

# POVERTY PULSE



WCA reached out to our community partners to find out how our children are doing in the here and now.

Westchester Children's Association has continually pursued the most current data to provide an accurate, relevant assessment of the well-being of Westchester's children.

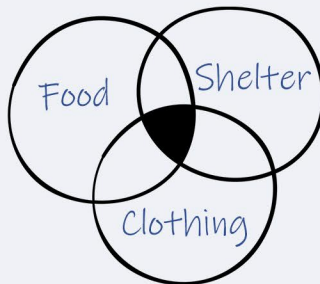
From the Data Team at  
**WESTCHESTER**  
**children's**  
ASSOCIATION

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**ROBIN HOOD**

JOIN US AS WE WORK TO REDUCE CHILD POVERTY BY 50% BY 2032!

## WHAT WE SEE

With few exceptions, organizations featured in Poverty Pulse are reporting increased demand for essential services from January to March 2025 compared to the same time period in 2024. This suggests the rise is not merely seasonal, but part of a longer-term trend.



## ADVOCATE

- \* Fully Implement Universal School Meals
- \* Expand and Fully Fund the Statewide Housing Voucher Program
- \* Increase the NY State Child Tax Credit
- \* Pass the Working Families Tax Credit
- \* Speak Out Against Federal Cuts in Medicaid and SNAP.

**Westchester Child Poverty Rate**

	2022	2023
Poverty Rate	10.3%	11.1%

American Community Survey, One Year Estimate

### Poverty Pulse Chart Legend

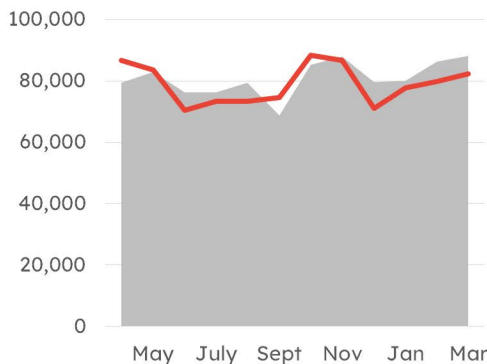
April 2024 - March 2025

April 2023 - March 2024

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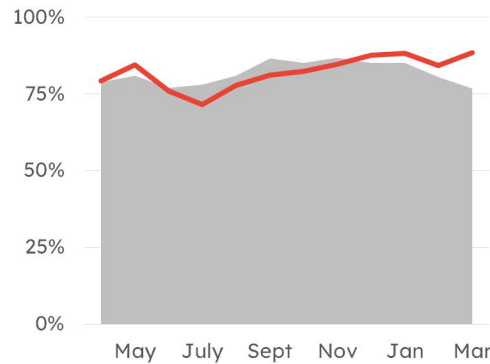
**FEEDING WESTCHESTER** serves the county with a mission "to nourish our neighbors in the fight against hunger". Their Child Feeding program partners with schools, libraries, and daycare centers to provide nutritious meals to an average of 80,000 children each month.

### Child (Ages 0-17) Visits, at Feeding Westchester Food Pantries



**WESTHAB** oversees family shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing and affordable housing.

### Family Shelter Occupancy Rates By Month

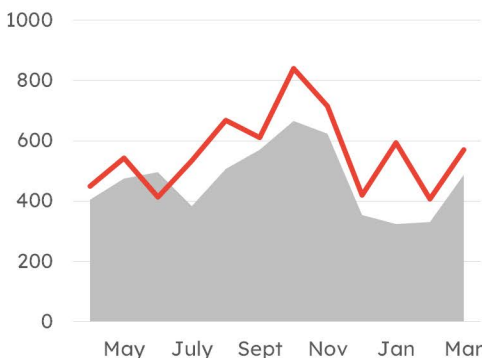


**THE SHARING SHELF** addresses clothing insecurity and meets the basic material needs of children in Westchester County, bringing dignity and respect, so they can thrive. The Sharing Shelf is committed to the whole child, from birth through age 19, and provides each child with a week's worth of seasonally appropriate clothing and essentials including diapers, hygiene, period products and school supplies.

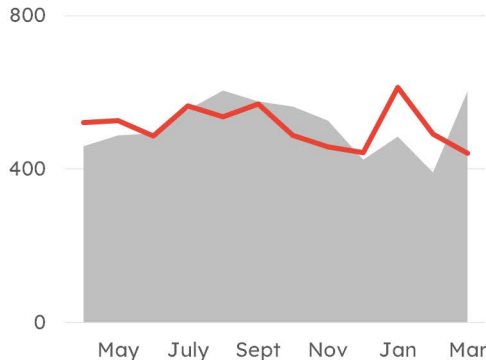
**UNITED WAY OF WESTCHESTER & PUTNAM'S** 211 Helpline offers health and human services information, referral, assessment, and crisis support to help callers find the assistance they need to address the everyday challenges of living.

**914CARES** ensures that all Westchester families in need are provided with basic essentials to lead every day with confidence and dignity. The organization partners with 200+ community partners across Westchester county to distribute quality clothing, diapers, hygiene kits, period supplies, and books to those who need them most.

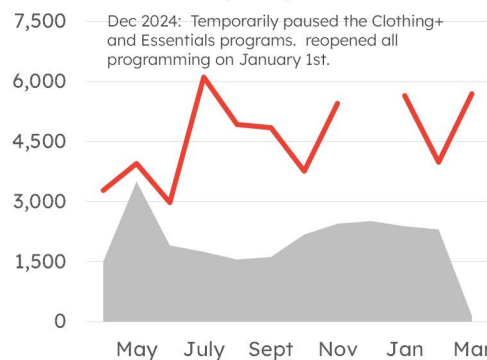
### Number of Clothing Requests per Month



### Number of 211 Calls Requesting Essential Need Assistance



### Number of Babies Receiving Diapers per Month



Thank you to Feeding Westchester, Westhab, The Sharing Shelf, United Way of Westchester & Putnam, and 914Cares for their cooperation and collaboration with this project.

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