

# COMMUNITY REPORT CARD

## Nine-County Region

# 2019

**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:**

- Worse than NYS by 10% or more
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**Long Term Trend Key:**

- Improved by more than 1%
- Deteriorated by 1% or more
- Unchanged

**Our Region**

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

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- ❖ In 2016, 7.5% of babies in the 9-county region had low birth weights (less than 5.5 pounds), similar to 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 2013-17, 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 52% in 2013-17, a 5-point increase from 2008-12 and a 14-point increase from 2000.
- ❖ In 2013-17, 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 2013-17. In the city of Rochester, 73% of families were headed by a single parent in 2013-17, an increase of 11 points from 2000 to 2013-17.

TRENDS SNAPSHOT				
Indicator	Regional Value*	Year**	NYS Comparison	Long Term Trend***
<b>Early Prenatal Care</b> (Percent of Live Births)	80%	2016		
<b>Babies with Low Birth Weights</b> (Percent of Live Births)	7%	2016		
<b>Infant Mortality Rate Deaths</b> (per 1,000 Live Births)	6	2014-16		
<b>Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels Under Age 6</b>	0.7%	2015		
<b>Children in Poverty</b>	20%	2013-17****		
<b>Single-Parent Families</b> (percent of total)	39%	2013-17****		
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect</b> (per 1,000 Children)	18	2016		
<b>Foster Care Admissions</b> (per 1,000 Children)	2.1	2017		
<b>Teen Pregnancies</b> (percent of girls 15-19)	2%	2016		
<b><i>NEW</i> Teen Births</b> (per 10,000 females 15 to 19 years old)	14	2016		

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# COMMUNITY VITALITY

- ❖ Total tourism revenue for the region was over \$1.6 billion in 2017, \$1,368 in revenue per resident. This was lower than the statewide (excluding NYC) average of \$2,089. Over \$92 million was spent by tourists on recreation in the region, up slightly from 2016. This equates to \$76 per resident, compared to a NYS (excluding NYC) average of \$184.
- ❖ 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 decrease in 2017, with 81% of residents registering to vote.
- ❖ In 2016, 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.

TRENDS SNAPSHOT				
Indicator	Regional Value*	Year**	NYS Comparison	Long Term Trend***
Arts and Culture Attendance	4.25 million	2016	Not Available	↑
Tourism Revenue Per Resident (in constant 2016 dollars)	\$1,368	2017	 (NYS excludes NYC)	↑
Recreation Revenue Per Resident (in constant 2016 dollars)	\$76	2017	 (NYS excludes NYC)	↓
Voter Registration Rate	81%	2017		↓
Voter Participation Rate	58%	2016		↔
Registered Library Borrowers	63%	2016		↓
Library Visits (per capita)	6	2016		↓
Contributions as Percent of Income (in constant 2016 dollars)	1.7%	2016		↓
<b>NEW</b> Households without Vehicles	10%	2013-17***		↔

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# ECONOMIC SECURITY

- ❖ In 2013-17, 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 11%, was roughly double that of Monroe County and the overall region, though that rate represents a decrease of 3 percentage points (or 348 fewer disengaged youth) from 2000.
- ❖ In 2013-17, median household income in the region was \$55,000, below the national median of \$57,700 and below the statewide median of \$62,800. Since 2000, median income decreased in the region 14% after adjusting for inflation, compared to much smaller declines at the state (2%) and national (7%) levels. The City of Rochester had a median income of \$32,300 in 2013-17, substantially lower than every county in the region, and down 19% since 2000.
- ❖ The poverty rate in 2013-17 was 14% in the region, slightly lower than both the statewide and national rate of 15%. For the region, this was a 4-point increase from 2000 to 2013-17. This was a greater increase than the state (which had no change), and the nation (3 points) from 2000 to 2013-17. The poverty rate in the City of Rochester was significantly higher at 33% in 2013-17, an increase of 7 points since 2000. The 66,500 Rochester residents living in poverty accounted for 62% of the poverty in Monroe County and 41% of the total for the region; these shares have declined a few percentage points since 2000, indicating a growth in poverty outside the City as well.
- ❖ In 2013-17, 14% of households received SNAP, up from 12% in 2008-12 and close to the national rate of 13% and the state rate of 15%. Rates were higher in the region's cities: 35% in Rochester, 23% in Geneva and 23% in Batavia, though only 13% of households in Canandaigua received the assistance.

TRENDS SNAPSHOT				
Indicator	Regional Value*	Year**	NYS Comparison	Long Term Trend***
<b>NEW</b> Disengaged Youth (ages 16 to 19)	6%	2013-17***		
Median Household Income (Inflation adjusted)	\$54,972	2013-17***		
People Living in Poverty (% of Population)	14%	2013-17***		
Public Assistance Recipients (Rate per resident)	2.6%	2017		
Approval Rate for Public Assistance Recipients	26%	2017	 (NYS excludes NYC)	
<b>NEW</b> Households Receiving SNAP	14%	2013-17***		
Tax Filers Receiving Earned Income Tax Credit	16%	2016		
<b>NEW</b> Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (in constant 2015 dollars)	\$177	2016		

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# ECONOMY

- ❖ Total jobs increased by 0.5% in the region from 2016 to 2017, placing our region below the state and national level (both 1.4%).
- ❖ In 2017, the unemployment rate for the 9-county Rochester region was 5%, up from the previous year's rate of 4.7%. The region's 2017 rate was above unemployment at the state and national levels (4.7% and 4.4%, respectively). The region has generally fared somewhat better than New York State and the nation except for 2017.
- ❖ The average salary in 2017 in the region of \$48,140 was below the state (\$70,538) and national (\$55,370) figures.
- ❖ Local government spending per-capita for the region was \$3,538 in 2017, similar to the spending in New York State (excluding NYC). In the region, local spending has decreased 3% from 2016 but increased 8% from 2000. The City of Rochester spent just over \$3,100 per capita, a 39% increase from 2000 and about \$100 more than in 2016.

TRENDS SNAPSHOT				
Indicator	Regional Value*	Year**	NYS Comparison	Long Term Trend***
Annual Change in Total Jobs	0.5%	2017		↓
Change in Number of Business Establishments	11%	2017		Not applicable
Unemployment Rate	5%	2017		↓
Change in Average Salary (Since 2000)	3%	2017		↑
Employment-to-Population Ratio	73%	2017		↓
Local Government Spending (Per Resident)	\$3,538	2017	 (NYS excludes NYC)	↓

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# EDUCATION

- ❖ In 2017, 44% of our region's 4-year-olds were enrolled in prekindergarten programs, up from 11% in 2001 but below the state rate of 52%.
- ❖ In 2018, 43% of third-graders in our region met or exceeded the state standard in English Language Arts, below the statewide rate of 51%, and up from 29% in 2013.
- ❖ In 2018, 48% of third-graders in our region passed the math exam (met or exceeded state standards), lower than the statewide rate of 54%. In Rochester, the 2018 passing rate for students attending traditional public schools was just 18%, compared to 57% for Rochester charter school students.
- ❖ In 2018, 45% of eighth-graders in our region passed (met or exceeded state standards) either the Grade 8 math exam or the Regents math test, below the statewide rate of 48%. In the Rochester City school district, only 14% of students passed, the lowest pass rate in the region, but an increase of 3 points from 2015.
- ❖ By August 2018, 85% of the 2014 cohort in our region graduated, compared to 83% statewide. At 59%, the Rochester School District had the lowest graduation rate in the region but increased 2 percentage points from the previous year and was significantly up from 48% in 2013. The regional rate has increased 4 percentage points in the past 11 years while the state rate went up 9 points.
- ❖ In 2017, public school districts in our region spent over \$22,000 per student, about \$2,500 less than the state spent per pupil - a difference that has grown from just \$920 in 2000 (adjusted for inflation). Also in 2017, instructional spending in our region was about \$15,800 per student, lower than the state (\$18,600). Instructional spending has increased by 43% since 2000, after adjusting for inflation, less than the 60% increase statewide.

TRENDS SNAPSHOT				
Indicator	Regional Value*	Year**	NYS Comparison	Long Term Trend***
<b>Pre-Kindergarten Participation</b> (% of Four Year Olds)	44%	2017		↑
<b>Grade 3 English %</b> (Scoring at Level 3+)	43%	2018		↑
<b>NEW</b> <b>Grade 3 Math</b> (Scoring at Level 3+)	48%	2018		↑
<b>Grade 8 English %</b> (Scoring at Level 3+)	41%	2018		↑
<b>Grade 8 Math %</b> (Scoring at Level 3+)	45%	2018		↓
<b>Common Core Algebra</b> (score of at least 3+)	73%	2018		Not applicable
<b>Common Core English</b> (score of at least 3+)	78%	2018		Not applicable
<b>Four Year Cohort Graduation Rate</b> (% of Ninth Graders)	85%	2018		↑
<b>Education Attainment for People 25 and Older</b> (% with Some College+)	62%	2013-17****		↑
<b>Percent of Students Receiving Special Education</b>	9%	2017		↑
<b>School Spending per Student</b> (in constant 2017 dollars)	\$22,208	2017	 (NYS excludes NYC)	↑
<b>NEW</b> <b>Instructional Spending per Student</b> (in constant 2017 dollars)	\$15,778	2017		↑

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# HEALTH

- ❖ From 2008 to 2016, the percentage of county residents under 65 without health insurance declined by 5-8 percentage points in all nine regional counties
- ❖ In 2016, our region had 34 doctors per 10,000 residents, compared to the state rate of 41. 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 2016, there were 685 deaths per 100,000 residents in the region, above the rate for the state (624). The regional rate rose from 670 in 2013, breaking a trend of declines in the past few years.
- ❖ In 2016, there were 103 people living with HIV per 100,000 residents in our region, compared to the state rate of 93 (excluding NYC). The region's rate was up 7% from 2002. Monroe consistently has, by far, the highest rate in the region at 139 in 2016, compared to the surrounding counties' rate of 44.
- ❖ In 2016, there were 130 people per 100,000 residents in our region living with AIDS, compared to the state rate (excluding NYC) of 120. The region saw an increase of 39% since 2002.

TRENDS SNAPSHOT				
Indicator	Regional Value*	Year**	NYS Comparison	Long Term Trend***
<b>People Without Health Insurance</b> (under age 65)	5%	2016		
<b>Supply of Doctors</b> (per 10,000 residents)	34	2016		
<b>Mortality</b> (per 100,000 residents)	685	2016	 (NYS excluding NYC)	
<b>Chlamydia</b> (per 100,000 residents)	52	2017		
<b>Gonorrhea</b> (per 100,000 residents)	17	2017		
<b>People Living with HIV</b> (per 100,000 residents)	104	2016	 (NYS excludes NYC)	
<b>People Living with AIDS</b> (per 100,000 residents)	132	2016	 (NYS excludes NYC)	
<b>Alcohol Related Crashes</b> (per 10,000 Residents)	3	2017		
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# HOUSING

❖ In 2013-17, the median home value for the region was \$133,200, substantially less than the statewide (without NYC) median of \$214,390 and the national median of \$193,500. The regional value dropped 2% from 2000 to 2013-17. The national median rose 18% from 2000 to 2013-17. The City of Rochester's median home price in 2013-17 was \$79,400, substantially lower than any counties in the region. Rochester's median price decreased 13% since 2000.

❖ In 2013-17, 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 - 46% - had residents whose housing costs were above affordable levels.

❖ In 2013-17, 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 2013-17.

❖ In 2013-17, 10% of residential housing units in the region were vacant, or about 52,800 units. This was less than the state and nation (both at 12%). The region's vacancy rate increased 2 percentage points from 2000 to 2013-17, a bit less than the state (up 4 points) and similar to the nation (up 3 points).

TRENDS SNAPSHOT				
Indicator	Regional Value*	Year**	NYS Comparison	Long Term Trend***
<b>Median Home Value</b> (in 2017 dollars)	<b>\$133,156</b>	<b>2013-17****</b>		
<b>Median Rental Prices</b> (in constant 2015 dollars)	<b>\$827</b>	<b>2013-17****</b>		
<b>Housing Affordability for Homeowners</b> (ratio of home value to annual income)	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2013-17****</b>		
<b>Housing Affordability for Renters</b> (proportion of income devoted to rent)	<b>34%</b>	<b>2013-17****</b>		
<b>NEW Overall Housing Cost Burden</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>2013-17****</b>		
<b>Homeownership Rate</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>2013-17****</b>		
<b>NEW Vacant Housing Units</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>2013-17****</b>		
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

❖ In 2017, there were 214 serious crimes reported per 10,000 residents in the 9-county region, higher than the state rate of 181. Regionally, serious crimes have declined 39% since 2000, less than the 41% decline statewide. In 2017, there were 28 violent crimes per 10,000 residents in our region, up from 27 the prior year and below the state rate of 36. The regional rate is higher than in 2000, and down from the high of 33 per 10,000 residents in 2006.

❖ In 2017, 13.7 of every 10,000 residents in our region was incarcerated in local jails, similar to the state (excluding NYC) rate of 13.6. The regional incarceration rate decreased 4% from 2008 to 2017, while the state (excluding NYC) rate decreased by 7%.

❖ In 2017, there were 198 arrests for every 10,000 residents in our region, below the rate of 226 for the state and a 20% decrease from the arrest rate in 2000. Of the regional cities, Rochester had the highest rate at 352 arrests per 10,000 residents, though that rate represented a 30% decrease from 2000. Geneva and Batavia both had smaller decreases in their arrest rates, while Canandaigua's rate increased by 18% to 284 in 2017.

TRENDS SNAPSHOT				
Indicator	Regional Value*	Year**	NYS Comparison	Long Term Trend***
<b>Serious Crimes</b> (per 10,000 residents)	214	2017		↑
<b>Violent Crimes</b> (per 10,000 residents)	28	2017		↓
<b>Domestic Violence</b> (per 10,000 residents)	54	2017	 (NYS excludes NYC)	↑
<b>NEW</b> <b>Incarceration Rate</b> (per 10,000 )residents)	13.7	2017		↑
<b>NEW</b> <b>Arrest Rate</b> (per 10,000 residents)	97.7	2017		↑
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