

STEUBEN COUNTY, NEW YORK

A Statistical Outline

This document, prepared by members of *Your NY23rd*, is meant to provide voters of Steuben 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 “Steuben County Profile, 2017: A Collection of recent demographic, social and economic data”

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

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POPULATION

	<u>County</u>	<u>City of Corning</u>
• 2000:	98,726	10,082
• 2010:	98,990	11,183 (+3.1%)
• 2015:	97,631	10,897 (-2.6%)

Selected Groups by Age:

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
• 5-14 years old:	15.4%	15.2%	13.1%
• 25-64:	49.6%	51.2%	52.9%
• 65+:	14.6%	15.2%	15.9%

Vital Statistics, 2014:

- Births: 1,100
- Deaths: 980

Race (2010 Census):

- White: 94.4%
- Black: 1.5%
- Hispanic/Latino (any race): 1.4%
- Asian: 1.2%
- 2 or more races: 1.2%

Households (2014)

- Total: 41,503
- Family Households (2 parents+ children): 63.9%
- Female-headed households: 10.7%
- Single person household: 29.7%

EDUCATION

Level Achieved by Residents 25+ (68,314)

(As estimated by 2011-2015 American Community Survey)

- Less than 9th grade: 3.2%
- High school, no diploma: 7.5%
- High school graduate: 37.6%
- Some college, no degree: 17.2%
- Associates degree: 13.2%
- Bachelor's degree: 11.1%
- Graduate/professional degree: 10.2%

Percent:

- High School or higher: 89.3%
- Bachelor's or higher: 21.3%
- Without a high school degree: 10.7%
- Without a college degree: 54.8%

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 worrisome for two reasons: 1. In itself the data suggests that a significant percentage of the 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>
• 16-19: 5,124	39.3%	30.1%	23.3%
• 20-24: 5,728	76.9	65.2	14.9
• 25-29: 5,351	82.6	74.8	9.3
• 30-34: 5,658	84.1	78.0	7.2
• 35-44: 11,550	82.5	77.0	6.4
• 45-54: 14,681	77.3	71.4	7.5
• 55-59: 7,342	69.8	66.7	4.5
• 60-64: 6,937	48.7	45.3	7.0
• 65-74: 9,209	18.7	18.0	3.8
• 75+: 7,586	5.7	5.6	1.8

*Some percentage of those in the 16-24 age brackets include students, some of whom work as they attend school.

Employment by Educational Attainment (Ages 20-64):

<u>Estimated #:</u>	<u>In labor force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>
• Total (51,519)	74.9%	69.6%	7.0%
• Less than HS (4,294):	54.1	44.9	17.1
• HS grad/some college (18,847):	70.5	64.4	8.6
• Associates degree (16,959):	78.0	73.0	6.2
• Bachelor's or higher (11,419):	85.2	82.3	3.3

Employment by Economic Sector:

Sector	<u>Employment Level</u>		<u>Change</u>	
	2000	2010	Net	%
• <u>Total non-farm:</u>	42,200	38,000	-4,200	-10.0%
• <u>Total private:</u>	33,700	28,800	-4,900	-14.5
• Natural Resources, Mining, Construction:	700	1,100	+400	+57.1
• Manufacturing:	8,100	5,900	-2,200	-27.2
• Trade, Transportation, Utilities:	5,900	4,800	-1,100	-18.6
• Information:	600	500	-100	-16.7
• Financial Activities	1,500	1,300	-200	-13.3
• Professional & Business Services:	7,400	5,100	-2,300	-31.1
• Education & Health Services:	5,300	5,700	+400	+7.5
• Leisure & Hospitality:	2,700	2,500	-200	-7.4
• Other Services:	1,700	1,900	+200	+11.8
• Government:	8,600	9,200	+600	+7.0

% of Non-Farm Jobs by Sector:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
• Government	20.4%	24.2%
• Manufacturing	19.2	15.5
• Education, Health	12.6	15.0
• Professional, Business	17.5	13.4
• Trade, Transportation, Utilities	14.0	12.6
• Leisure, Hospitality	6.4	6.6
• Other Services	4.0	5.0
• Financial Activities	3.6	3.4
• Natural Resources, Mining, Construction	1.7	2.9
• Information	1.4	1.3

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

*The significant losses of jobs in manufacturing, trade-transportation-utilities, and professional-business services, among others, could suggest business failures or migration; it can also suggest technological replacement of former human workers.

Poverty and Educational Attainment (2016):

<u>Educational Level attained:</u>	<u>Percent living in poverty:</u>
• No High school degree (7,222):	25.9% (1,871)
• High School (24,866):	14.9% (3,704)
• Associate Degree (21,103):	11.3% (2,384)
• Bachelor’s & higher (14,150):	4.5% (643)

[Source: NYS Community Action Association, *New York State Poverty Report, 2016* p. 58.]

*As of May 2017, NY State calculated the unemployment rate in Steuben County (not seasonally adjusted) at 5.2%.

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

Corning Incorporated

Corning was first settled in 1796, became a village in 1848, and was incorporated as a city in 1890. Its major employer, Corning Incorporated (known as Corning Glass until 1989) was founded by Amory Houghton in 1851 in Somerville, MA. He moved the business to Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY and then in 1868, to Corning. It currently has 98 plants in 17 countries, employing approximately 40,000 people globally, and is a Fortune 500 company. In large part due to the firm, the U.S. Census Bureau included the Corning/Hornell area in its list of 567 “Micropolitan Statistical Areas,” defined as an area with one or more towns with 10,000 to 49,999 people and where proportionally few of its residents commute outside the area for work.

Household Income (2017)

(Jan Vink, *Steuben County Profile, 2017*, p.23.)

Total: 41,058 (estimated)

<u>Income (selected brackets)</u>	<u># of Households</u>	<u>% of Households</u>
• Less than \$10,000 to \$19, 999:	8,228	20%
• \$20,000-\$29,999	4,552	11%
• \$30,000-\$39,000	5,552	13.5%
• \$200,000+	821	2%

Median family income: \$47,476

Average family income: \$60,649

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*, 23rd edition, pp. 481-484.

- 1,667 farms in Steuben County
- Average size: 243 acres
 - 19.3% less than 50 acres
 - 11.4% 500 acres or more
- For 51.8% of farmers, it is their principle occupation
- 44.6% of farmers generated \$10,000 or more in sales
- 16.4% of farmers generated \$100,000 or more in sales
- In 2013, the United States Department of Agriculture made payments of \$3,112,000 to 29.8% of Steuben's farmers

SOCIAL SERVICES, SOCIAL NEEDS

<u>Poverty (2014)</u>	<u>Living in poverty</u>
• Total population:	15.9% (14,610)
• Children under 18:	24% (5,296)
• Adults, 25+:	12.8% (8,602)
• Seniors, 65+:	7.7%(1,211)

As of 2014, 12.1% of those employed and 29.9% of those unemployed had no health insurance.

According to Governor Andrew Cuomo’s press release (January 4, 2017) on the consequences of repealing the Affordable Care Act, Steuben County would have had 10,039 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 Addictions

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Deaths from opioid overdoses	5	6
Outpatient emergency visits	14	25
Hospitalizations	17	9

In June 2017, U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) came to the Southern Tier to warn residents of the continuing crisis involving heroin, meth, either of which might be laced with fentanyl. At a meeting with officials from Steuben, Chemung, and Schuyler Counties, the Senator introduced a bipartisan bill which will be submitted to the Congress to curtail the importation of these drugs across the Mexican and Canadian borders. The recent dramatic increase in usage of these drugs (300% over the last 24 months, according to Steuben County’s Medical Examiner’s office) has encompassed most of the Southern Tier counties.

<https://www.schumer.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/schumer-with-opioid-crisis-raging>)

POLITICS

2016

Presidential

	<u>Steuben County</u>	<u>Corning</u>
Total Vote:	42,334	4,696
Hillary R. Clinton (D)	12,526	2,266
Donald J. Trump (R)	26,831	1,998
Jill Stein (Green)	585	108
Gary Johnson (I)	1,666	239
Write-ins, blanks, voided	726	94

U.S. Senate

Chuck Schumer (D)	18,743	2,741
Wendy Long (R)	20,638	1,472
Robin L. Wilson (Green)	499	88
Others, write-ins, blanks, voided	499	276

U.S. Congress 23rd District

John Plumb (D)	13,439	2,138
Thomas Reed (R)	27,300	2,214
Write-ins, void, blank	1589	144

NYS 58th Senatorial District

Leslie Danks Burke (D)	14,373	2,262
Thomas O'Mara (R)	26,177	2,246
Write-ins, blanks, void	1,714	151

2014

Gubernatorial

Andrew Cuomo (D)	8,458	1,538
Rob Astorino (R)	18,250	1,329
Howie Hawkins (Green)	714	138

U.S. Congress 23rd District

Martha Robinson (D)	7,329	1,276
Thomas Reed (R)	20,501	1,721
Write-in, blanks, void	664	85

Tom O'Mara (R) ran unopposed for the 58th NYS Senatorial District, as did Philip Palmesano (R) for the NYS 132nd Assembly District.

2012

Presidential

	<u>Steuben County</u>	<u>Corning</u>
Barack Obama (D)	16,559	2,474
Mitt Romney (R)	21,954	1,794
Jill Stein (Green)	232	45
Gary Johnson (LIBT)	373	47
Others, blank, void	435	41

U.S. Senate

Kirsten Gillibrand (D)	20,044	2,785
Wendy Long (R)	16,240	1,282
Others, write-in, blank, void	2,497	294

U.S. Congress 23rd District

Nate Shinagawa (D)	14,946	1,742
Thomas Reed (R)	22,466	1,813
Write-in, blank, void	1,339	113

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