

A Comparative Look at County Poverty Levels

The ten New York State counties with the greatest number of people living in poverty, from highest to lowest, are: Kings, Bronx, Queens, New York, Erie, Monroe, Suffolk, Westchester, Nassau, and Onondaga. The ten counties with the highest percentage of the population living in poverty, from highest to lowest, are: Bronx, Kings, Broome, Franklin, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, St. Lawrence, Tompkins, Montgomery, and Oswego.

County	Number in Poverty	Rank by Number	Percent in Poverty	Rank by Percent
Albany	34996	15	11.71	40
Allegany	6768	41	16.28	11
Bronx	379954	2	26.5	1
Broome	35372	14	18.74	3
Cattaraugus	12916	28	17.27	6
Cayuga	9705	33	13.48	24
Chautauqua	21254	20	17.33	5
Chemung	11574	30	14.48	18
Chenango	5674	48	12.21	34
Clinton	9217	35	12.71	31
Columbia	5791	47	9.7	50
Cortland	5518	50	12.77	29
Delaware	6549	43	15.44	14
Dutchess	24677	18	8.82	55
Erie	127528	5	13.79	22
Essex	3321	58	9.51	51
Franklin	7886	37	18.4	4
Fulton	7730	39	14.75	16
Genesee	5977	45	10.43	46
Greene	4580	53	10.23	48
Hamilton	487	62	9.7	49
Herkimer	7754	38	13.03	28
Jefferson	14531	27	13.13	27
Kings	504813	1	18.79	2
Lewis	3147	59	11.93	37
Livingston	6504	44	11.52	42
Madison	5665	49	8.99	54
Monroe	99940	6	13.66	23
Montgomery	8153	36	16.74	9
Nassau	74930	9	5.46	62

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New York	252233	4	15.55	13
Niagara	25990	17	12.44	32
Oneida	31972	16	14.5	17
Onondaga	62845	10	13.81	21
Ontario	9284	34	8.54	56
Orange	45401	13	11.71	41
Orleans	5298	51	13.97	20
Oswego	18466	21	16.44	10
Otsego	6650	42	12.38	33
Putnam	5842	46	6.05	61
Queens	270107	3	11.41	43
Rensselaer	17392	23	11.19	44
Richmond	50282	11	10.3	47
Rockland	49451	12	14.89	15
Saratoga	14763	26	6.38	60
Schenectady	18349	22	11.97	36
Schoharie	3448	57	12.07	35
Schuyler	2794	61	15.8	12
Seneca	3688	55	11.89	38
St. Lawrence	16570	24	17.11	7
Steuben	11812	29	12.76	30
Suffolk	99121	7	6.63	59
Sullivan	10423	31	14.07	19
Tioga	4454	54	9.28	52
Tompkins	15445	25	16.85	8
Ulster	22934	19	13.17	26
Warren	5151	52	7.94	58
Washington	6893	40	11.89	39
Wayne	10079	32	11.15	45
Westchester	80169	8	8.21	57
Wyoming	3495	56	9.24	53
Yates	3111	60	13.22	25

This data from the US Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (ACS) report S1701 - Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months, 2017 - 2021 five year estimates. (data.census.gov)