

WASHINGTON
COUNTY
PUBLIC
HEALTH'S

TEDDY BEAR
VACCINE
CLINIC



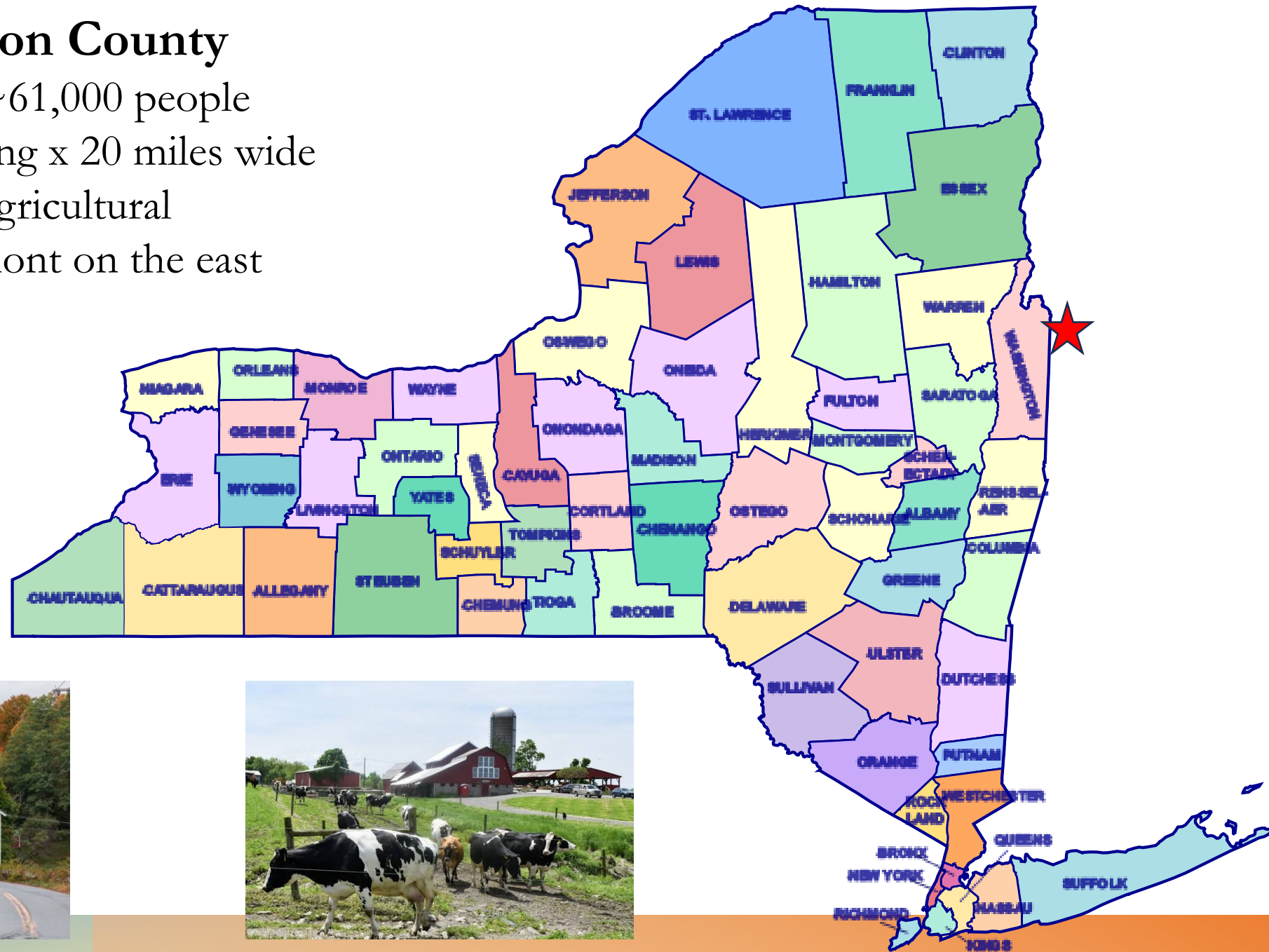
Washington County

Population: ~61,000 people

Area: 60 miles long x 20 miles wide

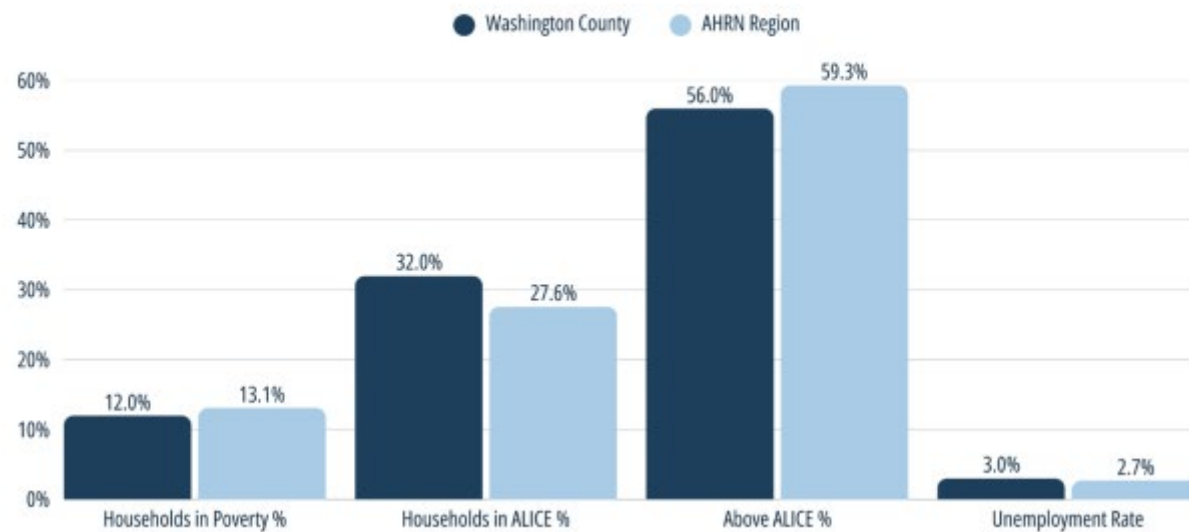
Mostly agricultural

Borders Vermont on the east



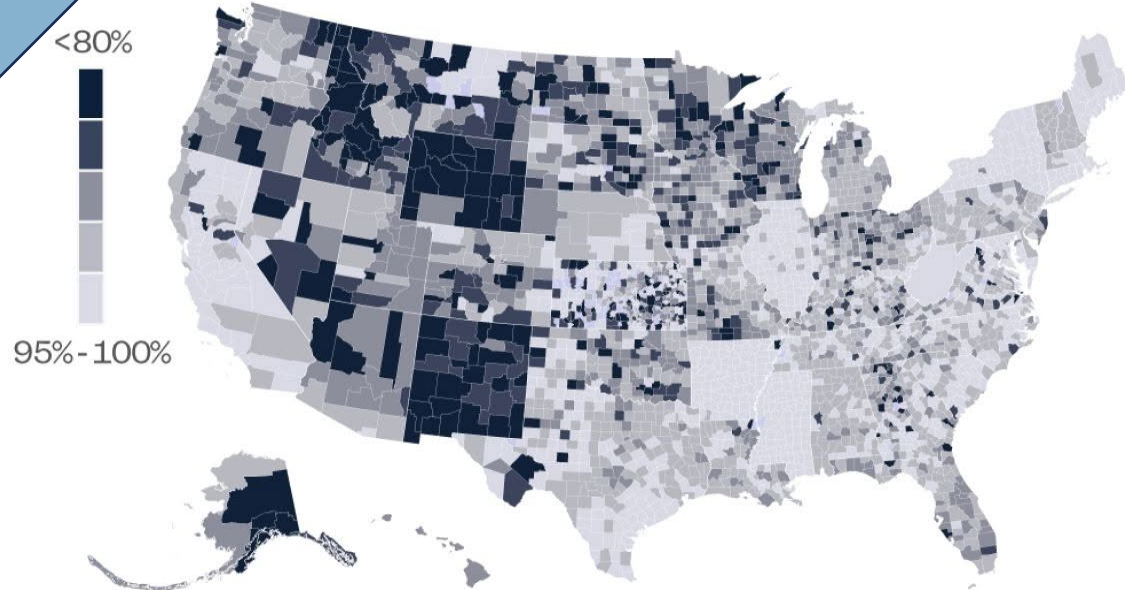


ALICE Profile



Vaccination rates are declining across the U.S.

An escalating movement
against immunization is threatening
the health of America's children.



Washington County

82.4%

MMR rate for eligible
2-year-olds

88%

Polio vaccination rate

87%-81%

84%-80%

Hep B birth dose rate
changes at our 2 closest
hospitals





**What's causing
the decline in
childhood immunization rates?**



*Family Service Association
of Glens Falls, Inc.*

Washington County



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Are you signed up to attend
the Feet First Event
at Family Services Association
on August 18th or August 20th?



If so, have your child bring
their favorite teddy bear, doll or other favorite friend
and stop by the Teddy Bear Clinic
hosted by the
Washington County Public Health nurses.



CLINIC TIME... ALMOST!





CLINIC TIME...FOR REAL!

Certificate of Adoption

This is to certify that

(your name here)

has officially adopted

(your bear's new name here)

I promise to love and take good care of my new bear

Date _____ Signature _____



 Certificate of
BRAVERY

This Certificate Is Awarded To

 Signed by my Doctor _____ Date _____



MEDICAL FORM



PATIENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Age: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

Nervous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What makes your friend less nervous? _____

Feeling Sick? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Fever? ☐ Yes ☐ No

VACCINES NEEDED:

☐ Polio ☐ Flu ☐ Measles/Mumps/Rubella

CONSENT AND SIGNATURE:

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TREATMENTS:



Teddy Bear Clinic Evaluation
(Please circle your answers)

How would you rate your child's anxiety regarding vaccination appointments before today's clinic?

High Average Low

Did you notice your child becoming more comfortable around medical equipment (syringes, stethoscope, thermometer) during the clinic?

Yes No Unsure

Do you think this clinic will help your child cope better during their next real vaccine appointment?

Yes No Unsure

Did you learn new ways in to help support and comfort your child at their next appointment?

Yes No Unsure

How likely are you to use medical play at home to prepare your child for future appointments?

Yes, I definitely will I might Probably not

Did you find the written and verbal information provided at the clinic was informative?

Yes No Unsure

Do you know where you can find trustworthy resources on vaccine information?

Yes No Unsure

Would you recommend a Teddy Bear Clinic event to other families in the community?

Yes No Unsure







How do these ingredients work in vaccines?

Aluminum
It produces a better immune response to the vaccine

Gelatin
It acts as a stabilizer, protecting the vaccine during storage and transport

Polysorbate 80
also used as a stabilizer to help the vaccine maintain its effectiveness during storage (also used to make ice cream smooth and slow its melting)

Thimerosal
An ethylmercury-containing preservative used in some flu vaccines prevents bacterial contamination. This form of mercury is processed and eliminated quickly by the body making it less likely to cause health problems.

Antibiotics
They are used to prevent bacterial contamination during manufacturing process. Most of the antibiotic is removed during the purification process. Antibiotics known to cause severe reactions, such as Penicillin, are not used.

Formaldehyde
Naturally produced in the body for metabolism, it is used to inactivate viruses or detoxify bacterial toxins during production. By the time the vaccine is finished, only trace amounts remain in the final product.

Would you like more information on what's in a vaccine?

Check out these resources...

CDC
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/basics/explaining-how-vaccines-work.html>

WHO
<https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/vaccines-and-immunization-what-is-vaccination>

John Hopkins University
<https://publichealth.jhu.edu/2026/a-guide-to-vaccine-ingredients>

Voices for Vaccine
<https://www.voicesforvaccines.org/science/>

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
<https://www.chop.edu/vaccine-education-center>

What's in a vaccine?



All the ingredients in a vaccine play an important role in ensuring a vaccine is safe and effective.

Some of these ingredients may sound familiar...

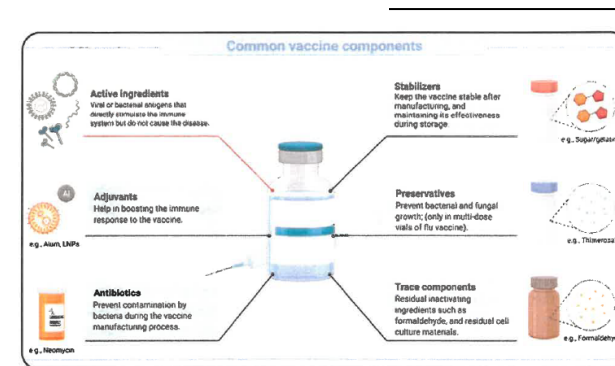
Sodium Chloride
- better known as table salt

Sucrose
- a form of sugar

Monosodium phosphate
- a type of salt

Aluminum Salts
- a natural occurring element found in a variety of foods such as fruits, vegetables, seasonings, flour, cereals, and dairy products

Gelatin
- also used in Jello and gummy bears



But what about these?

Glutamic Acid
Threonine
Phytosterols
Ethyl Hexanoate



Phenylalanine
Oleic Acid
Tocopherol
Pentyl Acetate

Ethene Gas

While these may sound unfamiliar and a bit scary... they are all natural ingredients that are also found in the bananas you buy at your local grocery store.