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Upstate, downstate NY flatlining in latest annual Census estimates

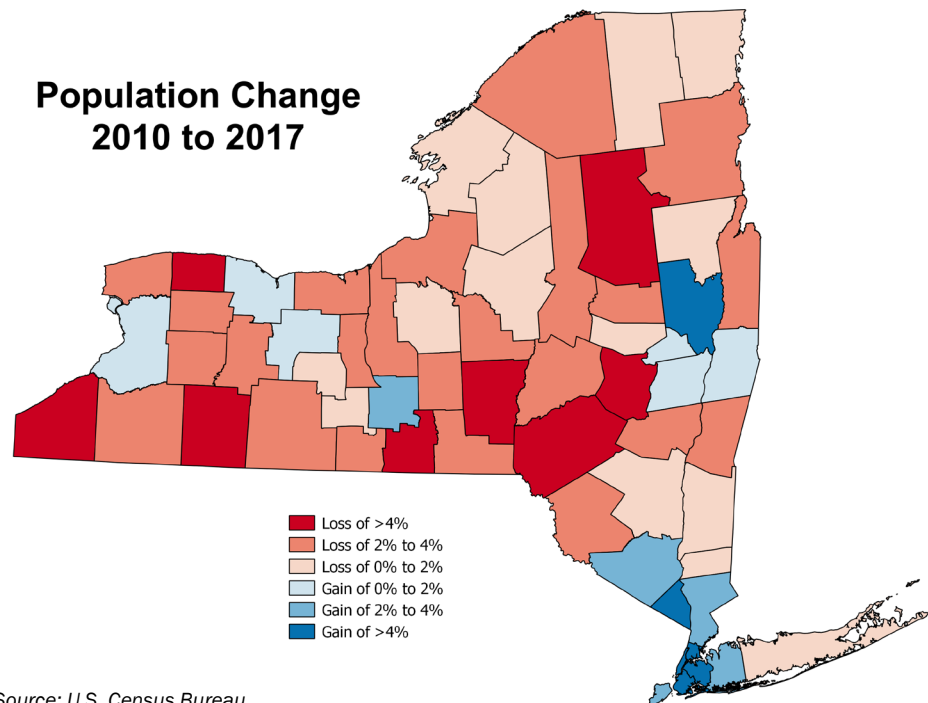
Population totals barely budged in New York State between 2016 and 2017, according to the latest annual U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

During the 12-month period ending last July 1, the 50 counties of upstate New York lost another 3,596 residents, a drop of just 0.05 percent. At the same time, the downstate region (New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley) gained a combined total of 16,708 people, an increase of about 0.1 percent. The net result was a statistically insignificant rise of 13,113 in New York's estimated statewide population in 2016-17.

The total downstate population of 13,571,394 reflects an increase of 532,965 (4.1 percent) since the 2010 census, while the combined population upstate stood at 6,279,628, a decrease of 61,668 people (-1 percent) since 2010. Since the last decennial census in 2010, the total state population has grown by 471,297, or 2.4 percent, less than half the national growth of 5.5 percent.

As depicted by the map below, the latest estimates show that 42 of 50 upstate counties have lost population since the last decennial census; in all but one of the losing counties, the decline exceeded 1 percent of base population in 2010. Downstate, population declines were limited to declines of just 0.6 percent, 0.4 percent and 0.03 percent in Dutchess, Putnam and Suffolk, respectively.

**Population Change
2010 to 2017**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 1. Components of Migration, 2010-17

	Foreign Immigration			Domestic Migration			Net Migration		
	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²
Albany County	9,456	3.1%	8	(7,131)	-2.3%	10	2,325	0.8%	5
Allegany County	453	0.9%	35	(2,746)	-5.6%	55	(2,293)	-4.7%	60
Bronx County	128,060	9.2%	1	(129,913)	-9.4%	61	(1,853)	-0.1%	10
Broome County	3,934	2.0%	20	(10,549)	-5.3%	52	(6,615)	-3.3%	41
Cattaraugus County	388	0.5%	44	(3,966)	-4.9%	49	(3,578)	-4.5%	57
Cayuga County	498	0.6%	38	(3,014)	-3.8%	31	(2,516)	-3.1%	40
Chautauqua County	1,517	1.1%	30	(7,207)	-5.3%	53	(5,690)	-4.2%	53
Chemung County	521	0.6%	41	(4,148)	-4.7%	45	(3,627)	-4.1%	52
Chenango County	101	0.2%	59	(2,417)	-4.8%	47	(2,316)	-4.6%	59
Clinton County	939	1.1%	29	(2,622)	-3.2%	19	(1,683)	-2.0%	28
Columbia County	650	1.0%	32	(2,096)	-3.3%	25	(1,446)	-2.3%	33
Cortland County	162	0.3%	56	(1,902)	-3.9%	33	(1,740)	-3.5%	46
Delaware County	183	0.4%	52	(2,070)	-4.3%	40	(1,887)	-3.9%	51
Dutchess County	5,930	2.0%	19	(9,769)	-3.3%	23	(3,839)	-1.3%	17
Erie County	24,641	2.7%	12	(20,024)	-2.2%	8	4,617	0.5%	9
Essex County	477	1.2%	27	(1,287)	-3.3%	22	(810)	-2.1%	29
Franklin County	290	0.6%	43	(1,121)	-2.2%	7	(831)	-1.6%	21
Fulton County	198	0.4%	53	(1,347)	-2.4%	11	(1,149)	-2.1%	31
Genesee County	361	0.6%	40	(2,174)	-3.6%	29	(1,813)	-3.0%	39
Greene County	465	0.9%	33	(1,404)	-2.9%	16	(939)	-1.9%	26
Hamilton County	-	0.0%	61	(162)	-3.3%	26	(162)	-3.3%	43
Herkimer County	265	0.4%	49	(2,183)	-3.4%	28	(1,918)	-3.0%	38
Jefferson County	3,468	3.0%	9	(14,369)	-12.4%	62	(10,901)	-9.4%	62
Kings County	169,577	6.8%	5	(210,374)	-8.4%	60	(40,797)	-1.6%	22
Lewis County	194	0.7%	36	(1,258)	-4.6%	44	(1,064)	-3.9%	50
Livingston County	719	1.1%	31	(2,120)	-3.2%	21	(1,401)	-2.1%	32
Madison County	243	0.3%	54	(3,117)	-4.2%	39	(2,874)	-3.9%	49
Monroe County	20,185	2.7%	11	(29,826)	-4.0%	35	(9,641)	-1.3%	18
Montgomery County	882	1.8%	21	(2,059)	-4.1%	36	(1,177)	-2.3%	34
Nassau County	34,649	2.6%	13	(27,908)	-2.1%	6	6,741	0.5%	8
New York County	121,219	7.6%	3	(104,006)	-6.6%	58	17,213	1.1%	4
Niagara County	1,396	0.6%	37	(5,041)	-2.3%	9	(3,645)	-1.7%	23
Oneida County	5,854	2.5%	14	(9,936)	-4.2%	38	(4,082)	-1.7%	24
Onondaga County	13,737	2.9%	10	(23,375)	-5.0%	50	(9,638)	-2.1%	30
Ontario County	1,016	0.9%	34	964	0.9%	2	1,980	1.8%	2
Orange County	5,548	1.5%	24	(12,525)	-3.4%	27	(6,977)	-1.9%	25
Orleans County	243	0.6%	42	(2,187)	-5.1%	51	(1,944)	-4.5%	58
Oswego County	536	0.4%	46	(5,741)	-4.7%	46	(5,205)	-4.3%	55
Otsego County	384	0.6%	39	(2,000)	-3.2%	20	(1,616)	-2.6%	36
Putnam County	1,345	1.3%	26	(2,722)	-2.7%	14	(1,377)	-1.4%	19
Queens County	195,314	8.8%	2	(182,764)	-8.2%	59	12,550	0.6%	7
Rensselaer County	2,532	1.6%	23	(3,293)	-2.1%	5	(761)	-0.5%	11
Richmond County	10,097	2.2%	16	(12,509)	-2.7%	13	(2,412)	-0.5%	12
Rockland County	1,336	1.2%	28	(14,104)	-4.5%	42	(3,306)	-1.1%	15
Saratoga County	3,077	1.4%	25	3,975	1.8%	1	7,052	3.2%	1
Schenectady County	3,127	2.0%	18	(4,365)	-2.8%	15	(1,238)	-0.8%	14
Schoharie County	95	0.3%	57	(1,253)	-3.8%	32	(1,158)	-3.5%	47
Schuyler County	76	0.4%	48	(301)	-1.6%	4	(225)	-1.2%	16
Seneca County	10,798	3.5%	7	(1,162)	-3.3%	24	(1,046)	-3.0%	37
St. Lawrence County	116	0.3%	55	(5,086)	-4.5%	43	(3,750)	-3.3%	44
Steuben County	416	0.4%	47	(3,867)	-3.9%	34	(3,451)	-3.5%	45
Suffolk County	33,008	2.2%	15	(61,718)	-4.1%	37	(28,710)	-1.9%	27
Sullivan County	1,586	2.0%	17	(4,421)	-5.7%	56	(2,835)	-3.7%	48
Tioga County	(98)	-0.2%	62	(2,757)	-5.4%	54	(2,855)	-5.6%	61
Tompkins County	7,701	7.6%	4	(6,010)	-5.9%	57	1,691	1.7%	3
Ulster County	2,951	1.6%	22	(5,570)	-3.1%	17	(2,619)	-1.4%	20
Warren County	268	0.4%	51	(701)	-1.1%	3	(433)	-0.7%	13
Washington County	115	0.2%	60	(1,663)	-2.6%	12	(1,548)	-2.4%	35
Wayne County	451	0.5%	45	(4,536)	-4.8%	48	(4,085)	-4.4%	56
Westchester County	35,709	3.8%	6	(30,269)	-3.2%	18	5,440	0.6%	6
Wyoming County	107	0.3%	58	(1,898)	-4.5%	41	(1,791)	-4.2%	54
Yates County	104	0.4%	50	(947)	-3.7%	30	(843)	-3.3%	42
Downstate	751,254	5.8%		(798,581)	-6.1%		(47,327)	-0.4%	
Upstate	118,316	1.9%		(223,490)	-3.5%		(105,174)	-1.7%	
NYS TOTAL	869,570	4.5%		(1,022,071)	-5.3%		(152,501)	-0.8%	

¹ Rate is percentage of population in previous decennial census.

² Rate ranked from highest to lowest

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Highlights of 2017 Census Bureau estimates for New York Counties

(See Tables 1 and 2 for more details)

- Suffolk County is continuing to lose population, but at a much slower rate than indicated in previous annual census estimates, which have been updated in the latest release.
- 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).
- Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx, 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. Upstate, only Tompkins and Saratoga counties have experienced population growth faster than the statewide total.
- In percentage terms, the biggest population losses since the last decennial census have been in upstate rural areas: Hamilton, Delaware, Chenango, Tioga and Orleans counties.
- New York (borough of Manhattan) and Queens have been the only New York City counties with gains from net migration (domestic plus foreign) since 2010. Outside the city, net migration increases were estimated for seven counties: Albany, Erie, Nassau, Ontario, Saratoga, Tompkins and Westchester.

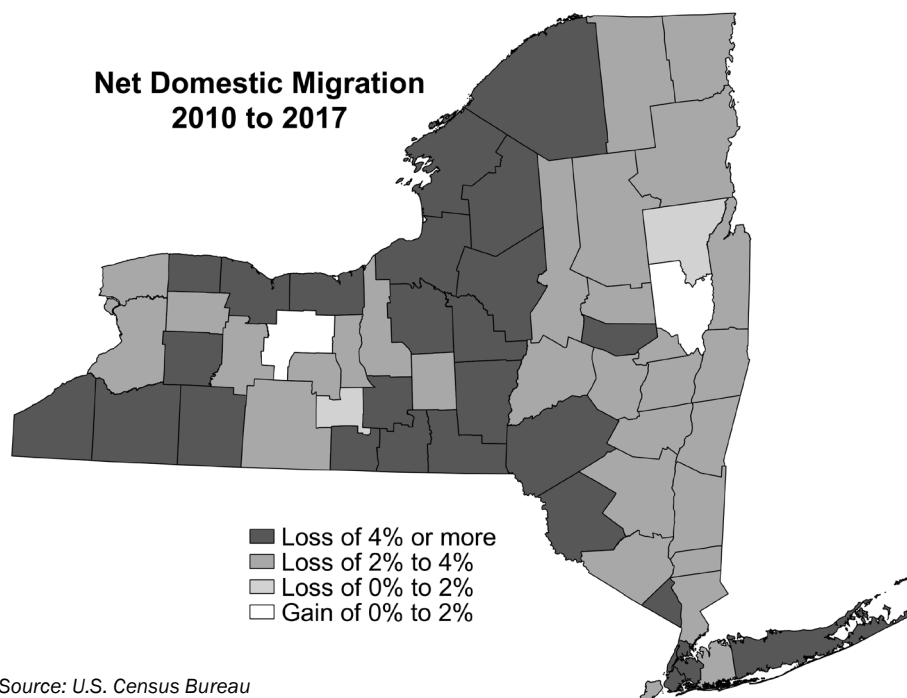


Table 2. Change in Total Population for NY Counties, 2010-17

	2010 Base	Net Migration			Natural Increase ^a			Net Population Change ^b		
	Total	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²
Albany County	304,204	2,325	0.8%	5	3,242	1.1%	21	5,408	1.8%	13
Allegany County	48,946	-2,293	-4.7%	60	247	0.5%	34	-2,052	-4.2%	56
Bronx County	1,385,108	-1,853	-0.1%	10	87,250	6.3%	4	86,052	6.2%	1
Broome County	200,600	-6,615	-3.3%	41	-483	-0.2%	48	-6,961	-3.5%	45
Cattaraugus County	80,317	-3,578	-4.5%	57	562	0.7%	29	-2,969	-3.7%	52
Cayuga County	80,026	-2,516	-3.1%	40	120	0.1%	41	-2,423	-3.0%	41
Chautauqua County	134,905	-5,690	-4.2%	53	-192	-0.1%	46	-5,859	-4.3%	57
Chemung County	88,830	-3,627	-4.1%	52	344	0.4%	36	-3,273	-3.7%	51
Chenango County	50,477	-2,316	-4.6%	59	-332	-0.7%	53	-2,614	-5.2%	60
Columbia County	63,096	-1,446	-2.3%	33	-987	-1.6%	59	-2,492	-3.9%	54
Cortland County	49,336	-1,740	-3.5%	46	241	0.5%	35	-1,550	-3.1%	42
Delaware County	47,980	-1,887	-3.9%	51	-1,059	-2.2%	61	-2,979	-6.2%	61
Dutchess County	297,488	-3,839	-1.3%	17	1,956	0.7%	30	-1,920	-0.6%	21
Erie County	919,040	4,617	0.5%	9	2,369	0.3%	39	6,488	0.7%	14
Essex County	39,370	-810	-2.1%	29	-589	-1.5%	58	-1,414	-3.6%	50
Franklin County	51,599	-831	-1.6%	21	324	0.6%	32	-483	-0.9%	22
Fulton County	55,531	-1,149	-2.1%	31	-486	-0.9%	55	-1,654	-3.0%	40
Genesee County	60,079	-1,813	-3.0%	39	-171	-0.3%	49	-2,123	-3.5%	48
Greene County	49,221	-939	-1.9%	26	-794	-1.6%	60	-1,751	-3.6%	49
Hamilton County	4,836	-162	-3.3%	43	-194	-4.0%	62	-351	-7.3%	62
Herkimer County	64,519	-1,918	-3.0%	38	-293	-0.5%	50	-2,279	-3.5%	47
Jefferson County	116,229	-10,901	-9.4%	62	8,669	7.5%	1	-2,042	-1.8%	27
Kings County	2,504,700	-40,797	-1.6%	22	185,409	7.4%	2	144,071	5.8%	2
Lewis County	27,087	-1,064	-3.9%	50	539	2.0%	10	-536	-2.0%	31
Livingston County	65,393	-1,401	-2.1%	32	-4	0.0%	43	-1,594	-2.4%	35
Madison County	73,442	-2,874	-3.9%	49	376	0.5%	33	-2,477	-3.4%	44
Monroe County	744,344	-9,641	-1.3%	18	12,994	1.7%	13	3,298	0.4%	16
Montgomery County	50,219	-1,177	-2.3%	34	184	0.4%	37	-961	-1.9%	30
Nassau County	1,339,532	6,741	0.5%	8	23,531	1.8%	12	29,982	2.2%	11
New York County	1,585,873	17,213	1.1%	4	61,606	3.9%	7	78,854	5.0%	5
Niagara County	216,469	-3,645	-1.7%	23	-1,405	-0.6%	52	-5,141	-2.4%	34
Oneida County	234,878	-4,082	-1.7%	24	530	0.2%	40	-3,546	-1.5%	24
Onondaga County	467,026	-9,638	-2.1%	30	7,969	1.7%	15	-1,628	-0.3%	19
Ontario County	107,931	1,980	1.8%	2	-70	-0.1%	44	1,968	1.8%	12
Orange County	372,813	-6,977	-1.9%	25	16,280	4.4%	6	9,413	2.5%	9
Orleans County	42,883	-1,944	-4.5%	58	38	0.1%	42	-1,900	-4.4%	58
Oswego County	122,109	-5,205	-4.3%	55	1,555	1.3%	19	-3,631	-3.0%	39
Otsego County	62,259	-1,616	-2.6%	36	-549	-0.9%	56	-2,165	-3.5%	46
Putnam County	99,710	-1,377	-1.4%	19	1,057	1.1%	22	-387	-0.4%	20
Queens County	2,230,722	12,550	0.6%	7	115,142	5.2%	5	127,860	5.7%	3
Rensselaer County	159,429	-761	-0.5%	11	1,122	0.7%	28	293	0.2%	17
Richmond County	468,730	-2,412	-0.5%	12	13,264	2.8%	8	10,728	2.3%	10
Rockland County	311,687	-3,306	-1.1%	15	20,449	6.6%	3	17,181	5.5%	4
Saratoga County	219,607	-3,750	3.2%	1	1,423	1.5%	16	10,262	4.7%	6
Schenectady County	154,727	7,052	-0.8%	14	3,363	1.4%	18	838	0.5%	15
Schoharie County	32,749	-1,238	-3.5%	47	2,136	-0.5%	51	-1,329	-4.1%	55
Schuyler County	18,343	-1,158	-1.2%	16	-170	-0.7%	54	-343	-1.9%	29
Seneca County	35,251	-225	-3.0%	37	-125	0.9%	25	-753	-2.1%	33
St. Lawrence County	111,944	-1,046	-3.3%	44	311	1.3%	20	-2,321	-2.1%	32
Steuben County	98,990	-3,451	-3.5%	45	761	0.8%	26	-2,709	-2.7%	38
Suffolk County	1,493,350	-28,710	-1.9%	27	28,556	1.9%	11	-397	0.0%	18
Sullivan County	77,547	-2,835	-3.7%	48	764	1.0%	24	-2,062	-2.7%	37
Tioga County	51,125	-2,855	-5.6%	61	369	0.7%	27	-2,547	-5.0%	59
Tompkins County	101,564	1,691	1.7%	3	1,463	1.4%	17	3,238	3.2%	8
Ulster County	182,493	-2,619	-1.4%	20	-429	-0.2%	47	-3,076	-1.7%	26
Warren County	65,707	-433	-0.7%	13	-688	-1.0%	57	-1,175	-1.8%	28
Washington County	63,216	-1,548	-2.4%	35	-48	-0.1%	45	-1,596	-2.5%	36
Wayne County	93,772	-4,085	-4.4%	56	983	1.0%	23	-3,102	-3.3%	43
Westchester County	949,113	5,440	0.6%	6	25,975	2.7%	9	31,131	3.3%	7
Wyoming County	42,155	-1,791	-4.2%	54	112	0.3%	38	-1,662	-3.9%	53
Yates County	25,348	-843	-3.3%	42	438	1.7%	14	-393	-1.6%	25
Downstate	13,038,826	-47,327	-0.4%		580,475	4.5%		532,965	4.1%	
Upstate	6,339,276	-105,174	-1.7%		45,009	0.7%		-61,668	-1.0%	
NYS TOTAL	19,378,102	-152,501	-0.8%		625,484	3.2%		471,297	2.4%	

^a Natural increase is resident births minus resident deaths
^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

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