Providing Food Assistance

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton operates Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre and several food pantries across northeastern Pennsylvania. Our food assistance programs helped tens of thousands of individuals, households and seniors during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Catholic Social Services serves all people facing hardship, regardless of religious denomination, race, gender or immigration status.

67,661
Clients served by
Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen
in Wilkes-Barre

9,590
Households assisted by
Catholic Social Services Food Pantry
in Carbondale

12,820
Individuals assisted by
St. Joseph Food Pantry in Hazleton

2,992
Individuals assisted by
Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
in Wilkes-Barre
Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton provides a wide range of assistance for people who need shelter and housing, both permanent and transitional, as well as to low income adults who need an affordable place to live.

Emergency Shelter
Individual nights of shelter provided in 2022 by Catholic Social Services

- 6,410
  Saint Anthony’s Haven in Scranton
- 5,838
  Mother Teresa’s Haven in Wilkes-Barre
- 3,924
  Divine Providence in Hazleton

Permanent Supportive Housing
Catholic Social Services provides apartments for chronically homeless individuals with disabilities in several local counties. The following were helped in 2022.

PIKE COUNTY
6 individuals assisted (Veterans)

SUSQUEHANNA & WAYNE COUNTIES
9 individuals assisted

MONROE COUNTY
8 individuals assisted

LACKAWANNA COUNTY
9 individuals in Scranton
7 individuals in Carbondale

LUZERNE COUNTY
St. Hedwigs - 12 Veterans
Gabriel House - 26 Adults, 7 Children
Relief Assistance Program
In addition to food and shelter, Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton meets the needs of its community in several other ways, including through providing clothing and baby items as well as gifts for kids at Christmas. Staff also assist individuals with crises and with money management programs as needed.

4,200 Individuals assisted in Carbondale

3,570 Individuals assisted in Hazleton

Children & Youth Programs
Since its founding, Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton has been dedicated to the welfare of children. We address the needs of children, parents and families by offering education and support programs to families, individuals and children through an ongoing partnership with Luzerne County.

630 Families served in Luzerne County

Maternity Housing

Shepherd Maternity House
Shepherd Maternity House in East Stroudsburg provides shelter, care, counseling and education to pregnant women, ages 18 and older, as an alternative to abortion.

13 Adult Women Served
8 Infants Served