

A NEEDS ANALYSIS AND SERVICE IMPLICATIONS REPORT FOR WESTCHESTER YOUTH

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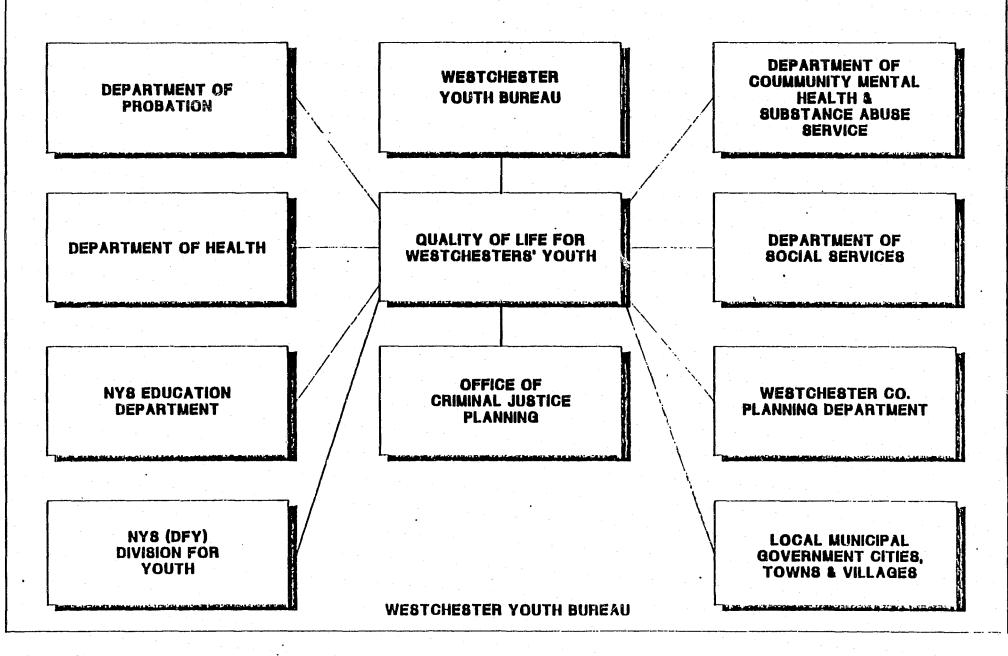
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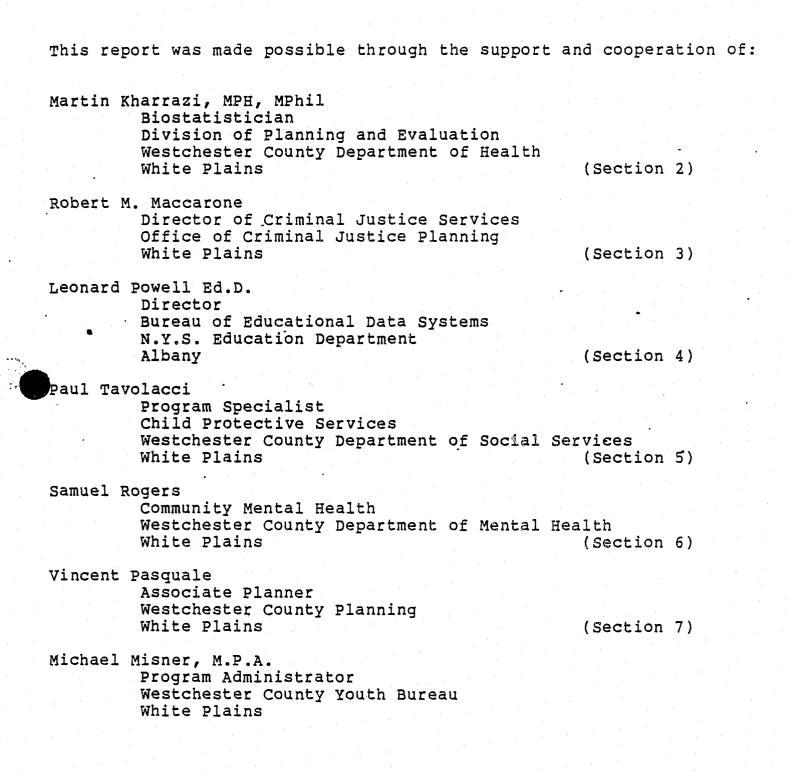
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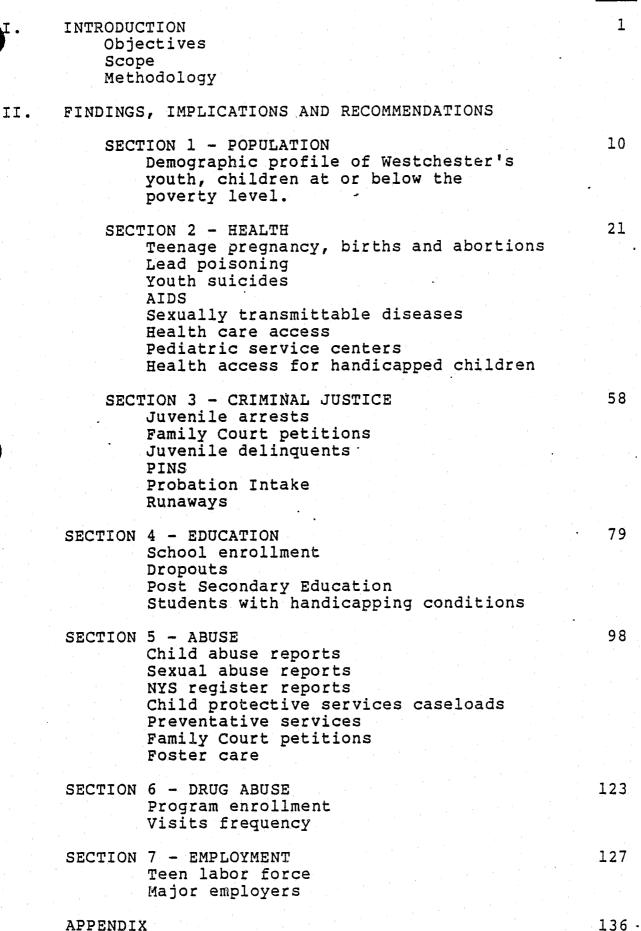


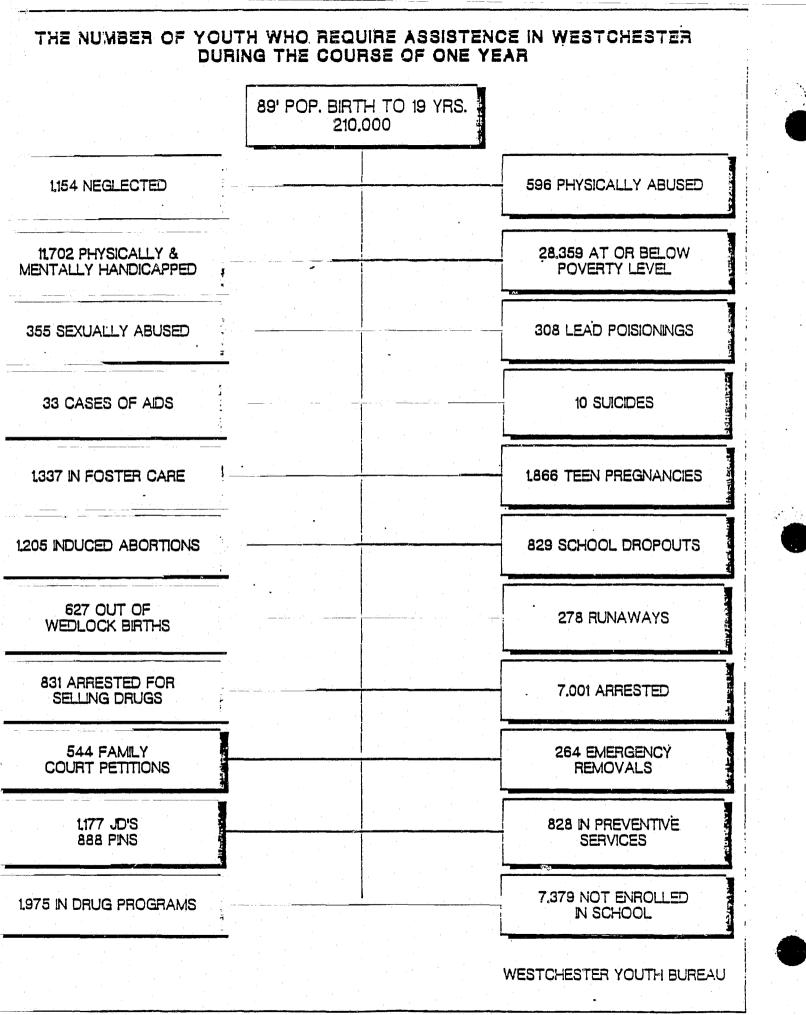
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INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUTH REQUIRED ASSISTANCE IN WESTCHESTER, DURING THE COURSE OF ONE YEAR:

- 28,359 ARE AT OR BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL
- 11,702 YOUTH ARE PHYSICALLY AND/OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
- 7,001 WERE ARRESTED, 831 FOR POSSESSION OR SELLING DRUGS
- 1,975 ARE IN DRUG PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY
- 1,866 FEMALE TEENS BECAME PREGNANT, 1,205 OF THESE
 YOUNG WOMEN HAD AN INDUCED ABORTION
- 829 YOUTHS DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL
- 598 CHILDREN WERE PHYSICALLY ABUSED, ANOTHER 355 WERE SEXUALLY ABUSED
- 396 CONTRACTED GONORRHEA OR SYPHILIS
- 278 RAN AWAY FROM HOME
- 33 CONTRACTED AIDS
- 10 COMMITTED SUICIDE

WHILE THE YOUTH POPULATION IN WESTCHESTER CONTINUES TO DECLINE, THE NUMBERS OF YOUTH WHO REQUIRE SOCIAL SERVICE DO NOT.

TWO SERIOUS ISSUES TODAY WHICH EFFECT OUR YOUTH; "CRACK" AND AIDS, WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE 1986 REPORT BECAUSE THERE WERE TOO FEW REPORTED CASES.

TODAY'S PROBLEMS ARE MUCH TOUGHER TO PREVENT AND MORE COSTLY TO "FIX" THAN JUST A FEW SHORT YEARS AGO. TODAY'S PROBLEMS REQUIRE AN ALL OUT COORDINATED EFFORT OF RESOURCE ALLOCATION.

TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THESE PROBLEMS MUST BE ADDRESSED ON A MORE MANAGEABLE NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL, YOUTH CONSORTIUMS COMPRISED OF HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES NEED TO BE DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE COST-EFFECTIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

To update and expand upon the 1986 Youth Bureau Needs Assessment Report and to develop a quantitative profile of the needs of Westchester County youth for new and expanded services.

To secure and extract the latest available data on youth, 0-19 years, from nine governmental agencies:

- N.Y.S. Education Department
- Department of Health (DOH)
- · Department of Community Mental Health (DCMH)
- Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Department of Substance Abuse Services (DSAS)
- Office of Economic Development
- Office of Criminal Justice Planning
- Westchester Youth Bureau
- U.S. Bureau of the Census

To analyze these data for the county and each of its forty three municipalities.

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To graphically identify the historical and future trends of salient youth issues and services as an aid to social planners.

To geographically identify the concentrations of these youths in need, by Government District Office and municipality, to further aid in the allocation of limited resources.



SOME ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS OF THIS REPORT

- Use results to define a community-wide mission, achieve care-giver consensus, form a single agenda, build teamwork and co-sponsorship, integrate county-wide funding for youth programs for more efficient service delivery.
- Use results to structure short term resource allocation, clarify the roles of various agencies, C.B.O.'s, etc. and to develop a blueprint for a holistic approach to intervention services.
- Use results for legislator/committee input, guide research and RFP initiatives, set realistic 3-5 year programs goals.
- Accelerate learning, avoid duplication of efforts; multiply programatic dollars, increase networking and more effective problem solving.
- Expand the base of available resources and options, provide a benchmark for setting goals, computerization process, linkages and training.

Westchester County Youth Bureau

This report represents a doubling in scope over the 1986 Westchester Youth Bureau needs assessment report. The number of government agencies queried was increased from five to nine and the types of data collected increased from five to fourteen.

Government Agencies

1989

1986

- 1) DOH 2) DSS 3) NYS Educational Dept. 4) Office of Criminal Justice Planning 5) DSAS 6) DCMH DOE/Office of Economic 7) Development 8.) U.S. Census
- 9) Youth Bureau

TYPES OF DATA

1989 and 1986

- Teenage pregnancies, abortions, live births, and infant 1) mortality.
- 2) Youth suicides.
- 3) High school dropout rates and post secondary education.
- Child abuse. 4)
- 5) Youth criminal offenses (this section was doubled over the '86 report).

1989 Additional Data

- 6) AIDS
- 7) Sexually transmitted diseases
- 8) Runaways
- 9) Nutrition
- 10) Foster children
- 11) Substance abuse
- 12) Employment

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- 1) DOH 2) DSS
 - NYS Educational Dept.
- Office of Criminal
- Justice Planning
- 5) Youth Bureau
- 3) 4)

SCOPE (Continued)

13) Demographic profile

14) Program participation

Wherever possible, the updated trend was extended backward beyond the 1985 report.

The format for this report was completely revised; the earlier report was comprised of sixty four statistical tables and a separate ten page report of findings.

Over fifty computer drawn graphs are included in this report along with summary tables and text to assist the reader in identifying the salient parts of these complex issues.

In addition, an "Implications and Recommendations" section was added to each data set to stimulate new initiatives and further research.

For those who wish to explore these topics in greater depth, the source of each data set is noted on every chart and table and a list of resource publications and departmental personnel included.

METHODOLOGY

Over five thousand pages of data and text were reviewed in preparation of this report. Additional data collection was obtained through meetings and correspondence with nine government agencies. Over one hundred charts and tables were prepared to summarize the pertinent information and present it in a easily comprehended and actionable form for the reader.

Because of the tremendous volume of mandated data which is collected, reviewed and processed, the "latest available" figures are usually available one and a half to two years after the fact.

The majority of the data contained in this report was collected locally in 1987 and processed by the parent state agency in Albany during 1988, then released to the local agency in early 1989 which in turn usually issues their own report in the late spring.

This time lag can be a critical factor in underestimating the numbers of cases of such runaway social challenges as "crack" and AIDS. Local (Gannett) newspaper articles may be more useful sources of updates for these statistics.

As with most compilations of secondary research, the quality of information depends upon the quality of the data generated by the contributors; in this report, nine major government agencies.

These agencies in turn, depend upon the accuracy of their mandated data collection forms, the youthful client's command of the facts in an unusually stressful situation, the social workers's diagnosis, the clerk's data entry, programmer verification, etc.

In addition to these data collection and reporting errors, under-reporting is widely known to occur with some types of social issues; e.g., child abuse, substance abuse, rape and other crimes.

This under-reporting can occur at any point along the continuum from the victim themselves, due to fear and shame, to a camp counselor who isn't trained enough to detect signs of physical abuse, to the local reporting official whose concerned about the effect the crime rate may have on real estate values.

While the extent of under-reporting cannot easily be quantified, many of the types of cases that are reported here should be considered minimum numbers.

A third set of conditions (spill out/in) further strains some of the data's accuracy. Because Westchester County abutts New York City, some crimes committed here are committed by New York City residents, driving up the reports and arrests figures for the county.

Conversely, some Westchester youths may seek help from one of the numerous social service agencies in the city, thus depressing certain other data; e.g. teenage pregnancy.

The reader should also be alert to the slight variations in population age limits and groupings used by the various reporting agencies; e.g., 0-17 years vs. 0-21 years.

The Westchester County Youth Bureau serves ages 5-21 years. However, most available data identifies findings in the 0-19 year age range.



RESOURCE MATERIALS

Section 1

Annual Numbers and Rates of Pregnancies, Live Births, Spontaneous Fetal Deaths and Induced Abortions to Women 15-19 Years, Westchester County - 1972-1987; 50 pp., Westchester County Department of Health.

Vital Statistics of New York State; Births, Deaths, Divorce, Population, Fetal Deaths and Marriages; N.Y.S. Department of Health, 191 pp.

1987 Annual Report; Department of Health, 50 pp.

Child and Adolescent Health Profile, New York State 1986

Welfare Research, Inc./N.Y.S. Council on Children and Families; N.Y.S. Department of Health.

Section 2 <u>Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics 1971-1987</u>; Westchester County Office of Criminal Justice Planning, 739 pp.

Section 3 School Enrollment 2/89; Department of Planning, 15 pp.

Section 4 <u>Consolidated Services Plan for 1/1/88-12/31/90;</u> Westchester County Department of Social Services, 189 pp.

Section 5 Comprehensive County Plan for Substance Abuse Fiscal <u>1989/90 - 94/95;</u> Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health, N.Y.S. Division of Substance Abuse Services, 500 pp.

1988 Annual Report; Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health, 76 pp.

Section 6 Labor Force and Disability Characteristics of Persons, 1980, Department of Labor, 2 pp.

Population Data:

Census '80, Population Estimates 1985-2010, Westchester County Department of Planning, 17 pp.

Historical Data:

Three Year CCP Agreement Jan. '87 - Dec. '89, Westchester County Youth Bureau, 211 pp.

1989 Annual Statistical Report of Residential Services, N.Y.S. Division for Youth, 57 pp.

1987 Annual Report, Westchester County Youth Bureau, 37 pp.



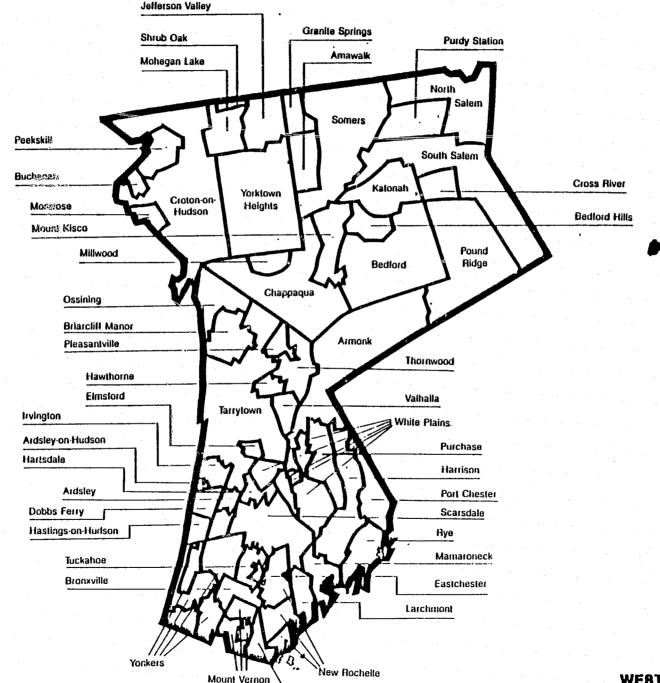


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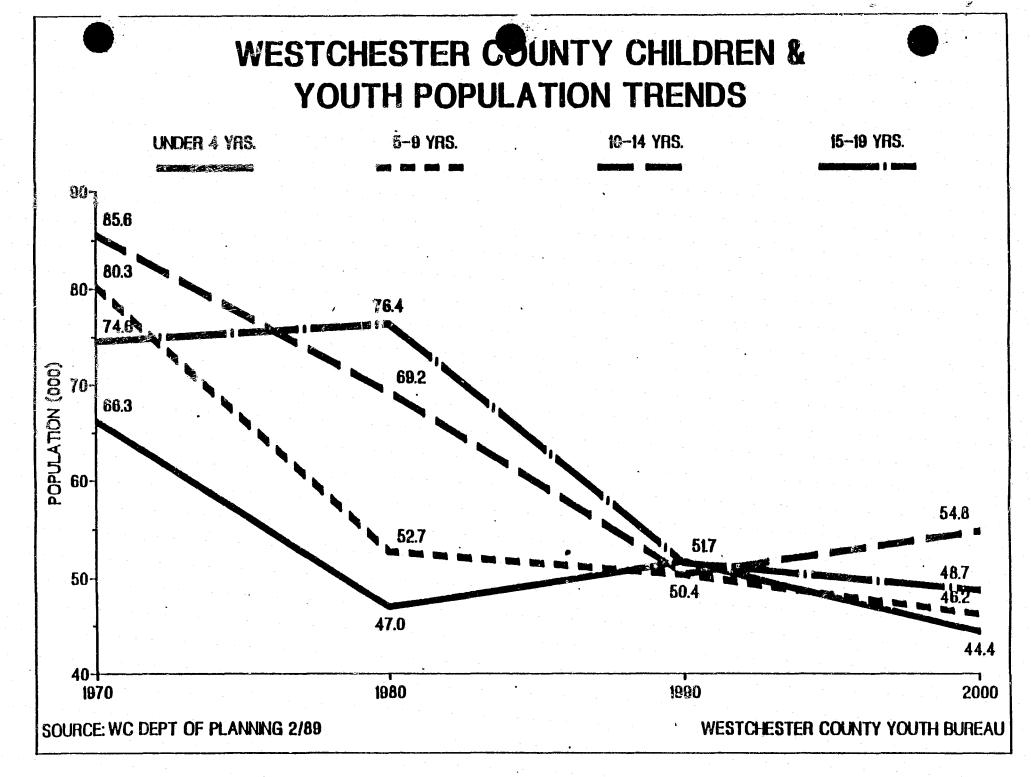
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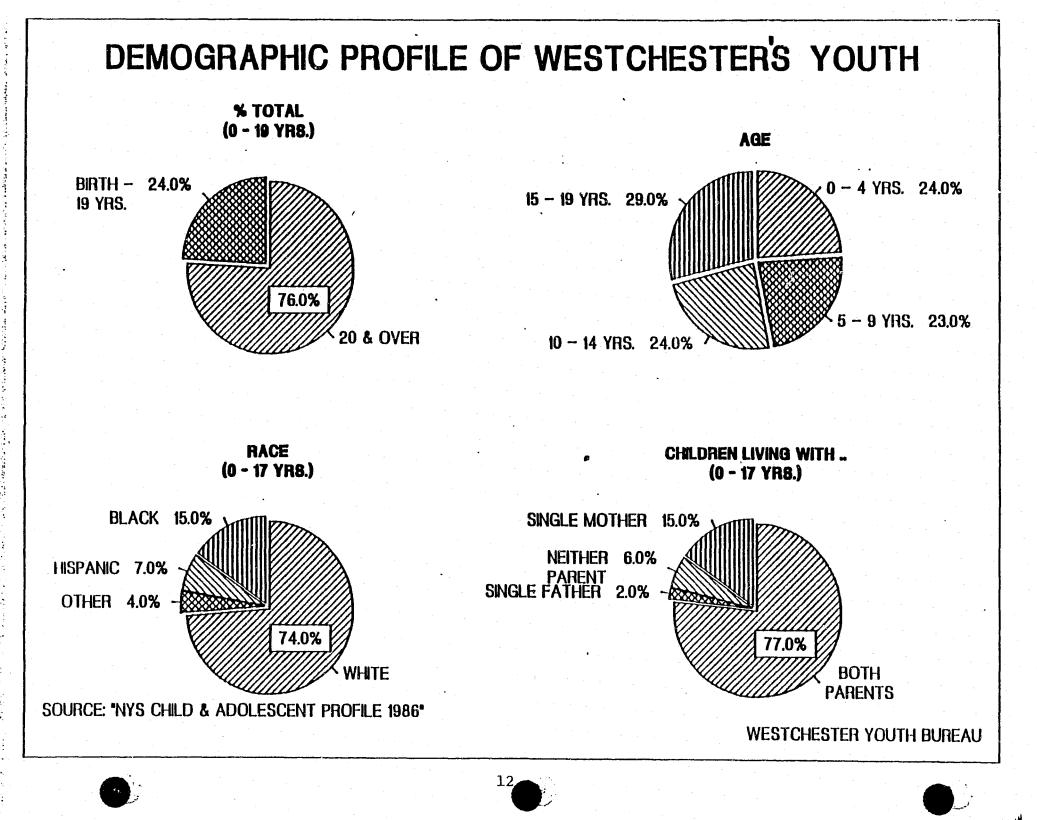
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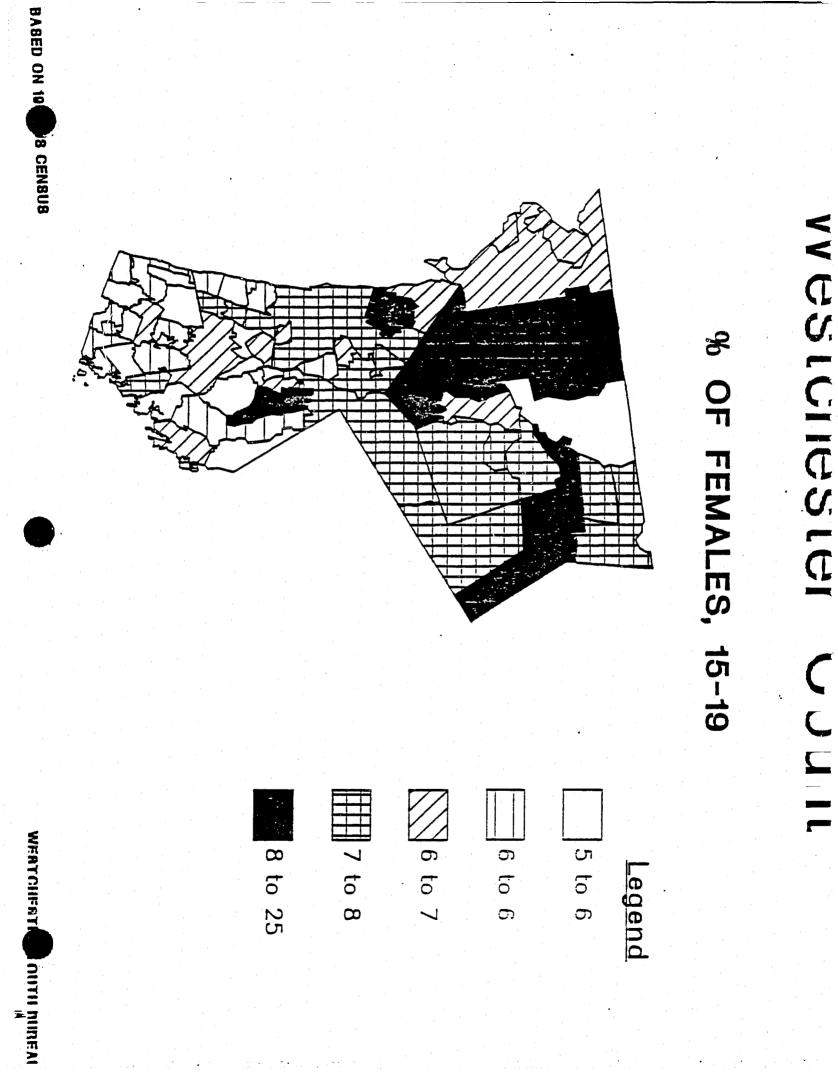


DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF WESTCHESTER'S YOUTH

Westchester's youth represent almost one-quarter (24%) of the total 1989 population of the County.

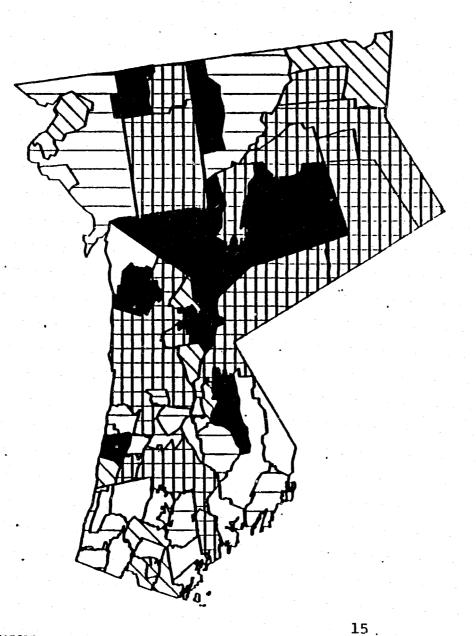
Almost three-quarters of Westchester's youth are white (743) and live with both parents (773).

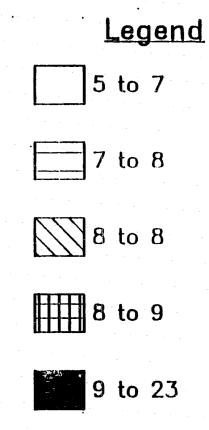
Distribution by age is evenly spread across the four age groups.

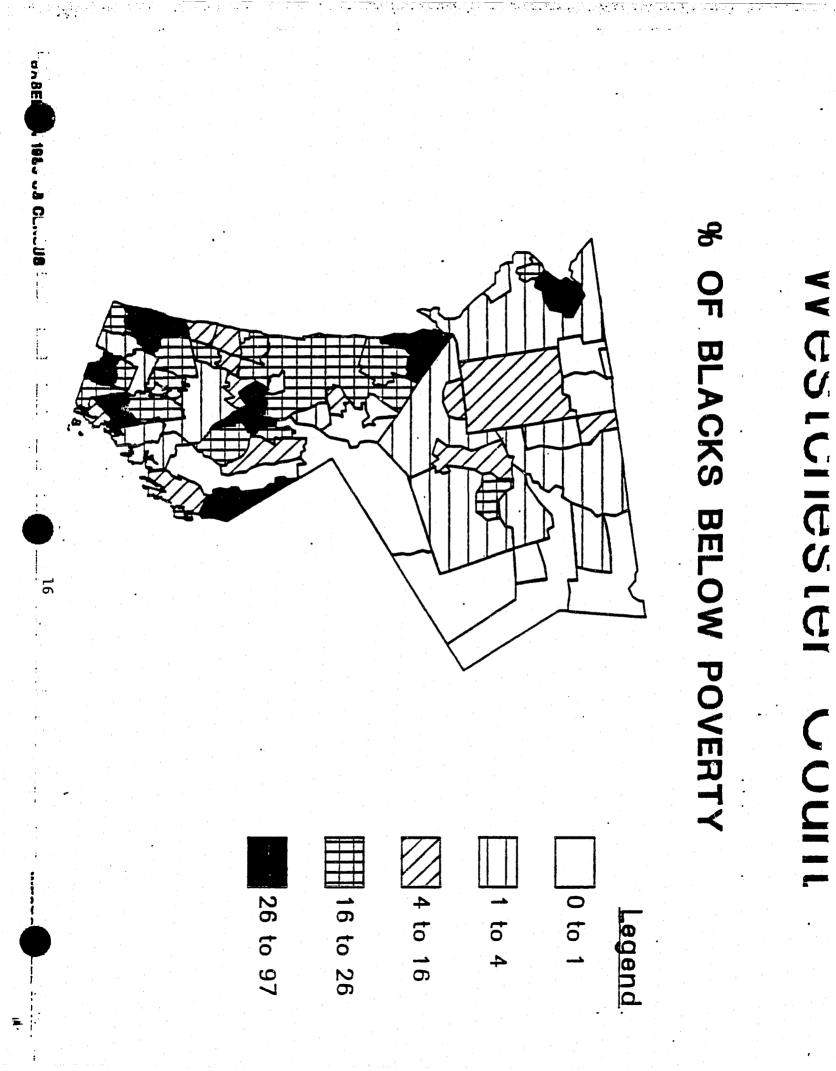




% OF MALES, 15-19





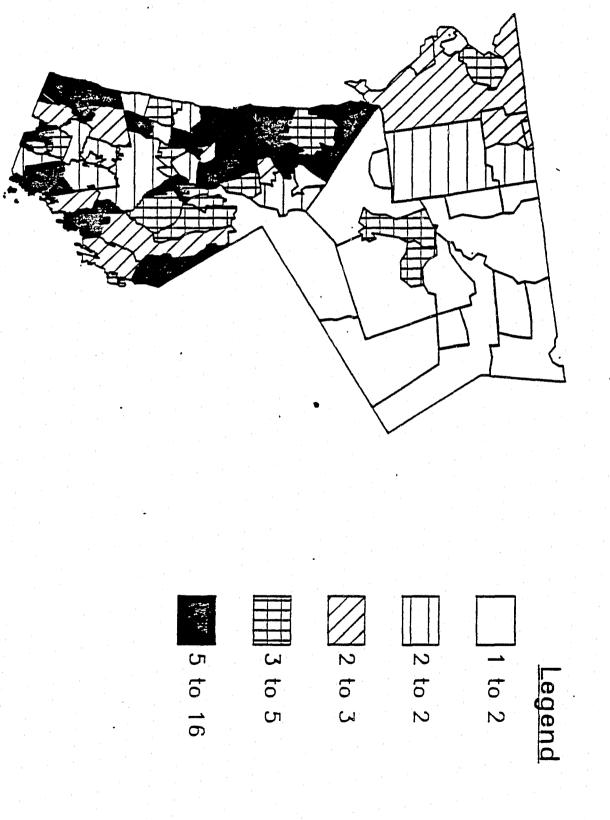




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% OF HISPANICS BELOW POVERTY

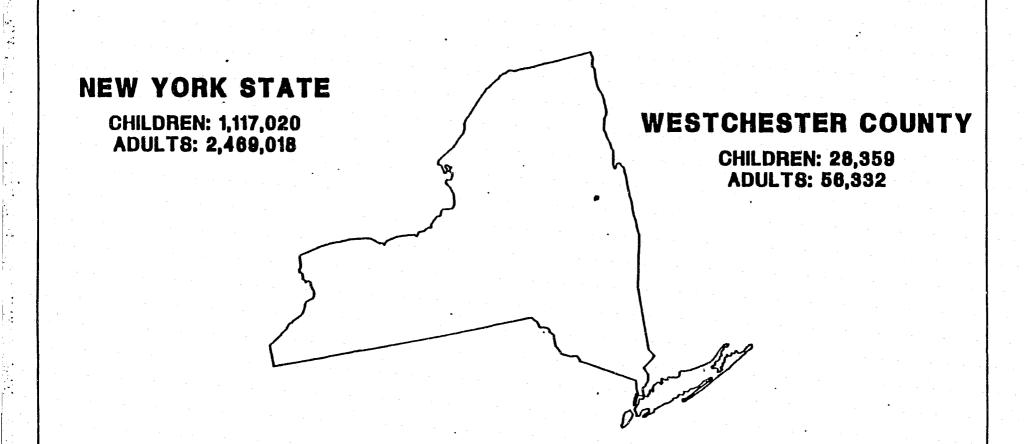


BASED ON 1980 US CENSUS

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ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT OR BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL



SOURCE: US BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, 1980;

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CHILDREN AT OR BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL

Findings:

While Westchester County ranks eighth in population in the state, it has one of the lowest percentages (10%) of people living at or below the poverty level* (27th).

However, because of Westchester's large population, this ten percent translates to the largest number of children living in poverty outside of New York City: 28,359.

One-third (33%) of all people living in poverty in Westchester County are children. This is a slightly higher proportion than for the entire state, 31%; but lower than it's neighboring county to the south, the Bronx at 42%.

* \$8,277 for a family of three \$10,609 for a family of four

Implications and Recommendations:

Being poor in an affluent County forces youth to view, almost daily, the differences in their situation and that of their more comfortable peers. Such realities can be painful and anger producing.

Schools and community organizations can assist impoverished youth to channel these negative feelings into educational and vocational activities that can improve their life situation.



WEIGHTED AVERAGE POVERTY THRESHOLDS: 1986

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Threshold
One person (unrelated individual)	\$ 5,572
15 to 64 years	5,701
65 years and over	5,255
Two persons	7,138
Householder 15 to 64 years	7,372
Householder 65 years and over	6,630
Three persons	8,737
Four persons	11,203
Five persons	13,259
Six persons	14,986
Seven persons	17,049
Eight persons	18,791
Nine persons or more	22,497

Source: United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, 1987.

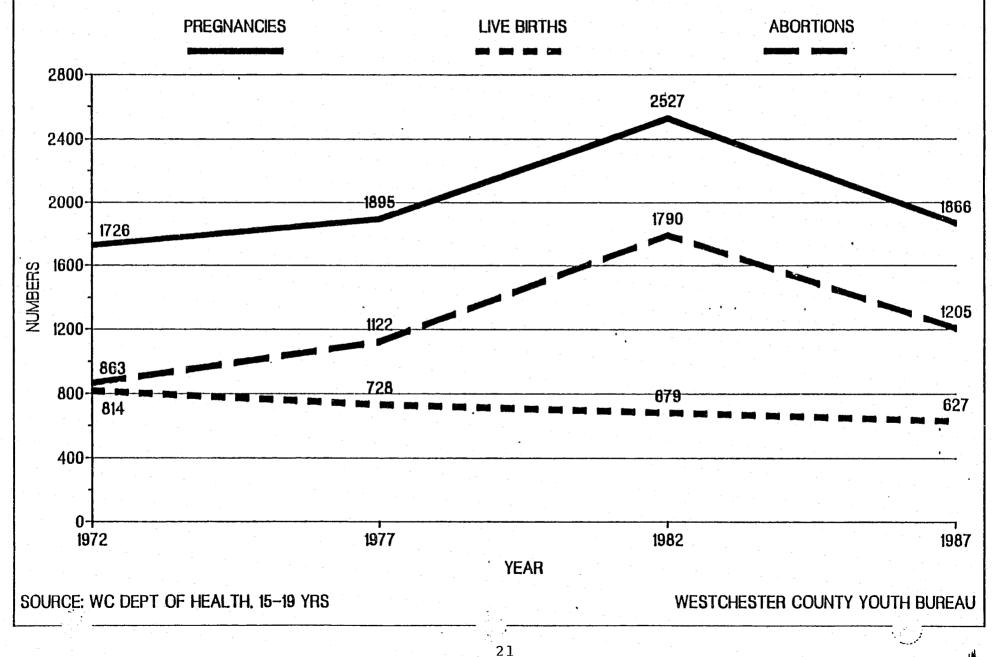
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NUMBERS OF TEEN PREGNANCIES, LIVE BIRTHS AND INDUCED ABORTIONS IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY



TEENAGE PREGNANCY, BIRTHS AND ABORTIONS

Findings:

For the past fifteen years (1972-87), while the number of females 15-19 years in Westchester County has declined twenty percent (20.6%), the number of teen pregnancies rose eight percent and the number of induced abortions rose forty percent. The number of live births declined by twenty-three percent for the same time period.

For the past five years (1982-87), the numbers of teen pregnancies and abortions have declined after a steady ten year increase (1972-1982) which peaked in 1982.

	1982	1987	<u> </u>
Pregnancies	2527	1866	(26.1%)
Abortions	1790	1205	(32.7%)
Births	679	627	(7.6%)

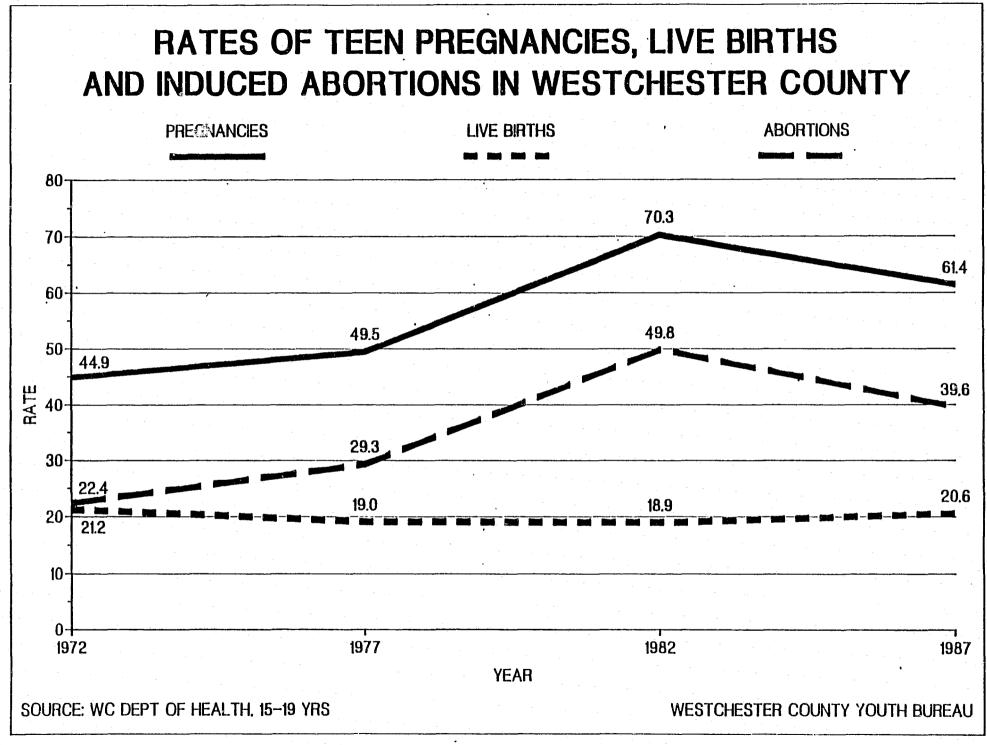
When these numbers are adjusted for the decline in population, by converting the raw numbers to a rate per thousand population, the five year declines in teen pregnancies and abortions remain, although at smaller levels, while the live birth rate shows an increase of 9%.

	1982	1987	% Change
Pregnancies	70.3	61.4	(12.7%)
Abortions	49.8	39.6	(20.5%)
Births	18.9	20.6	9.0%

Of the forty-three municipalities in Westchester County, the ten most populous accounted for forty-two percent of the females 15-19 year old population and the overwhelming majority of pregnancies, births and abortions.

Conversely, the rates per one thousand of population, are also disproportionately higher.

Expressed another way, in 1987, in these ten municipalities, one in nine teen females became pregnant, one in fifteen induced an abortion and one in twenty-three had a live birth.







In spite of sharp declines in female teen populations, five of these ten most populus municipalities experienced significantly higher rates of increases in pregnancies and abortions, than the average rate of growth for the County for the last ten years (1977-87).

	Female Teen Population	Pregnancies (% Change)	Abortions (% Change)
New Rochelle	(36.0)	77.1	69.5
White Plains	(30.9)	- 51.2	77.2
Yonkers	(30.5)	29.2	44.3
Yorktown	(13.9)	51.4	116.7
Cortlandt	(13.0)	59.9	113.8
County	(20.6)	24.0	35.1

(Table 2TP)



Implications and Recommendations:

Teen pregnancies remain a significant problem in Westchester County. As in the rest of New York State and the nation, adolescent pregnancies affects all socio-economic groups. However, the negative consequences of adolescent pregnancy fall more heavily on the poor, the uninsured and those who live in communites where economic and educational opportunities are restricted. (Third Report of the Governor's Task Force on Adolescent Pregnancy, 1987)

While less than half of the pregnancies resulted in live births for the 627 adolescents in 1987 who became parents, their future and the future of these children was placed in jeopardy. The majority of these live births occurred in socio-economically disadvantaged communities already struggling with the impact of proverty, homelessness, limited educational and vocational opportunities and drugs.

There is a definite relationship between adolescent pregnancy, the choice to abort or carry a child to term, and poverty.

A concensus of experts (Governor's Task Force On Adolescent Pregnancy, 1987) identify self-esteem, education, job training, adult support, role modeling, family and life education programs as essential to preventing teen pregnancy.

For several years, state funds have been made available to support pregnancy prevention programs. However, there is a limited body of knowledge available that identifies which services are the greatest success and which factors are critical to the success of these services. What is known to be successful is a comprehensive multi-service approach that offers the teen access to help for family and personal problems that may be causative factors of teen pregnancy.

Schools, youth organizations and neighborhood centers are critical to delivering preventative services and to provide support services if a child is brought to term.

While there is concensus that teen mothers need day care (preferably in the school), homemaking assistance, access to mother/child health care services, education and vocational opportunities, there continues to be a conflict as to who are the best providers of these services.

It would seem adviseable that the school play a pivotal role in these programs by providing space and access to programs. However, the actual providers could be professionals from organizatons who have been providing day care or counseling for a number of years and would sponsor and staff school site programs.



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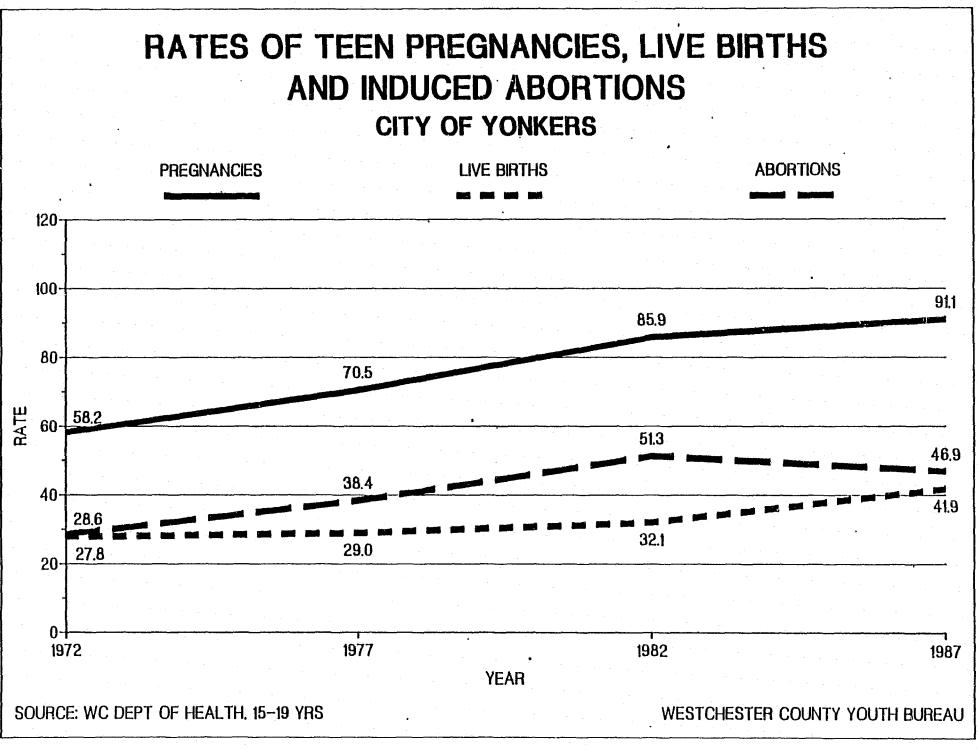
Prevention programs and strategies are more problematic to implement as they cause moral and ethical questions for segments of our society. Family Life Programs, when offered as a part of the school curriculum, have striven to help teens make positive choices about all aspects of their life including family planning.

The Family Life Program stresses that teens view their sexuality within the context of their lives and ethical beliefs.

School based clinics are being explored as a means of reducing the incidence of teen pregnancy. This plan has the support of the Governor's Task Force based upon the success of the model as documented by research (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 1985; Kirby, 1985; Zabin, 1986; Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, 1985). The Task Force recommends that an expansion of schoolbased clinics in New York State be accompanied by additional research and evaluation studies concerning their long-term effectiveness.

Coordinated services through schools is one avenue to strengthening a community's ability to promote positive youth and family development. If adolescents' special, nonacademic needs can be met either through linkages between schools and human service agencies or the provision of services on site in schools, the likelihood of their remaining in school and completing their education is greatly increased. (Governor's Task Force, 3rd Report, 1987)

In communities of high risk, it would be important to develop service Consortiums who could deliver a variety of preventative services and provide other care for those teens who choose to keep their children.





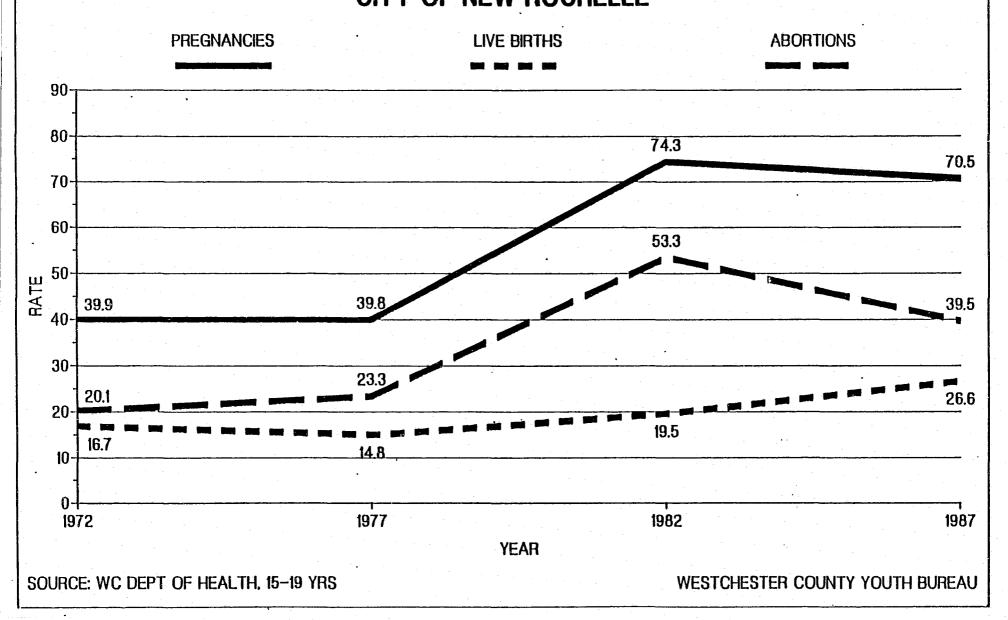


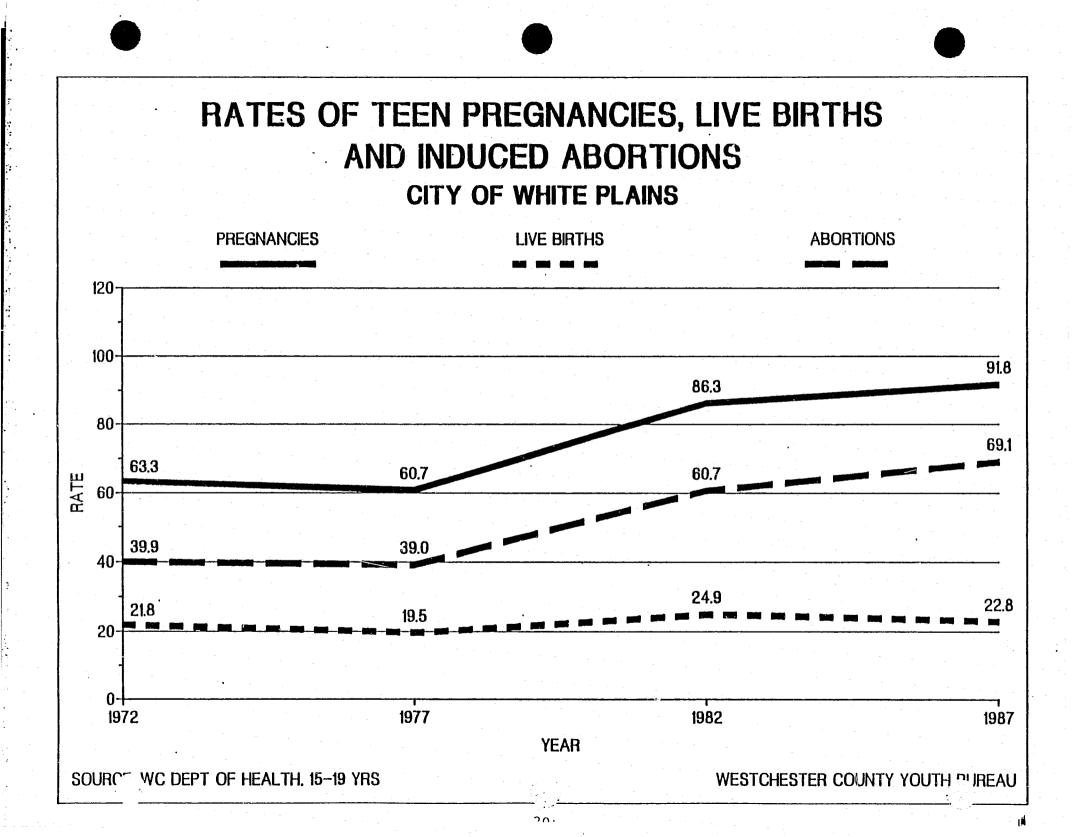
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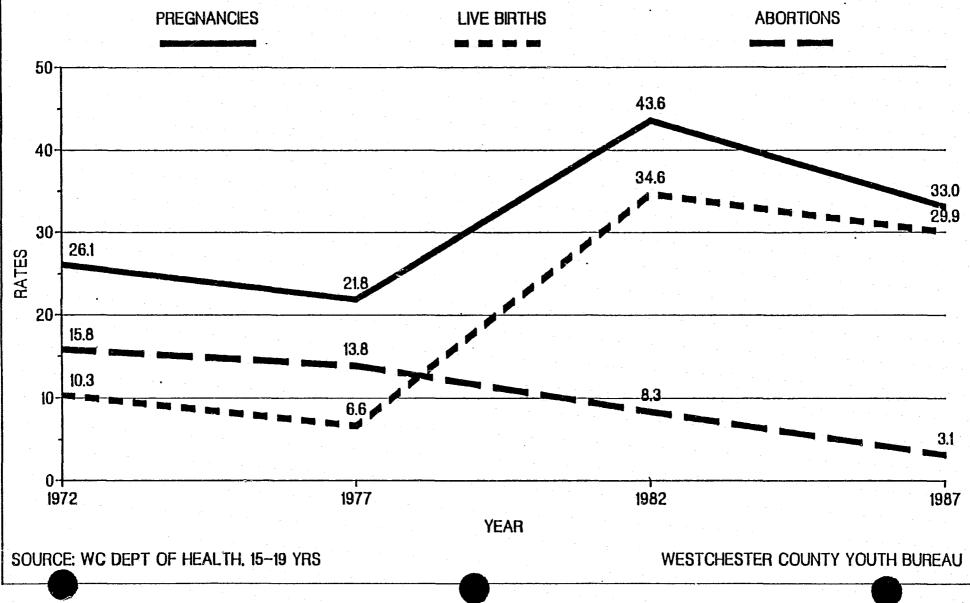
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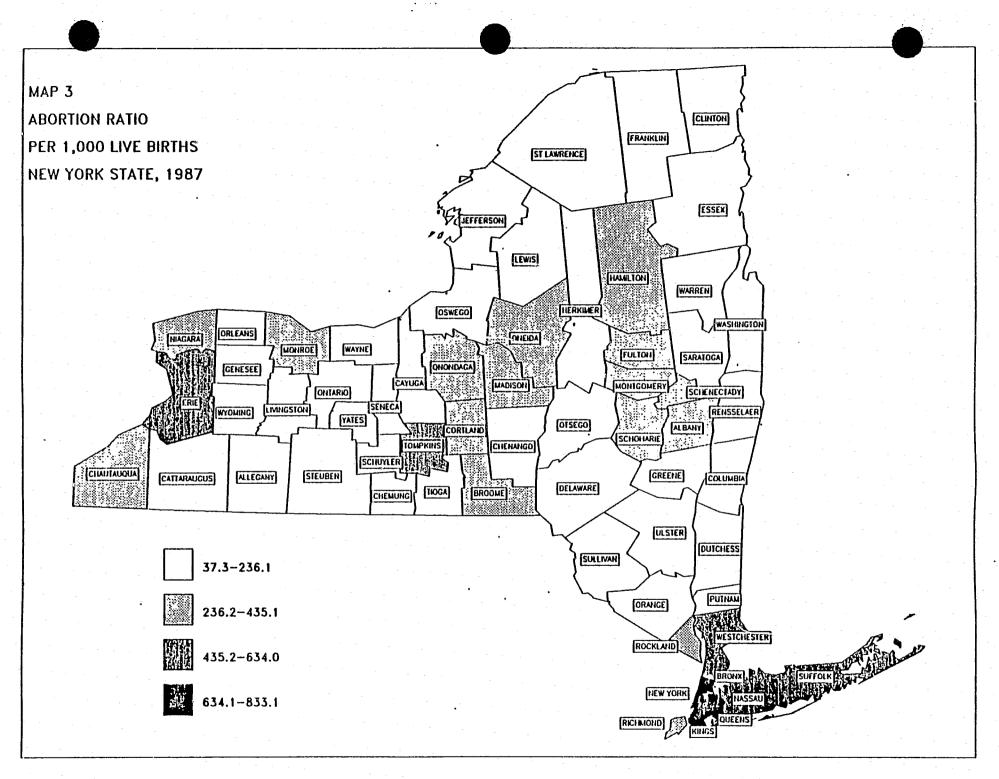




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TOP TEN MUNCIPALITIES FOR TEEN PREGNANCIES, LIFE BIRTHS AND ABORTIONS FOR 1987 RATES:

	Population Females, 15-19	Pregnancies	Live Births	Induced Abortions
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Yonkers Mount Vernon New Rochelle Harrison Greenburgh Yorktown White Plains Mount Pleasant Cortlandt Scarsdale	Yonkers (91) Mount Vernon (144) New Rochelle (70) White Plains (92) Port Chester (108) Peekskill (122) Ossining (88) Greenburgh (39) Cortlandt (49) Yorktown (33)	Yonkers (41) Mount Vernon (59) New Rochelle (27) Peekskill (61) Port Chester (48) Ossining (47) White Plains (23) No.Tarrytown (26) Mount Kisco (29) Greenburgh (4)	Yonkers (46) Mount Vernon (83) White Plains (69) New Rochelle (39) Greenburgh (34) Port Chester (59) Yorktown (30) Cortlandt (42) Peekskill (61) Harrison (21)
Tot	al Numbers: 12,804	1,427	564	848
ξ Ά.Α.	ll Municipalities: 42%	768	90୫	70%
Rat	io For Top Ten Popu -	lation: 1:9	1:23	1:15
Avg	. Top Ten Rates Per -	1000 111.4	44.0	66.2

Source: WC Dept. of Health

% Changes in Rates of Teen Pregnancies, Live Births and Induced Abortions for Top Ten Municipalities 1972-87

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Municipality	Teen Population % Change	Pregnancies % Change	Live Births % Change	Induced Abortions % Change
Yonkers.	(30.5)	29.2	44.5	44.3
Mt. Vernon	(19.4)	22.5	1.7	45.0
New Rochelle	(<u>36.0</u>)	77.1	79.7	69.5
Harrison	14.8	13.7	(<u>75.5</u>)	23.7
Greenburgh	(13.7)	22.8	42.1	43.5
Yorktown	(13.9)	51.4	(<u>57.4</u>)	116.7
White Plains	(<u>30.9</u>)	51.2	16.9	77.2
Mount Pleasant	1.2	16.0	(34.9)	34.1
Cortlandt	(13.0)	59.9	(42.8)	113.8
Scarsdale	(12.5	7.2	(<u>100.0</u>)	32.2
County	(20.6)	24.0	8.4	35.1

Source: WC Dept. of Health



LIVE BIRTHS, ABORTIONS, AND PREGNANCIES FOR FEMALES 15-19 YEARS OF AGE FOR WESTCHESTER COUNTY 1985-1987

	1985	1986	1987	% Change '85-'87
LIVE BIRTHS				
Number	618	607	627	1.4
Rate Per 1000	18.9	19.3	20.6	9.0
Ratio To Population	1:53	1:52	1:48	
INDUCED ABORTIONS		•		
Number	1,255	1,326	1,205	(4.0)
Rate	38.5	42.1	39.6	2.8
Ratio To Population	1:26	1:24	1:25	
PREGNANCIES				
Number	1,902	1,951	1,866	(1.9)
Rate	58.3	61.9	61.4	5,3
Ratio To Population	1:17	1:16	1:16	•
<pre>% ABORTIONS/PREGNANCIES</pre>	66.0	68.0	64.5	(2.3)
<pre>% LIVE BIRTHS/PREGNANCIES</pre>	32.5	31.1	33.6	3.4
ESTIMATED POPULATION	32,613	31,501	30,390	(6.8)

Sources: Westchester County Department of Health Vital Statistics for Live Births and Fetal Deaths by Nursing District; U.S. Bureau of the Census Publication PHC-2-260, 1980 Census of Population and Housing: Census Tract Data: Westchester County; New York State Division For Youth Data Supplements to the Local Service Resource Books

NUMBERS AND RATIOS OF PREGNANCIES, LIVE BIRTHS AND INDUCED ABORTIONS BY MUNICIPALITY 1987

Muni	icipality	Population Females 15-19	Pregnancies	Live <u>Births</u>	Induced Abortions
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Rates Per	: 1000		61.4	20.6	39.6

1987 LEAD POISONING TEST RESULTS* BY MUNICIPALITY AND HEALTH CENTER SITES (% MODERATE, HIGH AND URGENT LEVELS)

	TEST RESULTS
Municipality	(308) 100%
Yonkers	12%
Mount Vernon	10
New Rochelle	9
Greenburgh	8
Peekskill	5
White Plains	2
Rye	2
All Others	52
Type of Health Site	100%
Personal Health Service Areas	29%
Hospitals	29
Neighborhood Health Centers	25
Door to Door Canvas	12
Private Physicians	3
Day Care Centers	2

Source: WCDOH 1987

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LEAD POISONING TEST RESULTS

Findings

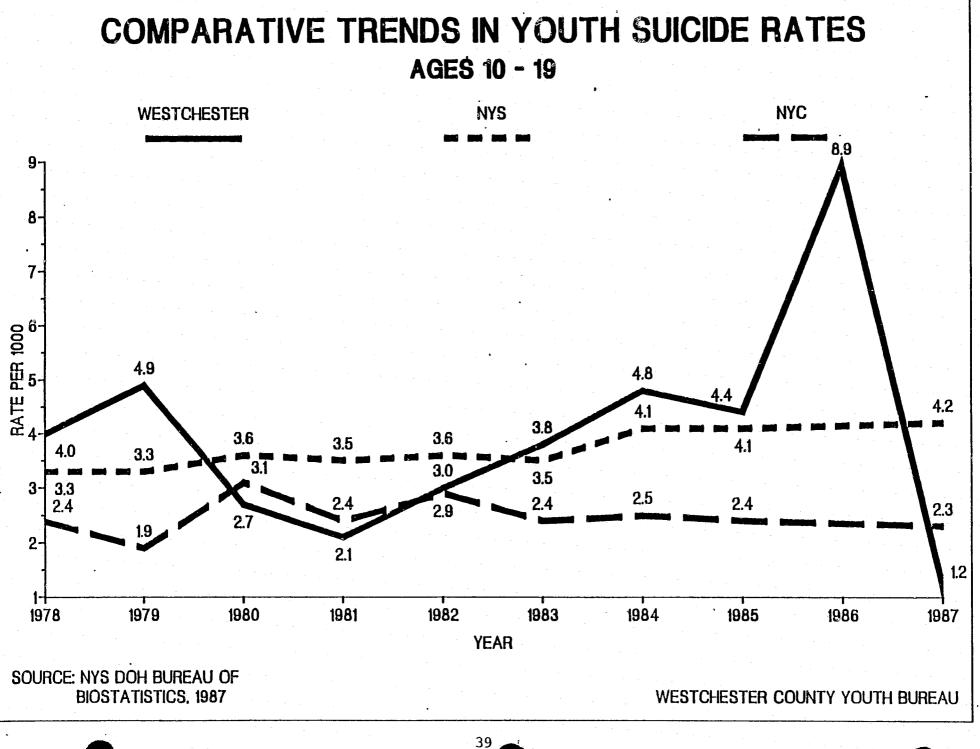
Seven of the forty-three municipalities in Westchester account for almost half (48%) of the "moderate," "high" and "urgent" test elevation levels of lead found in the blood of children in 1987. Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle account for almost one-third (31%) of these moderate to urgent levels of lead poisoning tests.

(Table 1HC)

Over four-fifths (83%) of these cases were detected at the larger health site organizations, rather than private physicians.

Implications and Recommendations:

Lead poisoning is highest in communities with high concentrations of poor housing accommodations. Repeated community information campaigns that utilize simple graphics and text on posters, brochures, fliers, etc. in both Spanish and English are needed to educate families to the dangers of lead poisoning.



YOUTH SUICIDE TRENDS

Findings:

Westchester, like New York State, has experienced a generally upward trend in the suicide rate. The drop in '87 is not significant because of the small number of cases; two in '87, ten in '86. If '86 and '87 are averaged to smooth out the trend line, the rate would be 5.0. If the last four years were averaged, the rate would be 4.8.

The much larger numbers of suicides in New York City and statewide result in very stable, but opposing, trends; New York City's rate is declining at about five percent per year while New York State is increasing at about the same rate.

Implications and Recommendations:

Schools, community centers, counseling centers, youth organizations and health care providers throughout Westchester have become sensitized to the warning signs of suicide. Their continued vigilance is necessary to protect at risk youth.

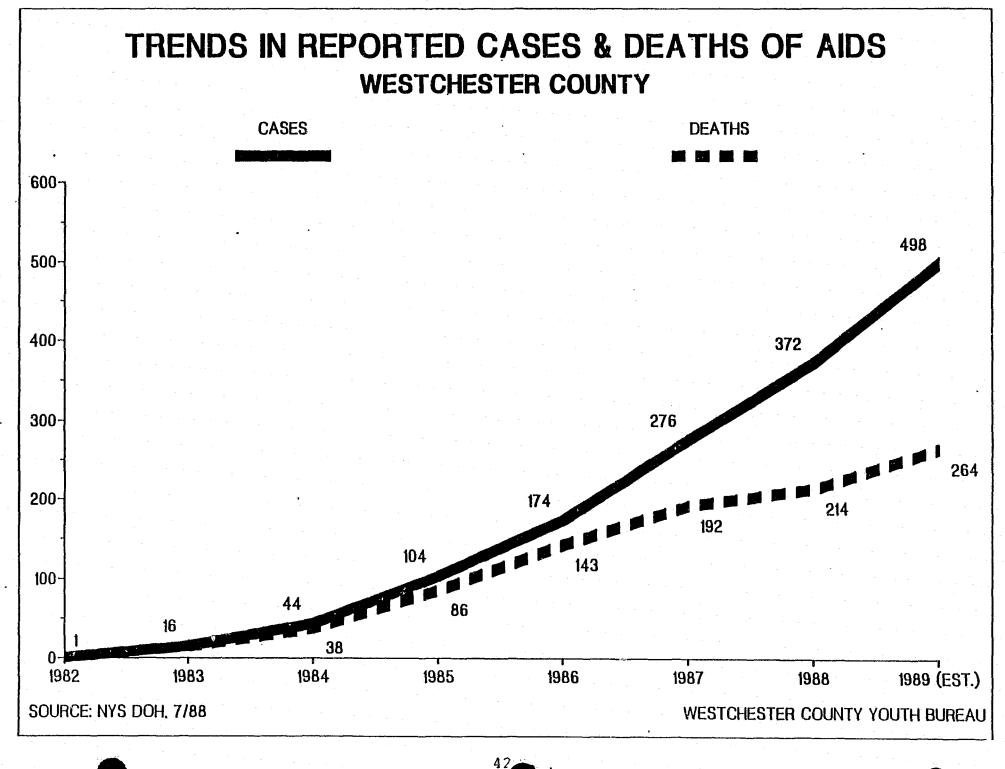
SUICIDES IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY BY AGE AND YEAR

AGES

YEAR	ALL AGES No. Rate*	AGES 10-19 No. Rate %	AGES 20-24 No. Rate %
1978	86 9.9	6 4.0 7.0	20 13.8 23.3
1979	96 11.1	7 4.9 7.3	14 9.8 14.6
1980	74 8.5	4 2.7 5.4	13 9.1 17.6
1981	76 8.8	3 2.1 3.9	13 9.1 17.1
1982	77 10.0	4 3.0 5.2	15 10.6 19.5
1983	77 9.0	5 3.8 6.5	16 11.6 20.8
1984	78 9.1	6 4.8 7.7	13 9.7 16.7
1985	78 8.9	5 4.4 6.4	44 15.4 14.1
1986	90 10.3	10 8.9 11.1	9 13.2 10.0
1987	74 8.5	2 1.2 2.7	9 13.8 12.2

* Number of deaths per 100,000 population.

Sources: Vital event data from Westchester County Health Department's Hanging Files run on annual New York State vital certificate computer tapes. Population data from Westchester Planning Department population projections (Research Information Report, April 1985 entitled "Westchester County and Municipality Population Projections: 1985 - 2010")



Findings:

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Trends in the numbers of AIDS cases reported in Westchester for the last five years are alarming; while there were no reported cases prior to 1982,, there were almost four hundred cases just six years later in 1988. There were over two hundred resulting deaths in the same period.

The numbers of children with AIDS, due to transfusion or birth parent transmission is less than one percent (0.9%) of all cases reported as of July, 1988.

Implications and Recommendations:

Youth will continue to be at risk of AIDS through motherchild transmission and unprotected sex with high risk populations (homosexuals, I.V. drug abusers).

AIDS education and intervention programs for women who are I.V. drug abusers or the partners of I.V. drug abusers are the best means of preventing mother-child transmission of AIDS. These programs are best provided on the neighborhood level by agencies who have experience in treating women of childbearing years and are capable of providing substance abuse treatment and support services (daycare, health care, vocational education, etc.) to insure their ongoing participation in intervention programs.

Youth are best educated through exposure to AIDS education materials and curriculums in school programs (Health, Family Life Curriculum).

In high risk communities, outreach workers connected to counseling centers, substance abuse treatment agencies and community centers are the best source of prevention information for youth who are no longer in school.

AIDS

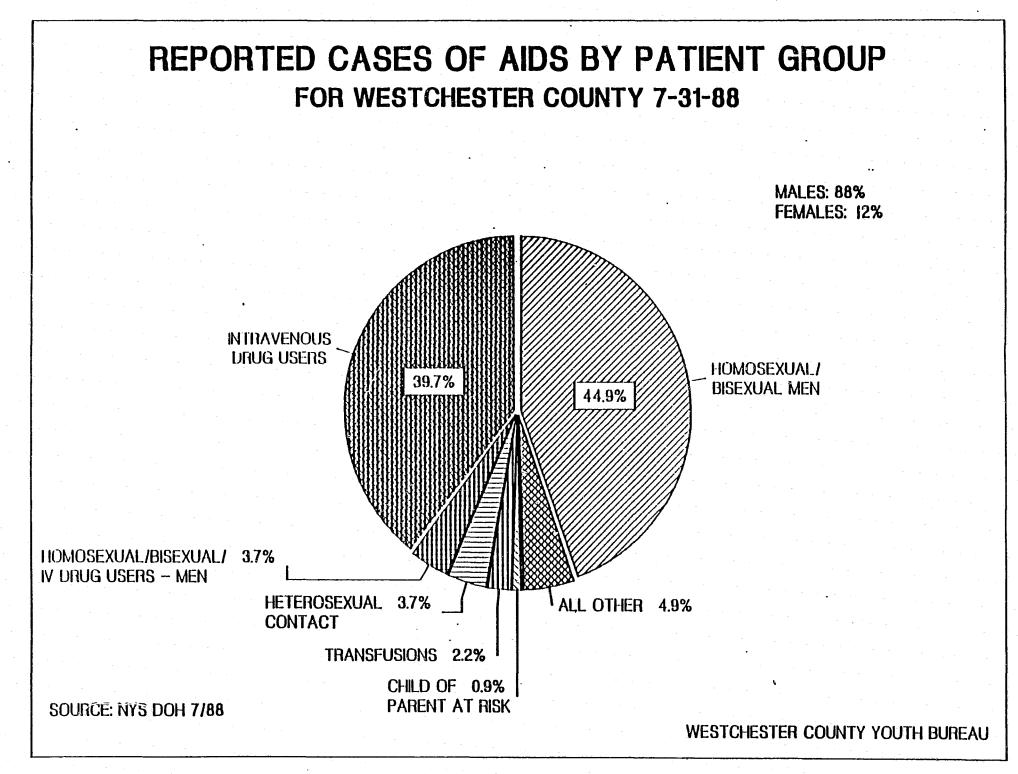




Table A2

AIDS CASES BY MUNICIPALITY 1982 - 5/89

	# (490)	8 100
Yonkers	132	278
Mount Vernon	95	19
White Plains	56	11
New Rochelle	33	7
Port Chester	21	4
Ossining	17	3
Peekskill	13	3
Scarsdale	12	2
Valhalla	10	· 2
All Others	101	21

Source: WCDOH, 1989

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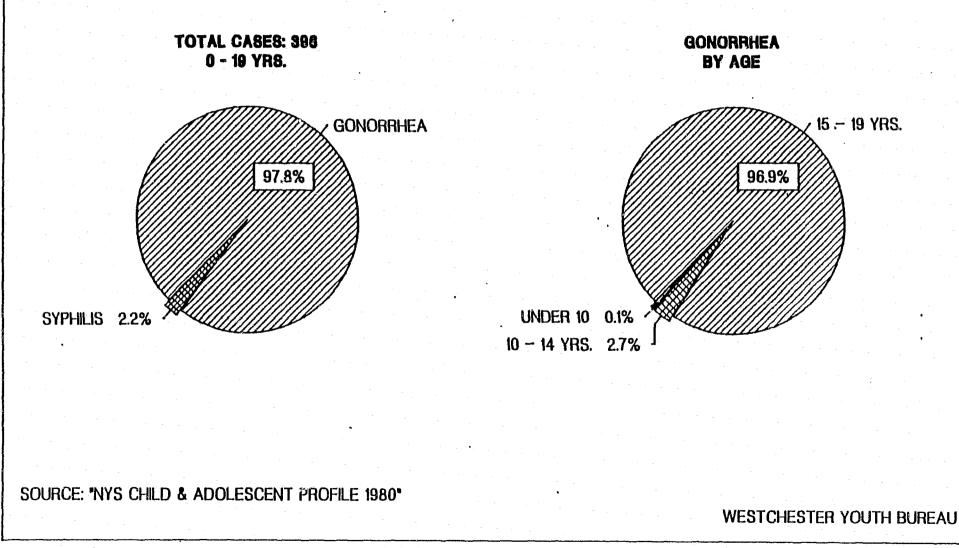
Findings:

Yonkers, Mount Vernon and White Plains have accounted for over fifty percent (57%) of the reported AIDS cases since 1982. (Table A2)

Compared to the proportion of the total population contained in these three cities, the number if AIDS cases is over one and a half times as large (1.7).

	% AIDS		8 Pop. '89	
Yonkers Mount Vernon White Plains	27% 19% 11%	\$ 57%	21% 7 5	33%

REPORTED CASES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES IN WESTCHESTERS' YOUTH 1986





SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STD)

Findings:

There were almost four hundred (396) reported cases of Gonorrhea among Westchester's youth in 1986, the latest available data.

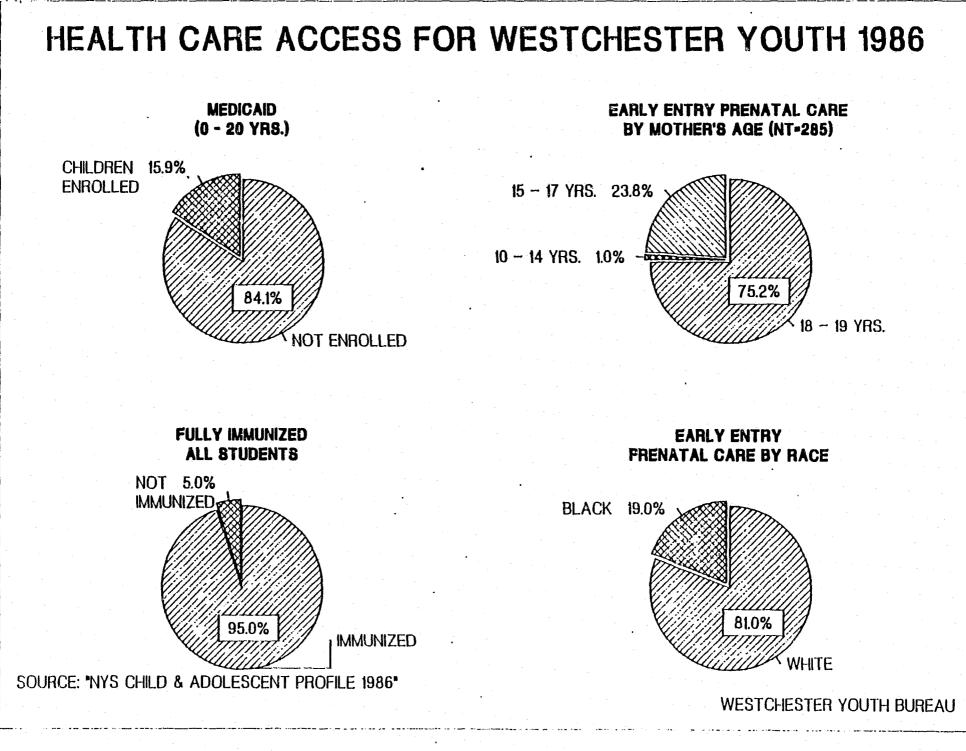
Almost all (96.9%) of the cases occurred among 15-19 year olds.

Implications and Recommendations:

Sexually transmitted diseases are on the rise in Westchester. Gonorrhea, Syphilis, etc. among teens. More preventative materials are needed in school health and Family Life curriculums to educate youth to the transmission of these diseases and necessary medical interventions.









HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Findings:

Over thirty three thousand youth 0-20 years are enrolled in Medicaid in Westchester - this is almost twice the number enrolled in income maintenance or nutrition programs.

Program	# of Youth
Medicaid	33,390
AFDS	19,765
Food Stamps	19,838

Of the 140,324 students enrolled in public and non-public schools in the fall of 1986 in Westchester, 7,016 or 5% had not received all their required immunizations. It would be important to increase community educational programs on the need for proper immunization.

Of the most three hundred (285) teenage mothers who were enrolled in "early entry" (first tri-semester) prenatal care, the majority are 18-19 years of age (75.1%) and white (81.0%).



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CHILD HEALTH AND PEDIATRIC SERVICE CENTER VISITS BY SITE* - 1987

		<pre>% POPULATION</pre>	
	<u>% VISITS</u> (17,863) 100%	0-19 Yrs. (876,054) 100%	INDEX - 100
Pediatric Treatment Centers	<u>69</u> %	39%	177
#4 Yonkers	43%	22%	195
#6 New Rochelle	26%	17% -	153
Child Health Service Sites	31%	61%	51
#3 Rye Site	148	12%	117
#2 White Plains Site	.88	18%	44
#1 Peekskill Site	78	27%	26
#5 Eastchester	2%	48	50

See map for catchment area definitions

Source: WCDOH 1987

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CHILD HEALTH AND PEDIATRIC SERVICE CENTERS

Findings:

The two pediatric centers; Yonkers and New Rochelle, which contain about forty percent of the total population, accounted for almost seventy percent of the pediatric health visits in the County in 1987. The Yonkers center alone accounted for over forty percent (43%) of the total child health care visits.

The five mid and upper county child health care sites serve about two-thirds of the population (61%) yet account for only about one-third of the health care visits (31%). (Table 2HC)

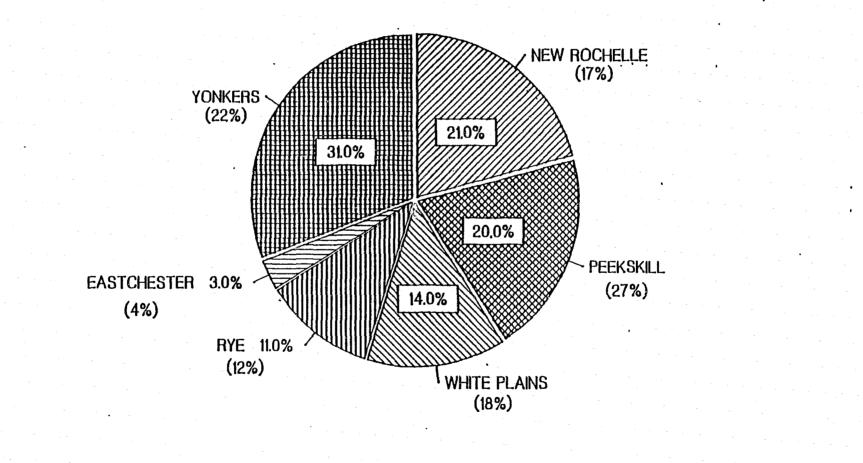
Implications and Recommendations:

Findings indicate that the two pediatric centers in Lower Westchester are heavily utilized. On the positive side, this could reflect that the community is well aware of these services and they are easily accessible to mothers with young children.

Other possible explanations for differences in utilization might be that the centers in Lower Westchester serve neighborhoods that have higher concentrations of poverty, homelessness, and teen pregnancy, all factors that impact on infant and child development.

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICE AREAS FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

(% POPULATION)



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SOURCE: WC DOH, 1987

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HEALTH SERVICE AREAS FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Findings:

The Yonkers and New Rochelle Personal Health Service Areas serve just over half (52%) of the physically handicapped children in Westchester County. Compared to the proportion of the total population residing in these service areas (see map), there is a close alignment between the availability of health services and the incidence of physically handicapped children.

Service Area	<pre>% Physically Handicapped Children</pre>	<pre>% Total Population</pre>	Index
Yonkers	31%	22%	141
New Rochelle	21	17	123
Peekskill	20	27	74
White Plains	14	18	78
Rye	11	12	92
Eastchester	3	4	75

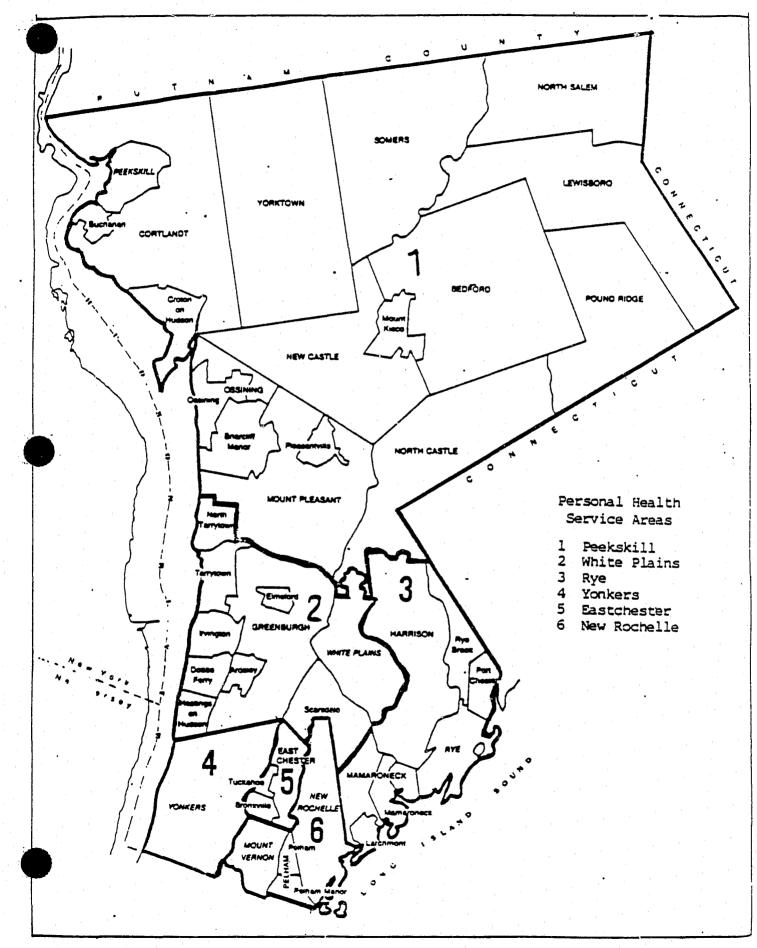
Implications and Recommendations:

The close alignment between the availability of health services and the incidence of physically handicapped children can be best understood from two perspectives:

- Health service areas were established in communities with high concentrations of disabled youth to provide accessible community based services.
- Families with physically handicapped youth, tend to cluster in communities that provide accessible, community based services for their children.



PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICE AREAS WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) DEFINITIONS

Classification of Residence

Vital events are allocated to the place of usual residence as reported on the certificates with the following exceptions: vital events occurring to inmates of state and federal institutions are allocated to their residence at the time of admission; vital events occurring to resident staff are allocated to the institution district.

Each vital event is assigned to a municipality of residence according to its census tract of residence (based on street address). Events without valid census tracts are assigned to a municipality according to the municipality reported on the certificates. Events with neither a valid census tract nor a specific municipality are considered to be from an unknown municipality.

Live Births

A live birth is defined as "the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of duration of pregnancy, which, after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached." (Vital Statistics of New York State, 1985, New York State Department of Health)

Population Estimates

The July 1, 1987, municipal and county population estimates used in this report are those of the Westchester County Department of Planning. The Planning Department's estimation procedure is based on the housing unit method. The population estimates include persons living in group quarters or who are under care or custody in institutions. Examples of such institutions are the Bedford Hills/Taconic Correctional Facility, Sing Sing Prison and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Montrose. Residents of college dormitories, convents and monasteries, as well as hospital ward patients who have no usual residence elsewhere, are also included.

Live Birth Rate: annual number of live births per 1,000 total midyear population.

Age-Specific Birth Rate: annual number of live births to females in a specific age group per 1,000 females in that age group.

Source: NYS DOH

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DOH DEFINITIONS (Continued)

Pregnancy Rate: annual number of live births and fetal deaths (spontaneous and induced) per 1,000 females 15-44 years of age at midyear. Numerator may be maternal age-specific and denominator will represent same age group of females.

Infant Death Rate: annual number of deaths under one year of age per 1,000 live births occurring during the year.

Fetal Deaths

A fetal death is defined as "the death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception; the death is indicated by the fact that after such separation, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of voluntary muscles" (Vital Statistics of New York State, 1985, New York State Department of Health). New York State Public Health Law requires the registration of all fetal deaths regardless of the length of gestation of the fetus.

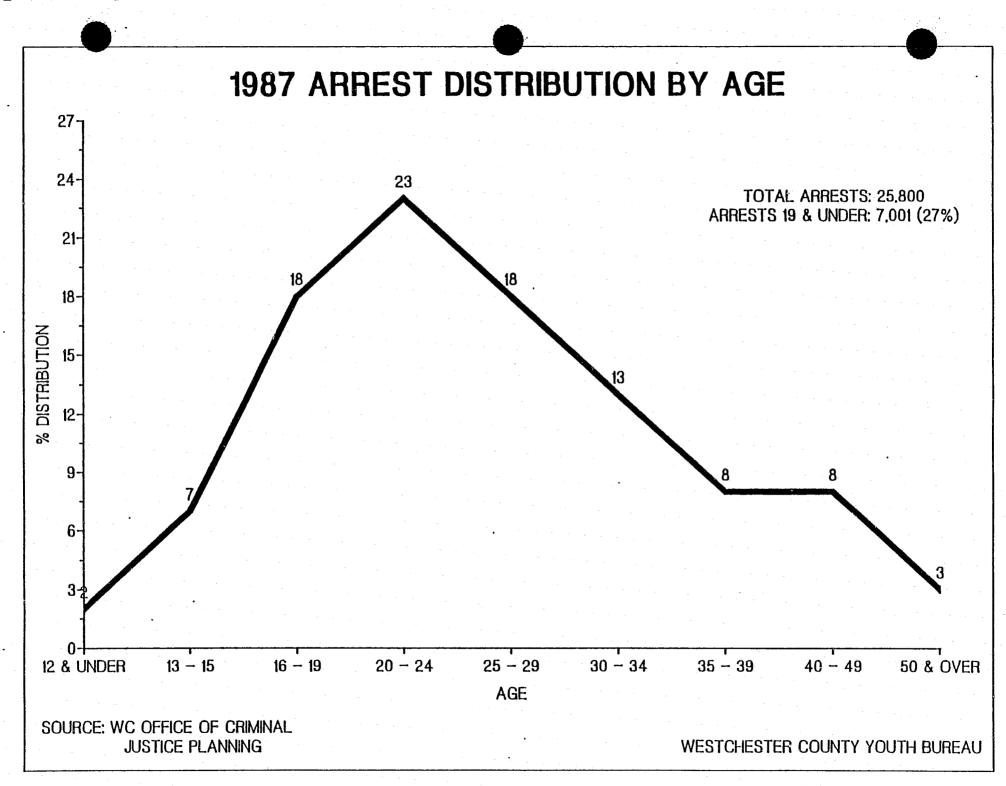


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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Findings:

Of the over twenty-five thousand people arrested in Westchester during 1987, over one-quarter (27%) were nineteen years of age or younger.

	<u>% Arrests</u>
16-19 yrs.	18%
13-15 12 & under	7 2
Total	278

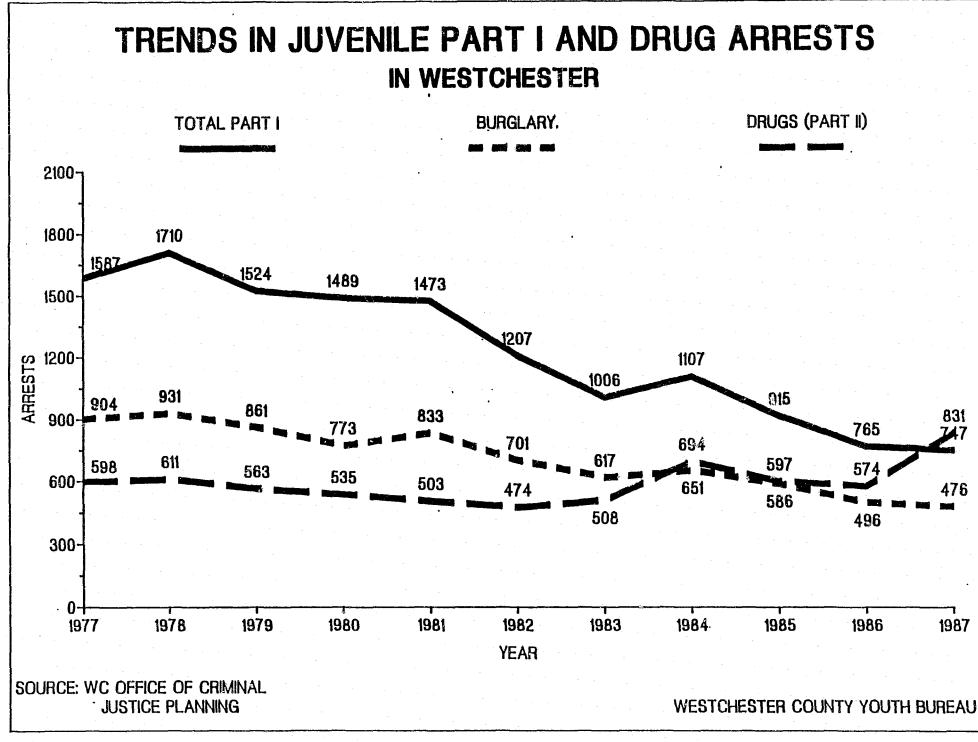
Total Part I juvenile (17 years and younger) arrests, as have just about all types of arrests, have actually declined almost sixty percent (59.5%) in the last dozen years where data is available. One crime, however, has sharply increased in the past four years: Drugs. Since 1963, juvenile drug arrests have increased sixty-three percent, from 508 to 831 in 1987. In one year alone (1986-87), drug arrest increased 45%. Estimates for 1988 are for over 1,000 juveniles arrested.

Almost all (88%) of the juveniles arrested for drugs are between sixteen and nineteen years of age. As a percent of all types of crimes committed by this age group, drugs, possession and selling, constitute over half (58%), followed by burglary (18%), assault (12%) and robbery (10%).

A dramatic shift occurs in the type of arrests made for a slightly younger population; 17 years and under for Part I crimes; larceny is the predominate offense at almost two-thirds (63.9%) of all Part I arrests.

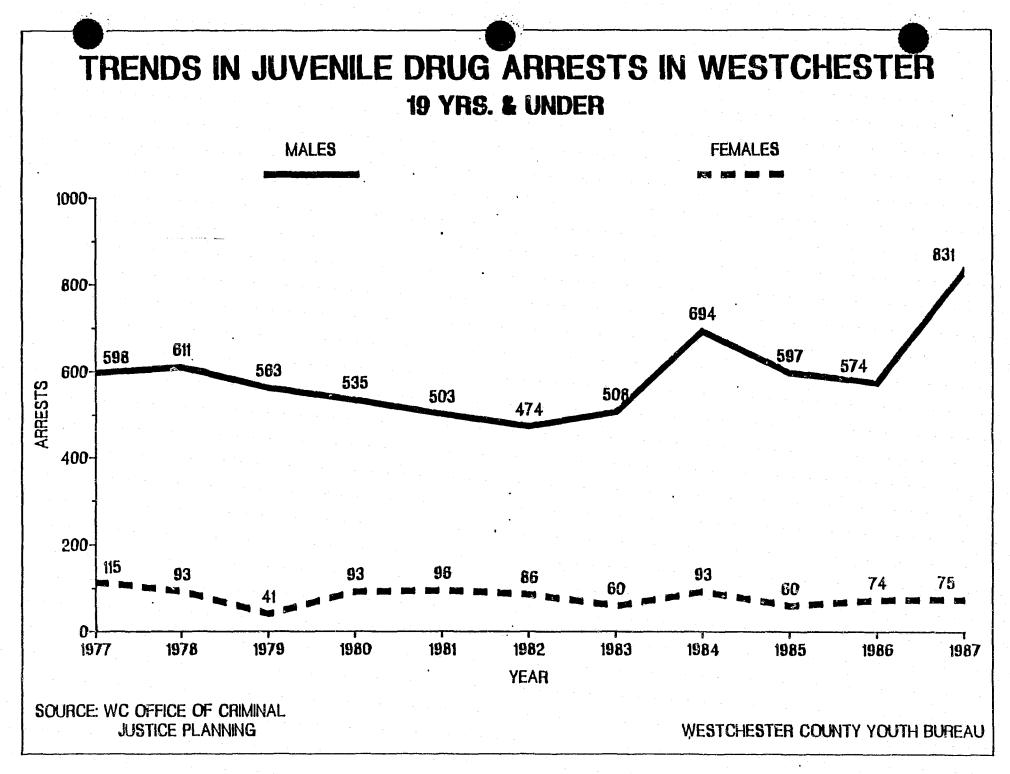
Most of the larceny arrests are comprised of theft of auto radios/parts (21%), packages/purses, etc. left in automobiles (20%) and home thefts; e.g. TV's, VCR's, jewelry, etc. (17%).

With few exceptions, juvenile arrests have declined for most municialities. Three in particular have experienced dramatic decreases in the number of arrests since 1975.



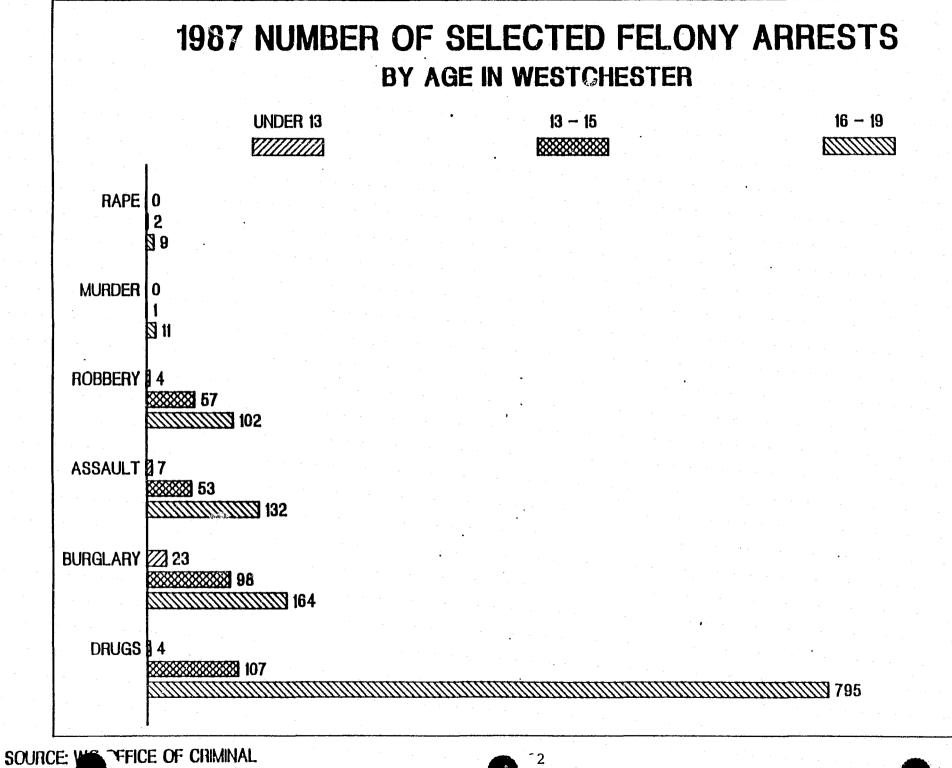
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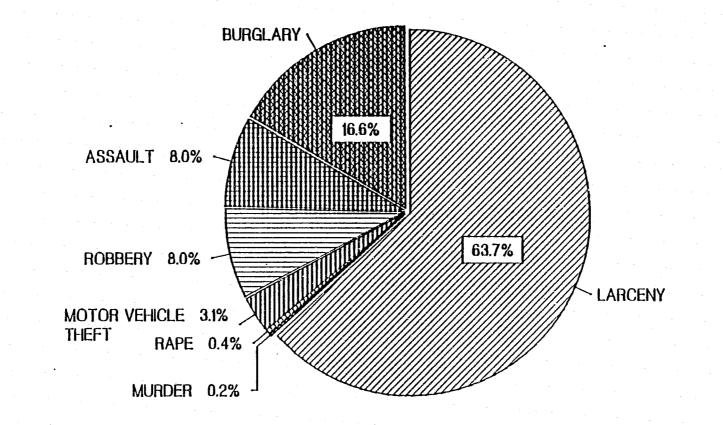
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1987 ARRESTS BY PART I OFFENSES FOR JUVENILES, 17 & UNDER IN WESTCHESTER

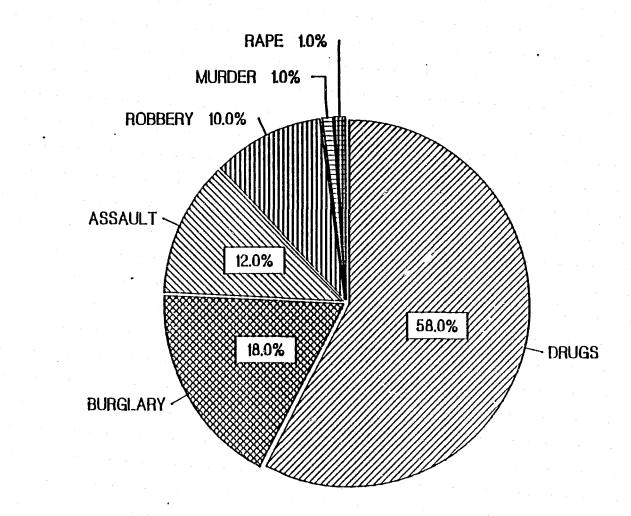
TOTAL PART I: 747



SOURCE: WC OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING

WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

1987 SELECTED FELONY ARRESTS BY OFFENSE 19 YEARS & UNDER IN WESTCHESTER



SOURCE: WC OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING

WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

TOP TEN MUNICIPALITIES FOR PART I JUVENILE ARRESTS (17 YRS. & UNDER)

	1975	1980	1985	1987	% CHANGE 75-87
(TOTAL COUNTY)	(1845)	(1489)	(915)	(747)	(59.5%)
1) YONKERS	396	300	208	160	(59.6)
2) WHITE PLAINS	75	90	118	111	48.0
3) NEW ROCHELLE	27	132	57	93	244.0
4) YORKTOWN	107	62	49	56	(47.7)
5) GREENBURGH	110	185	70	49	(55.4)
6) MOUNT VERNON	165	198	79	37	(77.6)
7) DOBBS FERRY	51	1	14	33	(35.3)
8) HARRISON		3	26	21	210
9) MAMARONECK	22	16	11	4	(81.8)
10) TARRYTOWN	37	29	17	16	(56.7)
PEEKSKILL	184	34	15	5	(97.3)
BEDFORD	110	26	13	9	(91.8)
PORT CHESTER	122	38	· · · 0	0	(100.0)

SOURCE: WC OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING

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Port Chester	122	0
Bedford	110	9
Peekskill	184	5

Three of the ten most populated have witnessed an increase:

1979

1987

New Rochelle	27	93
White Plains	7.5	111
Harrison	1	21

(Table 2JJ)

There were over twenty one thousand petitions handled by Westchester's Family Court in 1987. Many of these petitions affect the child's residence, level of protection and standard of living. Two of three categories in particular denote a critical stage of children at risk; persons in need of supervision (PINS) and juvenile delinquents.

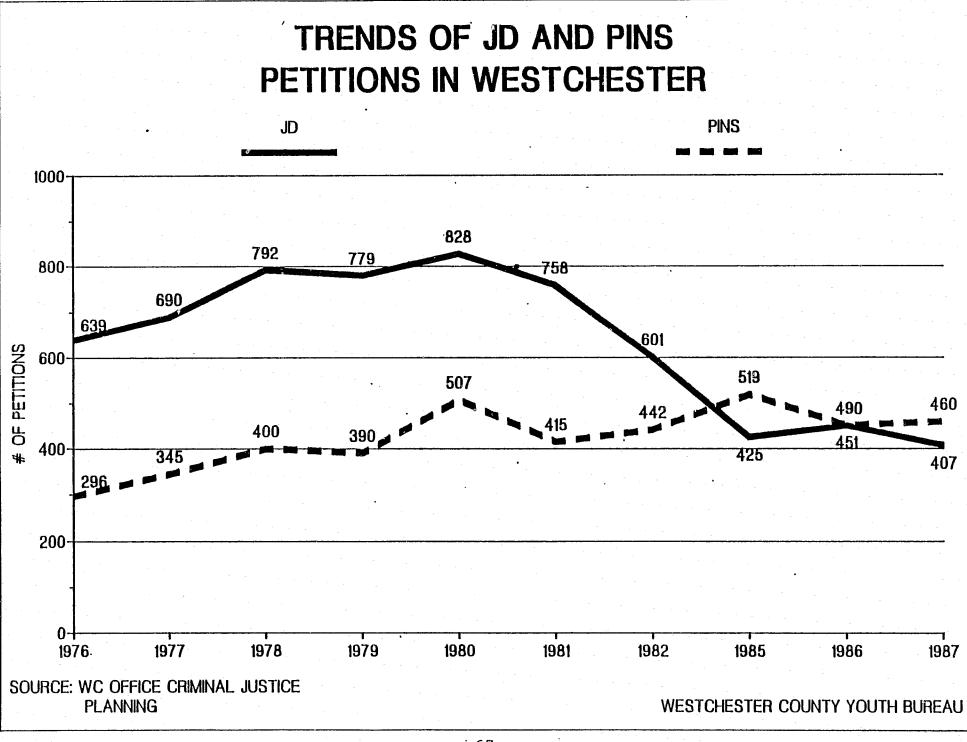
While the combined number of JD and PINS petitions has been stable at about 4-5% of all Family Court petitions during the ten years, the two trends are significantly different: JD petitions have declined by over one-third (36%) since '70, while PINS petitions have increased fifty-five percent. The proportions of JD and PINS petitions were also reversed during this period.

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JD PINS		68% 32	•	47% 53

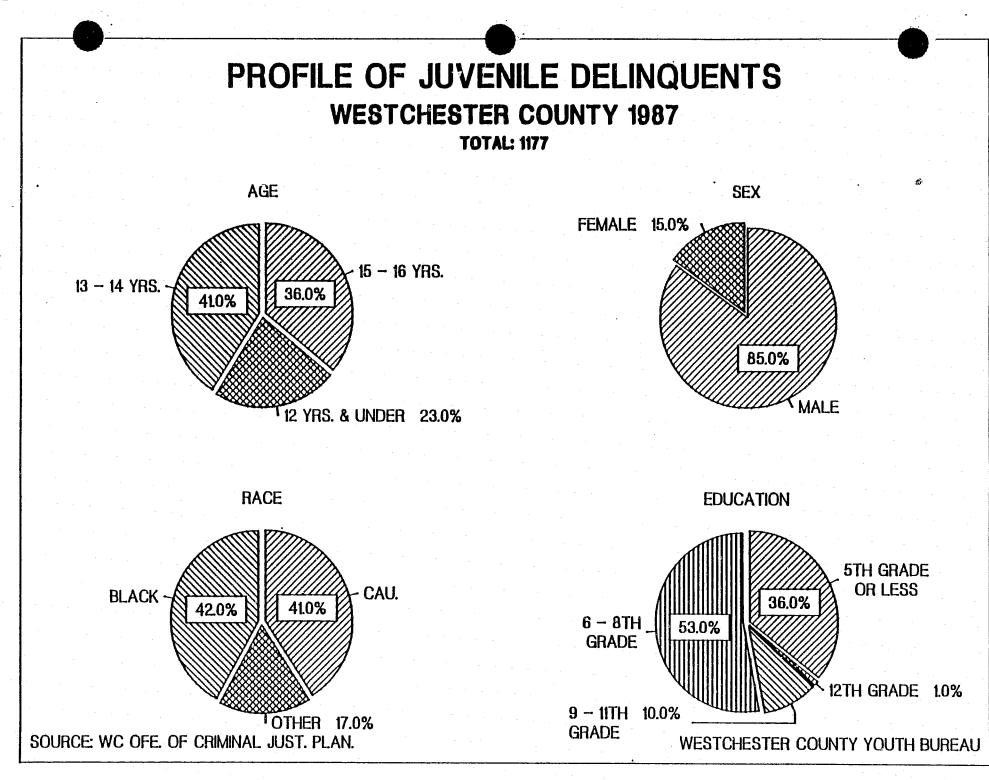
Demographic profiles of JD and PINS clients in Westchester, while significantly different on the proportion of males/females, are very similar on the age, race and educational measures.

		JD	PINS
Sex:	Males/Females	85/15	51/49
Race:	Black/Caucasion	42/41	39/37
Education:	5th or less/6-8th/9-11th	36/53/10	20/65/15

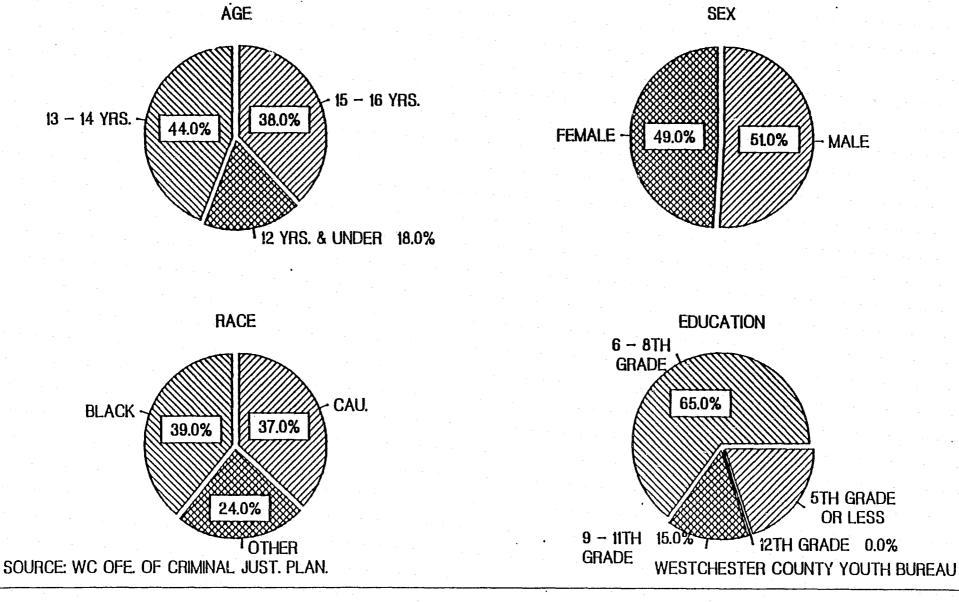
As might be expected, more populated municipalities also contain the most numbers of JD and PINS youths.





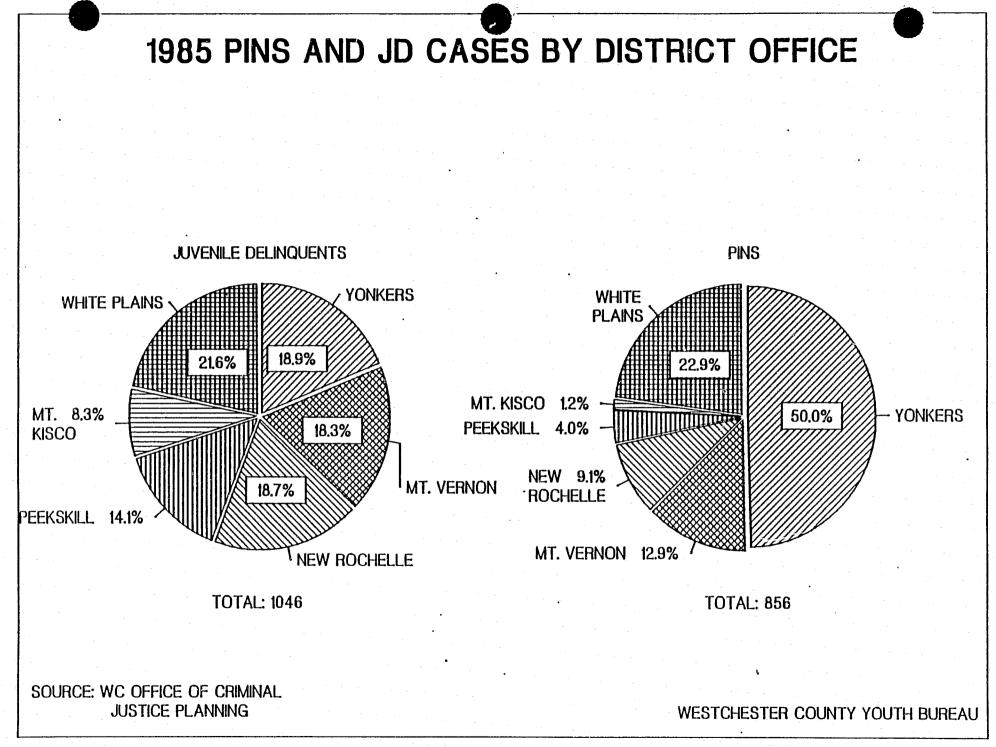


PROFILE OF PINS WESTCHESTER COUNTY 1987 TOTAL: 888









TOP TEN MUNICIPALITIES FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

	1985	1986	1987	% Change <u>*85-*87</u>
(Total County)	(1,046)	(1,558)	(1,177)	(12.5%)
1) Yonkers	228	445	350	53.5%
2) Mt. Vernon	200	197	169	(15.5)
3) New Rochelle	147	80	139	(5.4)
4) Peekskill	67	60	82	22.3
5) White Plains	104	84	59	(43.3)
6) Yorktown	45	48	59	31.1
7) Ossining	14	25	16	14.3
8) Somers	8	10	14	75.0
9) Croton	2	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	11	450.0
10) Port Chester	5	10	11	120.0
Total Top Ten	820	961	910	10.9
ቼ Total County	78.4%	61.7%	77.3%	

Source: WC Dept. of Probation, 1989

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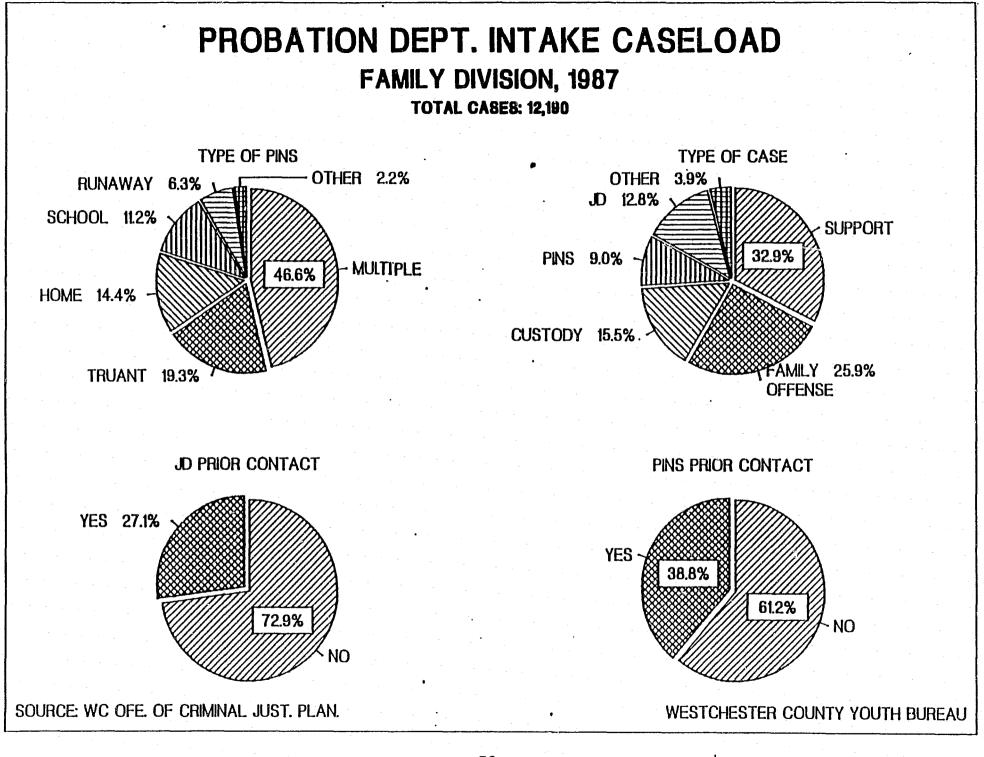
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TOP FIVE MUNICIPALITIES FOR PERSONS IN NEED OF SUPERVISION (PINS)

	1985	1986	1987
(Total County)	(856)	(1,097)	(888)
1) Yonkers	426	395 .	416
2) Mt. Vernon	111 .	109	107
3) New Rochelle	60	43	100
4) Peekskill	43	35	42
5) White Plains	56	50	34
Total Top Ten	696	632	699
% Total County	81.3%	57.6%	78.7%

Source: WC Dept. of Probation, 1989

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		• 19	1987		
		JD	PINS		
1) Yonkers		350	416		
2) Mt. Vernon		169	107		
3) New Rochelle		139	100		
4) Peekskill		82	42		
5) White Plains		59	34		
Total Top Five	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	799	699		
% of County		67.98	78.7%		

(Tables 3&4JJ)

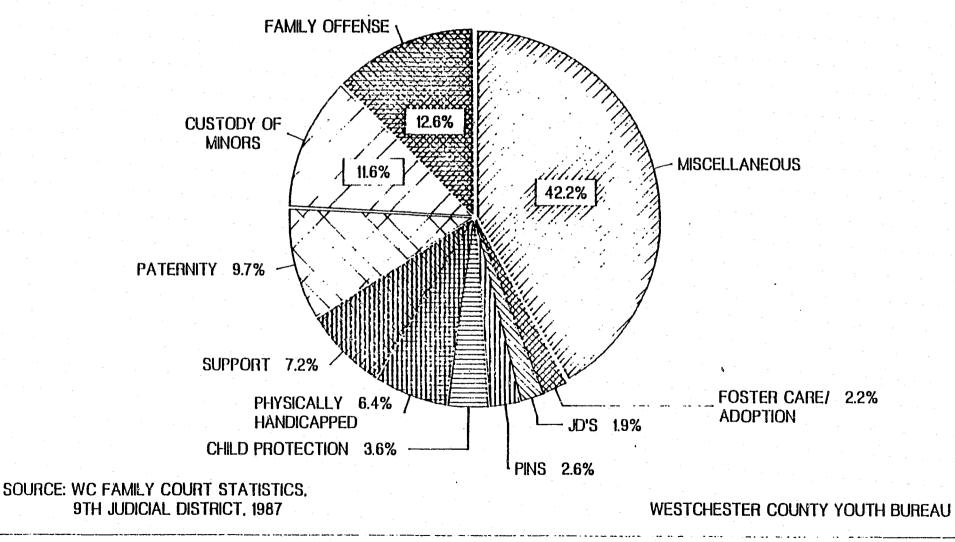
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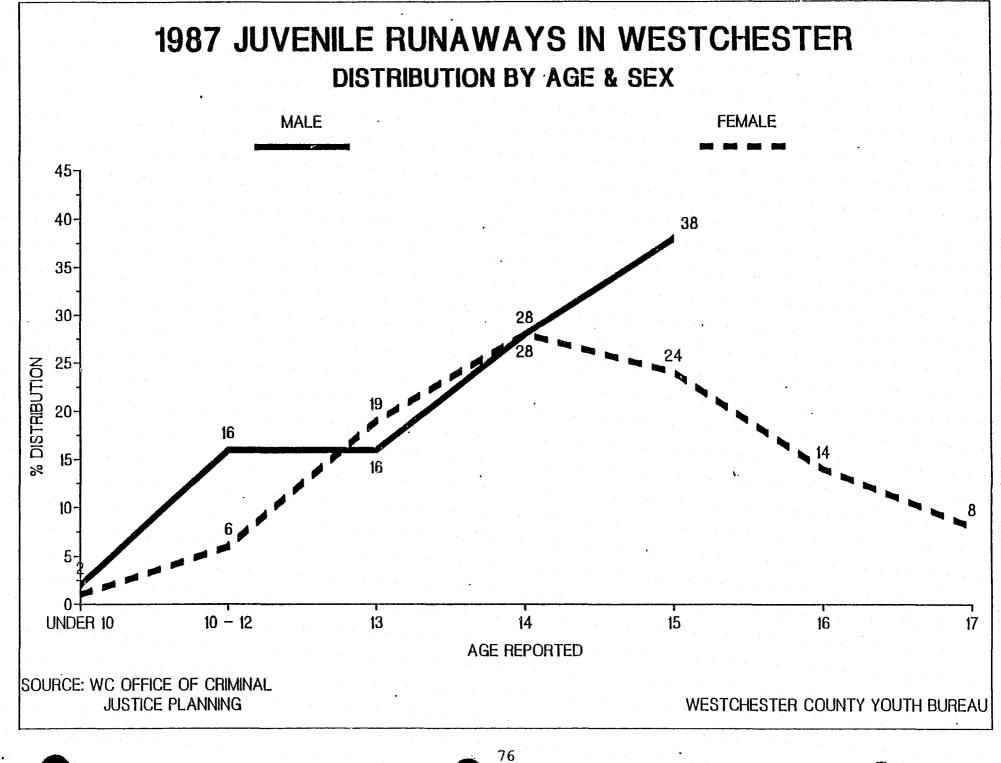
By Judicial District, juvenile delinquents are spread evenly between the six districts while the majority of PINS youth are handled by the Yonkers (50%) and White Plains (23%) offices.

According to the Probation Department's intake caseload records for 1987, prior contact with a PINS youth occurred in almost forty percent (38.8%) of the cases as compared to twenty seven percent of the JDs.

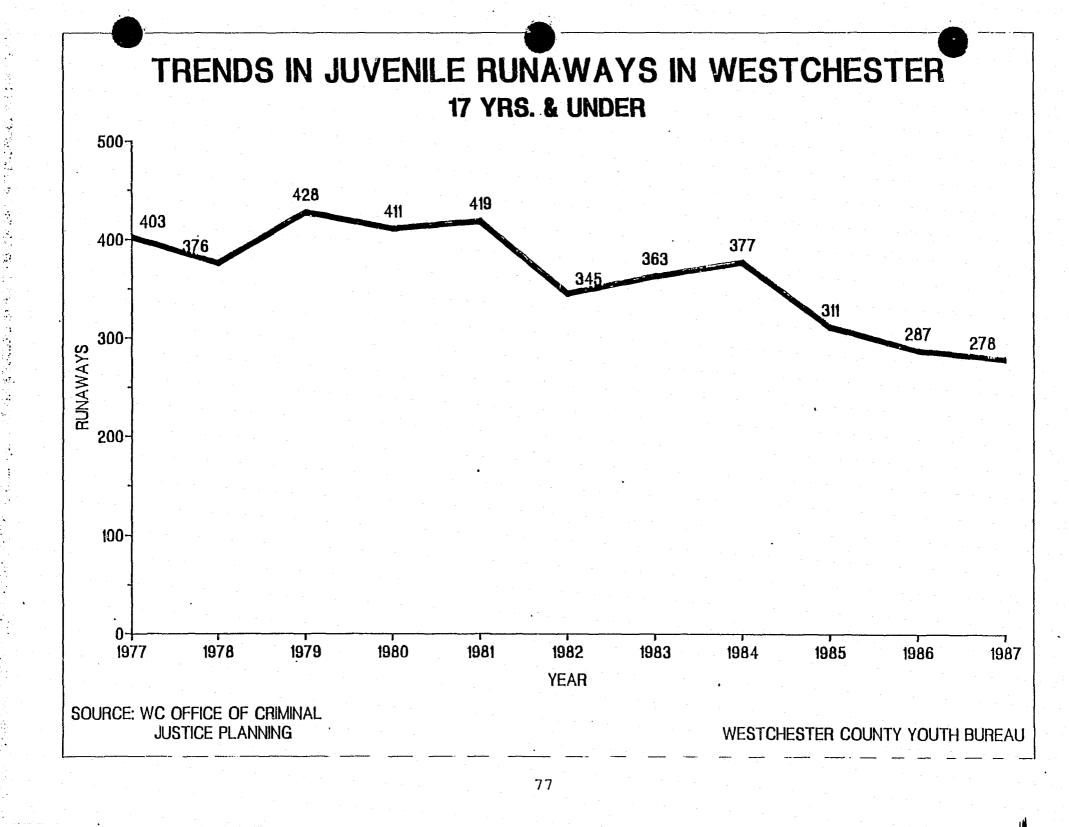


WESTCHESTER FAMILY COURT PETITIONS TOTAL PETITIONS: 21,587









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JUVENILE ARRESTS FOR PART I OFFENSES WESTCHESTER COUNTY - 1987

AGENCY	TOTAL	LARCENY	BURGLARY	ROBBERY	AGGR. ASSAULT	AUTO THEFT	RAPE	MURDER**
STATE State Police (SP)* RR-MN (Railroad) SUNY Purchase NYC-BWSP	29 1 0 0	11 0 0 -	8 1 0 0	0 0 0 0	7 0 0 0	3 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
CITIES Mount Vernon New Rochelle Peekskill Rye White Plains Yonkers	37 93 5 6 111 160	9 47 1 4 105 85	10 13 2 1 2 33	11 31 2 0 3 13	7 2 0 1 23	0 0 1 0 6	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0
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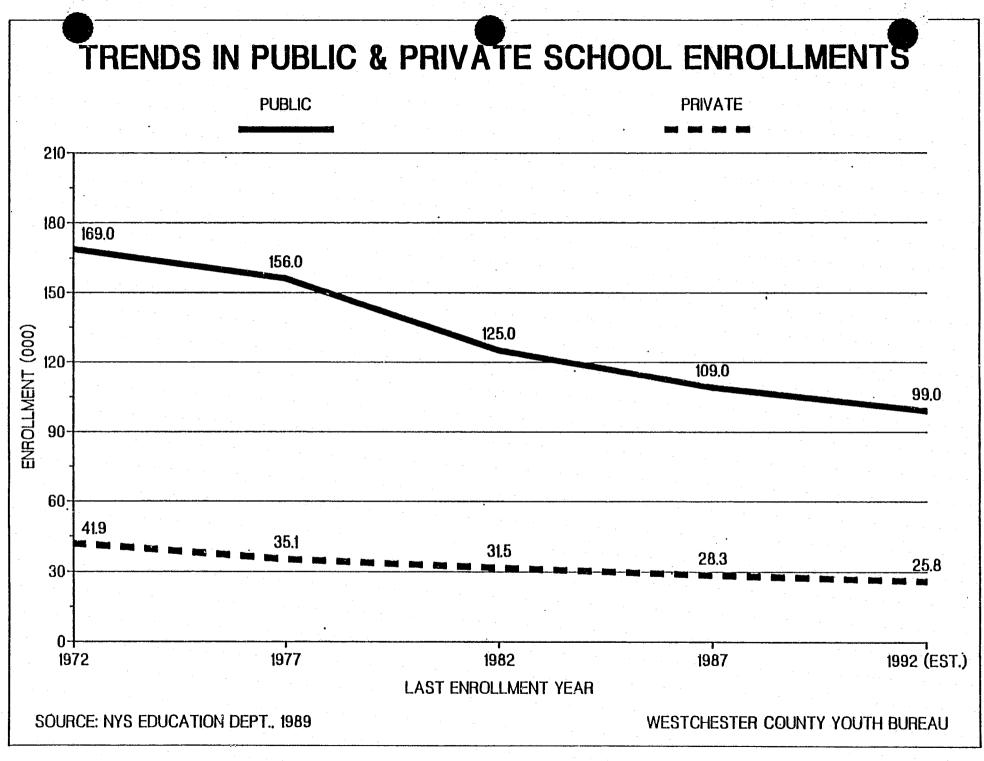
New York State Police patrol the Towns of Cortlandt, Lewisboro, North Salem, Pound Ridge and Somers. Murder Category includes murder and non-negligent manslaughter.

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Findings:

Total K-12 enrollment in Westchester has declined by 34% in the past fifteen years. Both public and private school enrollments have declined by similar rates; 35% for public and 32% for private.

Rates of decline for grades K-6 versus 7-12 also show no significant differences; 34% for K-6 versus 33% for 7-12.

Public school enrollments account for a slightly smaller proportion of the total enrollments today; 78% in '87 versus 80% in '72.

The number of handicapped students (ungraded) did increase significantly from 1975 to 1988 by 79% -- from 2,756 students in '75 to 4,943 students in 1988.

(Table lED)

Public school enrollment declines by School District, with few exceptions, have been fairly uniform over the past fifteen years.

(Table 2ED)

Implications and Recommendations:

The overall enrollment of students in Westchester schools has declined both in the public and private school systems.

The only population to demonstrate an increase are handicapped students currently enrolled in ungraded classes. This increase may be a result of integrating more disabled youth in the public school system and/or the creation of special education districts within Westchester school districts and/or the reclassification of youth with handicapping conditions who were previously enrolled in graded classes.

Findings:

For the three most recent years data are available, ('85-'88), while enrollments continue to decline, the proportion of high school graduates who plan to attend a post secondary institution has increased from 63.3 to 65.9. Conversely, the high school dropout rate has declined by 16% or 8.9 to 7.8 per 1,000 students. WESTCHESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADE LEVEL ENROLLMENT 1975-1990

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	1988	1975	1980	1985	1990
Kindergarten	7,959	10,895	6,997	7,612	8,160
- 1	8,536	10,963	7,792	7,869	8,451
2	7,723	10,535	7,550	7,315	8,066
3	7,633	10,704	7,839	7,358	7,692
·	7,454	11,238	8,923	7,217	7,785
5	7,135	11,988	9,888	7,030	7,535
6	7,205	12,464	9,966	7,287	7,161
Total Elementary K-6	53,645	78,787	58,955	51,688	54,850
7	7,416	12,882	10,153	7,434	7,223
8	7,014	12,612	10,395	7,821	7,369
9	7,452	14,347	11,660	9,385	7,504
10	7,935	14,297	12,419	10,292	7,587
11	7,754	13,579	12,312	10,052	7,775
12	8,247	12,318	11,483	9,360	7,327
Total Secondary 7-12	45,818	80,035	68,422	54,344	44,785
Ungraded Handicapped	4,943	2,756	4,154	5,007	4,475
Total	104,406	161,578	131,531	111,039	104,110
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Source:

New York State Education Department, Annual reports of Public School Enrollment and Staff. Projections generated by Westchester County Department of Planning based on projections prepared by the New York State Education Department.

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL DISTRICT	1975	1980	1985	% Change 1980-85	1988
Ardsley	2,378	1,729	1,389		1,416
Bedford-Mount Kisco	4,429	3,657	3,035	-17.0	2,821
Blind Brook	1,329	1,197	947	-20.9	775
Briarcliff Manor	1,324	1,206	996	-17.4	933
Bronxville	1,361	1,185	1,033	-12.8	889
Bryam Hills-Armonk	2,185	1,980	1,613	-18.5	1,569
Chappaqua	3,995	3,610	3,032	-16.0	2,800
Croton-Harmon	1,698	1,426	1,169	-18.0	1,060
Dobbs Ferry	1,406	1,103	938	-15.0	964
Eastchester	3,177	2,468	1,751	-29.1	1,717
Edgemont	1,782	1,572	1,379	-12.3	1,351
Elmsford	987	704	637	-9.5	613
Greenburgh	3,475	2,680	2,098	-21.7	1,789
Harrison	3,729	2,940	2,355	-19.9	2,166
Hastings-On-Hudson	1,897	1,415	1,109	-21.6	991
Hendrick Hudson	2,968	2,552	2,185	-14.4	2,056
Irvington	1,750	1,381	1,107	-19.8	1,090
Katonah-Lewisboro	3,496	3,252	2,686	-17.4	2,662
Lakeland	8,351	6,756	5,583	-17.4	4,993
Mamaroneck	6,073	5,002	3,910	-21.8	3,612
Mount Pleasant	2,700	1,972	1,640	-16.8	1,555
Mount Vernon	11,011	9,714	9,728	0.1	9,118
New Rochelle	10,682	8,513	7,357	-13.6	7,439
North Salem	1,454	1,157	918	-20.7	884
Ossining	5,092	3,865	3,114	-19.4	2,980
Peekskill	3,433	2,977	2,443	-17.9	2,300
Pelham	2,852	2,375	1,822	-23.3	1,643
Pleasantville	1,738	1,359	1,106	-18.6	1,076
Pocantico Hills	405	325	249	-23.4	242
Port Chester	3,836	3,073	2,669	-13.1	2,409
Rye	3,030	2,412	1,878	-22.1	1,756
Rye Neck	1,567	1,130	916	-18.9	953
Scarsdale	4,931	4,502	3,939	-12.5	3,786
Somers	2,990	2,729	2,314	-15.2	2,157
Tarrytown	2,772	2,068	1,863	-9.9	1,719
Tuckahoe	1,047	722	655	-9.3	728
Valhalla	1,897	1,406	1,025	-27.1	878
White Plains	7,673	6,126	5,057	-17.5	4,761
Yonkers	27,786	21,678	18,725	-13.6	17,309
Yorktown	5,028	3,995	3,183	-20.3	3,016
New York State Special		а ^в .			
Education Districts	1,864	1,618	1,486	-8.2	1,421
Total Public School					
Enrollment	161,578	131,531	111,039	-15.6	104,406

New York State Special Education Districts were created by an act of the State Legislature to serve the children housed on the grounds of Note: child care agencies. All of these students have handicapping conditions. Seven of the State's 16 special education districts are located in Westchester.

Source: Information Center on Education, New York State Education Department, Annual reports of Public School Enrollment and Staff.

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TOP TEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PROFILES 1987-88

School District	K-12 Enrollment #	<u> </u>	Graduates College Bound Rate	#	9-12 Dropout Rate	#
l) Yonkers	17,309	16.3	.716	801	.049	277
2) Mount Vernon	9,118	8.7	.551	317	.058	154
3) New Rochelle	7,439 ·	7.1	.742	385	.016	39
4) Lakeland	4,993	4.8	.760	488	.020	44
5) White Plains	4,701	4.6	.766	314	.026	43
6) Scarsdale	3,786	3.6	.978	352	.001	1
7) Mamaroneck	3,612	3.4	.824	313	.008	11
8) Yorktown	3,016	2.9	.813	257	.003	3
9) Ossining	2,980	2.8	.735	175	.039	42
10) Bedford-Mount Kisco	2,821	2.7	.799	219	.021	21
Top Ten Total/Avg.	59,835	56.9%	.769	3,621	.024	635

Source: NYS Education Dept. 1988

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1987-88 TOP TEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN NUMBERS OF DROPOUTS

School District (County Wide Totals)	1985-86 (989)	1986-87 (925)	1987-88 (829)
1) Yonkers	350	356	277
2) Mount Vernon	163	167	154
3) Tarrytown	50	26	51
4) Lakeland	42	33	44
5) White Plains	36	49	43
6) Ossining	52	31	42
7) New Rochelle	74	48	39
8) Port Chester	43	35	29
9) Bedford	14	25	21
10) Harrison	22	27	18
Top Ten Totals	846	797	718
% Total County	85.5%	86.2%	86.6%

Source: NYS Education Dept. 1988

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85-86	School Year 86-87	87-88	% Change 85 vs. 88
111,039	109,100	106,400	(4.2)
7,030 63.3	6,903 63.3	6,989 65.9	(*)
989 8.9	925 8.5	829 7.8	(16.2)
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(Tables 4&5ED)

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The ten largest school districts in the county account for over half (56.9%) of all public school enrollment, K-12. Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle Districts alone comprise almost one-third (32.1%) of all public school students.

(Table 3ED)

In addition to comprising over half of all students, these ten districts also accounted for over half (52.8%) the high school graduates who were college bound in '88 and, the overwhelming majority of '87-'88 high school dropouts; 86.6%.

Tables 4&5ED

One measure of the variance or diversity contained within a school district is to compare both ends of the high school student spectrum; dropouts and college bound graduates. Yonkers, the largest school district, had eight hundred and one graduates in 1988 who were college bound versus two hundred seventy seven students who dropped out of high school during the; 87-'88 school year. For every student that dropped out, almost three students went on to college. (801 : 277).

County-wide, for every student who dropped out of school, more than eight (8.4) went on to college.

Above average Districts include:

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	Scarsdale Chappaqua Yorktown Mamaroneck		•	352 121 86 28		1 1 1	
Below	average Districts	include:					
	Mount Vernon Yonkers White Plains			2 3 7	•	1 1 1	

Implications and Recommendations:

On the whole, the number of youth bound for college is increasing and the number of youth dropping out of school is decreasing. However, the ten largest school districts, while having over half the high school graduates bound for college also have the highest dropout rates. Such polarizations within school districts suggest the need for a closer examination of the dynamics that effect striving for college and those that target youth at risk of dropping out of the system.

Such an examination can lead to standardizing approaches to reinforcing interest in continuing education as well as clarify the success of intervention programs with academically "at risk" youth.

In their special report "No Time To Lose - 1987", the New York State Summit on Black and Hispanic Children identified several issues that influence school failure. The Committee reported that lack of data on student performance by race/ ethnicity complicated the task of identifying factors that strongly influence dropout rates within school systems.

Lack of parental involvement, cultural and language problems among first generation and recent immigrants, youth being raised by parents with less than a high school degree, poverty and homelessness are identified as major contributors to school failure.

In communities with heavy concentrations of minority populations, these problems are compounded by a lack of counseling services to address the supports high risk youth need to stay in school.

Possible solutions for high risk areas are the development of community schools to provide comprehensive services for children and adults via schools and community based organizations.

The Committee further recommended providing incentives in the educational system which will help to attract and retain excellent teachers and administrators and recruit Black and Hispanic staff for jobs at all levels of the educational system.

Further recommendations include exploring school/business partnerships to improve school performance and improve the productivity of the workforce of tomorrow. Pilot test the development of model employment centers in the high schools replicating the Job Services Exchange function within school walls.



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1987-88 TOP TEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN NUMBERS OF GRADUATES COLLEGE BOUND

School District (County Wide Totals)	1985-86 (7,030)	1986-87 (6,903)	1987-88 (6,989)
l) Yonkers	773	742	801
2) Lakeland	422	424	488
3) New Rochelle	404	430	385
4) Scarsdale	386	374	352
5) Mount Vernon	330	315	317
6) White Plains	286	262	314
7) Mamaroneck	331	278	313
8) Yorktown	239	229	257
9) Chappagua	262	236	243
10) Bedford	211	235	219
Top Ten Totals	3,644	3,525	3,689
% Total County	51.8%	51.1%	52.88

Source: NYS Education Dept. 1988

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY 'OOL DISTRICTS 1984-85 THROU

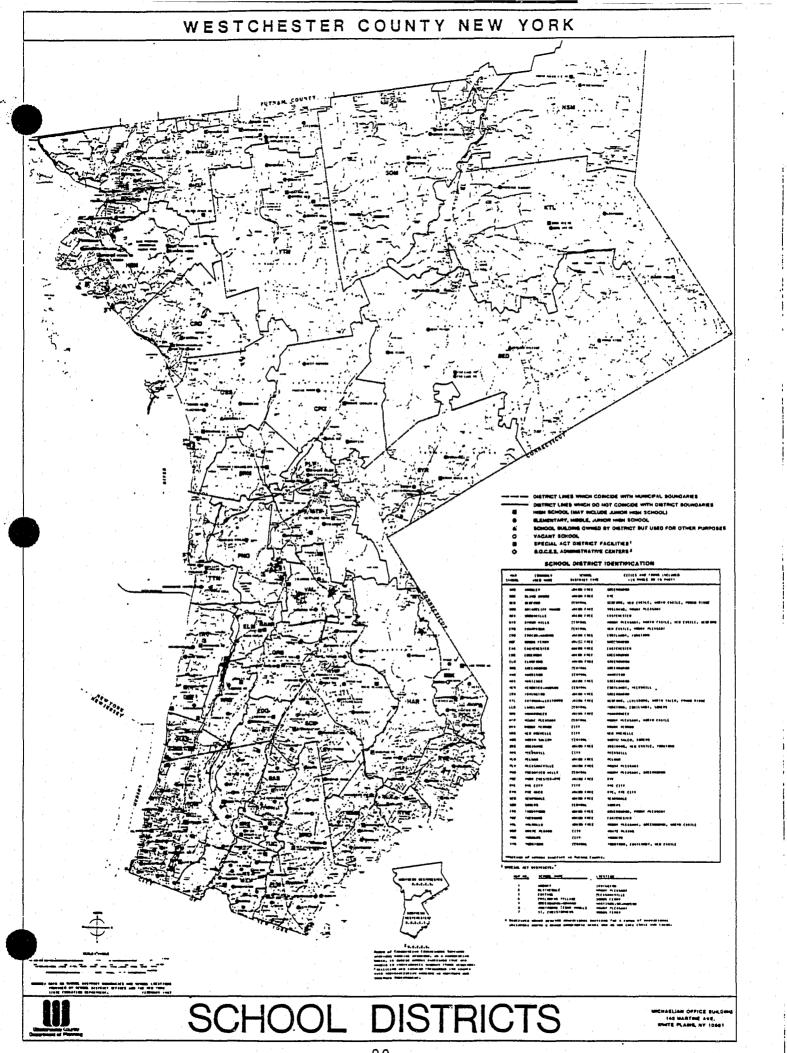
	1984-85 1985-86				198			1987-88				
District Name	Total		ollege	Total		ollege	Total		ollege	Total		ollege
	Graduates	Numbe	r / Rate	Graduates	Numbe	r / Rate	Graduates	Numbe	er / Rate	Graduates	Numb	er / Rat
Katonah Lewisboro Union Free School	270	238	.881	241	218	.905	261	225	.862	241	211	.876
Bedford Central School	273	225	.824	277	211	.762	285	235	.825	274	219	.799
Croton Harmon Union Free School	106	83	.783	108	80	.741	115	86	.748	118	97	.822
Hendrick Hudson Central School	200	134	.670	195	125	.641	188	126	.670	182	138	.758
Eastchester Union Free School	157	131	.834	144	104	.722	154	124	.805	167	116	.695
Tuckahoe Union Free School	61	48	.787	54	45	.833	61	53	.869	50	40	.800
Bronxyille Union Free School	77	75	.974	111	105	.946	103	92	.893	93	87	.93
Union Free School of the Tarrytowns	173	135	.780	169	133	.787	163	126	.773	175	134	.76
Irvington Union Free School	119	103	.866	110	104	.945	98	87	.888	121	110	.909
Dobbs Ferry Union Free School	103	80	.777	80	73	.913	77	65	.844	70	54	.77
Hastings on Hudson Union Free School	120	102	.850	109	97	.890	119	105	.882	96	90	.938
Ardsley Union Free School	136	123	.904	155	143	.923	125	112	.896	129	121	.938
Edgemont Union Free School-Greenburgh	146	135	.925	113	107	.947	131	125	.954	126	123	.97
Greenburgh Central School	178	143	.803	203	155	.764	193	161	.834	190	149	.78
Elmsford Union Free School	52	40	.769	52	38	.731	58	44	.759	44	35	.79
Greenburgh-Graham Union Free School	5	3	.600	4	4	1.000	5	3	.600	4	1	.25
Greenburgh Eleven Union Free School	ō	Ō	.000	0	0	.000	0	l 0	.000	0	Ō	.00
St. Christopher Union Free School	ŏ	Ŏ	.000	Ō	Ō	.000	0	0	.000	Ō	Ō	.00
Abbott Union Free School	ğ	Ž	.222	6	2	.333	10	7	.700	7	Ō	.00
Harrison Central School	198	142	.717	203	163	.803	213	157	.737	223	179	.80
Mamaroneck Union Free School	377	309	.820	400	331	.828	343	278	.810	380	313	.82
Mt. Pleasant Central School	152	111	.730	.158 -	134	.848	166	139	.837	146	117	.80
Pocantico Hills Central School	0	Ö	.000	0	0	.000	0	Ó	.000	0	0	.00
Hawthorne-Cedar Knolls Union Free School	ŏ	ŏ	.000	Ō	Ŏ	.000	Ō	ĪŌ	.000	Ŭ.	ŏ	.00
Mount Pleasant-Cottage Union Free School	5	2	.400	4'	1	.250	i i Ö	ÌŎ	.000	ŏ	Ŏ	.000
Valhalla Union Free School	121	104	.860	112	91	.813	127	121	.953	106	90	.84
Mt. Pleasant-Blythedale Union Free School	2	0	.000	<u>.</u>	Ō	.000	1	0	.000	3	2	.66
Pleasantville Union Free School	82	72	.878	101	92	.911	94	88	.936	95	87	
Mount Vernon City Schools	580	356	.614	553	330	.597	573	315	.550	575	317	.55
Chappaqua Central School	272	238	.875	300	262	.873	265	236	.891	266	243	
New Rochelle City Schools	554	397	.717	549	404	.736	558	430	.771	519	385	.74
Armonk Central School	173	158	.913	146	139	.952	159	151	.950	160	153	.95
North Salem Central School	85	67	.788	93	76	.817	78	61	.782	. 89	73	.82
Ossining Union Free School	279	203	.728	252	186	.738	225	166	.738	238	175	.73
Briarcliff Manor Union Free School	118	106	.898	106	92	.868	112	96	.857	93	87	.93
Peekskill City Schools	170	72	.424	144	70	.486	154	75	.487	184	66	.35
	176	140	.795	153	115	.752	171	145	.848	161	132	.82
Pelham Union Free School	191	172	.901	178	152	.854	175	156	.891	160	136	.82
Rye City Schools Rue Neck Union Free School	96	74	.771	96	79	.823	96	79	.823	84	73	.86
Rye Neck Union Free School	228	146	.640	218	124	.569	226	158	.623	220	166	.75
Port Chester-Rye Union Free School	92	87	.040	111	105	.946	103	98	.951	110	100	.98
Blind Brook-Rye School		368	.948	402	386	.960	384	374	.974	360	352	.98
Scarsdale Union Free School	388	179	.869	402 201	163	.900	188	147	.782	191	150	.78
Somers Central School	206	313	.630	399	268	.672	409	262	.782	410	314	.76
White Plains City Schools	497				773	.672	1,214	742			801	.70
Yonkers City Schools	1,373	843	.614	1,241		.625	566	424	.611	1,119		
Lakeland Central School of Shrub Oak	611	455	.745	607 313	422 239	.764	280	229	.749 .818	642	488	.76
Yorktown Central School	350	281	.803	212	239	,704	<i>4</i> 00	229	.010	316	257	.81

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		1985-86			1986-87			1987-88	
District Name	Number of	9-12	Dropout	Number of	9-12	Dropout	Number of	9-12	Dropout
	Dropouts	Enrollment	Rate	Dropouts	Enrollment	Rate	Dropouts	Enrollment	Rate
Katonah Lewisboro Union Free School	9	1,038	.009	9	1,003	.009	1	946	.001
Bedford Central School	14	1,162	.012	25	1,108	.023	21	1,003	.021
Croton Harmon Union Free School	1	463	.002	12	436	.028	8	388	.021
Hendrick Hudson Central School	14	809	.017	8	754	.011	9	707	.013
Eastchester Union Free School	1	600	.002	1	559	.002	3	535	.006
Tuckahoe Union Free School	ō	196	.000	2	203	.010	Ő	195	.000
Bronxville Union Free School	3	416	.007	· <u>0</u>	378	.000	0	328	.000
Union Free School of the Tarrytowns	50	799	.063	26	745	.035	51	646	.079
Irvington Union Free School	0	429	.000	- 1 -	402	.002	3	376	.008
Dobbs Ferry Union Free School	1	312	.003	3	298	.010	2	275	.007
Hastings on Hudson Union Free School	3	417	.007	1 1 1	366	.003	1	318	.003
Ardsley Union Free School	2	534	.004	Ō	470	.000	0	439	.000
Edgemont Union Free School-Greenburgh	- 0	498	.000	Ŏ	494	.000	• 1	469	.002
Greenburgh Central School	7	785	.009	. Š	788	.004	13	669	.019
Elmsford Union Free School	2	242	.008	10	245	.041	4	210	.019
Greenburgh-Graham Union Free School	ō	69	.000	· · 0	69	000		82	.000
Greenburgh Eleven Union Free School	ŏ	0		0	0		0	0	
St. Christopher Union Free School	Ō	0		··· .0	0		0	• • • • •	
Abbott Union Free School	Ō	96	.000	0	82	.000	0	48	.000
Harrison Central School	22	924	.024	27	854	.032	18	773	.023
Mamaroneck Union Free School	27	1,525	.018	15	1,398	.011	11	1,310	.008
Mainaioneek onton Fiel Denool Mt. Pleasant Central School	4	658	.006	3	645	.005	9	537	.017
Pocantico Hills Central School	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Hawthorne-Cedar Knolls Union Free School	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Mount Pleasant-Cottage Union Free School	0	0	· · · · ·	0	0		0	0	
Valhalla Union Free School	4	426	.009	2	383	.005	2	324	.006
Mt. Pleasant-Blythedale Union Free School	0	0		0	28	.000	· 0	45	.000
Pleasantville Union Free School	1 1	388	.003	0	376	.000	0	365	.000
Mount Vernon City Schools	163	3,020	.054	167	2,885	.058	154	2,657	.058
Chappaqua Central School	5	1,128	.004	- 4	1,051	.004	2	962	.002
New Rochelle City Schools	74	2,583	.029	48	2,464	.019	39	2,391	.016
Armonk Central School	1	606	.002	2	558	.004	3	526	.006
North Salem Central School	0	342	.000	0 .	321	.000	5	281	.018
Ossining Union Free School	52	1,153	.045	31	1,125	.028	42	1,080	.039
Briarcliff Manor Union Free School	0	420	.000	0	382	.000		355	.003
Peekskill City Schools	33	779	.042	• 37	752	.049	13	661	.020
Pelham Union Free School	8	632	.013	. 4	611	.007	8	545	.015
Rye City Schools		675	.001	4	659	.006		609	.002
Rye Neck Union Free School	0	359	.000		319	.000	2	298	.007
Port Chester-Rye Union Free School	43	1,047	.041	35	1,018	.034	29	952	.030
Blind Brook-Rye School	0	420	.000	0	365	.000	0	296	.000
Scarsdale Union Free School	5	1,561	.003	0	1,445	.000		1,397	.001
Somers Central School	6	798	.008	2	755	.003	2 J	714	.007
White Plains City Schools	- 36	1,846	.020	49	1,770	.028	43	1,656	.026
Yonkers City Schools	350	6,479	.054	356	6,193	.057	277	5,709	.049
Lakeland Central School of Shrub Oak	42	2,420	.017	33	2,322	.014	44	2,161	.020
Yorktown Central School	5	1,228	.004	5	1,105	.005	<u>د</u>	1,056	.003

WESTCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS 1985-86 THROUGH 1987-88



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NUTRITION: SCHOOL MEALS PARTICIPATION

Findings:

Fifteen percent, or over twelve thousand of Westchester's students, regularly participated in the free or reduced price lunch program during the 1987 school year.

Four percent, or three thousand six hundred seventy, also took advantage of the school's free or reduced price breakfast program.

While the breakfast participation rates are about average for the state, the lunch rates are among the lowest in the state and far below those of New York City.

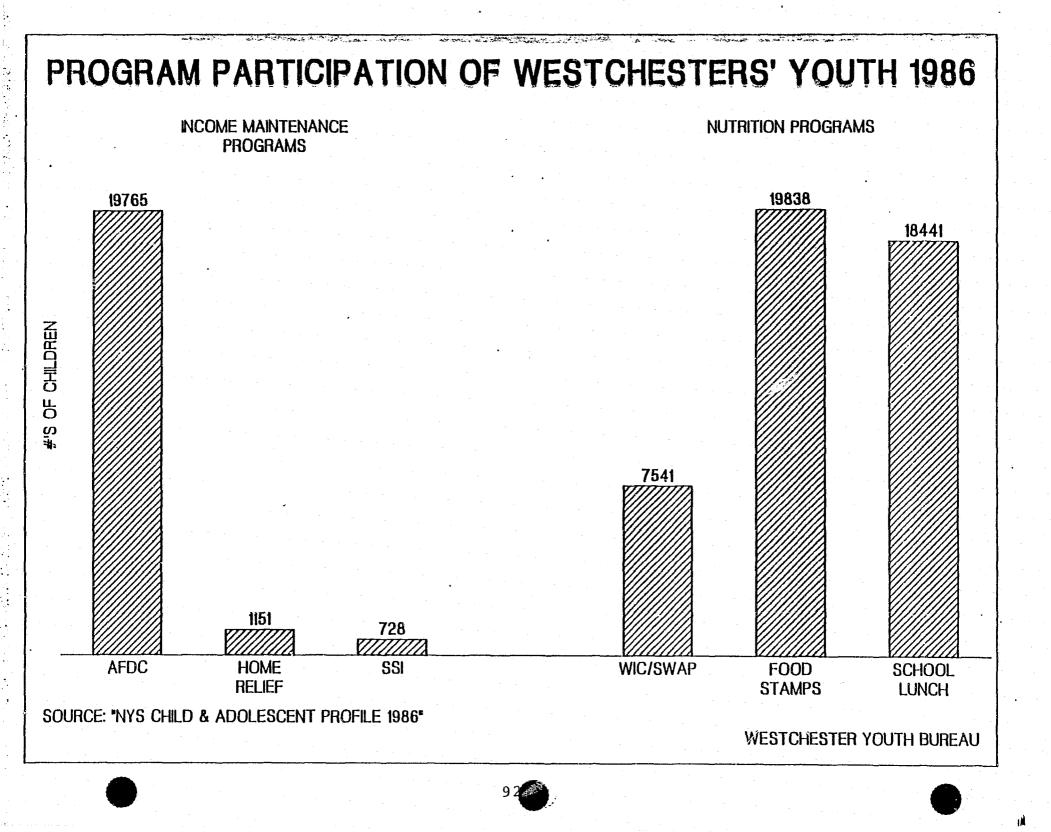
	Lunch	Breakfast
Westchester	15%	48
New York State average	24	3
New York City	48	12

Implications and Recommendations:

These programs are a means of insuring that youth have a balanced diet for at least one meal of the day. It would be helpful to monitor these programs to determine if children are regularly consuming these meals.

In communities where there are high concentrations of poverty and homelessness, it would be important to increase the numbers of children participating in the breakfast program as well as the lunch program.

Source: WCDOH, 1988



INCOME MAINTENANCE AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Findings:

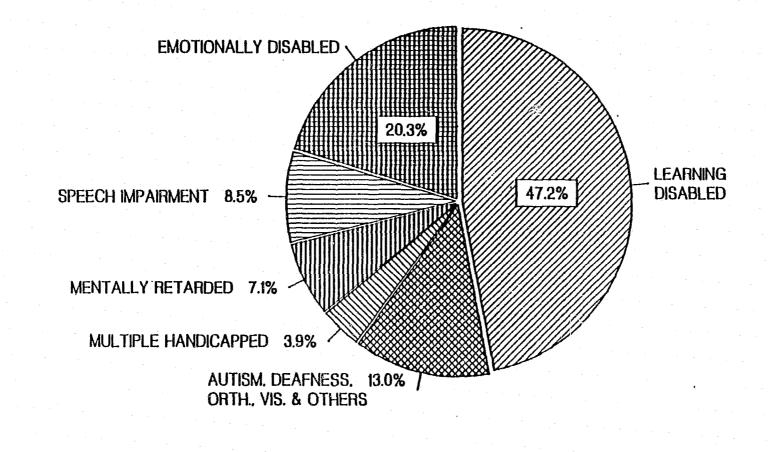
Almost twenty thousand of Westchester's children were enrolled in AFDC, Food Stamps and/or School Lunch Programs in 1986.

This is about ten percent (9.1%) of the total 0-19 year population (210,000).



STUDENTS WITH HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS 1986-87

TOTAL: 11,782



SOURCE: NYS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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STUDENTS WITH HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS

Findings:

Over fifty five hundred (5,537) of the students five to seventeen years, who were identified as having a handicap, were classified as "Learning Disabled."

Over twenty three hundred (2,392) students were classified "Emotionally Disabled," one thousand (1,001) "Speech Impaired," eight hundred thirty six "Mentally Retarded" (Downs Syndrome) and four hundred fifty nine "Multiple Handicapped."





HIGH SCHOOLS AND MUNICIPALITY ALIGNMENT

NAME OF SCHOOL

Abbott School Albert Leonard JHS Alexander Hamilton HS Ardsley HS

Blind Brook HS Briarcliff HS Bronxville JSHS Byram Hills SHS

Career Center Community Croton Harmon SHS

Dobbs Ferry Middle-HS

Eastchester SHS Edgemont JSHS Educage Enrico Fermi Middle

Fox Lane HS

George S. Leisure Gorton HS Greenburgh-Graham Sec.

Harrison HS Hastings HS Hawthorne Middle Hawthorne Cedar Knolls Hendrick Hudson HS Horace Greeley HS

Irvington HS Isaac E. Young JHS

John Jay J&SHS

Lakeland Central Lincoln

Mamaroneck HS Mt. Vernon HS Mt. Vernon MS

MUNICIPALITY

Greenburgh New Rochelle Elmsford Ardsley

Rye Brook Briarcliff Manor Bronxville North Castle

Yonkers White Plains Croton

Dobbs Ferry

Eastchester Greenburgh White Plains Yonkers

Bedford/Pound Ridge/Mt. Kisco

Greenburgh Yonkers Greenburgh

Harrison Hastings Yonkers Mt. Pleasant Cortlandt/Buchanan New Castle

Irvington New Rochelle

Lewisboro

Yorktown Yonkers

Mamaroneck/Larchmont Village Mt. Vernon Mt. Vernon



HIGH SCHOOLS AND MUNICIPALITY ALIGNMENT (Continued)

NAME OF SCHOOL

New Rochelle SHS NY Hospital Annex North Salem JSHS

Ossining SHS

Peekskill HS Pelham JHS Pleasantville HS Port Chester MSHS

Ralph Waldo Emerson Roosevelt HS Rye HS Rye Neck SHS

St. Christopher Saunders Tr and Tech HS Scarsdale SHS Sleepy Hollow HS Somers SHS

Tuckahoe JSHS

Valhalla JSHS

Walter Panas HS Washington Westlake HS White Plains SHS

Yonkers HS Yorktown SHS

MUNICIPALITY

New Rochelle White Plains North Salem

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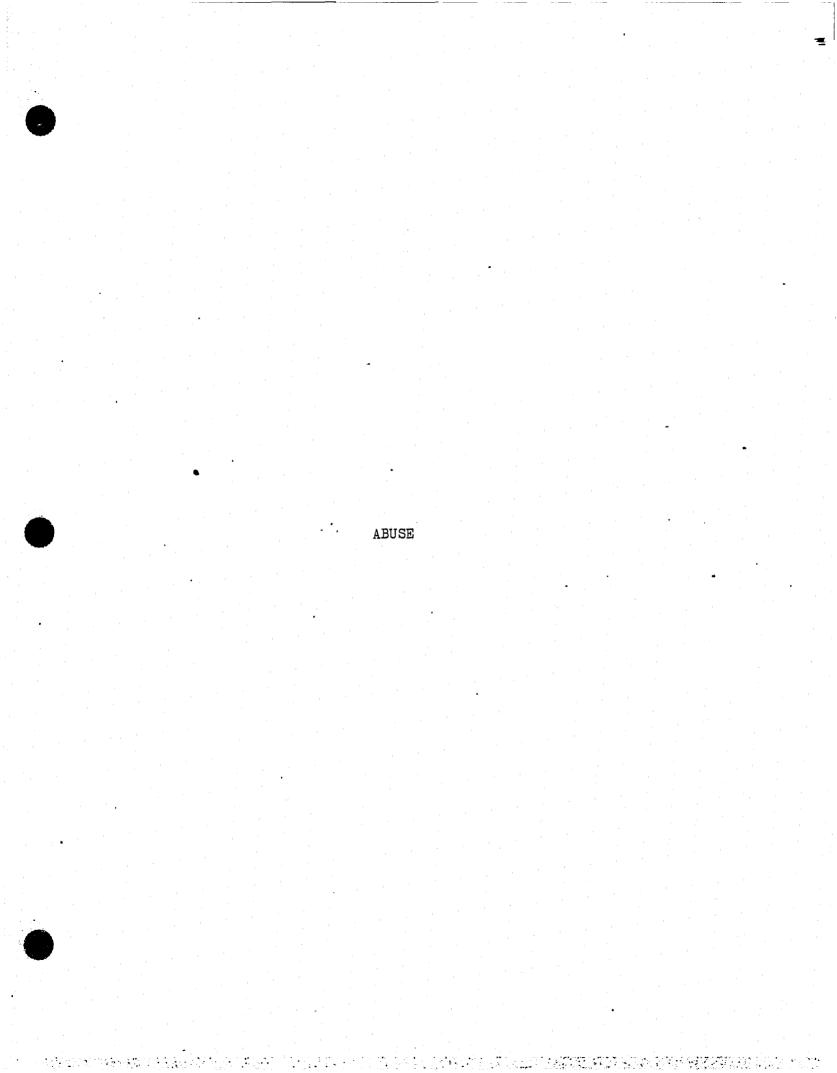
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Mt. Pleasant

Cortlandt Mt. Vernon Mt. Pleasant White Plains

Yonkers Yorktown

Source: Westchester County Youth Bureau



CHILD ABUSE CATEGORIAL DEFINITIONS

Substantiated Reports: refers to the number of reports received for which credible evidence of abuse or neglect was established by a staff member of the Child Protective Services who investigated the case ..

Indicated Cases: refers to the number of families identified by substantiated reports. In the course of one year, or from one year to the next, more than one report may be received and substantiated for a family.

Multiple Substantiated Cases: Families with more than one substantiated report.

Emergency Removals: are severe cases in which children are placed in protective custody. CPS staff seek Family Court Petitions for all emergency removal cases and for serious, but not necessarily dangerous cases in which parents refuse offers for rehabilitation services.

DSS DISTRICT OFFICES AND MUNICIPALITY ALIGNMENT

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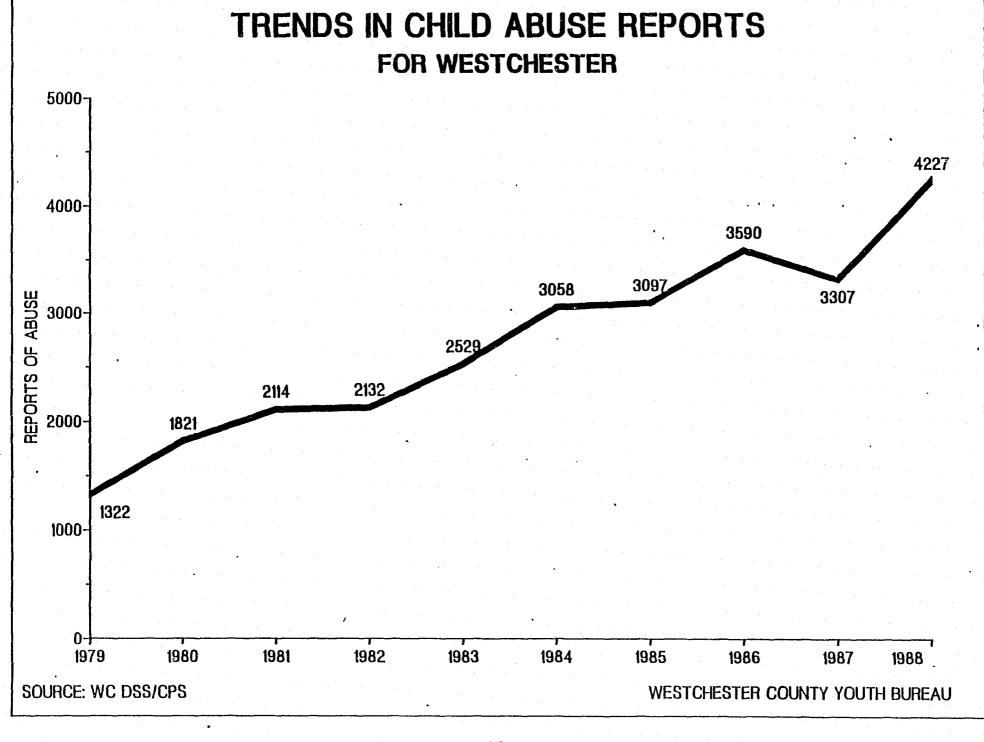
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Municipality

Yonkers D.O.:	Yonkers
Mt. Vernon D.O.:	Bronxville, Eastchester, Mt. Vernon Tuckahoe
Peekskill D.O.:	Buchanan, Cortlandt, Peekskill, Yorktown
White Plains D.O.:	Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Elmsford, Greenburgh, Hastings, Irvington, Scarsdale, White Plains
New Rochelle D.O.:	Larchmont, Mamaroneck Village, Mamaroneck Town, New Rochelle, Pelham, Pelham Manor
Ossining/Mt. Kisco D.O.:	Bedford, Briarcliff Manor,
	Croton-on-Hudson, Lewisboro, Mt. Kisco, Mt. Pleasant, New Castle, North Castle, North Salem, North Tarrytown, Ossining Town, Ossining Village, Pleasantville, Pound Ridge
Port Chester D.O.:	Somers, Tarrytown Harrison, Port Chester, Rye Brook, Rye City
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Source: WCDSS

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TRENDS IN CHILD ABUSE

Findings:

While the number of children in the County under 14 years has declined by almost one-fifth (18%) in the past nine years, the number of child abuse reports in Westchester has more than tripled (3.2).

Curiously, the rates of growth in the number of cases for the past five years alternate between sudden spurts and stops from year to year:

Year Ending		Growth	Rate
84		+2.	18
85		+1	
86		+10	5
87		8	
88		+21	3

One of the most widely reported causal factors driving the recent (86-88) increases in child abuse has been "crack."

The growth period from 1979 through 1985 may be accounted for by the growing awareness and education by the media of the public and professional populations.

TRENDS

Implications and Recommendations:

If the numbers of abused and neglected children entering the system are to be reduced, then more quality prevention services must be available to birth parents. Child abuse can only be addressed with the birth parents through addressing the causative agents of abuse; i.e., parental poverty, homelessness, psychological problems, immaturity (teen parents) and substance abuse.

Since drug abuse especially crack/cocaine abuse is currently a major contributing factor to foster care placement, substance abuse treatment and other support services need to be made available to birth mothers.

Residential treatment programs need to accommodate children since most female substance abusers will not seek voluntary treatment if it means placing their children in foster care. Community treatment programs need to provide therapeutic nurseries and day care if they are to be successful with women abusers.

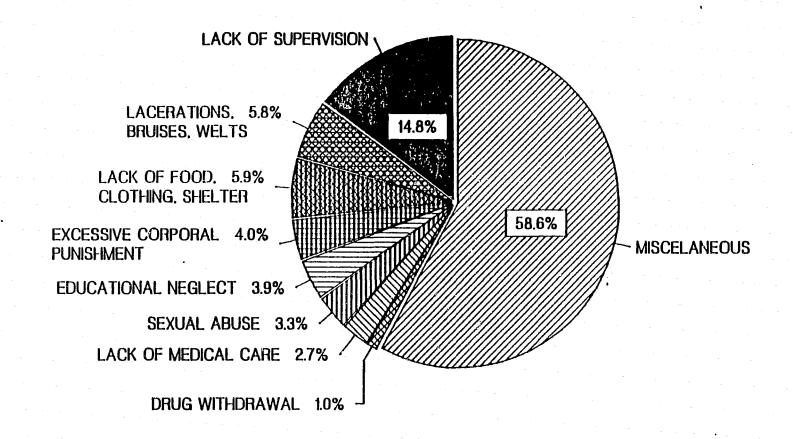
The earliest possible intervention (while pregnant) will reduce the impact of maternal drug abuse on the fetus thereby reducing the severity of potential disabilities and medical problems of these high risk infants.

To be successful, prevention services need to be available to birth parents in their home community. Given that many of the children entering the system are from single, female head of household families, preventative services need to encompass all the services a woman needs to function as a mother and economic provider.

In addition to counseling, housing, etc., it is important to assist birth parents in accessing day care, after school, camp and respite programs for the children, as a means of providing them with needed time away from the demands of child care. Where applicable, lifeskills and vocational training need to be a part of the case plan for the birth parents.

TYPE OF CHILD ABUSE CASES IN WESTCHESTER JAN. - DEC. 1988

TOTAL CHILDREN: 10,179



SOURCE: WC DSS 1/89

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TYPES OF CHILD ABUSE

Findings:

Unfortunately, the "miscellaneous" or "other" DSS classifications account for over half of the types of child abuse cases handled by DSS/CPS.

Of those types of abuse identified, various forms of neglect comprised over one-quarter (27.3%) of all types of abuse inflicted on over ten thousand children. Specific forms of neglect reported included:

Lack of supervision	14.8%
Lack of food, clothing, shelter	5.98
Educational neglect	3.9%
Lack of medical care	2.78
Total	27.38

Various forms of physical abuse comprise the second most frequent category:

Lacerations, bruises, welts		5.8%
Excessive corporal punishment		4.0%
Sexual abuse		3.3%
Drug withdrawal		1.0%
Total	•	14.18

Implications and Recommendations:

To be successful, prevention programs must address the causative agents of abuse. When over 58% of the cases indentified are classified as miscellaneous, it does not clarify causes to be addressed in prevention initiatives. It is recommended that this category be broken out with tight descriptions of abuse by type to serve as guidelines for new prevention initiatives.

SEXUAL ABUSE REPORTS BY DSS DISTRICT OFFICE AND AGE GROUP 1986

	Total		Age Group	11 17
District Office	Children	0-5	$\frac{6-10}{10}$	11-17
Yonkers	102	34	31	37
Mt. Vernon	66	25	19	22
New Rochelle	39	10	9	20
Port Chester	18	2	8	8
White Plains	41	15	13	13
Peekskill	37	. 14	7	16
Ossining	_52	17	8	27
TOTALS	355	117	95	143

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DSS SEXUAL ABUSE REPORTS

Findings:

Of the over three hundred children who were reported sexually abused in 1986, almost half (48%) resided in the Yonkers and Mount Vernon DSS/CPS catchment areas. These two areas contain about one-third of the population. The incidence of sexual abuse is evenly distributed across all three age groups:

Sexual	Abuse	Distribution by	Age
0-5	Vrs	33%	
	Yrs.	27	
11-17	Yrs.	40	
		Total 100%	

(Table 1CA)

Implications and Recommendations:

Given the prevalance of sexual abuse and the under-reporting of these incidents, it is very important to continue to educate professionals, educators, the general public and families "at risk" to identify and address this serious problem.

Posters, fliers and other related literature need to be displayed in health centers, community centers and physicians offices.

Sex abuse prevention curriculums, when introduced in school systems, have been successful in identifying this problem and helping victims to enlist the help of a teacher or other professional.

Since almost half of the reported cases of sexual abuse occurred in Yonkers and Mt. Vernon, it would be appropriate to increase intervention services in these two communities.

CHILD ABUSE STATISTICS BY DSS DISTRICT OFFICE - 1986

District Office	<pre># of Cases</pre>	# of <u>Reports</u>	<pre># of Ind. Cases</pre>	# of Ind. Reports	% of Reports Ind.
Yonkers	814	1,163	273	415	35.5%
Mt. Vernon	419	559	154	207	37.0%
White Plains	297	387	. 98	138	35.7%
Peekskill	280	458	68	130	28.4%
New Rochelle	283	379	101	143	37.78
Port Chester	202	244	74	90	36.9%
Ossining	313	400	87	108	27.08
TOTALS	2,607	3,590	855	1,231	34.3%

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CHILD ABUSE STATISTICS BY DSS DISTRICT OFFICE 1986

Findings:

On average, about one-third (34.3%) of all child abuse report investigations turn up some evidence or proof of abuse.

DSS District Offices which have higher than average rates of indicated cases to reports are:

New Rochelle	37.78
Mt. Vernon	37.0%
Port Chester	36.9%

Below average rates in 1986 occurred in:

Ossining	27.0%
Peekskill	18.4%

The table below compares the distribution of abuse reports with the distribution of the total population contained in each DSS District Office.

Ossining, Yonkers and Mt. Vernon have almost one and a half times the average reported child abuse. White Plains, New Rochelle and Port Chester have below normal rates of child abuse.

District Office	8 Reports	<pre>% Population</pre>	Index
Yonkers Mt. Vernon White Plains Peekskill New Rochelle Port Chester Ossining	32% 16 11 13 10 7 11	22% 11 29 10 13 8 7	145 145 38 130 77 87 157
Totals	100	100	100

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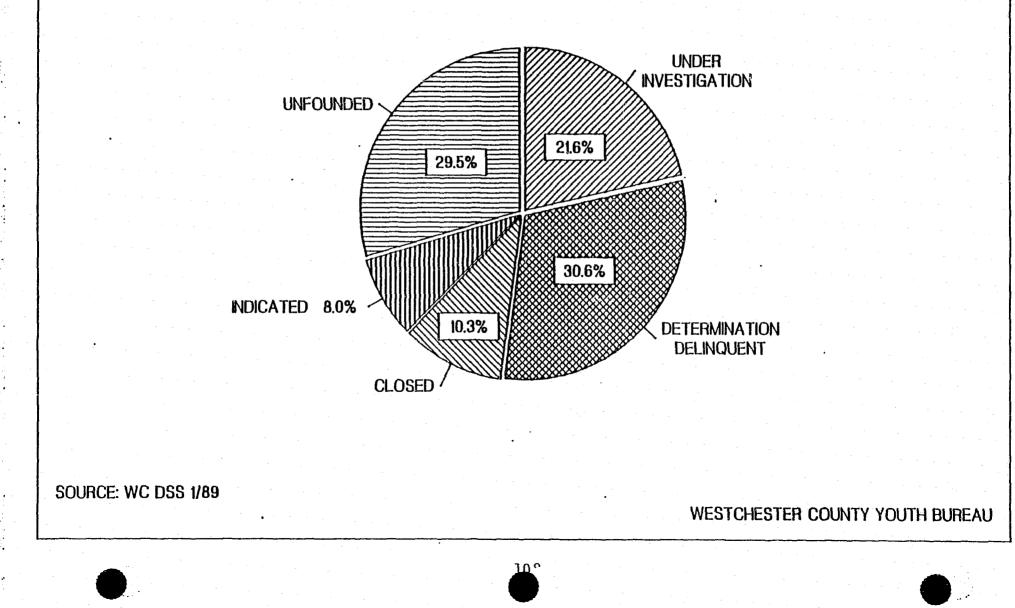
Implications and Recommendations:

Above average incidences of reported abuse are occuring in communities that have a host of socio-economic factors that are known contributors of child abuse; substance abuse, teen parents, poverty, homelessness, single parent families, lack of family and community resources.

Prevetion initiatives in these communities need to focus on accessible, community based support services for families at risk.

NYS CHILD ABUSE REGISTER CASES RECEIVED FROM WESTCHESTER JAN. - DEC. 1988

TOTAL CASES: 2,850



N.Y.S. CHILD ABUSE REGISTER CASES

Findings:

Of the over two thousand eight hundred cases reported in 1988 to the State's Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-342-3720), about thirty percent were determined to be "unfounded," twenty two percent were still under investigation and over thirty percent were unclassified ("Determination Delinquent").

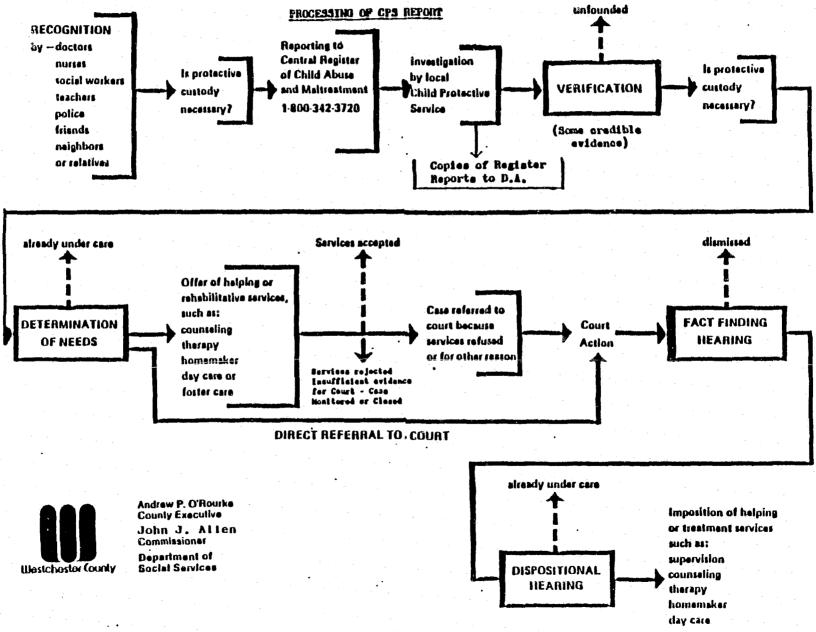
Eight percent of the cases were "indicated"; i.e., some credible evidence of abuse was found and the need for protective custody and/or rehabilitative services would be determined.

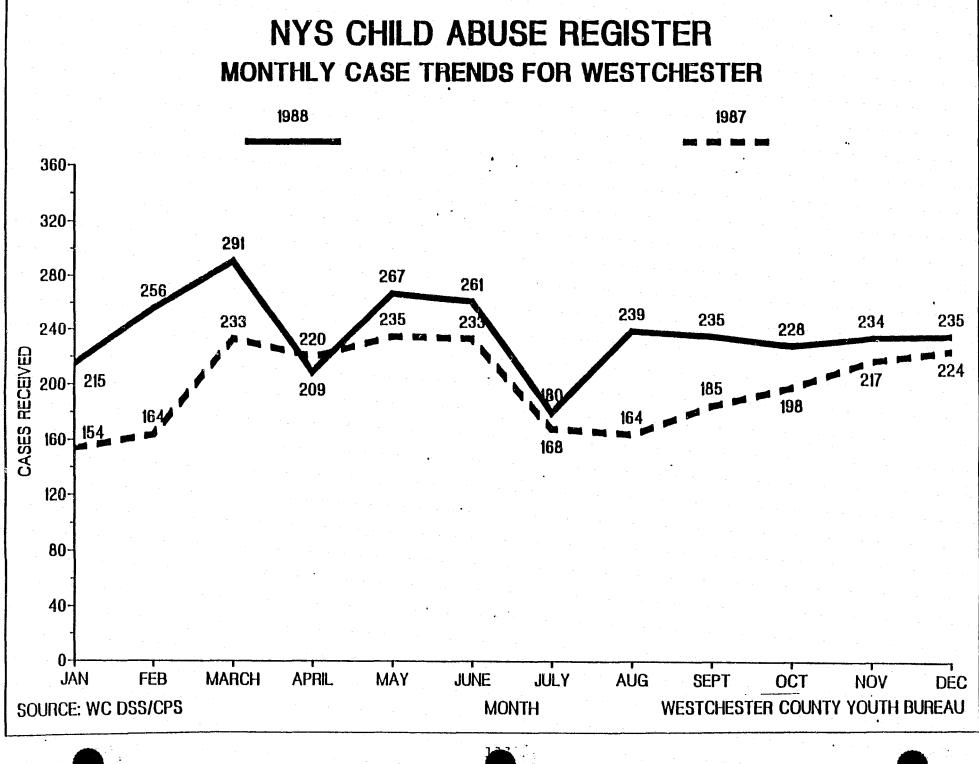




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MONTHLY CHILD ABUSE PATTERNS

Findings:

Based on the number of child abuse cases reported by month for 1987 and 1988, there appears to be a pattern with March, May and June being above average incident months and April, July-September, below average months.

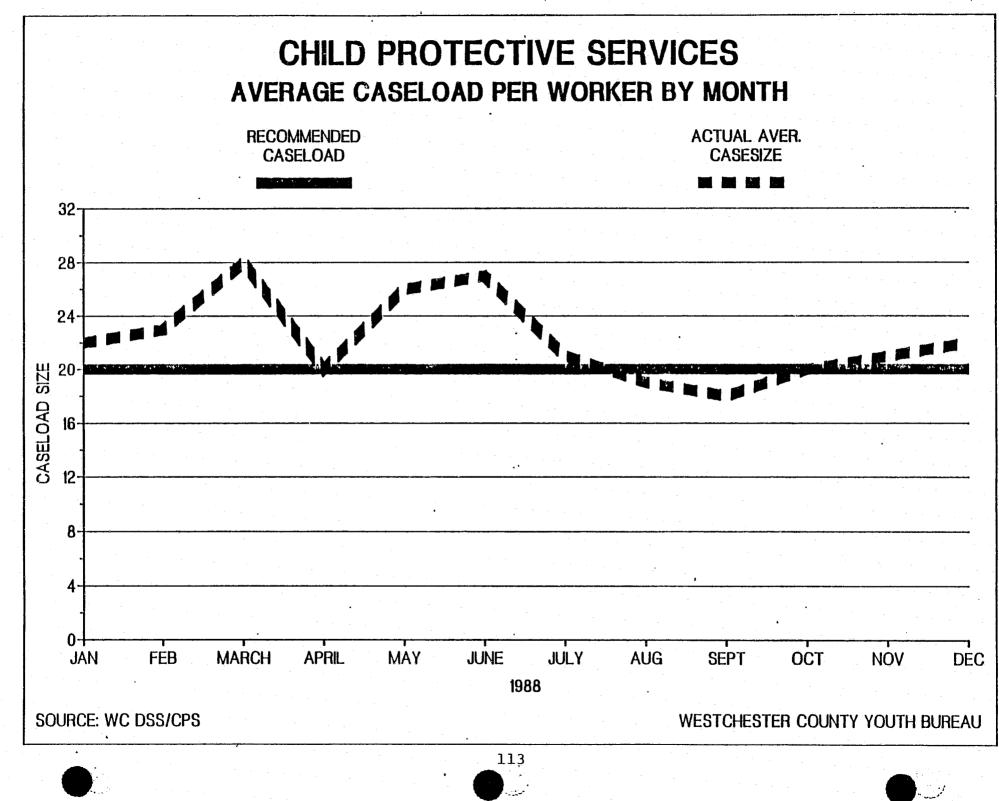
School vacation schedules (Spring and Summer) may be a factor in explaining these fluctuations.

Implications and Recommendations:

The drop in incidence of reported cases during school vacation periods indicates the need to examine more closely the relationship between reported cases and school attendance.

One explanation for the decline in reported cases during these periods is obvious. During the school year, more professionals have the opportunity to identify abused children and report these cases for intervention. This indicates that children are not being less abused, but that these cases are being reported less during this time period.

It is recommended that youth agencies in "high risk" areas expand their vacation programs to include more at risk youth. Staff of these agencies need to be trained in identifying and reporting suspected abuse.



CPS CASELOAD

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Findings:

As would be expected, the average caseload per worker fluctuates with the number of reports/cases received each month.

March, May and June were peak months for the average CPS caseload (25-27) and the N.Y.S. Child Abuse Register cases received (261-291).

Below average caseload/report months are April, July, August and September.

PREVENTIVE SERVICE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN BY DSS DISTRICT OFFICE

	# of Families	# of Children
Yonkers	150	337
Mt. Vernon	115	260
New Rochelle	20	27
Port Chester	26	50
White Plains	37	62
Ossining/Mt. Kisco	28	45
Peekskill	_26	47
TOTAL	402	828

Source: WCDSS, 2/87

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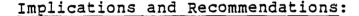
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Of the over eight hundren children considered "at risk" and who have therefore been enrolled in preventive service programs, almost three-quarters (72%) of the cases are handled by the Yonkers and Mt. Vernon DSS.

This is almost two and a half times the proportion of population contained in these two Districts.

District		<pre>% Children In Preventative Services</pre>	% Population in Distress
Yonkers Mt. Vernon	mahala	418 <u>318</u> 728	21% 7% 28%
	Totals	/ 23	28% (Table 3CA)



Since the majority of children labeled "at risk" and in preventative services programs reside in Mt. Vernon and Yonkers, it is important that these children and their families have easy access to a host of support services that may enable them to remain together as a family.

Youth agencies in these communities can provide respite for children and their families in the form of recreation services and after school programs, sports opportunities and counseling.

To eliminate a duplication of service efforts, it is recommended that service Consortiums be developed that link schools and community agencies together to provide comprehensive intervention services. These Consortiums could work with the Department of Social Services to coordinate services to high risk children and their families.

FAMILY COURT PETITIONS BY DSS DISTRICT OFFICE - 1986

District Office	# of Cases		tition Sex Abuse	Type Neglect	Amendments/ Violations	# of Children	<pre># of Emerg. Removals by Case/Children</pre>
Ossining	24	0	8	16	5	32	9/9
Mt. Vernon	59	2	5	52	15	116	40/59
New Rochelle	29		5	26	5	65	18/26
Port Chester	8	1	1	6	2	15	4/7
Peekskill	28	1	1	28	10	68	18/32
White Plains	20	0	. 0	20	8	34	14/15
Yonkers	94	5	<u>12</u>	81	<u>14</u>	214	66/116
TOTALS	262	9	32	229	59	544	169/264

Source: WCDSS/CPS

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FAMILY COURT PETITIONS

Findings:

Of the two hundred sixty two family court case petitions granted in 1986, almost two-thirds (64%) resulted in an emergency removal. On an individual child basis, the percent removals is slightly less than fifty percent (48.5%).

The Yonkers and Mount Vernon DSS/CPS initiated sixty percent of all family court petitions and made sixty seven percent of all the emergency removals in the County.

(Table 4CA)

District Office	% Petitions	<pre>% Emergency Removals</pre>
 Yonkers Mt. Vernon Peekskill New Rochelle White Plains Ossining Port Chester 	39% 21 13 12 6 6 3	45% 22 12 10 6 3

Implications and Recommendations:

The majority of family court petitions and emergency removals were initiated in the Yonkers and Mt. Vernon DSS/CPS offices. These statistics clearly indicate the need for increased resources in these two communities to address the causative factors of child abuse.

Services need to be local and accessible if they are to be successful. Pregnancy prevention among teens, prenatal care, maternal and child care, educational and vocational training and substance abuse intervention services for mother and children need to be increased in these communities.

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DEFINITIONS OF CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT AND MALTREATMENT

Abuse. Section 1012(e) of the Family Court Act defines an abused child as a child less than eighteen years of age whose parent or other person legally responsible for his or her care:

(i) inflicts or allowed to be inflicted upon such child physical injury by other than accidental means which causes or creates a substantial risk of death, or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted impairment of physical or emotional health, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ, or

(ii) creates or allows to be created a substantial risk of physical injury to such a child by other than accidental means which would be likely to cause death or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted impairment of physical or emotional health, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ, or

(iii) commits, or allows to be committed, a sex offense against such a child, as defined in the penal law, or allows such child to engage in acts or conduct described in penal law (NYS Penal Law, Articles 263, 230.5, 230.30, 230.32, 255.25). (These acts are: using a child in a sexual performance, and promoting a sexual performance by a child.)

Neglect. Section 1012(f) of the Family Court Act defines a neglected child as a child less than eighteen years of age.

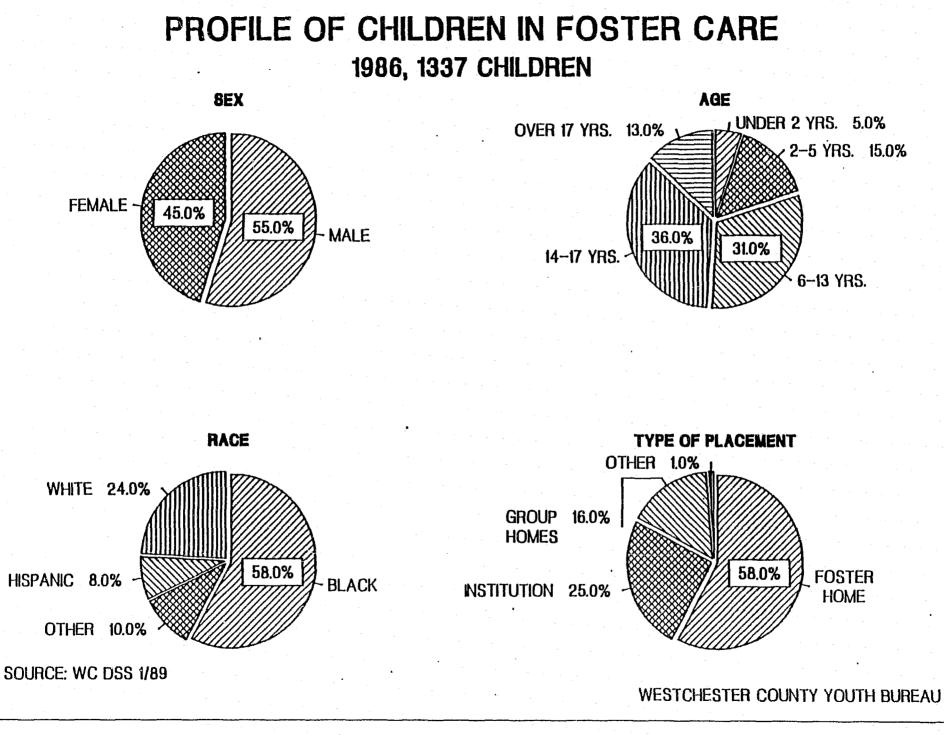
(i) whose physical, mental, or emotional condition has been impaired or is in imminent danger of becoming impaired as a result of the failure of his parent of other person legally responsible for his care to exercise a minimum degree of care:

(A) in supplying the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter, or education in accordance with provisions of part one of article sixty-five of the education law, or medical, dental, optometrical, or surgical care, though financially able to do so or offered financial or other reasonable means to do so; or

(B) in providing the child with proper supervision or guardianship, by unreasonably inflicting, or allowing to be inflicted, harm, or a substantial risk thereof, including the infliction of excessive corporal punishment, or by using a drug or drugs; or by using alcoholic beverages to the extent that he loses self-control of his actions; or by any other acts of a similarly serious nature requiring the aid of the court; or

(ii) who has been abandoned by his parents or other person legally responsible for his care.

Maltreatment. Social Services Law, Sec. 412, states that a maltreated child includes a child under eighteen years of age: (a) defined as a neglected child by the Family Court Act; or (b) who has had serious physical injury inflicted upon him or her by other than accidental means.







FOSTER CARE

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Findings:

Of the over thirteen hundred children in foster care in Westchester, two-thirds (67%) are between the ages of six and seventeen. Fifteen percent are between two and five years. Five percent are under two years.

Slightly more than half of these children are:

			Males		55%
			Black		58%
and	reside	in	Foster	Homes	588

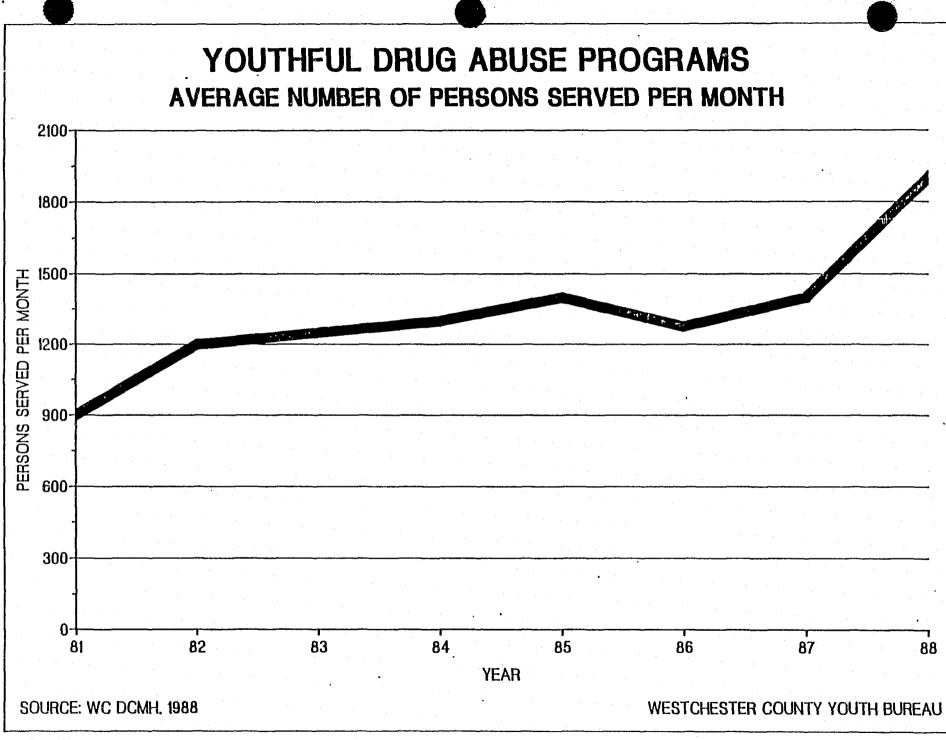




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DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Findings:

The average numbers of "youthful" persons served in drug abuse programs per month has increased over two hundred percent from 1981 to 1988 in Westchester. Almost one-third of this accelerating increase occurred between 1987 and 1988.

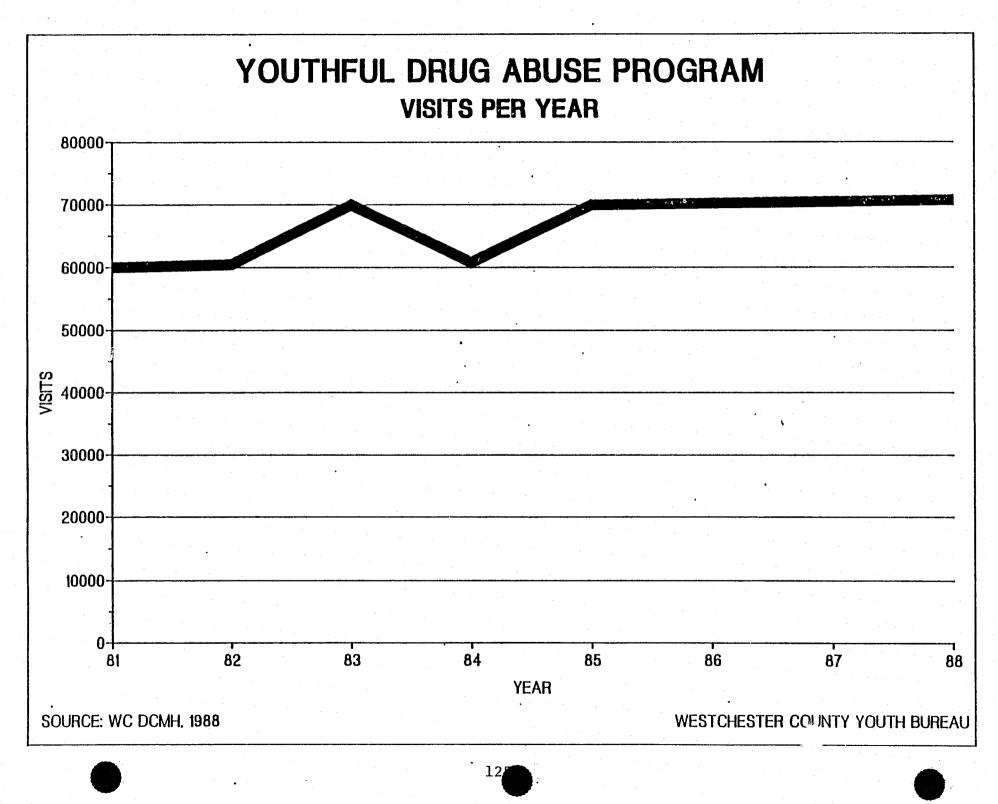
	Persons/Mo.
1981	900
1987	1,369
1988	1,975

During this same eight year period, the number of visits to youthful drug abuse programs increased only thirty-six percent.

	<u>Visits/Yr.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	Visits/Mo.
1981	82,500		5,208
1987	83,000		6,917
1988	85,000		7,083

On a per capita basis, the average number of visits per person per month has actually decreased by thirty-eight percent in the past eight years.

	Visits/Person/Mo.
1981	5.8
1987	5.0
1988	3.6



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Implications and Recommendations:

More youth are enrolled in substance abuse treatment in Westchester County but they are receiving fewer treatment visits than in previous years.

There is a need for more treatment programs for teens in Westchester. Programs are needed that are tailored to meet the comprehensive support service needs of teens; counseling, vocational training, child care, transportation, family intervention services, therapeutic communities and providing residential treatment, educational and vocational services as well as counseling and other support services.

Prevention services that protect anonymity and are accessible to teens are best offered through co-sponsored school-community agency programs. Such programs are most successful when staffed by professionals from the field of substance abuse, preferably those who have personal experience with substance abuse and the recovery process.

"Family Life Curriculums" that foster good choices through positive decision-making can help educators shape teen thinking and choices regarding the use of alcohol and drugs.

Since the highest incidence of substance abuse among teens is in socio-economically disadvantaged areas, it is important to target these communities for intensive intervention services. Such services could encompass walk-in street centers providing information and counseling services, resource and referral services, street workers, mobile vans (information and counseling), literature in areas that teens frequent and public and media sponsored activities that focus on drug prevention and intervention services. These events are best hosted by celebrities and people who have been involved with drugs and have successfully turned their lives around.

Since substance abuse is so serious a problem and prevalent in many communities, it is critical to make young children aware of the dangers of drug abuse before they are conditioned to seeing the sale and use of drugs.

Early prevention-education programs for (1-6) elementary school youth can sensitize children to the dangers of substance abuse.

EMPLOYMENT



Table 1E

TEEN LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS FOR SELECTED MUNICIPALITIES CIVILIANS, 16-19 YEARS, 1980* AND 1990 EST.

	Not En In Sc	rolled hool	Not I Gradu		Emplo	oyed	Unemp	ployed
	80	'90	<u>'80</u>	'90	80	90	<u>'80</u>	<u>90 !</u>
Countywide	11,013	<u>7,379</u>	3,870	2,992	. 1,699	1,138	566	<u>379</u>
Yonkers	3,139	2,103	1,361	912	472	316	220	147
New Rochelle	929	622	450	301	238	159	80	54
Mount Vernon	1,010	677	466	312	193	129	47	31
White Plains	532	356	196	131	103	69	25	17
Harrison	224	150	47	31	21	14	12	8

* Latest available data. Gathered by U.S. Census every ten years.

Source: WCDOE, 1989

Westchester County Youth Bureau

EMPLOYMENT

Findings:

The teen (16-19 years) labor force, like the total number of teens, is expected to decline some thirty percent (31%) over the decade ending 1990.

The proportion of all teens in the labor force is expected to remain constant at 14%.

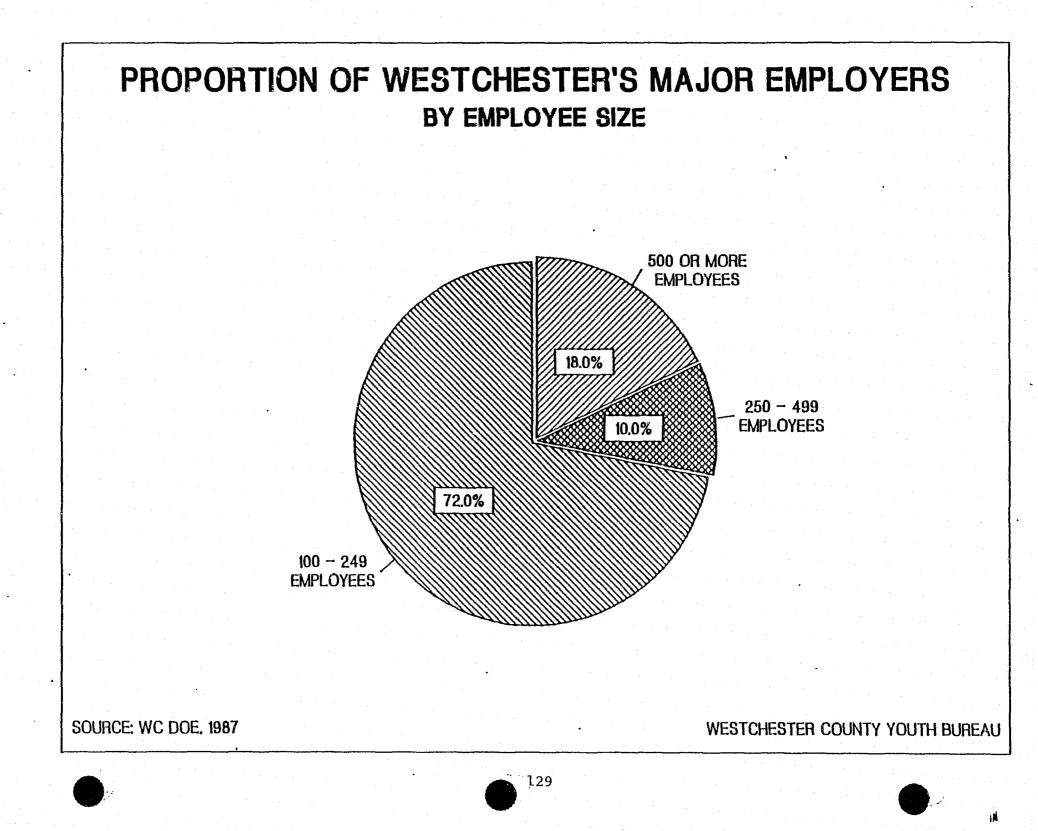
(Table 1E)

By municipality, the distribution of teens not enrolled in school closely follows the distribution of the total population.

While the geographic distribution of Westchester's largest employers is not in close alignment with the population or teen labor force, these top five municipalities, as a group, do account for about sixty percent of the sixty-nine employers with five hundred or more employees.

	Not Enrolled	% '89 Population	¥ Major Employees
Yonkers	28%	21%	10%
New Rochelle	8	8	· 3
Mount Vernon	9	7	9
White Plains	5	5	26
Harrison	2	3	13
Top Five Total	528	448	61%





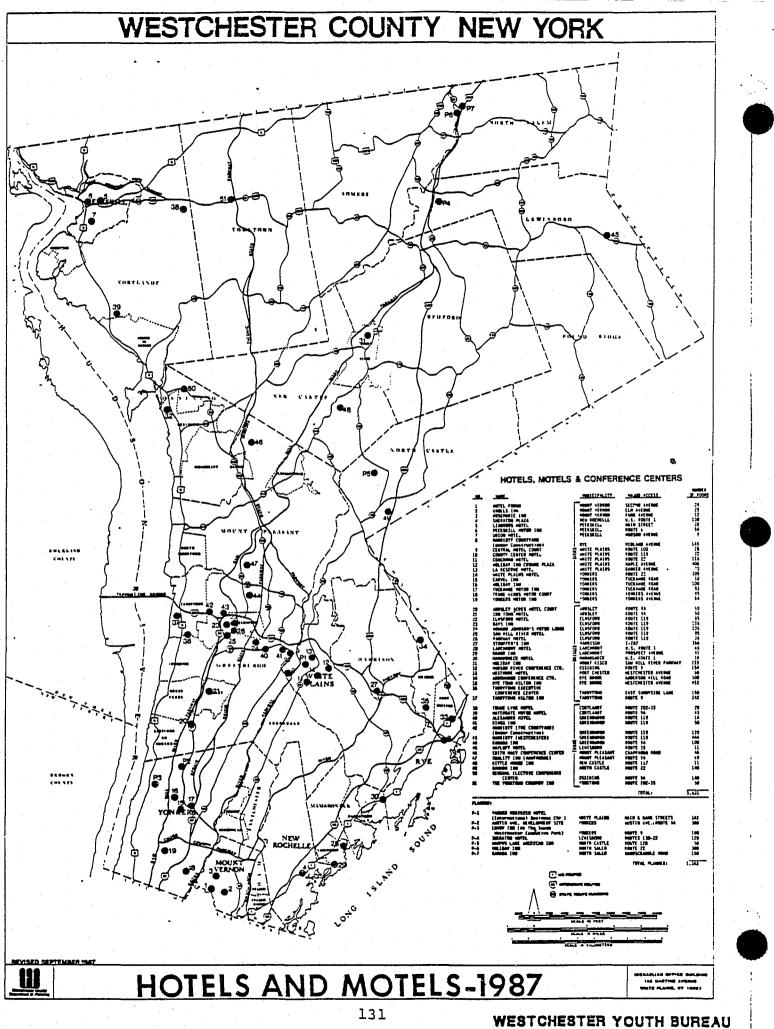
Implications and Recommendations:

Employment opportunities for teens continue to be influenced - by; accessibility to employment, race/ethnicity, communications and math skills, education and training, employment readiness, personal motivation and availability of part time and seasonal employment for youth still in school, entry level positions for high school dropouts and positions for those who have earned their high school diploma.

Westchester County has been experiencing and will continue to experience shortages in the work force. Many positions exist that can be filled by teens. These positions are seasonal, part-time and/or entry level. However, many of the jobs are not accessible by public transportation. Most of these jobs require communications skills, math skills and job readiness skills that many Westchester teens do not possess.

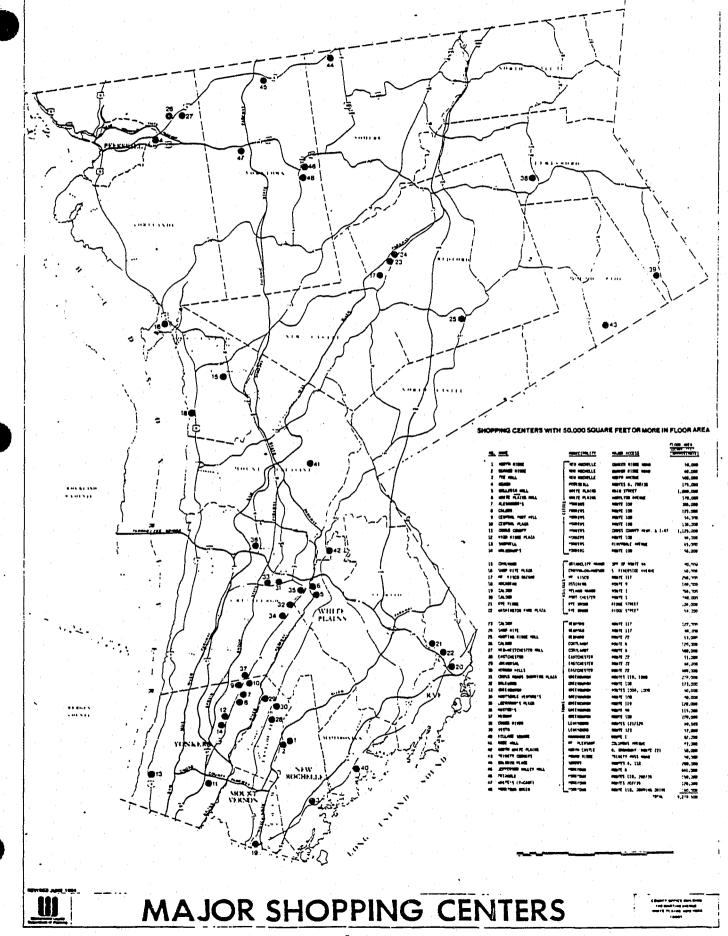
Teens from communities that are largely socio-economically disadvantaged need special help to prepare for any employment opportunity. Ideally, this training should take place in school, as a part of the high school curriculum and/or as part of an alternative school. When youth are no longer a part of the school system, alternative programs offered at community centers or counseling centers may be successful at attracting and working with this population. Training programs have the greatest potential for success if linked with support systems that insure the opportunity for securing and keeping employment. Such programs need to encompass child care, counseling and health care, transportation, in addition to job readiness and vocational skills training.

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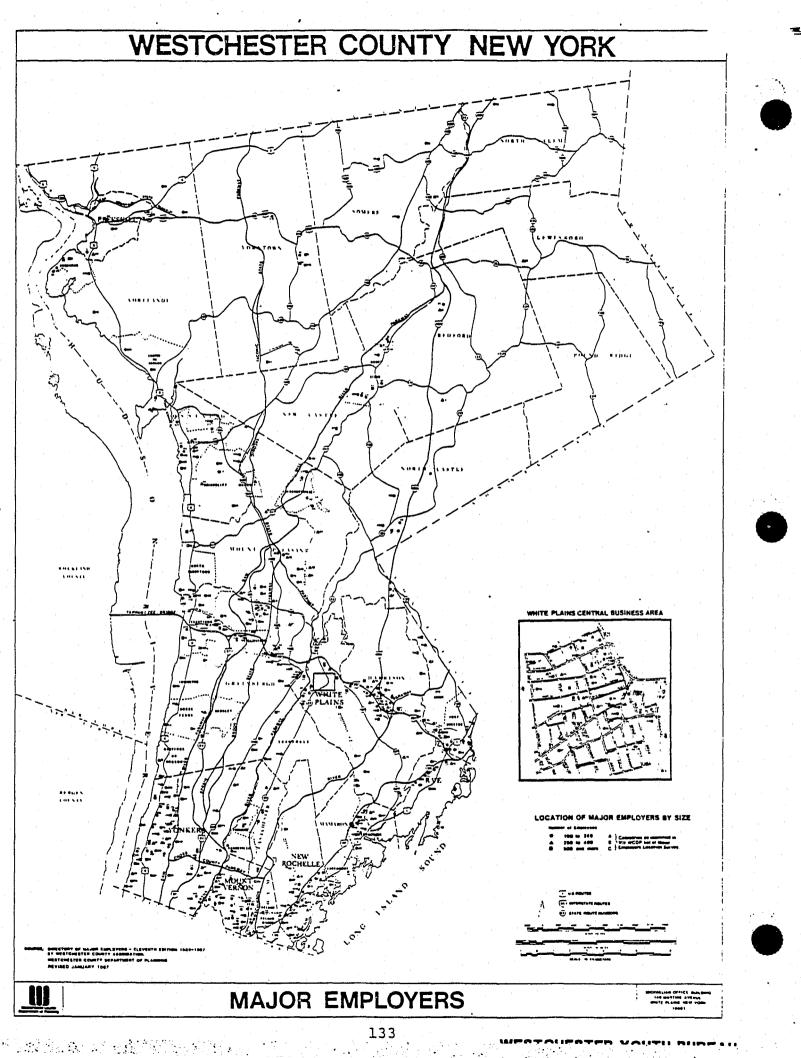


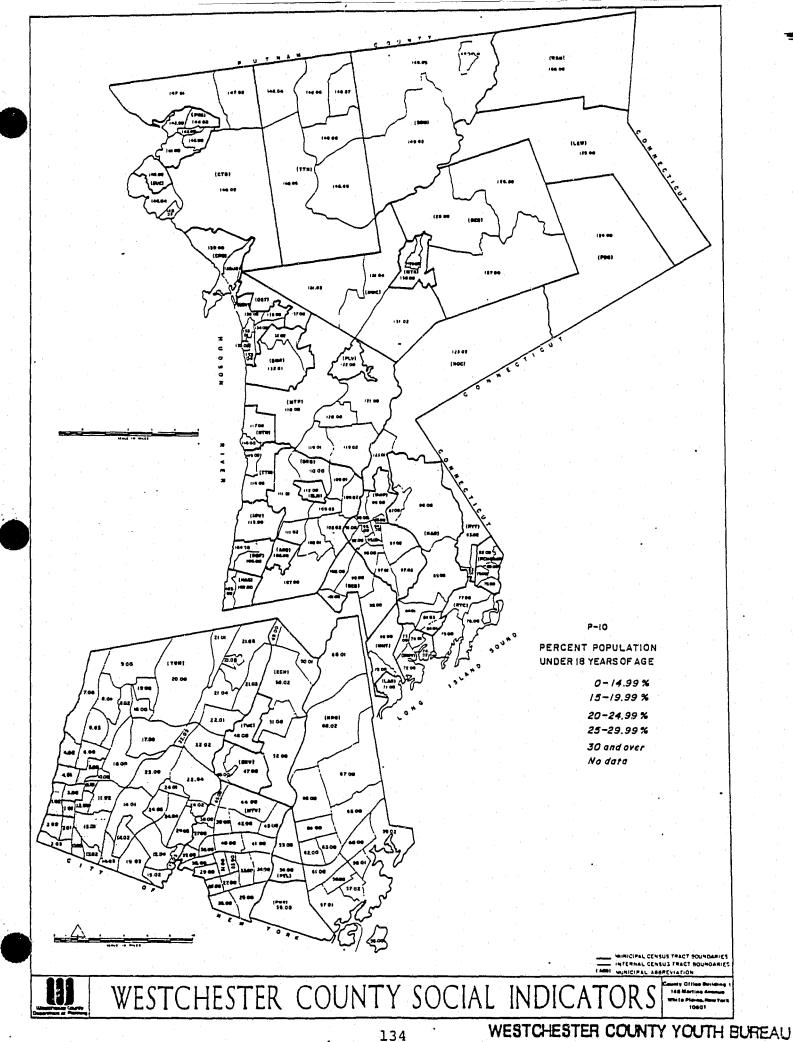


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TABLE P-9 POPULATION AGED 65 YEARS OF OLDER, AND UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE. BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE, 1980 WESTCHESTER COUNTY

	Persons Aged 65 Years or Older			Persons Under iB Years of Age					
		······································			In Family Households				
	In Family Households	In Non-Family Households	In Group Quarters	lotal*	With Married Couples	Other Family and Relatives	Non- Relatives	In Group Quarters	
COUNTY	75,424	30,773	7,962	214,204	167,207	45,017	1,980	3,037	
Cities Villages Towns	39,667 18,798 16,949	18,252 7,324 5,197	3,613 1,951 2,398	96,476 52,136 65,592	67,288 42,408 57,511	28,119 9,322 7,576	1,069 406 505	704 792 1,541	
<u>CITIES</u>									
Mount Vernon New Rochelle Peekskill Rye White Plains Yonkers	6,278 6,787 1,403 1,217 4,485 19,507	3,021 2,940 838 464 2,573 8,416	468 1,174 199 176 576 1,020	16,812 16,045 4,969 4,223 9,729 44,698	9,548 12,129 3,061 3,645 7,043 31,862	6,953 3,695 1,837 557 2,562 12,515	311 221 71 21 124 321	53 36 1 235 379	
VILLAGES Ardsley	258	54	10	1,170	1,081	88	· · · ·	1	
Briarcliff		24							
xville nanan	395 655 250	160 400 79	120 1 	1,746 1,540 482	1,575 1,363 413	152. 169 67	19 8 2	10 2 	
Croton-on- Hudson	527	175	156	1,900	1,618	258	24		
Dobbs Ferry	703	266	328	2,115	1,755	350	10	394	
Elmsford Harrison	335 1,934	128 548	92	748 4,951	610 4,235	130 677	8 39	59	
Hastings-on-									
Hudson Irvington	780 505	292 191	193 2	1,931	1,604	314 203	13 21	170 65	
Larchmont	517	2 39	35	1,888	1,662	221	5		
Mamaroneck	1,680	590	273	4,037	3,276	729	32		
Mount Kisco	717 743	355	61	1,867	1,393	446 447	28 20	6	
North Tarrytown Ossining	1,425	312 658	21 342	1,966 4,728	1,499 3,291	1,365	20 72	1	
Pelham	677	225	742	1,819	1,487	321	11	34	
Pelham Manor	653	203		1,694	1,475	213	6		
Pleasantville	618	261		1,601	1,390	202	9	18	
Port Chester	2,425	1,109	166	5,410	3,532	1,847	31	2	
Scarsdale	1,554	338		5,653	5,167	471	15		
Tarrytown	910	456	145	2,134	1,719	397	18	19	
Tuckahoe	5 37	285	6	1,355	1,086	255	14		
TOWNS									
Bedford	934	358	10	4,140	3,549	551	40	171	
Cortlandt	1,596	681	659	7,303	6,291	916	96	26	
Eastchester	2,442	970		4,439	3,881	547	11		
Greenburgh	2,958	846	147	10,031	8,108	1,810	113	49	
Lewisboro	483	105	21	2,846	2,545	278	23	18	
Mamaroneck Mawat Blassest	1,178	488		3,435	3,004	409	22	704	
Mount Pleasant	1,639	353 174	407 .	5,707 5,257	5,153 4,800	518 434	36 23	704	
New Castle Morth Castle	647	142		2,770	2,492	263	15	42	
rth Salem	276	92	2 36	1,339	1,174	156	9		
ussining	230	50	342	932	831	100	1	4	
Pound Ridge	273	45		1,229	1,100	109	20	10	
Rye	677	165	118	2,081	1,858	214	9	13	
Somers	968	254	217	3,955	3,636	294	25	252	
	1,849	474	241	10,128	9,089	977	62	139	

*Under 18 Spouse or Householder Excluded. Countywide, the figure is 215 persons.

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Source: U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS WCDP 5/82

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