

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK FACT SHEET – January 2014



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The City of Syracuse is located in Onondaga County in the geographic center of New York State. The counties of Onondaga, Madison, and Oswego make up the **Syracuse Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)**. The **Syracuse-Auburn Combined Statistical Area (CSA)** consists of Cayuga, Madison, Onondaga and Oswego counties.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Area:	Onondaga County	780 sq. mi.
	Syracuse MSA	2,390 sq. mi.
	Syracuse-Auburn CSA	3,083 sq. mi.
	City of Syracuse	26 sq. mi.

Terrain: Rolling hills and flat plains

Altitude: 364 - 681 feet **Elevation:** 414 feet

Climate: four seasons, continental mean average temperature:

January	24 degrees
April	46 degrees
July	71 degrees
September	62 degrees
annual average snowfall	135 inches (1990-2007)
growing season approx.	171 days
annual rainfall	36 inches

PROXIMITY TO MARKET

Over 136 million people live within a 750 mile radius of Syracuse, including over 50 percent of the population of Canada and the United States.

Mileage to Major Cities:

Albany, NY	136	Montreal, Que.	248
Baltimore, MD	299	New York, NY	253
Binghamton, NY	75	Niagara Falls, NY	165
Boston, MA	299	Philadelphia, PA	255
Buffalo, NY	147	Pittsburgh, PA	342
Chicago, IL	665	Rochester, NY	85
Cleveland, OH	330	Toronto, Ont.	248
Hartford, CT	236	Washington, DC	350

POPULATION

	1990	2000	2010
City of Syracuse	163,860	146,435	145,170
Onondaga County	468,973	458,336	467,026
Syracuse MSA	659,864	650,154	662,577

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

RACE/ETHNIC BREAKDOWN OF POPULATION (2010) - PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION

	City of Syracuse	Onondaga County	Syracuse-MSA
White	56.0	81.1	85.5
Black/African American	29.5	11.0	8.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	5.5	3.1	2.4
American Indian, Alaska Native	1.1	0.8	0.7
Other	2.7	1.2	1.0
Two or more races	5.1	2.8	2.4
Hispanic Origin (of any race)	8.3	4.0	3.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

HOUSEHOLDS

	1990	2000	2010
City of Syracuse	65,046	59,482	64,356
Onondaga County	177,950	181,153	202,357
Syracuse MSA	243,899	252,043	287,712

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

MEDIAN AGE –

City of Syracuse	- 30.2	New York State	- 37.7
Onondaga County	- 38.4	United States	- 36.5
Syracuse MSA	- 38.3		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME – 2013

Onondaga County.....	\$69,720
Syracuse Metropolitan Area.....	\$67,455

New York State.....	\$70,485
United States.....	\$64,030

AVERAGE APARTMENT RENTAL

One Bedroom: \$550 - \$650 Two Bedroom: \$675 - \$775

MEDIAN HOME PRICE - 2012

Syracuse MSA – \$124,900 (2nd qtr.) – Percent Change Over Year: -0.4%

Source: NYS Association of Realtors

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REGIONAL OUTPUT (2009)

Metro Area	Output, 2009 (in \$1,000,000s)	Real Growth 1980 to 2009
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	54,509	76.3%
Rochester	50,400	83.9%
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	44,276	99.8%
Syracuse	32,432	85.0%
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh	23,597	122.4%
Utica-Rome	12,104	81.9%
Ithaca	4,707	113.5%

*Composite includes six categories

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

September '13 – 234.149 - September '14 – 238.031 **1.7%**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)

	County	MSA	CSA	NYS	US
Sept. '13	6.8	7.1	7.0	7.4	7.2
Sept. '14	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.9

LABOR FORCE

	Labor Force	Employed
	September 2014	
Onondaga County	217,800	205,700
Syracuse MSA	305,500	288,000
Syracuse-Auburn CSA	344,000	324,500

NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Data in Thousands)

Employment Sector	MSA Sept '13 – Sept '14		Percent Change Over the Year
TOTAL	317.3	316.1	-0.4%
Goods Producing	37.7	36.8	-2.4%
Natural Resources,			
Construction & Mining	13.3	13.2	-0.8%
Manufacturing	24.4	23.6	-3.3%
Service Providing	279.6	279.3	-0.1%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	63.3	63.5	0.3%
Information	4.5	4.5	0.0%
Financial Activities	16.0	16.1	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	32.8	32.7	-0.3%
Education & Health Services	63.7	62.6	-1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	29.9	30.1	0.7%
Other Services	12.3	12.5	1.6%
Government	56.4	56.4	0.0%

Source: NYS Department of Labor

TAXES

Sales	8.0%
State.....	4.0%
Local.....	4.0%
State Income Tax.....	4.0% - 7.7%

MAJOR EMPLOYERS in CENTRAL NEW YORK

◆ Upstate University Health System	9,332
◆ Syracuse University.....	4,653
◆ St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center	4,000
◆ Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse.....	3,887
◆ Wegmans	3,686
◆ Crouse Hospital.....	2,700
◆ Loretto.....	2,476
◆ National Grid	2,000
◆ Time Warner Cable.....	1,800
◆ Lockheed Martin MS2.....	1,600
◆ V.A. Medical Center	1,500
◆ Excellus BlueCross BlueShield.....	1,380
◆ Carrier Corporation	1,300
◆ Welch Allyn.....	1,300
◆ Byrne Dairy.....	1,300
◆ United Parcel Service.....	1,288
◆ Syracuse Research Corp.....	1,020
◆ Verizon	1,100
◆ AXA Equitable Life Insurance Co.....	944
◆ L.& J.G. Stickley, Inc.	850
◆ The Bank of New York Mellon Corp	850

EMPLOYMENT CENTERS – Estimated total employment for areas of the County that serve as geographic clusters of employment.

◆ Downtown Syracuse	27,000
◆ University Hill.....	20,000
◆ Destiny USA	4,700
◆ Electronics Park	2,700
◆ Hancock Airpark.....	750

COMMUNICATIONS

Major newspaper:

The Post-Standard (daily) 470-0011

Business newspapers:

Business Journal (weekly)	472-3104
Eagle Newspapers (weekly)	434-8889
Syracuse New Times (weekly)	422-7011
The Scotsman Press, Inc. (weekly)	472-7825

TRANSPORTATION

Syracuse is located at the crossroads of two interstate highway systems, east/west I-90 the New York State Thruway, and north/south I-81.

Highway: More than 150 trucking companies, including the nation's top 12 carriers of general freight, service the Syracuse area.

Air: Over 130 passenger flights arrive and depart daily from the Syracuse Hancock International Airport, serviced by seven major airlines and several commuter lines. Six major air cargo companies service the Syracuse terminal in addition to several regional carriers, forwarders and passenger airlines that offer air freight services.

Bus: CENTRO provides public transportation for Syracuse and suburbs at a fare of \$1.25. Onondaga Coach, Greyhound, Syracuse & Oswego, and Adirondack Trailways also provide inter-city passenger service.

Rail: CSX provides direct rail freight service to a variety of Northeastern markets. Amtrak provides rail passenger transportation service from the William F. Walsh Regional Transportation Center.

Water: The Port of Oswego is located on the southeast shore of Lake Ontario, 34 miles northwest of Syracuse. The New York State Canal System encompasses 524 miles and runs east-west across New York State, connecting the Niagara River with the Hudson River. The Onondaga Lake Barge Canal Terminal is located just north of Syracuse.

HEALTH CARE

Four acute care hospitals, a number of long-term skilled nursing facilities, outpatient centers serving all sectors of the county, renowned teaching facilities, including Upstate University Health System, two hospital-based nursing schools, and several residency programs.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Public, Private and Parochial Education: There are 18 school districts in Onondaga County (17 Suburban, 1 City) with an enrollment of approximately 80,000 students. The districts are comprised of 78 Elementary Schools, 27 Junior High, and 21 High Schools.

College and Universities: There are 44 private and state colleges within the Greater Syracuse region, with a combined enrollment of over 215,000 students. In the Syracuse area there are eight schools including Syracuse University, LeMoyne College, Upstate University Health System, the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Onondaga Community College, SUNY Empire State College, SUNY Oswego, Cazenovia College, Morrisville College and Bryant & Stratton College.

Vocational Training: The five public vocational centers and 24 private vocational and technical schools offer more than 80 courses of study in a wide variety of fields.

RECREATION & CULTURE

- ◆ More than 50 state, county and city parks and several nature centers
- ◆ 40 golf courses (more than any other area in the Northeast)
- ◆ Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park open year-round
- ◆ 40 museums and galleries, including the nationally known Everson Museum of Art, designed by I.M. Pei
- ◆ Syracuse Opera, the only year-round professional opera company serving Central New York
- ◆ Syracuse Stage, Central New York's only professional theater, attracting talented actors and directors from Broadway and beyond
- ◆ Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, the 28th largest orchestra in the United States, serves the central and northern New York Region
- ◆ The Carrier Dome, home of Syracuse University athletics; the only domed stadium in the northeast
- ◆ Alliance Bank Stadium seats 11,000 spectators and is home to the Syracuse Chiefs, a AAA affiliate of the Washington Nationals
- ◆ The New York State Fair, the longest running state fair in the country, annually attracts nearly 1 million people from across the Northeast
- ◆ Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) – More than 200 exhibits and displays provide a unique hands-on experience for all ages. New York State's only IMAX-Dome theatre
- ◆ Numerous music festivals including Jazz Fest, NYS Blues Fest and Empire Brewing Musical Festival
- ◆ Ethnic festivals – Polish Festival, Jewish Music & Cultural Festival, Bavarian Festival, Latino-American Festival, Irish Festival, La Festa Italiana, Oktoberfest, and many more

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