

# Fact Sheet



## Bon Secours Community Works

**Mission:** Bon Secours Community Works (BSCW) works to enrich West Baltimore communities with programs and services that contribute to the long-term economic and social viability of neighborhoods. As a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization, Community Works seeks to further the mission of the Sisters of Bon Secours through housing, health and community development initiatives. A division of Bon Secours Baltimore Health System, we adhere to the Sisters' commitment to provide good help to area residents.



**Geographic Area Served:** West Baltimore. The city of Baltimore has 622,454 residents. Community members identifying as African American or Black comprise 62% of the population.<sup>1</sup>

Financial Capability Services Currently Provided:	Other Services Provided:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Financial Counseling</li> <li>✓ Free Tax Preparation Assistance</li> <li>✓ Credit Counseling</li> <li>✓ Access to Federal and State Benefits</li> <li>✓ Financial Literacy Classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Job training &amp; placement</li> <li>✓ Computer training</li> <li>✓ Youth Employment</li> <li>✓ Re-entry program</li> <li>✓ G.E.D. classes</li> <li>✓ Parenting classes</li> <li>✓ Early Head Start</li> <li>✓ In-home support</li> <li>✓ Women in Crises</li> </ul>

### Maryland

<b>African American Households' Median Net Worth</b>	\$22,150
<b>African American Households with Zero Net Worth</b>	24.8%
<b>African American Underbanked Households</b>	33.0%

### Interview Participants:

- 15 community members
- Ages: 24 to 55
- Median estimated income of \$27,000
- Median estimated savings: \$200
- Median estimated debt/past-due bills: \$32,730



<sup>1</sup> All Maryland data from the Prosperity Now Scorecard. <http://scorecard.prosperitynow.org/>

## The Brownsville Partnership



**Mission:** The Brownsville Partnership engages residents and partner organizations from many sectors in measurably improving the health, safety and economic prosperity of the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn. Coordinated by Community Solutions, the Partnership builds on Brownsville's considerable strengths to find solutions to its most pressing challenges. The Brownsville Partnership focuses on solving the most critical challenges facing the community by inspiring, facilitating, and advocating for greater access to opportunities for individual and collective success in Brownsville.

**Geographic Area Served:** Brownsville, a neighborhood located in eastern Brooklyn in New York City. Brownsville has 127,468 residents. Community members identifying as African American or Black comprise 71% of the population.<sup>2</sup>

Financial Capability Services Currently Provided:	Other Services Provided:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Financial Coaching</li> <li>✓ Free Tax Preparation Assistance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Workforce Development Partner</li> <li>✓ Employment and Job Training Assistance</li> <li>✓ NYCHA Affordable Housing Ambassador</li> </ul>

### New York

**African American Households' Median Net Worth** \$10,050

**African American Households with Zero Net Worth** 33.8%

**African American Underbanked Households** 40.0%

### Interview Participants:

- 16 community members
- Ages: 19 to 52
- Median estimated income of \$23,000
- Median estimated savings: \$775
- Median estimate debt/past-due bills: \$12,353



<sup>2</sup> Citizens' Committee for Children: Keeping Track of New York City's Children. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Public Use Microdata Sample File (2005-2015). Additional New York data from the Prosperity Now Scorecard. <http://scorecard.prosperitynow.org/>

# Urban League of Broward County

**Mission:** Founded in 1975 as an affiliate of the National Urban League, the Urban League of Broward County is a community-based organization dedicated to empowering communities and changing lives in the areas of education, jobs, housing, and health. The mission of the Urban League movement is to enable African-Americans to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights.

**Geographic Area Served:** Broward County is home to Fort Lauderdale and is part of the Miami metropolitan area. The county has 1,843,152 residents. Community members identifying as African American or Black comprise 27% of the population.<sup>3</sup>



Financial Capability Services Currently Provided:	Other Services Provided:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Financial Coaching</li> <li>✓ Homeownership Counseling and Foreclosure Prevention</li> <li>✓ Individual Develop Account Program</li> <li>✓ Financial Literacy Workshops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Screening and access to health benefits</li> <li>✓ Maternal &amp; Infant Health Education</li> <li>✓ Chronic disease self-management education</li> <li>✓ Academic counseling/advising</li> <li>✓ Tutoring and afterschool programs</li> <li>✓ Life skills education</li> <li>✓ Diversion programming</li> <li>✓ Summer enrichment camp</li> <li>✓ Workforce soft skills training</li> <li>✓ Certification training</li> <li>✓ Job placement</li> </ul>

## Florida

**African American Households' Median Net Worth** \$2,990

**African American Households with Zero Net Worth** 33.8%

**African American Underbanked Households** 31.7%

## Interview Participants:

- 15 community members
- Ages: 24 to 55
- Median estimated income of \$35,560
- Median estimated savings: \$2,000
- Median estimate debt/past-due bills: \$64,700



<sup>3</sup> All Florida data from the Prosperity Now Scorecard. <http://scorecard.prosperitynow.org/>