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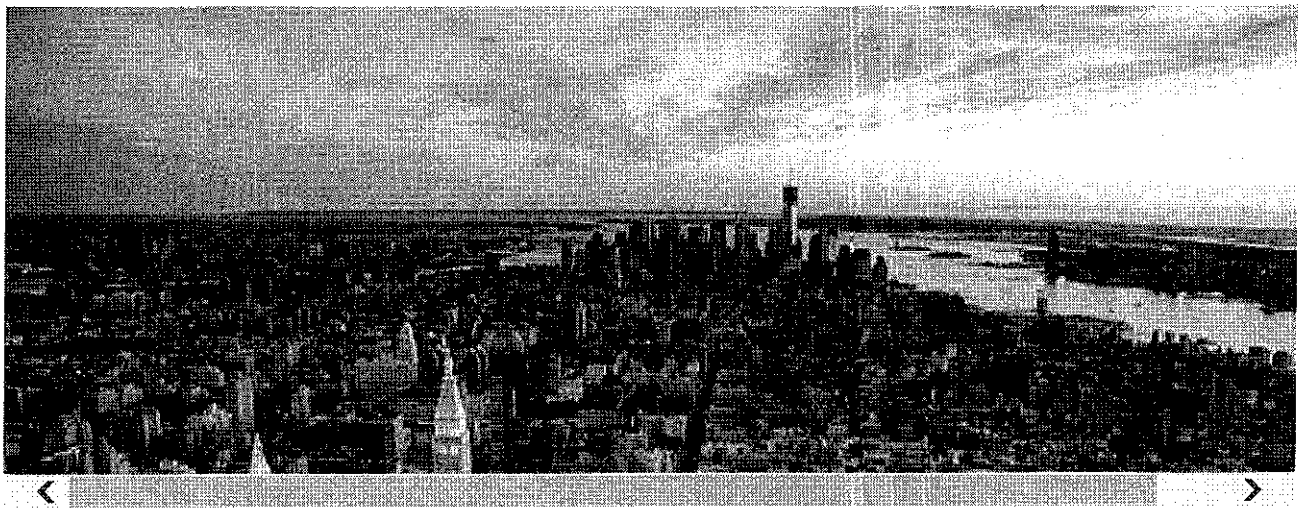
2015 Safest Places in New York



When deciding where to live, safety is a top priority. Our team at ValuePenguin has analyzed the most recent FBI Crime Report to determine the safety of cities and towns in New York. These 70 ranged in a crime score from 3 to 4,363, with an average of 801. We found that the five safest places to emerge were representative of the top 65 overall: they all classify themselves as towns as village.

More populous cities, including the eponymous New York, fell near the bottom of our rankings despite the fact that we adjusted our crime score metric for population, also taking into account both the amount of violent and property-related crimes per 100,000 people (more on our methodology below). For more insight, take a look at the report:

Select Safe Places in New York

These select cities have an average crime score of 91, 89% lower than their typical peer in New York. With some of the state's lowest total violent crime rates, these five are among the safest places in the state.

1. Elmira Town, N.Y.

With a motto of "it's a great place to live," we can certainly say it's a safe one. Reporting just one property crime for all of 2013, Elmira Town tops our list. Nestled in the Fingerlakes region, the small town shares its borders with the city of Elmira, which ranked 188th overall in crime score. Overseen by a supervisor and four councilmembers, the town reserves just one day a week for its court to be in session.

Factor	Value
Population	5,948

Factor	Value
Crime Score	3

7. Glen Cove, N.Y.

Situated on Long Island's north shore, Glen Cove is the only non-town or -village to rank among the top 65 safest places in the state. The city is also the most populated of any of the top 20. Still connected to New York City by the Long Island Railroad, it was apart of the 1920s-famed Gold Coast, and the city remains a pricey living option; the average home value in 2012 was $490,394, 75% higher than the state's average.

Factor	Value
Population	27,134
Crime Score	72

12. Tuckahoe Village, N.Y.

With a crime score that is 87% lower than that of the state's average city, Tuckahoe Village placed 12th in our study. Alleged criminal offenders here have little hiding places; the village is less than one square mile in size. It takes pride in its walkability and commuter-friendliness; it's almost equidistant from both White Plains to the north and New York City to the south. The village is actually a part of the town of Eastchester, which has 19,800 residents and ranked 25th in our study.

Factor	Value
Population	6,578
Crime Score	102

14. New Castle Town, N.Y.

Another Westchester County member, New Castle Town broke into the top 15 having registered only two violent crimes for the year in question. It's less surprising that the town, which is very forthright with its arrest data, has struggled more with property-related crime. Its residents, who count Governor Andrew Cuomo among them, earn an estimated median household income of $194,127, 244% higher than the state's average. The goverment's third-largest annual expenditure, too, is on public safety.

Factor	Value
Population	17,864
Crime Score	113

20. Kent Town, N.Y.

Located a 45-minute west of Rochester, Kent Town narrowly cracked the top 20 overall thanks to its relative lack of violent crime; it reported just one, a rape, to the FBI for all of 2013. The 11-officer police department has an unusual New York topography to deal with here, as the town is both rural and flush with rocky mountain ranges. With its many lakes and reservoirs, Kent Town supplies water to the more densely-populated cities on our list below.

Factor	Value
Population	13,381
Crime Score	164

Population Breakdown

Although we adjusted for population in our crime rankings, it is still difficult to compare a small town to a large city. To account for this fact, we separated the safest cities into three categories: towns with populations between 5,000 and 10,000, midsize cities with populations between 10,000 and 20,000, and larger cities with populations greater than 20,000. Here are our findings:

Full List of Places in New York

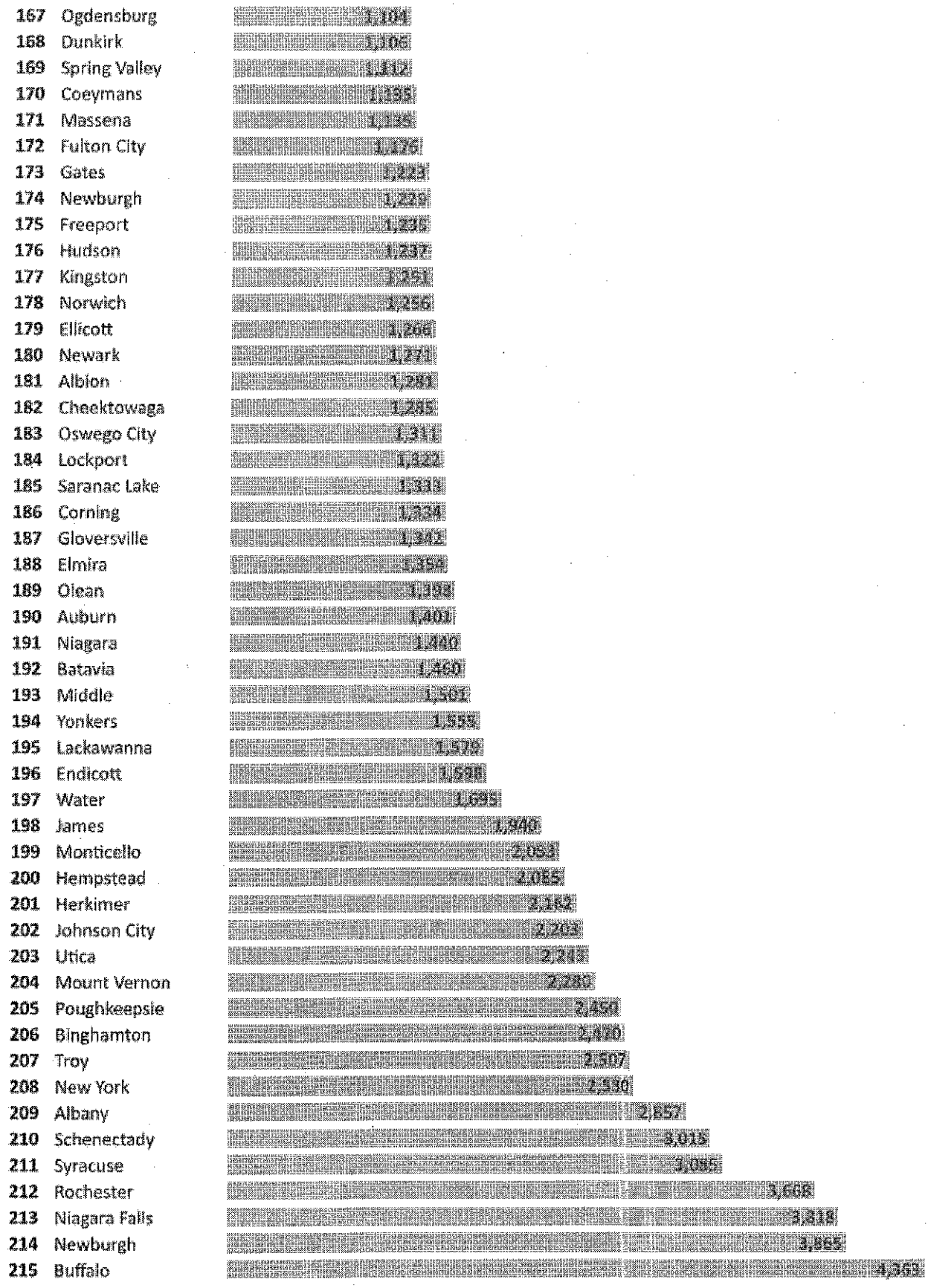
Below is the entire list of places that we included in our "Safest Places in New York" study. They are listed from the safest to the least safe, according to our analysis. The calculation for the crime scores can be found in the methodology section below. Take a look at the graph and see where your hometown ranks.

1	Elmira	3
2	Cairo	4
3	Briarcliff Manor	0
4	Pleasantville	0
5	Chester	1
6	Irvington	7
7	Glen Cove	2
8	Mount Hope	7
9	Kings Point	2
10	Stillwater	5

11	Eden	101
12	Tuckahoe	102
13	Cornwall	105
14	New Castle	113
15	Malverne	132
16	Bronxville	140
17	Croton-on-Hudson	148
18	Shawangunk	156
19	North Castle	161
20	Kent	164
21	Whitestown	167
22	Frankfort	184
23	East Fishkill	188
24	Carmel	190
25	Eastchester	202
26	Dobbs Ferry	207
27	Macedon	211
28	Pound Ridge	215
29	Rosendale	217
30	Hastings-on-Hudson	222
31	Rye Brook	223
32	Waterford	225
33	Harrison	228
34	Scarsdale	234
35	Schodack	234
36	Bedford	241
37	Woodstock	242
38	Kirkland	243
39	Washingtonville	245
40	Sleepy Hollow	260
41	Floral Park	261
42	Suffern	262
43	East Aurora-Aurora	268
44	Chittenango	273
45	Mount Pleasant	278
46	Mamaroneck Town	280
47	Mamaroneck Village	283
48	Goshen	288
49	Tarry	290
50	Blooming Grove	291
51	Yorktown	292
52	Stony Point	293
53	Northport	295
54	Lynbrook	298
55	Ramapo	305
56	Lewiston	314
57	Fishkill	320
58	Lloyd	323
59	Larchmont	334
60	Canton	338
61	Fairport	338
62	Plattekill	344

63	Baldwinsville	345
64	Hyde Park	346
65	Webster	349
66	Hornell	364
67	Horseheads	366
68	Bethlehem	370
69	Montgomery	371
70	Orchard Park	372
71	Ogden	388
72	Orangetown	397
73	Marlborough	405
74	Cicero	415
75	Garden City	420
76	Rockville Centre	426
77	Lancaster	427
78	Camillus	430
79	Scotia	432
80	Long Beach	439
81	Hudson Falls	444
82	Niskayuna	451
83	Crawford	454
84	Peekskill	473
85	Mount Kisco	478
86	Southold	485
87	Hamburg	487
88	Ossining	493
89	Saugerties	504
90	Manlius	507
91	North Greenbush	508
92	Guilderland	522
93	Greenburgh	526
94	East Hampton	529
95	Penn Yan	532
96	Geneseo	533
97	Deerpark	534
98	Potsdam	542
99	Fredonia	548
100	North Syracuse	555
101	Pelham Manor	556
102	Haverstraw	565
103	Monroe	565
104	Vestal	568
105	East Rochester	570
106	Ballston Spa	574
107	Evans	602
108	Geddes	604
109	Glenville	606
110	Fallsburg	608
111	Amityville	609
112	East Greenbush	616
113	Cortland	624
114	Cohoes	621

115	Kenmore	622
116	West Seneca	628
117	Depew	637
118	Brighton	638
119	Clarkstown	639
120	Ilion	641
121	New Windsor	641
122	Pelham	646
123	Southampton	658
124	Amherst	659
125	Mechanicville	662
126	North Tonawanda	685
127	Rensselaer City	690
128	Malone	731
129	New Paltz	738
130	Oneonta City	749
131	Rome	751
132	Port Chester	765
133	Saratoga Springs	769
134	Hamburg	774
135	Glens Falls	773
136	Medina	784
137	Amsterdam	795
138	White Plains	801
139	Colonie	801
140	Walden	846
141	Dewitt	859
142	Rotterdam	862
143	Tonawanda	865
144	Brockport	880
145	Tonawanda	886
146	Poughkeepsie	894
147	Wallkill	896
148	Plattsburgh City	910
149	New Rochelle	921
150	Geneva	929
151	Lakewood-Busti	929
152	Watervliet	932
153	Ulster	943
154	Greece	944
155	Port Jervis	950
156	New Hartford	972
157	Canandaigua	985
158	Irondequoit	1,002
159	Riverhead	1,003
160	Johns	1,018
161	Salamanca	1,045
162	Solvay	1,049
163	Waterloo	1,052
164	Bath	1,069
165	Woodbury	1,071
166	Oneida	1,075


167 Ogdensburg 1,104
168 Dunkirk 1,106
169 Spring Valley 1,112
170 Coeymans 1,135
171 Massena 1,135
172 Fulton City 1,176
173 Gates 1,223
174 Newburgh 1,229
175 Freeport 1,230
176 Hudson 1,237
177 Kingston 1,251
178 Norwich 1,256
179 Ellicott 1,266
180 Newark 1,271
181 Albion 1,281
182 Cheektowaga 1,285
183 Oswego City 1,311
184 Lockport 1,322
185 Saranac Lake 1,333
186 Corning 1,334
187 Gloversville 1,342
188 Elmira 1,359
189 Olean 1,398
190 Auburn 1,401
191 Niagara 1,440
192 Batavia 1,460
193 Middle 1,501
194 Yonkers 1,555
195 Lackawanna 1,579
196 Endicott 1,598
197 Water 1,695
198 James 1,900
199 Monticello 2,053
200 Hempstead 2,085
201 Herkimer 2,162
202 Johnson City 2,203
203 Utica 2,243
204 Mount Vernon 2,280
205 Poughkeepsie 2,450
206 Binghamton 2,470
207 Troy 2,507
208 New York 2,530
209 Albany 2,857
210 Schenectady 3,015
211 Syracuse 3,085
212 Rochester 3,668
213 Niagara Falls 3,818
214 Newburgh 3,865
215 Buffalo 4,363

Methodology

To rank these places, we collected data from the 2013 FBI crime statistics by city, which provides the most recent crime data available. Not every town participates in this report and we also excluded towns with fewer than 5,000 residents because towns with small populations are more sensitive to crime score fluctuations for fewer crimes committed. The raw data report included property crimes (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson), and violent crimes (murder/manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) from all law enforcement agencies that chose to partake in the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting program.

We standardized the data to reflect violent and property crimes per 100,000, to account for population. Then, we aggregated a "crime score" by weighting violent crime at 90% and property crime at 10%. Though property crime is more prevalent, we figured that violent crime is more concerning to town residents. Then we adjusted the crime score for population size, giving more slack to larger cities. Finally, we ranked the cities based on their crime scores.

Here is an alphabetical table of all cities included with their ranks, making it easier to compare different cities. See where your city lies!

Rank	City	Population	Violent Crime per 100K	Property Crime per 100K	Crime Score
209	Albany	97,956	808	4,175	2,857
181	Albion Village	6,388	360	3,491	1,281
124	Amherst Town	118,296	90	1,790	659
111	Amityville Village	9,519	95	2,206	609
137	Amsterdam	18,182	165	2,227	791
190	Auburn	27,270	352	3,150	1,401
63	Baldwinsville Village	7,473	67	1,178	345
106	Ballston Spa Village	5,418	148	1,735	573
192	Batavia	15,374	371	3,636	1,460
164	Bath Village	5,733	262	3,332	1,069
36	Bedford Town	17,627	28	885	241
68	Bethlehem Town	34,243	38	1,291	370

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206	Binghamton	46,304	613	5,073	2,470
50	Blooming Grove Town	12,001	67	825	291
3	Briarcliff Manor Village	7,976	13	138	50
118	Brighton Town	36,689	71	2,161	639
144	Brockport Village	8,284	278	1,992	880
16	Bronxville Village	6,390	-	736	140
215	Buffalo	258,789	1,255	4,827	4,363
2	Cairo Town	6,577	-	228	44
78	Camillus Town and Village	24,165	58	1,440	430
157	Canandaigua	10,470	210	3,009	985
60	Canton Village	6,794	44	1,369	338
24	Carmel Town	34,462	29	575	190
182	Cheektowaga Town	78,361	202	3,432	1,285
5	Chester Town	7,990	-	313	61
44	Chittenango Village	5,016	20	1,296	273
74	Cicero Town	29,571	41	1,488	415
119	Clarkstown Town	80,705	81	1,877	639
170	Coeymans Town	7,458	523	1,153	1,135
114	Cohoes	16,179	161	1,502	621
139	Colonie Town	78,215	81	2,544	801

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186	Corning	11,087	316	3,752	1,334
13	Cornwall Town	9,543	10	440	105
113	Cortland	19,331	93	2,059	621
83	Crawford Town	9,264	119	1,220	454
17	Croton-on-Hudson Village	8,180	12	648	148
97	Deerpark Town	7,827	89	1,942	534
117	Depew Village	15,189	112	2,041	637
141	Dewitt Town	22,681	88	3,152	859
26	Dobbs Ferry Village	11,021	9	944	207
168	Dunkirk	12,329	324	2,490	1,106
43	East Aurora-Aurora Town	13,774	36	951	264
23	East Fishkill Town	29,315	31	563	188
112	East Greenbush Town	16,470	73	2,265	616
94	East Hampton Town	19,674	102	1,525	524
105	East Rochester Village	6,596	121	1,895	570
25	Eastchester Town	19,800	10	848	202
11	Eden Town	7,684	13	403	101
179	Ellicott Town	5,144	136	5,599	1,266
188	Elmira	28,921	280	3,551	1,354
1	Elmira Town	5,948	-	17	3

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196	Endicott Village	13,122	351	4,603	1,598
107	Evans Town	16,292	104	1,921	602
61	Fairport Village	5,335	94	993	343
110	Fallsburg Town	12,109	182	1,338	608
57	Fishkill Town	20,435	15	1,351	320
41	Floral Park Village	15,926	88	452	261
22	Frankfort Town	5,033	-	993	184
99	Fredonia Village	10,988	91	1,893	548
175	Freeport Village	43,214	352	2,159	1,235
172	Fulton City	11,739	204	3,944	1,176
75	Garden City Village	22,596	44	1,531	420
173	Gates Town	28,468	200	3,692	1,223
108	Geddes Town	10,442	67	2,404	604
96	Geneseo Village	7,891	76	2,053	533
150	Geneva	13,194	212	2,600	929
7	Glen Cove	27,134	11	228	72
135	Glens Falls	14,582	151	2,352	773
109	Glenville Town	21,839	60	2,253	606
187	Gloversville	15,315	215	4,479	1,342

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48	Goshen Village	5,400	37	1,185	283
154	Greece Town	96,667	156	2,382	944
93	Greenburgh Town	44,787	107	1,291	524
92	Guilderland Town	33,805	35	1,988	522
134	Hamburg Town	45,535	83	2,563	771
87	Hamburg Village	9,517	84	1,692	487
33	Harrison Town	27,876	22	807	223
30	Hastings-on-Hudson Village	7,937	13	1,021	222
102	Haverstraw Town	37,196	172	914	563
200	Hempstead Village	55,198	784	1,736	2,085
201	Herkimer Village	7,693	689	4,927	2,162
66	Hornell	8,481	59	1,321	364
67	Horseheads Village	6,701	30	1,642	366
176	Hudson	6,676	389	2,966	1,237
81	Hudson Falls Village	7,187	83	1,558	444
64	Hyde Park Town	21,397	84	841	346
120	Ilion Village	8,002	187	1,600	641
158	Irondequoit Town	51,506	181	2,627	1,003
6	Irvington Village	6,530	-	352	67
198	Jamestown	30,658	548	3,718	1,940

Rank	City	Population	Violent Crime per 100K	Property Crime per 100K	Crime Score
202	Johnson City Village	14,866	464	6,384	2,203
160	Johnstown	8,531	164	3,704	1,018
115	Kenmore Village	15,256	170	1,442	622
20	Kent Town	13,381	7	732	164
9	Kings Point Village	5,042	20	317	92
177	Kingston	23,665	313	2,903	1,251
38	Kirkland Town	8,296	-	1,242	243
195	Lackawanna	17,965	495	2,967	1,579
151	Lakewood-Busti	7,280	14	4,684	929
77	Lancaster Town	36,369	41	1,504	427
59	Larchmont Village	5,930	34	1,467	334
56	Lewiston Town and Village	16,175	74	828	314
58	Lloyd Town	10,751	56	1,098	323
184	Lockport	20,904	335	3,105	1,322
80	Long Beach	33,534	104	1,005	439
54	Lynbrook Village	19,528	61	840	298
27	Macedon Town and Village	9,132	44	668	211
128	Malone Village	5,881	68	3,265	731
15	Malverne Village	8,542	47	246	132

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46	Mamaroneck Town	12,146	8	1,301	280
47	Mamaroneck Village	19,164	42	944	283
90	Manlius Town	24,461	74	1,643	507
73	Marlborough Town	8,769	57	1,540	405
171	Massena Village	10,808	204	3,793	1,135
125	Mechanicville	5,213	153	2,187	662
136	Medina Village	5,953	202	2,335	784
193	Middletown	27,809	410	3,064	1,501
103	Monroe Village	8,544	140	1,603	563
69	Montgomery Town	8,961	67	1,272	371
199	Monticello Village	6,582	729	4,193	2,053
8	Mount Hope Town	7,112	-	450	87
85	Mount Kisco Village	11,028	154	979	478
45	Mount Pleasant Town	26,564	45	851	278
204	Mount Vernon	68,071	814	2,110	2,280
14	New Castle Town	17,864	11	431	113
156	New Hartford Town and Village	20,355	64	3,960	977
129	New Paltz Town and Village	14,248	239	1,404	738
149	New Rochelle	78,800	222	1,765	921

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121	New Windsor Town	25,767	120	1,828	641
208	New York	8,396,126	624	1,691	2,530
180	Newark Village	8,978	301	3,720	1,271
214	Newburgh	28,571	1,523	3,640	3,865
174	Newburgh Town	30,984	123	4,367	1,229
213	Niagara Falls	49,574	1,178	5,662	3,818
191	Niagara Town	8,241	158	5,934	1,440
82	Niskayuna Town	22,097	59	1,543	451
19	North Castle Town	12,077	25	563	161
91	North Greenbush Town	12,137	66	1,895	508
100	North Syracuse Village	6,964	144	1,594	555
126	North Tonawanda	31,176	132	1,880	689
53	Northport Village	7,411	81	796	295
178	Norwich	7,049	213	4,611	1,256
71	Ogden Town	20,026	85	1,039	388
167	Ogdensburg	11,072	208	3,586	1,104
189	Olean	14,150	283	4,191	1,398
166	Oneida	11,220	160	3,868	1,075
130	Oneonta City	13,825	152	2,250	749

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72	Orangetown Town	37,438	99	847	397
70	Orchard Park Town	29,386	54	1,177	372
88	Ossining Village	25,314	142	960	493
183	Oswego City	18,139	298	3,473	1,311
84	Peekskill	23,908	125	1,037	473
101	Pelham Manor Village	5,558	36	2,645	556
122	Pelham Village	6,982	100	2,463	646
95	Penn Yan Village	5,123	78	2,167	532
62	Plattekill Town	10,374	77	1,022	344
148	Plattsburgh City	19,672	198	2,455	910
4	Pleasantville Village	7,100	-	310	60
132	Port Chester Village	29,328	164	1,950	765
155	Port Jervis	8,689	173	3,269	950
98	Potsdam Village	9,613	83	1,976	542
205	Poughkeepsie	30,778	929	2,557	2,450
146	Poughkeepsie Town	43,866	89	3,052	894
28	Pound Ridge Town	5,200	58	635	215
55	Ramapo Town	87,204	65	650	305
127	Rensselaer City	9,517	200	1,671	690

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159	Riverhead Town	33,789	189	2,729	1,003
212	Rochester	210,562	1,001	4,773	3,668
76	Rockville Centre Village	24,129	91	1,123	426
131	Rome	32,557	144	2,033	751
29	Rosendale Town	6,026	17	996	217
142	Rotterdam Town	29,146	113	2,844	862
31	Rye Brook Village	9,480	21	928	222
161	Salamanca	5,691	316	2,724	1,045
185	Saranac Lake Village	5,369	484	2,794	1,333
133	Saratoga Springs	27,081	122	2,371	769
89	Saugerties Town	19,318	78	1,651	504
34	Scarsdale Village	17,564	6	1,048	234
210	Schenectady	66,041	919	4,240	3,015
35	Schodack Town	11,573	35	838	234
79	Scotia Village	7,700	65	1,636	432
18	Shawangunk Town	14,205	21	563	156
40	Sleepy Hollow Village	9,996	80	580	260
162	Solvay Village	6,487	293	2,867	1,049
123	Southampton Town	50,603	87	2,016	658

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86	Southold Town	19,963	60	1,718	485
169	Spring Valley Village	32,288	409	1,251	1,112
10	Stillwater Town	6,587	15	364	95
52	Stony Point Town	15,307	78	699	293
42	Suffern Village	10,886	83	551	262
211	Syracuse	143,834	829	4,500	3,085
49	Tarrytown Village	11,449	52	961	290
143	Tonawanda	14,987	227	2,102	865
145	Tonawanda Town	58,082	203	1,892	886
207	Troy	49,898	744	3,978	2,507
12	Tuckahoe Village	6,578	-	532	102
153	Ulster Town	12,195	115	3,583	943
203	Utica	61,686	585	4,098	2,243
104	Vestal Town	27,980	57	2,041	568
140	Walden Village	6,887	261	2,062	846
147	Wallkill Town	27,940	143	2,745	896
39	Washingtonville Village	5,828	34	995	245
32	Waterford Town and Village	8,392	48	703	223

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163	Waterloo Village	5,175	213	3,749	1,052
197	Watertown	28,179	387	4,134	1,695
152	Watervliet	10,245	254	2,362	932
65	Webster Town and Village	43,777	48	1,071	349
116	West Seneca Town	44,821	78	1,999	628
138	White Plains	57,559	136	2,140	801
21	Whitestown Town	9,141	-	842	167
165	Woodbury Town	10,685	28	5,063	1,071
37	Woodstock Town	5,931	34	978	242
194	Yonkers	199,134	520	1,189	1,555
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