



Profile of Town of Groton



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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

Groton Population, All Ages – 5,913, including Village of Groton, whose population is 2,209
Groton is the fifth largest of Tompkins County towns.
Population decreased 0.6% since 2010.

Median Age – 44.1 (Tompkins median age – 31.1)



Groton Youth Population

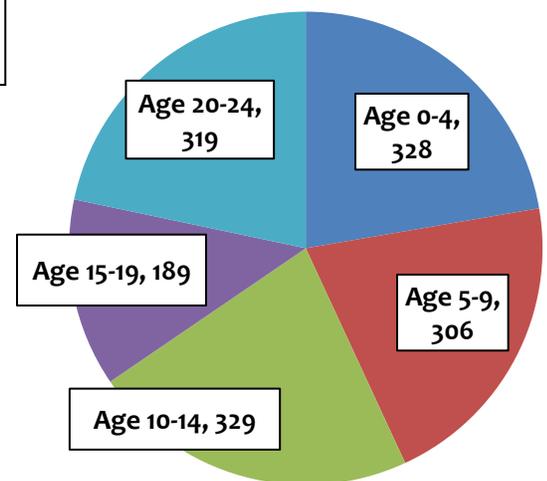
Groton’s 0-17 youth population declined 19.1% since 2010.
7.8% of Tompkins youth ages 0-17 reside in Groton.

Groton’s 0-20 youth population declined 32% since 2010.
4.3% of Tompkins youth ages 0-20 reside in Groton.

22.5% of Groton’s population is under age 21.

T. Groton Youth Population

0-17 - 1,198
0-20 - 1,130



Race, All Ages

White	92.1%
Black/African American	1.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	2.4%
Other	1.1%
Two or more races	2.4%

Hispanic/Latino 4.4%

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 Groton Households – 2,377

Groton Poverty

People of all ages below poverty level – 7.6% (Tompkins County rate – 18.9%)

People below age 18 below poverty level – 9% (Tompkins County rate – 13.9%)

Groton Adults (age 25+) with high school degree or higher (2019) – 93.5%

Groton Housing

Number of owner occupied houses: 1,895

Percent of housing units that are owner occupied – 79.7%

Median value of owner occupied houses: \$139,700

Percent of housing units (2,568) that are mobile homes: 13.2%

For rental units, median rent – \$819



Occupied Groton Housing Units with No Vehicle Available – 96 (4%)

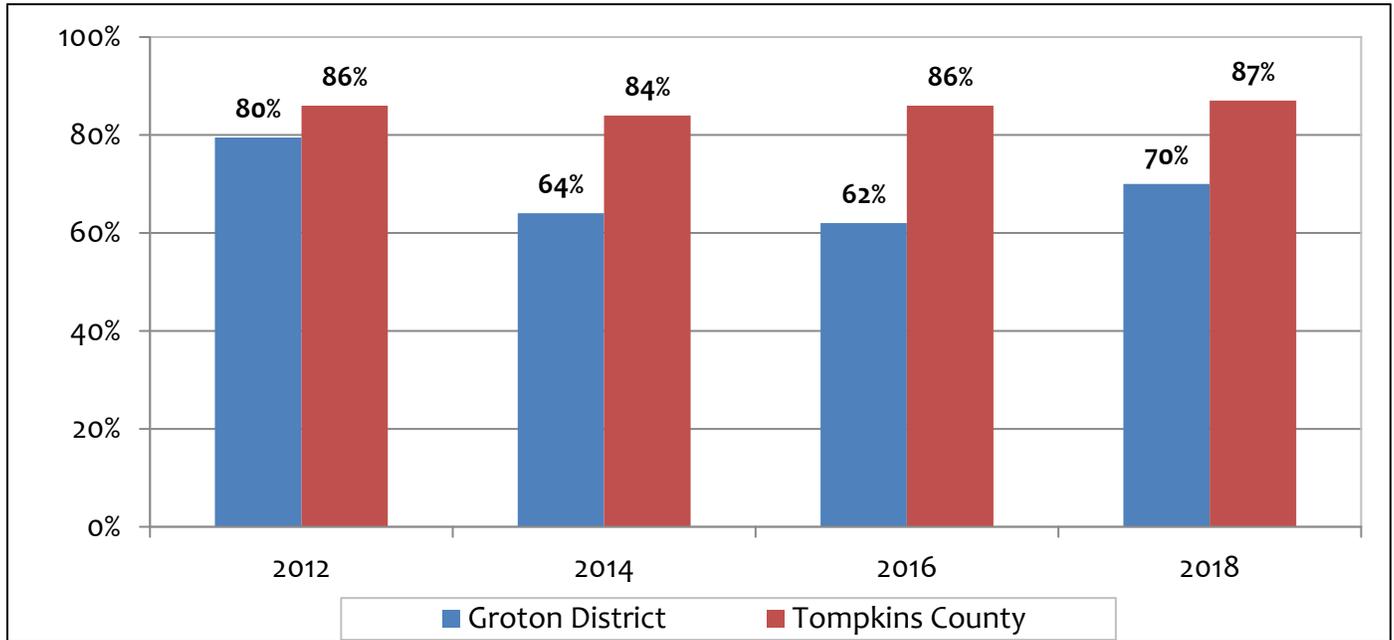
Free or Reduced Lunch Participation

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
Groton Elem.	46%	6%	42%	7%	45%	6%
Groton Jr/Sr HS	35%	8%	36%	8%	42%	7%
Groton District	40%	7%	39*	8%	43%	6%
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, 8, 10 (See p. 9)

Economic Security

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

Groton Unemployment Rate (2019 5 Year Average) for Population Age 16-19: 0.8%

Groton Unemployment Rate (2019 5 Year Average) for Population Age 20-24: 1.8%

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%

Groton Labor Force Participation Rate (2019 5 Year Average): 65.1%

Ages 16-19: 18.3%

Ages 20-24: 80.0%

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

Ages 16-19: 35%

Ages 20-24: 52.5%

Groton 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	89%	4%	5%	88%	0%	8%
2015	89%	4%	4%	93%	0%	2%
2016	90%	0%	3%			

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. Local Diplomas were phased out for general ed. students in 2013. An IEP diploma is not considered a graduation diploma.

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 Groton youth reside in the Groton School District, some reside and attend school in other districts. We show only Groton 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
Groton Elem.	365	358	45 (12%)	38 (11%)	0	0	0	0
Groton Jr/Sr HS	418	420	66 (16%)	62 (15%)	0	0	0	0
Groton District	783	778	111 (14%)	100 (13%)	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

Groton Student Performance on Spring Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards				
	Groton 3 rd Grade		Groton 8 th Grade	
	ELA*	Math	ELA*	Math
2016-17	26%	40%	32%	5%
2017-18	36%	50%	27%	3%
2018-19	31%	35%	32%	16%



*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)

	Groton	Tompkins
Feels welcomed and appreciated by school adults	35%	46%
Has a trusted adult in school who can help with problems	60%	51%
Feels safe at school	68%	79%
Feels school rules are fairly enforced	33%	35%
Says students treat each other with respect	13%	29%
Someone said something hurtful to them in past 30 days at school	39%	25%
Was physically bullied in past 30 days at school	8%	4%

% of Households in Groton Lacking Broadband Internet Connection: 21.0%

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

Family

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

Living Arrangements of Groton Children 0 – 17

Number of households – 2,377

Number of family households with own children under age 18 – 698 (29.4%)

380 are married couple families (54.4%)

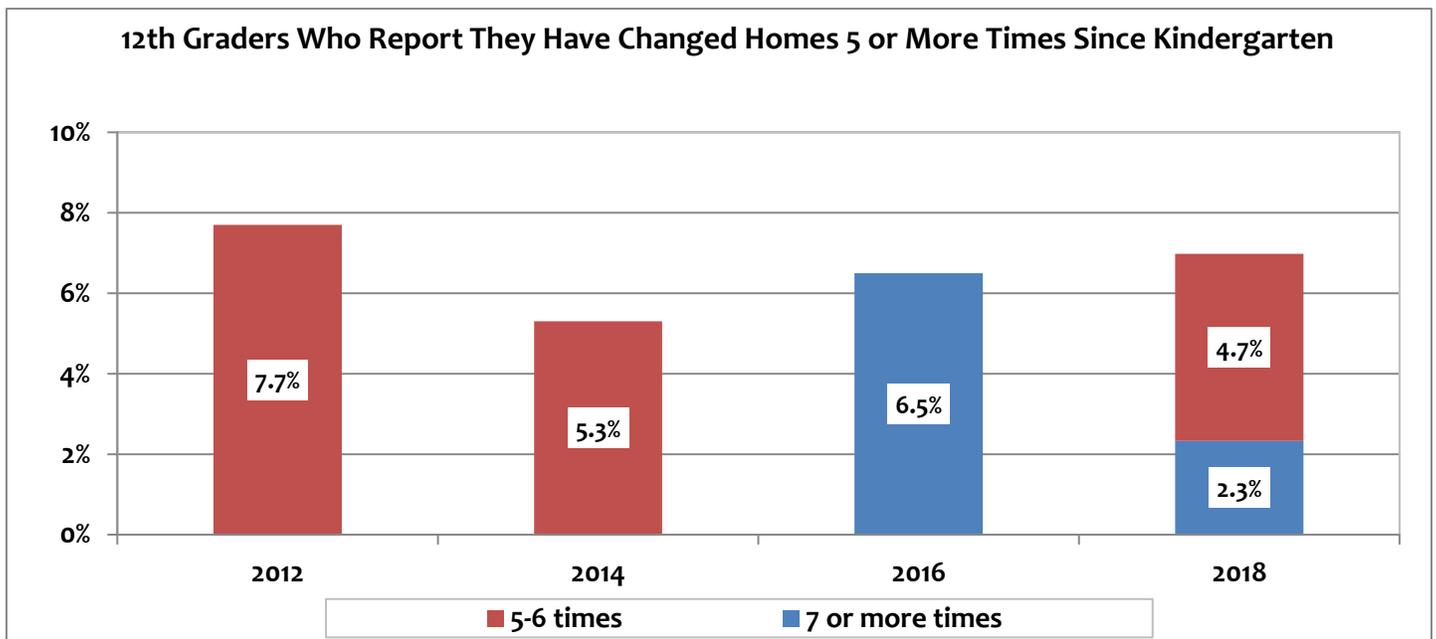
68 are cohabiting couple families (9.7%)

67 are single male householder families (9.6%)

58 are single female householder families (8.3%)



Stability of Living Situation – Groton 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 – 220 (3.8%) Groton residents lack health insurance.
 9 (0.7%) of Groton 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	
	Groton	County	Groton	County	Groton	County
Alcohol	16%	19%	11%	14%	18%	16%
Marijuana	11%	15%	10%	11%	11%	13%
Cigarettes	7%	5%	6%	3%	6%	3%
Electronic Vapor Product					27%	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	Groton district	14.9%	21.0%	16.7%	27.2%	15.5%	23.3%
	NYS excl. NYC	15.7%	16.0%	17.4%	18.8%	16.5%	17.2%
School years 2014-2016	Groton district	17.1%	17.7%	18.4%	20.0%	17.6%	18.6%
	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 Groton District Students – Students (grades 7-12) reporting:

	2014	2016	2018
I felt sad or depressed most days in the past year	32%	32%	36%
Sometimes I think life is not worth it	25%	26%	28%
At times I think I’m no good at all	31%	34%	36%
All in all, I am inclined to think I’m a failure	18%	23%	28%

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
Groton District	78%	79%	77%	74%
Tompkins County	81%	83%	83%	83%



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

	2012	2014	2016	2018
Groton District	85%	87%	85%	79%
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
Groton Elem.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Groton Jr/Sr HS	1	11	0	3	1	4

*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: 7, 8, 9 (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.healthyouth.org/publications.php
- 6) Tompkins County Probation Department
www.tompkinscountyny.gov/probation Detailed reports not available online