Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) provides human services to Allegheny County residents, including emergency help and support for long term needs.

Below is a breakdown of services provided by DHS by percent of total population. West Mifflin is compared with the JRF Communities. Aging and Mental Health Services were the most utilized for both.

People

Population: 20,271

- As of 2014, West Mifflin’s total population was estimated at 20,271. This is a decrease from 22,464 reported in 2000.1
- The racial/ethnic composition of West Mifflin is similar to the Jefferson Regional Foundation Communities (JRF) and Allegheny County as a whole.
- 19% of the total population is over age 65 — higher than both Allegheny County (17%) and the City of Pittsburgh (14%). West Mifflin residents between the ages of 18—64 makes up 61% of the population and under 18 accounts for 20% of the population.
- The median age for West Mifflin is 45.5. This is higher than both JRF Communities (43) and the city of Pittsburgh (33).

Public Transportation

6%  
JRF Communities: 8.5%

- 6% of population age 16 and over take public transportation to work.
- 9% of West Mifflin households do not have access to a vehicle.

Median Household Income

$48,354  
JRF Communities: $49,773

- 10% of West Mifflin families have income below the poverty level.
- 56% of those families are single mother families.

College Education

26%  
JRF Communities: 26%

- 26% of population 25 years old and over has completed a Bachelor’s Degree or higher.
- High school degree is the highest level completed for 41% of residents.

Labor Force

63%  
JRF Communities: 63%

- 63% of population age 16 and over is in the labor force.
- The labor force for West Mifflin is 49% female, 51% male.

Owner-Occupied Housing

77%  
JRF Communities: 70%

- Of the 8,688 occupied housing units in West Mifflin, 77% are owner occupied and 23% are renter occupied.
- 10% of total housing units are vacant.

Food Assistance

9%  
JRF Communities: 10%

- In 2014, 1,917 residents of West Mifflin (9% of the total population) received SNAP benefits.

Overdose

7  
JRF Communities: 62

- In 2015, 7 residents of the zip code 15122 fatally accidentally overdosed.
- This is an increase from 55 deaths in 2008.

Percent of Population Receiving DHS Services by Type (2014)

- Mental Health
- Aging
- Medical Assistance Transportation
- Drug and Alcohol
- Family Support Centers
- Homelessness and Housing Support
- Child Welfare
- Intellectual Disability

Number of DHS Services Received in West Mifflin (2014):

1,963

Percent of Total Population

Sources: Unless noted, source is American Community Survey (ACS) 5 year estimate (2014)  
Please Note: The ACS is an estimate with a Margin of Error (MOE) — please visit profiles.ucsur.pitt.edu for more information about specific indicators and their MOE  
1. United States Census Bureau (2000), Allegheny County Department of Human Service,  
2. Allegheny County Health Department

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