



## Tuesday's Tip

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Want to know who your constituents are in order to better serve them? Do you have a patron looking for demographics for a project or business? Perhaps you are overwhelmed by all the data from the Census Bureau? Here's a place to get some help: [Mid-Hudson Valley Community Profiles](#).

Mid-Hudson Valley Community Profiles

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### A Community Indicators Project for Dutchess County

Knowing where you stand is the first step in achieving a community's vision.

This site provides trend data and analysis for a series of indicators that together show how Dutchess County is doing over time, where we are excelling, and where more progress is needed.

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This site provides profiles for Dutchess, Ulster and Orange Counties as well as for the Mid-Hudson region as a whole. Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, the Dyson Foundation, and the United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region jointly commissioned the Center for Government Research (CGR) to collect and analyze the data and maintain the website.

Nine different topics for each county are listed. Each topic includes key trends, an overview and some important indicators. The “Education” section is seen below for Dutchess County.

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### Key Trends

Quality educational opportunities are critical to helping our children develop to their maximum potential and to our community's ability to compete in the global economy.

In this section, we summarize trends in the performance of the region on the following indicators: 1) *percentage of preschoolers receiving special education services*; 2) *percentage of preschoolers in publicly funded prekindergarten programs*; 3) *percentage of preschoolers in low-income and minority students*; 4) *passing rates on fourth-grade English and math exams*; 5) *high school graduation rates*; 6) *post-graduation plans of high school graduates*; and 7) *education levels among adults*.

In all cases, comparisons to state statistics reflect the state excluding New York City.

### Overview

The percentage of preschoolers receiving special education services has increased, surpassing the state percentage. A smaller percentage of 4-year-olds are in publicly funded prekindergarten programs than in the state. Average per-student spending is lower than the statewide average.

The region has lower passing rates on fourth-grade English and math exams than the state. Passing rates were even lower among low-income and minority students. High school graduation rates have increased to 83%, slightly below the state (84%). An increasing proportion of high school graduates plan to attend 2-year (rather than 4-year) colleges, and an increasing percentage of the region's adult residents are college educated.

### School Readiness

The percentage of preschoolers receiving special education services has been increasing since 2000. From 2000 to 2012, the number of preschoolers receiving special education services increased 33% in the region and 16% in the state. In 2012, 6.5% of all 3- to 5-year-olds in the region and 6.1% in the state were receiving special education services. Ulster had the highest rate at 7.2%, followed by Dutchess at 7.0%.

#### Preschoolers Receiving Special Education Services

Year	Region	Dutchess	Ulster	State	NYS (excluding NYC)
2000	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0
2001	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
2002	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
2003	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0
2004	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0
2005	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
2006	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0
2007	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
2008	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0
2009	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0
2010	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0
2011	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
2012	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0

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This is a rich site with much information that can help you become more informed about what's going on in our region and how best to serve the people in it.