



# Community Overview

Mount Vernon, NY, situated in Westchester County just north of New York City, is a vibrant city with a rich history and diverse population. Known for its cultural heritage, it boasts a mix of residential neighborhoods, commercial areas, and green spaces. With a legacy of notable residents and a strong sense of community, Mount Vernon offers a blend of urban amenities and suburban charm, making it a dynamic place to live and visit.

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## AREA

4.4 Square Miles

## POPULATION

71,714

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## HISTORY

Mount Vernon, New York, has a rich history dating back to its establishment in the 19th century. Originally part of the town of Eastchester, it became a village in 1853 and a city in 1892. Named after the Virginia plantation owned by George Washington, Mount Vernon grew rapidly during the Industrial Revolution, attracting diverse communities seeking employment in its factories and businesses. It's renowned for being the home of many notable figures, including the jazz musician Artie Shaw and the rapper Heavy D. Today, Mount Vernon continues to evolve, blending its historic legacy with modern development initiatives.

## TRANSPORTATION

Mount Vernon residents are blessed with an easy commute to New York City, which is approximately 30 minutes away via car or rail service (Scarsdale, Crestwood and Tuckahoe stations). Four airports (Laguardia, Westchester County, JFK International and Newark Liberty International) are less than an hour away from Mount Vernon.

## RECREATION

Mount Vernon offers a vibrant array of amenities and activities for residents to enjoy. The city boasts numerous parks and green spaces like Wilson Woods Park and Hartley Park, perfect for picnicking and outdoor recreation. Sports enthusiasts will appreciate the sports complexes and fitness centers with basketball and tennis courts, baseball fields, and swimming pools. Cultural events and art exhibitions are common, showcasing the city's rich heritage. Mount Vernon also offers diverse community programs, including summer camps and after-school activities, fostering social interaction and skill development. Despite not being directly coastal, the city's proximity to the Long Island Sound provides access to waterfront activities like fishing and boating. Additionally, residents can look forward to various events and festivals celebrating music, food, and community spirit throughout the year, creating a lively and engaging environment for all.

## SHOPPING

In Mount Vernon, shopping opportunities are diverse and scattered throughout the city. You'll find a mix of local boutiques offering unique items and larger retail centers with well-known brands. The downtown area is a hub for shopping, featuring a variety of stores ranging from clothing boutiques to specialty shops. Additionally, there are several grocery stores and markets catering to residents' everyday needs. Whether you're looking for trendy fashion pieces, artisanal crafts, or everyday essentials, Mount Vernon has something to offer for every shopper.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mount Vernon City School District: 914.665.5000  
Benjamin Turner Academy: 914.665.5150  
Cecil H. Parker School: 914.665.5040  
Denzel Washington School of the Arts: 914.358.2740  
Edward Williams School: 914.665.5070  
Graham School: 914.358.2800  
Grimes School: 914.665.5020  
Hamilton School: 914.665.5050  
Lincoln School: 914.665.5030  
Mount Vernon High School: 914.665.5300  
Mount Vernon Honor Academy: 914.665.5110  
Mount Vernon Leadership Academy: 914.358.2700  
Mount Vernon STEAM Academy: 914.665.5120  
Nelson Mandela/Hosea Zollicoffer School: 914.358.2720  
Pennington School: 914.665.5105  
Rebecca Turner Academy: 914.665.5100  
Traphagen School: 914.665.5060

## ARTS & CULTURE

Mount Vernon hosts various cultural events, art exhibitions, and performances throughout the year, showcasing local talent and inviting participation from the community. Cultural institutions and organizations such as the Mount Vernon Arts & Culture Society and The Association of Community-Based Artists Of Westchester collaborate to offer diverse programming that includes music, theater, dance, and visual arts. Additionally, Mount Vernon's historical significance is preserved through heritage sites and museums, providing insights into the city's past.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Mount Vernon, NY, is that it is the hometown of famous musician and actor, Denzel Washington. Washington was born in Mount Vernon in 1954 and attended high school there before going on to achieve great success in Hollywood.



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# Important Numbers

## MOUNT VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: 914.665.2500

## MOUNT VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: 914.655.2611

## HOSPITALS:

Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital  
Non-Emergency: 914.664.8000

Lawrence Hospital Center:  
Non-Emergency: 914.793.1658

# Additional Information

## MUNICIPAL OFFICES:

City Clerk: 914.665.2351  
Recreation Department: 914.665.2420  
Post Office: 202.523.2001

## AIRPORTS:

Westchester County: 13 Miles  
LaGuardia: 16 Miles  
JFK International: 20 Miles

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON  
INFORMATION: [www.cmvny.com](http://www.cmvny.com)

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:  
[www.mountvernonchamber.com](http://www.mountvernonchamber.com)