



# YONKERS

## Community Overview

The City of Yonkers in Westchester County, has 4.5 miles of stunning Hudson River waterfront, and at a tad over 20 square miles in size, Yonkers is New York's fourth largest city and the largest in the county. Yonkers is also coveted for its lively culture, quiet, residential tree-lined streets, accessibility, desirability, quality of life, commitment to education as well as its wealth of entertainment and recreational opportunities. The city has become the region's shopping destination with numerous retail centers along the I-87 corridor. Yonkers also boasts one of the area's largest office parks, and is home to several colleges, including Sarah Lawrence. Yonkers comprises numerous small residential enclaves and neighborhoods, each distinctive in its own way.

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### AREA

20.29 Square Miles

### POPULATION

211,569

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### HISTORY

Yonkers evolved from a small farm town in the 1700's to a growing and bustling city through land purchases and the construction of saw mills and grist mills, taverns, general stores and blacksmith shops. Through the decades, Yonkers became the home of countless inventors and innovators, including Elisha Otis, who invented the safety elevator in Yonkers in 1854, Charles Harvey who built the first elevated train line on Greenwich Street in Manhattan, and Edwin Armstrong, who invented the FM radio in 1912. Fast forward to the 20th century, and Bakelite, the first totally synthetic plastic, was invented by Leo Baekeland and manufactured in Yonkers until the late 1920s. Aside from its role in manufacturing, Yonkers played a major role in the development of sports recreation in the United States when, in 1888, Scottish-born John Reid founded the country's first golf course in Yonkers, Saint Andrew's Golf Club. Yonkers' manufacturing sector has also shown a resurgence in the early 21st century.

### TRANSPORTATION

Yonkers is a commuter-friendly city. Five major highways connect Yonkers with neighboring communities in the region, and nearly four Metro North Railroad stations serve the city, which is situated about 25 minutes to Midtown Manhattan's Grand Central Terminal. Metro North Railroad and the Bee-Line Bus System serve Yonkers.

### RECREATION

Those who enjoy the great outdoors will find a plethora of options in Yonkers, which boasts waterfront parks and walkways, pools, a skating center, marina, several golf courses and the 161-acre Tibbetts Brook Park which features several hiking trails. The Hudson River is a popular draw for kayaking and boating.

### HISTORICAL SITES

While there are numerous historic sites throughout the city, which has a rich history, St. John's Episcopal Church at Hudson Street and the Sherwood House on Tuckahoe Road are two of interesting significance. St. John's Church, which dates to 1752, was built by Frederic Philipse III, a Loyalist during the American Revolution. A coveted feature of the church is a bell that was created in 1808 by Colonel Benjamin Hanks. The church was added to the National Register of Historic places in 1982. Sherwood House, built in 1740 by Thomas Sherwood, also has an interesting past: George Washington passed by the structure as he inspected Tuckahoe Road during the American Revolution, as did British General Sir Banastre Tarleton.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY (3 BRANCHES)

Yonkers Public Library - Riverfront

Grinton I. Will Public Library

Yonkers Public Library - Crestwood

914.337.1500

## NATURE & CONSERVATION

The 40-acre Lenoir Preserve at 19 Dudley St., comprises vast woodland and field habitats. The property, formerly home to two Hudson River Estates, offers unrivaled views and bird-watching opportunities. The site includes a butterfly garden, dragonfly pond, magnificent copper beeches, red oaks, pines and native sugar maples and nature exhibits are a popular draw for all ages at the preserve's Nature Center.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Yonkers Board of Education

[www.yonkerspublicschools.org](http://www.yonkerspublicschools.org); (914) 376-8000

39 public schools, including:

- 2 prekindergarten to grade 5
- 8 prekindergarten to grade 6
- 20 prekindergarten to grade 8
- 1 prekindergarten to grade 1
- 1 prekindergarten to grade 12
- 1 grades 6 to 12
- 1 grades 7 to 12
- 5 grades 9 to 12

## DID YOU KNOW?

Residents can "Adopt a Mile" of roadway to undergo comprehensive clean-up and beautification by the town's public works department for an annual fee of \$500 (or \$250 per half mile or less). An application form is available [www.yonkersny.gov](http://www.yonkersny.gov).



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# Important Numbers

## YONKERS POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Emergency: 911

Non.Emergency: 914.377.7900

## YONKERS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Emergency: 911

Non.Emergency: 914.476.1200

## HOSPITALS:

St. Mary's Hospital: 914.376.9857

St Joseph Hospital: 914.966.8014

St. John's Riverside Hospital:

914.964.4444

Yonkers General Hospital: 914.964.7300

Mount Sinai: 914.963.6493

# Additional Information

## MUNICIPAL OFFICES:

Mayor's Office: 914. 377.6300

City Clerk: 914. 377.6020

Parks Department: 914. 377.6450

Office for the Aging: 914. 377.6822

City Council President: 914. 377.6060

Animal Shelter: 914. 377.6730

Housing & Buildings: 914. 377.6500

Heat Hotline: 914. 965.3331

Veterans Affairs: 914. 377.6700

Post Office: 914. 378.3611

## AIRPORTS:

Teterboro (TEB): 18 miles

LaGuardia: 18 miles

Westchester County Airport: 22 miles

John F. Kennedy International: 28 miles

Newark Liberty International: 30 miles

## CITY OF YONKERS INFORMATION:

[www.yonkersny.gov](http://www.yonkersny.gov)

Yonkers Chamber of Commerce:

[yonkerschamber.com](http://yonkerschamber.com)

914.963.0332