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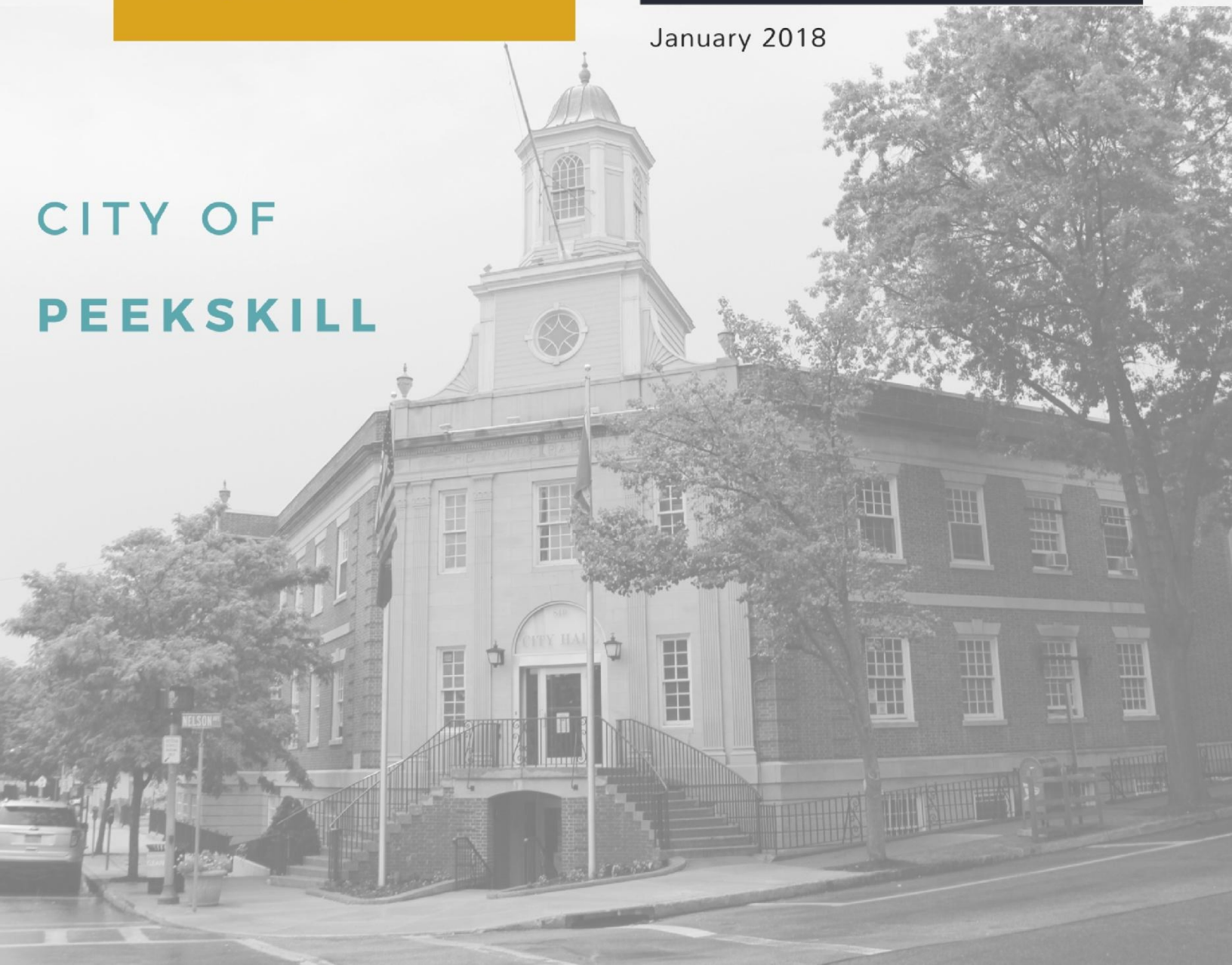
January 2018

CITY OF PEEKSKILL



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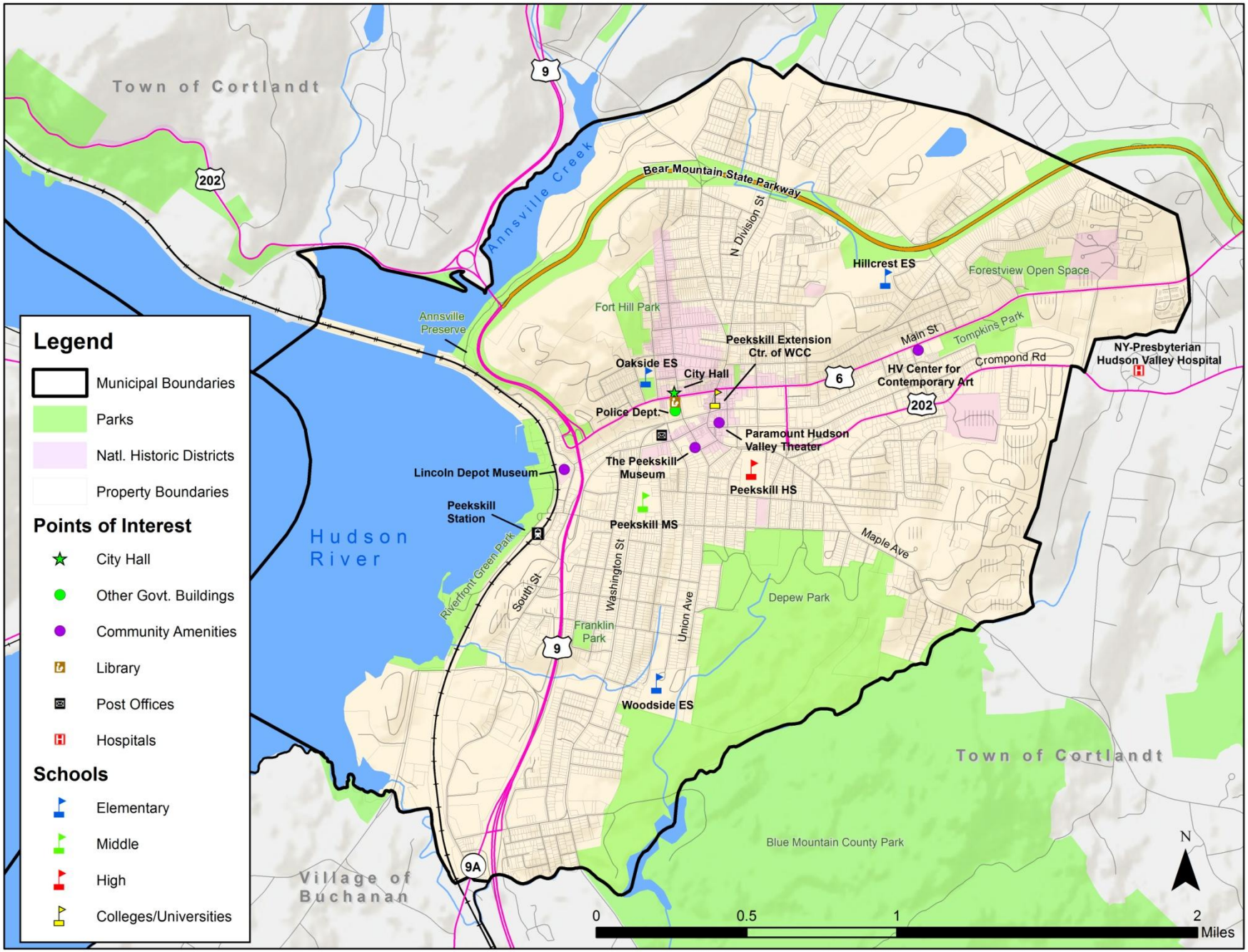
COMMUNITY OVERVIEW MAP



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POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

Population Basics

23,928 Population (2015)

6.6% Population Change since 2000

4.3 Square Miles

5,565 Population Density (people per sq. mile)

Community Snapshot

23% Population under age 20

62% Population ages 20-64

15% Population 65 and older

$52,125 Median household income

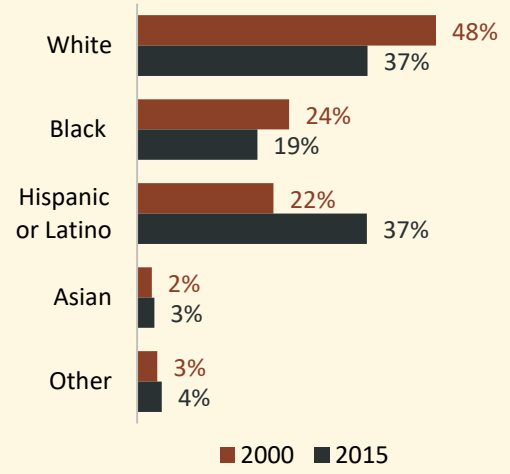
27% Residents with a bachelor's degree or higher

46% Owner-occupied housing

46% Renter-occupied housing

Source: 2015 American Community Survey

Population by Race and Ethnicity



Source: 2015 American Community Survey; 2000 Decennial Census

Population & Demographics Analysis

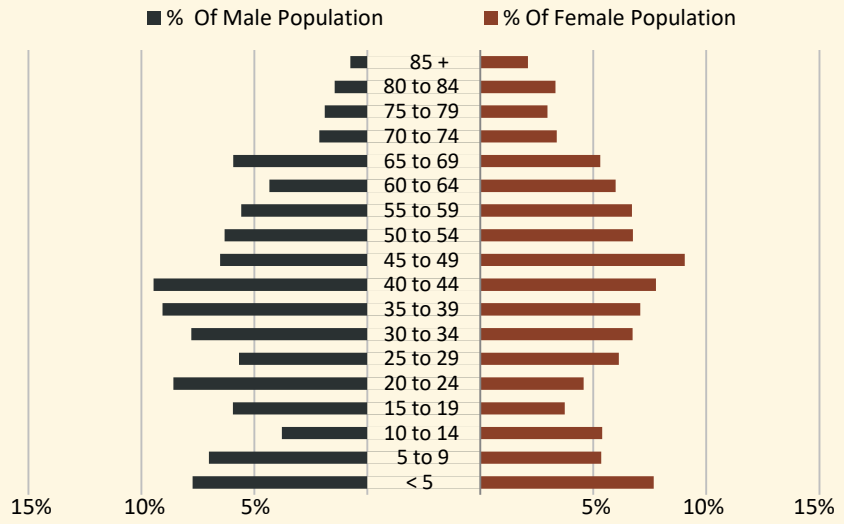
Since 2000, Peekskill's population has grown 6.6%. The percent of White residents fell from 48% to 37% and the percent of Black residents dropped from 24% to 19%, while the population of Hispanic/Latino residents grew from 22% to 37%. Almost 30% of the city's population was born outside the United States, including 10% who are now naturalized citizens and 19% who are not.

Data Notes

Population by Race & Ethnicity – The "Other" category includes Native Americans, Pacific Islanders, those who checked "Other" on the Census, and individuals with two or more races.

Place of Birth – The category of individuals who were born abroad and are not U.S. citizens includes both legal immigrants (with green cards, student visas, etc.) and undocumented immigrants. The U.S. Census does not ask individuals about their immigration status.

Share of Population by Age and Sex



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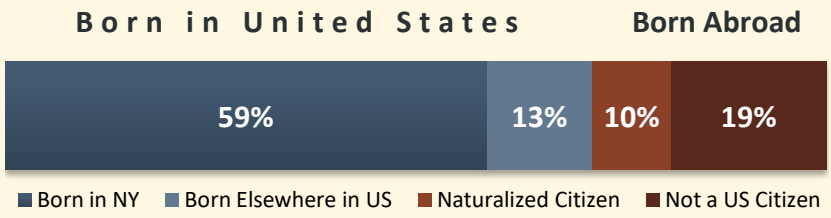

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city of PEEKSKILL HOUSING

Housing Analysis

Peekskill's housing stock is evenly split between owner-occupied and renter-occupied units. While only 42% of homeowners are "cost burdened" (paying more than 30% of their income towards housing), 58% of renters are cost burdened, including 36% who are severely cost burdened (paying more than 50% of their income towards rent). Inflation-adjusted home values in Peekskill have risen by 35% since 2000, compared to just 13% in Westchester County. 64% of homes are worth between $200,000 and $400,000. Peekskill's housing stock is newer than many UAA communities, with 16% of units built since 1990 and only 35% built before 1950.

Data Notes

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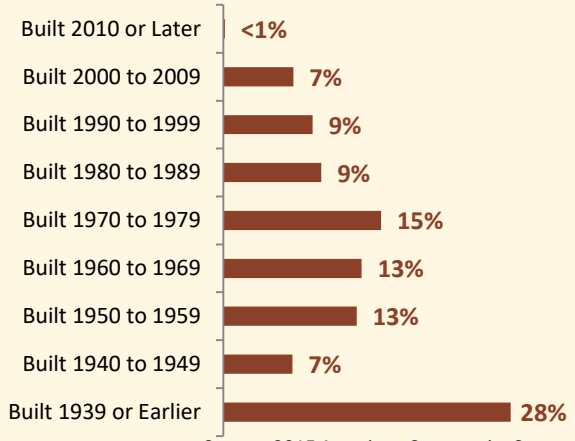
Age of Housing Stock



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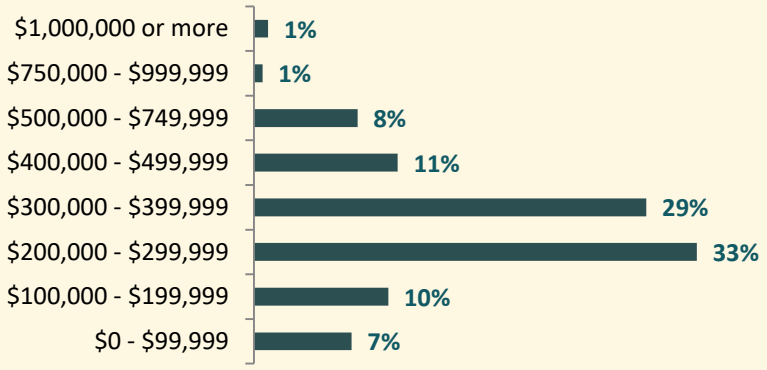
Home Values



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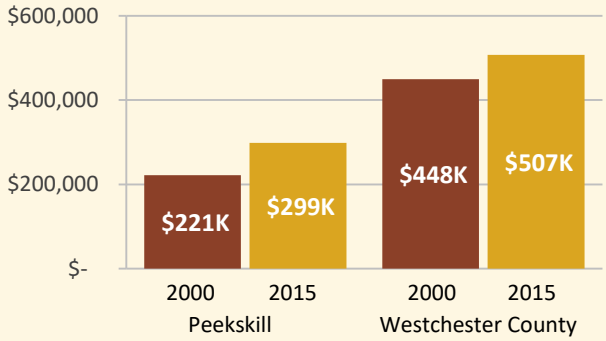
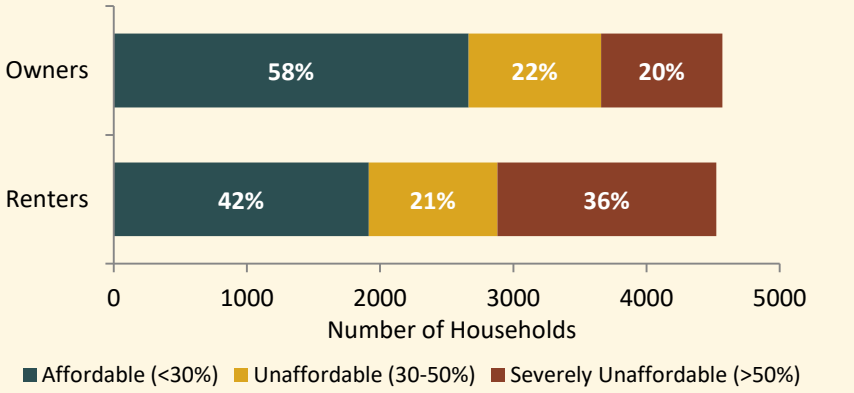


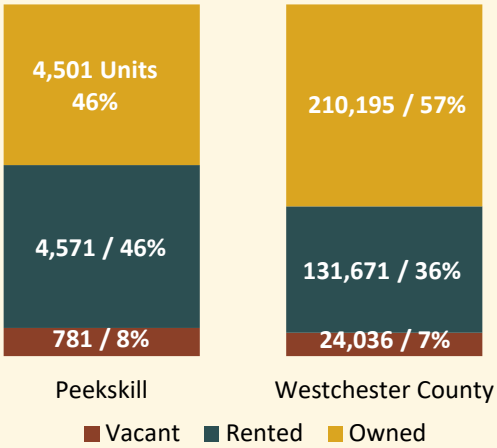
Source: 2015 American Community Survey; 2000 Decennial Census

Affordability (% of Income Towards Housing Costs)



Source: U.S. Dept. of HUD - Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data (2017)

Housing Occupancy



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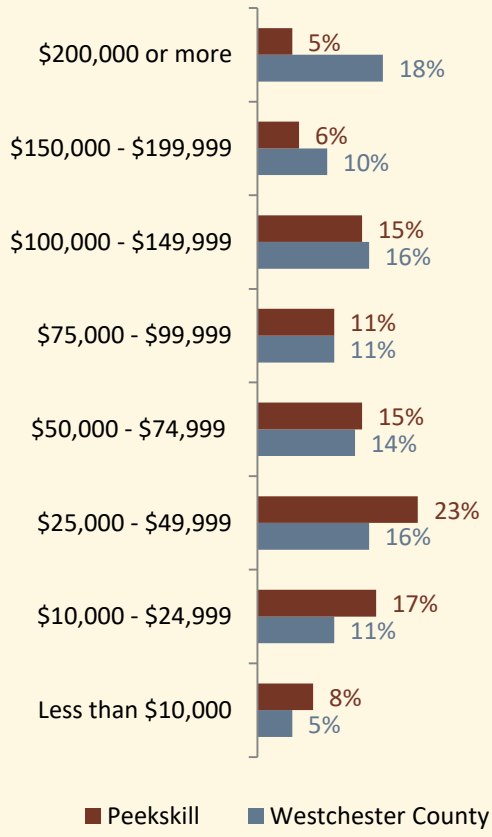
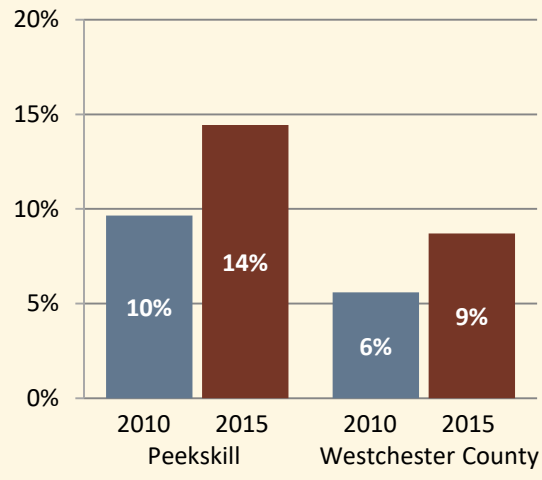
INCOME & POVERTY

Household Income Distribution



Source: 2015 American Community Survey

Households Receiving SNAP



Source: 2010 & 2015 American Community Survey

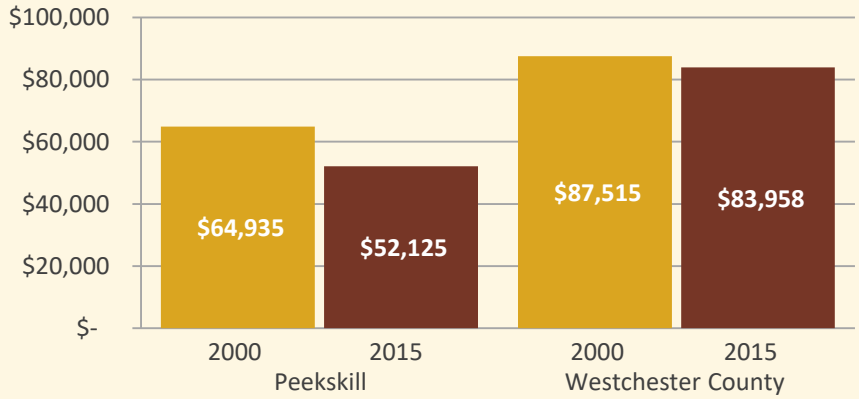
Income & Poverty Analysis

Since 2000, Peekskill's median household income has fallen by 20% when accounting for inflation, while the poverty rate has edged up from 11% to 13%. The share of households receiving SNAP benefits has risen from 10% to 14% since 2010. Almost half (48%) of households earn less than $50,000 while 26% earn over $100,000.

Data Notes

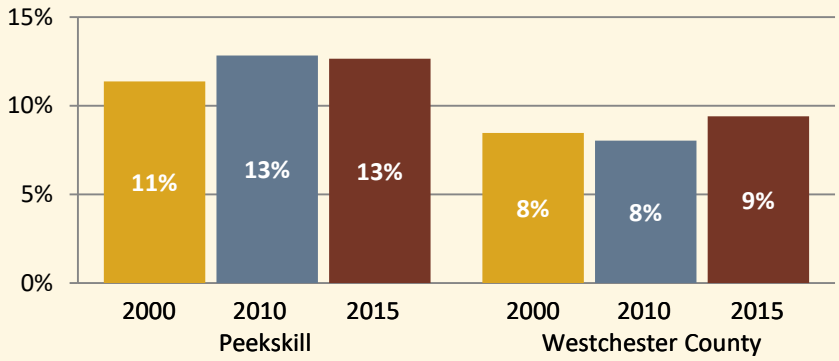
Median Household Income – 2000 figures adjusted for inflation using CPI inflation tables from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Households Below the Poverty Line – The federal poverty line is adjusted on a yearly basis and varies by household size. As of 2015, the poverty line for a family of four was $24,250.
Households Receiving SNAP – SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps). To qualify for SNAP, a household must have an income below 130% of the poverty line.

Median Household Income



Source: 2015 American Community Survey; 2000 Decennial Census (Inflation Adjusted)

Households Below the Poverty Line



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city of PEEKSKILL ECONOMY

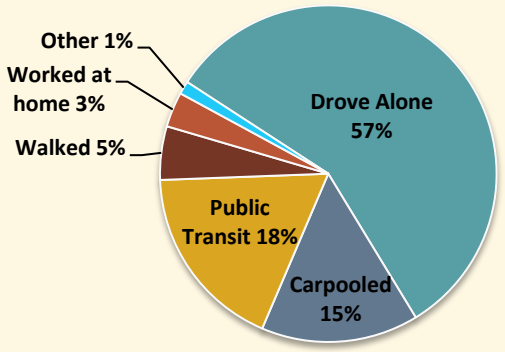
Economy Analysis

More Peekskill residents are employed in "educational services, health care, and social assistance," than any other industry. The number of residents working in construction has dropped by more than 50% since 2010. Only 19% of residents work in Peekskill, but 78% work in Westchester County. 57% of commuters drive alone to work, while 15% carpool and 18% take public transit. At 34 minutes, the average commute for Peekskill residents is one of the longest of any UAA community.

Data Notes

Employment – Data on unemployment comes from American Community Survey, which reports data by municipality. The Bureau of Labor Statistics is a common source for national unemployment rate data but does not report data at the municipal level.

Means of Travel to Work



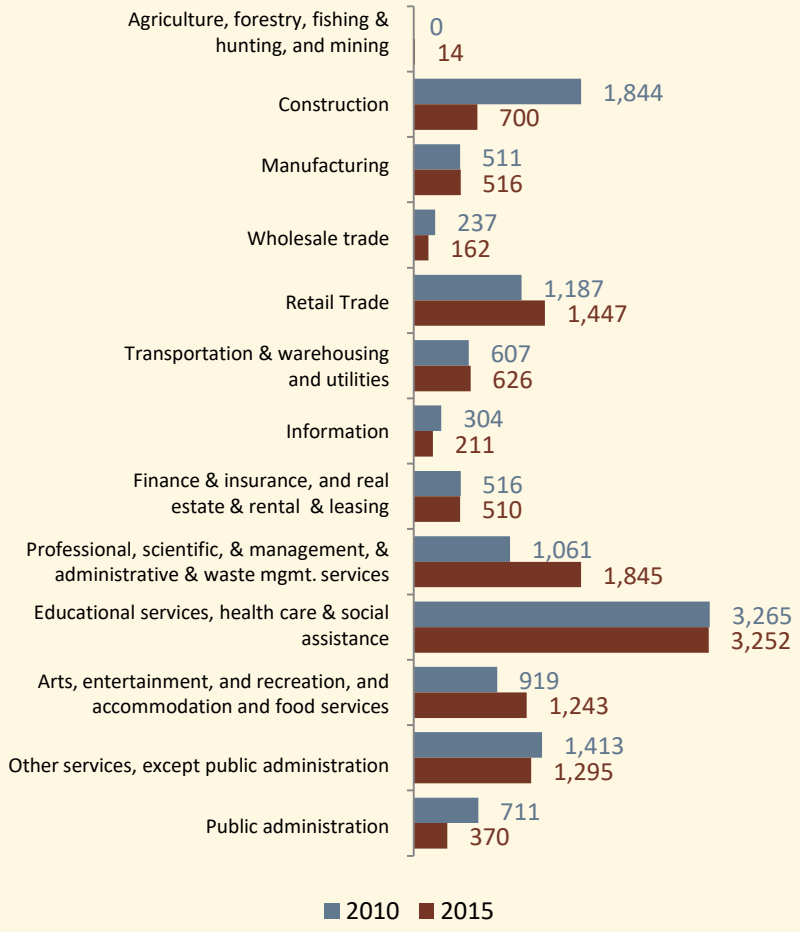
Source: 2015 American Community Survey

Place of Work & Commute Time

% of residents who work in Peekskill	19%
% of residents who work in Westchester County	78%
Average Commute Time	34 Minutes

Source: 2015 American Community Survey

Employment by Industry of Peekskill Residents



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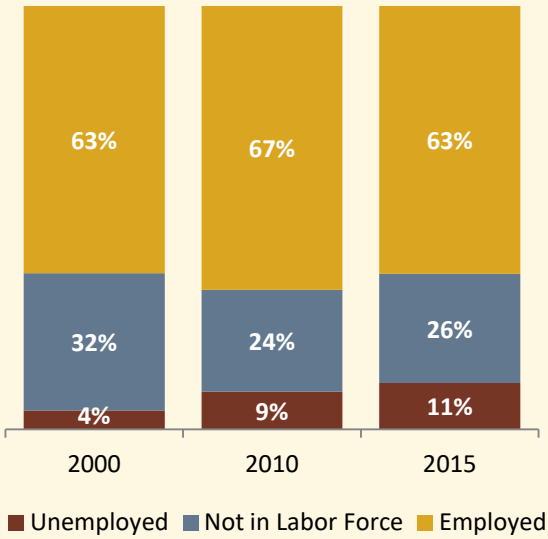

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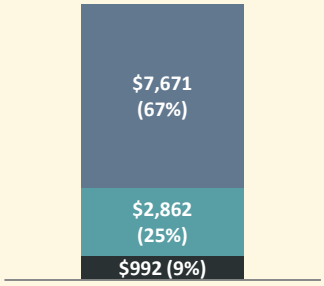
DOLLARS & CENTS

Taxes on Median Home



Median Home Value
$298,700

- School District
- City
- County

Total Taxes - $11,524

Source: Westchester County (2015)

Municipal Finances

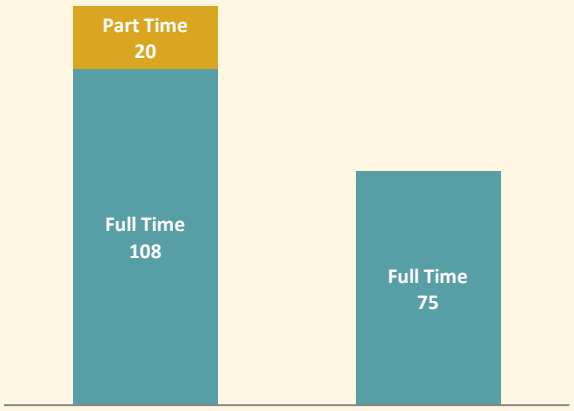
Did City Budget Stay Under NY State Tax Cap?

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Bond Rating (Moody's)
A1 (Upper Medium Grade)
Rating Date: September 7, 2017

Sources: Moody's; Office of the New York State Comptroller

Municipal Employees



General Employees Median FT Salary: $74,800

Police/Fire Employees Median FT Salary: $113,681

Source: Office of the New York State Comptroller (2016)

Dollars and Cents Analysis

Peekskill's municipal budget has been under the Tax Cap in all but one year since 2012. City property taxes are just 25% of the average tax bill. The city has 183 full time and 20 part time employees.

Data Notes

Taxes on Median Home

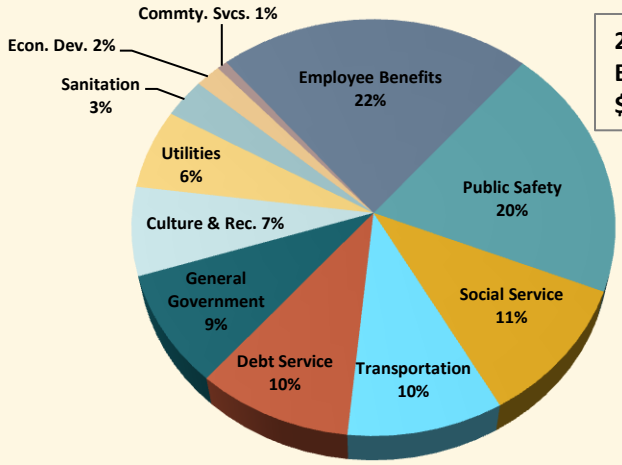
Figures are for homes located in the Peekskill City School District.

Municipal Finances – The NY Tax Cap law restricts schools and local governments from raising the property tax levy by more than 2% without a supermajority vote of the local governing body.

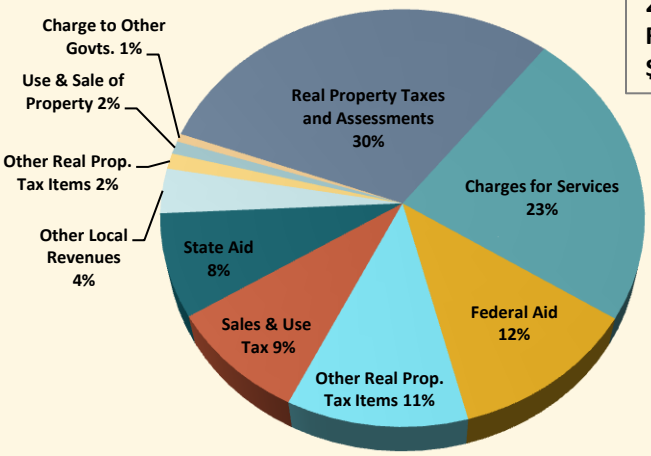
Municipal Employees – Employees were counted as part time if they earned less than $30,000 in 2016 and full time if they earned over $30,000. "General" employees are non-police/fire employees.

Municipal Revenues and Expenditures – Categories are determined by the Comptroller's Office.

Municipal Revenues and Expenditures



2016 Expenditures $57,354,855



2016 Revenues $54,400,795

Source: Office of the New York State Comptroller

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city of PEEKSKILL EDUCATION

Education Analysis

Most students in the city attend the Peekskill City School District, but the southern corner of the city is part of Hendrick Hudson School District. All figures on these pages are for Peekskill City School District. The district's enrollment is growing rapidly, and reached an all time high in 2017. Per pupil expenditures have been trending downward. The number of students eligible for free or reduced lunch (a measure of poverty) or requiring English language instruction is steadily increasing.

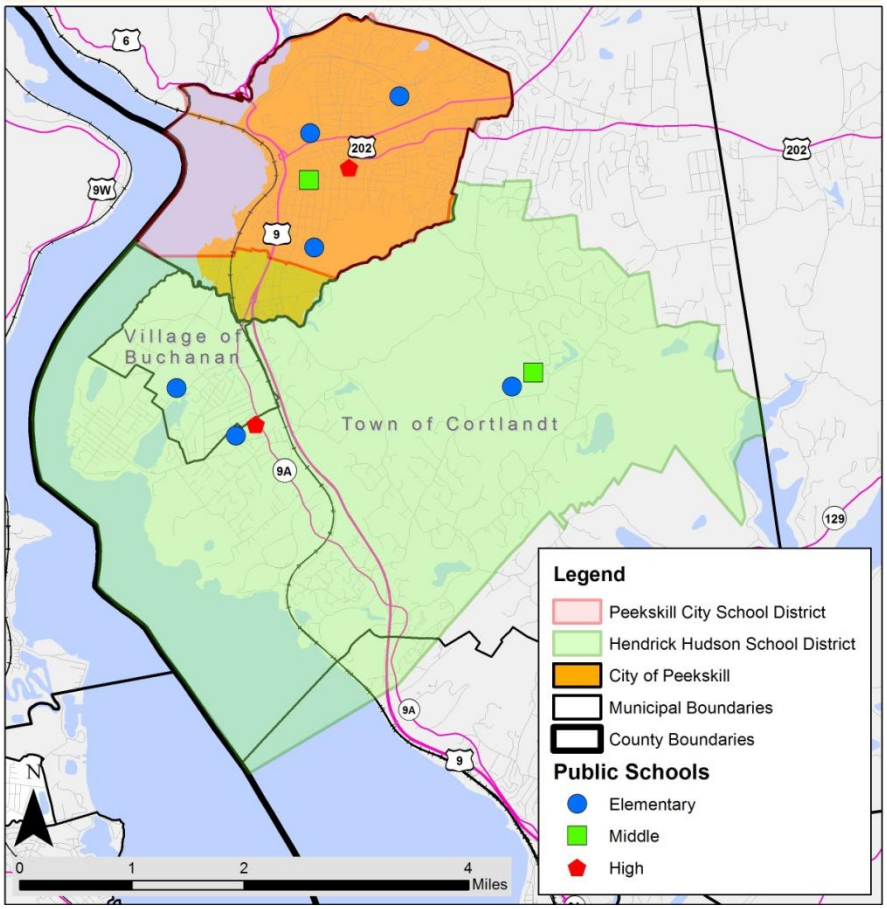
Data Notes

Expenditures per Pupil – Adjusted for inflation using CPI inflation tables from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Graduation Rate & College/Career Readiness – College/Career Readiness (CCR), also known as Aspirational Performance Measure, is a statistic created by NY State to track high school graduates' ability to succeed in college or the workforce. CCR is based on a student's Regents scores and was introduced in the 09-10 school year. 2015-16 data is not yet available.

Student Characteristics – Students are eligible for free school lunch if their family's income is below 130% of the poverty line and reduced price lunch if their family's income is below 185% of the poverty line. English Language Learners are students who have been classified as not proficient in English and require additional instruction.

School Districts Serving the City of Peekskill

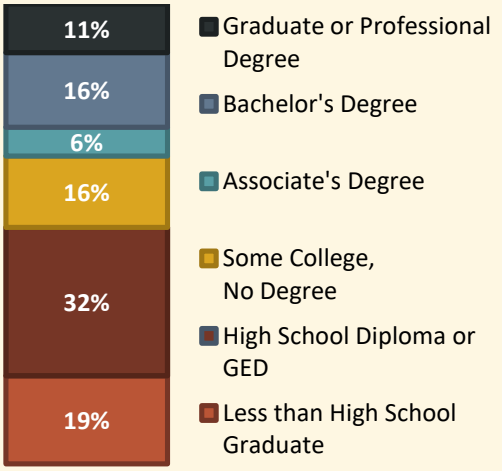


Average SAT Scores

Category	Score (800 max)	Rank Among 23 UAA districts
Reading	451	T-19
Math	455	T-19
Writing	430	20

Source: New York State Department of Education (2015-16)

Education Level of City Residents



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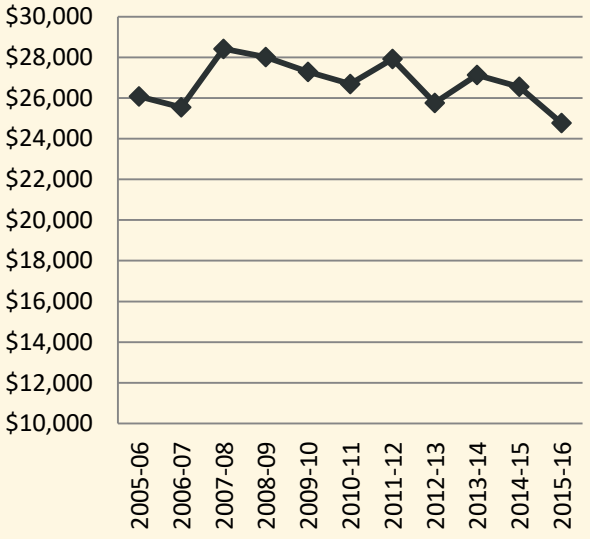

Source: New York State Department of Education (Infl. Adjusted)

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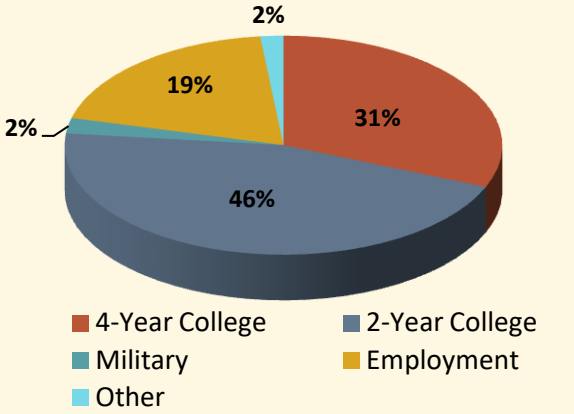
Post-Graduation Plans of Graduating High School Seniors



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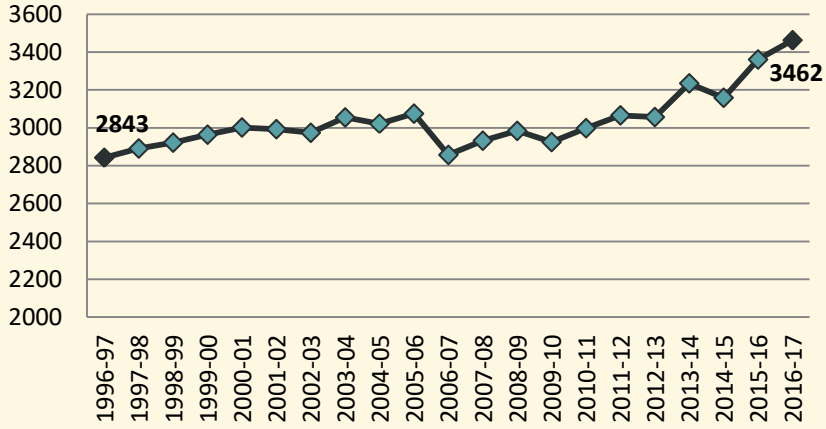
Peekskill City School District Enrollment



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Student to Teacher Ratio

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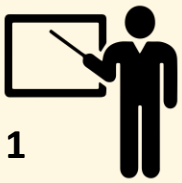

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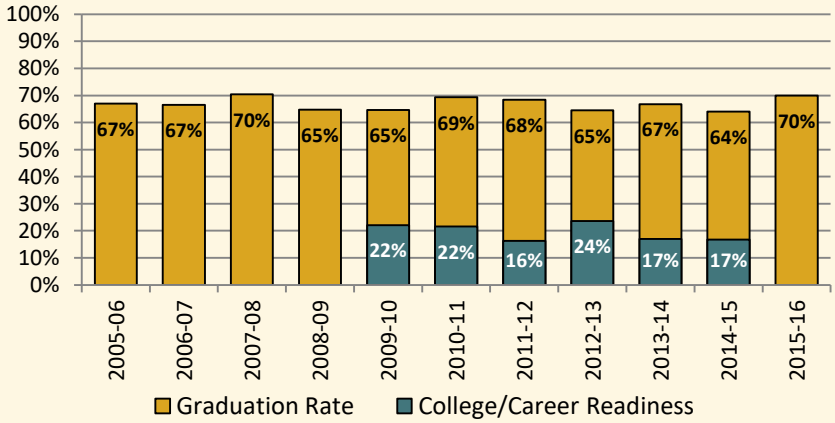

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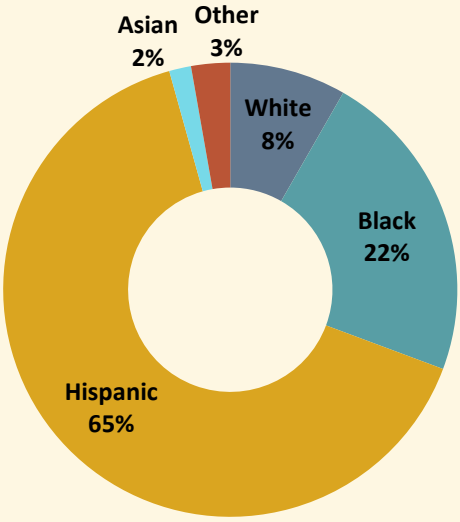

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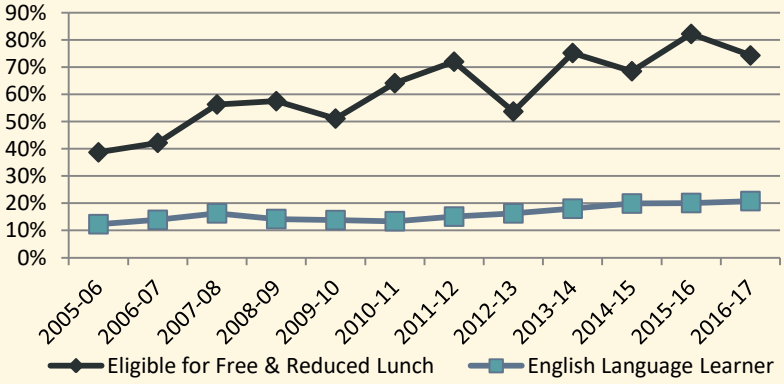

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city of PEEKSKILL HEALTH

Health Analysis

Peekskill is well-served by supermarkets and the city has no food deserts. Over 40% of students in Peekskill public schools are obese or overweight. 14% of Peekskill residents lack health insurance.

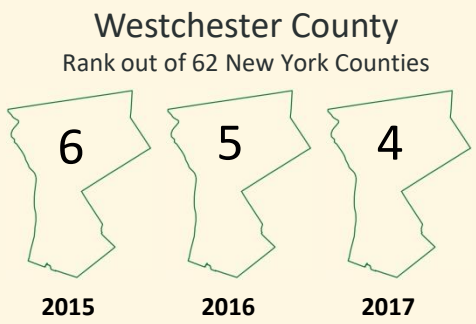
Data Notes

County Health Ranking – Each year, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation releases a health ranking for every county in the U.S. These rankings are based on dozens of key health metrics.

Access to Quality Food – The US Dept. of Agriculture defines census tracts as food deserts if the tracts have high poverty and low access to food. Pattern analyzed GIS data to find supermarket walktimes.

Childhood Obesity – These categories are mutually exclusive. Obese individuals are not also counted as overweight.

County Health Ranking



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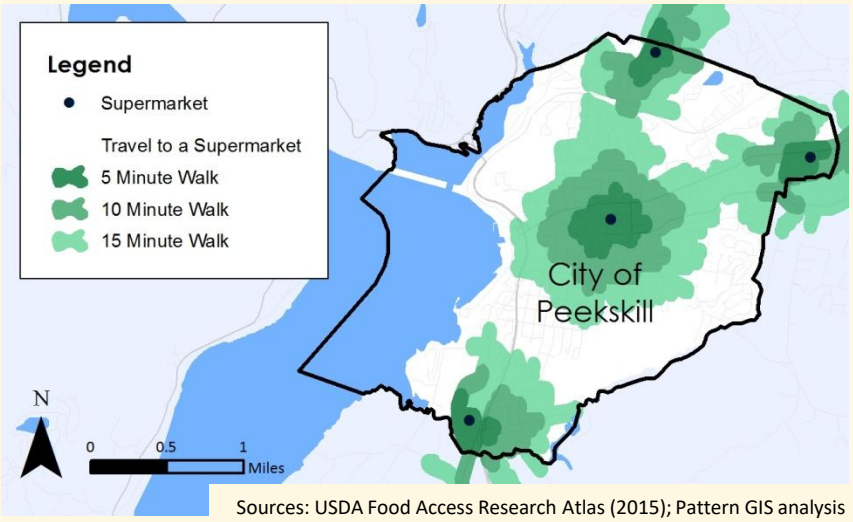
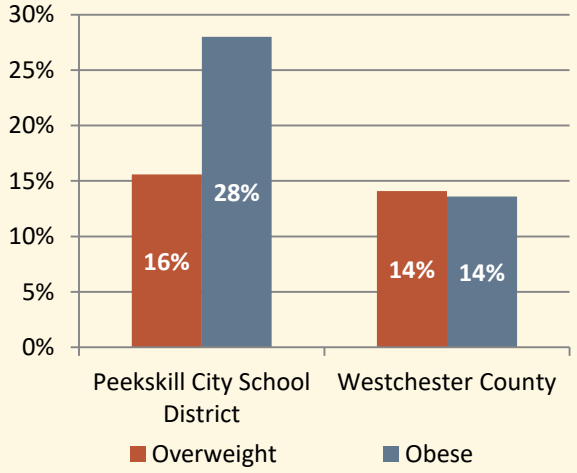


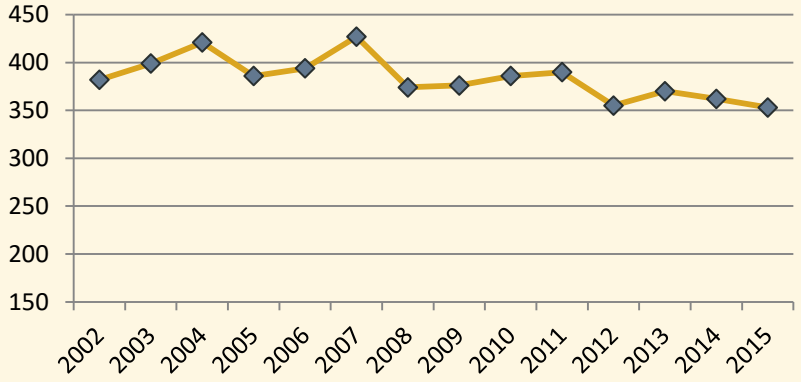
Sources: USDA Food Access Research Atlas (2015); Pattern GIS analysis

Childhood Obesity



Source: New York State Department of Health (2014-16 average)

Number of Births



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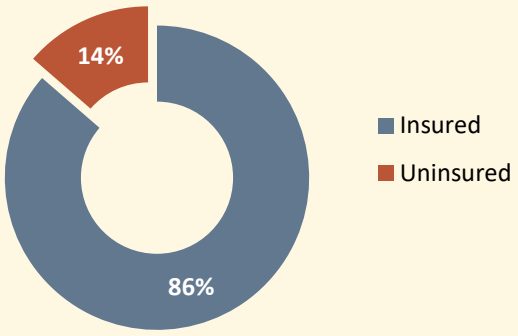

Source: 2015 American Community Survey

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city of PEEKSKILL
QUALITY OF LIFE

Access to Parks

Acres of Open Space & Parks in Municipality **557**

Residents per Acre of Parkland **43**

Source: Pattern for Progress Analysis of GIS Data

Quality of Life Analysis

Since 1990, the property crime rate has plummeted by more than 75% and the violent crime rate has fallen to near zero. Expansive Depew Park, and the city's waterfront, are popular with residents. Blue Mountain County Park offers hiking and mountain biking trails.

Data Notes

Per Capita Crime Rate – This metric tracks totals for certain types of property and violent crimes. The property crimes tracked are burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. The violent crimes tracked are murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Avg. Annual Household Spending

$2,386 Apparel & Services

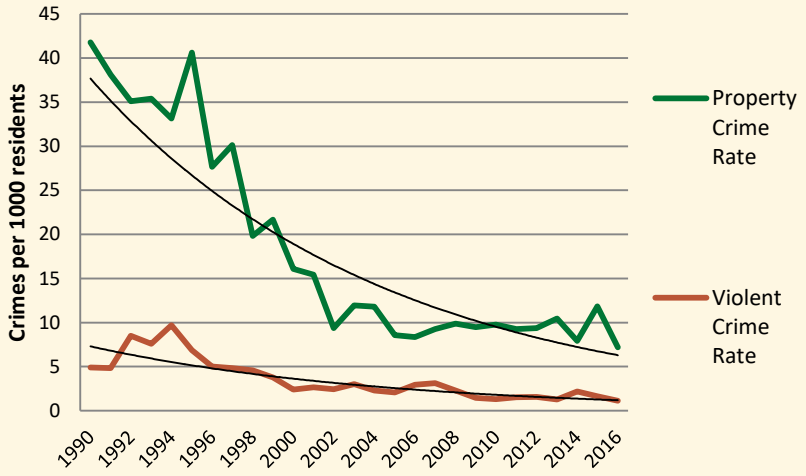
$3,513 Eating Out

$5,359 Groceries

$5,559 Health Care

Source: ESRI Business Analyst 2017

Per Capita Crime Rate



Source: NY State Division of Criminal Justice Services

ABOUT THIS PROJECT

The Urban Action Agenda (UAA) is a major initiative led by Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress to promote growth and revitalization in urban centers throughout the nine-county Hudson Valley Region. The Valley contains a wide variety of urban centers, large and small, located along the Hudson River and other historic transportation corridors. These cities and villages are where population, social, cultural, civic, and economic activity traditionally clustered. With their existing infrastructure, access to transit, and traditions of denser development, these communities are well positioned to accommodate the region's growth in the 21st Century.

Pattern began working on the UAA profiles in 2014 thanks to a multi-year grant from the Ford Foundation. To keep the project's scale manageable, the UAA focuses on a group of 25 higher-need urban areas in the region, selected for reasons Including changing demographics and poverty. An initial set of profiles were issued in early 2016 in partnership with the Regional Plan Association. Now, this set of updated and expanded community profiles represent the next step in the UAA's efforts to provide useful data to policymakers, residents, and business and community groups in the Valley's urban areas. Current funding for these profiles comes from Empire State Development and the NYS Department of State through the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council.

About Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress

Pattern is a half-century old not-for-profit policy, planning, advocacy, and research organization whose mission is to promote regional, balanced, and sustainable solutions that enhance the growth and vitality of the Hudson Valley. To learn more about Pattern and the UAA, visit our website: www.pattern-for-progress.org.

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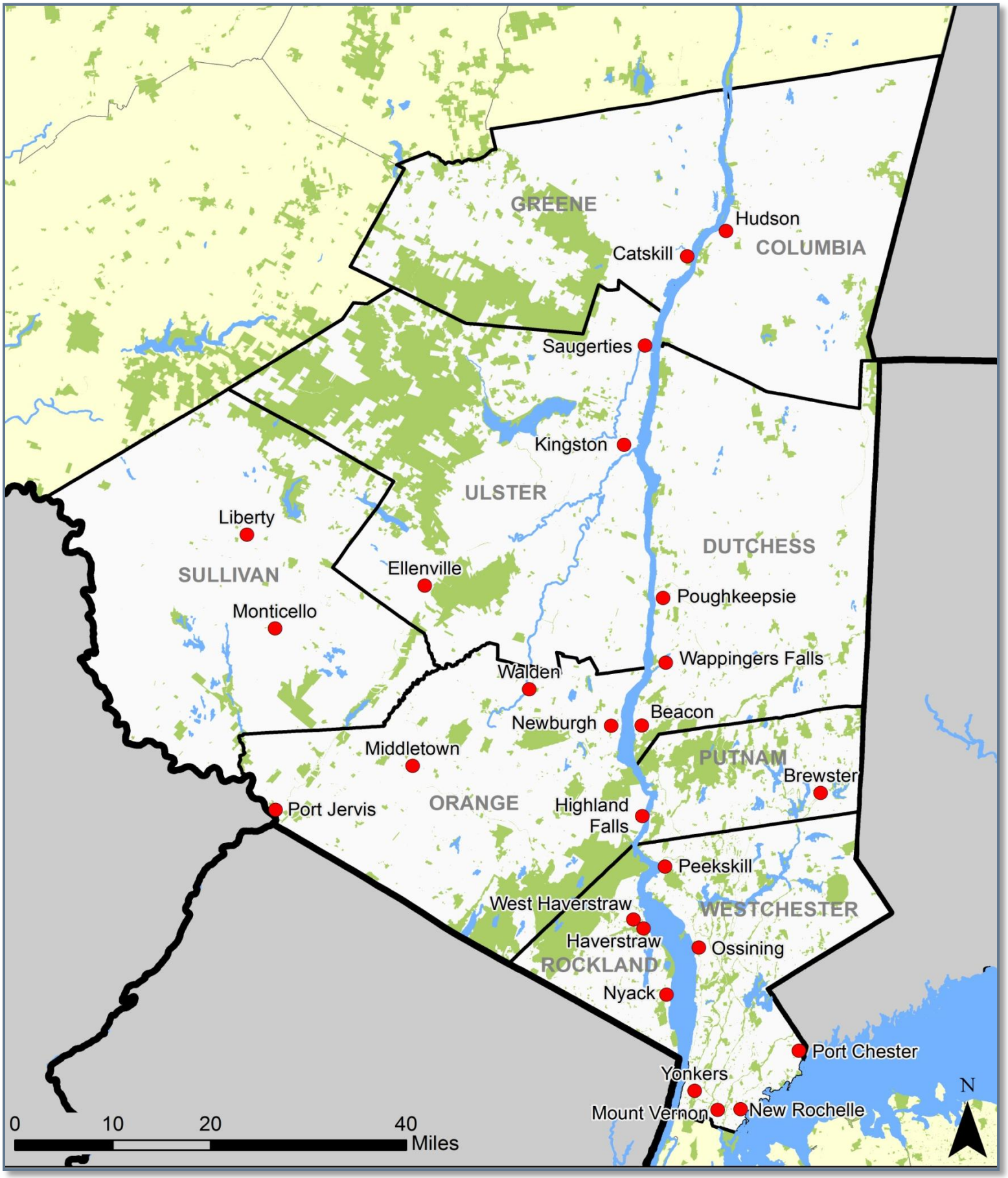
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