

# Allegany County

Allegany County has a land area of approximately 1030 square miles and a population density of 48.5 per square mile.

## Selected Economic Indicators for Allegany County, NY

	Value	Rank in State (62 counties)
Population (2008)	49,649	48
% Growth since 2000	-0.6%	33
Households (2000)	18,009	
Labor Force (2008)	23,900	
Unemployment Rate (2008)	6.5%	

	Value	Rank in State (62 counties)
Per Capita Personal Income (2007)	\$23,292	62
Median Household Income (2007)	\$37,954	
Poverty Rate (2007)	16.7%	
H.S. Diploma or More (2000)	83.2%	
Bachelor's Degree or More (2000)	17.2%	

## Per Capita Personal Income Trends for Allegany County, NY

	Value	Rank in State (of 62 counties)	As % of year's NYS Per Capita Income	As % of year's U.S. Per Capita Income
<b>Per Capita Income – 2007</b> Adjusted for inflation	\$23,292	62	50%	60%
<b>Per Capita Income – 1997</b> Adjusted for inflation	\$16,862	61	56%	67%
<b>Per Capita Income – 1987</b> Adjusted for inflation	\$10,865	62	57%	67%

Description (by NAICS)	Establishments	Jobs	% Distribution in County	Total Wages	Avg. Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	941	13,868	100.0%	\$426,930,995	\$30,785
<b>Total, All Private</b>	831	9,708	70.0%	\$295,627,338	\$30,452
<b>Agri., Forestry, Hunting</b>	18	183	1.3%	\$4,319,590	\$23,978
<b>Mining</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Utilities</b>	6	72	0.5%	\$4,574,722	\$63,538
<b>Construction</b>	65	346	2.5%	\$13,817,716	\$39,936
<b>Manufacturing</b>	49	2,389	17.2%	\$106,877,203	\$44,737
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	23	184	1.3%	\$7,287,509	\$39,606
<b>Retail Trade</b>	152	1,375	9.9%	\$25,248,938	\$18,363
<b>Transportation, Warehousing</b>	14	175	1.3%	\$6,794,358	\$38,825
<b>Information</b>	23	113	0.8%	\$2,756,613	\$24,395
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	33	205	1.5%	\$6,437,439	\$31,402
<b>Real Estate, Rental, Leasing</b>	23	53	0.4%	\$1,231,050	\$23,227
<b>Professional, Technical Services</b>	54	209	1.5%	\$6,089,681	\$29,137
<b>Mgmt. of Companies &amp; Enterprises</b>	3	118	0.8%	\$3,519,577	\$29,827
<b>Administrative, Waste Services</b>	26	192	1.4%	\$3,359,652	\$17,498
<b>Educational Services</b>	11	869	6.3%	\$37,627,929	\$43,300
<b>Health Care, Social Assistance</b>	91	1,463	10.5%	\$33,438,785	\$22,856
<b>Arts, Entertainment, Recreation</b>	17	129	0.9%	\$1,779,629	\$13,796
<b>Accommodations, Food Services</b>	90	1,092	7.9%	\$11,979,206	\$10,970
<b>Other Services (exc. public admin)</b>	109	405	2.9%	\$6,565,886	\$16,212
<b>Public Administration</b>	110	4,160	30.0%	\$131,303,657	\$31,563

In **Allegany County**, the labor force, number of employed, and number of unemployed has remained fairly flat between 2001 and 2006. However, the unemployment rate increased from a low of 4.8% to a high of 6.4% and 6.3% in 2003 and 2004, respectively, before falling to 5.5% in 2005 and 5.1% in 2006. This improvement in the last two years' data is representative of the improving national economy during this period, but the prior year unemployment peaks are representative of the restructuring of the County's economy.

Between 2001 and 2006, the County's manufacturing sector has a loss of 300 jobs, or 11.1% of that sector's employment. Employment in all other sectors of the County appears relatively flat, or marginally positive, including education and health services and agriculture.

As of 2006, the four largest employment sectors in Allegany County are agriculture (5,300 persons), government (4,800 persons), education and health services (4,600), and manufacturing (2,400 persons). The County appears to be losing manufacturing employment, while there is some growth in education and health services and agricultural employment.

# Cattaraugus County

Cattaraugus County has a land area of approximately 1,310 square miles and a population density of 64.1 per square mile. From 1980-2000, Cattaraugus County's population has *decreased* by % (an average annual change of -).

## Selected Economic Indicators for Cattaraugus County, NY

	Value	Rank in State (62 counties)
Population (2008)	79,688	35
% Growth since 2000	-5.1	61
Households (2000)	32,023	
Labor Force (2008)	41,700	
Unemployment Rate (2008)	6.2%	

	Value	Rank in State (62 counties)
Per Capita Personal Income (2007)	\$28,841	44
Median Household Income (2007)	\$40,830	
Poverty Rate (2007)	15.8%	
H.S. Diploma or More (2000)	81.2%	
Bachelor's Degree or More (2000)	14.9%	

## Per Capita Personal Income Trends for Cattaraugus County, NY

	Value	Rank in State (of 62 counties)	As % of year's NYS Per Capita Income	As % of year's U.S. Per Capita Income
<b>Per Capita Income – 2007</b> Adjusted for inflation	\$28,841	44	62%	75%
<b>Per Capita Income – 1997</b> Adjusted for inflation	\$18,625	51	62%	74%
<b>Per Capita Income – 1987</b> Adjusted for inflation	\$12,142	56	64%	75%

Description (by NAICS)	Establishments	Jobs	% Distribution in County	Total Wages	Avg. Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	1,847	31,307	100.0%	\$1,003,628,097	\$32,058
<b>Total, All Private</b>	1,692	21,018	67.1%	\$643,143,255	\$30,058
<b>Agri., Forestry, Hunting</b>	26	193	0.6%	\$4,858,759	\$25,175
<b>Mining</b>	20	148	0.5%	\$5,377,708	\$36,336
<b>Utilities</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Construction</b>	161	754	2.4%	\$25,877,186	\$34,320
<b>Manufacturing</b>	88	4,443	14.2%	\$200,464,067	\$45,119
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	76	731	2.3%	\$30,007,817	\$41,050
<b>Retail Trade</b>	348	4,181	13.4%	\$90,518,554	\$21,650
<b>Transportation, Warehousing</b>	42	404	1.3%	\$12,417,978	\$30,738
<b>Information</b>	16	254	0.8%	\$9,591,803	\$37,763
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	75	605	1.9%	\$22,538,337	\$37,253
<b>Real Estate, Rental, Leasing</b>	64	234	.7%	\$5,540,822	\$23,679
<b>Professional, Technical Services</b>	94	423	1.4%	\$16,896,971	\$39,946
<b>Mgmt. of Companies &amp; Enterprises</b>	10	174	0.7%	\$7,182,367	\$41,278
<b>Administrative, Waste Services</b>	57	666	2.1%	\$31,205,826	\$46,856
<b>Educational Services</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Health Care, Social Assistance</b>	170	3,519	11.2%	\$102,284,219	\$29,066
<b>Arts, Entertainment, Recreation</b>	23	208	0.7%	\$3,336,292	\$16,040
<b>Accommodations, Food Services</b>	180	2,203	7.0%	\$27,481,235	\$12,474
<b>Other Services (exc. public admin)</b>	181	1,110	3.5%	\$18,570,132	\$16,730
<b>Public Administration</b>	155	10,289	32.9%	\$360,484,842	\$35,036

**Cattaraugus County** has experienced slightly more growth than has Allegany County, but in some ways the story is much the same. Between 2001 and 2006, the County's labor force had increased by 1,200 persons, a 2.9% increase, although the labor force decreased in size by 500 between 2005 and 2006, leaving a net 700 person increase between 2001 and 2006, a .17% increase. During that period, employment had increased by 700 persons, while unemployment had remained flat (though showing variability over that period). These are relatively flat numbers. However, much the same as Allegany County, the unemployment rate peaked in 2003 and 2004 (5.9% and 6.1% respectively), before falling back to 5.4% in 2005 and 5.0% in 2006.

Cattaraugus County also has experienced sectoral employment trends that are similar to those experienced by Allegany County between 2001 and 2006. During this period, manufacturing employment fell by 1,200 persons (a 21.1% decrease), while agricultural employment grew by 1,100 persons and government employment grew by 1,400 persons (a 22.5% increase and a 15.6% increase respectively). Education and health care employment grew by a more modest 300 persons (a 5.7% increase). Smaller employment

sectors experiencing small changes in growth, no change, or decline (yet large percentage changes, because of their small size), are the natural resources, mining and construction (a 200 person, or 25.0% increase in employment), the financial activities (no change in employment), and the professional and business services (a 300 person, or 17.7% decrease in employment) sectors.

As of 2006, the five largest employment sectors in Cattaraugus County are government (10,400 persons), agriculture (6,000 persons), trade, transportation and utilities (5,700 persons), educational and health services (5,600 persons), and manufacturing (4,500 persons). No other sector employs more than 1,400 persons.

# Chautauqua County

Chautauqua County has a land area of approximately 1,062 square miles and a population density of 131.6 per square mile. From 1980-2000, Chautauqua County's population has *decreased* by 7.2% (an average annual change of -359).

## Selected Economic Indicators for Chautauqua County, NY

	Value	Rank in State (62 counties)
<b>Population (2008)</b>	133,789	23
<b>Growth (%) since 2000</b>	-4.3%	60
<b>Households (2000)</b>	54,515	
<b>Labor Force (2008)</b>	67,300	
<b>Unemployment Rate (2008)</b>	5.6%	

	Value	Rank in State (62 counties)
<b>Per Capita Personal Income (2007)</b>	\$26,986	54
<b>Median Household Income (2007)</b>	\$38,926	
<b>Poverty Rate (2007)</b>	15.1%	
<b>H.S. Diploma or More (2000)</b>	81.2%	
<b>Bachelor's Degree or More (2000)</b>	16.9%	

## Per Capita Personal Income Trends for Chautauqua County, NY

	Value	Rank in State (of 62 counties)	As % of year's NYS Per Capita Income	As % of year's U.S. Per Capita Income
<b>Per Capita Income – 2007</b> Adjusted for inflation	\$26,986	54	58%	70%
<b>Per Capita Income – 1997</b> Adjusted for inflation	\$19,070	47	64%	75%
<b>Per Capita Income – 1987</b> Adjusted for inflation	\$13,139	43	69%	81%

	Per Capita Income Average Annual Growth Rate 1977-1987	Per Capita Income Average Annual Growth Rate 1987-1997	Per Capita Income Average Annual Growth Rate 1997-2007
<b>Chautauqua County</b>	8.0%	3.8%	3.5%
<b>New York State</b>	8.9%	4.6%	4.5%
<b>United States</b>	8.2%	4.5%	4.3%

In 2007, manufacturing was the largest of 20 sectors with an average wage per job of \$43,107.

Description (by NAICS)	Establishments	Jobs	% Distribution in County	Total Wages	Avg. Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	3,313	55,065	100.0%	\$1,700,608,374	\$30,884
<b>Total, All Private</b>	3,150	45,289	82.2%	\$1,327,867,188	\$29,320
<b>Agri., Forestry, Hunting</b>	50	415	0.8%	\$9,088,260	\$21,899
<b>Mining</b>	19	199	0.4%	\$10,252,403	\$51,520
<b>Utilities</b>	9	285	0.5%	\$23,477,286	\$82,376
<b>Construction</b>	282	1,596	2.9%	\$57,834,376	\$36,237
<b>Manufacturing</b>	226	11,338	20.6%	\$488,748,995	\$43,107
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	135	1,451	2.6%	\$57,944,341	\$39,934
<b>Retail Trade</b>	537	6,831	12.4%	\$138,298,585	\$20,246
<b>Transportation, Warehousing</b>	97	1,269	2.3%	\$42,072,677	\$33,154
<b>Information</b>	51	780	1.4%	\$23,576,331	\$30,226
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	165	919	1.7%	\$36,615,467	\$39,843
<b>Real Estate, Rental, Leasing</b>	99	477	0.9%	\$10,875,724	\$22,800
<b>Professional, Technical Services</b>	186	987	1.8%	\$31,632,518	\$32,049
<b>Company, Enterprise Mgmt.</b>	20	250	0.5%	\$9,178,908	\$36,716
<b>Administrative, Waste Services</b>	124	2,002	3.6%	\$37,983,597	\$18,973
<b>Educational Services</b>	23	351	0.6%	\$9,442,556	\$26,902
<b>Health Care, Social Assistance</b>	313	7,454	13.5%	\$210,925,876	\$28,297
<b>Arts, Entertainment, Recreation</b>	66	1,037	1.9%	\$16,651,305	\$16,057
<b>Accommodations, Food Services</b>	328	5,196	9.4%	\$59,964,418	\$11,540
<b>Other Services (exc. public admin)</b>	369	2,411	4.4%	\$39,587,748	\$16,420
<b>Public Administration</b>	163	9,776	17.8%	\$372,721,	\$38,128

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, New York State Department of Labor

**Chautauqua County** also mirrors Allegany County in several ways. In Chautauqua County, the labor force, number of employed, and number of unemployed has remained fairly flat between 2001 and 2006. However, also similar to Allegany County, the unemployment rate increased from a low of 4.86 to highs of 5.6%, 5.8%, and 5.5% in 2002, 2003, and 2004, respectively, before falling to 4.9% in 2005 and 4.5% in 2006.

In terms of sectoral analysis, again, Chautauqua is somewhat similar to the other two counties between 2001 and 2006. Chautauqua's agricultural sector has experienced a gain of 1,500 jobs, or a 25.9% increase in that sector's employment. Meanwhile, manufacturing employment decreased by 1,600 person, or 12.3% of that sector's employment. However, there have been some interesting qualitative differences between Chautauqua and the other two counties. While the financial activities sector employment has increased by 7.7%, employment in this sector is so small that this represents only 100 additional jobs. Similarly, professional and business services employment has increased by 200 persons and educational and health services employment has increased by 300 persons, which represent 6.7% and 4.1% gains respectively. Employment in the natural resources, mining and construction sector and the trade, transportation, and utilities sector has been flat over this period. The most interesting divergence is that of the government sector, which experienced a decrease of 700 persons employed, or 6.0% of sectoral employment. This perhaps can be attributed to cutbacks of employment, primarily at the County level.

The major employment sectors in Chautauqua County in 2005 were the manufacturing sector (11,400 persons), government sector (10,900 persons), trade, transportation and utilities sector (10,000 persons), education and health services (7,700 persons), and agriculture (7,300 persons). Taking the long-term view, we again see a restructuring in Chautauqua County away from manufacturing and toward services, trade, and agriculture.

Returning to a regional perspective, data is not available for seasonal employment by SIC code or type of industry. The NYS DOL has advised that data for employment relating to seasonal industries (e.g., winter recreation and tourism-based industries) are contained within data fields for other employment sectors (e.g., the service sector). Thus, because seasonal employment data is not available and the seasonal industries are not broken out individually, little analysis can be done in this area. It can be said, however, that there is a relatively large employment base relating to seasonal agriculture (farming and processing operations) and recreation/tourism (where activity in both summer and winter seasons is an important contributor to regional employment).

The implication for economic development activity is that the region must develop net export activity in its value-added private sector, whether it is manufacturing or service activity. To accomplish this, and be successful in a global economy while paying wage rates competitive with other areas of the state and nation, the region must develop areas where it holds or can hold a competitive advantage. The region must capitalize on its natural resources, mix of private enterprise, skills of its labor force, and locational advantage. (These areas of competitive advantage are detailed in Chapter 2, Section B.1.) Further, the private sector must be encouraged and provided incentives to increase its productivity to compete in global markets. The skills and the educational background of the region's labor force must be upgraded to enable the region's employers to compete in those same markets.

Description (by NAICS)	New York State	Southern Tier West Region
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>\$59,499</b>	<b>\$31,242</b>
<b>Total, All Private</b>	<b>\$61,455</b>	<b>\$29,943</b>
<b>Agri., Forestry, Hunting</b>	<b>\$27,239</b>	<b>\$23,684</b>
<b>Mining</b>	<b>\$54,580</b>	<b>\$43,928</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$92,640</b>	<b>\$72,957</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>\$55,889</b>	<b>\$36,831</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>\$56,007</b>	<b>\$44,321</b>
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>\$69,231</b>	<b>\$40,197</b>
<b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>\$29,199</b>	<b>\$20,086</b>
<b>Transportation, Warehousing</b>	<b>\$42,335</b>	<b>\$34,239</b>
<b>Information</b>	<b>\$86,365</b>	<b>\$30,794</b>
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	<b>\$208,490</b>	<b>\$36,166</b>
<b>Real Estate, Rental, Leasing</b>	<b>\$55,614</b>	<b>\$23,235</b>
<b>Professional, Technical Services</b>	<b>\$84,813</b>	<b>\$33,711</b>
<b>Mgmt. of Companies &amp; Enterprises</b>	<b>\$141,100</b>	<b>\$35,940</b>
<b>Administrative, Waste Services</b>	<b>\$39,470</b>	<b>\$27,875</b>
<b>Educational Services</b>	<b>\$43,619</b>	<b>\$35,107</b>
<b>Health Care, Social Assistance</b>	<b>\$41,409</b>	<b>\$26,739</b>
<b>Arts, Entertainment, Recreation</b>	<b>\$44,514</b>	<b>\$15,978</b>
<b>Accommodations, Food Services</b>	<b>\$21,094</b>	<b>\$11,661</b>
<b>Other Services (exc. public admin)</b>	<b>\$31,839</b>	<b>\$16,454</b>
<b>Public Administration</b>	<b>\$49,774</b>	<b>\$34,909</b>

**General Housing Statistics from Census 2000**

	<b>Housing Units</b>	<b>Occupied Units</b>	<b>Vacant Units</b>	<b>% Vacant</b>	<b>Owner Occ.</b>	<b>% Owner Occ.</b>	<b>Renter Occ.</b>	<b>% Renter Occ.</b>
Allegany County	24,505	18,009	6,496	26.5%	13,302	73.7%	4,707	26.1%
Cattaraugus County	39,839	32,023	7,816	19.6%	23,831	74.4%	8,192	25.6%
Chautauqua County	64,900	54,515	10,385	16.0%	37,757	69.3%	16,758	30.7%
<b>Southern Tier West</b>	<b>129,244</b>	<b>104,547</b>	<b>24,697</b>	<b>19.1%</b>	<b>74,890</b>	<b>71.6%</b>	<b>29,657</b>	<b>28.4%</b>
New York State	7,679,307	7,056,860	622,447	8.1%	3,739,247	53.0%	3,317,613	47.0%
United States	115,904,641	105,480,101	10,424,540	9.0%	69,816,513	66.2%	35,663,588	33.8%