Human Services Center Mon Valley Community Data Snapshot Overview

Table of Contents

Purpose 3
Data Sources 3
Communities served by Human Services Center Mon Valley 4
Demographics 6
Transportation 10
Income + Employment 11
Housing 13
Human Services 13
Education 15

Figures

Figure 1: Human Services Center Mon Valley Communities **4**
Figure 2: HSCMV Municipalities with population 5,000 or greater (2022) **5**
Figure 3: Percent change in population (2010, 2022) **6**
Figure 4: Median Age (2022) **7**
Figure 5: Growing diversity in the HSCMV service area (2010, 2022) **9**
Figure 6: Average Commute Time (2022) **10**
Figure 7: Median Household Income (2022) **11**
Figure 8: Renter Occupied Housing (2022) **13**
Figure 9: Individuals receiving income supports (2023) **14**
Figure 10: College Education (2022) **15**
Figure 11: High School Graduation Rates (2019-2023) **16**
Figure 12: Select High School Graduation Rates (2018-2023) **16**

Purpose

The Community data snapshots provide a quick look at the data with ability to compare to the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and other municipalities served by the Human Services Center Mon Valley (HSCMV). They can be useful for providing an overview of the data, for grant writing, and grounding discussions. This document reports the combined totals for communities served by the Human Services Center Mon Valley.

Important Note: Quantitative data only tells part of the story. We recommend thinking of this data as a tool to bring people together to spur discussion, inform questions, and build relationships.

Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center (WPRDC) The Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center provides a shared technological and legal infrastructure to support research, analysis, decision making, and community engagement. Its mission is to help people find and use data about their communities. The initiative is managed by the University of Pittsburgh Center for Urban and Social Research, in partnership with Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh.

Data Sources

Data from this report came from federal, state, and local data sources, including:

- **United States Census** - The U.S. Census Bureau released the first detailed data from the 2020 Decennial Census of Population and Housing known as PL 94-171 data and includes the final census enumeration of the population by race and ethnicity for counties, municipalities, and smaller levels of geography. https://data.wprdc.org/dataset/2020-census-redistricting-data-extracts

- **American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates** - The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing nationwide survey that provides data every year. The ACS covers a broad range of topics about the social, economic, demographic, and housing characteristics of the U.S. population. https://www.census.gov/data.html

- **Allegheny County Department of Human Services** - Allegheny County Department of Human Services shares data about residents' involvement with public systems, and overlaps in services. Data can be filtered by time frame, location and demographics. https://alleghenyanalytics.azurewebsites.net/quickcount-data-tool/

- **Pennsylvania State Department of Education** - The Pennsylvania Department of Education compiles and analyzes data about attendance, graduation rates, schools and school districts, student progress, transportation, and other information. https://www.education.pa.gov/DataAndReporting/Pages/HighSchoolGraduation.aspx

Communities served by Human Services Center Mon Valley:

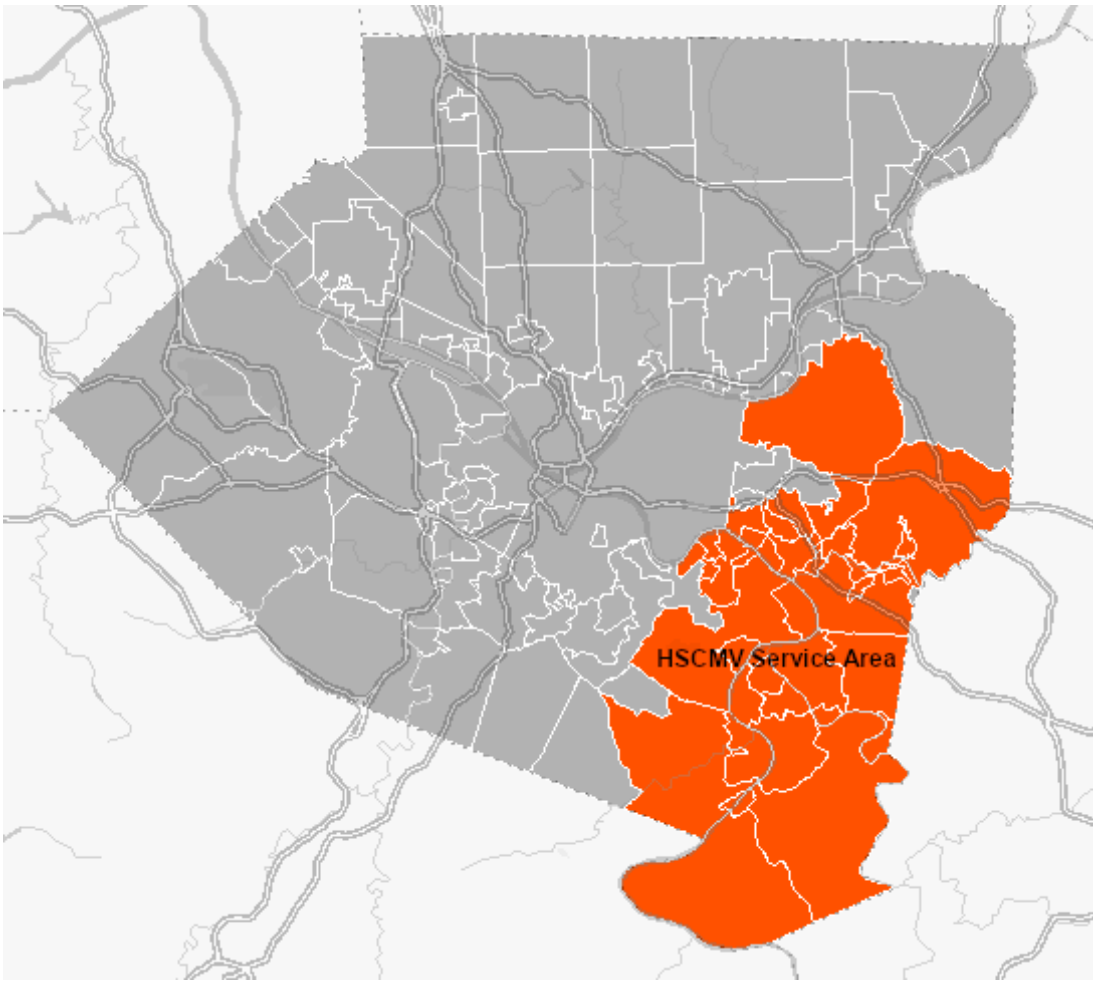


Figure 1: HSCMV Service Area

Braddock
Braddock Hills
Chalfant
Clairton
Dravosburg
Duquesne
East McKeesport
East Pittsburgh
Elizabeth Borough
Elizabeth Township
Forest Hills
Forward Township
Glassport
Homestead
Jefferson Hills
Liberty
Lincoln
McKeesport
Monroeville
Munhall
North Braddock
North Versailles
Penn Hills
Pitcairn
Port Vue
Rankin
South Versailles
Swissvale
Turtle Creek
Versailles
Wall
West Elizabeth
West Homestead
West Mifflin
Whitaker
White Oak
Wilkins
Wilmerding

Municipalities of the HSCMV Service Area

2020 Population greater than 5,000 people

Name of Area	2020 Total Population	% of HSCMV Service Area
Penn Hills Township	41,059	16.8%
Monroeville Municipality	28,640	11.7%
West Mifflin Borough	19,589	8.0%
McKeesport City	17,727	7.3%
Elizabeth Township	12,982	5.3%
Jefferson Hills Borough	12,424	5.1%
Munhall Borough	10,774	4.4%
North Versailles Township	10,074	4.1%
Swissvale Borough	8,624	3.5%
White Oak Borough	7,630	3.1%
Forest Hills Borough	6,429	2.6%
Wilkins Township	6,350	2.6%
Clairton City	6,181	2.5%
Duquesne City	5,254	2.2%
Turtle Creek Borough	5,114	2.1%

Created with Datawrapper

Figure 2: HSCMV Municipalities with population 5,000 or greater

Population

The Human Services Center Mon Valley (HSCMV) region saw an overall decrease of 3.5 percent. The City of Pittsburgh saw a smaller decrease of 1 percent while Allegheny County population increased by 2.2 percent.

HSCMV serves a diverse group of communities with changing population sizes. The 2020 population size ranges from South Versailles Township (310) to Penn Hills (41,059). Most of the municipalities served by HSCMV experienced a decrease in population over the decade, with some exceptions showing growth. The communities with populations over 10,000 residents decreased (5 percent or less) except for Jefferson Hills and Monroeville.

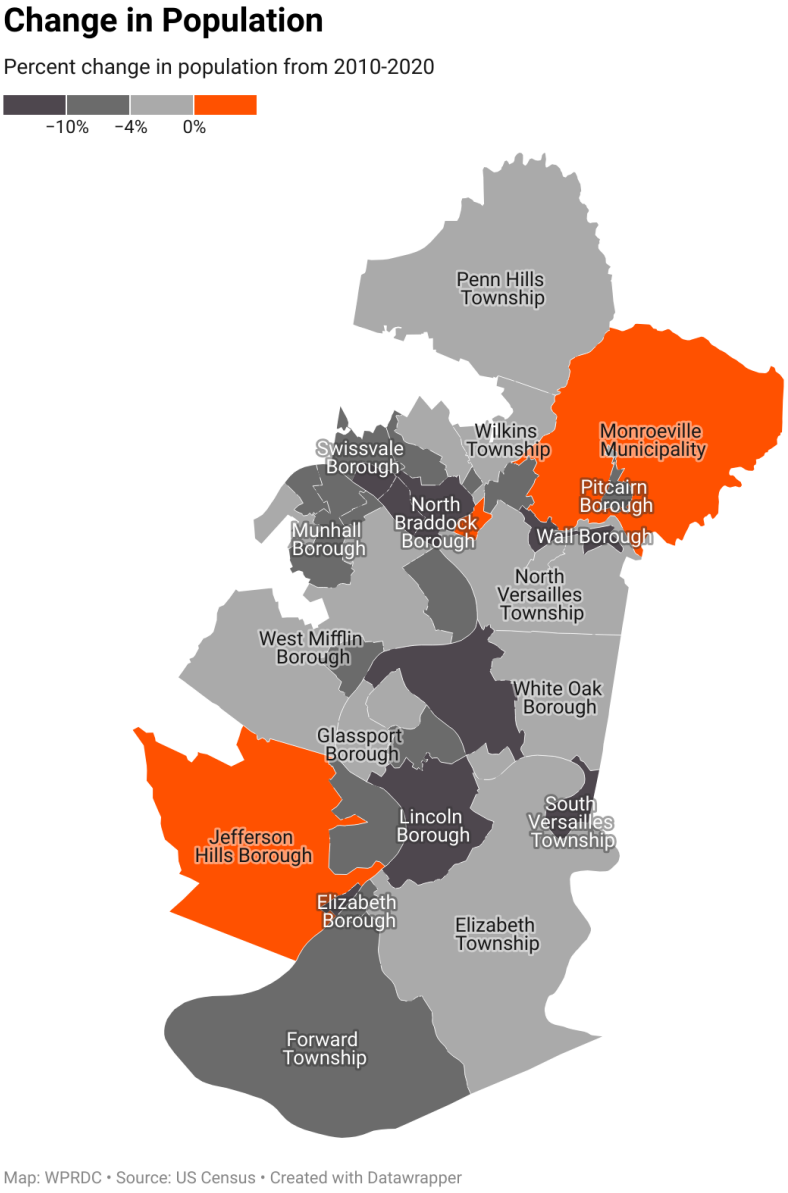


Figure 3: Percent Change in Population 2010-2020

With most municipalities falling in the range of 4,000 - 12,000 people, smaller municipalities saw the largest percent change decline: West Elizabeth Borough (-21.3 percent), Braddock Borough (- 20.3 percent) and Wilmerding Borough (-18.7 percent). North Braddock Borough and Lincoln Borough saw declines of 11.1 percent and 13.1 percent, respectively. McKeesport City experienced a decrease of 10.2 percent.

Jefferson Hills Borough was an exception with notable growth, increasing by 16.8 percent and East Pittsburgh Borough increased by 5.9 percent. Monroeville also increased by 1 percent.

Age

Median age for the service area is approximately 44 years. This is higher than the City of Pittsburgh (33.5 years) and Allegheny County (40.6 years). The ages span from 32.2 years in Homestead Borough and Age: 54.4 years in South Versailles Township. Most municipalities have a median age between 40 and 50 years.

Of the HSCMV communities with populations over 5,000 (see Figure 2), Swissvale and Duquesne have the lowest median age while Elizabeth Township, North Versailles and White Oak all have a median age 48 and over.

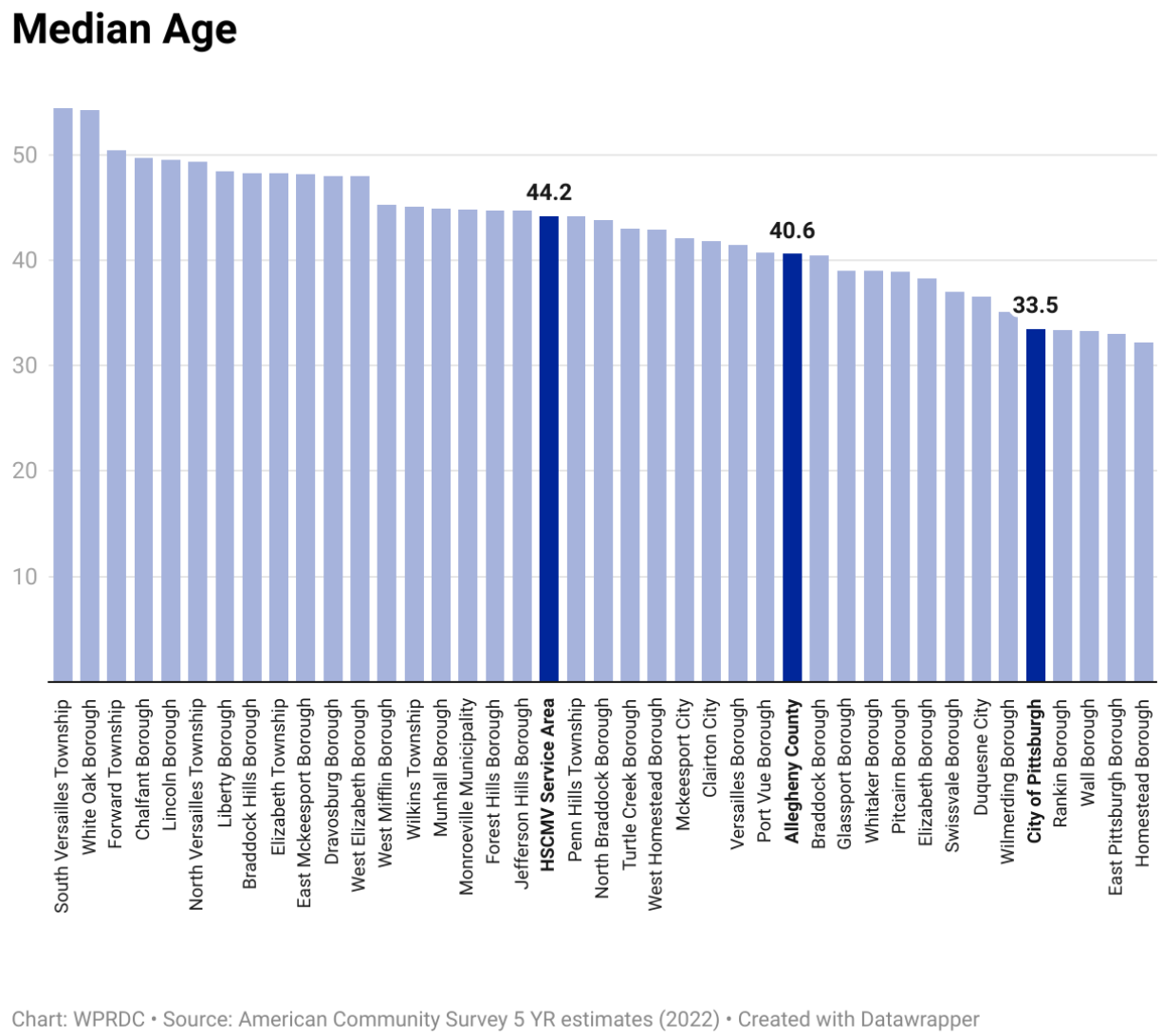


Figure 4: Median Age

In the HSCMV service region, 22 percent of the population is over 65 years old. This is higher than Allegheny County (19 percent) and the City of Pittsburgh (15 percent).

Within Allegheny County, many municipalities - including some in the HSCMV service region - have higher than average concentrations of older residents. In the HSCMV service region, 19 percent of the population is under 18 years old. This is the same as Allegheny County (19 percent) and higher than the City of Pittsburgh (15 percent).

Race and Ethnicity

There have been shifts in racial composition over the decade. The White population generally decreased in most areas, with notable reductions in Braddock Borough (-34.7 percent), North Braddock Borough (-28.5 percent), and Wilmerding Borough (-42.4 percent).

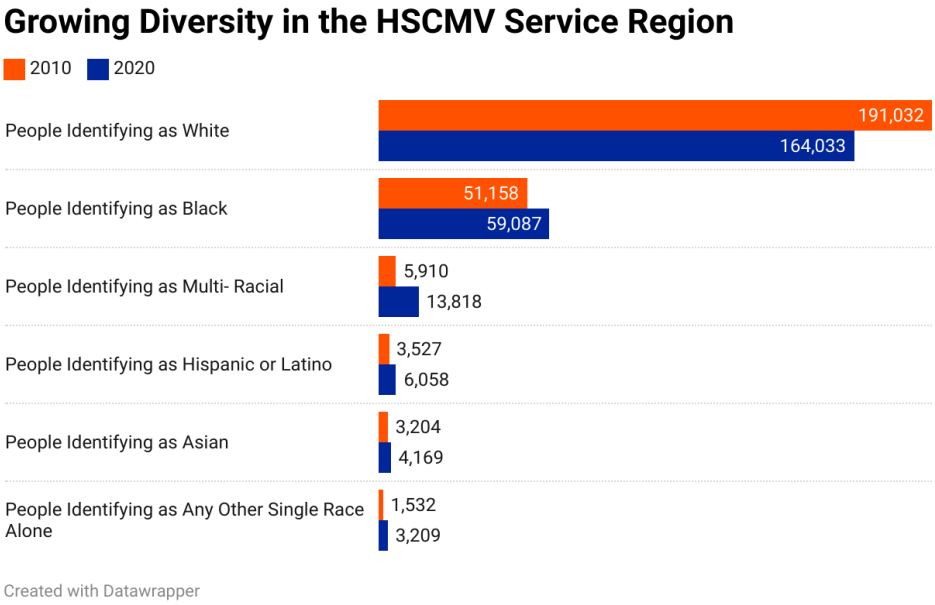


Figure 5 - Diversity in the Region

American Indian and Alaska Native Population increased in several places, such as Dravosburg Borough (145.3 percent) and East McKeesport Borough (158.4 percent). Asian Population generally saw increases in areas like Clairton City (233.3 percent) and McKeesport City (200 percent), but decreased in places like Lincoln Borough (-100 percent). Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Population showed significant changes, including increases in places like East Pittsburgh Borough (400 percent) and decreases in others.

Transportation

The HSCMV service area has a strong reliance on personal vehicles for commuting, with minimal use of public transportation. 7 percent of workers 16 and older in the HSCMV service area use public transportation which is the same as Allegheny county (7 percent) but less than the City of Pittsburgh (14 percent). Average commute times generally range between 20 to 35 minutes. Of the HSCMV municipalities with populations over 5,000 (see Figure 6), Elizabeth Township, Duquesne City, Penn Hills and North Versailles have commute times 30 minutes and over.

Municipalites of the HSCMV Service Area

2020 Population greater than 5,000 people

Area Name	Avg. Commute time (in minutes)	2020 Population
Elizabeth Township	34	12,982
Duquesne City	31	5,254
Penn Hills Township	30	41,059
North Versailles Township	30	10,074
West Mifflin Borough	29	19,589
Forest Hills Borough	29	6,429
Clairton City	29	6,181
McKeesport City	28	17,727
Jefferson Hills Borough	28	12,424
Swissvale Borough	28	8,624
Turtle Creek Borough	28	5,114
Monroeville Municipality	27	28,640
White Oak Borough	27	7,630
Wilkins Township	26	6,350
Munhall Borough	24	10,774

Table: WPRDC • Source: American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates (2022) • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 6 - Average commute time

Income + Employment

The median household income for the service area is $57,000, lower than both Allegheny County ($73,000) and City of Pittsburgh ($60,000). The median household income within the HSCMV service area ranges from $27,000 to $108,000. Median household income is one aspect of a municipality's financial characteristics, but does not reflect existing debt, wealth, or other aspects of financial wellbeing.

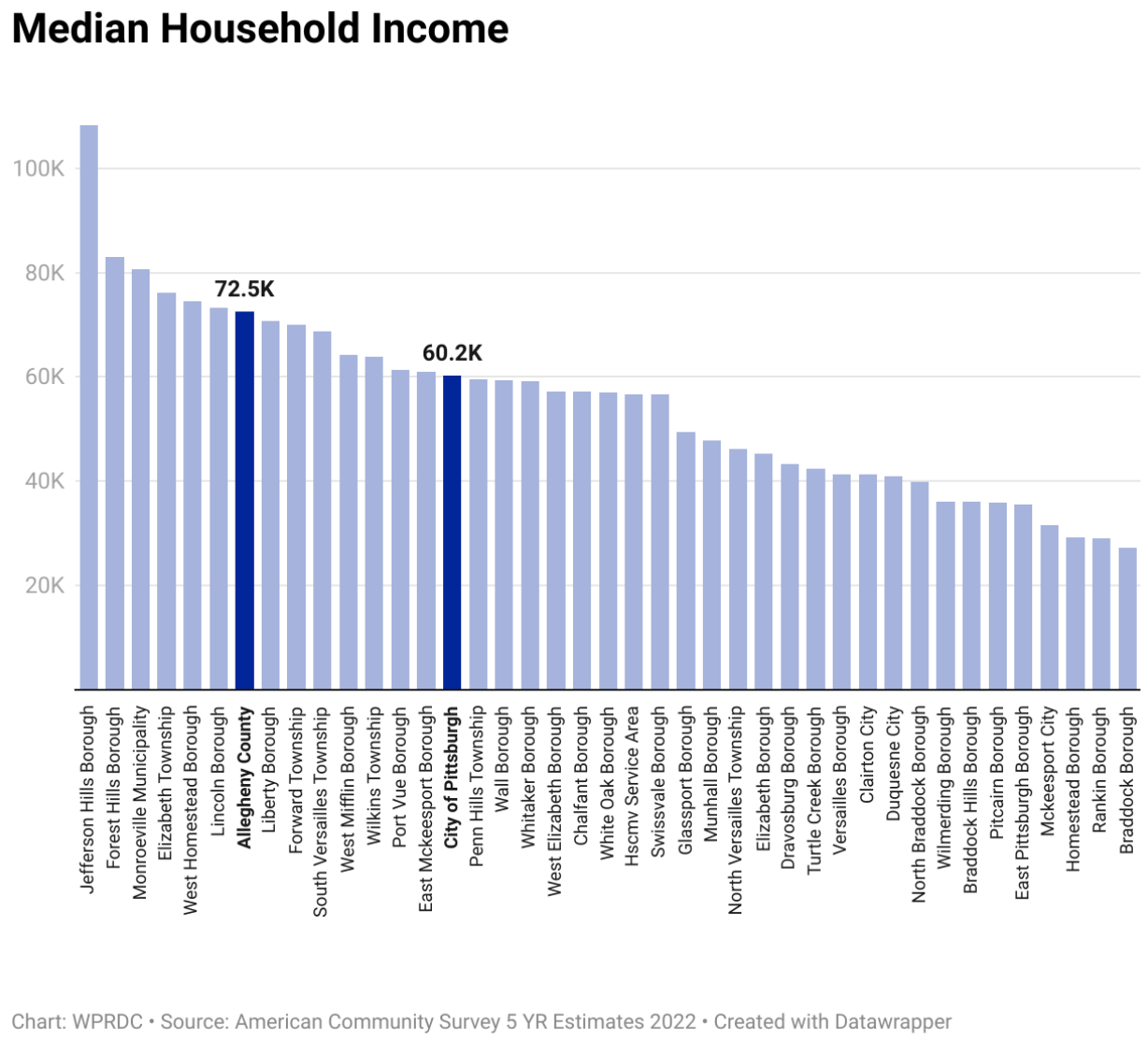


Figure 7: Median Household Income

There is a range of income of the HSCMV municipalities with populations over 5,000. Jefferson Hills ($108,245), Forest Hills ($82,962), Monroeville ($80,625) and Elizabeth Township ($76,201) all have Median Household Income higher than Allegheny County ($72,537) while Clairton ($41,301), Duquesne ($40,969) and McKeesport ($31,635) have the lowest median household income.

As with median income measure - there is a large disparity between municipalities for people experiencing poverty or economic hardship in the service area. Living below 200 percent of the poverty line means that a household's income is less than twice the official poverty threshold set by the government. **People living below 200 percent of the poverty line in HSCMV communities is 34 percent which is similar to the rate of the City of Pittsburgh (36 percent) but higher than the Allegheny County (25 percent).** 62 percent of residents age 16 and over living in the HSCMV service region are in the labor force. This is lower than the County (65 percent) and City of Pittsburgh (64 percent).

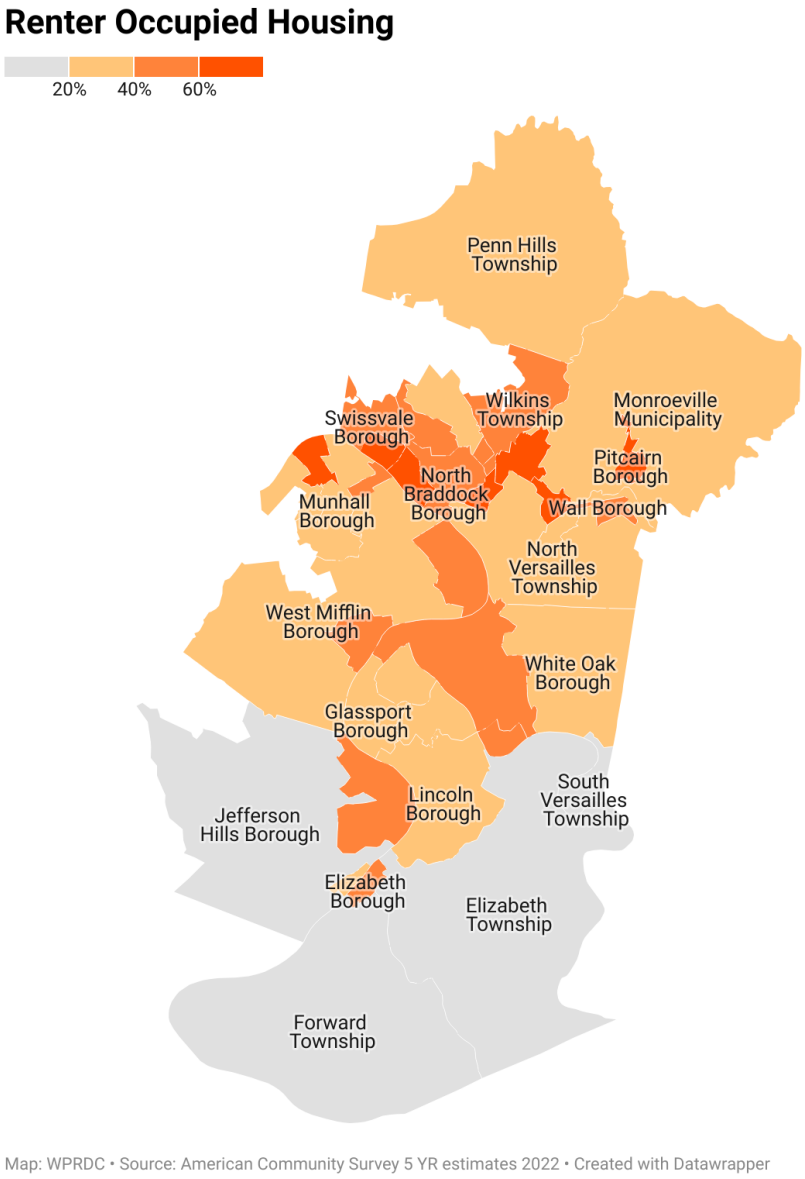
Housing

The HSCMV service region has diverse housing patterns with variations in ownership and rental rates. Higher percentages of rental units in an area may indicate an increased need for services that support renters. **The HSCMV service region has an overall rental rate of 34 percent. This is similar to Allegheny county (35 percent) and lower than the City of Pittsburgh (53 percent).**

East Pittsburgh Borough, Homestead Borough, and Turtle Creek Borough have the highest proportions of rental housing.

Elizabeth Township, Forward Township, and Jefferson Hills Borough have the highest rates of owner-occupied housing.

Figure 8: Renter Occupied Housing



Human Services

The rates of individuals who received income supports in 2023 varies across the service area, reflecting differences in community needs and support systems. **Overall, in the HSCMV service region 103,260 individuals receive income supports from DHS - a rate of about 44,000 per 100,000 people, this compares to Allegheny County rate of 45,000 per 100,000 people and City of Pittsburgh rate of 33,000 per 100,000 people.** Braddock Borough has the highest rate of 97,427 per 100,000 people who received income supports.

Of the HSCMV municipalities with populations over 5,000 people (see Figure 2), Duquesne City, Clairton City and McKeesport City and Turtle Creek Borough all have rates of individuals who received income supports over 59,000 per 100,000 people - higher than the HSCMV overall and the City and County.

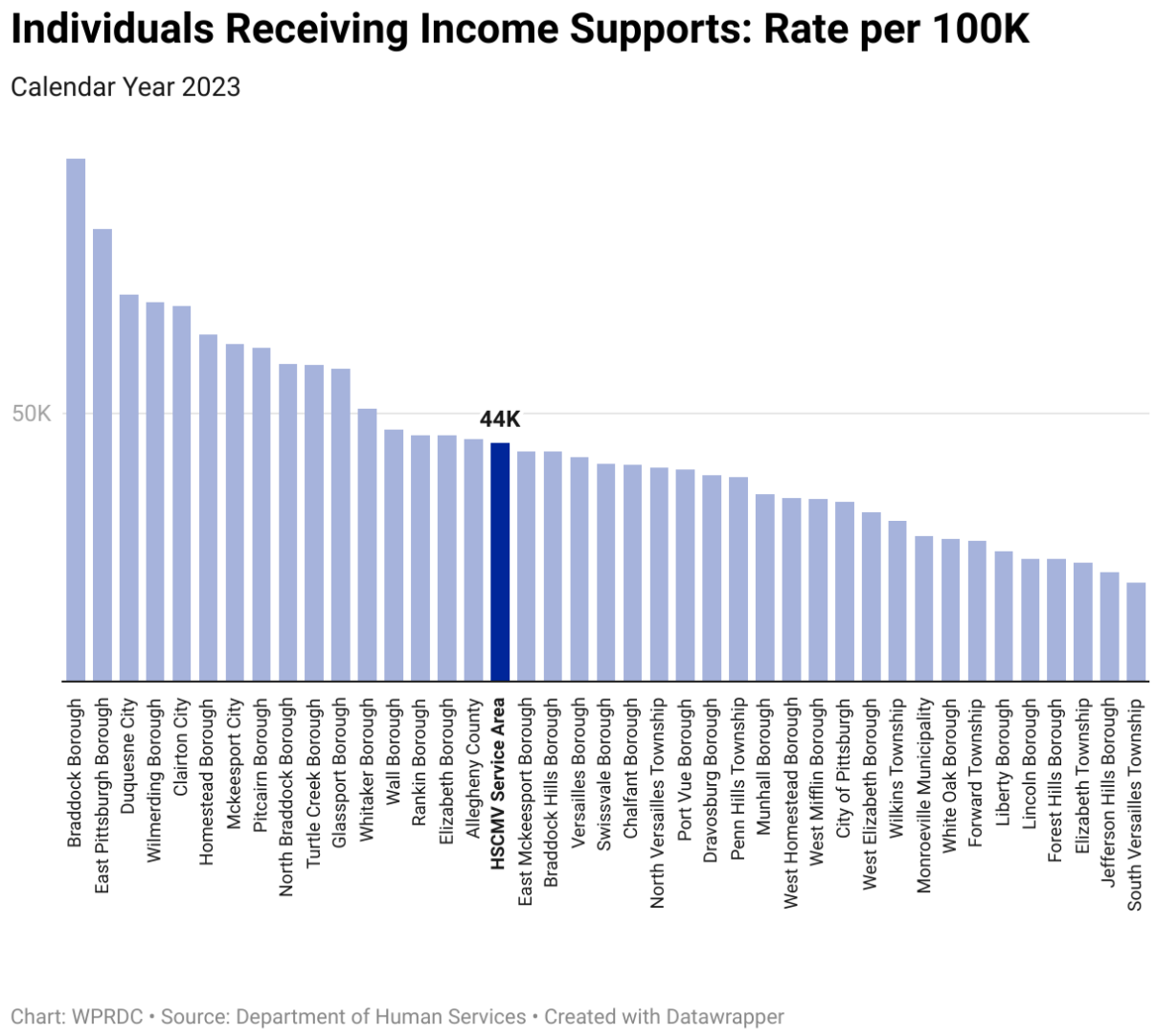


Figure 9: Income Supports

Education

In the HSCMV service region, 28 percent of the population age 25 and older has completed a Bachelor's degree or higher. This is lower than Allegheny County (44 percent) and City of Pittsburgh (47 percent). Of the HSCMV municipalities with populations over 5,000 people (see Figure 6), there is a range from 11 percent to 60 percent (see Figure 10).

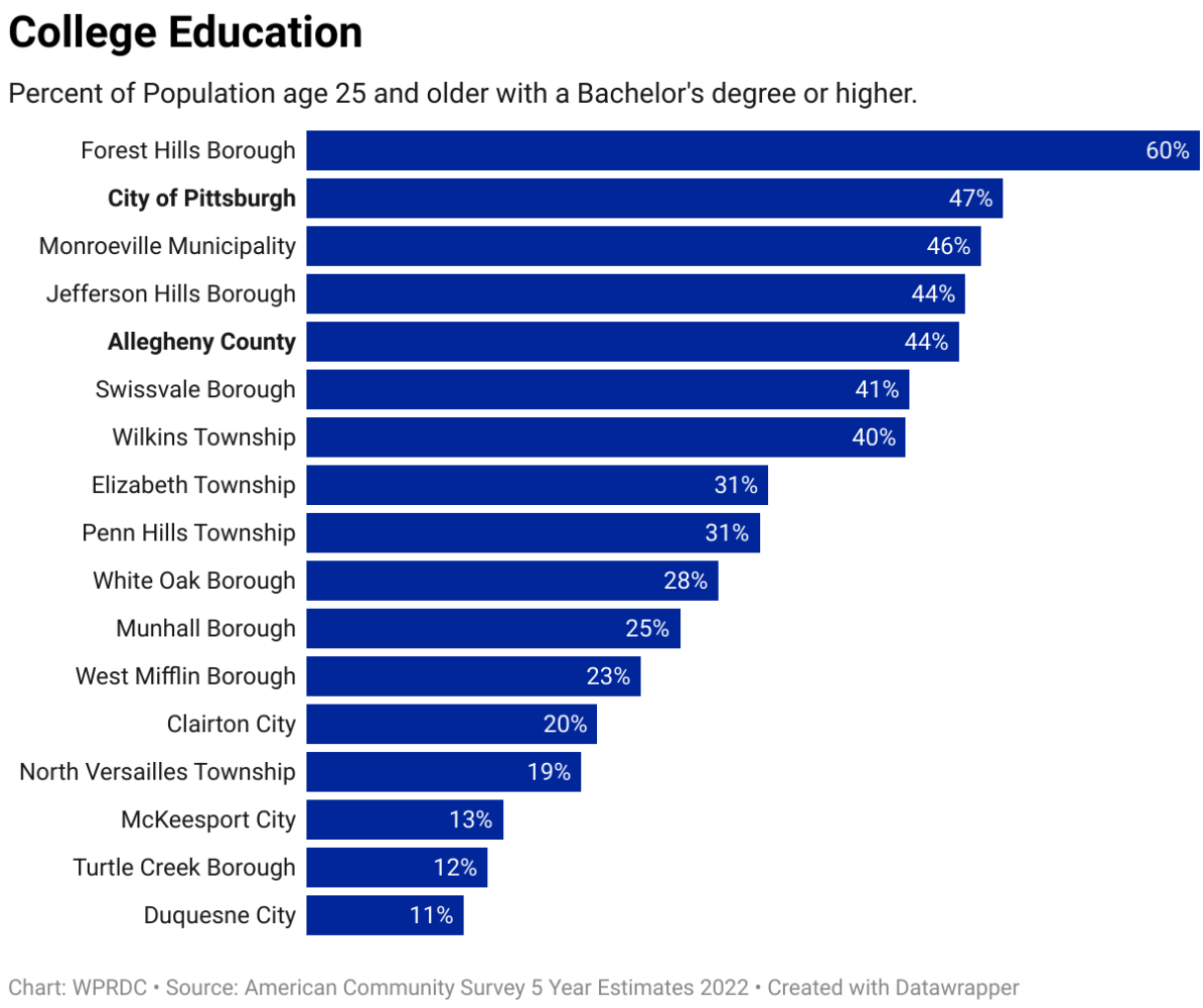


Figure 10: College Education - select HSCMV Municipalities

As with all the indicators for the HSCMV service region, graduation rates by high school are varied. The 2022-2023 graduation rates ranged from 97 percent (Thomas Jefferson HS) to 77 percent (Woodland Hills HS). The Pennsylvania statewide rate is about 88 percent and has increased from 87 percent since 2018-2019.

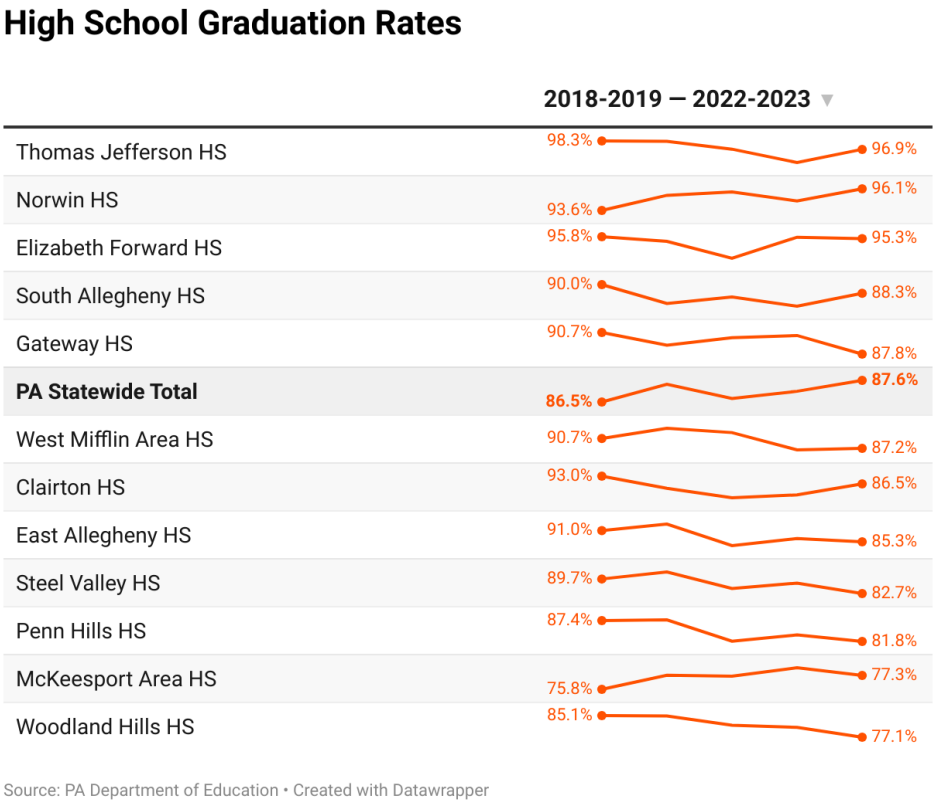


Figure 11: High School Graduation Rates

For the schools where HSCMV operates youth programming, the graduation rate has generally decreased since the 2018-2019 school year. McKeesport Area HS saw a slight increase to 77.3 percent but remains one of the lowest rates. See Figure 12.

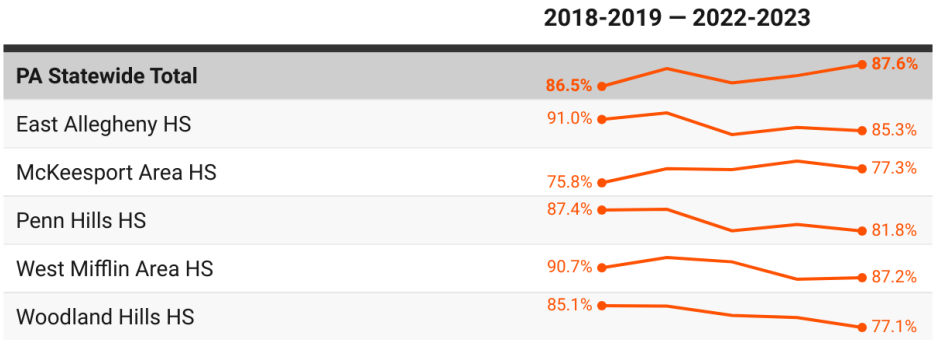


Figure 12: Select High School Graduation Rates