

2015 Profile of City of Ithaca

1. General Population, Demographics and Housing

- Total Population: 30,014 (2010)
 - Estimated population: 30,225 (2013 A.C.S.)
- Median age: 22.4 years (Tompkins County median age: 29.8 years)
- Population increased 2.5% from 2000
- 71% of the city of Ithaca’s population is white. (Tompkins County rate is 82.6%.) Only the village of Lansing is more racially diverse.

The city of Ithaca is the most populous of all Tompkins County’s municipalities. It has the lowest median age and the lowest rate of family households.

2010 Total Population and Change from 2000				
	2000*	2010*	Absolute change	Percent change
Ithaca (city)	29,287	30,014	+ 727	+ 2.5%
Tompkins Co.	96,501	101,564	+ 5,063	+ 5.2%

*Please see “data note” on P. 5 of this profile.

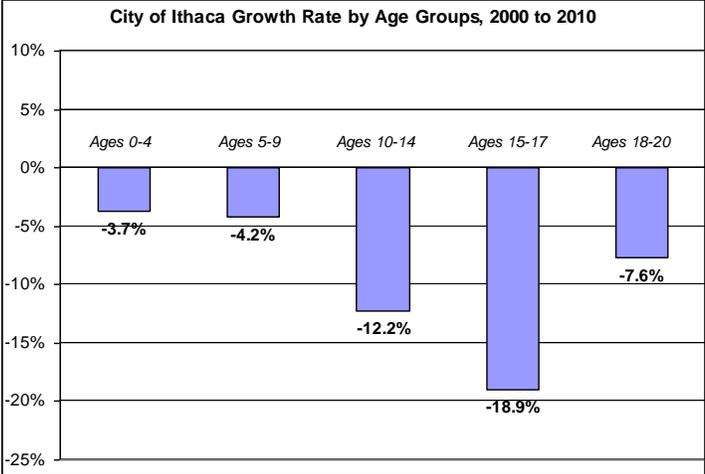
- Number of households: 10,408
- Percentage of households that are families: 27.7% (this compares to a county range of 28% to 69%)
 - Number of family households with own children under age 18 – 1,344 (12.9%)
 - 761 are husband/wife families (7.3%)
 - 110 are male householder families (no wife present) (1.1%)
 - 473 are female householder families (no husband present) (4.5%)
- Number of owner occupied houses: 2,752 Median value: \$165,100
- Percent of occupied homes that are owner occupied: 26.4% (Tompkins County rate: 54.1%)
- Percent of housing units (11,358) that are mobile homes: 1.2%
- For renter-occupied units, median rent: \$816 (Tompkins median rent: \$837)

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

Ithaca (city) lost youth population between 2000 and 2010 in all age groups. The greatest loss was for ages 15-17. Ithaca’s youth population, ages 0 – 17, (to factor out the county’s college age youth) is the third largest in the county. The towns of Dryden and Ithaca are larger.

Approximately 15% of Tompkins County youth, ages 0 – 17, live in the city of Ithaca.



Source: U.S. Census

Youth 0 – 17		Youth 0 – 20	
Number of youth	2,459	Number of youth	10,300
Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in city of Ithaca	14.8%	Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in city of Ithaca	33%
Percentage change from 2000	- 9.1%	Percentage change from 2000	- 8.0%
Tompkins County change from 2000	- 8.9%	Tompkins County change from 2000	- 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
Ithaca (city)	700	691	640	428	7,841	2,705	2,459	- 9.1%	11,194	10,300	- 8.0%
Tompkins Co.	4,322	4,410	4,537	3,390	14,321	18,296	16,659	- 8.9%	32,036	30,980	- 3.3%
2013 C. Ithaca, Youth Population Estimates from U.S. Census American Community Survey											
Ithaca (city)	838	818	568	400	8948	/	2,624	/	/	11,572	/

Students* Under Age 21 Enrolled at Cornell University and Ithaca College			
	2000	2010	% Change
Cornell University	9,453	6,719	- 28.9%
Ithaca College	3,024	3,519	+ 16.4%
Total	12,477	10,238	- 17.9%

The number of enrolled first and second year students at Cornell and I.C. dropped by 2,239 (18%) from 2000 to 2010. This is also reflected in the decrease in the number of youth, ages 18-20, in the county during that time.

*Estimated number of first and second year students enrolled in Ithaca-based programs.

Sources: Cornell University Community Relations, Registrar; Ithaca College Public Information, Institutional Research; Population data are from 2010 U.S. Census except 2013 estimated population is from the 2013 American Community Survey

3. School and Education

Enrollment

Approximately 47% of youth attending public school in the county attend ICSD schools

Student Enrollment, 2013 – 14 School Year						
	Pre K	K – 5	6 – 8	9 - 12	Ungraded	ELL*
Belle Sherman Elementary	36	363	0	0	0	70
B.J. Martin Elementary	38	267	0	0	1	38
Fall Creek Elementary	16	232	0	0	2	0
Boynton Middle School	0	0	573	0	0	0
DeWitt Middle School	0	0	514	0	6	41
Lehman Alternative Commun. Sch.	0	0	134	162	0	0
ICSD 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
Belle Sherman Elementary	11%	9%	7%
B.J. Martin Elementary	18%	18%	19%
Fall Creek Elementary	16%	15%	13%
Ithaca District	14%	13%	12%
New York State	13%	13%	16%

Free & Reduced Lunch Participation

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	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
Belle Sherman	41%	34%	26%	13%	24%	5%
B.J. Martin	66%	8%	50%	7%	59%	4%
Fall Creek	27%	24%	26%	3%	24%	2%
Boynton M. S.	24%	4%	21%	5%	24%	4%
DeWitt M. S.	29%	7%	25%	5%	28%	4%
L.A.C.S.	22%	8%	16%	9%	17%	7%
ICSD total	30%	6%	24%	6%	26%	4%
Tompkins Co..	28%	6%	26%	6%	28%	6%

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

School Performance

Ithaca 3 rd grade Student Performance on Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards								
	Belle Sherman		BJ Martin		Fall Creek		ICSD	
	ELA*	Math	ELA*	Math	ELA*	Math	ELA*	Math
2011	69%	91%	40%	29%	78%	76%	65%	63%
2012	76%	84%	35%	31%	75%	78%	64%	68%
2013	52%	52%	19%	20%	63%	73%	45%	48%
2014	55%	57%	21%	24%	31%	58%	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

Ithaca 8 th grade Student Performance on spring Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards												
	Boynton			DeWitt			LACS			ICSD		
	ELA	Math	Sci.	ELA	Math	Sci.	ELA	Math	Sci.	ELA	Math	Sci.
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.

ICSD	Progress after 4 years			Progress after 5 years			
	Year entered 9 th grade	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%	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

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

Source: NYS Education Dept. 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 12th 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 8th and 12th 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 Pregnancies & Births

	City of Ithaca Teen Pregnancies		City of Ithaca Teen Births	
	15 - 17	18 - 19	15 - 17	18 - 19
2004	15	42	7	13
2005	11	30	2	12
2006	19	30	1	6
2007	14	49	0	7
2008	8	27	1	6
2009	5	26	0	9
2010	8	38	0	12
2011	11	25	3	8
2012	16	32	2	9
2013	9	21	3	4

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 = 85th to 94th percentile; obese = 95th + percentile calculated body-mass index for age

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

5. Citizenship

Pre-PINS and PINS Referrals to Probation by schools*

	2012		2013		2014	
	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS
Belle Sherman Elementary	0	0	0	0	0	0
BJ Martin Elementary	0	0	0	1	0	0
Fall Creek Elementary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boynton Middle School	0	9	1	6	1	2
DeWitt Middle School	0	0	2	2	1	5
Lehman Alt. Comm. Sch.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ithaca High School	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.

Juvenile Arrests by City of Ithaca Police Dept.

2010	9
2011	10
2012	5
2013	6
2014	2

Source: NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

Data Note: The 2000 U.S. Census numbers for Town of Ithaca, City of Ithaca, and Village of Cayuga Heights were corrected in 2002. 512 people were moved from C. Ithaca to T. Ithaca, including 465 to V. Cayuga Heights. However, all 2000 Census tables available publicly do not show the correction. For this reason, we have used the uncorrected figures in section 1 of this document.

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