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COLONIAL-ERA CENSUSES	
Surviving colonial censuses were taken in Eastern New York State but not on any comprehensive basis.	
GRO Microfilm	None
GRO Print format	GRO Reference Desk *F118 .E23 1989 v.1 - Early Census Index: New York Early Census GRO Reference Desk *F118 .M58 1965 - Early New York State Census Records, 1663-1772
B&ECPL Databases	No
WNYGS	None
Free on Internet?	Not that we know of



1790 FEDERAL CENSUS (1 ST)	
GRO Microfilm	None
GRO Print format	GRO Ref Desk *CS43 .U7 - Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790 GRO Ref. E185.93 .N56 B34 2000 - Slaves and Nonwhite Free Persons in the 1790 Federal Census of New York GRO Ref. E185.93 .N56 E37 - Free Black Heads of Households in the New York State Federal Census, 1790-1830 GRO F127 .A3 S26 - New York: State Census of Albany County Towns in 1790
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Entire state of New York on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only US Census Bureau - http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/decennial/1790.htm

1800 FEDERAL CENSUS (2 ND)	
GRO Microfilm	Entire state of NY
GRO Print format	Stacks *CS43 .U7 N7 1800 - New York 1800 Census Index GRO Ref. E185.93 .N56 E37 - Free Black Heads of Households in the New York State Federal Census, 1790-1830 Stacks F118 .A76 1984 - Index to the 1800 Census of New York GRO Reference Desk *F118 .N58 2000 - New York 1800 Census Index, A-Z GRO *F127 .H5 W6 - Herkimer County, New York State: Federal Population Census Schedules 1800, 1810 [and] 1820 GRO *F127 .O5 W6 - Oneida County, New York State 1800 Federal Population Census Schedule GRO *F127 .O7 W6 - Ontario County, New York State, 1800 Federal Population Census Schedule GRO *F127 .O93 E44 2002 - 1800-1820 U.S. Census, Otsego County, New York GRO F127 .W3 U6 - Washington County, State of New York, 1800 and 1810...
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Cayuga, Chenango, Ontario, Rensselaer, Schoharie, and Washington on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only



1800 FEDERAL CENSUS (2ND)	
	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1800.html - select areas
1810 FEDERAL CENSUS (3RD)	
This is the first Federal census to include Buffalo, which was then part of Niagara County.	
GRO Microfilm	Entire US
GRO Print format	GRO Ref. E185.93 .N56 E37 - Free Black Heads of Households in the New York State Federal Census, 1790-1830
	GRO *F127 .D8 E44 1990 - 1810 Census with Index: Dutchess County, New York
	GRO *F127 .H5 W6 - Herkimer County, New York State: Federal Population Census Schedules 1800, 1810 [and] 1820
	GRO *F127 .J4 W6 - Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties, New York State, 1810 and 1820, Federal Population Census Schedules, Transcripts and Index
	GRO *F127 .O7 W62 - Ontario County, New York State, 1810 Federal Population Census Schedule: Transcript and Index
	GRO *F127 .O93 E44 2002 - 1800-1820 U.S. Census, Otsego County, New York
	GRO F127 .W3 U6 - Washington County, State of New York, 1800 and 1810...
	GRO *F129 .R57 M38 1994 - Town of Ripley, New York State & Federal Census, 1810-1845
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Clinton, Dutchess, Essex, Franklin, Genesee, Greene, Herkimer, Montgomery, Niagara, Orange, Sullivan and Washington on microfilm
	974.7 1810-1850 - Town of Middlebury, 1810-1850 Census Index
	974.7 1810-1850 - Town of Warsaw, 1810-1850 Census Index
Free on Internet?	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1810.html - select areas
1815 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
No Erie County schedules survive.	
GRO Microfilm	None
GRO Print format	GRO *F127 .S2 J33 1984 - U.S. State Census Index, New York St. Lawrence County, 1815
	GRO *F129 .R57 M38 1994 - Town of Ripley, New York State & Federal Census, 1810-1845
B&ECPL Databases	No
WNYGS	None
Free on Internet?	Not that we know of
1820 FEDERAL CENSUS (4TH)	
Erie County not yet formed--see Niagara County.	
GRO Microfilm	Entire state of NY on microfilm
GRO Print format	GRO Reference Desk *CS43 .U7 N7 1820 - New York 1820 Census Index
	GRO Ref. E185.93 .N56 E37 - Free Black Heads of Households in the New York State Federal Census, 1790-1830
	GRO *F127 .C7 U83 1995 - U.S. Census 1820, Chautauqua County, New York
	GRO *F127 .H5 W6 - Herkimer County, New York State: Federal Population Census Schedules 1800, 1810 [and] 1820
	GRO *F127 .J4 W6 - Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties, New York State, 1810 and 1820, Federal Population Census Schedules, Transcripts and Index
	GRO *F127 .O93 E44 2002 - 1800-1820 U.S. Census, Otsego County, New York
	GRO *F129 .R57 M38 1994 - Town of Ripley, New York State & Federal Census, 1810-1845
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chenango, Clinton, Cortland, Essex, Franklin, Niagara on microfilm
	974.7 1810-1850 - Town of Middlebury, 1810-1850 Census Index





1820 FEDERAL CENSUS (4TH)	
	974.7 1810-1850 - Town of Warsaw, 1810-1850 Census Index
	974.7 1820 - 1820 Census, Head of Families of Erie County, then Niagara County...
	974.7 1820 - 1820 Census, Head of Families of Orleans County, then Genesee County...
	974.7 1820-1830 - Wyoming County Census of 1820-30
Free on Internet?	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1820.html - select areas



1825 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
No Erie County schedules survive from this census	
GRO Microfilm	None
GRO Print format	GRO *F129 .R57 M38 1994 - Town of Ripley, New York State & Federal Census, 1810-1845
B&ECPL Databases	No
WNYGS?	Counties of Cattaraugus & Chautauqua on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Not that we know of


1830 FEDERAL CENSUS (5TH)	
First census to include Erie County by name.	
GRO Microfilm	Entire state of NY
GRO Print format	GRO Reference Desk *CS43 .U7 N7 1830 - New York 1830 Census Index
	GRO Ref. E185.93 .N56 E37 - Free Black Heads of Households in the New York State Federal Census, 1790-1830
	GRO *F129 .R57 M38 1994 - Town of Ripley, New York State & Federal Census, 1810-1845
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Albany, Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chenango, Clinton, Erie, Essex, Franklin, Genesee, Montgomery, Niagara, Orleans, and Oswego on microfilm
	974.7 1810-1850 - Town of Middlebury, 1810-1850 Census Index
	974.7 1810-1850 - Town of Warsaw, 1810-1850 Census Index
	974.7 1820-1830 - Wyoming County Census of 1820-30
Free on Internet?	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1830.html - select areas



1835 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
No Erie County schedules survive from this census.	
GRO Microfilm	None
GRO Print format	GRO *F129 .R57 M38 1994 - Town of Ripley, New York State & Federal Census, 1810-1845
B&ECPL Databases	No
WNYGS	Counties of Cattaraugus & Chautauqua on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Not that we know of


1840 FEDERAL CENSUS (6TH)	
GRO Microfilm	Entire state of NY
GRO Print format	GRO CS63 .K45 1995 - New York Revolutionary War Pensioners in the 1840 Census
	GRO Reference Desk *CS43 .U7 N7 1840 - New York 1840 Census Index
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, and Orleans on microfilm
	974.7 1810-1850 - Town of Middlebury, 1810-1850 Census Index
	974.7 1810-1850 - Town of Warsaw, 1810-1850 Census Index
	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only

1840 FEDERAL CENSUS (6TH)	
	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1840.html - select areas
1845 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
No Erie County schedules survive from this census.	
GRO Microfilm	None
GRO Print format	GRO F129 .M347 G647 1998 - New York State Census: Town of Masonville, Delaware County, New York, 1845
	GRO *F129 .R57 M38 1994 - Town of Ripley, New York State & Federal Census, 1810-1845
B&ECPL Databases	No
WNYGS	Counties of Cattaraugus & Chautauqua on microfilm
	974.7 1845 - 1845 Census of the Town of Pavilion, Genesee County, New York
Free on Internet?	New York State Archives - http://iarchives.nysed.gov/PubImageWeb/listCollections.jsp?id=6000 - Indian reservations
1850 FEDERAL CENSUS (7TH)	
GRO Microfilm	Entire state of NY
GRO Print format	GRO Reference Desk *CS43 .U7 N7 1850, 2 vols. - New York 1850 Census Index
	GRO *F127 .P9 E34 1990Z - 1850 U.S. Census, Putnam County, New York
	GRO Reference Desk *F128.25 .J326 - New York City 1850 Census Index
	GRO Reference Desk *F129 .B8 U6 - Index of 1850 Census, Buffalo, Erie County, New York
	GRO *F129 .S6628 G69 1999 - U.S. Federal/New York State Census, Town of Sidney, Delaware County, New York, 1850
	GRO Reference Desk *HA547 .B55 Z5 1993 - Index to the 1850 Census of Black Rock, Erie County, New York
B&ECPL Databases	  Can browse slave schedules
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming on microfilm
	974.7 1810-1850 - Town of Middlebury, 1810-1850 Census Index
	974.7 1810-1850 - Town of Warsaw, 1810-1850 Census Index
	974.7 1850 - 1850 Census, Town of Pembroke, County of Genesee
Free on Internet?	WNYGS - http://www.wnygs.org/BlackRock1850.html - Black Rock
	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org – includes mortality and slave schedules
	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1850.html - select areas
1855 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
GRO Microfilm	Erie County on microfilm and index to Town of Brant on microfiche
GRO Print format	GRO *F127 .D3 B28 - 1855 Census Records of Delaware County, N.Y.
	GRO Reference Desk *F127 .E6 U6 - Index of 1855 Census, Erie County, New York, Exclusive of Buffalo <i>Does not include city of Buffalo</i>
	GRO *F127 .G7 B69 1988 - New York's Detailed Census of 1855: Greene County
	GRO *F127 .M7 D28 1989 - The 1855 Census of Montgomery County, New York
	GRO *F127 .S27 D38 1989 - The 1855 Census of Schenectady County, New York
	GRO *F127 .S3 D38 1988 - The 1855 Census of Schoharie County, New York
	GRO *F129 .G85 G64 1999, 4 vols. - New York State Census, Town of Guilford, Chenango County, New York
B&ECPL Databases	 Erie County only  See Online Books for index to Town of Brant
WNYGS	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, Orleans counties on microfilm
	974.5 1855 - 1855 Chautauqua County Census
Free on Internet?	Olean Public Library - http://www.oleanlibrary.org/1855index.html - Olean



1860 FEDERAL CENSUS (8TH)	
GRO Microfilm	Entire state of NY except New York City and Long Island
GRO Print format	GRO Reference Desk *CS43 .U7 N7 1860 v.3 - New York 1860 West
	GRO Reference Desk * CS43 .U7 N7 1860 v.5 - New York 1860 Buffalo - Includes all of Erie County
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, and Wyoming on microfilm
Free on Internet??	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1860.html - select areas
	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org – index only



1865 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
GRO Microfilm	Erie County
GRO Print format	GRO *F127 .J4 L57 1996 - An Every-Name Index for Agricultural Schedules, Industry Other than Agriculture Schedules, Marriages, Deaths, and Civil War Soldier Deaths in the 1865 New York State Census for Jefferson County
	GRO *F129 .G85 G64 1999, 4 vols. - New York State Census, Town of Guilford, Chenango County, New York
	GRO *HA541.5 1865 .B3 1999 - Selected Information from the 1865 New York State Census for the County of Chautauqua
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, and Orleans on microfilm
	974.7 1865 - 1865 Census Index of Allegany County, New York
B&ECPL Databases	 Erie County only
Free on Internet?	Olean Public Library - http://www.oleanlibrary.org/1865index.html - Olean
	WNYGS - http://www.wnygs.org/census_index.html - some WNY towns
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org – browse only


1870 FEDERAL CENSUS (9TH)	
GRO Microfilm	Entire state of NY except New York City and Long Island
GRO Print format	GRO Reference Desk *F118 .S84 2000, 6 vols - New York (Upstate) 1870 Census Index
	GRO *HA541.5 1870 .B3 2001, 3 vols. - Selected Information from the 1870 United States Census for the County of Chautauqua, New York
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1870.html - select areas
	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org



1875 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
GRO Microfilm	Erie County
GRO Print format	GRO *F129 .G85 G64 1999, 4 vols. - New York State Census, Town of Guilford, Chenango County, New York
	GRO *HA541.5 1875 .B3 1999 - Selected Information from the 1875 New York State Census for the County of Chautauqua
B&ECPL Databases	 Erie County only
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming on microfilm
	Olean Public Library - http://www.oleanlibrary.org/1875index.html - Olean
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org – browse only


1880 FEDERAL CENSUS (10TH)	
GRO Microfilm	Entire state of NY and Soundex








1880 FEDERAL CENSUS (10TH)	
GRO Print format	GRO Reference Desk *CS49 .S64 1990 - The Soundex Reference Guide
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga (part), Chautauqua, Chemung, Dutchess, Erie, Fulton (part), Genesee, New York (part), Niagara, Orange (part), Orleans, Wyoming on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1880.html - select areas
	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org - index only



1890 FEDERAL CENSUS (11TH)	
The 1890 general population census schedules were lost in a fire in 1921. All that survives for NY is schedules of Union veterans from the Civil War and a few downstate fragments from the general population schedules.	
GRO Microfilm	Union veterans & widows for New York State
GRO Print format	GRO Reference Desk *E494 .D53 1993 - 1890 New York Veterans Census Index
	GRO Ref. *F128.25 .A43 2003 - Aid to Finding Addresses in the 1890 New York City Police Census
B&ECPL Databases?	  Surviving fragments plus the 1890 New York City police census and Union veterans & widows census
WNYGS	Surviving fragments plus Union veterans & widows for New York State
Free on Internet?	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1890.html - select areas, veterans schedules
	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org - Union veterans & widows census, browse only


1892 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
GRO Microfilm	Erie County
GRO Print format	GRO Reference Desk *E99 .I7 S55 1995 - The Six Nations of New York: The 1892 United States Extra Census Bulletin
B&ECPL Databases?	
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Niagara, and Orleans on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org
	Ancestry - http://www.ancestry.com/newyork - Free for New York residents








1900 FEDERAL CENSUS (12TH)	
Indian reservations are enumerated with their respective counties.	
GRO Microfilm	Erie County
GRO Print format	GRO Reference Desk *F118 .N63 2001, 9 vols. - New York (upstate) 1900 Census Index
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Dutchess (part), Fulton, Genesee, Greene, New York (part), Niagara, Orange, Orleans, Westchester, Wyoming, and Yates on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1900.html - select areas
	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org

1905 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
GRO Microfilm	Erie County
GRO Print format	GRO *F129 .G85 G64 1999, 4 vols. - New York State Census, Town of Guilford, Chenango County, New York
B&ECPL Databases	 Some counties only
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Niagara, and Orleans on microfilm

1905 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
Free on Internet?	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org
1910 FEDERAL CENSUS (13TH)	
Indian reservations are enumerated with their respective counties. For Lackawanna, see West Seneca.	
GRO Microfilm	Erie County
GRO Print format	GRO Reference Desk *F118 .N494 2001, 11 vols. - New York Upstate 1910 Census Index
	GRO Reference Desk *F118 .R44 1999 - A Research Guide for the New York 1910 Federal Census
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Dutchess (part), Fulton, Genesee, Greene, New York (part), Niagara, Orange, Orleans, Westchester, Wyoming, and Yates on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1910.html - select areas
	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org - index only
1915 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
All Indian reservations are enumerated at the end of Yates County.	
GRO Microfilm	Erie County
GRO Print format	GRO *F129 .G85 G64 1999, 4 vols. - New York State Census, Town of Guilford, Chenango County, New York
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Niagara, Orange (part), Orleans, Wyoming, and Yates on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Ancestry - http://www.ancestry.com/newyork - Free for New York residents
1920 FEDERAL CENSUS (14TH)	
Indian reservations are enumerated with their respective counties.	
GRO Microfilm	Erie County
GRO Print format	None
B&ECPL Databases	 
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Greene, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1920.html - select areas
	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org - index only
1925 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS	
Indian reservations are enumerated with their respective counties. Last census ever taken by NY state.	
GRO Microfilm	Erie County
GRO Print format	GRO *F127 .C77 R337 2001 - Clinton County, New York 1925 State Census: A Listing of Heads of Households...
	GRO *F129 .S7 N45 2000 - New York 1925 State Census Index, Richmond County
B&ECPL Databases	
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Niagara, Orange (part), Orleans, Wyoming, and Yates on microfilm
	974.7 1925 - Index of Heads of Families, Allegany County
Free on Internet?	Ancestry - http://www.ancestry.com/newyork - Free for New York residents
1930 FEDERAL CENSUS (15TH)	
Indian reservations are enumerated with their respective counties. Newest federal census available to the public by law. 72 year waiting period.	
GRO Microfilm?	Erie County
GRO Print format	None

1930 FEDERAL CENSUS (15 TH)	
B&ECPL Databases	  Partial index or browse
WNYGS	Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming, and Yates on microfilm
Free on Internet?	Census Online - http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/1930.html - select areas
	Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org/details/us_census - browse only
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org - index only

1940 FEDERAL CENSUS (15 TH)	
This is the first year the U.S. Federal Census was released online for free.	
GRO Microfilm?	None
GRO Print format	None
B&ECPL Databases	
WNYGS	None
Free on the Internet?	National Archives - http://1940census.archives.gov/ - browse only
	Family Search - https://www.familysearch.org
	Ancestry.com - http://www.ancestry.com/newyork - Free for New York residents

SPECIAL CENSUS SCHEDULES	
New York Census of Inmates in Almshouses and Poorhouses, 1830-1920 [Erie Co 1860-1920]  also http://www.ancestry.com/newyork - Free for New York residents	
1850-1880 US Federal Census Mortality Schedules. Year availability varies from town to town.  also 1850 only - www.familysearch.org also http://www.ancestry.com/newyork - Free for New York residents	
1850-1880 US Federal Census Agriculture Schedules  also http://www.ancestry.com/newyork - Free for New York residents	
1850-1880 US Federal Census Industry Schedules.  - also http://www.ancestry.com/newyork - Free for New York residents	
1850-1880 US Federal Census Social Statistics Schedules  also http://www.ancestry.com/newyork - Free for New York residents	
1880 US Federal Census Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes  also http://www.ancestry.com/newyork - Free for New York residents	
US Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940 [NY 1885-1924]  also www.familysearch.org	

ADDITIONAL SELECTED WEBSITES	
The following is a list of census websites you may wish to explore, aside from those listed above.	
http://www.censusfinder.com/new_york.htm Census Finder	Links to online census records.
http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/ma.html Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses From 1790 to 2000	This online book provides sample questionnaires, enumerator instructions, and background to the U.S. Federal Census. Enumerator instructions are essential to understanding the information on census schedules.
http://www.archives.gov/research/census/ National Archives Census Records	This site details census records available at NARA and gives tips on using them for genealogy research.
http://stevemorse.org/#us One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse	A useful site to help determine enumeration districts for large cities including Buffalo.