

2010 Profile of Town of Ithaca (including the village of Cayuga Heights)

1. General Population

Total Population: 19,930 (2010)
 Median age: 27.5 years (Tompkins County median age: 29.8 years)
 Population increased 9.5% from 2000
 Number of households: 6,988
 Number of families, including single parents: 3,606
 Percentage of households that are families: 52%
 (this compares to a county range of 28% to 69%)

The town of Ithaca is second only to the City of Ithaca in population within Tompkins County.

The Town population includes the Village of Cayuga Heights shown separately at bottom. The Village of Lansing is not included but is shown for planning purposes.
 *Please see "data note" on P. 4 of this profile.

2010 Total Population and Change from 2000				
	2000*	2010	Absolute change	Percent change
Ithaca (town)	18,198	19,930	+ 1,732	+ 9.5%
Tompkins Cty.	96,501	101,564	+ 5,063	+ 5.2%
V. Cayuga Hts.	3,273	3,729	+ 465	+ 13.9%
V. Lansing	3,417	3,529	112	+ 3.3%

Race	
	All ages
White	79.7%
Black/African American	4.1%
Native American	0.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	11.5%
Other	1.2%
Two or more races	3.4%
Hispanic/Latino	4.4%

79.7% of the town of Ithaca's population is white.
 (Tompkins County rate is 82.6%.)

(Hispanic is in combination with one or more of the races listed.)

2. Housing Profile

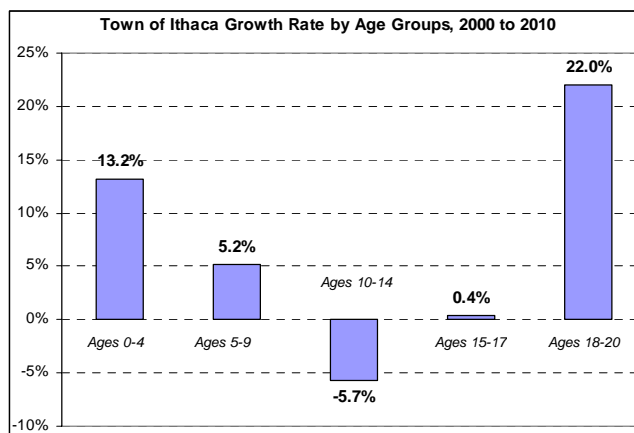
Number of owner occupied houses: 3,551 Median value: \$217,500
 Percent of occupied homes that are owner occupied: 50.8%
 (Tompkins County rate: 54.1%)
 Percent of housing units (7,420) that are mobile homes: 1.0%
 For renter-occupied units, median rent: \$960 (Tompkins median rent: \$837)
 (Sources: 2010 U.S. Census; 2005-2009, American Community Survey)

3. Youth Population

The Town of Ithaca was one of only two Tompkins towns that showed growth in their 0-17 youth population between 2000 and 2010. All age groups except 10-14 are larger than they were ten years ago.

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

Source: U.S. Census



Youth 0 – 17		Youth 0 – 20	
Number of youth	2,840	Number of youth	7,232
Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in town of Ithaca	17%	Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in town of Ithaca	23.3%
Percentage change from 2000	+ 3.1%	Percentage change from 2000	+ 13.8%
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 (town)	796	771	784	489	4,392	2,754	2,840	+ 3.1%	6,354	7,232	+ 13.8%
Tompkins County	4,322	4,410	4,537	3,390	14,321	18,296	16,659	- 8.9%	32,036	30,980	- 3.3%
V. Cay. Hts.	131	157	177	110	591	501	575	+ 14.8%	457	1,166	+ 64.5%
V. Lansing	194	167	142	95	70	645	598	- 7.3%	738	668	- 9.5%

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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%

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

The number of enrolled first and second year students at Cornell and I.C. dropped by 2,239 (18%) since 2000. This is also reflected in the decrease in the number of youth, ages 18-20, in the county since 2000 though this age group increased in the Town of Ithaca.

Sources: Cornell University Community Relations, Registrar; Ithaca College Public Information, Institutional Research

Living Arrangements of Children 0 – 17

Total number of households – 6,988
 Number of family households with own children under age 18 – 1,599 (22.9%)
 1,210 are husband/wife families (17.3%)
 81 are male householder families (no wife present) (1.2%)
 308 are female householder families (no husband present) (4.4%)
 (Source: 2010 U.S. Census)

Teen Pregnancies & Births

	Town of Ithaca Teen Pregnancies			Town of Ithaca Teen Births		
	10 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 19	10 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 19
2001	0	1	5	0	1	2
2002	0	3	4	0	3	4
2003	0	1	5	0	1	4
2004	0	0	3	0	0	3
2005	0	2	1	0	2	1
2006	n/a	0	3	n/a	0	3
2007	n/a	2	1	n/a	0	1
2008	n/a	1	2	n/a	1	1
2009	n/a	0	1	n/a	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

5. School and Education

Enrollment

Student Enrollment, 2009– 10 School Year					
	Pre K	K – 5	6 – 8	9 - 12	ELL*
Cayuga Hts. Elementary	15	332	0	0	0
Northeast Elementary	16	381	0	0	65
Boynton Middle School	0	0	556	0	0
DeWitt Middle School	0	0	468	0	0
Lehman Alternative Commun. Sch.	0	0	122	155	2
ICSD total	267	2,401	1,146	1,662	2

Approximately 46% of youth attending public school in the county attend ICSD schools.

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

Free & Reduced Lunch Participation

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	2007-08		2008-29		2009-10	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
Cayuga Hts. Elem.	12%	3%	16%	3%	40%	4%
Northeast Elem.	12%	10%	14%	7%	17%	8%
Boynton M. S.	26%	n/a	32%	n/a	25%	6%
DeWitt M.S.	22%	7%	20%	6%	25%	5%
L.A.C.S.	12%	6%	15%	6%	13%	8%
ICSD total	21%	8%	24%	8%	26%	6%
Tompkins Cty.	21%	9%	23%	8%	27%	8%

Eligibility for a family of 4 (July, 2010):
Free lunch \$29,055
Reduced lunch \$40,793

School Performance

Ithaca 4 th grade Student Performance on Standardized Tests – Percent Meeting State Standards									
	Cayuga Hts.			Northeast			ICSD		
	ELA*	Math	Sci.	ELA*	Math	Sci.	ELA*	Math	Sci.
2008-09	88%	96%	100%	79%	94%	100%	80%	90%	94%
2009-10	81%	92%	98%	83%	88%	97%	66%	69%	89%

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.
2008-09	72%	80%	82%	78%	87%	89%	75%	73%	82%	74%	81%	84%
2009-10	68%	62%	90%	59%	60%	88%	59%	32%	86%	61%	56%	86%

* ELA = English Language Arts

NYS Education Dept's. goal is for schools to have 90% of students at or above standards.

Source: NYS Dept. of Education School Report Cards

High School Completion - Rate Receiving Regents Diplomas and Drop Out Rate

	Ithaca City Sch. Dist.		Tompkins County	
	% graduates with Regents Diploma	Drop out rate	% graduates with Regents Diploma	Drop out rate
2000	63%	1.4%	57%	2.0%
2001	79%	0.9%	68%	1.3%
2002	67%	5.4%	66%	3.5%
2003	70%	3.6%	65%	3.4%
2004	80%	3%	86%	2.6%
2005	79%	2%	80%	2.9%
2006	91%	2%	91%	2.2%
2007	93%	3%	91%	3.2%
2008	91%	2%	88%	2.0%
2009	93%	2%	90%	2.0%

Ithaca's rate of graduates with Regents Diplomas has been at or above the county average for 8 of the last 10 years. Ithaca's drop out rate has been at or below than the county average for 7 of the last 10 years.

The NYS Board of Regents phased in new standards for high schools. Starting in 2003, high school students were required to pass Regents exams in the core areas of English, math, social studies and science in order to graduate from high school.

Source: NYS Education Dept. School Report Cards

6. PINS & Pre-PINS*

Pre-PINS and PINS Referrals to Probation by schools

	2008		2009		2010	
	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS
Cayuga Hts. Elem.	n/a	1	0	0	0	0
Northeast Elem.	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Boynton M.S.	n/a	3	1	2	0	7
DeWitt M.S.	n/a	3	1	7	2	3
LACS	n/a	0	0	1	0	1
Ithaca H.S.	n/a	11	0	26	0	17

*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.

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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