

# CAPITAL DISTRICT DATA

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## Capital District Data Looks to the Future

For the better part of 30 years, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission has been producing the bi-monthly newsletter Capital District Data (CDD) as a means to inform the region on available data sources. It has been truly a pleasure to serve and inform the members of our region with up to date data, including everything from tax data to unemployment rates.

While the mission to serve and inform our members will not change, CDRPC is exploring new opportunities to best utilize CDD. Since CDD was originally launched the internet has transformed how data is disseminated. Today the public and private sectors have unprecedented access to data whenever it is needed. To this point CDD's mission to act as a conduit for data has been rendered sometimes redundant. As a result, CDD will explore new niches for data.

No immediate change is planned for Capital District Data, instead over the next five issues slight changes can be expected in the delivery of commonly available data. A more pronounced change is expected in the January/February 2016 issue, at which time a re-launch of the publication is expected.

Future issues of CDD will provide continued updates on any upcoming changes. The March/April issue will include a means in which to provide feedback to CDD's editorial staff. In the meantime, readers can expect the same high quality data releases that have been the hallmark of CDD for 30+ years.

## Save the Date! March 27, 2015 Annual Planning & Zoning Workshop

The Capital District Regional Planning Commission will be holding the first of its biannual Local Government Planning and Zoning Workshops on March 27, 2015. The conference will be held at the Bulmer Telecommunications Center at Hudson Valley Community College and will take place between 8 AM and 3:30 PM.

There will be a morning plenary session entitled "Stream Basics for Planning for Flood Resilience", which will provide an overview of stream dynamics and provide guidance on steps that communities can take to decrease vulnerability to flooding.

Following the plenary session there will be two morning breakout sessions- "Zoning Board Overview," which will include discussion on the powers and duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and "Stream Repair and Natural Resource Planning," which will include presentations on stream resilience, as well as developing and using a natural resource inventory.

Following lunch there will be three concurrent sessions- "Planning Board Overview," a review of the role of a planning board, "Green Infrastructure Practices," a discussion on GI practices, and "Climate and Energy," a presentation on solar energy policy for local communities.

Registration can be completed at [CDPRC.org](http://CDPRC.org) and costs \$30. Register by March 23rd to reserve your spot.

## American Community Survey 3-year Estimate Comparison: Educational Attainment & Median Household Income

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Pages 2 and 3 of this edition of CDD compares American Community Survey (ACS) results from the four counties and New York State for Educational Attainment and Household Income Range. The Census Bureau publishes yearly estimates for the ACS in three different reports, a 1-year estimate,

3-year estimate, and 5-year estimate. The tables provide the data for two separate, non-overlapping, time frames- using the 3 year ACS estimate (2008-10 & 2011-13). This allows for a comparison between two different periods of time.

Overall, for the four counties results have been



**Capital District Regional Planning Commission**  
48 YEARS SERVICE TO ALBANY, RENSSELAER, SARATOGA, & SCHENECTADY COUNTIES

2011-13 ACS Educational Attainment												
	Albany County		Rensselaer County		Saratoga County		Schenectady County		New York State		United States	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population 25 years and over	203,795	100%	108,363	100%	155,568	100%	105,314	100%	13,319,715	100%	208,797,616	100%
Less than High School	14,502	7.12%	10,218	9.43%	9,345	6.01%	10,024	9.52%	1,954,449	14.67%	28,632,993	13.71%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	54,569	26.78%	31,773	29.32%	40,881	26.28%	32,646	31.00%	3,598,582	27.02%	58,562,129	28.05%
Some College, no Degree	34,168	16.77%	20,497	18.92%	28,111	18.07%	19,613	18.62%	2,170,248	16.29%	44,260,017	21.20%
Associate's Degree	21,922	10.76%	14,708	13.57%	18,522	11.91%	12,214	11.60%	1,128,760	8.47%	16,557,369	7.93%
Bachelor's Degree	41,239	20.24%	17,764	16.39%	34,939	22.46%	16,454	15.62%	2,536,442	19.04%	37,970,801	18.19%
Graduate or Professional Degree	37,395	18.35%	13,403	12.37%	23,770	15.28%	14,363	13.64%	1,931,234	14.50%	22,814,307	10.93%

2008-2010 ACS Educational Attainment												
	Albany County		Rensselaer County		Saratoga County		Schenectady County		New York State		United States	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population 25 years and over	202,324	100%	106,660	100%	151,274	100%	104,001	100%	12,993,461	100%	202,053,193	100%
Less than High School	19,721	9.75%	11,130	10.44%	11,176	7.39%	10,262	9.87%	2,007,283	15.45%	29,688,195	14.69%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	50,981	25.20%	33,830	31.72%	40,970	27.08%	32,943	31.68%	3,582,327	27.57%	57,462,151	28.44%
Some College, no Degree	34,571	17.09%	19,560	18.34%	27,069	17.89%	19,213	18.47%	2,132,315	16.41%	43,039,729	21.30%
Associate's Degree	20,484	10.12%	13,210	12.39%	17,756	11.74%	12,473	11.99%	1,071,501	8.25%	15,274,031	7.56%
Bachelor's Degree	40,330	19.93%	16,347	15.33%	30,502	20.16%	15,822	15.21%	2,393,968	18.42%	35,654,477	17.65%
Graduate or Professional Degree	36,237	17.91%	12,583	11.80%	23,801	15.73%	13,288	12.78%	1,806,067	13.90%	20,934,610	10.36%

Percent Change from 2008-10 to 2011-13 ACS												
	Albany County		Rensselaer County		Saratoga County		Schenectady County		New York State		United States	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population 25 years and over	0.73%		1.60%	2.84%	1.26%		2.51%		2.51%		3.34%	
Less than High School	-26.46%		-8.19%	-16.38%	-2.32%		-2.63%		-2.63%		-3.55%	
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	7.04%		-6.08%	-0.22%	-0.90%		0.45%		0.45%		1.91%	
Some College, no Degree	-1.17%		4.79%	3.85%	2.08%		1.78%		1.78%		2.84%	
Associate's Degree	7.02%		11.34%	4.31%	-2.08%		5.34%		5.34%		8.40%	
Bachelor's Degree	2.25%		8.67%	14.55%	3.99%		5.95%		5.95%		6.50%	
Graduate or Professional Degree	3.20%		6.52%	-0.13%	8.09%		6.93%		6.93%		8.98%	

**2011-13 ACS Household Income Range**

	Albany County		Rensselaer County		Saratoga County		Schenectady County		New York State		United States	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total Households	122,262	100%	63,631	100%	89,235	100%	57,812	100%	7,214,163	100%	115,731,304	100%
Less than \$10,000	8,028	6.57%	4,166	6.55%	3,454	3.87%	3,796	6.57%	584,215	8.10%	8,692,140	7.51%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6,064	4.96%	3,130	4.92%	2,949	3.30%	3,314	5.73%	385,702	5.35%	6,394,344	5.53%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	11,817	9.67%	5,602	8.80%	6,600	7.40%	6,321	10.93%	729,209	10.11%	12,631,131	10.91%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10,365	8.48%	5,487	8.62%	7,163	8.03%	5,242	9.07%	652,567	9.05%	11,967,794	10.34%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	15,466	12.65%	8,608	13.53%	10,534	11.80%	7,567	13.09%	855,995	11.87%	15,760,268	13.62%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	22,936	18.76%	12,070	18.97%	17,331	19.42%	11,118	19.23%	1,199,419	16.63%	20,766,581	17.94%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16,592	13.57%	8,570	13.47%	12,864	14.42%	8,004	13.84%	853,349	11.83%	13,778,262	11.91%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	18,593	15.21%	10,507	16.51%	17,212	19.29%	7,794	13.48%	1,008,913	13.99%	14,652,992	12.66%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	7,521	6.15%	3,660	5.75%	6,202	6.95%	2,821	4.88%	439,862	6.10%	5,540,382	4.79%
\$200,000 or more	4,880	3.99%	1,831	2.88%	4,926	5.52%	1,835	3.17%	504,932	7.00%	5,547,410	4.79%

**2008-10 ACS Household Income Range**

	Albany County		Rensselaer County		Saratoga County		Schenectady County		New York State		United States	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total Households	122,869	100%	64,110	100%	88,009	100%	58,423	100%	7,221,564	100%	114,596,927	100%
Less than \$10,000	9,258	7.53%	3,840	5.99%	3,421	3.89%	3,814	6.53%	589,103	8.16%	8,478,651	7.40%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6,300	5.13%	3,554	5.54%	3,807	4.33%	3,338	5.71%	386,328	5.35%	6,425,670	5.61%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	11,887	9.67%	6,503	10.14%	7,192	8.17%	6,804	11.65%	733,184	10.15%	12,635,872	11.03%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	11,410	9.29%	6,976	10.88%	7,109	8.08%	5,445	9.32%	678,225	9.39%	12,114,717	10.57%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	16,055	13.07%	8,397	13.10%	10,914	12.40%	7,582	12.98%	906,223	12.55%	16,219,044	14.15%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	22,507	18.32%	12,139	18.93%	17,415	19.79%	11,790	20.18%	1,248,225	17.28%	21,205,665	18.50%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15,305	12.46%	8,927	13.92%	14,034	15.95%	7,942	13.59%	864,151	11.97%	13,884,912	12.12%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	18,122	14.75%	9,266	14.45%	15,266	17.35%	7,941	13.59%	975,843	13.51%	13,926,832	12.15%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	7,348	5.98%	2,898	4.52%	5,136	5.84%	2,325	3.98%	396,517	5.49%	4,957,413	4.33%
\$200,000 or more	4,677	3.81%	1,610	2.51%	3,715	4.22%	1,442	2.47%	443,765	6.14%	4,748,151	4.14%

**Percent Change from 2008-10 to 2011-13 ACS**

	Albany County		Rensselaer County		Saratoga County		Schenectady County		New York State		United States	
	Albany County	Rensselaer County	Saratoga County	Schenectady County	New York State	United States						
Less than \$10,000	-13.29%	8.49%	0.96%	-0.47%	-0.83%	2.52%						
\$10,000 to \$14,999	-3.75%	-11.93%	-22.54%	-0.72%	-0.16%	2.52%						
\$15,000 to \$24,999	-0.59%	-13.86%	-8.23%	-7.10%	-0.54%	-0.49%						
\$25,000 to \$34,999	-9.16%	-21.34%	0.76%	-3.73%	-3.78%	-0.04%						
\$35,000 to \$49,999	-3.67%	2.51%	-3.48%	-0.20%	-5.54%	-1.21%						
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1.91%	-0.57%	-0.48%	-5.70%	-3.91%	-2.83%						
\$75,000 to \$99,999	8.41%	-4.00%	-8.34%	0.78%	-1.25%	-2.07%						
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2.60%	13.39%	12.75%	-1.85%	3.39%	-0.77%						
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2.35%	26.29%	20.76%	21.33%	10.93%	5.21%						
\$200,000 or more	4.34%	13.73%	32.60%	27.25%	13.78%	11.76%						

## Employment, Unemployment, & Unemployment Rates

Employment	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14
Albany County	144.8	142.9	144.0	144.6	145.3	145.6	148.2	148.1	146.6	143.7	145.3	143.6	143.4
Rensselaer County	76.2	75.1	75.7	76.1	76.4	76.6	77.9	77.9	77.1	75.6	76.4	75.5	75.4
Saratoga County	110.1	108.6	109.5	109.9	110.5	110.7	112.7	112.6	111.5	109.2	110.5	109.2	109.1
Schenectady County	69.3	68.3	68.9	69.2	69.5	69.7	70.9	70.8	70.1	68.7	69.5	68.7	68.6
Capital District Region	400.4	394.9	398.1	399.8	401.7	402.6	409.7	409.4	405.3	397.2	401.7	397.0	396.5
Unemployment	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14
Albany County	7.9	9.2	9.2	8.4	6.8	7.7	8.0	8.6	8.0	7.3	7.3	7.0	6.6
Rensselaer County	4.5	5.4	5.5	5.2	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9
Saratoga County	5.9	6.8	7.2	6.6	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	4.9
Schenectady County	4.3	4.8	5.0	4.5	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5
Capital District Region	22.6	26.2	26.9	24.7	19.8	21.3	21.8	23.2	21.6	20.1	20.2	19.6	18.9
Unemployment Rates	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14
Albany County	5.2%	6.0%	6.0%	5.5%	4.5%	5.0%	5.2%	5.5%	5.2%	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%	4.4%
Rensselaer County	5.6%	6.7%	6.8%	6.4%	5.0%	5.3%	5.4%	5.7%	5.4%	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%	4.9%
Saratoga County	5.1%	5.9%	6.2%	5.7%	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
Schenectady County	5.8%	6.5%	6.7%	6.2%	5.1%	5.4%	5.4%	5.8%	5.6%	5.2%	5.1%	5.1%	4.8%
Capital District Region	5.4%	6.3%	6.4%	6.0%	4.8%	5.1%	5.1%	5.4%	5.2%	4.9%	4.8%	4.8%	4.6%
New York State	6.6%	7.3%	7.7%	7.2%	6.1%	6.4%	6.5%	6.7%	6.1%	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%	5.7%
United States	6.7%	6.6%	6.7%	6.7%	6.3%	6.3%	6.1%	6.2%	6.1%	5.9%	5.7%	5.8%	5.6%

Source: New York State Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figures in 1,000s



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## ACS 3-Year Estimate Comparison: Educational Attainment & Household Income

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encouraging. Educational attainment has continued to improve, with a higher percentage of the population over 25 in the four counties obtaining at least an Associate's Degree when compared to the 2008-10 time period. Albany County had the largest percentage with a Graduate or Professional Degree (18.35%)

Rensselaer County showed the largest percentage of those with an Associate's Degree (13.57%) while Saratoga County had the largest percentage with a Bachelor's Degree (22.46%)

Household income also shifted upwards across the four counties. Growth was concentrated in the highest income brackets, with households earning \$100,000+ annually increasing from 2008-10. Saratoga County accounted for the highest percentage of households with an income of greater than \$100,000 annually (31.76%), followed by Albany County (25.35%), Rensselaer County (25.14%), and then Schenectady County (21.54%). Statewide, 27.08% of households had income greater than \$100,000 annually. Nationally, 22.24% of households had an income greater than \$100,000 annually.

## Consumer Price Index

2013-14 Percent Change in CPI: 1.6223%

Unadjusted CPI	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14
U.S. City Average	233.0	233.9	234.8	236.3	237.1	237.9	238.3	238.3	237.9	238.0	237.4	236.2	234.8
Northeast Urban Average	249.6	251.0	251.2	252.4	252.5	253.6	253.6	253.8	253.2	253.2	252.7	251.8	250.5
% Change From Same Month in Previous Year	Dec 12- Dec 13	Jan 13- Jan 14	Feb 13- Feb 14	Mar 13- Mar 14	Apr 13- Apr 14	May 13- May 14	Jun 13- Jun 14	Jul 13- Jul 14	Aug 13- Aug 14	Sep 13- Sep 14	Oct 13- Oct 14	Nov 13- Nov 14	Dec 13- Dec 14
U.S. City Average	1.5%	1.6%	1.1%	1.5%	2.0%	2.1%	2.1%	2.0%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.3%	0.8%
Northeast Urban Average	1.3%	1.5%	1.0%	1.5%	1.6%	2.0%	1.9%	1.8%	1.3%	1.2%	1.4%	0.9%	0.4%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

1982-84 = 100

Note: Data are NOT Seasonally Adjusted