

## **Orleans County**

### Public Transportation

Currently, Orleans County has no public transportation. However, the county's location between the Rochester and the Buffalo/Niagara Falls Metropolitan Statistical Areas put it in a prime location to be an exporter of labor to both areas.

### Disadvantaged Population

According to the Orleans County Job Development Agency (JDA), the majority of TANF caseloads, and subsequently those persons served by the JDA, are within the Village of Albion. DFA statistics regarding TANF and Safety Net recipients confirms this as well as the significant number of TANF and Safety Net recipients residing in the Village of Medina. The zipcodes covering these two villages also cover the towns of Albion, Barre, Medina, and Shelby. However, the JDA reports that the majority of these recipients are located in the two aforementioned villages. The zipcode covering the Town of Yates and the Village of Lyndonville (14098) contain the next highest number of jobseekers receiving temporary assistance, but these numbers are significantly less than those found in the villages of Albion and Medina. The distribution of TANF and Safety Net recipients in Orleans County by zipcode is shown in Map 31.

### Training Activities and Services

The Orleans County Job Development Agency (JDA) refers welfare recipients to training programs and provides job workshops in the villages of Albion and Medina. Training referrals are done on an individual basis after the jobseeker has been evaluated and deemed ready to obtain training beyond basic workplace competencies. Training takes place at several facilities throughout the area. BOCES in Sanborn (Niagara County), Medina, and Spencerport provide instruction to Orleans County welfare recipients as does a GCC Satellite campus in Albion. The BOCES programs include work based education and corresponding classroom instruction. For some, a need does develop for access to the GCC main campus in Batavia because not all certificate programs or degrees can be completed at the Albion satellite. The location of sites in Orleans County used by the JDA to train and assess jobseekers are shown on Map 32.

According to the JDA, the most employable of those affected by welfare reform have already found employment. Those persons still receiving training possess the least amount of skills and face multiple barriers to finding employment. The severity of transportation and child care related issues is the greatest for these groups. Orleans County has attempted to solve the dilemmas posed by these multiple barriers through the creation of a Welfare Reform Task Force. Representation on the task force included numerous agencies including, but not limited to, employment and training organizations, educational institutions, child care providers and referral agencies, labor unions, and the Private Industry Council. As a result, an interagency referral system has been developed for persons who face multiple barriers attempting to gain employment. This is done to ensure that the difficulties faced by these persons will be handled by the most appropriate agency and simultaneously eliminate duplication of services.

Concerning transportation, the JDA contracts with Rides Unlimited, a private transportation provider based in Niagara County, for inter-county service for TANF recipients and others. While Rides Unlimited has a satellite office in Orleans County, the cost prohibits the JDA from using the services on a more extensive basis. Also present are two mobile work crews that use 15 passenger vans to transport jobseekers from their homes to a job site and back at the end of the assignment. Reimbursement for mileage is provided for approved community transportation agencies that provide access for jobseekers. The Orleans Community Action Committee, Inc. (CACI) is one such organization. However, funding limits the ability of this agency to provide transportation to all jobseekers on a regular basis. Presently the CACI provides access to testing and assessment appointments for some jobseekers on temporary assistance.

### Employment Opportunities

As shown on Maps 33 and 34, the predominant number of commercial and community service firms engaged in activities that may yield entry-level openings are located in the villages of Albion, Holley, Lyndonville, and Medina. Other firms and agencies under these classifications are located in the Town of Carlton along Route 279 and spread throughout the county along routes 31, 98, 104, and 237.

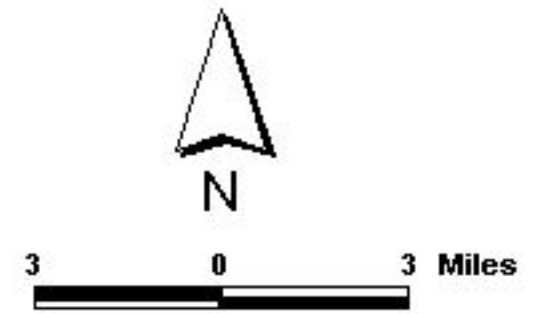
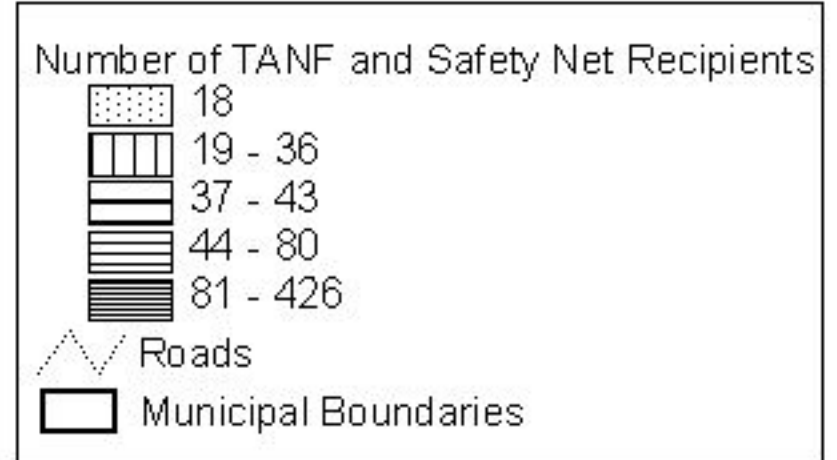
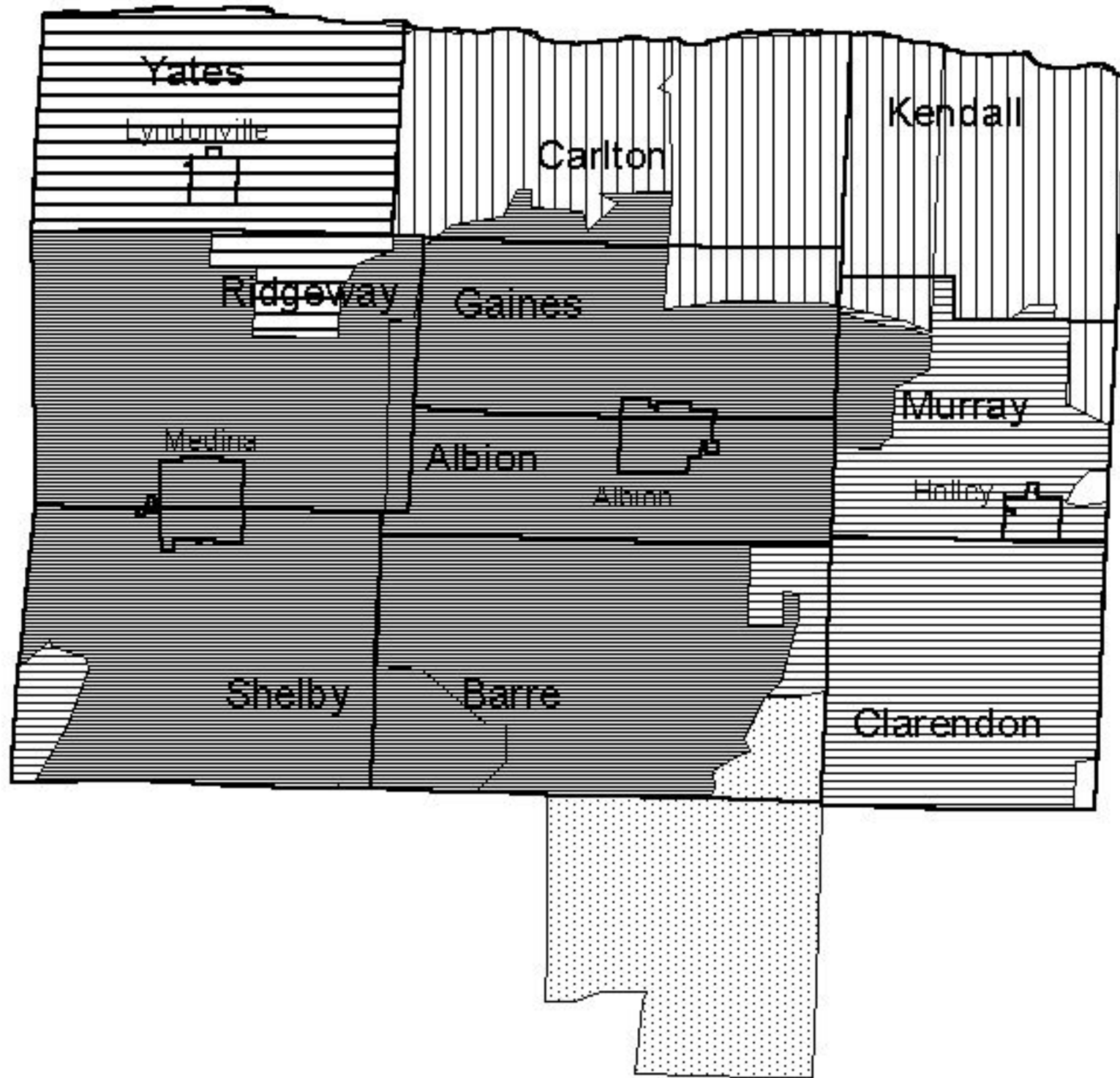
According to the Orleans County Department of Planning and Development (DPD), the proposed expansion of Route 531 from Monroe County may signal increased commercial and retail development into Orleans County. Two state prisons are possible sources of openings that could be filled by jobseekers following the completion of appropriate training. Additionally, there has been increased marketing of industrial parks in Albion, Holley, and Medina. The introduction of new tenants (depending on the industry) into any of these locations may provide entry-level job opportunities for TANF and Safety Net recipients. Outside the region, Niagara County, and the City of Lockport in particular, may also provide entry-level positions.

The County of Orleans Industrial Development Agency reports that there has been residential growth in the eastern towns of Clarendon, Kendall, and Murray and along the Lake Ontario Parkway into the Town of Carlton that could provide growth in the commercial and retail industries. The DPD also cited the large increase in residential development (mainly mobile homes) in Clarendon as signifying an area of increased business activity. Positions that require a lower set of skills can also be found in the apple industry that is mainly centered in the Village of Lyndonville. Growth areas in Orleans County that may produce increased entry-level openings are shown on Map 35.

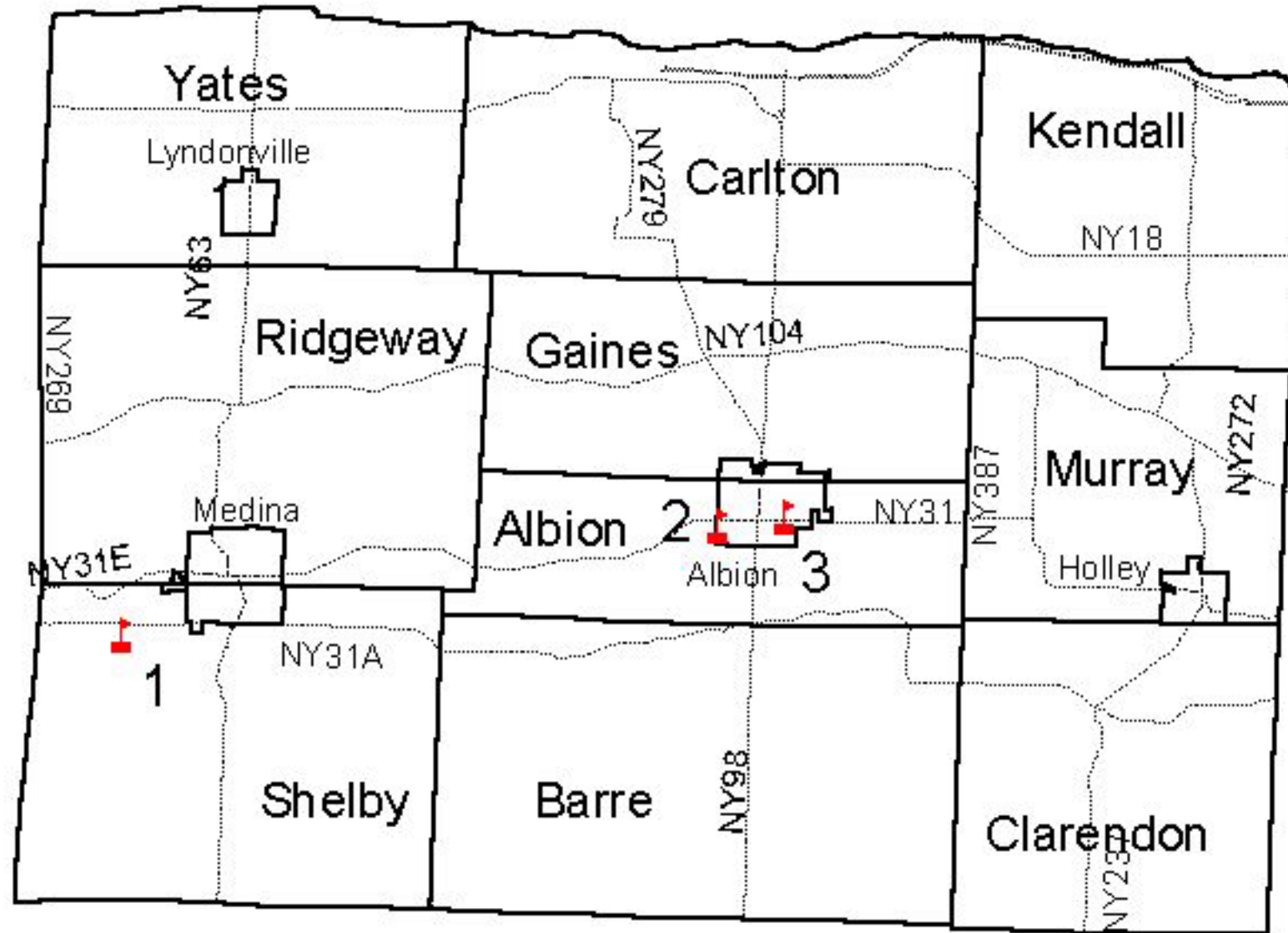
### Child Care Centers

All but two of the seven licensed child care facilities in Orleans County are located in the Village of Albion. The others are both to the west in the Village of Medina and Town of Shelby along Route 31A. Map 36 displays the locations of these facilities.

# Orleans County TANF and Safety Net Recipients by Zipcode - May 1998



# Sites Used by the Orleans County Job Development Agency to Train and Assess Disadvantaged Jobseekers

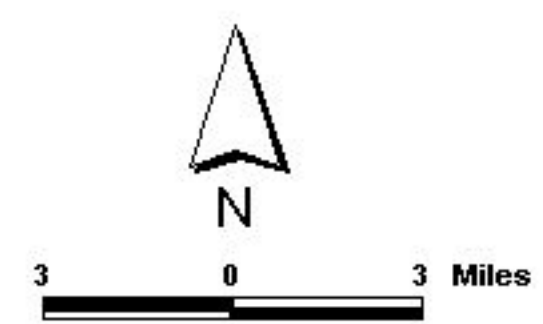


**Training Facilities**

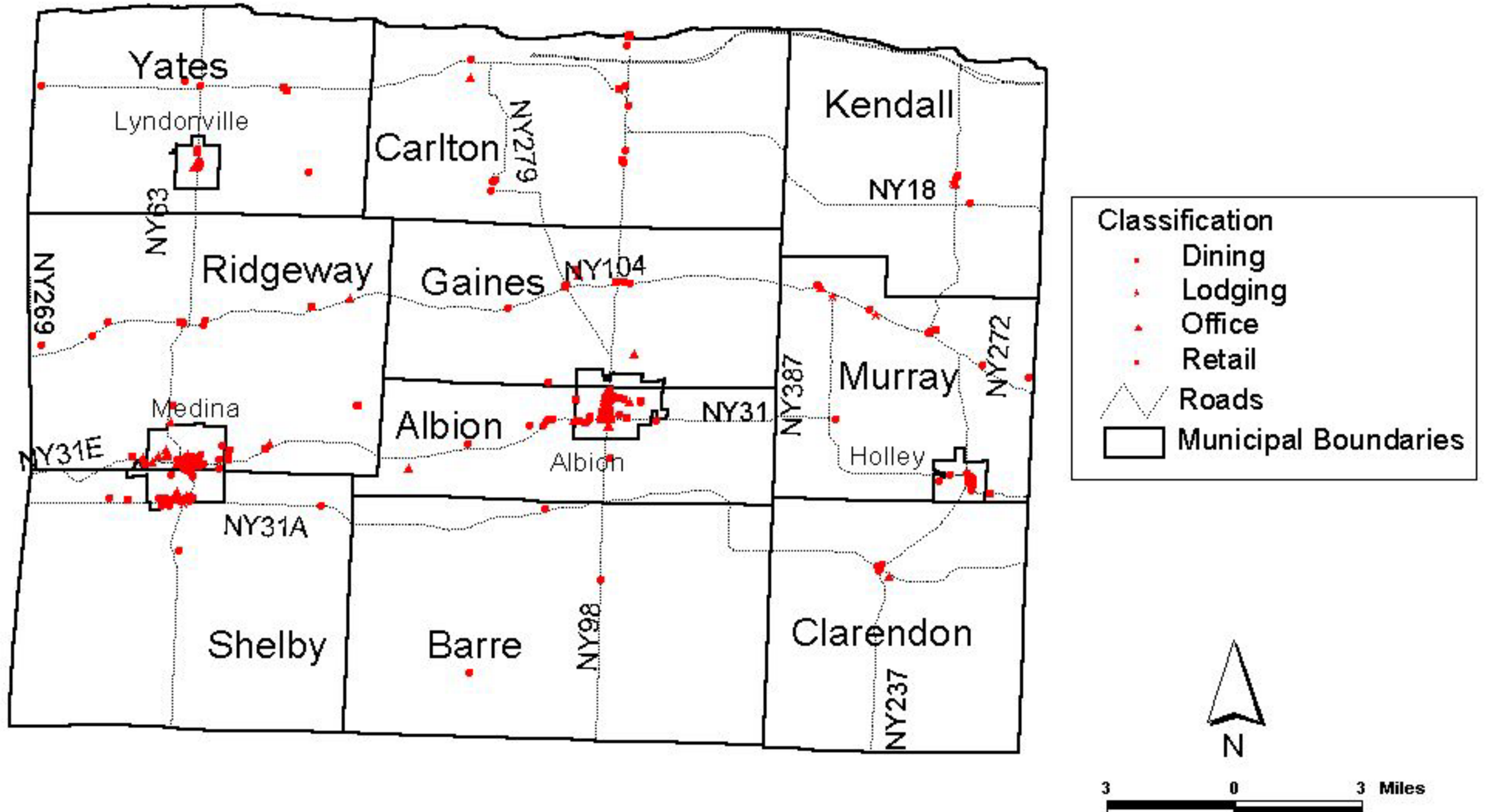
- 1. Medina BOCES
- 2. GCC Albion Campus
- 3. Orleans JDA Office

**Roads**

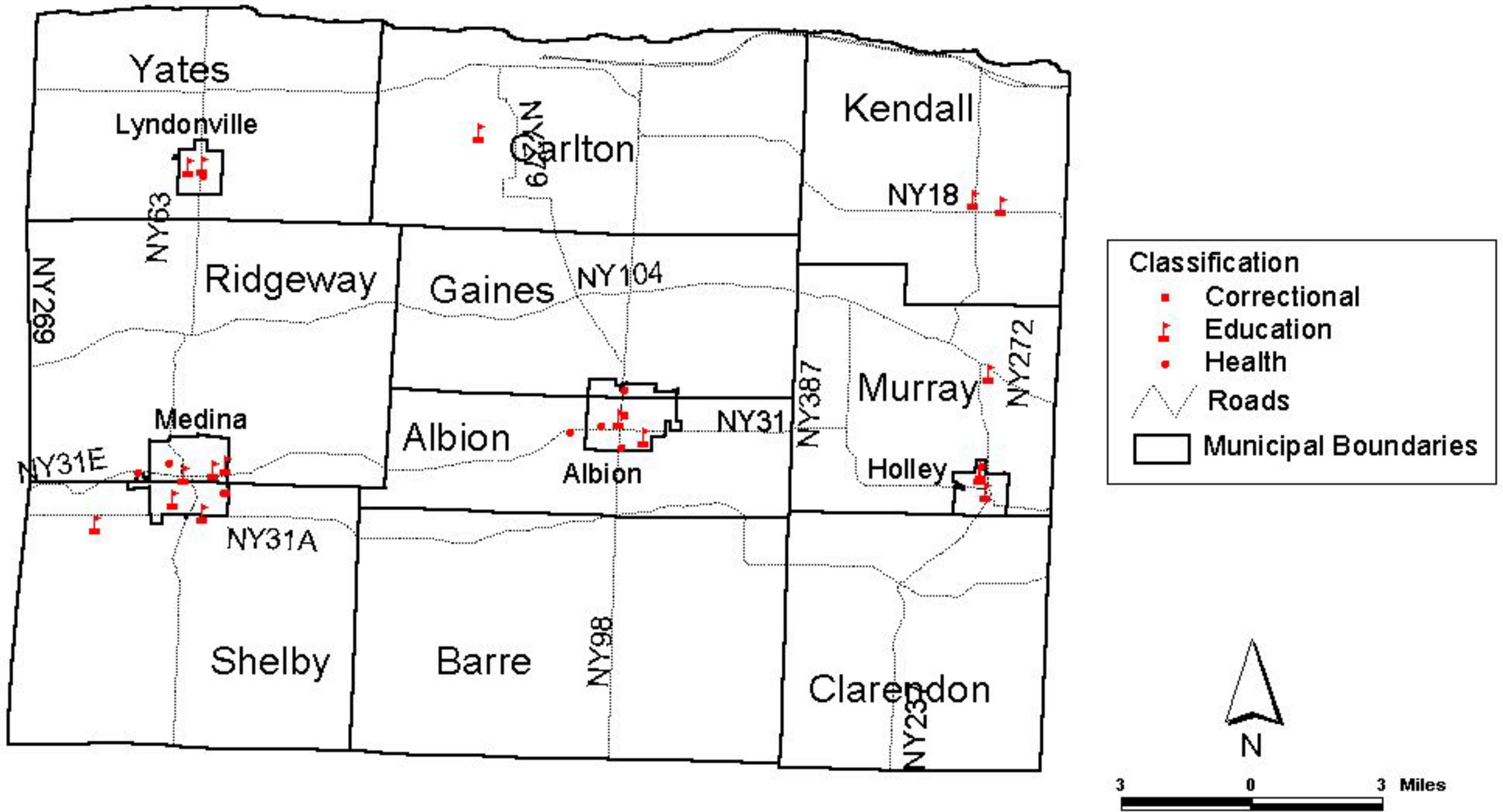
**Municipal Boundaries**



# Commercial Firms with Potential Entry-Level Employment Opportunities in Orleans County



# Community Service Firms with Potential Entry-Level Employment Opportunities in Orleans County



# Expected Areas of Growth in Entry-Level Employment Opportunities in Orleans County

