

Maps:

On each county profile page, the map of NYS is included, with the county highlighted in red. On city profile pages, the map of NYS is again included, with the county highlighted in grey and the cities noted in red. Inset map is the county, with cities noted.

Population Data:

The population is the official count of people from the US Census Bureau's (USCB) BO1003 report.

The Population for Whom Status is Determined reflects the size of census samples and is provided in USCB report S1701.

Poverty Data:

The poverty rate includes all individuals living in poverty. The numbers are then broken down in three other categories: children under 18, adults age 25 and older and adults age 65 and older.

The percentage of each group living in poverty is followed by the number of individuals that percentage represents.

ALICE Data:

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) represents the households earning above the poverty level but still struggling to make ends meet. Data from the [United for ALICE](#) partnership, data year 2024.

ALL Census Reports cited are from the American Communities Survey FIVE year estimates (2019 - 2023).

Access these reports at:
data.census.gov

Data Key

Please see data.census.gov for more specific definitions for any of the data sourced from USCB reports.



Education & Poverty Data

The first group of numbers reports the percentage of the entire population in each education category. The second group shows the percentage of all people in each education category living in poverty. This data is from USCB Report S1701.

Employment & Poverty Data



Median Income - Total income is the sum of the amounts reported for wage/salary income, self employment income, interest, dividends, rental income, royalty income, income from estates or trusts, Social Security or Railroad Retirement income, Supplementary Social Security, public assistance or welfare payments, retirement/survivor/disability pensions and all other income. The data is from USCB Report S1501.

Living Wage - The wage listed is the wage an individual would need to earn as the sole provider for a household consisting of themselves and one child based on the typical expenses in that county or city. This wage is a minimum estimate of the cost of living for a low wage family. Data from Massachusetts Institute of Technology Living Wage Calculator (livingwage.mit.edu), and represents 2025 data downloaded March, 2025.

Hourly Wage - The hourly rate listed is that which one person would need to earn working year round, 40 hours per week in order to afford a two bedroom apartment at the fair market rate (FMR) for that county, assuming 30% of income is spent on housing. Data is provided by the National Low Income Housing Coalition's report: Out of Reach 2022 (www.nlihc.org).

Health & Poverty Insurance



Based on self reporting this includes people who do not have: insurance from a current/former employer, insurance purchased directly from an insurance company, Medicare, Medicaid, Medical Assistance, any government assistance plan for people with low income or disability, TRICARE or military health care, VA, Indian Health Service or any other type of health insurance or health coverage plan. Data from USCB Report S2701.

Gender & Poverty

Female Head of Household Of all households with a female head of household and children under 18, this is the percentage living in poverty. Data from USCB Report S1702.

Race, Ethnicity & Poverty

Data on race is based on self-identification. There are a minimum of five categories from which to select, including White and Black/African American. People are able to self-identify as more than one race. People who identify their origin as Hispanic, Latino or Spanish may be of any race. The data is from USCB Report S1701.