

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES and COLLABORATION Town Hall

Wednesday, **February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**2023**



# AGENDA

**6:00 Welcome**, Pres. Susan Looney

**6:05 Legislative Update**, Rep. Chrissy Houlahan

**6:20 Introduce Panelists**, Rep. Chrissy Houlahan

**6:22 Q&A**, moderated by Pres. Susan Looney

**6:57 Closing Remarks**, Rep. Chrissy Houlahan

**7:00 Conclude**



# MEETING NORMS



## We will:

1. Treat each other with respect and leave titles at the door
2. Use our time wisely by sticking to the agenda\*
3. Address any conflict by dealing with the issue, not the person
4. Ask clarifying questions when in doubt
5. We will discuss policy, not politics

\*Topics requiring further discussion will be documented for follow-up

# PREPARING FOR Q&A

Please write your questions on the comment card and pass them to a staff member.

If your question is not addressed during the town hall, we will respond to you via email or a phone call!

Please write clearly to ensure a response.

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE**  
**CHRISSY HOULAHAN**  
PROUDLY SERVING PENNSYLVANIANS

**STAY IN TOUCH WITH US**

**LET US KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT ISSUES MATTER MOST TO YOU?**

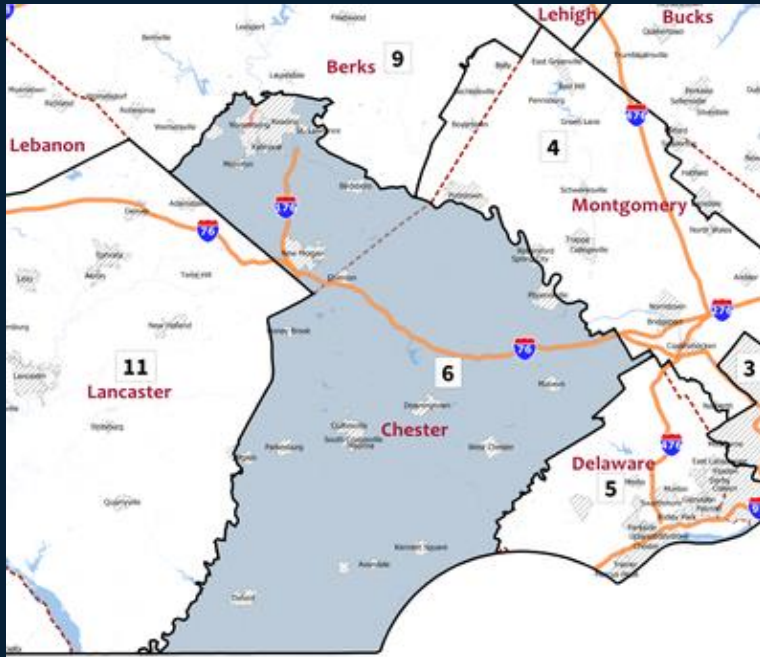
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# CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

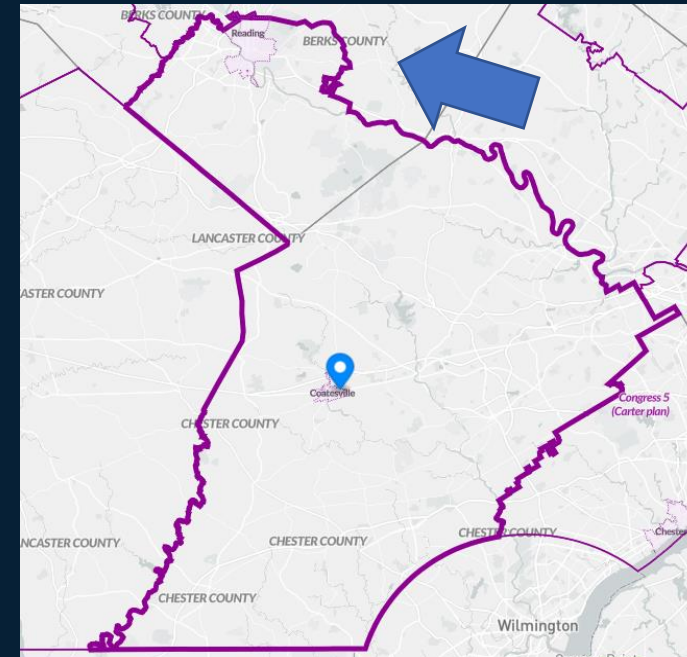




# WHO DO I REPRESENT?



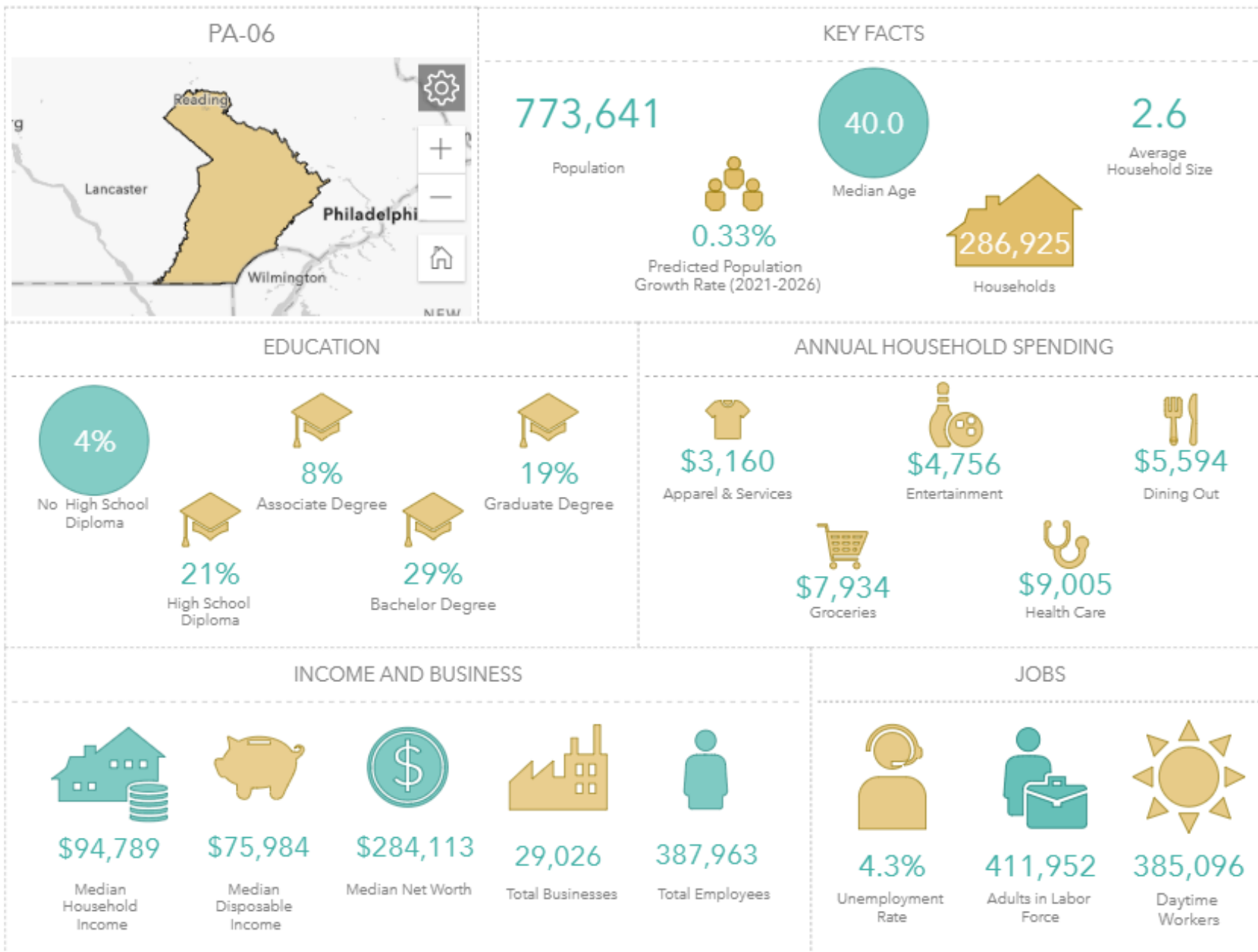
Old PA-06



New PA-06

Every 10 years, most recently in 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau counts the number of people in the United States. This data is used to redraw Congressional districts, to keep them all equal in population size.

# WHO WE ARE: THE NEW PA-06



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## HOUSING STATS



\$358,723

Median Home Value



\$16,596

Mortgage/Other Payments & Costs



\$7,276

Rent/Other Payments & Costs

## OWNER VS. RENTER



201,759

Owner Occupied Housing Units



85,165

Renter Occupied Housing Units



2%

Owner Occupied Households with No Vehicles\*



18%

Renters with No Vehicles\*

## AT RISK POPULATIONS



9%

Households Below the Poverty Level\*



23%

Households with Persons with a Disability\*



2%

Adults without Health Insurance Coverage\*



10%

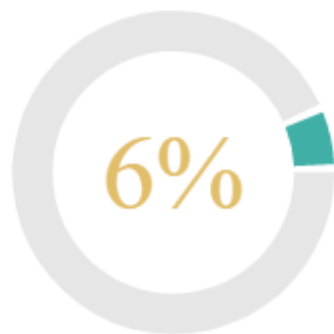
Households Receiving SNAP Benefits\*



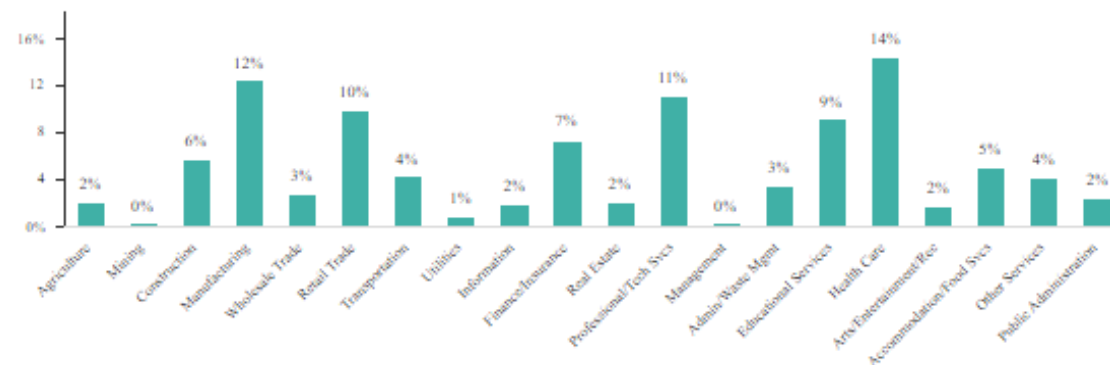
9%

Households with No Internet Access\*

Veteran Status and Military Service\*



## Labor Force by Industry



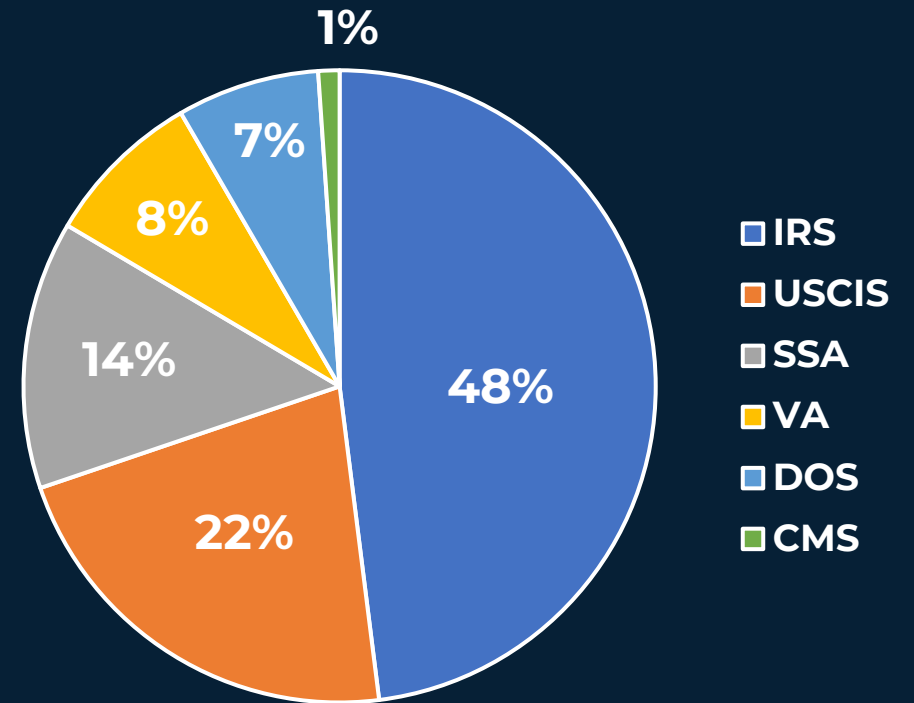
Esri 2022 Data

\*American Community Survey (ACS) 2020 Data



# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

- Cases closed: **5,945**
- Town halls held: **68**
- Communities visited: **100%**
- Student internships provided: **71**
- Military academy nominations made: **90**
- Constituent dollars returned/saved: **\$40.3M**



# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



*Including the two Democracy Awards I received this past year, I now have THREE total!*

***Rep. Houlahan Wins TWO Democracy Awards in One Term, First Time in Non-Partisan Congressional Management Foundation's 45-year History***

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**"Rep. Houlahan's office is one of the best in Congress."**

**--Brad Fitch, President and CEO of the Congressional Management Foundation**

# EDUCATION

- Passed my bipartisan bill on global learning loss to assess the impact of COVID on children
- Introduced my bipartisan bill to simplify student loan forgiveness for those in public service professions
- Introduced my bill to fortify teacher recruitment and training programs



*Reading to children at Tick Tock Early Learning Center in Avondale in January.*

# STEM & STEAM



- Founded the bipartisan Women in STEM Caucus
- Passed my bipartisan Mathematical and Statistical Modeling Education Act
- Passed my bipartisan STEM Diplomacy Act (now law)



# SUPPORTING FIRST RESPONDERS



- Advocated for President Biden's budget proposal to increase funding for first responders
- Introduced the Invest to Protect Act
- Joined the Phoenixville Police Department for a ride along

# GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

As a third-generation military veteran, I support the Second Amendment and responsible gun ownership. I also believe that further Congressional action to reduce gun violence is needed, and I will take meaningful federal action to prevent future tragedies.

- The **Bipartisan Safer Communities Act** was signed into law
  - Enhanced background checks for people under 21
  - Closes the boyfriend loophole
  - Penalties for straw purchases
  - Increased resources for mental health services
  - Support for schools





# FIGHTING FOR FAMILIES



Fixing the baby formula shortage

- Urged the President to invoke the Defense Production Act to increase production (he did!)
- Supported ByHeart in Reading

Fighting for women's health

- Voted to make abortion legal nationwide

Defending LGBTQ rights

- Voted for marriage equality

# PAID FAMILY LEAVE

## First meeting of the Bipartisan Working Group on Paid Family Leave

A bipartisan group of House members, led by **Reps. Stephanie I. Bice** (R-Okla.) and **Chrissy Houlahan** (D-Pa.), are hoping to defy the odds and move the country closer to a national paid leave program.



## State of the Union guest, Jessica Goldenberg, shared her family's personal paid leave story





# Chester County Pennsylvania Township Maps

The map displays the following townships and their associated school counts (indicated by red stars):

- North Coventry: 1
- East Coventry: 3
- South Coventry: 1
- East Vincent: 8
- West Vincent: 1
- East Pike: 3
- West Pike: 1
- Charlestown: 1
- East Whiteland: 4
- West Whiteland: 3
- East Goshen: 1
- Willistown: 1
- Easttown: 1
- West Bradford: 8
- West Goshen: 20
- West Chester: 6
- West Fallowfield: 2
- Highland: 2
- West Fallowfield: 2
- West Nottingham: 4
- East Nottingham: 1
- Lower Oxford: 4
- Upper Oxford: 1
- London Grove: 3
- Franklin: 2
- London Britain: 1
- East Marlborough: 8
- New Garden: 2
- West Marlborough: 1
- West Brandywine: 1
- East Brandywine: 2
- Valley Forge: 10
- West Cain: 1
- West Nantmeal: 1
- Wallace: 1
- Upper Uwchlan: 1
- West Pike: 1
- West Whiteland: 1
- West Goshen: 1
- West Chester: 1
- Westtown: 1
- Thornbury: 1
- Birmingham: 1
- Pocopson: 1
- Newlin: 1
- East Marlborough: 1
- West Square: 1
- Kennett: 1

Neighboring areas are labeled: Berks County, Montgomery County, Lancaster County, Delaware County, MARYLAND, and DELAWARE.



# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN IN BERKS COUNTY



# COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDS 2022

- \$2,000,000 for Alvernia University (pictured)
- \$750,000 for Kennett Library
- \$605,000 for LCH Health and Community Services
- \$216,656 for Borough of West Grove
- \$29,385 for Keystone Valley Fire Department
- \$635,713 Centro Hispano Daniel Torres Inc
- \$100,000 for The Garage Community & Youth Center
- \$1,056,000 for Phoenixville Area Community Services
- \$1,907,500 for Berks Latino Workforce Development Corp
- \$200,000 for United Way of Chester County
- \$750,000 for Reading Housing Authority
- \$113,520 for LGBT Center of Greater Reading
- \$1,000,000 for City of Coatesville
- \$715,770 for West Chester University



# Q&A

*Moderated by President Susan Looney,  
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