

## 2015 Profile of Town of Caroline

### 1. General Population, Demographics and 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)
  - Estimated population: 3,289 (2013 A.C.S.)
- Median age: 40.3 years (Tompkins County median age: 29.8 years)
- Population increased 12.8% from 2000 to 2010
- 93.6% of Caroline’s population is white. (Tompkins County: 82.6%.)

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

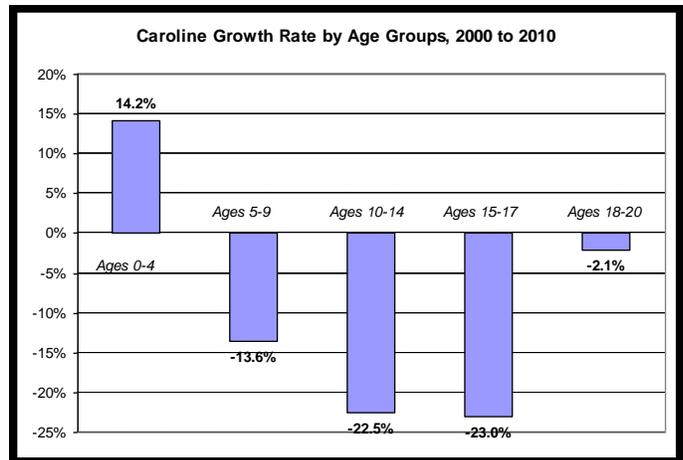
- Number of households: 1,403
- Percentage of households that are families: 63% (this compares to a county range of 28% to 69%)
  - Number of family households with own children under age 18 – 371 (26.4%)
    - 254 are husband/wife families (18.1%)
    - 49 are male householder families (no wife present) (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: Population data are from 2010 U.S. Census except 2013 estimated population is from the 2013 American Community Survey (A.C.S.); household and family data are from 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%
2013 T. Caroline Youth Population Estimates from U.S. Census American Community Survey											
Caroline	146	157	81	96	136	/	480	/	/	616	/

Sources: Population data are from 2010 U.S. Census except 2013 estimated population is from the 2013 American Community Survey

### 3. School and Education

#### Enrollment

Student Enrollment, 2013-14 School Year						
	Pre K	K – 5	6 – 8	9 - 12	ungraded	ELL*
Caroline Elementary School	26	294	0	0	2	0
DeWitt Middle School	0	0	514	0	6	41
Lehman Altern. Commun. Sch.	0	0	134	162	0	0
Ithaca City School District total	248	2398	1178	1492	34	233

In the 2014-15 school year, 276 K-12 students residing in the Ithaca district attended a non-public school. The largest number (157) attended Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School.

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

#### Special Needs

Students in grades K-12 Classified with a Disability			
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Caroline Elementary	15%	16%	13%
Ithaca District	14%	13%	12%
New York State	13%	13%	16%

#### Free & Reduced Lunch Participation

Free/Reduced Lunch Participation						
	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
Caroline Elem.	31%	3%	31%	5%	33%	2%
DeWitt M.S.	29%	7%	25%	5%	28%	4%
L.A.C.S.	22%	8%	16%	9%	17%	7%
Ithaca District	30%	6%	18%	4%	26%	4%
Tompkins Co.	28%	6%	27%	8%	28%	6%

Eligibility for a family of 4 (July, 2014): Free lunch \$31,005, Reduced lunch \$44,123

*School Performance*

<b>Ithaca 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Student Performance on spring Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards</b>				
	<b>Caroline Elementary</b>		<b>ICSD</b>	
	<b>ELA*</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>ELA*</b>	<b>Math</b>
2011	48%	56%	65%	63%
2012	52%	50%	64%	68%
2013	47%	55%	45%	48%
2014	42%	79%	42%	53%

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

2013 – Common Core standards took effect

<b>Ithaca 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student Performance on spring Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards</b>												
	<b>Boynton</b>			<b>DeWitt</b>			<b>LACS</b>			<b>ICSD</b>		
	<b>ELA</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Sci.</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Sci.</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Sci.</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Sci.</b>
2011	58%	62%	88%	66%	68%	84%	43%	27%	66%	59%	60%	83%
2012	62%	60%	82%	55%	65%	81%	77%	34%	77%	60%	59%	80%
2013	55%	50%	83%	55%	39%	83%	50%	10%	89%	54%	41%	83%
2014	56%	21%	83%	52%	12%	81%	50%	7%	64%	53%	14%	79%

*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.

<b>ICSD</b>	<b>Progress after 4 years</b>			<b>Progress after 5 years</b>			
	<b>Year entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	<b>Graduated</b>	<b>Still enrolled</b>	<b>Dropped out</b>	<b>Graduated</b>	<b>Still enrolled</b>	<b>Dropped out</b>
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%	82.3%	0.9%	12.5%
2009		83.4%	7.3%	5.6%	86.0%	3.0%	7.0%
2010		85.0%	6.0%	6.0%			

New York State's standard is 80% graduating after 5 years.

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

*Post High School Plans (2013-14)*

- 63% to 4-year college, 18% to 2-year college
- 1% to military, 9% to employment, 9% to other plan

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

*School Life*

	ICSD	Tompkins
Feels welcomed and appreciated by school adults	47%	45%
Has a trusted adult in school who can help with problems	42%	47%
Feels safe at school	89%	86%
Feels school rules are fairly enforced	39%	38%
Says students treat each other with respect	39%	36%
Says someone said something hurtful to them in past 30 days at school	21%	25%
Was physically bullied in past 30 days at school	3%	4%

Source: 2014 Youth Development Survey, Tompkins & ICSD results

**4. Health and Substance Use**

*Youth Substance use*

- ICSD student alcohol use is the highest in the county and higher than national rates for 12<sup>th</sup> grades 22% of students in grades 7-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- ICSD student marijuana use rates are the highest in the county and 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade rates are higher than national peers. 18% of students in grades 7-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- ICSD youth 30-day cigarette use rates are the second lowest in the county. 3% of students in grades 7-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- ICSD youth smokeless tobacco rates are the third lowest in the county (3%).

Source: 2014 Youth Development Survey, Tompkins & ICSD results

*Teen Pregnancy & Births*

	Caroline Teen Pregnancies		Caroline Teen Births	
	15 - 17	18 - 19	15 - 17	18 - 19
2004	0	3	0	3
2005	0	3	0	2
2006	0	3	0	2
2007	0	2	0	1
2008	0	2	0	2
2009	0	3	0	2
2010	0	3	0	2
2011	0	2	0	0
2012	0	1	0	0
2013	0	1	0	1

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*

- 30% of ICSD students, grades 7-12, said they feel sad or depressed most days.
- 19% of ICSD students, grades 7-12, reported that sometimes they think life is not worth it.

Source: 2014 Youth Development Survey, ICSD results

*Overweight and obese\* students by grade level*

		Elementary		Middle/high		All grades	
		% overweight	% obese	% overweight	% obese	% overweight	% obese
School years 2012-14	Ithaca district	13.0%	10.7%	14.5%	13.9%	13.5%	11.9%
	NYS excl. NYC	16.4%	16.8%	17.1%	18.1%	16.7%	17.3%
School years 2010-12	Ithaca district	13.7%	13.3%	14.1%	15.8%	13.9%	14.2%
	NYS excl. NYC	15.8%	17.2%	16.8%	18.2%	16.2%	17.6%

\*Overweight = 85<sup>th</sup> to 94<sup>th</sup> percentile; obese = 95<sup>th</sup> + percentile calculated body-mass index for age

Source: NYS Dept. of Health Student Weight Status Category Reporting System

**5. PINS & Pre-PINS\***

*Pre-PINS and PINS Referrals to Probation by schools*

	2012		2013		2014	
	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS
Caroline Elementary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boynton M.S.	0	9	1	6	1	2
DeWitt M.S.	0	0	2	2	1	5
LACS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ithaca H.S.	0	18	0	13	0	8

\*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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