

SCHUYLER COUNTY

A Statistical Analysis

This document, prepared by members of *Your NY23rd*, is meant to provide voters of Schuyler County in the 23rd Congressional District with the necessary information and data to effectively counter the generalities and misstatements Congressman Tom Reed so frequently offers as fact. We hope that voters in the district, Democrats, Republicans, and Independents alike, will find it useful when talking with family and friends, when questioning Congressman Reed at town hall meetings and campaign events, and in drafting letters to the editor and/or editorial comments for local newspapers

The major source for this data sheet is “Schuyler County Profile, 2017: A Collection of recent demographic, social and economic data.”

Accessible at: <https://pad.human.cornell.edu/profiles/Schuyler.pdf>

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POPULATION

- 2000: 19,224
- 2010: 18,343 (-4.5%)
- 2015: 18,099 (-1.3%)

<u>By Age, County-wide:</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
• 5-14 years old:	2,900	2,813	2,177
• 25-64:	9,363	10,010	9,932
• 65+:	2,659	2,815	3,116

Vital Statistics, 2014:

- Births: 160
- Deaths: 200

Race (2010 Census):

- White: 96.2%
- Hispanic/Latino (of any race): 1.3%
- 2 or more races: 1.2%
- Black: 0.8%
- Asian: 0.3%
- American Indian/Alaska native: 0.2%
- Some other race: 0.1%

Households, 2013 (7,684 total):

- Family households (2 parents + children): 63.4%
- Female-headed households: 7.1
- One person: 29.4

EDUCATION

Levels Achieved by residents 25+ (13,283)

(Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey)

- Less than 9th grade: 2.9%
- 9th-12th grade, no diploma: 7.2%
- High School grad: 38.9%
- Some college, no degree: 19.4%
- Associates degree: 12.2%
- Bachelor's degree: 10.1%
- Grad/professional degree: 9.4%

Percent:

- High School or higher: 89.9%
- Bachelor's degree or higher: 19.5%

*10.1% lack a high school degree; an additional 58.3% lack an Associate or Bachelor degree. While the data does not provide information on those who have completed apprentice programs and/or other training for the skilled crafts, these figures are a concern for two reasons: 1. In itself the data suggests that a significant percentage of the adult population lacks the skills or training increasingly required for well-paying work. 2. As the data in the next section suggests, the technological transformation of work continues, demanding more sophisticated training, education and skill from employees.

ECONOMY

Non-Agricultural

Labor force: employed/unemployed, 2015:

<u>Estimated # by age</u>	<u>In labor force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	
Total, 16+:	15,265	56.9%	53.2%	6.4%
16-19:	920	33.9	30	11.5
20-24:	1,062	65.9	61.9	6.1
25-29:	957	82.3	73.7	10.5
30-34:	934	69.0	63.2	8.0
35-44:	2,117	78.2	73.8	5.4
45-54:	2,924	76.9	72.0	6.3
55-59:	1,588	71.2	67.3	5.6
60-64:	1,310	49.9	48.0	3.8
65-74:	1,935	23.6	22.7	3.9
75+:	1,518	6.3	6.1	3.1

*Some percentage of those in the 16-24 brackets include students who are working as they attend school.

Employment by Educational Attainment, 2015:

	<u>In Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>
Total, age 25+ (9,830):	72.4%	67.7%	6.4%
Less than H.S (816):	41.1	36.6	9.4
HS grad (3,584):	73.6	66.7	9.3
Some college/ Associates degree (3,495):	73.5	70.2	4.4
Bachelor's or higher (1,935):	81.6	78.2	3.9

*The data suggests the importance of education beyond high school as an indicator of economic stability across a work life.

Employment by economic sector:

Supersector:	<u>Employment level</u>		<u>Change</u>	
	2000	2010	Net	%
• <u>Total Nonfarm</u>	4,400	4,700	+300	+6.8%
• <u>Total Private</u>	3,200	3,300	+100	+3.1
• Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	100	300	+200	+200
• Manufacturing:	700	500	-200	-28.6
• Trade, Transportation, Utilities:	700	700	+0	0.0
• Information:	0	0	+0	N/A
• Financial Activities:	100	100	+0	+0.0
• Professional/Business Services:	100	100	+0	+0.0
• Educational/Health:	700	800	+100	+14.3
• Leisure/Hospitality:	500	500	+0	+0.0
• Other Services:	200	300	+100	+50.0
• Government:	1,200	1,400	+200	+16.7

% of non-farm jobs by supersector:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
• Government:	27.3%	29.8%
• Education/Health:	15.9	17.0
• Trade, Transportation, Utilities:	15.9	14.9
• Manufacturing:	15.9	10.6
• Leisure/Hospitality:	11.4	10.6
• Other Services:	4.5	6.4
• Natural Resources, Mining, Construction:	2.3	6.4
• Financial Activities:	2.3	2.1
• Professional/Business Services:	2.3	2.1
• Information:	0.0	0.0

[Source: <http://www.labor.NY.gov./stats/PDFs/NYS-Decade-in-Review-AppendixC>]

*That 46.8% of Schuylers County’s jobs are heavily reliant on public funding (Government, Education and Health) suggests a persistent economic problem. Coupled with the decline in manufacturing, and in trade/transportation/utilities, it is not surprising that the County also has a high poverty rate (see below). The importance of education beyond high school, in the skilled trades still viable and in college, is more and more essential.

Poverty and Educational Attainment: 2016, age 25+ (13,283):

<u>Educational level</u>	<u>Percent living in poverty</u>
• No HS degree (1,344):	22% (291)
• HS degree/some college (7,740):	11.4% (571)
• Associate’s degree (1,614):	9.6% (402)
• Bachelor’s or higher (2,585):	4.4% (104)

*As of June 2017, the NYS figure for unemployment in Schuyler County was 4.5%.
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 Compiled by Professor Jan Vink, *Schuyler County Profile, 2017* p.18] and from NY State
 Community Action Association, *New York State Poverty Report, 2016*, p. 56

Household Income 2015 (Estimated 7,686 households)
 (Jan Vink, *Schuyler County Profile, 2017*, p.22)

<u>Income (Selected brackets)</u>	<u># of Households</u>	<u>Percent of Households</u>
• Less than \$10,000 to \$19,999	1,443	18.7%
• \$20,000-29,999:	881	11.4%
• \$30,000-39,000:	840	10.9%
• \$200,000+:	64	0.008%

*41% of households earn below \$40,000; slightly over 30% earn less than \$30,000; just under 20% earn less than \$20,000.

Agricultural

[Data is from 2012-2013, in Deidre A. Gaquin and Mary Meghan Ryan (eds.), *2015 County and City Extra, Annual metro, City, and County Data Bank*, 23rd edition, pp.477-489.]

- 393 farms in Schuyler County
- Average size: 176 acres
 - 30.8% < 50 acres
 - 5.3% > 500 acres
- For 50.4% of farmers, it is their principal occupation
- 47.6% of farmers generated \$10,000 or more in sales
- 17.6% of farmers generated \$100,000 or more in sales
- In 2013, the U. S. Department of Agriculture made payments of \$375,000 to 16% of farmers

SOCIAL SERVICES, SOCIAL NEEDS

Poverty (2014):

	<u>Living in poverty</u>
• Total population:	13.4% (2,388)
• Children under 18:	17.4% (615)
• Adults, 25+:	10.6% (1,368)
• Seniors, 65+:	5.9% (187)

As of 2014, 15.3% of those employed and 26.4% of those unemployed had no health insurance. [NY State Community Action Association, *New York State Poverty Report 2016*, p. 56.]

According to Governor Andrew Cuomo’s press release (January 4, 2017) on the consequences of repealing the Affordable Care Act, Chautauqua County would have 2,065 citizens taken off the rolls of Medicaid, Child Health Plus, Exclusive Provide and QHP.

The number for NYS if ACA had been repealed was 3,634,793 citizens.

Opioid and Heroin Addiction:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<i>All opioid overdoses:</i>	1	0
Heroin:	0	0
Opioid pain killers:	1	0
 <i>All opioid outpatient emergency:</i>	 6	 7
Heroin:	s	s
Other than heroin:	s	s
 <i>Hospitalizations:</i>		
All opioid overdoses:	s	0
Heroin:	0	0
Overdoses excluding heroin:	s	0

(s: if number is under 6, all data is suppressed to protect confidentiality.)

[NY State Department of Health, *New York State – County Opioid Quarterly Report Published July, 2017*, pp. 93-94.]

POLITICS

2016

Presidential

Hillary R. Clinton (D)	3,091
Donald J. Trump (R)	5,050
Jill Stein (Green)	216
Gary Johnson (Libertarian)	311

U.S. Senate

Chuck Schumer (D)	4,075
Wendy Long (R)	4,026
Robin Wilson (Green)	164
Alex Merced (Libertarian)	80

House of Representatives (23rd District)

John Plumb (D)	3,245
Tom Reed (R)	5,222

District-wide:

107,822 (42%)
149,779 (58%)

NYS Senate 58th Senatorial District)

Leslie Danks Burke (D)	3,339
Tom O'Mara (R)	5,144

2014

Gubernatorial

Andrew Cuomo (D)	1,890
Rob Astorino (R)	3,660

House of Representatives (23rd District)

Martha Robinson (D)	1,967
Tom Reed (R)	4,004

70,822 (38.3%)

113,130 (61.6%)

NYS Senate

Tom O'Mara ran unopposed for the 58th NYS Senatorial District

2012

Presidential

Barack Obama (D)	3,674
Mitt Romney (R)	4,281
Jill Stein (Green)	75
Gary Johnson (Libertarian)	80

U.S. Senate

Kirsten E. Gillibrand (D)	4,456
Wendy Long (R)	3,107

House of Representatives (23rd District)

Nate Shinagawa (D)	3,661
Tom Reed (R)	4,305

District-wide

127,535 (48.08%)
137,669 (51.9%)

NYS Senate

Tom O'Mara ran unopposed for the 58th NYS Senatorial District seat.