

# FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH

## Learning & Results Summary

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# EVALUATION PURPOSES

*why we evaluate our work*

We evaluate to be accountable to the region we serve, to learn with the organizations we partner with, and to determine if our strategies to improve health, well-being, and equity are working. Understanding our impact and being open to improvement helps us be a better partner, funder, and community leader.

# EVALUATION PURPOSES

*how we evaluate our work*

At Foundation for Community Health, we center the experiences, expertise, and goals of the nonprofits we partner with. This looks like:

- developing reporting metrics in partnership with our grantee partners
- accepting reports created for other stakeholders
- using grant check-ins in lieu of a written report
- surveying our grantee partners to learn more about the effectiveness of the foundation

# EVALUATION PURPOSES

*what we evaluate to learn*

## Grant Results

*Outcomes and outputs as reported by FCH's Grantee Partners, to understand progress towards the outcomes identified in our [Theory of Change](#).*

## Foundation Effectiveness

*The factors related to how FCH works and the ways we support our grantee partners, to understand if we're living our values and providing meaningful support.*

## Community Health Indicators

*Information related to health factors and health outcomes, to understand if our strategies to change the conditions that influence health are working.*

	Outputs <i>Annual</i>	Short-Term Outcomes <i>2021-2024</i>	Medium & Long-Term Outcomes <i>2025-2030</i>	Impact
Support Local Decision-making	<p># of communities engaged</p> <p># of participatory events or processes</p> <p><b>X%</b> of local leaders that report increased confidence in community engagement or facilitating participatory processes</p>	<p><b>X%</b> of participating communities report influence of program on decisions and/or outcome of project</p> <p><b>X of 17</b> towns launch comprehensive community engagement campaigns related to broadband, food, and/or housing</p>	<p><b>X of X</b> affordable housing plans are adopted</p> <p><b>X of X</b> towns commit to bringing broadband to their community</p> <p><b>X of X</b> participating towns report citing or using community health information as part of their decision-making process</p>	<p>Local decisions increasingly consider the effects on community health and are improved through the direct input from community members.</p>
Improve Community Assets	<p># of students served</p> <p># of place-based investments developed</p>	<p><b>X of 3</b> school districts in our region establish a school-based health center</p> <p><b>X of 2</b> place-based investees achieve their desired outcomes</p> <p>Community Health &amp; Wellness opens its community health center in North Canaan</p>	<p>Utilization of school-based health center services increases by <b>X%</b></p> <p>Insurance coverage of patients of Community Health &amp; Wellness in North Canaan is reflective of the community at large</p>	<p>More aspects of our community work to improve the conditions required for health, well-being and equity.</p>
Strengthen Organizations	<p># of organizations that report improvement in their Program Quality, Workplace, Experimentation and/or Mission/financial alignment</p> <p># of goals met by our Multi-Year General Operating Support Grantees</p> <p># of service organizations engaged through local networks and coalitions</p>	<p><b>X%</b> of nonprofits in the <i>Multi-Year General Operating Support Program</i> report improvement in 4 of 8 functional areas of their organization</p> <p><b>X%</b> of nonprofits in the <i>Capacity Building Grant Program</i> report improvement in at least 1 of 3 organizational health indicators (function, adaption, and growth)</p> <p><b>X of 4</b> FCH invested networks and collaboratives achieve their desired outcomes</p>	<p><b>X%</b> of nonprofits in the <i>Multi-Year General Operating Support Program</i> and the <i>Capacity Building Grant Program</i> report a strengthened ability to meet their mission</p> <p><b>X%</b> of nonprofits in the Capacity Building Grant Program participate in the <i>Multi-Year General Operating Support Program</i></p> <p><b>X of 2</b> FCH invested networks progress along the engagement continuum</p>	<p>Stronger, more effective and resilient organizations serve our community.</p> <p>Strengthened collaboration between organizations and effectiveness of networks improves the delivery of services to our community.</p>
	Accountability		Attribution	Contribution

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Support Local Decision-making	<p><b>12</b> communities engaged</p> <p><b>27</b> participatory events or processes</p> <p><b>100%</b> of local leaders report increased confidence in community engagement or facilitating participatory processes</p>	<p><b>62%</b> of participating communities report influence of program on decisions and/or outcome of project</p> <p><b>12 of 17</b> towns launch comprehensive community engagement campaigns related to broadband, food, and/or housing</p>	<p><b>X of X</b> affordable housing plans are adopted</p> <p><b>X of X</b> towns commit to bringing broadband to their community</p> <p><b>X of X</b> participating towns report citing or using community health information as part of their decision-making process</p>	<p>Local decisions increasingly consider the effects on community health and are improved through the direct input from community members.</p>
Improve Community Assets	<p><b>828</b> of students served through school-based health services</p> <p><b>2</b> place-based investments</p>	<p><b>2 of 3</b> school districts in our region establish a school-based health center</p> <p><b>1 of 2</b> place-based investees achieve their desired outcomes</p> <p>Community Health &amp; Wellness constructs its community health center in North Canaan</p>	<p>Utilization of school-based health center services increases by <b>X%</b></p> <p>Insurance coverage of patients of Community Health &amp; Wellness in North Canaan is reflective of the community at large</p>	<p>More aspects of our community work to improve the conditions required for health, well-being and equity.</p>
Strengthen Organizations	<p><b>10</b> organizations reported improvement in their Program Quality, Workplace, Experimentation and/or Mission/financial alignment</p> <p><b>6</b> goals were met by our Multi-Year General Operating Support Grantees</p> <p><b>153</b> service organizations were engaged through local networks and coalitions</p>	<p><b>75%</b> of nonprofits in the <i>Capacity Building Grant Program</i> report improvement in at least 1 of 3 organizational health indicators (function, adaption, and growth)</p> <p><b>3 of 4</b> FCH invested networks and collaboratives achieved their desired outcomes</p>	<p><b>X%</b> of nonprofits in the <i>Multi-Year General Operating Support Program</i> and the <i>Capacity Building Grant Program</i> report a strengthened ability to meet their mission</p> <p><b>X%</b> of nonprofits in the Capacity Building Grant Program participate in the <i>Multi-Year General Operating Support Program</i></p> <p><b>X of 2</b> FCH invested networks progress along the engagement continuum</p>	<p>Stronger, more effective and resilient organizations serve our community.</p> <p>Strengthened collaboration between organizations and effectiveness of networks improves the delivery of services to our community.</p>
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We are investing in our community’s social sector in ways that leverages community partnerships, contributes to its resiliency and effectiveness, and bolsters leadership development.

OUTCOMES

- Nonprofits are better able to anticipate, prepare for, respond and adapt to incremental or sudden changes
- More networks, coalitions, and collaborative efforts further their engagement efforts

LEARNING QUESTIONS

- To what extent and in what ways is the operational health of organizations changing?
- What improvements to organizational health lead to resiliency and strengthened effectiveness?
- What conditions support increased engagement amongst the networks and coalitions with whom we partner?
- In what ways does increased collaboration improve service delivery in our region?

In 2023, **74%** of closed Grants (20 out of 27) met at least one of these outcomes at the end of their funded period.

Grant Results

**9** out of **12** organizations that received funding through our *Capacity Building Grant Program* reported at least one improvement in Program Quality, Workplace, Experimentation and/or Mission/Financial alignment

**100%** of nonprofits in the *Capacity Building Grant Program* reported improvement in at least 1 of 3 organizational health indicators (function, adaption, and growth). Most reported changes in how their organization functions.

**3** out of **4** FCH-invested networks and collaboratives achieved their desired outcomes

FCH funded **4** collaborative efforts. One network’s efforts resulted in the engagement of over **600** community members and health professionals in a day-long conference.

In 2023, Grantee Partners in FCH’s *Capacity Building Grant Program* were most likely to report improvements in:

- Program Staffing
- Outreach and Follow-up
- Program Logistics
- Innovation



# STRENGTHEN ORGANIZATIONS

## Program Highlight: *Nonprofit Community of Practice*

### *Our Why*

At FCH, we firmly believe in the power of collective wisdom and shared learning to drive lasting change. In 2023, in collaboration with Connecticut-based consulting firm Fio Partners, we launched our Nonprofit Community of Practice (CoP). Through the CoP, nonprofit leaders are provided with the tools and insights they need to navigate challenges and create viable solutions for their organization.

### WHAT HAPPENED

**18**

nonprofit leaders were engaged in 4 learning sessions

**8**

organizational leaders received one-to-one coaching. Leaders were offered up to seven monthly coaching sessions.

### WHAT WE LEARNED

- Deliberate connection is essential for capacity building. After our planning session in June 2023, we pivoted to an entirely in-person program.
- Case studies rooted in the leaders' real-life experiences were invaluable to the shared learning experience of the group.



*2023 session topics were decided by the participants and included: navigating growth and change in your organization; leadership/management development (succession planning); short & long-term planning, and financial/operational sustainability.*

### *Our Next Steps*

We will continue this program in 2024, offering six in-person sessions and 1:1 leadership support to Executive Directors that received funding through our *Capacity Building Grant Program*. In addition to increasing the number of sessions offered due to interest from the nonprofit community, we also reworked our survey to understand whether the CoP was supporting learning between nonprofit leaders in our region.

## What We Learned & Changes We Made

Our *Capacity Building Grant Program* is continuously evolving, guided by the valuable feedback from our grantee partners and the changing needs of our community. In 2023, we gained several important insights that led to meaningful adjustments in our approach. The following table outlines what we learned and how we adapted our program in response. These changes reflect our commitment to providing flexible, responsive support that truly empowers our partners in their important work.

### WHAT WE LEARNED

#### Early Check-ins for New Grantees

New grantee partners to our *Capacity Building Grant Program* suggested scheduling an additional check-in at the beginning of the grant’s funded period.

#### Challenges with Bi-Annual Grant Requests

Our initial structure of accepting requests up to \$15,000 twice a year led to unforeseen reporting complications for organizations receiving multiple grants.

#### Narrow Focus of Post-Grant Survey

Grantees pointed out that our post-grant survey questions focused too heavily on funding utilization rather than overall organizational impact.

#### Assessing Statewide Organization’s Local Impact

While we recognized that over 80% of health influencing conditions are shaped at a state or federal level, evaluating statewide organizations’ specific impact in our community proved challenging with unrestricted funding.



### CHANGES WE MADE

#### Introduction of Introductory Meetings

We now offer 20-minute introductory check-ins at the beginning of each grant with new grantee partners. These conversations allow us to share program details, explain our flexible funding approach, and address any questions the organization may have.

#### Increased Maximum Grant Amount

Starting in 2024, we will increase the maximum request to \$30,000 per cycle. A change we feel will better accommodate organizations’ needs and simplify the reporting process.

#### Updated Survey to Reflect Holistic Interest in Organizations

Based on grantee feedback, we revised our survey language to capture a more comprehensive picture of the organization’s developments during the funded period.

#### Refined Eligibility Criteria

Beginning in 2024, we will adjust our eligibility criteria to focus on organizations with clear, direct ties to FCH’s catchment area. For statewide advocacy efforts, we continue to remain open to program-restricted funding opportunities to better serve our funding interests.



We are investing in the development of health access points and community infrastructure that will expand access for those most adversely impacted by our community’s social determinants of health.

OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fewer barriers to health exist, a result of more school-based health centers, a new health center in North Canaan, and increased effectiveness of our rural transportation operators and school-based oral health providers</li><li>Our community’s infrastructure bolsters the local economy while supporting food access, job security, and the affordability of housing</li></ul>
LEARNING QUESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How is health advanced through existing and new community assets?</li><li>How do changes in local infrastructure improve the living conditions that support health and well-being?</li></ul>

11 of 13 Grants closed in 2023 demonstrated at least one of these outcomes in their work.

Grant Results

35% of students at Webutuck Central School District are enrolled in the school-based health center.

314 students received sealants through their school-based oral health program, the highest since COVID-19.

3 transportation providers in our region provided 7,662 rides to 786 community members.

A 100% increase in affordable housing units entered the development pipeline, expanding from 160 to 323 units. This growth signifies a potential doubling of housing opportunities for Litchfield County.

323 housing units (18 affordable housing developments) are being supported in 13 towns in Litchfield County, 8 of which are in the northwest corner.



Through FCH funding, The Northwest Connecticut Food Hub, an initiative of the Partners for Sustainable Healthy Communities, began working with Food Works Group to understand strategic partnership opportunities to improve its operations. The Food Hub is responsible for distributing food from over 30 partner farms to pantries and schools in northwest Connecticut.



# IMPROVE COMMUNITY ASSETS

## Milestones in 2023

MARCH 2023

### CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON THE NORTH CANAAN HEALTH CENTER

Operated by Community Health & Wellness of Greater Torrington, the FQHC provides comprehensive and continuous primary care, behavioral health services, walk-in- non-emergency medical services, and chiropractic care. FCH has worked in close partnership with Community Health & Wellness for many years towards this effort – including granting over \$2 million, to date, in flexible funding. In 2023, we helped secure \$350K in in-kind support and \$300K in financial support from Nuvance Health for the North Canaan Health Center.



JUNE 2023

### NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SECURES FUNDING FOR RURAL HEALTH NETWORK

The \$1.2M federal grant will improve access to behavioral health services for teens in northwest Connecticut, by establishing a network of care to increase capacity of existing providers and bring in new providers. In 2022, FCH made a grant to Northwest Hills Council of Governments to support their efforts to pursue a federal planning grant for the rural health network.

SEPTEMBER 2023

### COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS SECURES SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER FUNDING FOR REGION 1

Nearly \$600,000 in HRSA funding was awarded to Community Health & Wellness to establish three school-based health centers within the Region 1 School District (Housatonic Valley Regional High School, North Canaan Elementary School and Sharon Elementary School). In 2021, FCH provided grant funding to Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers to facilitate community conversations about the school-based health center model.



We are building the capacity and skills of our community’s decision-makers to incorporate input from community members and anticipate how their decisions affect health and well-being.

In our region, efforts to preserve and create affordable housing are largely led by volunteers through town-dedicated housing trusts, nonprofits, and town-sponsored planning commissions and boards. In 2023, we partnered with the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity to provide funding for community engagement initiatives of the affordable housing nonprofits serving the northwest corner.



OUTCOMES

- Community health information is used more frequently to guide local decision-making
- Our community is better off in ways community members define for themselves

LEARNING QUESTIONS

- What resources enable participatory and health-informed decision making from our local leaders?

2 Grants closed in 2023 demonstrated at least one of these outcomes in their work.


## Grant Results

Through our partnership with The Housing Collective and Hudson River Housing **11** affordable housing community engagement projects were completed in Dutchess and Litchfield counties and **2** additional projects in Litchfield County launched.


2023 WORK PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

KEY


- = complete
- = on track
- = some risk to deliverable
- = significant risk to deliverable




= Strengthen Organizations




= Support Local Decision-making



























= Improve Community Assets



= Foundation Effectiveness

Long-Term Goals	Focus Area	Annual Objectives	Delivery Confidence	Q1 2023 Jan- Mar	Q2 2023 April-Jun	Q3 2023 Jul - Sep	Q4 2023 Oct - Dec
We are investing in our community's social sector in a way that leverages community partnerships, contributes to its resiliency and effectiveness, and bolsters leadership development.		1. Work towards a 70% application approval rate within our Capacity Building Grant Program by the first two years of the program, through continual improvements to outreach, communication, and application requirements.	<span style="color:green">●</span>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
		2. Seek to fund at least 50% of small organizations (organizations with an annual operating budget at/under \$500K) through our Capacity Building Grant Program.	<span style="color:yellow">●</span>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
		3. Support and contribute to bi-directional collaboration within the Northwest Connecticut Funders Collaborative, through the creation of co-sponsored programs and other initiatives.	<span style="color:green">●</span>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
		4. Provide significant 'support beyond the grant' to further bi-directional collaboration for at least one network or coalition with or without FCH project-restricted funding.	<span style="color:green">●</span>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
		5. Develop and launch a Nonprofit Community of Practice and one-on-one leadership support for FCH grantee partners.Facilitate Executive Director monthly calls.	<span style="color:green">●</span>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>

<p>We are investing in the development of health access points and community infrastructure that will expand access for those most adversely impacted by our community's social determinants of health.</p>		1. Identify opportunities with at least one school district in our region to discuss the need for and feasibility of a school-based health center by Q4.						
		2. Develop a place-based investment strategy for FCH based on best practices and local need by Q4 2023.						
		3. Identify at least two potential place-based investment opportunities within our region no later than Q4 2023.						
		4. Continue to convene the transportation providers in our region to generate technical assistance needs or other ways in which FCH can provide support beyond the grant.						
		5. Identify and create at least one state-level advocacy aim that is informed or generated by our grantee partners no later than Q4 2023.						
		6. Actively garner community support for Community Health & Wellness' North Canaan Clinic, leveraging FCH's relationships and existing partnerships in the community to strengthen Community Health & Wellness' outreach and capital campaign.						
<p>We are building the capacity and skills of our community's decision-makers to incorporate input from community members and anticipate how their decisions effect health and well-being.</p>		1. Identify at least one partner to support locally led community engagement efforts and co-create a grant program together to benefit multiple towns in our region.						
		2. Continue to build an online series for decision-makers and the public at-large about initiatives in the region and the conditions influencing health on the local level. Develop a dissemination plan and begin to implement in Q2 2024.						
<p>As an organization, we move from systems of monitoring to systems of learning and more meaningful evaluation. FCH, the community, our grantee partners, and peers benefit in measurable ways from the foundation's learning.</p>		1. Develop tools to operationalize FCH's Learning & Results Summary, moving the organization further along the learning organization continuum. Update FCH's Learning & Results Summary for 2023 by end of Q1 2024.						
		2. Share about FCH's progress towards its objectives and Stories from our region by publishing a Learning and Results Summary no later than Q3 2023 and at least five Stories from our region through FCH's website.						



We create high quality content which directly supports storytelling by our board, grantee partners, and peers. More of our community understands what we do, why it matters, and the health issues impacting our community. Our visibility is improved through deliberate engagement with our partners and community, strengthening ties and furthering organizational learning and progress towards our goals.



1. Launch a new FCH website with the aims of a) improved functionality b) clear articulation of FCH's strategic Focus Areas and c) expanded information about our grantmaking and ways of working.					
2. Create plan to operationalize FCH 2023-2025 strategic communications plan, which aims to improve internal operations and the quality and effectiveness of FCH communication with its target audience.					
3. Expand <i>Past Grants</i> database on FCH's website to include Key Takeaways, Lessons Learned, applicable reports/briefs and other relevant information for the community at large.					

## Staff Reflections: 2023 Workplan Progress

### Embracing the Challenges of Collaboration

We're proud to have successfully organized and executed a half-day workshop, "Renewal through Self-Compassion" in November, in partnership with the Northwest Connecticut Funders Network. The event was a significant achievement and largely well-received. However, we recognize that true collaboration among funders in the Northwest Connecticut Funders Network remains a work in progress. While we've made strides, we're still navigating the complexities of establishing a fully bi-directional collaborative effort. This journey has reminded us that meaningful collaboration takes time, effort, and patience. Looking ahead to 2024, we're excited to explore ways to refine our collaborative approach, ensuring each organization can contribute meaningfully within their capacity, fostering a more sustainable and effective partnership for all involved.

### Strengthening Our Communication

2023 marked a significant milestone in our communication efforts with the launch of our new website in June. This major undertaking, which involved six months of careful planning and extensive content creation, has greatly enhanced our ability to convey who we are and how we work. The improved backend has also streamlined our website maintenance, making it easier to keep our digital presence up-to-date. We've also continued to engage our audience through our ongoing *Stories* and our *Health&* publications. While we're proud of the overall progress in our communication strategies, we're also mindful that our *Health&* series may not be fully meeting its goal of providing actionable health information for regional decision-makers. Looking ahead to 2024, we're excited about the possibility of forging a strategic partnership with local journalism outlet(s), to enhance community awareness about important decisions and decision-making processes in our region that are impacting health.

### Acknowledging Our Capacity Limits and Ambitious Goals

In 2023, we successfully revised nearly 600 individual grant summaries for our website launch. However, we didn't publish additional results and outcomes as planned, nor did we progress on developing an advocacy strategy, or cultivating a New York partnership for affordable housing initiatives. While these shortfalls highlight areas for improvement in aligning our ambitions with our capacity, they also reflect our commitment to setting ambitious goals. Not meeting every objective isn't necessarily a failure—it's often a sign that we're pushing ourselves to grow and innovate. Moving forward, we're focusing on balancing realistic goal-setting with maintaining high aspirations.



# LONG-TERM COMMUNITY HEALTH INDICATORS

*why we track long term health outcomes*

We track long-term community health indicators to understand how health and well-being outcomes change. Our intention is that over time our work can contribute to improvements in these areas.

These indicators do not tell us why something is happening, but they can be the beginning of figuring out root causes and the conditions creating a particular health outcome. Unlike our measures of accountability, these long-term community health indicators are influenced by many factors that go beyond the work of FCH or our grantee partners.

Data isn't perfect! The data we collect and how data is reported is a product of human systems, which are prone to bias. As a small, place-based foundation, FCH relies on data collected and analyzed by others, but we strive to be mindful consumers of this information.

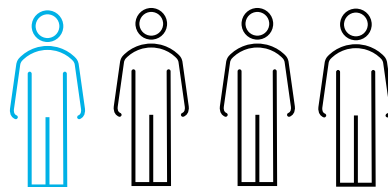
# LONG-TERM COMMUNITY HEALTH INDICATORS

*a bird's-eye view of our 17-town region*

FCH serves 17 rural towns in the northwest corner of Connecticut, and eastern Dutchess and southern Columbia counties in New York State. The conditions that define our region, also constrain it, notably:



1 out of 4 residents 25 and older in FCH's region only have a high school diploma



20% of individuals living in poverty in FCH's region live in Dover, NY.

Ancram has the highest concentration of poverty at 20%.



7 out of 17 towns have a median household income below their state's median. Dover, NY and Amenia, NY have the lowest median household incomes in FCH's region (\$54,600 and \$58,000).

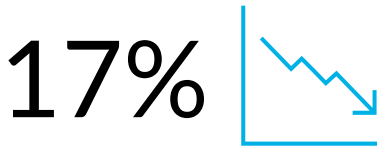
# COMMUNITY HEALTH INDICATORS

## HIGH HEALTH DISPARITIES IN CONNECTICUT

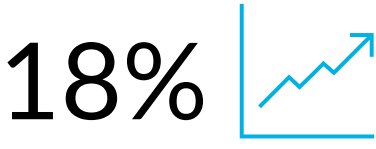
- Between those with less than a high school education and college graduates for **high health status**
- Between Hispanic and white for **child poverty**
- Between those with less than a high school education and college graduates for **physical inactivity**



Food insecurity



Excessive drinking



Premature death

## LITCHFIELD COUNTY HEALTH INDICATORS

Litchfield County has similar rates of post-secondary education and reported health status, which means that the high disparities that exist in Connecticut are at play on the county level, as well. While the number of children in poverty in Litchfield County is comparable to Connecticut, this rate has increased in recent years. **Litchfield County experiences higher rates of fatal overdoses than the statewide rate, contributing to the increase in premature deaths, which is on the rise.**

**69% of adults (age 25-44) had completed some post-secondary education**, including vocational/technical schools, junior colleges, or four-year colleges. *This includes those who had and had not attained degrees.* Statewide the rate is 70%.

**10% of adults reported being in fair or poor health.** Statewide the rate is 11%.

**10% of children lived in poverty.** Statewide the rate is 13%.

### Regional Housing Affordability Challenges

9,735  
households are  
severely housing  
cost burdened

50%  
of young adults  
are living with  
their parents

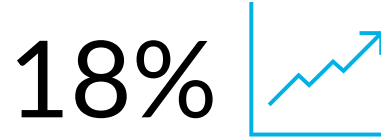
DATA SOURCES  
[America's Health Rankings Health Disparities Report](#) (United Health Foundation)  
[County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#) (University of Wisconsin-Madison Population Health Institute & the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation)  
[Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity](#)

## HIGH HEALTH DISPARITIES IN NEW YORK

- Between those with less than a high school education and college graduates for **physical inactivity**
- Between females and males for **excessive drinking**
- Between Hispanic and white for **severe housing problems**



Depression



Poverty



Food insecurity

## DUTCHESS COUNTY HEALTH INDICATORS

While health outcomes in Dutchess County are better when compared to statewide outcomes in New York, residents in Dutchess County experience worse health outcomes than their Columbia County and Litchfield County neighbors. Notably, while the number of children in poverty in Dutchess County is lower than the for the state of New York, this rate has been on the rise in recent years.

12% of children live in poverty. Statewide the rate is 19%.

19% of households experienced at least one of the following housing problems: overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen facilities or lack of plumbing facilities. Statewide 23% of residents experience this.

## COLUMBIA COUNTY HEALTH INDICATORS

Columbia County has comparable health outcomes as its neighbor Dutchess County, apart from a handful of health outcomes and conditions detailed below. Notably, as is the case throughout FCH’s 17-town region the number of children in poverty in Columbia County has increased in recent years.

15% of children live in poverty. Statewide the rate is 19%.

64% of people lived close to a park or recreation facility (a known indicator for physical activity). Across New York 93% of residents live close to a park or recreation facility.

27% of motor vehicle crash deaths involved alcohol. This is 25% higher than the statewide rate.