

2013 Profile of Town of Caroline

1. General Population, Demographics, Housing

Caroline has the smallest overall population of Tompkins County towns. Its population increased from 2000-2010 at a greater rate than any other Tompkins County town.

- Total Population: 3,282 (2010)
- Median age: 40.3 years (Tompkins County median age: 29.8 years)
- Population increased 12.8% from 2000
- 93.6% of Caroline’s population is white. (Tompkins County: 82.6%.)

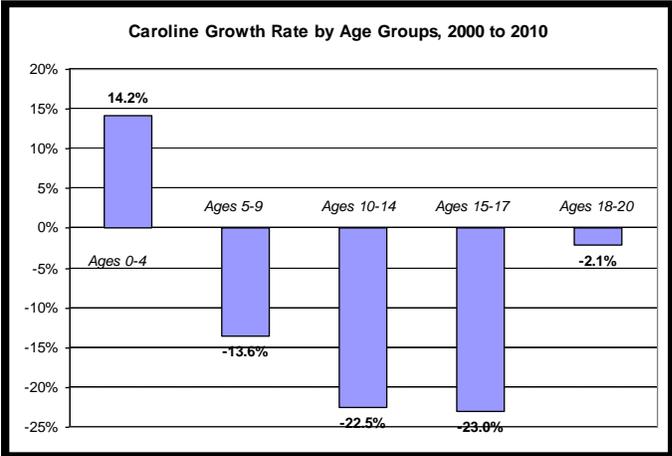
2010 Total Population and Change from 2000				
	2000	2010	Absolute change	Percent change
Caroline	2,910	3,282	+ 372	+12.8%
Tompkins Co.	96,501	101,564	+ 5,063	+ 5.2%

- Number of households: 1,403
 - Percentage of households that are families: 63% (this compares to a county range of 28% to 69%)
 - Number of family households with own children under age 18 – 371 (26.4%)
 - 254 are husband/wife families (18.1%)
 - 49 are male householder families (no wife present) (3.5%)
 - 68 are female householder families (no husband present) (4.8%)
 - Number of owner occupied houses: 988 Median value: \$126,400
 - Percent of occupied homes that are owner occupied: 70.4% (Tompkins County rate: 54.1%)
 - Percent of housing units (1,219) that are mobile homes: 20.8%
 - For renter-occupied units, median rent: \$881
- (Sources: 2010 U.S. Census; 2005-2009 American Community Survey)

2. Youth Population

The Town of Caroline lost in youth population between 2000 and 2010. All age groups except 0 – 4 are smaller than they were ten years ago. Caroline’s youth population, ages 0 – 17, (to factor out the county’s college age youth) is the smallest in the county.

Approximately 4.1% of Tompkins County youth, ages 0 – 17, live in Caroline.



Source: U.S. Census

Caroline Youth 0 – 17		Caroline Youth 0 – 20	
Number of youth	691	Number of youth	785
Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in Caroline	4.1%	Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in Caroline	2.5%
Percentage change from 2000	- 12.3%	Percentage change from 1990	-11.2%
Tompkins County change from 2000	- 8.9%	Tompkins County change from 1990	- 3.3%

2010 Youth Population, Changes from 2000											
	Age					2000	2010	%	2000	2010	%
	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 – 14	15 - 17	18 - 20	0 - 17	0 - 17	Change	0 – 20	0 – 20	Change
Caroline	193	185	176	137	94	788	691	- 12.3%	884	785	- 11.2%
Tompkins County	4,322	4,410	4,537	3,390	14,321	18,296	16,659	- 8.9%	32,036	30,980	- 3.3%

3. School and Education

Enrollment

Student Enrollment, 2011-12 School Year						
	Pre K	K – 5	6 – 8	9 - 12	ungraded	ELL*
Caroline Elementary School	29	298	0	0	0	0
DeWitt Middle School	0	0	524	0	19	42
Lehman Altern. Commun. Sch.	0	0	124	175	1	2
Ithaca City School District total	258	2342	1201	1577	38	234

In the 2012-13 school year, 247 K-12 students residing in the Ithaca district attended a non-public school. The largest number (141) attended Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School.

*English Language Learners (formerly Students with Limited English Proficiency)

Special Needs

In the 2011-12 school year 13.9% of Ithaca district students were classified as having a disability. The rate for all school districts in New York State was 12.8%.

Free & Reduced Lunch Participation

Free/Reduced Lunch Participation						
	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
Caroline Elem.	35%	5%	26%	4%	31%	3%
DeWitt M.S.	25%	5%	29%	3%	29%	7%
L.A.C.S.	13%	8%	18%	8%	22%	8%
Total ICSD	26%	6%	26%	5%	30%	6%
Tompkins Cty.	27%	8%	26%	6%	28%	6%

Eligibility for a family of 4 (July, 2011): Free lunch \$29,055, Reduced lunch \$41,348

School Performance

Ithaca 4 th grade Student Performance on Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards						
	Caroline Elementary			ICSD		
	ELA*	Math	Science	ELA*	Math	Science
2010-11	62%	50%	87%	67%	72%	91%
2011-12	52%	65%	87%	67%	73%	90%

*ELA = English Language Arts NYS Education Dept's. goal is for schools to have 90% of students at or above standards

Ithaca 8 th grade Student Performance on Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards												
	Boynton			DeWitt			LACS			ICSD		
	ELA	Math	Sci.	ELA	Math	Sci.	ELA	Math	Sci.	ELA	Math	Sci.
2010-11	58%	62%	88%	66%	68%	84%	43%	27%	66%	59%	60%	83%
2011-12	62%	60%	82%	55%	65%	81%	77%	34%	77%	60%	59%	80%

Source: NYS Dept. of Education School Report Cards

Progress Toward High School Completion

The table below tracks progress by student cohort. The cohort groups all the first-time 9th graders who start school during the same school year and tracks how each cohort progresses toward high school completion after 4 and 5 years.

ICSD Year entered 9 th grade	Progress after 4 years			Progress after 5 years		
	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out
2006	82%	8%	5%	82.3%	2.3%	10.1%
2007	78.5%	9.7%	5.7%	81.0%	2.8%	8.5%
2008	79.5%	5.4%	10.8%			

“Graduated” includes students with a Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, or Local Diploma. Local Diplomas are being phased out for general ed. students in 2013. An IEP diploma is not considered as a graduation diploma.

Source: NYS Education Dept. School Report Cards, Information & Reporting Services

Post High School Plans

- 59% to 4-year college, 25% to 2-year college
- 1% to military, 10% to employment, 5% to other plan

Source: NYS Dept. of Education School Report Cards

4. Health and Substance Use

Youth Substance use

- ICSD student alcohol use is the highest in the county and higher than national rates for 10th and 12th grades. 21% of students in grades 6-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- ICSD student marijuana use rates are the highest in the county and 10th and 12th grade rates are higher than national peers. 17% of students in grades 6-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- ICSD youth 30-day cigarette use rates are the second lowest in the county. 5% of students in grades 6-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- ICSD youth smokeless tobacco rates are the third lowest in the county (4%).

Source: 2012 Youth Development Survey, Tompkins & ICSD results

Teen Pregnancy & Births

	Caroline Teen Pregnancies			Caroline Teen Births		
	10 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 19	10 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 19
2002	0	2	4	0	0	3
2003	0	1	2	0	1	1
2004	0	0	3	0	0	3
2005	0	0	3	0	0	2
2006	n/a	0	3	n/a	0	2
2007	n/a	0	2	n/a	0	1
2008	n/a	0	2	n/a	0	2
2009	n/a	0	3	n/a	0	2
2010	n/a	0	3	n/a	0	2

In order to protect privacy, the NYS Dept. of Health no longer releases data for ages 10-14 except to local health depts.

Source: NYS Dept. of Health Vital Statistics

Mental Health

- 26% of students said they feel sad or depressed most days.
- 21% of students reported that sometimes they think life is not worth it.

Source: 2012 Youth Development Survey, Tompkins & ICSD results

5. PINS & Pre-PINS*

Pre-PINS and PINS Referrals to Probation by schools

	2010		2011		2012	
	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS
Caroline Elem.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boynton M.S.	0	7	1	7	0	9
DeWitt M.S.	2	3	0	0	0	0
LACS	0	1	0	5	0	0
Ithaca H.S.	0	17	0	15	0	18

*A Person in Need of Supervision (PINS) is a youth under the age of eighteen who is showing a pattern of habitual disobedience, running away, curfew violations, substance abuse, violent behavior, or school truancy problems. Pre-PINS Diversion Services attempt to resolve the conflicts that brought a youth to the attention of the Probation Department by offering supervision, guidance, and referrals to community resources, thus preventing the need for formal Family Court intervention. Pre-PINS Diversion is a mandatory prerequisite prior to filing a formal PINS petition in Family Court.

Source: Tompkins County Probation Dept.

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