



**MidPenn Legal Services
Blair County Office
2019-2020 Fact Sheet**



MidPenn is free civil legal aid. We are a legal emergency room for the poor. We provide advice and counsel to help very low-income families solve problems and get back on track.

Case Types: We handle critical civil matters: child custody, domestic violence, housing, elder law, public benefits and consumer. We do not handle criminal cases.

Mission: MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit law firm providing free civil legal aid to low-income families in crisis.

Vision: We seek orderly resolutions for poor families with critical legal problems. We protect personal safety, stabilize housing, secure income, and obtain health care for those with nowhere else to turn.

Blair County Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	129,144	122,492
Residents below the poverty level*	12.9%	15.2%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	11.5%	16.7%
Poverty Population*	15,934	18,527

*The U.S. Census Bureau excludes institutionalized people, people in military group quarters, college dorms and unrelated individuals under 15 years old when calculating poverty rates.

<p>Blair County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid (at 125% of poverty level) 24,321</p>

Blair County Fiscal Year 19-20 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	21	0	21	4%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	273	0	273	53%
Housing	115	0	115	22%
Public Benefits	30	0	30	6%
Consumer	54	0	54	10%
Employment/Expungement	16	0	16	3%
Other	8	0	8	2%
TOTAL	517	0	517	100.00%
<p>4,364 hours spent on cases. 1,056 residents in Blair County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy. \$83,379.88 in savings and economic benefits to Blair County clients and their communities.</p>				

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