

# Community Profile

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## *York / Leicester*

New York



York was formed from Caledonia and Leicester March 26, 1819. A part of Covington was annexed in 1823.

The name of the town was derived from Hon. Joseph York, Member of Assembly from St. Lawrence County, who as chairman of the committee, had favorably reported the bill for the formation of the town. At the time of the first settlement the territory now known as York was referred to as "South Woods."

Chester A. Arthur (1830-1886), the 21<sup>st</sup> president of the United States was the son of a Baptist minister who lived York from 1837 to about 1842. He attended the "Old Brick School" in the Hamlet of York.



The Town of Leicester was established in 1802 in Genesee County and annexed into Livingston County in 1821. The town was originally named Lester in honor of Lester Phelps, son of land speculator Oliver Phelps. The name was changed to the current spelling in 1805 possibly after Leicester, England. The Village of Leicester was originally named Moscow in 1814 and changed to Leicester in 1917 during World War I.



## INDUSTRY & LABOR

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EMPLOYER	PRODUCT/SERVICE	# EMP.
York Central School	education	190
Arkema	organic peroxide	95
Trathen International, Inc.	hardwood logs	80
Tabtronics	magnetic components	58
CB Foods/Seneca Foods	food processing	(yearly) 46 (seasonal) 225
CPAC	photographic silver recovery	46

## TRANSPORTATION

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### Highway

York and Leicester are situated approximately 3 miles off of exit 7 of I-390. Federal Highways 20 and 20A and NYS Highways 36, 39, and 63 serve the towns.

### Air

Rochester International Airport (over 200 flights by 12 carriers daily)  
Genesee Airport (small, private aircraft)

### Bus

Trailways Bus makes scheduled stops in Avon, Dansville, Genesee, and Mt. Morris

### Railroad

Amtrak (Rochester)

## MEDIA

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### Newspapers

*Livingston County News* (weekly)  
*Rochester Democrat & Chronicle* (daily)

### Radio Stations

WGSU 89 FM  
WYSL 1040 AM  
WDNY 1400 AM/93.9 FM

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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Bank of Castile (Retsof & Genesee)  
Key Bank (Genesee)  
5 Star Bank (Genesee & Mt. Morris)

## MEDICAL

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Avon Medical Center, Avon  
Nicholas H. Noyes Memorial Hospital, Dansville & Geneseo  
Highland Hospital, Rochester  
Rochester General Hospital, Rochester  
St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester  
Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester  
Wyoming County Community Hospital, Warsaw  
York Veterinary Hospital

## CHURCHES

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Abbey of the Genesee, 3258 River Road, Piffard  
St. Lucy's Parish, Retsof  
St. Thomas Aquinas, 175 Main Street, Leicester  
Union Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Leicester  
York Baptist Church, 2738 Main Street, York  
York United Presbyterian, 2662 Main Street, York



## EDUCATION

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**York Central School** – Kindergarten through 12th grade  
Special programs: Regents program, advanced placement program in biology, calculus, European and US history and art. College level courses: art, precalculus, psychology, and sociology

### **Livingston County Business Education**

**Alliance** – serves as a catalyst to bring Business & Education together to achieve the mutual goal of stimulating new ideas and creating programs directed towards workforce preparation



### **Genesee Valley BOCES**

Children's Programs: vocational & technical, special education fine arts, health education, drug abuse prevention, alternative education.

Adult's programs: job training, continuing education, community service and job enhancement,

adult basic education and high school equivalency, parenting and life-skills programs, English as a second language.

### **Higher Education**

Genesee Community College  
Finger Lakes Community College  
Monroe Community College  
Nazareth College  
SUNY Geneseo  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
St. John Fisher  
University of Rochester

## UTILITIES

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Electric:	National Grid and New York State Electric & Gas
Natural Gas:	New York State Electric & Gas
Sewer Service:	Town of York sewer services
Water:	Town of York & Town and Village of Leicester (capacity 100 million gallons/day)
Line Service:	Frontier Telephone
Cellular Service:	Verizon Wireless, Cingular

## ORGANIZATIONS

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American Legion/Carlton Borse Post 1007  
A-ON-DO-WA-NUH Sportsman Club  
Free & Accepted Masons/Eastern Star  
Kiwanis  
VFW  
York Historical Society

## PROTECTION

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Livingston County Sheriff's Department  
NYS Police Substation - Geneseo  
York Fire Department  
Leicester Fire Co.  
Cuylerville Fire Dept.  
Volunteer Ambulance Service

## LIBRARIES

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Wadsworth Library (Geneseo)  
Milne Library (SUNY Geneseo)  
Pavilion Library (Pavilion)

## RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

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Geneseo War Plane Museum & Yearly Air Show  
York/Leicester Field Days  
Tired Iron Tractor Museum

Letchworth State Park  
Stony Brook State Park

Livingston Country Club 18-hole golf  
Beards Creek Golf Course

Bristol & Swain Ski Centers  
SUNY Geneseo  
    Limelight Series  
    Geneseo String Band  
    Geneseo Chamber Singers  
    Symphony Orchestra  
    Jazz Ensemble  
    Wind Ensemble  
    Brodie Fine Arts Center  
    Professional Touring Art Exhibits

Eastman Theatre of Performing Arts  
Rochester Theatre District  
Geva Theatre  
Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra

## CLERKS

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Town of Leicester	382.3231
Village of Leicester	382.3699
Town of York	243.3128

## POPULATION (year 2000)

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York	3219
Leicester	2287

## TAXES

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Information available upon request



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