

The State of Area Schools

*Select Demographic and Performance Data at a District, State and Individual Level
 Collected from the NYS Testing and Accountability Reporting Tool (nySTART) and Other Sources
 Fall 2010*

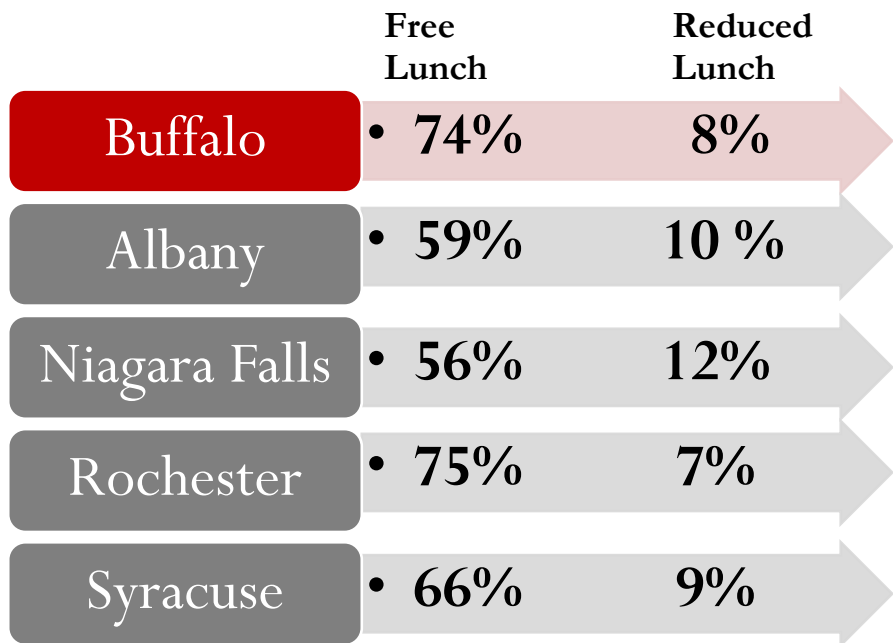
Executive Summary

This research brief shows the following regarding schools at a district, state and individual level:

- Accountability and performance rating data
- Comprehensive information
- Other statistical or demographic factors

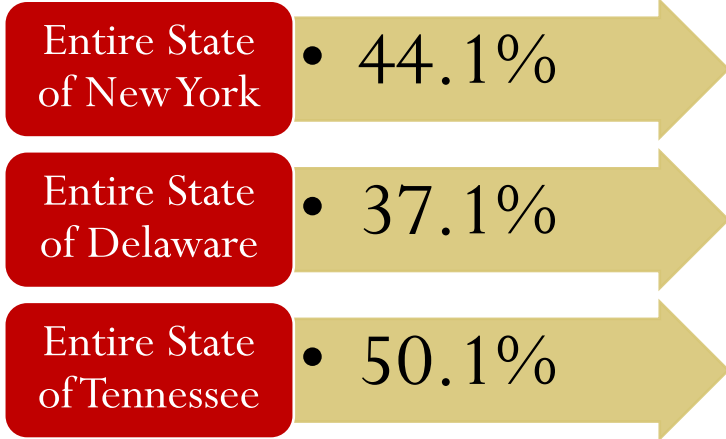
General Findings

At a district level, the Buffalo and Rochester City school districts appear to have high percentages of students who qualify for a free lunch.



(New York State Testing and Accountability Reporting Tool, 2009).

Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch (2007-2008)



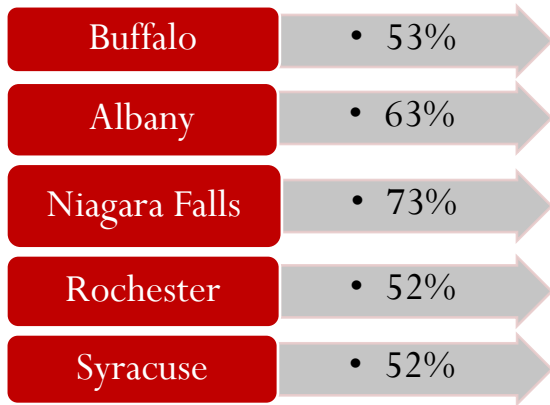
New York State's statewide free lunch eligibility for K-12 students is 44.1%.

"Race to the Top" winning states Delaware and Tennessee list 37.1% and 50.1% respectively.

(National Center for Education Statistics, United States Department of Education, 2009).

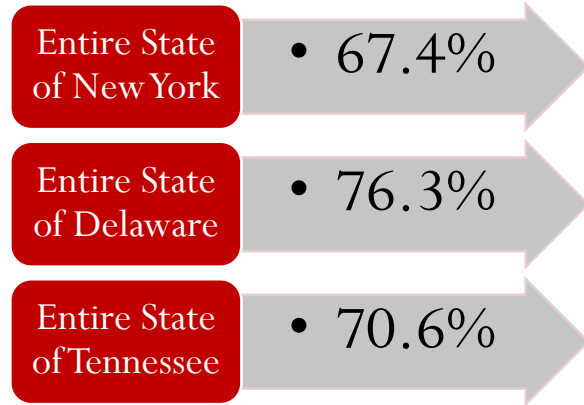
	HIGH SCHOOL	FREE LUNCH	REDUCED LUNCH
At five Buffalo public high schools, 70% or more of students are eligible for free lunches.	Lafayette High School	82%	5%
	Riverside Institute of Technology	74%	6%
	Burgard Vocational High School	73%	7%
	Grover Cleveland High School	73%	2%
	Bennet High School	71%	6%
	East High School	70%	7%

**District Level Graduation Rates
 9-12th Grade Cohort:**



(New York State Testing and Accountability Reporting Tool, 2009).

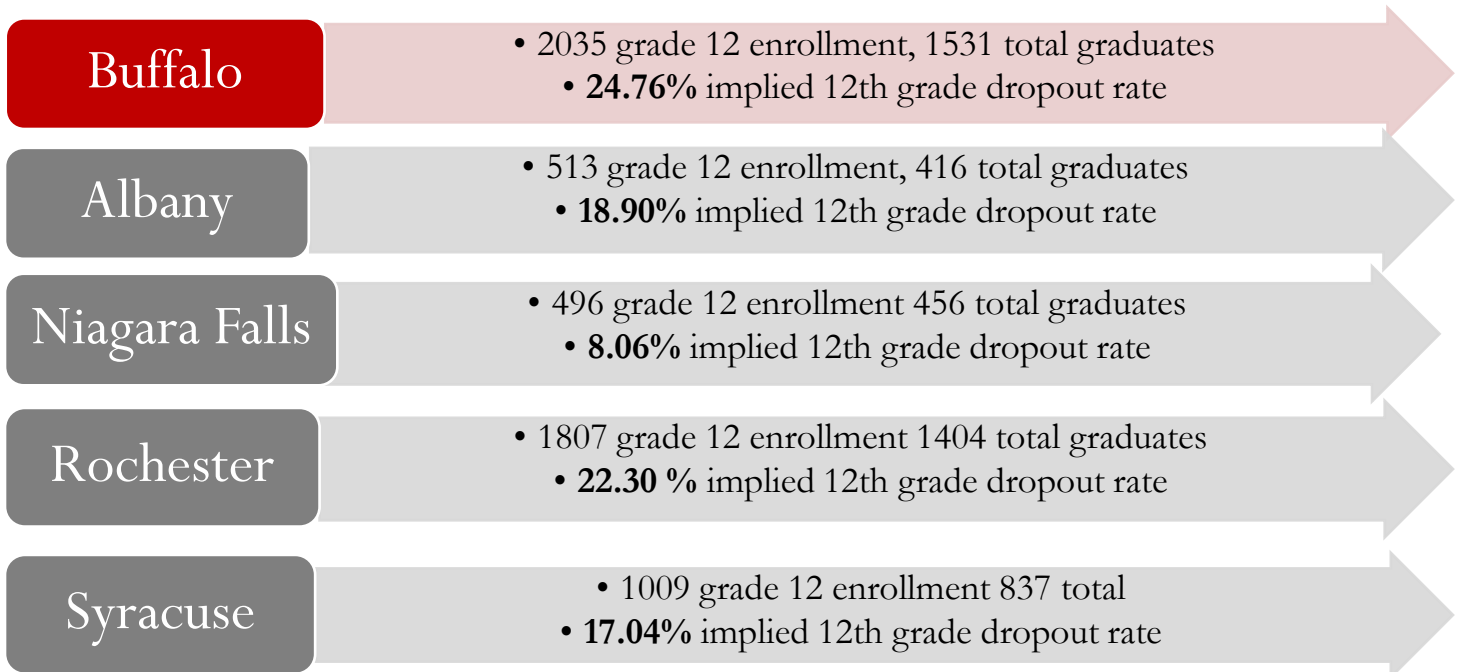
**Public High School Graduation Rates
 9-12th Grade Cohort (2005-2006*) for the
 ENTIRE STATE:**



(National Center for Education Statistics, United States Department of Education, 2009).

*Most current information available from source.

District Level Implied 12th Grade Dropout Rates* (2008-2009)



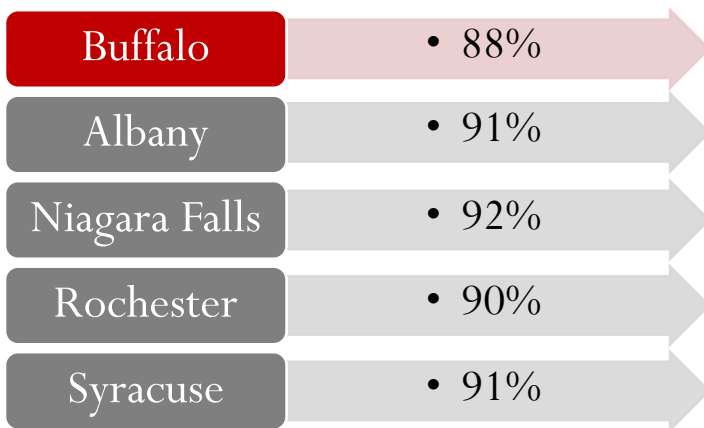
*Calculated by comparing grade 12 enrollment figures for the 2008-2009 school year against actual graduates for the 2008-2009 school year. (New York State Testing and Accountability Reporting Tool, 2009.)

Buffalo Public High Schools With Highest Percentages of Implied 12th Grade Dropout Rates* (2008-2009):

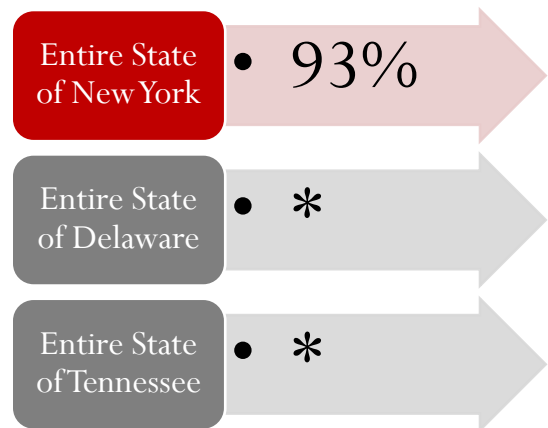
HIGH SCHOOL	12 th GRADE ENROLLMENT 2008-2009	NUMBER OF GRADUATES 2008-2009	IMPLIED 12 th GRADE DROPOUT RATE
Grover Cleveland High School	194	108	44.33%
South Park High School	176	102	42.05%
Burgard Vocational High School	114	72	36.84%
Bennet High School	173	113	34.68%

*Calculated by comparing grade 12 total enrollment figures for the 2008-2009 school year against number of actual graduates for the 2008-2009 school year. These percentages are only implied. It is not stated if the enrolled and graduating numbers of students differ because of dropouts or if there are some other causes of student attrition such as moving, etc.

District Level Attendance Rates:



ENTIRE STATE Attendance Rates:



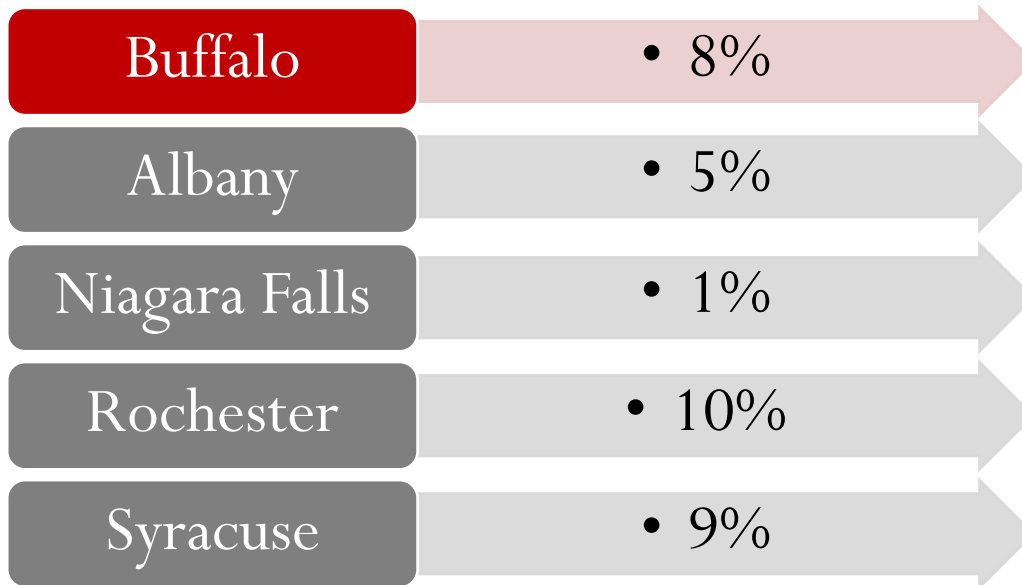
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*Data apparently not available National Center for Education Statistics, United States Department of Education.

District Level Limited English Proficiency:

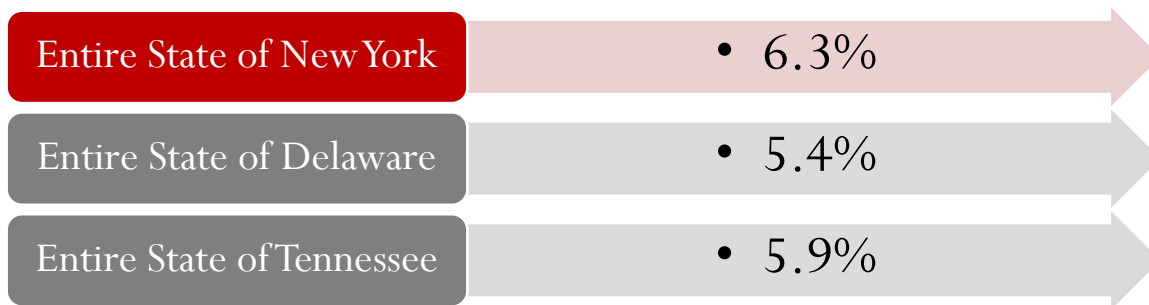
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Percentages of Limited English Proficiency



(New York State Testing and Accountability Reporting Tool, 2009).

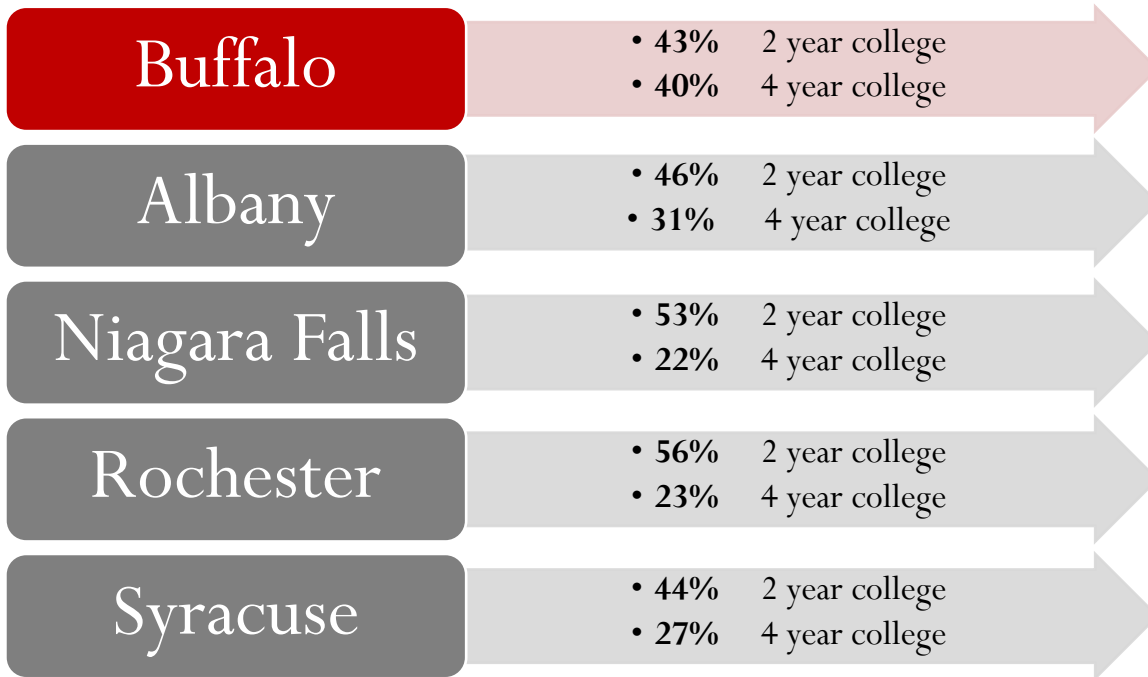
ENTIRE STATE Percent of Population 5 Years and Older that “Speak English Not At All”



(United States Census Bureau, 2000; 2006).

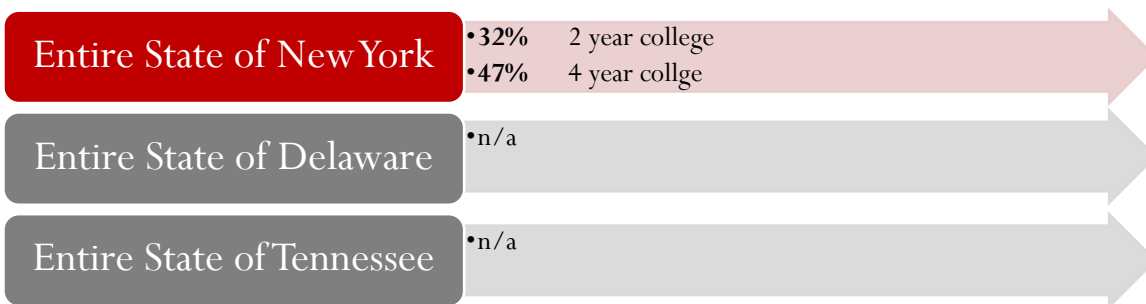
District Level Post Secondary Plans of High School Completers*, Two or Four Year College:

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT **Post Secondary Plans of High School Completers**



(New York State Testing and Accountability Reporting Tool, 2009). *All students, both General Education and Students with Disabilities

ENTIRE STATE **Post Secondary Plans of High School Completers**



(New York State Testing and Accountability Reporting Tool, 2009).

SELECT INDICATORS OF BUFFALO CITY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL	FREE LUNCH	GRAD RATE	12 GR DROP	ATTND RATE	LTD ENGL	POST SEC 2 YR	POST SEC 4 YR
Bennet High HS	71%	48%	34.68%	81%	2%	48%	30%
Buffalo Acdm Vis/Perf Arts	60%	76%	26.85%	89%	1%	24%	59%
Burgard Vocational HS	73%	41%	36.84%	74%	3%	51%	19%
City Honors HS	14%	97%	4.09%	95%	0%	5%	90%
East HS	70%	52%	22.93%	83%	0%	49%	35%
Emerson School Hospitality	67%	73%	20.00%	88%	1%	41%	40%
Grover Cleveland High	73%	31%	44.33%	64%	43%	44%	45%
Hutch Tech HS	42%	86%	11.98%	90%	0%	37%	55%
Lafayette High School	82%	50%	3.77%	78%	20%	54%	31%
Leonardo DaVinci HS	48%	94%	3.37%	93%	2%	34%	65%
McKinley Vocational HS	63%	81%	26.35%	83%	3%	45%	37%
Riverside Inst. Technology	74%	42%	18.11%	74%	9%	49%	26%
South Park HS	56%	40%	42.05%	78%	3%	72%	9%

Note: Only traditional, four year high schools are examined and listed. Employment training centers, middle colleges and partial high school enrollment institutions are not listed.

Methodology

Most of the information is collected from the New York State Report Cards database from the New York State Testing and Accountability Reporting Tool, or nySTART. This tool serves as an online database of state, district and individual school Accountability and Overview Reports and Comprehensive Information Reports. The reports give a variety of demographic and performance data for schools. Links to New York State Report Cards are available online at <https://www.nystart.gov/publicweb/Home.do?year=2009>

- At a **district level**, selected indicators are listed for the **Buffalo City School District** and presented alongside the same indicators for **comparable New York State urban school districts** such as Rochester, Syracuse and others.
- **State level** indicators, when available, are presented for the entire **State of New York**.
- When available, **selected data sets from the states of Delaware and Tennessee** are presented. **These states have been selected to receive President Obama’s “Race to the Top” education funding** (King, 2010). This is because Delaware and Tennessee **agreed to change policies regarding measures of teacher performance** and/or have agreed to allow **expansion of charter schools**.
- For added information, selected indicators such as free lunch eligibility are presented for **individual Buffalo City School District high schools**. High schools are given special emphasis because of **interest regarding graduation rates and post-secondary plans**.
- **Charter school** information is added when available, although this information may be incomplete.

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