



COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE- SEPTEMBER 2020

This update to the ACCORD Corporation Community Assessment was completed in September 2020 in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As the designated Community Action Agency for Allegany County, (ACCORD) delivers comprehensive services that are financially supported by funding from federal, state, and local sources. These include a diversity of child, youth, and family development; business, community, and economic development and crisis and prevention programs. While programs differ in terms of services and scope, the shared focus is equal opportunity, individual and family self-sufficiency, employment, and community, business, and economic stability. Every three years, ACCORD completes a countywide Community Needs Assessment (CNA) which helps us understand the needs and strengths of our entire community, if and how these needs are changing, and the impact changes have on the most vulnerable among us. The cause and conditions of poverty in our communities are unique in many ways and our ability to drive positive and lasting change begins by understanding where we are right now.

BACKGROUND

This update to our 2019-2021 Community Needs Assessment is in response to a global health pandemic that has not only affected every community in the United States but has also led to the most significant economic disruption since the Great Depression. This assessment is an initial effort to capture some of the emerging needs in the community as well as to forecast how those needs may evolve over the coming weeks and months.

In December 2019, the novel coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) was discovered to be the causative agent for acute respiratory and flu-like symptoms and began infecting increasing numbers of people in the Wuhan Province of China. The first case in the United States was confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on January 22, 2020. Despite efforts to contain the virus, by March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. By March 17, 2020, all 50 US States had confirmed cases of the virus.

Because of the highly contagious nature of COVID-19, the alarmingly high rate of fatalities associated with it and the lack of a vaccine or treatment, the only effective way to prevent mass illness is through restricted travel, physical distancing, frequent hand washing, coughing in elbows, not touching the face, and staying at home. By mid-March 2020, with the virus clearly past the stage of effective isolation and contact tracing, local, state and federal public health officials recommend extreme measures to minimize a public health catastrophe: mass quarantine, physical distancing, and a virtual lockdown of all public gatherings and economic activity.

While all types of people are getting sick from the disease, older adults and people of any age who experience serious underlying medical conditions, many which are more prevalent in African American communities, and, to some extent, Latinx and Native American communities, are at increased risk for severe symptoms from COVID-19. Persons of color, immigrants, and women are also disproportionately impacted by underlying health conditions linked to poverty, face discrimination in medical care, and are more likely to work jobs that require them to leave their homes. Also, persons with disabilities or chronic conditions are more vulnerable to COVID-19 due to their inability to thoroughly isolate themselves (need for hands-on care), physical impairments, environmental barriers, or interrupted services. The following additional populations experience differential exposure and extensive corresponding implications as a result of the pandemic: frontline workers, persons experiencing homelessness, gig-economy workers, low-income communities under quarantine, especially in urban settings, rural communities, tribal communities, incarcerated persons and returning citizens.

Children, families, individuals, and Community Action Agency staff may experience heightened stress, anxiety, and trauma as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Loss of income, growing childcare needs, heightened food insecurity, housing and energy instability, lack of access to transportation, lack of basic supplies, and increased domestic violence are growing factors as the crisis unfolds.

Because of the urgent and widespread needs affecting all sectors of the community, this Community Assessment update is intended to provide some initial information to describe the scope of this crisis on our community and to support the many different responses that will be required to address emerging, evolving needs. It is likely that as needs evolve, some of those needs will not be captured in this update and therefore some necessary community responses may not connect to the needs identified in this document.

The *community* assessed in this document, related to the below information, is defined as the following: Allegany County, NY. The needs assessed will inform services to those affected by the crisis. It is significant to note that Congressional action will permit FY20 and special supplemental CSBG funding to serve families at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (as defined by [the US Census Bureau](#)). Specific programs or strategies will target the demographic groups most affected. Given persons of color are being disproportionately affected by both the health crisis and by the resulting economic disruption, an equity lens must be used to view current and emergent needs related to this crisis.

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

In the United States, the COVID-19 virus has infected approximately 4.8 million people, and there have been over 158,000 deaths. According to the New York State Department of Health COVID-19 tracker, there have been 417,589 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and there have been 25,175 deaths statewide.

As of Wednesday, September 30, Allegany County's statistics are as follows:

- Confirmed Cases: 122
- Recovered Cases: 104
- COVID-19 Related Deaths: 1
- Total Quarantined/Isolated to Date: 1,634
- Released from Quarantine/Isolation: 1,365
- Currently Quarantined/Isolated: 269
- Precautionary Travel Quarantines to Date: 937
- Total COVID-19 Antibody Tests Given: 6765
- Total COVID-19 Antibody Positives: 35

Date of first COVID-19 diagnosis in Community Assessment Area (Allegany County)

- Allegany County recorded its **first** COVID-19 diagnosis on **March 15, 2020**, when two separate individuals from Allegany County tested positive for COVID-19. (Allegany County Health Dept.)

First date state/local officials issued policies limiting activity (state/county websites)

- Allegany County declared a **State of Emergency** on Saturday, **March 14, 2020**.

A list (from media accounts or official government websites) of the policies/limitations that are currently in place (effective date and expected end date, if known)

- Emergency declarations included or were quickly followed by directions for quarantining, instructions not to visit the emergency room if symptomatic. Schools closed soon after the state of emergency declaration and businesses followed orders and directives issued by their respective health departments and State of New York, with mandatory closures for businesses considered non-essential. As Allegany County's Community Action Agency, ACCORD remained open to provide crisis services related to basic needs such as food and housing.

- As of September 10, 2020, the state of emergency remains in effect for Allegany County. The local State of Emergency is declared as a continuation of our March 14, April 13, May 13, June 12, July 12, and August 11, 2020 declarations due to the ongoing public health impacts of the Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19). Allegany County is in Phase 4 of re-opening as of August 4, 2020. The Office of the Governor has set requires regions to revert to a more restrictive phase should community spread rise above pre-determined levels.
- Currently face masks must be worn in public and when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Allegany County lies along the NY/PA border. Restrictions on traveler coming in to NYS issued by Governor Cuomo to reduce exposure from other states experiencing high community spread negatively impacts employers when mandatory quarantines are imposed, limiting employee’s ability to perform on-site work. This also is impacting employees who share households with people who work in areas with significant community spread.

As a result of this unprecedented public health crisis, ACCORD Corporation is updating its Community Assessment because there is currently a significant impact on the community, and several short-, intermediate- and longer-term impacts are expected.

IMMEDIATE IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY

The immediate impacts of COVID-19 have been felt across all sectors of society. In particular, some of the greatest impacts relevant to the Community Action Network have been in the areas of health, education, employment, human services provision, and community resources.

Nationwide, early data suggest that the following groups have experienced disproportionately higher rates of infection and/or complications/death as a result the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Males
- Individuals 60+ years old
- People of color, particularly African Americans
- People with underlying health conditions (especially, lung disease, asthma, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, liver disease, severe obesity, and individuals with immunocompromised conditions)

**Please reference Allegany County, NY: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Indicator Report for specific information pertaining to the vulnerability indicators for Allegany County.*

The following outlines the variety of impacts to the local community thus far:

- Health impacts:
 - Individuals over 60, especially those with underlying health conditions have been shown to be at particular risk for severe health implications from COVID-19. Of the estimated 47,025 total population in Allegany County, an estimated 8,444 individuals are adults ages 65 and older, representing 18% of the population. In addition, 15% of the population ages 65 or older are male putting them at an even higher risk of infection.
 - COVID-19 has changed how health care is delivered and affected the operations of healthcare facilities. Effects include increases in patients seeking care for respiratory illness that could be COVID-19, deferring and delaying non-COVID-19 care, disruptions in supply chains, fluctuations in facilities’ occupancy, absenteeism among staff because of illness or caregiving responsibilities, and increases in mental health concerns. Community health resources are stretched thin as resources devoted to those sick with COVID-19 will limit resources available to others. However, as noted in our 2019-2021 Community Needs

Assessment, health care systems across the Allegany County area were already stretched thin. Allegany County is home to just 2 hospitals and 19 primary care physicals to serve a total population of 47, 025. COVID-19 has changed how health care is delivered and affected the operations of local healthcare facilities.

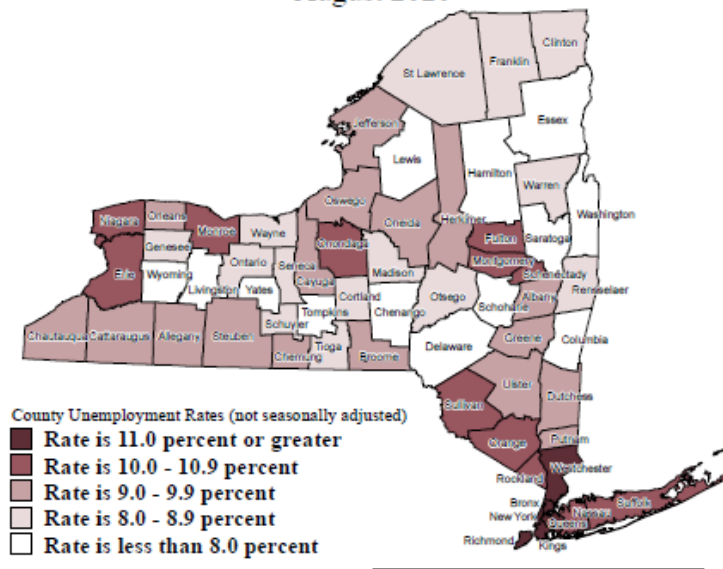
- Nutrition for school-aged children previously accessing free/reduced breakfast, lunch, and snacks is impacted as many are now removed from that food source due to school closures, steep declines in household incomes, changes in the availability and affordability of nutritious foods and interruptions to health, nutrition and social protection services. The New York State Education Department issued Guidance in accordance with Executive Order 202.4, which assisted school districts as they established a COVID-19 plan for alternative instructional options, distribution and availability of meals, and child care, with an emphasis on serving children of parents in the health care profession or first responders who are critical to the response effort. School districts were required to work with their communities or county feeding organizations (food banks, food pantries, Red Cross, etc.) to identify resources to address the needs of all children in their community and particularly, low-income children. School districts across Allegany County worked with community partners for distribution of food to students by instituting meal pick-up and delivery options. Meals were to be coordinated to be available to both children and adults at one location. Efforts were also made to minimize the distance families are forced travel to access these options.

- Employment impacts:

- Individuals in the health care field are at high-risk of exposure to COVID-19 and are under tremendous stress due to additional work hours and challenging work conditions. In particular many of those workers with close, frequent contact with vulnerable individuals are lower-wage individuals.
- Individuals in the educational field – especially teachers and assistants in Head Start and Early Head Start as well as other early childhood care settings worked remotely due to school shutdowns. Lower-wage workers in these fields are more vulnerable to layoffs and/or may lack the technology resources in their home to work remotely.
- Individuals in many sectors of the economy – but particularly the service sector, the retail sectors, gig economy, and others most affected by quarantine policies – are currently experiencing sudden and unexpected unemployment. Some are unaware of resources available to them and their families as they are experiencing unemployment for the first time. Significant to many families in Allegany County and across the US was delays in receipt of unemployment insurance. The NYS Department of Labor was unprepared for the volume of new claims in the first months of the pandemic, causing long waits to apply followed by long delays in receipt of benefits. This impacted the need for emergency food which was met by weekly food provision events using a drive through model which assured healthy food got to families in need, many of whom were first time recipients of emergency food boxes. This model assured social distancing but did not allow for personal contact necessary to help assess additional family needs thus missing opportunities to provide resources or make referrals to other programs/resources.

- Unemployment impacts:

Unemployment Rates by County, New York State, August 2020



- Educational impacts:
 - On March 16, 2020 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed an executive order directing all schools in New York to close by Wednesday, March 18 for two weeks ending April 1. Additionally, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced Friday, May 1, 2020 that the state’s schools and colleges would remain closed for the remainder of the academic year and would continue distance learning to curb the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak. Closing of schools in Allegany County impacted 12 school districts, and approximately 5,953 students ranging from Prek-12.
 - Closings of public schools in the Community Assessment area are having an immediate impact on children’s education. Extended school closure is harmful to children. It can lead to severe learning loss, and the need for in-person instruction is particularly important for students with heightened behavioral needs. Children with less access to resources (broadband internet, computers/tablets, technology expertise, language barriers, etc.) are most at-risk for suffering learning loss during a period of school closure.
 - Caregivers of school-age children must secure day care arrangements for their children or sacrifice employment to care for their children. These same caregivers are also expected to be primary teachers for their children during the period of the closure. Parents with limited resources face numerous challenges as a result of this situation.
- Childcare:
 - Please see separate Childcare Community Needs Assessment.
- Impacts on human services provision:
 - Services to vulnerable populations are being curtailed or drastically changed. Some service providers were forced to close or limit services to emergency services only, including dentists, adult literacy and job programs, in person mental health services, non-urgent medical checkups, are not operating leaving gaps in services to the community. Other service providers have had to alter their service provision in significant ways, leaving some family needs unmet. Finally, for those service providers continuing to operate, the changed circumstances have required significant, immediate adaptations that will require additional resources to support over a longer period of time. Throughout 2019 and the early part of 2020, ACCORD invested heavily in technology upgrades which allowed remote delivery of many services

to continue during the period known as NY PAUSE which prohibited in person delivery of in person services delivery. Essential services such as the emergency food pantry and domestic violence victim services continued by appointment with limited face to face interaction made possible through use of telephone, on-line enrollment and eligibility verification. ACCORD's leadership team met remotely twice daily for the first several weeks of the pandemic to assure identification of need and allocation of resources as possible to meet community needs. Examples include video meetings with Head Start parents and children, delivery of healthy food to enrolled families via Head Start buses, telephone and remote meetings to support small businesses seeking to access operation support opportunities made available through the CARES legislation.

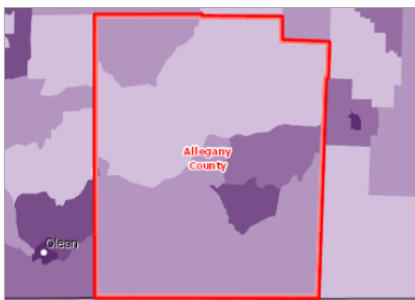
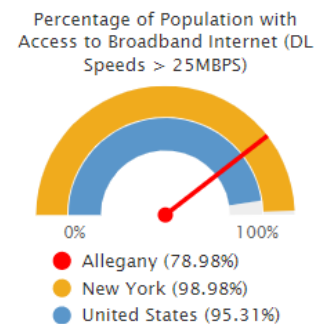
- Broadband access impacts:
 - As COVID-19 causes schools and employers to transition to remote learning and work setups, Allegany County and surrounding rural families face hurdles due to the digital divide. In the most remote, rural areas of the country, large numbers of residents suffer under slow DSL service—or no internet service at all. We can probably work and learn for months this way, but many Americans don't have this option because the remote, rural areas in which they live have little to no broadband infrastructure at all. During the pandemic, many have addressed this gap by handing out personal hotspot devices (like routers) or smartphones or utilized mobile hotspots to that lacking internet. Personal hotspots, which allow students or employees to connect a laptop or tablet with a cellular data connection, have been the most popular solution because they are relatively inexpensive and easy to use, but in many places it isn't enough and rarely is powerful enough for downloads or video calls.

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

Report Area	Total Population (2010)	Access to DL Speeds > 25MBPS (2019)
Allegany County, NY	48,946	78.98%
New York	19,378,102	98.98%
United States	312,471,327	95.31%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: National Broadband Map. June 2019. Source geography: TractShow more details



Broadband Access, Pct. Population in a High-Speed Internet Service Area by Tract, FCC June 2019

- 100.0%
- 95.1 - 99.9%
- 90.1 - 95.0%
- 70.1 - 90.0%
- 0.01% - 70.0%
- No Coverage or No Data
- Allegany County, NY

- Community resource impacts:
 - Electronic device needs for students appears to be met via school and community resources. Access to broadband clearly remains an issue and families in very rural areas, relying on access through community

locations such as libraries, school wi-fi, restaurants and other family members could no longer rely on this option. Of interest, information gathered through school districts concerning access did not reveal the problem to be as severe as predicted by educators and service providers, according to parents. We do not have access to these survey results other than this informal analysis. Noting that some parents seemed defensive or unwilling to report lack of access. This may, in part, be attributed to concerns of being questioned or even charged with educational neglect.

- The impacts of COVID-19 on community resources are numerous and include a reduction in the availability of resources (access to group activities, commercial services), a scarcity of some resources (health care, food and emergency supplies) and/or needs for resources that have not previously been required in this community in any significant capacity.
 - Food Services
 - Food Statistics March – August 2020
 - Emergency Food Boxes
 - Households: 4,683
 - Children: 4,211
 - Adults: 6,735
 - Elderly: 2,645
 - Total People: 13,591
 - Drive-Through Distributions
 - Households: 5,191
 - Children: 5,843
 - Adults: 8,955
 - Elderly: 2,499
 - Total People: 17,297
 - Mental Health Services
 - Mental health resources will need to be available in new and increased ways to deal with the many different stressors/traumas caused by the pandemic, especially its impact over an extended time period.
 - Social distancing, quarantine, and isolation can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in both adults and children. Fear and anxiety about a new disease and what could happen can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Public health actions, such as social distancing, can make people feel isolated and lonely and can increase stress and anxiety. Additional mental health impacts can appear for those who experience income losses new or increased financial hardships.
 - As noted in our 2019-2021 Community Needs Assessment, Allegany County is a mental health shortage area. Our assessment also noted a significant increase in a spike in mental health issues related to the daily challenges to living at or near poverty and an increase in mental health issues among the younger generations. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the 2011-2017, average annual deaths is 14.
- The broad impacts of COVID-19 on this community have created an even more urgent need for coordination and collaboration of resources among the public sector, the public health sector, first responders, educators, the business community, the faith community and many others. ACCORD Corporation plays an important role convening organizations, people and resources to support families.
 - ACCORD has long facilitated Allegany County's Homeless Housing Task Force and the Allegany County Food Coalition. Each of these groups will continue to analyze needs and resources as the impacts of COVID-19 emerge and change. ACCORD has actively participated in the Consolidated

Services Meeting convened by Ardent Solutions which met weekly following the onset of the pandemic moving to a bi-weekly schedule when community conditions stabilized. This platform has allowed for a broad, inclusive sharing of resources and information between government officials, health care providers, educators, services agencies from across the spectrum. Examples of collaboration include shared responsibility between Cuba Cultural Center and ACCORD for delivery of weekly, large scale food distribution, between ACCORD and the Allegany County Department of Health to assure delivery of food boxes to families under quarantine and between ACCORD and local school districts to assure families in need receive food, school and health and safety supplies. Partnership between ACCORD's Head Start program, the Allegany County Office for the Aging, Good Times of Olean and Sound Communications resulted in a fund raiser names Twin Tiers Meals that provided 166 prepared meals to Allegany County residents in need.

ANTICIPATED NEAR- AND LONG-TERM IMPACTS

The needs above are already established through initial data and anecdotal reports from customers, staff, board members and community stakeholders. Based on these already-observed events, it is likely that there will be near-term (1-3 months) and longer-term (greater than 3 months) impacts that that require immediate planning. A partial, but not complete, list of the anticipated impacts includes:

- *Prolonged service disruptions*
The disruptions in service delivery to customers are expected to continue for a substantial time. This is likely to lead to ancillary challenges for customers that may become long-term issues.
 - School re-opening schedules have been determined locally with significant collaboration between districts, the Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES, the Allegany County Department of Health and the health care provider community. Early Head Start and Head Start reopening began with reduced program hours to assure social distancing and enhanced sanitation procedures.
- *Prolonged employment issues*
Sudden layoffs and other employment disruptions are being addressed by emergency response measures; however, it is anticipated that long-term recovery efforts will be required to help customers reconnect to the workforce, particularly those for whom employment assistance has not previously been required.
- *Prolonged agency capacity issues*
Policies limiting in-person staff/customer interactions may be in place for an extended period and agencies will need to maintain remote work and remote customer-interaction infrastructure to be responsive to these needs in a more sustainable capacity.
- *Prolonged community resource/coordination issues*
The short-term community coordination needs cited in this Assessment are presumed to continue into the long-term. Current conditions may persist for an extended period; recovery efforts will require coordination; ongoing community preparedness to guard against a future outbreak will also require ongoing convening and new community readiness strategies based on what is shown to be effective during the current crisis.

ADDRESSING EQUITY IMPLICATIONS

Though immediate data may not yet be easily obtained regarding the demographics of those most impacted by the COVID-19 epidemic, previous Community Assessments, as well as countless government and academic studies have established that structural racism, xenophobia, sexism, stigmatization and othering persist – and are often exacerbated – in times of crisis. Community Action recognizes the obligation to ensure that the barriers of structural race, gender, and other inequities are addressed during this time of crisis and beyond. Therefore, it is with this lens that communities are invited to use the equity lens and the question, “why”, to understand the specific needs of the diverse populations served.

CONCLUSION

Given the current circumstances and uncertainties surrounding the direction of the COVID pandemic, ACCORD Corporation has identified the following key areas on which to focus:

- **Childcare-** ACCORD anticipates long term childcare impacts with an increased need for Child Care for school aged children due to the hybrid model some school districts are reopening with, as well as the possibility of another possible shutdown.
- **Food-** During the COVID-19 pandemic food insecurity has been a growing concern.
- **Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance-** Delays in unemployment benefits resulted in many low-income households being unable to pay rent and/or utilities. Additionally, long term shutdowns of local businesses also resulted in a lack of revenue and income for many households. Re-opening guidelines calling for decreasing capacity in order to maintain social distancing guidelines equals a reduction in revenue as businesses do reopen. Both factors strongly suggest that some smaller businesses will not re-open and others will be forced to reduce staffing. With the moratorium on evictions set to expire, we anticipate a large need for back rent/utility assistance to prevent homelessness.
- **Access to Technology-** More and more services continue to transition to remote and virtual. Remaining connected virtually can be challenging for low income families that are lacking equipment and access to high speed internet service.
- **Agency Capacity Building-** the pandemic requires all service providers to reassess service delivery methods and revamp spaces that allow for social distancing, as well as services that are effective and flexible. Specific needs within ACCORD include staff training and onboarding, revisions to our common areas to allow for social distancing and continuing to increase and improving our use of technology and remote work situations. We will continue to introduce and improve new building cleaning practices, sanitation stations, etc. to operate and carry out services in a clean safe environment for staff and clients.
- **Trauma Informed Care-** The COVID-19 pandemic is a traumatic event, impacting all people and communities. The stress of the pandemic is exacerbated by the lack of job security and loss of income for millions of Americans. The current crisis may also compound the previous traumas of individuals, which may result in re-traumatization. ACCORD anticipates that the community will need to embrace a trauma informed approach when responding to conditions caused by the pandemic.

Child Care Services Community Needs Assessment Update 2020

Mission Statement:

To assist child care providers in achieving distinction by means of support and advocacy. To enrich the lives of children and families throughout the communities we serve.

Overview:

Child care is critical for economic development. In our service areas of Allegany, Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties, child care workers provide vital services to families in a variety of settings. Children of quality child care program performs better in math, language and reading and have fewer behavior problems. (Child Care Aware of America) Families of more than 28,000 children from the ages of 6 weeks to 12 years within our service areas has the potential need for quality child care. (Data.Census.gov)

Child Care Services Division strives to provide comprehensive, exceptional services to our clients and the communities we serve.

- We support child care providers for the purpose of expanding the supply and enhancing the quality of child care for children and families.
- We support families for the purpose of increasing family access to and knowledge of quality child care as well as to parenting resources that are needed to nurture children in the most productive way.
- We support communities by helping to create and advocate for responsive policies and programs, and by expanding resources, for the purpose of ensuring a full range of high quality child care options for children and families.

Description of Child Care Services:

- Information/Referral: is a service that assists families in making appropriate child care arrangements. This service is provided through parent/guardian in-take and consulting/counseling that leads to the development of an appropriate child care plan.
- Basic Technical Assistance to Regulated and Legally Exempt Providers: is a service when a CCR&R provides information to a provider/program on such topics such as, but not limited to, best practices for providing child care, indicators of quality child care programs, information on business administration practices, health issues that not part of Health Care Consultancy services and regulations governing program compliance.
- Intensive Technical Assistance to Regulated and In Process Providers: is a services done on site when a CCRR&R provides information specific to a child care provider/program on such topics such as but not limited to: best practices for providing child are; indicators of quality child programs; and providing services that programs need to achieve the goals of their QUALITYstarsNY Quality improvement Plan; and information on business administration practices and regulations governing program compliance.
- Training: Training is provided to legally-exempt, regulated child care programs, parents and community. This service is provided by a Credential Trainer that provides an array of training topics that educates providers and community on Health on best practices, indicators of quality child care, regulations, business administration, health and Safety, early education, etc.
- Infant Toddler Services: is provided to child care professionals, parents and community. These services are provided by an Infant Toddler Specialist that provides an array of training topics that educates on the social, emotional and cognitive development of children 0 to 3 years.
- Health Care Consultancy Services: is a mandatory service defined in regulations to assist child care provider/programs maintain compliance with the regulations concerning Health Care Plan requirements such as the Administration of Medication. CCR&R links child care providers with a Health Care Consultant for the purpose of reviewing and approving on site Health Care Plans.
- Quality Child Care Community-Specific Strategies: are the services the CCR&R will design for community specific strategies for improving the quality of care in regulated and legally-exempt family-based care, licensed child care centers and registered school-age child are programs. The strategies include incentive payments to providers to

participate in technical assistance services and meet quality improvement goals, small grant to meet Health and Safety standards to become enrolled, registered or licensed.

- **Legally Exempt Enrollment:** is a service that includes the enrollment and monitoring of legally-exempt child care. The enrollment services are measured through meeting identified and defined standards within required timeframes found in the CCR&R contract. This service is a collaboration with Counties Department of Social Services to support low income families to obtain quality child care once qualifying for child care subsidies.
- **Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP):** provides aid to family or group day care homes for the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children and program adults.
- **Day Care Registration:** Represents NYS Office of Children and Family Services in overseeing compliance in family day care programs. Services include but limited to, technical assistance and approval of Family Day Care initial and renewal applications, program inspections for NYS regulation compliance, complaint investigations and community education of quality child care.

Standards of Excellence

Recent submission and review, dated June 2020, is verification that Child Care Services continues to meet The Standards of Excellence criteria. This great achievement by our agency and the Child Care Services division is an indicator of excellence in meeting best practices.

Types of Care:

There are several common types of child care programs. Each program is regulated by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services except Informal Care. The chart below explains the different types of care.

Regulated Type	Description
Family Day Care	Provides care for up to six children at one time in a residence; may add up to two school-aged children. The maximum allowable number of children in care may depend on how many infants are in care
Group Family Day Care	Provides care for up to a total of 12 children plus four school-aged children in a residence. The maximum allowable number of children in care may depend on how many infants are in care. Program must have two staff when more than six children are in care.
Day Care Center	Provides care for more than six children. Maximum capacity is based on allowable space per child and approved number of staff to child ratio. Not operated in a residence.
School Age Care	Provides care for more than six school-aged children through the age of twelve years. Care during non-school hours. Often located within school facilities.
Preschool/Nursery School Care	Provides care for three to five year olds. May operate for less than three hours a session, two to five times a week, and often follows a school year schedule. May register with the NYS Department of Education, which sets the guidelines.
Legally Exempt Care	Provides care in a residence for no more than two children at a time in addition to the provider's own or related children. Receive payment for their services of care through child care subsidies.
Legally Exempt Group Day Camps	Provides care for multiple age groups with approved number of staff to child ratio. Not operated in a residence. Under the auspices of the Department of Health. Programs is limited to operate only a few months a year usually in the Summer months.
Informal Care	Provides care in a residence for no more than two children at a time in addition to their own or related children. Child care subsidy is not received.

Assessment of the COVID-19 Impact on Child Care:

Despite the key role child care providers are playing to support essential workers during the COVID-19 crisis, child care is at risk of collapse due to the economic impact of COVID-19. As stay at home orders continue in our tri-county area 49 of 105 (47%) child care programs have either paused operation or have closed their programs for good due to the health risk and/or the financial impact caused by low enrollment. 56 (53%) programs have remained open, despite the risk and financial burden, to support the needs of working families in their community. Due to the economic impact of COVID-19 on the child care system, it is clear that not all parents will be able to go back to work until they have safe, reliable and affordable child care. This has major consequences on our economy reopening with a declining number of parents unable to return back into the work force which the majority are women.

The closing of our public-school system, early childhood education programs, health services, mental health services, nutrition and adult employment has made families living in poverty more vulnerable during this crisis.

Open vacancies have been reported in past Community Needs reports. This report does not contain open vacancies data due to the ongoing changes and low availability of open slots due to COVID-19 crisis.

The charts below show the closure/non-operation of Family, Group Family and Legally exempt child care program during COVID-19 in our Tri-County area. Comparison timeframe of 1/01/2020 to 8/01/2020.

County	Family Day Care: Prior to COVID-19 In operation	Family Day Care as of 8/1/2020 In operation	Group Family: Prior to COVID-19 In operation	Group Family Day Care as of 8/1/2020 In operation	Legally exempt Care: Prior to COVID-19 In operation	Legally exempt care as of 8/1/2020 In operation
Allegany						
# of programs	8	4	10	9	29	23
Max Capacity	64	32	160	144	58	46
Cattaraugus						
# of programs	17	12	8	7	41	32
Max Capacity	136	96	128	112	82	64
Wyoming						
# of programs	8	7	9	7	9	9
Max Capacity	64	56	144	112	18	18

Total of 36 Family, Group Family and Legally exempt child care program closed causing a loss of 286 child care slots.

- Allegany County: loss of 11 FDC, GFDC and LE programs. A total loss of 60 child care slots ages 6 weeks – 12 years
- Cattaraugus County: loss of 15 FDC, GFDC and LE programs. A total loss of 74 child care slots 6 weeks – 12 years.
- Wyoming County: loss of 3 FDC, GFDC and LE Programs. A total loss of 40 child care slots 6 weeks – 12 years.

County	Day Care Centers: Prior to COVID-19 In operation	Day Care Centers as of 8/1/2020 In operation	# of loss	School-aged Child Care Prior to COVID-19 In operation	School-aged Child Care as of 8/1/2020 In operation	# of loss
Allegany						
# of programs	8	2	6	7	0	7
Max Capacity -	421	159	262	499	0	499
Infants	40	8	32	-	-	-

Toddlers	101	73	28	-	-	-
Pre-school	206	17	189	-	-	-
School-age	74	61	13	499	0	0
Cattaraugus						
# of programs	12	4	8	10	1	9
Max Capacity -	854	331	523	717	161	556
Infants	111	71	40	-	-	-
Toddlers	112	78	34	-	-	-
Pre-school	495	137	358	32	0	32
School-age	136	45	91	685	161	524
Wyoming						
# of programs	4	3	1	4	0	4
Max Capacity-	237	183	54	176	0	176
Infants	32	32	0	-	-	-
Toddlers	39	39	0	-	-	-
Pre-school	112	58	54	-	-	-
School-age	54	54	0	176	0	176

Total of 15 out of 24 (62.5 %) of Day Care Centers are currently not in operation.

- Allegany Co: 6 out of 8 (75%) Day Care Centers are not in operation. 262 (62%) child care slots are not available.
- Cattaraugus Co: 8 out of 12 (67%) Day Care Centers are not in operation. 523 (61%) child care slots are not available
- Wyoming Co: 1 out of 4 (25%) Day Care Centers not in operation. 54 (22%) child care slots are not available.

Total of 20 out of 21 (95%) of School-aged programs are currently not in operation.

- Allegany Co: 7 out of 7 (100%) School-aged programs are not in operation. 499 (100%) SA slots are not available.
- Cattaraugus Co: 9 of 10 (90%) School-aged programs are not in operation. 556 (77.5%) SA slots are not available.
- Wyoming Co: 4 out of 4 (100%) School-aged programs are not in operation. 176 (100%) SA slots are not available.

There continues to be a decrease in quality child care workers in our tri county area. The major trend in population noted by estimated population figures is that the overall population in New York State has decreased as well. This is shown in the chart below. The overall population numbers of children under 5 years, 5 to 9 years and 10 to 14 and 15 to 17 years has slightly decreased with the exception of 2018 5 to 9 years estimates.

POPULATION AND AGE COMPARISON 2018 - 2020

	Allegany	Cattaraugus	Wyoming
2020 Population estimate	45,914	76,030	39,689
2019 Population estimate	46,172	76,435	39,887
2018 Population estimate	46,430	76,840	40,085
2019/2020 persons under 5 years estimated	2667	5034	2096
2018 Persons under 5 years estimated	2432	4272	1978
2017 Persons under 5 years estimated population	2507	4415	1999
2019/20 Persons 5 to 9 years estimated	2895	5020	2375
2018 Persons 5 to 9 years estimated	2569	4613	2088
2017 Persons 5 to 9 years estimated Population	2534	4705	2107
2019/20 Person 10 to 14 years estimated	3044	5323	2487

2018 Persons 10 to 14 Years estimated	2645	5009	2123
2017 Persons 10 to 14 Years estimated population	2726	5021	2218

Source: Based on US Census American FactFinders Data. 2019/20 data Subranstats.org

2019 Supply of Regulated Child Care Programs

Regional Supply and Demand:

The child care supply throughout the 5-county region of Western New York does not meet the demand. There are a total of 41,957 child care slots in the region, but 77,521 children in need of care, leaving a gap of 35,564 children who need care.

Child Care Aware of America (CCAOA) refers to communities with limited or no access to quality child care as child care deserts. A desert is defined as a census tract with more than 50 children under the age of 5 that lacks at least one licensed child care provider, or where there are three times as many children as there are available slots. According to CCAOA, these deserts are more prevalent in low-income communities, rural communities, among families of color, and among families with non-traditional work schedules.

The following tables illustrates the number of child care providers in each county we serve by the program type over the last four years. Few programs offer non-traditional hours of operation. The overall availability of Licensed and Registered Day Care Programs has slightly increased in 2019. The majority of available Licensed/Registered child care slots are located within the most populated areas of our rural communities. Child care options for working parents residing in more rural areas of Allegany, Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties are very limited. (Resource: 2019 Collective data from NYS OCFS Child Care Facility System)

Year	Allegany County					Cattaraugus County					Wyoming County			
	FDC	GFDC	DCC	SACC		FDC	GFDC	DCC	SACC		FDC	GFDC	DCC	SACC
2019	8	10	8	7		17	8	12	10		8	9	4	4
2018	10	10	7	5		18	12	11	8		10	9	4	4
2017	12	10	9	13		19	10	13	6		11	10	4	4
2016	11	11	10	12		20	10	13	6		12	10	5	4

FDC = Registered Family Program **GFDC** = Group Family Program **DCC** = Day Care Centers **SACC** – School-age

The chart below shows the reduction numbers of available child care slots from 2016 to 2019. Households in poverty often work long or irregular work hours while many child care and early education programs only offer their services during regular work week hours. This forces many families to patch together child care options that are unstable and low quality. This prevents families from pursuing education and/or employment opportunities that might benefit the family as a whole. Legally-exempt providers are often utilized in these cases.

County	Max Capacity 2016	Max Capacity 2018	Max Capacity 2019	Loss/Gain 2018 to 2019
Allegany	1517	1221	1144	- 77
Cattaraugus	1782	1796	1835	+ 39
Wyoming	702	622	621	+1
Totals	4001	3,639	3600	-39

79 Legally-exempt Providers offers 158 child care slots in our tri-county area.

Source: OCFS Child Care Facility System

Child Care Services provided 141 Child Care Referrals between July 1 2019 to June 30, 2020. Our services assist families by providing parents/guardians information for child care options in their area which includes education on high quality child care and how to evaluate their child care arrangements.

- **Referral broken down by County:**
- Allegany County **62**
- Cattaraugus County **54**
- Wyoming County **25**

Requested type of care: (Parents may choose more than one option)

- Family Child Care **155**
- Group Family Child Care **145**
- Center Based Child Care **111**
- School Age Child Care **8**

Of families seeking referrals, 66% had incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level.

Allegany County		Cattaraugus County		Wyoming County	
Below	Above	Below	Above	Below	Above
40	22	37	17	16	9

Characteristics of the families seeking care include:

Family Type	Allegany County	Cattaraugus County	Wyoming County
Single Parent	42%	59%	60%
Two parent family	52%	31%	36%
Teen Parent	0%	4%	0%
Foster Care	3%	6%	4%
Grandparents	3%	0%	0%
Homeless	0%	0%	0%
Military	0%	0%	0%

Family request for care per age group.

Age Group	Allegany County	Cattaraugus County	Wyoming County
0-11 months	26%	12%	13%
12-23 months	16%	8%	9%
24-35 months	11%	6%	7%
3 & 4 years	14%	15%	20%
5 Years	8%	10%	7%
6-8 years	14%	29%	29%
9+	11%	20%	15%

Estimated % of available child care options for parents in need of child care prior and current COVID-19.

County	2020 Available Child Care Slots Pre-COVID-19	Estimated # of children needing care 0 to 10 years	Available Supply %	2020 Available Child Care Slots impacted by COVID-19	Estimated # of children needing care	Available Supply %
Allegany	1190	5,562	21%	381	5,562	7%
Cattaraugus	1899	10,054	19%	764	10,054	7.5%
Wyoming	639	4,471	14%	369	4,471	8%

The charts below are based on active locations of child care programs by school district throughout Allegany, Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties. Modalities included in this chart are Family Day Care (FDC), Group Family Day Care (GFDC) Day Care Centers (DCC) and School-Aged programs (SACC). The information collected is as of 1/1/2020 and is

subject to change. All providers below have the option of enrolling any number of children into their services as long as they do not exceed their maximum capacity. (Source: OCFS Child Facility System)

Allegany County Child Care Providers by Modality						Cattaraugus County Child Care Providers by Modality					
	FDC	GFDC	SACC	DCC	Total Providers		FDC	GFDC	SACC	DCC	Total Providers
Alfred				1	1	Allegany	1	2	1	1	5
Alfred Station		1			1	Cattaraugus	3				3
Alma	1				1	Delevan				1	1
Almond			1		1	Ellicottville			1	1	2
Andover		1			1	Franklinville		1	1	1	3
Belfast			1	1	2	Gowanda			1	1	2
Belmont		1			1	Great Valley	1	1			2
Bolivar				1	1	Hinsdale	1				1
Richburg			1		1	Little Valley	2				2
Caneadea	1	1			2						
Cuba	1	3	1	1	6	Olean	5	3	3	5	16
Fillmore	1				1	Portville			1		1
Friendship	2			1	3	Randolph	1	1	1		3
Rushford		1			1	Salamanca	3			2	5
Scio		1			1	Yorkshire			1		1
Wellsville	2	1	2	3	8						
Whitesville			1		1						
Totals	8	10	7	8	33	Total	17	8	10	12	47

Wyoming County Child Care Providers by Modality					
	FDC	GFDC	SACC	DCC	Total Providers
Arcade				1	1
Attica	1		1	1	3
Bliss	1				1
Castile		1			1
Gainesville			1		1
Java Center	1				1
Pavilion		1			1
Perry	2	4	1		7
Silver Springs	1				1
Strykersville		2			2
Warsaw	2	1	1	2	6
Totals	8	9	4	4	25

Townships not noted on the above lists have little to no child care options for families in need of child care!

Subsidized Child Care

Child care subsidies are provided by the local Departments of Social Services. Eligibility is based on family income, age of children and individual needs. Eligible families are responsible to pay a portion of their child care expenses “family

share". Families may pay significantly different fees for child care depending on county of residence. In establishing family share, each district must select a percentage from 10% to 35% to use in calculating the family share.

NYS Child Care Block Grant Local Departments of Social Services District Allocations 3/31/2020			
	4/1/18 – 9/30/18	10/1/18 – 3/31/19	4/1/2019 – 3/31/2020
Allegany County	170,567	170,567	318,536
Cattaraugus County	836,261	836,261	1,714,579
Wyoming County	193,002	193,001	406,979

Source: New York Office of Children and Family Services

The charts below represent the number of enrolled Legally-exempt child care providers in our tri-county service area over a four year span. Legally-exempt Providers receive Subsidy Child Care dollars to provide child care or qualified families. There continues to be a decline in the number of legally-exempt programs. Explanation of the decline consist of but not limited to local county mandates, new Criminal Background checks, required Health & Safety Training, required onsite inspections, efficient upkeep of the data systems that reflects actual numbers and collaborative communication practices among multiple agencies in the fight against subsidy fraud.

County	2019	2018	2017	2016
Allegany	29	39	48	60
Cattaraugus	41	67	79	132
Wyoming	9	17	16	18

Source: Child Care Facility System

Cost of Child Care:

Cost of Child Care Child care is unaffordable for many families, as it has been in past years. In many homes, child care costs exceed the cost of housing, college tuition, transportation or food. According to Child Care Aware of America, "Across all states, the average cost of center-based infant care exceeds 27% of median household income for single working parents." (Parents and the High Cost of Child Care, Child Care Aware of America, 2016).

In New York State the cost of child care is increasing by \$730 each year. Families pay an average of \$11,440 per year for infant care, \$10,712 per year for toddler care and \$10,140 per year for 3 and 4 year old care. As parents are paying a sizable portion of their income each year for child care they are forced to make difficult decisions about how they can afford it.

2019-20 Weekly Child Care Market Rates per Modality and Age of Child.

To support families to offset the cost of child care, NY State provides child care subsidy to qualifying families who are participating in employment and training activities. States are required by law to establish payment rates for child care subsidies that are sufficient to ensure equal access to child care services for eligible families. NYS State law requires the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to establish applicable market-related payment rates which establishes a ceiling for state and federal reimbursement for payments for child care services. New York State continues to evaluate child care market rates.

Current (2019-2020) Weekly Child Care Market Rates				
Modality	Under 2	Age 2	Age 3 – 5	Age 6 – 12
Family Child Care & Group Family Child Care	\$160	\$150	\$150	\$150
Day Care Center	\$220	\$206	\$195	\$180
School-Aged Care	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$195	\$180
Legally Exempt	\$ 104	\$ 98	\$ 98	\$ 98
Legally Exempt Enhance Rate	\$112	\$105	\$105	\$105

Source: OCFS Local Commissioners Memorandum Child Care Market Rates 2019

Allegany County, NY: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Indicator Report

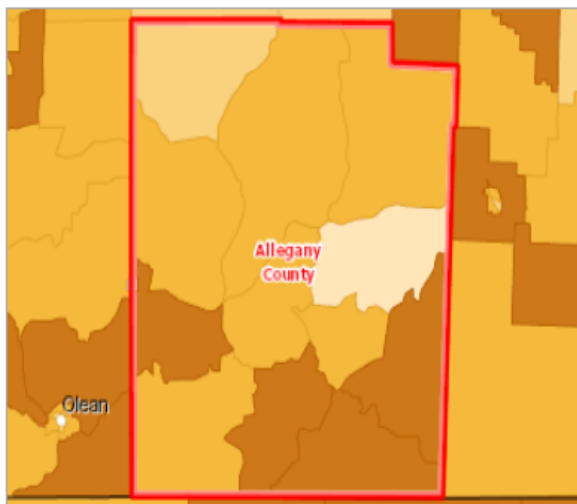
The following charts and graphs display vulnerability indicators for Allegany County.

Population Age 65+

Of the estimated 47,025 total population in the report area, an estimated 8,444 persons are adults aged 65 and older, representing 17.96% of the population. These data are based on the latest U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates. The number of older adults in the report area is relevant because this population has unique needs which should be considered separately from other age groups.

Report Area	Total Population	Population Age 65+	Population Age 65+, Percent
Allegany County, NY	47,025	8,444	17.96%
New York	19,618,453	3,068,689	15.64%
United States	322,903,030	49,238,581	15.25%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#), 2014-18. Source geography: Tract



Population Age 65+, Percent by Tract, ACS 2014-18

- Over 20.0%
- 16.1 - 20.0%
- 12.1 - 16.0%
- Under 12.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Allegany County, NY

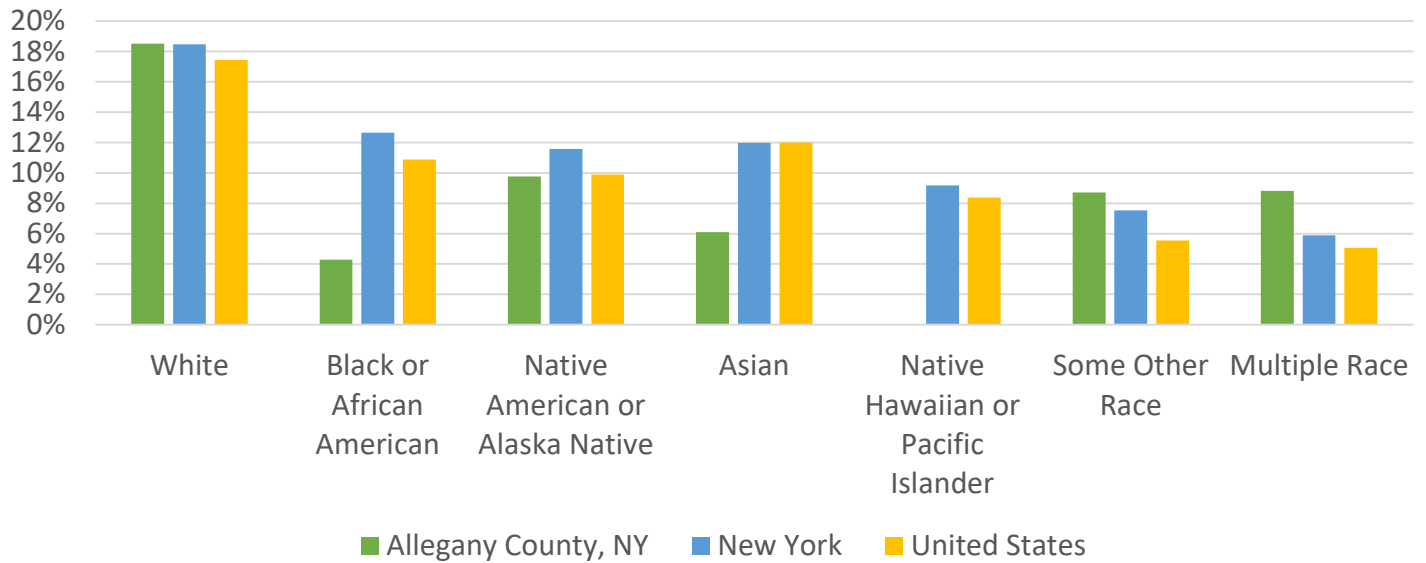
Population Age 65+ by Gender

The table below reports the percentage of the population that is age 65 or older by gender. Among the male population in the report area, 14.96% are aged 65 years or older. Among the female population, 19.05% are aged 65 years or older.

Report Area	Male	Female	Male, Percent	Female, Percent
Allegany County, NY	3,554	4,432	14.96%	19.05%
New York	1,165,142	1,758,819	12.24%	17.42%
United States	19,630,586	27,457,281	12.35%	16.75%

			Alaska Native		Pacific Islander		
Allegany County, NY	18.50%	4.29%	9.77%	6.10%	0.00%	8.70%	8.82%
New York	18.46%	12.66%	11.58%	11.97%	9.18%	7.52%	5.89%
United States	17.44%	10.88%	9.89%	12.00%	8.37%	5.54%	5.06%

Population Age 65+ by Race Alone, Percent

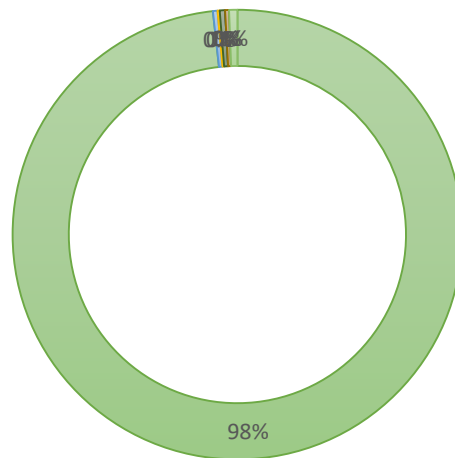


Population Age 65+ by Race Alone, Total

This indicator reports the proportion of each race (alone) making up the population aged 65 or older.

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Allegany County, NY	8,297	28	13	32	0	24	50
New York	2,310,699	388,310	9,221	195,170	736	129,256	35,297
United States	40,960,055	4,451,760	266,934	2,108,633	48,799	874,104	528,296

Population Age 65+ by Race Alone, Total Allegany County, NY



Population with Limited English Proficiency

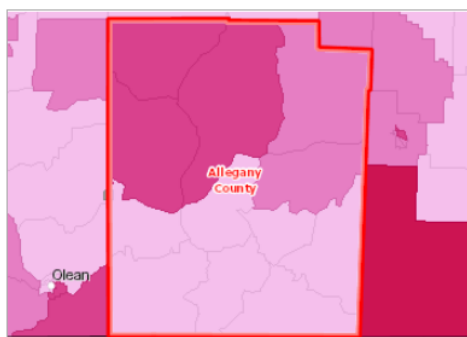
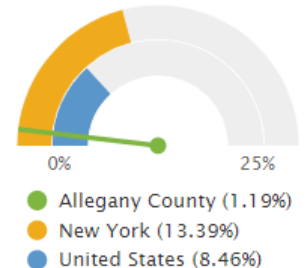
This indicator reports the percentage of the population aged 5 and older who speak a language other than English at home and speak English less than "very well." This indicator is relevant because an inability to speak English well creates barriers to healthcare access, provider communications, and health literacy/education.

Report Area	Population Age 5+	Population Age 5+ with Limited English Proficiency	Population Age 5+ with Limited English Proficiency, Percent
Allegany County, NY	44,600	529	1.19%
New York	18,454,847	2,471,542	13.39%
United States	303,066,180	25,647,781	8.46%

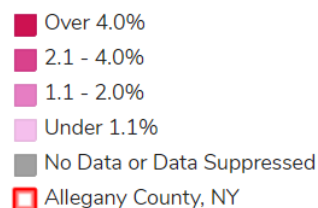
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Population Age 5+ with Limited English Proficiency, Percent



Population with Limited English Proficiency, Percent by Tract, ACS 2014-18

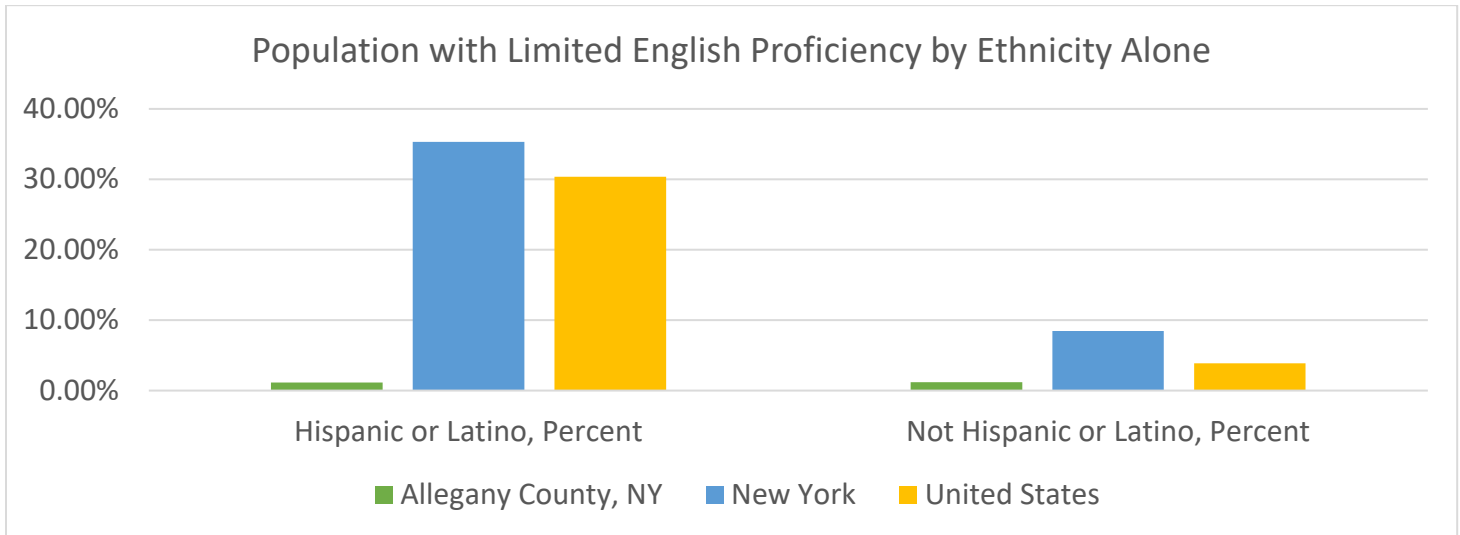


Population with Limited English Proficiency by Ethnicity Alone

Report Area	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic or Latino, Percent	Not Hispanic or Latino, Percent
Allegany County, NY	8	521	1.13%	1.19%
New York	1,200,337	1,271,205	35.32%	8.44%

United States	15,893,564	9,754,217	30.35%	3.89%
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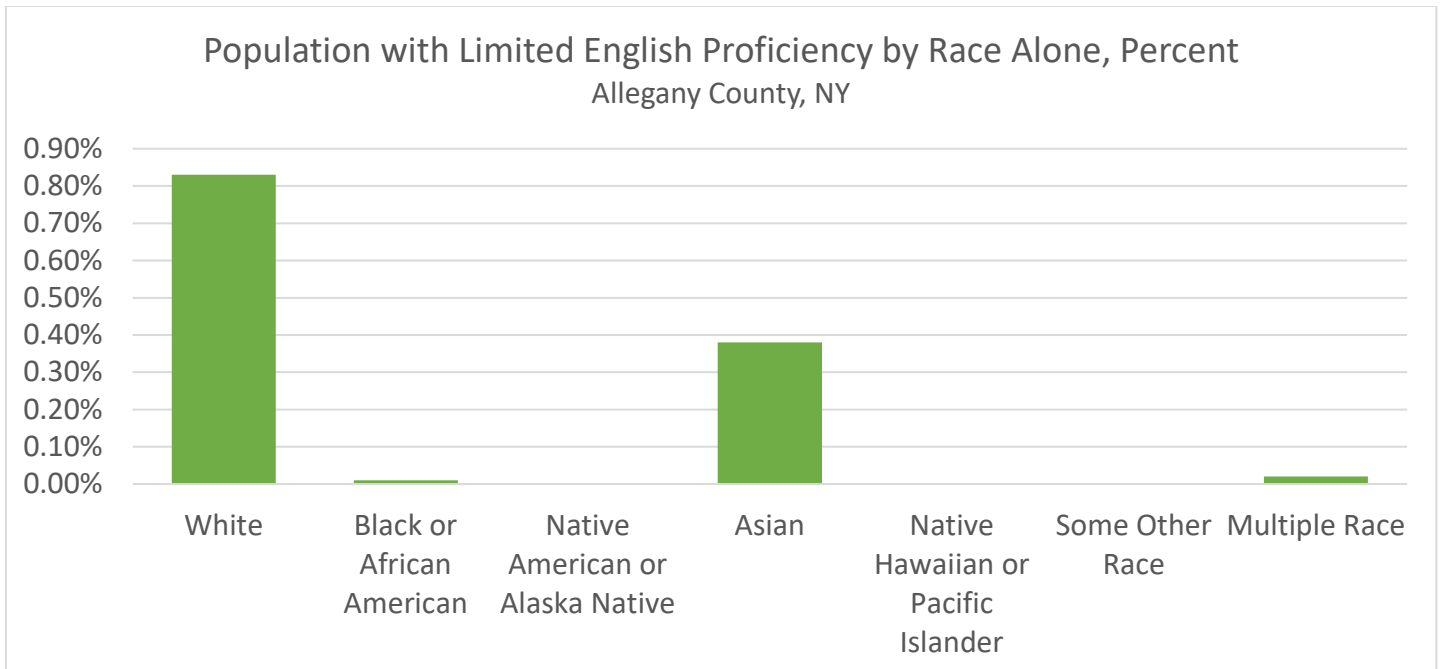
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Population with Limited English Proficiency by Race Alone, Percent

Report Area	White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Allegany County, NY	0.83%	0.01%	0.00%	0.38%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%
New York	7.53%	1.52%	0.11%	5.64%	0.01%	5.37%	0.66%
United States	5.82%	0.53%	0.08%	2.49%	0.03%	2.35%	0.25%

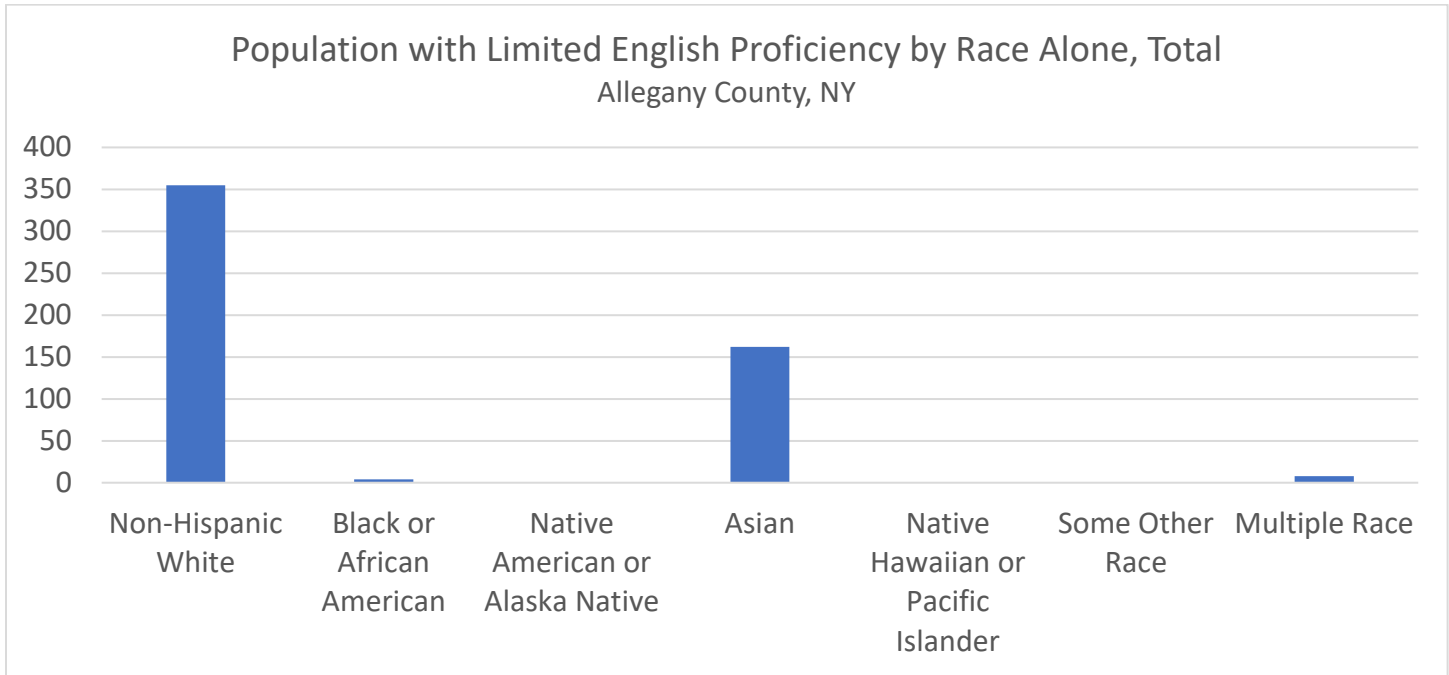
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Population with Limited English Proficiency by Race Alone, Total

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Allegany County, NY	355	4	0	162	0	0	8
New York	893,032	180,656	12,481	668,632	913	637,329	78,499
United States	12,911,069	1,171,430	187,528	5,532,712	69,139	5,212,138	563,765

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2014-18. Source geography: Tract



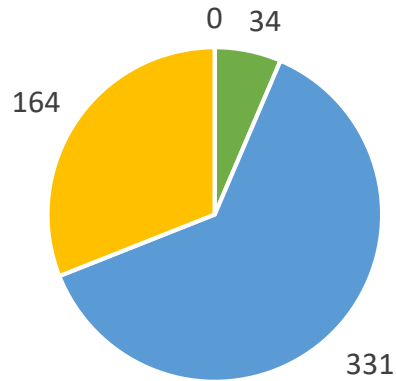
Population with Limited English Proficiency by Language Spoken at Home

Report Area	Spanish	Other Indo-European Languages	Asian and Pacific Island Languages	Other Languages
Allegany County, NY	34	331	164	0
New York	1,223,844	611,502	540,118	96,078
United States	16,309,621	3,425,770	4,908,308	1,004,082

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2014-18. Source geography: Tract

Population with Limited English Proficiency by Language Spoken at Home

Allegany County, NY



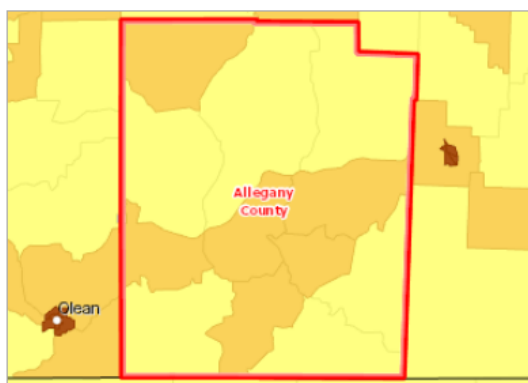
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Total Population

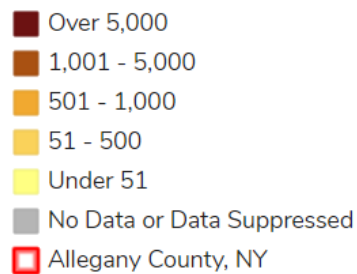
A total of 47,025 people live in the 1,029.36 square mile report area defined for this assessment according to the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2014-18 5-year estimates. The population density for this area, estimated at 45.68 persons per square mile, is less than the national average population density of 91.42 persons per square mile.

Report Area	Total Population	Total Land Area (Square Miles)	Population Density (Per Square Miles)
Allegany County, NY	47,025	1,029.36	45.68
New York	19,618,453	47,124.95	416.31
United States	322,903,030	3,532,068.58	91.42

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2014-18. Source geography: Tract



Population, Density (Persons per Sq Mile) by Tract, ACS 2014-18

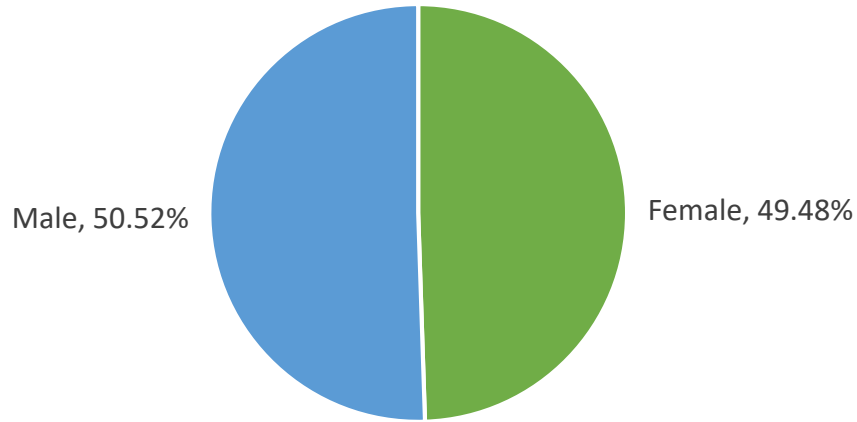


Total Population by Gender

This indicator reports the total population of the report area by gender.

Report Area	Male	Female	Male, Percent	Female, Percent
Allegany County, NY	23,755	23,270	50.52%	49.48%
New York	9,519,555	10,098,898	48.52%	51.48%
United States	158,984,190	163,918,840	49.24%	50.76%

Total Population by Gender
Allegany County, NY

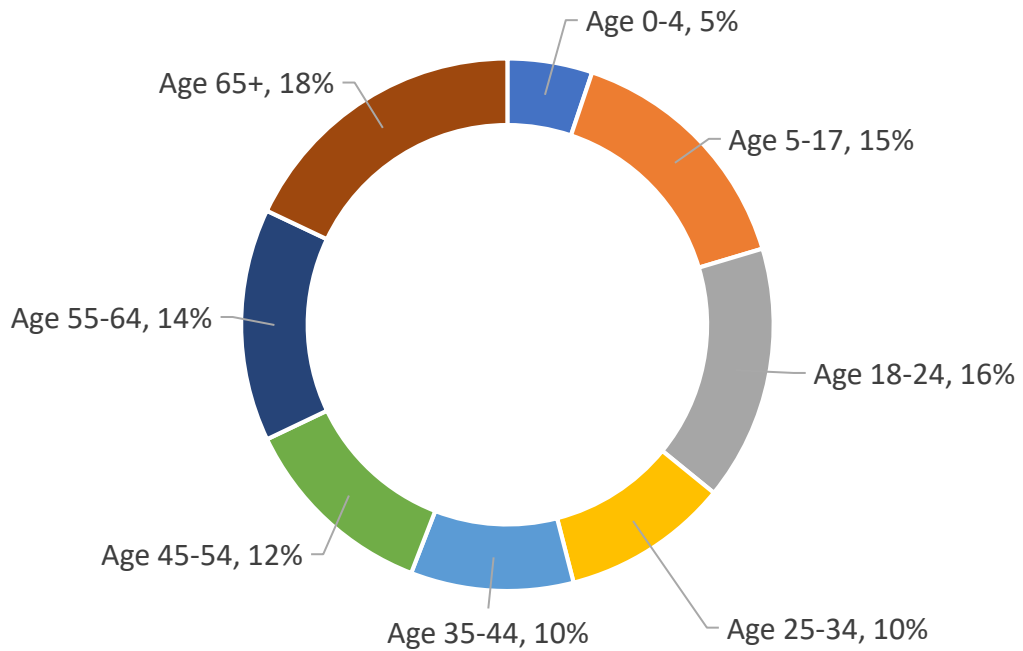


Total Population by Age Groups, Total

This indicator reports the total population of the report area by age groups

Report Area	Age 0-4	Age 5-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-34	Age 35-44	Age 45-54	Age 55-64	Age 65+
Allegany County, NY	2,425	7,161	7,284	4,761	4,648	5,663	6,639	8,444
New York	1,163,606	2,978,027	1,870,478	2,860,842	2,446,070	2,675,646	2,555,095	3,068,689
United States	19,836,850	53,716,390	30,903,719	44,567,976	40,763,210	42,589,573	41,286,731	49,238,581

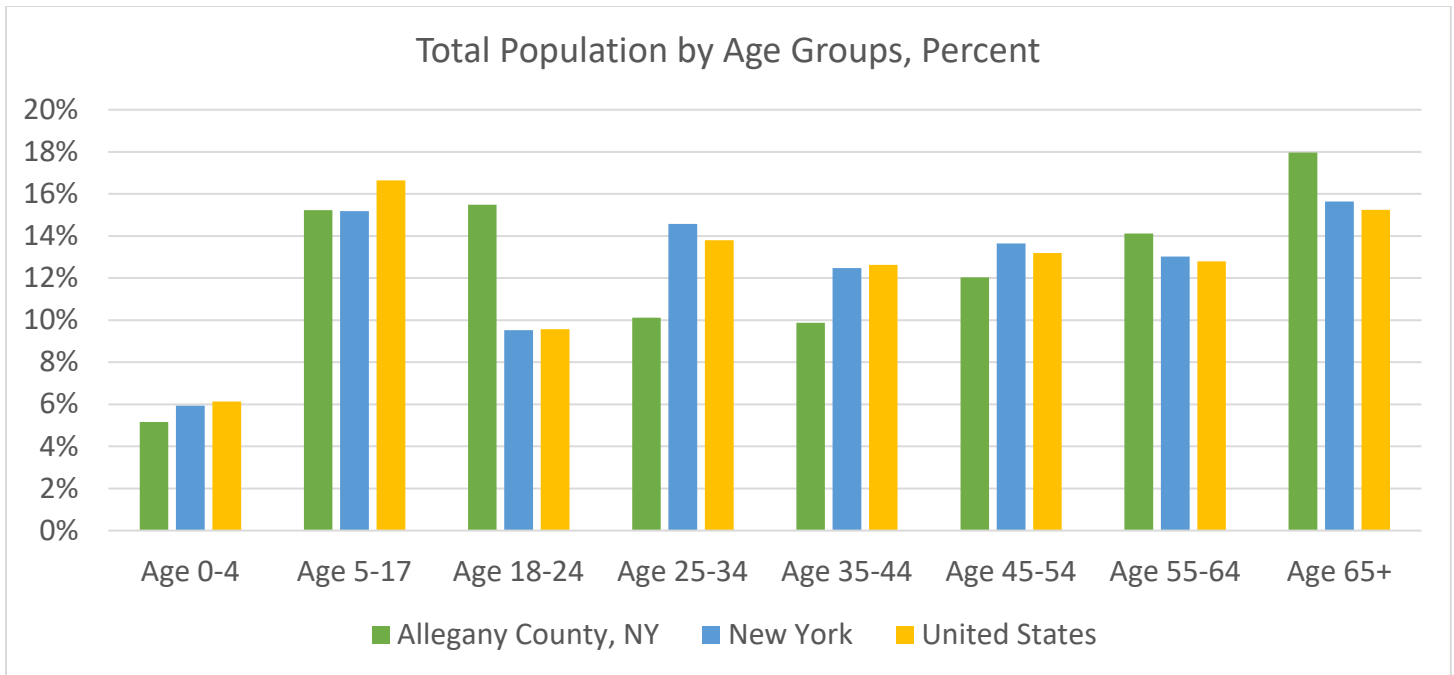
Total Population by Age Groups, Total Allegany County, NY



Total Population by Age Groups, Percent

This indicator reports the percentage of age groups in the population of the report area.

Report Area	Age 0-4	Age 5-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-34	Age 35-44	Age 45-54	Age 55-64	Age 65+
Allegany County, NY	5.16%	15.23%	15.49%	10.12%	9.88%	12.04%	14.12%	17.96%
New York	5.93%	15.18%	9.53%	14.58%	12.47%	13.64%	13.02%	15.64%
United States	6.14%	16.64%	9.57%	13.80%	12.62%	13.19%	12.79%	15.25%



Total Population by Race Alone, Total

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

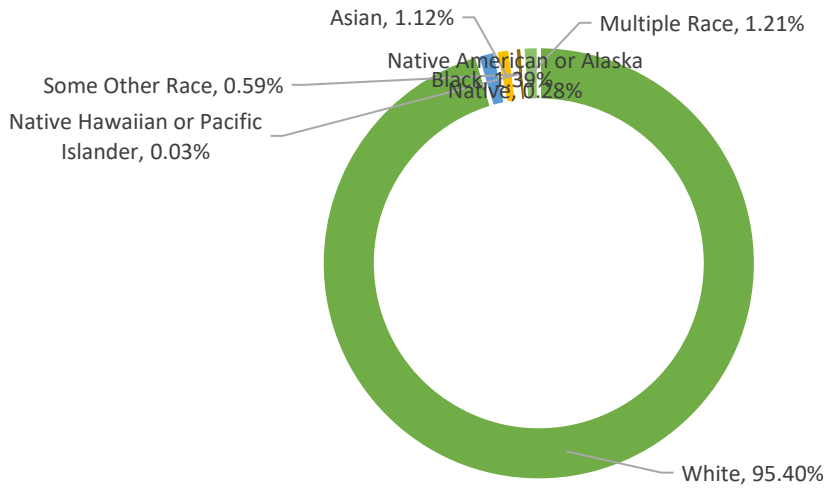
Report Area	White	Black	Asian	Native American / Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Races
Allegany County, NY	44,860	652	525	133	12	276	567
New York	12,514,949	3,068,099	1,630,341	79,644	8,017	1,718,220	599,183
United States	234,904,818	40,916,113	17,574,550	2,699,073	582,718	15,789,961	10,435,797

Total Population by Race Alone, Percent

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

Report Area	White	Black	Asian	Native American or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Allegany County, NY	95.40%	1.39%	1.12%	0.28%	0.03%	0.59%	1.21%
New York	63.79%	15.64%	8.31%	0.41%	0.04%	8.76%	3.05%
United States	72.75%	12.67%	5.44%	0.84%	0.18%	4.89%	3.23%

Total Population by Race Alone, Total Allegany County, NY

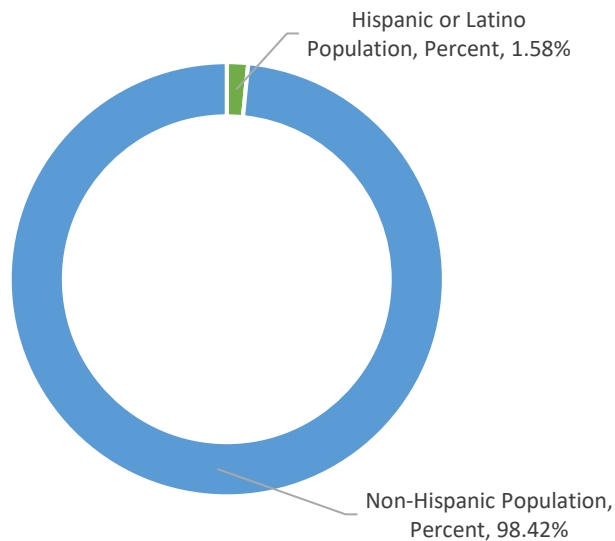


Total Population by Ethnicity Alone

This indicator reports the total population of the report area by ethnicity alone.

Report Area	Total Population	Hispanic or Latino Population	Hispanic or Latino Population, Percent	Non-Hispanic Population	Non-Hispanic Population, Percent
Allegany County, NY	47,025	744	1.58%	46,281	98.42%
New York	19,618,453	3,705,588	18.89%	15,912,865	81.11%
United States	322,903,030	57,517,935	17.81%	265,385,095	82.19%

Total Population by Ethnicity Alone Allegany County, NY



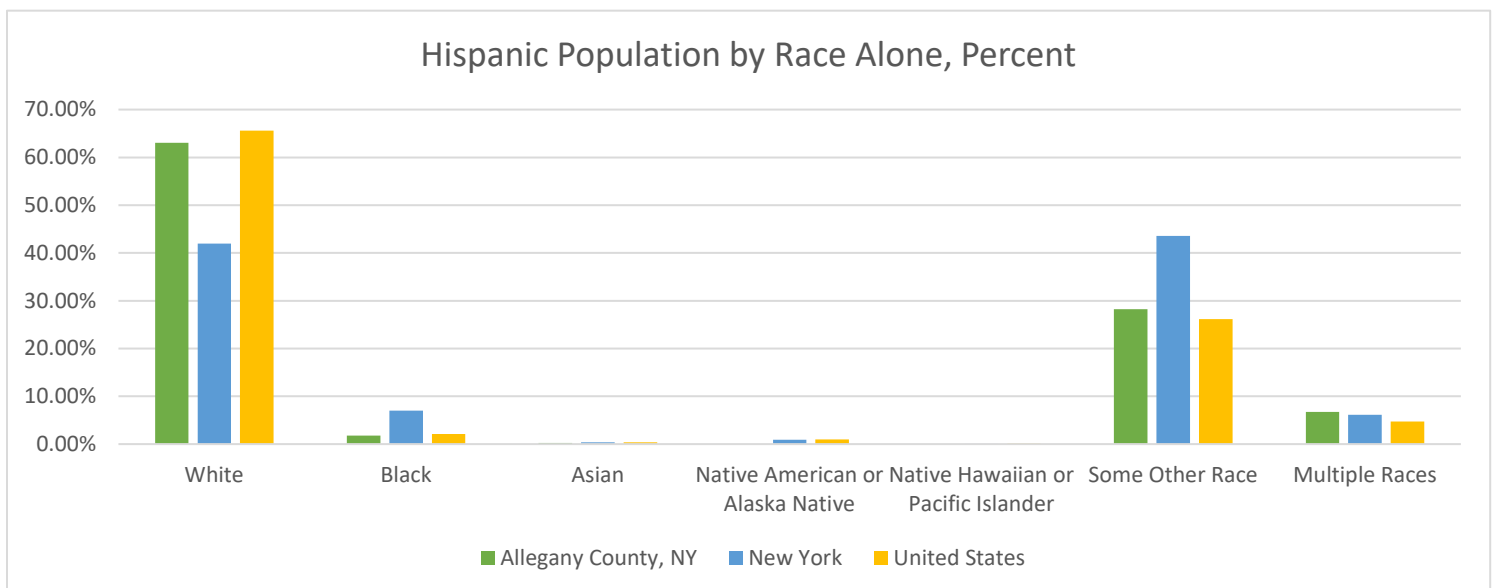
Hispanic Population by Race Alone, Total

This indicator reports the total of Hispanic or Latino population in the report area by race alone.

Report Area	White	Black	Asian	Native American or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Races
Allegany County, NY	469	13	2	0	0	210	50
New York	1,555,415	259,420	14,313	33,505	2,426	1,613,188	227,321
United States	37,723,641	1,200,196	207,381	563,594	57,616	15,035,465	2,730,042

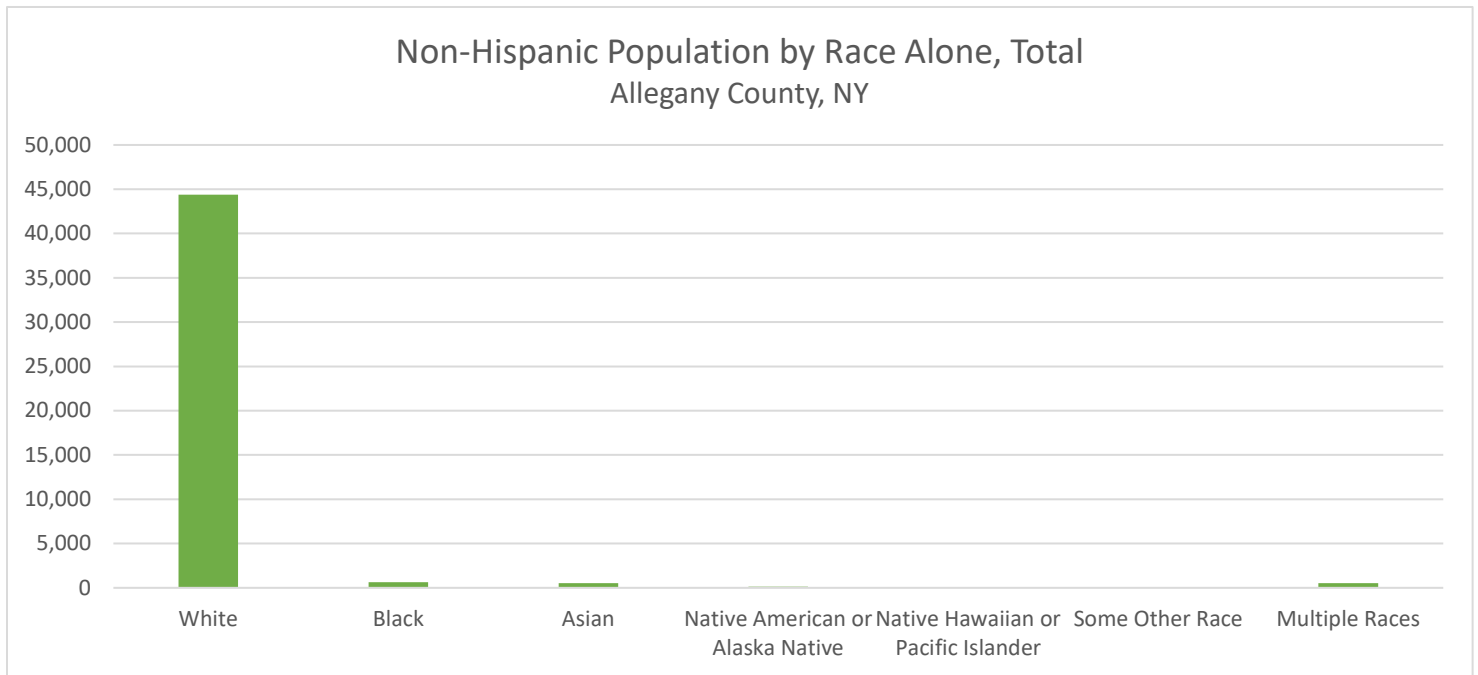
Hispanic Population by Race Alone, Percent

Report Area	White	Black	Asian	Native American or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Races
Allegany County, NY	63.04%	1.75%	0.27%	0.00%	0.00%	28.23%	6.72%
New York	41.97%	7.00%	0.39%	0.90%	0.07%	43.53%	6.13%
United States	65.59%	2.09%	0.36%	0.98%	0.10%	26.14%	4.75%



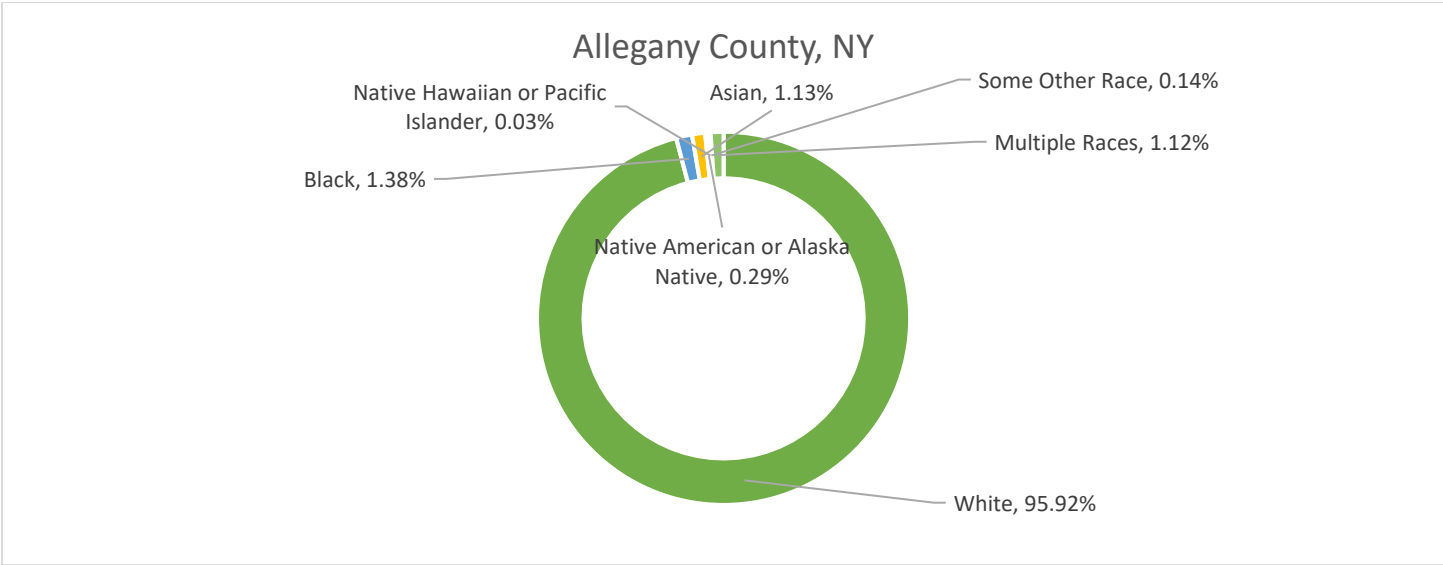
Non-Hispanic Population by Race Alone, Total

Report Area	White	Black	Asian	Native American or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Races
Allegany County, NY	44,391	639	523	133	12	66	517
New York	10,959,534	2,808,679	1,616,028	46,139	5,591	105,032	371,862
United States	197,181,177	39,715,917	17,367,169	2,135,479	525,102	754,496	7,705,755



Non-Hispanic Population by Race Alone, Percent

Report Area	White	Black	Asian	Native American or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Races
Allegany County, NY	95.92%	1.38%	1.13%	0.29%	0.03%	0.14%	1.12%
New York	68.87%	17.65%	10.16%	0.29%	0.04%	0.66%	2.34%
United States	74.30%	14.97%	6.54%	0.80%	0.20%	0.28%	2.90%



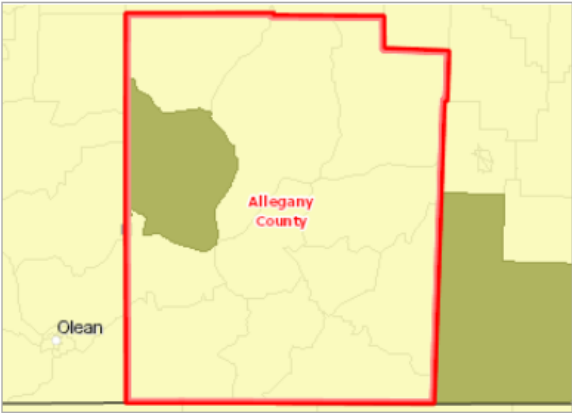
Uninsured Population

The lack of health insurance is considered a key driver of health status.

In the report area 6.92% of the total civilian non-institutionalized population are without health insurance coverage. The rate of uninsured persons in the report area is greater than the state average of 6.48%. This indicator is relevant because lack of insurance is a primary barrier to healthcare access including regular primary care, specialty care, and other health services that contributes to poor health status.

Report Area	Total Population (For Whom Insurance Status is Determined)	Uninsured Population	Uninsured Population, Percent
Allegany County, NY	46,552	3,223	6.92%
New York	19,378,618	1,255,168	6.48%
United States	317,941,631	29,752,767	9.36%

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2014-18. Source geography: Tract*



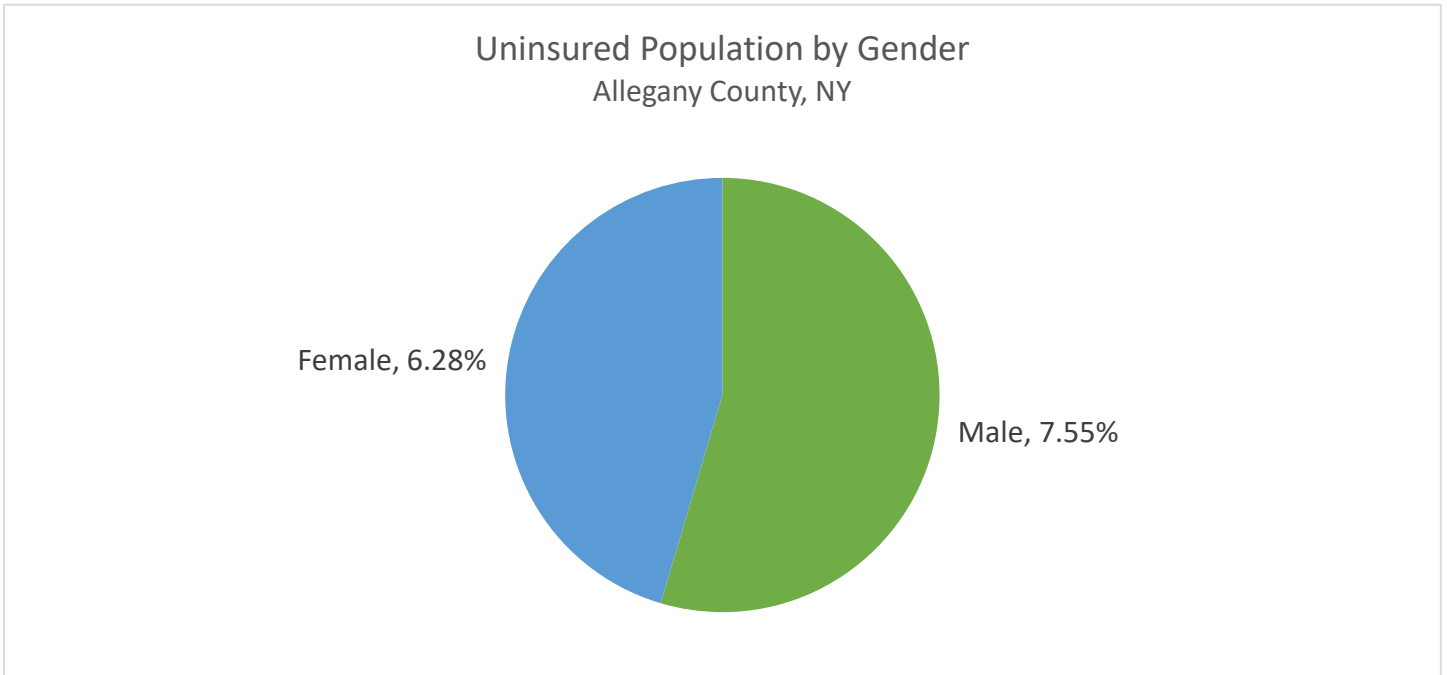
Uninsured Population, Percent by Tract, ACS 2014-18

- Over 20.0%
- 15.1 - 20.0%
- 10.1 - 15.0%
- Under 10.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Allegany County, NY

Uninsured Population by Gender

This indicator reports the uninsured population by gender.

Report Area	Male	Female	Male, Percent	Female, Percent
Allegany County, NY	1,779	1,444	7.55%	6.28%
New York	726,014	529,154	7.75%	5.28%
United States	16,190,262	13,562,505	10.42%	8.34%



Uninsured Population by Age Group, Percent

This indicator reports the percentage of uninsured population by age group.

Report Area	Underage 18	Age 18 - 64	Age 65 +
Allegany County, NY	8.55%	8.27%	0.22%
New York	2.71%	9.26%	0.80%
United States	5.22%	13.16%	0.82%

Uninsured Population by Age Group, Total

This indicator reports the total uninsured population by age group.

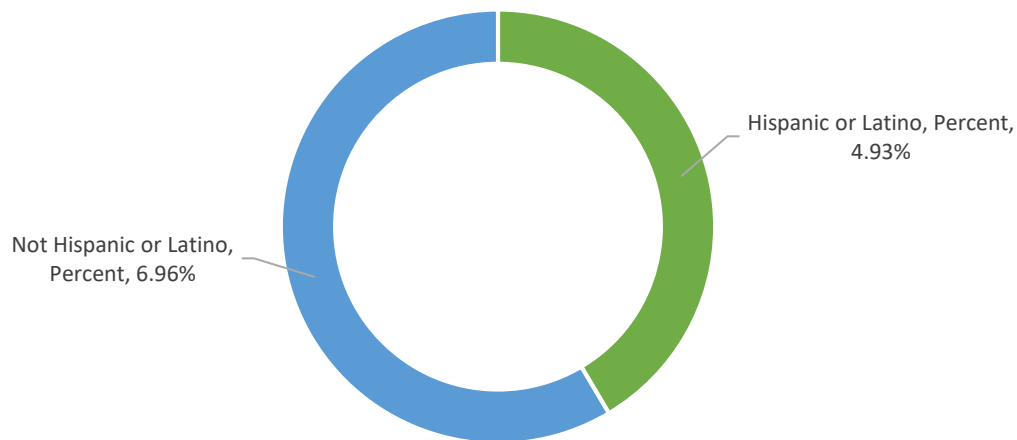
Report Area	Underage 18	Age 18-64	Age 65+
Allegany County, NY	952	2,253	18
New York	118,899	1,112,411	23,858
United States	4,062,804	25,296,642	393,321

Uninsured Population by Ethnicity Alone

This indicator reports the uninsured population by ethnicity alone.

Report Area	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic or Latino, Percent	Not Hispanic or Latino, Percent
Allegany County, NY	36	3,187	4.93%	6.96%
New York	463,825	791,343	12.65%	5.04%
United States	10,886,179	18,866,588	19.17%	7.22%

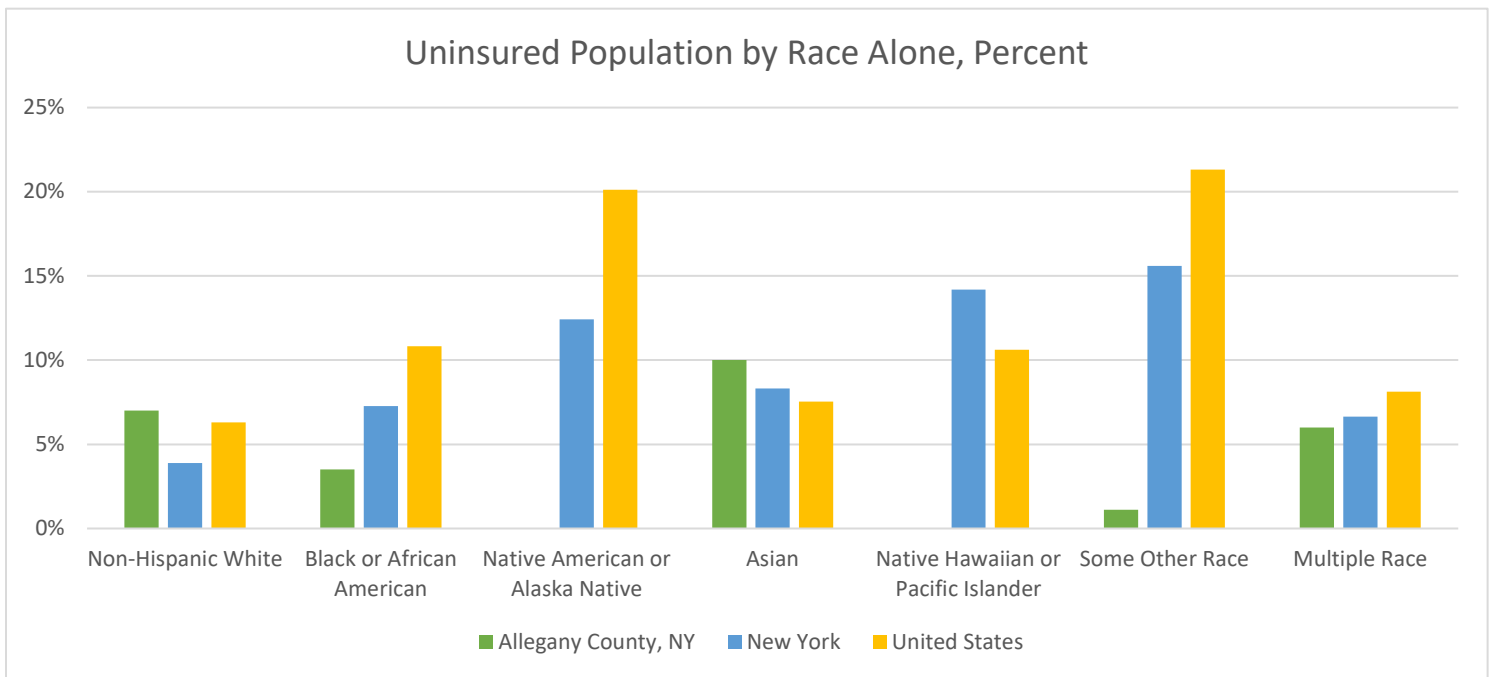
Uninsured Population by Ethnicity Alone
Allegany County, NY



Uninsured Population by Race Alone, Percent

This indicator reports the percentage of uninsured population by race alone.

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Allegany County, NY	7.00%	3.50%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	1.12%	6.00%
New York	3.88%	7.27%	12.43%	8.32%	14.19%	15.60%	6.65%
United States	6.31%	10.82%	20.12%	7.53%	10.61%	21.31%	8.13%



Uninsured Population by Race Alone, Total

This indicator reports the total uninsured population by race alone.

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Allegany County, NY	3,081	20	0	52	0	3	34
New York	420,652	217,731	9,746	135,251	1,103	265,631	39,454
United States	12,272,640	4,292,174	529,847	1,315,879	60,430	3,324,190	834,741

Uninsured Population by Race Alone, Total Allegany County, NY

