Profile of Town of Dryden

Tompkins County Youth Services Department

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Achieving Youth Results (AYR): Tompkins County Youth Services Department worked with our community to develop goals for our county's young people and indicators (data) to track progress toward these goals. The six goals are listed in the boxes starting on page 2. For more information on Achieving Youth Results, please visit http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/youth/AYR.

Population and Demographics

Dryden Population, All Ages – 14,897 (including Villages of Dryden [pop. 2,040] and Freeville [pop. 399])
Dryden is the third largest of Tompkins County towns. Population increased 3.2% since 2010.

Median Age – 38.2 (Tompkins median age – 30.4)

Dryden Youth Population (including Villages)

Dryden's 0-17 youth population decreased 2% since 2010. 19% of Tompkins youth ages 0-17 reside in Dryden. Dryden has more youth 0-17 than any other Tompkins municipality.

Dryden's 0-20 youth population decreased 13% since 2010. 13.7% of Tompkins youth ages 0-20 reside in Dryden.

16% of Dryden's population is under age 21.

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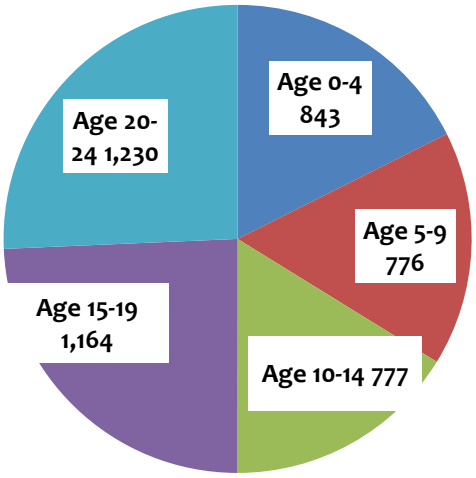
Age 0-17 - 3,010
Age 0-20 - 3,560



Includes Villages of Dryden & Freeville

Race, All Ages

White	91.7%
Black/African American	3.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1%
Asian	1.4%
Other	0.5%
Two or more races	3.2%

Hispanic/Latino – 3.3%

Data Source: 1 (See p. 9)

Community

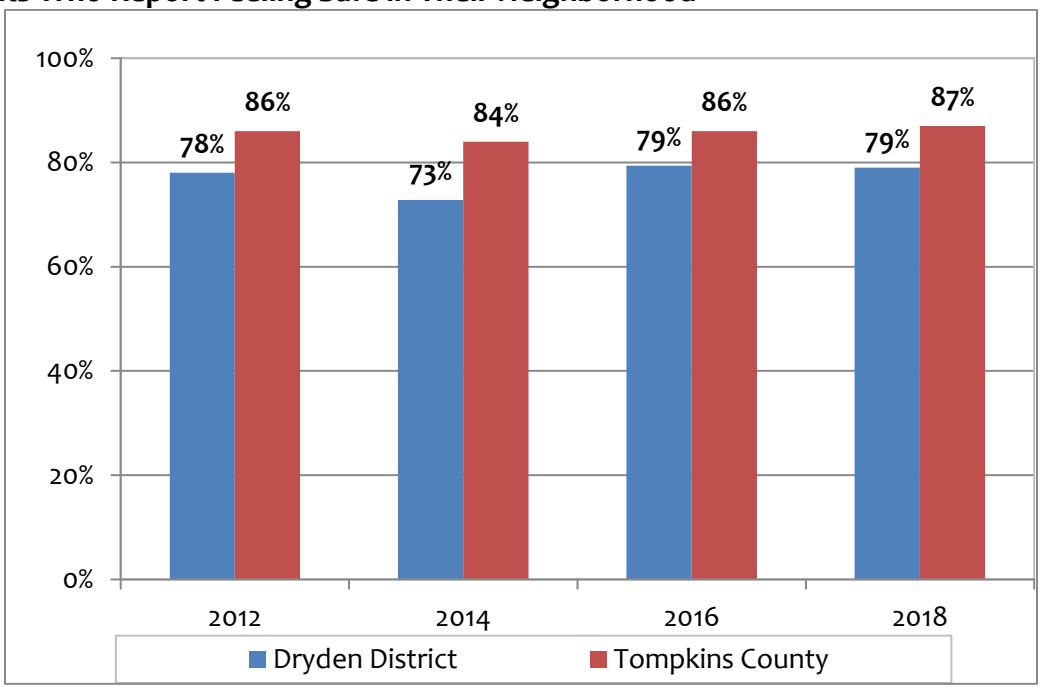
AYR Goal: Our Community (Tompkins County) will provide children, youth, and families with healthy, safe, and thriving environments.

Total Number of Dryden Households – 6,016

Dryden Households Spending 30% or More of Income on Housing (5 year average)

2007-11	2008-12	2009-13	2011-15
1,585	1,680	1,555	1,525

Students Who Report Feeling Safe in Their Neighborhood



Data Sources: 1, 8, 10 (See p. 9)

Economic Security

AYR Goal: Children and youth will live in an economically secure community.

Dryden Poverty

People of all ages below poverty level – 14.6% (Tompkins County rate – 20.4%)
People below age 18 below poverty level – 24.7% (Tompkins County rate – 16.7%)

Dryden Housing

Number of owner occupied houses: 4,078
Percent of housing units that are owner occupied – 67.9%

Median value of owner occupied houses: $166,800
Percent of housing units (6,371) that are mobile homes: 12.8%
For rental units, median rent – $857

Occupied Dryden Housing Units with No Vehicle Available – 418 (7%)

Free or Reduced Lunch Participation

	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
	Free	**Reduced**	**Free**	**Reduced**	**Free**	**Reduced**
Cassavant Elem.	57%	5%	59%	2%	51%	9%
Dryden Elem.	42%	10%	45%	7%	47%	5%
Freeville Elem.	53%	3%	55%	7%	47%	8%
Dryden M.S.	40%	9%	42%	8%	41%	6%
Dryden H.S.	29%	7%	34%	5%	34%	5%
Tompkins Co.	31%	7%	34%	6%	35%	5%

Notes: Eligibility for a family of four (July, 2017) – Free lunch - $31,980; Reduced lunch - $45,510
This table shows participation rates and does not reflect those youth who are eligible but do not apply and do not participate.
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Data Sources: 1, 4, 10 (See p. 9)

Education

AYR Goal: Youth will leave school prepared to live, learn, and work in their community.

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School Enrollment

	School enrollment		Students with Disabilities		ELL* students		Homeless Students	
	2016-17	**2017-18**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**
Cassavant Elem.	81	72	0	0	0	0	N/A	0
Dryden Elem.	461	463	93 (20%)	107 (23%)	8 (2%)	7 (2%)	N/A	10 (2%)
Freeville Elem.	87	91	0	9 (10%)	0	0	N/A	0
Dryden M.S.	380	349	58 (15%)	67 (19%)	0	0	N/A	11 (3%)
Dryden H.S.	453	444	70 (15%)	61 (14%)	0	0	N/A	6 (1%)
Tompkins Co.	10,376	10,489	1,566 (15%)	1,638 (15%)	260 (2%)	251 (2%)	N/A	147 (1%)

*ELL = English Language Learners

Students Attending Private School

In the 2017-18 school year, 35 K-12 students residing in the Dryden district attended a non-public school. The largest number (12) attended Covenant Love Community School.

School Performance

Dryden Student Performance on Spring Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards				
	Dryden 3rd Grade		Dryden 8th Grade	
	ELA*	Math	ELA*	Math
2014-15	28%	51%	24%	24%
2015-16	27%	43%	29%	6%
2016-17	45%	59%	26%	6%
2017-18	37%	51%	30%	11%

*ELA = English Language Arts

NYS Education Dept.'s goal is for schools to have 90% of students at or above standards.
2016: Due to changes in the ELA and math exams, proficiency rates from exams prior to 2016 are not directly comparable to the 2015 rates. Starting in 2014-15, 8th grade math proficiency also includes students who passed a Regents test.

Dryden Progress Toward High School Completion

	Progress after 4 years			Progress after 5 years		
Year entered 9th grade	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out
2010	85%	5%	2%	90%	0%	4%
2011	82%	6%	7%	83%	2%	9%
2012	85%	8%	4%	85%	7%	4%
2013	80%	6%	9%	83%	1%	12%
2014	92%	3%	4%			

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

This table tracks progress by student cohort. The cohort groups all the first-time 9th graders who start school during the same school year and tracks the cohort's progress toward high school completion after 4 and 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.

Plans of Dryden High School Graduates and Completers

	4 year college	2 year college	Other post-secondary	Military	Employment	Other	Plan unknown
2013-14	40%	40%	1%	2%	12%	4%	1%
2014-15	32%	50%	1%	4%	12%	1%	0%
2015-16	39%	47%	0%	3%	9%	2%	0%
2016-17	32%	45%	2%	4%	15%	2%	0%

School Life (Students, grades 7-12)

	Dryden	Tompkins
Feels welcomed and appreciated by school adults	41%	46%
Has a trusted adult in school who can help with problems	50%	51%
Feels safe at school	66%	79%
Feels school rules are fairly enforced	25%	35%
Says students treat each other with respect	15%	29%
Someone said something hurtful to them in past 30 days at school	33%	25%
Was physically bullied in past 30 days at school	7%	4%

Data Sources: 4, 8 (See p. 9)

Civic Engagement

AYR Goal: Children and youth will demonstrate commitment to their community as contributing members of their families, schools, and neighborhoods.

Grade 7-12 Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities in Past 12 Months (school or community)

	2012	2014	2016	2018
Dryden District	74%	76%	74%	74%
Tompkins County	81%	83%	83%	83%

Grade 7-12 Student Participation in Sports in Past 12 Months (school or community)

	2012	2014	2016	2018
Dryden District	80%	77%	72%	74%
Tompkins County	78%	77%	75%	75%

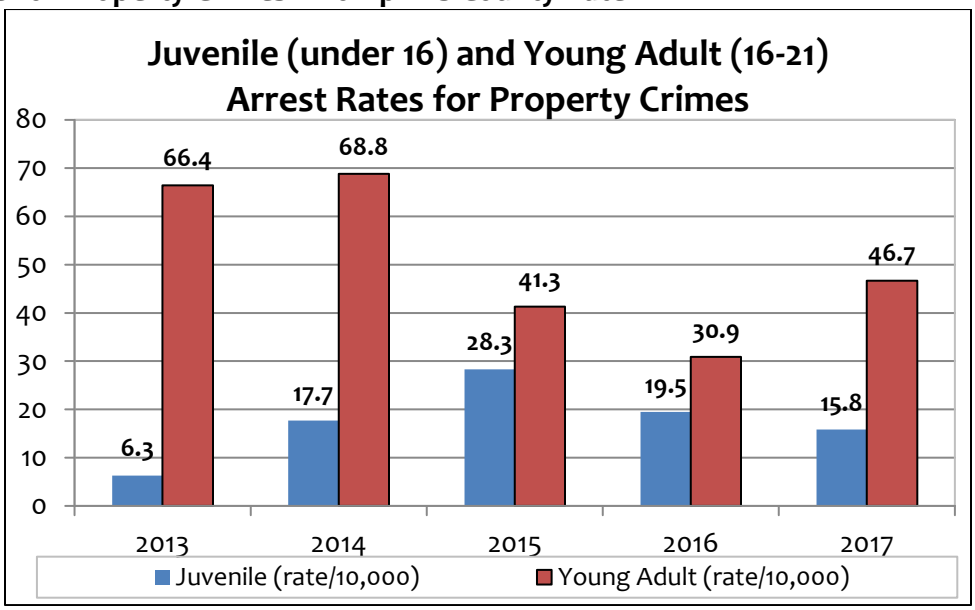
Pre-PINS and PINS Referrals to Probation by Schools

	2015		2016		2017	
	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS
Dryden M.S.	12	14	8	13	14	3
Dryden H.S.	0	4	0	1	0	5

If school is not listed, there were no referrals during the listed years for that school.

*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.

Arrests for Property Crimes – Tompkins County Rate



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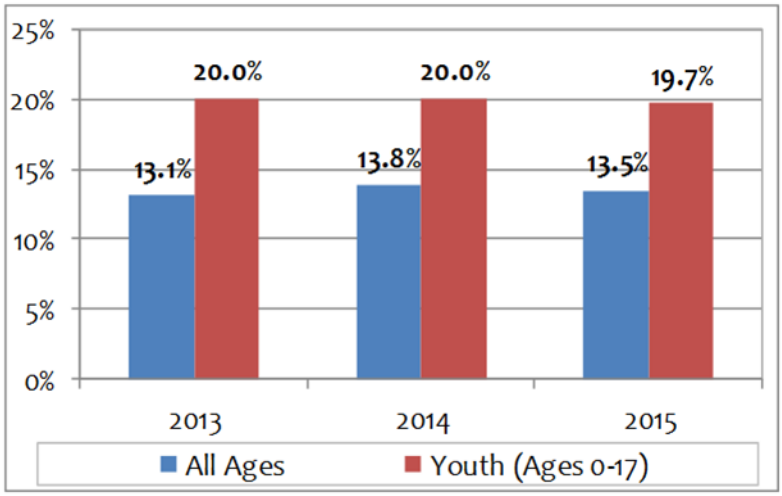
Family

AYR Goal: Children will grow up within safe environments.

Food Insecurity – Tompkins County



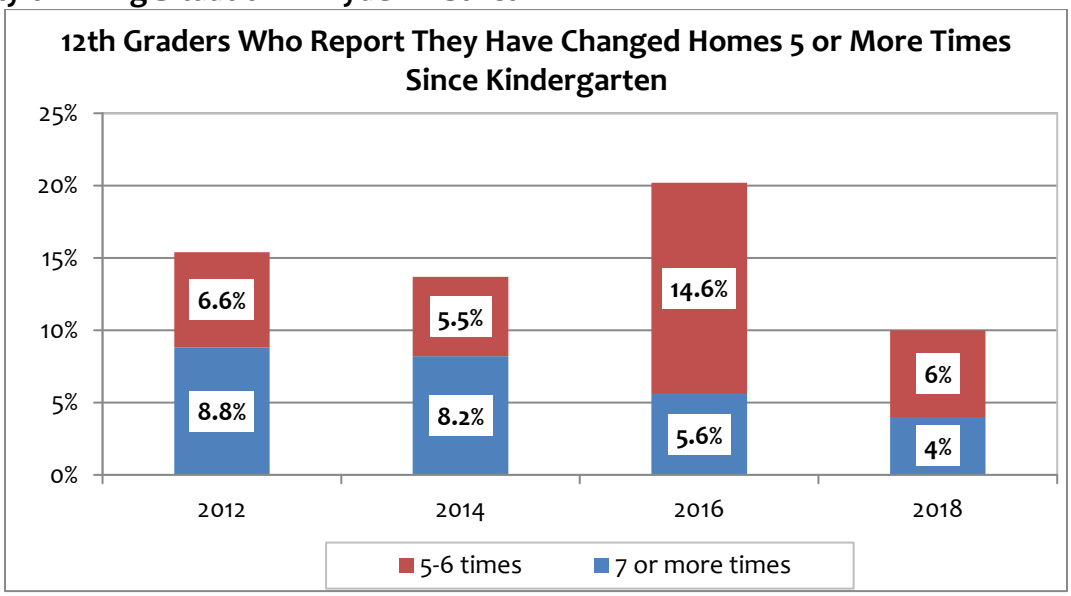
Divorces, Families with Children Under 18 – Tompkins County

2014	123
2015	97
2016	87

Child Care – Tompkins County

Estimated need (based on labor participation rates)	7,395
Total regulated child care slots (2019)	2,933 in 83 sites
Total legally exempt child care slots for subsidized children (2018)	176
Estimated gap, Ages 0-10	4,286 slots

Stability of Living Situation – Dryden District



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Health

AYR Goal: Children and youth will have optimal physical and emotional health.

Health Insurance – 831 (5.7%) Dryden residents lack health insurance.
97 (3.1%) of Dryden youth under age 19 lack health insurance.

Youth Substance Use, grades 7-12 – Any Use Within the Past 30 Days ("Current use")

	2014		2016		2018	
	Dryden	County	Dryden	County	Dryden	County
Alcohol	15%	19%	16%	14%	13%	16%
Marijuana	9%	15%	11%	11%	10%	13%
Cigarettes	5%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Electronic Vaping					16%	16%

Teen Pregnancies and Births

	Dryden Teen Pregnancies		Dryden Teen Births	
	15 – 17	18 – 19	15 – 17	18 – 19
2011	4	9	1	3
2012	0	9	0	4
2013	4	10	0	3
2014	3	6	3	2
2015	2	12	2	6

Between January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018 **15** Dryden teens enrolled in the Child Development Council's Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Program gave birth.

Overweight and Obese* Students by Grade Level

		Elementary		Middle/high		All grades	
		% over-weight	% obese	% over-weight	% obese	% over-weight	% obese
School years 2016-2018	Dryden district	14.7%	19.7%	15.8%	28.9%	14.8%	22.3%
	NYS excl. NYC	15.7%	16.0%	17.4%	18.8%	16.5%	17.2%
School years 2014-2016	Dryden district	13.5%	16.6%	13.7%	23.9%	13.4%	19.4%
	NYS excl. NYC	15.9%	16.3%	17.3%	18.5%	16.5%	17.3%

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

Mental Health of Dryden District Students – Students (grades 7-12) reporting:

	2014	2016	2018
I felt sad or depressed most days in the past year	34.2%	33.8%	38.1%
Sometimes I think life is not worth it	25.1%	27.4%	31.4%
At times I think I'm no good at all	33.0%	36.0%	40.6%
All in all, I am inclined to think I'm a failure	19.7%	23.9%	26.3%

Data Sources: 1, 5, 6, 8 (See p. 9)

Data Sources

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