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New York's ongoing population loss was mainly downstate in 2017-18

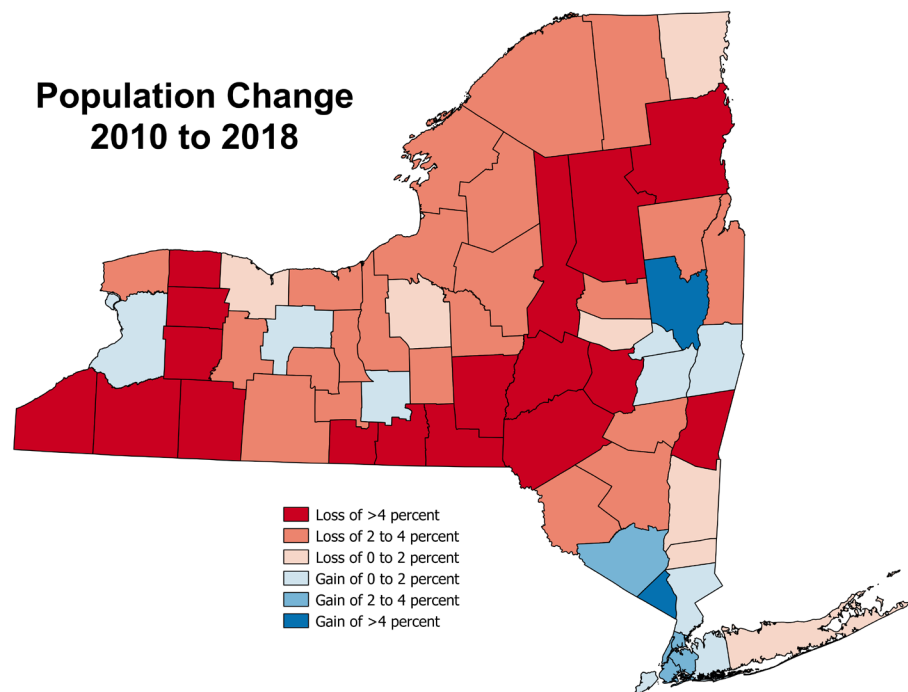
In a turnabout from recent trends, downstate New York's population decreased twice as fast as upstate's last year, according to the latest Census Bureau annual estimates.

During the 12-month period ending last July 1, the 50 counties of upstate New York lost another 8,719 residents, a decrease of 0.14 percent, while the downstate region (New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley) lost a combined total of 39,791 people, or 0.30 percent. Virtually all of that decline occurred in New York City, accounting for the bulk of the state's net population decrease of 48,510 in 2017-18.

The latest downstate population estimate of 13,306,502 reflects an increase of 267,226 (2.0 percent) since the 2010 census, while the combined population upstate stood at 6,236,157, a decrease of 103,119 people (-1.6 percent) since 2010. Since the last decennial census in 2010, the total state population has grown by 164,107, or 0.8 percent.

As shown below, 43 of 50 upstate counties have lost population since the last decennial census; in all but one of the losing counties, the decline has exceeded 1 percent of the 2010 base population. Dutchess, Putnam and Suffolk remain the only downstate counties to have lost population since the census.

**Population Change
2010 to 2018**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 1. Components of Migration, 2010-18

County	International Migration			Domestic Migration			Net Migration		
	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²
Albany	8,223	2.70%	7	-8,750	-2.88%	45	-527	-0.17%	4
Allegany	385	0.79%	34	-3,132	-6.40%	29	-2,747	-5.61%	60
Bronx	108,074	7.80%	1	-157,720	-11.39%	60	-49,646	-3.58%	36
Broome	3,459	1.72%	17	-12,010	-5.99%	48	-8,551	-4.26%	46
Cattaraugus	320	0.40%	43	-4,342	-5.41%	35	-4,022	-5.01%	53
Cayuga	410	0.51%	39	-3,478	-4.35%	32	-3,068	-3.83%	43
Chautauqua	1,773	1.31%	24	-8,279	-6.14%	44	-6,506	-4.82%	51
Chemung	374	0.42%	42	-5,324	-5.99%	38	-4,950	-5.57%	59
Chenango	45	0.09%	59	-2,660	-5.27%	25	-2,615	-5.18%	56
Clinton	785	0.96%	30	-2,791	-3.40%	26	-2,006	-2.44%	22
Columbia	528	0.84%	33	-2,487	-3.94%	22	-1,959	-3.10%	31
Cortland	177	0.36%	48	-2,003	-4.06%	15	-1,826	-3.70%	39
Delaware	221	0.46%	41	-2,348	-4.89%	19	-2,127	-4.43%	48
Dutchess	4,018	1.35%	21	-9,521	-3.20%	46	-5,503	-1.85%	17
Erie	21,602	2.35%	12	-22,295	-2.43%	53	-693	-0.08%	3
Essex	283	0.72%	35	-1,582	-4.02%	12	-1,299	-3.30%	33
Franklin	196	0.38%	44	-1,852	-3.59%	13	-1,656	-3.21%	32
Fulton	101	0.18%	57	-1,405	-2.53%	9	-1,304	-2.35%	21
Genesee	222	0.37%	47	-2,453	-4.08%	21	-2,231	-3.71%	40
Greene	543	1.10%	25	-1,328	-2.70%	8	-785	-1.59%	14
Hamilton	-5	-0.10%	61	-158	-3.27%	3	-163	-3.37%	34
Herkimer	183	0.28%	54	-2,510	-3.89%	23	-2,327	-3.61%	37
Jefferson	3,076	2.65%	8	-17,405	-14.97%	52	-14,329	-12.33%	62
Kings	127,370	5.09%	5	-255,253	-10.19%	62	-127,883	-5.11%	54
Lewis	157	0.58%	36	-1,445	-5.33%	10	-1,288	-4.76%	50
Livingston	594	0.91%	32	-2,538	-3.88%	24	-1,944	-2.97%	28
Madison	187	0.25%	55	-3,173	-4.32%	30	-2,986	-4.07%	45
Monroe	17,762	2.39%	11	-33,689	-4.53%	56	-15,927	-2.14%	20
Montgomery	1,162	2.31%	13	-2,044	-4.07%	16	-882	-1.76%	16
Nassau	24,765	1.85%	16	-32,218	-2.41%	55	-7,453	-0.56%	6
New York	94,046	5.93%	4	-117,010	-7.38%	59	-22,964	-1.45%	12
Niagara	1,181	0.55%	38	-5,361	-2.48%	39	-4,180	-1.93%	18
Oneida	4,920	2.09%	14	-10,691	-4.55%	47	-5,771	-2.46%	23
Onondaga	11,616	2.49%	9	-25,540	-5.47%	54	-13,924	-2.98%	30
Ontario	1,082	1.00%	28	1,057	0.98%	2	2,139	1.98%	2
Orange	3,430	0.92%	31	-12,698	-3.41%	49	-9,268	-2.49%	24
Orleans	133	0.31%	53	-2,378	-5.55%	20	-2,245	-5.24%	57
Oswego	429	0.35%	50	-6,675	-5.47%	42	-6,246	-5.12%	55
Otsego	310	0.50%	40	-2,136	-3.43%	17	-1,826	-2.93%	27
Putnam	1,016	1.02%	27	-2,947	-2.96%	28	-1,931	-1.94%	19
Queens	143,961	6.45%	2	-224,765	-10.08%	61	-80,804	-3.62%	38
Rensselaer	2,121	1.33%	22	-3,424	-2.15%	31	-1,303	-0.82%	7
Richmond	6,509	1.39%	20	-13,558	-2.89%	50	-7,049	-1.50%	13
Rockland	7,529	2.42%	10	-16,807	-5.39%	51	-9,278	-2.98%	29
Saratoga	2,337	1.06%	26	4,691	2.14%	1	7,028	3.20%	1
Schenectady	2,952	1.91%	15	-4,404	-2.85%	36	-1,452	-0.94%	9
Schoharie	79	0.24%	56	-1,475	-4.50%	11	-1,396	-4.26%	47
Schuyler	61	0.33%	51	-287	-1.56%	4	-226	-1.23%	11
Seneca	126	0.36%	49	-1,315	-3.73%	7	-1,189	-3.37%	35
St. Lawrence	1,074	0.96%	29	-6,370	-5.69%	41	-5,296	-4.73%	49
Steuben	371	0.37%	45	-4,280	-4.32%	34	-3,909	-3.95%	44
Suffolk	24,278	1.63%	19	-67,976	-4.55%	58	-43,698	-2.93%	26
Sullivan	1,332	1.72%	18	-4,274	-5.51%	33	-2,942	-3.79%	41
Tioga	-89	-0.17%	62	-2,844	-5.56%	27	-2,933	-5.74%	61
Tompkins	6,441	6.34%	3	-6,784	-6.68%	43	-343	-0.34%	5
Ulster	2,414	1.32%	23	-5,483	-3.00%	40	-3,069	-1.68%	15
Warren	216	0.33%	52	-789	-1.20%	5	-573	-0.87%	8
Washington	45	0.07%	60	-1,877	-2.97%	14	-1,832	-2.90%	25
Wayne	349	0.37%	46	-4,935	-5.26%	37	-4,586	-4.89%	52
Westchester	26,922	2.84%	6	-36,660	-3.86%	57	-9,738	-1.03%	10
Wyoming	58	0.14%	58	-2,302	-5.46%	18	-2,244	-5.32%	58
Yates	145	0.57%	37	-1,110	-4.38%	6	-965	-3.81%	42
<i>Downstate</i>	571,918	4.39%		-947,133	-7.26%		-375,215	-2.88%	
<i>Upstate</i>	102,466	1.62%		-250,467	-3.95%		-148,001	-2.33%	
NYS TOTAL	674,384	3.48%		-1,197,600	-6.18%		-523,216	-2.70%	

1 Rate is percentage of population in previous decennial census.

2 Rate ranked from highest to lowest

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Highlights of 2018 Census Bureau estimates for New York Counties

(See Tables 1 and 2 for more details)

- The Census Bureau has made a large downward adjustment to its calculation of international immigration, which has long been concentrated in the New York City metropolitan area. As a result, the estimated net change in the downstate population since 2010 has been reduced by half since the 2016-17 estimates were released a year ago. This also had the effect of reducing estimated populations below previous counts for some upstate urban counties.
- Since 2010, Ontario and Saratoga remain the only New York counties to have experienced *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).
- The New York City county-boroughs of Kings (Brooklyn), Queens, the Bronx and New York (Manhattan), in that order, have experienced the state's largest overall population increases since 2010, driven mainly by large natural increases. Elsewhere downstate, the largest percentage increases in estimated population have occurred in Rockland and Orange counties, while Saratoga has had the fastest growing population of any upstate county.
- In percentage terms, the biggest population losses since the last decennial census have been in upstate rural areas: Hamilton, Delaware, Chenango, Orleans and Essex counties.

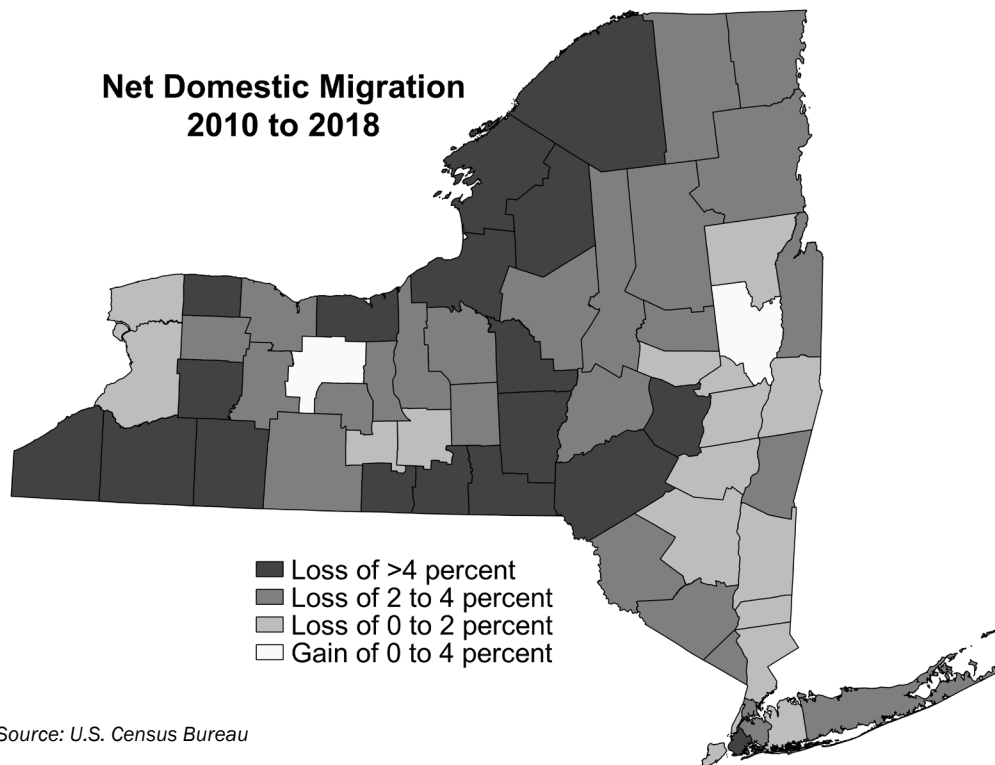


Table 2. Change in Total Population for NY Counties, 2010-18

County	2010 Base	Net Migration		Natural Increase ^a			2018 Estimated Population			
	Total	Total	Rate ¹	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	8-yr change ¹	Rate ¹	Rank ²
Albany	304,204	-527	-0.2%	3,600	1.2%	21	307,117	2,913	1.0%	13
Allegany	48,946	-2,747	-5.6%	236	0.5%	34	46,430	(2,516)	-5.1%	55
Bronx	1,385,108	-49,646	-3.6%	96,065	6.9%	4	1,432,132	47,024	3.4%	3
Broome	200,600	-8,551	-4.3%	-515	-0.3%	45	191,659	(8,941)	-4.5%	50
Cattaraugus	80,317	-4,022	-5.0%	502	0.6%	31	76,840	(3,477)	-4.3%	49
Cayuga	80,026	-3,068	-3.8%	200	0.2%	38	77,145	(2,881)	-3.6%	42
Chautauqua	134,905	-6,506	-4.8%	-498	-0.4%	48	127,939	(6,966)	-5.2%	57
Chemung	88,830	-4,950	-5.6%	352	0.4%	36	84,254	(4,576)	-5.2%	56
Chenango	50,477	-2,615	-5.2%	-363	-0.7%	51	47,536	(2,941)	-5.8%	60
Clinton	82,128	-2,006	-2.4%	570	0.7%	30	80,695	(1,433)	-1.7%	23
Columbia	63,096	-1,959	-3.1%	-1,150	-1.8%	58	59,916	(3,180)	-5.0%	53
Cortland	49,336	-1,826	-3.7%	354	0.7%	29	47,823	(1,513)	-3.1%	34
Delaware	47,980	-2,127	-4.4%	-1,292	-2.7%	61	44,527	(3,453)	-7.2%	61
Dutchess	297,488	-5,503	-1.8%	1,772	0.6%	33	293,718	(3,770)	-1.3%	21
Erie	919,040	-693	-0.1%	1,905	0.2%	40	919,719	679	0.1%	15
Essex	39,370	-1,299	-3.3%	-761	-1.9%	60	37,300	(2,070)	-5.3%	58
Franklin	51,599	-1,656	-3.2%	317	0.6%	32	50,293	(1,306)	-2.5%	30
Fulton	55,531	-1,304	-2.3%	-614	-1.1%	55	53,591	(1,940)	-3.5%	40
Genesee	60,079	-2,231	-3.7%	-198	-0.3%	47	57,511	(2,568)	-4.3%	48
Greene	49,221	-785	-1.6%	-917	-1.9%	59	47,491	(1,730)	-3.5%	41
Hamilton	4,836	-163	-3.4%	-243	-5.0%	62	4,434	(402)	-8.3%	62
Herkimer	64,519	-2,327	-3.6%	-288	-0.4%	50	61,833	(2,686)	-4.2%	47
Jefferson	116,229	-14,329	-12.3%	9,727	8.4%	1	111,755	(4,474)	-3.8%	44
Kings	2,504,700	-127,883	-5.1%	206,516	8.2%	2	2,582,830	78,130	3.1%	4
Lewis	27,087	-1,288	-4.8%	641	2.4%	10	26,447	(640)	-2.4%	29
Livingston	65,393	-1,944	-3.0%	-28	0.0%	42	63,227	(2,166)	-3.3%	37
Madison	73,442	-2,986	-4.1%	323	0.4%	35	70,795	(2,647)	-3.6%	43
Monroe	744,344	-15,927	-2.1%	14,077	1.9%	13	742,474	(1,870)	-0.3%	17
Montgomery	50,219	-882	-1.8%	88	0.2%	41	49,455	(764)	-1.5%	22
Nassau	1,339,532	-7,453	-0.6%	26,605	2.0%	12	1,358,343	18,811	1.4%	11
New York	1,585,873	-22,964	-1.4%	65,706	4.1%	7	1,628,701	42,828	2.7%	5
Niagara	216,469	-4,180	-1.9%	-1,749	-0.8%	53	210,433	(6,036)	-2.8%	33
Oneida	234,878	-5,771	-2.5%	492	0.2%	39	229,577	(5,301)	-2.3%	27
Onondaga	467,026	-13,924	-3.0%	8,661	1.9%	14	461,809	(5,217)	-1.1%	20
Ontario	107,931	2,139	2.0%	-258	-0.2%	44	109,864	1,933	1.8%	9
Orange	372,813	-9,268	-2.5%	18,318	4.9%	6	381,951	9,138	2.5%	6
Orleans	42,883	-2,245	-5.2%	-40	-0.1%	43	40,612	(2,271)	-5.3%	59
Oswego	122,109	-6,246	-5.1%	2,012	1.6%	17	117,898	(4,211)	-3.4%	38
Otsego	62,259	-1,826	-2.9%	-686	-1.1%	54	59,749	(2,510)	-4.0%	46
Putnam	99,710	-1,931	-1.9%	1,176	1.2%	22	98,892	(818)	-0.8%	18
Queens	2,230,722	-80,804	-3.6%	128,622	5.8%	5	2,278,906	48,184	2.2%	7
Rensselaer	159,429	-1,303	-0.8%	1,404	0.9%	25	159,442	13	0.0%	16
Richmond	468,730	-7,049	-1.5%	14,649	3.1%	8	476,179	7,449	1.6%	10
Rockland	311,687	-9,278	-3.0%	23,220	7.4%	3	325,695	14,008	4.5%	2
Saratoga	219,607	7,028	3.2%	3,693	1.7%	16	230,163	10,556	4.8%	1
Schenectady	154,727	-1,452	-0.9%	2,147	1.4%	19	155,350	623	0.4%	14
Schoharie	32,749	-1,396	-4.3%	-246	-0.8%	52	31,097	(1,652)	-5.0%	54
Schuyler	18,343	-226	-1.2%	-212	-1.2%	56	17,912	(431)	-2.3%	28
Seneca	35,251	-1,189	-3.4%	258	0.7%	28	34,300	(951)	-2.7%	32
St. Lawrence	111,944	-5,296	-4.7%	1,380	1.2%	20	108,047	(3,897)	-3.5%	39
Steuben	98,990	-3,909	-3.9%	734	0.7%	27	95,796	(3,194)	-3.2%	36
Suffolk	1,493,350	-43,698	-2.9%	31,715	2.1%	11	1,481,093	(12,257)	-0.8%	19
Sullivan	77,547	-2,942	-3.8%	904	1.2%	23	75,498	(2,049)	-2.6%	31
Tioga	51,125	-2,933	-5.7%	427	0.8%	26	48,560	(2,565)	-5.0%	52
Tompkins	101,564	-343	-0.3%	1,490	1.5%	18	102,793	1,229	1.2%	12
Ulster	182,493	-3,069	-1.7%	-780	-0.4%	49	178,599	(3,894)	-2.1%	25
Warren	65,707	-573	-0.9%	-811	-1.2%	57	64,265	(1,442)	-2.2%	26
Washington	63,216	-1,832	-2.9%	-189	-0.3%	46	61,197	(2,019)	-3.2%	35
Wayne	93,772	-4,586	-4.9%	873	0.9%	24	90,064	(3,708)	-4.0%	45
Westchester	949,113	-9,738	-1.0%	28,513	3.0%	9	967,612	18,499	1.9%	8
Wyoming	42,155	-2,244	-5.3%	165	0.4%	37	40,085	(2,070)	-4.9%	51
Yates	25,348	-965	-3.8%	445	1.8%	15	24,841	(507)	-2.0%	24
Downstate	13,038,826	-47,327	-0.4%	580,475	4.5%		13,306,502	267,226	2.0%	
Upstate	6,339,276	-105,174	-1.7%	45,009	0.7%		6,236,157	-103,119	-1.6%	
NYS TOTAL	19,378,102	-152,501	-0.8%	625,484	3.2%		19,542,209	164,107	0.8%	

a Natural increase is resident births minus resident deaths
b Includes a statistical "residual" not included in other categories
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2 Rate ranked from highest to lowest

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