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In 2022, there were over 1,200 eviction civil cases filed in Berkeley County. In the first two and half months in 2023, there have been over 500 cases filed.

A 2-bedroom apartment next door at Priority Place Apartments rents for \$1,500 to \$1,600 per month.

Over 2,000 families in the Eastern Panhandle, representing over 5,000 individuals, found their way to the Regional Resource Connection in 2022 to seek financial assistance for crisis situations that either exceeded the limits of federal and state assistance or were ineligible for it.

Over \$1.4 million in financial assistance was requested through the Regional Resource Connection in 2022.

Over \$832,000 in financial assistance has been requested through the Regional Resource Connection in the first three months of 2023 with over \$440,000 of that being for rental needs.

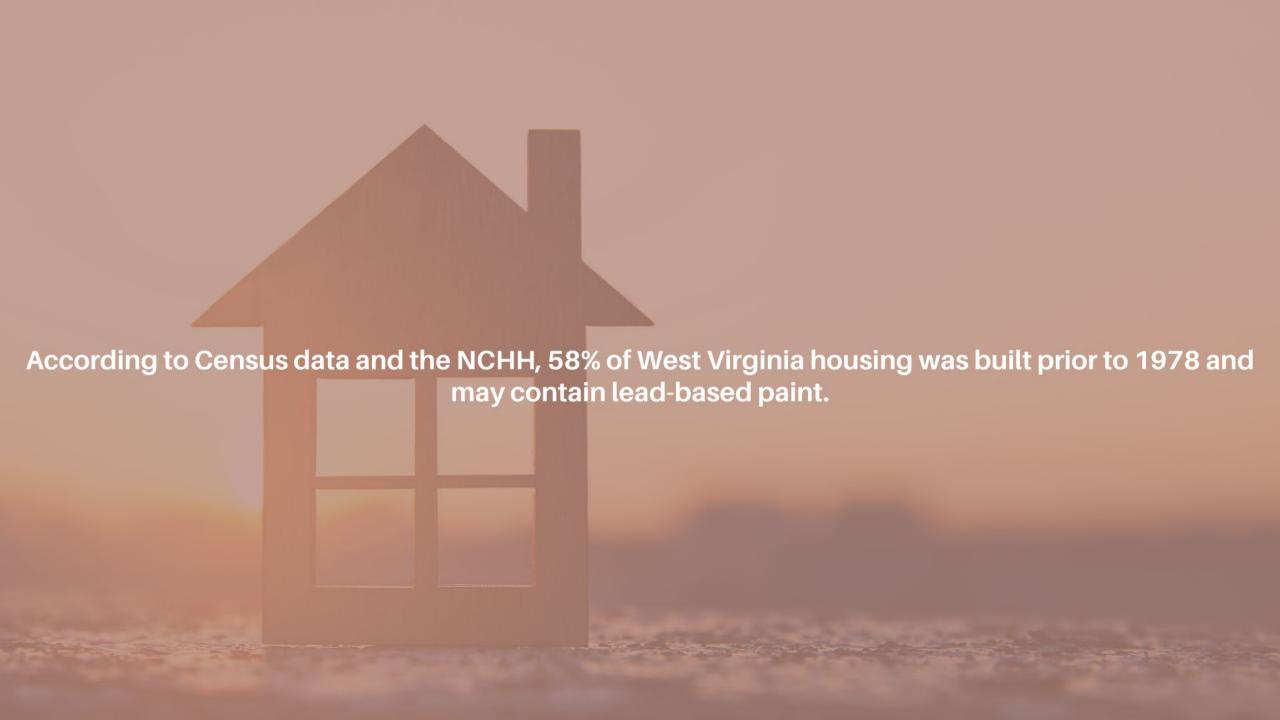
Our WV211 Community Resource Specialist assisted with providing resource information to 281 callers from the Eastern Panhandle in the month of March.



When COVID-19 hit, 45% of all households in West Virginia, and 34% in the Eastern Panhandle counties combined, were already struggling to make ends meet. This included households below the Federal Poverty Level and households that are ALICE - Asset-Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.

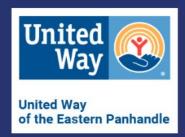












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