

# **COMMUNITY PROFILE**

## **TARGET AREA-*WEST WARD*** **TARGET COMMUNITY-*CITY OF EASTON***

### **DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

The West Ward is described in the 2000 Census as Tract 142 and Tract 143 in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. It is approximately 1.27 square miles. A map of the Target Area is below.



## Population Size

According to the 2000 census figures there are 10,038 people living in the West Ward. There are 26,263 people living in the City of Easton therefore, 38.2% of the city's population lives in the West Ward. At the time of publication of this Community Profile it is not possible to determine if there has been any change in the total number of target area residents. In order to report this change, we would need new Census information. This will be completed when the 2010 Census data is received. The same bares true for the Target community. NOTE: There has been an influx of Section 8 residents due to the Hope VI Project. Hope VI required relocating residents from the Southside of the Easton into the target area temporarily until new housing structures are complete on the Southside.

## Target area and Target community Demographic Data

(Extracted from Year 2000 Census – Most current data available)

### WEST WARD (Target Area)

	Census Tract 142, Northampton County, Pennsylvania	Census Tract 143, Northampton County, Pennsylvania
Total:	5,714	4,324
Male:	2,695	2,378
Under 5 years	194	143
5 to 9 years	239	170
10 to 14 years	207	170
15 to 17 years	119	84
18 and 19 years	68	92
20 years	42	55
21 years	29	58
22 to 24 years	108	183
25 to 29 years	239	258
30 to 34 years	241	242
35 to 39 years	276	223
40 to 44 years	198	184
45 to 49 years	181	137
50 to 54 years	116	104
55 to 59 years	101	65
60 and 61 years	36	27
62 to 64 years	42	46
65 and 66 years	32	12
67 to 69 years	42	25
70 to 74 years	60	42
75 to 79 years	60	28
80 to 84 years	35	19
85 years and over	30	11
Female:	3,019	1,946
Under 5 years	210	133
5 to 9 years	235	151
10 to 14 years	225	140
15 to 17 years	122	90
18 and 19 years	81	80
20 years	39	33
21 years	42	26
22 to 24 years	118	85
25 to 29 years	242	167
30 to 34 years	247	159
35 to 39 years	212	160
40 to 44 years	241	139
45 to 49 years	215	114
50 to 54 years	135	105
55 to 59 years	120	82
60 and 61 years	38	22
62 to 64 years	63	23
65 and 66 years	35	18
67 to 69 years	46	30

70 to 74 years	108	68
75 to 79 years	78	49
80 to 84 years	80	45
85 years and over	87	27
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>1,610</b>
<b>Total Unoccupied Households</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>221</b>
<b>Total Occupied Households</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>1,389</b>
1-person household	621	415
2-person household	664	363
3-person household	371	234
4-person household	282	168
5-person household	169	134
6-person household	61	41
7-or-more person household	31	34

### CITY OF EASTON (Target Community)

Subject	Number	Percent
<b>Total population</b>	<b>26,263</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>		
Male	12,933	49.2
Female	13,330	50.8
Under 5 years	1,708	6.5
5 to 9 years	1,652	6.3
10 to 14 years	1,777	6.8
15 to 19 years	2,443	9.3
20 to 24 years	2,870	10.9
25 to 34 years	3,916	14.9
35 to 44 years	3,941	15.0
45 to 54 years	2,995	11.4
55 to 59 years	1,009	3.8
60 to 64 years	861	3.3
65 to 74 years	1,497	5.7
75 to 84 years	1,084	4.1
85 years and over	510	1.9
Median age (years)	31.9	(X)
18 years and over	20,174	76.8
Male	9,885	37.6
Female	10,289	39.2
21 years and over	17,920	68.2
62 years and over	3,547	13.5
65 years and over	3,091	11.8
Male	1,156	4.4
Female	1,935	7.4
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
<b>Population</b>	<b>26,263</b>	<b>100.0</b>
In households	23,484	89.4
Householder	9,545	36.3
Spouse	3,640	13.9
Child	7,008	26.7
Own child under 18 years	5,382	20.5
Other relatives	1,532	5.8
Under 18 years	523	2.0
Non-relatives	1,759	6.7
Unmarried partner	834	3.2
In group quarters	2,779	10.6
Institutionalized population	901	3.4
Non-institutionalized population	1,878	7.2
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>		
<b>Households</b>	<b>9,545</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Family households (families)	5,745	60.2
With own children under 18 years	2,910	30.5

Married-couple family	3,619	37.9
With own children under 18 years	1,719	18.0
Female householder, no husband present	1,504	15.8
With own children under 18 years	892	9.3
Non-family households	3,800	39.8
Householder living alone	3,026	31.7
Householder 65 years and over	959	10.0
Households with individuals under 18 years	3,252	34.1
Households with individuals 65 years and over	2,785	29.2
Average household size	2.46	(X)
Average family size	3.12	(X)
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>9,544</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Owner-occupied housing units	4,619	48.4
Renter-occupied housing units	4,925	51.6
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.75	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.19	(X)

### Minority Population

	Census Tract 142, Northampton County, Pennsylvania	Census Tract 143, Northampton County, Pennsylvania	Total West Ward Neighborhood	City of Easton
Total:	5,714	4,324	10,038	26,263
White	4,546	3,147	7,693	20,612
Black or African American	577	729	1,306	3,338
American Indian and Alaska Native	9	15	24	63
Asian/Pacific Islander	118	72	190	463
Other	464	361	825	1,787
Total Minority Population	1,166	1,177	2,345	5,653

### Population Density

The population density of the Target area is 7,904/approximately 1.27 sq. miles compared to the population density of the Target community at 6,108/approximately 4.3 sq. miles. State average population density is 266.64/approximately 46,058 sq. miles making our Target community of the West Ward and the City of Easton considerably more dense as compared to the overall state average.

Is the density of the target area population related to crime in the target area? *No, in 1999 UCR Part I crimes were 40.7% and in 2008 they were 40.9% for the Target area. In the Target community the same crimes totaled 59.3% in 1999 and 59.1% in 2008. The population density of the Target area is only slightly elevated above the Target community.*

If yes, describe what your target area is doing to address the relationship between population density and crime in the target area. *N/A*

Describe what else the target community is doing to address this problem in the target area. *Though population density does not contribute to the crime statistics, the city has a de-conversion initiative and are working with the landlords on code enforcement and maintaining their property.*

## Age of Residents

What is the age distribution of the target area?

Compare the age distribution of target area to the target community.

Age Group	West Ward	City of Easton	West Ward % of City of Easton
Under 5	680	1,708	39.8
5-9	795	1,652	48.1
10-14	742	1,777	41.7
15-19	696	2,443	28.4
20-34	2,613	6,786	38.5
35-54	2,740	6,936	39.5
55 and older	1,772	4,961	35.7
TOTAL	10,038	26,263	38.2

Has there been a change in the age distribution of target area residents? *We are not able to determine if there has been a change in the age distribution of target area residents. As stated previously, we are using Census statistics from 2000 and have no valid data to compare. Since there is no comparison data, we are analyzing the percentage of Target area residents as compared to the Target community so that we develop programs for populations in need. The target community has a higher concentration of children ages 5-9 and 10-14 Weed & Seed is addressing these ages through programming in the Target area.*

Describe what the target area is doing to address this issue.-*Programming during the 09-10 grant cycle.*

Describe what the target community is doing to address this problem in the target area.-*N/A*

How has the age distribution of target area residents affected crime in the target area? *A factor may be Easton Area Academy (opened 2005) which provides education to (45%) West Ward students (grades 5-12) in a non-traditional manner (5 hours/day, no study halls, after-school programming). Weed & Seed delivers programming for this age group inside their schools as well as in the community. Without accurate Census data it is difficult to determine the age distribution as it relates to crime figures.*

Describe what your target area is doing to address the relationship between the age distribution of target area residents and crime.-*see other sections/juvenile probation and gang crime analysis*

Describe what the target community is doing to address this issue in the target area.- *see other sections/juvenile probation and gang crime analysis*

## Educational Attainment

Compare the education levels (e.g., high school diploma/GED, 4-year college degree) attained by target area residents to the target community and State average.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	West Ward Total	West Ward % Total	Easton Total	Easton % Total	PA Total	PA % Total
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>6,255</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,813</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,266,284</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Less than 9th grade	638	10.3	1,433	9.1	452,069	5.5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,416	23.1	3,049	19.3	1,044,036	12.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,652	16.1	5,757	36.4	3,150,013	38.1
Some college, no degree	822	13.1	2,417	15.3	1,284,731	15.5
Associate degree	374	5.9	807	5.1	487,804	5.9
Bachelor's degree	248	4.0	1,380	8.7	1,153,383	14.0
Graduate or professional degree	189	3.25	970	6.1	694,248	8.4
Percent high school graduate or higher	66.55	x	71.7	(X)	81.9	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	7.3	x	14.9	(X)	22.4	(X)

Has there been a change in the education levels of target area residents? If yes, describe this change and compare it to any change or lack of change in the target community's education level.

*We are not able to determine if there has been a change in the education levels as we have no data to compare, again, the 2010 Census is needed. However, we are able to make comparisons to the education levels between the West Ward residents, city and state populations. The percentage of residents in the West Ward Target area that have a bachelor's degree is significantly lower than that of the city or state. The percentage of high school graduates is almost 50% lower than that of the city or state.*

Has the education level of target area residents impacted crime in the target area? *With only 16% of the target area population graduating from high school that leaves 84% who did not graduate vulnerable to serious financial difficulties. Without current Census data to compare as a baseline, it appears that crime is impacted in the West Ward by the education level. Crimes such as robbery and drug sales are directly impacted by the amount of money that a person has vs. the amount they need to maintain their lifestyle. Without a high school diploma, a person is likely to work for minimum wage (and in this day and age ANY job is hard to come by) and they are at risk for a host of problems from unaffordable childcare, lack of transportation and healthcare etc.*

Describe what your target area is doing to address the relationship between the education level of target area residents and crime. *There are numerous agencies in the target area offering services to struggling families. The Weed & Seed program partners with and supports programs that serve school age children so that they stay in school and graduate with a diploma.*

Describe what the target community is doing to address this issue in the target area. *The Easton Area School District partners with Weed & Seed to offer numerous programs including Easton Area Community Center programming, Family Development Research Program, Skills to Success, Tutoring and Mentoring. The Easton Police Department also supports this position with programming including Safe Passages Safe Havens, working with the Probation Department, Truancy Patrols and Community Policing programs in the neighborhood. GED programs are offered at the High School in the evenings and at Project of Easton.*

## Race and Ethnicity

What is the racial and ethnic composition of the target area residents to target community and State average?

<b>Race</b>	<b>West Ward</b>		<b>City of Easton</b>		<b>Pennsylvania</b>	
White	7,695	76.66%	20,610	78.48%	10,484,203	85.37%
Black or African American	1,304	12.99%	3338	12.71%	1,224,612	9.97%
American Indian and Alaska Native	24	0.24%	63	0.24%	18,348	0.15%
Asian	178	1.77%	465	1.66%	219,813	1.79%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	12	0.12%	0	0.11%	3,417	0.03%
Some Other Race	440	8.22%	1787	6.8%	188,437	2.69%
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>West Ward</b>		<b>City of Easton</b>		<b>Pennsylvania</b>	
Hispanic	1295	12.9%	2570	9.79%	294,088	3.21%

Has there been a change in the racial or ethnic composition of target area? Residents?

If yes, describe this change and compare it to the target community's racial or ethnic composition. *We are unable to compare data in the target area at this time as there is no baseline data. 2000 census will be used as the baseline when the 2010 Census information data is available. We can say that physically the target area has had numerous Spanish-speaking business owners open new storefronts. These business owners seem to have multiplied quickly over the past few years. The school district ESL program has been expanded and accepts new clients almost daily. Currently they service 643 students in the district for 2008-2009 year. School registrations for new students into kindergarten are done in English and Spanish. The school district messages are all in Spanish and English. There are service providers in the city offering ESL classes. The City of Easton is now publishing all materials in English and Spanish, such as recycling and the Health Information Directory. The Easton Police Dept. hired Hispanic and Asian officers. All this leads us to believe that the city and target area have had a shift in the Latino population since the 2000 census was completed.*

Has this (*perceived*) change in the racial or ethnic distribution of target area residents resulted in racial or ethnic tensions? *No*

If yes, between which racial or ethnic groups? *N/A*

What types of racial or ethnic tensions exist? *N/A*

How has the racial and ethnic composition of the target area or tensions between different racial or ethnic groups affected crime in the target area? *According to the 2000 Census, minority residents make up a small percentage of the total population. It is perceived that in the past nine years there has been a shift in this population, however, without accurate data we can't make that determination and thus we certainly can't make any programming determinations other than that we have implemented at the request of the community telling us the service is needed. For example: Easton Area Community Center (formerly St. Anthony's Youth Center) reports their population of 40 students that live in the Target Area are 56% African American, 15% Caucasian, 24% Hispanic/Latino, and 5% Multicultural. There are no specific racial tensions as they relate to minority groups. The NAACP and Latino Alliance are two strong organizations in the city of Easton and they are supportive in the community and school district for programming. There are also religious organizations offering a variety of ethnic services and festivals such as Italian, Lebanese,*

*Greek, Jewish, Asian and Latino. There have been no racial problems in the target area community. The residents of Easton are tolerant and accepting. The only possible exception would be occasional graffiti from the Latin Kings organization which displays their possible infiltration though we cannot corroborate this as truth as there have been no reported instances of crime as it directly relates to ethnicity/racial tensions including the prevalence of ethnic based gangs.*

Describe what your target area is doing to address this issue in the target area. *N/A*

Describe what the target community is doing to address this issue in the target area. *N/A*

**Immigration and Language**

Birthplace	West Ward		Easton		PA	
USA	8,978	92.12%	23,491	91.21%	11,620,495	95.81%
Europe	210	2.15%	521	2.02%	182,667	1.51%
Asia	76	.78%	375	1.46%	182,967	1.51%
Africa	59	.61%	116	.45%	25,413	.21%
Latin America	422	4.33%	1,233	4.8%	99,514	.82%
Oceania	0	0%	0	0%	2178	.018%
Northern America	0	0%	17	.07%	15543	.13%

Has there been a change in the target area’s immigration population over the last five years? *The only data we have available is the 2000 Census, therefore, we can’t determine a change over the last five years. The following chart indicates immigration information from 2000. When the 2010 Census is available we will determine if immigration is a problem requires our attention. For these reporting purposes we strictly looked at numbers and not percentages as the 2000 Census includes data that does not pertain to our target area or target community, such as those born at sea. Currently the Weed & Seed program is looking at ESL numbers in Easton Area School District as a better measurement for immigration/language.*

Has this change in the target area immigrant population resulted in tensions? *It has not.*

If yes, between which immigrant, racial, and/or ethnic groups? *N/A*

What types of tensions exist? *N/A*

Describe what your target area is doing to address these tensions. *N/A*

Describe what the target community is doing to address these tensions. *N/A*

Is language an issue in your target area? *Again, without 2010 Census figures we have no measurable data. This table represents baseline for year 2000 (Census).*

**Language Spoken At Home Ages 5 and Up**

Language	West Ward		Easton		PA	
English	7,841	84.1%	20,876	85.02%	10,583,054	91.6%
Spanish	943*	10.1%	2,062	8.4%	356,754	3.09%
Other Indo/European	375	4.02%	1,117	4.54%	428,122	3.7%
Asian and Pacific Island	75	0.08%	252	1.03%	143,955	1.24%
Other	89	0.95%	248	1.01%	43,653	0.38%

*\*2000 Census indicates 943 are speaking Spanish. This figure is obviously outdated as currently enrollment in EASD English as a Second Language Program indicates overall there are 643 students in grades K-12 that have received ESL services during the current school year. We make the assumption that their families are speaking a language other than, or as well as, English in the home. It is highly unlikely that over the last nine (9) years over half of these individuals have received ESL services in the school district.*

If yes, which groups of immigrant residents are most affected language barriers? *EASD offers all languages in their ESL program. Many publications are translated in the community from English to Spanish. Any other language creates a barrier as it relates to publicly printed (city) information. Describe what your target area is doing to address these language barriers. We are not addressing these at this time as more information is needed.*

Describe what the target community is doing to address these language barriers. *ProJeCt of Easton also provides ESL services to adults. (See above Ethnicity)*

### **Residential Mobility**

Has there been a change in the target area's resident turnover (transience, longevity)? *When investigating a way to measure transience/longevity we ran into a road block. It seems that nowhere in our Target Area or this Target Community, does anyone have any good, accurate measurement tool for this. They do not track moving permits, not that anyone really even bothers to get them. One thing we do know is that a year ago, the city began rebuilding rental units in the Southside Neighborhood which required all of the Section 8 residents to relocate to the Target Area (approximately 100+ families). The police believe this has directly impacted the crime. They are taking out all the small rental units and rebuilding elderly homes, owner occupied homes as well as a few rental units. In the meantime, these families are occupying areas of the West Ward that are temporary. We also know that in the past few years there have been businesses that come and go and customers that come and go. Certain customers frequent certain businesses. One storefront in the Target Area has had 3 different businesses just in the past 2 years. If yes, describe this change. See above*

Has this change impacted the target community resident turnover? *Not able to determine at this time until a good measurement tool is developed. Weed and Seed will investigate this thru the Neighborhood Restoration committee in the coming year*

How has change in the turnover of target area residents affected crime in the target area? *Again, with people coming and going on a consistent basis, and landlords not keeping track of nor caring to know who is occupying the property, it opens the door for crime. Neighbors will call the police when they see this happening but during the winter months it is even more difficult as people are inside more often.*

Describe what your target area is doing to address this problem. *From this point forward, especially after completing this profile and finding there is no means of tracking transience, the Weed and Seed program will be looking into developing something to assess the actual problem. A possible consideration is to work with the school district and track how many families are registering students and the how many are moving out. Again, this is only one area as not everyone moving in and out has school aged children.*

Describe what the target community is doing to address this problem. *De-conversion Initiative, Hope VI (homeowner program)/new units, community meetings to address crime, Landlord Tenant Act (Landlord's must register their tenants when they change.*

## Part II

### ADULT VIOLENT AND SERIOUS CRIME; WEAPONS AND DRUG-RELATED ARRESTS

Measure the adult serious and violent crime problem, including weapons and drug-related arrests using the following: Weapons and drug-related arrests of adult, and serious and violent crimes committed in your target area by adults (regardless of whether or not these adults live in your target area/these adults may live in adjacent neighborhoods); Weapons and drug-related arrests of adults, and serious and violent crimes committed in your target area by adults who live in your target area. Weapons and drug-related arrests of adults, and serious and violent crimes committed inside or outside your target area by adults who live in your target area.

<b>ADULT STATISTICS ARREST SUMMARY</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
MISDEMEANOR/FELONY	257	442	392
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	164	241	373
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	296	973	1457
WARRANTS	61	119	137
PROBATION/PAROLE VIOL.	31	48	41
CURFEW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CONTACTS</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>1823</b>	<b>2400</b>
<b>SEIZURES/CONFISCATIONS</b>			
GUNS/OTHER WEAPONS	9	22	38
VEHICLES	1	0	15
CASH	\$18,911.00	\$32,925.00	\$29,906.00
MARIJUANA	177.6	60.9	3226.5
COCAINE	203.5	423	617.55
HEROIN	107.7	61.3	13.58
OTHER DRUGS	51	74	158.5
<b>ALL DRUGS</b>	<b>539.8</b>	<b>619.2</b>	<b>4016.13</b>

(See table below as they relate to the following questions)

Report the total number of crimes and crime rates, and the number of arrests/ rates in the target area for each of the following categories:

Report the total number of crimes/arrests and the crime/arrest rates in the target community for each of the following categories:

Report the total number of crimes/arrests and the average crime/arrest rates for the State for each of the following categories:

Compare the crime/arrest rates in the target area and target community to the State average for each of the following categories:

Provide the values in each of the following statements to compare the total number of crimes and arrests in the target area to the total number of crimes and arrests in the target community.

The target area accounts for 38.2% of the target community's population

CRIME	1999 CITYWIDE	1999 TARGET AREA	% OCCURRING IN TARGET AREA	2008 CITYWIDE	2008 TARGET AREA	% OCCURRING IN TARGET AREA
HOMICIDE	2	1	50.0%	3	3	100.0%
RAPE	18	10	55.6%	13	6	46.2%
ROBBERY	82	38	46.3%	78	40	51.3%
AGG. ASSAULT	271	96	35.4%	64	25	39.1%
SIMPLE ASSAULT	163	79	48.5%	105	58	55.2%
BURGLARY	269	114	42.4%	157	72	46.5%
THEFT	956	371	38.9%	800	300	37.5%
AUTO THEFT	77	32	41.6%	66	25	37.9%
ARSON	31	19	61.3%	17	4	23.5%
TOTAL	1869	760	40.7%	1303	533	40.9%

WEED & SEED TARGET AREA CRIME COMPARISON						
CRIME	1999	2008	(+/-)	%		
HOMICIDE	1	3	+2	+66.7%		
RAPE	10	6	-4	-40.0%		
ROBBERY	38	40	+2	+5.3%		
AGG. ASSAULT	96	25	-71	-74.0%		
SIMPLE ASSAULT	79	58	-21	-26.6%		
BURGLARY	114	72	-42	-36.8%		
THEFT	371	300	-71	-19.1%		
AUTO THEFT	32	25	-7	-21.9%		
ARSON	19	4	-15	-79.0%		
TOTAL	760	533	-227	-29.9%		

**CITYWIDE COMPARISON**

CRIME	1999	2008	(+/-)	%		
HOMICIDE	2	3	+1	+50.0%		
RAPE	18	13	-5	-27.8%		
ROBBERY	82	78	-4	-4.9%		
AGG. ASSAULT	271	64	-207	-76.4%		
SIMPLE ASSAULT	163	105	-58	-35.6%		
BURGLARY	269	157	-112	-41.6%		
THEFT	956	800	-156	-16.3%		
AUTO THEFT	77	66	-11	-14.3%		
ARSON	31	17	-14	-45.2%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1869</b>	<b>1303</b>	<b>-566</b>	<b>-30.3%</b>		

<b>WEST WARD TARGET AREA CRIME COMPARISON 2006 - 2008</b>						
CRIME	2006	% of City Wide	2007	% of City Wide	2008	% of City Wide
HOMICIDE	2	50.00%	5	100.00%	3	100.0%
RAPE	4	25.00%	7	50.00%	6	46.2%
ROBBERY	26	48.10%	31	44.90%	40	62.5%
AGG. ASSAULT	32	34.40%	20	29.40%	25	39.1%
SIMPLE ASSAULT	41	50.00%	57	56.40%	58	55.2%
BURGLARY	75	39.90%	48	34.00%	72	46.5%
THEFT	375	36.20%	291	35.20%	300	37.5%
AUTO THEFT	89	44.70%	44	41.10%	25	37.9%
ARSON	13	32.50%	7	53.90%	4	23.5%
WEAPONS	18	37.50%	9	18.80%	16	47.0%
DRUG	46	27.40%	31	18.20%	72	29.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>47.50%</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>35.20%</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>39.2%</b>

Describe what your target area is doing to address serious and violent crime, including weapons and drug-related problems in the target area. *The Weed & Seed program funds police programs in the West Ward, VIPS (Volunteers In Police Service) program, Guardian Angels, Block Watch, security cameras (will be installed in 2009), police department recruits and hires women and minority officers, police department joint training with EASD and Lafayette College for simulated stressful situations such as violent crime. Also see answers to Part IV, question 14, letters A-K.*

Describe what law enforcement, the courts, corrections, social services, and the target communities are doing to address these problems in the target area. *See answers to Part IV, question 14, letters A-K. There are numerous social service agencies in the target area which can be found in the Revitalization Plan resource section. Each of these individual agencies offers their expertise to provide a good quality of life to the residents.*

### PART III

#### JUVENILE VIOLENT AND SERIOUS CRIME, WEAPONS AND DRUG-RELATED ARRESTS

Measure the juvenile serious and violent crime problem, including weapons and drug-related arrests using the following: *See below for the statistics the Easton Police Dept. keep for juvenile crime.*

Weapons and drug-related arrests of juveniles, and serious and violent crimes committed in your target area by juveniles regardless of (whether or not these juveniles live in your target area/ these juveniles may live in adjacent neighborhoods); weapons and drug-related arrests of juveniles, and serious and violent crimes committed in your target area by juveniles who live in your target area. Weapons and drug-related arrests of juveniles, and serious and violent crimes committed inside or outside your target area by juveniles who live in your target area.

<b>JUVENILE Target Area STATISTICS ARREST SUMMARY (Saturation Patrols)</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
MISDEMEANOR/FELONY	40	25	28
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	21	22	23
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	30	235	288
WARRANTS	1	3	2
PROBATION/PAROLE VIOL.	0	0	1
CURFEW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CONTACTS</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>342</b>
<b>SEIZURES/CONFISCATIONS</b>			
GUNS/OTHER WEAPONS	0	0	2
VEHICLES	0	1	1
CASH	\$170.00	\$325.00	\$230.00
MARIJUANA	14	17	21
COCAINE	3	1	3.2
HEROIN	11	0	0
OTHER DRUGS	0	0	6
<b>ALL DRUGS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30.2</b>

Report the total number of juvenile crimes and juvenile crime rates, and the number of juvenile arrests and juvenile arrest rates in the target area for each of the following categories:

City Wide Juvenile Arrests	2006	2007	2008
<b>HOMICIDE</b>	1	0	0
<b>ROBBERY</b>	0	3	10
<b>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT</b>	7	3	5
<b>BURGLARY</b>	6	4	1
<b>WEAPONS</b>	1	1	0
<b>DRUGS</b>	8	14	14
<b>OTHER</b>	101	95	107
<b>TOTAL</b>	124	120	137

Report the total number of juvenile crimes/arrests and the juvenile crime/arrest rates in the target community for each of the following categories:

**TARGET AREA JUVENILE ARRESTS AND PERCENTAGE OF CITYWIDE ARRESTS**

	2006	2007	2008
<b>HOMICIDE</b>	1 (100%)	0	0
<b>ROBBERY</b>	0	3 (100%)	9 (90%)
<b>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT</b>	6 (86%)	1 (33.3%)	2 (40%)
<b>BURGLARY</b>	6 (100%)	0	1 (100%)
<b>WEAPONS</b>	1 (100%)	1 (100%)	0
<b>DRUGS</b>	8 (100%)	3 (21.4%)	11 (78.6%)
<b>OTHER</b>	40 (39.6%)	51 (53.7%)	42 (39.3%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	62 (50%)	59 (49.2%)	65 (47.4%)

Report the total number of juvenile crimes/arrests and the average juvenile crime/arrest rates for the State for each of the following categories: (homicide, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Weapons-related arrests, drug-related arrests, other) *no statistics available*  
 Compare the juvenile crime/arrest rates in the target area and target community to the State average for each of the following same categories: *Not available*

Describe what your target area is doing to address serious and violent juvenile crime, including weapons and drug-related problems in the target area. *An analysis of serious crimes committed by juveniles in the target area by arrest proportionately exceeds the population on the target when compared to the City of Easton as a whole. Over the three year period of 2006-2008, the percentage of juvenile arrests in the target area averaged 48.9% compared to citywide juvenile arrests for the following crimes: homicide, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, weapons, drugs and other miscellaneous crimes. Although the population of the target area is 38.2% of the city's population, the percentage of crime committed by juveniles in the target area is 10.7% higher versus citywide juvenile arrests. With the expansion of Weed & Seed programming over the last several years, specifically the Summer Nights program, there has been a decrease in the percentage of juvenile arrests. In 2006, the percentage was 50%, 2007 49.2% and 2008 47.4%. Concentrated and targeted programming to occupy the juveniles in conjunction with the Weed & Seed activities should be expanded in an attempt to further the drop in this percentage.*

Describe what law enforcement, the courts, corrections, social services, and the target community is doing to address these problems in the target area.

*PAL provides athletic programming throughout the year and will expand for 09-10 to specifically address teenaged youth. See also: juvenile probation section and gang related crime information for a further explanation of this answer.*

Provide the values in each of the following statements to compare the total number of juvenile arrests in the target area to the total number of juvenile crimes in the target community. The target area accounts for 48.9% of the target community's juvenile population defined as youth between the ages of 14-17, and *See above tables for this information as these questions do not give a specific year. Our tables represent the comparison over the past 3 years.*

\_\_\_\_\_ % of the target community's homicides committed by juveniles.

\_\_\_\_\_ % of the target community's robberies committed by juveniles.

\_\_\_\_\_ % of the target community's aggravated assaults committed by juveniles.

\_\_\_\_\_ % of the target community's burglaries committed by juveniles.

\_\_\_\_\_ % of the target community's weapons arrests of juveniles.

\_\_\_\_\_ % of the target community's drug-related arrests of juveniles.

Describe what your target area is doing to address serious and violent crime committed by juveniles in the target area. *See above statement #5.*

*.Describe what law enforcement, the courts, corrections, social services, and the target community is doing to address this problem in the target area. One of the steps that the city has taken to reduce crime by juveniles in the target area is that last spring Easton City Council made an Executive Order to ban youth ages 14 and up from Centennial Park (a known area for drug deals and violence). This is the park that Weed and Seed uses for their Summer Nights program. Older kids "hanging out" during the hours of programming (4-7pm) were impeding the safety of the children and families that wanted to attend. The Executive order upset some community members as they felt it pushed the kids out and showed that no-one cared. It was stressed however, that if the older kids were attending a structured activity/such as a basketball game or the Summer Nights program, or accompanying a younger sibling that they were allowed in the park. No-one was cited all summer and there were no problems. The police came by often and participated in pick-up basketball games with the kids that wanted to play. During 2009 it has been recommended that this order remain. Weed and Seed supports this and this summer is partnering with EPAL to address the needs of the 14 and up youth. The Police Athletic League that they has applied for funding in our 09-10 grant cycle. This program will give these kids a structured and supervised basketball league at the school 3 blocks from the park.*

**PART IV**  
**GANG-RELATED CRIME**

Is gang-related crime a serious problem in the target area?

*The City of Easton experienced a surge of gang related crime in the late 1990's. An influx of gangs, primarily from New York and New Jersey, arrived at that time due to heightened enforcement in New York City and the completion of Route 78 which provides expedient travel to and from the Metropolitan New York and New Jersey cities. In March 2006, the Route 222 Corridor Anti-Gang Initiative, a multi-jurisdictional task force was initiated by then United States District Attorney Patrick Meehan to address the influx of gangs in a six county, seven city area spanning eastern Pennsylvania. The counties included Northampton, Lehigh, Berks, Lancaster, York and Dauphin. The cities included Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Reading, Lancaster, York and Harrisburg. The initiative combines law enforcement agencies at the local, county, state and federal levels to work cohesively to combat gangs in the corridor. Mayors in each of the Cities also formed Mayor's Anti- Gang Task Forces to provide programming for anti-gang initiatives with financial resources provided by the grant. The program has been very successful in the City of Easton with City detectives partnering with F.B.I. agents in Allentown to conduct large scale, gang affiliated drug investigations resulting in several multi offender arrest operations. Many offenders have pled guilty, drawing severe federal prison terms for their crimes.*

What percent of serious and violent crime in the target area is gang-related?

*Tracking gang related crime in Pennsylvania is difficult at best. The Commonwealth does not have a statutory definition or offense related specifically to gangs as most other states do. Via the Route 222 Corridor Anti-Gang Initiative, the Easton Police Department has tracked these offenses in 2007 on a city-wide basis due to the initiative encompassing the entire city. That said, the following statistics were reported for **2007** to the anti-gang initiative:*

<i>All Homicides</i>	5
<i>With Firearm</i>	5
<i>Without Firearm</i>	0
<i>Homicides involving</i>	5
<i>An Actor(s) with known</i>	
<i>Gang Affiliation</i>	
<i>Homicides, gang- related,</i>	5
<i>Involving a firearm</i>	
<i>All aggravated assaults</i>	68
<i>With Firearm</i>	13
<i>Without Firearm</i>	55
<i>Aggravated Assaults</i>	10
<i>Involving Actor(s) with</i>	
<i>Known Gang Affiliation</i>	
<i>Gang related aggravated</i>	10
<i>Assaults involving a firearm</i>	
<i>All Robberies</i>	69
<i>With Firearm</i>	21
<i>Without Firearm</i>	48
<i>Robberies involved</i>	Undetermined
<i>An actor(s) with known</i>	
<i>Gang Affiliation</i>	
<i>Gang related robberies</i>	Undetermined
<i>Involving a firearm</i>	

**Is the presence of gang-related crime concentrated in the target area, or are other areas in the target community also affected?** *In 2007, all of the City of Easton's Homicides occurred in the Weed and Seed Target Area; therefore 100% of the five were gang related. Citywide, 15% of the aggravated assaults were gang related. The majority of the City of Easton's gang-related crime is committed in the target area, in fact, that crime has escalated since a HOPE VI Project began in 2007 and shuttered one of the housing authorities' residential projects not in the target area. Since the target area is a majority rental housing or Section 8 housing many of the gang associates that were displaced relocated in the target area. There are instances of gang activity in other neighborhoods of the City of Easton, but not to the extent in the target area.*

What percent of weapons and drug-related arrests in the target area is gang-related? *See number 2*

Is the presence of gang-related weapons and drug-related offenses concentrated in the target area, or are other areas in the target community also affected? *See number 2* What percent of gang-related crime in the target area is perpetrated by target area residents? *See number 2*

What percent of gang-related weapons and drug offenses in the target area is perpetrated by target area residents? *See number 2*

What percent of gang-related crime in the target area is perpetrated by juveniles? *See number 2*

What percent of gang-related weapons and drug offenses in the target area is perpetrated by juveniles? *See number 2*

Describe what your target area is doing to address gang-related crime, including weapons and drug-related offenses. *See number 14*

Describe what law enforcement, the courts, corrections, social services, and the target community is doing to address this problem in the target area.

***Saturation patrols with the Pennsylvania State Police.***

*The Easton Police Department continues to perform saturation patrol operations in the target area with the Pennsylvania State Police Troop M.*

***Saturation Patrols with the Northampton County Sheriffs Department.***

*The Easton Police Department also utilized the Northampton County Sheriffs Department in various saturation patrols.*

***Adult and Juvenile probation home visits with the Northampton County Court Administration.***

*Easton Police Officers partner with Northampton County Probation Offices to conduct home visits with offenders on probation to ensure compliance with terms of their probation.*

***Participation in the Lehigh Valley Violent Crime Task Force with local, state and federal law enforcement.***

*The Easton Police Department is a member of the Lehigh Valley Violent Crimes Task Force. Easton Vice/Narcotics Detectives partner with F.B.I. agents and D.E.A. Agents in targeting suspects in the drug trade. These operations have been very successful, resulting in large corrupt organizations busted and longer federal prison sentences.*

***Route 222 Coalition, Anti-Gang initiative participation with Local, State and Federal.***

*Initiated by former U.S. Attorney Patrick L. Meehan of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, this six-county, seven-city collaborative effort utilizes Local, State and Federal Agencies to combat gang violence and the associated social effects gangs have on society. The cities in the effort include Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Reading, Lancaster, York and Harrisburg. Federal agencies include the F.B.I., D.E.A. and B.A.T.E. The effort attacks the gang problems from both law enforcement and social agencies that operate in each city as a Mayor's anti-gang task force.*

### ***Northampton County Drug Task Force***

*Police officers and detectives from several local law enforcement agencies conduct narcotic investigations under the auspices of Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli's office.*

### ***Read It, Record It, Remove it Anti graffiti program.***

*This program is funded by a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and utilizes V.I.P.S (Volunteers in Police Services) to locate and photograph graffiti. After logging the locations, the information is then passed on to the police department for removal. A power washing vehicle was purchased for removal and has removed over one-hundred fifty (150) locations in 2008. Since the programs inception, instances of graffiti have been gradually reduced in the target area.*

### ***Easton Police Department saturation patrols and Vice/Narcotics operations***

*Funded by the Community Development Block Grant, the Easton Police Department conducts supplemental saturation patrols and vice/Narcotics operations to compliment the Weed and Seed Saturation patrols. In 2009, the Police Department will send 10 officers to the International Police Mountain Bike Association Certification Training and refurbish ten existing Cannondale Police Bicycles to conduct bicycle saturation patrols.*

### ***Formation of the Community Intramural Basketball League by the Easton Police Department and Greater Shiloh Church.***

*The Easton Police Department and the Greater Shiloh Church have partnered to provide our youth with a basketball league for players 11-13, boys and girls on coed teams during the summer months. The concept was born out of a meeting in the spring of 2007 with Mayor Phil Mitman, Pastor Phil Davis, City Councilman Ken Brown, Deacon Waltar Bright and Chief of Police Larry Palmer in response to some violent incidents of crime. The concern of all present was that our younger youth were not afforded the opportunity to play in a summer basketball league as our older teens were. The opportunity for all to play regardless of athletic prowess and the structured teaching of respect, sportsmanship and fellowship to all became the goal of the league. With sponsorship by the Easton Police Department and Commissioners and coaches and support staff from Greater Shiloh Church, the league will enter its third season in 2009. Many youths have been impacted by this program with very little cost. Due to the hours selflessly dedicated by Greater Shiloh members and staff, the program has increased in the numbers of youth involved. The 2009 league will feature eight teams with fifteen youth per team. With two games per week and periodic practices, our 11-13 year-old youth have a structured activity and socialization from June to August.*

### ***Cops-n-Kids program at the Easton Area Middle School with the Easton Police Department and other local first responders.***

*The Easton Police Department conducts a program called Cops-n-Kids in conjunction with the Easton Area School District that sends Easton Police Officers into the classrooms of fifth and sixth graders in the Easton Area Middle School. The Officers "teach" classes about what it is like to be a Police Officer. The program culminates with a field day outside with many specialty units of local police departments, emergency medical services, medical helicopter units and fire departments demonstrating their capabilities. The program was developed to build a bond with students in the classroom setting and demonstrate the various emergency responder careers available to them.*

**Secure Our Schools Grant**

*Secure Our Schools Grant is a collaborative effort between the Easton Police Department, the Easton Area School District and a neighboring municipality, Wilson Borough, PA. Totaling \$ 826,000.00 between matches and U.S. Department of Justice grant money, this grant will provide recorded surveillance in the vicinity of Paxinosa Elementary School and surrounding neighborhood. It also provides for more secure lighting and school entrance security.*

**PART V**  
**OFFENDER REENTRY ADULTS**

*Figures in this section of the community profile are based on information that the Prison and Probation officers track. An investigation on the part of the Weed and Seed team indicates that Easton Weed and Seed has never used these figures in the past to determine programming needs, therefore, in going forward we need to develop a system to measure recidivism in the Target Area and city overall. The Northampton Co. Prison sits in the center of the Target Area and occupies 2.5 acres (rounded) which converts to .00390625 square miles. When an inmate is brought into the prison system all information is self-reported. An inmate might say they are from the Target Area but that does not mean that they actually are. We are currently working on a crystal report that will give us accurate data as to who is coming in from the Target Area and returning to the Target Area.*

*The Warden did say that it is unlikely that after jailed inmates are released that they want to stay anywhere near the prison. Another line of thinking though is... without any ID, any money, a place to stay, or food...how far can they get?*

*Report the number of adult offenders who have returned to the target community over the past 3 years from county, state, and federal facilities. The only way the city of Easton tracks the offenders living in our target community after being released from Federal prison is that the EPD is notified they are living in the city and may/may not be on parole/probation. They may simply have finished their sentence and are moving into the city. **In 2008 Easton Police Department (EPD) was notified of 4 ex-offenders moving into Easton. NOTE: If the ex-offender moves out/ leaves EPD IS NOT notified. This makes tracking federal statistics as they relate to our city, impossible. EPD is NOT notified of state ex-offenders except for those released after a sexual offense.***

*The chart below represents the statistical results of the combined Easton Police Department and Northampton Sheriffs Department warrant service and probation check program for adult offenders. We have no data for those coming into the community from State and Federal Prisons. We will look into the best practice for gathering this for future programming with the Criminal Justice Advisory Board.*

**Adult Probation Statistics**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>City Wide</b>	303	309	313
<b>Target Area</b>	158 (52%)	161 (52%)	166 (53%)
<b>Month</b>	2006	2007	2008
<b>January Attempts</b>	0	13	14
<b>January Arrests</b>	0	3	3
<b>February Attempts</b>	18	19	13
<b>February Arrests</b>	1	3	3
<b>March Attempts</b>	18	20	14
<b>March Arrests</b>	2	0	4
<b>April Attempts</b>	26	13	22
<b>April Arrests</b>	0	2	1
<b>May Attempts</b>	19	13	21
<b>May Arrests</b>	0	4	3
<b>June Attempts</b>	7	19	15
<b>June Arrests</b>	0	2	3

<b>July Attempts</b>	20	13	0
<b>July Arrests</b>	0	1	0
<b>August Attempts</b>	0	10	17
<b>August Arrests</b>	0	1	1
<b>September Attempts</b>	21	7	14
<b>September Arrests</b>	2	2	0
<b>October Attempts</b>	0	15	11
<b>October Arrests</b>	0	1	3
<b>November Attempts</b>	11	13	0
<b>November Arrests</b>	0	0	0
<b>December Attempts</b>	7	9	11
<b>December Arrests</b>	2	3	1

What is the recidivism rate among this group?-see table below, though we do not have any statistics/information to directly correlate those on probation with those re-offending. In 2007 three programs came into prominence at the Adult Probation Dept. Internet Probation and Parole Control-allows intense probation officers to monitor home-owned computers that are possessed by clients, thus allowing officers to monitor what the clients are doing on the internet. It also blocks inappropriate sites. Weed and Seed (table above)-cooperative effort between local police and probation officers. These departments work together visiting offender's homes and monitoring activities in the community. This program is highly effective in increasing public safety. NOTE: The Deputy Chief feels it is necessary to continue this program to meet the goals of offender rehabilitation and public safety. and T-CAP (Treatment Continuum Alternative Prison)-redirects criminals to community-based addiction services as an alternative to incarceration, and monitors their progress with re-incarceration if they fail to meet the requirements. GPS Monitoring-leg bracelets for house arrest offenders 24 hours a day. This is helpful in monitoring "hot-zones" in the community/target area/places where the offender has been restricted from. Intensive Supervision Program- Highest degree of monitoring: offenders are placed in specific programs while attempting to reside in the community while simultaneously serving their sentence. Community Service-certain number of hours are assigned by the court.

**YEAR TO DATE:**

*NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
JANUARY 1, 2008 through DECEMBER 31, 2008  
 4066 Total Inmates Booked*

System Involvement Summary (Recidivism Measure)

1230 of 4066 are first time offenders = 31%  
11 of 4066 have prior arrest and conviction, but no incarceration = .3%  
2632 of 4066 have prior arrest, incarceration, and conviction = 66%  
 64% have system involvement through conviction  
121 of 4066 have prior arrest and incarceration, but no conviction = 3%  
 67% have system involvement through prior incarceration  
1 of 4066 have prior arrest but no incarceration or conviction = .01%

Commitment Detail (Reason for Commitment)

<u>2893</u>	out of <u>4066</u> for new offenses = 71%
<u>491</u>	out of <u>4066</u> for probation/parole violations = 12%
<u>86</u>	out of <u>4066</u> for DJ sentences = 2%
<u>345</u>	out of <u>4066</u> for DRS = 8%
<u>181</u>	out of <u>4066</u> for other reasons = 4%

**Prior Offense History**

<u>1745</u>	out of <u>4066</u> have prior drug offenses = 43%
<u>1390</u>	out of <u>4066</u> have prior property offenses = 34%
<u>940</u>	out of <u>4066</u> have prior history of assault = 23%
<u>320</u>	out of <u>4066</u> have prior history of violence = 8%
<u>358</u>	out of <u>4066</u> have suspended driver's licenses = 9%

**Risk Needs Assessment**

<u>111</u>	out of <u>3244</u> have MH/MR needs (1 or 2 scores) = 3%
<u>2128</u>	out of <u>3244</u> have D&A needs (1 or 2 scores) = 66%
<u>1039</u>	out of <u>3244</u> have Education needs (1 or 2 scores) = 32%
<u>681</u>	out of <u>3244</u> have Health needs (1 or 2 scores) = 21%

Report the number of adult offenders expected to return to the target community during the coming five-year period (based on the earliest possible release date). *Though you do not see figures here, we spent time speaking with the Warden at the Northampton County Prison. He indicates that currently there are 237 offenders housed in the Northampton Co. Prison ( representing approximately 1/3 of the total prison population/currently 800+) This is way over what there should be/available beds. (600). This facility houses these offenders for a minimum of 2 years with the exception of a very few for 5 years. Therefore, ALL 237 of these will be out in the coming 5 years. We have no way of tracking at this time anyone coming out of State and Federal prisons. We will be gathering this information in the coming cycles/long range plan.*

How many adult ex-offenders are currently living in your target area? *Refer to the Probation tables above for those that we know about/participating in parole services.*

Report the percent of adult ex-offenders currently living in your target area in each of the following categories: *There are no statistics specifically on ex-offenders living in the target area. Those released from prison do not have to report where they are living (except for those on parole and that table is above). Note: These percentages represent the total number of parolees in Northampton County (2,697). There is a great deal of difference between the number booked 4066 (reported by the prison) and 2,697 on parole (reported by the parole/deputy chief). NC=Northampton County*

23.32 % of the felons **on parole in NC** were convicted for violent crimes or weapons charges.

31.14% of the felons **on parole in NC** were convicted for drug-related crimes.

8.75 % of the felons **on parole in NC** were convicted for Domestic Violence crimes.

25.32% of the felons **on parole in NC** were convicted for Property Offenses.

2.15% of the felons **on parole in NC** were convicted of Sex Offenses.

12.4% of those **on parole in NC** are receiving educational/vocational services /are unemployed and looking for work

17.27 of those **on parole in NC** are receiving Behavioral Health services

25.39% of those **on parole in NC** are receiving drug treatment services.

*See above table under Recidivism of % of the repeat offenders (all 4,066 booked)*

Describe what your target area is doing to address the problems associated with adult ex-offenders in your target area. List the support services currently available to adult ex-offenders and their families in your target area, the providers of these services, the number of clients served by each provider, and the number on the waiting list if one exists.

*1. The Easton Area Community Center in collaboration with Lafayette College has a 3 phase re-entry program called The Journey Home. The program focuses on different aspects of nutrition, parenting, financial literacy and personal asset building. The program begins at the point of incarceration and continues to follow up with case management upon discharge. The program serves 20 women in the minimum section of the prison and 20 in the medium section. It is voluntary on the part of the incarcerated woman.*

*2. Alcoholics Anonymous group meet at a church in the target area every week. Approximately 20 attend but this number fluctuates. Some are mandated to attend regularly, others attend on occasionally*

*3. Narcotics Anonymous-same as above. (AA).*

Describe what your target community is doing to address the problems associated with adult ex-offenders in your target area. List the support services currently available to adult ex-offenders and their families in your target area, the providers of these services, the number of clients served by each provider, and the number on the waiting list if one exists.

*MAP (Marijuana Awareness Program)-1 evening (2 hours) focuses on the role marijuana plays in impairing one's ability to make healthy decisions. Also educates them on the limited knowledge of the legal, physical and mental health consequences of marijuana use. Short-term objective is to prevent relapse.*

*Therapeutic Community Education Centers- contracted services to provide residential treatment program to provide an understanding of behaviors that lead to incarceration and introduce skills that can be used to live a life free of crime and drugs.*

*Stress Management-6 wk. course to teach inmates how to relieve stress on a daily basis.*

*Anger Awareness-8 session course, PA State Parole mandated course.*

*Planned Parenthood-6 session program covering parenting skills and STDs.*

*AIDS Awareness education-6 week course at the AIDS service center.*

*PA 143 Victims Awareness- 6 week PA State Parole mandated course*

*PA State Parole Education class-2 hour course for state parole inmates*

*Re-entry program-Case Manager conducts classes on a variety of topics, including addiction, family/parenting, job search, resume building, keeping clean, coping skills, and follow up on discharge.*

*Infections/ STD-Bethlehem Health Bureau 2 hour session covering STD's, history, transmission, and prevention. It also offers resources for inmates to use upon discharge to follow up with treatment and prevention,*

*Nutrition (Penn State Cooperative Extension)- nutrition skills and healthy eating habits for women and children under one and a discharge date within 12 months.*

*Therapy Group/Stephen's Place (halfway house)-discussion group addressing drug and alcohol abuse.*

*Hogar Crea-A group of staff members from a local halfway house run this group reeducating those with addictions to live a productive life.*

*Resume Writing/Job Skill training-for work release inmates only.*

*Book Club-leads discussions on various books, inside the prison.*

*Special Interest Group- Reverend conducts specialized groups such as art classes.*

*Alternative Education Program Act 30 of 1997- EASD*

*Northampton Co. Community College- ESL classes, Adult Basic Education 1 and 2, GED (General Equivalency Diploma Program), Mini-Adult Basic Ed. College Prep.*

*Lafayette College-tutors to support basic reading, writing and math.*

*Religious services available inside the prison and in the community at various churches, temples, and houses of worship such as: Open door bible study, Spanish bible study, Overcomers, Fullilove.*

## JUVENILES

Report the number of Juvenile offenders who have returned to the target community over the past 3 years from county, state, and federal facilities.

### Juvenile Probation Statistics

	2006	2007	2008
<b>Northampton County</b>	1251	1345	1138
<b>City Wide</b>	147 (11.8%*)	124 (9.2%*)	138 (12%*
<b>Target area</b>	91 (7.3%*)	71 (5.3%*)	74 (6.5%*)

### JUVENILE PROBATION VISITS 2008

<b>October</b>			
<b>Visits</b>	38		
<b>Contacts</b>	33		
<b>Violations</b>	4		
<b>November</b>			
<b>Visits</b>	7		
<b>Contacts</b>	6		
<b>Violations</b>	1		
<b>TOTALS</b>			
<b>Visits</b>	45		
<b>Contacts</b>	39		
<b>Violations</b>	5		

JUVENILE STATISTICS ARREST SUMMARY	2006	2007	2008
MISDEMEANOR/FELONY	40	25	28
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	21	22	23
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	30	235	288
WARRANTS	1	3	2
PROBATION/PAROLE VIOL.	0	0	1
CURFEW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CONTACTS</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>342</b>

What is the recidivism rate among this group? -*unavailable currently*

Report the number of juvenile offenders expected to return to the target community during the coming five-year period (based on the earliest possible release date) -*data unavailable*

How many juvenile ex-offenders are currently living in your target area? -*See above for those on probation that we are aware of.*

Report the percent of juvenile ex-offenders currently living in your target area in each of the following categories: *see above tables*

% of the juveniles convicted for violent crimes or weapons charges

% of the juveniles convicted for drug-related crimes

% of the repeat offenders

% of the on parole

% of the on probation

% of the unemployed and looking for work

% of the attending school in the target area % of the living at home

% of the living with a foster family

% of the living in a community-based group home

Describe what your target area is doing to address the problems associated with juvenile ex-offenders in your target area. List the support services currently available to juvenile ex-offenders and their families in your target area, the providers of these services, the number of clients served by each provider, and the number on the waiting list if one exists.

*The Boys and Girls Club is in the target area and offers juveniles the opportunity to participate in programs such as athletics, education, and community service.*

*Juvenile Justice Treatment Center- vital community-based treatments facility/residential.*

Describe what your target community is doing to address the problems associated with juvenile ex-offenders in your target area. *When a crime is committed an obligation to the victim and community is initiated. Juvenile offenders are required to make restitution and reparation through structured activities and community service. Over the past two years more outpatient services have been provided than ever in the history of court supervised programs. This resulted from a state shift in the trend to fund community-based, evidence-evaluated, services such as FFT, MST and FGDM.*

List the support services currently available to juvenile ex-offenders and their families in your target area, the providers of these services, the number of clients served by each provider, and the number on the waiting list if one exists.

*Intensive Probation-community based program characterized by high levels of contact and intervention with conditions of compliance. Probation officers work with a small caseload of 20 hard-to reach offenders. Utilizes electronic monitoring, urine testing and victim restitution and community work service, young offender program 10-14 yrs.( hard to place in community service) program offers education, and focuses on crime prevention involving group discussions, videos, guest speakers, and videos.*

*Anger management classes-8week course*

*Curfews are enforced by the Easton Police Dept and probation officers.*

*Paid community service for restitution up to a maximum of \$600.00*

*Belen Counseling-community based individual counseling with special emphasis on the Latino population.*

*Center for Arson research-evaluations for juveniles incarcerated or on probation for arson*

*Center for Humanistic Change-group counseling*

*Children's Home-intensive probation services/residential for those "at-risk" bussed into schools*

*Community Commitment-individual and family counseling*

*Community Service Foundation-education and day treatment planning*

*Community Solutions- Multi-systemic Therapy (MST)*

*Cornell Abraxis Supervised Home Services-pre and post placement for alcohol related issues.*

*Forensic Consultants-sexual and behavioral evaluations and services*

*Lehigh Valley Drug and Alcohol Assessment Unit- D&A counseling*

*Marijuana Awareness Program-see above*

*Pinebrook Services for Youth- family based mental health services designed to assist families in their own homes.*

*Reading Specialists-provides sexual and behavioral counseling for clients dealing with sexual-behavioral concerns*

*Spanish Speaking council of the Lehigh Valley-individual counseling, life skill training, and tutoring*

*Valley Youth House-operates a 24 hour residential shelter program with individual and family*

*counseling. They partnered with the Juvenile Probation Office in 2007 and received PCCD's grant to offer FFT (Functional Family Therapy) to service at-risk clients.*

**PART VI**  
**QUALITY OF EDUCATION**

List the schools and grade levels located in your target area. *Paxinosa Elementary School (K-4) is located in the target area.*

Report the number and percent of children (under age 18) attending the schools in your target area (by school type and level if available). *Five hundred forty-five (545) students who live in the target area attend Paxinosa Elementary School. This represents 88% of the student population.*

Number and percent of these children who are target area residents.-*ALL students that attend Paxinosa live in the Target Area.*

Report the number and percent of target area children (under age 18) attending schools outside of the target area (by school, type and level if available).

<i>Cheston Elementary School (K-4)</i>	<i>73 students (15%)*</i>
<i>March Elementary School (K-4)</i>	<i>68 students (19%)*</i>
<i>Palmer Elementary School (K-4)</i>	<i>16 students (2%)*</i>
<i>Easton Area Middle School (5-6)</i>	<i>251 students (20%)</i>
<i>Shawnee Middle School (7-8)</i>	<i>271 students (20%)</i>
<i>Easton Area Academy (5-12)</i>	<i>62 students (45%)</i>
<i>Easton Area High School (9-12)</i>	<i>533 students (19%)</i>

*These numbers were taken from the school district data, however, they need clarification as if they are identified as target area residents they would be attending Paxinosa school. It could be that they are special permissions due to a custodial parent or are moving to Paxinosa school in August 2009 for the start of the new school year.*

Number and percent of these children who are target area residents-*see above percentages.*

Provide the following information regarding the schools serving your target area (by school name, type, and level if possible) using the following data:

Standardized reading and math scores compared to the target community, State, and national averages. (2008 PSSA)

School Name	Math % Advanced	Math % Proficient	Math % Basic	Math % Below Basic	Reading % Advanced	Reading % Proficient	Reading % Basic	Reading % Below Basic
Cheston Elem	41.0	42.2	5.4	11.4	14.5	47.6	18.7	19.3
Easton Area HS	20.4	26.8	17.4	35.4	22.2	29.9	21.0	27.0
Easton Area MS	34.0	30.3	19.0	16.7	22.5	34.8	21.1	21.7
Forks Elem	62.0	30.5	3.7	3.7	38.0	48.1	7.0	7.0
March Elem	47.1	32.9	6.4	13.6	18.6	51.4	12.9	17.1
Palmer Elem	56.8	32.4	5.9	4.9	26.5	51.2	13.2	9.1
<b>Paxinosa Elem</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>22.5</b>
Shawnee MS	38.4	29.0	15.1	17.5	41.7	31.7	13.4	13.1
State of PA	42.3	29.2	14	14.5	33.3	36.5	15.2	15

Classroom size (number of students, students to teacher ratio) compared to the target community and state.

- Paxinosa Elementary School: 24 students per classroom (target area)*
- Cheston Elementary School: 22 students per classroom*
- March Elementary School: 20 students per classroom*
- Palmer Elementary School: 19 students per classroom*
- Forks Elementary School: 21 students per classroom*
- Easton Area Middle School: 25 students per classroom*
- Shawnee Middle School: data not available*
- Easton Area Academy: data not available*
- Easton Area High School: data not available*

School facilities (e.g., library, gym, computer lab with internet access) and resources such as spending per student compared to the target community and state (if available).

*The school facilities and services at all schools in the Easton Area School District are comparable. A school psychologist, nurse, ESL, IST/RTI, reading coach, speech therapist, and security services are available at all schools. Each school has a cafeteria, gymnasium, library, art room, music room, and Mac computers that can access the Internet. EASD spends approximately \$8367 per student. PA spends \$9675 per student (Source NCES 2005-2006). Title I reading and math services are available to students at Paxinosa, Cheston, March, and Palmer Elementary Schools.*

How has the quality of education had an impact on crime in the target area? *The Easton School District offers quality education services including an Alternative School (not in the Target Area). It's not the quality of education, but the lack of programming to address suspensions and drop out statistics that have affected crime in the target area. NOTE: Though the quality of education has not impacted crime, we believe the suspension rates have:*

**2007-08 EASD Suspensions**

Grade Level	In School	Out of School
Easton High School (9-12)	310	437
Grade 7 & 8	267	159
Grade 5 & 6	136	54
K – 4 (all grade schools)	27	25
<b>EASD TOTAL</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>675</b>

If yes, describe what the target area is doing to address this issue.

*If we combine out of school suspension numbers for the high school and grades 7 and 8, there are 596 students on the streets of the target area. This doesn't include adding the students that have dropped out and so are permanently on the streets without a HS diploma. Without positive assets or positive direction, these students are easily enticed by negative influences such as quick money and the support of gang friends. At this time there is no programming in place to address this issue by the school district. When a student is suspended out of school they simply are left without direction. Weed & Seed will be discussing these statistics with school district administration and have included it in our long range plan with the intention of targeting programming at ages 14 and up. Currently Easton High School is in a level 2 corrective action plan and we hope to implement something to address the suspension and drop outs.*

Describe what else the community is doing to address their problem in the target area. *Truancy officer goes out into every area of the target community to bring students back into the school where they should be present..*

Which of the following problems have been identified by either the school district or law enforcement as serious issues in the schools attended by target area students?

*The following information in each individual field was taken from the PCCD PA Youth Survey Report (2007). 1,583 students in grades 6, 8, and 10 participated.*

Underage tobacco use-19.2%

Underage alcohol use-*binge drinking* 7.1%,*being drunk at school* 50.3 %, 6.0%

Abuse of over-the-counter or prescription *drugs amphetamines* 1.8%, *sedatives* 4.6%,*tranquilizers* 3.0%,*narcotics* 2.6%

Illegal drug use-marijuana-11.0%, *inhalants-* 10.5%,*heroin* 0.5%, *cocaine* 1.3%, *ecstasy* 2.8%, *any illicit drug other than marijuana* 13.5%

*Drug dealing* -11.0%

Bullying or other violent behavior including gangs-*attacking someone with intent to harm*

13.4%*attempting to steal a vehicle* 1.5%, *getting suspended* 12.9%, *bringing a weapon to school* 2.2%, *threatened to beat someone up (bullying)-* 28.6%, *ever belonged to a gang-* 4.6%

Vandalism or theft of school property- *Not available.*

Gambling related problems- 29.4%

Teenage pregnancy

Pregnant/Parenting Teens	TOTAL
AGE (2000-2001)	TOTAL
21	0
20	0
19	6
18	12
17	10
16	7
15	3
14	2
AGE (2001-2002)	TOTAL
21	0
20	0
19	3
18	9
17	15
16	14
15	6
14	0

YEAR	TOTAL PREGNANT/PARENTING FEMALES
2000-2001	40
2001-2002	40
2002-2003	42
2003-2004	39
2004-2005	38
2005-2006	14
2006-2007	25
2007-2008	28

YEAR	WITHDRAWN
2000-2001	12
2001-2002	12
2002-2003	16
2003-2004	14
2004-2005	10
2005-2006	10
2006-2007	8
2007-	6

AGE (2002-2003)	
21	1
20	2
19	0
18	9
17	16
16	14
15	7
14	0
AGE (2003-2004)	
21	0
20	2
19	1
18	5
17	12
16	12
15	5
14	2
AGE (2004-2005)	
21	0
20	1
19	3
18	11
17	4
16	8
15	2
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AGE (2005-2006)	
21	0
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16	5
15	3
14	0
AGE (2006-2007)	
21	0
20	0
19	2
18	6
17	8
16	6
15	2
14	1
AGE (2007-2008)	

21	0
20	1
19	2
18	6
17	12
16	3
15	2
14	2

*In 2005 EAHS students participated in the Weller Health Education Center Survey to identify critical student health issues. Students in grades 9-12 participated in this comprehensive survey. A total of 2,212 surveys made up this sample (78.9%). The respondents were 51.4% male and 48.6% female. Statistics show that when students feel a low neighborhood attachment there is a higher incidence of drug problems, delinquency, violence, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Overall, EASD students grades 6-10 received a score of 50 out of 100 on the low neighborhood attachment scale. Students received a score of 57 out of 100 in response to neighborhood disarray (graffiti, abandoned buildings, fighting, drug sales and neighborhood safety/community disorganization).*

- *45.1% reporting having had sexual intercourse. More than 1/5 (34.5%) of sexually active survey participants drank alcohol or used drugs before their last sexual activity.*
- *71% used a condom or their partner used a condom and*
- *87% used some form of birth control (includes withdrawal and other non-proven contraceptive methods)*
- *Sexual activity significantly increased from 34.1% among 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to 65.8% among 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.*
- *Over half (58.7%) of EAHS students reported some or very strong pressures to participate in sexual activities, significantly more females (62.4%) than males (55.2%) reported such pressures.*
- *5.4% of participating students had sexual intercourse for the first time prior to age 14.*
- *12.3% had sexual intercourse with 4 or more partners, significantly more males (14.1%) than females (10.4%) as grade increased the report of more than four sexual partners significantly increased.*
- *19.4% of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students reported having sexual intercourse with 4 or more people.*

*The Easton Area School District conducted a survey in May 2008 among over 200 high school students. The sample was representative of various grades/ages, races/cultures, geographic areas, genders, and grade point averages. Students were asked if they used various substances during the academic year. Seventy-two percent (72%) did not use tobacco, 56% did not use alcohol, 75% did not use marijuana, 98% did not use crystal meth, and 79% did not abuse prescription drugs. (Source:*

*[http://www.eastonsd.org/Wellness/Survey\\_Results\\_NEW\\_files/EASD%20AOC%20report.pdf](http://www.eastonsd.org/Wellness/Survey_Results_NEW_files/EASD%20AOC%20report.pdf))*

*Note: during the 2008-2009 school-year Easton Area High School was all over the newspapers in Easton as students were found drunk at a school dance. They conducted an aggressive campaign to assure parents that they have a no tolerance policy on alcohol and that this was an isolated problem. (Three years prior 2 juniors were killed in a tragic car accident at 6 in the morning after the students had been partying all night and lying to their parents about where they were. The boy driving the vehicle is in prison). They also conducted a social norms survey and posted a large banner in the high school lobby with the resultant statement “70% of us do not drink alcohol”. It is not an isolated problem. These results were used to target interventions.*

Describe what the schools are doing to address each of the identified problems.

*Paxinosa Elementary School offers these programs: Second Step Violence Prevention, Anti-Tobacco, Too Good for Drugs, Safety Matters, Common Playgrounds assembly, Bullying Prevention, Communication Skills, and a Safety Fair, Weed and Seed holds it's Family Nights/Safe Nights at this school in the target area.*

*Palmer Elementary School – guidance counselors offer conflict resolution lessons and small groups and the Center for Humanistic Change offers a Too Good for Violence program.*

*Easton Area Neighborhood Center offers the Family Development Research Program (FDRP) for approximately 14 pregnant or parenting teen moms in the Easton Area High School. There is a possibility of expanding the program to include grades 5-8.*

*After school programs for at-risk youth are offered at Easton Area Middle School and Easton Area Academy. A Place for Us bullying/gang prevention program is held for grades 5 and 6 at Shawnee Middle School.*

*ProJeCt of Easton offers wraparound and life skills at Easton Area Middle School and Shawnee Middle School.*

*Easton Area High School offers a 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition program called Skills to Success. Students identified as at-risk for truancy/drop-out received tutoring and academic assistance in school daily. 80% of this population are West Ward students.*

Describe what target area is doing to address each of the identified problems in the schools.

*Easton Area Community Center, which is located in the target area, offers an after-school program for at-risk youth, organized athletics, summer day camp, and the CACFP dinner program through the Dept. of Education. The Boys & Girls Club (in the target area) has a teen center. Safe Passages Safe Havens Program. Salvation Army offers emergency assistance, food, clothing and utility assistance. The Cyber Café is open nightly during school days offering students academic help and positive asset development. Faith based organizations offer various supportive services.*

Describe what the target community is doing to address each of the identified problems in the schools.

*The Easton Area Neighborhood Center also offers tutoring services two times a week at their shelter. ProJeCt of Easton offers an emergency assistance program and food bank. Lafayette College provides tutors. The Mayor's Gang Task Force provides community speakers addressing gangs, drugs and violence. Planned Parenthood and Easton Hospital Clinics offer reduces costs services. The YMCA programming offers community building activities for students and families. Faith based organizations offer various supportive services. NAACP mentorship program.*

What number and percent of elementary, middle, and high school students who reside in the target area have been identified as truant?

*Easton Area School District does not keep data specific to the West Ward. The Site Coordinator visited the individual schools within the EASD and found out this data was never requested in the past. At this time, we are working to create a report that will extract truancy data specific to the West Ward. The truancy officer suggested that he could count students by hand by what magisterial district they report to as the Target Area falls into both districts and the one district encompasses a portion of the downtown neighborhood.*

How do these percentages compare to the target community truancy percentages?

*K-4 level the target area residents make up 73% of the entire population of truants from the grade school level for the district. This number we can compute as the entire building is made up Target Area residents.*

How are truants identified by EASD/target area students attend?

*(e.g., all schools in the school district use the same definition – once a student reaches 3 illegal days meaning no note from a parent, they are identified as truant and they are taken to an informational*

meting in front of a district judge (parent and student), the school truancy officer is there and a court appointed children and youth rep. is available. The parent is expected to explain why the child is truant with the hopes of preventing any further truancy. The judge explains the truancy law in PA and the consequences of violating the law. They are advised the only further excused absences will be accepted with a doctors not. Any further without a note means they could again return to court. If they are referred to Children and Youth they may have additional consequences imposed.

\*Easton School District hired a new truancy officer in 2008 and he has been changing the means he uses to report this data. When he took over the position there was not a set system for reporting data from the individual schools. He has since developed this system in the hopes of collecting data in the same manner from every school in the district, prior to this the individual school reported however and whenever they wanted.

This data below is from August 2009 –February. These are individual students:

EASD K-4 = 49

Paxinosa Elementary = 36

Grades 5-6 = 51

Grades 7-8 = 67

Grades 9-12 EAHS = 99 (includes 8 juniors and 0 seniors. Once a student reaches age 17 they are able to drop or the school can drop them if they are 10 days unexcused consecutively).

Total identified number of West Ward students in the district = 97

This number of 300 (current to this date) includes 47 repeat offenders.

\*2008 data showed there were 218 students truant

Describe what the schools attended by target area students are doing to reduce truancy. There is a truancy intervention program grades 5-8 (limited number 15 participants). The school counselor is involved with contacting the parent. There is a Children and Youth representative at the middle school level to assist parents. There is a wrap around program at the middle school level. There are crisis counselors at the high school level. The basic area of concentration of truant students is at grades 5-9 and thus many of the truancy services are targeted at these students.

Describe what target area is doing to reduce truancy among target area students.

One of the programs is the Easton Area Community Center. (Saints Clubhouse) This program remains in contact with the school counselors at the age level (5-13). Students that do not attend or cut school are not allowed to participate in the after school program. The children enjoy the after school program and thus this has been a positive motivator to get kids to attend school and show up on time.

Describe what the community is doing to address this problem in the target area.

Currently forming a committee to address this issue, a task force of sorts. First meeting was held with the guidance counselors in the high school.

Has truancy affected crime in the target area? In order to evaluate this I believe we would have to know what time of day the crimes are being committed by the juveniles and this is not available. The school day is approximately 7:30 am-3:30 pm( dependent upon the grade level) if crimes were committed during these hours we could make the correlation. This data is not available.

If yes, describe what your target area is doing to address the relationship between truancy and crime in the target area. N/A

Describe what the target community is doing to address this problem in the target area. Easton Area Community Center does not allow the students to attend the after school program if they were not in school that day.

What is the dropout rate for high school students in the target area?

The graduation rate in the Easton Area School District is 87%. Data is not available for residents of the target area.

**2006-07 EASD Drop Out Information (Grades 7-12)\***

**(2007-08 currently unavailable)**

<b>Grades 7-12</b>	<b>Total Students</b>	<b>Drop outs</b>	<b>Total %</b>
<b>PA</b>	846,281	13,376	1.6%
<b>EASD</b>	4,472	86	1.9%

\*When calculating drop out information: Includes any student not returning or deciding to drop out in September of 2007. All years are reported as such.

Describe what your target area is doing to reduce the high school dropout rate among target area students. *Analyzing data at this time. Weed & Seed will be discussing these statistics with school district administration and have included it in our long range plan with the intention of targeting programming for EASD drop outs. According to the AYP 2007-2008 report Easton High School is in Level 2 Corrective Action and the Middle School is in Level 1 Corrective Action. During the years 1999-2007 Weed and Seed funded a program in the school district called Adopt-A-Class. It was based on the 40 Developmental Assets model and it served approximately 400 (unduplicated) students through the years. This program addressed this need and since it finished there is no longer a community program in the high school that addresses the needs of these students. The intention was to build positive assets and eliminate negative issues such as truancy, drop out, pregnancy and involvement in gangs, drugs and violence. When the students in the class of 2007 graduated (June 2007) the program ended. The Easton Weed and Seed program could gather support from stakeholders in the community to again replicate this to address the issue of crime in the community as it relates to drop out numbers.*

Describe what the target community is doing to address this problem in the target area. *GED programs are available through ProJeCt of Easton as well as the school district.*

Has the target area's school dropout rate affected crime in the target area? *The only school in the Target Area is Paxinosa (K-4). Students do not drop out at this school. The other schools are also K-4 but not in the target area and then 5/6 and 7/8 but also not in the target area. Again, at this age (up to 14) drop out is not a concern.*

Describe what your target area is doing to address the relationship between school dropout and crime in the target area. *N/A*

Describe what the target community is doing to address this problem in the target area. *N/A*

**PART VII**

**EMPLOYMENT, OCCUPATION, AND TRAINING**  
**EMPLOYED**

Report the percent the types of jobs held by area residents:

6.25% of Professional/Managerial. 21.3% of Skilled, 72.45% of Unskilled

Has there been a change in the distribution of occupations among residents within the last five years? *The only data we have available is from the 2000 census. We are unable to make this determination until the census data from 2010 is completed. If yes, describe this change. N/A*

Has the change affected crime in the target area? *With the current state of the economy it is almost impossible to correlate the numbers reported above to our current crime statistics. With so many*

*Americans unemployed we really need to gather statistics for the entire target area after the 2010 Census.*

*Describe what your target area is doing to address the relationship between resident occupation and crime. The Cyber Cafe (funded both through Weed and Seed and private funds) has begun offering adult computer classes and technical assistance to West Ward residents. This is in direct correlation to the increasing unemployment rates. Weed & Seed's Newsletter has a job corner that advertises available job opportunities in the West Ward. At this time we are looking into creating a mentorship program to assist men and woman either recently released or about to be released from prison. The program would offer apprenticeships in construction, electrical and plumbing.*

*Describe what the target community is doing to address this relationship. Career Link services are available on a regular basis. Free tuition has been offered for retraining at the local community college.*

## **UNEMPLOYED**

*What percent of target area residents are unemployed? 2000 Census data give a figure of .034% of area residents being unemployed. OBVIOUSLY, this is incorrect as the local Easton newspapers are reporting (March 2009) the figure of 8.1% in the Lehigh Valley. See above narrative under the Employed section explaining about the crisis in the economy and how well more than .034% are likely unemployed right now. The Weed & Seed program will be researching other areas such as the Unemployment Office and local businesses to ascertain a more accurate picture of the unemployment in the West Ward and the City of Easton.*

*Describe the main obstacles faced by target area residents who are unemployed.*

*Financial difficulties include: can't make rent/mortgage, not enough to feed family, no health care, no transportation, depression, anxiety, consideration of illegal money making options, lack of childcare, decline in recreational opportunities, decline in the ability to care for the home, etc.*

*Describe what your target area is doing to address these obstacles. See above section on Employment.*

*Describe what the target community is doing to address these obstacles. See above section on Employment.*

*What percent of target area residents are not working and "not" looking for work? (excluding those who are retired or senior citizens)*

*The only possible way that we could even begin to answer this question is to find out how many senior citizens live in the West Ward and then deduct that number from the total population. Without knowing what cut off PCCD wants to use that would indicate what age person they want to know is looking for work, we can not get this figure. Knowing the community as we do, from talking to people that are unemployed; there are a great deal of people looking for work. Unemployment no longer pays the bills, welfare doesn't pay the bills. It is difficult in the West Ward to look for a job because the only Career Link is downtown which is two miles away. At a recent Town Meeting, residents indicated many of their neighbors do not have personal computers, or the skills to even use it if they did.*

*Describe why these target area residents are not looking for work (e.g., retired, disabled, students, at-home parents). Not able to answer this question.*

*Has unemployment affected crime in the target area?*

*On a recent visit to the prison, we were made aware that approximately 245 prisoners are from Easton. This makes up ¼ of the population of the Northampton County Prison. In future months Weed & Seed will be developing a questionnaire for all Easton prisoners. We will include a question asking whether*

*the prisoner was employed at the time of incarceration. The Warden has informed us that all information is self reported and there is really no way to validate the data, just one more obstacle.*

Describe what your target area is doing to address the relationship between unemployment and crime in the target area. *See above.*

Describe what the target community is doing to address this relationship. *See above.*

**PART VIII**

**INCOME AND POVERTY**

What is the average income of target area residents? *\$27,213*

Compare the following summary indicators for the target area, target community, and State as available:

Using data from the 2000 Census, these percentages not an accurate measurement considering nine(9) years have passed.

	<b>West Ward</b>	<b>Easton</b>	<b>PA</b>
% Residents, families and children below poverty level	27.9%	19.23%	14.19%
% Residents, families and children receiving public assistance	3.6%	3.4%	3.1%
% Children eligible for free or reduced-price lunch program	Not available	52.75%	
Median (1) individual income	\$25,692	\$27,982	\$31,869
Median household income	\$29,040	\$33,162	\$40,108
Median family income	\$26,907	\$31,540	\$34,856

Has there been a change in the income distribution of target area residents over the last five years? *At this time we do not have the data available to measure this. If yes, describe this change. N/A*

How has the income distribution of residents affected crime in the target area? *As you can see from the table above nine (9) years ago a much higher percentage of West Ward residents were living below the poverty level as compared to Easton or PA. When the 2010 Census data is available we will make the determination of whether the income distribution has affected crime in the target area. Considering the current state of the economy, we expect the numbers showing income distribution will directly affect crime in the target area.*

Describe what your target area is doing to address the relationship between income and crime in the target area. *N/A*

Describe what the target community is doing to address this relationship in the target area. *N/A*

**PART IX**

**HOUSING AVAILABILITY, AFFORDABILITY AND QUALITY**

Housing Stock	CT 142	CT 143	West Ward Neighborhood TOTAL	% of Easton TOTAL	Easton	PA State TOTAL
<b>1 detached</b>	401	218	619	24.10%	2,568	2,724,746
<b>1 attached</b>	1,105	695	1,800	48.20%	3,734	860,086
<b>2 units</b>	363	282	645	43.61%	1,479	235,658
<b>3 or 4 units</b>	257	249	506	57.30%	883	203,880
<b>5-9 units</b>	108	84	192	26.55%	723	157,342
<b>10-19 units</b>	70	38	108	28.27%	382	118,401
<b>20+ units</b>	30	44	74	12.17%	608	258,403
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>4,017</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>10,377</b>	<b>5,249,750</b>

1. What is the percent of owner vs. renter-occupied housing units in the target area? *The Target Areas housing stock tends to be older and smaller than that of the surrounding city. While the housing is less expensive than that of the surrounding city, the median housing values have outpaced household income. The West Ward neighborhood has been particularly impacted by the conversion of its single dwelling units to multiple units over the decades. The West Ward is made up of residential units/owner (52%), where the area mostly displays high-density land use patterns. The increased density and replacement of long-term owner-occupants by shorter-term tenants/48% have had a negative impact on many neighborhood quality of life issues, including overcrowded parking, decreased property maintenance, erosion of neighborhood pride with accumulation of trash throughout the neighborhood.*

Has the availability, affordability, and quality of housing affected crime in the target area? *Yes. Housing characteristics in the West Ward have undergone dramatic shifts In the past ten years. While the housing stock citywide has grown the West Ward’s Eastern neighborhood Tract 143 lost 175 units and the western neighborhood Tract 142 only gained 28 units. Consistent with the citywide trend the % of renter occupied units increased significantly in both tracts. Tract 143 has 15.3% of Easton’s total housing stock tract 142 has 22.8%. The bulk of the total housing stock is row homes (attached) and multi unit properties. Single family detached units comprise only 15.4% of the Wards housing stock. The high density nature is a possible factor when looking at crime statistics. In terms of housing unit growth Tract 142 is considered to be low growth and Tract 143 is declining in growth. The dramatic increase in the % of renters contributes to the large transient population and relative to homeowners, may affect crime statistics. Landlords live out of state and therefore do not personally know people living in their rentals. There are serious issues that affect the quality of the housing stock within the West Ward. Many of the affordable structures are in need of repair and require code inspections. In order to have an attachment to the community one must have a home which is the center of life. Without a grounding center, such as home, there is no place to start or to build. It’s a known fact that when there are homeowners that reside in a neighborhood, they support one another as far as property upkeep, and watching out for one another. When the majority of the people on the block are renting the homes, and they constantly change, there is decreased neighborhood stability and little regard for anyone else’s property. With little hope of an available and affordable home coupled with financial difficulty such as the stress of losing your home, it is likely that this directly affects crime statistics.*

1 The median is defined as the 50% percentile above and below which 50% of the values fall.

Describe what your target area is doing to address the relationship between the availability, affordability, and quality of housing and crime in the target area. *Weed & Seed is in the process of recruiting a Neighborhood restoration Committee. As a part of attempting to restructure the West Ward, the Weed & Seed organization and its underlying committees will address issue of neighborhood stability. The Health and Human Services sub-committee of Prevention Intervention and Treatment will support their work by offering opportunities for financial stability, such as the possibility of a neighborhood bank. Currently we are in the discussion phase.*

Describe what the target community is doing to address this relationship. *CDBG funds are used in the target area, lead abatement program in nearby Bethlehem is used as needed, the DEP is currently addressing contamination issues, the West Ward Neighborhood Partnership has a façade program, basic infrastructure such as parks and streets are being revitalized, HOME Grant is used for owner-occupied housing.*

### **Public Housing**

What is the number of public housing units in the target area? *Three/Current occupancy is at 95% for all units combined*

- *Jefferson St. 55 units (9) 1-bedroom/ (36) 2-bedroom/ (8) 3-bedroom/ (2) 5-bedroom*
- *North Union St. 57 units (21) 1 bedroom/ (12) 2-bedroom/ (18) 3-bedroom/ (6) 4-bedroom*
- *Bushkill House 48 Units (45) 1-bedroom/ (3) 2-bedroom*

What percent of the target area's total population reside in public housing? *308 persons or 3.06 %.*  
Provide an overview of the public housing for each development in the target area (e.g., maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds, safety, lighting, size of housing units, proximity to public transportation, adequacy of parking, amenities such as laundry facilities, recreational areas, or a daycare center, etc.)

*Systematic and routine maintenance on regularly scheduled intervals. Regular or emergency maintenance handled through work order intake clerk; after hours maintenance personnel on call. Capital improvements handled through HUD Capital Improvement Program. Safety inspections by authority personnel on a regular basis (units/structures/grounds, HUD inspections annually. Housing Authority assures proper lighting, secure entrances, police patrol and video surveillance. Most building have community rooms. All have off-street parking. Laundry facilities are provided in elderly high-rise buildings with washer dryer hook-ups in a majority of family units. Basketball courts, playgrounds and community gardens provided. There is public transportation within one block of each development.*

How has public housing affected crime in the target area? *There is no correlation between public housing and crime.*