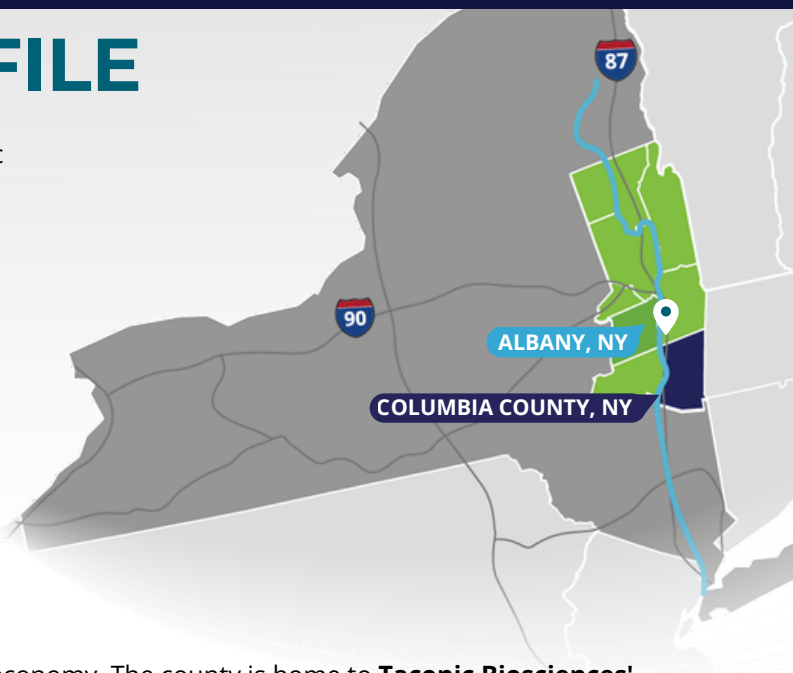
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NY

ECONOMIC PROFILE



Home to the city of Hudson, Columbia County blends a dynamic creative economy with a strong agricultural foundation and growing innovation sectors. *Forbes* has described Hudson "New York's Creative Upstate Escape." With more than 440 farms and nearly 80,000 acres of farmland, the county is as rich in natural beauty as it is in arts, culture, and entrepreneurship.

The county is home to renowned cultural destinations including **Art Omi**, **Olana State Historic Site**, and performance venues such **PS21**, **Basilica Hudson** and **Hudson Hall**. This creative spirit spirit extends into the county's broader economy, where businesses such as **River House Project**, **Cadence Effects**, and **PGS Millwork** demonstrate the intersection of innovation, design, and advanced production.

Life sciences are another important part of Columbia County's economy. The county is home to **Taconic Biosciences'** world-leading maximum-barrier rodent breeding facility and **Hudson Valley Lyomac**, a manufacturer of specialized freeze-cooling solutions that support biological research and laboratory innovation.

ECONOMIC VITALITY

POPULATION	LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
60,128	29,200	19,991	3.3%

Sources (2025): U.S. Census Bureau, NYS DOL

INDUSTRY CLUSTERS


Sonoco Plastics Courtesy Sonoco

MANUFACTURING


Golden Harvest Farms Courtesy CEG

AGRICULTURE



Art Omi Courtesy CEG

ARTS

MAJOR ASSETS

- SMU Data Arts has repeatedly included the Hudson, NY micropolitan area on its annual list of the Top 100 Most Arts-Vibrant Communities
- Columbia County has more than 30 unique craft beverage production facilities -- the most in the Capital Region
- Columbia-Greene Community College was named a 2025 Achieving the Dream Leader College of Distinction for being an accessible hub of learning, credentialing, and economic mobility
- The county houses the 120-acre Art Omi sculpture park in Ghent plus the soon-to-open 190-acre Art Omi Pavillions art campus in nearby Chatham


Hudson Warren St Courtesy CEG

EDUCATION

36.1% (US = 35.7%)	12.7% (US = 8.8%)	251	2,093
ADULT EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, BACHELOR'S+	ADULT EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ASSOCIATE'S	TOTAL DEGREES AWARDED	12-MONTH ENROLLMENT HIGHER ED STUDENTS

Sources (2024 data): U.S. Census Bureau ACS, IPEDS (1st & 2nd degrees)

NOTABLE EMPLOYERS

- ADM Milling (flours)
- Botani (cannibis product paper)
- Cadence Effects (visual effects)
- Coarc Manufacturing (plastics injection molding)
- Columbia Memorial Health (healthcare)
- Craftech Industries (plastic fasteners)
- Ginsberg's Foods (foodservice distributor)
- Hudson Hemp (CBD products)
- Hudson Valley Lyomac (freeze dryers)
- Klocle Estate Distillery (brandy distillery)
- PGS Millwork (architectural woodworking)
- Pretium Packaging (packaging solutions)
- Saturn Industries (EDM electrode manufacturing)
- Schweitzer Mauduit (tobacco product paper)
- Sonoco Plastics (packaging solutions)
- Taconic Biosciences (genetically engineered mouse and rat models)

QUALITY OF LIFE

$81,528 (US = $80,734)	$347,100 (US = $332,700)	107.7 (US = 100)
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME	MEDIAN HOME VALUE	COST OF LIVING COMPOSITE INDEX (2025)
12.1% (US = 12.5%)	**11.7% RESIDENTS WITHIN HALF MILE OF PARK**	**24.6 minutes (US = 26.4)**
POVERTY RATE	PARK ACCESS	AVERAGE COMMUTER TIME

Sources (2024): U.S. Census Bureau ACS, County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, C2ER (Albany-Schenectady-Troy MSA)


Clermont State Historic Site Courtesy CEG



Back Bar Courtesy CEG

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