

CITY'S STILL GROWING BY POPULAR DEMAND

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There are now 8,084,316 stories in the Naked City.

New York **City's** population **grew** by 76,038 between the 2000 census and last July, estimates from the Census Bureau released today show.

Suburbs in Orange County and the Hudson Valley reported sharp population gains as commuters went looking for less expensive houses.

The state's population passed the 19 million mark for the first time in history even as upstate cities and counties continue losing people, according to census estimates.

Buffalo lost 1,965 people for a 0.7% decline, Rochester lost 0.4%, Syracuse 0.3% and Albany 0.2%, according to the census estimates. With 19.16 million people, New York remains the nation's third most populous state, behind California and Texas.

Despite the **popular** 1950s TV series "Naked City," New York was never a city of 8 million stories until 2000.

The **city's** population, reflecting continued immigration and population spurts in Queens and on Staten Island, came in at 8,008,278 in 2000.

Recent figures show that more people are moving out of the city than moving in. But thanks to the rate of births outpacing deaths and foreign immigration, the overall population is **growing**.

The bureau said three places in Orange County - Kiryas Joel village and the towns of Monroe and Montgomery - are the state's fastest-**growing** municipalities.

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