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Niagara County and Local Area Quick Facts

Niagara County Population: 212, 573

- **8.2 % of families are living below the poverty line in Niagara County**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Local Unemployment Rates

10% - Niagara County

8.7% - Erie County

11.4% - City of Niagara Falls

10.8% - City of Buffalo

10.7% - City of Lockport

Source: Buffalo Business First

- **30% functional illiteracy rate – Niagara and Erie Counties**

Graduation Rates for Local Urban School Districts

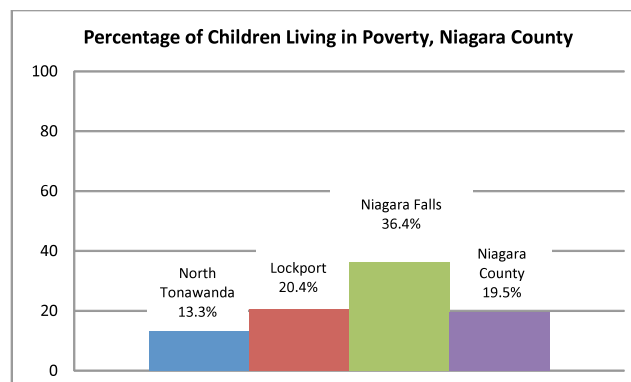
City	Graduation Rate	State Standard
Buffalo	46%	55%
Lockport	72%	55%
North Tonawanda	80%	55%

Quick Facts for the City of Niagara Falls

High School Graduates, percent of persons age 25+	76.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+	12.5%
Median Household Income	\$26,800
Persons below poverty	19.5%

Children Living in Poverty in Niagara County

- There are 1,986 families with children under 5 years old in Niagara County
 - 19.1% of these families are living below the poverty line
- Niagara County has had the greatest percentage increase (5%) in poverty rate for children under the age of 5. This increase in poverty rate is greater than the increase seen in any other county in Western New York. (UB Regional Institute, State of the Region)



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