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## Upstate population drop continues; 46 of 62 NY counties down since 2010

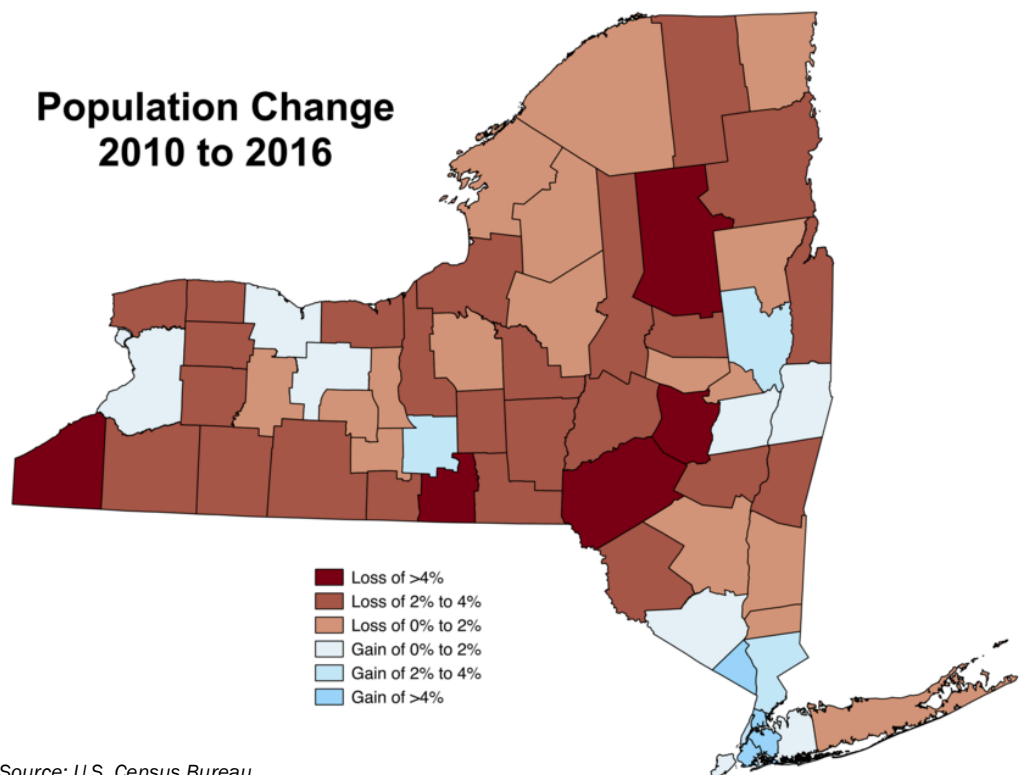
The population of upstate New York declined by another 23,434 people between 2015 and 2016, while the population increase downstate slowed markedly below previous levels during the same period, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

During the 12-month period ending last July 1, the downstate region (New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley) gained a combined total of 21,540 people, less than half the region's increase during the previous year. This brought the total downstate population to 13,465,661, an *increase* of 426,835 since the 2010 census, while the combined population in the 50 upstate counties stood at 6,279,628, a *decrease* of 59,648 people since 2010.

Because upstate lost slightly more people than downstate gained during the latest 12-month period, New York's statewide population declined for the first time in a decade in 2015-16.

As shown in Table 1 on page 2, all but two counties (both upstate) have lost population due to domestic migration – the movement of residents to other states and across county lines. The “natural increase” in population from child-births minus deaths, plus an influx of immigrants from foreign countries, more than offset the downstate domestic migration loss.

**Population Change  
2010 to 2016**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Table 1. Components of Migration, 2010-16**

	Foreign Immigration			Domestic Migration			Net Migration		
	Total	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Rank <sup>2</sup>	Total	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Rank <sup>2</sup>	Total	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Rank <sup>2</sup>
Albany County	7,981	2.62%	9	-5,370	-1.77%	7	2,611	0.86%	4
Allegany County	427	0.87%	33	-2,431	-4.97%	55	-2,004	-4.09%	60
Bronx County	100,565	7.26%	1	-103,923	-7.50%	61	-3,358	-0.24%	11
Broome County	3,483	1.74%	16	-8,542	-4.26%	49	-5,059	-2.52%	38
Cattaraugus County	320	0.40%	50	-3,444	-4.29%	50	-3,124	-3.89%	56
Cayuga County	467	0.58%	41	-2,787	-3.48%	39	-2,320	-2.90%	45
Chautauqua County	1,427	1.06%	28	-6,382	-4.73%	53	-4,955	-3.67%	55
Chemung County	558	0.63%	38	-3,329	-3.75%	43	-2,771	-3.12%	48
Chenango County	99	0.20%	60	-1,884	-3.73%	42	-1,785	-3.54%	53
Clinton County	829	1.01%	29	-2,285	-2.78%	18	-1,456	-1.77%	27
Columbia County	387	0.61%	40	-1,555	-2.46%	16	-1,168	-1.85%	29
Cortland County	120	0.24%	58	-1,560	-3.16%	29	-1,440	-2.92%	47
Delaware County	169	0.35%	52	-1,670	-3.48%	38	-1,501	-3.13%	49
Dutchess County	5,148	1.73%	17	-9,730	-3.27%	31	-4,582	-1.54%	22
Erie County	20,045	2.18%	12	-17,854	-1.94%	8	2,191	0.24%	9
Essex County	436	1.11%	27	-1,123	-2.85%	22	-687	-1.74%	26
Franklin County	342	0.66%	36	-1,767	-3.42%	35	-1,425	-2.76%	43
Fulton County	175	0.32%	56	-1,363	-2.45%	13	-1,188	-2.14%	34
Genesee County	411	0.68%	35	-1,804	-3.00%	24	-1,393	-2.32%	36
Greene County	390	0.79%	34	-1,512	-3.07%	26	-1,122	-2.28%	35
Hamilton County	-	0.00%	61	-141	-2.92%	23	-141	-2.92%	46
Herkimer County	218	0.34%	54	-1,947	-3.02%	25	-1,729	-2.68%	41
Jefferson County	3,714	3.20%	6	-13,841	-11.91%	62	-10,127	-8.71%	62
Kings County	136,787	5.46%	5	-169,064	-6.75%	60	-32,277	-1.29%	18
Lewis County	172	0.63%	37	-942	-3.48%	37	-770	-2.84%	44
Livingston County	576	0.88%	31	-1,572	-2.40%	12	-996	-1.52%	21
Madison County	244	0.33%	55	-2,638	-3.59%	41	-2,394	-3.26%	50
Monroe County	16,364	2.20%	11	-24,576	-3.30%	32	-8,212	-1.10%	16
Montgomery County	641	1.28%	23	-1,703	-3.39%	34	-1,062	-2.11%	33
Nassau County	25,912	1.93%	14	-21,490	-1.60%	5	4,422	0.33%	7
New York County	99,000	6.24%	4	-91,811	-5.79%	58	7,189	0.45%	6
Niagara County	1,246	0.58%	42	-4,237	-1.96%	9	-2,991	-1.38%	19
Oneida County	4,629	1.97%	13	-8,418	-3.58%	40	-3,789	-1.61%	25
Onondaga County	11,304	2.42%	10	-18,755	-4.02%	46	-7,451	-1.60%	24
Ontario County	942	0.87%	32	723	0.67%	2	1,665	1.54%	3
Orange County	4,293	1.15%	25	-11,629	-3.12%	28	-7,336	-1.97%	30
Orleans County	265	0.62%	39	-1,762	-4.11%	48	-1,497	-3.49%	51
Oswego County	457	0.37%	51	-4,908	-4.02%	47	-4,451	-3.65%	54
Otsego County	268	0.43%	47	-1,774	-2.85%	21	-1,506	-2.42%	37
Putnam County	984	0.99%	30	-2,803	-2.81%	19	-1,819	-1.82%	28
Queens County	155,248	6.96%	2	-148,045	-6.64%	59	7,203	0.32%	8
Rensselaer County	2,448	1.54%	20	-2,645	-1.66%	6	-197	-0.12%	10
Richmond County	7,946	1.70%	18	-11,170	-2.38%	11	-3,224	-0.69%	13
Rockland County	9,034	2.90%	8	-10,695	-3.43%	36	-1,661	-0.53%	12
Saratoga County	2,503	1.14%	26	2,022	0.92%	1	4,525	2.06%	1
Schenectady County	2,445	1.58%	19	-4,296	-2.78%	17	-1,851	-1.20%	17
Schoharie County	180	0.55%	43	-1,458	-4.45%	51	-1,278	-3.90%	57
Schuyler County	86	0.47%	46	-218	-1.19%	3	-132	-0.72%	14
Seneca County	144	0.41%	49	-866	-2.46%	14	-722	-2.05%	32
St. Lawrence County	1,348	1.20%	24	-4,239	-3.79%	44	-2,891	-2.58%	39
Steuben County	415	0.42%	48	-3,059	-3.09%	27	-2,644	-2.67%	40
Suffolk County	26,177	1.75%	15	-49,363	-3.31%	33	-23,186	-1.55%	23
Sullivan County	1,190	1.53%	21	-4,262	-5.50%	57	-3,072	-3.96%	59
Tioga County	(27)	-0.05%	62	-2,570	-5.03%	56	-2,597	-5.08%	61
Tompkins County	6,744	6.64%	3	-4,853	-4.78%	54	1,891	1.86%	2
Ulster County	2,383	1.31%	22	-5,141	-2.82%	20	-2,758	-1.51%	20
Warren County	191	0.29%	57	-799	-1.22%	4	-608	-0.93%	15
Washington County	134	0.21%	59	-1,415	-2.24%	10	-1,281	-2.03%	31
Wayne County	485	0.52%	45	-4,184	-4.46%	52	-3,699	-3.94%	58
Westchester County	28,296	2.98%	7	-23,358	-2.46%	15	4,938	0.52%	5
Wyoming County	145	0.34%	53	-1,627	-3.86%	45	-1,482	-3.52%	52
Yates County	138	0.54%	44	-825	-3.25%	30	-687	-2.71%	42
Downstate	599,390	4.60%		-653,081	-5.01%		-53,691	-0.41%	
Upstate	100,058	1.58%		-193,588	-3.05%		-93,530	-1.48%	
<b>NYS TOTAL</b>	<b>699,448</b>	<b>3.61%</b>		<b>-846,669</b>	<b>-3.37%</b>		<b>-147,221</b>	<b>-0.76%</b>	

1 Rate is percentage of population in previous decennial census

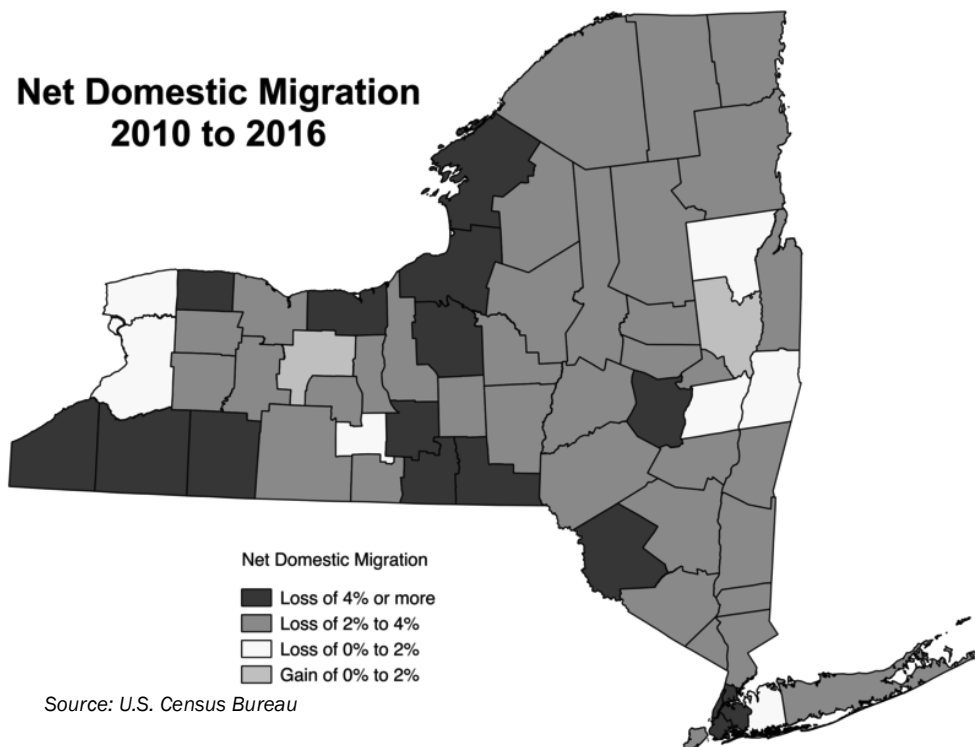
2 Rate ranked from highest to lowest

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Highlights of 2016 Census Bureau estimates for New York

(See Tables 1 and 2 for more details)

- Population loss is accelerating in Suffolk, New York's most heavily populated county outside New York City. Driving the trend: higher domestic migration (up 15 percent in the past year), a lower birth rate (down 4 percent) and an increase in the death rate (up 4 percent) among county residents. Suffolk, one of the nation's fastest growing suburbs for much of the post-war era, ranked fifth on the Census Bureau's list of "Top 10 Largest-Declining Counties or County Equivalents" in the 2015-16 period, trailing only Cook County, Ill. (Chicago), Wayne County, Mich. (Detroit), Baltimore City, Md., and Cuyahoga County, Ohio (Cleveland).
- Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx, in that order, have experienced the state's largest overall population increases since 2010, driven mainly by large natural increases. Outside New York City, the largest percentage increases in population have occurred in Rockland, Saratoga and Tompkins counties.
- The biggest percentage population losses since the last decennial census have been in upstate rural areas: Delaware, Hamilton, Schoharie and Tioga counties.
- New York (borough of Manhattan) and Queens have been the only New York City counties with gains from net migration (domestic plus foreign) since 2010. Outside the city, net migration increases were estimated for seven counties: Albany, Erie, Nassau, Ontario, Saratoga, Tompkins and Westchester.
- Ontario and Saratoga have been the only counties to experience *positive* domestic migration, meaning they attracted more new residents from the rest of the nation, including other New York counties, than they lost (see map below).



**Table 2. Change in Total Population for NY Counties, 2010-16**

	2010 Base	Net Migration			Natural Increase <sup>a</sup>			Net Population Change <sup>b</sup>		
	Total	Total	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Rank <sup>2</sup>	Total	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Rank <sup>2</sup>	Total	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Rank <sup>2</sup>
Albany County	304,204	2,611	0.86%	4	2,866	0.94%	24	4,638	1.52%	13
Allegany County	48,946	-2,004	-4.09%	60	242	0.49%	34	-1,842	-3.76%	56
Bronx County	1,385,108	-3,358	-0.24%	11	75,607	5.46%	4	70,613	5.10%	1
Broome County	200,600	-5,059	-2.52%	38	-119	-0.06%	44	-5,355	-2.67%	41
Cattaraugus County	80,317	-3,124	-3.89%	56	632	0.79%	26	-2,666	-3.32%	50
Cayuga County	80,026	-2,320	-2.90%	45	301	0.38%	38	-2,142	-2.68%	42
Chautauqua County	134,905	-4,955	-3.67%	55	-106	-0.08%	45	-5,400	-4.00%	58
Chemung County	88,830	-2,771	-3.12%	48	383	0.43%	36	-2,520	-2.84%	43
Chenango County	50,477	-1,785	-3.54%	53	-123	-0.24%	52	-1,928	-3.82%	57
Clinton County	82,128	-1,456	-1.77%	27	409	0.50%	33	-1,058	-1.29%	23
Columbia County	63,096	-1,168	-1.85%	29	-845	-1.34%	60	-2,102	-3.33%	51
Cortland County	49,336	-1,440	-2.92%	47	251	0.51%	31	-1,215	-2.46%	39
Delaware County	47,980	-1,501	-3.13%	49	-832	-1.73%	61	-2,456	-5.12%	61
Dutchess County	297,488	-4,582	-1.54%	22	1,838	0.62%	30	-2,975	-1.00%	22
Erie County	919,040	2,191	0.24%	9	1,954	0.21%	41	1,916	0.21%	16
Essex County	39,370	-687	-1.74%	26	-525	-1.33%	59	-1,259	-3.20%	48
Franklin County	51,599	-1,425	-2.76%	43	259	0.50%	32	-1,197	-2.32%	37
Fulton County	55,531	-1,188	-2.14%	34	-417	-0.75%	56	-1,696	-3.05%	46
Genesee County	60,079	-1,393	-2.32%	36	-80	-0.13%	48	-1,462	-2.43%	38
Greene County	49,221	-1,122	-2.28%	35	-585	-1.19%	58	-1,710	-3.47%	53
Hamilton County	4,836	-141	-2.92%	46	-164	-3.39%	62	-301	-6.22%	62
Herkimer County	64,519	-1,729	-2.68%	41	-122	-0.19%	51	-1,855	-2.88%	44
Jefferson County	116,229	-10,127	-8.71%	62	7,675	6.60%	1	-2,226	-1.92%	32
Kings County	2,504,700	-32,277	-1.29%	18	160,580	6.41%	2	124,444	4.97%	2
Lewis County	27,087	-770	-2.84%	44	530	1.96%	10	-209	-0.77%	20
Livingston County	65,393	-996	-1.52%	21	53	0.08%	42	-960	-1.47%	26
Madison County	73,442	-2,394	-3.26%	50	355	0.48%	35	-2,123	-2.89%	45
Monroe County	744,344	-8,212	-1.10%	16	11,802	1.59%	12	3,325	0.45%	14
Montgomery County	50,219	-1,062	-2.11%	33	118	0.23%	39	-981	-1.95%	33
Nassau County	1,339,532	4,422	0.33%	7	20,313	1.52%	14	21,634	1.62%	10
New York County	1,585,873	7,189	0.45%	6	54,522	3.44%	7	57,860	3.65%	5
Niagara County	216,469	-2,991	-1.38%	19	-1,196	-0.55%	53	-4,729	-2.18%	35
Oneida County	234,878	-3,789	-1.61%	25	543	0.23%	40	-3,699	-1.57%	27
Onondaga County	467,026	-7,451	-1.60%	24	7,161	1.53%	13	-875	-0.19%	19
Ontario County	107,931	1,665	1.54%	3	54	0.05%	43	1,731	1.60%	11
Orange County	372,813	-7,336	-1.97%	30	14,182	3.80%	6	6,383	1.71%	9
Orleans County	42,883	-1,497	-3.49%	51	-41	-0.10%	46	-1,530	-3.57%	55
Oswego County	122,109	-4,451	-3.65%	54	1,542	1.26%	17	-3,117	-2.55%	40
Otsego County	62,259	-1,506	-2.42%	37	-432	-0.69%	54	-2,142	-3.44%	52
Putnam County	99,710	-1,819	-1.82%	28	1,064	1.07%	20	-876	-0.88%	21
Queens County	2,230,722	7,203	0.32%	8	99,703	4.47%	5	102,509	4.60%	4
Rensselaer County	159,429	-197	-0.12%	10	1,096	0.69%	29	664	0.42%	15
Richmond County	468,730	-3,224	-0.69%	13	11,531	2.46%	8	7,285	1.55%	12
Rockland County	311,687	-1,661	-0.53%	12	17,376	5.57%	3	15,090	4.84%	3
Saratoga County	219,607	4,525	2.06%	1	3,167	1.44%	15	7,440	3.39%	6
Schenectady County	154,727	-1,851	-1.20%	17	1,939	1.25%	18	-168	-0.11%	18
Schoharie County	32,749	-1,278	-3.90%	57	-56	-0.17%	50	-1,427	-4.36%	59
Schuyler County	18,343	-132	-0.72%	14	-164	-0.89%	57	-242	-1.32%	24
Seneca County	35,251	-722	-2.05%	32	353	1.00%	22	-467	-1.32%	25
St. Lawrence County	111,944	-2,891	-2.58%	39	1,124	1.00%	21	-1,903	-1.70%	29
Steuben County	98,990	-2,644	-2.67%	40	708	0.72%	28	-2,052	-2.07%	34
Suffolk County	1,493,350	-23,186	-1.55%	23	24,642	1.65%	11	-617	-0.04%	17
Sullivan County	77,547	-3,072	-3.96%	59	610	0.79%	27	-2,719	-3.51%	54
Tioga County	51,125	-2,597	-5.08%	61	439	0.86%	25	-2,288	-4.48%	60
Tompkins County	101,564	1,891	1.86%	2	1,394	1.37%	16	3,277	3.23%	7
Ulster County	182,493	-2,758	-1.51%	20	-286	-0.16%	49	-3,287	-1.80%	31
Warren County	65,707	-608	-0.93%	15	-458	-0.70%	55	-1,133	-1.72%	30
Washington County	63,216	-1,281	-2.03%	31	-67	-0.11%	47	-1,442	-2.28%	36
Wayne County	93,772	-3,699	-3.94%	58	900	0.96%	23	-2,952	-3.15%	47
Westchester County	949,113	4,938	0.52%	5	22,548	2.38%	9	25,472	2.68%	8
Wyoming County	42,155	-1,482	-3.52%	52	179	0.42%	37	-1,371	-3.25%	49
Yates County	25,348	-687	-2.71%	42	292	1.15%	19	-428	-1.69%	28
Downstate	13,038,826	-53,691	-0.41%		503,906	3.86%		426,835	3.27%	
Upstate	6,339,276	-93,530	-1.48%		42,713	0.67%		-59,648	-0.94%	
<b>NYS TOTAL</b>	<b>19,378,102</b>	<b>-147,221</b>	<b>-0.76%</b>		<b>546,619</b>	<b>2.82%</b>		<b>367,187</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	

a Natural increase is resident births minus resident deaths  
b Includes a statistical "residual" not included in other categories  
1 Rate is percentage of population in previous decennial census  
2 Rate ranked from highest to lowest

Source: U.S. Census Bureau