

**COMMUNITY  
PROFILE**  
*Erie County, New York*

<b>COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTIC</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Population</b>					
Total population	905,385	909,896	913,554	913,631	919,474
Male	47.9	47.6	47.7	47.7	47.3
Male median age	38	38	38	37	37
Female	52.1	52.4	52.3	52.3	52.7
Female median age	41	41	40	40	39
Under 18 years of age	23.7	23.5	24.0	24.4	24.8
Male	51.1	49.9	50.5	50.9	50.7
Female	48.9	50.1	49.5	49.1	49.3
Between 18 and 64 years of age	61.5	61.6	60.9	60.3	59.9
Male	48.4	48.5	48.4	48.1	47.7
Female	51.6	51.5	51.6	51.9	52.3
Over 65 years of age	14.8	15.0	15.1	15.3	15.3
Male	40.6	40.6	40.3	41.0	40.1
Female	59.4	59.4	59.7	59.0	59.9
<b>Race (Alone or in combination with one or more other races) <sup>1</sup></b>					
White	82.1	81.9	82.5	82.5	83.0
Black or African American	13.4	13.5	13.0	13.0	12.7
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6
Asian	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.5
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Race category	2.4	2.0	2.6	2.3	2.2
<b>Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)</b>	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.2
<b>Immigrants and U.S. Citizenship Status</b>					
Total immigrant population	45,207	40,916	47,918	40,916	49,680
Entered U.S. before 1980	51.0	41.9	43.1	43.3	56.5
Naturalized U.S. citizen	82.4	89.4	80.5	79.0	77.7
Not a U.S. citizen	17.6	10.6	19.5	21.0	22.3
Entered U.S. between 1980 and 1989	9.2	14.7	16.8	18.8	21.1
Naturalized U.S. citizen	62.7	80.3	59.9	68.0	58.6
Not a U.S. citizen	37.3	19.7	40.1	32.0	41.4
Entered U.S. between 1990 and 1999 <sup>2</sup>	25.5	23.9	34.7	38.0	22.4
Naturalized U.S. citizen	57.7	39.1	44.0	13.4	31.9
Not a U.S. citizen	42.3	60.9	56.0	86.6	68.1
Entered U.S. 2000 or later	14.2	19.5	5.4	Not Available	Not Available
Naturalized U.S. citizen	2.7	0.0	6.8	Not Available	Not Available

Not a U.S. citizen	97.3	100.0	93.2	Not Available	Not Available
<b>Household Structure</b>					
Total households	386,268	381,744	373,183	381,744	378,250
Family households	241,974	240,626	232,188	240,911	250,835
Married households	75.0	71.5	76.7	76.6	69.0
Female householder, no spouse present	20.5	21.7	18.7	18.6	24.2
Male householder, no spouse present	4.6	6.8	4.7	4.9	6.9
Non-family households	24,319	21,999	21,506	16,951	17,340
<b>Educational Attainment<sup>3</sup></b>					
Less than high school completed	12.8	13.4	14.7	16.2	15.4
High School graduate (includes equivalency)	32.8	30.4	30.9	31.2	31.2
Some college completed	26.7	28.3	28.9	28.2	28.2
Bachelor's degree completed	17.1	15.7	15.5	13.5	14.1
Graduate or professional degree completed	10.6	12.1	10.0	10.9	11.1
<b>Income Indicators<sup>4</sup></b>					
Median family Income	\$55,036	\$54,432	\$54,971	\$55,059	\$53,988
Per capita income	\$22,911	\$23,478	\$22,248	\$22,707	\$22,874
Families below poverty within last 12 months					
Total families	26,380	21,399	16,777	19,679	26,236
Married-Couple families	31.6	18.8	39.5	25.1	22.9
Female householder, no spouse present	64.9	63.8	50.9	69.8	68.3
Male householder, no spouse present	3.5	17.4	9.6	5.1	8.8
Households received income assistance	3.6	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.8
Households received food stamps	8.4	8.7	5.8	8.2	9.7
Households received social security income	30.2	32.5	33.8	31.4	31.9
Households received supplemental security income	4.8	5.0	4.3	4.0	5.2
<b>Employment Sectors<sup>5</sup></b>					
Total employment	419,360	425,079	427,201	431,761	430,485
For profit companies	67.7	64.5	66.7	66.2	66.1
Self-employed	8.1	6.8	7.7	7.5	7.0
Not-for-profit organizations	7.6	9.6	9.7	8.7	10.1
Local, state and federal government	16.5	19.0	15.6	17.5	16.6
<b>Occupation<sup>6</sup></b>					
Management, business & related fields	13.5	13.5	11.8	11.9	11.8
Professional & related fields	21.8	23.2	21.8	22.7	23.1
Service	17.4	15.7	15.3	15.9	14.8
Sales & office	27.7	29.1	27.1	28.0	29.7
Farming, fishing, & forestry	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
Construction, extraction, maintenance & repair	8.3	6.1	7.0	6.9	6.6
Production, transportation, & material moving	6.3	6.7	9.2	9.1	7.9

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<b>Unemployment rate<sup>7</sup></b>	7.0	7.2	7.3	6.2	5.0
<b>Travel Time to Work</b>					
Less than 29minutes	81.7	76.9	76.6	76.9	76.3
Between 30 and 59 minutes	15.9	20.0	20.1	20.0	20.9
More than 59 minutes	2.4	3.0	3.3	3.0	2.8
<b>Housing</b>					
Occupied housing units	386,268	383,708	373,183	381,744	378,250
Owner occupied	67.1	66.8	66.5	65.9	65.1
Renter occupied	33.0	33.2	33.5	34.1	34.9
Median housing value <sup>8</sup>	\$94,920	\$99,236	\$94,488	\$91,683	\$91,319
Median gross rent <sup>9</sup>	\$599	\$575	\$564	\$549	\$528
Housing affordability (Rent cost as a percentage of household income) <sup>10</sup>					
Rent more than 50 % of household income	28.5	21.5	21.8	25.0	24.1
Rent between 30 %and 50% of household income	19.0	18.6	24.3	21.1	15.9
Vacancy rate	8.3	9.7	12.3	9.4	10.0
Tenure of housing structures <sup>11</sup>					
Built in 1939 or earlier	38.5	33.8	33.7	33.9	34.6
Built between 1940 and 1959	24.8	29.6	28.6	30.4	28.2
Built between 1960 and 1979	21.5	22.6	23.6	22.5	23.7
Built between 1980 and 1999 <sup>12</sup>	13.3	12.7	12.9	12.0	13.2
Build in 2000 or later <sup>13</sup>	2.0	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.2

<sup>1</sup> In combination with one or more other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, Matrices P1, P3, P4, P8, P9, P12, P17, P18, P19, P20, P23, P27, P28, P33, PCT5, PCT8, PCT15, H1, H3, H4, H5, H11, and H12).

<sup>2</sup> 2000 – 2001 category is “year of entry 1990 – 2000” (source: P040). 2002-2004 category is “year of entry 1990 – 1999” (source: P040, B05005).

<sup>3</sup> These figures relate to population 25yrs and over.

<sup>4</sup> 2004 Inflation – adjusted Dollars.

<sup>5</sup> These figures relate to the civilian employed population 16 years of age and older in labor force.

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<sup>8</sup> 2000 – 2003 value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units (source: H074), 2004 value for Owner-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25075).

<sup>9</sup> 2000 – 2003 gross rent for Specified Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: H061), 2004 gross rent for Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25064).

<sup>10</sup> 2000 – 2003 gross rent percentage for Specified Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: H061), 2004 gross rent percentage for Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25064).

<sup>11</sup> 2000 – 2003 figures relate to occupied housing units (source: H033), 2004 figures relate to total housing units (source: B25034).

<sup>12</sup> 2000 – 2003 category is “Built between 1980 and 1998” (source: H033), 2004 category is “Built between 1980 – 1999” (source: B25034).

<sup>13</sup> 2000 – 2003 category is “Built 1999 or later” (source: H033), 2004 category is “Built 2000 or later” (source: B25034).