayed prenatal care is defined as second trimester or later.  
Source: New York State Department of Health, Vital Statistics of New York State 2012, Tables 12, 11b, and 11a, [http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/vital\\_statistics/2012/](http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/vital_statistics/2012/)

In Westchester, marijuana abuse accounts for more than half of youth admissions to substance abuse programs.

However, the number of youth admitted due to heroin or other opioids has nearly doubled in the past five years.

## Admission to Chemical Treatment Programs for Youth Ages 24 and Under

Primary Substance Group	2009	2013	Trend	Change
Marijuana incl Hashish	1,873	1,597	↓	-15%
Alcohol	751	516	↓	-31%
Heroin	197	331	↑	68%
Other Opioids	68	135	↑	99%
Cocaine (incl. Crack)	105	85	↓	-19%

NOTE: These numbers only reflect youth who are admitted to NYS OASAS certified programs in Westchester County and do not include youth who are admitted to out-of-county or non-OASAS certified programs. Other Opioids include prescription drugs such as Vicodin®, OxyContin®, and Demerol®.

Source: Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Chemical Dependence Treatment Program Admissions: Beginning 2007, retrieved January 21, 2015, <https://data.ny.gov/Human-Services/Chemical-Dependence-Treatment-Program-Admissions-B/ngbt-9rwf>

## CHILD WELFARE

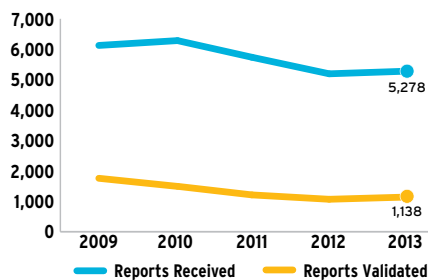
For the first time in five years, we're seeing an increase in the number of:

- Child abuse reports received\*
- Child abuse reports indicated\* (found to be valid)
- Foster care admissions
- Children in foster care

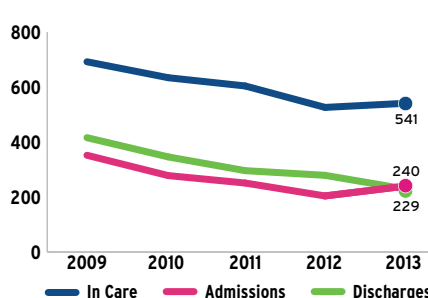
\* In contrast to the NYS trend where the number of reports decreased.

Source: New York State Office of Children and Family Services, 2013 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles with Selected Trend Data: 2009-2013, <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/reports/maps/counties/Westchester.pdf>  
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### Child Abuse Reports



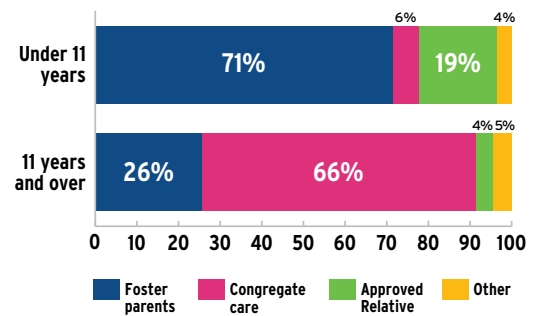
### Children in Foster Care



**FAST FACT** On New Year's Eve 2013, 40% of foster children ages 6-9 had been in the foster care system for more than 3 years.

Source: New York State Office of Children and Family Services, 2013 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles with Selected Trend Data: 2009-2013, <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/reports/maps/counties/Westchester.pdf>

### Where do foster children stay?



NOTE: "Congregate care" includes residential treatment centers, psychiatric institutions, children's institutions, group homes and shelters.

Source: New York State Office of Children and Family Services, 2013 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles with Selected Trend Data: 2009-2013, <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/reports/maps/counties/Westchester.pdf>

## THE TAKEAWAYS

### Poverty and need exist in Westchester.

- ✓ The national poverty measure is an inadequate measure of need and inequality in Westchester. The estimated income needed to support a family in Westchester (\$57,960) is 2.5 times the federal poverty level for a family of four (\$23,550).
- ✓ The poverty rate for children continues to be higher than the poverty rate for adults.

### Our youngest children face challenges from the start.

- ✓ Historically, younger children are more likely to be poor.
- ✓ One out of four Westchester babies were born to women who either delayed prenatal care until the second trimester or received no prenatal care at all.

### Not all our children are prepared for adulthood.

- ✓ More than half of Westchester's public school students are unprepared for college.
- ✓ An estimated 12% of Westchester's youth are neither working nor in school, putting them at great risk as they transition into adulthood. Over half of these disconnected youth are looking for full-time work.
- ✓ Westchester youth ages 16-24 encounter significantly higher unemployment rates than older residents do.
- ✓ The use of heroin and other opioids is on the rise for youth under 25. However, marijuana abuse continues to be the number one reason for admission into substance abuse programs.

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