



Profile of Town of Ulysses



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Achieving Youth Results (AYR): Tompkins County Youth Services Department worked with our community to develop goals for our county’s young people and indicators (data) to track progress toward these goals. The six goals are listed in the boxes starting on page 2. For more information on Achieving Youth Results, please visit <http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/youth/AYR>.

Population and Demographics

Ulysses Population, All Ages – 4,953 including Village of Trumansburg, whose population is 1,661
Ulysses is the seventh largest Tompkins County town.
Population increased 1.1% since 2010.



Median Age – 51.9 (Tompkins median age – 31.1)

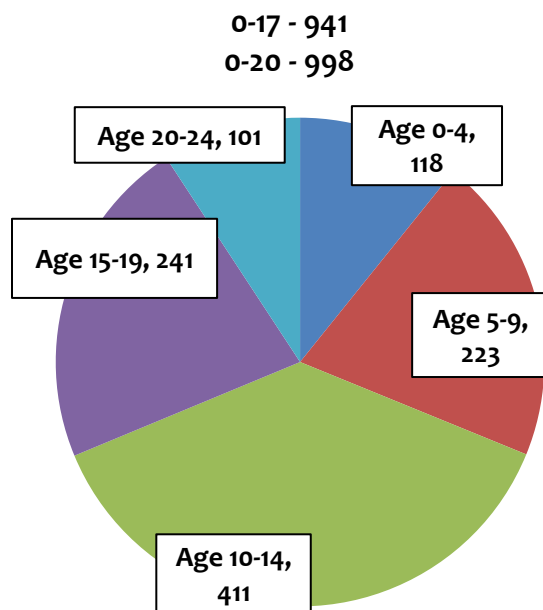
Ulysses Youth Population

Ulysses’ 0-17 youth population decreased 15% since 2010.
6.2% of Tompkins youth ages 0-17 reside in Ulysses.

Ulysses’ 0-20 youth population decreased 21.2% since 2010.
3.2% of Tompkins youth ages 0-20 reside in Ulysses.

20.1% of Ulysses’ population is under age 21.

T. Ulysses Youth Population



Race, All Ages

White	94.5%
Black/African American	1.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.6%
Asian	0.2%
Other	0%
Two or more races	3.2%

Hispanic/Latino 5.6%

Data Source: 1 (See p. 9)

Community

AYR Goal: Our Community (Tompkins County) will provide children, youth, and families with healthy, safe, and thriving environments.

Total Number of Ulysses Households – 2,210

Ulysses Poverty

People of all ages below poverty level – 7.5% (Tompkins County rate – 18.9%)

People below age 18 below poverty level – 4.8% (Tompkins County rate – 13.9%)

Ulysses Adults (age 25+) with high school degree or higher (2019) – 96.5%

Ulysses Housing

Number of owner occupied houses: 1,765

Percent of housing units that are owner occupied – 79.9%

Median value of owner occupied houses: \$231,500

Percent of housing units (2,348) that are mobile homes: 5.1%

For rental units, median rent – \$1,075



Occupied Ulysses Housing Units with No Vehicle Available – 130 (5.9%)

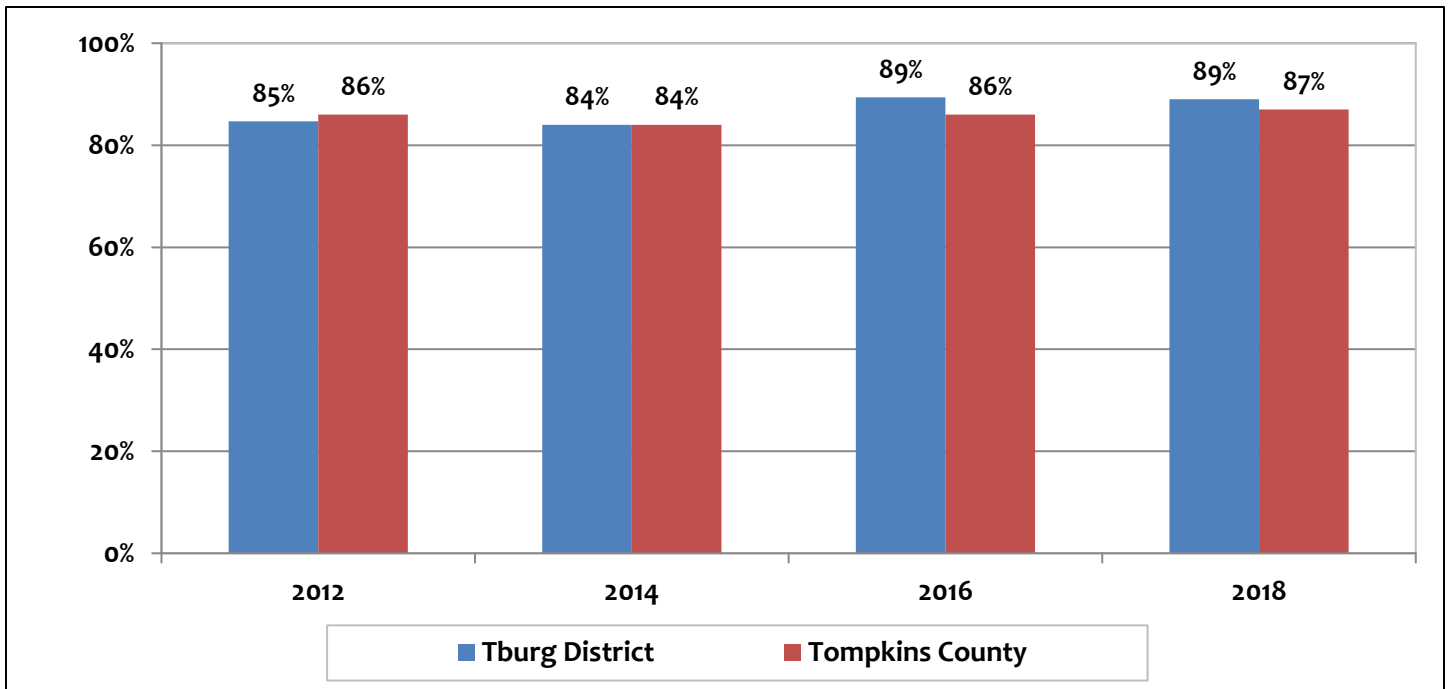
Free or Reduced Lunch Participation

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
Tburg Elem.	27%	7%	31%	7%	37%	4%
Tburg M.S.	24%	4%	27%	7%	33%	4%
Tburg H.S.	22%	4%	31%	5%	29%	4%
Tburg District	24%	5%	30%	6%	33%	4%
Tompkins Co.	34%	6%	35%	5%	35%	5%

Notes: Eligibility for a family of four (July 2019) – Free lunch - \$33,475; Reduced lunch - \$47,638

This table shows participation rates and does not reflect those youth who are eligible but do not apply and do not participate.

Students Who Report Feeling Safe in Their Neighborhood



Data Sources: 1, 2, 5 (See p. 9)

Economic Security

AYR Goal: Youth will be prepared for their eventual self-sufficiency.

Ulysses Unemployment Rate (2019 5 Year Average) for Population Age 16-19: 0%

Ulysses Unemployment Rate (2019 5 Year Average) for Population Age 20-24: 8.9%

Tompkins County Unemployment Rate (2019 5 Year Average) for Population Age 16-19: 7.0%

Tompkins County Unemployment Rate (2019 5 Year Average) for Population Age 20-24: 5.1%

Ulysses Labor Force Participation Rate (2019 5 Year Average): 60.5%

Ages 16-19: 40.6%

Ages 20-24: 78.2%

Tompkins County Labor Force Participation Rate (2019): 59.3%

Ages 16-19: 35%

Ages 20-24: 52.5%

Trumansburg Progress Toward High School Completion

Year entered 9 th grade	Progress after 4 years			Progress after 5 years		
	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out
2014	93%	4%	1%	93%	1%	4%
2015	91%	3%	6%	93%	0%	7%
2016	91%	5%	0%			

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

This table tracks progress by student cohort. The cohort groups all the first-time 9th graders who start school during the same school year and tracks the cohort's progress toward high school completion after 4 and 5 years. "Graduated" includes students with a Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, or Local Diploma. The graduation month is August for these reporting purposes.

Data Sources: 1, 2 (See p. 9)

Education

AYR Goal: Youth will leave school prepared to live, learn, and work in their community.

While the majority of Ulysses youth reside in the Trumansburg School District, some reside and attend school in other districts. We show only Trumansburg District information here.

School Enrollment

	School Enrollment		Students with Disabilities		ELL* Students		Homeless Students	
	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20
Tburg Elem.	380	385	71 (19%)	72 (19%)	0	0	0	0
Tburg M.S.	318	314	59 (29%)	61 (19%)	0	0	0	0
Tburg H.S.	303	300	51 (17%)	44 (15%)	0	0	0	0
Tburg District	1,001	999	181 (18%)	177 (18%)	0	0	0	0
Tompkins Co.	10,489	10,356	1,691 (16%)	1,649 (16%)	225 (2%)	253 (2%)	53 (1%)	75 (1%)

*ELL = English Language Learners

School Performance

Trumansburg Student Performance on Spring Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards				
	3 rd Grade		8 th Grade	
	ELA*	Math	ELA*	Math
2016-17	30%	44%	63%	6%
2017-18	51%	57%	63%	5%
2018-19	37%	53%	43%	3%



*ELA – English Language Arts

NYS Education Dept.’s goal is for schools to have 90% of students at or above standards.

School Life (Students, grades 7-12)

	Tburg	Tompkins
Feels welcomed and appreciated by school adults	51%	46%
Has a trusted adult in school who can help with problems	62%	51%
Feels safe at school	88%	79%
Feels school rules are fairly enforced	45%	35%
Says students treat each other with respect	40%	29%
Someone said something hurtful to them in past 30 days at school	32%	25%
Was physically bullied in past 30 days at school	3%	4%

% of Households in Ulysses Lacking Broadband Internet Connection: 15%

Data Sources: 1, 2, 5 (See p. 9)

Family

AYR Goal: Families will provide children safe, stable and nurturing environments

Living Arrangements of Ulysses Children 0 – 17

Number of households – 2,210

Number of family households with own children under age 18 – 554 (25.1%)

371 are married couple families (66.9%)

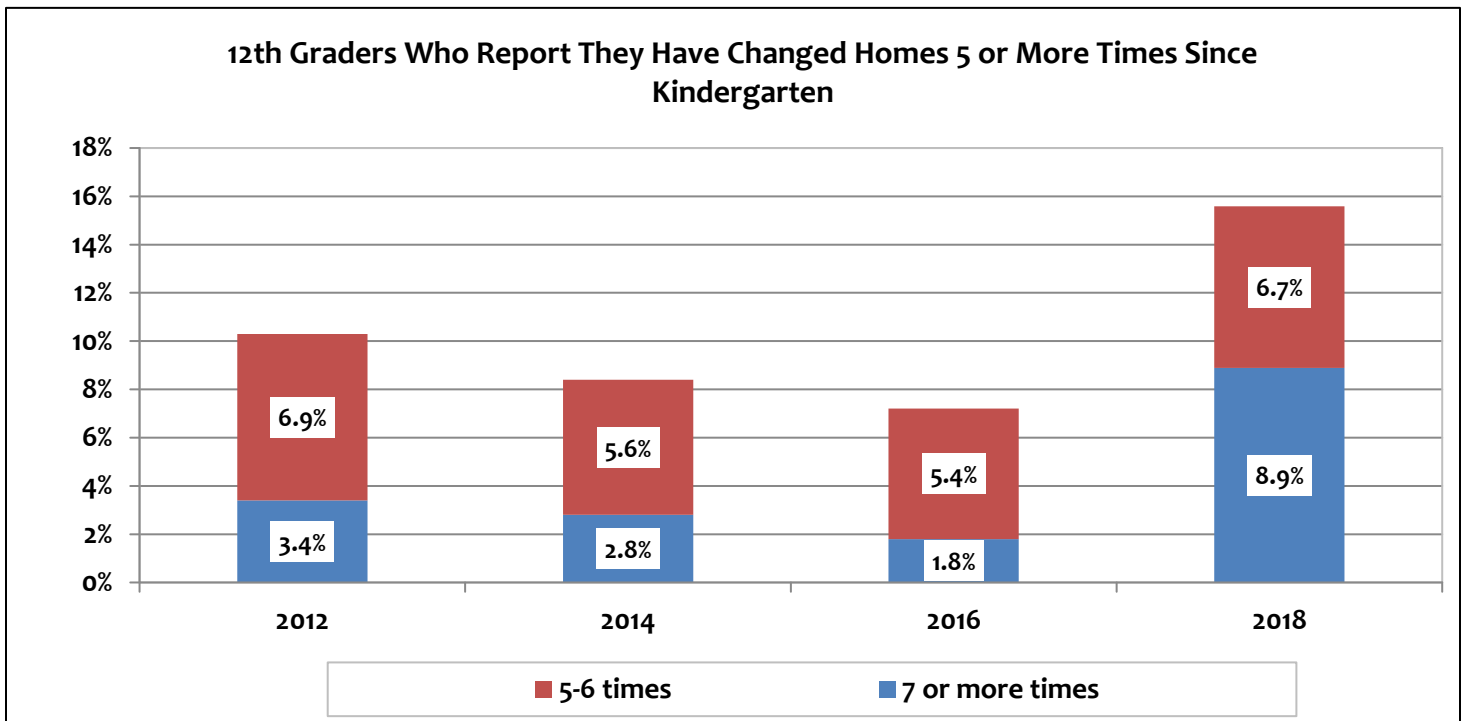
14 are cohabiting couple families (2.5%)

27 are single male householder families (4.9%)

107 are single female householder families (19.3%)



Stability of Living Situation – Trumansburg District



Data Sources: 1, 5 (See p. 9)

Physical & Emotional Health

AYR Goal: Children and youth will have optimal physical and emotional health.

Health Insurance – 148 (3%) Ulysses residents lack health insurance.

o (0%) of Ulysses youth under age 19 lack health insurance.

Youth Substance Use, grades 7-12 – Any Use Within the Past 30 Days (“Current use”)

	2014		2016		2018	
	Tburg	County	Tburg	County	Tburg	County
Alcohol	18%	19%	11%	14%	14%	16%
Marijuana	14%	15%	9%	11%	12%	13%
Cigarettes	7%	5%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Electronic Vapor Product					16%	16%

Overweight and Obese* Students by Grade Level

(Note that this indicator is not a reliably objective determination of individual physical health of youth, and other factors such as age, sex, race, fitness level, etc. need to be considered. TCYSD is working to identify better indicators for physical health in partnership with TC Health Dept.)

		Elementary		Middle/high		All grades	
		% over-weight	% obese	% over-weight	% obese	% over-weight	% obese
School years 2016-2018	Tburg district	10.6%	14.4%	16.8%	10.7%	12.6%	13.1%
	NYS excl. NYC	15.7%	16.0%	17.4%	18.8%	16.5%	17.2%
School years 2014-2016	Tburg district	13.7%	14.7%	13.2%	12.5%	13.5%	13.8%
	NYS excl. NYC	15.9%	16.3%	17.3%	18.5%	16.5%	17.3%

*Overweight = 85th to 94th percentile; obese = 95th+ percentile calculated body-mass index for age

Mental Health of Trumansburg District Students – Students (grades 7-12) reporting:

	2014	2016	2018
I felt sad or depressed most days in the past year	34%	32%	37%
Sometimes I think life is not worth it	29%	26%	30%
At times I think I’m no good at all	37%	34%	44%
All in all, I am inclined to think I’m a failure	22%	20%	26%

Data Sources: 1, 4, 5 (See p. 9)

Civic Engagement

AYR Goal: Children and youth will demonstrate commitment to their community as contributing members of their families, schools, and neighborhoods.

Grade 7-12 Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities in Past 12 Months (school or community)

	2012	2014	2016	2018
Tburg District	79%	79%	81%	84%
Tompkins County	81%	83%	83%	83%

Grade 7-12 Student Participation in Sports in Past 12 Months (school or community)

	2012	2014	2016	2018
Tburg District	83%	81%	77%	82%
Tompkins County	78%	77%	75%	75%



Pre-PINS and PINS Referrals to Probation by Schools

	2017		2018		2019	
	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS
Tburg Elm. School	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tburg M.S.	0	0	2	2	1	1
Tburg H.S.	2	2	0	5	1	10

*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.

Data Sources: 5, 6 (See p. 9)

Data Sources

- 1) American Community Survey 2019 (5 year estimates)
<https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>
- 2) NYS Dept. of Education School Report Cards
<https://data.nysed.gov/>
- 3) NYS Dept. of Health Student Weight Status Category Reporting System
www.health.ny.gov/prevention/obesity/statistics_and_impact/student_weight_status_data.htm
- 4) NYS Department of Health Vital Statistics
www.health.ny.gov/statistics/vital_statistics/index.htm
- 5) Tompkins County Communities that Care Youth Survey
www.healthyyouth.org/publications.php
- 6) Tompkins County Probation Department
www.tompkinscountyny.gov/probation Detailed reports not available online