



SCHUYLKILL COMMUNITY ACTION (SCA)

Executive Summary

2015 Needs Assessment

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I. INTRODUCTION - COMMUNITY INPUT

Purpose of the Report

Schuylkill Community Action (SCA), a private non-profit Community Action Agency dedicated to serving low-income people, conducted the 2014-2015 Community Needs Assessment in accordance with agency strategic planning efforts. The Assessment is SCA's effort to report on the needs of low-income persons in Schuylkill County. Assessing the needs, specific to Schuylkill County, is essential to coordinating, planning, and providing a variety of social programs and services.

Community Input

Schuylkill Community Action (SCA), working with the support of other service providers and local municipalities, conducted a survey with the primary goal of determining the most serious service gaps in Schuylkill County. This information will be utilized to evaluate the effectiveness of existing SCA programs, to revise programs, and/or to develop new programs to reduce service gaps.

Survey Methodology

Surveys provided the primary source for community input. Three distinct surveys were developed to reflect the board composition of Community Action Programs as follows:

- SCA Clients - One thousand one (1,001) surveys were completed by SCA clients.
 - SCA clients are low-income and have direct knowledge about which services are utilized and most needed.
- Human Service Providers - Forty-three (43) surveys were completed by Schuylkill County Human Service Providers.
 - Human Service Providers typically have knowledge about the necessity and availability of all programs to address the needs of low-income and vulnerable populations.
- Stakeholders/Community Partners (Including local municipalities, SCA Board Members, and community donors) - Forty-six (46) surveys were completed by County Stakeholders/Partners.
 - Stakeholders and community partners are often in a position to determine which projects are prioritized and how local funding gets distributed. For this reason, it was important to obtain their perspective on local needs.

The results from these groups were isolated to determine their distinct perspective on the resources and services needed locally.

Client Survey Summary

1001 SCA clients completed the survey. The top ten needs identified by respondents were:

1. Food Assistance
2. Utility Assistance
3. Home Weatherization
4. Car purchase/ repair program
5. Clothing
6. Affordable Medical
7. Information on Available Services
8. Assistance for Homeowners to make needed repairs
9. Higher paying jobs with benefits
10. Better Public transportation

* The remaining service categories are included on the attached survey summary chart.

Service Provider Survey Summary

Forty-three (43) agency administrators from a variety of human/social service agencies responded to the survey. Human service providers were asked to rate service categories utilizing two questions:

- How serious is the need for low-income people to have services available in the following categories?
- Are those needs met with existing resources and services in Schuylkill County?

The average of the two answers was utilized to rank the seriousness of the need for each of these service categories. Below is a list of the top ten most serious service gaps identified by respondents of the Human Service Provider survey.

1. Housing for the Homeless
2. Affordable safe apartments
3. Better public transportation
4. Affordable Medical Care
5. Assistance for Homeowners to make needed repairs
6. Drug & Alcohol Counseling
7. Mental Health Counseling
8. Guidance managing bills (budget education)
9. Utility Assistance
10. Higher paying jobs with benefits

Stakeholder Survey Summary

Forty-six (46) surveys were completed by stakeholders including local municipalities, local partnering businesses, donors and SCA Board Members. Stakeholders were asked to rate service categories in the same way as Service Providers, by answering two questions:

- How serious is the need for low-income people to have services available in the following categories?
- Are those needs met with existing resources and services in Schuylkill County?

The average of the two answers was utilized to rank the seriousness of the need for each of these service categories. Below is a list of the top ten most serious service gaps identified by respondents of the Stakeholder/Partner Survey.

1. Affordable Medical
2. Drug & Alcohol Counseling
3. Higher paying jobs with benefits
4. Employment training/education
5. Assistance for Homeowners to make needed repairs
6. Guidance establishing savings plan
7. Guidance managing bills (budget education)
8. Mental health Counseling
9. Utility Assistance
10. Childcare assistance for working parents

Summary of Results from Three Sectors:

On the following page there is a summary chart showing the results of each of the three sectors.

Survey Results of All Sectors - 2-10-15 (Top needs and service gaps averaged)

	STAKEHOLDER & BUSINESSES Includes 46 surveys (11 are SCA Board Members)	Ave. # Columns	HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDERS Includes responses from 43 Agencies	Ave. # Columns	ALL CLIENTS COMBINED Includes 1,001 clients of SCA	Ave. Client Answers	Total 3 Sectors
1	Affordable Medical	2.678	Housing for the Homeless	3.415	Food Assistance	2.03	6.535
2	Drug & Alcohol Counseling	2.67	Afford. Safe Apartment Rentals	2.885	Utility Assistance	1.51	6.515
3	Higher Paying Job with Benefits	2.565	Transportation - Better Public	2.88	Home Weatherization	1.17	5.965
4	Employment Training/Education	2.55	Affordable Medical	2.81	Car Purchase/Repair Program	1.16	5.775
5	Home Repair	2.55	Home Repair	2.69	Clothing	1.14	5.39
6	Guidance Establishing Savings Plan	2.535	Drug & Alcohol Counseling	2.655	Affordable Medical	1.09	6.5775
7	Guidance Managing Bills (Budget Edu)	2.495	Mental Health Counseling	2.655	Service Information	1.02	5.355
8	Mental Health Counseling	2.49	Guidance Managing Bills (Budget Edu)	2.64	Home Repair	0.91	6.15
9	Utility Assistance	2.405	Utility Assistance	2.6	Higher Paying Job with Benefits	0.84	5.995
10	Child Care Assist for Working Parents	2.37	Higher Paying Job with Benefits	2.59	Transportation - Better Public	0.72	5.86
11	Home Weatherization	2.285	Employment Training/Education	2.555	Assist Managing Bills & Expenses	0.72	5.855
12	Mortgage Assistance	2.27	Child Care Assist for Working Parents	2.54	Assistance Paying Rent	0.72	5.785
13	Transportation - Better Public	2.26	Home Weatherization	2.51	Employment Training/Education	0.64	5.745
14	Assist Victims of Domestic Violence	2.26	Assistance Dev Savings Plan	2.51	Homebuyer Guidance & Fin Assist	0.53	5.04
15	Assist Victims of Sexual Assault	2.245	Mortgage Assistance	2.48	Assistance Dev Savings Plan	0.52	5.565
16	Homebuyer Guidance & Fin Assist	2.24	Food Assistance	2.41	Assist with Tax Returns	0.47	4.64
17	Car Purchase/Repair Program	2.23	Car Purchase/Repair Program	2.385	Legal Services	0.45	4.87
18	Housing for the Homeless	2.215	Assist Victims of Domestic Violence	2.365	Mortgage Assistance	0.37	5.12
19	Assist with Tax Returns	2.21	Afford. Homeownership Opportunities	2.31	Child Care Assist for Working Parents	0.36	5.27
20	Afford. Safe Apartment Rentals	2.18	Legal Services	2.3	Homeless Assistance	0.35	5.98
21	Assist Starting New Business	2.155	Assist Victims of Sexual Assault	2.295	Assist Victims of Domestic Violence	0.19	4.815
22	Service Information	2.125	Clothing	2.27	Assist Victims of Sexual Assault	0.18	4.72
23	Legal Services	2.12	Homebuyer Guidance & Fin Assist	2.27	Drug & Alcohol Counseling	0.18	5.505
24	Food Assistance	2.095	Service Information	2.21	Afford. Homeownership Opportunities		
25	Afford. Homeownership Opportunities	1.99	Recreational Opportunities	2.21	Mental Health Counseling		
26	Clothing	1.98	Assist with Tax Returns	1.96	Assist Starting New Business		
27	Recreational Opportunities	1.88	Assist Starting New Business	1.75	Recreational Opportunities		

The single list below is provided for reference only, and does not necessarily represent the service needs in chronological order. The number of surveys completed by each sector, along with the sources of the surveys, do not call for equal numeric averaging of all sectors surveyed. In the right column is the total ranking score for each service category which includes scores from all three sectors.

Numerical Ranking for Reference Only					
Place on List	Program Category	Total score of all sectors combined			
1	Affordable Medical	6.5775	Health Care		
2	Food Assistance	6.535	Housing Issues		
3	Utility Assistance	6.515	Income Management		
4	Home Repair	6.15	Employment		
5	Higher Paying Job with Benefits	5.995	Transportation		
6	Homeless Assistance	5.98	Nutrition		
7	Home Weatherization	5.965	Information & Referral		
8	Transportation - Better Public	5.86			
9	Assist Managing Bills & Expenses	5.855			
10	Assistance Paying Rent	5.785			
11	Car Purchase/Repair Program	5.775			
12	Employment Training/Education	5.745			
13	Assistance Dev Savings Plan	5.565			
14	Drug & Alcohol Counseling	5.505			
15	Clothing	5.39			
16	Service Information	5.355			
17	Child Care Assist for Working Parents	5.27			
18	Mortgage Assistance	5.12			
19	Homebuyer Guidance & Fin Assist	5.04			
20	Legal Services	4.87			
21	Assist Victims of Domestic Violence	4.815			
22	Assist Victims of Sexual Assault	4.72			
23	Assist with Tax Returns	4.64			
24	Mental Health Counseling: 8th Stakeholder, 7th provider	Not ranked on client survey			
25	Afford. Homeownership Opportunities: 25th Stakeholder, 19th provider	Not ranked on client survey			
26	Assist Starting New Business: 21st Stakeholder, 27th provider	Not ranked on client survey			
27	Recreational Opportunities: 27th Stakeholder, 25th Provider	Not ranked on client survey			

II. Needs and Relevant Statistics

The following list represents the service areas identified through surveys as the most serious service gaps in Schuylkill County. The list of service needs includes the top nine (9) categories identified by each sector in the surveys, and the top sixteen (16) service areas identified in the single list on the previous page.

Also included are pertinent statistics which might verify or explain the nature of the service gaps. The majority of the statistics provided are derived from the online Community Needs Assessment Tool provided through the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania. All other sources are individually noted.

Affordable Medical Care

This was among the top six needs identified by all survey respondents. Stakeholders rated Affordable Medical Care as the #1 need, Providers ranked it 4th, and Clients ranked it 6th. Schuylkill County statistics support this need:

- The estimate of uninsured households in Schuylkill County was 12.3% compared to 9.5% for the state of Pennsylvania.
- The number of Physicians and Assistants in Schuylkill County is 1.78 per 1,000 people compared to 3.83 per 1,000 people in the State of Pennsylvania. Schuylkill County has less than half the ratio of medical professionals to population that exists elsewhere in the state.
- According to the US Department of Health and Human Resources, Schuylkill County has twenty-four (24) census tracts that have been designated as “Medically Underserved Areas.” The census tracts are located largely in the northern part of Schuylkill County.
- According to data compiled by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Program in 2014, Schuylkill County’s Health Rankings were the following (out of 67 Counties in the State of Pennsylvania):
 - Schuylkill County ranked 53rd out of 67 counties for Health Outcomes.
 - Schuylkill County ranked 59th out of 67 for Health Factors.
 - Schuylkill County ranked 62nd out of 67 for social & economic factors that affect health.

Utility Assistance:

This service area was ranked in the top nine by all sectors; Clients ranked this as the #2 need, while Stakeholders and Providers each ranked it #9. General utility statistics are not available, however, several statistics and programs suggest utility costs are a higher burden in Schuylkill County.

- In 2012-2013, Schuylkill County households received an average Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) cash grant of \$374.79 vs. an average statewide grant per household of \$284.63. Cash Grants are to be utilized to pay heating bills.
- In 2012-2013, Schuylkill County households received an average Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Crisis Grant of \$384.33 vs. an average statewide grant per household of \$341.33. Crisis grants are to be utilized to repair furnaces/heating systems, or to purchase heating fuel.
- In 2012, the median age of Schuylkill County’s housing stock was 70 years compared to 51 years statewide. The age of Schuylkill County’s housing stock most likely increases the need for utility assistance because building insulation was not a priority in older residential construction.

Food Assistance:

This service was ranked 1st among Clients surveyed, 16th by Providers, and 24th by Stakeholders. Statistics indicate that a larger percentage of Schuylkill County residents qualify for food assistance than the number statewide.

- 12.97% of Schuylkill County Housheolds received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payments compared to 11.82% statewide.
- 45.85% of children in Schuylkill County schools qualify for free or reduced lunches compared to 43.15% statewide.
- Statistics indicate working Schuylkill County residents have lower incomes than statewide residents. The average weekly wage is \$681 in Schuylkill County vs. \$918 statewide. The average median household income in Schuylkill County is \$45,012 vs. \$52,548 statewide. Lower income limits imply it may be harder to meet the cost of necessities.

Home Repair:

The need for assistance to complete essential Home Repairs was ranked 5th by Stakeholders and Providers and 8th by clients. Statistics reinforce the need for programs of this type:

- In 2012, the median age of Schuylkill County's housing stock was 70 years compared to 51 years statewide. Older housing typically requires more repairs.
- The most notable difference in the age of the housing stock is in the category of houses built in 1939 or earlier. According to the American Community Survey 2008-2012 statistics, 48.5% of the county housing stock was built in 1939 or earlier. The percentage statewide was at 27.5%. A large number of housing units were constructed during the height of the coal industry. Many of those units were constructed quickly for workers in the area coal mines, and were not of high quality. The nature of this older housing stock is more likely to need repairs.
- The median value of housing in Schuylkill County is also substantially lower than the median value of housing statewide. The median value of owner occupied housing was \$93,500 countywide, compared to \$164,700 statewide. This statistic could provide insight into the quality of housing in Schuylkill County.

Higher Paying Job with Benefits:

Higher paying jobs with benefits was among the top ten needs identified by all sectors. Stakeholders ranked this need #3, Clients ranked it #9, and Providers ranked it #10. Statistics do support this need.

- In September 2014, the unemployment rate in Schuylkill County was 5.3% vs. 4.9% statewide.
- A look at long-term unemployment in Schuylkill County shows the County typically has unemployment rates that are 1.4% higher than the state.
- Statistics indicate working Schuylkill County residents have lower incomes than statewide residents. The average weekly wage is \$681 in Schuylkill County vs. \$918 statewide. The average median household income in Schuylkill County is \$45,012 vs. \$52,548 statewide.
- The estimate of uninsured households in Schuylkill County was 12.3% compared to 9.5% for the state of Pennsylvania. This statistic implies there is a higher need for benefits among Schuylkill County working residents.
- According to the American Community Survey (2007-2011), 27.4% of Schuylkill County employed residents were categorized as Management/Professional compared to 35.5% of state residents. There were also 21.8% of county employees working in Production and Transportation compared to 13.8% statewide. These job classifications imply that Schuylkill County employees may have lower paying jobs than other areas.

Homeless Assistance:

The need for temporary shelter to assist homeless individuals varied widely among the three sectors. Providers ranked this as the #1 need, Stakeholders ranked this #18 and Clients ranked the need as #20. While the homeless population may not be as large in number as the low-income population, available services are very limited locally. There is no homeless shelter in Schuylkill County. Statistics captured during the annual Point in Time (PIT) count of homeless individuals and families indicates that homelessness is on the rise.

- During the 2013 PIT count, sixty-five (65) homeless people were sheltered and twelve (12) people were unsheltered. During the 2014 PIT count, ninety-three (93) homeless people were sheltered and thirty-eight (38) people were unsheltered.
- During last winter, a group of faith based volunteers established a temporary homeless shelter in Pottsville which rotated among churches. During their 2.5 months of operation, they served approximately fifty (50) guests.

Home Weatherization:

Home Weatherization was ranked 3rd among clients, 11th among Stakeholders, and 13th among Providers. General statistics for Weatherization are not available, however, several statistics suggest the need for this service is substantial in Schuylkill County.

- In 2012, the median age of Schuylkill County's housing stock was 70 years compared to 51 years statewide. The age of Schuylkill County's housing stock implies that homes are not properly weatherized; insulation was not a priority in older residential construction.
- In 2012-2013, Schuylkill County households received an average Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant of \$374.79 vs. an average statewide grant per household of \$284.63. Cash Grants are to be utilized to pay heating bills.
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Transportation/ Better Public:

A need for better public transportation was ranked 3rd among Providers, 10th among clients, and 13th among Stakeholders. While there are not statistics available to directly address public transportation, Schuylkill County is a rural county making it very difficult to access with public transportation. There is a fixed route bus system that operates 6 days each week during mid-day hours. Most routes do not run before 9:00 AM or after 5:00 PM, making public transportation a difficult option as a transportation source to access full-time employment.

- Statistics indicate that .49% of Schuylkill County workers utilize public transportation to get to work compared to 5.41% statewide.

Assistance Managing Bills & Expenses/Budget Counseling:

This service area was ranked 7th by Stakeholders, 8th by Providers and 11th by clients. There are no direct statistics to support this need, however, statistics imply that Schuylkill County residents have less money to meet basic needs.

- The poverty rates in 2012 indicated Schuylkill County had a 14.9% poverty rate compared to a Pennsylvania rate of 13.7%. The difference fluctuates year to year.

- The Median Household Income, Per Capita Income and Average Income Per Earner are considerably lower in Schuylkill County. This implies that county residents people may need to better manage their money in order to make ends meet.

	Median HH Income	Per Capita Income	Ave. Income per Earner
Schuylkill County	\$45,012	\$23,021	\$31,125
Pennsylvania	\$52,548	\$28,502	\$39,066

Affordable, Safe and Decent Rental Housing:

This was ranked 2nd among Providers, 12th among clients and 20th among Stakeholders. Current statistics support this need:

- The vacancy rate for rental units in Schuylkill County is 1.44% compared to 2.15% statewide.
- The need for affordable rental units is validated by the length of the waiting lists for public housing and Section 8 Vouchers. Waiting time for either can be several years depending on the client’s need and the unit being requested.
- According to the 2010 American Community Survey, 36.6% of Schuylkill County renters pay 35% or more of their income for gross rent.
- Schuylkill County’s housing stock is also older than the average age of housing statewide. In 2012, the median age of Schuylkill County’s housing stock was 70 years compared to 51 years statewide. The result is that much of the housing stock is in need of repair and many apartment units do not meet the local building codes.

Car Purchase\Repair Program:

This need ranked 4th among clients and 17th among Stakeholders and Providers. Direct statistics are unavailable to support this need. It is worth noting that the schedules for Public Transportation in Schuylkill County do not support typical hours required for full-time employment.

- Statistics indicate that .49% of Schuylkill County workers utilize public transportation to get to work compared to 5.41% statewide. This statistic reinforces the need to own a car to access employment.

Mental Health Counseling:

This service area was not included in service areas provided to clients for ranking, however, it was ranked 7th by Providers and 8th by Stakeholders. Statistics indicate there are fewer mental health professionals serving Schuylkill County.

- There are .1 mental health professionals per 1,000 people in Schuylkill County vs. .42 professionals per 1,000 people statewide. Schuylkill County has less than ¼ the number of mental health professionals.
- According to statistics provided by the County Mental Health Department, 5,500 people receive assistance with Mental Health services in Schuylkill County. This number does not include county residents with private health insurance.

Clothing:

This service need was ranked 5th among clients, 22nd among Providers and 26th among Stakeholders. There are no direct statistics related to clothing, however, the statistics regarding income levels for Schuylkill County residents indicate people have less money to meet their needs.

- The poverty rates in 2012 indicated Schuylkill County had a 14.9% poverty rate compared to a Pennsylvania rate of 13.7%. The difference fluctuates year to year.
- The Median Household Income, Per Capita Income and Average Income Per Earner are considerably lower in Schuylkill County (see chart below). This implies that local people may not have as much money available to meet basic needs.

	Median HH Income	Per Capita Income	Ave. Income per Earner
Schuylkill County	\$45,012	\$23,021	\$31,125
Pennsylvania	\$52,548	\$28,502	\$39,066

Drug & Alcohol Counseling:

This need was ranked 2nd by Stakeholders, 6th by Providers, and 23rd by clients. According to data compiled by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Program in 2014:

- 19% of Schuylkill County’s population has been involved in excessive drinking, compared to 17% of the statewide population and 10% nationwide.

Employment Training/Education:

This need was ranked 4th by Stakeholders, 11th by Providers, and 13th by clients. The level of educational attainment of Schuylkill County residents is considerably lower than statewide statistics.

Below is a chart of education levels for persons over 25 years in age:

	No High School Diploma	High School Diploma Only	Some College	Associates	Bachelors	Graduate or Professional
Schuylkill County	13.64%	48.61%	14.49%	8.98%	9.06%	5.22%
Pennsylvania	11.34%	37.05%	16.48%	7.59%	16.85%	10.69%

Assistance Developing a Savings Plan:

This need was ranked 6th by Stakeholders, 14th by Providers and 15th by Clients. There are no direct statistics to support this need, however, statistics imply that Schuylkill County residents have less money to meet their daily needs.

- The poverty rates in 2012 indicated Schuylkill County had a 14.9% poverty rate compared to a Pennsylvania rate of 13.7%. The difference fluctuates year to year.
- The Median Household Income, Per Capita Income and Average Income Per Earner are considerably lower in Schuylkill County. This implies that local people may need to better manage their money to make ends meet.
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Service Information:

This was the 7th need identified by clients and the 22nd and 24th need identified by stakeholders and providers. There are no direct statistics to support this need.

- Schuylkill County is one of the few remaining counties in Pennsylvania that does not have an operating 2-1-1 helpline to connect people with available social service programs.

General statistics about Schuylkill County residents living in poverty are included in the following two tables.

2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
Poverty Statistics - Families

	United States				Pennsylvania				Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania				Female householder, no			
	All families		Married		All families		Married		All families		Married-couple		Total		Percent	
	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate	Percent Estimate
Families	11.3%	9.2%	30.6%	28.9%	9.2%	39.5%	39.176	8.6%	16.260	15.1%	29,140	4.0%	6,746	26.3%	37.7%	
With related children under 18 years	17.8%	8.3%	40.0%	5.5%	15.5%						10,627	5.8%	3,930			
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN																
Families with a householder who is--																
One race	11.2%	5.6%	30.5%	3.8%	9.0%	28.6%	39,062	8.6%	29,111	4.0%	6,669	26.2%				
White	8.7%	4.7%	26.6%	3.3%	6.8%	24.2%	38,533	8.3%	28,859	3.8%	6,452	26.3%				
Black or African American	23.2%	6.1%	37.3%	8.0%	24.4%	36.7%	235	18.3%	57	15.8%	148	12.8%				
American Indian and Alaska Native	23.7%	12.7%	41.8%	12.6%	22.7%	40.8%	2	100.0%	0		2	100.0%				
Asian	9.3%	7.2%	20.5%	9.3%	12.1%	31.0%	135	38.5%	121	39.7%	10	40.0%				
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	16.8%	11.5%	30.6%	3.2%	23.8%	51.8%	9	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.0%				
Some other race	24.7%	16.7%	42.6%	18.4%	35.6%	18.4%	148	55.9%	148	28.4%	48	52.1%				
Two or more races	17.0%	8.2%	35.9%	9.6%	21.9%	42.7%	114	21.1%	29	0.0%	77	31.2%				
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	22.2%	14.8%	40.1%	13.9%	30.3%	53.6%	625	23.2%	308	14.3%	235	26.0%				
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	7.1%	3.7%	23.7%	3.1%	6.3%	22.3%	38,159	8.2%	28,631	3.7%	6,341	26.2%				
Householder worked	8.2%	3.8%	23.6%	2.3%	6.1%	21.3%	26,622	5.7%	19,916	2.6%	4,182	18.7%				
Householder worked full-time, year-round in the	3.7%	2.0%	10.3%	1.2%	2.4%	7.9%	18,903	2.0%	14,674	1.3%	2,493	6.2%				
Householder 65 years and over	5.2%	3.7%	12.1%	3.2%	4.1%	9.0%	8,736	3.4%	6,846	2.4%	1,456	6.8%				
Family received -																
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or cash	32.1%	17.8%	48.7%	16.3%	33.5%	51.2%	2,763	28.3%	1,327	12.8%	970	47.4%				
Social security income in the past 12 months	6.9%	4.2%	17.5%	3.4%	5.8%	15.1%	13,178	5.6%	9,946	3.5%	2,295	13.4%				
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HOUSEHOLDER																
Less than high school graduate	28.6%	18.8%	49.8%	13.3%	24.6%	48.7%	4,200	19.4%	2,630	10.9%	1,106	34.7%				
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	14.1%	7.1%	34.4%	4.7%	10.9%	31.1%	17,915	9.0%	13,358	4.5%	2,925	26.7%				
Some college, associate's degree	10.7%	4.5%	28.6%	3.3%	9.8%	27.6%	10,719	7.6%	7,829	2.8%	1,989	28.1%				
Bachelor's degree or higher	3.0%	1.8%	10.4%	1.4%	2.3%	9.7%	6,342	2.1%	5,323	1.5%	726	6.6%				
NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18																
No child	5.0%	3.5%	12.3%	2.8%	4.0%	10.8%	22,916	4.0%	18,513	3.0%	2,816	10.4%				
1 or 2 children	15.0%	6.1%	34.7%	4.1%	13.4%	34.6%	13,297	12.0%	8,485	3.6%	3,295	31.0%				
3 or 4 children	27.2%	14.6%	60.3%	9.5%	23.4%	60.2%	2,853	28.3%	2,055	13.2%	621	71.8%				
5 or more children	45.7%	31.3%	76.8%	25.3%	38.4%	74.3%	110	48.2%	87	41.4%	14	100.0%				
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN FAMILY																
2 people	8.6%	3.7%	23.2%	3.1%	7.5%	21.9%	20,406	7.4%	14,454	3.2%	3,846	21.3%				
3 or 4 people	12.0%	5.0%	34.8%	3.2%	9.8%	33.5%	15,070	8.1%	11,481	2.9%	2,521	29.1%				
5 or 6 people	17.3%	11.7%	47.1%	7.6%	13.6%	47.8%	3,330	16.4%	2,886	10.8%	356	55.1%				
7 or more people	26.2%	20.9%	49.5%	18.3%	24.2%	53.6%	370	23.0%	319	19.4%	23	100.0%				
NUMBER OF WORKERS IN FAMILY																
No workers	26.6%	11.5%	66.5%	9.5%	24.0%	63.7%	7,142	20.6%	5,368	9.1%	1,380	56.8%				
1 worker	17.3%	10.0%	30.1%	6.7%	14.0%	27.3%	12,180	11.8%	6,413	6.5%	3,751	21.7%				
2 workers	3.4%	2.5%	9.9%	1.6%	2.3%	8.4%	15,723	2.8%	13,585	1.8%	1,404	12.5%				
3 or more workers	2.0%	1.6%	5.5%	0.9%	1.2%	4.6%	4,131	0.5%	3,774	0.5%	211	0.0%				
INCOME DEFICIT																
Mean income deficit for families (dollars)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	8,531	(X)	7,264	(X)	9,427	(X)				
PERCENT IMPUTED																
Poverty status for families	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	28.4%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)				

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Poverty Statistics - All People

Subject	United States			Pennsylvania			Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania		
	Total	Below	Percent	Total	Below	Percent	Total	Below	Percent
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Population for whom poverty status is	303,692,076	46,663,433	15.4%	12,318,805	1,638,820	13.3%	140,278	17,946	12.8%
AGE									
Under 18 years	72,748,607	15,701,799	21.6%	2,716,032	509,623	18.8%	28,659	5,366	18.7%
Related children under 18 years	72,422,408	15,399,215	21.3%	2,703,727	497,973	18.4%	28,568	5,279	18.5%
18 to 64 years	190,398,831	27,168,057	14.3%	7,678,005	969,967	12.6%	85,912	10,313	12.0%
65 years and over	40,544,638	3,793,577	9.4%	1,924,768	159,230	8.3%	25,707	2,267	8.8%
SEX									
Male	148,568,742	20,955,837	14.1%	5,985,332	720,533	12.0%	69,161	7,622	11.0%
Female	155,123,334	25,707,596	16.6%	6,333,473	918,287	14.5%	71,117	10,324	14.5%
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO									
One race	295,235,137	44,966,549	15.2%	12,086,736	1,576,282	13.0%	138,849	17,592	12.7%
White	225,411,371	28,254,647	12.5%	10,173,264	1,051,490	10.3%	135,910	16,513	12.1%
Black or African American	37,475,462	10,165,935	27.1%	1,302,470	372,390	28.6%	1,291	479	37.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,455,715	701,439	28.6%	19,236	5,018	26.1%	68	55	80.9%
Asian	14,942,927	1,872,394	12.5%	350,682	57,176	16.3%	731	236	32.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific	510,386	99,943	19.6%	3,223	854	26.5%	24	0	0.0%
Some other race	14,439,276	3,872,191	26.8%	237,861	89,354	37.6%	825	309	37.5%
Two or more races	8,456,939	1,696,884	20.1%	232,069	62,538	26.9%	1,429	354	24.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	50,724,885	12,507,866	24.7%	724,444	234,066	32.3%	3,667	1,436	39.2%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	192,513,451	20,474,304	10.6%	9,777,763	943,235	9.6%	133,506	15,474	11.6%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT									
Population 25 years and over	203,046,170	23,892,176	11.8%	8,538,831	864,887	10.1%	101,129	10,584	10.5%
Less than high school graduate	27,723,135	7,524,780	27.1%	935,254	231,380	24.7%	13,031	2,898	22.2%
High school graduate (includes	56,748,049	7,794,126	13.7%	3,146,958	361,666	11.5%	48,692	5,164	10.6%
Some college, associate's degree	59,270,177	6,002,190	10.1%	2,069,056	182,323	8.8%	24,215	1,943	8.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	59,304,809	2,571,080	4.3%	2,387,563	89,518	3.7%	15,191	579	3.8%
EMPLOYMENT STATUS									
Civilian labor force 16 years and over	156,134,444	14,801,953	9.5%	6,432,909	481,789	7.5%	70,570	5,304	7.5%
Employed	141,046,531	10,107,861	7.2%	5,860,654	321,899	5.5%	63,770	3,348	5.3%
Male	73,845,806	4,620,530	6.3%	3,035,588	134,898	4.4%	33,598	1,494	4.4%
Female	67,200,725	5,487,331	8.2%	2,825,066	187,001	6.6%	30,172	1,854	6.1%
Unemployed	15,087,913	4,694,092	31.1%	572,255	159,890	27.9%	6,800	1,956	28.8%
Male	8,315,572	2,356,379	28.3%	323,138	80,870	25.0%	4,176	1,086	26.0%
Female	6,772,341	2,337,713	34.5%	249,117	79,020	31.7%	2,624	870	33.2%
WORK EXPERIENCE									
Population 16 years and over	239,364,943	32,512,873	13.6%	9,936,657	1,182,402	11.9%	115,164	12,903	11.2%
Worked full-time, year-round in the	98,581,833	2,853,267	2.9%	4,073,986	79,705	2.0%	44,239	764	1.7%
Worked part-time or part-year in the	59,757,413	10,817,656	18.1%	2,470,861	375,353	15.2%	27,311	3,957	14.5%
Did not work	81,025,697	18,841,950	23.3%	3,391,810	727,344	21.4%	43,614	8,182	18.8%
All Individuals below:									
50 percent of poverty level	20,609,862	(X)	(X)	723,336	(X)	(X)	7,061	(X)	(X)
125 percent of poverty level	61,051,086	(X)	(X)	2,139,889	(X)	(X)	24,933	(X)	(X)
150 percent of poverty level	75,713,774	(X)	(X)	2,673,173	(X)	(X)	32,200	(X)	(X)
185 percent of poverty level	95,898,451	(X)	(X)	3,431,624	(X)	(X)	43,712	(X)	(X)
200 percent of poverty level	103,964,437	(X)	(X)	3,758,020	(X)	(X)	48,220	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals for whom poverty									
Male	27,696,374	6,806,752	24.6%	1,132,722	272,094	24.0%	12,797	2,689	21.0%
Female	28,787,435	8,170,310	28.4%	1,271,795	340,732	26.8%	14,233	4,125	29.0%
Mean income deficit for unrelated	6,495	(X)	(X)	6,345	(X)	(X)	5,530	(X)	(X)
Worked full-time, year-round in the past									
Worked less than full-time, year-round in	13,677,392	5,434,059	39.7%	537,001	204,617	38.1%	5,757	2,060	35.8%
Did not work	19,750,554	8,799,733	44.6%	947,067	383,634	40.5%	13,085	4,536	34.7%
PERCENT IMPUTED									
Poverty status for individuals	25.9%	(X)	(X)	26.3%	(X)	(X)	26.4%	(X)	(X)