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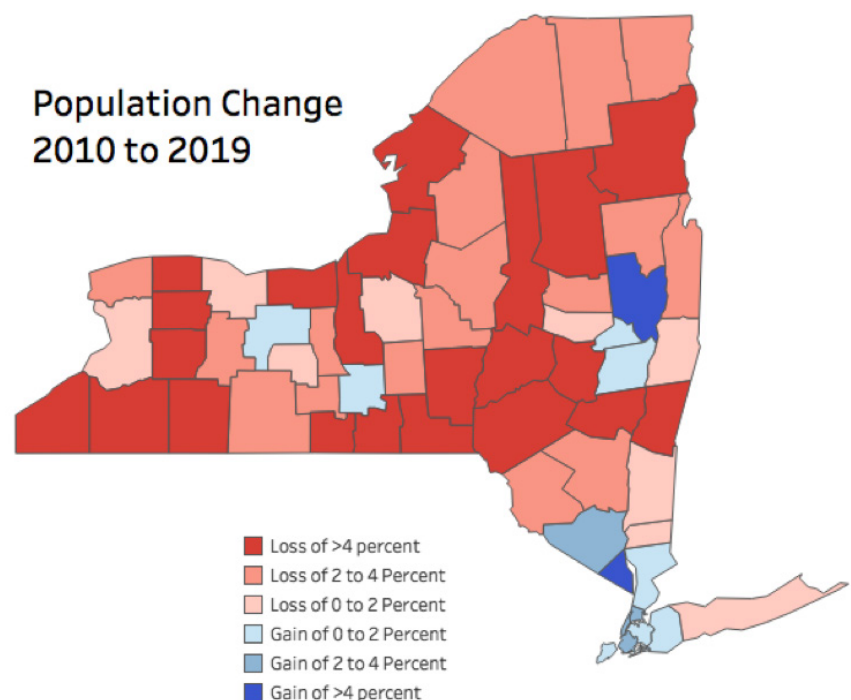
NYC, downstate suburbs account for most of NY's 2018-19 population dip

For a second consecutive year, New York's population loss was mainly concentrated downstate, according to the latest Census Bureau estimates.

During the 12-month period ending last July 1, the 50 counties of upstate New York lost 20,846 residents, a decrease of 0.33 percent, while the down-state region lost a combined total of 55,944 people, or 0.42 percent. Virtually all of the change (53,264) occurred in New York City, accounting for the bulk of the state's net decrease of 76,790 in 2018-19. It was the third straight year of decline in the city's estimated population after a long period of growth.

The latest downstate population estimate of 13,241,115 reflects an increase of 202,289 (1.6 percent) since the 2010 census, while the combined population upstate stood at 6,212,446, a decrease of 126,830 people (-2.0 percent) since 2010. Since the last decennial census in 2010, the total state population has grown by 75,459, or just 0.4 percent.

As shown below, 45 of 50 upstate counties have lost population since the last decennial census; in all but six of the losing counties, the decline has exceeded 2 percent of the 2010 base population. Dutchess, Putnam and Suffolk remain the only downstate counties to have lost population since the census



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 1. Components of Migration, 2010-19

	International Migration			Domestic Migration			Net Migration		
	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²
Albany County	8,538	2.81%	7	-10,929	-3.59%	20	-2,391	-0.79%	4
Allegany County	398	0.81%	34	-3,431	-7.01%	56	-3,033	-6.20%	60
Bronx County	115,162	8.31%	1	-188,926	-13.64%	61	-73,764	-5.33%	50
Broome County	3,714	1.85%	17	-13,266	-6.61%	55	-9,552	-4.76%	45
Cattaraugus County	230	0.29%	54	-4,950	-6.16%	49	-4,720	-5.88%	57
Cayuga County	458	0.57%	37	-4,068	-5.08%	38	-3,610	-4.51%	44
Chautauqua County	1,524	1.13%	26	-8,894	-6.59%	54	-7,370	-5.46%	51
Chemung County	356	0.40%	48	-5,855	-6.59%	53	-5,499	-6.19%	59
Chenango County	35	0.07%	60	-2,861	-5.67%	43	-2,826	-5.60%	53
Clinton County	779	0.95%	30	-3,008	-3.66%	21	-2,229	-2.71%	23
Columbia County	516	0.82%	33	-2,694	-4.27%	25	-2,178	-3.45%	31
Cortland County	212	0.43%	44	-2,249	-4.56%	31	-2,037	-4.13%	39
Delaware County	248	0.52%	41	-2,673	-5.57%	41	-2,425	-5.05%	47
Dutchess County	4,102	1.38%	20	-9,240	-3.11%	13	-5,138	-1.73%	12
Erie County	22,801	2.48%	11	-24,705	-2.69%	6	-1,904	-0.21%	3
Essex County	250	0.64%	35	-1,882	-4.78%	34	-1,632	-4.15%	41
Franklin County	182	0.35%	53	-2,028	-3.93%	22	-1,846	-3.58%	32
Fulton County	118	0.21%	57	-1,603	-2.89%	11	-1,485	-2.67%	22
Genesee County	222	0.37%	50	-2,564	-4.27%	24	-2,342	-3.90%	35
Greene County	466	0.95%	31	-1,389	-2.82%	9	-923	-1.88%	13
Hamilton County	-11	-0.23%	62	-136	-2.81%	8	-147	-3.04%	26
Herkimer County	164	0.25%	56	-2,828	-4.38%	27	-2,664	-4.13%	40
Jefferson County	3,033	2.61%	9	-20,453	-17.60%	62	-17,420	-14.99%	62
Kings County	128,893	5.15%	5	-301,161	-12.02%	60	-172,268	-6.88%	61
Lewis County	150	0.55%	38	-1,690	-6.24%	51	-1,540	-5.69%	54
Livingston County	752	1.15%	25	-2,841	-4.34%	26	-2,089	-3.19%	28
Madison County	260	0.35%	52	-3,265	-4.45%	30	-3,005	-4.09%	38
Monroe County	18,389	2.47%	12	-36,123	-4.85%	35	-17,734	-2.38%	19
Montgomery County	1,067	2.12%	14	-2,310	-4.60%	32	-1,243	-2.48%	20
Nassau County	25,261	1.89%	16	-37,321	-2.79%	7	-12,060	-0.90%	5
New York County	97,431	6.14%	4	-127,991	-8.07%	58	-30,560	-1.93%	15
Niagara County	1,309	0.60%	36	-6,297	-2.91%	12	-4,988	-2.30%	17
Oneida County	5,086	2.17%	13	-11,762	-5.01%	37	-6,676	-2.84%	25
Onondaga County	12,388	2.65%	8	-28,188	-6.04%	46	-15,800	-3.38%	29
Ontario County	1,027	0.95%	29	1,121	1.04%	2	2,148	1.99%	2
Orange County	3,438	0.92%	32	-12,231	-3.28%	16	-8,793	-2.36%	18
Orleans County	194	0.45%	42	-2,654	-6.19%	50	-2,460	-5.74%	55
Oswego County	466	0.38%	49	-7,481	-6.13%	48	-7,015	-5.74%	56
Otsego County	338	0.54%	39	-2,231	-3.58%	19	-1,893	-3.04%	27
Putnam County	993	1.00%	28	-3,524	-3.53%	18	-2,531	-2.54%	21
Queens County	148,158	6.64%	2	-266,505	-11.95%	59	-118,347	-5.31%	49
Rensselaer County	2,101	1.32%	23	-4,041	-2.53%	5	-1,940	-1.22%	9
Richmond County	6,426	1.37%	21	-15,223	-3.25%	15	-8,797	-1.88%	14
Rockland County	7,757	2.49%	10	-20,387	-6.54%	52	-12,630	-4.05%	36
Saratoga County	2,535	1.15%	24	4,178	1.90%	1	6,713	3.06%	1
Schenectady County	3,133	2.02%	15	-4,910	-3.17%	14	-1,777	-1.15%	8
Schoharie County	91	0.28%	55	-1,554	-4.75%	33	-1,463	-4.47%	43
Schuyler County	74	0.40%	47	-324	-1.77%	4	-250	-1.36%	10
Seneca County	126	0.36%	51	-1,557	-4.42%	28	-1,431	-4.06%	37
St. Lawrence County	1,241	1.11%	27	-6,825	-6.10%	47	-5,584	-4.99%	46
Steuben County	535	0.54%	40	-4,841	-4.89%	36	-4,306	-4.35%	42
Suffolk County	24,984	1.67%	18	-75,945	-5.09%	39	-50,961	-3.41%	30
Sullivan County	1,253	1.62%	19	-4,232	-5.46%	40	-2,979	-3.84%	34
Tioga County	-78	-0.15%	61	-3,038	-5.94%	45	-3,116	-6.09%	58
Tompkins County	6,686	6.58%	3	-7,667	-7.55%	57	-981	-0.97%	6
Ulster County	2,456	1.35%	22	-6,207	-3.40%	17	-3,751	-2.06%	16
Warren County	270	0.41%	46	-930	-1.42%	3	-660	-1.00%	7
Washington County	80	0.13%	59	-1,807	-2.86%	10	-1,727	-2.73%	24
Wayne County	397	0.42%	45	-5,270	-5.62%	42	-4,873	-5.20%	48
Westchester County	28,643	3.02%	6	-42,039	-4.43%	29	-13,396	-1.41%	11
Wyoming County	82	0.19%	58	-2,424	-5.75%	44	-2,342	-5.56%	52
Yates County	111	0.44%	43	-1,081	-4.26%	23	-970	-3.83%	33
Upstate	106,752	1.68%		-278,717	-4.4%		-171,965	-2.7%	
Downstate	591,248	4.53%		-1,100,493	-8.4%		-509,245	-3.9%	
NYS TOTAL	698,000	3.60%		-1,379,210	-7.1%		-681,210	-3.5%	

1 Rate is percentage of population in previous decennial census.

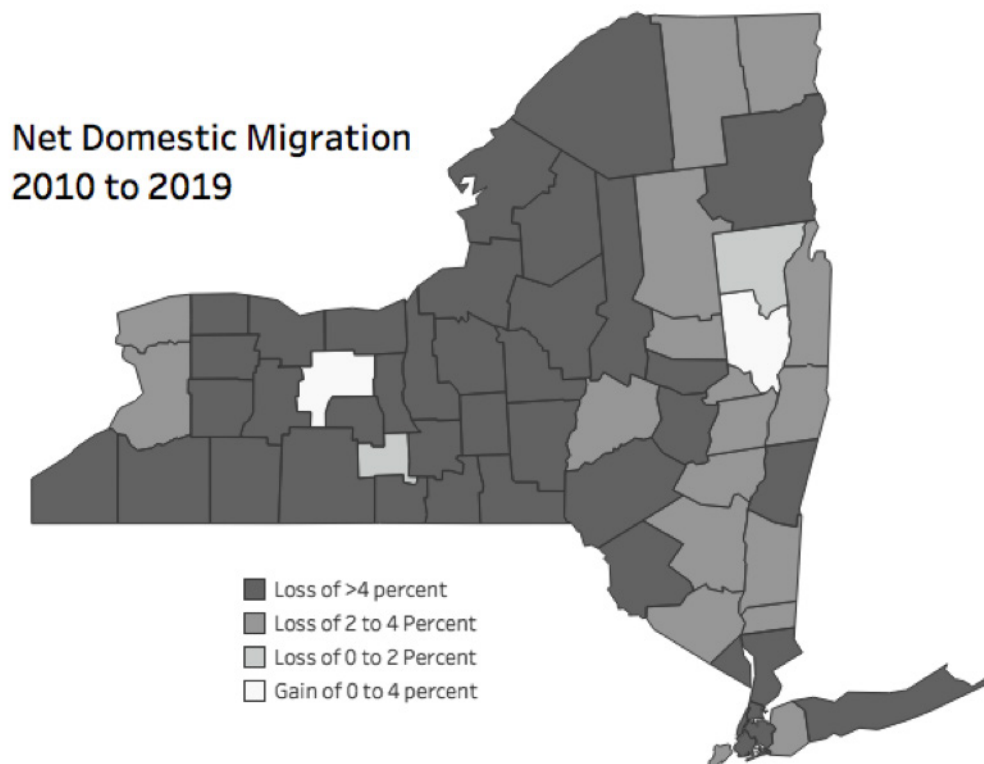
2 Rate ranked from highest to lowest

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Highlights of 2019 Census Bureau estimates for New York Counties

(See Tables 1 and 2 for more details)

- In the last two years, the Census Bureau has begun making large downward adjustments to its estimates 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 2016, in particular, has been reduced significantly. This also has reduced estimated populations below previous counts for some upstate counties.
- Ontario and Saratoga remain the only New York counties to have experienced positive domestic migration since 2010, meaning they attracted more new residents from the rest of the nation, including other New York counties, than they lost (see map below).
- New York City's total population remains 161,684 higher than measured by the 2010 census, with the county-boroughs of Kings (Brooklyn), New York (Manhattan), the Bronx and Queens, in that order, having 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, Essex and Chemung counties.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 2. Change in Total Population for NY Counties, 2010-19

County	2010 Base	Net Migration			Natural Increase ^a			Net Population Change ^b			2019
	Total	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total ³
Albany	304,204	-2,391	-0.79%	4	3,862	1.27%	20	1,302	0.43%	13	305,506
Allegany	48,946	-3,033	-6.20%	60	172	0.35%	36	-2,855	-5.83%	55	46,091
Bronx	1,385,108	-73,764	-5.33%	50	106,368	7.68%	4	33,099	2.39%	5	1,418,207
Broome	200,600	-9,552	-4.76%	45	-680	-0.34%	45	-10,112	-5.04%	48	190,488
Cattaraugus	80,317	-4,720	-5.88%	57	482	0.60%	31	-4,200	-5.23%	49	76,117
Cayuga	80,026	-3,610	-4.51%	44	184	0.23%	37	-3,450	-4.31%	44	76,576
Chautauqua	134,905	-7,370	-5.46%	51	-674	-0.50%	47	-8,002	-5.93%	57	126,903
Chemung	88,830	-5,499	-6.19%	59	94	0.11%	40	-5,374	-6.05%	58	83,456
Chenango	50,477	-2,826	-5.60%	53	-477	-0.94%	52	-3,270	-6.48%	60	47,207
Clinton	82,128	-2,229	-2.71%	23	595	0.72%	27	-1,643	-2.00%	24	80,485
Columbia	63,096	-2,178	-3.45%	31	-1,386	-2.20%	60	-3,635	-5.76%	54	59,461
Cortland	49,336	-2,037	-4.13%	39	323	0.65%	29	-1,755	-3.56%	36	47,581
Delaware	47,980	-2,425	-5.05%	47	-1,385	-2.89%	61	-3,845	-8.01%	61	44,135
Dutchess	297,488	-5,138	-1.73%	12	1,914	0.64%	30	-3,270	-1.10%	18	294,218
Erie	919,040	-1,904	-0.21%	3	2,086	0.23%	38	-338	-0.04%	15	918,702
Essex	39,370	-1,632	-4.15%	41	-854	-2.17%	58	-2,485	-6.31%	59	36,885
Franklin	51,599	-1,846	-3.58%	32	241	0.47%	34	-1,577	-3.06%	31	50,022
Fulton	55,531	-1,485	-2.67%	22	-631	-1.14%	54	-2,148	-3.87%	40	53,383
Genesee	60,079	-2,342	-3.90%	35	-311	-0.52%	48	-2,799	-4.66%	46	57,280
Greene	49,221	-923	-1.88%	13	-1076	-2.19%	59	-2,033	-4.13%	43	47,188
Hamilton	4,836	-147	-3.04%	26	-277	-5.73%	62	-420	-8.68%	62	4,416
Herkimer	64,519	-2,664	-4.13%	40	-476	-0.74%	50	-3,200	-4.96%	47	61,319
Jefferson	116,229	-17,420	-14.99%	62	10,875	9.36%	1	-6,395	-5.50%	52	109,834
Kings	2,504,700	-172,268	-6.88%	61	227,925	9.10%	2	55,203	2.20%	6	2,559,903
Lewis	27,087	-1,540	-5.69%	54	742	2.74%	10	-791	-2.92%	29	26,296
Livingston	65,393	-2,089	-3.19%	28	-186	-0.28%	43	-2,479	-3.79%	39	62,914
Madison	73,442	-3,005	-4.09%	38	496	0.68%	28	-2,501	-3.41%	34	70,941
Monroe	744,344	-17,734	-2.38%	19	15,167	2.04%	14	-2,574	-0.35%	16	741,770
Montgomery	50,219	-1,243	-2.48%	20	211	0.42%	35	-998	-1.99%	23	49,221
Nassau	1,339,532	-12,060	-0.90%	5	29,783	2.22%	12	17,392	1.30%	10	1,356,924
New York	1,585,873	-30,560	-1.93%	15	73,521	4.64%	7	42,833	2.70%	4	1,628,706
Niagara	216,469	-4,988	-2.30%	17	-2,090	-0.97%	53	-7,188	-3.32%	33	209,281
Oneida	234,878	-6,676	-2.84%	25	507	0.22%	39	-6,207	-2.64%	25	228,671
Onondaga	467,026	-15,800	-3.38%	29	9,248	1.98%	15	-6,498	-1.39%	20	460,528
Ontario	107,931	2,148	1.99%	2	-363	-0.34%	44	1,846	1.71%	8	109,777
Orange	372,813	-8,793	-2.36%	18	20,845	5.59%	6	12,127	3.25%	3	384,940
Orleans	42,883	-2,460	-5.74%	55	-91	-0.21%	42	-2,531	-5.90%	56	40,352
Oswego	122,109	-7,015	-5.74%	56	1,993	1.63%	17	-4,985	-4.08%	41	117,124
Otsego	62,259	-1,893	-3.04%	27	-871	-1.40%	55	-2,766	-4.44%	45	59,493
Putnam	99,710	-2,531	-2.54%	21	1,196	1.20%	22	-1,390	-1.39%	21	98,320
Queens	2,230,722	-118,347	-5.31%	49	141,037	6.32%	5	23,136	1.04%	11	2,253,858
Rensselaer	159,429	-1,940	-1.22%	9	1,303	0.82%	25	-715	-0.45%	17	158,714
Richmond	468,730	-8,797	-1.88%	14	16,354	3.49%	8	7,413	1.58%	9	476,143
Rockland	311,687	-12,630	-4.05%	36	26,632	8.54%	3	14,102	4.52%	2	325,789
Saratoga	219,607	6,713	3.06%	1	3,693	1.68%	16	10,256	4.67%	1	229,863
Schenectady	154,727	-1,777	-1.15%	8	2,418	1.56%	18	572	0.37%	14	155,299
Schoharie	32,749	-1,463	-4.47%	43	-275	-0.84%	51	-1,750	-5.34%	50	30,999
Schuyler	18,343	-250	-1.36%	10	-300	-1.64%	57	-536	-2.92%	30	17,807
Seneca	35,251	-1,431	-4.06%	37	204	0.58%	32	-1,235	-3.50%	35	34,016
St. Lawrence	111,944	-5,584	-4.99%	46	1,356	1.21%	21	-4,204	-3.76%	38	107,740
Steuben	98,990	-4,306	-4.35%	42	719	0.73%	26	-3,611	-3.65%	37	95379
Suffolk	1,493,350	-50,961	-3.41%	30	34,418	2.30%	11	-16,749	-1.12%	19	1,476,601
Sullivan	77,547	-2,979	-3.84%	34	884	1.14%	23	-2,115	-2.73%	28	75,432
Tioga	51,125	-3,116	-6.09%	58	246	0.48%	33	-2,922	-5.72%	53	48,203
Tompkins	101,564	-981	-0.97%	6	1,506	1.48%	19	616	0.61%	12	102,180
Ulster	182,493	-3,751	-2.06%	16	-1139	-0.62%	49	-4,920	-2.70%	27	177,573
Warren	65,707	-660	-1.00%	7	-1042	-1.59%	56	-1,763	-2.68%	26	63,944
Washington	63,216	-1,727	-2.73%	24	-292	-0.46%	46	-2,012	-3.18%	32	61,204
Wayne	93,772	-4,873	-5.20%	48	1023	1.09%	24	-3,854	-4.11%	42	89,918
Westchester	949,113	-13,396	-1.41%	11	32,019	3.37%	9	18,393	1.94%	7	967,506
Wyoming	42,155	-2,342	-5.56%	52	37	0.09%	41	-2,296	-5.45%	51	39,859
Yates	25,348	-970	-3.83%	33	520	2.05%	13	-435	-1.72%	22	24,913
Upstate	6,339,276	-509,245	-3.9%		46,311	0.7%		-126,830	-2.00%		6,212,446
Downstate	13,038,826	-171,965	-2.7%		712,012	5.5%		202,289	1.55%		13,241,115
NYS TOTAL	19,378,102	-681,210	-3.5%		758,323	3.9%		75,459	0.39%		19,453,561

a Natural increase is resident births minus resident death. 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 ³ Estimate

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