

# 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

<b>Area:</b>	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 HOUSEHOLD INCOME – 2010

City of Syracuse.....	\$29,621
Onondaga County.....	\$50,426

Syracuse MSA.....	\$49,694
New York State.....	\$54,148
United States.....	\$50,046

## AVERAGE APARTMENT RENTAL

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

## MEDIAN HOME PRICE - 2012

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

Source: NYS Association of Realtors  
National Association of Realtors

## REGIONAL OUTPUT (2009)

Metro Area	Output, 2009 (in \$1,000,000's)	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)

January '13 – 230.280 - January '14 – 233.916 **1.6%**

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)

	County	MSA	CSA	NYS	US
Dec. '12	7.8	8.5	8.5	8.1	7.9
Dec. '13	5.9	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.7

## LABOR FORCE

	Labor Force	Employed
	December 2013	
Onondaga County	224,500	211,200
Syracuse MSA	316,800	296,300
Syracuse-Auburn CSA	356,100	333,200

## NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Data in Thousands)

Employment Sector	MSA Jan '13 – Jan '14		Percent Change Over the Year
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>308.4</b>	<b>309.1</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
Goods Producing	35.5	34.6	-2.5%
Natural Resources,			
Construction & Mining	11.2	10.6	-5.4%
Manufacturing	24.3	24.0	-1.2%
Service Providing	272.9	274.5	0.6%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	63.1	63.2	0.2%
Information	4.7	4.5	-4.3%
Financial Activities	16.4	15.8	-3.7%
Professional & Business Services	32.8	32.7	-0.3%
Education & Health Services	60.7	61.8	1.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	26.6	27.6	3.8%
Other Services	12.1	12.3	1.7%
Government	56.5	56.6	0.2%

Source: NYS Department of Labor

## TAXES

<b>Sales</b> .....	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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