County Facts: Onondaga County, NY
Population 465,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.7% (Onondaga County), 4.7% (NY), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 4.7% (Onondaga County), 4.7% (NY), 4.4% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $62 (Onondaga County), $57 (NY), $55 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 5.1% (Onondaga County), 5% (NY), 2% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Onondaga County), 10% (NY), 1% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 8% (Onondaga County), 6% (NY), 5% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 15.4% (Onondaga County), 15.4% (NY), 15.1% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 60% (Onondaga County), 57% (NY), 56% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 26% (Onondaga County), 25% (NY), 24% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 14% (Onondaga County), 11% (NY), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Onondaga County), 13% (NY), 9% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.1% (Onondaga County), 1.3% (NY), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $8.8 (Onondaga County), $8.9 (NY), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Syracuse Univ.: 5.7%
  - New York 4-year-college average: 14.0%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Syracuse Univ.: 14.0%
  - New York 4-year-college average: 58.6%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

**2-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Onondaga CC (public): 11.1%
  - New York 2-year-college average: 19.6%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Onondaga CC (public): 28.9%
  - New York 2-year-college average: 36.3%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black:**
  - Onondaga County: 13%
  - NY: 14%
  - United States: 14%

- **Percent Hispanic:**
  - Onondaga County: 18%
  - NY: 17%
  - United States: 17%

- **Percent over age 65:**
  - Onondaga County: 14.0%
  - NY: 3.5%
  - United States: 3.0%

- **Percent college grad:**
  - Onondaga County: 25%
  - NY: 24%
  - United States: 21%

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents):**
  - Onondaga County: 120
  - NY: 75
  - United States: 76

- **Life expectancy (years):**
  - Onondaga County: 83.9
  - NY: 83.6
  - United States: 83.2

- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents):**
  - Onondaga County: 17
  - NY: 16
  - United States: 15

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Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility
- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau