



**MidPenn Legal Services
Lebanon County Office
2018-2019 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.

Lebanon County Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	130,455	141,314
Residents below the poverty level*	8.9%	10.5%
Food Stamp recipients	7.7%	11.7%
Poverty Population*	11,689	14,086

*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

**Lebanon County Residents
Eligible for Legal Aid
(at 125% of poverty level)
19,318**

Lebanon County Fiscal Year 18-19 Highlights	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	50	180	230	33%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	224	1	225	32%
Housing	129	2	131	19%
Public Benefits	30	1	31	4%
Consumer	52	18	70	10%
Employment/Expungement	6	0	6	1%
Other	11	0	11	1%
TOTAL	502	202	704	100.00%

5,175.9 hours spent on cases.
1,412 residents in Lebanon County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.
\$7,802.63 in savings and economic benefits to Lebanon County clients and their communities.

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