



## GOVERNMENT



ORANGE COUNTY

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*Quality of Life • 2012 Report*



### *Government Summary*

Between the 2007 and 2012 reports, there was little change in residents' participation in choosing its leaders. Approximately 50% of the electorate consistently comes out to vote in federal, state and local elections, with higher voter-participation for federal elections and lower voter-participation for county elections. While the population ages 18 and older (those eligible to vote) declined by 4% in 2010 from the 2007 level, the number of people who were registered to vote had increased by 6%. The predominant age group among registered voters in 2010 was 45-64. Those registered as Democratic, at 36% of the total, were just 2% points greater in number than Republicans.

In 2010, Orange's 32 elected officials, representing its interests at the federal, state and county levels, was third highest among all Hudson Valley counties. Ulster's 42 representatives was reduced to 32 on January 1, 2012, when the county-chartered reduction in county legislators occurred.

Municipalities offer a number of services such as water, sewer, fire, emergency response, etc. Just three municipalities have appointed managers.

Municipal debt varies from no indebtedness in some communities to millions of dollars in others. All municipalities maintain debt amounts significantly below their Constitutional Debt Limits (CDL), as does Orange County, whose debt, as a percentage of the CDL, is higher than all other Hudson Valley counties except Sullivan.

Orange County improved its own debt rating in 2010 and maintained Moody's highest (and best) rating into 2011.





**Registered Voters in Orange County**

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley: N/A

New York State: N/A

2007 Report:



**What does this measure?** This indicator looks at the extent to which Orange County residents are registered to vote, some demographic description of the registered voter base, the percentage of registered voters who actually voted and their party affiliation when voting.

Note that the percentage who voted is not an accurate figure because the number of registered voters at the time of the gubernatorial election is not available.

**Summary Statement:** A Between 2006 and 2010, Orange County’s eligible voters (residents age 18 and above) declined by 4.3% while registered voters, as of September 2011, increased 6%. Those who went to the polls and voted remained around 50% of all registered voters. Among registered voters, Democratic affiliation exceeded Republican by just 2% (both are around 1/3 of the total in 2011). Regarding the age of voters, the 45 - 65 group predominates, with 40.6%.

**Eligible and Registered Voters  
Orange County**

	<i>2007 Report 2006</i>	<i>2012 Report 2010</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Eligible Voters	283,462	271,248	-4.3%
Total Registered Voters	186,495	197,747 *	6.0%
Male	47%	47%	
Female	53%	53%	
Percent Who Voted	50%	49% **	

\* Numbers are as of Sept. 9, 2011

\*\* Percentage who voted in Nov., 2010 Governor election based on registered voter total as of Sept. 2011 (number of registered voters in Nov., 2010 not known)

Source: U.S. Census

**Age of Voters**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-44</i>	<i>45-64</i>	<i>65+</i>
Registered Voters in 2011	197,747	19,470	63,700	80,354	34,223
Percentage of Total		9.8%	32.2%	40.6%	17.3%
Party Affiliation					
Democrat	36%				
Republican	34%				
Conservative	1%				
Independent	4%				
Other	4%				
Non-affiliated	21%				

Source: Orange County Board of Elections



**How Orange County Voted**

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley:  New York State: N/A 2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** These tables reflect how many people in Orange County (and in other Hudson Valley counties in some cases) voted in 7 elections between 2006 and 2010. Election statistics do not include the number of voters of each political affiliation who voted in the various elections but rather the number of people who voted for a candidate under a particular party line. For instance, in the November 2010 election for Governor, the totals for Republican reflect the number of votes cast for the individual running on the Republican line. And the same is relevant for each of the other party affiliation totals. The percentage of registered voters who voted is available for a few elections. Elections include a presidential election, and elections for US Congress, NYS Legislature and local county executive, legislature and municipal elections. Blank Votes count the individuals who voted in other races on that ballot but did not vote in the specific race.

**Summary Statement:** In the 2006 US Senate and 2008 Presidential elections, Orange County voters cast more ballots than any other Hudson Valley county but Westchester. In each election, Orange County’s votes represented 2% of the total NYS vote. In 2007, Republican votes were 44.8% of the total Orange County vote and Democrat votes were 33.7%. In 2010, Democrat votes had the majority (48.9% in the Gubernatorial election)) versus 32.2% for Republicans.

In terms of the percent of registered voters who turned out at the polls, the local elections of 2007 saw a 26% turnout, 71% voted in the 2008 presidential election, 32% voted in the 2009 county elections and the gubernatorial race in 2010 saw 49% of registered voters at the polls.

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**How Orange County Voted**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2010**

<i>Orange County</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Repub</i>	<i>Dem</i>	<i>Indep</i>	<i>Conserv</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Blank Votes</i>	<i>% Registered Who Voted</i>
Governor and Lt. Governor	100,037	32,255	48,945	2,850	6,255	6,572	3,160	49%
% of Total		32.2%	48.9%	2.8%	6.3%	6.6%	3.2%	
US Senator—Unexpired Term	100,037	34,372	45,605	3,431	7,103	4,226	5,300	49%
% of Total		34.4%	45.6%	3.4%	7.1%	4.2%	5.3%	

Source: Orange County Board of Elections



**How Orange County Voted**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2009**

<i>Orange County</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Repub</i>	<i>Dem</i>	<i>Indep</i>	<i>Conserv</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Blank Votes</i>	<i>% Registered Who Voted</i>
County Executive & Legislature	65,077	0,132	21,430	2,427	1,544	9,544	—	
% of Total		46.3%	32.9%	3.7%	2.4%	14.7%	0.0%	32%

Source: Orange County Board of Elections

**Tuesday, November 4, 2008**

<i>Orange County</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Repub</i>	<i>Dem</i>	<i>Indep</i>	<i>Conserv</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Blank Votes</i>	<i>% Registered Who Voted</i>
US Congress—Representative— 19th District	101,045	32,508	42,818	7,117	3,775	2,178	12,649	71%
% of Total		32.2%	42.4%	7.0%	3.7%	2.2%	12.5%	
US Congress—Representative— 22nd District	52,604	3,819	25,934	1,946	1,439	1,160	8,306	71%
		26.3%	49.3%	3.7%	2.7%	2.2%	15.8%	

Source: Orange County Board of Elections

**November 4, 2008**

**Hudson Valley Counties**

<b>Presidential Election</b>	<b># Votes</b>	<b>% of NYS Votes</b>
<b>Orange</b>	153,649	2.0%
Dutchess	133,619	1.7%
Putnam	47,465	0.6%
Rockland	134,723	1.7%
Sullivan	31,509	0.4%
Ulster	90,017	1.2%
Westchester	417,496	5.4%
New York State	7,722,105	

Source: New York State Board of Elections; [www.elections.state.ny.us](http://www.elections.state.ny.us)

**Tuesday, November 6, 2007**

<i>Orange County</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Repub</i>	<i>Dem</i>	<i>Indep</i>	<i>Conserv</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Blank Votes</i>	<i>% Registered Who Voted</i>
Local Towns & Cities	52,045	24,362	17,564	1,597	1,140	7,382		26%
% of Total		46.8%	33.7%	3.1%	2.2%	14.2%	0.0%	

Source: Orange County Board of Elections



**How Orange County Voted**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2006**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Repub</i>	<i>Dem</i>	<i>Indep</i>	<i>Conserv</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Blank Votes</i>	<i>% Registered Who Voted</i>
<b>Orange County</b>								
US Congress—Representative— 19th District (Sue Kelley/John Hall)	64,053	4,969	29,737	1,895	2,970	10	4,472	
% of Total		39.0%	46.4%	3.0%	4.6%	0.0%	7.0%	
US Congress—Representative— 22nd District (Maurice Hinchey)*	31,909	0	14,251	1,370	665	15	15,608	
			44.7%	4.3%	2.1%	0.0%	48.9%	

\*In this race, Congressman Hinchey ran uncontested. Votes were cast for Mr. Hinchey, who ran under the Democrat, Independent, Conservative and other lines, by voters whose registration affiliation is unknown. The Blank Votes reflect voters who voted in other races on the ballot but did not vote in the Hinchey race.

**Tuesday, November 7, 2006**

**Hudson Valley Counties**

<b>United States Senator</b>	<i># Votes</i>	<i>% of NYS</i>
<b>Orange</b>	92,974	2.0%
Dutchess	85,539	1.8%
Putnam	32,349	0.7%
Rockland	83,649	1.8%
Sullivan	21,018	0.4%
Ulster	62,780	1.3%
Westchester	275,384	5.9%
New York State	4,700,632	

Source: New York State Board of Elections; [www.elections.state.ny.us](http://www.elections.state.ny.us)



### *Elected Officials in the Hudson Valley*

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley:

New York State: N/A

2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** The data below compares the number of legislators representing Orange County to the number of legislators representing other Hudson Valley counties.

Most legislators represent portions of multiple counties.

**Summary Statement:** Two Hudson Valley counties, Dutchess and Ulster, have more elected officials than Orange. Orange County's county legislature is currently the 3rd largest in the Hudson Valley but Ulster County, which has a greater number of elected representatives than Orange, will shortly be reducing its legislature by county charter revision. Three counties have more US Congressmen than Orange, two have more state assemblypeople. Orange has more state senators than any other Hudson Valley county.

### Elected Representation in Hudson Valley Counties 2011

<i># Officials</i>	<i>Federal House</i>	<i>Federal Senate</i>	<i>State Assembly</i>	<i>NYS Senate</i>	<i>County Legislature</i>	<i>County Totals</i>
<b>Orange</b>	2	2	4	3	21	32
Dutchess	3	2	5	2	25	37
Putnam	1	2	2	1	9	15
Rockland	3	2	4	1	17	27
Sullivan	1	2	1	1	9	14
Ulster	1	2	4	2	33	42
Westchester	3	2	7	2	17	31
Hudson Valley Total	14	14	27	12	131	198

*Source:* <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/findyourreps.xpd?state=NY>  
<http://www.nysenate.gov/district/>  
 Individual County Boards of Elections

***Elected Representatives—Length of Service***

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley: N/A

New York State: N/A

2007 Report:



**What does this measure?** This indicator displays the length of time each Orange County elected official has been in office. Note that one legislator had a brief hiatus out of office. His total years of service have been used in this table.

**Summary Statement:** Three of Orange County's elected representatives have served 16 years or more—one for 21 years. Average length of service of Orange County's 11 statewide and federally-elected legislators is 9.5 years.

**Length of Service**  
**Orange County Elected Representatives**

As of September 2011

	<i>In Office Since</i>	<i>Total Years</i>
<b>US Senate</b>		
Chuck Schumer, D-NY	2000	11
Kirsten E. Gillibrand, D-NY	2009	2
<b>US House of Representatives</b>		
Nan Hayworth, R	2011	1
Maurice D. Hinchey, D	1994	17
<b>NYS Senate</b>		
John J. Bonacic, R-C	2000	11
David Carlucci, D	2011	1
William J. Larkin Jr., R-C	1990	21
<b>NYS Assembly</b>		
Nancy Calhoun, R-C-I	1991	10
Aileen M. Gunther, D-C	2003	8
Thomas Kirwan, R-C-I*	1993–2008, then 2011	16
Annie Rabbitt, R-C	2004	7
<b>Average Length of Service</b>		<b>9.5</b>

\*Deceased November 2011

Source: Elected officials' offices





***Elected Representatives—Committees***

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley: N/A                                      New York State: N/A                                      2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** Orange County representation in federal and state governments is shown in the table below.

**Summary Statement:** All elected representatives serve on at least one committee. Those with the longest tenure tend to serve on more committees. Committee leadership is normally held by those in the majority party.

**Committee Assignment of Orange County’s Elected Officials  
September 2011**

	<i>Committees</i>	<i>Chair *</i>
<b>US Senate</b>		
Chuck Schumer, D-NY	Banking; Housing & Urban Affairs; Judiciary; Rules	Rules
Kirsten E. Gillibrand, D-NY	Agriculture; Foreign Relations; Environment and Public Works; Armed Services	
<b>U.S. House of Representatives</b>		
Nan Hayworth, R	Financial Services	
Maurice D. Hinchey, D	Appropriations	
<b>NYS Senate</b>		
John J. Bonacic, R-C	Housing, Construction & Community Development; Banks; Judiciary; Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; Cultural Affairs/Tourism/Parks & Recreation; Finance; Mental Health & Development Disabilities; Racing, Gaming & Wagering	Judiciary, Racing/ Gaming & Wagering
David Carlucci, D	Administrative Regulations Review Commission (ARRC); Banks; Elections; Higher Education; Veterans, Homeland Security & Military Affairs	Co-Chair of ARRC
William J. Larkin Jr., R-C	Corporations, Authorities & Commissions; Finance; Health; Insurance; Rules; Transportation; Veterans, Homeland Security & Military Affairs; Majority Whip	
<b>NYS Assembly</b>		
Nancy Calhoun, R-C-I	Ways & Means; Rules; Insurance; Labor; Real Property Taxation; Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations; Republican Assembly Conference	
Aileen M. Gunther, D-C	Agriculture; Environmental Conservation; Health; Racing & Wagering; Real Property Taxation; Tourism, Parks, Arts & Sports; Rural Resources; Women's Health	Vice Chair Rural Resources
Thomas Kirwan, R-C-I**	Correction, Oversight, Analysis & Investigation	
Annie Rabbitt, R-C	Labor Committee; Consumer Affairs & Protection; Economic Development; Local Government; Veterans' Affairs	

\*Chairpersons are usually members of majority party

\*\*Deceased November 2011

Source: Elected representatives' offices



**Average Age of Elected OC Officials**

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley: N/A

New York State: N/A

2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** This indicator provides the average age of Orange County’s 36 elected officials.

**Summary Statement:** The average age of elected officials representing Orange County in all categories is 52 and over. The average age in most categories is 60 and older. Orange County’s U.S. senators are the youngest as a group.

**Orange County Elected Officials’ Average Age**

	<u># of Reps</u>	<u>Average Age in 2011</u>
U.S. Senators	2	52.0
U.S. Congresspeople	2	62.0
NYS Senators	3	60.7
NYS Assemblypeople	4	63.0
Orange County Legislature	21	56.7
Orange County Administrators	4	60.0

*Source:* Orange County Board of Elections for County Offices of State and Federal Officials



**County Bond Ratings**

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley: N/A                                      New York State: N/A                                      2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** This data reports the financial health of Orange County and the other 6 counties in the Hudson Valley and charts their Moody’s Bond Rating from 2007 through 2011. The scale used by Moody’s in rating its bonds is provided as well. Bond ratings are used to determine a municipality’s financial creditworthiness and, consequently, the interest rate on its debt. The better the rating, the lower the interest rate.

**Summary Statement:** Orange County improved its rating in 2010 and maintained Moody’s best rating into 2011. Westchester County is the only other county with this rating. Sullivan reports an A2, the lowest rating among its Hudson Valley peers.

Moody’s Bond Ratings on Municipal Debt Hudson Valley Counties					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Orange</b>	<b>AA1</b>	<b>AA1</b>	<b>AA1</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AAA</b>
Dutchess				AA2	AA2
Putnam				AA2	AA2
Rockland				AA3	A1
Sullivan	A-	A	A2	A2	A2
Ulster		AA-	AA-	AA-	AA-
Westchester				AAA	AAA

Moody’s Bond Ratings
AAA (Best)
AA1
AA2
AA3
A1
A2
A3
BAA1
BAA2 (Worst)

Source: Orange      Orange County Department of Finance  
 Dutchess      <http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/CountyExecutive/17939.htm>  
 Putnam  
 Rockland      <http://nyack.patch.com/articles/moodys-downgrades-rockland-county-bonds-lawmaker-seeks-state-audit>  
 Sullivan      [http://gcherald.com/news\\_archive/county-bond-rating-raised-to-a-by-standard-poors.print.shtml](http://gcherald.com/news_archive/county-bond-rating-raised-to-a-by-standard-poors.print.shtml)  
 Ulster      <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/pressreleases/2010/news%20release%20S&P%20Bond%20Rating%2010.26.10.pdf>  
 Westchester      <http://www.lohud.com/article/20110727/NEWS02/107270322/Moody-s-warns-Westchester-AAA-bond-rating-risk>



**Municipal Debt**

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley:  New York State: N/A 2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** The amount of debt held by each Orange County municipality and their Constitutional Debt Limits (CDL) plus Orange County’s debt compared to that of other Hudson Valley counties is listed.

**Constitutional Debt Limits**

Municipal debt for all municipalities is subject to NYS constitutional debt limits. For villages and towns, these limits are 7% of the 5-year average of the full value of taxable real property. For cities, the constitutional debt limits vary: for cities with populations less than 250,000, the limit is 7% of the 5-year average of the full value of taxable real property; for cities with more than 250,000 people, it is 9%. For all counties but Nassau, the limit is 7% of the 5-year average full value of taxable real property. The full value of taxable real property is derived by taking the assessed value of each parcel in the municipality and applying an equalization rate. The equalization rate converts the value of each municipality to an approximate “market” value that can be compared to the value of other municipalities. Debt excluded in the calculation of the debt limit is water debt, certain sewer and revenue-producing debt. Information on the debt of Orange County municipalities in the 2010/2011 column may be approximate and may include debt for water, sewer and capital projects. Amounts in the 2009 column were provided by the NYS State Comptroller’s Office and are exact.

**Summary Statement:** In reviewing the amounts of indebtedness of the municipalities in Orange County and the Hudson Valley counties, it is important to recognize that higher debt amounts do not necessarily equate to lower financial health because each municipality has a different taxable value and other circumstances that impact on its financial wherewithal.

Of Orange County’s 42 municipalities, 6 municipalities had no debt outstanding in 2009 that affected their Constitutional Debt Limits. Highland Falls and the City of Newburgh had constitutional debt of 30% or more of their CDL’s.

Among the Hudson Valley counties, Orange had the second-highest percentage of its CDL outstanding, at 10%, while Sullivan County had debt amounting to almost 13% of its CDL and Dutchess County had the lowest amount at just over 4%.

**Municipal Debt vs. Debt Limits  
Hudson Valley Counties**

	<i>Outstanding Debt as of 12/31/2009</i>	<i>Debt Subject to Debt Limit</i>	<i>% Debt Limit Used *</i>
<b>County of Orange</b>	<b>\$286,220,066</b>	<b>\$267,845,066</b>	<b>10.09%</b>
County of Dutchess	\$100,585,000	\$100,585,000	4.11%
County of Putnam	\$75,190,401	\$58,190,401	5.31%
County of Rockland	\$448,713,086	\$238,739,000	8.11%
County of Sullivan	\$85,441,076	\$77,045,000	12.90%
County of Ulster	\$153,899,436	\$109,664,734	8.03%
County of Westchester	\$1,034,720,118	\$729,846,436	5.79%

\* The identification of debt as subject and not subject to the debt limit is as reported by the municipalities.  
Source: NYS Office of the State Comptroller, Division of Local Government and School Accountability



### Outstanding Debt ((\$000))

Villages	2010/2011	At 12/31/2009	% Debt Limit Used 2009 *
Chester	\$1,100	\$875	0.40%
Cornwall-On-Hudson	\$4,200	\$6,661	9.11%
Florida	\$700	\$730	3.56%
Goshen	\$31,800	\$32,936	1.96%
Greenwood Lake	\$100	\$1,048	0.70%
Harriman	\$328	\$2,340	0.00%
Highland Falls	8,000	\$8,408	29.25%
Kiryas Joel	\$28,000	\$12,805	6.64%
Maybrook	\$1,300	\$611	4.34%
Monroe	\$2,400	\$3,070	0.52%
Montgomery	\$500	\$906	4.34%
Otisville	\$323	\$484	5.49%
South Blooming Grove	N/A	\$864	3.60%
Tuxedo Park	\$5,000	\$3,550	9.01%
Unionville	\$300	\$0	0.00%
Walden	\$4,900	\$3,506	5.49%
Warwick	\$1,900	\$1,400	3.22%
Washingtonville	\$1,100	\$2,084	3.90%
Woodbury	\$300	\$700	0.38%
<b>Towns</b>			
Blooming Grove	\$3,900	\$6,296	4.44%
Chester	\$5,000	\$6,668	0.00%
Cornwall	\$5,500	\$4,055	3.51%
Crawford	\$5,600	\$7,764	6.47%
<b>Towns (cont.)</b>			
Deerpark	N/A	\$1,356	3.09%
Goshen	\$3,900	\$4,817	3.52%
Greenville	\$0	\$76	0.22%
Hamptonburgh	\$409	\$172	0.27%
Highlands	\$1,900	\$0	0.00%
Minisink	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Monroe	\$1,800	\$3,141	1.13%
Montgomery	\$3,300	\$2,497	0.00%
Mount Hope	\$1,200	\$1,500	3.35%
Newburgh	\$9,600	\$11,490	2.72%
New Windsor	\$12,500	\$14,708	6.09%
Tuxedo	\$1,800	\$2,056	2.11%
Wallkill	\$20,300	\$26,638	4.34%
Warwick	\$9,600	\$9,552	2.53%
Wawayanda	\$4,500	\$5,239	7.83%
Woodbury	\$8,300	\$10,127	3.90%
<b>Cities</b>			
Middletown	\$52,000	\$48,151	17.76%
Newburgh	N/A	\$66,029	57.94%
Port Jervis	\$7,000	\$8,381	11.94%

\*Not all outstanding debt is subject to the Constitutional Debt Limit, as described above.

Source: For 2010/2011 Data: Municipal offices

For 2009 Data: NYS Office of the State Comptroller, Division of Local Government and School  
Accountability <http://osc.state.ny.us/localgov/finreporting/cdl.htm>

**Assessed Value of Orange County Municipalities**

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley: N/A

New York State: N/A

2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** This indicator looks at the assessed value of real property in each of the towns and cities in Orange County (village information is not available) as of 2011. This is the value upon which taxes are levied and is based on the assessment rolls completed, verified and filed in 2010.

**Summary Statement:** Montgomery and the Town and City of Newburgh reported the greatest assessed values, at over \$1 billion. Minisink and Tuxedo reported the lowest.

**Assessed Values  
Orange County Municipalities  
2011**

	<i>Taxable Assessed Value Upon Which Tax is Actually Levied (\$000)</i>
<b>Towns</b>	
Blooming Grove	\$279,132
Chester	\$785,737
Cornwall	\$935,987
Crawford	\$318,133
Deerpark	\$276,641
Goshen	\$937,003
Greenville	\$247,669
Hamptonburgh	\$696,051
Highlands	\$297,572
Minisink	\$191,857
Monroe	\$502,829
Montgomery	\$1,260,760
Mount Hope	\$254,014
Newburgh	\$1,260,632
New Windsor	\$371,078
Tuxedo	\$195,286
Wallkill	\$542,137
Warwick	\$509,540
Wawayanda	\$479,774
Woodbury	\$616,045
<b>Cities</b>	
Middletown	\$223,943
Newburgh	\$1,167,739
Port Jervis	\$162,466
<b>Total Orange County</b>	<b>\$12,512,025</b>

*Note:* Similar information for villages not available

*Source:* Orange County Real Property Tax Service Agency, 2011 Data and Information Book



***Managers of Municipalities***

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley: N/A                                      New York State: N/A                                      2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** This indicator looks at how many paid, appointed managers of municipalities exist in Orange County.

**Summary Statement:** Among Orange County’s 42 municipalities, there is one appointed city manager, in Newburgh, and two village managers, one in Walden and the other in Kiryas Joel. In all cases, the manager reports to the municipal Board and Mayor.

**Municipal Managers in Orange County**

- 
- City of Newburgh
  - Village of Kiryas Joel
  - Village of Walden
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*Source:* Municipal Offices

***Municipalities That Have Received Grants for Consolidation and/or Government Efficiency***

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley: N/A                                      New York State: N/A                                      2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** Communities that have obtained grants from New York State for consolidation and/or government efficiency are identified here.

**Summary Statement:** Of Orange County’s 42 municipalities, five reported that they are recipients of this kind of grant. Many communities have received grants for other purposes.

- Town of Chester
- Village of Chester\*
- Village of Kiryas Joel
- Town of Chester
- Town of New Windsor
- City of Port Jervis

\* Village of Chester is participating in the NYS grant directly awarded to the Town of Chester.

*Source:* Municipal Offices



**Municipal Services Provided**

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley: N/A

New York State: N/A

2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** This indicator reports which services municipalities provide for residents. Services include garbage pick-up, recycling, sewer and water services. These services may be provided by a municipality or may be the responsibility of the individual home and business owner. In most communities where the municipality provides these services, they are provided to a specific district which pays for the service.

**Summary Statement:** All municipalities but one provide at least one service to its residents. Cities often provide the most comprehensive services with villages second.

**Services Provided by Municipalities  
Orange County**

<u>Villages</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Towns</u>	<u>Services</u>
Chester	water, sewer	Blooming Grove	garbage, recycling, water, sewer
Cornwall-On-Hudson	garbage, recycling, sewer, water	Chester	garbage, recycling within Refuse District (1-3 family homes), water, sewer
Florida	garbage, recycling, sewer, water	Cornwall	garbage, recycling, sewer, water
Goshen	garbage, recycling, sewer, water	Crawford	water, sewer
Greenwood Lake	garbage, recycling, water	Deerpark	water
Harriman	water	Goshen	sewer, water
Highland Falls	sewer, water	Greenville	none
Kiryas Joel	garbage, recycling, water, sewer	Hamptonburgh	water, sewer
Maybrook	garbage, recycling, sewer, water	Highlands	garbage, recycling, water, sewer
Monroe	water, others provided by Town	Minisink	water
Montgomery	garbage, recycling, water, sewer	Monroe	garbage, recycling, water, sewer
Otisville	garbage, recycling, water	Montgomery	water, sewer
South Blooming Grove	garbage, recycling, sewer, water	Mount Hope	sewer
Tuxedo Park	garbage, recycling, water, sewer	Newburgh	water, sewer
Unionville	water	New Windsor	garbage, recycling, water, sewer
Walden	garbage, recycling, water, sewer	Tuxedo	garbage, recycling, sewer
Warwick	water, sewer	Wallkill	water, sewer
Washingtonville	water, sewer	Warwick	recycling, water, sewer
Woodbury	garbage, recycling, water, sewer	Wawayanda	water, sewer
		Woodbury	garbage, recycling
		<b>Cities</b>	
		Middletown	garbage, recycling, water, sewer
		Newburgh	garbage, recycling, water, sewer
		Port Jervis	garbage, recycling, water, sewer

Source: Municipal offices





**Orange County Municipalities with Online Services**

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley: N/A

New York State: N/A

2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** Villages, towns and cities that have a website on which information about town meetings and services is made available are noted here.

**Summary Statement:** All but 5 of Orange County’s 19 villages and one of its 20 towns has a website and uses it to inform its residents of government meetings, contacts for services, events, etc. The county’s three cities each have online service.

**Municipalities and Online Services  
Orange County**

<u>Villages</u>	<u>Online Services</u>	<u>Towns</u>	<u>Online Services</u>
Chester	X	Blooming Grove	X
Cornwall-On-Hudson	X	Chester	X
Florida	X	Cornwall	X
Goshen	X	Crawford	X
Greenwood Lake	X	Deerpark	X
Harriman		Goshen	X
Highland Falls	X	Greenville	
Kiryas Joel		Hamptonburgh	X
Maybrook	X	Highlands	
Monroe	X	Minisink	X
Montgomery	X	Monroe	X
Otisville	X	Montgomery	X
South Blooming Grove	X	Mount Hope	X
Tuxedo Park	X	Newburgh	X
Unionville	X	New Windsor	X
Walden	X	Tuxedo	X
Warwick	X	Wallkill	X
Washingtonville		Warwick	X
Woodbury	X	Wawayanda	X
		Woodbury	X
		<b>Cities</b>	
		Middletown	X
		Newburgh	X
		Port Jervis	X

Source: Municipal offices



***Level of Volunteer Service in Essential Services of Fire and EMT***

Orange County comparison to:

Hudson Valley: N/A

New York State: N/A

2007 Report: N/A

**What does this measure?** The table below shows which municipalities in Orange County have volunteer fire and emergency response personnel and which have paid. Where there is “N/A”, the municipality did not respond to requests.

**Summary Statement:** Virtually all municipalities rely on volunteers for their fire services and emergency response personnel. The City of Newburgh is the only municipality with an all-paid fire and emergency staff. The City of Middletown uses a combination of paid and volunteer.

**Municipalities in Orange County  
Volunteer and Paid Personnel**

<b>Villages</b>	<i>Fire &amp; EMT</i>	<b>Towns</b>	<i>Fire &amp; EMT</i>
Chester	volunteer	Blooming Grove	volunteer
Cornwall-On-Hudson	volunteer	Chester	volunteer
Florida	volunteer	Cornwall	volunteer
Goshen	volunteer	Crawford	volunteer
Greenwood Lake	volunteer	Deerpark	volunteer
Harriman	volunteer	Goshen	volunteer
Highland Falls	volunteer	Greenville	volunteer
Kiryas Joel	volunteer	Hamptonburgh	volunteer
Maybrook	volunteer	Highlands	volunteer
Monroe	N/A	Minisink	volunteer
Montgomery	volunteer	Monroe	volunteer
Otisville	volunteer	Montgomery	volunteer
South Blooming Grove	volunteer	Mount Hope	volunteer
Tuxedo Park	N/A	Newburgh	volunteer
Unionville	volunteer	New Windsor	volunteer
Walden	volunteer	Tuxedo	volunteer
Warwick	volunteer	Wallkill	volunteer
Washingtonville	volunteer	Warwick	volunteer
Woodbury	volunteer	Wawayanda	volunteer
		Woodbury	volunteer
		<b>Cities</b>	
		Middletown	paid/volunteer
		Newburgh	paid
		Port Jervis	volunteer

Source: Municipal Offices