

Regional Knowledge Network

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County Report for:

Niagara County

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 Lockport, NY 14094-2758

Population & Demographics

Population

Population Estimate, 2006	216,130
Population, 2000	219,846
% Population Change, 2000 - 2006	-1.6%

Race and Ethnicity

% White, 2000	90.7%
% Black, 2000	6.1%
% Hispanic/Latino, 2000	1.3%

Race Estimates

% White Estimate, 2006	90.1%
% Black Estimate, 2006	6.6%
% Hispanic/Latino Estimate, 2006	1.5%

Income

Median Household Income, 1999	\$38,136
% Households Below Poverty Line, 1999	11.1%
% of Children in Poverty, 2004	15.9%

Educational Attainment

% with Bachelor's Degree or higher, 2000	17.4%
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Household Characteristics

% Households with Person Age 65 or Older, 2000	27.4%
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Government

Revenues

Revenues, 2005	\$316,961,142
Revenues Per Capita, 2005	\$1,461
Taxes Per Capita, 2005	\$618

Expenditures

Expenditures, 2005	\$310,892,391
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Expenditures Per Capita, 2005	\$1,433
% Public Safety, 2005	12.4%
% Infrastructure, 2005	6.8%
% Culture and Recreation, 2005	0.8%

Economy

Workforce

Mean Commute to Work, 2000 (minutes)	20.1
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Unemployment

Total Unemployed, 2007 Annual Average	5,900
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Industrial Structure

Total Jobs, 2005	74,453
% Manufacturing, 2005	16.2%
% Government, 2005	20%

Environment

Energy

Gasoline Consumption, per capita, 2005 (gallons)	303
% Change in Gasoline Consumption, 2000 to 2005	0.8%

Nature and Wildlife

Forested Land, by Number of Trees, 2005	30,350,742
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Land / Groundwater Quality

Pesticide Application, 2004 (gallons)	73,152
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Transportation & Land Use

Planning

Agricultural Districts, % Land Area, 2006	57.4%
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Land Classification

Land Area (square miles)	522.9
% Agricultural Acreage, 2007	31.2%
% Residential Acreage, 2007	38.9%
% Commercial Acreage, 2007	3.4%
% Industrial Acreage, 2007	1.4%
% Vacant Acreage, 2007	17.7%

Vehicle Ownership

Vehicle Registrations Per Capita, 2006	0.8
% Households With No Vehicles, 2000	11.1%
% Households With 3 or More Vehicles, 2000	13.4%

Housing Economics

Median Sale Price, April 2008	\$95,000
Median Sale Price, March 2008	\$85,000
Median Sale Price, April 2007	\$73,000

Health & Human Services

Mortality (per 100,000 Population)

Motor Vehicle Deaths, 2004	10.8
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Health Behaviors

% of Population Who Smoke, 2005	25%
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% of Population Overweight or Obese, 2005	62.2%
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Child Health

% of Births to Mothers Aged under 20, 2004	9.7%
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Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births), 2004	9.5
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Social Needs

% of Population Eligible for Medicaid, 2006	14.6%
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Yearly Medicaid Expenditures per capita, 2006	\$1,064
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Public Safety**Crime**

Total Adult DWI Arrests, 2007	986
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Adult Felony Conviction Rate, 2006	71.2%
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Juvenile Arrests, as % of Total Arrests, 2005	18%
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Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA)

Total Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA), 2006	2,912
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Total Persons Injured in MVA, 2006	1,851
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Civic Infrastructure**Civic Engagement**

Estimated Registration Rate, 2006	88.3%
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Voter Turnout, November 2004 Presidential Election	59.3%
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Data Sources and Notes**Population****Population Estimate, 2006**

Description: Population estimate for 2006, based on data for deaths, births and migration.

Sources: Population Estimates Program, Table 4, Estimates for the Population for Incorporated Places, US Census

Sources: Statistics Canada. n.d. Table 051-0036 Estimates of population, by sex and age group, census divisions and census metropolitan areas, 2001 Census boundaries, annual (table). CANSIM (database). Using E-STAT (distributor)

Population, 2000

Description: Total Population in 2000 (US), 2001 (CAN).

Sources: Summary File 1, Table P1. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau 2000.

Sources: Statistics Canada 2001 CD

% Population Change, 2000 - 2006

Description: Percent change in population 2000-2006.

Calculation = (Population 2006 - Population 2000)/Population 2000

Sources: Summary File 1, Table P1. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau 2000.

Sources: Population Estimates Program, Table 4, Estimates for the Population for Incorporated Places

Sources: Statistics Canada 2001 CD

Sources: Statistics Canada. n.d. Table 051-0036 Estimates of population, by sex and age group, census divisions and census metropolitan areas, 2001 Census boundaries, annual (table). CANSIM (database). Using E-STAT (distributor)

Race and Ethnicity

% White, 2000

Description: Percentage of total population that self-identifies as White alone. The US Census Bureau defines as White a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa, including those who indicate their race as "White" or who respond with entries such as Irish, German, Polish, Italian, Lebanese, Near Easterner or Arab. Persons who identify as mixed race are not counted in this category.

Calculation = White Population 2000/Total Population 2000

Sources: Summary File 1, Table P3. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau 2000.

% Black, 2000

Description: Percentage of total population that self-identifies as Black alone. The US Census Bureau defines as Black or African American a person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa, including those who self-identify their race as "Black, African American, or Negro," or who provide written responses such as Afro American, Kenyan, Nigerian or Haitian. Persons who identify as mixed race are not counted in this category.

Calculation = Black Population 2000/Total Population 2000

Sources: Summary File 1, Table P3. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau 2000.

% Hispanic/Latino, 2000

Description: Percentage of total population of Hispanic or Latino Origin. The US Census Bureau defines Hispanic as those who self-identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic or Latino of any race.

Calculation = Hispanic Population 2000/Total Population 2000

Sources: Summary File 1, Table P3. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau 2000.

Race Estimates

% White Estimate, 2006

Description: Percentage of total population that self-identifies as White alone. The US Census Bureau defines as White a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa, including those who indicate their race as "White" or who respond with entries such as Irish, German, Polish, Italian, Lebanese, Near Easterner or Arab. Persons who identify as mixed race are not counted in this category.

Calculation = White Population Estimate 2006/Total Population Estimate 2006

Sources: Population Estimates Program, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

% Black Estimate, 2006

Description: Percentage of total population that self-identifies as Black alone. The US Census Bureau defines as Black or African American a person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa, including those who self-identify their race as "Black, African American, or Negro," or who provide written responses such as Afro American, Kenyan, Nigerian or Haitian. Persons who identify as mixed race are not counted in this category.

Calculation = Black Population Estimate 2006/Total Population Estimate 2006

Sources: Population Estimates Program, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

% Hispanic/Latino Estimate, 2006

Description: Percentage of total population of Hispanic or Latino Origin. The US Census Bureau defines Hispanic as those who self-identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic or Latino of any race.

Calculation = Hispanic Population Estimate 2006/Total Population Estimate 2006

Sources: Population Estimates Program, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

Income

Median Household Income, 1999

Description: The Median Household Income is the middle income value in a ordered listing of households by income, such that half of the households have more income than the median and half have less. US data are for 1999 (US dollars) and Canadian data are for 2000 (Canadian dollars).

Sources: Summary File 3, Table P53. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau 2000.

Sources: Statistics Canada 2001 CD

% Households Below Poverty Line, 1999

Description: Percentage of households with income below a defined poverty line. The poverty line is determined by the federal Office of Management and Budget based on factors including annual income before taxes, household size and number of related children under 18 years. For example, in 1999 the poverty line for a single person under 65 was \$8,667; for a family of four it was \$17,029.

Persons excluded from poverty calculations include those in institutional group quarters (such as prisons or nursing homes), college dormitories, military barracks, and other living settings without conventional housing. Poverty lines are updated annually and do not vary by geographic region.

Sources: Summary File 3, Table P92, 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau 2000

% of Children in Poverty, 2004

Description: Percentage of people, under the age of 18, living in poverty.

Calculation: (Total # of People Under the Age of 18 Living in Poverty) / (Total # of People Under 18 Years of Age)

Sources: U.S. Census Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates, 2004

Educational Attainment

% with Bachelor's Degree or higher, 2000

Description: US: Percentage of population 25 years and older holding a Bachelor's degree or higher graduate degree, 2000. Graduate degrees include MA and MS master's degrees, field-specific degrees such as MSW, MEng and MUP, professional degrees in medicine, dentistry, chiropractics, veterinary medicine and law, and the PhD. Calculation = Population 25+ with Bachelor's degree or higher graduate degree/Population 25+

Canada: Percentage of population 20 years and older holding a Bachelor's degree or higher graduate degree. Calculation = Population 20+ with Bachelor's degree or higher graduate degree/Total Population 20+

Sources: Summary File 3, Table P37. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau 2000

Sources: Statistics Canada CD 2001

Household Characteristics

% Households with Person Age 65 or Older, 2000

Description: Percentage of households with at least one person 65 years or older in 2000 (US) or 2001 (CAN).

Calculation = Households with at least one person 65 years or older/Total Households

Sources: Summary File 1, Table P23. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau

Data Sources and Notes

Revenues

Revenues, 2005

Description: Total sum of money received through taxes, intergovernmental aid, and fees and other sources for each county and municipality in Western New York.

The Towns of East Otto and Birdsall have no fiscal data because they have not filed an annual report in the previous two fiscal years in time for publication. The town of Belfast and the villages of Canaseraga and Medina fiscal data are from 2004; their 2005 annual reports were not submitted in time for publication.

Sources: New York State Comptroller Office Financial Data for Local Governments Report 2005

Revenues Per Capita, 2005

Description: Total revenues divided by estimated total population as of July, 1 2005.

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Sources: New York State Comptroller Office Financial Data for Local Governments Report 2005

Sources: Population Estimates Program, Table 4, Estimates for the Population for Incorporated Places

Taxes Per Capita, 2005

Description: Total tax revenues divided by estimated total population as of July, 1 2005.

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Sources: New York State Comptroller Office Financial Data for Local Governments Report 2005

Sources: Population Estimates Program, Table 4, Estimates for the Population for Incorporated Places

Expenditures

Expenditures, 2005

Description: Total amount of money spent on current operations, equipment and capital outlay, and debt services for each county and municipality in Western New York.

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Expenditures Per Capita, 2005

Description: Total expenditures divided by estimated total population as of July, 1 2005.

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Sources: New York State Comptroller Office Financial Data for Local Governments Report 2005

Sources: Population Estimates Program, Table 4, Estimates for the Population for Incorporated Places

% Public Safety, 2005

Description: Total public safety expenditures divided by total expenditures. Total public safety includes police, fire, and other safety services. Total public safety expenditures include personal services and allocated fringes, contractual services, and equipment and capital outlay.

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Sources: New York State Comptroller Office Financial Data for Local Governments Report 2005

% Infrastructure, 2005

Description: Total infrastructure expenditures divided by total expenditures. Total infrastructure includes transportation and utilities. Total infrastructure expenditures include personal services and allocated fringes, contractual services, and equipment and capital outlay.

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Sources: New York State Comptroller Office Financial Data for Local Governments Report 2005

% Culture and Recreation, 2005

Description: Total culture and recreation expenditures divided by total expenditures. Total culture and recreation expenditures include personal services and allocated fringes, contractual services, and equipment and capital outlay.

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Sources: New York State Comptroller Office Financial Data for Local Governments Report 2005

Data Sources and Notes

Workforce

Mean Commute to Work, 2000

Description: Average time, in minutes, a person spends traveling to work, excluding people working at home. Aggregate travel time is the summation of time, in minutes, of each worker traveling to work (one way). The total number of people traveling to work are those who are employed and do not work at home.

Calculation = Total aggregate travel time to work/Number of persons who travel to work.

Sources: Summary File 3, Table P33. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau 2000.

Unemployment

Total Unemployed, 2007 Annual Average

Description: Number of unemployed persons, annual average, 2007.

Sources: NYS Department of Labor - Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Industrial Structure

Total Jobs, 2005

Description: The total number of full-time and part-time paid jobs. Data includes all paid jobs covered under the New York State UI program.

Total number of people employed in the reported industries, as reported by the Candian Census, 2001. If a person is employed in more than one industry, then only the industry in which he or she puts in more hours of work is reported.

Sources: NYS Department of Labor - Employment, Firms and Payrolls by Industry (QCEW), 2005 Annual Average

% Manufacturing, 2005

Description: Percentage of total jobs in Manufacturing (NAICS 31). This category includes manufacturing of durable goods (for example, computers and peripheral equipment, machinery and motor vehicle parts) and non-durable goods (for example, textiles, food and beverages, plastics and rubber products).

Calculation = (Jobs in Manufacturing) / (Total Jobs, 2005)

Sources: NYS Department of Labor - Employment, Firms and Payrolls by Industry (QCEW), 2005 Annual Average

Sources: NAICS 2002 definitions - U.S. Census Bureau

% Government, 2005

Description: Percentage of jobs in Government (NAICS 951, 952 and 953). Category includes positions in federal government, state government and local government, including public education, fire and police protection.

Calculation - (Total # of Government Jobs) / (Total Jobs, 2005)

Sources: NYS Department of Labor - Employment, Firms and Payrolls by Industry (QCEW), 2005 Annual Average

Sources: NAICS 2002 definitions - U.S. Census Bureau

Data Sources and Notes

Energy

Gasoline Consumption, per capita, 2005

Description: Estimated gallons of gasoline consumed per capita in 2005.

Calculation: (total gasoline consumed, 2005) / (total population, 2005).

Sources: Patterns and Trends - New York State Energy Profiles: 1991-2005. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

Sources: Population Estimates Program, Table 4, Estimates for the Population for Incorporated Places. U.S. Census Bureau.

% Change in Gasoline Consumption, 2000 to 2005

Description: Percent change in gasoline consumption from 2000 to 2005.

Calculation: ((total gasoline consumed in 2005) - (total gasoline consumed in 2000)) / (total gasoline consumed in 2000).

Sources: Patterns and Trends - New York State Energy Profiles: 1991-2005. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

Nature and Wildlife

Forested Land, by Number of Trees, 2005

Description: Total number of live trees on timberland, 2005

Sources: Forest Inventory Data Online - USDA Forest Service.

Land / Groundwater Quality

Pesticide Application, 2004

Description: Total volume of pesticide applied in 2004 measured in gallons.

Sources: Pesticide Reporting Law Annual Report 2004 - New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Data Sources and Notes

Planning

Agricultural Districts, % Land Area, 2006

Description: The calculated percentage of all lands within a county that are under the protection of New York State Agricultural District Law.

Calculated using Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Sources: New York State Agricultural Districts Mapping Program

Land Classification

Land Area

Description: Total land area measured in square miles.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 2000

% Agricultural Acreage, 2007

Description: Percentage of total land area classified as agricultural. Agricultural land (classes 100 - 199) is property used for the production of crops or livestock.

Note: Land area calculations are to be considered estimates only.

Sources: New York State Office of Real Property Services, 2007

% Residential Acreage, 2007

Description: Percentage of total land area classified as residential. Residential land (classes 200 - 299) is property used for human habitation. Living accommodations such as hotels, motels, and apartments are in the commercial category.

Note: Land area calculations are to be considered estimates only.

Sources: New York State Office of Real Property Services, 2007

% Commercial Acreage, 2007

Description: Percentage of total land area classified as commercial. Commercial land (classes 400 - 499) is property used for the sale of goods and/or services.

Note: Land area calculations are to be considered estimates only.

Sources: New York State Office of Real Property Services, 2007

% Industrial Acreage, 2007

Description: Percentage of total land area classified as industrial. Industrial land (classes 700 - 799) is property used for the production and fabrication of durable and nondurable man-made goods.

Note: Land area calculations are to be considered estimates only.

Sources: New York State Office of Real Property Services, 2007

% Vacant Acreage, 2007

Description: Percentage of total land area classified as vacant. Vacant land (classes 300 - 399) is property that is not in use, is in temporary use, or lacks permanent improvement.

Note: Land area calculations are to be considered estimates only.

Sources: New York State Office of Real Property Services, 2007

Vehicle Ownership

Vehicle Registrations Per Capita, 2006

Description: Total number of vehicles registered with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles per capita.

Calculation: (Vehicles Registered / Population Estimate 2006)

Sources: New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Internet Office

% Households With No Vehicles, 2000

Description: Percentage of households with no vehicle.

Sources: Summary File 3, 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau 2000.

% Households With 3 or More Vehicles, 2000

Description: Percentage of households with three or more vehicles.

Sources: Summary File 3, 2000 Census of Population and Housing. US Census Bureau 2000.

Housing Economics

Median Sale Price, April 2008

Description: Median sale price for existing single-family homes sold in April 2008.

Note: Data is preliminary.

Sources: New York State Association of REALTORS, Inc. Housing Statistics

Median Sale Price, March 2008

Description: Median sale price for existing single-family homes sold in March 2008.

Sources: New York State Association of REALTORS, Inc. Housing Statistics

Median Sale Price, April 2007

Description: Median sale price for existing single-family homes sold in April 2007.

Sources: New York State Association of REALTORS, Inc. Housing Statistics

Data Sources and Notes

Mortality (per 100,000 Population)

Motor Vehicle Deaths, 2004

Description: Number of Motor Vehicle Deaths per 100,000 total population.

Sources: New York State Department of Health County Health Assessment Indicators 2002-2004

Health Behaviors

% of Population Who Smoke, 2005

Description: Percentage of the total population who currently smoke (as of survey date).

Sources: WNY Public Health Alliance Health Risk Assessment

Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS 3.1), January to June 2005

% of Population Overweight or Obese, 2005

Description: Percentage of the total population who are overweight or obese.

Sources: WNY Public Health Alliance Health Risk Assessment

Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS 3.1), January to June 2005

Child Health

% of Births to Mothers Aged under 20, 2004

Description: Percentage of live births that are to women less than 20 years old.

Calculation: (# of Live Births by Mothers < 20 years old) / (Total Live Births)

Sources: New York State Department of Health 2004 Vital Statistics Report Table 7

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births), 2004

Description: Number of infant deaths, under 1 year of age, per 1,000 live births.

Canada Calculation: (1999-2001 Average Annual Infant Deaths up to 1 year old) / (Total Live Births / 1,000)

Sources: New York State Department of Health 2004 Vital Statistics Report Table 45

Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics 2001, Birth and Death Databases

Social Needs

% of Population Eligible for Medicaid, 2006

Description: Percentage of total population eligible for Medicaid.

Calculation: (Total # of Medicaid Eligibles) / (Total Population)

Medicaid Eligibles includes Medicaid and Subsistence to those eligible for TANF Children, TANF Adults, Safety Net Children, Safety Net Adults, SSI Aged, SSI Blind & Disabled, Family Health Plus, and Other.

Sources: New York State Department of Health Medicaid Eligibles and Expenditures by County, 2006

Yearly Medicaid Expenditures per capita, 2006

Description: Amount of money spent on Medicaid per year, per resident.

Calculation: (Total Annual Medicaid Expenditures) / (Population Estimate 2005)

Sources: New York State Department of Health Medicaid Eligibles and Expenditures by County, 2005

Data Sources and Notes

Crime

Total Adult DWI Arrests, 2007

Description: Total number of total DWI arrests in 2007. Includes both felonies and misdemeanors.

DWI offenses include all charges listed under Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1192.

Sources: NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services – Adult Arrests 2007

Adult Felony Conviction Rate, 2006

Description: Percentage of individuals charged with a felony offense who were convicted. Limited to cases with dispositions.

Calculation: (Total # of Individuals Convicted, 2006) / (Total # of Dispositions, 2006)

Sources: NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services – Dispositions of Adult Arrests 2006

Juvenile Arrests, as % of Total Arrests, 2005

Description: Percentage of all arrested that are juvenile offenders in 2005.

Calculation: $(\text{Total Juvenile Arrests, 2005}) / ((\text{Total Adult Arrests, 2005}) + (\text{Total Juvenile Arrests, 2005}))$

Sources: NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, Uniform Crime Reporting System

Sources: NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services – Adult Arrests 2005

Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA)

Total Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA), 2006

Description: Total number of motor vehicle accidents reported in 2006.

Sources: NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, Summary of Motor Vehicle Accidents 2006 Report

Total Persons Injured in MVA, 2006

Description: Total number of people injured in a motor vehicle accident in 2006.

Sources: NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, Summary of Motor Vehicle Accidents 2006 Report

Data Sources and Notes

Civic Engagement

Estimated Registration Rate, 2006

Description: Estimate of the percentage of eligible voters who were registered to vote, November 2006.

Calculation = $(\text{Registered Voters November 2006}) / (\text{Total Population 18+ July 2006})$

Note: This calculation overestimates eligible voters by not accounting for citizenship or felony convictions.

Note: Registered voters includes inactive registrations.

Sources: New York State Board of Elections, Enrollments & Election Results, Enrollment Figures

Sources: Population Estimates Program, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

Voter Turnout, November 2004 Presidential Election

Description: Percentage of total registered voters who cast a vote for President, November 2004.

Calculation = $(\text{Total Votes cast in Presidential Election, November 2004}) / (\text{Total Registered voters, November 2004})$

Sources: New York State Board of Elections, Enrollments & Election Results, Election Results

Sources: New York State Board of Elections, Enrollments & Election Results, Enrollment Figures