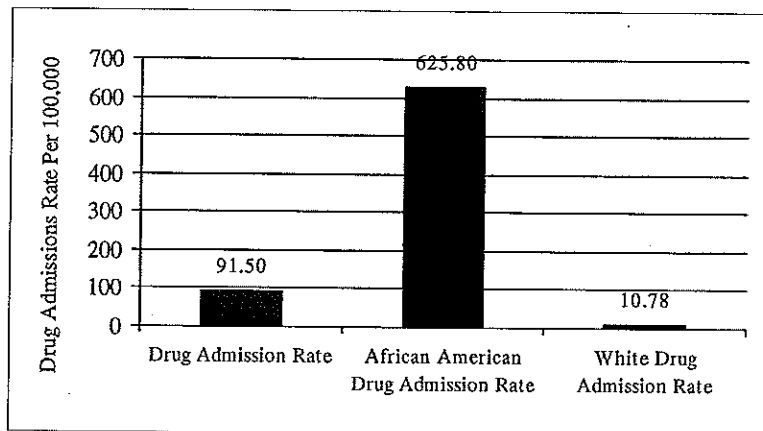


**ALBANY COUNTY  
NEW YORK**

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**African Americans in Albany County are admitted to prison for drug offenses at 58 times the rate of whites.**



This figure represents 2002 data from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Corrections Reporting Program, 2006

Of the 198 counties with population greater than 250,000 examined in this report and ranked by most drug admissions per 100,000, this county ranks: **47th**

According to findings from the report, social and financial characteristics have a significant relationship to drug admission rates in the county. Poverty, the percentage of African Americans in the community, the percentage of the budget spent on law enforcement and the judiciary, and the per capita spending on law enforcement and the judiciary have a significant relationship with county drug admissions. Though unemployment did not have a significant relationship in the study, it remains a social characteristic that should be explored further. The report calls for a balanced approach to address public safety concerns and for less reliance on simple enforcement of drug laws as a way of promoting public safety.

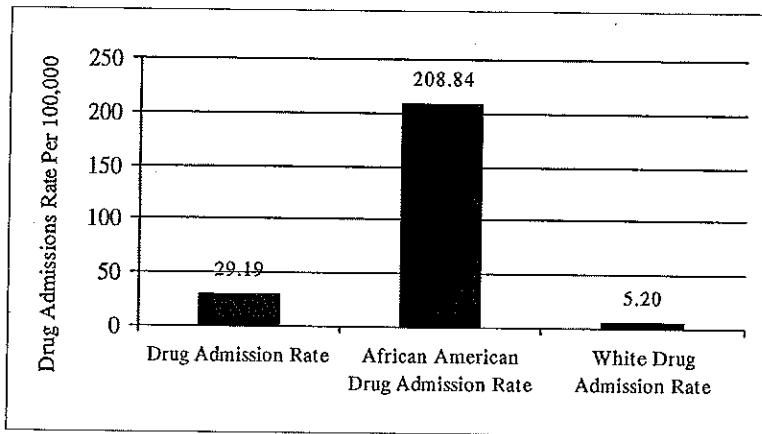
County Characteristic	County Statistic
Poverty Rate	9.20
Percentage of the Population that is African American	12.4
Unemployment Rate	3.9
Per Capita Spending on Law Enforcement	\$210.47
Per Capita Spending on the Judiciary	\$37.32

Data for this table come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002.

**DUTCHESS COUNTY  
NEW YORK**

Although counties have similar drug use rates nationwide, the rates at which people are sent to prison for drug offenses vary widely across counties. Similarly, African Americans and whites use and sell drugs at comparable rates, but according to a new study by the Justice Policy Institute, "The Vortex: The Concentrated Racial Impact of Drug Imprisonment and the Characteristics of Punitive Counties," African Americans are admitted to prison for drug offenses at higher rates than whites in 193 of the 198 counties. The report finds that counties are not monolithic in their social characteristics and spending practices. The report's findings may inform local social policy decisions.

**African Americans in Dutchess County are admitted to prison for drug offenses at 40 times the rate of whites.**



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Of the 198 counties with population greater than 250,000 examined in this report and ranked by most drug admissions per 100,000, this county ranks: **127th**

According to findings from the report, social and financial characteristics have a significant relationship to drug admission rates in the county. Poverty, the percentage of African Americans in the community, the percentage of the budget spent on law enforcement and the judiciary, and the per capita spending on law enforcement and the judiciary have a significant relationship with county drug admissions. Though unemployment did not have a significant relationship in the study, it remains a social characteristic that should be explored further. The report calls for a balanced approach to address public safety concerns and for less reliance on simple enforcement of drug laws as a way of promoting public safety.

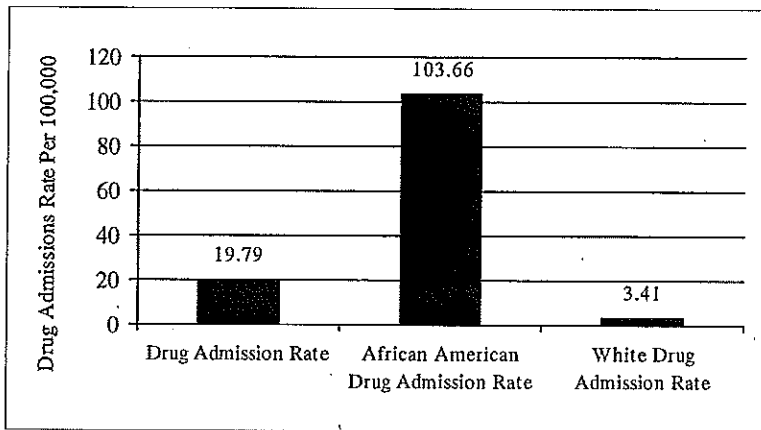
County Characteristic	County Statistic
Poverty Rate	7.00
Percentage of the Population that is African American	10.5
Unemployment Rate	4.2
Per Capita Spending on Law Enforcement	\$126.68
Per Capita Spending on the Judiciary	\$37.72

Data for this table come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002.

**ERIE COUNTY  
NEW YORK**

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**African Americans in Erie County are admitted to prison for drug offenses at 30 times the rate of whites.**



This figure represents 2002 data from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Corrections Reporting Program, 2006

Of the 198 counties with population greater than 250,000 examined in this report and ranked by most drug admissions per 100,000, this county ranks: **163rd**

According to findings from the report, social and financial characteristics have a significant relationship to drug admission rates in the county. Poverty, the percentage of African Americans in the community, the percentage of the budget spent on law enforcement and the judiciary, and the per capita spending on law enforcement and the judiciary have a significant relationship with county drug admissions. Though unemployment did not have a significant relationship in the study, it remains a social characteristic that should be explored further. The report calls for a balanced approach to address public safety concerns and for less reliance on simple enforcement of drug laws as a way of promoting public safety.

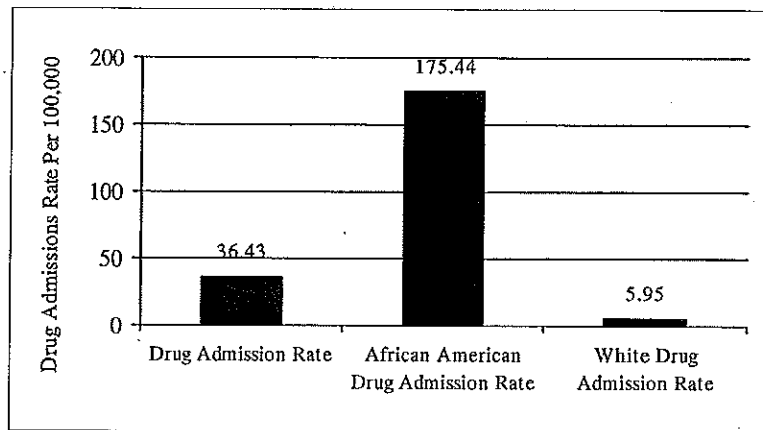
County Characteristic	County Statistic
Poverty Rate	11.70
Percentage of the Population that is African American	13.9
Unemployment Rate	5.5
Per Capita Spending on Law Enforcement	\$183.08
Per Capita Spending on the Judiciary	\$32.48

Data for this table come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002.

## MONROE COUNTY NEW YORK

Although counties have similar drug use rates nationwide, the rates at which people are sent to prison for drug offenses vary widely across counties. Similarly, African Americans and whites use and sell drugs at comparable rates, but according to a new study by the Justice Policy Institute, "The Vortex: The Concentrated Racial Impact of Drug Imprisonment and the Characteristics of Punitive Counties," African Americans are admitted to prison for drug offenses at higher rates than whites in 193 of the 198 counties. The report finds that counties are not monolithic in their social characteristics and spending practices. The report's findings may inform local social policy decisions.

**African Americans in Monroe County are admitted to prison for drug offenses at 29 times the rate of whites.**



This figure represents 2002 data from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Corrections Reporting Program, 2006

Of the 198 counties with population greater than 250,000 examined in this report and ranked by most drug admissions per 100,000, this county ranks: **116th**

According to findings from the report, social and financial characteristics have a significant relationship to drug admission rates in the county. Poverty, the percentage of African Americans in the community, the percentage of the budget spent on law enforcement and the judiciary, and the per capita spending on law enforcement and the judiciary have a significant relationship with county drug admissions. Though unemployment did not have a significant relationship in the study, it remains a social characteristic that should be explored further. The report calls for a balanced approach to address public safety concerns and for less reliance on simple enforcement of drug laws as a way of promoting public safety.

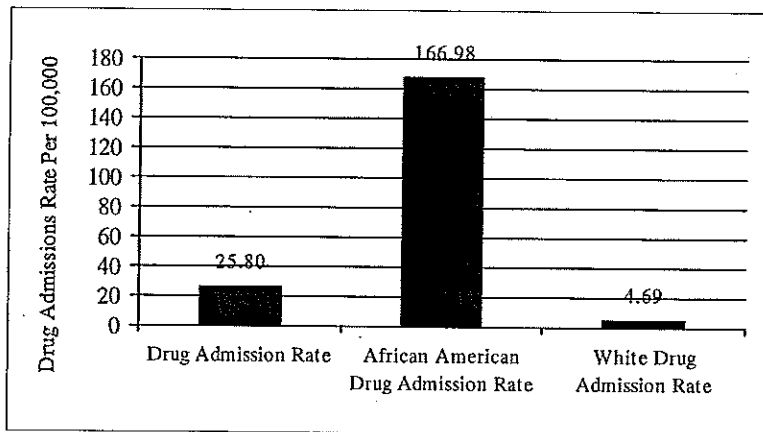
County Characteristic	County Statistic
Poverty Rate	11.30
Percentage of the Population that is African American	15.2
Unemployment Rate	5.4
Per Capita Spending on Law Enforcement	\$178.97
Per Capita Spending on the Judiciary	\$57.91

Data for this table come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002.

**NASSAU COUNTY  
NEW YORK**

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**African Americans in Nassau County are admitted to prison for drug offenses at 36 times the rate of whites.**



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Of the 198 counties with population greater than 250,000 examined in this report and ranked by most drug admissions per 100,000, this county ranks: **142nd**

According to findings from the report, social and financial characteristics have a significant relationship to drug admission rates in the county. Poverty, the percentage of African Americans in the community, the percentage of the budget spent on law enforcement and the judiciary, and the per capita spending on law enforcement and the judiciary have a significant relationship with county drug admissions. Though unemployment did not have a significant relationship in the study, it remains a social characteristic that should be explored further. The report calls for a balanced approach to address public safety concerns and for less reliance on simple enforcement of drug laws as a way of promoting public safety.

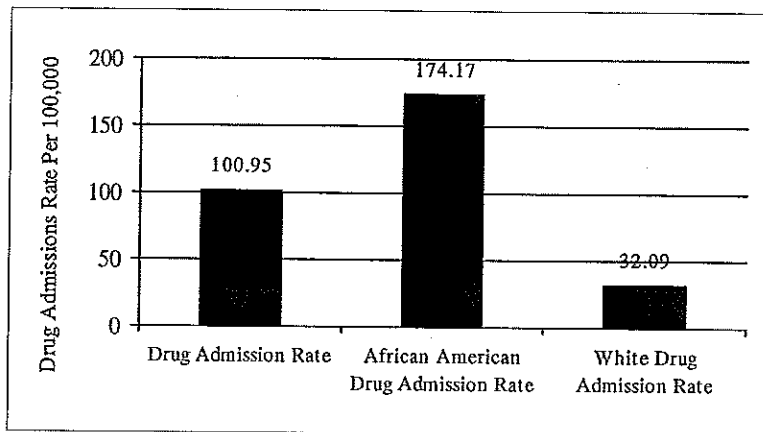
County Characteristic	County Statistic
Poverty Rate	5.30
Percentage of the Population that is African American	11.5
Unemployment Rate	4.7
Per Capita Spending on Law Enforcement	\$493.95
Per Capita Spending on the Judiciary	\$63.70

Data for this table come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002.

**NEW YORK CITY  
NEW YORK**

Although counties have similar drug use rates nationwide, the rates at which people are sent to prison for drug offenses vary widely across counties. Similarly, African Americans and whites use and sell drugs at comparable rates, but according to a new study by the Justice Policy Institute, "The Vortex: The Concentrated Racial Impact of Drug Imprisonment and the Characteristics of Punitive Counties," African Americans are admitted to prison for drug offenses at higher rates than whites in 193 of the 198 counties. The report finds that counties are not monolithic in their social characteristics and spending practices. The report's findings may inform local social policy decisions.

**African Americans in New York City are admitted to prison for drug offenses at five times the rate of whites.**



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Of the 198 counties with population greater than 250,000 examined in this report and ranked by most drug admissions per 100,000, this county ranks: **39th**

According to findings from the report, social and financial characteristics have a significant relationship to drug admission rates in the county. Poverty, the percentage of African Americans in the community, the percentage of the budget spent on law enforcement and the judiciary, and the per capita spending on law enforcement and the judiciary have a significant relationship with county drug admissions. Though unemployment did not have a significant relationship in the study, it remains a social characteristic that should be explored further. The report calls for a balanced approach to address public safety concerns and for less reliance on simple enforcement of drug laws as a way of promoting public safety.

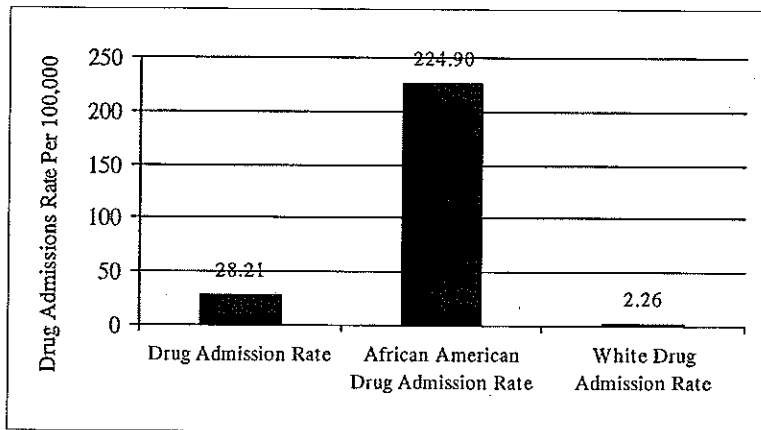
County Characteristic	County Statistic
Poverty Rate	19.47
Percentage of the Population that is African American	31.0
Unemployment Rate	8.1
Per Capita Spending on Law Enforcement	\$465.59
Per Capita Spending on the Judiciary	\$58.42

Data for this table come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002.

**ONONDAGA COUNTY  
NEW YORK**

Although counties have similar drug use rates nationwide, the rates at which people are sent to prison for drug offenses vary widely across counties. Similarly, African Americans and whites use and sell drugs at comparable rates, but according to a new study by the Justice Policy Institute, "The Vortex: The Concentrated Racial Impact of Drug Imprisonment and the Characteristics of Punitive Counties," African Americans are admitted to prison for drug offenses at higher rates than whites in 193 of the 198 counties. The report finds that counties are not monolithic in their social characteristics and spending practices. The report's findings may inform local social policy decisions.

**African Americans in Onondaga County are admitted to prison for drug offenses at 99 times the rate of whites.**



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Of the 198 counties with population greater than 250,000 examined in this report and ranked by most drug admissions per 100,000, this county ranks: **133rd**

According to findings from the report, social and financial characteristics have a significant relationship to drug admission rates in the county. Poverty, the percentage of African Americans in the community, the percentage of the budget spent on law enforcement and the judiciary, and the per capita spending on law enforcement and the judiciary have a significant relationship with county drug admissions. Though unemployment did not have a significant relationship in the study, it remains a social characteristic that should be explored further. The report calls for a balanced approach to address public safety concerns and for less reliance on simple enforcement of drug laws as a way of promoting public safety.

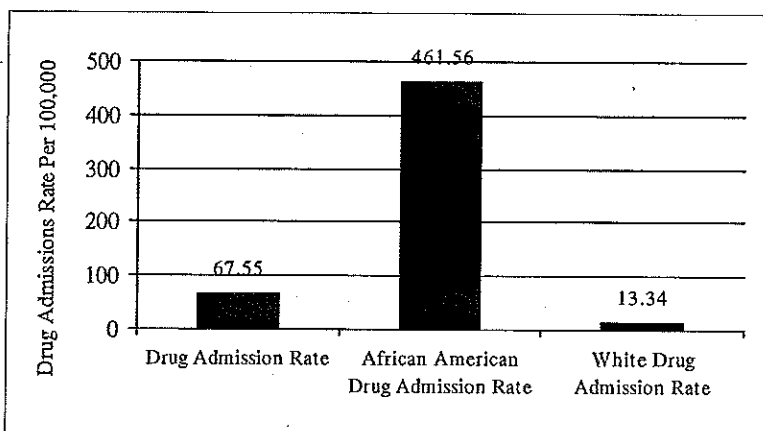
County Characteristic	County Statistic
Poverty Rate	11.00
Percentage of the Population that is African American	10.7
Unemployment Rate	4.9
Per Capita Spending on Law Enforcement	\$163.22
Per Capita Spending on the Judiciary	\$41.79

Data for this table come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002.

**ORANGE COUNTY  
NEW YORK**

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**African Americans in Orange County are admitted to prison for drug offenses at 35 times the rate of whites.**



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Of the 198 counties with population greater than 250,000 examined in this report and ranked by most drug admissions per 100,000, this county ranks: **70th**

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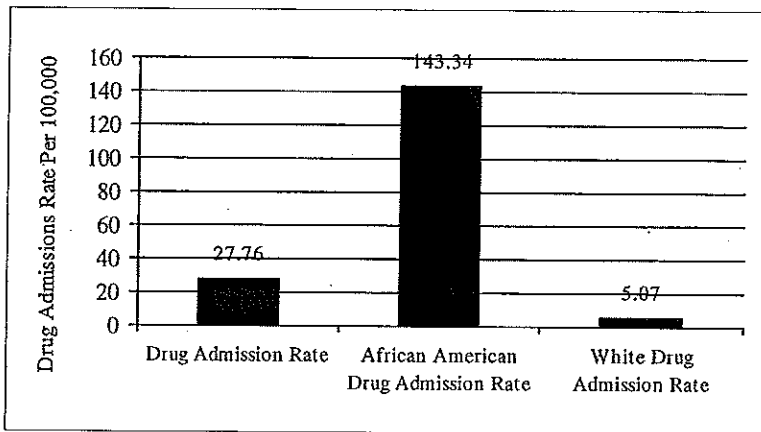
County Characteristic	County Statistic
Poverty Rate	9.70
Percentage of the Population that is African American	10.1
Unemployment Rate	4.3
Per Capita Spending on Law Enforcement	\$158.72
Per Capita Spending on the Judiciary	\$46.96

Data for this table come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002.

**ROCKLAND COUNTY  
NEW YORK**

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**African Americans in Rockland County are admitted to prison for drug offenses at 28 times the rate of whites.**



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Of the 198 counties with population greater than 250,000 examined in this report and ranked by most drug admissions per 100,000, this county ranks: **137th**

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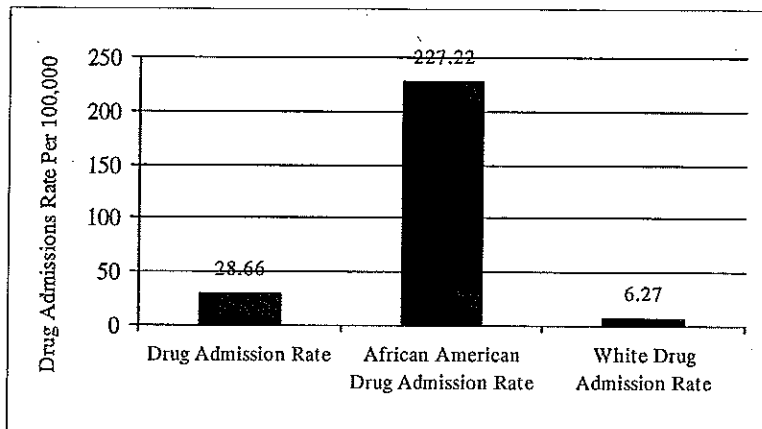
County Characteristic	County Statistic
Poverty Rate	9.20
Percentage of the Population that is African American	12.7
Unemployment Rate	4.4
Per Capita Spending on Law Enforcement	\$246.73
Per Capita Spending on the Judiciary	\$58.60

Data for this table come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY  
NEW YORK**

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**African Americans in Suffolk County are admitted to prison for drug offenses at 36 times the rate of whites.**



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Of the 198 counties with population greater than 250,000 examined in this report and ranked by most drug admissions per 100,000, this county ranks: **129th**

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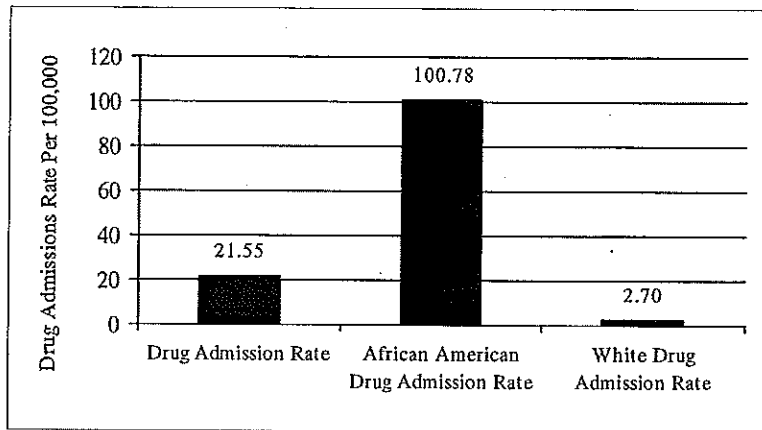
County Characteristic	County Statistic
Poverty Rate	6.60
Percentage of the Population that is African American	8.3
Unemployment Rate	4.7
Per Capita Spending on Law Enforcement	\$298.44
Per Capita Spending on the Judiciary	\$49.59

Data for this table come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002.

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY  
NEW YORK**

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**African Americans in Westchester County are admitted to prison for drug offenses at 37 times the rate of whites.**



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Of the 198 counties with population greater than 250,000 examined in this report and ranked by most drug admissions per 100,000, this county ranks: **157th**

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County Characteristic	County Statistic
Poverty Rate	7.80
Percentage of the Population that is African American	15.9
Unemployment Rate	4.6
Per Capita Spending on Law Enforcement	\$289.08
Per Capita Spending on the Judiciary	\$79.59

Data for this table come from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2002.