

A Comparative Look at County Poverty Levels

The ten New York State counties with the greatest number of people living in poverty, from highest to lowest, are: Kings, Bronx, Queens, New York, Erie, Monroe, Suffolk, Westchester, Nassau, and Onondaga. The ten counties with the highest percentage of the population living in poverty, from highest to lowest, are: Bronx, Kings, Franklin, Montgomery, St. Lawrence, Tompkins, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Oswego and New York.

| County | Number in Poverty | Rank by Number | Percent in Poverty | Rank by Percent |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Albany | 39,373 | 14 | 13.6% | 32 |
| Allegany | 7,377 | 47 | 17.0% | 13 |
| Bronx | 419,580 | 2 | 30.5% | 1 |
| Broome | 33,527 | 16 | 17.8% | 10 |
| Cattaraugus | 13,598 | 29 | 17.7% | 11 |
| Cayuga | 9,360 | 37 | 12.4% | 45 |
| Chautauqua | 24,707 | 19 | 19.4% | 6 |
| Chemung | 13,295 | 31 | 16.0% | 18 |
| Chenango | 8,075 | 42 | 16.4% | 15 |
| Clinton | 11,268 | 32 | 15.2% | 25 |
| Columbia | 6,258 | 49 | 10.4% | 52 |
| Cortland | 6,173 | 50 | 13.5% | 34 |
| Delaware | 6,089 | 52 | 13.5% | 35 |
| Dutchess | 24,801 | 18 | 8.8% | 58 |
| Erie | 131,644 | 5 | 14.7% | 28 |
| Essex | 4,159 | 56 | 11.4% | 50 |
| Franklin | 9,001 | 39 | 19.7% | 4 |
| Fulton | 8,652 | 40 | 16.2% | 17 |
| Genesee | 7,441 | 46 | 12.6% | 43 |
| Greene | 6,296 | 48 | 13.9% | 31 |
| Hamilton | 451 | 62 | 9.5% | 56 |
| Herkimer | 10,023 | 35 | 15.9% | 19 |
| Jefferson | 16,917 | 26 | 15.0% | 27 |
| Kings | 595,531 | 1 | 23.4% | 2 |
| Lewis | 3,551 | 60 | 13.3% | 37 |
| Livingston | 8,644 | 41 | 14.7% | 29 |
| Madison | 7,531 | 45 | 11.2% | 51 |
| Monroe | 111,713 | 6 | 15.4% | 22 |
| Montgomery | 9,366 | 36 | 19.1% | 7 |
| Nassau | 83,615 | 9 | 6.3% | 61 |
| New York | 278,958 | 4 | 17.7% | 12 |

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| Niagara | 28,624 | 17 | 13.6% | 33 |
| Oneida | 36,529 | 15 | 16.5% | 14 |
| Onondaga | 68,554 | 10 | 15.2% | 26 |
| Ontario | 11,010 | 33 | 10.4% | 53 |
| Orange | 45,944 | 12 | 12.6% | 44 |
| Orleans | 6,127 | 51 | 15.5% | 21 |
| Oswego | 21,565 | 20 | 18.5% | 8 |
| Otsego | 9,288 | 38 | 16.4% | 16 |
| Putnam | 5,476 | 53 | 5.6% | 62 |
| Queens | 344,920 | 3 | 15.3% | 24 |
| Rensselaer | 19,979 | 22 | 13.0% | 38 |
| Richmond | 57,405 | 11 | 12.3% | 46 |
| Rockland | 44,190 | 13 | 14.1% | 30 |
| Saratoga | 14,820 | 28 | 6.8% | 59 |
| Schenectady | 19,361 | 24 | 12.8% | 42 |
| Schoharie | 3,950 | 57 | 12.9% | 41 |
| Schuyler | 2,388 | 61 | 13.4% | 36 |
| Seneca | 4,175 | 55 | 13.0% | 39 |
| St. Lawrence | 19,710 | 23 | 19.7% | 5 |
| Steuben | 15,439 | 27 | 15.9% | 20 |
| Suffolk | 100,432 | 7 | 6.8% | 60 |
| Sullivan | 13,346 | 30 | 18.0% | 9 |
| Tioga | 4,736 | 54 | 9.5% | 57 |
| Tompkins | 18,438 | 25 | 20.6% | 3 |
| Ulster | 21,385 | 21 | 12.3% | 47 |
| Warren | 7,690 | 44 | 11.9% | 48 |
| Washington | 7,760 | 43 | 13.0% | 40 |
| Wayne | 10,926 | 34 | 11.9% | 49 |
| Westchester | 89,813 | 8 | 9.6% | 55 |
| Wyoming | 3,861 | 58 | 10.2% | 54 |
| Yates | 3,706 | 59 | 15.4% | 23 |

This data from the US Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (ACS) report S1701 - Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months, 2010 - 2014 five year estimates. (factfinder2.census.gov)