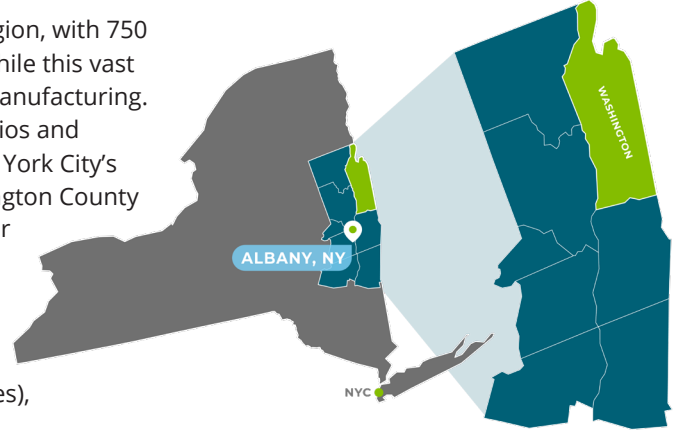


ECONOMIC PROFILE

(Updated January 2024)



Washington County is the largest agricultural county in the Capital Region, with 750 farms, 194,000 acres of farmland and more than 30,500 dairy cows. While this vast farmland lends a bucolic charm, the largest sector in its economy is manufacturing. From the scenery and sets designed and fabricated for Universal Studios and Lincoln Center by Adirondack Studios to the precast concrete for New York City's new Little Island at Pier 55 fabricated by the Fort Miller Group, Washington County is leaving an impression on the state and nation. With Irving Consumer Products and Morcon Tissue, paper manufacturing is another important industry. As is nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing, with the county housing the most granite mines in New York. It is also the *only source* of red slate in the world. This is the countryside captured in paintings by Grandma Moses (Anna Mary Robertson Moses), who lived in Eagle Bridge. The county is renowned for its fishing and boating along the gorgeous Battenkill River as well as bird watching, especially at the Washington County Grasslands - where Snowy Owls migrate. It is also the birthplace of Pie à la Mode and New York's oldest pick-your-own Apple Orchard (Hicks Orchard). Dotted with covered bridges and sitting between Lake George and Vermont, Washington County is the part of the Capital Region where country meets the future.



Population
2022: 60,841

Labor Force
2022: 27,600

*Total Employment**
2022: 14,729

Unemployment Rate
2022: 3.2%

* All Industries
Sources: US CENSUS, USDA

INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

MANUFACTURING

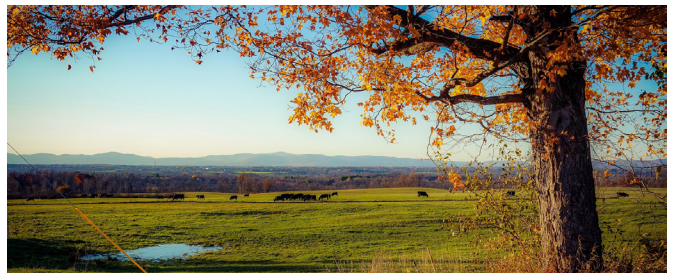
Jobs: 2,562 | **Establishments:** 86
Machine Shops: 12 | **Stone Product Mfgs:** 13



Fort Miller Group

AGRICULTURE

Farms: 750 | **Farmland:** 194,060 acres
Producers: 1,463 | **Jobs:** 1,263 | **Dairy Cows:** 30,511



Dairy Farms

HISTORY

National Historic Places: 53 | **Covered Bridges:** 4



Old Fort House

ARTS & RECREATION

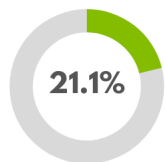
Sculpture Park: 1 | **Zoo:** 1 | **Ski Resort:** 1



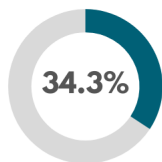
Salem Art Works

EDUCATION & QUALITY OF LIFE

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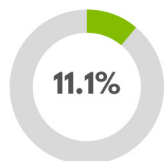


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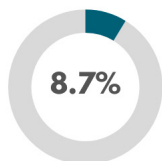


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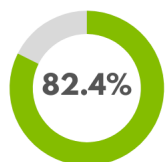


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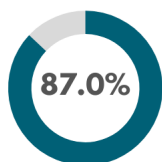


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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE (2022):



WASHINGTON COUNTY



NYS

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2022):

\$68,703

\$75,149 in US

MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE (2022):

\$204,500

\$393,000 in NYS

AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME (2021):

26 min.

26.7 min. in US

Sources: US Census ACS (1-year estimates), GCAR, NYS DOE



LOCAL LANDSCAPE

- ▶ **County Seat:** Fort Edward
- ▶ **Largest Towns:** Kingsbury, Granville, Fort Edward
- ▶ **Largest Villages:** Hudson Falls, Fort Edward, Whitehall

NOTABLE EMPLOYERS

- » Irving Tissue (*paper*)
- » Fort Miller Group (*precast concrete infrastructure*)
- » Morcon Tissue (*converted paper products*)
- » Willard Mountain (*ski resort*)
- » Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (*high-performance polymer products*)
- » Adirondack Studios (*scenery/set design and fabrication*)
- » Hollingsworth & Vose (*filtration and battery parts*)
- » Cambridge Valley Machining (*machining*)
- » Tymetal (*security gates*)
- » Battenkill Valley Creamery (*dairy products*)
- » Telescope Casual Furniture (*outdoor patio furniture*)
- » Champlain Stone (*natural stone products*)

Source: Albany Business Review, Lightcast

