

## 2015 Profile of Town of Groton (including the village of Groton)

### 1. General Population, Demographics and Housing

- Total Population: 5,950 (2010)
  - Estimated population: 5,997 (2013 A.C.S.)
- Median age: 41.3 years (Tompkins County median age: 29.8 years)
- Population increased 2.7% from 2000
- 96% of Groton's population is white. (Tompkins County rate is 82.6%.)

Groton's growth rate was less than Tompkins County's between 2000 and 2010.

<b>2000 Total Population and Change from 1990</b>				
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Absolute change</b>	<b>Percent change</b>
Groton (town)	5,794	5,950	+ 156	+ 2.7%
Tompkins Co.	96,501	101,564	+ 5,063	+ 5.2%
V. Groton	2,470	2,363	- 107	- 4.3%

The Town population includes the Village shown separately at bottom.

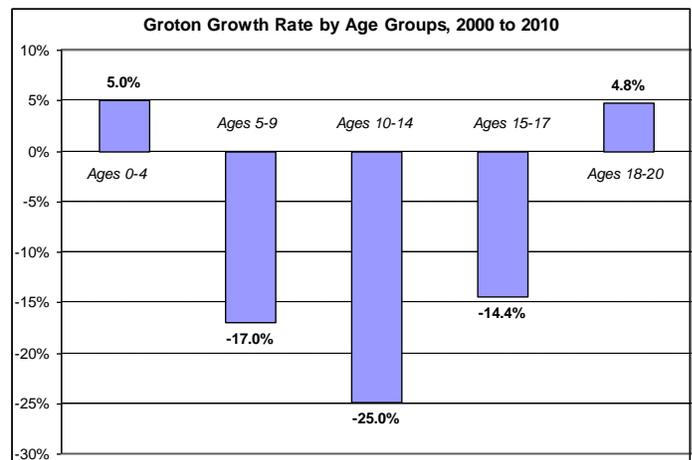
- Number of households: 2,322
- Percentage of households that are families: 68.5% (this compares to a county range of 28% to 69%)
  - Number of family households with own children under age 18 – 686 (29.5%)
    - 461 are husband/wife families (19.9%)
    - 68 are male householder families (no wife present) (2.9%)
    - 157 are female householder families (no husband present) (6.8%)
- Number of owner occupied houses: 1,761      Median value: \$110,400
- Percent of occupied homes that are owner occupied: 75.8 % (Tompkins County rate: 54.1%)
- Percent of housing units (2,072) that are mobile homes: 13.9%
- For renter-occupied units, median rent: \$735 (Tompkins median rent: \$837)

Sources: Population data are from 2010 U.S. Census except 2013 estimated population is from the 2013 American Community Survey(A.C.S.); household and family data are from 2005-2009 American Community Survey

### 2. Youth Population

The Town of Groton's overall 0-17 youth population shrank by nearly 15% between 2000 and 2010. Age groups 0-4, and 18-20 increased; age groups 5-9, 10-14, and 15-17 are smaller than they were ten years ago. Groton's youth population, ages 0-17, (to factor out the county's college age youth) is the fifth largest in the county.

Approximately 8.3% of Tompkins County youth, ages 0-17, live in Groton.



Source: U.S. Census

Groton Youth 0 – 17		Groton Youth 0 – 20	
Number of youth	1,388	Number of youth	1,585
Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in Groton	8.3%	Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in Groton	5.1%
Percentage change from 2000	- 14.8%	Percentage change from 2000	- 12.8%
Tompkins County change from 2000	- 8.9%	Tompkins County change from 2000	- 3.3%

2010 Youth Population, Changes from 2000											
	Age					2000	2010	%	2000	2010	%
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	18-20	0-17	0-17	Change	0-20	0-20	Change
Groton (town)	333	375	400	280	197	1,629	1,388	- 14.8%	1,817	1,585	- 12.8%
Tompkins County	4,322	4,410	4,537	3,390	14,321	18,296	16,659	- 8.9%	32,036	30,980	- 3.3%
V. Groton	137	150	135	106	71	676	528	- 21.9%	740	599	- 19.1%
2013 T. & V. Groton Youth Population Estimates from U.S. Census American Community Survey											
T. Groton	314	390	312	387	308	/	1,403	/	/	1,711	/
V. Groton	178	108	68	85	86	/	439	/	/	525	/

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Sources: Population data are from 2010 U.S. Census except 2013 estimated population is from the 2013 American Community Survey

### 3. School and Education

#### Enrollment

Student Enrollment, 2013 – 14 School Year						
	Pre K	K – 5	6 – 8	9 - 12	Un-graded	ELL *
Groton Elementary School	18	364	0	0	2	0
Groton Jr./Sr. High School	0	0	192	249	3	0

In the 2014-15 school year, 37 K-12 students residing in the Groton district attended a non-public school. The largest number (16) attended Cortland Christian Academy.

\* English Language Learners (formerly Students with Limited English Proficiency)

#### Special Needs

Students in grades K-12 Classified with a Disability			
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Groton Elementary	12%	14%	16%
Groton District	16%	16%	18%
New York State	13%	13%	16%

#### Free & Reduced Lunch Participation

Free/Reduced Lunch Participation						
	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
Groton Elementary	34%	9%	35%	11%	43%	7%
Groton Jr./Sr. H.S.	28%	7%	27%	11%	33%	12%
Groton District	31%	8%	32%	11%	37%	10%
Tompkins Co.	28%	6%	27%	8%	28%	6%

The percentage of Groton students receiving free or reduced lunch is above the county average.

Eligibility for a family of 4 (July, 2014): Free lunch \$31,005, Reduced lunch \$44,123

*School Performance*

<b>Groton Student Performance on Standardized Tests – Percent Meeting State Standards</b>					
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>		<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
	<b>ELA</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Science</b>
2011	48%	45%	42%	56%	83%
2012	48%	45%	36%	47%	68%
2013	18%	15%	24%	5%	63%
2014	16%	31%	19%	7%	74%

\*ELA = English Language Arts  
 NYS Education Dept.’s goal is for schools to have 90% of students at or above standards.

2013 – Common Core standards took effect

*Progress Toward High School Completion*

The table below tracks progress by student cohort. The cohort groups all the first-time 9th graders who start school during the same school year and tracks how each cohort progresses toward high school completion after 4 and 5 years.

<b>Groton</b>	<b>Progress after 4 years</b>			<b>Progress after 5 years</b>			
	<b>Year entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	<b>Graduated</b>	<b>Still enrolled</b>	<b>Dropped out</b>	<b>Graduated</b>	<b>Still enrolled</b>	<b>Dropped out</b>
	2006	74%	4%	9%	74.5%	3.2%	10.6%
	2007	81.4%	7.0%	9.3%	83.7%	1.2%	11.6%
	2008	83.7%	3.5%	7.0%	87.1%	0.0%	7.1%
	2009	73.9%	1.1%	8.7%	76.0%	1.0%	11.0%
	2010	86.0%	7.0%	0.0%			

New York State’s standard is 80% graduating after 5 years.

“Graduated” includes students with a Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, or Local Diploma. Local Diplomas were phased out for general ed. students in 2013. An IEP diploma is not considered a graduation diploma.

*Post High School Plans (2013-14)*

- 35% to 4-year college, 37% to 2-year college
- 2% to military, 11% to employment, 5% to other plan, 10% plan unknown

Source: NYS Education Dept. School Report Cards & Information & Reporting Services

*School Life*

	<b>Groton</b>	<b>Tompkins</b>
Feels welcomed and appreciated by school adults	33%	45%
Has a trusted adult in school who can help with problems	45%	47%
Feels safe at school	73%	86%
Feels school rules are fairly enforced	23%	38%
Says students treat each other with respect	20%	36%
Says someone said something hurtful to them in past 30 days at school	26%	25%
Was physically bullied in past 30 days at school	7%	4%

Source: 2014 Youth Development Survey, Tompkins & Groton results

## 4. Health and Substance Use

### Youth Substance use

- Groton student alcohol use is the third lowest in the county. 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade rates are lower than national rates but 10<sup>th</sup> grade rates are higher. 16% of students in grades 7-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- Groton student marijuana use rates are the third lowest in the county but 10<sup>th</sup> grade rates are higher than national peers. 11% of students in grades 7-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- Groton youth 30-day cigarette use rates are the second highest in the county; rates for 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades exceed national rates. 7% of students in grades 7-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- Groton youth smokeless tobacco rates are the third highest in the county (5%); rates for 10<sup>th</sup> grade exceed national peers.

Source: 2014 Youth Development Survey, Tompkins & Groton results

### Teen Pregnancies & Births (Town and Village)

	Groton Teen Pregnancies		Groton Teen Births	
	15 - 17	18 - 19	15 - 17	18 - 19
2004	3	9	1	5
2005	2	10	2	9
2006	5	10	3	5
2007	2	6	1	5
2008	3	9	1	6
2009	0	4	0	4
2010	3	7	1	6
2011	1	4	1	2
2012	4	4	1	3
2013	2	4	2	2

In order to protect privacy, the NYS Dept. of Health no longer releases data for ages 10-14 except to local health depts.

Source: NYS Dept. of Health Vital Statistics

### Mental Health

- 32% of Groton students said they feel sad or depressed most days.
- 25% of Groton students reported that sometimes they think life is not worth it.

Source: 2014 Youth Development Survey, Groton results

### Overweight and obese\* students by grade level

		Elementary		Middle/high		All grades	
		% overweight	% obese	% overweight	% obese	% overweight	% obese
School years 2012-14	Groton district	18.3%	18.7%	16.9%	21.2%	17.6%	19.4%
	NYS excl. NYC	16.4%	16.8%	17.1%	18.1%	16.7%	17.3%
School years 2010-12	Groton district	15.8%	15.2%	17.2%	24.8%	16.5%	19.8%
	NYS excl. NYC	15.8%	17.2%	16.8%	18.2%	16.2%	17.6%

\*Overweight = 85<sup>th</sup> to 94<sup>th</sup> percentile; obese = 95<sup>th</sup> + percentile calculated body-mass index for age

Source: NYS Dept. of Health Student Weight Status Category Reporting System

## 5. Citizenship

### *Pre-PINS and PINS Referrals to Probation by schools*

	2012		2013		2014	
	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS
Groton Elementary	5	0	5	1	2	1
Groton Middle Sch.	2	3	3	6	1	9
Groton High School	0	2	3	5	1	3

\*A Person in Need of Supervision (PINS) is a youth under the age of eighteen who is showing a pattern of habitual disobedience, running away, curfew violations, substance abuse, violent behavior, or school truancy problems. Pre-PINS Diversion Services attempt to resolve the conflicts that brought a youth to the attention of the Probation Department by offering supervision, guidance, and referrals to community resources, thus preventing the need for formal Family Court intervention. Pre-PINS Diversion is a mandatory prerequisite prior to filing a formal PINS petition in Family Court.

Source: Tompkins County Probation Dept.

### *Juvenile Arrests by Village of Groton Police Dept.*

2010	5
2011	5
2012	2
2013	2
2014	0

Source: NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

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