



45 Years of Inspiring  
Possibilities

# THE NEED NEXT DOOR

FUND FOR CENTRE COUNTY 1:1 MATCH  
TO SUPPORT SOCIAL SERVICES

THE NUMBERS FROM THE COUNTY WE SERVE—AND WHERE A DOUBLED GIFT GOES FURTHEST.

# 44%

of Centre County households  
cannot afford the basics.

*That is 25,490 of 57,295 households —  
and most of them are working.*

United For ALICE / Centre County United Way, 2024 data

## MENTAL HEALTH

**4X** the call volume the local crisis and  
suicide hotline used to handle

*When someone needs to be hospitalized, half the time there  
is no bed here. They are driven to another county.*

[Mount Nittany Health CHNA 2025 — Centre County](#)

## HEALTH COVERAGE

**1 in 10** children in Philipsburg has  
no health insurance. Three  
years ago it was 1 in 33.

*One free clinic serves the entire county. For a family with no  
insurance, it is usually the only door that opens.*

[CHNA Secondary Data 2025 — Centre County](#)

## FOOD

**+77%** more families needed the  
State College Food Bank in  
2024 than in 2021.

*In Snow Shoe and Centre Hall, the food pantry opens one day  
a month. In State College, three days a week.*

[State College Food Bank, 2024 — Centre County](#)

## HOUSING

**\$17,000** a year. That is  
how far short the  
typical renter here  
falls of affording an ordinary two-bedroom.

*They earn about \$40,000. The apartment takes \$57,000. The  
county's rental assistance list closed in June 2026.*

[NLIHC Out of Reach 2025 — PA table, Centre County row](#)

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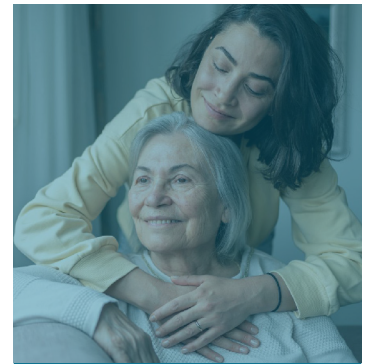
## MENTAL HEALTH



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## CHILDREN



## OLDER ADULTS

### CHILDREN WITHOUT HOMES

**218** children in Centre County had no home of their own during the 2023–24 school year.

*Most are not on the street. Their schools found them living in motels, or crowded in with another family.*

[PA Dept. of Education ECYEH 2023–24 — statewide file, Centre districts](#)

### CHILD CARE

**40%** of what a typical family earned went to child care for two children in 2022–23. One year earlier it was 23%.

*There is no shortage of day cares here. Families simply cannot afford them.*

[Child Care Aware via CHNA — Centre County](#)

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**1 in 3** people without a home in Centre County were escaping domestic violence — more than double the year before.

*Leaving takes a safe bed, a lawyer, and a new home. If any one of them is missing, she goes back.*

[Eastern PA Continuum of Care 2025 — county summaries](#)

### CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

**17,346** families — nearly 1 in 3 households here — work, earn above the poverty line, and still cannot cover the basics.

*Almost none qualify for help. Aid uses one national cutoff that ignores what things cost here.*

[United For ALICE 2024 — Centre County United Way](#)

### OLDER ADULTS

**1 in 4** residents aged 85 and older is living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia.

*The parts of the county with the most older residents have the fewest doctors and almost no bus service.*

[CHNA Secondary Data 2025 — Centre County](#)

### VETERANS

**5,869** veterans live in Centre County. No one has ever studied what they need here.

*There is a VA clinic in State College for routine visits. Anything serious means driving to Altoona.*

[U.S. Census ACS, Centre County; VA Altoona — 14-county region](#)