

COMMUNITY REPORT CARD

Nine-County Region

2020

ACT Rochester's purpose is to change the culture of community problem-solving and associated decision making through the use of credible, independent and timely data. This is accomplished when people **LEARN** about key issues, **CONNECT** with others in the community, and **ACT** to promote change.

ACT Rochester provides an objective assessment of the nine-county region's performance on key indicators of well-being. The website creates a "one stop shop" for data and analysis, over 100 indicators, as well as links to hundreds of our community's initiatives and resources.

COMMUNITY INDICATORS	NY STATE COMPARISON	LONG TERM TREND
Children & Youth	●	↑
Community Vitality	+	↓
Economic Security	●	↓
Economy	⬡	↓
Education	⬡	↑
Health	⬡	↑
Housing	+	↓
Public Safety	●	↑

NY State Comparison Key:

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Long Term Trend Key:

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Our Region

- GENESEE COUNTY
- LIVINGSTON COUNTY
- MONROE COUNTY
- ONTARIO COUNTY
- ORLEANS COUNTY
- SENECA COUNTY
- WAYNE COUNTY
- WYOMING COUNTY
- YATES COUNTY

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- ❖ In 2017, 8% of babies in the 9-county region had low birth weights (less than 5.5 pounds), on par with the statewide rate. The City of Rochester consistently had the highest rates of low birth-weight babies in the region, averaging 11% of births since 2000.
- ❖ In 2014-18, 20% of children in the region were living in poverty, comparable to the state rate of 21% and equal to the national rate. Child poverty was concentrated in the City of Rochester, where the rate was 51% in 2014-18, a 1-point increase from 2009-13 and a 13-point increase from 2000.
- ❖ In 2014-18, 39% of families with children under 18 in the region were headed by one parent only, above the national rate of 34% and the statewide rate of 36%. The regional rate increased by 8 points from 2000 to 2014-18. In the city of Rochester, 74% of families were headed by a single parent in 2014-18, an increase of 12 points from 2000 to 2014-18.

TRENDS SNAPSHOT				
Indicator	Regional Value*	Year**	NYS Comparison	Long Term Trend***
Early Prenatal Care (Percent of Live Births)	77%	2017	+	↔
Babies with Low Birth Weights (Percent of Live Births)	8%	2017	+	↓
Infant Mortality Rate Deaths (per 1,000 Live Births)	6.7	2015-17	⬢	↑
Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels Under Age 6	0.9%	2016	⬢	↑
Children in Poverty	20%	2014-18****	+	↓
Single-Parent Families (percent of total)	39%	2014-18****	●	↓
Child Abuse and Neglect (per 1,000 Children)	20	2018	⬢	↓
Foster Care Admissions (per 1,000 Children)	2.3	2018	⬢	↑
Teen Pregnancies (percent of girls 15-19)	2%	2017	+	↑
Teen Births (per 10,000 females 15 to 19 years old)	13	2017	●	↑









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COMMUNITY VITALITY

- ❖ Total tourism revenue for the region was over \$1.76 billion in 2018, \$1,419 in revenue per resident. This was lower than the statewide (excluding NYC) average of \$2,259. Over \$96 million was spent by tourists on recreation in the region, up from 2017. This equates to \$80 per resident, compared to a NYS (excluding NYC) average of \$162.
- ❖ Between 78% and 85% of the region's voting-age population has been registered to vote since 2000, consistently higher than statewide rates. Voter registration in our region saw a slight increase in 2018, with 83% of residents registering to vote.
- ❖ In 2017, residents in the region gave 1.7% of their income as charitable contributions, below the levels for the state (2.5%) and nation (2.3%). Since 2011, contributions as a share of income has remained relatively steady for the nation, state and region.

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Arts and Culture Attendance	4.6 million	2018	Not Available	↑
Tourism Revenue Per Resident (in constant 2016 dollars)	\$1,419	2018	 (NYS excludes NYC)	↑
Recreation Revenue Per Resident (in constant 2016 dollars)	\$80	2018	 (NYS excludes NYC)	↓
Voter Registration Rate	83%	2018		↑
Voter Participation Rate	46%	2018		↓
Registered Library Borrowers	61%	2017		↓
Library Visits (per capita)	5.9	2017		↓
Contributions as Percent of Income (in constant 2018 dollars)	1.7%	2017		↓
Households without Vehicles	10%	2014-18***		↔

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ECONOMIC SECURITY







- ❖ In 2014-18, 6% of the region's youth were neither working nor in school, similar to the state and nation (both at 7%) and virtually unchanged from 2000. The City of Rochester rate, at 10%, was roughly double that of Monroe County and the overall region, though that rate represents a decrease of 3 percentage points (or 428 fewer disengaged youth) from 2000.
- ❖ In 2014-18, median household income in the region was \$57,350, below the national median of \$60,293 and below the statewide median of \$65,323. Since 2000, median income decreased in the region 12% after adjusting for inflation, compared to much smaller declines at the national level (5%), and the state level (which had no change). The City of Rochester had a median income of \$33,399 in 2014-18, substantially lower than every county in the region, and down 18% since 2000.
- ❖ The poverty rate in 2014-18 was 14% in the region, slightly lower than the state and on par with the nation. For the region, this was a 4-point increase from 2000 to 2014-18. This was a greater increase than the state (which had no change), and the nation (2 points). The poverty rate in the City of Rochester was significantly higher at 33% in 2014-18, an increase of 7 points since 2000.
- ❖ In 2014-18, 14% of households received SNAP, up from 8% in 2009-13 and close to the state rate of 15% and above the nation (12%). Rates were higher in the region's cities: 35% in Rochester, 25% in Geneva and 21% in Batavia, though only 12% of households in Canandaigua received the assistance.

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Disengaged Youth (ages 16 to 19)	6%	2014-18***		
Median Household Income (Inflation adjusted)	\$57,350	2014-18***		
People Living in Poverty (% of Population)	14%	2014-18***		
Public Assistance Recipients (Rate per resident)	2.3%	2018		
Approval Rate for Public Assistance Recipients	25%	2018	 (NYS excludes NYC)	
Households Receiving SNAP	14%	2014-18***		
Tax Filers Receiving Earned Income Tax Credit	15%	2017		
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (in 2018 dollars)	\$175	2017		
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- ❖ Total jobs increased by 1.3% in the region from 2017 to 2018, placing our region below the state and national levels (2.3 and 2.0, respectively).
- ❖ In 2018, the unemployment rate for the 9-county Rochester region was 4.2%, down from the previous year's rate (4.7%). The region's 2018's unemployment rate was higher than the state and nation. In the past, the region has fared somewhat better than New York State (4.1%) and the nation (3.9%).
- ❖ Local government spending per-capita for the region was \$3,590 in 2018, below the spending in New York State (excluding NYC). In the region, local spending has increased 7% from 2000. The City of Rochester spent just over \$3,122 per capita, a 34% increase from 2000.













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Annual Change in Total Jobs	1.3%	2018		↑
Change in Number of Business Establishments	11%	2018		Not applicable
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	2018		↓
Change in Average Salary (Since 2001)	2.9%	2018		↑
Employment-to-Population Ratio	60%	2014 - 2018		↓
Local Government Spending (Per Resident)	\$3,590	2018	 (NYS excludes NYC)	↓

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- ❖ In 2018, 45% of our region's 4-year-olds were enrolled in publicly-funded prekindergarten programs, up from 21% in 2008, but below the state rate of 52%.
- ❖ In 2019, 44% of third-graders in our region met or exceeded the state standard in English Language Arts, below the statewide rate of 52%.
- ❖ In 2019, 49% of third-graders in our region passed the math exam (met or exceeded state standards), lower than the statewide rate of 55%. In Rochester, the 2019 passing rate for students attending traditional public schools was just 22%, compared to 57% for Rochester charter school students.
- ❖ By August 2019, 86% of students in our region graduated, compared to 83% statewide. At 63%, the Rochester School District had the lowest graduation rate in the region but increased 4 percentage points from the previous year.

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Pre-Kindergarten Participation (% of Four Year Olds)	45%	2018		↑
Grade 3 English % (Scoring at Level 3+)	44%	2019		↑
Grade 3 Math (Scoring at Level 3+)	49%	2019		↑
Grade 8 English % (Scoring at Level 3+)	39%	2019		↑
Grade 8 Math % (Scoring at Level 3+)	49%	2019		↑
Common Core Algebra (score of at least 3+)	73%	2019		↑
Common Core English (score of at least 3+)	83%	2019		↑
Four Year Cohort Graduation Rate (% of Ninth Graders)	86%	2019		↑
Education Attainment for People 25 and Older (% with Some College+)	63%	2014-18****		↑
Percent of Students Receiving Special Education	9%	2018		↑
School Spending per Student (in constant 2017 dollars)	\$22,703	2018	 (NYS excludes NYC)	↑
Instructional Spending per Student (in constant 2017 dollars)	\$16,363	2018		↑

















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HEALTH














- ❖ From 2008 to 2017, the percentage of county residents under 65 without health insurance was 5%, a decline of 5 percentage points for the nine-county region.
- ❖ In 2017, our region had 34.7 doctors per 10,000 residents, compared to the state rate of 41.1. Since 2000, the number of doctors per resident in the region has increased 11%, with the rate in every other county but Ontario and Monroe, decreasing significantly over that period.
- ❖ In 2017, there were 700 deaths per 100,000 residents in the region, above the rate for the state (excluding NYC) (658).
- ❖ In 2017, there were 106 people living with HIV per 100,000 residents in our region, compared to the state rate of 94 (excluding NYC). The region's rate was up 10% from 2002. Monroe consistently has, by far, the highest rate in the region at 141 in 2017, compared to the surrounding counties' rate of 47.
- ❖ In 2017, there were 138 people per 100,000 residents in our region living with AIDS, compared to the state rate (excluding NYC) of 122. The region saw an increase of 47% since 2002.

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People Without Health Insurance (under age 65)	5%	2017		
Supply of Doctors (per 10,000 residents)	34.7	2017		
Mortality (per 100,000 residents)	700	2017	 (NYS excluding NYC)	
Chlamydia (per 100,000 residents)	55	2018		
Gonorrhea (per 100,000 residents)	18	2018		
People Living with HIV (per 100,000 residents)	106	2017	 (NYS excludes NYC)	
People Living with AIDS (per 100,000 residents)	138	2017	 (NYS excludes NYC)	
Alcohol Related Crashes (per 10,000 Residents)	3.1	2018		
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HOUSING






- ❖ In 2014-18, the median home value for the region was \$135,915, substantially less than the statewide (without NYC) median of \$220,304 and the national median of \$204,900. The regional value dropped 1% from 2000 to 2014-18, while the national median rose 22%. The City of Rochester's median home value in 2014-18 was \$82,000, lower than any counties in the region. Rochester's median home value decreased 12% since 2000.
- ❖ In 2014-18, 30% of units in the region had residents whose housing costs were above the affordability threshold (30% of income), a bit below the national level of 32% and much lower than the state level of 39%. A much larger share of units in the City of Rochester - 45% - had residents whose housing costs were above affordable levels.
- ❖ In 2014-18, 68% of housing units in the region were owner-occupied, higher than the national figure of 64% and much higher than the state figure of 54%. The rate of homeownership in the City of Rochester was dramatically lower than every county, at 37% in 2014-18.
- ❖ In 2014-18, 10% of residential housing units in the region were vacant, or 54,682 units. This was less than the state and nation (both 12%). The region's vacancy rate increased 2 percentage points from 2000 to 2014-18, a bit less than the state (up 4 points) and similar to the nation (up 3 points).

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Median Home Value (in 2018 dollars)	\$135,915	2014-18****	 (NYS excludes NYC)	
Median Rental Prices (in 2018 dollars)	\$855	2014-18****		
Housing Affordability for Homeowners (ratio of home value to annual income)	2.4	2014-18****		
Housing Affordability for Renters (proportion of income devoted to rent)	34%	2014-18****		Not Available
Overall Housing Cost Burden	30%	2014-18****		
Homeownership Rate	68%	2014-18****		
Vacant Housing Units	10%	2014-18****		
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PUBLIC SAFETY

- ❖ In 2018, there were 190 serious crimes reported per 10,000 residents in the 9-county region, higher than the state rate of 178. Regionally, serious crimes have declined 46% since 2000, less than the 42% decline statewide. In 2018, there were 24 violent crimes per 10,000 residents in our region, down from 28 the prior year and below the state rate of 35. The regional rate is 4% higher than in 2000.
- ❖ In 2018, 13.2 of every 10,000 residents in our region was incarcerated in local jails, similar to the state (excluding NYC) rate of 13. The regional incarceration rate decreased 8% from 2008 to 2018, while the state (excluding NYC) rate decreased by 12%.
- ❖ In 2018, there were 188.2 arrests for every 10,000 residents in our region, below the rate of 209 for the state and a 24% decrease from the arrest rate in 2000. Of the regional cities, Rochester had the highest rate at 326.4 arrests per 10,000 residents, though that rate represented a 24% decrease from 2000. Batavia and Canandaigua both had smaller decreases in their arrest rates, while Geneva's rate increased by 38%.

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Serious Crimes (per 10,000 residents)	190	2018		↑
Violent Crimes (per 10,000 residents)	24	2018		↓
Domestic Violence (per 10,000 residents)	59	2018	 (NYS excludes NYC)	↑
Incarceration Rate (per 10,000 residents)	13.2	2018	 (NYS excludes NYC)	↑
Arrest Rate (per 10,000 residents)	188.2	2018		↑

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