



**WYOMING COUNTY
COMMUNITY ACTION
— 2026 —
COMMUNITY NEEDS
ASSESSMENT**



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Introduction



Wyoming County, New York, is a rural community characterized by a strong agricultural base, small-town identity, and close-knit populations. While the county offers many strengths, including natural resources, community engagement, and a high quality of life, it also faces a range of social, economic, and health-related challenges that impact residents' well-being.

A needs assessment is a critical tool used to identify gaps in services, understand community priorities, and guide decision-making for programs, policies, and resource allocation. This report aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the current needs within Wyoming County by examining key indicators such as population trends, economic conditions, access to healthcare, housing, transportation, education, and social services.

The purpose of this assessment is threefold:

1. To identify the most pressing needs affecting individuals and families in Wyoming County
2. To highlight disparities among different populations and geographic areas within the county
3. To inform stakeholders, service providers, and policymakers in developing targeted, data-driven strategies

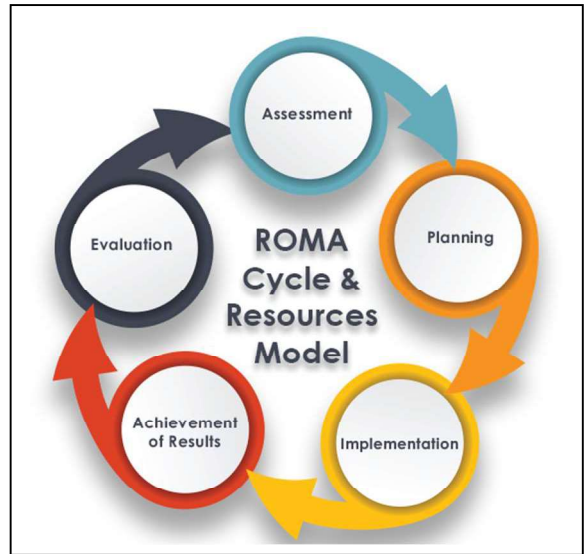
This assessment draws upon a combination of quantitative data (e.g., census statistics, public health records, and economic reports) and qualitative input from community members, service providers, and local organizations. By incorporating multiple perspectives, the report seeks to ensure an accurate and inclusive understanding of community needs.

Ultimately, this needs assessment is intended to support collaborative efforts across sectors, strengthen existing services, and improve overall quality of life for all residents of Wyoming County.

Use of Results-Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA)

The Results-Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) framework is a nationally recognized system used by Community Action Agencies to ensure effective planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs and services. In this needs assessment, ROMA provides a structured approach to identifying community needs, prioritizing resources, and measuring outcomes.

ROMA is based on a continuous cycle that includes assessment, planning, implementation, achievement of results, and evaluation. This needs assessment represents a critical first step in that cycle, focusing on gathering and analyzing data to understand the current conditions affecting individuals, families, and communities within Wyoming County.



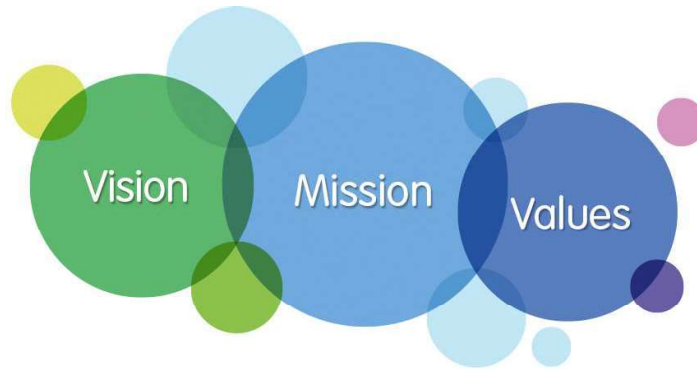
Through the ROMA framework, this assessment:

- Identifies the causes and conditions of poverty and barriers to self-sufficiency
- Examines both community-level and individual/family-level needs
- Incorporates input from residents, stakeholders, and service providers
- Uses data to prioritize needs and guide strategic planning

The information gathered will directly inform the agency's Community Action Plan, ensuring that programs and services are aligned with documented needs and designed to produce measurable outcomes. By emphasizing accountability and results, ROMA helps ensure that resources are used efficiently and that interventions lead to meaningful improvements in the lives of low-income individuals and families.

Additionally, ROMA supports ongoing evaluation by establishing benchmarks and performance indicators. This allows the agency to monitor progress, assess the effectiveness of programs, and make data-driven adjustments as needed.

By integrating ROMA into the needs assessment process, Wyoming County strengthens its ability to respond to community challenges in a strategic, coordinated, and outcome-focused manner.



Mission

Community Action for Wyoming County strives to improve the quality of life for those we serve.

Vision

Community Action for Wyoming County is dedicated to fighting the causes of poverty and providing support through programs and services for those needing help to overcome life's challenges.

Core Values

Person Centered - focus on the person, in that moment, empowering them to identify and achieve their desired outcomes.

Empathy - understand and respect where those we serve are in their journey, with acceptance.

Collaboration - work together internally and externally as a team to support those we serve.

Accountability - trusted partners and stewards delivering on what we promise.

Advocacy - representing and supporting individuals' best interests, ensuring access and equal opportunity.

Agency History

- **1995 – Incorporation:**
The agency was established as part of the broader **Community Action movement** (a national network formed in the 1960s War on Poverty) to address local poverty issues in Wyoming County.
 - **Early Development:**
Initially focused on coordinating basic anti-poverty programs, including employment support and access to essential services.
 - **Expansion of Services:**
Over time, the agency expanded into a **multi-service organization**, adding:
 - Employment and training programs
 - Housing assistance and weatherization
 - Food and emergency assistance programs
 - Health insurance navigation
 - Family self-sufficiency initiatives
 - **Modern Role:**
Today, the agency operates as a **comprehensive service hub**, coordinating “wrap-around” services and partnering with regional organizations (such as workforce development boards and community groups) to address complex needs.
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Programs and Services

Employment & Training

Adult and Dislocated Workers

- Career Counseling
- Expert Resume Writing
- Job Interview Skills
- Direct Job Referrals
- Training and Tuition Assistance
- Referrals on Demand Occupations
- Post Placement Services
- Job Shadows
- Work Experience Opportunities
- Job Seeker Workshops
- Employer / Employee Skills Development

Vocational and Career Scholarship Programs

Paid and Unpaid Work Experiences

Supportive Services

- Financial assistance for other costs related to post-secondary vocational training, which might include transportation, childcare, special uniforms, shoes and/or tools.

More Services

Soft skills training, volunteer opportunities, resume/cover letter preparation, job seeker assistance, vocational/skill assessments, mock interviews, job shadows/business tours, networking opportunities, job application assistance and various workshops offered throughout the year.

Summer Employment Opportunities

SSDI and SSI Recipients

Our Ticket to Work Program provides services to individuals between the ages 18 and 64 who are receiving SSI or SSDI and would like to return to employment without experiencing a sudden loss of benefits.

Community & Family Services

Community Action provides numerous important services to Wyoming County residents to help build individual and family stability.

Family Self Sufficiency Program

FSS (Family Self Sufficiency) is a program designed to encourage and help eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency.

Healthcare Navigation

Provides services to individuals, and families in need of affordable health insurance.

Medical Transportation Program

Through a caring and dedicated group of volunteers, we coordinate rides for Medicaid eligible people in need of transportation to medical appointments.

Support for Medical Recovery

Community Action maintains a Medical Equipment Loan Closet where caregivers and individuals can borrow needed equipment to safely recover at home. For critical needs related to healthcare and recovery through the William Thiel Foundation.

Emergency Services

- Pop Up Pantry (Perry Cornerstone Building)
- Emergency Services: Rent, Utilities, Transportation, Etc.
- Back to School Backpacks & School Supplies
- Christmas Sponsor & Giveaway Program
- Medical Transportation Program

- Winter Clothing Giveaway
- Senior Shut-In Program
- Diaper Program

Community Care Center

- Clothing
- Food
- Furniture
- Medical Equipment
- Household Goods
- Appliances
- Toys
- Hygiene Products

Housing

Community Action recognizes that stable, affordable housing is critical to maintaining or gaining self-sufficiency for families. We administer various programs such as Senior and Family affordable housing opportunities, Homeowner Rehabilitation, Section 8 Assistance Program for renters & homeowners, and emergency assistance for families in crisis.

Rental Assistance / Section 8 Voucher Program

Community Action is the authorized administrator for the Section 8 voucher program in Wyoming & Livingston Counties.

Housing Options

Community Action operates several affordable housing properties;

Champion Place is a 19 Unit, one-level apartment complex for seniors in Perry with rent subsidy based on annual income.

The Northridge Complexes, located in Arcade, are 36-unit family townhouses with a rent cap based on the percentage of annual household income.

Community Action also manages supportive homes in communities throughout the county for families who are at risk of being homeless.

Role in the Community

Community Action for Wyoming County plays a **central coordinating role** in the local human services system by:

- Connecting residents to resources they may not know exist
- Partnering with local agencies and nonprofits
- Addressing both **immediate needs (food, housing)** and **long-term stability (employment, education)**

It emphasizes **self-sufficiency**, helping individuals move beyond crisis situations toward long-term independence.

Summary

Community Action for Wyoming County is a key anti-poverty organization founded in 1995 that has grown into a comprehensive service provider. Its work focuses on **reducing poverty, strengthening families, and improving community well-being** through coordinated services, advocacy, and partnerships.

RESEARCH AND METHODOLOGY

This 2026 Community Needs Assessment tool is assembled from research and information obtained and compiled using various sources about Wyoming County, the region, and national data.

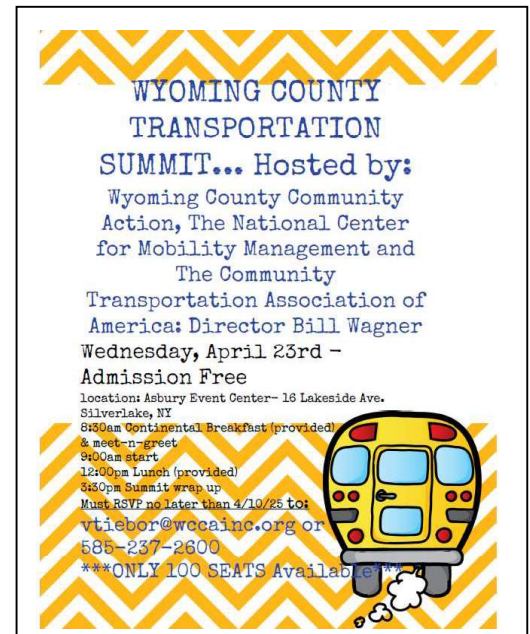
Beginning in May 2025 and through December 2025 Wyoming County Community Action participated in the development of a Wyoming County Comprehensive Plan, in partnership with the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council. To ensure that the Plan addressed the desires and concerns of the public, opportunities were provided to County residents, business owners, and stakeholders to participate in the development of the Plan's content as well as providing feedback. Other participating agencies included the Wyoming County Arts Council, Wyoming County Board of Supervisors, Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce, Wyoming County Health Department, Wyoming County Community Health System, Wyoming County IDA, Wyoming County Mental Health Department, Wyoming County Office for the Aging and Youth, Wyoming County Planning Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County, Genesee Valley Conservancy, WNY Crop Management, WNY Land Conservancy and the Towns of Pike, Covington, Eagle, and Village of Warsaw.

The methodology for the Wyoming County Comprehensive Plan employed a comprehensive, mixed-methods approach designed to ensure broad public participation and data-driven decision-making. Community input was gathered through multiple channels, including countywide surveys, public workshops, stakeholder interviews, and outreach at local events, allowing for diverse perspectives from residents, businesses, and key interest groups.

The Community Action staff regularly distributes surveys to program participants and then each quarter responses are analyzed and a summary report is provided to the Board of Directors and management team.

In April, 2025 Wyoming County Community Action and The Center for Transportation and Mobility Access (Washington DC) hosted a Wyoming County Transportation Summit at Asbury Event and Retreat Center.

Transportation hardship has been recognized in our rural area as being a top-rated obstacle for people in our communities. Bill Wagner, Director of the Center, and his team from DC were willing to come in and help facilitate solutions with our County Agencies. With approximately 75 concerned people were in attendance. We had the Departments of Health, Labor, Social Services, Office for the Aging, Veterans Services, Community Action, Chamber of Commerce, Rural Housing Coalition, and County Board Members, just to name a few. Also in attendance was a senior member of the community, Pat Pederson, who relies on public transport for all her medical appointments, groceries and any other transport needs. She was able to share personal stories with the group to give insight into what people go through when relying on public transportation, especially our seniors.



Melanthe Howell, Communications Director for our NYS Assemblyman, David DiPietro's office was in attendance and promised to take information back to Mr. DiPietro so that he may help find further solutions for our County.

In July 2025 a **SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)** analysis was conducted with the staff at Community Action and the Board of Directors.

Conducting a **SWOT** analysis provides a balanced view of both internal and external factors, which supports better decision-making, goal setting, and strategic planning and helps us to evaluate whether our current programs and activities truly support our mission.

The needs assessment was conducted using a systematic, multi-step approach to identify gaps, priorities, and opportunities within the target population or organization. Findings will be analyzed to determine the magnitude, urgency, and impact of identified gaps, with the goal of informed evidence-based decision-making, resource allocation, and program or policy development. This methodology will ensure that conclusions are data-driven, participatory, and aligned with organizational or community objectives.

KEY FINDINGS

The management team and Board of Directors at Wyoming County Community Action worked to create this Needs Assessment to ensure our programs and services are grounded in a clear, evidence-based understanding of the community we serve. The goal is to identify and prioritize the most pressing needs, uncover the underlying causes of those challenges, and gather input from stakeholders to guide effective decision-making. By doing so, the organization can allocate its resources strategically, avoid duplicating existing services, and design targeted interventions that create meaningful impact and ultimately, a needs help Wyoming County Community Action align our mission with real community conditions, strengthen funding proposals, and establish a baseline for measuring future outcomes.

Key Finding 1: Transportation barriers in Wyoming County continue to be a concern, which is driven by its rural landscape, limited transit infrastructure, and heavy reliance on personal vehicles. Public transportation options are available but often lack consistent routes, frequency, and geographic coverage, requiring advance scheduling that limits flexibility for work, healthcare, and other essential trips. Many residents must travel long distances to access basic services, which creates additional challenges for those without reliable vehicles. In 2025 the only grocery store in Perry permanently closed. Many of the residents in that community relied on access to the store as it was located in town and within walking distance for those without access to transportation. The Vulnerable populations, including older adults and individuals with disabilities, face even greater difficulties due to limited accessible transportation options.

Identified Actions: Wyoming County Community Action continues to offer our Medicaid Transportation Program. This program ensures Medicaid members can get to and from their medical appointments at no cost to them. We arrange non-emergency transportation, such as pre-scheduled trips to primary care and the dentist. Additionally, the Office for the Aging provides specialized transportation for residents aged 60 and older to medical appointments within the county.

A free shopping shuttle service for Perry residents, connecting them to the Village of Warsaw Tops Market, has been extended through June 30, 2026, supported by RTS and the Wyoming County Office for the Aging.

The County is part of the Genesee Transportation Council's (GTC) regional efforts to improve services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents, identifying priority projects for funding.

Key Finding 2: Lack of access to internet was among the core priorities noted in the Wyoming County Comprehensive Plan. In poorer rural areas like Wyoming County, New York this is a major concern because it limits opportunities and deepens inequality. Without reliable broadband, students struggle with schoolwork, adults have fewer job and business options, and residents face barriers to healthcare through telemedicine. It also makes everyday tasks like communication, banking, and accessing services more difficult. Overall, limited internet access slows economic growth and leaves already disadvantaged communities further behind in an increasingly digital world.

Identified Actions: Wyoming County is partnering with Community Broadband Networks to expand high-speed internet access across the county. The project, known as Speedy C.O.W. (Community Operated WiFi), calls for building a 36-mile fiber backbone and 20 access points across the county. The goal is to extend internet

service to residents who currently lack reliable connectivity, with Community Broadband Networks handling construction, operations and customer support. Construction of the Speedy C.O.W. network is scheduled to commence in December 2025, with subscriber connections expected to begin in early 2026.

Key Findings 3: The lack of housing in Wyoming County is a critical issue characterized by a severe shortage of affordable rental units and long waitlists for supportive housing. Recent local government and organizational reports such as the DSS Budget Narrative and the Wyoming County Mental Health Annual report have highlighted several dimensions of the housing crisis. In 2025, 9.01% of the population in Wyoming County lived with "severe housing problems," which include issues like overcrowding and high housing costs relative to income. Additionally, vouchers for Section 8 rental assistance have been on hold for over 2 years causing long wait lists – some in excess of 5 years.

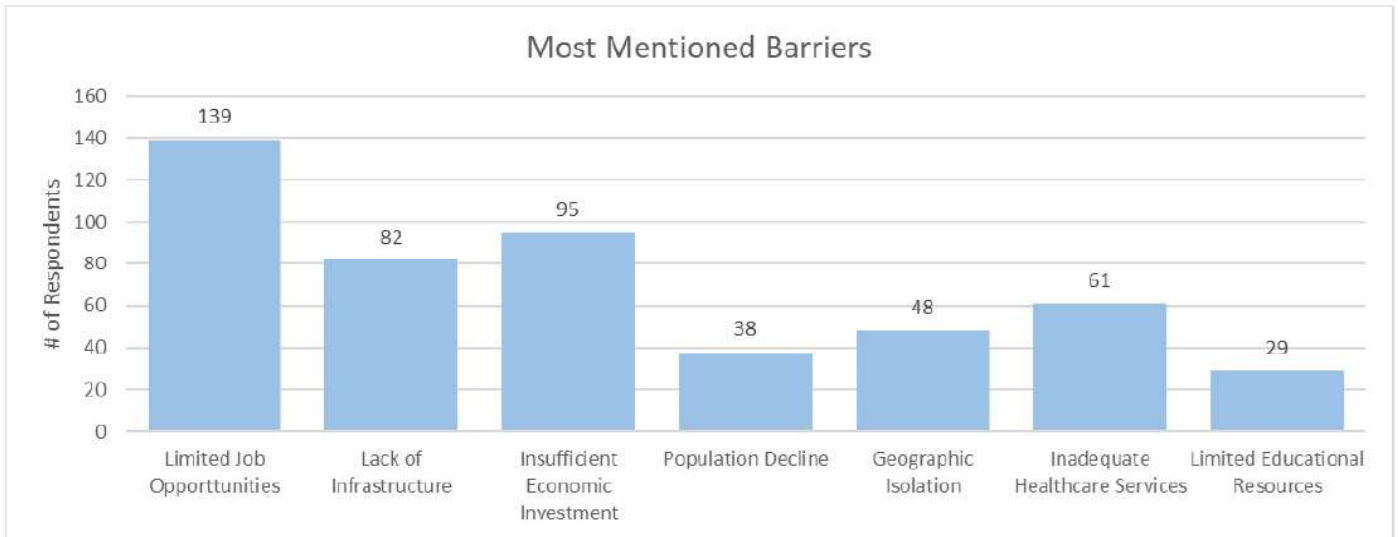
Identified Action: According to reports from Governor Hochel, the state is investing in rural development, including renovating existing facilities and promoting new construction to mitigate high rent costs. Also, Wyoming county works with the Homeless Alliance of Western New York (HAWNY) to manage the growing need for, and scarcity of, affordable housing options. Wyoming County Community Action continues to administer the Section 8 Rental Assistance program for both Wyoming and Livingston counties. The agency is ready to assist clients in obtaining this valuable service as soon as the pause on issuing new vouchers is lifted.

Key Finding 4: Access to quality healthcare in was identified as a concern in a 2025 Community Health Assessment report issued by GOW (Genesee, Orleans, Wyoming County). In Wyoming County, gaps in access to care, barriers such as transportation and insurance coverage, and limited availability of providers continue to impact health outcomes. These challenges contribute to underutilization of preventive services and delays in treatment for medical conditions, which are often serious. Wyoming County is a rural county with a shortage of healthcare workers and access to services. In 2023 the Wyoming County Community Health System (WCCHS) announced that they would be suspending their obstetrics services. Women of all ages from adolescence, through pregnancy and menopause no longer have access to local care. That same year WCCHS also closed two other healthcare facilities in Arcade and Castile. In 2024 WCCHS announced the closing of the dialysis clinic in Mt. Morris. In a 2025 report issued by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli which examined healthcare professional shortages in 16 rural counties in New York state and found alarming shortfalls in primary care, pediatric, and obstetrician and gynecologist (OBGYN) doctors, dentists and mental health practitioners, with several counties having no pediatricians or OBGYN doctors at all. The shortage of mental health practitioners in New York's rural counties may be the most severe, with all counties designated by the federal government as areas having professional shortages. Wyoming County was among those counties examined.

Identified Action: Patients in need of obstetric services are now referred to United Memorial Medical Center (UMMC) in Batavia, which is a Rochester Regional Health facility. outpatient prenatal and postnatal care options were still being coordinated at the hospital, and the hospital continues to focus on other core services. Wyoming County Community Health System (WCCHS) officially received Critical Access Hospital (CAH) status by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). In May 2024. The CAH designation ensures

the essential services provided by WCCHS will be maintained and promotes the hospital’s financial sustainability and its viability moving forward.

Key Finding 5: Limited employment opportunities. In the 2025 Wyoming County Comprehensive Plan, those individuals surveyed noted lack of job opportunities as a barrier in Wyoming County. Residents often face limited access to high-paying careers, especially in specialized fields like technology, finance, or advanced professional services. As a result, many people need to commute to larger nearby cities or pursue remote work to find better-paying opportunities. Most residents work in sectors like healthcare, manufacturing, and retail—the largest employers—but many of these roles fall into mid- or lower-income ranges.



Identified Action: Wyoming County Community Action continues to provide employment services to help local residents find and keep jobs in a rural labor market with limited opportunities. Our programs include career counseling, resume and interview assistance, job search support, and direct connections to local employers. We also offer training and education assistance, including help paying for courses or gaining new skills for in-demand fields. In 2025 Coast Professional announced the opening of their new location at 20 Parker Lane in Perry, NY, creating over 200 full-time jobs, primarily for Consumer Care Representatives in student loan collections. Positions offer competitive pay, benefits, and flexible scheduling.

Key Finding 6: Mental Health/Substance Abuse Concerns. The 2025 Community Health Assessment report issued by GOW (Genesee, Orleans, Wyoming County) reported that in Wyoming County, issues such as anxiety, stress, depression, and suicide have emerged as key mental health concerns. Substance use, including drug misuse, overdoses, alcohol use, and tobacco use continues to impact individuals and families. According to the GOW Community Health Survey Analysis Report, stress was the most reported social challenge among respondents and/or their household members, followed by social isolation and bullying.

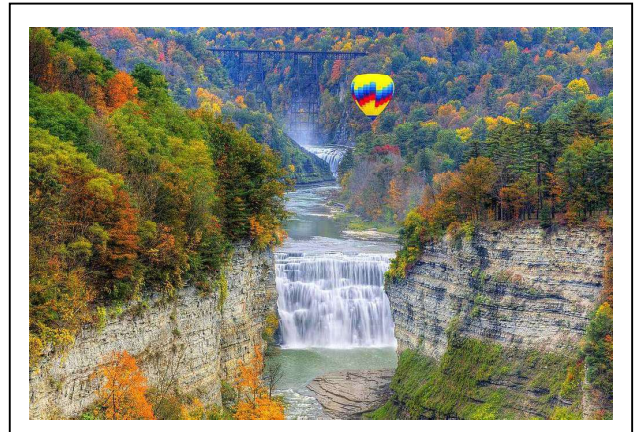
Identified Action: Community key stakeholders continue to identify mental health, including depression, as a top priority for intervention, emphasizing the need for increased screening, education, and access to timely, affordable treatment options. Spectrum Health & Human Services provides comprehensive mental health,

addiction treatment, and community support services in Western New York, including counseling, crisis intervention, vocational services, housing assistance, and care coordination.

WYOMING COUNTY

GEOGRAPHY

Wyoming County, New York, located in western New York, covers about 596 square miles (approximately 593 square miles of land and 3 square miles of water) and lies within the Genesee Valley region. Its landscape is dominated by rolling hills, fertile farmland, and rural countryside shaped by glacial activity, with much of the terrain part of the Allegheny Plateau. The Genesee River forms the county's western boundary, carving deep gorges such as those found in Letchworth State Park, known for its dramatic cliffs and waterfalls. Other waterways, including Oatka Creek and Tonawanda Creek, contribute to its drainage system. Wyoming County is bordered by several counties: Genesee County, New York to the north, Livingston County, New York to the east, Allegany County, New York to the south, and both Cattaraugus County, New York and Erie County, New York to the west. Elevations range from valley floors to uplands exceeding 2,000 feet, and the county experiences a humid continental climate with cold, snowy winters and warm summers, supporting a mix of forests and productive agricultural land.



POPULATION (2024 – 2025 ESTIMATES)

Wyoming County, NY, has a population of approximately 39,500–39,800 as of 2024–2025 estimates, showing a slight decline from the 2020 census of 40,531.



Key Population Data (2020-2025)

- **Population (2024/2025):** 39,530 – 39,588.
- **2020 Census:** 40,531 people.
- **Population Change:** The population has seen a slight decline in recent years, with a 2.4% decrease estimated between April 2020 and July 2024.

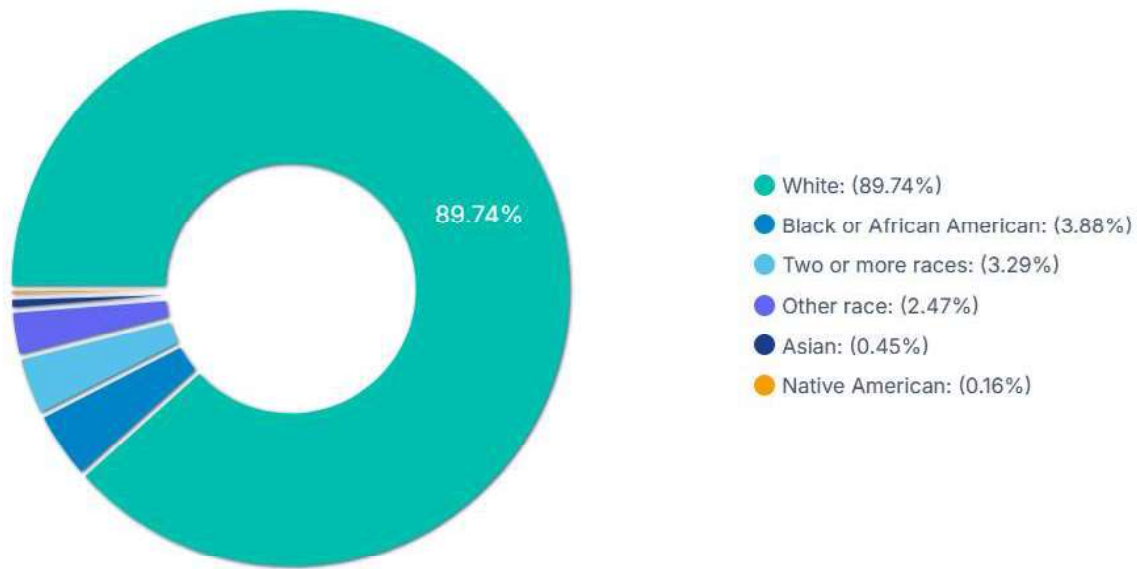
ETHNICITY

Wyoming County, NY, is predominantly White (non-Hispanic), representing over 88% of the population, with a small, growing Hispanic minority and a notable, though declining, rural population. The county's demographics

are characterized by a 5.8% population decrease between 2010 and 2022, alongside an aging population, with 65+ residents growing by 41.2% in that period.

Population by Race

All Hispanic Non-Hispanic



AGE & GENDER

As of 2024–2025, Wyoming County, New York, has a population of approximately 39,500 to 39,700, characterized by a predominantly older demographic, with roughly 21.5% of residents aged 65 or older and a median age exceeding 43 years. The population is younger at the opposite end of the spectrum, with 18.2% under 18 years and about 4.5% under 5 years. The gender distribution shows a higher percentage of males in the total population compared to females, with approximately 46.2% being female and about 53% being male, according to recent estimates. The county has experienced a slight population decline, with a negative percent change of roughly 2.0% to 2.4% between April 2020 and July 2024–2025.

Age

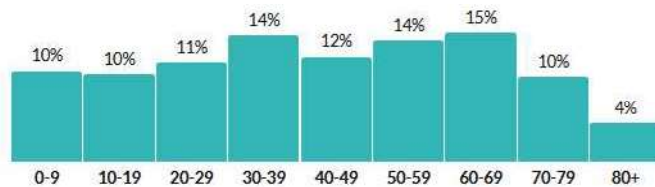
43.3

Median age

about 10 percent higher than the figure in New York: 39.8

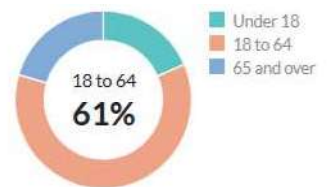
about 10 percent higher than the figure in United States: 38.9

Population by age range



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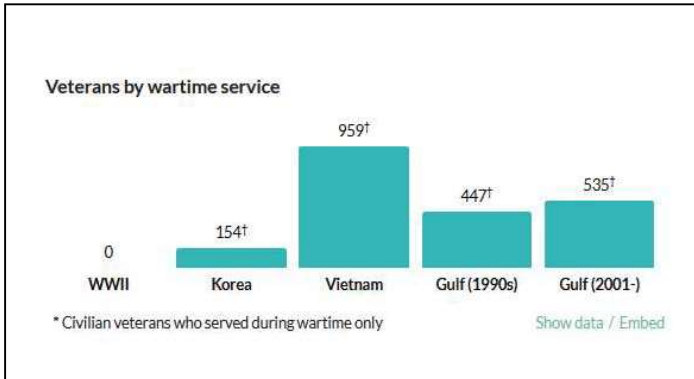
Population by age category



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The average household size is relatively small, at approximately 2.22 persons, with around 16,453 total households, 75.9% of which are owner-occupied.

VETERAN POPULATION



As of the 2020-2024 Census estimates, Wyoming County, New York, is home to approximately 2,399 civilian veterans, representing a significant portion of the local population. The veteran demographic is overwhelmingly male (roughly 2,206) with a smaller population of female veterans (193). Data indicates a high concentration of veterans from the Vietnam War era, followed by veterans from the Gulf War (both 1990-2001 and 2001-later). The county's veteran community is supported by local services, including the Wyoming County Veterans' Service Agency, which assists with benefits and support in a primarily rural setting.

DISABLED POPULATION

In Wyoming County, NY, approximately 9.3% of the population under the age of 65 is living with a disability, according to U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts (2020-2024). When looking at the entire population (all ages), data from the New York State Department of Health (2018-2022) indicates that about 13.7% of residents identify as having a disability.

Key Disability Statistics

- Independent Living: Roughly 5.3% of adults in the county have a disability that specifically impacts their ability to live independently.
- Veterans: There are 2,399 veterans residing in the county (2020-2024), a group that often has a higher prevalence of service-connected disabilities.
- Total Population Context: The overall population of Wyoming County is estimated at 39,588 as of July 2024.

POVERTY – WYOMING COUNTY, NY



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10.6%
Wyoming
County
Poverty Rate

County Population:
39,980

*Population for whom
poverty status is
determined:*

Overall
37,280

Population Under 18
7,400

Population 25 & Over
27,198

Population 65 & Over
7,763

Living In Poverty

Individuals
10.6% (3,968)

Children (Under 18)
14.6% (1,083)

Adults 25 & Over
9.7% (2,632)

Adults 65 & Over
7.5% (582)

Education & Poverty

Education Attainment for Adults 25+ (27,198)



Total Population

No Degree	7.9%
High School	39.9%
Associate	32.5%
Bachelors +	19.7%

Living in Poverty

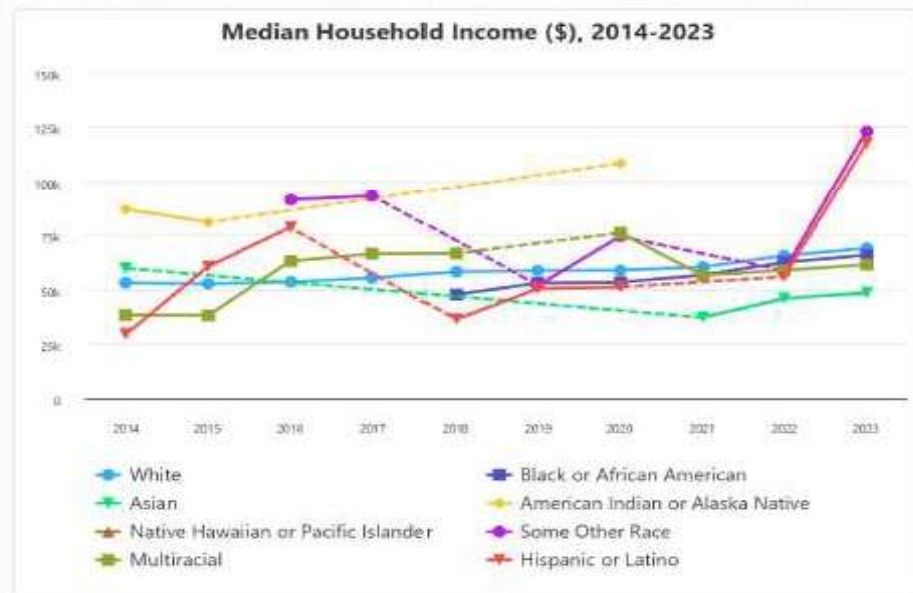
No Degree	11.7%
High School	13.2%
Associate	8.7%
Bachelors +	3.4%

Employment & Poverty

Living Wage for 1 Adult, 1 Child	\$37.74
Hourly Wage for FMR, 2BR Apt	\$17.40
Median Income	\$45,601
Median Income w/ HS Diploma	\$38,954
Male Median Earnings	\$44,167
Female Median Earnings	\$28,915



Median Household Income by Race & Ethnicity



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

29.1%
Households Live Below ALICE Threshold

Total Households:
16,152

ALICE Households by Race & Ethnicity

White
5,011

Black or African American
No data

Asian
No data

American Indian or Alaska Native
No data

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
No data

Some Other Race
94

Multiracial
81

Hispanic or Latino
96

Health Insurance & Poverty



No Health Insurance

Employed	4.5%
Unemployed	24.0%

Gender & Poverty

Male	8.5% (1,604)
Female	12.8% (2,364)

Of those families with Female Heads of Household and Children Present

30.1%
Live in Poverty

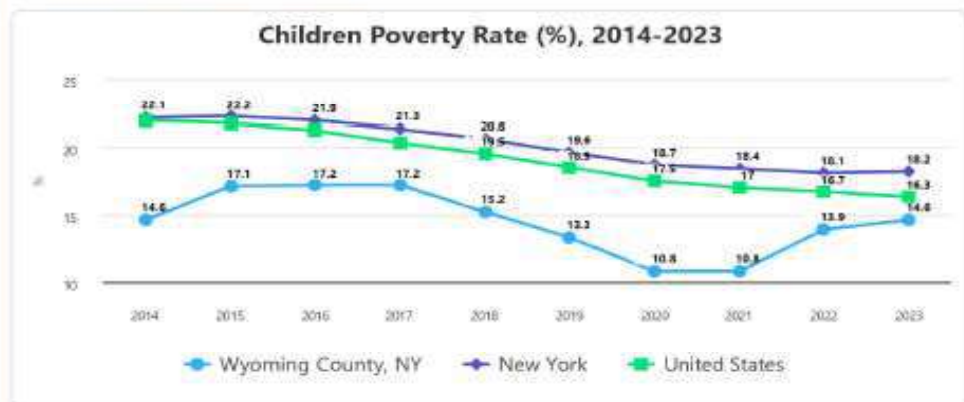
Race, Ethnicity & Poverty

White	10.3% (3,575)
Black or African American	36.3% (124)
Asian	3.6% (9)
American Indian or Alaska Native	52.9% (9)
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0% (0)
Some Other Race	15.8% (121)
Multiracial	12.0% (130)
Hispanic or Latino	21.8% (218)

ALICE Household Monthly Survival Budget

1 Adult	\$2,288	1 Adult and 1 School-age	\$3,508
1 Senior Adult	\$2,580	2 Adults	\$3,333
1 Adult and 1 Pre-K	\$4,195	2 Adults and 2 School-age	\$5,645

Children in Poverty



New York State Community Action Association - www.nyscommunityaction.org

CRIME AND INCARCERATION

In 2025, Wyoming County, New York, has seen a relatively stable jail population and a notable focus on high-profile criminal cases in the local community.

Incarceration Statistics (2025):

The Wyoming County Jail currently has a capacity of 81 individuals. Operational updates for the year show the following:

- **Average Jail Population:** For February 2025, the daily average was 36 inmates.
- **Demographic Breakdown:** The average population included roughly 30.5 males and 6 females.
- **Highs and Lows:** Inmate counts fluctuated between a high of 40 and a low of 32 during this period.
- **Supervision:** As of March 2025, data on adults under probation supervision continues to be tracked by the NY Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Crime Trends and Notable Cases:

While comprehensive county-wide crime rates for 2025 are still being finalized, local reports from the Press Examiner highlight significant incidents that shaped the year:

- **Child Neglect Cases:** A major case in Meshoppen involved four individuals, including a county caseworker, charged with child endangerment.
- **Assault on Law Enforcement:** An incident in Factoryville involved a police officer being stabbed in the line of duty.
- **Broader Trends:** In nearby regions like Sheridan (often compared due to similar naming/size), violent crimes like homicide and robbery showed decreases in 2025, while aggravated assault saw a slight rise.



Jail Population In New York State

The annual counts reflect the daily counts averaged by the number of days reported for that year

FACILITY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2016 vs 2025	2024 vs 2025	
Wyoming County Jail	Census	49	47	56	42	30	43	46	39	33	42	-14%	27%
	Boarded Out	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
	Boarded In	3	8	5	9	2	6	4	6	4	0	-100%	-100%
	In House	51	55	61	50	31	49	50	45	37	42	-18%	14%
	- Sentenced	18	15	17	14	12	16	19	14	12	15	-17%	25%
	- Civil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
	- Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
	- Technical Parole Violators	5	5	6	2	2	2	1	2	3	5	0%	67%
	- State Readies	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	1	3	200%	200%
	- Other Unsentedenced **	27	34	37	33	16	27	28	28	22	20	-26%	-9%

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE

As of late 2024 and early 2025, Wyoming County—part of the GLOW region (Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, Wyoming) in New York State—has experienced shifts in its labor force with a tightening market in certain sectors, featuring a December 2025 unemployment rate of 4.3%

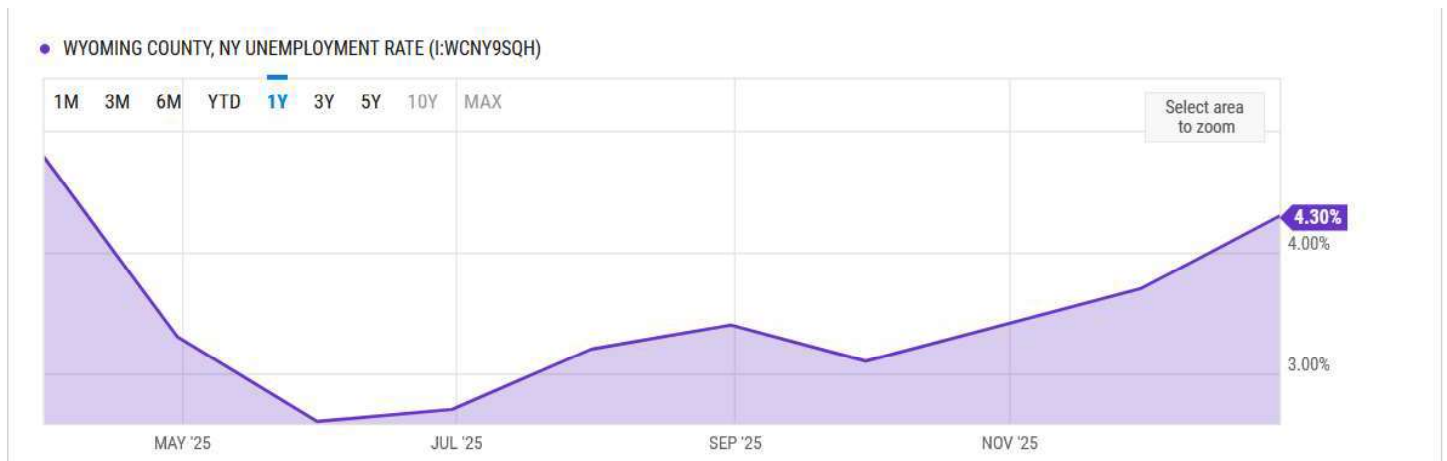
. The region is generally characterized by high demand in specialized sectors despite, in some cases, a shrinking overall labor pool.

Employment Statistics: Wyoming County (2024–2025)

- Unemployment Rate (Dec 2025): 4.3% (not seasonally adjusted).
- Unemployment Rate (Dec 2024): 4.1%.
- Unemployment Rate (Oct 2024): 2.7%.
- Employment (Dec 2024): 16,867 employed individuals.
- Labor Force (Dec 2024): 17,583.
- Trend: The county experienced a -2.53% decline in employment from 2023 to 2024, dropping to around 17.7k employed residents, with the largest sectors being Health Care & Social Assistance, Manufacturing, and Retail Trade.

GLOW Region Context (2024–2025)

- Regional Job Market (Dec 2025): The Finger Lakes region (which includes the GLOW area) saw 573,400 nonfarm jobs, a decrease of 1,700 jobs (-0.3%) over the year.
- Key Industries (Dec 2025): Private Education & Health Services (24.2% of nonfarm jobs), Manufacturing (9.8%), Leisure & Hospitality (8.5%), and Government (15.9%) are the primary employers.
- Job Demand: The GLOW workforce development board identified a high demand for skilled candidates in Healthcare, Advanced Manufacturing, and Information Technology, with high job demand but a limited supply of qualified labor.



WYOMING COUNTY ECONOMY

Wyoming County, NY, has an economy deeply rooted in agriculture—specifically as the state's #1 dairy producer—alongside manufacturing and tourism. Major industries include health care, manufacturing, and retail trade, with significant salt mining and tourism driven by Letchworth State Park. The region features a lower-cost, productive labor force.

Key Economic Indicators (2024–2025)

- **Employment:** The county employs approximately 17.7k people.
- **Unemployment Rate:** Most recently reported at 4.3% in December 2025.
- **Median Household Income:** Roughly \$69,751 as of 2024.
- **Cost of Living:** The median property value is \$162,300, significantly lower than the national average.

Primary Industries

- **Agriculture:** Dominates the landscape, with a focus on dairy and locally grown products.
- **Manufacturing:** A major employer (2,237 people), featuring specialized sectors like salt mining; Silver Springs is home to one of the largest salt mines in the Northeast, operated by Morton Salt.
- **Health Care & Social Assistance:** The largest employment sector by headcount, supporting 2,433 jobs.
- **Tourism:** Driven by Letchworth State Park, often called the "Grand Canyon of the East," which forms part of the southeastern boundary.

High-Paying Sectors

The highest median earnings in the county are found in:

1. Utilities: \$132,132
2. Mining, Quarrying, & Oil & Gas Extraction: \$117,536
3. Public Administration: \$82,955 for men and \$62,368 for women

Economic Development Resources

For businesses looking to expand or relocate, the Wyoming County IDA and the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce offer financial assistance, tax incentives, and fast-track programs.

INCOME & LIVING WAGE

Based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Data USA, and the MIT Living Wage Calculator, here are the income and living wage statistics for Wyoming County, NY for 2023–2024.

Income and Employment Statistics (2023-2024)

- Median Household Income: Approximately \$69,110–\$69,751 (in 2024 dollars). This represents an increase from the 2023 estimate of roughly \$68,913.
- Per Capita Income: Approximately \$36,783 (in 2024 dollars).
- Poverty Rate: Roughly 11.1%–11.4% of the population lives below the poverty line.
- Employment Trend: Employment in the county experienced a slight decline from 2023 to 2024.
- Top Industries: The primary employment sectors are Health Care & Social Assistance, Manufacturing, and Retail Trade.

Living Wage Requirements (2024-2026)

According to the MIT Living Wage Calculator, the living wage—defined as the minimum hourly rate required to cover basic family needs—in Wyoming County is as follows (data updated early 2026, reflecting 2024-2025 cost of living trends):

- 1 Adult (0 children): \$21.95/hour.
- 1 Adult (1 child): \$37.44/hour.
- 2 Adults (Both working, 2 children): \$27.04/hour per adult.
- Minimum Wage: The NYS minimum wage is \$17.00/hour.

Key Takeaway: A single adult with one child needs a wage significantly higher than the state minimum wage to meet basic living expenses in Wyoming County.

Housing and Cost of Living (2024)

- Median Property Value: Approximately \$162,300.
- Median Monthly Owner Costs (with mortgage): \$1,438.
- Median Gross Rent: \$802.
- Owner-Occupied Housing Rate: 75.9%

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

In 2025, caseloads for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in Wyoming County, NY, ranged between 1,464 and 1,555 cases per month during the first half of the year. This is consistent with 2024 trends, which saw an average of 1,545 monthly cases.

Public Assistance Overview (2025)

Public assistance in Wyoming County includes several state and federal programs designed to support low-income residents:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):
 - January 2025: High of 1,555 cases.
 - June 2025: Low of 1,464 cases.
 - Average (2024): 1,545 monthly cases.
- Poverty and Eligibility:
 - Approximately 11.1% of the population (roughly 4,080 people) in Wyoming County live below the poverty line.
 - In 2025, about 9.01% of the population faced severe housing problems.

- Rental & Housing Assistance:
 - The Rental Supplement Program (RSP) for 2025-2026 prioritizes households with children, seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities.
 - The Housing Access Voucher Program (HAVP) was also established in 2025 to provide state-funded rental assistance to unhoused individuals or those at risk of homelessness.
- Temporary Assistance (TA): Includes programs like Safety Net Assistance (SNA) and Family Assistance (FA). New income guidelines for Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) became effective on April 1, 2025.

Local Resources and Support

Residents seeking assistance can contact local agencies directly:

- Wyoming County Department of Social Services (WCDSS): Located at 466 North Main Street, Warsaw, NY. They handle Medicaid applications, SNAP, and Temporary Assistance.
- Community Action for Wyoming County: Administers the Section 8 Voucher Program and operates the Angel Action Division, which provides emergency help for rent, utilities, and transportation.



SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

The Social Security Administration reported that in December 2024, Wyoming County, New York, had a total of 8,561 Social Security (OASDI) beneficiaries and 731 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) classifies these recipients into several categories based on the type of benefit received

As of December 2024, the distribution of the 8,561 OASDI beneficiaries in Wyoming County was as follows:

- Retired Workers: 6,432
- Disabled Workers: 941
- Widows, Widowers, and Parents: 512
- Spouses: 358
- Children: 318

The total monthly benefit amount paid to these individuals in Wyoming County was approximately \$16.59 million.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipients

For the 731 individuals receiving SSI in December 2024, the breakdown by eligibility and age was:

- By Category: 74 individuals were eligible based on age (65 or older), while 657 were eligible due to blindness or disability.
- By Age: 89 recipients were under age 18, 471 were aged 18–64, and 171 were aged 65 or older.
- Dual Recipients: 259 of these SSI recipients also received OASDI benefits.

The total monthly SSI payment amount for Wyoming County was \$516,000.

SAFETY NET AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE

Reports from OTDA (Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance indicate that based on early 2025 data, Wyoming County, NY, continues to manage Public Assistance, largely through Safety Net programs, with specific budgetary concerns noted regarding reduced state support.

While comprehensive 2025 annual caseload totals are not yet finalized, over 400,000 households in New York State received Public Assistance monthly.

EDUCATION

Based on NYSED Data Site reports for the 2024–25 school year, there were 3,482 total K-12 public school students enrolled in Wyoming County, NY.

WYOMING COUNTY AT A GLANCE 2024-25

TOTAL K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS



3,482

DISTRICTS IN WYOMING COUNTY

ATTICA CSD

PERRY CSD

WYOMING CSD

LETCHWORTH CSD

WARSAW CSD

ATTICA CSD AT A GLANCE 2024-25

TOTAL K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS



1,088

4-YEAR GRADUATION RATE



94%

LETCHWORTH CSD AT A GLANCE 2024-25

TOTAL K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS



819

4-YEAR GRADUATION RATE



95%

PERRY CSD AT A GLANCE 2024-25

TOTAL K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS



698

4-YEAR GRADUATION RATE



91%

WARSAW CSD AT A GLANCE 2024-25

TOTAL K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS



741

4-YEAR GRADUATION RATE



91%

WYOMING CSD AT A GLANCE 2024-25

TOTAL K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS



136

WYOMING COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (2024 - 25)

K-12 Enrollment: 3,482

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ENROLLMENT BY GENDER

MALE

1,752

50%

FEMALE

1,726

50%

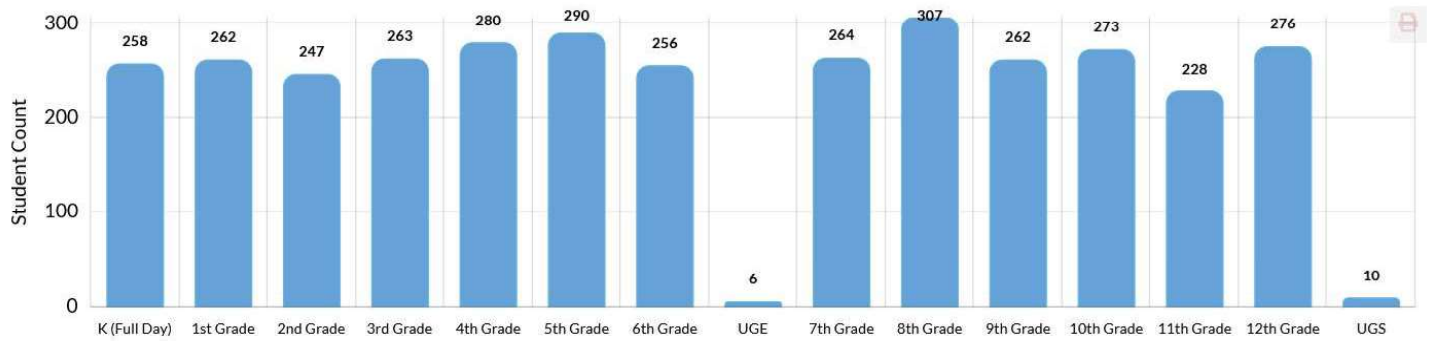
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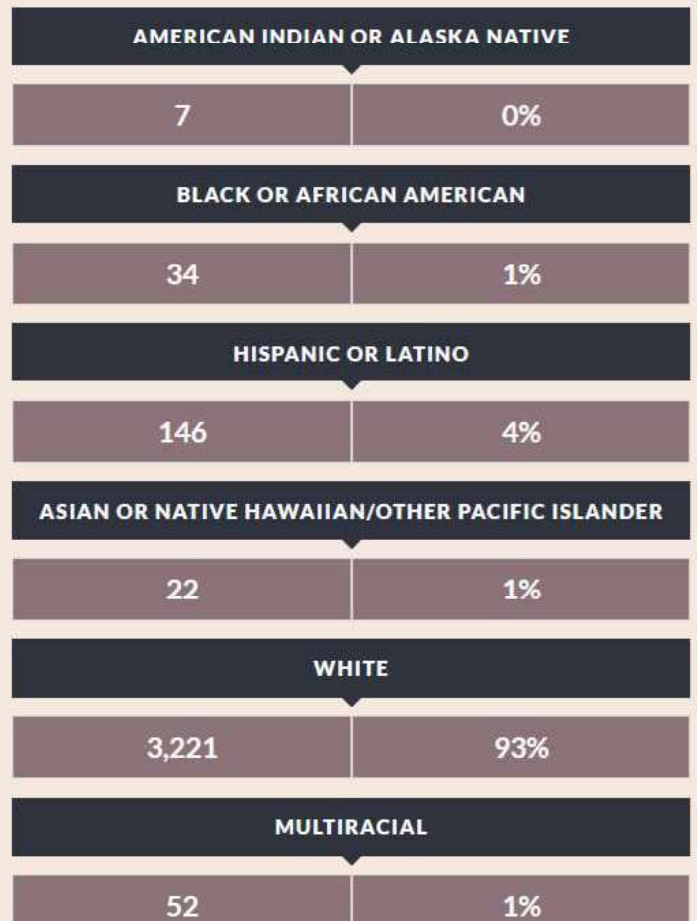
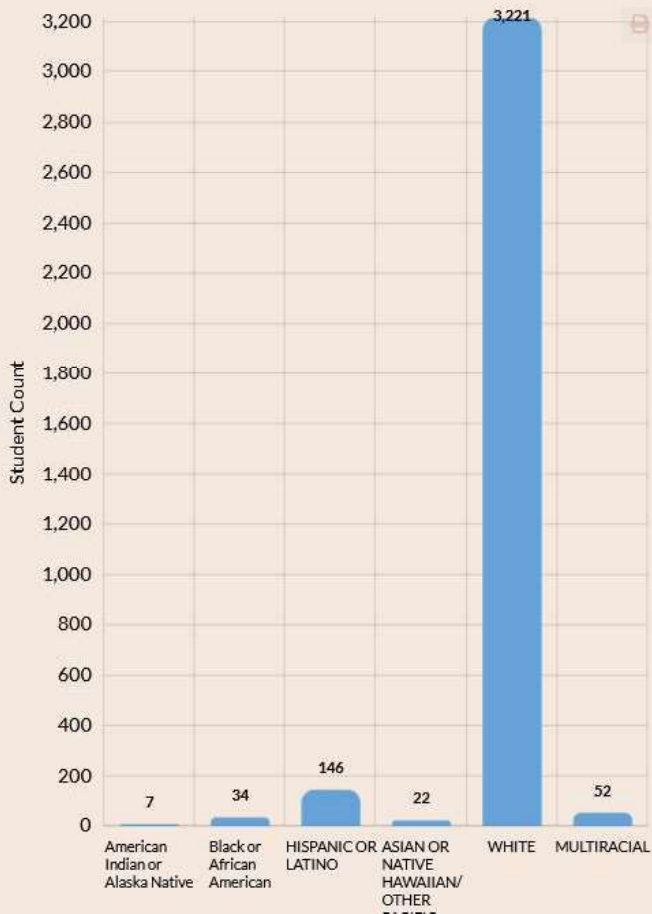
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ENROLLMENT BY GRADE



ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY



OTHER GROUPS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS		STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES		ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED			
26	1%	557	16%	1,570	45%		
MIGRANT		HOMELESS		FOSTER CARE		PARENT IN ARMED FORCES	
17	0%	24	1%	16	0%	5	0%

Pioneer Central School:

While the Pioneer Central School District is not physically located in Wyoming County, it does serve parts of Wyoming County, NY, including the towns of Arcade, Eagle, Java, Sheldon, and Wethersfield. The district, often referred to as Yorkshire-Pioneer, is a large, rural district spanning multiple counties, with its main campus located in Yorkshire, Cattaraugus County.

Student Demographics

- Total Enrollment: Approx. 2,230 students (PK-12).
- Race/Ethnicity: 94% White, 3% Hispanic, 2% two or more races, <1% Asian/Pacific Islander.
- Economic Status: 49-51% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

Academic Performance (District-Wide)

- Graduation Rate: 87%.
- Math Proficiency: 51-52%.
- Reading Proficiency: 49%.
- AP Math Participation: 3% (4% state average).
- AP Science Participation: 2% (6% state average).

HIGHER EDUCATION

According to results from the 2020 US Census, Wyoming County, NY, has a high school graduation or higher rate of 87.1% (2020-2024), while 18.2% of residents aged 25+ hold a bachelor's degree or higher, significantly lower than the 39.6% New York State average. Approximately 30% of residents have some college or an associate degree, with about 19% holding a bachelor's or post-grad degree.

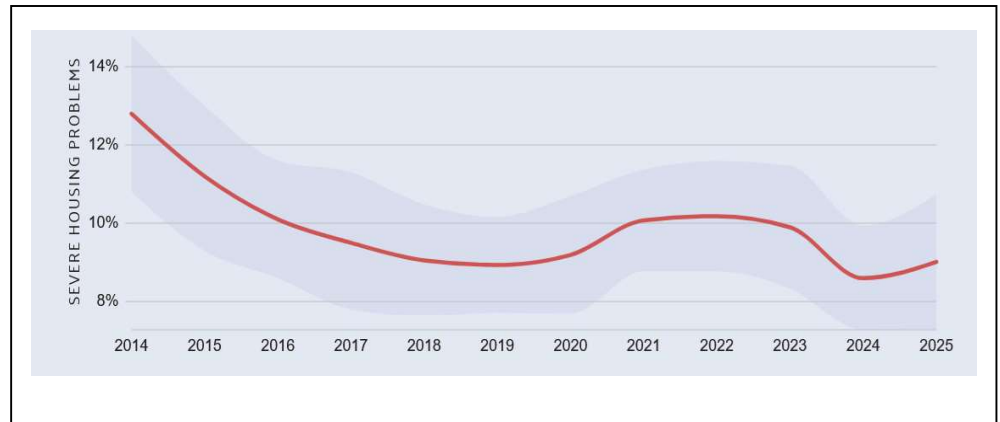
Wyoming County, NY, is primarily served by Genesee Community College (GCC), which operates campus centers in Arcade and Warsaw, offering local courses, computer labs, and academic support. While no large four-year universities are headquartered within the county, residents have access to nearby institutions including SUNY Geneseo, Houghton University, and Alfred State College.

ADULT LITERACY

Based on estimates from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) PIAAC skills map, approximately 18.2% of adults in Wyoming County, New York, have low literacy levels (at or below Level 1).

HOUSING

Per census.gov, Wyoming County, NY, features approximately 18,352 housing units with a high owner-occupancy rate of 75.9%. The median value of owner-occupied housing units (2020-2024) is \$162,300, with a median monthly mortgage cost of \$1,438. According to Data USA, in 2025, 9.01% of the population was living with severe housing problems in Wyoming County, NY. From 2014 to 2025, the indicator declined 3.79%.



Wyoming County, NY faces a critical shortage of affordable housing, with approximately 40% of renters considered cost-burdened. Rural communities within the county are struggling with high demand, limited rental availability, and aging housing stock.

Key Aspects of the Housing Situation

- **Rental Crisis:** A 2023 search showed zero available apartments in the village of Perry, highlighting severe shortages.
- **Overburdened Renters:** Roughly 40.46% of renters in Wyoming County are cost-burdened, spending too much of their income on housing.
- **Aging Infrastructure:** About 76% of all homes in the county are over 40 years old, with mobile homes often in poor condition.

HOMELESS

In a report issued by the Homeless Alliance of WNY, it was noted that In fiscal year 2023, homelessness trends across the region reflected both progress and ongoing challenges. A total of 8,504 people in our community faced the hardship of losing their housing. Homelessness across Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties rose by 3.3% compared to last year, signaling a stabilization after the significant increase seen the year before.



2023 Homelessness Summary Brief

NY-508: Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Orleans, Wyoming Counties

Key Findings

Annual Counts of People Experiencing Homelessness

Region	FY2022 Totals		FY2023 Totals		% Change
	HMIS	Estimated Count	HMIS	Estimated Count	
NY-508	7364	8235	7377	8504	3.3%
Erie County	5906	6405	5682	6240	-2.6%
Niagara County	1030	1369	1241	1832	33.8%
Genesee County	206	218	229	229	5.0%
Orleans County	315	348	409	409	17.5%
Wyoming County	66	66	80	80	21.2%

Table 1: Count and percent change of people experiencing homelessness in NY-508 by County and Year. Percent change calculated using the estimated count.

FOOD / NUTRITION

Based on recent New York State Department of Health data and regional reports, Wyoming County, NY, has a lower rate of food insecurity compared to many other areas in the state, but challenges remain regarding adult nutrition, specifically with fruit and vegetable consumption.

Food Insecurity and Nutrition Statistics:

- **Food Insecurity Rates:** Wyoming County has one of the lowest rates of adult food insecurity among NY counties outside of New York City, reported at 11.2%.
- **Fruit/Vegetable Consumption:** Approximately 19.7% of adults in Wyoming County consume 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day, which is statistically lower than many other areas in New York State.
- **Physical Activity:** Around 76.2% of adults in the county engage in some type of leisure-time physical activity, based on data comparing the region against state goals.
- **Obesity Rates:** Adults with a BMI >30 (obese) were measured at roughly 24.5% to 31.6% in recent reporting periods.
- **WIC Participation:** The Livingston-Wyoming WIC program provides monthly nutrition benefits to women and children, with an average value of \$75 per month in healthy food.

Public Health and Nutrition Services:

The Wyoming County Health Department in Silver Springs, NY, manages several programs to address food service and nutrition:

- Food Service Inspections: The department issues permits and conducts inspections for food establishments to ensure compliance with health standards, with recent reports indicating high compliance in many local establishments.
- Environmental Health: In addition to food safety, the department monitors public water supplies and handles public health nuisances.
- Breastfeeding Rates: WIC mothers breastfeeding at 6 months was estimated around 26.2% in recent regional health studies.

Food Security Programs:



SNAP and Assistance: The Department of Social Services administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the HEAP program.

A Wyoming County report notes that as of June, 2025, 2,411 individuals received SNAP benefits in Wyoming County, which is one of the lowest number of SNAP recipients in Western New York, ranking 10th out of the region's counties (Erie is highest with over 140,000).

Community Services: The GOW (Genesee, Orleans, Wyoming) joint community health assessment aims to enhance access to nutrition programs and manage chronic diseases.

CHILDREN AND NUTRITION

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

The National Center for Education Statistics reports that Wyoming County, NY schools offer supplemental meal programs, with Perry Elementary School reporting 184 students eligible for free lunch and 9 for reduced-price lunch for the 2024-2025 school year. Districts, such as Warsaw Central, participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to offer free meals.

According to a 2024 report, Wyoming County has one of the lowest percentages of food insecurity in NY State (outside NYC) at 11.2%.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

In 2025 a GOW (Genesee, Orleans, Wyoming Counties) Steering Committee in partnership with the Health Departments from each county and participating hospitals issued a Community Health Assessment Report. Agencies, including Wyoming County Community Action also participated in this effort. Information reported in this assessment included primary data collection through the community survey, community conversations, and key informant interviews, as well as secondary analysis of health indicators for all three counties. The Steering Committee shared these findings with the Community Workgroup and requested feedback from partners on what the priority areas should be based on all the information provided. Much of the information


included in the Health and Wellness section of this document comes from this Community Health Assessment report.

Based on the 2021 BRFSS (Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System) “self-reported” food insecurity among NYS adults by county, 88.8% of 18 or older adults in Wyoming County reported being food secure Information over the past 12 months.

According to responses from the Community Survey, the top five reasons respondents reported for not eating more fruits and vegetables each day were: they are too expensive, they believe they already eat enough, they spoil too quickly, the quality available is poor, and a preference for other foods. These responses suggest potential economic and geographic barriers to accessing fresh, nutritious foods, as well as issues like infrequent access, transportation limitations, and poor food quality. They also suggest possible gaps in nutrition education and awareness. Similarly, during the Community Conversations, residents identified food insecurity and limited access to healthy foods as one of the most pressing health issues in their community.

What stops Wyoming County respondents from consuming more fruits and vegetables?

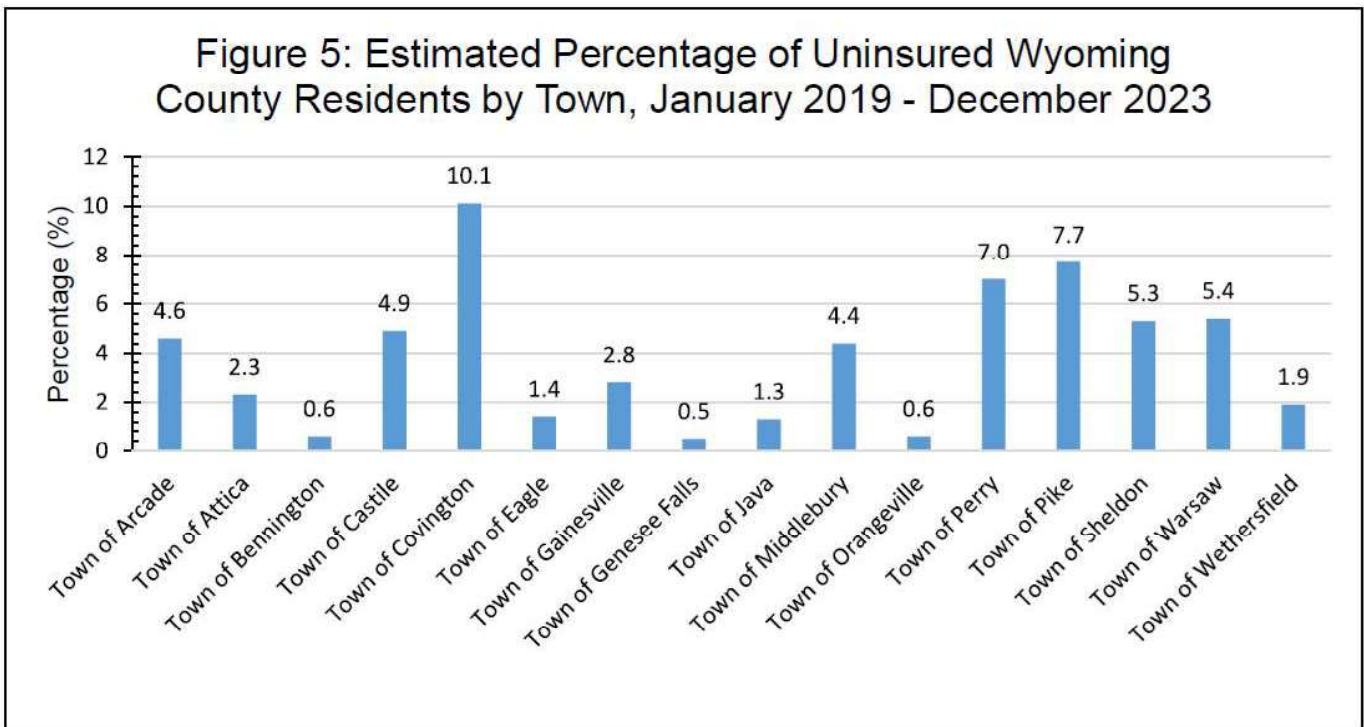
- They are too expensive
- They believe they already eat enough
- They spoil too quickly
- The quality that is available is poor
- Preference for other foods



MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

According to the United States Census, 4.2% of Wyoming County residents do not have health insurance. The town with the highest percentage of residents who lack health insurance is the Town of Covington.

The towns of Arcade, Castile, Middlebury, Perry, Pike, Sheldon, and Warsaw all have uninsured resident percentages above the Wyoming County average. A lack of affordable health insurance coverage is one of the factors that impacts the ability of residents to access quality healthcare.



Healthcare Navigator Program

The NY State of Health (NYSOH) Navigator Program provides in-person enrollment assistance to individuals and small businesses. Healthcare Navigation for the New York State Marketplace is a program of Community Action in partnership with the Wyoming County Department of Health.

Children Health Plus

Child Health Plus is a New York State-sponsored health insurance plan that provides comprehensive coverage for children under the age of 19. Depending on family income, coverage is either free or available for a low monthly premium, and there are no deductibles or co-payments for covered services.

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Wyoming County, NY, is primarily served by the Wyoming County Community Health System (WCCHS), which is the only hospital facility in the county. Located in Warsaw, this is a short-term acute care hospital with 192 staffed beds. It provides 24-hour emergency care, surgical services, and medical imaging.

Oak Orchard Health is a community health center providing primary care, pediatric care, dental care, and behavioral health services.

Wyoming Warsaw Urgent Care provides services as a walk-in clinic for non-life-threatening conditions, offering services like injury treatment and physicals.

Wyoming County Mental Health Department provides individual and family counseling, psychiatric evaluations, and medication management.

There are many barriers identified by residents of Wyoming County for receiving health care services including lack of providers, insurance coverage, fear of judgement, transportation, cost, lack of awareness of services, and limited availability of services.

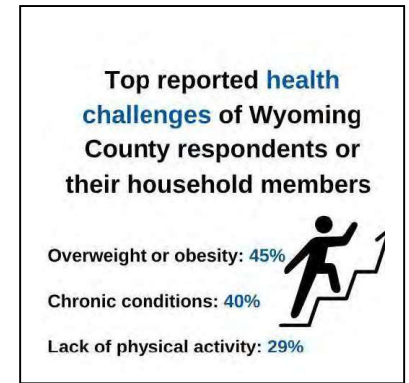
Table 10: Five most common reasons why residents did not seek medical care when they needed it within the last year, Wyoming County, 2025 (Appendix D)

I didn't need to go	9%
Long wait times for appointments	3%
Too expensive or not covered by insurance	2%
Couldn't find a provider I liked	2%
Hours- They weren't open when I could get there	2%

WYOMING COUNTY HEALTH INDICATORS

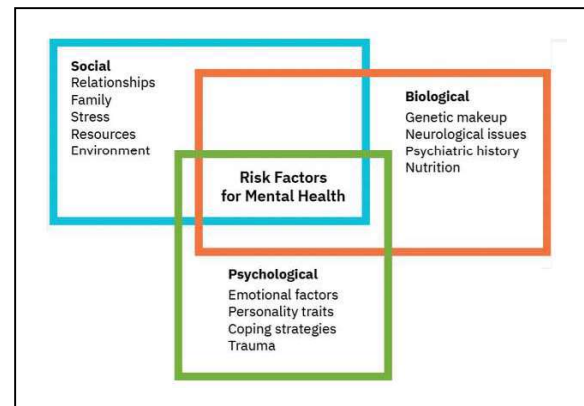
According to feedback from the Community Conversations, residents expressed significant concern about chronic health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, and chronic pain. These conditions were frequently identified as common physical health challenges that impact daily functioning and quality of life. Barriers to managing and preventing chronic diseases included limited access to care, particularly a shortage of primary care providers, long wait times, and difficulty finding doctors who are accepting new patients. Participants also reported a lack of culturally competent providers and challenges navigating complex and often fragmented health care systems.

Prevention-related feedback highlighted the need for improved health education, especially around nutrition, physical activity, and understanding medications. Respondents emphasized the importance of routine checkups and accessible healthcare to support early detection and chronic disease management.



MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION AND SUBSTANCE USE

In Wyoming County, 13.4% of adults 18 years and older reported experiencing frequent mental distress during the past month. According to the GOW Community Health Survey Analysis Report, stress was the most reported social challenge among respondents and/or their household members, followed by social isolation and bullying. Additionally, the top three reasons individuals reported using medications or substances for non-medical purposes were to cope with social pressures, manage stress, and relieve chronic pain. These findings highlight the close connection between mental health, social stressors, and substance misuse, emphasizing the need for comprehensive prevention and support strategies that address both emotional well-being and social environments.



Suicide remains a critical public health issue that affects individuals, families, and entire communities. Contributing factors may include untreated mental health conditions, substance use, social isolation, economic hardships, and limited access to mental health care. In Wyoming County, 11.2 per 100,000 people experienced mortality due to suicide. Community stakeholders have identified mental health and suicide prevention as a priority area for intervention. Addressing stigma, increasing mental health services availability, and strengthening crisis response systems are essential steps towards reducing suicide risk and promoting mental well-being.

Depression is one of the most common mental health conditions affecting all age groups in Wyoming county. It can significantly impact a person's quality of life, daily functioning, and physical health. Untreated depression

is also a major risk factor for suicide and substance use. Contributing factors to depression may include social isolation, economic stress, trauma, and limited access to behavioral health services. Community key stakeholders continue to identify mental health, including depression, as a top priority for intervention, emphasizing the need for increased screening, education, and access to timely, affordable treatment options.

Drug misuse and overdose continue to pose serious public health challenges in Wyoming County, contributing to preventable deaths and long-term health consequences. 20.0 per 100,000 people died by overdose in Wyoming County. According to the New York State PMP Registry (October 2024) from the Prevention Agenda Dashboard for Wyoming County.









Binge drinking is identified as having an excessive amount of alcohol in a short period of time. For women, binge drinking is typically defined as the consumption of four or more alcoholic drinks in approximately two hours; for men, it is five or more drinks during the same period (26). In Wyoming County, 21.3% of adult residents report binge or heavy drinking. In community conversations with Wyoming County residents, participants expressed concerns about drug and alcohol use, as well as limited access to treatment options in the community.

CHILD / YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The NYS Department of Health reports that in Wyoming County that approximately 17% (about 425 children) of children under the age of 6 live in poverty. Approximately 1 in 6 children in Wyoming County experience hunger. As of December 31, 2024, the rate of children in foster care was 3.6 per 1,000 children in the county.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

The Wyoming County Youth Bureau, in conjunction with the Youth Board, is an advocate for children and youth, created to improve the quality of life by providing structure, guidance, and leadership so they can become productive citizens for tomorrow.

SERVICES & PROGRAMS			
 <p>EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS</p>	 <p>PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION</p>	 <p>P.U.P.P.I.E.S. (People Under Parental Preparation in Excellent Service)</p>	 <p>RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (OMEGA)</p>
 <p>SAFE HARBOUR</p>	 <p>STARS OF TOMORROW</p>	 <p>YOUTH BOARD</p>	 <p>YOUTH COURT</p>

Head Start

Cattaraugus Wyoming Project Head Start provides comprehensive early childhood education, health, and nutrition services for children from birth to age four.



Head Start operates a variety of programs depending on the needs of the community and Head Start families. The Head Start Center Based Program operates four licensed centers located in Olean, Salamanca, Delevan, and Warsaw. The Center Based Team consists of Teachers, Assistant Teachers or Teacher Aides, Family Workers, Nutrition/Food Service Workers, Bus Drivers, Bus Monitors, Program Aides, and Volunteers.

Universal Pre-K

Wyoming County, NY, offers several Pre-K and early childhood programs, including public school district Pre-K (Warsaw, Letchworth, Perry, Wyoming), Head Start for children ages 3-4, and private options like the GLOW YMCA playgroup in Warsaw. These programs focus on school readiness, social skills, and cognitive development.

CHILDCARE

According to the Office of Child and Family Services, Wyoming County, NY, faces a significant shortage of child care, with limited regulated slots for children under 5 and high demand for infant/toddler care. The region is classified as having limited availability, forcing reliance on informal care, with some areas having high ratios of children per available licensed slot.

Key Child Care Statistics & Challenges

- **Availability:** The region faces a shortage, with less than 22,000 regulated slots for over 80,000 children under age 5.
- **Infant/Toddler Care:** Care for infants and toddlers is the most requested, yet less than half of existing slots are dedicated to this age group.
- **Service Gaps:** 12 rural counties in NY, including Wyoming, have faced, or are facing, challenges in the childcare benefit program, creating waiting lists for subsidies.
- **Cost & Demand:** Childcare prices in NY have increased 29% over the past five years (2020-2024), outpacing general inflation.
- **Workforce Impact:** High-quality childcare access is a major issue, impacting labor force participation, causing high turnover for working parents, and resulting in lower wages for workers, with many providers earning low salaries.

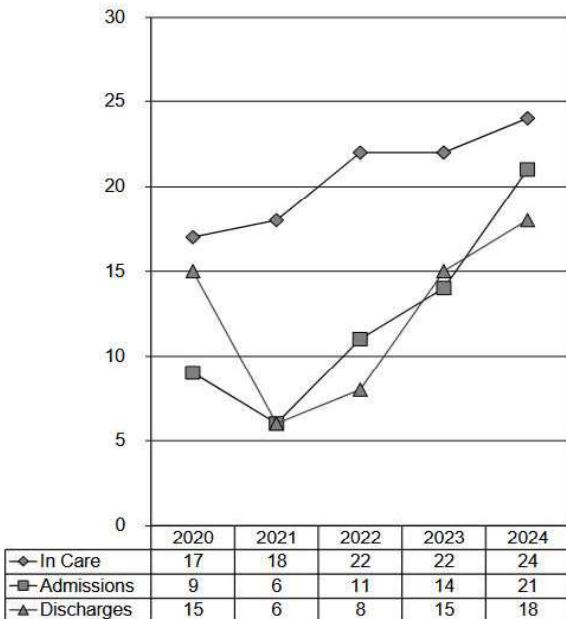
Childhood Hunger

Childhood hunger in Wyoming County, NY, is a significant issue, with approximately 12.4% to 13.2% of children under 18 living in poverty, according to recent reports. While Wyoming County has lower overall food insecurity (11.2% of adults) compared to other New York counties, local studies indicate a persistent need for food assistance among families, with roughly 1 in 6 children potentially facing food insecurity across the broader regional service area, according to the NYS Department of Health.

At-Risk Youth

Child and Family Services of Wyoming County provides statistical data regarding children at risk. The data relates to reports of incidents in which Child and Family services were notified of a need for intervention. The other charts shows children in foster care over a 5 year period and the characteristics of those children.

**FOSTER CARE
IN CARE, ADMISSIONS, and DISCHARGES
Wyoming County
2020-2024**



WYOMING				2
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKLOAD DATA 2024				
	WYOMING		COMPARABLES	
	N	Rate	Rate	
REPORTS RECEIVED	331	45.6	57.1	
	N	%	%	
REPORTS BY MANDATED REPORTER	249	/5.2	/0.1	
OF REPORTS DETERMINED:				
Reports Indicated	106	32.1	25.6	
Reports Unfounded	224	67.9	74.4	
OF REPORTS REGISTERED:				
Determinations Overdue	1	0.3	3.6	

WYOMING				8
FOSTER CARE CHARACTERISTICS 2024				
PLACEMENT IN FOSTER BOARDING AND ADOPTIVE HOMES:				
Child's Race	Total with Race/ Ethnic Code	# Same as Foster/ Adoptive Parent	% Same as Foster/ Adoptive Parent	
Total	16	15	93.8	
White	16	15	93.8	
African American	0	0	0.0	
Latino	0	0	0.0	
Native American/Alaska Native	0	0	0.0	
Asian	0	0	0.0	
Unknown/Missing		N 2	% 11.1	
SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE:				
Group Size:	Separated N % Comp		Partly Separated N % Comp	
Two	0	0.0 7.1	-	-
Three	0	0.0 6.7	0	0.0 7.8
Four or more	0	0.0 0.0	6	100.0 40.0
			0	0.0 0.0
			0	0.0 0.0
CHILDREN RETURNING TO CARE BY LENGTH OF TIME SINCE LAST DISCHARGE:				
	N	WYOMING %	Comparables %	
Total (0-24 months)	0	0.0	12.9	
0-3 months	0	0.0	6.8	
4-12 months	0	0.0	4.2	
13-24 months	0	0.0	1.9	

Youth and Crime

Following is a report issued by NYS Child and Family Services, Wyoming County and shows Juvenile Detention Statistics as of 2024.

Table 1. Detention Population

2024	Start of Year in Care ¹		Admissions ²		Releases ³		End of Year in Care ⁴		ADP ⁵
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Total	0	0%	2	100%	2	100%	0	0%	0.0
Adolescent Offender (AO)⁶	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0.0
Unsented	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0.0
Sented	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0.0
Vehicle Traffic Law (VTL) Misdemeanant	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0.0
Juvenile Offender (JO)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0.0
Juvenile Delinquent (JD)	0	0%	2	100%	2	100%	0	0%	0.0
Non-Raise the Age	0	0%	2	100%	2	100%	0	0%	0.0
Raise the Age	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0.0

Table 2. Lengths of Stay (in days)

2024	Releases		Length of Stay Indicators ⁷ (Calculated for released youth only)							
			ALOS ⁸	MLOS ⁹	Range ¹⁰		LOS ≤ 3 Days ¹¹		LOS ≥ 45 Days ¹²	
	#	%			Min.	Max.	#	%	#	%
Total	2	100%	8.5	8.5	4	13	0	0%	0	0%
Adolescent Offender (AO)	0	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unsented	0	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sented	0	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicle Traffic Law (VTL) Misdemeanant	0	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Offender (JO)	0	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Delinquent (JD)	2	100%	8.5	8.5	4	13	0	0%	0	0%
Non-Raise the Age	2	100%	8.5	8.5	4	13	0	0%	0	0%
Raise the Age	0	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 3. Detention Admissions by Stay Type

2024	STAY TYPE ¹³								Total	
	NSD		SD		Mixed (NSD+SD)		SSD			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	1	50%	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%
Adolescent Offender (AO)							0	0%	0	0%
Unsented							0	0%	0	0%
Sented							0	0%	0	0%
Vehicle Traffic Law (VTL) Misdemeanant							0	0%	0	0%
Juvenile Offender (JO)			0	0%					0	0%
Juvenile Delinquent (JD)	1	50%	1	50%	0	0%			2	100%
Non-Raise the Age	1	50%	1	50%	0	0%			2	100%
Raise the Age	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%			0	0%

Youth Parenting

Based on the GOW Community Assessment report, the village of Wyoming had the highest teen birth rates in the county, at 18.0 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19. The Wyoming County average teen birth rate was 5.0 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19.

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

In Wyoming County, NY, social determinants of health (SDOH) are heavily influenced by its rural character, which creates specific challenges in transportation, healthcare access, and economic stability. Local health and community organizations prioritize these factors through the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to address regional disparities.

Key Social Determinants in Wyoming County:

- **Transportation Barriers:** As a rural area, transportation is one of the most significant hurdles for residents. Community Action for Wyoming County operates a Medicaid Transportation Service using volunteer drivers to help residents reach medical appointments, particularly for out-of-county travel.
- **Economic Stability:** A portion of the population is identified as "ALICE" (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)—individuals who earn above the poverty level but struggle to afford basic necessities like housing and food. Funding through the William F. Thiel Trust specifically targets emergency assistance for low-income residents and food security.
- **Healthcare Access & Quality:** While health insurance coverage is relatively high (approx. 87.3%), there are noted disparities for underinsured individuals regarding cancer screenings and chronic disease management.
- **Mental Health & Substance Use:** Residents and leaders have identified mental health and substance use disorders as top health concerns. The Wyoming County Mental Health Department integrates behavioral health services to include assistance with stable housing and food stability alongside clinical treatment.
- **Aging Population:** Rural Wyoming County is aging rapidly, which increases the demand for specialized care while simultaneously facing a shortage of healthcare providers and diminishing traditional support networks.

Social determinants of health (SDOH) in Wyoming County, NY, are reflected in recent economic and health performance data, showing a population with strong employment rates but notable health and financial constraints.

Economic Stability & Poverty:

Economic indicators for 2024-2025 highlight a disparity between low unemployment and a high percentage of households struggling to afford basic needs.

- **Median Household Income:** Recorded at \$69,110 (in 2024 dollars).
- **Poverty Rate:** Approximately 11.4% of the population lives below the federal poverty line.
- **ALICE Threshold:** As of recent reports, 29.1% of households fall into the ALICE category (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), meaning they earn above the poverty level but cannot afford a basic "survival budget".
- **Unemployment:** Remained low at 3.7%–3.8% as of late 2024.

Health Outcomes & Behaviors:

Wyoming County faces specific challenges in chronic disease and mental health according to the 2025 County Health Rankings.

- Mental Health: Residents report an average of 5.1 poor mental health days per month. In 2024, 11 individuals lost their lives to suicide.
- Obesity & Smoking: 36% of adults are identified as obese, and 17% are current smokers.
- Physical Health: Residents report an average of 3.9 poor physical health days per month.
- Nutrition: Only 19.7% of adult residents consume the recommended 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily, significantly lower than the New York State average.

Housing & Transportation:

Rural geography influences these key SDOH factors.

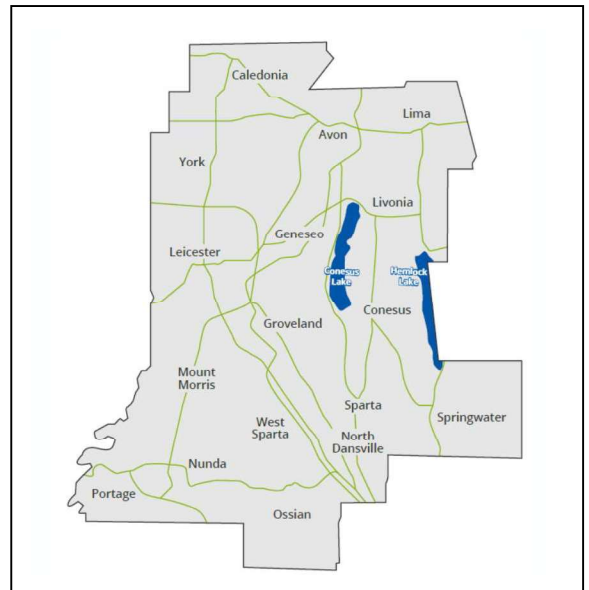
- Housing Cost Burden: While 75.9%–77% of residents own their homes, 33.6% of renters are considered "cost-burdened," spending a significant portion of their income on housing.
- Lead Risk: Approximately 60.8% of residential buildings have potential lead hazards due to the median age of housing (built circa 1945).
- Commute: The mean travel time to work is 25.2 minutes, with 76.8% of workers driving alone.

Healthcare Access:

- Uninsured Rate: Low at 4.7% for those under age 65.
- Provider Availability: There is a significant shortage of primary care physicians, with a ratio of 1,330 residents per 1 physician.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

In 2024, a significant administrative change occurred in the delivery of housing assistance services in western New York, as Wyoming County Community Action assumed responsibility for administering the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in Livingston County, New York. Previously managed at the county level, the program's transition aligned Livingston County with a broader statewide structure in which local community action agencies oversee voucher distribution and compliance. Wyoming County Community Action already administered Section 8 in its home county and provides rental assistance and supportive services to low-income households, making it a logical choice to expand oversight.



In a report from Livingston County, NY.GOV – it was noted that major housing concerns in Livingston County, NY, include rapid property assessment increases causing tax

anxieties, a lack of affordable housing, and aging, substandard housing stock. Significant reassessments in towns like Caledonia, some over 100%, have led to high tax concerns. Furthermore, 12% of the population faced severe housing problems as of 2025.

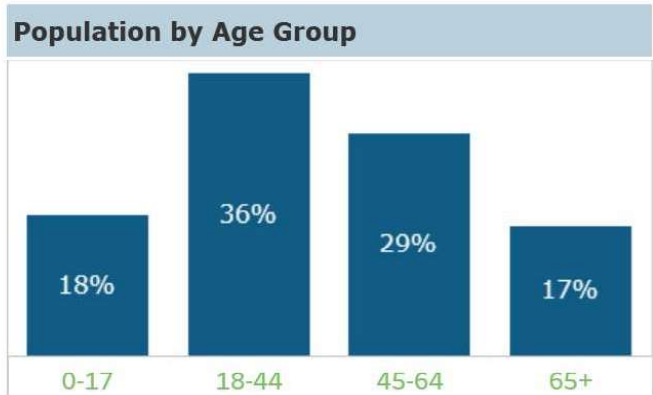
Key Housing Issues & Data

- **Property Assessment Surge:** Many homeowners are facing high assessment increases—some by over as the county shifts to 100% of market value, causing fear of high tax bills.
- **Affordability Crisis:** There is a critical need for affordable housing, particularly for working families, the elderly, and those with special needs.
- **Aging Housing Stock:** A major focus is on combatting the deterioration of older homes, which often have safety, health, or code issues.
- **Severe Housing Problems:** Data indicates that approximately 12% of residents live in housing with severe issues, such as lack of adequate plumbing, kitchen facilities, or overcrowding.

According to USA Data reports and the US Census Bureau – in 2024, there were about 63,227 people living in Livingston County, NY. That makes Livingston County the 39th-most populous county in New York. It is home to 0.31% of people living in the state.



63,227 residents live in Livingston County
57,374 are white-non-hispanic.



77.3 is the average life expectancy at birth

25.3% of the population is living with a disability

30.5% of adults reported housing insecurity

4.4% of the labor force is unemployed



Livingston County

Office of Workforce Development

6 Court Street, Room 105
 Geneseo, NY 14454
 585-243-7047 livingstoncounty.us/285/workforce-development



11.7%
 Livingston
 County
 Poverty Rate

County Population:
61,980

*Population for whom
 poverty status is
 determined:*

Overall
56,947

Population Under 18
10,820

Population 25 & Over
40,357

Population 65 & Over
11,402

Living In Poverty

Individuals
11.7% (6,667)

Children (Under 18)
15.4% (1,663)

Adults 25 & Over
8.3% (3,368)

Adults 65 & Over
5.5% (628)

Education & Poverty

Education Attainment for Adults 25+ (40,357)



Total Population

No Degree	6.8%
High School	30.9%
Associate	32.1%
Bachelors +	30.2%

Living in Poverty

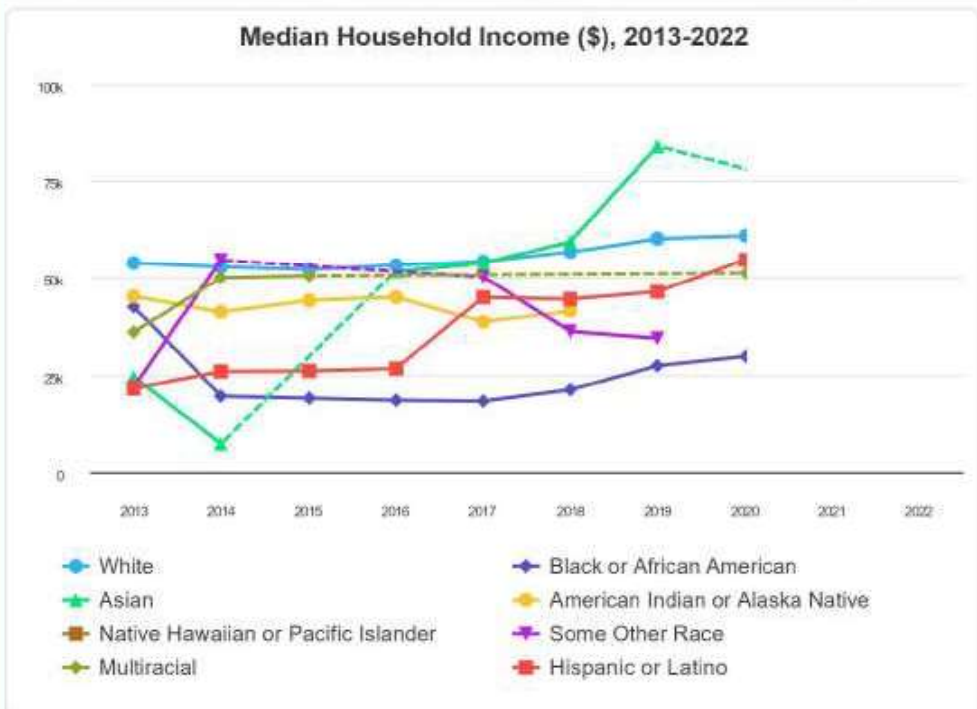
No Degree	24.8%
High School	9.7%
Associate	7.8%
Bachelors +	3.8%

Employment & Poverty

Living Wage for 1 Adult, 1 Child	\$38.03
Hourly Wage for FMR, 2BR Apt	\$22.81
Median Income	\$48,625
Median Income w/ HS Diploma	\$40,979
Male Median Earnings	\$47,444
Female Median Earnings	\$31,637



Median Household Income by Race & Ethnicity



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

30.4%
Households
Live Below
ALICE Threshold

Total Households:
24,071

ALICE Households
by Race & Ethnicity

White
7,319

Black or African
American
75

Asian
97

American Indian or
Alaska Native
No data

Native Hawaiian or
Pacific Islander
No data

Some Other Race
69

Multiracial
304

Hispanic or Latino
238

Health Insurance & Poverty



No Health Insurance

Employed	4.0%
Unemployed	6.0%

Gender & Poverty

Male	10.4% (2,970)
Female	13.0% (3,697)

Of those families with
Female Heads of Household
and Children Present

33.3%
Live in Poverty

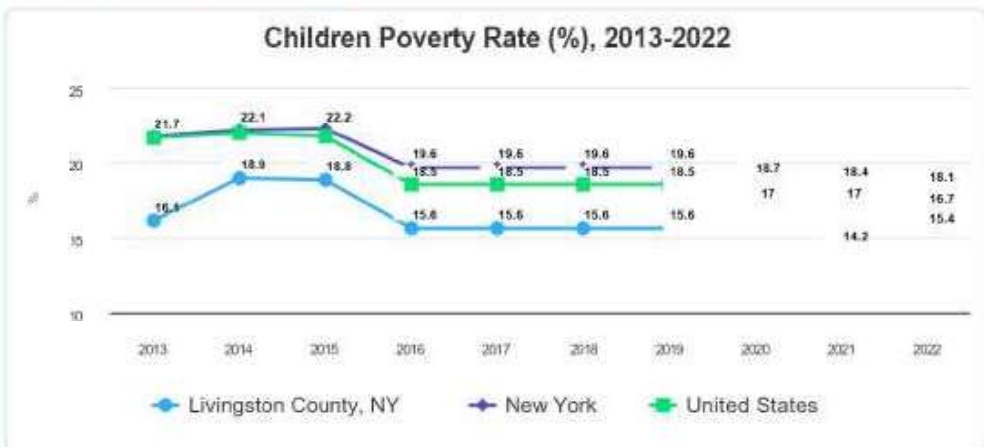
Race, Ethnicity & Poverty

White	11.4% (6,005)
Black or African American	24.4% (129)
Asian	9.9% (55)
American Indian or Alaska Native	35.3% (12)
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0% (0)
Some Other Race	26.8% (186)
Multiracial	11.7% (280)
Hispanic or Latino	23.2% (444)

ALICE Household Monthly Survival Budget

1 Adult	\$2,474	1 Adult and 1 School-age	\$3,792
1 Senior Adult	\$2,795	2 Adults	\$3,599
1 Adult and 1 Pre-K	\$4,489	2 Adults and 2 School-age	\$5,893

Children in Poverty



Wyoming County Community Action Board of Directors

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Cathy Freeman – Secretary

Luanne Roberts
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Victoria Tiebor – CEO/Executive Director
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Beth Caton – Employment & Training Program Manager
Molly Bodensteiner – Office Manager

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Mark Wright – Adult Employment Counselor
Matt Dussault – Youth Employment Counselor
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Connie McHugh – Health Care Navigator
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Debbie Fladie – Program Operations Administrator
Anne Wright – Section 8 Program Supervisor
Ashley Carmichael – Section 8 Program Coordinator
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Wyoming County Comprehensive Plan Survey

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the Comprehensive Plan Survey. Your input will help guide the future direction of Wyoming County by identifying what matters to you most. This survey focuses on six comprehensive planning themes that serve as a foundation for long-term community development. These themes reflect key areas that influence quality of life and economic vitality. The survey should take just a few minutes to complete. Your responses are confidential and will be used for planning purposes only.

Please take the survey by **December 14, 2025**, and submit to Jenny Loewenstein, G/FLRPC jloewenstein@gflrpc.org or mail to 50 W. Main St. Rochester, NY 14614. You can also take the survey online: <https://forms.office.com/r/GeAFxVNGK>

Economic Opportunity

1. How important is investing in workforce development, education, and job skills training for Wyoming County's future?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not at All Important
Education & job training for students/youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education & job training for adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collaboration between schools & business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apprenticeships/ Internships/ Mentorships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. What would most help small businesses and entrepreneurs succeed in Wyoming County? (Select up to 3)

- Easier access to financing and capital
- Training and technical assistance
- Business networking and partnerships
- Business incubator or shared workspaces
- Marketing and promotion
- Streamlined regulations and permitting
- Affordable childcare and family support
- Affordable and reliable transportation

3. Which sector(s) should Wyoming County focus on most for future growth? (Select up to 3)

- Agriculture and gardening
- Food markets and food establishments
- Tourism and hospitality
- Manufacturing and industry
- Small business/entrepreneurship
- Technology and innovation
- Health care and elder care
- Other: _____

4. Please provide additional comments you may have about economic opportunities in Wyoming County.

Health and Connected Living

5. How satisfied are you with access to the following healthcare services?

Service	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Primary Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Specialty Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Which community needs should Wyoming County prioritize most? (Select up to 3)

- Supporting older adults/aging in place
- Helping residents improve the quality of their homes to ensure health and safety
- Food access and security
- Transportation and mobility
- Community gathering places (libraries, senior centers, adult education, youth centers)
- Parks, trails, conservation, and recreation
- Childcare and early childhood programs
- Access to arts and cultural opportunities

7. How important is it to expand access to parks, trails, (horseback riding, snowmobiling, and walking) and other recreational areas for all residents and visitors?

Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not at All Important
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Please provide additional comments you may have about healthcare, recreation, and connection in Wyoming County.

Infrastructure, Technology, and Housing

9. How would you rate the overall condition of roads and bridges in Wyoming County?

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Which infrastructure investments should be prioritized in the next 5–10 years? (Select up to 3)

- Housing supply and affordability
- Broadband internet
- Water and sewer infrastructure
- Roads and bridges
- Emergency services and public safety
- Community design and planning (walkability, downtowns, smart growth)
- Community gardens and beautification
- Other: _____

11. How important is expanding affordable and diverse housing options in the county?

Housing Type	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not at All Important
Senior Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rental Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Starter Homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-Generational Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Please provide additional comments you may have about housing and infrastructure in Wyoming County.

Tourism

13. What draws you (or visitors you know) to Wyoming County? *(Select up to 3)*

- Natural attractions (Letchworth, Silver Lake, rivers, trails)
- Cultural/historic sites (museums, landmarks, historic districts)
- Community experiences/events (festivals, music, art, food)
- Agritourism (farm tours, farm-to-table, local products)
- Lodging and hospitality (hotels, B&Bs, campgrounds)
- Food, drinks, and dining
- Outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, boating, camping)
- Proximity to Niagara Falls

14. How important is tourism and visitors to your community/business?

Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not at All Important
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. What does Wyoming County need to do to attract more visitors? *(Select up to 3)*

- Expand lodging options
- Increase marketing/visibility of assets and business
- Improve infrastructure needs (roads, parking, signage)
- More reliable and accessible food establishments
- Develop more attractions or experiences
- Workforce availability (staff for hospitality, seasonal jobs)
- Other: _____

16. Please provide additional comments you may have about tourism Wyoming County

Agriculture and Rural Identity

17. How important is protecting farmland from competing land uses (such as housing, industry, or large-scale energy development)?

Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not at All Important
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. What are the most important agricultural priorities for Wyoming County? (Select up to 3)

- Supporting farm business viability
- Ensuring land access for emerging agricultural enterprises
- Farm workforce development
- Succession planning
- Farmland protection and preservation (easements, zoning, purchase of development rights)
- Soil and water conservation practices (healthy soils, nutrient management, riparian buffers)
- Expanding agritourism and local food markets
- Maintaining scenic views and rural character
- Encouraging renewable energy on farms (rooftop solar, biogas, etc., rather than large-scale land conversion)
- Other: _____

19. Please provide additional comments you may have about agriculture and rural identity in Wyoming County.

Natural Resources Conservation

20. How important is conserving each of the following to Wyoming County's future?

Resource	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not at All Important
Farmland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forests and natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Streams, rivers, and lakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. Which environmental priorities should the county focus on? *(Select up to 3)*

- Conservation and stewardship of forests, wetlands, and open space
- Water quality protection (streams, rivers, lakes, groundwater)
- Climate preparedness and resilience (flooding, extreme weather, etc.)
- Protecting biodiversity and wildlife habitat
- Invasive species prevention and management
- Recycling and waste reduction
- Renewable energy development (on appropriate sites such as rooftops, brownfields, and marginal lands — **not** on prime farmland)

22. Please provide additional comments you may have natural resources conservation in Wyoming County.

Demographic Information

We are requesting the following demographic information to better understand the population we serve, including residents, visitors, business owners, and those who work in Wyoming County. Your participation is completely voluntary, and you may choose not to answer any of these questions.

23. What is your Age?

- Under 18
- 18-34
- 35-54
- 55-74
- Over 75

24. What is your connection to Wyoming County? *(Required, select all that apply)*

- I live in Wyoming County
- I work in Wyoming County
- I own a business in Wyoming County
- I attend school in Wyoming County
- I visit Wyoming County regularly (e.g., recreation, shopping, family, etc.)
- Other (please specify)

25. What is your zip code? *(Required)*

Please provide your email if you would like to remain informed about the process.



Rider Survey

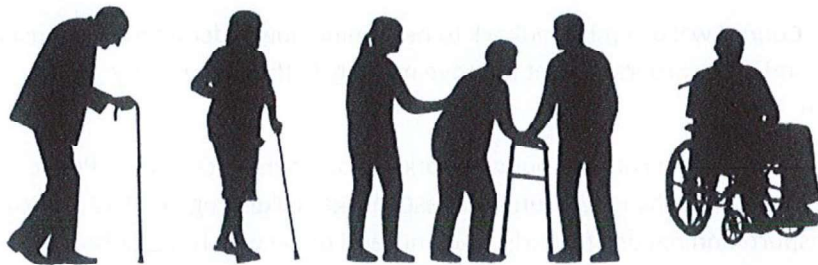
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Coordinated Public Transit Human Services

Transportation Plan

If **age, disability, or income** makes getting around difficult, take a few minutes to complete our Rider Survey. Your input will help improve transportation options.

- Visit publicinput.com/ridersurvey2025
- Text **RiderSurvey25** to **73224**
- Call **(855) 925-2801** Code **12007** to record a message
- Send email to ridersurvey2025@publicinput.com



publicinput.com/gtc_coordinatedplan

Genesee Finger Lakes Region Rider Survey

Which county do you live in?

- Genesee
- Livingston
- Monroe
- Ontario
- Orleans
- Seneca
- Wayne
- Wyoming
- Yates

Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan 2026, Genesee Finger Lakes Region, Rider Survey

The [Genesee Transportation Council \(http://www.gtcmppo.org/\)](http://www.gtcmppo.org/) is asking riders who depend on publicly funded transportation services for rides to medical appointments, school, work, etc. for their input. Responses will provide critical insight into the experiences and needs of riders across the Genesee/Finger Lakes Region. If you are, or are assisting someone who is, an **older adult**, a **person with a disability**, or a person who earns a **low income** and relies on the public bus system or a human service agency for transportation, please complete the Rider Survey publicinput.com/ridersurvey2025 ([https://gtcmppo.sharepoint.com/sites/gtc/Shared%20Documents/Projects/8150%20Coordinated%20Human%20Services%20Planning%20&%20FTA%205310/10%20-%20Coordinated%20Plan%20Update%20\(2025\)/Survey%20Materials/publicinput.com/ridersurvey2025](https://gtcmppo.sharepoint.com/sites/gtc/Shared%20Documents/Projects/8150%20Coordinated%20Human%20Services%20Planning%20&%20FTA%205310/10%20-%20Coordinated%20Plan%20Update%20(2025)/Survey%20Materials/publicinput.com/ridersurvey2025)) by November 26.

The Genesee Transportation Council will use this feedback to help guide how federal funding is used to support paratransit vehicles and other programs that improve mobility in the nine-county Genesee/Finger Lakes Region.

This survey is part of the Genesee Transportation Council's work to update its Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan for the nine-county Genesee Finger Lakes Region. The purpose of the plan is to assess the transportation needs of elderly residents and those who have a disability affecting their mobility. The Coordinated Plan is a requirement for local transportation providers to receive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for vehicle replacements and service improvements.

Get more information from Al Bartolotta, GTC Coordinated Plan Manager abartolotta@gtcmppo.org (<mailto:abartolotta@gtcmppo.org>).

Please return to:
Genesee Transportation Council
ATTN: RIDER SURVEY
1 South Washington St., Suite 520
Rochester, NY 14614

What additional transportation services are most important for seniors and individuals with disabilities? Check all that apply.

- More inter-county transit service
- Expanding the fixed-route transit service areas
- Increasing frequency of existing fixed-route transit services
- Transportation provided by human service and/or non-profit agencies
- Better technology for accessing transportation services
- Infrastructure improvements (e.g., bus stops and shelters, sidewalks, park and ride lots, etc.)
- Other

To what other county in the region do you most often need life-sustaining transportation (e.g., medical appointments, employment, education)? Select all that apply.

- Genesee
- Livingston
- Monroe
- Ontario
- Orleans
- Seneca
- Wayne
- Wyoming
- Yates

Which is more important regarding transportation for seniors and people with disabilities?

- Expansion of transportation services within my home county.
- Expansion of transportation services between my county and others in the region

Are you satisfied with the current level of public transportation services available to you?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Which of these fixed-route bus service improvements is most important?

- Newer buses
- Real-time bus service information via phone or computer
- More sheltered bus stops
- More bike storage capacity on buses
- Additional seating for the elderly and/or disabled riders
- Other

Which of the following is your primary mode of transportation?

- Transit/Public bus system
- Walking
- Biking
- Car rides from family or friends
- Social service agency
- Other

Do you have a disability or live with somebody who has a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Other

What is your age?

- 15 or under
- 16 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 - 74
- Over 74

Do you have access to a personal vehicle, including sharing one with other members of your household?

- Yes
- No
- Other

What are the most significant transportation barriers for seniors and individuals with disabilities in the nine-county region? Check all that apply.

- Inaccessible bus stops e.g., lack of or no seating area, no shelter, lack of connecting sidewalk, unsafe street crossings, or stop too far away
- Safety of bus stop areas or travel routes between bus stops and destinations
- Inadequate transportation services available for life sustaining trips (e.g., medical appointments, banking, employment, groceries, education)
- Unaffordable transportation choices for life-sustaining trips
- Inadequate or unaffordable transportation services available for quality of life/social activity trips
- Lack of assistance or information available to access and secure transportation services
- Other

Who should have primary responsibility for ensuring life-sustaining transportation services are available to seniors and people with disabilities?

- Person needing service
- Transit agency
- Social service agencies
- Family and/or friends
- Local government
- Other

Do you believe enough attention is being paid to the transportation needs of the elderly and people with disabilities by local government?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Share your contact information to sign up for updates pertaining to this topic, as well as other transportation planning projects.

Email

Phone

Name

Address

Zip

Organization

Which of these demand-response paratransit service improvements is most important? Demand-response paratransit refers to trips that are scheduled directly with a provider to and from specific locations along routes currently served by fixed-route buses.

- Reduced times between scheduling and delivery of the trip
- Shorter wait times for pick up
- Ability to schedule a trip online
- Newer vehicles
- Other

Which of these fixed-route operational improvements is most important?

- Earlier morning service
- Extended evening service
- Additional weekend service
- Route coverage extending to new areas not currently served
- Improved frequency of service
- Training/instructions helping people learn how to use the bus system
- Other

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Which of these transportation investments is most important in your county?

- Fixed-route bus service
- Demand-response paratransit service
- Road improvements
- Vanpool/ride-sharing services
- Sidewalks
- Bikeways (e.g., bike lanes, multi-use trails)
- Other

Community Action for Wyoming County Application

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Date of Birth: _____ SS# _____ (If applicable)

Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____
(if different from street address, ex: PO Box)

Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

Primary Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell Home
 Secondary Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell Home

E-mail Address: _____

Preferred method of contact: Text Cell Email Home phone

Are you a US Citizen? (If applicable) Yes No If no, are you authorized to work in the United States? Yes No

Were you referred by someone? Yes No If yes, by whom? _____

Have you received services here before? Yes No If yes, when was your last visit? _____

Military Status: Veteran Active Never Served Do you have a disability? Yes No

Gender: Male Female Other _____

Ethnicity: Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish

Is English your primary language? Yes No If no, please list: _____

Race: White Black or African American Multi-race Alaskan / American Indian
 Asian Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Other _____

Work Status: Unable to work: _____
 Employed Full-time Employed Part-Time Seasonal/Farm Worker Retired
 Unemployed (6 month or less) Unemployed (more than 6 months) Unemployed (never held job) Student

Benefits Received (please check the ones that you receive):
 SNAP/Food Stamps WIC LIHEAP Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 TANF/Temporary Assistance
 Public Affordable Housing Permanent Supportive Housing HUD-VASH Childcare Voucher
 Affordable Care Act Subsidy SSI SSDI None of these

Household Size: _____ (number including yourself) *(Definition of household: Individuals living together as one unit)*

Are you the head of the household? Yes No

Household Income Level: Please **circle** the range of the yearly income level of your household below

\$\$	Annual Income	4	\$20,000 - \$25,000	8	\$40,001 - \$46,000
1	\$0	5	\$25,001 - \$30,000	9	\$46,001 - \$51,000
2	\$0.01 - \$14,000	6	\$30,001 - \$35,000	10	Over \$51,000
3	\$14,001 - \$20,000	7	\$35,001 - \$40,000	11	Refuse to Disclose

Head of Household Income ONLY:

\$ _____

REASON FOR YOUR VISIT TODAY:

I certify that the information given on this document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

PLEASE SIGN Signed: _____ Dated: _____

I give permission for my information to be entered into the agency's electronic database: Yes No

Health insurance:

- None Medicaid # _____ Medicare # _____ Other # _____
 Military Coverage Direct Purchase Employer Based State Children Health Coverage State Health Insurance for Adult

Household Type (Optional):

- Single Single Parent Multi-Generational Household
 Two Adults, No Children Two Parent Household Non-related Adults w/Children

Housing:

- Own Rent Other permanent housing Staying with friends/family No place to stay

Source(s) of Income:

- Earned Income Tax Credit Pension Private Disability VA Non-Service-Connected Disability Pension
 Unemployment Insurance Child Support SS Retirement Alimony Wages
 Workers Comp VA Service-Connected Disability Other _____

Occupation: _____

Education: (Check highest level completed)

- Highest grade completed _____ High School Diploma GED
 IEP Diploma Some College Vocational Degree Certificate in _____
 Associate Degree Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Doctoral Degree

If obtained a degree past high school, list major: _____

Interested in volunteer opportunities: Yes No

Criminal/Offender status: Yes No Details: _____

Are you receiving services from any of the following:

- Spectrum Health & Human Services Clarity Wellness Center WCC Hospital Behavior Health
 GCASA CASA Trinity Oak Orchard Other _____

Reason for visit to agency (please list):

Action(s) taken by staff (please list):

Income certified by: _____ **Date:** _____

- Income documentation received at intake Client reports no income at this time
 N/A (list reason): _____

Data entered by: _____ **Date:** _____

Entered into central database by: _____ **Date:** _____



ZERO INCOME STATEMENT

Household Member Name	
Head of Household Name	

This statement is to certify that I am NOT currently receiving income from any of the following sources:

1. Employment by any private or public employer;
2. Unemployment compensation benefits;
3. Social Security benefits or any type of annuity benefits;
4. Public assistance; (Cash)
5. Child support;
6. Pension or veteran's benefits;
7. Maternity or other leave benefits;
8. Money from friends or relatives on a regular basis;
9. Income from any other source.

	Please explain how you pay for the following expenses.
Food	
Rent	
Utilities	
Other Expenses	

I understand that I must report any changes in my income, and that I may lose my assistance and face charges of fraud if I fail to do so promptly.

Signature			
Name		Date	



Office of General Services Food Distribution

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Attestation of Eligibility

Recipient Name:		
Address: *		
Total Household Members:		

OPTION 1: Categorical Eligibility: You are categorically eligible to receive USDA Foods through TEFAP if your household participates in any of the following programs: **SNAP, WIC, TANF, Medicaid, or SSI.**

OPTION 2: Household Income: If your gross annual household income is at or below the amount listed for the number of people in your household, you are eligible to receive USDA Foods through TEFAP.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Income	\$33,885	\$45,990	\$58,095	\$70,200	\$82,305	\$94,410	\$106,515	\$118,620

For each additional family member add \$12,105.

By checking here, you attest that the following is true:

1. The recipient's name, address (*to the extent practicable) and household size provided above is correct.
2. The recipient resides within New York State (there is no minimum length of residency required).
3. The recipient meets Option 1 or Option 2 of TEFAP eligibility guidelines above.
4. This food is for the recipient's home consumption only, and will not be sold, traded, or bartered.
5. The recipient is aware of their civil rights as described in the USDA Nondiscrimination Statement below.

Recipient Signature (optional)

Date (required)

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed [AD-3027](#) form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture\Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights\1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

WCCA Diaper Distribution Program Application

Children eligible until 3 years old. Diapers must be picked up monthly to continue receiving assistance through program.

Parent Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Names of the child(ren) for whom you are requesting diapers:

	Child's Name	Birthday	Diaper Size
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

I understand that some of the information I provide to Wyoming County Community Action (WCCA) will be shared with the research team. As a condition of Wyoming County Community Action's funding, WCCA is required to share data with the research team and federal staff for research and evaluation purposes. WCCA will remove personal identifying information (such as name, address, or Social Security number) that could identify me before sharing files with the research team and federal program staff. My personal identity will never be part of any research reports.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return application to Wyoming County Community Action in person at 6470 State Route 20A Perry, NY 14530, via email: Dcarney@wccainc.org, or by fax: 585-237-2696



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If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov



Board Approval

This 2026-2031 Community Needs Assessment was approved by the Wyoming County Community Action Board of Directors on 5/28/2026