Population & Demographics Analysis
Since 2000, Poughkeepsie’s population has grown only 2.6%, but the city’s demographics have changed. The share of White residents has dropped from 49% to 37% while the percent of the city’s population identifying as Hispanic/Latino has increased from 11% to 21%. Over a quarter of residents are under age 20. About one in five Poughkeepsie residents were born outside the United States.

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.
Housing Analysis
A majority of housing units in Poughkeepsie are rentals, while just 32% are owner-occupied. While housing is affordable for 59% of owners, 58% of renters are “cost burdened” (paying more than 30% of their income towards housing), including 38% who are severely cost burdened (paying more than 50% of their income towards rent). Inflation-adjusted home values in the city have risen by 24% since 2000, which is less than the 29% rise reported in Dutchess County. While a majority of homes (52%) are worth less than $200,000, a third of homes are valued at $200,000 - $299,999. Over 60% of housing units were built prior to 1960, including 41% built before 1940. Just 10% of units have been constructed since 1990.

Data Notes
**Household Income Distribution**

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<th>Income Range</th>
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<td>$200,000 or more</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Less than $10,000</td>
<td>4%</td>
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Source: 2015 American Community Survey

**Households Receiving SNAP**

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<td>2010</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>21%</td>
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Source: 2010 & 2015 American Community Survey

**Income & Poverty Analysis**

Since 2000, the city’s median household income has dropped 4% (the county’s dropped 2%) when accounting for inflation but the poverty rate has not increased. The share of households receiving SNAP benefits has risen from 19% to 25% since 2010. 15% of households earn over $100,000 but 61% earn under $50,000.

**Data Notes**

- **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**

- 2000:
  - Poughkeepsie: $40,451
  - Dutchess County: $38,919

- 2015:
  - Poughkeepsie: $73,068
  - Dutchess County: $71,904

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

**Households Below the Poverty Line**

- 2000:
  - Poughkeepsie: 21%
  - Dutchess County: 8%

- 2010:
  - Poughkeepsie: 24%
  - Dutchess County: 8%

- 2015:
  - Poughkeepsie: 21%
  - Dutchess County: 9%

Source: 2015 American Community Survey; 2000 Decennial Census
**Economy Analysis**

“Educational services, health care and social assistance,” is by far the largest employment sector, though since 2010 the number of residents who work in that sector has declined by 26%. The unemployment rate has tripled since 2000, but the employment rate has stayed nearly flat. Only 32% of residents work in the city, but 83% work in Dutchess County. Nearly three quarters of commuters use a car to get to work (including 11% who carpool) though 9% take public transit, and 11% walk to work, one of the highest percentages of pedestrian commuters in any UAA city.

**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.

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**Means of Travel to Work**

- **Drove Alone**: 62%
- **Carpooled**: 11%
- **Public Transit**: 9%
- **Walked**: 11%
- **Other**: 5%
- **Worked at home**: 2%

**Place of Work & Commute Time**

- **% of residents who work in Poughkeepsie**: 32%
- **% of residents who work in Dutchess County**: 83%
- **Average Commute Time**: 24 Minutes

**Employment by Industry Among City Residents**

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting & mining: 2010: 54, 2015: 30
- Construction: 2010: 1,074, 2015: 775
- Retail Trade: 2010: 1,788, 2015: 1,667
- Transportation & warehousing and utilities: 2010: 697, 2015: 629
- Information: 2010: 198, 2015: 158
- Professional, scientific, & management, & administrative & waste mgmt. services: 2010: 1,548, 2015: 1,218
- Educational services, health care & social assistance: 2010: 4,196
- Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services: 2010: 1,354, 2015: 1,449
- Other services, except public administration: 2010: 581, 2015: 753
- Public administration: 2010: 627, 2015: 679

**Employment (Age 16 and Older)**

- 2000: 55%, 2010: 59%, 2015: 54%
- 2000: 41%, 2010: 32%, 2015: 31%
- 2000: 5%, 2010: 10%, 2015: 15%

**Source:** American Community Survey, US Decennial Census
Dollars and Cents Analysis
Poughkeepsie has experienced substantial fiscal stress in recent years, though recent budgetary trends look positive following the State Financial Restructuring Board assisting the city. The city’s budget has exceeded the Tax Cap in three of six years since 2012. City property taxes are 36% of the average tax bill.

Data Notes
- **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
- **Total Expenditures** 2016: $70,010,341
- **Total Revenues** 2016: $66,988,729

Municipal Finances
- **Did City Budget Stay Under NY State Tax Cap?**
  - 2012: Yes
  - 2013: Yes
  - 2014: No
  - 2015: Yes
  - 2016: No
  - 2017: No

**Bond Rating (Moody’s)**
- **Rating** Ba1 (Non-Investment Grade Speculative)
- **Rating Date** July 17, 2017

Municipal Employees
- **General Employees**
  - Median FT Salary: $58,592
  - Part Time: 32
  - Full Time: 147

- **Police/Fire Employees**
  - Median FT Salary: $82,347
  - Part Time: 3
  - Full Time: 152

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

### Taxes on Median Home

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<td>$2,041</td>
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Total Taxes - $5,735

Source: Dutchess County (2015)
Education Analysis
Poughkeepsie City School District serves 4,400 students, exclusively in the city of Poughkeepsie. Enrollment has been roughly flat the last five years and is 10% below the 2003-04 peak. Since 2010 the graduation rate and CCR rate (see below) have not increased. The number of students receiving free or reduced lunch (a measure of poverty) has held steady at 70-80% over the past decade. Among all city residents, 32% have an associate’s degree or higher, while only 21% lack a high school diploma.

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.

Average SAT Scores

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

Education Level of City Residents

Legend
- Graduate or Professional Degree
- Bachelor’s Degree
- Associate’s Degree
- Some College, No Degree
- High School Diploma or GED
- Less than High School Graduate

Source: 2015 American Community Survey

Expenditures Per Pupil

Source: New York State Department of Education (Infl. Adjusted)
Health Analysis
The number of births in Poughkeepsie has declined 20% since 2010. 44% of students in city public schools are overweight or obese. 15% of 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.

Access to Quality Food

Childhood Obesity

Number of Births

Health Insurance Rate
city of Poughkeepsie
QUALITY OF LIFE

Access to Parks

- Acres of Open Space & Parks in Municipality: 508
- Residents per Acre of Parkland: 60

Source: Pattern for Progress Analysis of GIS Data

Quality of Life Analysis
College Hill, featuring a golf course, ball fields, and walking trails, is the largest city park. The rejuvenated waterfront, and the Walkway Over the Hudson, draw thousands of visitors and residents. Since 1990, the property crime rate has dropped 70%.

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

- Apparel & Services: $1,726
- Eating Out: $2,665
- Groceries: $4,106
- Health Care: $4,119

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.