

IV. Genesee/Finger Lakes Trends

The Genesee/Finger Lakes Region has been increasing in population since 1960 and there is no indication that this trend will stop anytime soon. In the last 40 years, the population has increased by 27%, almost 260,000 people. It is projected that future population will be increasing at a decreasing rate. It is projected that the region will grow by 5.1% from 2000 to 2040, an increase of 61,553 people. Yates County is projected to have the highest percent increase at 16%. This is largely due to the fact that the population in Yates County is much smaller than most of the other counties in the region.

Other counties with a higher projected population increase than the region average include Livingston (8.0%), Ontario (8.0%), Orleans (9.3%) and Wayne (5.7%). These counties all have towns that are in close proximity to the Rochester Metropolitan Area. In addition, Livingston, Ontario and Wayne County all have towns included in the Rochester Transportation Management Area (TMA), which is among the highest growth areas in the region. These communities serve as outer ring suburbs and are being developed at a fairly significant rate.

Falling just slightly below the projected region average is Monroe County at 5.0%. Having been the focal point for much of the region in the past 40 years, with a population increase of almost 150,000 people, the projected population follows the regional trend of increasing at a decreasing rate.

Since 1980, the population in Wyoming County has increased, but at a declining rate. Although Wyoming County is projected to have an average increase of 0.3% by the year 2040, all indications are that the population will peak

during 2010. After this, it is projected that the population will begin to decrease at an increasing rate. Much of this is related to migration patterns within the county.

Genesee and Seneca Counties differ from the regional trend in that they both have a negative average percent change (Genesee County, -2.7% and Seneca County, -1.5%). Even though Genesee County's population has been increasing, its net difference has significantly dropped since 1960. After an increase of 8.8% between 1960 and 1970 the increase fell to 0.5% between 1990 and 2000. In Seneca County, the population has been decreasing since 1970. This was primarily due to some major industrial closings and military base downsizing within the county. Along with economic development efforts to reverse that trend, major developments in the eastern portion of Ontario County may potentially have a positive effect on Seneca County. Therefore, the decrease in population will continue but at a decreasing rate.

Overall, it is projected that the Genesee/Finger Lakes Region will remain demographically strong with county shares remaining fairly stable. The largest county in the region, Monroe, had 62.4% of the region's population in 1960, and is projected to have 61.2% of the population in 2040. The smallest county, Yates, went from 2.0% of the region population in 1960, to a projected 2.3% in 2040.

Although each county has unique features that affect its population and trends, some were evident throughout the entire region. Birth rates were generally decreasing while death rates were on the rise. In general, village populations have leveled off or begun to decrease due largely to limited space and a declining persons per household. For the past few years, regional out-migration is higher than in-migration.

Historical and Projected Population for the Genesee/Finger Lakes Region
1960 - 2040

Population & Projections	Historical					Projected			
	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040
Region	940,043	1,112,840	1,125,717	1,161,470	1,199,588	1,225,054	1,239,851	1,252,296	1,261,141
Genesee County	53,994	58,722	59,400	60,060	60,370	60,237	59,772	59,274	58,753
Livingston County	44,053	54,041	57,006	62,372	64,328	65,979	67,333	68,481	69,478
Monroe County	586,387	711,917	702,238	713,968	735,343	749,878	758,290	766,274	772,421
Ontario County	68,070	78,849	88,909	95,101	100,224	103,296	105,606	107,430	108,248
Orleans County	34,159	37,305	38,496	41,846	44,171	45,829	46,974	47,724	48,305
Seneca County	31,984	35,083	33,733	33,683	33,342	33,177	33,041	32,927	32,827
Wayne County	67,989	79,404	84,581	89,123	93,765	96,499	97,936	98,726	99,173
Wyoming County	34,793	37,688	39,895	42,507	43,424	44,165	43,944	43,627	43,289
Yates County	18,614	19,831	21,459	22,810	24,621	25,994	26,955	27,833	28,647

Source: 1960 - 2000 US Census Bureau

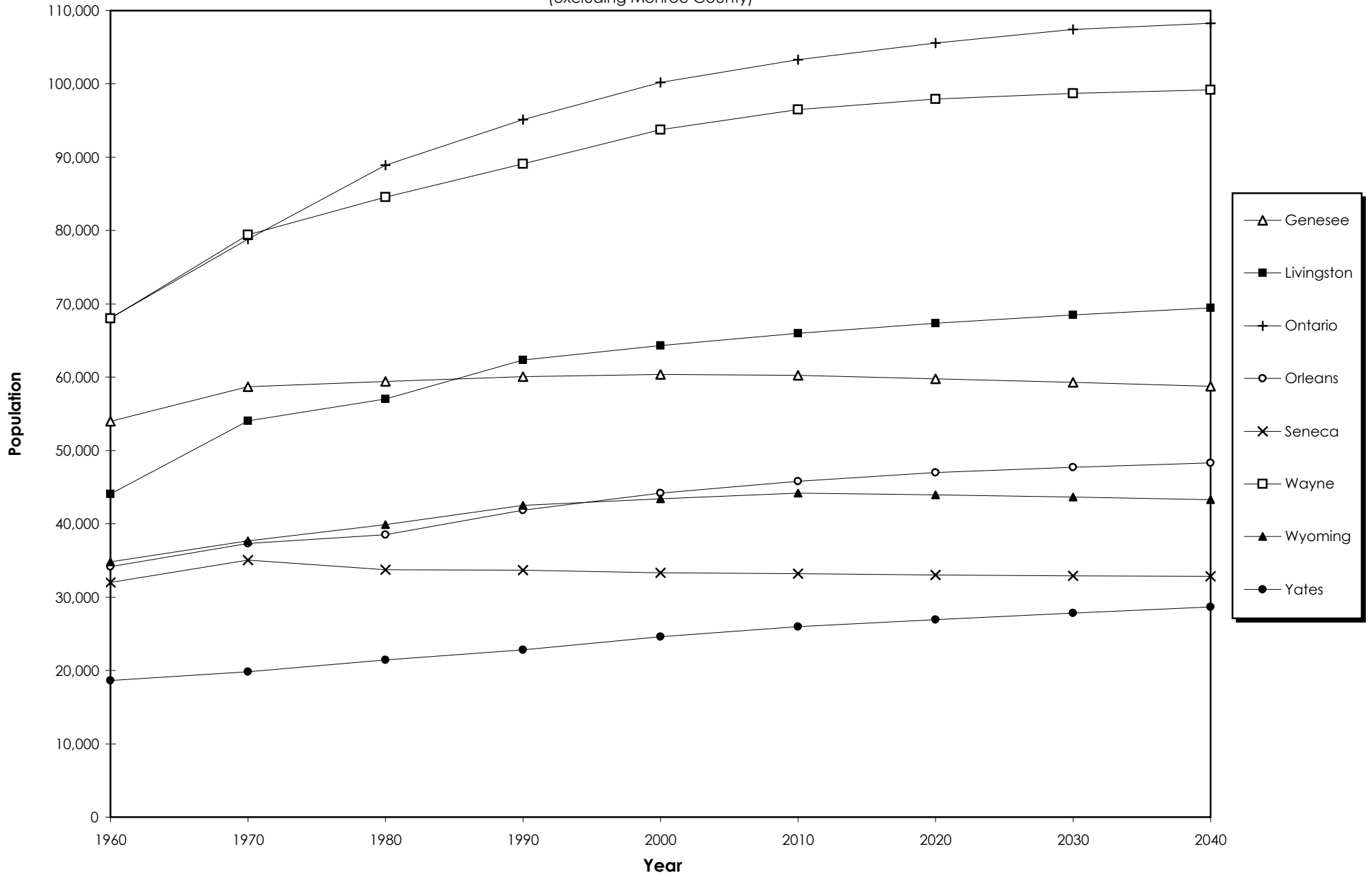
Historical and Projected Net Change for the Genesee/Finger Lakes Region

Decennial Changes	1960-70 Net	1970-80 Net	1980-90 Net	1990-00 Net	2000-10 Net	2010-20 Net	2020-30 Net	2030-40 Net
Region	172,797	12,877	35,753	38,118	25,466	14,797	12,445	8,845
Genesee County	4,728	678	660	310	-133	-465	-498	-521
Livingston County	9,988	2,965	5,366	1,956	1,651	1,354	1,148	997
Monroe County	125,530	-9,679	11,730	21,375	14,535	8,412	7,984	6,147
Ontario County	10,779	10,060	6,192	5,123	3,072	2,310	1,824	818
Orleans County	3,146	1,191	3,350	2,325	1,658	1,145	750	581
Seneca County	3,099	-1,350	-50	-341	-165	-136	-114	-100
Wayne County	11,415	5,177	4,542	4,642	2,734	1,437	790	447
Wyoming County	2,895	2,207	2,612	917	741	-221	-317	-338
Yates County	1,217	1,628	1,351	1,811	1,373	961	878	814

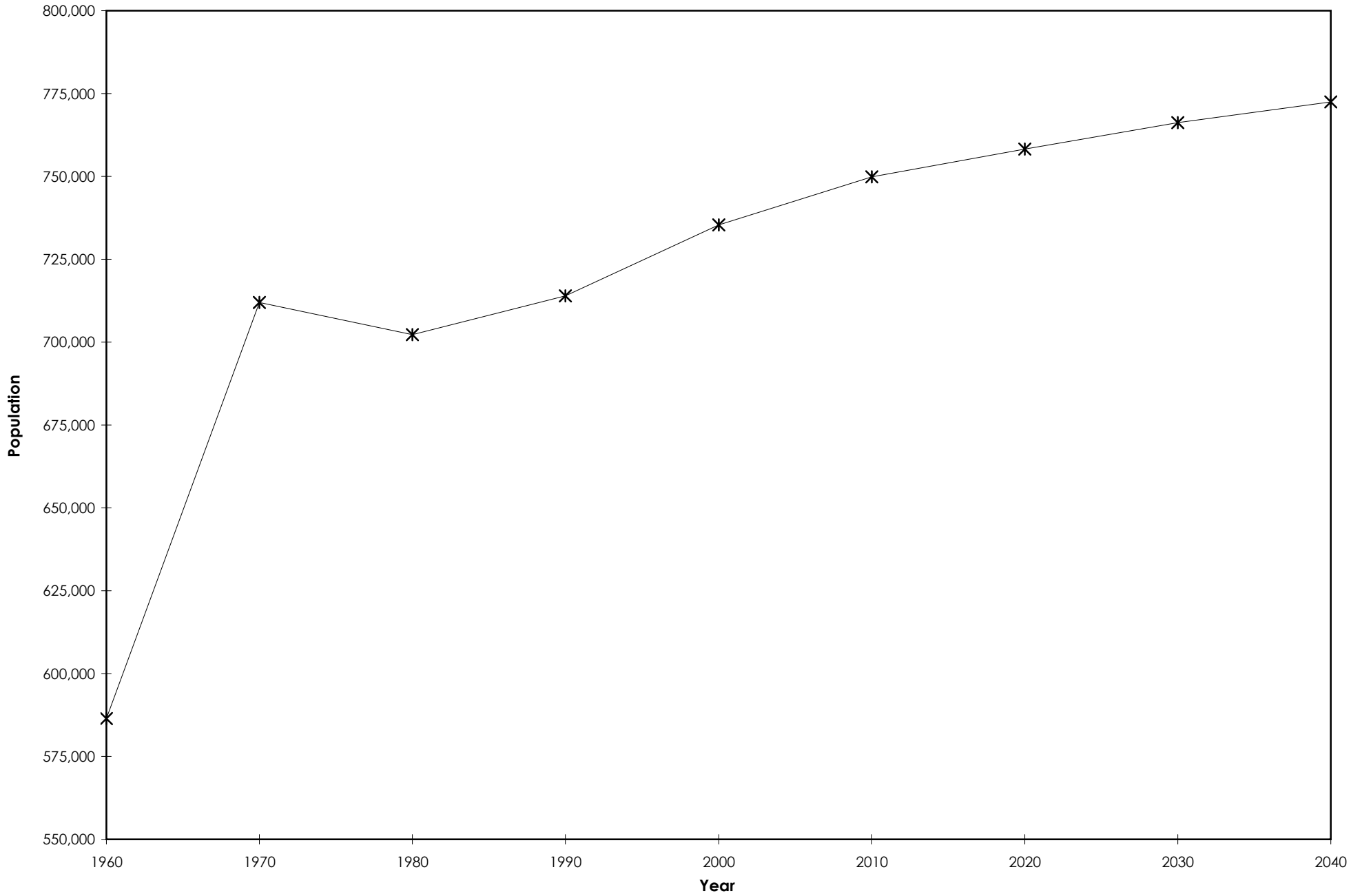
Historical and Projected Percent Change for the Genesee/Finger Lakes Region

Decennial Changes	1960-70 Percent	1970-80 Percent	1980-90 Percent	1990-00 Percent	2000-10 Percent	2010-20 Percent	2020-30 Percent	2030-40 Percent
Region	18.4%	1.2%	3.2%	3.3%	2.1%	1.2%	1.0%	0.7%
Genesee County	8.8%	1.2%	1.1%	0.5%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-0.8%	-0.9%
Livingston County	22.7%	5.5%	9.4%	3.1%	2.6%	2.1%	1.7%	1.5%
Monroe County	21.4%	-1.4%	1.7%	3.0%	2.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.8%
Ontario County	15.8%	12.8%	7.0%	5.4%	3.1%	2.2%	1.7%	0.8%
Orleans County	9.2%	3.2%	8.7%	5.6%	3.8%	2.5%	1.6%	1.2%
Seneca County	9.7%	-3.8%	-0.1%	-1.0%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Wayne County	16.8%	6.5%	5.4%	5.2%	2.9%	1.5%	0.8%	0.5%
Wyoming County	8.3%	5.9%	6.5%	2.2%	1.7%	-0.5%	-0.7%	-0.8%
Yates County	6.5%	8.2%	6.3%	7.9%	5.6%	3.7%	3.3%	2.9%

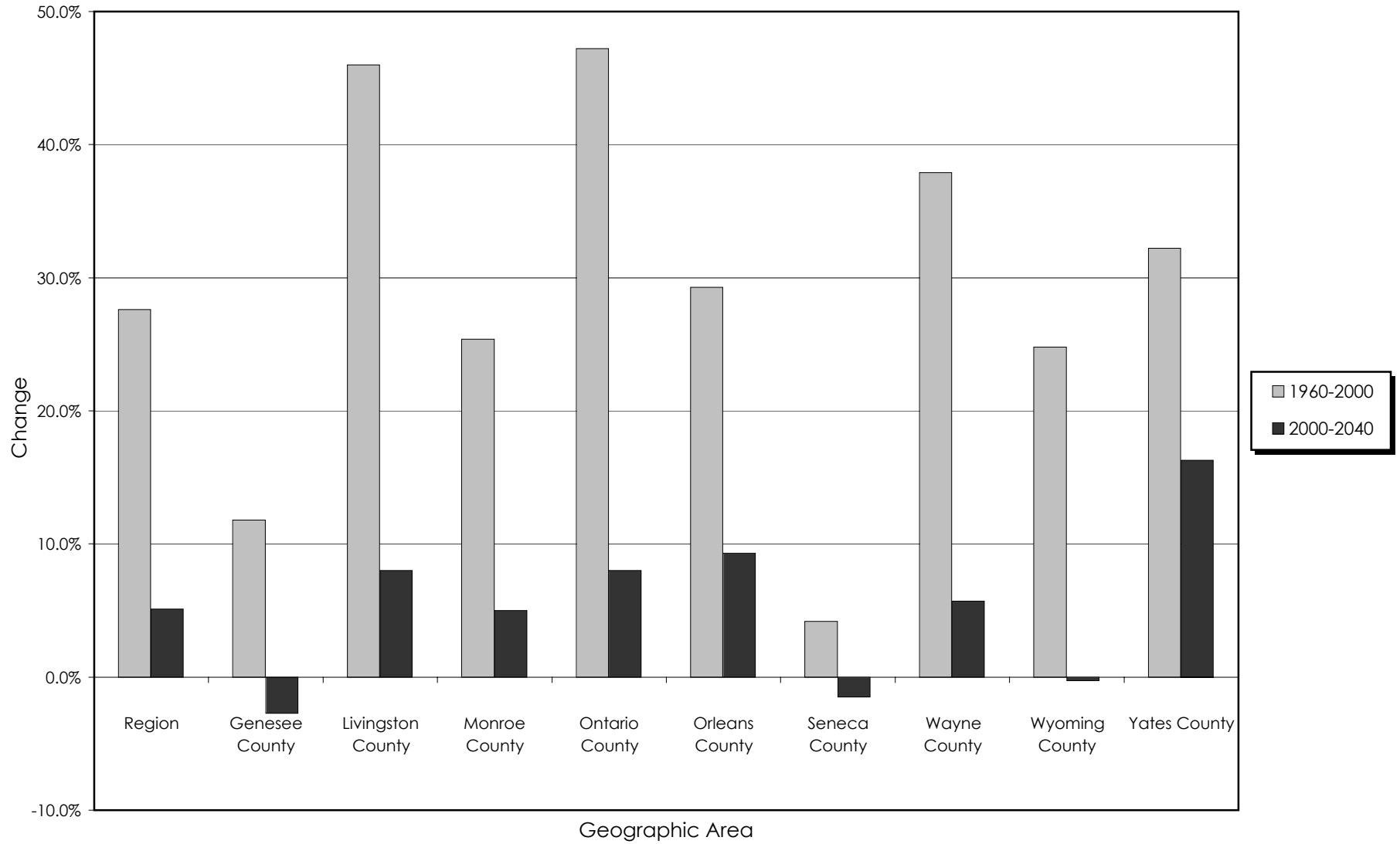
Genesee/Finger Lakes Region Trend from 1960-2040 (excluding Monroe County)



Monroe County Trend from 1960-2040



Historical and Projected Percent Changes



Percent of Region's Population by County

