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## Buffalo, Amherst and Erie County: Worlds Apart

Population ${ }^{1}$

|  | Buffalo | Amherst | Erie County <br> without <br> Buffalo | Erie County |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1950 | 580,132 | 36,798 | 319,106 | 899,238 |
| 1960 | 532,759 | 62,837 | 531,929 | $1,064,688$ |
| 1970 | 462,768 | 93,929 | 650,723 | $1,113,491$ |
| 1980 | 357,870 | 108,706 | 657,602 | $1,015,472$ |
| 1990 | 328,123 | 111,711 | 640,409 | 968,532 |
| 2000 | 292,648 | 116,510 | 647,617 | 950,265 |
| 2010 | 261,310 | 122,366 | 657,730 | 919,040 |



Income

|  | Buffalo | Erie <br> County | Amherst |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Median Household Income <br> $(2000)^{2}$ | $\$ 24,536$ | $\$ 38,537$ | $\$ 55,427$ |
| Median Household Income <br> $(2009)^{3}$ | $\$ 30,376$ | $\$ 46,609$ | $\$ 64,507$ |
| Households making less than <br> $\$ 10,000(2009)^{4}$ | 21,474 <br> $(18 \%)$ | 35,078 <br> $(9 \%)$ | 3,042 <br> $(7 \%)$ |
| Households making \$200,000 <br> or more $(2009)^{5}$ | 1,591 <br> $(1 \%)$ | 9,903 <br> $(3 \%)$ | 2,899 <br> $(6 \%)$ |

Households making \$200,000 or more


Households making less than $\$ 10,000$

-Buffalo
aAmherst
$\square$ Rest of Erie County

Poverty

|  | Buffalo | Amherst | Erie <br> County | Erie <br> County <br> without <br> Buffalo |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Individuals below <br> poverty level <br> $(2009)^{6}$ | 75,229 <br> $(29 \%)$ | 9,090 <br> $(8 \%)$ | 123,150 <br> $(14 \%)$ | 47,921 <br> $(8 \%)$ |
| Percentage of <br> families with <br> children under 5 <br> below poverty level <br> $(2000)^{7}$ | $43.3 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | $21.1 \%$ | not <br> available |

Unemployment and Labor Participation (2009) ${ }^{8}$

|  | Buffalo | Amherst | Erie <br> County |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Unemployment rate | $12.1 \%$ | $5.1 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ |
| Labor participation | $59.5 \%$ | $62.6 \%$ | $62.9 \%$ |

Occupations (2000) ${ }^{9}$

|  | Buffalo | Amherst | Erie <br> County |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Number in management, <br> professional, and related <br> occupations | 33,287 | 28,877 | 149,727 |
| Number in service <br> occupations | $24.2 \%)$ | $(52.1 \%)$ | $(34.7 \%)$ |

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Education of Those Age 25 and Higher

|  | Buffalo | Amherst | Erie <br> County | Erie County <br> without <br> Buffalo |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| High school <br> graduate or higher <br> $(2000)^{10}$ | $74.6 \%$ | $91.9 \%$ | $82.9 \%$ | $86.2 \%$ |
| High school <br> graduate or higher <br> (2009) $^{11}$ | $68 \%$ | $94 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $73 \%$ |
| Bachelor's degree <br> or higher (2000) | $18.3 \%$ | $47.4 \%$ | $24.5 \%$ | $27.1 \%$ |
| Bachelor's degree <br> or higher $(2009)^{13}$ | $9 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $14 \%$ |

Racial Composition (2010) ${ }^{14}$

|  | Buffalo | Amherst | Erie County <br> without <br> Buffalo | Erie <br> County |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| White | 131,753 | 102,558 | 603,491 | 735,244 |
|  | $(50.4 \%)$ | $(83.8 \%)$ | $(91.8 \%)$ | $(80.0 \%)$ |
| Black | 100,774 | 7,009 | 23,157 | 123,931 |
|  | $(38.6 \%)$ | $(5.7 \%)$ | $(3.5 \%)$ | $(13.5 \%)$ |
| American | 2,009 | 220 | 3,899 | 5,908 |
| Indian and | $(0.8 \%)$ | $(0.2 \%)$ | $(0.6 \%)$ | $(0.6 \%)$ |
| Alaska Native |  |  |  |  |
| Hispanic or | 27,519 | 2,870 | 14,212 | 41,731 |
| Latino | $(10.5 \%)$ | $(2.3 \%)$ | $(2.2 \%)$ | $(4.5 \%)$ |
| Asian | 8,409 | 9,675 | 15,380 | 23,789 |
|  | $(3.2 \%)$ | $(7.9 \%)$ | $(2.3 \%)$ | $(2.6 \%)$ |
| Some Other | 10,366 | 692 | 3,280 | 13,646 |
| Race | $(3.9 \%)$ | $(0.5 \%)$ | $(0.5 \%)$ | $(1.5 \%)$ |

Selected Racial Composition by Percentage


Disabilities ${ }^{15}$

|  | Buffalo | Amherst | Erie County <br> without <br> Buffalo | Erie <br> County |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Disabled (as <br> percentage of <br> population aged 21 <br> to 65) | $27.7 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $14.2 \%$ | $18.3 \%$ |
| Employment rate in <br> disabled population | $45.0 \%$ | $59.4 \%$ | $56.9 \%$ | $51.4 \%$ |

2010-2011 Property Taxes and Budgets

|  | Buffalo | Amherst |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total value of taxable <br> property | $\$ 6,317,283,946^{16}$ | $\$ 8,180,276,711^{17}$ |
| Total budget | $\$ 462,329,667^{18}$ | $\$ 115,437,134^{19}$ |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Decennial Census, 1950 - 2010, U.S. Census Bureau, http://www.census.gov/
    ${ }^{2}$ Decennial Census, 2000, U.S. Census Bureau
    ${ }^{3}$ 2005-2009 ACS 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau
    ${ }^{4}$ Id.
    ${ }^{5}$ Id.
    ${ }^{6}$ 2005-2009 ACS 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau
    ${ }^{7}$ Decennial Census, 2000, U.S. Census Bureau
    ${ }^{8}$ Id.
    ${ }^{9}$ Decennial Census, 2000, U.S. Census Bureau
    ${ }^{10}$ Decennial Census, 2000, U.S. Census Bureau
    ${ }^{11}$ 2005-2009 ACS 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau
    ${ }^{12}$ Decennial Census, 2000, U.S. Census Bureau
    ${ }^{13}$ 2005-2009 ACS 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau
    ${ }^{14}$ Decennial Census, 2010, U.S. Census Bureau, http://2010.census.gov/2010census/data/
    ${ }^{15}$ Decennial Census, 2000, U.S. Census Bureau
    ${ }^{16} 2011$ Buffalo Property Tax Assessment, http://www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/City_ Departments/Assessment_and_Taxation_Department/2011FinalRoll
    ${ }^{17}$ Town of Amherst Assessor's Office
    ${ }^{18}$ City of Buffalo, http://www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/
    ${ }^{19}$ Town of Amherst, http://www.amherst.ny.us/

