

Upstate New York population started to shrink in 2010-14

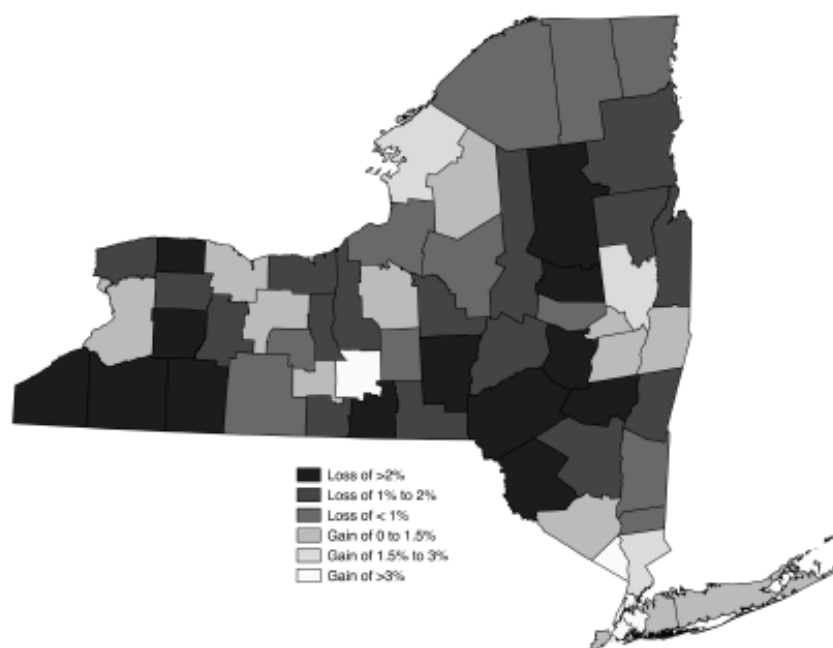
After a small gain during the previous decade, upstate New York's population dropped slightly between 2010 and 2014, according to Census Bureau data.

The population of the 50 counties north of the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District decreased by 14,397 people, or 0.2 percent, during the latest four-year period, the Census Bureau estimated. Most of that drop was between 2013 and 2014, driven mainly by an increase in upstate residents moving to other states and regions. By contrast, upstate New York's population had increased by 52,074 people, or 0.8 percent, between 2000 and 2010.

Thirty-eight of the 50 upstate counties lost population between 2010 and 2014 – also in contrast to 2000-2010, when only 18 upstate counties lost residents. Growth in New York City was strong enough to push up the state's total population by 368,115 people, or 1.9 percent, during the latest four-year period.

As detailed in the table on page 2, migration explains much of the difference between upstate and downstate population trends. All regions of New York have lost population due to *domestic* migration – the movement of residents to other states (and among regions of New York) – but an influx of *foreign* immigrants has more than made up for domestic migration losses in New York City and neighboring suburban counties.

Fig. 1. Change in Estimated Population of NY Counties, 2010-14



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 1. Components of Migration, 2010-14

	Foreign Immigration			Domestic Migration			Net Migration		
	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²
Albany County	5,277	1.73%	9	-2,926	-0.96%	9	2,351	0.77%	7
Allegany County	321	0.66%	30	-1,629	-3.33%	55	-1,308	-2.67%	58
Bronx County	67,359	4.86%	2	-66,165	-4.78%	61	1,194	0.09%	13
Broome County	2,009	1.00%	19	-5,093	-2.54%	49	-3,084	-1.54%	41
Cattaraugus County	262	0.33%	46	-2,294	-2.86%	54	-2,032	-2.53%	56
Cayuga County	294	0.37%	42	-1,759	-2.20%	41	-1,465	-1.83%	46
Chautauqua County	740	0.55%	35	-3,378	-2.50%	48	-2,638	-1.96%	48
Chemung County	319	0.36%	43	-1,732	-1.95%	33	-1,413	-1.59%	42
Chenango County	79	0.16%	58	-1,078	-2.14%	39	-999	-1.98%	50
Clinton County	606	0.74%	25	-1,525	-1.86%	29	-919	-1.12%	34
Columbia County	306	0.48%	37	-819	-1.30%	14	-513	-0.81%	23
Cortland County	164	0.33%	45	-596	-1.21%	11	-432	-0.88%	26
Delaware County	106	0.22%	51	-939	-1.96%	35	-833	-1.74%	43
Dutchess County	3,913	1.32%	15	-6,202	-2.09%	37	-2,289	-0.77%	22
Erie County	12,196	1.33%	14	-8,394	-0.91%	6	3,802	0.41%	10
Essex County	271	0.69%	28	-762	-1.94%	32	-491	-1.25%	39
Franklin County	372	0.72%	26	-967	-1.87%	30	-595	-1.15%	37
Fulton County	112	0.20%	56	-1,246	-2.24%	44	-1,134	-2.04%	52
Genesee County	307	0.51%	36	-1,173	-1.95%	34	-866	-1.44%	40
Greene County	144	0.29%	47	-1,051	-2.14%	38	-907	-1.84%	47
Hamilton County	0	0.00%	60	-22	-0.45%	4	-22	-0.45%	17
Herkimer County	287	0.44%	38	-1,023	-1.59%	18	-736	-1.14%	35
Jefferson County	2,881	2.48%	6	-5,679	-4.89%	62	-2,798	-2.41%	54
Kings County	99,123	3.96%	5	-92,435	-3.69%	58	6,688	0.27%	12
Lewis County	77	0.28%	48	-352	-1.30%	15	-275	-1.02%	31
Livingston County	423	0.65%	31	-1,071	-1.64%	20	-648	-0.99%	29
Madison County	147	0.20%	57	-1,601	-2.18%	40	-1,454	-1.98%	51
Monroe County	10,701	1.44%	10	-13,174	-1.77%	24	-2,473	-0.33%	15
Montgomery County	417	0.83%	22	-906	-1.80%	25	-489	-0.97%	27
Nassau County	17,976	1.34%	13	-10,708	-0.80%	5	7,268	0.54%	8
New York County	65,765	4.15%	4	-53,493	-3.37%	56	12,272	0.77%	6
Niagara County	734	0.34%	44	-2,605	-1.20%	10	-1,871	-0.86%	25
Oneida County	2,830	1.20%	16	-5,191	-2.21%	42	-2,361	-1.01%	30
Onondaga County	6,685	1.43%	11	-10,701	-2.29%	45	-4,016	-0.86%	24
Ontario County	613	0.57%	33	865	0.80%	2	1,478	1.37%	3
Orange County	2,782	0.75%	24	-9,308	-2.50%	47	-6,526	-1.75%	44
Orleans County	239	0.56%	34	-1,129	-2.63%	50	-890	-2.08%	53
Oswego County	329	0.27%	49	-2,725	-2.23%	43	-2,396	-1.96%	49
Otsego County	271	0.44%	39	-961	-1.54%	17	-690	-1.11%	32
Putnam County	658	0.66%	29	-1,635	-1.64%	19	-977	-0.98%	28
Queens County	110,618	4.96%	1	-86,068	-3.86%	60	24,550	1.10%	4
Rensselaer County	1,355	0.85%	21	-1,521	-0.95%	8	-166	-0.10%	14
Richmond County	5,438	1.16%	18	-8,687	-1.85%	28	-3,249	-0.69%	19
Rockland County	6,464	2.07%	8	-5,335	-1.71%	23	1,129	0.36%	11
Saratoga County	1,540	0.70%	27	1,658	0.75%	3	3,198	2.86%	1
Schenectady County	1,813	1.17%	17	-2,563	-1.66%	21	-750	-0.34%	16
Schoharie County	69	0.21%	54	-1,205	-3.68%	57	-1,136	-0.73%	21
Schuyler County	0	0.00%	61	163	0.89%	1	163	0.50%	9
Seneca County	75	0.21%	53	-603	-1.71%	22	-528	-2.88%	60
St. Lawrence County	717	0.64%	32	-2,062	-1.84%	27	-1,345	-3.82%	62
Steuben County	366	0.37%	41	-1,505	-1.52%	16	-1,139	-1.15%	36
Suffolk County	20,166	1.35%	12	-27,073	-1.81%	26	-6,907	-0.46%	18
Sullivan County	738	0.95%	20	-2,974	-3.84%	59	-2,236	-2.88%	61
Tioga County	-18	-0.04%	62	-1,401	-2.74%	51	-1,419	-2.78%	59
Tompkins County	4,434	4.36%	3	-2,521	-2.48%	46	1,913	1.88%	2
Ulster County	1,449	0.79%	23	-3,479	-1.91%	31	-2,030	-1.11%	33
Warren County	133	0.20%	55	-614	-0.93%	7	-481	-0.73%	20
Washington County	58	0.09%	59	-820	-1.30%	12	-762	-1.21%	38
Wayne County	348	0.37%	40	-2,640	-2.82%	52	-2,292	-2.44%	55
Westchester County	21,209	2.23%	7	-12,313	-1.30%	13	8,896	0.94%	5
Wyoming County	92	0.22%	52	-1,189	-2.82%	53	-1,097	-2.60%	57
Yates County	65	0.26%	50	-516	-2.04%	36	-451	-1.78%	45
Downstate	421,471	3.23%		-379,422	-2.91%		42,049	0.32%	
Upstate	63,753	1.01%		-107,428	-1.69%		-43,675	-0.69%	
NYS TOTAL	485,224	2.50%		-486,850	-2.51%	36	-1,626	-0.01%	45

1 Rate is percentage of population in previous decennial census

2 Rate ranked from highest to lowest

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Highlights of 2010-14 Census Bureau estimates for New York

(See Tables 1 and 2 for more details)

- Kings County (Brooklyn) led the state with a population gain of 117,084 people, a growth rate of nearly 4.7 percent, thanks largely to a 111,974 “natural increase,” calculated as resident births minus resident deaths. Jefferson County, home to the Army base at Ft. Drum, had the largest natural increase on a percentage basis, boosting its overall population growth rate to 8th highest in the state (2.5 percent) despite also having a relatively large net migration loss.
- Schoharie and Delaware counties, both devastated by Hurricane Irene in 2011, had the largest population losses in the state at 3.6 percent and 2.9 percent of base population, respectively. Fulton County and Greene County in the Catskills were not far behind, down roughly 2.6 percent each.
- Every county/borough of New York City had a net migration gain except for Richmond (Staten Island), which lost 3,249 more residents to the rest of the state and country than it gained from overseas. Outside the city, net migration gains were estimated for nine counties, including Albany, Erie, Nassau, Ontario, Rockland, Saratoga, Schuyler, Tompkins and Westchester.
- Schuyler, Ontario and Saratoga were the only counties to have positive domestic migration rates, meaning they attracted more new residents from the rest of the nation, including other New York counties, than they lost. (See Figure 2)
- Hamilton and Schuyler counties netted no foreign immigrants during the period, and Tioga County was estimated to have lost a net 18 residents to foreign countries. Other counties with very low percentage gains from foreign immigrations included Washington, Chenango, Fulton, Washington and Warren.

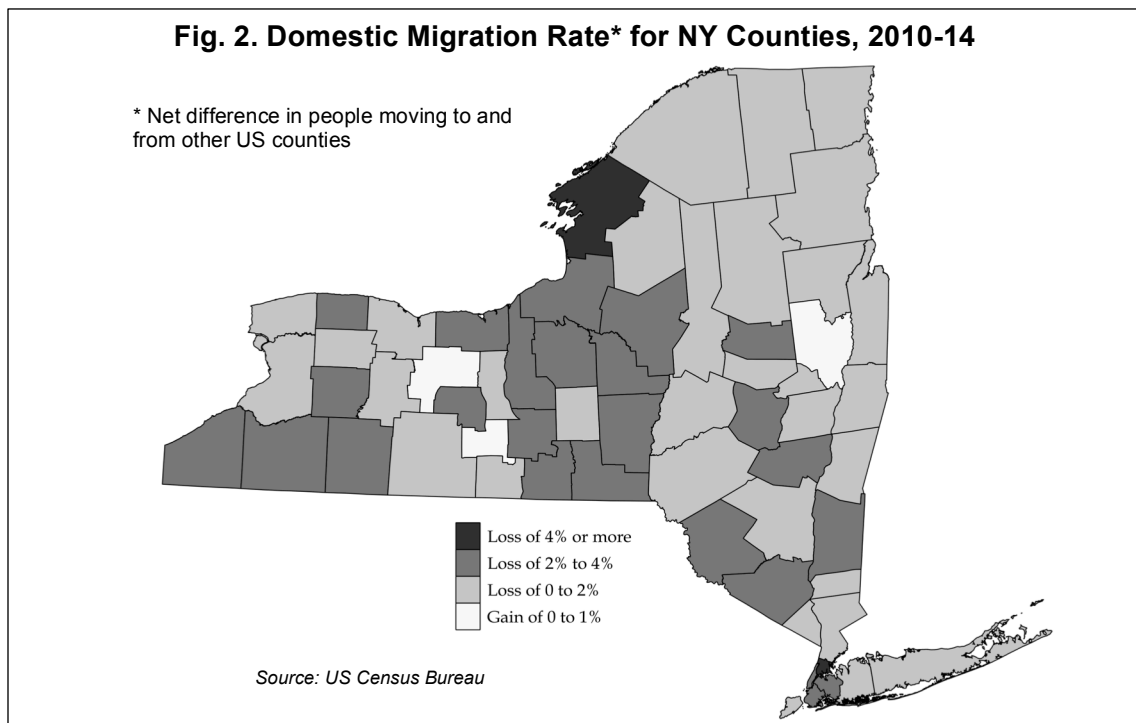


Table 2. Change in Total Population for NY Counties, 2010-14

	2010 Base	Net Migration			Natural Increase ^a			Net Population Change ^b		
	Total	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²
Albany County	304,208	2,351	0.77%	7	1,967	0.65%	24	3,963	1.30%	12
Allegany County	48,946	-1,308	-2.67%	58	139	0.28%	38	-1,210	-2.47%	57
Bronx County	1,385,108	1,194	0.09%	13	52,224	3.77%	3	53,051	3.83%	4
Broome County	200,600	-3,084	-1.54%	41	20	0.01%	45	-3,251	-1.62%	46
Cattaraugus County	80,317	-2,032	-2.53%	56	398	0.50%	29	-1,717	-2.14%	54
Cayuga County	80,025	-1,465	-1.83%	46	272	0.34%	36	-1,202	-1.50%	44
Chautauqua County	134,905	-2,638	-1.96%	48	-61	-0.05%	50	-2,852	-2.11%	53
Chemung County	88,830	-1,413	-1.59%	42	405	0.46%	32	-1,060	-1.19%	39
Chenango County	50,479	-999	-1.98%	50	-69	-0.14%	52	-1,053	-2.09%	51
Clinton County	82,128	-919	-1.12%	34	392	0.48%	31	-496	-0.60%	29
Columbia County	63,096	-513	-0.81%	23	-435	-0.69%	59	-974	-1.54%	45
Cortland County	49,303	-432	-0.88%	26	158	0.32%	37	-279	-0.57%	26
Delaware County	47,989	-833	-1.74%	43	-446	-0.93%	61	-1,408	-2.93%	61
Dutchess County	297,448	-2,289	-0.77%	22	1,442	0.48%	30	-869	-0.29%	24
Erie County	919,064	3,802	0.41%	10	1,652	0.18%	40	3,771	0.41%	20
Essex County	39,372	-491	-1.25%	39	-261	-0.66%	58	-693	-1.76%	47
Franklin County	51,597	-595	-1.15%	37	272	0.53%	28	-335	-0.65%	30
Fulton County	55,531	-1,134	-2.04%	52	-280	-0.50%	56	-1,426	-2.57%	60
Genesee County	60,050	-866	-1.44%	40	-11	-0.02%	48	-888	-1.48%	43
Greene County	49,220	-907	-1.84%	47	-351	-0.71%	60	-1,253	-2.55%	59
Hamilton County	4,836	-22	-0.45%	17	-90	-1.86%	62	-121	-2.50%	58
Herkimer County	64,503	-736	-1.14%	35	-40	-0.06%	51	-759	-1.18%	38
Jefferson County	116,229	-2,798	-2.41%	54	5,478	4.71%	1	2,874	2.47%	8
Kings County	2,504,709	6,688	0.27%	12	111,974	4.47%	2	117,084	4.67%	1
Lewis County	27,087	-275	-1.02%	31	355	1.31%	10	133	0.49%	19
Livingston County	65,250	-648	-0.99%	29	25	0.04%	44	-664	-1.02%	34
Madison County	73,440	-1,454	-1.98%	51	401	0.55%	27	-1,071	-1.46%	42
Monroe County	744,340	-2,473	-0.33%	15	8,288	1.11%	16	5,517	0.74%	15
Montgomery County	50,236	-489	-0.97%	27	62	0.12%	41	-457	-0.91%	32
Nassau County	1,339,710	7,268	0.54%	8	13,586	1.01%	18	18,917	1.41%	11
New York County	1,585,873	12,272	0.77%	6	39,618	2.50%	7	50,395	3.18%	5
Niagara County	216,477	-1,871	-0.86%	25	-725	-0.33%	53	-2,952	-1.36%	41
Oneida County	234,879	-2,361	-1.01%	30	631	0.27%	39	-2,008	-0.85%	31
Onondaga County	467,031	-4,016	-0.86%	24	5,513	1.18%	14	1,165	0.25%	21
Ontario County	108,105	1,478	1.37%	3	57	0.05%	43	1,602	1.48%	10
Orange County	372,813	-6,526	-1.75%	44	10,054	2.70%	6	3,286	0.88%	14
Orleans County	42,883	-890	-2.08%	53	-15	-0.03%	49	-899	-2.10%	52
Oswego County	122,107	-2,396	-1.96%	49	1,287	1.05%	17	-1,194	-0.98%	33
Otsego County	62,253	-690	-1.11%	32	-314	-0.50%	57	-1,125	-1.81%	48
Putnam County	99,750	-977	-0.98%	28	783	0.78%	22	-263	-0.26%	23
Queens County	2,230,539	24,550	1.10%	4	68,658	3.08%	5	91,041	4.08%	2
Rensselaer County	159,427	-166	-0.10%	14	599	0.38%	35	347	0.22%	22
Richmond County	468,730	-3,249	-0.69%	19	8,375	1.79%	8	4,549	0.97%	13
Rockland County	311,687	1,129	0.36%	11	11,432	3.67%	4	12,179	3.91%	3
Saratoga County	219,613	3,198	2.86%	1	2,111	0.96%	20	5,308	2.42%	9
Schenectady County	154,725	-750	-0.34%	16	1,820	1.18%	15	1,010	0.65%	17
Schoharie County	32,747	-1,136	-0.73%	21	-3	-0.01%	47	-1,181	-3.61%	62
Schuyler County	18,344	163	0.50%	9	-73	-0.40%	55	135	0.74%	16
Seneca County	35,244	-528	-2.88%	60	213	0.60%	26	-360	-1.02%	35
St. Lawrence County	111,944	-1,345	-3.82%	62	904	0.81%	21	-544	-0.49%	25
Steuben County	98,988	-1,139	-1.15%	36	606	0.61%	25	-594	-0.60%	28
Suffolk County	1,493,346	-6,907	-0.46%	18	17,893	1.20%	12	9,622	0.64%	18
Sullivan County	77,545	-2,236	-2.88%	61	783	1.01%	19	-1,602	-2.07%	50
Tioga County	51,125	-1,419	-2.78%	59	209	0.41%	33	-1,255	-2.45%	56
Tompkins County	101,595	1,913	1.88%	2	1,200	1.18%	13	3,096	3.05%	6
Ulster County	182,494	-2,030	-1.11%	33	106	0.06%	42	-2,049	-1.12%	37
Warren County	65,705	-481	-0.73%	20	-224	-0.34%	54	-732	-1.11%	36
Washington County	63,216	-762	-1.21%	38	-1	0.00%	46	-844	-1.34%	40
Wayne County	93,762	-2,292	-2.44%	55	687	0.73%	23	-1,711	-1.82%	49
Westchester County	949,114	8,896	0.94%	5	15,546	1.64%	9	23,520	2.48%	7
Wyoming County	42,143	-1,097	-2.60%	57	164	0.39%	34	-955	-2.27%	55
Yates County	25,352	-451	-1.78%	45	325	1.28%	11	-144	-0.57%	27
Downstate	13,038,827	42,049	0.32%		351,585	2.70%		382,512	2.93%	
Upstate	6,339,285	-43,675	-0.69%		34,100	0.54%		-14,397	-0.23%	
NYS TOTAL	19,378,112	-1,626	-0.01%		385,685	2.88%		368,115	1.89%	

a Natural increase is resident births minus resident deaths
b Includes a statistical "residual" not included in other categories
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