

# Steuben County Profile 2017

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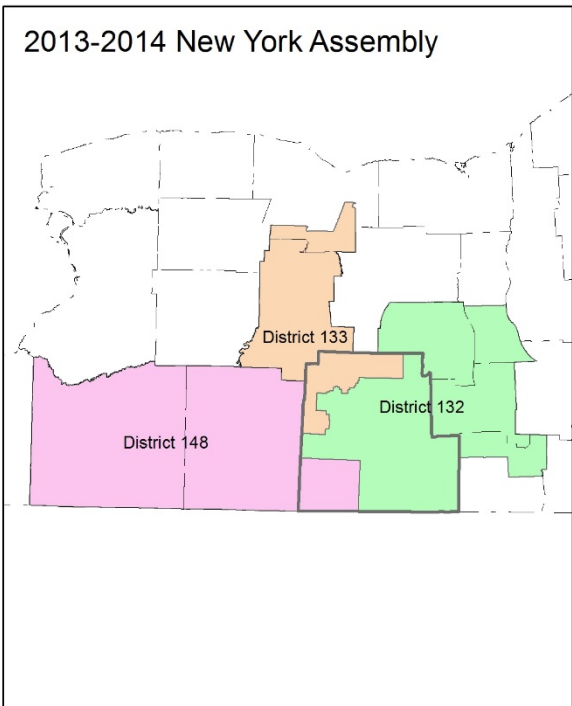
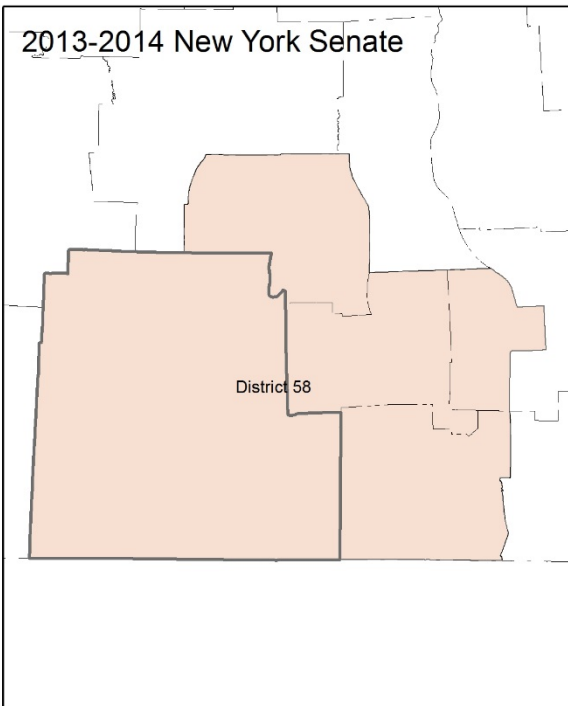
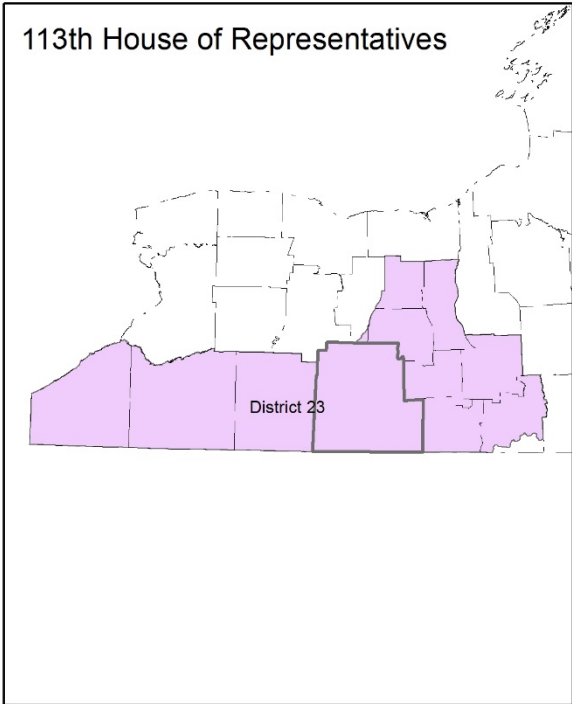
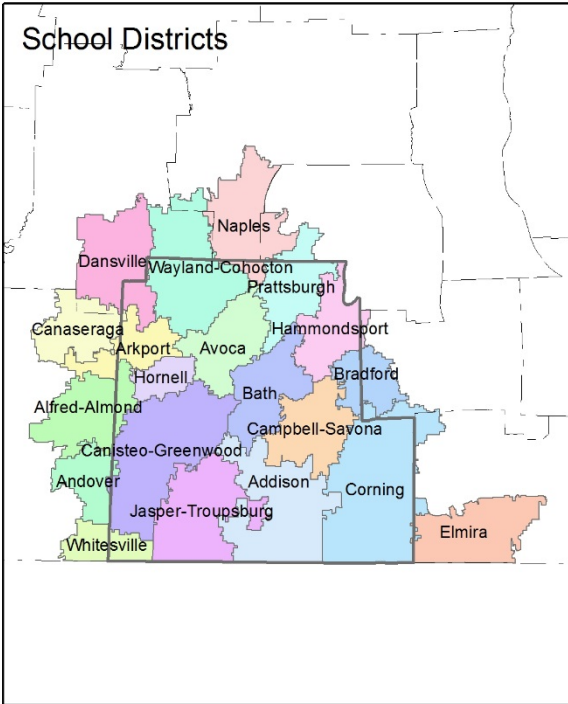
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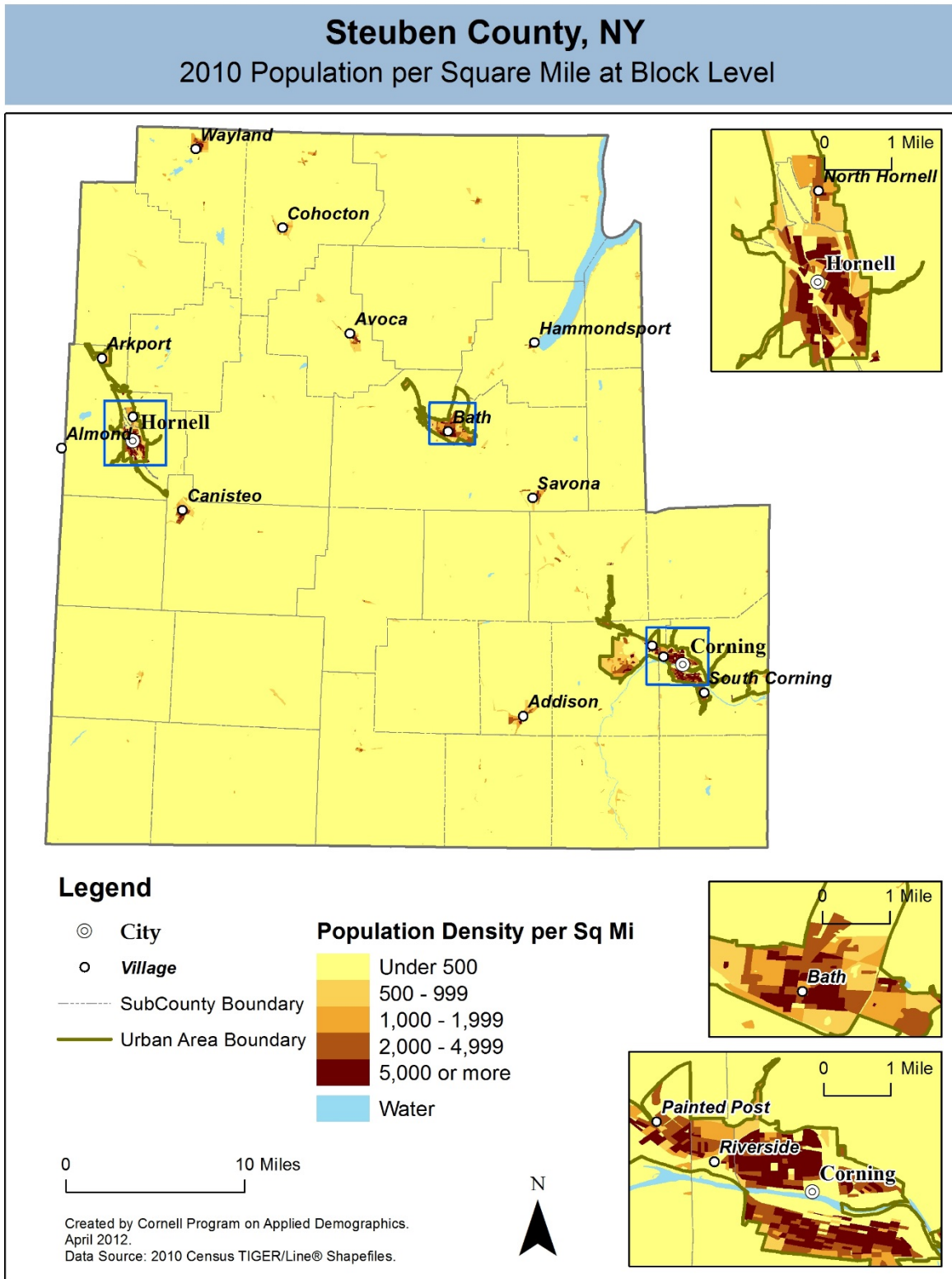


## Steuben County, NY

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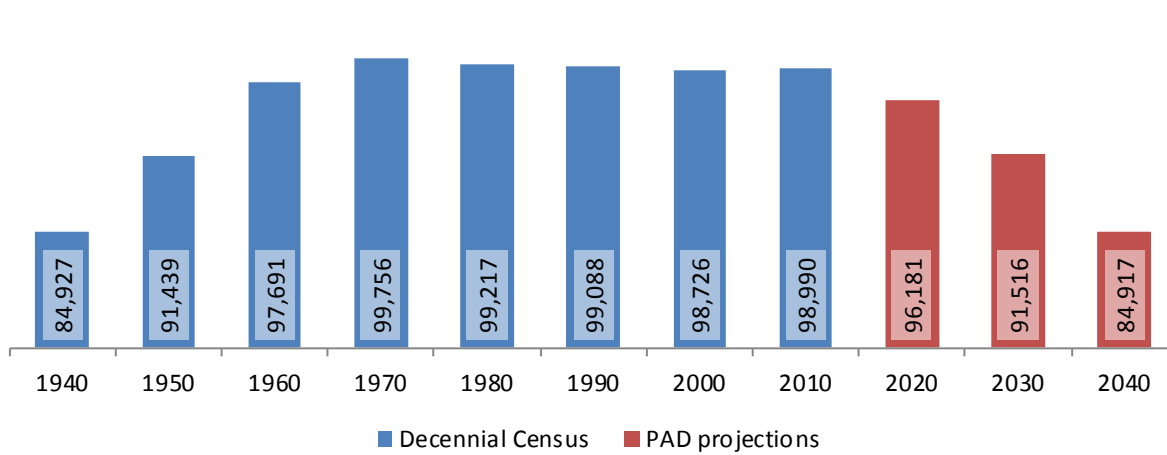
2 Population density and Urban Areas Map



### 3 Total Population

#### 3.1 Historic and projected

Total population, Steuben County, 1940-2040



Source: 1940-2010 Decennial Census and projections by Cornell Program on Applied Demographics

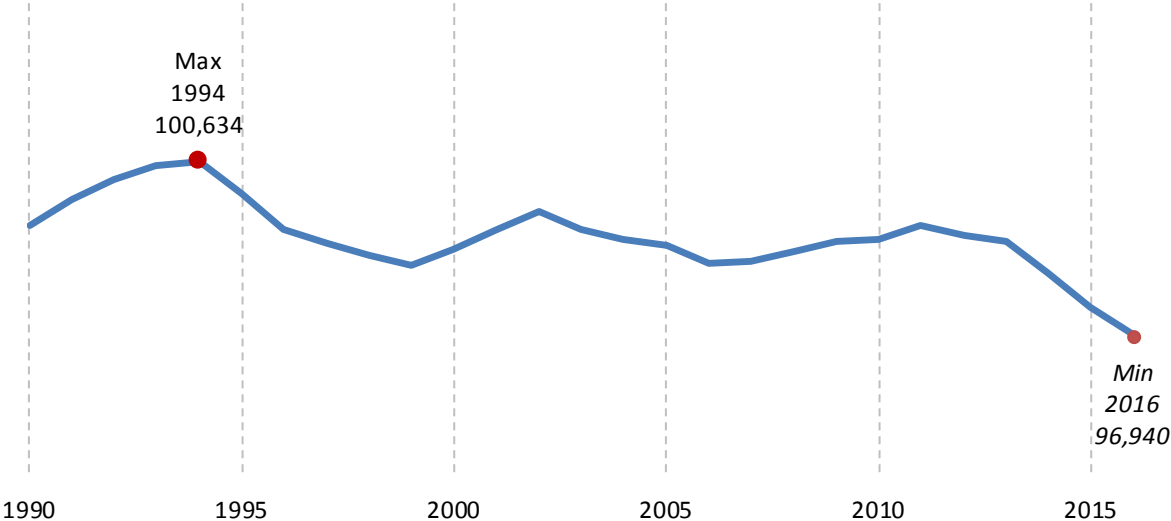
#### 3.2 Change since previous Census

	Year	Total population	Change	
			Number	Percent
Decennial Census	1940	84,927		
	1950	91,439	6,512	7.7%
	1960	97,691	6,252	6.8%
	1970	99,756	2,065	2.1%
	1980	99,217	-539	-0.5%
	1990	99,088	-129	-0.1%
	2000	98,726	-362	-0.4%
	2010	98,990	264	0.3%
PAD projections	2020	96,181	-2,809	-2.8%
	2030	91,516	-4,665	-4.9%
	2040	84,917	-6,599	-7.2%

Source: 1940-2010 Decennial Census and projections by Cornell Program on Applied Demographics

3.3 Annual population estimates

Annual population estimates  
Steuben County, 1990-2016



Source: U.S. Census Bureau population estimates (1990-1999 and 2000-2009 intercensal and vintage 2016 postcensal)

## 3.4 Sub County population change 2010-2015

	Total Population		Difference	
	2000	2010	Count	%
New York State	18,976,821 *	19,378,102	401,281	2.1%
Steuben County	98,726	98,990	264	0.3%
<b>Cities</b>				
Corning	10,842	11,183	341	3.1%
Hornell	9,019	8,563	-456	-5.1%
<b>Towns</b>				
Addison	2,640	2,595	-45	-1.7%
Avoca	2,314	2,264	-50	-2.2%
Bath	12,097	12,379	282	2.3%
Bradford	763	855	92	12.1%
Cameron	1,034	945	-89	-8.6%
Campbell	3,691	3,406	-285	-7.7%
Canisteo	3,583	3,391	-192	-5.4%
Caton	2,097	2,179	82	3.9%
Cohocton	2,626	2,561	-65	-2.5%
Corning	6,426	6,270	-156	-2.4%
Dansville	1,977	1,842	-135	-6.8%
Erwin	7,227	8,037	810	11.2%
Fremont	964	1,008	44	4.6%
Greenwood	849	801	-48	-5.7%
Hartsville	585	609	24	4.1%
Hornby	1,742	1,706	-36	-2.1%
Hornellsville	4,042	4,151	109	2.7%
Howard	1,430	1,467	37	2.6%
Jasper	1,270	1,424	154	12.1%
Lindley	1,913	1,967	54	2.8%
Prattsburgh	2,064	2,085	21	1.0%
Pulteney	1,405	1,285	-120	-8.5%
Rathbone	1,080	1,126	46	4.3%
Thurston	1,309	1,350	41	3.1%
Troupsburg	1,126	1,291	165	14.7%
Tuscarora	1,400	1,473	73	5.2%
Urbana	2,546	2,343	-203	-8.0%
Wayland	4,314	4,102	-212	-4.9%
Wayne	1,165	1,041	-124	-10.6%
West Union	399	312	-87	-21.8%
Wheeler	1,263	1,260	-3	-0.2%
Woodhull	1,524	1,719	195	12.8%

\* Original counts revised through Count Question Resolution Program (CQR)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau intercensal population estimates 2000-2010

### 3.5 Sub County population change 2010-2015

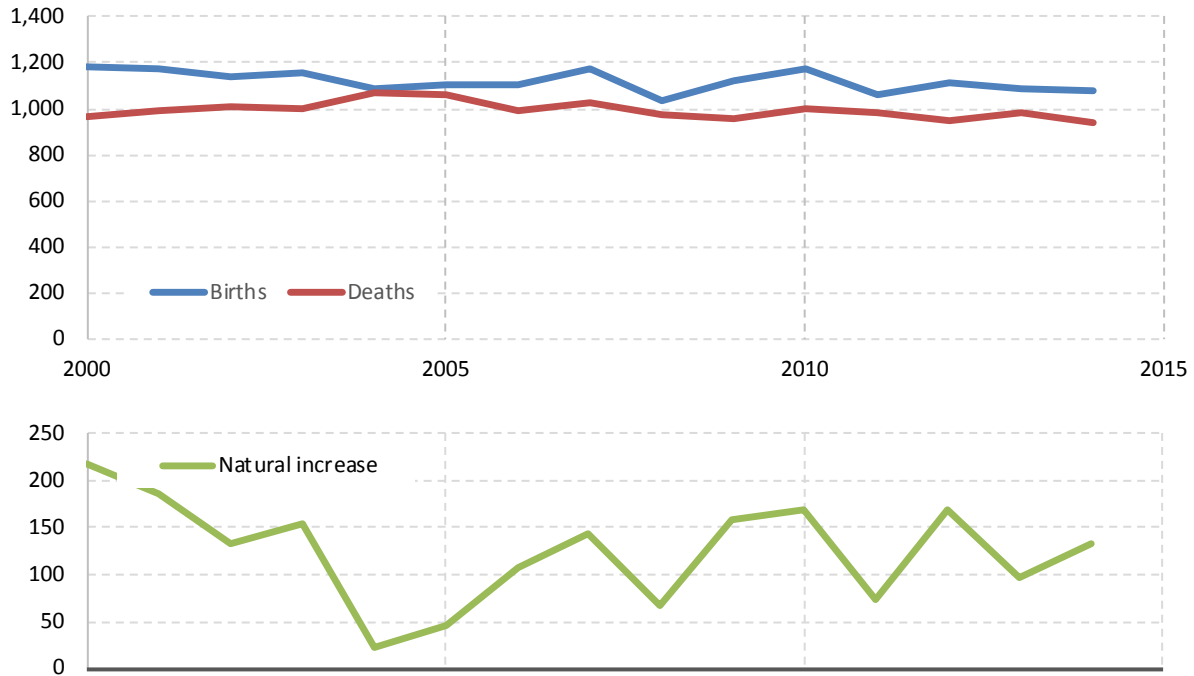
	Total Population		Difference	
	2010 base	2015	Count	%
New York State	19,378,087	19,795,791	417,704	2.2%
Steuben County	98,994	97,631	-1,363	-1.4%
<b>Cities</b>				
Corning	11,186	10,897	-289	-2.6%
Hornell	8,570	8,336	-234	-2.7%
<b>Towns</b>				
Addison	2,605	2,551	-54	-2.1%
Avoca	2,264	2,204	-60	-2.7%
Bath	12,379	12,134	-245	-2.0%
Bradford	855	837	-18	-2.1%
Cameron	945	940	-5	-0.5%
Campbell	3,406	3,322	-84	-2.5%
Canisteo	3,391	3,295	-96	-2.8%
Caton	2,174	2,151	-23	-1.1%
Cohocton	2,564	2,517	-47	-1.8%
Corning	6,236	6,292	56	0.9%
Dansville	1,852	1,820	-32	-1.7%
Erwin	8,067	8,422	355	4.4%
Fremont	1,006	974	-32	-3.2%
Greenwood	801	784	-17	-2.1%
Hartsville	609	598	-11	-1.8%
Hornby	1,703	1,682	-21	-1.2%
Hornellsville	4,149	4,053	-96	-2.3%
Howard	1,467	1,429	-38	-2.6%
Jasper	1,424	1,414	-10	-0.7%
Lindley	1,969	1,954	-15	-0.8%
Prattsburgh	2,081	2,020	-61	-2.9%
Pulteney	1,286	1,282	-4	-0.3%
Rathbone	1,126	1,113	-13	-1.2%
Thurston	1,350	1,311	-39	-2.9%
Troupsburg	1,291	1,294	3	0.2%
Tuscarora	1,463	1,449	-14	-1.0%
Urbana	2,343	2,299	-44	-1.9%
Wayland	4,101	4,001	-100	-2.4%
Wayne	1,040	1,022	-18	-1.7%
West Union	312	305	-7	-2.2%
Wheeler	1,260	1,255	-5	-0.4%
Woodhull	1,719	1,674	-45	-2.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau population estimates 2010-2015

## 4 Components of population change

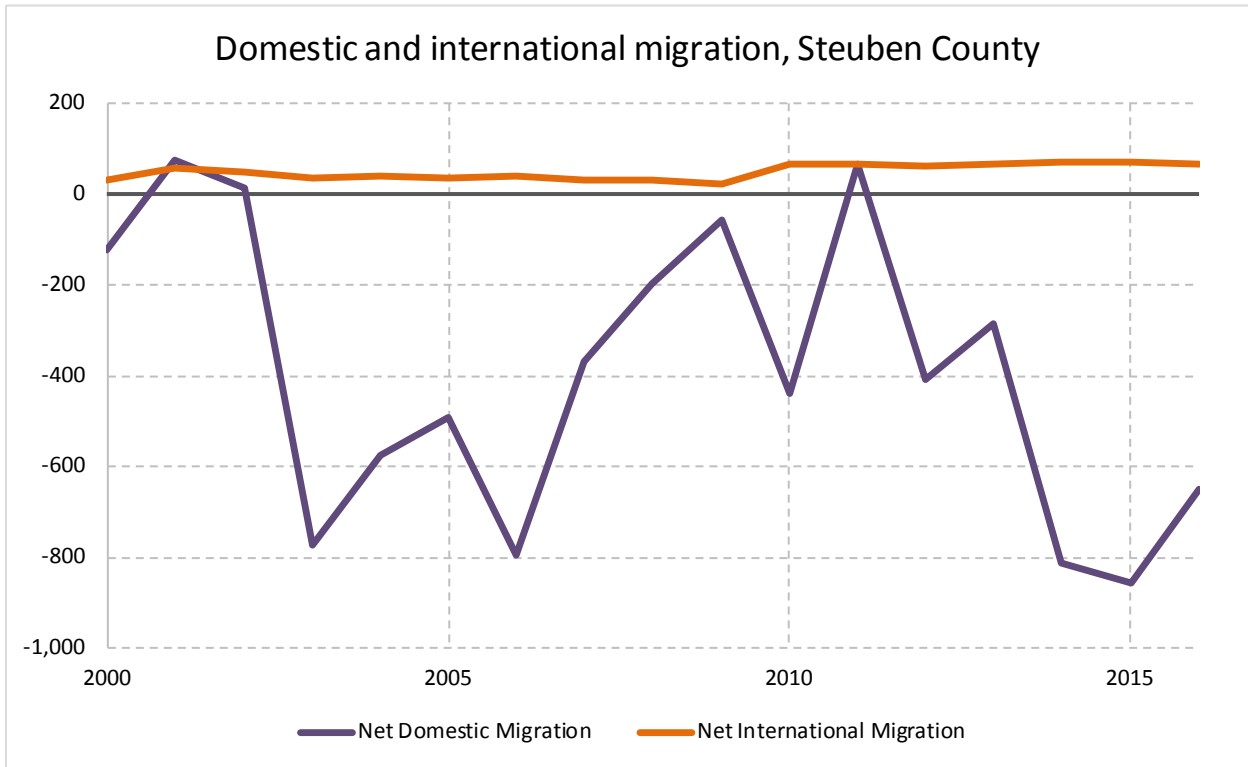
### 4.1 Vital Statistics

Vital Statistics, Steuben County



Source: New York State Department of Health

## 4.2 Migration

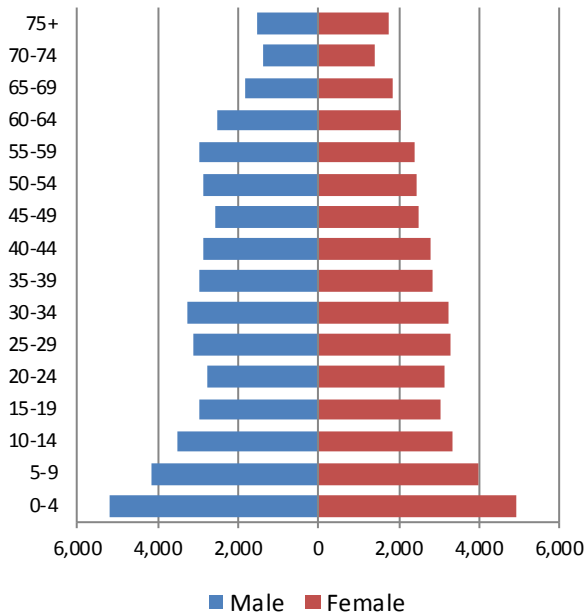


Source: Census Bureau population estimates (V2010 and V2016)

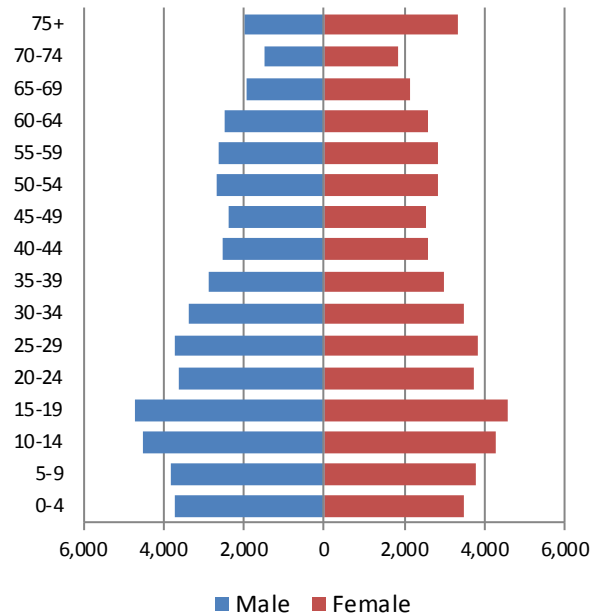
## 5 Population by age

### 5.1 Historic and projected population pyramids

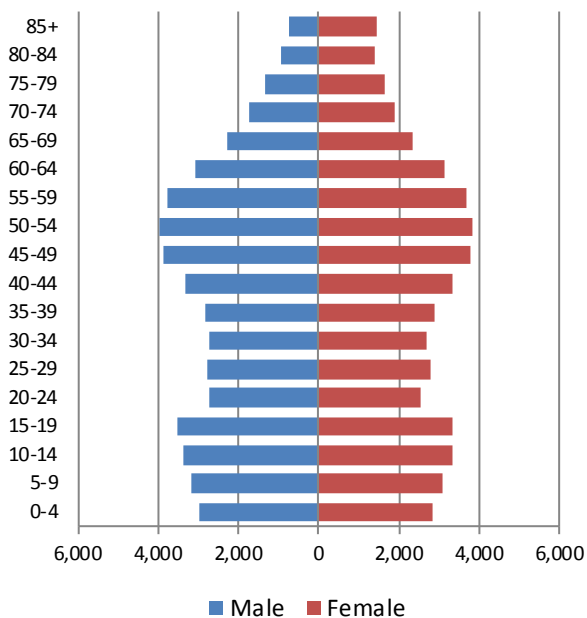
1950 Population Pyramid, Steuben County



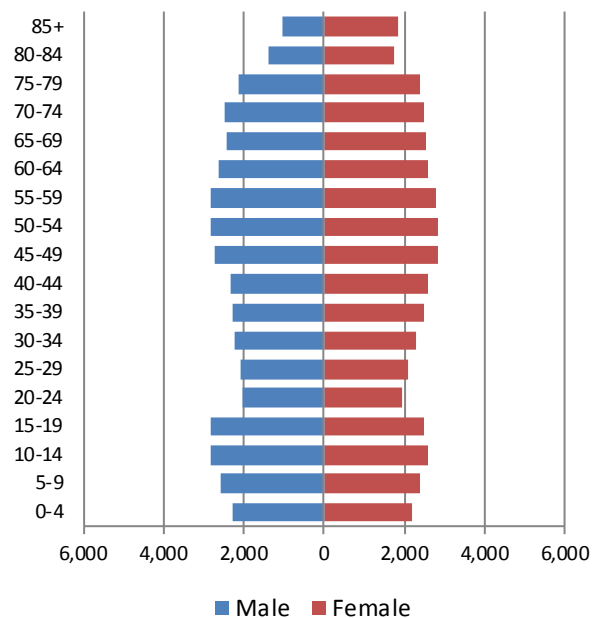
1980 Population Pyramid, Steuben County



2010 Population Pyramid, Steuben County



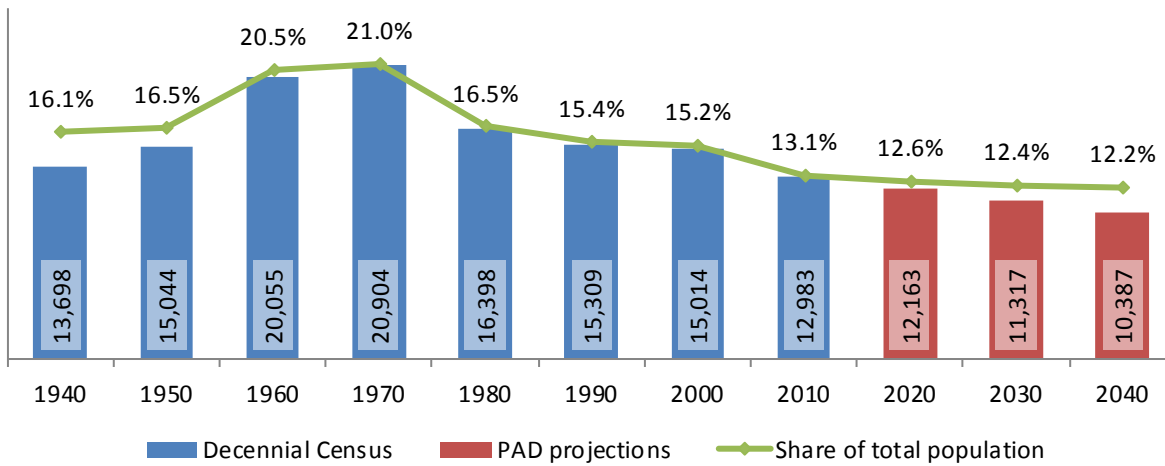
2040 Population Pyramid, Steuben County



Source: 1950, 1980, 2010 Decennial Census and projections by Cornell Program on Applied Demographics

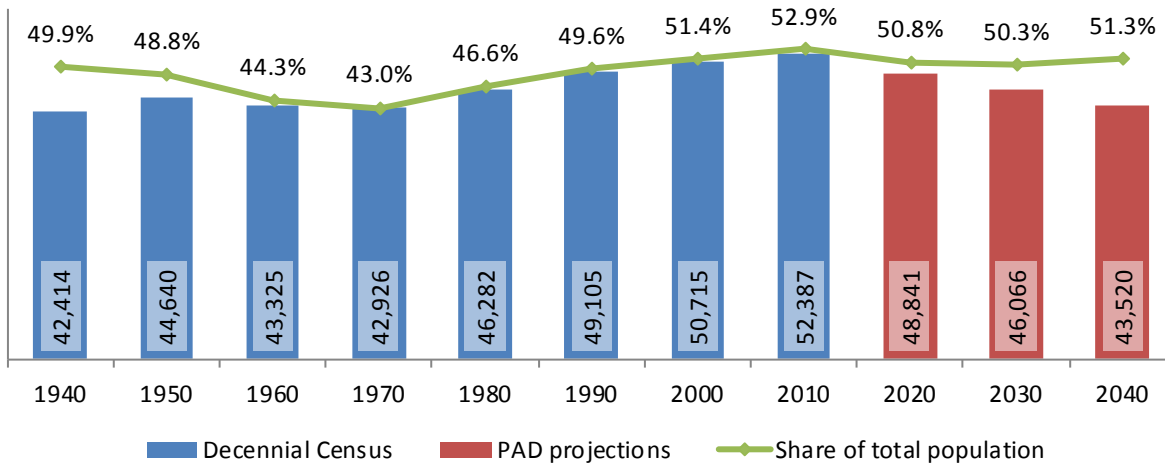
## 5.2 Selected age groups

### Population age 5-14, Steuben County, 1940-2040



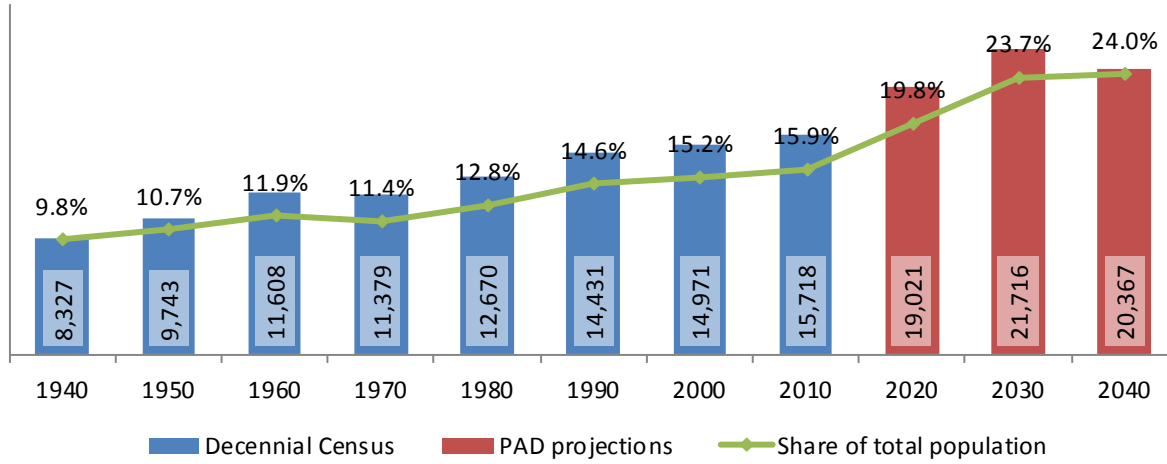
Source: 1940-2010 Decennial Census and projections by Cornell Program on Applied Demographics

### Population age 25-64, Steuben County, 1940-2040



Source: 1940-2010 Decennial Census and projections by Cornell Program on Applied Demographics

**Population age 65 and over, Steuben County, 1940-2040**



Source: 1940-2010 Decennial Census and projections by Cornell Program on Applied Demographics

**5.3 Median age**

Steuben County    New York State

**Median age**

2000	38.2	35.9
2010	41.4	38.0
2015	42.6	38.3

Source: 2000, 2010 Decennial Census, 2015 Population Estimates

## 6 Race

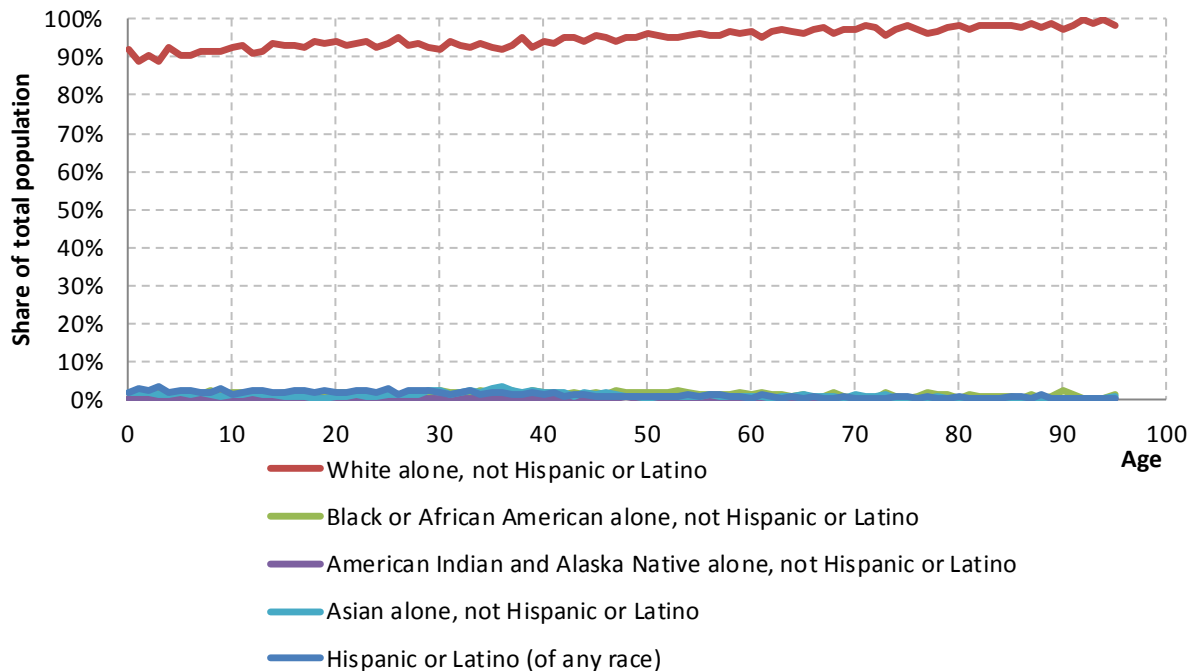
### 6.1 Total and household population by race

	Total		In households		In Group Quarters
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count
<b>Total population</b>	98,990	100%	97,407	100%	1,583
Not Hispanic or Latino					
One race					
White	93,476	94.4%	92,090	94.5%	1,386
Black or African American	1,487	1.5%	1,339	1.4%	148
American Indian and Alaska Native	193	0.2%	187	0.2%	6
Asian	1,151	1.2%	1,150	1.2%	1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	14	0.0%	-	-	-
Some other race	66	0.1%	-	-	-
Two or more races	1,232	1.2%	1,227	1.3%	5
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,371	1.4%	1,337	1.4%	34

Source: 2010 Decennial Census

### 6.2 Race composition by age

Race composition by age, Steuben County



Source: 2010 Decennial Census

## 7 Housing units

### 7.1 Characteristics

	COUNT		PERCENTAGE	
	Estimate	Margin of error	Estimate	Margin of error
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>				
<b>Total housing units</b>	48,849	± 154	100.0%	
Occupied housing units	41,058	± 412	84.1%	± 0.8
Vacant housing units	7,791	± 381	15.9%	± 0.8
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>				
<b>Total housing units</b>	48,849	± 154	100.0%	
Built 2014 or later	20	± 11	0.0%	± 0.1
Built 2010 to 2013	302	± 76	0.6%	± 0.2
Built 2000 to 2009	3,560	± 267	7.3%	± 0.5
Built 1990 to 1999	4,725	± 298	9.7%	± 0.6
Built 1980 to 1989	5,407	± 390	11.1%	± 0.8
Built 1970 to 1979	6,540	± 425	13.4%	± 0.9
Built 1960 to 1969	3,808	± 342	7.8%	± 0.7
Built 1950 to 1959	4,049	± 289	8.3%	± 0.6
Built 1940 to 1949	2,981	± 264	6.1%	± 0.5
Built 1939 or earlier	17,457	± 532	35.7%	± 1.1
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>				
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	41,058	± 412	100.0%	
Owner-occupied	28,756	± 465	70.0%	± 1.1
Renter-occupied	12,302	± 503	30.0%	± 1.1
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>				
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	41,058	± 412	100.0%	
Utility gas	21,675	± 430	52.8%	± 0.9
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	4,829	± 298	11.8%	± 0.7
Electricity	4,667	± 306	11.4%	± 0.7
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	3,162	± 224	7.7%	± 0.6
Coal or coke	1,817	± 167	4.4%	± 0.4
Wood	4,224	± 204	10.3%	± 0.5
Solar energy	22	± 29	0.1%	± 0.1
Other fuel	538	± 104	1.3%	± 0.3
No fuel used	124	± 57	0.3%	± 0.1
<b>VALUE</b>				
<b>Owner-occupied units</b>	28,756	± 465	100.0%	
Less than \$50,000	4,961	± 325	17.3%	± 1.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11,294	± 409	39.3%	± 1.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5,524	± 302	19.2%	± 1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,102	± 269	10.8%	± 0.9
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,200	± 173	7.7%	± 0.6
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,137	± 133	4.0%	± 0.5
\$500,000 to \$999,999	369	± 79	1.3%	± 0.3
\$1,000,000 or more	169	± 96	0.6%	± 0.3
Median (dollars)	91,000	± 1,677		

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey

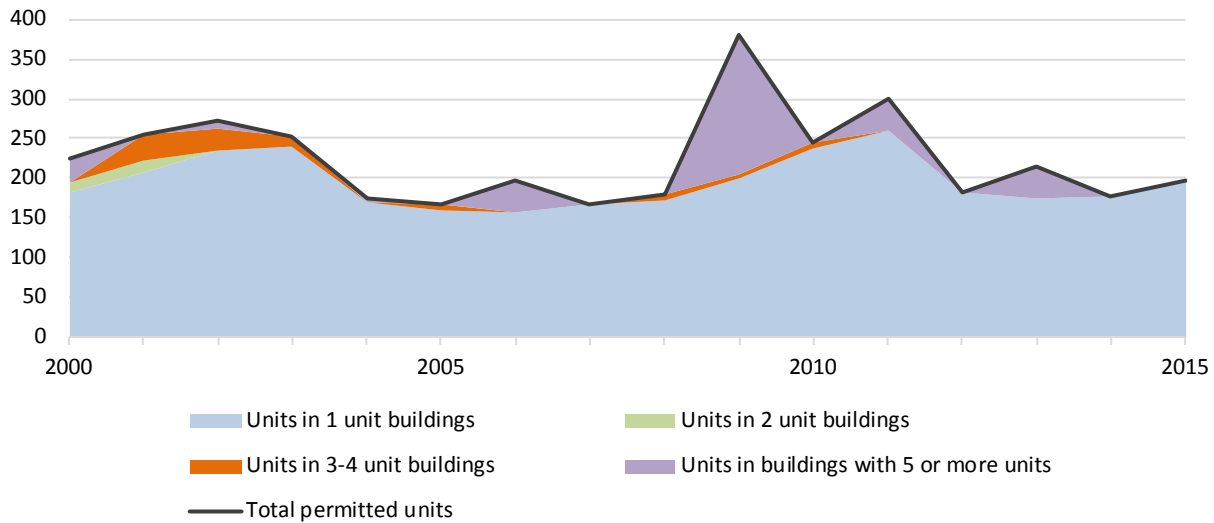
## 7.2 Historical data on number of housing units and occupancy status

Year	Number of Housing Units	Change since previous Census	Occupied	Occupancy rate	Vacant
1970	34,502		30,751	89.1%	3,751
1980	40,520	17.4%	35,150	86.7%	5,370
1990	43,019	6.2%	37,299	86.7%	5,720
2000	46,132	7.2%	39,071	84.7%	7,061
2010	48,875	5.9%	40,344	82.5%	8,531

Source: 1970-2010 Decennial Census

## 7.3 Building Permits 2000-2015

Building permits by number of permitted units in building, Steuben County



Source: Census Bureau Building Permits Survey

## 8 Education

### 8.1 Enrollment by level of school

	Estimate	Margin of error
<b>Total enrolled in school</b>	21,805	± 366
Nursery school, preschool	1,147	± 133
Kindergarten to 12th grade	16,644	± 233
Kindergarten	1,118	± 147
Elementary: grade 1 to grade 4	5,058	± 251
Elementary: grade 5 to grade 8	5,299	± 259
High school: grade 9 to grade 12	5,169	± 220
College, undergraduate	3,385	± 286
Graduate, professional school	629	± 134

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey

### 8.2 Enrollment by age

	Estimate	Margin of error
3 and 4 years	41.1%	± 4.6
5 to 9 years	95.9%	± 1.7
10 to 14 years	99.6%	± 0.3
15 to 17 years	92.3%	± 2.9
18 and 19 years	63.6%	± 4.9
20 to 24 years	25.2%	± 3.2
25 to 34 years	8.5%	± 1.4
35 years and over	1.8%	± 0.3

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey

### 8.3 Percentage age 18-24 enrolled in college

	Estimate	Margin of error
Population 18 to 24 years	8,110	± 81
Enrolled in college or graduate school	26.6%	± 3.1
Males 18 to 24 years	4,197	± 59
Enrolled in college or graduate school	22.3%	± 3.6
Females 18 to 24 years	3,913	± 54
Enrolled in college or graduate school	31.1%	± 4.5

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey

## 8.4 Educational attainment

	COUNT		PERCENTAGE	
	Estimate	Margin of error	Estimate	Margin of error
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	68,314	± 82	100%	
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
Less than 9th grade	2,203	± 209	3.2%	± 0.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5,137	± 341	7.5%	± 0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	25,668	± 704	37.6%	± 1.0
Some college, no degree	11,772	± 502	17.2%	± 0.7
Associate's degree	8,994	± 475	13.2%	± 0.7
Bachelor's degree	7,583	± 426	11.1%	± 0.6
Graduate or professional degree	6,957	± 418	10.2%	± 0.6
Percent high school graduate or higher			89.3%	± 0.6
Percent bachelor's degree or higher			21.3%	± 0.8

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey

## 9 Language spoken at home

	COUNT		PERCENTAGE		SPEAK ENGLISH LESS THAN "VERY WELL"	
	Estimate	Margin of error	Estimate	Margin of error	Estimate	Margin of error
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	93,035	± 33	100%			
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>						
English only	88,372	± 448	95.0%	± 0.5		
Language other than English	4,663	± 452	5.0%	± 0.5	1,303	± 247
Spanish	1,114	± 189	1.2%	± 0.2	198	± 73
Other Indo-European languages	2,610	± 408	2.8%	± 0.4	799	± 219
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	845	± 171	0.9%	± 0.2	250	± 91
Other languages	94	± 54	0.1%	± 0.1	56	± 37

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey

## 10 Labor Force Characteristics

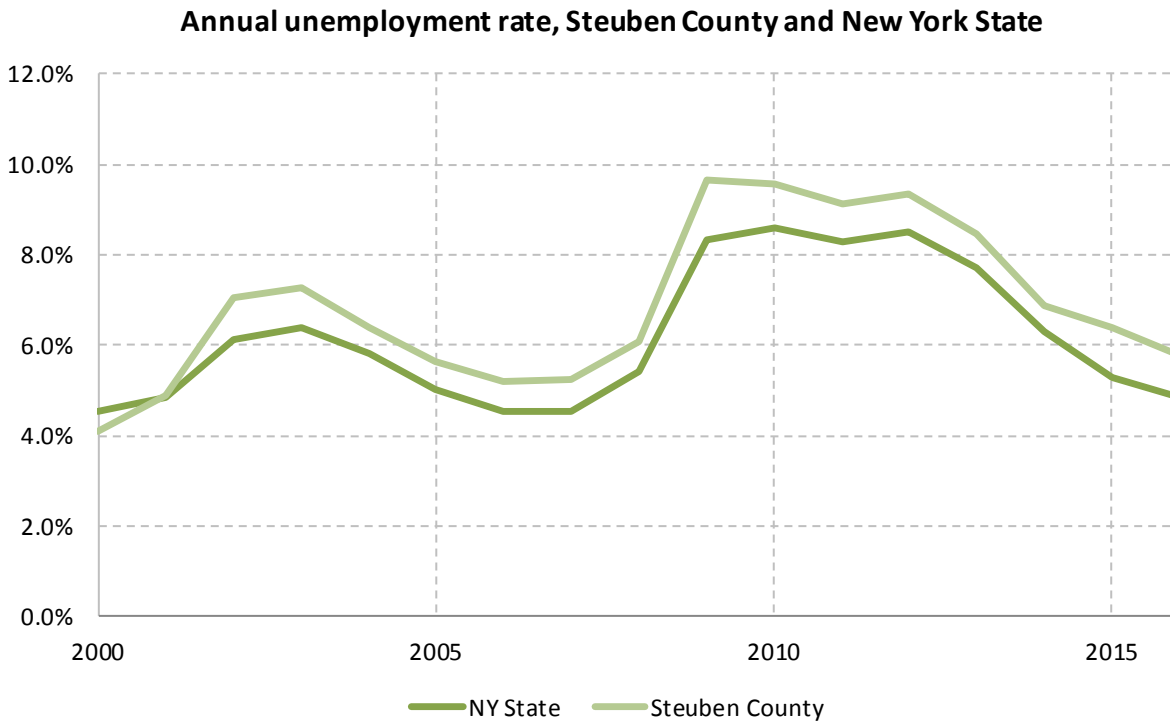
### 10.1 Labor force, employment and unemployment

	TOTAL		IN LABOR FORCE		EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	
	Estimate	Margin of error	Estimate	Margin of error	Estimate	Margin of error	Estimate	Margin of error
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	79,166	± 151	59.5%	± 0.8	54.6%	± 0.9	8.2%	± 0.7
<b>AGE</b>								
16 to 19 years	5,124	± 164	39.3%	± 3.4	30.1%	± 3.3	23.3%	± 5.7
20 to 24 years	5,728	± 98	76.9%	± 3.5	65.2%	± 3.9	14.9%	± 3.3
25 to 29 years	5,351	± 78	82.6%	± 2.5	74.8%	± 2.9	9.3%	± 2.3
30 to 34 years	5,658	± 72	84.1%	± 2.1	78.0%	± 2.6	7.2%	± 1.8
35 to 44 years	11,550	± 113	82.5%	± 2.0	77.0%	± 2.1	6.4%	± 1.2
45 to 54 years	14,681	± 113	77.3%	± 2.1	71.4%	± 2.0	7.5%	± 1.4
55 to 59 years	7,342	± 301	69.8%	± 2.1	66.7%	± 2.2	4.5%	± 1.1
60 to 64 years	6,937	± 292	48.7%	± 2.7	45.3%	± 2.9	7.0%	± 2.4
65 to 74 years	9,209	± 64	18.7%	± 1.9	18.0%	± 1.8	3.8%	± 1.2
75 years and over	7,586	± 62	5.7%	± 1.2	5.6%	± 1.2	1.8%	± 2.1
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN</b>								
White alone	75,677	± 170	59.6%	± 0.8	54.6%	± 0.9	8.2%	± 0.7
Black or African American alone	1,251	± 82	51.9%	± 7.1	48.5%	± 7.3	6.5%	± 3.8
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	138	± 59	40.6%	± 22.1	40.6%	± 22.1	0.0%	± 38.1
Asian alone	1,130	± 44	70.4%	± 6.8	67.0%	± 7.2	4.8%	± 2.7
Two or more races	723	± 115	50.1%	± 10.9	41.9%	± 10.2	16.1%	± 12.0
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	1,024	± 24	59.5%	± 7.0	51.2%	± 7.6	14.0%	± 6.2
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	74,979	± 160	59.6%	± 0.8	54.6%	± 0.9	8.2%	± 0.7
<b>SEX</b>								
<b>Population 20 to 64 years</b>	57,247	± 98	75.1%	± 0.9	69.1%	± 1.0	7.8%	± 0.7
Male	28,863	± 69	78.4%	± 1.4	71.6%	± 1.4	8.5%	± 0.9
Female	28,384	± 86	71.6%	± 1.3	66.6%	± 1.4	6.9%	± 1.0
With own children under 18 years	10,081	± 353	75.3%	± 2.4	70.1%	± 2.5	6.8%	± 1.3
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>								
<b>Population 25 to 64 years</b>	51,519	± 107	74.9%	± 0.9	69.6%	± 1.0	7.0%	± 0.7
Less than high school graduate	4,294	± 351	54.1%	± 4.5	44.9%	± 4.0	17.1%	± 5.2
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	18,847	± 611	70.5%	± 1.6	64.4%	± 1.7	8.6%	± 1.1
Some college or associate's degree	16,959	± 563	78.0%	± 1.7	73.0%	± 1.8	6.2%	± 1.0
Bachelor's degree or higher	11,419	± 502	85.2%	± 1.8	82.3%	± 2.0	3.3%	± 1.0

Table formula:      **LABOR FORCE** = # EMPLOYED + # UNEMPLOYED  
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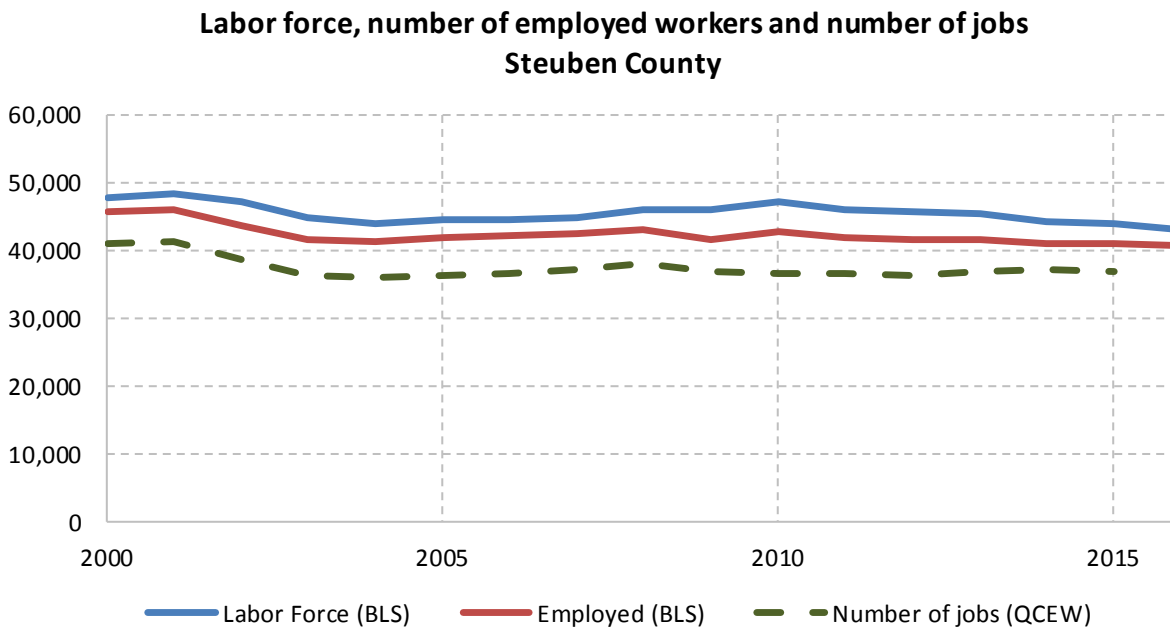
Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey

## 10.2 Annual unemployment rate



Source: Bureau Labor Statistics (BLS)

## 10.3 Employment and number of jobs



Source: Bureau Labor Statistics (BLS) and NY Department of Labor - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) – annual averages

## 10.4 Class of worker

		<b>Total</b>	<b>%Male</b>	<b>%Female</b>
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	Estimate	43,199	52.4%	47.6%
	<i>Margin of error</i>	$\pm 666$	$\pm 0.7$	$\pm 0.7$
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	Estimate	28,136	57.4%	42.6%
	<i>Margin of error</i>	$\pm 677$	$\pm 1.3$	$\pm 1.3$
Employee of private company workers	Estimate	27,388	57.0%	43.0%
	<i>Margin of error</i>	$\pm 670$	$\pm 1.3$	$\pm 1.3$
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	Estimate	748	73.4%	26.6%
	<i>Margin of error</i>	$\pm 98$	$\pm 7.1$	$\pm 7.1$
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	Estimate	4,869	29.2%	70.8%
	<i>Margin of error</i>	$\pm 329$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$
Local government workers	Estimate	3,776	40.1%	59.9%
	<i>Margin of error</i>	$\pm 317$	$\pm 3.6$	$\pm 3.6$
State government workers	Estimate	2,530	49.8%	50.2%
	<i>Margin of error</i>	$\pm 242$	$\pm 4.3$	$\pm 4.3$
Federal government workers	Estimate	892	46.5%	53.5%
	<i>Margin of error</i>	$\pm 156$	$\pm 8.6$	$\pm 8.6$
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers and unpaid family workers	Estimate	2,996	62.8%	37.2%
	<i>Margin of error</i>	$\pm 247$	$\pm 3.6$	$\pm 3.6$

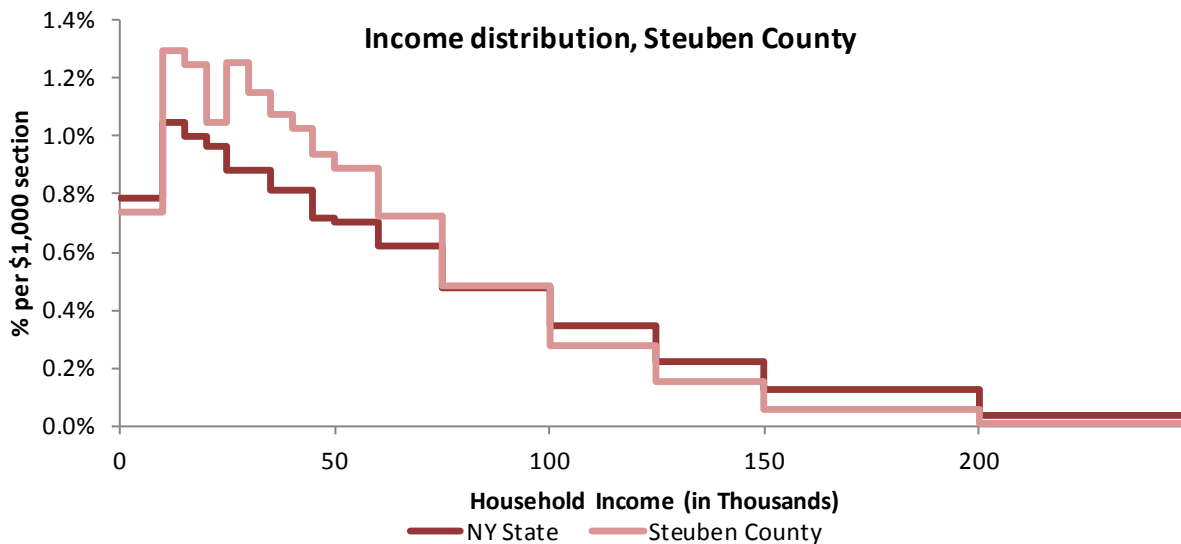
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## 11 Household Income

### 11.1 Income Distribution

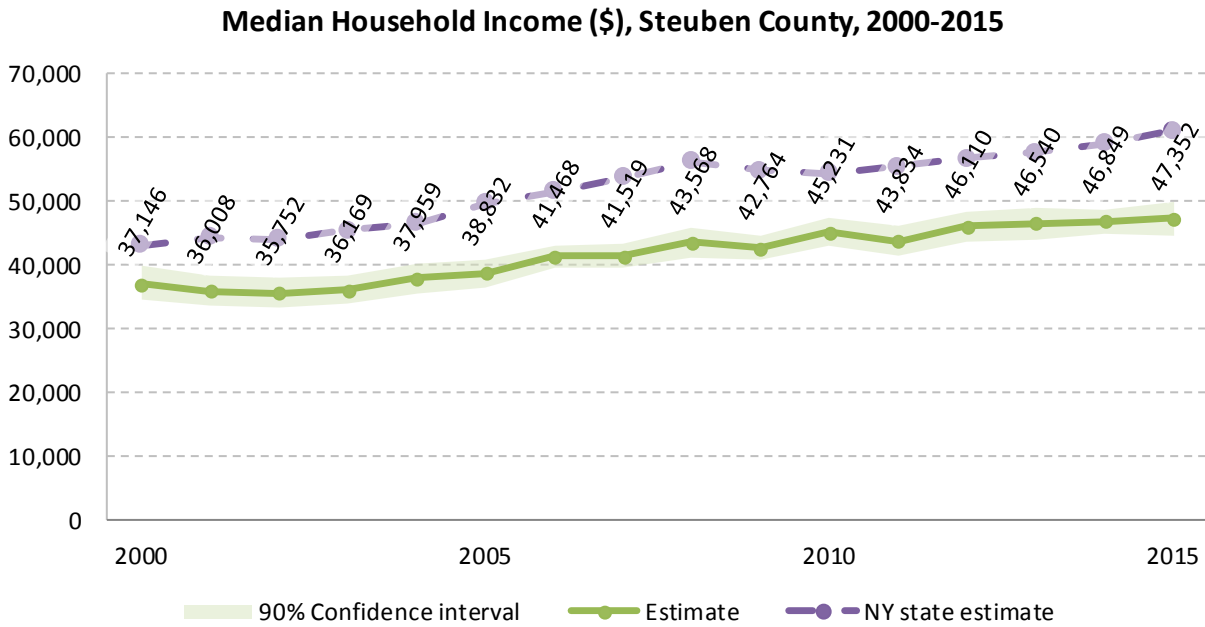
	Estimate	Margin of error	Interval width (in \$1,000)	Est. per \$1,000 section
<b>Total:</b>	41,058	± 412		
Less than \$10,000	3,016	± 318	10	301.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,659	± 275	5	531.8
\$15,000 to \$19,999	2,553	± 243	5	510.6
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2,154	± 215	5	430.8
\$25,000 to \$29,999	2,571	± 226	5	514.2
\$30,000 to \$34,999	2,353	± 254	5	470.6
\$35,000 to \$39,999	2,199	± 237	5	439.8
\$40,000 to \$44,999	2,103	± 213	5	420.6
\$45,000 to \$49,999	1,920	± 193	5	384.0
\$50,000 to \$59,999	3,657	± 299	10	365.7
\$60,000 to \$74,999	4,437	± 290	15	295.8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4,992	± 332	25	199.7
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,873	± 255	25	114.9
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,566	± 197	25	62.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,123	± 173	50	22.5
\$200,000 or more	882	± 142	-	-

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey



Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey

## 11.2 Median household income: Trends over time



Source: Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)

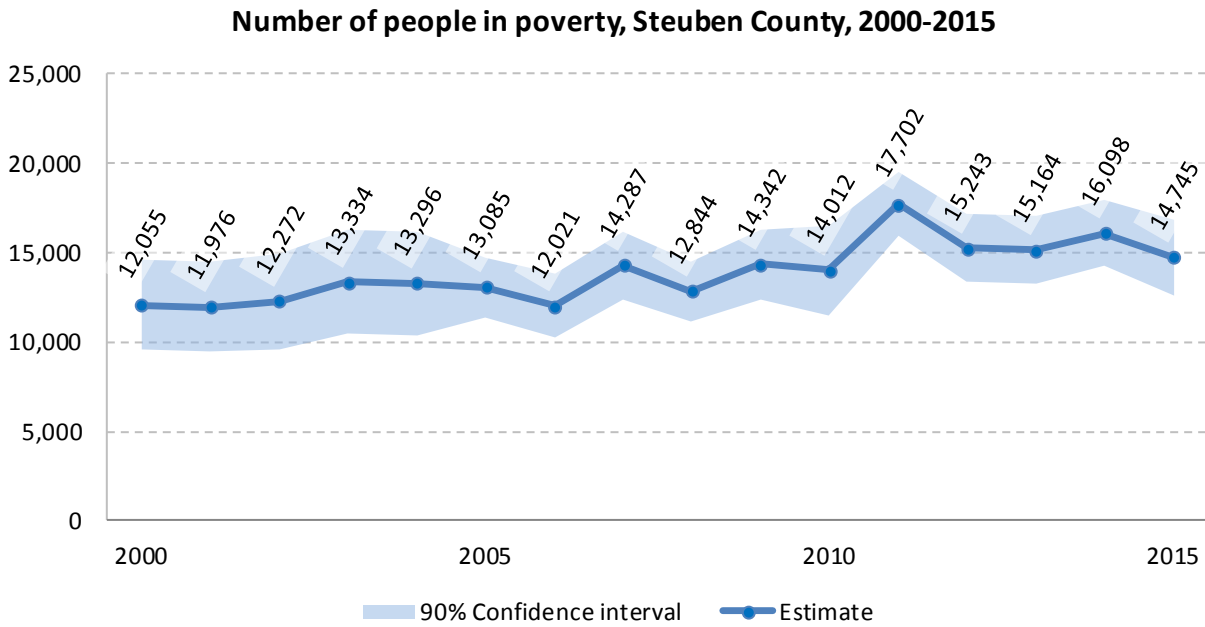
## 12 Poverty

### 12.1 Family Income to Poverty Ratio

	TOTAL		PERCENT OF ALL	
	Estimate	Margin of error	Estimate	Margin of error
<b>All families</b>	26,139	± 509		
<b>ALL FAMILIES WITH INCOME:</b>				
Below 50 percent of poverty level	1,210	± 199	4.6%	± 0.8
<b>Below 100 percent of poverty level</b>	3,007	± 299	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>± 1.1</b>
Below 125 percent of poverty level	3,802	± 319	14.5%	± 1.2
Below 150 percent of poverty level	5,001	± 338	19.1%	± 1.2
Below 185 percent of poverty level	6,865	± 359	26.3%	± 1.3
Below 200 percent of poverty level	7,713	± 382	29.5%	± 1.3
Below 300 percent of poverty level	12,531	± 463	47.9%	± 1.5
Below 400 percent of poverty level	16,806	± 510	64.3%	± 1.5
Below 500 percent of poverty level	19,867	± 529	76.0%	± 1.4

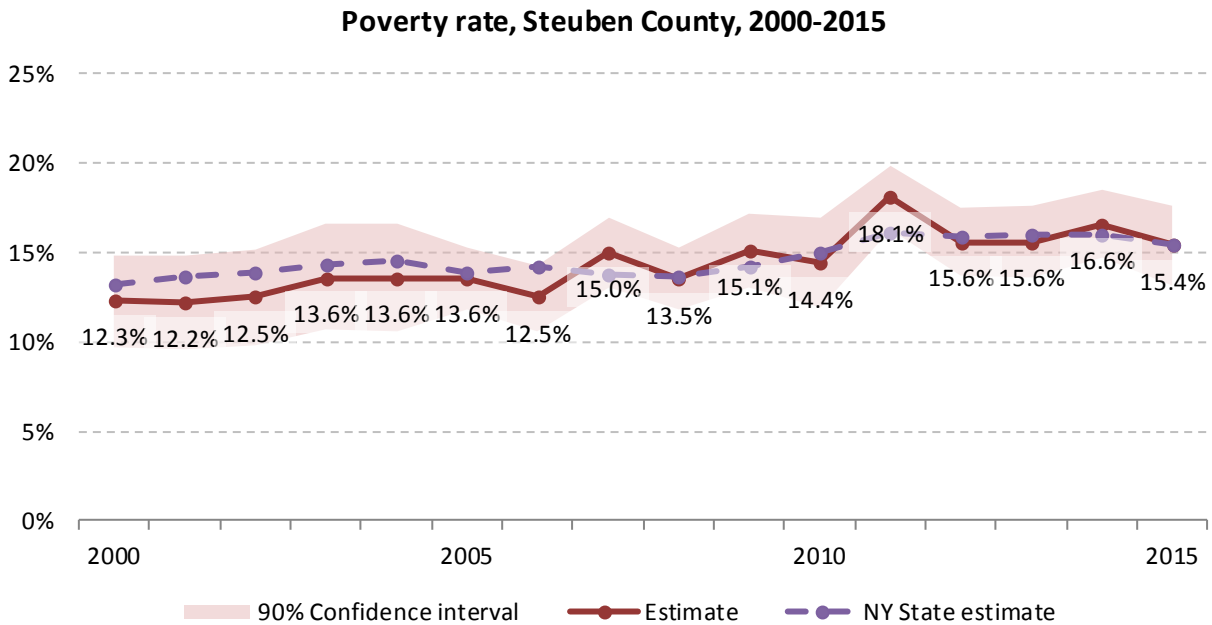
Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey

### 12.2 Poverty: Trends over time: Count



Source: Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)

### 12.3 Poverty: Trends over time: Rate



Source: Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)

## 12.4 Poverty characteristics

	TOTAL		BELOW POVERTY LEVEL		PERCENT BELOW POVERTY LEVEL	
	Estimate	Margin of error	Estimate	Margin of error	Estimate	Margin of error
<b>Population for whom poverty status is determined</b>	97,232	± 286	15,888	± 1,045	16.3%	± 1.1
<b>AGE</b>						
Under 18 years	21,885	± 101	5,391	± 567	24.6%	± 2.6
Under 5 years	5,596	± 39	1,600	± 183	28.6%	± 3.3
5 to 17 years	16,289	± 107	3,791	± 483	23.3%	± 2.9
18 to 34 years	18,963	± 117	3,776	± 317	19.9%	± 1.7
35 to 64 years	40,279	± 118	5,531	± 427	13.7%	± 1.1
65 years and over	16,105	± 214	1,190	± 144	7.4%	± 0.9
<b>SEX</b>						
Male	48,193	± 158	7,157	± 584	14.9%	± 1.2
Female	49,039	± 239	8,731	± 581	17.8%	± 1.2
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN</b>						
White alone	92,489	± 287	14,690	± 979	15.9%	± 1.1
Black or African American alone	1,386	± 165	348	± 119	25.1%	± 8.9
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	157	± 75	30	± 38	19.1%	± 19.8
Asian alone	1,508	± 59	81	± 87	5.4%	± 5.7
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	1,440	± 36	461	± 134	32.0%	± 9.2
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	91,460	± 256	14,433	± 944	15.8%	± 1.0
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>						
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	67,329	± 259	8,779	± 504	13.0%	± 0.8
Less than high school graduate	7,016	± 368	1,845	± 254	26.3%	± 3.0
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	25,348	± 711	3,881	± 326	15.3%	± 1.3
Some college, associate's degree	20,613	± 614	2,426	± 248	11.8%	± 1.2
Bachelor's degree or higher	14,352	± 556	627	± 136	4.4%	± 1.0
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>						
<b>Civilian labor force 16 years and over</b>	47,074	± 603	4,547	± 425	9.7%	± 0.9
Employed	43,196	± 664	3,093	± 303	7.2%	± 0.7
Male	22,650	± 448	1,238	± 199	5.5%	± 0.9
Female	20,546	± 427	1,855	± 230	9.0%	± 1.1
Unemployed	3,878	± 348	1,454	± 255	37.5%	± 5.0
Male	2,220	± 236	811	± 164	36.5%	± 5.8
Female	1,658	± 203	643	± 156	38.8%	± 7.1
<b>WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>						
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	20,546	± 427	1,855	± 230	9.0%	± 1.1
Worked full-time, year-round	3,878	± 348	1,454	± 255	37.5%	± 5.0
Worked part-time or part-year	2,220	± 236	811	± 164	36.5%	± 5.8
Did not work	1,658	± 203	643	± 156	38.8%	± 7.1

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey

## 13 Glossary

**American Community Survey (ACS)** - The American Community Survey is an ongoing survey of the population that provides data every year on a variety of social and economic characteristics—age, sex, race, family and relationships, income and benefits, health insurance, education, veteran status, disabilities, where you work and how you get there, where you live and how much you pay for some essentials. The ACS replaced the information previously gathered by what was known as the “long form” of the decennial censuses. The ACS provides communities, companies and other institutions with current information they need to plan investments and services. Information from the survey generates data that help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds are distributed each year. Every estimate presented in the American Community Survey, as in other surveys, has an uncertainty associated with it. Often the magnitude of that uncertainty is expressed as the Margin of Error.

**Confidence Interval (CI)** - indication of the degree of uncertainty about a sample estimates. Confidence intervals have been traditionally reported at the 90, 95 and 99 percent levels. A 90 percent confidence interval can be interpreted, for example, roughly as providing 90 percent certainty that the interval defined by the upper and lower bounds contain the true value of the characteristic. If a Margin of Error is given, the lower bound of the confidence interval is equal to the estimate minus the Margin of Error and the upper bound is equal to the estimate plus the Margin of Error. (See further, Margin of Error definition below.)

**County subdivision or Minor Civil Division (MCD)** - The Census Bureau geography for primary administrative units below the county level in New York is collectively referred to as county subdivisions or minor civil divisions. These include towns, cities and Indian Reservations.

**Decennial Census** - the Census of the population and housing taken every 10 years in the United States, at the start of each decade, since 1790.

**Employed** – either “at work” or “with a job, but not at work”.

**Group Quarters Population** - all U.S. residents who live in group living facilities including correctional institutions, juvenile facilities, skilled nursing facilities, college residence halls, military barracks, group homes, and workers' dormitories.

**Household Population** - all U.S. residents who live in housing units such as single family homes, townhouses, apartments, and mobile homes.

**Intercensal Population Estimates** - estimates produced for the years between two decennial censuses when both the beginning and ending populations are known. They are produced once a decade by adjusting the existing time series of postcensal estimates for the entire decade to smooth the transition from one decennial census count to the next. They differ from the postcensal estimates that are released annually because the difference between the April 1 postcensal estimate and April 1 census count for the end of the decade is redistributed across the estimates for that decade. For dates when both postcensal and intercensal estimates are available, intercensal estimates are preferred.

**Labor Force** - consists of people classified as employed or unemployed.

**Margin of Error (MOE)** - a measure of the precision of an estimate at a given level of confidence. The confidence level of a margin of error indicates the likelihood that the difference between the population value (which you

would get if you could measure the whole population instead of a sample) and the estimate is less than or equal to the margin of error. The range from the estimate minus the margin of error to the estimate plus the margin of error is called the confidence interval. All ACS estimates are published with their margins of error at the 90 percent confidence level. Margins of error are useful in assessing the reliability of estimates and whether differences between estimates are significant.

**Numeric Population Change** - difference between the population of an area at the beginning and end of a time period. It is computed by taking the difference between the population at one point in time ( $t_1$ ) and some future time ( $t_2$ ).

**Percent Population Change** - difference between the population of an area at the beginning and end of a time period, expressed as a percentage of the beginning population. It is computed by dividing the population change ( $t_2 - t_1$ ) by  $t_1$  and multiplying the result by 100.

**Population Estimates** - The calculated number of people living in an area as of a specified point in time, usually July 1st. The estimated population is calculated using a component of change model that incorporates information on natural increase (births, deaths) and net migration (net domestic migration, net international migration) that has occurred in an area since the latest decennial census. A procedure for estimating the current population using a procedure involving a "base population" value at time  $t - 1$ , adding to that the births during the interval  $t - 1$  to  $t$ , subtracting the deaths during that interval  $t - 1$  to  $t$ , and then adding the net domestic and net international migration that occurred during that interval.

**Population Density** - Total number of people per areal unit like a square mile or square kilometer.

**Population Pyramids** - A graphical way of portraying a population's age and sex composition at a given slice in time. The first horizontal bar, constituting the base of the graph, is the youngest age group (typically 0-4) with the number of males in that age group on the left and the number of females in that age group on the right. On top of that age group is another horizontal bar for the next age group (e.g. 5-9) and so forth with the top bar typically for those aged 75 and over. In a population with lots of births and deaths, the shape typically forms a pyramid with a broad base and a narrow top. It is one of the most basic ways to understand population change over time as well as between different geographic units of a similar status (e.g. counties).

**Postcensal Estimates** - estimates produced for the years after a decennial census when only the beginning population is known. They are produced and revised each year, targeted to July 1 of that year.

**Projection** - estimated population at some future time based on assumptions about births, deaths, migration, and ages.

**Race/Ethnicity** - the Census Bureau collects racial data in accordance with guidelines provided by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and these data are based on self-identification. The racial categories included in the census questionnaire generally reflect a social definition of race recognized in this country and not an attempt to define race biologically, anthropologically, or genetically. In addition, it is recognized that the categories of the race item include racial and national origin or sociocultural groups. People may choose to report more than one race to indicate their racial mixture, such as "American Indian" and "White." People who identify their origin as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be of any race. OMB requires five minimum categories: White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Hispanics may be classified as white or black. So we generally separate them out as an ethnic group first.

**Unemployed** – Not employed, but actively looking for work and available to accept a job.

**Unemployment rate** – Fraction of the Labor Force that is unemployed.

**Urban Area** – A densely settled area with at least 2,500 people. If the total number of people is less than 50,000 the Census Bureau calls it an Urban Cluster, otherwise an Urbanized Area.

**Vintage** - each year, the U.S. Census Bureau produces and publishes estimates of the population for each state and county, as well as the nation as a whole. These are called “vintages.” In producing these vintages, the Bureau utilizes administrative data from a number of sources to estimate 1) the change in population since the most recent decennial census, and 2) the population for each year since the most recent decennial census. With each annual release of population estimates (vintage), the entire time series of estimates beginning on April 1, 2010 is revised and updated.

**Vital Statistics** - quantitative data concerning a population, such as the number of births, marriages, and deaths.

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