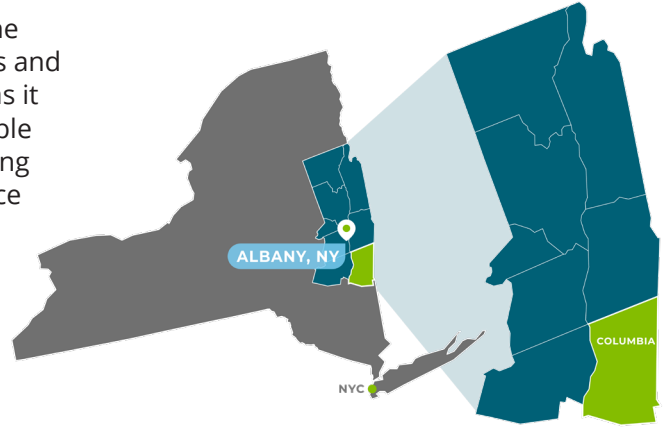


ECONOMIC PROFILE

(Updated January 2024)

Columbia County combines the tranquility of country life with the flare of New York City living. Endowed with more than 440 farms and nearly 80,000 acres of farmland, the county is as rich in nature as it is in arts and culture. Hudson and Chatham have vibrant, walkable downtowns, with the landscape between them filled with inspiring destinations such as the Art Omi sculpture park and performance venues such as PS21 in Chatham, Basilica Hudson and Hudson Hall. In addition to housing 42 breweries, distilleries, wineries and cideries, the county has a wealth of independently owned restaurants and shops. This creative spirit carries into other sectors in the county, with Hudson being home to a state-of-the-art film studio at the River House Project and the high-end architectural woodworking firm PGS Millwork. Life sciences are also important in Columbia County, which is where Taconic Biosciences has the world's largest and most innovative maximum barrier rat and mouse breeding facility, and where Hudson Valley Lyomac make freeze coolers for biologicals and laboratory R&D.



Population
2022: 61,286

Labor Force
2022: 30,500

Total Employment*
2022: 20,576

Unemployment Rate
2022: 2.7%

* All Industries
Sources: US CENSUS, NYS DOL

INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

MANUFACTURING

Jobs: 1,482 | **Establishments:** 92
Craft Beverage Producers: 42



Chatham Brewing

AGRICULTURE

Farms: 444 | **Farmland:** 79,931 acres
Producers: 951 | **Jobs:** 1,542



Golden Harvest Farm

HISTORY

State Historic Sites: 2 | **National Historic Sites:** 1
National Historic Places: 147 | **Museums:** 4



Olana State Historic Site

ARTS

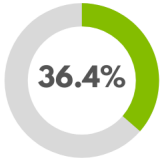
Sculpture Park: 1 | **Performing Arts Venues:** 5
Inde Artists, Writers & Performers: 225
Traveler Spending: \$237M



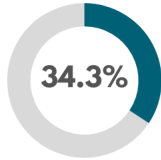
Basilica Hudson

EDUCATION & QUALITY OF LIFE

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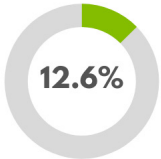


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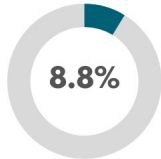


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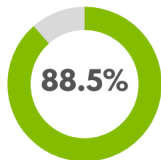


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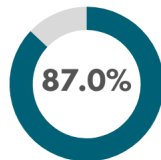


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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE (2022):



COLUMBIA COUNTY



NYS

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2022):

\$81,741

\$75,149 in US

MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE (2022):

\$405,000

\$393,000 in NYS

AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME (2022):

25.8 min.

26.7 min. in US

Sources: US Census ACS (5-year estimates), GCAR, NYS DOE



Warren Street, Hudson

LOCAL LANDSCAPE

- ▶ **County Seat:** Hudson
- ▶ **Cities:** Hudson
- ▶ **Largest Towns:** Kinderhook, Claverack, Ghent
- ▶ **Largest Villages:** Valatie, Chatham, Philmont



Ooms Pond



Art Omi

NOTABLE EMPLOYERS

- » Columbia Memorial Health (healthcare)
- » Taconic Biosciences (genetically engineered mouse and rat models)
- » Pretium Packaging (packaging solutions)
- » Ginsberg's Foods (foodservice distributor)
- » Sonoco (packaging solutions)
- » Hudson Valley Lyomac (freeze dryers)
- » PGS Millwork (architectural woodworking)
- » Schweitzer Mauduit (paper)
- » Craftech Industries (plastic fasteners)
- » Hudson Valley Fisheries (steelhead trout)
- » Hudson Hemp (CBD products)
- » Cadence Effects (visual effects)

Source: Albany Business Review, Lightcast

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