

## TOMPKINS COUNTY, NEW YORK

### A Statistical Outline

**This document, prepared by members of *Your 23rd*, is meant to provide voters of Tompkins County in the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Tom 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 “Tompkins County Profile, 2017: A Collection of recent demographic, social and economic data”**

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

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**POPULATION**

	<u>Tompkins County</u>	<u>City of Ithaca</u>
2000:	96,501	28,775
2010:	101,564 (+5.2%)	30,014 (+4.3%)
2015:	104,926 (+3.3%)	30,788 (+2.6%)

Vital Statistics, 2014:

- Births: 800
- Deaths: 600

Race (2010 Census):

- White: 80.2%
- Black: 3.7%
- Asian: 7.6%
- Hispanic/Latino (any race): 3.7%
- 2 or more races: 2.7%
- Other races: 0.5%

Households 2014:

Total:	38,409
Family households (two parents, children)	58.6%
Female-headed households:	7.9%
Single-person household:	32.3%

## EDUCATION

### Level achieved by residents 25+ (59, 323)

(as estimated by 2011-2015 American Community Survey)

- Less than 9<sup>th</sup> grade: 1.4%
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma: 4.4%
- High School grad: 19.8%
- Some college, no degree: 13.8%
- Associates degree: 9.8%
- Bachelor's degree: 22.2%
- Graduate/professional degree: 28.6%

### Percent:

- High school or higher: 94.2%
- Bachelor's or higher: 50.8%

The high percentage of residents with Bachelor and higher degrees reflects the collective impact of Cornell University, Ithaca College, and Tompkins-Cortland Community College. While many educated at and/or employed by those institutions live in numerous towns throughout the County, there is a heavy concentration in and around the city and town of Ithaca, and the education level, job opportunities, and income level vary widely across Tompkins County.

**ECONOMY**

**Non-Agricultural**

**Labor Force, employed/unemployed, 2015:**

<u>Estimated # by age</u>	<u>In labor force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>
16-19: 12,653	31.9%	24.5%	23.2%
20-24: 17,866	49.9	49.4	7.9
25-29: 7,167	75.5	67.6	5.2
30-34: 6,254	78.6	75.3	4.1
35-44: 10,244	84.2	80.9	4.0
45-54: 11,579	84.6	82.2	2.6
55-59: 6,170	79.8	76.9	3.7
60-64: 5,637	61.1	59.2	3.2
65-74: 7,072	33.3	31.8	4.5
75+ 5,200	7.6	7.3	3.3

**Employment by Educational Attainment, Ages 25-64:**

	<u>In labor force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>
Total, 25+ (47,051):	78.3%	75.3%	3.7%
Less than HS (2,257):	58.4	47.4	18.8
HS grad (8,418):	75.7	72.5	4.3
Some college/ Associates (11,476):	80.2	76.7	4.4
Bachelor's or higher (29,900):	80.1	78.2	2.2

\*As of June 2017, NY State calculated the unemployment rate in Tompkins County (not seasonally adjusted) at 4.9%.

\*The term, labor force, includes both employed and unemployed but looking for work. Those who are unemployed and no longer looking for work, the so-called “discouraged worker,” are not represented in this data.

**Poverty and Educational Attainment (2016):**

[NYS Community Action Association, *New York State Poverty Report, 2016*, p.62.]

<u>Educational level attained:</u>	<u>Percent living in poverty:</u>
• No high school degree (3,703):	24.9%
• High School (1,391):	12.5
• Associates degree (13,872):	11.1
• Bachelor's or higher (29,324):	8.2

\*As the tables above indicate, education beyond high school – whether it be at a community college, a four-year college, or skilled training in a craft or technology – is increasingly needed in

the modern American economy. What has Congressman Reed done to address this central issue for the County, and indeed the nation?

\*What is Congressman Reed’s plan for assisting those in poverty to return to economic health? What is his plan for assuring current students in the 23<sup>rd</sup> District that they obtain the training and skills to successfully enter this high-tech world? His reliance in the past on the cure-all of self-help is simply inadequate in this work culture that demands more sophisticated skills.

Household Income (estimated 38,460 households, 2017)

(Jan Vink, *Tompkins County Profile, 2017*, p. 22)

<u>Income</u>	<u># of Households</u>	<u>% of Households</u>
Less than \$10,000 to \$19,999	8,135	21.13%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,610	9.3
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,475	9.0
\$40,000 to \$74,999	9,962	25.9
\$75,000 to \$199,999	11,124	28.9
\$200,000+	2,154	5.6

**Agricultural**

(Data from 2012-2013, in Deidre A. Gaquin and Mary Meghan Ryan eds., *2015 County and City Extra, Annual Metro, City, and County Data Bank*, 23<sup>rd</sup> edition)

- 558 farms in the County
- Average size: 163 acres
  - 43.9% < 50 acres
  - 6.8% > 500 acres
- For 50.4% of farmers it is their principle occupation
- 43.7% of farmers generated \$10,000 or more in sales
- 8.6% of farmers generated \$100,000 or more in sales
- In 2013, the federal Department of Agriculture made payments of over \$900,000 to 25.8% of farm owners.

\*The NY State Department of Conservation flatly states that climate change will bring both droughts and severe storms to the Southern Tier. What steps is Congressman Reed taking to encourage the growth of renewable energy sources based on solar, wind, and local hydro resources?

\*Our farmers remain very dependent on undocumented immigrants to grow our crops and care for livestock. What steps in the Congressman taking to insure a steady source of farm workers in the Southern Tier?

## SOCIAL SERVICES, SOCIAL NEEDS

### Poverty (2013):

	<u>Percent living in poverty</u>
Total population:	18.8% (90,268)*
Children under 18:	17.7% (2,712)
Adults 18 to 34:	41.1% (12,111)
Adults 35 to 64:	9.3% (3,126)
Seniors 65+:	5.0% (598)

\*Some number of college students who report no/little income but receive family/college support are included in this figure.

As of 2013, 9,151 individuals had no health insurance.

According to Governor Andrew Cuomo's press release (January 4, 2017) on the consequences of repealing the Affordable Care Act, Tompkins County would have 7,827 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.

### Heroin and Opioid Addictions:

Prescription opioids and heroin are chemically similar, but often regarded quite differently: heroin carries a social stigma, while opioid usage is often a private addiction. Over the last five years, there has been an increased presence of these serious drugs in Tompkins County, culminating in March of 2017 with a major drug raid of an alleged network of dealers in based in New York City and Schuyler, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties. The alleged dealer in Ithaca purchased heroin laced with Fentanyl from his NYC source early in March, and between March 2-7, Tompkins and Tioga Counties reported eight overdose calls for assistance, and one death. Of the 31 people charged, 21 reported addresses in or near Ithaca, including the alleged creator of the drug ring. (*The Ithaca Voice*, May 17, 2017)

The populations at higher risk of addiction are numerous and diverse: males, 18-35; pregnant and parenting women; vets with post-traumatic stress disorder; subjects of domestic violence and child abuse; those with untreated mental health conditions; and those with prescribed opioids for pain management. [*Olean Times Herald*, November 11, 2016.]

\*How could Congressman Reed fully and persistently support the Trump-led effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act and still return to the District claiming to support its citizens? Had the repeal succeeded, a significant number of families would have found themselves without medical coverage for any illness more serious than the common cold. How can he defend this record?

\*Has the Congressman picked up on the three recommendation Leslie Danks Burke made during the 2016 race against Assemblyman Thomas O'Mara: to invest in rural hospital beds with detox services; to ban insurance company limits on the length of treatment for addicts by acknowledging that "addiction is a chronic disease that demands chronic treatment;" and to avoid a vengeful return to the harsher penalties of the Rockefeller era as a "cure." Has the Congressman made an effort to work across the aisle in Washington to find a humane and effective solution to an epidemic that affects all of us, Democrats, Republicans, and Independents?

**POLITICS**

2016

**Presidential**

	<u>Tompkins County</u>	<u>Ithaca</u>
<u>Total Vote:</u>	43,039	9,126
Hillary R. Clinton (D)	28,890 (67.1%)	7,698 (84.3%)
Donald J. Trump (R)	10,371 (24.0%)	646 (7%)
Jill Stein (Green)	1,380 (3.2%)	359 (3.9%)
Gary Johnson (I)	1,393 (3.2%)	204 (2.2%)

**U.S. Senate**

Chuck Schumer (D)	30,349 (70.5%)	7,295 (79.9%)
Wendy Long (R)	8,815 (20.4%)	894 (9.7%)
Robin Laverne (Green)	1,611 (3.7%)	504 (5.5%)
Alex Merced (LIB.)	455 (1%)	97 (1%)

**U.S. Congress 23<sup>rd</sup> District**

John Plumb (D)	29,106 (67.6%)	7,773 (84.4%)
Tom Reed (R)	11,579 (26.9%)	864 (9.4%)

**NYS Senate 58<sup>th</sup> District**

Leslie Danks Burke	17,505 (74.4%)	7,409 (83.8%)
Tom O'Mara	4,833 (20.4%)	928 (10.4%)

2014

**U.S. Congress 23<sup>rd</sup> District**

Martha Robinson (D)	17,870 (67.2%)	4,370 (86.7%)
Tom Reed (R)	8,160 (30.6%)	518 (10.2%)

**Gubernatorial**

A. Cuomo (D)	13,840 (52.4%)	3,057 (61.3%)
R. Astorino (R)	7,952 (30%)	442 (8.8%)
H. Hawkins (Green)	4,305 (16.2%)	1,312 (26.5%)
Others	169 (0.006%)	37 (0.007%)

**State Senate 58<sup>th</sup> District:** Sen. Tom O'Mara ran unopposed.



2012

**Presidential**

<u>Total Vote:</u>	39,880
Barack Obama (D)	27,304 (68.4%)
Mitt Romney (R)	11,132 (27.9%)
Gary Johnson (Liberty)	396 (0.009%)
Jill Stein (Green)	844 (2.1%)
Others	204 (0.005%)

**U.S. Congress 23<sup>rd</sup> District**

Nate Shinagawa (D)	26,976 (67.5%)
Tom Reed (R)	11,111 (27.8%)

**State Senate 58<sup>th</sup> District:** Sen. Tom O'Mara ran unopposed.