

12 Communities: Data Sources and Notes

Variable	Data Source and Notes
Total Population	American Community Survey, 2007-11 5-Year Estimates; American Community Survey, 2013-17 5-Year Estimates
Population in Poverty	American Community Survey, 2007-11 5-Year Estimates; American Community Survey, 2013-17 5-Year Estimates
Population Near Poverty	American Community Survey, 2007-11 5-Year Estimates; American Community Survey, 2013-17 5-Year Estimates
Population in or Near Poverty	American Community Survey, 2007-11 5-Year Estimates; American Community Survey, 2013-17 5-Year Estimates
Poverty Rate for Vulnerable Populations	American Community Survey, 2013-17 5-Year Estimates. Single parents are defined by single householders with no spouse present with related children under 18 years old. Married couples with children are defined as married couple families with related children under 18 years old. Foreign born is defined as having been born outside the US and not being a native US citizen. Although the regional look at vulnerable populations examines young adults without kids, this data is not available at the community level, so data for young adults aged 25-34 has been used instead. Seniors are defined as those who are 75 years old or more.
Top 10 Employers by Name and Number of Employees	InfoGroup, ReferenceUSA Business Database, 2019; Buffalo Business First, Book of Lists, 2018. Top employers were first downloaded from ReferenceUSA and mapped to confirm location within the boundaries of the 12 communities. Top businesses by number of employees were cross-referenced with the Buffalo Business First Book of Lists (2018) to ensure accuracy in number of employees at the business location, when available. Employee numbers for Wegmans in Cheektowaga and Tops in the Twin Cities and Newfane include the employees from multiple store locations.
Jobs By Income Level	U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, 2015
Median Earnings by Educational Attainment for Adults Age 25+	American Community Survey, 2013-17 5-Year Estimates
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Graduation Rate	New York State Education Department, District Report Card, 2010-11 to 2016-17.
Housing Cost Burden	American Community Survey, 2013-17 5-Year Estimates

Median Home Value	American Community Survey, 2013-17 5-Year Estimates
Median Rent	American Community Survey, 2013-17 5-Year Estimates
Commute Mode	American Community Survey, 2013-17 5-Year Estimates
Households without a Vehicle	American Community Survey, 2013-17 5-Year Estimates
Violent Crime Rate per 100,000	NYS OpenData Portal, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Justice Research and Performance, Index Crimes by County and Agency: Beginning 1990; American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates (for 2010-2017). Concord-Springville and Newfane do not have a police agency, so data from the county sheriff departments were used instead. Crime data for the Town of Lockport is unavailable, so data for Lockport is represented only by data from the City of Lockport Police Department. Crime data for the City of Buffalo is not available at a level less than citywide, so data for the whole city is provided for Buffalo West and Buffalo East. Crime data for the Town of Newstead is unavailable, so data for the Village of Akron has been used instead. Violent and property crime rates have been calculated for each year using each community's population from the American Community Survey 5-year estimates for a given year.
Property Crime Rate Crime Rate per 100,000	NYS OpenData Portal, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Justice Research and Performance, Index Crimes by County and Agency: Beginning 1990; American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates (for 2010-2017). Concord-Springville and Newfane do not have a police agency, so data from the county sheriff departments were used instead. Crime data for the Town of Lockport is unavailable, so data for Lockport is represented only by data from the City of Lockport Police Department. Crime data for the City of Buffalo is not available at a level less than citywide, so data for the whole city is provided for Buffalo West and Buffalo East. Crime data for the Town of Newstead is unavailable, so data for the Village of Akron has been used instead. Violent and property crime rates have been calculated for each year using each community's population from the American Community Survey 5-year estimates for a given year.
Juvenile Arrests	NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, Niagara County and Erie County, 2013-2017. Concord-Springville and Newfane do not have a police agency, so data from the county sheriff departments were used instead. Crime data for the Town of Lockport is unavailable, so data for Lockport is represented only by data from the City of Lockport Police Department. Crime data for the City of Buffalo is not available at a level less than citywide, so data for the whole city is provided for Buffalo West and Buffalo East. Crime data for the Town of Newstead is unavailable, so data for the Village of Akron has been used instead. Violent and property crime rates have been calculated for each year using each community's population from the American Community Survey 5-year estimates for a given year.