

# SYRACUSE, NEW YORK FACT SHEET – September 2016



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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, ON.	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

Source: US Census Bureau

## AVERAGE APARTMENT RENTAL

One Bedroom: \$699 Two Bedroom: \$836

Monthly Costs within 10 mile radius of Syracuse City

Source: Rainmaker Insights

## MEDIAN HOME PRICE - 2015

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

Source: NYS Association of Realtors

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## REGIONAL OUTPUT (2013)

Metro Area	Output, 2013 (in Millions of Dollars)	Real Growth 2001 to 2013
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	51,630	82.24%
Rochester	45,745	83.27%
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	46,537	65.90%
Syracuse	25,300	83.89%
Utica-Rome	10,165	70.00%
Ithaca	4,565	62.93%

Source: US Department of Commerce

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

June '01 – 178.00 - June '15 – 238.031 **74.8%**

Source: US Department of Commerce

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)

	County	MSA	NYS	US
May '09	7.6	8.0	8.0	9.4
May '15	5.0	5.4	5.7	5.9

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## LABOR FORCE

	Labor Force	Employed
	May 2015	
Onondaga County	225,427	214,181
Syracuse MSA	313,900	297,000
Central New York	684,864	647,786

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Data in Thousands)	MSA		Percent Change
Employment Sector	Sept '13 – Sept '14		Over the Year
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>317.3</b>	<b>316.1</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>
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 (2015)

<b>Sales</b> .....	8.0%
State.....	4.0%
Local.....	4.0%
State Income Tax.....	4.0% - 8.82%

Source: Taxfoundation.org

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN CENTRAL NEW YORK (2015)

Source: BJNN (Business Journal News Network) 2015 Book of Lists

ϕ Upstate Medical University .....	9,330
ϕ Cornell University .....	8,975
ϕ St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center.....	4,678
ϕ Oneida Indian Nation Enterprise.....	4,500
ϕ Syracuse University.....	4,407
ϕ Lockheed Martin Missions Systems & Training.....	4,200
ϕ Mohawk Valley Health Systems.....	4,029
ϕ Price Chopper Supermarkets.....	4,000
ϕ Walmart .....	4,000
ϕ Crouse Hospital.....	2,700
ϕ Loretto.....	2,300
ϕ National Grid.....	2,200
ϕ Tops Friendly Markets .....	2,023
ϕ Resource Center for independent Living .....	1,935
ϕ Time Warner Cable .....	1,900
ϕ KPH Healthcare Services, Inc. (Kinney Drugs).....	1,795
ϕ Lowe's Companies, Inc. ....	1,726
ϕ BNY Mellon .....	1,700
ϕ The Raymond Corporation.....	1,670
ϕ Samaritan Medical Center .....	1,605

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

ϕ Downtown Syracuse .....	27,000
ϕ University Hill.....	20,000
ϕ Destiny USA .....	4,700
ϕ Electronics Park .....	2,700
ϕ 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

## TRANSPORTATION

Syracuse is located at the crossroads of two interstate highway systems, east/west Interstate 90 (New York State Thruway) and north/south Interstate 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 intercity 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

- ϕ More than 50 state, county and city parks and several nature centers
- ϕ 40 golf courses (more than any other area in the Northeast)
- ϕ Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park open year-round
- ϕ 40 museums and galleries, including the nationally known Everson Museum of Art, designed by I.M. Pei
- ϕ Syracuse Opera, the only year-round professional opera company serving Central New York
- ϕ Syracuse Stage, Central New York's largest professional theater, attracting talented actors and directors from Broadway and beyond
- ϕ Symphoria, composed of a diverse group of talented musicians hailing from all across the globe, bringing a breadth of musical talent that extends far beyond the Syracuse community
- ϕ The Carrier Dome, home of Syracuse University athletics; the only domed stadium in the northeast
- ϕ NBT Stadium seats 11,000 spectators and is home to the Syracuse Chiefs, a AAA affiliate of the Washington Nationals
- ϕ Destiny USA, the largest retail and multi-entertainment center in New York State and the 6th largest in the USA boasting over 250 places to shop, dine and play
- ϕ The Great New York State Fair, the longest running state fair in the country, annually attracts over 1 million people from across the Northeast
- ϕ Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) – More than 200 exhibits and displays provide a unique hands-on experience for all ages. Upstate New York's only IMAX-Dome theater
- ϕ Numerous music festivals including Syracuse Jazz Fest, NYS Blues Fest and Northeast Wine & Jazz Fest
- ϕ Ethnic festivals – Polish Festival, Jewish Cultural Festival, Bavarian Festival, Irish Festival, Festa Italiana, Oktoberfest, Blue Rain Eco Native American Festival and many more