

# Living in Syracuse



# History of Syracuse

## *Representatives from Syracuse University*

- Haudenosaunee, “People of the Longhouse” or the Onondaga Nation, of the powerful Iroquois Confederacy, lived and continue to live in what we now call New York State
- 1600s - French Jesuits established a mission on the shore of Onondaga lake
- 1820 - the area we now call Syracuse was established as a town called “Bogardus Corners,” the name was eventually changed to Syracuse after Siracuse, Italy which is also on a salt lake
- 1825 - Erie Canal built and continued to run until the mid-1920s connecting the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean
- Syracuse is called the “Salt City” because its major industry was originally salt making from Onondaga Lake





Population: 149,310 – 5<sup>th</sup> most populous city in New York State

(larger: NYC, Buffalo, Rochester, Yonkers)

Demographics:

- White: 53.44%
- Black or African American: 29.39%
- Two or more races: 6.95%
- Asian: 6.95%
- Other race: 2.34%
- Native American: 0.92%
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 0.02%

Largest ancestries: Irish (15.9%), Italian (14.1%),

German (12.2%), English (7.6%), and Polish (5.0%)

# Current statistics



# Top employers

• Upstate University health system	9,525
• Syracuse University	4,621
• St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center	3,745
• Wegmans	3,713
• Crouse Hospital	2,700
• Loretto	2,476
• Lockheed Martin	2,250
• Time Warner Cable	1,800
• National Grid	2,000
• Raymour & Flanigan	1,400



Traditionally . . .

- Irish, Polish and Ukrainian immigrants settled on the Westside
- Jewish Americans settled on the Eastside
- German and Italian immigrants settled on the Northside
- African-Americans settled on the Southside



Historically  
diverse  
neighborhoods

**University Hill: Marshall Street**, along with its terminus South Crouse Avenue, is lined with stores, bars, and restaurants catering primarily to students on “the hill” and the thousands of people who work in the area (at the University and the hospitals).

**Westcott**: located east of University Hill is known as a liberal bohemian quarter. Westcott Street’s main business district, between Beech and Dell streets, includes restaurants, bars, a theater, a consignment shop, a bicycle shop and more.



# Neighborhoods

**Eastwood:** known as "the village within the city," this former village still has a lively local retail corridor featuring a movie theater, used bookstores, and cafes along James Street.

**Northside:** The traditional "Little Italy" has several blocks of bakeries, restaurants, pizzerias, shops, and services. Now a hub for refugee resettlement, the formerly Italian area includes many Southeast Asian restaurants and grocery stores as well as African markets and a Halal butcher. Destiny USA and the CNY Regional Farmers' Market bound the area's northwest end.

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**Downtown:** Armory Square, the main retail and dining area of downtown, features many local restaurants, bars, pubs, clubs and retail stores. Downtown is also home to the Museum of Science and Technology (MoST) and the historic Landmark Theatre which hosts concerts, comedians, Broadway tours, and other events.

# Neighborhoods



1870: Methodist Episcopal church charters SU



1873: Hall of Languages, first building dedicated



1890: Orange becomes SU's official color



1920: SU severs ties with Methodist church, becomes "nonsectarian"



1924: Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs founded



1931: SU adopts 'Saltine Warrior' mascot, abandoned in 1978 because it was offensive to Native American students

# SU Timeline



1960: Undefeated football team's only National Championship season, beats Texas in 'Cotton Bowl'



1961: Running Back, Ernie Davis, becomes only 'Orangeman,' first African American to receive Heisman Trophy. He dies of Leukemia 2 years later, his legend endures in #44.



1980: \$27 mil. Carrier Dome opens



1983: Lacrosse team wins first of 5 National Championships



1988: Terrorist bombing of Pan AM 103 kills 35 SU Abroad students over Lockerbie, Scotland



1995: For the first time, SU does not hold classes in recognition of Eid Ul-Fitr



2004: Nancy Cantor, the first female, named the 11th Chancellor, President



2014: Kent Syverud named 12th Chancellor, President

# SU Timeline

**Post-office:** Marshall Square Mall  
Teall Avenue

**Libraries:** on-campus: Bird, Carnegie  
Public library

**Dry cleaning:** Bookstore has dry cleaning services

Barbers/hairstylists

**Western Union:** sending \$



Practical  
Matters

## Grocery Stores

Area chains (there may be many of the same store in the area): **Wegmans, Tops, Price Rite, Aldi's, Price Chopper, Walmart**

Wholesale Membership Clubs (for buying in large quantities): **BJ's**

## Farmers' Market

**CNY Regional Market**, 2100 Park Street, Syracuse

Saturdays 7 am-2 pm year round; Thursdays 7 am-2 pm May-November

Sundays: flea market, 7 am -2 pm May-November

Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave., Wednesdays June – October

Downtown, Clinton Square, Tuesdays, June – October

Syracuse Real Food Co-op: member owned cooperative, source of local, organic goods

618 Kensington Road, in the Westcott neighborhood

# Buying Food

- **Han's Oriental Grocery:** 2731 Erie Blvd E, (315) 446-7801
- **Far East & Asian Groceries,** 924 Townsend St, (315) 476-9630
- **Laos Market,** 317 Butternut St, (315) 474-2149
- **Samir's,** 811 E Genesee, (315) 422-1850
- **Jerusalem Super Market,** 1927 Teall Ave, (315) 295-0456
- **Pyramid Halal Meats,** 1700 Lodi St, (315) 314-7296
- **African & Caribbean Central Market,** 703 N. Salina St, (315) 473-1588
- **Asia Food Market,** 1449 Erie Blvd East, (315) 478-9888
- **India Bazaar,** 4471 E Genesee, (315) 449-4400



# Specialty Grocery Stores



**Best Buy** – 3401 Erie Blvd E, Dewitt, NY

**Ra-Lin Discount** – 625 Burnet Ave, Syracuse

**Apple Store** – Destiny USA



Electronics

- Amazon
- UberEATS
- DoorDash
- Grubhub
- Ticketmaster



- **Walmart:** 6438 Basile Rowe, East Syracuse
- **Target:** Camillus, Fayetteville
- **K mart:** 3469 Erie Blvd E, DeWitt, NY
- **Bed Bath and Beyond:** 3409 Erie Blvd E, DeWitt
- **Dollar Stores:** Dollar Tree (everything is a dollar), Family Dollar, Dollar General



## Household/Personal Items

Clothes, shoes, coats, boots, appliances

In malls (many stores under one roof)/plazas (many stores under a covered walkway)

- **Macy's**, Destiny USA;

Discount department stores-name brands at cheaper prices

- **Marshall's**: 3405 Erie Blvd E, Syracuse
- **TJ Maxx**: Destiny USA, Fayetteville



## Department stores



People sell their used clothes and the store keeps a percentage of the sale price

**Clothes Mentor:** Erie Blvd E, Syracuse

**Cluttered Closet:** S Beech St (the Westcott neighborhood)

**Salvation Army:** Erie Blvd E

**Rescue Mission Stores**

3fifteen in Marshall Square Mall

**Yard/Garage sales**

Be careful about buying used furniture-upholstered furniture, mattresses, and rugs can transport “bed bugs” (insects)



Consignment  
shops/Thrift  
stores

On campus Recreation services

**Gym:** The Barnes Center at the Arch  
Goldstein Fitness Center

**Ice skating:** Tennity Ice Pavilion  
Outdoor Education  
Skytop Recreation Area

**Pools:** Webster, Sibley



Recreation

### LGBT Bars:

- Rain and Trexx

### Local Restaurants:

- Dinosaur BBQ
- Pastabilities
- Funk n' Waffles
- LoFo
- Flame
- Mom's Diner

### International Cuisine

- Firudo
- New Century
- Boom Boom Mex Mex
- Alto Cinco
- Euro Bazar Restaurant
- Blue Monkey
- Orange Asian Café
- Old Chengdu Café
- Ethioeritrea Restaurant

### Close to campus

- Inn complete
- Marshall Street
- Westcott Street
- Armory Square
- Tipperary Hill



# Restaurants/night life

- **On campus**
- **Movies:** Destiny USA, Palace Theater, Hollywood Theatre - Mattydale (cheap movies), Manlius Art Cinema (independent films),  
Movie Tavern
- **Theatre:** Landmark Theatre, Syracuse Stage, Red House
- **Music Concerts:** Westcott Theater
- **The OnCenter**



## Movies & Theatre



[Everson Museum of Art](#)

[Museum of Science & Technology\(MoST\)](#)

[Erie Canal Museum](#)

[Salt Museum](#)

[Onondaga Historical Society](#)

[ArtRage Gallery](#)



# Museums

**On campus:** purchase tickets to games for. . .  
basketball, football, lacrosse  
**Free tickets:** soccer, volleyball

**Semi-professional teams**

**Baseball:** Syracuse Mets

**Hockey:** Syracuse Crunch



Sports

- Rosamond Gifford Zoo
- Green Lakes
- Beaver Lake
- Berry Park (Westcott)
- Clark Reservation
- Onondaga Lake Park
- Golfing
- Skiing
- Ice Skating



## Outdoors

### Indoors

- Wonderworks
- Bowling
- Indoor Go Karts



- Skaneateles: shopping, lake
- Seneca Falls
  - Women's Rights National Historic Park
- Canastota
  - International Boxing Hall of Fame
- Auburn
  - Harriet Tubman House
- Cooperstown
  - Baseball Hall of Fame
- Cazenovia
  - Stone Quarry Hill Art Park
- Ithaca: gorges, Cayuga Lake, hiking, concerts/events
- Finger Lakes Wine Trail
- The Adirondack Mountains
- Buffalo/Niagara Falls (2.5-3 hour drive)



Nearby