

Growth in Dutchess – Skidding to a Halt?

	Census 2000	2005	2006	2010
Dutchess County	280,153	291,586	291,471	297,488
T. Amenia	4,062	4,143	4,140	4,436
T. Beekman	13,698	14,748	14,723	14,621
T. Clinton	4,011	4,155	4,169	4,312
T. Dover	8,562	8,803	8,824	8,699
T. East Fishkill	25,588	28,324	28,589	29,029
T. Fishkill	19,261	20,158	20,342	22,107
T. Hyde Park	20,837	20,611	20,455	21,571
T. Lagrange	14,926	15,849	15,808	15,730
T. Milan	2,359	2,582	2,616	2,370
T. North East	3,002	3,116	3,135	3,031
T. Pawling	7,521	8,252	8,230	8,463
T. Pine Plains	2,559	2,666	2,684	2,473
T. Pleasant Valley	9,063	9,592	9,712	9,672
T. Poughkeepsie	42,492	44,249	44,069	43,341
T. Red Hook	10,394	11,292	11,305	11,319
T. Rhinebeck	7,774	8,083	8,062	7,548
T. Stanford	3,553	3,700	3,697	3,823
T. Union Vale	4,521	5,056	5,061	4,877
T. Wappinger	26,272	26,484	26,409	27,048
T. Washington	4,736	4,865	4,846	4,741

% change from 2000 to 2010	% change from 2000 to 2005	% change from 2006 to 2010
6.19%	4.08%	2.06%
9.21%	1.99%	7.15%
6.74%	7.67%	-0.69%
7.50%	3.59%	3.43%
1.60%	2.81%	-1.42%
13.45%	10.69%	1.54%
14.78%	4.66%	8.68%
3.52%	-1.08%	5.46%
5.39%	6.18%	-0.49%
0.47%	9.45%	-9.40%
0.97%	3.80%	-3.32%
12.52%	9.72%	2.83%
-3.36%	4.18%	-7.86%
6.72%	5.84%	-0.41%
2.00%	4.13%	-1.65%
8.90%	8.64%	0.12%
-2.91%	3.97%	-6.38%
7.60%	4.14%	3.41%
7.87%	11.83%	-3.64%
2.95%	0.81%	2.42%
0.11%	2.72%	-2.17%

V. Fishkill	1,740	1,729	1,712	2,171
V. Millbrook	1,429	1,537	1,521	1,452
V. Millerton	925	918	910	958
V. Pawling	2,233	2,283	2,263	2,347
V. Red Hook	1,805	1,800	1,781	1,961
V. Rhinebeck	3,052	3,063	3,046	2,657
V. Tivoli	1,163	1,155	1,148	1,118
V. Wappingers Falls	4,929	5,012	5,073	5,522

24.77%	-0.63%	26.81%
1.61%	7.56%	-4.54%
3.57%	-0.76%	5.27%
5.11%	2.24%	3.71%
8.64%	-0.28%	10.11%
-12.94%	0.36%	-12.77%
-3.87%	-0.69%	-2.61%
12.03%	1.68%	8.85%

C. Beacon	14,805	14,686	14,636	15,541
C. Poughkeepsie	30,157	30,172	29,959	32,736

4.97%	-0.80%	6.18%
8.55%	0.05%	9.27%

Source: United States Census Bureau, Town populations include their respective Villages

In the past decade, Dutchess County grew by almost 5%. However, most of this growth occurred in the first half of the decade and may have been temporary – a result of 9/11 and the housing boom of that period.

As the data at left indicate, the period of rapid growth for most areas ended in 2005. From 2006 to 2010, Dutchess County population growth dropped to 2% – one half the growth rate between 2000 and 2005. Between 2006 to 2010, three of the eight villages declined in population. The City of Beacon and Poughkeepsie grew by over 6% and 9%, respectively. During that same period, 11 of the 20 towns declined. The average growth rate for the towns that showed an increase in population was 3.45%, from 2006 to 2010.

Birth rates are falling as well. From 2002 to 2008 the number of live births declined in 10 of the 13 school districts. The overall number of live births countywide declined by almost 7.5% during the same period. Furthermore, student enrollment has declined by over 4% from 2005 to 2010.

Residential building permits have also decreased by 67.6% falling from 1,003 total units in 2000 to 325 in 2009. Most of this decline occurred after 2005.

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