

Wayne County

Public Transportation

The Wayne Area Transportation Service, Inc. (WATS) offers three fixed route/fixed schedule services. WATS, a subsidiary of R-GRTA, operates nineteen buses. The fleet contains 24 and 26 passenger vehicles, of which about half are wheelchair equipped. Special, flexible route services are provided to the county's Association for Retarded Children and mental health agencies.

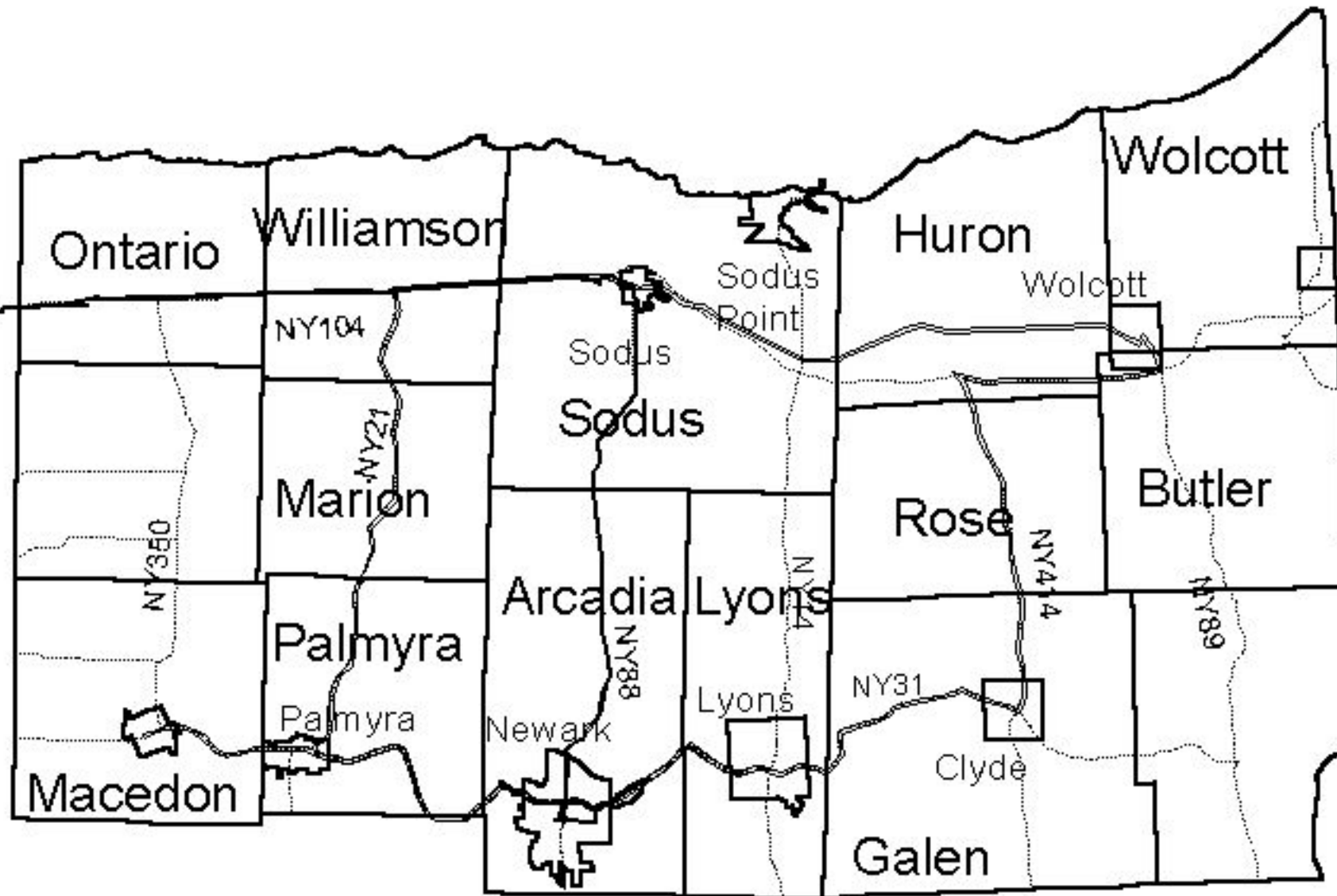
The first of the three fixed route/fixed schedule services is an intra-county loop that operates from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. The fare structure is the least expensive of the region's public transit operators. Adults pay 50 cents each way, and a reduced fare of 20 cents is available to senior citizens and children. The loop originates in Newark and heads west along Route 31 then north up Route 21 to County Road 143 where it turns east and continues into the Village of Wolcott. In Wolcott, the loop turns south down Route 414 to Clyde and then heads west again on Route 31 to complete itself.

The second service connects Wayne County's more populous western municipalities with RTS service in Webster. The service originates in Newark and heads north along Route 88 to County Road 103 in Sodus and turns west with stops in East Williamson, Williamson, Ontario, Ontario Center and Union Hill. The service connects with RTS route 45 at the park and ride lot in Webster. This allows Wayne County residents access to stops at Webster's Four Corners, Five Mile Line Road, Irondequoit Mall, and various points in downtown Rochester including Midtown Plaza. More importantly, it offers access to the entire RTS system and points served by it in Monroe County. The service is provided once in the morning and once in the afternoon. The schedules for each are based on traditional work hours. The morning service begins in Newark at 5:42 AM, arrives in Webster at 6:44 AM and returns to Newark at 7:51 AM. The afternoon service leaves Webster at 5:55 PM and returns to Newark around 7:00 PM. The schedule more conveniently serves Wayne County residents working in Monroe County than Monroe residents working in Wayne. The fare level varies between 50 and 70 cents.

The third service is a shuttle along Route 31 between Macedon and Lyons. The fare structure on the loop also applies to the Route 31 shuttle. Again, the service originates in Newark and heads west to Macedon with stops in Palmyra. The service runs back east through Palmyra and Newark again and out to Lyons. The service runs Monday through Friday with a morning and afternoon schedule beginning at 9:00 AM and ending at 2:20 PM. Map 43 provides a view of the three WATS services.

There have been discussions between WATS and R-GRTA regarding possible funding for the expansion or addition of routes in Wayne County. Growth and development in the western portion of the county bordering Monroe may serve as the basis for these additional or expanded routes.

Wayne Area Transportation Service (WATS) Routes



- WATS Loop
- Route 31 Shuttle
- RT. 104 Connector Service
- Roads
- Municipal Boundaries



Disadvantaged Population

Map 44 displays the number of TANF and Safety Net recipients in Wayne County by zipcode. It appears that the greatest number of jobseekers receiving temporary assistance can be found in the central and northeast portions of the county. The largest number of TANF and Safety Net recipients reside in the 14513 zipcode which includes most of the Town of Arcadia and Village of Newark. The next largest number of jobseekers receiving temporary assistance resides in the 14489 zipcode, which covers the Town and Village of Lyons. A significant number of TANF and Safety Net recipients can also be found in villages of Sodus and Wolcott.

Training Activities and Services

Services offered by the Wayne County DSS Employment and Training Unit (ETU) includes career education, jobseeker workshops, career choice and job search seminars, a mobile worksite crew, and targeted case management. The Wayne Finger LAKES BOCES in Williamson provides the career education. The three day jobseeker workshops are held four times each month by the ETU, with representatives from the DSS and DOL present on the third day. Additionally, the ETU also handles the mandatory weekly job clubs and career choice and job search seminars. A mobile worksite crew originating in Lyons (and serving Newark and Sodus as well) is operated by the ETU. The work done by the mobile crew is primarily in solid waste management activities by way of a county van. Targeted case management for individuals is also handled by the ETU. Map 45 presents the locations of training sites and WATS routes.

A great amount of coordination exists between the ETU, DSS, WATS, local school districts, and the Wayne County ARC. An attempt is made to schedule jobseekers' training and employment during WATS' hours of operation. The DSS provides bus tokens and reimburses job seekers for the cost of using WATS services. ARC now incorporates TANF recipients into its transportation program if the individuals are in a town or village being served by ARC for its own clients. School buses are used to transport jobseekers to training at the Williamson BOCES where child care is provided. Some of the school districts allow children on the buses which provides a possible solution to many child care issues.

Other efforts include assisting jobseekers in finding affordable housing in areas that are served by public transportation. Jobseekers are also provided a weekly list of used vehicles that are for sale locally. For areas not served by public transportation, including the southeastern towns of Savannah and Butler, worksites are present or being developed at local government offices and schools.

Employment Opportunities

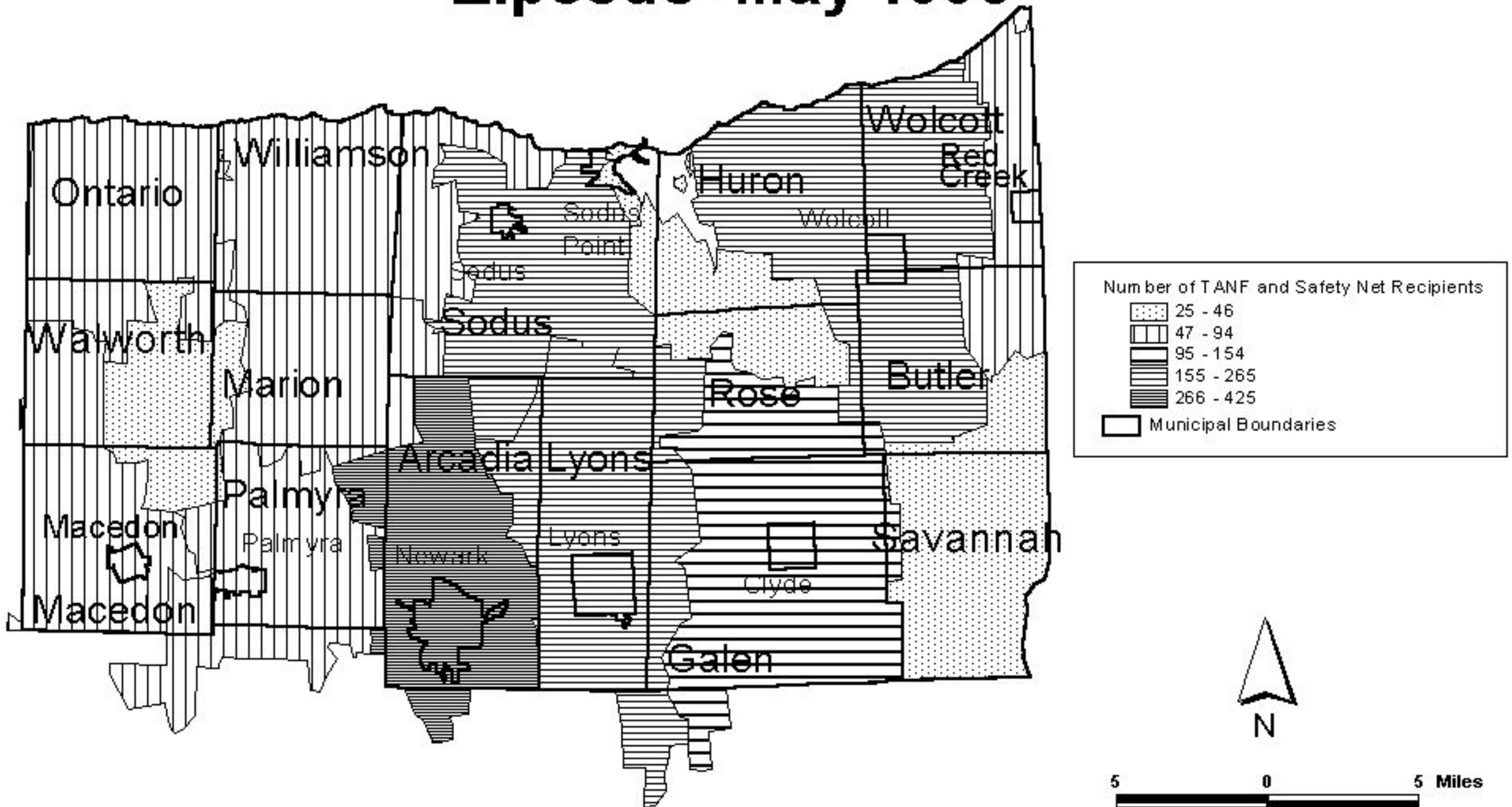
Most of the firms participating in commercial and community service activities in Wayne County can be found in the northern and southern portions of the county along routes 104 and 31. As with the other counties of the region, the development appears to be concentrated in the villages. There are also areas of clustered development in the Town of Marion along Route 21 and the Town of Rose along Route 414 in the center of Wayne County. Maps 46 and 47 show the locations of these businesses and agencies.

The Wayne County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) states that the major growth areas in the county can be found along Route 104 in the Town of Ontario and Route 31 in the Town of Macedon. Newly constructed housing in Gananda may also prove to be a growth area for retail and commercial businesses looking to serve an expanding market. As demonstrated by the areas discussed above, the majority of growth and expansion occurring in Wayne County is in the western portion of the county bordering Monroe and northwestern Ontario County. Map 48 shows areas of expected growth in entry-level employment opportunities in Wayne County.

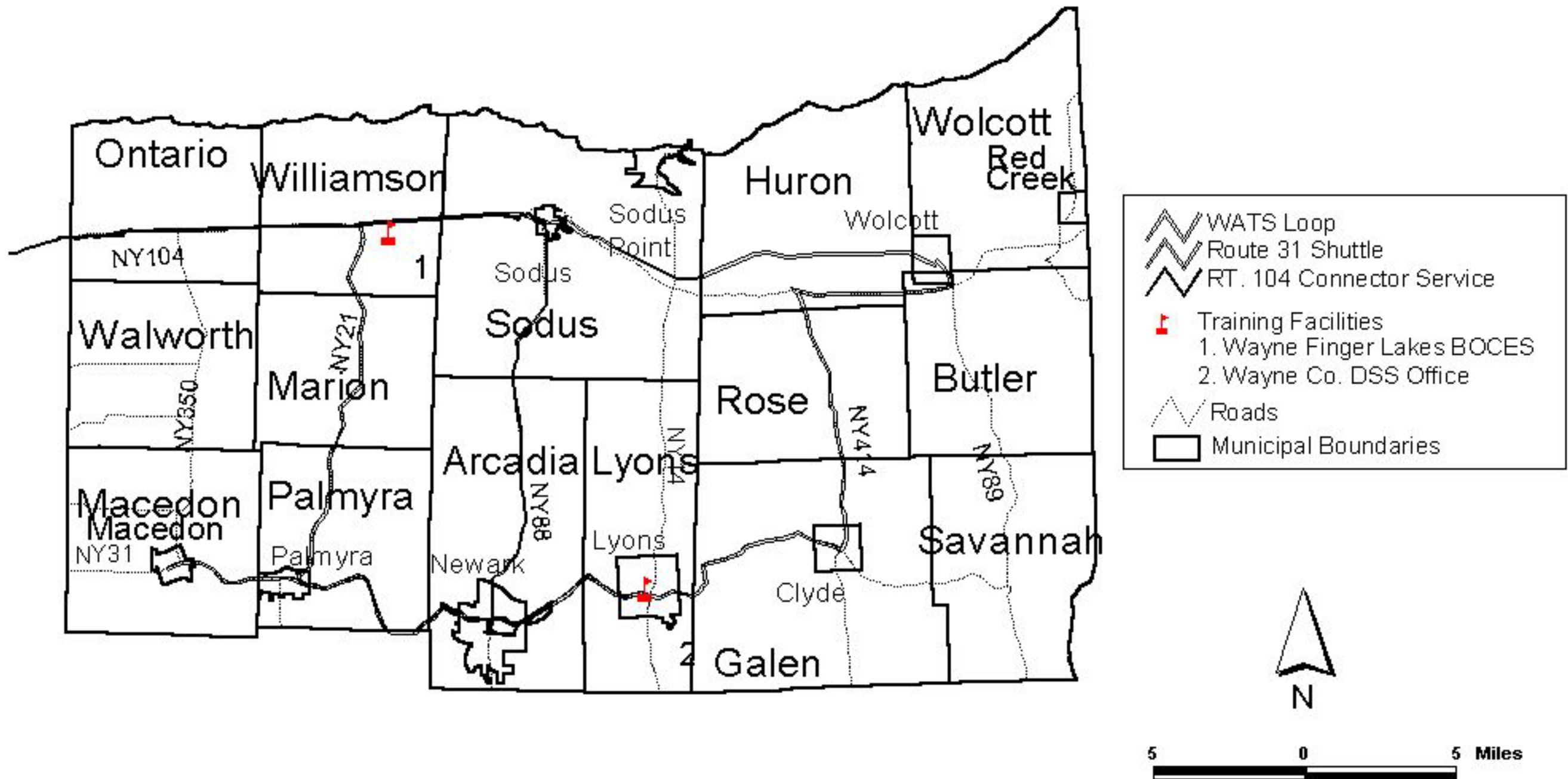
Child Care Centers

Nearly all of the licensed child care centers in Wayne County can be found along Route 104 in the north half and along Route 31 in the southern half. There are also child care centers in the towns of Rose and Walworth in the central part of the county. The locations of these licensed child care facilities are shown on Map 49.

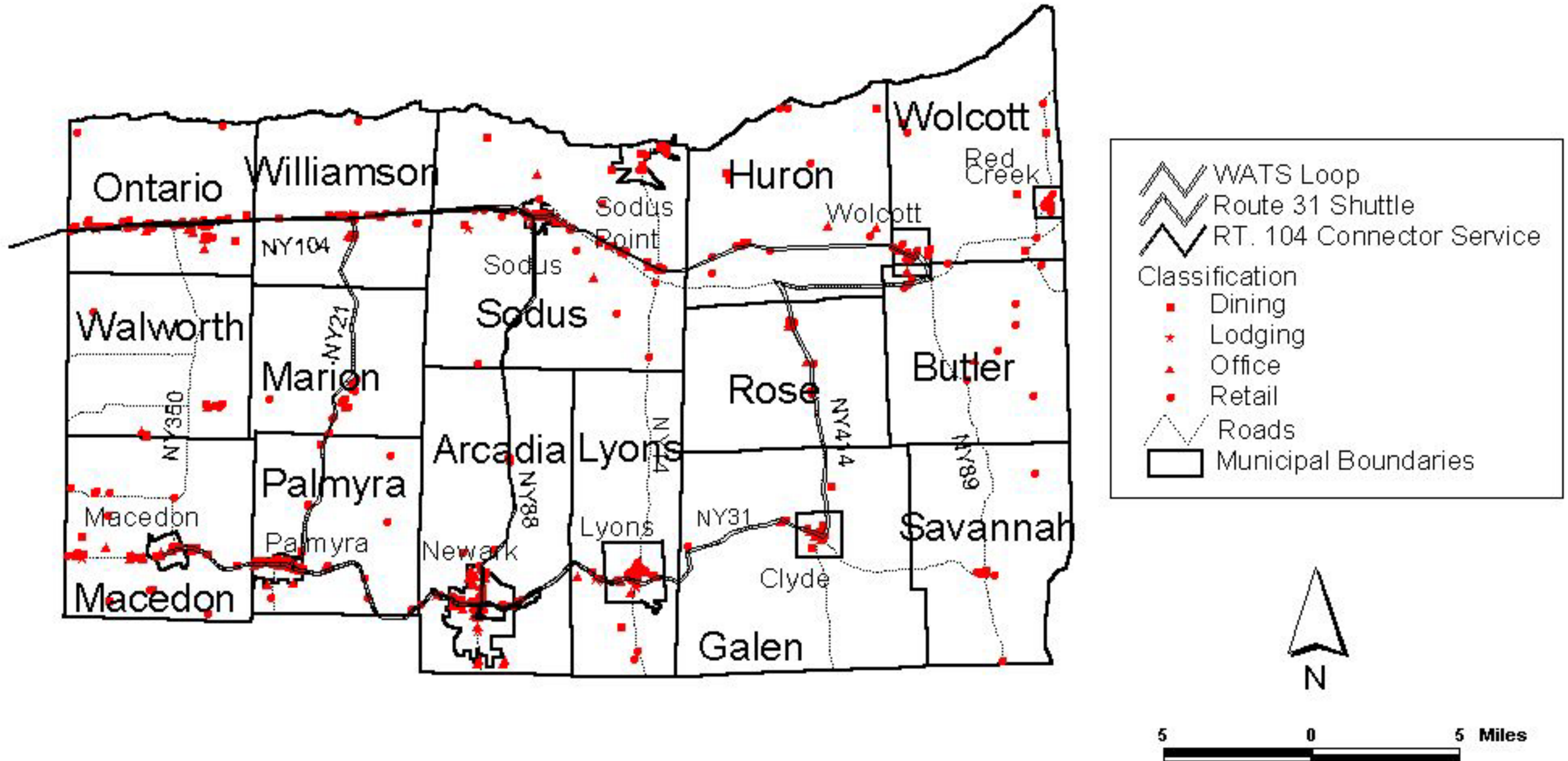
Wayne County TANF and Safety Net Recipients by Zipcode- May 1998



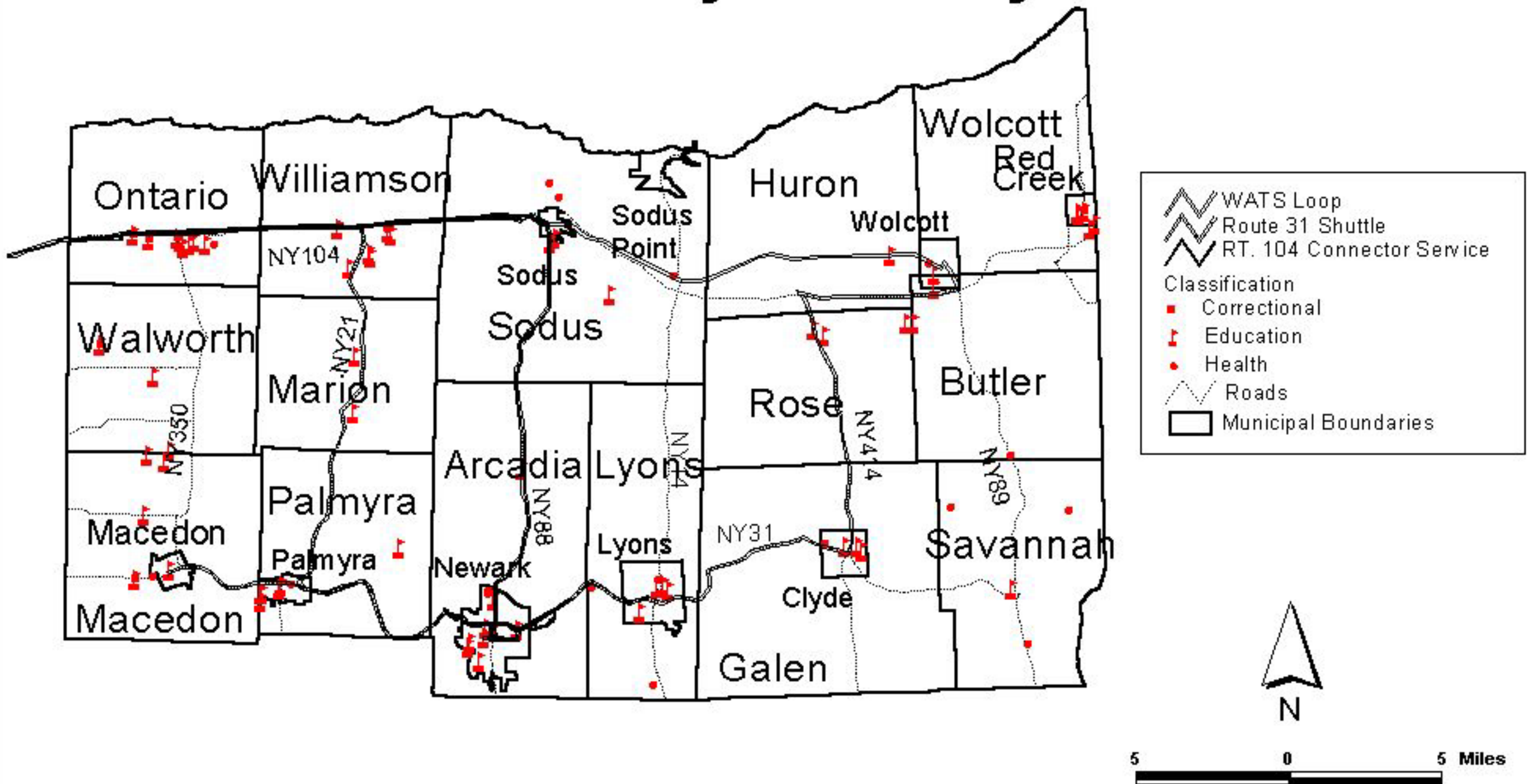
WATS Routes and Sites Used by the Wayne County DSS Employment Unit to Train and Assess Disadvantaged Jobseekers



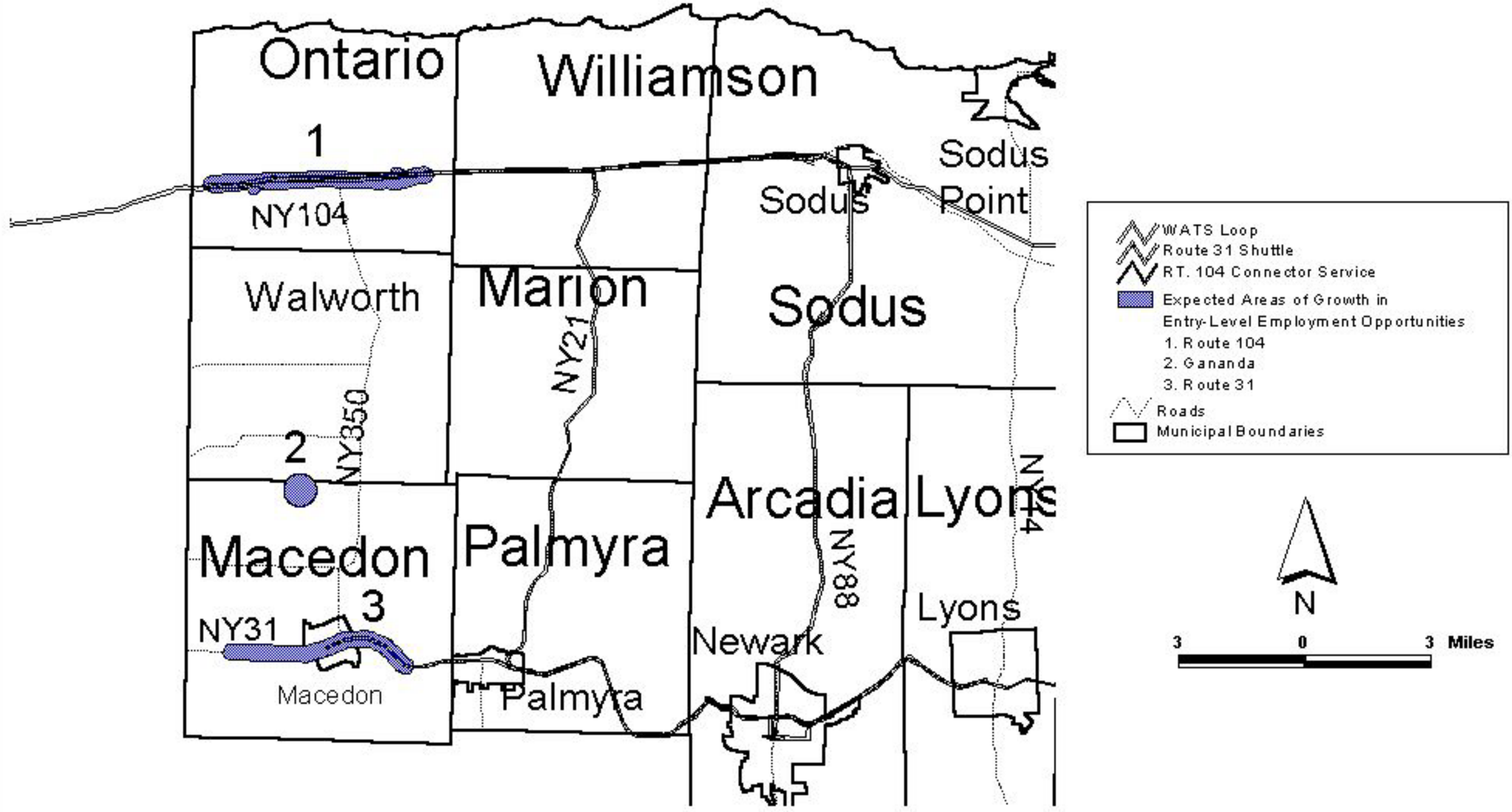
WATS Routes and Commercial Firms with Potential Entry-Level Employment Opportunities in Wayne County



WATS Routes and Community Service Firms with Potential Entry-Level Employment Opportunities in Wayne County



WATS Routes and Expected Areas of Growth in Entry-Level Employment Opportunities in Wayne County



WATS Routes and Licensed Child Care Centers in Wayne County

