Success for Geneva’s Children

Ten Goals

1. Children are born healthy.

2. Children have timely and appropriate preventative and primary health care.

3. Families and caregivers have sufficient economic resources to meet their children’s basic needs.

4. Children have safe, stable, and nurturing environments in their homes, in the community, and in school.

5. Families and caregivers possess and practice child-rearing skills that promote optimal child development.

6. Children with special needs receive timely and appropriate services.

7. Children have the opportunity to attend quality early childhood and care programs.

8. Children attend quality schools and succeed.

9. The community and schools respect and foster diversity.

10. Families exercise their voices and their votes in strengthening the Geneva community.
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Purpose

The mission of Success for Geneva’s Children is to mobilize the Geneva community to improve the health and well-being of all our children and their families. Success provides relevant data to service providers and supports effective interventions for children and families, knowing that these things have profound and long lasting beneficial impacts on the individual child, his or her family and the community. Our organization, which began in 1997, grew out of the Head Start Strategic Planning process. Success has served as a catalyst for improving the quality of life for children in Geneva by providing several unique services to the community: 1) the production of a biennial Data Report to assess and track the wellbeing of children and their families in Geneva, 2) periodic in-depth reports examining key findings identified by the Data Report, with recommendations to address the need, and 3) annual Leadership Breakfasts to highlight the reports and successes of each previous year and raise awareness among elected officials and community leaders on the needs of children and families.

Over one five-year period, our members used the Success Data Reports to attract $4.6 million to Geneva. One multi-year grant, worth $224,000 per year, came to Geneva because Success existed, and brought a collaborative approach to the process, rather than the fragmented, competitive applications from other communities. Another agency, which has received over $500,000 during this time, reports “Population-specific local statistics have a strong impact on grant proposal scoring and the Success data book has been the source for most of this community level information.” In our most recent survey, users reported $3.85 million in grant funding, serving 3,483 children and the numbers continue to grow. While it is very difficult to identify the unduplicated number of children and families served, we know that the number of families is in the hundreds. Additionally, these indicators drive many of the strategic planning and programming decisions made by local providers. In 2015, Success for Geneva’s Children convened two task forces, one devoted to the identified issue of domestic violence while the other studied school readiness.

Success for Geneva’s Children welcomes any individual or organization dedicated to working with and for families with children. Through understanding the needs and interests of children and their parents, we collectively bring resources to improve their quality of life.

The report was compiled by Erica McLaughlin, Danielle Mueller, and Ryan Mullaney, students at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, as their senior seminar project in sociology. Dr. H. Wesley Perkins, Professor of Sociology, was their faculty advisor who also contributed to the preparation of this report.
Procedures

One or more indicators measure each of the ten values listed on the inside front cover. Whenever possible, Geneva's children are compared to other children in Ontario County and New York State, using the most current available data. Also, data trends over time are shown when available. The Geneva City School District refers to the public schools attended by children who reside in the city and town of Geneva and in parts of the towns of Seneca, Phelps, Benton, and Waterloo. In compiling the 2016 Data Report we obtained the most recent data available. Some data sets from previous years have been eliminated or changed due to changes in how the data are kept or reported.

Background Information

In this section, we provide an overall look at the demographic makeup of Geneva as it compares to Ontario County and New York State.

Population

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<th>Ontario</th>
<th>NYS</th>
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<td>13,617</td>
<td>100,224</td>
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<td>+8,651</td>
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<td>Population change rate (2000-2014)</td>
<td>-3.00%</td>
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- Despite the common perception that migrant workers and other immigrant communities are increasing the population of Geneva, it is the only region examined that experienced a net decrease in population from 2000-2014.

• Taken as a whole, Geneva’s population is younger than that of Ontario County or New York State. This is largely attributable to the influx of families with young school children in the city.

Population by Race

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<td>73.76%</td>
<td>91.10%</td>
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<td>8.02%</td>
<td>2.06%</td>
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<td>Hispanic/Latino</td>
<td>13.04%</td>
<td>3.89%</td>
<td>18.17%</td>
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<td>American Indian</td>
<td>0.20%</td>
<td>0.20%</td>
<td>0.24%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>1.49%</td>
<td>1.19%</td>
<td>7.71%</td>
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<td>0.38%</td>
<td>0.13%</td>
<td>0.49%</td>
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<td>Two or more races</td>
<td>3.10%</td>
<td>1.37%</td>
<td>1.68%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total population</td>
<td>13,202</td>
<td>108,975</td>
<td>19,594,330</td>
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● Compared to Ontario County, Geneva has a lower rate of whites, higher rates of Asian and multiracial residents, and significantly higher rates of Blacks and Hispanics/Latinos

● Compared to New York State, Geneva has a lower rate of Blacks, Hispanics/Latinos, and Asians, and a higher rate of white and multiracial residents.

● Rates of American Indians, Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders, and “Others” did not exceed 1% in Geneva.

Median Household Income\(^4\)

![Median Household Income Chart]

● Geneva median household income in 2014 was roughly two-thirds that of Ontario County or New York State

Population Below Poverty Level by Race\(^5\)

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<td>White</td>
<td>21.60%</td>
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<td>Black</td>
<td>40.40%</td>
<td>37.30%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>62.60%</td>
<td>14.00%</td>
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<td>Hispanic/Latino alone</td>
<td>43.60%</td>
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<td>Other alone</td>
<td>53.1%</td>
<td>45.90%</td>
<td>27.10%</td>
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<td>Two or more races</td>
<td>35.80%</td>
<td>20.30%</td>
<td>20.30%</td>
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<tr>
<td>American Indian</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
<td>19.20%</td>
<td>28.80%</td>
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<td>Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
<td>20.70%</td>
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- Poverty rates are greater among Geneva residents in all racial and ethnic groups than in Ontario County and in New York State.

Youth Poverty Rate\(^7\)

- The rate of poverty among people under 18 years of age in Geneva is nearly three times that of Ontario County and nearly double that of New York State.

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\(^5\) American Community Survey. Retrieved at https://pad.human.cornell.edu/schools/acs5cb.cfm

\(^6\) Note: this data point comes from 2013, as the 2014 data point was not available.

\(^7\) American Community Survey. Retrieved at https://pad.human.cornell.edu/schools/acs5cb.cfm
GOAL 1: Children are born healthy

Percent of Mothers Receiving Prenatal Care

The early prenatal care rate is the number of live births to mothers who began prenatal care within the first 3 months of pregnancy. The likelihood that a woman will give birth to a healthy, full-term baby increases substantially with early prenatal care.

More than three-fourths of Geneva mothers received early prenatal health care.

2012 was the best year with 85.5% of Geneva mothers receiving prenatal health care, and by contrast, in 2013 the rate dropped for Geneva to 77.8% of mothers receiving health care.

It is encouraging to see that the numbers of mothers receiving early prenatal health care in Geneva is on the rise again at 82.3%.
The low birth weight rate is the percentage of live infants born weighing less than 5.5 pounds (2500 grams).

Low birth weight is one of the strongest risk factors for infant mortality. Low birth weight may indicate a number of prenatal factors, including a lack of proper prenatal care, poor nutritional status of the mother, or drug/alcohol use by the mother.

In 2013, Geneva low birth weight rate was just under double that of Ontario County.

In 2012, the year with the highest rate of mothers receiving early prenatal care at 85.5% in Geneva, the lowest rate of low birth weight was at only 5.7% in Geneva.

In 2012, only 9 out of 159 births in Geneva had a low birth weights.

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• In 2011, 17 out of 149 births in Geneva had low birth weights. In 2013, 17 out of 167 births in Geneva had low birth weights.

Note: A birth being —in Geneva or in the rest of the county indicates the mother’s residence, not the actual location of birth.

**Infant Mortality Rate**

- Infant mortality rate is the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births.
- The infant mortality rate is one of the most widely used indicators of health and welfare worldwide.
- In 2010, there were 2 infant deaths in Geneva.
- In 2011 and 2014, there were no infant deaths in Geneva. This is due to the fact that Finger Lakes Health closed its birthing center and the few babies that have been born in Geneva have been delivered in the emergency room.
- In 2010, 2012, and 2013 the infant mortality rate in Geneva was significantly higher than the rest of Ontario County and of New York State overall.

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**GOAL 2: Children have timely and appropriate preventative and primary health care**


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<th>Normal Weight</th>
<th>Overweight</th>
<th>Obese</th>
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<td>2.46%</td>
<td>75.31%</td>
<td>6.17%</td>
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<td>2nd Grade</td>
<td>2.56%</td>
<td>56.41%</td>
<td>12.82%</td>
<td>28.21%</td>
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<tr>
<td>4th Grade</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>71.10%</td>
<td>15.66%</td>
<td>13.25%</td>
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<tr>
<td>7th Grade</td>
<td>2.47%</td>
<td>54.32%</td>
<td>12.35%</td>
<td>30.86%</td>
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<tr>
<td>10th Grade</td>
<td>2.33%</td>
<td>53.49%</td>
<td>15.12%</td>
<td>29.10%</td>
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¹¹ Geneva City School District, Nursing Department. 400 W North Street, Geneva NY 14456 (315)781-4103
The center for Disease Control (CDC) classifies weight status according to a BMI percentile scale. Obese: ≥ 95th percentile, overweight: between 85th and 95th percentile, normal weight: between 5th and 85th percentile and underweight: < 5th percentile.\textsuperscript{12}

The BMI of students in the Geneva City School District is measured in kindergarten, 2nd grade, 4th grade, 7th grade and 10th grade.

For school aged males in Geneva, 23.47% are obese and another 12.47% are overweight.

For school aged females in Geneva, 19.59% are obese and another 20.36% are overweight.

Note: Calculations are based on school aged children with recorded weights.

\textsuperscript{12} NY State Department of Health. Obesity as a Major Public Health Threat. \url{http://www.health.state.ny.us/prevention/obesity стратегический план/major_threat.htm}
Asthma, Hearing and Vision

Asthma is a chronic illness that affects an estimated 6.8 million children under age 18 (1.2 million under age 5) in the United States. When a child has an asthma episode, his or her airways narrow, making it difficult to breathe. Asthma is the third leading cause of hospitalization and leading cause of chronic illness among children.\textsuperscript{14}

Asthma is one of the most common causes of school absenteeism; in 2003, children aged 5 to 17 in the United States years who reported at least one asthma attack in the previous year missed 12.8 million school days due to the disease.\textsuperscript{15}

In the 2015-2016, academic school year, a total of 204 or 13.3\% of all students in elementary school and middle school in Geneva, are diagnosed with asthma.

There are a greater number of boys with asthma than girls in the Geneva lower grade schools (124 males and 80 females).

Less than 2\% of students in Geneva elementary schools and middle school have been referred for vision by the school nurses--a total of 28 students (15 males and 13 females) were referred across three schools (North Street School, West Street School, and Geneva Middle School).

Hearing referrals are very sparse with only 3 students across the three schools being referred by the school nurses for hearing issues (1 male and 2 females).

\textsuperscript{13} Geneva City School District, Nursing Department. 400 W North Street, Geneva NY 14456 (315)781-4103
\textsuperscript{15} Ibid.
GOAL 3: Families and caregivers have sufficient economic resources to meet their children’s basic needs

Median Household Income (2014)\textsuperscript{16}

- According to the United States Census, \textbf{median household income} represents the annual dollar income of the typical household in an area.

- Geneva median household income in 2014 was roughly two-thirds that of Ontario County or New York State

TANF\textsuperscript{17}

- TANF refers to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, which provides financial assistance to economically disadvantaged households.
- The TANF use rate among Geneva households was consistently about four times that of the rest of Ontario County.

SNAP\textsuperscript{18}

- SNAP refers to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, otherwise known as food stamps. Unlike with TANF, a household does not need to have persons under the age of 18 in order to be eligible to receive SNAP benefits.
- The SNAP use rate among Geneva households was consistently about three times that of the rest of Ontario County.

\textsuperscript{17} Ontario County Social Services Annual Reports. Retrieved at http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/social_services/

\textsuperscript{18} Ontario County Social Services Annual Reports. Retrieved at http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/social_services/
The poverty level is the income level estimated by the federal government that is needed to meet a family’s basic needs.

The poverty rate of families in Geneva is roughly three times that of the rest of Ontario County. It is about one and a half times greater than that of the rest of New York State.

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The rate of homeless children is extremely variable, as many local families are never far from homelessness.

Homelessness is one of the new metrics featured in this booklet.

The data are collected by school year.

These accommodation types are based off of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, which “was the first major federal legislative response to homelessness” (http://www.nationalhomeless.org/publications/facts/McKinney.pdf).

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20 Tracy A. Marchionda, Director of Innovative Programming, Geneva City Schools, 400 W. North Street, Geneva, NY 14456.
**GOAL 4: Children have safe, stable, and nurturing environments in their homes, community, and schools**

**Household Structure / Parents’ Employment**

Household Structure and Parent’s Employment Status Among Children Under 6  
2006-2010 & 2010-2014

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<td>Two parents, both employed</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>45%</td>
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<td>Two parents, only a father employed</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Two parents, only a mother employed</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Two parents, neither employed</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Single father, employed</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Single father, not employed</td>
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<td>Single mother, employed</td>
<td>34%</td>
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<td>16%</td>
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<td>Single mother, not employed</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>9%</td>
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21 Office of Neighborhood Initiatives. Geneva Neighborhood Resource Center, 47 Castle Street, First Floor, Geneva, NY 14456. (315) 828 6585
• The structure of a child’s household is one indicator of the amount of parental support and household resources available to the child.

• The employment status of the parents in households with young children suggests the demand for child care in a community. Households in which parents are employed typically have a need for child care provided by someone outside the household.

• Between 2006-2010, 52% of Geneva’s children under 6 lived in single parent households. This is substantially larger than the percentage living in single parent households in Ontario County (28.2%) or in New York State (32.8%).

• Between 2010-2014, 52.7% of Geneva’s children under 6 lived in single parent households. This is substantially larger than the percentage living in single parent households in Ontario County (28.2%) or in New York State (34.8%).

• For comparison, in 2000, 46% of children under 6 in Geneva lived in single parent households.

![Bar chart showing the percentage of children under 6 in Geneva living with two parents or single parents between 2006-2010 and 2010-2014.]

• The percentage of children in two-parent households in both the 2006-2010 timespan and the 2010-2014 time span was lower in Geneva than in the county or the state.

• Compared to the 2011 Success for Geneva’s Children booklet, the percentage of children under 6 in Geneva living with two parents has dropped, the percentage of children under 6 living with a single mom has increased, and the percentage of children under 6 living with a single dad has also increased.

• The data from the timespan of 2010-2014 suggest that most children in Geneva are in need of some form of child care. The parent or parents of young children in Geneva are 90% employed. The remaining 10% live with a single parent (either mother or father) who is not employed.
Ontario County Calls Reporting Abuse

- The graph above displays the total number of calls received by the agency Safe Harbors of Geneva for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 calendar years.

- These are not broken down by the type of abuse reported.

- These data are in no way representative of the entirety of reported abuse in Ontario County as there are other agencies in the county that individuals can call to report abuse such as the Child Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes in Canandaigua.

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22 Safe Harbors. 122 N Genesee St, Geneva, NY 14456. (315) 781 1093
• The graph above displays the total number of calls received by the agency Safe Harbors of Geneva for the 2014 and 2015 calendar years. They are broken down by the type of abuse that was reported.

• Although there has been an upward trend in the amount of calls received it is not indicative of the amount of abuse that may be occurring. In fact, it may be indicative of a more effective reporting structure rather than an increase in rates of abuse.

Criminal Arrests of Minors\textsuperscript{23}

• The number of juveniles arrested for committing criminal acts is a measure of the overall safety of the community for young people. Juvenile offenders are defined as youth under the age of 16. An increase in arrests may be reflecting increased enforcement due to an increase in the number of police personnel or increases in actual criminal activity.

• *Raise the Age* legislation is currently included in Governor Cuomo’s Executive Budget. “Research into brain development has underscored the fact that adolescents are in fact children and that the human brain is not fully formed until the age of 25” (raisetheageny.com).

• “Treating children as adults in the criminal system is short-sighted and ineffective; youth incarcerated in adult facilities are more likely to suffer physical and emotional abuse and to recidivate - realities that are at odds with the goal of rehabilitating youth and protecting public safety” (raisetheageny.com).

\begin{figure}
\centering
\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{most_frequent_serious_criminal_offenses_by_minors.png}
\caption{Most Frequent or Serious Criminal Offenses by Minors (under 18)}
\end{figure}

\textsuperscript{23} Geneva City Police Department. 255 Exchange Street, Geneva, NY 14456. (315) 789 1111
• The total number of arrests among minors (under 18 years of age) decreased from 38 in 2012 to 34 in 2013 to 19 in 2014.

• In each year, the categories with the highest numbers of offenses were larceny-theft, disorderly conduct, and vandalism.

FLACRA’s Geneva Outpatient Clinic

The graph above displays the amount of individuals served in the Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling & Referral Agency (FLACRA) outpatient clinic during the 2015 calendar year. All of these individuals were referred to the FLACRA due to their alcohol / drug dependence or abuse.

• Out of the 401 individuals served, 40 individuals or 10% of individuals were youth (18 years of age or younger).

• 30-40% of these individuals are opiate addicts.

• Less than 10% of these individuals are in need of medication assisted therapy.

• An outpatient clinic supports individuals who are in need of evaluations to determine the level of their need for treatment. Depending on the level of need, individuals can come in 1-5 times a week to the outpatient clinic. Individuals are referred to the outpatient clinics.

• Both individual and group sessions are offered for the individuals in the outpatient clinics.

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24 Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling & Referral Agency (FLACRA). 28 East Main Street, Clifton Springs, NY 14432. (315) 462 9466
• In comparison to an outpatient clinic, an inpatient clinic is prescribed for those who need a higher level of care and attention.

• There are other outpatient clinics in surrounding towns such as Clifton Springs, Penn Yan, Newark, Watkins Glen, and Farmington.

**GOAL 5: Families and caregivers possess and practice child-rearing skills that promote optimal child development**

Teenage Pregnancy Rates\textsuperscript{25}

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Geneva & 12.6\% & 10.2\% & 11.9\% & 7.2\% & 7.8\% \\
Ontario w/o Geneva & 7.7\% & 7.2\% & 6.6\% & 6.5\% & 4.6\% \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\caption{Teenage Pregnancy Rate}
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The number of pregnancies to teenagers (<20 yrs) is reported as a percentage of the total number of teen pregnancies and total number of pregnancies in Ontario County.

Teen parents are less likely than older parents to have the educational and economic resources to meet the demands of parenting.

In 2010, there were 24 teen pregnancies in Geneva. In 2013, there were only 15 teenage pregnancies in Geneva.

In 2012, the teenage pregnancy rate in Geneva was almost twice as high as the rest of Ontario County at 11.9%, compared to 6.6%.

In 2012 and 2014, over 24% of all teenage pregnancies in Ontario County were in Geneva, however Geneva only made up just over 15% of total pregnancies in the county.

In 2013 the teenage Pregnancy rate in Geneva dropped down to 7.2% from 11.9% the year prior closing the gap between Geneva and the rest of Ontario Counties teenage pregnancy rates, but the gap widened again in 2014 with the declines observed in the rest of Ontario County.
Educational Attainment of Mothers

Educational Attainment of New Mothers in 2014

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<tr>
<td>High School/GED</td>
<td>34.8%</td>
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<td>Some College/Associate</td>
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<td>4 years or more of Higher Education</td>
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26 NYS Dept. of Health, Bureau of Biometrics and Health Statistics. 800 North Pearl St. Albany, NY 12204.
The educational attainment of mothers is presented as the percentage of mothers giving birth during the year who have various educational degrees. Mother’s educational attainment may be related to children’s performance in school and later success in the labor market.

In 2014, the four out of five new mothers had a high school/GED level education or higher.

Although the percentage of new mothers with at least some college education had been increasing between 2011 and 2013, this trend reverse in 2014 (43.9% in 2014 as compared to 53.9% in 2013).

In 2014, only 23.8% of new mothers in Geneva had attended four years of college or pursued a graduate degree, compared to 40.8% of new mothers in the rest of Ontario County.
GOAL 6: Children with special needs receive timely and appropriate services

Early Intervention for Preschoolers

- A key aspect of early education and childhood development is that children with special needs are quickly identified and provided with appropriate services.

- The Ontario County Early Intervention Program is a Federal and State mandated and County Department of Health administered program that provides services to eligible children with developmental delays, ages 0-3. The program is free to parents. Following the early intervention program, the child may be eligible to transition to the age 3-5 Preschool Program.

- Services in the Early Intervention Program include but are not limited to family training, counseling, parents support groups, health services, speech/language services, physical therapy, transportation, and social work.

- For children at risk, an early intervention program during these critical years (ages 0-3) not only provides benefits for the child, but also savings in the long term for the society.

- The Ontario Public Health Children with Special Needs agency hopes to “have access to accurate reports from our new state computer system by next year” as they no longer have access to the data they once did regarding early intervention services.

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27 Ontario County Public Health Children with Special Needs. 3019 County Complex Drive, Canandaigua, NY 14424. (585) 396 4546
A Committee on Special Education exists to evaluate referrals made by parents, teachers, physicians or other sources to determine if a student qualifies to receive special education services. Such services include but are not limited to speech therapy, physical therapy, special classes, counseling, and transportation to other facilities to receive additional services.

Among elementary school students in Geneva (kindergarten through 5th grade) 5.4% received special education services in the 2008-2009 school year, a low point in the decline from four previous years.

Since 2009-2010 school year, the percentage of Geneva’s students K through 5th grade receiving special education (SPED) services has increased to 11% in 2015-2016.

In 2014 13% of students were classified in special education for all grades (K-12).

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28 Geneva City School District. (315) 781 0400 extension #9
GOAL 7: Children have the opportunity to attend quality early childhood and care programs

Child Care

With the large number of working parents in Geneva, there is a great demand for child care services. The number of child care slots available in Geneva serves as a measure of the supply of child care in the community.

The number of available child care slots was calculated based on the following requirements: If infants are present, a single caregiver can care for five children under 6, while a home provider with two caregivers can care for ten. If no infants are present, a single caregiver can have six children under 6 present, while a pair of caregivers may have up to twelve. It is unknown whether the reported figures for 2001-2007 include infants or not, but in 2009 and 2016 both figures are reported. The requirements shifted for 2010 and 2011 so that it was no longer necessary to report the number of slots available with infants and without infants.

Currently, there are 4 licensed day care centers, 9 family child care homes, and 3 group family child care homes in Geneva. In addition, there are 2 programs for school-age children (YMCA and Boys and Girls Clubs)

29 Child & Family Resources, Inc. 41 Lewis Street, Suite 103. Geneva, NY 14456. (315) 781 1491
- On December 11, 2010, a new regulation required that “at least one caretaker who holds valid certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid on the premise of the child care program during the program’s operating hours.”

- The breakdown of children’s ages are conceptualized as the following:
  - “Infants” are classified as 6 weeks - 2 years of age
  - “Toddlers” are classified as 2-3 years of age
  - “Preschoolers” are classified as 3-4 years of age
  - “School-age” children are classified as 5 years of age or older

- For consistency in the numbers, the data for this metric are collected every year at the same time.

- Since the year 2013 the total capacity of child care in Geneva for children under 6 years of age has been slightly decreasing, while the total capacity of child care in Geneva for children ages 6-12 has been slightly increasing.

![Graph Showing Total Slots Available for Child Care in Geneva](image)

- The graph above displays the amount of available child care slots in Geneva as of May 4, 2016 broken down by the type of child care service.

- It is important to note that these numbers are subject to change over time.

- “Family Child Care”: Can have up to 8 children in their home with no more than 2 infants per adult and are registered by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

- “Group Family Child Care”: Can have up to 12 children with an assistant in their home with no more than 2 infants per adult, plus 4 school age children and are licensed.
GOAL 8: Children attend quality schools and succeed

Students by Race (2016)\textsuperscript{30}

- White students comprise nearly half of all students, and Hispanic/Latino and Black students make up another 41%.

\textsuperscript{30} Chris Semler, Geneva City Schools grant writer, Christopher Semler, 87 Pebble Hill Road, Fairport, NY 14450
Graduation Rates by Race\textsuperscript{31}

- The overall graduation rate and graduation rate of whites rose between 2009 and 2013 and then declined slightly thereafter, while the graduation rate of Blacks has been highly variable.

- The graduation rate of whites has been consistently higher than that of Blacks.

- Note that Hispanics/Latinos were not included in this measure, as they are designated by the Census as a distinct ethnic group, rather than a racial group.

\textsuperscript{31} Chris Semler, Geneva City Schools grant writer, Christopher Semler, 87 Pebble Hill Road, Fairport, NY 14450
Graduation Rates Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students and Students with Disabilities with All Students

- Economically disadvantaged students refers to those receiving free or reduced lunch.

- Students with disabilities refers to those with an Individualized Education Program or who are otherwise receiving other educational services.

- Although the graduation rate of economically disadvantaged students falls below that of all students each year between 2008-2009 and 2014-2015, this gap got substantially smaller for 2011-2012 through 2013-2014 and then widened again in 2014-2015.

- Graduation rates for students with disabilities are significantly lower that of all students each year.

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Recently the Geneva City School District began a dual language classroom to accommodate the growing number of English language learners in the district.

As a new metric, the number of English Language Learners in Geneva increased by roughly 50% from the 2014-2015 to 2015-2016 school year, This is largely attributable to the influx of Hispanic/Latino residents.

Chris Semler, Geneva City Schools grant writer, Christopher Semler, 87 Pebble Hill Road, Fairport, NY 14450
Test scores

- This measure indicates the number of students scoring a 3 or 4 out of 4 on their 4th and 8th grade standardized tests.

- In the 2009-2010 and 2012-2013 school years, the large decreases in achievement are largely attributable to a state-level change in what standard constituted a 3 or 4 on the exam.

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GOAL 9: The community and schools respect and foster diversity

The Community Has Activities and Events for Families

Availability of Services for Parents

Programs:
Healthy Families Program – Child and Family Resources
Choose Health Action Teen (CHAT) Healthy Eating and Living Program – Finger Lakes
Health partnering with schools and others upon request
Maternity and Single Parenting Support Program – Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes
Educational programs for adults and children – Geneva Public Library
Recreational and educational programs for children and youth – Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts
Geneva Reads – Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Geneva Counts – Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Parenting education and awareness programs for divorced/separating parents – Child and Family Resources
Walk and Talk – Finger Lakes Health
Big Brothers Big Sisters school- and community-based mentoring
Youth Court – Partnership for Ontario County
Finger Lakes Parents Supporting Children with Autism – Happiness House and Geneva City School Ontario ARC Youth Recreation Program

Classes:
Early prenatal class – Finger Lakes Health System
Sibling classes – Finger Lakes Health
Parenting Skills Workshop – Cornell Cooperative Extension
TASC (previously known as GED) in English and Spanish – Finger Lakes Community College

Services:
Mental health counseling for individuals, couples and families – Family Counseling of the Finger Lakes
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Screening – Finger Lakes Health
Dine and Discuss – Finger Lakes Health

Support groups:
Single parent support group – Cornell Cooperative Extension
Second Time Around Parents – Cornell Cooperative Extension
Finger Lakes Parent Support Network
Advocacy Groups:
NAACP
Ontario County Youth Bureau
Success For Geneva’s Children
Legal Assistance of the Finger Lakes
Child Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes

The Community Has Activities and Events that are Oriented Toward Families and Celebrate Cultural Diversity\(^{35}\)

- There are many ongoing activities and events in Geneva sponsored by a variety of organizations. The list below is a sampling.

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- Additional activities are listed on the Chamber of Commerce website: [http://www.genevany.com/content/view/events-calendar.html](http://www.genevany.com/content/view/events-calendar.html)
GOAL 10: Families exercise their voices and their votes in strengthening the Geneva community

Voter Turnout for School Vote

The graph above displays the percentage of the eligible voters in the Geneva City School District that came out to vote each calendar year from 2009-2014.

Since 2000, the annual votes for the budget and board generated interest of 7%-17%; with the highest in 2000 and 2010 (17%), and the least in 2006 (7%).

In 2014 the 11% of voters represent the 994 who voted out of the total eligible voting population of 9,363.

Looking at the percentages, it is encouraging that voter turnout slightly increased in 2014, however the numbers clearly tend to fluctuate from year to year.

Note: Voters eligible to vote in Geneva City School District reside in the City or Town of Geneva in Ontario County, in Benton in Yates County, and only the parts of Waterloo that are in the Geneva School District, in Seneca County. The average number of eligible voters in the district for 2008-2009 is 9,370; this is the number used in each of these calculations, except for 2008, which had an average of 9,376 voters. The percentage for the 2010 budget election was based on an average of 10,589 registered voters. The percentage for the 2014 budget election was based on an average of 9,363 registered voters. The actual number of voters includes those voting at the polls and by absentee ballot.

Ontario County Board of Elections. 74 Ontario St, Canandaigua, NY 14424. (585) 396 4005
Key Findings

- The number of English Language Learners in Geneva nearly doubled between the 2014-2015 to 2015-2016 school year.

- Between 2012-2014, 1 in 5 new mothers in Geneva had less than a high school education, a rate that was more than double that of the rest of Ontario County.

- Between 2010-2014, more than half of Geneva’s children under 6 lived in single parent households.

- The poverty rate of families in Geneva is roughly three times that of the rest of Ontario County.

- Teen pregnancy rates are substantially higher in Geneva compared to the rest of Ontario county.

- In 2012 was the year with the highest rate of mothers receiving early prenatal care at 85.5% in Geneva and was also the year of the lowest rate of low birth weight at only 5.7%.

- 36% of school aged males in Geneva are overweight or obese and 40% of females are overweight or obese.