

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK FACT SHEET – October 2017



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The City of Syracuse is located in Onondaga County in the geographic center of New York State. The counties of Onondaga, Madison, and Oswego make up the **Syracuse Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)**. The **Syracuse-Auburn Combined Statistical Area (CSA)** consists of Cayuga, Madison, Onondaga and Oswego counties.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Area:	Onondaga County	780 sq. mi.
	Syracuse MSA	2,390 sq. mi.
	Syracuse-Auburn CSA	3,083 sq. mi.
	City of Syracuse	26 sq. mi.

Terrain: Rolling hills and flat plains

Altitude: 364 - 681 feet **Elevation:** 414 feet

Climate: four seasons, continental mean average temperature:

January	24.3 degrees
April	47.2 degrees
July	72.0 degrees
September	63.8 degrees
annual average snowfall	127.26 in. (2000-2017)
growing season approx.	171 days
annual rainfall	41.54 in.

PROXIMITY TO MARKET

Over 136 million people live within a 750 mile radius of Syracuse, including over 50 percent of the population of Canada and the United States.

Mileage to Major Cities:

Albany, NY	136	Montreal, Que.	248
Baltimore, MD	299	New York, NY	253
Binghamton, NY	75	Niagara Falls, NY	165
Boston, MA	299	Philadelphia, PA	255
Buffalo, NY	147	Pittsburgh, PA	342
Chicago, IL	665	Rochester, NY	85
Cleveland, OH	330	Toronto, Ont.	248
Hartford, CT	236	Washington, DC	350

POPULATION

	1990	2000	2010
City of Syracuse	163,860	146,435	145,170
Onondaga County	468,973	458,336	467,026
Syracuse MSA	659,864	650,154	662,577

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

RACE/ETHNIC BREAKDOWN OF POPULATION (2010) - PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION

	City of Syracuse	Onondaga County	Syracuse-MSA
White	56.0	81.1	85.5
Black/African American	29.5	11.0	8.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	5.5	3.1	2.4
American Indian, Alaska Native	1.1	0.8	0.7
Other	2.7	1.2	1.0
Two or more races	5.1	2.8	2.4
Hispanic Origin (of any race)	8.3	4.0	3.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

HOUSEHOLDS

	1990	2000	2010
City of Syracuse	65,046	59,482	64,356
Onondaga County	177,950	181,153	202,357
Syracuse MSA	243,899	252,043	287,712

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

MEDIAN AGE –

City of Syracuse	- 32.2	New York State	- 38.4
Onondaga County	- 38.7	United States	- 37.9
Syracuse MSA	- 39.1		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 1-year estimates.

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME – 2016

Onondaga County.....	\$76,453
Syracuse Metropolitan Area.....	\$74,791
New York State.....	\$77,379
United States.....	\$71,062

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2017) 2016 American Community Survey 1-year estimates.

AVERAGE APARTMENT RENTAL

One Bedroom: \$707	Two Bedroom: \$899
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September 2017

Source: Rainmaker Insights

MEDIAN HOME PRICE – 2017 (2nd Quarter)

	Median Price	% Change over Year
Onondaga County	\$137,625	+2.6%
Syracuse Metropolitan Area	\$129,200	+0.6%
New York State	\$245,000	+6.5%

Source: NYS Association of Realtors; National Association of Realtors

REGIONAL OUTPUT (2016)

Metro Area	Output, 2016 (in Millions of Dollars)	Percent Change 2015-2016
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	58,062	3.3%
Rochester	55,426	1.8%
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	52,339	2.8%
Syracuse	32,683	1.8%
Utica-Rome	10,637	1.6%
Ithaca	5,100	2.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

August '01 – 177.5 -	August '17 – 245.519	38.3%
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Source: US Department of Commerce

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)

	County	MSA	NYS	US
May '09	7.6	8.0	8.0	9.4
Aug '17	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.5

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

LABOR FORCE

	Labor Force	Employed
	August 2017	
Onondaga County	221,100	212,000
Syracuse-Auburn Metropolitan	344,600	328,000
Central New York	366,800	349,100

Source: NY Department of Labor

NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Employment Sector	MSA Aug '16 – Aug '17	Percent Change Over the Year
TOTAL	314.5 316.9	+0.8%
Goods Producing	39.4 39.8	+1.0%
Natural Resources,		
Construction & Mining	14.2 14.3	+0.7%
Manufacturing	25.2 25.5	+1.2%
Service Providing	275.1 277.1	+0.7%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	64.2 63.8	-0.6%
Information	4.7 4.5	-4.3%
Financial Activities	15.8 14.5	-8.2%
Professional & Business Services	34.4 37.2	+8.1%
Education & Health Services	59.3 56.9	-4.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	31.0 33.7	+8.7%
Other Services	11.8 12.1	+2.5%
Government	53.9 54.4	+0.9%

Source: NYS Department of Labor, Current Employment Statistics (2017)

TAXES (2017)

Sales	8.49%
State.....	4.0%
Local.....	4.49%
State Income Tax	4.0% - 8.82%

Source: Taxfoundation.org

MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN CENTRAL NEW YORK (2017)

Source: BJNN (Business Journal News Network) 2017 Book of Lists

◆ Upstate Medical University	9,100
◆ Cornell University	8,792
◆ St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center	4,755
◆ Oneida Indian Nation Enterprise.....	4,600
◆ Walmart.....	4,500
◆ Syracuse University.....	4,402
◆ Lockheed Martin Missions Systems & Training.....	4,300
◆ Mohawk Valley Health Systems	4,259
◆ Price Chopper Supermarkets.....	4,000
◆ Binghamton University	3,200
◆ Crouse Hospital.....	3,100
◆ Samaritan Health System.....	2,300
◆ National Grid.....	2,200
◆ Tops Friendly Markets.....	2,000
◆ The Raymond Corporation	1,800
◆ KPH Healthcare Services, Inc. (Kinney Drugs).....	1,800
◆ Upstate Cerebral Palsy.....	1,700
◆ BNY Mellon.....	1,600
◆ Cayuga Medical Center	1,540
◆ BorgWarner Morse Systems.....	1,500
◆ Target Corp	1,500
◆ Loretto.....	1,465

EMPLOYMENT CENTERS – Estimated total employment for areas of the County that serve as geographic clusters of employment.

◆ Downtown Syracuse	27,000
◆ University Hill.....	21,000
◆ Destiny USA	4,700
◆ Electronics Park	2,700
◆ Hancock Airport	750

COMMUNICATIONS

Major newspaper:

The Post-Standard (daily) 470-0011

Business newspapers:

Business Journal (weekly) 472-3104
Eagle Newspapers (weekly) 434-8889
Syracuse New Times (weekly) 422-7011

TRANSPORTATION

Syracuse is located at the crossroads of two interstate highway systems, east/west I-90 the New York State Thruway, and north/south I-81.

Highway: More than 150 trucking companies, including the nation's top 12 carriers of general freight, service the Syracuse area.

Air: Over 120 passenger flights arrive and depart daily from the Syracuse Hancock International Airport, serviced by six major airlines and several commuter lines. Six major air cargo companies service the Syracuse terminal in addition to several regional carriers, forwarders and passenger airlines that offer air freight services.

Bus: CENTRO provides public transportation for Syracuse and suburbs at a fare of \$2.00. Onondaga Coach, Greyhound, Syracuse & Oswego, and Adirondack Trailways also provide inter-city passenger service.

Rail: CSX provides direct rail freight service to a variety of Northeastern markets. Amtrak provides rail passenger transportation service from the William F. Walsh Regional Transportation Center.

Water: The Port of Oswego is located on the southeast shore of Lake Ontario, 34 miles northwest of Syracuse. The New York State Canal System encompasses 524 miles and runs east-west across New York State, connecting the Niagara River with the Hudson River. The Onondaga Lake Barge Canal Terminal is located just north of Syracuse.

HEALTH CARE

Four acute care hospitals, a number of long-term skilled nursing facilities, outpatient centers serving all sectors of the county, renowned teaching facilities, including Upstate University Health System, two hospital-based nursing schools, and several residency programs.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Public, Private and Parochial Education: There are 18 school districts in Onondaga County (17 Suburban, 1 City) with an enrollment of approximately 80,000 students. The districts are comprised of 78 Elementary Schools, 27 Junior High, and 21 High Schools.

College and Universities: There are 44 private and state colleges within the Central New York region, with a combined enrollment of over 215,000 students. In the Syracuse area there are eight schools including Syracuse University, Le Moyne College, Upstate University Health System, the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Onondaga Community College, SUNY Empire State College, SUNY Oswego, Cazenovia College, Morrisville College and Bryant & Stratton College.

Vocational Training: The five public vocational centers and 24 private vocational and technical schools offer more than 80 courses of study in a wide variety of fields.

RECREATION & CULTURE

- ◆ More than 50 state, county and city parks and several nature centers
- ◆ 40 golf courses (more than any other area in the Northeast)
- ◆ Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park open year-round
- ◆ 40 museums and galleries, including the nationally known Everson Museum of Art, designed by I.M. Pei
- ◆ Syracuse Opera, the only year-round professional opera company serving Central New York
- ◆ Syracuse Stage, Central New York's only professional theater, attracting talented actors and directors from Broadway and beyond
- ◆ Symphoria, one of only two musician-led cooperative orchestras in the United States. Symphoria is composed of a diverse group of musicians hailing from across the globe.
- ◆ The Carrier Dome, home of Syracuse University athletics; the only domed stadium in the northeast
- ◆ NBT Stadium seats 11,000 spectators and is home to the Syracuse Chiefs, a AAA affiliate of the Washington Nationals
- ◆ The New York State Fair, the longest running state fair in the country, annually attracts nearly 1 million people from across the Northeast
- ◆ Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) – More than 200 exhibits and displays provide a unique hands-on experience for all ages. New York State's only IMAX-Dome theatre
- ◆ Numerous music festivals including Jazz Fest, NYS Blues Fest and Northeast Jazz and Wine Festival
- ◆ Ethnic festivals – Polish Festival, Jewish Music & Cultural Festival, Bavarian Festival, Latino-American Festival, Irish Festival, La Festa Italiana, Oktoberfest, and many more

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