

# ORLEANS COUNTY



Located in the northeastern corner of the region along the Lake Ontario shore and about one hour from Buffalo, Orleans County is largely rural. It is also the smallest county in the region, in terms of firms and jobs. Nearly one in three jobs here is in the public sector, with a state correctional facility and local school districts being some of the largest employers. Others include Brunner International Inc. and Sigma International, both international companies based in Medina. Over half of private sector workers in Orleans County reside in the county, with largest concentrations in and around the Village of Medina along the Erie Canal. About another quarter of workers commute in from neighboring Niagara and Monroe Counties. A slightly larger share commute from Niagara where many workers live in Lockport and other communities near the Orleans border. Orleans has one of the highest percentages of workers in the region reporting travel times to work of 45 minutes or more.

## BY THE NUMBERS, 2014

Population  
**42,492**

Number of Firms  
**759**

Number of Jobs  
**12,597**

Number of People in the Labor Force (2015)  
**18,000**

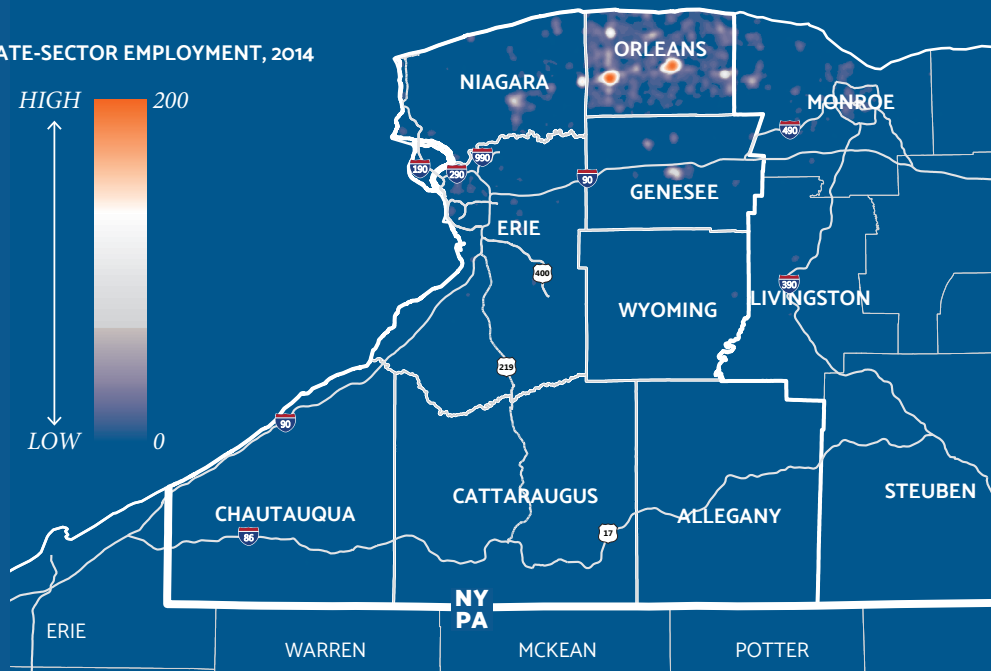
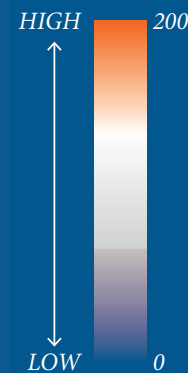
% Employment in Public Sector  
**31%**

Average Private-Sector Wage  
**\$33,494**

Source: See Data Sources & Notes for the various data sources.

## Concentration of private-sector workers by location of residence, 2014

PRIVATE-SECTOR EMPLOYMENT, 2014



TOP 5 COUNTIES IN WHICH ORLEANS COUNTY WORKERS RESIDE

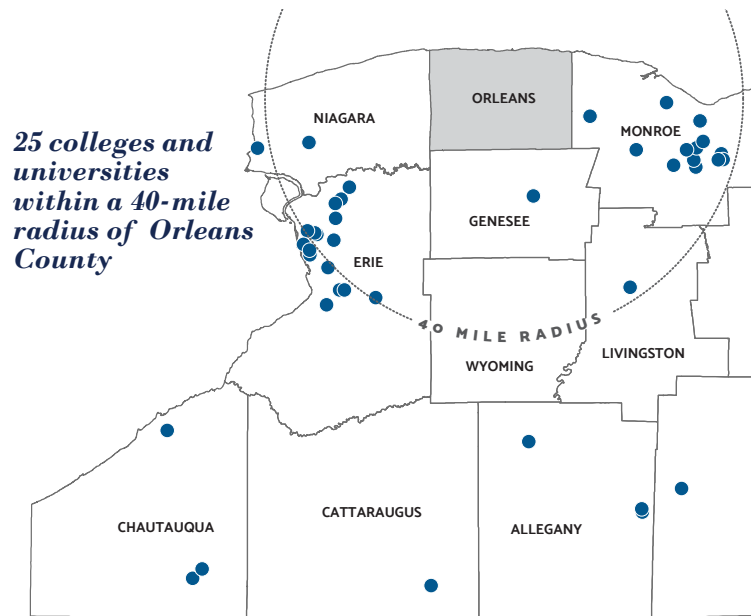
% of Orleans County workers commuting...	... from these counties
60%	Orleans County
12%	Niagara County
10%	Monroe County
6%	Genesee County
5%	Erie County
7%	All Other Locations

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal-Employer Household Dynamics Program, OnTheMap Application, 2014.

While none of the region's colleges and universities are located in Orleans County, 25 institutions of higher education exist within a 40-mile radius. These nearby institutions of higher education support the county's workforce and most specialized industries such as Manufacturing and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, with the skilled human capital employers need.

Community-based trainers also play an important role in this county where the proportion of workers with a bachelor's degree lags significantly behind regional and national benchmarks. Orleans County Job Development Agency and Iroquois Job Corps are some of the trainers offering shorter-term vocational training options.

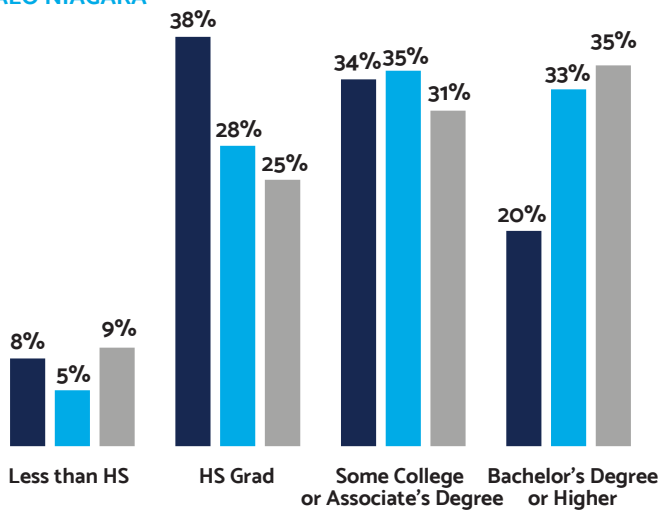
## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WITHIN A 40-MILE RADIUS OF ORLEANS COUNTY, 2014



Source: National Center for Education Statistics; Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, 2014.

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF LABOR FORCE

ORLEANS COUNTY  
BUFFALO NIAGARA  
US



Source: American Community Survey, 1 and 5-year estimates, 2014.  
NOTE: Percentages are based on the total number of workers in the labor force, ages 25-64.

## INDUSTRY SPECIALIZATIONS FOR ORLEANS COUNTY

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting  
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction  
Manufacturing

These industry specializations as a % of total employment for...



Orleans County

37%



Buffalo Niagara

15%

Source: NYS DOL, QCEW, 2014. Excludes industries that comprise less than 0.5% of county's employment.