



County Data Summary

Dutchess County is located in the heart of New York State's Hudson Valley, mid-way between Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C.

Physical Geography

- Area: 801.7 square miles
- Terrain: Rolling hills and valleys
- Climate: Four seasons, continental

Normal Average Temperatures:

- January - Max. 35° July - Max. 86°
- January - Min. 16° July - Min. 63°

Market Access

Dutchess County is within a six-hour drive of 68 million U.S. and Canadian customers, 21% of American manufacturers, and a \$227 billion retail sales market.

Manhattan is only 75 miles away; southern Connecticut, northern New Jersey, and Albany are all within a 90-minute drive.

Mileage to Major Cities

City	Miles	City	Miles
Albany, NY	72	Montreal, Quebec	302
Baltimore, MD	269	New York, NY	75
Bennington, VT	110	Newark, NJ	111
Boston, MA	234	Philadelphia, PA	165
Buffalo, NY	359	Richmond, VA	427
Harrisburg, PA	195	Scranton, PA	85
Hartford, CT	102	Washington, DC	307

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Dutchess County	259,462	280,150	292,878
Hudson Valley	2,019,677	2,179,189	2,282,116

Households

	1990	2000	2008
Dutchess County	89,567	99,536	112,707
Hudson Valley	709,715	772,004	875,682

Source: 1990/2000 US Census; Census Projections,

Income

	Per Capita	Median Household	Median Family
1990	\$22,486	\$42,250	\$49,305
2000	\$23,940	\$53,083	\$63,254
2008	\$30,921	\$69,617	\$84,349

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2008 ACS





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2008 Dutchess County Median Home Sales Prices

Single Family Detached	\$280,000
Single Family Attached	\$177,500

Source: MLS

Average Monthly County Workforce

Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Rate
2008	147,167	139,567	5.2%
2000	139,400	134,900	3.2%
1990	133,600	129,770	2.9%

Source: NYS Department of Labor

2000 - 2008 Average Annual Employment by Sector

NAICS	Sector	2000		2008	
		Units	Employees	Units	Employees
11	Agriculture	94	473	106	600
21-23	Mining, Construction & Utilities	926	5,098	1,265	6,587
31-33	Manufacturing	218	12,190	214	13,084
42-44	Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,292	20,366	1,343	16,034
48-49	Transportation	136	2,485	151	3,303
51	Information	139	2,610	141	1,934
52-53	F.I.R.E.	659	4,663	767	4,347
54-56	Business Services	1,052	8,325	1,314	9,548
61	Education (Private)	93	5,125	118	6,983
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	769	14,919	830	17,071
71	Arts & Recreation	113	1,476	153	2,117
72, 81	Other Services	1,248	9,918	1,451	11,023
92	Government	207	21,760	268	22,343
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES		6,996	110,123	8,293	115,171

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

County and State Sales Tax (Food, prescription and non-prescription drugs and clothing under \$100.00 are exempt.)

Dutchess County	3.75 %
New York State	4.00
Metro Transit Authority	<u>0.375</u>
Total	8.125%





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Major Area Employers

- IBM Corporation
- Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.
- Vassar Brothers Medical Center
- Saint Frances Hospital and Health Center
- Dutchess Community College
- Vassar College
- Marist College
- GAP, Inc. (Baby Gap, Banana Republic, Old Navy Distribution Ctr.)
- Culinary Institute of America

Transportation

Highways: There are a number of routes that connect Dutchess County to strategic markets. US Route 9 runs north and south along the Hudson River through the most densely populated area of the county. It ties into I-84 in southern Dutchess County which provides east and west access to the Taconic State Parkway, I-684 and I-87 (NYS Thruway).

Bus Service: The County has an extensive bus system comprised of the City of Poughkeepsie Transit System and the Dutchess County LOOP bus system. Shortline and Adirondack Trailways also have terminals in Dutchess County.

Rail Service: Amtrak provides rail service for the Northeast and United States while the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) provides commuter rail service to NYC on the Hudson River and Harlem Valley (Eastern Dutchess) Lines.

Air Service: Stewart International Airport (Newburgh) offers over 60 departures and arrivals daily. The airport, expanded in 1990, has been a boon to the region's economy.

[Dutchess County Airport](#) (Wappingers Falls) offers several weekday commuter flights on USAir Express, and JFK, LaGuardia, and Newark Airports are all within a 2-hour drive of Dutchess County.





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Community Facilities

- 9 Major Newspapers
- 8 Radio Stations
- 2 Television Stations
- 36 Church Denominations
- 37 Fire Departments
- 18 Police Departments
- 3 Hospitals
- 31 Post Offices
- 27 Libraries

Education and Training

Public and Private Schools: Strong public and private schools in Dutchess help young people realize their individual goals, which for about 75% of the area's graduating high school seniors means pursuing a higher education. There are 14 school districts in Dutchess County with an enrollment of approximately 47,500 students in 70 schools. The 40 private schools in Dutchess County add an additional 5,427 students in grades K-12.

Colleges and Universities

Fall 2007 Full-time Undergraduate Enrollment at Local Colleges

Institution	Location	Enrollment
Bard College	Annandale on Hudson	1,921
Vassar College	Poughkeepsie	2,400
Marist College	Poughkeepsie	4,481
Culinary Institute of America	Hyde Park	2,617
Dutchess Community College	Poughkeepsie	4,208
State University of New York	New Paltz	5,583

Adult Education

Dutchess BOCES





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Recreation and Culture

Dutchess County's natural beauty, affordable housing, and cultural diversity make it the ideal place to live and raise a family. Its beauty, celebrated by the Hudson River Painters, has been preserved in 6,000 acres of state-operated parklands that offer golf, swimming, boating, cross-country skiing, camping, fishing, and many other recreational activities.

Shoppers can enjoy many of the nation's leading department stores in local malls, visit artisan craft villages, explore boutiques and antique shops that dot the countryside, or stroll through historic downtown Poughkeepsie.

From June to September the Hudson Valley Renegades, Class A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, play minor league baseball at the 4,320 seat Dutchess Stadium (Beacon), built in 1994. The team draws fans from throughout the Hudson Valley and western Connecticut.

Many cultural amenities are available in Dutchess County. They range from theatre, dance, and classical music to comedy clubs and the Dutchess County Artscape. The acclaimed Hudson Valley Philharmonic performs at the meticulously restored Bardavon Opera House, and the latest in name entertainment appears at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center. Food connoisseurs can experience haute cuisine at the Culinary Institute of America or at Charlotte's, the only five star restaurant east of the Hudson.

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