

US Census Bureau Estimates of New York State Population

County Estimates for 2007

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Economic Development Regions

According to the most recent population estimate series for counties released by the U.S. Census Bureau on March 20, 2008 the State of New York grew by 1.7 percent over the seven plus years between April 1, 2000 and July 1, 2007. The population total for the state increased by 320,908 persons. The economic development regions experiencing the greatest growth were New York City whose population increased by 265,873 (3.3 percent), the Mid-Hudson Region growing by 96,188 (4.4 percent), and the Capital District with an increase of 31,863 (3.1 percent). Two other regions had growing populations, albeit at rates below the state's overall growth rate. They were Long Island at 5,849 (0.2 percent) and the North Country at 3,481 (0.8 percent). The Census Bureau estimates that the remaining regions have each lost population since the Census 2000. The population of the Mohawk Valley declined by -4,804 (-1.0 percent), Central New York by -6,987 (-0.9 percent), Southern Tier by -8,410 (-1.3 percent), the Finger Lakes by -10,256 (-0.9 percent) and Western New York by -51,889 (-3.6 percent).

Population change can be broken down into two components, natural increase and net migration. Natural increase (or decrease) is the difference between births and deaths. High rates of natural increase are generally associated with relative concentrations of persons of child-bearing age. Regions with high proportions of older persons will frequently have natural decrease as the number of deaths to older persons exceeds the number of births. Net migration is the net change in population due to the exchange of persons migrating into and out of an area—from other areas within the United States as

well as the movement of persons to and from abroad. Table 1 and Figure 1 display by region the rate of population change along with the components of net migration and natural increase. The Capital District had the second highest rate of population growth in New York State and was the only region with a substantial positive rate of net migration. Positive net migration and natural increase contributed to population growth. Central New York had a higher rate of growth due to natural increase than the Capital District but the rate of net out-migration exceeded natural increase and so the region declined in population. Population change in the Finger Lakes region followed the same pattern as Central New York. The Census Bureau estimates very low growth for the Long Island region as high rates of natural increase slightly exceeded the negative out-migration from the region. The Mid-Hudson region is the only other region with positive net migration, and combined with a high rate of natural increase led to substantial population increase. The Mohawk Valley is the only region with a natural decrease in population, owing to its relatively high proportion of older persons. The region's rate of net out-migration was low. New York City had the second highest rate of population growth and the highest rate of natural increase. New York City had net out-migration of its population which was more than offset by its high number of births. The North Country had a small increase in population due to its rate of natural increase exceeding the low rate of net out-migration. The Southern Tier and Western New York shared a similar pattern of population decline as net out-migration far exceeded rates of natural increase.

Counties

Twenty-four of the state's counties grew at faster rates than the overall state. Among these, seven are in the Hudson Valley, six in the Capital District and all five of the counties making up New York City. Table 2 contains estimates of population size and components of change. The counties with the highest rates of growth were Orange (10.5 percent); Richmond [Staten Island] (8.5 percent), and Saratoga (7.6 percent). In terms of size of population increase the five counties of New York City stood at the top of the list. The county with the greatest population growth was New York County [Manhattan] with an increase of 83,495 (5.4 percent), followed Kings County [Brooklyn] at 62,525 (2.5 percent), Bronx County at 41,009 (3.1 percent), and Richmond County [Staten Island] at

37,885 (8.5 percent). The next five counties are Orange County at 35,802 (10.5 percent), Suffolk County at 33,860 (2.4 percent), Westchester County at 27,866 (3.0 percent), Saratoga County at 15,217 (7.6 percent), and Dutchess County at 12,596 (4.5 percent).

The counties with the largest losses of population are where the major urban centers of Central and Western New York are located. The Census Bureau estimates that Erie County [Buffalo] has experienced the greatest loss among all the counties, declining in population by -36,927. The other major upstate urban counties with substantial losses are Chautauqua [Jamestown] at -5,805; Monroe [Rochester] at -5,662; Niagara [Niagara Falls] at -4,999; Broome [Binghamton] at -4,563; Onondaga [Syracuse] at -4,326; Oneida [Utica] at -3,155; and Chemung [Elmira] at -3,055. Nassau County is the only downstate county with a substantial loss of population, declining by -28,011 and second only to Erie County.

The growth of the Capital District has been fueled by positive rates of net migration among many of its counties, led by Saratoga (4.2 percent), Warren (3.9 percent), Greene (3.2 percent), and Washington (2.2 percent) Counties. Other counties with relatively high rates of net in-migration include Richmond [Staten Island] at 4.9 percent and Orange at 4.8 percent which are the two leading counties; Tompkins with a net in-migration rate of 2.3 percent and Ontario at 2.2 percent.

The counties with high rates of natural increase over 6 percent are Bronx, Kings [Brooklyn], and Rockland Counties. At the other end are counties experiencing natural decrease where due to an older age structure the number of deaths exceeds births. There are nine counties where natural decrease is occurring, and Hamilton County at -3.3 percent is the most extreme. The aging of the population can be brought about by out-migration of young adults and persons of child-bearing age and/or by the in-migration of older persons at the retirement stage of life. Greene County in the Capital District has the third highest rate of natural decrease at -1.1 percent and yet has grown by 2.2 percent since 2000 due to a positive net migration rate of 3.2 percent.

Figure 1. Rate of Change in Population Due to Net Migration and Natural Increase, 2000 - 2007

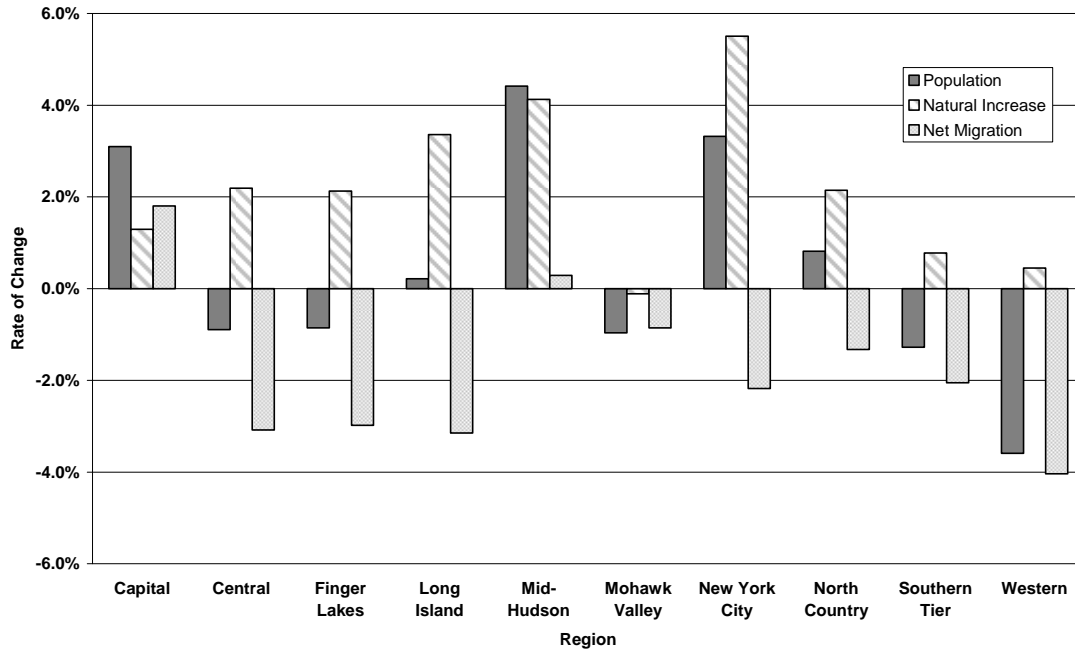


Table 1. Population and Components of Change for New York State Regions

	4/1/2000	7/1/2007	Difference	Rates of Change		
				Total	Natural Increase	Net Migration
New York State	18,976,821	19,297,729	320,908	1.7%	3.7%	-2.0%
Capital	1,029,927	1,061,790	31,863	3.1%	1.3%	1.8%
Central	780,715	773,728	-6,987	-0.9%	2.2%	-3.1%
Finger Lakes	1,199,590	1,189,334	-10,256	-0.9%	2.1%	-3.0%
Long Island	2,753,913	2,759,762	5,849	0.2%	3.4%	-3.1%
Mid-Hudson	2,179,187	2,275,375	96,188	4.4%	4.1%	0.3%
Mohawk Valley	497,935	493,131	-4,804	-1.0%	-0.1%	-0.9%
New York City	8,008,654	8,274,527	265,873	3.3%	5.5%	-2.2%
North Country	425,859	429,340	3,481	0.8%	2.1%	-1.3%
Southern Tier	657,300	648,890	-8,410	-1.3%	0.8%	-2.1%
Western	1,443,741	1,391,852	-51,889	-3.6%	0.4%	-4.0%

Source: Population. U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program, 7/1/2007 County Population Estimates

Table 2. Population and Components of Change for New York State Counties

	4/1/2000	7/1/2007	Difference	Rates of Change		
				Total	Natural Increase	Net Migration
New York State	18,976,821	19,297,729	320,908	1.7%	3.7%	-2.0%
Albany County	294,565	299,307	4,742	1.6%	0.9%	0.7%
Allegany County	49,927	49,637	-290	-0.6%	0.9%	-1.4%
Bronx County	1,332,650	1,373,659	41,009	3.1%	6.8%	-3.8%
Broome County	200,536	195,973	-4,563	-2.3%	0.1%	-2.4%
Cattaraugus County	83,955	80,087	-3,868	-4.6%	1.3%	-5.9%
Cayuga County	81,963	80,066	-1,897	-2.3%	1.0%	-3.3%
Chautauqua County	139,750	133,945	-5,805	-4.2%	0.2%	-4.4%
Chemung County	91,070	88,015	-3,055	-3.4%	1.0%	-4.4%
Chenango County	51,401	51,207	-194	-0.4%	0.3%	-0.7%
Clinton County	79,894	82,215	2,321	2.9%	1.3%	1.6%
Columbia County	63,094	62,363	-731	-1.2%	-0.7%	-0.4%
Cortland County	48,598	48,369	-229	-0.5%	1.8%	-2.2%
Delaware County	48,057	46,286	-1,771	-3.7%	-1.6%	-2.1%
Dutchess County	280,150	292,746	12,596	4.5%	2.6%	1.9%
Erie County	950,265	913,338	-36,927	-3.9%	0.4%	-4.3%
Essex County	38,851	38,119	-732	-1.9%	-0.6%	-1.3%
Franklin County	51,134	50,449	-685	-1.3%	0.8%	-2.1%
Fulton County	55,073	55,114	41	0.1%	-0.1%	0.2%
Genesee County	60,370	58,122	-2,248	-3.7%	1.0%	-4.7%
Greene County	48,195	49,246	1,051	2.2%	-1.1%	3.2%
Hamilton County	5,379	5,075	-304	-5.7%	-3.3%	-2.4%
Herkimer County	64,437	62,558	-1,879	-2.9%	-0.3%	-2.6%
Jefferson County	111,738	117,201	5,463	4.9%	5.4%	-0.5%
Kings County	2,465,525	2,528,050	62,525	2.5%	6.4%	-3.9%
Lewis County	26,944	26,472	-472	-1.8%	2.7%	-4.5%
Livingston County	64,328	63,196	-1,132	-1.8%	1.6%	-3.3%
Madison County	69,441	69,829	388	0.6%	1.8%	-1.2%
Monroe County	735,343	729,681	-5,662	-0.8%	2.5%	-3.3%
Montgomery County	49,708	48,695	-1,013	-2.0%	-0.4%	-1.7%
Nassau County	1,334,544	1,306,533	-28,011	-2.1%	2.5%	-4.6%
New York County	1,537,372	1,620,867	83,495	5.4%	4.4%	1.1%
Niagara County	219,844	214,845	-4,999	-2.3%	0.3%	-2.5%
Oneida County	235,459	232,304	-3,155	-1.3%	0.1%	-1.4%
Onondaga County	458,336	454,010	-4,326	-0.9%	2.5%	-3.5%
Ontario County	100,224	103,956	3,732	3.7%	1.6%	2.2%
Orange County	341,367	377,169	35,802	10.5%	5.7%	4.8%
Orleans County	44,173	42,371	-1,802	-4.1%	1.3%	-5.4%
Oswego County	122,377	121,454	-923	-0.8%	2.1%	-2.9%
Otsego County	61,676	62,397	721	1.2%	-0.5%	1.7%
Putnam County	95,745	99,489	3,744	3.9%	4.0%	-0.1%
Queens County	2,229,379	2,270,338	40,959	1.8%	4.9%	-3.0%
Rensselaer County	152,538	155,318	2,780	1.8%	1.4%	0.4%
Richmond County	443,728	481,613	37,885	8.5%	3.7%	4.9%
Rockland County	286,753	296,483	9,730	3.4%	6.3%	-2.9%
St. Lawrence County	111,919	109,809	-2,110	-1.9%	1.2%	-3.1%
Saratoga County	200,635	215,852	15,217	7.6%	3.4%	4.2%
Schenectady County	146,555	150,818	4,263	2.9%	1.3%	1.6%
Schoharie County	31,582	32,063	481	1.5%	0.0%	1.5%
Schuyler County	19,224	19,027	-197	-1.0%	0.1%	-1.1%
Seneca County	33,342	34,228	886	2.7%	0.9%	1.8%
Steuben County	98,726	96,874	-1,852	-1.9%	1.0%	-2.9%
Suffolk County	1,419,369	1,453,229	33,860	2.4%	4.2%	-1.8%
Sullivan County	73,964	76,303	2,339	3.2%	1.6%	1.6%
Tioga County	51,784	50,453	-1,331	-2.6%	2.3%	-4.9%
Tompkins County	96,502	101,055	4,553	4.7%	2.4%	2.3%
Ulster County	177,749	181,860	4,111	2.3%	1.1%	1.2%
Warren County	63,303	66,143	2,840	4.5%	0.6%	3.9%
Washington County	61,042	62,743	1,701	2.8%	0.6%	2.2%
Wayne County	93,765	91,291	-2,474	-2.6%	2.5%	-5.2%
Westchester County	923,459	951,325	27,866	3.0%	4.1%	-1.1%
Wyoming County	43,424	41,932	-1,492	-3.4%	1.1%	-4.5%
Yates County	24,621	24,557	-64	-0.3%	1.3%	-1.5%

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